

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 λ .

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^λ .

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^λ .

- 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 $p = 5$.

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 2λ

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

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:

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 &= R_0 = 0000 \\ R_1 &= L_0 \& F(R_0, K_1) = 0000 \& 0000 = 0000 \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} L_2 &= R_1 = 0000 \\ R_2 &= L_1 \& F(R_1, K_2) = 0000 \& 0000 = 0000 \end{aligned}$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} L_3 &= R_2 = 0000 \\ R_3 &= L_2 \& F(R_2, K_3) = 0000 \& 0000 = 0000 \end{aligned}$$

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

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