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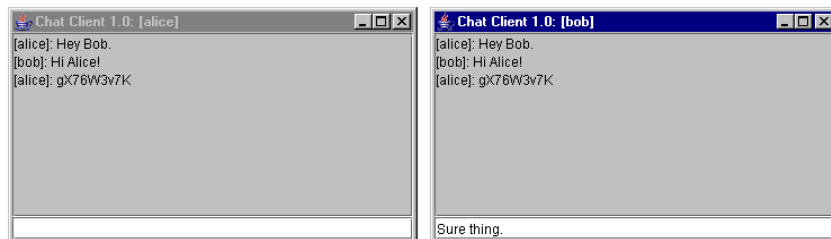
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0. Prologue: A Simple Machine

Secure Chat

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- But Bob can. How?



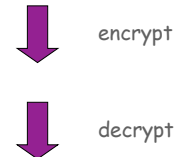
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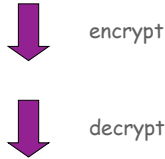
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Enigma encryption machine.

- "Unbreakable" German code during WWII.
- Broken by Turing bombe.
- One of first uses of computers.
- Helped win Battle of Atlantic by locating U-boats.

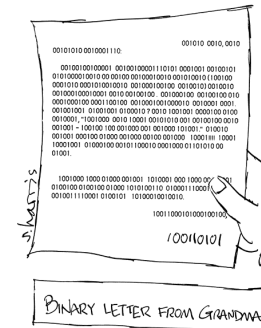


A Digital World

Data is a sequence of bits. [bit = 0 or 1] — can use decimal digits, letters, or some other system, but bits are more easily encoded physically ("on-off", "up-down", "hot-cold", ...)

- Text.
- Programs, executables.
- Documents, pictures, sounds, movies, ...

thousands of bits



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billions of bits

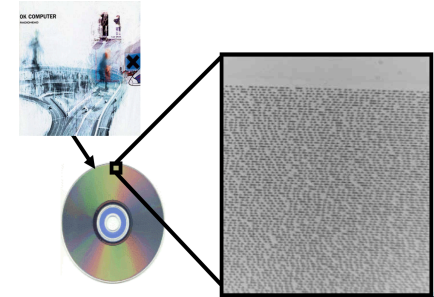


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Ex. Base64 encoding of text.

- Simple method for representing A-Z, a-z, 0-9, +, /
- 6 bits to represent each symbol (64 symbols)

000000	A	001000	I	010000	Q	011000	Y	100000	g	101000	o	110000	w	111000	4
000001	B	001001	J	010001	R	011001	Z	100001	h	101001	p	110001	x	111001	5
000010	C	001010	K	010010	S	011010	a	100010	i	101010	q	110010	y	111010	6
000011	D	001011	L	010011	T	011011	b	100011	j	101011	r	110011	z	111011	7
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One-Time Pad Encryption

Encryption.

- Convert text message to N bits. [0 or 1]

Base64 Encoding

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One-Time Pad Encryption

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- Convert text message to N bits.
- Use N random bits as one-time pad.
- Take bitwise XOR of two bitstrings.

sum corresponding pair of bits: 1 if sum is odd, 0 if even

XOR Truth Table

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$0 \oplus 1 = 1$

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- Convert binary back into text.

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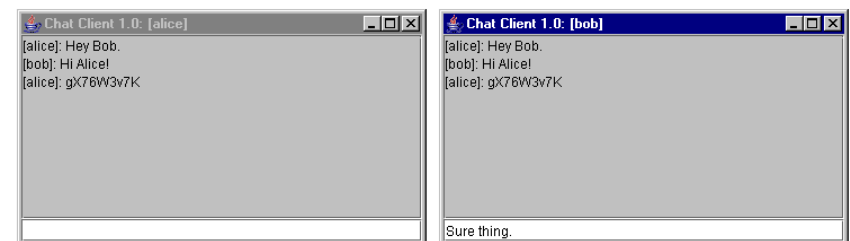
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- Use **same** N random bits (one-time pad).
- **Key point:** Bob and Alice agreed on the one-time pad **beforehand**

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one-time pad

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XOR

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 $1 \oplus 1 = 0$

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Why Does It Work?

Crucial property. Decrypted message = original message.

Notation	Meaning
a	original message bit
b	one-time pad bit
^	XOR operator
a ^ b	encrypted message bit
(a ^ b) ^ b	decrypted message bit

XOR Truth Table

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Why is crucial property true?

- Use properties of XOR.
 - $(a \wedge b) \wedge b = a \wedge (b \wedge b) = a \wedge 0 = a$
- ↑ associativity of ^
↑ always 0
↑ identity

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- Convert back into text: **Oops.**

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I	L	O	V	E	O	K	R	A	wrong message

Eve's Problem (one-time pads)

Key point: Without the pad, Eve cannot understand the message.



But Eve has a computer. Why not try all possible pads?

One problem: it might take a long time [stay tuned].

Worse problem: she would see all possible messages!

- 54 bits
- 2^{54} possible messages, all different.
- 2^{54} possible **encoded** messages, all different.
- No way for Eve to distinguish real message from any other message.

One-time pad is "provably secure".

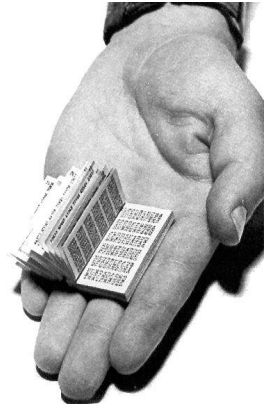
AAAAAAAAA	gX76W3v7K
AAAAAAAAAB	gX76W3v7L
AAAAAAAAAC	gX76W3v7I
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oc1tS51qK	ILOVEOKRA
...	
qwDgbDuav	Kn4aN0Bh1
...	
tTtpWk+1E	NEWTATTOO
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← eavesdropper Eve sees only random bits



a Russian one-time pad

Bad.

- (After a short break . . .)

The Basics

Lectures. [Clark]

Precepts. [Ginsburg · Moretti · Browning · Dai · Davey · Dror · Drutskoy · Gabai · Ghosh · Ghosh · Kao · Miller · Nelson · Pereira · Tong · Yang]

- Tips on assignments; worked examples.
- Questions on lecture material.
- Informal and interactive.

Friend 016/017 lab. [Undergrad assistants]

- Help with systems/debugging, not with course material.
- Full schedule on Web (usually Sun--Fri evenings, Sat. afternoons)
- Starts tonight!

Website knows all: www.princeton.edu/~cos126

COS 126 Overview

What is COS 126? Broad, but technical, introduction to **computer science**.

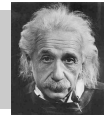
Goals.

- Demystify computer systems.
- Empower you to exploit available technology.
- Build awareness of substantial intellectual underpinnings.

Topics.

- **Programming** in Java.
- Machine architecture.
- Theory of computation.
- **Applications** to science, engineering, and commercial computing.

“Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate, and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination.” – Albert Einstein



Grades

Course grades. No preset curve or quota.

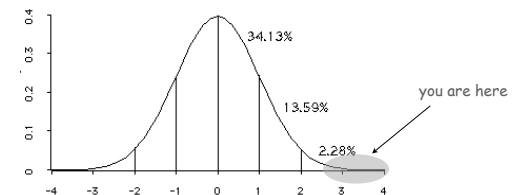
9 programming assignments. 40%.

2 exams (in class, 3/13-14 and 5/1-2). 50%.

Final programming project (due Dean's date - 1). 10%.

Extra credit / staff discretion. Adjust borderline cases.

← participation helps, frequent absence hurts



Course Materials

Course website. [www.princeton.edu/~cos126]

- Submit assignments.
- Programming assignments.
- Lecture slides.

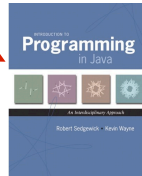
(print before lecture)
annotate during lecture

Course text.

Sedgewick and Wayne.

Intro to Programming in Java: *An Interdisciplinary Approach*.

skim before lecture;
read thoroughly
afterwards



Recommended reading (lectures 18-20).

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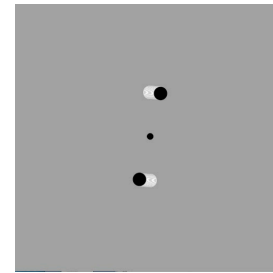
Computers Ltd.: *What computers really can't do*.



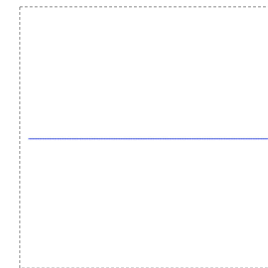
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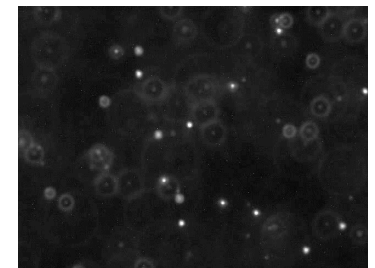
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N-body simulation



pluck a guitar string



estimate Avogadro's number

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Due. Mondays 11pm via Web submission.

Computing equipment.

- Your laptop. [OS X, Windows, Linux, iPhone, ...]
- OIT desktop. [Friend 016 and 017 labs]

Advice.

- Start early; plan multiple sessions.
- Seek help when needed. (Our job is to help you!)
- Use the [Piazza](#) online forum for Q&A about assignments, course material

What's Ahead?

Lecture 2. Intro to Java.

Precept 1. Meets today/tomorrow.

Not registered? Go to any precept now; officially register ASAP.

Change precepts? Use SCORE.

see Colleen Kenny-McGinley in CS 210
if the only precept time you can attend is closed

Assignment 0. [www.princeton.edu/~cos126/assignments.php]

- Due Monday 11PM.
- Read Sections 1.1 and 1.2 in textbook.
- Install Java programming environment + a few exercises.
- Lots of help available, don't be bashful.

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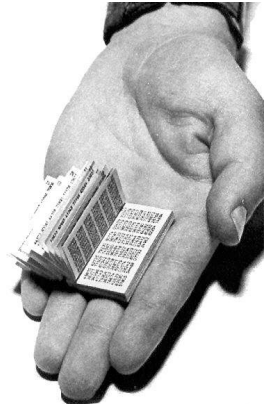
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Bad.

- Easily breakable if pad is re-used.
- Pad must be as long as the message.
- Truly random bits are very hard to come by.
- Pad must be distributed securely.

"one time" means one time only

impractical for Web commerce



a Russian one-time pad

Pseudo-Random Bit Generator

Practical middle-ground.

- Make a "random" bit generator gadget.
- Alice and Bob each get identical small gadgets.
- also, matching initial values, or "seeds," for their gadgets

instead of identical large one-time pads

Goal. Small gadget that produces a long sequence of bits.

Pseudo-Random Bit Generator

Small deterministic gadgets that produce long sequences of pseudo-random bits:

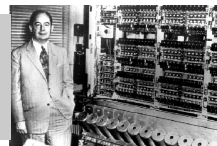
- Enigma
- Linear feedback shift register.
- Linear congruential generator.
- Blum-Blum-Shub generator.
- [many others have been invented]

Pseudo-random? Bits are not really random:

- Bob's and Alice's gadgets must produce the same bits from the same seed.
- Bits must have as many properties of random bits as possible (to foil Eve).

Ex 1. approx 1/2 0s and 1/2 1s
Ex 2. approx 1/4 each of 00, 01, 10 11

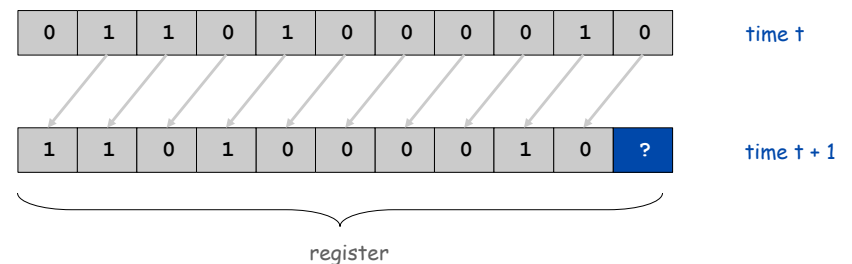
"Anyone who considers arithmetical methods of producing random digits is, of course, in a state of sin."
– Jon von Neumann (left)
– ENIAC (right)



Shift Register

Shift register terminology.

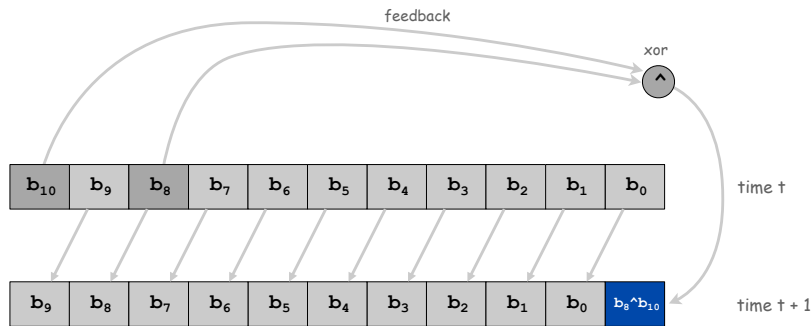
- Bit: 0 or 1.
- Cell: storage element that holds one bit.
- Register: sequence of cells.
- Seed: initial sequence of bits.
- Shift register: when clock ticks, bits propagate one position to left.



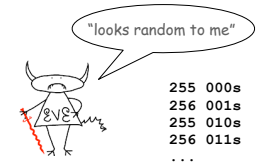
Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR)

{8, 10} linear feedback shift register.

- Shift register with 11 cells.
- Bit b_0 is XOR of previous bits b_8 and b_{10} .
- Pseudo-random bit = b_0 .



Random Numbers



Q. Are these 2000 numbers random?
If not, what is the pattern?

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110010010011110110111001011010111001100010111110100100001001101001011110011001001111110111001100010000111010100111011111010100001000010001010010100011000
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100001000110001010111010
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A. No. This is output of {8, 10} LFSR with seed 01101000010!

LFSR Encryption

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- Initialize LFSR with given seed
- Generate N bits **with LFSR**.
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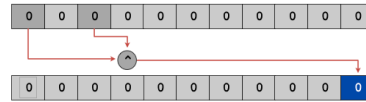
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Key properties of LFSRs

Property 1: A zero fill (all 0s) produces all 0s.

- Don't use all 0s as a seed!
- Fill of all 0s will not otherwise occur.



Property 2: Bitstream must eventually cycle.

- $2^N - 1$ nonzero fills in an N-bit register.
- Future output completely determined by current fill.

Ex: (1, 2) LFSR

001
010
101
011
111
110
100
001 $2^3 - 1 = 7$

Property 3: Cycle length in an N-bit register is at most $2^N - 1$.

- Could be smaller; cycle length depends on tap positions.
- Need higher math (theory of finite groups) to know tap positions for given N.

Bottom line: 11-bit register generates at most 2047 bits before cycling, so use a longer register (say, N = 61).

challenge for the bored: what tap positions?

Eve's Problem (LFSR encryption/decryption)

Key point: Without the (short) seed

Eve cannot understand the (long) message.



But Eve has a computer. Why not try all possible seeds?

- Seeds are short, messages are long.
- All seeds give a tiny fraction of all messages.
- Extremely likely that all but real seed will produce gibberish.

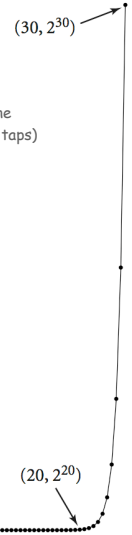
assume Eve has a machine (knows LFSR length and taps)

Bad news (for Eve): There are still too many possibilities!

- Ex: 61-bit register implies 2^{61} possibilities.
- If Eve could check 1 million seeds per second, it would take her **730 centuries** to try them all!

Exponential growth dwarfs technological improvements [stay tuned].

- 1000 bits: 2^{1000} possibilities.
- Age of the universe in microseconds: 2^{70}



Goods and Bads of LFSRs

Good.

- Easily computed with simple machine.
- Very simple encryption/decryption processes.
- Bits have many of the same properties as random bits.
- Scalable: 20 cells for 1 million bits; 30 cells for 1 billion bits.

[but need theory of finite groups to know where to put taps]



a commercially available LFSR

Bad.

- Still need secure, independent way to distribute LFSR seed.
- The bits are not truly random.
- Experts have cracked LFSR encryption.

[bits in our 11-bit LFSR cycle after $2^{11} - 1 = 2047$ steps]

[need more complicated machines]

Other LFSR Applications

What else can we do with a LFSR?

- DVD encryption with CSS.
- DVD decryption with DeCSS!
- Subroutine in military cryptosystems.



DVD Jon (Norwegian hacker)

```
/*  efddt.c  Author: Charles M. Hannum <root@ihack.net>  */
/*  Usage is: cat title-key scrambled.vob | efddt >clear.vob  */

#define m(i) (x[i]^s[i+84])<<

unsigned char x[5] ,y,s[2048];main(
n){for( read(0,x,5 );read(0,s ,n=2048
); write(1 ,s,n) )if(s
[y=s [13]*8+20] /16%4 ==1 )(int
i=m( 1)17 ^256 +m(0) 8,k ==m(2)
0,j= m(4) 17^ m(3) 9^k* 2-k%8
^8,a =0,c =26;for (s[y] --=16;
--c;j *=2)a= a*2^16 1,i=i /2^j&1
<<24;for(j= 127; ++j<n;c=c>
y)
c
+=y=i^i/8^i>>4^i>>12,
i=i>>8^y<<17,a^=a>>14,y=^a*8^a<<6,a=a
>>8^y<<9,k=s[j],k =!7Wo~'G \216"[k
&7]+2^"oR3sfw6v:*k>>/n." [k>>4]*2^k*257/
8,s[j]=k^(k&k*2&34)*6^c--y
;}}
```

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~dst/DeCSS/Gallery>

LFSR and "General Purpose Computer"

Important properties.

- Built from simple components.
- Scales to handle huge problems.
- Requires a deep understanding to use effectively.

Basic Component	LFSR	Computer
control	start, stop, load	same
clock	regular pulse	2.8 GHz pulse
memory	11 bits	1 GB
input	seed	sequence of bits
computation	shift, XOR	logic, arithmetic, ...
output	pseudo-random bits	Sequence of bits

Critical difference. General purpose machine can be programmed to simulate ANY abstract machine.

A Profound Idea

Programming. Can write a Java program to simulate the operations of any abstract machine.

- Basis for theoretical understanding of computation. [stay tuned]
- Basis for bootstrapping real machines into existence. [stay tuned]

Stay tuned. See Assignment 5.

```
public class LFSR {
    private int seed[];
    private final int tap;
    private final int N;

    public LFSR(String seed, int tap) { ... }
    public int step() { ... }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        LFSR lfsr = new LFSR("01101000010", 8);
        for (int i = 0; i < 2000; i++)
            StdOut.println(lfsr.step());
    }
}
```

```
% java LFSR
1100100100111101101110010110101
1100110001011111101001000010011
0100101111001100100111...
```