

Randomized Encryption Cryptosystem

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Abstract

Abstract: - Cryptography is the art of secret writing. There are essentially two types of cryptosystems.

- (i) Secret-key cryptosystems also called symmetric cryptosystems
- (ii) Public-key cryptosystems also called asymmetric cryptosystems.

In this paper, we shall consider a Public-key cryptosystem whose security is based on the infeasibility of the Quadratic Residuosity Problem (QRP)

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1. WE SHALL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALGORITHM

RANDOMIZED ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM

Algorithm:

This algorithm uses the randomized method to encrypt messages and is based on the Quadratic Residuosity Problem (QRP) [1]. The algorithm is given in three steps, namely key generation, Message encryption and Decryption

Step I Key Generation

Consider two persons say Ram and shyam. Both Ram and Shyam should do the following to generate their public and secret Keys:

- (i) Select two large distinct primes p and q , each with roughly the same size, say, each with β bits.
- (ii) Compute $n = pq$
- (iii) Select a $y \in \mathbb{Z} / n\mathbb{Z}$, such that $y \in \overline{Q_n}$ and $\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) = 1$ (i.e. y is a pseudo square modulo n) Q_n is the set of all quadratic residues modulo n . $\overline{Q_n}$ is the set of all pseudosquares modulo n
- (iv) Make the Key (n,y) public, but keep the Key (p,q) secret.

Step II Encryption:

To send a message (the cipher text) Ram should do the following:

- (i) Obtain shyam's Public key (n,y)
- (ii) Represent the message \mathbf{m} as a binary string $\mathbf{m} = m_1 m_2 m_3 \dots m_k$ of length k .
- (iii) For $i = 1$ to k do
Choose at random an $x \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$ call it x_i . Compute \mathbf{c}_i from

$$c_i = \begin{cases} x_i^2 \pmod n, & \text{if } m_i=0 \text{ (Random square)} \\ yx_i^2 \pmod n, & \text{if } m_i=1 \text{ (Random pseudo square)} \end{cases} \dots (1)$$

- (iv) Send the k-tuple $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)$ to shyam. Each c_i is an integer such that $1 \leq c_i < n$. Note also that since n is a 2β bit integer it is clear that the cipher text c is a much longer string than the original plain text m .

Step III Decryption:

To Decrypt Ram's message (i.e the cipher text c constructed above), shyam should do the following

- (i) For $i = 1$ to k do
 Evaluate the Legendre symbols

$$\left. \begin{aligned} e_i' &= \left(\frac{c_i}{p}\right) \\ e_i'' &= \left(\frac{c_i}{q}\right) \end{aligned} \right\} \dots (2)$$

- (ii) Compute m_i from

$$m_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } e_i' = e_i'' = 1 \\ 1, & \text{if otherwise} \end{cases} \dots (3)$$

That is, $m_i = 0$ if $c_i \in Q_n$, otherwise $m_i = 1$. Otherwise, set $m_i = 1$.

- (iii) Finally, get the decrypted message $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$
 This completes the algorithm.

2. RESULTS CONCERNING LEGENDRE SYMBOL

We shall consider the following important results for the Decryption step.

Let p, q be primes

$$\left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = 1 \dots (4)$$

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \dots (5)$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod p \iff \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \dots (6)$$

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \dots (7)$$

$$\left(\frac{a^2}{p}\right) = 1 \quad \dots (8)$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} \quad \dots (9)$$

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = (-1)^{(p-1)(q-1)/4} \quad \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) \quad [2] \quad \dots (10)$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{(p-1)/2} \pmod{p} \quad [3] \quad \dots (11)$$

3. ILLUSTRATION:

Let us consider the Algorithm for the message "SPY". The binary equivalent for the letters S,P,Y are 10010, 01111, 11000 respectively. So the message space **m** is given by **m** = 10010 01111 11000

Let $n = 21 = 3 * 7$ so that $p = 3, q = 7$

Let $y = 17$. Let us consider the case of encrypting m_2, m_{12}

$m_2 = 0$ choose $x_2 = 5$

$$c_2 = x_2^2 \pmod{21} = 5^2 \pmod{21} = 4$$

The decryption is:

$$e_2' = \left(\frac{c_2}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = 1$$

$$e_2'' = \left(\frac{c_2}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{7}\right) = 1$$

Since $e_2' = e_2'' = 1, m_2 = 0$ form (3)

Similarly for $m_{12} = 1$, Choose $x_{12} = 9$

$$\text{then } c_{12} = (9)^2 \pmod{21} = 12$$

$$e_{12}' = \left(\frac{12}{3}\right) = 0$$

$$e_{12}'' = \left(\frac{12}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{7}\right) = -1$$

From (3), $m_{12} = 1$

Similar calculation leads shyam to the message **m**.

4. FEATURES OF THE CRYPTOSYSTEM:

- (i) The encryption process in this system is random in the sense that the same bit is transformed into different strings depending on the choice of the random number x . For this reason, it is also called Probabilistic encryption [4].
- (ii) Each bit is encrypted as an integer modulo n , and hence each bit is transformed in to a 2β bit string.
- (iii) The Algorithm proposed in this system takes $o(\beta^2)$ time to encrypt each bit and $o(\beta^3)$ time [5] to decrypt each bit.
- (iv) Solving Quadratic Residuosity Problem is equivalent to computing the prime factorization of n and so it is computationally infeasible.
- (v) This system is more secure than the most famous RSA Cryptosystem [6] which is not secure for all probability distributions of the message space, in the sense that under fixed Public-key, a particular plain text \mathbf{m} is always encrypted to the same cipher text \mathbf{c} , where as in this system the plaintext \mathbf{m} is converted into different forms of ciphertext \mathbf{c} , because of the randomness in the encryption process.

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