

The RSA Algorithm is described as follows:

Alice: Key Generation:

1. Choose two large primes p and q .
2. Compute $n = pq$.
3. Compute $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$.
4. Select a public exponent e , where $1 \leq e \leq \phi(n) - 1$ and $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$.
5. Compute private exponent d such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$.
6. Alice's public key is (n, e) and her private key is d .

Bob: RSA Encryption

1. Convert message to an integer m , where $1 \leq m \leq n$.
2. Compute $c = m^e \pmod{n}$.
3. The encrypted message is c . Bob sends c to Alice.

Alice: RSA Decryption

1. Compute $m' = c^d \pmod{n}$.
2. The decrypted message is $m' = m$.

Exercises

- (1) Using $p = 79$, $q = 101$, $e = 17$, $m = 129$. Execute the RSA key generation, encryption, and decryption algorithm.
- (2) Similar to the previous problem, now use $p = 194767$, $q = 235439$, $e = 63953$, $m = 31234632$.
- (3) Let $p = 89$ and $q = 101$. Is $e = 15$ a valid RSA public exponent? Explain.
- (4) Work in pairs, each team member take turns being Alice and Bob.
- (5) Now assume you are an attacker on an RSA scheme. You obtain the ciphertext $c = 24626$ through eavesdropping. The public key is known to be $(n, e) = (30551, 41)$. Can you find the original message?

(6) Similarly as in the previous problem, now use

$$n = 22803\ 52281\ 54095\ 46543\ 55619\ 44751\ 38110\ 92893\ 89054\ 58640\ 64408$$

$$67470\ 33782\ 15846\ 74118\ 16282\ 10797\ 92085\ 41$$

$$e = 19$$

$$c = 70001$$

- (a) What makes it so difficult to reveal the message m ?
- (b) What is needed to evaluate the private key d ? Use the examples in the previous questions to investigate.
- (c) Comment on the security of this encryption system.