# GROUP CRYPTOGRAPHY AND DISCRETE LOGARITHMS

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#### Abstract

This study investigates the basic uses of group theory in encryption and the importance of the discrete logarithm problem in cryptographic security. The first phase covers the ElGamal encryption algorithm, followed by the presentation of key strategies for solving the discrete logarithm problem: the baby-step giant-step method, the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm, and the index calculus method. Other mathematical tools, such as the Chinese Remainder Theorem, that aid in the acceleration of systems based on discrete logarithms, as well as cryptographic attacks like birthday attacks, are examined.

In phase two, the theoretical concepts were implemented as practical models within the SageMath software. The algorithms of interest were created and executed using SageMath in order to demonstrate how the operational heuristics could be inspected to showcase the power of computer algebra systems in cryptographic tasks.

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#### 1 The ElGamal Encryption Scheme

#### **ElGamal Encryption Protocol:**

- **Set-up:** Choose a finite cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  with d elements. Let g be a generator. These are made public.
- Key Generation:
  - Private key:  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_d$
  - Public key:  $B = g^b \in G$
- Encryption:
  - Input: plaintext  $x \in G$
  - Choose random  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_d$
  - Compute  $A = g^a$ ,  $k = B^a$ ,  $y = x \cdot k$
  - Output: ciphertext (y, A)
- Decryption:
  - Input: ciphertext (y, A)
  - Compute  $k = A^b$ , then  $x = y \cdot k^{-1}$

Below the code of the protocol is written using sagemath and is mentioned below.

```
p = random_prime(2^11, 2^12)
G = GF(p)
g = G.primitive_element()
4 print(f"Prime unumber (p): (p)")
  print(f"Generator<sub>□</sub>(g):<sub>□</sub>{g}")
  # Key Generation
b = randint(0, p-1)
print(f"Private_Key_(b):_{\( \bar{b} \)")
   print(f"Public_Key_(B):_{{B}}")
  # Message input
13
  x_{input} = input(f"Enter_a_number_in_GF(\{p\})_i(x):_i")
14
  x = G(int(x_input))
15
16
   # Encryption Function
17
   def encrypt(x, B, g, p):
18
        a = randint(0, p-1)
19
        A = g^a
20
        k = B^a
21
        y = x * k
22
       return (y, A)
23
24
```

```
ciphertext = encrypt(x, B, g, p)
25
     print(f"A: \_{ciphertext[1]}")
26
     print(f"y: __{ciphertext[0]}")
print(f"Ciphertext__(y, __A): __{ciphertext}")
27
28
29
     # Decryption Function
30
     def decrypt(y, A, b, p):
31
           k = A^b
32
           k_{inv} = k^{-1}
33
           \operatorname{print}(f"\operatorname{Shared}_{\sqcup}\operatorname{secret}_{\sqcup}(k):_{\sqcup}\{k\}")
34
           print(f"Inverse_{\sqcup}of_{\sqcup}k:_{\sqcup}\{k_{\_}inv\}")
35
           return y * k_inv
36
37
     decrypted_x = decrypt(ciphertext[0], ciphertext[1], b, p)
38
     print(f"\texttt{Decrypted}_{\sqcup}\texttt{Message:}_{\sqcup}\{\texttt{decrypted}_{\_}\texttt{x}\}")
```

Listing 1: ElGamal Encryption Example in SageMath

#### 2 Baby-step Giant-step Algorithm

# **Algorithm 1.** Baby-step Giant-step for discrete logarithms **Input:**

- A cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  with order d
- Element  $x \in G$

Output:  $\log_g x \in \mathbb{Z}_d$ 

- 1. Set  $m = \lceil \sqrt{d} \rceil$
- 2. Compute and store:  $xq^j \mod n$  for j = 0 to m 1
- 3. Compute  $g^m$ , then  $g^{im} \mod n$  for i = 1 to m
- 4. If a match is found, return a = im j

The code for the Baby-Step Giant-Step Algorithm was written using sagemath and gives the code.

```
from math import ceil, sqrt
    from math import gcd
    def BSGS(g, x, n, order):
          if gcd(g, n) != 1 or gcd(x, n) != 1:
 5
                print("ERROR: \_g_{\sqcup}and_{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}must_{\sqcup}be_{\sqcup}coprime_{\sqcup}with_{\sqcup}n.")
 6
                return None
 7
          m = ceil(sqrt(order))
          baby_steps = {}
10
11
          for j in range(m):
12
                val = (x * pow(g, j, n)) % n
13
                baby_steps[val] = j
14
                print(f"Baby_{\sqcup}j=\{j\}:_{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}*_{\sqcup}g^{\{j\}}_{\sqcup}_{\sqcup}\{val\}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{n\}")
15
16
          g_m = pow(g, m, n)
17
          for i in range(1, m + 1):
18
                y = pow(g_m, i, n)
19
                print(f"Giant_i=\{i\}: g^{\{i_i*_im\}_i} \{y\}_i mod_i\{n\}")
                if y in baby_steps:
21
                     j = baby_steps[y]
22
                     result = (i * m - j) % order
23
                     print(f"Result:_{\sqcup}k_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}(\{i\}_{\sqcup}*_{\sqcup}\{m\}_{\sqcup}-_{\sqcup}\{j\})_{\sqcup}\%_{\sqcup}\{order\}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{result\}")
24
                     return result
25
26
          print("Nousolutionufound.")
27
          return None
28
29
    n = 25
31
    g = 2
   x = 17
```

```
order = 20
k = BSGS(g, x, n, order)
```

Listing 2: Baby-step Giant-step Implementation

#### 3 Birthday Algorithm for Discrete Logarithm

Algorithm 2. Birthday Algorithm for Discrete Logarithm

**Input:** A cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  with d elements, and a group element  $x \in G$ .

Output:  $\log_g x \in \mathbb{Z}_d$ .

- 1. Initialize sets  $X \leftarrow \emptyset$ ,  $Y \leftarrow \emptyset$ .
- 2. Repeat until a collision occurs:
  - Randomly choose  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  $i \in \{0, \dots, d-1\}$
  - If b = 0: compute  $xg^i$ , store in X
  - If b = 1: compute  $g^i$ , store in Y
- 3. If a collision  $xg^i = g^j$  is found: return  $j i \mod d$

The code for the Birthday Algorithm was written using sagemath and gives the code.

```
def birthday_algorithm(g, x, p):
2
        d = totient(p) # Euler's totient function
3
        X, Y = \{\}, \{\}
                         # Hash tables for collision detection
4
5
        while True:
6
            b = randint(0, 1)
            i = randint(0, d - 1)
9
            if b == 0:
10
                 value = (x * pow(g, i, p)) % p
11
                 if value in Y:
12
                     return (Y[value] - i) % d
13
                X[value] = i
14
            else:
15
                 value = pow(g, i, p)
16
                 if value in X:
17
                     return (i - X[value]) % d
18
                Y[value] = i
19
20
   # User input
   p = int(input("Modular unumber pu(prime): "))
   G = GF(p)
   g = G.primitive_element()
   print(f"Primitive\_element\_over\_GF(\{p\}): \_\{g\}")
25
   x = int(input("Encrypted_message_x:_"))
26
27
   dlog = birthday_algorithm(g, x, p)
28
  print(f"\nDiscrete_logarithm_(in_Z{p}*):__{dlog}")
29
   check = pow(int(g), dlog, p)
   print(f"Verification: \_g^a \_mod \_p \_= \_\{check\}, \_x \_= \_\{x\} \_(should \_be \_equal)")
```

Listing 3: Birthday Algorithm Implementation

#### 4 Chinese Remaindering for Discrete Logarithms

Algorithm Description: The Chinese remaindering method for discrete logarithms is used when the group order d can be factored into small prime components. The discrete logarithm problem is solved separately modulo each prime factor, and these smaller solutions are then combined using the Chinese Remainder Theorem to obtain the overall solution.

**Algorithm 3.** Chinese remaindering for discrete logarithms.

**Input:** A cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  of order d = #G, and  $x \in G$ .

Output:  $a = d\log_q x$ .

- 1. Compute the prime power factorization of d.
- 2. For each  $i \leq r$ , do steps 3 and 4:
  - (a) Compute  $g_i = g^{d/q_i}$  and  $x_i = x^{d/q_i}$ , using the Repeated Squaring Algorithm
  - (b) Compute the discrete logarithm  $a_i = d\log_{q_i} x_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{q_i}$  in  $S_i = \langle g_i \rangle$ .
- 3. Combine these "small" discrete logarithms via the Chinese Remainder Algorithm to find the unique  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_d$  such that  $a = a_i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{q_i}$  for all  $i \leq r$ .

The code for the Chinese Remaindering Algorithm was written using sagemath and gives the code.

```
def dlog(g, x, n, order):
2
         if gcd(g, n) != 1 or gcd(x, n) != 1:
3
              print("ERROR: _g_and _x_must_be_coprime_with_n!")
              return None
5
6
         m = ceil(sqrt(order))
         baby_steps = {}
9
         for j in range(m):
10
              val = (x * pow(g, j, n)) % n
11
              baby_steps[val] = j
12
13
         g_m = pow(g, m, n)
14
         for i in range(1, m + 1):
15
              y = pow(g_m, i, n)
16
              if y in baby_steps:
17
                   j = baby_steps[y]
18
                   result = (i * m - j) % order
19
                   print(f"Result:_{\sqcup}k_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}(\{i\}_{\sqcup}*_{\sqcup}\{m\}_{\sqcup}-_{\sqcup}\{j\})_{\sqcup}\%_{\sqcup}\{order\}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{result\}")
20
                   return result
21
22
         print("No_solution_found.")
23
```

```
return None
24
25
    def chinese_remainder_dlog(p, x):
26
         print(f"p_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{p\}, _{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{x\}")
27
         d = euler_phi(p)
28
         print(f "Group \cup order \cup d\cup = \cup ({p}) \cup = \cup {d}")
29
30
         g = find_primitive_root(p)
31
         print(f"Primitive_root: _g_=_{g}")
         factors = factor(d)
32
         print(f"Factorization_{\sqcup}of_{\sqcup}d:_{\sqcup}\{factors\}")
33
34
         moduli, congruences = [], []
35
36
         for prime_factor, exponent in factors:
37
              q_i = prime_factor ** exponent
38
39
              print(f"\nProcessing_for_q_i_=_{q_i}:")
              g_i = power_mod(g, d // q_i, p)
41
              x_i = power_mod(x, d // q_i, p)
              print(f"g_i_{\sqcup} = _{\sqcup} \{g_i\},_{\sqcup} x_i_{\sqcup} = _{\sqcup} \{x_i\}")
42
43
              a_i = dlog(g_i, x_i, p, q_i)
              if a_i is None:
44
                    print(f"No\sqcupsolution\sqcupfor\sqcupq\_i\sqcup=\sqcup{q\_i}")
45
                    return None
46
              print(f"Found_a_i_=_{\square}\{a_i\}_{\square}mod_{\square}\{q_i\}")
47
              moduli.append(q_i)
48
              congruences.append(a_i)
49
50
         a = crt(congruences, moduli)
51
52
         print(f"\nResult_using_CRT:_ua_u=_u{a}_umod_u{d}")
53
         check = power_mod(g, a, p)
         print(f"Verification: \_g^a_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}p_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{check\}_{\sqcup}(should_{\sqcup}be_{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{x\})")
54
         return a
55
56
    def find_primitive_root(p):
57
         d = euler_phi(p)
58
         factors = [pf[0] for pf in factor(d)]
59
60
         for g in range(2, p):
              if gcd(g, p) != 1:
61
                   continue
              ok = all(power_mod(g, d // q, p) != 1 for q in factors)
63
              if ok:
64
                    return g
65
         raise ValueError("No⊔primitive⊔root⊔found.")
66
67
    # Example usage
68
    p = 179424673
69
    x = 225
70
    a = chinese_remainder_dlog(p, x)
71
    print(f"Final_uresult:_ua_u=_u{a}")
```

Listing 4: Chinese Remaindering for Discrete Logarithms

#### 5 The Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm

**Algorithm Description:** This algorithm works for groups of order  $p^e$ .

Algorithm 4. Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm

**Input:** A cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  of order  $p^e$ , where p is a prime,  $e \geq 2$  is an integer, and  $x \in G$ .

**Output:**  $a = dlog_G(x)$ , the discrete logarithm of x in G.

- 1. Compute  $h = g^{p^{e-1}}$  and set  $y_{-1} = 1 \in G$ .
- 2. For i = 0 to e 1, do:
  - (a)  $x_i \leftarrow (x \cdot y_{i-1}^{-1})^{p^{e-i-1}}$
  - (b) Compute  $a_i \leftarrow dlog_h(x_i)$ .
  - (c) Update  $y_i \leftarrow y_{i-1} \cdot g^{-a_i p^i}$ .
- 3. Return  $a = a_{e-1}p^{e-1} + \dots + a_0$ .

The code for the Pohlig hellman Algorithm was written using sagemath and gives the code.

```
from math import ceil, sqrt
   def dlog(g, x, n, order):
        if gcd(g, n) != 1 or gcd(x, n) != 1:
4
            print("ERROR: \_g\_and\_x\_must\_be\_coprime\_with\_n!")
5
            return None
6
        m = ceil(sqrt(order))
        baby_steps = {}
10
        for j in range(m):
11
            val = (x * power_mod(g, j, n)) % n
12
            baby_steps[val] = j
13
14
        g_m = power_mod(g, m, n)
15
        for i in range(1, m + 1):
16
            y = power_mod(g_m, i, n)
17
            if y in baby_steps:
18
                j = baby_steps[y]
19
                result = (i * m - j) % order
20
                return result
^{21}
22
        print("Nousolutionufound.")
23
        return None
24
25
   def pohlig_hellman(F, g, x, p_1, d_1):
26
        prime = Integer(p_1)
27
        e = int(d_1)
28
        pe = prime ^ e
29
30
        print(f"\np^e_=u{pe}uanduitsuprimeufactorization:u{factor(pe)}")
```

```
32
        if (x ^ pe) != 1:
33
             raise ValueError(f"Theugivenuxuisunotuanuelementuofutheusubgroupuofuorderup
34
                  e_{\sqcup}(pe_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{pe\})!_{\sqcup}Please_{\sqcup}choose_{\sqcup}a_{\sqcup}valid_{\sqcup}x."
35
        h = F(g) ^ (prime ^ (e - 1))
36
        y_prev = F(1)
37
38
        a_values = []
39
        for i in range(e):
40
             power = prime ^{\circ} (e - i - 1)
41
             x_i = (x * y_prev) ^ power
42
             print(f"i=\{i\}: \ \ x_i = \ \ (x_i *_i y_prev)^{prev})^{y} = \ \ (x_i *_i y_prev)^{y}
43
44
             order_h = h.multiplicative_order()
45
             a_i = dlog(Integer(h), Integer(x_i), F.order(), order_h)
46
47
             print(f"a_{i})_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}log_h(\{int(x_i)\})_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{a_i\}")
             a_values.append(a_i)
49
             y_prev = y_prev * (F(g) ^ (-a_i * (prime ^ i)))
50
             print(f"y_{i}_updated_=_{y_prev}")
51
52
        result = sum(a_values[i] * (prime ^ i) for i in range(e))
53
        print(f"\nResult_\(\text{mod}\(\text{fe}\)):\(\text{result}\)")
54
         return result
55
56
57
    def create_subgroup(F, g, p_1, d_1, p):
        n = p_1 ^ d_1
58
59
        phi_p = euler_phi(p)
        g_0 = power_mod(g, phi_p // n, p)
60
        print(f"Subgroup_Generator_g_0_=_{g_0}")
61
62
        subgroup = [power_mod(g_0, i, p) for i in range(n)]
63
        print(f"Subgroup: [subgroup]")
64
        return g_0, subgroup
65
66
67
   # Main program
   p = Integer(input("Enter_a_prime_number_P:_"))
    if not is_prime(p):
        print("The uentered unumber uis unot uprime.")
70
        quit()
71
72
   F = GF(p)
73
   phi_p = euler_phi(p)
74
    factors = factor(phi_p)
75
76
    if all(e < 2 for _, e in factors):</pre>
77
        print("None_of_the_exponents_are_2_or_more,_algorithm_will_not_work.")
78
        quit()
79
   g = F.multiplicative_generator()
81
   print(f"Generator_{\square}g_{\square}=_{\square}\{g\}")
82
83
   print("Choose \( \alpha \) factor:")
84
   options = {}
85
    for f, e in factors:
86
        if e >= 2:
87
             val = f ^e
88
             options[str(val)] = (f, e)
             print(f"{f}^{e}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}{val}")
91
   choice = input("Your_choice:__")
92
93 if choice not in options:
```

```
print("Invalid selection!")
94
       quit()
95
96
   p_1, d_1 = options[choice]
97
98
   g_0, subgroup = create_subgroup(F, g, p_1, d_1, p)
99
100
   x = Integer(input("Enter_the_target_number_x:_"))
101
102
103
       result = pohlig_hellman(F, g_0, F(x), p_1, d_1)
104
       105
   except Exception as e:
106
       print(f"Error: [e]")
107
```

Listing 5: Pohlig-Hellman Algorithm Implementation

#### 6 Discrete logarithm in a cyclic group

**Algorithm 5.** Discrete Logarithm in a Cyclic Group (Pohlig-Hellman General Case)

**Input:** A finite cyclic group  $G = \langle g \rangle$  of order d, and an element  $x \in G$ . **Output:**  $a = \log_q x$ , the discrete logarithm of x in G.

- 1. Factor the group order d as  $d = p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_r^{e_r}$  with distinct primes  $p_i$  and positive integers  $e_i$ .
- 2. For i = 1 to r, do:
  - (a) Let  $q_i = p_i^{e_i}$ , and compute  $g_i = g^{d/q_i}$ ,  $x_i = x^{d/q_i}$ . These lie in the subgroup  $\langle g_i \rangle$  of order  $q_i$ .
  - (b) Compute the discrete logarithm  $a_i = \log_{q_i}(x_i)$ :
    - Use the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm recursively if  $e_i > 1$ ,
    - Use Baby-step Giant-step Algorithm if  $e_i = 1$ .
- 3. Combine the results  $a_i \mod q_i$  using the Chinese Remainder Theorem to find  $a \mod d$ .

```
# For prime powers p^e e hem 1 hem 1 den büyük için

def dlog(g, x, n, order):
    if gcd(g, n) != 1 or gcd(x, n) != 1:
        print("ERROR: __g__and __x_must_be_coprime_with_n!")
        return None

m = ceil(sqrt(order))
    baby_steps = {}

for j in range(m):
```

```
val = (x * power_mod(g, j, n)) % n
11
                baby_steps[val] = j
12
13
          g_m = power_mod(g, m, n)
14
           for i in range(1, m + 1):
15
                y = power_mod(g_m, i, n)
16
                if y in baby_steps:
18
                      j = baby_steps[y]
19
                      result = (i * m - j) % order
                      print(f"_{\sqcup\sqcup}->_{\sqcup}dlog_{\sqcup}solution:_{\sqcup}i=\{i\},_{\sqcup}j=\{j\}_{\sqcup}\rightarrow_{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{result\}")
20
                      return result
21
22
          print("No□solution□found.")
23
          return None
24
25
26
     def pohlig_hellman(F, g, x, p, e):
27
          print(f"\n[Starting_Pohlig-Hellman]_p_=_{p},_e_=_{e}")
          pe = p ^ e
28
          h = F(g) ^ (p ^ (e - 1))
29
30
          y_prev = F(1)
          a_values = []
31
32
          for i in range(e):
33
                power = p \hat{(e - i - 1)}
34
                x_i = (x * y_prev) ^ power
35
                order_h = h.multiplicative_order()
36
37
                print(f"\n_{\sqcup\sqcup}[Step_{\sqcup}{i}]")
38
                print(f"_{\sqcup \sqcup \sqcup \sqcup} x_{\underline{i}} = (x_{\underline{\sqcup}} *_{\sqcup} y_{\underline{prev}})^{prev})^{power} = (x_{\underline{i}} *_{\underline{l}})^{prev}
39
                print(f"_{\cup\cup\cup\cup}h_{\cup}=_{\cup}g^{\{p}^{\{p}^{\{e}\cup_{\cup}1\}_{\cup}=_{\cup}[h]^{"})}
40
                print(f"uuuu0rderuofuh:u{order_h}")
41
42
                a_i = dlog(int(h), int(x_i), F.order(), order_h)
43
                print(f"_{\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup\sqcup}a_{i})_{\sqcup=\sqcup}log_h(\{int(x_i)\})_{\sqcup=\sqcup}\{a_i\}")
44
                a_values.append(a_i)
45
46
                y_prev *= F(g) ^ (-a_i * (p ^ i))
47
                print(f''_{\sqcup \sqcup \sqcup \sqcup} Updated_{\sqcup} y_{\{i\}}_{\sqcup = \sqcup} \{y_{prev}\}'')
          x_mod_pe = sum(a * (p ^ i) for i, a in enumerate(a_values))
50
          print(f"\n_{\cup\cup}-->_{\cup}x_{\cup}\ (x_mod_pe)_{\cup}mod_{\cup}\{pe\}")
51
          return x_mod_pe
52
53
     def generate_subgroup(g, x, p, e, mod_p):
54
          n = p \cdot e
55
56
          phi = euler_phi(mod_p)
          g_0 = power_mod(g, phi // n, mod_p)
57
          x_0 = power_mod(x, phi // n, mod_p)
58
          print(f"\n[Generating_Subgroup]_{\sqcup}{p}^{e}")
59
          print(f"_{\sqcup\sqcup}g_0_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}g^{(\{phi\}_{\sqcup}/_{\sqcup}\{n\})_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{mod_p\}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{g_0\}")
60
          print(f"_{\sqcup\sqcup}x\_0_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}x^{(\{phi\}_{\sqcup}/_{\sqcup}\{n\})_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{mod\_p\}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{x\_0\}")
61
          return g_0, x_0
62
63
    # Main Program
64
    p = Integer(input("Enter_a_prime_number_P:_"))
65
    if not is_prime(p):
66
          print("ERROR: \_The \_number \_entered \_is \_not \_a \_prime.")
67
          quit()
68
    F = GF(p)
phi_p = euler_phi(p)
factors = factor(phi_p)
print(f"\nphi({p})_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}{phi_p}_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}{factors}")
```

```
74
             g = F.multiplicative_generator()
 75
             print(f"\nGenerator_{\sqcup}g_{\sqcup}=_{\sqcup}\{g\}")
 76
  77
             x = Integer(input("\nEnter_the_target_value_x:_"))
  78
  79
             mod_list = []
  80
             res_list = []
  81
  82
             for prime, exponent in factors:
  83
                             mod = prime ^ exponent
  84
                             g_0, x_0 = generate_subgroup(g, x, prime, exponent, p)
  85
  86
                             if exponent >= 2:
  87
                                           print(f"Applying_Pohlig-Hellman_for_{prime}^{exponent}...")
  88
  89
                                           res = pohlig_hellman(F, F(g_0), F(x_0), prime, exponent)
                             else:
                                           print(f"Applying classic dlog for for fexponent fexponent for fexponent fe
  91
  92
                                           res = dlog(g_0, x_0, p, prime)
  93
                             if res is None:
  94
                                            print("Nousolutionufound.")
 95
                                            quit()
 96
 97
                             mod_list.append(mod)
 98
 99
                             res_list.append(res)
100
             # Combine results using Chinese Remainder Theorem
101
             x_final = crt(res_list, mod_list)
102
             print(f"\nFinal_Result:_{\sqcup}x_{\sqcup}\ (x_final)_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{phi_p\}")
```

Listing 6: Pohlig-Hellman General Case

#### 7 Index Calculus Algorithm

**Algorithm 6.** Index Calculus Algorithm for Discrete Logarithm **Input:** A prime p, a generator  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , and an element  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . **Output:**  $a = \log_q x \mod (p-1)$ 

#### 1. Factor Base Selection:

• Choose a smoothness bound B, and let  $\mathcal{F} = \{p_1, \ldots, p_h\}$  be the set of all prime numbers  $\leq B$ .

#### 2. Relation Collection:

- Repeat until h + 20 B-smooth relations are collected:
  - (a) Randomly choose  $e \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ .
  - (b) Compute  $y = g^e \mod p$ .
  - (c) If y is B-smooth over  $\mathcal{F}$ , i.e.,

$$g^e \equiv p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_h^{\alpha_h} \mod p,$$

then we get the linear equation:

$$e \equiv \alpha_1 \log_q p_1 + \dots + \alpha_h \log_q p_h \mod (p-1).$$

# 3. Solve Linear System:

- Use the collected relations to form a system of linear equations.
- Solve this system modulo p-1 to find  $\log_g p_1, \ldots, \log_g p_h$ .

# 4. Compute $\log_q x$ :

- Repeat:
  - (a) Randomly choose  $e \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ .
  - (b) Compute  $y = x \cdot g^e \mod p$ .
  - (c) If y is B-smooth:

$$x \cdot g^e \equiv p_1^{\beta_1} \cdots p_h^{\beta_h} \mod p,$$

then:

$$\log_q x \equiv -e + \beta_1 \log_q p_1 + \dots + \beta_h \log_q p_h \mod (p-1).$$

• Return  $\log_g x$ .

```
1
   p = 31
   g = 3
3
   h = 13
   F = GF(p)
5
   B = ceil(log(p)^2)
6
   factor_base = list(primes(B + 1))
   print(f"Generator_used_ufor_uGF({p}):_ug_u=_u{g}")
9
   print(f"Factor_base_upper_bound_B_=_{B}")
10
   print(f"Factor_base_u({len(factor_base)}_uprimes):u{factor_base}")
11
12
    # === B-smooth check ===
13
    def is_B_smooth(n, factor_base):
14
        try:
15
             factors = factor(n)
16
             for prime, _ in factors:
17
                  if int(prime) not in factor_base:
18
                       return False, []
19
             flat = []
20
             for prime, exp in factors:
21
                  flat.extend([int(prime)] * exp)
22
             return True, flat
23
24
        except:
             return False, []
25
26
    def factorlist_to_dict(factor_list):
27
        return dict(Counter(factor_list))
28
29
    def collect_relations(g, p, factor_base, num_relations):
30
        relations = []
31
        used_exponents = set()
32
        print(f"\nCollecting_{\sqcup}\{num\_relations\}_{\sqcup}B-smooth_{\sqcup}relations...")
33
34
35
        while len(relations) < num_relations:</pre>
36
             e = randint(2, p - 2)
             if e in used_exponents:
37
38
                  continue
             used_exponents.add(e)
39
             val = power_mod(g, e, p)
40
             is_smooth, flat = is_B_smooth(val, factor_base)
41
             if is_smooth:
42
                  exp_dict = factorlist_to_dict(flat)
43
                  relations.append((exp_dict, e))
44
45
                  primes_exp_str = '_u*_u'.join([f"{prime}^{exp_dict[prime]}" for prime in
46
                      sorted(exp_dict.keys())])
                  log\_terms = '_{\sqcup} +_{\sqcup}'.join([f"\{exp\_dict[prime]\} \cdot log\_g(\{prime\})" for prime))
47
                      in sorted(exp_dict.keys())])
                  print(f"\nRelation (relations):")
48
                  print(f"g^{e}_{\sqcup}\{val\}_{\sqcup}\{primes\_exp\_str\}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{p\}")
49
                  print(f"{e}_{\sqcup}{log\_terms}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}{p}_{\sqcup}-{\sqcup}1}")
50
51
        return relations
52
53
    def build_matrix_system(relations, factor_base, p):
54
        rows = []
55
        b_vector = []
56
57
        print("\nConstructing \( \text{matrix} \( \Lambda \) \( \text{L} \) \( \text{and} \( \text{vector} \) \( \text{L} \) \)
58
        print("Matrix A (coefficient matrix):")
59
60
        for i, (exp_dict, e) in enumerate(relations):
61
```

```
row = [exp_dict.get(base, 0) for base in factor_base]
 62
                            rows.append(row)
 63
                            b_vector.append(e % (p - 1))
 64
                            print(f"Row_{\cup}\{i+1\}:_{\cup}\{row\}_{\cup\cup}|_{\cup\cup}e_{\cup}=_{\cup}\{e_{\cup}\%_{\cup}(p_{\cup}-_{\cup}1)\}")
 65
 66
                   A = Matrix(Integers(p - 1), rows)
 67
                  b = vector(Integers(p - 1), b_vector)
 68
 69
                  print("\nVector_b:")
 70
                  print(list(b))
 71
 72
                  return A, b
 73
 74
         def solve_dlog_matrix(A, b):
 75
 76
                  try:
 77
                            x = A.solve_right(b)
 78
                            return x
 79
                   except:
                            print("Failed to solve the linear system.")
 81
                            return None
 82
 83
         def compute_log_h(g, h, p, factor_base, dlogs):
                  print("\nComputing_log_g(h)...")
 84
                   for r in range(1, 10000):
 85
                            val = int(mod(h * power_mod(g, r, p), p))
 86
                            is_smooth, factors = is_B_smooth(val, factor_base)
 87
                            if is_smooth:
 88
                                      beta = factorlist_to_dict(factors)
 89
                                      log_h = sum(dlogs.get(base, 0) * exp for base, exp in beta.items())
 90
                                     log_h = (log_h - r) \% (p - 1)
 91
 92
                                      beta\_str = "_{\sqcup} +_{\sqcup} ".join([f"{beta[b]} \cdot log\_g({b}))" for b in sorted(beta.
 93
                                              keys())])
                                      print(f"\nB-smooth_found:_\nu*\ug^{r}\u \u[\val\umod\upq\{p}\")
 94
                                      print(f"log_g(h)_{\sqcup \sqcup}\{beta\_str\}_{\sqcup \vdash \sqcup}\{r\}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{p_{\sqcup}\vdash_{\sqcup}1\}")
 95
                                      print(f"Result: log_g({h})_{\sqcup} \{log_h\}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{p_{\sqcup}-_{\sqcup}1\}")
 96
 97
                                      return log_h
 98
                  print("Could_{\sqcup}not_{\sqcup}compute_{\sqcup}log(h)._{\sqcup}Try_{\sqcup}a_{\sqcup}larger_{\sqcup}B_{\sqcup}or_{\sqcup}more_{\sqcup}attempts.")
 99
                  return None
100
101
         def index_calculus():
102
                  num_relations = len(factor_base)
103
                  relations = collect_relations(g, p, factor_base, num_relations)
104
                  A, b = build_matrix_system(relations, factor_base, p)
105
                   solution = solve_dlog_matrix(A, b)
106
107
                   if solution is None:
108
                            print("Operation in failed.")
                            return
110
111
                  dlogs = {base: solution[i] for i, base in enumerate(factor_base)}
112
                  print("\nlog_g(pi) uvalues:")
113
                  for base in factor_base:
114
                            print(f"log_g({base})_=_{\dlogs[base]}")
115
116
                  log_h = compute_log_h(g, h, p, factor_base, dlogs)
117
118
                  if log_h is not None:
                            print(f"\nRESULT: \ldownload[{h}] \ldownload
121
                            if power_mod(g, int(log_h), p) == h:
                                      print(f"Verification\_successful:\_\{g\}^{\{int(log\_h)\}}_{\sqcup \; \sqcup}\{h\}_{\sqcup}mod_{\sqcup}\{p\}")
122
                            else:
123
```

```
print(f"Verification_failed:__{g}^{int(log_h)}__mod__{p}__=_{power_mod(g,__
int(log_h),__p)}___{|_{log_h}})

125
126 # === Run the algorithm ===
127 index_calculus()
```

Listing 7: Index calculus

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