

PSet 7 Solutions

① a) 10^{10} computers $\times 10^9 \frac{\text{divisors}}{\text{sec. computer}} \times 10^{18}$ seconds = 10^{37} divisors.

So Eve could factor a number as large as $(10^{37}) = \underline{10^{74}}$ this way.

Note that $\log_2(10^{74}) \approx 246$, so this could attack a 246-bit modulus.

b) $2^{1024} \approx 10^{308}$ ($\log_{10} 2^{1024} \approx 308.2$), so Eve's attack is too slow by a factor of $\frac{\sqrt{10^{308}}}{10^{37}} = 10^{117}$ or so. Even if Eve had one computer for every particle in the universe (there are $\approx 10^{80}$ of them), she would be way off.

② a)

$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$	$n = 2 + 3k$ (some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$)
$n \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$	$2 + 3k \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
$n \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$	$\Leftrightarrow 3k \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$
	$\Leftrightarrow 7 \cdot 3 \cdot k \equiv 7 \pmod{5}$
	$\Leftrightarrow k \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$
	ie. $k = 2 + 5h$. (some $h \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$\Rightarrow n = 8 + 15h$

ie. $n \equiv 8 \pmod{15}$ (this combines the first two congruences).

Now, $8 + 15h \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$
 $\Leftrightarrow 15h \equiv -6 \pmod{7}$
 $\cdot h \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 $h = 1 + 7l$
 $n = 8 + 15(1 + 7l)$
 $n = 23 + 105l$

So these three congruences amount to the single congruence

$n \equiv 23 \pmod{105}$.

So 23 is the smallest solution.

b) $23 + 105 = \boxed{128}$ is the only solution in $[100, 200]$.

③

$$m = 97 \cdot 101$$

$$\varphi(m) = 96 \cdot 100 = 9600.$$

We want an ~~the~~ inverse of 211 modulo 9600.

$$(9600)$$

$$(211)$$

$$[105] = (9600) - 45(211)$$

$$[1] = (211) - 2 \cdot [105]$$

$$= (211) - 2(9600) + 90(211)$$

$$= 91(211) - 2(9600)$$

$$\text{So } 91 \times 211 \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(9797)}$$

\Rightarrow decrypting exponent $\boxed{91}$.

④

$$11^1 \equiv 11$$

$$11^2 \equiv 121 \equiv 5$$

$$11^4 \equiv 5^2 \equiv 25$$

$$11^8 \equiv 25^2 \equiv 625 \equiv 16$$

$$11^{16} \equiv 16^2 \equiv 256 \equiv 24$$

$$11^{21} \equiv 11^{16} \cdot 11^4 \cdot 11^1$$

$$\equiv 24 \cdot 25 \cdot 11$$

$$\equiv (-5) \cdot (-4) \cdot 11$$

$$= 220$$

$$\equiv \boxed{17}$$

} all congruences
modulo 29

Another method: build up to 21

by either adding one or dividing by 2:

$$21 \leftarrow 20 \leftarrow 10 \leftarrow 5 \leftarrow 4 \leftarrow 2 \leftarrow 1$$

Then compute in turn:

$$11^1 \equiv 11$$

$$11^2 \equiv 11 \cdot 11 \equiv 121 \equiv 5$$

$$11^4 \equiv 5 \cdot 5 \equiv 25$$

$$11^5 \equiv 11 \cdot 25 \equiv 11 \cdot (-4) \equiv -44 \equiv 14$$

$$11^{10} \equiv 14 \cdot 14 \equiv 196 \equiv 22 \equiv -7$$

$$11^{20} \equiv (-7)^2 \equiv 49 \equiv 20$$

$$11^{21} \equiv 20 \cdot 11 \equiv 220 \equiv 17.$$

⑤ We want to reduce $3^{13^{2015}} \pmod{100}$.

Since $\phi(100) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot 100 = 40$, we can first reduce $13^{2015} \pmod{40}$.

Since $\phi(40) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot 40 = 16$, we can first reduce $2015 \pmod{16}$. Now, $16 \mid 2000$, so $2015 \equiv 15 \pmod{16}$ and

$$13^{2015} \equiv 13^{15} \pmod{40}.$$

Using successive squaring:

$13^1 \equiv 13$	}	all mod 40
$13^2 \equiv 169 \equiv 9$		
$13^4 \equiv 9^2 \equiv 1$		
$13^8 \equiv 1$		
	$13^{15} \equiv 13^1 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 13^4 \cdot 13^8$	
	$\equiv 13 \cdot 9 \cdot 1 \cdot 1$	
	$\equiv 117$	
	$\equiv 37 \pmod{40}$	

Thus $13^{2015} \equiv 37 \pmod{\phi(100)}$.

hence $3^{13^{2015}} \equiv 3^{37} \pmod{100}$. Using successive squaring:

$3^1 \equiv 3$	}	all modulo 100
$3^2 \equiv 9$		
$3^4 \equiv 81$		
$3^8 \equiv 81 \cdot 81 \equiv 6561 \equiv 61$		
$3^{16} \equiv 61 \cdot 61 \equiv 3721 \equiv 21$		
$3^{32} \equiv 21 \cdot 21 \equiv 441 \equiv 41$		
	$3^{37} \equiv 3^{32} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 3^1$	
	$\equiv 41 \cdot 81 \cdot 3$	
	$\equiv 3321 \cdot 3 \equiv 21 \cdot 3$	
	$\equiv 63$	

So the last two digits are 63

Alternate method: compute in turn the remainders of

$3^1, 3^2, 3^4, 3^8, 3^{16}, 3^{32}, 3^{37}$ (either squaring or addit. mult. by 3 at each step).

$$(6) \quad n^3 \equiv 77 \pmod{100}$$

We can solve this by finding an inverse of 3 mod. $\phi(100)$:

$$\phi(100) = 40$$

$$27 \cdot 3 - 2 \cdot 40 = 1$$

Hence by Euler's theorem, $n^{27 \cdot 3} \equiv n \pmod{100}$ (when $\gcd(n, 100) = 1$),
and

$$n^3 \equiv 77 \pmod{100} \Leftrightarrow n \equiv 77^{27} \pmod{100}.$$

The remainder of 77^{27} can be found by successive squaring.

It saves some labor to first work mod 4 & 100, then
"merge" them with CRT.

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{mod } 4 \\ 77^{27} \equiv 1^{27} \equiv 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{mod } 25 \\ 77^{27} \equiv 2^{27} \end{array}$$

succ. squaring:

$$2^1 \equiv 2$$

$$2^2 \equiv 4$$

$$2^4 \equiv 16 \equiv -9$$

$$2^8 \equiv (-9)^2 \equiv 81 \equiv 6$$

$$2^{16} \equiv 6^2 \equiv 36 \equiv 11$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{27} \equiv 2^{16} \cdot 2^8 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 2^1 \equiv 11 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2$$

$$\equiv 66 \cdot 8 \equiv 16 \cdot 8 \equiv 128 \equiv \underline{\underline{3}}$$

So the solution n satisfies $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and $n \equiv 3 \pmod{25}$.

Recombining: $n = 3 + 25k$, where $3 + 25k \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$,

ie. $k \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, so $n = 3 + 25(2 + 4h) = 53 + 100h$.

Thus $n^3 \equiv 77 \pmod{100} \Leftrightarrow n \equiv 53 \pmod{100}$. The smallest
such positive n is 53.