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# Introduction to asymmetric crypto

Ideas for the rest of the fall

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## Preliminaries: Groups

### Definition (Group)

An group  $(G, \cdot)$  consists of a set  $G$  and a binary operation  $\cdot$  on  $G$  such that the following axioms hold:

1. (Associativity)  $a(bc) = (ab)c$  for all  $a, b, c \in G$ .
2. (Identity element) There exists  $1 \in G$  such that  $1a = a$  for all  $a \in G$ .
3. (Inverses) For every  $a \in G$  there exists an  $b \in G$  such that  $ba = 1$ . Write  $b = a^{-1}$ .

### Definition (Subgroup)

Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group, and let  $H \subseteq G$ . If  $H$  is closed under  $\cdot$ , then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , written  $H < G$ .

### Definition (Abelian group)

The group  $G$  is abelian if  $\cdot$  is commutative, i.e.  $ab = ba$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .

## Preliminaries: Cyclic groups

### Definition (Order of a group)

Let  $G$  be a group. The order of  $G$  is the cardinality of  $G$ . (I.e., the number of elements.)

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Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . If there exists a least positive integer  $m$  such that  $a^m = 1$ , then  $m$  is called the order of  $a$ , written  $o(a)$ . If no such integer exists, then  $a$  is said to be of infinite order.

### Definition (Cyclic group)

Let  $g \in G$  and set  $G' = \{g^i \mid i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Then  $G'$  is the subgroup of  $G$  generated by  $g$ , denoted  $\langle g \rangle$ .

Note:  $|\langle g \rangle| = o(g)$

## Preliminaries: Cosets

### Definition (Cosets)

Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For  $g \in G$ , the left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  are the sets

$$gH = \{gh \mid h \in H\}$$

The set of all left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  is written  $G/H$ .

Let  $\sim$  be the equivalence relation defined by  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $aH = bH$ . Hence  $G/H$  is a partition of  $G$ . Under  $\sim$ ,  $G/H$  becomes a group.

## Example

Let  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$  be a group with the subgroup  $\langle n \rangle = \{\dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots\}$ . Then all cosets of  $G$  are

$$\langle n \rangle = \{\dots, -2n, -n, 0, n, 2n, \dots\}$$

$$1 + \langle n \rangle = \{\dots, 1 - 2n, 1 - n, 1, 1 + n, 1 + 2n, \dots\}$$

$$2 + \langle n \rangle = \{\dots, 2 - 2n, 2 - n, 2, 2 + n, 2 + 2n, \dots\}$$

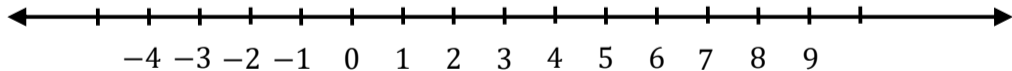
$$\vdots$$

$$(n - 1) + \langle n \rangle = \{\dots, (n - 1) - 2n, (n - 1) - n, n - 1, (n - 1) + n, (n - 1) + 2n, \dots\}$$



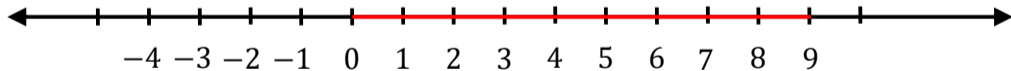
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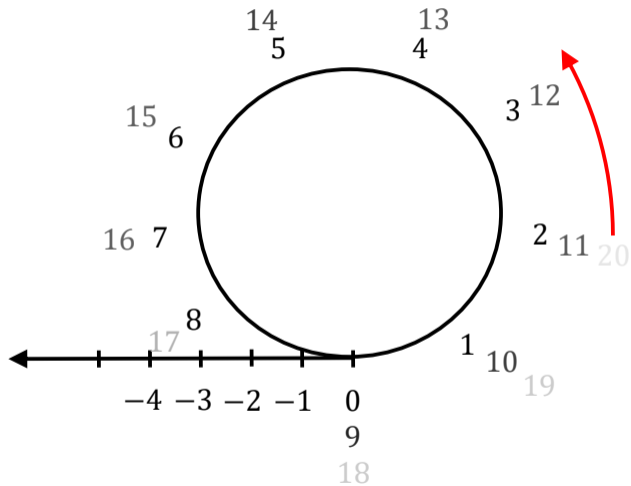
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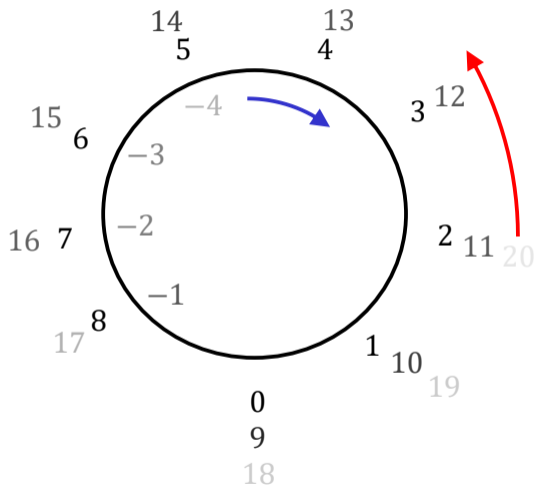
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## Example

The set

$$\mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle = \{\langle n \rangle, 1 + \langle n \rangle, 2 + \langle n \rangle, \dots, (n-1) + \langle n \rangle\}$$

is a group and is isomorphic (“essentially the same”) to the group  $\{0, \dots, n-1\}$  under addition modulo  $n$ , and we write  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

## Theorem (Lagrange)

*Let  $G$  be a finite group. Then the order of any subgroup of  $G$  divides the order of  $G$ .*

## Corollary

*Let  $G$  be a group of finite order  $n$ . Then for every  $a \in G$ ,  $o(a) \mid n$ , and, hence,  $a^n = 1$ .*

## Corollary (Fermat's little theorem)

*Let  $p$  be a prime number. Then for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,*

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

*If  $a$  is not divisible by  $p$ , then*

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

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- We call this group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , and it has  $p - 1$  elements.
- Take some  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and consider  $G = \langle g \rangle$ .

## Example in Python

```
p = some_prime(bitlength)
g = 2
h = pow(g, a, p)
```

# Diffie-Hellman key exchange

Martin

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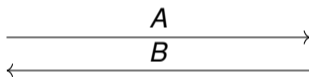
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you

Random  $0 < b < p - 1$

Set  $B = g^b$

Set  $C_2 = A^b$



# Completeness

## Claim

We have  $C_1 = C_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}C_1 &= B^a = (g^b)^a \\ &= g^{ba} = g^{ab} \\ &= (g^a)^b = A^b \\ &= C_2\end{aligned}$$

## Let's try

```
p = 107
g = 5
b = pick_one_at_random
B = pow(g, b, p)

A = receive_from_Martin
C = pow(A, b, p)
```

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### Definition (Decisional Diffie-Hellman Problem (DDH))

Distinguish the following two tuples:

$$(g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab}) \in G^4; \quad a, b \text{ random}$$

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## How can it be secure?

Let  $p - 1 = n = n_1^{e_1} n_2^{e_2} \cdots n_k^{e_k}$ , and assume  $g$  has maximal order.

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- (Exploiting the additive structure as well,) Index Calculus with complexity

$$\exp\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{64}{9} \ln(n') (\ln \ln(n'))^2}\right)$$

# Number of atoms in the universe

100 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000  
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# Number of unique chess games

1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000  
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## A suitable prime for Diffie-Hellman

17 371 633 710 861 526 985 402 756 155 605 996 322 196 257 048 455  
675 141 997 211 607 897 588 436 880 112 664 345 732 402 516 434  
975 116 670 023 472 796 825 233 643 612 395 266 186 808 119 984  
996 372 379 602 426 678 900 493 286 192 039 475 551 678 848 776  
585 415 169 949 664 415 820 483 514 690 301 509 982 058 398 659  
940 050 744 425 005 234 342 360 377 140 221 362 953 519 273 046  
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384 323 322 347 988 836 585 004 216 878 741 293 400 993 565 478  
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266 789 511 781 064 026 694 452 185 724 178 282 543 463 162 021  
793 730 933 403 449 281 865 751 197 897 543 205 563

## Improved solution: Elliptic curves

(But I've got to leave some fun for Håkon, right?) Note: At this point I drew the group law on the blackboard. Wikipedia has a nice picture of the process, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliptic\\_curve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elliptic_curve).

## Representation means something

Every finite cyclic group is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  for some  $n$ .

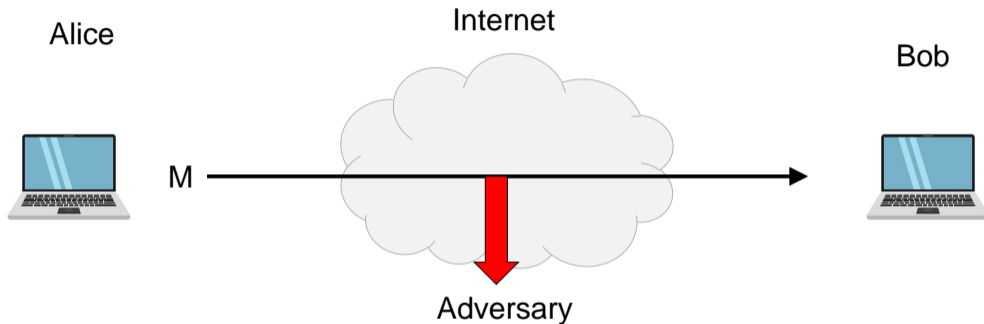
- Diffie-Hellman over  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ : :-(  
• Diffie-Hellman over  $(\mathbb{Z}_{2q+1}^*, \cdot)$ : :-|  
• Diffie-Hellman over  $H < (\mathbb{Z}_{2q+1}^*, \cdot)$ : :-)  
• Diffie-Hellman over elliptic curves: :-D

### Dlog

If you can compute the isomorphism, then you can break the Diffie-Hellman key exchange. This is the *discrete logarithm problem*.

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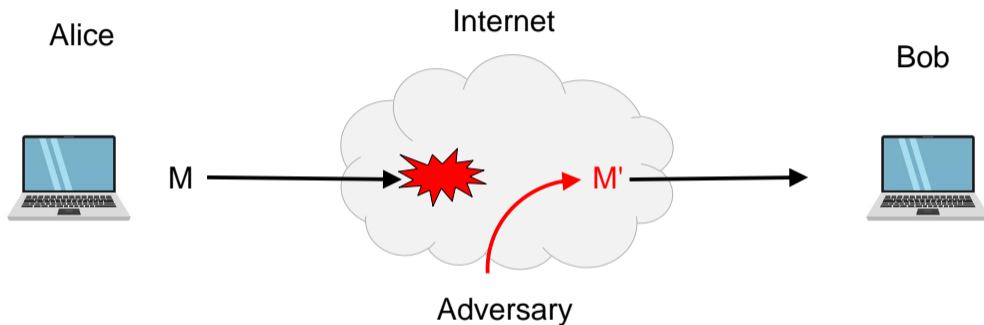
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What happens if we switch the keys?

# Distracted-me-keys

## Signatures in a nutshell



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Private: Can lock the box

## More algebra

### Definition (Euler totient function)

Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Define  $\varphi(n)$  as the number of integers between 1 and  $n$  with no common divisors with  $n$ .

Let  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_r^{e_r}$ . Then

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### Theorem (Euler)

Let  $n$  and  $a$  be integers with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ . Then

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

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## Correctness

$$c^d = (m^e)^d = m^{ed} = m^{1+\ell\varphi(n)} = m \cdot (m^{\varphi(n)})^\ell \equiv m \pmod{n}$$

## Some questions to consider

- Is this IND-CPA?
- Is this IND-CCA?

Overview

Main origin

- https://www.dnb.no

Secure origins

- https://assets.adobedtm.com
- https://dnb.celebrus.tech-03.ne

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[View requests in Network Panel](#)

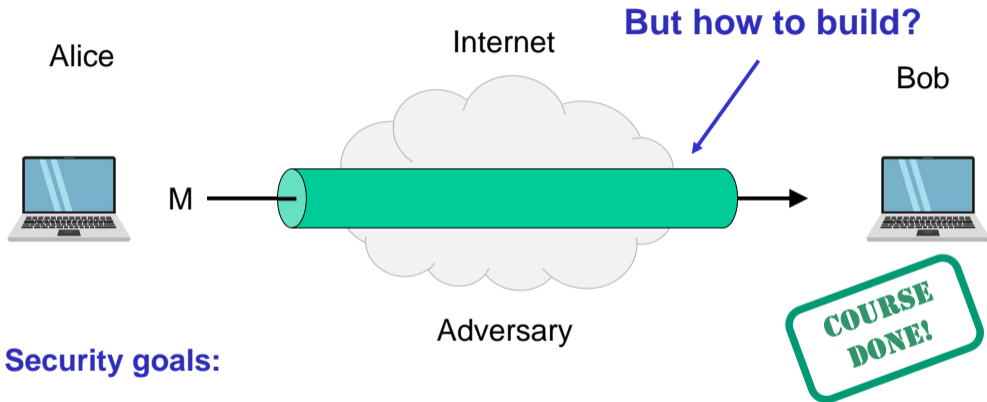
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**Connection**

Protocol	TLS 1.2
Key exchange	ECDHE_RSA
Key exchange group	P-256
Cipher	AES_256_GCM

## Ideal solution: secure channels

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# Much more to cryptography

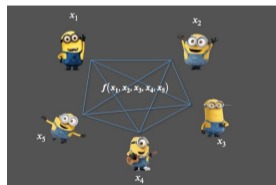
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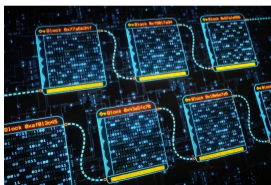
- Fully-homomorphic encryption

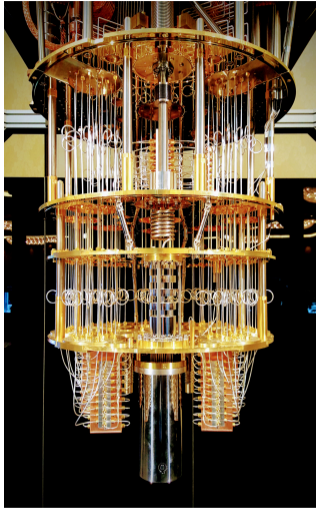
$$Enc(K, M_1 + M_2) = Enc(K, M_1) + Enc(K, M_2)$$

- Multi-party computation

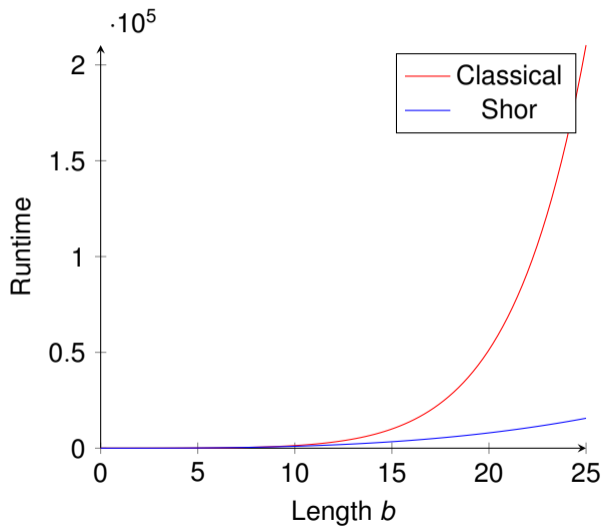


- Blockchain





## Shor's algorithm vs. dlog and factorisation





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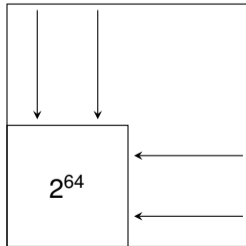
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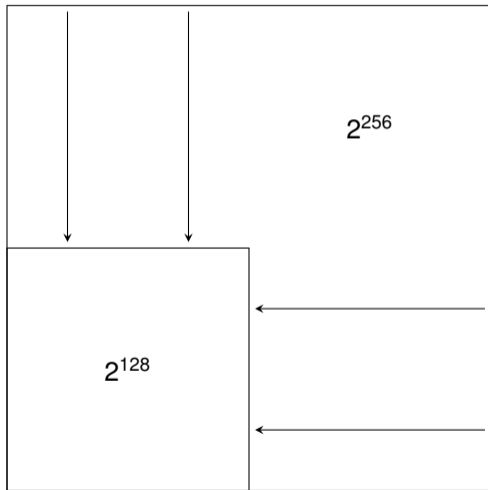
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## Quantum computers are coming (?)



### Theorem (Mosca)

*If  $x + y > z$ , be anxious.*

# Solutions

- NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography Standardization
- 69 initial candidates (2017) – 7 (8) finalists (alternates) remaining:

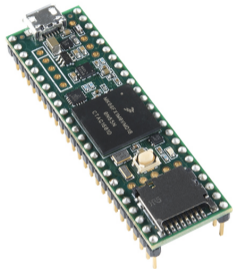
## Key encapsulation

- Classic McEliece
- CRYSTALS-KYBER
- NTRU
- SABER

## Signature

- FALCON
- CRYSTALS-DILITHIUM
- Rainbow

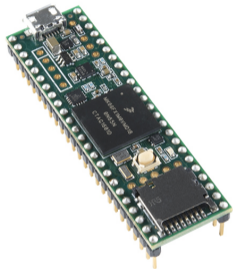
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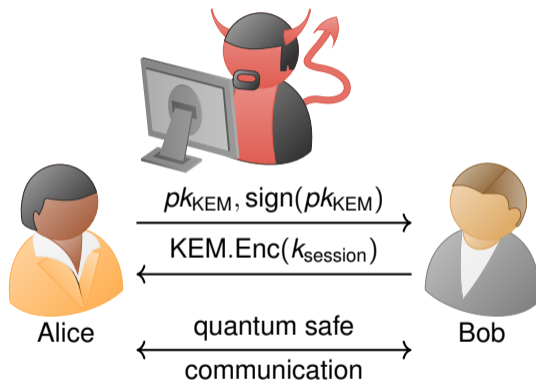


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## Our demo protocol (simplified)



## Some selected results

Sizes in bytes

System	Public key	Private key	Ciphertext
KYBER	1184	2400	1088
NTRU	1230	1590	1230
SABER	992	2304	1088
FrodoKEM	15632	31296	15744
SIKE	462	524	486

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Times in milliseconds

System	Key generation	Encryption	Decryption
KYBER	5	6	6
NTRU	1462	7	10
SABER	6	8	9
FrodoKEM	1005	1009	1000
SIKE	673	1234	1241

**Want more?**

TEK5550

## Midterm test

- Mandatory
- Pass/fail grading: Passing grade required to sit the exam
- Deadline 20 October
- Submit in Canvas
- Individual; no collaboration allowed

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