

Written problems:

1. Every day, Alice and Bob perform Diffie-Hellman key exchange, using public parameters p and g . Unfortunately, Alice and Bob do not randomize their secret numbers well.

On Monday, Alice sends Bob the number A , Bob sends Alice the number B , and they establish a shared secret S . On Tuesday, Alice sends A' , Bob sends B' , and they establish a shared secret S' . Eve examines the numbers A, B, A', B' , and discovers the following facts (resulting from poor random number generation).

$$\begin{aligned} A' &\equiv Ag \pmod{p} \\ B' &= B^2 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

Show that if Eve manages to learn Monday's shared secret S , then she can quickly determine Tuesday's shared secret S' as well.

More precisely, describe a procedure Eve could follow to efficiently compute the number S' . You may assume that Eve knows p, g, A, B, A', B' , and S . Do not assume that Eve knows (or can learn) Alice and Bob's secret numbers a or b . You do not need to write your solution as a program, but be clear about any algorithms Eve will require in her computation, and explain why your method will work.

2. Textbook exercise 2.10, parts (a), (b), and (c). (On a three-transmission cryptosystem)
3. Write a function that reduces the problem of breaking the cryptosystem in the previous problem to the Diffie-Hellman problem. That is, assumed that you have an efficient function `dhOracle(p,g,A,B)` that extracts the shared secret from the public parameters and transmitted values in Diffie-Hellman, and use it to write a function `analyze210(p,u,v,w)` that would efficiently find the plaintext m in the system from exercise 2.10. It is fine to write the code by hand. (Obviously I cannot autograde it because I am unwilling to confirm or deny that I have a Diffie-Hellman oracle at this time.)

Hint. The reduction is a little tricky to find; think about all the different ways you could match up the information you know with the g, A, B from Diffie-Hellman.

4. Let $p \geq 3$ be a prime number, and let g be a primitive root modulo p . For any $h \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$, denote by $\log_g h$ the solution $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-2\}$ to the congruence $g^x \equiv h \pmod{p}$.
 - (a) Prove that this notation is well-defined, i.e. prove that for each choice of h there is a *unique* $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-2\}$ solving this discrete logarithm problem.
 - (b) Prove that $\log_g h$ is even if and only if h has a square root modulo p (a "square root modulo p " is a solution to the congruence $x^2 \equiv h \pmod{p}$).
 - (c) Prove that for all $h_1, h_2 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$,

$$\log_g(h_1 h_2) \equiv \log_g h_1 + \log_g h_2 \pmod{p-1}.$$

5. Use the babystep-giantstep algorithm to solve each of the following discrete logarithm problems. Show your calculations, e.g. in the form of the table on page 83 of the textbook.

(a) $10^x \equiv 13 \pmod{17}$

(b) $15^x \equiv 16 \pmod{37}$

(c) $5^x \equiv 72 \pmod{97}$

Programming problems:

Note There are no programming problems this week, since you are preparing for the midterm exam on Friday 3/10.