

1. [10 points] Suppose that Alice's RSA public key is the pair  $(N, e)$ .
  - (a) Once Alice has decided on  $(N, e)$ , how does she determine her decrypting exponent  $d$ ? Why isn't Eve able to do the same thing, and decrypt messages intended for Alice?
  - (b) Suppose that Alice wishes to use the same public key  $(N, e)$  to sign a document  $D$ . How does she compute the signature  $S$ ? How does Victor (who only knows the public key) verify that the signature is correct?
2. [10 points] (a) State the Prime Number Theorem.
  - (b) Estimate the number of primes between 1,000,000 and 1,001,000 (your answer may include logarithms, and will be marked correct if it is within 20% of the true value).
  - (c) Estimate how many of these prime numbers are congruent to 1 (mod 6).
3. [10 points] Suppose that Samantha is using ElGamal parameters  $(p, g)$ , and her public key is  $A \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . You may assume that  $g$  is a primitive root modulo  $p$ . Samantha has just generated a valid ElGamal signature  $(S_1, S_2)$  for a document  $D$ .
  - (a) What congruence must be verified to check that this is a valid signature?
  - (b) Suppose that Eve examines this signature and discovers that  $S_1 \equiv g^3 \pmod{p}$ . Describe how Eve can use this information to compute Alice's private key  $a$  (such that  $g^a \equiv A \pmod{p}$ ). You may assume that  $\gcd(S_1, p-1) = 1$ .
4. [10 points] The number  $p = 397$  is prime, and  $g = 5$  is a primitive root modulo  $p$ . The prime factorization of  $p-1$  is  $396 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11$ .

Eve has computed the following three (mod  $p$ ) discrete logarithms.

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{5^{99\%p}}(311^{99\%p}) &= 3 \\ \log_{5^{44\%p}}(311^{44\%p}) &= 6 \\ \log_{5^{36\%p}}(311^{36\%p}) &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Using these three values, determine the value of  $\log_5(311)$ .

5. [10 points] **Note (2024): you may omit this question, since our course does not assume the vocabulary of groups.** Suppose that  $G$  is a finite group. Assume that you have access the following:
  - A function `Gmult(a,b)`, which takes  $a, b \in G$  and returns their product in  $G$ .
  - A function `Ginv(a)`, which takes an element  $a \in G$  and returns its inverse in  $G$ .
  - A constant `Gid`, which is the identity element of  $G$ .
  - A constant `Gord`, which is the integer  $|G|$ .
  - (a) Write a function `Gpow(a,k)`, which receives an element  $a \in G$  and an integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and returns the group element  $g^k$ . For full credit, your function should call the function `Gmult` at most  $\mathcal{O}(\log |k|)$  times.

- (b) Assume that you also have access to a function `mod_inv(c,M)`, which takes integers  $c, M \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(c, M) = 1$  and returns the inverse of  $c$  modulo  $M$ . Write a function `Groot(a,k)`, which receives an element  $a \in G$  and an integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(k, |G|) = 1$ , and returns an element  $x \in G$  such that  $x^k = a$ . You may assume that the function `Gpow` from part (a) has been implemented correctly, and use it in your solution. For full credit, your function should call `Gmult` at most  $\mathcal{O}(\log |k|)$  times (including the times it is called by `Gpow`).
6. [10 points] Suppose that Samantha and Victor agree to use a digital signature system that differs slightly from DSA. In this system, the parameters  $(p, q, g)$ , public key  $A$ , and private key  $a$  are as in DSA. However, the equations describing a signature of a document  $D$  are now the following.

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= g^k \% p \% q \\ S_2 &= a^{-1}(kD - S_1) \% q \quad (\text{where } a^{-1} \text{ denotes the inverse modulo } q) \end{aligned}$$

Describe a verification procedure for this signature scheme. Your answer should be similar to the verification procedure of DSA.