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Problem 4. «Weak key schedule for DES»

Alice is a novice cryptographer. She figured out how the DES encryption algorithm works and decided to implement it in order to exchange secret messages with Bob. She used the simplest ECB mode. But in her implementation, Alice made a mistake: inside the function F in addition of data with a round secret subkey, she forgot to change the index. So, in her implementation, in each round, the data is added modulo 2 with the first round key. Carol really wants to know what Alice and Bob are exchanging messages about. She even managed to get hold of a couple of files once. The Book.txt file contains an open message, and the Book_Cipher.txt file contains the corresponding encrypted text. Help Carol to find the secret encryption key and read the message she intercepted (the message is in hexadecimal format):

86991641D28259604412D6BA88A5C0A6471CA722 2C52482BF2D0E841D4343DFB877DC8E0147F3D5F 20FC18FF28CB5C4DA8A0F4694861AB5E98F37ADB C2D69B35779D9001BB4B648518FE6EBC00B2AB10



