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Tutorial 9

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Problem 1. (*Lamports protocol*) Discuss the following properties of Lamport's protocol:

- a) Show that the one-way function is not required to be secret.
- b) Which properties must a hash function fulfill to be usable as a one-way function in the protocol?
- c) Propose a function that could be used as the one-way function, assuming that the discrete logarithm is hard to solve in \mathbb{Z}_p^* for a usable p . Describe Lamport's protocol for this special case.
- d) How can an attacker get access to a one-time password using an active attack?

Problem 2. (*attacks on identification schemes*)

- a) Describe a replay attack for a fixed password identification.
Propose a simple identification scheme to prevent this attack.
- b) The following challenge-response mutual authentication protocol is given

- 1) $A \rightarrow B : r_A$
- 2) $A \leftarrow B : E_K(r_A, r_B)$
- 3) $A \rightarrow B : r_B$

Explain how an eavesdropper E can authenticate to A without knowing the symmetric key K . This is a reflection attack. Propose an improved protocol.

- c) The following challenge-response protocol based on digital signatures is given

- 1) $A \rightarrow B : r_A$
- 2) $A \leftarrow B : r_B, S_B(r_B, r_A, A)$
- 3) $A \rightarrow B : r'_A, S_A(r'_A, r_B, B)$

Explain how an eavesdropper E can authenticate to B without signing any message with his own identity. This is an interleaving attack.