

New Technique Using Multiple Symmetric keys for Multilevel Encryption

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ABSTRACT

In a world of **accelerating** communications, cryptography has become an essential component of the modern means of communication systems. The emergence of the web as a reliable medium for commerce and communication has made cryptography an essential component. Many algorithms or ciphers are in use nowadays. The quality of the cipher is judged by its ability to prevent an unrelated party from knowing the original content of the encrypted message. The proposed “Multilevel Encryption Model” is a cryptosystem that adopts the basic principles of cryptography. It uses five symmetric keys (multiple) in floating point numbers, plaintext, substitution techniques and key combinations with unintelligible sequence to produce the ciphertext. The decryption process is also designed to reproduce the plaintext.

Key Words: Cryptography, symmetric key, ciphers, algorithms, plaintext, encryption, communication systems

I. INTRODUCTION

With the enlargement of the net and also the growth of electronic commerce, cryptography has become crucial to business group action and legal exchange. This information should be protected from unauthorized eyes. To achieve this goal, cryptography is the technique used to protect data. Cryptography can be divided into two branches, known as transposition and substitution. Two major areas of cryptographic architecture exist. They are symmetric key cryptography and public key cryptography. The symmetric key based algorithms are called conventional cryptographic algorithms. They are implemented using two types of ciphers called “block ciphers” or “stream ciphers”. Stream ciphers can encrypt a single bit of plaintext at a time, whereas block ciphers take a number of bits and encrypt them as a single unit. Stream ciphers are used more dominantly than block ciphers, as the chunk is encrypted bit-by-bit basis. This process is much smaller and faster

than encrypting large chunks or block of data. This method uses a secret key which is shared by both sender and receiver of the message. The symmetric key has five basic elements. It requires a strong encryption algorithm and the sender and receiver

must have copies of the secret key in a secured form. We define the encryption and decryption process of

the symmetric system (see figure 1 & 2) by the following relationship. Let M be the message and K be the key and E be the encryption function. Then the cipher text of the cryptosystem is given by

$$C = E(K, M) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

The decryption process of obtaining the original message / plaintext is given by

$$M = D(K, C) \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

A description of symmetric key system are described as follows



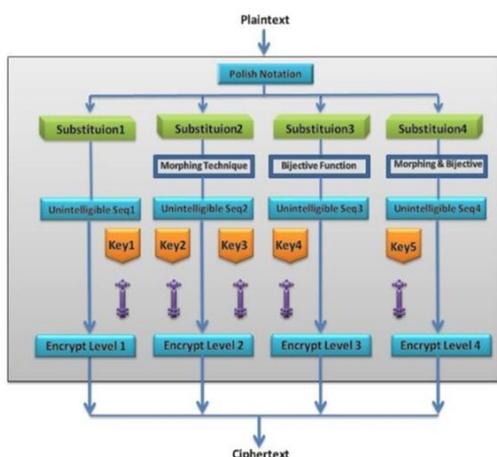


Figure 1 Proposed Encryption System

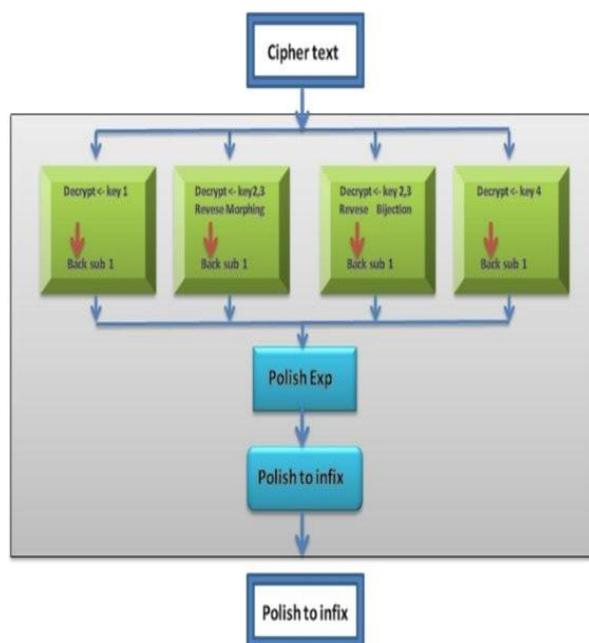


Figure 2 Proposed Decryption System

paper, we will discuss a proposed algorithm which is uses 5 keys in the process of text encryption. THE PROPOSED ALGORITHM The proposed method is a novice method that works on mathematical principles via polish representation of mathematical expression, morphing technique and bijective functions. It is a block cipher employing 128 bits key that operates on 64 bit data block. We use the same procedure proposed by [6] but with modifications on the number of data sets and the number of floating point keys.

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MENA Encryption Algorithm

Ciphertext (Plaintext [], int d1, d2, d3, d4)

Begin

Problem Specification:

Modern computers and communication systems use many electronic devices to exchange data over high speed communication lines. The communication systems also take care of data before passing them over transmission lines. Many mathematical methods are used to secure data [2]. To avoid intruders from hacking information, cryptographic principles are introduced. The goal of the proposed method is to transfigure the message that can't be easily identified except by the respondent [1]. It is intended to introduce multiple symmetric keys to furnish multilevel encryption [3]. The keys are obtained from the contents of user's personal information and the digital signature [4]. To effectively use these multiple symmetric keys, the given message is mangled using mathematical logic and then it is divided into pieces [4]. Then some computing functions are generated and applied to these pieces to yield a better unintelligible sequence. Appropriate key(s) are operated or applied on the unintelligible sequence to generate the ciphertext.

Objective and Scope of the Research:

The prime objective of this research is to formulate a new crypto model to succeed with multi level encryption [5]. The proposed crypto method is built with mathematical logic for key generation, tree traversal technique, and suitable substitution with morphing principles and bijective functions. The research proceeds in more than one phase, but in this

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Read Plaintext
    Call polish notation to obscure the
    plaintext
        Segment the resultant into dataset1,
        dataset2, dataset3, dataset4,
        sizes d1, d2, d3, d4, partial codes
    for round = 1 step 1 to d1 subbytes (dataset1)
        endfor
    for round = 1 step 1 to d2 subbytes (dataset2)
        Apply dilation to expand the
        partial codes to get intermediate code
        endfor

    for round = 1 step 1 to d3 subbytes (dataset3)
        Apply bijection to create new image for
        partial codes endfor
        for round = 1 step 1 to d4
            subbytes (dataset4) Apply

        endfor

        for round = 1 step 1 to d1
        for shift = 1 step 1 to subbyte value rotate
        left (Key1)
        endfor

        Ciphertext*/

        endfor j = 0
        c = 0
        ciphertext1 ← result /* First Level display

        ciphertext1

        ciphertext */
        j = j+1
        if j > 2 set j = 0 ;
        c = c+1
        if c > d2 break ;
        for shift = 1 step 1 to subbyte value j rotate left
        (Key3)
        endfor
            ciphertext2 ← result /* Second
            level ciphertext*/
            display ciphertext2
            endfor

            for round = 1 step 1 to d3
            for shift = 1 step 1 to subbyte value rotate left (Key4)

            endfor
                ciphertext3 ← result /* Third level
                ciphertext*/
    
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The proposed method is a block cipher employing 128 bits keys that operate on 64 bits data block. It uses five floating point keys of 128 bit size. The efficiency of the proposed method is tested with P4 3GHz machine. The encryption and decryption times are tabulated taking files with different

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    for round = 1 step 1 to d2 c = c+1
        if c > d2 break ;
            j = j+1
            if j > 2 set j = 0
                for shift = 1 step 1 to
                subbyte value j
                rotate left (Key 2)
                endfor
                ciphertext2 ← result /* Second Level
    
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contents and different sizes. It is noted that the tabulation did not include key calculation time (see Table 1). As per the results obtained, the method shows better performance over other algorithms such as AES. The performance of the proposed system is shown graphically (Figure 3). Also the results are compared with other three existing methods.

Table 1 Computational Time of Various Methods

Input size	DES 56-bit	AES 128-bit key	BF 64-bit key	MENA 128-bit key
600	0.06	0.108	0.06	0.084
1350	0.14	0.24	0.14	0.19
2100	0.22	0.32	0.21	0.3
2680	0.28	0.5	0.27	0.42
5200	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.75
10000	1.1	1.65	0.82	1.43
12000	1.31	2.1	1.05	1.68

It is clearly noted from the above table that our method gives better results compared with AES, but the same results show that MENA computational time is a bit more than that of DES and BEF, the reason behind that is the presence of multiple floating point keys, computational functions and variable number of key rotations.

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    display ciphertext3
    endfor
    
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j = j+2
if j > 3 set j = 0 ;
c = c+2
if c > d4 break ;
for shift = 1 step 1 to subbytevalue j rotateleft
(Key5)
endfor
    ciphertext4← result /*Fourth
level ciphertext*/
display ciphertext4 endfor
    
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Results & Discussion



Figure3 Graphical Comparison of DES, AES, BF and MENA

The proposed method is a 64 bits block cipher employing 128 bit keys. It uses five floating point symmetric keys of 128 bits size. The symmetric keys are the solution of two real valued functional equations. These computing function are put together to build unintelligible sequence in the proposed system.

Then, unintelligible sequence1 is combined with key1 to yield first level ciphertext, key2 and key3 are combined with unintelligible sequence2 to give the second level ciphertext and key4, key5 are combined with unintelligible sequence3 to produce third level ciphertext. As the keys are floating points in nature, the cipher text generated are lengthy codes which take three fourth of additional space to store the ciphertext. The memory utilization considerably reduced by using "XCQ" technique [7, 8] for compression on the ciphertext.

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