

## 1. Quantum Computing & Post - Quantum Cryptography

### Implications of quantum Computing:

- Quantum computers can efficiently solve problems that classical computers find hard.
- Shor's algorithm can factor large integers and compute discrete logarithms in polynomial time.
- This makes traditional public-key ciphers like RSA and ECC vulnerable.

### Post-Quantum cryptography algorithms:

- Lattice-based cryptography: NTRU, kyber.
- Hash-based signatures: SPHINCS+, Merkle trees; secure under collision-resistant hash functions.
- Code-based cryptography: McEliece trees; secure under collision-resistant hash functions.

### Resistance Quantum attacks:

- Shor's algorithm does not efficiently solve lattice, code or hash based functions.
- Security is based on NP-hard problems and remains hard for quantum computers.

## ② Novel PRNG in Python:

Requirements: use timestamp, process ID, modulus for range; generate random numbers

python:

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import time, os
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def custom_prng(modulus):
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- seed = int(time.time() \* 1000) + os.getpid()

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return (int(103515245 * seed / 1000000000) % modulus)
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print(custom_range(100))
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- Timestamp → ensures time-based variation.
- Process ID → adds system-level randomness.
- Modulus → constrains output to desired range.

## ③ Cipher Comparison:

Cipher	key length	Speed	Security	Notes
Caesar cipher	1-26	Very fast	Extremely weak	Easily brute-forced
Vigenere	length for keyword	Medium	Weak	Vulnerable to frequency analysis
Playfair	5x5-character key	Medium	Weak	Slightly better than vigenere
DES	56-bit	Fast	Weak	Susceptible to linear attacks
AES	128/192/256 bit	Fast	Strong	Resistant to all known classical attacks

Strengths and Weaknesses:

- Traditional ciphers are simple, fast but insecure for modern standards.
- Modern symmetric ciphers (AES/DES) are computationally secure, scalable and designed to resist cryptanalysis.

#### (4) $S_4$ Action on 2-element subsets

- Definition of Action:

$$\sigma \cdot \{i, j\} = \{\sigma(i), \sigma(j)\} \text{ for } \sigma \in S_4$$

- well-defined: Permutation maps 2-element subsets to 2-element subsets.

- Orbit of  $\{1, 2\}$

2-element subsets of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  are

$$\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}$$

- Orbit size = 6

- Stabilizer of  $\{1, 2\}$ : Permutations that

- fix  $\{1, 2\}$  setwise.

- Examples: identify  $\{1, 2\}, (3, 4), (1, 3)$

$$\rightarrow \text{Size} = 4$$

5.  $\text{GF}(2^2)$  field

- Constructed with irreducible polynomial  $x^2 + x + 1$  over  $\text{GF}(2)$
- Elements:  $\{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha + 1$
- ① Multiplicative Group
  - Non-zero elements  $\{1, \alpha, \alpha + 1\}$
  - Closure, identify ( $\cdot$ ), inverses exist:  $\alpha(\alpha + 1) = -1, \alpha^2 = \alpha + 1$
- ② Cyclicality
  - $\alpha$  generates  $\{\alpha, \alpha + 1, 1\} \rightarrow$  group is cyclic.

6.  $\text{GL}(2, R)$  & Scalar Matrices

- Scalar Matrices:  $S = kI$ ,  $k \neq 0$
- Normal subgroup: For all  $A \in \text{GL}(2, R)$ ,  $AS = SA$
- Factor group:  $\text{GL}(2, R) / \text{scalars} \approx \text{PGL}(2, R)$
- Structure: Linear transformations modulo scalar multiplications

$\rightarrow$   $\text{PGL}(2, R)$

## ⑦ Diffie-Hellman key Exchange

- Protocol:
  - Choose prime  $p$  and generate  $g$ .
  - Alice:  $a \rightarrow$  sends  $g^a \text{ mod } p$
  - Bob:  $b \rightarrow$  sends  $g^b \text{ mod } p$ .
  - Shared key:  $g^{ab} \text{ mod } p$
- Security:
  - Based on discrete logarithm problem.
  - Vulnerable to man-in-the-middle → requires authentication.
  - Small modulus → easy discrete log → insecure

## ⑧ Intersection of Subgroups:

- Theorem:  $H_1 \cap H_2$  is a subgroup
- Identify  $x \in H_1 \cap H_2$
- Closure: if  $x, y \in H_1 \cap H_2$ ,  $xy \in H_1 \cap H_2$
- Inverse:  $x^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$
- Example:  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ ;  $H_1 = \{0, 2, 4\}$ ,  $H_2 = \{0, 3\} \rightarrow H_1 \cap H_2 = \{0\}$

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- ⑨ Ring  $Z_n$ :
- Commutative under addition/multiplication.
  - Zero divisors: Exist if  $n$  is not prime.
  - Field condition:  $Z_n$  is a field  $\Leftrightarrow n$  is prime.

### ⑩ DES vulnerabilities and AES improvements

- DES: 56-bit key  $\rightarrow$  brute-force attack feasible
- Weak S boxes  $\rightarrow$  vulnerable to linear cryptanalysis
- AES:
  - Longer keys (128/192/256)
  - Non-linear S boxes, more rounds
  - Resistant to known attacks

### ⑪ Differential Cryptanalysis:

- ⑥ DES Feistel structure:
- Spreads input difference  $\rightarrow$  only partial exposure to each round.
  - AES Resistance:
    - SubBytes: Non-linear
    - ShiftRows + MixColumns: diffusion
    - AddRoundKey: key mixing
    - $\rightarrow$  Difficult to exploit difference

### 12 Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- Solve  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  for  $x$
- Steps: compute  $\gcd(a, n)$  recursively
- RSA: Compute private key  $d = e^{-1} \pmod{n}$
- Efficient for large keys  $\rightarrow$  practical RSA encryption/decryption.

### 13 Block Cipher Modes

- #### ① ECB
- Identical plaintext blocks  $\rightarrow$  identical ciphertext  $\rightarrow$  leaks patterns.

#### ② CBC Mode

- Encryption:  $C_i = E_k(P_i \oplus C_{i-1})$
- Decryption:  $P_i = D_k(C_i) \oplus C_{i-1}$
- Error propagation: only 1 block affected.

### 14 LFSR Vulnerability

- Linearity  $\rightarrow$  predictable sequences under known plaintext attacks
- Mitigation  $\rightarrow$  Use Non-linear combination of multiple LFSRs (Geffe generator, filter functions)

(15) Perfect Secrecy

① Shannon:  $P(M|C) = P(M)$

(16) One-time pad:

- key random,  $|k| > |M| \rightarrow$  perfect secrecy

(17) Impracticality:

- Requires large, truly random keys for each message
- key distribution is difficult

(18) Linear Congruential Generator (LCG)

- Formula:  $x_{(n+1)} = (ax_n + c) \bmod m$

- Example:  $a=5, c=3, m=16, x_0=7 \rightarrow 6, 1, 8, 11, 10$

(19) Ring Definition

- Ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  with additive identity, inverses, associative + distributive

- Commutative example:  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$

- Non-commutative example:  $M_2(R)$

- Use in cryptography: Provides modular arithmetic for RSA, finite fields, ECC

- ⑯ RSA Encryption / Decryption :
- $P=5, Q=11 \rightarrow n=55, \varphi(n)=40, e=3$
  - Encrypt  $M=2: C=2^3 \bmod 55 = 8$
  - Decrypt :  $M=C^d \bmod n=2$

- ⑰ RSA Signature :
- Sign  $H(m)=3, d=7 \rightarrow S=3^7 \bmod 21=3$
  - Verify  $S^e \bmod n = H(m) \rightarrow$  integrity / authenticity.

- ⑱ Elliptic (s) Curves Operations
- Equation :  $y^2=x^3+ax+b \bmod p$
  - Check  $P=(3,10)$ : Verify  $10^2=3^3+1+3+1=31$   
 $\Rightarrow 100 \bmod 23=8 \neq 1$  Not on curve
  - Doubling :  $d=(3x_1^2+a)/(2y_1)$

- Addition :  $d=(y_2-y_1)/(x_2-x_1), x_3=d^2-x_1-x_2$

$$y_3=d(x_1-x_3)-y_1$$

- (21) ECDSA Example
- Base  $G = (2, 5)$ ,  $n=19$ , private  $d=9 \rightarrow Q = dG$
  - Sign  $H(M)=8$ , random  $k=3 \rightarrow$  compute  $r, s$
  - Verification: Check:  $r, s$  with  $Q \rightarrow$  signature valid.

(22) Cryptographic Hash functions

- ① Properties: Pre-image resistance, collision resistance, second pre-image resistance.
- ② Output length: Longer Output (SHA-256)  
→ harder to find collisions
- ③ Applications: Digital signatures, block-chain.

(23) Galois fields:

- GF( $p$ ) is arithmetic mod prime  $p$ .
- GF( $2^n$ ) is used in AES, ECC.
- Field arithmetic ensures invertibility, diffusion and secure cryptographic operations.

## (2g) Lattice Based Cryptography:

① SVP: Finding shortest nonzero vector in Lattice  $\rightarrow$  NP-hard.

② Security vs RSA/ECC: Resistant to Shor's algorithm; RSA/ECC broken.

③ Quantum Cryptography: QKD ensures secure key exchange, different from lattice based encryption.

## (2h) LFSR Maximum Period:

- Max period =  $2^m - 1$  if characteristic polynomial is primitive.
- Ensures full utilization of all states except 0.

## (2i) LWE-Based Signatures:

- ① key generation: lattice public/private key.
- ② Signing: encode message as lattice vector

③ Verification: check lattice relation holds

- Example:
- Message  $M \rightarrow$  hash  $\rightarrow$  map to lattice vector
  - Add random small error  $\rightarrow$  signature.
  - Verifier checks relation with public key.