

Course Business

- **Homework 3**

- **Due:** Tuesday, October 31st at the *beginning* of class

- Professor Blocki is travelling, but will be back on Thursday

- Remaining Office Hours before Deadline:

- Professor Blocki: Friday @ 10:30 AM
- TA Duc Le: Wed @ 10AM
- TA Duc Le: Mon @ 10AM

Cryptography

CS 555

Week 10:

- RSA
- Attacks on Plain RSA
- Discrete Log/DDH

Readings: Katz and Lindell Chapter 8.2-8.3,11.5.1

CS 555: Week 10: Topic 1

Finding Prime Numbers, RSA

Recap

- Number Theory Basics
- Polynomial Time Operations on Integers
 - Addition/Subtraction/Multiplication/Division
 - Exponentiation Modulo N
 - GCD
 - Find Modular Inverse of $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$
- $\phi(N) = |\mathbb{Z}_N^*|$
- **Special Case:** $\phi(pq) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ for distinct primes p and q
- **Key Property:** For each $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and integer $x \in \mathbb{N}$ we have
$$[g^x \bmod N]^N = [g^{[x \bmod \phi(N)]} \bmod N]$$

RSA Key-Generation

KeyGeneration(1^n)

Step 1: Pick two random n -bit primes p and q

Step 2: Let $N=pq$, $\phi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

Step 3: ...

Question: How do we accomplish step one?

Bertrand's Postulate

Theorem 8.32. For any $n > 1$ the fraction of n -bit integers that are prime is at least $1/3n$.

GenerateRandomPrime(1^n)

For $i=1$ to $3n^2$:

$p' \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{n-1}$

$p \leftarrow 1 \| p'$

if isPrime(p) **then**

return p

return fail



Can we do this in polynomial time?

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Assume for now that we can run isPrime(p). What are the odds that the algorithm fails?

On each iteration the probability that p is not a prime is $\left(1 - \frac{1}{3n}\right)$

We fail if we pick a non-prime in all $3n^2$ iterations. The probability of failure is at most

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{3n}\right)^{3n^2} = \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{3n}\right)^{3n}\right)^n \leq e^{-n}$$

isPrime(p): Miller-Rabin Test

- We can check for primality of p in polynomial time in $\|p\|$.

Theory: Deterministic algorithm to test for primality.

- See breakthrough paper “Primes is in P”

Practice: Miller-Rabin Test (randomized algorithm)

- **Guarantee 1:** If p is prime then the test outputs YES
- **Guarantee 2:** If p is not prime then the test outputs NO except with negligible probability.

The “Almost” Miller-Rabin Test

Input: Integer N and parameter 1^t

Output: “prime” or “composite”

for $i=1$ to t :

$a \leftarrow \{1, \dots, N-1\}$

 if $a^{N-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod N$ then return “composite”

Return “prime”

Claim: If N is prime then algorithm always outputs “prime”

Proof: For any $a \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}$ we have $a^{N-1} = a^{\phi(N)} = 1 \pmod N$

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Need a bit of extra work to handle Carmichael numbers (see textbook).

Fact: If N is composite and not a Carmichael number then the algorithm outputs “composite” with probability

$$1 - 2^{-t}$$

Back to RSA Key-Generation

KeyGeneration(1^n)

Step 1: Pick two random n -bit primes p and q

Step 2: Let $N=pq$, $\phi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

Step 3: Pick $e > 1$ such that $\gcd(e, \phi(N))=1$

Step 4: Set $d=[e^{-1} \bmod \phi(N)]$ (secret key)

Return: N, e, d

- How do we find d ?
- **Answer:** Use extended gcd algorithm to find $e^{-1} \bmod \phi(N)$.

Be Careful Where You Get Your “Random Bits!”

```
int getRandomNumber()  
{  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

- RSA Keys Generated with weak PRG
 - Implementation Flaw
 - Unfortunately Commonplace
- Resulting Keys are Vulnerable
 - Sophisticated Attack
 - Coppersmith’s Method



The image shows a screenshot of an Ars Technica article. The header includes the 'ars TECHNICA' logo and navigation links for 'BIZ & IT', 'TECH', 'SCIENCE', 'POLICY', 'CARS', 'GAMING & CULTURE', and 'FORUMS'. The article title is 'Millions of high-security crypto keys crippled by newly discovered flaw', with a sub-headline 'Factorization weakness lets attackers impersonate key holders and decrypt their data.' The author is 'DAN GOODIN' and the date is '10/16/2017, 7:00 AM'. Below the text is a photograph of an Estonian Digital Identity Card (ID card) for Stephen Jurvetson. The card is blue and yellow, featuring a gold chip. Text on the card includes 'EESTI VABARIIK / REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA', 'DIGITAALNE ISIKUTUNNISTUS / DIGITAL IDENTITY CARD', 'JURVETSON STEPHEN', 'KEHTIV KUNI / DATE OF EXPIRY: 02.12.2017', 'DOKUMENDI NUMBER / DOCUMENT NUMBER: N01', 'ISIKUKOOD / PERSONAL CODE: 367030100', and 'AINULT ELEKTROONILISEKS KASUTAMISEKS / ELECTRONIC USE ONLY'. A small photo of the cardholder is in the top right corner. A vertical credit line on the left reads 'Steve Jurvetson'. At the bottom, a caption says 'Enlarge / 750,000 Estonian cards that look like this use a 2048-bit RSA key that can be factored in a matter of days.'

(Plain) RSA Encryption

- Public Key: $PK=(N,e)$
- Message $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

$$\mathbf{Enc}_{PK}(m) = [m^e \bmod N]$$

- **Remark:** Encryption is efficient if we use the power mod algorithm.

(Plain) RSA Decryption

- Secret Key: $SK=(N,d)$
- Ciphertext $c \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

$$\mathbf{Dec}_{SK}(c) = [c^d \bmod N]$$

- **Remark 1:** Decryption is efficient if we use the power mod algorithm.
- **Remark 2:** Suppose that $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and let $c=\mathbf{Enc}_{PK}(m) = [m^e \bmod N]$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Dec}_{SK}(c) &= [(m^e)^d \bmod N] = [m^{ed} \bmod N] \\ &= [m^{[ed \bmod \phi(N)]} \bmod N] \\ &= [m^1 \bmod N] = m\end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{Dec}_{SK}(c) = m$$
- **Remark 3:** Even if $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N - \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ and let $c=\mathbf{Enc}_{PK}(m) = [m^e \bmod N]$ **then**
$$\mathbf{Dec}_{SK}(c) = m$$
 - Use Chinese Remainder Theorem to show this

Plain RSA (Summary)

- Public Key (pk): $N = pq$, e such that $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
 - $\phi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ for distinct primes p and q
- Secret Key (sk): N , d such that $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- **Encrypt(pk=(N,e),m) = $m^e \pmod N$**
- **Decrypt(sk=(N,d),c) = $c^d \pmod N$**

- Decryption Works because
$$[c^d \pmod N] = [m^{ed} \pmod N] = [m^{ed \pmod{\phi(N)}} \pmod N] = [m \pmod N]$$

Factoring Assumption

Let **GenModulus**(1^n) be a randomized algorithm that outputs $(N=pq, p, q)$ where p and q are n -bit primes (except with negligible probability **negl**(n)).

Experiment $\text{FACTOR}_{A,n}$

1. $(N=pq, p, q) \leftarrow \text{GenModulus}(1^n)$
2. Attacker A is given N as input
3. Attacker A outputs $p' > 1$ and $q' > 1$
4. Attacker A wins if $N=p'q'$.

Factoring Assumption

- Necessary for security of RSA.
- Not known to be sufficient.

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$$\forall PPT A \exists \mu \text{ (negligible) s.t. } \Pr[\text{FACTOR}_{A,n} = 1] \leq \mu(n)$$

RSA-Assumption

RSA-Experiment: $\text{RSA-INV}_{A,n}$

1. **Run KeyGeneration(1^n) to obtain (N,e,d)**
2. **Pick uniform $y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$**
3. Attacker A is given N, e, y and outputs $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$
4. Attacker wins ($\text{RSA-INV}_{A,n}=1$) if $x^e = y \pmod N$

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- Plain RSA Encryption behaves like a one-way function
- Attacker cannot invert encryption of random message

Discussion of RSA-Assumption

- Plain RSA Encryption behaves like a one-way-function
- Decryption key is a “trapdoor” which allows us to invert the OWF
- RSA-Assumption → OWFs exist

Recap

- Plain RSA
- Public Key (pk): $N = pq$, e such that $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
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Mathematica Demo

https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/jblocki/courses/555_Spring17/slides/Lecture24Demo.nb

Note: Online version of mathematica available at <https://sandbox.open.wolframcloud.com> (reduced functionality, but can be used to solve homework bonus problems)

(Toy) RSA Implementation in Mathematica

(* Random Seed 123456 is not secure, but it allows us to repeat the experiment *)

SeedRandom[123456]

(* Step 1: Generate primes for an RSA key *)

p = RandomPrime[{10¹⁰⁰⁰, 10¹⁰⁵⁰};

q = RandomPrime[{10¹⁰⁰⁰, 10¹⁰⁵⁰};

NN = p q; (*Symbol N is protected in mathematica *)

phi = (p - 1) (q - 1);

(Toy) RSA Implementation in Mathematica

(* Step 1.A: Find e *)

GCD[phi,7]

Output: 7

(* GCD[phi,7] is not 1, so he have to try a different value of e *)

GCD[phi,3]

Output: 1

(* We can set e=3 *)

e=3;

(Toy) RSA Implementation in Mathematica

(* Step 1.B find d s.t. $ed = 1 \pmod N$ by using the extended GCD algorithm *)

(* Mathematica is clever enough to do this automatically *)

Solve[e x == 1, Modulus->phi]

Output:

{{x->36469680590663028301700626132883867272718728905205088...

.....

394069421778610209425624440980084481398131}}

(* We can now set $d = x$ *)

d=364696805.... 8131;

(Toy) RSA Implementation in Mathematica

```
(* Double Check 1 = [ed mod  $\phi(N)$ ] *)
```

```
Mod [e d, (p-1)(q-1)]
```

Output: 1

```
(* Encrypt the message 200,  $c = m^e \bmod N$  *)
```

```
m = 200;
```

```
PowerMod[m,e,NN]
```

Output: 8 000 000

(Toy) RSA Implementation in Mathematica

(* Encrypt the message 200, $c = m^e \bmod N$ *)

m = 200;

PowerMod[m,e,NN]

Output: 8 000 000

(* Hm...That doesn't seem too secure *)

CubeRoot[PowerMod[m,e,NN]]

Output: 200

(* Moral: if $m^e < N$ then Plain RSA does not hide the message m . *)

RSA Implementation in Mathematica

(* Encrypt a larger message, $c = m^e \pmod N$ *)

```
SeedRandom[1234567];
```

```
m2= RandomInteger[{10^1500,10^1501}];
```

```
c=PowerMod[m2,e,NN]
```

Output: 405215834903772786..... 388068292685976133

(* Does it Decrypt Properly? *)

```
PowerMod[c,d, NN]-m2
```

Output: 0

(* Yes! *)

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Attacks on Plain RSA

(Plain) RSA Discussion

- We have not introduced security models like CPA-Security or CCA-security for Public Key Cryptosystems
- However, notice that (Plain) RSA Encryption is stateless and deterministic.
 - Plain RSA is not secure against chosen-plaintext attacks
- As we will see Plain RSA is also highly vulnerable to chosen-ciphertext attacks

(Plain) RSA Discussion

- However, notice that (Plain) RSA Encryption is stateless and deterministic.
→ Plain RSA is not secure against chosen-plaintext attacks
- **Remark:** In a public key setting the attacker who knows the public key *always* has access to an encryption oracle
- Encrypted messages with low entropy are particularly vulnerable to brute-force attacks
 - **Example:** If $m < B$ then attacker can recover m from $c = \text{Enc}_{\text{pk}}(m)$ after at most B queries to encryption oracle (using public key)

Chosen Ciphertext Attack on Plain RSA

1. Attacker intercepts ciphertext $c = [m^e \bmod N]$
2. Attacker generates ciphertext c' for secret message $2m$ as follows
3. $c' = [(c2^e) \bmod N]$
4. $\quad = [(m^e 2^e) \bmod N]$
5. $\quad = [(2m)^e \bmod N]$
6. Attacker asks for decryption of $[c2^e \bmod N]$ and receives $2m$.
7. Divide by two to recover message

Above Example: Shows plain RSA is highly vulnerable to ciphertext-tampering attacks

More Weaknesses: Plain RSA with small e

- (Small Messages) If $m^e < N$ then we can decrypt $c = m^e \bmod N$ directly
e.g., $m = c^{(1/e)}$
- (Partially Known Messages) If an attacker knows first $1 - (1/e)$ bits of secret message $m = m_1 || ? ?$ then he can recover m given
Encrypt $(pk, m) = m^e \bmod N$

Theorem[Coppersmith]: If $p(x)$ is a polynomial of degree e then in polynomial time (in $\log(N)$, e) we can find all m such that $p(m) = 0 \bmod N$ and $|m| < N^{(1/e)}$

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Example: $e = 3$, $m = m_1 || m_2$ and attacker knows m_1 ($2k$ bits) and $c = (m_1 || m_2)^e \pmod N$, but not m_2 (k bits)

$$p(x) = (2^k m_1 + x)^3 - c$$

Polynomial has a small root mod N at $x = m_2$ and coppersmith's method will find it!

More Weaknesses: Plain RSA with small e

Theorem[Coppersmith]: Can also find small roots of bivariate polynomial $p(x_1, x_2)$

- **Similar Approach used to factor weak RSA secret keys $N=q_1q_2$**
- Weak PRG \rightarrow Can guess many of the bits of prime factors
 - Obtain $\widetilde{q}_1 \approx q_1$ and $\widetilde{q}_2 \approx q_2$
- Coppersmith Attack: Define polynomial $p(.,.)$ as follows
$$p(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + \widetilde{q}_1)(x_2 + \widetilde{q}_2) - N$$
- **Small Roots of $p(x_1, x_2)$:** $x_1 = q_1 - \widetilde{q}_1$ and $x_2 = q_2 - \widetilde{q}_2$

COMPLETELY BROKEN —

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Factorization weakness lets attackers impersonate key holders and decrypt their data.

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Fixes for Plain RSA

- Approach 1: RSA-OAEP
 - Incorporates random nonce r
 - CCA-Secure (in random oracle model)
- Approach 2: Use RSA to exchange symmetric key for Authenticated Encryption scheme (e.g., AES)
 - Key Encapsulation Mechanism (KEM)
- More details in future lectures...stay tuned!
 - For now we will focus on attacks on Plain RSA

Chinese Remainder Theorem

Theorem: Let $N = pq$ (where $\gcd(p,q)=1$) be given and let $f: \mathbb{Z}_N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ be defined as follows

$$f(x) = ([x \bmod p], [x \bmod q])$$

then

- f is a bijective mapping (invertible)
- f and its inverse $f^{-1}: \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$ can be computed efficiently
- $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$
- The restriction of f to \mathbb{Z}_N^* yields a bijective mapping to $\mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_q^*$
- For inputs $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ we have $f(x)f(y) = f(xy)$

Chinese Remainder Theorem

Application of CRT: Faster computation

Example: Compute $[11^{53} \bmod 15]$

$$f(11) = ([-1 \bmod 3], [1 \bmod 5])$$

$$f(11^{53}) = ([-1^{53} \bmod 3], [1^{53} \bmod 5]) = (-1, 1)$$

$$f^{-1}(-1, 1) = 11$$

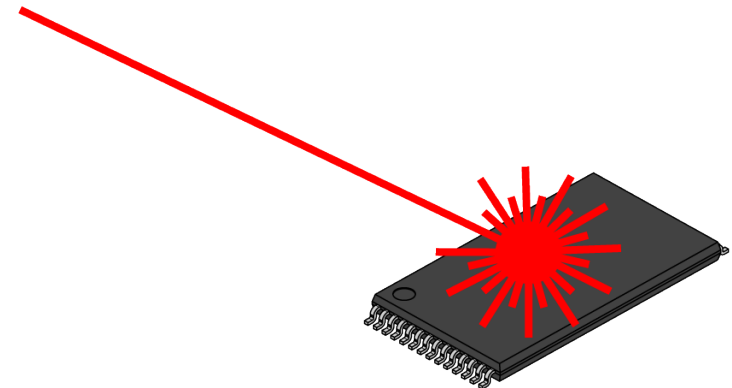
Thus, $11 = [11^{53} \bmod 15]$

A Side Channel Attack on RSA with CRT

- Suppose that decryption is done via Chinese Remainder Theorem for speed.

$$\mathbf{Dec}_{sk}(c) = c^d \bmod N \leftrightarrow (c^d \bmod p, c^d \bmod q)$$

- Attacker has physical access to smartcard
 - Can mess up computation of $c^d \bmod p$
 - Response is $R \leftrightarrow (r, c^d \bmod q)$
 - $R - m \leftrightarrow (r - m \bmod p, 0 \bmod q)$
 - $\text{GCD}(R-m, N) = q$



Recovering Encrypted Message faster than Brute-Force

Claim: Let $m < 2^n$ be a secret message. For some constant $\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$. We can recover m in in time $T = 2^{\alpha n}$ with high probability.

For $r=1,\dots,T$

let $x_r = [cr^{-e} \bmod N]$, where $r^{-e} = (r^{-1})^e \bmod N$

Sort $L = \{(r, x_r)\}_{r=1}^T$ **(by the x_r values)**

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if $[s^e \bmod N] = x_r$ **for some** r **then**

return $[rs \bmod N]$

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Analysis: $[rs \bmod N] = [r(s^e)^d \bmod N] = [r(x_r)^d \bmod N]$
 $= [r(cr^{-e})^d \bmod N] = [rr^{-ed}(c)^d \bmod N]$
 $= [rr^{-1}m \bmod N] = m$

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Fact: some constant $\alpha = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$ setting $T = 2^{\alpha n}$ with high probability we will find a pair s and x_r with $[s^e \bmod N] = x_r$.

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Roughly \sqrt{B} steps to find a secret message $m < B$

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Discrete Log + DDH Assumption

(Recap) Finite Groups

Definition: A (finite) group is a (finite) set \mathbb{G} with a binary operation \circ (over \mathbb{G}) for which we have

- **(Closure:)** For all $g, h \in \mathbb{G}$ we have $g \circ h \in \mathbb{G}$
- **(Identity:)** There is an element $e \in \mathbb{G}$ such that for all $g \in \mathbb{G}$ we have
$$g \circ e = g = e \circ g$$
- **(Inverses:)** For each element $g \in \mathbb{G}$ we can find $h \in \mathbb{G}$ such that $g \circ h = e$. We say that h is the inverse of g .
- **(Associativity:)** For all $g_1, g_2, g_3 \in \mathbb{G}$ we have
$$(g_1 \circ g_2) \circ g_3 = g_1 \circ (g_2 \circ g_3)$$

We say that the group is **abelian** if

- **(Commutativity:)** For all $g, h \in \mathbb{G}$ we have $g \circ h = h \circ g$

Finite Abelian Groups (Examples)

- **Example 1:** \mathbb{Z}_N when \circ denotes addition modulo N
- Identity: 0 , since $0 \circ x = [0+x \text{ mod } N] = [x \text{ mod } N]$.
- Inverse of x ? Set $x^{-1} = N-x$ so that $[x^{-1}+x \text{ mod } N] = [N-x+x \text{ mod } N] = 0$.

- **Example 2:** \mathbb{Z}_N^* when \circ denotes multiplication modulo N
- Identity: 1 , since $1 \circ x = [1(x) \text{ mod } N] = [x \text{ mod } N]$.
- Inverse of x ? Run extended GCD to obtain integers a and b such that
$$ax + bN = \gcd(x, N) = 1$$

Observe that: $x^{-1} = a$. Why?

Cyclic Group

- Let \mathbb{G} be a group with order $m = |\mathbb{G}|$ with a binary operation \circ (over G) and let $g \in \mathbb{G}$ be given consider the set

$$\langle g \rangle = \{g^0, g^1, g^2, \dots\}$$

Fact: $\langle g \rangle$ defines a subgroup of \mathbb{G} .

- Identity: g^0
- Closure: $g^i \circ g^j = g^{i+j} \in \langle g \rangle$
- g is called a “generator” of the subgroup.

Fact: Let $r = |\langle g \rangle|$ then $g^i = g^j$ if and only if $i = j \pmod r$. Also m is divisible by r .

Finite Abelian Groups (Examples)

Fact: Let p be a prime then \mathbb{Z}_p^* is a cyclic group of order $p-1$.

- **Note:** Number of generators g s.t. of $\langle g \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is $\frac{|\phi(p-1)|}{p-1}$

Example (non-generator): $p=7, g=2$

$$\langle 2 \rangle = \{1, 2, 4\}$$

Example (generator): $p=7, g=5$

$$\langle 5 \rangle = \{1, 5, 4, 6, 2, 3\}$$

Discrete Log Experiment $DLog_{A,G}(n)$

1. Run $G(1^n)$ to obtain a cyclic group \mathbb{G} of order q (with $\|q\| = n$) and a generator g such that $\langle g \rangle = \mathbb{G}$.
2. Select $h \in \mathbb{G}$ uniformly at random.
3. Attacker A is given \mathbb{G} , q , g , h and outputs integer x .
4. Attacker wins ($DLog_{A,G}(n)=1$) if and only if $g^x=h$.

We say that the discrete log problem is hard relative to generator G if

$$\forall PPT A \exists \mu \text{ (negligible) s.t } \Pr[DLog_{A,n} = 1] \leq \mu(n)$$

Diffie-Hellman Problems

Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem (CDH)

- Attacker is given $h_1 = g^{x_1} \in \mathbb{G}$ and $h_2 = g^{x_2} \in \mathbb{G}$.
- Attacker's goal is to find $g^{x_1 x_2} = (h_1)^{x_2} = (h_2)^{x_1}$
- **CDH Assumption:** For all PPT A there is a negligible function negl upper bounding the probability that A succeeds with probability at most $\text{negl}(n)$.

Decisional Diffie-Hellman Problem (DDH)

- Let $z_0 = g^{x_1 x_2}$ and let $z_1 = g^r$, where x_1, x_2 and r are random
- Attacker is given g^{x_1}, g^{x_2} and z_b (for a random bit b)
- Attacker's goal is to guess b
- **DDH Assumption:** For all PPT A there is a negligible function negl such that A succeeds with probability at most $\frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(n)$.

Secure key-agreement with DDH

1. Alice publishes g^{x_A} and Bob publishes g^{x_B}
2. Alice and Bob can both compute $K_{A,B} = g^{x_B x_A}$ but to Eve this key is indistinguishable from a random group element (by DDH)

Remark: Protocol is vulnerable to Man-In-The-Middle Attacks if Bob cannot validate g^{x_A} .

Can we find a cyclic group where DDH holds?

- **Example 1:** \mathbb{Z}_p^* where p is a random n -bit prime.
 - CDH is believed to be hard
 - DDH is **not** hard (Exercise 13.15)
- **Theorem:** Let $p=rq+1$ be a random n -bit prime where q is a large λ -bit prime then the set of r^{th} residues modulo p is a cyclic subgroup of order q . Then $\mathbb{G}_r = \{[h^r \bmod p] \mid h \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}$ is a cyclic subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_p^* of order q .
 - **Remark 1:** DDH is believed to hold for such a group
 - **Remark 2:** It is easy to generate uniformly random elements of \mathbb{G}_r
 - **Remark 3:** Any element (besides 1) is a generator of \mathbb{G}_r

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- **Closure:** $h^r g^r = (hg)^r$
- **Inverse** of h^r is $(h^{-1})^r \in \mathbb{G}_r$
- **Size** $(h^r)^x = h^{[rx \bmod rq]} = (h^r)^x = h^{r[x \bmod q]} = (h^r)^{[x \bmod q]} \bmod p$

Remark: Two known attacks on Discrete Log Problem for \mathbb{G}_r (Section 9.2).

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Goal: Set λ and n to balance attacks

$$\lambda = O(\sqrt[3]{n}(\log n)^{2/3})$$

How to sample $p=rq+1$?

- First sample a random λ -bit prime q and
- Repeatedly check if $rq+1$ is prime for a random $n-\lambda$ bit value r

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Elliptic Curves Example: Let p be a prime ($p > 3$) and let A, B be constants. Consider the equation

$$y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B \pmod{p}$$

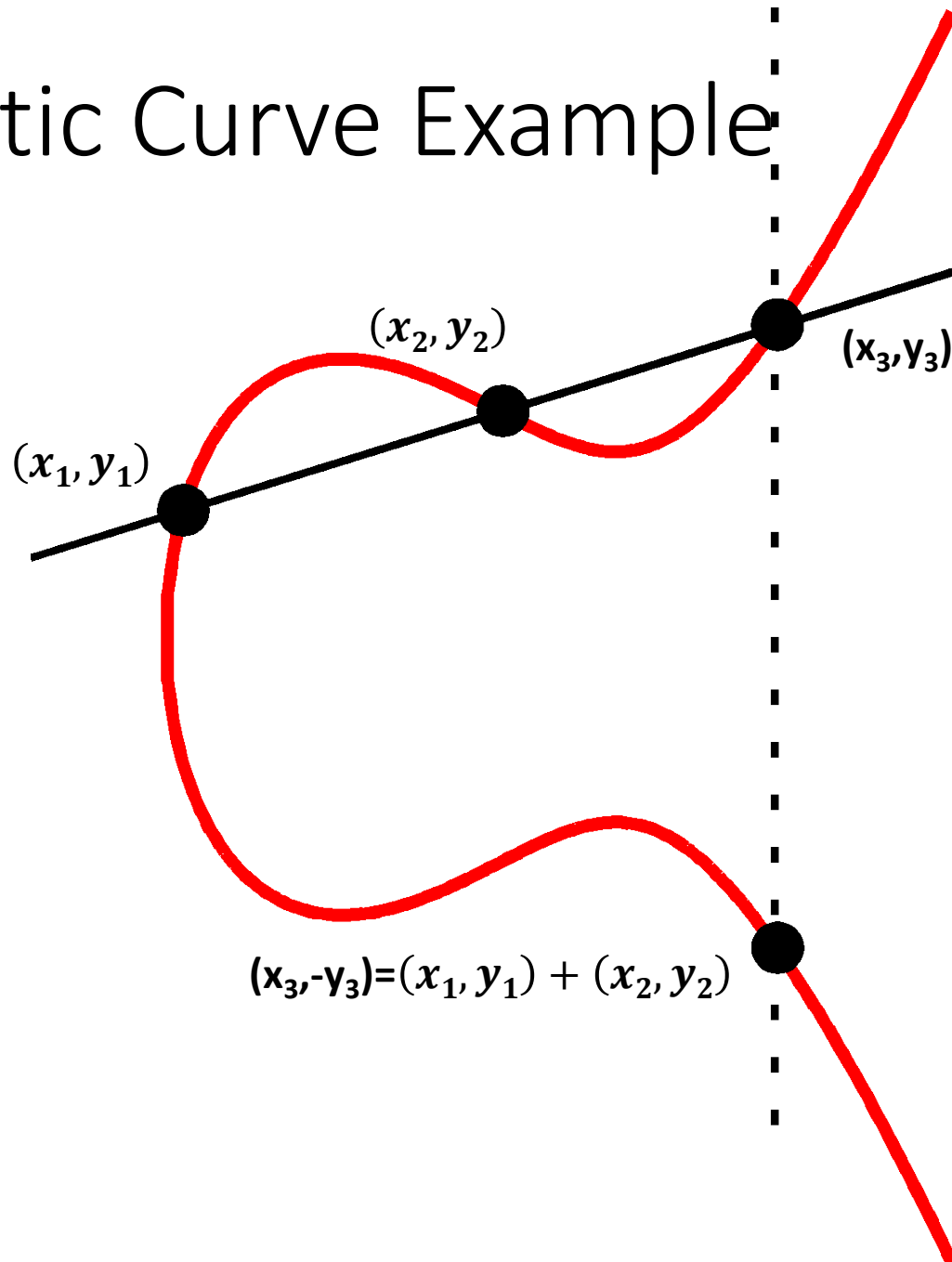
And let

$$E(\mathbb{Z}_p) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2 \mid y^2 = x^3 + Ax + B \pmod{p}\} \cup \{\mathcal{O}\}$$

Note: \mathcal{O} is defined to be an additive identity $(x, y) + \mathcal{O} = (x, y)$

What is $(x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2)$?

Elliptic Curve Example



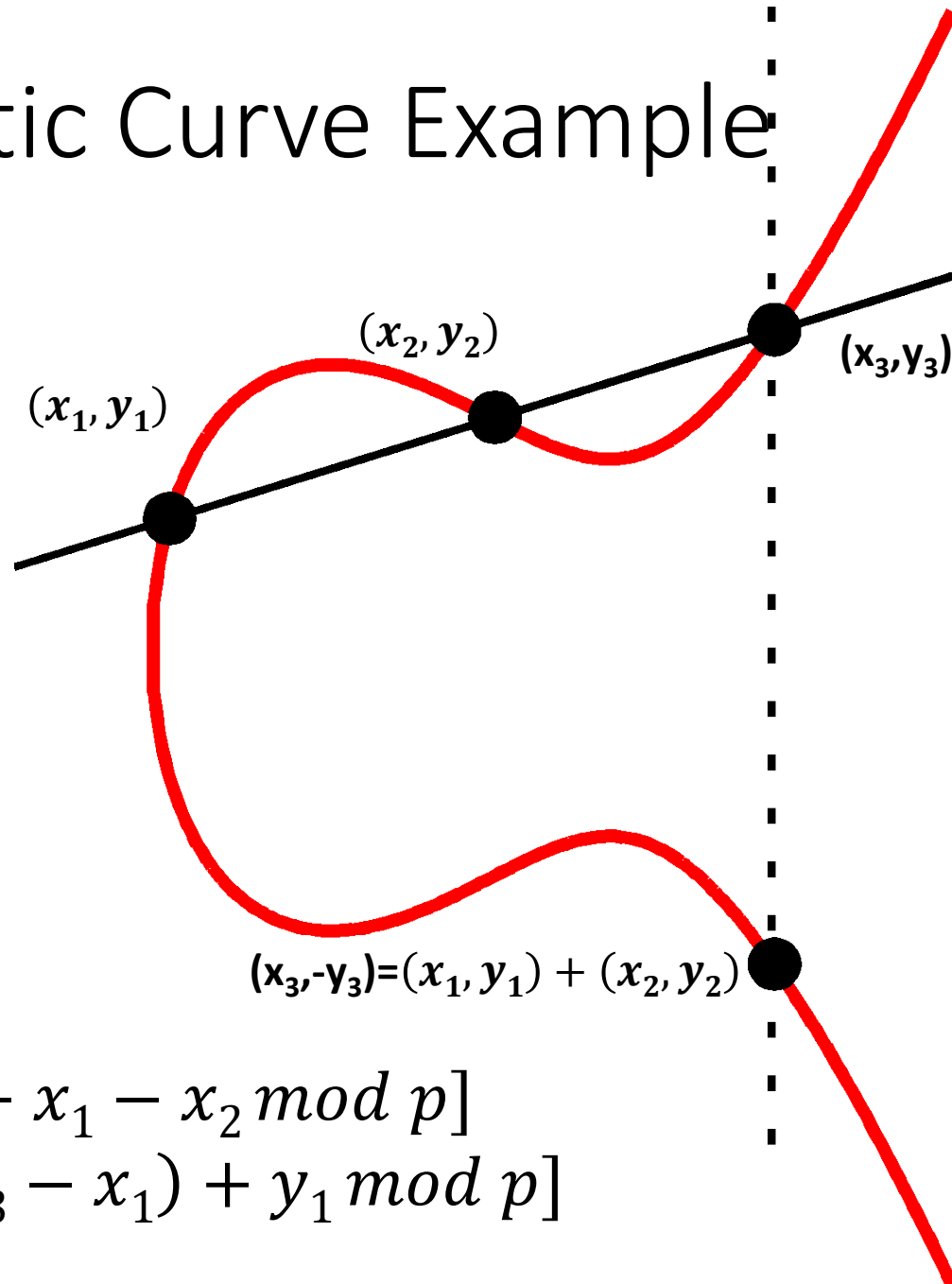
The line passing through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) has the equation

$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1 \text{ mod } P$$

Where the slope

$$m = \left[\frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} \text{ mod } p \right]$$

Elliptic Curve Example



Formally, let

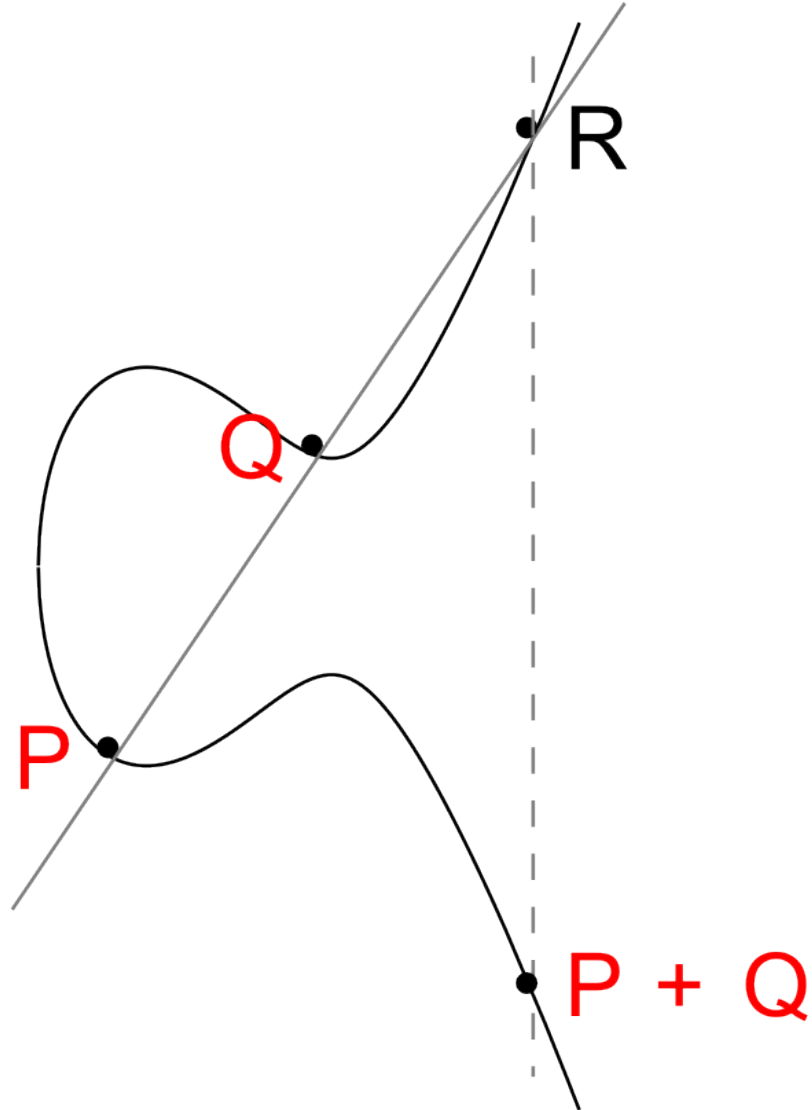
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Be the slope. Then the line passing through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) has the equation

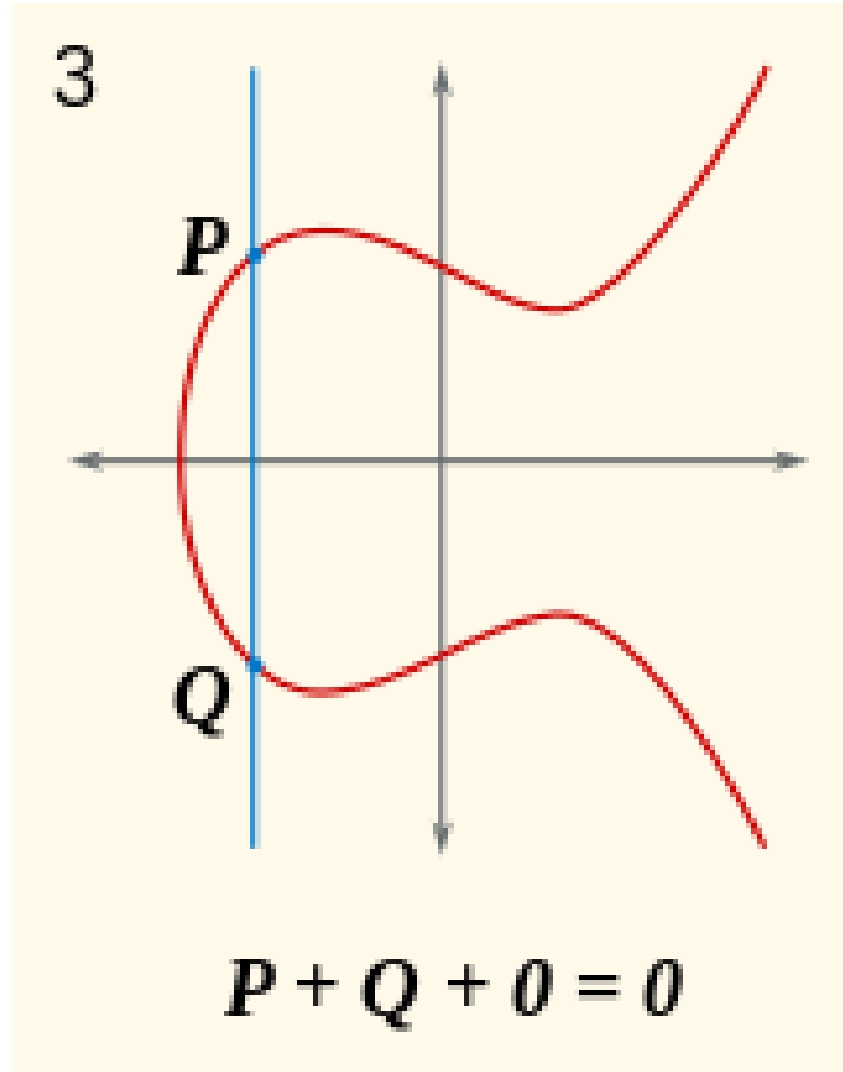
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$$x_3 = [m^2 - x_1 - x_2 \text{ mod } p]$$
$$y_3 = [m(x_3 - x_1) + y_1 \text{ mod } p]$$

$$(m(x - x_1) + y_1)^2$$
$$= x^3 + Ax + B \text{ mod } p$$



Elliptic Curve Example



No third point R on the elliptic curve.

$$P + Q = 0$$

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Fact: $E(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ defines an abelian group

- For *appropriate curves* the DDH assumption is believed to hold
- If you make up your own curve there is a good chance it is broken...
- NIST has a list of recommendations