

Comparison of Power Consumption and Strict Avalanche Criteria at Encryption/Decryption Side of Different AES Standards

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Abstract:

The selective application of technological and related procedural safeguards is an important responsibility of every organization in providing adequate security to its electronic data systems. Now as the world is moving towards high speed of communication (larger data rate), more secure and fast algorithms are required to keep the information secret. In the present work, a new model is proposed and implemented, which is very similar to the conventional AES. The fundamental difference in the AES and proposed model is in block size which has been increased from 128 bits in conventional AES to 200 bits in proposed algorithm[1-4]. The proposed algorithm is giving very good randomness and hence enhances the security in comparison to conventional AES. The performance is measured based upon Power Consumption at Encryption/Decryption time, and Strict Avalanche Criteria of various AES Standards. In this paper, we showed the effect in security increment through AES methodology.

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1. Introduction:

The introduction of wireless data communication at the beginning of 20th century resulted in an increasing interest in cryptography due to insecure nature of Wireless medium. In this paper, symmetric block cipher algorithm is proposed likewise Advance Encryption Standard (AES). The proposed algorithm differs from AES as it has 200 bits block size and key size both. Number of rounds is constant and equal to ten in this algorithm. The key expansion and substitution box generation are done in the same way as in conventional AES block cipher. AES has 10 rounds for 128-bit keys, 12 rounds for 192-bit keys, and 14 rounds for 256-bit keys[5]. Section 2 describes the Our Proposed Algorithm properly. Section 3 gives the Comparison of Power Consumption at Encryption and Decryption side and Strict Avalanche Criteria of different AES Standards. Section 4 gives the Advantages and Disadvantages of AES. Section 5 and Section 6 gives us the Conclusion and Acknowledgement.

2. Proposed Algorithm

2.1 General Definitions

Block size and key size are the important parameters of any encryption algorithm because the level of security provided by a cipher completely depends upon these two parameters. In our proposed encryption algorithm, we are using 200 bits block and key size instead of 128 bit used in conventional Rijndael's algorithm.[6-8]. This increased block and key size will improve the security level of the cipher with a negligible loss in efficiency. The original data which needs to be encrypted will be termed as plaintext. Our encryption algorithm is a symmetric block cipher algorithm. This algorithm will operate on fixed size blocks of plaintext to generate ciphertext. In the process of encryption, the first step is formation of data blocks from the original plaintext. Our basic block length is 200 bits which can be shown by a 5 by 5 matrix of byte. The data bytes are filled first in the column then in the rows. Once the data block is formed, different rounds take place to modify data to the cipher text.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| a _{0,0} | a _{0,1} | a _{0,2} | a _{0,3} | a _{0,4} |
| a _{1,0} | a _{1,1} | a _{1,2} | a _{1,3} | a _{1,4} |
| a _{2,0} | a _{2,1} | a _{2,2} | a _{2,3} | a _{2,4} |
| a _{3,0} | a _{3,1} | a _{3,2} | a _{3,3} | a _{3,4} |
| a _{4,0} | a _{4,1} | a _{4,2} | a _{4,3} | a _{4,4} |

Figure 1. Making of data block from stream

2.2 The Round Transformation

There are ten rounds, and in each of the round there are series of transformations takes place except the final round. A pseudo algorithm for each of the common round is given below and later the final round transformation algorithm is given. The state is referred as the output of the previous transformation. Each function in the round is explained later. The final round is equal to others when mix-column transformation is removed from general one.

Algorithm 1: (For Common Rounds)

Round(state, Round Key)

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{
ByteSub(state);
ShiftRow(state);
MixColumn(state);
AddRoundKey(state, Round Key);
}
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Algorithm 2: (For Final Round)

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FinalRound(state, Round Key)
{
ByteSub(state);
ShiftRow(state);
AddRoundKey(state, Round Key);
}
```

2.3 The Byte Sub Transform

The ByteSub transformation is a non linear byte substitution that acts on every byte of the state in isolation to produce a new byte value using an S-box substitution table. In this transformation, each of the byte in the state matrix is replaced with another byte as per the S-box (Substitution Box). The S-box is generated by calculating the respective reciprocal of that byte in GF (2⁸) and then affine transform is applied. Similarly, Inverse S-Matrix can be formed during the decryption of the cipher text. For increasing the efficiency, we use Rijndael S-box.

Table 1. S-Box

| | x0 | x1 | x2 | x3 | x4 | x5 | x6 | x7 | x8 | x9 | xa | xb | xc | xd | xe | xf |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0x | 63 | 7c | 77 | 7b | f2 | 6b | 6f | c5 | 30 | 01 | 67 | 2b | fe | d7 | ab | 76 |
| 1x | ca | 82 | c9 | 7d | fa | 59 | 47 | f0 | ad | d4 | a2 | af | 9c | a4 | 72 | c0 |
| 2x | b7 | fd | 93 | 26 | 36 | 3f | f7 | cc | 34 | a5 | e5 | f1 | 71 | d8 | 31 | 15 |
| 3x | 04 | c7 | 23 | c3 | 18 | 96 | 05 | 9a | 07 | 12 | 80 | e2 | eb | 27 | b2 | 75 |
| 4x | 09 | 83 | 2c | 1a | 1b | 6e | 5a | a0 | 52 | 3b | d6 | b3 | 29 | e3 | 2f | 84 |
| 5x | 53 | d1 | 00 | ed | 20 | fc | b1 | 5b | 6a | cb | be | 39 | 4a | 4c | 58 | cf |
| 6x | d0 | ef | aa | fb | 43 | 4d | 33 | 85 | 45 | f9 | 02 | 7f | 50 | 3c | 9f | a8 |
| 7x | 51 | a3 | 40 | 8f | 92 | 9d | 38 | f5 | bc | b6 | da | 21 | 10 | ff | f3 | d2 |
| 8x | cd | 0c | 13 | ec | 5f | 97 | 44 | 17 | c4 | a7 | 7e | 3d | 64 | 5d | 19 | 73 |
| 9x | 60 | 81 | 4f | dc | 22 | 2a | 90 | 88 | 46 | ee | b8 | 14 | de | 5e | 0b | db |
| ax | e0 | 32 | 3a | 0a | 49 | 06 | 24 | 5c | c2 | d3 | ac | 62 | 91 | 95 | e4 | 79 |
| bx | e7 | c8 | 37 | 6d | 8d | d5 | 4e | a9 | 6c | 56 | f4 | ea | 65 | 7a | ae | 08 |
| cx | ba | 78 | 25 | 2e | 1c | a6 | b4 | c6 | e8 | dd | 74 | 1f | 4b | bd | 8b | 8a |
| dx | 70 | 3e | b5 | 66 | 48 | 03 | f6 | 0e | 61 | 35 | 57 | b9 | 86 | c1 | 1d | 9e |
| ex | e1 | f8 | 98 | 11 | 69 | d9 | 8e | 94 | 9b | 1e | 87 | e9 | ce | 55 | 28 | df |
| fx | 8c | a1 | 89 | 0d | bf | e6 | 42 | 68 | 41 | 99 | 2d | 0f | b0 | 54 | bb | 16 |

2.4 The Shift Row Transform

For encryption, the 1st row remain unchanged, 2nd row is shifted 1 byte to the left, 3rd is 2 byte to the left, 4th is 3 byte to the left and 5th row is shifted 4 byte to the left. For decryption the operation is similar to that for encryption but in reverse direction.

2.5 The Mix Column Transform



Figure 2. (a) Polynomial Matrix (b) Inverse Polynomial Matrix for Mix column transformation.

This is a complex procedure as it involves severely the byte multiplication under GF (2⁸). The whole state is to be multiplied with pre-defined matrix called polynomial matrix. It completely changes the scenario of the cipher even if the all bytes look very similar. The Inverse Polynomial Matrix does exist in order to reverse the mix column transformation. Each Column is replaced by the multiplicative value such as b(x)=c(x)*a(x), where, ‘*’ refers to multiplication under GF (2⁸).

2.6 The AddRoundKey Transform

During this, the round key is simply bitwise XORed with the state came from above. The round keys are generated similarly as in the Rijndael Algorithm of 128 bits. To inverse this state, one need to again XOR the Round Key in the state.

2.7 Key Schedule

The Round Keys are derived from the Cipher Key by means of the key schedule. This consists of two components: the Key Expansion and the Round Key Selection. The basic principle is the following.

- The total number of Round Key bits is equal to the block length multiplied by the number of rounds plus 1.
- The Cipher Key is expanded into an Expanded Key.

3. Experiment and Result

3.1 Power Consumed

The consumed power during any encryption and decryption is also one of the parameter to check their hardware efficiency. And hence, the consumed power is calculated for all mentioned algorithms in the following manner:

$$P_c = N_c \cdot V_i \cdot I_{avg}$$

Where, P_c represents consumed power, N_c denotes number of CPU cycles consumed during process, V_i denotes the input voltage for processor, equal to 3.3V and I_{avg} represents the average current drawn at processor per cycle which is approximately 48 Na.

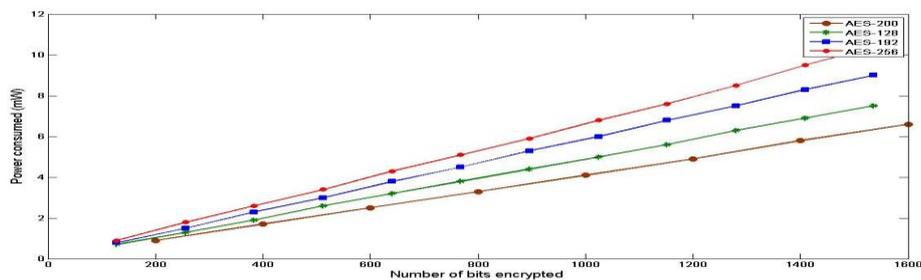


Figure 3. Comparison of power Consumption at encryption side

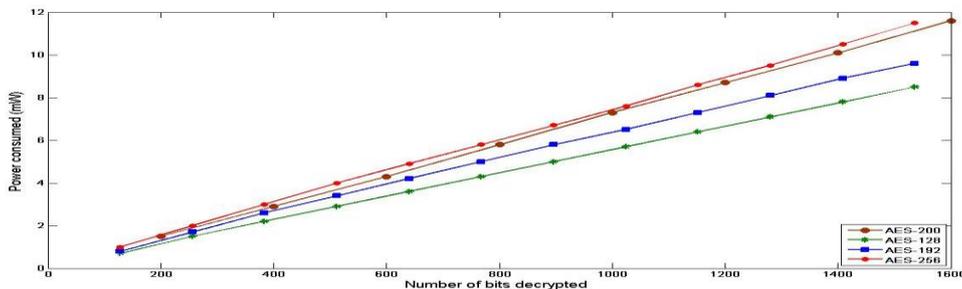


Figure 4. Comparison of power Consumption at decryption side

Since the consumed power directly depends on the number of CPU cycles taken for the process, so power during encryption and decryption is proportional to the CPU cycles, and varies in accordance. From the graph, it is observed that number of CPU cycles taken to encrypt the block is up to 30% lesser than other conventional algorithms. However, number of CPU cycles needed during decryption is higher and above 20% from the conventional AES algorithms.

3.2 Strict Avalanche Criteria

The strict avalanche criterion (SAC) is a generalization of the avalanche effect. It is satisfied if, whenever a single input bit is complemented, each of the output bits changes with a 50% probability [18]. The SAC builds on the concepts of completeness and avalanche.

$$K_{SAC}(i, j) = \frac{1}{2^n} W(a_j^{e_i}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

where, $K_{SAC}(i, j)$ can take values in the range [0,1], it should be interpreted as the probability of change of the j^{th} output bit when the i^{th} bit in the input string is changed.

$W(a_j^{ei})$ is input word to the system and here less than 256 always.

The Security of the proposed model is examined by performing the test: Strict Avalanche Criterion and Bit Independence Criterion. SAC tells about the probability of the bit change while the BIC states the correlation that output bit possess. Both of the criteria are analyzed and the proposed algorithm falls within the desired level of security.

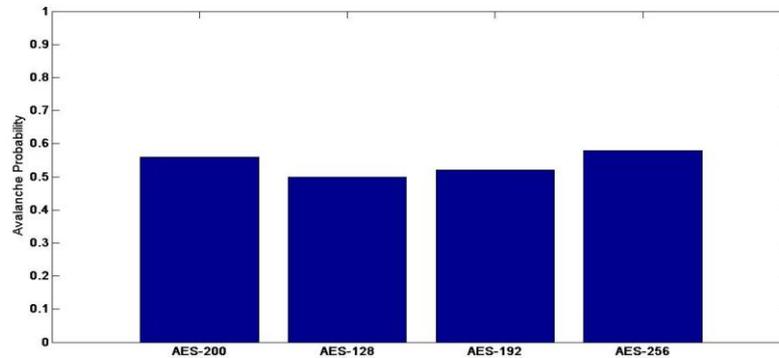


Fig Figure 5. Avalanche probability for various algorithms

From the plot, it can be seen that probability to get a bit changed for a highly correlated input, in proposed work, is very similar to the conventional AES, which results this in a secure algorithm and validates it to be used in communication.

4. Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages

- Resistance against all known attacks.
- Speed and code compactness on a wide range of platforms.
- Design simplicity.
- Our proposed algorithm can be implemented to run at speeds unusually fast for a block cipher on a Pentium (Pro). There is a trade-off between table size / performance.
- The round transformation is parallel by design, an important advantage in future processors and dedicated hardware.

Limitations

- The inverse cipher is less suited to be implemented on a smart card than the cipher itself: it takes more code and cycles.
- In software, the cipher and its inverse make use of different code and/or tables.
- In hardware, the inverse cipher can only partially re-use the circuitry that implements the cipher.

5. Conclusion

The announcement of AES attracted concentration of cryptanalysts to measure its level of security. As mentioned earlier, there is always a trade-off between the security and performance of wireless network. AES provides a very high level of security in an efficient way, but it also has some flaws in terms of security and the performance [11-14]. The improvement AES must possess similar level of security as in conventional AES. The proposed model has bigger block size which is 200 bits rather than conventional 128 bits. Also, the block is made by 5 rows and 5 columns unlike the AES's 4 rows and 4 columns. As the size of the matrix has increased, all the transformations of the AES don't need to change except the mixcolumn transformation. During mixcolumn transformation, the diffusion takes place in form of matrix multiplication under finite field. Having a bigger block, hence, requires a new matrix of size 5 X 5, to enable matrix multiplication. Here number of CPU cycles taken to encrypt the block is up to 30% lesser than other conventional algorithms. However, number of CPU cycles needed during decryption is higher and above 20% from the conventional AES algorithms. Hence, it can be said that the proposed model is secure and can be considered for communication where high data rate is required [20-24].

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