

# Decoding RSA and Caesar Code

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--Discrete Mathematics--

# THE CODE

299,109,179   179,275,275,179,102,197,179   324,127

The formula used to code the message is:

$$C \equiv M^e \pmod{pq}$$

- e is the key used to code the message and equal to 13
- p is equal to 17
- q is equal to 23

# CONCEPTS TO BE STUDIED

- 1 RSA encryption
- 2 Congruence modulo  $m$
- 3 Inverse of  $a$  modulo  $n$  and Fermat's little theorem
- 4 Caesar cipher
- 5 The exercise

# Introduction to RSA



- Developed by Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, Leonard Adleman in 1979
- Used for secure data transmission, and it's based on the difficulty of factoring the product of two large prime numbers.
- One of the most widely used public key encryption algorithms

# RSA Decryption Process

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## Step 1: Select $p, q$

First, we need to select two large prime numbers  $p, q$ .

2

## Step 2: Find $n = p * q$

Next, we need to find the value of  $n$ .

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## Step 3: Eulers totient function $\phi(n) = (p-1)*(q-1)$

Then, we need to find the value of  $\phi(n)$ .

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## Step 4: Select 'e' such that $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$

Later, we need to select  $e$ .





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**Step 5: Find  $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$**

Then, we will find the value of d.

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**Step 6: Cipher text  $C \equiv M^e \pmod n$**

By this process, we will encrypt the message.

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**Step 7: Plain text  $M \equiv C^d \pmod n$**

By this process, we will decrypt the message.

# CONGRUENCE MODULO M

Definition:

$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are congruent modulo  $m$  if  $a - b$  is a multiple of  $m$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that:  $a - b = k \cdot m$  or  $a = b + k \cdot m$

Example:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$a=23, b=17$

$23 - 17 = 6 = 2 \cdot 3 \rightarrow 23 \equiv 17 \pmod{3}$  (23 and 17 are congruent modulo 3)

# FERMAT'S LITTLE THEORY

$p$  is a prime number and  $a$  is any integer coprime with  $p$

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$



# FERMAT'S LITTLE THEORY & ITS RELATION WITH EULER'S THEOREM

Euler's theorem is a generalisation of Fermat's theory:

- a coprime to n

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- Euler's totient function:  $\phi(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$  from 1 to n and coprime with n

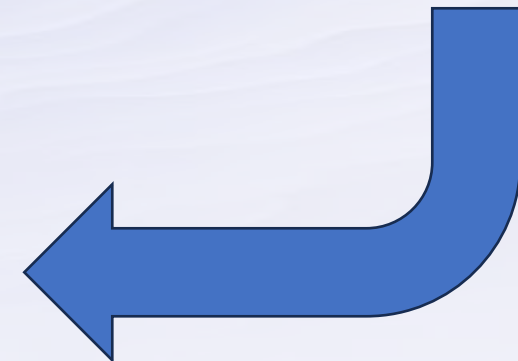
$$\text{If } n \text{ is prime} \rightarrow \phi(n) = n-1$$

Corollary of Euler's theorem:

$$M \equiv C \pmod{\phi(n)} \Rightarrow a^M \equiv a^C \pmod{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M \equiv C \pmod{\phi(n)} &\rightarrow M = C + k\phi(n) \\ a^M &\equiv a^{C + \phi(n)k} \equiv [a^{\phi(n)}]^k \cdot a^C \equiv 1^k \cdot a^C \equiv a^C \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

This allow us to reduce modular exponentiation with large exponents to exponents smaller than n



# EULER'S THEOREM USED IN CRYPTOGRAPHY

$$C = M^e \pmod{n}$$

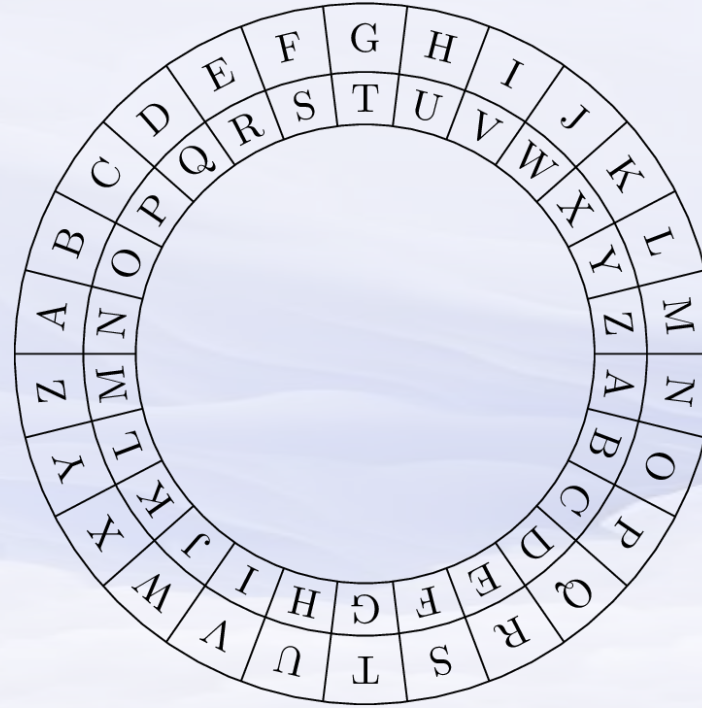
Bézout's identity

Modular inverse of  $e$  modulo  $\varphi(n) = d$   
 $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$

$$C^d \equiv M^{ed} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$$
$$M^{ed} \equiv M^1 \equiv M$$

$$M \equiv M^{ed} \equiv (M^e)^d \equiv C^d \pmod{\varphi(n)}$$
$$M \equiv C^d \pmod{\varphi(n)}$$

# INTRODUCTION TO CAESAR CIPHER



- Named after Julius Caesar, who used this code with a shift of 3.
- One of the simplest and most known encryption techniques.
- Often incorporated as part of a more complex schemes.



# CAESAR DECRYPTION PROCESS

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## Step 1: Identify the Shift Value

First, we need to identify the number of places each letter of the message was shifted.

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## Step 2: Decoding the Caesar Encrypted Message

Next, we replace each letter with the letter that comes a certain number of places before it in the alphabet.

3

## Step 3: Decrypting the Message

Finally, we have to determine the correct shift value and decrypt the message completely.



# The exercise

## Algorithm

1. Select large prime numbers  $p, q$
2. Find  $n = p \cdot q$
3. Eulers totient function  $\Phi(n) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$
4. Select  $e$  such that  $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) = 1$
5. Find  $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\Phi(n)}$
6. Decipher  $M \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$
7. Caesar decipher

# The exercise

Algorithm	Problem
1. Select $p, q$	$p = 17, q = 23$
2. Find $n = p \cdot q$	$n = 17 \cdot 23 = 391$
3. $\Phi(n) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$	$\Phi(n) = 16 \cdot 22 = 352$
4. Select $e$ such that $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) = 1$	$e = 13$ and $\gcd(13, 352) = 1$
5. Find $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\Phi(n)}$	$d \equiv 13^{-1} \pmod{352}$

# How do we find d?

## Bézout theorem

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \quad ap + bq = 1$$

$$\gcd(13, 352) = 1 \quad d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 352 & 13 \\ 1 & 27 \end{array}$$

$$352 = 13 \cdot 27 + 1$$

$$352 - 13 \cdot 27 = 1$$

$$352 \cdot 1 + 13 \cdot (-27) = 1$$

$$352 \equiv 0 \pmod{352}$$

$$13 \cdot (-27) \equiv 13 \cdot (-27) \pmod{352}$$

$$352 + 13 \cdot (-27) \pmod{352} \equiv 13 \cdot (-27) \pmod{352} \equiv 1$$

$$13 \cdot (-27) \equiv 1 \pmod{352}$$

$$e \cdot d \equiv 1$$

$$d = -27 \equiv 325 \pmod{352}$$

$$d = 325 \pmod{352}$$

**6. Decipher text  $M \equiv C^d \pmod n$**

**7. Caesar decipher**

**How do we obtain M?**

Using *Fast Modular Exponentiation*

## Example

$$C = 299$$
$$M \equiv 299^{325} \pmod{391}$$

For the text to make sense, we must subtract 3 from the result  
 $M \equiv (p+3) \pmod{26}$

We can create an algorithm in python or make use of mathematica to speed up the process



# Fast Modular Exponentiation

$299^{325} \bmod 391$

$325_{10} : 101000101_2$

$299^{325} = 299^{256+128+4+1} = 299^{256} \cdot 299^{128} \cdot 299^4 \cdot 299^1$

$299^1$	299	$299 \bmod 391 = 299$	←
$299^2$	$299^2$	$299^2 \bmod 391 = 253$	
$299^4$	$(299^2)^2$	$253^2 \bmod 391 = 276$	←
$299^8$	$(299^4)^2$	$276^2 \bmod 391 = 322$	
$299^{16}$	$(299^8)^2$	$322^2 \bmod 391 = 69$	
$299^{32}$	$(299^{16})^2$	$69^2 \bmod 391 = 69$	
$299^{64}$	$(299^{32})^2$	...	
$299^{128}$	$(299^{64})^2$	...	←
$299^{256}$	$(299^{128})^2$	...	←

$\text{[ ]} \bmod 391 = 23$

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def code():
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    p = 17
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    q = 23
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    e = 13
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    n = p * q
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    phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)
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} Variables

```
    s=str(input("insert the code given between spaces, to  
separate words write . between spaces: "))
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    num_str=s.split()
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    d=inverse(e,phi)
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    for num in num_str:
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        if num == ".":
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            print(" ", end="")
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        else:
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            numin=int(num)
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            an=desencryption(numin, d, n)
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            v="abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
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            s=an-4
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            index=ind(s)
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            print(v[index], end="")
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} Decodification  
process

## Subprograms

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def inverse(e,m):
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    d = pow(e, -1, m)
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    return d
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```
def desencryption(c,d,n):
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```
    m = pow(c,d,n)
```

```
    return m
```

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def ind(num):
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    if num < 0:
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        return num + 26
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    else:
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        return num
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code()

# MATHEMATICA

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^ inverse

In[14]:= d = PowerMod[13, -1, 352]
          potencia modular

Out[14]= 325
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In[15]:= PowerMod[299, d, 391] potencia modular	In[19]:= PowerMod[102, d, 391] potencia modular
Out[15]= 23	Out[19]= 17
In[16]:= PowerMod[109, d, 391] potencia modular	In[20]:= PowerMod[197, d, 391] potencia modular
Out[16]= 11	Out[20]= 6
In[17]:= PowerMod[179, d, 391] potencia modular	In[21]:= PowerMod[324, d, 391] potencia modular
Out[17]= 8	Out[21]= 18
In[18]:= PowerMod[275, d, 391] potencia modular	In[22]:= PowerMod[127, d, 391] potencia modular
Out[18]= 22	Out[22]= 9

# THE MESSAGE

*"THE ESSENCE OF"*