Applied stochastics

Project

1 Definitions

RC4 encryption scheme uses two algorithms KSA(N, T) which takes a secret key K as an input, and outputs an array (permutation) S of size N. Algorithm PRGA(N) outputs pseudo-random bytes from S.

Algorithm 1: $\mathsf{KSA}_k(\mathsf{N},\mathsf{T})$ – $K[i]$ returns ith BYTE of the key. L is the length of the key in bytes.

```
1  for i from 0 to N − 1 do
2  |  S[i] := i
3  end
4  j := 0;
5  for i from 0 to T do
6  |  j := (j + S[i mod N] +
   |    K[i mod L]) mod N;
7  |  swap(S[i mod N], S[j mod N]);
8  end
```

Algorithm 2: $\mathsf{PRGA}_S(\mathsf{N})$

```
1  i := 0;
2  j := 0;
3  while GeneratingOutput do
4  |  i := (i + 1) mod N;
5  |  j := (j + S[i]) mod N;
6  |  swap(S[i], S[j]);
7  |  Z := S[(S[i] + S[j]) mod N];
8  |  output  Z
9  end
```

Algorithm 3: $\mathsf{KSA\text{-}RS}_k(\mathsf{N},\mathsf{T})$ – $k[i]$ returns ith BIT of key k. L denotes length of the key in bits.

```
1  for i from 0 to N − 1 do
2  |  S[i] := i
3  end
4  for r from 0 to T do
5  |  Top = array();
6  |  Bottom = array();;
7  |  for i from 0 to N do
8  |  |  if key[rN + i mod L] == 0 then
9  |  |  |  Top.push(i)
10 |  |  else
11 |  |  |  Bottom.push(i)
12 |  |  end
13 |  end
14 |  foreach Top as i ⇒ v do
15 |  |  newS[i] := S[v]
16 |  end
17 |  foreach Bottom as i ⇒ v do
18 |  |  newS[Top.size + i] := S[v]
19 |  end
20 |  S := newS;
21 end
```

Original RC4 = RC4(N, T) = RC4(256,256) is:

1. $S := \mathsf{KSA}_k(\mathsf{N}, \mathsf{N})$
2. $outputStream \leftarrow \mathsf{PRGA}_S(\mathsf{N})$

RC4-RS(N, T) is:

1. $S := \mathsf{KSA\text{-}RS}_k(\mathsf{N},\mathsf{T})$
2. $outputStream \leftarrow \mathsf{PRGA}_S(\mathsf{N})$

Function RC4-drop[D] drops first D bytes of PRGA output.
Function RC4-SST repeats the loop of KSA (lines 5-8 as long as SST marking is done, see: `https://eprint.iacr.org/2016/1049.pdf` – it is StoppingRuleKLZ from page 15).

2 Project

Implement above algorithms and test the quality of generated random bits depending on the parameters:

1. RC4(N, N)
2. RC4-RS(N, $2N \log N$)
3. RC4-SST(N)

- Repeat experiments for different values of $N = 8, 16, 32, 64, 256$ and key lengths: $40, 64, 128$. For statistical tests use TestU01.
- Try to explain the differences in quality of the generated output.
- Try to modify PRNG to get better results.