

## Credit Statement

I worked on these problems alone, with reference to class notes and the following books:

- (a) *The Code Book* by Simon Singh.
- (b) *Cryptography* by Simon Rubinsen-Salzedo

## Problems

1. Let  $k \geq 2$  and  $A = (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^k$ . Let  $\vec{0}, \vec{1} \in A$  be the vectors of all zeros and all ones, respectively. Define the map  $g : A \rightarrow A$  by

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} \vec{0} & y \neq \vec{0} \\ \vec{1} & y = \vec{0} \end{cases}$$

Then define

$$s, G : A \times A \rightarrow A \times A$$

$$s(x, y) = (y, x)$$

$$G(x, y) = (x + g(y), y)$$

- (a) Prove that  $s^2$  and  $G^2$  are the identity on  $A \times A$ . [We actually proved this in lecture, so just make sure you understand it here.]

By definition:

$$\begin{aligned} s(x, y) &= (y, x) \\ s^2(x, y) &= s(s(x, y)) = s(y, x) \\ &= (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

Likewise:

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y) &= (x + g(y), y) \\ G^2(x, y) &= G(x + g(y), y) = (x + 2g(y), y) \\ &\equiv (x + 0, y) \pmod{2} \\ &\equiv (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Prove that  $(sG)^4 = sgs gsgsg$  moves only 3 elements of  $A \times A$ , i.e.

$$\#\{(x, y) \in A \times A : (sG)^4(x, y) \neq (x, y)\} = 3.$$

(c) Prove that  $(sG)^{12}$  is the identity.

We know that:

$$G(x, y) = (x + g(y), y)$$

$$s(x, y) = (y, x)$$

$$\therefore sG(x, y) = (y, x + g(y))$$

Let's define  $\hat{x}, \hat{y} \in A \ni \hat{x} \neq \vec{0} \ \& \ \hat{x} \neq \vec{1} \ \& \ \hat{y} \neq \vec{0} \ \& \ \hat{y} \neq \vec{1}$  to represent the general cases where  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \notin \{0, 1\}$ .

id	$sG$	$(sG)^2$	$(sG)^3$	$(sG)^4$	$(sG)^8$	$(sG)^{12}$
(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(0,0)
(0,y)	(y,0)	(0,y)	(y,0)	(0,y)	(0,y)	(0,y)
(0,1)	(1,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)
(x,0)	(0,x)	(x,0)	(0,x)	(x,0)	(x,0)	(x,0)
(x,y)	(y,x)	(x,y)	(y,x)	(x,y)	(x,y)	(x,y)
(x,1)	(1,x)	(x,1)	(1,x)	(x,1)	(x,1)	(x,1)
(1,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)	(0,0)	(0,1)	(1,0)
(1,y)	(y,1)	(1,y)	(y,1)	(1,y)	(1,y)	(1,y)
(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,1)	(1,1)

**2.** Encrypt the message 001100001010 using two rounds of SDES and (9 bit) key 111000101, as explained in lecture. Show all your steps! *[Hint: After one round, the output is 001010010011.]*

3. In the Rijndael field  $F = \mathbb{F}_2[X]/(X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1)$ , where bytes are associated to polynomials modulo  $X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1$ , compute the product  $01010010 \cdot 10010010 \in F$ .

We can represent polynomials in  $F$  as binary numbers, where the state of each bit (whether 0 or 1) represents whether the corresponding power in the polynomial has a factor of 0 or 1.

Then:

$$X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1 = 100011011$$

Then, we can perform the multiplication modulo 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 10010010 \\ \times 1010010 \\ \hline 10010010 \cdot \\ 10010010 \cdot \phantom{0} \\ 10010010 \cdot \phantom{00} \\ 10010010 \cdot \phantom{000} \\ 10010010 \cdot \phantom{0000} \\ 10010010 \cdot \phantom{00000} \\ \hline 10110210200100 \end{array}$$

Shifting back to base 2, we get: 10110010000100

We then need to find this number mod 100011011

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \text{mod } 10110010000100, 100011011 & \\ 100011011 & 10110010000100 \\ 100000 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 111111100 \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 1000 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 111001111 \cdot \cdot \\ 100 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \\ & 110101000 \cdot \\ 10 & 100011011 \cdot \\ & 101100110 \\ 1 & 100011011 \\ \hline 101111 & 1111101 \end{array}$$

Thus, the product in  $F$  is 1111101

4. Here you will prove something that was claimed in lecture!

(a) Find all monic irreducible polynomials of degree  $\leq 4$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ .

There are  $2^5$  possible polynomials of degree  $\leq 4$  in  $\mathbb{F}$ .

We can eliminate half of these polynomials without a constant factor, since they will have 0 as a root.

$f$	$f(0)$	$f(1)$
1	1	1
$x + 1$	1	0
$x^2 + 1$	1	0
$x^2 + x + 1$	1	1
$x^3 + 1$	1	0
$x^3 + x + 1$	1	1
$x^3 + x^2 + 1$	1	0
$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	1	0
$x^4 + 1$	1	0
$x^4 + x + 1$	1	1
$x^4 + x^2 + 1$	1	1
$x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$	1	0
$x^4 + x^3 + 1$	1	1
$x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$	1	0
$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$	1	0
$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	1	1

We also need to remove sieve out polynomials that have quadratic factors. Since any factor of a polynomial of degree  $n$  must have a degree of *at most*  $\frac{n}{2}$ , any polynomials with a quadratic factor must have a degree of at least 4.

We also know that both factors must have a degree of 2 The only such irreducible polynomial is  $x^2 + x + 1$ .

We have only identified 4 such polynomials that don't have factors. Of the four:

$x^4 + x + 1$  – not divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$

$x^4 + x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + x + 1)^2 \pmod{2}$

$x^4 + x^3 + 1$  – not divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$

$x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$  – not divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$

Since 1 is the identity, the monic irreducible polynomials are

$\{x^2 + x + 1, x^3 + x + 1, x^4 + x + 1, x^4 + x^3 + 1, x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1\}$

(b) Verify that the Rijndael polynomial

$$f(X) = X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1$$

is irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ . [Hint: Any factor must have degree at most 4.]

Any factor must be a monic polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$

Therefore, we can compute the remainders when  $f(X) = X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1$  is divided by the monic polynomials. If any remainder is nonzero, then  $f(X)$  is reducible.

Division by  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 11111 & 100011011 \\ \hline 10000 & 11111 \dots \\ & 11101 \dots \\ & 1000 & 11111 \dots \\ & & 10001 \\ \hline 11000 & 10001 \end{array}$$

Division by  $x^4 + x + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 10011 & 100011011 \\ \hline 10000 & 10011 \dots \\ & 10101 \dots \\ & 10 & 10011 \dots \\ & & 1101 \\ \hline 10010 & 1101 \end{array}$$

Division by  $x^2 + x + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 111 & 100011011 \\ \hline 1000000 & 111 \dots \dots \\ & 110 \dots \dots \\ & 100000 & 111 \dots \dots \\ & & 111 \dots \\ & 1000 & 111 \dots \\ \hline 1101000 & 011 \end{array}$$

Division by  $x^4 + x^3 + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 11001 & 100011011 \\ \hline 10000 & 11001 \dots \dots \\ & 10001 \dots \dots \\ & 1000 & 11001 \dots \dots \\ & & 10000 \dots \\ & 100 & 11001 \dots \\ & & 10011 \dots \\ & 10 & 11001 \dots \\ & & 10101 \\ & 1 & 11001 \\ \hline 11111 & 1100 \end{array}$$

Division by  $x^3 + x + 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 1011 & 100011011 \\ \hline 100000 & 1011 \dots \dots \\ & 1111 \dots \dots \\ & 1000 & 1011 \dots \dots \\ & & 1000 \dots \\ & 100 & 1011 \dots \\ & & 1111 \\ & 1 & 1011 \\ \hline 101101 & 100 \end{array}$$

Since all the remainders are non-zero, none of the irreducible monic polynomials of degree  $\leq 4$  divide  $f(X)$ . It therefore must be irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2[X]$ .

5. Put  $f(X) = X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[X]$ , and let

$$a = 00001100 = X^3 + X^2 \in F = \mathbb{F}_2[X]/(f).$$

(a) Compute  $a^5$ .

Let's begin by computing  $a^2$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 1100 \\ \times 1100 \\ \hline 1100 \cdot \cdot \\ 1100 \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \hline 1210000 \equiv 1010000 \end{array}$$

We can then compute  $a^4 = (a^2)^2$ :

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010000 \\ \times 1010000 \\ \hline 1010000 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 1010000 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \hline 1020100000000 \equiv 1000100000000 \end{array}$$

And, finally,  $a^5 = a \cdot a^4$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1000100000000 \\ \times \quad \quad \quad 1100 \\ \hline 1000100000000 \cdot \cdot \\ 1000100000000 \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \hline 1100110000000000 \end{array}$$

We then need to find the equivalent of 1100110000000000 in the Rijndael field  $F$  by finding its modulus with  $X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1$ .

Division by  $x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \equiv 100011011$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 100011011 & 1100110000000000 \\ \hline 1000000 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 100000110 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 100000 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 111010000 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 100 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 110010110 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 10 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ & 100011010 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ 1 & 100011011 \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \\ \hline 1100111 & 1 \end{array}$$

Thus,  $a^5 \equiv 1 \in F$ .

- (b) Find the inverse  $b^{-1} \in F$  of  $b = X^2 = 00000100$ .

For simplicity, I converted the binary-equivalent numbers to base 10 and calculated the inverse using the extended euclidean algorithm.

$$b = X^2 = 00000100 \equiv 4$$

$$f(X) = X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1 = 100011011 \equiv 283$$

$$283 \equiv 4 \cdot 70 + 3$$

$$70 \equiv 3 \cdot 23 + 1$$

$$1 \equiv 70 - 3 \cdot 23$$

$$1 \equiv 70 - 23(283 - 4 \cdot 70)$$

$$1 \equiv 70 - 283 \cdot 23 + 4 \cdot 23 \cdot 70$$

$$1 \equiv -283 \cdot 23 + (4 \cdot 23 + 1) \cdot 70$$

$$1 \equiv 93 \cdot 70 - 283 \cdot 23$$

$$1 \equiv -213 \cdot 23$$

We know, by definition:

$$b \cdot b^{-1} \equiv 1$$

$$b^{-1} \equiv \frac{1}{b}$$

00000100	00000001
1	100
1	101

- (c) Compute the product  $b^{-1}a$  and verify that  $b^{-1}a = X + 1$  in  $F$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1 \\
 \times \quad 1\ 1\ 0\ 0 \\
 \hline
 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ \cdot\cdot \\
 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ \cdot\cdot\cdot \\
 \hline
 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 2\ 2\ 1\ 0\ 0 \equiv 1100100100
 \end{array}$$

100011011	1100100100
10	100011011.
1	100010010
1	100011011
	1101