
Network Security and Cryptography

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Exercise 1. TDE 30/06/2015

Alice uses the DSA signature scheme on the elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + x + 1 \pmod{19}$ to sign messages m_i . The curve has $n = 21$ points.

Alice publishes the base point $A = (10, 2)$ (of order q) and the point $B = aA = (14, 2)$.

1. Verify whether A satisfies the condition required by DSA signature.
2. Find all the points on the curve E with $x = 2, 3, 7$, if they exist.
3. Alice publishes the signed message $(m_1 \| R_1 \| s_1) = (6 \| (15, 3) \| 6)$. 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 $m_2 = 5$ and publishes $(m_2 \| R_2 \| s_2) = (5 \| (15, 3) \| 3)$. Which mistake did she do? Taking advantage from Alice's mistake, compute a .

Solution. 1. The A order, q , must be a large prime factor of n . It could be 3 or 7. So, we compute $3A = 3(10, 2) = (14, 2)$ and $7A = 7(10, 2) = \infty$. The order of A is 7.

2. $(2, 7), (2, 12), (7, 3), (7, 16)$. No points for $x = 3$.

3. $u_1 = s^{-1}m$ $u_2 = s^{-1}x_R$ and $V = u_1A + u_2B$ that must be equal to R .
 $u_1 = 1$ $u_2 = 6$ and $V = A + 6B = (10, 2) + 6(14, 2) = (10, 2) + (84, 12) = (94, 14) \pmod{19} = (15, 3)$.

4. $N = \lceil \sqrt{21} \rceil = 5$, $-NA = 5(10, 17) = (15, 3)$
 $iA = \infty, (10, 2), (15, 16), (14, 2), (14, 17), (15, 3)$
 $B + j(-NA) = (14, 2), \dots$
 $a = i + jN \bmod n = 3 + 0 \cdot 5 = 3$.
5. She uses the nonce twice.
 $s_1k - m_1 = ax_R = s_2k - m_2$
 $(s_1 - s_2)k = (m_1 - m_2)$
 $k = (m_1 - m_2)(s_1 - s_2)^{-1} \bmod q = (6 - 5)(6 - 3)^{-1} \bmod 7 = 1 \cdot 5 \bmod 7 = 5$
 $a = (s_1k - m_1)x_R^{-1} \bmod q = (6 \cdot 5 - 6) \cdot 15^{-1} \bmod 7 = 3$.

Exercise 2. TDE 30/06/2015

Alice and Bob agree on a common secret using the Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange protocol. They publish the elliptic curve $E: y^2 = x^3 + x + 4 \bmod 7$. The curve has $n = 10$ points. They also publish the base point $P = (0, 2)$, that is a primitive generator.

Alice chooses her secret $N_A = 7$ and Bob chooses his secret $N_B = 9$.

Simulate in **SAGE** the DHKE and verify the correctness.

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Solution. E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(7), [1, 4]);
P = E(0, 2); N_A = 7, N_B = 9;
A = N_A * P;
B = N_B * P;
K_A = B * N_A;
K_B = A * N_B;
if K_A == K_B:
-- print correct
else:
-- print error
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Exercise 3. TDE 14/07/2015

Alice and Bob agree on a common secret using the Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange protocol. They publish the elliptic curve $E: y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 7 \bmod 23$. The curve has $n = 18$ points. They also publish the base point $P = (2, 5)$.

Alice sends the message $A = N_A P = (3, 16)$ and receives the message $B = N_B P = (1, 6)$.

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 ∞ , then $k_A = 15$.

1. Verify if P is a primitive generator.
2. List all the points on curve E with $x = 1, 4$, if they exist.
3. Compute N_A using the PH algorithm.
4. Compute the shared secret S . (If you have not find N_A in the previous step use $N_A = 5$).

5. Compute the Alice's key k_A . How many keys it's possible to obtain, why? Which are they?

Solution. 1. The order of P should be 18.

$$2P = 2(2,5) = (12,1)$$

$$3P = 3(2,5) = (11,17).$$

$$6P = 6(2,5) = (1,6)$$

$$9P = 9(2,5) = (6,0)$$

The order is 18. P is a primitive generator.

2. $x = 1 \rightarrow (1, \pm 6)$

- $x = 4 \rightarrow \text{no points.}$

3. $N_A = 5.$

4. $S = N_A * B = 5(1,6) = (1,17)$

5. $k_A = 1 + 17 \bmod 3 = 0$. The order of B is 3, so the possible keys are 3.

If $S = (1,17) \rightarrow k_A = 0$. If $S = (1,6) \rightarrow k_A = 2$. If $S = \infty \rightarrow k_A = 15$.

Exercise 4. TDE 14/07/2015

Alice uses the DSA signature scheme on the elliptic curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + 6x + 7 \bmod 11$ to sign messages m_i . The curve has $n = 8$ points.

Alice publishes the base point $A = (2,4)$ (of order $q = 4$), and the point $B = aA = (2,7)$. And keeps secret $a = 3$. Then, she signs the message $m = 6$ using the nonce $k = 3$.

Write the command in **SAGE** to do the following:

1. List all the points on the curve E and verify how many they are.
2. Sign the message m .
3. Verify the signature obtained.

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Solution. E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(11), [6,7]);
E.points();
A = E(2,4); q = 4; k = 3; m = 6; a = 3;
R = k*A; (x,y,z) = R;
kinv = mod(k ^(-1), q);
s = mod(kinv*(m + a*int(x)),q);
u_1 = mod(s^(-1)*m,q);
u_2 = mod(s^(-1)*int(x),q);
V = int(u_1) * A + int(u_2) *B;
if V == R:
-- print signature verified
else:
-- print -1
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Exercise 5. TDE 07/09/2015

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

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 7 \pmod{11}$$

and the point $A = (2, 5)$. The curve has $n = 16$ points. Bob chooses a secret number a and publishes the point $B = aA = (2, 6)$.

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 $Y_{1,2} = Y_{1,1}, Y_{2,2} = (5, 5)$ and obtain $P_{m,2}$.

Solution. 1. The order of A could be 2,4,8,16. $2A = 2(2, 5) = (10, 10)$; $4A = 4(2, 5) = (7, 0)$; $8A = 8(2, 5) = \infty$. The order is 8.

2. $N = \lceil \sqrt{16} \rceil = 4$, $-NA = -4(2, 5) = (7, 0)$
 $iA = \infty, (2, 5), (10, 10), (3, 4), (7, 0)$
 $B + j(-NA) = (2, 6), (3, 4), \dots$
 $a = i + jN \pmod{n} = 3 + 1 * 4 * 16 = 7$.

3. $Y_{1,1} = kA = 3A = 3(2, 5) = (3, 4)$; $Y_{2,1} = P_{m,1} + kB = (4, 5) + 3(2, 6) = (4, 5) + (3, 7) = (8, 3)$.

4. $P_{m,1} = Y_{2,1} - aY_{1,1} = (8, 3) - 7(3, 4) = (4, 5)$

5. $Y_{2,1} - P_{m,1} = kB = Y_{2,2} - P_{m,2}$.
 $P_{m,2} = Y_{2,2} - Y_{2,1} + P_{m,1}$.
 $P_{m,2} = (5, 5) - (8, 3) + (4, 5) = (6, 0)$.

Exercise 6. TDE 07/09/2015

Consider a Hill cipher operating in \mathbb{Z}_{26} .

First, write the command in **SAGE** to do the following:

1. Encrypt the message $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$, by using the key $k = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$. (Remember to the define the matrix).
2. Decrypt the ciphered message y .
3. Suppose to know x and y , write the command to find k .

Secondly, consider an example of Hill cipher over the upper-case letters of the English alphabet. Write the command in **SAGE** to do the following:

1. Define the alphabet AS and the cryptosystem H of block length 3.
2. Generate a random key K . Encode and cipher the message $X = \text{"Hello World!"}$.
3. Decipher the message Y and verify the correctness.

Solution.

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R = Zmod(26)
x = matrix(R, [[1,2], [3,4]])
k = matrix(R, [[1,2], [4,5]])
y = x*k
x = y*k^(-1)
k= x^(-1)*y
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AS = AlphabeticStrings()
H = HillCryptosystem(AS,3)
K = H.random_key()
X = H.encoding("Hello World !")
Y = H.enciphering(K,X)
H.deciphering(K,Y)
H.deciphering(K,Y) == X
- True

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Exercise 7. TDE 21/09/2015

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

$$E: y^2 = x^3 + 9x + 1 \pmod{13}$$

to sign a message $h(m_1) = 11$. The curve has $n = 18$ points.

Alice publishes the points $A = (0, 1)$ and $B = aA = (0, 12)$. Moreover, Alice chooses a nonce $k = 3$ 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 $V_1 = h(m)A$, $V_2 = sB + x_rR$ is a valid verification procedure. Then, verify the signature.
5. Alice signs another message $h(m_2) = 10$ and publishes $(h(m_2) \| R_2 \| s_2) = (10 \| (8, 0) \| 8)$. Which mistake did she do? Compute a .

Solution.

1. The order of A could be 2,3,6,9,18.
 So, $2A = 2(0, 1) = (4, 7)$, $3A = 3(0, 1) = (8, 0)$, $6A = 6(0, 1) = \infty$.
 The order is 6.

2. $N = \lceil \sqrt{18} \rceil = 5$, $-NA = -5(0, 1) = (0, 1)$
 $iA = \infty, (0, 1), (4, 7), (8, 0), (4, 6), (0, 12)$
 $B + j(-NA) = (0, 12), \dots$
 $a = i + jN \pmod n = 5 + 0 \cdot 5 = 5.$
3. $R = 3A = 3(0, 1) = (8, 0)$,
 $s = a^{-1}(h(m_1) - kx_R) \pmod n = 5^{-1}(11 - 3 \cdot 8) \pmod{18} = 11(11 - 24) = 11 \cdot 5 = 1.$
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!
 $V_1 = h(m)A = 11A = 5A = 5(0, 1) = (0, 12)$
 $V_2 = sB + x_R R = (0, 12) + 8(8, 0) = (0, 12) + \infty = (0, 12).$
5. $s_1 a - h(m_1) = -kx_R = s_2 a - h(m_2)$
 $(s_1 - s_2)a = h(m_1) - h(m_2)$
 $(1 - 8)a = (11 - 10)$
 $a = 7^{-1} \cdot 1 \pmod{18} = 5.$

Exercise 8. TDE 21/09/2015

Alice uses the public key Elgamal cryptosystem. She publishes the curve $E : y^2 = x^3 + 5x + 7 \pmod{11}$ and the point $A = (2, 5)$ of order 8. She also chooses a secret number $a = 7$ and publishes the point $B = aA$. Bob wants to send to Alice a message corresponding to the point $P_m = (4, 5)$.

Write the command in **SAGE** to do the following:

1. Calculate B.
2. Cipher the message using $k = 3$.
3. Decipher the message.
4. Using the repeated nonce, decipher the ciphered message ($Y_{1,2} = (3, 4)$, $Y_{2,2} = (5, 5)$).

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Solution. E = EllipticCurve(Zmod(11), [5, 7])
A = E(2, 5)
a = 7
B = a * A
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k = 3; P_m = E(4, 5)
Y_1 = k * A
Y_2 = P_m + k*B
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P_m = Y_2 - a * Y_1
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Y_22 = E(5, 5)
P_m = Y_22 - Y_2 + P_m
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