

Exercise 10 in Cryptography

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Problem 32. (*Man in the middle attack*) How can the man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack against the DH key-exchange protocol be easily avoided?

Problem 33. (*Shamir no-key protocol*) Alice and Bob are using Shamir's no-key protocol to exchange a secret message. They agree to use the prime $p = 31337$ for their communication. Alice chooses the random number $a = 9999$ while Bob chooses $b = 1011$. Alice's message is $m = 3567$.

a) Calculate all exchanged values c_1 , c_2 , and c_3 following the protocol.

Hint: You may use $6399^{1011} \equiv 29872 \pmod{31337}$.

Problem 34. (*RSA encryption*) A uniformly distributed message $m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$ with $n = pq$ with two primes $p \neq q$ is encrypted using the RSA-algorithm with public key (n, e) .

a) Show that it is possible to compute the secret key d if m and n are not coprime, i.e., if $p \mid m$ or $q \mid m$.

b) Calculate the probability for m and n having common divisors.

c) How large is the probability of (b) roughly, if n has 1024 bits and the primes p and q are approximately of same size ($p, q \approx \sqrt{n}$).

Problem 35. (*Proof of 8.3*) Let $n = p \cdot q$, $p \neq q$ be prime and x a non-trivial solution of $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, i.e., $x \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{n}$.

Then

$$\gcd(x+1, n) \in \{p, q\}$$