

# Exercise 1.1

## Task 1

We want to show that the algorithm inside **CTXT** is not *Real-or-Random* secure.

Let the message space be

$$M = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}^\lambda.$$

We may choose any  $p$  and  $\lambda$ .

The only condition we use is that the message is the all-zero vector.

### Example choice

$$m = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0], \quad p = 5, \quad \lambda = 5.$$

### Real cipher

For  $i = 0, \dots, \lambda - 1$ ,  $c[i] = m[i] \cdot k[i] \pmod{p}$ .

Since  $m[i] = 0$  for all  $i$ , it follows that  $\forall i \ c[i] = 0$ , so the ciphertext is always the all-zero vector  $0^\lambda$ .

### Random cipher

Each coordinate is sampled uniformly at random:

$$c[i] \leftarrow \text{Uniform}(\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}), \quad i = 0, \dots, \lambda - 1.$$

### Distinguishing advantage

Consider the adversary that outputs **real** iff the observed ciphertext is the all-zero vector  $0^\lambda$ .

- Under **Real**:  $\Pr[\text{Adversary says real} \mid \text{Real}] = 1$ .
- Under **Random**:  $\Pr[\text{Adversary says real} \mid \text{Random}] = \Pr[c = 0^\lambda] = \left(\frac{1}{p}\right)^\lambda$ .

Hence the distinguishing advantage is  $\left|1 - \frac{1}{p^\lambda}\right| = 1 - \frac{1}{p^\lambda}$ .

For  $p = 5$  and  $\lambda = 5$ ,  $\Pr[c = 0^\lambda] = \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{3125} \approx 0.00032$ , so the adversary has distinguishing advantage  $1 - \frac{1}{3125} \approx 0.99968$ .

The overall guessing correctly probability is

$$\Pr = \frac{1}{2} * 1 + \frac{1}{2} * \left(1 - \frac{1}{3125}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 * 3125} = 1 - \frac{1}{6250} = 0.00016$$

## Task 2

### Change in message space size

If  $M = \{1, \dots, p-1\}^\lambda$ , then  $C = \{1, \dots, p-1\}^\lambda$  as well, as there is no number between 1 and  $p-1$  that would result in modulo 0 for  $p = 5$ .

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## Exercise 1.2

Given a modified Feistel construction where the round function is defined as:

$$MF(\vec{k}, \vec{x}) = (\vec{x}_1) || F(\vec{k}, \vec{x}_1) \ \& \ \vec{x}_0$$

The adversary can query the oracle with the all-zero vector of length  $2\lambda$

$$\vec{q} = 0^{2\lambda} = 0^\lambda || 0^\lambda$$

The attack exploits a simple property of the **AND** operation:  $0 \ \& \ a = 0$  for any  $a$ .

**Distinguishing test:**

- if  $y$  is the all-zero vector, then it came from  $L_{PRP-real}^P$
- if  $y$  is not the all-zero vector, then it came from  $L_{PRP-rand}^P$

## Feistel Cipher Example with AND Operation

### Parameters

- $\lambda = 4$  (block size)
- **Message:** 00000000 (8 bits total)
- **Operation:** AND (&) instead of XOR ( $\oplus$ )
- **Rounds:** 3 rounds for this example

### Setup

#### Message Division

With  $\lambda = 4$ , we split the 8-bit message into two halves:

- $L_0 = 0000$  (left half, 4 bits)
- $R_0 = 0000$  (right half, 4 bits)

#### Round Function F

Let's define a simple round function  $F(R, K)$  where:

- $F(R, K) = R \ \& \ K$

## Round Keys

- $K_1 = 1010$  (round 1 key)
- $K_2 = 1100$  (round 2 key)
- $K_3 = 1111$  (round 3 key)

## Encryption Process

### Round 1

**Input:**  $L_0 = 0000$ ,  $R_0 = 0000$

1. **Compute  $F(R_0, K_1)$ :**

$$F(0000, 1010) = 0000 \ \& \ 1010 = 0000$$

2. **Update values:**

$$L_1 = R_0 = 0000$$

$$R_1 = L_0 \ \& \ F(R_0, K_1) = 0000 \ \& \ 0000 = 0000$$

**After Round 1:**  $L_1 = 0000$ ,  $R_1 = 0000$

### Round 2

**Input:**  $L_1 = 0000$ ,  $R_1 = 0000$

1. **Compute  $F(R_1, K_2)$ :**

$$F(0000, 1100) = 0000 \ \& \ 1100 = 0000$$

2. **Update values:**

$$L_2 = R_1 = 0000$$

$$R_2 = L_1 \ \& \ F(R_1, K_2) = 0000 \ \& \ 0000 = 0000$$

**After Round 2:**  $L_2 = 0000$ ,  $R_2 = 0000$

### Round 3

**Input:**  $L_2 = 0000$ ,  $R_2 = 0000$

1. **Compute  $F(R_2, K_3)$ :**

$$F(0000, 1111) = 0000 \ \& \ 1111 = 0000$$

2. **Update values:**

$$L_3 = R_2 = 0000$$

$$R_3 = L_2 \ \& \ F(R_2, K_3) = 0000 \ \& \ 0000 = 0000$$

**After Round 3:**  $L_3 = 0000$ ,  $R_3 = 0000$

**Final ciphertext** =  $L_3 \parallel R_3 = 0000 \parallel 0000 = 00000000$