

**TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT EINDHOVEN**  
**Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science**  
**Test Exam for Introduction to Cryptology**

Name :

TU/e student number :

Exercise	1	2	3	4	5	total
points						

**Notes:** Please hand in this sheet at the end of the exam. You may keep the sheet with the exercises.

This exam consists of 6 exercises. You have from 13:30 – 16:30 to solve them. You can reach 50 points.

Make sure to justify your answers in detail and to give clear arguments. Document all steps, in particular of algorithms; it is not sufficient to state the correct result without the explanation. If the problem requires usage of a particular algorithm other solutions will not be accepted even if they give the correct result.

All answers must be submitted on TU/e letterhead; should you require more sheets ask the proctor. State your name on every sheet.

Do not write in red or with a pencil.

You are not allowed to use any books, notes, or other material.

You are allowed to use a simple, non-programmable calculator without networking abilities. Usage of laptops and cell phones is forbidden.



1. This exercise is about LFSRs. Do the following subexercises for the sequence

$$s_{k+3} = s_{k+2} + s_k$$

- (a) Draw the LFSR corresponding this sequence. 1 point
- (b) The ciphertext is the xor of the message with the output of the LFSR. You know that the plaintext started with 100 and observe ciphertext 011. Compute the initialization vector.  
The next four output bits are 1010, compute the corresponding plaintext. 4 points
- (c) State the associated matrix corresponding to the LFSR state update and compute its order. 3 points
- (d) State the characteristic polynomial  $f$  and compute its factorization. 2 points
- (e) For each of the factors of  $f$  compute the order. 3 points
- (f) What is the longest period generated by this LFSR? Make sure to justify your answer. 2 points
- (g) State the lengths of all subsequences so that each state of  $n$  bits appears exactly once. 2 points

2. This exercise is about block ciphers and modes.

- (a) An implementation for DES takes as input an 8-character password and uses that directly as the key for DES. A company deploying the code advises their users to choose an 8-digit PIN (numbers only). How large is the effective key space? How long does a brute-force attack on this key space take?  
**Hint:** Remember how DES uses the key in the generation of round keys. 3 points
- (b) Alice and Bob are using DES in ECB mode to encrypt a long message. One ciphertext block gets lost in transmission. How many block is Bob missing after decrypting? 2 points
- (c) Alice and Bob are using DES in CBC mode to encrypt a long message. One ciphertext block gets lost in transmission. How many block is Bob missing after decrypting? 2 points

3. This problem is about RSA encryption.

- (a) Alice's public key is  $(n, e) = (13589, 5)$ . Encrypt the message  $m = 2801$  to Alice using schoolbook RSA (no padding). 2 points
- (b) Let  $p = 653$  and  $q = 701$ . Compute the public key using  $e = 3$  and the corresponding private key. 4 points
4. Users  $A, B$ , and  $C$  are friends of  $S$ . They have public keys  $(e_A, n_A) = (3, 62857)$ ,  $(e_B, n_B) = (3, 64541)$ , and  $(e_C, n_C) = (3, 69799)$ . You know that  $S$  sends the same message to all of them and you observe the ciphertexts  $c_A = 38014$ ,  $c_B = 53719$ , and  $c_C = 46093$ . Compute the message. 7 points
5. This problem is about the DH key exchange. The public parameters are that the group is  $(\mathbb{F}_{1009}^*, \cdot)$  and that it is generated by  $g = 11$ .
- (a) Compute the public key belonging to the secret key  $b = 17$ . 2 points
- (b) Alice's public key is  $h_a = 902$ . Compute the shared DH key with Alice using  $b$  from the previous part. 3 points
- (c) Alice and Bob keep the prime but change the generator to  $g = 1008$ . Simulate one round of DH key exchange. Why would you avoid this generator in practice? 3 points
6. The integer  $p = 17$  is prime. You are the eavesdropper and know that Alice and Bob use the Diffie-Hellman key-exchange in  $\mathbb{F}_{17}^*$  with generator  $g = 3$ . You observe  $h_a = 12$  and  $h_b = 14$ . What is the shared key of Alice and Bob?  
Use the Baby-Step Giant-Step method. 5 points