

Math Access Notes
Thursday June 15

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

Alice sets up to receive messages

- 1. Alice picks 2 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

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

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

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

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

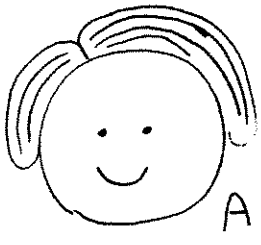
You can see this works when $pq = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$, by looking at the power table mod 15, at the end of Wednesday's notes. In that case $(p-1)(q-1)+1 = 2 \cdot 4 + 1 = 9$.

This version also implies

$$x^{1 + 2(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv \underbrace{x^{1 + (p-1)(q-1)}}_x \cdot x^{(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv x^{1 + (p-1)(q-1)} \equiv x \pmod N$$

etc.

Bob sends a message



- 4a. Bob wishes to send a message to Alice. He converts it into numbers x , using a conversion key like Dan's.
- 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, $D_B(s_B)$.

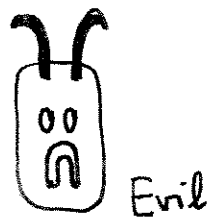
- 5. Bob appends x to $D_B(s_B)$, creating $x * D_B(s_B)$ (breaks this into blocks $< N_A$) and encrypts using Alice's public key

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

- 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 $D_B(s_B)$!]



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.