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**Sample Solution**

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**P1:** A RSA cryptosystem with two users A and B having the secret prime number pairs for A: 19 and 7 and for B: 17 and 5 is used    (10 P)

- Find out the adequate open key of user A from the following list of integers: [12, 21, 35]. Compute the corresponding secret key for user A.
- Find out the adequate open key of user B from the following list of integers: [16, 39, 22]. Compute the corresponding secret key for user B.
- User A encrypts the message  $M=3$ , and send the resulting cryptogram  $Y_B$  to B. The signature  $S_A$  of A for the message  $M$  is also sent to B. Compute  $Y_B$  and  $S_A$ .
- Decipher the cryptogram  $Y_B$  on user B's site and verify the Signature  $S_A$ .
- B signs the received message  $M$  and sends his signature  $S_B$  back to A. Compute the signature  $S_B$ .
- How many open keys are possible for each user?

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**Solution:**

- Find out the adequate open key of user A from the following list of integers: [12, 21, 35]. Compute the corresponding secret key for user A.

$N_A = 19 \times 7 = 133$ ,  $\varphi(N_A) = (19-1)(7-1) = 108$   
 $\text{gcd}[E_A, \varphi(N_A)] = 1 \Rightarrow$  select 35 as  $\text{gcd}(35, 108) = 1$   
 $E_A = 35$   
 $D_A = -37 \text{ mod } 108 = 71$  (see computation below)

$D_A = 35^{-1} \text{ mod } 108 = -37 = 108-37 = 71$

m	u	b1	b2	q	r
108	35	0	1	3	-3
35	3	1	-3	11	2
3	2	-3	34	1	-1
2	1	34	-37	2	0

- Find out the adequate open key of user B from the following list of integers: [16, 39, 22]. Compute the corresponding secret key for user B.

$N_B = 17 \times 5 = 85$ ,  $\varphi(N_B) = (17-1)(5-1) = 64$   
 $\text{gcd}[E_B, \varphi(N_B)] = 1 \Rightarrow$  select 39 as  $\text{gcd}(39, 64) = 1$   
 $E_B = 39$   
 $D_B = 23 \text{ mod } 64 = 23$  (see computation below)

$D_B = 39^{-1} \text{ mod } 64 = 23$

m	u	b1	b2	q	r
64	39	0	1	1	25
39	25	1	-1	1	14
25	14	-1	2	1	11
14	11	2	-3	1	-3
11	3	-3	5	3	2
3	2	5	-18	1	1
2	1	-18	23	2	0

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- User A encrypts the message  $M=3$ , and send the resulting cryptogram  $Y_B$  to B. The signature  $S_A$  of A for the message  $M$  is also sent to B. Compute  $Y_B$  and  $S_A$ .

$$Y_B = (M)^{E_A} \text{ mod } N_B = 3^{35} \text{ mod } 133 = 62$$

$$S_A = (M)^{D_A} \text{ mod } N_A = 3^{71} \text{ mod } 133 = 89$$

- Decipher the cryptogram  $Y_B$  on user B's site and verify the Signature  $S_A$ .

**Decryption:**  $M = (Y_B)^{D_B} \text{ mod } N_B = 62^{23} \text{ mod } 85 = 3$

**Verification:** check if:  $(S_A)^{E_A} \text{ mod } N_A = M$   
 $(89)^{35} \text{ mod } 133 = 3$   
 $M = (62)^{23} \text{ mod } 85 = (3^{39})^{23} \text{ mod } 85 = 3^{895 \text{ mod } 108} \text{ mod } 85 = 3^3 = 27 \text{ mod } 85 = 3$   
 $M = 3^{895 \text{ mod } 108} \text{ mod } 85 = 3^3 = 27 \text{ mod } 85 = 3$   
 $3 = 3 = M \Rightarrow$  signature is authentic!

- B signs the received message  $M$  and sends his signature  $S_B$  back to A. Compute the signature  $S_B$ .

$$S_B = (M)^{E_B} \text{ mod } N_B = 3^{39} \text{ mod } 85 = 62$$

- How many open keys are possible for each user?

# of keys for user A =  $\varphi[\varphi(N_A)] = \varphi(108) = \varphi(2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) = 108 \cdot (1-1/2) \cdot (1-1/3) = 36$  keys  
 # of keys for user B =  $\varphi[\varphi(N_B)] = \varphi(64) = \varphi(2^6) = 64 \cdot (1-1/2) = 32$  keys

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**P2:** A block cipher having a key size of 56 bits is encrypting a clear text with the entropy of 90 bits. The clear text redundancy is  $r=0.1$ .    (8 P)

- Compute the cipher's unicity distance  $n_u$  and its block length  $N$ .
- The unicity distance was doubled by data compression. Compute the new resulting data block length.
- After compression as in (2), the „unicity distance“ was enhanced by appending 10 random bits to the clear text block. Compute the new resulting unicity distance.
- After all the above cipher changes an observer was able to watch 1000 cipher text bits. Would the observer with unlimited resources theoretically be able to break the cipher in that case? Give a reasoning for your answer.

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**Solution:**

$K=56$  Bits,  $H(x)=90$  Bits,  $r=0.1$

- Unicity distance  $n_u = K/r = 56/0.1 = 560$  Bits

As  $r = (N - H(x)) / N$   
 $\Rightarrow N \cdot r = N - H(x) \Rightarrow$  Block size  $N = H(x) / (1-r) \Rightarrow N = 90 / 0.9 = 100$  Bits

- New unicity distance  $n'_u = 2 \times 560 = 1120$  Bits

$n'_u = K/r' \Rightarrow r' = K/n'_u \Rightarrow$  the new redundancy  $r' = 56/1120 = 0.05$

The new block size  $N' = H(x) / (1-r') = 90 / (1-0.05) = 94.74 \approx 95$  Bits

- $n''_u = (L + N) / N \cdot n'_u = (10 + 95) / 95 \times 1120$   
 $n''_u = 1238$  Bits

- The observer can not theoretically break the cipher as the number of the observed cryptogram bits (1000 bits) are less than the unicity distance (1238 bits) of the cipher.

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**P3:** A Diffie-Hellman (DH) public key exchange system uses  $GF(2^6)$  deploying the irreducible Polynomial  $P(x) = x^6 + x^3 + 1$  as field modulus. (15 P)

1. Compute the exponents of the element  $\delta = x$  as  $x^i \bmod P(x)$  for  $i = 1$  to 10 and find the multiplicative order of the element  $x$ .
2. Which multiplicative orders are possible in  $GF(2^6)$ ?
3.  $\beta = (1+x^2)$  is an element in  $GF(2^6)$ . Compute the multiplicative order of  $\beta$ . (Hint make use of the fact that  $1+x^2 = x^6$ ).
4. Use the element  $\alpha = (1+x)$  as a primitive element and compute the DH public keys and the shared key  $Z_{AB}$  for users A and B having the secret keys  $X_A = 32$  and  $X_B = 57$ .
5. Compute the multiplicative order of  $(1+x)^{45}$ . Compute also all elements having the same order.
6. What is the probability of picking up a primitive element in  $GF(2^6)$  if such element is randomly selected?

**Hints**  
 $\alpha = (1+x)$ ,  $\alpha^3 = 1+x+x^2+x^3$ ,  $\alpha^7 = x^2+x^5$ ,  $\alpha^9 = x+x^2+x^5$ ,  $\alpha^{20} = 1+x+x^2$ ,  $\alpha^{21} = 1+x^3$

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**Solution:**

1. Compute the exponents of the element  $\delta = x = 000010$  as  $x^i \bmod P(x)$  for  $i = 1$  to 10 and find the multiplicative order of the element  $x$ .  
 $P(x) = x^6 + x^3 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x^6 = -x^3 - 1 = x^3 + 1$   
 $x^1 = x$   
 $x^2 = x^2$   
 $x^3 = x^3$   
 $x^4 = x^4$   
 $x^5 = x^5$   
 $x^6 = x^3 + 1$   
 $x^7 = x^4 + x$   
 $x^8 = x^5 + x^2$   
 $x^9 = x^6 + x^3 = x^3 + 1 + x^3 = 1 \Rightarrow$  multiplicative order of  $x$  is 9  
 $x^{10} = x$
2. Which multiplicative orders are possible in  $GF(2^6)$ ?  
Possible orders are the divisors of  $2^6 - 1 = 63$   
Divisors of 63 are: 1, 3, 7, 9, 21, 63
3.  $\beta = (1+x^2)$  is an element in  $GF(2^6)$ . Compute the multiplicative order of  $\beta$ . (Hint make use of the fact that  $1+x^2 = x^6$ ).  
 $\beta = (1+x^2)$  as  $x^3 + 1 = x^6 \Rightarrow \beta = x^6$   
Note:  $\text{ord}(x) = 9$  (see solution 1)  
 $\text{ord}(\beta) = \text{ord}(x^6) = \text{ord}(x) / \text{gcd}(\text{ord}(x), 6) = 9 / \text{gcd}(9, 6) = 9 / 3 = 3 \Rightarrow \text{ord}(\beta) = 3$

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4. Use the element  $\alpha = (1+x)$  as a primitive element and compute the DH public keys and the shared key  $Z_{AB}$  for users A and B having the secret keys  $X_A = 32$  and  $X_B = 57$ .  
**Hints:**  $\alpha = (1+x)$ ,  $\alpha^4 = 1+x+x^2+x^3$ ,  $\alpha^7 = x^2+x^5$ ,  $\alpha^9 = x+x^2+x^5$ ,  $\alpha^{20} = 1+x+x^2$ ,  $\alpha^{21} = 1+x^3$

**User A:**  
 $X_A = 32$   
 $Y_A = \alpha^{32} = x^4$

**Public directory  $GF(2^6)$**   
 $\alpha = (1+x)$ ,  $P(x) = x^6 + x^3 + 1$

**User B:**  
 $X_B = 57$   
 $Y_B = \alpha^{57}$

**Common secret key for users A and B**  
 $Z_{AB} = (\alpha^{32})^{57} = (\alpha^{1824}) \bmod 63 = \alpha^{40} = (\alpha^{20})^2 = (1+x+x^2)^2 = 1+x^2+x^4 + x^2+x^4+x^2+x^4+x^4 = x+x^2 = 100010$   
**Remark:**  $\text{ord}(\alpha) = 63$

5. Compute the multiplicative order of  $(1+x)^{45}$ . Compute also all elements having the same order.  
 $\text{ord}(\alpha^i) = \frac{\text{ord}(\alpha)}{\text{gcd}(\text{ord}(\alpha), i)}$   
 $\text{ord}(\alpha^{45}) = \frac{63}{\text{gcd}(63, 45)} = \frac{63}{9} = 7$

Let  $\alpha^i = \sigma$   $\text{ord}(\sigma) = \frac{\text{ord}(\sigma)}{\text{gcd}(\text{ord}(\sigma), i)}$   
if  $\text{gcd}(\text{ord}(\sigma), i) = 1$  then:  $\text{ord}(\sigma^i) = \text{ord}(\sigma)$   
that is  $i$  should be selected such that,  $\text{gcd}(7, i) = 1$

The other elements having the same order as that of  $\sigma$  are then:  
 $\sigma^2, \sigma^3, \sigma^4, \sigma^5, \sigma^6$   
 $\alpha^{10} \bmod 63, \alpha^{15} \bmod 63, \alpha^{18} \bmod 63, \alpha^{25} \bmod 63, \alpha^{27} \bmod 63$   
 $\alpha^{21}, \alpha^8, \alpha^9, \alpha^{14}, \alpha^{16}$  all have the order 7  
 $\alpha^{45} = \sigma^{45} = x+x^2$

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**P4:** (6 P)

Compute the multiplicative inverse of  $x^5 + x^4$  modulo  $P(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$ .  $P(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial. Compute the possible multiplicative orders for elements in  $GF(2^3)$ .

1. **Extended gcd Algorithm:**  
 $B2 = B1 - qB2$

$P_1(x)$	$P_2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$x^3 + x^2 + 1$	$x^5 + x^4$	0	1	$x^2$	1
$x^5 + x^4$	1	1	$0 - (x^2) \cdot 1 = x^2$	$x^2 + x^4$	0

$P(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1 \Rightarrow x^3 = x^2 + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow (x^2) = (x^2 + x^4)^{-1} \bmod (x^3 + x^2 + 1)$   
**Check:**  $(x^2) \cdot (x^2 + x^4) = x^4 + x^6 = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1 = 1$

2. Possible orders are the divisors of  $2^3 - 1 = 511 = 7 \cdot 73$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Possible orders are: 1, 7, 73, 511

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(8 P)

**P5:** El-Gamal crypto system is set up using the prime number  $N = 2 \times 41 + 1 = 83$  generated by applying Pocklington's Theorem, where  $q = 41$  is prime.

1. Prove that  $N$  is prime according to Pocklington's Theorem.
2. Seek a primitive element for the public directory. Furthermore compute the probability that a randomly selected element is primitive.
3. User A having the secret key  $X_A = 7$  receives  $C_A$  as encrypted message  $M = 23$  using the random number  $K = 4$ . Compute  $Y_A$  and  $C_A$ .
4. Decrypt the cryptogram  $C_A$  on the receiver side showing all necessary computation therefore.

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**Solution:**

1. Prove that  $N$  is prime according to Pocklington's Theorem.  
 $N = R \cdot F + 1 = 2 \cdot 41 + 1 = 83$ ,  $F = 41$  and  $R = 2$ . Is 83 a prime?  
**Proof:** 1.  $\text{gcd}(a^{N-1} - 1, N) = \text{gcd}(2^{82} - 1, 83) = \text{gcd}(3, 83) = 1$  is true  
2.  $a^{N-1} = 1 \pmod{N} \Leftrightarrow 2^{82} = 1 \pmod{83}$  is true  
3.  $F > \sqrt{83} \Rightarrow 41 > 9,1$  is true  
As all conditions 1, 2 and 3 are all true  $\Rightarrow 83$  is prime
2. Seek a primitive element for the public directory. Furthermore, compute the probability that a randomly selected element is primitive one.  
Possible multiplicative orders are the divisors of  $\varphi(83) = 82 = 2 \cdot 41$   
that is  $\Rightarrow 1, 2, 41, 82$   
Checking if the element 2 is a primitive one:  
 $2^1 \neq 1$ ,  $2^2 \neq 1$ ,  $2^{41} = 82 \neq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Ord}(2) = 82 \Rightarrow 2$  is primitive element  
# of all non-zero elements:  $83 - 1 = 82$   
# of primitive elements:  $\varphi(82) = \varphi(2 \cdot 41) = 40$   
 $P(\text{element-primitive}) = (40 / 82) \cdot 100 = 48,78\%$

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3. User A having the secret key  $X_A = 7$  receives  $C_1$  as the encrypted message  $M = 23$  using the random number  $K = 4$ . Compute  $Y_2$  and  $C_2$ .

**Encryption:**

User A:  $X_A = 7$   
 $Y_1 = \alpha^{X_A} = 2^7 = 45$

Public directory:  $\alpha = 2, GF(83)$

User B:  $M = 23$   
 $K = 4$

$Y_2 = 2^7 = 45$

$C_1: [C=64, r=16]$

$C_2: \begin{cases} r = \alpha^K = 2^4 = 16 \\ C = M \cdot Y_1^K = 23 \cdot (2^7)^4 = 23 \cdot 2^{28} = 64 \end{cases}$

**Decryption:**

$Z^1 = (\alpha^K)^{X_A} = r^{X_A} = (2^4)^7 = 2^{28} = 2^{28} \pmod{83} = 25$

$M = C \cdot Z^1 = 64 \cdot 25 \pmod{83} = 23$

Or  $M = C \cdot r^{-X_A} = 23 \cdot 2^{-28} = 23 \cdot 2^{55} \pmod{83} = 23$  (mod 83)

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**P6:** Omura proof-of-identity protocol uses GF(53) arithmetic is set up: (12 P)

- How many primitive elements do exist in GF(53)?
- Compute the probability that a randomly selected element is primitive in GF(53).
- Compute the order of the element  $\alpha = 3$
- Use  $\alpha$  as an open reference element for the above Omura proof-of-identity protocol system. Generate a "Challenge" by using the random integer  $K=15$  to prove the identity of user A whose secret key is  $X_A=7$ . Compute the response of user A and show all necessary computations to verify his/her identity.

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**Solution:**

- How many primitive elements do exist in GF(53)?  
 The order of the primitive element =  $53 - 1 = 52$   
 Number of primitive elements is  $\phi(52)$ :  
 $\phi(52) = \phi(2^2 \cdot 13) = 52(1 - 1/2)(1 - 1/13) = \frac{52 \cdot 4 \cdot 12}{13} = 24$
- Compute the probability that a randomly selected element is primitive in GF(53).  
 # of non-zero elements:  $53 - 1 = 52$   
 # of primitive elements:  $\phi(52) = 24$   
 Pr(element=primitive) =  $(24/52) \cdot 100 = 46.15\%$
- Compute the order of the element  $\alpha = 3$   
 Possible orders are the divisors of 52, that is: 1, 2, 4, 13, 26, 52  
 Checking the order of the element  $\alpha = 3$ :  
 $3^1 = 3 \neq 1$ ;  $3^2 = 9 \neq 1$ ;  $3^4 = 81 \neq 1$ ;  
 $3^{13} = 3^4 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 3 = 30 \neq 1$ ;  $3^{26} = 3^{13} \cdot 3^{13} = 52 \neq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Ord}(3) = 52$

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4. Use  $\alpha$  as an open reference element for the above Omura proof-of-identity protocol system. Generate a "Challenge" by using the random integer  $K=15$  to prove the identity of user A who's secret key is  $X_A=7$ . Compute the response of user A and show all necessary computations to verify his/her identity

**Prover:**  $X_A = 7$   
 $Y_1 = \alpha^{X_A} = 3^7$

**PUBLIC:** GF(53)  
 $\alpha = 3$   
 $Y_2 = 3^7 = 14$

**Verifier:**  $K = 15$   
 $R = \alpha^K = 3^{15} = 5$

$R = 5$

$Z = R^{X_A} = 5^7 = (3^{15})^7 = 3^{105} \pmod{53} = 3^1$

$R^{X_A} = 3$

$R^{X_A} = Y_1^K ?$   
 $3 = (3^7)^{15} = 3^{105} \pmod{53} \pmod{53} = 3^1 = 3$   
 $3^1 = 3^1 \Rightarrow$  is true, A's identity is authentic

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**P7:** Sketch Massey-Omura lock for Shamir's 3-Pass Protocol over GF(2<sup>6</sup>) using the primitive polynomial modulus  $p(x) = 1 + x + x^6$ . (12 P)

- Compute the number of all possible secret keys for each user.
- The secret key for users A and B are 31 and 19 respectively. Compute all the exchanged messages and show all necessary computations for a message  $M = x = 000010$ .

**Solution:**

GF(2<sup>6</sup>)  $p(x) = 1 + x + x^6$

- Compute the number of all possible secret keys for each user.  
 Condition for a valid key  $E_i$  is:  $\gcd(E_i, 2^6 - 1) = 1$  or  $\gcd(E_i, 63) = 1$   
 The number of possible keys is then  $\phi(63)$   
 $\Rightarrow \#E_i = \phi(63) = \phi(3^2 \cdot 7) = 63(1 - 1/3)(1 - 1/7) = 63(2/3)(6/7) = 36$  secret keys

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2. The secret key for users A and B are 31 and 19 respectively. Compute all the exchanged messages and show all necessary computations for a message  $M = x = 000010$ .

**User A:** Modulus in the exponent =  $2^6 - 1 = 63$   
 $E_A = 31$   
 $D_A = 31^{-1} = -2 \pmod{63} = -2 + 63 = 61$

**User B:**  $E_B = 19$   
 $D_B = 10$

$M = x = 000010$

$Y_1 = M^{E_A} = x^{31}$

$Y_2 = x^{22}$

$Y_2^{29} = (x^{22})^{29} = x^{638} \pmod{63} = x^{10}$

$Y_1^{29} = (x^{31})^{29} = x^{899} \pmod{63} = x^{10} = M$

$D_A = E_A^{-1} \pmod{63} = -2 = 61$

$D_B = E_B^{-1} \pmod{63} = 10$

$n_1$	$n_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$q$	$r$
63	31	1	0	0	1	2	1
31	1	0	1	1	-2	31	0

$n_1$	$n_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$b_1$	$b_2$	$q$	$r$
63	19	1	0	0	1	3	6
19	6	0	1	1	-3	3	1
6	1	1	-3	-3	10	6	0

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