

# Assignment 4

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## 1

### 1.1

$H_a$  is necessarily collision-resistant.

Here we use the contradiction method to prove. Suppose  $H_a$  is not necessarily collision-resistant, there is a PPT algorithm  $A$  which find a collision with non-negligible probability( $x \neq y, H_a(x) = H_a(y)$ ). So we have  $H_1^{s_1}(x) || H_2^{s_2}(x) = H_1^{s_1}(y) || H_2^{s_2}(y)$ , and we got  $H_1(x) = H_1(y)$  and  $H_2(x) = H_2(y)$ , which means  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are not collision-resistant. This conflicts with assumptions.

### 1.2

$H_b$  is not necessarily collision-resistant.

Suppose we have  $H_1$  be collision-resistant and  $H_2(x) = 0$  for all  $x$ . So we got  $\forall x, H_b(x) = H_1(0) || 0$ , and in this case,  $H_b$  is not necessarily collision-resistant.

### 1.3

$H_c$  is necessarily collision-resistant.

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## 2

### 2.1

Suppose that we have the compression function  $h : 0, 1^{2n} \rightarrow 0, 1^n$  and the length of  $k$  is  $n$ .

1. An arbitrary message  $m$  with length  $n$  to ask the oracle. Let  $t = \text{Mac}(m) = H(k || m) = h(h(k || IV) || m)$ .
2.  $\text{Mac}(m || t) = h(t || t)$ , since  $\text{Mac}(m || t) = H(k || m || t) = h(h(h(k || IV) || m) || t)$  and  $t = h(h(k || IV) || m)$

Thus this PPT algorithm has a winning probability 1. This is not a secure MAC.

### 2.2

If  $H$  is modeled as a random oracle,  $F_k(M) = H(k || m)$  is PRF. And it is MAC security.

### 2.3

The random oracles are more soundness than the normal oracles. So the consequences are only available for the random oracles, not for all the cases.

### 3

#### 3.1

There are the set of quadratic residue (QR) called  $G$ .  $G \subseteq Z_n^*$ . Suppose we have  $y_1, y_2 \in G$ , then  $\exists x_1, x_2 \in Z_n^*$ ,  $y_1 = x_1^2$ ,  $y_2 = x_2^2$ . So  $y_1 y_2 = x_1^2 x_2^2 = (x_1 x_2)^2$ , it is closure. And  $1 = 1^2$ ,  $1 \in G$ , it is identity. Now we have  $y \in G$ ,  $\exists x, x^{-1} \in Z_n^*$ , so that  $y = x^2$ ,  $yx^{-1} = 1$ .  $y^{-1} = x^{-2} = (x^{-1})^2$  and  $y^{-1} \in G$ ,  $yy^{-1} = 1$ . Therefore, the set of QRs is a subgroup of  $Z_n^*$ .

#### 3.2

- *if part* Suppose we have  $y \in Z_p^*$ ,  $\log_g(y) = 2k$ , then  $g^{2k} = y$ ,  $y = (g^k)^2$  and  $y$  is a QR.
- *only if part* Support that  $y$  is a QR, then  $\exists x \in Z_p^*$  such that  $y = x^2$ . Let  $\log_g(x) = i$ , then we got  $x = g^i$  and  $y = g^{2i}$ .
- $\log_g(y)$  is the min number over all the  $2i \pmod{p-1}$ .
- $p$  is a prime,  $p-1 = 1$  or  $p$  is a even number. So  $\log_g(y)$  is even number.

### 4

Suppose we have  $Z_n$  has a generator  $g$ .  $\gcd(g, N) = 1$  and for  $\forall y \in Z_N$ . We know that in  $Z_N$ ,  $g^x = xg \pmod{N}$ . Thus  $x = g^{-1}y$  and We can obtain  $x$  through the extended Euclidean algorithm.

### 5

#### 5.1

$S = 1, 4, 9, 16, 8, 2, 15, 13, 13, 15, 2, 8, 16, 9, 4, 1 = 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16$ , the size is 8.

#### 5.2

$x \in Z_{17}^*$  is a generator if and only if  $\gcd(x, \varphi(17)) = 1$ . So the number of generator is  $\varphi(\varphi(17)) = \varphi(16) = 8$

#### 5.3

$g^{ab} \in S$ ,  $ab \pmod{2} = 0$ , 17 is prime.  $\Pr[g^{ab} \in S] = 1 - \Pr[ab \text{ is odd}] = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

### 6

Suppose  $x$  is a random element of  $Z_N^*$  and  $y = x^2$ , we have a algorithm  $A$  to get  $y$ 's square root  $z$ . if  $z = \pm x$ , we choose another  $x$  and do it again, until  $z \neq \pm x$ . So we got 5 square root of  $y : \pm x \pm z$ .

$a = x^2 \pmod{N} = z^2 \pmod{N}$ ,  $x^2 - z^2 = (x+z)(x-z) = kN$ ,  $x+z \neq 0$ ,  $x-z \neq 0$ , then  $k \neq 0$  So  $k = 1$  and  $N = (x+z)(x-z)$

### 7

For arbitrary message  $m$ , we first choose an arbitrary  $k \neq 0, 1$ . Asking the signing oracle to sign  $m' = mk^e \pmod{N}$  (here  $e$  is public key in the scheme of signature). Then we have the  $\text{Sign}(m') = m'^{fd} \pmod{N} = (mk^e)^d \pmod{N} = m^d \times k^{ed} \pmod{N} = m^d \pmod{N}$ . Therefore, message  $m$  cannot be queried to the signing oracle.

## 8

Suppose  $G$  is a group with generator  $g$ , and  $h_1, h_2, h_3$  are the element of  $G$ .  $h_1 = g^x, h_2 = g^y$ . We define  $DH_h(h_1, h_2) = DH_g(g^x, g^y) = g^{xy}$ . The discrete algorithm problem is to compute  $\log_g h$ . The CDH problem is to compute  $DH_g(h_1, h_2)$ . The DDH problem is distinguish  $DH_g(h_1, h_2)$  from a uniform element of  $G$ .  $DDH > CDH > DLog$

## 9

### 9.1

El Gamal encryption scheme is not secure against the chosen ciphertext attack. CCA-secure schemes are not malleable.

### 9.2

The El Gamal signature scheme using hash-then-sign paradigm is secure against the chosen plaintext attack.

### 9.3

Yes. we forge a signature for any given message  $m$  by asking the signing oracle.