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Thus,  $x \equiv 15 \pmod{28}$ .

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**Index Calculus**( $\alpha, \beta, p$ )

Choose a factor base  $\mathcal{F} = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s\}$

Find  $\log_{\alpha} p_i$  for all  $i$ :

Find random  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t\}$  s.t.  $\alpha^{x_j} \pmod{p}$  factors over  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$\alpha^{x_j} = p_1^{e_{1,j}} p_2^{e_{2,j}} \cdots p_s^{e_{s,j}}, \text{ for integers } e_{i,j}$$

$$x_j = e_{1,j} \log_{\alpha} p_1 + e_{2,j} \log_{\alpha} p_2 + \cdots + e_{s,j} \log_{\alpha} p_s \pmod{p-1}$$

Solve for the  $s$  unknowns  $\log_{\alpha} p_i$  in a linear system of congruences.

Find  $x = \log_{\alpha} \beta$ :

**repeat**

Choose random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$

**until**  $\beta \alpha^r \pmod{p}$  factors over  $\mathcal{F}$

Suppose  $\beta \alpha^r \equiv \alpha^{x+r} \equiv p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \cdots p_s^{e_s} \pmod{p}$

**return**  $(-r + e_1 \log_{\alpha} p_1 + e_2 \log_{\alpha} p_2 + \cdots + e_s \log_{\alpha} p_s \pmod{p-1})$

Expected execution time:  $O(e^{c\sqrt{\ln p \ln \ln p}})$



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How can the system be broken?

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Implementation: Can the system be implemented efficiently?

# Digital Signatures with RSA

Suppose **Alice** wants to **sign** a document  $m$  such that:

- ▶ No one else could **forge** her signature
- ▶ It is easy for others to **verify** her signature

Note  $m$  has arbitrary length.

RSA is used on fixed length messages.

**Alice** uses a **cryptographically secure hash function**  $h$ , such that:

- ▶ For any message  $m'$ ,  $h(m')$  has a fixed length (512 bits?)
- ▶ It is “hard” for anyone to find 2 messages  $(m_1, m_2)$  such that  $h(m_1) = h(m_2)$ .



## Digital Signatures with RSA

Then Alice “decrypts”  $h(m)$  with her secret RSA key  $(N_A, d_A)$

$$s = (h(m))^{d_A} \pmod{N_A}$$

Bob verifies her signature using her public RSA key  $(N_A, e_A)$  and  $h$ :

$$c = s^{e_A} \pmod{N_A}$$

He accepts if and only if

$$h(m) = c$$

This works because  $s^{e_A} \pmod{N_A} =$

$$((h(m))^{d_A})^{e_A} \pmod{N_A} = ((h(m))^{e_A})^{d_A} \pmod{N_A} = h(m).$$

# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

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