

Assignment 3

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A. [Block Ciphers : $8 + 10 + (3 \times 4) = 30$ points.]

Answers

A.1 Bit representation for the S-box:

X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4	Y_1	Y_2	Y_3	Y_4
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

For an expression $\mathbf{E} = (\oplus_{i=1}^4 a_i \mathbf{X}_i) \oplus (\oplus_{j=1}^4 b_j \mathbf{Y}_j)$

Writing count of X, Y assignments which satisfy $\mathbf{E} = 0$ in LAT

a	b															
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	16	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
1	8	10	6	8	10	8	8	6	4	6	6	8	10	8	4	10
2	8	10	8	10	6	8	6	8	6	8	10	4	4	6	8	10
3	8	8	10	10	8	12	10	6	6	6	8	8	10	6	12	8
4	8	10	8	6	8	10	8	6	10	4	10	8	6	8	6	4
5	8	12	6	6	10	10	8	12	6	12	8	8	8	8	10	6
6	8	8	12	8	10	10	6	10	8	8	8	12	6	6	6	10
7	8	6	6	8	12	6	10	8	8	6	6	8	4	6	10	8
8	8	10	10	8	8	6	6	8	10	8	4	6	10	4	8	6
9	8	8	8	12	10	10	6	10	10	6	6	6	8	12	8	8
A	8	12	10	10	6	6	12	8	8	8	6	10	6	10	8	8
B	8	6	12	6	8	6	8	10	4	6	8	6	8	10	8	6
C	8	8	10	10	12	8	10	6	8	12	10	6	8	8	6	6
D	8	6	8	6	6	12	10	8	8	10	4	6	6	8	6	8
E	8	6	6	12	6	8	8	10	6	8	8	10	8	6	6	4
F	8	8	8	8	8	8	12	12	10	6	10	6	10	6	6	10

A.2 A brute-force attack against single DES takes 2^{56} DES encryption calls in the worst case, since the key is 56 bits long.

Consider DESA,

$$y = \text{DESA}_{K,K'}(x) = \text{DES}_K(x) \oplus K'$$

If we have 2 valid message-ciphertext pairs (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) under DESA using key (K, K') ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 \oplus y_2 &= (\text{DES}_K(x_1) \oplus K') \oplus (\text{DES}_K(x_2) \oplus K') \\ &= \text{DES}_K(x_1) \oplus \text{DES}_K(x_2) \end{aligned}$$

We can thus brute-force on K and verify by plugging it into the above equation. This requires 2^{57} DES encryption calls in the worst case.

When we find K , we can find K' :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \text{DES}_K(x_1) \oplus K' \\ \Rightarrow K' &= \text{DES}_K(x_1) \oplus y_1 \end{aligned}$$

This requires one additional call to DES encryption.

Hence, we would need roughly $2^{57} + 1$ DES encryption calls to break DESA encryption using a brute-force attack as compared to roughly 2^{56} encryption calls to break DES, making it around as difficult to break as DES.

A.3 Encrypting $x = 01101\ 11011\ 11010\ 00110$ using $E(m_1 m_2 m_3 m_4 m_5) = (m_2 m_5 m_4 m_1 m_3)$

1. Mode ECB

$$E(01101) = 11001$$

$$E(11011) = 11110$$

$$E(11010) = 10110$$

$$E(00110) = 00101$$

Hence, $E(01101\ 11011\ 11010\ 00110) = 11001\ 11110\ 10110\ 00101$ with ECB mode

2. Mode CBC

$$IV = 11001, x_1 = 01101 \Rightarrow y_1 = E(IV \oplus x_1) = E(11001 \oplus 01101) = E(10100) = 00011$$

$$y_1 = 00011, x_2 = 11011 \Rightarrow y_2 = E(y_1 \oplus x_2) = E(11000) = 10010$$

$$y_2 = 10010, x_3 = 11010 \Rightarrow y_3 = E(y_2 \oplus x_3) = E(01000) = 10000$$

$$y_3 = 10000, x_4 = 00110 \Rightarrow y_4 = E(y_3 \oplus x_4) = E(10110) = 00111$$

Hence, $E(01101 \ 11011 \ 11010 \ 00110) = 00011 \ 10010 \ 10000 \ 00111$ with CBC mode

3. Mode CFB

$$IV = 11001, x_1 = 01101 \Rightarrow z_1 = E(IV) = E(11001) = 11010$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = z_1 \oplus x_1 = 11010 \oplus 01101 = 10111$$

$$x_2 = 11011 \Rightarrow z_2 = E(y_1) = E(10111) = 01111$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = z_2 \oplus x_2 = 01111 \oplus 11011 = 10100$$

$$x_3 = 11010 \Rightarrow z_3 = E(y_2) = E(10100) = 00011$$

$$\Rightarrow y_3 = z_3 \oplus x_3 = 00011 \oplus 11010 = 11001$$

$$x_4 = 00110 \Rightarrow z_4 = E(y_3) = E(11001) = 11010$$

$$\Rightarrow y_4 = z_4 \oplus x_4 = 11010 \oplus 00110 = 11100$$

Hence, $E(01101 \ 11011 \ 11010 \ 00110) = 10111 \ 10100 \ 11001 \ 11100$ with CFB mode

4. Mode OFB

$$IV = 11001, x_1 = 01101 \Rightarrow z_1 = E(IV) = E(11001) = 11010$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = z_1 \oplus x_1 = 11010 \oplus 01101 = 10111$$

$$x_2 = 11011 \Rightarrow z_2 = E(z_1) = E(11010) = 10110$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = z_2 \oplus x_2 = 10110 \oplus 11011 = 01101$$

$$x_3 = 11010 \Rightarrow z_3 = E(z_2) = E(10110) = 00111$$

$$\Rightarrow y_3 = z_3 \oplus x_3 = 00111 \oplus 11010 = 11101$$

$$x_4 = 00110 \Rightarrow z_4 = E(z_3) = E(00111) = 01101$$

$$\Rightarrow y_4 = z_4 \oplus x_4 = 01101 \oplus 00110 = 01011$$

Hence, $E(01101 \ 11011 \ 11010 \ 00110) = 10111 \ 01101 \ 11101 \ 01011$ with OFB mode

B. [Cryptographic Hash Functions & MACs: (3 + 4) + (4 + 3) + (3 + 3) = 20 points.]

Answers

$$\text{B.1 a) Failure probability} = \frac{\text{Number of ways to choose } \mathcal{X}_0 \text{ such that } \mathcal{X}_0 \cap h^{-1}(y) = \emptyset}{\text{Number of ways to choose } \mathcal{X}_0} = \frac{\binom{N - s_y}{q}}{\binom{N}{q}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Success probability } (\epsilon) = 1 - \text{Failure probability} = 1 - \frac{\binom{N - s_y}{q}}{\binom{N}{q}}$$

$$\text{b) } \epsilon_y = 1 - \frac{\binom{N - s_y}{1}}{\binom{N}{1}} = 1 - \frac{N - s_y}{N} = \frac{s_y}{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Average success probability} &= \frac{1}{M} \cdot \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \epsilon_y \\
&= \frac{1}{M} \cdot \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{s_y}{N} \\
&= \frac{1}{M \cdot N} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} s_y \\
&= \frac{1}{M \cdot N} \cdot N \\
&= \frac{1}{M}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, **Average success probability** = $\frac{1}{M}$

B.2 a) Assume $x \neq x'$, let $h(x) = h(x')$

Case 1. $|x| = |x'| = n$

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x) &= h(x') \\
\Rightarrow 0||x &= 0||x' \\
\Rightarrow x &= x'
\end{aligned}$$

But we had assumed that $x \neq x'$. This is a contradiction. Hence, $h(x) \neq h(x')$

Case 2. $|x| \neq n, |x'| \neq n$

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x) &= h(x') \\
\Rightarrow 1||g(x) &= 1||g(x') \\
\Rightarrow g(x) &= g(x') \\
\Rightarrow x &= x' \quad (g \text{ is collision resistant})
\end{aligned}$$

But we had assumed that $x \neq x'$. This is a contradiction. Hence, $h(x) \neq h(x')$

Case 3. $|x| = n, |x'| \neq n$ (Or $|x| \neq n, |x'| = n$)

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x) &= h(x') \\
\Rightarrow 0||x &= 1||g(x')
\end{aligned}$$

This is not possible since the first bit does not match. Hence, $h(x) \neq h(x')$

Hence, **h is collision-resistant if g is collision-resistant.**

b) Let y be a message digest from $h(x)$.

So, $|y| = n + 1$.

If $y_0 = 0$, we know that $y = 0||x$, from definition of h

$$\Rightarrow x = y_1 y_2 \dots y_{n+1}$$

For all possible $n + 1$ -bit digests, half of the digests are such that $y_0 = 0$.

Hence, **h is not preimage-resistant.**

B.3 a) The MAC tag $x||h_K(x)$ is secure. This is because it does not allow forgery, and does not give information about K .

b) MAC-and-Encrypt should be avoided. This is because:

Suppose the secure block cipher scheme, CTR, is used. Mallory wants to forge a

message m . It intercepts a cryptogram $E_K(m_0)||H_K(m_0)$, where $E_K(m_0)$ is of the form $IV||C_0$, C_0 is the size of m_0 . Here, m_0 is known and its size assumed to be at least that of m .

Mallory computes K as $C_0 \oplus m_0$, which can be truncated to size of m .

Mallory computes $C = m \oplus K$.

Mallory replaces the cryptogram by $IV||C$, causing a successful forgery.