

1.1 Modern Cryptography

- The scientific study of techniques for securing digital information, transactions, and distributed computations

- We will begin with classical cryptography to understand intuition and why the modern approach is more rigorous.

1.2 The Setting of Private-Key Encryption

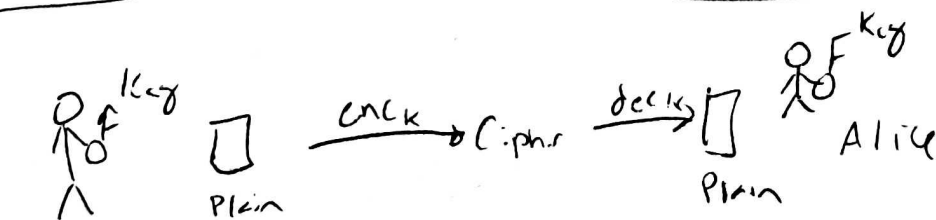
classical

- Cryptography was concerned with the construction of

ciphers (encryption schemes)

- Communicating parties share secret information in advance,

This is the private key (symmetric key) setting.



1. Two parties share a key
 2. A party uses the key to encrypt - cipher text
 3. Other party uses key to decrypt - plain text
 4. Both parties have same key, hence symmetric
- Key setting
5. Private Key setting is classical

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Syntax of encryption here is the definition

Definition

- A private key scheme is comprised of the following three Algorithms

① Key-generation algo = Gen

② Encryption Algorithm = $Enc_K(m)$

Inputs: Key K , plaintext M

Outputs: Cipher text C

③ Decryption Algorithm = $Dec_K(c)$

Input: Key K , cipher text c

Output: plaintext M or error

- Key space - Set of all possible keys

- Plaintext space - Set of all possible plain text message
message space

- Correctness requirement: For all $K \in \mathcal{K}$ and $m \in \mathcal{M}$

$$Dec_K(Enc_K(m)) = m$$

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Lets look at a historical example of a encryption scheme called the shift cipher.

Shift cipher

Suppose you have any english word M , (message space)

Associate a with 0 ; b with $1, \dots$; z with 25

$K \in \{0, \dots, 25\}$ Key space

$Enc_K(m)$ is defined by shifting every letter of the plain text by K positions modulo 26.

$$Enc_K(m) = C \text{ where } C_i = m_i$$

$Dec_K(m)$ is defined by shifting every letter of the plain text by K positions in reverse modulo 26.

Example What is the encryption of

$m = \text{"hello"}$

$K = \text{"e"}$

~~hello~~
~~eeeee~~

$m = \text{"abc"}$
 $K = \text{"e"}$

$$Enc_K(m) = \text{"efg"}$$

a	b	c	0	1	2
e	e	e	4	4	4
e	f	g	4	5	6

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What is the decryption of ~~enc~~ "efg" = c?

$$\begin{array}{r} efg \\ - eee \\ \hline 456 \\ -4 \quad -4 \quad -4 \\ \hline 012 \end{array}$$

$$\text{Dec}_k(c) = "abc"$$

As a reminder remember that

- $x = x' \pmod N$ if and only if N divides $x - x'$
- We will refer to the remainder of a number x divided by n as follows

$[x \pmod N]$ = The remainder when x is divided by N

Example

$$105 = 95 \pmod{10}$$

$$105 = 5 \pmod{10}$$

$$105 \neq [95 \pmod{10}]$$

$$5 = [95 \pmod{10}]$$

Example. What is the cipher text of the message "hi" with Key Z?

$$\begin{array}{ll} hi & 78 \\ ZZ & 2525 \end{array}$$

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We can formally define the shift cipher now.

$M = \{ \text{strings of lowercase English alphabet} \}$

Gen: choose $K \in \{0, \dots, 25\}$

$\text{Enc}_K(m_1 \dots m_t) = c_1 \dots c_t$ where $c_i = [m_i + k \bmod 26]$

$\text{Dec}_K(c_1 \dots c_t) = [m_1 \dots m_t]$ where $m_i = [c_i - k \bmod 26]$

Is the shift cipher Secure?

- ① No, given a cipher text we can try every key
- ② If text is long enough only 1 possibility will make sense

Try Q1 + Q2

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Historical Ciphers and their Cryptanalysis

This is one example that

1. Highlight weakness of an ad-hoc approach. to motivate a rigorous approach
We will use this

and it

2. Demonstrate that simple approaches to achieving secure encryption are unlikely to succeed

We will see a few more classical ciphers that may appear secure

3. - Caesar cipher at first but are not!

- shift cipher

- Weak to brute force

One thing we can conclude is that we need our key space to be

4. Sufficient Key space principle large enough so that

Our ~~attacks~~ brute force attacks do not work

Any Secure encryption scheme must have a key space that is not vulnerable to exhaustive search

5. Necessary condition but not sufficient.

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Keys and Kerckhoff's principle

* Another thing we can conclude is that

- ① Encryption scheme should not be kept secret, the keys should constitute the secret information shared by the communicating parties.

Why? Because it is easier to keep a secret key than a secret algorithm

- ② Kerckhoff's principle demands that security rely solely on the secrecy of the key

- ③ A system must be practically, if not mathematically, indecipherable. (Cryptographic schemes can be broken given enough time)

- ④ Four types of attacks

- Cipher-only attack - Attacker only has cipher text.
Goal of attacker is to determine plaintext
- Known-plaintext - Attacker has one/more pair of
plaintext-cipher text
- Chosen-plaintext
- Chosen cipher text

Kerckhoff's Principle

"Security must rely solely on the secrecy of the key"

- ① easier to replace key
- ② easier to maintain secrecy of key than algorithm

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Now let's introduce a encryption scheme that cannot be broken by an exhaustive search! Maybe this will be secure

Vigenere Cipher

Message space = { Strings of lower case english words }

Key space = Message space

$$Enc_{K_1, \dots, K_n}(m_1, \dots, m_\ell) = c_1 \dots c_\ell \quad \text{where} \quad c_i = [m_i + k_i \pmod{26}]$$

$$Dec_{K_1, \dots, K_n}(c_1, \dots, c_\ell) = m_1, \dots, m_\ell \quad \text{where} \quad m_i = [c_i - k_i \pmod{26}]$$

- Encryption just shifts each character of the plaintext by the amount dictated by the next character of the key.
- Decryption reverses the process

Ex. Encrypt $m = \text{"hello"}$ with the key "ada"

using vigenere cipher.

hello
ada da

hhkpo

7 4 11 11 13
0 3 0 2 0

7 7 11 14 13

a b c ...
0 1 2 ...

Ex. 3. here

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Size of the Key space is 26^n For a key of length

n . For large keys this is too large to use brute force

for example $26^{14} \approx 2^{64}$, 2^{58} seconds is the

estimated seconds from the big bag.

Is the Vigenere cipher secure?

No, lets show why!

The vigenere cipher can be thought here as a shift cipher

for each position in the length of the key. Therefore we want to find

the 1

(1) Key length

(2) Characters in the key

B/c if we have the key then we know how

to decrypt.

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assumptions

① We know the adversary is using the
Vigenere cipher.

② Cipher text is sufficiently long.

Fact 1. The frequency of english letters in text follow certain
Probabilities. (We will

$$P_0(A) = 8.2$$

$$P_0(B) \approx 1.6$$

$$P_0(C) \approx 3.0$$

⋮

$$P_{25}(z) \approx .1$$

Let P_i , for $0 \leq i \leq 25$ denote the probability of the
 i th letter in a random text. Then we have the following sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^{25} P_i^2 \approx .065$$

.065 is an invariant that tells us we have a
Plain english text!

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• Let q_i denote the probability the i th letter in the ciphertext.

• If the key is K then $q_{i+K} \approx P_i$ for all i

• Assume know the length of the key is l . $K = K_1 K_2 \dots K_l$

• Then $C_1, C_{1+l}, \dots, C_{1+3l}, \dots$ are shifted by K_1

Some examples.

hello
- - -
ababa

• Let q_i denote the frequency of the english letters C_1, C_{1+l} appear in the ciphertext.

• If the shift here is K_j then $q_{i+K_j} \approx P_i$

• Define
$$I_j = \sum_{i=0}^{25} P_i q_{i+K_j}$$

• If K_j is the correct shift then $I_j \approx .0065$

• Compute Each I_j . Closest to .0065 is solution

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When $t = \text{length of the Key}$ then the sequence

P_0, \dots, P_{25} is the sequence q_0, \dots, q_{25} ~~with some~~

with some permutation.

Therefore compute  I_t .

The I_t closest to .0065 will give the length of the key.

Summary:

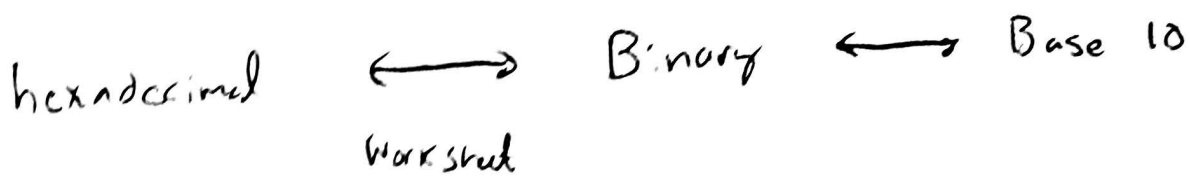
- ① Vigenere cipher is not secure!
- ② Given a large enough message or Key we can crack it
- ③ Smaller messages/Keys are susceptible to brute force!

Motivation: How can we know if an encryption is secure?

- Define Security

Hexadecimal, Binary

- ① hexadecimal is a way of describing integers using base 16.
- ② hex digits 0-9 correspond to the values 0-9 and hex digit 10-15 correspond to the values A-F (WS)
- ③ hexadecimal numbers also correspond to bits, nibbles, and bytes
- ④ Definition: A bit is a binary digit that is represented by 0, 1.
- ⑤ Definition: A nibble is four bits.
- ⑥ Definition: A byte is 8 bits.



- ⑦ From the worksheet you can see the correspondence between hexadecimal to binary

- ⑧ Let's review how to convert binary to Base 10

Binary \leftrightarrow Base 10.

① Given a binary number

$$b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_1 b_0$$

② We convert by the formula

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i 2^i$$

Example.

Convert the binary number 101101 to decimal

$$= 1 \cdot 2^5 + 0 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

$$= 2^5 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 1$$

$$= 32 + 8 + 4 + 1$$

$$= 45$$

Ex

Convert the hexadecimal number $0x\text{a1b}$ into Binary and into decimal.

Binary $0x\text{a1b}$.

Each position corresponds to a nibble

a 1 b

decimal

a 1 b

1010 0001 1011 } Binary

$$a \times 16^2 + 1 \times 16^1 + b \times 16^0$$

↓ decimal

$$2^{11} + 2^9 + 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^1 + 2^0$$

$$10 \times 16^2 + 16 + 11$$

Alternative Hexadecimal \leftrightarrow decimal

Given hex number

$0x\text{h}_{n-1} \dots \text{h}_0$

We convert by the formula

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h'_i 16^i$$

where h'_i is h_i converted to decimal