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Introduction to Cryptography, Spring 2024

Homework 5

Due: 5/21/2024 (Tuesday)

Notes:

- (1) For Part A, submit a “hardcopy” right after the class on the due day.
- (2) TAs will run plagiarism check on your submitted programs. Write your own code and do not copy from others or anywhere.

Part A: Written Problems

1. Consider the elliptic curve $E_{17}(1,2)$. Compute the following values.
 - a. All points on the curve.
 - b. $-(3, 10)$
 - c. $(1, 2)+(3, 10)$
 - d. $2(3, 10)$
2. Consider to use the above curve for EC-ElGamal encryption. Let $G=(3,10)$. Assume that the private key is $n_A = 5$.
 - a. What is the public key?
 - b. What is the ciphertext of message $P_m = (1, 15)$ when $k=4$?
 - c. Decrypt the above ciphertext and verify its correctness.
3. Compute the signature of $M = \text{"Welcome!"}$ using the specified methods. The hash value of a string x is the last 4 bits of SHA256(x). If a number is put into the hash function, convert it to a string by its ASCII code, such as, $25 \rightarrow 0x3035$.
 - a. RSA: private key $(d, n) = (247, 323)$
 - b. ElGamal: private key $(q, \alpha, X_A) = (103, 11, 37)$
 - c. Schnorr: private key $(p, q, a, s) = (103, 17, 72, 10)$
 - d. DSA: private key $(p, q, g, x) = (103, 17, 72, 7)$
4. Compute the public keys of the above problem and verify correctness of the signatures.
5. Consider to use RSA with a fixed key for constructing a hash function RSAH as follows. Let message M be partitioned into blocks $B_1B_2\dots B_n$, where each block is significantly smaller than the modulus of RSA key. The function RSAH is: $\text{RSAH}(B_1)=\text{RSA}(B_1)$ and $\text{RSAH}(B_1B_2\dots B_n)=\text{RSA}(\text{RSAH}(B_1B_2\dots B_{n-1})\oplus B_n)$ for $n\geq 2$. Show that RSAH is not weak collision-resistant.

Part 2: Programming Problem

This programming problem is to simulate the bitcoin mining and build a blockchain. Note that this is not the real bitcoin mining. It only verifies the difficulty of finding hash values with many leading zeros. Use Crypto++ for computing sha256.

1. Consider the following example:

- a. Initial message: "Bitcoin", where its hash value is:

B4056DF6691F8DC72E56302DDAD345D65FEAD3EAD9299609A826E2344EB63AA4

- b. Build the blockchain as follows:

# of leading zeros	Preimage = Previous hash (in Hex)+ Nonce (32 bits, in Hex)	Hash value (in Hex), with the specified leading zeros (in Hex)
0	B4056DF6691F8DC72E56302DDAD345D65FEAD3EAD9299609A826E2344EB63AA4 00000000	2767667C2AF3BE01EFAC4FB387EC27C1 0B9D3BEE9C5D48cff4CFB9F523560B24
1	2767667C2AF3BE01EFAC4FB387EC27C1 0B9D3BEE9C5D48cff4CFB9F523560B24 0000000A	0DE32E85C2AC9D96659D42C8A3EA3D2C 05FDE384B468E6EFE062B6E21288CBCA
2	?	?
3	?	?
...	?	?

- c. The blockchain is specified as:

0
B4056DF6691F8DC72E56302DDAD345D65FEAD3EAD9299609A826E2344EB63AA4
00000000
2767667C2AF3BE01EFAC4FB387EC27C10B9D3BEE9C5D48cff4CFB9F523560B24
1
2767667C2AF3BE01EFAC4FB387EC27C10B9D3BEE9C5D48cff4CFB9F523560B24
0000000A
0DE32E85C2AC9D96659D42C8A3EA3D2C05FDE384B468E6EFE062B6E21288CBCA
...

2. Your program

- Initial message: your ID in ASCII.
- Output: a blockchain like 1.(c), to file out.txt
- A block contains 4 separate lines. For example, the above has two blocks.
- Your program will be run for verifying your output.

3. Submission

- due: 5:00pm, 5/21/2024 (Tuesday)
- submit two files "blockchain.cpp" and "out.txt" to E3.

- Grading: the more leading zeros your hash values have, the higher your grade is.
- There is no on-site test for this programming problem.

QUESTION

1. (a) $y^2 = x^3 + x + 2 \pmod{17}$

points: $(0, 6), (0, 11), (1, 2), (1, 15)$
 $(3, 7), (3, 10), (4, 6), (4, 11)$
 $(5, 8), (5, 9), (9, 3), (9, 14)$
 $(10, 3), (10, 14), (11, 1), (11, 16), (12, 5), (12, 12)$
 $(13, 6), (13, 11), (15, 3), (15, 14)$
 $(16, 0)$

(b) $-(3, 10) = (3, -10) = (3, 7)$

(c) $(1, 2) + (3, 10) :$

$$\lambda = \frac{10-2}{3-1} \pmod{17} = 4$$

$$x_R = 4^2 - 1 - 3 \pmod{17} = 12$$

$$y_R = \frac{4(1-12)-2}{2} \pmod{17} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (1, 2) + (3, 10) = (12, 5)$$

(d) $2(3, 10) :$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= \frac{3 \cdot 3^2 + 1}{2 \cdot 10} \pmod{17} = \frac{2}{5} \pmod{17} \\ &= 7 \times 7 \pmod{17} \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$x_R = 15^2 - 3 - 3 \pmod{17} = 15$$

$$y_R = 15(3-15) - 10 \pmod{17} = 14$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(3, 10) = (15, 14)$$

2. (a) $pk: 5(3, 10) = 4(3, 10) + (3, 10)$
 $= 2(15, 14) + (3, 10)$

$$= (0, 11)$$

$$(b) C = [4(3, 10), 4(0, 11) + (1, 15)] \\ = [(12, 5), (12, 12) + (1, 15)] = [(12, 5), (0, 11)]$$

$$(c) P = (0, 11) - 5(12, 5) \\ = (0, 11) - (12, 12) \\ = (0, 11) + (12, 5) \\ = (1, 15) = P_m$$

$$3. (a) C = H(\text{Welcome!})^{247} \bmod 323 \\ = 14^{247} \bmod 323 \\ = 40$$

$$(b) \text{ Let } k=5 \\ C = (2^5 \bmod 103, k^{-1}(m - X_A s_1) \bmod 102) \\ = (62, 5^{-1}(14 - 37 \cdot 62) \bmod 102) \\ = (62, 54)$$

$$(c) \text{ Let } r=5 \\ x = 72^5 \bmod 103 = 8 \\ e = H(M||8) = 2 \\ y = (5 + 10 \cdot 2) \bmod 17 = 8 \\ \text{signature} = (2, 8)$$

$$(d) \text{ Let } K=5 \\ Y = 72^5 \bmod 103 \bmod 17 = 8 \\ S = 5^{-1}(14 + 7 \cdot 8) \bmod 17 = 14 \\ \text{signature} = (8, 14) = (r, s)$$

$$4. (a) 323 = 17 \times 19$$

$$\varphi(n) = 16 \times 18 = 288$$

$$e = d^{-1} \bmod 288 = 7$$

$$\text{Verify: } (7 \bmod 32)$$

$$= 407 \bmod 323$$

$$= 14 = H(M)$$

$$(b) Y_A = 2^{xa} \bmod 9$$

$$= 11^{37} \bmod 103$$

$$= 69$$

$$\text{Verify: } Y_A^{s_1 s_2} \bmod 9$$

$$= 69^{62} 62^{54} \bmod 103 = 83$$

$$L^M = 11^{14} \bmod 103 = 83$$

$$(c) V = G^{-s} \bmod 103$$

$$= 72^{-10} \bmod 103$$

$$= 72^{92} \bmod 103$$

$$= 66$$

$$\text{Verify: } x' = 72^8 66^2 \bmod 103 = 8$$

$$H(M||x') = H(M||8) = 2$$

$$(d) y = 72^7 \bmod 103$$

$$= 66$$

$$\text{Verify: } w = 14^{-1} \bmod 17 = 11$$

$$u_1 = 14 \cdot 11 \bmod 17 = 1$$

$$u_2 = 8 \cdot 11 \bmod 17 = 3$$

$$v = 72^1 66^3 \bmod 103 \bmod 17$$

$$v = \gamma_2^{-1} 6c^5 \bmod 103 \bmod 17$$

$$= 8 = r'$$

5. For given $M_1 = B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$, we can find

$M_2 = B'_1 B'_2 \dots B'_{n-1} B'_n$ such that

B'_1, B'_2, \dots, B'_n are random strings of the same lengths of B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n , respectively, and

$$B'_n = RSAH(B_1 \dots B_{n-1}) \oplus RSAH(B'_1 B'_2 \dots B'_{n-1}) \oplus B_n.$$

We can see that

$$\begin{aligned} & RSAH(B'_1 B'_2 \dots B'_n) \\ &= RSA(RSAH(B'_1 B'_2 \dots B'_{n-1}) \oplus B'_n) \\ &= RSA(RSAH(B_1 B_2 \dots B_{n-1}) \oplus B_n) \\ &= RSAH(B_1 B_2 B_3 \dots B_n) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $B_1 B_2 \dots B_n$ and $B'_1 B'_2 \dots B'_n$ have a collision hash.

RSAH is not weak collision-resistant.