

Final Assignment

Cryptography and cyber Law

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1. How does shor's algorithm threaten the security of RSA and elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) and what are the potential consequence for current digital infrastructure?

Ans: Shor's algorithm poses a severe threat to the security of RSA and elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) because it can efficiently (solve) underlying mathematical problems that this crypto system rely on for security.

* Threat to RSA:

→ RSA security is based on the factorial problem. The difficulty of factoring large integers prime ($N = p \times q$).

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- Shor's algorithm can factor integers in polynomial time using a quantum computer.
- A sufficiently large computer could break RSA keys in minute, rendering all RSA based encryption and digital signatures using shor's algorithm.
- * Threat to ECC:
 - ECC security relies on the discrete logarithm problem, given $Q = kP$, where finding k is hard.
 - Shor's algorithm can solve elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem (ECDLP) efficiently using quantum computer.
 - Ecc based system (used in Bit coin, TLS and many modern protocols) would be broken compromising secure communication and cryptocurrencies.

* Potential consequences for digital infrastructure; bug bounty, harvested keys

→ Mass Decryption of Data: Historical encrypted data could be decrypted if keys were harvested.

→ Broken Authentication: Digital signature (SSL/TLS, PGP, S/MIME) would no longer be secure, leading to impersonation and fraud.

→ Financial system collapse: Banking transaction blockchain systems (like Bitcoin) and smart contracts relying on RSA/ECC would be vulnerable.

→ National security risks: military and government communication could be exposed if quantum decryption becomes feasible.

* Mitigation strategies:

→ Post quantum cryptography (PQC): Transitioning P.T.O.

Leads to quantum-resistant algorithm (e.g. lattice-based, hash-based and code-based cryptography)

→ Quantum key Distribution : Using quantum mechanics to secure key exchange

→ Hybrid cryptography : combining classical and post-quantum algorithms during the transition phase

Shor's algorithm fundamentally breaks RSA and ECC once large-scale quantum computer exist. The consequence would be catastrophic for digital security, necessitating an urgent shift to post quantum cryptography before

quantum computer mature. NIST is already standardizing PQC algorithm (Cryqntals - Kyber, Dilithium) to prepare for this threat.

2. Discuss the role of quantum key distribution (QKD) in future cryptographic systems. How does it differ from classical public-key encryption?

Ans:

Role of Quantum key distribution (QKD) in Future cryptographic systems:

Quantum key distribution is a method of securely exchanging cryptographic keys using the principles of quantum mechanics, particularly Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and quantum no-cloning theorem.

- Providing unconditional security for key exchange independent of computational hardness assumptions.
- Protecting against quantum computer attacks that can break RSA or ECC.
- Securing critical infrastructure (financial, p.t.o.)

defence, government communication) with probable secrecy.

Difference from classical public key Encryption:

Classical public key Encryption (RSA, ECC)	Quantum Key Distribution (QKD)
i) Relies on computational hardness (factorization, discrete logs etc)	i) Relies on laws of quantum physics
ii) Breakable by quantum computer using Shor's algorithm	ii) Not breakable by quantum algorithms
iii) No inherent detection mechanism	iii) Intrusion detected via quantum state disturbance.
iv) Key distribution are exchanged over classical channels using encryption	iv) Key exchanged via quantum channel (optical fibers, free space)
v) Widely deployed globally	v) Limited deployment requires specialized hardware.

QKD is not an encryption method. It's a secure key exchange mechanism. Once keys are shared they can be used with symmetric encryption (e.g AES). While classical public key encryption faces obsolescence in the quantum era, QKD offers a physics-backed path to long-run secure communication, though its widespread adoption depends on overcoming current cost and infrastructure limitations.

3. What are the main differences between lattice based cryptography and traditional number theoretic approaches like RSA, particularly in the context of quantum resistance?

Ans: Main difference between lattice based cryptography and RSA in the context p.t.o.

of quantum resistance?

i) security foundation:

→ RSA: Based on the hardness of integer factorization.

→ Lattice based cryptography: Based on the hardness of high dimensional lattices which hold even for quantum computer.

ii) Quantum resistance:

→ RSA: vulnerable to Shor's algorithm which can factor large integers in polynomial time.

→ Lattice based: No known efficient quantum algorithm exist for solving lattices problem.

iii) Performance:

→ RSA: smaller public keys but slower key

generation and encryption/decryption for very large key sizes.

→ Lattices based: Larger key size but generally faster communication for encryption, decryption and key exchange compared to huge post-quantum safe RSA.

iv) Practical Application:

→ RSA: Currently dominant for secure key exchange, digital signatures and TLS / HTTPS.

→ Lattices based: Being standardized by NIST PQC as replacement for RSA/ECC in quantum resistant system.

RSA's security collapse against large-scale quantum computers while lattice based schemes are designed to resist both classical and quantum attacks, making them central to the future of cryptography.

4. Develop a python based PRNG that uses the current system time and a custom seed value. Write complete program and corresponding output.

Ans: Python PRNG (pseudo random number generator) code is given below:

```
import time
def custom_prng(seed, count):
    current_time = int(time.time_ns())
    combined_seed = seed * current_time
    a = 1664525
    c = 1013904223
    m = 2**32
    random_numbers = []
    x = combined_seed
    for _ in range(count):
        x = (a*x + c) % m
        random_numbers.append(x)
    return random_numbers
```

seed_value = 12345

count = 5

numbers = custom_print(seed_value, count)

Print("Custom PRNG output!")

for i, num in enumerate(numbers, 1):

print(f"Random Number {i}: {num}")

Sample Output:

Custom PRNG output:

Random number 1: 1885951992

Random number 2: 2910389135

Random number 3: 2475739278

Random number 4: 33994785

Random number 5: 1326364488

5. Explain the sieve of Eratosthenes Algorithm and use it to find all prime numbers less than 50. How does its time complexity compare to trial division.

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Ans:Sieve of Eratosthenes Algorithm:

The sieve of Eratosthenes is an ancient and efficient method for finding all prime numbers up to a given limit n .

Algorithm steps:

- i) Create a list of integers from 2 to n .
- ii) Start with the first number in the list ($p=2$) which is prime.
- iii) Eliminate all multiples of p .
- iv) Find the next number in the list that is not marked: this is the next prime.
- v) Repeat steps 3-ii until all multiples up to \sqrt{n} have been processed.
- vi) The remaining unmarked numbers are all primes.

Find all primes less than 50:

i) Create a list of 2 to 50:

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33,
 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46,
 47, 48, 49, 50.

ii) Eliminate multiple of 2:

2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29,
 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49

iii) Eliminate multiple of 3:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 35, 37,
 41, 43, 47, 49

iv) Eliminate multiple of 5 and 7:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 49

v) Eliminate multiple of 7:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 19, 23, 29, 31, 32, 41, 43, 47

vi) stop the iteration because next prime

$$n > \sqrt{50}$$

vii) The last unmarked elements are all prime numbers.

Time complexity comparison:

→ Sieve of Eratosthenes:

$$\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{3} + \frac{n}{5} + \frac{n}{7} + \dots \right) = O(n \log \log n)$$

is very efficient for large range.

→ Trial division $O(n\sqrt{n})$ - much slower.

C++ code:

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int vis[1000000];
    // 1 is a prime number.
    vis[1] = 1;
    for (int i = 2; i * i <= 1000000; i++)
    {
        if (vis[i] == 0)
        {
            for (int j = i * i; j <= 1000000; j += i)
                vis[j] = 1;
        }
    }
    for (int i = 2; i <= 1000000; i++)
        if (vis[i] == 0)
            cout << i;
}
```

```
for (int i=2; (i < sqrt(n)); i++)
```

```
{ if (vis[i] == false) {
```

```
    for (int j=i*i; j < n; j+=i)
        vis[j] = 1
}
```

```
for (int i=2; i < n; i++)
```

```
{ if (vis[i] == false)
```

```
    cout << i << endl;
```

6. state and explain the necessary and sufficient conditions for a composite number to be a carmichael number. Then verify whether the numbers $n=567$, and $n=1105$ and $n=1729$ are carmichael numbers?

Ans: A carmichael number is a composite integer n such that, $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ for all a coprime to n .

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

for every integer a with $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

A positive composite integer n is a Carmichael number if it holds:

- i) n is composite
- ii) n is square free
- iii) for every prime p dividing n , $(p-1)$ divides $(n-1)$

Verification of given integer numbers:

$$n = 561$$

$$\rightarrow \text{factorization: } 561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17$$

that is composite and square free.

$$\rightarrow \text{compute } n-1 = 560$$

$$\rightarrow \text{for } p=3 \Rightarrow 560/2 = 280$$

$$\text{for } p=11 \Rightarrow 560/10 = 56$$

$$\text{for } p=17 \Rightarrow 560/17 = 35$$

∴ 561 is a Carmichael number.

$$\text{ii) } n = 1105$$

→ factorization: $1105 = 5 \times 13 \times 17$

→ composite and prime square free

$$\rightarrow n-1 = 1104$$

$$p = 5 \quad \therefore 1104/5 = 220$$

$$p = 13 \quad \therefore 1104/13 = 84$$

$$p = 17 \quad \therefore 1104/17 = 64$$

∴ 1105 is also a Carmichael number.

$$\text{iii) } n = 1729$$

not divisible

→ factorization: $1729 = 7 \times 13 \times 19$

→ composite and square number

$$\rightarrow n-1 = 1728$$

$$p = 7 \quad \therefore 1728/7 = 240$$

$$p = 13 \quad \therefore 1728/13 = 132$$

$$p = 19 \quad \therefore 1728/19 = 90$$

∴ 1729 is also a Carmichael number.

7. Determine whether the following are valid algebraic structures and justify your answers.

→ Is the set \mathbb{Z}_{11} with operation $(+, \cdot)$ a ring?

→ Are the sets $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +)$ and (\mathbb{Z}_{11}, \cdot) Abelian groups?

Ans: Yes, In fact \mathbb{Z}_{11} is a commutative ring with unity and moreover a field.

Justification:

→ $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +)$ is an abelian group: closure, associativity, identity inverse ($-a \equiv 11-a$) and commutatively hold.

→ multiplication mod 11 is closed and associative and distributes over addition.

→ There is a multiplicative identity $1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$.

→ Every nonzero element $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ has a multiplicative inverse mod 11.

Yes, $(\mathbb{Z}_{32}, +)$ is an abelian group.

Justification:

- i) \mathbb{Z}_{32} with addition modulo 32 .
- ii) closure, associativity and commutativity follow from integer addition.
- iii) Identity is 0 for each a .
- iv) $(\mathbb{Z}_{32}, +)$ satisfy all group axioms and it's an abelian.

No, $(\mathbb{Z}_{35}, +)$ is not a group.

Justification:

- i) multiplication mod 35 is associative and identity 1 , not every element has a multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{Z}_{35} .
- ii) $5 \in \mathbb{Z}_{35}$, $\gcd(5, 35) = 5 > 1$. So 5 has no inverse.
- iii) The inverse axioms fails and $(\mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times)$ is not a group.

p.t.o.

8. What is the remainder when -52 is reduced modulo 31?

Ans: we want to find an integer n with condition $0 \leq n < 31$ and $-52 \equiv n \pmod{31}$. compute

$$((-52) \times 31 + 31) \% 31 = 10.$$

So the remainder is 10.

9. Determine the multiplicative inverse of $7 \pmod{26}$, if it exists (use extended euclidean algorithm).

Ans: We solve $7x \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$. or find integers x, y with $7x + 26y = 1$. Use euclidean algorithm:

$$26 = 3 \cdot 7 + 5,$$

$$7 = 1 \cdot 5 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

Back-substitute to express 1 as a linear combination:

$$1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

$$= 5 - 2 \cdot (7 - 1 \cdot 5) = 3 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 7$$

$$= 3(26 - 3 \cdot 2) - 2 \cdot 7 = 3 \cdot 26 - 11 \cdot 7$$

Thus $-11 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 26 = 1$. Therefore,

$$x \equiv -11 \pmod{26}$$

$$\therefore x \equiv -11 \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

The multiplicative inverse of 7 modulo 26

is 15 .

10. Evaluate $(-8 \times 5) \pmod{17}$ and explain how to simplify negative modular multiplication.

Ans: After removing out minus sign

Step-1: Multiply the numbers: $11 \times 11 = 121$ p.t.o.

$$-8 \times 5 = -40$$

Step-2: Reduce modulo 17;

we find the equivalent remainder:

$$-40 + 3 \times 17 = -40 + 51 = 11$$

$$\therefore -40 \equiv 11 \pmod{17}$$

$$\therefore (-8 \times 5) \pmod{17} = 11$$

Explain of simplification method:

Negative numbers in modular arithmetic can be converted to their positive equivalent before multiplying.

$$-8 \equiv 9 \pmod{17}$$

$$9 \times 5 = 45$$

reduce 45 modulo 17;

$$45 - 2 \times 17 = 45 - 34 = 11$$

This match the previous result.

\therefore Final answer = 11.

11. state and proof Bezout's theorem. use it to find the multiplicative inverse of 9x modulo 385.

Ans: For integers a and b not both zero, there exist integers x such that,

$$ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$$

In particular, if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ there are integers x, y with $ax + by = 1$; then x is the multiplicative inverse of a modulo b .

Proof:

$$\text{Let } d = \gcd(a, b)$$

→ d divides both a and b .

→ let m be the smallest positive number in the set of all integers of the form $ax + by$. Then m divides a and b .

p.t.o.

→ Hence $m=d$, and there exist integers x, y such that, $ax+by=d$

finding the multiplicative inverse of 97
modulo 385.

We want x such that,

$$97x \equiv 1 \pmod{385}$$

$$97x + 385y = 1$$

We use extended Euclidean Algorithm.

i) Euclidean algorithm:

$$385 = 97 \cdot 3 + 94$$

$$97 = 94 \cdot 1 + 3$$

$$94 = 3 \cdot 31 + 1$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 3 + 0$$

$$\therefore \gcd(97, 385) = 1$$

ii) Back substitution:

$$1 = 94 - 3 \cdot 31$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 94 - 31(97 - 94 \cdot 1) = -31 \cdot 97 + 32 \cdot 94 \\ &= -31 \cdot 97 + 32(385 - 97 \cdot 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 385 \cdot 32 - 97 \cdot 127$$

iii) Conclusion:

$$\therefore 1 = -127 \cdot 97 + 32 \cdot 385$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -127 \pmod{385}$$

since the positive inverse

$$-127 \equiv 385 - 127 \equiv 258 \pmod{385}$$

\therefore the multiplication inverse of 97 mod 385

is 258.

12. Using Bezout identity prove that the equation

$ax+by = \gcd(a,b)$ has integer solutions.

Find x such that $43x \equiv 1 \pmod{240}$.

Ans: Bezout identity statement :

for any integers a and b , there exist integers x and y such that

$$ax+by = \gcd(a,b) \quad \text{p.t.o.}$$

Proof:

i) Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$, so $a = da'$ and $b = db'$
 with $\gcd(a', b') = 1$.

ii) Since a' and b' are co-prime, there exists integers x_0, y_0 such that

$$a'x_0 + b'y_0 = 1$$

iii) multiplying through by d gives

$$a(dx_0) + b(dy_0) = d$$

$$\therefore ax + by = \gcd(a, b) \text{ (Proved)}$$

finding x for $43x \equiv 1 \pmod{240}$

$$43x - 240y = 1$$

by the Extended Euclidean Algorithm.

compute gcd chain (Euclidean algorithm):

$$240 = 5 \cdot 43 + 25$$

$$43 = 1 \cdot 25 + 18$$

$$25 = 1 \cdot 18 + 7$$

$$18 = 2 \cdot 7 + 4$$

$$7 = 1 \cdot 4 + 3$$

$$4 = 1 \cdot 3 + 1$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$25 = 2 \cdot 12 + 1 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot 2 \quad (\text{remainder})$$

$$18 = 2 \cdot 9 + 4 + 1 \cdot 2 \quad (\text{remainder})$$

$$7 = 1 \cdot 4 + 3 \quad (\text{remainder})$$

$$4 = 1 \cdot 3 + 1 \quad (\text{remainder})$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot 1 + 0 \quad (\text{remainder})$$

$$\therefore \gcd(43, 240) = 1$$

Back-substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 4 - 1 \cdot 3 \\ &= 4 - 1 \cdot (7 - 1 \cdot 4) = 2 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot 7 \\ &= 2(18 - 2 \cdot 9) - 1 \cdot 7 = 2 \cdot 18 - 5 \cdot 7 \\ &= 2 \cdot 18 - 5(25 - 1 \cdot 2) = 7 \cdot 18 - 5 \cdot 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7 \cdot (43 - 1 \cdot 25) - 5 \cdot 25 = 7 \cdot 43 - 12 \cdot 25 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7 \cdot 43 - 12(240 - 5 \cdot 43) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 7 \cdot 43 - 12 \cdot 240 + 60 \cdot 43 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 67 \cdot 43 - 12 \cdot 240 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 43 \cdot 67 - 240 \cdot 12 = 1$$

so $x = 67$ is a solution. $\therefore 43 \equiv 67 \pmod{240}$ p.t.o.

13. Prove fermat's little theorem and explain how it is used to test for primality.

Is 561 a prime number based on this test? Evaluate $5^{123} \pmod{175}$ using fermat's little theorem. Show all steps.

Ans: fermat's little theorem - statements:

If p is a prime number and a is any integer with $\gcd(a, p) = 1$, then

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

Proof:

Consider the non-zero residues modulo $p: 1, 2, \dots, p-1$. Multiply each by a (with $\gcd(a, p) = 1$) the set $a \cdot 1, a \cdot 2, \dots, a \cdot (p-1)$ is a permutation of $1, 2, \dots, (p-1)$ modulo p .

Taking the product of all elements in both sets and reducing mod p^r gives,

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

cancelling the non-zero product $1 \cdot 2 \cdots (p-1)$ which is invertible mod p yields $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

Is 561 prime:

$$\text{take } a = 2, \gcd(2, 561) = 1$$

$$561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17$$

By Chinese remainder theorem and FLT:

$$2^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, 1 \pmod{11}, 1 \pmod{17}$$

So, $2^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$ - 561 pages, FLT but is not prime. It's a composite number.

$$5^{123} \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$$

$$\therefore 5^{123} \equiv 5^3 \equiv 125 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$\therefore 5^{123} \equiv 125 \pmod{175}$$

Fermat's little theorem can not be applied directly modulo 175 because 5 and 175 aren't co-prime - that's why we use CRT.

14. state and prove the Chinese remainder theorem. Then solve the following system of congruences:

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \quad x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

Ans:

Statement: The Chinese remainder theorem states that a system of linear congruences with pairwise coprime moduli has a unique

solution modulo the product of the moduli. Then the system,

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i} \quad (i=1, \dots, k)$$

has a unique solution modulo $m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$

Solve the system:

start with $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. put $x = 2 + 3k$

plug into mod 5:

$$2 + 3k \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3k \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2 + 5t$$

thus, $x = 2 + 5t$

$$= 2 + 3(2 + 5t)$$

$$= 8 + 15t$$

Now impose mod 7:

$$8 + 15t \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

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$$\Rightarrow 15t \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{so, } t = 1 + 7s \text{ then}$$

$$x = 8 + 15(1 + 7s) = 23 + 105s$$

Therefore the solution modulo $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 = 105$

$$x = 23 \pmod{105}$$

15. Briefly explain the CIA triad in information security. How does each component contribute to building a secure system?

Ans: The CIA Triad - Confidentiality, Integrity and availability - is a fundamental model for designing and evaluating secure systems.

i) Confidentiality:

- Ensure information is accessible only to authorized individuals.
- Achieved through encryption, access control and authentication.

ii) Integrity:

- Ensure information is accurate, consistent and unaltered except by authorized processes.
- Enforced using hashing, digital signature and checksums.
- Protects against corruption of data.

iii) Availability:

- Ensure information and system are accessible to authorized users when needed.
- Prevent disruption on critical operation.

16. How does steganography differ from cryptography in the context of information security and what are common techniques used for hiding data in digital media?

Ans:

steganography vs cryptography:

Cryptography scrambles into unreadable ciphertext to protect context, which steganography hides the existence of the data within normal looking media.

common steganography techniques include:

- LSB insertion (modifying least significant bits of pixel or samples)
- Transform-domain embedding (DCT/DWT in JPEG or video)

→ metadata hiding (using unused header fields).

Cryptography says, "You can see the message but can't read it".

Steganography says "You don't even know its there".

Q17. What are the key differences between phishing, malware and denial service (DoS) attacks in terms of their method and impact on system security?

Ans:

Phishing: Social engineering attackers send deceptive email/messages or create fake websites to trick users. Attackers' goal is to steal credential theft, initial foothold in network.

Defences: User education, email filtering
 factors authentication, anti-phishing
 policies.

Malware: Software (viruses, worms,
 trojans, ransomware) delivered via
 emails, drive by downloads on malicious
 installers. Goal is to Data theft
 destruction, system compromise.

Defences: Endpoint protection/Av,
 application white listing, backup.

Denial-of-service (DoS/DDoS):

Overwhelm a service or network with
 traffic or exploit resources, limits.
 Goal is to availability is legitimate,
 users cannot access service.

Defence: Rate limiting, traffic filtering, DDoS mitigation services, redundancy, phising target people, malware target software, DDoS also target system/software.

18. Explain how legal frameworks such as the general data protection regulation (GDPR) help mitigate cyber attacks and protect user privacy.

Ans: Legal frameworks in cyber security:

Role of GDPR: The general data protection regulation (GDPR) is a European Union law designed to strengthen the protection of personal data and privacy of individuals.

It plays an important role in mitigating

cyber attacks and protecting user privacy through the following ways.

1. Data Minimization: GDPR requires organization to collect only necessary personal data.
2. Security measures: It mandates strong technical and organizational measures to safeguard data against unauthorised access.
3. Breach Notification: Organization must report personal data breaches to authorities within 72 hours.
4. User Rights: Individuals have rights such as access to their data, correction. GDPR significantly reduces the risk and impact of cyber attacks.

19. Explain the basic working of the DES algorithm using a simple 64-bit plain text block and a 56-bit key. Show how the initial permutation contribute to the encryption process?

Ans:

Basic working of the DES algorithm:

The data encryption standard (DES) is a symmetric key block cipher that encrypts data fixed size blocks.

It operates on:

→ plain text block: 64 bits (8 bytes)

→ key : 56 bits

→ Output : 64 bit ciphertext.

1. Initial permutation (IP):

→ The 64 bit plaintext is rearranged according to the fixed table.

\rightarrow If the plain text is $P = [P_1 P_2 \dots P_{64}]$
 the IP might move to position 1,
 P_{50} to position 2 etc.

2. Rounds (16 iteration)

the output of IP is divided into
 two halves:

\rightarrow left half (L_0): first 32 bits

\rightarrow Right half (R_0): Last 32 bits

i) Expansion

ii) key mixing

iii) key substitution

iv) permutation (P-box)

v) Swap and combine

formula for each round

$$L_n \ R_n - 1$$

$$R_n \ L_n - 1 \oplus f(R_{n+1}, k_n)$$

3. Final permutation (FP) :

After 16 rounds the final swap is performed the two halves are joined and passed through the inverse of the initial permutation to produce the cipher text.

Q. In the DES algorithm, a 64-bit plaintext block is divided into two 32 bit halves:

L_0 and R_0 . Given $R_0 = 0xF0F0F0F0F0$ and round key $k_1 = 0x0F0F0F0F0F$, compute the output of the first round function $f(R_0, k_1)$ assuming XOR operation only. Then, find

L_1, R_1 and $R_1 = L_0 \oplus f(R_0, k_1)$, where

$$L_0 = 0xAFFFFFFA$$

Ans: Given that,

$$R_0 = 0xF0F0F0F0F0F0$$

$$\text{Round key } k_1 = 0x0F0F0F0F0F$$

p.t.o.

$$L_0 = 0xAAAAAAAAAA$$

step-1: compute $f(R_0, k_1)$ assuming
XOR operation only.

$$f(R_0, k_1) = R_0 \oplus k_1 = 0xF0F0F0F0 \oplus 0xF0F0F0F0$$

Perform XOR byte-wise:

$$\rightarrow F0 \oplus 0F = FF$$

$$\text{so, } f(R_0, k_1) = 0xFFFF FFFFFF$$

step-2: Compute $L = R_0 \oplus 0xF0F0F0F0$

step-3: Compute $R_1 = L \oplus f(R_0, k_1)$

$$R_1 = 0xAAAAAAA \oplus 0xFFFFFFF$$

XOR byte-wise:

$$\rightarrow AA \oplus FF = 55$$

so, $R_1 = 0x55555555$

$$\therefore L = 0xF0F0F0F0F0, R_1 = 0x55555555$$

21. Given the input word:

$[0x23, 0xA7, 0x4C, 0x19]$

Use the following partial AES sub-box to perform the subbytes transformation. Provide the resulting output word.

Row\Col	3	4	2	9	A	C
1	6D	0A	11	C6
2	D4
4	2E	..
A	63	09	16	D2

Ans: Given input word:

$$[0x23, 0xA7, 0x4C, 0x19]$$

for each byte, the high nibble (4 bits) is the row and the low nibble is the column.

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Let's find the corresponding s-box value for each byte:

- for $0x23$: row = 2, col = 3 \rightarrow from table
row 2 col 3 = D₄

- for $0xA7$: row A [col 7 = E]

- for $0x4C$: row = 4, col = C, unknown

for $0x19$, row = 1, col = 9 = C₆
unknown column

Resulting output word: [0x04, 0x63, unknown, 0xC6]

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22. In AES encryption, apply the Add round key step only. Given:

• input word: [0x1A, 0x2B, 0x3C, 0x4D]

• Round key word: [0x55, 0x66, 0x77, 0x88]

Perform XOR between the input word and the round key and write the resulting output word.

Ans:

The Addroundkey step in AES encryption involve performing a Bitwise XOR operation between the input word and the round key word. Given, input word: [0x1A, 0x2B, 0x3C, 0x4D]

input word: [0x1A, 0x2B, 0x3C, 0x4D]

Round key word: [0x55, 0x66, 0x77, 0x88]

Compute the output word.

Solution (Byte wise XOR)

$$0x1A \oplus 0x55 = 0x4F$$

$$0x2B \oplus 0x66 = 0x4F$$

$$0x3C \oplus 0x77 = 0x4B$$

$$0x4D \oplus 0x88 = 0xC5$$

Resulting output word: [0x4F, 0x4D, 0x4B, 0xC5]

23. Show how mixcolumns uses the following fixed over GF(2^8):

$$\begin{bmatrix} 02 & 03 & 01 & 01 \\ 01 & 02 & 03 & 01 \\ 01 & 01 & 02 & 03 \\ 03 & 01 & 01 & 02 \end{bmatrix}$$

To transform an input column, use an example column with values: [0x01, 0x02, 0x03, 0x04]

Convert the Hex to Binary.

Ans: The mixcolumns operation in AES works by multiplying each column of the state matrix by a fixed matrix over the field $\text{GF}(2^8)$.

Input column

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{a}_2 & \begin{array}{c} \text{a}_0 \\ \text{a}_1 \\ \text{a}_2 \\ \text{a}_3 \end{array} \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c|c} & \begin{array}{c} 0x01 \\ 0x02 \\ 0x03 \\ 0x04 \end{array} \end{array}$$

So the output column is $b_2 = m-a$ where each entry is byte wise $\text{GF}(2^8)$ arithmetic XOR.

$$b_0 = (02 \cdot a_0) \oplus (03 \cdot a_1) \oplus (01 \cdot a_2) \oplus (01 \cdot a_3)$$

$$= 0x09$$

$$b_1 = 0x04$$

$$b_2 = 0x09$$

$$b_3 = 0x0A$$

i. final result $b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0x09 \\ 0x04 \\ 0x09 \\ 0x0A \end{bmatrix}$

P.t.o.

24. Describle how AES-OFB mode works.

How does it ensure synchronization between encryption and decryption stream?

Ans: AES-OFB (output feedback) is a mode of operation for the advanced encryption standard(AES) that turns a block cipher into a stream cipher.

Working procedure of AES-OFB mode

- i) Initialization: The process starts with a unique initialization vector.
- ii) keystream generation: The output of the AES encryption.
- iii) Encryption: Each block of the keystream is Xored with a corresponding block of plaintext to produce the ciphertext.
- iv) Decryption: the decryption process is identical.

Synchronization in AES-OFB:

- Both sender and receiver start with the same initialized vector (IV) and same secret key.
- keystream blocks are generated only from the previous keystream block not from the ciphertext or plaintext.

Q. Which AES modes causes error propagation during decryption and how does it affect the integrity of the decrypted message?

Illustrate, with CBC and CFB modes.

Ans:

AES modes causes error propagation:

Some AES modes (CBC and CFB) cause an error in a cipher text block to affect multiple plaintext blocks, during decryption.

i) CBC (Cipher Block Chaining) mode:

→ Decryption formula:

$$P_i = AES^{-1}(c_i) \oplus c_{i-1}$$

→ If c_i has a 1 bit error - P_i becomes random.

→ Error effect two consecutive plaintext blocks.

ii) CFB (Cipher Feedback Mode):

→ Decryption formula: $P_i = c_i \oplus AES(c_{i-1})$

→ If c_i has a 1 bit error → the same bit in P_i is wrong.

→ P_i becomes completely random.

Ques. Which AES mode would you recommend for encrypting large files with parallel processing and why?

Justify answer between ECB, CBC and CTR.

Ans: Recommend model : AES-CTR (counter mode)

Justification :

→ Parallel Processing :

- In CTR, each block is encrypted by XORing the plaintext with a keystream generated from AES (key, counter).

→ Performance :

- No chaining between blocks - faster than ECB and for large files.

→ Security :

- Unlike ECB, does not produce identical plaintext blocks.

→ Flexibility :

- works efficiently for both stream like and random access data.

why not ECB ?

Pt-0.

Reveals patterns in the data in sequence

Why not ECB?

Each block depends on the previous ciphertext block.

for large file encryption with parallel processing, AES-CTR is best because it is secure and highly parallelizable.

27. Given a message "A" represented as $m \equiv 1$, encrypt it using public key $e \equiv 5$, $n \equiv 14$. What is ciphertext? Then decrypt using private key $d \equiv 11$.

Ans:

Given $m \equiv 1$, $e \equiv 5$, $n \equiv 14$, $d \equiv 11$

Encryption:

$$c \equiv m^e \pmod{n} \equiv 1^5 \pmod{14} \equiv 1$$

Decryption:

$$m = c^d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow 1^d \pmod{14} \equiv 1$$

RSA relies on $m^e \equiv m \pmod{n}$ when $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$. Here, $\phi(14) = 6$ and $e \cdot d = 5 \cdot 11 = 55 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ so decryption recovers m .

\therefore ciphertext $c \equiv 1$ and Decrypted message $m \equiv 1$.

28. Given message hash: $H(m) \equiv 5$, RSA

private key: $d \equiv 3, n \equiv 33$. Generate the digital signature.

Ans: Given hash $H(m) \equiv 5, d \equiv 3, n \equiv 33$

Signature generation:

We need to generate a digital signature for a message hash.

→ The message hash is $H(m) = 125$

→ The RSA private key is $(d, n) = (3, 33)$

→ The digital signature is completed using the hash formula.

$$S \equiv H^d \pmod{n}$$

$$S \equiv 125^3 \pmod{33}$$

$$S \equiv 125 \pmod{33}$$

$$\therefore 125 \equiv 3 \times 33 + 26$$

$$\therefore 125 \pmod{33} \equiv 26$$

∴ the digital signature is 26.

29. Aleya and Badol are using the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol.

They agree on the following public values. Prime modulus $p = 7$, $g = 3$,

Aleya's private key $a = 4$, Badol's $b = 5$.

compute public key of Aleya and Badol.

Ans:

Public values: Prime modulus $P=17$
base, $g=3$

Aleya private key $a=4$

Badol's $a = 5$

\therefore Aleya's public key is 13.

thus, Badol's public key, $C = g^b \pmod{P}$

$$= 3^5 \pmod{17}$$

\therefore Badol's public key is 5.

30. A simple hash function

$H(x) = (\sum \text{ASCII value of characters in } x) \bmod m$

As per compute the hash value of the pt.o.

message "AB" and "BA" using this function. Do they produce same hash? what does this imply collision resistance in weak hash function?

Ans:

$$H(x) = (\sum \text{ASCII char's in } x) \bmod 100$$

ASCII values : A = 65, B = 66

$$\therefore H("AB") = (65 + 66) \bmod 100 = 21$$

$$\therefore H("BA") = (66 + 65) \bmod 100 = 21$$

Both result produce same hash \rightarrow collision

Collision Resistance:

The hash function is not collision resistance because it is based on a simple modulus sum.

31. In a secure message system a simple message authentication code (MAC) is computed using modular operation.

$$\text{MAC} \Rightarrow (\text{mes} + \text{sec.key}) \bmod 17$$

where, mes=15, sec.key = 7. compute MAC for message. Can they forge the correct MAC easily?

Ans:

$$m=15, k=7$$

$$\therefore \text{MAC} = (15+7) \bmod 17$$

$$= 22 \bmod 17 = 5$$

Suppose attacker changes $m'=10$ but doesn't know k then,

$$\text{MAC}' = (10+?) \bmod 17 = 0$$

Why forging is easy?

Because MAC is linear. If attacker knows one valid pair (m, MAC) and wants to create p.t.o.

$m' = m + \Delta$ they can compute $mac' = mac_{new}$

without knowing k

32. Explain the steps involved in the TLS handshake process. How are symmetric key established securely using symmetric cryptography during the handshake?

Ans:

TLS handshake steps 2 symmetric key.

Establishment:

- i) clientHello \rightarrow client sends supported TLS version, random number.
- ii) serverHello \rightarrow server selects TLS and sends its random number.
- iii) server certificate \rightarrow contains server public key
- iv) key exchange \rightarrow RSA, ECDHE, Mode

v) Pre Master Secret \rightarrow master secret

vi) Session key

vii) finished message \rightarrow both confirmed to the handshake.

Asymmetric encryption ensures that only the intended parties can compute the shared secret keys from which symmetric keys are derived.

Q3. Explain the layered architecture of SSL.

Briefly describe the roles of each layer.

Ans:

SSL refers to "secure shell" is a protocol that provides a secure channel over an unsecured network. It has a layered architecture consist of three layers.

i) Transport layer:

This is the lowest layer responsible for managing the secure connection.

→ Handles encryption

→ Integrity protection

ii) User authentication layer:

This layer runs on top of the transport layer and handles client authentication.

iii) Connection protocol:

multiplexes the encrypted channel into multiple logical channels. This is the highest layer.

34. Explain the steps involved in the TLS handshake process.

Ans:

TLS handshake process steps

- i) ClientHello → Purposes connection parameters.
- ii) ServerHello → Purposes connection parameters.
- iii) Certificate and key exchange
- iv) Generate Master secret
- v) Generate session key
- vi) Finished message
- vii) Secure communications

Q. What is the general form of all elliptic curve equation over a finite field and why it used in cryptography?

Ans: The general form of an elliptic curve equation over a finite field is

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$$

Hence p is a large prime number that defines the finite field and a and b constant such that $p \neq 0$.

$$4a^3 + 22b \not\equiv b \pmod{p}$$

(ensures no singularities)

Use in cryptography:

Provides a group structure for elliptic curve cryptography enabling secure key exchange.

Q6. How does ECC achieve the same level of security as RSA, with a smaller key size?

Ans: Elliptic curve cryptography is a public key - cryptography technique that provides the same cryptographic strength as RSA but with much smaller key sizes,

i) mathematical foundation:

→ RSA is based on integer factorization

→ ECC is based on the Elliptic curve discrete

logarithmic Problem (ECDLP).

i) key size:

\rightarrow ECC 256 bit \approx RSA 3672 bit

\rightarrow ECC 384 bit \approx RSA 7680 bit

ii) conclusion:

ECC provides strong security with reduced key size with ECDLP.

37. Given the elliptic curve

$$y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 3 \pmod{92}.$$

determine whether the point $P_2(7, 6)$

lies on the curve.

Ans: Given that,

$$\text{Curve: } y^2 \geq x^3 + 2x + 3 \pmod{92}.$$

point: $P_2(7, 6)$

$$\text{L.H.S: } y^2 \geq 6^2 \geq 6 \pmod{92}$$

P.T.O.

$$R.H.S = x^2 + 2x + 3$$

$$= 22 + 6 + 3$$

$$= 36 \pmod{97}$$

\therefore point lies on the curve.

38. Given public key $(p=23, g=5, h=8)$ and message $m=10$, compute the elgamal ciphertext using random $k=6$.

Ans: Given,

$$p=23, g=5, h=8, m=10, k=6$$

The ciphertext is (c_1, c_2) ,

$$c_1 \equiv g^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\equiv 5^6 \pmod{23}$$

$$\equiv 8$$

$$\text{and, } c_2 \equiv m \cdot h^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\equiv 10 \cdot 8^6 \pmod{23}$$

$$\equiv 10 \cdot 13 \pmod{23}$$

$$\equiv 130 \pmod{23} \equiv 15 \pmod{23}$$

$\therefore C_2 = 15$

\therefore The Elgamal ciphertext is $(8, 15)$

$$(C_1, C_2) = (8, 15)$$

39. Explain how lightweight cryptography is important for securing IoT devices. Give one example of a lightweight encryption algorithm used in IoT.

Ans: Lightweight cryptography is specially designed to provide strong security while using minimal computational resource, memory and power. This is crucial for IoT devices such as sensors, wearables and smart applications. Traditional encryption Algorithm like AES or RSA may be too heavy for these devices. Lightweight cryptography ensures:

→ Low power consumptions

→ Low memory and CPU usage

→ Adequate security.

Present cipher - a block cipher with 64 bit block size designed for IoT devices which is a lightweight cryptography.

Q. List and briefly explain any three common IoT-specific attacks (e.g. firmware hijacking, physical tempering) what mitigation strategies can be applied.

Ans: Three common IoT specific attacks and mitigation strategies.

i) Firmware Hijacking: Attackers replace modified device firmware with malicious code, allow them to take control, steal data or disrupt functionality.

→ mitigation: use digitally signed firmware enable secure boot, and only allow update from trusted servers.

ii) Physical Tampering: IoT devices in public or unprotected areas can be physically accessed. Attackers may open the devices.

→ mitigation: Use temper resistant coverings and disable debug ports.

iii) Botnet attacks: Malware infected to IoT devices with weak/default passwords linking them into a botnet for large scale DDoS or spam attacks.

→ mitigation: change default credentials, keep firmware updated and use firewalls. IoT devices are vulnerable due to limited resources and weak security.

secure updates, physical protection, and strong authentication can greatly reduce attack risks.

Review of research paper 10512345678 (ii)

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for freedom of speech & nothing more

Message given by University good

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