

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.