

Cryptography – Diffie-Hellman

Public/Private Keys (Diffie-Hellman exchange)

- 1) With your partner, pick a prime number, p .
- 2) With your partner, pick a primitive root modulo p . This is an integer r between $[1, p - 1]$ such that the values of $(r^x) \% p$ for all x in range $[0, p - 2]$ are different.
- 3) Choose a secret number. Write it down. (this is your private key)
- 4) Compute your public key. Do this by computing $r^{(\text{private key})} \% p$. Tell your partner your public key. Write down the public keys here.
- 5) Compute your shared secret. Do this by computing $(\text{your partner's public key})^{(\text{your private key})} \% p$.
- 6) Compare your shared secret with your partner. If they aren't the same, look for any errors you might have made.
- 7) What information would an eavesdropper have?
- 8) How could an eavesdropper check to see if they have guessed your secrets?
- 9) Get the information from another group that an eavesdropper would have. Try to reverse-engineer any of their secrets. Assume that you have a function that will tell you if you found a secret number.