

5 Cryptography (mgk25)

(a) How many different functions (\rightarrow) or permutations (\leftrightarrow) exist of each of the following types?

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| (i) $\{0, 1\}^{256} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{128}$ | (iv) $\mathbb{Z}_{pq} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ | |
| (ii) $\{0, 1\}^{128} \leftrightarrow \{0, 1\}^{128}$ | (v) $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$ | [6 marks] |
| (iii) $\mathbb{F}_{2^{64}} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{10}^4$ | (vi) $\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{Z}_p, a, b) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ | |

(b) X.509 certificates and Kerberos tickets are both trusted-third-party mechanisms for key distribution.

- (i) Name six data fields found in a typical X.509 certificate. [3 marks]
- (ii) Describe three key differences between X.509 certificates and Kerberos tickets. [3 marks]
- (iii) What is the purpose of a ticket-granting ticket in Kerberos? [2 marks]

(c) Even though elliptic-curve group elements correspond to points in a two-dimensional space, they are often represented by three-dimensional coordinates in cryptographic implementations. Why is this done? [2 marks]

(d) Let (Gen, H_s) be a collision-resistant hash function. Is (Gen, H'_s) with $H'_s(x) = H_s(H_s(x))$ necessarily also collision resistant? Justify your answer. [4 marks]