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### **The Entropy**

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## **QUESTION : 1 (The Entropy)**

Let  $P = \{a, b\}$  with Pr[a] = 1/4, Pr[b] = 3/4. Copmpute H(P).

Let  $K = \{K1, K2, K3\}$  with Pr[K1] = 1/2, Pr[K2] = Pr[K3] = 1/4. Let  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and the cryptosystem can be represented by the following encryption matrix:

	a	b
K1	1	2
K2	2	3
K3	3	4

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#### **Reading Assignment:**

**THEOREM 3.6** Suppose **X** is a random variable having a probability distribution that takes on the values  $p_1, p_2, ..., p_n$ , where  $p_i > 0, 1 \le i \le n$ . Then  $H(\mathbf{X}) \le \log_2 n$ , with equality if and only if  $p_i = 1/n, 1 \le i \le n$ .

**THEOREM 3.7**  $H(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \leq H(\mathbf{X}) + H(\mathbf{Y})$ , with equality if and only if  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}$  are independent random variables.

## **QUESTION : 2 (The Key Equivocation)**

Let (P, C,K, E,D) be a cryptosystem. Then prove the followings: H(K|C) = H(K) + H(P) - H(C).

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- 1) Prove a bound on the expected number of spurious keys.
- 2) **THEOREM 3.11** Suppose  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  is a cryptosystem where  $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathcal{P}|$  and keys are chosen equiprobably. Let  $R_L$  denote the redundancy of the underlying language. Then given a string of ciphertext of length n, where n is sufficiently large, the expected number of spurious keys,  $\overline{s}_n$ , satisfies

$$\overline{s}_n \ge \frac{|\mathcal{K}|}{|\mathcal{P}|^{nR_L}} - 1.$$

## **QUESTION : 3 (Quadratic Residue)**

Find the quadratic residues and quadratic non-residues in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ 

## **QUESTION : 4 (Congruence)**

Let g be a primitive root for Fp. Suppose that x = a and x = b are both integer solutions to the congruence  $g^x \equiv h \pmod{p}$ . Prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{p-1}$ .

# **QUESTION :** 5 ( $Z_p^*$ and cyclic group)

Suppose p = 13. Find how many primitive elements are there in modulo 13. And, examine it for 2.

## **QUESTION : 6 (DES)**

Find the average complexity of an exhaustive search against 2-key 3 DES.

## **QUESTION:7 (DES)**

Show that:  $3DES_{k1} = \overline{3DES_{k1 k2}}(P)$