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Agenda

- ▶ Probability Bounds
 - ▶ Chernoff bounds
 - ▶ Union Bounds
- ▶ Fingerprinting
- ▶ Fast Modular Exponentiation (if time)
- ▶ Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

Probability Bounds

Review: Markov Inequality

- ▶ **Markov's Inequality:** Let X be a **positive** RV and $a > 0$, then

$$\Pr[X \geq a] \leq \frac{E[X]}{a}$$

- ▶ Rearranging, we get

$$\Pr[X \geq a \cdot E[X]] \leq \frac{1}{a}$$

- ▶ **“Reverse” Markov's Inequality:** Let X be a positive RV **upper-bounded by B** , then

$$\Pr[X > a] \geq \frac{E[X] - a}{B - a}$$

Large Deviation Chernoff Bound

- ▶ Let $X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ be the **sum of n independent** indicator RV with expected value $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ (**WARNING: IT'S NOT $\mathbb{E}[X_i]$!**)

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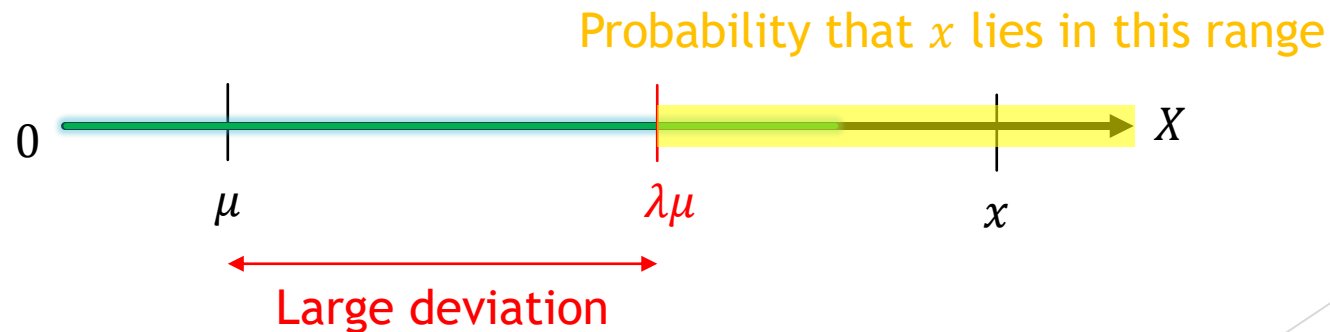
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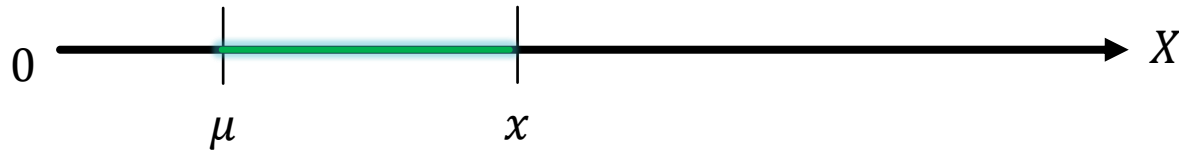
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Small Deviation Chernoff Bounds

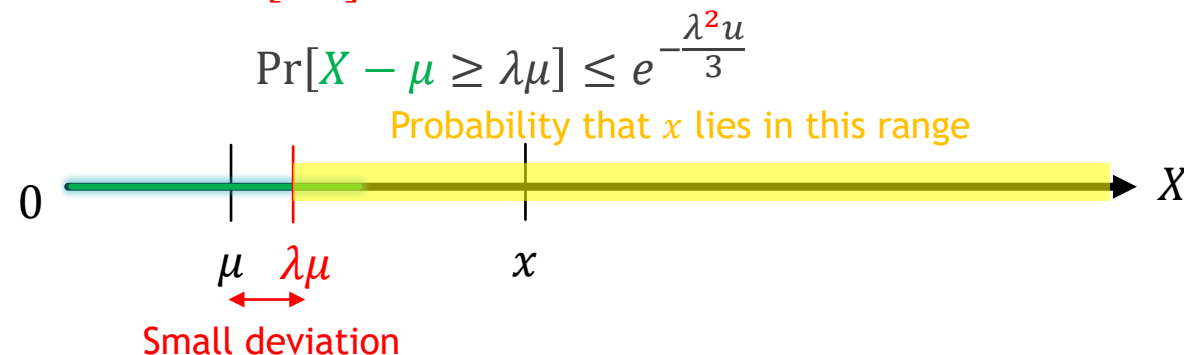
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$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 u}{3}}$$



Small Deviation Chernoff Bounds

- **Small deviation Chernoff bounds** says that the probability of X **exceeding** μ by some at least some $\lambda \in [0,1]$ is



- And the probability of X **below** μ by at least some $\lambda \in [0,1]$ is

$$\Pr[\mu - X \geq \lambda\mu] = \Pr[X - \mu \leq -\lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 u}{3}}$$

Chernoff Bounds Exercise

- ▶ Suppose we roll a fair 4-sided die 24 times. Let X be the random variable representing the number of 1's obtained
- ▶ Using Chernoff bounds, give an upper bound to the probabilities
 - ▶ $\Pr[X \geq 18]$
 - ▶ $\Pr[X \geq 9]$

Hint: First compute $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$

Let $X_i = 1$ if the i th roll is a 1, $\mathbb{E}[X] = 24 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 6$

Large deviation ($\lambda \geq 1$):

$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{3}}$$

Small deviation ($\lambda \in [0,1]$):

$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$$

$$\Pr[X - \mu \leq -\lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$$

Chernoff Bounds Exercise 1

- ▶ Suppose we roll a fair 4-sided die 24 times. Let X be the random variable representing the number of 1's obtained

- ▶ Using Chernoff bounds, give an upper bound to $\Pr[X \geq 18]$

Let $X_i = 1$ if the i th roll is a 1, $\mathbb{E}[X] = 24 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 6$

- ▶ Step 1: Rewrite the expression as $X - \mu$

$$\Pr[X \geq 18] = \Pr[X - 6 \geq 18 - 6] = \Pr[X - 6 \geq 12]$$

- ▶ Step 2: Find λ

$$12 = 6\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{12}{6} = 2 \geq 1$$

- ▶ Step 3: Apply the large deviation Chernoff bound

$$\Pr[X - 6 \geq 2(6)] \leq e^{-\frac{2(6)}{3}} \approx 0.0183$$

Large deviation ($\lambda \geq 1$):

$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{3}}$$

Small deviation ($\lambda \in [0,1]$):

$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$$

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Chernoff Bounds Exercise 2

- Suppose we roll a fair 4-sided die 24 times. Let X be the random variable representing the number of 1's obtained

- Using Chernoff bounds, give an upper bound to $\Pr[X \geq 9]$

Let $X_i = 1$ if the i th roll is a 1, $\mathbb{E}[X] = 24 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 6$

- Step 1: Rewrite the expression as $X - \mu$

$$\Pr[X \geq 9] = \Pr[X - 6 \geq 9 - 6] = \Pr[X - 6 \geq 3]$$

- Step 2: Find λ

$$3 = 6\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \leq 1$$

- Step 3: Apply the small deviation Chernoff bound

$$\Pr\left[X - 6 \geq \frac{1}{2}(6)\right] \leq e^{-\frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2(6)}{3}} \approx 0.6065$$

Large deviation ($\lambda \geq 1$):

$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{3}}$$

Small deviation ($\lambda \in [0,1]$):

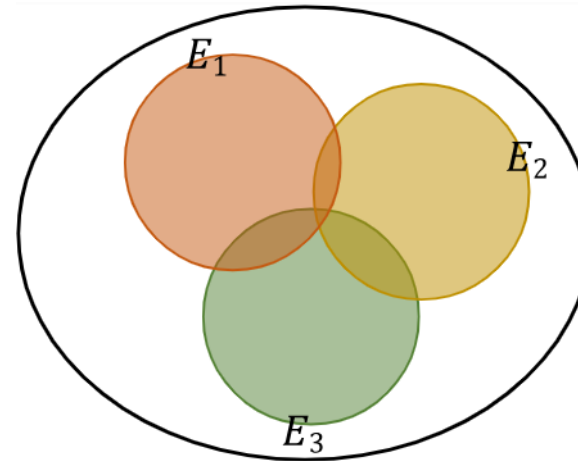
$$\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$$

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Union Bound

- ▶ The probability of any one of many events occurring is less than the **sums of** the probabilities of each event
- ▶ Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be a set of (possible dependent) events, then

$$\Pr[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr[A_i]$$



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Union Bound Exercise

- ▶ In a computer system equipped with 50 processors, each engaged in concurrent multithreading tasks, there exists a probability of 0.001 for an individual processor to experience failure. Determine the probability that **at least one** processor encounters failure.
- ▶ Let $X_i = 1$ if the i -th processor fails and 0 otherwise, so $\Pr[X_i] = 0.001$
- ▶ $\Pr[\text{at least one fails}] = \Pr[X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_{50}]$
- ▶ Apply Union Bound

$$\Pr[X_1 \cup X_2 \cup \dots \cup X_{50}] \leq \sum_{i=1}^{50} \Pr[X_i] = 50(0.001) = 0.05$$

Summary of Probabilities Bounds

Probability Bounds	Constraints
Markov's inequality: $\Pr[X \geq a] \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{a}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X is a positive RV
“Reverse” Markov's inequality: $\Pr[X > a] \geq \frac{\mathbb{E}[X] - a}{B - a}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X is a positive RV X is upper bounded by some B
Chernoff large deviation bound: $\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda\mu}{3}}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X is a sum of independent IRV $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ $\lambda > 1$
Chernoff small deviation bounds: $\Pr[X - \mu \geq \lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$ $\Pr[X - \mu \leq -\lambda\mu] \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2\mu}{3}}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X is a sum of independent IRV $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ $\lambda \in [0,1]$
Union bounds: $\Pr[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \Pr[A_i]$	N/A

Fingerprinting

Setup

- ▶ Suppose Alice wants to communicate some large n -bits number x to Bob
- ▶ She wants to send **as few bits** as possible, so instead she uploads this number to a server for him to download
- ▶ The server is untrusted, so once Bob downloads the number y , he and Alice will need to confirm that x and y are the same

Randomized Fingerprinting

- ▶ Alice randomly chooses a prime p from the first $10n$ primes and sends Bob the message $(p, x \bmod p)$
- ▶ Bob computes $y \bmod p$
 - ▶ If $x \bmod p = y \bmod p$, Bob concludes that $x = y$
 - ▶ Otherwise, Bob concludes that $x \neq y$
- ▶ When $x = y$, this protocol is correct for all choices of p
- ▶ When $x \neq y$, this protocol is correct for at least 90% of the choices of p
 - ▶ Example: $p = 3$; $x = 1, y \in \{7, 10, 13, \dots\}$ breaks the protocol

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 - ▶ Otherwise, Bob concludes that $x \neq y$
- ▶ State whether the algorithm is correct for all choices of p , or give all examples of p that cause the protocol to result in the incorrect decision
 - ▶ $x = 70, y = 64$
 - ▶ $x = 342, y = 342$

Hint: If $x \bmod p = y \bmod p$, what is $(x - y) \bmod p$?

Randomized Fingerprinting Exercise

- ▶ Recall that a and b are **congruent modulo n** , written as $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if
 - ▶ $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$, or equivalently,
 - ▶ $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = b + kn$, or equivalently
 - ▶ $a - b$ is a multiple of n
- ▶ So if $x \bmod p = y \bmod p$, then $(x - y) \bmod p = 0$
- ▶ This means we just need to find the **prime divisors** of $x - y$
- ▶ State whether the algorithm is correct for all choices of p , or give all examples of p that cause the protocol to result in the incorrect decision
 - ▶ $x = 70, y = 64$
 - ▶ $x = 342, y = 342$

Unit 5: Cryptography

Fast Modular Exponentiation

Exponentiation in Modular Arithmetic

- ▶ Recall that if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 - ▶ $a + k \equiv b + k \pmod{n}$
 - ▶ $ak \equiv bk \pmod{n}$
- ▶ **Property 215:** Suppose $a \equiv a' \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv b' \pmod{n}$, then
$$ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{n}$$
 - ▶ Proof idea: Let $a - a' = kn$ and $b - b' = mn$ for some integers k and m , then
$$ab = (kn + a') \cdot (mn + b') = \dots = (kmn + a'm + b'k)n + a'b'$$
 - ▶ Therefore, $ab - a'b' = (kmn + a'm + b'k)n$, so $ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{n}$
- ▶ **Corollary:** If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$
 - ▶ Proof idea: $a^k = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{k \text{ times}}$, use property 215 and induction

Property 215: Suppose $a = a' \pmod n$ and $b = b' \pmod n$, then

$$ab \equiv a'b' \pmod n$$

Fast Modular Exponentiation

► Suppose we want to compute $a^b \pmod n$

► Consider the binary representation of b

$$b = b_r \cdot 2^r + b_{r-1} \cdot 2^{r-1} + \dots + b_0 \cdot 2^0$$

► Here, b_i is either 0 or 1

► $r = \lfloor \log_2 b \rfloor$

► Then, we can represent a^b as

$$\begin{aligned} a^b &= a^{b_r \cdot 2^r + b_{r-1} \cdot 2^{r-1} + \dots + b_0 \cdot 2^0} \\ &= a^{b_r \cdot 2^r} \times a^{b_{r-1} \cdot 2^{r-1}} \times \dots \times a^{b_0 \cdot 2^0} \end{aligned}$$

► Thus, we can compute $a^{2^i} \pmod n$ for each $0 \leq i \leq r$ and include those whose $b_i = 1$ in the product

Property 215: Suppose $a = a' \pmod{n}$ and $b = b' \pmod{n}$, then

Fast Modular Exponentiation

$$ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{n}$$

- ▶ Example: $3^5 \pmod{14}$
- ▶ Step 1: Express $b = 5$ in binary
$$5 = 101$$
- ▶ Step 2: Compute $3^{2^i} \pmod{14}$ for $i = 0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \log_2 5 \rfloor = 2$
$$3^{2^0} = 3^1 = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{14}$$
$$3^{2^1} = 3^2 = 9 \equiv 9 \pmod{14}$$
$$3^{2^2} = 9^2 = 81 \equiv 11 \pmod{14}$$
- ▶ Step 3: Multiply and simplify
$$3^5 = 3^4 \cdot 3^1$$
$$\equiv 11 \cdot 3 \pmod{14}$$
$$\equiv 33 \pmod{14}$$
$$\equiv 5 \pmod{14}$$

14	×	1	=	14
14	×	2	=	28
14	×	3	=	42
14	×	4	=	56
14	×	5	=	70
14	×	6	=	84
14	×	7	=	98
14	×	8	=	112
14	×	9	=	126
14	×	10	=	140

Your turn: Compute $3^{57} \pmod{14}$ **Ans:** 13

Fast Modular Exponentiation Algorithm

- **(Take home) exercise:** Complete the following DP algorithm for fast modular exponentiation and analyze the runtime:

FastModExp(a, b, n):

$r \leftarrow \lfloor \log b \rfloor$

allocate an empty array $DP[0, \dots, r]$

$DP[0] \leftarrow a$

for $i = 1, \dots, r$ **do**

$ans \leftarrow 1$

for $i = 0, \dots, r$ **do**

if **then**

return ans

See Algorithm 220 on course notes for solution

Congruent Class and Generator

Congruent class

- ▶ **Congruent class:** For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ as the set of congruence class modulo n .
- ▶ The group $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n$ is the set of **nonzero** elements of \mathbb{Z}_n that have an inverse in modulo n , i.e.,

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_n : \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$$

Discuss: What if n is prime?

- ▶ A prime number is coprime to all natural numbers smaller than it
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$

Generator

- ▶ **Generator:** Let p be a prime. $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is a *generator* if for **every** $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, there exists some $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x = g^i \bmod p$
- ▶ Example: $g = 2$ is a generator of \mathbb{Z}_5^* :
 - ▶ $\mathbb{Z}_5^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
 - ▶ $2^0 = 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$
 - ▶ $2^1 = 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$
 - ▶ $2^2 = 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$
 - ▶ $2^3 = 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
- ▶ But $g = 2$ is a not generator of \mathbb{Z}_7^* :
 - ▶ $\mathbb{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$
 - ▶ $2^0 = 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 - ▶ $2^1 = 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$
 - ▶ $2^2 = 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$
 - ▶ $2^3 = 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 - ▶ $2^4 = 16 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$
 - ▶ ...

Concept Check

- ▶ Is $g = 3$ a generator of \mathbb{Z}_{11}^* ?
 - ▶ $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$
 - ▶ $3^0 = 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ $3^1 = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ $3^2 = 9 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ $3^3 = 27 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ $3^4 = 81 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ $3^5 = 3 \cdot 3^4 \equiv 3 \cdot 4 = 12 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$
 - ▶ ...

Generator: Let p be a prime. $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is a generator if for **every** $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, there exists some $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x = g^i \pmod{p}$

11	x	1	=	11
11	x	2	=	22
11	x	3	=	33
11	x	4	=	44
11	x	5	=	55
11	x	6	=	66
11	x	7	=	77
11	x	8	=	88
11	x	9	=	99
11	x	10	=	110

Another Definition of Generator

- ▶ We had the following definition for a generator:
 - ▶ Let p be a prime. $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is a *generator* if for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, there exists some $i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x = g^i \bmod p$
- ▶ The following definition is equivalent:
 - ▶ Let p be a prime. $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is a *generator* if for every $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, there exists some $y \in \{0, \dots, p-2\}$ such that $x = g^y \bmod p$
 - ▶ So instead of defining congruent class of a prime number as
$$\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_p : \gcd(x, p) = 1\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$$
 - ▶ The following definition is equivalent:
$$\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{g^y \bmod p : y \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-2\}\}$$
- ▶ **Main takeaway:** g generates \mathbb{Z}_p^* iff $g^0 \bmod p$ through $g^{p-2} \bmod p$ hit all elements of \mathbb{Z}_p^* (exactly once)

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

Diffie-Hellman Protocol

- ▶ Alice and Bob need a shared secret key in order to encrypt and send messages, but there's an eavesdropper Eve on their communication channel
- ▶ Public information: a prime number p and a generator g

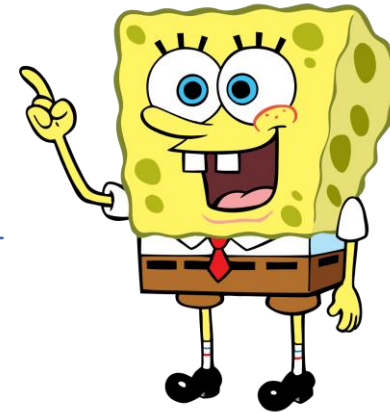


Choose $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$
Compute $B^a \bmod p$

Send $A = g^a \bmod p$



Send $B = g^b \bmod p$



Secret key: $g^{ab} \bmod p =$
 $B^a \bmod p = A^b \bmod p$

Choose $b \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$
Compute $A^b \bmod p$

Diffie-Hellman Protocol Example

- ▶ Suppose the prime is $p = 7$ and the generator is $g = 3$
- ▶ Suppose you were Alice and you pick $a = 3$, what do you send to Bob?
 - ▶ $A = 3^3 \bmod 7 = 27 \bmod 7 = 6$
- ▶ After sending A to Bob, suppose you receive $B = 2$, what is the shared key?
 - ▶ $B^a = 2^3 = 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Diffie-Hellman Protocol:

- Alice chooses some secret $a \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ at random
- Bob chooses some secret $b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ at random
- Alice sends $A = g^a \bmod p$ to Bob
- Bob sends $B = g^b \bmod p$ to Alice
- Alice computes $B^a = g^{ab} \bmod p$ as the secret key
- Bob computes $A^b = g^{ab} \bmod p$ as the secret key