

Cryptography and digital signatures examples

All the examples use the following keys, and assume that RSA public key cryptography is used throughout:

Public key for Alice: modulus 22, exponent 3

Private key for Alice: modulus 22, exponent 7

Public key for Bob: modulus 34, exponent 5

Private key for Bob: modulus 34, exponent 13

The following table can be used for numerical calculations:

m	$m^3 \bmod 22$	$m^7 \bmod 22$	$m^5 \bmod 34$	$m^{13} \bmod 34$
01	01	01	01	01
02	08	18	32	32
03	05	09	05	29
04	20	16	04	04
05	15	03	31	03
06	18	08	24	10
07	13	17	11	23
08	06	02	26	26
09	03	15	25	25
10	10	10	06	28
11	11	11	27	07
12	12	12	20	14
13	19	07	13	13
14	16	20	12	22
15	09	05	19	19
16	04	14	16	16
17	07	19	17	17
18	02	06	18	18
19	17	13	15	15
20	14	04	22	12
21	21	21	21	21
22	00	00	14	20
23	01	01	07	27
24	08	18	28	06

Question: A would like to encrypt and send the message 06 to B. What is the encrypted message sent?

Answer: A encrypts using B's public key. Formula is $c = m^e \bmod n$. Here, $m=6$, $e=5$, $n=34$. So $c = 6^5 \bmod 34 = 24$.

Question: A has received the encrypted message 9 from B. What was the plaintext message sent by B?

Answer: B 's message to A is encrypted using A 's public key. A should decrypt using A 's private key. Formula is $m = c^d \bmod n$. Here, $c=9$, $d=7$, $n=22$. So $m = 9^7 \bmod 22 = 15$.

For the next questions, use the following hash function h , and assume it is a cryptographic hash function (it isn't, but don't worry about that):

$$h(m) = \text{sum of decimal digits of } m, \bmod 10$$

Question: B would like to send the message 3126 to A , without encryption but with a digital RSA signature. What is actually sent?

Answer: B computes $h(m) = h(3126) = 12 \bmod 10 = 2$. To sign, B encrypts the hash with B 's private key, so signature s is $s = 2^{13} \bmod 34 = 32$. Final data sent is the message (3126) followed by the signature (32), or 312632.

Question: B receives the message $m=1314$ followed by the signature $s=15$. A claims to have sent the message and signed it using RSA. (a) How can B verify that A sent the message? (b) How can B verify that the message received has not been tampered with?

Answer: Compute $h(m) = h(1314)=9$. Unsign 15 using A 's public key, obtaining $h' = 15^3 \bmod 22 = 9$. If $h'=h(m)$, then message is from A and has not been altered, otherwise we have no information about the authenticity or integrity of the message. In this particular case, $h'=h(m)=9$, so the message is from A and has not been tampered with.