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## **First Semester Examinations 2016/17**

### **INTERNET PRINCIPLES**

**TIME ALLOWED : Two Hours**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

This examination consists of two sections. Section A is worth 25 marks and Section B is worth 75 marks. Answer **ALL** questions in Section A and **THREE** questions from Section B. If you attempt to answer more questions than the required number of questions (in any section), the marks awarded for the excess questions answered will be discarded (starting with your lowest mark).

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## Section A

Each of the following question comprises several statements, for which you should select **ALL** answers that apply. (2 marks each)

(10 MCQ Questions)

The following **TRUE/FALSE** questions are worth **1** mark each.

(5 True/False Questions)

## Section B

### 1. QUESTION ONE

- A. Alice sends a message to Bob which is 3800 bytes long, and is broken into segments of 900 bytes each. Alice chooses a random start value of 1500 for her sequence numbers.
- How many segments will the message be broken into? **1 mark**
  - Give the start and end bytes of each segment. **2 marks**
  - Give the ACK numbers which Bob will use to indicate that each segment was received uncorrupted. **2 marks**
  - Suppose Bob chooses a random start of 259 for the sequence numbers (of his ACKs), and that he only sends headers (and no data) back to Alice. What will be the ACK numbers used by Alice in response to these ACKs? **2 marks**
  - Draw a brief Message Sequence Chart for the interaction. **3 marks**
- B. Consider the Go-Back-N protocol with a sender window size of  $N = 4$  and a sequence number range of 1024. Suppose that at time  $t$  the next in-order packet that the receiver is expecting has sequence number 900. Assume that the medium does not reorder messages. What are all possible values of the ACK field in all possible messages currently propagating back to the sender at time  $t$ ? Justify your answer. **4 marks**
- C. Consider a router that interconnects three subnets: A, B, and C. Suppose all of the interfaces in each of these subnets are required to have the prefix 120.3.80.0/22. Suppose subnet A is required to support 500 interfaces, and subnets B and C are each required to support 250 interfaces. Provide network addresses for A, B and C (in the form a.b.c.d/x) that satisfy these constraints. **6 marks**
- D. Consider an HTTP client that wants to retrieve a Web document at a given URL. The IP address of the HTTP server is initially unknown.
- Which application layer protocols are needed in this scenario and what are they used for? **3 marks**
  - Which transport layer protocols do these protocols use? **2 marks**

## 2. QUESTION TWO

A. Suppose 6 host machines and 1 router are connected by a company network consisting of 3 subnets. The configuration is given in the following table:

Subnets	Host IP-addresses	Router IP-Addresses
98.13.176.0/22	98.13.176.1	98.13.176.44
98.13.180.0/23	98.13.180.1	98.13.180.22
98.13.184.0/23	98.13.180.2	98.13.184.11
	98.13.184.1	
	98.13.184.2	
	98.13.184.3	

- i. Draw a diagram to represent this configuration. **5 marks**
  - ii. Draw the forwarding table for the host machine with IP address 98.13.180.2 **3 marks**
  - iii. Draw the forwarding table for the router. **3 marks**
  - iv. Suppose an additional host machine is connected to the company network. For each of the following IP addresses, either give the subnet to which this IP address belongs, or state that it is not a valid IP address for any of the subnets.
    - 98.13.182.1 **2 marks**
    - 98.13.186.1 **2 marks**
- B. What is a CRC code? What purpose does it serve? Compute the CRC bits defined by the generator 1001 and the data bit string 101111. **6 marks**
- C. When you design a new application-layer protocol you have to define 4 items. What are they? **4 marks**

### 3. QUESTION THREE

- A. Consider a communication channel with bandwidth  $B = 6000$  Hz.
- Suppose the channel has a signal-to-noise ratio  $S/N = 1023$ . What is the *maximum data rate* of this channel? **3 marks**
  - What is the minimum number of signal states  $M$  needed to achieve a data rate of 36000 bps? How many bits must each signal state encode? **3 marks**
- B. Suppose Bob joins a BitTorrent torrent, but does not want to upload any data to any other peers (so called free-riding).
- Bob claims that he can receive a complete copy of the file that is shared by the swarm. Is Bob's claim possible? Why or why not? **3 marks**
  - Bob further claims that he can further make the free-riding more efficient by using a collection of multiple computers (with distinct IP addresses). How can he do that? **3 marks**
- C. For a communication session between a pair of processes, which process is the client and which is the server? **2 marks**
- D. What is the difference between *persistent* and *non-persistent* HTTP? Which version of HTTP supports both? **3 marks**
- E. Explain the difference between TDMA, FDMA, CSMA/CD and Slotted ALOHA. **5 marks**
- F. Suppose 50 hosts are sharing a broadcast channel. Further suppose at any time each host has a frame to send with probability  $p$ . Which of the multiple access protocols from (3E) are desirable if  $p$  is low (say 1%)? Why? What about if  $p$  is high (say 90%)? **3 marks**

#### 4. QUESTION FOUR

A. Consider RSA with  $p = 7$  and  $q = 13$ .

- i. What are  $n$  and  $z$ ? Show all work. **3 marks**
- ii. Let  $e$  be 5. Why is this an acceptable choice for  $e$ ? **2 marks**
- iii. Find  $d$  such that  $(e \cdot d \pmod{z}) = 1$ . **2 marks**
- iv. Encrypt the message  $m = 3$  using the key  $(n, e)$ . Let  $c$  denote the corresponding ciphertext. Show all work. **3 marks**

B. The *Monoalphabetic cipher*, as discussed in the lectures, is an encryption method that, for every letter in the plaintext, substitutes that letter with a letter determined by a one-to-one mapping  $M$ , where  $M$  is the key. Let  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  be two such mappings that are given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 M_1 : \quad a \mapsto z \quad h \mapsto y \quad o \mapsto x \quad v \mapsto w \\
 \quad \quad b \mapsto v \quad i \mapsto u \quad p \mapsto t \quad w \mapsto s \\
 \quad \quad c \mapsto r \quad j \mapsto q \quad q \mapsto p \quad x \mapsto o \\
 \quad \quad d \mapsto n \quad k \mapsto m \quad r \mapsto l \quad y \mapsto k \\
 \quad \quad e \mapsto j \quad l \mapsto i \quad s \mapsto h \quad z \mapsto g \\
 \quad \quad f \mapsto e \quad m \mapsto f \quad t \mapsto d \\
 \quad \quad g \mapsto c \quad n \mapsto b \quad u \mapsto a
 \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{l}
 M_2 : \quad a \mapsto y \quad h \mapsto x \quad o \mapsto z \quad v \mapsto t \\
 \quad \quad b \mapsto w \quad i \mapsto o \quad p \mapsto r \quad w \mapsto s \\
 \quad \quad c \mapsto v \quad j \mapsto n \quad q \mapsto q \quad x \mapsto i \\
 \quad \quad d \mapsto u \quad k \mapsto m \quad r \mapsto p \quad y \mapsto h \\
 \quad \quad e \mapsto l \quad l \mapsto c \quad s \mapsto f \quad z \mapsto g \\
 \quad \quad f \mapsto k \quad m \mapsto b \quad t \mapsto e \\
 \quad \quad g \mapsto j \quad n \mapsto a \quad u \mapsto d
 \end{array}$$

- i. How many different keys does the Monoalphabetic cipher have? **1 mark**
- ii. Is the Monoalphabetic cipher a symmetric-key or a public-key cryptography technique? Explain. **2 marks**
- iii. Using the Monoalphabetic cipher with the key  $M_1$ , **decrypt** the following ciphertext and write the decoded plaintext: `tlxralzdxl` **3 marks**
- iv. The *Polyalphabetic cipher* improves upon the Monoalphabetic cipher by applying several Monoalphabetic ciphers according to a cyclic pattern. Let the following be such a cyclic pattern using  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ :

$$M_1, M_2, M_1; M_1, M_2, M_1; \dots$$

Using the Polyalphabetic cipher according to this pattern, **encrypt** the following plaintext and write the encoded ciphertext: `ergo bibamus` **3 marks**

- C. What is the main advantage of first distributing a session key and then using symmetric-key cryptography rather than using public-key cryptography techniques for the whole communication? **3 marks**
- D. If you intercepted a message that was encrypted using a Monoalphabetic cipher, but you did not know the key, what type of attack could you use to decrypt the message? Outline how this attack would be performed. **3 marks**