

You intercept the following ciphertext generated using the following RSA public-key: $pk=\{e,n\}=\{23,20413\}$

Determine the prime numbers p and q :

I utilized the following script to determine p and q :

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1 import math
3 def findprimes(a):
    primes = []
5     for i in range(2,a-1):
        diff = a/i
7         if diff.is_integer():
            primes.append(i)
9     if len(primes) == 0:
        print("{} is prime".format(a))
11    else:
        print(primes)
13
15 def main():
    findprimes(20413)
17
19 if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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findprimes.py

Thus: $p = 137$, and $q = 149$.

Determine Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$:

I calculated $\phi(n)$ as follows:

$$\phi(n) = (p - 1) \cdot (q - 1)$$

$$\phi(n) = (137 - 1) \cdot (149 - 1)$$

$$\phi(n) = 20,128$$

Determine the private-key= $\{d,n\}$:

To compute d , the following relationship must hold:

$$d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)} \tag{1}$$

Knowing that $e = 23$, and $\phi(n) = 20,128$, I calculated $d = 13127$:¹

$$e \cdot d = 23 \cdot 13127$$

$$e \cdot d = 301921$$

$$= 301921 \pmod{20128} = 1$$

¹Website used for calculation: <https://www.cs.drexel.edu/~jpopyack/IntroCS/HW/RSASWorksheet.html>

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Compute the plaintext for EACH of the following ciphertext :

{236, 2743, 7983, 5919, 20213, 5520, 19563, 17083, 17083, 19326, 5919, 17258, 5919, 17215, 19563, 20213, 4940, 496}

The plaintext is shown below, in Hex: {41, 6E, 64, 20, 73, 74, 69, 6c, 6c, 2c, 20, 49, 20, 72, 69, 73, 65, 2e}²

Determine the ENGLISH plaintext:

I converted the Hex values above into ASCII characters, resulting in the following English:

And still, I rise.

²Calculated using the following website: <http://extranet.cryptomathic.com/rsacalc/index>