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- Adding kn to both sides, $i + kn = n(q + k) + r$ (**).
- From (**), Euclid's div thm and definition of \bmod ,
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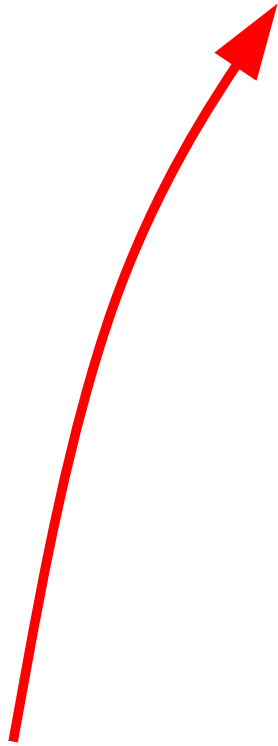
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Proof: Commutativity of $+_n$ and \cdot_n follows immediately from commutativity of ordinary addition and multiplication. We prove the associative law for addition in the following equations; the other laws follow similarly.

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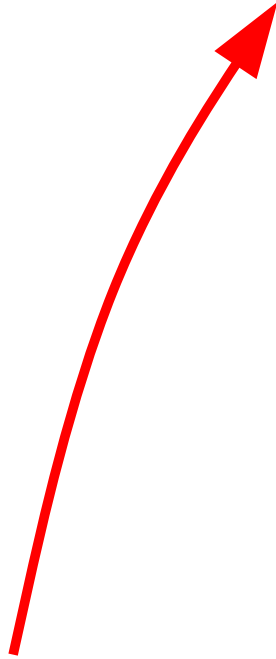


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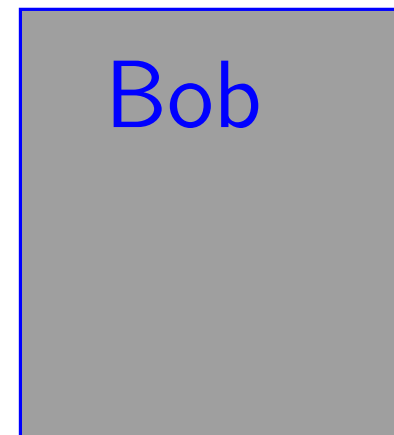
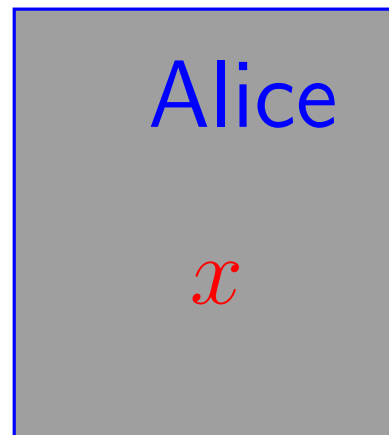
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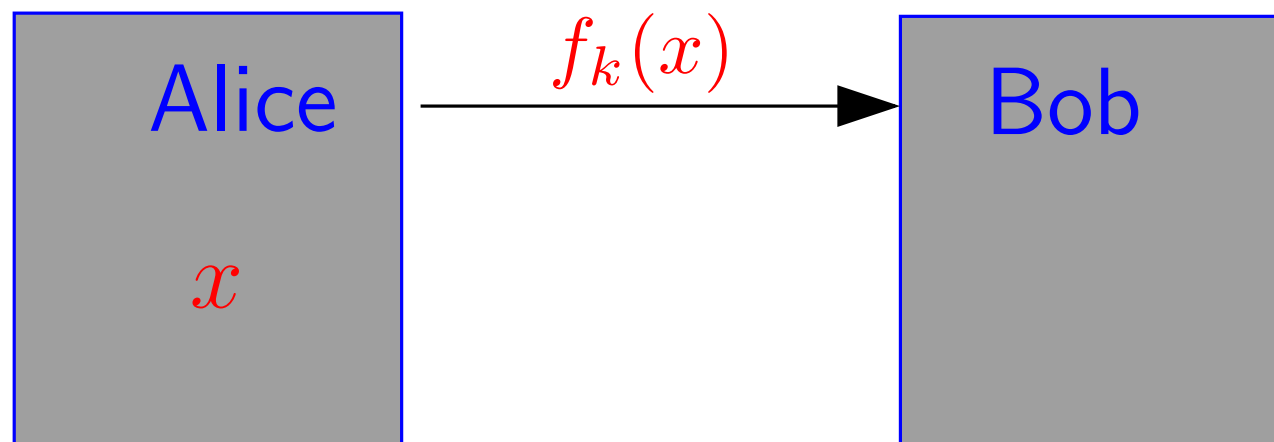
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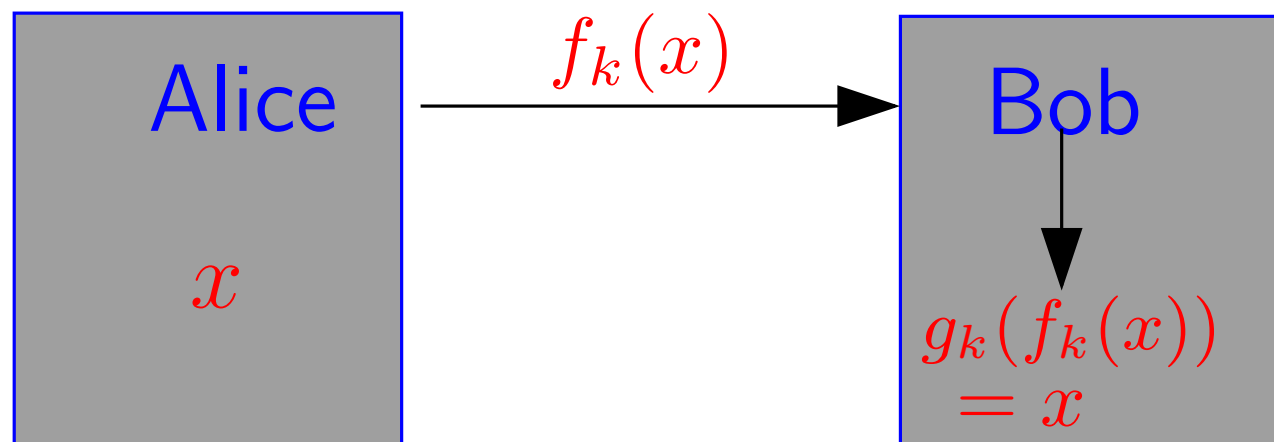
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In the next lecture we will see what this means and how to use it to define division in Z_n .

2.1 Cryptography and Modular Arithmetic

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i) Alice wants to send M to Bob

The Black Pages
Public Key Directory

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Alice

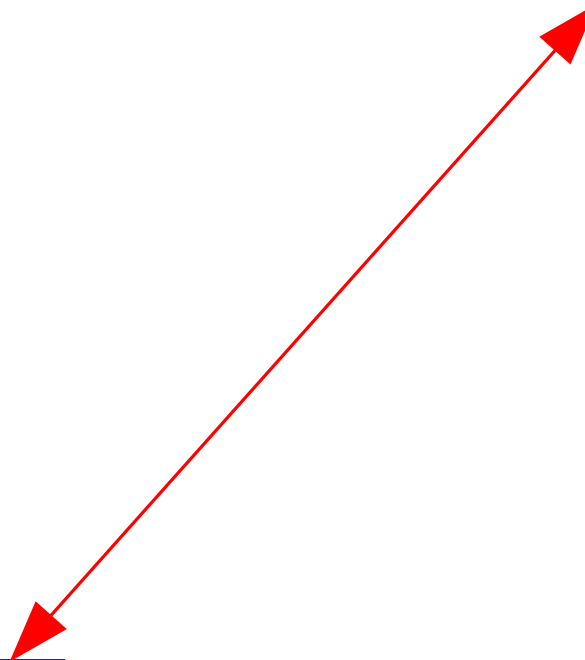
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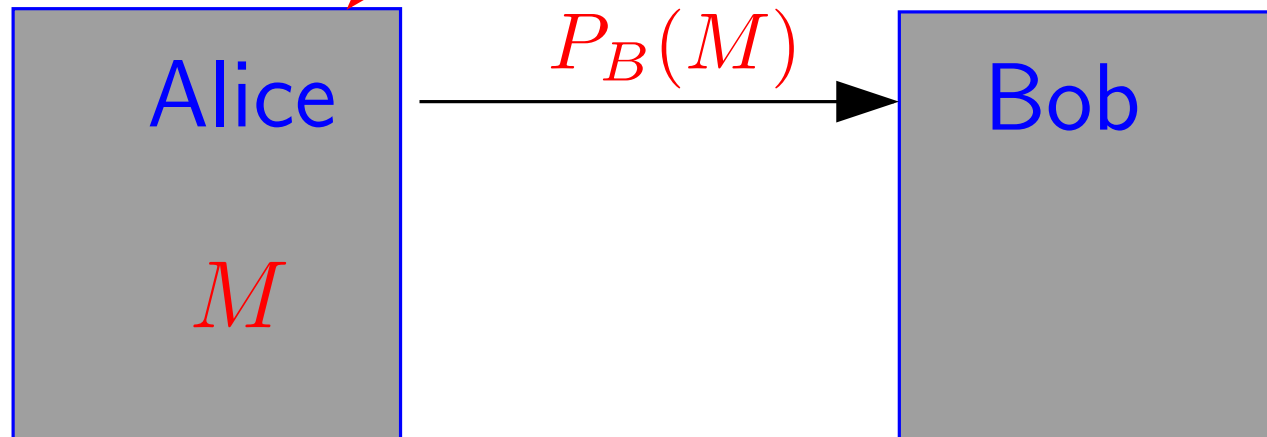
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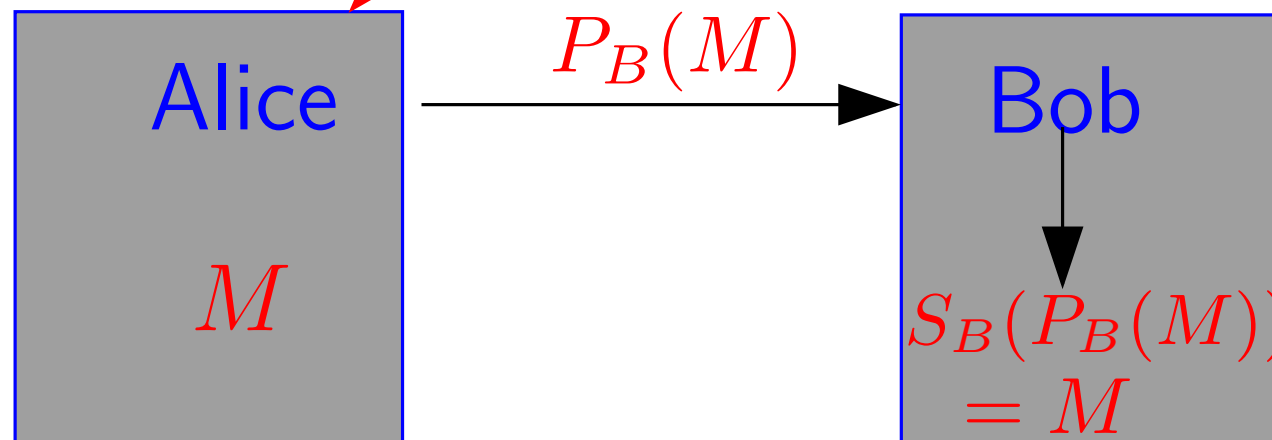
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Challenge: In order for a public-key cryptosystem to work we must be able to find **public/secret key pairs** such that

- Receiver Bob can easily calculate $S_B(X)$
- No one else knowing **public key**, P_B , will easily be able to figure out our **secret key**, S_B .

Constructing such **public/secret key pairs** sounds almost impossible. Surprisingly, in the mid 1970s, Rivest, Shamir and Adelman, figured out how to do this using simple modular arithmetic.

The result is the **RSA Public Key Cryptosystem**, which is the basis for most e-commerce. We will learn its details in the lecture following the next one.