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# Lattice based attacks on RSA

This repo will host implementations and explanations of different RSA attacks using **lattice reduction** techniques (in particular **LLL**).

First, we'll see how **Coppersmith** found out that you could use lattice reduction techniques to attack a relaxed model of RSA (we know parts of the message, or we know parts of one of the prime, ...). And how **Howgrave-Graham** reformulated his attack.

Second we'll see how **Boneh and Durfee** used a coppersmith-like attack to factor the RSA modulus when the private key is too small ( $d < N^0.929$ ). Followed by a simplification from **Herrman and May**.

If you want to use the implementations, see below for explanations on Coppersmith and Boneh-Durfee. If you want to dig deeper you can also read my survey or watch my video.

I've also done some personal researches on the Boneh-Durfee algorithm and I do get better results. Check research.sage (note: most was merged in boneh\_durfee.sage, just use helpful\_only = True to make use of it)

# Coppersmith

I've implemented the work of **Coppersmith** (to be correct the reformulation of his attack by **Howgrave-Graham**) in coppersmith.sage.

I've used it in two examples in the code:

# Stereotyped messages

For example if you know the most significant bits of the message. You can find the rest of the message with this method.

The usual RSA model is this one: you have a ciphertext  $\,c\,$  a modulus  $\,N\,$  and a public exponent  $\,e\,$ . Find  $\,m\,$  such that  $\,m^{\wedge}e\,$  =  $\,c\,$  mod  $\,N\,$ .

Now, this is the **relaxed model** we can solve: you have  $c = (m + x)^e$ , you know a part of the message, m, but you don't know x. For example the message is always something like "the password today is: [password]". Coppersmith says that if you are looking for  $N^1/e$  of the message it is then a small root and you should be able to find it pretty quickly.

let our polynomial be  $f(x) = (m + x)^e - c$  which has a root we want to find modulo N. Here's how to do it with my implementation:

```
dd = f.degree()
beta = 1
epsilon = beta / 7
mm = ceil(beta**2 / (dd * epsilon))
tt = floor(dd * mm * ((1/beta) - 1))
XX = ceil(N**((beta**2/dd) - epsilon))
roots = coppersmith_howgrave_univariate(f, N, beta, mm, tt, XX)
```

You can play with the values until it finds the root. The default values should be a good start. If you want to tweak:

- beta is always 1 in this case.
- xx is your upper bound on the root. The bigger is the unknown, the bigger XX should be. And
  the bigger it is... the more time it takes.

### Factoring with high bits known

Another case is factoring  $\,N\,$  knowing high bits of  $\,q\,$ .

The Factorization problem normally is: give N = pq, find q. In our **relaxed** model we know an approximation q' of q.

Here's how to do it with my implementation:

```
let f(x) = x - q' which has a root modulo q
```

What is important here if you want to find a solution:

- we should have q >= N^beta
- as usual xx is the upper bound of the root, so the difference should be: |diff| < X

```
note: diff = |q-q'|
```

# **Boneh Durfee**

The implementation of **Boneh and Durfee** attack (simplified by **Herrmann and May**) can be found in boneh\_durfee.sage.

The attack allows us to break RSA and the private exponent d. Here's why RSA works (where e is the public exponent, phi is euler's totient function, N is the public modulus):

```
ed = 1 mod phi(N)

=> ed = k phi(N) + 1 over Z

=> k phi(N) + 1 = 0 mod e

=> k (N + 1 - p - q) + 1 = 0 mod e

=> 2k [(N + 1)/2 + (-p - q)/2] + 1 = 0 mod e
```

The last equation gives us a bivariate polynomial f(x,y) = 1 + x \* (A + y). Finding the roots of this polynomial will allow us to easily compute the private exponent d.

The attack works if the private exponent d is too small compared to the modulus: d < N^0.292.

#### To use it:

- look at the how to use section at the end of the file in boneh\_durfee.sage and replace the values
  according to your problem: the variable delta is your hypothesis on the private exponent d. If
  you don't have d < N^delta you will not find solutions. Start small (delta = 0.26) and increase
  slowly (maximum is 0.292)</li>
- 2. Run the program. If you get an error: "Try with highers m and t" you should increase m. The more you increase it, the longer the program will need to run. Increase it until you get rid of the error.
- 3. If you do not want to increase m (because it takes too long for example) you can try to decrease x because it happens that it is too high compared to the root of the x you are trying to find. This is a last recourse tweak though.
- 4. If you still don't find anything for high values of delta, m and t then you can try to do an exhaustive search on  $d > N^0.292$ . Good luck!
- 5. Once you found solutions for  $\, {\bf x} \,$  and  $\, {\bf y} \,$  , you can easily insert them into the equation:

```
e d = x [(N + 1)/2 + y] + 1
```

The example in the code should be clear enough, there is also a write-up of a CTF challenge using this code.

**PS**: You can also try to use research.sage. It tries to remove *unhelpful vectors* when it doesn't break the triangular form of the lattice's basis. It might help you to use a lower m than necessary!