

# 37181 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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Lecture 17: the RSA cryptosystem

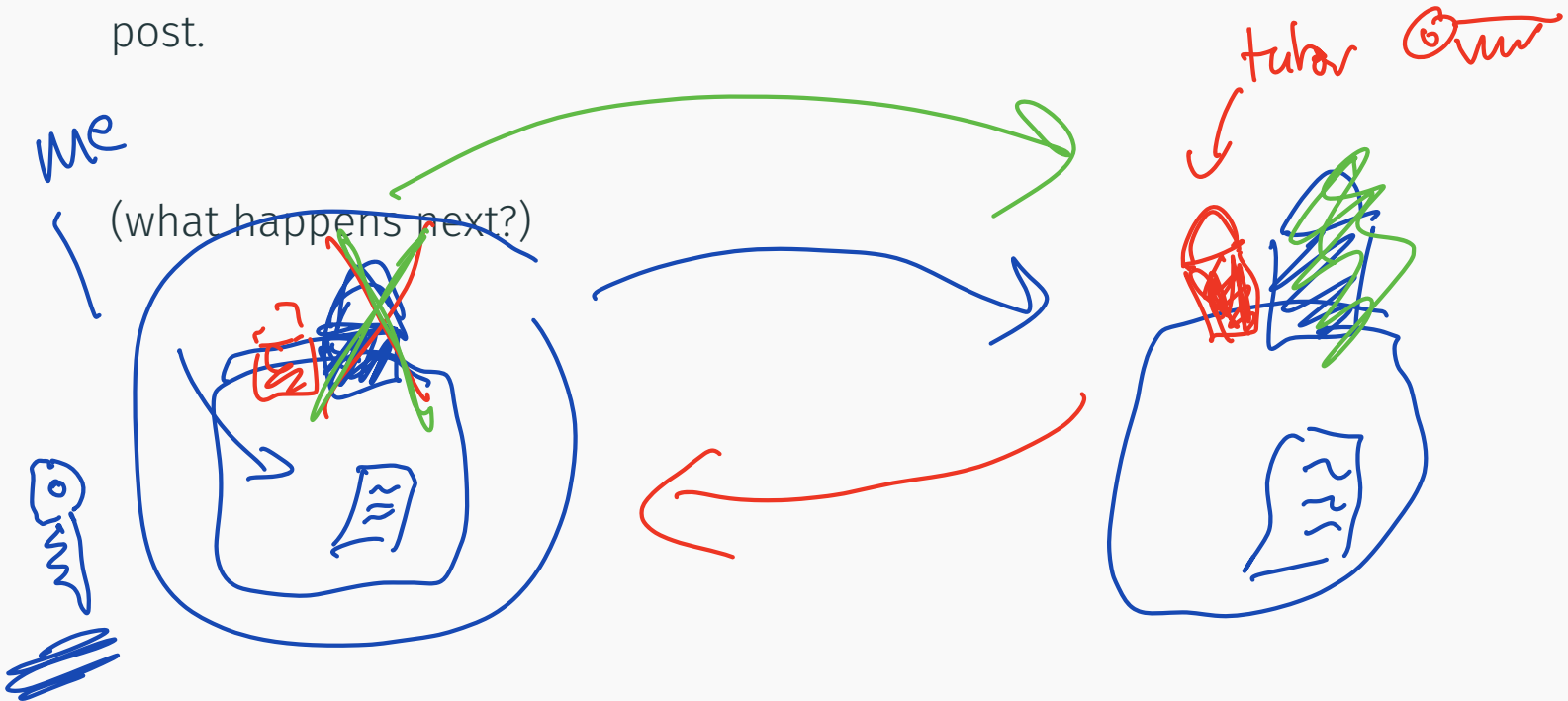


# PLAN

- RSA

# WARM-UP

I have a box, and a padlock. I put a secret message in the box (not a pigeon), put my padlock on it, keep the key, and send the box in the post.



$$\exists p \exists q$$

$$n = p \cdot q$$

Security assumption:

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"very hard"  
(we hope)

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$$\varphi(n) = \varphi(p \cdot q)$$

= distinct

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> 100 digits each

- compute  $\varphi(n)$  (recall end of Lectures 16 - how hard is it to compute  $\varphi(n)$ ?)
- divide by 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, ...

$$\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} = n$$


$$(\sqrt{n} + 1) (\dots)$$

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- Quantum computer?

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Idea: Alice (pronouns she/her) and Bob (pronouns he/him) want to communicate over open channels (the internet)

so that at the end, they have a shared secret nobody else knows

even though everybody can see their communication.

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- chooses  $p, q$  two large distinct (and keeps them secret). “multiplication is easy”
- She computes  $n = pq$ .
- She publishes  $n$  on her webpage.
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Public :  $n$

Secret!  $p, q$   
 $\varphi(n)$



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- Finally, she publishes  $e$  on her webpage as well.

Public:  $n, e$

Secret:  $p, q, d, \varphi(n)$

Bob:

- wants to send Alice a secret message which will be a number in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . He knows  $n$  since it is public.
- He picks  $m$  relatively prime to  $n$ .

$$\gcd(m, n) = 1$$

$n, e$  Public

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- He picks  $m$  relatively prime to  $n$ .
- He computes  $[m^e]_n$  (he might need repeated squaring). Remember  $e, n$  are both public.
- He sends the number  $c = [m^e]_n$  to Alice over the internet. Assuming raising to a really high power  $e$  then reducing mod  $n$  “mixes up” the number  $m$ , it should not be obvious what  $m$  is when anyone else sees  $c$  in the open channels.

Public:  $c (= [m^e]_n)$

Secret:  $m$ .

$c, n, e$

$\varphi(n)$   
 $a \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Alice:

- She knows  $d, p, q$  so she takes the number  $c$  from Bob and computes

$$c^d \equiv (m^e)^d = m^{ed} \pmod{n}$$

- Remember  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$  so  $ed = 1 + s\varphi(n)$
- So  $m^{ed} = m^{1+s\varphi(n)} = m \cdot (m^{\varphi(n)})^s$  but by Euler's theorem  $m^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .
- So Alice just computed  $m = [m^{ed}]_n$ .

some  $s \in \mathbb{Z}$

prime

2.37

## Practice:

(You will need a copy of the RSA procedure in front of you to follow this.)

1. Alice constructs an RSA system by choosing  $n = 74$  and  $e = 7$ . What is her corresponding value for  $d$ ?

inverse of  $e$ 

$$36 = 5 \cdot 7 + 1$$

$$1 = 36 - 5 \cdot 7$$

 ~~$d$~~ 

$$d \equiv -5 \equiv 31$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(n) &= \varphi(2) \varphi(37) \\ &= 1 \cdot 36 \end{aligned}$$

$$3^2 \cdot 2^2$$

$$d = 31$$

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2. Then Bob wants to send  $m = 21$ . What  $c$  does he send?

$$c = [21^7]_{74}$$

$$7 = 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 21^1 &\equiv 21 \pmod{74} \\ 21^2 &\equiv 441 \equiv -3 \pmod{74} \\ 21^4 &\equiv (-3)^2 = 9 \pmod{74} \end{aligned}$$

$$21^7 \equiv 21^4 \cdot 21^2 \cdot 21^1$$



$$c = 25$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 9 \cdot (-3) \cdot 21 \\
 &= 9 \cdot (-63) \\
 &= 9 \cdot 11 \\
 &= 99 = \underline{25}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Knows  ~~$e$~~ ,  $d$

$$\left[ 25^{31} \right]_{74}$$

$$31 = 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 25^{31} &= 25^{16} \cdot 25^8 \cdot 25^4 \cdot 25^2 \cdot 25^1 \\
 &= 9(-3)(53)(33)(25)
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(74) &= \varphi(2)\varphi(37) = 36, 36 = 5 \cdot 7 + 1, 1 = 36 - 5 \cdot 7 \text{ so } d = -5 = 31. \\ c &= 21^4 21^2 21^1 = 9(-3)21 = 9(-63) = 9 \cdot 11 = 99 = 25. \text{ Alice computes} \\ 25^d &= 25^{31} = 25^{16} 25^8 25^4 25^2 25 = 21\end{aligned}$$

## MORE PRACTICE

$$23^{43} \equiv 23 \pmod{77}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \cdot 11 & \varphi(77) \\ &= 6 \cdot 10 \\ &= 60 \end{aligned}$$

Alice constructs an RSA system and publishes  $n = 77$  and  $e = 43$ . Bob then sends Alice the encoded message  $c = 23$ . What was Bob's intended message?

$$m = [c^d]_n = [23^?]_{77}$$

$$\varphi(77) = 60$$

$$60 = 1 \cdot 43 + 17$$

$$43 = 2 \cdot 17 + 9$$

$$17 = 1 \cdot 9 + 8$$

$$9 = 1 \cdot 8 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 9 - 8 \\ &= 9 - (17 - 9) \\ &= 2 \cdot 9 - 17 \\ &= 2(43 - 2 \cdot 17) - 17 \\ &= 2 \cdot 43 - 5 \cdot 17 \\ &= 2 \cdot 43 - 5(60 - 43) \\ &= 2 \cdot 43 - 5 \cdot 60 + 5 \cdot 43 \end{aligned}$$

$$d = 7$$

$$[23^7]_{77} \equiv 23$$

!!

$$23^4 \cdot 23^2 \cdot 23^1 \equiv \cancel{100} \cdot \underline{23 \cdot (-10) \cdot 5}$$

$$= -10 \cdot -10$$

$$= 100$$

$$= 23$$

$$23^2 = 529 \equiv 67 \pmod{77}$$

$$\equiv -10$$

$$23^4 = (-10)^2 = 100 \equiv \underline{23}$$

Alice finds  
 $m = 23$

Check

# WAYS TO CHEAT

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/courses/quenell/s2003/ma139/js/powermod.html>

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## MATH 139

### PowerMod Calculator

Computes  $(\text{base})^{(\text{exponent})} \bmod (\text{modulus})$  in  $\log(\text{exponent})$  time.

Base: 21	Exponent: 7	Modulus: 74
<input type="button" value="Compute"/>	$b^e \bmod m =$ 25	

The program is written in JavaScript, and runs on the client computer. Most implementations seem to handle numbers of up to 16 digits correctly.

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## LPC7: HASSE DIAGRAM

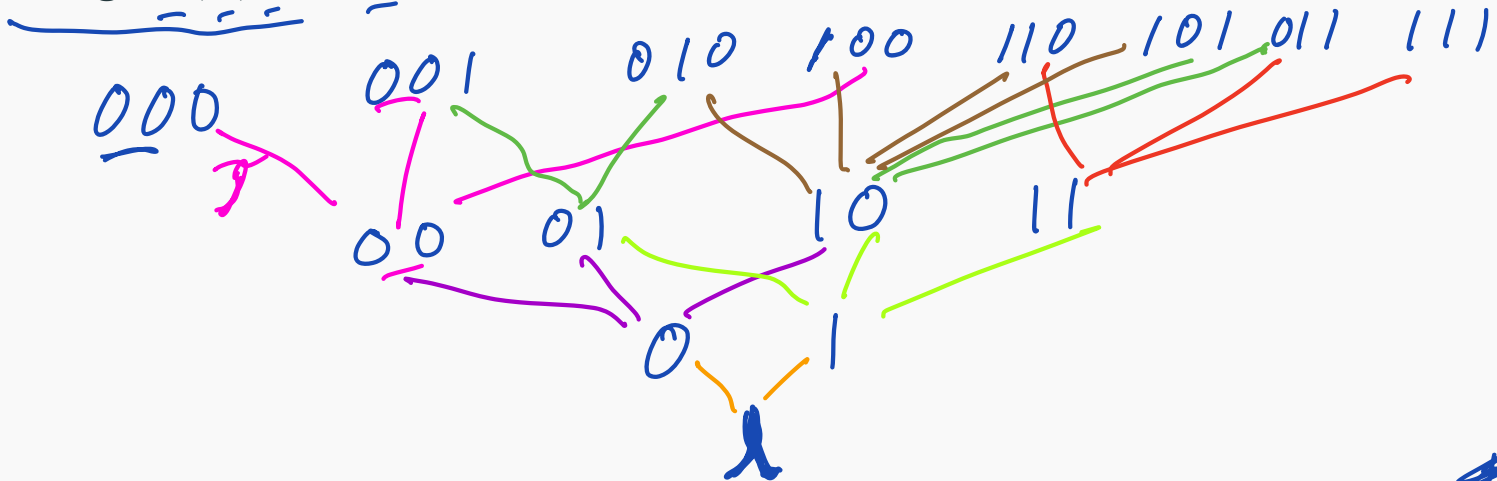
partial order

Define a relation  $\mathcal{T}$  on the set of all finite length (including 0) binary strings by

$a\mathcal{T}b$  if  $a$  is a factor of  $b$ .

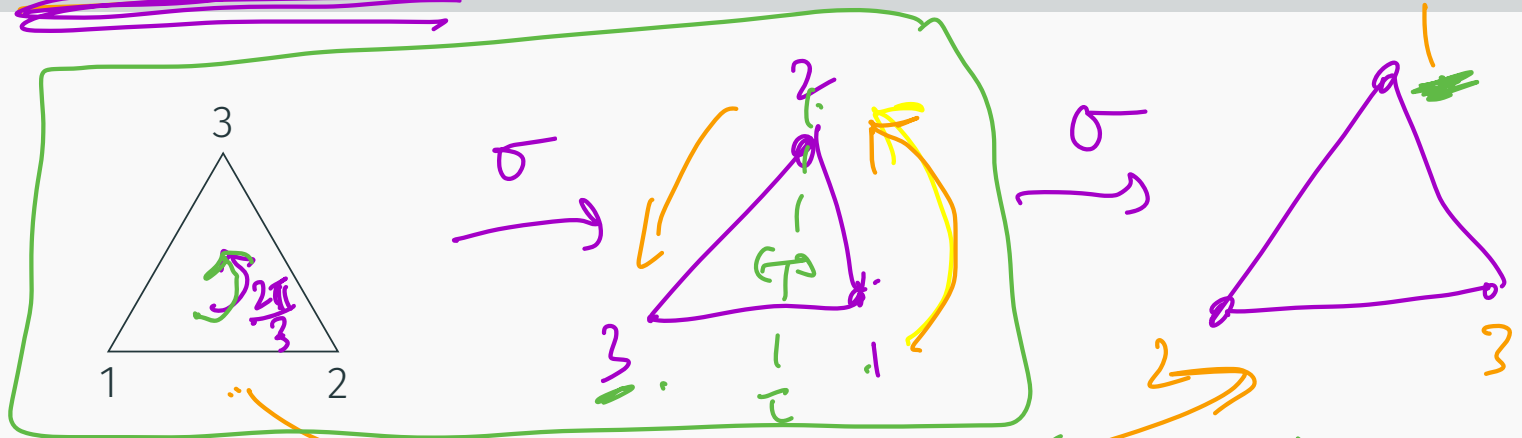
reflexive ✓  
antisymmetric ✓  
transitive ✓

(b) Draw the *Hasse diagram*<sup>2</sup> for  $\mathcal{T}$  on the set of all binary strings of length 0, 1, 2 and 3.



<sup>2</sup>this was in Lecture 9.

# HOMWORK SHEET 9: TRIANGLE PROBLEM



(a) Is  $*(\sigma, \tau)$  the same motion as  $*(\tau, \sigma)$ ?

(b) What is  $*(\tau, \tau)$ ?

(c') What is  $*(\sigma, \sigma)$ ?

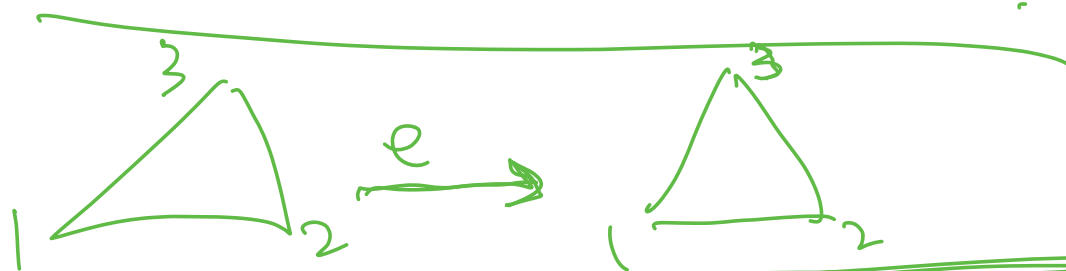
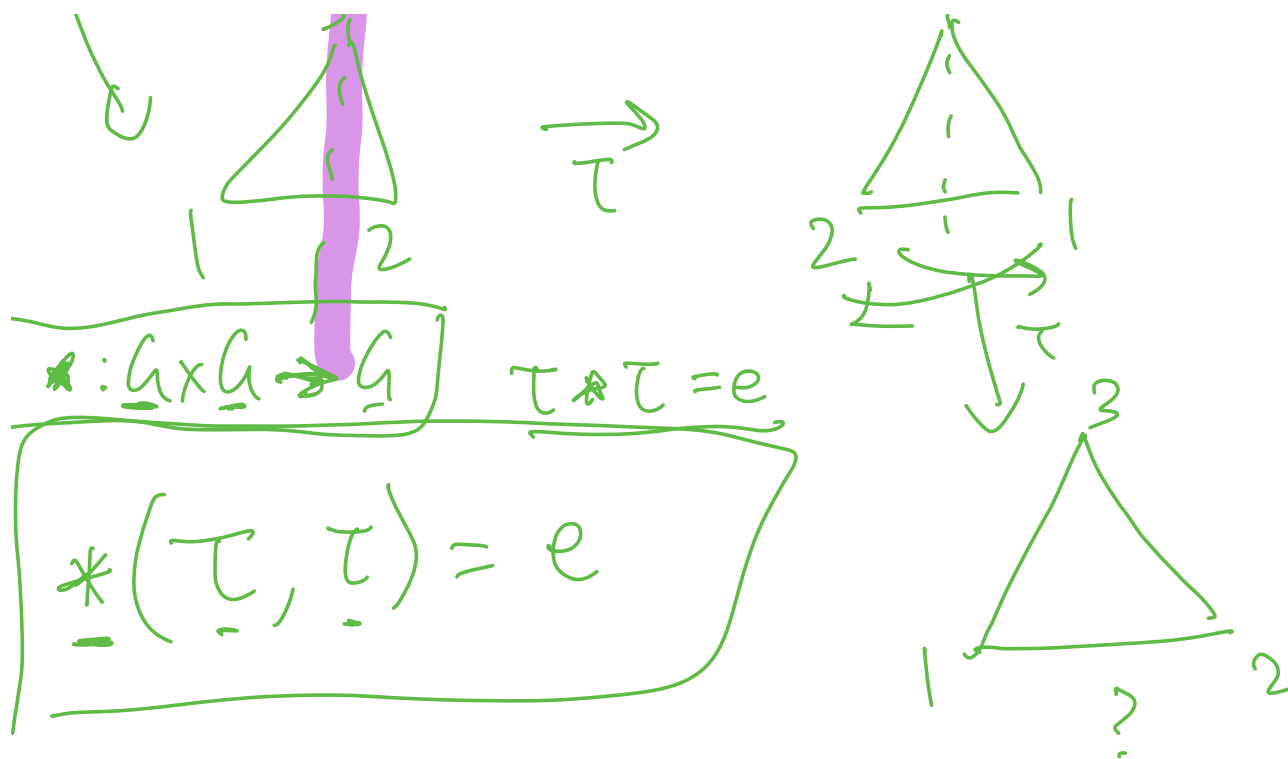
(d') Prove that  $\tau, \sigma$  both have inverses.

$$*(*(\sigma, \sigma), \sigma) = e$$

rotate by

$$120 + 120 = 240^\circ$$

Also, same as



## Worksheet 9

$\mathbb{Z}_n^\times$ , mult mod n

$\leftarrow 1$

Qul  
old  
woman.

$n \equiv 1$	mod 2:
$n \equiv 1$	mod 3:
$n \equiv 1$	mod 4:

x

$\leftarrow$

~~1~~

$\dots = x \times 1$



NEXT

$$n \equiv 1$$

$$\text{mod } 5.$$

$$n \equiv 1$$

$$\text{mod } 6.$$

$$n \equiv 0$$

$$\text{mod } 7$$

• Graph theory

$$n = \frac{2p}{3q} + 1$$

$$n = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^4 \cdot 5 + 1$$

$$= 600 + 1$$

301

61.

121.

181.

241.

✓  
301