

31. (*expires 4/17*) When we implemented RSA in class, we represented our encrypted messages as a list of large numbers, rather than converting them to printable text. Sometimes we want a text representation. One way to do this is to use a base-64 representation, where the message  $m$  is converted to a base 64 number. This base 64 number is commonly represented with the upper-case characters A–Z representing digits 0 through 25, lower-case a–z representing digits 26 through 51, the characters 0–9 representing 52 through 61, and + and / representing 62 and 63, respectively.

If the message is longer than 64 characters, the encoded line is broken there (i.e., a newline is inserted). In some implementations, padding characters (usually =) are also added to ensure that the encoded text is of a length divisible by 4 (if the input is base 256 ASCII, this means three input characters correspond to four encoded characters). There are several variations of the base-64 encoding in common use.

Write a generalized implementation of this conversion process. Specifically, assume there is a global called `AlphabetOut` which contains the allowed characters in the encoding, ordered appropriately. Your procedure should take as input two arguments: a list of numbers in base  $n$ , and the base  $n$ . Your procedure should return a string representing the message in base  $b$ , where  $b$  is the length of `AlphabetOut`. Also write another procedure which undoes this conversion. Don't worry about inserting padding characters.

As an example<sup>2</sup>, the following `list of numbers` represents some text converted from ASCII (base 256) to base  $10^{47}$  (that is, without encryption):

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6669013858395040150291124122141963456189571137, 79085785195062207278272120198122975492318184082,
15624867350544934942834543866565863795868490456, 55387683611779270304689525842891535523935500393,
23896957611465431133603100420167106476881540779, 78091587231828327640146863695263953922927490912,
9764606424846784132731915166644883269708742761, 24147181471923289394456210178528341598920602555,
59677642432524170063171614096094265077340147036, 101708358765089971113312874866
```

When transcribed into the base 64 encoding described above, we get:

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BBCbv52ZgQXatVGIhd2bsASauBSYgcWYsFGe5BiZhJHLgYWYyBSY3FWeu4iLKoQS
0BSazBSYgAXZyl2bkBybmByYpZXasBydhJnLgIVZiVGBgowcwF2YlNHapB3csAyc
0JXarlmbnBiZy9WbgEGIoIGzkVmbgogYhNXZsACahZXZgc3buBCdoVWayBiZpJ3c
0BidpNGdvJXegoQYnFWauNHdgQHalBSZ2lGbgcUYsF2Y0l2YgUUbwlmcl5C
```

By the way, this text is from the opening to a well-known movie.

32. (*expires 4/17*) The procedures `StringToKgraph` and `KgraphToString` as defined in `Crypto.mw` have the following defect. Let  $\alpha$  represent the first character of the `Alphabet`. Then any occurrences of  $\alpha$  that appear at the end of a string are lost when converting to  $k$ -graphs and back.

For this problem, you should think of a way to fix this issue. You need to both implement and explain your solution.

As a concrete example, suppose we use the 10-letter alphabet `*123456789`. Then the command `StringToKgraph(" *12***98*456***", 3)` gives the result `[210, 0, 89, 654]`, which `KgraphToString` converts back to `*12**98*456`.

There are a number of ways to solve this issue. Think of one, implement it, and explain why your way works, including some examples.

<sup>2</sup>Using Maple's convention of least-significant digit first, so the decimal number 123 is [59,1] (or 7B) in base 64.