

Name: Solutions

Directions: Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. [12 points] Let  $p = 409$  and note that  $p$  is prime. Use the fast power algorithm to compute  $(219)^{81}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$$(219)^2 = 219 \cdot 219 = 108$$

$$(219)^4 = (108)^2 = 212$$

$$(219)^8 = (212)^2 = 363$$

$$(219)^{16} = (363)^2 = 71$$

$$(219)^{32} = (71)^2 = 133$$

$$(219)^{64} = (133)^2 = 102$$

$$81 = 64 + 16 + 1$$

$$(219)^{81} = (219)^{64} \cdot (219)^{16} \cdot (219)$$

$$= 102 \cdot 71 \cdot 219 = 289 \cdot 219 = 63,291$$

$$= \boxed{305}$$

2. [2 parts, 7 points each] Let  $p = 269$  and note that  $p$  is a prime.

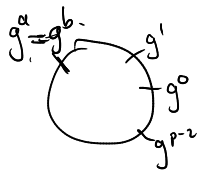
- (a) What are the possible orders of elements in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?

The orders divide  $p-1$ , and  $p-1 = 268 = 2^2 \cdot 67$  <sup>prime</sup>

So the possible orders are  $\boxed{1, 2, 4, 67, 134, \text{ and } 268}$  (all divisors of 268).

- (b) Suppose that  $g$  is a primitive root in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $g^a = g^b$  for some integers  $a$  and  $b$ . What can we conclude about  $a$  and  $b$ ?

Since  $g$  is a primitive root in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $g$  has order  $p-1$ . So  $g^0, g^1, \dots, g^{p-2}$  are all distinct elts in  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$ . It follows that  $a-b$  is an integer multiple of  $p-1$ , and so  $\boxed{a \equiv b \pmod{p-1}}$ .



3. [7 points] Alice and Bob switch to the Exclusive-OR cipher with key  $k = 100110$ . Alice receives the ciphertext  $c = 111000$ . What is the corresponding plaintext?

$$m = k \oplus c = 100110$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \oplus 111000 \\ 100110 \\ \hline 011110 \end{array}$$

So the plaintext is  $\boxed{011110}$ .

4. [7 points] Let  $p = 19$ . Compute  $\log_3(7)$ .

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	...
$3^n$	1	3	9	8	5	15	7	2	6	18	

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 $\cdot 3$     $\cdot 3$     $\cdot 3$

Check:  $1 \stackrel{?}{=} 3^{p-1} = 3^{18} = 3^{2 \cdot 9} = (3^9)^2$   
 $= (18)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1 \checkmark$

So  $\log_3(7) = \boxed{6}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{19}$ .

5. [2 parts, 6 points each] Alice and Bob use the Diffie Hellman secret key exchange protocol. They select  $p = 587$  and  $g = 2$ . The following table of powers in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  may be helpful.

$n$	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128	256	512
$(2)^n$	2	4	16	256	379	413	339	456	138	260
$(184)^n$	184	397	293	147	477	360	460	280	329	233
$(417)^n$	417	137	572	225	143	491	411	452	28	197

- (a) Bob chooses private number  $b = 184$ . What should he send to Alice?

He sends  $B = g^b = 2^{184}$ . We have  $184 = 128 + 56 = 128 + 32 + 24$   
 $= 128 + 32 + 16 + 8$ .

So  $B = 2^{184} = 2^{128} \cdot 2^{32} \cdot 2^{16} \cdot 2^8 = (456 \cdot 413) \cdot (379 \cdot 256) = 488 \cdot 169$   
 $= 82472 = \boxed{292}$

- (b) Bob receives  $A = 417$  from Alice. What is their shared secret key?

Shared secret is  $g^{ab} = (g^a)^b = A^b = 417^{184} = 417^{128} \cdot 417^{32} \cdot 417^{16} \cdot 417^8$   
 $= (452 \cdot 491) \cdot (143 \cdot 225) = 46 \cdot 477 = \boxed{223}$

6. [2 parts, 12 points each] Alice and Bob use the ElGamal cipher, with  $p = 227$  and  $g = 5$ . Alice picks  $a = 28$  as her private key and in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  computes  $A = g^a = 49$  as her public key. Bob picks  $b = 77$  as his private key and computes  $B = g^b = 106$ . The following table of powers in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  may be helpful.

$n$	1	2	4	8	16	32	64	128
$(5)^n$	5	25	171	185	175	207	173	192
$(28)^n$	28	103	167	195	116	63	110	69
$(30)^n$	30	219	64	10	100	12	144	79
$(49)^n$	49	131	136	109	77	27	48	34
$(71)^n$	71	47	166	89	203	122	129	70
$(77)^n$	77	27	48	34	21	214	169	186
$(84)^n$	84	19	134	23	75	177	3	9
$(101)^n$	101	213	196	53	85	188	159	84
$(106)^n$	106	113	57	71	47	166	89	203

- (a) Alice wishes to send Bob the message  $m = 30$  and picks the random element  $t = 84$ . Using only information available to Alice, what does Alice send to Bob?

$$c_1 = g^t = 5^{84} \quad \text{Nde } 84 = 64 + 20 = 64 + 16 + 4.$$

$$c_1 = 5^{84} = 5^{64} \cdot 5^{16} \cdot 5^4 = 173 \cdot 175 \cdot 171 = 63$$

$$c_2 = m g^{bt} = m B^t = m (106)^{84} = m (106^{64} \cdot 106^{16} \cdot 106^4) = (30 \cdot 89) \cdot (47 \cdot 57) \\ = 173 \cdot 182 = 160$$

Alice sends  $\boxed{(63, 160)}$  to Bob.

- (b) Bob sends the ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2) = (71, 100)$ . Help Alice decrypt Bob's message.

$$\bullet \quad c_1 = 71 = g^t, \quad c_2 = 100 = m A^t = m g^{at} = m (g^t)^a = m (71)^{28}$$

$$\bullet \quad 71^{28} = 71^{16} \cdot 71^8 \cdot 71^4 = 203 \cdot 89 \cdot 166 = 225.$$

$$\bullet \quad 100 = m \cdot 225. \quad \text{Need } (225)^{-1}:$$

$$227 = (1)(225) + 2$$

$$225 = (112)(2) + 1$$

$$1 = 225 + (-112)(2)$$

$$= 225 + (-112)[227 + (-1)(225)]$$

$$= (113)(225) + (-112)(227)$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{So } (225)^{-1} = 113 \quad \text{and}$$

$$100 = m \cdot 225$$

$$(100)(113) = m \cdot 1$$

$$m = 100 \cdot 113 = \boxed{177}$$

7. Let  $p = 167$  and let  $g = 24$ . We use Shanks's baby-step/giant-step algorithm to compute  $\log_g(7)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Note that  $g$  has order 83 in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and we may take  $n = 1 + \lfloor \sqrt{83} \rfloor = 10$ .

(a) [8 points] Compute List 1 (the baby-steps).

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$g^n$	1	24	75	130	114	64	33	124	137	115	88

$\downarrow$   $\cdot 24$

(b) [12 points] Compute List 2 (the giant-steps).

$$\text{New } g^{-10} = (g^{10})^{-1} = (88)^{-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 167 &= (1)(88) + 79 \\ 88 &= (1)(79) + 9 \\ 79 &= (8)(9) + 7 \\ 9 &= (1)(7) + 2 \\ 7 &= (3)(2) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 7 + (-3)(2) \\ &= 7 + (-3)(9 + (-1)(7)) \\ &= (4)(7) + (-3)(9) \\ &= (4)[79 + (-8)(9)] + (-3)(9) \\ &= (4)(79) + (-35)(9) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= (4)(79) + (-35)(88 + (-1)(79)) \\ &= (39)(79) + (-35)(88) \\ &= (39)[167 + (-1)(88)] + (-35)(88) \\ &= (39)(167) + (-74)(88) \end{aligned}$$

So  $g^{-10} = 88^{-1} = -74 = 93$ .

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$hg^{-nj}$	7	150	89	94	58	50	141	87	75	128

$\downarrow$   $\cdot 93$       $\downarrow$   $\cdot 93$

(c) [4 points] If it exists, find  $\log_g(7)$ .

$$\text{We see } 75 = g^2 = hg^{-10 \cdot 8}, \text{ so}$$

$$g^2 \cdot g^{80} = h$$

$$g^{82} = h$$

$$\text{So } \log_g(7) = \boxed{82}.$$