Number Theory, Public Key Cryptography, RSA

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The Euler Phi Function

- Definition:

  For a positive integer n, if 0<a<n and gcd(a,n)=1, a is relatively prime to n.

- Definition:

  Given an integer n, φ(n) is the number of positive integers less than or equal to n and relatively prime to n.

The Euler Phi Function

- Theorem: Formula for φ(n)

  Let p be prime, e, m, n be positive integers

  1) φ(p) = p-1
  2) if gcd(m,n)=1, then φ(mn)=φ(m)φ(n)
  3) $\varphi(p^e) = p^e - p^{e-1}$
  4) If $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e2} \ldots p_k^{ek}$ then

$$\varphi(n) = n(1-\frac{1}{p_1})(1-\frac{1}{p_2})\ldots(1-\frac{1}{p_k})$$

Fermat's Little Theorem

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  If p is a prime number and a is a natural number that is not a multiple of p, then

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

Euler's Theorem

- Euler's Theorem

  Given integer n>1, such that gcd(a,n)=1 then

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

- Corollary

  Given integer n>1 such that gcd(a,n)=1, then

  $a^{\varphi(n)-1}$ mod n is a multiplicative inverse of a mod n.

Consequence of Euler's Theorem

- Principle of Modular Exponentiation

  Given integer n>1, x, y, and a positive integers with gcd(a,n)=1. If $x \equiv y \pmod{\varphi(n)}$, then

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

- Proof idea:

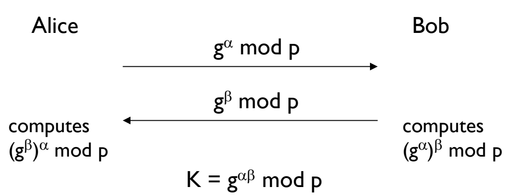
  $$a^x = a^{k\varphi(n)+y} = a^y(a^{\varphi(n)})^k$$

  by applying Euler's theorem we obtain

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

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- Diffie-Hellman proposed a cryptographic protocol to exchange keys among two parties in1976.
  - Public parameters:
    p: A large prime
    g: Base (generator)
  - Secret parameters:
    $\alpha, \beta \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, p-2\}$



Security of Diffie-Hellman

- Discrete Logarithm Problem (DLP):
  - Given p, g, g^{α} mod p, what is α?
  - easy in Z, hard in Z_p
- Diffie-Hellman Problem (DHP):
  - Given p, g, g^{α} mod p, g^{β} mod p, what is $g^{\alpha\beta}$ mod p?
- DHP is as hard as DLP.

Commutative Encryption

- Definition:

  An encryption scheme is commutative if

  $E_{K1}[E_{K2}[M]] = E_{K2}[E_{K1}[M]]$

  Given a commutative encryption scheme, then

  $D_{K1}[D_{K2}[E_{K1}[E_{K2}[M]] = M$

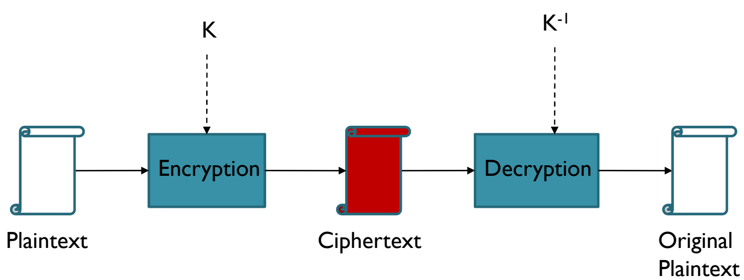
- Most symmetric encryption scheme are not commutative such as DES and AES.

Pohlig-Hellman Exponentiation Cipher

- A commutative exponentiation cipher
  - encryption key (e, p), where p is a prime
  - decryption key (d, p), where $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)}$ or in other words $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{(p-1)}$
  - to encrypt M, compute $C = M^e \bmod p$
  - to decrypt C, compute $M = C^d \bmod p = M^{ed} \bmod p$

Asymmetric Encryption Functions

- An asymmetric encryption function:
  - Encryption (K) and decryption (K^{-1}) keys are different.
  - Knowledge of the encryption key is not sufficient for deriving the decryption key efficiently.
  - Hence, the encryption key can be made "public".



Public Key Encryption

- Each party has a PAIR (K, K^{-1}) of keys:
  - K is the public key
  - K^{-1} is the private key

$$D_{K^{-1}}[E_K[M]]=M$$

- The public-key K may be made publicly available.
- Many can encrypt with the public key, only one can decrypt.
- Knowing the public-key and the cipher, it is computationally infeasible to compute the private key.

Solutions with Public Key Cryptography

- Key distribution solution:
  - Alice makes her encryption key K public
  - Everyone can send her an encrypted message:
    $C = E_K(P)$
  - Only Alice can decrypt it with the private key K^{-1}:
    $P = D_{K^{-1}}(C)$
- Source Authentication Solution:
  - Only Alice can "sign" a message, using K^{-1}.
  - Anyone can verify the signature, using K.
  - Only if such a function could be found…

RSA Algorithm

- Invented in 1978 by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir and Leonard Adleman
  - Published as R L Rivest, A Shamir, L Adleman, "On Digital Signatures and Public Key Cryptosystems", Communications of the ACM, vol 21 no 2, pp120-126, Feb 1978
- Security relies on the difficulty of factoring large composite numbers
- Essentially the same algorithm was discovered in 1973 by Clifford Cocks, who works for the British intelligence

RSA Public Key Crypto System

- Choose large primes p, q
  - Compute $n = pq$ and $\varphi(n) = (q-1)(p-1)$
- Choose e, such that $\gcd(e, \varphi(n)) = 1$.
  - Take e to be a prime
- Compute $d \equiv e^{-1} \bmod \varphi(n)$, such that $ed \equiv 1 \bmod \varphi(n)$
  - Public key: n, e
  - Private key: d
- Encryption: $C = E(M) = M^e \bmod n$
  Decryption: $D(C) = C^d \bmod n$

RSA Encryption

- Encryption: $C = E(M) = M^e \bmod n$,
- Decryption: $D(C) = C^d \bmod n$.
- Why does it work?

$$\begin{aligned} D(C) &= (M^e)^d \bmod n = M^{ed} \bmod n \\ &= M^{k\varphi(n)+1} \bmod n, \text{ for some } k \\ &= (M^{\varphi(n)})^k M \bmod n \\ &= M \end{aligned}$$

- <u>RSA problem</u>: Given n, e, $M^e \bmod n$, what is M?
  - Computing d is equivalent to factoring n.
  - The security is based on difficulty of factoring large integers.

RSA Example

- Let p = 11, q = 7, then
  - n = 77, φ(n) = 60

- Let e = 37, then
  - d = 13 (ed = 481; ed mod 60 = 1)

- Let M = 15, then $C \equiv M^e \bmod n$

  $C \equiv 15^{37} \pmod{77} = 71$

- $M \equiv C^d \bmod n$

  $M \equiv 71^{13} \pmod{77} = 15$

RSA Implementation

- The security of RSA depends on how large n is, which is often measured in the number of bits for n.
  - Current recommendation is 1024 bits for n.
- p and q should have the same bit length, so for 1024 bits RSA, p and q should be about 512 bits.
- p-q should not be small.
  - In general, p, q randomly selected and then tested for primality
  - Many implementations use the Rabin-Miller test, (probabilistic test)