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April 2016

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Special materials required (graph/music/drawing paper) maps, diagrams, tables, computer cards, etc)

None

Time allowance

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Instructions to candidates (Examiners may wish to use this space to indicate, inter alia, the contribution made by this examination or test towards the year mark, if appropriate)

Answer ALL questions.
Type '2' Examination.
Total marks: 58 - Full marks: 50

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Note: Show all workings, complete with the necessary comments. Marks will be allocated for all working and logical reasoning and not just for the correct answer.

Question 1

Consider a binary sequence. Given the input stream

01111111101101011100111001010111001

(read left to right), answer the following.

- (a) Compress the above sequence by using the Lempel-Ziv algorithm.
(5 marks)
 - (b) Calculate the probabilities of digits 0 and 1 of the given sequence.
(1 marks)
 - (c) Calculate the entropy of this sequence in the second extension.
(3 marks)
 - (d) Implement Huffman coding based on the second extension of the alphabet.
(5 marks)
 - (e) Based on the answers in (a) and (d), compare the compression rates and comment on the trade-off between complexity and efficiency.
(2 marks)
- (Total 16 marks)
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Question 2

Given the two primes 23 and 19, answer the following.

- (a) Describe how to use these two primes to set up an RSA public-key crypto-system.
(5 marks)
- (b) Is 11 a valid key for the above system? Why?
(3 marks)
- (c) Determine the corresponding private key for the public key 25.
(5 marks)
- (d) Encrypt integer 2 with the key 25, and show how to decrypt the cipher-text.
(5 marks)
- (Total 18 marks)
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Question 3

Consider a known-plaintext attack performed on a double DES cryptosystem.

- (a) Determine the maximum number of times the DES algorithm needs to be run when using the brute-force strategy.
(3 marks)
- (b) Determine the maximum number of times the DES algorithm needs to be run when using the meet-in-the-middle strategy.
(6 marks)
- (Total 9 marks)
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Question 4

A columnar transposition cipher scheme is used for two parties who communicate securely over an open channel. The eavesdropper knows that the number of columns used in this cipher is not more than eight (8). The following ciphertext is eavesdropped:

itaeini nratnim tetneex otdfope icrhxcu methrcr wseithe

- (a) Show the method to cryptanalyze the ciphertext by using the bigram.

(5 marks)

- (b) Show the most likely plaintext and number of letters in each cipher block (hint: a non-continuous plaintext could be obtained if the eavesdropped sequence is composed of two fractions from two consecutive cipher blocks).

(10 marks)

(Total 15 marks)

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