

**Problem 4):** Begin by defining  $\Pi$  to be the encryption scheme  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  where

- The security parameter  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\text{Gen}$  are used to generate the key  $k$  by running  $\text{Gen}(1^n) = k$
- The key  $k$ , message  $m$ , and  $\text{Enc}$  are used to produce cipher-text  $c$  by running  $\text{Enc}_k(m) = c$
- The key  $k$ , cipher-text  $c$ , and  $\text{Dec}$  are used to recover the message  $m$  by running  $\text{Dec}_k(c) = m$

Additionally, let  $m_0, m_1$  be messages of the same length and  $c$  be the cipher-text generated from one of the messages by running  $\text{Enc}_k(m_b) = c$ , where  $b = \{0, 1\}$ . The encryption scheme  $\Pi$  is considered to be **CPA** secure if the probability of a polynomial time-limited adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , with access to  $m_0, m_1$  and  $c$ , determining which message was used to compute  $c$  is equal to the sum of  $1/2$  and any value that is negligible on the order of  $n$ .

Now denote the experiment above as  $\text{Priv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{CPA}}(n)$ . Let this return 0 except when  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to determine which message was used to compute  $c$  then let  $\text{Priv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{CPA}}(n)$  return 1. Using this notation, our definition **CPA** security can be formally stated

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Priv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{CPA}}(n) = 1 \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n) \quad (4.1)$$

where  $\text{negl}(n)$  is a negligible function of order  $n$ .

Finally, consider the case for the experiment  $\text{Priv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{CPA}}(n)$  where the messages  $m_0, m_1$  passed to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  are such that  $m_0 = m_1$  and the result of  $\text{Enc}_k(m_i) = c_i$  is fixed each  $m_i$  in the message space. That is to say, for any fixed  $k$ , that each  $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$  is determined by the result of  $\text{Enc}_k(m_i)$  for only one  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$ . In this case the result of  $\text{Priv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^{\text{CPA}}(n)$  will always be 1 because the cipher-texts  $c_0 = \text{Enc}_k(m_0)$  and  $c_1 = \text{Enc}_k(m_1)$  are always equal thereby allowing  $\mathcal{A}$  *always* to succeed every time this is case. In this case,  $\Pi$  does not satisfy the definition given in expression 4.1 and is therefore not **CPA** secure. Thus, we must impose an additional requirement on **CPA** secure encryption schemes.

The problem arises from the case when  $m_0 = m_1$  and the when, for each fixed  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$ , the function  $\text{Enc}_k(m_i)$  always returns the the same  $c_i$ . That is to say that the operation  $\text{Enc}_k(m_i)$  on each  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$  always determines single, unique corresponding  $c_i \in \mathcal{C}$ . With this in mind, we refine our definition of **CPA** security to also include the requirement that, given a fixed key  $k$ , the  $\text{Dec}$  algorithm be non-deterministic on  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ . This is equivalent to requiring that the  $\text{Dec}$  algorithm be such that any passed  $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$  can return any  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  with some non-zero probability, thereby making  $\text{Dec}$  probabilistic instead of deterministic.