

Data Compression and Security in Elliptic Curve Cryptography with Run Length Encoding

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Abstract—Public key encryption technique with Scalar Point Operations in Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) is often used as a stepping stone in high-level security of information. Despite the wide variety of methods that have been proposed for enhancing the security issues, none has been able to fully address the complex nature and issues of information security in real world tasks and applications in compressed format. In this paper, we present a combination of Run Length Encoding (RLE) algorithm with ECC to compress the data size and thereby reduce the space complexity. In addition to using RLE and ECC simultaneously we also use permutation method to generate a different private key every time. It is found that these adjustments are based on the continuous monitoring and enhancement of security in the model. This new approach enables us to reduce data storage problem and to increase the data security using permutation method. The complete improvement and implementation is done on MATLAB R2013a version

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1. Introduction

ECC covers all relevant asymmetric cryptographic primitives like digital signature and key agreement algorithm. It provides faster and more secure method to encrypt data in comparison to other public key encryption algorithms. It is a public key encryption approach which yields a level of security better than other systems.. Data security is achieved by generating private key for decryption using permutation method. In every run, a different private key is generated. Below mentioned are some of the mathematical operations associated with ECC.

1. Point addition: In ECC, operations are performed on the coordinate points of an elliptic curve.

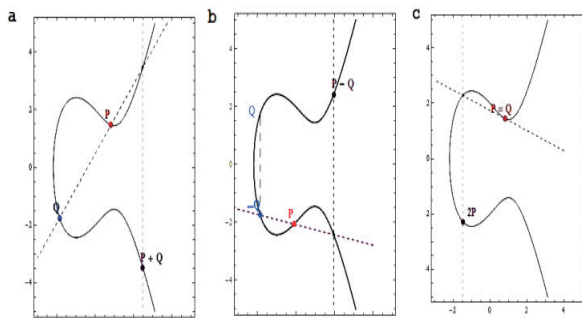


Fig. 1(a)
Point addition

Fig. 1(b)
Point subtraction

Fig. 1(c)
Point doubling

Point addition is basically the addition of two points on the elliptic curve resulting the third point which can be represented as $P+Q=R$.

2. Point subtraction:

To perform point subtraction, get a mirror coordinate of the subtracted point along x-axis and perform point addition on the resulting coordinate and the other coordinate.

3. Point doubling:

Point doubling is performed to add up two points which have the same coordinate value. .

Fig 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) shows graphical representation of point addition, point subtraction and point doubling respectively.

4. Point multiplication:

It is repeated addition of the base coordinate point. Many algorithms have been developed to perform point multiplication swiftly. $kP = P + P + P + \dots + k$ times.

5. RLE algorithm:

It is a lossless data compression form in which the repetitive bits are kept in a single value. For example, if input is AAACCWWWWW then it will be compressed as 3A2C6W in output in which count of repetition of each distinct alphabet is recorded. Similarly,

if the input is 0 1 1 0 then it will be taken as 1 2 1 in output in which count of consecutive 1s (which equals 2) and 0s (which equals 1) is recorded. “First bit (which is 0) is mentioned as 1. To make it more secure we have reduced the data storage problem by combining RLE algorithm with ECC.

2. Literature Review

ECC has proved to provide equivalent level of security with comparatively small key sizes. The research in the field of ECC is mostly concentrated on its implementation on application specific systems. Such systems have confined resources like storage, processing speed and domain specific CPU architecture.[6]. Moreover, 2013 research work [8] extracted the security flaws and proposed an ECC-based scheme in addition to the secured password authentication and password update to guard against several related attacks efficiently. In addition, different fault attacks for elliptic curve digital signature algorithm were proposed along with fault injection technique in ECC and the implementation of scalar multiplication to determine the secret signing key [10]. Recent research was also on the implementation of point addition and doubling in Verilog system which is used in elliptic curve point multiplication for modular addition, point addition and doubling, modular squaring and then projecting to coordinate systems [5] (referred as base paper).

3. Problem Statement

As per the literature review, so far the work is predominantly carried to enhance the ECC and to change its key generation process but still the work is lacking to collaborate the different algorithms of same field and to address the problem of security in key generation process. Since, the variations in the existing systems could result in breach of private keys hence if the private key (used for decryption) goes into wrong hands the security of data gets compromised. Data storage problem is also observed as the encryption/decryption process involves large scale of data.

4. Objectives and Proposed Algorithm

The main objectives of the proposed work are as follows:

1. To study the existing model of ECC and modifications in key generation process.
2. To collaborate the existing ECC algorithm with RLE to provide secure encoded data along with compressed data size

3. To increase data security on ECC algorithm by applying permutation method on private key generation process

Below is the proposed flowchart (refer Fig. 2) to achieve the above objectives and to overcome the problems mentioned in the section III- ‘Problem Statement’.

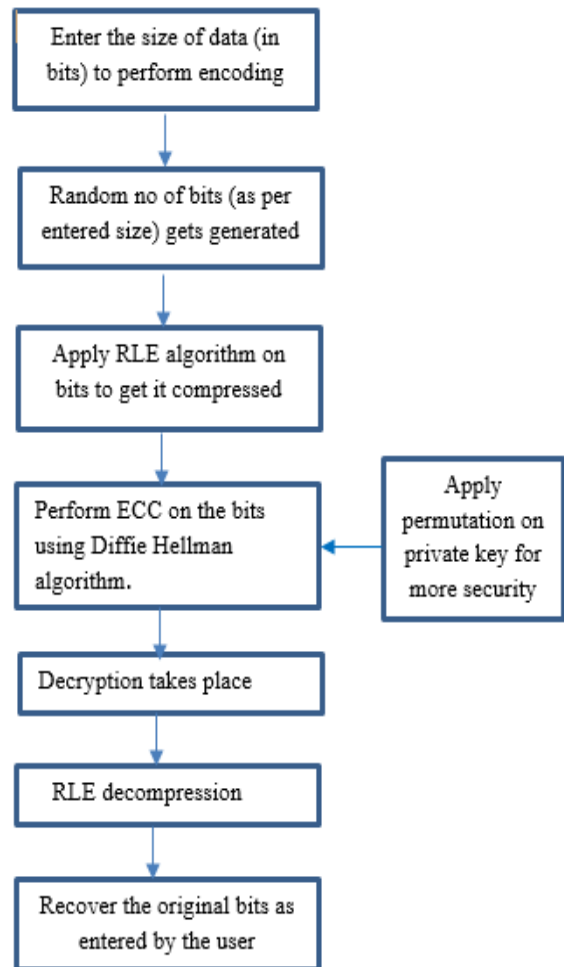


Fig. 2. Complete flow of proposed system

5. Results

Key objective of this paper is to decrease the data storage size, increase the security level and make ECC more effective and safe. There is no data compression in the present base paper of ECC. In the proposed system problem of data storage is resolved by compressing the data bits using RLE algorithm. Data security is achieved by generating a new private key every time using permutation method (formula used- $P = \text{Perms}(b \text{ int})$). Below table (refer Table 1) gives a comparison of the

data size between the base paper [1] (existing scenario of ECC) and the proposed work

Table 1- Data Size Compression (In Bits)

Case No	BASE PAPER	PROPOSED WORK
1	25	14
2	30	18
3	35	21
4	40	23
5	45	25

In the existing system, number of bits entered by the user remains same throughout the process which occupies more space. However in proposed system, first the entered bits are compressed by RLE and then encryption and decryption of data is carried out. Fig 3 show the Case 1 of Table 1 in graphical format.

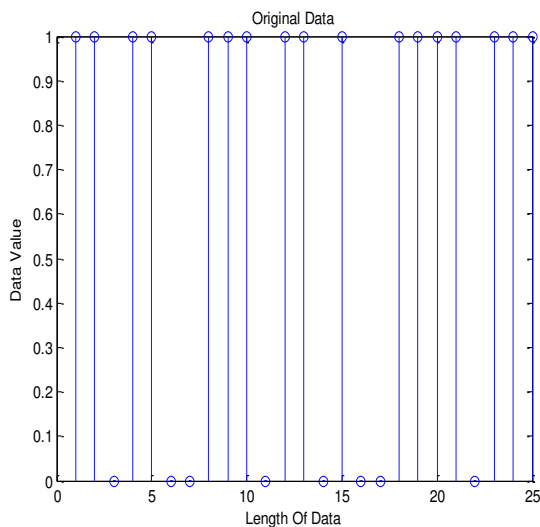


Fig 3. Graph showing the original number of bits entered by the user

Graph in fig 3. Depicts the number of bits entered by the user for encoding. Here the data size is entered is 25 which means 25 bits are generated. In the existing scenario of ECC, these 25 bits occupy a large space in system. This problem of space complexity is reduced when RLE algorithm is applied to these bits. Graph in fig 4 shows the decrease in bit length from 25 to 14. This has resulted in reduction in data size using RLE algorithm.

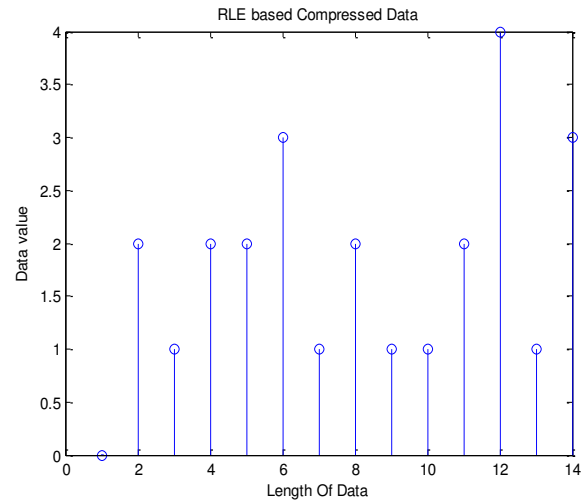


Fig 4. Graph showing the compressed bits

Similar to case 1 below figure 5 shows case 2 of Table I in graphical format. In this case the data size entered was 30 which got compressed to 18 after using RLE algorithm.

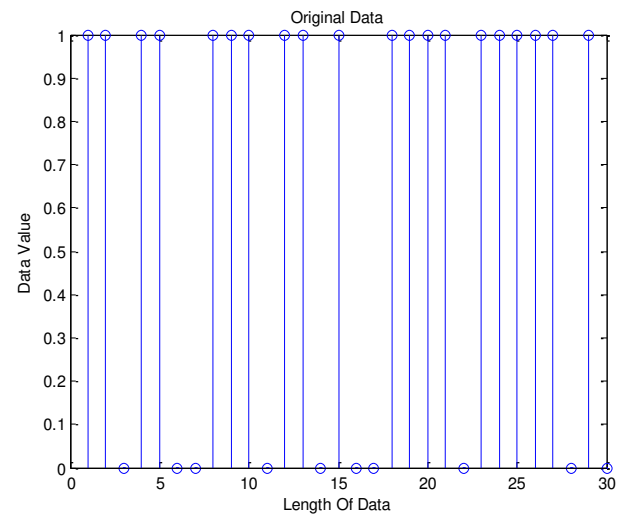


Fig 5. Graph showing the original number of bits entered by the user

In the above graph the number of bits entered are 30 now we will apply RLE and will compress it to 18 as shown below in figure 6.

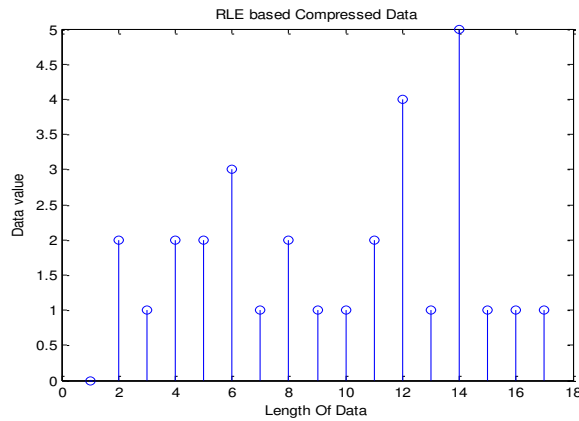


Fig 6. Graph depicting the compressed bits

We discussed above two cases from our table of data compression and its results with graphs.

6. Conclusion

In this paper we have shown the implementation of our proposed system. Our proposed work was on enhancing the security of ECC and to reduce its data complexity which we did efficiently by combining ECC with the compression algorithm RLE and got fruitful results. We have successfully reduced the number of bits and also increased the security by applying permutation on the private key. In every new process we get a different private key which in turn provide us the better security of data between the sender and the receiver.

7. Limitation and Future Work

The proposed system is calculating the data compression and increasing security. In future, we will try to reduce the data compression ratio as well as time complexity to enhance the efficiency of ECC. By these two factors we can make the existing ECC more safe secure and efficient.

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