

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

1. [JJJ 3.1] Solve the following congruences.
  - (a)  $x^{19} \equiv 36 \pmod{97}$ .
  - (b)  $x^{137} \equiv 428 \pmod{541}$ .
  - (c)  $x^{73} \equiv 614 \pmod{1159}$ .
  - (d)  $x^{751} \equiv 677 \pmod{8023}$ .
  - (e)  $x^{38993} \equiv 328047 \pmod{401227}$ . *Hint:*  $401227 = 607 \cdot 661$ .
2. [JJJ 3.6] Alice publishes her RSA public key  $(N, e) = (2038667, 103)$ .
  - (a) Bob wants to send Alice the message  $m = 892383$ . What ciphertext does Bob send to Alice?
  - (b) Alice knows that her modulus factors into a product of two primes, one of which is  $p = 1301$ . Find a decryption exponent  $d$  for Alice.
  - (c) Alice receives the ciphertext  $c = 317730$  from Bob. Decrypt the message.
3. [JJJ 3.7] Bob's RSA public key has modulus  $N = 12191$  and exponent  $e = 37$ . Alice sends Bob the ciphertext  $c = 587$ . Unfortunately, Bob has chosen too small a modulus. Help Eve by factoring  $N$  and decrypting Alice's message. *Hint:*  $N$  has a factor that is less than 100.
4. [JJJ 3.8] For each of the given values  $N = pq$  and  $N' = (p-1)(q-1)$ , use the method in the proof that **FactorN** is at least as easy as **ComputeN'** to find  $p$  and  $q$ .
  - (a)  $N = 352717$  and  $N' = 351520$
  - (b)  $N = 28424293$  and  $N' = 28411488$
  - (c)  $N = 111702827046011$  and  $N' = 111702805302024$ .
5. Consider the following two problems.

**FactorN** Given an integer  $N$  that is the product of distinct, unknown primes  $p$  and  $q$ , output  $p$  and  $q$ .

**Reduce** Given an integer  $a$  and an integer  $N$  that is the product of distinct, unknown primes  $p$  and  $q$  with  $p < q$ , output  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  and  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  such that  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$  and  $a \equiv c \pmod{q}$ .

- (a) Prove that **Reduce**  $\leq$  **FactorN**.
- (b) Prove that **FactorN**  $\leq$  **Reduce**.
- (c) Illustrate part (b) by factoring  $N = 446846784807308867$ . Given  $a = 723728945230$  and  $N$ , your black box for **Reduce** reports that  $a \equiv 299450419 \pmod{p}$  and  $a \equiv 316955067 \pmod{q}$ .

6. Suppose we know  $N = pqr$ , where  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  are large, distinct, unknown primes. Somehow, we also know  $N' = (p-1)(q-1)(r-1)$ .

- (a) Use CRT to show that if  $\gcd(a, N) = 1$ , then  $a^{N'} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ .  
 (b) Show that if  $z^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  but  $z \not\equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  and  $z \not\equiv -1 \pmod{N}$ , then either  $\gcd(z+1, N)$  or  $\gcd(z-1, N)$  equals one of the three prime factors of  $N$ .

Comment: if we pick a random nonzero  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ , then it is very likely that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  (and if not, then  $\gcd(a, N)$  will give a nontrivial factor of  $N$ , such as  $p$  or  $qr$ ). For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ , we know  $a^{N'} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ . Consider the sequence  $a^{N'}, a^{N'/2}, \dots, a^{N'/2^t}$ , where  $t$  is the number of two's in the prime factorization of  $N'$ . It can be shown that with probability at least  $3/4$ , there exists  $j$  with  $0 \leq j < t$  such that  $a^{N'/2^j} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  but  $a^{N'/2^{j+1}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  and  $a^{N'/2^{j+1}} \not\equiv -1 \pmod{N}$ .

7. We are given integers  $N$  and  $N'$  below, where  $N = pqr$  for distinct primes  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ , and  $N' = (p-1)(q-1)(r-1)$ . Use the technique discussed in the previous problem to factor  $N$  into  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$ .

$N =$  72574282558749478121831961777522352979922891373732  
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$N' =$  72574282558749478121831961777522352979922891373732  
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