

**Problem 5):** The **ECB** mode of operation is defined, in terms of the expression for the resulting cipher-text  $c$ , according to

$$c = \{F_k(m_1), F_k(m_2), \dots, F_k(m_i), \dots, F_k(m_l)\} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $F_k(m_i)$  is a pseudo random permutation function with key  $k$  and the  $m_i$  are the blocks of the message. Since each block is directly encrypted by  $F_k(m_i)$ , any  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$  can result in only one unique  $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$  when passed to  $F_k(m_i)$  this mode is deterministic and therefore *not* **CPA** secure. Since this mode is not **CPA** secure, it *cannot* be CCA secure. This follows from the fact that CCA security of an encryption scheme  $\Pi$  implies the CPA security of  $\Pi$ .

We also define the **CTR** mode of operation in terms of the expression for resulting cipher-text  $c$ . For this mode of operation we have

$$c = \{c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i, \dots, c_l\} \quad (5.2)$$

with  $c_0 = \text{ctr}$  and the remaining  $c_i$  defined as  $c_i = r_i \oplus m_i$ . Here the  $m_i$  are the blocks of the message and the  $r_i$  are defined, in terms of their index  $i$ , some random initial counter value  $\text{ctr}$ , and the keyed pseudo random permutation function  $F_k(r_i)$ , according to

$$r_i = F_k(\text{ctr} + i) \quad (5.3)$$

Since  $r_i = F_k(\text{ctr} + i)$  and  $\text{ctr}$  is chosen at random, the set of all  $r_i$ ,  $r = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_i, \dots, r_l\}$  represents a pseudo random sequence with the same length as the message. This implies that result  $c_i = r_i \oplus m_i$  for each block of the message  $m_i$  depends on both on  $m_i$  and  $r_i$  instead of only  $m_i$  and the keyed pseudo random permutation function  $F(m_i)$ . By extension, any arbitrary message  $m \in \mathcal{M}$  can be encrypted into any cipher-text  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  with some non-zero probability, thereby making the **CTR** mode of operation probabilistic and thus **CPA** secure. Since the first block of the message,  $c_0$ , holds the value of  $\text{ctr}$  in the clear, the cipher-text resulting from this mode of operation is deterministic on the value of  $\text{ctr}$ .

This enables an adversary to employ a **CCA** attack by sending  $m_0 = 0^n$  and  $m_1 = 1^n$  to the encryption oracle, flipping the first bit of  $c_1$  in the cipher-text  $c$  returned by the encryption oracle to obtain  $c'$ , and then sending  $c'$  to the decryption oracle to obtain either  $10^{n-1}$  or  $01^{n-1}$ . The possible results from the decryption oracle respectively imply that either  $m_0$  was enciphered into  $c$  or  $m_1$  was enciphered into  $c$  thus giving the adversary two messages, cipher-text associated with each message, and the value of  $\text{ctr}$  used for encrypting both message. This information allows the adversary to eventually to recover the pseudo random permutation function  $F_k$  and its associated key used in to encrypt these messages. This attack is made possible because only the first bit in the cipher-text for  $m$  was changed and this first block of cipher-text is *directly* dependent on only the corresponding message block  $m_1$  and the key  $k$  when the the value of  $\text{ctr}$  is known. The **CCA** attack exploits the fact that encryption in **CTR** mode becomes deterministic the on the values of  $\text{ctr}$  and some cipher-text are known.