

RSA : security basis and practical aspects

Sandra Marcello

6 mars 2022

Plan

RSA security

Factorisation's algorithm

Pollard's $p - 1$ 1974

Pollard's Rho method

Attack on DLP (Discrete Logarithm Problem)

Implementation's tools : exponentiation

Introduction

- ▶ RSA's security relies on the factorization Problem.
- ▶ El gammal's security relies on the DLP (Discrete Logarithm Problem).

Goal :Description of some algorithms against these problems.

Basic analysis

- ▶ Factorisation Problem : Giving $n = pq$ with p, q prime numbers .Find p and q .
 1. Knowing p and q . Compute $\phi(n)$.
 2. Extended Euclidean algorithm : find the private key thanks to the public one.
- ▶ Necessary to hide $\phi(n)$ $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ Writing $\frac{q \equiv n}{p}$, we obtain the following equation :

$$p^2 + p(\phi(n) - 1 - n) + n,$$

whose roots are p and q .

Pollard's $p - 1$: idea

- ▶ Let p be a prime number such that $n = 0[p]$.
- ▶ Let q be a prime number, with $p - 1 = o[q]$
- ▶ Using a “random” list of elements $L \subset \mathbb{F}_n$
- ▶ As n is not a prime : existence of collision modulo p .
- ▶ In case of collision $\text{GCD}(x_j - x_i, n) = p$

Pollard's ρ -method

Main ideas : $n = p.q$, with

- ▶ Using a “random” list of elements $L \subset \mathbb{F}_n$
- ▶ As n is not a prime : existence of collision modulo p .
- ▶ In case of collision $\text{GCD}(x_j - x_i, n) = p$

Pollard's ρ -method : function f

- ▶ Consider $f(x) = x^2 + a[n]$, usually $a = 1$.
- ▶ Build the List : L
- ▶ Compute $GCD(x_i, x_{2i})$, if $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) > 1$ then
 $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) = p$ or $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) = q$

Pollard's ρ -method : description

- ▶ Consider $f(x) = x^2 + a[n]$, usually $a = 1$.
- ▶ Build the List : L
- ▶ Compute $GCD(x_i, x_{2i})$, if $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) > 1$ then
 $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) = p$ or $GCD(x_i, x_{2i}) = q$

Example : $n = 7171 = 71 * 101$, $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $x_1 = 1$.

Pollard's ρ -method : pseudo-code

Pollard's Rho : Input (n, x_1)

- ▶ $x \leftarrow x_1.$
- ▶ $x' \leftarrow f(x)[n]$
- ▶ $p \leftarrow \text{GCD}(x - x', n)$
While $p = 1$ Do
 - ▶ $x \leftarrow f(x)[n]$
 - ▶ $x' \leftarrow f(x')[n]$
 - ▶ $p = \text{GCD}(x - x', n)$

If $p = n$ return "Fail" Else return "p".

Shanks' algorithm

Compromis Espace-Temps

Shanks's algorithm : (G, n, α, β)

1. $m \leftarrow \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$
2. For $j \leftarrow 0$ until $m - 1$ Do : α^{mj}
3. Build a list $L_1 (j, \alpha^{mj})$
4. For $i \leftarrow 0$ until $m - 1$ Do : $\beta \alpha^{-i}$
5. build a List $L_2 (i, \beta \alpha^{-i})$
6. Find a collision (on the second coordinate) $(j, y$ et (i, y) .
7. $\log_{\alpha}(\beta) \leftarrow (mj + i)[n]$.

Pollard Rho algorithm

Input : Let G be a cyclic group. (mandatory)

Same ideas (cf. Pollard Rho algorithm factorization)

- ▶ Split your group G in 3 subsets (partition). ($S_0 = \{x \in G \text{ such that } x = 0[3]\}$,.... if $G = (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$)
- ▶ Define a “random “ function on G thanks to these 3 subsets.
- ▶ Build a List L
- ▶ Find a collision

Pollard Rho algorithm

Pollard Rho algorithm for DLP : (G, n, α, β)

function $f : f(x, a, b)$ If $x \in S_0$ then $f \leftarrow (\beta.x, a, (b + 1)[n])$

else if $x \in S_1$ then $f \leftarrow (x^2, 2a[n], 2b[n])$

else $f \leftarrow (\alpha.x, (a + 1)[n], b)$

return (f)

Pollard Rho algorithm

Main :

1. Define $G = S_0 \cup S_1 \cup S_2$
2. $(x, a, b) \leftarrow f(1, 0, 0)$
 $(x', a', b') \leftarrow f(x, a, b)$
3. While $x \neq x'$ Do :
 - ▶ $(x, a, b) \leftarrow f(x, a, b)$
 - ▶ $(x', a', b') \leftarrow f(x', a', b')$

If $(b' - b) \wedge n \neq 1$

then Return "fail" else return $((a - a')(b' - b)^{-1}[n])$

Exponentiation

- ▶ Algorithme naïf : $x^n = x.x \cdots x.x$ $n - 1$ multiplications successives .
- ▶ Optimisation : Pour $n = 2^k$

$$x^n = \left(\cdots ((x^2)^2)^2 \cdots \right)^2 .$$

k multiplications élémentaires au lieu de $2^k - 1$.

Complexity : $\mathcal{O}((\log(x))^k)$.

Exemple : x^{15} ?

Fast exponentiation (square and multiply)

Goal : $z = x^c[n]$

Binary decomposition : Let $c \in \mathbb{N}$ with $c = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} c_i 2^i$

Fast exponentiation(x, c, n) :

$z \leftarrow 1$

For $i \leftarrow l - 1$ to 0

Do

▶ $z \leftarrow z^2[n]$

▶ If $c_i = 1$ then $z \leftarrow (z \times x)[n]$

Return (z)