

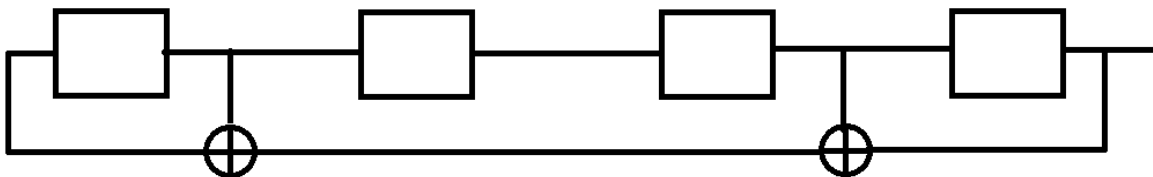
ITEC345  
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assignment 3  
historical crypto, LFSR

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1. 2pts You have a 4 bit linear feedback shift register:



It has an initial seed of **0011**.

a) Show one full cycle of key bits.

b) what is the maximum possible length of a cycle of key bits from an LFSR with 3 flip flops?

Let the alphabet  $A = \{ a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z \}$  and the key  $K = \text{"history"}$ ; consider  $a == 1$  &  $z == 26$  (not 0/25); ignore spaces

**1pt . What is the Vigenere ciphertext for the message: where is the flag ?**

**1pt. Show the cipher text which results when you use the Playfair cipher to encrypt the cipher text:**

math is real, but physics is true

The key is: "petey stands for part time cat"

Ignore spaces and punctuation, left to right, top to bottom, leave out 'J', just like in class.