

# 1 Secure Ciphers

A cipher is perfectly safe if  $P(M = m \mid C = c) = P(M = m)$ , where  $M$  and  $C$  refer to random variables for message and ciphertext, and  $m$  and  $c$  are particular messages and ciphertexts.

This can be interpreted as not gaining any information about what the message might be by intercepting a ciphertext.

This definition is equivalent to:

$\forall m, n \in \mathcal{M}, \forall c \in \mathcal{C}, P(Enc_k(m) = c) = P(Enc_k(n) = c)$ , where  $\mathcal{M}$  is the space of all possible messages, and  $\mathcal{C}$  is the space of all possible ciphertexts.

It is also equivalent to this game:

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an adversary and  $\mathcal{C}$ , the defender.

The game works as follows:

1.  $\mathcal{A}$  chooses  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  and sends them to  $\mathcal{C}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{C}$  then randomly chooses  $b_C \in \{0, 1\}$  and sends back  $Enc_k(m_{b_C}) = c$ .
3.  $\mathcal{A}$  finally chooses  $b_A \in \{0, 1\}$  and wins the game if  $b_A = b_C$ .

The cipher is valid if  $\forall \mathcal{A}, P(\mathcal{A} \text{ wins}) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

## 2 RSA

### 2.1 Preparation

1. Choose two random primes  $p$  and  $q$
2. Let  $n = p \cdot q$
3. Choose  $e$  such that  $1 < e < \phi(n)$  and  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ , where  $\phi(n)$  is Euler's totient function.
4. Determine  $d \equiv (e^{-1}) \pmod{\phi(n)}$ , the modular inverse of  $e$  modulo  $\phi(n)$   
i.e. the unique  $d$  such that  $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$   
Since  $e$  was chosen such that  $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ ,  $d$  can be determined using Euclid's Extended Algorithm.

#### 2.1.1 Public Key

The public information consists of  $n$  and  $e$ .

#### 2.1.2 Private Key

The private information consists of  $d$ .

## 2.2 Encryption

Assume Bob wants to send information to Alice, and Alice has published her public key:  $n$  and  $e$ .

Let  $m$  be the message Bob wants to transmit, with  $0 \leq m < n$ .

Bob first computes  $c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$  and then sends  $c$  to Alice.

## 2.3 Decryption

After Alice has received  $c$  from Bob, she can decode the original message  $m$  as  $m \equiv c^d \pmod{n}$ .

### 2.3.1 Proof

Decrypting the message, we have  $c^d \equiv (m^e)^d \equiv m^{e \cdot d} \pmod{n}$

Remember that  $d$  was chosen such that  $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ .

Therefore, we can write  $e \cdot d$  as  $k \cdot \phi(n) + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Substituting, we have  $m^{e \cdot d} = m^{k \cdot \phi(n) + 1} = m^{k \cdot \phi(n)} \cdot m^1$ .

Euler's theorem states that  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \forall a$  such that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

As such,  $m^{k \cdot \phi(n)} = (m^{\phi(n)})^k \equiv (1)^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

Then  $m^{k \cdot \phi(n)} \cdot m^1 \equiv m \pmod{n} \implies c^d \equiv m \pmod{n}$

## 3 Random Number Generators

A random number generator is a function  $G : \{0, 1\}^s \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^l$  where  $l \ll s$ .

### 3.1 Secure RNG

Consider the following game, where  $\mathcal{C}$  is the defender:

1.  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ 
  - (a) if  $b = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $r \in \{0, 1\}^l$  and sends  $o = r$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - (b) if  $b = 1$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly chooses  $r \in \{0, 1\}^s$  and sends  $o = G(r)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{A}$  receives  $o$  and tries to guess  $b$  as  $b'$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game if  $b' = b$ .

$G$  is a secure random number generator if  $\forall \mathcal{A}$  adversary,  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in this game.

$\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in this game  $\iff P(\mathcal{A} \text{ wins}) \leq \frac{1}{2} + u$ , where  $u$  is negligible.

The function  $u$  is negligible if it is an inverse of an exponential function defined on the parameters of the generator.

For instance,  $u = \frac{1}{2^s}$  is negligible, while  $u = \frac{1}{s^2}$  and  $u = \frac{1}{3}$  are not negligible.