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Sheet 7

Review Questions:

(2 marks per each question)

1. Briefly explain Diffie–Hellman key exchange.

Problems:

(5 marks per each question)

1. Alice and Bob use the Diffie–Hellman key exchange technique with a common prime $q = 157$ and a primitive root $a = 5$.
 - a. If Alice has a private key $X_A = 15$, find her public key Y_A .
 - b. If Bob has a private key $X_B = 27$, find his public key Y_B .
 - c. What is the shared secret key between Alice and Bob?
2. Alice and Bob use the Diffie–Hellman key exchange technique with a common prime $q = 23$ and a primitive root $a = 5$.
 - a. If Bob has a public key $Y_B = 10$, what is Bob's private key Y_B ?
 - b. If Alice has a public key $Y_A = 8$, what is the shared key K with Bob?
 - c. Show that 5 is a primitive root of 23.
3. In the Diffie–Hellman protocol, each participant selects a secret number x and sends the other participant $a^x \bmod q$ for some public number a . What would happen if the participants sent each other $x \cdot a$ for some public number a instead? Give at least one method Alice and Bob could use to agree on a key. Can Eve break your system with-out finding the secret numbers? Can Eve find the secret numbers?