

**Directions:** Solve the following problems. All written work must be your own. See the course syllabus for detailed rules.

1. [JJJ 2.8] Alice and Bob agree to use the prime  $p = 1373$  and the base  $g = 2$  for communications using the ElGamal public key cryptosystem.
  - (a) Alice chooses  $a = 947$  as her private key. What is the value of her public key?
  - (b) Bob chooses  $b = 716$  as his private key, so his public key is  $B = 2^{716} = 469$ . Alice encrypts the message  $m = 583$  using the random element  $t = 887$ . What is the ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2)$  that Alice sends to Bob?
  - (c) Alice decides to choose a new private key  $a = 299$  with associated public key  $A = 2^{299} = 34$ . Bob encrypts a message using Alice's public key and sends her the ciphertext  $(661, 1325)$ . Decrypt the message.
  - (d) Now Bob chooses a new private key and publishes the associated public key  $B = 893$ . Alice encrypts a message using this public key and sends the ciphertext  $(693, 793)$  to Bob. Eve intercepts the transmission. Help Eve by solving the discrete logarithm problem  $2^b \equiv 893 \pmod{1373}$  and use the value of  $b$  to decrypt the message.
2. Let  $m$  be a positive integer and let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ .
  - (a) Let  $h$  be the order of  $g$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$ . Prove that if  $g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , then  $h \mid n$ .
  - (b) Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Prove that the order of  $g$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$  equals  $n$  if and only if  $g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $g^{n/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  for each prime  $q$  that divides  $n$ .
3. Alice and Bob wish to use the ElGamal cryptosystem to communicate, and they are having difficulty deciding on a prime/base pair  $(p, g)$ . The pairs that they are considering are  $(345601, 71482)$  (option A),  $(516163, 482305)$  (option B), and  $(177007, 145014)$  (option C). Which option do you recommend for Alice and Bob, and why?
4. Shanks's Algorithm By Hand. Let  $p = 211$  and let  $g = 8$ .
  - (a) Find the order  $N$  of  $g$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .
  - (b) Compute List 1 in Shanks's Algorithm for computing  $\log_g(h)$ .
  - (c) Use Shanks's Algorithm to find each of the following discrete logarithms. In each case, explicitly give List 2.
    - i.  $\log_g(122)$
    - ii.  $\log_g(150)$
    - iii.  $\log_g(200)$
5. Shanks's Algorithm By Computer.
  - (a) Implement Shanks's Baby-step/Giant-step algorithm `shanks_discrete_log(g,h,m)` that returns  $x$  such that  $g^x \equiv h \pmod{m}$  when such an  $x$  exists. Submit your code.  
Hint: if implementing the algorithm in python, then you may find the built-in dictionary class useful. See `shanks.py` for code that makes a dictionary storing the first few powers of a base  $g$  and a naive, brute-force implementation `naive_discrete_log(g,h,m)`.
  - (b) Let  $p = 84298814015219$ . Use your code to compute  $\log_2(3)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . With a good implementation, it should take no more than about a minute on modern hardware. (My laptop from about 2016 takes 6 or 7 seconds.)

6. Solve the following systems of congruences.

(a)

$$x \equiv 18 \pmod{25}$$

$$x \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$x \equiv 16 \pmod{32}$$

(b)

$$17x \equiv 8 \pmod{43}$$

$$6x \equiv 41 \pmod{55}$$

$$5x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$$

(c)

$$7x \equiv 33 \pmod{145}$$

$$11x \equiv 44 \pmod{45}$$

$$17x \equiv 38 \pmod{75}$$

Caution: The given moduli are not pairwise relatively prime (for example,  $3 \mid 45$  and  $3 \mid 75$ ), so CRT does not apply directly.