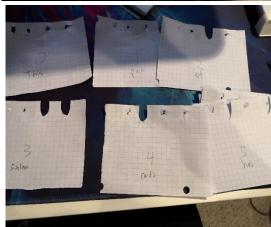
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1.







The self-sorting cards use binary numbers in base two (0,1) to represent digits to 15 in this case.

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0	0000	8	1000
1	0001	9	1001
2	0010	10	1010
3	0011	11	1011
4	0100	12	1100
5	0101	13	1101
6	0110	14	1110
7	0111	15	1111

With 5 holes per card, the binary sort system could sort up to number 27 (16,8,4,2,1) or 28 cards including the 0 card. And if each card had 10 holes, it could sort up to number 1,023 or 1,024 cards (512,256,128,64,32,16,8,4,2,1). It could be sorted in 10 steps through the same method of using the paperclip to "drop" the cards with the groove cut out where the binary digit 1 is occupied (from right to left).

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2. By revealing the first 12 (in the video, showing the Q ♠ but not the 9♠) you could deduct the last card was a 9, however, the suit would remain unclear. By observing the screenshots below of the card trick setup and the result, the pattern goes [2,6,8,J,3,Q,5,7,K,10,A,4,9]. So, we know the 9 will be followed by cards from the first row as the cycle repeats with some combination of [2,5,8,J]. The remaining rows we can memorize as [3,Q,5,7] and [K,10,A,4] (*coincidentally, the [K,10,A,4] came out exactly the same). Every 4th card (right-most) in the row could be left face down for a reveal since a distinct row corresponds to the same 4 cards and with each card in the row representing a suit, we could deduct the exact card and suit. However, if you only needed to know the one card left unturned (the card with your hand on top of) you could leave the first 8 cards or top 2 rows face down. You must turn over the first three cards in each row and the lone card at the bottom for a total of 10 to predict how the cycle of cards played out.



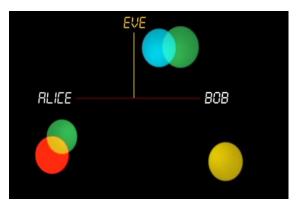


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3. RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman; the surnames of Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman) is the most widely used public key algorithm used and the most copied software in history. I didn't realize RSA algorithms were used to set up network security and to verify cryptocurrency transactions and find it amazingly clever how the system/algorithm became implemented. Most notably (as seen in image) we can see observe why RSA algorithms are so effectively implemented as the complexity of the private key grows, the time constraint to solve for the private key grows enormously.

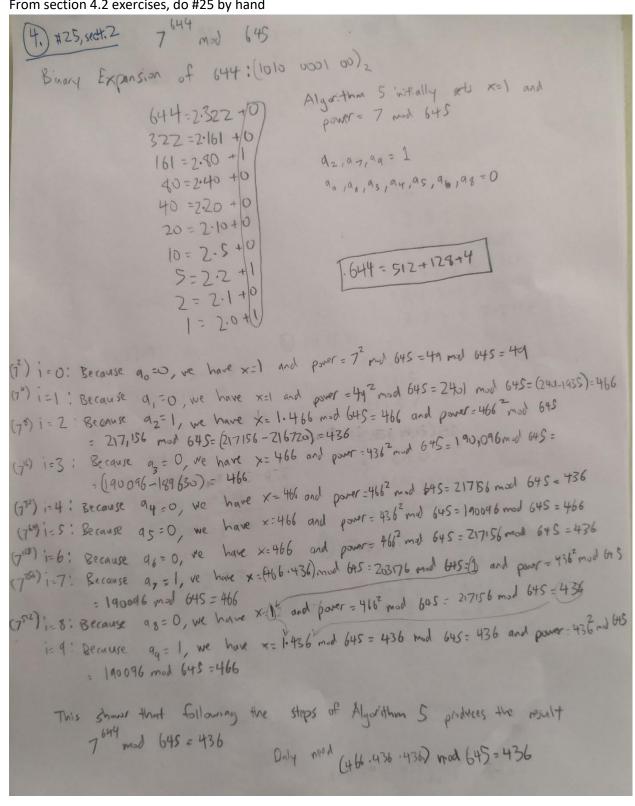


It's remarkable how the concept was expounded from using complementary colors of lights where the private key (red from image below) is used to decrypt Bob's message and developed into the equivalent formula shown to the right.





4. From section 4.2 exercises, do #25 by hand



5. From section 4.3 #3, #17

From section 4.3 #25

From section 4.3 #27

6. From section 4.3 exercises, do #33 by hand

7. A. Theorem 2 induction proof and examples

Base Step: lowest prime value n=2

Induction Step: Assume n = k+1 where k+1 is prime then k+1 has no prime divisor and is its own prime factorization. If k+1 is not prime then $n = a * b \Rightarrow k+1 = a * b$ where integers a and b are 1 < a < k+1 and 1 < b < k+1. As shown in theorem 3 (p.260) a and b can be written as $a = p_1, p_2...p_n$ and $b = q_1, q_2...q_n$ where we know there will always be a larger prime integer. Therefore, k+1 can also be factored into prime numbers.

В.

THEOREM 1

THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF ARITHMETIC Every integer greater than 1 can be written uniquely as a prime or as the product of two or more primes where the prime factors are written in order of nondecreasing size.

By reading Theorem 2 (p.258) we can see the importance of being able to show that an integer is prime based on "if n is a composite integer, then n has a prime divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} ." As demonstrated in part A, we know by definition of a factor n = a * b where a is 1<a<n (definition of composite) and b is a positive integer greater than 1. Similar to part A, we will need to show a <= \sqrt{n} or b <= \sqrt{n} , but this time by trying to show a > \sqrt{n} and b > \sqrt{n} .

Proof by contradiction:

Assumptions:

There exists a and b such that a > \sqrt{n} and $b > \sqrt{n}$ (trying to show n can't be written as product of primes)

n is composite otherwise there would be no prime divisors

Suppose there is an a and b such that a $> \sqrt{n}$ and $b > \sqrt{n}$ then ab $> \sqrt{n} * \sqrt{n} = n$. However, this means n is a product of primes and divisible by a and b, which is a contradiction. Thus, a $\leq \sqrt{n}$ or b $\leq \sqrt{n}$ and n has a divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} . The divisor is either prime or by theorem 1 the product of two or more primes where prime factors are written in order of nondecreasing size.

C. The theorem will be extremely useful for writing our RSA project code since we will be working with large primes to encrypt and send our secret messages. In order to generate the key pairs (public/private) for RSA we will have to determine the factorization of n and the factorization of prime numbers unique to our keys.