

## ICS A7

i) Explain ECC Algorithm?

→ An elliptic curve is a set of pts on the coordinate plane satisfying the equation of the form  $y^2 + axy + by = x^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$ .

ii) In order to use the elliptic curves for Diffie Hellman there needs to be some mathematical operations on 2 points in set that will always produce a point also in the set.

iii) ECC can be done with atleast 2 types of arithmetic each of which gives different definitions of multiplicative arithmetic.

iv) To form a cryptographic system using elliptic curves, we used to find a hard problem corresponding to factorizing the product of 2 primes or taking the discrete algorithms.

v) Consider eq<sup>n</sup> of  $Q = KP$  where  $Q, P \in E_p(a, b)$  and  $K < P$

It is relatively easy to calculate  $Q$  given  $K$  &  $P$  but it is relatively hard to determine  $K$  given  $Q$  &  $P$ . This is called logarithmic problem for elliptic curves.

Q-2) List Applications of ECC Algorithm?

- Ans. i) Elliptic curve, Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) key agreement  
ii) Elliptic curve based encryption e.g. ElGamal.  
iii) Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA) for digital signature and authentication.



### 3) Difference between ECC & RSA

#### ECC

- i) ECC stands for Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)
- ii) Each participant needs a private key
- iii) Given implementation & back doors curves recommended by NIST.
- iv) Edward Curves, Montgomery curves, Bensteins Elliptic Curve.

#### RSA

- i) The Rivest-Shamir Adleman Algorithm (RSA)
- ii) Each participant already has a private key.
- iii) Security of the system depends on possibilities of factorising  $n$
- iv) Algorithm of fermat quadratic sieve number field ~~and~~ sieve.

### Q.4) How is Computer security categorized?

Ans. Hackers/Crackers :

- These are people who have sophisticated computer security skills.
- They have a deep understanding of how various protocols, services, operating systems, drivers, network equipment, etc. work.



## ii) Insiders / Disgruntled Personnel:

- These people are on your side but they ~~are~~ have malicious intent to ~~impact~~ your system.
- Insider threats are extremely hard to detect since you might believe them very closely.

## iii) Malicious Software:

- These are software programs written with malicious intent.
- The purpose of these programs is to harm the information systems or extract useful information in an unauthorized manner.

## Q.5) How to classify different attacks in Computer and Information Systems?

### → Passive Attack

The attacker indulges in eavesdropping on, or monitoring of data transmission.

- It attempts to learn or make use of information from the system but doesn't affect system resources.
- The attacker aims to obtain information that is in transit. The term passive indicates that the attacker does not attempt to perform any modification.

### Active Attack:

- Active attacks involve some modification of the data stream or the creation of a false stream.
- These attacks cannot be prevented easily.
  - Masquerade
  - Replay.
  - Modification of Message.
  - Denial of Service.