

# CH 9 - RSA Public-Key Encryption Scheme

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## Implementing RSA Scheme

### Info – RSA

#### Setting up RSA

1. Randomly choose two large, distinct primes  $p$  and  $q$  and let  $n = pq$ .
2. Select an arbitrary integer  $e$  so that  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$  and  $1 < e < (p-1)(q-1)$
3. Solve the congruence

$$ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$$

for an integer  $d$  where  $1 < d < (p-1)(q-1)$

4. Publish the public key  $(e, n)$
5. Keep secret of the private key  $(d, n)$ , and the primes  $p$  and  $q$

#### Encryption of RSA

1. Obtain a copy of public key  $(e, n)$
2. Construct the plain text message  $M$  where  $0 \leq M < n$
3. Encrypt  $M$  as the ciphertext  $C$  given by

$$C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$$

where  $0 \leq C < n$

4. Send  $C$

#### Decryption of RSA

1. Use the private key  $(d, n)$  to decrypt the ciphertext  $C$  as the received message  $R$ , given by

$$R \equiv C^d \pmod{n}$$

where  $0 \leq R < n$

2. Claim:  $R = M$

Examples:

1. If  $p = 2, q = 11, e = 3$ , compute  $n$  and  $d$

$n = pq = 2 \cdot 11 = 22$ ,  $e$  is already prime, thus coprime to any other number.

$$1 \leq 3 < 10$$

Solve  $3d \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \Rightarrow d \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$

ANS: the public key is  $(3, 22)$  and private key is  $(7, 22)$

2. If  $M = 8$ , from (1), compute  $C$

Given public key is  $(3, 22)$  and  $0 \leq 8 < 22$

$$C \equiv 8^3 \equiv 512 \equiv 6 \pmod{22} \Rightarrow C = 6$$

3. If  $C = 6$ , from (2), compute  $R$

$$R \equiv C^d \equiv 6^7 \pmod{22}$$

$R \equiv 6^7 \pmod{2} \wedge R \equiv 6^7 \pmod{11}$  by Splitting Modulus Theorem

$$R \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \wedge R \equiv (6^2)^3 \cdot 6 \equiv 3^3 \cdot 6 \equiv 81 \cdot 2 \equiv 4 \cdot 2 \equiv 8 \pmod{11} \implies R = 8$$

$$R = M = 8$$

4. Given  $p = 11, q = 13, e = 23$  find public and private keys

Public Key: (47, 143)

Private Key: (23, 143)

5. From (4), find  $C$  if  $M = 25$

$$C = 38$$

6. Find  $R$  from (4) and (5)

$$R = 25$$

## Why RSA Works

### Info – RSA Works

For all integers  $p, q, n, e, d, M, C, R$  if

1.  $p, q$  are distinct
2.  $n = pq$
3.  $e$  and  $d$  are positive integers s.t.  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$  and  $1 < e, d < (p-1)(q-1)$
4.  $0 \leq M < n$
5.  $M^e \equiv C \pmod{n}$  where  $0 \leq C < n$
6.  $C^d \equiv R \pmod{n}$  where  $0 \leq R < n$

then  $R = M$