

**TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITEIT EINDHOVEN**  
**Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science**  
**Exam Cryptology/Cryptography I, Tuesday 27**  
**October 2015**

Name :

TU/e student number :

Exercise	1	2	3	4	5	total
points						

**Notes:** Please hand in *this sheet* at the end of the exam. You may keep the sheet with the exercises.

This exam consists of 5 exercises. You have from 13:30 – 16:30 to solve them. You can reach 100 points.

Make sure to justify your answers in detail and to give clear arguments. Document all steps, in particular of algorithms; it is not sufficient to state the correct result without the explanation. If the problem requires usage of a particular algorithm other solutions will not be accepted even if they give the correct result.

All answers must be submitted on TU/e letterhead; should you require more sheets ask the proctor. State your name on every sheet.

Do not write in red or with a pencil.

You are allowed to use any books and notes, e.g. your homework. You are not allowed to use the textbooks of your colleagues.

You are allowed to use a calculator without networking abilities. Usage of laptops and cell phones is forbidden.



1. This problem is about RSA encryption.
  - (a) Alice's chooses  $p = 239$  and  $q = 457$ . Compute Alice's public key  $(n, e)$ , using  $e = 5$ , and the matching private key  $d$ . 2 points
  - (b) Alice receives ciphertext  $c = 70721$ . Use the secret key  $d$  computed in the first part of this exercise and compute the CRT private keys  $d_p$  and  $d_q$ . Decrypt the ciphertext using the CRT method. 5 points
  
2. This exercise is about computing discrete logarithms in the multiplicative group of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with  $p = 232357$ . Note that  $p - 1 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 17^2 \cdot 67$ . A generator of  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$  is  $g = 2$ . Charlie's public key is  $h = g^c = 41592$ .
  - (a) Use the Pohlig-Hellman attack to compute Charlie's secret key  $c$  modulo  $2^2$ , modulo 3, and modulo  $17^2$ .  
**Note:** This is not the full attack, the computation modulo 67 and the CRT computation is done in the next parts. 18 points
  - (b) The computation for the group of order 67 starts with the DLP  $h^{(p-1)/67} = 211529$  to the base  $g^{(p-1)/67} = 46410$ . Use the Baby-Step Giant-Step attack in the subgroup of size 67 to compute  $c$  modulo 67. 10 points
  - (c) Combine the results from the previous two parts to compute  $c$ . Verify your answer, i.e., compute  $g^c$ . 7 points
  
3. This exercise is about factoring  $n = 679$ .
  - (a) Use Pollard's rho method for factorization to find a factor of 679. Use starting point  $x_0 = 3$ , iteration function  $x_{i+1} = x_i^2 + 1$  and Floyd's cycle finding method, i.e. compute  $\gcd(x_{2i} - x_i, 679)$  until a non-trivial gcd is found. Make sure to document the intermediate steps. 10 points
  - (b) Use the  $p - 1$  method to factor 679 with basis  $a = 2$  and exponent  $s = \text{lcm}\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . 4 points

4. (a) Find all affine points on the Edwards curve

$$x^2 + y^2 = 1 + 7x^2y^2 \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_{11}.$$

8 points
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- (b) Verify that  $P = (8, 3)$  is on the curve. Compute the order of  $P$ .

**Hint:** You may use information learned about the order of points on Edwards curves.

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- (c) Translate the curve **and**  $P$  to Montgomery form

$$Bv^2 = u^3 + Au^2 + u,$$

i.e. compute  $A$ ,  $B$ , and the resulting point  $P'$ .

4 points
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- (d) Compute the  $x$ -coordinate of  $3P'$  on the Montgomery curve using the Montgomery ladder.

10 points
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5. This exercise introduces RSA signatures and a way these can leak the secret key if some errors happen in the computation. The key set up for RSA signatures works similar to that in RSA encryption: Let  $p$  and  $q$  be large primes, let  $e$  be an integer coprime to  $(p-1)(q-1)$ , put  $n = pq$ , compute  $\varphi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$  and compute  $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ . The public key is  $(n, e)$ , the private key is  $d$ .

To sign message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}/n$ , compute  $s \equiv m^d \pmod{n}$ .

To verify a signature  $s$  under public key  $(n, e)$ , compute  $m' \equiv s^e \pmod{n}$ . The signature is valid if  $m' = m$ .

To speed up signature generation, users can use the CRT method the same way that it is used in decryption; i.e. the user computes the values of  $d_p \equiv d \pmod{p-1}$  and  $d_q \equiv d \pmod{q-1}$ , then computes  $s_p \equiv m^{d_p} \pmod{p}$  and  $s_q \equiv m^{d_q} \pmod{q}$ , and finally uses the Chinese Remainder Theorem to compute  $s$  modulo  $n$  from  $s_p$  and  $s_q$ .

**Note:** This is a schoolbook version of the system, in real applications the message  $m$  is replaced by its hash  $h(m)$  and some padding and randomization. However, the attack you are finding in this exercise will work just the same.

- (a) Set up the public and private keys with  $p = 449$ ,  $q = 557$ , and  $e = 3$ .

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- (b) Compute the signature on  $m = 56789$  using the secret key from part (a).

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- (c) Verify that  $s = 139239$  is a valid signature on  $m = 144871$  with the key  $(n, e) = (290729, 5)$ . 1 point
- (d) Assume that Dave is using the CRT method to sign. Eve manages to disturb his computer during the computation of  $s_p$  or  $s_q$  (but not both), so that the computation is incorrect. He then outputs the signature  $s$  on  $m$  using the faulty  $s_p$  and  $s_q$ . Show how Eve can use  $(n, e)$ ,  $s$  and  $m$  to compute the factors of Dave's  $n$ . 8 points
- (e) Dave's public key is  $(n, e) = (290729, 5)$ . After Eve's intervention he outputs  $s = 242487$  as a signature on  $m = 123456$ . Factor  $n = 290729$ . 2 points