

B.Tech 7th Semester Exam., 2015

CRYPTOGRAPHY

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 70

Instructions :

- (i) The questions are of equal value.
- (ii) There are **NINE** questions in this paper.
- (iii) Attempt **FIVE** questions in all.
- (iv) Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. Choose the correct answer of the following (any seven) :

- (a) In cryptography, what is cipher?
 - (i) Algorithm for performing encryption and decryption
 - (ii) Encrypted message
 - (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) None of the above
- (b) In cryptography, the order of the letters in a message is rearranged by
 - (i) transpositional ciphers
 - (ii) substitutional ciphers
 - (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) None of the above

- (c) Cryptanalysis is used
 - (i) to find some insecurity in a cryptographic scheme
 - (ii) to increase the speed
 - (iii) to encrypt the data
 - (iv) None of the above
- (d) Which one of the following is a cryptographic protocol used to secure HTTP connection?
 - (i) Stream control transmission protocol (SCTP)
 - (ii) Transport layer security (TLS)
 - (iii) Explicit congestion notification (ECN)
 - (iv) Resource reservation protocol
- (e) What is data encryption standard (DES)?
 - (i) Block cipher
 - (ii) Stream cipher
 - (iii) Bit cipher
 - (iv) None of the above
- (f) Cryptographic hash function takes an arbitrary block of data and returns
 - (i) fixed-size bit string
 - (ii) variable-size bit string
 - (iii) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (iv) None of the above

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- (g) Which of the following algorithms belongs to asymmetric encryption?
- 3-DES
 - RC5
 - IDEA
 - RSA
- (h) Which is the largest disadvantage of the symmetric encryption?
- More complex and therefore more time-consuming calculations
 - Problem of the secure transmission of the secret key
 - Less secure encryption function
 - Is not used anymore
- (i) Which of the following statements is correct?
- PGP uses asymmetric encryption
 - In the World Wide Web, primarily symmetric encryption is used
 - PGP uses combined encryption
 - None of the above

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- (j) In which way does the combined encryption combine symmetric encryption and asymmetric encryption?
- First, the message is encrypted with symmetric encryption and afterwards it is encrypted asymmetrically together with the key
 - The secret key is symmetrically transmitted, the message itself asymmetrically
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2. (a) Consider the implementation of the row transposition cipher with the keyword SCRAMBLE :
- Encrypt the plaintext (thoroughly mixed)
 - Decrypt the ciphertext EAAERCKTNEH-RAREWGNALGINRESTXXRTE
- (b) Explain Security Services (X.800).

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3. Alice and Bob decide to communicate with each other using the RSA algorithm. Against the advice of cryptographers, Bob selects two small primes $p=7$ and $q=13$ to use for the RSA algorithm. He observes that $n = p \cdot q = 7 \cdot 13 = 91$ and chooses an encryption key of $e = 5$. He makes his selection of n and e public :
- (a) Alice wishes to send the number $m = 23$ to Bob. Compute the ciphertext that Alice will obtain.
- (b) Compute the decryption key d that Bob uses to decrypt messages. Suppose he receives the ciphertext $c = 2$. Decrypt this ciphertext to reveal the number that Alice sent.
4. (a) Briefly explain the terms 'confusion' and 'diffusion' in the context of symmetric ciphers.
- (b) Describe SSL. Sketch its architecture.
5. (a) Write the steps involved in SET transaction.
- (b) How can public-key encryption be used to overcome the key distribution problem for a symmetric encryption?
6. (a) Explain the importance of random number generation in cryptography. When are random numbers truly random?
- (b) Explain MD5. Why is padding required in MD5?

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7. (a) Explain challenge response protocol.
- (b) Encrypt the following message using an affine cipher with $a = 7$ and $b = 5$:
new jersey
8. (a) What do you think the largest problem is with the security of the Hill cipher?
- (b) Explain about triple DES and intruder-in-the-middle attack against Diffie-Hellman.
9. (a) Explain about the flaw present in Needham Schroeder protocol.
- (b) Explain about X.509 certificate and its components.
