

Assignment 1
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#1

Consider all numbers that are less than p^c that are not relatively prime to p^c , or all numbers that are a multiple of p , so $p, 2p, 3p, \dots p^{(c-1)}p$. There are $p^{(c-1)}$ such numbers as all of these numbers divide p^c .

Now to get all the numbers that are relatively prime to p^c we can take the $p^{(c-1)}$ non-relative prime numbers and subtract them from all numbers up to p^c .

So that would give us $p^c - p^{(c-1)}$ which would equal

$$p^c - p^{(c-1)} = p^{(c-1)}(p - 1) = (p^c) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = p^c \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

This shows by counting that $\phi(p^c) = p^c(1 - 1/p)$

#2

Given a, b, e_1, e_2, n , $\text{GCD}(e_1, e_2) = 1$, and $a^{e_1} = b^{e_2} \pmod{n}$ we can prove $c^{e_1} = b \pmod{n}$ as follows

As e_1 and e_2 are relatively prime, we know that there exists integers X and Y such that $e_1X + e_2Y = 1$

We can also see that if we raise both sides of $a^{e_1} = b^{e_2} \pmod{n}$ by Y we get $a^{e_1Y} = b^{e_2Y} \pmod{n}$

Let's say $c = b^X(a^Y)$

Then we can see that $c^{e_1} = (b^X * a^Y)^{e_1} = b^{Xe_1} * a^{Ye_1} = b^{e_1X} * b^{e_2Y} = b^{(e_1X + e_2Y)} = b^1$

Therefore, anyone can compute c such that $c^{e_1} = b \pmod{n}$

#3

A)

If e is set to 1, the plaintext will be the same as the ciphertext as when the plaintext is raised to the power of one and the modulo is taken with a large number, the same value will be returned.

If e is set to 2, it is a small number and does not provide enough variation and finding square roots modulo n is easy. This would allow for decryption without private key

B)

$$\phi(35) = \phi(5) * \phi(7) = 4 * 6 = 24$$

We need to choose an e such that $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(n)) = 1$, all valid e 's are

1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23

For each of the values above for e , the modular inverse with mod 24 are the same as e , therefore all e equal d for $n = 35$

C)

Given $c \equiv m^3 \pmod{101}$ we know $c = 3$

$\phi(101) = 100$ as 101 is prime

So we are looking for d such that $3d \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$

From the Extended Euclidean Algorithm, we know that 67 is inverse of 3 $\pmod{100}$

So $d = 67$ and therefore
 $m \equiv c^{67} \pmod{101}$

D)

As p is a large *prime* number, we know that $\phi(p) = p - 1$.

We can find a d such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{p-1}$, or the multiplicative inverse of e modulo $(p-1)$.

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm can be used to find d .

#4

Both schemes are not deterministic as they use a random r which improves upon RSA but:

The first scheme, $[A = r^e, B = m + r]$, there exists a linear relationship with $B = m + r$, and does not provide any semantic security.

While in the second scheme $[A = r, B = (m+r)^e]$, B can be rewritten as $(m + A)^e$, and now the attacker can easily find m as they have both A and e .