

Cryptography, winter 2015/16

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8. Exercise sheet

Hand in solutions until Saturday, 9 January 2016, 12:00

Exercise 8.1 (Dilemma). (4+4 points)

Let Π_0 and Π_1 be two encryption schemes for which it is known that at least one of them is IND-CPA secure. The problem is that you don't know which one is CPA-secure and which one may not be. Show how to construct an encryption scheme Π that is guaranteed to be CPA-secure. 4+4

Provide a full proof of your answer.

Exercise 8.2 (AE). (14+6 points)

Consider the paper

Mihir Bellare & Chanathip Namprempre (2000). Authenticated Encryption: Relations among notions and analysis of the generic composition paradigm. URL <https://eprint.iacr.org/2000/025>.

Concentrate on the implication $\text{INT-CTXT} \wedge \text{IND-CPA} \implies \text{IND-CCA}$, namely Theorem 3.2.

- (i) Explain the security notion INT-CTXT. 3
- (ii) Choose one of the compositions E&M (=E&A), MtE (=AtE) and EtM (=EtA). Explain how the authors apply their Theorem 3.2 to that composition. 3
- (iii) The paper says that IPsec uses a variant of Encrypt-then-MAC. (Mind that due to the date of the paper newer AE modes are not considered here!)
 - Find out what is modified. 4
 - Do you think it is IND-CCA secure provided the used block cipher is a pseudorandom function? 1
 - Argue. 3
 - Prove. +6