

**Total points: 60. Total time: 75 minutes. 6 problems over 7 pages. No book, notes, or calculator**

**1. [14 points]**

Are  $n=323$  and  $e=5$  valid numbers for RSA. Explain. If you answer yes, obtain the corresponding  $d$ .

**Solution**

There are two requirements:

- $n$  must be a product of two primes
- $e$  must be relatively prime to  $\phi(n)$  (so that  $d$ , which equals  $e^{-1} \pmod{n}$ , exists)

**First requirement**

**[2 points]**

$n = 323 = 17 \cdot 19$ . 17 and 19 are primes. So this holds.

**Second requirement**

**[4 points]**

Recall that if  $n = p \cdot q$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes, then  $\phi(p \cdot q) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$

So  $\phi(323) = (17-1) \cdot (19-1) = 288$ .

$e$ , which equals 5, is relatively prime to 288 (because 5 is prime and does not divide 288 exactly)

So this requirement holds.

**So  $d = 5^{-1} \pmod{288}$**

**[2 points]**

**Obtaining  $d$**

**[6 points]**

Use Euclid's algorithm to get  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $1 = a \cdot 5 + b \cdot 288$  (then  $a = 5^{-1} \pmod{288}$ ).

[Below, rows  $n = -2$  and  $n = -1$  are initialization.

$$r_n \leftarrow \text{remainder}(r_{n-2}/r_{n-1});$$

$$q_n \leftarrow \text{quotient}(r_{n-2}/r_{n-1});$$

$$u_n \leftarrow u_{n-2} - q_n \cdot u_{n-1};$$

$$v_n \leftarrow v_{n-2} - q_n \cdot v_{n-1};$$

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$n$	$q_n$	$r_n$	$u_n$	$v_n$
-2		288	1	0
-1		5	0	1
0	57	3	1	-57
1	1	2	-1	58
2	1	1	2	-115
3	2	0		

From row  $n=2$ , we have

$$r_n = \gcd(5, 288) = 1 \text{ (which we already knew), and}$$

$$1 = (2) \cdot (288) + (-115) \cdot 5$$

$$\text{So } d = -115 \pmod{288} = 288 - 115 = 173$$

**2. [5 points]**

Recall that a **DES encryption operation** takes a 64-bit plaintext block and a 56-bit key and produces a 64-bit ciphertext block. Recall also that each DES encryption operation itself consists of a number of iterations, which we shall refer to as **basic iterations**.

For the DES encryption in CBC mode of a plaintext message of  $N$  64-bit blocks, obtain the following (in terms of  $N$ ):

- Total number of DES encryption operations.
- Size of the output. Explain briefly.
- Total number of basic iterations. Explain briefly.

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**Solution**

Let the plaintext message be  $[m_1, m_2, \dots, m_N]$ .

Its CBC encryption is given by  $C_j = \text{DES\_Encrypt}(C_{j-1} \text{ XOR } m_j)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, N$ , where  $C_0 = \text{IV}$ .

- The DES-CBC encryption involves  $N$  DES encryption operations. **[1 point]**
  - The output is  $[\text{IV}, C_1, \dots, C_N]$ , which is  $(N+1)$  64-bit blocks. **[2 points]**  
Only 1 point if incorrect answer but IV is mentioned.
  - Each DES encryption operation has **[2 points]**
    - 16 iterations to transform the plaintext block into the ciphertext block.  
So there are  $16N$  of these iterations.
    - 16 iterations to produce the 16 48-bit keys from the 56-bit key.  
But these 16 iterations need be done only once for the entire message.  
So the answer is  $16N + 16$  iterations.  $16N$  and  $32N$  are also acceptable.  
**1 point** if you don't give an answer in terms of  $N$  but say there are 16 iterations per DES encryption operation.
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**3. [6 points]**

Is there an integer  $K$  in the range  $1, \dots, 47$  such that  $K^{48} \pmod{105}$  is not equal to 1?

If you answer yes, produce such a  $K$  and the value of  $K^{48} \pmod{105}$  (as an integer in the range  $1, \dots, 47$ ).

If you answer no, explain.

**Solution**

$105 = 5 \cdot 21 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$ . So 105 is a product of distinct primes. [1 point]

$$\phi(105) = (3-1) \cdot (5-1) \cdot (7-1) = 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 = 48$$

By Euler's theorem:  $K^{48} \pmod{105} = 1$  for all  $K$  relatively prime to 105 [1 point]

But this does not account for all  $K$  in  $1, \dots, 47$ .

[Also, by generalization of Euler's theorem,  $K^{48+1} \pmod{105} = K$  for all  $K$  in  $1, \dots, 47$ ,

but  $K^{48+1} \pmod{105} = K$  does not imply  $K^{48} \pmod{105} = 1$ .]

So need to look for a counter-example  $K$  that is not relatively prime to 105. [1 point]

Calculating  $K^{48} \pmod{105}$  [3 points]

**Example calculations****K=3**

3 is not relatively prime to 105, so we try that (all lines below are mod-105):

$$3^3 = 27$$

$$3^6 = 27 \cdot 27 = 729 = -6$$

$$3^{12} = (-6) \cdot (-6) = 36$$

$$3^{24} = (36) \cdot (36) = 1296 = 36$$

$$3^{48} = (36) \cdot (36) = 36$$

**K=5**

5 is also not relatively prime to 105.

$$5^2 = 25$$

$$5^3 = 125 = 20$$

$$5^6 = 20 \cdot 20 = 400 = -20$$

$$5^{12} = (-20) \cdot (-20) = 400 = -20$$

$$5^{24} = (-20) \cdot (-20) = -20$$

$$5^{48} = (-20) \cdot (-20) = -20 = 85$$

Note  $K=2$  would not work because 2 is relatively prime to 105.

**4. [10 points]**

Consider a public key infrastructure with principals  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{20}$  and  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{20}$ . There are three certification authorities, namely, X, Y, and Z. Each principal (i.e.,  $A_i$  and  $B_i$ ) has X's public key. X issues certificates for Y and Z. Y issues certificates for  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{20}$ . Z issues certificates for  $B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{20}$ .

Suppose  $A_1$  wants the public key of  $B_2$ . What are the documents (e.g., certificates) that  $A_1$  looks for. For each document, describe its fields and any constraints that must hold.

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**Solution**

$A_1$  looks for

- Certificate issued by X for Z that [1 point]  
has not yet expired [1 point]
- CRL issued by X that [1 point]  
is recent enough [1 point]  
and does not include the serial number of the above certificate for Z [1 point]
  
- Certificate issued by Z for  $B_2$  that [1 point]  
has not yet expired [1 point]
- CRL issued by Z that [1 point]  
is recent enough [1 point]  
and does not include the serial number of the above certificate for  $B_2$  [1 point]

0 points for giving a KDC-based approach.

(Note that X, Y, Z need not be online, and  $A_1$  does not talk to them.)

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5. [10 points]

The chart below shows a skeleton of an authentication protocol. Initially, principals A and B share a secret key  $K$  and public Diffie-Hellman parameters  $g$  and  $p$ . Assume an attacker that can eavesdrop, intercept messages, and send messages with another's sender id. Supply an authentication protocol (i.e., the part indicated by the "• • ... • •") such that:

- A initiates the protocol.
- A and B authenticate each other (i.e., the attacker cannot impersonate one to the other).
- A and B establish a session key  $S$  (for encrypting data) such that after A and B disconnect and forget  $S$ , even if the attacker learns  $K$ , the attacker cannot decrypt the data exchanged.
- The authentication involves *at most* 4 messages (it can be fewer). (Only one cell can be used in each row.)

A (has $K, g, p$ )	B (has $K, g, p$ )
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<----- A and B exchange data ----->	
<----- A and B disconnect ----->	

**Solution to 5**

The solution is to do an authenticated Diffie-Hellman (DH) using the shared key K.

**Solution 1.**

The easiest solution is to do DH using K to encrypt the DH messages:

	A (has K, g, p)	B (has K, g, p)
1	generate random $S_A$ $T_A \leftarrow g^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ $U_A \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_A) \text{ with } K$ send [A, B, $U_A$ ]	
2		receive [A, B, $U_A$ ] extract $T_A$ from $U_A$ using K generate random $S_B$ $T_B \leftarrow g^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$ $U_B \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_B) \text{ with } K$ send [B, A, $U_B$ ] session key $S_B \leftarrow T_A^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$
3	receive [B, A, $U_B$ ] session key $S_A \leftarrow T_B^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$	
	<----- session key $S = S_A = S_B$ -----> <----- A and B exchange data using S, then disconnect ----->	

Note that at the end of step 3, it is possible A and B are both talking via a “man-in-the-middle” attacker; however, the attacker will not have the session key S, and so cannot impersonate A to B or B to A any further in the session. Even this can be avoided by using nonces, as described in solution 2 below.

**Grading**

**6 points for the Diffie Helman operations**

- generate random  $S_A$ ,  $T_A \leftarrow g^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ , etc, corresponding operations for B **[3 points]**
- session key  $S \leftarrow T_B^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ , etc, corresponding operations for B **[3 points]**

**4 points for authenticating the DH exchange using K**

- One way is to encrypt the DH exchange using K (as shown above).
- Another way is to do unencrypted DH and then use the DH session key to encrypt a challenge-response involving K.

At most 2 out of 4 points if K is not involved in the DH session key construction or subsequent verification.

- One example is if the DH handshake is not encrypted with K.
- Another example is if K alone is used to encrypt a challenge-response.

In such cases, a man-in-the-middle attack is possible where the attacker hijacks session after the authentication handshake (as shown in solution attempt 3 below).

At most 2 out of 10 points if session key obtained from other than DH (which would allow the attacker to decrypt data if it learns K later).

Solution 2 (detects authentication attack earlier)

	A (has K, g, p)	B (has K, g, p)
1	generate random $N_A$ generate random $S_A$ $T_A \leftarrow g^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ $U_A \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_A, N_A) \text{ with } K$ send [A, B, $U_A$ ]	
2		receive [A, B, $U_A$ ] extract $T_A$ and $N_A$ from $U_A$ using K $M_A \leftarrow N_A + 1$ generate random $N_B$ generate random $S_B$ $T_B \leftarrow g^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$ $U_B \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_B, N_B, M_A) \text{ with } K$ send [B, A, $U_B$ ] session key $S_B \leftarrow T_A^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$
3	receive [B, A, $U_B$ ] extract $T_B, N_B, M_A$ if $M_A = N_A + 1$ then B authenticated $M_B \leftarrow N_B + 1$ session key $S_A \leftarrow T_B^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ send [A, B, $K\{M_B\}$ ]	
		receive [A, B, $K\{M_B\}$ ] extract $M_B$ from message using K if $M_B = N_B + 1$ then A authenticated
	<--- A and B exchange data with session key $S = S_A = S_B$ ----> <----- A and B disconnect ----->	

Solution attempt 3 (does not use K and DH in conjunction, hence does not work)

	A (has K, g, p)	B (has K, g, p)
1	generate random $N_A$ and $S_A$ $T_A \leftarrow g^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ send [A, B, K{ $N_A$ }, $T_A$ ]	
2		receive [A, B, K{ $N_A$ }, $T_A$ ] $M_A \leftarrow \text{decrypt } K\{N_A\} \text{ using } K$ generate random $N_B$ and $S_B$ $T_B \leftarrow g^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$ send [B, A, $M_A$ , K{ $N_B$ }, $T_B$ ] session key $S \leftarrow T_A^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$
3	receive [B, A, $M_A$ , K{ $N_B$ }, $T_B$ ] if $M_A = N_A$ then B authenticated else abort $M_B \leftarrow \text{decrypt } K\{N_B\} \text{ using } K$ session key $S \leftarrow T_B^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ send [A, B, $M_B$ ]	
		receive [A, B, $M_B$ ] if $M_B = N_B$ then A authenticated else abort
	<--- A and B use session key $S=S_A=S_B$ for data and closing---->	



Here is a man-in-the-middle attack on solution attempt 3

A (has K, g, p)	Attacker C	B (has K, g, p)
1 generate random $N_A$ and $S_A$ $T_A \leftarrow g^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ send [A, B, $K\{N_A\}$ , $T_A$ ] //msg 1	→ intercept msg 1 generate random $S_C$ $T_C \leftarrow g^{S_C} \text{ mod } p$ session key $S_{AC} = T_A^{S_C} \text{ mod } p$ forward msg 1 with $T_A \rightarrow T_C$	→
2	← intercept msg 2 session key $S_{BC} = T_B^{S_C} \text{ mod } p$ forward msg 2 with $T_B \rightarrow T_C$	← receive [A, B, $K\{N_A\}$ , $T_C$ ] $M_A \leftarrow \text{decrypt } K\{N_A\} \text{ using } K$ generate random $N_B$ and $S_B$ $T_B \leftarrow g^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$ send [B, A, $M_A$ , $K\{N_B\}$ , $T_B$ ] //msg 2 session key $S \leftarrow T_A^{S_B} \text{ mod } p$
3 receive [B, A, $M_A$ , $K\{N_B\}$ , $T_C$ ] $M_A = N_A$ so B is authenticated $M_B \leftarrow \text{decrypt } K\{N_B\} \text{ using } K$ session key $S_A \leftarrow T_C^{S_A} \text{ mod } p$ send [A, B, $M_B$ ] // msg 3	→ no need to modify msg 3	→
		receive [A, B, $M_B$ ] $M_B = N_B$ so A authenticated
<---- A shares session key $S_A$ with C --> A thinks it shares it with B		<---- B shares session key $S_B$ with C --> B thinks it shares it with A
	C does following for every msg that A sends to B (including the disconnection handshake messages): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intercept the message,</li> <li>• decrypt encrypted fields with <math>S_{AC}</math> and re-encrypt with <math>S_{BC}</math>,</li> <li>• forward modified msg to B</li> </ul> C does the same for every msg that B sends to A (with the roles of $S_{AC}$ and $S_{BC}$ interchanged).	

6. 15 points]

In the authentication protocol below, pw is A's password and J is a key derived from pw.

A (has pw)	B (has J)
send [A, B, conn] // msg 1	receive [A, B, conn] generate random challenge $R_B$ $S_B \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(R_B)$ with key J send [B, A, $S_B$ ] // msg 2
receive [B, A, $S_B$ ] compute J from pw $T_B \leftarrow \text{decrypt}(S_B)$ with key J $U_B \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_B+1)$ with key J generate random challenge $R_A$ $S_A \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(R_A)$ with key J send [A, B, $U_B$ , $S_A$ ] // msg 3	
	receive [A, B, $U_B$ , $S_A$ ] $V_B \leftarrow \text{decrypt}(U_B)$ with key J if $V_B = R_B+1$ then A is authenticated else abort $T_A \leftarrow \text{decrypt}(S_A)$ with key J $U_A \leftarrow \text{encrypt}(T_A+1)$ with key J send [B, A, $U_A$ ] // msg 4
receive [B, A, $U_A$ ] $V_A \leftarrow \text{decrypt}(U_A)$ with key J if $V_A = R_A+1$ then B is authenticated else abort	

- Consider an attacker that can **only eavesdrop** (i.e., can hear messages in transit but cannot intercept messages or send messages with somebody else's sender id). Can this attacker obtain pw by off-line password guessing. If you answer no, explain briefly. If you answer yes, describe the attack.
- Consider an attacker that can **only spoof A** (i.e., send messages with sender id A and receive messages with destination id A, but not eavesdrop or intercept messages). Can this attacker obtain pw by off-line password guessing. If you answer no, explain briefly. If you answer yes, describe the attack.
- Consider an attacker that can **only spoof B** (i.e., send messages with sender id B and receive messages with destination id B, but not eavesdrop or intercept messages). Can this attacker obtain pw by off-line password guessing. If you answer no, explain briefly. If you answer yes, describe the attack.

**Solution to 6****Part a. [5 points]**

Yes, off-line password guessing is possible.

**[5 points]**

Attacker does following with  $S_B$  and  $U_B$  (note  $S_B = J\{R_B\}$  and  $U_B = J\{R_B + 1\}$ ):

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for each cpw in dictionary do {
    cJ ← key constructed from cpw;
    cR ← decrypt  $S_B$  using cJ;
    cRplus1 ← decrypt  $U_B$  using cJ;
    if cRplus1 = cR + 1 then done; // pw = cpw; J = cJ,
}

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Same attack possible with  $S_A$  and  $U_A$ .

0 points for saying “yes” without any explanation or with a completely wrong explanation.

**Part b. [5 points]**

No, off-line password guessing is not possible.

**[5 points]**

The attacker can get  $S_B (= J\{R_B\})$  by sending [A, B, conn], but it cannot get anything more.

Because it does not have J, it cannot compute  $U_B (= J\{R_B+1\})$ .

So whatever msg 3 the attacker sends will not elicit a responding msg 4 from B.

0 points for saying “no” without any explanation or with a completely wrong explanation.

At most 2 points if you do not explain why the attacker cannot get B to send msg 4.

**Part c. [5 points]**

Yes, off-line password guessing is possible.

**[5 points]**

Attacker waits until A requests a connection, upon which it sends msg 2 with random  $S_B$ .

A responds with msg 3 in which  $U_B = \text{encrypt}(\text{decrypt } S_B \text{ using } J) \text{ using } J$ .

Then do the following with  $S_B$  and  $U_B$  (exactly as in part a):

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for each cpw in dictionary do {
    cJ ← key constructed from cpw;
    cR ← decrypt  $S_B$  using cJ;
    cRplus1 ← decrypt  $U_B$  using cJ;
    if cRplus1 = cR + 1 then done; // pw = cpw; J = cJ,
}

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0 points for just saying yes without any explanation or with a completely wrong explanation.