

Asymmetric Cryptography

- RSA encryption
- Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- Knapsack cryptosystem

Basic Number Theory

$\mathbb{Z}_n \sim$ set of all remainders after division by n

$+ \text{ mod } n$, $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is a group

$\mathbb{Z}_n^* \sim$ set of all **non-zero** remainders after division by n

$(\mathbb{Z}_n, \cdot \text{ mod } n) \sim$ a group for prime n (inverses exist)

\sim for general n monoid (not all inverses exist)

$$\frac{a}{b} \text{ mod } n = a \cdot b^{-1} \text{ mod } n \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} b^{-1} \text{ exists iff} \\ \gcd(b, n) = 1 \end{array} \right)$$

~~$$\frac{5}{3} \text{ mod } 7 \neq 1,666$$~~

$$\begin{aligned} &= 5 \cdot 3^{-1} \text{ mod } 7 \\ 3^{-1} &= 5 \text{ mod } 7 \quad \leftarrow \\ &= 5 \cdot 5 \text{ mod } 7 \\ &= 25 \\ &= 3 \text{ mod } 7 \end{aligned}$$

How to calculate inverses mod n ?

Euclid's algorithm → algorithm to calculate $\gcd(a, b)$

Bezout's identity → for any $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}$

→ for $a, b : \gcd(a, b) = 1$

$\exists x, y$ s.t.

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$$ax + by = 1$$

Extended Euclid's algorithm \rightarrow algorithm to calculate x, y from Bezout's identity

$$ax + by = 1$$

$$ax = 1 - by \pmod{b}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$a^{-1} \equiv x \pmod{b}$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$ax = 1 + 0 \pmod{b}$$

Extended Euclid's algorithm

find $\gcd(a, b)$ example find $\gcd(96, 18)$

$$96 : 18 = 5 \quad \text{rm } 6 \rightarrow \text{the last non-zero remainder is gcd we are looking for}$$
$$18 : 6 = 3 \quad \text{rm } 0$$

Find $\gcd(17, 3) = 1$

$$17 : 3 = 5 \quad \text{rm } 2$$
$$3 : 2 = 1 \quad \text{rm } 1$$
$$2 : 1 = 2 \quad \text{rm } 0$$
$$\begin{aligned} (2) &= 17 - 3 \cdot 5 \\ (1) &= 3 - 2 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 3 - 2 \cdot 1$$

$$1 = 3 - (17 - 3 \cdot 5) \cdot 1$$

$$1 = 3 - 17 + 3 \cdot 5$$

$$1 = 3 \cdot 6 - 17 \cdot 1$$

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$a \times b \cdot y = -1$

$$a^{-1} = 6 \pmod{17}$$

$$b^{-1} = -1 \pmod{3}$$

Modular exponentiation

$$a^b \pmod{n}$$

~~$$2^{303} \pmod{3}$$

$$2^b \pmod{3}$$~~

← incorrect
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$$2^{303 \pmod{2}} \pmod{3}$$

$$2^1 \pmod{3}$$

Euler's totient theorem

for $a, n : a < n, \gcd(a, n) = 1$

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$\phi(n)$ - Euler's totient function

- Euler's totient function

= number of $a < n, \gcd(a, n) = 1$

$$\phi(p) = p - 1 \text{ for prime}$$

$$\phi(m \cdot n) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n) \cdot \frac{d}{\phi(d)}$$

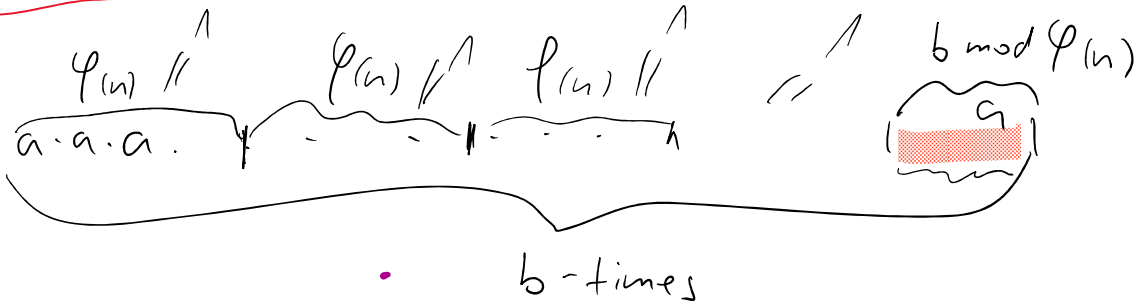
where $\gcd(m, n) = d$

$$\phi(p \cdot q) = \phi(p) \phi(q) \cdot \frac{1}{\phi(1)}$$

$$= (p-1)(q-1)$$

For $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

$$a^b \pmod n = a^{b \pmod{\phi(n)}} \pmod n$$



For p prime you recover Fermat's little theorem

$$\forall a < p \quad a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$$

$$a^b \equiv a^{b \pmod{p-1}} \pmod p$$

Important problems in asymmetric cryptography

Factorization easy: Given a, b find c , s.t. $c = a \cdot b$

hard: Given c find a, b s.t. $c = a \cdot b$

Essentially trying all divisors between 2 and \sqrt{c} is optimal

2048-bits

$$c \approx 2^{2048}$$

$$\sqrt{c} \approx 2^{1024}$$

Number of protons in the Universe $\approx 2^{300}$

Discrete logarithm easy: Given a, b and n calculate c
$$c = a^b \pmod n$$

hard: Given c, a, n calculate b
$$c = a^b \pmod n \quad b \in \{1, \dots, \phi(n)\}$$

$$b = \log_a c \pmod n$$

RSA encryption

Private: $p, q \sim$ two large primes

$$d = e^{-1} \pmod{\substack{(p-1)(q-1) \\ \phi(n)}}$$

Public: $e, n = p \cdot q$

Encryption: of message $w < n$

$$c = w^e \pmod n$$

Decrypt: of ciphertext c :

$$w = c^d \pmod n$$

$$= (w^e)^d \pmod n$$

$$= w^{e \cdot d} \pmod n$$

...

$$= w^{e \cdot n} \pmod n$$

$$= w^{e \cdot d \pmod{\phi(n)}} \pmod n$$

! iff $\gcd(w, n) = 1$ ✗

$$= w^1 \pmod n$$

$$= w$$

What can an adversary without the knowledge of p, q, d do?

1.) Factorize $n \Rightarrow$ know p and $q \Rightarrow \phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 ✗
 hard
 \Downarrow
 calculate $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod n$
 ✗

2.) Can I find an algorithm to calculate $\phi(n)$ efficiently?

Then we can factor like this:

$p \cdot q = n$	Example	$p \cdot q = 1363$	} $p \cdot q - p - q + 1 = 1288$	
$(p-1) \cdot (q-1) = n$		$(p-1)(q-1) = 1288$		$1363 - p - q + 1 = 1288$
				$q = 76 - p$

⊃ $p \cdot (76 - p) = 1363$

$$p^2 - 76p + 1363 = 0$$

3.) $e, n \rightarrow d$ RSA problem
 input output

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but probably (we do not know an efficient reduction)
not as hard as factoring

Other RSA weaknesses

for known (w, c) pairs with modulus n
we can find other pairs

(w^2, c^2) is also a valid pair!

$$(w^2)^e \equiv w^{2e} \equiv w^e \cdot w^e \equiv c \cdot c = c^2 \pmod{n}$$

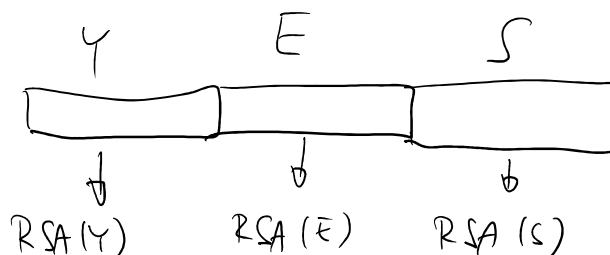
Whenever you see c^2 in a channel you know how to
decrypt it without factoring n .

(w^n, c^n) is a valid pair

if (w_1, c_1) and (w_2, c_2) are valid pairs
then $(w_1 \cdot w_2, c_1 \cdot c_2)$ is a valid pair

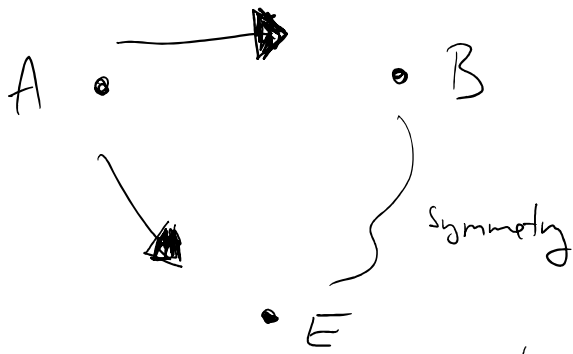
$$(w_1 \cdot w_2)^e = w_1^e \cdot w_2^e = c_1 \cdot c_2 \pmod{n}$$

TEXT \rightarrow ASCII



THIS IS MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION
(NOT SECURE)

DIFFIE HELLMAN key distribution



Prerequisites:

P - a large prime

g - a number of large order

g in \mathbb{Z}_P^*

base of logarithm

1	1^2	1^3
11	11	11
n	n	n

order (1) = 1

-1	-1^2	-1^3
11	11	11
-1	1	-1

order (-1) = 2

$$\log_{-1} C \pmod n = 2$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A = g^x \pmod p$$

chosen at random

$$B \rightarrow A$$

$$B = g^y \pmod p$$

A calculates

$$k = B^x \pmod p = g^{xy} \pmod p$$

B calculates

$$k = A^y \pmod p = g^{yx} \pmod p$$

What can the adversary do?

$$\begin{array}{l} 1.) \text{ calculate } x = \log_g A \\ y = \log_g B \end{array} \Bigg| \rightarrow \text{hard}$$

$$\text{then } k = g^{xy} \pmod p$$

2.) given a^x and a^y and p calculate $a^{xy} \bmod p$

DH1 \rightarrow believed to be hard.

KNAPSACK CRYPTOSYSTEM

NP-complete problem

given

(x_1, \dots, x_n) $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ (for large prime p)

and a constant C

find $b \in \{0, 1\}^n$, such that

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} = C \pmod{p}$$

Encryption

$$w \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$X = (x_1, \dots, x_n), p$ are a public key

$$C = w \cdot X \pmod{p}$$

$C, (X, p) \Rightarrow$ decryption is an instance of subset sum problem which is generally np-hard

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We want to transform a general instance of subset sum problem to an easy one.

if X' is a superincreasing vector $\forall i: x'_i > \sum_{j < i} x'_j$

x'_1, x'_2, x'_3, \dots

$$x'_2 > x'_1$$

$$x'_3 > x'_1 + x'_2$$

$$x'_4 > x'_1 + x'_2 + x'_3$$

(X', c) is an easy instance

Private: $u, X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ Superincreasing

$$p > 2x_n > \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

Public: $p, X' = u \cdot X \pmod p$

\hookrightarrow this is not superincreasing anymore

encryption of w : $c = w \cdot X$

decryption of c : calculate $u^{-1} \cdot c = c' \pmod p$

and solve subset sum instance (c', X)

$$c' = w \cdot X \quad / u$$

$$c' \cdot u = w \cdot u \cdot X \pmod p$$

$$C = W \cdot X^1$$