

1. (a) (3p) Describe the Elliptic curve Diffie Hellman key exchange (ECDH).
- (b) (2p) Give a short description how to set up the ECDH, i.e. how to choose the public parameters.
- (c) (2p) What is the algorithm involved in computing the shared secret key in ECDH? What is its complexity? Is it polynomial/subexponential/exponential?
- (d) (3p) Explain what the main reason are for ECDH being preferred over the usual DH (in \mathbb{F}_p^*).

2. (a) (1p) What is probabilistic encryption?
- (b) (3p) What are the security problems connected with using a deterministic cryptosystem?
- (c) (2p) What is it that makes the encryption of the ElGamal cryptosystem probabilistic?
- (d) (1p) Name a drawback with probabilistic encryption compared to deterministic encryption?
- (e) (3p) Describe how to use padding to make the encryption of the RSA cryptosystem into a probabilistic one.

3. (a) (2p) How many steps are needed to do a Fermat primality test? Does the algorithm run in polynomial/subexponential/exponential time.
- (b) (1p) Does the quadratic sieve algorithm to factorise a composite number N run in polynomial, subexponential, or exponential time?
- (c) (2p) For which choices of N is Pollard's $p - 1$ factorization algorithm fast?
- (d) (3p) What is the complexity of Shank's Babystep-Giantstep algorithm and what is the complexity of the naive method to solve a DLP? Classify whether these algorithms run in polynomial, subexponential or exponential time.
- (e) (2p) What is the complexity of the Pollard ρ algorithm, together with the function that we have seen in the course, to solve the DLP in \mathbb{F}_p^* . Does it run in polynomial, subexponential, or exponential time?

4. (a) (1p) Does the solution set to every equation

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

(together with the point at infinity) give rise to an elliptic curve?

- (b) (2p) The formulas used for adding points on an elliptic curve E work modulo any prime p and define a group structure on the points on this curve. However, modulo a composite number they do not always work. What can go wrong in this case?
- (c) (4p) Suppose the addition of two points on an elliptic curve modulo some composite number N fails. How can this be used to factor N ? Give a basic description of Lenstra's factorisation algorithm.
- (d) (1p) For which choices of large N is Lenstra's factorization algorithm faster than the quadratic sieve?
- (e) (2p) Lenstra's factorization algorithm is subexponential. Explain how this fact depends upon the distribution of B -smooth numbers.