# Factoring and Discrete Log

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### A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems

R.L. Rivest, A. Shamir, and L. Adleman<sup>\*</sup>

# Textbook RSA

[Rivest Shamir Adleman 1977]

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**Problem:** Given *N*, compute its prime factors.

- Computationally equivalent to computing private key d.
- ▶ Factoring is in NP and coNP  $\rightarrow$  not NP-complete (unless P=NP or similar).

# Computational problems

#### eth roots mod N

**Problem:** Given N, e, and c, compute x such that  $x^e \equiv c \mod N$ .

- Equivalent to decrypting an RSA-encrypted ciphertext.
- Equivalent to selective forgery of RSA signatures.
- Conflicting results about whether it reduces to factoring:
  - "Breaking RSA may not be equivalent to factoring" [Boneh Venkatesan 1998]

"an algebraic reduction from factoring to breaking low-exponent RSA can be converted into an efficient factoring algorithm"

 "Breaking RSA generically is equivalent to factoring" [Aggarwal Maurer 2009]

"a generic ring algorithm for breaking RSA in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  can be converted into an algorithm for factoring"

• "RSA assumption": This problem is hard.

### A garden of attacks on textbook RSA

Unpadded RSA encryption is homomorphic under multiplication. Let's have some fun!

#### Attack: Malleability

Given a ciphertext  $c = \text{Enc}(m) = m^e \mod N$ , attacker can forge ciphertext  $\text{Enc}(ma) = ca^e \mod N$  for any a.

#### Attack: Chosen ciphertext attack

Given a ciphertext c = Enc(m) for unknown m, attacker asks for  $\text{Dec}(ca^e \mod N) = d$  and computes  $m = da^{-1} \mod N$ .

#### Attack: Signature forgery

Attacker wants Sign(x). Attacker computes  $z = xy^e \mod N$  for some y and asks signer for  $s = \text{Sign}(z) = z^d \mod N$ . Attacker computes Sign(z) =  $sy^{-1} \mod N$ .

So in practice always use padding on messages.



http://xkcd.com/538/

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sage: time factor(random\_prime(2^128)\*random\_prime(2^128))
CPU times: user 12min 9s, sys: 5.63 s, total: 12min 15s
Wall time: 12min 24s
199096156382647146999656258302432743511 \* 3104632787128844624746

## Factoring in practice

Two families of factoring algorithms:

- 1. Algorithms whose running time depends on the size of the factor to be found.
  - Good for factoring small numbers, and finding small factors of big numbers.
- 2. Algorithms whose running time depends on the size of the number to be factored.
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# **Trial Division**

Good for finding very small factors

Takes  $p / \log p$  trial divisions to find a prime factor p.

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### Details

- "Random" function:  $f(x) = x^2 + c \mod N$  for random c.
- ▶ For random starting point *a*, compute *a*, *f*(*a*), *f*(*f*(*a*)), . . .
- ▶ Naive implementation uses  $\sqrt{p}$  memory, O(1) lookup time.
- To reduce memory:
  - Floyd cycle-finding algorithm: Store two pointers, and move one twice as fast as the other until they coincide.
  - Method of distinguished points: Store points satisfying easily tested property like k leading zeros.

Why is it called the rho algorithm?



### Pollard rho in Sage

```
def rho(n):
    a = 98357389475943875; c=10 # some random values
    f = lambda x: (x^2+c)%n
    a1 = f(a) ; a2 = f(a1)
    while gcd(n, a2-a1)==1:
        a1 = f(a1); a2 = f(f(a2))
    return gcd(n, a2-a1)
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sage: rho(N)
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### Reminders: Orders and groups

```
Theorem (Fermat's Little Theorem)
a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p \text{ for any } 0 < a < p.
```

Let  $\operatorname{ord}(a)_p$  be the order of  $a \mod p$ . (Smallest positive integer such that  $a^{\operatorname{ord}(a)_p} \equiv 1 \mod p$ .)

Theorem (Lagrange) ord(a)<sub>p</sub> divides p - 1.

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```
N=44426601460658291157725536008128017297890787
4637194279031281180366057
r=lcm(range(1,2^22)) # this takes a while ...
s=Integer(pow(2,r,N))
sage: gcd(s-1,N)
1267650600228229401496703217601
```

### Pollard p-1 method

This method finds larger factors than the rho method (in the same time) ...but only works for special primes.

In the previous example,

 $p - 1 = 2^6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 17 \cdot 227 \cdot 491 \cdot 991 \cdot 36559 \cdot 308129 \cdot 4161791$ 

has only small factors (aka. p - 1 is smooth).

- ► Many crypto standards require using only "safe primes" a.k.a primes where p 1 = 2q + 1, so p 1 is really non-smooth.
- This recommendation is outdated for RSA. The elliptic curve method (next slide) works even for "safe" primes.

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### Theorem (Hasse)

The order of an elliptic curve modulo p is in  $[p+1-2\sqrt{p}, p+1+2\sqrt{p}].$ 

There are lots of smooth numbers in this interval.

If one elliptic curve doesn't work, try until you find a smooth order.

## Elliptic Curves in Sage

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```
def curve(d):
    frac_n = type(d)
    class P(object):
        def __init__(self,x,y):
            self.x,self.y = frac_n(x),frac_n(y)
        def add (a.b):
            return P((a.x*b.y + b.x*a.y)/(1 + d*a.x*a.y*b.x*b.y)
                     (a.y*b.y - a.x*b.x)/(1 - d*a.x*b.x*a.y*b.y)
        def __mul__(self, m):
            return double_and_add(self,m,P(0,1))
```

# Elliptic Curve Factorization

```
def ecm(n,y,t):
    # Choose a curve and a point on the curve.
    frac_n = Q(n)
    P = curve(frac_n(1,3))
    p = P(2,3)
```

```
q = p * lcm(xrange(1,y))
return gcd(q.x.t,n)
```



- Method runs very well on GPUs.
- Still an active research area.

ECM is very efficient at factoring random numbers, once small factors are removed.

Heuristic running time  $L_p(1/2,\sqrt{2}) = O(e^{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{\ln p \ln \ln p}}).$ 

### Quadratic Sieve Intuition: Fermat factorization

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First try:

1. Start at  $c = \lceil \sqrt{N} \rceil$ 

2. Check  $c^2 - N, (c+1)^2 - N, \ldots$  until we find a square.

This is Fermat factorization, which could take up to p steps.

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Recall idea: If  $a^2 - N$  is a square  $b^2$  then N = (a - b)(a + b). QS computes  $gcd\{2759, 53 \cdot 57 \cdot 58 - \sqrt{50 \cdot 490 \cdot 605}\} = 31$ .

# Quadratic Sieve running time

- ▶ How do we choose *B*?
- How many numbers do we have to try to factor?
- Depends on (heuristic) probability that a randomly chosen number is *B*-smooth.

Running time:  $L_N(1/2, 1) = e^{(1+o(1))\sqrt{\ln N \ln \ln N}}$ .

# Number field sieve

Best running time for general purpose factoring

# Insight

► Replace relationship a<sup>2</sup> = b<sup>2</sup> mod N with a homomorphism between ring of integers O<sub>K</sub> in a specially chosen number field and Z<sub>N</sub>.

$$\varphi: \mathcal{O}_K \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_N$$

#### Algorithm

- 1. Polynomial selection Find a good choice of number field K.
- 2. Relation finding Factor elements over  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{K}}$  and over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 3. Linear algebra Find a square in  $\mathcal{O}_K$  and a square in  $\mathbb{Z}$
- 4. Square roots Take square roots, map into  $\mathbb{Z},$  and hope we find a factor.

Running time:  $L_N(1/3, \sqrt[3]{64/9}) = e^{(1.923+o(1))(\ln N)^{1/3}(\ln \ln N)^{2/3}}$ 

# Running the NFS with CADO-NFS



	Sieving			Linear Algebra		
	I	lpb	core-years	rows	со	re-years
RSA-512	14	29	0.5	4.3M		0.33
Times for 75 c4.8xlarge Amazon ec2 instances:						
	polysel		sieving	linalg		sqrt
	2400 cores			36 cores		36 cores
RSA-512	1.5	hours	2.3 hours	3 hou	rs	5 mins

Does anyone use 512-bit RSA?

#### International Traffic in Arms Regulations

April 1, 1992 version

Category XIII--Auxiliary Military Equipment ...

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(ii) Specially designed, developed or modified for use in machines for banking or money transactions, and restricted to use only in such transactions. Machines for banking or money transactions include automatic teller machines, self-service statement printers, point of sale terminals or equipment for the encryption of interbanking transactions.

#### Bernstein v. US

(1) CJ 191-92

61. On or about June 30, 1992, Plaintiff submitted a CJ Request to Defendant STATE DEPARTMENT to determine whether publication of 1) the paper entitled "The Snuffle Encryption System," 2) source code for the encryption portion of Snuffle, and 3) source code for the decryption portion of Snuffle required a license under the ITAR. Filed under seal herewith as Exhibit "A" is a true and correct copy of the cover letter accompanying CJ 191-92.

62. Plaintiff is informed and believes and based upon such information and belief alleges that his request, labelled CJ 191-92 by the Defendant STATE DEPARTMENT, was referred to, among others, Defendants MARK KORO and GREG STARK acting under color of authority of Defendant NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY for determination of whether a license was required prior to publication of the Items.

63. On or about August 20, 1992, Defendant WILLIAM G. ROBINSON, acting under color of authority of Defendant STATE DEPARTMENT, informed Plaintiff that he would need a license in order to publish the items included in CJ 191-92. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a true and correct copy of Defendant ROBINSON's letter to Plaintiff.

Commerce Control List: Category 5 - Info. Security (From 2014)

a.1.a. A symmetric algorithm employing a key length in excess of 56-bits; or

a.1.b. An asymmetric algorithm where the security of the algorithm is based on any of the following:

a.1.b.1. Factorization of integers in excess of 512 bits (e.g., RSA);

a.1.b.2. Computation of discrete logarithms in a multiplicative group of a finite field of size greater than 512 bits (e.g., Diffie-Hellman over Z/pZ); or

a.1.b.3. Discrete logarithms in a group other than mentioned in 5A002.a.1.b.2 in excess of 112 bits (e.g., Diffie-Hellman over an elliptic curve);

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Export cipher suites in TLS

```
TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC2_CBC_40_MD5
TLS_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
TLS_DH_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
TLS_DHE_DSS_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
TLS_DHE_RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
TLS_DH_Anon_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
TLS_DH_Anon_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
```

In March 2015, export cipher suites supported by 36.7% of the 14 million sites serving browser-trusted certificates!

FREAK attack [BDFKPSZZ 2015]: Use fast 512-bit factorization to downgrade modern browsers to broken export-grade RSA.



# New Directions in Cryptography

Invited Paper

WHITFIELD DIFFIE AND MARTIN E. HELLMAN, MEMBER, IEEE

# Textbook Diffie-Hellman

[Diffie Hellman 1976]

#### **Public Parameters**

- G a cyclic group (e.g.  $\mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}$ , or an elliptic curve)
- g group generator





# Computational problems

#### Discrete Log

**Problem:** Given  $g^a$ , compute *a*.

- Solving this problem permits attacker to compute shared key by computing a and raising (g<sup>b</sup>)<sup>a</sup>.
- ▶ Discrete log is in NP and coNP  $\rightarrow$  not NP-complete (unless P=NP or similar).

# Computational problems

#### Diffie-Hellman problem

**Problem:** Given  $g^a$ ,  $g^b$ , compute  $g^{ab}$ .

- Exactly problem of computing shared key from public information.
- Reduces to discrete log in some cases:
  - ► "Diffie-Hellman is as strong as discrete log for certain primes" [den Boer 1988] "both problems are (probabilistically) polynomial-time equivalent if the totient of p - 1 has only small prime factors"
  - "Towards the equivalence of breaking the Diffie-Hellman protocol and computing discrete logarithms" [Maurer 1994] "if ... an elliptic curve with smooth order can be construted efficiently, then ... [the discrete log] can be reduced efficiently to breakingthe Diffie-Hellman protocol"
- (Computational) Diffie-Hellman assumption: This problem is hard in general.

#### **FIPS PUB 186-3**

# FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS PUBLICATION

#### **Digital Signature Standard (DSS)**

CATEGORY: COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCATEGORY: CRYPTOGRAPHY

# The DSA Algorithm

#### DSA Public Key

- p prime
- q prime, divides (p-1)
- g generator of subgroup of order  $q \mod p$

$$y = g^x \mod p$$

#### Private Key

x private key

# Verify $u_1 =$

y  

$$u_1 = H(m)s^{-1} \mod q$$
  
 $u_2 = rs^{-1} \mod q$   
 $r \stackrel{?}{=} g^{u_1}y^{u_2} \mod p \mod q$ 

# Sign

Generate random k.  $r = g^k \mod p \mod q$  $s = k^{-1}(H(m) + xr) \mod q$ 

# Computational problems

#### Discrete Log

 Breaking DSA is equivalent to computing discrete logs in the random oracle model. [Pointcheval, Vaudenay 96]

# Discrete log algorithms

Three families of discrete log algorithms:

- 1. Algorithms whose running time depends on the size of the order of the subgroup.
  - Good for computing discrete logs in subgroups of small or smooth order.
- 2. Algorithms whose running time depends on the size of the log.
  - Good for computing discrete logs in a known small interval.
- 3. Algorithms whose running time depends on the size of the modulus.
  - Good for computing discrete logs in subgroups of large order.

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  $g^{1\lfloor\sqrt{q}\rfloor}$   $g^{2\lfloor\sqrt{q}\rfloor}$   $g^{3\lfloor\sqrt{q}\rfloor}$   $g^{4\lfloor\sqrt{q}\rfloor}$ 

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• Also works for finding  $\ell$  in known interval.

# Pollard rho for discrete log

Can also use Pollard rho idea to compute discrete logs.

- ► Take random walk; terminates in O(√q) time. Reduces storage requirement.
- Need to use a different random function. Pollard suggested

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} gx & 1 \le x < p/3 \\ x^2 & p/3 \le x < 2p/3 \\ yx & 2p/3 \le x < p \end{cases}$$

Using more intervals works better.

Taking advantage of subgroups: Pohlig-Hellman

• If 
$$q = \prod_i q_i^{\mathbf{e}_i}$$
:

- 1. Can solve discrete log in subgroup of order  $q_i$  in time  $\sqrt{q_i}$ .
- 2. Can solve discrete log in each subgroup of order  $q_i^{e_i}$  in time  $e_i \sqrt{q_i}$ .
- 3. Can use Chinese remainder theorem to reconstruct log mod q.

**Best practice:** To avoid attacks, choose group so that g generates subgroup of prime order  $q > 2^{160}$ .

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1. **Relation finding**: Enumerate pairs of *B*-smooth integers equivalent mod *p*.

$$p_1^{a_{11}} \dots B^{a_{1k}} = 1 \equiv p + 1 = p_1^{r_{11}} p_2^{r_{12}} \dots B^{r_{1k}}$$

$$p_1^{a_{21}} \dots B^{a_{2k}} = 2 \equiv p + 2 = p_1^{r_{21}} p_2^{r_{22}} \dots B^{r_{2k}}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$p_1^{a_{k1}} \dots B^{a_{kk}} = z \equiv p + z = p_1^{r_{k1}} p_2^{r_{k2}} \dots B^{r_{kk}}$$

### Index calculus: Linear algebra

Take log of both sides. Assume subgroup of order q. Then

 $a_{11} \log p_1 + \dots + a_{1k} \log p_k \equiv r_{11} \log p_1 + \dots + r_{1k} \log B \mod q$  $a_{21} \log p_1 + \dots + a_{2k} \log p_k \equiv r_{21} \log p_1 + \dots + r_{2k} \log B \mod q$ 

 $a_{k1} \log p_1 + \cdots + a_{kk} \log p_k \equiv r_{k1} \log p_1 + \cdots + r_{kk} \log B \mod q$ 

Also get some relations for free:  $\log -1 = (p - 1)/2...$ 

2. Linear Algebra: Solve system of equations for log p<sub>i</sub>:

$$\log p_1 \equiv s_1$$
$$\vdots$$
$$\log p_k \equiv s_k$$

Actually computing individual logs

Input target t.

3. Try to find some *B*-smooth value

$$g^R t = p_1^{e_1} \dots B^{e_B}$$

Then using known values of  $\log p_i$  write

 $\log t = -R + e_1 \log p_1 + \dots + e_B \log B \mod q$ 

### Index calculus running time

- Relation collection Runtime depends on (1) work to test if integer is *B*-smooth, (2) probability integer is *B*-smooth, (3) B.
- 2. Linear algebra Runtime depends on cost of sparse linear algebra for *B*-dimensional matrix mod *q*.
- 3. Individual log Runtime depends on probability that  $g^R t$  is *B*-smooth.

Optimizing for B gives runtime of

$$\exp((\sqrt{2}+o(1))\sqrt{\log p \log \log p}) = L_p(1/2,\sqrt{2})$$

### Number field sieve

[Gordon], [Joux, Lercier], [Semaev]

1. Polynomial selection: Find a polynomial f and an integer m such that  $f(m) \equiv 0 \mod p$ , deg f = 5 or 6, coeffs of f relatively small. Defines a number field  $\mathbb{Q}(x)/f(x)$ .

For  $\gamma = \sum_{i} a_{i} \alpha^{i}$  in ring of integers, define homomorphism  $\varphi(\gamma) = \sum_{i} a_{i} m^{i}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ .

2. Relation collection Collect relations of form

$$\mathfrak{p}_1^{a_{11}}\ldots\mathfrak{B}^{a_{1k}}=a+b\alpha\equiv a+bm=p_1^{r_{11}}\ldots p_k^{r_{1k}}$$

- Linear algebra Once there are enough relations, solve for log p<sub>i</sub>.
- 4. **Individual log** "Descent" Try to write target *t* as sum of logs in known database.

### Implementing the NFS with CADO-NFS



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			Siev	ing	Linear Algebra			Descent	
		I	lpb	core-years	rows	core-	years	core-	time
RSA	-512	14	29	0.5	4.3M		0.33		
DH	I-512	15	27	2.5	2.1M		7.7	10	mins
Times for cluster computation:									
-			polyse	sieving	linalg		de	descent	
			2000-	3000 cores	288	cores 24 cc		cores	
	DH-5	512	3 hours	5 15 hours	120 ł	120 hours 90 s		conds	

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### https://www.tue.nl

www.tue.nl Your connection to this site is private. Permissions Connection



The identity of this website has been verified by TERENA SSL CA 2 but does not have public audit records.

#### Certificate Information



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Your connection to www.tue.nl is encrypted with modern cryptography.

The connection uses TLS 1.2.

The connection is encrypted and authennicated using AES\_128\_GCM and uses DHE\_RSA as the key exchange echanism.

Site information You first visited this site on May 22, 2015.

#### What do these mean?



Ontmoet een robot tijdens technologisch festival 27 mei 2015

Technische Universiteit Eindhoven organiseert TU/eXperience Day op zondag 31 mei.



Studenten tevreden over opleidingen TU/e 22 mei 2015

Studenten beoordelen hun TU/eopleiding gemiddeld met een 3.8. op een schaal van 5. Dat blijkt uit de Nationale Studenten Enquête 2015.

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Does anyone use 512-bit Diffie-Hellman?

Export cipher suites in TLS

TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC4\_40\_MD5 TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC2\_CBC\_40\_MD5 TLS\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA TLS\_DH\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA TLS\_DHE\_DSS\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA TLS\_DHE\_RSA\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA TLS\_DH\_Anon\_EXPORT\_WITH\_RC4\_40\_MD5 TLS\_DH\_Anon\_EXPORT\_WITH\_DES40\_CBC\_SHA

In April 2015, DHE\_EXPORT cipher suites supported by 8.4% of the Alexa top 1 Million!

Logjam attack [ABDGGHHSTVVWZZ 2015]: Use fast 512-bit discrete log in fixed groups to downgrade HTTPS connections to insecure DHE\_EXPORT cipher suites.

## Scaling discrete log computations to larger key sizes

	Vulnerable servers, if the attacker can precompute for						
	all 512-bit <i>p</i>	all 768-bit <i>p</i>	one 1024-bit <i>p</i>	ten 1024-bit <i>p</i>			
HTTPS Top 1M MITM	45K (8.4%)	45K (8.4%)	205K (37.1%)	309K (56.1%)			
HTTPS Top 1M	118 (0.0%)	407 (0.1%)	98.5K (17.9%)	132K (24.0%)			
HTTPS Trusted MITM	489K (3.4%)	556K (3.9%)	1.84M (12.8%)	3.41M (23.8%)			
HTTPS Trusted	1K (0.0%)	46.7K (0.3%)	939K (6.56%)	1.43M (10.0%)			
IKEv1 IPv4	_	64K (2.6%)	1.69M (66.1%)	1.69M (66.1%)			
IKEv2 IPv4	-	66K (5.8%)	726K (63.9%)	726K (63.9%)			
SSH IPv4	_	-	3.6M (25.7%)	3.6M (25.7%)			

## Summary

- RSA and "mod-p" Diffie-Hellman are old and busted.
- (At least for  $\leq$  1024-bit keys.)
- Elliptic curves are the new hotness. (See Tanja's talk!)