

MIDTERM 2 REVIEW

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1 FLT and RSA

1. Becoming Alice

Alice wants to send Bob a message $m = 5$ using his public key ($n = 26, e = 11$). What ciphertext $E(m)$ will Alice send? How will Bob decode it?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 5^1 &\equiv 5 \pmod{26} \\ 5^2 &\equiv 25 \pmod{26} \\ &\equiv -1 \pmod{26} \\ 5^4 &\equiv (-1)^2 \pmod{26} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{26} \\ 5^8 &\equiv 1 \pmod{26} \\ 5^{11} &\equiv 5^8 * 5^2 * 5^1 \pmod{26} \\ &\equiv 1 * -1 * 5 \pmod{26} \\ &\equiv -5 \pmod{26} \\ &\equiv 21 \pmod{26} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

So our encoded message is $C = 21$. To find d , we need to factor N into its two prime factors, P and Q which are 2 and 13, and then find: $e - 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$, so find $11 - 1 \pmod{12}$; $d = 11$ $C^d \pmod{N} = 21^{11} \pmod{26} = 5$