



# MODULAR ARITHMETIC

**Practice:** Compute the following modular reductions:

Use WolframAlpha!  
[www.wolframalpha.com](http://www.wolframalpha.com)

$$17 \pmod{5} =$$

$$138 \pmod{14} =$$

$$17294803 \pmod{269} =$$



**Practice:** Compute the following modular operations:

$$5 + 6 \pmod{7} =$$

$$5 \times 6 \pmod{7} =$$

$$5^6 \pmod{7} =$$

$$38 + 52 \pmod{3} =$$

$$38 \times 52 \pmod{3} =$$

$$38^{52} \pmod{3} =$$

$$1329 + 2963 \pmod{6} =$$

$$1329 \times 2963 \pmod{6} =$$

$$1329^{2963} \pmod{6} =$$

**Practice:** Write the multiplication table modulo 6:

$\times$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0						
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

# RSA CRYPTOSYSTEM

## KEY GENERATION

1. Choose two large prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$  from the list:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109, 113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271, 277, 281, 283, 293

They are secret: only people in your team can know them!

2. Compute  $n = p \times q$ .
3. Compute  $\phi = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$ .
4. Choose a prime number  $e$  smaller than  $\phi$  such that  $\gcd(e, \phi) = 1$  (check with WolframAlpha).
5. Find the inverse of  $e$  modulo  $\phi$ . Call it  $d = e^{-1} \pmod{\phi}$ . Also secret!

**Public key:**  $(n, e)$ . Give it to anyone who wants to send you a message!

**Private key:**  $d$ . Super secret! Only you (and your team) should know it.

## ENCODING

You are now the sender of the message.

1. Convert each letter of your message into a number  $m$ . Use this table:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

2. Using the receiver's public key  $(n, e)$ , compute  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$ .

The encoded message is  $c$ . You can send it to the receiver now.

## DECODING

You are now the receiver of the message.

1. Using your public and private keys  $(n, e)$  and  $d$ , compute  $m = c^d \pmod{n}$ .

This is the decoded message!

2. Convert the numerical message into a letter again, using the same table as before. You recover the letter that was sent to you.

