MATH 75: Cryptography

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Credit Statement

I worked on these problems alone, with reference to class notes and the following books:

- (a) The Code Book by Simon Singh.
- (b) Cryptography by Simon Rubinsen-Salzedo

Problems

1. For the following integers either provide a witness for the compositeness of n or conclude that n is probably prime by providing 5 numbers that are not witnesses. Recall that a witness for the compositeness of n is an integer $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that, if we write $n-1=2^k u$, where u is odd, then a satisfies $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ and $a^{u} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and $a^{u} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ for all $i=1,\ldots,k-1$.

(a) n = 1009.

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2^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
3^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
5^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
7^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
11^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
13^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
17^{1008} \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}
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Thus, 1009 is probably prime.

(It actually is! I computed the values all the way to $1008^{1008} \pmod{1009}$ and they are all equivalent to 1)

(b) n = 2009.

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2^{2008} \equiv 1773 \pmod{2009}
3^{2008} \equiv 1313 \pmod{2009}
5^{2008} \equiv 1535 \pmod{2009}
7^{2008} \equiv 980 \pmod{2009}
11^{2008} \equiv 221 \pmod{2009}
13^{2008} \equiv 1240 \pmod{2009}
17^{2008} \equiv 1082 \pmod{2009}
Thus, 2009 is NOT prime.
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2. Using big-O notation, estimate the number of bit operations required to perform the witness test on $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ enough times so that, if n passes all of the tests, it has less than a 10^{-m} chance of being composite.

3. Factor 53477 using the Pollard rho algorithm.

Running pollard's rho algorithm on 53477:

iteration	x	y	$\gcd(\ x-y\ ,n)$
1	5	26	1
2	26	30514	1
3	677	15172	1
4	30514	6215	1
5	16150	5526	1
6	15172	4837	53

Thus, two non-trivial factors of 53477 are 53 and $\frac{53477}{53} = 1009$.

- 4. Fermat and sieving.

 - (b) Let $n = 2^{29} 1$. Given that

$$258883717^2 \equiv -2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 29^2 \pmod{n}$$

$$301036180^2 \equiv -3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 \cdot 79 \pmod{n}$$

$$126641959^2 \equiv 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 79 \pmod{n}$$

discover a factor of n.

- **5.** Discrete logarithms.
 - (a) Let p = 101. Compute $\log_2 11$ (using complete enumeration by hand).

(b) Let p = 27781703927 and g = 5. Suppose Alice and Bob engage in a Diffie-Hellman key exhange; Alice chooses the secret key a = 1002883876 and Bob chooses b = 21790753397. Describe the key exchange: what do Alice and Bob exchange, and what is their common (secret) key? [You may want to use a computer!]

(c) Let p = 1021. Compute $\log_{10} 228$ using the baby step-giant step algorithm. Show the output of, and explain all steps in, your computation.

$$p = 1021 \\ h = 228 \\ g = 10 \\ m = \lceil \sqrt{p} \rceil = 32$$
 Thus:
$$hg^{31} = g^{16m} \\ h = \frac{g^{16m}}{g^{31}} = g^{16m-31} \\ \log h = (16m-31) \cdot \log g \\ \log_g h = 16m-31$$
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(d) Let p=1801. Compute $\log_{11} 249$ using the Pohlig-Hellman algorithm. Show the output of, and explain all steps in, your computation. You'll want to remind yourself of how to solve systems of congruence equations using Sunzi's theorem: To find $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfying $x \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i}$ for $i=1,\ldots,k$, first define integers $N_i = \prod_{j \neq i} n_i$ and $M_i \equiv N_i^{-1} \pmod{n_i}$ for all $i=1,\ldots,k$, and then $x = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i N_i M_i$ works.

Let $x = \log_{11} 249 \pmod{1801}$. Then, $11^x \equiv 249 \pmod{1801}$. p = 1801 (This is a prime number) $\phi(p) = p - 1 = 1800$ $\phi(p) = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2$ $a = \{7, 7, 6\}$ $N = \{3^2 \cdot 5^2, 2^3 \cdot 5^2, 2^3 \cdot 3^2\} = \{225, 200, 72\}$ $M = \{1, 5, 8\}$ $x = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i N_i M_i$ $x = 7 \cdot 225 + 7 \cdot 200 \cdot 5 + 6 \cdot 72 \cdot 8$ x = 12031 $x \equiv 1231 \pmod{1800}$

Thus, $\log_{11} 249 \pmod{1801} = 1231$.