

# Cryptography

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### Lecture 7B

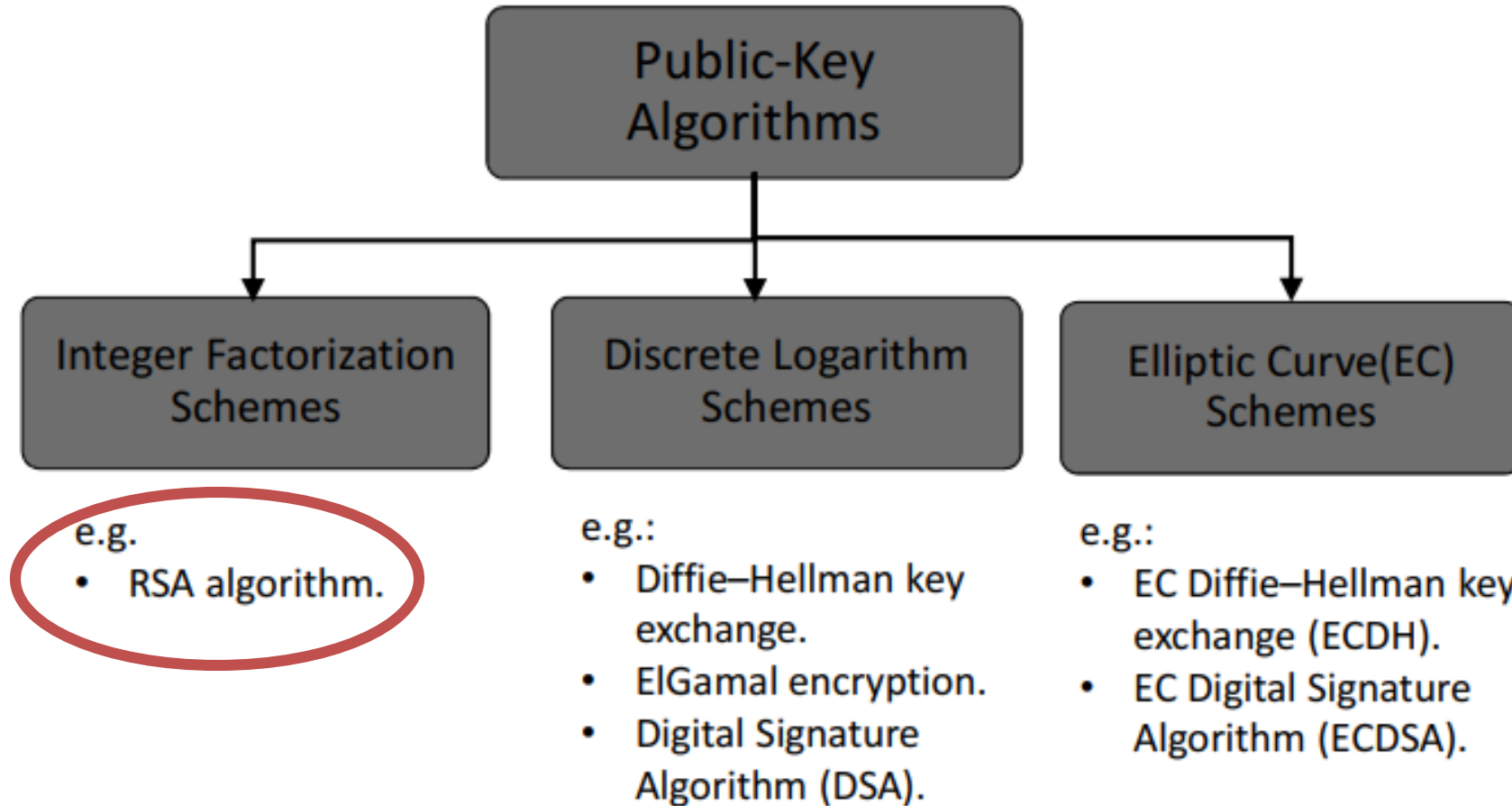
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# Lecture Topic

# **RSA Algorithm & Diffie-Hellman Key**

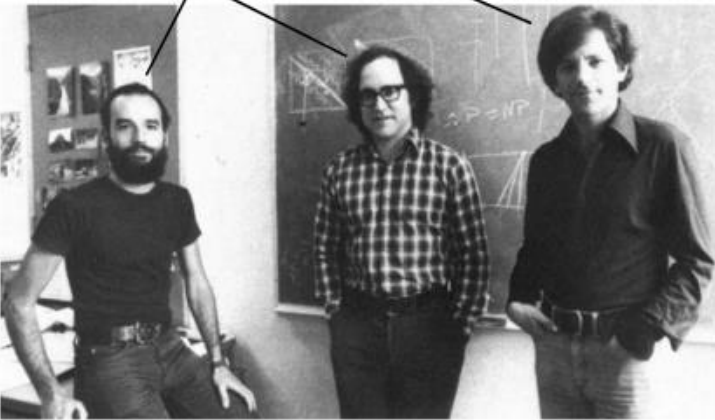
# PKC Algorithms: Three Families



# RSA Algorithm

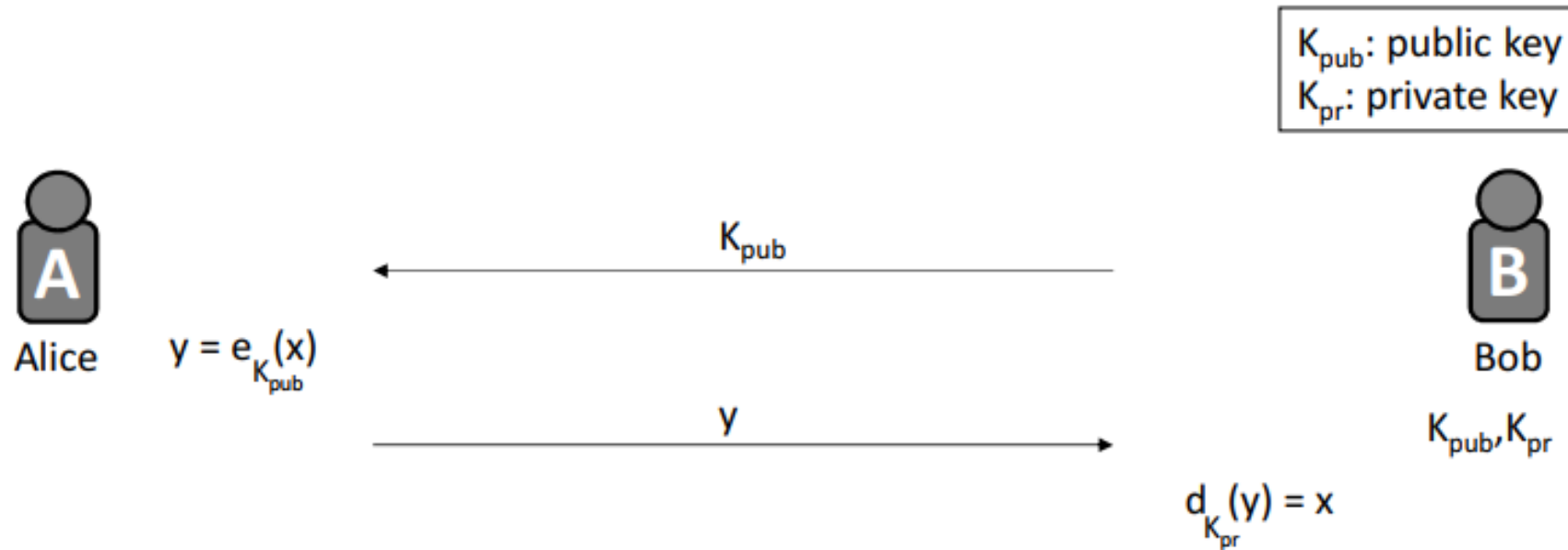
## ➤ Some History

- ✓ 1976: Public key cryptography first introduced:  
Martin Hellman and Whitfield Diffie published their landmark publickey paper in 1976
- ✓ 1977: **R**ivest–**S**hamir–**A**dleman (RSA) proposed the asymmetric RSA cryptosystem algorithm



- ✓ Until now, RSA is the most widely use asymmetric cryptosystem although elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) becomes increasingly popular
- ✓ RSA is mainly used for two applications
  - Transport of (i.e., symmetric) keys
  - Digital signatures

# RSA Algorithm



- 1) How to encrypt/decrypt?
- 2) How to compute  $K_{\text{pub}}$  and  $K_{\text{pr}}$ ?

# RSA Algorithm

## ➤ Encryption and Decryption

- ✓ RSA operations are done over the integer ring  $Z_n$  (i.e., arithmetic modulo  $n$ ), where  $n = p * q$ , with  $p, q$  being large primes
- ✓ Encryption and decryption are simply exponentiations in the ring
- ✓ In practice  $x, y, n$  and  $d$  are very long integer numbers ( $\geq 1024$  bits)

### Definition

Given the public key  $(n, e) = k_{pub}$  and the private key  $d = k_{pr}$  we write

$$y = e_{k_{pub}}(x) \equiv x^e \pmod{n}$$

$$x = d_{k_{pr}}(y) \equiv y^d \pmod{n}$$

where  $x, y \in Z_n$ .

We call  $e_{k_{pub}}()$  the encryption and  $d_{k_{pr}}()$  the decryption operation.

# RSA Algorithm

## ➤ Key Generation

- ✓ Like all asymmetric schemes, RSA has set-up phase during which the private and public keys are computed

### Algorithm: RSA Key Generation

**Output:** public key:  $k_{pub} = (n, e)$  and private key  $k_{pr} = d$

1. Choose two large primes  $p, q$
2. Compute  $n = p * q$
3. Compute  $\Phi(n) = (p-1) * (q-1)$
4. Select the public exponent  $e \in \{1, 2, \dots, \Phi(n)-1\}$  such that  $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) = 1$
5. Compute the private key  $d$  such that  $d * e \equiv 1 \text{ mod } \Phi(n)$
6. **RETURN**  $k_{pub} = (n, e), k_{pr} = d$



# RSA Algorithm

## Remarks:

- Choosing two large, distinct primes  $p, q$  (in Step 1) is non-trivial
- $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) = 1$  ensures that  $e$  has an inverse and, thus, that there is always a private key  $d$

## Notes:

- ✓ In practice,  $n$  is  $\geq 1024$  bits long.
- ✓ Strength of RSA with  $n = 2^{3072}$  is equivalent to AES128.
- ✓ Longer  $n$  means more security, but slower computation.
- ✓  $p$  and  $q$  should differ in length by only a few digits . . .  $p, q \geq 512$  bits long





# RSA Algorithm

## Example: RSA with small numbers:



Alice

Message  $x = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= e_{K_{\text{pub}}}(x) \equiv x^e \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 4^3 \pmod{33} \\ &\equiv 31 \pmod{33} \end{aligned}$$

$K_{\text{pub}} = (33, 3)$

$y$



Bob

1.  $p=3, q=11$
2.  $n = 33$
3.  $\Phi(n) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$   
 $= 2 \cdot 10 = 20$
4. Choose  $e = 3$
5.  $d \equiv e^{-1} \equiv 7 \pmod{20}$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= d_{K_{\text{pr}}}(y) \equiv y^d \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 31^7 \pmod{33} \\ &\equiv 4 \pmod{33} \end{aligned}$$

# RSA Algorithm

## Parameters Example

Example of practical RSA  
parameters for  $n = 1024 \rightarrow$

$p =$  E0DFD2C2A288ACEBC705EFAB30E4447541A8C5A47A37185C5A9  
CB98389CE4DE19199AA3069B404FD98C801568CB9170EB712BF  
10B4955CE9C9DC8CE6855C6123<sub>h</sub>  
 $q =$  EBE0FCF21866FD9A9F0D72F7994875A8D92E67AEE4B515136B2  
A778A8048B149828AEA30BD0BA34B977982A3D42168F594CA99  
F3981DDABFAB2369F229640115<sub>h</sub>  
 $n =$  CF33188211FDF6052BDBB1A37235E0ABB5978A45C71FD381A91  
AD12FC76DA0544C47568AC83D855D47CA8D8A779579AB72E635  
D0B0AAAC22D28341E998E90F82122A2C06090F43A37E0203C2B  
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255C1FEDE1A2762CF4392C0759499CC0ABECFF008728D9A11ADF<sub>h</sub>  
 $e =$  40B028E1E4CCF07537643101FF72444A0BE1D7682F1EDB553E3  
AB4F6DD8293CA1945DB12D796AE9244D60565C2EB692A89B888  
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 $d =$  C21A93EE751A8D4FBFD77285D79D6768C58EBF283743D2889A3  
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8BAABB959CC03F4EC499186168AE9ED6D88058898907E61C7CC  
CC584D65D801CFE32DFC983707F87F5AA6AE4B9E77B9CE630E2  
C0DF05841B5E4984D059A35D7270D500514891F7B77B804BED81<sub>h</sub>



# RSA Algorithm

## Proof of Correctness

We need to prove that  $d_{K_{pr}}(e_{K_{pub}}(x)) = x$

i.e., prove that  $(x^e)^d \equiv x^{de} \pmod{n} \equiv x \pmod{n}$



# RSA Algorithm: Practical Consideration

RSA is a heavy user of exponentiation...

Encryption:  $y = x^e \bmod n$

Decryption:  $x = y^d \bmod n$

Problem: How to quickly exponentiate with extremely large numbers?

Solution: Using Square-and-Multiply Algorithm

	e.g., $x^{26}$	
Square	SQ	$x \cdot x = x^2$
Multiply	MUL	$x \cdot x^2 = x^3$
	SQ	$x^3 \cdot x^3 = x^6$
	SQ	$x^6 \cdot x^6 = x^{12}$
	MUL	$x \cdot x^{12} = x^{13}$
	SQ	$x^{13} \cdot x^{13} = x^{26}$

Represent the exponent in binary;  $x^{11010}$

Initially start with  $x^1$

$$(x^1)^2 = x^2$$

$$(x^2)x = x^3$$

$$(x^3)^2 = x^6$$

$$(x^6)^2 = x^{12}$$

$$(x^{12})x = x^{13}$$

$$(x^{13})^2 = x^{26}$$

**Simply construct the binary exponent from left to right by shifting (SQ) and adding (MUL).**

Note: MUL is only used for the 1 bits.

Looks random.. How do I know when to SQ and when to MUL?



# Security of RSA

The RSA discussed so far is called schoolbook RSA.

It has several weaknesses:

- RSA is deterministic.
- $y=x$  for  $x= 0, 1, -1$ .
- RSA is malleable.

A malleable cipher allows an attacker to modify the value of  $x$  without decrypting  $y$ .  
e.g., attacker wants to multiply  $x$  by  $s=2$ . But only has access to  $y$  and  $e$ .

Then replacing  $y$  with  $s^e y$  leads to..

$$\text{decryption: } (s^e y)^d \equiv s^{ed} x^{ed} \equiv sx \pmod{n}.$$

**In practice**, these weaknesses can be eliminated by using padding.  
i.e., Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP)



# Security of RSA: Attacks

Attack possibilities against RSA:

1. Protocol attacks
2. Mathematical attacks. i.e., factoring the modulus.

The attacker knows  $n$  and  $e$ .

But can't compute  $d$  because  $p$  and  $q$  are unknown!

Longer  $n$  is more difficult to factor, but slower algorithm.

Minimum  $n$  size = 1024. Recommended 2048-4096.

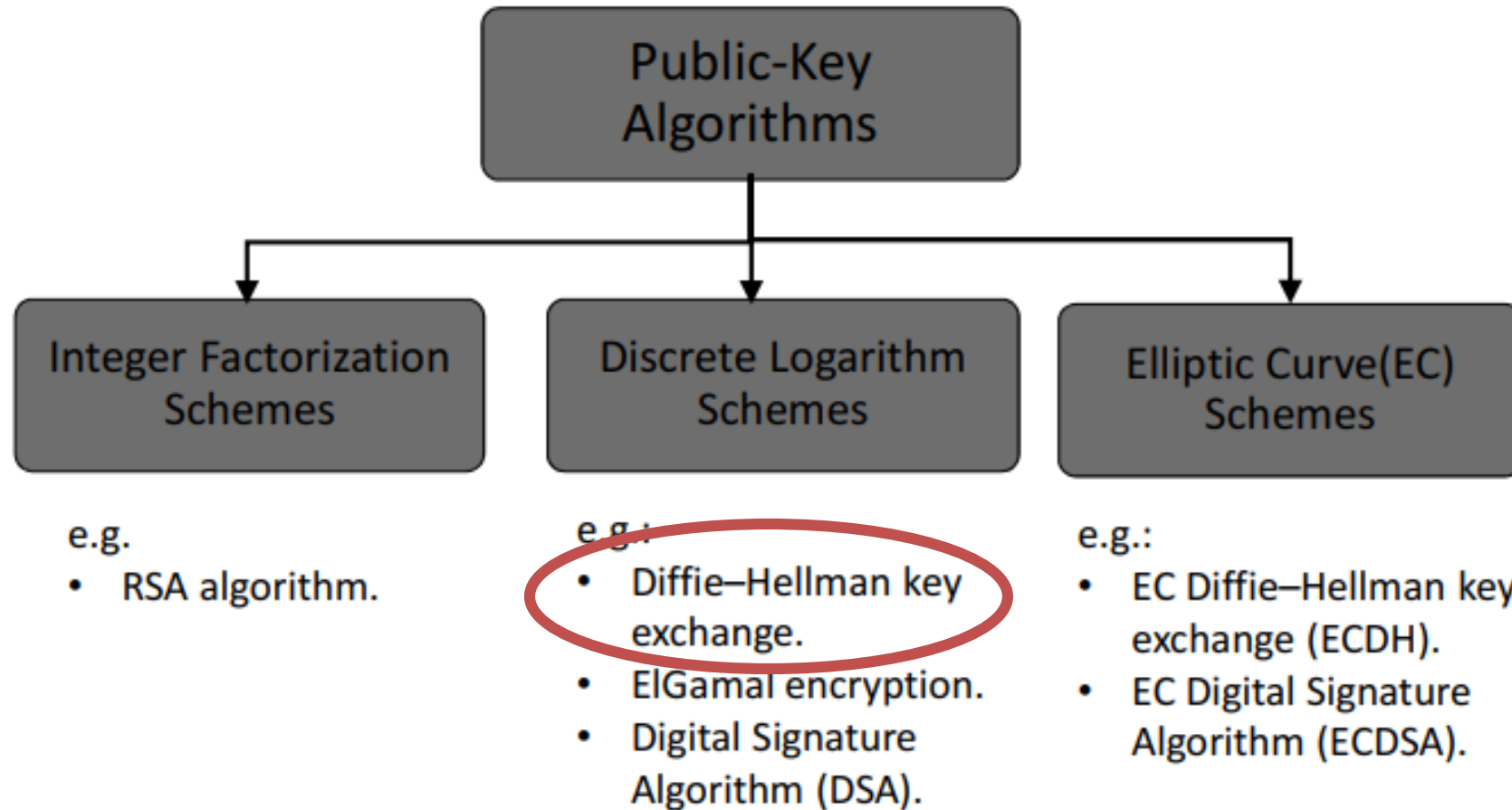
3. Side-channel attacks.

Exploit info leaked from the processing power or time (i.e., physical channels )





# PKC Algorithms: Three Families





# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

- Proposed in 1976 by Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman
- Widely used, e.g. in Secure Shell (SSH), Transport Layer Security (TLS), and Internet Protocol Security (IPSec)
- The Diffie–Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE) is a key exchange protocol and not used for encryption
- (For the purpose of encryption based on the DHKE, ElGamal can be used.)

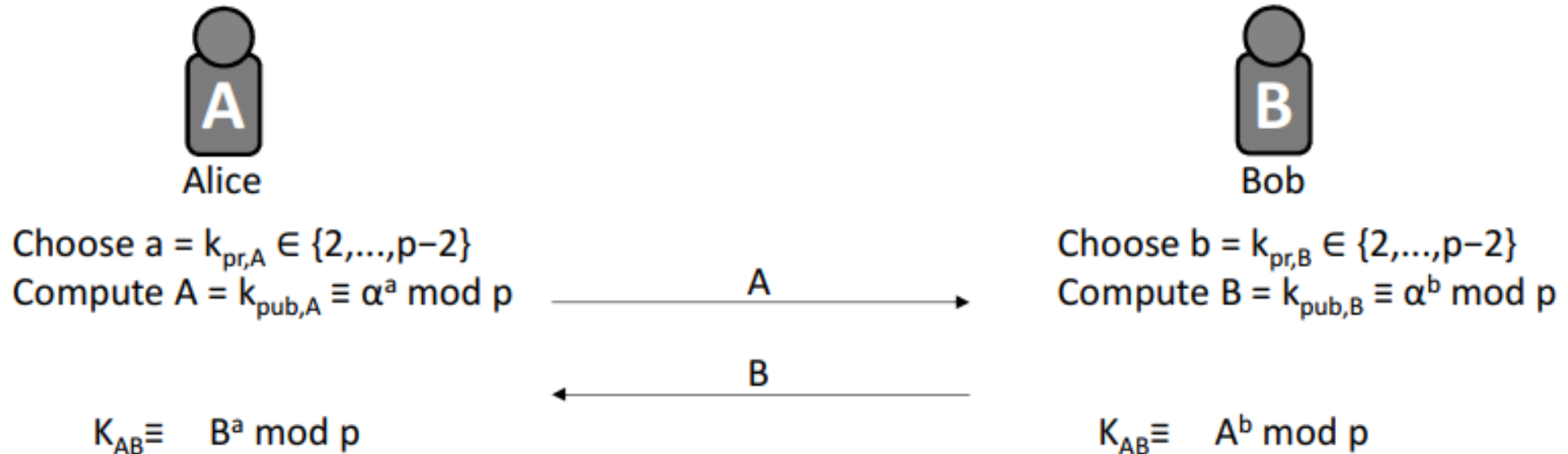


# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

Diffie-Hellman setup:

1. Choose a large prime  $p$ .
2. Choose an integer  $\alpha \in \{2, 3, \dots, p-2\}$ .
3. Publish  $p$  and  $\alpha$ .

$p$  is a large prime  $\geq 1024$  bits long.  
We'll soon discuss the nature of  $\alpha$ .



As a result,  $K_{AB}$  is the shared secret.  
e.g., we can use the 128 MSB of  $K_{AB}$  as a key for AES128.

# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

## Essential idea:

- Choose two random secrets **a** and **b**

$$(\alpha^a)^b \bmod p = (\alpha^b)^a \bmod p$$

- Both parties can calculate that value without sending secrets over the wire



# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

Alice

Choose random private key  
 $k_{prA} = a \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $k_{pubA} = A = \alpha^a \bmod p$

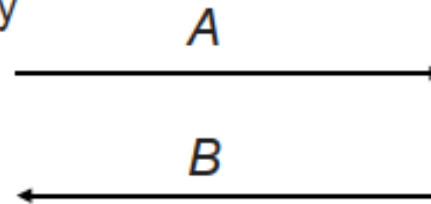
Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = B^a = (\alpha^b)^a \bmod p$

Bob

Choose random private key  
 $k_{prB} = b \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

Compute corresponding public key  
 $k_{pubB} = B = \alpha^b \bmod p$

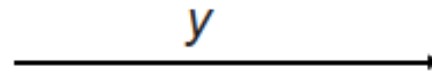
Compute common secret  
 $k_{AB} = A^b = (\alpha^a)^b \bmod p$



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We can now use the joint key  $k_{AB}$   
for encryption, e.g., with AES

$$y = AES_{k_{AB}}(x)$$

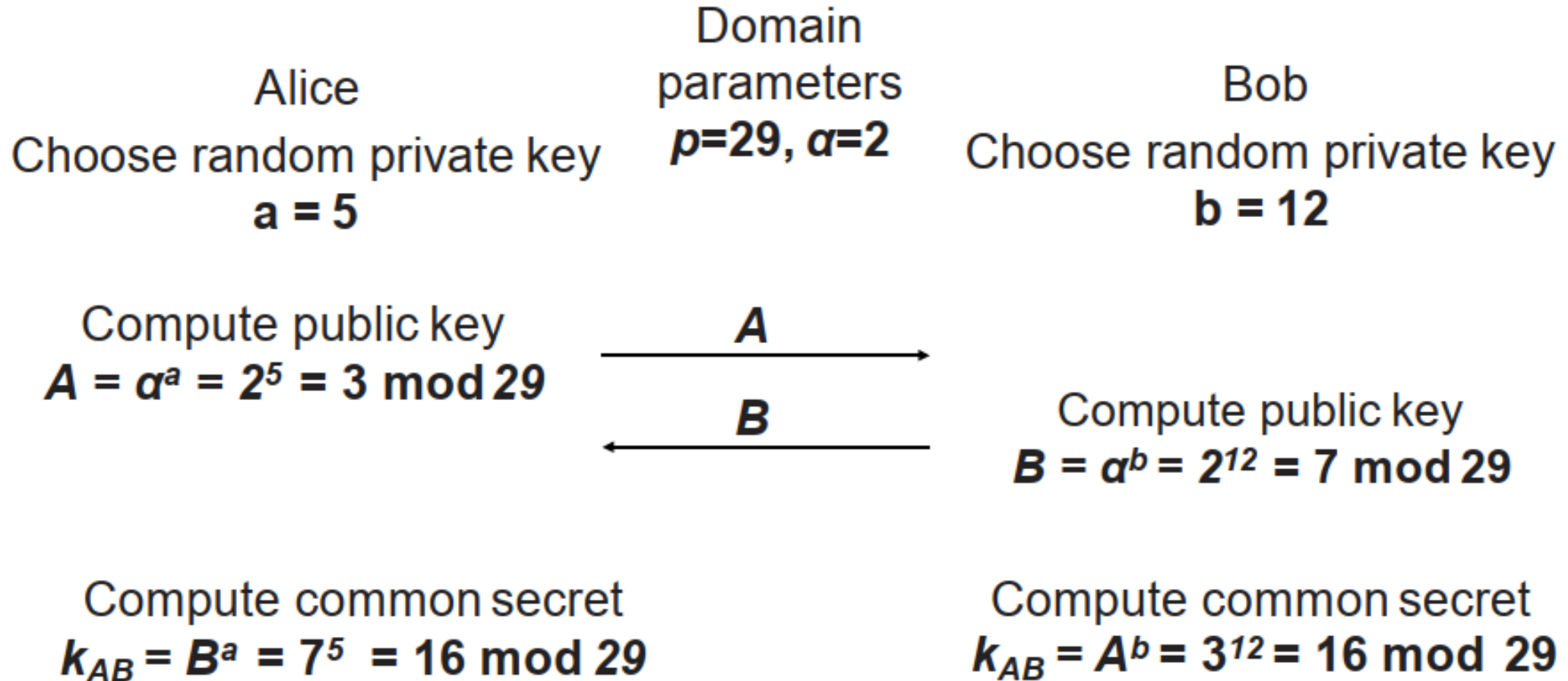


$$x = AES^{-1}_{k_{AB}}(y)$$



# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

## Example



# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (DHKE)

So, . . .  $K_{AB} \equiv B^a \bmod p \equiv A^b \bmod p$

$$A \equiv \alpha^a \bmod p$$

$$B \equiv \alpha^b \bmod p$$

How is that possible??



Proof:

$$B^a \equiv (\alpha^b)^a \equiv \alpha^{ab} \bmod p$$

$$A^b \equiv (\alpha^a)^b \equiv \alpha^{ab} \bmod p$$

Very simple. Very important.

$\alpha$  must be a primitive element.

What that means? Time for some math...



# Groups

## *Cyclic Groups*





# Revisiting Groups

**Group  $(G, \circ)$ :** a set of elements, with 1 group operator.

E.g., :

$(G, +)$  additive group

$(G, \times)$  multiplicative group

Has certain properties that must be satisfied:

A1. Closure:

If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $G$ , then  $a \circ b$  is also in  $G$ .

A2. Associativity:

$a \circ (b \circ c) = (a \circ b) \circ c$  for all  $a, b, c$  in  $G$

M1...

etc. . .

❑ See Lecture 6A.

# Revisiting Groups

## Theorem 8.2.1

*The set  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  which consists of all integers  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  for which  $\gcd(i, n) = 1$  forms an abelian group under multiplication modulo  $n$ . The identity element is  $e = 1$ .*

**Example** Let us verify the validity of the theorem by considering the following example:

If we choose  $n = 9$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_9^*$  consists of the elements  $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ .

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_9^*$

$\times \bmod 9$	1	2	4	5	7	8
1	1	2	4	5	7	8
2	2	4	8	1	5	7
4	4	8	7	2	1	5
5	5	1	2	7	8	4
7	7	5	1	8	4	2
8	8	7	5	4	2	1

# Revisiting Groups

## Example : Is $(\mathbb{Z}_9, \times)$ a multiplicative group?

$$\mathbb{Z}_9 = \{\textcircled{0}, 1, 2, \textcircled{3}, 4, 5, \textcircled{6}, 7, 8\}$$

Check for property A1, A2, M1, etc..

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Problem with inverse property: Inverses only exist for elements  $a$ ;  $\gcd(a, 9) = 1$

$\therefore$  elements 0, 3, 6 have no inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ .

So, we'll define a special set called  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ , by simply removing noninvertible elements.

The elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  still satisfy all properties of a group.

i.e.,  $\mathbb{Z}_9^* = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$  is a multiplicative group.

$|G|$  = Order of  $G$ : The number of elements in  $G$ . . . . a.k.a. the cardinality of  $G$ .

$$\therefore |\mathbb{Z}_9^*| = 6$$



# Cyclic Groups

## **Definition 8.2.2** Finite Group

*A group  $(G, \circ)$  is finite if it has a finite number of elements. We denote the cardinality or order of the group  $G$  by  $|G|$ .*

- $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ : the cardinality of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $|\mathbb{Z}_n| = n$  since  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ .
- $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot)$ : remember that  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  is defined as the set of positive integers smaller than  $n$  which are relatively prime to  $n$ . Thus, the cardinality of  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  equals Euler's phi function evaluated for  $n$ , i.e.,  $|\mathbb{Z}_n^*| = \Phi(n)$ . For instance, the group  $\mathbb{Z}_9^*$  has a cardinality of  $\Phi(9) = 3^2 - 3^1 = 6$ . This can be verified by the earlier example where we saw that the group consist of the six elements  $\{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ .

# Cyclic Groups

## **Definition 8.2.3** Order of an element

*The order  $\text{ord}(a)$  of an element  $a$  of a group  $(G, \circ)$  is the smallest positive integer  $k$  such that*

$$a^k = \underbrace{a \circ a \circ \dots \circ a}_{k \text{ times}} = 1,$$

*where  $1$  is the identity element of  $G$ .*

- In the previous example,  $\text{ord}(3)=5$ .
- Don't confuse  $\text{ord}(a)$  with  $|G|$

# Cyclic Groups

Example We try to determine the order of  $a = 3$  in the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ . For this, we keep computing powers of  $a$  until we obtain the identity element 1.

$$a^1 = 3$$

$$a^2 = a \cdot a = 3 \cdot 3 = 9$$

$$a^3 = a^2 \cdot a = 9 \cdot 3 = 27 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^4 = a^3 \cdot a = 5 \cdot 3 = 15 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^5 = a^4 \cdot a = 4 \cdot 3 = 12 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

From the last line it follows that  $\text{ord}(3) = 5$ .

$$a^6 = a^5 \cdot a \equiv 1 \cdot a \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^7 = a^5 \cdot a^2 \equiv 1 \cdot a^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^8 = a^5 \cdot a^3 \equiv 1 \cdot a^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^9 = a^5 \cdot a^4 \equiv 1 \cdot a^4 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^{10} = a^5 \cdot a^5 \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^{11} = a^{10} \cdot a \equiv 1 \cdot a \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$\vdots$

the powers of  $a$  run through the sequence  $\{3, 9, 5, 4, 1\}$



# Cyclic Groups

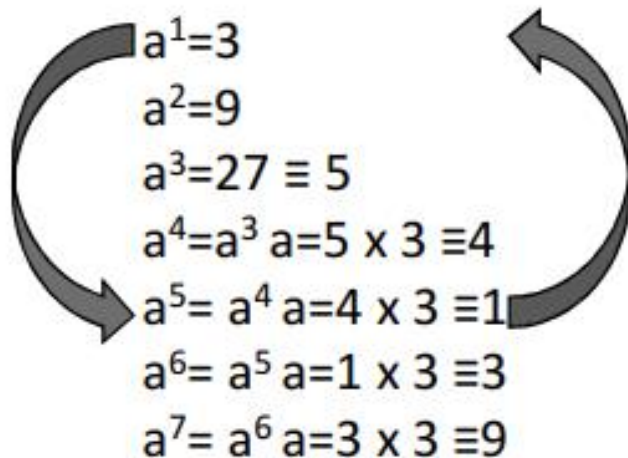


In case of the multiplicative group  $Z_p^*$ , where  $p$  is prime;

$$\therefore Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

$$\text{e.g., } Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$

To understand what's cyclic groups,  
let's pick a number ( $a=3$ ) and compute all its powers..



The result cycles over and over again.



# Cyclic Groups

## **Definition 8.2.4** Cyclic Group

*A group  $G$  which contains an element  $\alpha$  with maximum order  $\text{ord}(\alpha) = |G|$  is said to be cyclic. Elements with maximum order are called primitive elements or generators.*



# Cyclic Groups

Example We want to check whether  $a = 2$  happens to be a primitive element of  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ .

$$a = 2$$

$$a^2 = 4$$

$$a^3 = 8$$

$$a^4 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^5 \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^6 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^7 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^8 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^9 \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$$

$$a^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{ord}(a) = 10 = |\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*|.$$

Note that the cardinality of the group is  $|\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*| = 10$ .

❖ Let's look again at all the elements that are generated by powers of two.

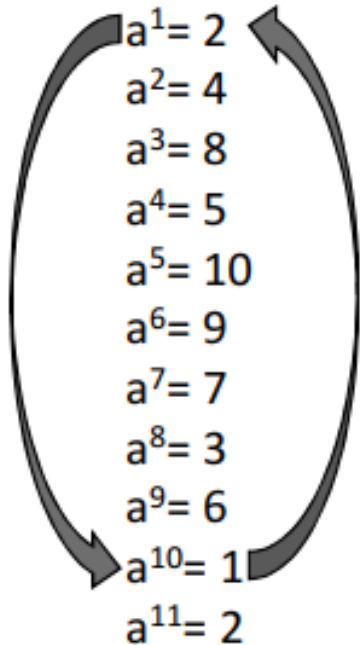
$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$a^i$	2	4	8	5	10	9	7	3	6	1

✓ The powers of  $a = 2$  actually generate all elements of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$

# Cyclic Groups



$$Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$$



Which elements did the number 2 **generate**? . . . All of them.  
So, we call it a *generator*, primitive root, or a *primitive element*.

$$\therefore \text{ord}(2)=10$$

$a=2$  is a generator of  $Z_{11}^*$

$$\therefore 2^{10} \bmod 11 \equiv 1$$

$$\therefore 2^{45363457210} \bmod 11 \equiv 1.$$

❖ It is important to stress that the number 2 is not necessarily a generator in other cyclic groups

$$Z_7^*, \text{ord}(2) = 3$$

✓ The element 2 is thus not a generator in that group.



# Cyclic Groups

- Cyclic Groups are the basis of several cryptosystems.
  - For every prime  $p$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \times)$  is a cyclic group.

**Theorem 8.2.2** *For every prime  $p$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$  is an abelian finite cyclic group.*

## **Theorem 8.2.3**

*Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then for every  $a \in G$  it holds that:*

1.  $a^{|G|} = 1$
2.  $\text{ord}(a)$  divides  $|G|$

# Cyclic Groups

## Theorem 8.2.3

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➤ **Property 1:** Proof using Fermat's little theorem for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$|\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p-1$$

$$a^{p-1} = a^{|\mathbb{Z}_p^*|} = 1$$

➤ **Property 2:** example using  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$

$$|\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*| = 10$$

Possible orders  $\in \{1, 2, 5, 10\}$

# Cyclic Groups



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➤ How many primitive elements (i.e., generators) do we have?

✓ **Four elements: 2, 6, 7, 8.**

✓ The only element orders in this group are 1, 2, 5, and 10, since these are the only integers that divide 10.

$\text{ord}(1)$	$=$	1
$\text{ord}(2)$	$=$	10
$\text{ord}(3)$	$=$	5
$\text{ord}(4)$	$=$	5
$\text{ord}(5)$	$=$	5
$\text{ord}(6)$	$=$	10
$\text{ord}(7)$	$=$	10
$\text{ord}(8)$	$=$	10
$\text{ord}(9)$	$=$	5
$\text{ord}(10)$	$=$	2



# Cyclic Groups

## ➤ How is this related to DHKE?

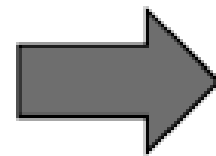
- ✓ Cyclic groups make good Discrete Logarithm Problems.

### **Definition: Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP)**

Given a prime  $p$ , an element  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , and the generator  $\alpha$ ,

find  $x$  such that;  $\alpha^x \equiv \beta \pmod{p}$

e.g., In DHKE, attackers know  $p, \alpha, A, B$   
However, finding  $K_{AB} = \alpha^{ab}$  is a hard problem.



Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP)

Especially with a large  $p$ , attackers need to compute  $\log_{\alpha} B \pmod{p}$ .





# Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP)

**Definition 8.3.1** Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP) in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$   
*Given is the finite cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  of order  $p - 1$  and a primitive element  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and another element  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . The DLP is the problem of determining the integer  $1 \leq x \leq p - 1$  such that:*

$$\alpha^x \equiv \beta \pmod{p}$$

$$x = \log_{\alpha} \beta \pmod{p}.$$



# Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP)

In other words...

If  $x$  is known, it's computationally easy to get  $\alpha^x \equiv \beta \pmod{p}$

However, for large parameters, it's very difficult to get  $\log_{\alpha} \beta \pmod{p}$

This forms a one-way function.

*e. g.*,  $Z_{47}^*$ ,  $\beta = 41$ ,  $\alpha = 5$

Find  $x$  such that  $5^x \equiv 41 \pmod{47}$ .

Using brute force,  $x = 15$ .

$$2^x \equiv 36 \pmod{47}$$

By using a brute-force attack, we obtain a solution for  $x = 17$

# Example: mod 7

- 3 is a **primitive element** or **generator** under the **multiplication** operation

$$3^1 = 3 \pmod{7}$$

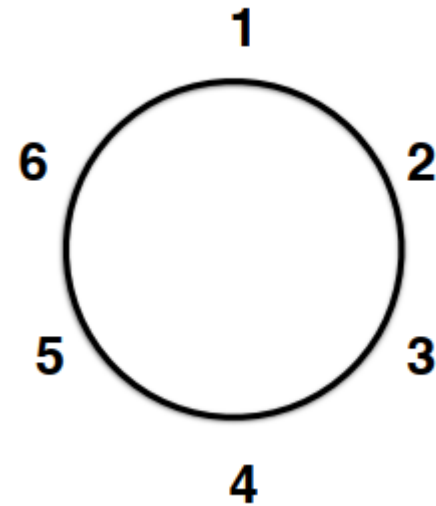
$$3^2 = 9 = 2 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^3 = 27 = 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^4 = 81 = 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^5 = 243 = 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^6 = 729 = 1 \pmod{7}$$



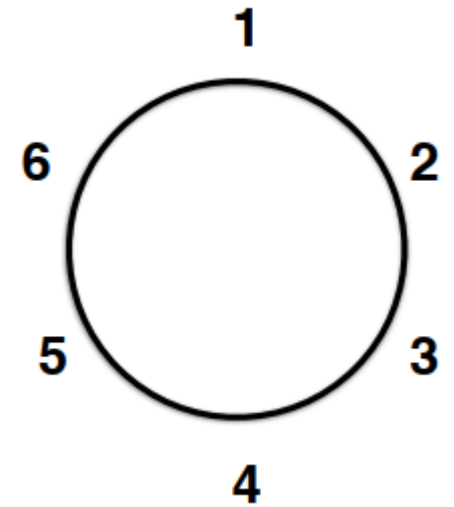
# Example: mod 7

```
>>> for i in range(1,7):  
[...     print 3, "**", i, "= ", (3**i) % 7, "mod 7"  
[...  
3 ** 1 = 3 mod 7  
3 ** 2 = 2 mod 7  
3 ** 3 = 6 mod 7  
3 ** 4 = 4 mod 7  
3 ** 5 = 5 mod 7  
3 ** 6 = 1 mod 7
```

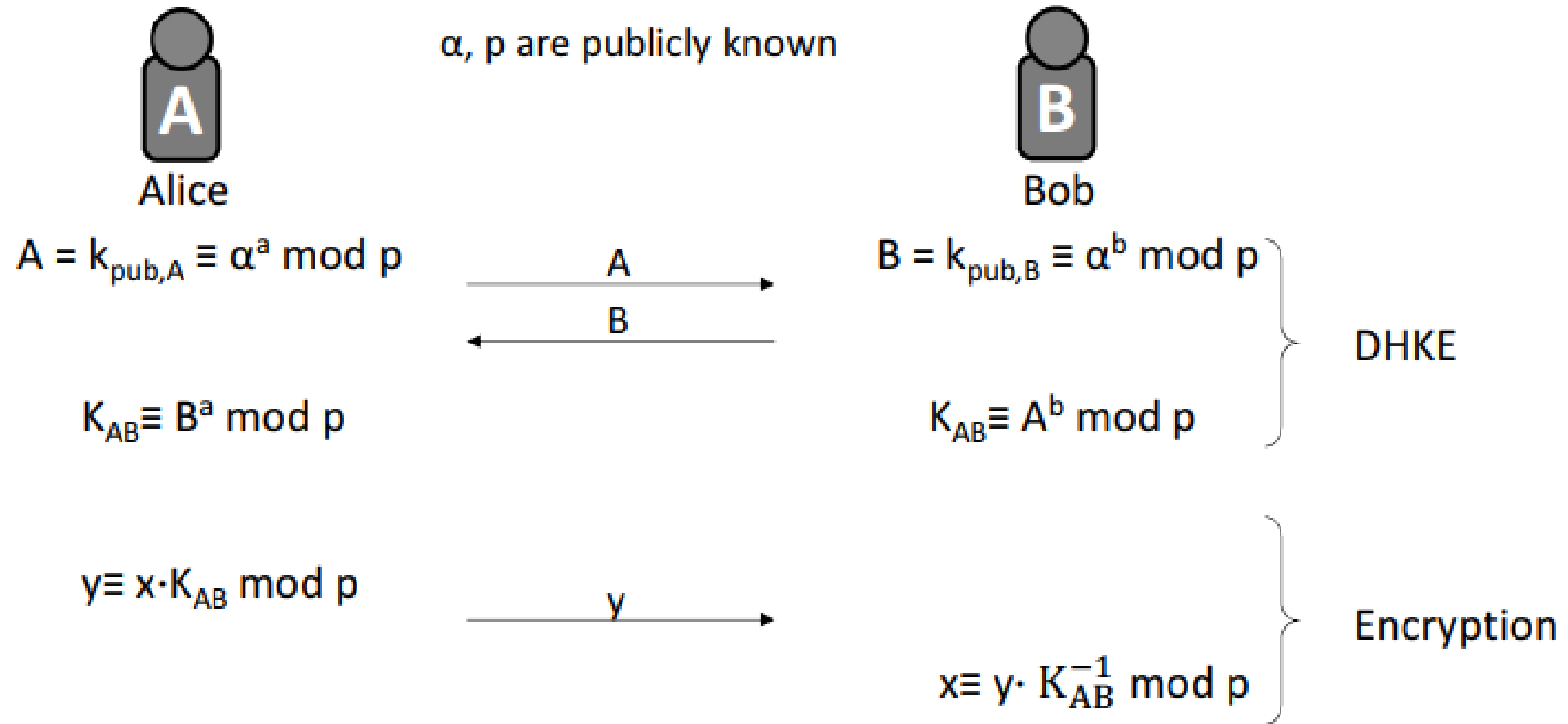
$$\alpha = 3$$

$$\text{DLP: } 3^x = 4 \text{ mod } 7 \quad x = 4$$

$$\text{DLP: } 3^x = 1 \text{ mod } 7 \quad x = 6$$



# Concept of Encryption using DLP



# Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP)

Attackers know  $p, \alpha, A, B$   
Attackers want  $K_{AB} = \alpha^{ab}$

- Attacker's possible steps to solve DHP:
  1. Compute  $a = \log_{\alpha} A \bmod p$
  2. Compute  $B^a = K_{AB} \bmod p$
- For attackers, step 1 is computationally a very hard problem if  $p$  is large enough  $> 1024$  bits.

# Security of DHKE

## ➤ DHKE alone is vulnerable to active attacks.

- i.e., the protocol can be defeated if the attacker can modify the messages or generate false messages.
- So, digital signatures and public-key certificates are used to overcome this vulnerability.

## ➤ Passive attacks.

### ❑ Examples:

- Exhaustive search
- Index-calculus algorithm
- Baby-step giant-step algorithm
- Pollard's rho algorithm
- Pohlig–Hellman algorithm

### ❑ To overcome, use large $p$





# Thank You!

**See You next Lectures!!**  
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