

Cryptography, Number Theory, and RSA

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Caesar cipher

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	Æ	Ø	Å
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	Æ	Ø	Å	A	B	C
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	0	1	2

$$E(m) = m + 3 \pmod{29}$$

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What does this say about how many keys should be possible?

Symmetric key systems

- ▶ Caesar Cipher
- ▶
- ▶
- ▶ Enigma
- ▶ DES
- ▶ Blowfish
- ▶ IDEA
- ▶ Triple DES
- ▶ AES

Public key cryptography

Bob — 2 keys - PK_B, SK_B

PK_B — Bob's public key

SK_B — Bob's private (secret) key

For Alice to send m to Bob,

Alice computes: $c = E(m, PK_B)$.

To decrypt c , Bob computes:

$r = D(c, SK_B)$.

$r = m$

It must be “hard” to compute SK_B from PK_B .

Introduction to Number Theory

Definition. Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a > 0$.

Suppose $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $b = ac$. Then a *divides* b .

$a \mid b$.

a is a *factor* of b .

b is a *multiple* of a .

$e \nmid f$ means e does not divide f .

Theorem. $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

1. if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid (b + c)$
2. if $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc \ \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}$
3. if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

Definition. $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, $p > 1$.

p is *prime* if 1 and p are the only positive integers which divide p .

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, ...

p is *composite* if it is not prime.

4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, ...

Theorem. $a \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{N}$

\exists unique $q, r, 0 \leq r < d$ s.t. $a = dq + r$

d – divisor

a – dividend

q – quotient

r – remainder = $a \bmod d$

Definition. $\gcd(a, b)$ = greatest common divisor of a and b
= largest $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $d|a$ and $d|b$

If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then a and b are *relatively prime*.

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$$m \mid (a - b) \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a = b + km.$$

Theorem. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$
Then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$ and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.

Proof.(of first) $\exists k_1, k_2$ s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b + k_1m & c &= d + k_2m \\ a + c &= b + k_1m + d + k_2m \\ &= b + d + (k_1 + k_2)m \end{aligned}$$

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Examples.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. $15 \equiv 22 \pmod{7}$? | $15 = 22 \pmod{7}$? |
| 2. $15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$? | $15 = 1 \pmod{7}$? |
| 3. $15 \equiv 37 \pmod{7}$? | $15 = 37 \pmod{7}$? |
| 4. $58 \equiv 22 \pmod{9}$? | $58 = 22 \pmod{9}$? |

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Example: $p = 5, q = 11, e = 3, d = 27, m = 8$.

Then $N = 55$. $e \cdot d = 81$. So $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{4 \cdot 10}$.

To encrypt m : $c = 8^3 \pmod{55} = 17$.

To decrypt c : $r = 17^{27} \pmod{55} = 8$.

Security of RSA

The primes p_A and q_A are kept secret with d_A .

Suppose Eve can factor N_A .

Then she can find p_A and q_A .

From them and e_A , she finds d_A .

Then she can decrypt just like Alice.

Factoring must be hard!

Factoring

Theorem. N composite $\Rightarrow N$ has a prime divisor $\leq \sqrt{N}$

Factor(N)

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for  $i = 2$  to  $\sqrt{N}$  do  
    check if  $i$  divides  $N$   
    if it does then output  $(i, N/i)$   
endfor  
output -1 if divisor not found
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Corollary There is an algorithm for factoring N (or testing primality) which does $O(\sqrt{N})$ tests of divisibility.

Factoring

Check all possible divisors between 2 and \sqrt{N} .

Not finished in your grandchildren's life time for N with 1024 bits.

Problem The length of the input is $n = \lceil \log_2(N + 1) \rceil$. So the running time is $O(2^{n/2})$ — exponential.

Open Problem Does there exist a polynomial time factoring algorithm?

Use primes which are at least 512 (or 1024) bits long.

So $2^{511} \leq p_A, q_A < 2^{512}$.

So $p_A \approx 10^{154}$.

RSA

How do we implement RSA?

We need to find: p_A, q_A, N_A, e_A, d_A .

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Modular Exponentiation

Theorem. For all nonnegative integers, b, c, m ,
 $b \cdot c \pmod{m} = (b \pmod{m}) \cdot (c \pmod{m}) \pmod{m}$.

Example: $a \cdot a^2 \pmod{n} = (a \pmod{n})(a^2 \pmod{n}) \pmod{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned}8^3 \pmod{55} &= 8 \cdot 8^2 \pmod{55} \\ &= 8 \cdot 64 \pmod{55} \\ &= 8 \cdot (9 + 55) \pmod{55} \\ &= 72 + (8 \cdot 55) \pmod{55} \\ &= 17 + 55 + (8 \cdot 55) \pmod{55} \\ &= 17\end{aligned}$$

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This is too many!

$e_A \cdot d_A \equiv 1 \pmod{(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)}$.

p_A and q_A have ≥ 512 bits each.

So at least one of e_A and d_A has ≥ 512 bits.

To either encrypt or decrypt would need $\geq 2^{511} \approx 10^{154}$ operations
(more than number of atoms in the universe).

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$a^{2s} \pmod n \equiv (a^s \pmod n)^2 \pmod n$

$a^{2s+1} \pmod n \equiv a \cdot ((a^s \pmod n)^2 \pmod n) \pmod n$

Modular Exponentiation

Exp(a, k, n) { Compute $a^k \pmod n$ }

if $k < 0$ **then** report error

if $k = 0$ **then** return(1)

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if k is odd **then** return($a \cdot \text{Exp}(a, k - 1, n) \pmod n$)

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$\lfloor \log_2(k) \rfloor$

So at most $2 \lfloor \log_2(k) \rfloor$ modular multiplications.

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Choose random e_A .

Check that $\gcd(e_A, (p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)) = 1$.

Find d_A such that $e_A \cdot d_A \equiv 1 \pmod{(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)}$.

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Theorem. $a, b \in \mathbf{N}$. $\exists s, t \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $sa + tb = \gcd(a, b)$.

Proof. Let d be the smallest positive integer in

$$D = \{xa + yb \mid x, y \in \mathbf{Z}\}.$$

$$d \in D \Rightarrow d = x'a + y'b \text{ for some } x', y' \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

$\gcd(a, b) \mid a$ and $\gcd(a, b) \mid b$, so $\gcd(a, b) \mid x'a$, $\gcd(a, b) \mid y'b$, and

$\gcd(a, b) \mid (x'a + y'b) = d$. We will show that $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$, so

$d = \gcd(a, b)$. Note $a \in D$.

Suppose $a = dq + r$ with $0 \leq r < d$.

$$\begin{aligned} r &= a - dq \\ &= a - q(x'a + y'b) \\ &= (1 - qx')a - (qy')b \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow r \in D$$

$$r < d \Rightarrow r = 0 \Rightarrow d \mid a.$$

Similarly, one can show that $d \mid b$.

Therefore, $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$. \square

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

How do you find d , s and t ?

Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$. Write b as $b = aq + r$ with $0 \leq r < a$.

Then, $d|b \Rightarrow d|(aq + r)$.

Also, $d|a \Rightarrow d|(aq) \Rightarrow d|((aq + r) - aq) \Rightarrow d|r$.

Let $d' = \gcd(a, b - aq)$.

Then, $d'|a \Rightarrow d'|(aq)$

Also, $d'|(b - aq) \Rightarrow d'|((b - aq) + aq) \Rightarrow d'|b$.

Thus, $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, b \pmod{a})$

$= \gcd(b \pmod{a}, a)$. This shows how to reduce to a “simpler” problem and gives us the **Extended Euclidean Algorithm**.

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

{ Initialize}

$$d_0 \leftarrow b \quad s_0 \leftarrow 0 \quad t_0 \leftarrow 1$$

$$d_1 \leftarrow a \quad s_1 \leftarrow 1 \quad t_1 \leftarrow 0$$

$$n \leftarrow 1$$

{ Compute next d }

while $d_n > 0$ **do**

begin

$$n \leftarrow n + 1$$

$$\{ \text{Compute } d_n \leftarrow d_{n-2} \pmod{d_{n-1}} \}$$

$$q_n \leftarrow \lfloor d_{n-2}/d_{n-1} \rfloor$$

$$d_n \leftarrow d_{n-2} - q_n d_{n-1}$$

$$s_n \leftarrow q_n s_{n-1} + s_{n-2}$$

$$t_n \leftarrow q_n t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$$

end

$$s \leftarrow (-1)^n s_{n-1} \quad t \leftarrow (-1)^{n-1} t_{n-1}$$

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) \leftarrow d_{n-1}$$

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Finding **multiplicative inverses** modulo m :

Given a and m , find x s.t. $a \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Should also find a k , s.t. $ax = 1 + km$.

So solve for an s in an equation $sa + tm = 1$.

This can be done if $\gcd(a, m) = 1$.

Just use the **Extended Euclidean Algorithm**.

If the result, s , is negative, add m to s .

Now $(s - m)a + tm = 1$.

Examples

Calculate the following:

1. $\gcd(6, 9)$
2. s and t such that $s \cdot 6 + t \cdot 9 = \gcd(6, 9)$
3. $\gcd(15, 23)$
4. s and t such that $s \cdot 15 + t \cdot 23 = \gcd(15, 23)$

RSA

$N_A = p_A \cdot q_A$, where p_A, q_A prime.

$\gcd(e_A, (p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)) = 1$.

$e_A \cdot d_A \equiv 1 \pmod{(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)}$.

▶ $PK_A = (N_A, e_A)$

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To encrypt: $c = E(m, PK_A) = m^{e_A} \pmod{N_A}$.

To decrypt: $r = D(c, SK_A) = c^{d_A} \pmod{N_A}$.

$r = m$.

Primality testing

We need to find: p_A, q_A — large primes.

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10^{154} — more than number of atoms in universe

So we cannot even write out this list!

Method 2

CheckPrime(n)

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for  $i = 2$  to  $n - 1$  do  
    check if  $i$  divides  $n$   
    if it does then output  $i$   
endfor  
output -1 if divisor not found
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Check all possible divisors between 2 and n (or \sqrt{n}).
Our sun will die before we're done!

Rabin–Miller Primality Testing

In practice, use a randomized primality test.

Miller–Rabin primality test:

Starts with Fermat test:

$$2^{14} \pmod{15} \equiv 4 \neq 1.$$

So 15 is not prime.

Theorem. Suppose p is a prime. Then for all $1 \leq a \leq p - 1$,
 $a^{p-1} \pmod{p} = 1$.

Rabin–Miller Primality Test

Fermat test:

Prime(n)

repeat r times

 Choose random $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$

if $a^{n-1} \pmod n \neq 1$ **then** return(Composite)

end repeat

return(Probably Prime)

Carmichael Numbers Composite n . For all $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$,
 $a^{n-1} \pmod n \equiv 1$.

Example: $561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$

If p is prime, $\sqrt{1} \pmod p = \{1, p-1\}$.

If p has > 1 distinct factors, 1 has at least 4 square roots.

Example: $\sqrt{1} \pmod{15} = \{1, 4, 11, 14\}$

Rabin–Miller Primality Test

Taking square roots of 1 (mod 561):

$$50^{560} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$50^{280} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$50^{140} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$50^{70} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$50^{35} \pmod{561} \equiv 560$$

$$2^{560} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$2^{280} \pmod{561} \equiv 1$$

$$2^{140} \pmod{561} \equiv 67$$

2 is a **witness** that 561 is composite.

Rabin–Miller Primality Test

Miller–Rabin(n, k)

Calculate odd m such that $n - 1 = 2^s \cdot m$

repeat k times

 Choose random $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$

if $a^{n-1} \pmod n \not\equiv 1$ **then** return(Composite)

if $a^{(n-1)/2} \pmod n \equiv n - 1$ **then** break

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if $a^m \pmod n \equiv n - 1$ **then** break

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end repeat

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Conclusions about primality testing

1. Miller–Rabin is a practical primality test
2. There is a less practical deterministic primality test
3. Randomized algorithms are useful in practice
4. Algebra is used in primality testing
5. Number theory is not useless

Why does RSA work?

Thm (The Chinese Remainder Theorem) Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k be pairwise relatively prime. For any integers x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k , there exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $x \equiv x_i \pmod{m_i}$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$, and this integer is uniquely determined modulo the product $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$.

Fermat's Little Theorem

Why does RSA work? CRT +

Fermat's Little Theorem: p is a prime, $p \nmid a$.
Then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Correctness of RSA

Consider $x = D_{S_A}(E_{S_A}(m))$.

Note $\exists k$ s.t. $e_A d_A = 1 + k(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)$.

$$x \equiv (m^{e_A} \pmod{N_A})^{d_A} \pmod{N_A} \equiv m^{e_A d_A} \equiv m^{1+k(p_A-1)(q_A-1)} \pmod{N_A}.$$

Consider $x \pmod{p_A}$.

$$x \equiv m^{1+k(p_A-1)(q_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot (m^{p_A-1})^{k(q_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot 1^{k(q_A-1)} \equiv m \pmod{p_A}.$$

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Apply the Chinese Remainder Theorem:

$$\gcd(p_A, q_A) = 1, \Rightarrow x \equiv m \pmod{N_A}.$$

$$\text{So } D_{S_A}(E_{S_A}(m)) = m.$$

Digital Signatures with RSA

Suppose **Alice** wants to **sign** a document m such that:

- ▶ No one else could **forge** her signature
- ▶ It is easy for others to **verify** her signature

Note m has arbitrary length.

RSA is used on fixed length messages.

Alice uses a **cryptographically secure hash function** h , such that:

- ▶ For any message m' , $h(m')$ has a fixed length (512 bits?)
- ▶ It is “hard” for anyone to find 2 messages (m_1, m_2) such that $h(m_1) = h(m_2)$.

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Then **Alice** “decrypts” $h(m)$ with her secret RSA key (N_A, d_A)

$$s = (h(m))^{d_A} \pmod{N_A}$$

Bob verifies her signature using her public RSA key (N_A, e_A) and h :

$$c = s^{e_A} \pmod{N_A}$$

He accepts if and only if

$$h(m) = c$$

This works because $s^{e_A} \pmod{N_A} =$

$$((h(m))^{d_A})^{e_A} \pmod{N_A} = ((h(m))^{e_A})^{d_A} \pmod{N_A} = h(m).$$