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Welcome Crypto!

- Crypto is amazing!
 - Can do things that seem impossible...
- Crypto is important and pervasive
 - It impacts each of us every day
- Crypto is fun!
 - Deep theory interacting with practice
 - Attackers' mindset, fun assignments



This is a tough class

- Mathematical prerequisites
 - Discrete math, probability, modular arithmetic
 - Mathematical maturity
 - Definitions, theorems, proofs, abstraction
- CS prerequisites
 - Pseudocode/algorithms, big-O notation
 - Programming assignments
 - Hard part should not be the programming, but the thought behind it
 - Some flexibility in language, but need to read code I provide



Course goals

- Understand the theoretical foundations for real-world cryptography
- When you encounter crypto in your career:
 - Understand the key terms
 - Understand the security guarantees needed/provided
 - Know how to use crypto
 - Understand what goes on "under the hood"
- "Crypto mindset"



Course non-goals

- Designing your own crypto schemes
 - This is hard!
- Implementing crypto for real-world use
 - This is hard!
- Course goal:

realize when to consult an expert!



Cryptography (historically)

- "...the art of writing or solving codes..."
- Historically, cryptography focused exclusively on ensuring private communication
- between two parties sharing secret information in advance using "codes" (private-key encryption)



Modern cryptography

- Much broader scope!
 - Data integrity, authentication, protocols, ...
 - The public-key setting
 - Group communication
 - More-complicated trust models
 - Foundations (e.g., number theory, quantum-resistance) to systems (e.g., electronic voting, privacy-preserving ML, blockchain, DeFi)



Cryptography (historically)

- "...the art of writing or solving codes..."
- Historically, cryptography was an art
 - Heuristic, unprincipled design and analysis
 - Schemes proposed, broken, repeat...



Modern cryptography

- Design, analysis, and implementation of mathematical techniques for securing information, systems, and distributed computations against adversarial attack
- Cryptography is now much more of a science
 - Rigorous analysis, firm foundations, deeper understanding, rich theory
- The "crypto mindset" has permeated other areas of computer security
 - Threat modeling
 - Proofs of security



Cryptography (historically)

• Used primarily for military/government applications, plus a few niche applications in industry (e.g., banking)



Modern cryptography

- Cryptography is ubiquitous!
 - Password-based authentication, password hashing
 - Secure credit-card transactions over the internet
 - Encrypted WiFi
 - Disk encryption
 - Digitally signed software updates
 - Bitcoin
 - ...



Rough course outline

	Secrecy	Integrity
Private-key setting	Private-key encryption	Message authentication codes
Public-key setting	Public-key encryption	Digital signatures

- Building blocks
 - Pseudorandom (number) generators
 - Pseudorandom functions/block ciphers
 - Hash functions
 - Number theory





Classical Cryptography

Classical cryptography

- Until the 1970s, exclusively concerned with ensuring secrecy of communication
- I.e., encryption
- Until the 1970s, relied exclusively on secret information (a key) shared in advance between the communicating parties
- Private-key cryptography
 - aka secret-key / shared-key / symmetric-key cryptography



Private-key encryption





Private-key encryption





Private-key encryption

- A private-key encryption scheme is defined by a message space M and algorithms (Gen, Enc, Dec):
 - Gen (key-generation algorithm): outputs $k\!\in\!K$
 - Enc (encryption algorithm): takes key k and message m∈M as input; outputs ciphertext c c ← Enck (m)
 - Dec (decryption algorithm): takes key k and ciphertext c as input; outputs m or "error" m := Deck (c)

For all $m \in \mathcal{M}$ and k output by Gen, $Dec_k(Enc_k(m)) = m$



Kerckhoffs's principle

- The encryption scheme is not secret
 - The attacker knows the encryption scheme
 - The only secret is the key
 - The key must be chosen at random; kept secret
- Arguments in favor of this principle
 - Easier to keep key secret than algorithm
 - Easier to change key than to change algorithm
 - Standardization
 - Ease of deployment
 - Public scrutiny



The shift cipher

- Consider encrypting English text
- Associate 'a' with 0; 'b' with 1; ...; 'z' with 25

• $k \in K = \{0, ..., 25\}$

- To encrypt using key k, shift every letter of the plaintext by k positions (with wraparound)
- Decryption just does the reverse

helloworldz

CCCCCCCCCC

jgnnqyqtnfb



Modular arithmetic

- x = y mod N if and only if N divides x-y
 - [x mod N] = the remainder when x is divided by N
 - I.e., the unique value y∈{0, ..., N-1} such that x = y mod N
- 25 = 35 mod 10
- 25 ≠ [35 mod 10]
- 5 = [35 mod 10]





The shift cipher, formally

- M = {strings over lowercase English alphabet}
- Gen: choose uniform $k \in \{0, ..., 25\}$
- Enck(m1...mt): output c1...ct, where ci := [mi + k mod 26]
- Deck(c1...ct): output m1...mt, where mi := [ci - k mod 26]
- Can verify that correctness holds...



Is the shift cipher secure?

- No -- only 26 possible keys!
 - Given a ciphertext, try decrypting with every possible key
 - Only one possibility will "make sense"
 - (What assumptions are we making here?)
- Example of a "brute-force" or "exhaustive-search" attack



Byte-wise shift cipher

- Work with an alphabet of bytes rather than (English, lowercase) letters
 - Works natively for arbitrary data!
- Use XOR instead of modular addition
 - Essential properties still hold



Byte-wise shift cipher

- M = ({0,1}8)*(i.e., strings of bytes)
- Gen: choose uniform $k \in K = \{0x00, ..., 0xFF\}$
 - 256 possible keys
- Enck(m1...mt): output c1...ct, where ci := mi ⊕ k
- Deck(c1...ct): output m1...mt, where mi := ci ⊕ k
- Verify that correctness holds...



Hexadecimal (base 16)

Hex	Bits	Decimal
0	0000	0
1	0001	1
2	0010	2
3	0011	3
4	0100	4
5	0101	5
6	0110	6
7	0111	7

Нех	Bits	Decimal					
8	1000	8					
9	1001	9					
А	1010	10					
В	1011	11					
С	1100	12					
D	1101	13					
Е	1110	14					
F	1111	15					



Hexadecimal (base 16)

- 0x10
 - 0x10 = 16*1 + 0 = 16
 - 0x10 = 0001 0000
- OxAF
 - 0xAF = 16*A + F = 16*10 + 15 = 175
 - 0xAF = 1010 1111



ASCII

- Characters often represented in ASCII
 - 1 byte/char = 2 hex digits/char



Hex	Dec	Char		Hex	Dec	Char	Hex	Dec	Char	Hex	Dec	Char
0×00	0	NULL	null	0x20	32	Space	0x40	64	6	0x60	96	
0×01	1	SOH	Start of heading	0x21	33	1	0x41	65	A	0x61	97	a
0x02	2	STX	Start of text	0x22	34		0x42	66	в	0x62	98	b
0x03	3	ETX	End of text	0x23	35	#	0x43	67	C	0x63	99	С
0×04	4	EOT	End of transmission	0x24	36	\$	0x44	68	D	0x64	100	d
0×05	5	ENQ	Enquiry	0x25	37	8	0x45	69	Е	0x65	101	е
0x06	6	ACK	Acknowledge	0x26	38	&	0x46	70	F	0x66	102	f
0×07	7	BELL	Bell	0x27	39	1	0x47	71	G	0x67	103	g
0x08	8	BS	Backspace	0x28	40	(0x48	72	H	0x68	104	h
0x09	9	TAB	Horizontal tab	0x29	41)	0x49	73	I	0x69	105	i
0x0A	10	\mathbf{LF}	New line	0x2A	42	*	0x4A	74	J	0x6A	106	j
$0 \times 0 B$	11	VT	Vertical tab	0x2B	43	+	0x4B	75	K	0x6B	107	k
0x0C	12	$\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}$	Form Feed	0x2C	44		0x4C	76	L	0x6C	108	1
$0 \times 0 D$	13	CR	Carriage return	0x2D	45	14	0x4D	77	М	0x6D	109	m
$0 \times 0 E$	14	SO	Shift out	0x2E	46	•	0x4E	78	N	0x6E	110	n
$0 \times 0F$	15	SI	Shift in	0x2F	47	/	0x4F	79	0	0x6F	111	0
0x10	16	DLE	Data link escape	0x30	48	0	0x50	80	P	0x70	112	р
0x11	17	DC1	Device control 1	0x31	49	1	0x51	81	Q	0x71	113	P
0x12	18	DC2	Device control 2	0x32	50	2	0x52	82	R	0x72	114	r
0x13	19	DC3	Device control 3	0x33	51	3	0x53	83	S	0x73	115	S
0x14	20	DC4	Device control 4	0x34	52	4	0x54	84	т	0x74	116	t
0x15	21	NAK	Negative ack	0x35	53	5	0x55	85	U	0x75	117	u
0x16	22	SYN	Synchronous idle	0x36	54	6	0x56	86	v	0x76	118	v
0x17	23	ETB	End transmission block	0x37	55	7	0x57	87	W	0x77	119	w
0x18	24	CAN	Cancel	0x38	56	8	0x58	88	Х	0x78	120	x
0x19	25	EM	End of medium	0x39	57	9	0x59	89	Y	0x79	121	У
0x1A	26	SUB	Substitute	0x3A	58	:	0x5A	90	\mathbf{Z}	0x7A	122	Z
0x1B	27	FSC	Escape	0x3B	59	;	0x5B	91	[0x7B	123	{
0x1C	28	FS	File separator	0x3C	60	<	0x5C	92	1	0x7C	124	
0x1D	29	GS	Group separator	0x3D	61	=	0x5D	93]	0x7D	125	}
0x1E	30	RS	Record separator	0x3E	62	>	0x5E	94	^	0x7E	126	0-11
0x1F	31	US	Unit separator	0x3F	63	?	0x5F	95	_	0x7F	127	DEL



Source: http://benborowiec.com/2011/07/23/better-ascii-table/

Is this scheme secure?

- No -- only 256 possible keys!
 - Given a ciphertext, try decrypting with every possible key
 - If ciphertext is long enough, only one plaintext will "make sense"
- Sufficient key space principle
 - The key space must be large enough to make exhaustive-search attacks impractical
 - How large do you think that is?
 - Technical note: only true when the plaintext is sufficiently long



Can we improve the attack?

- Useful observations about ASCII
 - Only 128 valid ASCII chars (128 bytes invalid)
 - Only 0x20-0x7E printable
 - 0x41-0x7a includes all upper/lowercase letters
 - Uppercase letters begin with 0x4 or 0x5
 - Lowercase letters begin with 0x6 or 0x7
- Can we break the scheme without trying all 256 possible keys?



The Vigenère cipher

- The key is multiple characters, not just one
- To encrypt, shift each character in the plaintext by the amount dictated by the next character of the key
 - Wrap around in the key as needed
- Decryption just reverses the process

tellhimaboutme

<u>cafecafecafeca</u>

veqpjiredozxoe



The Vigenère cipher

- Size of key space?
 - If keys are 14-character strings over the English alphabet, then key space has size $26^{14} \approx 2^{66}$
 - If variable length keys, even more...
 - Brute-force search becomes infeasible
- Does that mean the Vigenère cipher is secure?



Attacking the Vigenère cipher

- Assume a 14-character key
- Observation: every 14th character is "encrypted" using the same shift

veqpjiredozxoeualpcmsdjqu

iqndnossoscdcu: hyycjqoqqodhj

iqndnossoscdc hyycjqoqqodh iqndnossoscdcusoakjqmxpqr hyycjqoqqodhjcciowiei

- Looking at every 14th character is (almost) like looking at a ciphertext encrypted with the shift cipher
 - Though a direct brute-force attack doesn't work (why not?)



Using plaintext letter frequencies





Attacking the Vigenère cipher

- Look at every 14th character of the ciphertext, starting with the first
 Call this the first "stream"
- \bullet Let α be the most common character appearing in this stream
- Most likely, α corresponds to the most common character of the plaintext (i.e., 'e')
 - Guess that the first character of the key is α 'e'
- Repeat for all other positions
- This is somewhat haphazard ... and does not use all the available information



A better attack

- Let pi (0 ≤ i ≤ 25) denote the frequency of the ith English letter in normal English plaintext
 - One can compute that $\Sigma_i p_i^2 \approx 0.065$
- Let qi denote the observed frequency of the ith letter in a given stream of the ciphertext
- If the shift for that stream is j, expect $qi+j \approx pi$ for all i
 - So expect $\Sigma_i p_i q_{i+j} \approx 0.065$
- Test for every value of j to find the right one
 - Repeat for each stream



Finding the key length

- The previous attack assumes we know the key length
 - What if we don't?
- Note: can always try the previous attack for all possible key lengths
 - # of key lengths << # keys
- We can do better!



Finding the key length

- When using the correct key length, the ciphertext frequencies {qi} of any stream will be shifted versions of the {pi}
 - So $\Sigma q_i^2 \approx \Sigma p_i^2 \approx 0.065$
- When using an incorrect key length, expect (heuristically) that ciphertext letters are uniform
 - So $\Sigma q_i^2 \approx \Sigma (1/26)^2 = 1/26 = 0.038$
- In fact, good enough to find the key length N that maximizes $\Sigma~{\rm q_i}^2$ for some stream
 - Can verify key length by looking at other streams...



Byte-wise Vigenère cipher

- The key is a string of bytes
- The plaintext is a sequence of bytes
- To encrypt, XOR each character in the plaintext with the next character of the key
 - Wrap around in the key as needed
- Decryption just reverses the process



Example

- Say plaintext is "Hello!" and key is 0xA1 2F
- "Hello!" = 0x48 65 6C 6C 6F 21
- XOR with 0xA1 2F A1 2F A1 2F
- 0x48 ⊕ 0xA1
 - 0100 1000 \oplus 1010 0001 = 1110 1001 = 0xE9
- Ciphertext: 0xE9 4A CD 43 CE 0E



Attacking the (variant) Vigenère cipher

- As before, two steps:
 - Determine the key length
 - Determine each byte of the key
- Let pi (for 0 ≤ i ≤ 255) be the frequency of byte i in normal English (ASCII) plaintext
 - I.e., pi =0 for i < 32 or i > 127
 - I.e., p97 = frequency of 'a'
- If {pi} are known, use same principles as before...
 - What if they are not known?



Determining the key length

- If the key length is N, every Nth character of plaintext is encrypted using the same "shift"
 - If we take every Nth character and calculate frequencies, we get the {pi} in permuted order
 - If we take every Mth character (M not a multiple of N) and calculate frequencies, we get something close to uniform
 - We don't need to know the {p_i} to distinguish these two!



Determining the key length

- For some candidate key length, tabulate q0, ..., q255 for first stream and compute $\Sigma~{\rm q_i}^2$
 - If close to uniform, $\Sigma q_i^2 \approx 256 \cdot (1/256)2 = 1/256$
 - If a permutation of pi, then $\Sigma q_i^2 \approx \Sigma p_i^2$
 - Main point: will be much larger than 1/256
- So: compute $\Sigma~{\rm q_i}^2$ for each possible key length, and look for maximum value
 - Correct key length N should yield a large value for all N streams



Determining the ith byte of the key

- Assume the key length N has been determined
- Look at ith ciphertext stream
 - As before, all bytes in this stream were generated by XORing plaintext with the same byte of the key
- Try decrypting the stream using every possible byte value B
 - Get a candidate plaintext stream for each value



Determining the ith byte of the key

- When the guess B is correct:
 - All bytes in the plaintext stream will be between 32 and 126
 - Frequency of space character should be high
 - Frequencies of lowercase letters (as a fraction of all lowercase letters) should be close to known English-letter frequencies
 - Tabulate observed letter frequencies p'_0 , ..., p'_{25} (as fraction of all lowercase letters) in the candidate plaintext
 - Should find $\Sigma p'_i p_i \approx \Sigma p_i^2 \approx 0.065$, where pi corresponds to English-letter frequencies
 - In practice, take B that maximizes $\Sigma p'_i p_i$, subject to caveats above (and possibly others)



Complexity of the attack?

- Say the key length is known to be between 1 and L
- Determining the key length: O(L)
- Determining all bytes of the key: O(L)
- Total work: O(L)
- Brute-force key search: > 256^L



The attack in practice

- Attack is more reliable as the ciphertext length grows
- Attack still works for short(er) ciphertexts, but more "tweaking" and manual involvement may be needed

