CS 6260 Applied Cryptography

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Symmetric encryption schemes A scheme SE is specified by a key generation algorithm \mathcal{K} , an encryption algorithm \mathcal{E} , and a decryption algorithm \mathcal{D} . $SE=(\mathcal{K},\mathcal{E},\mathcal{D})$ MsgSp-message space

It is required that for every M∈MsgSp and every K that can be output by $\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{D}(K, \mathcal{E}(K, M)) = M$

Receiver R

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Sender S

- Often the key generation algorithm simply picks a random string from some key space KeySp (e.g. {0,1}^k for some integer k).
 - In this case we will say that a scheme SE is defined by KeySp and two algorithms: SE=(KeySp,*E*,*D*)
- The encryption algorithm can be either
 - randomized (take as input a random string)
 - or stateful (take as input some state (e.g. counter) that it can update)

Block cipher modes of operation

- Modes of operation define how to use a block cipher to encrypt long messages
- We will often assume that the message space consists of messages whose length is multiple of a block length



Electronic Code Book (ECB) mode

algorithm $\mathcal{E}_K(M)$

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{if} & (|M| \bmod n \neq 0 \text{ or } |M| = 0) \mathbf{ then return } \bot \\ \text{Break } M \text{ into } n\text{-bit blocks } M[1] \cdots M[m] \\ \mathbf{for} & i \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } m \mathbf{ do} \\ & C[i] \leftarrow E_K(M[i]) \\ C \leftarrow C[1] \cdots C[m] \\ \mathbf{return } C \end{array}$

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Stateful Cipher-block chaining (CBC) mode with counter IV algorithm $\mathcal{E}_K(M)$ static $ctr \leftarrow 0$ if $(|M| \mod n \neq 0 \text{ or } |M| = 0)$ then return \perp Break M into n-bit blocks $M[1] \cdots M[m]$ if $ctr \geq 2^n$ then return \perp $C[0] \leftarrow \mathrm{IV} \leftarrow [ctr]_n$ for $i \leftarrow 1$ to m do $C[i] \leftarrow E_K(C[i-1] \oplus M[i])$ $C \leftarrow C[1] \cdots C[m]$ $ctr \leftarrow ctr + 1$ return (IV, C)algorithm $\mathcal{D}_K((\langle \mathrm{IV}, C \rangle))$ if $(|C| \mod n \neq 0 \text{ or } |C| = 0)$ then return \perp Break C into n-bit blocks $C[1] \cdots C[m]$ if $IV + m > 2^n$ then return \bot $C[0] \leftarrow \mathrm{IV}$ for $i \leftarrow 1$ to m do $M[i] \leftarrow E_K^{-1}(C[i]) \oplus C[i-1])$ $M \leftarrow M[1] \cdots M[m]$ return M



Randomized counter mode (CTR\$) algorithm $\mathcal{E}_K(M)$ $m \leftarrow [|M|/L]$ $R \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^{\ell}$ $Pad \leftarrow F_K(R+1) \parallel F_K(R+2) \parallel \cdots \parallel F_K(R+m)$ $Pad \leftarrow$ the first |M| bits of Pad $C' \leftarrow M \oplus Pad$ $C \leftarrow R \parallel C'$ return Calgorithm $\mathcal{D}_K(C)$ if $|C| < \ell$ then return \perp Parse C into $R \parallel C'$ where $|R| = \ell$ $m \leftarrow \left[|C'|/L \right]$ $Pad \leftarrow F_K(R+1) \parallel F_K(R+2) \parallel \cdots \parallel F_K(R+m)$ $Pad \leftarrow \text{the first } |C'| \text{ bits of } Pad$ $M \leftarrow C' \oplus Pad$ return M



Stateful counter mode (CTRC)

 $\begin{aligned} & \textbf{algorithm } \mathcal{E}_{K}(M) \\ & \text{static } ctr \leftarrow 0 \\ & m \leftarrow \lceil |M|/L \rceil \\ & \text{If } ctr + m \geq 2^{\ell} \textbf{ then return } \bot \\ & Pad \leftarrow F_{K}(ctr + 1) \parallel F_{K}(ctr + 2) \parallel \cdots \parallel F_{K}(ctr + m) \\ & Pad \leftarrow \text{the first } |M| \text{ bits of } Pad \\ & C \leftarrow M \oplus Pad \\ & ctr \leftarrow ctr + m \\ & \textbf{return } \langle ctr - m, C \rangle \end{aligned}$ $\begin{aligned} & \textbf{algorithm } \mathcal{D}_{K}(\langle i, C \rangle) \\ & m \leftarrow \lceil |C|/L \rceil \\ & Pad \leftarrow F_{K}(i+1) \parallel F_{K}(i+2) \parallel \cdots \parallel F_{K}(i+m) \\ & Pad \leftarrow \text{the first } |C| \text{ bits of } Pad \\ & M \leftarrow Pad \oplus C \\ & \textbf{return } M \end{aligned}$

What is a secure encryption scheme?

- Recall, perfectly secure schemes are impractical
- We assume that adversaries are computationally bounded
- A scheme is secure when it is not insecure.
- Insecure = adversaries can do bad things.
- Bad things: an adversary, who sees ciphertexts
 - can compute the secret key
 - can compute some plaintexts
 - can compute the first bit of a plaintext
 - can compute the sum of the bits of a plaintext
 - can see when equal messages are encrypted
 - can compute

So what is a secure encryption scheme?

• Informally, an encryption scheme is secure if no adversary with "reasonable" resources who sees several ciphertexts can compute any* partial information about the plaintexts, besides some a-priori information.

* Any information, except the length of the plaintexts. We assume the length of the plaintexts is public.

- Note, that the above implies that the bad things we mentioned do not happen. And the other "bad" things.
- While the above "definition" captures the right intuition, it's too informal to be useful.











ECB is not IND-CPA

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{Adversary } A^{\mathcal{E}_{K}(\operatorname{LR}(\cdot,\cdot,b))} \\ M_{1} \leftarrow 0^{2n} \; ; \; M_{0} \leftarrow 0^{n} \parallel 1^{n} \\ C[1]C[2] \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_{K}(\operatorname{LR}(M_{0},M_{1},b)) \\ \text{If } C[1] = C[2] \; \textbf{then return } 1 \; \text{else return } 0 \end{array}$

 $\mathbf{Adv}_{ECB}^{ind-cpa}(A) = \Pr\left[\mathbf{Exp}_{ECB}^{ind-cpa-1}(A) = 1\right] - \Pr\left[\mathbf{Exp}_{ECB}^{ind-cpa-0}(A) = 1\right] = 1 - 0 = 1$

- <u>Claim</u>. Any deterministic, stateless scheme is not IND-CPA
- Why?



Security of CTRC

- Theorem. For any adversary A there exists an adversary B such that
- $\mathbf{Adv}_{CTRC}^{ind-cpa}(A) \leq 2 \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{F}^{prf}(B)$

where $t_B = t_A + O(q_A + (l+L)\frac{\mu_A}{l}), q_B = \frac{\mu_A}{l}, \mu_B = \mu_A$

• <u>Proof idea</u>. We present an adversary B who needs to distinguish whether it is given an oracle access to a truly random function or an instance of F. B will use A's ability to break the CTRC encryption scheme. B will run A as a subroutine, simulating the ind-cpa experiment for it. B will answer A's oracle queries using its own oracle. Finally, if A wins, B will win.

Proof. Let A be any "ind-cpa" adversary attacking CTRC. We present a "prf" adversary B: $b \stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle R}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}$ g is a random instance of Func(l,L)g/F_r $E_{q/F_{l}}(\cdot)$ B can simulate the CTRC encryption algorithm because it makes only "oracle" use of the M_0, M_1 underlying function F. iff b'=b Adversary B^g $b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$ Run adversary A, replying to its oracle queries as follows When A makes an oracle query (M_0, M_1) do $C \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{E}_q(M_b)$ Return C to A as the answer Until A stops and outputs a bit b'If b' = b then return 1 else return 0

• Let us analyze B. Note that
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$$\Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[F]}^{\operatorname{prf}-1}(B) = 1\right] = \Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[F]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa-cg}}(A) = 1\right] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[F]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa}}(A)$$

• $\Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{F}^{\operatorname{prf}-0}(B) = 1\right] = \Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[\mathsf{Func}(\ell,L)]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa}}(A) = 1\right] = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[\mathsf{Func}(\ell,L)]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa}}(A)$
and thus
 $\operatorname{Adv}_{F}^{\operatorname{prf}}(B) = \Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{F}^{\operatorname{prf}-1}(B) = 1\right] - \Pr\left[\operatorname{Exp}_{F}^{\operatorname{prf}-0}(B) = 1\right]$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[F]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa}}(A) - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[\mathsf{Func}(\ell,L)]}^{\operatorname{ind-cpa}}(A)$

We will show that $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{SE}[\mathsf{Func}(\ell,L)]}^{\mathrm{ind-cpa}}(A) = 0$

and the statement of the theorem follows. Finally the resources of ${\sf B}$ are justified by the algorithm for ${\sf B}.$

 $\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Adv}^{ind-cpa}_{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{E}[\mathsf{Func}(\ell,L)]}(A) &= 0 \text{ because all the values corresponding to the red dots} \\ \text{ on the picture below are random and independent (since they are the results of a random function applied to distinct points) and thus \\ C[1],...,C[m] are also random values, independent from the adversary A's challenge bit. \end{aligned}$





+ $\underline{\mbox{Theorem.}}$ For any adversary A there exists an adversary B such that

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$$\operatorname{Adv}_{CTR\$}^{ind-cpa}(A) \leq 2 \cdot \operatorname{Adv}_{F}^{prf}(B) + \frac{\mu_{A}^{2}}{l^{2} \cdot 2^{l}}$$

where $t_{B} = t_{A} + O(q_{A} + (l+L)\frac{\mu_{A}}{l}), q_{B} = \frac{\mu_{A}}{l}, \mu_{B} = \mu_{A}$

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- What does the security statement tell us?
- Let F be AES, /=L=128. Assume one encrypts q=2³⁰ messages, 1 Kb each (2¹³ bits), recall $\operatorname{Adv}_{AES}^{prf}(A) \leq \approx \frac{q_{AES}^2}{2128}$

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$$\mathbf{Adv}_{CTRS}^{ind-cpa}(A) \leq \approx 2 \cdot \frac{q_{AES}^2}{2^{128}} + \frac{\mu_A^2}{L^2 \cdot 2^l} = \frac{3 \cdot \mu^2}{L^2 \cdot 2^{128}}$$
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$$\leq \frac{4 \cdot 2^{43 \cdot 2}}{128^2 \cdot 2^{128}} = \frac{1}{2^{54}}$$

• <u>Proof idea</u>. As in the proof of the previous theorem.

• <u>Proof</u>. The adversary B is exactly like one in the proof of the previous theorem. But now we claim that • $\operatorname{Adv}_{CTR \$[Func(l,L)]}^{ind-cpa}(A) \leq \frac{\mu_A^2}{2 \cdot l^2 \cdot 2^l}$ • Given this and the previous proof, the statement of the theorem follows. • To prove the claim note that after q gueries A made the inputs to the random function are Let NoCol be the event that these values are all $r_1 + 1, r_1 + 2, \cdots, r_1 + m_1$ distinct, and Col is the complement of NoCol. $r_2 + 1, r_2 + 2, \cdots, r_2 + m_2$ Then $r_q + 1$, $r_q + 2$, \cdots , $r_q + m_q$ $\mathbf{Adv}_{CTR\$[Func(l,L)]}^{ind-cpa}(A)$ $= \Pr_1[A=1] - \Pr_0[A=1]$ $= \operatorname{Pr}_{1} \left[A = 1 \mid \mathsf{Col} \right] \cdot \operatorname{Pr}_{1} \left[\mathsf{Col} \right] + \operatorname{Pr}_{1} \left[A = 1 \mid \mathsf{NoCol} \right] \cdot \operatorname{Pr}_{1} \left[\mathsf{NoCol} \right]$ $-\operatorname{Pr}_{0}\left[A=1 \mid \mathsf{Col}\right] \cdot \operatorname{Pr}_{0}\left[\mathsf{Col}\right] - \operatorname{Pr}_{0}\left[A=1 \mid \mathsf{NoCol}\right] \cdot \operatorname{Pr}_{0}\left[\mathsf{NoCol}\right]$ $= (\Pr_1 [A = 1 | \mathsf{Col}] - \Pr_0 [A = 1 | \mathsf{Col}]) \cdot \Pr_0 [\mathsf{Col}]$ $\leq \Pr_0\left[\mathsf{Col}\right]$.





Did we get all we wanted?

- Is IND-CPA security definition strong enough (does it take into account all the bad things that can happen?)
- An adversary wants to win: to get some partial information about the plaintext from a challenge ciphertext
- What if the adversary can make the receiver to decrypt other ciphertexts of the adversary's choice, learn the plaintexts and this helps it to win?
- Our definition didn't consider such "chosen-ciphertext" attacks

M[m]

'Ē_{K'}

C[m]

Indistinguishability under chosen-ciphertext attacks Fix SE=(KeySp,E,D) $K \stackrel{$}{\leftarrow} KeySp$

For an adversary A and a bit b consider an experiment $\mathbf{Exp}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{\mathit{ind-cca-b}}(A)$ b



A is not allowed to query its decryption oracle on ciphertexts returned by its LR encryption oracle

The experiment returns d

The IND-CCA advantage of A is:

 $\mathbf{Adv}^{ind-cca}_{\mathcal{SE}}(A) = \Pr\left[\mathbf{Exp}^{ind-cca-1}_{\mathcal{SE}}(A) = 1\right] - \Pr\left[\mathbf{Exp}^{ind-cca-0}_{\mathcal{SE}}(A) = 1\right]$

A symmetric encryption scheme SE is indistinguishable under chosenciphertext attacks (IND-CCA secure) if for any adversary A with "reasonable" resources $\operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{SE}}^{d-cca}(A)$ is "small" (close to 0).