

Cryptography and Security

Lecture 1: a bit of history

About the course

Requirements

- Listen to the lectures
- Consultation the week after
- Exam in canvas (probably)
- Option to take a pre-exam
- Brief oral „defense” of the exam

Topics

- Mathematical foundations (algebra, number theory, probability)
- Cryptographic protocols (encryption, hash, signatures)
- Attacks (algorithmic, physical, ...)

About the course

References

- Katz–Lindell: Introduction to Modern Cryptography
- Schneier: Applied cryptography

Already the ancient greeks ...

Motivational questions

- Who sends what? (model of communication)
- What is an attack? (threat model)

Simple classical examples

- A message to be sent between two people
- Attack: the enemy intercepts the message

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Atbash

- alphabet: replace k th letter from the front with k th from the back
- first with hebrew alphabet
- Simple „substitution”: $\aleph \leftrightarrow tav, \beth \leftrightarrow shin, \dots$
- works just as well with any alphabet, e.g. latin

Original: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

Cipher: zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba

Properties

- Used in several places in the Bible
- Quite easy to „break”
- fixed permutation: considered weak today

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Caesar cipher

- Replace every letter with the letter that comes 3 positions later

Properties

- linked to Julius Ceasar (1st century B.C.E.)
- easy to break (Al-Kindi, 9th century)
- Still used as recently as 1915 by the Russian army
- A variant today: ROT-13 (e.g. for anti-spoiler forum posts)

Classical cryptography

19th century onwards

- military applications: protect communication
- ad-hoc constructions \Rightarrow breaking is a matter of time only

Classical cryptography in modern terms

Symmetric key cryptography (informally)

- goal: protect communication between two parties
- setup: generate and share *common* secret key
- communication: on an open channel (except for key sharing)
- m : plain text („message”), c : encrypted text („ciphertext”),
 k : key
- Consists of 3 separate algorithms
 - 1 Gen – generation of key k . Choose randomly from a predefined set according to a predefined distribution
 - 2 Enc – encryption. Given the key k and message m , compute $c = Enc_k(m)$
 - 3 Dec – decryption. Given the key k and ciphertext c , compute $m = Dec_k(c)$

Kerckhoffs's principles

Design principles of encryption methods (Kerckhoffs, 1883)

- 1 A system must be practically, if not mathematically indecipherable.
- 2 It should not require secrecy. Should be no problem if enemy intercepts.
- 3 Key: easy to remember and change
- 4 Should be communicated via telegraph (low bandwidth:)
- 5 Should be portable and not require several people to handle, operate.
- 6 Should be easy to use.

„The” Kerckhoffs’s principle

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- 3 (VS: security through obscurity)

Protect key vs. protect method

- secure distribution and storage
- replace compromised components
- communication with several peers

Conclusion

- goal: without the key, attacker cannot decrypt (or only with enormous effort)
- good encryption algorithms should be public
- public domain vs. security by obscurity

The attacker's toolkit

Traditional methods

- brute-force (try every possible key)
- frequency analysis (entropy of language)
- collision detection
- anything we (the good guys) have not even thought of

Other methods

- reverse-engineering (sec-by-obsc)
- software/hardware attacks (DOS/fault attacks)
- attacks using human weaknesses (social engineering, phishing)
- anything we have not even thought of

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Passive attacks

- ciphertext-only attack: obtain m knowing one or more ciphertexts obtained by using the same k
- known plaintext attack: obtain further pairs (m, c) knowing one or more message-ciphertext pairs obtained by using the same k .

The attacker's toolkit

Active attacks

- chosen plaintext attack: the attacker has access to some message-ciphertext pairs where the messages are chosen by them (k fixed).
- chosen ciphertext attack: the attacker has access to some message-ciphertext pairs where the ciphertexts are chosen by them (k fixed).

Classical cryptographic protocols

Shift cipher

- principle: shift every letter by some (secret) number
- map alphabet to $0, 1, 2, \dots, 25$, „wrap around”: $25 + 1 = 0$.

Shift cipher

- 1 *Gen* : $k \in \{0, 1, \dots, 25\}$ random.
- 2 *Enc* : for each character of message:
$$c_i = \text{Enc}_k(m_i) \equiv m_i + k \pmod{26}$$
- 3 *Dec* : for each character of ciphertext:
$$m_i = \text{Dec}_k(c_i) \equiv c_i - k \pmod{26}$$

Example. $m = \text{EXAMPLE} \rightarrow (4, 23, 0, 12, 15, 11, 4)$

- 1 *Gen* : $k = 11$
- 2 *Enc* : $c = (15, 8, 11, 23, 0, 22, 15) \rightarrow \text{PILXAWP}$
- 3 *Dec* : $m = (4, 23, 0, 12, 15, 11, 4) \rightarrow \text{EXAMPLE}$

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Properties

- trivial to break: try every possible key (brute-force)
- consequence: key space needs to be large
- a *necessary* condition for security (not sufficient though ...)
- E.g. space of 128-bit long 0-1 sequences(= 2^{128} possibilities)

Classical cryptographic protocols

Mono-alphabetic replacement

- principle: replace each letter according to a randomly chosen permutation
- key space: all permutations (bijective mappings) on the alphabet

Mono-alphabetic replacement

- 1 $Gen : k$ a random permutation of the 26 elements
- 2 Enc, Dec : apply permutation/inverse character by character

Example. $m = \text{PERMUTATION}$

- 1 $Gen : k =$
 ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 xeuadnbkvmrocqfsyhwglzijpt
- 2 $Enc : c = \text{sdhclgxgvfq}, Dec : m = \text{PERMUTATION}$

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Properties

- key space: $26! \approx 2^{88}$ large enough, but ...
- Fixed equivalent of each letter \Rightarrow statistics-based attack using frequencies
- Even short texts (10 words!) usually show statistics close to the global language stats
- Some letters easy to spot, brute force on the rest (hard to automate)
- Only on text that „makes sense“

Classical cryptographic protocols

Vigenère cipher

- principle: hide letter frequencies
- same letter shifted by variable amounts based on the position

Poly-alphabetic shift

- 1 $Gen : k = (k_1, \dots, k_t)$ random (t not fixed)
- 2 $Enc : c_{i+jt} \equiv m_{i+jt} + k_i \pmod{26} : i = 1, \dots, t, j = 0, \dots$
- 3 $Dec : m_{i+jt} \equiv c_{i+jt} - k_i \pmod{26} : i = 1, \dots, t, j = 0, \dots$

Example $m = \text{THISISIMPOSSIBLE}$

- 1 $Gen : k = false$ (means a number sequence!)
 $m = \text{THISISIMPOSSIBLE}$
- 2 $Enc : k = \text{falsefalsefalsef}$
 $c = \text{YHTIMXIXHSXSTTPJ}$

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Properties

- If t is known \Rightarrow broken (statistics on t -separated subsequences)
- Kasiski's method look for repetitions of 2,3: distances are multiple of $t \Rightarrow t = \gcd$
- count identicals: stats for $c_1, c_{1+k}, c_{2+k}, \dots \Rightarrow$ ok for long text, short key
- Broken e.g. in American civil war
($k = \text{complete victory} \Rightarrow \text{easy}$)

Wrap-up

Summary

- Kerckhoffs's principle: make system public
- Make practical brute force attack infeasible with large key space
- It's hard to build a secure protocol
- Need science rather than ad-hoc ideas

Modern vs. traditional cryptography

Recap: traditional crypto

- An „art” rather than science
- Ad-hoc constructions
- Easy(ish) to break

Basic principles of modern crypto

- 1 formal and precise definitions
- 2 build on precisely stated assumptions
- 3 strictly proven security

Principle 1: precise definitions

Precise definitions

- design (What's the purpose / goal? Rather than „ex post facto”)
- usage (appropriate for goal?)
- analysis (comparison)
- intuition not enough

„Define” secure encryption

An encryption method is secure if ???

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How to make the definition formal?

- What does „break a cipher” / „recover the message” mean?
- What does „no attacker” mean (what powers do they possess)?

Example

A cryptographic protocol meant for a specific purpose is secure if no attacker with the specified (computational) power can perform a specified form of attack.

Principle 1: precise definitions

Math vs. practice

- hardware-based attacks
- human factors

Good definition of security/secretcy should

- support the intuitive view
- be supported by examples
- be backed up by ongoing analysis over time

Principle 2: precise assumptions

Two variants

- unconditional secrecy
- computational secrecy

Why?

- validation of assumptions
- comparison of methods
- facilitate security proofs

Principle 3: formal proofs of secrecy

Why?

- established difficulty vs. naive intuition
- works \nRightarrow unbreakable
- risks of poor cryptosystem or poor software product

Proof of secrecy by reduction

Protocol X is considered secret (by a certain definition) if assumption Y is correct.

Perfect secrecy

Informálisan

What do we need to specify a scheme?

- three algorithms: Gen, Enc, Dec
- message space \mathcal{M}

Parameters

- *key space*: \mathcal{K} set of possible keys ($k \in \mathcal{K}$)
- *message space*: \mathcal{M} set of possible messages ($m \in \mathcal{M}$)
- *ciphertext space*: \mathcal{C} set of possible ciphertexts
- Usually finite (esp. keyspace - „large” but finite)

Perfectly secret scheme

Parameters

- *Probability distributions over $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}$*
- $k \in \mathcal{K} : Pr(K = k)$ denotes the probability that key k is chosen.

e.g.: \mathcal{K} : bit sequences of length 128,
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Secrecy definitions

Intuition

- we know the distribution of messages
- knowing the ciphertext, no information about the message should be learnt
- attacker's computational power: infinite

Definition

A scheme over \mathcal{M} is perfectly secret if for any distribution over \mathcal{M} and $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C}$:

$$Pr(M = m) = Pr(M = m | C = c).$$

Secrecy definitions

Equivalent formulation

- We cannot distinguish the ciphertexts corresponding to two different messages.

Lemma (Perfect indistinguishability)

A scheme provides perfect secrecy if for any distribution over \mathcal{M} , and $\forall m_1, m_2 \in \mathcal{M}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C}$:

$$Pr(C = c | M = m_1) = Pr(C = c | M = m_2).$$

Secrecy definitions

Equivalent formulation

- indistinguishability game: two players: adversary and tester

Indistinguishability experiment with eavesdropper $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{eav}}$

- 1 Adversary \mathcal{A} issues messages m_0, m_1 with $|m_0| = |m_1|$
- 2 Tester randomly chooses key k and bit $b \in_R \{0, 1\} : c = \text{Enc}_k(m_b)$. Send c to \mathcal{A} .
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Definition

A scheme Π is perfectly secret over \mathcal{M} if $\forall \mathcal{A}$:

$$\Pr(\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{\text{eav}} = 1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Lemma

These definitions are equivalent.

One-time pad

One-time pad (OTP)

Initialize $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}^n$

Gen let $k \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$ uniformly random

Enc for $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, let
 $c = Enc_k(m) = k \oplus m$.

Dec for k and $c \in \{0, 1\}^n$ let $Dec_k(c) = c \oplus k$.

Theorem

One-time pad is perfectly secret.

Drawbacks of perfect secrecy

One-time pad properties

- $|k| = |m| \Rightarrow$ too long keys / short messages only
- "one-time" (really, never reuse!)
- these are not unique to OTP, but inherent to perfect secrecy

Theorem

Let Π be a perfectly secret scheme over \mathcal{M} and let \mathcal{K} be the key space determined by Gen . Then $|\mathcal{K}| \geq |\mathcal{M}|$.

Recap: perfect secrecy

Informal description

An encryption method is perfectly secret if it is unbreakable

- no matter how much time you have
- no matter how powerful resources you have

One-time pad

- message and key: equal length
- throw away key after use
- the key is unknown to the attacker
- **key: true random bits**

Random sequences

What to expect from a random sequence?

- distribution of 0 and 1 (or other alphabet): uniform
- inability to predict future values based on the past/present
- no correlation between characters at different positions

Question

How do we define the randomness of a sequence?

Do random sequences actually exist?

- [illegible]

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Random sequence

Definition

Denote by $d(s)$ the minimal description of sequence s using some universal language \mathcal{L} . The length of this description is called the Kolmogorov complexity of s : $K(s) = |d(s)|$.

Definition

*Sequence s is **algorithmically random** if $|s| < K(s)$.*

Interpretation

Think of Kolmogorov complexity as the length of the shortest (python/C++/whatever) program that generates s as output.
Randomness: no „easy“ description/compression/program available.

Do random sequences actually exist?

- $s_1 = 11$

Short description of s_1 : e.g. $[1] * 42$

- $s_4 = 100011101011000011101010101110001110111110$

s_4 Looks random, *looks* uncompressible.

Kolmogorov complexity: the caveat

Theorem

No program exists that would compute $K(s)$ for any input s .

Proof by contradiction (sketch) Suppose a program KolmogorovComplexity(s) does the job. Suppose it has length 100000. Now, what's the shortest program that generates the output of the following algorithm?

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for  $i = 1 \rightarrow \infty$  do
  for each sequence  $s$  with length  $\forall i$  do
    if KolmogorovComplexity( $s$ )  $\geq$  200000 then
      return  $s$ 
    end if
  end for
end for
```

Generating random sequences

Quote

„Anyone who attempts to generate random numbers by deterministic means is, of course, living in a state of sin.“ – John von Neumann

Corollary of impossibility theorem

No mathematical algorithm to be expected that generates provably random sequences.

Properties of randomness needed

- physical source
- poor randomness implies software vulnerabilities

Computational security

Kerckhoffs's principles

- 1 Make the cryptosystem secure in *practice* if not mathematically.
- 2 ...

Idea

Relax the conditions on perfect secrecy. No breaking of cipher

- in „reasonable” time
- with „reasonable” probability of success

Computational secrecy

Reasonable time = ???

- efficient adversary
- efficient algorithms

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Reasonable success

- very small probability
- negligible probability

Definition

*Function f is **negligible** if $\forall p(\cdot)$, a polynomial $\exists N \in \mathbb{R}^+$ with $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, n > N : f(n) < \frac{1}{p(n)}$.*

Reasonable probability of success

Negligible function as the probability of successful break.

Computational secrecy: two approaches

Concrete approach

A scheme is (t, ε) -secure if \forall adversaries with at most t time, the prob. of success is at most ε .

Asymptotic approach

A scheme is secure if \forall PPT adversaries have only negligible probability of successfully breaking the scheme.

Security proofs by reduction

- Unconditional security: has its limits
- we need some assumption for computational security
- a „basic” problem being hard
- based on that, we can argue for the difficulty of breaking the scheme

Reduction pattern

- If we suppose a PPT adversary: $\exists \mathcal{A}$ breaks the scheme with non-negl. prob.
- then there's an algorithm $\exists \mathcal{A}'$ solving the (by assumption) hard problem

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Threat model

Passive attacker: eavesdropping, has access to a single encrypted text.

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Attack

- \mathcal{A} : eavesdropping
- a single instance of an encrypted message
- passive attack
- goal: \mathcal{A} learns nothing about the plaintext m
 - *semantic security*
 - hard to handle
- instead: **indistinguishability**

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- 1 Adversary \mathcal{A} returns two messages m_0, m_1 with $|m_0| = |m_1|$ upon input 1^n .
- 2 $k = \text{Gen}(1^n)$, $b \in_R \{0, 1\} : c = \text{Enc}_k(m_b)$. The ciphertext c is sent to \mathcal{A}
- 3 \mathcal{A} outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$
- 4 $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{\text{eav}}(n) = 1$, if $b = b'$, otherwise 0.

Definition

The scheme $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ has the indistinguishability property against one eavesdropping if all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} , a negligible function $e(\cdot)$ exists for which

$$P(\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{\text{eav}}(n) = 1) \leq \frac{1}{2} + e(n).$$

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Idea

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- replace random key by ???

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- 1 $\forall n : l(n) > n$
- 2 $\forall D$ PPT distinguisher, $\exists e(.)$, a negligible function with $\forall s \in_R \{0, 1\}^n, \forall r \in_R \{0, 1\}^{l(n)} :$

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Properties

- PRG no „real” randomness
- Brute force always works in principle
- Seed:
 - true randomness
 - secret
 - not TOO short
- PRG exists, assuming ... is hard
- statistical tests

Example: next-bit test

Next-bit test

A sequence passes the next-bit test if for all positions i , the attacker

- knowing the first i bits
- can NOT guess the bit at position $(i + 1)$ with probability higher than $50\% + \epsilon$.

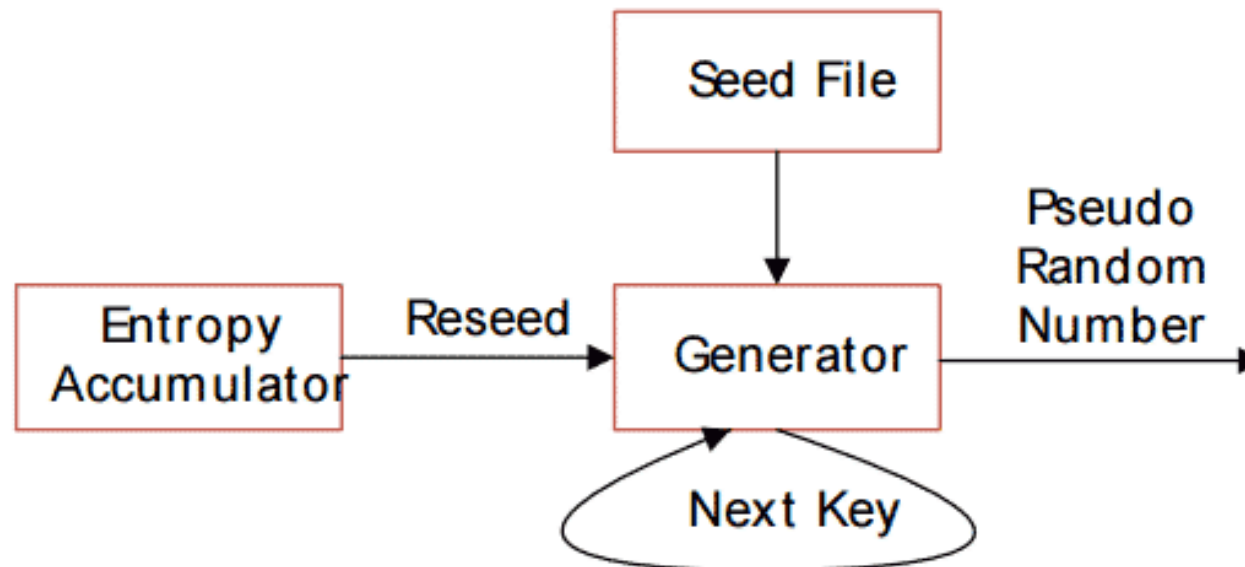
Statistical tests

- NIST test (National standards institute of US)
- DIEHARD test (academic origins – Marsaglia '95)

PRG example: Fortuna

Fortuna

- Schneier, Ferguson 2003
- PRG family with 3 main components:
 - 1 **Generator**: generate PR stream after seeding
 - 2 **Entropy accumulator**: collect randomness
 - 3 **Seeding**: ensure randomness in a bootstrapping phase



A secure scheme (against 1 eavesdropping)

Scheme using PRG

Let G be a PRG with expansion factor l , and

Gen $k \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$

Enc For $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $m \in \{0, 1\}^{l(n)}$, let
 $c = Enc_k(m) = G(k) \oplus m$.

Dec For $k, c \in \{0, 1\}^{l(n)}$, let $Dec_k(c) = c \oplus G(k)$.

Theorem

If G has the PRG properties, the $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$ is secure in the presence of an eavesdropper (with one intercepted message).

A secure scheme (against multiple eavesdropping)

Definition (Indistinguishability experiment $PrivK_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{meav}(n)$)

Same as above, except:

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 $\forall i : |m_{0i}| = |m_{1i}|$
- 2 $k = Gen(1^n), b \in_R \{0, 1\} : C = (c_1, \dots, c_t) : c_i = Enc_k(m_{bi})$
received by \mathcal{A}

- \exists scheme secure for exactly 1 eavesdropping attempt
- deterministic algo never good \Rightarrow randomization needed (IV)
- synchronization issues
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Chosen plaintext attack

Attack

Active adversary: has access to arbitrary pairs (c, m)

Definition (CPA indistinguishability experiment $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n)$)

- 1 $k = \text{Gen}(1^n)$
- 2 Adversary \mathcal{A} has oracle (black box) access to $\text{Enc}_k(\cdot)$ -hez, issues two plaintexts m_0, m_1 with $|m_0| = |m_1|$
- 3 $b \in_R \{0, 1\} : c = \text{Enc}_k(m_b)$ given to \mathcal{A}
- 4 \mathcal{A} has further oracle access $\text{Enc}_k(\cdot)$, outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$
- 5 $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n) = 1$, if $b = b'$, 0 otherwise.

Chosen plaintext attack

Definition

A scheme $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$ is CPA-secure if for any PPT adversary $\mathcal{A} \exists e(\cdot)$, a negligible function with

$$P(PrivK_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{cpa}(n) = 1) \leq \frac{1}{2} + e(n).$$

- Cannot be deterministic
- Secure against one eavesdropping \Rightarrow secure against multiple eavesdropping
- Can be fulfilled by PRG

Wrap-up

Summary

- Sequence is random if hard to describe/compress
- Relax perfect secrecy: computational security
- PPT adversary + negligible success probability
- Pseudorandom sequence: computational difficulty formulation

Stream cipher

- **Goal:** encrypt stream of arbitrary length
- **Idea:** One-time pad simulation with PRG + randomness

Stream cipher

Let G be a PRG and

Gen $k \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$

Enc $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$ key, IV random initialization vector, m message $c = Enc_k(m) = (IV, G(k, IV) \oplus m)$.

Dec If $c = (IV, s)$, then $Dec_k(c) = s \oplus G(k, IV)$.

- If G satisfies PRG properties, then this is (computationally) secure cipher against multiple eavesdropping

Reminder: chosen plaintext attack

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Tool: pseudorandom function family

- keeps input length (n -bit strings mapped to n -bit strings)
- for fixed $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$ $F_k(.)$ is a member of the family
- a.k.a. keyed function
- a random element from the family is indistinguishable from a truly random function

CPA-secure cipher

CPA-security from PRF

Let F be a PRF, furthermore

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Enc $c = Enc_k(m) = (r, F_k(r) \oplus m).$

Dec For $c = (r, s)$, let $Dec_k(r, s) = F_k(r) \oplus s.$

Theorem

If F has the PRF property, then this $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$ is CPA-secure.

Block ciphers

- **Goal:** encryption of fixed length message (block)
- **Idea:** strengthen PRF construction

Tool: strong pseudorandom permutation family (strong PRP)

- similar to PRF, but additionally:
- keeps length (n -bit strings mapped to n -bit strings),
BIJECTION
- for fixed $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$, $F_k(\cdot)$ is a member of the family
- any random element of the family is indistinguishable from a truly random function, knowing the functions and **inverses**.

Block ciphers

Block cipher

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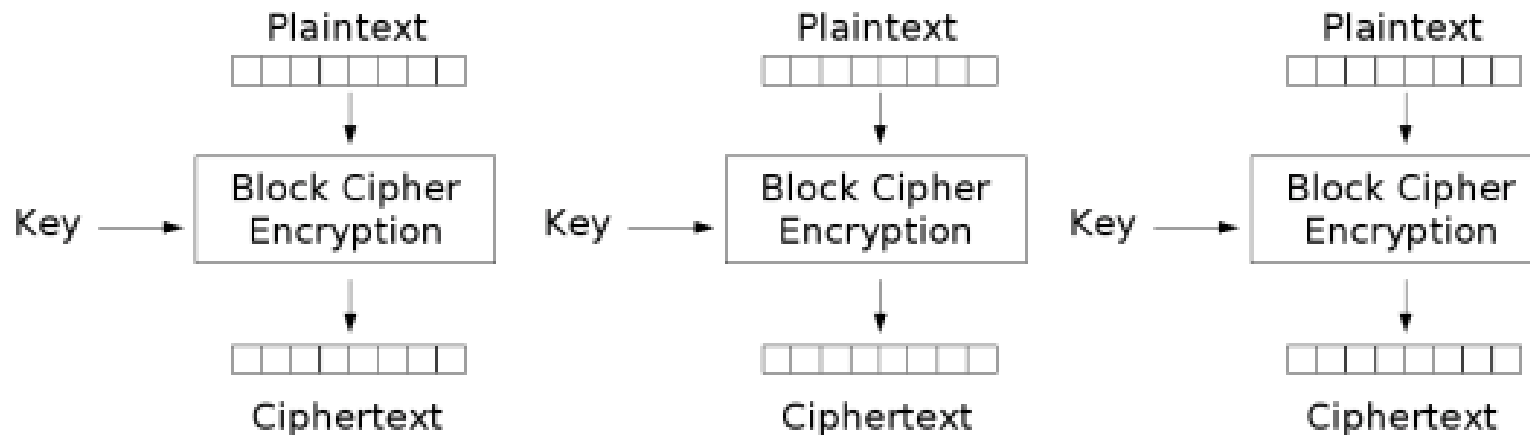
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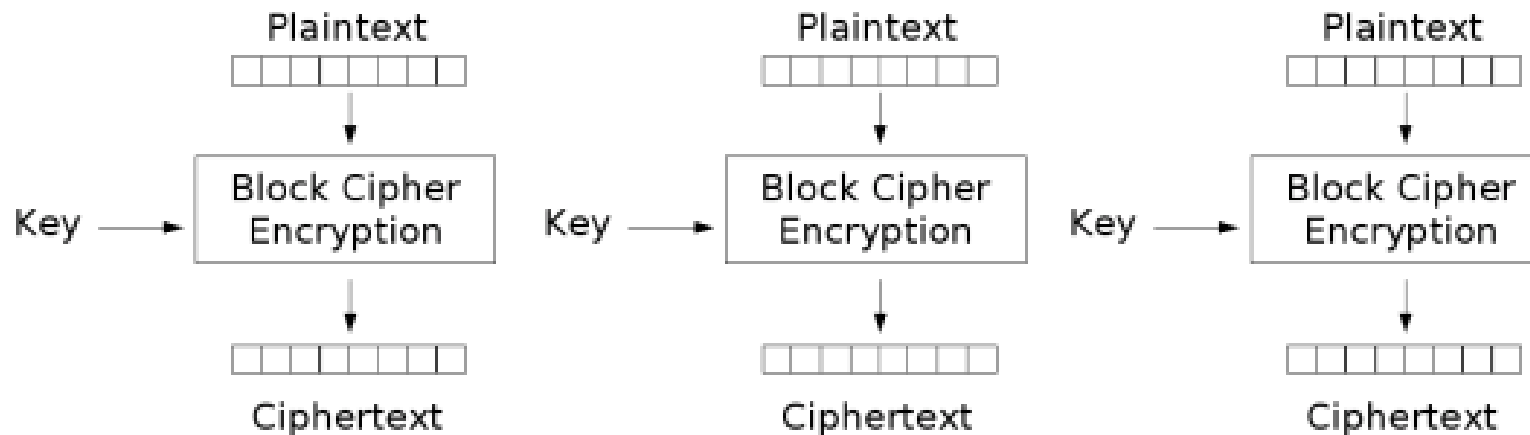
Let $F_k(.)$ be a strong PRP,

$$Enc_k(m) = c = (F_k(m_1), \dots, F_k(m_l)).$$



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption

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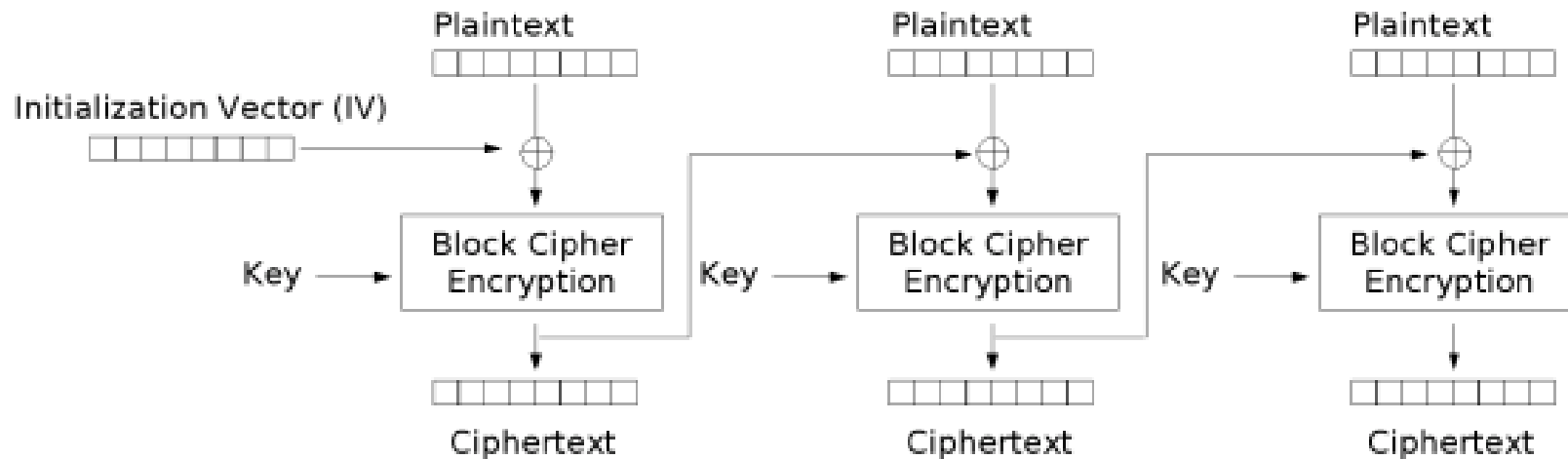
Properties

- Dec: $F_k(.)^{-1}$ should be efficiently computable
- deterministic \Rightarrow no CPA-security
- eavesdropping: no security (repeated blocks)
- DON'T USE

Modes of operation: CBC

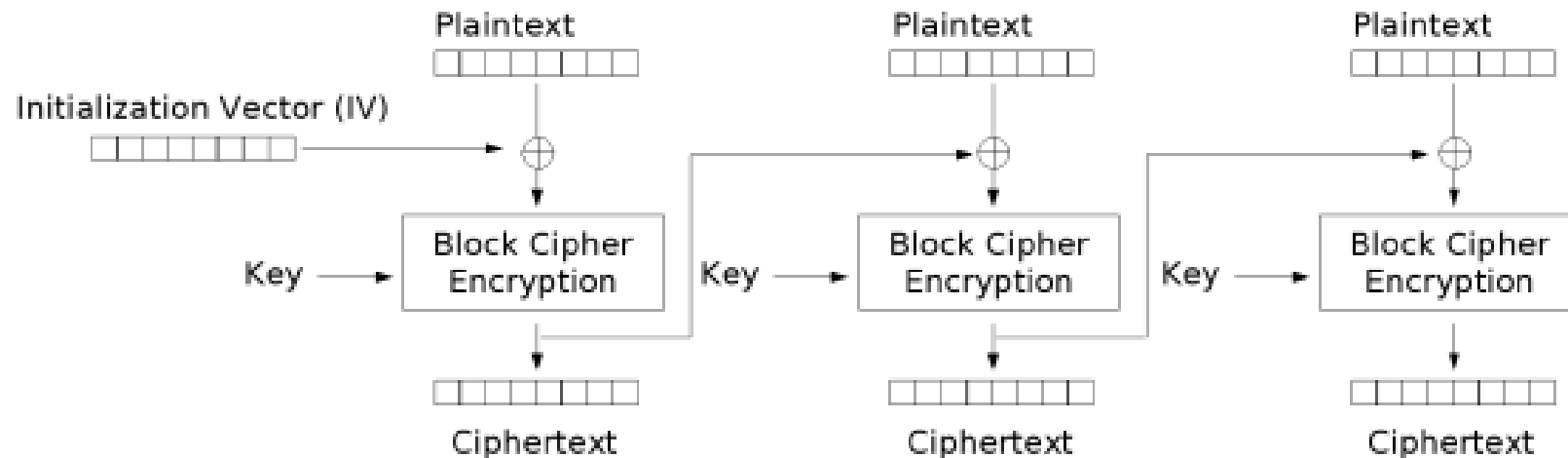
Cipher Block Chaining mode (CBC)

- 1 $IV \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$ initialization vector
- 2 $c_0 = IV, c_i = F_k(m_i \oplus c_{i-1})$
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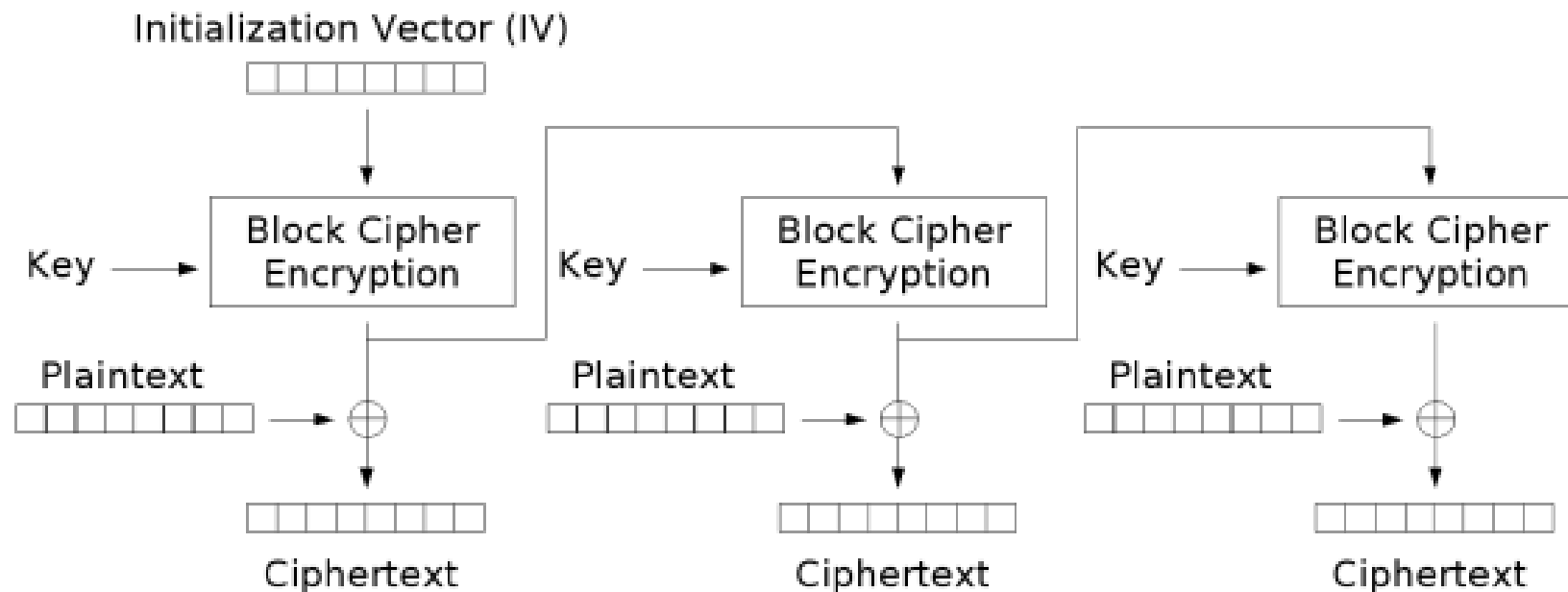
Properties

- probabilistic
- If $F_k(\cdot)$ is strong PRP \Rightarrow CPA-security
- sequential
- IV should be truly random (NO counter to be used here)

Modes of operation: OFB

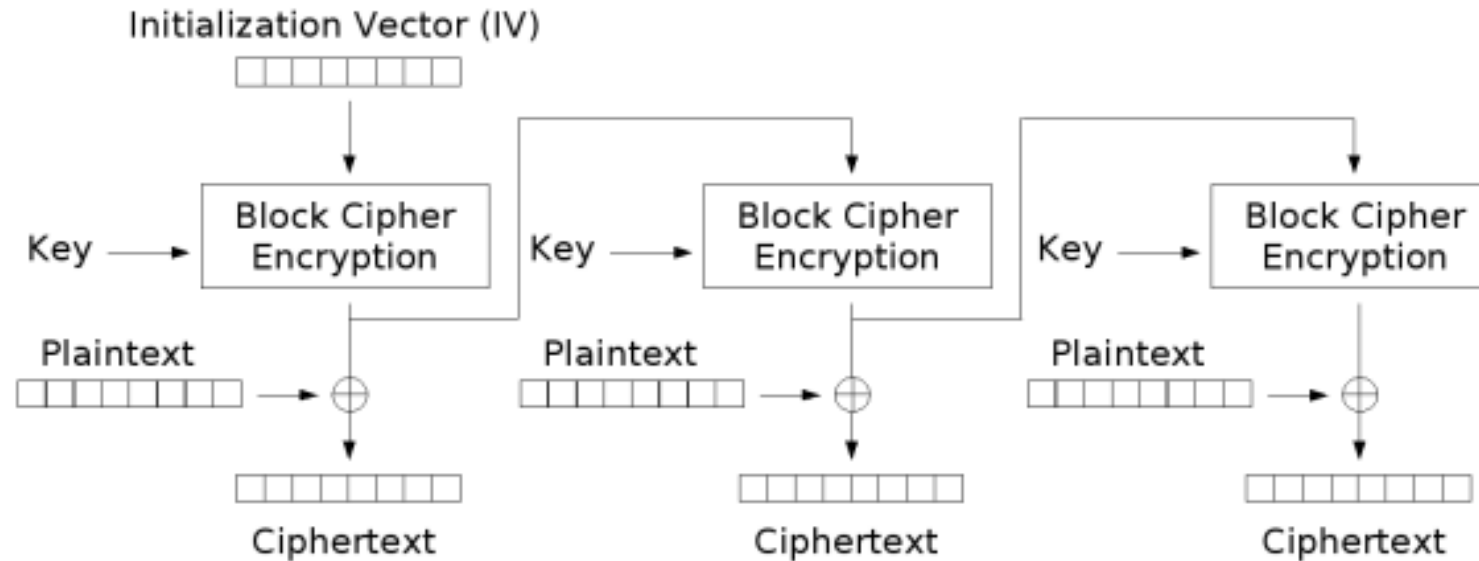
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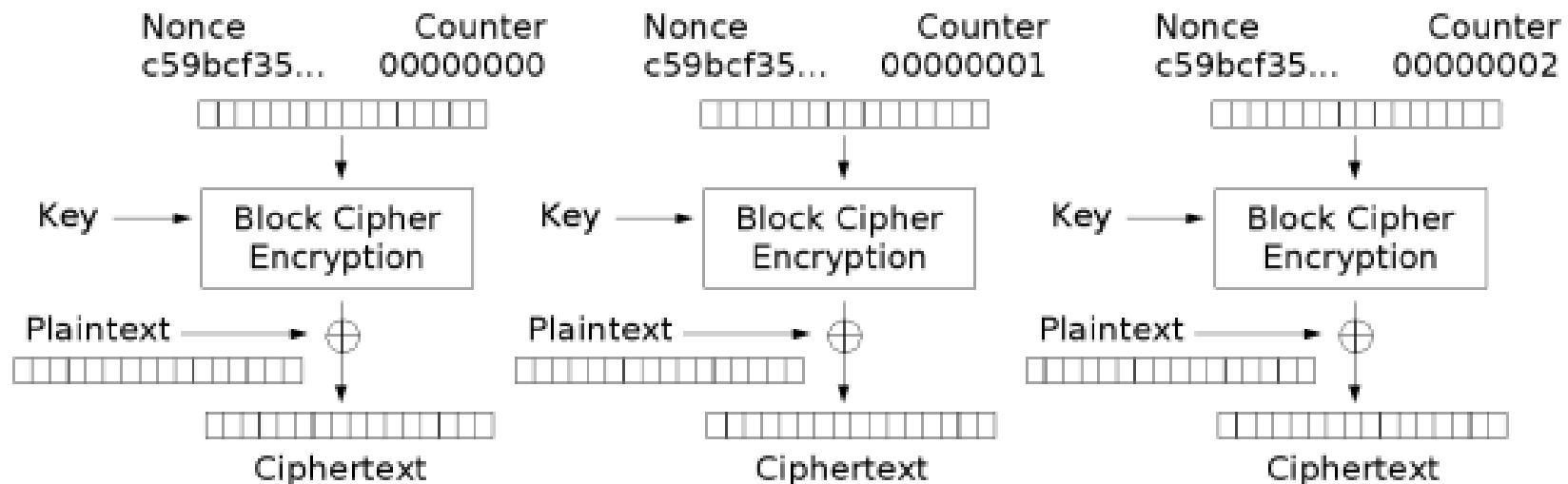
Properties

- probabilistic
- If $F_k(\cdot)$ PRF \Rightarrow CPA-security $\Rightarrow F_k(\cdot)$ has weaker assumption
- sequential
- preprocessing possible

Modes of operation: CTR

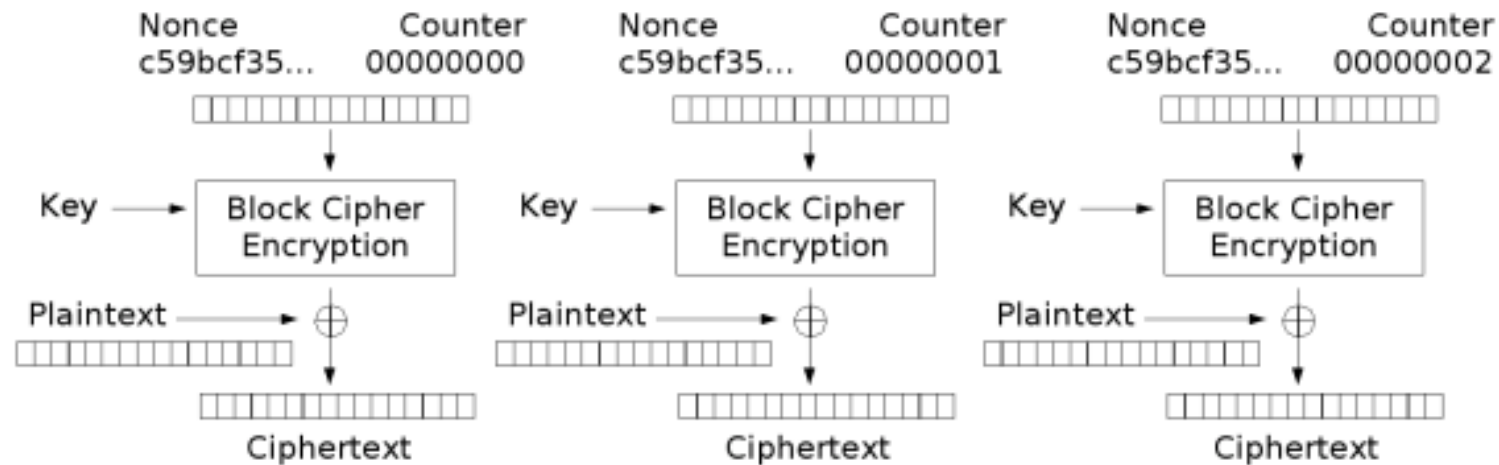
(Randomized) Counter mode (CTR)

- 1 $ctr = IV \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$ initialization vector
- 2 $r_0 = IV, r_i = F_k(ctr + i), c_i = m_i \oplus r_i$
- 3 $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_l)$



Counter (CTR) mode encryption

CTR



Counter (CTR) mode encryption

Properties

- probabilistic
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- parallelization
- preprocessing
- random access (decrypt i th block only)

Block or stream?

- block-size and security
- further modes
- modification of ciphertext: possible attacks

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- OFB and CTR mode makes stream cipher operation possible
- generates PR sequences
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Recap: block ciphers

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- similar to PRF
- maps n -bit strings to n -bit strings **bijectively**
- for $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$, $F_k(\cdot)$ is a member of the family
- a random element of the family is PPT-indistinguishable from a random function using the functions and the inverses.

Recap: block cipher

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Dec for key k and ciphertext $c = (r, s)$, we have $Dec_k(r, s) = F_k(r) \oplus s$.

Feistel network

Basic idea

- Goal: to encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, n : block length
- $t + 1$ rounds of iterative computation for encryption
- subkeys obtained from k for each round
- F : round function
- mix and change subblocks of the message

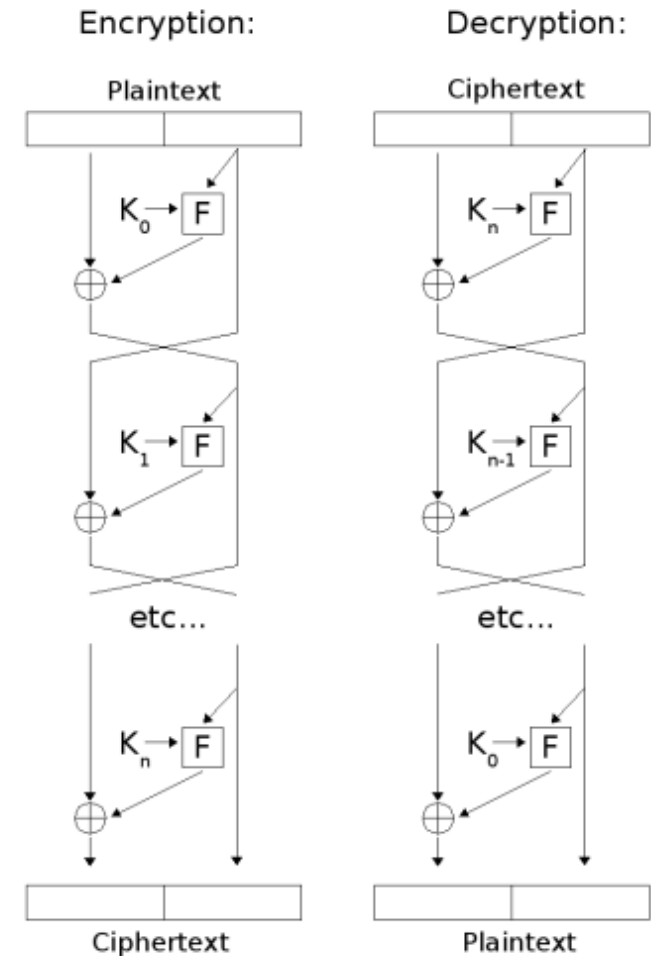
Feistel network

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Gen $F : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^n \Rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$
round-function, k_0, k_1, \dots, k_t
subkeys

Enc $m = (L_0, R_0), i = 0, \dots, t + 1 :$
 $L_{i+1} = R_i, R_{i+1} = L_i \oplus (F_{k_i}(R_i))$
 $c = (L_{t+1}, R_{t+1})$

Dec $i = n, n - 1 \dots, 0 : R_i = L_{i+1}, L_i =$
 $R_{i+1}(F_{k_i}(L_{i+1}))$
 $m = (L_0, R_0)$

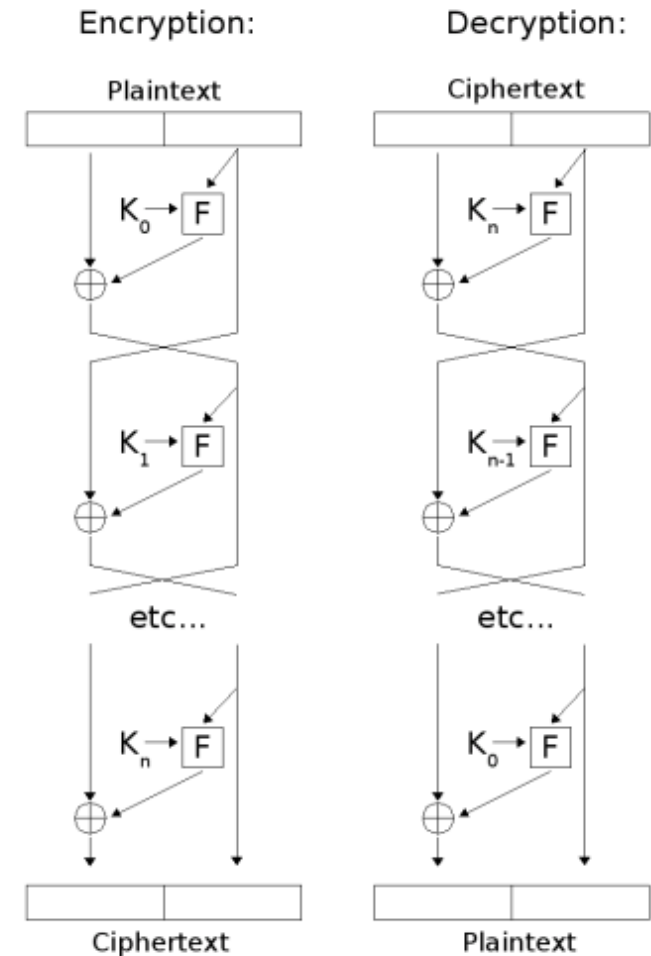


Feistel Cipher

Feistel networks

Properties

- if $F(.)$ is PRF \Rightarrow PRP after 3 rounds, strong PRP after 4 rounds
- $F(.)$ any function (not necessarily invertible)
- unbalanced versions
- randomized ciphertext
- format preserving encryption
- GOST, DES, RC5, Blowfish, ...



Feistel Cipher

Feistel network

GOST

- block length: 64 bit, key size: 256 bit, 32 rounds
- round function: $F_{k_i}(m_i) : m_i \boxplus k_i \longrightarrow \text{S-box} \longrightarrow \lll 11$
- 8 S-boxes of size 4x4

Properties

- soviet origins
- theoretical break
- practical break: 2^{192} time for 2^{64} pieces of data

Substitution-permutation networks

Basic idea

- encrypt $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, where n is the block length
- several rounds
- subkeys generated from k
- S(ubst)-box and P(ermut)-box structure (changes with each round)
- S-box: substitution function
- P-box: permutation

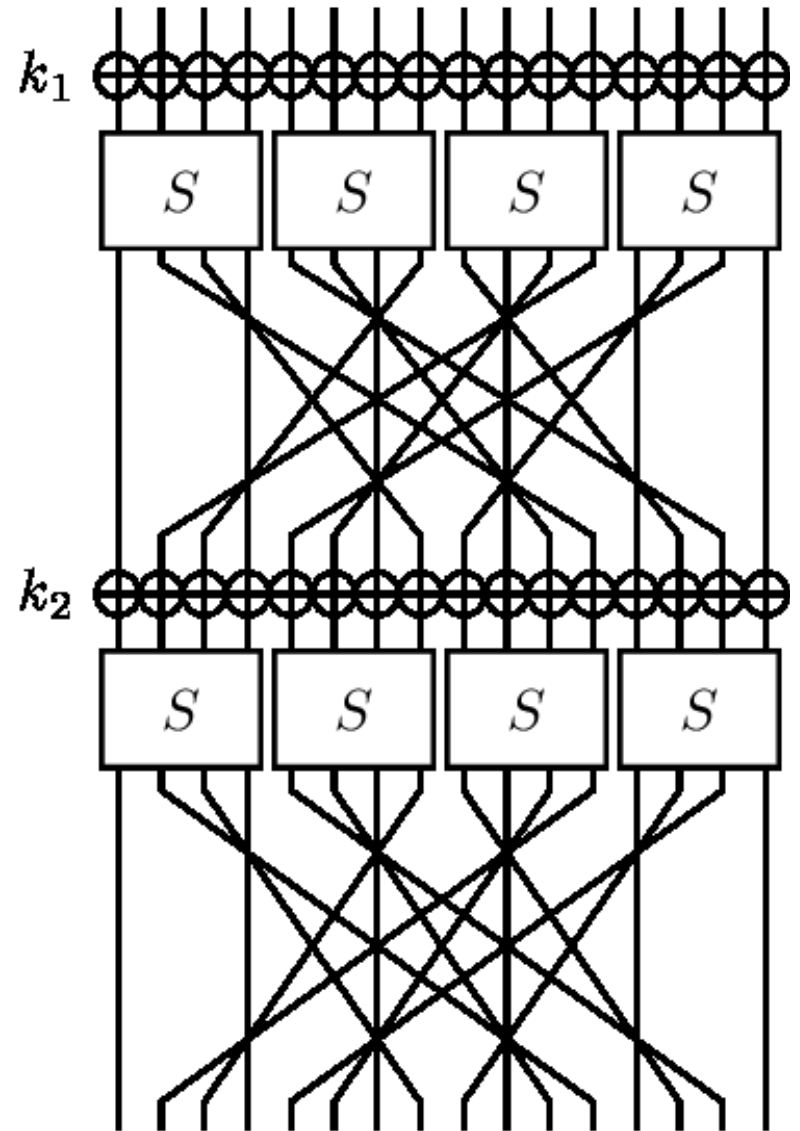
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S-P network

Gen $S_i : \{0, 1\}^{n/l} \Rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n/l}, i = 1, \dots, l; P : \{0, 1\}^n \Rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n, k_0, k_1, \dots, k_t$ subkeys

Enc $m_0 = m, c_i = (c_i^1, \dots, c_i^l) = m_i \oplus k_i, m_{i+1} = P(S_1(c_i^1), S_2(c_i^2), \dots, S_l(c_i^l))$
 $c = m_{t+1}$

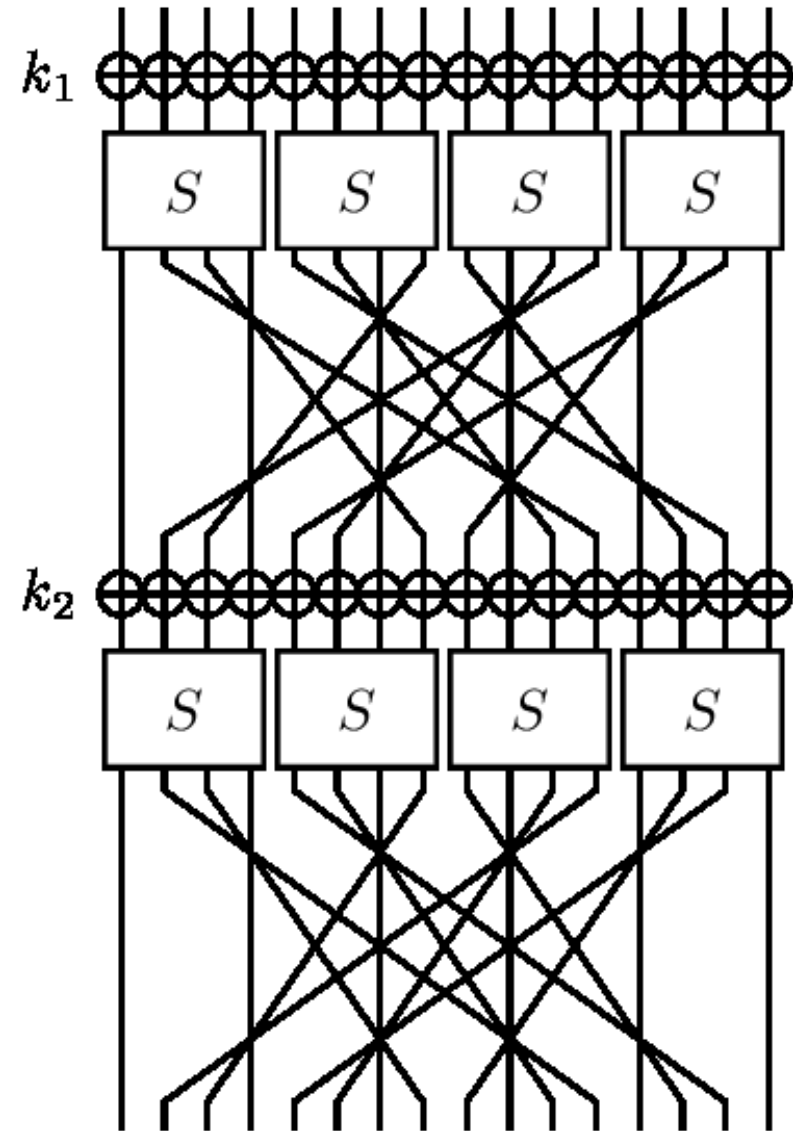
Dec Using $S_i^{-1}, i = 1, \dots, l, P^{-1}$



Substitution-permutation networks

Properties

- S-box: bijective, avalanche effect, strong output-dependence
- P-box: permutation (shuffling)
- simple, hardware-friendly operations
- Goal: to fulfill the confusion-diffusion paradigm by Shannon
- AES (Rijndael), PRESENT, ...



Feistel vs. S-P

- Feistel: no need for invertible function
- S-P: parallel execution, might be faster on some hardware (not always, e.g. smart cards)
- \exists Feistel combined with S-boxes

Substitution-permutation networks

AES

- Rijndael block cipher's special case (Daemen, Rijmen)
- 2001: USA standard (AES competition)
- software - hardware efficiency
- no practical break known
- best known improvement over brute force: AES-128:
reduced to 2^{126} operations
- side-channel attacks (protect hardware!)

Substitution-permutation networks

AES

- block length: 128 bits
- key size: 128 (10 rounds), 192 (12 rounds) or 256 bits (14 rounds)
- 4 x 4 byte-matrices (state)
- KeyExpansion: generate subkeys
- AddRoundKey: $\dots \oplus$ subkey
- 9, 11 v 13 rounds:
 - 1 SubBytes (S-box)
 - 2 ShiftRows (P-box)
 - 3 MixColumns (P-box)
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AES background (theory)

Rijndael-test

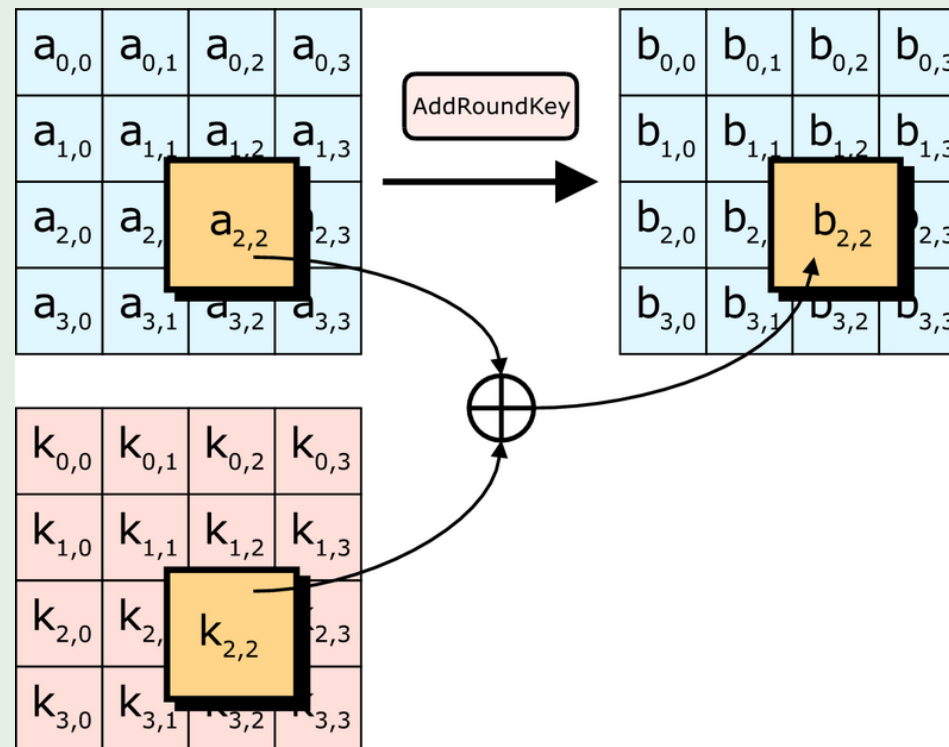
- $x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ polynomial over \mathbb{Z}_2 (irreducible)
- $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \rangle$: 256-element field (4 basic operations on bytes)
- string to polynomial:
 $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_7) \longleftrightarrow b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_7x^7 \in \mathbb{F}$

AES key generation and expansion

KeyExpansion

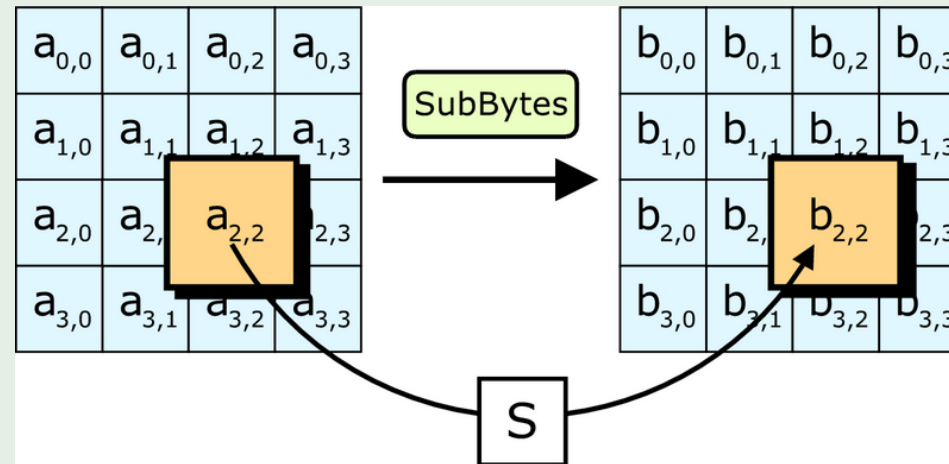
- subkeys for all rounds
- $k_{0,0}, \dots, k_{0,3}, k_{1,0}, \dots, k_{3,3}$
- skipping details

AddRoundKey



AES S-box

SubBytes

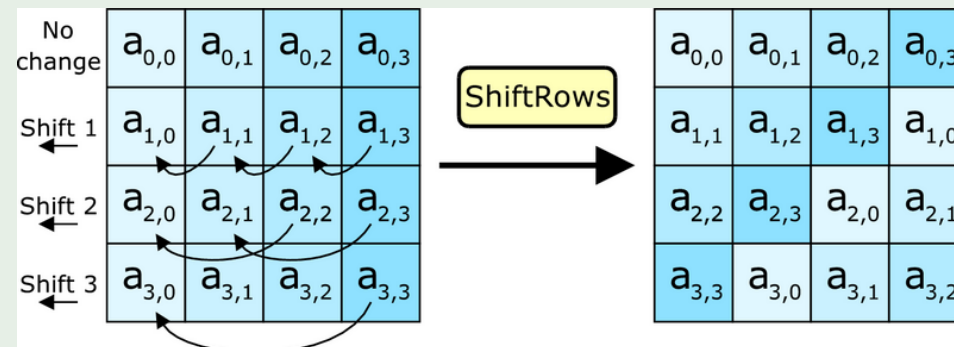


SubBytes

- $x \in \{0, 1\}^8 : S(x) = Cx^{-1} + c : x^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}$
- $C \in \{0, 1\}^{8 \times 8}$ fixed invertible matrix
- $c \in \{0, 1\}^8$ fixed vector
- $S(\cdot)$ affine transformation without fixed point (linear + constant)
- inverse: $x = S^{-1}(y) = (C^{-1}(y - c))^{-1}$

AES P-box (1st half)

ShiftRows

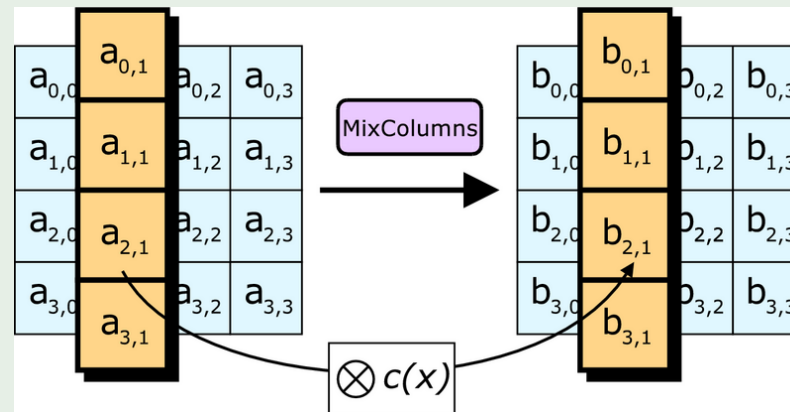


ShiftRows

- $\lll i$ in row i
- inverse easy

AES P-box (2nd half)

MixColumns



ShiftRows

- $a(x) = a_{3,1}x^3 + a_{2,1}x^2 + a_{1,1}x + a_{0,1}$
- $c(x) = 3x^3 + x^2 + x + 2$
- $a \otimes c \equiv a \cdot b \pmod{x^4 + 1}$
- inverse: $c^{-1}(x) = 11x^3 + 13x^2 + 9x + 14 \pmod{x^4 + 1}$

Hash functions: in data structures

- hash function is a compression function
- arbitrary input length
- $H : \{0, 1\}^* \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$, typically $n = 128, 160, 256, \text{etc}$
- used in data structures and algorithms (set, map, etc.)
 - elements stored in a table of size k .
 - find and add operations in $O(1)$ time (amortized)
 - Key x stored in cell at index $H(x)$
 - Find x by computing $H(x)$ and looking at corresponding cell
- *collision*: $x \neq x' : H(x) = H(x')$
- collisions should not be too frequent
- good: distributes elements „evenly” accross the table

Hash functions: cryptography

- compress
- few collisions
- avoiding collisions
 - algo: good for running times, no strict avoidance, rather minimization
 - crypto: it's a must
- No special interest in values of x and $H(.)$ in algo
- Attacker may choose x in crypto
- Cryptographic hash: more of a challenge

Cryptographic hash functions

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Cryptographic hash functions

Design principles

- Collision-free
- Second-preimage resistance
- Preimage resistance
- *Avalanche effect*: small change in input \Rightarrow large change in output
 - *Strict avalanche criterion*: changing an input bit \Rightarrow changes all output bits with prob. 1/2
 - *Bit independence criterion*: $\forall i, j, k$: changing input bit $i \Rightarrow$ change in output bits j, k independent

Birthday attack

Let $H : \{0, 1\}^* \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$ be a hash function. By computing (roughly) $2^{n/2}$ hash values, we will find a collision with prob. $1/2$.

- Faster than brute force
- $\implies n \geq 160$
- „Breaking” a hash function usually means an attack which beats the birthday attack

Merkle-Damgård construction

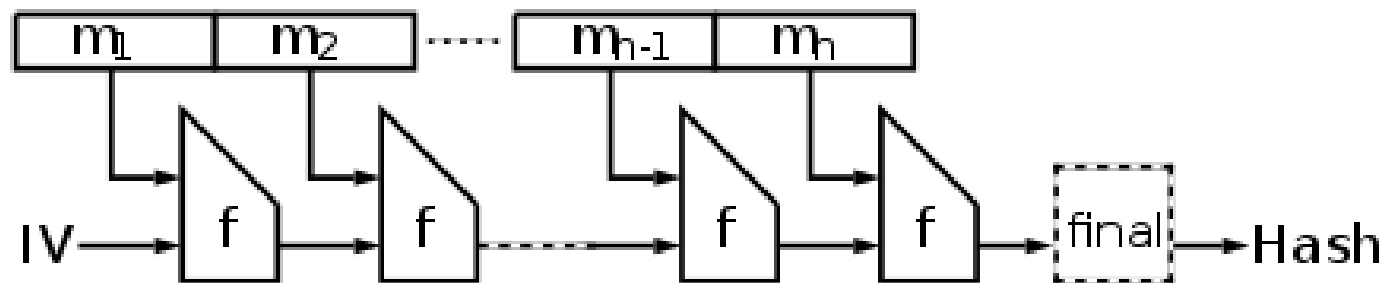
Basic idea

- In practice, input length is usually fixed
- this construction enables the use of arbitrary inputs
- Let $h : \{0, 1\}^{2^n} \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$ a hash function with fixed length inputs, $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$, s.t. $|m| = \ell < 2^n$
- construction uses chaining
- $\Rightarrow H(.)$ obtained with arbitrary inputs

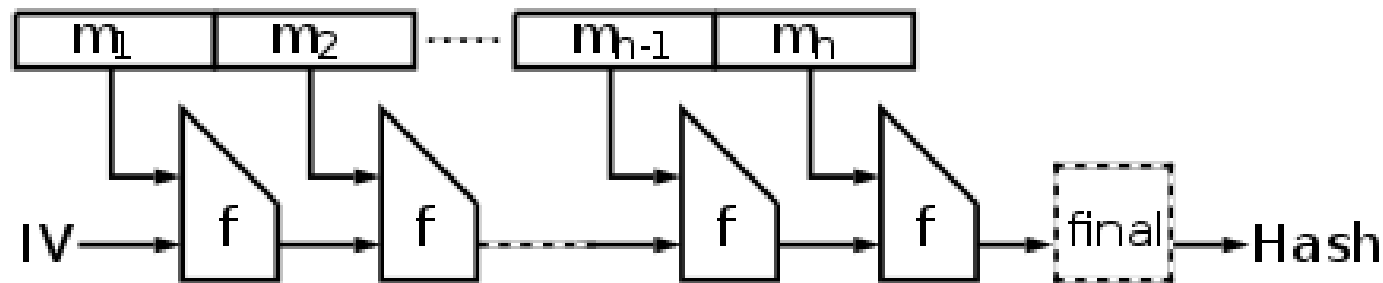
Merkle-Damgård construction

Merkle-Damgård transform

- 1 Split m into blocks of length n : $b := \lceil \frac{\ell}{n} \rceil$ és $m = (m_1 | m_2 | \dots | m_b)$
- 2 Let $m_{b+1} := \ell \in \{0, 1\}^k$, $z_0 := IV$
- 3 For $i = 1, \dots, b + 1$, compute $z_i := h(z_{i-1} | m_i)$
- 4 $H(m) := z_{b+1}$



Merkle-Damgård construction

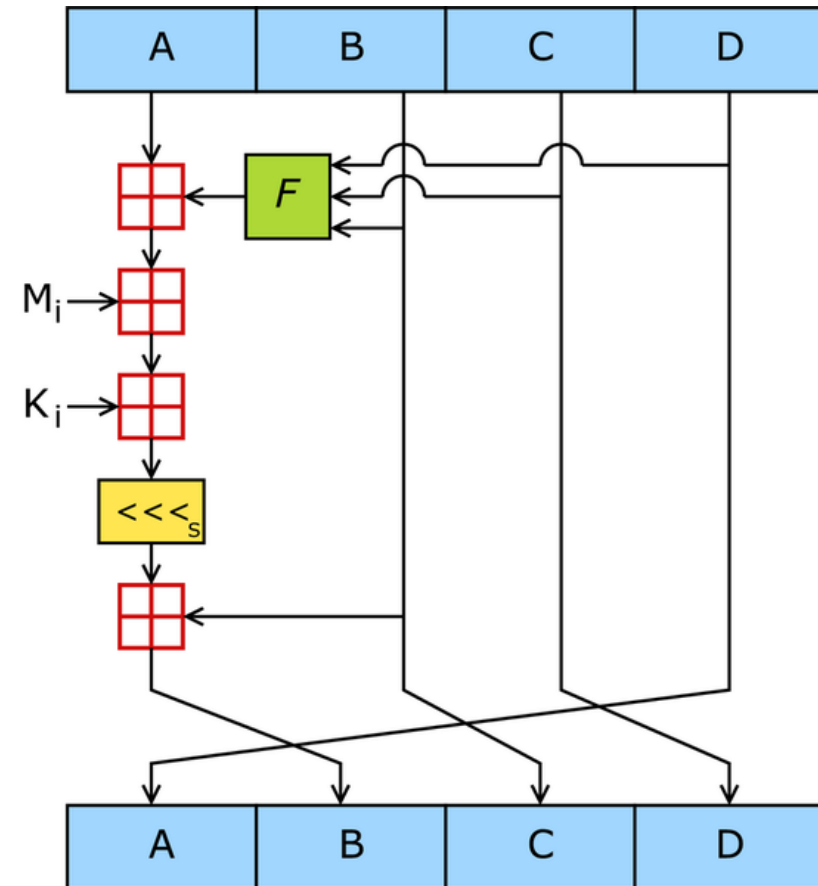


Properties

- in practice: suffices to have a hash for fixed input length
- theoretically: any compression ratio is fine
- $IV : z_0$ free to choose
- $h(.)$ collision-free $\Rightarrow H(.)$ collision-free

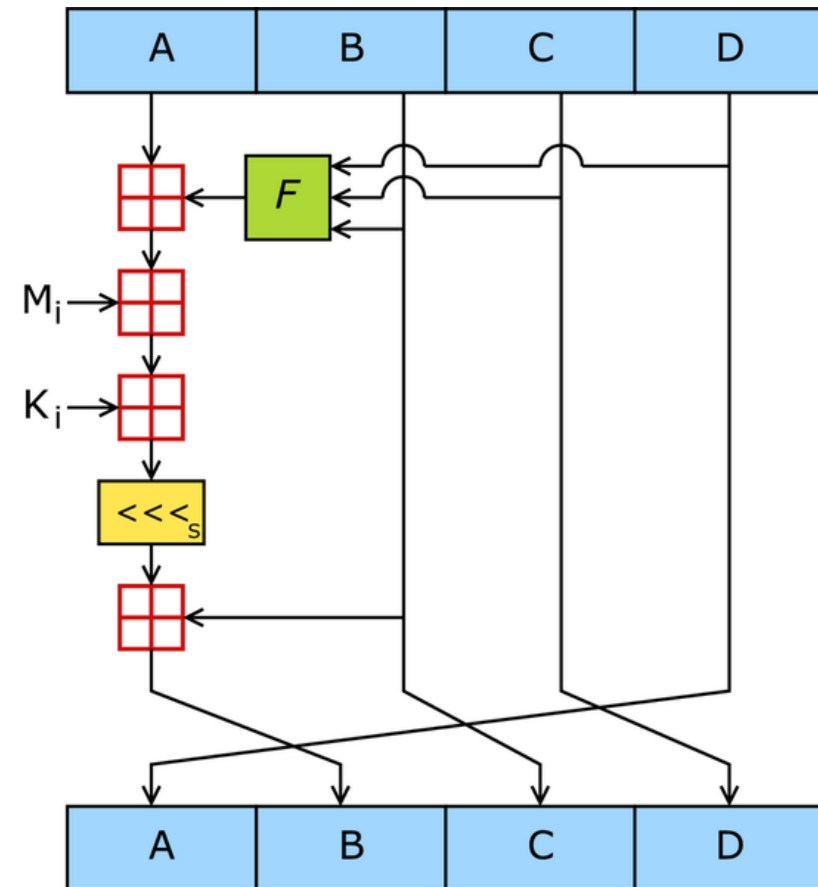
MD5 - description

- 512-to-128 bit compression and Merkle-Damgård
- Works on 32-bit words
- m broken up onto 512(=16*32)-bit blocks
- Operates on 128(=4*32)-bit „states“
- A, B, C, D fixed
- 4 rounds, 16 operations per round
- 4 non-linear F :
 - 1 $F(B, C, D) = (B \wedge C) \vee (\neg B \wedge D)$
 - 2 $G(B, C, D) = (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge \neg D)$
 - 3 $H(B, C, D) = B \oplus C \oplus D$
 - 4 $I(B, C, D) = C \oplus (B \vee \neg D)$
- M_i message block
- K_i constant, s shift parameter (varies for each operation)



MD5 – analysis

- Historical importance, collisions can be found!
- 128 bit output \implies birthday attack
- 1992 - MD5 published
- 1993 - „pseudo-collision” in compression function (IV -based attack)
- 1996 - collision in compression function
- 2004 - MD5CRK, distributed birthday attack
- 2004 - hash collision in under an hour (analytic attack)
- 2005 - collision in two X.509 certificates, different key, same MD5 hash
- 2010 - first published one/block collision



SHA family of hash functions

- SHA – Secure Hash Algorithm

- U.S. NSA, U.S. NIST

SHA-0 (1993)

- 160-bit output, 32-bit words, 80 rounds
- operations: \oplus , \boxplus , \wedge , \vee , \lll
- collision...

SHA-1 (1995)

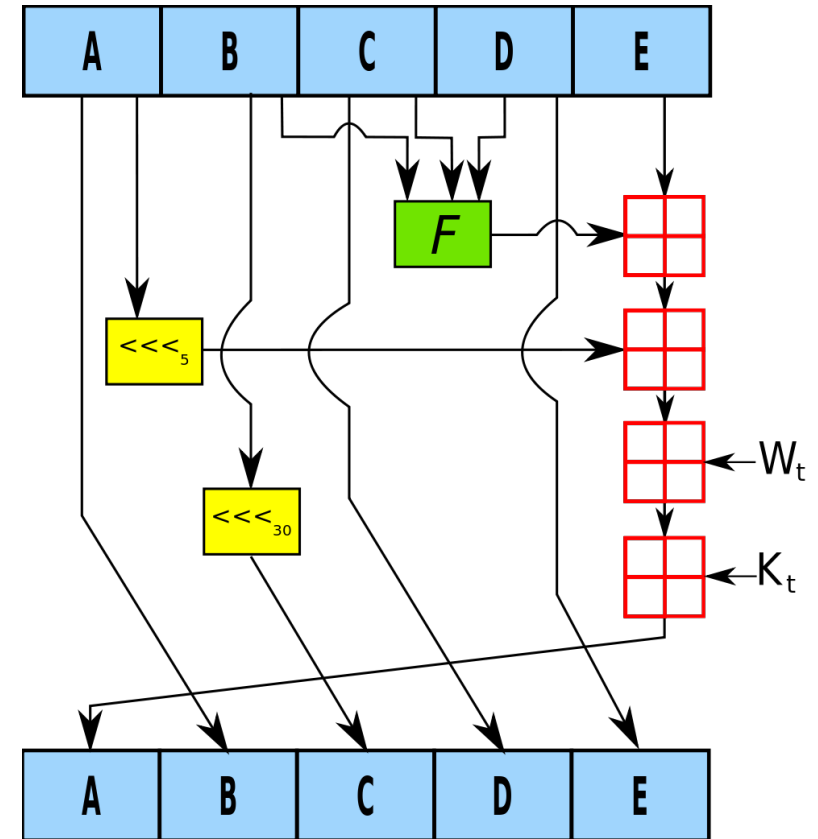
- 160-bit output, 32-bit words, 80 rounds
- more resistant, theoretical attack in 2^{61} time (2011)

SHA-2 (2001) = SHA-256/SHA-512

- 256/512-bit output, 32/64-bit words, 64/80 rounds
- no (known) collisions

SHA-3 (2014-)

- different design
- alternative to SHA-2



SHA-1, original diagram for Wikipedia created
by User:Matt Crypto

NIST hash competition (2007 – 2012)

Similar to AES competition

- Oct. 2008 deadline for submissions
- Dec. 2008 Round 1: 51 candidates remain
- Feb. 2009 NIST conference: submitted candidates
 - Jul. 2009 Round 2: 14 candidates
- Aug. 2010 CRYPTO 2010: analyze round 2 candidates
- Dec. 2010 Finalists announced
 - performance: modest hardware requirements
 - security: crypto/design weaknesses
 - analysis: cryptanalysis by the entire crypto community
 - diversity: various modes of operations and internal states
- Dec. 2012 winner: Keccak
- Aug. 2013 NIST announces changes compared to the standardized hash for „better security/performance”
- Aug. 2015 Keccak is new SHA-3 hash standard

SHA-3/Keccak

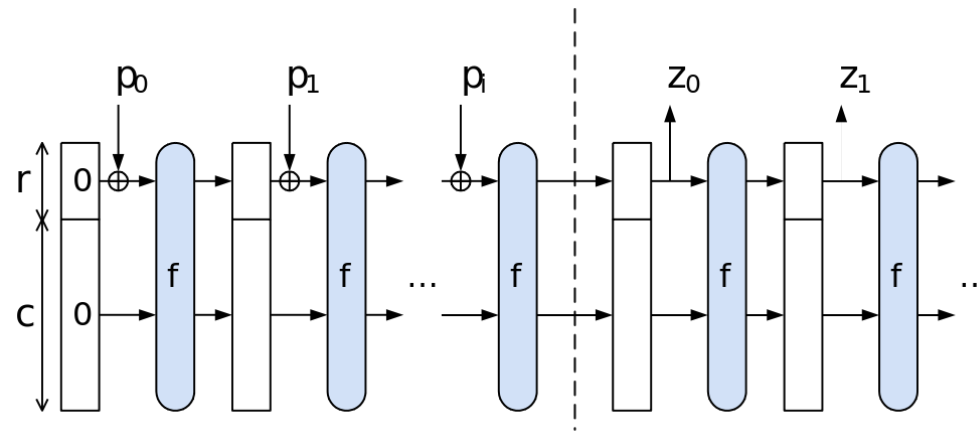


Diagram of a sponge construction from <http://sponge.noekeon.org/>

- Bertoni, Daemen, Peteers , Van Assche
- *Sponge construction* – permutation f of fixed length + padding rule:
 1. m padded and broken up into r -bit blocks p_i
 2. absorption: iteration of f : XOR of p_i with output of f from the previous block. All blocks are „absorbed” into internal state
 3. squeeze out: extract output blocks z_i from (continuously updated) internal state.

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Message Authentication Code (MAC): definition

Problem

- secret key shared between communicating parties
- authenticated message sent
- Has it been modified?
- Message Authentication Code (MAC)

Message Authentication Code (MAC): definition

Definition

A Message Authentication Code is a triple $(Gen, Mac, Vrfy)$ with:

- *Gen key generation: for security parameter 1^n , returns a key k with $|k| \geq n$*
- *Mac tag generation: for key k and message $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ returns a MAC-tag $t := Mac_k(m)$*
- *$Vrfy$ verification: for key k , tag t and message m , returns a bit $b := Vrfy_k(m, t)$ ($b = 1$, if t is a valid MAC-tag for m , otherwise 0.)*

The system fulfils the following correctness definition:

$$Vrfy_k(m, Mac_k(m)) = 1.$$

MAC – security definition

What is an attack like?

- The attacker can:
 - 1 query MACs from Alice for various messages (examine how the message affects the tag)
 - 2 do some computation
 - 3 *forge* a MAC: a valid tag for a for some new message m (never queried before)
- security means that the attacker cannot perform the above attack efficiently

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- too strong?
 - can query anything
 - any valid tag is a successful „break”
- in practice, only meaningful messages are of interest
- What's „meaningful”
- *Replay attack*
 - solutions: timestamps or counter with m
 - drawback: synchronization or storage issues

MAC construction for fixed length messages

Fixed length MAC

Let $PRF : \{0, 1\}^n \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$ PRF. Then the following is a secure MAC.

Gen: $k \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$

Mac: For key k and message $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, let the tag $t := PRF_k(m)$

Vrfy: Output $1 \Leftrightarrow t = PRF_k(m)$

- if PRF secure, \Rightarrow MAC secure
- drawback: fixed length m
- randomization (+ a few additional tricks): arbitrary length

MAC from hash: HMAC

HMAC

Let $h : \{0, 1\}^{2n} \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$ and $H : \{0, 1\}^* \mapsto \{0, 1\}^n$ the Merkle-Damgård constructed hash. Let $IV, ipad, opad \in \{0, 1\}^n$ fixed.

Gen: $k \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$

Mac: $t := h(h(IV|k \oplus opad)|H_{IV}(k \oplus ipad|m))$

Vrfy: output 1 $\Leftrightarrow t = Mac_k(m)$

- if h collision-free, then HMAC secure
- Merkle-Damgård not secure against so-called length extension attack

Symmetric vs. public-key crypto

Symmetric keys

- Common key k (secret)
- Both for encryption and decryption
- Secure channel without trusted third party

Public key cryptography

- pk, sk pair of keys (public, secret)
- pk at sender, sk at receiver
- distribute keys:
 - pk publicly sent (through authenticated channel)
 - pk broadcast, independent of sender
- multiple senders – one receiver
- 2-3 orders of magnitude slower :(

Definition of public key scheme

Definition

A public key scheme is a triple $\Pi = (Gen, Enc, Dec)$ with:

- *Gen , the key generation, a prob. algorithm that has 1^n as input (security param.) and (pk, sk) as output (key pair). The public key is pk , the secret key is sk , and $|pk|, |sk| \geq n$*
- *Enc , the encryption, a PPT algo. with pk and message $m \in \mathcal{M}$ as inputs and $c \in \mathcal{C}$, $c := Enc_{pk}(m)$ as output (ciphertext)*
- *Dec , the decryption a deterministic algo. with sk and $c \in \mathcal{C}$ as inputs. The output is an element of \mathcal{M} , $Dec_{sk}(c)$.*

Properties of public key scheme

Correctness

We trivially need $\forall n, \forall pk, sk$ and $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$, that

$$Dec_{sk} Enc_{pk}(m) = m.$$

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Attacks against public key schemes

Definition (indistinguishability experiment with eavesdropping $PubK_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{eav}(n)$)

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- 3 $k = Gen(1^n), b \in_R \{0, 1\} : c = Enc_{pk}(m_b)$ *given to \mathcal{A}*
- 4 \mathcal{A} *issues* $b' \in \{0, 1\}$
- 5 $PubK_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^{eav}(n) = 1$, *if $b = b'$, otherwise 0.*

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- 3 $b \in_R \{0, 1\} : c = Enc_{pk}(m_b)$ *given to \mathcal{A}*
- 4 *\mathcal{A} has renewed oracle access to $Enc_{pk}(\cdot)$. Then issues $b' \in \{0, 1\}$*
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Attacks against public key schemes

Definition (indistinguishability experiment with multiple eavesdroppings $PubK_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{meav}(n)$)

Slight modification of definition

1 *Adversary \mathcal{A} issues*

$M_0 = (m_{01}, \dots, m_{0t}), M_1 = (m_{11}, \dots, m_{1t})$ *sequences,*

$\forall i : |m_{0i}| = |m_{1i}|$

2 $b \in_R \{0, 1\} : C = (c_1, \dots, c_t) : c_i = Enc_{pk}(m_{bi})$ *is given to \mathcal{A}*

Attacks against public key schemes

Theorem

If Π is secure against one eavesdropping \Rightarrow CPA-security follows

Theorem

If Π is secure against one eavesdropping \Rightarrow also secure against multiple eavesdroppings

Theorem

$\nexists \Pi$ perfectly secure scheme (i.e. $\forall \mathcal{A} : \text{PubK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{eav}}(n) = 1/2$)

Number theory for cypto

Euler's totient function φ

- $\varphi(n) = |\{k : 1 \leq k \leq n, (k, n) = 1\}|$
- p prime: $\varphi(p) = p - 1, \varphi(p^m) = p^m - p^{m-1}$
- $\varphi(nm) = \varphi(n)\varphi(m)$, **ha** $(n, m) = 1$

Theorem (Euler–Fermat)

$\forall a : 1 \leq a \leq n, (a, n) = 1 \Rightarrow a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod n.$

Number theory for cypto

Theorem (Prime number theorem)

For $x > 0$ let $\pi(x)$ denote the number of primes up to x . We have $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$

Corollary

$\exists c > 0 \forall n > 1$: Number of n -bit primes roughly $c \cdot 2^{n-1}/n$.

- n^2/c random picks will result in at least one prime with prob. $1 - 1/e^n$
- 2002: DPT primality test
- practice: PPT test
- e.g. Miller-Rabin

Textbook RSA

- Gen**
- For input 1^n , choose primes p, q with n -bits.
Set $N = pq$
 - Let $e \in \{2, \dots, N - 1\} : (e, \varphi(N)) = 1$
 - Let $d \in \{2, \dots, N - 1\} : ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(N)}$
 - $pk = (N, e), sk = (p, q, d)$

Enc For message $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and private key pk , let
 $c \equiv m^e \pmod{N}$

Dec For ciphertext $c \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and secret key sk , let $m \equiv c^d \pmod{N}$

Seciruty of textbook RSA

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Security

- correctness: $(x^e)^d = x^{ed} \equiv x^{ed \pmod{\varphi(N)}} \equiv x^1 = x$
- *Enc* DPT \Rightarrow no security unless randomization added

RSA

Factorization problem

For random RSA modulus input N , find $p, q : N = pq$.

RSA problem

For random RSA instance N, e, c , find $m : m^e \equiv c \pmod{N}$.

Statement

Factoring tractable \Rightarrow RSA tractable. Note: \Leftarrow only conjectured.

Properties

- Rivest, Shamir, Adleman '76
- p, q 1024-bit Sophie-Germain primes ($2p + 1$ is also prime)
- $e = 2^{16} + 1$ (prím)
- PPP encryption: $m' = (r||m)$ with r fixed length random

Theorem

If RSA problem difficult \Rightarrow randomized RSA is CPA-secure

