

# NIE-MPI: Tutorial 7

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## 7.1 Discrete logarithm and Cryptography

**Exercise 7.1.** Solve

$$5^x \equiv 12 \pmod{23}.$$

**Exercise 7.2.** Alice wants to send a secret message to Bob during a MPI lecture<sup>1</sup>. So she sends a small paper to Bob via her classmates saying this:

Hi Bertíku, I'm gonna send you a secret message using Diffie-Hellman protocol. My public key is  $(29, 8)$  and the encrypted stuff is 24.

Bob's answer is:

Cool Alenko! Mine is 15.

Alice:

Super cool! Assuming that our shared secret number is  $n$ , let us meet on the  $(n - 2 \pmod{7})$ -th day of next week at  $(n - 7 \pmod{24})$  o'clock in the pub in front of Building number  $(2n + 42 \pmod{10})$ . See ya!

Where and when are they going to meet? Would it be easier to answer if you knew Alice's (or Bob's) private key?

## 7.2 Rings and fields

**Exercise 7.3.** Which of the following sets, together with the classical addition and multiplication, forms a ring or a field?

- (a) The set of all even numbers.
- (b) The set of all odd numbers.
- (c) The set of non-negative even numbers.
- (d) The set of rational numbers.

**Exercise 7.4.** Is  $(\mathbb{R}^{n,n}, +, \cdot)$ , i.e., the set of  $n \times n$ -matrices with matrix multiplication and addition, a ring? Is it a field? If not, how can we change it to get a field?

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<sup>1</sup>Forgetting that the professor knows the trick too.

### 7.3 Finite fields of order $p^n$

**Exercise 7.5.** Find the Cayley table for both operations in the field  $GF(2^2)$ , where the multiplication is done modulo  $x^2 + x - 1$ . Find neutral elements and generators in the additive group and the multiplicative group of this field. Find also the inverses, for both sum and product, of  $x + 1$  and  $x$ .

**Exercise 7.6.** Find the Cayley tables (both for addition and for multiplication) for  $GF(3^2)$ , where the multiplication is done mod  $x^2 - x - 1$ .

**Exercise 7.7.** Find all irreducible polynomials of degree less than 5 over the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ .

**Exercise 7.8.** Consider the field  $GF(2^3)$ , where the multiplication is done mod  $x^3 + x + 1$ .

(a) Decide whether  $x^3 + x + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .

(b) Find the inverse of 010.

(c) Calculate

$$100 \cdot (010)^{-1} + 010 \cdot 010.$$

**Exercise 7.9.** In the field  $GF(3^3)$  with multiplication modulo  $x^3 + 2x + 1$  find

(a) the inverse of 122,

(b) all  $y$  from this field satisfying

$$122 \cdot (100 + y) = 002.$$

**Exercise 7.10.** Let  $v(x) = a_m x^m + a_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  be a polynomial from  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  with  $p$  prime and  $m$  positive integer. Show that

$$(v(x))^p = v(x^p).$$