

Alice



Bob



a, g, p

A, g, p

b

$$A = g^a \text{ mod } p$$



$$B = g^b \text{ mod } p$$

B

$$K = B^a \text{ mod } p$$



$$K = A^b \text{ mod } p$$

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Bob



K_1

A_1, g, p

B_1

A_2, g, p

K_2

B_2

K_1 K_2

Attacker



- In modular arithmetic, a branch of number theory, a number g is a **primitive root modulo n** if every number a coprime to n is congruent to a power of g modulo n . That is, for every integer a coprime to n , there is an integer k such that $g^k \equiv a \pmod{n}$. Such k is called the **index** or **discrete logarithm** of a to the base g modulo n .
- In other words, g is a generator of the multiplicative group of integers modulo n .

The Diffie-Hellman algorithm depends for its effectiveness on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms. Briefly, we can define the discrete logarithm in the following way. Recall from Chapter 8 that a primitive root of a prime number p is one whose powers modulo p generate all the integers from 1 to $p - 1$. That is, if a is a primitive root of the prime number p , then the numbers

$$a \bmod p, a^2 \bmod p, \dots, a^{p-1} \bmod p$$

are distinct and consist of the integers from 1 through $p - 1$ in some permutation.

For any integer b and a primitive root a of prime number p , we can find a unique exponent i such that

$$b \equiv a^i \pmod{p} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq i \leq (p - 1)$$

The exponent i is referred to as the **discrete logarithm** of b for the base a , mod p . We express this value as $\text{dlog}_{a,p}(b)$. See Chapter 8 for an extended discussion of discrete logarithms.

Asymmetric Encryption: RSA

- Choose two large prime numbers p & q
- Compute $n=pq$ and $z=(p-1)(q-1)$
- Choose number e , less than n , which has no common factor (other than 1) with z
- Find number d , such that $ed - 1$ is exactly divisible by z
- Keys are generated using n, d, e
 - Public key is (n,e)
 - Private key is (n, d)
- Encryption: $c = m^e \bmod n$
 - m is plain text
 - c is cipher text
- Decryption: $m = c^d \bmod n$
- Public key is shared and the private key is hidden

Asymmetric Encryption: RSA

- ◎ $P=5$ & $q=7$
- ◎ $n=5*7=35$ and $z=(4)*(6) = 24$
- ◎ $e = 5$
- ◎ $d = 29$, $(29 \times 5 = 1 \text{ mod } 24)$
- ◎ Keys generated are
 - Public key: $(5, 35)$
 - Private key is $(29, 35)$
- ◎ Encrypt the word love using $(c = m^e \text{ mod } n)$
 - Assume that the alphabets are between 1 & 26

Plain Text	Numeric Representation	m^e	Cipher Text ($c = m^e \text{ mod } n$)
l	12	248832	17
o	15	759375	15
v	22	5153632	22
e	5	3125	10

Asymmetric Encryption: RSA

- Decrypt the word love using ($m = c^d \bmod n$)
- $d=29, n=35$

Cipher Text	c^d	$(m = c^d \bmod n)$	Plain Text
17	481968572106750915091411825223072000	12	l
15	12783403948858939111232757568359400	15	o
22	852643319086537701956194499721110000000	22	v
10	10000000000000000000000000000000	5	e