

1. Fix RSA parameters $p = 307$, $q = 311$, $n = p \cdot q$, public key $pk = (247, n)$, and secret key $sk = (55303, n)$. Use square-and-multiply to sign the message $m \equiv 2 \pmod{n}$.

Need to compute $\text{sig} = m^d \pmod{n} = 2^{55303} \pmod{95477}$

In binary, 55303 is 1101100000000111

I did the calculations using saymath,

and get $\text{sig} = \boxed{81901}$.

To verify, I compute

$$\text{sig}^e \pmod{n} = 81901^{247} \pmod{95477}$$

and get 2, as expected.

2. Suppose that you see in the public database that a message $m \equiv 2 \pmod{110107021}$ has been signed as

$$(\text{sig}, \text{pk}) = (33554432, (8806881, 110107021)).$$

- (a) Without computing $\varphi(110107021)$, sign the message

$$m \equiv 6172 \pmod{110107021}$$

as if you are the owner this RSA key. (You are advised to use a computer for this exercise, but it is possible to do by hand).

$$e = 8806881$$

$$n = 110107021 = 19$$

want m^d , where $d = e^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ ← not this, since can't compute $\varphi(n)$

alt: want sig s.t. $6172 \equiv \text{sig}^{8806881} \pmod{n}$

$33554432.\text{factor}() = 2^{25}$: use this fact

$$\Rightarrow d = 25$$

$$\text{sig}' = 6172^{25} \pmod{110107021}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{sig}', \text{pk}) = (27417578, (8806881, 110107021))$$

3. This question is about ElGamal signatures. Our public setup parameters will be $p = 37$ and $g = 2$.

- (a) You observe two parties claiming the identity with public key $g^a = 23$. In order to check which party is honest (if any), you ask both parties to sign the message $m \equiv 1 \pmod{36}$. You receive the signatures

$$(r_a, sig_a) = (25, 13)$$

from party A and

$$(r_b, sig_b) = (30, 6)$$

from party B. Check which of these parties is honest.

$$g^m \pmod{p} = 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Party A: } & pk^{r_a} \cdot r_a^{sig_a} \pmod{p} \\ &= 23^{25} \cdot 25^{13} \pmod{37} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Party B: } & pk^{r_b} \cdot r_b^{sig_b} \pmod{p} \\ &= 23^{30} \cdot 30^6 \pmod{37} \\ &= 11. \end{aligned}$$

Thus party A is honest.



(b) An honest party with public key 23 signs message $m_1 = 14 \pmod{36}$ with the signature

$$(r_1, sig_1) = (19, 19)$$

and $m_2 = 4 \pmod{36}$ with the signature

$$(r_2, sig_2) = (19, 29).$$

Sign a message $m_3 = 25 \pmod{36}$ as if you are the person with public key 23.

Note $r_1 = r_2$, meaning the nonce k was repeated.
We compute it as

$$\begin{aligned} k &\equiv \frac{m_1 - m_2}{sig_1 - sig_2} \pmod{q-1} \\ &\equiv \frac{14 - 4}{19 - 29} \pmod{36} \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv \boxed{35}$$

Then we can find the secret key a :

$$\begin{aligned} sig_1 &= k^{-1} (m_1 - ar) \pmod{p-1} \\ \Rightarrow a &= -(k \cdot sig_1 - m_1) r^{-1} \pmod{p-1} \\ &= -(35 \cdot 19 - 14) \cdot 19^{-1} \pmod{36} \\ &= \boxed{15}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use it to sign our message:

$$\begin{aligned} sig_3 &= k^{-1} (m_3 - ar) \pmod{p-1} \\ &= 35 (25 - 15 \cdot 19) \pmod{36} \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

We can verify as follows: ← should choose a new nonce

$$\begin{aligned} pk^r \cdot r^{sig} \pmod{p} &= 23^{19} \cdot 19^8 \pmod{37} \\ &= 20 = 2^{25} \pmod{37} = g^m \end{aligned}$$

4. You should use SageMath for this question.

- (a) The command for ' $n \pmod p$ ' in SageMath is ' $n \% p$ '. By checking all the possible values of $2^a \pmod{31}$, show that 2 does not generate \mathbb{F}_{31}^* as a multiplicative group.

It only generates the numbers 1, 2, 4, 8, 16.



- (b) Find a generator of \mathbb{F}_{31}^* as a multiplicative group.

- (c)* How many possible choices of generator are there for \mathbb{F}_{31}^* ?

I found, through brute force computation, that the generators are: 3, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, and 24.



5. By implementing Pohlig-Hellman in SageMath, compute a such that

$$11^a \equiv 8080 \pmod{12289}.$$

skipping this one

6. You should use SageMath for this question.

- (a) Let n be the numbers in your UoB username (for example, my UoB username is ul19594, so for me $n = 19594$), and using the SageMath command

`.next_prime()`

let p be the smallest prime number $> n$. Find a generator g of \mathbb{F}_p^* , using SageMath commands. (It is sufficient to write down a generator together with the command that you used to find it).

$$n = 23068$$

$$p = 23071$$

$$g = 3$$

command: $\text{order} = \text{Mod}(3, p).multiplicative_order()$

- (b) Using the SageMath command

`.random_element()`

choose a random element h in \mathbb{F}_p^* , and let that be Alice's public key g^a , where g is as in part (a). Use Pohlig-Hellman (aided by SageMath) to find a .

$$h = 21414$$