

# TRANSFEM

## 1. Introduction

TRANSFEM extends the core principles of the MEME scheme—matrix perturbation and modular arithmetic—to construct an eight-stage encryption pipeline. Each stage contributes diffusion, confusion, or randomness, yielding strong resistance to linear and algebraic attacks.

## 2. Acronym Definition

Stage	Name	Description
T	Tensorization	Embed plaintext into vectors over $\mathbb{Z}_m$ .
R	Randomization	Apply random invertible matrix $P$ and add noise.
A	Affine Transform	Compute $A \cdot x + b$ , where $A$ is invertible.
N	Normalization	Reduce all entries modulo $m$ .
S	Scrambling Field	Mix data with secret matrix $S$ .
F	Extension	Operate in $\text{GF}(p^k)$ for algebraic complexity.
E	Encoding (S-Box)	Apply nonlinear bijective substitution.
M	Masking	Combine with pseudorandom keystream; final mod $m$ .

## 3. Key Generation

3.1 Select a large modulus  $m$  (prime or power of two). 3.2 Generate invertible matrices  $P, A, S$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ . 3.3 Choose offset vector  $b$  and a noise distribution for randomization. 3.4 Define a bijective S-Box function  $\sigma: \mathbb{Z}_m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$ . 3.5 Initialize a cryptographically secure PRNG for masking.

## 4. Encryption Process

- 4.1 Tensorization: Flatten plaintext  $M$  into vector  $x$ .
- 4.2 Randomization:  $x_1 = P \cdot x + n$  (noise).
- 4.3 Affine:  $x_2 = A \cdot x_1 + b$ .
- 4.4 Normalization:  $x_3 = x_2 \bmod m$ .
- 4.5 Scrambling:  $x_4 = S \cdot x_3 \bmod m$ .
- 4.6 Field Extension: Interpret  $x_4$  in  $\text{GF}(p^k)$ .
- 4.7 Encoding:  $x_5 = \sigma(x_4)$ .
- 4.8 Masking:  $C = (x_5 + \text{keystream}) \bmod m$ .

## 5. Decryption Process

- 5.1 Unmask:  $x_5 = (C - \text{keystream}) \bmod m$ .
- 5.2 Decode:  $x_4 = \sigma^{-1}(x_5)$ .
- 5.3 Unscramble:  $x_3 = S^{-1} * x_4 \bmod m$ .
- 5.4 Project back to  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  if in  $\text{GF}(p^k)$ .
- 5.5 Denormalize:  $x_2 = x_3 \bmod m$ .
- 5.6 Inverse Affine:  $x_1 = A^{-1} * (x_2 - b) \bmod m$ .
- 5.7 Inverse Randomization:  $x = P^{-1} * (x_1 - n)$ .
- 5.8 De-tensorize: Recover  $M$  from  $x$ .

## 6. Security Considerations

- Layered linear operations ( $P$ ,  $A$ ,  $S$ ) ensure complete diffusion.
- Noise injection resists chosen-plaintext attacks.
- Nonlinear S-Box provides strong confusion.
- Field extension complicates algebraic cryptanalysis.
- Fresh masking per message achieves IND-CPA security.