

**HW 3 CMSC 456. DUE Oct 1**  
**NOTE- THE HW IS THREE PAGES LONG**

1. (0 points) READ the syllabus- Content and Policy. READ my NOTES on ciphers- the Diffie Helman and RSA part. What is your name? Write it clearly. What is the day and time of the first midterm?
2. (10 points) Do the following using the repeated squaring method. Show your work.
  - (a)  $14^{26} \pmod{1000}$
  - (b)  $30^{14} \pmod{1000}$
3. (30 points)
  - (a) (15 points) Modify Diffie-Helman key exchange so that three people share a secret.
  - (b) (15 points) State carefully exactly what function Eve needs to compute to find the shared secret, with which inputs. (HINT: Its NOT Discrete Log.)

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4. (35 points) In this problem you will be asked to write several programs and then combine them.

(a) (9 points) Write a program POWER that will, Given  $g, p, n$  compute,  $g^n \pmod{p}$ . (Use repeated squaring.) Note that  $p$  need not be a prime and  $g$  need not be a generator. (As a check, not to hand in, use it to redo problem 2 above.) Use this program to compute the following:

- i.  $99^{99} \pmod{1010}$
- ii.  $111^{111} \pmod{1010}$
- iii.  $200^{999} \pmod{1111}$

Output the results.

(b) (5 points) Write a program TESTPRIME that does the following: Input  $p$  test if  $p$  is prime. Use the not-quite-correct method in the slides but also make sure that  $p$  is not one of the Carmichael numbers on the first Public-Key Crypto slide-packet. Use the program to find the first 10 primes that are  $\geq 1000$ . Output the results.

(c) (5 points) write a program TESTSAFEPRIMES that does the following: Input  $p$  test if  $p$  is a SAFE prime. (Use TESTPRIME as a subroutine.) Use the program to find the first 10 safe primes that are  $\geq 1000$ . Output the results. Call them  $p_1, \dots, p_{10}$  for later reference.

(d) (5 points) Given a Safe prime  $p$  and a number  $g \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$  test if  $g$  is a generator. (This will use the program POWER.) Use the program to find, for each  $p_i$  from the last problem, the smallest generator mod  $p_i$ .

(e) (11 points) I had said in class that *about half of the numbers in  $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$  are generators*. Lets get some empirical evidence on this! For all the  $p_i$  in Part c, for EVERY  $g \in \{1, \dots, p_i\}$ . test if  $g$  is a generator. DO NOT output the generators, just output the number of generators. Also output what fraction of the numbers in  $\{1, \dots, p_i-1\}$  are generators.

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5. (10 points) Professor Dogz has an idea! Rather than look at a random prime by picking an  $n$ -bit number he will pick an  $n$ -bit number of the form  $30k + 1$ . This way he already knows its not divisible by 2,3, or 5.
- Write psuedocode that will create a random number with ROUGHLY  $n$  bits (could be off by a constant) of the form  $30k + 1$ .
  - Discuss PROS and CONS of picking random primes in this manner. (You can be informal.)
6. (15 points) Alice and Bob do the Diffie-Helman Key Exchange with  $p = 107$  and  $g = 15$ . Alice picks  $a = 20$  and Bob picks  $b = 9$ . (You can use your program or Wolfram Alpha or some program on the web. Tell us which you used.)
- (3 points) What does Alice send Bob? Show how she calculates it. For example (And this is NOT the right answer!):  
*Alice sends Bob*  $g^{a^2} \pmod{107^2} = 15^{400} \pmod{107^2} = 8237$ .
  - (3 points) What does Bob send Alice? Show how he calculates it
  - (3 points) Describe how Alice calculates the shared secret. Carry out that calculation and give the result.
  - (3 points) Describe how Bob calculates the shared secret. Carry out that calculation and give the result. (This should be the same as the last answer.)
  - (3 points) What is the secret written in binary? Use 8 bits since  $2^7 < 107 < 2^8$ . There can be leading 0's.
  - (0 points) Why might Alice and Bob use the answer in binary?