
6.1.

As we have seen in this chapter, public-key cryptography can be used for encryption and key exchange. Furthermore, it has some properties (such as nonrepudiation) which are not offered by secret key cryptography. So why do we still use symmetric cryptography in current applications?

Answer:

Symmetric cryptography helps us encrypt bulk data and is way faster than asymmetric cryptography, whereas we can always use asymmetric cryptographic encryption to wrap the symmetric key to facilitate integrity and non-repudiation.

6.2.

In this problem, we want to compare the computational performance of symmetric and asymmetric algorithms. Assume a fast public-key library such as OpenSSL [132] that can decrypt data at a rate of 100 Kbit/sec using the RSA algorithm on a modern PC. On the same machine, AES can decrypt at a rate of 17 Mbit/sec. Assume we want to decrypt a movie stored on a DVD. The movie requires 1 GByte of storage. How long does decryption take with either algorithm?

Answer:

Decryption with RSA:

Speed of RSA = 100 kbits/s

Movie size = 1 GByte = 8 Gbits = $8 * 1000 * 1000$ kbits

Time taken = $8 * 1000 * 1000 / 100 = 80,000$ s

Decryption with AES:

Speed with AES = 17 Mbits/s

Movie size = 1 GByte = 8 Gbits = $8 * 1000$ Mbits

Time taken = $8 * 1000 / 17 = 470.58$ s ≈ 471 s

6.3.

Assume a (small) company with 120 employees. A new security policy demands encrypted message exchange with a symmetric cipher. How many keys are required, if you are to ensure a secret communication for every possible pair of communicating parties?

Answer:

Because we need to choose 2 employees out of 120 for the security policy, we need to count how many distinct pairs of 2 are there in 120. This will be ${}^{120}C_2 = 120 * 119 / 2 * 1 = 7140$

6.5. Using the basic form of Euclid's algorithm, compute the greatest common divisor of [For this problem use only a pocket calculator. Show every iteration step of Euclid's algorithm, i.e., don't write just the answer, which is only a number. Also, for every gcd, provide the chain of gcd computations, i.e., $\gcd(r_0, r_1) = \gcd(r_1, r_2) = \dots$.]

Answer:

1. 7469 and 2464

= $\gcd(7469, 2464)$

= $\gcd(7469 \% 2464, 2464)$

= $\gcd(77, 2464)$

= $\gcd(2464 \% 77, 77)$

= $\gcd(0, 77)$

The greatest common divisor of 7469 and 2464 is 77

2. 2689 and 4001

= $\gcd(4001 \% 2689, 2689)$

= $\gcd(1312, 2689)$

= $\gcd(2689 \% 1312, 1312)$

= $\gcd(65, 1312)$

= $\gcd(1312 \% 65, 65)$

= $\gcd(12, 65)$

$= \gcd(65\%12, 12)$
 $= \gcd(5, 12)$
 $= \gcd(12\%5, 5)$
 $= \gcd(2, 5)$
 $= \gcd(5\%2, 2)$
 $= \gcd(1, 2)$
 $= \gcd(0, 1)$

The greatest common divisor of 2689 and 4001 is 1

6.6.

Using the extended Euclidean algorithm, compute the greatest common divisor and the parameters s,t of

Answer:

1. 198 and 243
 $= \gcd(243, 198)$
 $= \gcd(243\%198, 198)$
 $= \gcd(45, 198)$
 $= \gcd(198\%45, 45)$
 $= \gcd(18, 45)$
 $= \gcd(45\%18, 18)$
 $= \gcd(18, 9)$
 $= \gcd(18\%9, 9)$
 $= \gcd(9, 0)$
 $= 9$

Writing equations for above

$243 = 1 \cdot 198 + 45$
 $\Rightarrow 45 = 243 - 1 \cdot 198$

$198 = 4 \cdot 45 + 18$
 $\Rightarrow 18 = 198 - 4 \cdot 45$
 Replacing 45 from above
 $\Rightarrow 18 = 198 - 4 \cdot (243 - 1 \cdot 198)$
 $\Rightarrow 18 = 5 \cdot 198 - 4 \cdot 243$

$45 = 2 \cdot 18 + 9$
 $\Rightarrow 9 = 45 - 2 \cdot 18$
 Replacing 45 and 18 from above
 $\Rightarrow 9 = 243 - 1 \cdot 198 - 2 \cdot (5 \cdot 198 - 4 \cdot 243)$
 $\Rightarrow 9 = 9 \cdot 243 - 11 \cdot 198$

So, $s = 9$ and $t = -11$

2. 1819 and 3587
 $= \gcd(3587, 1819)$
 $= \gcd(3587\%1819, 1819)$
 $= \gcd(1768, 1819)$
 $= \gcd(1819\%1768, 1768)$
 $= \gcd(51, 1768)$
 $= \gcd(1768\%51, 51)$
 $= \gcd(34, 51)$
 $= \gcd(51\%34, 34)$
 $= \gcd(17, 34)$
 $= \gcd(34\%17, 17)$

$$= \gcd(0, 17)$$

$$17$$

Writing equations for above

$$3587 = 1 \cdot 1819 + 1768$$

$$\Rightarrow 1768 = 3587 - 1 \cdot 1819$$

$$1819 = 1 \cdot 1768 + 51$$

$$\Rightarrow 51 = 1819 - 1 \cdot 1768$$

Relacing 1768 from above

$$\Rightarrow 51 = 1819 - 1 \cdot (3587 - 1 \cdot 1819)$$

$$\Rightarrow 51 = 2 \cdot 1819 - 1 \cdot 3587$$

$$1768 = 34 \cdot 51 + 34$$

$$\Rightarrow 34 = 1768 - 34 \cdot 51$$

Replacing 1768 and 51 from above

$$\Rightarrow 34 = 3587 - 1 \cdot 1819 - 34 \cdot (2 \cdot 1819 - 1 \cdot 3587)$$

$$\Rightarrow 34 = 35 \cdot 3587 - 69 \cdot 1819$$

$$51 = 1 \cdot 34 + 17$$

$$\Rightarrow 17 = 51 - 1 \cdot 34$$

Replacing 51 and 34 from above

$$\Rightarrow 17 = 2 \cdot 1819 - 1 \cdot 3587 - 1 \cdot (35 \cdot 3587 - 69 \cdot 1819)$$

$$\Rightarrow 17 = 71 \cdot 1819 - 36 \cdot 3587$$

So, $s = -36$ and $t = 71$

For every problem check if $s \cdot r_0 + t \cdot r_1 = \gcd(r_0, r_1)$ is actually fulfilled. The rules are the same as above: use a pocket calculator and show what happens in every iteration step.

6.7.

With the Euclidean algorithm we finally have an efficient algorithm for finding the multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{Z}_m that is much better than exhaustive search. Find the inverses in \mathbb{Z}_m of the following elements modulo m :
Note that the inverses must again be elements in \mathbb{Z}_m and that you can easily verify your answers.

Answer:

1. $a = 7$, $m = 26$ (affine cipher)

Writing equations for EEA

$$26 = 3 \cdot 7 + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 26 - 3 \cdot 7$$

$$7 = 1 \cdot 5 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 7 - 1 \cdot 5$$

Replacing 5 from above

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 7 - 1 \cdot (26 - 3 \cdot 7)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 4 \cdot 7 - 1 \cdot 26$$

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

Replacing 5 and 2 from above

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 26 - 3 \cdot 7 - 2 \cdot (4 \cdot 7 - 1 \cdot 26)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 3 \cdot 26 - 11 \cdot 7$$

So, the multiplicative inverse of 7 is -11. And $-11 \sim -11 + 26 = 15$

So, $7^{-1} = 15$

We can verify this is correct because $7 \cdot 15 \bmod 26 = 105 \bmod 26 = 1$

2. $a = 19$, $m = 999$

Writing equations for EEA

$$999 = 52 \cdot 19 + 11$$
$$\Rightarrow 11 = 999 - 52 \cdot 19$$

$$19 = 1 \cdot 11 + 8$$
$$\Rightarrow 8 = 19 - 1 \cdot 11$$

Replacing 11 from above

$$\Rightarrow 8 = 19 - 1 \cdot (999 - 52 \cdot 19)$$
$$\Rightarrow 8 = 53 \cdot 19 - 1 \cdot 999$$

$$11 = 1 \cdot 8 + 3$$
$$\Rightarrow 3 = 11 - 1 \cdot 8$$

Replacing 11 and 8 from above

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 999 - 52 \cdot 19 - 1 \cdot (53 \cdot 19 - 1 \cdot 999)$$
$$\Rightarrow 3 = 2 \cdot 999 - 105 \cdot 19$$

$$8 = 2 \cdot 3 + 2$$
$$\Rightarrow 2 = 8 - 2 \cdot 3$$

Replacing 8 and 3 from above

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 53 \cdot 19 - 1 \cdot 999 - 2 \cdot (2 \cdot 999 - 105 \cdot 19)$$
$$\Rightarrow 2 = 263 \cdot 19 - 5 \cdot 999$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 = 3 - 1 \cdot 2$$

Replacing 3 and 2 from above

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 2 \cdot 999 - 105 \cdot 19 - 1 \cdot (263 \cdot 19 - 5 \cdot 999)$$
$$\Rightarrow 1 = 7 \cdot 999 - 368 \cdot 19$$

So, the multiplicative inverse of 19 is -368. And $-368 \sim -368 + 999 = 631 \pmod{999}$

So, $19^{-1} = 631$

We can verify this is correct because $19 \cdot 631 \pmod{999} = 1$

6.8.

Determine $\phi(m)$, for $m = 12, 15, 26$, according to the definition: Check for each positive integer n smaller m whether $\gcd(n, m) = 1$. (You do not have to apply Euclid's algorithm.)

Answer:

For $m=12$

whereas m , i.e. 12, can be written in form

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3'$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(12) &= (2^2 - 2^1) (3' - 3^0) \\ &= (4 - 2) (3 - 1) \\ &= (2) (2) \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

Solving according to the definition for 12

$$Z_{12} = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]$$

$$\gcd(0, 12) = 12$$

$$\gcd(1, 12) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(2, 12) = 2$$

$$\gcd(3, 12) = 3$$

$$\gcd(4, 12) = 4$$

$$\gcd(5, 12) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(6, 12) = 6$$

$$\gcd(7, 12) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(8, 12) = 4$$

$$\gcd(9, 12) = 3$$

$$\gcd(10, 12) = 2$$

$$\gcd(11, 12) = 1 \quad *$$

Therefore, 4 no.'s in Z_{12} has gcd 1

$$\text{So } \phi(12) = 4$$

For $m=15$

$$Z_{15} = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]$$

$$\gcd(0, 15) = 15$$

$$\gcd(1, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(2, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(3, 15) = 3$$

$$\gcd(4, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(5, 15) = 5$$

$$\gcd(6, 15) = 3$$

$$\gcd(7, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(8, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(9, 15) = 3$$

$$\gcd(10, 15) = 5$$

$$\gcd(11, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(12, 15) = 3$$

$$\gcd(13, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(14, 15) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\text{So, } \phi(15) = 8$$

For $m=26$

$$Z_{26} = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, \dots, 25]$$

$$\gcd(0, 26) = 26$$

$$\gcd(1, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(2, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(3, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(4, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(5, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(6, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(7, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(8, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(9, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(10, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(11, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(12, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(13, 26) = 13$$

$$\gcd(14, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(15, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(16, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(17, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(18, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(19, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(20, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(21, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(22, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(23, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\gcd(24, 26) = 2$$

$$\gcd(25, 26) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\text{So, } \phi(26) = 12$$

Develop formulae for $\phi(m)$ for the special cases when

Answer:

1. Since m is a prime number, then we don't need to break it down into further prime factors

$$\text{So, } \phi(m) = m^1 - m^0 = (m-1)$$

2. $m = p \cdot q$, where p and q are primes. This case is of great importance for the RSA cryptosystem. Verify your formula for $m = 15, 26$ with the results from the previous problem.

$$\phi(m) = (p^1 - p^0) \cdot (q^1 - q^0) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

For $m=15 = 3 \cdot 5$, applying above result, we get

$$\phi(m) = (3-1)(5-1) = 2 \cdot 4 = 8, \text{ which matches result from previous problem}$$

For $m=26 = 2 \cdot 13$, applying above result, we get

$$\phi(m) = (2-1)(13-1) = 12, \text{ which matches result from previous problem}$$
