

## Asymmetric Cryptography

- Basics of number theory
- RSA encryption
- Diffie Hellman key exchange
- Knapsack cryptosystem

## Basic Number theory

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

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

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

$(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, \cdot \text{ mod } n)$   $\rightsquigarrow$  group for prime  $n$  (multiplicative inverses exist)

$\rightsquigarrow$  for general  $n$  monoid (not all multiplicative inverses exist)

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

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

$$5 \cdot 3^{-1} \text{ mod } 7$$

$$(3^{-1} = 5, 3 \cdot 5 = 15 \equiv 1 \text{ mod } 7)$$

$$5 \cdot 5 \text{ mod } 7$$

4 mod 7

How to calculate inverses mod n?

**Euclid's algorithm**  $\rightarrow$  algorithm to calculate  $\gcd(a, b)$   
for any  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}$

**Bézout's identity**  $\rightarrow$  for  $a, b$ :  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$   
 $\exists x, y$  s.t.  $ax + by = 1$

**Extended Euclid's algorithm**  $\rightarrow$  algorithm to calculate  $x, y$  from  
Bézout's identity

$$ax + by = 1$$

$$ax = 1 - by \quad | \text{mod } b$$

$$ax \equiv 1 \quad | \text{mod } b$$

$$a^{-1} \equiv x \quad \text{mod } b$$

$$\rightarrow ax \equiv 1 - 0$$

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

$$17 : 3 = 5 \quad \text{rm } 2$$

$$3 : 2 = 1 \quad \text{rm } 1$$

$$2 : 1 = 2 \quad \text{rm } 0$$

$$2 = 17 - 3 \cdot 5$$

last non-zero remainder is  $\gcd(a, b)$   
17, 3

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

$$2 \equiv 1 = 2 \pmod{0}$$

$$1 = 3 - \underline{2} \cdot 1$$

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

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

$$1 = \overset{b}{3} \cdot \overset{x}{6} - \overset{a}{17} \cdot \overset{y}{1}$$

$$y = 6$$

$$x = -1$$

$$3^{-1} = 6 \pmod{17}$$

$$3 \cdot 6 = 18 \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

$$17^{-1} = 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$2 \cdot 17 = 34 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

## Modular exponentiation

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

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

~~$$2^{303 \pmod{3}} = 2^0 = 1 \pmod{3} \leftarrow \text{INCORRECT}$$~~

$$2^{303} = 2^{303 \pmod{2}} = 2^1 = 2 \pmod{3}$$

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

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

## 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

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

$\phi(p) = p-1$  for prime  $p$

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

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

$p, q$  are prime

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

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

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

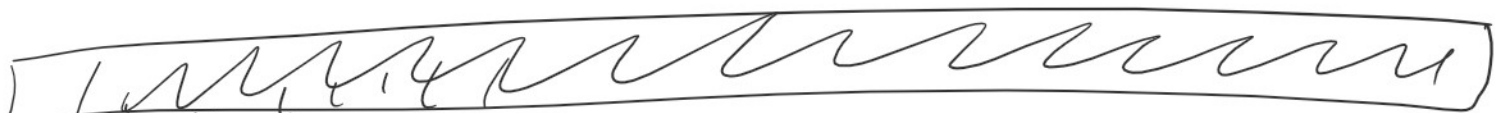
$$a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a$$

b times

For **prime n** you recover Fermat's little theorem

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$$

$$a^{b \pmod{n-1}} \pmod n$$



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 the best algorithm we know.

2048-bits

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

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

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

## Discrete logarithm problem

easy: given  $a, b$  and  $n$

calculate  $a^b \pmod n$

hard: given  $c, a, n$  calculate  $b$ ,

such that  $c = a^b \pmod n$  to  $\{1, \dots, \phi(n)\}$

$$b = \log_a c \pmod n \quad \text{if } \gcd(c, n) = 1$$

## RSA encryption

Private:  $p, q \rightarrow$  two large primes  $n = p \cdot q$

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

Public:  $e, n$

Encryption of message  $w < n$

if  $w$  is larger, this needs to be done in blocks

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

$$\boxed{172} \boxed{459} \quad 100 \times 10 < 9999$$

Decryption of ciphertext  $c$

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

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

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

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

$$= w^1 \pmod n$$

!  $\gcd(w, n) = 1$

What can an adversary do if they do not know  $p, q, d$  ?

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

$\uparrow$   
Hard  
efficient

2.) Can I find an algorithm to calculate  $\phi(n)$  without factoring  $n$ ?

Then we can factor  $n$  like this

$$\begin{array}{l} p \cdot q = n \\ (p-1) \cdot (q-1) = \phi(n) \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{easy to solve} \\ \text{system of equations} \end{array} \right.$$

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

This is hard (we do not know an efficient algorithm)

but probably (we do not know an efficient reduction)

not as hard as factoring.

### Other RSA weaknesses

For known  $(w, c)$  or  $w^e = c \pmod{n}$  pairs you can find other pairs

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

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

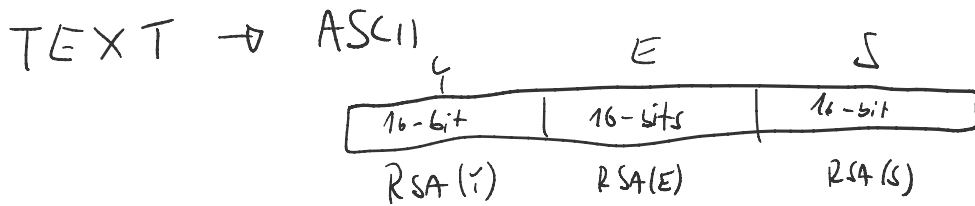
Whenever you see  $c^2$  in a channel and you know  $(w, c)$  is a valid pair you also know that  $c^2$  decrypts as  $w^2$ .

$(w^n, c^n)$  is a valid pair for any  $c$ .

if  $(w_1, c_1)$  and  $(w_2, c_2)$  are two valid pairs then also

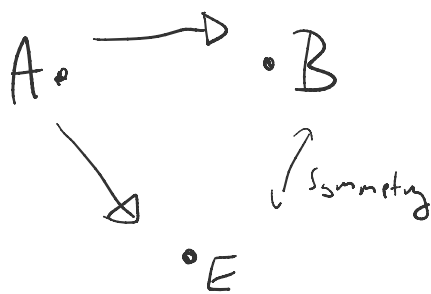
$(w_1 \cdot w_2, c_1 \cdot c_2)$  is a valid pair

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



THIS IS JUST A MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION  
(NOT SECURE)

## DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY DISTRIBUTION



Prerequisites

$p$  - is a large prime

$$g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ with a large order}$$

$$a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 1^2 & 1^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \quad \text{order}(1) = 1$$

$$\begin{matrix} (p-1)^1 & (p-1)^2 & (p-1)^3 \\ \parallel & \parallel & \parallel \\ p-1 & 1 & p-1 \end{matrix} \quad \text{order}(p-1) = 2$$

$A \rightarrow B$

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

$B \rightarrow A$

$$B = g^b \pmod{p}$$

these are chosen randomly

A calculates

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

$$p-1 \quad 1 \quad p-1$$

$$\log_{g^{p-1}} C \pmod{p}$$

B calculates

$$k = A^y \pmod{p} = g^{b \cdot x} \pmod{p}$$

What can the adversary do?

1.) calculate  $x = \log_g A \pmod{p}$   
 $y = \log_g B \pmod{p}$   $\rightarrow$  Discrete logarithm problems  
**HARD**

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

2.) given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$  calculate  $g^{xy} \pmod{p}$

**DH 1**  $\rightarrow$  believed to be hard

## KNAPSACK CRYPTOSYSTEM

NP-complete problem (based on)

given  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$   $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}_m$  for large  $n$

and a constant  $c$

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

$$\vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} = c \pmod{m}$$



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Easy instance - superincreasing vectors

$X$  is superincreasing  $\forall i \ x_i > \sum_{j < i} x_j$

$$x_2 > x_1$$

$$x_3 > x_1 + x_2$$

$$x_4 > x_1 + x_2 + x_3$$

for  $c < 2x_n$

an instance with superincreasing  $X$  and  $c$  is easy,

Public information

$$X, m$$

$$m > 2x_n > \sum_i x_i$$

Private information

$u$  invertible mod  $m$  and  $X' = u^{-1} \cdot X \pmod{m}$  where  $X'$  is superincreasing

Encryption

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

$$c = w \cdot X \pmod{m}$$

$(c, X, m)$  - are a subset sum instance

decryption calculate  $u^{-1} \cdot c = c' \pmod{m}$

then solve subset sum instance with  $(c', X')$

$$c = w \cdot X \quad / u^{-1}$$

$$c u^{-1} = w \cdot \underbrace{u^{-1} \cdot X}_{X'} \pmod{m}$$

$$c' = w \cdot X'$$

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