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First Semester of 2021 PhD Qualifying Exam

Subject: Cryptography

**Problem 1: (each 5 points)** (a) Prove that a permutation  $\pi$  in the Permutation Cipher is an involutory key if and only if  $\pi(i) = j$  implies  $\pi(j) = i$ , for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . (b) Determine the number of involutory keys in the Permutation Cipher for  $m = 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and 6.

**Problem 2: (10 points)** Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{a, b\}$  and let  $\mathcal{K} = \{K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ , and suppose that the encryption functions are represented by the following encryption matrix.

	$a$	$b$
$K_1$	1	2
$K_2$	2	3
$K_3$	3	1
$K_4$	4	5
$K_5$	5	4

Now choose two positive real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ , and define  $\Pr[K_1] = \Pr[K_2] = \Pr[K_3] = \alpha/3$  and  $\Pr[K_4] = \Pr[K_5] = \frac{\beta}{2}$ .

Prove that this cryptosystem achieves perfect secrecy.

**Problem 3: (10 points)** Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  be a cryptosystem. Then  $H(\mathbb{K}|\mathbb{C}) = H(\mathbb{K}) + H(\mathbb{P}) - H(\mathbb{C})$ .

**Problem 4: (10 points)** Please prove formally the extended Euclidean algorithm.

**Problem 5: (10 points)** Please prove formally the Chinese Remainder Theorem.

**Problem 6: (10 points)** Please define a Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) formally and show that in which case DSA will be easy for an adversary to compute the secret key easily. (Note: Please also state how the variables are selected when defining DSA.)

**Problem 7: (10 points)** We give yet another protocol failure involving the RSA Cryptosystem. Suppose that three users in a network, say Bob, Bart, and Bert, all have public encryption exponents  $b = 3$ . Let their moduli be denoted by  $n_1, n_2, n_3$ , and assume that  $n_1, n_2$ , and  $n_3$ , are pairwise relatively prime. Now suppose Alice encrypts the same plaintext  $x$  to send to Bob, Bart, and Bert. That is, Alice computes  $y_i = x^3 \pmod{n_i}, 1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Describe how Oscar can compute  $x$ , given  $y_1, y_2$ , and  $y_3$ , without factoring any of the moduli.

**Problem 8: (15 points)** Please prove formally the security of RSA-based full domain hash scheme. (Note: Please derive that the probability of breaking the scheme is negligible step by step.)

**Problem 9: (15 points)** Suppose there are three entities A, B, and C, where B and C are fully trusted, and the communication channel between them is secure. Moreover, A and C share a secret key,  $K$ . Please design a three-party authenticated key exchange protocol with forward secrecy using only symmetry-based encryption, cryptographic hash function, and Diffie-Hellman key agreement. (Note: The security feature of mutual authentication, session key exchange, and forward secrecy should be achieved among A and B).