The code for this TP contains three files (tp\_code.py, blackbox.py, aes.py). The file tp\_code.py contains the following functions:

- base64\_encode and base64\_decode convert between a list of integers representing bytes (values between 0 and 255) and a string in Base64 (64 characters including alphanumeric and "+/")
- weakCipher1 and weakCipher2 are two ciphers

The file **blackbox.py** is obfuscated. Importing it will give you access to three functions:

from blackbox import weakCipher3, weakCipher4, weakCipher5

Each of them takes as input a list of 16 integers representing bytes, and return a similar list (the result can then be converted to a string using base64\_encode)

We start by focusing on the ciphers in tp\_code.py.

**Question 1.** You intercepted the following ciphertext:

,?jtajY.tcrL0tvtl?20.Y

The encryption procedure is the function weakCipher1 and it seems that the 3 first letters actually correspond to the word You. Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.

**Question 2.** You intercepted the following ciphertext:

j5YT1G!wLkVu2QU 5,Iz.QlGApwkUGEY1L0,TzYiC3m01YhtE,gzGu7TCc

The encryption procedure is the function weakCipher2 and it seems that the first word is This and the last one points!.

Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.

**Question 3.** You intercepted the following ciphertext:

OliLBTrm2?B.rsBzr7u 2K2ZB0iLBE.gBz.8iL2Y8YD0B.rsB,TIQ7oFmMl1AJBrrUoQDz

The encryption procedure is the function weakCipher2 and it seems that the plaintext contains the word challenge.

Decrypt the whole message and retrieve the key.

We now focus on the ciphers in blackbox.py.

## Question 4. Consider the function weakCipher3.

1. Pick one random message M and encrypt it.

2. Modify one byte of M and encrypt the new message.

3. Compare both ciphertexts byte by byte. What do you observe?

4. Decrypt the following ciphertext encoded in base64:

## 9GVHL2Jb+QLfityW1Umw5w==

**Question 5.** Condider the function weakCipher4. Recall that to take the XOR of two bytes (represented as integers here), you can use the operator  $\hat{}$  in Python.

1. Pick two random messages  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  and encrypt them.

- 2. Pick a random message  $M_3$  and let  $M_4 = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3$ . Encrypt them.
- 3. Compare  $C_1 \oplus C_2$  and  $C_3 \oplus C_4$  where  $C_i$  is the ciphertext corresponding to  $M_i$ .
- 4. Let  $M_1 \oplus M_2 = a \parallel b$  with |a| = |b| = 64 bits. Verify that  $C_1 \oplus C_2 = b \parallel a \oplus b$ .
- 5. What is the inverse of the application  $(a, b) \rightarrow (b, a \oplus b)$ ?
- 6. Decrypt the following ciphertext encoded in base64:

## rv6mp36Doa6Zyt2WjMDd6w==

The file **aes.py** contains an implementation of the block cipher AES. It can be used as follows:

- define an object a = AES(k) where k is a list of 16 bytes (as integers);
- use a.encrypt(1) or a.decrypt(1) to encrypt (resp. decrypt) an AES block represented as a list of 16 bytes (as Python integers between 0 and 255).

**Question 6.** Consider the function weakCipher5. You are informed that weakCipher5 is a double AES encryption, as follows:

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return AES(k2).encrypt( AES(k1).encrypt(1) )
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where l is the input 16 bytes. Furthermore, you are informed that both k1 and k2 have only their two first bytes which are non-zero.

Decrypt the following ciphertext encoded in base64:

ZTCG1sNoSzT415YbsiZ+yw==