

RSA Public-Key Cipher:

- Plaintext Space $M = \{0, 1\}^*$.
- Ciphertext Space $C = \{0, 1\}^*$.
- Let $N = pq$.
- Choose e relatively prime to $(p - 1)(q - 1)$.
- Find d such that $ed = 1 \pmod{(p - 1)(q - 1)}$.
- Public key is (N, e) .
- Private key is d .

Encryption:

$$C = M^e \pmod N$$

Decryption:

$$M = C^d \pmod N$$

Proof of correctness:

- Chinese Remainder Theorem
 - Let p and q be two co-prime integers. If $x = a \pmod p$ and $x = a \pmod q$, then $x = a \pmod{pq}$.
- Fermat's Little Theorem
 - If p is a prime number and a is not divisible by p , then $a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod p$.
- Proof
 - It suffices to prove that $M = C^d \pmod p$ and $M = C^d \pmod q$, because they lead to $M = C^d \pmod N$ by Chinese Remainder Theorem.
 - First we prove $M = C^d \pmod p$.
From $C = M^e \pmod N$, we know $C = M^e \pmod p$ and hence $C^d = M^{ed} \pmod p$.
 - $ed = 1 \pmod{(p - 1)(q - 1)}$,
so $ed = k(p - 1)(q - 1) + 1$ for some integer k .
 - $M^{ed} = M * M^{k(p-1)(q-1)} \pmod p$
 $M^{ed} = M * (M^{p-1})^{k(q-1)} \pmod p$
 - According to Fermat's Little Theorem:
 $M^{ed} = M * (1)^{k(q-1)} \pmod p$
 $M^{ed} = M \pmod p$
 - By symmetry, we also have $M^{ed} = M \pmod q$. Thus $M = C^d \pmod N$.