

Pohlig-Hellman (1)

$$a^x \equiv_q b \Leftrightarrow \log_a b \equiv_q x, \quad q \text{ is prime}$$

a is generator, that is $\text{ord}(a) = q-1 = n \Rightarrow a^n \equiv_q 1$

$$n = \prod p_i^{\lambda_i} = p_1^{\lambda_1} * \dots * p_t^{\lambda_t}$$

Chinese Remainder Theorem

$$z_1 \equiv x \pmod{p_1^{\lambda_1}}$$

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$$z_t \equiv x \pmod{p_t^{\lambda_t}}$$

$z = z_i, \quad p = p_i, \quad \lambda = \lambda_i$ (Simplifying the notation)

$$z = z_0 + z_1 p + z_2 p^2 + \dots + z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-1}$$

with $z \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ (p -adic representation of z)

$$c \equiv_q a^{\frac{n}{p}} \Rightarrow c^p \equiv_q a^n \equiv_q 1 \Rightarrow \text{ord}(c) = p$$

$$a^{x * \frac{n}{p}} \equiv_q b^{\frac{n}{p}} \equiv_q c^x$$

$$c^x \equiv_q c^z \equiv_q c^{z_0 + z_1 p + z_2 p^2 + \dots + z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-1}}$$

$$c^x \equiv_q c^{z_0} * c^{z_1 p} * c^{z_2 p^2} * \dots * c^{z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-1}}$$

$$\text{ord}(c) = p \Rightarrow c^x \equiv_q c^{z_0}$$

$$b^{\frac{n}{p}} \equiv_q c^{z_0}$$

(Subordinate DL – problem, compute z_0 with BSGS)

Pohlig-Hellman (2)

Assume that for a $j \leq \lambda - 1$ the coefficients

z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{j-1} are already computed.

Then we can calculate the group element b_j with

$$b_j \equiv_q \left(\frac{b}{a^{z_0 + z_1 p + \dots + z_{j-1} p^{j-1}}} \right)^{\frac{n}{p^{j+1}}}$$

$$a^{x \cdot \frac{n}{p^{j+1}}} \equiv_q b^{\frac{n}{p^{j+1}}} \equiv_q a^{z \cdot \frac{n}{p^{j+1}}}$$

$$b_j \equiv_q \frac{a^{z \cdot \frac{n}{p^{j+1}}}}{\frac{(z_0 + z_1 p + \dots + z_{j-1} p^{j-1}) * n}{p^{j+1}}}$$

$$b_j \equiv_q \frac{a^{\frac{(z_0 + z_1 p + z_2 p^2 + \dots + z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-1}) * n}{p^{j+1}}}}{\frac{(z_0 + z_1 p + \dots + z_{j-1} p^{j-1}) * n}{p^{j+1}}}$$

$$b_j \equiv_q a^{\frac{(z_j p^j + z_{j+1} p^{j+1} + \dots + z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-1}) * n}{p^{j+1}}}$$

$$b_j \equiv_q a^{z_j \frac{n}{p} + z_{j+1} n + \dots + z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-j-2} n}$$

$$b_j \equiv_q a^{z_j \frac{n}{p}} * a^{z_{j+1} n} * \dots * a^{z_{\lambda-1} p^{\lambda-j-2} n}$$

$$\text{ord}(a) = n \Rightarrow b_j \equiv_q a^{z_j \frac{n}{p}} \equiv_q c^{z_j}$$

(Subordinate DL – problem, compute z_j with BSGS)