

Cryptography – Homework 5

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Exercise 5.1

Suppose Eve is given (N, e) the public key of an RSA cryptosystem. Show that she can efficiently factor $N = pq$ in each of the following cases:

- (a) she can efficiently compute $\varphi(N)$ (Hint: What are the roots of the polynomial $X^2 - X(N + 1 - \varphi(N)) + N$?).
- (b) she can efficiently compute an $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{Z}_N \setminus \mathbb{Z}_N^*$.

Exercise 5.2 **Collision resistance of the DLP-CCF**

In the lecture we have seen the proof sketch that the DLP-CCF is collision-resistant, given that the DLP relative to $\text{GenQR}_{\text{safe}}$ is hard, i.e.:

Assuming we have a collision attack \mathcal{A} on the DLP-CCF we build from it the following algorithm \mathcal{B} for computing discrete logarithms. Define \mathcal{B} as:

- Input: (p, q, g) and $r = g^x \bmod p$ for some secret $x \in \mathbb{Z}_q$.
- If $r = 1$, output $x = 0$.
- Otherwise, pass (p, q, g, r) to \mathcal{A} to obtain $(a, b) \neq (u, v)$.
- If $h_I(a, b) \neq h_I(u, v)$, output any element in \mathbb{Z}_q .
- Otherwise return $(a - u) \cdot (v - b)^{-1} \bmod q$.

Complete the proof by determining the probability that \mathcal{B} succeeds in computing a logarithm of r modulo p . Why is it important that q is prime?

Exercise 5.3

Let f be a OWP with hardcore bit $\text{hc}(x)$. Show that $G_l(x) := f^l(x) \parallel \text{BM}^l(x)$ is a PRG of *fixed stretch* for every fixed l polynomial in n .

- Discuss the advantages/disadvantages of outputting also $f^l(x)$.
- In particular, consider the case when a TDP is used for f and the resulting PRG is used within the prOTP.