

Math 134: Cryptography

Lecture 7: RSA encryption

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Theorem (Euler's Theorem on modular exponentiation)

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Where did these numbers come from? The number $1125897758834689 = 524287 \cdot 2147483647$ is the product of two Mersenne primes. The number 65537 is a Fermat prime. In general, picking these numbers is its own problem.

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Converting this sequence of bytes to a string gives: Cats are
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