

## Super computer.

Inspecting the source code, you are provided 3 primes:  $p, q, r$ , each 2048 bits long.

This is a maths question:

$$n = p^q r$$

$a = \text{rand}(0, n)$  is a random number

We are given  $a \nmid p$  ( $a$  does not divide  $p$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} t &= a^n + (n-a)^n \\ &= a^n + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} n^k (-a)^{n-k} \\ &= a^n + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} n^k (-a)^{n-k} + \binom{n}{0} n^0 (-a)^n \\ &= a^n + \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} n^k (-a)^{n-k} \cancel{- a^n} \quad (\text{since } n \text{ is odd}). \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} n^k (-a)^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} n^k (-1)^{n-k} \right) a^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

We can think of  $t$  as a polynomial  
 $t(a) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a^{n-k}$ . Since  $a \nmid p$ , we

have that the polynomial can't be divided by  $p$  unless each coefficient can be divided by  $p$ . Why? (I will try to show this later).-

$$t(a) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a^{n-k} \text{ where } b_k = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} n^k (-1)^{n-k}$$

We can ignore the  $(-1)^{n-k}$ . It doesn't make any difference to our logic.

~~For what k does  $b_k$  have the fewest P factors, for  $k=1 \dots n$ .~~

My guess was  $k=1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} b_{k=1} &= \frac{n!}{1!(n-1)!} n^1 = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} n = n^2 \\ &= P^{2q} r^2 \end{aligned}$$

$b_1$  has  $2q$  many P factors.

$k \geq 1$  leads to both the  $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$  and

$n^k$  having more P factors. Setting

$$k=n \text{ gives } b_n = \frac{n!}{n!0!} n^n = n^{n+1}$$

which basis  $P^{q(n+1)} r^{n+1}$  has  $q(n+1)$  P factors.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } \frac{t(a)}{P^{2q}} &= u(a) := \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{b_k}{P^{2q}} a^{n-k} \\ &= a^{n-1} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{b_k}{P^{2q}} a^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know  $t(a)$  can be divided by  $P^{2q}$  many times (at least) and  $\oplus$  P ~~as~~ flat as the value to xor with the key to solve this.