**Directions:** Solve the following problems. All written work must be your own. See the course syllabus for detailed rules.

- 1. [JJJ 2.8] Alice and Bob agree to use the prime p = 1373 and the base g = 2 for communications using the ElGamal public key cryptosystem.
  - (a) Alice chooses a = 947 as her private key. What is the value of her public key?
  - (b) Bob chooses b = 716 as his private key, so his public key is  $B = 2^{716} = 469$ . Alice encrypts the message m = 583 using the ephemeral key k = 887. What is the ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2)$  that Alice sends to Bob?
  - (c) Alice decides to choose a new private key a = 299 with associated public key  $A = 2^{299} = 34$ . Bob encrypts a message using Alice's public key and sends her the ciphertext (661, 1325). Decrypt the message.
  - (d) Now Bob chooses a new private key and publishes the associated public key B = 893. Alice encrypts a message using this public key and sends the ciphertext (693, 793) to Bob. Eve intercepts the transmission. Help Eve by solving the discrete logarithm problem  $2^b \equiv 893 \pmod{1373}$  and use the value of b to decrypt the message.
- 2. [JJJ 2.16] Decide whether each of the following are true or false.
  - (a)  $x^2 + \sqrt{x} \in O(x^2)$ . (d)  $e^k \in O(2^k)$ .
  - (b)  $k^{300} \in O(2^k)$ . (e)  $k^r \in O(e^{\sqrt{k}})$  for all positive r.
    - (c)  $2^k \in O(e^k)$ . (f)  $e^{\sqrt{k}} \in O(e^{rk})$  for all positive r.
- 3. Let *m* be a positive integer and let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ .
  - (a) Let h be the order of g in  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$ . Prove that if  $g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , then  $h \mid n$ .
  - (b) Let n be a positive integer. Prove that the order of g in  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$  equals n if and only if  $g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $g^{n/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  for each prime q that divides n.
- 4. Shanks's Algorithm By Hand. Let p = 211 and let g = 8.
  - (a) Find the order N of g in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .
  - (b) Compute List 1 in Shanks's Algorithm for computing  $\log_q(h)$ .
  - (c) Use Shanks's Algorithm to find each of the following discrete logarithms. In each case, explicitly give List 2.

i.  $\log_q(122)$  ii.  $\log_q(150)$  iii.  $\log_q(200)$ 

- 5. Shanks's Algorithm By Computer.
  - (a) Implement Shanks's Baby-step/Giant-step algorithm shanks\_discrete\_log(g,h,m) that returns x such that g<sup>x</sup> ≡ h (mod m) when such an x exists. Submit your code.
    Hint: if implementing the algorithm in python, then you may find the built-in dictionary class useful. See shanks.py for code that makes a dictionary storing the first few powers of a base g and a naive, brute-force implementation naive\_discrete\_log(g,h,m).
  - (b) Let p = 84298814015219. Use your code to compute  $\log_2(3)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . With a good implementation, it should take no more than about a minute on modern hardware. (My laptop from about 2016 takes 6 or 7 seconds.)