

## UNIT - 3

- Q) Write a short note on digital signature.
- a) A digital signature is a cryptographic technique used to provide authentication, integrity and non-repudiation for digital messages or documents.

It acts like an electronic form of a handwritten signature but is more secure because it uses public-key cryptography.

How it works:

- ① Sender generates a hash of message
- ② This hash is encrypted with sender's private key, creating digital signature
- ③ The receiver decrypts the signature using sender's public key to verify hash
- ④ If both hashes match, the message is verified

Features:

Authentication  
Integrity  
non-repudiation

Applications:

email security  
software distribution  
e-commerce  
Digital certificates  
Legal documents



## Q) Steps & advantages of

HMAC

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Q) Explain HMAC algorithm with detail.

HMAC - Hash based message authentication code

→ It is mechanism used to provide message authentication and integrity using a secret key + hash function

→ It is widely used with hash functions like SHA-256, SHA-4, MD5.

→ HMAC ensures that:

- message is not modified
- sender is authenticated

→ It combines a secret key with message using two constants:

- ipad (inner padding)
- opad (outer padding)

### Features

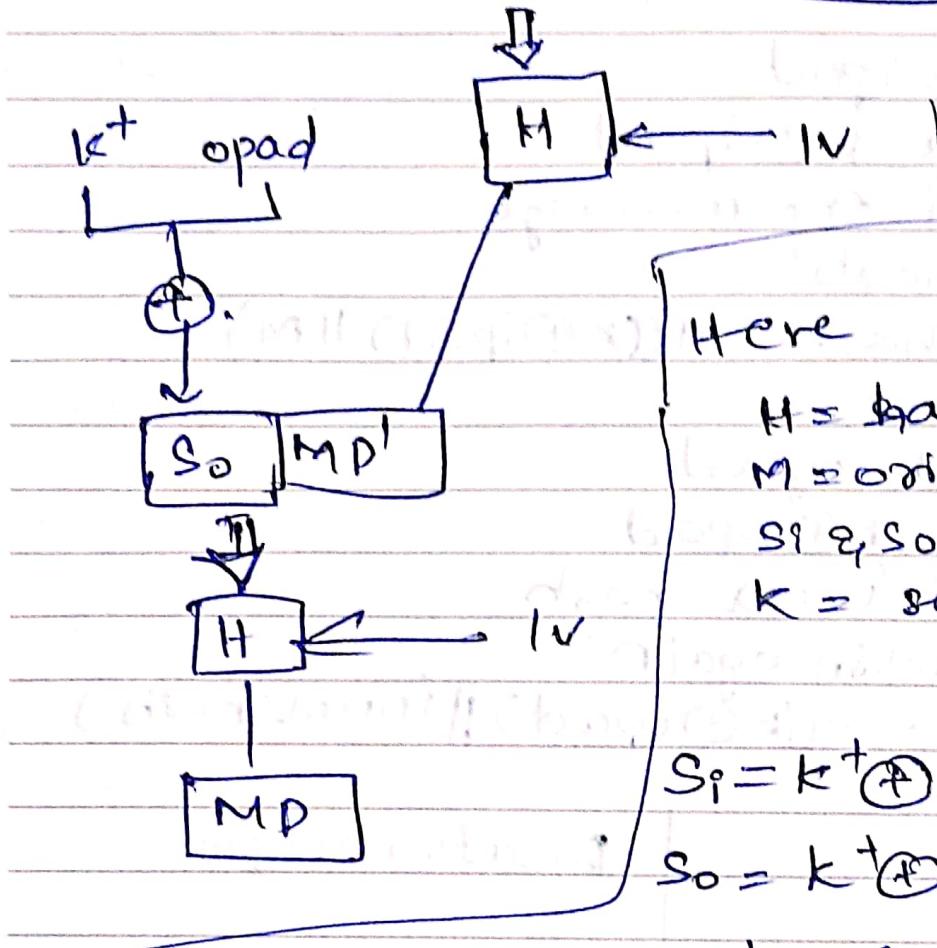
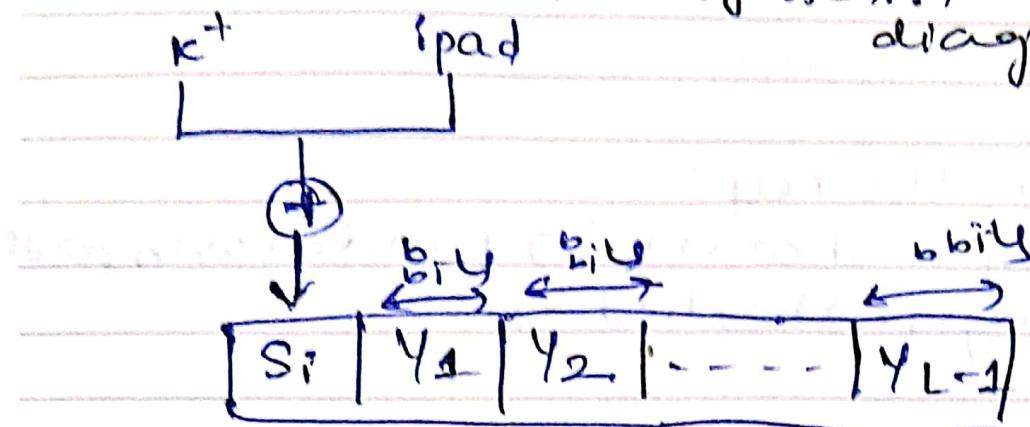
- 1) Keyed hashing - secret key & hash function
- 2) Inner & outer hashing
- 3) provides integrity & authentication
- 4) resistant to cryptographic attacks
- 5) efficient & widely used

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## HMAC algorithm diagram



Here

$H$  = Hashing function  
 $M$  = Original message  
 $S_i$  &  $S_0$  = Input & output  
 $K$  = Secret key

$$S_i = K^+ \oplus \text{ipad}$$

$$S_0 = K^+ \oplus \text{opad}$$

$$MD' = H(S_0 || M)$$

$$MD = H(S_0 || MD')$$

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$$MD = H(S_0 || H(S_1 || M))$$

## Steps:

### ① prepare the key

- If key is shorter  $\rightarrow$  padded with zeros
- If longer  $\rightarrow$  hashed first

### ② XOR with ipad

- Compute  $k \oplus \text{ipad}$
- append the message
- apply hash:

$$\text{Innerhash} = H((k \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel M)$$

### ③ XOR with opad

- Compute  $k \oplus \text{opad}$
- append inner hash
- apply hash again:

$$\text{HMAC} = H((k \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel \text{inner hash})$$

### Advantage

- High security
- Fast & efficient
- Flexible
- Resistant to attacks
- keyed hash

### Disadvantage

- no confidentiality
- Key management required

Q Explain how digital signatures provide authentication with application example

DS

→ DS is a cryptographic technique used to verify the identity of sender & ensure that message has not changed

→ It uses public key cryptography

how authentication works:-

- ① sender creates a hash (message digest) of message using such as SHA - 256
- ② hash is then encrypted using sender's private key
- ③ signature is attached to message & sent to receiver
- ④ receiver decrypts the signature using sender's public key
- ⑤ If decrypted digest matches the hash of received message:
  - message truly came from sender → authenticated
  - message was not modified → ~~integrity~~ integrity



M → message  
H → hash

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Sender

receiver

M → H → Digest

M → H → New digest

↓  
encrypt with

sender's private key

signature

Decrypt  
signature

using sender's  
public key

digital  
signature

compare  
digests

If both matched → sender is  
authenticated

Application example:  
secure Email (PGP / S/MIME)

Q) Advantages of kerberos

- 1) Strong authentication
- 2) NO passwords sent over n/w
- 3) Single sign on (SSO)
- 4) Mutual authentication
- 5) Efficient & fast
- 6) widely supported
- 7) prevent replay attack

Q) What is kerberos? explain hypothetical dialogues of kerberos v4.

Kerberos is a network authentication protocol designed to provide secure user authentication in distributed systems.

It uses secret-key cryptography & trusted authentication server to verify the identity of users & services.

→ It involves a client (C)

authentication server (AS)

Ticket Granting Server (TGS)  
Service Server (S)

### Hypothetical dialogues

① C → AS : "I am Alice. Get a ticket → Creating ticket (TGT)

② AS → C : "Here is your TGT & session key."

③ C → TGS : "Here is my TGT. Give me a service ticket for a file server".

④ TGS → C : "Here is the service ticket and session key for the server"



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⑤ C → V: "Here is my service ticket  
and authenticator"

⑥ V → C: "verified! You can access the  
service".

## Features

- 1) Strong authentication
- 2) Single sign-on
- 3) Mutual authentication
- 4) Centralized management
- 5) Ticket-based Access

⑦ Requirements of a secure hash function

A secure hash function takes an I/P  
of arbitrary length and produces a  
fixed length hash

- ① Deterministic
- ② Fast computation
- ③ Pre-Image resistance
- ④ Second pre-image resistance

$$H(M_2) \geq H(M_1)$$



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⑤ Collision Resistance:

$$H(M) = H(M2)$$

⑥ Avalanche effect

⑦ Fixed O/P length

⑧ security against cryptanalysis

Q) explain SHA-512 message digest with flowchart & intermediate steps.

SHA-512 is a cryptographic hash function that processes I/O data into fixed-512-bit digest.

→ It is widely used in digital signatures, certificates and data integrity.

Message digest input

Message schedule array

Intermediate value

A	B
C	D
E	F
G	H

SHA-512 message digest output

## Steps in SHA-512

- Preprocessing:

- convert input message into binary
- append a single 1 bit, followed by 0's until the length =  $896 \pmod{1024}$
- Append a 128 bit representation of original message length

- Padding:

- divide padded message into 1024 bit block
- Each block is further split into sixteen 64-bit words

- Message schedule:

- expand 16 words into 80 words using bitwise operations
- this prepares data for compression function

- Compression function:

- initialize variables with predefined constants
- for each to rounds:
  - compute temporary values using logical function

- Final Hash value:

after preprocessing all blocks, the eight variables are concentrated to form 512 ~~512~~ bit digest

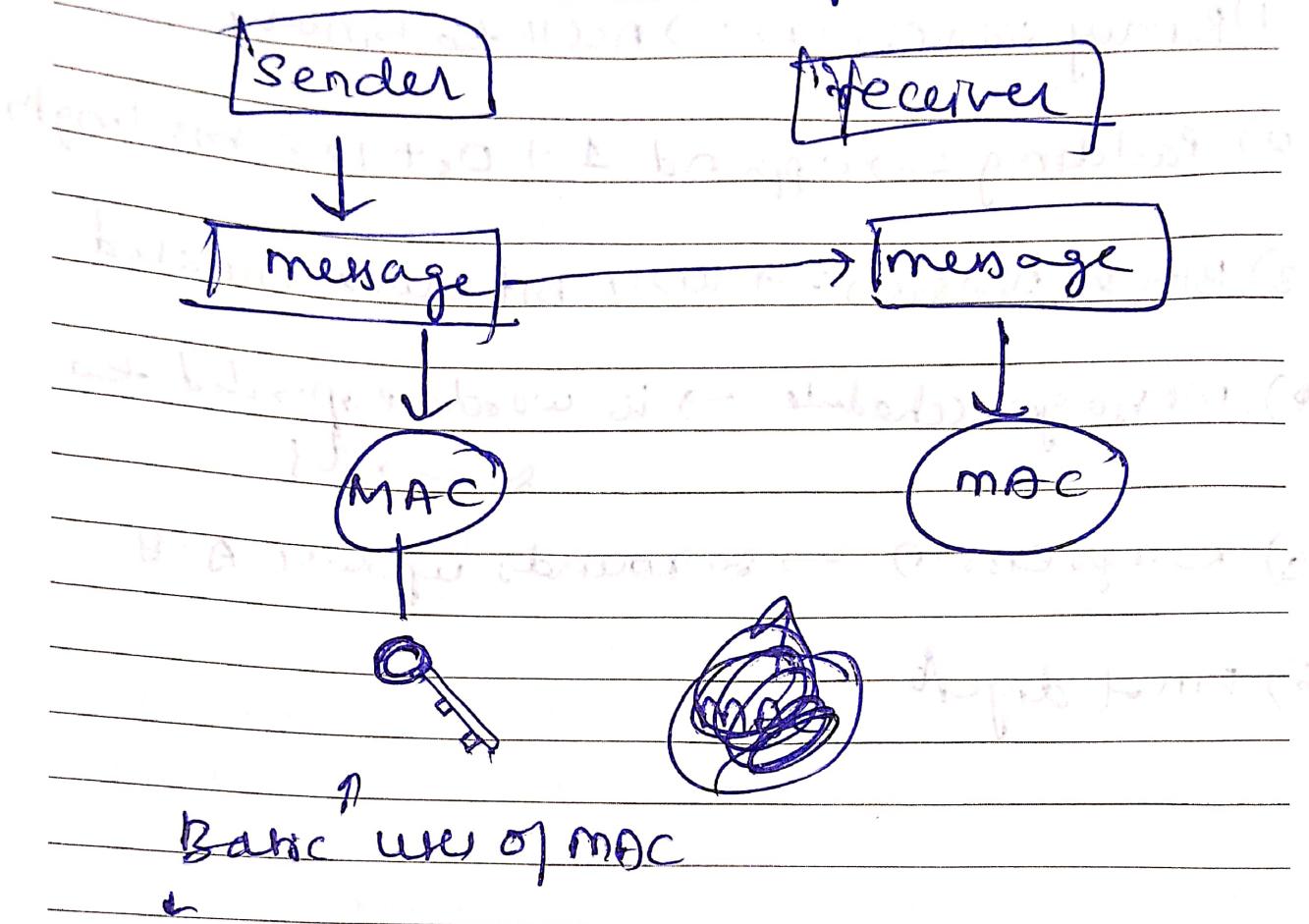
## Intermediate eg :

$i | P = "hello world"$

- 1) Binary conversion  $\rightarrow$  ASCII to binary
- 2) Padding  $\rightarrow$  append 1 + 0s + 128 bit length
- 3) Block Division  $\rightarrow$  1024 bit block created
- 4) Message schedule  $\rightarrow$  16 words expanded to 80 words
- 5) Computation  $\rightarrow$  80 rounds update A-B
- 6) Final digest

Q) Basic uses of MAC with diagram

Message authentication codes (MACs) are used to verify the integrity & authenticity of message using a shared secret key.



- 1) message integrity
- 2) " " authentication
- 3) secure communication
- 4) digital transaction
- 5) software update

## How MAC works

### 1) sender side

- i/p : message + secret key
- uses a MAC algorithm to generate a MAC value
- sends both message & mac to receiver

### 2) Receiver side

- receives the message & mac
- recomputes mac using same algorithm & secret key
- compares the received mac with computed one
- If they match , the message is authentic

## Common MAC algorithms

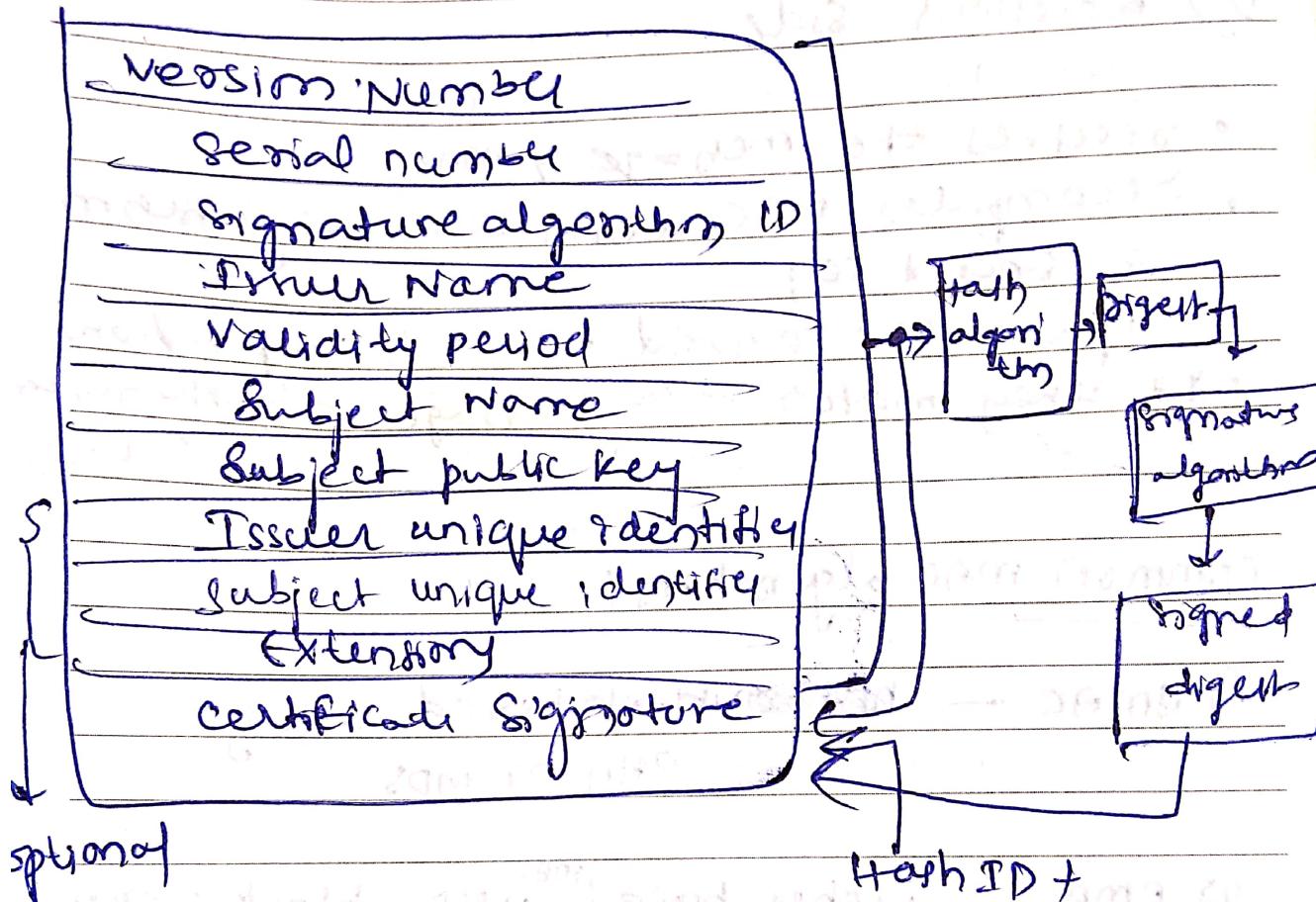
1) HMAC - ~~hash~~ hash based using SHA or MD5

2) CMAC - cipher based <sup>MAC</sup> using block cipher

3) UMAC - universal hashing for high speed MAC

Q) Describe general form of X.509 certificate.

- X.509 certificate is a digital certificate used to authenticate the identity of an entity in a network.
- Commonly used in SSL/TLS, digital signature & PKI



## Q) Key management & distribution: symmetric & asymmetric methods

key management is the process of generating, distribution, storing, using and replacing cryptographic key securely.

depends on confidentiality & integrity of keys.

### 1) Symmetric key management

Both sender & receiver share same key for encryption & decryption

key distribution problem: the shared key must be transmitted securely otherwise attackers can intercept it

method.

1) manual key distribution

2) automatic

#### Advantage

- fast encryption/decryption
- less computational overhead

#### Disadvantage

- compromise of one key affect both
- challenging ID large files

## 2) Asymmetric key management

- Uses a key pair; a public key & private key
  - public key → encryption
  - private key → decryption

Methods:

### 1) PKI (public key infrastructure)

- ensures secure key distribution & verification
- certificates issued by Certificate Authority (CA) bind public keys to user identity

### 2) Diffie-Hellman key exchange

- allows two parties to agree on shared secret key over insecure channel
- no prior secret key is needed

### Advantages

- provides authentication & non-repudiation
- solves key distribution problem

### Disadvantages

- slower than symmetric
- require more computational resources

## Public Key Infrastructure and X.509 authentication services.

Here's a clear, exam-friendly answer on Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) and X.509 Authentication Services suitable for 10 marks:

### ★ Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

PKI is a framework that provides secure communication, authentication, and key management in a network using public-key cryptography.



It ensures that entities can:

- Verify identities (authentication)
- Exchange keys securely (confidentiality)
- Sign messages digitally (integrity and non-repudiation)

### Components of PKI

#### 1. Certificate Authority (CA)



- Trusted third party that issues, verifies, and revokes digital certificates.

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## Components of PKI

1. Certificate Authority (CA)
  - Trusted third party that issues, verifies, and revokes digital certificates.
2. Registration Authority (RA)
  - Verifies user identity before certificate issuance.
3. Digital Certificates
  - Bind a public key to an identity (person, server, organization).
  - Example: X.509 certificate.
4. Certificate Repository
  - Stores issued certificates and Certificate Revocation Lists (CRLs).
5. Key Management System
  - Handles key generation, distribution, storage, renewal, and revocation.

### ★ X.509 Authentication Services

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# X.509 Authentication Services

X.509 is the standard for digital certificates in PKI. It provides authentication services by binding public keys to entities.

## Authentication Process Using X.509

### 1. Certificate Issuance

- CA verifies identity of entity and issues an X.509 certificate containing:
  - Version, Serial Number
  - Signature Algorithm
  - Issuer Name
  - Validity Period
  - Subject Name
  - Subject Public Key Info
  - Extensions & CA Signature



### 2. Certificate Verification

- The receiver verifies:
  - Certificate signature using CA's public key
  - Validity period
  - Revocation status via CRL



### 3. Authentication Outcome

- Ensures the public key belongs to the claimed entity

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- Ensures the public key belongs to the claimed entity
- Provides integrity and trust in secure communications

## ★ PKI + X.509 Workflow Diagram ↓

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