

MAS433 Cryptography: Tutorial 4

Public Key Encryption and Digital Signature

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Problem 1. Toy RSA

In a toy RSA encryption scheme, $n = 209$, $e = 7$. Find the value of the private key d . Decrypt the ciphertext $c = 3$.

Problem 2. RSA: Common Modulus

Two users Alice and Bob use RSA public keys with the same modulus n but with different public exponents e_1 and e_2 .

- Prove that Alice can decrypt messages sent to Bob.
- Suppose that message padding is not used in RSA encryption. Prove that Eve can decrypt a message sent to Alice and Bob provided that $\gcd(e_1, e_2) = 1$. (Hint: how to find a and b satisfying $a \times e_1 + b \times e_2 = 1$)

Problem 3. RSA: $\lambda(n)$

In RSA, d can be computed as $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda(n)}$, where

$$\lambda(n) = \frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{\gcd(p-1, q-1)}.$$

- Prove that encryption and decryption are inverse operations.
- Let $n = 209$, $e = 7$. Find the value of the private key d . Decrypt the ciphertext $c = 3$.

Problem 4. RSA: small difference between p and q

The p and q in RSA should be randomly generated, and they are the same size. The difference between p and q should not be small.

- Suppose that p and q are 1024-bit prime numbers, but the difference between p and q is small, say, $u = |p - q| < 2^{32}$. How to factorize the product of p and q ?

- (b) Suppose that $u = |p - q| < 20$, and $p \times q = 2189284635403183$. Find the values of p and q .

Problem 5. Dixon's Random Squares Algorithm

Factorize 256961 using Dixon's Random Squares Algorithm. The factor base $\{-1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31\}$ may be used.

Problem 6. Toy ElGamal Encryption

In a toy ElGamal encryption scheme, $p = 227$, $g = 2$, and $x = 15$. Decrypt the ciphertext $(10, 159)$.

Problem 7. Index Calculus Algorithm

Let $p = 227$. The element $g = 2$ is a generator of the multiplicative group \mathbb{Z}_p^* .

- (a) Compute g^{32}, g^{40}, g^{59} and g^{156} modulo p , and factorize them.
- (b) Find the values of $\log_g 2 \pmod p, \log_g 3 \pmod p, \log_g 5 \pmod p, \log_g 7 \pmod p$, and $\log_g 11 \pmod p$.
- (c) Suppose that we wish to compute $\log_g 173 \pmod p$. Multiply 173 by $g^{177} \pmod p$, and factorize the result. What is the value of $\log_g 173 \pmod p$?

Problem 8. RSA Signature Scheme

Suppose that hash function is not used in RSA digital signature scheme. The signature is generated as $s = m^d \pmod n$. Given a message m and its signature s , how to modify m without being detected?

Problem 9. ElGamal Signature Scheme

- (a) In the Elgamal signature scheme, why should the signature with $s = 0$ be deleted?
- (b) In the Elgamal signature scheme, each per-message secret integer k should be used only once. If the per-message secret integer k is reused, how to attack this digital signature algorithm?
- (c) In the Elgamal signature scheme, each per-message secret integer k should be randomly generated. If the per-message secret integer k is generated as follows: k_0 is randomly generated, $k_{i+1} = k_i + a$, where a is a known constant. Develop an attack to recover the private key.
- (d) In the ElGamal signature scheme, each per-message secret integer k should be randomly generated. If the per-message secret integer k is generated as follows: k_0 is randomly generated, $k_{i+1} = k_i + a$, where a

is a large unknown constant. Develop an attack to recover the private key .

Problem 10. Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

- (a) In the Digital Signature Algorithm, if the per-message secret integer k is reused, how to attack this digital signature algorithm?
- (b) In a modified DSA, s is generated as $s = k^{-1}(H(m) - xr) \pmod{q}$. What is the signature verification algorithm for this modified DSA?
- (c) Let p and q be prime numbers and q is a divisor of $p - 1$. Show that for any integer t , if $g = h^{(p-1)/q} \pmod{p}$, then $g^t \pmod{p} = g^{t \pmod{q}} \pmod{p}$.

Problem 11. Unconditionally secure and computationally secure

Is there unconditionally secure public key cryptosystem? Briefly explain why.