

# POIS ASSIGNMENT 1

## TASK 3

### USE THE PRF TO OBTAIN A CPA-SECURE ENCRYPTION SCHEME

#### THEORY

Chosen Plaintext Attacks : CPA-attacker influences messages that the honest party encrypts.

Advantages of CPA-security : Minimal security notion for a modern cryptosystem.

Limitations of CPA-Security :

- Does not model and adversary who attempts to modify messages.
- Can get honest party to (partially) decrypt some messages

Theorem: An encryption scheme  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  that is CPA-Secure for single encryptions is also CPA-secure for multiple encryptions.

**Observation:** Given a CPA-secure encryption scheme  $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  that supports messages of a single bit ( $\mathcal{M} = \{0,1\}$ ) it is easy to build a CPA-secure scheme  $\Pi' = (\text{Gen}', \text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$  that supports messages  $m = m_1, \dots, m_n \in \{0,1\}^n$  of length  $n$ .

$$\text{Enc}'_k(m) = \langle \text{Enc}_k(m_1), \dots, \text{Enc}_k(m_n) \rangle$$

#### Constructing a CPA-secure encryption from any PRF:

Let  $F(\cdot, \cdot)$  be a secure pseudorandom function with output length  $\ell$ , then define a private-key encryption scheme for messages of length  $\ell$  as follows:

1. **Gen:** on input  $1^n$ , choose uniform  $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$  and output it
2. **Enc:** on input a key  $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$  and a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ , choose uniform  $r \in \{0, 1\}^n$  and output the ciphertext:

$$c = [r, m \oplus F_k(r)]$$

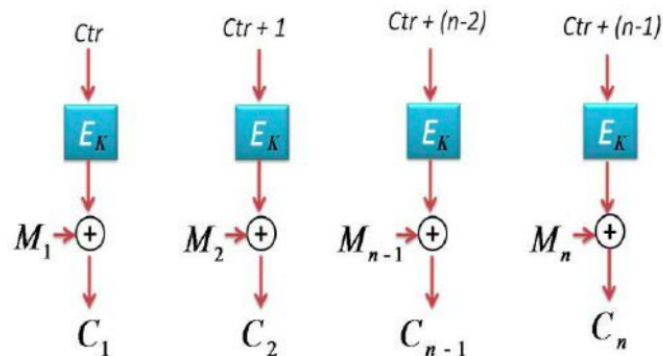
3. **Dec:** on input a key  $k \in \{0, 1\}^n$  and a ciphertext  $c = [r, y]$ , output the plaintext message

$$m = y \oplus F_k(r)$$

## COUNTER MODE :

In the randomized counter mode of operation for block ciphers.

We begin by choosing a random IV. Then, we encrypt the message by encrypting each plaintext block  $i$  with  $F(k, IV + i)$ :  $m[i] \oplus F(k, IV + i)$ . Note that randomized counter-mode can be parallelized: each block can be encrypted independent of the previous ones.



- **Input:**  $m_1, \dots, m_n$
- **Output:**  $c = (ctr, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  where  $ctr$  is chosen uniformly at random
- **Theorem:** If  $E_k$  is PRF then counter mode is CPA-Secure
- **Advantages:** Parallelizable encryption/decryption