

1. Suppose Alice uses the RSA method as follows. She starts with a message consisting of several letters, and assigns $a = 1, b = 2, \dots, z = 26$. She then encrypts each letter separately. For example, if her message is “cat”, she calculates $3^e \pmod{n}, 1^e \pmod{n}$, and $20^e \pmod{n}$. Then she sends the encrypted messages to Bob. Explain how Eve can find the message without factoring n . In particular, suppose $n = 11771$ and $e = 17$. Eve intercepts the message

1387 3011 1387 2244 4658 7799

Find the message without factoring 11771 (because n is not too large, you might want to write a simple C/C++/python/matlab program to help yourself calculating the result)

2. Naïve Nelson uses RSA to receive a single ciphertext c , corresponding to the message m . His public modulus is n and his public encryption exponent is e . Since he feels guilty that his system was used only once, he agrees to decrypt any ciphertext that someone sends him, as long as it is not c , and return the answer to that person. Evil Eve sends him the ciphertext $2^e c \pmod{n}$. Show how this allows Eve to find m .
3. Let p be a large prime. Alice wants to send a message m to Bob, where $1 \leq m \leq p-1$. Alice and Bob choose integers a and b relatively prime to $p-1$. Alice computes $c \equiv m^a \pmod{p}$ and sends c to Bob. Bob computes $d \equiv c^b \pmod{p}$ and sends d back to Alice. Since Alice knows a , she finds a_1 such that $aa_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{p-1}$. Then she computes $e \equiv d^{a_1} \pmod{p}$ and sends e to Bob. Explain what Bob must now do to obtain m .