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Introduction

This specification has been prepared by the 3GPP Task Force, and gives a detailed specification of the 3GPP integrity algorithm GIA4.

This document is the first of three, which between them form the entire specification of the 3GPP Integrity Algorithm GIA4:

- 3GPP TS 55.241: "Specification of the GIA4 encryption algorithms for GPRS; GIA4 specification".
- 3GPP TS 55.242: "Specification of the GIA4 encryption algorithms for GPRS; Implementers' test data".
- 3GPP TS 55.243: "Specification of the GIA4 encryption algorithms for GPRS; Design conformance test data".

1 Scope

The present document defines the technical details of the 3GPP integrity algorithm GIA4.

2 References

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 35.202: "3G Security; Specification of the 3GPP Confidentiality and Integrity Algorithms; Document 2: KASUMI Specification".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

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3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

= The assignment operator.

⊕ The bitwise exclusive-OR operation.

|| The concatenation of the two operands.

KASUMI[x]_k The output of the KASUMI algorithm [2] applied to input value x

using the key k.

 $X[i] \hspace{1cm} \text{The i^{th} bit of the variable X. } (X=X[0]\parallel X[1]\parallel X[2]\parallel \ldots \ldots).$

 Y_i The ith block of the variable Y. $(Y = Y_0 \parallel Y_1 \parallel Y_2 \parallel)$.

3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

CBC-MAC Cipher Block Chaining Message Authentication Code

MAC Message Authentication Code

4 Introductory information

4.1 Introduction

The integrity algorithm GIA4 computes a 32-bit MAC (Message Authentication Code) of a given input message using integrity key KI128. The approach adopted uses KASUMI [2] in a form of CBC-MAC mode.

4.2 Notation

4.2.1 Radix

The prefix "0x" indicates hexadecimal numbers.

4.2.2 Conventions

The assignment operator "=", as used in several programming languages.

<variable> = <expression>

means that *<variable>* assumes the value that *<expression>* had before the assignment took place. For instance,

$$x = x + y + 3$$

means

(new value of x) becomes (old value of x) + (old value of y) + 3.

4.2.3 Bit/byte ordering

All data variables in this specification are presented with the most significant bit (or byte) on the left hand side and the least significant bit (or byte) on the right hand side. Where a variable is broken down into a number of sub-strings, the left most (most significant) sub-string is numbered 0, the next most significant is numbered 1 and so on through to the least significant.

For example an n-bit MESSAGE is subdivided into 64-bit substrings MB₀, MB₁... MB_i so if the message is:

0x0123456789ABCDEFFEDCBA987654321086545381AB594FC28786404C50A37...

then:

 $MB_0 = 0x0123456789ABCDEF$

 $MB_1 = 0xFEDCBA9876543210$

 $MB_2 = 0x86545381AB594FC2$

 $MB_3 = 0x8786404C50A37...$

In binary this would be:

4.3 List of variables

A, B are 64-bit registers that are used within the function to hold intermediate values.

BLOCKS an integer variable indicating the number of successive applications of KASUMI that need to be

performed.

CONSTANT-F a 32-bit parameter which is constant for any given FRAMETYPE input.

DIRECTION a 1-bit input indicating the direction of transmission (uplink or downlink).

FRAMETYPE an 8-bit input to the function indicating the type of frame to be protected.

INPUT-I a 32-bit time variant input to the function.

KI128 the 128-bit integrity key.

KM a 128-bit constant that is used to modify a key.

M an input to the function which specifies the number of octets of message to be MAC'd (1-65536).

MAC the 32-bit message authentication code (MAC) produced by the function.

MESSAGE the input octet stream of length M octets that is to be processed by the function.

PS is the input padded string processed by the function.

5 Integrity algorithm GIA4

5.1 Introduction

The integrity algorithm GIA4 computes a Message Authentication Code (MAC) on an input message under an integrity key IK128. The input message may be between 1 and 65536 octets long.

For ease of implementation the algorithm is based on the same block cipher (KASUMI) as is used by the confidentiality algorithm GEA4.

5.2 Inputs and outputs

The inputs to the algorithm are given in table 5.2.1, the output in table 5.2.2:

Table 5.2.1: GIA4 inputs

| Parameter | Size (bits) | Comment |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| INPUT-I | 32 | Frame dependent input INPUT-I[0]INPUT-I[31] |
| M | | The length of MESSAGE in octets (1-65536) |
| MESSAGE | 8M | Input octet stream MESSAGE{0}MESSAGE{M-1} |
| DIRECTION | 1 | Direction of transmission DIRECTION[0] |
| FRAMETYPE | 8 | Input value signifying the type of frame to be protected |
| KI128 | 128 | Integrity key KI128[0]KI128[127] |

Table 5.2.2: GIA4 output

| Parameter | Size (bits) | | Comment |
|-----------|-------------|----|---|
| MAC | | 32 | Message authentication code MAC[0]MAC[31] |

5.3 Components and architecture

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5.4 Initialisation

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