

# Systems Security

## Lab 2

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# Outline

- 1 Datasets
- 2 Points of Interest
- 3 Correlation Power Analysis
- 4 Template Attack
- 5 Simulating Countermeasures and Machine Learning
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# Datasets

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p7ahj-r8vCTS9KLPGNvoUwNwqs6HSq0p/view?usp=sharing>
- Optional: <https://github.com/ANSSI-FR/ASCAD>

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# Points of Interest

- Selecting good points of interest is very important since it can significantly change the computational complexity and performance of SCA.
- There are many ways how to select points of interest.
- Filter selection methods, wrapper selection methods, hybrid selection methods.

# Points of Interest

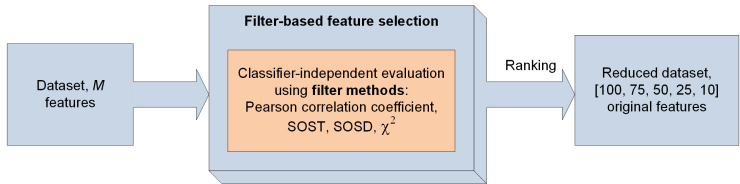


Figure: Filter methods

# Points of Interest

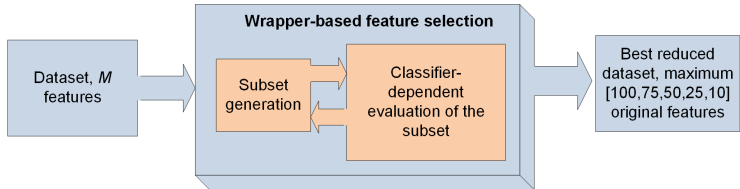


Figure: Wrapper methods

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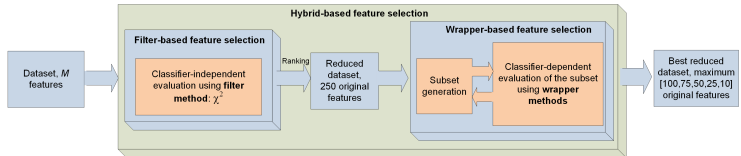


Figure: Hybrid methods



## Points of Interest

- Pearson correlation coefficient measures linear dependence between two variables,  $x$  and  $y$ , in the range  $[-1, 1]$ , where 1 is the total positive linear correlation, 0 is no linear correlation, and  $-1$  is the total negative linear correlation.

$$Pearson(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N ((x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y}))}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}. \quad (1)$$

- We calculate Pearson correlation for the target class variables HW and intermediate value, which consists of categorical values that are interpreted as numerical values.
- The features are ranked in descending order of the coefficient.

## Points of Interest

- The sum of squared differences as a selection method, simply as:

$$SOSD(x, y) = \sum_{i,j>i} (\bar{x}_{y_i} - \bar{x}_{y_j})^2, \quad (2)$$

where  $\bar{x}_{y_i}$  is the mean of the traces where the model equals  $y_i$ .

- Because of the square, SOSD is always positive.
- Another advantage of using the square is to emphasize big differences in means.

## Points of Interest

- SOST is the normalized version of SOSD and is thus equivalent to the pairwise Student's  $t$ -test:

$$SOST(x, y) = \sum_{i,j>i} \left( (\bar{x}_{y_i} - \bar{x}_{y_j}) / \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{y_i}^2}{n_{y_i}} + \frac{\sigma_{y_j}^2}{n_{y_j}}} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

with  $n_{y_i}$  and  $n_{y_j}$  being the number of traces where the model equals to  $y_i$  and  $y_j$ , respectively.

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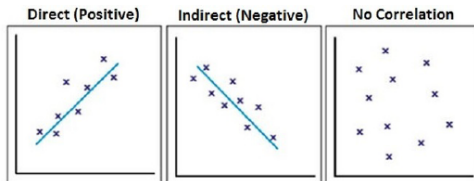
# Correlation Power Analysis

- Write a leakage model for the power consumption.
- Obtain measurements of power consumption while device is running encryption over different plaintexts.
- Attack subparts of the key (divide and conquer approach):
  - ① Consider all options for subkey. For each guess and trace, use plaintext and guessed subkey to calculate power consumption according to the model.
  - ② Use the Pearson correlation to differentiate between the modeled and actual power consumption.
  - ③ Decide which subkey guess correlates best to the measured traces.
- Combine the best subkey guesses to obtain the secret key.

# Pearson's Correlation

$$\rho_{X,Y} = \frac{\text{cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} = \frac{E[(X - \mu_x)(Y - \mu_y)]}{\sqrt{E[(X - \mu_x)^2]E[(Y - \mu_y)^2]}} \quad (4)$$

- If  $Y$  always increases when  $X$  increases, it is 1.
- If  $Y$  always decreases when  $X$  decreases, it is -1.
- If  $Y$  is independent of  $X$ , it is 0.



# Pearson's Correlation

- Let us take  $N$  measurements  $m$ , where each measurement has  $z$  data points.  $m_{n,j}$  is the data point  $j$  in trace  $n$ .
- We estimate the power consumption in each trace with the model.
- In total, there are  $S$  different subkeys to try.
- $h_{n,s}$  is the power estimate of the trace  $n$  with the subkey  $s$ .

## Pearson's Correlation

- Next, we need to see how  $h$  and  $m$  correlate over  $N$  traces.

$$r_{s,j} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^N [(h_{n,s} - \bar{h}_s)(m_{n,j} - \bar{m}_j)]}{\sqrt{\sum_{n=1}^N (h_{n,s} - \bar{h}_s)^2 \sum_{n=1}^N (m_{n,j} - \bar{m}_j)^2}} \quad (5)$$



# Online CPA

- We do not need to take all the traces.
- Rather, we take a number of traces, observe results, add more traces, observe, etc.
- We do not want to calculate everything from scratch all the time.
- So, we run online CPA.

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_{i,j} &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D [(h_{d,i} - \bar{h}_i)(t_{d,j} - \bar{t}_j)]}{\sqrt{\sum_{d=1}^D (h_{d,i} - \bar{h}_i)^2 \sum_{d=1}^D (t_{d,j} - \bar{t}_j)^2}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D [h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i t_{d,j} - h_{d,i} \bar{t}_j + \bar{h}_i \bar{t}_j]}{\sqrt{\sum_{d=1}^D (h_{d,i}^2 - 2\bar{h}_i h_{d,i} + \bar{h}_i^2) \sum_{d=1}^D (t_{d,j}^2 - 2\bar{t}_j t_{d,j} + \bar{t}_j^2)}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j} - \bar{t}_j \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} + D \bar{h}_i \bar{t}_j}{\sqrt{(\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2 - 2\bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} + D \bar{h}_i^2) (\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2 - 2\bar{t}_j \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j} + D \bar{t}_j^2)}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j} - \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} + D \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{D} \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}}{D}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2 - 2\bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} + D \bar{h}_i \bar{h}_i) (\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2 - 2\bar{t}_j \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j} + D \bar{t}_j \bar{t}_j)}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2 - 2\bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} + D \bar{h}_i \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}}{D}) (\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2 - 2\bar{t}_j \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j} + D \bar{t}_j \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{D})}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2 - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}) (\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2 - \bar{t}_j \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j})}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \bar{h}_i \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{\sqrt{(\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2 - \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}) (\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2 - \frac{\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{D} \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j})}} \\
 &= \frac{D \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{D \sqrt{((\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i})^2 - D \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2) ((\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j})^2 - D \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2)}} \\
 &= \frac{D \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} t_{d,j} - \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i} \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}}{\sqrt{((\sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i})^2 - D \sum_{d=1}^D h_{d,i}^2) ((\sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j})^2 - D \sum_{d=1}^D t_{d,j}^2)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

## CPA Assignment (7 points)

- Implement guessing entropy metric.
- Attack the whole key with CPA.
- Implement online CPA.
- Implement guessing entropy metric.
- Attack the first key byte with online CPA.
- Use the Hamming weight leakage model.

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# Template Attack

- Using the copy of device, record a large number of measurements using different plaintexts and keys. We require information about every possible subkey value.
- Create a template of device's operation. A template is a set of probability distributions that describe what the power traces look like for many different keys.
- On device that is to be attacked, record a (small) number of measurements (called attack traces) using different plaintexts.
- Apply the template to the attack traces. For each subkey, record what value is the most likely to be the correct subkey.
- When using high-quality templates made from many traces, it is possible to attack a system with a single trace.
- Template attack can become unstable if there are more points of interest than measurements per value.

## Template Attack

- It works under the assumption that the measurements are dependent among the  $D$  features given the target class.
- More precisely, given the vector of  $N$  observed attribute values for  $x$ , the posterior probability for each class value  $y$  is computed as:

$$p(Y = y|X = x) = \frac{p(Y = y)p(X = x|Y = y)}{p(X = x)}, \quad (6)$$

where  $X = x$  represents the event that  $X_1 = x_1 \wedge X_2 = x_2 \wedge \dots \wedge X_N = x_N$ .

# Template Attack

- Note that the class variable  $Y$  and the measurement  $X$  are not of the same type:  $Y$  is discrete while  $X$  is continuous. So, the discrete probability  $p(Y = y)$  is equal to its sample frequency where  $p(X = x|Y = y)$  displays a density function.
- Mostly in the state-of-the art,  $p(X = x|Y = y)$  is assumed to rely on a (multivariate) normal distribution and is thus parameterized by its mean  $\bar{x}_y$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma_y$ :

$$p(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^D |\Sigma_y|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x - \bar{x}_y)^T \Sigma_y^{-1} (x - \bar{x}_y)}. \quad (7)$$

# Template Attack

- In practice, the estimation of the covariance matrices for each class value  $y$  can be ill-posed mainly due to an insufficient number of traces for each class.
- It is possible to use only one pooled covariance matrix to cope with statistical difficulties and thus a lower efficiency.
- Accordingly, Eq. (7) changes to

$$p(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^D |\Sigma|}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x - \bar{x}_y)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \bar{x}_y)}. \quad (8)$$



## Pooled Template Attack Assignment (4 points)

- Implement pooled template attack.
- Show guessing entropy results for the whole key and the intermediate value leakage model.
- [https://wiki.newae.com/Template\\_Attacks#Applying\\_the\\_Template](https://wiki.newae.com/Template_Attacks#Applying_the_Template)
- [https://wiki.newae.com/Tutorial\\_B8\\_Profiling\\_Attacks\\_\(Manual\\_Template\\_Attack\)](https://wiki.newae.com/Tutorial_B8_Profiling_Attacks_(Manual_Template_Attack))
- Pooled template attack consist in averaging the covariance matrices of all models to create a unique covariance matrix.
- This technique generally results in a weaker attack, but helps to speed up computation when considering traces with many POIs.

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# Add Desync

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**Algorithm 2** Add Desynchronization.

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1: function ADD_DESYNC(trace, desync_level)
2:   new_trace  $\leftarrow []$  ▷ container for new trace
3:   level  $\leftarrow$  randomNumber(0, desync_level)
4:   i  $\leftarrow$  0
5:   while i + level < len(trace) do
6:     new_trace[i]  $\leftarrow$  traces[i + level] ▷ add desynchronization to the trace
7:     i  $\leftarrow$  i + 1
8:   return new_trace
```

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# Machine Learning Attack Assignment (6 points)

- Use machine learning for profiling SCA on ChipWhisperer data.
- Use guessing entropy and attack all key bytes.
- Show results for both intermediate value and the Hamming weight leakage models.
- Add desynchronization countermeasure.
- Repeat machine learning attack.

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# Square-and-Multiply Algorithm

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```
1: Input :  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n, d = (d_{k-1}d_{k-2} \dots d_0)_2$ 
2: Output :  $m^d \bmod n$ 
3:  $a \leftarrow 1$ 
4: while  $i = k - 1$  to  $0$  do
5:    $a \leftarrow a^2 \bmod n$ 
6:   if  $d_i = 1$  then
7:      $a \leftarrow a \times m \bmod n$ 
8:   end if
9: end while
10: Return  $a$ 
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# Square-and-Multiply Always Algorithm

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```
1: Input :  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n, d = (d_{k-1}d_{k-2} \dots d_0)_2$ 
2: Output :  $m^d \bmod n$ 
3:  $R_0 \leftarrow 1; R_1 \leftarrow m; i \leftarrow k - 1; t \leftarrow 0$ 
4: while  $i \geq 0$  do
5:    $R_0 \leftarrow R_0 \times R_t \bmod n$ 
6:    $t \leftarrow t \text{ XOR } d_i; i \leftarrow i - 1 + t$ 
7: end while
8: Return  $R_0$ 
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# Montgomery Ladder Algorithm

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```
1: Input :  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m < n, d = (d_{k-1}d_{k-2} \dots d_0)_2$ 
2: Output :  $m^d \bmod n$ 
3:  $R_0 \leftarrow 1; R_1 \leftarrow m$ 
4: while  $i = k - 1$  to  $0$  do
5:    $R_{1-d_i} \leftarrow R_0 \times R_1 \bmod n$ 
6:    $R_{d_i} \leftarrow R_{d_i}^2 \bmod n$ 
7: end while
8: Return  $R_0$ 
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## Countermeasures Assignment (3 points)

- Implement square-and-multiply, square-and-multiply-always, and Montgomery ladder.
- Run timing tests on RSA.
- Report results.

# General Rules

- Submit all the code.
- Write report.
- Again, you are in a role of security evaluator who is writing a report.
- Use only the key.npy file for the key (i.e., disregard other key files).