Twenty Years of Attacks on the RSA Cryptosystem & Some Interesting RSA Problems

This project includes implementations of various attacks described in the famous paper Twenty Years of Attacks on the RSA Cryptosystem by Professor Dan Boneh, as well as a list of cryptography problems that I encounterd over the years in contests or were presented to me by teammates, and I found unique. The order of the attacks is not necessarily kept.

The primary language of choice is Python, and more specifically Sagemath. Note that Jupyter notebook with a SageMath 10.2 kernel were used (although some solvers may be written in 9.x it should still be compatible).

When first creating this project in late 2023, my goal was to get a better grasp of the RSA cryptosystem, as well as explore some of the cases that compromise security (even though I follow through with most proofs). Although fascinating, provable security, is out of the scope of this project, as I targeted to develop a practical understanding and get familiar with SageMath for cybersecurity Capture The Flag (CTF) competitions. That's why I have implemented a lot of fundamental algorithms myself based on their respective proofs, which are already implemented in the SageMath framework.

The highlight of this project is experimenting with lattice reduction, to an extent that is not fully shown here, through amazing resources such as Practical lattice reductions for CTF challenges and A Gentle Tutorial for Lattice-Based Cryptanalysis. I find it intriguing that LLL and other similar algorithms can traverse through an exponential search space (\mathbb{Z}^n) in polynomial running time, having to use it extensively for CTF challenges. It is important to mention that lattice problems seem to have the potential not only to encapsulate other cryptosystems but also to give rise to potentially post-quantum public-key schemes like Kyber.

Looking forward, I aspire to explore further both the theoretical side of cryptography (and more generally computationally intractable problems, and overview more open-source implementations of such algorithms.

Finally, I feel the need to apologize for not following a proper citation system, and instead leaving hyperlinks wherever I thought it was necessary.

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Twenty Years of Attacks on the RSA Cryptosystem

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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 effictively recover the factorisation of N.

Notice that

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k=ed-1 and k|arphi(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 $g_1 \equiv \pm 1 \mod q, g_1 \equiv \pm 1 \mod p$ 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 $g^{k/2^t} \equiv -1 \mod p$ (or mod g) 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)
```

```
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 $M\in Z_n^*$.

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

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S^{'} \equiv (M^{'})^d \equiv M^d r \mod N.
```

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

```
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')

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
```

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:

$$\mathbb{Z}/N_1N_2...N_k\mathbb{Z}\cong \mathbb{Z}/N_1\mathbb{Z} imes... imes \mathbb{Z}/N_k\mathbb{Z}$$

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

```
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

Working $\operatorname{mod} a$

```
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 modulos
            assert len(m) == len(r)
```

```
ml, rl = m[0], r[0]

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

"""

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

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

return (rl, m1)
```

Notice that $a_1m_1 + a_2m_2 = 1$

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

$$r_1a_2m_2 + r_2a_1m_1 \equiv r_1(1 - a_1m_1) + r_2a_1m_1 \equiv r_1 \mod m_1$$

Similarly, $r_1a_2m_2+r_2a_1m_1\equiv r_2\mod m_2$

Having implemented CRT we can now recover m:

```
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 Eucledean 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}\mod n and c_2=m^{e_2}\mod n
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So we can produce

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m^{e_1a_1} \mod n and
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 $m^{e_2 a_2} \mod n$

and thus,

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m^{e_1a_1+e_2a_2}\equiv m^1\mod 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

```
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 related message attack

Let $\langle e,N \rangle$ be the public key, and suppose $m_1=f(m_2)\mod N$, for some known $f\in\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{N}}[x]$, 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 $f(x)^e-c_1\mod N$ and $x^e-c_2\mod N$. 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.

```
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 = 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):
                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
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 $\mathbb{Z}_{\mathbb{N}}[x]$

```
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
                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 numberical results

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

print(d)

e = pow(d, -1, phi)

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

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

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

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

```
In [ ]: def continued frag(num, denom):
            decomp = []
            while num > 1:
                decomp.append(num // denom)
                num, denom = denom, num % denom
            return decomp
        el = 17993 #test vars from wikipedia
        n1 = 90581
        decomp = continued_fraq(e, n)
        print(decomp)
In [ ]: from math import gcd
        def calc fraq(decomp):
            if len(decomp) == 1:
                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 log 2(N), still negligible complexity.
            for i in range(len(decomp)):
                convergents.append(calc_fraq(decomp[:i + 1]))
            return convergents
        # decomp = continued frag(e, n)
        convergents = calc_convergents(decomp)
```

```
print(convergents)
```

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

$$arphi(N) = rac{ed-1}{k}$$

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

$$\left\{egin{aligned} arphi(N) &= (p-1)(q-1) = N-p-q+1 \ N &= pq \end{aligned}
ight.$$

```
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:
                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 $f(x)=(m^{'}+x)^e-c\mod N$ 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)
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, [
                       Θ,
                                0,
                                       0],
            [n,
            [0, n * X, 0,
[0, 0, n * X^2,
                               0,
                                       0],
            [a[0], a[1]*X, a[2]*X^2, X^3]
        ])
        # 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))
```

Some interesting RSA problems

ECCRSA (TU Delft CTF 2024)
 krsa (Intigriti CTF 2024)
 Redundancy (vsCTF 2023)
 RSA se olous RSei (NTUAH4CK 3.0)
 RSA-2024 (imaginaryCTF monthly - Round 42)
 RSATogether (ECSC 2024)
 small eqs (0xL4ugh 2024)

ECCRSA (TU Delft CTF 2024)

8. QRSA (Grey Cat The Flag 2023)

A custom cryptosystem is implemented. It attempts to combine RSA and Elliptic Curve Cryptography. By utilizing the standard addition formulas on Elliptic Curves, we manage to solve for all our unknowns and break the scheme.

```
In [ ]: #source.sage
       from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA
       from Crypto.Cipher import PKCS1 0AEP
       #from flag import FLAG
       FLAG = b"TUDELFT{TEST FLAGITO}"
       ##### NIST P256
       p256 = 2^256 - 2^224 + 2^192 + 2^96 - 1
       a256 = p256 - 3
       b256 = 410583637251521421293261297800472684091144410159937255548352563140394674
       ## Curve order
       FF = GF(p256)
       EC = EllipticCurve([FF(a256), FF(b256)])
       EC.set order(n)
       while True:
           try:
              p = random_prime(p256)
              P = EC.lift x(p)
              q = random prime(p256)
              Q = EC.lift x(q)
              S = P + Q
              break
           except:
               pass
       N = int(p * q)
       e = 65537
       phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)
```

```
d = int(pow(e, -1, phi))
        key = RSA.construct((int(N), int(e), int(d)))
        print(f"{N = }")
        print(f"{e = }")
        print(f"{S = }")
        cipher = PKCS1 OAEP.new(key)
        ciphertext = cipher.encrypt(FLAG)
        print(f"{ciphertext = }")
In [ ]: #solution.sage
        from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA
        from Crypto.Cipher import PKCS1 OAEP
        ##### NIST P256
        p256 = 2^256 - 2^224 + 2^192 + 2^96 - 1
        a256 = p256 - 3
        b256 = 410583637251521421293261297800472684091144410159937255548352563140394674
        ## Curve order
        n = 115792089210356248762697446949407573529996955224135760342422259061068512044
        FF = GF(p256)
        EC = EllipticCurve([FF(a256), FF(b256)])
        EC.set order(n)
        N = 253260157651718015197327280447245866218891130990280492767497312073163266846
        e = 65537
        ciphertext = b'\x12\xed\xb1r\xb0L]\xcff\x9b\xb1o\x88\xd3\xc9\xac~P{\x0e\x1e\x12
        Sx, Sy = S.xy()
        \# n = p*q
        \# Sx = 1^2 - p - q
        # Sy = l*(p - Sx) - Y(p)
        a = a256
        b = b256
        P.<xp, xq, yp, yq> = PolynomialRing(FF)
        p1 = yp^2 - (xp^3 + a*xp + b)
        p2 = yq^2 - (xq^3 + a*xq + b)
        pol1 = (yq - yp)^2 - xp*(xq - xp)^2 - xq*(xq - xp)^2 - Sx*(xq - xp)^2
        pol2 = (yq - yp)*(xp - Sx) - yp*(xq - xp) - Sy*(xq - xp)
        pol3 = N - xp*xq
        I = P * (p1, p2, pol1, pol2, pol3)
        V = I.groebner basis()
        # print monomials of the polynomials in the groebner basis to inspect them manu
        print(*[Vi.monomials() for Vi in V], sep= '\n')
        print(len(V))
        V1, V2, V3, V4 = V[:4]
```

```
def resultant(p1, p2, var):
   p1 = p1.change ring(QQ)
   p2 = p2.change ring(QQ)
   var = var.change ring(QQ)
   r = p1.resultant(p2, var)
   return r.change ring(FF)
# Get rid of variables
h12 = resultant(V1, V2, xp)
h34 = resultant(V3, V4, xp)
h1234 = resultant(h12, h34, yp)
print(h1234.variables())
# this polynomial only has one variable, so finding roots is trivial
unipol = resultant(h1234, p2, yq).univariate polynomial()
poss xq = unipol.roots(multiplicities= False)
print(poss xq)
for r in poss xq:
   if N % int(r) == 0:
       print("success")
       p = int(r)
       e = 65537
       q = N//p
       print(f"{p = }")
       print(f"{q = }")
       assert is prime(p), is prime(q)
       assert p*q == N
       phi = (p - 1) * (q - 1)
       d = int(pow(e, -1, phi))
       key = RSA.construct((int(N), int(e), int(d)))
       cipher = PKCS1 OAEP.new(key)
       message = cipher.decrypt(ciphertext)
       print(message)
       exit()
```

krsa (Intigriti CTF 2024)

This challenge simply requires to decrypt a ciphertext corresponding to a random 32-bit plaintext encrypted with a textbook RSA-2048 instance. While normally this would be bruteforcable, a tight timeout is enforced that prohibits exhaustive enumeration of all 32-bit messages that could possible produce the given ciphertext. In order to bypass this constraint, the solution is to employ a Meet-in-the-Middle approach, which decreases the amount of bruteforce needed from 2^32 to ~2^17 bits, a singificant optimation that makes the attack run in < 1a. The catch is that in order to carry out the MitM attack, the message needs to be able to be expressed as the product of two 16-bit numbers . While this is not guaranteed to be always the case, it occurs with highenough probability that simply resetting the server connection and making a new attempt is guaranteed to succeed within a few tries.

```
In [ ]: #server.py
        from Crypto.Util.number import *
        import signal
        def timeout handler(signum, frame):
            print("Secret key expired")
            exit()
        signal.signal(signal.SIGALRM, timeout handler)
        signal.alarm(300)
        FLAG = "INTIGRITI{fake flag}"
        SIZE = 32
        class Alice:
            def __init__(self):
                self.p = getPrime(1024)
                self.q = getPrime(1024)
                self.n = self.p*self.q
                self.e = 0x10001
            def public key(self):
                return self.n,self.e
            def decrypt key(self, ck):
                phi = (self.p-1)*(self.q-1)
                d = inverse(e, phi)
                self.k = pow(ck, d, n)
        class Bob:
            def init__(self):
                self.k = getRandomNBitInteger(SIZE)
            def key exchange(self, n, e):
                return pow(self.k, e, n)
        alice = Alice()
        bob = Bob()
        n,e = alice.public key()
```

```
print("Public key from Alice :")
print(f"{n=}")
print(f"{e=}")
ck = bob.key exchange(n, e)
print("Bob sends encrypted secret key to Alice :")
print(f"{ck=}")
alice.decrypt key(ck)
assert(alice.k == bob.k)
try:
    k = int(input("Secret key ? "))
except:
   exit()
if k == bob.k:
    print(FLAG)
else:
    print("That's not the secret key")
```

```
In [ ]: #sol.py
        from pwn import *
        from gmpy2 import mpz
        def attempt():
            #conn = remote('krsa.ctf.intigriti.io', 1346)
            conn = process(["python", "server.py"])
            conn.recvline()
            n = mpz(int(conn.recvline().decode().split("=")[-1]))
            e = mpz(int(conn.recvline().decode().split("=")[-1]))
            conn.recvline()
            c = mpz(int(conn.recvline().decode().split("=")[-1]))
            conn.recvuntil(b"? ")
            forward = {}
            backward = {}
            for k in range(2**15, 2**16):
                f = pow(k, e, n)
                forward[f] = k
                b = c * pow(f, -1, n) % n
                backward[b] = k
            intersect = list(set(forward.keys()).intersection(set(backward.keys())))
            if intersect == []:
                conn.close()
                return
            print(intersect)
            k = intersect[0]
            m = forward[k]*backward[k]
            print(m, m.bit length())
            conn.sendline(str(m).encode())
            print(conn.recvline())
            exit()
        while True:
            attempt()
```

Redundancy (vsCTF 2023)

In []: #chall.py

This challenge is a twist on two standard RSA attacks. Each one individually is not enough to break the system, but chaining them in the right way makes decryption possible. Specifically:

- A message is encrypted twice with a common modulus but without the two public exponents being coprime.
- A short, known prefix is added to the message before encryption.

Since the public exponents are not coprime, the standard "common modulus" attack cannot be used to directly recover the message. It can, however, be employed to caclulate the encryption of the initial message as if it were encrypted with the gcd of the two actual exponents. This, enables a Coppersmith short-pad attack to be carried out, by significantly decreasing the degree of the polynomial.

```
from flag import flag
        from Crypto.Util.number import getPrime as gP
        e1, e2 = 5*2, 5*3
        assert len(flag) < 16</pre>
        flag = "Wow good job the flag is (omg hype hype): vsctf{"+flag+"}"
        p = qP(1024)
        q = qP(1024)
        n = p * q
        m = int.from bytes(flag.encode(), 'big')
        c1 = pow(m, e1, n)
        c2 = pow(m, e2, n)
        print(f"n = \{n\}")
        print(f"c1 = \{c1\}")
        print(f"c2 = {c2}")
In [ ]: | #solve.py
        from sage.all import *
        from Crypto.Util.number import bytes to long, long to bytes
        n = 170177484387050664859802656105049739416895071582140489079348640539518248890
        c1 = 90030625443614689600142184706364046691737350448663429658696603821662631232
        c2 = 25460724486408086125562380656904070103818852013207613726149986671790312475
        e1, e2 = 5*2, 5*3
        e3, u, v = xgcd(e1, e2)
        print(f"New exp: {e3}")
        c3 = pow(c1, u, n) * pow(c2, v, n) % n
        # we know these about the message:
        # assert len(flag) < 16</pre>
        # flag = "Wow good job the flag is (omg hype hype): vsctf{"+flag+"}"
        prefix = bytes to long(b"Wow good job the flag is (omg hype hype): vsctf{")
        suffix = ord("}")
```

```
PP = PolynomialRing(Zmod(n), "x")
x = PP.gen()
for flaglen in range(1, 16):
    pol = (prefix*256**(flaglen + 1) + x*256 + suffix)**e3 - c3
    pol = pol.monic()
    sroot = pol.small_roots(X= 256**flaglen)
    if sroot == []:
        continue
    flag = long_to_bytes(int(sroot[0])).decode()
    print(f"Found flag for flag length {flaglen}")
    print(f"vsctf{{flag}}}")
```

RSA se olous RSei (NTUAH4CK 3.0)

This RSA challenge combines an unconventinal method of encoding messages as integers, as well as using a small public exponent (e = 3). To attack it, the RSA homomorphic properties are leveraged, in combination with known properties of the plaintext format. This enables a small public exponent attack to be mounted on the encrypted message, recovering it with minimal bruteforce.

```
In [ ]: # source.py
       from Crypto.Util.number import getPrime
       from math import prod
       from sympy import sieve
       from secret import FLAG
       FLAGLEN = 18
       assert len(FLAG) == FLAGLEN
       p = getPrime(2048)
       q = getPrime(2048)
       n = p*q
       e = 3
       m = prod(pow(sieve[i], FLAG[FLAGLEN - i], n) for i in range(1, FLAGLEN + 1))
       c = pow(m, e, n)
       print(f"{n = }")
       print(f"{c = }")
       c = 261332720226137976530358137785198757089872077737947235494671199683831734450
In [ ]: # solution.py
       from gmpy2 import iroot
       from sympy import factorint, sieve
       \mathsf{n} \ = \ 321349515590314206653975895432643161024198725364502097901215631564603177206
       c = 261332720226137976530358137785198757089872077737947235494671199683831734450
       e = 3
       FLAGLEN = 18
```

```
known primes = sieve[1:FLAGLEN + 1][::-1]
known = b"NH4CK{"
smallest ascii = b"!"
smallest ascii_val = smallest_ascii[0]
flag dict = {}
smallest flag = known + smallest ascii*(FLAGLEN - 1 - len(known)) + b"}"
for p, char in zip(known primes, smallest flag):
   c = c * pow(p, -e * char, n) % n
    flag dict[p] = char
bfsize = 2
next2primes = known primes[len(known):len(known) + bfsize]
for num1 in range(128 - smallest ascii val):
    c1 = c * pow(next2primes[0], -e * num1, n) % n
    for num2 in range(128 - smallest ascii val):
        c2 = c1 * pow(next2primes[1], -e * num2, n) % n
        root, check = iroot(c2, e)
        if check:
            flag dict[next2primes[0]] += num1
            flag dict[next2primes[1]] += num2
            print("success", c2.bit length(), num1, num2)
            facs = factorint(root)
            flag = ''
            for sp in sieve[1:FLAGLEN + 1]:
                num = facs.get(sp, 0)
                flag += chr(flag dict[sp] + num)
            print(flag[::-1])
            exit()
```

RSA-2024 (imaginaryCTF monthly - Round 42)

While this initially seems like a simple challenge, it is deceptively complicated, since we aren't given the value of e. To solve it, it is required to approach RSA in an unconventional means. While we are used to thinking about the order of the group used in standard RSA instances using Euler's phi, the key to solving the challenge is to instead utilize Carmichael's lambda. Since this value divides phi, and the server doesn't check in any way that the modulus N we provide is the product of two primes, we can instead construct a "malicious" value of N, with as small Carmichael's lambda as possible. Finally, since the value of lambda is so small, we can enumerate all possible values of the secret exponent, an decrypt the message until we get a value of the desired format (i.e. printable english).

```
In []: #server.py

from Crypto.Util.number import *
FLAG = b'ictf{REDACTED}'

print("Let's build an RSA-2024 public key together! I provide the exponent, you e = getRandomNBitInteger(2024)
N = int(input("N = "))
assert e.bit_length() == N.bit_length() == 2024, "We failed to collaborate on a
```

```
m = bytes to long(FLAG)
        c = pow(m, e, N)
        print(f"{c = }")
In [ ]: #sol.py
        from pwn import *
        from Crypto.Util.number import *
        from sympy import sieve
        from sage.all import carmichael lambda, factor, is prime, is prime power, euler
        from itertools import chain, combinations, product
        from math import prod
        from tgdm import trange
        from gmpy2 import mpz
        from random import randint, choices
        def powerset(iterable):
            s = list(iterable)
            return chain.from iterable(combinations(s, r) for r in range(1, len(s)+1))
        # precalculate N of appropriate bit length and as small Carmichael's lambda as
        target bitlength = 2024
        small primes = list(sieve[1:7]) + [17]
        uses = [6, 4, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2]
        assert len(small primes) == len(uses)
        prime uses = {s: u for s, u in zip(small primes, uses)}
        print(small primes)
        diff primes = set()
        cnt = 0
        all subsets = powerset(small primes)
        for subset in all subsets:
            for up in product(*[list(range(i)) for i in [prime uses[p] for p in subset]
                potp = prod([subset[i]**up[i] for i in range(len(subset))]) + 1
                if is prime(potp):
                    if potp not in diff_primes:
                        diff primes.add(potp)
        diff primes = list(diff primes)
        diff primes = sorted(diff primes, key = lambda num: num.bit_length())
        s = 124
        mul = 1
        for np in diff primes[::-1]:
            mul *= np
            if mul.bit length() > target bitlength:
                mul //= np
                break
        small primes = diff primes[:40]
        while True:
            tN = mul * prod(choices(small primes, k= randint(1, 10)))
            if tN.bit length() == target bitlength:
                break
```

```
cl = carmichael lambda(tN)
print(factor(cl))
print(f"{cl = }")
print(f"{cl.bit length()}")
while True:
   conn = process(["python", "server.py"])
    conn.sendlineafter(b"= ", str(tN).encode())
    c = int(conn.recvline().decode().strip().split()[-1])
    conn.close()
   c, n = mpz(c), mpz(tN)
    c0 = c
    for d in trange(cl):
       c = c*c0 % n
        flag = long to bytes(c)
        if flag.startswith(b"ictf{"):
            print(flag)
            exit()
```

RSATogether (ECSC 2024 jeopardy)

The setting of this challenge involves an RSA secret that is "Shamir-Secret-Shared" among many participants. A slight mistake in the implementation of the secret sharing allows the attacker to use a polynomial of degree smaller than the amount of shares they're given. This in turn enables them to recover the secret using some clever linear algebra and undo the RSA encryption.

```
In [ ]: #rsatoether.py
        #!/usr/bin/env sage
        from Crypto.Util.number import getPrime, bytes to long
        import random
        import os
        random = random.SystemRandom()
        flag = os.getenv("FLAG", "ECSC{testflag}")
        def gen key(n bits):
            p = getPrime(n bits//2)
            q = getPrime(n bits//2)
            n = p*q
            phi = (p-1)*(q-1)
            e = 65537
            d = pow(e, -1, phi)
            return phi, d, n, e
        def eval poly(poly, x, n):
            return sum(pow(x, i, n) * poly[i] for i in range(len(poly))) % n
        def create shares(phi, poly):
            n shares = int(input("With how many friends you want to share the private ∤
```

```
if n shares < 1:</pre>
        print("Don't be mean, sharing is caring!")
        exit()
    elif n shares > 101:
        print("Come on, you don't have that many friends...")
    n shares += 1 # you also get one part of the key, don't worry
    poly = poly[:n shares]
   ys = [eval_poly(poly, i, phi) for i in range(1, n shares+1)]
   M = matrix(ZZ, [[x**i for i in range(n shares)] for x in range(1, n shares-
    coeffs = M.solve left(vector(ZZ, [1] + [0]*(n shares - 1)))
    shares = [(c*y) % phi for c,y in zip(coeffs, ys)]
    yours = shares.pop(n shares - 2)
    print(f"Here is your part: {yours}")
    return shares
def comput partial decryption(c, shares, n):
    return [pow(c, s, n) for s in shares]
n bits = 2048
phi, d, n, e = gen_key(n_bits)
print(f"{n = }")
print(f"{e = }")
poly = [d] + [random.getrandbits(n bits) for in range(99)]
shares = create shares(phi, poly)
while True:
   choice = int(input("""
Select:
1) Decrypt something
2) Reshare
3) That's enough
> """))
    if choice == 1:
        c = int(input("Ciphertext: "))
        partial dec = comput partial decryption(c, shares, n)
        print("Here are the partial decryptions of your friends!")
        for pt in partial dec:
            print(pt)
    elif choice == 2:
        shares = create shares(phi, poly)
    elif choice == 3:
        break
pad flag = os.urandom((n bits - 8)//8 - len(flag)) + flag.encode()
print(f"Bye bye, take this with you!\n{pow(bytes to long(pad flag), e , n)}")
```

```
In []: #solve.py
    from sage.all import *
    from pwn import *
    from Crypto.Util.number import getPrime, bytes_to_long, long_to_bytes
```

```
from tgdm import tgdm
from gmpy2 import mpz, gcd
def get num(conn):
    return int(conn.recvline().decode().strip().split()[-1])
def get flag(conn):
   conn.sendlineafter(b"> ", b"3")
   conn.recvline()
    enc = get num(conn)
    return enc
def decrypt_from_d(conn, d, enc= None):
   if enc == None:
       enc = get flag(conn)
    pt = long to bytes(pow(enc, d, n))
    if b"ECSC" in pt:
        print(pt)
    return enc, pt
def reshare(conn, num):
   conn.sendlineafter(b"> ", b"2")
   conn.sendlineafter(b"? ", str(num).encode())
    share = get num(conn)
    return share
def gcd list(llist):
    if len(llist) == 2:
        return gcd(llist[0], llist[1])
    return gcd_list([gcd(llist[0], llist[1])] + llist[2:])
conn = process(["sage", "rsatogether.sage"])
#conn = remote("rsatogether.challs.jeopardy.ecsc2024.it", 47001)
n = get num(conn)
e = get num(conn)
conn.sendlineafter(b"? ", b"2")
get num(conn)
FF = QQ
size = 100
M1 = matrix(FF, size, size)
M2 = matrix(FF, size, size)
v1 = vector(FF, size)
v2 = vector(FF, size)
for i in tqdm(range(size+1)):
   nshares = i + 2
   M = matrix(ZZ, [[x**i for i in range(nshares)] for x in range(1, nshares+1)]
    coeffs = M.solve_left(vector(ZZ, [1] + [0]*(nshares - 1)))
    coeffs = [int(ii) for ii in coeffs]
    mycoeff = coeffs[-2]
    polyy = [1]*size
    polyy = polyy[:nshares]
    polyy += [0]*(size - len(polyy))
    my x = nshares - 1
    share = reshare(conn, my x)
```

```
if i < size-1:
        v1[i] = share
        v2[i] = share
    elif i == size-1:
        assert v1[-1] == 0
        v1[-1] = share
    elif i == size:
        assert v2[-1] == 0
        v2[-1] = share
    coeff = nshares * (-1)**nshares
    assert coeff == mycoeff
    if i < size-1:
        for j in range(size):
            M1[i, j] = polyy[j]*coeff*(my x**j)
            M2[i, j] = polyy[j]*coeff*(my x**j)
    elif i == size-1:
        for j in range(size):
            assert all(ii == 1 for ii in polyy)
            M1[-1, j] = polyy[j]*coeff*(my x**j)
    elif i == size:
        for j in range(size):
            M2[-1, j] = polyy[j]*coeff*(my x**j)
enc = get flag(conn)
print("[+] Solving ... this will take some time ...")
R1 = (M1.augment(v1)).rref().column(-1)
R2 = (M2.augment(v2)).rref().column(-1)
RD = R1 - R2
common denom = prod([rd.denominator() for rd in RD])
RDD = common denom*RD
maybe phi = gcd list([int(ii) for ii in RDD])
my d = pow(e, -1, maybe phi)
decrypt from d(conn, my d, enc)
```

small_eqs (0xL4ugh CTF 2024)

This challenge uses an unorthodox method for generating 2 out of the 3 primes used to compose the public modulus of this multiprime RSA instance. By abusing the relation between the 2 primes we cam bruteforcing the unknown of small size and find a multiple of a divisor of the order of the quotient ring F_x^2/(some random polynomial). We can then raise a random element to that value and get a multiple of one of the primes. From there, caclulating the other 2 primes and decrypting the message is trivial.

```
In []: # chall.py
from Crypto.Util.number import getPrime, isPrime, bytes_to_long

p=getPrime(512)
while True:
    w=getPrime(20)
    x=2*w*p-1
    if isPrime(x):
```

```
break
        q=qetPrime(512*2)
        n = p * q * x
        e = 65537
        m = bytes to long(b'redacted')
        c = pow(m, e, n)
        print(f"{n = }")
        print(f"{e = }")
        print(f"{c = }")
        print(w)
        1.1.1
        n = 181866728496096033313441825845686429410788931048023012172410286244696070217
        e = 65537
        c = 161799929355762072415753553777874133500465628665513459757970683869056617845
In [ ]: from Crypto.Util.number import long_to_bytes
        from sage.all import gcd, PolynomialRing, Zmod
        from gmpy2 import next_prime
        from random import randint
        from tqdm import tqdm
        from multiprocessing import Pool
        import os
        n = 181866728496096033313441825845686429410788931048023012172410286244696070217
        e = 65537
        c = 161799929355762072415753553777874133500465628665513459757970683869056617845
        def process prime(prime):
            t = a^{**}(2*prime*n)
            for i, ele in enumerate(list(t)):
                res = gcd(int(ele), n)
                if res != 1 and res != n:
                    print(res, "success", i, ele, prime)
                    p2 = res
                    assert n % p2 == 0
                    p1 = (p2 + 1)//2//prime
                    assert n % p1 == 0
                    p3 = n//p1//p2
                    phi = (p1 - 1)*(p2 - 1)*(p3 - 1)
                    d = pow(e, -1, phi)
                    flag = long to bytes(int(pow(c, d, n)))
                    print(flag)
                    return True
            return False
        if name == " main ":
            Zn = Zmod(n)
            PR = PolynomialRing(Zn, 'x')
            x = PR.gen()
            primes20 = [next prime(2**19)]
            while True:
                primes20.append(next prime(primes20[-1]))
```

QRSA (Grey Cat The Flag 2023)

This challenge implements RSA in Q[$\sqrt{41}$]. After some searching we can find this paper, https://www.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:1170568/FULLTEXT01.pdf which explains that if the norm of N can be factorized, then we can recover phi, and effectively recover the message (indeed, our N is very smooth). The catch is that phi is not calculated like Z because the structure of the group differs. But, we can follow 5.2 to calculate phi.

```
note that Q[\sqrt{41}] is a UFD.

So Q[d]/x = Q[d]/(y1^a1) * ... * Q[d]/(yn^an)
If y is in Z then norm(y) = p^2 with p being prime.

ord(Q[d]/(y^a)) = (p^2 - 1) * p^2(a-1)

Else if y is not in Z then norm(y) is prime.

ord(Q[d]/(y^a)) = (p - 1) * p^(a-1)

and since norm is multiplicative:

Norm(x) = norm(y1)^a1 * ... * Norm(y2)^a2
```

```
In []: # main.py

from Crypto.Util.number import bytes_to_long
from secret import qa, qb, pa, pb

FLAG = b'fake_flag'

class Q:
    d = 41
    def __init__(self, a, b):
        self.a = a
        self.b = b

    def __add__(self, other):
```

```
return Q(self.a + other.a, self.b + other.b)
   def sub (self, other):
       return Q(self.a - other.a, self.b - other.b)
   def mul (self, other):
       a = self.a * other.a + Q.d * self.b * other.b
       b = self.b * other.a + self.a * other.b
       return Q(a, b)
   def mod (self, other):
       # Implementation Hidden
       # ...
       return self
   def str (self) -> str:
       return f'({self.a}, {self.b})'
def power(a, b, m):
   res = Q(1, 0)
   while (b > 0):
       if (b & 1): res = (res * a) % m
       a = (a * a) % m
       b //= 2
    return res
p, q = Q(pa, pb), Q(qa, qb)
N = p * q
m = Q(bytes to long(FLAG[:len(FLAG)//2]), bytes to long(FLAG[len(FLAG)//2:]))
e = 0 \times 10001
c = power(m, e, N)
print(f"N a = {N.a}")
print(f"N b = {N.b}")
print(f"C a = \{c.a\}")
print(f"C b = \{c.b\}")
print(f"e = \{e\}")
print(f"D = \{Q.d\}")
\mathbf{I}_{-}\mathbf{I}_{-}\mathbf{I}_{-}
N a = 2613240571441392195964088630982261349682821645613497396226742971850092862
N b = 4066312913810630627083686406244331951776298871283249921565362154224270852
Ca = 2548711194583905242838482900078294859199882484375229964715550469790767416
C b = 4009411581482998666651154361460845552971526469142234339882939618938482067
e = 65537
D = 41
1.1.1
N b = 4066312913810630627083686406244331951776298871283249921565362154224270852
```

```
In []: # solver.sage

N_a = 2613240571441392195964088630982261349682821645613497396226742971850092862
N_b = 4066312913810630627083686406244331951776298871283249921565362154224270852
C_a = 2548711194583905242838482900078294859199882484375229964715550469790767416
C_b = 4009411581482998666651154361460845552971526469142234339882939618938482067
e = 65537
D = 41

Q = QuadraticField(D, name='d')
```

```
d = Q.gen()
N = N_a + d*N_b
C = C a + d*C b
# fs = factor(N.norm())
# print(list(fs))
fs = [(2, 100), (3, 30), (5, 14), (7, 8), (11, 2), (19, 2), (23, 3), (29, 2),
phi = 1
for (i, pwr) in fs:
   i = int(i)
   phi *= i**(pwr - 1) * (i**2 - 1)
Q_{modN.<dmod> = Q.quo(N)
C_{mod} = C_a + dmod * C_b
rsa_d = pow(e, -1, phi)
res = (C_mod ^ rsa_d).lift()
coeffs = list(res)
flag = ''
for i in coeffs:
   flag += (int(i)).to_bytes(30, 'big').decode()
print(flag)
```