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6. (10 points)

(a) **Answer:**

Proof. Suppose we have an algorithm that solves the Diffie-Hellman problem. Then the algorithm can use the given values of g , g^a , and g^b to compute g^{ab} . We can then compare the value of g^{ab} with the value of C to check if they are equal, thus solving the Diffie-Hellman decision problem. \square

(b) **Answer:**

I think the Diffie-Hellman decision problem is hard because I can't foresee a way of solving it without first solving the Diffie-Hellman problem, which is a hard problem.