

RSA Class Activity

APT3090 CRYPTOGRAPHY AND NETWORK SECURITY

1. Provide the notation for generating RSA key pair, Encryption and Decryption

- i. Select two large prime numbers p and q .
- ii. Compute their product n : where $n = p \times q$
- iii. Calculate Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$ where $\phi(n) = (p-1) \times (q-1)$
- iv. Choose an integer e such that $1 < e < \phi(n)$ and $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(n)) = 1$.
- v. Determine d such that $d \times e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

Encryption

To encrypt a plaintext message m :

1. Convert the plaintext message m into an integer m such that $0 \leq m < n$
2. Compute the ciphertext c :

$$c = m^e \pmod{n}$$

Decryption

To decrypt a ciphertext c :

1. Compute the plaintext message m :

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

2. Decoding in RSA

Decode the three ciphertext symbols 5, 9 and 3 using the private RSA key (7, 11). What are the corresponding plaintext symbols?

i. Decrypt the ciphertext 5:

$$m = 5^{11} \bmod 7 = 3$$

The plaintext symbol for ciphertext 5 is 3.

ii. Decrypt the ciphertext 9:

$$m = 9^{11} \bmod 7 = 4$$

The plaintext symbol for ciphertext 9 is 4.

iii. Decrypt the ciphertext 3:

$$m = 3^{11} \bmod 7 = 5$$

The plaintext symbol for ciphertext 3 is 5.

3. Matching RSA Keys

Which of the following private RSA keys matches the public RSA key (5, 91)?

- (19, 91)

- (24, 91)

- (29, 91)

- (19, 81)

- (24, 81)

- (29, 81)

Solution

The modulus n should be the same for both public and private keys. So I eliminate options where $n = 91$:

- (19, 81)
- (24, 81)
- (29, 81)

Now I'm left with:

- (19, 91)
- (24, 91)
- (29, 91)

In RSA, e and d are related by the equation: $e * d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ where $\phi(n)$ is Euler's totient function

For $n = 91$; $\phi(n)$: $91 = 7 * 13$ (prime factorization)

$$\Phi(91) = (7-1) * (13-1) = 6 * 12 = 72$$

$$5 * d \equiv 1 \pmod{72}$$

$$5 * 29 = 145 \equiv 1 \pmod{72}$$

The correct private key is (29, 91).

4. Generate Your Own RSA Key Pair

Use the procedure as described in the lecture to generate a RSA key pair, using primes in the range from 20 to 100. Test the correctness of your key pair by encoding and decoding a number. If your key pair is correct, after decoding an encoded number, you should arrive at the number you started from.

Solution

two prime numbers p and q ;

$p=23$ and $q=47$.

$$n = 23 \times 47 = 1081$$

$$\phi(n) = (23-1) \times (47-1) = 22 \times 46 = 1012$$

Choose e such that $1 < e < \phi(n)$ and $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(n)) = 1$:

$$e=3$$

$$\text{GCD}(3, 1012) = 1$$

Determine d such that $d \times e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

I will use Euclidean Algorithm to find d

Q	A	B	R	T1	T2	T
337	1012	3	1	0	1	-337
3	3	1	0	1	-337	1014
	1	0		-337	1014	

$$-337 + 1012 = 675$$

$$675 \times 3 \bmod 1012 = 1$$

So, $d = 675$

Testing

$$m = 5$$

$$\text{encrypt } c = 5^3 \bmod 1081 = 125$$

$$c = 125$$

$$\text{decrypt } m = 125^{675} \bmod 1081 = 5$$

$$m = 5$$