

# The RSA problem

- Let  $N = pq$  with  $p$  and  $q$  distinct, odd primes
- $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  = invertible elements under multiplication modulo  $N$ 
  - The order of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  is  $\phi(N) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$
  - $\phi(N)$  is *easy* to compute if  $p, q$  are known
  - $\phi(N)$  is *hard* to compute if  $p, q$  are *not* known
  - Equivalent (believed) to factoring  $N$
- Fix  $e$  with  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$ 
  - Raising to the  $e$ -th power is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$
- If  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ , raising to the  $d$ -th power is the *inverse* of raising to the  $e$ -th power
  - I.e.,  $(x^e)^d \equiv x \pmod{N}$
  - $x^d$  is the  $e$ -th root of  $x$  modulo  $N$

公私钥产生: ① 随机选择两个不同大质数  $p, q$ , 使得  $N = pq$   
 ②  $\phi(N) = \phi(p)\phi(q) = (p-1)(q-1)$   
 ③ 选择  $e < \phi(N)$ , 有  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$ , 并求得  $d$ , 有  
 $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$   
 ④ 销毁  $p, q$ , 生成  
**public key:**  $(e, N)$   
**private key:**  $(d, N)$

加密:  $C = M^e \pmod{N}$

解密:  $M' = C^d \pmod{N}$

证明: 假设  $M^{ed} \equiv M \pmod{N}$ . 已知  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ . 即  $ed = k\phi(N) + 1$ . 即

$$M^{k\phi(N)+1} \equiv M \pmod{N}$$

① 若  $\gcd(M, N) = 1$ . 由欧拉定理:  $M^{\phi(N)} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ . 即

$$M^{k\phi(N)+1} = M \cdot (M^{\phi(N)})^k \equiv M \pmod{N}$$

② 若  $\gcd(M, N) \neq 1$ , 则  $M = kp$  或  $M = kq$ , 且  $M < N$ .

假设  $M = xp$ , 其中  $x < q$ . 由于  $q$  是质数, 则由欧拉定理

$$M^{\phi(q)} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$$

即

$$M^{k\phi(N)} = M^{k(p-1)(q-1)} = (M^{\phi(q)})^{k(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$$

即

$$\begin{aligned} M^{k\phi(N)+1} &= M(1 + uq) \\ &= M + uqM \\ &= M + uqxP \\ &= M + uxN \end{aligned}$$

即

$$M^{k\phi(N)+1} \equiv M \pmod{N}$$

以上是 plain RSA, 还不能直接用.

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &\equiv M_1^e \pmod{N} \Rightarrow C_1 C_2 \equiv (M_1 M_2)^e \pmod{N} \quad \text{如何构造新的对.} \\ C_2 &\equiv M_2^e \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

# Hardness of factoring N

If  $p, q$  are known:

$\Rightarrow \phi(N)$  can be computed

$\Rightarrow d = e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(N)}$  can be computed

$\Rightarrow$  possible to compute  $e$ -th roots modulo  $N$

If  $p, q$  are **not** known:

$\Rightarrow$  computing  $\phi(N)$  is as hard as factoring  $N$

$\Rightarrow$  computing  $d$  is as hard as factoring  $N$

Q: Given  $d$  and  $e$ , can we factor  $N$ ?

Very useful for **public-key** cryptography

知道  $p, q \Rightarrow N \Rightarrow \phi(N)$

知道  $\phi(N) \Rightarrow p, q$  因为  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1) = pq - (p+q) + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow p+q = N - \phi(N) + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow pq = N$

知道  $d \Rightarrow p, q$

以下4个问题的困难度是一样的.

① Given  $N$ , compute its factors  $p, q$

② Given  $N$ , compute  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$

③ Given  $N, e$ , compute  $d$  (satisfying  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ )

④ Given  $N$ , find any  $x \not\equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  such that  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

①  $\rightarrow$  ②: 能分解  $N$  得  $p, q$ , 易得  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$

②  $\rightarrow$  ③: 能算出  $\phi(N)$ . 由扩展欧几里得算法易得  $d$ .

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Square roots of unity modulo  $N$

满足  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  的  $x$  有4个解. 因为  $\begin{cases} x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p} \\ x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{q} \end{cases}$   
 $(x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*)$

其中有两个是 trivial 的, 即  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}$ , 而另外两个是 non-trivial 的, 即  $x \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}$

证 ④  $\rightarrow$  ①: 构建如下:

The reduction is rather simple. Suppose NTSRU is an algorithm that on input  $N$  returns a non-trivial square root of unity modulo  $N$ . Then we can factor  $N$  with the following algorithm:

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FACTOR(N):
    x := NTSRU(N)
    return gcd(N, x+1) and gcd(N, x-1)
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i) 求得  $x$  满足  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  但  $x \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}$   
ii) 返回  $p = \gcd(N, x+1)$  和  $q = \gcd(N, x-1)$

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \Rightarrow N \mid x^2 - 1 \Leftrightarrow N \mid (x+1)(x-1)$$

$$x \not\equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N \mid (x+1)(x-1)$$

$$x \not\equiv -1 \pmod{N} \quad \Rightarrow \quad N \mid (x+1)(x-1)$$

因为  $p, q$  都是质数, 故  $(x+1)(x-1)$  含有因子  $p$  和  $q$ .

但又由于  $(x+1)$  和  $(x-1)$  都不含因子  $p$  和  $q$ , 所以  $(x+1)$  和  $(x-1)$  必自含  $p, q$  其一. 即

$$\begin{cases} x+1 = kp \\ x-1 = lq \end{cases} \text{ 或 } \begin{cases} x+1 = lq \\ x-1 = kp \end{cases} \Rightarrow \{ \gcd(N, x+1), \gcd(N, x-1) \} = \{ p, q \}$$

## 证③→④：构建如下：

Suppose we have an algorithm  $\text{FIND\_D}$  that on input  $(N, e)$  returns the corresponding exponent  $d$ . Then consider the following algorithm which uses  $\text{FIND\_D}$  as a subroutine:

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SRU(N):
    choose  $e$  as a random  $n$ -bit prime
     $d := \text{FIND\_D}(N, e)$ 
    write  $ed - 1 = 2^s r$ , with  $r$  odd
    // i.e., factor out as many 2s as possible
     $w \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$ 
    if  $\gcd(w, N) \neq 1$ : //  $w \notin \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ 
        use  $\gcd(w, N)$  to factor  $N = pq$ 
        compute a nontrivial square root of unity using  $p$  &  $q$ 
         $x := w^r \% N$ 
        if  $x \equiv_N 1$  then return 1
    for  $i = 0$  to  $s$ :
        if  $x^2 \equiv_N 1$  then return  $x$ 
         $x := x^2 \% N$ 

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这个算法的返回值都是 square roots of unit.

for-loop 肯定能停止，因为最后一个值

$$w^{2^s r} = w^{ed-1} \equiv w^{(ed-1) \bmod \phi(N)} \equiv w^{1-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

令  $k = ed - 1$ , 则  $\phi(N) | k$  (因为  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ )

由欧拉定理知:  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*, x^{\phi(N)} \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \Rightarrow x^k \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$

令  $k = 2^r \cdot u$ ,  $u$  为奇数,  $r \geq 1$ .

重复随机取  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  并计算  $x^u, x^{2u}, \dots, x^{2^{r-1}u} \pmod{N}$

取最大的  $i$  有  $x^{2^i u} \pmod{N} \neq 1$ , 并令  $y = i$ , 是满足  $y^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  的

定义  $\text{Bad} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \mid x^{2^i u} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}\}$

若想令  $y$  为 non-trivial 的解, 则随机取的  $x \notin \text{Bad}$

取  $x$  是一个随机算法, 需要保证事件  $x \notin \text{Bad}$  的概率较大.

需证明:  $\text{Bad}$  是  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  的严格子群

i)  $\text{Bad} \neq \emptyset$  ( $1 \in \text{Bad}$ )

ii) 若  $x, x' \in \text{Bad}$ , 则  $(x \cdot x')^{2^i u} = x^{2^i u} \cdot x'^{2^i u} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}$  (乘法闭包)

故  $\text{Bad}$  是  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  的严格子群

所以就会有  $|\text{Bad}| \leq \frac{|\mathbb{Z}_N^*|}{2}$ ,  $x \notin \text{Bad}$  的概率就至少  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ , 也即取到  $x$  为 non-trivial 的概率  $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ .

重复以上流程  $n$  次, 最终能输出一个 non-trivial 的  $x$ , 有概率  $1 - 2^{-n}$ .

# The RSA assumption (formal)

- **GenRSA**: on input  $1^n$ , outputs  $(N, e, d)$  with  $N = pq$  a product of two distinct  $n$ -bit primes, with  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- **Experiment**  $\text{RSA-inv}_{A, \text{GenRSA}}(n)$ :
  - Compute  $(N, e, d) \leftarrow \text{GenRSA}(1^n)$
  - Choose uniform  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$
  - Run  $A(N, e, y)$  to get  $x$
  - Experiment evaluates to 1 if  $x^e = y \pmod{N}$
- The **RSA problem** is **hard** relative to **GenRSA** if for all PPT algorithms  $A$ ,
$$\Pr[\text{RSA-inv}_{A, \text{GenRSA}}(n) = 1] < \text{negl}(n)$$

## Implementing GenRSA

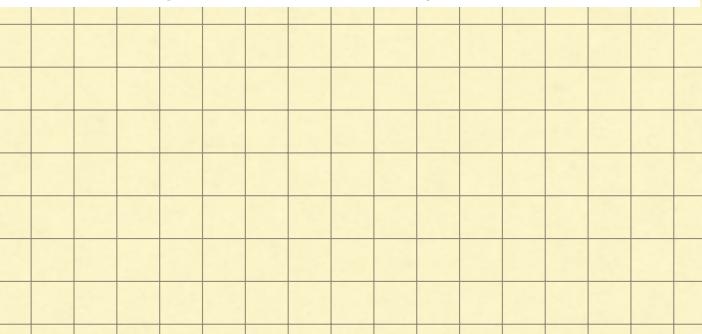
- One way to implement GenRSA:
  - Generate uniform  $n$ -bit primes  $p, q$
  - Set  $N := pq$
  - Choose arbitrary  $e$  with  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
  - Compute  $d := e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(N)}$
  - Output  $(N, e, d)$
- Choice of  $e$ ?
  - Does **not** seem to affect hardness of the **RSA problem**
  - $e = 3$  or  $e = 2^{16} + 1$  for **efficient** exponentiation

## RSA and factoring

- If factoring moduli output by **GenRSA** is easy, then the **RSA problem** is easy relative to **GenRSA**
  - Factoring is easy  $\Rightarrow$  RSA problem is easy
- Hardness of the **RSA problem** is **not** known to be implied by hardness of factoring
  - Possible factoring is hard but **RSA problem** is easy
  - Possible both are hard but **RSA problem** is “easier”
  - Currently, RSA is **believed** to be as hard as factoring

■ **Informally**: given  $N, e$ , and uniform element  $y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ , compute the  $e$ -th root of  $y$

■ **RSA assumption**: this is a **hard** problem!



## Trapdoor functions

- **Definition 10.1 (Trapdoor functions)** A **trapdoor function collection** is a collection  $\mathcal{F}$  of finite functions such that every  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  is a **one-to-one** function from some set  $S_f$  to a set  $T_f$ . The following properties are required.
  - **Efficient generation, computation and inversion**  
There is a PPT algorithm  $G$  that on input  $1^n$  outputs a pair  $(f, f^{-1})$ , where these are two  $\text{poly}(n)$  size strings that describe the functions  $f, f^{-1}$
  - **Efficient sampling** There is a PPT algorithm that given  $f$  can output a **random** element of  $S_f$
  - **One-wayness** The function  $f$  is **hard to invert** without knowing the **inversion key**. For all PPT  $A$  there is a negligible function  $\epsilon$  s.t.

$$\Pr_{(f, f^{-1}) \leftarrow_R G(1^n), x \leftarrow_R S_f}[A(1^n, f, f(x)) = x] < \epsilon(n)$$

RSA问题的困难与分解困难不一定有关。  
但认为RSA问题与分解同样困难。

## RSA trapdoor function

- **Keys:** choose  $P, Q$  as random primes of length  $n$ ,  $N = P \cdot Q$ . Choose  $e$  at random from  $\{1, \dots, \phi(N) - 1\}$  with  $\gcd(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
- Forward Key:  $N, e$
- Backward Key:  $d$  with  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- Function:  $RSA_{N,e}(X) = X^e \pmod{N}$
- Inverse: If  $Y = RSA_{N,e}(X) = X^e \pmod{N}$ , then  $Y^d \pmod{N} = X$ .

- **RSA Assumption:** the RSA function is indeed a *trapdoor function*

– This is **stronger** than the assumption that **factoring** is hard

## Rabin's trapdoor function

- Assume that **factoring** random **Blum integers** is hard. A **Blum integer** is a number  $n = pq$  where  $p, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .
- Define  $\mathcal{B}_n := \{P \in [1 \dots 2^n] : P \text{ prime and } P \equiv 3 \pmod{4}\}$

**The Factoring Axiom** For **every** PPT algorithm  $A$  there is a negligible function  $\epsilon$  s.t.

$$\Pr_{P,Q \leftarrow \mathcal{B}_n}[A(P \cdot Q) = \{P, Q\}] < \epsilon(n)$$

- **Keys:** choose  $P, Q$  as random primes of length  $n$  with  $P, Q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $N = P \cdot Q$ .

Forward Key:  $N$

Backward Key:  $P, Q$

Function:  $Y = RABIN_N(X) = X^2 \pmod{N}$ , which is a permutation on  $QR_N$ , where  $QR_N$  denotes the set of quadratic residues modulo  $N$

Inverse: Compute  $A = Y \pmod{P}$  and  $B = Y \pmod{Q}$ . Since  $P, Q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , let  $P = 4t + 3$  and  $Q = 4t' + 3$ .

Compute  $X_1 = A^{t+1} \pmod{P}$  and  $X_2 = B^{t'+1} \pmod{Q}$ . Using **CRT**, we find  $X$ .

We know that  $X = S^2 \pmod{P}$ , then

$$X_1 = (S^2)^{t+1} = S^{4(t+1)} = S^{P-1+2} = S^2 = X \pmod{P}.$$

Similarly,  $X_2 = S^2 = X \pmod{Q}$ .

仅给  $Y, N$ , 反向求出正确的  $X$  的概率只有  $\frac{1}{4}$

Inverse: given  $Y, N$ , find  $X$

Step 1: ~~输出~~  $A = Y \pmod{P}, B = Y \pmod{Q}$

Step 2: ~~输出~~  $X$  有  $2$  个解  $X_1 = A^{t+1} \pmod{P}, X_2 = B^{t'+1} \pmod{Q}$

Step 3: 对  $\begin{cases} X \equiv A^{t+1} \pmod{P} \\ X \equiv B^{t'+1} \pmod{Q} \end{cases}$  使用中国剩余定理。

■ Lemma 10.2 Let  $X, Y$  be such that  $X \not\equiv \pm Y \pmod{N}$  but  $X^2 \equiv Y^2 \pmod{N}$ . Then  $\gcd(X - Y, N) \notin \{1, N\}$ .

Proof. easy.

Theorem 10.3 (One-wayness of Rabin's function)

Rabin's function is a *trapdoor function* under the factoring axiom.

Proof. By contradiction. (see blackboard)

proof Lemma 10.2:

因为  $X \not\equiv \pm Y \pmod{N}$ , 故  $N \nmid (X - Y), N \nmid (X + Y)$

所以  $\gcd(X - Y, N) \neq N$ .

因为  $X^2 \equiv Y^2 \pmod{N}$ , 故有  $N \mid (X - Y)(X + Y)$

如果  $\gcd(X - Y, N) = 1$ , 那么  $N \mid (X + Y)$ , 是矛盾的,

所以  $\gcd(X - Y, N) \neq 1$

(要进一步证,  $\gcd(X - Y, N) = P$  或  $Q$ )

proof of Theorem 10.3

假设存在一个 Rabin's function 的 inverter  $A$ , 有成功概率  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \epsilon$ .

随机 uniform 选取  $X$ , 并令  $X' = A(X^2)$

则至少有概率  $\frac{\epsilon}{2}$  存在  $X'$  满足  $X'^2 \equiv X^2 \pmod{N}$  但  $X' \not\equiv \pm X \pmod{N}$

这个概率是因为 non-trivial 的解有 2 个而总类有 4 个解.