

MULTI ROUNDS BASED ON CHAOS THEORY TO PROTECT SECRET MESSAGES**Akram Nacer Adam Mousa¹****Talal L.M. Bukewitin²****Amna M.M Salem³**^{1,2,3}Libyan Authority for Scientific Research**ABSTRACT**

Protecting circulated via various transmission Medias secret messages from being hacked is vital issue. In this paper research an easy to implement and flexible to use method of message cryptography will be introduced. This method will be used efficiently to encrypt-decrypt short and long messages, changing the message and or changing the private key will not require any changes in the encryption and decryption functions. The method will secure the transmitted secret message base on using a private key with complicated structure, this key will use four values with double data type, thus the key space will be high and capable to resist hacking attacks. The produced decrypted message will be very sensitive to the selected PK values, changes in one or more values during the decryption will be considered as a hacking attempt by producing a damaged decrypted message. The private key will be used to generate a 2D chaotic logistic key, each row of the key will be used to generate a secret key required to encrypt-decrypt the message in the associated round, the number of selected rounds will be included in the private key and it will be used to control the quality of the encrypted message, increasing the number of rounds will increase the decree of encrypted message destruction. The proposed method will enhance the performance of message cryptography by decreasing the encryption time and increasing the throughput of message cryptography.

The proposed method will be tested and implemented using various messages; the obtained results will be discussed to prove the quality, sensitivity and performance of the proposed method.

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INTRODUCTION

Text messages are widely circulated through various means of communication [1-5], and the text message may be:

It is strictly confidential and no one who is unauthorized is allowed to view it [21]. The text message may be of a private nature and may not be circulated by tampering persons. For the above reasons, it is necessary to protect the text message and prevent its penetration [12-17]. When the communication environment is not secure, the possibility of hacking the message and rewriting it by the hacker and then re-sending it with incorrect information to the sender is easy [18-24]. To protect the text message and to transform the communication environment into a safe environment for messaging, private keys can be used to encrypt the message before sending it and decrypt it after receiving it, where the sender and receiver agree on the key to be used to protect the secret message and prevent hackers and intruders from penetrating it. One of the easiest, most widely used and least expensive ways to protect text messages is message cryptography. Cryptography means processing the secret message by turning it into a destructive, unreadable and useless message before sending and recovering the same source message after receiving, destroying the message is called encryption, while recovering the message is called decryption. The crypto system as shown in figure 1 contains: original message to be sent, which is called plain message; encrypted (cipher) message, decrypted (plain) message, encryption function, decryption function and a private key (PK).

The encryption and decryption functions use the PK to generate the required secret keys to apply message encryption and decryption [25-30].

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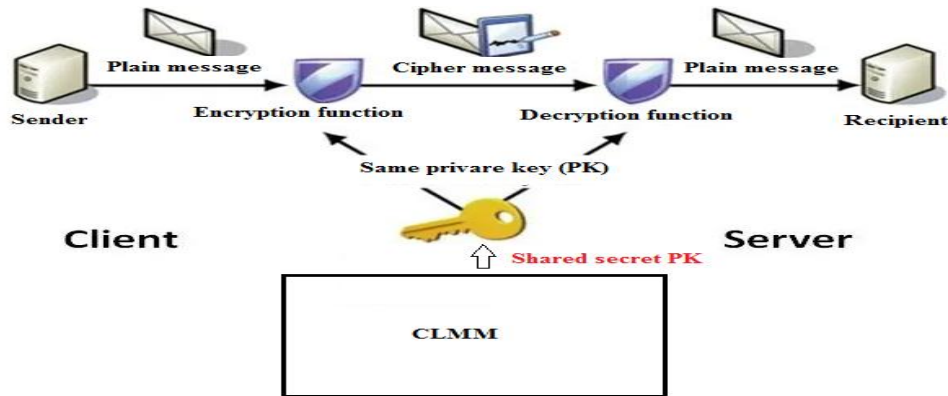


Figure 1: Crypto system components

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this paper research is to introduce a method of message cryptography, which will meet the following requirements:

- Low quality of the encrypted message, the encrypted message must be damaged and unreadable and the quality parameters measured between the sources and the encrypted messages must satisfy the following:
 - High value of mean square error (MSE).
 - Low value of peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR).
 - Low value of correlation coefficient (CC).
 - Closed to 100% value of number of characters changed ratio (NCCR) [30-33].
- High quality of decrypted message, the decrypted message must be identical to the source one and the quality parameters measured between the decrypted message and the source one must satisfy the following requirements:
 - Zero value of MSE.
 - Infinite value of PSNR.
 - Value 1 of CC.
 - Zero value of NCCR [30-33].
- High speed of cryptography, the method must increase the throughput of message cryptography.
- Secure, the PK must provide a better key space capable to resist hacking attacks.
- Efficient use for short and long messages.
- Sensitive, the encryption and decryption functions must use the same PK, any changes in the PK in the decryption function must produce a damaged message, and these changes must be considered as a hacking attempt.

METHODOLOGY

The encryption and decryption algorithm will be implemented using mat lab 7, the programs will be executed using I3 PC with 8 M bytes RAM, and several short and long messages will be tested.

RELATED WORKS

Many methods were introduced for secret message cryptography, and many of these methods were based on standard methods of data cryptography such as: DES, 3DES, AES, RC2, RC6 and blowfish (BF) [1-4]. Standard methods of data cryptography share some features, many of these features can be considered as disadvantages, these features include:

- The message to be encrypted-decrypted is to be divided into small blocks with a fixed length.
- Each of these methods uses a PK with fixed length.
- A lot of time is spent to generate the secret keys required for various rounds of encryption-decryption.
- Some of these methods are not secure by using a short in length PK.

- All these method provide a low quality of encrypted messages and an excellent quality of decrypted messages.
- These methods are efficient to encrypt-decrypt short messages, when the message length increases the speed of cryptography (throughput) decreases, table 1 shows the average speed parameters of these methods when they were used to encrypt-decrypt messages with average size equal 1366.7 K bytes:

Table 1: Speed parameters for standard methods of data cryptography [1-4]

| Method | Encryption time(second) | Throughput(K bytes per second) |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DES | 128.3360 | 85.1968 |
| 3DES | 149.1840 | 73.2904 |
| AES | 123.2800 | 88.6912 |
| RC2 | 179.9200 | 60.7704 |
| RC6 | 71.5680 | 152.7752 |
| BF | 19.8560 | 550.6552 |

The speed of encoding and decoding is one of the most important factors that determine the efficiency of the method [5-11]. Therefore, some authors have tried to improve the speed of presenting multiple and varied methods. Table 2 shows the most important of these proposed methods and their speed of implementation.

Table 2: Throughputs of some of the introduced methods of message cryptography

| Introduced method-reference | Throughput (K byte per second) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Non chaotic method [5-6] | 170.3940 |
| Chaotic method [5-6] | 141.2336 |
| Hyper chaotic[5-6] | 636.3379 |
| Reference [7] | 888.867 |
| Reference [8] | 638.4082 |
| Reference [9] | 911.0352 |
| Reference [10] | 360.4102 |
| Reference [11] | 384.9609 |

THE PROPOSED METHOD

The proposed method uses a PK with the structure shown in table 3:

Table 3: PK structure

| PK | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|-----------|
| Size of chaotic logistic key (rows and columns) | | CLMM parameters | |
| R (number of rounds) | C (message length for short messages) | r1 | x1 |
| Example | | | |
| 6 | 15 | 3.77 | 0.1 |

The PK is to be used to generate a chaotic logistic key (CLK) by running a chaotic logistic map model (KLMM) [12-17] using the chaotic parameters r1 and x1 [4-11]. The generated CLK is a 2D matrix, the row are defined by the number of rounds R and the columns are defined by the message length C. The generated CLK must be converted to decimal integers, and each row will be used as a secret key to apply round encryption-decryption by applying XOR operation between the message and the secret key.

One of the disadvantages of CLK is that when increasing the key size, the key generation time will rapidly increases as shown in table 4, to avoid this problem and for long messages we can select a smaller value for the parameter C instead of selecting the message length, the obtained CLK can be resized to match the message length, thus we can save time for key generation and optimize the throughput of the method.

Table 4: Optimizing the speed of the proposed method cryptography(R=6)

| Message length (K bytes) | Without resizing | | With resizing(C=80) | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Key generation time(second) | Encryption time(second) | Key generation time(second) | Encryption time(second) |
| 500 | 2017.4 | 2017.6 | 0.0050 | 0.1530 |
| 100 | 74.6510 | 74.7250 | 0.0050 | 0.0850 |

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| 75 | 39.9740 | 40.0410 | 0.0040 | 0.0730 |
| 50 | 17.1030 | 17.1690 | 0.0040 | 0.0680 |
| 25 | 4.3770 | 4.4350 | 0.0040 | 0.0640 |
| 10 | 0.7650 | 0.8200 | 0.0040 | 0.0620 |
| 5 | 0.2270 | 0.2830 | 0.0040 | 0.0670 |
| 1 | 0.0250 | 0.0800 | 0.0040 | 0.0600 |
| 0.5 | 0.0100 | 0.0660 | 0.0040 | 0.0590 |
| 0.25 | 0.0060 | 0.0610 | 0.0040 | 0.0580 |
| 0.1 | 0.0050 | 0.0620 | 0.0040 | 0.0580 |

Referring to the obtained results shown in table 4 we will consider a message with length greater than 1 K bytes as a long message, which requires key resizing by fixing the C parameter to 1000.

The generated secret key is very sensitive to the selected values of the PK components, any minor changes in one or more value will generate a new key, thus results of decryption will negatively affected, to show this the following PKs shown in figure 2 were taken, A CLMM was run using each of these keys, figure 3 shows the obtained secret keys:

| | |
|---|--|
| <p>PK1: R1=6;C1=15; r1=3.77;x1=0.1;</p> <p>PK2: R1=6;C1=15; r1=3.92;x1=0.1;</p> | <p>PK3: R1=6;C1=15; r1=3.77;x1=0.25;</p> <p>PK4: R1=6;C1=15; r1=3.62;x1=0.19;</p> <p>PK5: R1=6;C1=10; r1=3.77;x1=0.1;</p> |
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Figure 2: Selected PKs

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|--|--|
| <p style="text-align: center;">Generated key using PK1</p> <p>87 216 126 240 52 157 228 92 221 110 236 66 185 192 179 202 159 226 98 227 93 222 107 234 72 194 175 207 147 235 70 191 181 197 168 216 124 240 53 157 227 94 223 104 232 77 203 156 229 89 219 117 239 58 168 216 124 240 53 158 227 94 224 103 232 80 207 146 235 69 190 183 195 172 211 137 239 57 166 218 118 239 56 165 220 115 238 60 173 210</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Generated key using PK2</p> <p>90 228 94 233 80 216 130 250 20 73 203 161 232 81 217 128 250 20 71 201 168 225 103 241 53 164 230 89 227 96 235 72 203 163 230 88 225 103 240 54 167 226 100 238 61 181 206 156 237 65 189 191 188 193 183 202 164 229 91 230 88 227 99 238 64 187 195 179 209 147 244 41 135 249 23 81 217 126 250 20 71 201 166 227 98 236 68 195 179 209</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Generated key using PK3</p> <p>180 199 164 220 113 237 62 177 204 154 230 86 215 127 240 52 156 228 91 220 113 237 63 178 202 158 227 95 225 101 230 86 215 126 240 52 156 228 91 221 112 237 64 181 199 165 219 116 238 59 170 213 131 240 53 158 227 95 225 101 230 85 214 131 240 53 158 227 94 224 103 232 80 207 147 235 71 193 178 203 156 228 90 220 115 238 60 172 211 137</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Generated key using PK4</p> <p>142 228 88 209 137 229 83 203 150 224 100 220 110 226 92 213 128 231 79 198 160 215 121 230 81 200 156 219 111 227 90 211 131 231 80 199 159 217 117 229 84 204 149 224 97 218 115 229 86 206 143 227 89 210 134 230 81 200 156 219 112 227 89 210 134 230 81 200 156 219 111 227 90 211 131 231 80 199 159 217 117 229 84 203 149 224 98 219 113 228</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Generated key using PK5</p> <p>87 216 126 240 52 157 228 92 221 110 236 66 185 192 179 202 159 226 98 227 93 222 107 234 72 194 175 207 147 235 70 191 181 197 168 216 124 240 53 157 227 94 223 104 232 77 203 156 229 89 219 117 239 58 168 216 124 240 53 158</p> | |

Figure 3: Generated secret keys using various PKs

The encryption process of the proposed method can be implemented by performing the following sequence of steps:

Step 1:

Get the message to be encrypted: Get the message, retrieve the message length and convert the message to decimal (get the ASCII values of the message characters); this step can be implemented by executing the following mat lab operations:

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mes='Data protection';
m1=uint8(mes);k=0.25;
L=length(m1);
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Step 2:

Get the PK; this step can be implemented by executing the following mat lab operations:

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R1=6;C1=10;
r1=3.77;x1=0.1;
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Step 3:

CLK generation: use the chaotic logistic parameters included in the PK to run CLMM to get the 2D CLK, change this key to decimal integers; this step can be implemented by executing the following mat lab operations:

```
for i=1:R1
    for j=1:C1

        x1=r1*x1*(1-x1);
        CLK1(i,j)=x1;

    end
end
key=uint8(255*CLK1);
```

Step 4:

Encryption: for each round: get the row key, resize the key to message length, apply XORing of the message and the key; this step can be implemented by executing the following mat lab operations:

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e=m1;
for i=1:R1
    d=key(i,:);
    dl=imresize(d,[1,L]);
    e=bitxor(e,dl);
end
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The decryption process can be implemented using the same steps as for encryption process, but the input message must be the encrypted message.

RESULTS DISCUSSION

The proposed method was implemented using various short and long messages; the selected number of rounds was 6.

The proposed method satisfied the quality requirements in the encryption and the decryption phases, the calculated quality parameters between the source and decrypted messages were always as follows: MSE=0, PSNR=infinite, CC=1, and NCCR=0. Visually we can test the quality of the method, 5 short messages were treated using the proposed method, table 5 shows the obtained messages, while table 6 shows the quality parameters between the source and the encrypted messages:

Table 5: Source and encrypted messages

| Message number | Message | Encrypted message | Decrypted message |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Data protection | 0±±Hm=U ·-z00 SR | Data protection |
| 2 | Secure message transmission | 00û¥çL D (>>F@½0-~m~ç00000USR | Secure message transmission |
| 3 | Using Chaotic keys | 0ë ½Nn0OF ·-v 0ç-EO | Using Chaotic keys |
| 4 | Efficient method | 009@J\$BI-0r000SX | Efficient method |

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| 5 | Data cryptography | □ù×H . ? ^ " - p x ÿ □ ¹ TE | Data cryptography |
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Table 6: Quality parameters between the source and encrypted messages

| Message number | MSE | PSNR | CC | NCCR |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | 3891.7 | 25.2065 | -0.1040 | 100 |
| 2 | 5668.1 | 24.2416 | -0.0414 | 100 |
| 3 | 5745.9 | 22.6293 | 0.0426 | 100 |
| 4 | 7428.6 | 21.6158 | -0.0527 | 100 |
| 5 | 4392.6 | 26.4723 | 0.2065 | 100 |
| Remarks | High | Low | Low | High |

The proposed method also satisfied the encryption quality when dealing with long messages, the results shown in table 7 proved this fact:

Table 7: Encryption quality parameters for long messages(C=200)

| Message length (K bytes) | MSE | PSNR | CC | NCCR |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 5 | 11521 | 17.3057 | -0.0497 | 100 |
| 10 | 11404 | 17.4083 | -0.0468 | 100 |
| 25 | 1152.0 | 17.3066 | -0.0526 | 100 |
| 50 | 11474 | 17.3465 | -0.0525 | 100 |
| 100 | 11426 | 17.3892 | -0.0508 | 100 |
| Remarks | High | Low | Low | High |

The proposed method was tested for sensitivity, the pervious short messages shown in table 5 were encrypted using PK1 shown in figure 4 and the encrypted messages were decrypted using PK4 shown in the same figure, table 8 shows the obtained decrypted messages and the quality parameters between the source and the decrypted messages:

Table 8: Decryption results using different PK

| Message number | Decrypted message | MSE | PSNR | CC | NCCR |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | ô□_p□□-□□s*% 3# | 6461.3 | 22.2075 | -0.0549 | 100 |
| 2 | □□□□Yt1>8I□□dw' :\$£¼/5"# | 6675.8 | 22.7629 | -0.2099 | 100 |
| 3 | □□BEv□87M□□*ê×□×> | 9551.4 | 18.0515 | -0.0552 | 100 |
| 4 | □□M×ù□ : B×□(,¼\$3) | 7599.0 | 20.9913 | -0.0492 | 100 |
| 5 | ô□_p1ù &\□ÿ. ,«□44 | 6057.2 | 23.2590 | -0.1314 | 100 |
| Remarks | Damaged | High (instead of low) | Low (instead of high) | Low instead of 1 | High instead of 0 |

As we can see from table 8, changing the PK in the decryption phase will be considered as a hacking attempt by producing damaged decrypted messages.

The proposed method uses a variable number of rounds, this number can be included in the PK, increasing the round number (R) will increase the degree of the encrypted message destruction, this can be shown in table 9, the same messages shown in tables 5 and 6 which were encrypted using 6 rounds, the used number of rounds was 16. As we can see from table 9 the values of the quality parameters became worse.

Table 9: Quality parameters between the source and encrypted messages(R=16)

| Message number | MSE | PSNR | CC | NCCR |
|----------------|--------|---------|------------|------|
| 1 | 7520.3 | 20.9341 | 0.00068870 | 100 |
| 2 | 8311.8 | 20.0948 | 0.001428 | 100 |

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| 3 | 9828.3 | 18.5789 | -0.01135 | 100 |
| 4 | 8169.1 | 20.5075 | 0.02176 | 100 |
| 5 | 9431.9 | 18.8305 | -0.02951 | 100 |
| Remarks | High | Low | Low | High |

The speed of the proposed method was tested; the actual speed can be tested when dealing with long messages. A selected set of long messages were processed using the proposed method, the encryption (decryption) time was measured and the throughput was calculated, table 10 and 11 show the obtained speed parameters:

Table 10 speed results(R=6)

| Message length(K bytes) | Encryption time (second) | Throughput (K bytes per second) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 | 0.0590 | 84.7458 |
| 10 | 0.0630 | 158.7302 |
| 50 | 0.0880 | 568.1818 |
| 100 | 0.1010 | 990.0990 |
| 300 | 0.1270 | 2362.2 |
| 400 | 0.1530 | 2614.4 |
| 500 | 0.2000 | 2500.0 |
| 1366.7 | 0.4330 | 3156.3 |

Table 11 speed results(R=16)

| Message length(K bytes) | Encryption time (second) | Throughput (K bytes per second) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5 | 0.0630 | 79.3651 |
| 10 | 0.0700 | 142.8571 |
| 50 | 0.0840 | 595.2381 |
| 100 | 0.1190 | 840.3361 |
| 300 | 0.2410 | 1244.8 |
| 400 | 0.2980 | 1342.3 |
| 500 | 0.3600 | 1388.9 |
| 1366.7 | 0.8740 | 1563.7 |

From tables 10 and 11 we can see the following:

- Significantly increasing the length of a text message will slowly increase the encryption time (see figure 6).
- Significantly increasing the length of a text message will exponentially increase the permeability (throughput) of the encryption (see figure 4).
- Increasing the number of cycles will reduce the efficiency of the method, but it remains good and acceptable.

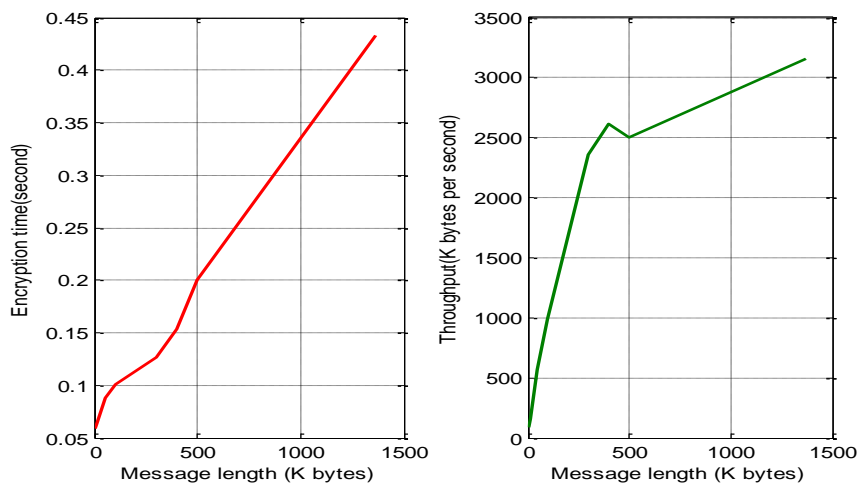


Figure 4: Encryption time, throughput vs message length

The speed of the proposed method was compared with other method speed, the results of comparisons shown in table 12 shows that the proposed method provided a significant speed up by increasing the cryptography throughput (speed up of the proposed method equal throughput of the proposed method divided by other method throughput).

Table 12: Method speed up

| Method | Throughput(K bytes per second) | Speed up of the proposed method |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| DES | 85.1968 | 18.3540 |
| 3DES | 73.2904 | 21.3357 |
| AES | 88.6912 | 17.6308 |
| RC2 | 60.7704 | 25.7313 |
| RC6 | 152.7752 | 10.2353 |
| BF | 550.6552 | 2.8397 |
| Non chaotic method [5-6] | 170.3940 | 9.1770 |
| Chaotic method [5-6] | 141.2336 | 11.0717 |
| Hyper chaotic[5-6] | 636.3379 | 2.4573 |
| Reference [7] | 888.867 | 1.7592 |
| Reference [8] | 638.4082 | 2.4494 |
| Reference [9] | 911.0352 | 1.7164 |
| Reference [10] | 360.4102 | 4.3387 |
| Reference [11] | 384.9609 | 4.0620 |
| Proposed (R=16) | 1563.7 | 1.0000 |

CONCLUSION

A simple and flexible method of message cryptography was proposed, it was easily to used this method to encrypt-decrypt short and long messages, changing the message or/and changing the PK did not require any changes in the encryption and decryption functions. The proposed method provided a good level of message security based on using a complicated PK, this key provided a good key space and the decrypted message were very sensitive to the selected PK, any minor changes in the PK during the process of decryption was considered as a hacking attempt by producing a damage decrypted message. The PK was used to generate a 2D chaotic logistic key, which was converted to integer decimals. The rows of the chaotic key determined the required key for the associated round of message encryption-decryption. The selected number of rounds was variable and it was included in the PK. It was shown that increasing the number of rounds will decrease the quality of the encrypted message keeping the method performance acceptable.

The proposed method was tested using various short and long messages and the obtained results proved the quality and sensitivity of the method. The speed of the proposed method was tested and it was shown that the proposed method provided a significant speed up comparing with other methods, and the proposed method increased the throughput of secret message cryptography.

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