

1 Multiple Encryption

-Double encryption

Keyspace: $|K| = 2^k \times 2^k = 2^{2k}$

$$x \Rightarrow \text{encrypt} \Rightarrow y \Rightarrow \text{encrypt} = y'$$

Meet in the middle attack

$$x \Rightarrow \text{encrypt}(k(i)) \Rightarrow z \Rightarrow \text{encrypt}(k(j)) \Rightarrow y$$

$$e_{ki}(x) = z_i^1 e_{kj}^{-1}(y) = z_j^2$$

Input: $(x', y'), (x'', y'')$

Idea: Compute

$$z_i^1 = e_{ki}(x)$$

$$z_j^2 = e_{kj}^{-1}(y)$$

Problem: Find $z_i^1 = z_j^2$

Procedure:

1.) Compute lookup table $(z_i^{(1)}, k_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, 2^k$

Storage: $2^k, (n+k)\text{bits}$

2.) Sort according to z_i column (Done typically while building table in step 1)

Values from the first encryption:

Use quick sort to look through table

Binary search: $\log_2(2^k) = k$ (iterations), $k = \text{keylength}$

ki	$zi(1)$
0	3
1	1
2	6
3	2
4	7
5	10

k	$zi(1)$
1	1
3	2
0	3
2	6
4	7
5	10

3.) Find matching $z_j^{(2)}$

a.) Compute $e_{kj}^{-1}(y^1) = z_j^{(2)}$

b.) If

$$z_j^{(2)}$$

is in lookup table, i.e. $z_i^{(1)} = z_j^{(2)} \Rightarrow (k_i, k_j) \rightarrow try(x'', y'')(x''', y''')$

c.) If (k_i, k_j) give matching encryption return (k_i, k_j) else goto 'a' try different

$$k_j$$

Complexity:

Brute Force: 2^{2k} encryptions (2x per iteration)

Meet in the middle attack: $Time = 2^k(lookup_table_values) + 2^k(online_values)$

Triple encryption:

Attack on first encryption (1)

$$Time = 2^k + 2^{2k}$$

$$Space = 2^k$$

Attack with second encryption (2)

$$Time = 2^{2k} + 2^k$$

$$Space = 2^{2k}$$

Question: How many additional pairs (x'', y'') , (x''', y''') etc should we test?

Assume in general we have an encryption system with 'l' subsequence encryptions

Step1.) In step 1 we found a keypair such that $e_k \dots e_{kj}(e_{ki}(x')) = y'(\text{encryptions})$
 There are 2^{lk} key combinations

How many possible values do I have for the cyphertext y' is $2^n (n = \text{blocksize})$
 One to one mapping $x \rightarrow y$ (2^n possible outputs), $2^{lk}/2^n \text{ number of mappings per cyphertext}$
 Number of keys that are found that are incorrect $2^{lk}/2^n - 1$

Step2.) We now use the candidate key from step 1 and check if $e^l(x'') = y''$

If a random key is used, the likelihood that $e^l(x'') = y''$ is $1/2^n$

If we check a third pair (x''', y''') , under the same random pair the probability will be: $1/2^{2n}$

If we check $(t-1)$ additional pairs then the probability becomes $1/2^{(t-1)n}$

3.) Since there are $2^{lk}/2^n$ candidate keys in 1.) then probability that at least one fulfills all $e^l(x') = y', e^l(x'') = y'', \dots, e^l(x'..') = y'..'$ is

$$(\text{Number of bad keys}) 2^{lk}/2^n * 1/2^{(t-1)n} (\text{prob of passing } t - 1 \text{ tests}) = 2^{lk - tn}$$

Example: Double encryption with DES

$k=56, n=64, l=2$

if $t=1$ (special case), $\text{Failure } 1 - 1/2^{112}/2^{64} = 1 - 1/2^{48}$

if $t=2$ (special case), $\text{Failure } 1/2^{16}$

if $t=3$ (special case), $\text{Failure } 1/2^{80}$

if $t=4$ (special case), $\text{Failure } 1/2^{144}$