MATH 470: Communications and Cryptography

Homework 5

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Problem 1. Alice publishes her RSA public key: modulus $N = 2038667$ and exponent $e = 103$.
Subproblem 1. Bob wants to send Alice the message $m = 892383$. What ciphertext does Bob send to Alice?

Solution:
Bob sends $c = m^e \equiv 45293 \mod N$

Subproblem 2. Alice knows that her modulus factors into a product of two primes, one of which is $p = 1301$. Find a decryption exponent d for Alice.

Solution:
The modulus $N = 1301 \cdot 1567$, so $\phi(N) = 1300 \cdot 1568 = 2035800$.
A decryption exponent is given by a solution to

$$e \cdot d \equiv 1 \mod \phi(N)$$

The solution is $d = 810367 \mod \phi(N)$

Subproblem 3. Alice receives the ciphertext $c = 317730$ from Bob. Decrypt the message.

Solution:
Alice needs to solve $m^e \equiv c \mod N$.
Raising both sides to the power of d yields

$$m \equiv c^d \mod N \equiv 514407 \mod N$$

Problem 2. Let $N = pq = 352717$ and $(p-1)(q-1) = 351520$, use the method described in Remark 3.11 to determine p and q.

Solution:
$p + q = N + 1 - (p-1)(q-1) = 1198$, so

$$X^2 - (p+q)X + N = X^2 - 1198X + 352717 = (X - 677)(X - 521)$$

Hence $p = 677, q = 521$

Problem 3. Alice decides to use RSA with the public key $N = 1889570071$. In order to guard against transmission errors, Alice has Bob encrypt his message twice, once using the encryption exponent $e_1 = 1021763679$ and once using the encryption exponent $e_2 = 519424709$. Eve intercepts the two encrypted messages

$$c_1 = 1244183534 \text{ and } c_2 = 732959706$$

Assuming that Eve also knows N and the two encryption exponents e_1 and e_2, use the method described in Example 3.15 to help Eve recover Bob's plaintext without finding a factorization of N.

Solution:
With the method described in Example 3.15, we find that

$$u \cdot c_1 + v \cdot c_2 = 1$$

with

$$u = 252426389 \text{ and } v = -496549570$$

Then the plaintext is

$$m \equiv c_1^u \cdot c_2^v \equiv 105459238 \mod N$$

Problem 4. Use the Miller–Rabin test on each of the following numbers. In each case, either provide a Miller-Rabin witness for the compositeness of n, or conclude that n is probably prime by providing 10 numbers that are not Miller-Rabin witnesses for n.

Subproblem 1. $n = 118901509$

Solution:
$n - 1 = 118901508 = 2^2 \cdot 29725377$

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{29725377} &\equiv 7906806 \mod n \\
2^{2\cdot 29725377} &\equiv -1 \mod n \\
3^{29725377} &\equiv -1 \mod n \\
3^{2\cdot 29725377} &\equiv 1 \mod n \\
5^{29725377} &\equiv -1 \mod n \\
5^{2\cdot 29725377} &\equiv 1 \mod n \\
7^{29725377} &\equiv 7906806 \mod n \\
7^{2\cdot 29725377} &\equiv -1 \mod n \\
11^{29725377} &\equiv -1 \mod n \\
11^{2\cdot 29725377} &\equiv 1 \mod n
\end{aligned}$$

Thus $2, 3, 5, 7$, and 11 are not Miller–Rabin witnesses for n. n is probably prime.

Subproblem 2. $n = 118901521$

Solution:
$n - 1 = 118901520 = 2^4 \cdot 7431345$

$$\begin{aligned}
2^{7431345} &\equiv 45274074 \mod n \\
2^{2\cdot 7431345} &\equiv 1758249 \mod n \\
2^{4\cdot 7431345} &\equiv 1 \mod n \\
2^{8\cdot 7431345} &\equiv 1 \mod n
\end{aligned}$$

Thus 118901521 is composite. It factors into $n = 271 \cdot 541 \cdot 811$

Problem 5. Show that the Elgamal encryption protocol is insecure against a Chosen Ciphertext Attack. More specifically, suppose Bob has published a prime p, primitive root $g \mod p$, and his public key B. Alice has sent Bob a ciphertext (c_1, c_2). So far Eve only knows p, g, B, and (c_1, c_2). But suppose now that Eve can somehow make Bob decrypt "random-looking" ciphertexts (c_1', c_2') of Eve's choice (by "random-looking" we mean that Bob should not be able to tell that (c_1', c_2') or its decryption is related to Alice's message in any way). Show how Eve can use this ability to decrypt Alice's message.

Solution:
We can generate a "random" cipher text for Bob to decrypt using a second message m' and Eve's secret key k' as follows:

$$c_1' = c_1 \cdot g^{k'} \equiv g^{k+k'} \mod p$$
$$c_2' = c_2 \cdot B^{k'} \cdot m' \equiv (m \cdot m') \cdot B^{k+k'} \mod p$$

Bob uses this information to calculate the "encrypted" message to send back as follows:

$$m'' = m \cdot m'$$

With this, the original message can be recovered by calculating $m'' \cdot (m')^{-1}$.

Problem 6. Let $N = pq$ be a product of two distinct odd primes p and q. Show that there are four square roots of 1 modulo N. In other words, show that there are exactly four integers in $\{1, 2, 3, \cdots, N-1\}$ whose squares are congruent to $1 \mod N$.

Solution:
Since $p-1$ and $q-1$ are both even, $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $p-1 = 2m, q-1 = 2n$
By Fermat's Little Theorem we know that if $a \nmid p$ and p is prime,

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

Substituting $2m$ for $p-1$ gives us

$$a^{2m} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

This is equivalent to $(a^m)^2 \equiv 1 \mod p$
We know from a previous homework question that there exists exactly two solutions to the above equation.
A similar logic can be applied to q.
As a result, there are exactly four solutions.

Problem 7. Suppose that you are given an integer N and a pair of integers e, d with the promise that N is the product of two large primes and that $ed \equiv 1 \mod \phi(N)$ (but you are not given the factors of N nor the value of $\phi(N)$. Describe an algorithm that efficiently factors N.

Solution:
The algorithm is as follows

1. Compute a random integer a such that $1 < a < N$. This is similar to how the Miller-Rabin primality test selects random witnesses.
2. Calculate the value $x \equiv a^d \mod N$. Since $ed \equiv 1 \mod \phi(N)$, this means that $x^e \equiv a^{(d \cdot e)} \equiv a^{(k \cdot \phi(N)+1)} \equiv a \mod N$, where k is an integer.
3. Use the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to find the $\gcd(N, x-a)$. If the GCD is greater than 1, then it means that N has a non-trivial factor in common with $x - a$.
4. If the GCD is 1, repeat steps 1-3 with a different random value of a. Keep doing this until you find a GCD greater than 1 or until you've tried a sufficient number of random values of a.
5. Once you find a GCD greater than 1 (let's say it's G), you have effectively found one of the prime factors of N, either p or q.