EE 720: Introduction to Number Theory and Cryptography (Spring 2018) Instructor: Saravanan Vijayakumaran

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Assignment 2: 10 points

Find the pdf file corresponding to your roll number in the directory https://www.ee.iitb.ac.in/~sarva/courses/EE720/2018/assignments/assignment2/. Upload the answers as a pdf file in Moodle. Use the tex file provided in the directory to fill in your answers. The upload deadline will be 11:00pm IST on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

1. [5 points] Prove that the Vigenére cipher using period t is perfectly indistinguishable when used to encrypt messages of length t. Prove this directly without proving the perfect secrecy of the scheme and then using the equivalence of perfect secrecy and perfect indistinguishability.

Solution: Write your answer here

2. [5 points] Consider a variant of the one-time pad with message space $=\{0,1\}^l$ and keyspace \mathcal{K} restricted to all l-bit strings with an even number of 1's. Is this scheme perfectly secret? Justify your answer either with a proof or a counterexample.

Solution: Write your answer here