

# 1. Proof of rsa.

We want to show that

$$(m^e)^d \equiv m \pmod{n}$$

Where  $n=pq$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct prime numbers, and  $e$  and  $d$  are positive integers satisfying  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ . The fact  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$  implies  $ed$  is divisible by  $(p-1)$  and  $(q-1)$ . We can thus write

$$ed - 1 = h(p-1) = k(q-1).$$

for some nonnegative integers  $h$  &  $k$ .

We will check that  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{pq}$  by checking  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{p}$  and  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{q}$  separately.

1) show  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{p}$

Case 1:  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $m^{ed} \equiv 0 \equiv m \pmod{p}$ .

Case 2:  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then

$$m^{ed} = m^{ed-1} m = m^{h(p-1)} m = (m^{p-1})^h m \equiv 1^h m \equiv m \pmod{p}$$

since  $m^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  by Fermat's little theorem.

Note that we can make an analogous argument mod  $q$ , using the fact that  $(m^{q-1})^k \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . Hence  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{q}$ .

We have shown that  $m^{e_2} \equiv m \pmod{p}$  and  $m^{e_2} \equiv m \pmod{q}$ .

Hence  $m^{e_2} \equiv m \pmod{pq}$ , or equivalently,

$$m^{e_2} \equiv m \pmod{n}.$$