

RSA encryption proof and explanation using math:

First we select 2 prime numbers to be p and q

$$p = 11 \text{ and } q = 17$$

$$n = p \times q$$

$$\therefore n = 11 \times 17 = 187$$

$\phi(n) = n - 1$ [Every number below a prime number except itself is coprime with the prime numbers]

$$\phi(n) = \phi(p \times q)$$

$$= \phi(p) \times \phi(q)$$

$$= (p-1) \times (q-1) \because \phi(n) = n-1$$

* ϕ means phi

$$\text{in our case} - \phi(n) = (11-1) \times (17-1)$$

$$= 160$$

Calculating e :

$$2 < e < \phi(n) \text{ such that } \gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$$

in other words, the number must be coprime

$$\text{In our case: } 2 < e < 160 \text{ such that } (e, 160) = 1$$

$e = 7$ satisfies the conditions $\therefore e = 7$ is the public key

Calculating d :

$$\text{Condition states that } (e \times d) = 1 \bmod \phi(n)$$

$$\text{in other words } (e \times d) \% \phi(n) = 1$$

$$\text{In our case: } (7 \times d) \% 160 = 1$$

$d = 23$ satisfies the condition $\therefore d = 23$ is the private key.

Proof of encryption:

In order to encrypt: Use the formula $\text{message}^e \bmod n$ ($(m \times e) \% n$ where m is the message)

In order to decrypt: Use the formula $\text{message}^d \bmod n$ ($(m \times d) \% n$ where m is the message)

Suppose we send the letter 'A', convert to ASCII value $\therefore A = 65$ (encrypted message)

$$\text{Encrypted} = (65^7) \% 187 = 142 \because e = 7 \text{ and } n = 187$$

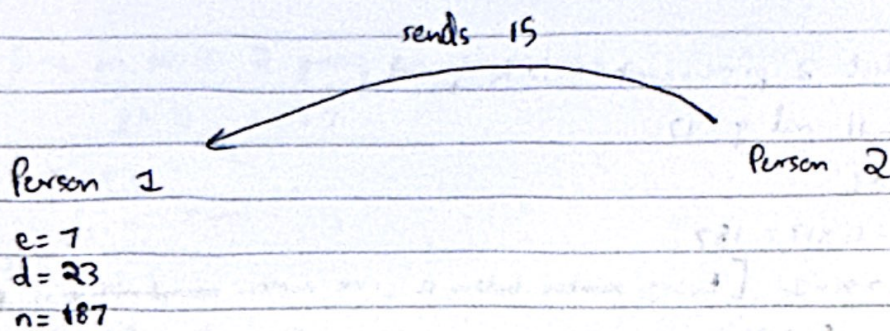
$$\text{Decrypt} = (142^{23}) \% 187 = 65 \because d = 23 \text{ and } n = 187$$

We get the original value of 65 back and $65 = A$

so 'A' is obtained after decrypting the encrypted message.

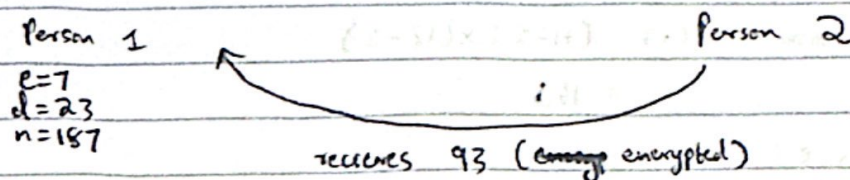
\therefore RSA has been proved.

RSA Diagrammatic Explanation:



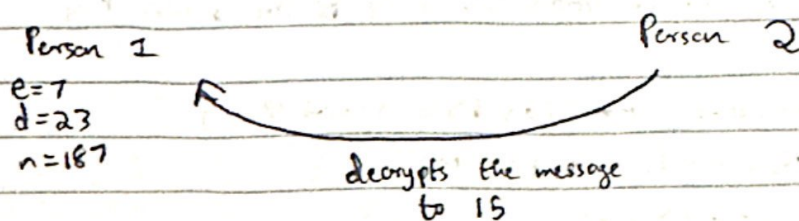
When Person 2 sends 15

$$15 \text{ becomes } 15^7 \div 187 = 93$$



The received 93 is decrypted

$$93 \text{ becomes } 93^{23} \div 187 = 15$$



Process Complete. This would work both ways.

Each person would have their own e , d and n values.

In our case, we only did the calculation for person 1.

* Note that in computers, much larger values are used in the RSA algorithm.