



NUMBER THEORY I  
SPRING 2018

ASSIGNMENT 12.2  
DUE APRIL 18

**Exercise 1.** If

$$p = 4093082899,$$

$$q = 4093982899,$$

and  $n = pq$ , what is the maximum number of steps it will take to factor  $n$  using the Fermat Factorization Method? (Determine this without actually implementing the method.)

**Exercise 2.** Eliza and Zoey decide to use the Diffie-Hellman key exchange with modulus  $p = 127$  and generator  $g = 92$ . Eliza sends Zoey the “partial key” 42 and Zoey sends Eliza 70. Use this information (and brute force) to determine their shared secret key.

**Exercise 3.**

**a.** Find every solution to the congruence  $x^2 \equiv 16 \pmod{63}$ . [*Suggestion:* The given congruence is equivalent to the pair of simultaneous congruences  $x^2 \equiv 16 \pmod{7}$  and  $x^2 \equiv 16 \pmod{9}$ . Solve these individually and then “glue” the results together using the CRT.]

**b.** Find every solution to the quadratic congruence

$$5x^2 + 14x + 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{63}.$$

[*Suggestion:* Consider the congruence as an *equation* in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}/63\mathbb{Z}$  and apply the quadratic formula. Use part **a.**]