

RSA and Public Key Cryptography

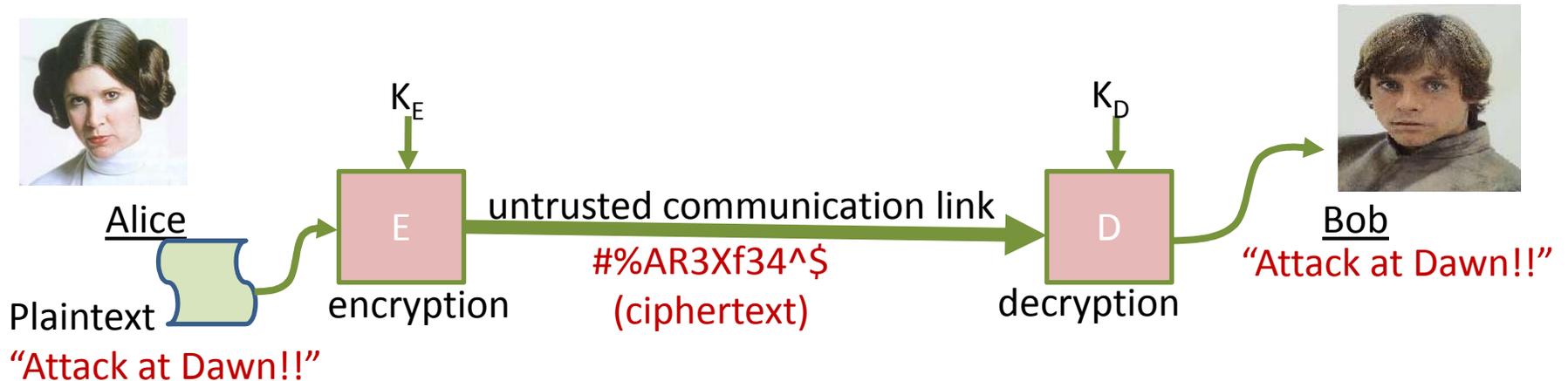
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Ciphers

- **Symmetric Algorithms**
 - Encryption and Decryption use the same key
 - i.e. $K_E = K_D$
 - Examples:
 - Block Ciphers : DES, AES, PRESENT, etc.
 - Stream Ciphers : A5, Grain, etc.
- **Asymmetric Algorithms**
 - Encryption and Decryption keys are different
 - $K_E \neq K_D$
 - Examples:
 - RSA
 - ECC

Asymmetric Key Algorithms



The Key K is a secret

Encryption Key K_E not same as decryption key K_D

K_E known as Bob's public key;

K_D is Bob's private key

Advantage : No need of secure key exchange between Alice and Bob

Asymmetric key algorithms based on trapdoor one-way functions

One Way Functions

- Easy to compute in one direction
- Once done, it is difficult to inverse



**Press to lock
(can be easily done)**



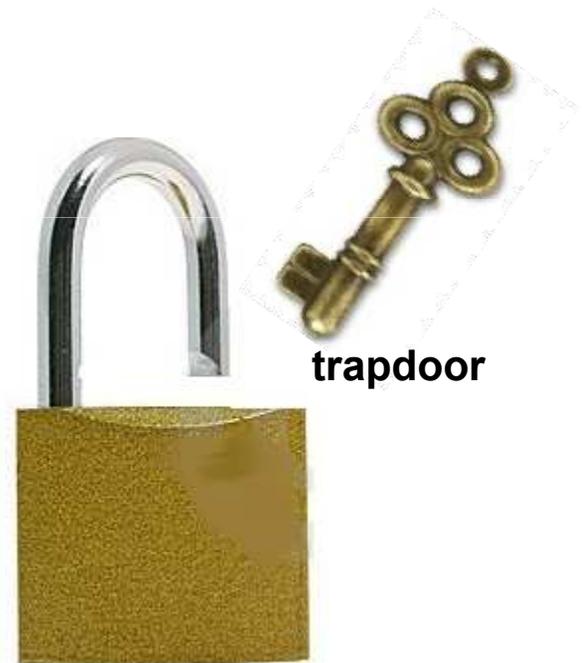
**Once locked it is
difficult to unlock
without a key**

Trapdoor One Way Function

- One way function with a trapdoor
- Trapdoor is a special function that if possessed can be used to easily invert the one way



Locked
(difficult to unlock)



Easily Unlocked

Public Key Cryptography (An Analogy)

- Alice puts message into box and locks it
- Only Bob, who has the key to the lock can open it and read the message



Mathematical Trapdoor One way functions

- Examples
 - Factorization of two primes
 - Given P, Q are two primes
 - and $N = P * Q$
 - It is easy to compute N
 - However given N it is difficult to factorize into P and Q
 - Used in cryptosystems like RSA
 - Discrete Log Problem
 - Consider b and g are elements in a finite group and $b^k = g$, for some k
 - Given b and k it is easy to compute g
 - Given b and g it is difficult to determine k
 - Used in cryptosystems like Diffie-Hellman
 - A variant used in ECC based crypto-systems

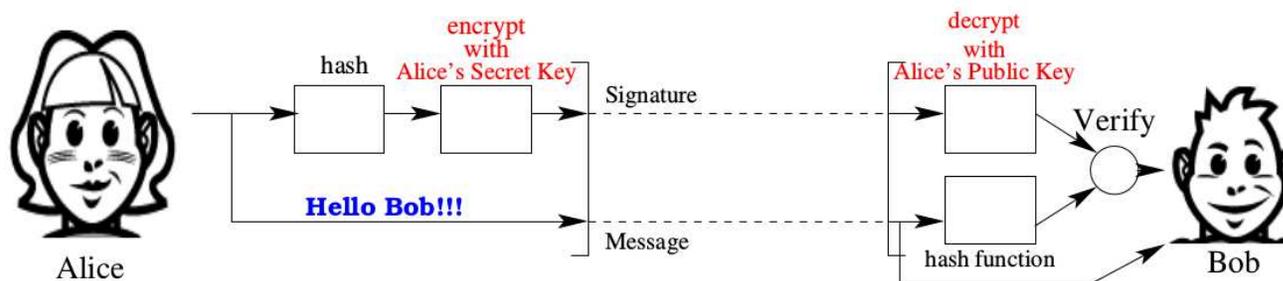
Applications of Public key Cryptography

- Encryption

- Digital Signature :

“Is this message really from Alice?”

- Alice signs by ‘encrypting’ with private key
- Anyone can verify signature by ‘decrypting’ with Alice’s public key
- Why it works?
 - Only Alice, who owns the private key could have signed



Applications of Public key Cryptography

Diffie-Hellman
Key Exchange

- **Key Establishment :**

“Alice and Bob want to use a block cipher for encryption. How do they agree upon the secret key”



Alice and Bob agree upon a prime p and a generator g .
This is public information



choose a secret a
compute $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$

choose a secret b
compute $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$



$$A^b \text{ mod } p = (g^a)^b \text{ mod } p = (g^b)^a \text{ mod } p = B^a \text{ mod } p$$

RSA



Shamir, Rivest, Adleman (1977)

More Number Theory

Mathematical Background

RSA : Key Generation

Bob first creates a pair of keys (one public the other private)



1. Generate two large primes p, q ($p \neq q$)
2. Compute $n = p \times q$ and $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$
3. Choose a random b ($1 < b < \phi(n)$) and $\text{gcd}(b, \phi(n)) = 1$
4. Compute $a = b^{-1} \text{ mod } (\phi(n))$

Bob's public key is (n, b)

Bob's private key is (p, q, a)

Given the private key it is easy to derive the public key

Given the public key it is difficult to derive the private key

RSA Encryption & Decryption



Encryption

$$e_K(x) = y = x^b \pmod n$$

where $x \in Z_n$



Decryption

$$d_K(x) = y^a \pmod n$$

RSA Example

1. Take two primes $p = 653$ and $q = 877$
2. $n = 653 \times 877 = 572681$; $\phi(n) = 652 \times 876 = 571152$
3. Choose public key $b = 13$; note that $\gcd(13, 571152) = 1$
4. Private key $a = 395413 = 13^{-1} \pmod{571152}$

Message $x = 12345$

encryption : $y = 12345^{13} \pmod{572681} \equiv 536754$

decryption : $x = 536754^{395413} \pmod{572681} \equiv 12345$

Correctness



when $x \in Z_n$ and $\gcd(x, n) = 1$



Encryption

$$e_K(x) = y = x^b \pmod n$$

where $x \in Z_n$

Decryption

$$d_K(x) = y^a \pmod n$$

$$\begin{aligned} y^a &\equiv (x^b)^a \pmod n \\ &\equiv (x^{ab}) \pmod n \\ &\equiv (x^{t\phi(n)+1}) \pmod n \\ &\equiv (x^{t\phi(n)} x) \pmod n \\ &\equiv x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ab &\equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)} \\ ab - 1 &= t\phi(n) \\ ab &= t\phi(n) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

From Fermat's theorem

Correctness

when $x \in Z_n$ and $\gcd(x, n) \neq 1$

Since $n = pq$, $\gcd(x, n) = p$ or $\gcd(x, n) = q$

If

$$x \equiv x^{ab} \pmod{p}$$

$$x \equiv x^{ab} \pmod{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv x^{ab} \pmod{n}$$

(by CRT)

Assume $\gcd(n, x) = p$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid x \Rightarrow pk = x$$

$$LHS : x \pmod{p} \equiv pk \pmod{p} \equiv 0$$

$$RHS : x^{ab} \pmod{p} \equiv 0$$

$\because \gcd(p, x) = p$ it implies $\gcd(q, x) = 1$

$$x^{ab} \pmod{q} \equiv x^{t\phi(n)+1} \pmod{q}$$

$$\equiv x^{t\phi(p)\phi(q)+1} \pmod{q}$$

$$\equiv (x^{\phi(q)})^{t\phi(p)} \cdot x \pmod{q}$$

$$\equiv (1)^{t\phi(p)} \cdot x \pmod{q} \equiv x$$

RSA Implementation

$$y = x^c \bmod n$$

Algorithm : SQUARE-AND-MULTIPLY(x, c, n)

```
z ← 1
for i ← ℓ - 1 downto 0
  do { z ← z2 mod n
      if ci = 1
        then z ← (z × x) mod n
  }
return (z)
```

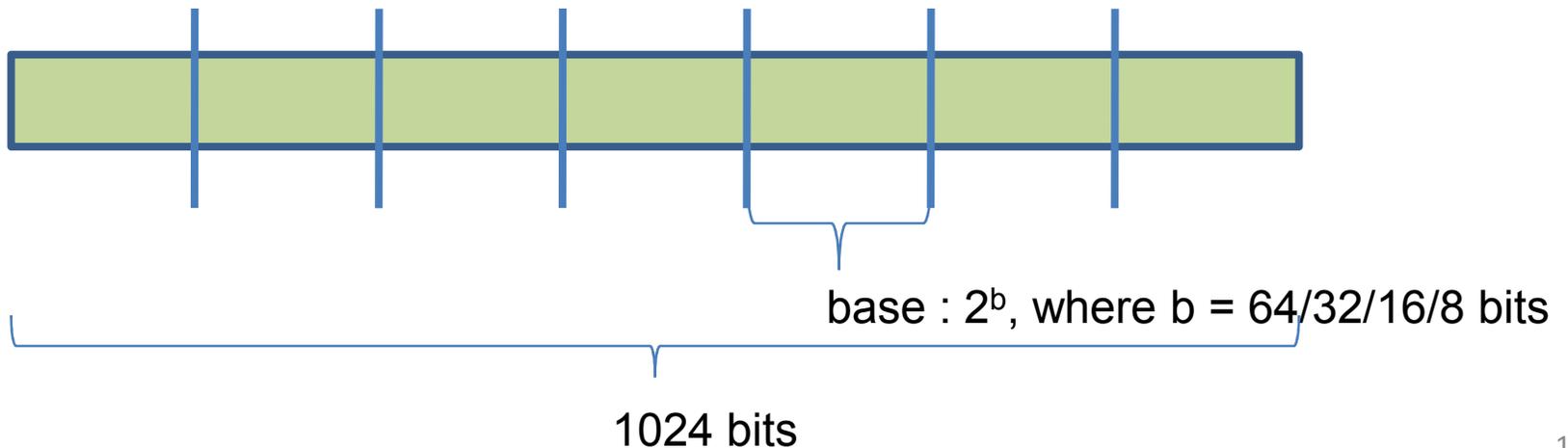
$$c = 23 = (10111)_2$$

i	e _i	z
4	1	1 ^{2*} x = x
3	0	x ²
2	1	x ⁴ * x = x ⁵
1	1	x ¹⁰ * x = x ¹¹
0	1	x ²² * x = x ²³

RSA Implementation in Software (Multi-precision Arithmetic)

- RSA requires arithmetic in 1024 or 2048 bit numbers
- Modern processors have ALUs that are 8, 16, 32, 64 bit
 - Typically can perform arithmetic on 8/16/32/64 bit numbers
- solution: multi-precision arithmetic (gmp library)

```
/* Structure of the multi-precision number */  
typedef struct  
{  
    int sign;  
    word digits[MAX_DIGITS];  
}bignum_t;
```



Multi-precision Addition

- ADD : $a = 9876543210 = (2, 76, 176, 22, 234)_{256}$
 $b = 1357902468 = (80, 239, 242, 132)_{256}$
 base = 8 bit (256)

i	a_i	b_i	c_{in}	$a_i + b_i + c_{in} \pmod{256}$	Carry?	c_{out}
0	234	132	0	110	$(110 < 234)?$	1
1	22	242	1	9	$(9 < 22)?$	1
2	176	239	1	160	$(160 \leq 176)?$	1
3	76	80	1	157	$(157 \leq 76)?$	0
4	2	0	0	2	$(2 \leq 2)?$	0

$$a + b = (2, 157, 160, 9, 110)_{256}$$

$$= 11234445678$$

Multi-precision Subtraction

- SUB : $a = 9876543210 = (2, 76, 176, 22, 234)_{256}$
 $b = 1357902468 = (80, 239, 242, 132)_{256}$

base = 256 (8 bit)

i	a_i	b_i	C_{in}	Borrow?	C_{out}	$a_i - b_i - c_{in} \pmod{256}$
0	234	132	0	$(234 < 132)?$	0	102
1	22	242	0	$(22 < 242)?$	1	36
2	176	239	1	$(176 < 239)?$	1	192
3	76	80	1	$(76 < 80)?$	1	251
4	2	0	1	$(2 < 0)?$	0	1

$$a - b = (1, 251, 192, 36, 102)_{256}$$

$$= 8658640742$$

Multi-precision Multiplication (Classical Multiplication)

- MUL : $a = 1234567 = (18, 214, 135)_{256}$
 $b = 76543210 = (4, 143, 244, 234)_{256}$

base = 8 bit (256)

$a * b =$

$(0\ 85\ 241\ 247\ 25\ 195\ 102)_{256}$

$= 99447721140070$

i	a_i	j	b_j	$a_i b_j = (h, l)_B$	Operation	c
					Initialization	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)_B$
0	135	0	234	$(123, 102)_B$	Add 102 at pos 0	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 102)_B$
					Add 123 at pos 1	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 123, 102)_B$
		1	244	$(128, 172)_B$	Add 172 at pos 1	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 39, 102)_B$
					Add 128 at pos 2	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 129, 39, 102)_B$
		2	143	$(75, 105)_B$	Add 105 at pos 2	$(0, 0, 0, 0, 234, 39, 102)_B$
					Add 75 at pos 3	$(0, 0, 0, 75, 234, 39, 102)_B$
		3	4	$(2, 28)_B$	Add 28 at pos 3	$(0, 0, 0, 103, 234, 39, 102)_B$
					Add 2 at pos 4	$(0, 0, 2, 103, 234, 39, 102)_B$
1	214	0	234	$(195, 156)_B$	Add 156 at pos 1	$(0, 0, 2, 103, 234, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 195 at pos 2	$(0, 0, 2, 104, 173, 195, 102)_B$
		1	244	$(203, 248)_B$	Add 248 at pos 2	$(0, 0, 2, 105, 165, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 203 at pos 3	$(0, 0, 3, 52, 165, 195, 102)_B$
		2	143	$(119, 138)_B$	Add 138 at pos 3	$(0, 0, 3, 190, 165, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 119 at pos 4	$(0, 0, 122, 190, 165, 195, 102)_B$
		3	4	$(3, 88)_B$	Add 88 at pos 4	$(0, 0, 210, 190, 165, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 3 at pos 5	$(0, 3, 210, 190, 165, 195, 102)_B$
2	18	0	234	$(16, 116)_B$	Add 116 at pos 2	$(0, 3, 210, 191, 25, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 16 at pos 3	$(0, 3, 210, 207, 25, 195, 102)_B$
		1	244	$(17, 40)_B$	Add 40 at pos 3	$(0, 3, 210, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 17 at pos 4	$(0, 3, 227, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$
		2	143	$(10, 14)_B$	Add 14 at pos 4	$(0, 3, 241, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 10 at pos 5	$(0, 13, 241, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$
		3	4	$(0, 72)_B$	Add 72 at pos 5	$(0, 85, 241, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$
					Add 0 at pos 6	$(0, 85, 241, 247, 25, 195, 102)_B$

Multi-precision Multiplication (Karatsuba Multiplication)

Let a, b be two multiprecision integers with n B – ary words.

Let $m = n / 2$

$$a = a_h B^m + a_l$$

$$b = b_h B^m + b_l$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \times b &= (a_h b_h) B^{2m} + (a_h b_l + a_l b_h) B^m + a_l b_l \\ &= (a_h b_h) B^{2m} + (a_h b_h + a_l b_l + (a_h - a_l)(b_h - b_l)) B^m + a_l b_l \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{using } (a_h - a_l)(b_h - b_l) = a_h b_h - a_h b_l - a_l b_h + a_l b_l$$

Karatsuba multiplication converts n bit multiplications into 3 multiplications of $n/2$ bits
The penalty is an increased number of additions

Multi-precision Multiplication (Karatsuba Multiplication)

$B = 256;$
 $a = 123456789 = (7, 91, 205, 21)_{256}$
 $b = 987654321 = (58, 222, 104, 177)_{256}$

$n=4; m=2$
 $a_h = (7, 91); a_l = (205, 21)$
 $a = (7, 91)256^2 + (205, 21)$

$b_h = (58, 222); b_l = (104, 177)$
 $b = (58, 222)256^2 + (104, 177)$

$$a_h b_h = (1, 176, 254, 234)_{256}$$

$$a_l b_l = (83, 222, 83, 133)_{256}$$

$$a_h - b_h = -(197, 186)_{256}$$

$$a_l - b_l = -(45, 211)_{256}$$

$$(a_h - b_h)(a_l - b_l) = (35, 100, 170, 78)_{256}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_h b_l + a_l b_h &= a_h b_h + a_l b_l - (a_h - b_h)(a_l - b_l) \\
 &= (50, 42, 168, 33)_{256}
 \end{aligned}$$

1	176	254	234				
		50	42	168	33		
				83	222	83	133
1	177	49	20	251	255	83	133

→ ab

Speeding RSA decryption with CRT

- Decryption is done as follows :

$$x = y^a \pmod n$$

- Bob can also decrypt by using CRT

$$x = y^a \pmod p$$

$$x = y^a \pmod q$$

(since he knows the factors of n , i.e. p, q)

- CRT turns out to be much faster since the size (in bits) of p and q is about $\frac{1}{2}$ that of n

Multi-precision libraries

- GMP : GNU Multi-precision library
- Make use of Intel's SSE/AVX instructions
 - These are SIMD instructions that have large registers (128, 256, 512 bit)
- Crypto libraries
 - OpenSSL, PolarSSL, NaCL, etc.

Finding Primes

Test for Primes

- How to generate large primes?
 - Select a random large number
 - Test whether or not the number is prime
- What is the probability that the chosen number is a prime?
 - Let $\pi(N)$ be the number of primes $< N$
 - From number theory, $\pi(N) \approx N/\ln N$
 - Therefore probability of a random number ($< N$) being a prime is $1/\ln N$
 - As N increases, it becomes increasingly difficult to find large primes

GIMPS

- There are infinite prime numbers (proved by Euclid)
- Finding them becomes increasingly difficult as N increases
- GIMPS : Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search
 - Mersenne Prime has the form $2^n - 1$
 - Largest known prime (found in 2016) has 22 million digits
 $2^{274,207,281} - 1$
 - \$3000 to beat this 😊

Primality Tests with Trial Division

- School book methods (trial division)
 - Find if N divides any number from 2 to $N-1$
 - find if N divides any number from 2 to $N^{1/2}$
 - Find if N divides any prime number from 2 to $N^{1/2}$
 - Too slow!!!
 - Need to divide by $N-1$ numbers
 - Need to divide by $N^{1/2}$ numbers
 - Need to divide by $(N/\ln N)^{1/2}$ primes
 - For example, if n is approx 2^{1024} , then need to check around 2^{507} numbers
 - Need something better for large primes
 - Randomized algorithms

Randomized Algorithms for Primality Testing

- Monte-carlo Randomized Algorithms
 - Always runs in polynomial time
 - May produce incorrect results with bounded probability
 - Yes-based Monte-carlo method
 - Answer YES is always correct, but answer NO may be wrong
 - No-based Monte-carlo method
 - Answer NO is always correct, but answer YES may be wrong

Finding Large Primes (using Fermat's Theorem)

```
is_prime(n){  
  pick a ← Zn  
  if (an-1 ≡ 1 mod n)  
    return TRUE  
  else  
    return FALSE  
}
```

If n is prime, then $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
is **true** for any 'a'

If n is composite $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
is **false** but **may be true** for some
values of a .

For example: $n = 221$ and $a = 38$
 $38^{220} \pmod{221} \equiv 1$.

We need to increase our confidence
with more values of a

Fermat's Primality Test

- Increasing confidence with multiple bases

```
primality _test(n){  
    c = 0  
    for (i = 0; i < 1000; ++i){  
        if (is _prime (n) == FALSE )  
            return COMPOSITE  
    }  
    return probably PRIME  
}
```

Flaw in the Fermat's Primality Test

Some composites act as primes.

Irrespective of the 'a' chosen, the test $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$ passes.

for example Carmichael numbers are composite numbers which satisfy Fermat's little theorem irrespective of the value of a.

Strong probable-primality test

- If n is prime, the square root of a^{n-1} is either $+1$ or -1

$$a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$a^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$(a+1)(a-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\textit{either } (a+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \textit{ or } (a-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

Miller-Rabin Primality Test

- Yes-base primality test for composites
- Does not suffer due to Carmichael numbers
- Write $n-1 = 2^s d$
 - where d is odd and s is non-negative
 - n is a composite if

$$a^d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad \text{and} \quad (a^d)^{2^r} \not\equiv -1 \pmod{n}$$

for all number r less than s

Proof of Miller-Rabin test

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- Consider the sequence :

$$a^d, a^{2^1 d}, a^{2^2 d}, a^{2^3 d}, \dots, a^{2^s d}$$

1 (Fermat 's)

- The roots of $x^2 = 1 \pmod{n}$ is either +1 or -1
- In the sequence, if a^d is 1, then all elements in the sequence will be 1
- If a^d is not 1, then there should be some element in the sequence which is -1, in order to have the final element as 1

Miller-Rabin Algorithm (test for composites)

Input n

T1. Find an odd integer d such that $n - 1 = 2^s d$

T2. Select at random a nonzero $a \in Z_n$

T3. Compute $b = a^d \bmod n$

If $b = \pm 1$, *return* ' n is prime'

T4. For $i = 1, \dots, r - 1$, calculate $c \equiv b^{2^i} \bmod n$

If $c = -1$, *return* ' n is prime'

T5. Otherwise *return* ' n is composite'

- $\Pr(\text{input=composite} \mid \text{ans=composite}) = 1$
- $\Pr(\text{ans=prime} \mid \text{input=composite}) < 1/2$
- $\Pr(\text{input=composite} \mid \text{ans=prime}) \leq 1/4$

Quadratic Residues

Definition. Let $a, m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then a is a **quadratic residue of m** iff $(a, m) = 1$ and there is an $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{m}$.

- Example : $m=13$, square elements in \mathbb{Z}_{13} .

1,4,9, 3, 12, 10, 10, 12, 3, 9, 4, 1

The quadratic residues \mathbb{Z}_{13} are therefore

$\{1, 4, 3, 9, 10, 12\}$

If an element is not a quadratic residue, then it is a **quadratic non-residue**

quadratic non-residues in \mathbb{Z}_{13} are $\{2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11\}$

Legendre Symbol

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p \mid a \\ 1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a QR mod } p \\ -1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a QNR mod } p \end{cases}$$

Given p is an odd prime

Euler's Criteria

A result from Euler

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

when $p \mid a$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

when a is a QR, $\exists x \in Z_p$ s.t. $a \equiv x^2 \pmod{p}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} &\equiv x^{2 \cdot \frac{(p-1)}{2}} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv x^{p-1} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv 1 \end{aligned}$$

when Quadratic Non Residue

when a is a QNR, no such $x \in Z_p$ exists s.t. $a \equiv x^2 \pmod{p}$

consider : $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$ (note $p-1$ is even, if p is an odd prime)

squaring : $a^{p-1} \pmod{p} \equiv 1$

so, $\left(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}\right)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Thus, $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$

$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, since a is not a QR

Thus $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

Examples

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

4 is a QR mod 13

$$4^{\frac{13-1}{2}} \pmod{13} \equiv 4^6 \pmod{13} \equiv 1$$

5 is a QNR mod 13

$$5^6 \pmod{13} \equiv 12 \pmod{13} \equiv -1$$

Congruence always holds when
n is an odd prime

Euler's Witness

$$7^{\frac{15-1}{2}} \pmod{15} \equiv 7^7 \pmod{15} \equiv -2$$

Euler's Liar

$$14^{\frac{15-1}{2}} \pmod{15} \equiv 14^7 \pmod{15} \equiv -1$$

Congruence may
or may not hold
when
n is an odd prime

Solovay Strassen Primality Test

```
SOLOVAYSTRASSEN(n) {  
    choose a random integer a such that  $1 \leq a \leq n-1$   
    compute  $x = \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)$   
    if ( $x = 0$ ) return COMPOSITE  
    compute  $y = a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \pmod n$   
    if ( $x \equiv y \pmod n$ ) return possibly PRIME  
    else return COMPOSITE  
}
```

How to compute

Legendre's symbol

error probability is at most $\frac{1}{2}$
after *k* invocations of this algorithm,

Jacobi Symbol

- Jacobi Symbol is a generalization of the Legendre symbol
- Let n be any positive odd integer and $a \geq 0$ any integer. The Jacobi symbol is defined as:

Suppose n is an odd positive integer with prime factorization

$$\textcircled{T} \quad n = p_1^{e_1} \times p_2^{e_2} \times p_3^{e_3} \times p_4^{e_4} \dots$$

Then,

$$\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right)^{e_1} \times \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right)^{e_2} \times \left(\frac{a}{p_3}\right)^{e_3} \times \left(\frac{a}{p_4}\right)^{e_4} \times \dots$$

Jacobi Properties

P1. If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{n}\right)$

P2. $\left(\frac{2}{n}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8} \\ -1 & \text{if } n \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8} \end{cases}$

P3. $\left(\frac{ab}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{n}\right)\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)$

P4. if a is even, $a = 2^k t$, $\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^k \left(\frac{t}{n}\right)$

P5. if a is odd,

$$\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \begin{cases} -\left(\frac{n}{a}\right) & \text{if } n \equiv a \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \left(\frac{n}{a}\right) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Computing Jacobi

$$\left(\frac{1001}{9907}\right) = \left(\frac{7}{9907}\right) \left(\frac{11}{9907}\right) \left(\frac{13}{9907}\right).$$

$$\left(\frac{7}{9907}\right) = -\left(\frac{9907}{7}\right) = -\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) = -1.$$

$$\left(\frac{11}{9907}\right) = -\left(\frac{9907}{11}\right) = -\left(\frac{7}{11}\right) = \left(\frac{11}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{7}\right) = 1.$$

$$\left(\frac{13}{9907}\right) = \left(\frac{9907}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{13}\right) = 1.$$

$$\left(\frac{1001}{9907}\right) = -1.$$

From the theorem

P5, P1, then P2

P5, P1, P5, P1, P3, P2

P5, P1

and 1 is a QR mod 13

Factoring Algorithms

Factorization to get the private key

- Public information (n, b)
- If Mallory can factorize n into p and q then,
 - She can compute $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 - She can then compute the private key by finding $a \equiv b^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$



How to factorize n ?

Trial Division

Fundamental theorem of arithmetic

Any integer number (greater than 1) is either prime or a product of prime powers

$$n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} \cdots p_k^{e_k}$$

```
def trial_division(n):  
    """Return a list of the prime factors for a natural number."""  
    if n < 2:  
        return []  
    prime_factors = []  
    for p in prime_sieve(int(n**0.5) + 1):  
        if p*p > n: break  
        while n % p == 0:  
            prime_factors.append(p)  
            n //= p  
    if n > 1:  
        prime_factors.append(n)  
    return prime_factors
```

prime generation algorithm

Prime factors of n cannot be greater than $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$

$n = n / p$: remove this factor from n

Running Time of algorithm order of $\pi(2^{n/2})$

Pollard p-1 Factorization

$$n = p \times q$$

1

choose a random integer a ($1 < a < n$).

If $\gcd(a, n) \neq 1$, then a is a prime factor.

However, this is most likely not the case as $\gcd(a, n) = 1$.

2

Suppose we *magically* get an L such that $p-1 \mid L$.

We use L to compute $(a^L - 1)$.

$$p-1 \mid L \Rightarrow (p-1)k = L$$

$$a^L \equiv a^{(p-1)k} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad (\text{by Fermat's Little Theorem})$$

$$\text{Thus, } p \mid a^L - 1$$

4

How to find the magic L ?

No easy way, trial and error!!

Factorials have a lot of divisors. So that is a nice way.

So, take L as a factorial of some number r .

3

Now compute $\gcd(a^L - 1, n)$

Since, $p \mid n$ and $p \mid a^L - 1$,

$\gcd(a^L - 1, n)$ is either p and may also be n .

Thus if $\gcd(a^L - 1, n) \neq n$, then we have found a factor of n .

if $\gcd(a^L - 1, n) = n$, then $q \mid a^L - 1$ also. Cannot conclude anything.

Pollard p-1 Factorization

Pollard p-1 factorization for n .

S1. $a \leftarrow 2$

S2. if $\gcd(a, n) > 1$, then this gcd is a prime factor of n , we are done.

S3. compute $d \leftarrow \gcd(a^{r!} - 1, n)$

if $d = n$, start again from *S1* with next value of a

else if $d = 1$, increment r and repeat *S3*

else d is the prime factor of n ; we are done!

$r = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

Will the algorithm terminate?

Pollard Rho Algorithm

- Form a sequence S1 by selecting randomly (with replacement) from the set Z_n

$$S1 = x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{x}_0 \equiv x_0 \pmod{p} \\ \bar{x}_1 \equiv x_1 \pmod{p} \\ \bar{x}_2 \equiv x_2 \pmod{p} \\ \bar{x}_3 \equiv x_3 \pmod{p} \\ \bar{x}_4 \equiv x_4 \pmod{p} \end{array} \right.$$

- Also assume we **magically** find a new sequence S2 comprising of

$$S2 = \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \bar{x}_3, \bar{x}_4, \dots \text{ where}$$

- If we keep adding elements to S1, we will eventually find an x_i and x_j ($i \neq j$) such that $\bar{x}_i = \bar{x}_j$
When this happens,

$$p \mid (x_i - x_j)$$

$\therefore p \mid n$ also, $\gcd((x_i - x_j), n)$ is p . We found a factor of n !!

Doing without magic

- Form a sequence $S1$ by selecting randomly (with replacement) from the set Z_n

$$S1 = x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots$$

- For every pair i, j in the sequence compute

$$d \leftarrow \gcd((x_i - x_j, n))$$

- If $d > 1$ then it is a factor of n

Example

- $N = 82123$, $x_0 = 631$, $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

This column is just for understanding. In reality we will not know this

i	$x_i \bmod N$	$\bar{x}_i = x_i \bmod p$	i	$x_i \bmod N$	$\bar{x}_i = x_i \bmod p$
0	631	16	10	6685	2
1	69670	11	11	14314	5
2	28986	40	12	75835	26
3	69907	2	13	37782	21
4	13166	5	14	17539	32
5	64027	26	15	65887	0
6	40816	21	16	74990	1
7	80802	32	17	45553	2
8	20459	0	18	73969	5
9	71874	1	19	50210	26

Drawback...
Large number of GCD computations. In this case 55.

Can we reduce the number of gcd computations?

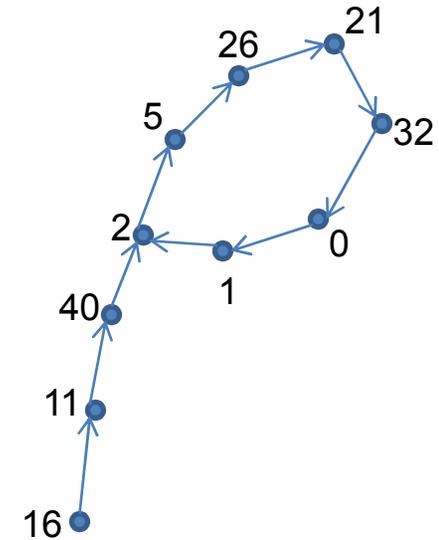
Given $x_i \bmod N$, we compute gcds of every pair until we find a gcd greater than 1

$$\gcd(x_3 - x_{10}, N) = \gcd(63222, 82123) = 41 \leftarrow \text{A factor of } N$$

The Rho in Pollard-Rho

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$$\bar{x}_t = \bar{x}_{t+l} \bmod p$$

- The smallest value of t and l , for which the above congruence holds is $t=3$, $l=7$
- For $l=7$, all values of $t > 3$ satisfy the congruence
- This leads to a cycle as shown in the figure (and a shape like the Greek letter rho)

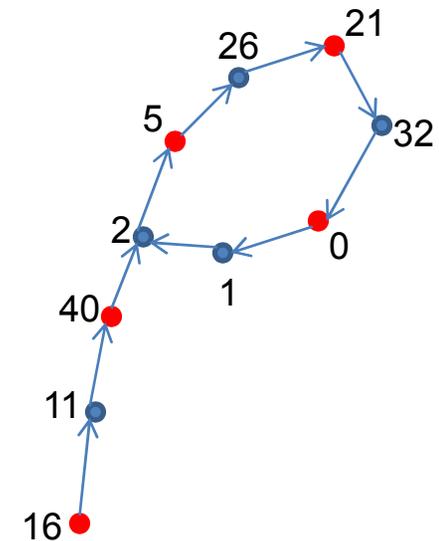
$$\bar{x}_j = \bar{x}_{j+l} \bmod p \quad t \geq 3$$

Reducing gcd computations

- GCD computations can be expensive.
- Use Floyd's cycle detection algorithm to reduce the number of GCD computations.

choose a random $x_0 = y_0 \in Z_n$

loop {
 $x_i = f(x_{i-1})$
 $y_i = x_{2i} = f(f(y_{i-1}))$
 If $d = \gcd(x_i - y_i, N) > 0$, return d



claim : The first time $x_i = y_i \pmod p$ occurs when $i \leq t + l$

The first time $x_i = y_i \pmod p$ occurs is when $i \leq t + l$

- l is the number of points in the cycle
- t is the smallest value of i such that $x_i \equiv y_i \pmod N$

x_i and y_i meet at the same point in the cycle
Therefore, y_i must have traversed (some) cycles more

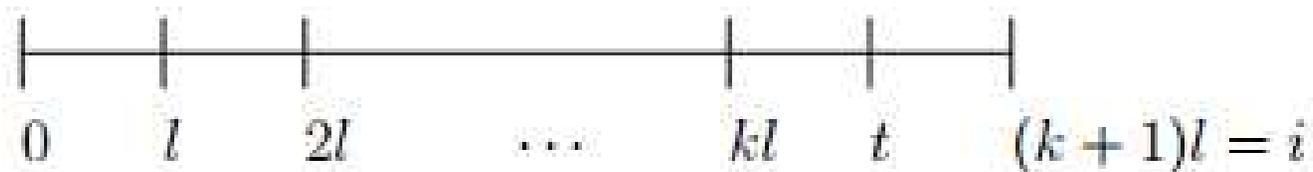
$$x_i \equiv y_i \pmod N$$

$$x_i \equiv x_{2i} \pmod N$$

$$l \mid (2i - i)$$

$$l \mid i \Rightarrow lk = i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{consider } (k + 1)l \\ = kl + l \leq t + l \end{aligned}$$



Expected number of operations before a collision

- Can be obtained from Birthday paradox
to be \sqrt{p}

Congruences of Squares

- Given $N=p \times q$, we need to find p and q
- Suppose we find an x and y such that $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{N}$
- Then,

$$N \mid (x^2 - y^2) \Rightarrow N \mid (x - y)(x + y)$$

- This implies,

$$\gcd(N, (x - y)) \text{ or } \gcd(N, (x + y)) \text{ factors } N$$

Example

- Consider $N = 91$

$$10^2 \equiv 3^2 \pmod{91}$$

$$91 \mid (10-3)(10+3)$$

$$91 \mid (7 \times 13)$$

$$\gcd(91, 13) = 13$$

$$\gcd(91, 7) = 7$$

$$34^2 \equiv 8^2 \pmod{91}$$

$$91 \mid (34+8)(34-8)$$

$$91 \mid 42 \times 26$$

$$\gcd(91, 26) = 13$$

$$\gcd(91, 42) = 7$$

So... we can use x and y to factorize N .

$$x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{N}$$

But how do we find such pairs?

Another Example

- $N = 1649$

$$41^2 \equiv 32 \pmod{1649}$$

$$43^2 \equiv 200 \pmod{1649}$$

32 and 200 are not perfect squares.
However $(32 \times 200 = 6400) = 80^2$
is a perfect square

$$\begin{aligned}(41 \times 43)^2 &\equiv (32 \times 200) \pmod{1649} \\ &\equiv 80^2 \pmod{1649}\end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is possible to combine non-squares to form a perfect square

Forming Perfect Squares

Recall, Fundamental theorem of arithmetic

Any integer number (greater than 1) is either prime or a product of prime powers

$$n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} \cdots p_k^{e_k}$$

Thus, a number is a perfect square if its prime factors have even powers.

e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots is even

Thus,

$$32 = 2^5 5^0 \quad \text{not a perfect square}$$

$$200 = 2^3 5^2 \quad \text{not a perfect square}$$

$$(32 \times 200) = 2^5 5^0 \times 2^3 5^2 = 2^8 5^2 = (2^4 5^1)^2 \quad \text{is a perfect square}$$

Dixon's Random Squares Algorithm

1. Choose a set B comprising of 'b' smallest primes. Add -1 to this set.
(A number is said to be b-smooth, if its factors are in this set)
2. Select an r at random
 - Compute $y = r^2 \bmod N$
 - Test if y factors completely in the set B.
 - If NO, then discard. ELSE save (y, r) (these are called **B-smooth numbers**)
3. Repeat step 2, until we have b+1 such (y,r) pairs
4. Solve the system of linear congruencies

Example

- $N = 1829$
- $b = 6$ $B = \{-1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$
- Choose random values of r , square and factorize

✓ $42^2 = 1764 = -65 = -1 \cdot 5 \cdot 13 \pmod{1829}$

✓ $43^2 = 1849 = 20 = 2^2 \cdot 5 \pmod{1829}$

✗ $60^2 = 3600 = 1771 = -58 = -1 \cdot 2 \cdot 29 \pmod{1829}$

✓ $61^2 = 3721 = 63 = 3^2 \cdot 7 \pmod{1829}$

✓ $74^2 = 5476 = 1818 = -11 = -1 \cdot 11 \pmod{1829}$

✗ $75^2 = 5625 = 138 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 23 \pmod{1829}$

✓ $85^2 = 7225 = 1738 = -91 = -1 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \pmod{1829}$

✓ $86^2 = 7396 = 80 = 2^4 \cdot 5 \pmod{1829}$

All numbers are B-smooth
except 60 and 75.
Leave these and
consider all others

Check Exponents

	-1	2	3	5	7	11	13
-65	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
20	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
63	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
-11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
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80	0	4	0	1	0	0	0

Find rows where exponents sum is even
-65, 20, 63, -91

sum	2	2	2	2	2	0	2
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$$(42 \times 43 \times 61 \times 85)^2 \equiv (-1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 13)^2 \pmod{1829}$$

$$1459^2 \equiv 901^2 \pmod{1829}$$

Final Steps

$$(42 \times 43 \times 61 \times 85)^2 \equiv (-1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 13)^2 \pmod{1829}$$

$$1459^2 \equiv 901^2 \pmod{1829}$$

$$1829 \mid (1459 + 901)(1459 - 901)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1829 \mid 2360 \quad \gcd(1829, 2360) = 59$$

$$\Rightarrow 1829 \mid 558 \quad \gcd(1829, 558) = 31$$

Thus $1829 = 59 \times 31$

State of the Art Factorization Techniques

- Quadratic Sieve
 - Fastest for less than 100 digits
- General Number field Sieve
 - Fastest technique known so far for greater than 100 digits
 - Open source code (google GGNFS)
- RSA factoring challenge
 - Best so far is 768 bit factorization
 - Current challenges 896 bits (reward \$75,000), 1024 bit (\$100,000)

RSA Attacks

**attacks that don't require
factorization algorithms**

$\Phi(n)$ leaks

- If an attacker gets $\Phi(n)$ then n can be factored

$$n = pq \qquad q = n / p$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) &= (p-1)(q-1) \\ &= pq - (p+q) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(n) = n - \left(p + \frac{n}{p}\right) + 1$$

$$p^2 - (n - \phi(n) + 1)p + n = 0$$

Solve to get p (a factor of n)

square roots of 1 mod n

There are two trivial and two non-trivial solutions for $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod n$

The trivial solutions are +1 and -1

By CRT, these congruences
are equivalent

$$y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod n \quad \langle \Rightarrow \rangle \quad \begin{cases} y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod p \\ y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod q \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y \equiv 1 \pmod p \\ y \equiv -1 \pmod p \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y \equiv 1 \pmod q \\ y \equiv -1 \pmod q \end{cases}$$

To get the non-trivial solutions solve using CRT

$$\begin{cases} y \equiv +1 \pmod p \\ y \equiv -1 \pmod q \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} y \equiv -1 \pmod p \\ y \equiv +1 \pmod q \end{cases}$$

Example

- $n=403 = 13 \times 31$
- To get the non-trivial solutions of $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ solve using CRT

$$\begin{aligned}y &\equiv +1 \pmod{p} \\ y &\equiv -1 \pmod{q}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &\equiv -1 \pmod{p} \\ y &\equiv +1 \pmod{q}\end{aligned}$$

$$(31 \cdot 31^{-1} \pmod{13} - 13 \cdot 13^{-1} \pmod{31}) \pmod{403}$$

$$(31 \cdot 8 - 13 \cdot 12) \pmod{403} \equiv 92$$

$$403 - 91 = 311$$

The non-trivial solutions are 92 and 311

Note: $92^2 \equiv 311^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{403}$

What happens when we solve $y \equiv +1 \pmod{p}$
 $y \equiv +1 \pmod{q}$

Decryption exponent leaks

- If the decryption exponent 'a' leaks, then n can be factored
- The attacker can then compute ab

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)} \qquad k\phi(n) = (ab - 1)$$

- Now, for any message $x \neq 0$

$$x^{ab-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- **Attack Plan**, take square root : $y \equiv x^{\frac{ab-1}{2}} \pmod{n}$

$$\text{i.e., } y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow n \mid (y^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid (y - 1)(y + 1)$$

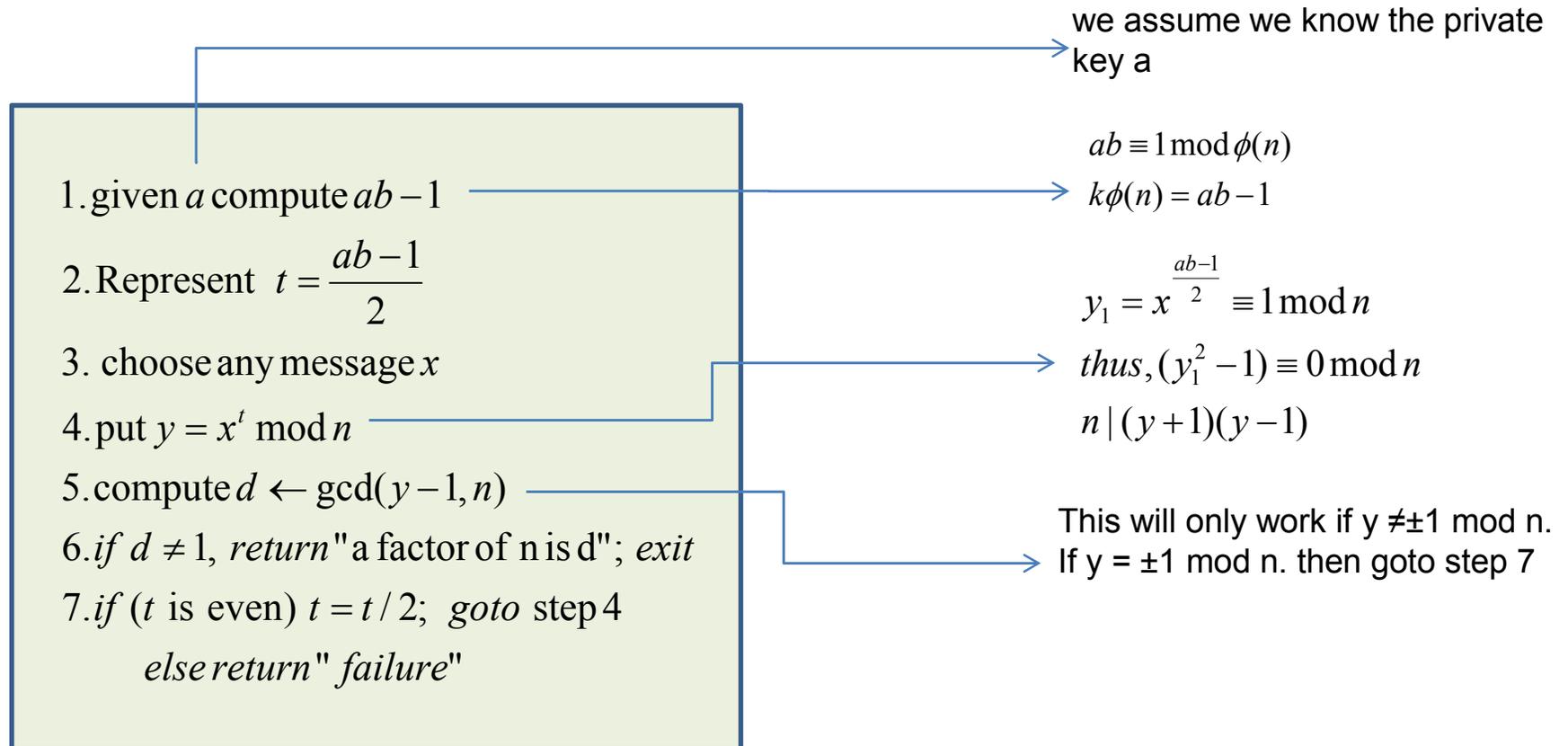
$\gcd(n, y - 1)$ is a factor of n

However we
need

$$y \neq \pm 1$$

to have a non-
trivial result

The Attack (basic idea)



Probability of success of the attack is at-least 1/2

Example

- $N=403$, $b=23$, $a=47$

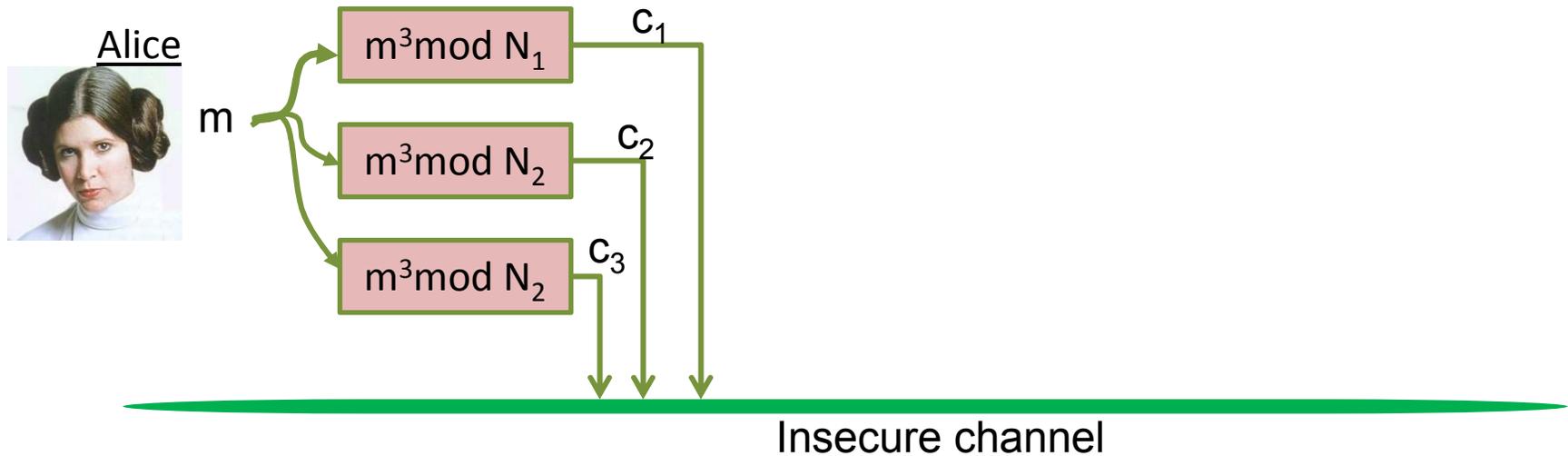
$$\begin{aligned}t &= ab - 1 = 1080 & x &= 2 \\ \text{loop1: } t &= \frac{1080}{2} = 540 & y &\equiv x^t \pmod{403} = 2^{540} \pmod{403} \equiv 1 \\ \text{loop2: } t &= \frac{540}{2} = 270 & y &\equiv x^t \pmod{403} = 2^{270} \pmod{403} \equiv 311 \\ & & \text{gcd}(311, 403) &= 31 \text{ (a factor of } n\text{)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}t &= ab - 1 = 1080 & x &= 9 \\ \text{loop1: } t &= \frac{1080}{2} = 540 & y &\equiv x^t \pmod{403} = 9^{540} \pmod{403} \equiv 1 \\ \text{loop2: } t &= \frac{540}{2} = 270 & y &\equiv x^t \pmod{403} = 9^{270} \pmod{403} \equiv 1 \\ \text{loop3: } t &= \frac{270}{2} = 135 & y &\equiv x^t \pmod{403} = 9^{135} \pmod{403} \equiv 1 \\ & & & \text{can't divide 135 further. failure}\end{aligned}$$

Small Encryption Exponent

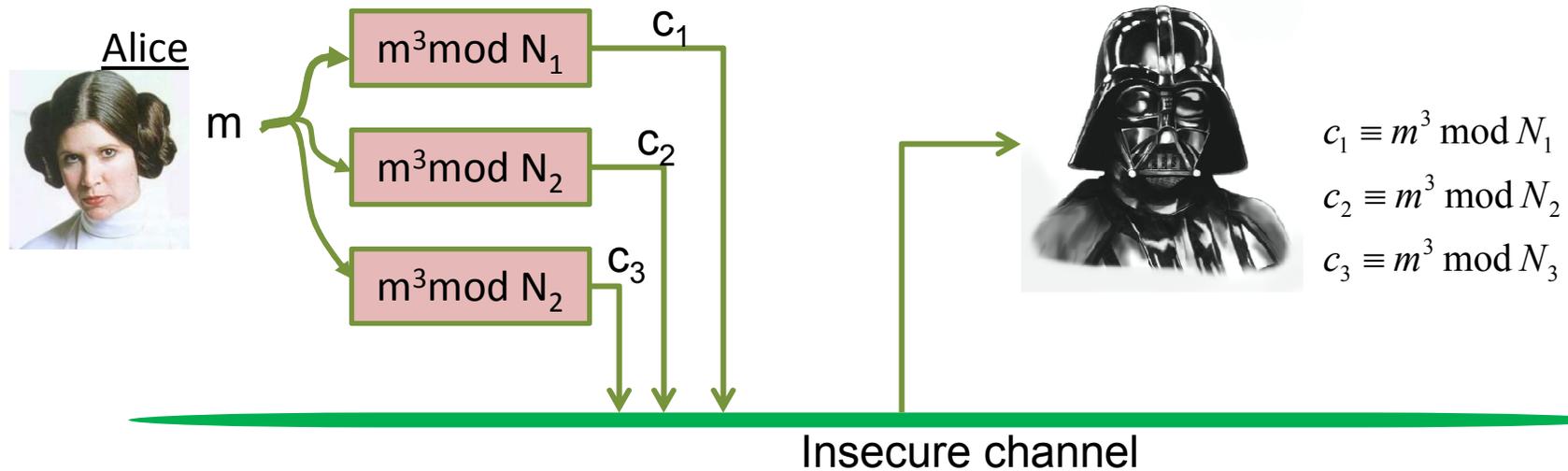
- In order to improve efficiency of encryption, a small encryption exponent is preferred
- However, this can lead to a vulnerability

Small Encryption Exponent



- Consider, Alice sending the same message x to 3 different people.
 - Each having a different N (say N_1, N_2, N_3)
 - But same public key b (say 3)

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 - Each having a different N (say N_1, N_2, N_3)
 - But same public key b (say 3)
- This allows Mallory to snoop in and get 3 ciphertexts

Small Encryption Exponent

By CRT

$$\begin{cases} c_1 \equiv m^3 \pmod{N_1} \\ c_2 \equiv m^3 \pmod{N_2} \\ c_3 \equiv m^3 \pmod{N_3} \end{cases} \langle \Rightarrow \rangle X \equiv m^3 \pmod{(N_1 \cdot N_2 \cdot N_3)}$$

- Thus, Mallory can compute X
- Since $m < N_1, m < N_2, m < N_3 \Rightarrow m < (N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3)$
- Thus, $X^{1/3} = m$
 - i.e. The message can be decrypted

It is tempting to have small private and public keys, so that encryption or decryption may be carried out efficiently. However you would do this at the cost of security!!

Low Decryption Exponent

- The attack applies when the private key a is small, $a < \frac{\sqrt[4]{n}}{3}$
- In such a case 'a' can be computed efficiently

Partial Information of Plaintexts

Computing Jacobi of the plaintext

$y \equiv x^b \pmod{n}$ y is the ciphertext; x the message
 b is the public key and $\gcd(b, \varphi(n)) = 1$
Thus, $\gcd(b, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$
 $(p-1)(q-1)$ is even, therefore b must be odd

consider Jacobi

$$\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) = \pm 1$$

$$\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)^b = \left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

since b is odd

thus, RSA encryption leaks the value of the Jacobi symbol $\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$

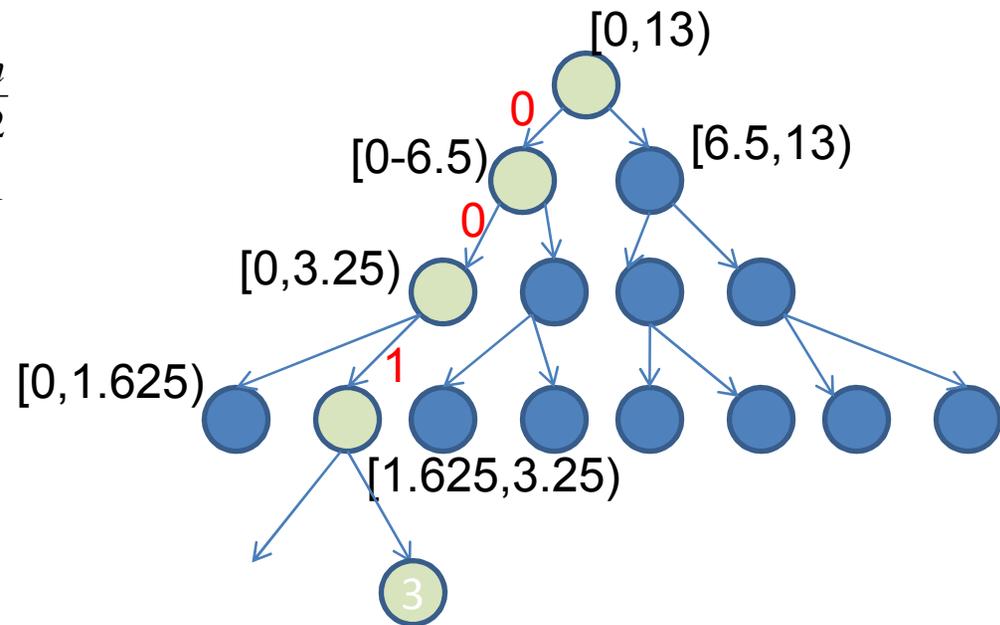
Binary Search Trees on x

Consider this function

$$HALF(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{n}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{n}{2} \leq x < n-1 \end{cases}$$

example

- $x = 3 \pmod{13}$ $HALF(x) = 0$
- $2x \equiv 6 \pmod{13}$ $HALF(2x) = 0$
- $4x \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$ $HALF(4x) = 1$
- $8x \equiv 11 \pmod{13}$ $HALF(8x) = 1$
- $16x \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$ $HALF(16x) = 1$



Partial Information of Plaintexts (first or second half proof)

- Assume a hypothetical oracle called HALF as follows

$$HALF(n, b, y) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{n}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{n}{2} \leq x < n-1 \end{cases}$$

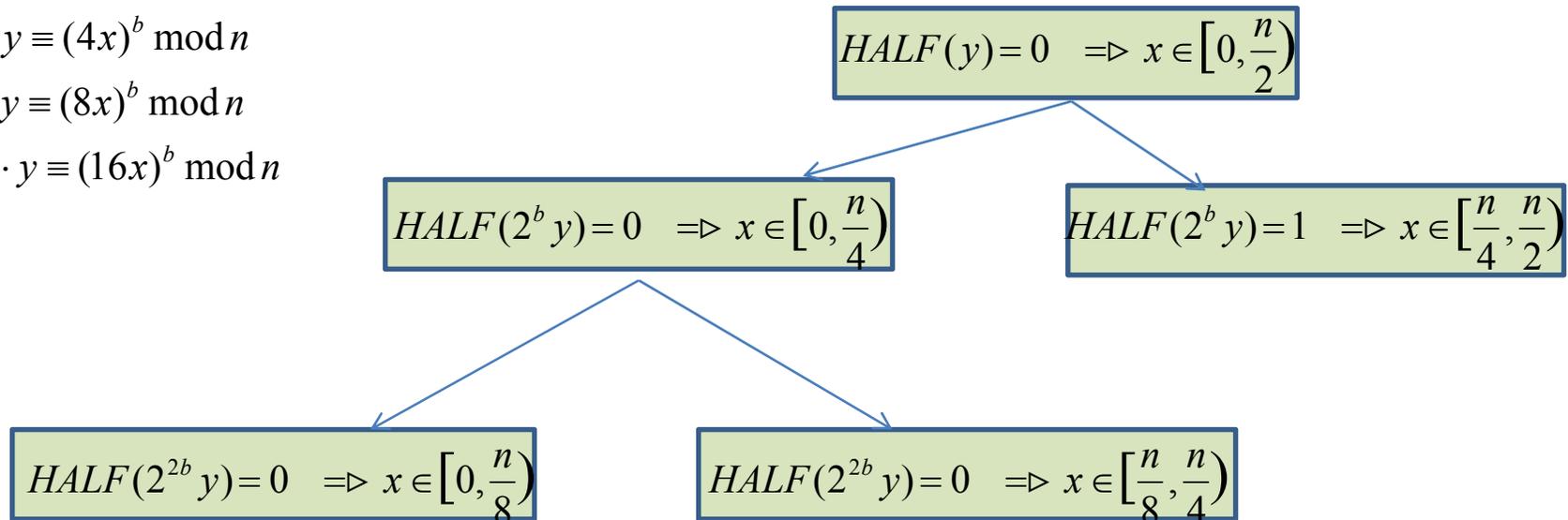
$$y \equiv x^b \pmod{n}$$

$$2^b \cdot y \equiv (2x)^b \pmod{n}$$

$$4^b \cdot y \equiv (4x)^b \pmod{n}$$

$$8^b \cdot y \equiv (8x)^b \pmod{n}$$

$$16^b \cdot y \equiv (16x)^b \pmod{n}$$



Example

$n=1457, b=779, y=722$

Algorithm : ORACLE RSA DECRYPTION(n, b, y)

external HALF

$k \leftarrow \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** k

do $\begin{cases} h_i \leftarrow \text{HALF}(n, b, y) \\ y \leftarrow (y \times 2^b) \bmod n \end{cases}$

$lo \leftarrow 0$

$hi \leftarrow n$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** k

do $\begin{cases} mid \leftarrow (hi + lo)/2 \\ \text{if } h_i = 1 \\ \quad \text{then } lo \leftarrow mid \\ \quad \text{else } hi \leftarrow mid \end{cases}$

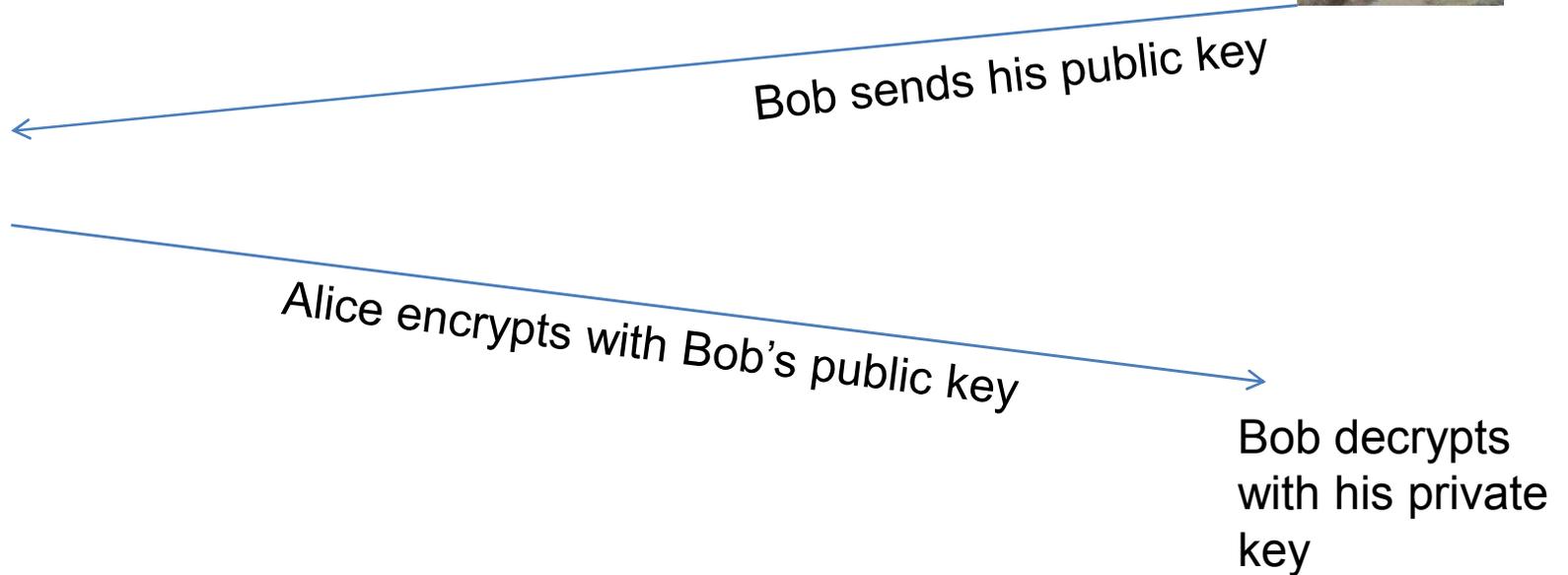
return ($\lfloor hi \rfloor$)

h_i	i	lo	mid	hi
1	0	0.00	728.50	1457.00
0	1	728.50	1092.75	1457.00
1	2	728.50	910.62	1092.75
0	3	910.62	1001.69	1092.75
1	4	910.62	956.16	1001.69
1	5	956.16	978.92	1001.69
1	6	978.92	990.30	1001.69
1	7	990.30	996.00	1001.69
1	8	996.00	998.84	1001.69
0	9	998.84	1000.26	1001.69
0	10	998.84	999.55	1000.26
		998.84	999.55	999.55

Thus, if we have an efficient function HALF, we can recover the plaintext message.

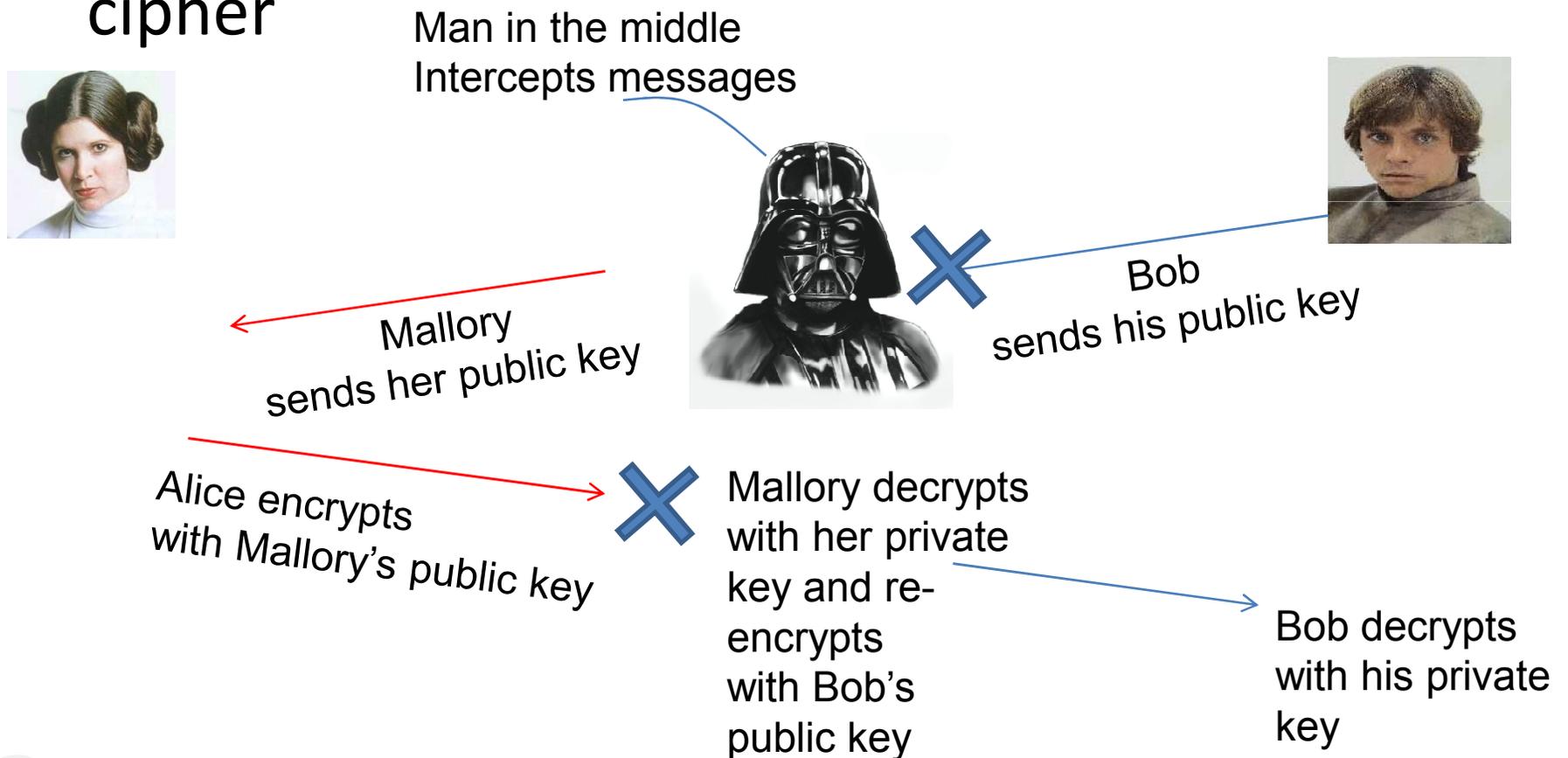
Man in the Middle Attack

- The process of encryption with a public key cipher



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Searching the Message Space

- Suppose message space is small,
 - Mallory can try all possible messages, encrypt them (since she knows Bob's public key) and check if it matches Alice's ciphertext



Bob sends his public key

Alice encrypts with Bob's public key

Bob decrypts with his private key

Bad Prime Generation Algorithms

- Suppose the prime generation was faulty
 - So that, primes generated were always from a small subset
 - Then, RSA can be broken
- Pairwise GCD of over a million RSA moduli collected from the Internet showed that
 - 2 in 1000 have a common prime factor

Discrete Log Problem, ElGamal, and Diffie Hellman

Primitive Elements of a Group

Let (G, \cdot) be a group of order n .

Let $\alpha \in G$,

The order of α is the smallest integer m such that $\alpha^m = 1$

α is termed as a *primitive element* if it has order n .

If α is a primitive element then

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \{\alpha^i : 0 \leq i \leq n - 1\} \text{ generates all elements in } G$$

Consider $Z_{13}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 12\}$

(Z_{13}^*, \cdot) forms a group of order 12

Let $7 \in Z_{13}^*$,

$$\langle 7 \rangle = \{7, 10, 5, 9, 11, 12, 6, 3, 8, 4, 2, 1\}$$

$\langle 7 \rangle$ has order 12

and generates all elements in Z .

Thus, 7 is a primitive element

Discrete Log Problem

Let (G, \cdot) be a group

Let $\alpha \in G$ be a primitive element in the group with order n

Define the set

$$\langle \alpha \rangle = \{\alpha^i : 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}$$

For any unique integer a ($0 \leq a \leq n-1$),

$$\text{let } \alpha^a = \beta$$

Denote $a = \log_{\alpha} \beta$ as the discrete logarithm of β

Given α and a , it is easy to compute β

Given α and β it is computationally difficult to determine what a was

ElGamal Public Key Cryptosystem

- Fix a prime p (and group Z_p)
- Let $\alpha \in Z_p$ be a primitive element
- Choose a secret 'a' and compute $\beta \equiv \alpha^a \pmod p$

Public keys : α, β, p

Private key : a



Encryption

choose a random (secret) $k \leftarrow Z_p$

$$e_k(x) = (y_1, y_2)$$

where $y_1 = \alpha^k \pmod p$,

$$y_2 = x \cdot \beta^k \pmod p$$



Decryption

$$\begin{aligned} d_k(x) &= y_2 (y_1^a)^{-1} \pmod p \\ &= x \cdot \beta^k (\alpha^{ka})^{-1} \pmod p \\ &= x \cdot \alpha^{ka} (\alpha^{ka})^{-1} \pmod p \\ &\equiv x \end{aligned}$$

ElGamal Example

- $p = 2579$, $\alpha = 2$ (α is a primitive element mod p)
- Choose a random $a = 765$
- Compute $\beta \equiv 2^{765} \pmod{2579}$

Encryption of message $x = 1299$

choose a random key $k = 853$

$$y_1 = 2^{853} \pmod{2579} = 435$$

$$y_2 = 1299 \times 949^{853} = 2396$$

Decryption of cipher (435, 2396)

$$\begin{aligned} & 2396 \times (435^{765})^{-1} \pmod{p} \\ & = 1299 \end{aligned}$$

Finding the Log

$$\beta \equiv \alpha^a \pmod{p}$$

Given α and β it is computationally difficult to determine what a was

- **Brute force (compute intensive)**

compute $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4 \dots$ (until you reach β)

this would definitely work, but not practical if p is large

complexity $O(p)$, space complexity $O(1)$

- **Memory Intensive**

precompute $\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4 \dots$ (all values). Sort and store.

For any given β look up the table of stored values.

complexity $O(1)$ but space complexity $O(n)$

Shank's Algorithm

(also known as Baby-step Giant-step)

$$\beta \equiv \alpha^a \pmod{p}$$

Rewrite a as $a = mq + r$
where $m = \lceil \sqrt{p} \rceil$

$$\beta \equiv \alpha^{mq} \alpha^r \pmod{p}$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-m})^q \equiv \alpha^r \pmod{p}$$

We neither know q nor r , so we need to try out several values for q and r until we find a collision

Shank's Algorithm (example)

- $p=31$ and $\alpha=3$. Suppose $\beta=6$.
- What is a ?

$$m = \left\lceil \sqrt{31} \right\rceil = 6$$

$$(3^{-1})^6 \bmod 31 = 2$$

$$\alpha \equiv 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{collision}$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-6})^0 = 6 \cdot 2^0 = 6$$

$$\alpha^2 \equiv 9$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-6})^1 = 6 \cdot 2^1 = 12$$

$$\alpha^3 \equiv 27$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-6})^2 = 6 \cdot 2^2 = 24$$

$$\alpha^4 = 81 \equiv 19 \bmod 31$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-6})^3 = 6 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 17 \bmod 31$$

$$\alpha^5 = 19 \cdot 3 \equiv 26 \bmod 31$$

$$\beta(\alpha^{-6})^4 = 6 \cdot 2^4 \equiv 3 \bmod 31$$

List 1

List 2

Thus, $m=6$, $q=4$, $r=1$, $a = mq+r = 25$

Shank's Algorithm

Algorithm 6.1: SHANKS(G, n, α, β)

1. $m \leftarrow \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$
2. **for** $j \leftarrow 0$ **to** $m - 1$
 do compute α^{mj}
3. Sort the m ordered pairs (j, α^{mj}) with respect to their second coordinates, obtaining a list L_1
4. **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $m - 1$
 do compute $\beta\alpha^{-i}$
5. Sort the m ordered pairs $(i, \beta\alpha^{-i})$ with respect to their second coordinates, obtaining a list L_2
6. Find a pair $(j, y) \in L_1$ and a pair $(i, y) \in L_2$ (i.e., find two pairs having identical second coordinates)
7. $\log_{\alpha} \beta \leftarrow (mj + i) \bmod n$

Create List 1

Create List 2

Find collision

Complexity of Shank's Algorithm

Algorithm 6.1: SHANKS(G, n, α, β)

1. $m \leftarrow \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$
2. **for** $j \leftarrow 0$ **to** $m - 1$
 do compute α^{mj} O(m)
3. Sort the m ordered pairs (j, α^{mj}) with respect to their second coordinates, obtaining a list L_1 O(m \log m)
4. **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $m - 1$
 do compute $\beta \alpha^{-i}$ O(m)
5. Sort the m ordered pairs $(i, \beta \alpha^{-i})$ with respect to their second coordinates, obtaining a list L_2 O(m \log m)
6. Find a pair $(j, y) \in L_1$ and a pair $(i, y) \in L_2$ (i.e., find two pairs having identical second coordinates) O(\log m)
7. $\log_{\alpha} \beta \leftarrow (mj + i) \bmod n$

$$O(m \log m) \sim O(m) = O(p^{1/2})$$

Other Discrete Log Algorithms

$$\beta \equiv \alpha^a \pmod{n}$$

- **Pollard-Hellman Algorithm**
used when n is a composite
- **Pollard-Rho Algorithm**
about the same runtime as the Shank's algorithm, but has much less memory requirements

Diffie Hellman Problem

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given α^a and α^b , find α^{ab} Computational DH (CDH)

given α^a, α^b and α^c , determine if $c \equiv ab \pmod{n}$
Decision DH (DDH)

Recall...

Diffie Hellman Key Exchange



Alice and Bob agree upon a prime p and a generator g .
This is public information



choose a secret a
compute $A = g^a \text{ mod } p$

choose a secret b
compute $B = g^b \text{ mod } p$



$$A^b \text{ mod } p = (g^a)^b \text{ mod } p = (g^b)^a \text{ mod } p = B^a \text{ mod } p$$