The Multi-User Security of Double Encryption

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$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\Pi[E]}^{\operatorname{cca}}(q) = \max_{A \text{ of } q \text{ queries}} \mathbf{Adv}_{\Pi[E]}^{\operatorname{cca}}(A)$$

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-Mu security can be implicitly obtained via hybrid arguments:

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| 1 | K_1 | K_2 | • • • | K_p |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| A | $E_{K_1}(0^n)$ | $E_{K_2}(0^n)$ | | $E_{K_p}(0^n)$ |
| | User #1 | User #2 | • • • | User #q |
| | $\operatorname{Enc}(1,0^n)$ | $\operatorname{Enc}(2,0^n)$ | | $\operatorname{Enc}(q,0^n)$ |

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-Today: Mu security of DE(AES) ≈ Su security of AES

128-bit security

History of Mu Analyses on SE/DE

| k: key length, n: block len | Adv vanishes when $q \approx$ | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Construction | Advantage | Security level |
| SE: matching attack of hybrid argument by [Biham 02] | $\frac{q^2}{2^k}$ | $2^{k/2}$ |
| DE: hybrid argument on [ABDV98] bound | $\frac{q^3}{2^{2k}}$ | $2^{2k/3}$ |
| DE: dream bound | $\frac{q}{2^k}$ | 2^k |

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-Showcase the method via Double Encryption

| Advantage | Security level | | | |
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| $\frac{6qB^2 + 222Bq^2}{2^{2k}}$ | $2^k/n$ if $n \ge k$ | | | |
| | | | | |
| $B = 5 \max\{n + k/2, 2q/2^n\}$ | | | | |

Results

Visualization of the mu and su bounds of Single Encryption (SE) and Double Encryption (DE) on AES parameters



Almost proximity: very general, but can be overly complex in some setting







Generalize the pointwise proximity technique of [Hoang, Tessaro 2016]

- Bound the distinguishing advantage of two randomized systems \mathbf{S}_0 and \mathbf{S}_1



X may encode (+, x) or (-, y), and Z may encode (+, K, z) or (-, K, z)

Assume that q CONS queries of data complexity σ invoke σt primitive queries



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Goal: bound Area by analyses on **su** good transcripts







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Suppose that for any su adversary *B* of parameters p, q, σ $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbf{S}_0, \mathbf{S}_1}(B) \leq \epsilon(p, q, \sigma) + \epsilon'(p, q, \sigma)$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathbf{S}_0,\mathbf{S}_1}(A) &\leq & \mathbf{Area} \\ &\leq & \mathbf{Area} + 2\epsilon(p + \sigma t, q, \sigma) + 2q \cdot \epsilon'(p + \sigma t, q, \sigma) \end{aligned}$$

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Bound Pr[Getting a bad su transcript in \mathbf{S}_0] $\leq \epsilon^*(p,q)$

using q construction queries and p primitive queries

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 $\mathbf{Coll}(\tau)$: # of primitive queries that have colliding construction queries



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Theorem: Assume the su conditions hold,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\Pi[E]}^{\text{mu-cca}}(q) \leq 2^{-n} + 2\epsilon + 2q \cdot (\epsilon' + \epsilon^*) + 40(p+qt) \max\{n, 2q/2^n\}\epsilon''$$

Any function takes arguments p + qt and q

Su Transcript: (CONS, 1, (+, x), y), (PRIM, (-, K_1, u), v), ..., (PRIM, (+, K_2, u'), v')



Graphical representation of the transcript

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Conclusion

- The **almost proximity** method is very powerful in obtaining strong mu security

- Contrary to conventional wisdom, Double Encryption does add some security.

+ The analysis here might be not tight: We can't find matching attacks if $n \ll k$