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In[4]:= << NumberTheory`NumberTheoryFunctions`  
  
Choose a six digit prime ...  
  
In[19]:= p = 100981  
  
Out[19]= 100981  
  
... such that p - 1 has small factors :  
  
In[21]:= FactorInteger[p - 1]  
  
Out[21]= {{2, 2}, {3, 3}, {5, 1}, {11, 1}, {17, 1}}  
  
7 is a primitive root mod p :  
  
In[56]:= alpha = 7  
  
Out[56]= 7  
  
In[57]:= PowerMod[alpha, (p - 1) / 2, p]  
  
Out[57]= 100980  
  
In[58]:= PowerMod[alpha, (p - 1) / 3, p]  
  
Out[58]= 39995  
  
In[59]:= PowerMod[alpha, (p - 1) / 5, p]  
  
Out[59]= 45195  
  
In[60]:= PowerMod[alpha, (p - 1) / 11, p]  
  
Out[60]= 62356  
  
In[61]:= PowerMod[alpha, (p - 1) / 17, p]  
  
Out[61]= 84576  
  
Compute alpha inverse for later use :  
  
In[76]:= alpha' = PowerMod[alpha, -1, p]  
  
Out[76]= 14426  
  
  
What ' s the discrete log of b to the base 2 ? Call it a.  
  
In[77]:= b = 54321  
  
Out[77]= 54321
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In[78]:= PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 2, p]

Out[78]= 100980

So a is congruent to 1 mod 2.

In[79]:= b1 = Mod[b * alpha', p]

Out[79]= 22186

In[80]:= PowerMod[b1, (p - 1) / 4, p]

Out[80]= 1

Thus a is congruent to 1 mod 4.

Now look at a mod powers of 3.

In[97]:= Do[Print[PowerMod[7, i * (p - 1) / 3, p]], {i, 0, 2}]

1

39995

60985

In[82]:= PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 3, p]

Out[82]= 1

In[83]:= PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 9, p]

Out[83]= 39995

In[84]:= b1 = Mod[b * alpha' ^ 3, p]

Out[84]= 35487

In[85]:= PowerMod[b1, (p - 1) / 27, p]

Out[85]= 60985

So a is congruent to 21 = 0 + 1 * 3 + 2 * 9 modulo 27

In[89]:= t = Table[PowerMod[7, i * (p - 1) / 5, p], {i, 1, 5}]

Out[89]= {45195, 45338, 45439, 65989, 1}

In[90]:= Do[If[PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 5, p] == t[[i]], Print[i]], {i, 1, 5}]

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So a is congruent to 4 mod 5

In[91]:= t = Table[PowerMod[7, i * (p - 1) / 11, p], {i, 1, 11}]

Out[91]= {62356, 98312, 89505, 54891, 32201, 19352, 91343, 51784, 74648, 31493, 1}

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In[92]:= Do[If[PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 11, p] == t[[i]], Print[i]], {i, 1, 11}]
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7
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So a is congruent to 7 mod 11

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In[93]:= t = Table[PowerMod[7, i * (p - 1) / 17, p], {i, 1, 17}]
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Out[93]= {84576, 9660, 67870, 9156, 55548, 88585, 81627, 18106, 57172, 4868, 16431, 68715, 82309, 38787, 81527, 42910, 1}
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In[94]:= Do[If[PowerMod[b, (p - 1) / 17, p] == t[[i]], Print[i]], {i, 1, 17}]
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5
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And a is congruent to 5 mod 17.

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In[100]:=
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ChineseRemainderTheorem[{1, 21, 4, 7, 5}, {4, 27, 5, 11, 17}]
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Out[100]=
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35229
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Check :

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In[101]:=
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PowerMod[7, 35229, p]
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Out[101]=
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54321
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