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### Written examination

Tuesday, August 18, 2015, 08:30 a.m.

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Field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pay attention to the following:**

- 1) The exam consists of **4 problems**. Please check the completeness of your copy. **Only** written solutions on these sheets will be considered. Removing the staples is **not** allowed.
- 2) The exam is passed with at least **35 points**.
- 3) You are free in choosing the order of working on the problems. Your solution shall clearly show the approach and intermediate arguments.
- 4) **Admitted materials:** The sheets handed out with the exam and a non-programmable calculator.
- 5) The results will be published on Monday, the 24.08.15, 16:00h, on the homepage of the institute.  
The corrected exams can be inspected on Tuesday, 25.08.15, 10:00h. at the seminar room 333 of the Chair for Theoretical Information Technology, Kopernikusstr. 16.

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**Problem 1.** (19 points)

The following ciphertext over the alphabet  $\mathbb{Z}_{26}$  and total length  $N = 35$  is given:

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- a) Calculate the index of coincidence for the given ciphertext. Decide whether the ciphertext was encrypted using a monoalphabetic or polyalphabetic cipher.

The previous ciphertext has been deciphered yielding the following plaintext:

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- b) Can the resulting ciphertext be described by a permutation scheme of the given plaintext? Substantiate your claim.

The ciphertext is represented by blocks of length  $v = 5$ . The blocks are indexed by  $j \in \{1, \dots, b\}$  with  $b = \frac{N}{v} = 7$ . The symbol position inside a block is indexed by  $i \in \{1, \dots, v\}$ . The secret keys are  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_b \in \{1, \dots, b\}$  and it holds  $k_s \neq k_t$  for  $s \neq t$ . A ciphertext symbol is encrypted by  $c_{(j-1) \cdot v + i} = m_{(i-1) \cdot b + k_j}$ .

- c) Determine the secret keys  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_b$  for the given pair of plaintext and ciphertext.

A permutation cipher of block length  $l$  over an alphabet of size  $q$  can be broken by means of a chosen-plaintext attack. Let  $q \leq l$ .

- d) Give a corresponding attack scheme for  $l = 16$  and  $q = 2$  to obtain the key  $\pi$  with at most 4 well-chosen messages of length  $l$ . Explain the key idea why your scheme is valid.
- e) Give the minimal number of chosen messages for a valid generalized attack scheme as a function of  $q, l \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Suppose you encrypt a message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  using an affine cipher  $e_k(m)$  with key  $k = (a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^* \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ .

- f) Compute the  $n$ -fold encryption  $c = e_{k_n}(\dots e_{k_2}(e_{k_1}(m))\dots)$  for different keys  $k_i$  with  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
- g) Is there an advantage using  $n$  subsequent encryptions, rather than using a single affine cipher? Substantiate your claim.



**Problem 2.** (20 points)

We consider the Data Encryption Standard (DES) algorithm.

- a) Give the names of the four main operations used in a standard building block of DES.
- b) How can the same encryption algorithm of DES be used for decryption?

DES encrypts blocks of 64 bits using a key of 56 bits. For each 7 key bits, one (odd) parity bit for error detection is added. The key of a DES cipher is of the form:

$$K_0 = (k_1, \dots, k_7, b_1, k_9, \dots, k_{15}, b_2, k_{17}, \dots, k_{57}, \dots, k_{63}, b_8).$$

From this key  $K_0$ , 16 round keys  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_{16}$  are generated. The 56 key bits of  $K_0$  are divided into two blocks  $C_0$  and  $D_0$  of 28 bits each as described in the left table below.

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$C_0$  is read column-wise from 57 to 36 and  $D_0$  column-wise from 63 to 4.

In a second step,  $C_n$  and  $D_n$  for  $n = 1, \dots, 16$ , are each generated from  $C_{n-1}$  and  $D_{n-1}$  by a cyclic left-shift of  $s_n$  positions, where  $s_n$  is defined by:

$$s_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \in \{1, 2, 9, 16\} \\ 2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

From each of these  $(C_n, D_n)$ , with  $n = 1, \dots, 16$ , one now selects 48 key bits as in the above table PC2 on the right to obtain  $K_n$ .

In the following, a particular pair of keys for DES is considered<sup>1</sup>:

$$K_0 = (01FE\ 01FE\ 01FE\ 01FE), \quad \hat{K}_0 = (FE01\ FE01\ FE01\ FE01)$$

- c) Determine  $(C_0, D_0)$  and  $(C_1, D_1)$  from  $K_0$ , and  $(\hat{C}_0, \hat{D}_0)$  and  $(\hat{C}_1, \hat{D}_1)$  from  $\hat{K}_0$ .
- d) Which of the generated subkeys  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_{16}$  are identical when  $K_0$  is used?
- e) Show that  $\text{DES}_{\hat{K}_0}(\text{DES}_{K_0}(M)) = M$  holds for all  $M \in \mathcal{M}$ .

<sup>1</sup>The keys are shown in hexadecimal representation.



**Problem 3.** (11 points)

Consider the following properties of the greatest common divisor for positive integers  $u$  and  $v$ :

- (i) If  $u$  even and  $v$  even, then  $\gcd(u, v) = 2 \gcd(u/2, v/2)$ .
  - (ii) If  $u$  even and  $v$  odd, then  $\gcd(u, v) = \gcd(u/2, v)$ .  
If  $u$  odd and  $v$  even, then  $\gcd(u, v) = \gcd(u, v/2)$ .
  - (iii) If  $u$  odd and  $v$  odd and  $u \geq v$ , then  $\gcd(u, v) = \gcd((u - v)/2, v)$ .  
If  $u$  odd and  $v$  odd and  $u < v$ , then  $\gcd(u, v) = \gcd(u, (v - u)/2)$ .
  - (iv)  $\gcd(u, 0) = u$  and  $\gcd(0, v) = v$ .
- a) Show that (iii) is a true statement.
  - b) Compute  $\gcd(114, 48)$  using only the given properties.
  - c) Write a recursive algorithm to determine  $\gcd(u, v)$ .

**Hint:** For c) You may use the function:  $\text{IsEven}(x) = \begin{cases} \text{true,} & \text{if } x \text{ is even,} \\ \text{false,} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$



**Problem 4.** (20 points)

We consider an RSA cryptosystem.

- a) Why should neither  $e = 1$  nor  $e = 2$  be chosen for RSA with any modulus  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ?

Let  $(e, n) = (73, 105169)$  be the public key. The public parameters  $n$  and  $e$  are known and you have intercepted  $\varphi(n) = 104500$ .

- b) Compute  $p$  and  $q$  for  $p > q$  using  $\varphi(n)$  and compute the private key  $d$ .

Let  $u$  and  $v$  be distinct odd primes, and let  $n = u \cdot v$ . Furthermore, suppose that an integer  $x$  satisfies  $\gcd(x, u \cdot v) = 1$ .

- c) Show that  $x^{\frac{1}{2}\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{u}$  and  $x^{\frac{1}{2}\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{v}$ .

- d) Show that  $x^{\frac{1}{2}\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

- e) Show that if  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{1}{2}\varphi(n)}$  holds for two integers  $d$  and  $e$ , then we obtain  $x^{ed} \equiv x \pmod{n}$ .







