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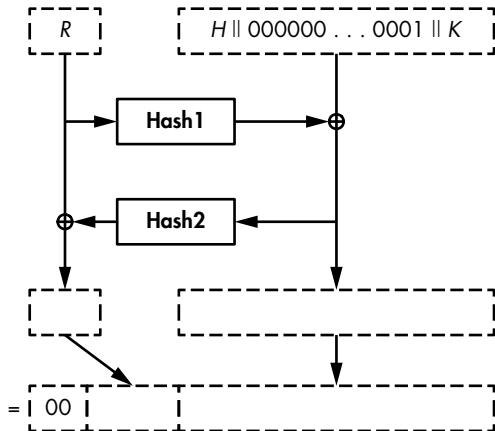
CRYPTOGRAPHY

Lecture 25

More on RSA

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Encrypting a symmetric key, K , with RSA-OAEP



$H \leftarrow$ fixed parameter and $R \leftarrow$ random bits

$$y = x^d \bmod n \quad y^e = (x^d)^e \bmod n = x$$

- ▶ **No one** other than the private key holder knows the private exponent d ,
- ▶ **Only he/she** can **compute a signature** $y = x^d \bmod n$ from some value x
- ▶ **Everyone** can verify $y^e \bmod n = x$ given the public exponent e
- ▶ Verified signature provides **undeniability or nonrepudiation.**

- ▶ Are RSA signatures as the converse of encryption?

Textbook RSA Signature

Signing a message, x , by directly computing $y = x^d \bmod n$, where x can be any number between 0 and $n - 1$.

- ▶ No Padding
- ▶ No Randomness

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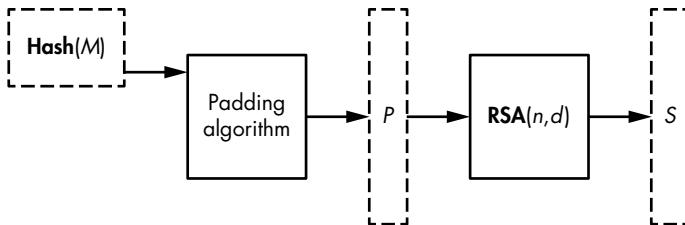
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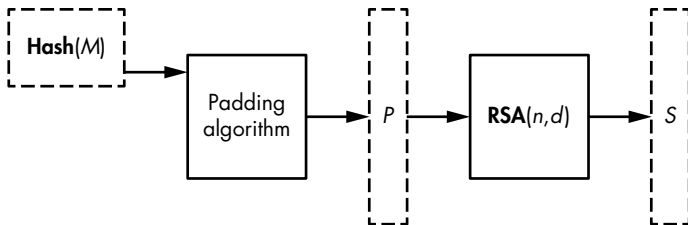
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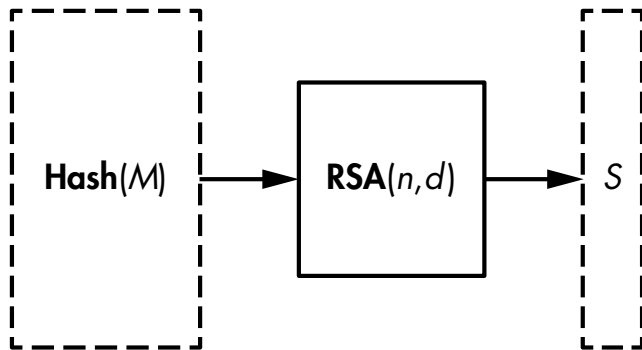
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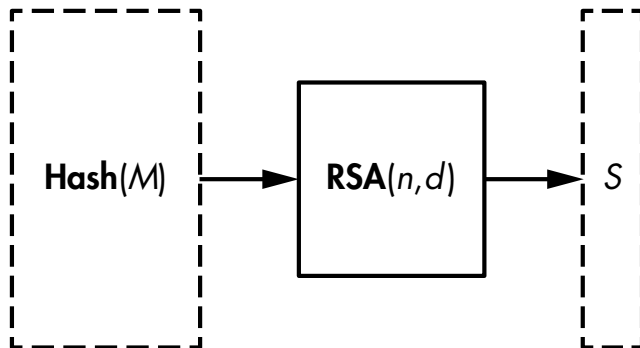


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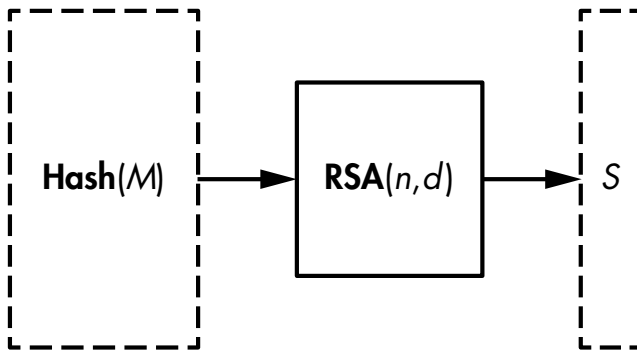
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    for i = 1 to e - 1 {  
        y = y * x mod n  
    }  
    return y  
}
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Naive Exponentiation

The naive way to compute $(x^e \bmod n)$ takes $e - 1$ multiplications

Exponent e consists of bits $e_{m-1}e_{m-2}\cdots e_1e_0$, where e_0 is the LSB

```
expMod(x, e, n) {
    y = x
    for i = m - 1 to 0 {
        y = y * y mod n
        if  $e_i == 1$  then
            y = y * x mod n
    }
    return y
}
```

- ▶ Runs in time $O(m)$
- ▶ The naive algorithm runs in time $O(2^m)$

$$x^{26} = x^{11010_2} = x^{(h_4 h_3 h_2 h_1 h_0)_2}.$$

The algorithm scans the exponent bits, starting on the left with h_4 and ending with the rightmost bit h_0 .

Step

#0 $x = x^{1_2}$

initial setting, bit processed: $h_4 = 1$

#1a $(x^1)^2 = x^2 = x^{10_2}$

SQ, bit processed: h_3

#1b $x^2 \cdot x = x^3 = x^{10_2} x^{1_2} = x^{11_2}$

MUL, since $h_3 = 1$

#2a $(x^3)^2 = x^6 = (x^{11_2})^2 = x^{110_2}$

SQ, bit processed: h_2

#2b

no MUL, since $h_2 = 0$

#3a $(x^6)^2 = x^{12} = (x^{110_2})^2 = x^{1100_2}$

SQ, bit processed: h_1

#3b $x^{12} \cdot x = x^{13} = x^{1100_2} x^{1_2} = x^{1101_2}$

MUL, since $h_1 = 1$

#4a $(x^{13})^2 = x^{26} = (x^{1101_2})^2 = x^{11010_2}$

SQ, bit processed: h_0

#4b

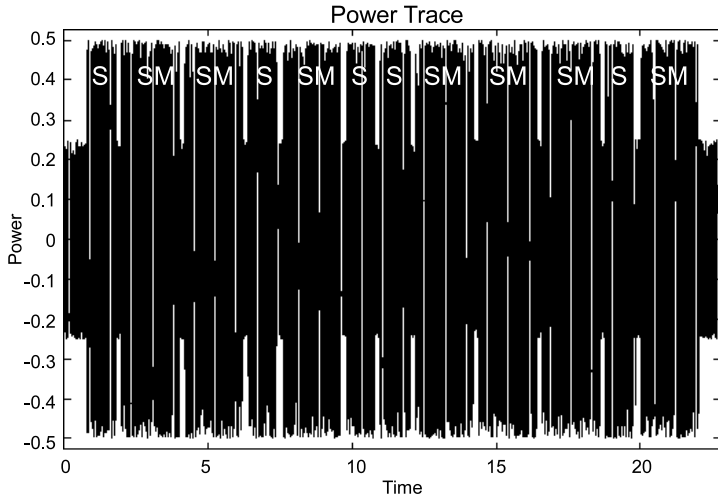
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A Side Channel Attack on Fast Exponentiation

S&M Sequence Based on Private Exponent

operations:	<i>S</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>SM</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>SM</i>
private key:	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1

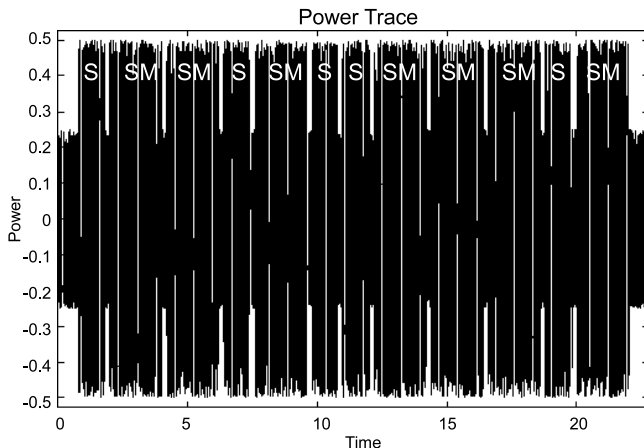
Corresponding Power Trace



The power trace of an RSA implementation

operations: *S SM SM S SM S S SM SM SM S SM*

private key: 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1



- ▶ What would be the simplest way to protect against this?