

Introduction to Cryptography

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An algorithm in n -variables of k_i bits each is called a polynomial time algorithm if the number of bit operations is $O(\prod_{i=1..n} k_i^{d_i})$

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- Multiplying two elements of \mathbb{F}_q needs $O((\log q)^3)$ operations while a^k , for $a \in \mathbb{F}_q$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ needs $O((\log q)^3 \log k^3)$

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Proof. Consider p, q primes, and $G = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{i}{q}\right) \xi^i$, where $\xi \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ is a q -th root of unity. Then,

$$G^p = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{i}{q}\right) \xi^{ip} = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \left(\frac{ip}{q}\right) \xi^{ip} = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right) G$$

But also

$$G^p = (G^2)^{(p-1)/2} G = ((-1)^{(q-1)/2} q)^{(p-1)/2} G$$

which finish the result.

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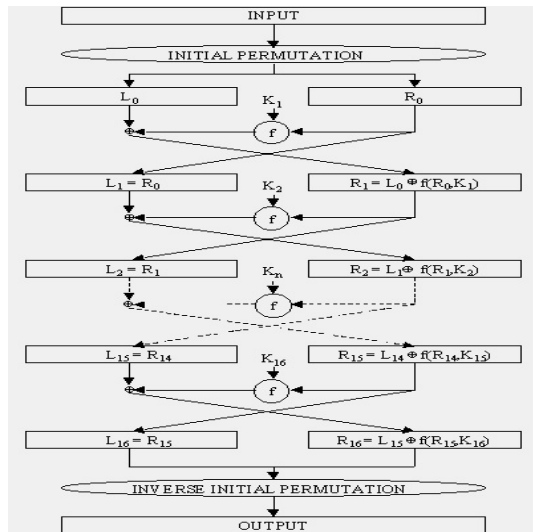
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- Disadvantages:

- Secure channel for secret key exchange.
- Ensuring privacy of keys is difficult.
- Origin and authenticity of message cannot be guaranteed.

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It is based on the use of a trapdoor function. A bijective function $f : P \rightarrow P$ easy to compute, but very hard to find f^{-1} in any single value, unless an additional information is provided, the deciphering key K_d , which is kept secret.

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Public key cryptosystems are often used to send the keys of a symmetric scheme. This is called key exchange. In order to ensure security, probabilistic cryptosystems are used: the same plaintext has many different cipher text, depending on a random parameter.

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Exercise: How to make the digital signature $f_A^{-1} f_B$ when n_A and n_B are different?