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SOLUTION

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Quiz Duration: 45 minutes.

Length: This paper has 7 pages including this cover page.

Authorised Materials: None.

Instructions to Students: Answer all questions in this exam booklet.
Total marks for the test is 50. This is worth 10% of the final mark in the subject;

Calculators: No Calculators are permitted.

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1. (10 marks) Short Answer Questions (Please answer in the space provided).

(a) Let p be a prime number. Then for any x , $x^p \bmod p = \dots \times \bmod p$

(b) $(15 - 19) \bmod 26 = \dots 22$

(c) $17^{-1} \bmod 18 = \dots 17 \text{ or } -1$

(d) $2^{30} 6^{2600} 5^{33} \bmod 7 = \dots -1 \text{ or } 6$

(e) $2^{144} 3^{132} 5^{100} \bmod 4 = \dots 0$

(f) $\phi(p_1 p_2) = \dots (p_1 - 1)(p_2 - 1)$
where p_1 and p_2 are distinct primes and ϕ is Euler's function.

(g) For any positive integer k , $\phi(p^k) = \dots p^{k-1}(p-1) \text{ or } p^k - p^{k-1}$
where p is a prime number and ϕ is Euler's function.

(h) The minimum positive integer x that satisfies the following relations is
 $\dots 23$
 $x = 2 \bmod 7;$
 $x = 3 \bmod 5.$

(i) All encryption algorithms are based on two general principles: substitution and \dots
 $\text{permutation / transposition}$

(j) An \dots active \dots attack attempts to alter system resources or affect their operation.

2. (8 marks) RSA and Public Key Crypto systems.

- (a) What are the hard mathematical problems on which security of RSA cryptosystem is based? You need to define the problems, not just the names.

① integer factorisation

hard to factorise a large integer into product of primes

② RSA problem

given C and e , hard to find M
where $C = M^e \bmod n$

- (b) What are the hard mathematical problems on which security of Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement protocol is based? You need to define the problems, not just the names.

① discrete logarithm

let $g^x = y$, it is hard to solve x knowing g and y

② computational Diffie-Hellman problem

given g, g^a, g^b it is hard to find g^{ab}

Alice wants to configure her RSA parameters. She chooses two large random primes p and q . Fill in the blanks in the following items which will help her compute the RSA parameters.

i. Alice's RSA modulus n is pq .

ii. The encryption exponent e is chosen such that $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$

iii. The decryption exponent d is found such that $ed = 1 \bmod \phi(n)$.

iv. The ciphertext for the message m is m^e mod n .

3. (12 marks) This question is about computing the inverse of a number modulo n , where n a positive integer. Note: Inverse of a number a mod n is a number x such that $xa = 1 \bmod n$.

- (a) The Extended GCD algorithm ($XGCD$), also known as the Euclidean algorithm, takes two given integers a and b as inputs and returns three integers g , x and y such that

$$ax + by = g,$$

where g is the greatest common divisor of the input integers.

Write a pseudocode for the function **inverse modulo** n using the $XGCD$ function given above. NOTE: There is no need for you write $XGCD$ function.

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inverse(a,n)
    g,x,y = xgcd(a,n)
    if g==1
        return x
    else
        "no inverse"
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- (b) You have been given the results from the $XGCD$ function below:

- i. $XGCD(12987, 46799) = 1, -13488, 3743$
- ii. $XGCD(12, 39) = 3, -3, 1$
- iii. $XGCD(17, 29) = 1, 12, -7$

Now determine the inverse of the following numbers:

- i. $12 \bmod 39$ **N/A**
- ii. $12987 \bmod 46799$ **-13488 or 33311**
- iii. $17 \bmod 29$ **12**
- iv. $12 \bmod 17$ **10**

4. (10 marks) For the prime numbers $p = 11$ and $q = 7$, calculate the non-trivial RSA keys e and d , $e > 1$, satisfying the condition that d has the smallest possible values.

$$n = pq = 77$$

$$\varphi(n) = \varphi(p)\varphi(q) = 10 \times 6 = 60$$

$$d = 7$$

$$60 = 8 \times 7 + 4$$

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

$$4 = 1 \times 3 + 1$$

$$1 = 4 - 1 \times 3$$

$$1 = 4 - 1 \times (7 - 1 \times 4)$$

$$1 = 2 \times 4 - 1 \times 7$$

$$1 = 2 \times (60 - 8 \times 7) - 1 \times 7$$

$$1 = 2 \times 60 - \underline{17} \times 7$$

$$e = +43$$

5. (10 marks) The following equations and figure describe one of the standard modes of usage of symmetric key encryption.

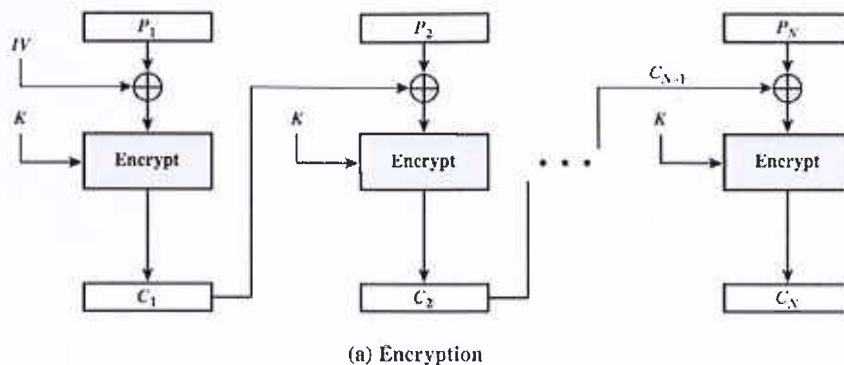


Figure 1: A Standard Mode of Encryption

Encryption:

$$C_1 = (E_K[IV \oplus P_1]).$$

$$C_j = (E_K[C_{j-1} \oplus P_j]), j > 1.$$

- (a) What is the name of this mode?

Cipher Block Chaining

- (b) Expand the abbreviations and functions used in the equations:

- i. $IV =$ initialisation vector
- ii. $K =$ secret key
- iii. $E_y[x] =$ encryption function on x with key y

- (c) Complete the equations for decryption below:

Decryption:

$$P_1 = \text{_____} \quad D_K[C_1] \oplus IV$$

$$P_j = \text{_____} \quad D_K[C_j] \oplus C_{j-1} \quad j \geq 2$$

- (d) What is the effect on the plain text of a one bit error in the transmission of an encrypted "block C_j "?

P_j and 1 bit of P_{j+1}

END OF EXAMINATION