

# Homework 7

## Question 1

The congruence

$$x^e \equiv c \pmod{p}$$

has a unique solution congruence modulo prime  $p$

when  $\gcd(e, p-1) = 1$ .

In this question, you are asked to explore what happens when  $\gcd(e, p-1) \neq 1$ .

Consider  $p$  prime,  $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $e \geq 1$ .

- ① Give an example of  $p$  (prime),  $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $e \geq 1$  such that  $x^e \equiv c \pmod{p}$  has no solution.
- ② Give an example of  $p$  (prime),  $c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ,  $e \geq 1$  such that  $\gcd(e, p-1) \neq 1$  and  $x^e \equiv c \pmod{p}$  has at least two solutions.

Prove that if  $x^e \equiv c \pmod{p}$  has a solution, then it has  $\overset{\text{exactly}}{\wedge} \gcd(e, p-1)$  distinct solutions.

①  $e=2, p=5$

$$x^2 \equiv c \pmod{p}$$

Find  $c$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  st

$c$  is not a square / quadratic residue

②  $e=2$ , odd prime  $p$

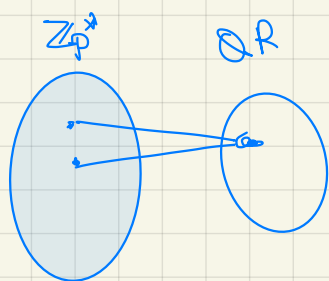
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where  $c$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  st  $c$  is a square / quadratic residue.

$$\mathbb{QR} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p^* \quad p \text{ odd prime}$$

$$\mathbb{QR} = \{g^2, g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}$$

$$|\mathbb{QR}| = \frac{|\mathbb{Z}_p^*|}{2}$$



2 to 1 function

Bob	Alice
<b>Key creation</b>	
Choose secret primes $p$ and $q$ . Choose encryption exponent $e$ with $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$ . Publish $N = pq$ and $e$ .	
<b>Encryption</b>	
	Choose plaintext $m$ . Use Bob's public key $(N, e)$ to compute $c \equiv m^e \pmod{N}$ . Send ciphertext $c$ to Bob.
<b>Decryption</b>	
Compute $d$ satisfying $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ . Compute $m' \equiv c^d \pmod{N}$ . Then $m'$ equals the plaintext $m$ .	

Table 3.1: RSA key creation, encryption, and decryption

## Question 2

Section. The RSA public key cryptosystem

**3.6.** Alice publishes her RSA public key: modulus  $N = 2038667$  and exponent  $e = 103$ .

- (a) Bob wants to send Alice the message  $m = 892383$ . What ciphertext does Bob send to Alice?
- (b) 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.
- (c) Alice receives the ciphertext  $c = 317730$  from Bob. Decrypt the message.

## Question 3

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**3.13.** 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

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Assuming that Eve also knows  $N$  and the two encryption exponents  $e_1$  and  $e_2$ ,

Can Eve find out the plaintext without finding  $p, q$ ?

Question 2 For RSA, if you know  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$ ,

Section. The RSA public key cryptosystem then you can compute  $d$ .

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(a)  $m^e \bmod N$

(b)  $q = N/p$

compute  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$

compute  $d$  such that

$$ed \equiv 1 \bmod \frac{\phi(N)}{g} \quad g = \gcd(p-1, q-1)$$

(c)  $m = c^d \bmod N$

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for  $p$  from 3 to  $\sqrt{N}$ :

check if  $p$  divides  $N$ , break

Once  $p$  is found, use strategy in Question 2

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$$c_1 \equiv m^{e_1} \pmod{N}$$

$$c_2 \equiv m^{e_2} \pmod{N}$$

$$\gcd(e_1, e_2) = 1$$

Using Extended Euclidean algorithm to find  $u, v$  s.t.

$$e_1 u + e_2 v = 1$$

$$c_1^u c_2^v = m^{e_1 u} m^{e_2 v} = m^{e_1 u + e_2 v} = m \pmod{N}$$

## Question 5

The following question is an experiment for the following statement:

If  $N = pq$  is a product of two distinct odd primes. If  $e = 3$  and  $d$  is given such that  $3d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ . then we can find  $\phi(N)$  easily.

For each of the following values, find  $\phi(N)$ :

(a)  $N = 17693317$ ,  $e = 3$ ,  $d = 11789931$

(b)  $N = 61853041$ ,  $e = 3$ ,  $d = 41224875$

Hint ①  $\ell(N) \mid 3d-1$

Let  $N' = 3d-1$

We know  $\ell(N)$  is a factor of  $N'$ .

$N'$  is a small multiple of  $N$ .

$\ell(N)$  is  $\frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{pq}$  of  $N \rightarrow \ell(N) \approx N$ .

$N'$  is a "small" multiple of  $\ell(N)$ .

Find  $k$  s.t.  $k$  divides  $N'$ , and compute

$N'/k$ , which is a potential value of

$\ell(N)$ . Use ② to check if  $N'/k$  is

actually equal to  $(p-1)(q-1)$  for some primes  $p$  and  $q$ .

② Given  $N$  and  $\ell(N)$ , find  $p, q$ .

(a) compute  $p+q$  using

$$\ell(N) = (p-1)(q-1) = pq - (p+q) + 1$$

(b) compute  $p, q$  by finding roots of

$$x^2 - (p+q)x + pq = 0$$



## Additional Questions

### ① Double encryption RSA.

public parameters:  $N, e_1, e_2$

private parameters:  $d_1, d_2, p, q$

To encrypt:  $C_1 = m^{e_1} \bmod N$   
 $C_2 = C_1^{e_2} \bmod N$

To decrypt: [To do]

[To do] Argue whether Double encryption RSA is equal / less / more secure than RSA.

## 2) Multi prime RSA

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$N = pqr$  where  $p, q, r$  are distinct odd primes.

public parameters:  $N, e$

private parameters:  $d, p, q$

To encrypt:  $m^e \bmod N$

To decrypt:  $c^d \bmod N$

How to find  $d$ ?

$$ed \equiv 1 \bmod ???$$

Argue whether multiprime RSA is equal / more / less secure than RSA.

Argue whether there is an advantage of using multiprime.