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Q1

convert into binary numbers

Key1: 23888 101110101010000

Key2: 44567 1010111000010111

combine Key1 and key2 with XOR method:

key4:

Key3: 58991 1110011001101111

combine Key3 and key4 with XOR method:

0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0		
0	0	0	4096	0	1024	0	256	0	0	32	0	8	0	0	0	0	

convert into decimal number:

Master key:

5416

q2

The frequencies of the English language are:

Table1

E	T	A	O	I	N	S	H	R	D	L	C	U	M	W	F	G	Y	P	B	V	K	J	X	Q	Z
12.7	9.1	8.2	7.5	7.0	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.0	4.3	4.0	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.5	1.0	0.8	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.07

The frequencies of the intercept are:

Table2

A	B	C	E	F	D	G	I	H	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
23	20	18	16	16	15	15	10	9	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.7	10.2	9.1	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.6	5.1	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

We see the most common cyphertext letter is a and b. From table 1 above, we guess that these two letters represent 'e' and 't' respectively, and make substitution we get:

Cyphertext:

EFe OtE_He FtK Oe_D ItNGDN tHH JtM G_ EFe JGKEtDRe tDJ _ tP
SDtOHe EC tKReIEtGD LFeEFeI tDMEFGDN FtK Oeed NtGDeJ CI
DCE. _ FCL G HCDN QCI EFGK LtI EC eDJ. FCL G HC_N QCI
TetRe. FCL LG_H G FtGH EFe JtM LFeD G IeESID EC EFe OCKCP
CQ PM QtPGHM. P_ JetI G FCTe EC Kee MCS.

Find Frequencies

Make Substitutions

☐ Remove spaces

Options:

But we notice that 'EFe' is frequently appearing in the passage. The most common word in English is the. 'EFe' could be 'the'. so 'b' is not 't'. And the third frequency letter is 'a', so 'b' could be 'a'.

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the Oat_He haK Oe_D IaNGDN aHH JaM G_ the JGKtaDRe aDJ _ aP
SDaOHe tC aKReItaGD Lhethel aDMthGDN haK Oeed NaGDeJ CI
Dct. _ hCL G HCDN QCI thGK LaI tC eDJ. hCL G HC_N QCI
TeaRe. hCL LG_H G haGH the JaM LheD G IetSID tC the OCKCP
CQ PM QaPGHM. P_ JeaI G hCTe tC Kee MCS.
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We notice that haK is following by He, so we guess it could be has. Also, by looking at the frequencies again, we see the next most common letter is "C", which is probably one of "o", "i" or "n". The only one of these options that makes sense is "to", so we guess "C" is "o".

Ciphertext: —

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the Oat_He has Oe_D IaNGDN aHH JaM G_ the JGstaDRe aDJ _ aP
SDaOHe to asReItaGD Lhethel aDMthGDN has Oeed NaGDeJ oI
Dot. _ hoL G HoDN QoI thGs LaI to eDJ. hoL G Ho_N QoI
TeaRe. hoL LG_H G haGH the JaM LheD G IetSID to the OosoP
oQ PM QaPGHM. P_ JeaI G hoTe to see MoS.
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from ciphertext line 1, we see the word "aHH" which could be all in english, so "i" was represent by "h"

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the Oat_le has Oe_D IaNGDN all JaM G_ the JGstaDRe aDJ _ aP
SDaOle to asReItaGD LhetheI aDMthGDN has OeeD NaGDeJ oI
Dot. _ hoL G loDN QoI thGs LaI to eDJ. hoL G lo_N QoI
TeaRe. hoL LG_l G haGl the JaM LheD G IetSID to the OosoP
oQ PM QaPGlM. P_ JeaI G hoTe to see MoS.
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Then we notice that the letter "g" was appearing many time in the passage as a single word, so we guess it could be "i" in english

Ciphertext:

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the Oat_le has Oe_D IaNiDN all JaM i_ the JistaDRe aDJ _ aP
SDaOle to asReItaiD LhetheI aDMthiDN has OeeD NaiDeJ oI
Dot. _ hoL i loDN QoI this LaI to eDJ. hoL i lo_N QoI
TeaRe. hoL Li_l i hail the JaM LheD i IetSID to the OosoP
oQ PM QaPilm. P_ JeaI i hoTe to see MoS.
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by looking at the frequencies again, we see the next most common letter is "D", which is probably "n". And the word "hoL" was also appearing frequently which could be "How" in english.

Ciphertext:

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the Oat_le has Oe_n IaNinN all JaM i_ the JistanRe anJ _ aP
SnaOle to asReItain whetheI anMthinN has Oeen NaineJ oI
not. _ how i lonN QoI this waI to enJ. how i lo_N QoI
TeaRe. how wi_l i hail the JaM when i IetSIn to the OosoP
oQ PM QaPilM. P_ JeaI i hoTe to see MoS.
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in line 1, we notice the word "JistanRe" which is probably the word "distance" in english, so we guess that "J" and "R" represent "d" and "c" respectively.

Ciphertext:

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the Oat_le has Oe_n IaNinN all daM i_ the distance and _ aP
SnaOle to asceItain whetheI anMthinN has Oeen Nained oI
not. _ how i lonN QoI this waI to end. how i lo_N QoI
TeaRe. how wi_l i hail the daM when i IetSIn to the OosoP
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Teace. how wi_l i hail the daM when i letSIn to the OosoP
oQ PM QaPilm. P_ deaI i hoTe to see MoS.

We see the word "whethel", which could be "whether", so "l" is r.
in the third line, the phrase "has Oeen" which could be "has been", so "o" is "b"

Ciphertext:

the bat_le has be_n raNinN all daM i_ the distance and _ aP
Snable to ascertain whether anMthinN has been Nained or
not. _ how i lonN Qor this war to end. how i lo_N Qor
Teace. how wi_l i hail the daM when i retSrN to the bosop
oQ PM QaPilm. P_ dear i hoTe to see MoS.

we notice the word "raNinN" which is probably "raging", "g" was
represented by "n". "

Ciphertext:

the bat_le has be_n raging all daM i_ the distance and _ aP
Snable to ascertain whether anMthing has been gained or
not. how i long Oor this war to end. how i lo g Oor

not. _ how i long qor this war to end. how i lo_g qor
Teace. how wi_l i hail the daM when i retSrñ to the bosop
oQ PM QaPilm. P_ dear i hoTe to see MoS.

the word "daM" which is probably "day", so "m" is y
in the line4. "retuSrñ" is probably the word "return", so "s" is u

Ciphertext:

the bat_le has be_n raging all day i_ the distance and _ aP
unable to ascertain whether anything has been gained or
not. _ how i long Qor this war to end. how i lo_g Qor
Teace. how wi_l i hail the day when i return to the bosop
oQ Py QaPily. P_ dear i hoTe to see you.

"Oor" which is the word "for", so 'O' is 'f'.
in line4, "teace" is probably "peace", so "t" is "p".
then we move to the last line, "faPily" which is 'family', so 'p' is 'm'.

Ciphertext:

the bat_le has be_n raging all day i_ the distance and _ am

unable to ascertain whether anything has been gained or not. how i long for this war to end. how i lo_g for peace. how wi_l i hail the day when i return to the bosom of my family. m_ dear i hope to see you.

The final list of substitutions is given below:

The frequencies of the intercept are:

A	B	C	E	F	D	G	I	H	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
23	20	18	16	16	15	15	10	9	7	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.7	10.2	9.1	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.6	5.1	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
e	a	o	t	h	n	i	r	l	d	s	w	y	g	b	m	f	c	u	p						

Finally, we type the missing letter in the passage we got :

The battle has been raging all day in the distance and I am unable to ascertain whether anything has been gained or not. How i long for this war to end. How I long for peace. How will i hail the day when I return to the bosom of my family. My dear I hope to see you.

Q3

Q3. Designing Secure Online Property Auction System using Hash Algorithm (4 Marks)

Covid-19 has changed the way we conduct business these days. This is true for property auctions as well. The Prime minister of Australia recently announced a ban on in-person auctions and open-for-inspections. Large number of sellers and property agents are opting for online auctions. Based on an article published (URL: <https://www.domain.com.au/news/saturday-auctions-how-will-they-work-now-they-are-all-online-944545/>), we would like to highlight few facts about the current practice in online auctions:

- "Online auctions run like a mix between a live stream and a traditional auction, with buyers registering and placing bids while watching the video as if they were there."
- "Another method involves buyers sending off bids, similar to eBay, and the time allotted for the auction is extended by five minutes every time a bid is entered."

Obviously, there are many issues with online auction, but one of the critical issues is trust – the way online bidding process is conducted. We want to make sure the online bidding process is trustworthy, and nobody can cheat to win.

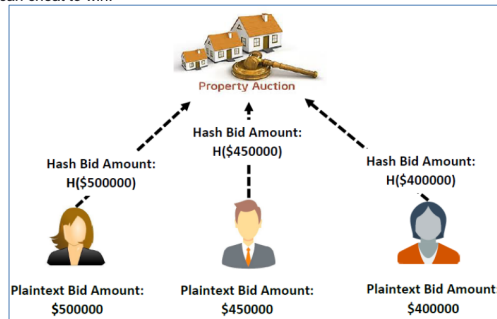


Figure-3: Cryptographic Hash Function based Online Bidding Application

Design a cheating-proof online property auction system using cryptographic hash function with the following requirements:

- A bidder can only bid with the hash value of the bid amount.
- The bidder can bid only once.
- Guessing the plaintext bid amount should be difficult.

Firstly, every bidder will receive a 6-characters-long random string from sellers such as : adYsdw

we can use this website to get a random string: <https://www.random.org/strings/>

Then the bidder should combine the string they received with bid amount like 500000adYsdw

then submit $h(500000adYsdw)$ using SHA-256, it will ensure the other bidder can not guess the price they submit because they do not know the 6 random string.

there is a example :

bidder A

6-characters-long string: ofAkKO

the bid amount: 400000

combination of two value, we get: 400000ofAkKO

400000ofAkKO

c3f52fae80a8fa1d87841bf77646bbc741e923326750d83923917b8be26768e8

Q4

Q4. Breaking RSA Key Faster with Multiple Servers (5 Marks)

[Note: Only for this question, you can submit the solution individually or in a group. In the case of a group submission, the maximum group members can be 3 (three), and you must mention the names of group members in the solution of this question.]

It has been found that a quantum computer with 4099 perfectly stable qubits could break the RSA-2048 encryption in 10 seconds, while a classic computer of present days requires 300 trillion years. It means, the powerful computers make the RSA cryptosystem vulnerable.

RSA cryptosystem is mainly built on the concept of prime numbers. The public-key component (n) of RSA cryptosystem is an integer that is the product of two prime numbers. Hence, prime factorization is a technique that can be used for breaking RSA private-key (d).

Prime factorization or integer factorization of a number is breaking a number down into the set of prime numbers which multiply together to result in the original number. This is also known as prime decomposition. Assume a number '77' has two prime factors. That is, '77' is a product of two prime numbers: 7 and 11 (i.e., $77 = 7 \times 11$).

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The First 10,000 Primes
(the 10,000th is 104,729)
For more information on primes see http://primes.utm.edu/

 2   3   5   7   11  13  17  19  23  29
31  37  41  43  47  53  59  61  67  71
73  79  83  89  97 101 103 107 109 113
127 131 137 139 149 151 157 163 167 173
179 181 191 193 197 199 211 223 227 229
233 239 241 251 257 263 269 271 277 281
283 293 307 311 313 317 331 337 347 349
353 359 367 373 379 383 389 397 401 409
419 421 431 433 439 443 449 457 461 463
467 479 487 491 499 503 509 521 523 541
547 557 563 569 571 577 587 593 599 601
607 613 617 619 631 641 643 647 653 659
661 673 677 683 691 701 709 719 727 733
739 743 751 757 761 769 773 787 797 809
811 821 823 827 829 839 853 857 859 863
877 881 883 887 907 911 919 929 937 941
947 953 967 971 977 983 991 997 1009 1013
1019 1021 1031 1033 1039 1049 1051 1061 1063 1069
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103087 103091 103093 103099 103123 103141 103171 103177 103183 103217
103231 103237 103289 103291 103307 103319 103333 103349 103357 103387
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103511 103529 103549 103553 103561 103567 103573 103577 103583 103591
103613 103619 103643 103651 103657 103669 103681 103687 103699 103703
103723 103769 103787 103801 103811 103813 103837 103841 103843 103867
103889 103903 103913 103919 103951 103963 103967 103969 103979 103981
103991 103993 103997 104003 104009 104021 104033 104047 104053 104059
104087 104089 104107 104113 104119 104123 104147 104149 104161 104173
104179 104183 104207 104231 104233 104239 104243 104281 104287 104297
104309 104311 104323 104327 104347 104369 104383 104389 104393 104399
104417 104459 104471 104473 104479 104491 104513 104527 104537 104543
104549 104551 104561 104579 104593 104597 104623 104639 104651 104659
104677 104681 104683 104693 104701 104707 104711 104717 104723 104729
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However, a simple method to find the prime factors is to take a list of prime numbers, and start dividing a number by each prime number starting from '2' in the prime number's list. For example, first 10 prime numbers are: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29. Now, to find out the prime factors of '77', you should divide '77' by each prime number in the above list as follows unless you get another prime number as a quotient:

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77 / 2 = Quotient is NOT a prime number
77 / 3 = Quotient is NOT a prime number
77 / 5 = Quotient is NOT a prime number
77 / 7 = 11 (Quotient is a prime number)
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Hence, 7 and 11 are two prime factors of 77.

From the question, we know $n = 10772542097$ and $e = 95177$

We can factorise $n(10772542097)$ using wolframalpha to find p and q
(link:<https://www.wolframalpha.com/>)

$10772542097 = 103619 \times 103963$ these two numbers are also on the given table

then we knew the p and q , we should find out $\phi(n)$ because $\phi(n) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$

$\phi(n) = (103619 - 1) \times (103963 - 1) = 10772334516$

then we should find out d because $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$,

$d = 95177^{-1} \bmod 10772334516 = 3758212253$

finally, we can decrypt C to get the value of M , $M = C^d \bmod n$

$M = c^{3758212253} \bmod 10772542097$

we assume the ciphertext is 3389680045

$3389680045^{3758212253} \bmod 10772542097 = 100$

then we found 100 in ascii code is letter "d"

As you know from Lecture-3 and Tutorial-3, the public-key component (n) of the RSA cryptosystems is an integer that has two prime numbers. Assume that you have found the RSA public-key as: $n = 10772542097$ and $e = 95177$. You want to find the **private-key (d)** for the above RSA public-key.

Say, you have the list of first 10000 prime numbers as partially shown in **Figure-4**. A complete list of first 10000 prime numbers can be found in the URL: <https://primes.utm.edu/lists/small/10000.txt>. Assume that you have **10 computers**. How can you take advantage of the 10 computers and perform the integer factorization tasks mentioned above to break RSA faster? Explain your algorithm and show detail steps. Please note that we are not interested in any established approach found in textbooks to find prime factors. A simple brute-force method should do the work.

<https://www.quintessencelabs.com/blog/breaking-rsa-encryption-update-state-art/>
