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Spring Working Meeting

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- Two Members of Japan-team
- Four Members of Indian-team

Agenda of the Meeting

- Main Goal: "Technical Discussions on Future Joint Research Activities and Regarding the 2009 Visits of India-team Members to Tokyo"
- Lectures on Certain Topic Candidates for joint Research Activities Related to Crypto&Coding
- Short Technical Talks
- Round-table Discussions
- Establishing **Program of the Visit and Research Directions** for Indian-team Members Visits to Japan

Lecture I

Towards Low Complexity and Highly Secure Cryptographic Primitives Which Involve Pure Randomness and Dedicated Coding

On Algebraic Representation and Security Evaluation of Certain Stream Ciphers which Involve Randomness

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Roadmap

- Introduction
- Certain Stream Ciphers Based on Randomness
- Dedicated Wire-Tap Channel Coding
- Algebraic Representation of Encryption
- Security Evaluation
- Concluding Remarks

I. Introduction

previous art and motivation for the work

Recent Novel Designs

- Different variants of **Stream Ciphers** based on dedicated encoding and pure randomness:
- Generic Framework
- Stream Ciphers based on Channel with Insertion and Complementing
- Stream Ciphers based on Wire-Tap Channel Coding

- Low Complexity Authentication Protocols based on dummy and effective bits
- Above novel designs originate from the HB class of authentication protocols

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Motivation for the Work

- Establishing

 algebraic model of
 certain stream
 ciphers which
 involve randomness
 and dedicated
 homophonic
 encoding.
- Security evaluation of the established algebraic model.

II. Certain Stream Ciphers Based on Randomness

-a generic scheme -a scheme based on simple embedding: Stream Cipher I -a wire-tap channel coding based scheme: Stream Cipher II







III. Dedicated Wire-Tap Channel Coding

Coding Method and Selection of the Code

Coding Method (1)

We consider a generic approach for wire-tap channel coding as follows.

- To transmit *m*-bit message we first select a (n,k) code *C* such that $m \leq n-k$.

- Out of the 2^{n-k} cosets of C, we choose 2^m cosets and let each message correspond to a chosen coset.

- The selection of the cosets is done in a linear fashion as follows:

(a) Suppose G is a generator matrix for C with rows $g_1, g_2, ..., and g_k$.

(b) We select m linearly independent vectors \mathbf{h}_1 , \mathbf{h}_2 , ..., \mathbf{h}_m , from $\{0,1\}^n \setminus C$.

(c) The coset corresponding to a *m*-bit message $s = [s_1, s_2, ..., s_m]$ is determined as follows:

 $\mathbf{s} \to s_1 \mathbf{h}_1 \oplus s_2 \mathbf{h}_2 \oplus \ldots \oplus s_m \mathbf{h}_m \oplus C.$ (1) ¹⁹

Coding Method

(2)

The above correspondence is deterministic, but the encoding has a random component in the selection of the employed codeword. The transmitted word \mathbf{c} is specified as follows:

 $\mathbf{c} = s_1 \mathbf{h}_1 \oplus s_2 \mathbf{h}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus s_m \mathbf{h}_m \oplus u_1 \mathbf{g}_1 \oplus u_2 \mathbf{g}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus u_k \mathbf{g}_k$ (1) where $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k]$ is an uniformly random k-bit vector and in a particular case k = n - m.

The overall encoding operation can be described as the following. Let \mathbf{G}^* be the $m \times n$ matrix with rows $\mathbf{h}_1, \mathbf{h}_2, ..., \mathbf{h}_m$. Then

$$\mathbf{c} = [\mathbf{su}] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}^* \\ \mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

Selection of the Code

For an arbitrary *m*-bit message S = s, the transmitted word belongs to $sG^* \oplus C$. Since the cosets of *C* cover the entire space $\{0,1\}^n$, the attacker receives vector Z which belongs to some coset of *C* for example $rG^* \oplus C$. If e denotes the error vector introduced by the wire-tapper's BSC(*p*), we have for $1 < i < 2^k$:

 $\mathsf{Prob}\{Z \in \mathbf{rG}^* \oplus C\} = \mathsf{Prob}\{\mathbf{e} \in (\mathbf{u} \oplus \mathbf{s})\mathbf{G}^* \oplus C\} = \mathsf{Prob}\{\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{w} \oplus C\},$ (1)

for some *n*-tuple w. Accordingly, the following criterion for selecting the code C provides security of the message: Select C such that for any *n*-tuple w, the following is valid:

 $\mathsf{Prob}\{\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{w} \oplus C\} \to 2^{-k}, \ as \ n \to \infty.$ (2)

The above condition in conjunction with (10) implies that for an attacker it is equally likely to find \mathbf{Z} in any coset of C given any message \mathbf{S} . Note that, assuming all $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{s}$ are equally likely *a priori*, $\operatorname{Prob}\{\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbf{rG}^* \oplus C\}$ is independent of \mathbf{r} : Hence,

 $\mathsf{Prob}\{\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{s} | \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbf{rG}^* \oplus C\} \to 2^{-k}$, (3) implies the security.

IV. Algebraic Representation of the Encryption

Stream Cipher I: Encryption Algorithm

1. Encode $\mathbf{a}_t \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell}$ into the codeword $C(\mathbf{a}_t) \in \{0, 1\}^m$ employing the selected ECC suitable for a binary symmetric channel with the crossover probability η .

2. Employing the output vector $\mathbf{x}_t \in \{0,1\}^m$ from the keystream generator compute $C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t$, where \oplus denotes bit-by-bit *mod*2 addition.

3. Generate by the RAND-box a random vector $\mathbf{u}_t \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{n-m}$ and perform psudorandom embedding (controlled by the keystream generator) of the bits from the vectors $C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t$ and \mathbf{u}_t as follows: $(C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t || \mathbf{u}_t) \mathbf{P}_t$, where \mathbf{P}_t is a permutation matrix (selected according to the keystream generator output \mathbf{y}_t) which corresponds to the considered embedding and || denotes concatenation.

4. Generate by the RAND-box a random $\mathbf{v}_t \leftarrow \text{Ber}_{n,\eta}$ and generate the ciphertext vector as follows:

$$\mathbf{z}_t = (C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t || \mathbf{u}_t) \mathbf{P}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t .$$
 (1)

Stream Cipher I: Decryption Algorithm

1. Perform decimation of z_t corresponding to the embedding performed in the encryption step 3 as follows:

$$\mathbf{z}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} = (C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t || \mathbf{u}_t) \oplus \mathbf{v}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1}), \qquad (1)$$

 $tcat_m(\mathbf{z}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1}) = C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus tcat_m(\mathbf{v}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1})$, (2) where \mathbf{P}_t^{-1} denotes the inverse permutation of \mathbf{P}_t and $tcat_m(\cdot)$ denotes truncating of the argument to the first *m* bits.

2. Employing the output vector $\mathbf{x}_t \in \{0,1\}^m$ from the keystream generator compute

$$tcat_m(\mathbf{z}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1}) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t = C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus tcat_m(\mathbf{v}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1})$$
. (3)

3. Perform decoding $C^{-1}(\cdot)$ of the employed ECC and recover \mathbf{a}_t according to the following:

$$\mathbf{a}_t = C^{-1}(C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus tcat_m(\mathbf{v}_t \mathbf{P}_t^{-1})) . \quad (4) \qquad 24$$

Stream Cipher II: Encryption Algorithm

1. Encode $\mathbf{a}_t \in \{0,1\}^{\ell}$ into the codeword $\mathbf{b} = C(\mathbf{a}_t) \in \{0,1\}^m$ employing the selected ECC suitable for a binary symmetric channel with the crossover probability η .

2. Employing the output vectors $\mathbf{x}_t \in \{0, 1\}^m$ from the keystream generator and \mathbf{v}_t from RANDbox compute $\mathbf{b}_t \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t$, where \oplus denotes bitby-bit *mod*2 addition, and $\mathbf{v}_t \leftarrow \text{Ber}_{m,\eta}$.

3. Generate by the RAND-box a random vector $\mathbf{u}_t \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{n-m}$ and perform the selected wire-tap channel coding $C_W(\cdot)$ which provides the codeword $C_W(\mathbf{b}_t \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{u}_t)$ as an *n*-dimensional binary vector.

4. Employ $\mathbf{y}_t \in \{0,1\}^n$ and generate the ciphertext vector as follows:

$$\mathbf{z}_t = C_W(\mathbf{b}_t \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{u}_t) \oplus \mathbf{y}_t$$
 (1) 25

Stream Cipher II: Decryption Algorithm

1. Calculate:

$$\mathbf{z}_t \oplus \mathbf{y}_t = C_W(\mathbf{b}_t \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t, \mathbf{u}_t)$$
. (1)

2. Perform decoding $C_W^{-1}(\cdot)$, corresponding to the employed wire-tap channel encoding, as follows:

$$C_W^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t \oplus \mathbf{y}_t) = \mathbf{b}_t \oplus \mathbf{x}_t \oplus \mathbf{v}_t$$
 (2)

3. Employing the output vector $\mathbf{x}_t \in \{0,1\}^m$ from the keystream generator compute

$$C_W^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t \oplus \mathbf{y}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t = C(\mathbf{a}_t) \oplus \mathbf{v}_t$$
. (3)

4. Perform decoding $C^{-1}(\cdot)$ of the employed ECC and recover \mathbf{a}_t according to the following:

$$\mathbf{a}_t = C^{-1}(C_W^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_t \oplus \mathbf{y}_t) \oplus \mathbf{x}_t) .$$
 (4)

Unified Algebraic Model

for Stream Ciphers I & II

For the Stream Cipher I, the following algebraic model can be shown:

$$\mathbf{z} = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} (b_i \oplus x_i) \mathbf{p}_i\right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{p}_{m+i}\right) \oplus \mathbf{v} ,$$

$$= (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} b_i \mathbf{p}_i) \oplus \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{P})$$
(1)

where $\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{P}) = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} x_i \mathbf{p}_i) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{p}_{m+i} \oplus \mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{b} = C(\mathbf{a})$, and \mathbf{P} is a function of \mathbf{y} , i.e. \mathbf{k} .

For the Stream Cipher II, assuming that the linear wire-tap channel coding $C_W(\cdot)$ is employed, after the wire-tap channel encoder, we have the following:

$$\mathbf{z} = C_W(\mathbf{b} \oplus \mathbf{x} \oplus \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u}) \oplus \mathbf{y} = \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m (b_i \oplus x_i \oplus v_i) \mathbf{h}_i \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{g}_i \right) \oplus \mathbf{y}$$

$$= \left(\bigoplus_{i=1}^m b_i \mathbf{h}_i \right) \oplus \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}^*) . \quad (2)$$

where

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{G}^*) = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^m x_i \mathbf{h}_i \oplus \mathbf{y}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{g}_i) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^m v_i \mathbf{h}_i).$$
(3)

Proposition 1. In the both Stream Ciphers I and II, the ciphertext $\{z_t\}$ can be represented as follows:

$$\mathbf{z} = f_i(\mathbf{a}) \oplus \phi_i(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{r}) , \quad i = I, II , \qquad (1)$$

where for the Stream Cipher I

$$f_{I}(\cdot) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} b_{i} \mathbf{p}_{i}, \quad \phi_{I}(\cdot) = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} x_{i} \mathbf{p}_{i}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_{i} \mathbf{p}_{m+i}) \oplus \mathbf{v},$$
(2)

and for the Stream Cipher II

$$f_{II}(\cdot) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} b_i \mathbf{h}_i, \quad \phi_{II}(\cdot) = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} x_i \mathbf{h}_i \oplus \mathbf{y}) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{g}_i \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} v_i \mathbf{h}_i),$$
(3)

and where $\mathbf{b} = C(\mathbf{a})$, \mathbf{k} denotes secret key, r is a random vector, and $\mathbf{P} = [\mathbf{p}_i]_{i=1}^n$ is a permutation $n \times n$ matrix, and each \mathbf{p}_i is a binary *n*-dimensional vector with only one nonzero element.

V. Security Evaluation

LPN Problem Based Security

Indistinguishability

One of the security goals is the indistinguishability (IND): IND deals with the secrecy provided by the scheme in the following sense: An adversary must be unable to distinguish the encryption of two (chosen) plaintexts. For the IND considerations we assume the following traditional approach. An adversary is considered as a pair of algorithms $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ and they operate through two phases as follows.

Phase I. A_1 is employed during the first phase and at the end of this phase, A_1 outputs a pair of plaintexts (x_1, x_2) .

Phase II. One of the given plaintexts is selected with probability equal 1/2, then encrypted, and the obtained ciphertext is delivered to A_2 - this represents A's challenge. The success of A is determined according to correctness of decision whether \mathbf{x}_1 or \mathbf{x}_2 was encrypted.

LPN Problem

Informally, Learning from Parity with Noise (LPN) problem can be described as learning an unknown k-bit vector s given noisy versions of its scalar product $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s}$ with randomly selected vectors \mathbf{a} .

In a formal manner, the LPN problem is the problem of retrieving s given access to the oracle $\Pi_{s,\eta}$. For a fixed value of k, we will say that an algorithm $\mathcal{A}(T,q,\delta)$ -solves the LPN problem with noise parameter η if \mathcal{A} runs in time at most T, makes at most q oracle queries, and

$$\mathsf{Pr}\left[\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0},\mathbf{1}\}^k : \mathcal{A}^{\prod_{s,\eta}}(\mathbf{1}^k) = s\right] \geq \delta$$

By saying that the LPN problem is hard, we mean that any efficient adversary solves it with only negligible probability. There is a significant amount of literature dealing with the hardness of the LPN problem. It is closely related to the problem of decoding a random linear code and it is NP-hard.

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LPN Problem and the Indistinguishability

The following lemma states that the hardness of the LPN problem implies that the two oracles U_{k+1} and $\Pi_{s,\eta}$ are indistinguishable.

Lemma 1, [Katz, CRYPTO&Coding2007]. Assume there exists an algorithm \mathcal{M} making q oracle queries, running in time T, and such that

$$\left| \Pr\left[\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^k : \mathcal{M}^{\prod_{s, \eta}}(\mathbf{1}^k) = \mathbf{1} \right] - \Pr\left[\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}_{k+1}}(\mathbf{1}^k) = \mathbf{1} \right] \right| \geq \delta$$
.

Then there is an algorithm \mathcal{A} making $q' = O(q \cdot \delta^{-2} \log k)$ oracle queries, running in time $T' = O(T \cdot k \delta^{-2} \log k)$, and such that

$$\mathsf{Pr}\left[\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0},\mathbf{1}\}^k : \mathcal{A}^{\prod_{s,\eta}}(\mathbf{1}^k) = \mathbf{s}\right] \geq \frac{\delta}{4}$$



Algebraic Model of Stream Cipher II under Chosen Plaintext Attack

Corollary 1. Under the chosen plaintext attack which for each t implies $\mathbf{b}_t = \mathbf{0}$ (i.e. the all zeros vector), Proposition 1 implies:

$$\mathbf{z}_t = \mathbf{q}_t \mathbf{S} \oplus \vec{\nu_t} , \qquad (1)$$

where

$$\mathbf{q}_t = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^m x_i \mathbf{h}_i \oplus \mathbf{y}_t) \mathbf{S}^{-1} , \quad \vec{\nu_t} = (\bigoplus_{i=1}^{n-m} u_i \mathbf{g}_i) \oplus (\bigoplus_{i=1}^m v_i \mathbf{h}_i) ,$$
(2)

and where S is an $n \times n$ binary matrix determined by the length k binary secret key k, and S^{-1} is its inverse.

Assumption 1. For any $t = 1, 2, ..., \vec{\nu_t} \leftarrow \text{Ber}_{n,\eta}$, where η is the parameter.

A Statement on Stream Cipher II Security

Theorem 1. Assume there is an adversary \mathcal{A} , running in time T, and attacking the Stream cipher II specified by Corollary 1 and Assumption 1 with parameters (ℓ, m, k, n, η) , k = n, in the sense of IND with advantage δ by making at most q queries to the encryption oracle. Then there is an algorithm \mathcal{M} making O(q) oracle queries, running in time O(T), and such that

$$\left| \Pr\left[\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \{0,1\}^k : \mathcal{M}^{\prod_{s,\eta}}(1^k) = 1 \right] - \Pr\left[\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{U}_{k+1}}(1^k) = 1 \right] \right| \ge \frac{\delta}{n}$$
(1)

VI. Concluding Notes

Main Messages of This Talk

- The talk has pointed out the underlying algebraic structure of certain stream ciphers which involve randomness and dedicated homophonic encoding.
- The algebraic model of the considered stream ciphers imply that the security originates from the hardness of the LPN problem.

Thank You Very Much for the Attention,

and QUESTIONS Please!