

Homework 10

1. What are the main disadvantages of the following protocol that establishes a mutual key between two parties A and B with the help of a mutually trusted third party S :

$$\begin{aligned} A \rightarrow S &: A, B \\ S \rightarrow A &: \{K_{AB}\}_{K_{AS}} \text{ and } \{\{K_{AB}\}_{K_{BS}}\}_{K_{AS}} \\ A \rightarrow B &: \{K_{AB}\}_{K_{BS}} \\ A \rightarrow B &: \{m\}_{K_{AB}} \end{aligned}$$

2. In the context of buffer-overflow attacks, explain briefly what is meant by a *NOP-sledge*.