

1. Let $p = 11$

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

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

(c) Fill in the following table:

k	$a^k \pmod p$	$\text{ord}(a^k)$
1		
2		
\vdots		
$p-1$		

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

(e) How are the values in your last answer related to $\phi(p - 1)$?

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

(g) What is a desirable *order* of α for DHKE using modulus p ?

What is a desirable *value* of α for DHKE using modulus p ?

2. Repeat the previous problem with $p = 23$.
Note that your table will have 22 rows.
The Mathematica command `MultiplicativeOrder[]` might be handy.
3. Show that $p = 1786511$ is a poor choice as the modulus for DHKE.
The Mathematica commands `PrimeQ[]` and `FactorInteger[]` may be useful.
4. Show that $p = 1786553$ is a reasonable choice for DHKE and find an appropriate value α .
5. Go to <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc3526> and verify that the given values for the 2048-bit prime and α are reasonable choices for DHKE.

Note that when this page says “The generator is: 2”, it does *not* mean that 2 is a generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^* , but rather that $\alpha = 2$ is a good choice for Diffie-Hellman.