

Cryptography on Magma

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Cybersecurity vs Cryptography

Cybersecurity

A **LOT** of things
for computer
scientists/engineers

Cryptography

We are
here

Properties of cryptographic algorithms

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- 2 Termination
- 3 (Determinism)

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An **hard** mathematical problem!

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What can we check with Magma?

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A simple encryption scheme - RSA

Alice

- 1 Chooses two big primes (in general $\sim 2^{1024}$) and computes $n = pq$, $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$.
- 2 Chooses $e \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$.
- 3 Computes $d \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$.

(n, e)
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Bob

- 1 Chooses a message $m \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$.
- 2 Computes $c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$.

Alice

Decodes the message c that she received as $c^d \equiv m^{d \cdot e} \equiv m \pmod{\phi(n)}$.

The **hard** problem

Factorization

Cryptography



Cryptosystems that
are difficult to break.



Number theory



Computationally **hard**
problems.

HANDS ON!



With some number theory

The Dixon's random squares method

Ingredients

- 1 The odd integer n to factorize, must not be a prime power.
- 2 The smoothness factor v , an integer. *To be discussed later...*

Idea

Finding a series of congruences of type

$$x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{n}$$

such that at least one of those gives

$$\gcd(x + y, n) \notin \{1, n\} \quad \text{or} \quad \gcd(x - y, n) \notin \{1, n\}.$$

Then we got a proper factor of n .

Algorithm Dixon(n, b)

Input: n : odd integer, not a prime power, to factorize.

v : an integer, smoothness factor.

Output: l : a proper factor of n .

Inizialization: Set $P \leftarrow \{p_1, \dots, p_h\}$, the primes $p_i \leq v$. Initialize two empty lists B, Z .

- 1: Randomly choose $z \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and compute w the least positive remainder of $z^2 \pmod{n}$.
- 2: Factor $w = w' \prod_i p_i^{a_i}$, where w' has no factors in P . If $w' = 1$, then go to Step 3; else go to Step 1.
- 3: Add (a_1, \dots, a_h) to B and z to Z . If $\#B > h$, then go to Step 4; else go to Step 1.
- 4: Find the coefficients $f_b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $\sum_b f_b b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, set $d \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}(\sum_b f_b b)$ and go to Step 5.
- 5: Let $x \leftarrow \prod_b z_b^{f_b}$ and $y \leftarrow \prod_i p_i^{d_i}$. If $x \equiv \pm y \pmod{n}$, then go to Step 1; else return $\gcd(x + y, n)$ or $\gcd(x - y, n)$.