

# CS557: Cryptography

## Public-key Cryptography-III

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# RSA Security

- Three major approaches to attacking RSA:
  - brute force key search:
    - infeasible given size of numbers
  - mathematical attacks (based on difficulty of computing  $\phi(N)$ , by factoring modulus  $N$ )
- mathematical approach to find  $d$  takes 3 forms:
  - factor  $N=p.q$ , hence find  $\phi(N)$  and then  $d$
  - determine  $\phi(N)$  directly and find  $d$
  - find  $d$  directly
- timing attacks (on running of decryption)

# Complexity of Factoring Problem

- Trial division
  - Complexity  $\sqrt{n}$
- Pollard p-1 method

input : an integer  $n$  , and a prespecified "bound"  $B$

output : factors of  $n$

$a \leftarrow 2$

for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $B$

do  $a \leftarrow a^j \bmod n$

$d \leftarrow \gcd(a-1, n)$

if  $1 < d < n$

then return( $d$ )

else return("failure")

# The Pollard's rho algorithm

## ■ 2. The Pollard's rho algorithm

input : an integer  $n$

output : factors of  $n$

(1) Selecting a "random" function  $f$  with integer coefficients , and any

Begin with  $x=x_0$  and  $y=y_0$ .

$$x_0 \in Z_n.$$

(2) Repeat the two calculations

$$x \leftarrow f(x) \bmod n \quad \text{and} \quad y \leftarrow f(f(y)) \bmod n$$

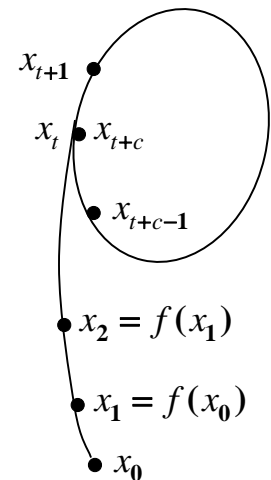
until  $d = \gcd(x-y, n) > 1$ .

(3) Do the following compare

3.1 If  $d < n$ , we have succeeded.

3.2 If  $d = n$ , the method is failed. Goto (1).

(\*) A typical choice of  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , with a seed  $x_0 = 2$ .



# Pollard's Rho method for Factorization.

## Introduction:

Let us prepare a sequence as follows

$$S = \begin{cases} x_0 & \text{initialize a value } i=0 \\ x_i & x_i = b(x_{i-1}) \bmod n \quad i > 0 \end{cases}$$

Let we find  $x_i, x_j$  s.t.  $P \mid (x_i - x_j)$   
as  $P \mid n$   $(x_i - x_j) \mid n$

i.e. for any pair

$$d \leftarrow \gcd((x_i - x_j), n) > 1$$

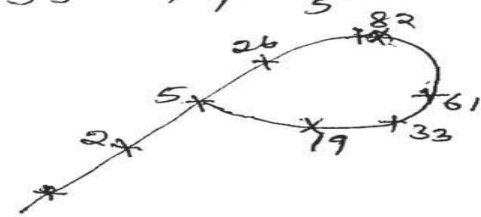
$\Rightarrow d$  is a factor  $\in P$ .

$f(x) = x^2 + 1$  can be chosen

Ex:  $N = 119$ ,  $x_0 = 2$

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$x_i$	2	5	26	82	61	33	19	5

The value seems like a P



To reduce the No. of GCD computation you can use Floyd's cycle detector.

choose  $x_0, y_0 \leftarrow x_n$

$$x_i = b(x_i)$$

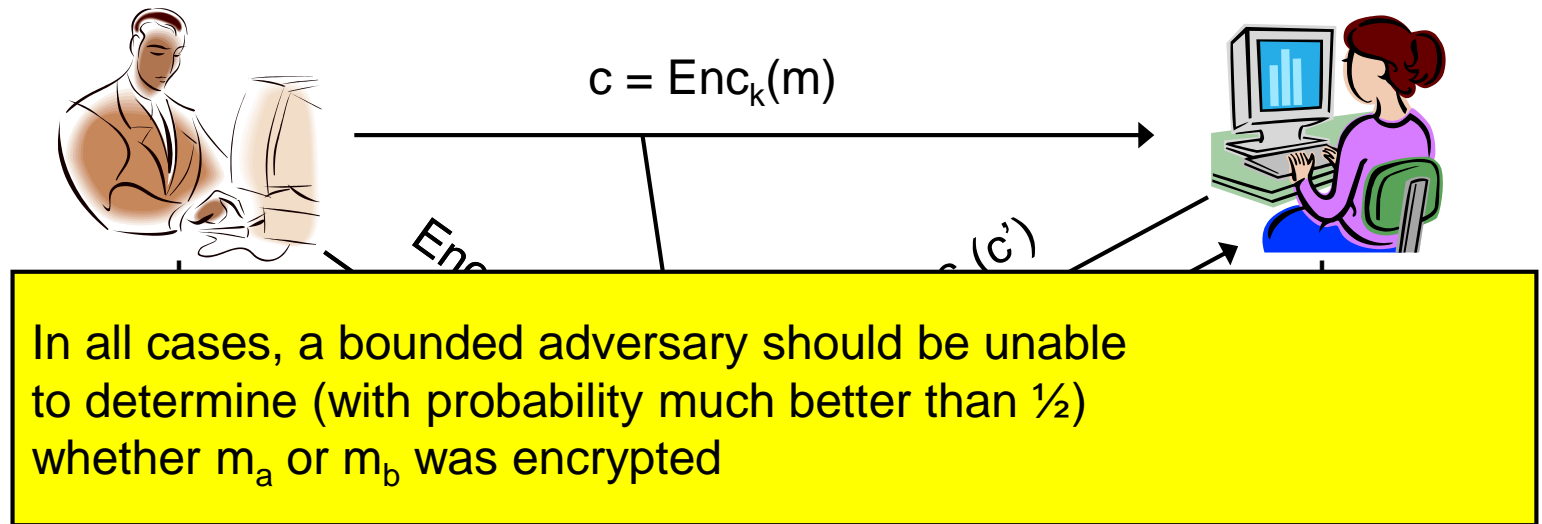
$$y_i = b(b(x_i))$$

Let  $d = \gcd((x_i - y_i), n) > 1$  return  $d$

$$\boxed{\gcd(61 - 26, 119) = 7}$$

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$x_i$	2	5	26	82	
$y_i$	2	26	61	19	

# Cipher text only, CPA and CCA

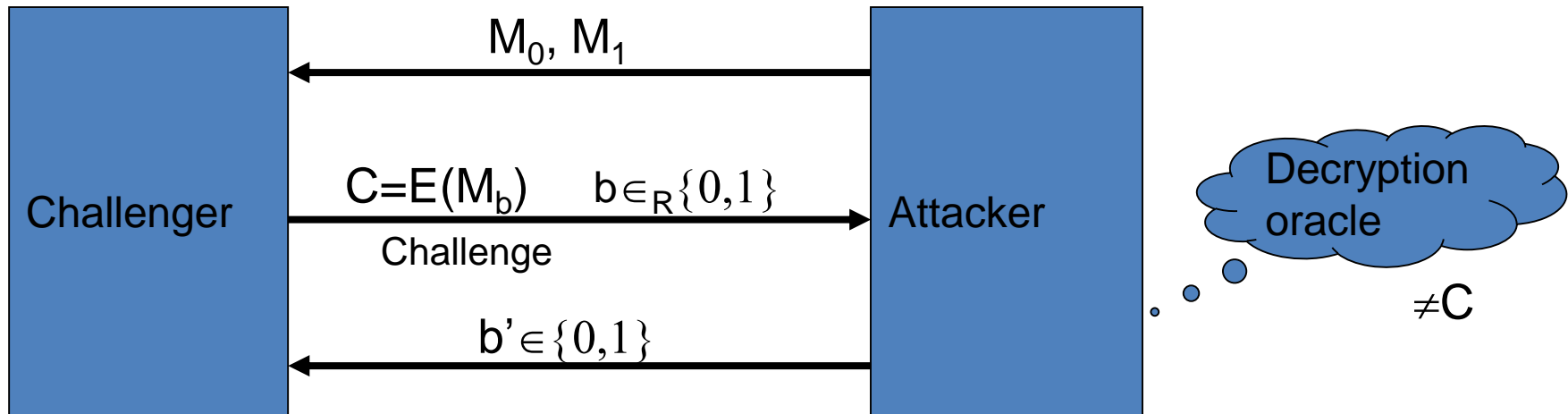


Chosen ciphertext attack

I know the message  $m$  is either  $m_a$  or  $m_b$ , but which one?

# Chosen ciphertext security (CCS)

- No efficient attacker can win the following game:  
(with non-negligible advantage)



Attacker wins if  $b = b'$

- Chosen ciphertext:

Attacker intercepts the ciphertext  $c$  ( $A \rightarrow B$ )

and compute  $y = c * r^e \bmod n$  choosing a random  $r$ . Send  $Y$  to  $B$ .

$B$  decrypts  $y$  as  $z = y^d \bmod n = M.r \bmod n$  sends to the attacker.

Attacker can find  $M$  from  $z$  easily as he knows  $r$  and hence  $r^{-1}$ .

- Attacks on smaller exponent:

- If system uses smaller value of  $e$  ( $=3$  say) for simpler it is easier to solve for  $d$  and obtaining the plain text
- If attacker can obtain 3 different ciphers ( $c_1, c_2, c_3$ ) of same plain text ( $P$ ) with different modulus.

- $C_1 = P^3 \bmod n_1, C_2 = P^3 \bmod n_2$  and  $C_3 = P^3 \bmod n_3$

- $C' = c_1.c_2.c_3 = P^3 \bmod n_1.n_2.n_3$  (now  $P^3 < n_1.n_2.n_3$ )

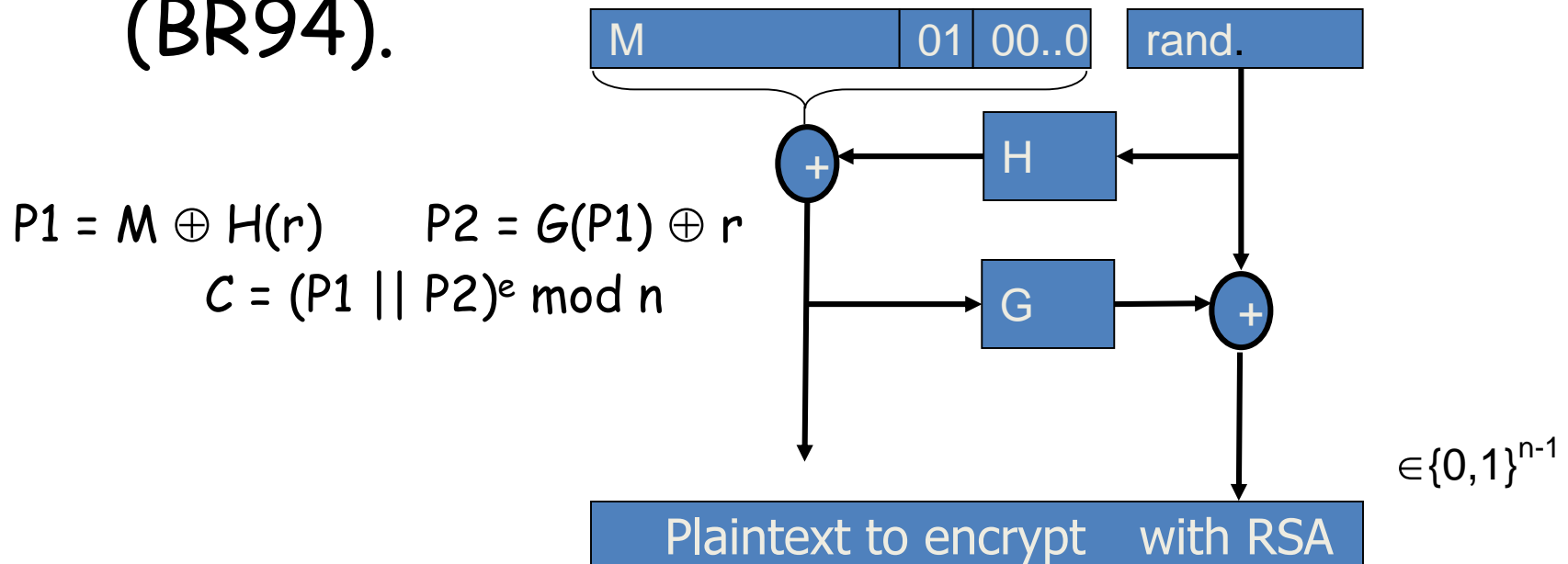
- $P = (C')^{1/3}$

- Related Message attack: if two linearly related plain texts ( $P_1$  and  $P_2$ ) are enciphered attacker can retrieve  $P_2$  if  $P_1$  is known



# OAEP

- New preprocessing function: OAEP (BR94).



Thm: RSA is trap-door permutation  $\Rightarrow$  OAEP is CCS  
 when  $H, G$  are "random oracles".

# Timing Attack

- developed in mid-1990's
- exploit timing variations in operations
  - eg. multiplying by small vs large number
  - or Integer Factors varying which instructions executed
- infer operand size based on time taken
- RSA exploits time taken in exponentiation
- countermeasures
  - use constant exponentiation time
  - add random delays
  - blind values used in calculations

# Notes on RSA

- Too small  $e$  is undesirable
- If  $d < (n^{1/4})/3$  then  $d$  can be efficiently computed from  $e$  and  $n$
- If  $n=p.q$  is of  $t$  digits, knowing  $t/4$  digits of  $p$  one can factor  $n$  efficiently
- Sharing the modulus is bad

# Key lengths

- Security of public key system should be comparable to security of block cipher.

NIST:

Cipher key-size

≤ 64 bits

80 bits

128 bits

256 bits (AES)

Modulus size

512 bits.

1024 bits

3072 bits.

15360 bits

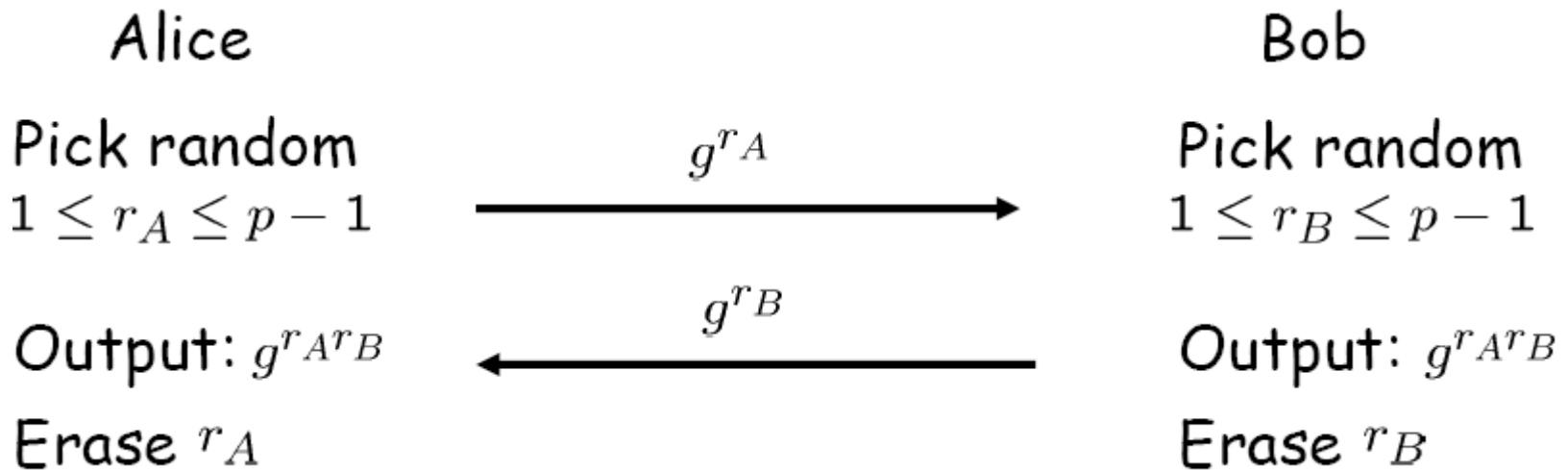
- High security  $\Rightarrow$  very large moduli.

# ELGAMAL PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY BASED ON DIFFIE HELLMAN KEY EXCHANGE

Diffie-Hellman key exchange (D-H) is a cryptographic protocol that allows two parties that have no prior knowledge of each other to jointly establish a shared secret key over an insecure communications channel. This key can then be used to encrypt subsequent communications using a symmetric key cipher.

# Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

- Public: prime (1024 bit), generator  $g$  of group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$



**Diffie-Hellman problem:** Obtain  $g^{ab}$  with given  $(g^a, g^b)$

Easy if we can compute  $x$  from  $g^x$

No better way known

implicit key authentication (only if attacker is passive)

# CDH and DDH

- Discrete Log problem
  - Given  $y$  and  $g$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  where  $p$  is prime, find the unique  $x$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , such that  $y = g^x \bmod p$ .
  - No efficient algorithm
- Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH)
  - Given a multiplicative group  $(G, *)$ , an element  $g \in G$  having order  $q$ , given  $g^x$  and  $g^y$ , find  $g^{xy}$
- Decision Diffie-Hellman (DDH)
  - Given a multiplicative group  $(G, *)$ , an element  $g \in G$  having order  $q$ , given  $g^x$ ,  $g^y$ , and  $g^z$ , determine if  $g^{xy} \equiv g^z \bmod n$
- Discrete Log is at least as hard as CDH, which at least as hard as DDH

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