

**HW 4 CMSC 389. DUE Jan 11**

**SOLUTIONS**

**WARNING- THE HW IS ONE PAGES LONG!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

1. (0 points) Write your name! READ cipher and english.
2. (22 points) Compute each of the following using the repeated squaring method. Show all work.

(a)  $2^{100} \pmod{17}$

(b)  $2^{1000} \pmod{17}$ .

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM TWO**

Omitted

**END OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM TWO**

3. (24 points) In this problem we guide you to a technique to find  $3^{100,000,000,000,000} \pmod{7}$  in reasonable time. Realize that repeated squaring won't be fast enough. All math in this problem is mod 7.

(a) Compute  $3^0, 3^1, 3^2, \dots, 3^{10}$  all mod 7.

(b) From the above try to find a pattern and a formula for  $3^n$ .

(c) Use the formula to find  $3^{100,000,000,000,001} \pmod{7}$ .

**SOLUTION TO PROBLEM THREE**

1)

$$3^0 \equiv 1$$

$$3^1 \equiv 3 \times 1 \equiv 3$$

$$3^2 \equiv 3 \times 3 \equiv 9 \equiv 2$$

$$3^3 \equiv 3 \times 2 \equiv 6$$

$$3^4 \equiv 3 \times 6 \equiv 3 \times -1 \equiv -3 \equiv 4$$

$$3^5 \equiv 3 \times 4 \equiv 12 \equiv 5$$

$$3^6 \equiv 3 \times 5 \equiv 15 \equiv 1.$$

$$3^7 \equiv 3 \equiv 1 \equiv 3$$

$$3^8 \equiv 2$$

$$3^9 \equiv 3 \equiv 2 \equiv 6$$

$$2^{10}3 \equiv 6 \equiv 4$$

2)

AH- the pattern seems to be 1, 3, 2, 6, 4, 5 then REPEAT SO

If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 1$

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 3$

If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 2$

If  $n \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 6$

If  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 4$

If  $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  then  $3^n \equiv 5$

3)

$$3^{100,000,000,000,000} \pmod{7}.$$

Need to know  $100,000,000,000,001 \pmod{6}$ .

$100,000,000,000,001$  is odd so  $\equiv 1$  OR  $3$  OR  $5 \pmod{6}$ .

$100,000,000,000,001 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  so  $\equiv 2$  or  $5 \pmod{6}$ .

Hence  $100,000,000,000,000 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

Hence  $2^{100,000,000,000,000} \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ .

**END OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM THREE**

4. (27 points)

- (a) Alice and Bob do Diffie Helman with  $p = 53$ ,  $g = 4$ ,  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 6$   
What does Alice send? What does Bob send? What is the shared secret key?
- (b) Alice and Bob do Diffie Helman with  $p = 53$ ,  $g = 4$ ,  $a = 6$ ,  $b = 5$ .  
What does Alice send? What does Bob send? What is the shared secret key?
- (c) If you did the problems above correctly then they had the same answer. Is this a coincidence or is there a reason for it?

#### **SOLUTION TO PROBLEM FOUR**

a) All equations are mod 53

Alice sends  $g^a = 4^5$

$$4^2 = 16$$

$$4^4 = 16^2 = 256 = 44$$

$$4^5 = 4^4 \times 4 = 44 * 4 = 17$$

Alice sends 17

Bob sends- we omit that

Secret is  $17^6 = 44$

b) Omitted

c) If Alice sends a and Bob b sends be then secret is  $g^{ab}$ .

If Alice sends b and Bob sends a then secret is  $gab$

So not a coincidence.

#### **END OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM FOUR**

5. (27 points) Alex wants to use the prime 101 for Diffie Helman.

(a) In order to determine if a number,  $g$ , is a generator, what does Alex have to do?

(b) Is picking 101 a bad idea?

(c) Give a prime between 100 and 200 that would be a good one to use.

#### **SOLUTION TO PROBLEM FIVE**

The nontrivial factors of 100 are 2,5,10,20,25,50. Alex needs to raise  $g$  to all of these powers. If any are 1 then  $g$  is NOT a generator, else it is.

101 is a bad idea since the number of divisor is large

Lets look at primes over 100 until we find a safe one.

101:  $101-1=100=2*50$ . 50 is NOT PRIME so NO

103:  $103-1=102=2*51$ . 51 is NOT PRIME so NO

107:  $107-1=106=2*53$ . 53 IS PRIMES so

answer is 107.

**END OF SOLUTION TO PROBLEM FIVE**