

Introduction to Cryptology

Lecture-14
Cryptographic Protocols
Secret Sharing, Threshold Security

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Outlines

- **No key Security protocols**
Shamir 3-Pass Protocol
 - Omura-Massey Lock over GF(p)
 - Massey Omura Lock over GF(2^m)
- **Secret Sharing Protocols**
 - Non-Perfect Secret Sharing
 - Perfect Secret Sharing
- **Threshold Schemes**
 - Shamir's Threshold Scheme

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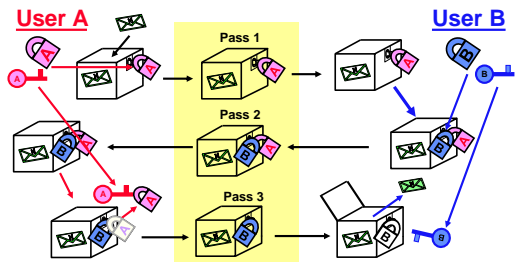
No-Key Secrecy Protocols

- Secrecy procedure require
- No secret agreement
 - No open keys at all

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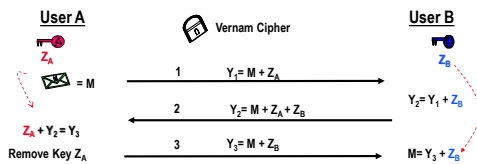
Cryptographic Protocols

No Key Cryptography : Shamir's 3-Pass Protocol
(Mechanical scenario/simulation)



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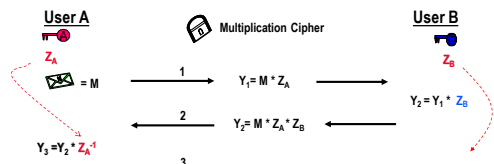
Vernam One-Time-Pad Lock for: Shamir's 3-Pass Protocol



Attack: Y₁ + Y₂ + Y₃ = M

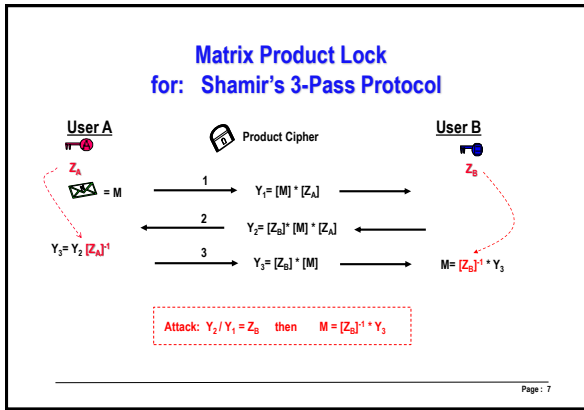
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Simple Product Cipher Lock for: Shamir's 3-Pass Protocol

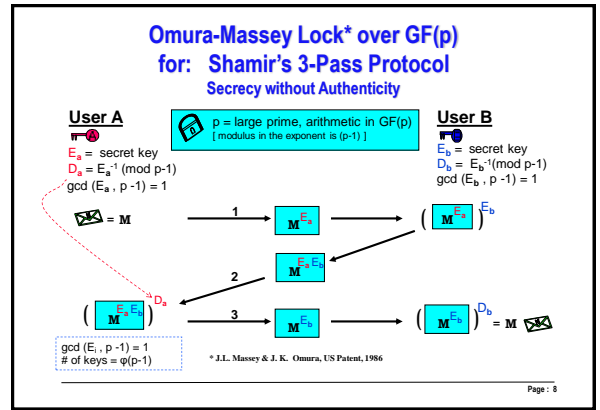


Attack: Y₂ / Y₁ = Z_B then M = Y₃ * Z_B⁻¹

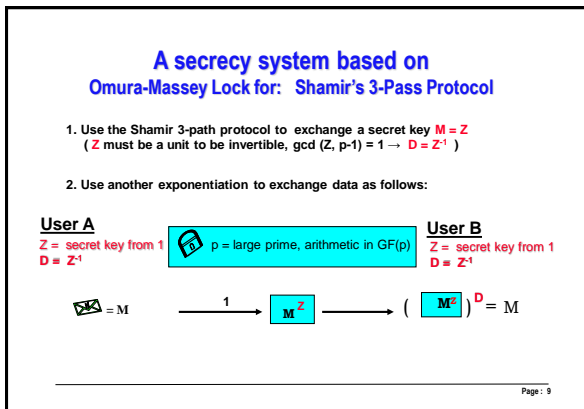
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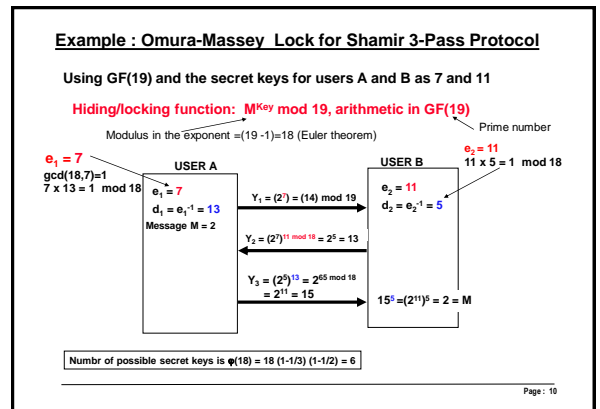
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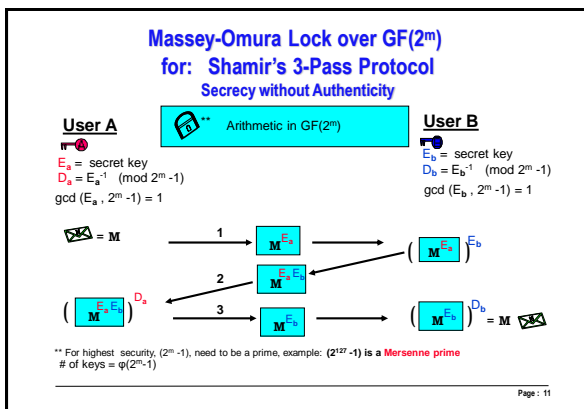
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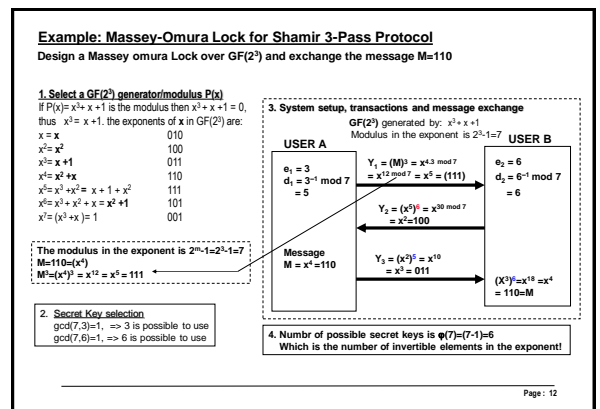
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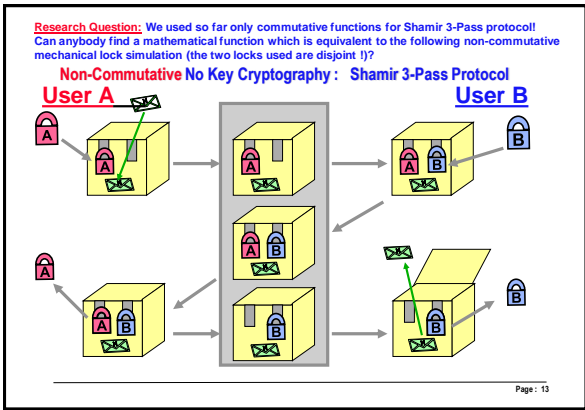
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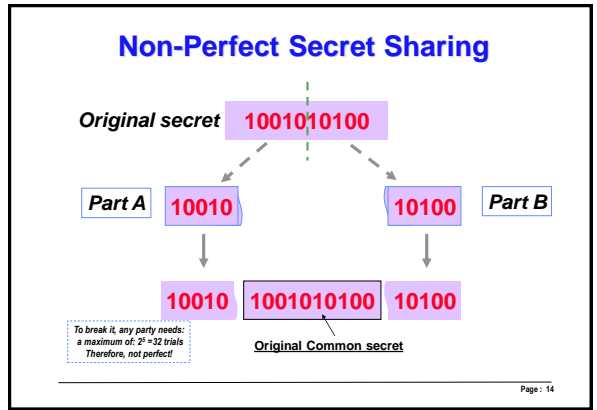
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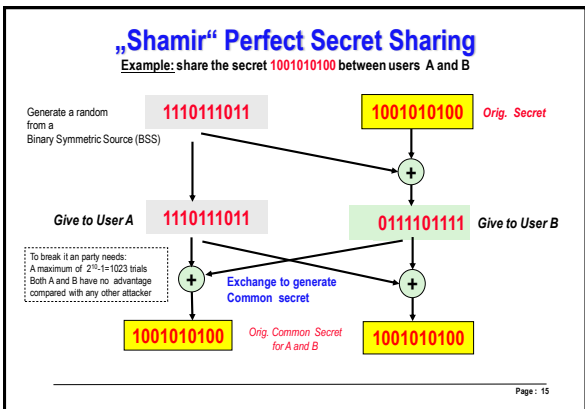
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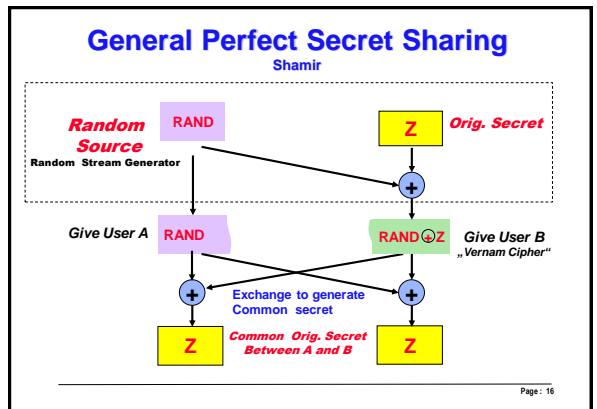
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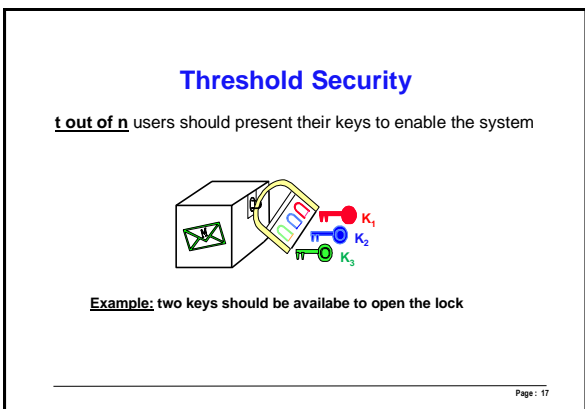
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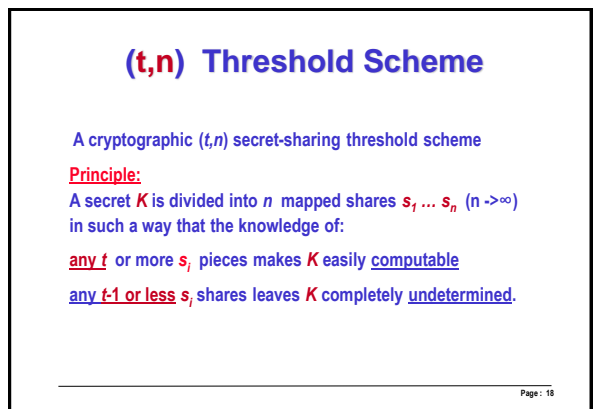
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Shamir's Threshold Scheme

Basic idea* :

Shamir's **t out of n** Threshold Scheme is based on the fact that a polynomial $y = f(x)$ of **degree (t-1)** can only be **uniquely defined by at least t points** (x_i, y_i) with distinct x_i .

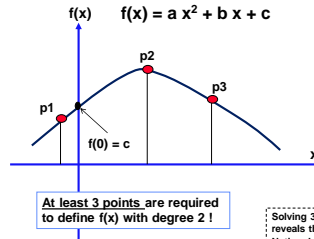
This means that if we have n users each knows only one point on $f(x)$, then any group of **at least t** users can cooperate to generate the polynomial $f(x)$ as a common secret.

In other words: If less than **t** users cooperate they would not be able to construct $f(x)$ and share the secret

* (Lagrange Interpolation: A polynomial of degree t-1 can be uniquely interpolated from at least t points).

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Basic Concept: Example of Lagrange Interpolation Shamir's Threshold Scheme



To find a, b and c
Solving 3 linear equation with 3 unknowns
At least **3 points** are necessary

Example p1(-1,2), p2 (3,5), p3 (5,3):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2 & = & a - b + c \\ 5 & = & 9a + 3b + c \\ 3 & = & 25a + 5b + c \end{array}$$

Solving 3 linear equation having 3 unknowns a, b, and c reveals the curve $f(x)$.
Notice: Less than 3 points are not sufficient!

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Shamir's Threshold Scheme set up

System set-up:

n secrets are distributed securely to **n users**. The (secret distributor), called here **Dealer** should then perform the following steps:

- for Threshold= t , choose a polynomial $f(x) = f_0 + f_1 x + f_2 x^2 + \dots + f_{t-1} x^{t-1}$
With the secret $K = f_0 = f(0)$, where $f_0 \in GF(p)$, p is a large prime integer.
- The public values x_1 to x_n are selected randomly for n users.
Dealer then computes the corresponding n shares for n participants $S_i = f(x_i)$ and sends securely every share S_i to the corresponding participant P_i .

Revealing the secret K:

The above function $f(x)$ can be reconstructed to get K if at least t participants cooperate and disclose their shares to each other to get K (that is, t -shares (S_i, x_i) need to be disclosed together).

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Shamir's Threshold Scheme

Secret reconstruction by t users:

Using Lagrange interpolation formula, any t cooperating participants

can find the secret $K = f(0) = f_0$ by Lagrange Interpolation:

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} S_i L_i(x), \quad \text{Where } L_i(x) = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^{t-1} (x-x_j) / (x_i-x_j)$$

Only t - S_i 's [t points on $f(x)$] are necessary to find $K=f(0)$

$$\text{that is for } x=0, \quad K = f(0) = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} S_i L_i, \quad \text{where } L_i = \prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq i}}^{t-1} -x_j / (x_i-x_j)$$

All computations are modulo p (over $GF(p)$), where p is a large prime.
The system works similarly over $GF(2^m)$.

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