

PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY - Computer Science

Lab 4 (Weeks 7-8)

All programs will be written in versions of C or Python with commented code.

Topic: public key cryptosystems.

- Each team of two students will be assigned one of the following ciphers during the labs:
 1. RSA.
 2. Rabin.
 3. ElGamal (basic version).
- Create a project with the following features:
 - (i) *Setting.* The alphabet will have 27 characters: the blank and the 26 letters of the English alphabet.
 - (ii) *Generates a public key and a private key.* The public key will be randomly generated in the required interval.
 - (iii) *Using the public key, encrypts a given plaintext.* There will be a plaintext validation.
 - (iv) *Using the private key, decrypts a given ciphertext.* There will be a ciphertext validation.

Points

- **0.5 points** for each member of the team if handed in by Week 9 (odd week groups) or Week 10 (even week groups).
- **0.25 points** if handed in by Week 11 (odd week groups) or Week 12 (even week groups).

Note: *Each student will keep her/his semigroup for the lab throughout the semester! Taking and presenting labs in weeks with a changed parity may only be done in exceptional cases, if the teaching assistant agrees with it and if time allows.*