

Algebra 1 (2011)-Aalborg University

Lecture 6, September 21st

6th Lecture: Wednesday September 21st, 8:15-12:00 at room G5-112.

I will not be present during this lecture. The group G3-117 will be responsible for the lecture.

- 8:15-8:45 Repetition from last lectures. Group G3-117 will give this lecture. The topics are: Euler's φ -function and RSA (17–19 + 24–26).
- 8:45-10:45 Work in groups. Exercises A, B.

Exercise A: Answer briefly to the following questions about RSA:

- How are the public and private keys generated?
- How does the sender encrypt a message?
- How does the receiver decrypt a message?
- How can the receiver be sure that he/she will recover the original message?
- Why cannot an encrypted message be decrypted without the private key?

Exercise B: Compute in Maple an example of RSA:

- Determine N , p and q at your choice.
- Choose the encryption exponent e and compute the decryption exponent d . (Hint: exercise 1.13).
- Determine a message X and encrypt it using e .
- Decrypt the encrypted message using d .

You can find some help for Maple in the slides for lecture 6 and in Mapleprimes.

Each group can write their solution for exercises A and B and leave it in my mailbox (just one set of exercises per group). You can print exercise B and/or email me your Maple Worksheet.

- 10:45-12:00 Lecture: This part will consist of self-study in the group rooms or in the lecture room G5-112 followed by a common discussion in the lecture room directed by group G3-117. The topic is “RSA explained” (section 1.9, pages 24–29). At the end of the lecture, group G3-117 will orientate the teacher, by e-mail, about the successes and difficulties during the lecture.

Best regards,

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