

Notes on the RSA Algorithm (a.k.a. “RIZZ”):

Exercises for Part A: SOLUTIONS.

1. Divide the positive integer $m = 5$ into each of the integers $a = 28$, $a = 300$, $a = 0$, $a = 1$, $a = -28$, and $a = -45$. That is, write each of these integers a in the form $a = m \cdot q + r$, where q and r are integers and $0 \leq r < m$. (You can probably do this by hand, but use a calculator if it helps.)

$$28 = 5 \cdot 5 + 3$$

$$300 = 5 \cdot 60 + 0$$

$$0 = 5 \cdot 0 + 0$$

$$1 = 5 \cdot 0 + 1$$

$$-28 = 5 \cdot (-6) + 2$$

$$-45 = 5 \cdot (-9) + 0$$

2. Repeat Exercise 1 above with $m = 2$ (and the same values of a).

$$28 = 2 \cdot 14 + 0$$

$$300 = 2 \cdot 150 + 0$$

$$0 = 2 \cdot 0 + 0$$

$$1 = 2 \cdot 0 + 1$$

$$-28 = 2 \cdot (-14) + 0$$

$$-45 = 2 \cdot (-23) + 1$$

3. Fill in each of the following two blanks with a single-word adjective: if the remainder of the integer a , upon division by 2, is 0, then a is an even integer; if the remainder is 1, then a is an odd integer.
4. For this exercise, recall the following, from Part A above: if a and d are integers, we say d divides a , and write $d|a$, if d goes into a evenly, meaning $a = d \cdot q$ for some integer q .
- (a) In other words, to say $d|a$ is to say that the remainder you get when you divide d into a is zero. (Fill in the blank.)

- (b) For which of the integers a , in Exercise 1 above, is it true that 5 divides a ?
 $a = 300, a = 0, \text{ and } a = -45$.
- (c) For which of the integers a , in Exercise 1 above, is it true that 2 divides a ?
 $a = 28, a = 300, a = 0, \text{ and } a = -28$.
- (d) For which of the integers a , in Exercise 1 above, is it true that 5 divides a and 2 divides a ?
 $a = 300 \text{ and } a = 0$.
- (e) For which of the integers a , in Exercise 1 above, is it true that 5 divides a and 15 divides a ?
 $a = 300, a = 0, \text{ and } a = -45$.
- (f) Is it always true that, if $d|a$ and $c|a$, then $cd|a$? Please explain.
 No. $5|(-45)$ and $15|(-45)$, but $75 \nmid (-45)$.
5. (a) Which integers m , if any, satisfy $m|0$? Please explain.
 Any integer m does, since $0 = m \cdot 0$ for any integer m .
- (b) Which integers m , if any, satisfy $0|m$? Please explain.
 The only integer that 0 divides is $m = 0$, because for 0 to divide m , we would need $0 \cdot c = m$ for some integer c , but the left hand side is always 0, so the right hand side must be 0 too.

You'll need a calculator for the following exercises.

6. (a) Numerize the single-letter message "L," using the numerization key above. Call your numerization n : $n =$ 22.
- (b) Compute n^k , with $k = 5$. Just plug n^k into your calculator, and write down the number you get. Answer: $n^k =$ 5,153,632.
- (c) Let $m = 577$. Find integers q and r , with $0 \leq r < m$, such that $n^k = m \cdot q + r$. Hint: first plug n^k/m into your calculator, and write your answer in decimal form:
 $n^k/m =$ 8931.771231.

Your answer should have some stuff to the left of the decimal, and some stuff to the right: that is, your answer should look like $q.y$ (the dot here indicates a decimal point, not a product), where q and y are positive integers. Then q is your quotient q . To find your remainder r , compute $m \cdot q$ and subtract it from n^k .

Write your answer here:

$$n^k = 577 \cdot \underline{8931} + \underline{445}.$$

7. Repeat problem 1 with the message “A,” the exponent $k = 7$, and the divisor $m = 223$:

$$\begin{aligned}n &= \underline{\quad 11 \quad}; & n^k &= \underline{\quad 19,487,171 \quad}; \\n^k/m &= \underline{\quad 87,386.41704 \quad}; \\n^k &= 223 \cdot \underline{\quad 87,386 \quad} + \underline{\quad 93 \quad}.\end{aligned}$$

8. Repeat problem 1 with the message “ME,” the exponent $k = 2$, and the divisor $m = 1137$:

$$\begin{aligned}n &= \underline{\quad 2,315 \quad}; & n^k &= \underline{\quad 5,359,225 \quad}; \\n^k/m &= \underline{\quad 4,713.478452 \quad}; \\n^k &= 1137 \cdot \underline{\quad 4,713 \quad} + \underline{\quad 544 \quad}.\end{aligned}$$
