

1. [12 points] Alice and Bob are using RSA encryption. Alice publishes the following public key.

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 35 \\ e &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Bob sends the following ciphertext to Alice.

$$c = 17$$

Use a brute-force approach to extract Alice's private key and determine Bob's plaintext m . Clearly show all steps. There is a multiplication table for $\mathbb{Z}/35\mathbb{Z}$ at the back of the exam packet, so you do not need to do those computations by hand (feel free to detach it for convenient reference).

2. [12 points] Solve the following system of three congruences. Show all steps, and answer in the form of a single congruence $x \equiv \dots \pmod{\dots}$ that is satisfied if and only if the original three congruences are satisfied.

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x &\equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ x &\equiv 4 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

3. [12 points] Samantha is using the Elgamal digital signature algorithm, with public parameters g, p , private key a , and public key A . Here we follow the notation of Table 4.2 (provided at the back of the exam packet). You may also assume that g is a primitive root modulo p (as in the summary table).

Samantha signs a document D , publishing signature (S_1, S_2) . Later, she signs a document D' , publishing signature (S'_1, S'_2) . Unfortunately, Samantha has generated her ephemeral keys poorly! Eve notices this by observing that the following congruence holds.

$$S'_1 \equiv S_1 \cdot g^2 \pmod{p}.$$

For simplicity, you may also assume that $S_1 S'_2 - S'_1 S_2$ is a unit modulo $p - 1$.

Help Eve steal Samantha's private key, by writing a formula for a that Eve could use to compute a using only published numbers and modular arithmetic.

4. This problem concerns some aspects of the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm. The purpose is to prove some basic facts discussed in describing that algorithm, using some specific numbers.

Suppose that p is a prime number, and $g \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ has order 143. Note that 143 factors as $11 \cdot 13$. Suppose that h is another element of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$, and that Eve wishes to find an integer n such that $g^n \equiv h \pmod{p}$.

Define four more elements of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ as follows.

$$g_1 \equiv g^{13} \pmod{p}$$

$$h_1 \equiv h^{13} \pmod{p}$$

$$g_2 \equiv g^{11} \pmod{p}$$

$$h_2 \equiv h^{11} \pmod{p}$$

(a) [4 points] Prove that $\text{ord}_p(g_1) = 11$.

(Similarly, $\text{ord}_p(g_2) = 13$; you do not need to prove this, but you may assume it in part b)

(b) [6 points] Suppose that $n_1, n_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfy $g_1^{n_1} \equiv h_1 \pmod{p}$ and $g_2^{n_2} \equiv h_2 \pmod{p}$.

Prove that if an integer n satisfies $g^n \equiv h \pmod{p}$ then n must satisfy the following two congruences.

$$n \equiv n_1 \pmod{11}$$

$$n \equiv n_2 \pmod{13}$$

(The converse is also true, but you do not need to prove it).

(c) [2 points] Briefly explain why part (b) may be useful to Eve in her attempt to solve $g^n \equiv h \pmod{p}$.

Reference tables

Public parameter creation	
A trusted party chooses and publishes a (large) prime p and an integer g having large prime order in \mathbb{F}_p^* .	
Private computations	
Alice	Bob
Choose a secret integer a . Compute $A \equiv g^a \pmod{p}$.	Choose a secret integer b . Compute $B \equiv g^b \pmod{p}$.
Public exchange of values	
Alice sends A to Bob \longrightarrow A B \longleftarrow Bob sends B to Alice	
Further private computations	
Alice	Bob
Compute the number $B^a \pmod{p}$. The shared secret value is $B^a \equiv (g^b)^a \equiv g^{ab} \equiv (g^a)^b \equiv A^b \pmod{p}$.	Compute the number $A^b \pmod{p}$.

Table 2.2: Diffie–Hellman key exchange

Bob	Alice
Key creation	
Choose secret primes p and q . Choose encryption exponent e with $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$. Publish $N = pq$ and e .	
Encryption	
	Choose plaintext m . Use Bob's public key (N, e) to compute $c \equiv m^e \pmod{N}$. Send ciphertext c to Bob.
Decryption	
Compute d satisfying $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$. Compute $m' \equiv c^d \pmod{N}$. Then m' equals the plaintext m .	

Table 3.1: RSA key creation, encryption, and decryption

Public parameter creation	
A trusted party chooses and publishes a large prime p and primitive root g modulo p .	
Samantha	Victor
Key creation	
Choose secret signing key $1 \leq a \leq p-1$. Compute $A = g^a \pmod{p}$. Publish the verification key A .	
Signing	
Choose document $D \pmod{p}$. Choose random element $1 < k < p$ satisfying $\gcd(k, p-1) = 1$. Compute signature $S_1 \equiv g^k \pmod{p}$ and $S_2 \equiv (D - aS_1)k^{-1} \pmod{p-1}$.	
Verification	
	Compute $A^{S_1} S_2^{S_2} \pmod{p}$. Verify that it is equal to $g^D \pmod{p}$.

Table 4.2: The Elgamal digital signature algorithm

Public parameter creation	
A trusted party chooses and publishes a large prime p and an element g modulo p of large (prime) order.	
Alice	Bob
Key creation	
Choose private key $1 \leq a \leq p-1$. Compute $A = g^a \pmod{p}$. Publish the public key A .	
Encryption	
	Choose plaintext m . Choose random element k . Use Alice's public key A to compute $c_1 = g^k \pmod{p}$ and $c_2 = mA^k \pmod{p}$. Send ciphertext (c_1, c_2) to Alice.
Decryption	
Compute $(c_1^a)^{-1} \cdot c_2 \pmod{p}$. This quantity is equal to m .	

Table 2.3: Elgamal key creation, encryption, and decryption

Samantha	Victor
Key creation	
Choose secret primes p and q . Choose verification exponent e with $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$. Publish $N = pq$ and e .	
Signing	
Compute d satisfying $de \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$. Sign document D by computing $S \equiv D^d \pmod{N}$.	
Verification	
	Compute $S^e \pmod{N}$ and verify that it is equal to D .

Table 4.1: RSA digital signatures

Public parameter creation	
A trusted party chooses and publishes large primes p and q satisfying $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ and an element g of order q modulo p .	
Samantha	Victor
Key creation	
Choose secret signing key $1 \leq a \leq q-1$. Compute $A = g^a \pmod{p}$. Publish the verification key A .	
Signing	
Choose document $D \pmod{q}$. Choose random element $1 < k < q$. Compute signature $S_1 \equiv (g^k \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$ and $S_2 \equiv (D + aS_1)k^{-1} \pmod{q}$.	
Verification	
	Compute $V_1 \equiv DS_2^{-1} \pmod{q}$ and $V_2 \equiv S_1 S_2^{-1} \pmod{q}$. Verify that $(g^{V_1} A^{V_2} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q} = S_1$.

Table 4.3: The digital signature algorithm (DSA)

Multiplication table modulo 35:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
3	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	1	4	7	10	13	16
4	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	1	5	9	13	17	21	25	29	33
5	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	0	5	10	15
6	0	6	12	18	24	30	1	7	13	19	25	31	2	8	14	20	26	32
7	0	7	14	21	28	0	7	14	21	28	0	7	14	21	28	0	7	14
8	0	8	16	24	32	5	13	21	29	2	10	18	26	34	7	15	23	31
9	0	9	18	27	1	10	19	28	2	11	20	29	3	12	21	30	4	13
10	0	10	20	30	5	15	25	0	10	20	30	5	15	25	0	10	20	30
11	0	11	22	33	9	20	31	7	18	29	5	16	27	3	14	25	1	12
12	0	12	24	1	13	25	2	14	26	3	15	27	4	16	28	5	17	29
13	0	13	26	4	17	30	8	21	34	12	25	3	16	29	7	20	33	11
14	0	14	28	7	21	0	14	28	7	21	0	14	28	7	21	0	14	28
15	0	15	30	10	25	5	20	0	15	30	10	25	5	20	0	15	30	10
16	0	16	32	13	29	10	26	7	23	4	20	1	17	33	14	30	11	27
17	0	17	34	16	33	15	32	14	31	13	30	12	29	11	28	10	27	9
18	0	18	1	19	2	20	3	21	4	22	5	23	6	24	7	25	8	26
19	0	19	3	22	6	25	9	28	12	31	15	34	18	2	21	5	24	8
20	0	20	5	25	10	30	15	0	20	5	25	10	30	15	0	20	5	25
21	0	21	7	28	14	0	21	7	28	14	0	21	7	28	14	0	21	7
22	0	22	9	31	18	5	27	14	1	23	10	32	19	6	28	15	2	24
23	0	23	11	34	22	10	33	21	9	32	20	8	31	19	7	30	18	6
24	0	24	13	2	26	15	4	28	17	6	30	19	8	32	21	10	34	23
25	0	25	15	5	30	20	10	0	25	15	5	30	20	10	0	25	15	5
26	0	26	17	8	34	25	16	7	33	24	15	6	32	23	14	5	31	22
27	0	27	19	11	3	30	22	14	6	33	25	17	9	1	28	20	12	4
28	0	28	21	14	7	0	28	21	14	7	0	28	21	14	7	0	28	21
29	0	29	23	17	11	5	34	28	22	16	10	4	33	27	21	15	9	3
30	0	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	30	25	20
31	0	31	27	23	19	15	11	7	3	34	30	26	22	18	14	10	6	2
32	0	32	29	26	23	20	17	14	11	8	5	2	34	31	28	25	22	19
33	0	33	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1
34	0	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18

Multiplication table modulo 35, continued:

	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
2	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33
3	19	22	25	28	31	34	2	5	8	11	14	17	20	23	26	29	32
4	2	6	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	3	7	11	15	19	23	27	31
5	20	25	30	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
6	3	9	15	21	27	33	4	10	16	22	28	34	5	11	17	23	29
7	21	28	0	7	14	21	28	0	7	14	21	28	0	7	14	21	28
8	4	12	20	28	1	9	17	25	33	6	14	22	30	3	11	19	27
9	22	31	5	14	23	32	6	15	24	33	7	16	25	34	8	17	26
10	5	15	25	0	10	20	30	5	15	25	0	10	20	30	5	15	25
11	23	34	10	21	32	8	19	30	6	17	28	4	15	26	2	13	24
12	6	18	30	7	19	31	8	20	32	9	21	33	10	22	34	11	23
13	24	2	15	28	6	19	32	10	23	1	14	27	5	18	31	9	22
14	7	21	0	14	28	7	21	0	14	28	7	21	0	14	28	7	21
15	25	5	20	0	15	30	10	25	5	20	0	15	30	10	25	5	20
16	8	24	5	21	2	18	34	15	31	12	28	9	25	6	22	3	19
17	26	8	25	7	24	6	23	5	22	4	21	3	20	2	19	1	18
18	9	27	10	28	11	29	12	30	13	31	14	32	15	33	16	34	17
19	27	11	30	14	33	17	1	20	4	23	7	26	10	29	13	32	16
20	10	30	15	0	20	5	25	10	30	15	0	20	5	25	10	30	15
21	28	14	0	21	7	28	14	0	21	7	28	14	0	21	7	28	14
22	11	33	20	7	29	16	3	25	12	34	21	8	30	17	4	26	13
23	29	17	5	28	16	4	27	15	3	26	14	2	25	13	1	24	12
24	12	1	25	14	3	27	16	5	29	18	7	31	20	9	33	22	11
25	30	20	10	0	25	15	5	30	20	10	0	25	15	5	30	20	10
26	13	4	30	21	12	3	29	20	11	2	28	19	10	1	27	18	9
27	31	23	15	7	34	26	18	10	2	29	21	13	5	32	24	16	8
28	14	7	0	28	21	14	7	0	28	21	14	7	0	28	21	14	7
29	32	26	20	14	8	2	31	25	19	13	7	1	30	24	18	12	6
30	15	10	5	0	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	30	25	20	15	10	5
31	33	29	25	21	17	13	9	5	1	32	28	24	20	16	12	8	4
32	16	13	10	7	4	1	33	30	27	24	21	18	15	12	9	6	3
33	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
34	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1