

Questions and Answers

Exercise 1 (Caesar Cipher)

- What does "ZQOØQOØ, RI." say?
- What does this say about how many keys should be possible?

Solution 1

- "RIGTIGT, JA."
- There must be so many keys that it is infeasible to ever enumerate and try them.

Exercise 2 (Introduction to Number Theory)

- $15 \equiv 22 \pmod{7}$?
- $15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$?
- $15 \equiv 37 \pmod{7}$?
- $58 \equiv 22 \pmod{9}$?

Solution 2

- $15 \equiv 22 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \implies 15 = 2 \cdot 7 + 1; 22 = 3 \cdot 7 + 1 \rightarrow \text{correct}$
- $15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \implies 15 = 2 \cdot 7 + 1 \rightarrow \text{correct}$
- $15 \equiv 37 \pmod{7} \implies 37 = 35 + 2 = 5 \cdot 7 + 2 \rightarrow \text{wrong}$
- $58 \equiv 22 \pmod{9} \implies 58 = 54 + 4 = 6 \cdot 9 + 4; 22 = 18 + 4 = 2 \cdot 9 + 4 \rightarrow \text{correct}$

Exercise 3 (RSA Example)

Compute RSA keys using $N = 35$, $e = 11$.

- What are p_A and q_A ?
- What is d ? Try $d = 11$ and check it.
- Encrypt 4. Decrypt the result.

Solution 3

- $p_A = 5$ and $q_A = 7$
 $\implies (p_A - 1)(q_A - 1) = 24$
- $e_A = 11$ and $d_A = 11$.
 $e_A \cdot d_A \equiv 121 \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$
- $m = 4$
 $c = m^{e_A} \pmod{N_A} = 4^{11} \pmod{35} = 9$
 $r = c^{d_A} \pmod{N_A} = 9^{11} \pmod{35} = 4$

Exercise 4 (RSA Inversion)

Calculate the following:

- a) $\gcd(6, 9)$
- b) s and t such that $s \cdot 6 + t \cdot 9 = \gcd(6, 9)$
- c) $\gcd(15, 23)$
- d) s and t such that $s \cdot 15 + t \cdot 23 = \gcd(15, 23)$

Solution 4

- $\gcd(6, 9) = 3$ and s and t such that $s \cdot 6 + t \cdot 9 = \gcd(6, 9)$:

n	q	d	s	t
0	–	$b = 9$	0	1
1	–	$a = 6$	1	0
2	$\lfloor 9/6 \rfloor = 1$	$9 - 1 \cdot 6 = 3$	$0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1$	$1 - 1 \cdot 0 = 1$
3	$\lfloor 6/3 \rfloor = 2$	$6 - 2 \cdot 3 = 0$		

$$s = -1, t = 1, \gcd(6, 9) = 3$$

$$s \cdot 6 + t \cdot 9 = -1 \cdot 6 + 1 \cdot 9 = \gcd(6, 9) = 3$$

- $\gcd(15, 23)$ and s and t such that $s \cdot 15 + t \cdot 23 = \gcd(15, 23)$:

n	q	d	s	t
0	–	$b = 23$	0	1
1	–	$a = 15$	1	0
2	$\lfloor 23/15 \rfloor = 1$	$23 - 1 \cdot 15 = 8$	$0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1$	$1 - 1 \cdot 0 = 1$
3	$\lfloor 15/8 \rfloor = 1$	$15 - 1 \cdot 8 = 7$	$1 - 1 \cdot (-1) = 2$	$0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1$
4	$\lfloor 8/7 \rfloor = 1$	$8 - 1 \cdot 7 = 1$	$-1 - 1 \cdot 2 = -3$	$1 - 1 \cdot (-1) = 2$
5	$\lfloor 7/1 \rfloor = 7$	$7 - 7 \cdot 1 = 0$		

$$s = -3, t = 2, \gcd(15, 23) = 1$$

$$s \cdot 15 + t \cdot 23 = -3 \cdot 15 + 2 \cdot 23 = \gcd(15, 23) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 \cdot 15 = 1 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 + 23 \cdot 15 = 1 \pmod{23}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 \cdot 15 = 1 \pmod{23}$$

Exercise 5 (Combining Symmetric and Public Key Systems)

How does Bob decrypt? Why is this efficient?

Solution 5

Bob first decrypts the RSA-encrypted encapsulated key and then the actual message using that key.

This is efficient, since only a 128-256 bit long symmetric key needs to be encrypted using RSA and not a message of arbitrary length.