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# Network Security and Cryptography

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**Exercise 1.** TDE 17/06/2013

Alice uses the DSA signature scheme on the elliptic curve  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 3x + 4 \pmod{11}$  to sign messages  $m_i$ . The curve has  $n = 14$  points.

Alice publishes the base point  $A = (8, 1)$  (of order  $q$ ) and the point  $B = aA = (0, 2)$ .

1. Verify whether  $A$  satisfies the condition required by DSA signature.
2. Find all the points on the curve  $E$  with  $x = 4, 6, 7$ , if they exist.
3. Alice publishes the signed message  $(m_1 \| R_1 \| s_1) = (5 \| (4, 6) \| 6)$ . Write the equations for signature verification and verify the correctness. Then, verify Alice's signature.
4. Compute  $a$  using the BSGS algorithm.
5. Alice signs another message  $m_2 = 3$  and publishes  $(m_2 \| R_2 \| s_2) = (3 \| (4, 6) \| 3)$ . Which mistake did she do? Taking advantage from Alice's mistake, compute  $a$ .
6. **SAGE** Write the commands to define the elliptic curve, to find how many points it has, and to compute the DSA signature.

*Solution.* 1. The  $A$  order,  $q$ , must be a large prime factor of  $n$ . It could be 2 or 7. So, we compute  $2A = 2(8, 1) = (0, 9)$  and  $7A = 7(8, 1) = \infty$ . The order of  $A$  is 7.

2.  $(4, 5), (4, 6), (7, 4), (7, 7)$ . No points for  $x = 6$ .

3.  $u_1 = s^{-1}m$   $u_2 = s^{-1}x_R$  and  $V = u_1A + u_2B$  that must be equal to R.  
 $u_1 = 2$   $u_2 = 3$  and  $V = 2A + 3B = (0,9) + (8,1) = (4,6)$ .
4.  $N = \lceil \sqrt{14} \rceil = 4$ ,  $-NA = 4(8,10) = (4,6)$   
 $iA = \infty, (8,1), (0,9), (4,6), (4,5)$   
 $B + j(-NA) = (0,2), (8,1), \dots$   
 $a = i + jN \bmod n = 1 + 1 \cdot 4 = 5$ .
5. The repeated nonce.  
 $s_1k - m_1 = ax_R = s_2k - m_2$   
 $(s_1 - s_2)k = (m_1 - m_2)$   
 $k = (m_1 - m_2)(s_1 - s_2)^{-1} \bmod q = (5 - 3)(6 - 3)^{-1} \bmod 7 = 2 \cdot 5 \bmod 7 = 3$   
 $a = (s_1k - m_1)x_R^{-1} \bmod q = (6 \cdot 3 - 5) \cdot 4^{-1} \bmod 7 = 5$ .
6. **SAGE**  
 $E = \text{EllipticCurve}(\text{Zmod}(11), [3,4]);$   
 $E.\text{cardinality}();$   
 $A = E(8,1); q = 7; k = 3; m = 6; a = 5;$   
 $R = k*A; (x,y,z) = R;$   
 $k\text{inv} = \text{mod}(k^{-1}, q);$   
 $s = \text{mod}(k\text{inv}*(m + a*\text{int}(x)), q);$

**Exercise 2.** TDE 25/06/2013

Alice and Bob agree on a common secret using the Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange protocol. They publish the elliptic curve  $E: y^2 = x^3 + 9x + 1 \bmod 23$ . The curve has  $n = 21$  points. They also publish the base point  $P = (3,3)$ .

Alice sends the message  $A = N_A P = (16,20)$  and receives the message  $B = N_B P = (2,2)$ .

She computes the shared secret  $S$  and from that point she obtains a secret key  $k_A$  as follows:  $k_A = x_S + y_S \bmod q$ , where  $q = 3$  is the order of  $B$ . If  $S$  is  $\infty$ , then  $k_A = 15$ .

1. Verify if  $P$  is a primitive generator.
2. List all the points on curve  $E$  with  $x = 9, 18$ , if they exist.
3. Compute  $N_A$  using the PH algorithm.
4. Compute the shared secret  $S$ .
5. Compute the Alice's key  $k_A$ . How many keys it's possible to obtain, why? Which are they?
6. **SAGE** Write the commands to define the elliptic curve and the functions to simulate the ECDHKE.

*Solution.* 1. The order of  $P$  should be 21.

$$3P = 3(3,3) = (6,8)$$

$$7P = 7(3,3) = (2,2).$$

The order is 21.  $P$  is a primitive generator.

2.  $x = 9 \rightarrow (9, \pm 12)$   
 $x = 18 \rightarrow \text{nopoints}$ .
3.  $N_A = 5$ .
4.  $S = N_A * B = 5(2, 2) = (2, 21)$ .
5.  $k_A = 2 + 21 \bmod 3 = 2$ . The order of  $B$  is 3, so the possible keys are 3.  
 If  $S = (2, 2) \rightarrow k_A = 1$ . If  $S = (2, 21) \rightarrow k_A = 2$ . If  $S = \infty \rightarrow k_A = 15$ .

6. **SAGE**

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E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(23), [9, 1]);
P = E(3, 3)
def function1(E, P):
    --x = random.randint(2, 21)
    --X = x * P
    --return (x, X)
def function2(x, X):
    --S = x * X
    --return S
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**Exercise 3.** TDE 16/07/2013

Alice uses a variation to the ElGamal digital signature on the elliptic curve

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 9x + 1 \bmod 31$$

to sign a message  $h(m_1) = 12$ . The curve has  $n = 35$  points.

Alice publishes the points  $A = (7, 2)$  and  $B = aA = (20, 20)$ . Moreover, Alice chooses a nonce  $k = 7$  and sends  $R = kA$ ,  $s = a^{-1}(h(m) - kx_R) \pmod n$  to Bob.

1. Compute the order of the group generated by  $A$ .
2. Compute  $a$  using the BSGS algorithm.
3. Sign the message  $h(m_1)$ .
4. Show that the verification  $V_1 = h(m)A$ ,  $V_2 = sB + x_r R$  is a valid verification procedure. Then, verify the signature.
5. Alice signs another message  $h(m_2) = 15$  and publishes  $(h(m_2) \| R_2 \| s_2) = (15 \| (5, 27) \| 20)$ . Which mistake did she do? Compute  $a$ .
6. **SAGE** Write the command to define the elliptic curve, to compute the babysteps and the giantsteps.

*Solution.* 1. The order of  $A$  could be 5 or 7.  
 So,  $5A = 5(7, 2) = (12, 15)$ ,  $7A = 7(7, 2) = (5, 27)$ .  
 The order is 35.

2.  $N = \lceil \sqrt{35} \rceil = 6$ ,  $-NA = 6(7, 29) = (20, 11)$   
 $iA = \infty, (7, 2), (19, 26), (9, 25), (0, 1), (12, 15), (20, 20)$   
 $B + j(-NA) = (20, 20), \dots$   
 $a = i + jN \pmod n = 6 + 0 \cdot 6 = 6$ .
3.  $R = 7A = 7(7, 2) = (5, 27)$ ,  
 $s = a^{-1}(h(m_1) - kx_R) \pmod n = 6^{-1}(12 - 7 \cdot 5) \pmod{35} = 6(12 - 0) = 2$ .
4.  $h(m)A = sB + x_R R = a^{-1}(h(m) - kx_R)B + x_R R = a^{-1}h(m)aA - a^{-1}kx_R aA + x_R kA = h(m)A$  OK!  
 $V_1 = h(m)A = 12A = 6(7, 2) + 6(7, 2) = (22, 11)$   
 $V_2 = sB + x_R R = 2(20, 20) + 5(5, 27) = (22, 11) + \infty = (22, 11)$ .
5.  $s_1 a - h(m_1) = -kx_R = s_2 a - h(m_2)$   
 $(s_1 - s_2)a = h(m_1) - h(m_2)$   
 $(2 - 20)a = (12 - 15)$   
 $a = 17^{-1} \cdot 32 \pmod{35} = 33 \cdot 32 = 6$ .

6. **SAGE**

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E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(31), [9, 1]);
N = ceil(sqrt(35));
A = E(7, 2); B = E(20, 20);
C = N*(-A);
babystep = 0*(N+1) #define a zeros vector
for i in range(1, N+1):
---babystep[i] = A + babystep[i-1]
giantstep = 0*(N+1) #define a zeros vector
giantstep[0] = B
for j in range(1, N+1):
---giantstep[j] = giantstep[j-1] + C

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**Exercise 4.** TDE 05/09/2013

Alice wants to send a message to Bob. She uses the public key ElGamal cryptosystem and publishes the curve:

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 4 \pmod 7$$

and the point  $A = (2, 6)$ . The curve has  $n = 10$  points. Bob chooses a secret number  $a$  and publishes the point  $B = aA = (2, 1)$ .

Then, Alice sends to Bob a message corresponding to the point  $P_{m,1} = (4, 5)$ .

1. Compute the order of the group generated by A.
2. Compute  $a$  using the BSGS algorithm.
3. Cipher the message  $P_{m,1}$ , using  $k = 3$  and obtain  $Y_{1,1}, Y_{2,1}$ .
4. Decipher the message and obtain  $P_{m,1}$ .

5. Using the repeated nonce, decipher the message  $Y_{1,2} = Y_{1,1}, Y_{2,2} = (3, 5)$  and obtain  $P_{m,2}$ .
6. **SAGE** Write the commands to define the elliptic curve, to cipher and decipher the message.

*Solution.* 1. The order of A could be 2,5,10.  $2A = 2(2, 6) = (0, 5)$ ;  $5A = 5(2, 6) = \infty$ . The order is 5.

2.  $N = \lceil \sqrt{10} \rceil = 4$ ,  $-NA = -4(2, 6) = (2, 6)$   
 $iA = \infty, (2, 6), (0, 5), (0, 2), (2, 1)$   
 $B + j(-NA) = (2, 1), \dots$   
 $a = i + jN \bmod n = 4 + 0 \cdot 4 = 4$ .

3.  $Y_{1,1} = kA = 3A = 3(2, 6) = (0, 2)$ ;  $Y_{2,1} = P_{m,1} + kB = (4, 5) + 3(2, 1) = (3, 2)$ .

4.  $P_{m,1} = Y_{2,1} - aY_{1,1} = (3, 2) - 4(0, 2) = (4, 5)$

5.  $Y_{2,1} - P_{m,1} = kB = Y_{2,2} - P_{m,2}$ .  
 $P_{m,2} = Y_{2,2} - Y_{2,1} + P_{m,1}$ .  
 $P_{m,2} = (3, 5) - (3, 2) + (4, 5) = (5, 0)$ .

6. **SAGE**

```
E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(7), [5, 4]);
k = 3; A = E(2, 6); a = 4; B = a*A; P = E(4, 5)
Y1 = k * A ; Y2 = P + k*B;
Pm = Y2 - a*Y1;
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**Exercise 5.** TDE 19/09/2013

Consider the Diffie-Hellman key exchange over the Elliptic Curve:

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 4x + 3 \bmod 13$$

with  $n = 16$  points and the basepoint  $P = (8, 1)$ . Alice chooses a secret number  $a$  and send the point  $A = aP = (10, 4)$ . Bob chooses a secret number  $b = 6$  and sends the point  $B = bP = (7, 7)$ . At the end of the protocol, Alice and Bob use the key  $k$  to cipher a message  $m$  as follows:  $Enc(m) = x_k + y_k + m$ . Eve is an active attacker that makes a Man-in-the-Middle attack. Suppose the attack is successful. Eve choose its secret number  $e = 2$ .

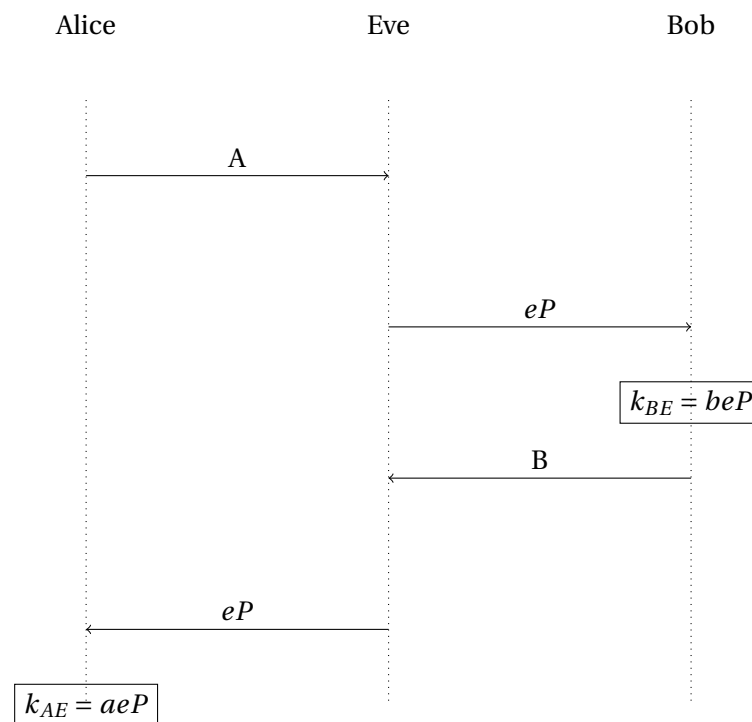
1. Compute the order of the group generated by P.
2. Compute  $a$  using the BSGS algorithm.
3. Depict what happens in the message exchange. Compute the shared keys.
4. Alice wants to send the message  $m = 7$ , that Eve does not modify. Write the corresponding ciphered message sent by Alice and received by Bob.

5. To avoid the attack,  $A$  and  $B$  are pre-distributed to the participants. What are the lacks of this choice? Explain how to avoid the attack with no pre-distribution.
6. **SAGE** Write the commands to define the elliptic curve and the functions to simulate the ECDHKE.

*Solution.* 1. The order of  $P$  could be 2,4,8,16.  $2P = 2(8, 1) = (7, 6)$ ;  $4A = 2(7, 6) = (11, 0)$ ;  $8A = 2(11, 0) = \infty$ . The order is 8.

2.  $N = \lceil \sqrt{16} \rceil = 4$ ,  $-NA = -4(8, 1) = (11, 0)$   
 $iP = \infty, (8, 1), (7, 6), (10, 9), (11, 0), (10, 4), ..$   
 $A + j(-NP) = (10, 4), ..$   
 $a = i + jN \bmod n = 5 + 0 \cdot 4 = 5$ .

3.  $k_{AE} = aeP = 2(10, 4) = (7, 6)$ ;  $k_{BE} = beP = 2(7, 7) = (11, 0)$ .



4.  $C_{AE} = 7 + 6 + 7 = 20$ ;  $C_{BE} = 11 + 0 + 7 = 18$ .
5.  $K_{AB}$  remains the same, it does not change. If there are many participants, the pre-distribution requires a considerable amount of time. Adding a mutual authentication as the full STS protocol does. However, this requires a digital signature scheme and a public key infrastructure.

6. **SAGE**  
`E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(23), [9, 1]);`

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P = E(3,3)
def function1(E,P):
--x = random.randint(2,21)
--X = x * P
--return (x, X)
def function2(x,X):
--S = x * X
--return S

```

**Exercise 6.** Alice uses the DSA signature scheme on the elliptic curve  $E : y^2 = x^3 + 2x + 1 \pmod{23}$  to sign messages  $m_i$ . The curve has  $n = 30$  points. Alice publishes the base point  $A = (16, 9)$  (of order  $q$ ) and the point  $B = aA = (17, 7)$ .

1. Verify whether  $A$  satisfies the condition required by DSA signature.
2. Find all the points on the curve  $E$  with  $x = 2, 11$ , if they exist.
3. Alice publishes the signed message  $(m_1 \| R_1 \| s_1) = (5 \| (17, 16) \| 3)$ . Write the equations for signature verification and verify the correctness. Then, verify Alice's signature.
4. Compute  $a$  using the BSGS algorithm.
5. Alice signs another message  $m_2 = 3$  and publishes  $(m_2 \| R_2 \| s_2) = (3 \| (17, 16) \| 4)$ . Which mistake did she do? Taking advantage from Alice's mistake, compute  $a$ .
6. **SAGE** Write the commands to define the elliptic curve, to find how many points it has, and to compute the DSA signature.

*Solution.* 1. The  $A$  order,  $q$ , must be a large prime factor of  $n$ . It could be 2, 3, 5. So, we compute  $2A = 2(16, 9) = (17, 7)$ ,  $3A = 3(16, 9) = (17, 16)$  and  $5A = 5(16, 9) = \infty$ . The order of  $A$  is 5.

2.  $(2, 6), (2, 17)$ . No points for  $x = 11$ .

3.  $u_1 = s^{-1}m$   $u_2 = s^{-1}x_R$  and  $V = u_1A + u_2B$  that must be equal to  $R$ .  
 $u_1 = 3^{(-1)} \cdot 5 = 0$   $u_2 = 2 \cdot 17 = 4$  and  $V = 0A + 4B = 4(17, 7) = (17, 16)$ .

4.  $N = \lceil \sqrt{30} \rceil = 6$ ,  $-NA = 6(16, 14) = (16, 14)$   
 $iA = \infty, (16, 9), (17, 7), (17, 16), (16, 14)$   
 $B + j(-NA) = (17, 7), \dots$   
 $a = i + jN \pmod{n} = 2 + 0 \cdot 6 = 2$ .

5. The repeated nonce.

$$\begin{aligned}
s_1k - m_1 &= ax_R = s_2k - m_2 \\
(s_1 - s_2)k &= (m_1 - m_2) \\
k &= (m_1 - m_2)(s_1 - s_2)^{-1} \pmod{q} = (5 - 3)(3 - 4)^{-1} \pmod{5} = 2 \cdot 4 \pmod{5} = 3 \\
a &= (s_1k - m_1)x_R^{-1} \pmod{q} = (3 \cdot 3 - 5) \cdot 17^{-1} \pmod{5} = 2.
\end{aligned}$$

## 6. SAGE

```
E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(23), [2,1]);
E.cardinality();
A = E(16,9); q = A.order(); k = 3; m = 5; a = 2;
R = k*A; (x,y,z) = R;
kinv = mod(k^-1, q);
s = mod(kinv*(m + a*int(x)),q);
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