

MATH 314 Spring 2018 - Class Notes

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Summary: Continuation on Diffie Hellman from the last class.

Notes: In the previous lesson we covered the main strategies on how to implement the method and we will start from an example.

Diffie - Hellman example

$$p = 13, \alpha = 2$$

Alice picks the secret key of $a = 3$.

Bob picks the secret key of $b = 8$.

Bob computes $B = \alpha^b \equiv 2^8 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$
and sends this to Alice.

Alice computes

$$A = \alpha^a \equiv 2^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{13} \text{ and sends this to Bob.}$$

Now Alice computes

$$k = B^a \equiv 9^3 \equiv 9^2(9) \equiv 3(9) \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

And Bob computes

$$k = A^b \equiv 8^8 \equiv 1 \pmod{13} \text{ They both share the key } k = 1.$$

Say Eve wants to break Diffie Hellman $(\text{mod } s)$ *heidstosolve* $A \equiv \alpha^a \pmod{s}$

She can try every possible value of a this requires $O(p)$ time

Baby Step Giant Step

$$N = \lceil \sqrt{p} \rceil$$

She creates two tables

Eve finds the secret exponential

How many steps we had to create tables in $N \cdot N = O(\sqrt{p})$
running time why is there exactly one
 $a < p - 1 < p = \sqrt{p}^2 < N^2$ write a/n base N as $a = x + yN$
we can find x and y $\alpha^a \equiv \alpha^{x+yN} \equiv (\text{mod } p) \alpha^x \equiv \alpha^{-yN}$

Trap door function for RSA:

Integer factorization

if we want a new public key
we need a new trapdoor function

Discrete Logarithm Problem

$$\ln \alpha = \beta^x \pmod{m}$$

If we know β , compute α quickly (mod exp). If we know α β want to find x -this turns out to be hard

Ex. Solve $6 \equiv 2^x \pmod{13}$

$x = 5$ works $2^5 = 32 \equiv 6 \pmod{13}$ We can find this by brute force attack
try all values of x

If this was calculus, how would you solve $6 = 2^x$

$$\log_2 6 = \log_2 2^x \log_2 6 = \ln 6 / \ln 2 = x$$

This problem is called the discrete log problem.

Also like factoring we didn't know that there isn't a fast way to compute discrete logs but so far we haven't found Diffie Hellman key exchange can be used to send a message but allows Alice and Bob to agree on a shared private key that can be used for symmetric key cryptosystem

Steps of Diffie - Hellman

- 1.) Alice picks a large prime p
- 2.) She finds a primitive root $\alpha \pmod{p}$ (recall α is a prime root \pmod{p} if $\alpha \pmod{p}$ produces every residue)
- 3.) Alice picks a random b with $2 < b < p - 1$
- 4.) A and b are secret not to be shared with each other. Alice computes $A = \alpha^a \pmod{p}$ bob computes $B = \alpha^b \pmod{p}$
- 5.) Alice computes $k = B^a \pmod{p}$ bob computes $A^b \pmod{p}$ why is $A^b \equiv B^a \pmod{p}$?
 $A^b \equiv \alpha^{ab} \equiv \alpha^{ba} \equiv B^a \pmod{p}$

secret k which you can use for AES Suppose Eve is trying to break this Eve knows p and α and A, B her goal is to find k so she has to compute either B^2 or $A^b \pmod{p}$ to do this she needs to find a or b . To find these she would have to solve $A = \alpha^a \pmod{p}$ for a or $B \equiv \alpha^b \pmod{p}$ for b .