

8.2 What is the maximum period obtainable from following generators?

$$x_{n+1} = (a x_n) \bmod 2^k$$

Answer: (a) If  $m = 2^k$  maximum period is  $2^{k-2}$

$$\text{So max. period} = 2^{4-2} = 2^2 = 4$$

(b) What should be the value of  $a$ ?

Ans:  $a$  must be 5 or 11

(c) Ans: The seed must be odd

8.3 Let  $w$  start with seed 1.  $x_0 = 1$

$$x_{n+1} = (6x_n) \bmod 13$$

$$x_{n+1} = (7x_n) \bmod 13$$

(1)  $\rightarrow$  1, 6, 10, 8, 9, 2, 12, 7, 3, 5, 4, 11, 1, ...

(2)  $\rightarrow$  1, 7, 10, 5, 9, 11, 12, 6, 3, 8, 4, 2, 1, ...

In 2<sup>nd</sup> generator o/p, second half contains less randomness

8.6 What RC4 Key Value leave  $S$  unchanged during initialization? That is, after the initial permutation of  $S$ , The entries of  $S$  will be equal to the values from 0 through 255 in ascending order?

Answer

Use a key length of 255 bytes.

First two bytes are zero. i.e.  $K[0] = K[1] = 0$ .

Thereafter we have  $K[2] = 255, K[3] = 254, \dots, K[255] = 2$

8.7 (a) how many bits are used to store internal states?

Ans: Simply store  $i, j$ , and  $S$   $8 + 8 + 256 \times 8 = 2064$  bits

(b) How many bits would need to represent the state?

Ans: The number of states is

$$[256! \times 256^2] \approx 2^{1700}$$

So 1700 bits are required.

8.8 (1) Choose a random 80 bit value  $v$ .

Ans: (2)  $C = \text{RC4}(V \| K) \oplus m$

(3) Send the bit string  $(V \| C)$

(a) First 80 bits of  $V \| C$  - we obtain  $v$ .

Since  $v, c, k$  are known.

$$m = \text{RC4}(V \| K) \oplus C$$

8.8 (b) If the adversary observes  $V_i = V_j$  then he/she knows that the same key stream was used to encrypt both  $m_i$  &  $m_j$ . In this case, the messages  $m_i$  &  $m_j$  are vulnerable to the type of cryptanalysis carried out in Part (a).

8.8 (c) Since the key is fixed, the key stream varies with the choice of the 80-bit  $V$ , which is selected randomly. Thus, after approximately  $2^{40}$  messages are sent, we expect the same  $V$ , and then the same key stream, to be used more than once.

8.8 (d) The key should be changed sometime before  $2^{40}$  messages are sent.