

Symmetric Key Cryptosystem for Multiple Encryptions

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Abstract

Multiple encryptions is the process of encrypting the plain text more than once. If the plaintext is encrypted twice, then the process of the first encryption is usual encryption and the process of second-time encryption is referred as the super-encryption. For multiple encryptions, same or different algorithms can be used. If the same key is used for multiple encryptions, for an attacker it is not that hard to recover the plain text. In this paper, a symmetric cryptosystem is proposed using Fibonacci numbers for the first level of encryption and Affine or Vigenere transformation is employed for super encryption.

Keywords

Fibonacci numbers, Affine, Vigenere transformations.

I. INTRODUCTION

Super-encryption is a process of encrypting the information that is already encrypted [5][13]. Super-encryption is simply the use of multiple ciphers, usually in multiple steps, as a singular encryption scheme and is a very important technique and many modern strong encryption algorithms can be regarded as resulting from super-encryption using a number of a comparatively weak algorithm.

In view of enhancing the security levels multiple encryptions were introduced. By using same algorithms for the generation of the single for both the encryptions is vulnerable. In order to overcome this problem, the recent researchers suggest using keys which are stochastically independent. It is evident from the history that any cipher can be breakable except the one time pad.

II. FIBONACCI NUMBERS

The Fibonacci sequence is 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, . . . [1][7][8] where each entry is formed by adding the two previous ones, starting with 1 and 1 as the first two terms. Fibonacci numbers can be generated from following recurrence relation $F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$ with $F_1 = F_2 = 1$.

I.1 Affine Cipher

An affine enciphering transformation is $C \equiv aP + b \pmod{N}$ where the pair (a, b) is the

encrypting key and $\gcd(a, N) = 1$. If $y = E(x) = (ax+b) \pmod{26}$, [5] then we can “solve for x in terms of y” and so $E^{-1}(y)$ that is, if $y \equiv ax + b \pmod{26}$ then $y - b \equiv ax \pmod{26}$ or equivalently $ax \equiv y - b \pmod{26}$.

I.2 Vigenere cipher

The Vigenere cipher was generated by Giovan Batista Belaso in 1553[9]. This cipher uses a secret keyword to encrypt the plaintext. First, each letter in the plaintext is converted into a number. Then this numerical value for each letter of the plaintext is added to the numerical value of each letter of a secret keyword to get the ciphertext. The Vigenere ciphers are more powerful than substitution ciphers.

III. PRESENT WORK

Multiple Encryptions

Encryption algorithm:

Step-1: Alice creates plain text is $P = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_m$

Step-2: Alice uses the offset rule with Fibonacci numbers $F = f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$ to each value in sequential order to get the 1st ciphertext.

Step-3: Alice computes $C_i = P_i + F_i$ for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ where C_{ii} is the first cipher text.

Step-4: Now Alice perform super encryption with the Affine transformation $(x) = (ax+b) \pmod{26}$, $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ and take a and b are secret, from the first level encryption message.

Step-5: Alice sends the super-encrypted message to Bob.

Decryption algorithm:

Step-1: Bob receives the super-encrypted message.

Step-2: Bob decrypts the super-encrypted message by using $E^{-1} y = a^{-1} (y - b) \pmod{26}$

Step-3: Bob reverses the offset rule with Fibonacci number from the first decrypted message to get the original plaintext.

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Step-3: Alice computes $C_i=P_i+F_i$ for $i=1,2,3,\dots,m$ where C_{1i} is the first ciphertext.

Step-4: Now Alice performs Vigenere transformation use offset rule with to the numerical value of each letter of a secret keyword to first level encryption message.

Step-5: Alice sends the super-encrypted message to Bob.

Decryption algorithm:

Step-1: Bob receives the super-encrypted message.

Step-2: Bob decrypts with the inverse Vigenere transformation to super encryption message. It is the first decryption message

Step-3: Bob uses reverse offset rule with Fibonacci number from the first decrypted message to get original plaintext.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

EXAMPLE

Encryption algorithm:

Step-1: Let the Plain text be CRYPTOGRAPHY

Step-2: Offset rule with Fibonacci numbers

C	R	Y	P	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	Y
2	17	24	15	19	14	3	17	0	15	7	24
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144
3	18	26	18	24	22	19	38	34	70	96	168

Step-3: Now applying affine transformation $E(x)=(ax+b) \bmod 26$ for $a = 5$ & $b= 8$

x	3	18	26	18	24	22	19	38	34	70	96	168
5x+8	23	98	138	98	128	118	103	198	178	358	488	848
(5x+8) mod 26	23	20	8	20	24	14	25	16	22	20	20	16
Second Encrypted message is	X	U	I	U	Y	O	Z	Q	W	U	U	Q

Step-4: Encrypted message is XUIUYOZQWUUQ

Decryption algorithm:

Step-1: First decrypted Message is XUIUYOZQWUUQ

Step-2: Find Inverse of Affine transformation $E^{-1} y = a^{-1} y - b \bmod 26$

Message	X	U	I	U	Y	O	Z	Q	W	U	U	Q
y	23	20	8	20	24	14	25	16	22	20	20	16

y-8	15	12	0	12	16	6	17	8	14	12	12	8
21(y-8)	315	252	0	252	336	126	357	168	394	252	252	168
21(y-8)mod26	3	18	0	18	24	22	19	12	8	18	18	12
First decrypted message	D	S	A	S	Y	W	T	M	I	S	S	M

Step-3: Reverse Offset rule with the first decrypted message

Message	D	S	A	S	Y	W	T	M	I	S	S	M
	3	18	0	18	24	22	19	12	8	18	18	12
Reverse Offset rule with Fibonacci number	3	18	0	18	24	22	19	12	8	18	18	12
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144
	2	17	-2	15	19	14	3	-9	-26	-37	-71	-132
Mod 26	2	17	24	15	19	14	3	17	0	15	7	24
Second decrypted message is	C	R	Y	P	T	O	G	R	A	P	H	Y

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Encryption algorithm:

Step-1: Let the Plain text be MATHEMATICS

Step-2: Offset rule with Fibonacci number

M	A	T	H	E	M	A	T	I	C	S
12	0	19	7	4	12	0	19	8	2	18
+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89
13	1	21	10	9	20	13	40	42	57	107

Using Vigenere ciphers for key

G	I	T	A	M
6	8	19	0	12

Step-3: Offset rule with the first decrypted message

	13	1	21	10	9	20	13	40	42	57	107
	13	1	21	10	9	20	13	40	42	57	107

Offset rule with Key	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
	6	8	19	0	12	6	8	19	0	12	6
	19	9	40	10	21	26	21	59	42	69	113
Mod 26	19	9	14	10	21	0	21	7	16	17	9
Second Encrypted message is	T	J	O	K	V	A	V	H	Q	R	J

Step-4: Encrypted message is TJOKVAVHQRJ

Decryption algorithm:

Step-1: First Decrypted Message is TJOKVAVHQRJ

Step-2: Decrypts with the inverse of Vigenere transformation

Message	T	J	O	K	V	A	V	H	Q	R	J
	19	9	14	10	21	0	21	7	16	17	9
Reverse Offset rule with Key	19	9	14	10	21	0	21	7	16	17	9
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	6	8	19	0	12	6	8	19	0	12	6
	13	1	-5	10	9	-6	13	-12	16	5	3
Mod 26	13	1	21	10	9	20	13	14	16	5	3
First Decrypted message	N	B	V	K	J	U	N	O	Q	F	D

Step-3: Reverse Offset rule with the first decrypted message

Message	N	B	V	K	J	U	N	O	Q	F	D
	13	1	21	10	9	20	13	14	16	5	3
Reverse Offset rule with Fibonacci number	13	1	21	10	9	20	13	14	16	5	3
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89
	12	0	19	7	4	12	0	-7	-18	-50	-86
Mod 26	12	0	19	7	4	12	0	19	8	2	18
First Decrypted message	M	A	T	H	E	M	A	T	I	C	S

IV. CONCLUSIONS

For multiple encryptions, two different algorithms were performed. Initial encryption is performed with Fibonacci numbers using offset rule whereas for super encryption two different ciphers either Affine or Vigenere are performed. In view of the known attack both are more or less the same. Further the keys generated at two levels are stochastically independent. To enhance the security levels, two different keys are applied.

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