## Exercises on Modulo Arithmetic and RSA

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## Exercise 2

We first compute  $x = b^c mod\phi(p)$ 

Then we compute  $a^x mod p$ .

Why is this correct? Simply because for every p,a, as Euler tells us that  $a^{\phi(p)} = 1 \mod p$ , we have the following  $a^k = a^{k+\phi(p)*l} \mod p$ .

This takes polynomial time, as modular exponentiation can be computed in polynomial time, with use of repeated squaring.