

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 multiplicative group mod n

\times \rightsquigarrow for prime n $(\mathbb{Z}_n \setminus \{0\}, \cdot \text{ mod } n)$

\rightsquigarrow generally only elements with $\text{gcd}(a, n) = 1$ with multiplication

$$\frac{a}{b} \text{ mod } n = a \cdot b^{-1} \text{ mod } n \quad (b^{-1} \text{ exists iff } \text{gcd}(b, n) = 1)$$

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

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

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

$$4 \text{ mod } 7$$

How to calculate inverses mod n ?

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

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

Extended Euclid's algorithm → algorithm to calculate x, y from
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$$ax + by = 1$$

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

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

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

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

Find $\text{gcd}(17, 3) = 1$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$y = 6$$

$$x = -1$$

$$3^{-1} = 6 \quad \text{mod } 17$$

$$3 \cdot 6 = 18 \equiv 1 \quad \text{mod } 17$$

$$17^{-1} = 2 \quad \text{mod } 3$$

$$2 \cdot 17 = 34 \equiv 1 \quad \text{mod } 3$$

Modular exponentiation

$$a^b \quad \text{mod } n$$

$$2^{303} \quad \text{mod } 3$$

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

$$2^{303} = 2^{303 \text{ mod } 2} = 2^1 = 2 \quad \text{mod } 3$$

Euler's Totient theorem

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

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \quad \text{mod } n$$

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

- Euler's totient function

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

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

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

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

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

$$\underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdot \dots \cdot a}_{b \text{ times}} \pmod n = a^{b \bmod \phi(n)} \pmod n$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Important problems in asymmetric cryptography

Factorization **easy:** Given a, b find c, d 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.

$$\boxed{2048 \text{ bits}} \quad c \approx 2^{2048} \quad \boxed{\sqrt{c} = 2^{1024}}$$

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 $c = a^b \pmod n$ for $\{1, \dots, \phi(n)\}$
 $b = \log_a c \pmod n$ if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

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

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

$$\boxed{172} \boxed{619} \quad 172 \cdot 619 < 9999$$

Decryption of ciphertext c

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

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

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

$$= w^{e \cdot d \pmod{\phi(n)}} \pmod{n} \quad \text{! } \gcd(w, n) = 1$$

$$= w^1 \pmod{n}$$

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

hard

efficient

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

Then we can factor n like this

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

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 .

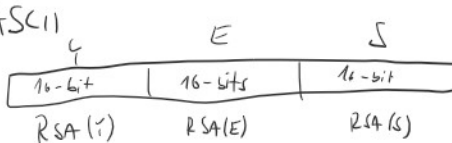
(w^u, c^u) is a valid pair for any u .

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

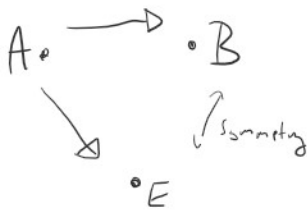
$$(w_1 \cdot w_2)^e = w_1^e \cdot w_2^e = c_1 \cdot c_2 \pmod n$$

TEXT \rightarrow ASCII



THIS IS JUST A MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION
(NOT SECURE)

DIFFIE-HELLMAN KEY DISTRIBUTION



Prerequisites

p is a large prime

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

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

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

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

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

$$1 \quad - \quad 1$$

A \rightarrow B

these are chosen randomly

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

$$B \rightarrow A$$

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

A calculates

$$x \cdot x = x^2$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{A calculates} \\
 k = B^x \pmod p = q^{x \cdot a} \pmod p
 \end{array}
 \left|
 \begin{array}{l}
 p-1 \quad 1 \quad p-1 \\
 \log_{q^{p-1}} C \pmod m
 \end{array}
 \right.$$

B calculates

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

What can the adversary do?

1.) calculate $x = \log_q A \pmod p$
 $y = \log_q B \pmod p$

Discrete logarithm
 problem
HARD

$$k = q^{x \cdot y} \pmod p$$

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

DH? \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

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

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 $X, m \quad m > 2x_n > \sum_i x_i$

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) - give a subset sum instance

decryption calculate $w^{-1} \cdot c = c' \pmod{p}$

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

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

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

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

$$X' = (1, 3, 7, 13, 29, 59, 127)$$

$$X = \underbrace{155}_{w} \cdot \underbrace{X'} \pmod{257}$$

$$= (155, 208, 57, 216, 126, 150, 153)$$

$$w = (0111011)$$

$$c = w \cdot X = 208 + 57 + 216 + 150 + 153 = 784 \pmod{257} \\ = 13 \pmod{257}$$

$$13, X$$

$$13 \cdot w^{-1} = 13 \cdot 155^{-1} \pmod{257} \\ = 13 \cdot 124 \pmod{257}$$

$$= 1360 + 600 - 18 = 2522 \pmod{257} \\ = -48 \pmod{257} \\ = 209 \pmod{257}$$

$$(209, X')$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = w \\ X' = \underline{(1, 3, 7, 13, 29, 59, 127)}$$

$$209 - 127 = 82$$

$$82 - 59 = 23$$

$$23 - 13 = 10$$

