

## 1 Baby Fermat

Assume that  $a$  does have a multiplicative inverse mod  $m$ . Let us prove that its multiplicative inverse can be written as  $a^k \pmod{m}$  for some  $k \geq 0$ .

(a) Consider the sequence  $a, a^2, a^3, \dots \pmod{m}$ . Prove that this sequence has repetitions.

(b) Assuming that  $a^i \equiv a^j \pmod{m}$ , where  $i > j$ , what can you say about  $a^{i-j} \pmod{m}$ ?

(c) Prove that the multiplicative inverse can be written as  $a^k \pmod{m}$ . What is  $k$  in terms of  $i$  and  $j$ ?

## 2 RSA Practice

Consider the following RSA schemes and solve for asked variables.

(a) Assume for an RSA scheme we pick 2 primes  $p = 5$  and  $q = 11$  with encryption key  $e = 9$ , what is the decryption key  $d$ ? Calculate the exact value.

(b) If the receiver gets 4, what was the original message?

(c) Encode your answer from part (??) to check its correctness.

### 3 RSA with Three Primes

Show how you can modify the RSA encryption method to work with three primes instead of two primes (i.e.  $N = pqr$  where  $p, q, r$  are all prime), and prove the scheme you come up with works in the sense that  $D(E(x)) \equiv x \pmod{N}$ .

### 4 RSA with Limited Messages

Suppose that Alice only has two possible messages she might send Bob: either “Yes” or “No”.

- (a) If Alice and Bob use the standard RSA procedure, describe how Eve could find out which message Alice sent.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) Describe how Alice and Bob might modify the RSA procedure to stop Eve from using this exploit. (*Hint: Try using a one-time pad somewhere in your procedure*)