

Cryptography

CS 555

Week 9:

- Number Theory + Public Key Crypto

Readings: Katz and Lindell Chapter 8, B.1, B.2

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 - Obi-Wan picks a key K , computes $c = \text{Enc}_{K_{O,A}}(K)$ and sends c to Anakin with instructions to re-encrypt and forward to Yoda.
 - Anakin computes $K = \text{Dec}_{K_{O,A}}(c)$ and $c' = \text{Enc}_{K_{Y,A}}(K)$ and forwards to Yoda.
 - Yoda recovers $K = \text{Dec}_{K_{Y,A}}(c')$
 - Anakin also learns the secret key
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 - Can they use Anakin to exchange a secret key?
 - **Remark:** Obi-Wan and Yoda both trust Anakin, but would prefer to keep the key private just in case.
- Need for Public-Key Crypto
 - We can solve the key-exchange problem using public-key cryptography.
 - No solution is known using symmetric key cryptography alone

Symmetric Key Explosion Problem

- Suppose we have n people and each pair of people want to be able to maintain a secure communication channel.
 - How many private keys per person?
 - **Answer:** $n-1$
- Key Explosion Problem
 - n can get very big if you are Google or Amazon!



Public Key Encryption: Basic Terminology

- Plaintext/Plaintext Space
 - A message $m \in \mathcal{M}$
- Ciphertext $c \in \mathcal{C}$
- **Public/Private Key Pair $(pk, sk) \in \mathcal{K}$**

Public Key Encryption Syntax

- Three Algorithms

- $\text{Gen}(1^n, R)$ (Key-generation algorithm)

- Input: Random Bits R

- Output: $(pk, sk) \in \mathcal{K}$

- $\text{Enc}_{pk}(m) \in \mathcal{C}$ (Encryption algorithm)

- $\text{Dec}_{sk}(c)$ (Decryption algorithm)

- Input: Secret key sk and a ciphertext c

- Output: a plaintext message $m \in \mathcal{M}$

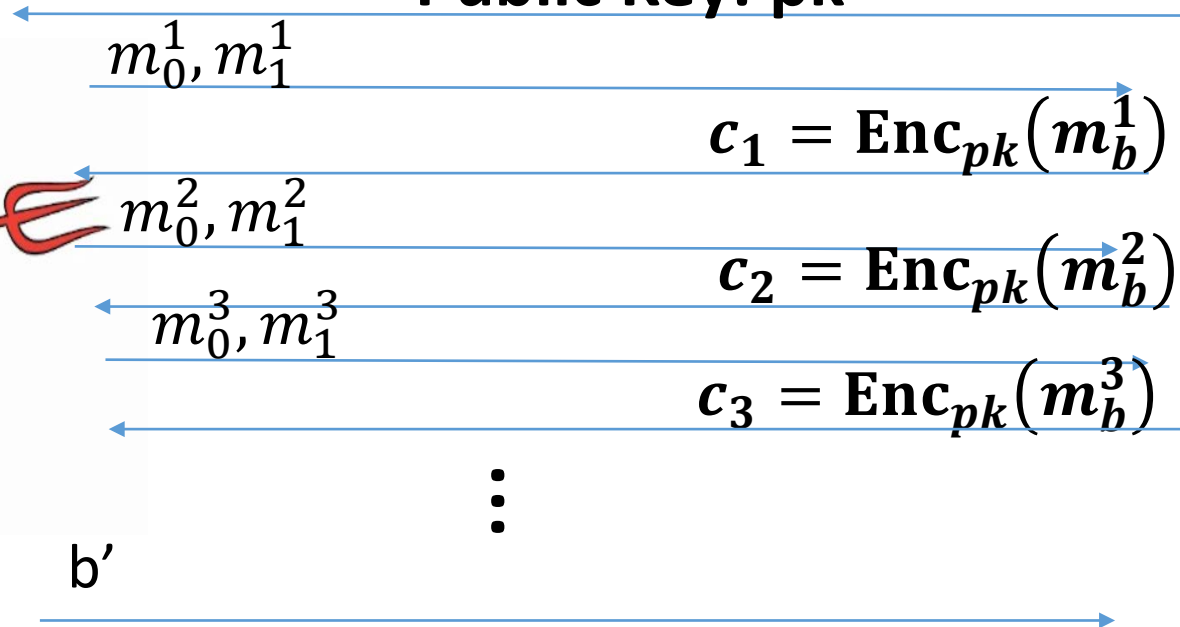
Alice must run key generation algorithm in advance and publishes the public key: pk

Assumption: Adversary only gets to see pk (not sk)

- **Invariant:** $\text{Dec}_{sk}(\text{Enc}_{pk}(m))=m$

CPA-Security ($\text{PubK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{LR-cpa}}(n)$)

Public Key: pk



Random bit b
 $(pk, sk) = \text{Gen}(\cdot)$

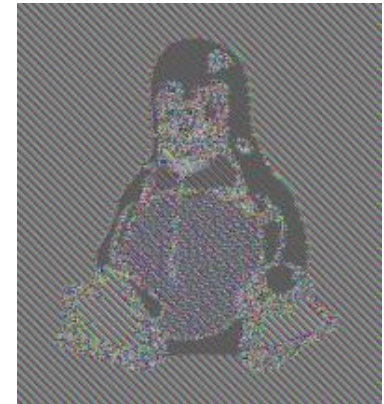


$$\forall PPT A \exists \mu \text{ (negligible) s.t.}$$

$$\Pr[\text{PubK}_{A,\Pi}^{\text{LR-cpa}}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

Public Key Crypto

- **Fact 1: CPA Security and Eavesdropping Security are Equivalent**
 - **Key Insight:** The attacker has the public key so he doesn't gain anything from being able to query the encryption oracle!
- **Fact 2: Any deterministic encryption scheme is not CPA-Secure**
 - Historically overlooked in many real world public key crypto systems
- **Fact 3: No Public Key Cryptosystem can achieve Perfect Secrecy!**
 - Exercise 11.1
 - **Hint:** Unbounded attacker can keep encrypting the message m using the public key to recover all possible encryptions of m .
- **Key Question:** How do we achieve CPA/CCA-Secure Public Key Encryption?



Number Theory

- Key tool behind (most) public key-crypto
 - RSA, El-Gamal, Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
- Aside: don't worry we will still use symmetric key crypto
 - It is more efficient in practice
 - First step in many public key-crypto protocols is to generate symmetric key
 - Then communicate using authenticated encryption e.g., AES-GCM

Polynomial Time Factoring Algorithm?

FindPrimeFactor

Input: N

For $i=1,\dots,N$

if N/i is an integer then

Output i

Running time: $O(N)$ steps

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Did we just break RSA?

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We measure running time of an arithmetic algorithm (multiply, divide, GCD, remainder) in terms of the number of bits necessary to encode the inputs.

How many bits $\|N\|$ to encode N ?

Answer: $\|N\| = \log_2(N)$

Polynomial Time Operations on Integers

Polynomial time in $\|a\|$ and $\|b\|$

- Addition
- Multiplication
- Division with Remainder
 - **Input:** a and divisor b
 - **Output:** quotient q and remainder $r < b$ such that

$$a = qb + r$$

Convenient Notation: $r = a \bmod b$

Note 1: We require that quotient q and remainder r are both integers

Note 2: If remainder is $r = 0$ (i.e., $a = qb + 0$) we say that b divides a (Notation: $b|a$)

- Greatest Common Divisor
 - **Example:** $\gcd(9,15) = 3$
- Extended GCD(a,b)
 - Output integers X,Y such that

$$Xa + Yb = \gcd(a, b)$$

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- **Key Observation:** if $a = qb + r$
Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(r, b) = \gcd(a \bmod b, b)$

Proof:

- Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$. Then d divides both a and b . Thus, d also divides $r = a - qb$.
 $\rightarrow d = \gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(r, b)$
- Let $d' = \gcd(r, b)$. Then d' divides both b and r . Thus, d' also divides $a = qb + r$.
 $\rightarrow \gcd(a, b) \geq \gcd(r, b) = d'$
- Conclusion: $d = d'$.

More Polynomial Time Operations on Integers

- **(Modular Arithmetic)** The following operations are polynomial time in $\|a\|$ and $\|b\|$ and $\|N\|$.

1. Compute $[a \bmod N]$
2. Compute sum $[(a+b) \bmod N]$, difference $[(a-b) \bmod N]$ or product $[ab \bmod N]$
3. Determine whether a has an inverse a^{-1} such that $1=[aa^{-1} \bmod N]$
4. Find a^{-1} if it exists
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Remark: Part 3 and 4 use extended GCD algorithm

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 - **Note:** a^{-1} exists if and only if $\text{GCD}(a,N) = 1$.
 - **Extended Euclidean Algorithm:** Finds integers x,y s.t. $ax+Ny = \text{GCD}(a,N)=1$.
 - **Define:** $a^{-1}=[x \bmod N]$ and observe $[aa^{-1} \bmod N]=[ax-Ny \bmod N] = \text{GCD}(a,N)=1$.
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$X = 1$

For $i=1, \dots, b$

$X = X * a$



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$X[0]=a$;

For $i=1, \dots, \log_2(b)+1$

$X[i] = X[i-1]*X[i-1]$

// invariant: $X[i] = a^{2^i}$

$$[a^b \bmod N] = a^{\sum_i b[i]2^i} \bmod N$$

$$= \prod_i X[i]^{b[i]} \bmod N$$

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The number of bits in $a^{2^{\|b\|+1}}$ is $O(2^{\|b\|+1})$.

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$$\mathbb{Z}_N = \{1, \dots, N\}$$
$$\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N \mid \gcd(N, x) = 1\}$$

Examples:

$$\mathbb{Z}_6^* = \{1, 5\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

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- There is a probabilistic polynomial time algorithm (in $|N|$) to sample from \mathbb{Z}_N^* and \mathbb{Z}_N
- Algorithm to sample from \mathbb{Z}_N^* is allowed to output “fail” with negligible probability in $|N|$.
- Conditioned on not failing sample must be uniform.

Useful Facts

Fact: $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow [xy \bmod N] \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ where $\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_N \mid \gcd(N, x) = 1\}$

Example 1: $\mathbb{Z}_8^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

$$[3 \times 7 \bmod 8] = [21 \bmod 8] = [5 \bmod 8] \in \mathbb{Z}_8^*$$

Proof (by contradiction): Let $d := \gcd(xy, N)$

Suppose $d > 1$ then for some prime p and integer q we have $d = pq$.

Now p must divide N and xy (by definition) and hence p must divide either x or y .

(WLOG) say p divides x . In this case $\gcd(x, N) = p > 1$, which means $x \notin \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

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Recap

- Polynomial time algorithms (in bit lengths $\|\mathbf{a}\|$, $\|\mathbf{b}\|$ and $\|\mathbf{N}\|$) to do important stuff
 - $\text{GCD}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$
 - Find inverse \mathbf{a}^{-1} of \mathbf{a} such that $1 = [\mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^{-1} \bmod \mathbf{N}]$ (if it exists)
 - PowerMod: $[\mathbf{a}^b \bmod \mathbf{N}]$
 - 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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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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Proof Sketch: If $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ is not divisible by p or q then $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$. How many elements are not in \mathbb{Z}_N^* ?

- **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^*

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

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

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Fact: The identity is unique + inverses must be unique

Proof: If e and e' are both identity then $e = e \circ e' = e'$

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Associativity

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

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

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

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

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

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 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

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

Miller-Rabin Primality Test

Input: Integer N and parameter 1^t

Output: “prime” or “composite”

If $\text{Even}(N)$ or $\text{PerfectPower}(N)$ return “composite”

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

for $j=1$ to t :

if $a^u \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{N}$ and $a^{2^i u} \not\equiv -1 \pmod{N}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq r - 1$

return “composite”

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

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Return “prime”

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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If N is prime we won't return composite

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

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Return “prime”

Observe:

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

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)

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



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

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(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

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

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

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

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

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 $x^e = y \pmod N$

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

RSA-Assumption

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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 $\text{GCD}(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
 - $\phi(N) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ 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
$$[c^d \pmod N] = [m^{ed} \pmod N] = [m^{ed \pmod{\phi(N)}} \pmod N] = [m \pmod N]$$

Mathematica Demo

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[{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 $1 = [ed \bmod \phi(N)]$ *)

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, $c = m^e \bmod N$ *)

```
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 $m = m_1 || ? ?$ 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 $\log(N)$, 2^e) we can find all m such that $p(m) = 0 \bmod N$ and $|m| < N^{(1/e)}$

More Weaknesses: Plain RSA with small 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] (Informal): 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 $x_2 = q_2 - \widetilde{q}_2$

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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 $[11^{53} \bmod 15]$

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

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

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

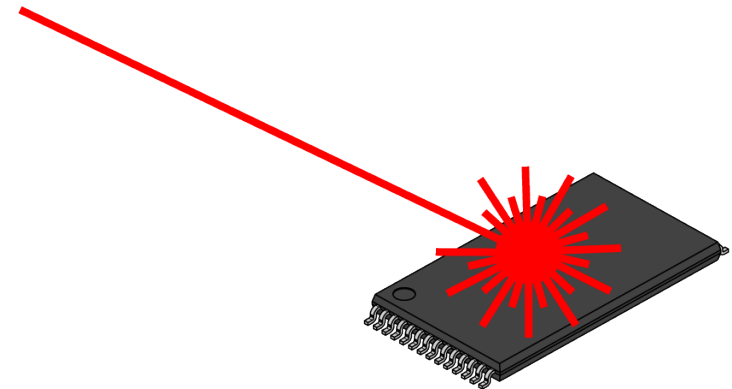
Thus, $11 = [11^{53} \bmod 15]$

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)**

For $s=1,\dots,T$

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

return $[rs \bmod N]$

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return $[rs \bmod N]$

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

Recovering Encrypted Message faster than Brute-Force

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**)

For $s=1,\dots,T$

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

return $[rs \bmod N]$

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 $[s^e \bmod N] = x_r$.

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.

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 $\text{DLog}_{A,G}(n)$

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 ($\text{DLog}_{A,G}(n)=1$) if and only if $g^x=h$.

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

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

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).

- First runs in time $O(\sqrt{q}) = O(2^{\lambda/2})$
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- Second runs in time $2^{O(\sqrt[3]{n}(\log n)^{2/3})}$, where n is bit length of p

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

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

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

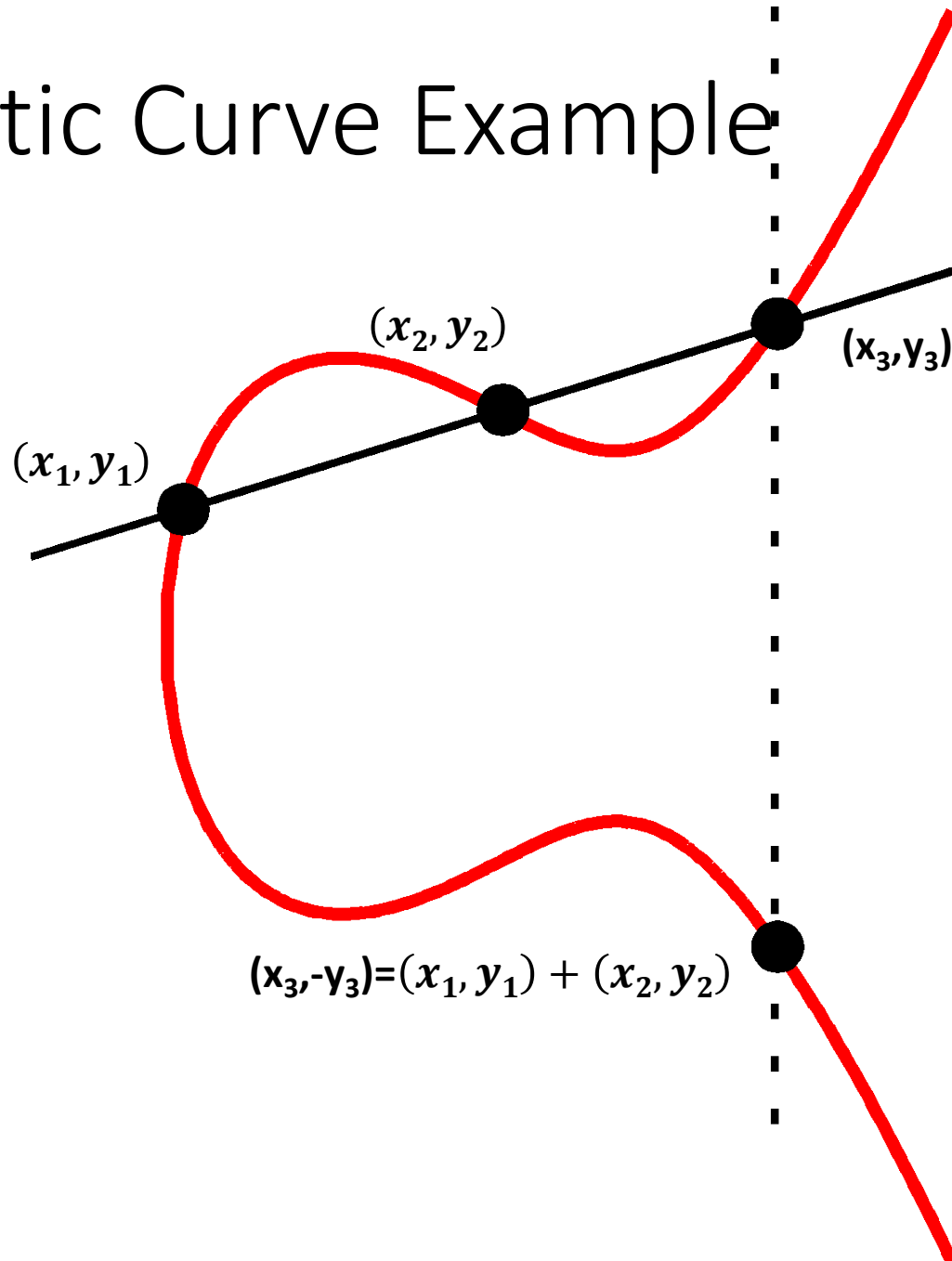
And let

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

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



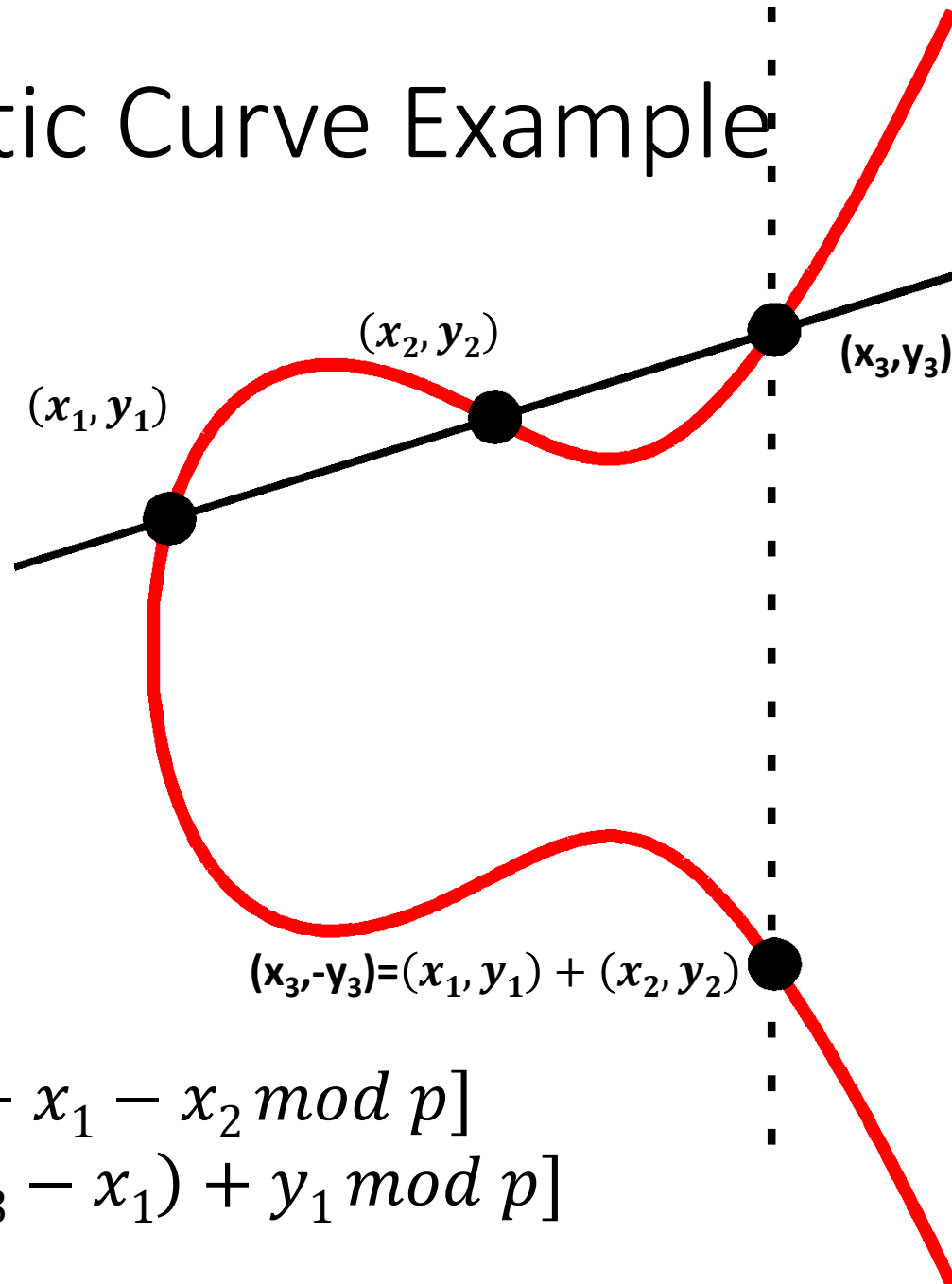
The line passing through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) has the equation

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

Where the slope

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

Elliptic Curve Example



Formally, let

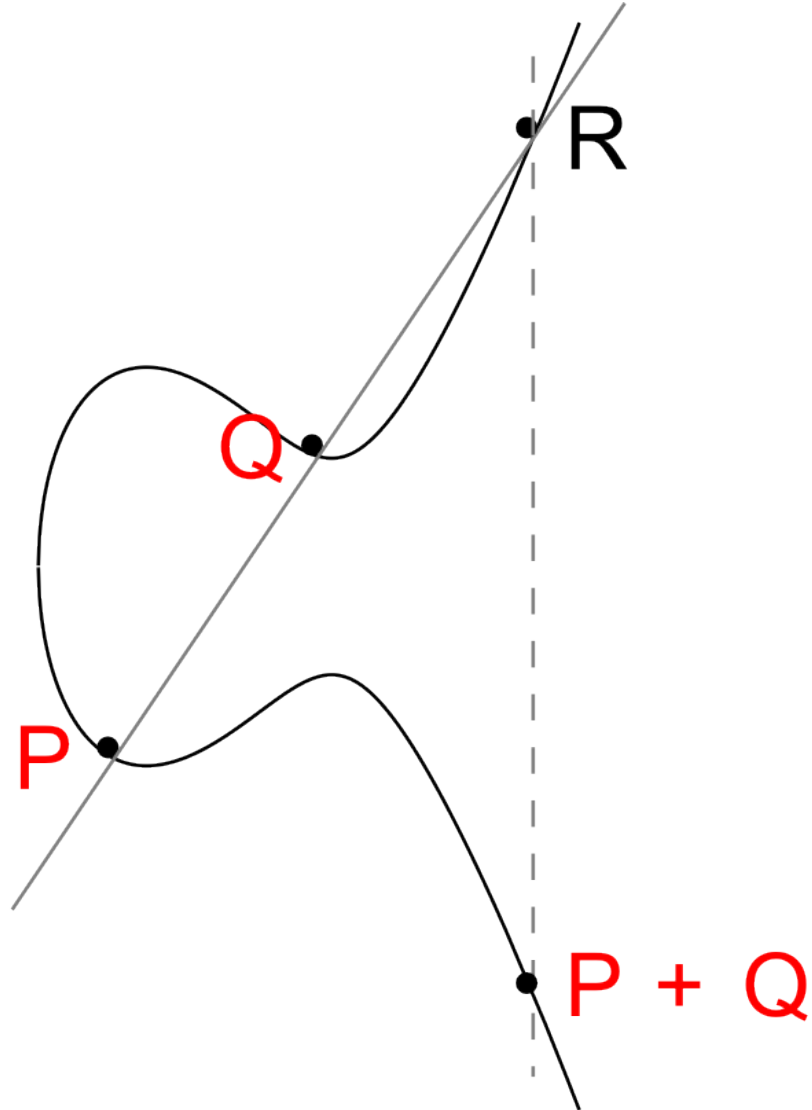
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Be the slope. Then the line passing through (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) has the equation

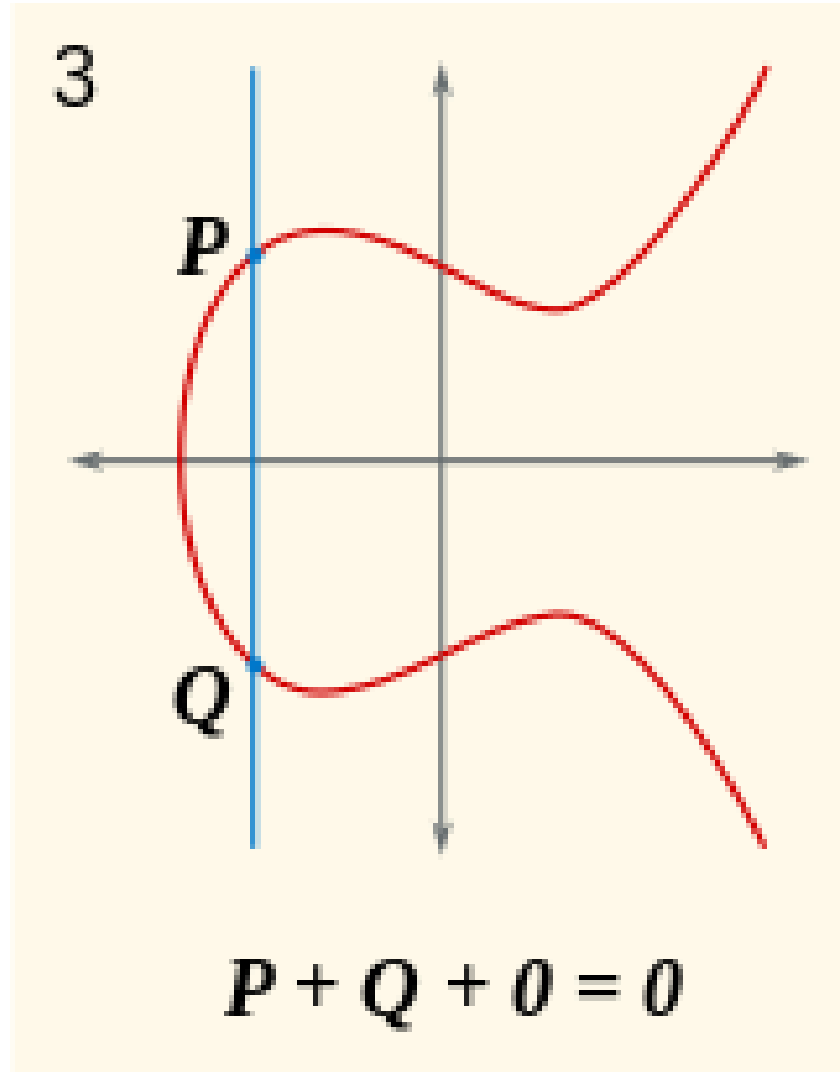
$$y = m(x - x_1) + y_1 \bmod P$$

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

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



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