

Public Key Cryptography with Secure Signature  
numbering as in Davis' notes

Alice sets up to receive messages

1. Alice picks two large primes  
 $p, q$

2. Alice computes her modulus  
 $N := pq$



3a. She chooses the encryption power  $e$  relatively prime to  $(p-1)(q-1)$   
[  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$  ]

3b. The modulus  $N$  and power  $e$  are Alice's public key  
Anyone wishing to send Alice a "message", i.e. a residue  $0 \leq x < N$ , first encrypts it using the function

$$E(x) := x^e \pmod N$$

7. Alice, because she knows number theory and  $p$  and  $q$ , can find her decryption power  $d$ . She solves the multiplicative inverse equation

$$ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$$

She will decrypt messages with the function

$$D(y) := y^d \pmod N$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } D(E(x)) &\equiv D(x^e) \equiv (x^e)^d = x^{ed} = x^{1 + k(p-1)(q-1)} \\ &\equiv x \pmod N \quad \text{by Fermat's Thm}^* \text{ and Euler's Thm} \\ &\text{(the sender's original message!)} \end{aligned}$$

\* The version of Euler's Thm we use says that

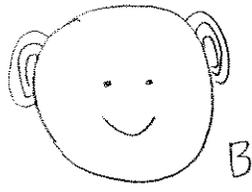
$$x^{(p-1)(q-1)+1} \equiv x \pmod{pq}$$

You can see this works when  $pq = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$ , by looking at the power table mod 15, at the end of Wednesday's notes.  
In that case  $(p-1)(q-1)+1 = 2 \cdot 4 + 1 = 9$ .

This version also implies

$$\begin{aligned} x^{1 + 2(p-1)(q-1)} &\equiv \underbrace{x^{1 + (p-1)(q-1)}}_x \cdot x^{(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv x^{1 + (p-1)(q-1)} \equiv x \pmod N \\ &\text{etc.} \end{aligned}$$

Bob sends a message



4a. Bob wishes to send a message to Alice. He converts it into numbers  $x$ , using a conversion key like Davis'.

4b. Secure signature: Bob has created his own public key:  $e_B, N_B$

and private key:  $d_B$

He thinks of a sensible "signature", makes it numeric,  $s_B$ , and decrypts it using his private key,

$$D_B(s_B)$$

5. Bob appends  $x$  to  $D_B(s_B)$ , creating

$$x * D_B(s_B)$$

(breaks this into blocks  $< N_A$ ) and encrypts using Alice's public key

$$y = E_A(x * D_B(s_B))$$

6. Bob sends  $y$  to Alice, e.g. over the internet

8. Alice wishes to decode the message  $y$  She computes

$$D_A(y) = D_A(E_A(x * D_B(s_B)))$$

$$= x * D_B(s_B)$$

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 message            gibberish

9. Alice uses Bob's public key to compute

$$E_B(D_B(s_B)) = s_B,$$

Bob's signature!

[Only Bob could make  $D_B(s_B)$ !]



Evil

Doesn't know  $D_A$  so can't get to  $x * D_B(s_B)$ ;

so can't read the message and can't forge messages to Alice which look like they came from Bob.