

### Q3A-3:

In the ECB mode any identical plaintexts will encrypt to the same ciphertext value. Unless each plaintext is encrypted only once within the lifetime of the key, you are revealing information about your plaintexts. ECB mode is not ideal for any cryptosystem which actually desires to keep its ciphertexts secure. ECB mode is totally insecure. The same block in the plaintext results in the same ciphertext. That means that it's deterministic and the attacker can distinguish between two ciphertexts so it's not CPA secure.

Suppose the attacker is giving the challenger 2 equal blocks of messages  $m_0 || m_1$ . He will receive  $c_0 || c_1$  where  $c_0 = c_1$ . And then he submits another message of two blocks  $m_2 || m_3$  where  $m_2 \neq m_3$  along with the first message  $m_0 || m_1$ . Since he can distinguish between those two the scheme is insecure under Chosen Plaintext Attacks.

**Q3B:** CBC encryption is best utilized when the encrypted data is completely diffused with the help of a completely random IV each time. If the attacker can predict the IV you are going to use to encrypt the message, your cipher is no longer CPA secure. As an example:

#### Round 1:

IV = 100

IV\_binary = 00000000 01100100

plaintext = "The plain text!"

plaintext\_binary = 01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110  
00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 00100001

IV\_binary XOR plaintext\_binary

00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100100  
01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110 00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 00100001

01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110 00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 01000101

ivbin\_xor\_plaintext = 01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110  
00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 01000101

decoded string (xor\_ivbin\_plaintext) = "The plain textE"

#### Round 2:

IV = IV+1 = 101

IV\_binary = 00000000 01100101

desired\_plaintext = IV\_binary XOR missing\_plaintext

desired\_plaintext\_binary = 01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001  
01101110 00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 00100001

IV\_binary XOR missing\_plaintext\_finder

00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01100101  
00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 01000100

01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110 00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 00100001

Missing\_plain\_text(m2) = 01010100 01101000 01100101 00100000 01110000 01101100 01100001 01101001 01101110  
00100000 01110100 01100101 01111000 01110100 01000100

Decode string(m2) = "The plain textD"

#### Answer:

message1 = "The plain text!" with IV 100

message2 = "The plain textD" with IV 101

You must use a cryptographically **random IV** of the same block size as the cipher (AES-256 uses a 128-bit block size). Use of a constant IV is essentially indistinguishable from ECB mode, and use of weak, predictable IVs isn't much better either.

**Q3C: OFB**

It is possible to recover the corresponding  $O_i$  block

$$O_i = C_i \oplus IV_{i+1}$$

**Q4(a)**

**i – Calculate  $\Phi(n)$  when  $e=3$ ,  $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) \neq 1$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $q = 13$**

Ans:

$$\Phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

$$\Phi(n) = 4 \times 12$$

$$\Phi(n) = 48$$

**ii – Encrypt 2 and 57**

Ans:

**Encrypting 2**

$$C = m^e \bmod N$$

$$C = (2)^3 \bmod (p \times q)$$

$$C = 8 \bmod 65$$

$$C = 8$$

**Encryption for 2 is 8**

**Encrypting 57**

$$C = m^e \bmod N$$

$$C = (57)^3 \bmod (p \times q)$$

$$C = 185193 \bmod 65$$

$$C = 8$$

**Encryption for 57 is also 8**

**iii – Find decryption key (d) such that  $ed \equiv 1 \bmod \Phi(n)$**

Ans:

$$d = (k \Phi(n) + 1) / e$$

$$d = (k (48) + 1) / 3$$

$$d = (48k + 1) / 3$$

Since  $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) \neq 1$ , no matter what value we put in the above equation, it will not return an integer value for d, which is why we are not able to find the decryption key. On the other hand, encryption values for 2 and 57 both are same.

**Q4(b) Decrypt the corresponding plain text when  $C = 10$ ,  $e = 5$  and  $N = 35$ .**

Ans:

$$N = 35 = 5 \times 7$$

$$\Phi(n) = (5-1)(7-1) = 24$$

$$d = (k \Phi(n) + 1) / e$$

$$d = (k (24) + 1) / 5$$

$$d = ((1 \times 24) + 1) / 5$$

$$d = 25 / 5$$

$$d = 5$$

**Decryption key = 5**

**Q5A-2:** Public key should be secured. Encrypted ciphers can be hashed before transmission.