

1. Solve the following discrete log problems:

(a) $11^x \equiv 9 \pmod{31}$

(b) $3^x \equiv 24 \pmod{31}$

(c) $2^x \equiv 27 \pmod{31}$

2. Let $p = 11$

(a) What are the possible orders for elements in \mathbb{Z}_p^* ?

(b) Find a generator α of \mathbb{Z}_p^* .

(c) Fill in the following table:

k	$\alpha^k \pmod{p}$	$\text{ord}(\alpha^k)$
1		
2		
\vdots		
10		

(d) For which values of k is α^k a generator?

(e) How are the values in your last answer related to $\phi(p)$?

(f) How many generators does \mathbb{Z}_p^* have?

3. Repeat the previous problem with $p = 23$. Note that your table will have 22 rows.

The Mathematica command `MultiplicativeOrder[]` might be handy.

4. Show that $p = 1\,786\,511$ is a poor choice as the modulus for Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange.

The Mathematica commands `PrimeQ[]` and `FactorInteger[]` may be useful.

5. Show that $p = 1\,786\,553$ is a reasonable choice for DHKE and find an appropriate value α .