

**Goal** The purpose of this project is to implement the RSA public-key cryptosystem.

The RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) cryptosystem is widely used for secure communication in browsers, bank ATM machines, credit card machines, mobile phones, smart cards, and operating systems. It works by manipulating integers. To thwart eavesdroppers, the RSA cryptosystem must manipulate huge integers (hundreds of digits), which is naturally supported by the `int` data type in Python. Your task is to implement a library that supports core functions needed for developing the RSA cryptosystem, and implement programs for encrypting and decrypting messages using RSA.

**The RSA Cryptosystem** The RSA public-key cryptosystem involves three integers  $n$ ,  $e$ , and  $d$  that satisfy certain mathematical properties. The *public key*  $(n, e)$  is made public on the Internet, while the *private key*  $(n, d)$  is only known to Bob. If Alice wants to send Bob a message  $x \in [0, n)$ , she encrypts it using the function

$$E(x) = x^e \bmod n,$$

where  $n = pq$  for two distinct large prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$  chosen at random, and  $e$  is a random prime number less than  $m = (p-1)(q-1)$  such that  $e$  does not divide  $m$ .

For example, suppose  $p = 47$  and  $q = 79$ . Then  $n = 3713$  and  $m = 3588$ . Further suppose  $e = 7$ . If Alice wants to send the message  $x = 2020$  to Bob, she encrypts it as

$$E(2020) = 2020^7 \bmod 3713 = 516.$$

When Bob receives the encrypted message  $y = E(x)$ , he decrypts it using the function

$$D(y) = y^d \bmod n,$$

where  $d \in [1, m)$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $e \bmod m$ , ie,  $d$  is an integer that satisfies the equation  $ed \bmod m = 1$ .

Continuing the example above, if  $d = 2563$ , then when Bob receives the encrypted message  $y = 516$  from Alice, he decrypts it to recover the original message as

$$D(516) = 516^{2563} \bmod 3713 = 2020.$$

**Problem 1. (RSA Library)** Implement a library called `rsa.py` that provides functions needed for developing the RSA cryptosystem. The library must support the following API:

| rsa                            |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <code>keygen(lo, hi)</code>    | generates and returns the public/private keys as a tuple $(n, e, d)$ , picking prime numbers $p$ and $q$ needed to generate the keys from the interval $[lo, hi)$ |
| <code>encrypt(x, n, e)</code>  | encrypts $x$ (int) using the public key $(n, e)$ and returns the encrypted value  |
| <code>decrypt(y, n, d)</code>  | decrypts $y$ (int) using the private key $(n, d)$ and returns the decrypted value   |
| <code>bitLength(n)</code>      | returns the least number of bits needed to represent $n$  |
| <code>dec2bin(n, width)</code> | returns the binary representation of $n$ expressed in decimal, having the given width and padded with leading zeros   |
| <code>bin2dec(n)</code>        | returns the decimal representation of $n$ expressed in binary   |

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>_ ~/workspace/project4
$ python3 rsa.py S
encrypt(S) = 1743
decrypt(1743) = S
bitLength(83) = 7
dec2bin(83) = 1010011
bin2dec(1010011) = 83
```

Directions:

- `keygen(lo, hi)`
  - Get a list of primes from the interval  $[lo, hi)$ .
  - Sample two distinct random primes  $p$  and  $q$  from that list.
  - Set  $n$  and  $m$  to  $pq$  and  $(p-1)(q-1)$ , respectively.
  - Get a list primes from the interval  $[2, m)$ .
  - Choose a random prime  $e$  from the list such that  $e$  does not divide  $m$  (you will need a loop for this).
  - Find a  $d \in [1, m)$  such that  $ed \bmod m = 1$  (you will need a loop for this).
  - Return the tuple<sup>1</sup>  $(n, e, d)$ .
- `encrypt(x, n, e)`
  - Implement the function  $E(x) = x^e \bmod n$ .
- `decrypt(y, n, d)`
  - Implement the function  $D(y) = y^d \bmod n$ .
- `_primes(lo, hi)`
  - Create an empty list.
  - For each  $p \in [lo, hi)$ , if  $p$  is a prime, add  $p$  to the list.
  - Return the list.
- `_sample(a, k)`
  - Create a list  $b$  that is a copy (not an alias) of  $a$ .
  - Shuffle the first  $k$  elements of  $b$ .
  - Return a list containing the first  $k$  elements of  $b$ .
- `_choice(a)`
  - Get a random number  $r \in [0, l)$ , where  $l$  is the number of elements in  $a$ .
  - Return the element in  $a$  at the index  $r$ .

**Problem 2. (Keygen Program)** Write a program called `keygen.py` that accepts  $lo$  (int) and  $hi$  (int) as command-line arguments, generates public/private keys  $(n, e, d)$ , and writes the keys to standard output, separated by a space. The interval  $[lo, hi)$  specifies the interval from which prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$  needed to generate the keys are picked.

```
>_ ~/workspace/project4
$ python3 keygen.py 50 100
3599 1759 2839
```

Directions:

- Accept  $lo$  (int) and  $hi$  (int) as command-line arguments.
- Get public/private keys as a tuple.
- Write the three values in the tuple, separated by a space.

**Problem 3. (Encryption Program)** Write a program called `encrypt.py` that accepts the public-key  $n$  (int) and  $e$  (int) as command-line arguments and a message to encrypt from standard input, encrypts each character in the message, and writes its fixed-width binary representation to standard output.

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<sup>1</sup>A tuple is like a list, but is immutable. You create a tuple by enclosing comma-separated values within matched parentheses, eg. `a = (1, 2, 3)`. If `a` is a tuple, `a[i]` is the  $i$ th element in it.

```
>_ ~/workspace/project4
$ python3 encrypt.py 3599 1759
CS110
<ctrl-d>
000110000000010011010100001010100011001010100011001110000110010111100100
```

Directions:

- Accept public-key  $n$  (int) and  $e$  (int) as command-line arguments.
- Get the number of bits per character (call it *width*) needed for encryption, ie, number of bits needed to encode  $n$ .
- Accept *message* to encrypt from standard input.
- For each character  $c$  in *message*:
  - Use the built-in function `ord()` to turn  $c$  into an integer  $x$ .
  - Encrypt  $x$ .
  - Write the encrypted value as a *width*-long binary string.
- Write a newline character.

**Problem 4.** (*Decryption Program*) Write a program called `decrypt.py` that accepts the private-key  $n$  (int) and  $d$  (int) as command-line arguments and a message to decrypt (produced by `encrypt.py`) from standard input, decrypts each character (represented as a fixed-width binary sequence) in the message, and writes the decrypted character to standard output.

```
>_ ~/workspace/project4
$ python3 decrypt.py 3599 2839
000110000000010011010100001010100011001010100011001110000110010111100100
<ctrl-d>
CS110
$ python3 encrypt.py 3599 1759 | python3 decrypt.py 3599 2839
Python is the mother of all languages.
<ctrl-d>
Python is the mother of all languages.
```

Directions:

- Accept private-key  $n$  (int) and  $d$  (int) as command-line arguments.
- Get the number of bits per character (call it *width*).
- Accept *message* (binary string generated by `encrypt.py`) from standard input.
- Assuming  $l$  is the length of *message*, for  $i \in [0, l - 1]$  and in increments of *width*:
  - Set  $s$  to substring of message from  $i$  to  $i + \text{width}$  (exclusive).
  - Set  $y$  to decimal representation of the binary string  $s$ .
  - Decrypt  $y$ .
  - Write the character corresponding to the decrypted value, obtained using the built-in function `chr()`.

**Data** Be sure to test your programs thoroughly using files provided under the `data` folder. For example:

```
>_ ~/workspace/project4
$ python3 keygen.py 50 100
5963 4447 367
$ python3 encrypt.py 5963 4447 < data/adams.txt | python3 decrypt.py 5963 367
The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong
is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible
to get at and repair.
```

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### Files to Submit

1. `rsa.py`
2. `keygen.py`
3. `encrypt.py`
4. `decrypt.py`
5. `notes.txt`

Before you submit your files, make sure:

- You do not use concepts from sections beyond “Libraries and Applications”.
- Your programs meet the style requirements by running the following command in the terminal.

```
>_ ~/workspace/project4  
$ pycodestyle <program>
```

- Your code is adequately commented, follows good programming principles, and meets any specific requirements such as corner cases and running times.
- You update the `notes.txt` file.