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Q1: Fermat's Little Theorem :-

Theorem Statement:

Fermat's Little Theorem statement:

If p is a prime number and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then,

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Proof of Fermat's Little Theorem:

Let a be any integer such that $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, and p is prime.

Consider the set $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$

Since $\gcd(a, p) = 1$, multiplying each element in S by $a \pmod{p}$ gives a permutation of S . So:

$$a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a \cdots (p-1)a \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (p-1) \pmod{p}$$

$$= a^{P-1} (P-1)! \equiv (P-1)! \pmod{P} \quad \text{∴ L.H.S.}$$

Now, since $(P-1)!$ is not divisible by P
 it has an inverse modulo P . Conseil.
 Cancelling it gives:

$$a^{P-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{P},$$

[Proven]

Applying the Theorem:

Given,

$$\rightarrow a = x, P = 13$$

$$a^{P-1} \pmod{P} = x^{12} \pmod{13}$$

By Fermat's Theorem:

$$x^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$\text{Ans: } x^{12} \pmod{13} = 1.$$

Application in Cryptography (RSA):

Fermat's Theorem forms the basis for modular exponentiation used in RSA encryption and decryption.

RSA Algorithm Steps:

1. Choose two large primes p, q .
2. Compute $n = pq$ and $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
3. Choose e such that $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$
4. Compute ~~ϕ~~ d such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$
5. Encryption: $c = m^e \pmod{n}$
6. Decryption: $m = c^d \pmod{n}$

Using Euler's theorem (generalization of Fermat's):

$$m^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{n}$$

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Q2: Euler's Totient function and Euler's Theorem:

$\phi(n)$:

$\phi(n)$ for given values:

$$\rightarrow 35 = 5 \times 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(35) &= \phi(5) \cdot \phi(7) = (5-1)(7-1) = 4 \cdot 6 \\ &= 24\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow 45 = 3^2 \cdot 5$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(45) &= \phi(3^2) \cdot \phi(5) = (3^2 - 3)(5-1) = 6 \cdot 4 \\ &= 24\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow 100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(100) &= \phi(2^2) \cdot \phi(5^2) = (2^2 - 2)(5^2 - 5) \\ &= 2 \cdot 20 = 40\end{aligned}$$

Euler's Theorem Statement:

If $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then:

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Proof of Euler's Theorem:

Let, $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(n)}\}$ be the reduced residue system modulo n .

Multiply each element by a (since $\gcd(a, n) = 1$), then:

$\{ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_{\phi(n)}\} \equiv$ permutation of $R \pmod{n}$.

So,

$$a^{\phi(n)} \cdot r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{\phi(n)} \equiv r_1 r_2 \cdots r_{\phi(n)} \pmod{n}$$

Cancelling the product on both sides:

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

Q3:

Given System of congruences:

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Let, $N = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 = 60$

Step 1: Define Components:

$$\rightarrow N_1 = 60/3 = 20$$

$$\rightarrow N_2 = 60/4 = 15$$

$$\rightarrow N_3 = 60/5 = 12$$

Step 2: find Inverses:

We need find y_i such that $N_i \cdot y_i \equiv 1 \pmod{n_i}$

$$\rightarrow 20y_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow y_1 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow 15y_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow y_2 = 3$$

$$\rightarrow 12y_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow y_3 = 3$$

Step 3: Apply CRT formula:

$$x = a_1 N_1 y_1 + a_2 N_2 y_2 + a_3 N_3 y_3 \pmod{N}$$

$$x = 2 \cdot 20 \cdot 20 + 3 \cdot 15 \cdot 3 + 1 \cdot 12 \cdot 3 = 80 + 135 + 36 \\ = 251$$

$$x \equiv 251 \pmod{60} \Rightarrow x \equiv 11 \pmod{60}$$

Q4:

To determine if 561 is a Carmichael number we follow these steps:

1. Check if 561 is composite:

$$561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17 \Rightarrow \text{Yes, it is composite}$$

2. Apply Fermat's Little Theorem Test:

For multiple values a where $\gcd(a, 561) = 1$, we test whether:

$$a^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$$

For, $a = 2, 3, 5$ we find that Fermat's test passes.

$$a^{560} \pmod{561} = 1$$

3. Use Korselt's Criterion (a test for Carmichael numbers):

→ 561 is square-free.

→ Prime divisors of 561 are: 3, 11, 17

$$\rightarrow 3-1 = 2; 2 \mid 560$$

$$\rightarrow 11-1 = 10; 10 \mid 560$$

$$\rightarrow 17-1 = 16; 16 \mid 560$$

All conditions are satisfied.

So, 561 is a Carmichael number.

Q4:

Primitive root modulo 17

We are to find a primitive root g such that its powers generate all elements of the multiplicative group modulo 17.

→ 17 is a prime number, so the multiplicative group modulo 17 has $\phi(17) = 16$ elements.

→ A primitive root g satisfies:

$$g^k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{17} \text{ for all } k < 16$$

We test. $g = 3$

$$\rightarrow 3^2 = 9 \pmod{17} \neq 1$$

$$\rightarrow 3^4 = 81 \pmod{17} = 13 \neq 1$$

$$\rightarrow 3^8 \equiv 6561 \pmod{17} = 16 \neq 1$$

$$\rightarrow 3^{16} \pmod{17} = 1$$

Since no lower powers return 1, $\text{ord}_{17}(3) = 16$

So, 3 is a primitive root modulo 17.

Q6:

Find the smallest positive integer x such that:

$$3^x \equiv 13 \pmod{17}$$

→ We compute successive powers of 3 modulo 17:

$$3^1 \equiv 3 \pmod{17} = 3$$

$$3^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{17} = 9$$

$$3^3 \equiv 27 \pmod{17} = 10$$

$$3^4 \equiv 81 \pmod{17} \equiv 13$$

$$\text{thus } x = 4$$

Q7:

The Diffie - Hellman key Exchange is a cornerstone of modern cryptography. It allows two parties to generate a shared secret key over an insecure channel.

Steps :

1. Public parameters : a large prime P , and a primitive root g .
2. Alice selects a secret a , computes $A = g^a \pmod{P}$.
3. Bob selects a secret b , computes $B = g^b \pmod{P}$.

4. Shared secret:

→ Alice computes $s = B^a \text{ mod } P$

→ Bob computes $s = A^b \text{ mod } P$

Even if an eavesdropper knows g, p, A, B
Computing the shared key requires solving
the Discrete Logarithm Problem
(DLP): given g and $A = g^a \text{ mod } P$, find
 a .

This is computationally hard for large
primes, ensuring security.

Q8: Comparison of Substitution, Transposition and Playfair Ciphers

1. Encryption Mechanism:

Substitution Cipher:

Each letter in the plaintext is replaced by another letter based on a fixed key.

Example: In Caesar Cipher, A becomes D, B becomes E; and so on.

Transposition Cipher:

Letters of the plaintext are not changed but rearranged in a specific pattern or order using a key.

■ Playfair Cipher:

Encrypts two letters at a time using a 5×5 matrix built from a key word. It replaces each pair with another pair using specific rules.

Key Space:

■ Substitution Cipher:

Very large key space - $26!$ possible ways to rearrange the alphabet.

■ Transposition Cipher:

Key space depends on block size. For a block of n letters, there are $n!$ permutations.

■ Playfair Cipher:

Uses a 5×5 matrix, So, total arrangements are $25!$

occurred but less than full digraph substitution.

3. Vulnerability to Frequency Analysis:

■ Substitution Ciphers:

Weak. Frequency of letters remains visible in cipher text.

■ Transposition Ciphers:

Medium vulnerability. Letter frequency is not hidden, but the order is changed.

■ Playfair Ciphers:

More secure. Encrypting digraphs helps break frequency patterns and adds complexity.

Example: Encrypt the word "HELLO"

1. Substitution Cipher (Caesar + 3):

H → K, E → H, L → O, L → O, O → R

→ Ciphertext: KHOOR

2. Transposition Cipher (3-columns):

HEL

LO

Read Column-wise: HLEOL

→ Ciphertext: HLEOL

3. Playfair Cipher (key = MONARCHY):

Prepare matrix ($I = J$):

Plaintext: HELLO → Digraphs: HELL OX (X added)

→ HE → CF

→ LL → becomes LX → SU

→ OX → VZ

→ Ciphertext: CF SUVZ

- Substitution Cipher is easy but weakest.
- Transposition Cipher improves security by suffling letters.
- Playfair Cipher is stronger, works on letters pairs and resists basic off attack.

Q9: Affine Cipher Encryption and Decryption
→ We are given the encryption function:

$$E(x) = (a \cdot x + b) \bmod 26$$

where,

$$\rightarrow a = 5$$

$$\rightarrow b = 8$$

→ x is the numeric equivalent of the plaintext character ($A=0, B=1, \dots, Z=25$)

We need to:

1. Encrypt the plaintext: "Dept of ICT, MBSTU"
2. Derive the decryption function, and decrypt the ciphertext.

a) Encryption:

Step 1:

Ignore punctuation and convert all letters to uppercase:

"Dept of ICT, MBSTU" \rightarrow DEPTOFACTMBSTU

Step 2: Convert letters to numbers ($A=0$ to $Z=25$)

| Letter | D | E | P | T | O | F | I | C | M | B | S | U |
|--------|---|---|----|----|----|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|
| Value | 3 | 4 | 15 | 19 | 14 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 18 | 25 |

Step 3: Apply the encryption function:

$$E(x) = (5x + 8) \bmod 26$$

Let's compute:

$$\rightarrow E(3) = (5 \times 3 + 8) \bmod 26 = 23 \rightarrow X$$

$$\rightarrow E(4) = (5 \times 4 + 8) \bmod 26 = 2 \rightarrow C$$

$$\rightarrow E(15) = (5 \times 15 + 8) \bmod 26 = 83 \bmod 26 = \cancel{25} \rightarrow \cancel{Z}$$

$$\rightarrow E(19) = (5 \times 19 + 8) \bmod 26 = 103 \bmod 26 = \cancel{25} \rightarrow \cancel{Z}$$

$$\rightarrow E(14) = (5 \times 14 + 8) \bmod 26 = 78 \bmod 26 = 0 \rightarrow A$$

$$\rightarrow E(5) = (5 \times 5 + 8) \bmod 26 = 33 \bmod 26 = 7 \rightarrow H$$

$$\rightarrow E(8) = (5 \times 8 + 8) \bmod 26 = 48 \bmod 26 = 22 \rightarrow W$$

$$\rightarrow E(2) = (5 \times 2 + 8) \bmod 26 = 18 \rightarrow S$$

$$\rightarrow E(12) = (5 \times 12 + 8) \bmod 26 = 68 \bmod 26 = 16 \rightarrow Q$$

$$\rightarrow E(1) = (5 \times 1 + 8) \bmod 26 = 13 \rightarrow N$$

$$\rightarrow E(18) = (5 \times 18 + 8) \bmod 26 = 20 \rightarrow U$$
$$98 \bmod 26 = 20 \rightarrow U$$

$$E(20) = (5 \times 20 + 8) \bmod 26 = 108 \bmod 26 = 4 \rightarrow E$$

Final ciphertext letters (in order):

X C F Z A H W S Z Q N U Z E

So, Encrypted Ciphertext:

XCFZAHWSZQNUZE

b) Decryption:

The decryption function:

$$D(y) = a^{-1} \cdot (y - b) \bmod 26$$

Step 1: Find the $a^{-1} \bmod 26$

modular inverse of $a = 5 \bmod 26$

$$5 \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \bmod 26$$

$$\rightarrow 5 \times 1 = 5$$

$$\rightarrow 5 \times 21 = 105 \bmod 26 = 1$$

so,

$$a^{-1} = 21$$

Step 2: Apply decryption formula:

$$D(y) = 21 \cdot (y - 8) \bmod 26$$

Use ciphertext: XCFZAHWSZQ

Convert to numbers:

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|----|---|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Letter | X | C | F | Z | A | H | W | S | Z | Q | N | U | Z | E |
| value | 23 | 2 | 5 | 25 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 18 | 25 | 16 | 13 | 20 | 25 | 4 |

Now, decrypt each:

$$\rightarrow D(23) = 21 \times (23 - 8) \bmod 26 = 21 \times 15 = 315 \bmod 26 = 3 \rightarrow D$$

$$\rightarrow D(2) = 21 \times (2 - 8) \bmod 26 = -126 \bmod 26 = 4 \rightarrow E$$

$$\rightarrow D(5) = 21 \times (-3) \bmod 26 = -63 \bmod 26 = 15 \rightarrow P$$

$$\rightarrow D(25) = 21 \times (17) = 357 \bmod 26 = 19 \rightarrow T$$

$$\rightarrow D(0) = 21 \times (-8) \bmod 26 = -168 \bmod 26 = 14 \rightarrow O$$

$$\rightarrow D(7) = 21 \times (7 - 8) \bmod 26 = -21 \bmod 26 = 5 \rightarrow F$$

$$\begin{aligned}\rightarrow D(22) &= 21 \times (22-8) \bmod 26 = 294 \bmod 26 = 8 \rightarrow I \\ \rightarrow D(18) &= 21 \times (18-8) \bmod 26 = 210 \bmod 26 = 2 \rightarrow C \\ \rightarrow D(16) &= 21 \times (16-8) \bmod 26 = 168 \bmod 26 = 12 \rightarrow M \\ \rightarrow D(13) &= 21 \times (13-8) \bmod 26 = 105 \bmod 26 = 1 \rightarrow B \\ \rightarrow D(20) &= 21 \times (20-8) \bmod 26 = 252 \bmod 26 = 18 \rightarrow S \\ \rightarrow D(4) &= 21 \times (4-8) \bmod 26 = -84 \bmod 26 = 20 \rightarrow U\end{aligned}$$

Decrypt

Decrypted Text: DEPTOFACT

Q 10:

Here's a simple & novel cipher that uses a combination of substitution and permutation techniques. It also uses a custom pseudo-random number generator (PRNG) for added complexity.

Cipher name: Sub-Perm Cipher (SPC)

Overview:

- Substitution: Each character is substituted using a keyed caesar shift.
- Permutation: Blocks of text are permuted using a PRNG-based shuffle.
- PRNG: Custom linear congruential Generator (LCG).

Key:

K_1 : Integer (Used for Caesar Shift)

K_2 : Seed value for PRNG.

Block Size: fixed block size.

Encryption Process:

Step 1: Substitution:

Each character C in plaintext is shifted forward using a Caesar-like method with a varying shift based on the PRNG_r.

$$\text{PRNG}_r: x_{n+1} = (ax_n + c) \bmod m$$

Parameters: $a = 17$, $c = 43$, $m = 256$

For each character C_i , compute:

$$\text{Shift}_i = \text{PRNG}_r(k_2) \bmod 26$$

$$C'_i = (C_i + \text{Shift}_i + k_i) \bmod 26$$

Step 2: Permutation:

Split the substituted ciphertext into blocks of size N .

For each block:

1. use PRNG_r (same seed k_2) to generate a permutation of indices.

2. Permute the block accordingly.

Decryption Process:

Step 1: Reverse Permutation;

using the same PRNG and Block size rearranging the permutation pattern and reverse the it for each block.

Step 2: Reverse Substitution;

For each character C_i in the block

$$\text{Shift}_i = \text{PRNG}_2(k_2) \bmod 26$$

$$C'_i = (C_i - \text{Shift}_i - k_2 + 26) \bmod 26$$

Example:

Input :

→ Plaintext : 'HELLO'

→ $k_1 = 3$, $k_2 = 2$, Block Size = 2

Step 1: Substitution;

Let's say PRNG gives shift = [5, 12, 7, 19, 2]

$$H \rightarrow H(7) + 5 + 3 = 15 \rightarrow P$$

$$E \rightarrow E(4) + 12 + 3 = 19 \rightarrow T$$

$$L \rightarrow L(11) + 7 + 3 = 21 \rightarrow V$$

$$L \rightarrow L(11) + 19 + 3 \rightarrow H(\text{mod } 26)$$

$$O \rightarrow O(14) + 2 + 3 = 19 \rightarrow T$$

substituted: "PTVHT"

Step 2: Permutation (Block size 2):

Split : $[PT][VH][T-]$

Permutation generated : $[1, 6]$

Apply permutation to each block:

$\rightarrow [PT] \rightarrow [TP]$

$\rightarrow [VH] \rightarrow [HV]$

$\rightarrow [T-] \rightarrow [-T]$ (padding with $-$)

Final Ciphertext : "TPHVLT".