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Exercise 6-1

(a)

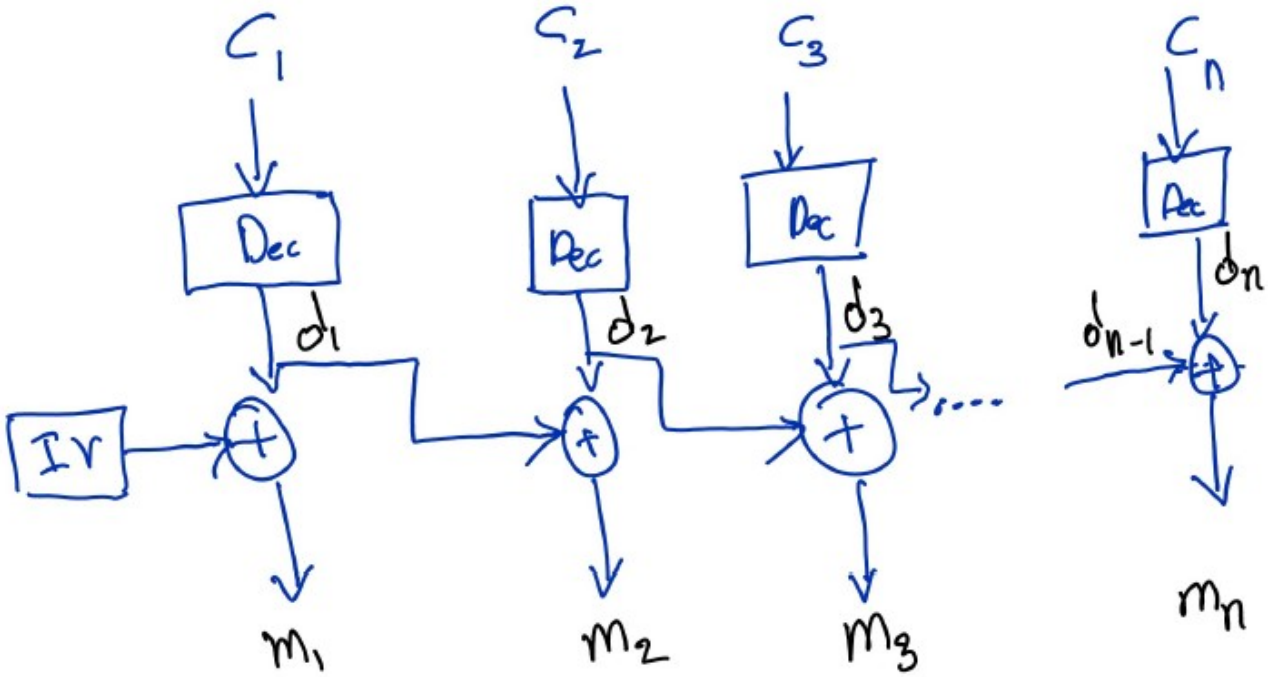

Figure 1: Decryption for CBC* mode

(b) As shown in the above figure, let us assume

$$d_i = \text{Dec}\ (c_i)$$

So

$$m_1 = d_1 \oplus IV$$
$$m_2 = d_2 \oplus d_1\ ...$$

To show that this CBC* doesn't have indistinguishable encryptions, let us consider message in the format $m = m_1||m_2||m_3||...||m_n$. Also we know for CPA, adversary A is allowed of multiple encryptions.

Let us consider A choose two messages i.e., $m1$ and $m2$

$$m1 = m1_1||m1_2||m1_3||...||m1_n$$
$$m1 = m2_1||m2_2||m2_3||...||m2_n$$

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And $m1$ is choosen in such a way that $m1_1 == m1_2 == m1_3 == ... == m1_n$ and $m2$ is choosen in such a way that $m2_1 \neq m2_2 \neq m2_3 \neq ... \neq m2_n$

With these kind of messages choosen, A can distingush $m1$ and $m2$ by checking

$$c_1 == c_3 == ... == c_i$$
$$c_2 == c_4 == ... == c_{i+1}$$
where i is an odd number $\leq n$

If the above check is statisfied then the cipher c corresponds to $m1$. Else it corresponds to $m2$. With this construction A can distingush between the messages with a probability equal to 1.

Exercise 6-2

Task: Show that Π_{CBC} is not CCA-secure by demonstrating a successful adversary.
The adversary $\mathcal{A}$ can choose the two messages $m_0 = m_0^1||m_0^2 = 0^n\ 0^n$ and $m_1 = m_1^1||m_1^2 = 1^n\ 1^n$ which he sends to the challenger. Then he gets the ciphertext $c_b = (c_b^0||c_b^1||c_b^2) = (IV||f_k(IV \oplus m_b^1)||f_k(f_k(IV \oplus m_b^1) \oplus m_b^2))$ back.
Then $\mathcal{A}$ flipps the last bit from c_b^2, so $(c_b^2)' = c_b^2 \oplus 0^{n-1}1$ and asks the decryption oracle for the decryption of $c_b' = c_b^0||c_b^1||(c_b^2)'$. Because $c_b' \neq c_b$ the decryption oracle answers with $m' = f_k^{-1}(c_b^1) \oplus c_b^0||f_k^{-1}(c_b^2) \oplus c_b^1 = f_k^{-1}(f_k(IV \oplus m_b^1)) \oplus IV||f_k^{-1}((c_b^2)') \oplus f_k(IV \oplus m_b^1) = m_b^1||f_k^{-1}((c_b^2)') \oplus f_k(IV \oplus m_b^1)$
m_b^1 is now either m_0^1 or m_1^1 because the change in $(c_b^2)'$ doesn't impact m_b^1. So the adversary can say for sure, if the recieved civertext c_b is the encoding for m_0 or m_1.
$\Rightarrow \Pi_{CBC}$ mode is not CCA-secure

Exercise 6-3

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a)
Let F be a pseudorandom permutation. Then F and F^{-1} are pseudorandom permutations.

$\Pi_{\mathrm{M}} = (\mathrm{Gen}, \mathrm{Mac}, \mathrm{Vrfy})$

$\underline{\mathrm{Gen}(1^\lambda)}$
$k \leftarrow \mathrm{Gen}(1^\lambda)$
return k

$\underline{\mathrm{Mac_k(c)}}$
$t \leftarrow \mathrm{F}_k^{-1}(c)$
return t

$\underline{\mathrm{Vrfy_k(c,t)}}$
if $t = \mathrm{Mac}_k(m)$
  return 1
return 0

$\Pi_{\mathrm{E}} = (\mathrm{Gen}, \mathrm{Enc}, \mathrm{Dec})$

$\underline{\mathrm{Gen}(1^\lambda)}$
$k \leftarrow \mathrm{Gen}(1^\lambda)$
return k

$\underline{\mathrm{Enc_k(m)}}$
$r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\frac{n}{2}}$
$m \in \{0,1\}^{\frac{n}{2}}$
$c \leftarrow \mathrm{F}_k(m \parallel r)$
return c

$\underline{\mathrm{Dec_k(c)}}$
$v := \mathrm{F}_k^{-1}(c)$
return first $\frac{n}{2}$ bits of v

Because $\mathrm{Enc}_k(m), \mathrm{Mac}_k(\mathrm{Enc}_k(m)) = \mathrm{F}_k(m \parallel r), \mathrm{F}_k^{-1}(\mathrm{F}_k(m \parallel r)) = \mathrm{F}_k(m \parallel r), (m \parallel r)$

Proof that Π_{M} is secure
We reduce the security of the Mac to the pseudorandomness of the function F^{-1}.
Therefore, we first assume that the construction is not secure and therefore there exists an adversary A that wins MacForge with non-negligible probability $\varepsilon(\lambda)$. We use this adversary A to build a distinguisher for the pseudorandomness of F_k.
With the help of the oracle O_D of the pseudorandomness, D answers the oracle requests of A by computing $t := O_D(m)$. If the oracle answers with a pseudorandom function, the view of A is identical to $MacForge_{A,\Pi'}(\lambda)$. Thus we have
$Pr\left[D^{F_k^{-1}(\cdot)}(1^\lambda) = 1\right] = Pr\left[MacForge_{A,\Pi}(\lambda) = 1\right] = \varepsilon$
where $k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^\lambda$.
If the oracle answers with a random function, then we simulate the game for a different MAC-scheme Π'. Let $\Pi' = (Gen', Mac', Vrfy')$ be a message authentication code which is the same as Π, except it uses a truly random function f instead of the pseudorandom function F_k. It is easy to see that $Pr\left[MacForge_{A,\Pi'}(\lambda) = 1\right] \leq 2^{-\lambda}$
This is the case because for any message m, the value t is uniformly distributed in $\{0,1\}_*$ from the point of view of A. The view of A is identical to $MacForge_{A,\Pi}(\lambda)$. We have
$Pr\left[D^{f(\cdot)}(1^\lambda) = 1\right] = Pr\left[MacForge_{A,\Pi'}(\lambda) = 1\right] \leq \frac{1}{2^\lambda}$
where $f \leftarrow Func_\lambda$.
The distinguisher can now distinguish between pseudorandom and truly random with non-negligible probability. As we assumed the function F^{-1} to be pseudorandom, this is a contradiction and thus

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such an adversary cannot exist. Hence the MAC construction is secure.