

MATH 314 - Class Notes

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Summary: We went over different mode of operation for encrypting larger than 64 bits and briefly began talking about AES/SAES.

DES:

- Key length is too short (56 bits) to be secure today
- First solution was 2DES but a meet in the middle attack makes this insecure

3DES:

- 3 keys K_1, K_2, K_3
- perform encryption by: $C = (E(K_3)(E(K_2)(E(K_1(p))))))$
- what happens if we try a meet in the middle attack now? $D_{K_3}(C) = E_{K_2}(E_{K_1}(p))$
- no matter how we try to manipulate the equation we always have 2 keys on one side of the equation and by having two you would need 2^{112} entries to store which is too big to store, so since this is too big to store it is secure against a meet in the middle attack

Actual 3DES:

- uses 2 keys K_1, K_2
- Encryption: $(E(K_1)(D(K_2)(E(K_1(p)))))) = C$
- Decryption: $(D(K_1)(E(K_2)(D(K_1(C)))))) = P$
- 3DES is still used today (considered secure) but better to use newer algorithms

How do you encrypt something larger than 64 bits?:

- First Solution: Break into blocks of 64-bits and encrypt each block separately, this is called Electronic code book (ECB)
- Flaw of ECB: Same plaintext always encrypts to the same ciphertext
- use frequency analysis on entire blocks to perform an attack
- to solve this problem use different modes of operation

Modes of Operation:

- ECB is one mode of operation
- Cipher Block Chaining (CBC)

- Cipher feed back (CFB)
- Output-Feedback (OFB)
- Counter(CTR)

CBC:

- first break the plaintext into 64 bit blocks: p_1, p_2, \dots
- Pick an initial C_0 in cleartext (means without encryption)
- Method to compute blocks of cipher text:
- $C_i = E(P_i + C_{i-1})$
- $P_i = D(C_i) + C_{i-1} - P_i$
- How does this solve the problem of ECB?
 - Suppose we send the same message over and over again $P_1 = P_2 = P_3$
 - then $C_1 = E(P_1 + C_0)$, $C_2 = E(P_2 + C_1)$
 - Even though we have started off with p_1 and p_2 equal they are being XOR with different random bits so they are going to be completely different
 - So $C_1 \neq C_2 \neq C_3$, we use the previous ciphertext as a one-time pad to further scramble the plaintext
- CBC Issues
- has issues with propagation, one error transmission confuses the decryption of later blocks

CFB:

- Break plaintext into 8-bit blocks (performing encryption one byte at a time)
- Fix $X_1 =$ random 64 bit string send in clear text
- Compute $O_i = L_8(E(X_i))$ $L_8 =$ leftmost 8 bits
- $C_i = O_i + P_i$
- $X_{i+1} = R_{56}(X_i)$ ——— $C_i R_{56} =$ rightmost 56 bits
- This is a one-time pad where encryption function is used to get the bits used on the pad

OFB:

- same set up as cipher feedback creat initial x_1 as before
- compute:
 - $O_i = L_8(E(X_i))$
 - $C_i = O_i + P_i$

$$- X_{i+1} = R_{56}(X_i) \oplus O_i$$

- The only difference from ecb is for x_{i+1} we append it with O_i instead of C_i
- The benefit of OFB is that the O_i 's can be precomputed before the plaintext is known (it can help run faster)
- CFB is a little more secure but OFB is faster

CTR:

- $X_i = i \pmod{2^{64}}$ — in binary
- $O_i = L_8(E(X_i))$
- $C_i = O_i \oplus P_i$
- Same benefits as OFB but easier to compute

AES: Advanced Encryption System

- By the mid 90's it was clear that DES needed to be replaced (main flaw: key length not long enough), now they could have chosen to just make the key longer but decided to undergo to fix all flaws
- NIST: called for proposals for a replacement for DES using new cryptology advancements
- Flaws wanted corrected for DES:
 - Longer key length
 - 16 rounds slower than ideal (run faster)
 - use math that is more clearly generated how the diffusion/confusion occur
 - Mysterious SBOXES
- 5 different proposals were given NIST chose one called Rijndael (Rindoll)
- This became the new AES

AES:

- not feistel system (lets us do fewer rounds)
- 4 key steps to a round of SAES
 - 1. Add Round
 - 2. Substitue
 - 3. Shift Rows
 - 4. Mix Columns