

Practical Exercises 2 - RSA

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The goal of these exercises is to familiarize with RSA's main weaknesses. For the implementation, you will use **sage**, a python-based mathematical toolbox.

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Exercise 1: Factorisation

When prime numbers have some specific properties, we can use some specific factorization algorithm taking advantage of this property to make factorisation easier.

You can find the file **tp2-rsa_material.sage** on the drive, containing all necessary data.

1. Generating large prime numbers can take some time, so Alice decided to generate only one (and use $p = q$). Can you find out a way to factor **n1** and recover the message ?
Hint: finding the square root is easier than factoring!
 - (a) Given the factor, you can compute $\varphi(n_2)$, but be careful and take a look at the formula¹.
 - (b) Using $\varphi(n_2)$, you can easily recover the full private key (**inverse_mod** should be helpful here).
 - (c) Recover the message.
2. Implement the Pollard $p - 1$ algorithm to factorize an integer.
3. Using this algorithm, try to factor **n2** and decrypt the message.

Exercise 2: Decryption oracle

Given a ciphertext **c**, a public key (**n**, **e**) and an oracle allowing to decrypt any message (except **c** !), how can you recover the plaintext corresponding to **c** ?

Hint: Remember that $(a \times b)^e \bmod n = a^e \times b^e \bmod n$

Once you get the idea, you can try it by solving "RSA - Decipher Oracle" on root-me for 25 points.

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euler's_totient_function#Value_for_a_prime_power_argument

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pollard's_p_-_1_algorithm