

Some Solutions to HW05 Problems

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We will now use that $2^5 = 32 \equiv 1 \pmod{31}$.

$$2^{12} = 2^5 \times 2^5 \times 2^2 \pmod{31} \equiv 1 \times 1 \times 4 \pmod{31} \equiv 4 \pmod{31}.$$

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2) Some students said if g is not a generator then there could be an (a, b) an (a', b') they yield THE SAME secret Key, bad for DECRYPTION. BUT DH IS NOT A CRYPTO SYSTEM. Full Credit since raised a good point. In future will demand clean correct answer.

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Some Students on piazza asked how rigorous the proof had to be.

This is **not** the kind of proof for which this question makes sense.

Above is rigorous. No subtle issues.

HW05, Problem 4a

Alice and Bob are going to use RSA with primes $p = 7$ and $q = 11$. List all possible values of $e \geq 10$ that Alice could pick.

SOLUTION

$$R = \phi(7) \times \phi(11) = 6 \times 10 = 60.$$

e has to be rel prime to 60.

Here are all such numbers:

$$\{11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 49, 53, 59\}$$

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Alice and Bob are going to use RSA with primes $p = 7$ and $q = 11$. Let e be a number NOT on the list in the last item. What goes wrong if Alice tries to use e ?

SOLUTION

Since e is NOT rel prime to 60, there is no d with $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{60}$.

So in the very next step of trying to pick d , Alice will fail.

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d is the inverse of 13 mod 60 so that's 37.

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HW05 Problem 5b

Alice and Bob are again using RSA with $p = 7$ and $q = 11$ and $e = 13$. What does Alice broadcast? What does she keep secret?

SOLUTION

She broadcasts $(77, 13)$. She keeps secret 37.

END OF SOLUTION

HW05 Problem 5c

Bob wants to send 30. What does he send?

SOLUTION

Bob sends $30^{13} \pmod{77} = 72$.

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$$m^{13} \equiv 71 \pmod{77}$$

Raise both sides to the power 37 (the value of d).

$$m^{13 \times 37} \equiv 71^{37} \equiv 36 \pmod{77}$$

KEY is that the exponents are mod 60 which is $\phi(77)$ and

$13 \times 37 \equiv 1 \pmod{60}$ so we get

$m = 36$.

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