

Problem Set 3

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1 . Public-key Encryption from QR

1 .1 QR given factorization

by CRT $\mathbb{Z}_N^* \cong \mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$

so x in \mathbb{Z}_N^* corresponds to $(x(\bmod P), x(\bmod Q))$ in $\mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$.

so x has root r (i.e. $r^2 \equiv_N x$) if and only if $(x(\bmod P), x(\bmod Q))$ has root $(r(\bmod P), r(\bmod Q))$.

Thats true if and only if x has root mod P and x has root mod Q .

Thats true if and only if x is $QR(P)$ and x is $QR(Q)$.

Thats true if and only if $(\frac{x}{P}) = 1 \wedge (\frac{x}{Q}) = 1$.

We saw in the tutorial fast way to compute Legendre Symbol: $(\frac{x}{P}) = x^{\frac{P-1}{2}}$.

So I suggest the following algorithm:

Given P, Q, x : return the boolean $(\frac{x}{P}) = 1$ and $(\frac{x}{Q}) = 1$)

It is in poly(n) because P, Q are n bit primes and from previous homework we can compute exponent of n bit primes in poly time.

1 .2 Generating QR

Let $x \in QNR^*(N)$. Prove that if $y \in_R \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ then $y^2 x \in_R QNR^*(N)$.

Want to prove: $\forall t \in QNR^*(N) : Pr_{y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*} [y^2 x = t] = \frac{1}{|QNR^*(N)|}$

By CRT $\mathbb{Z}_N^* \cong \mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$

- Let $t \in QNR^*(N)$, from CRT t corresponds to $(t(\bmod P), t(\bmod Q))$ in $\mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$. And we saw in the previous question t is $QNR(P)$ and $QNR(Q)$.
- x corresponds to $(x(\bmod P), x(\bmod Q))$ in $\mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$.
- Also from CRT sampling y from \mathbb{Z}_N^* is equivalent to sampling y_P from \mathbb{Z}_P^* and y_Q from \mathbb{Z}_Q^* (because each unique pair y_P, y_Q in $\mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$ defines unique element y from \mathbb{Z}_N^*).

With this continue analysis:

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr_{y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*} [y^2 x = t] \\ &= Pr_{y_P \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_P^*, y_Q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_Q^*} [(y(\bmod P), y(\bmod Q))^2 (x(\bmod P), x(\bmod Q)) = (t(\bmod P), t(\bmod Q))] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Pr_{y_P \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_P^*, y_Q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_Q^*} [y_P^2 x \equiv_P t \wedge y_Q^2 x \equiv_Q t] \\
&= \Pr_{y_P \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_P^*} [y_P^2 x \equiv_P t] \cdot \Pr_{y_Q \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_Q^*} [y_Q^2 x \equiv_Q t] \\
&=^{(*)} \frac{1}{|QNR(P)|} \cdot \frac{1}{|QNR(Q)|} \\
&=^{(**)} \frac{1}{|QNR * (N)|}
\end{aligned}$$

Explanation (*):

Will prove $f(x) = y_P^2 x$ is a permutation from $QNR(P)$ to itself, similarly, $g(x) = y_Q^2 x$ is a permutation on $QNR(Q)$.

Will show f (for g same proof exactly) is bijective and that $Im f \subseteq QNR(P)$ and thus a permutation.

Bijective: assume for the sake of contradiction $\exists a, b \in QNR(P) : a \neq b \wedge y_P^2 a = y_P^2 b$.

From the fact that \mathbb{Z}_P^* is a field we get the immediate contradiction $a = b$.

$Im f \subseteq QNR(P)$: let $x \in QNR(P)$ calculate Legendre Symbol of $y_P^2 x$:

$$\begin{aligned}
(y_P^2 x)^{\frac{P-1}{2}} &= y_P^{P-1} x^{\frac{P-1}{2}} = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{P}\right) = -1 \\
&\Rightarrow \left(\frac{y_P^2}{P}\right) = -1 \\
&\Rightarrow y_P^2 \in QNR(P)
\end{aligned}$$

Explanation (**):

$QNR * (N)$ contains exactly the elements from \mathbb{Z}_N^* which correspond to the elements (a, b) from $\mathbb{Z}_P^* \times \mathbb{Z}_Q^*$ such that $\left(\frac{a}{P}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{Q}\right) = -1$

1.3 Public Key Encryption

Description of scheme:

$Gen(1^n)$: sample 2 random n -bit primes P, Q . assign $N = P \cdot Q$.

Sample $t \in_R QNR^*(N)$. (by sampling t_1 's until $t_1 \in QNR(P)$ and t_2 's until $t_2 \in QNR(Q)$ and calculating $t \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ s.t $t \equiv_P t_1, t \equiv_Q t_2$).

return: $pk = (N, t), sk = (P, Q)$

$Enc_{pk}(b)$: sample $r \in_R \mathbb{Z}_N^*$, return $r^2 \cdot t^b$.

$Dec_{sk}(c)$: if $c^{\frac{P-1}{2}} \equiv_P 1$ and $c^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} \equiv_Q 1$ return 0.

if $c^{\frac{P-1}{2}} \equiv_P -1$ and $c^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} \equiv_Q -1$ return 1.

Correctness:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } b = 1 \quad & Dec_{sk}(Enc_{pk}(1)) = Dec_{sk}(r^2 \cdot t^b) \\ (r^2 \cdot t)^{\frac{P-1}{2}} & \equiv_P r^{P-1} \cdot t^{\frac{P-1}{2}} = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{t}{P}\right) = -1 \\ (r^2 \cdot t)^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} & \equiv_Q r^{Q-1} \cdot t^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{t}{Q}\right) = -1 \\ \Rightarrow Dec_{sk}(r^2 \cdot t) & = 1 = b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } b = 0 \quad & Dec_{sk}(Enc_{pk}(0)) = Dec_{sk}(r^2) \\ (r^2)^{\frac{P-1}{2}} & \equiv_P r^{P-1} = 1 \\ (r^2)^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} & \equiv_Q r^{Q-1} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow Dec_{sk}(r^2 \cdot t^0) & = 0 = b \end{aligned}$$

CPA security:

Game: challenger: generates pk, sk . sends pk to Adversary. Flips coin $b \in_r \{0, 1\}$. Sends $Enc_{pk}(b)$. Adversary runs some polynomial time and outputs b' .

Want to prove CPA security of scheme under QRP Assumption.

Will assume $\exists A$ that wins game with non-negligible advantage.

Will use A to construct distinguisher D that breaks QRP. i.e. distinguishes between uniform distributions over $QR(N)$, $QNR * (N)$. denote those distributions X_0, X_1 respectively.

Given x , D samples $r \in_R \mathbb{Z}_N^*$.

D simulates game with A as adversary and instead of some encoding gives adversary $r^2 x$

If x sampled from X_1 the setting is identical to a challenger encoding of $b = 1$.

If x sampled from X_0 the setting is identical to a challenger encoding of $b = 0$.

D decides based on A 's answer.

Because A has a non-negligible advantage, so do D and so D breaks QRP.

1.4 Malleability

Let σ_1, σ_2 be some boolean values.

$pk = (N, t), sk = (P, Q)$.

$$Enc_{pk}(\sigma_1) = r^2 t^{\sigma_1} = c_1$$

$$Enc_{pk}(\sigma_2) = r^2 t^{\sigma_2} = c_2$$

Claim: $Dec_{sk}(c_1 \cdot c_2) = \sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2$.

From the claim we get that $c_1 \cdot c_2$ is an encryption for $\sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2$ and can be obtained efficiently using just the encryptions for σ_1, σ_2 . So prove claim and done.

Proof of claim: $Dec_{sk}(c_1 \cdot c_2) = ?$

If $\sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2 = 0$ i.e. $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2$, denote them just σ for now.

$$\text{Then } c_1 \cdot c_2 = r_1^2 t^{\sigma_1} r_2^2 t^{\sigma_2} = (r_1 r_2 t^{\sigma})^2 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{\frac{P-1}{2}} \equiv_P (r_1 r_2 t^{\sigma})^{P-1} \equiv_P 1, c^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow Dec_{sk}(c_1 \cdot c_2) = 0 = \sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2$$

Else $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$, and so $\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 = 1$

$$c_1 \cdot c_2 = r_1^2 t^{\sigma_1} r_2^2 t^{\sigma_2} = r_1^2 r_2^2 t^1 = c \Rightarrow c^{\frac{P-1}{2}} \equiv_P (r_1 r_2)^{P-1} t^1 \equiv_P \left(\frac{t}{P}\right) = -1, c^{\frac{Q-1}{2}} = -1 \\ \Rightarrow Dec_{sk}(c_1 \cdot c_2) = 1 = \sigma_1 \oplus \sigma_2$$

1.5 Refresh

Description of $Refresh(pk, c)$: assign $c_0 = Enc_{pk}(0)$, return $c_0 \cdot c$

(sanity check) Refresh gives valid encryption for m :

$$\text{from 1.4: } Dec_{sk}(Refresh(pk, c)) = Dec_{sk}(c_0 \cdot c) = m \oplus 0 = m$$

identical distribution:

$$Enc_{pk}(m) = r^2 \cdot t^m \\ Refresh_{pk}(c) = c \cdot Enc_{pk}(0) = r_1^2 t^m r_2^2 t^0 = (r_1, r_2)^2 t^m$$

When r, r_1, r_2 all sampled from uniform distribution over \mathbb{Z}_N^* . Left to prove:

$$R^2 t^m \sim (R_1 \cdot R_2)^2 t^m$$

Enough to show:

$$R^2 \sim (R_1 \cdot R_2)^2$$

That holds because:

$$R \sim R_1 \cdot R_2$$

2. Statistically Hiding Commitments

2.1 Inner Product with Random String

Let $b \in \{0, 1\}^n, b \neq \vec{0}$.

Let $A_0 = \{a \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid \langle a, b \rangle = 0\}, A_1 = \{a \in \{0, 1\}^n \mid \langle a, b \rangle = 1\}$

notice $A_0 \cup A_1 = \{0, 1\}^n$.

Also

$$Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n}[\langle a, b \rangle = 0] = Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n}[a \in A_0] = \frac{|A_0|}{|\{0, 1\}^n|} = \frac{|A_0|}{2^n}$$

Similarly,

$$Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n}[\langle a, b \rangle = 1] = \frac{|A_1|}{2^n}$$

Enough to show $|A_0| = |A_1|$, then it will follow that both probabilities are equal.

Further more, because they sum to 1, each of them gets the value of $\frac{1}{2}$ as I was asked to prove.

$|A_0| = |A_1|$: Will show by existence of permutation $f: A_0 \rightarrow A_1$.

Let $j \in [n]$ be an index in which $b_j \neq 0$ (exists from premise $b \neq \vec{0}$).

Existence of permutation f :

Defining $f: f(a) = a'$ such that $a'_j = 1 - a_j$ and $\forall i \neq j, a'_i = a_i$.

First show, for input a in A_0 : $f(a) \in A_1$.

$$a \in A_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a, b \rangle = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_i^n a_i b_i \pmod{2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle a', b \rangle = \sum_i^n (a_i b_i) - a_j b_j + (1 - a_j) b_j \equiv_2 -2a_j b_j + 1 \equiv_2 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a' \in A_1$$

f is bijective: if $a_1 \neq a_2$:

if $a_{1_j} \neq a_{2_j}$ then $a'_{1_j} = 1 - a_{1_j} \neq 1 - a_{2_j} = a'_{2_j}$.

else $\exists i \neq j$ s.t. $a_{1_i} \neq a_{2_i} \Rightarrow a'_{1_i} = a_{1_i} \neq a_{2_i} = a'_{2_i}$

anyhow we get $a'_1 \neq a'_2$ i.e. $f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$.

f onto: let $a \in A_1 \Rightarrow f(a) \in A_0$ (similarly to what we already showed).

claim $f(f(a)) = a$: indeed flipping the j th bit twice makes no difference.

2.2 Inner Product is Pairwise Independent

For every $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$ define $h_a: \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ as the function $h_a(b) = \langle a, b \rangle$.

Will show $\{h_a\}_{a \in \{0, 1\}^n}$ is UHF.

Let $b_1, b_2 \in \{0, 1\}^n, b_1 \neq b_2$

$$Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [h_a(b_1) = h_a(b_2)] = Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [\langle a, b_1 \rangle = \langle a, b_2 \rangle]$$

$$= Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [a = 0 \wedge \langle a, b_1 \rangle = \langle a, b_2 \rangle] + Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [a \neq 0 \wedge \langle a, b_1 \rangle = \langle a, b_2 \rangle]$$

$$= Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [a = 0] + Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [\langle a, b_1 \rangle = \langle a, b_2 \rangle | a \neq 0] \cdot Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [a \neq 0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} + (1 - \frac{1}{2^n}) Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [\langle a, b_1 - b_2 \rangle = 0 | a \neq 0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} + (1 - \frac{1}{2^n}) Pr_{a \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n} [a \in A_{0[b=b_1-b_2]} | a \neq 0]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} + (1 - \frac{1}{2^n}) (\frac{|A_0| - 1}{2^n - 1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} + (1 - \frac{1}{2^n}) (\frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2^n - 1})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{2^{n-1} - 1}{2^n - 1} - \frac{2^{-1} - 2^{-n}}{2^n - 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{2^{2n-1} - 2^{n-1}}{2^n(2^n - 1)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(2^{2n} - 2^n)}{2^{2n} - 2^n} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{|\{0, 1\}|}
\end{aligned}$$

2.3 Purifying Randomness

$(r, \langle r, s \rangle), (r, b)$ denote distributions as $(R, \langle R, U_s \rangle), (R, U1)$ when $R \sim U_n$ and $U_s \sim \text{uniform}(S)$.

Let $S \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ show $\Delta((R, \langle R, U_s \rangle), (R, U1)) = O(\sqrt{1/|S|})$.

From theorem mentioned in class $\forall f : \Delta(A, B) \geq \Delta(f(A), f(B))$.

It follows immediately that for a permutation $f: \Delta(A, B) = \Delta(f(A), f(B))$

We saw $\{h_r\}_{r \in \{0,1\}^n}$ is a UHF.

Define permutation $f : f(r, b) = (h_r, b)$

(f is a permutation: r implies h_r trivially and h_r implies r by applying $h_r(e_i)$ to get r_i for all $i \in [n]$)

From mentioned theorem:

$$\Delta((R, \langle R, U_s \rangle), (R, U1)) = \Delta((h_R, \langle R, U_s \rangle), (h_R, U1))$$

From $\{h_r\}$ definition:

$$= \Delta((h_R, h_R(U_s)), (h_R, U1))$$

U_s is a K-source for $k = \lceil \log_2(|S|) \rceil$, from LHL we get:

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2^{1-\log_2(|S|)}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \sqrt{1/|S|} = O(\sqrt{1/|S|})$$

2.4 Commitments

Assume \exists CRHF $h : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{n/2}$.

Will show $C(b) = (h(s), r, \langle r, s \rangle \oplus b) ; r, s \in_R \{0, 1\}^n$
is both statistically hiding and computationally binding.

C is statistically hiding:

estimate:

$$\Delta(((h(s), r, \langle r, s \rangle \oplus 0), (h(s), r, \langle r, s \rangle \oplus 1)))$$

claim: $h'(r) = (h(s_0), \langle r, s_0 \rangle)$ is UHF.

proof of claim:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{s_0 \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n} [((h(s_0), \langle r_1, s_0 \rangle) = ((h(s_0), \langle r_2, s_0 \rangle))] \\ = \Pr_{s_0 \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n} [\langle r_1, s_0 \rangle = \langle r_2, s_0 \rangle] = \frac{1}{2^n} \end{aligned}$$

So with : $R \sim U_n$ a n-source and h' an UHF, will apply LHL:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(((h(s), r, \langle r, s \rangle \oplus 0), (U_{n/2}, r, U_1)) \\ = \Delta(((h(s), r, \langle r, s \rangle), (U_{n/2}, r, U_1)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{2^{\frac{n}{2}+1-n}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} 2^{\frac{-n}{4}} = \text{negl}(n) \end{aligned}$$

i.e. C is statistically hiding.

C is computationally binding:

Assume C not computationally binding.

i.e. there exists A that can produce $(s, r), (s', r')$ s.t. :

$C_{r,s}(0) = C_{r',s'}(1)$ with non-negligible probability.

In particular A finds s, s' s.t. $h(s) = h(s')$ with non-negligible probability.

In contradiction to the assumption that h is a CRHF.

So from the contradiction we get: C is computationally binding.

3 . Is Factoring NP Complete

3.1 Equivalence to Factoring

Denote $L = \{(N, M) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \mid N \text{ has a prime factor larger than } M\}$.

(I assumed throughout that by 'larger than' we mean $>$).

Show: can factor in poly \iff can decide L in poly.

proof left to right \Rightarrow

Assume \exists poly A s.t. given N outputs (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) s.t. p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m are the prime factors of N with repetition, i.e. $N = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i$.

Construct M_L to decide L :

Given (N, M) , M_L runs $A(N)$ to get (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) .

(Should mention output is of length $O(2ml)$ when l is the max length entry in output sequence.

$l = O(\log(N)), m = O(\log(N)) \Rightarrow$ length of output is $O(\log^2(N))$ which is $O(n^2)$ for n length of input)

Now M_L checks if $\max_i(p_i) > M$ and returns YES/NO accordingly.

correctness: is immediate from A 's correctness.

time: running $A(N)$ takes poly time, running over list and checking $> M$ for each entry is $O(\text{length}(\text{list}))$

which is also in poly.

proof right to left \Leftarrow

Assume \exists poly M_L s.t. $L(M_L) = L$.

Construct A to factor in poly time.

A in pseudo code:

In [2]:

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def A(N):
    factors = [] # with repetitions
    while N > 1:

        # binary search for M in 2,...,N-1 the first number M for which M_L((N,M)) = YES
        M = search(range(2,N))

        factors.append(M)
        N = N/M
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correctness:

Let $N = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i$ be the prime factorization of N .

Let (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m) be their sequence with repetitions s.t. $\forall i \in [m-1] : p_{i+1} \leq p_i$.

Denote $N_k = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i$ ($N = N_m$).

By induction will prove: in the i 'th iteration the variable N turn from N_{m-i+1} to N_{m-i} and p_{m-i+1} is added to the list.

Base: $N_m = N$

Step: The first integer for which M_L will return NO is the biggest prime to divide N_{m-i+1} i.e. p_{m-i+1} .

Assume it returns NO before, then $p_{m-i+1} \nmid N_{m-i+1}$ in contradiction.

Assume it does not return YES for $M = p_{m-i+1}$, then exists a prime factor for N_{m-i+1} bigger than p_{m-i+1} in contradiction.

From the induction we got $N_{m-m} = \frac{N}{N} = 1$ so we stop in the m 'th iteration.

By the fact that in each iteration $i : p_{m-i+1}$ was added to the list, then in the exit from the while loop the list contains the prime factorization of N .

time:

Denote by n : length of N 's encoding i.e. $\log(N)$.

We saw that the while block terminates after m loops.

Each containing a binary search which runs in $O(\log(N)) = O(n)$ calls to M_L with $O(n)$ input.

In addition each iteration of the while loop contains some $O(1)$ operations.

Overall time complexity:

$$\begin{aligned} & O(m) \cdot O(\log(N)) \cdot [O(p(\log(N))) + O(1)] \\ &= O(\log(N)) \cdot O(\log(N)) \cdot [O(p(\log(N))) + O(1)] \\ &= O(n) \cdot O(n) \cdot [O(p(n)) + O(1)] \end{aligned}$$

3.2 coNP

$L \in NP$: Will show existence of $R : \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$ such that R is polynomially bounded and $L = \{x | \exists y : (x, y) \in R\}$.

Choose

$R = \{((N, M), (p_1, \dots, p_m)) \mid (N, M) \in L \text{ and } (p_1, \dots, p_m) \text{ is the prime factorization of } N\}$

Explained in 3.1 why (p_1, \dots, p_m) is polynomially bounded.

Show $R \in P$. Construct M_R to decide R in poly time:

First M_R checks that all p_i 's are prime (known to be in poly).

Take product $\prod_{i=1}^m p_i$ and verify equals to N . (if not return NO).

Compare M to largest element in (p_1, \dots, p_m) return YES if M is smaller, else return NO.

$L(M_R) = L$:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((N, M), (p_1, \dots, p_m)) \in R \\ \iff & (N, M) \in L \wedge N = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i \wedge \forall i \in [m] : p_i \text{ is prime} \\ \iff & M < \max_i(p_i) \wedge N = \prod_{i=1}^m p_i \wedge \forall i \in [m] : p_i \text{ is prime} \\ \iff & ((N, M), (p_1, \dots, p_m)) \in L(M_R) \end{aligned}$$

M_R stops in poly time as it checks factorization which takes $O(n)$ steps of prime checking in $O(p(n))$ and $O(n)$ product operations. plus an $O(1)$ equality check and $O(1)$ comparison of p_{\max} and M .

$L \in coNP$: i.e. $\bar{L} \in NP$.

That follows from a similar proof with

$R = \{((N, M), (p_1, \dots, p_m)) \mid (N, M) \in \bar{L} \text{ and } (p_1, \dots, p_m) \text{ is the prime factorization of } N\}$

And the machine which decides it is similar to M_R with the exception of returning according to the comparison $M \leq \max_i(p_i)$ (instead of $>$).

Deducing: L is NP complete $\implies NP \subseteq coNP$:

Assume L is NP complete $\implies L$ is harder than all $L' \in NP$.

$L \in coNP$.

Let L' be some language in NP .

$$L' \leq_P L$$

$$\implies \bar{L}' \leq_P \bar{L}$$

$$\implies \bar{L}' \in NP$$

$$\implies L' \in coNP$$

thus $NP \subseteq coNP$