

MATH 220  
DISCRETE MATHEMATICS AND CRYPTOGRAPHY

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**Tutorial 4**

**Week starting 17 March 2020**

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1. Calculate  $\phi(1001)$  and  $\phi(1000)$ .
2. Show that, for any positive integers  $n$  and  $m$ ,

$$\phi(n^m) = n^{m-1}\phi(n).$$

*Hint.* Use the prime decomposition of  $n$ .

3. Use the previous question to calculate  $\phi(1000)$  again.
4. Write 110 in binary notation and use fast exponentiation to calculate

$$9^{110} \bmod 19.$$

Check your result using Fermat's Little Theorem.

5. Find the discrete logarithm of each element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$  to the base 2. What would happen if you tried base 3?
6. An RSA cipher is set up with the public keys  $n = 12091$  (the modulus) and  $r = 3$  (the exponent). The plaintext is  $m = 2107$ .
  - (a) Encrypt  $m$ .
  - (b) Find the decryption key for the cipher.
  - (c) The ciphertext is  $c = 9812$ . Decrypt it.
7. Alice chooses primes  $p = 149$  and  $q = 317$ , and encryption exponent  $e = 71$ . What public modulus does she publish? What is her decryption exponent?
8. Alice and Alicia each set up an RSA cryptosystem with the same modulus  $n$ , but different encryption exponents  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Bob encrypts the same message, sending  $c_1 \equiv m^{e_1} \bmod n$  to Alice and  $c_2 \equiv m^{e_2} \bmod n$  to Alicia. If  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are relatively prime, show that knowing  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  is sufficient for Eve to find  $m$ .
9. You and a friend are using the Rabin cipher system with  $n = 713$  as your public key. You have received the ciphertext  $c = 200$ . What is the corresponding plaintext?

*Hint.* The result  $13^2 \equiv 14 \bmod 31$  may be useful!

10. A Rabin cipher is set up with the public key  $n = 65$ . The plaintext message is  $m = 17$ .
- (a) Show that  $m$  is encrypted to  $c = 29$ .
  - (b) Decrypt the ciphertext  $c = 29$  to find the four possible values of  $m$ .
11. Let  $p$  and  $q$  be primes, and let  $n = pq$ . Show that, for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{q}$ .
12. Let  $p$  be a prime such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Show that if  $a$  is square mod  $p$ , then  $x = a^{\frac{p+1}{4}}$  is a square root of  $a \pmod{p}$ . Why is  $p - x$  also a square root of  $a \pmod{p}$ ?

*Hint.* Use Fermat's Little Theorem.