



## Problem 4. «A sequence»

Two friends, Roman and Anton, are very interested in sequences and ciphers. Their new cryptosystem encrypts binary messages of length  $n$ ,  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , where each  $x_i$  is either 0 or 1. A key  $K$  of the cipher is a set of  $n$  integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . The ciphertext  $C$  for the message  $X$  encrypted with the key  $K$  is the integer

$$Y = x_1 \cdot a_1 + x_2 \cdot a_2 + \dots + x_n \cdot a_n.$$

Roman and Anton change their key regularly. Today, the key  $K$  is defined by

$$a_i = 2^i + (-1)^i \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

The friends can easily decipher any message using the key defined by this sequence for any  $n$ !

1. Prove that the encryption is correct for this key  $K$  for any  $n$ : there are no two distinct input messages  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  such that their ciphertexts  $C^1$  and  $C^2$  are equal, i. e.  $C^1 = C^2$ .
2. Describe an algorithm which can be used to easily decipher any ciphertext  $C$  encrypted with today's key  $K$ . Here “easily” means that the algorithm should work much faster than checking all possible variants for an input message  $X$ .