## Introduction to Public-Key Cryptosystems:

- Technical Underpinnings: RSA and Primality Testing
- Modes of Encryption for RSA
- Digital Signatures for RSA


## RSA Block Encryption / Decryption and Signing

- Each principal has private and public values
- for encryption/decryption
- for signing

| Bob <br> $e, e^{\prime}$ public <br> $d, d '$ private <br> $n=$ modulus | $\{m\}^{e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | | Alice |
| :---: |
| knows $e, e$, |
| $n=$ modulus |

- Bob decrypts block $\{m\}^{e}$ using $d$ :

$$
\left\{\{m\}^{e}\right\}^{d}=m
$$

$m,\{m\}^{d}$

- Bob signs block $m$ using $d^{\prime}$ :

$$
\{m\}^{d^{\prime}}
$$

- Alice verifies $\{m\}^{d^{\prime}}$ using $e^{\prime}$ :

$$
\left\{\{m\}^{d^{\prime}}\right\}^{\prime}=m
$$

- Alice encrypts block $m$ using $e$ :

$$
\{m\}^{e}
$$

- all operations are $\bmod n, 0<m<n$


## I. Technical Underpinnings

- Common Divisor; Greatest Common Divisor
- Relative Primes
- Modular Arithmetic
- Euclid's Algorithm
- $\mathbf{Z}_{n}^{*}$
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- RSA Block Encryption/Decryption and Signing: choosing $e$ and $d$
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## Common Divisor

Definition: a divides $b$, or $a \mid b$, for $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}, \mathbf{Z}=\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2 \ldots\}$, iff there exists $k \in \mathbf{Z}$, such that $a \cdot k=b$
Properties:

- Linearity: if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid(x \cdot b+y \cdot c)$ for any $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$
- If $d \mid n, n \neq 0$, then $|d| \leq|n|$

Definition: $c$ is a common divisor of $a$ and $b$ if $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$

Theorem: For any $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$, there is common divisor $d$ that can be expressed $d=x \cdot a+y \cdot b$, for some $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$. Furthermore, any other common divisor of $a$ and $b$ also divides $d$.

## Proof [Common Divisor Theorem]:

Choose $a, b \geq 0$ and denote $n=a+b$. Use induction on $n$
Base Case: $n=0$ then $a=0$ and $b=0$ choose $d=0$
Hypothesis: assume the assertion holds for $0 \ldots n-1$
Induction Step: From hypothesis, we show it holds for $n$

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n=a+b
$$

- if $b=0$, then $n=a$, choose $d=1 \cdot a+0 \cdot b=a$
- if $b \geq 0$, and $b<a$

Consider $(a-b)$ and $b$
$n^{\prime}=(a-b)+b=a<n$, so the hypothesis must hold for $n^{\prime},(a-b)$ and $b$; i.e., there is a $d$ s.t. $d \mid(a-b)$ and $d \mid b$ and

$$
d=x \cdot b+y \cdot(a-b)
$$

## Proof [Common Divisor Theorem] (ctnd.)

We now show that this same $d$ also divides $a$ :
from linearity $d|[b+(a-b)]=d| a$
$d$ can be expressed as $d=(x-y) \cdot b+y \cdot a$
This concludes the induction step.

Now what is left to show is that any other divisor of $a$ and $b$ also divides $d$. Suppose $c$ is such a divisor: $c|a, c| b$.
We can write $k \cdot c=a$ and $e \cdot c=b$
$d=(x-y) \cdot b+y \cdot a=(x-y) \cdot e \cdot c+y \cdot k \cdot c=(e \cdot x-e \cdot y+y \cdot k) \cdot c$
Hence, $c \mid d$.
This completes the proof of the theorem for $a, b \geq 0$.
For the case when $a$ and $b$ are not only positive the proof is analogous applying the above to $|a|$ and $|b|$.

## Greatest Common Divisor

Claim: There exists a unique $d \in \mathbf{Z}$, for any given $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$, such that: 1) $d \geq 0$
2) $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$
3) any $c \in \mathbf{Z}$ for which $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$ it is true that $c \mid d$.

Proof: from the Common Divisor Theorem, there is $d$ with properties 2) and 3). All that is left to prove is 1 ) and uniqueness. The proof of 1) is easy since if 2 ) and 3 ) hold for particular $d$, than they also hold for $(-d)$.
Uniqueness: assume that there is some other $d^{\prime}$ for which 1), 2) and 3) hold. Then, from 3), we must have $d \mid d^{\prime}=>d \leq d^{\prime}$ and $d^{\prime} \mid d \Rightarrow d^{\prime} \leq d$, so we must have $d=d^{\prime}$.
Definition: This $d$ is called greatest common divisor of $a$ and $b$, or $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)$

## Relative Primes

Definition: $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=1$, then $a$ and $b$ are called relatively prime.

Property: If $a \mid(b \cdot c)$ and $d=\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=1$, then $a \mid c$.

Proof: Let $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=1=x \cdot a+y \cdot b$ and multiply both sides by $c$; $c=c \cdot x \cdot a+c \cdot b \cdot y$. However,
$a \mid(c \cdot x \cdot a)$ apparently, and
$a \mid y \cdot(b \cdot c)$ by hypothesis.
Then, from linearity, $a|(c \cdot x \cdot a+c \cdot b \cdot y)=a| c$

## Modular Arithmetic

In what follows we assume $m>0$
Definition: we say that $a$ is equal to $b \bmod m$ if $m \mid(a-b)$ and we write $a=b \bmod m$
Example: $18=4 \bmod 7=25 \bmod 7$
Note: There are only $m$ different integers $\bmod m$.
A set of $m$ different integers $\bmod m$ is $\{0,1,2, \ldots m-1\}$

## Properties:

1. $\quad a=a \bmod m$
2. $\quad a=b \bmod m=>b=a \bmod m$
3. $\quad a \bmod m=b \bmod m=>a=b \bmod m$
4. $\quad a=b \bmod m$ and $b=c \bmod m=>a=c \bmod m$

Claim: if $a=b \bmod m$ and $c=d \bmod m$, then for any $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ we have
i) $(a \cdot x+c \cdot y)=(b \cdot x+d \cdot y) \bmod m$
ii) $a \cdot c=b \cdot d \bmod m$

## Proof:

i) $m \mid(a-b)$ and $m \mid(c-d)$ by definition. Then, $m \mid x \cdot(a-b)$ and $m \mid y \cdot(c-d)$. From linearity follows that
$m|[x \cdot(a-b)+y \cdot(c-d)]=m|[(x \cdot a+y \cdot c)-(x \cdot b+y \cdot d)]$ which by the definition of mod above gives the desired result.
ii) $m \mid(a-b)$ and $m \mid(c-d)$ by definition. Then

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m \mid c \cdot(a-b) \text { and } m \mid b \cdot(c-d)
$$

From linearity $m|(a \cdot c-b \cdot c+b \cdot c-b \cdot d)=m|(a \cdot c-b \cdot d)$ which by the definition of mod above gives the desired result.

Theorem (Cancellation Law):
If $a \cdot c=b \cdot c \bmod m$ and $d=\operatorname{gcd}(c, m)$, then $a=b \bmod (m / d)$

Proof: $m|(a \cdot c-b \cdot c)=>m| c \cdot(a-b)$. Then there is a $k$, s.t. $k \cdot m=c \cdot(a-b)$, and since $g c d(c, m)=d$, we can divide by $d$ $k \cdot(m / d)=(c / d) \cdot(a-b)$. This means that $(m / d) \mid[(c / d) \cdot(a-b)]$.
But $\operatorname{gcd}(m / d, c / d)=1$, so we can apply the Relative Primes property and obtain that $(m / d) \mid(a-b)$, which is the desired result by the definition of mod.

## Euclid's Algorithm

- Algorithm for finding the $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)$
- Fact: for $a, b>0$ there is a unique representation $a=q \cdot b+r$ with $q, r \geq 0$, where $r$ is called a remainder
- Claim: $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=\operatorname{gcd}(b, r)$

Proof: Write $a=q \cdot b+r$ or $r=a-b \cdot q$. Let $\mathrm{d}=\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)$. Hence, $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ and thus $d \mid r, d$ is a divisor of $r$. We need to show that $d$ is also the $g c d$ of $r$ and $b$.
$d=a \cdot x+b \cdot y=x \cdot(q \cdot b+r)+b \cdot y=(y+q \cdot x) \cdot b+x \cdot r$ so $d$ is the $g c d$ of $r$ and $b$.

## Euclid's Algorithm (cont.)

- Euclid's Algorithm - find $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)$

Use: $\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)=\operatorname{gcd}\left(b, r_{1}\right)=\operatorname{gcd}\left(r_{1}, r_{2}\right)=\ldots$
$a=q_{1} \cdot b+r_{1}$

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r_{1}=a-q_{1} \cdot b
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r_{2}=b-q_{2} \cdot r_{1}=-q_{2} \cdot a+\left(q_{1} \cdot q_{2}+1\right) \cdot b
$$

$r_{1}=q_{3} \cdot r_{2}+r_{3}$

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r_{n}=q_{n+2} \cdot r_{n-1}+0
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r_{n-1}=\operatorname{gcd}(a, b)
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r_{\mathrm{n}-1}=(\ldots) \cdot a+(\ldots) \cdot b
$$

these allow us to find multiplicative inverses. If some $r_{i}=1$, then $1=a \cdot a+\beta \cdot b$; i.e., $a$ and $b$ are relatively prime. Then $\beta \cdot b=1 \bmod a$, and $\beta$ is the inverse of $b \bmod a$ and $a$ is the inverse of $a \bmod b$.

## Euclid's Algorithm (cont.)

Example: $a=5, b=7$
gcd:
multiplicative inverses

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\begin{array}{ll}
7=1 \cdot 5+2 & 2=7-1 \cdot 5 \\
5=2 \cdot 2+1 & 1=5-2 \cdot 2=5-2 \cdot(7-5) \\
2=2 \cdot 1+0 & \\
=-2 \cdot 7+3 \cdot 5
\end{array}
$$

$\operatorname{gcd}(5,7)=1$
The inverse of $5 \bmod 7$ is 3 :
$3 \cdot 5=15=1 \bmod 7$
The inverse of $7 \bmod 5$ is -2 ,
$-2=3 \bmod 5$
$7 \cdot 3=21=1 \bmod 5$

## $\mathbf{Z}_{n}^{*}$

Definition: Let $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}$ denote the set of integers $\bmod n$, namely

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\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}=\{0,1,2 \ldots n-1\}
$$

Definition: $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ is the set of integers in $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}$ that are relatively prime to $n$.
Example: $\quad \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{8}}=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\}$ and $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{8}}{ }^{*}=\{1,3,5,7\}$

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\mathbf{Z}_{5}=\{0,1,2,3,4\} \text { and } \mathbf{Z}_{5} *=\{1,2,3,4\}
$$

Claim: $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}} *$ is closed under multiplication $\bmod n$. That is, if $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$, then $a \cdot b \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$.
Proof: $a$ and $n$ are relatively prime so $\operatorname{gcd}(a, n)=1$. Hence there exist $x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$ s.t. $1=x \cdot a+y \cdot n$, similarly $1=z \cdot b+v \cdot n$. Multiply these equations and obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 1=(x \cdot z) \cdot a \cdot b+(v \cdot x \cdot a+y \cdot z \cdot b+v \cdot y \cdot n) \cdot n=> \\
& \operatorname{gcd}(a \cdot b, n)=1=>a \cdot b \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}^{*}
\end{aligned}
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Theorem: Multiplication of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ by some $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ merely rearranges the elements of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$
Proof: Denote $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}=\left\{z_{1}, z_{2}, \ldots, z_{k}\right\}$. Form the previous Claim we know that all $a \cdot z_{i} \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$. Take $z_{i}, z_{j} \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ and $z_{i} \neq z_{j}$. Suppose $a \cdot z_{i}=a \cdot z_{j} \bmod n$ but from the Cancellation Law we obtain $\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{i}}=\mathrm{z}_{\mathrm{j}} \bmod n$, which contradicts the assumption, so we must have $a \cdot z_{i} \neq a \cdot z_{j} \bmod n$.

## Euler's Totient Function

Definition: Euler's totient function $\varphi(n)$ is equal to the positive integers that are relatively prime to $n$ and less than $n$.
$\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{8}}{ }^{*}=\{1,3,5,7\} \quad \varphi(8)=4$
$\mathbf{Z}_{7}{ }^{*}=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\} \quad \varphi(7)=6$

Fact: let $p$ be prime then $\varphi(p)=p-1$

## Euler's Totient Function for $\boldsymbol{n}=\boldsymbol{p} \cdot \boldsymbol{q}$

$p, q-$ prime, $n=p \cdot q$
$\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{pq}}=\{0,1,2 \ldots((p \cdot q)-1)\},\left|\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{pq}}\right|=p \cdot q$
Let's show the numbers in $Z_{\mathrm{pq}}$ not relatively prime to $p \cdot q$ :

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\begin{aligned}
& p, 2 p \ldots(q-1) \cdot p \rightarrow(q-1) \text { numbers } \\
& q, 2 q \ldots(p-1) \cdot q \rightarrow(p-1) \text { numbers } \\
& 0 \rightarrow 1 \text { number }
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
\varphi(p \cdot q) & =p \cdot q-1-(q-1)-(p-1) \\
& =(p-1) \cdot(q-1) \\
& =\varphi(p) \cdot \varphi(q)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Euler's Theorem

Euler's Theorem: for all $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}, a^{\varphi(n)}=1 \bmod n$ or, for all $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ and $k \geq 0, a^{k} \cdot \varphi(n)+1=a \bmod n$

Proof: Multiply together all elements of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}: x=z_{1} \cdot z_{2} \ldots z_{\varphi(n)}$. Now multiply all elements of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ by $a$ and multiply them together $\left(a \cdot z_{1}\right) \cdot\left(a \cdot z_{2}\right) \ldots\left(a \cdot z_{\varphi(n)}\right)$. We showed that multiplication of $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ by one of its elements merely rearranges the elements in
$\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}=>\left(a \cdot z_{1}\right) \cdot\left(a \cdot z_{2}\right) \ldots\left(a \cdot z_{\varphi(n)}\right)=x=a^{\varphi(n)} \cdot z_{1} \cdot z_{2} \ldots z_{\varphi(n)}=x \cdot a^{\varphi(n)}$
But $\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$ is closed under multiplication, so $x \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}{ }^{*}$. Then $x$ must be relatively prime to $n$ so $x$ has an inverse $\bmod n$. Hence, we can multiply both sides of the equation $x=x \cdot a^{\varphi(n)}$ by $x^{-1}$ and obtain $a^{\varphi(n)}=1 \bmod n$. Using the above result, it is easy to show that

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a^{k} \cdot \varphi(n)+1=a^{k . \varphi(n)} \cdot a=1^{k} \cdot a=a \bmod n
$$

## Generalization of Euler's Theorem

Theorem: If $p, q$ are primes, $n=p \cdot q$,
for all $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{n}}, a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1}=a \bmod n$.

## Proof:

i) If $\operatorname{gcd}(a, n)=1$, then this follows from (variant of) Euler's Thm.
ii) If $\operatorname{gcd}(a, n) \neq 1$, then $a, 0<\mathrm{a}<\mathrm{n}=p \cdot q$, must be a multiple of $p$ or $q$.
Suppose, wlog, $a=c \cdot p$, where $c$ is a positive integer. In this case, $\operatorname{gcd}(a, q)=\operatorname{gcd}(c \cdot p, q) \neq 1$. [Otherwise, since $q$ is prime, $c$ would have to be a multiple of $q$, which would contradict our hypothesis since $a=r \cdot q \cdot p \geq n$, where $r$ is a positive integer.]

## Proof (cont.)

Since $\operatorname{gcd}(a, q) \neq 1$, by Euler's Theorem, we have $a^{\varphi(q)}=1 \bmod q$, and hence by definition of mod. arithm., $\left[a^{\varphi(q)}\right]^{\varphi(p)}=1 \bmod q$, and $a^{\varphi(n)}=1 \bmod q$, which means that $q \mid a^{\varphi(n)}-1$, or, for some positive integer $k, a^{\varphi(n)}=1+k \cdot q$.

Multiplying both sides of $a^{\varphi(n)}=1+k \cdot q$ by $a=c \cdot p$, we obtain $a^{\varphi(n)+1}=a+k \cdot c \cdot p \cdot q=a+k \cdot c \cdot n=a \bmod n$, and thus $a^{\varphi(n)}=1 \bmod n$.
By similar reasoning, we obtain the same result in the case when $m$ is a multiple of $q$.
But,
$\left[a^{\varphi(n)}\right]^{k}=1^{\mathrm{k}} \bmod n$, and
$a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1}=a^{k \cdot(p-1)(q-1)+1}=\operatorname{amod} n$.

## Proof (cont.)

## Alternate Proof:

i) If $a$ is relatively prime to $n$ then trivial by variation of Euler's Theorem.
ii) If $a$ is not relatively prime to $n$, so it must be a multiple of $p$ or $q$.

Let $a=k \cdot q$ wlog.
$a=k \cdot q=0 \bmod q$, so $a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1}=0^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1} \bmod q=a \bmod q=a_{1}$
$a=a \bmod p$, since $\operatorname{gcd}(p, q)=1$
From Euler's Theorem $a^{\varphi(p)}=1 \bmod p$, then
$a^{k} \cdot \varphi(n)+1=a^{k} \cdot \varphi(p) \cdot \varphi(q)+1=a \cdot 1^{k} \cdot \varphi(q)=\mathrm{a} \bmod \mathrm{p}=\mathrm{a}_{2}$.
From Chinese Remainder Thm., $a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1}=a_{2} \cdot u \cdot p+a_{1} v \cdot q \bmod p \cdot q$, where $u \cdot p+v \cdot q=1$. Substituting the values for $a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1} \bmod p$ and $a^{k} \cdot \varphi(n)+1 \bmod q$ we get
$a^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1}=a \cdot u \cdot p+a \cdot v \cdot q=a \cdot(u \cdot p+v \cdot q)=a \bmod p \cdot q$

## Chinese Remainder Theorem

Theorem: Let $z_{1}, z_{2}$ and $z_{N}$ be pairwise relatively prime numbers. If we know that a number is equal to $x_{1} \bmod z_{1}, x_{2} \bmod z_{2} \ldots$ $x_{N} \bmod z_{N}$, then we can find what the number is $x \bmod z_{1} \cdot z_{2} \ldots z_{N}$
Proof: $N=2$, so $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}_{1} \operatorname{modz}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}_{2} \operatorname{modz}_{2}$ where $\operatorname{gcd}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=1$. Also there exist integers $\mathrm{k}_{1}, \mathrm{k}_{2}$ s.t.
$\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}_{1}+\mathrm{Z}_{1} \mathrm{k}_{1}$ and $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}_{2}+\mathrm{z}_{2} \mathrm{k}_{2}$. Since $\operatorname{gcd}\left(z_{1}, z_{2}\right)=1$ there are $a$ and $b$ s.t. $a \cdot z_{1}+b \cdot z_{2}=1$. Multiply both sides by $x$ $x=x \cdot a \cdot z_{1}+x \cdot b \cdot z_{2}=\left(x_{2}+\mathrm{k}_{2} \cdot z_{2}\right) \cdot a \cdot z_{1}+\left(x_{1}+\mathrm{k}_{1} \cdot z_{1}\right) \cdot b \cdot z_{2}=$ $=x_{2} \cdot z_{1} \cdot a+x_{1} \cdot z_{2} \cdot b+z_{1} \cdot z_{2} \cdot\left(a \cdot \mathrm{k}_{2}+\mathrm{k}_{1} \cdot b\right)$
Take $\bmod \left(z_{1} \cdot z_{2}\right)$ we obtain:
$x=\left(x_{2} \cdot z_{1} \cdot a+x_{1} \cdot z_{2} \cdot b\right) \bmod \left(z_{1} \cdot z_{2}\right)$

## Chinese Remainder Thm. (cont.)

Example: $z_{1}=5, z_{2}=8$,
$1=2 \cdot z_{2}-3 \cdot z_{1}=>b=2, a=-3$
Number $=3 \bmod 5=2 \bmod 8$
$x_{1}=3$ and $x_{2}=2, z_{1} \cdot z_{2}=40$
$\left(x_{2} \cdot z_{1} \cdot a+x_{1} \cdot z_{2} \cdot b\right)=2 \cdot 5 \cdot(-3)+3 \cdot 8 \cdot 2=18 \bmod 40$
To go the opposite way:
$18=3 \bmod 5$
$18=2 \bmod 8$

## RSA Block Encryption and Signatures

1. Choose 2 large primes $p$ and $q$
2. Compute $n=p \cdot q$ and $\varphi(n)=(p-l) \cdot(q-l)$
3. Choose public $e$ such that $g c d(e, \varphi(n))=1$, relatively prime
4. Find secret $d$ s.t. $e \cdot d=1 \bmod \varphi(n)($ by Euclid's Algorithm)
5. To encrypt plaintext block $m<n$, compute the ciphertext $C T=m^{e} \bmod n$
6. To decrypt ciphertext block CT and obtain the plaintext $P T$ $P T=C T^{d} \bmod n=m^{e d} \bmod n$,
$e \cdot d=1 \bmod \boldsymbol{\varphi}(n)=>e d=1+k \cdot \varphi(n)$
$P T=m^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1} \bmod n=m \bmod n$ from Generalized Euler's Theorem.
7. To sign plaintext block $m<n$, compute the signature $S=m^{d} \bmod n$
8. To verify that block $S$ is block $m$ 's signature, compute $S^{e} \bmod n=m^{e d} \bmod n$ $=m^{k \cdot \varphi(n)+1} \bmod n=m \bmod n=m$.

## Choosing $p$ and $q$

## Preliminary Remarks

1. Fermat's Theorem $(p=$ prime, $0<a<p)=\Rightarrow a^{p-1}=1 \bmod p$

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holds only in one direction.
Example: $p=100$ digits, $a^{p-1}=1 \bmod p, \operatorname{Pr}[p=/=$ prime $]$ 睤 $10^{-13}$
2. For same $p$ try multiple values of $a$ to lower $\operatorname{Pr}[p=/=$ prime $]$ $a_{1}{ }^{p-1}=1 \bmod p, a_{2}{ }^{p-1}=1 \bmod p, \ldots, a_{n}{ }^{p-1}=1 \bmod p$

Problem (Carmichael Numbers): there exist values $p$ such that $p=/=$ prime and $a^{p-1}=1 \bmod p$ for all choices of $0<a<p$.

## Primality tests

Recall Fermat's theorem: if $p$ is prime, then $a^{p-1}=1 \bmod p$.
Hence, if $p=$ odd, prime (i.e., not 2 ), then $p-1=$ even, and we can write $\left(a^{(p-1) / 2}\right)^{2}=1 \bmod p$ or $x^{2}=1 \bmod p$, where $x=a^{(p-1) / 2}$.

Theorem: If $p=$ odd prime, then $x^{2}=1 \bmod p$ has only two solutions, namely $x=1$ and $x=-1$.

Proof: $x^{2}=1 \bmod p=>x^{2}-1=0 \bmod p$
$=>(x-1) \cdot(x+1)=0 \bmod p$
$=>p \mid(x-1)$ or $p \mid(x+1)$ or $p$ divides both.
Suppose $p$ divides both. Hence, $(x+1)=k \cdot p$ and $(x-1)=j \bullet p$

## Proof of Theorem (ctnd.)

Subtract these two expressions and get:
$(x+1)-(x-1)=2=(k-j) \cdot p$, which holds only for $p=2$.
But since $p=$ odd, prime (i.e., different from 2) we reach a contradiction. Hence, $p \mid(x-1)$ or $p \mid(x+1)$ but not both.
Suppose $p \mid(x-1)$. Then $(x-1)=j \bullet p$ for some $j$.
Thus, $x=1 \bmod p$ and similarly for $x=-1 \bmod p$.
Stating the Theorem in the opposite direction:
Theorem: If there exists a solution to $x^{2}=1 \bmod p$ other than $\pm 1$, then $p$ is not prime.

## Examples

- $x^{2}=1 \bmod 7$

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\begin{aligned}
& 1^{2}=1 \bmod 7 \\
& 6^{2}=36 \bmod 7=1 \bmod 7 ; \quad 6=-1 \bmod 7
\end{aligned}
$$

Solutions $=1,-1$

- $x^{2}=1 \bmod 8$

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\begin{aligned}
& 1^{2}=1 \bmod 8 ; \\
& 3^{2}=9 \bmod 8=1 \bmod 8 ; 3=-5 \bmod 8 \\
& 5^{2}=25 \bmod 8=1 \bmod 8 ; 5=-3 \bmod 8 \\
& 7^{2}=49 \bmod 8=1 \bmod 8 ; 7=-1 \bmod 8
\end{aligned}
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Solutions: 1, -1, 3, -3

## Miller-Rabin Test

## Part 1: Quick reject

Fermat's Theorem: $a^{p-1}=1 \bmod p$, or $a^{p-1} \bmod p=1$, if $p=$ prime.
Hence, compute $d=a^{p-1} \bmod p$. If $d \neq 1$, then $d \neq$ prime.

## Part 2:

Otherwise, if $d=1$, there is a possibility that $\mathrm{p}=$ prime. Now, we use the result of previous Theorem. That is, at every step of computation of $a^{p-1} \bmod p$ check $x^{2}=1 \bmod p$ for roots other than $\pm 1$. When computing $d=a^{p-1} \bmod p$, represent $p-1=c \cdot 2^{b}$, where $c$ is odd and $b \neq 0$,

$$
a^{p-1} \bmod p=\underbrace{\left[\ldots\left[a^{c} \bmod p\right]^{2} \ldots\right]^{2}}_{b \text { times }}
$$

## Miller-Rabin Test (cont.)

If early in squaring $a^{c} \bmod p \neq 1$, then one squaring took a number $\neq 1$ and squared it to produce 1 . However, that number is a square root of $1 \bmod p$. Hence, by the Theorem above $p \neq$ prime.
[ If test shows $p \neq$ prime, then more than $3 / 4$ of all different values of $a$ will produce $p$ to be composite.]

If the test for $p$ using a single $a$ shows $p$ to be prime, repeat test for other distinct values of $a$.

- choose $s$ random values of $a$ and repeat the test

$$
\operatorname{Pr}[p=\text { prime }]>1-2^{-s} \text { or } \operatorname{Pr}[p=/=\text { prime }] \leq 2^{-s} .
$$

## II. Modes of Encryption for RSA

## 1. Only short messages should be encrypted

- short message of $m$ bits s.t. $2^{l}-1 \leq \mathrm{n}$ (RSA modulus)
- performance is one/two orders of magnitude lower than symmetric enc.
- encrypt (probabilistically) long message with symmetric key and encrypt symmetric key (and per message random value) with RSA


## 2. Example 1: RSA PKCS \#1



Attack against SSL implementation of PKCS \#1based on server (decryption oracle)

- checks the first two bytes and returns errors if malformed
- checks data length and returns errors
- modify ciphertext of encrypted key and in about $2^{20}$ tries get valid key


## II. Modes of Encryption for RSA (ctnd.)

3. Example 2: PKCS \#1 version 2 (OAEP-RSA)


## III. Digital Signature for RSA

Example : RSA PKCS \#1 Signature for message m


