

Math Access Notes

Thursday June 24

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

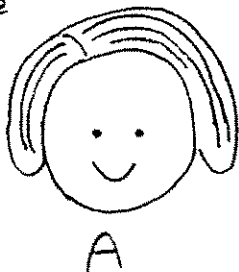
Alice sets up to receive messages

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

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

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

* 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

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

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
 $D_B(s_B)$!]



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.