

# RSA - generating the key pair

1. Pick  $p$  and  $q$  two large prime numbers and calculate  $n = p \cdot q$   
(see primality tests)
2. Compute  $z = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$
3. Pick a prime number  $e < z$  such that  $e$  and  $z$  are relative primes  
➔  $(e, n)$  is the **public key**
4. Solve the linear equation  $e * d = 1 \pmod{z}$  to find  $d$   
➔  $(d, n)$  is the **private key**  
however  $p$  and  $q$  must be kept secret too

# RSA - encryption and decryption

Given  $K_p = (e, n)$  and  $K_s = (d, n)$

➡ Encryption :  $E_{kp}(m) = m^e \bmod n = c$

➡ Decryption :  $D_{ks}(c) = c^d \bmod n = m$

➡  **$(m^e)^d \bmod n = (m^d)^e \bmod n = m$**