

Cryptography, winter 2015/16

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1. Exercise sheet

Hand in solutions until Friday, 6 November 2015, 23:59

For future exercises it might be important to use b-it computers. So please register an account for the b-it. (Ask at the infodesk for the procedure.)

A word on the exercises. They are important. Of course, you know that. You need 50% of the credits to be admitted to the final exam. As an additional motivation, you will get a bonus for the final exam if you earn more than 70% or even more than 90% of the credits. The bonus does not help passing the exam, but if you pass the bonus will increase your mark by up to two thirds.

Exercise 1.1 (Secure email). (4 points)

- (i) Send a digitally signed email with the subject

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[15ws-crypto] hello

to us at

`schneid@cs.uni-bonn.de, nuesken@bit.uni-bonn.de`

from your personal account. The body of your email must be nonempty and the signature must be verifiable and correct. [It is a good idea to verify this by sending a blind carbon copy (Bcc) to oneself.]

With Thunderbird I recommend using `enigmail` and `gpg`. In any case make sure to register your key at <http://pgp.mit.edu/>.

Choose yourself among this solution and possible others. In any case use a `pgp` key pair.

- (ii) Find the fingerprint of your own PGP key. Bring two printouts of it and an identification document to the next tutorial. (Do not send an email with it. Guess, why!)

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Note: Future exercise hand-ins will only be accepted via signed email. Then a bonus point will be awarded for a correct signature and a malus for a missing or invalid signature.

Exercise 1.2 (Monoalphabetic cipher).

(8 points)

The following text is encrypted by the monoalphabetic cipher:

QDH FAX YN XKT ANRKDHXTJ PDRMDXTHG FQ XKT ANQDGKYFNDPET
 TNJ FQ XKT MTGXTHN GWYHDE DHU FQ XKT CEDESI EYTG D GUDEE
 ANHTCDHJTJ ITEEFM GAN.

FHPYXYNC XKYG DX D JYGXDNRT FQ HFACKEI NYNTXI-XMF UYEEYFN
 UYETG YG DN AXXTHEI YNGYCNQYRDNX EYXXET PEAT CHTTN
 WEDNTX MKFGT DWT- JTGRNJTJ EYQT QFHUG DHT GF DUDBYNCEI
 WHYUYXYVT XKDX XKTI GXEY KYNO JCYXDE MDXRKTG DHT D
 WHTXXI NTDX YJTD.

XKYG WEDNTX KDG - FH HDXKTH KDJ - D WHFPETU, MKYRK MDG XKYG:
 UFGX FQ XKT WTFWET FN YX MTHT ANKDWI QFH WHTXXI UARK FQ
 XKT XYUT. UDNI GFEAXYFNG MTHT GACCTGXTJ QFH XKYG WHFPETU,
 PAX UFGX FQ XKTGT MTHT EDHCTEI RFNRTHTJ MYXK XKT UFVTUTNXG
 FQ GUDEE CHTTN WYTRTG FQ WDWTH, MKYRK YG FJJ PTRDAGT FN XKT
 MKFET YX MDGN'X XKT GUDEE CHTTN WYTRTG FQ WDWTH XKDX MTHT
 ANKDWI.

DNJ GF XKT WHFPETU HTUDYNTJ; EFXG FQ XKT WTFWET MTHT UTDN,
 DNJ UFGX FQ XKTU MTHT UYGTHDPET, TVTN XKT FNTG MYXK JCYXDE
 MDXRKTG.

UDNI MTHT YNRHTDGYNCEI FQ XKT FWYNYFN XKDX XKT'J DEE UDJT
 D PYC UYGXDOT YN RFUYNC JFMN QHFU XKT XHTTG YN XKT QYHGX
 WEDRT. DNJ GFUT GDYJ XKDX TVTN XKT XHTTG KDJ PTTN D PDJ UFVT,
 DNJ XKDX NF FNT GKFAEJ TVTH KDVT ETQX XKT FRTDNG.

DNJ XKTN, FNT XKAHGJDI, NTDHEI XMF XKFAGDNJ ITDHG DQXTH FNT
 UDN KDJ PTTN NDYETJ XF D XHTT QFH GDIYNC KFM CHTDX YX MFAEJ
 PT XF PT NYRT XF WTFWET QFH D RKNCT, FNT CYHE GYXYNC FN
 KTH FMN YN D GUDEE RDQT YN HYROUDNGMFHXK GAJTTNEI HTDEYBTJ
 MKDX YX MDG XKDX KDJ PTTN CFYNC MHFNC DEE XKYG XYUT, DNJ
 GKT QYNDEEI ONTM KFM XKT MFHEJ RFAEJ PT UDJT D CFFJ DNJ KDWI
 WEDRT. XKYG XYUT YX MDG HYCKX, YX MFAEJ MFHO, DNJ NF FNT MFAEJ
 KDVT XF CTX NDYETJ XF DNIXKYN.

GDJEL, KFMTVTH, PTQFHT GKT RFAEJ CTX XF D WKFNT XF XTEE DNIFNT-
 DPFAX YX, D XTHHYPEI GXAWYJ RDXDGXHFWK FRRAHHTJ, DNJ XKT
 YJTD MDG EFGX QFHTVTH.

- 4 (i) Compute the frequency table. (I.e. for each ciphertext letter compute the frequency.)
- 4 (ii) Decrypt. (And find the key, as far as possible.)