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RSA Algorithm

RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman) algorithm was first described in 1977. It is an asymmetric cryptography algorithm with private and public keys in it. The public key is used for encryption and the private key is used for decryption.

Steps to calculate RSA

1. Key Generation

1. Select two prime numbers p and q respectively
2. Calculate $n=p \times q$
3. calculate $\Phi(n)=(p-1) \times (q-1)$
 - Euler's Totient Function
4. Exponential GCD [$\Phi(n)$, e] = 1
 - Condition = $1 < e < \Phi(n)$
 - GCD = Greatest Common Division
5. Calculate $[de \bmod \Phi(n) = 1]$
6. Public key = [e, n]
7. Private key = [d, n]

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2. Encryption

- $c = m^e \text{ mod } n$
 - [m = plaintext]
 - [m < n]
 - [c = ciphertext]
 - [m will be no. of words in your message]

3. Decryption

- $m = c^d \text{ mod } n$

Example RSA Algorithm

Let's understand with an example

Assume $p = 3, q = 11$

$n = 3 \times 11 = 33$ [i.e. $n = p \times q$]

$\phi(n) = 2 \times 10 = 20$ [i.e. $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$]

So, let's take

$e = 7$ [$1 < 7 < 20$ and $\gcd((7, 20)) = 1$]

Now,

$de \bmod \phi(n) = 1$

$7 \times d \bmod \phi(n) = 1$

$7 \times d \bmod 20 = 1$ [** d = 3]

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Since $e = 7$, $d = 3$

Public key = $[e, n] = [7, 33]$

Private key = $[d, n] = [3, 33]$

Let's take message = 31

Encryption

$$c = m^e \bmod n$$

$$c = 31^7 \bmod 33$$

$$c = 27512614111 \bmod 33$$

$$c = 4$$

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Decryption

$$m = c^d \bmod n$$

$$m = 4^3 \bmod 33$$

$$m = 64 \bmod 33$$

$$m = 31$$

Public Key Cryptography

Public Key Cryptography, also called asymmetric cryptography, is a system where each user has a pair of mathematically linked keys: a "public key" that can be freely shared with anyone, and a "private key" kept secret.

Allowing anyone to encrypt messages using the recipient's public key, but only the recipient can decrypt them using their private key, enabling secure communication, digital signatures, and user authentication.

Key Points about Public Key Cryptography

Two Keys:

Public Key – Can be freely distributed.

Private Key – Must be kept secret.



Need for Public Key Cryptography

- **Symmetric encryption requires secure key exchange, which is challenging.**
- **Public Key Cryptography enables secure communication over untrusted networks.**
- **Ensures Confidentiality, Integrity, Authentication, and Non-Repudiation**

Public Key Cryptography

Applications:

- **Secure Communication** – Used in internet security (SSL/TLS).
- **Email Encryption** – Protects email privacy (PGP, S/MIME).
- **Website Authentication** – Enables HTTPS for secure browsing.
- **Code Signing** – Ensures software integrity and authenticity.

Key Management Techniques

- **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)** – A framework to manage key pairs securely.
- **Certificate Authorities (CAs)** – Trusted entities that issue and verify digital certificates.
- **Key Revocation & Expiry** – Managing outdated or compromised keys.

Key Distribution

- Public announcement
- Public key directory
- Public key Authority
- Certificate Authorities

Key Distribution Problem

- Ensuring a public key is authentic and belongs to the claimed entity.
- Risk of Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attacks if an attacker replaces the public key
- Solutions: Certificate Authorities (CAs) & Web of Trust.

Digital Signature

- A digital signature is a method of authenticating a message or document
- A digital signature confirms that a message or document originated with a specific signer, and that it has not been altered since it was signed.
- They are often used with PDF documents, email messages, and word-processing documents to authenticate the signer and recipient.

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