

# Midterm Exam Stats

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- Maximum: 97
- Minimum: 61
- Mean: 75.85
- Median: 77.2
- Standard Deviation: 9.1

**Reminder:** Homework 3 Released

# Recap

- Polynomial time algorithms (in bit lengths  $\|a\|$ ,  $\|b\|$  and  $\|N\|$ ) to do important stuff
  - $\text{GCD}(a,b)$
  - Find multiplicative inverse  $a^{-1}$  of  $a$  such that  $1 = [aa^{-1} \bmod N]$  (if it exists)
    - **Note:**  $a^{-1}$  exists if and only if  $\text{GCD}(a,N) = 1$  i.e.  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .
    - **Extended Euclidean Algorithm:** Finds integers  $x,y$  s.t.  $ax + Ny = \text{GCD}(a,N)$ .
    - **Define:**  $a^{-1} = [x \bmod N]$  and observe  $[aa^{-1} \bmod N] = [ax - Ny \bmod N] = \text{GCD}(a,N) = 1$ .
  - PowerMod:  $[a^b \bmod N]$
  - Draw uniform sample from  $\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N \mid \text{gcd}(N, x) = 1\}$ 
    - Randomized PPT algorithm

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**Fact 1:** Let  $\phi(N) = |\mathbb{Z}_N^*|$  then for any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  we have  
 $[x^{\phi(N)} \bmod N] = 1$

**Example:**  $\mathbb{Z}_8^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ ,  $\phi(8) = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} [3^4 \bmod 8] &= [9 \times 9 \bmod 8] = 1 \\ [5^4 \bmod 8] &= [25 \times 25 \bmod 8] = 1 \\ [7^4 \bmod 8] &= [49 \times 49 \bmod 8] = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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**Example 0:** Let  $p$  be a prime so that  $\mathbb{Z}^* = \{1, \dots, p - 1\}$

$$\phi(p) = p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = p - 1$$

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I count 8 elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$

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- **Multiples of  $p$ :**  $p, 2p, 3p, \dots, pq$  ( $q$  multiples of  $p$ )
- **Multiples of  $q$ :**  $q, 2q, \dots, pq$  ( $p$  multiples of  $q$ )
- **Double Counting?**  $N=pq$  is in both lists. Any other duplicates?
- No!  $cq = dp \rightarrow q$  divides  $d$  (since,  $\gcd(p,q)=1$ ) and consequently  $d \geq q$ 
  - Hence,  $dp \geq pq = N$

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- **Answer:**  $p+q-1$  elements are not in  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(N) &= N - (p + q - 1) \\ &= pq - p - q + 1 = (p - 1)(q - 1)\end{aligned}$$

# 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  $g \circ h = h \circ g$

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- Identity:  $0$ , since  $0 \circ x = [0+x \text{ mod } N] = [x \text{ mod } N]$ .
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- Closure?
  - Recall that  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow [xy \text{ mod } N] \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  (see proof from last week)



# Groups

**Lemma 8.13:** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group with a binary operation  $\circ$  (over  $G$ ) and let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{G}$ . If  $a \circ c = b \circ c$  then  $a = b$ .

Proof Sketch: Apply the unique inverse to  $c^{-1}$  both sides.

$$\begin{aligned} a \circ c = b \circ c &\rightarrow (a \circ c) \circ c^{-1} = (b \circ c) \circ c^{-1} \\ &\rightarrow a \circ (c \circ c^{-1}) = b \circ (c \circ c^{-1}) \\ &\rightarrow a \circ (e) = b \circ (e) \\ &\rightarrow a = b \end{aligned}$$

**(Remark:** it is not too difficult to show that a group has a *unique* identity and that inverses are *unique*).

# Group Exponentiation

**Definition:** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group with a binary operation  $\circ$  (over  $G$ ) let  $m$  be a positive integer and let  $g \in \mathbb{G}$  be a group element then we define

$$g^m := \underbrace{g \circ \cdots \circ g}_{m \text{ times}}$$

**Theorem:** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be finite group with size  $m = |\mathbb{G}|$  and let  $g \in \mathbb{G}$  be a group element then  $g^m = 1$  (where  $1$  denotes the unique identity of  $\mathbb{G}$ ).

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**Proof:** (for abelian group) Let  $\mathbb{G} = \{g_1, \dots, g_m\}$  then we claim

$$g_1 \circ \dots \circ g_m = (g \circ g_1) \circ \dots \circ (g \circ g_m)$$

Why? If  $(g_i \circ g) = (g_j \circ g)$  then  $g_j = g_i$  (by Lemma 8.13)

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Because  $\mathbb{G}$  is abelian we can re-arrange terms

$$1 \circ (g_1 \circ \dots \circ g_m) = (g^m) \circ (g_1 \circ \dots \circ g_m)$$

By Lemma 8.13 we have  $1 = g^m$ .

QED

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**Corollary 8.15:** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be finite group with size  $m = |\mathbb{G}| > 1$  and let  $g \in \mathbb{G}$  be a group element then for any integer  $x$  we have  $g^x = g^{[x \bmod m]}$ .

**Proof:**  $g^x = g^{qm + [x \bmod m]} = 1 \times g^{[x \bmod m]}$ , where  $q$  is unique integer such that  $x = qm + [x \bmod m]$

# Group Exponentiation

**Special Case:**  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  is a group of size  $\phi(N)$  so we have now proved

**Corollary 8.22:** For any  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  and integer  $x$  we have

$$[g^x \bmod N] = [g^{[x \bmod \phi(N)]} \bmod N]$$

# 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
- $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) = ([x + y \bmod p], [x + y \bmod q])$
- 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 modulo  $N=pq$ .

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



# 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

# 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  
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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

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



# Miller-Rabin Primality Test

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**Else** find  $u$  (odd) and  $r \geq 1$  s.t.  $N - 1 = 2^r u$

**for**  $j=1$  to  $t$ :

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**Lemma:** If  $p$  is prime and  
 $x^2 = 1 \pmod p$  then  
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**Observe:**

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{2^{r-1}u})^2 &= a^{N-1} \pmod{N} \\ &= 1 \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a^{2^i u})^2 - 1 \\ &= (a^{2^{i-1}u} - 1)(a^{2^{i-1}u} + 1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} (a^{2^r u}) - 1 &= (a^{2^{r-1}u} - 1)(a^{2^{r-1}u} + 1) \\ &= \dots = (a^{2^{r-2}u} - 1)(a^{2^{r-2}u} + 1)(a^{2^{r-1}u} + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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**One of the factors must be 0  
(mod N)**

*If  $N$  is prime we won't return composite*

$$0 = (a^{2^r u}) - 1 = \dots = (a^u - 1) \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} (a^{2^i u} + 1)$$

# Back to RSA Key-Generation

## **KeyGeneration**( $1^n$ )

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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



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# (Plain) RSA Encryption

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- 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

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- Ciphertext  $c \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

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

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

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$$\mathbf{Dec}_{SK}(c) = m$$

- Use Chinese Remainder Theorem to show this

$$ed = 1 + k(p-1)(q-1)$$

$$\rightarrow f(c^d) = ([m^{ed} \bmod p], [m^{ed} \bmod q]) = ([m^1 \bmod p], [m^1 \bmod q])$$

$$\rightarrow f^{-1}(f(c^d)) = f^{-1}([m^1 \bmod p], [m^1 \bmod q]) = m$$

# 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  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- **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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4. Attacker A wins ( $\text{FACTOR}_{A,n} = 1$ ) if and only if  $N=p'q'$ .

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

# RSA-Assumption

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

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

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- 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

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# Mathematica Demo

[https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/jblocki/courses/555\\_Spring17/slides/Lecture24Demo.nb](https://www.cs.purdue.edu/homes/jblocki/courses/555_Spring17/slides/Lecture24Demo.nb)

<http://develop.wolframcloud.com/app/>

**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[{10<sup>1000</sup>, 10<sup>1050</sup>};**

**q = RandomPrime[{10<sup>1000</sup>, 10<sup>1050</sup>};**

**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  $\phi(N)$ ] *)
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Mod [e d, (p-1)(q-1)]
```

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Output: 1
```

```
(* Encrypt the message 200,  $c = m^e \bmod N$  *)
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m = 200;
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PowerMod[m,e,NN]
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Output: 8 000 000
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# (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,  $c = m^e \bmod N$  \*)

```
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! \*)



# CS 555: Week 10: Topic 2

## 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  $m = m_1 || \dots$  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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# 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  $[11^{53} \bmod 15]$

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

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

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

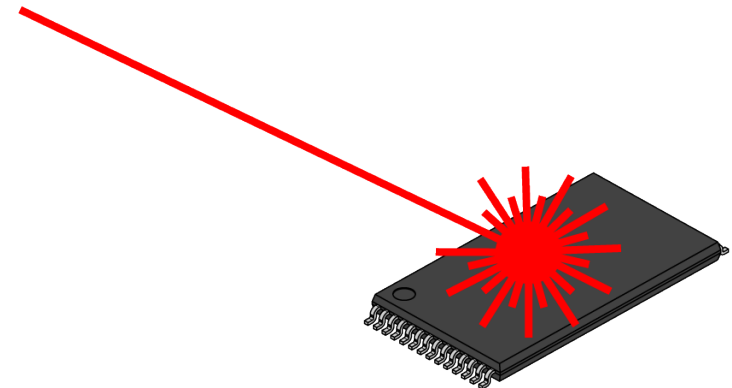
Thus,  $11 = [11^{53} \bmod 15]$

# 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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**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  $m < B$**



# CS 555: Week 10: Topic 3

## 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  $\phi(p-1)$

**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  $\text{negl}$  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  $\text{negl}$  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  $\lambda$ -bit prime then the set of  $r^{\text{th}}$  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  $\lambda$  and  $n$  to balance attacks

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

How to sample  $p=rq+1$ ?

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

# Can we find a cyclic group where DDH holds?

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

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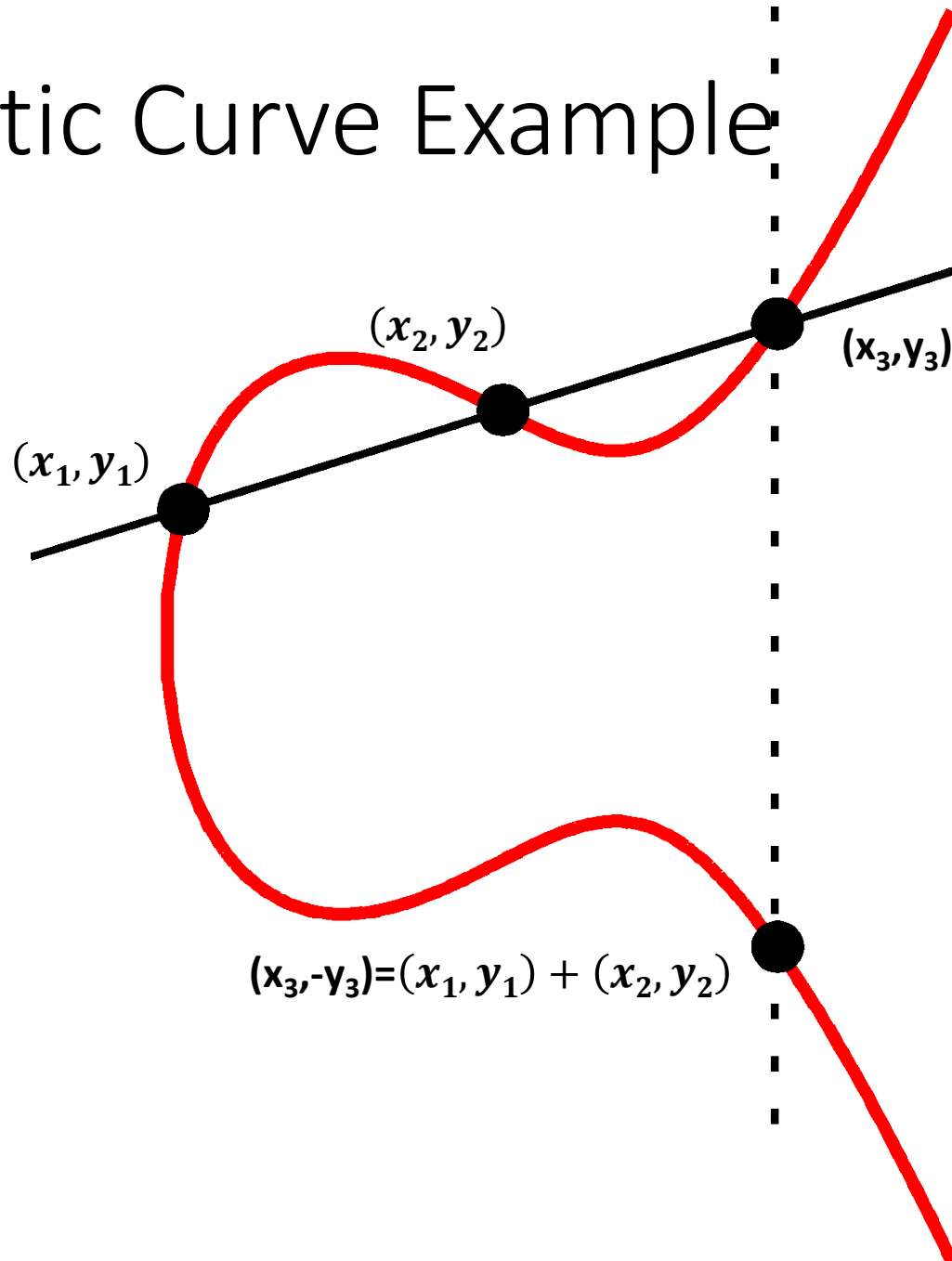
And let

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

**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



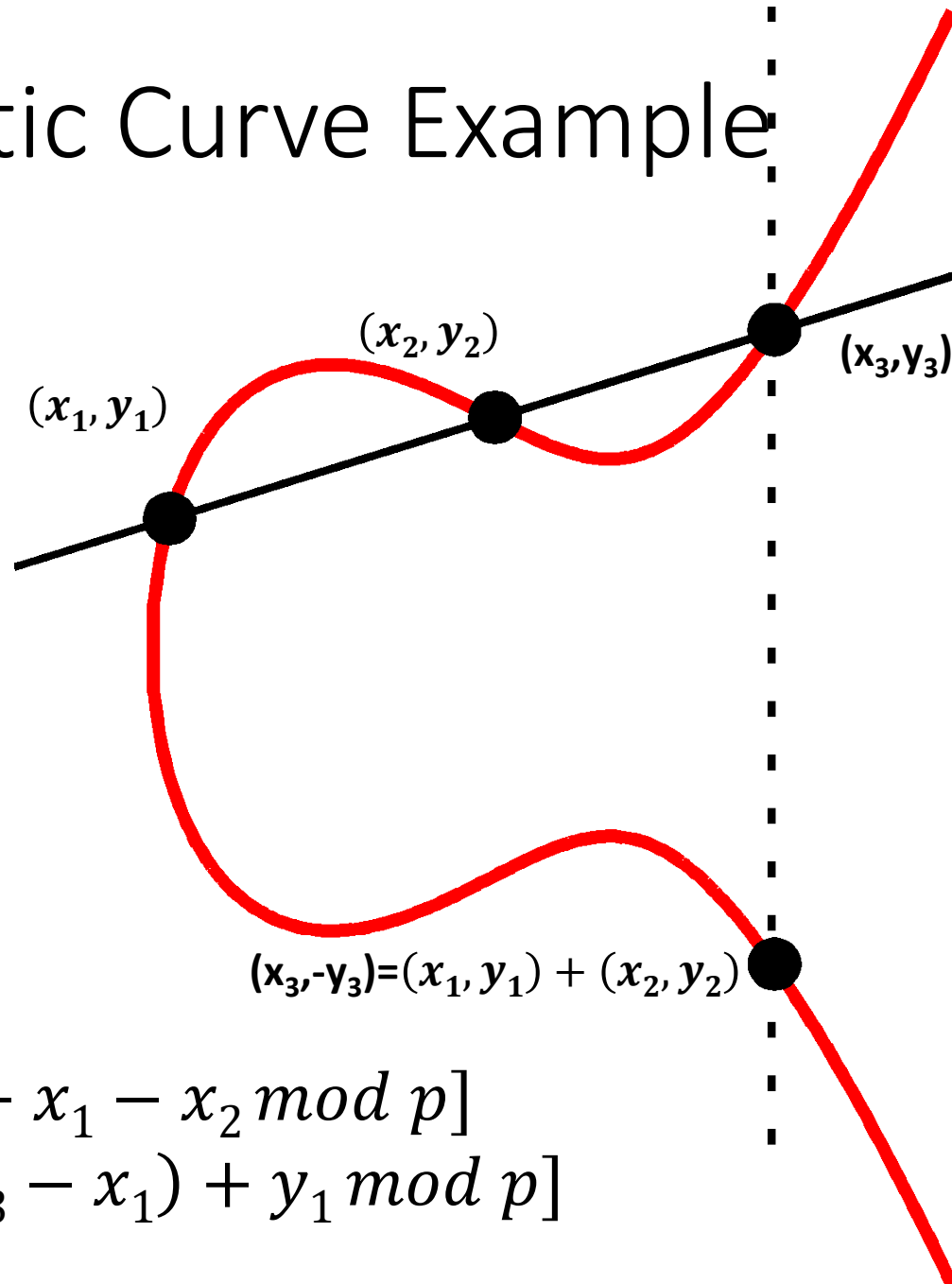
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Where the slope

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Formally, let

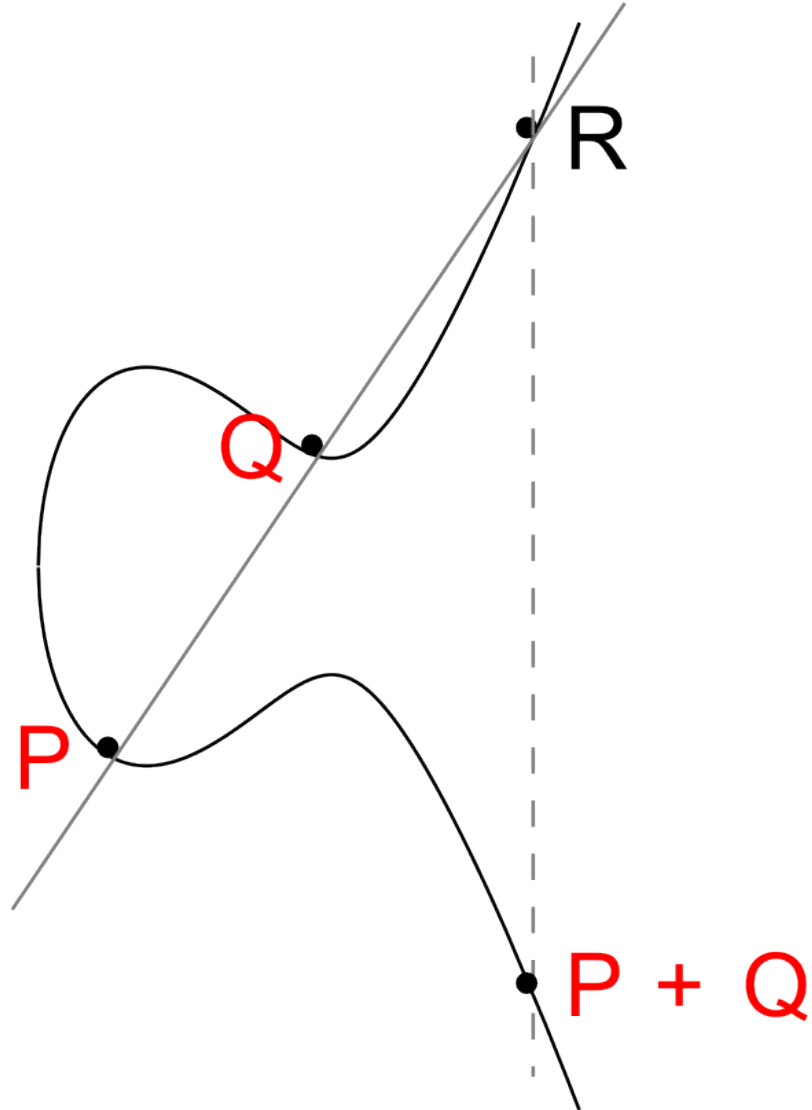
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Be the slope. Then the line passing through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  has the equation

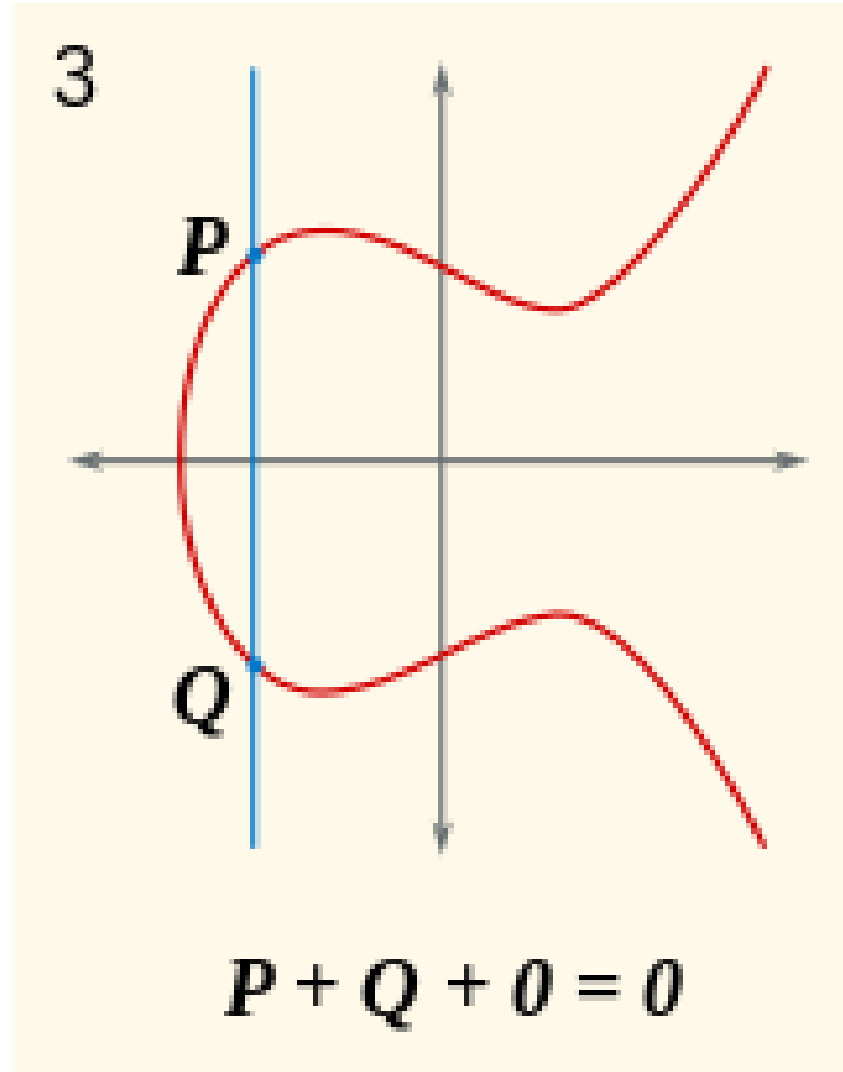
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$$x_3 = [m^2 - x_1 - x_2 \bmod p]$$
$$y_3 = [m(x_3 - x_1) + y_1 \bmod p]$$

$$(m(x - x_1) + y_1)^2$$
$$= x^3 + Ax + B \bmod p$$



# Elliptic Curve Example



No third point R on the elliptic curve.

$$P + Q = O$$

(Inverse)



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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