

Asymmetric-Key Cryptography

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Objectives

- Distinguish between two cryptosystems:
symmetric-key and asymmetric-key
- Introduce trapdoor one-way functions and their
use in asymmetric-key cryptosystems
- Introduce the knapsack cryptosystem as one of the
first ideas in asymmetric-key cryptography
- Discuss on
 - RSA cryptosystem, Rabin cryptosystem, ElGamal
cryptosystem and Elliptic curve cryptosystem

Introduction

- *Symmetric and asymmetric-key cryptography will exist in parallel and continue to serve the community*
- *People believe that they are complements of each other*
 - *the advantages of one can compensate for the disadvantages of the other*

Symmetric-key cryptography is based on sharing secrecy; asymmetric-key cryptography is based on personal secrecy.

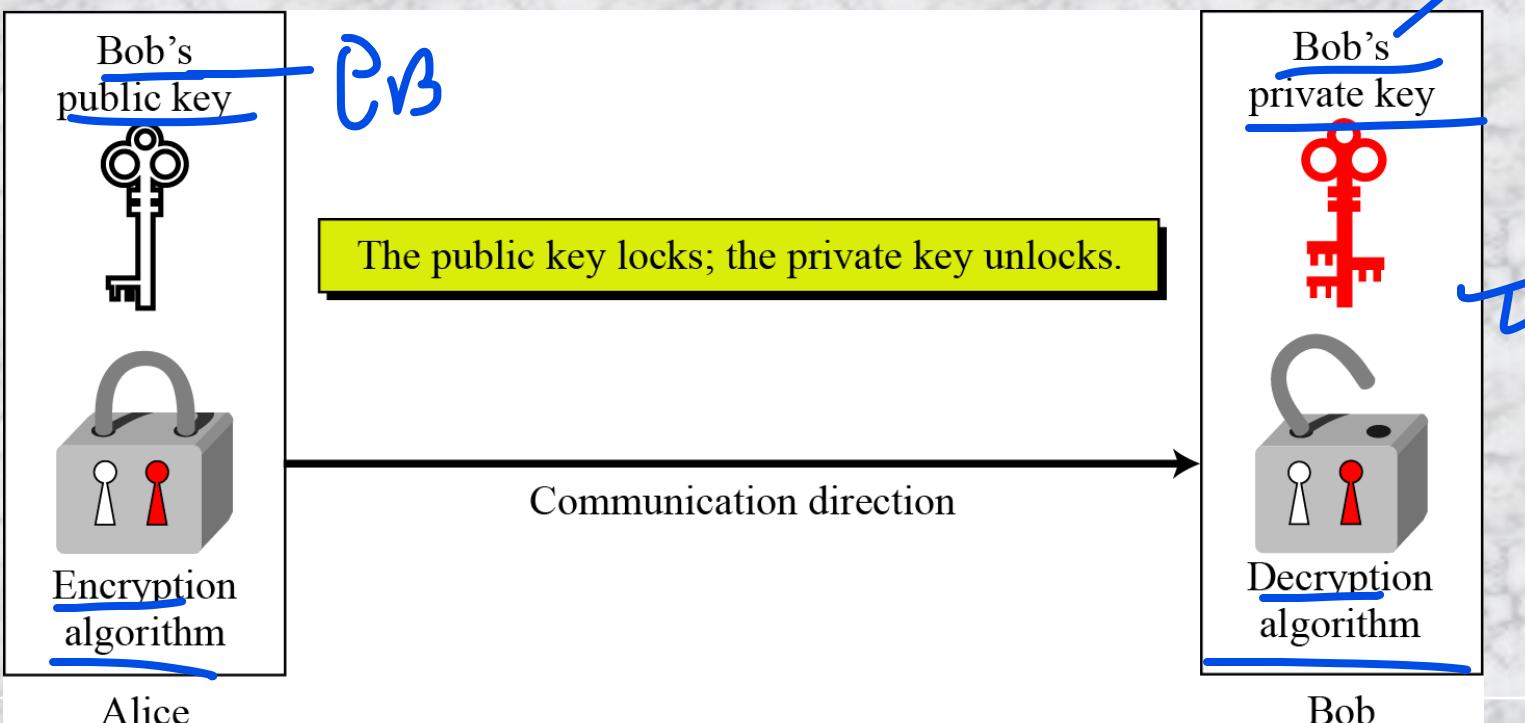
In a community of n people

- ~~✓ symmetric-key cryptography needed $n(n-1)/2$ secrets~~
- ~~✓ asymmetric-key cryptography needed n secrets~~

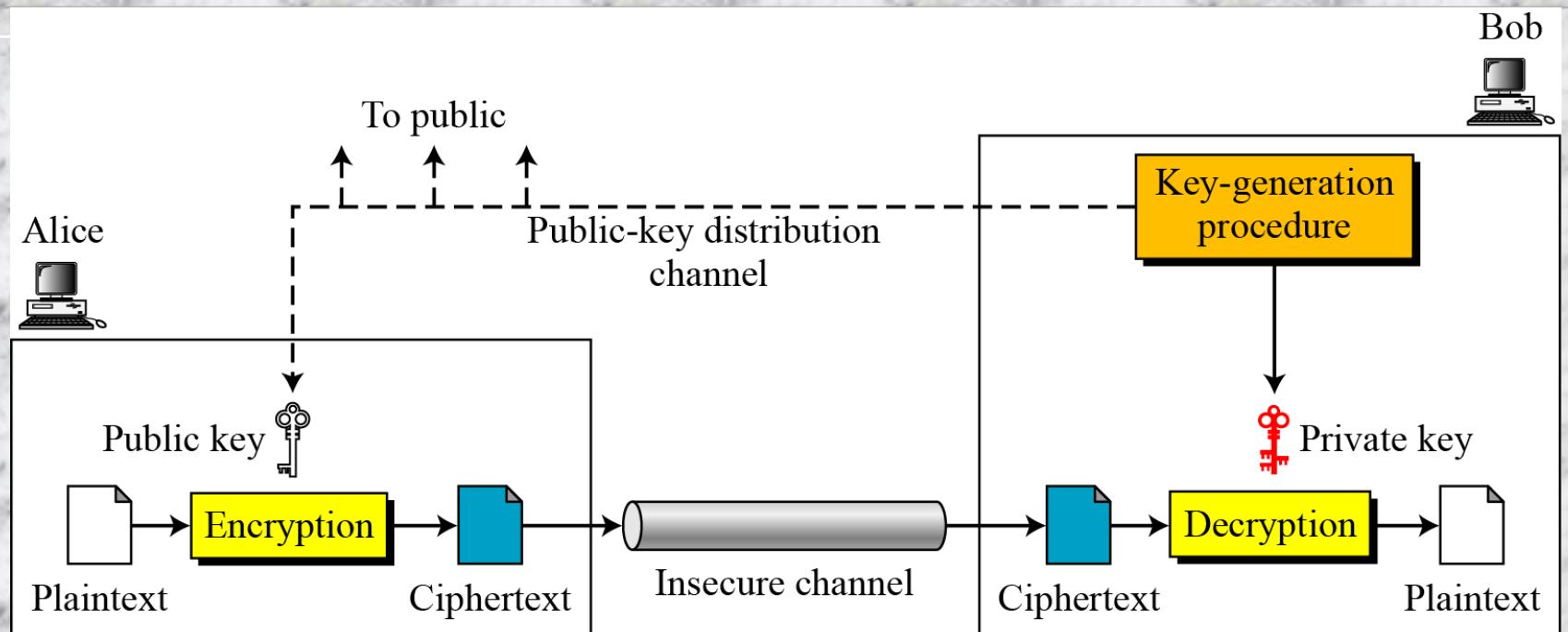
~~Keys~~

Alice sending message B to Bob.

- Asymmetric key cryptography uses two separate keys: one private and one public



General idea of asymmetric-key cryptosystem



Sender and receiver cannot use same set of keys for two-way communication

General idea of asymmetric-key cryptosystem (contd...)

- In symmetric-key cryptography plaintext and ciphertext are symbols which are either permuted or substituted
- In asymmetric- key cryptography plaintext and ciphertext are numbers, which are manipulated by mathematical functions

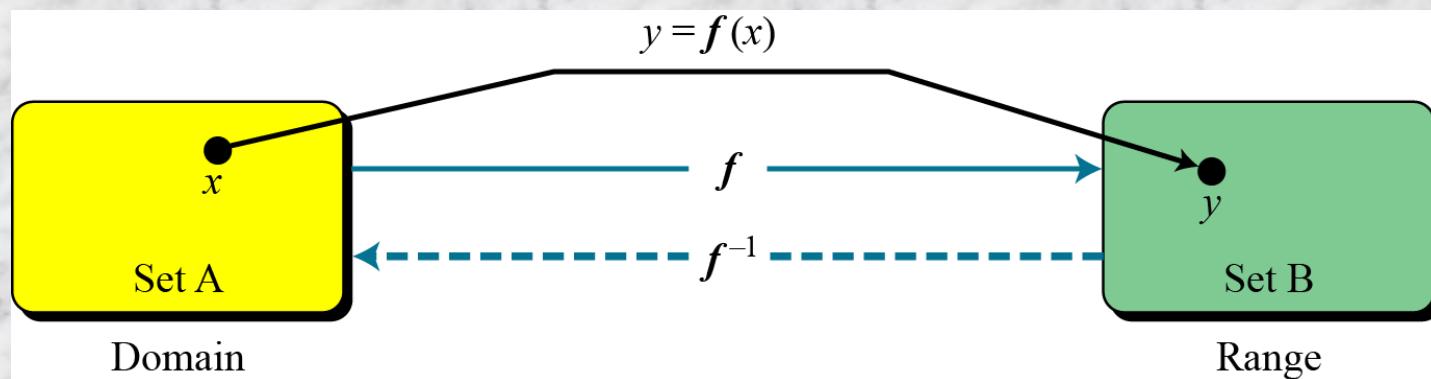
$$C = f(K_{public}, P) \quad P = g(K_{private}, C)$$

Need for Both cryptography

- There is a very important fact that is sometimes misunderstood: the advent of asymmetric-key cryptography does not eliminate the need for symmetric-key cryptography
- Asymmetric-key cryptography uses mathematical functions for both encryption and decryption
 - much slower than symmetric-key cryptography
 - for large message, symmetric-key cryptography is needed
 - Asymmetric-key cryptography is needed for authentication, digital signature, and secret-key exchange
- People believe that they are complements of each other

Trapdoor One-Way Function

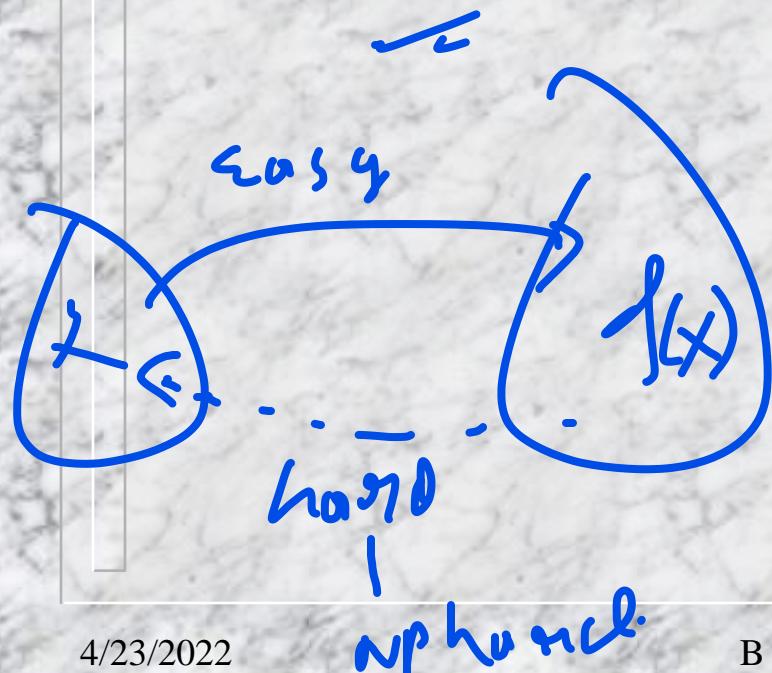
- The main idea behind asymmetric-key cryptography is the concept of the trapdoor one-way function
- Function:



~~im t~~ Trapdoor One-Way Function

~~One-Way Function (OWF)~~

- f is easy to compute
- f^{-1} is difficult to compute



Trapdoor One-Way Function (TOWF)

- f is easy to compute
- f^{-1} is difficult to compute
- Given y and a trapdoor, x can be computed easily

Easy in one direction

~~Example~~ /n/

When n is large, $n = p \times q$ is a one-way function

Given p and q , it is always easy to calculate n

given n , it is very difficult to compute p and q

 This is the factorization problem

When n is large, $y = x^k \bmod n$ is a trapdoor one-way function

Given x , k , and n , it is easy to calculate y

Given y , k , and n , it is very difficult to calculate x

This is the discrete logarithm problem

if we know the trapdoor, k' such that $k \times k' \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, we can use $x = y^{k'} \bmod n$ to find x

~~Knapsack Cryptosystem~~

- This Cryptosystem is insecure with today's standard
 - The main idea behind this cryptosystem gives an insight into recent public-key cryptosystems

Definition

$a = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k]$ and $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k]$.

$$s = knapsackSum(a, x) = x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + \cdots + x_ka_k$$

Given a and x , it is easy to calculate s . However, given s and a it is difficult to find x .

Knapsack Cryptosystem (contd...)

- Finding solution of knapsack is easy if ‘a’ is superincreasing ,i.e.,

$$a_i \geq a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{i-1}$$

Algorithm 10.1 *knapsacksum and inv_knapsackSum for a superincreasing k-tuple*

```
knapsackSum (x [1 ... k], a [1 ... k])
{
    s ← 0
    for (i = 1 to k)
    {
        s ← s + ai × xi
    }
    return s
}
```

```
inv_knapsackSum (s, a [1 ... k])
{
    for (i = k down to 1)
    {
        if s ≥ ai
        {
            xi ← 1
            s ← s - ai
        }
        else xi ← 0
    }
    return x [1 ... k]
}
```

Knapsack Cryptosystem (contd...)

Assume that $a = [17, 25, 46, 94, 201, 400]$ and $s = 272$ are given.

Table 10.1 shows how the tuple x is found using `inv_knapsackSum` routine in Algorithm 10.1. In this case $x = [0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0]$, which means that 25, 46, and 201 are in the knapsack.

Table 10.1 Values of i , a_i , s , and x_i in Example 10.3

i	a_i	s	$s \geq a_i$	x_i	$s \leftarrow s - a_i \times x_i$
6	400	272	false	$x_6 = 0$	272
5	201	272	true	$x_5 = 1$	71
4	94	71	false	$x_4 = 0$	71
3	46	71	true	$x_3 = 1$	25
2	25	25	true	$x_2 = 1$	0
1	17	0	false	$x_1 = 0$	0

Secret Communication with Knapsacks

Key Generation:

1. Consider superincreasing k-tuple $b = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k]$
2. Select n , $n > b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_k$
3. Select a random integer r , relatively prime to n and $1 \leq r < n$
4. Compute k-tuple $t = [t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k]$, $t_i = r \times b_i \dots \text{mod } n$
5. $a = \underline{\text{permute}}(t)$
6. Public-key: a ; private-key: n, r, b , $\underline{\text{permute}}$

Alice

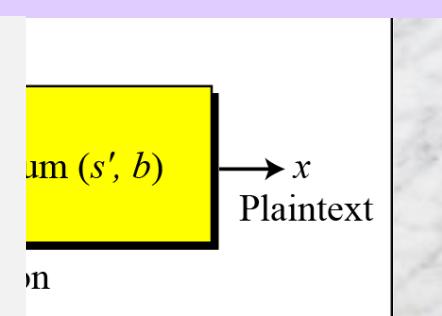


Encryption:

- 1 Convert message to k-tuple $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k]$, $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$
- 2 $s = \text{knapsackSum}(a, x)$

Decryption:

- 1 $s' = r^{-1} \times s \text{ mod } n$
- 2 $x' = \text{inv_knapsackSum}(s', b)$
- 3 $x = \text{permute}(x')$



Example

1. Key generation:
 - a. Bob creates the superincreasing tuple $b = [7, 11, 19, 39, 79, 157, 313]$.
 - b. Bob chooses the modulus $n = 900$ and $r = 37$, and $[4 \ 2 \ 5 \ 3 \ 1 \ 7 \ 6]$ as permutation table.
 - c. Bob now calculates the tuple $t = [259, 407, 703, 543, 223, 409, 781]$.
 - d. Bob calculates the tuple $a = \text{permute}(t) = [543, 407, 223, 703, 259, 781, 409]$.
 - e. Bob publicly announces a ; he keeps n, r , and b secret.
2. Suppose Alice wants to send a single character “g” to Bob.
 - a. She uses the 7-bit ASCII representation of “g”, $(1100111)_2$, and creates the tuple $x = [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]$. This is the plaintext.
 - b. Alice calculates $s = \text{knapsackSum}(a, x) = 2165$. This is the ciphertext sent to Bob.

Key

3. Bob can decrypt the ciphertext, $s = 2165$.
 - a. Bob calculates $s' = s \times r^{-1} \pmod{n} = 2165 \times 37^{-1} \pmod{900} = 527$.
 - b. Bob calculates $x' = \text{Inv_knapsackSum}(s', b) = [1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1]$.
 - c. Bob calculates $x = \text{permute}(x') = [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]$. He interprets the string $(1100111)_2$ as the character “g”.

E Decryption:

$$1 \ 1 \quad s' = r^{-1} \times s \pmod{n}$$

$$k], \ x_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$2 \ 2 \quad x' = \text{inv_knapsackSum}(s', b)$$

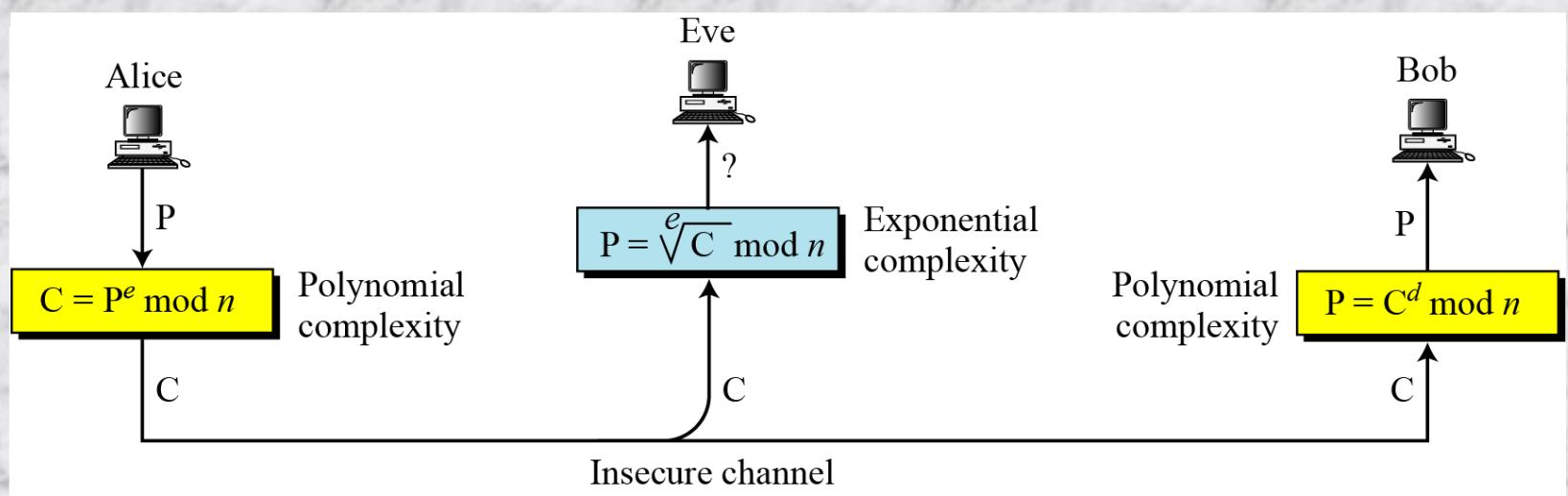
$$6 \ 3 \quad x = \text{permute}(x')$$

~~RSA~~ Cryptosystem

- *The most common public-key algorithm is the RSA cryptosystem, named for its inventors (Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman)*
- *RSA uses two exponent: e and d*
 - *e is public and d is private*
 - *Encryption: $C = P^e \text{ mod } n$*
 - *Decryption: $P = C^d \text{ mod } n$*
 - *n is very large, created during key generation*

Both encryption and decryption
uses modular exponent

RSA Cryptosystem (contd...)

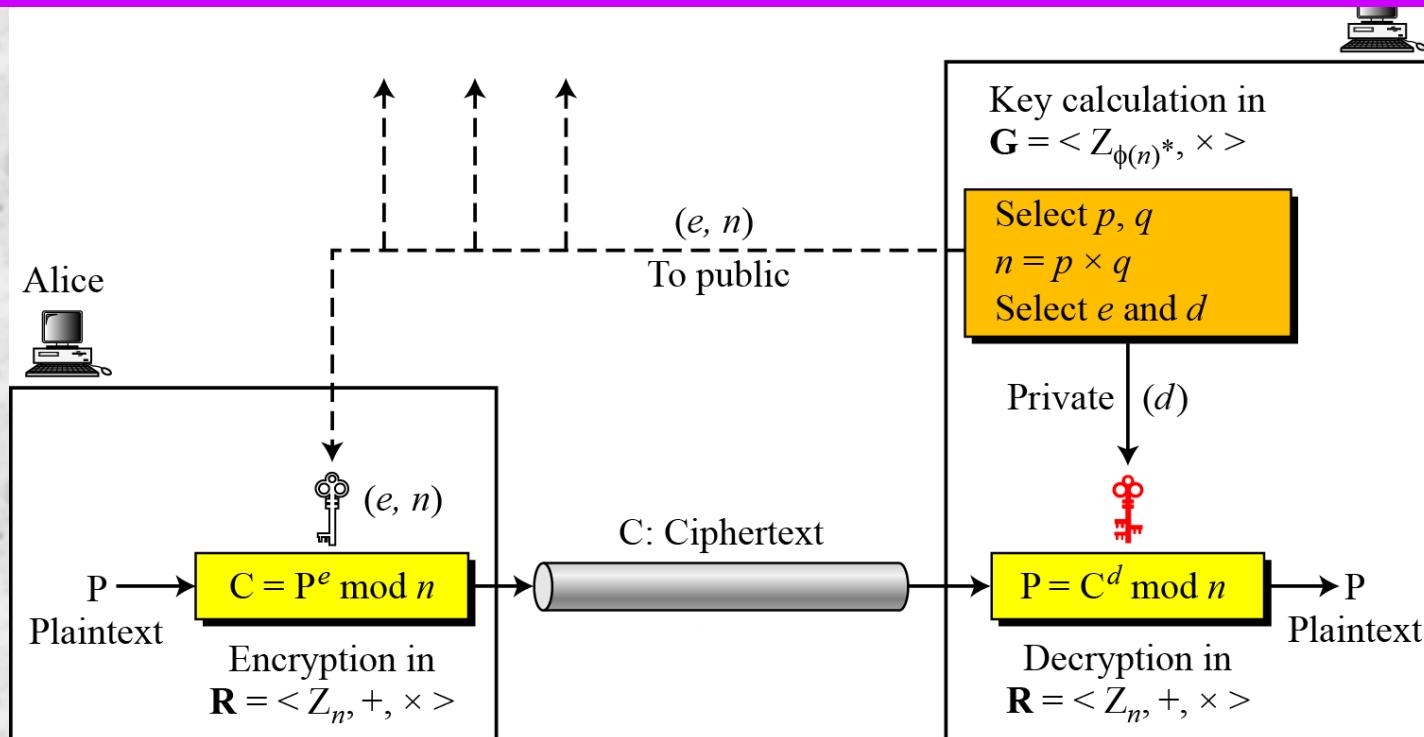


**RSA uses modular exponentiation for encryption/decryption;
To attack it, Eve needs to calculate $\sqrt[e]{C} \text{ mod } n$.**

Modular exponent is polynomial time
Modular logarithm is as hard as modulus factoring

Procedure of RSA

Key is generated in multiplicative group $G = \langle Z_{\phi(n)}^*, \times \rangle$
(private group)



Encryption/decryption are done in
commutative ring $\mathbf{R} = \langle Z_n^*, +, \times \rangle$
(public)

(e, n) is public and d is private

Key generation

Algorithm 10.2 RSA Key Generation

RSA_Key_Generation

{

Select two large primes p and q such that $p \neq q$.

$$n \leftarrow p \times q$$

$$\phi(n) \leftarrow (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$$

// Discard p and q and $\phi(n)$

Select e such that $1 < e < \phi(n)$ and e is coprime to $\phi(n)$

// d is inverse of e modulo $\phi(n)$

$$d \leftarrow e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$$

$$\text{Public_key} \leftarrow (e, n)$$

// To be announced publicly

$$\text{Private_key} \leftarrow d$$

// To be kept secret

return Public_key and Private_key

multiplicative inverse

}

RSA encryption/decryption

~~Algorithm 10.3 RSA encryption~~

```
RSA_Encryption (P, e, n) // P is the plaintext in  $Z_n$  and  $P < n$ 
{
    C ← Fast_Exponentiation (P, e, n) // Calculation of  $(P^e \bmod n)$ 
    return C
}
```

~~In RSA, p and q must be at least 512 bits; n must be at least 1024 bits.~~

~~Algorithm 10.4 RSA decryption~~

```
RSA_Decryption (C, d, n) // C is the ciphertext in  $Z_n$ 
{
    P ← Fast_Exponentiation (C, d, n) // Calculation of  $(C^d \bmod n)$ 
    return P
}
```

multiple instances of "P"

RSA encryption/decryption (contd...)

If $n = p \times q$, $a < n$, and k is an integer, then $a^{k \times \phi(n) + 1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$.



$$P_1 = C^d \pmod{n} = (P^e \pmod{n})^d \pmod{n} = P^{ed} \pmod{n}$$

$$ed = k\phi(n) + 1 \quad // d \text{ and } e \text{ are inverses modulo } \phi(n)$$

$$P_1 = P^{ed} \pmod{n} \rightarrow P_1 = P^{k\phi(n)+1} \pmod{n}$$

$$P_1 = P^{k\phi(n)+1} \pmod{n} = P \pmod{n}$$

// Euler's theorem (second version)

RSA cryptosystem: example1

- Bob chooses 7 and 11 as p and q and calculates $n = 77$. The value of $\phi(n) = (7 - 1)(11 - 1)$ or 60
- Select e and d , from Z_{60}^* , $e \times d \text{ mod } 60 = 1$ ($e=13$ and $d=37$ are inverses of each)
- Plaintext is 5, $e=13$ then

Plaintext: 5

$$C = 5^{13} = 26 \text{ mod } 77$$

Ciphertext: 26



- The ciphertext is 26 and the private key 37 to decipher the ciphertext as:

Ciphertext: 26

$$P = 26^{37} = 5 \text{ mod } 77$$

Plaintext: 5



RSA cryptosystem: example2

- For another plaintext 63 with the same key e=13, the ciphertext will be

Plaintext: 63

$$C = 63^{13} \equiv 28 \pmod{77}$$

Ciphertext: 28

- For ciphertext 28 with private key 37, the plaintext is

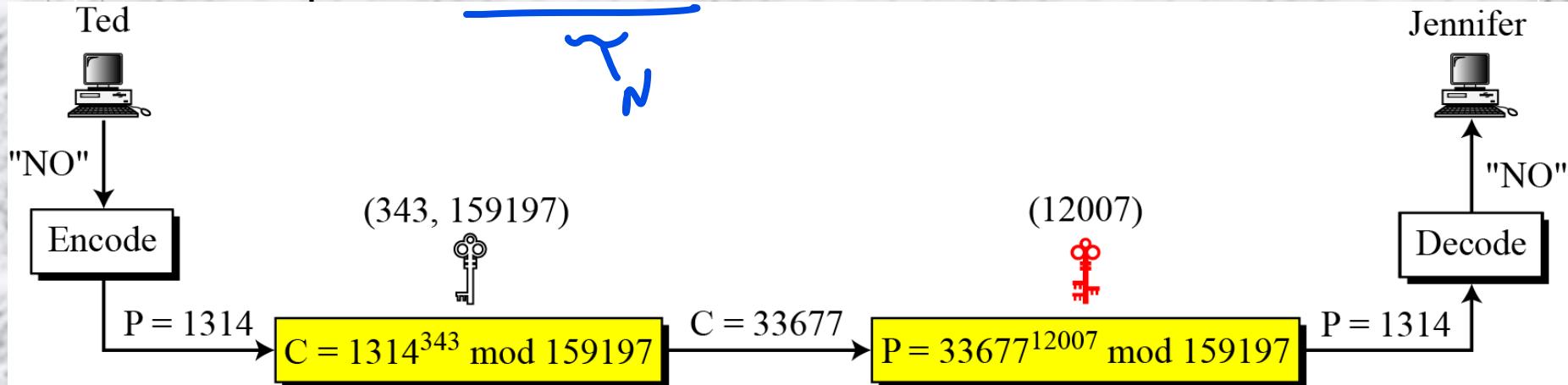
Ciphertext: 28

$$P = 28^{37} \equiv 63 \pmod{77}$$

Plaintext: 63

RSA cryptosystem: example3

- For $p = 397$ and $q = 401$, $n = 159197$
- $\phi(n) = 158400$; say, $e = 343$ then $d = 12007$
- Suppose, message is “NO” to transmit
- Change each character to a number (from 00 to 25), with each character coded as two digits
- Then concatenates the two coded characters and gets a four-digit number
- The plaintext is 1314

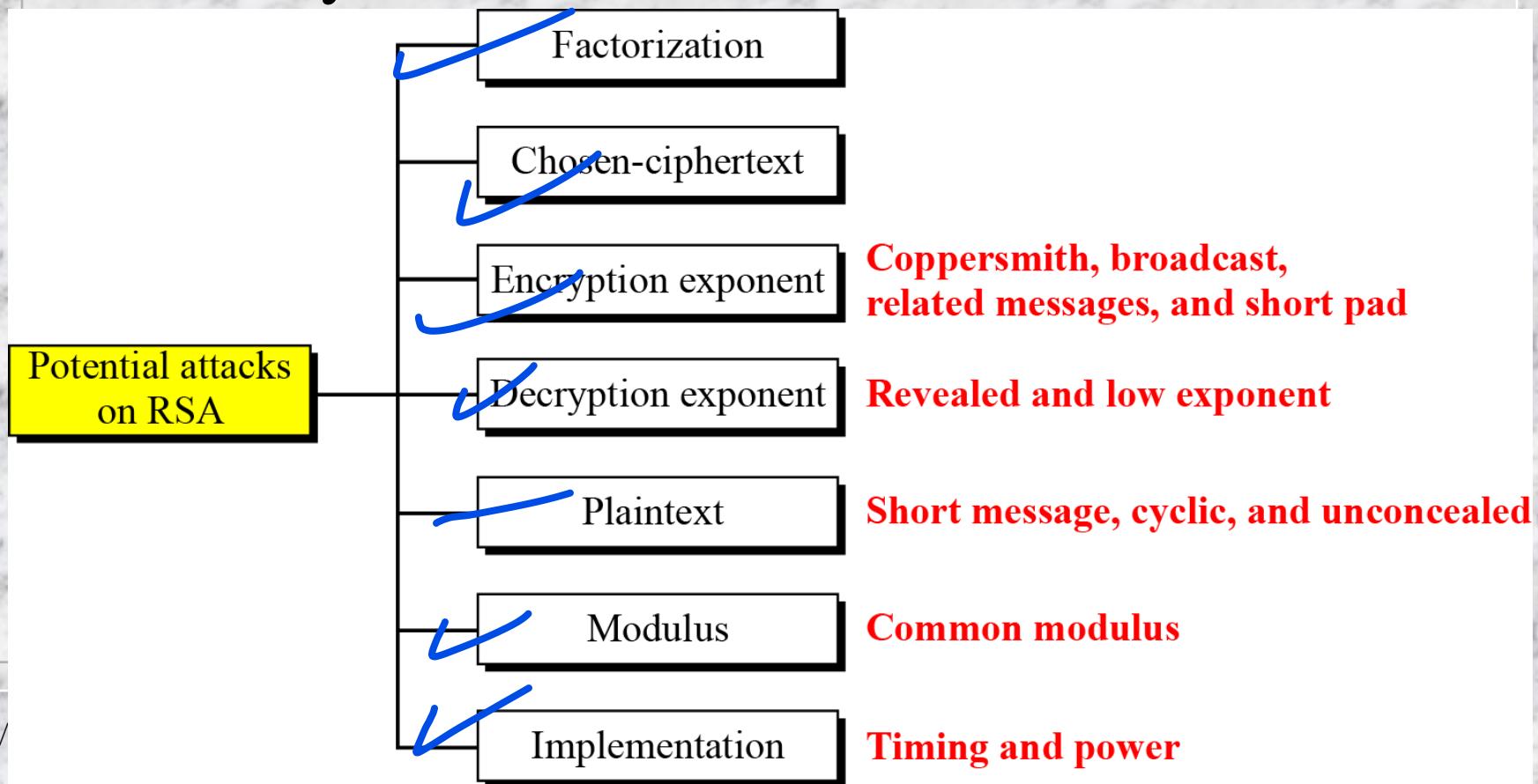


$$c = m^e \bmod n \quad p = c^d \bmod n$$

Attacks on RSA

$$c^d \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- No devastating attacks on RSA have been discovered yet

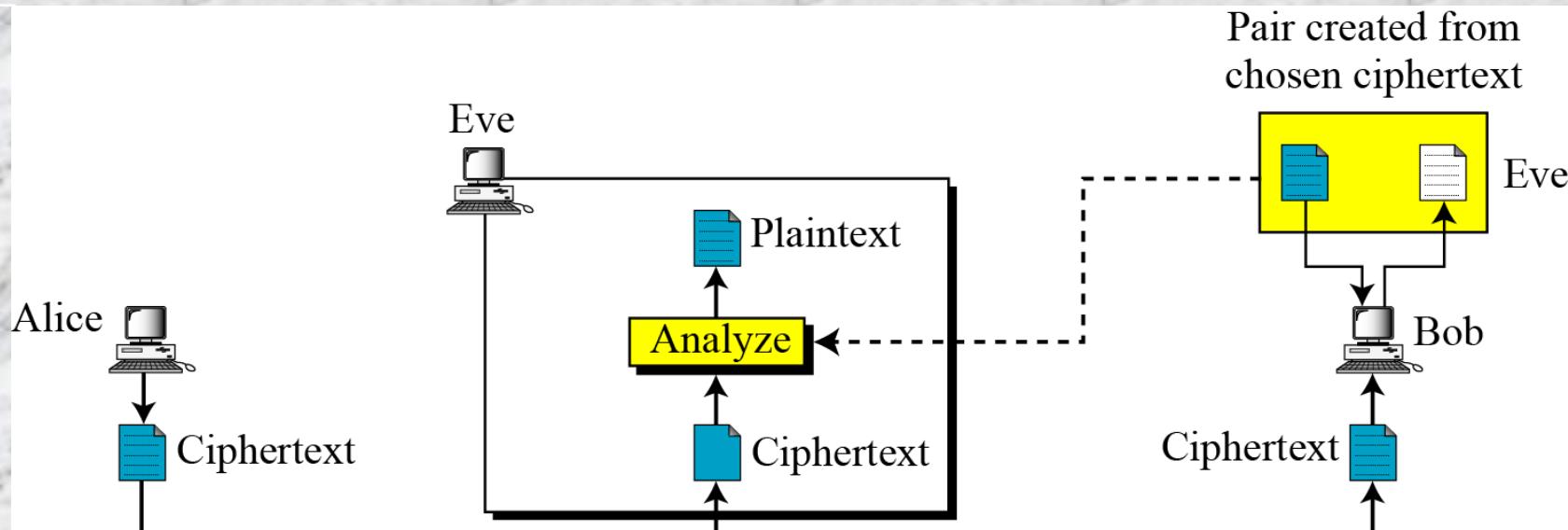


Factorization attack on RSA

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- Factoring n ($n=p \cdot q$) is infeasible in reasonable time
- If n can be factored, then $\phi(n) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$ can be computed, $d = e^{-1} \bmod \phi(n)$ can be calculated
- None of the factorization algorithm can factor a large number in polynomial time
- If n is number having more than 300 digits (i.e., more than 1024 bits)
 - It takes infeasible long time
- RSA is secure as long as no efficient factorization algorithm is designed

Chosen-ciphertext attack



Chosen-ciphertext attack

1. Sender creates $C = P^e \text{ mod } n$ and send to receiver
2. Attacker:
 1. Choose a random number $X \in Z_n^*$
 2. Compute $Y = C \times X^e \text{ mod } n$
 3. Y sends to receiver (i.e., attacker also have access machine of the receiver), i.e., $Z = Y^d \text{ mod } n$
 4. Attacker find P
$$Z = Y^d \text{ mod } n = (C \times X^e)^d \text{ mod } n = (C^d \times X^{ed}) \text{ mod } n$$
$$= (P \times X) \text{ mod } n$$
$$P = Z \times X^{-1} \text{ mod } n$$

Attacks on the encryption exponent

- Small exponent value e is vulnerable
 - Normally used value 3 (second prime)
 - Recommended value of e to use is $2^{16}+1 = 65537$ (or a prime number close to this)
- Broadcast attacks:
 - Same message is sends to a group of recipients with same low exponent
 - $C_1 = P^3 \text{ mod } n_1$ $C_2 = P^3 \text{ mod } n_2$ and $C_3 = P^3 \text{ mod } n_3$
 - Chinese remainder theorem: $C' = P^3 \text{ mod } n_1 n_2 n_3$ and $P^3 < n_1 n_2 n_3$

Short pad attack

- $C_1 = \text{Enc}(M \mid r1, e, n)$ not reached to recipient
- $C_2 = \text{Enc}(M \mid r2, e, n)$
- Attacker intercepts both C_1 and C_2 and drop
 - Since, both C_1 and C_2 are from same message and $r1$ and $r2$ are short, then original message can be easily recovered by the attacker

Attacks on decryption exponent

- If d is compromised, then p, q, n, e and d must be regenerated
- The recommendation is to have $d \geq 1/3 n^{1/4}$ to prevent low decryption exponent attack

Plaintext attacks

- Plaintext and ciphertext in RSA are permutation of each other
 - This allow some attacks on the plaintext
 - Short message attack, cycling attack and unconcealed attack
- Short message attack
 - Set of possible plaintexts is known to attacker
 - Additional information, ciphertext is permutation of plaintext
 - Exhaustive search
 - Message be padded with random bits (at front end and the end) before encryption using a method called OAEP

Cycling attack

- Ciphertext is permutation of plaintext
 - Continuous encryption of the ciphertext will result the plaintext
- $$C_1 = C^e \bmod n$$
- $$C_2 = C_1^e \bmod n$$
- $$\dots$$
- $$C_k = C_{k-1}^e \bmod n$$
- If $C_k = C$, then $P=C_{k-1}$

Unconcealed message attack

- If $C == P$
 - In exponent, for $P=0$ or $P=1$, $C=P$
 - We have more for some particular exponent
 - The encryption program, checks the ciphertext and if its same as plaintext
 - Reject that plaintext

Attacks on implementation

- So far, we consider attacks on underlying structure of RSA
- Now, attacks on the implementation of RSA:
 - Timing attack, and
 - Power attack

Timing attack

- In RSA, exponent is used
 - Exponent (definitely odd number) can be computed by square and multiplication method
 - If the corresponding bit value of exponent is 0 → square
 - If the corresponding bit value of exponent is 1 → both square and multiplication
 - Bit 1 → more execution time $b_i = 1$
 - Bit 0 → less execution time $b_i = 0$

Power attack ✓

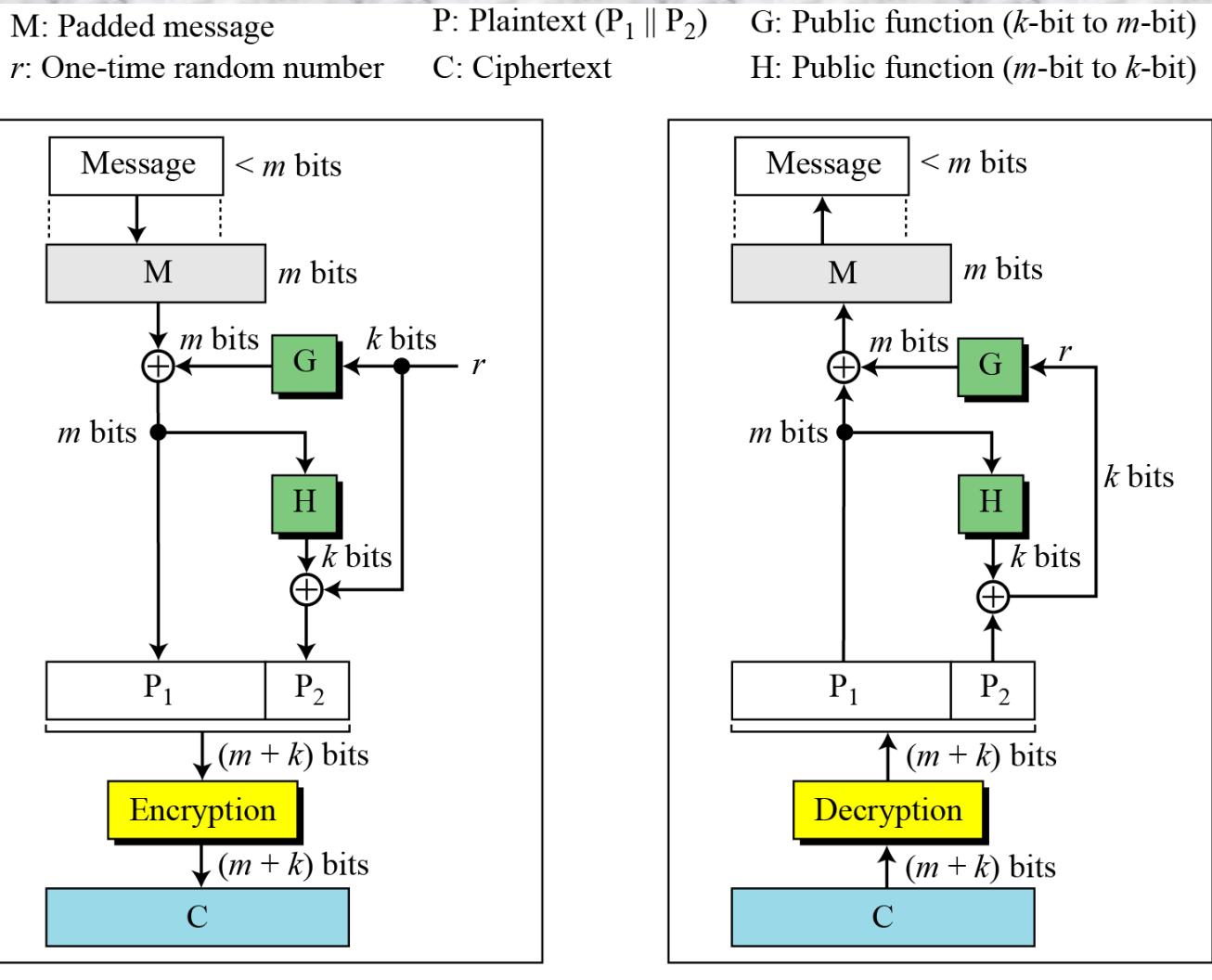
- ❑ Similar to timing attack
- ❑ Measures the power consumption

Recommendations for RSA

- Number of bits for n should be 1024, i.e., 309 decimal digits
- Two prime numbers should be at least 512 bits, i.e., 154 decimal digits
- Values of p and q should not be very close to each other
- p and q should have least one large prime factor
- The value of e should be close to $2^{16}+1$
- Message must be padded using OAEP

OAEP (optimal asymmetric encryption padding)

- A short note on ciphertext attack
 - Adding attack handling
 - The recovery of plaintext in asymmetric encryption



Error in transmission of ciphertext,
recovery of plaintext is not possible

RABIN CRYPTOSYSTEM

- *The Rabin cryptosystem can be thought of as an RSA cryptosystem in which the value of e and d are fixed.*
- *RSA is based on exponentiation congruence*
- *Rabin is based on quadratic congruence*
- *The encryption is $C \equiv P^2 \pmod{n}$ and the decryption is $P \equiv C^{1/2} \pmod{n}$.*

RABIN CRYPTOSYSTEM

Algorithm 10.8 Decryption in Rabin cryptosystem

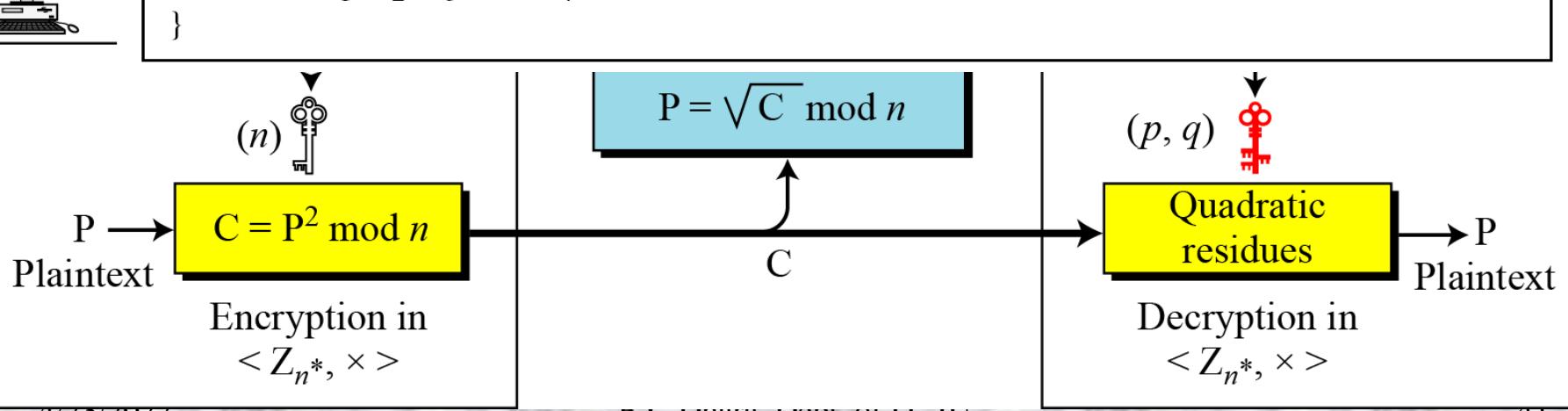
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Rabin_Decryption ( $p, q, C$ )           //  $C$  is the ciphertext;  $p$  and  $q$  are private keys
{
     $a_1 \leftarrow +(C^{(p+1)/4}) \bmod p$ 
     $a_2 \leftarrow -(C^{(p+1)/4}) \bmod p$ 
     $b_1 \leftarrow +(C^{(q+1)/4}) \bmod q$ 
     $b_2 \leftarrow -(C^{(q+1)/4}) \bmod q$ 
    // The algorithm for the Chinese remainder theorem
     $P_1 \leftarrow \text{Chinese_Remainder}(a_1, b_1, p, q)$ 
     $P_2 \leftarrow \text{Chinese_Remainder}(a_1, b_2, p, q)$ 
     $P_3 \leftarrow \text{Chinese_Remainder}(a_2, b_1, p, q)$ 
     $P_4 \leftarrow \text{Chinese_Remainder}(a_2, b_2, p, q)$ 
    return  $P_1, P_2, P_3$ , and  $P_4$ 
}

```

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Example: Rabin crypto system

1. Bob selects $p = 23$ and $q = 7$, both are congruent to 3 mod 4.

5. Bob receives 93 and calculates four values:

$$a_1 = +(93^{(23+1)/4}) \bmod 23 = 1 \bmod 23$$

$$a_2 = -(93^{(23+1)/4}) \bmod 23 = 22 \bmod 23$$

$$b_1 = +(93^{(7+1)/4}) \bmod 7 = 4 \bmod 7$$

$$b_2 = -(93^{(7+1)/4}) \bmod 7 = 3 \bmod 7$$

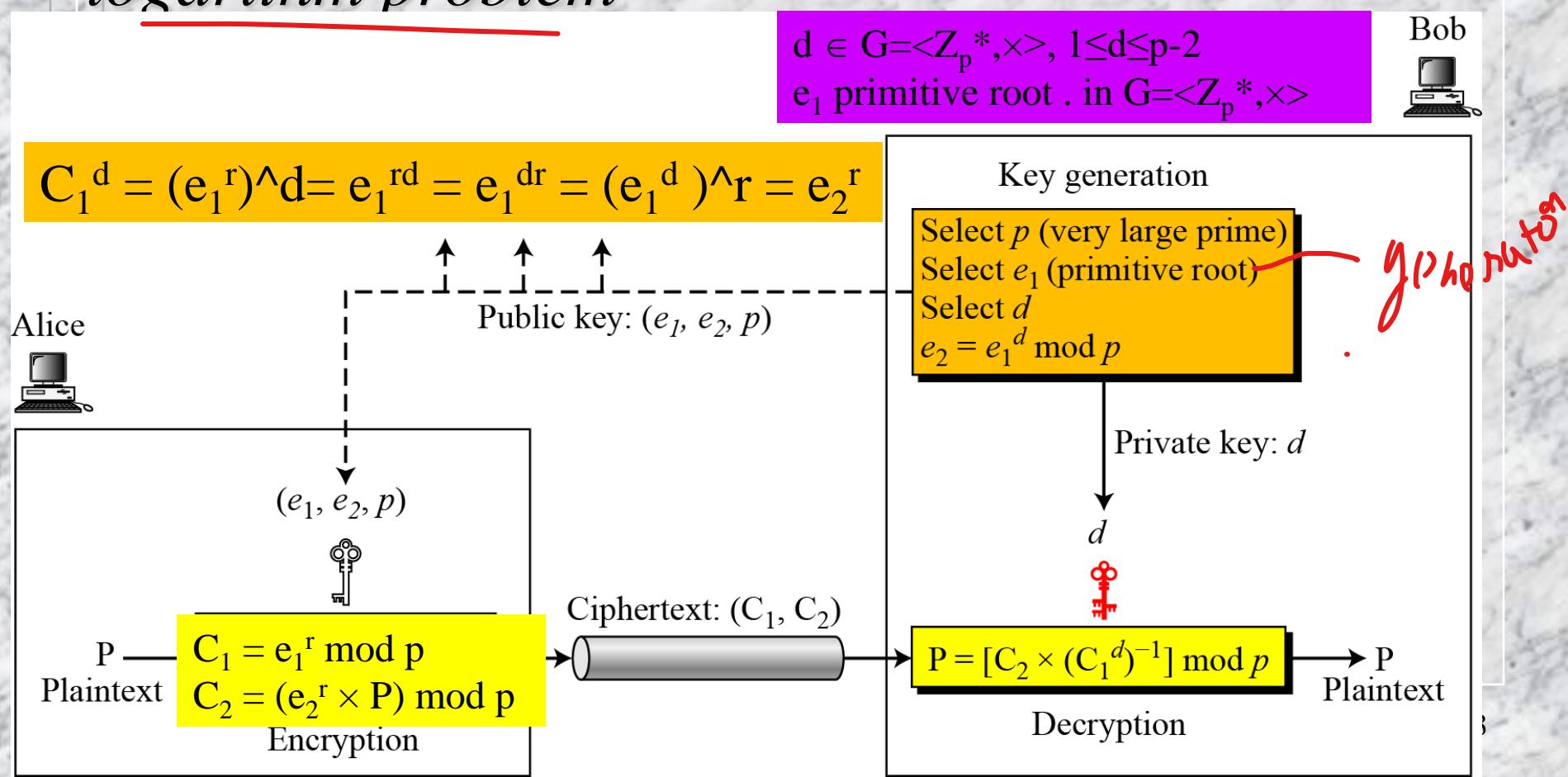
6. Bob takes four possible answers, (a_1, b_1) , (a_1, b_2) , (a_2, b_1) , and (a_2, b_2) , and uses the Chinese remainder theorem to find four possible plaintexts: 116, 24, 137, and 45.

7. $116^2 \equiv 93 \bmod 161$, $24^2 \equiv 93 \bmod 161$, $137^2 \equiv 93 \bmod 161$, $45^2 \equiv 93 \bmod 161$

8. Note that only the second answer is Alice's plaintext.

~~ELGAMAL CRYPTOSYSTEM~~

~~Besides RSA and Rabin, another public-key cryptosystem is ElGamal, based on the discrete logarithm problem~~



Example: ElGamal cryptosystem

Here is a trivial example. Bob chooses $p = 11$ and $e_1 = 2$, and $d = 3$. $e_2 = e_1^d = 8$. So the public keys are $(2, 8, 11)$ and the private key is 3. Alice chooses $r = 4$ and calculates $C1$ and $C2$ for the plaintext 7.

Instead of using $P = [C_2 \times (C_1^d)^{-1}] \bmod p$ for decryption, we can avoid the calculation of multiplicative inverse and use $P = [C_2 \times C_1^{p-1-d}] \bmod p$ (see Fermat's little theorem in Chapter 9). In Example 10.10, we can calculate $\underline{P = [6 \times 5^{11-1-3}] \bmod 11} = 7 \bmod 11$.

Bob receives the ciphertexts (5 and 6) and calculates the plaintext.

$$[C_2 \times (C_1^d)^{-1}] \bmod 11 = 6 \times (5^3)^{-1} \bmod 11 = 6 \times 3 \bmod 11 = 7 \bmod 11$$

Plaintext: 7

Security of ElGamal

❑ Low modulus attack

- If p is nor large enough, some efficient algorithm to find d and r
- Recommended, p must be at least 300 digits

❑ Known-plaintext attack

- If same r is used to encrypt two plaintexts P and P'
- When P is known then P' can be discovered

$$\begin{aligned} e_2^r &= C_2 \times P^{-1} \pmod{p} \\ P' &= C_2' \times (e_2^r)^{-1} \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

For the ElGamal cryptosystem, p must be at least 300 digits and r must be new for each encipherment.

Elliptic Curve Cryptosystems

- Although RSA and ElGamal are secure asymmetric-key cryptosystems, their security comes with a price, their large keys
- Researchers have looked for alternatives that give the same level of security with smaller key sizes
- One of these promising alternatives is the elliptic curve cryptosystem (ECC)

Elliptic Curves over Real Numbers

- *The general equation for an elliptic curve is*

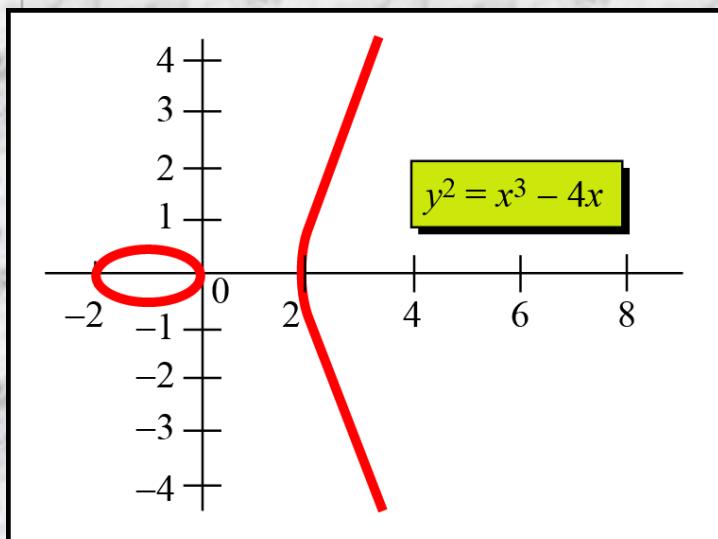
$$y^2 + b_1xy + b_2y = x^3 + a_1x^2 + a_2x + a_3$$

- *Elliptic curves over real numbers use a special class of elliptic curves of the form*

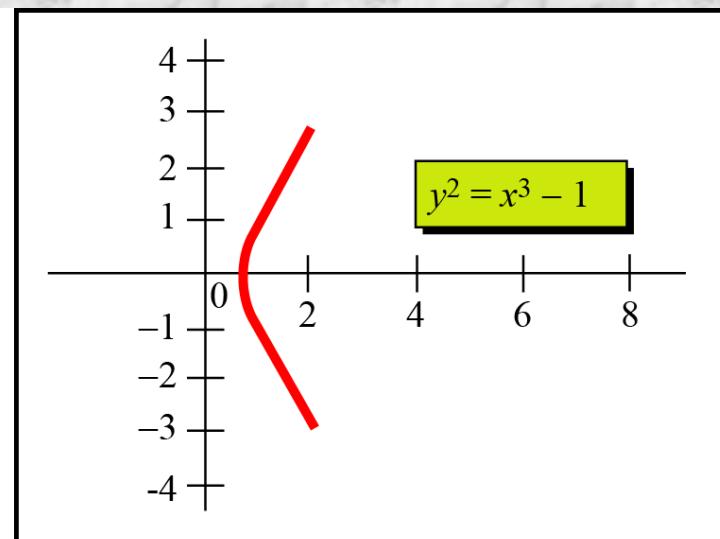
$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

Elliptic Curves over Real Numbers (contd...)

- If $4a^3+27b^2 \neq 0$, the equation $x^3+ax+b=0$ has three distinct root



a. Three real roots



b. One real and two imaginary roots

Points on Elliptic curve

- Points on Elliptic curve over real numbers forms an Abelian group under addition, where addition is defined as follows:



3. The intercepting point is at infinity; a point O as the point at infinity or zero point, which is the additive identity of the group.

Finding an Inverse in GF(p)

- *The inverse of a point (x, y) is $(x, -y)$, where $-y$ is the additive inverse of y .*
- *For example, if $p = 13$, the inverse of $(4, 2)$ is $(4, 11)$.*

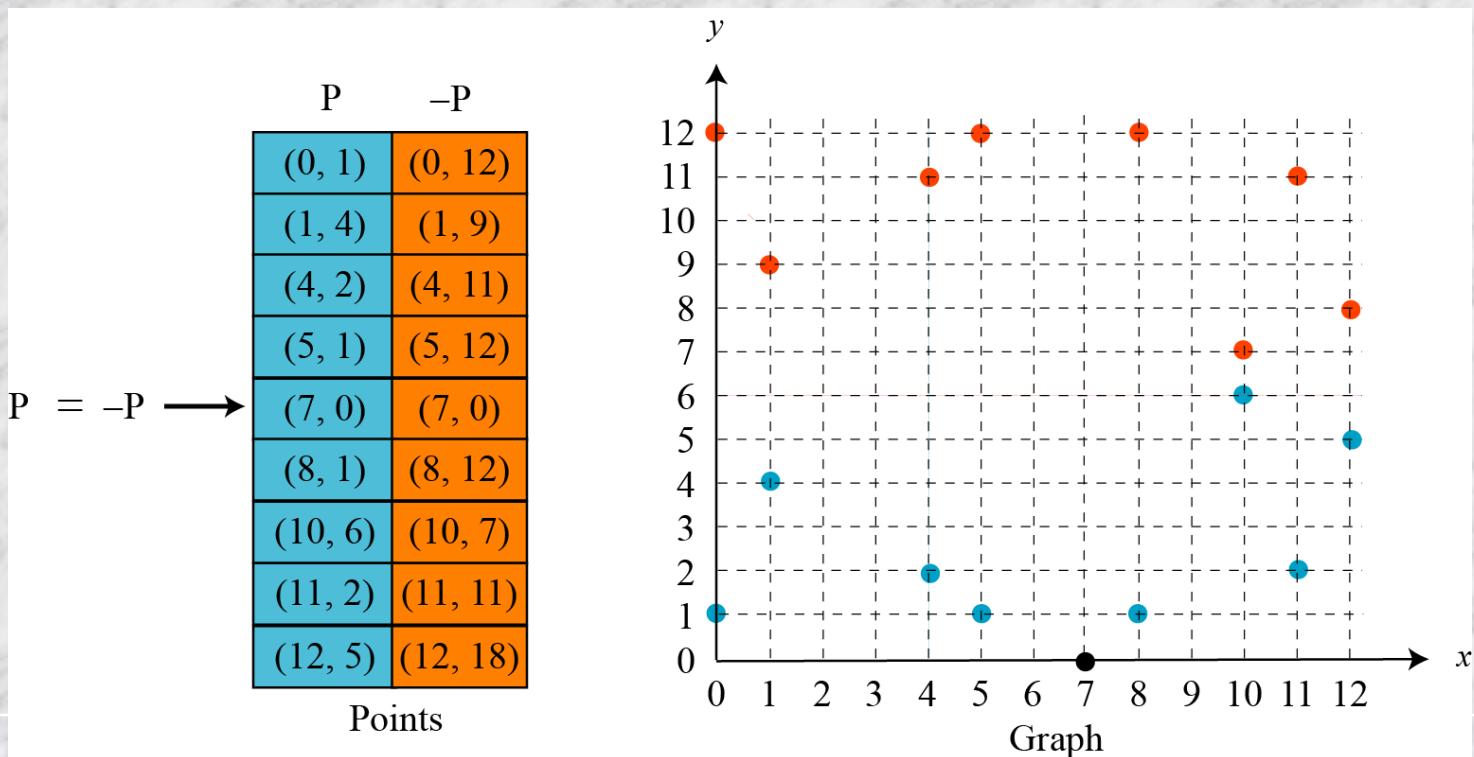
Finding Points on the Curve $Ep(a, b)$ in $GF(p)$

Algorithm 10.12 Pseudocode for finding points on an elliptic curve

```
ellipticCurve_points ( $p, a, b$ ) //  $p$  is the modulus
{
     $x \leftarrow 0$ 
    while ( $x < p$ )
    {
         $w \leftarrow (x^3 + ax + b) \text{ mod } p$  //  $w$  is  $y^2$ 
        if ( $w$  is a perfect square in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ ) output  $(x, \sqrt{w})$   $(x, -\sqrt{w})$ 
         $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
    }
}
```

Finding Points on the Curve $E_p(a, b)$ in $GF(p)$

- The equation is $y^2 = x^3 + x + 1$ and the calculation is done modulo 13



Adding two points in GF(p)

Let us add two points in Example 10.14, $R = P + Q$, where $P = (4, 2)$ and $Q = (10, 6)$.

- a. $\lambda = (6 - 2) \times (10 - 4)^{-1} \text{ mod } 13 = 4 \times 6^{-1} \text{ mod } 13 = 5 \text{ mod } 13$.
- b. $x = (5^2 - 4 - 10) \text{ mod } 13 = 11 \text{ mod } 13$.
- c. $y = [5(4 - 11) - 2] \text{ mod } 13 = 2 \text{ mod } 13$.
- d. $R = (11, 2)$, which is a point on the curve in Example 10.14.

How about $E_{23}(1,1)$, let $P=(3, 10)$ and $Q=(9,7)$: $P + Q?$; $2P?$

$$\lambda = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$x_3 = \lambda^2 - x_1 - x_2 \quad y_3 = \lambda(x_1 - x_3) - y_1$$

Elliptic Curves over $GF(2^n)$

$$y^2 + xy = x^3 + ax^2 + b$$

Finding Inverses

If $P = (x, y)$, then $-P = (x, x + y)$.

Finding Points on the Curve

We can write an algorithm to find the points on the curve using generators for polynomials discussed in Chapter 7..

Points on EC in $GF(2^n)$

We choose $GF(2^3)$ with elements $\{0, 1, g, g^2, g^3, g^4, g^5, g^6\}$ using the irreducible polynomial of $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$, which means that $g^3 + g + 1 = 0$ or $g^3 = g + 1$. Other powers of g can be calculated accordingly. The following shows the values of the g 's.

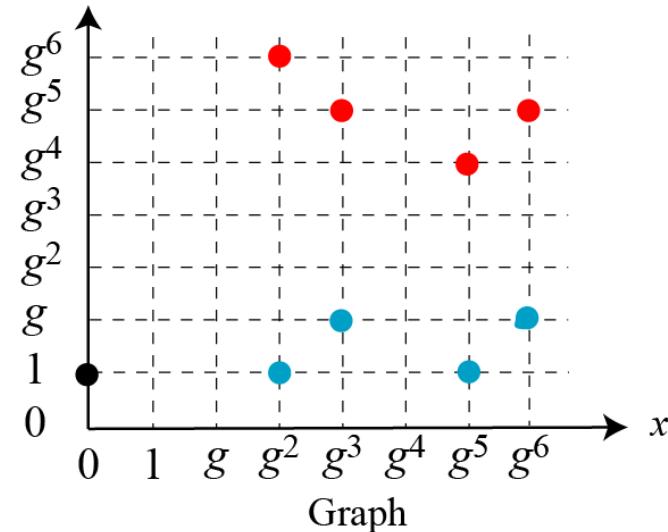
0	000	$g^3 = g + 1$	011
1	001	$g^4 = g^2 + g$	110
g	010	$g^5 = g^2 + g + 1$	111
g^2	100	$g^6 = g^2 + 1$	101

Points on EC in $GF(2^n)$ (contd...)

Using the elliptic curve $y^2 + xy = x^3 + g^3x^2 + 1$, with $a = g^3$ and $b = 1$, we can find the points on this curve, as shown in Figure 10.15..

	P	$-P$
$P = -P \rightarrow$	$(0, 1)$	$(0, 1)$
	$(g^2, 1)$	(g^2, g^6)
	(g^3, g^2)	(g^3, g^5)
	$(g^5, 1)$	(g^5, g^4)
	(g^6, g)	(g^6, g^5)
Points		

0	000	$g^3 = g + 1$	011
1	001	$g^4 = g^2 + g$	110
g	010	$g^5 = g^2 + g + 1$	111
g^2	100	$g^6 = g^2 + 1$	101



Adding two points on EC in $GF(2^n)$

Adding Two Points

1. If $P = (x_1, y_1)$, $Q = (x_2, y_2)$, $Q \neq -P$, and $Q \neq P$, then $R = (x_3, y_3) = P + Q$ can be found as

$$\lambda = (y_2 + y_1) / (x_2 + x_1)$$

$$x_3 = \lambda^2 + \lambda + x_1 + x_2 + a \quad y_3 = \lambda(x_1 + x_3) + x_3 + y_1$$

If $Q = P$, then $R = P + P$ (or $R = 2P$) can be found as

$$\lambda = x_1 + y_1 / x_1$$

$$x_3 = \lambda^2 + \lambda + a \quad y_3 = {x_1}^2 + (\lambda + 1)x_3$$

Adding two points on EC in $GF(2^n)$: example

Let us find $R = P + Q$, where $P = (0, 1)$ and $Q = (g^2, 1)$.
We have $\lambda = 0$ and $R = (g^5, g^4)$.

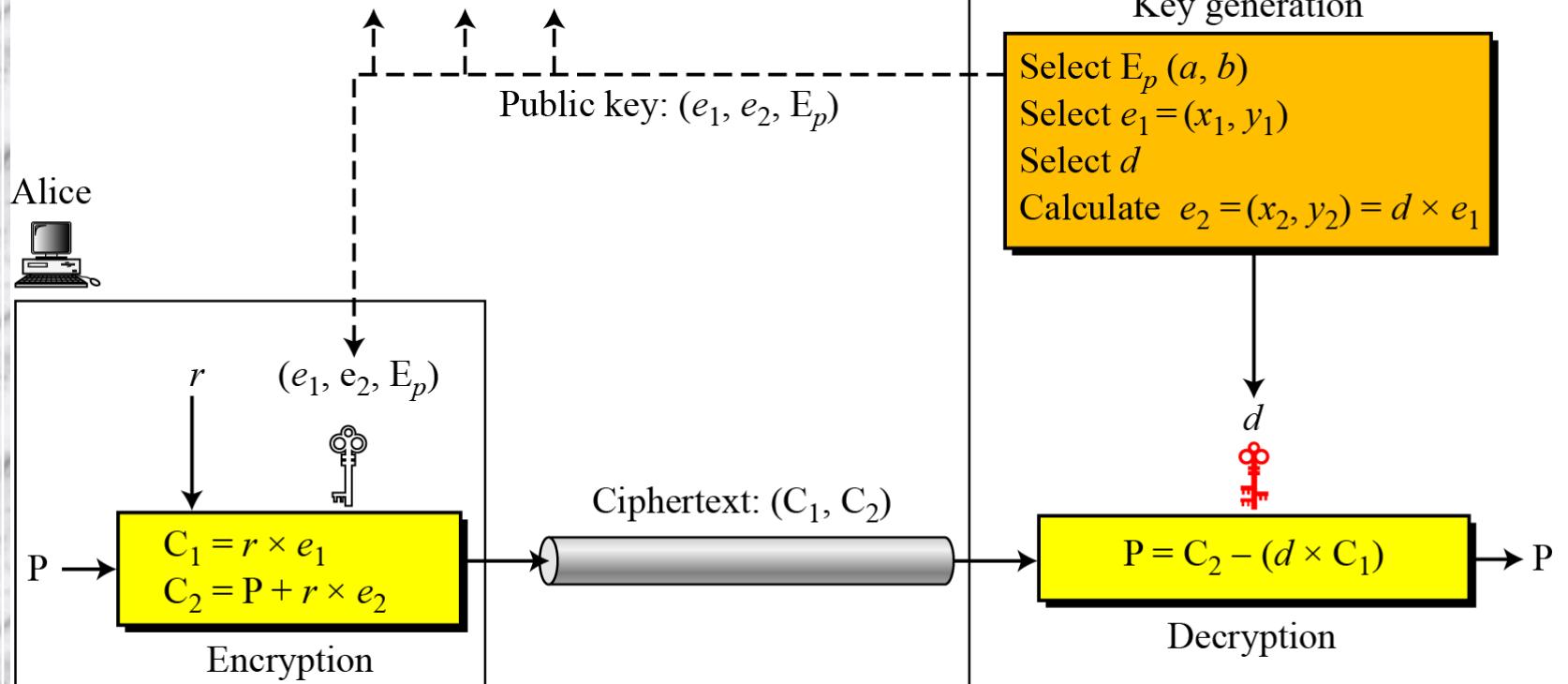
Let us find $R = 2P$, where $P = (g^2, 1)$. We have $\lambda = g^2 + 1/g^2$
 $= g^2 + g^5 = g + 1$ and $R = (g^6, g^5)$.

ElGamal cryptosystem using the elliptic curve

Note:

Operations such as addition and multiplication
are over an elliptic curve group.

Bob



The security of ECC depends on the difficulty of solving the elliptic curve logarithm problem.

Example: ECC

1. Bob selects $E_{67}(2, 3)$ as the elliptic curve over $GF(p)$.
2. Bob selects $e_1 = (2, 22)$ and $d = 4$.
3. Bob calculates $e_2 = (13, 45)$, where $e_2 = d \times e_1$.
4. Bob publicly announces the tuple (E, e_1, e_2) .
5. Alice sends the plaintext $P = (24, 26)$ to Bob. She selects $r = 2$.
6. Alice finds the point $C_1 = (35, 1)$, $C_2 = (21, 44)$.
7. Bob receives C_1 , C_2 . He uses $4x C_1(35, 1)$ to get $(23, 25)$, inverts the points $(23, 25)$ to get the points $(23, 42)$.
8. Bob adds $(23, 42)$ with $C_2 = (21, 44)$ to get the original one $P = (24, 26)$.

Comparable Key Sizes for Equivalent Security

Symmetric scheme (key size in bits)	ECC-based scheme (size of n in bits)	RSA/DSA (modulus size in bits)
56	112	512
80	160	1024
112	224	2048
128	256	3072
192	384	7680
256	512	15360