

Final Exam

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1. Discrete logarithm (DL) based identification scheme is better than traditional password-based identification scheme, for reasons like:

security: password-based identification can be easily guessed, and easily attacked by such as brute force, dictionary attacks and phishing. But DL-based identification use mathematical algorithms to ensure identification, it difficult to attack.

Authentication strength: the passwords that human generated are often weak and vulnerable to social engineering attacks. But DL-based scheme use cryptographic keys and digital signature to provide stronger security.

And about the efficiency in terms of computation and communication complexities,

DL-based identification typically involve more computational than password-based identification, because of Encryption, Decryption and digital signature operations are computationally intensive tasks, and also DL-based identification may need additional communication overhead than password-based, because of cryptography often involves the exchange of keys and certificates.

2. (a) ElGamal encryption is "not" secure against the CCA.

CCA means that = provide O_d (decryption Oracle) to attacker

ElGamal encryption

$\text{keyGen}()$

Attacker,

knows p, g, y, a, b ,
and want to compute m .

challenge ciphertext:

$$C = (g^k, my^k) \xrightarrow{C=(a,b)} m = ?$$

compute

$$b_1 = 2 \cdot b \bmod p$$

$$C' \neq C,$$

$$\xleftarrow{C'=(a,b')}$$

not the challenge ciphertext,

$$(g^k; zmy^k) \neq (g^k, my^k) \xrightarrow{m'} m = \frac{m'}{2}$$

the Attacker can simply
compute $\frac{m'}{2}$ to obtain m .

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2. (b)

If the hash function is applied to the original message,
then the signature is hash value, so ElGamal signature
scheme is secure from chosen plaintext attack, because
find a meaningful message $h(m')=m$ is not easy.

2. (c)

We cannot ask the oracle about the signature of m , but we can design a forger algorithm to query the oracle for any message except m .

- ① query the oracle m' , where $\frac{m}{m'} \bmod p-1 = u$
the oracle return $r = g^k \bmod p$, $s = k^{-1}(m - rx) \bmod p-1$
- ② compute $s' \bmod p-1 = su$, and $r' \bmod p-1 = ru$,
 $r' \bmod p = r$
- ③ then check $y^{r's'} = y^{ru} r^{su} = (y^r r^s)^u = (gm')^u = g^m$
- ④ get m, r', s'

3. (a)

They can use Diffie-Hellman key exchange to share the common key to protect their message

Alice send to Bob : $C = g^a$, where $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$

Bob send to Alice : $d = g^b$, where $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$

Alice can compute : $k = d^a = g^{ab}$

Bob can compute : $k = c^b = g^{ab}$

3. (b)

The attacker can do Man-in-the-middle attack.

Alice $\xrightarrow{C=g^a}$ Attacker $\xrightarrow{C'=g^{a'}}$ Bob

Bob $\xrightarrow{d=g^b}$ Attacker $\xrightarrow{d'=g^{b'}}$ Alice

Alice will compute : $k = d'^a = g^{ab'}$

Bob will compute : $k = C'^b = g^{a'b}$

So the attacker can know the message that they send, and even can change it.

3. (c)

$$p = 107, g = 2$$

① Alice send to Bob : $4 = 2^2$, where $2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{106}$

Bob send to Alice : $61 = 2^{10}$, where $10 \in \mathbb{Z}_{106}$

Alice can compute : $4^{10} = 61^2 = 83 = 2^{2 \cdot 10}$

Bob can compute : $61^2 = 4^{10} = 83 = 2^{2 \cdot 10}$

② let $a' = 20, b' = 30$

Alice $\xrightarrow{4 = 2^2}$ Attacker $\xrightarrow{83 = 2^{20}}$ Bob

Bob $\xrightarrow{61 = 2^{10}}$ Attacker $\xrightarrow{34 = 2^{30}}$ Alice

Alice will compute : $K = 34^2 = 86$

Bob will compute : $K = 83^{10} = 25$

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4.

We query the signing oracle the message $m' = m \cdot r^e \bmod N$,

the signing oracle will return $\delta' = m'^d = m^d \cdot r \bmod N$,

then we can compute $\delta = \frac{\delta'}{r} = m^d \bmod N$

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$$\begin{aligned} m' \bmod N &= m r^e \\ \delta' &= m'^d \bmod N = m^d r \\ \delta &= \frac{\delta'}{r} = m^d \end{aligned}$$

5.

Instead of trusted T to setup,

1. Each A_i selects x_i and $f_i(x) = a_{t-1}x^{t-1} + a_{t-2}x^{t-2} + \dots + a_1x + s$ with $f_i(0) = x_i$ and publishes $h_i = g^{x_i}$

2. The public key is $h = \prod_{i=1}^N h_i$;

3. Share the secret key $x = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i = f(0)$,

where $f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^N f_k(x)$,

each A_i sends $s_{ij} = f_i(j)$ to A_j via secure channel.

each A_j computes its share $S_j = \sum_{k=1}^N s_{k,j} = \sum_{k=1}^N f_k(j) = f(j)$.

each A_j should check whether the received share s_{ij} from A_i is valid.