

# Twenty Years of Attacks on the RSA Cryptosystem

This is an attempt to implement the attacks described in the famous paper [Twenty Years of Attacks on the RSA Cryptosystem](#). The primary language of choice is python, and more specifically SageMath.

## Recovering $p, q$ having $d$

As stated in fact 1, for a public key  $\langle N, e \rangle$  given the private key  $d$ , one can effectively recover the factorisation of  $N$ .

Notice that

$k = ed - 1$  and  $k \mid \varphi(N)$ , which is even. Therefore  $g_1 = g^{k/2}$  is a square root of unity for  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .

By applying the CRT it is evident that  $g_1 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{q}$ ,  $g_1 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$  and thus 2 out of the possible 4 roots reveal the factorization of  $N$ .

According to the paper (proof of fact 1 - page 3), for a random choice of  $g$  the probability that any element of the sequence  $g^{k/2^t} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  (or  $\pmod{q}$ ) is 50%.

```
In [ ]: p = random_prime(2^1024)
q = random_prime(2^1024)

n = p * q

e = 0x10001

phi = (p - 1)*(q - 1)

d = pow(e, -1, phi)
```

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In [ ]: k = e*d - 1

pp = 1
for g in range(2, 2**16):

    k_t = k
    while k_t % 2 == 0:
        k_t //= 2
        rt = pow(g, k_t, n)

        pp = gcd(rt - 1, n)

        if pp > 1 and pp != n:
            print(pp)
            break
    if pp > 1 and pp != n:
        break

qq = n // pp
```

```
print('[+] Recovered the factorisation of N')
print(f'{pp=} \n {qq=}')

```

## Blinding

Let  $\langle N, d \rangle$  be a private key. Let's suppose that one can sign arbitrary messages, except from some message, say  $M \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .

One can still sign  $M' \equiv r^e M \pmod{N}$ , producing the following signature:

$$S' \equiv (M')^d \equiv M^d r \pmod{N}.$$

It is obvious that we can recover M's signature by dividing by r.

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In [ ]: def bytes_to_long(b):
        return int(b.hex(), base=16)

def long_to_bytes(l):
    return bytes.fromhex(hex(l)[2:])

```

```
In [ ]: p = random_prime(2^1024)
q = random_prime(2^1024)

n = p * q

e = 0x10001
d = pow(e, -1, (p - 1) * (q - 1))

M = bytes_to_long(b'Secret Message')

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In [ ]: r = random_prime(2^100) #probabilistic guarantee that it's invertible

M_prime = (M * r^e) % n

S_prime = pow(M_prime, d, n)
S = pow(M, d, n)

assert (S_prime * pow(r, -1, n)) % n == S

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## Hastad's attack

We know that a message  $m$  has been encrypted using RSA keys of the form  $\langle e, N_i \rangle$ ,  $k$  times.

Given that  $k \geq e$ , we can recover  $m^e$  (and consecutively  $m$ ) by applying the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) underlied by the following isomorphism:

$$\mathbb{Z}/N_1 N_2 \dots N_k \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}/N_1 \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}/N_k \mathbb{Z}$$

Note that we can assume that all N are coprime, since in case they shared a factor, we could recover  $p_i$  and  $q_i$ .

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese\\_remainder\\_theorem#Using\\_the\\_existence\\_construction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinese_remainder_theorem#Using_the_existence_construction)

```
In [ ]: def bytes_to_long(bts):
        return int(bts.hex(), base=16)

def long_to_bytes(lng):
    return bytes.fromhex(hex(lng)[2:])
```

```
In [ ]: e = 3

Ns = [ random_prime(2**1024) * random_prime(2**1024) for i in range(e)]

m = bytes_to_long(b"Well hidden message!!!! Lorem ipsum \
dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, \
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore ")

Cts = [pow(m, e, n) for n in Ns]
```

Reference crt implementations:

<https://github.com/sympy/sympy/blob/master/sympy/polys/galoistools.py#L12>

<https://cp-algorithms.com/algebra/chinese-remainder-theorem.html>

[https://wiki.math.ntnu.no/\\_media/tma4155/2010h/euclid.pdf](https://wiki.math.ntnu.no/_media/tma4155/2010h/euclid.pdf)

Working mod  $a$

```
In [ ]: def xgcd(a, b):
        """
        Implementation of the Extended Euclidean Algorithm
        a, b -> integers
        """

        a1, b1 = a, b
        x0, x1 = 1, 0
        y0, y1 = 0, 1

        while b1 != 0:

            q = a1 // b1
            x0, x1 = x1, x0 - q * x1
            y0, y1 = y1, y0 - q * y1
            a1, b1 = b1, a1 - q * b1

        return (x0, y0, a1)

def crt(r, m):
    """
    Implementation of the Chinese Remainder Theorem
    r -> list of residues
    m -> list of modulus
    """
    assert len(m) == len(r)

    m1, r1 = m[0], r[0]
```

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for m2, r2 in zip(m[1:], r[1:]):
    #note that the moduli are assumed to be coprime
    a1, a2, _ = xgcd(m1, m2)

    """
    mod m1, everything except r1 cancels out since:
    a1*m1 + a2*m2 = 1
    Similarly, mod m2 everything except r2 cancels out proving that
    this is a solution for (r1, r)
    """

    r1 = (r1 * a2 * m2 + r2 * a1 * m1) % (m1 * m2)
    m1 *= m2

return (r1, m1)

```

Notice that  $a_1m_1 + a_2m_2 = 1$

$\langle r_1, m_1 \rangle$  is indeed a recursively produced solution since:

$$r_1a_2m_2 + r_2a_1m_1 \equiv r_1(1 - a_1m_1) + r_2a_1m_1 \equiv r_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

Similarly,  $r_1a_2m_2 + r_2a_1m_1 \equiv r_2 \pmod{m_2}$

Having implemented CRT we can now recover  $m$ :

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In [ ]: m_e, _ = crt(Cts, Ns)

m = m_e.nth_root(3)

print(long_to_bytes(m))

```

## Common Modulus

Suppose there is a message  $m$  and it is encrypted separately using keys  $\langle e_1, N \rangle$  and  $\langle e_2, N \rangle$  with  $\gcd(e_1, e_2) = 1$

Then we can apply the Extended Euclidean Algorithm (XGCD) to find the bezout coefficients for  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ . Since  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are coprime, we can get  $a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 = 1$ .

But notice that we have:

$$c_1 = m^{e_1} \pmod{n} \text{ and}$$

$$c_2 = m^{e_2} \pmod{n}$$

So we can produce

$$m^{e_1a_1} \pmod{n} \text{ and}$$

$$m^{e_2a_2} \pmod{n}$$

and thus,

$$m^{e_1a_1+e_2a_2} \equiv m^1 \pmod{n}$$

Since I have already implemented XGCD for the basic Hastad attack, I will utilize sage's built-in implementation for this proof-of-concept.

```
In [ ]: from os import urandom

def bytes_to_long(bts):
    return int(bts.hex(), base=16)

def long_to_bytes(lng):
    return bytes.fromhex(hex(lng)[2:])
```

```
In [ ]: p = random_prime(2**1024)
q = random_prime(2**1024)

n = p * q

e1 = random_prime(2**32)
e2 = random_prime(2**32)

assert gcd(e1, e2) == 1

m = bytes_to_long(b'Well hidden message!!!! ' + urandom(100))

c1 = pow(m, e1, n)
c2 = pow(m, e2, n)
```

## Attack

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In [ ]: _, a1, a2 = xgcd(e1, e2)

k1 = pow(c1, a1, n)
k2 = pow(c2, a2, n)

pt = (k1 * k2) % n
print(long_to_bytes(pt))
```

## Franklin Reiter

Let  $\langle e, N \rangle$  be the public key, and suppose  $m_1 = f(m_2) \pmod N$ , for some known  $f \in \mathbb{Z}_N[x]$ , where  $f$  is a linear polynomial ( $f(x) = ax + b$ ). Given  $c_1, c_2$ , the algorithm can efficiently recover  $m_1, m_2$  for any relatively small  $e$ .

Notice that  $m_2$  is a root of both  $f(x)^e - c_1 \pmod N$  and  $x^e - c_2 \pmod N$ . That said, we can apply polynomial G.C.D. in order to recover  $m_2$ .

The core idea is that for small exponents, the G.C.D is expected to be linear in most cases.

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    return bytes.fromhex(hex(l)[2:])
```

```
In [ ]: p = random_prime(2^1024)
q = random_prime(2^1024)

n = p * q
```

```

#
e = 3

a = randint(0, 2^16)
b = randint(0, 2^16)

m_2 = bytes_to_long(b"Well hidden message!!!! Lorem ipsum \
dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, \
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore ")

# m_2 = bytes_to_long(b"Well hidden message!!!!")

m_1 = (a * m_2 + b) % n

c_2 = pow(m_2, e, n)
c_1 = pow(m_1, e, n)

```

The implementation below calculates the GCD in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , thus works only when  $x^e, f(x)^e$  are both less than  $N$ .

```

In [ ]: from copy import copy

def polyDiv(x1, x2):
    assert x2 != 0
    q = 0
    r, d = x1, x2
    # print(r.poly, d.poly)
    while r.poly != 0 and d.poly != 0 and r.degr() >= d.degr():
        # print(r.poly, r.lead(), d.lead())
        t = r.lead() / d.lead()

        q += t * xs ^ (r.degr() - d.degr())
        r.poly -= t * d.poly * xs ^ (r.degr() - d.degr())
        r.poly = r.poly.simplify_full()

    # print('polyDiv ', q, r)
    return Poly(q), r

def polyGCD(x1, x2):
    if x2.poly == 0:
        return Poly(x1.poly / x1.lead())

    x1, x2 = x2, x1 % x2
    # print('polyGCD: ', x1, x2)

    return polyGCD(copy(x1), copy(x2))

class Poly:
    def __init__(self, poly):
        self.poly = poly

    def __repr__(self):
        return str(self.poly)

    def __eq__(self, other):

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    if type(other) == type(self):
        return self.poly == other.poly
    else:
        return self.poly == other

def __mod__(self, other):
    return polyDiv(self, other)[1]

def degr(self):
    return self.poly.degree(xs)

def lead(self):
    #print(self.poly.coefficient(xs, n=self.degr()), self.degr())
    return self.poly.coefficient(xs, n=self.degr())

xs = var('xs')
xx = Poly(xs ^ 3 + xs^2 + xs + 1)
xw = Poly(xs ^ 2 - 1)

res1 = polyGCD(copy(xx), copy(xw))

assert res1 == xs + 1

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In [ ]: m = var('xs')

P1 = (a*xs + b) ^ e - c_1
P2 = xs ^ e - c_2

P1 = Poly(P1)
P2 = Poly(P2)

print(P1, P2)
print(polyGCD(P1,P2))

msg = -polyGCD(P1, P2).poly.coefficient(xs, n=0)

print(msg)

```

We can edit this implementation so that it divides the polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_N[x]$

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In [ ]: ###TODO
###add Zn solver from .sage file

def polyDivZn(x1, x2):
    assert x2 != 0
    q = 0
    r, d = x1, x2
    # print(r.poly, d.poly)
    while r.poly != 0 and d.poly != 0 and r.degr() >= d.degr():
        print(type(d.lead()))
        d_i = Integer(d.lead()).inverse_mod(n)
        print(d_i)
    #
        print(r.poly, r.lead(), d.lead())
        t = (Integer(r.lead()) * d_i) % n

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        q += t * xs ^ (r.degr() - d.degr())
        r.poly -= t * d.poly * xs ^ (r.degr() - d.degr())
        r.poly = r.poly.simplify_full()

#     print('polyDiv ', q, r)
    return Poly(q), r

def polyGCDZn(x1, x2):
    if x2.poly == 0:
        return Poly(x1.poly * x1.inverse_mod(n))

    x1, x2 = x2, x1 % x2
    # print('polyGCD: ', x1, x2)

    return polyGCD(copy(x1), copy(x2))

class PolyZn:
    def __init__(self, poly):
        self.poly = poly

    def __repr__(self):
        return str(self.poly)

    def __eq__(self, other):
        if type(other) == type(self):
            return self.poly == other.poly
        else:
            return self.poly == other

    def __mod__(self, other):
        return polyDivZn(self, other)[1]

    def degr(self):
        return self.poly.degree(xs)

    def lead(self):
        #print(self.poly.coefficient(xs, n=self.degr()), self.degr())
        return self.poly.coefficient(xs, n=self.degr())

xs = var('xs')
xx = PolyZn(xs ^ 3 + xs^2 + xs + 1)
xw = PolyZn(xs ^ 2 - 1)

res1 = polyGCDZn(copy(xx), copy(xw))

assert res1 == xs + 1

```

## Wiener's Attack

If  $d$  is smaller than  $2^{n/4}$ , then we can recover  $p, q$ .

```

In [ ]: p = random_prime(2**1024)
        q = random_prime(2**1024)

```



```

n = p * q

phi = (p - 1)*(q - 1)

bound = 2 ** (n.bit_length() // 4)

# generating d to be a prime, so that it is guaranteed that there's an inverse
# any coprime to phi can be used
# in any case, this doesn't affect numerical results

d = random_prime(int(1/3 * bound))

print(d)

e = pow(d, -1, phi)

print(f'{e=}')
print(f'{n=}')

```

Because  $k < d < 1/3 * N^{1/4}$

$$\left| \frac{e}{N} - \frac{k}{d} \right| \leq \frac{1}{dN^{1/4}} < \frac{1}{2d^2}$$

Note,  $d$  is the private exponent, and  $k$  is derived from the relation  $ed = 1 + k\varphi(N)$

As stated in the paper, all fractions of this form are obtained as convergents of the continued fraction expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$

<https://math.stackexchange.com/a/2698953>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiener%27s\\_attack#Example](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiener%27s_attack#Example)

```

In [ ]: def continued_fraq(num, denom):
        decomp = []

        while num > 1:
            decomp.append(num // denom)

            num, denom = denom, num % denom

        return decomp

e1 = 17993 #test vars from wikipedia
n1 = 90581

decomp = continued_fraq(e, n)
print(decomp)

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In [ ]: from math import gcd

def calc_fraq(decomp):

    if len(decomp) == 1:

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    return decomp[0]

decomp = decomp[::-1]

nom, denom = decomp[0], 1

for idx in range(len(decomp) - 1):
    #reverse
    nom, denom = denom, nom

    #add nxt
    nom = nom + decomp[idx + 1] * denom

return (nom, denom)

def calc_convergents(decomp):
    convergents = []

    #building all i-th fractions separately
    #runs in O(n^2), where n is log2(N), still negligible complexity.
    for i in range(len(decomp)):
        convergents.append(calc_fraq(decomp[:i + 1]))

    return convergents

# decomp = continued_fraq(e, n)

convergents = calc_convergents(decomp)

print(convergents)

```

Having the continued fractions expansion of  $\frac{e}{N}$ , we can recover p and q:

$$\varphi(N) = \frac{ed - 1}{k}$$

But since p, q primes, we can solve the following system

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1) = N - p - q + 1 \\ N = pq \end{cases}$$

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In [ ]: #we can use sage to solve this as a 2nd degree equation equation
#Develop a proof-of-concept that doesn't use sage, but rather Fact 1 from page
#Alternatively we can use the code from Recover_p_q
p = q = -1

for k, d in convergents[1:]:
    phi = (e*d - 1) // k
    R.<x> = PolynomialRing(ZZ)
    Eq = x^2 - (n - phi + 1)*x + n

    primes = Eq.roots()
    if not primes:

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        continue
    print('[+]Found factorisation of n')
    p, q = [i[0] for i in primes]
    assert p * q == n

phi = (p - 1)*(q - 1)
d = pow(e, -1, phi)

print(f'p = }\n{q = }\n{phi = }\n{d = }')

```

## Coppersmith's Attack (LLL) on a partially known message

Suppose  $m = m' + x_0$ , if  $x_0$  is small we can recover it.

In particular,  $|x_0| \leq \frac{N^{1/e}}{2}$  needs to hold.

For example, when  $e = 3$ ,  $x_0$  needs to be  $\sim 1/3$  of  $\log_2 N$  (the bits of  $N$ ).

It is evident, that  $e$  needs to be relatively small for this attack to work.

We can take  $f(x) = (m' + x)^e - c \pmod N$  and find a polynomial that is guaranteed to have  $x_0$  as a root over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . What is unique about Coppersmith is that we can traverse through an exponential search space in polynomial running time (complexity of LLL).

<https://eprint.iacr.org/2023/032.pdf> (5.1.1)

```

In [ ]: def bytes_to_long(b):
        return int(b.hex(), base=16)

def long_to_bytes(l):
    return bytes.fromhex(hex(l)[2:])

```

```

In [ ]: phi = 3
e = 3

#assure coprime to e
while phi % e == 0:
    p = random_prime(2**1024)
    q = random_prime(2**1024)

    n = p * q

    phi = (p - 1)*(q - 1)

e = 3

d = pow(e, -1, phi)

m = bytes_to_long(b"Well hidden message!!!! Lorem ipsum \
dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit, \
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt ut labore ")

print(m.bit_length())

c = pow(m, e, n)

```

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In [ ]: R.<x> = PolynomialRing(Integers(n))

known = (m >> (m.bit_length() // 3)) * 2 ^ (m.bit_length() // 3)

f_x = (known + x) ^ 3 - c

a = f_x.coefficients()

X = round(n ^ (1/3))

B = matrix(ZZ, [
    [n,      0,      0,      0],
    [0,      n * X,      0,      0],
    [0,      0,      n * X^2,      0],
    [a[0], a[1]*X, a[2]*X^2, X^3]
])

print('dd')
print(B.LLL())

coefs = B.rows()[0]
ff_x = sum([coefs[i]*x^i//(X**i) for i in range(len(coefs))])

print(ff_x.roots(multiplicities=False))

```