

Public Key Encryption

1. In a public-key system using RSA, you intercept the ciphertext $C = 10$ sent to a user whose public key is $e = 5$, $n = 35$. What is the plaintext M ?
2. Suppose Bob uses the RSA cryptosystem with a very large modulus n for which the factorization cannot be found in a reasonable amount of time. Suppose Alice sends a message to Bob by representing each alphabetic character as an integer between 0 and 25 ($A \rightarrow 0, \dots, Z \rightarrow 25$), and then encrypting each number separately using RSA with large e and large n . Is this method secure? If not, describe the most efficient attack against this encryption method.
3. Users A and B use the Diffie-Hellman key exchange technique with a common prime $q = 71$ and a primitive root $\alpha = 7$.
 - a. If user A has private key $X_A = 5$, what is A's public key Y_A ?
 - b. If user B has private key $X_B = 12$, what is B's public key Y_B ?
 - c. What is the shared secret key?
4. Is 3 a primitive root of 11? Why?
5. In an RSA system, the public key of a given user is $e = 31$, $n = 3599$. What is the private key of this user? Hint: You will need extended Euclidean algorithm to find the multiplicative inverse of 31 modulo $\phi(n)$.
6. True or False (and why?)
 - a. Integrity can be achieved without message authentication.
 - b. ECC can be used to provide confidentiality.
 - c. For a public key system to work properly, it should not be possible (practically) to learn either of the two keys from each other.
 - d. Man-In-The-Middle Attack can be used to defeat the security of Diffie-Hellman exchange.
1. In 1985, T. ElGamal announced a public-key scheme based on discrete logarithms. As with Diffie-Hellman, the global elements of the ElGamal scheme are a prime number q and α , a primitive root of q . A user A selects a private key X_A and calculates a public key Y_A as in Diffie-Hellman. User A encrypts a plaintext $M < q$ intended for user B:
 1. Choose a random integer k such that $1 \leq k \leq q - 1$.
 2. Compute $K = (Y_B)^k \text{ mod } q$.
 3. Encrypt M as the pair of integers (C_1, C_2) where $C_1 = \alpha^k \text{ mod } q$, $C_2 = KM \text{ mod } q$

User B recovers the plaintext as follows:

1. Compute $K = (C_1)^{X_B} \text{ mod } q$.
2. Compute $M = (C_2 K^{-1}) \text{ mod } q$.

Show that the system works; that is, show that the decryption process does recover the plaintext.