

# Introduction to Cryptography – LMAT2450

## Practical Lesson 1

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### Exercise 1 (*Perfect secrecy.*)

We define the following encryption scheme for messages, keys and ciphertexts in  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{K} = \mathbb{Z}_n$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is essentially the integers in the interval  $[0, n)$  (in fact  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  forms a group):

- Gen outputs a key  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  selected uniformly at random.
- $\text{Enc}_k(m) := k + m \bmod n$
- $\text{Dec}_k(c) := c - k \bmod n$

Suppose messages are drawn from  $\mathcal{M}$  according to the binomial distribution. More precisely  $M \sim \text{Bi}(n-1, p)$  for some probability  $p$  which means that  $\forall m \in \mathcal{M} : \Pr[M = m] = \binom{n-1}{m} p^m (1-p)^{n-1-m}$ .

1. Show that the encryption scheme above is perfectly secret.
2. Evaluate  $\Pr[C = c]$  for every  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ .
3. Evaluate  $\Pr[K = k | C = c]$  for every  $k \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ .

### Exercise 2 (*Negligible functions.*)

1. Let  $f$  be a negligible function in  $n$ . Show that  $g : n \mapsto 1000 \cdot f(n)$  is negligible too.
2. Show that the function  $n \mapsto n^{-\log(n)}$  is negligible in  $n$ .

### Exercise 3 (*Efficiency.*)

Explain why the function that maps  $n$  on a sequence of “1” of length  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$  cannot be evaluated by any efficient algorithm in the size of the entry.

An example of such algorithm is given in Algorithm 1.

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#### Algorithm 1 Example of algorithm

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**Require:**  $n \geq 0$

**Ensure:** A sequence of  $\sqrt{n}$  “1”

**for**  $i = 0$  to  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$  **do**

    Print ‘1’

**end for**

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Hint: see  $n$  as a power of 2.

### Exercise 4 (*Security model.*)

Let  $\epsilon$  denote a negligible function. Remember that  $\Pi := \langle \text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec} \rangle$  has *indistinguishable multiple encryption in the presence of eavesdroppers* if  $\forall$  PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists \epsilon$  :

$$\Pr[\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{mult}}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(n),$$

where  $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{mult}}(n)$  is defined as follows.

1.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $M_0 = (m_0^1, \dots, m_0^t), M_1 = (m_1^1, \dots, m_1^t)$
2. Choose  $k \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$  and  $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ , and send  $(\text{Enc}_k(m_b^1), \dots, \text{Enc}_k(m_b^t))$  to  $\mathcal{A}$
3.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $b'$
4. Define  $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{mult}}(n) := 1$  iff  $b = b'$

Also remember that  $\Pi := \langle \text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec} \rangle$  has *indistinguishable encryption under a chosen-plaintext attack* if  $\forall$  PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\exists \epsilon$  :

$$\Pr[\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(n),$$

where  $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n)$  is defined as follows.

1. Choose  $k \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$
2.  $\mathcal{A}$  is given oracle access to  $\text{Enc}_k(\cdot)$
3.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$
4. Choose  $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$  and send  $\text{Enc}_k(m_b)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$
5.  $\mathcal{A}$  is again given oracle access to  $\text{Enc}_k(\cdot)$
6.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $b'$
7. Define  $\text{PrivK}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{cpa}}(n) := 1$  iff  $b = b'$

Define the concept of indistinguishable *multiple* encryption under a chosen-plaintext attack.