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## GOST R 34.12-2015: Block Cipher "Kuznyechik"

### Abstract

This document is intended to be a source of information about the Russian Federal standard GOST R 34.12-2015 describing the block cipher with a block length of  $n=128$  bits and a key length of  $k=256$  bits, which is also referred to as "Kuznyechik". This algorithm is one of the set of Russian cryptographic standard algorithms (called GOST algorithms).

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## 1. Scope

The Russian Federal standard [GOST3412-2015] specifies basic block ciphers used as cryptographic techniques for information processing and information protection including the provision of confidentiality, authenticity, and integrity of information during information transmission, processing, and storage in computer-aided systems.

The cryptographic algorithms specified in this standard are designed both for hardware and software implementation. They comply with modern cryptographic requirements and put no restrictions on the confidentiality level of the protected information.

The standard applies to development, operation, and modernization of the information systems of various purposes.

## 2. General Information

The block cipher "Kuznyechik" [GOST3412-2015] was developed by the Center for Information Protection and Special Communications of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation with participation of the Open Joint-Stock company "Information Technologies and Communication Systems" (InfoTeCS JSC). GOST R 34.12-2015 was approved and introduced by Decree #749 of the Federal Agency on Technical Regulating and Metrology on June 19, 2015.

Terms and concepts in the standard comply with the following international standards:

- o ISO/IEC 10116 [ISO-IEC10116] and
- o series of standards ISO/IEC 18033 [ISO-IEC18033-1] [ISO-IEC18033-3].

## 3. Definitions and Notations

The following terms and their corresponding definitions are used in the standard.

### 3.1. Definitions

#### Definitions

encryption algorithm: process that transforms plaintext into ciphertext (Section 2.19 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

decryption algorithm: process that transforms ciphertext into plaintext (Section 2.14 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

basic block cipher: block cipher that for a given key provides a single invertible mapping of the set of fixed-length plaintext blocks into ciphertext blocks of the same length,

block: string of bits of a defined length (Section 2.6 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

block cipher: symmetric encipherment system with the property that the encryption algorithm operates on a block of plaintext, i.e., a string of bits of a defined length, to yield a block of ciphertext (Section 2.7 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

Note: In GOST R 34.12-2015, it is established that the terms "block cipher" and "block encryption algorithm" are synonyms.

encryption: reversible transformation of data by a cryptographic algorithm to produce ciphertext, i.e., to hide the information content of the data (Section 2.18 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

round key: sequence of symbols that is calculated from the key and controls a transformation for one round of a block cipher,

key: sequence of symbols that controls the operation of a cryptographic transformation (e.g., encipherment and decipherment) (Section 2.21 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

Note: In GOST R 34.12-2015, the key must be a binary sequence.

plaintext: unencrypted information (Section 3.11 of [ISO-IEC10116]),

key schedule: calculation of round keys from the key,

decryption: reversal of a corresponding encipherment (Section 2.13 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

symmetric cryptographic technique: cryptographic technique that uses the same secret key for both the originator's and the recipient's transformation (Section 2.32 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]),

cipher: alternative term for encipherment system (Section 2.20 of [ISO-IEC18033-1]), and

ciphertext: data that has been transformed to hide its information content (Section 3.3 of [ISO-IEC10116]).

### 3.2. Notations

The following notations are used in the standard:

$V^*$	the set of all binary vector strings of a finite length (hereinafter referred to as the strings) including the empty string,
$V_s$	the set of all binary strings of length $s$ , where $s$ is a non-negative integer; substrings and string components are enumerated from right to left starting from zero,
$U[*]W$	direct (Cartesian) product of two sets, $U$ and $W$ ,
$ A $	the number of components (the length) of a string $A$ belonging to $V^*$ (if $A$ is an empty string, then $ A  = 0$ ),

- $A||B$  concatenation of strings  $A$  and  $B$  both belonging to  $V^*$ , i.e., a string from  $V_-(|A|+|B|)$ , where the left substring from  $V_-|A|$  is equal to  $A$ , and the right substring from  $V_-|B|$  is equal to  $B$ ,
- $Z_-(2^n)$  ring of residues modulo  $2^n$ ,
- $Q$  finite field  $GF(2)[x]/p(x)$ , where  $p(x)=x^8+x^7+x^6+x+1$  belongs to  $GF(2)[x]$ ; elements of field  $Q$  are represented by integers in such way that element  $z_0+z_1*\theta+\dots+z_7*\theta^7$  belonging to  $Q$  corresponds to integer  $z_0+2*z_1+\dots+2^7*z_7$ , where  $z_i=0$  or  $z_i=1$ ,  $i=0,1,\dots,7$  and  $\theta$  denotes a residue class modulo  $p(x)$  containing  $x$ ,
- (xor) exclusive-or of the two binary strings of the same length,
- $Vec_s: Z_-(2^s) \rightarrow V_s$  bijective mapping that maps an element from ring  $Z_-(2^s)$  into its binary representation, i.e., for an element  $z$  of the ring  $Z_-(2^s)$ , represented by the residue  $z_0 + (2*z_1) + \dots + (2^{s-1}*z_{s-1})$ , where  $z_i$  in  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, s-1$ , the equality  $Vec_s(z) = z_{s-1}||\dots||z_1||z_0$  holds,
- $Int_s: V_s \rightarrow Z_-(2^s)$  the mapping inverse to the mapping  $Vec_s$ , i.e.,  $Int_s = Vec_s^{-1}$ ,
- $\delta: V_8 \rightarrow Q$  bijective mapping that maps a binary string from  $V_8$  into an element from field  $Q$  as follows: string  $z_7||\dots||z_1||z_0$ , where  $z_i$  in  $\{0, 1\}$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 7$ , corresponds to the element  $z_0+(z_1*\theta)+\dots+(z_7*\theta^7)$  belonging to  $Z$ ,
- $\nabla: Q \rightarrow V_8$  the mapping inverse to the mapping  $\delta$ , i.e.,  $\delta = \nabla^{-1}$ ,
- $PS$  composition of mappings, where the mapping  $S$  applies first, and
- $P^s$  composition of mappings  $P^{s-1}$  and  $P$ , where  $P^1=P$ .

#### 4. Parameter Values

##### 4.1. Nonlinear Bijection

The bijective nonlinear mapping is a substitution:  $\text{Pi} = (\text{Vec}_8)\text{Pi}'(\text{Int}_8): \text{V}_8 \rightarrow \text{V}_8$ , where  $\text{Pi}': \text{Z}_8 \rightarrow \text{Z}_8$ . The values of the substitution  $\text{Pi}'$  are specified below as an array  $\text{Pi}' = (\text{Pi}'(0), \text{Pi}'(1), \dots, \text{Pi}'(255))$ :

```
Pi' =
( 252, 238, 221, 17, 207, 110, 49, 22, 251, 196, 250,
  218, 35, 197, 4, 77, 233, 119, 240, 219, 147, 46,
  153, 186, 23, 54, 241, 187, 20, 205, 95, 193, 249,
  24, 101, 90, 226, 92, 239, 33, 129, 28, 60, 66,
  139, 1, 142, 79, 5, 132, 2, 174, 227, 106, 143,
  160, 6, 11, 237, 152, 127, 212, 211, 31, 235, 52,
  44, 81, 234, 200, 72, 171, 242, 42, 104, 162, 253,
  58, 206, 204, 181, 112, 14, 86, 8, 12, 118, 18,
  191, 114, 19, 71, 156, 183, 93, 135, 21, 161, 150,
  41, 16, 123, 154, 199, 243, 145, 120, 111, 157, 158,
  178, 177, 50, 117, 25, 61, 255, 53, 138, 126, 109,
  84, 198, 128, 195, 189, 13, 87, 223, 245, 36, 169,
  62, 168, 67, 201, 215, 121, 214, 246, 124, 34, 185,
  3, 224, 15, 236, 222, 122, 148, 176, 188, 220, 232,
  40, 80, 78, 51, 10, 74, 167, 151, 96, 115, 30,
  0, 98, 68, 26, 184, 56, 130, 100, 159, 38, 65,
  173, 69, 70, 146, 39, 94, 85, 47, 140, 163, 165,
  125, 105, 213, 149, 59, 7, 88, 179, 64, 134, 172,
  29, 247, 48, 55, 107, 228, 136, 217, 231, 137, 225,
  27, 131, 73, 76, 63, 248, 254, 141, 83, 170, 144,
  202, 216, 133, 97, 32, 113, 103, 164, 45, 43, 9,
  91, 203, 155, 37, 208, 190, 229, 108, 82, 89, 166,
  116, 210, 230, 244, 180, 192, 209, 102, 175, 194, 57,
  75, 99, 182).
```

$\Pi^{(-1)}$  is the inverse of  $\Pi$ ; the values of the substitution  $\Pi^{(-1)'} = (\Pi^{(-1)'(0)}, \Pi^{(-1)'(1)}, \dots, \Pi^{(-1)'(255)})$ :

```

Pi(-1)' =
( 165, 45, 50, 143, 14, 48, 56, 192, 84, 230, 158,
  57, 85, 126, 82, 145, 100, 3, 87, 90, 28, 96,
  7, 24, 33, 114, 168, 209, 41, 198, 164, 63, 224,
  39, 141, 12, 130, 234, 174, 180, 154, 99, 73, 229,
  66, 228, 21, 183, 200, 6, 112, 157, 65, 117, 25,
  201, 170, 252, 77, 191, 42, 115, 132, 213, 195, 175,
  43, 134, 167, 177, 178, 91, 70, 211, 159, 253, 212,
  15, 156, 47, 155, 67, 239, 217, 121, 182, 83, 127,
  193, 240, 35, 231, 37, 94, 181, 30, 162, 223, 166,
  254, 172, 34, 249, 226, 74, 188, 53, 202, 238, 120,
  5, 107, 81, 225, 89, 163, 242, 113, 86, 17, 106,
  137, 148, 101, 140, 187, 119, 60, 123, 40, 171, 210,
  49, 222, 196, 95, 204, 207, 118, 44, 184, 216, 46,
  54, 219, 105, 179, 20, 149, 190, 98, 161, 59, 22,
  102, 233, 92, 108, 109, 173, 55, 97, 75, 185, 227,
  186, 241, 160, 133, 131, 218, 71, 197, 176, 51, 250,
  150, 111, 110, 194, 246, 80, 255, 93, 169, 142, 23,
  27, 151, 125, 236, 88, 247, 31, 251, 124, 9, 13,
  122, 103, 69, 135, 220, 232, 79, 29, 78, 4, 235,
  248, 243, 62, 61, 189, 138, 136, 221, 205, 11, 19,
  152, 2, 147, 128, 144, 208, 36, 52, 203, 237, 244,
  206, 153, 16, 68, 64, 146, 58, 1, 38, 18, 26,
  72, 104, 245, 129, 139, 199, 214, 32, 10, 8, 0,
  76, 215, 116 ).

```

#### 4.2. Linear Transformation

The linear transformation is denoted by  $l: (V_8)^{16} \rightarrow V_8$ , and defined as:

```

l(a15, ..., a0) = nabla(148*delta(a15) + 32*delta(a15) +
133*delta(a13) + 16*delta(a12) + 194*delta(a11) +
192*delta(a10) + 1*delta(a9) + 251*delta(a8) + 1*delta(a7) +
192*delta(a6) + 194*delta(a5) + 16*delta(a4) + 133*delta(a3) +
32*delta(a2) + 148*delta(a1) + 1*delta(a0)),

```

for all  $a_i$  belonging to  $V_8$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 15$ , where the addition and multiplication operations are in the field  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and constants are elements of the field as defined above.

#### 4.3. Transformations

The following transformations are applicable for encryption and decryption algorithms:

$X[x]:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$   $X[k](a) = k(xor)a$ , where  $k, a$  belong to  $V_{128}$ ,

$S:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$   $S(a) = (a_{15} || \dots || a_0) = \pi(a_{15}) || \dots || \pi(a_0)$ , where  $a_{15} || \dots || a_0$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ ,  $a_i$  belongs to  $V_8$ ,  $i=0,1,\dots,15$ ,

$S^{(-1)}:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$  the inverse transformation of  $S$ , which may be calculated, for example, as follows:

$S^{(-1)}(a_{15} || \dots || a_0) = \pi^{(-1)}(a_{15}) || \dots || \pi^{(-1)}(a_0)$ , where  $a_{15} || \dots || a_0$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ ,  $a_i$  belongs to  $V_8$ ,  $i=0,1,\dots,15$ ,

$R:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$   $R(a_{15} || \dots || a_0) = l(a_{15}, \dots, a_0) || a_{15} || \dots || a_1$ , where  $a_{15} || \dots || a_0$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ ,  $a_i$  belongs to  $V_8$ ,  $i=0,1,\dots,15$ ,

$L:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$   $L(a) = R^{(16)}(a)$ , where  $a$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ ,

$R^{(-1)}:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$  the inverse transformation of  $R$ , which may be calculated, for example, as follows:  $R^{(-1)}(a_{15} || \dots || a_0) = a_{14} || a_{13} || \dots || a_0 || l(a_{14}, a_{13}, \dots, a_0, a_{15})$ , where  $a_{15} || \dots || a_0$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ ,  $a_i$  belongs to  $V_8$ ,  $i=0,1,\dots,15$ ,

$L^{(-1)}:V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}$   $L^{(-1)}(a) = (R^{(-1)})^{(16)}(a)$ , where  $a$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ , and

$F[k]:V_{128}[*]V_{128} \rightarrow V_{128}[*]V_{128}$

$F[k](a_1, a_0) = (LSX[k](a_1)(xor)a_0, a_1)$ , where  $k, a_0, a_1$  belong to  $V_{128}$ .



#### 4.4. Key Schedule

Key schedule uses round constants  $C_i$  belonging to  $V_{128}$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, 32$ , defined as

$$C_i = L(\text{Vec}_{128}(i)), \quad i=1, 2, \dots, 32.$$

Round keys  $K_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, 10$  are derived from key  $K = k_{255} || \dots || k_0$  belonging to  $V_{256}$ ,  $k_i$  belongs to  $V_1$ ,  $i=0, 1, \dots, 255$ , as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= k_{255} || \dots || k_{128}; \\ K_2 &= k_{127} || \dots || k_0; \\ (K_{2i+1}, K_{2i+2}) &= F[C_{(8(i-1)+8)}] \dots \\ &\quad F[C_{(8(i-1)+1)}](K_{2i-1}, K_{2i}), \quad i=1, 2, 3, 4. \end{aligned}$$

#### 4.5. Basic Encryption Algorithm

##### 4.5.1. Encryption

Depending on the values of round keys  $K_1, \dots, K_{10}$ , the encryption algorithm is a substitution  $E_{(K_1, \dots, K_{10})}$  defined as follows:

$$E_{(K_1, \dots, K_{10})}(a) = X[K_{10}]LSX[K_9] \dots LSX[K_2]LSX[K_1](a),$$

where  $a$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ .

##### 4.5.2. Decryption

Depending on the values of round keys  $K_1, \dots, K_{10}$ , the decryption algorithm is a substitution  $D_{(K_1, \dots, K_{10})}$  defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{(K_1, \dots, K_{10})}(a) &= X[K_1]L^{(-1)}S^{(-1)}X[K_2] \dots \\ &\quad L^{(-1)}S^{(-1)}X[K_9]L^{(-1)}S^{(-1)}X[K_{10}](a), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a$  belongs to  $V_{128}$ .



#### 5.4. Key Schedule

In this test example, the key is equal to:

K = 8899aabbccddeeff0011223344556677fedcba9876543210012345678  
9abcdef.

K\_1 = 8899aabbccddeeff0011223344556677,  
K\_2 = fedcba98765432100123456789abcdef.

C\_1 = 6ea276726c487ab85d27bd10dd849401,  
X[C\_1](K\_1) = e63bdcc9a09594475d369f2399d1f276,  
SX[C\_1](K\_1) = 0998ca37a7947aabb78f4a5ae81b748a,  
LSX[C\_1](K\_1) = 3d0940999db75d6a9257071d5e6144a6,  
F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (c3d5fa01ebe36f7a9374427ad7ca8949,  
8899aabbccddeeff0011223344556677).

C\_2 = dc87ece4d890f4b3ba4eb92079cbeb02,  
F[C\_2]F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (37777748e56453377d5e262d90903f87,  
c3d5fa01ebe36f7a9374427ad7ca8949).

C\_3 = b2259a96b4d88e0be7690430a44f7f03,  
F[C\_3]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (f9eae5f29b2815e31f11ac5d9c29fb01,  
37777748e56453377d5e262d90903f87).

C\_4 = 7bcd1b0b73e32ba5b79cb140f2551504,  
F[C\_4]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (e980089683d00d4be37dd3434699b98f,  
f9eae5f29b2815e31f11ac5d9c29fb01).

C\_5 = 156f6d791fab511deabb0c502fd18105,  
F[C\_5]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (b7bd70acea4460714f4ebel13835cf004,  
e980089683d00d4be37dd3434699b98f).

C\_6 = a74af7efab73df160dd208608b9efe06,  
F[C\_6]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (1a46ealcf6ccd236467287df93fdf974,  
b7bd70acea4460714f4ebel13835cf004).

C\_7 = c9e8819dc73ba5ae50f5b570561a6a07,  
F[C\_7]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) = (3d4553d8e9cfec6815ebadc40a9ffd04,  
1a46ealcf6ccd236467287df93fdf974).

C\_8 = f6593616e6055689adfbal8027aa2a08,  
(K\_3, K\_4) = F[C\_8]...F[C\_1](K\_1, K\_2) =  
(db31485315694343228d6aef8cc78c44,  
3d4553d8e9cfec6815ebadc40a9ffd04).

The round keys  $K_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ , take the following values:

```
K_1 = 8899aabbccddeeff0011223344556677,  
K_2 = fedcba98765432100123456789abcdef,  
K_3 = db31485315694343228d6aef8cc78c44,  
K_4 = 3d4553d8e9cfec6815ebadc40a9ffd04,  
K_5 = 57646468c44a5e28d3e59246f429f1ac,  
K_6 = bd079435165c6432b532e82834da581b,  
K_7 = 51e640757e8745de705727265a0098b1,  
K_8 = 5a7925017b9fdd3ed72a91a22286f984,  
K_9 = bb44e25378c73123a5f32f73cdb6e517,  
K_10 = 72e9dd7416bcf45b755dbaa88e4a4043.
```

### 5.5. Test Encryption

In this test example, encryption is performed on the round keys specified in Section 5.4. Let the plaintext be

```
a = 1122334455667700ffeeddccbbaa9988,
```

then

```
X[K_1](a) = 99bb99ff99bb99fffffffffffffffffffff,  
SX[K_1](a) = e87de8b6e87de8b6b6b6b6b6b6b6b6,  
LSX[K_1](a) = e297b686e355b0a1cf4a2f9249140830,  
LSX[K_2]LSX[K_1](a) = 285e497a0862d596b36f4258a1c69072,  
LSX[K_3]...LSX[K_1](a) = 0187a3a429b567841ad50d29207cc34e,  
LSX[K_4]...LSX[K_1](a) = ec9bdba057d4f4d77c5d70619dcad206,  
LSX[K_5]...LSX[K_1](a) = 1357fd11de9257290c2a1473eb6bcde1,  
LSX[K_6]...LSX[K_1](a) = 28ae31e7d4c2354261027ef0b32897df,  
LSX[K_7]...LSX[K_1](a) = 07e223d56002c013d3f5e6f714b86d2d,  
LSX[K_8]...LSX[K_1](a) = cd8ef6cd97e0e092a8e4cca61b38bf65,  
LSX[K_9]...LSX[K_1](a) = 0d8e40e4a800d06b2f1b37ea379ead8e.
```

Then the ciphertext is

```
b = X[K_10]LSX[K_9]...LSX[K_1](a) = 7f679d90bebc24305a468d42b9d4edcd.
```

## 5.6. Test Decryption

In this test example, decryption is performed on the round keys specified in Section 5.4. Let the ciphertext be

$b = 7f679d90bebc24305a468d42b9d4edcd,$

then

```
X[K_10](b) = 0d8e40e4a800d06b2f1b37ea379ead8e,
L^(-1)X[K_10](b) = 8a6b930a52211b45c5baa43ff8b91319,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) = 76ca149eef27d1b10d17e3d5d68e5a72,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_9]S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  5d9b06d41b9d1d2d04df7755363e94a9,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_8]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  79487192aa45709c115559d6e9280f6e,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_7]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  ae506924c8ce331bb918fc5bdfb195fa,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_6]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  bbffbfcb8939eaaffafb8e22769e323aa,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_5]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  3cc2f07cc07a8bec0f3ea0ed2ae33e4a,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_4]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  f36f01291d0b96d591e228b72d011c36,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_3]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  1c4b0c1e950182b1ce696af5c0bfc5df,
S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_2]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_10](b) =
  99bb99ff99bb99ffffffffffffffffffff.
```

Then the plaintext is

$a = X[K_1]S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_2]...S^(-1)L^(-1)X[K_{10}](b) =$   
 $1122334455667700ffeeddcbbbaa9988.$

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This entire document is about security considerations.

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