# Private-Key Encryption and Pseudorandomness (Part II)

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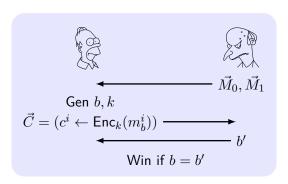
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# Security for Multiple Encryptions

The multiple-message eavesdropping experiment  $\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{mult}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n)$ :

- 1  $\mathcal{A}$  is given input  $1^n$ , outputs  $\overline{M}_0 = (m_0^1, \dots, m_0^t)$ ,  $\overline{M}_1 = (m_1^1, \dots, m_1^t)$  with  $\forall i, |m_0^i| = |m_1^i|$ .
- 2  $k \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}(1^n)$ , a random bit  $b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$  is chosen. Then  $c^i \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}_k(m_b^i)$  and  $\vec{C} = (c^1, \dots, c^t)$  is given to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- **3**  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs b'. If b'=b,  $\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{mult}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}=1$ , otherwise 0.



# **Definition of Multi-Encryption Security**

#### **Definition 1**

 $\Pi$  has indistinguishable multiple encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper if  $\forall$  PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists$  negl such that

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{mult}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n) = 1\right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mathsf{negl}(n).$$

#### **Question:**

Does any cipher we have learned so far have indistinguishable multiple encryptions in the presence of an eavesdropper?

# **Attack On Deterministic Multiple Encryptions**

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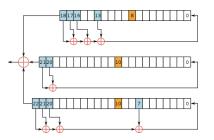
Generally, if  $\Pi$ 's encryption function is **deterministic**, i.e., a plaintext will be always encrypted into the same ciphertext with the same key, is  $\Pi$  multiple-encryption-secure?

#### Attack:

For the deterministic encryption, the adversary may generate  $m_0^1=m_0^2$  and  $m_1^1\neq m_1^2$ , and then outputs b'=0 if  $c^1=c^2$ , otherwise b'=1.

# **Stream Ciphers**

- Stream cipher: Encrypting by XORing with pseudorandom stream
- State of the art: No standardized and popular one<sup>1</sup>
  Security is questionable, e.g., RC4 in WEP protocol in 802.11,
  Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSRs)

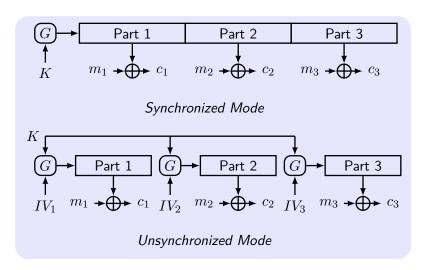


#### WARNING

Don't use any stream cipher. If necessary, construct one from a block cipher.

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{eStream}$  project worked on it. Salsa20/12 is a promising candidate.

# Secure Multiple Encryptions Using a Stream Cipher



Initial vector IV is chosen u.a.r and public Q: which mode is better in your opinion?

# Related Keys: Real World Cases

Keys (the IV-key pair) for multiple enc. must be independent

#### Attacks on 802.11b WEP

Unsynchronized mode:  $\mathsf{Enc}(m_i) := \langle IV_i, G(IV_i || k) \oplus m_i \rangle$ 

- Length of IV is 24 bits, repeat IV after  $2^{24} \approx 16 \text{M}$  frames
- lacksquare On some WiFi cards, IV resets to 0 after power cycle
- $IV_i = IV_{i-1} + 1$ . For RC4, recover k after 40,000 frames

# Chosen-Plaintext Attacks (CPA)

**CPA**: the adversary has the ability to obtain the encryption of plaintexts of its choice

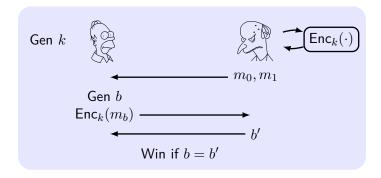
## A story in WWII

- Navy cryptanalysts believe the ciphertext "AF" means "Midway island" in Japanese messages
- But the general did not believe that Midway island would be attacked
- Navy cryptanalysts sent a plaintext that the freshwater supplies at Midway island were low
- Japanese intercepted the plaintext and sent a ciphertext that "AF" was low in water
- The US forces dispatched three aircraft carriers and won

# **CPA Indistinguishability Experiment**

The CPA indistinguishability experiment  $PrivK_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{cpa}(n)$ :

- 2  $\mathcal{A}$  is given input  $1^n$  and **oracle access**  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{Enc}_k(\cdot)}$  to  $\mathsf{Enc}_k(\cdot)$ , outputs  $m_0, m_1$  of the same length
- **3**  $b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$ . Then  $c \leftarrow \operatorname{Enc}_k(m_b)$  is given to  $\mathcal{A}$
- **4**  $\mathcal{A}$  continues to have oracle access to  $\operatorname{Enc}_k(\cdot)$ , outputs b'
- If b' = b,  $\mathcal{A}$  succeeded  $\mathsf{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{\mathsf{cpa}} = 1$ , otherwise 0



# **Definition of CPA Security**

#### **Definition 2**

 $\Pi$  has indistinguishable encryptions under a CPA (CPA-secure) if  $\forall$  PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists$  negl such that

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n) = 1\right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mathsf{negl}(n).$$

• Q: Is any cipher we have learned so far CPA-secure? Why?

## **Proposition 3**

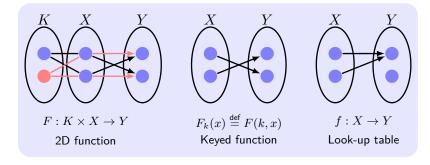
Any private-key encryption scheme that is CPA-secure also is **multiple-encryption-secure**.

Q: Does multiple-encryption-security mean CPA-security? (homework)

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# **Concepts on Pseudorandom Functions**



- Keyed function  $F: \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^*$  $F_k: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^*, F_k(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F(k,x)$
- **Look-up table**  $f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  with size = ? bits
- Function family Func<sub>n</sub>: all functions  $\{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$ .  $|\mathsf{Func}_n| = 2^{n \cdot 2^n}$
- Length Preserving:  $\ell_{key}(n) = \ell_{in}(n) = \ell_{out}(n)$

# **Definition of Pseudorandom Function**

**Intuition**: A PRF F generates a function  $F_k$  that is indistinguishable from truly random selected function f (look-up table) in Func<sub>n</sub>.

However, the function has **exponential length**. Give D the deterministic **oracle access**  $D^{\mathcal{O}}$  to the functions  $\mathcal{O}$ .

#### **Definition 4**

An efficient length-preserving, keyed function F is a **pseudorandom function (PRF)** if  $\forall$  PPT distinguishers D,

$$\left|\Pr[D^{F_k(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] - \Pr[D^{f(\cdot)}(1^n)=1]\right| \le \mathsf{negl}(n),$$

where f is chosen u.a.r from Func<sub>n</sub>.

### Q: Is the fixed-length OTP a PRF?

# Questions

Q: Without knowing the key and the oracle access, could anyone learn something about the output from the input with a non-negligible probability?

Let  $F:\{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$  be a secure PRF. Is G a secure PRF?

$$G((k_1, k_2), x) = F(k_1, x) || F(k_2, x)$$

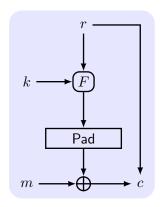
$$G(k,x) = F(k,x \oplus 1^n)$$

$$G(k,x) = \begin{cases} F(k,x) & \text{when } x \neq 0^n \\ 0^n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$G(k,x) = \begin{cases} F(k,x) & \text{when } x \neq 0^n \\ k & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\quad \blacksquare \ G(k,x) = F(k,x) \bigoplus F(k,x \oplus 1^n)$$

## **CPA-Security from Pseudorandom Function**



#### **Construction 5**

- $\blacksquare$  Fresh random string r.
- $F_k(r)$ : |k| = |m| = |r| = n.
- Gen:  $k \in \{0,1\}^n$ .
- Enc:  $s := F_k(r) \oplus m$ ,  $c := \langle r, s \rangle$ .
- Dec:  $m := F_k(r) \oplus s$ .

### Theorem 6

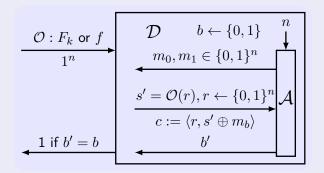
If F is a PRF, this fixed-length encryption scheme  $\Pi$  is CPA-secure.

## Proof of CPA-Security from PRF

**Idea**: First, analyze the security in an idealized world where f is used in  $\tilde{\Pi}$ ; next, claim that if  $\Pi$  is insecure when  $F_k$  was used then this would imply  $F_k$  is not PRF by reduction.

#### Proof.

Reduce D to A:



# Proof of CPA-Security from PRF (Cont.)

#### Proof.

Analyze  $\Pr[\mathsf{Break}]$ ,  $\mathsf{Break}$  means  $\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\tilde{\Pi}}(n) = 1$ :  $\mathcal{A}$  collects  $\{\langle r_i, f(r_i) \rangle\}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, q(n)$  with q(n) queries; The challenge  $c = \langle r_c, f(r_c) \oplus m_b \rangle$ .

- Repeat:  $r_c \in \{r_i\}$  with probability  $\frac{q(n)}{2^n}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  can know  $m_b$ .
- $\blacksquare$  Repeat: As OTP,  $\Pr[\mathsf{Break}] = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{split} \Pr[\mathsf{Break}] &= \Pr[\mathsf{Break} \land \mathsf{Repeat}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Break} \land \overline{\mathsf{Repeat}}] \\ &\leq \Pr[\mathsf{Repeat}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Break} | \overline{\mathsf{Repeat}}] \\ &\leq \frac{q(n)}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2}. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &\Pr[D^{F_k(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] = \Pr[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n)=1] = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon(n). \\ &\Pr[D^{f(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] = \Pr[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\tilde{\Pi}}(n)=1] = \Pr[\mathsf{Break}] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{q(n)}{2^n}. \end{split}$$

$$\Pr[D^{F_k(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] - \Pr[D^{f(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] \ge \varepsilon(n) - \frac{q(n)}{2^n}. \ \varepsilon(n) \text{ is negligible.}$$

# **CPA-Security from PRF for Arbitrary-Length**

■ For arbitrary-length messages,  $m = m_1, \ldots, m_\ell$ 

$$c := \langle r_1, F_k(r_1) \oplus m_1, r_2, F_k(r_2) \oplus m_2, \dots, r_\ell, F_k(r_\ell) \oplus m_\ell \rangle$$

## Corollary 7

If F is a PRF, then  $\Pi$  is CPA-secure for arbitrary-length messages.

**Efficiency**: |c| = 2|m|.

## **Pseudorandom Permutations**

- **Bijection**: *F* is one-to-one and onto
- **Permutation**: A bijective function from a set to itself
- **Keyed permutation**:  $\forall k, F_k(\cdot)$  is permutation
- lacksquare F is a bijection  $\iff$   $F^{-1}$  is a bijection

#### **Definition 8**

An efficient, keyed permutation F is a **strong pseudorandom permutation (PRP)** if  $\forall$  PPT distinguishers D,

$$\left|\Pr[D^{F_k(\cdot),F_k^{-1}(\cdot)}(1^n)=1] - \Pr[D^{f(\cdot),f^{-1}(\cdot)}(1^n)=1]\right| \leq \mathsf{negl}(n),$$

where f is chosen u.a.r from the set of permutations on n-bit strings.

If F is a pseudorandom permutation then is it a PRF?

## Questions

## Let $X = \{0, 1\}$ (1 bit), answer the following questions.

- **1** What are the functions in the permutation over X?
- **2**  $K = \{0, 1\}$ , what is the simplest permutation F(k, x) over X?
- $\blacksquare$  Is your F a secure PRP?
- 4 Is your F a secure PRF?
- 5 What if  $X = \{0, 1\}^{128}$  and  $K = \{0, 1\}^{128}$ ?
- **6** Could you give a (or another) PRP over  $X = \{0, 1\}^{128}$ ?

## **Proposition 9**

IF F is a PRP and additionally  $\ell_{in}(n) \geq n$ , then F is also a PRF.

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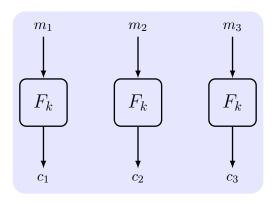
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# PRF, PRP, PRG, and Modes of Operation

### Modes of Operation:

- A way of encrypting arbitrary-length messages using a PRP or PRF
- A way of constructing a PRG from a PRP or PRF

# Electronic Code Book (ECB) Mode



- Q: is it indistinguishable in the presence of an eavesdropper?
- $\blacksquare$  Q: can F be any PRF?

# Attack on ECB mode





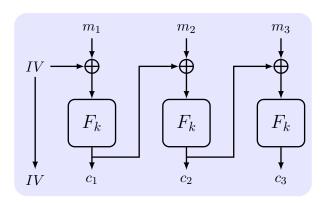


Encrypted using ECB mode



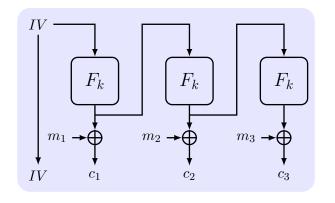
Modes other than ECB result in pseudo-randomness

# Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) Mode



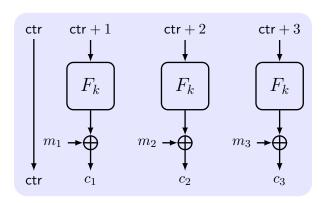
- *IV*: initial vector, a fresh random string.
- Q: is it CPA-secure? what if *IV* is always 0?
- $lackbox{ Q: is the encryption parallelizable, i.e., outputting $c_2$ before getting $c_1$?$
- $\blacksquare$  Q: can F be any PRF?

# Output Feedback (OFB) Mode



- Q: is it CPA-secure?
- Q: is the encryption parallelizable?
- $\blacksquare$  Q: can F be any PRF?

# Counter (CTR) Mode



- $\blacksquare ctr$  is an IV
- Q: is it CPA-secure?
- Q: is the encryption parallelizable?
- $\blacksquare$  Q: can F be any PRF?

## CTR Mode Is CPA-secure

#### Theorem 10

If F is a PRF, then randomized CTR mode is CPA-secure.

#### Proof.

The message length and the number of query are q(n).

**Overlap**: the sequence for the challenge overlaps the sequences for the queries from the adversary.

ctr\*: ctr in the challenge. ctr<sub>i</sub>: ctr in the queries,  $i=1,\ldots,q(n)$ . Overlap:  $\mathsf{ctr}_i-q(n)<\mathsf{ctr}^*<\mathsf{ctr}_i+q(n)$ .

$$\Pr[\mathsf{Overlap}] \leq \frac{2q(n)-1}{2^n} \cdot q(n)$$

# Proof of CPA-secure CTR Mode (Cont.)

#### Proof.

See proof of theorem 6. (1) Analyze Break :  $PrivK_{\Delta \tilde{\Pi}}^{cpa}(n) = 1$ .

$$\begin{split} \Pr[\mathsf{Break}] &= \Pr[\mathsf{Break} \land \mathsf{Overlap}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Break} \land \overline{\mathsf{Overlap}}] \\ &\leq \Pr[\mathsf{Overlap}] + \Pr[\mathsf{Break}|\overline{\mathsf{Overlap}}] \\ &\leq \frac{2q(n)^2}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2}. \end{split}$$

(2) Reduce D to A

$$\begin{split} \Pr[D^{f(\cdot)}(1^n) = 1] &= \Pr[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\tilde{\Pi}}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{2q(n)^2}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2} \\ \Pr[D^{F_k(\cdot)}(1^n) = 1] &= \Pr[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cpa}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon(n) \\ & \text{If } F \text{ is PRP}, \varepsilon(n) \text{ is negligible.} \end{split}$$

## IV Should Not Be Predictable

If IV is predictable, then CBC/OFB/CTR mode is not CPA-secure. Q: Why? (homework)

## Bug in SSL/TLS 1.0

IV for record #i is last CT block of record #(i-1).

## API in OpenSSL

```
void AES_cbc_encrypt (
    const unsigned char *in,
    unsigned char *out,
    size_t length,
    const AES_KEY *key,
    unsigned char *ivec, User supplies IV
    AES_ENCRYPT or AES_DECRYPT);
```

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# **Security Against CCA**

The CCA indistinguishability experiment  $PrivK_{A,\Pi}^{cca}(n)$ :

- 2  $\mathcal{A}$  is given input  $1^n$  and oracle access  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{Enc}_k(\cdot)}$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{Dec}_k(\cdot)}$ , outputs  $m_0, m_1$  of the same length.
- **3**  $b \leftarrow \{0,1\}.$   $c \leftarrow \operatorname{Enc}_k(m_b)$  is given to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- 4  $\mathcal{A}$  continues to have oracle access except for c, outputs b'.
- **5** If b' = b,  $\mathcal{A}$  succeeded  $\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cca}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi} = 1$ , otherwise 0.

#### **Definition 11**

 $\Pi$  has indistinguishable encryptions under a CCA (CCA-secure) if  $\forall$   $\mathtt{PPT}$   $\mathcal{A},\ \exists$  negl such that

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{PrivK}^{\mathsf{cca}}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(n) = 1\right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mathsf{negl}(n).$$

# **Understanding CCA-security**

- In real world, the adversary might conduct CCA by influencing what gets decrypted
  - If the communication is not authenticated, then an adversary may send certain ciphertexts on behalf of the honest party
- CCA-security implies "non-malleability"
- None of the above scheme is CCA-secure

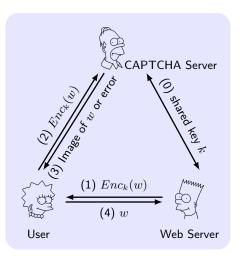
## **CCA** against Construction 5

 $\mathcal{A}$  gives  $m_0, m_1$  and gets  $c = \langle r, F_k(r) \oplus m_b \rangle$ , and then queries c' which is the same with c except that a single bit is flipped. The  $m' = c' \oplus F_k(r)$  should be the same with  $m_b$  except \_\_\_\_?

Q: Show that the above modes (CBC, OFB and CTR) are also not CCA-secure. (homework)

# Padding-Oracle Attacks: Real-world Case

CAPTCHA server will return an error when deciphering the CT of a CAPTCHA text received from a user.

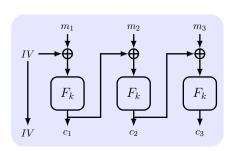


# **Padding-Oracle Attacks**

**PKCS #5 Padding**: append b bytes of b to the message in order to make the total length a multiple of the block length (append a dummy block if needed). The decryption server will return a **Bad Padding Error** for incorrect padding.

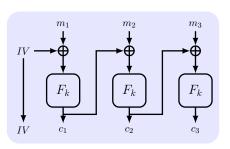
## **Padding-Oracle Attacks:**

■ In a one-block CBC, by modifying the 1st byte of IV, attacker can learn whether m is NULL. If yes, error will occur.



- append  $\{b\}^b$  as a dummy block if m is NULL
- change the 1st byte of IV from x to y, get decrypted block  $(x \oplus y \oplus b) \| \{b\}^{b-1}$ , and trigger an error

# Padding-Oracle Attacks (Cont.)



- If no error, then learn whether m is 1 byte by modifying the 2nd byte of IV and so on (changing the ciphertext)
- $lue{}$  Once learn the length of m, learn the last byte of m (s) by modifying the one before the last block in the ciphertext
- $m_{last} = \cdots s \|\{b\}^b, c_{last-1} = \cdots t \|\{\cdot\}^b$
- lacksquare modify  $c_{last-1}$  to  $c'_{last-1} = \cdots u \| (\{\cdot\}^b \oplus \{b\}^b \oplus \{b+1\}^b)$
- $\blacksquare$  Q: If no padding error, then s=?

# Summary

- Asymptotic approach, proof of reduction, indistinguishable
- PRG, PRF, PRP, stream cipher, block cipher
- Security/construction against eavesdropping/CPA
- EBC, CBC, OFB, CTR
- CCA, padding-oracle attack