

Tutorial 6

Q 1 Calculate ciphertext C_1 & C_2 for plaintext = using Elgamal cryptosystem.
Consider public key = $(2, 8, 11)$, private key = 3 & $r = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} p &= 11 \\ g &= 2 \\ e &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 3 \\ r &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= g^r \mod p \\ &= 2^4 \mod 11 \\ &= 16 \mod 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_1 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= M \times e^{-r} \mod p \\ &= 7 \times 8^4 \mod 11 \\ &= 28 \mod 11 \\ C_2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore C = (5, 6)$$

Q2 Explain the process involved in message digest generation & processing of single block in SHA-1.

- Padding: The input data is padded so that its length is a multiple of 512 bits. The padding is done by add 1 bit followed by 0 bits & the length of input data in bits in a 64 bit representation.
- Then the padded input is divided into 512 bit blocks & each block is further divided into 16 32-bit words.
- Then the hash value for SHA-1 are initialised to a set of constant.
- Each block of 512 bits is processed using a compression function that operates on a set of 5 32-bit intermediate hash values & the 80 word message schedule.
- After processing all blocks through different rounds & operations, the final hash value is obtained by ~~concatenating~~ concatenating the five obtained hash values in register and converting them to a fixed length message digest of 160 bits.

Q.3 Explain MAC based hash function with its design objectives & structures of the algorithm.

MAC based hash function is a type of cryptographic hash function that combines MAC code with a one-way hash function to produce a secure message digest. The design objective of a MAC based hash function includes :

- To use hash function that perform well in software & for which code is freely & widely available.
- To allow for easy replaceability of the embedded hash function in case faster or more secure hash function are found or required.

⇒ Structure of HMAC algorithm:

The working of HMAC starts with taking a message M containing blocks of length b bits.

An input signature is padded to the left of the message & whole is given as input to a hash function.

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