

DECODING THE FUTURE USING A NOVEL DNA-BASED CRYPTOSYSTEM

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Abstract:

DNA cryptography is a particularly promising area of research in this field. The advantage of DNA cryptography is its potential to store vast amounts of data in a tiny volume. This high data density makes it well-suited for applications like secure archival storage, particularly for sensitive or classified information. Moreover, DNA cryptography's parallel processing capabilities, driven by DNA's multitasking nature can significantly accelerate encryption and decryption processes. The idea of utilizing DNA cryptography to encrypt and decode data is proposed in this article. The proposed approach performs well in computing, storage, and transmission and is especially resistant to different assaults, according to theoretical research and real world implementations. This offers a ground-breaking DNA cryptography technique based on the decimal bond algorithm. In this article, we develop the fundamental concepts underlying DNA cryptography, including the encoding of binary information into DNA sequences, encryption algorithms, and decoding procedures. We discuss various encoding strategies, their strengths, and their limitations, highlighting the trade-offs between data security and efficiency. Furthermore, we examine the challenges associated with DNA cryptography, such as the need for specialized laboratory equipment and the ongoing advancements required in biotechnology. This study also proposes a novel key generation scheme and an innovative cipher text generation approach. This article concludes with a comparison, demonstrating the effectiveness of the proposed approach against existing DNA cryptography methods.

Keywords: DNA Computing, DNA Cryptography, Decimal Bond Cryptography, Encoding, Decoding.

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1. Introduction

The study of DNA cryptography is indeed a potential area for future research. DNA molecules offer an attractive option for safe data storage and transmission since, as was already noted, they are incredibly stable and have a huge capacity for information. The method is more secure because it is almost hard to decode the encoded data without knowing the precise coding scheme employed due to the complexity of DNA sequences [11]. The idea put forward in the paper is an illustration of using DNA in the process of decryption and encryption. The suggested method's distinctive cipher text generation and novel key generation processes are critical components since they considerably encryption and increase the decryption processes' security. DNA, as the carrier of genetic information, is an ideal medium for cryptography due to its stability and durability, which allows for long-term data storage. Encoding information into DNA sequences involves mapping binary data onto the four nucleotide bases (adenine, thymine, cytosine, and guanine) in a manner that ensures both data security and efficient decoding. Various encoding schemes and algorithms have been developed to facilitate this process, ensuring the integrity and confidentiality of the encoded data. Through a comprehensive review of existing research and practical implementations, we aim to provide insights into the current state of DNA cryptography and its prospects. We limitations evaluate the and ethical considerations associated with this technology and offer suggestions for further research and development. It should be highlighted, though, that DNA cryptography is still in its infancy and that there are issues that still need to be solved, such as the high cost of DNA synthesis and the requirement for specialized tools and decode knowledge to DNA sequences. Additionally, the viability of employing DNA cryptography for extensive data transmission and storage is also up for debate. However, DNA cryptography is a promising area of study and has the potential to make a significant contribution to the discipline of data and computer security. In addition to its storage and processing capabilities, DNA cryptography holds promise for secure communication and data transfer. DNA-based encryption methods can be used in various fields, including healthcare, finance, and national security, to protect sensitive information during transmission and storage. Furthermore, the biological nature of DNA ensures its resistance against conventional cyber-attacks, making it a potential solution for cyber security challenges in the digital age. This high data density makes it well-suited for applications like secure archival storage, particularly for sensitive or classified information. Moreover, DNA cryptography capability for parallel processing, driven by DNA's ability to perform multiple operations simultaneously, can significantly accelerate encryption and decryption processes. The paper's primary contributions can be summed up as follows:

- I. This study uses the Decimal Bond Cryptography methodology to provide a novel cryptography method.
- II. To strengthen data security, a key generator generates both private and public keys for both the transmitter and recipient. To ensure that both parties are safely exchanging parameters, this is done.
- III. This research presents experimental findings that demonstrate the suggested strategy is more effective than the current scheme.

The rest of the papers are organized as follows: Section 2 covers related works. Section 3 presents the Proposed Decimal-Bond DNA (DBD) Algorithm. Section 4 describes the experimental study of the suggested approach. Section 5 discusses security analysis and Section 6 concludes the paper.

2. Related Works

Although cryptography using DNA is a young field of study, there have been several important studies and uses in it. DNA-based authentication has been investigated bv researchers in a variety of scenarios, including secured access to physical locations or online accounts [1]. Steganography, or the practice of concealing an expression within another communication or medium, is known as DNA steganography. Researchers have looked into techniques for embedding hidden messages into DNA sequences without changing the underlying genetic data, which is known as DNA steganography. Using a specifically created coding system, a 2019 study that appeared in the journal Scientific Reports disclosed a technique for encoding digital images into sequences of DNA [2]. DNA has been suggested as a potential answer to the problem of securely and long-term storing enormous volumes of digital data. This method involves encoding digital data into sequences of DNA, which are subsequently synthesized and kept in a secure location. In a 2017 study

that was released in the journal Nature [3], an experimental device for DNA data storage that was able to achieve a data concentration equal to 215 petabytes per gram of DNA was exhibited. Researchers have investigated the application of natural cryptography as a means of ensuring the security of interparty communications. In this technology, messages are encoded into DNA sequences using a specific coding scheme and then transferred via methods like DNA microarrays or nanopore sequencing. Using DNA strands as "keys" to open encrypted communications, an architecture for DNA-based decryption and encryption was detailed in a 2021 study that

appeared in the journal Nano Letters [4]. A novel technique for safe data storing using DNA molecules was proposed in this paper. The authors created a binary XOR-based DNA coding scheme that makes it possible to securely and effectively store data in sequences of DNA [5]. Overall, cryptography using DNA is a potential area with a wide range of possible uses in data storage, security, and privacy. The high expense and difficulty of DNA synthesis and DNA sequencing, as well as any potential ethical ramifications of using DNA for data storage and transmission, are just a few of the many issues that still need to be resolved.

Publication Year	Algorithm Used	Technique Used			
2015	DNA encryption	PCR Amplification			
2015	DNA encryption	DNA Steganography			
2015	XOR, DNA Hybridization, Matrix computation	DNA Digital Coding			
2015	Traditional encryption, DNA ECC	DNA Digital Coding			
2015	DNA based Cryptography	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	The DNA-based, MD5 algorithm	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	XOR, OTP, DNA complementary rule	OTP based			
2016	DNA encryption	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	DNA encryption	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	DNA encryption	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	DNA-based Vigenere	DNA Digital Coding			
2016	DNA based Cryptography	Pseudo DNA			
2017	The traditional algorithm, DNA based	DNA Digital Coding			
2017	DNA based Cryptography	Hamming code and a block cipher mechanism			
2017	DNA based cryptography	DNA Digital Coding			
2018	DNA based Cryptography	Binary DNA			
2018	DNA-Based ECC for IoT Devices	DNA Elliptic curve cryptography			
2019	Artificial DNA sequences based on Gaussian kernel function (GKF)	ECC, and Gaussian kernel function (GKF) cryptography			
2020	DNA based cryptography	Data Security Using Flower Pollination Algorithm			
2021	The machine is used for DNA coding	The mealy machine is used for DNA coding			
2022	DNA based cryptography	Genetic algorithm			

Table 1 DNA Cryptography Algorithm and Techniques

Table 1 presents the overall statistics of various DNA cryptography methods, aiding in the development of the proposed algorithm.

3. The Proposed Decimal-Bond DNA (DBD) Algorithm

The proposed encryption technique consists of four distinct stages – Mapping of Character with DNA encoding library, DNA to Binary Conversion, Bond table mapping and Encryption.

3.1 Encryption Algorithm

Step 1: Start and Take the Message from User
Step 2: Mapping of Character with DNA bits
Step 3: Addition of Padding Table
Step 4: Conversion into Binary bits
Step 5: Conversion Binary bits into Decimal bits
Step 6: End

Now, let's take an example to further understand the encryption method. It is as follows:

Step I: Consider the message M ='sunny (5 characters).

Step II: As a result of the mapping of the keystrokes "A," "G", "C" and "T" into a DNA encoding library, each keyboard character now has an individual combination based on these keywords.

For instance s'->' TCCG, 'u'->TCAG, 'n'->' TCCA', and 'y'->' CGAT'.

A total of 4^4 =256 letters can be imported in total. Given that 4 keywords can be used repeatedly, Therefore, the message in the example becomes M' = 'TCCGTCAGTCCACGAT'. (20 letters)

Step III: Now, to further conceal the message, we apply the padded library. To do this, use the padding table provided below (see Table 2).

Table 2 Padded Value Table Mapping with
DNA Value

DNA VALUE	PADDED VALUE
А	AGCT
G	GCTA
С	CTAG
Т	TAGS

 Table 3 Binary Value Table Mapping with DNA

 Value

Value							
DNA VALUE BINARY VALUE							
A	00						

G	01
С	10
Т	11

Step IV: The following results from converting the above data into binary sequences using Table 3:

The letters "A" and "C" create bonds with the letters "T" and "G," respectively, much as they would in a real DNA strand. As a result, this message will once again be padded with two of the keywords (all of which might be given to the host as a key). The message M will therefore be padded using these bonds, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4 Bond Table					
BONDING COPULE CODE					
A-T	0				
C-G	1				

Step V: The first member of the "A-T" or "C-G" bonds, depending on which one is used, is padded at the start and end of the message, while the second member is added at the end.

For example, if bond zero, the 'A-T' bond, is chosen, the message becomes: M"" ='AM"'T' is:

Total of 164 characters. The final encrypted message will be created by translating this binary message into its decimal version, two bits at a time.

"M(F)"='0123023012301301212300123230130 1201231301230120123123023013'

The last encoded message is this M(F). Figure 1 shows the output of the Encryption Code.

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Python 3.11.0 (main, Oct 24 2022, 18:26:48) [MSC v.1933 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32 Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.	
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Encryption Process Started	
Press 1 to generate new DNA encode library or 2 to leave it the same	
Enter your choice	
New library created	
Loading DNA Encode Library	
Loading Done	
Using Padding Table	
Using padding value for A G C T as	
Using Binary Table	
Using binary value for A G C T as	
Enter Bond Code Value that is either 0 or 1	
1	
The Decryption Key thus formed is :	
Encryption Process Completed Successfully	

Figure 1 Encryption Coding Output

3.2 Decryption Algorithm

The information will be transmitted together with the decryption key.

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Decryption key generation
Step 3: Bond code generation method
Step 4: Decimal to binary bit conversion
Step 5: Additional padding Removed
Step 6: Encoding library used for decryption
Step 7: Original message is retrieved
Step 8: End

Now, take an example of it for further understanding of the decryption method is consist of following steps:

Step I: Decryption key and Bond Code generation method Padded value A - Binary Value A; Padded value G - Binary Value G; Padded value C - Binary Value C; Padded value C - Binary Value C; Padded value T - Binary Value T

The private key is "0AGCT00GCTA01CTAG

10TAGC11" in this manner.

Step II: Each numeric in the message that is encrypted is converted to its binary equivalent as the first stage in the decryption process, producing the result M^{''''}.

Step III: The bonding pad will be eliminated by the coding value specified in the key utilized for decryption (M^{'''}).

Step IV: The encryption key will be used to decipher the message M" using a binary table code. Utilizing the key's pad information, the additional padding will be removed to create M'. Last but not least, the original message will be transmitted using the four-character encode library.

Step V: The key that's used for deciphering contains all additional information, thus the receiver only needs to keep the encoding library.



Figure 2 Decryption Coding Output

Step 6: Plaint text is retrieved. Figure 2 shows the output of the decryption code.

4. Experimental Analysis of the Proposed Decimal-Bond DNA (DBD) Algorithm

4.1 Experimental Setup

To develop the prototype of the proposed technique, we are using Python programming language for coding. It is developed under the hardware environment of Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-9100F. Detailed system Configuration is provided below

Processor Intel(R) Core(TM) i3-9100F CPU @ 3.60GHz 3.60 GHz

Installed RAM 8.00 GB

Device ID DDBEBA7F-55AF-4410-A60A-FC338149E86 A Product ID XXXXX-71397-24932-AAOEM

System type 64-bit operating system, x64 -based processor

OS Windows 10

4.1 The output of DNA Encoding Library

The stage of the DNA encoding library is shown in Table 5.

Table 5 DIVA Encoding Library							
AATC	ACGC	TTTG	ACAG	ACCG			
ATCA	GCCT	CTCA	GTAA	ATTG			
AGGT	TTAA	GTAT	ACCT	ACGG			
CCAG	CCAC	GCCG	GCGC	TCTA			
TTAC	TGCC	AAAT	CCGT	GGAG			
CCAA	ACAC	TAAC	AGGC	CCGG			
GTCA	TGGT	CAGA	ACTC	CACG			
TTAT	CGCC	ACTT	CTAT	CTTA			
TACA	AGAG	CGGA	GAAC	GCAG			
ACAT	CTGT	ACTG	TAAA	TCAA			
CGCT	CCTT	TGTT	GTCC	GACC			
TCCA	GTAG	GTAC	GCGG	TGAG			

Table 5 DNA Encoding Library

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TCTG	GGTG	GACA	CAAA	CGAA
GCTG	TGGG	TTGG	CGTC	TCAG
GTTG	AACG	TAGC	AAAC	TTCG
GGTA	AACC	GAAT	TCGC	GGGT
AGTC	TGTG	AGGA	GTGG	TTCA
GTCG	AGCA	TTTT	TGCG	CAAG
GTGA	CATA	CGGG	TTGT	CAGG

4.2 Output of Key

Both the public key which is the DNA encoded library (as per Table 1) in this proposed method and Private Key in the below figure 3 size is fixed at 25 bytes in the proposed method.

1AGCTØØGCTAØ1CTAG1ØTAGC11 Figure 3 Private Key

4.3 The output of the Encryption Process

The encryption process output is cipher text. Here the plain text is converted into DNA using DNA encode library, DNA padding table, and bond table and converted into decimals of 0,1,2 and 3 as described earlier in this paper. The cipher text snap is shown below after using the proposed cryptography technique in Figure 4.

4.4 Comparative Analysis of Encryption and Decryption Times for the Proposed Technique Across Various Plain Text Sizes

In this section, we do a comparison study of various cryptography techniques [6]. Raw Text and Cipher Text size is compared in Table 6. Various cryptography techniques are compared with this method in terms of original text and cipher text.

Algorithms	Original File in char	Original text in bytes	Cipher text in bytes
	500 char	1070	4352
	1500 char	1685	6912
DNA-One Time Password	2500 char	3070	12288
(OTP)	3500 char	4834	19456
	4500 char	6056	24320
	500 char	1070	1280
	1500 char	1685	1792
Time Password (OTP)	2500 char	3070	3072
	3500 char	4834	4864
	4500 char	6056	6144
	500 char	1070	113028
	1500 char	1685	177868
DNA- Rivest-Shamir-	2500 char	3070	324324
Adleman (RSA)	3500 char	4834	510320
	4500 char	6056	651376
	500 char	1070	32694
	1500 char	1685	39836
Rivest-Shamir-Adleman	2500 char	3070	54793
(KSA)	3500 char	4834	86284
	4500 char	6056	103945
	500 char	1070	40164
	1500 char	1685	57872
Compressed DNA- Rivest-	2500 char	3070	91948
Snamir-Adleman (KSA)	3500 char	4834	110828
	4500 char	6056	106632
	500 char	1070	7044
	1500 char	1685	14086
Decimal Bond DNA	2500 char	3070	28170
Cryptography (Proposed	3500 char	4834	42254
Aigurunn	4500 char	6056	56338

Table 6 Comparison of Original Text Size and Cipher Text Size



Figure 5 Original Text Size Vs. Cipher Text Size (in Bytes)

As we can see from Figure 5 that the size of the cipher text is quite large in comparison to other methods since cryptography always creates highly secure cipher text.

4.5 Proposed Technique Across Various Plain Text Sizes

We consider plain texts of various sizes

similar to DNA cryptography algorithms. The results are presented in Table 7. It is evident that despite the increase in plaintext size, the remains encryption time notably lower compared to other DNA cryptography techniques. In subsequent sections of this paper, we conduct a comprehensive comparison between our proposed method and various existing DNA-based approaches.

Plaintext Size (bytes)	Encryption Time (ms)	Decryption Time (ms)
10	12.3513	11.0717
20	12.7075	10.7157
40	13.4275	10.471
80	13.7831	10.4592
100	13.9047	10.2435
500	14.6686	10.1259
1000	15.212	10.123
2000	16.541	10.121
4000	17.9325	10.11

Table 7 Comparison of Encryption and Decryption Times for the Proposed Technique
Across Various Plain Text Sizes



Figure 6 Encryption and Decryption Time of Proposed Algorithm

In this section also we compared the time of various cryptography techniques [6].

From Table 9, we made the comparison among various times taken for encryption and decryption techniques [14] and we observed that our proposed technique is a quite less time-consuming method in terms of crypto

time as shown in Table 9. Similarly, the comparison of encryption times for various DNA cryptography algorithms is graphically presented in Figure 8, and the comparison of decryption times for various DNA cryptography algorithms is graphically shown in Figure 9.

Different Methods	Kau	ındal [12]	Pran	anik [13]	Paul	[14]	Pra	mod [15]	Prop Techniqu Cryptog	oosed ue (DBD graphy)
Plain text length (char)	Encry- ption Time (ms)	Decry- ption Time (ms)								
Series 1: 10	15	37	20	49	18	42	11.31	5.87	12.351	11.0717
Series 2: 20	27	44	35	68	28	57	16.42	9.57	12.7075	10.7157
Series 3: 40	38	110	49	159	42	123	311	24.75	13.4275	10.4712
Series 4: 80	70	270	96	414	84	310	62.27	49.11	13.7831	10.4592
Series 5: 100	96	365	105	530	112	415	85.45	61.25	13.9047	10.2435
Series 6: 500	420	1660	466	1768	486	1896	312.45	245.75	14.6686	10.1259

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Figure 8 Encryption Time Comparison of Various DNA Cryptography Algorithm



Figure 9 Decryption Time Comparison of Various DNA Cryptography Algorithm

5. Security Analysis

The security evaluation of the suggested technique is presented in this section.

5.1 Brute-Force Attack

A brute-force attack [7] is used by the attackers to try and discover the private key of the encryption. Brute force attacks in DNA cryptography are theoretically possible but extremely impractical due to the unique properties of DNA and the vast complexity of DNA-based encryption schemes. Here are several reasons why a brute-force attack in DNA cryptography is not feasible:

• Massive Search Space: DNA cryptography involves encoding data as sequences of nucleotide bases (A, T, C, and G). The search space for a brute force attack is exponentially large, as the length of the DNA sequence and the number of possible bases increase. This makes it practically impossible to exhaustively search all possible combinations.

- **High Information Density:** DNA has a very high information density, meaning a small amount of DNA can represent a vast amount of data. Even if you were to obtain a DNA sample, it would be challenging to determine if it contains encrypted data, let alone decipher the actual information.
- **Specialized Equipment:** DNA manipulation and sequencing require specialized laboratory equipment and expertise, which are not readily available to the average attacker. This significantly raises the bar for anyone attempting a brute-force attack.
- **Biological Constraints:** DNA cryptography involves encoding data often in а biologically meaningful way to ensure stability and durability. This means that the encrypted DNA sequences may not resemble random strings, further complicating brute force attempts.
- Time and Resources: Even with advanced

technology, the time and resources required to perform brute-force attacks on DNAencoded data would be astronomical. It would likely take centuries or longer to decrypt even a moderately complex DNAencoded message.

• Ethical and Legal Barriers: DNA is biological material with ethical and legal considerations regarding its handling and manipulation. Unauthorized access to DNA, especially for malicious purposes, is subject to strict regulations and laws.

The suggested approach is resistant to brute-force attacks as a result.

5.2 Known Plaintext Attack (KPA)

The attacker is given the ability to view both the plaintext and the cipher text that goes with it in a known plaintext attack (KPA). To lessen the likelihood of a Known Plaintext Attack, strong encryption measures should be used. These algorithms should possess strong security properties that prevent an attacker from easily deriving the encryption key or obtaining sensitive information from the known plaintext-cipher text pairs. Implementing strong encryption algorithms and protocols can help minimize the vulnerability to Known Plaintext Attacks. During a known plaintext attack, the attacker attempts to obtain both the cipher text and the matching plaintext [8]. The objective is to figure out the secret keys and create a method for decrypting any future messages. In this proposed method, any two comparable plaintexts can be encrypted to create two completely different cipher texts. As a result, the system can withstand this kind of assault.

5.3 Cipher-text Only Attack (COA)

A Cipher text-Only Attack (COA) is a type of cryptographic attack where the attacker only has access to the cipher text (encrypted data) and has no knowledge of the corresponding plaintext or any other additional information. In the context of DNA encryption, a Cipher text-Only Attack would involve an attacker attempting to analyze and decipher the encrypted DNA sequences without any knowledge of the original plaintext or the encryption key. The goal of the attacker is to gain insight into the plaintext or recover the encryption key. The effectiveness of a Cipher text-Only Attack largely depends on the strength of the encryption algorithm and the length and quality of the cipher text.

Additionally, using longer encryption keys and ensuring a high degree of randomness in the cipher text can significantly enhance the security of the encryption scheme [9].

5.4 Differential Cryptanalysis Attack

A method for analyzing pairs of plaintext and matching cipher text to quickly determine the key is known as a differential cryptography attack [10]. The suggested solution is guarded against this attack thanks to a newly formed secret key that is generated randomly and other user variables. The proposed approach since enhances security during each transmission, the same plaintext is transformed into different cipher texts depending on Table 4.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, a unique cryptosystem is introduced for ensuring secure data transmission between sender and receiver. The proposed approach involves subjecting the plaintext to diverse cryptographic operations, resulting in its transformation into a DNA sequence. The suggested method offers robust protection against various security intrusions. Notably, the suggested approach outperforms existing methods in terms of system efficiency. Therefore, the proposed DNA-based encryption system stands out as a more efficient and safe effective and secure alternative to current techniques. For future DNA cryptography endeavors, it is advisable to explore the integration of DNA microchips, thereby adding an additional layer of security. However, a limitation of this study lies in the conversion of the result of the encryption method to actual molecular DNA. Overcoming this challenge necessitates collaborative input from experts across multiple disciplines, including biologists, chemists, and computer scientists, to achieve this objective.

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