

# Number Theory Applied to RSA Encryption

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## Summary

RSA is the abbreviation of last names of three algorithm's inventors - Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman, who first publicly described the algorithm in 1977. In RSA method, one creates and then publishes a public key based on two large prime numbers, along with an auxiliary value. Anyone can use this public key to encrypt a message. However, when the public key is large enough, only the one who knows the prime numbers can feasibly decrypt the message. Currently, RSA method is regarded as the most reliable encryption method, and is widely used by large banking systems, credit card companies, and most internet service carriers, such as Google, Facebook, Yahoo, etc. In this project, I explored RSA method. First, I verified that RSA works for short messages. This provides a better understanding of the encryption method. To completely understand RSA encryption method, I studied the mathematical theory behind RSA method. To do so, I rigorously proved RSA encryption method using only elementary number theory and presented these proofs in the Appendix of this report. Based on the mathematical knowledge, I developed a Java program to demonstrate how RSA works, and overcame the limitation of message lengths. This Java code allows me to successfully encrypt and decrypt any messages. Furthermore, I tested the security level of RSA encryption by writing a Java program to perform a brute force attack on the encryption, which, essentially, is the only way to guarantee a crack on the RSA encrypted message. This program also tracks the time needed to crack RSA encryption by varying the length of the prime numbers. Through this calculation, I demonstrated that if large prime numbers are used to generate an encryption key, the modern RSA encryption can be extremely secure due to the massive amount of time which an attacker would need to crack the encryption. Finally, I presented a method to embed messages into pictures with my Java code. This steganography Java code manipulates the pixel brightness values in a image. Steganography is a useful way of sending encrypted information while avoids detection, which further enhances the security level of the encryption.

# 1 Introduction to RSA Encryption

Encryption is the process of intentionally making text illegible through a reversible process called encryption. The reversal process, called decryption, however requires a key only known to the intended readers, so that an eavesdropper, which may have malicious intent, cannot read the encrypted message.

In modern times, encryption and decryption have become more important. It is well known that every web link clicked or message sent over the internet can be read by virtually anyone if it is not protected. With private information, such as social security number, birthday, phone number, address, bank account all circulating around the web, an efficient and powerful form of encryption is necessary to protect citizens and governments from unintended accesses. Today, RSA encryption (hereinafter called RSA) is regarded as the most reliable method used to encrypt and decrypt sensitive information transmitted online, and widely used by large banking systems, credit card companies, and most internet service carriers, such as Google, Facebook, Yahoo, etc.

Conventional methods of encryption require the sender and receiver to meet in person to exchange keys and to agree on an encryption algorithm, which is a great limitation in today's world. Having to meet in person with another person thousands of miles away every time to establish a code is near impossible. RSA encryption provides a way to overcome this difficulty. To explain the idea of RSA, let us use a hypothetical example. Suppose Bob wants to send a gift to Alice through Eve, but he does not want Eve to see the gift. Bob puts the gift in a box and lock it. The conventional approach would require Bob to meet with Alice and give her a copy of the key. However, in RSA, Alice sends an open letter to Bob with instructions on how to make a lock to fit her key, but not how to make the key. In this way, if Eve intercepts and reads the message, she too, can send a locked box to Alice that only Alice can open, but Bob's package remains safe because Eve does not have the key to open it. Telling anyone in the world how to make a lock for someone's key is the concept of RSA.

To accomplish the encryption through a digitized world, RSA takes advantage of properties of numbers. RSA has two keys. One of them is public, and the other is kept secret. The public key is used to encrypt a message while the private key is used to decrypt the message. This allows anyone in the world to send an encrypted message, but only the intended receiver can decrypt the message once it has been encrypted.

In this project, my goal is to study the mathematical theory, application, and security of RSA algorithm by writing a Java program to explore it.

## 1.1 A Simple RSA

Before we immerse ourselves into the rigorousness of number theory, let us first look at a very simple example of RSA. By a simple calculation, it is easy to prove that any number taken to the 9-th power retains its last digit, as shown in Fig. 1. This property can be exploited to form a simple RSA encryption and decryption.

Instead of taking a number to the 9-th power once, we can take it to the third power twice. The first time can be thought of as an encryption, and the second time is a decryption. For example, if our original message is 3,  $3^3 = 27$ . Taking the the last digit leaves us with the encrypted message, 7. To decrypt, we take 7 to the third power,  $7^3 = 343$ , which has the last digit 3, returning us to

$0^9=$	0
$1^9=$	1
$2^9=$	512
$3^9=$	198683
$4^9=$	262144
$5^9=$	19353125
$6^9=$	10077696
$7^9=$	40353607
$8^9=$	134217728
$9^9=$	387420489

Figure 1:  $a^9 \pmod{10} = a \pmod{10}$ .

the original message. This is true for all numbers as shown in Fig. 2.

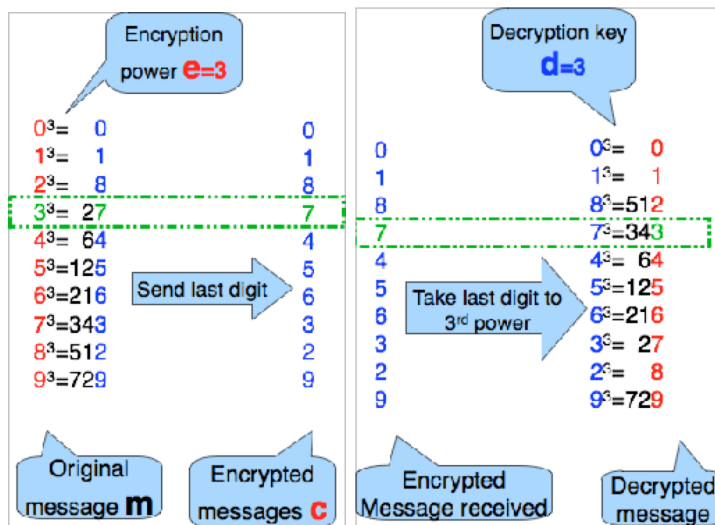


Figure 2: The encrypt and decrypt steps of a simple RSA algorithm.

## 2 Number Theory Behind RSA

RSA is rooted deeply in number theory. The example presented in the last section is a special case of a general RSA. As mentioned, RSA has two keys consisting of three numbers. We call them  $n$ ,  $e$ , and  $d$ , where  $n$  is used in a modulo operation, (to divide a number and take the remainder),  $e$  is the encryption key,  $d$  is the decryption key. They are chosen as follows:

1. Choosing two distinct primes (called  $p$  and  $q$ .)
2. Multiplying  $p$  and  $q$  to get  $n$ .
3. Computing  $\phi$  as:  $(p - 1) \times (q - 1) = \phi$
4. Finding  $e$  such that  $1 < e < \phi$ , and  $e$  and  $\phi$  are mutually prime.
5. Finding  $d$  such that  $ed - 1$  is divisible by  $\phi$ .

With these keys generated,  $n$  and  $e$  are broadcasted publicly, and  $d$  is kept secret for decryption.

In the simple example presented in the above,  $p = 2$ ,  $q = 5$ , thus  $n = 10$ ,  $\phi = 4$ . The only  $e$  and  $d$  that satisfy Steps 4 & 5 are  $e = 3$  and  $d = 3$ . Although in this example  $e$  and  $d$  are the same, this is not generally true. We did not choose other example because this is the only one can be done before the calculation involves too large of integers for a pocket calculator. In a real applications, both  $e$  and  $n$  are usually a few hundred digit long; therefore the mathematical calculations required in these procedures are quite significant.

With this set of  $n$ ,  $e$  and  $d$ , anyone can encrypt a numerical message  $m$  using the publicized  $n$  and  $e$ , by first taking the numerical message  $m$  to the  $e$  power to find  $m^e$  and then calculating the remainder of  $m^e$  divided by  $n$ . The remainder  $c$  is the encrypted message. Mathematically we express the procedure by

$$c = m^e \bmod n. \quad (1)$$

Such encrypted message  $c$  can then be sent over internet. The message can only be decrypted by using the decryption key  $d$ . To decrypt, one first takes  $c$  to  $d$  power to find  $c^d$  and then finds the remainder of  $c^d$  divided by  $n$ .

$$m_d = c^d \bmod n, \quad (2)$$

for  $m < n$ , such calculated  $m_d$  is the original message  $m$ , or  $(m^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = m$ . This identity is the entire reason that RSA works [1]. The proof of this identity involves some nontrivial number theory steps and is presented in the Appendix for interested readers.

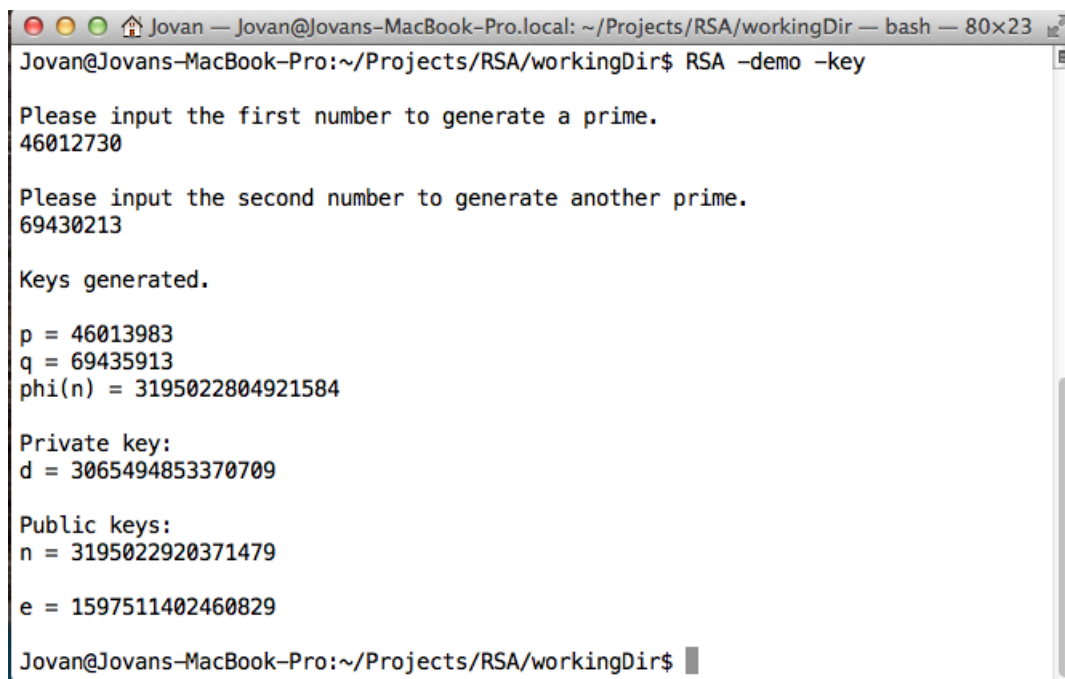
The requirement of  $m < n$  costs a technical issue in the RSA application. The method of overcoming this issue is described in the next section.

### 3 RSA Implementation in A Java Code

#### 3.1 Key Generation Algorithm

In my Java program the five steps described in the last section is followed. Two large numbers, not necessary primes, are picked. The two primes  $p$  and  $q$  are generated by using the *nextProbablePrime()* function in the BigInteger package of Java [2]. Although the *nextProbablePrime()* function in the package does not guarantee to return a prime number, the probability of error is less than  $2^{-100}$ . With such obtained  $p$  and  $q$ , Steps 2 and 3 are performed.

To generate  $e$ , in my Java code  $e$  is chosen as the smallest prime number that is greater than  $\phi/2$  by using *nextProbablePrime()* again. Since such chosen  $e$  is a prime, it satisfies Step 4. As Step 5, the decryption key  $d$  is generated by function *modInverse* in the BigInteger package. Occasionally, such generated  $d = e$ . In this case, we use *nextProbablePrime()* again to find another prime to be used as  $e$ , and Step 5 is then repeated to find  $d$ . The snapshot of my Java code output is shown in Fig. 3.



```
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$ RSA -demo -key
Please input the first number to generate a prime.
46012730
Please input the second number to generate another prime.
69430213
Keys generated.
p = 46013983
q = 69435913
phi(n) = 3195022804921584
Private key:
d = 3065494853370709
Public keys:
n = 3195022920371479
e = 1597511402460829
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$
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Figure 3: RSA key generation

### 3.2 Padding

RSA algorithm described above only deals with numbers, however our message are mostly written in words. To encrypt such a message, we need to translate text into a string of numbers. This process is called padding. ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) (shown in Fig. 4) allows text to be represented numerically. I wrote a Java method that converts each letter or symbol in a text into a integer using ASCII. For instance, the word “sun” is converted to a numerical string 115117110, with 115 corresponding to “s”, 117 to “u”, and 110 to “n”. However such padding encounters a problems. For instance the word “This” pads into “084104105115”. The computer automatically truncates this number into “84104105115” and I loose the first “0”. To avoid this problem we add 100 to a all numbers translated using ASCII.

Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
0	00	Null	32	20	Space	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	01	Start of heading	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	02	Start of text	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	03	End of text	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	04	End of transmit	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	05	Enquiry	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	06	Acknowledge	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	07	Audible bell	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	08	Backspace	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
9	09	Horizontal tab	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	0A	Line feed	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	0B	Vertical tab	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	0C	Form feed	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	0D	Carriage return	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	0E	Shift out	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	0F	Shift in	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	Data link escape	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	Device control 1	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	Device control 2	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	Device control 3	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	Device control 4	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	Neg. acknowledge	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	Synchronous idle	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	End trans. block	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	Cancel	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	End of medium	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	Substitution	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	Escape	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{
28	1C	File separator	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	
29	1D	Group separator	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}
30	1E	Record separator	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	Unit separator	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	□

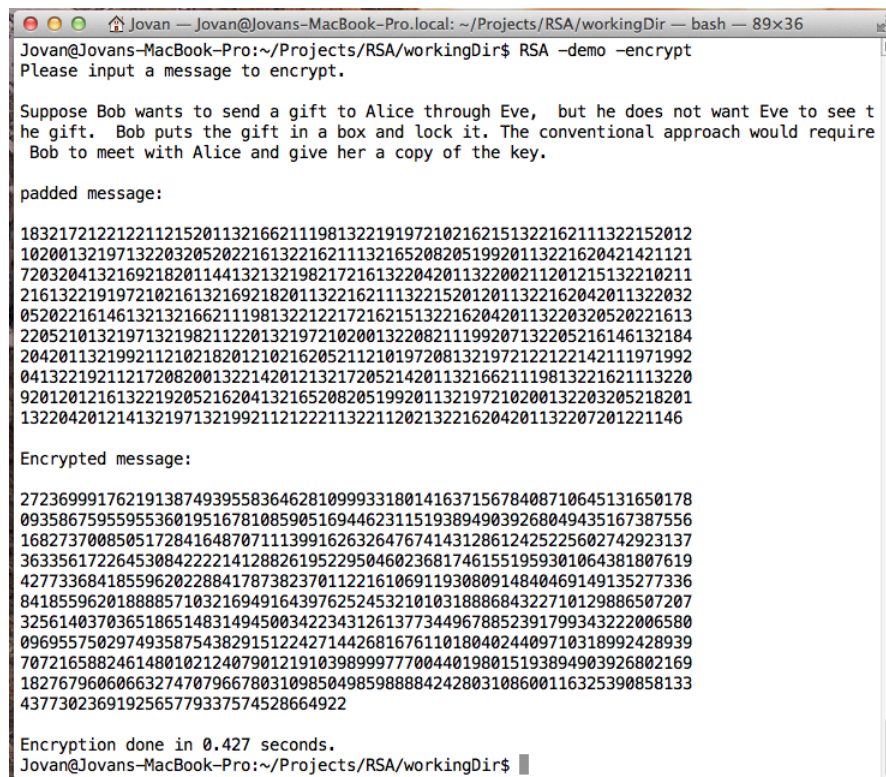
Figure 4: The ASCII conversion table

### 3.3 Message Segmentation

For a typical sentence the padding process usually results in a long integer which could be much greater than  $n$ , and RSA algorithm cannot be applied directly. This issue is addressed in the segmentation process. The padded number is divided into segments that are less than  $n$ , and then encrypting and decrypting the segments separately. However this approach also encounters a problem. For example, the string 118341094217, if it is segmented into integers 118341 and 094217, Java would automatically cut the second integer into 94217, and we lose a digit, “0” that is important to the integrity of the message. To tackle this problem, my program tracks the length of each segment. Since the missing “0” always occurs at the beginning of a segmented integer, with the length saved, the missing “0”s can be added back during the recombining process after decryption.

### 3.4 Encryption and Decryption

As we have seen in Section 2, to encrypt, we take our message  $m$  to the power of  $e$ , as discussed in Section 3.1, and take the remainder when  $m^e$  is divided by  $n$  to obtain the encrypted message  $c$ . In my program,  $m$  was segmented, and each segment is encrypted separately. In my Java code,  $m$  and  $c$  are treated as arrays containing the segments of the messages. Similarly, to decrypt, we calculate the remainder when each element in array  $c^d$  is divided by  $n$ . We then reassemble the original numerical message with “0”s added if necessary, returning the padded message. Then we reverse the padding process using ASCII. Figure 5 illustrates a plaintext message, a padded message, and an encrypted message.



```
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro: ~/Projects/RSA/workingDir
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$ RSA -demo -encrypt
Please input a message to encrypt.

Suppose Bob wants to send a gift to Alice through Eve, but he does not want Eve to see the gift. Bob puts the gift in a box and lock it. The conventional approach would require Bob to meet with Alice and give her a copy of the key.

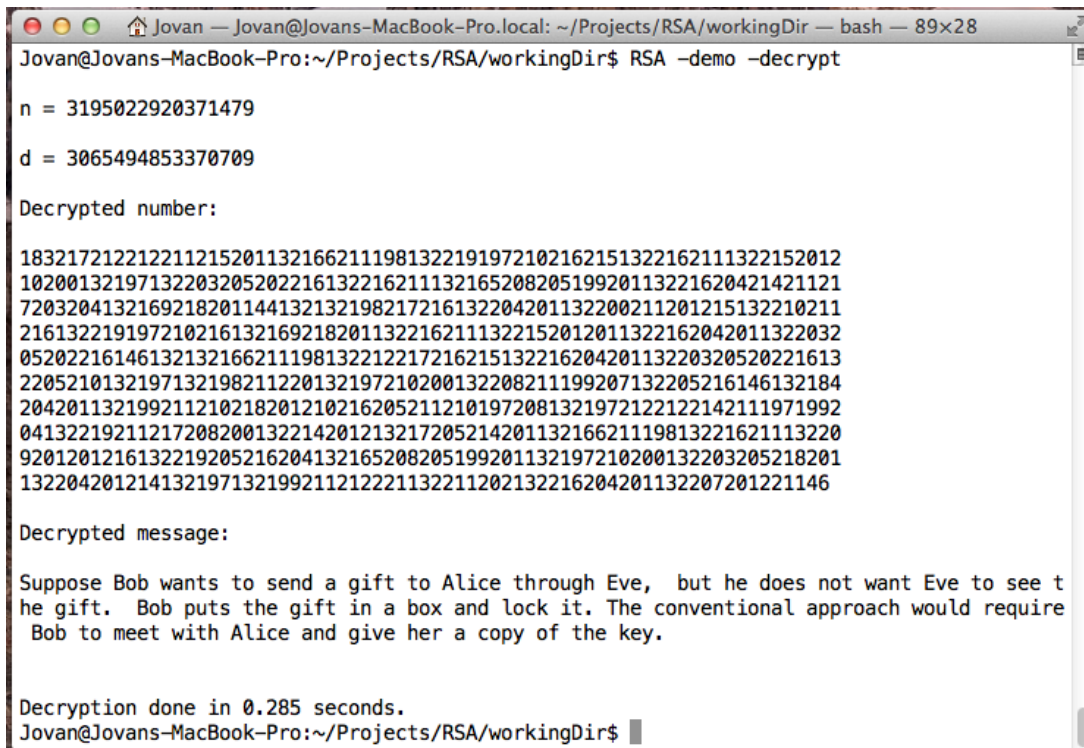
padded message:
1832172122122112152011321662111981322191972102162151322162111322152012
1020013219713220320520221613221621113216520820519920113221620421421121
7203204132169218201144132132198217216132204201132200211201215132210211
2161322191972102161321692182011322162111322152012011322162042011322032
0520221614613213216621119813221221721621513221620420113220320520221613
220521013219713219821122013219721020013220821199207132205216146132184
2042011321992112102182012102162052112101972081321972122122142111971992
0413221921121720820013221420121321720521420113216621119813221621113220
9201201216132219205216204132165208205199201132197210200132203205218201
132204201214132197132199211212221132211202132216204201132207201221146

Encrypted message:
2723699917621913874939558364628109993318014163715678408710645131650178
0935867595595536019516781085905169446231151938949039268049435167387556
1682737008505172841648707111399162632647674143128612425225602742923137
3633561722645308422221412882619522950460236817461551959301064381807619
4277336841855962022884178738237011221610691193080914840469149135277336
8418559620188885710321694916439762524532101031888684322710129886507207
3256140370365186514831494500342234312613773449678852391799343222006580
0969557502974935875438291512242714426816761101804024409710318992428939
7072165882461480102124079012191039899977700440198015193894903926802169
1827679606066327470796678031098504985988884242803108600116325390858133
4377302369192565779337574528664922

Encryption done in 0.427 seconds.
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$
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Figure 5: RSA encryption

The decryption process is shown in Fig. 6. The code outputs the decryption keys ( $d$  and  $n$ ), the decrypted numerical string, and the decrypted and unpadded message.

A screenshot of a terminal window on a Mac. The window title is "Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro.local: ~/Projects/RSA/workingDir — bash — 89x28". The terminal shows the command "RSA -demo -decrypt" being executed. The output displays the decryption key  $n = 3195022920371479$  and  $d = 3065494853370709$ . It then shows a long string of 128 digits under the heading "Decrypted number:". Below that, under "Decrypted message:", it shows a paragraph of text: "Suppose Bob wants to send a gift to Alice through Eve, but he does not want Eve to see the gift. Bob puts the gift in a box and lock it. The conventional approach would require Bob to meet with Alice and give her a copy of the key." At the bottom, it states "Decryption done in 0.285 seconds." and shows the prompt "Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir\$".

```
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$ RSA -demo -decrypt
n = 3195022920371479
d = 3065494853370709
Decrypted number:
1832172122122112152011321662111981322191972102162151322162111322152012
1020013219713220320520221613221621113216520820519920113221620421421121
7203204132169218201144132132198217216132204201132200211201215132210211
2161322191972102161321692182011322162111322152012011322162042011322032
0520221614613213216621119813221221721621513221620420113220320520221613
2205210132197132198211220132197210200132208211199207132205216146132184
2042011321992112102182012102162052112101972081321972122122142111971992
0413221921121720820013221420121321720521420113216621119813221621113220
9201201216132219205216204132165208205199201132197210200132203205218201
132204201214132197132199211212221132211202132216204201132207201221146
Decrypted message:
Suppose Bob wants to send a gift to Alice through Eve, but he does not want Eve to see t
he gift. Bob puts the gift in a box and lock it. The conventional approach would require
Bob to meet with Alice and give her a copy of the key.
Decryption done in 0.285 seconds.
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$
```

Figure 6: RSA decryption

## 4 Cracking RSA

RSA is popular because it is very easy to use and can be extremely secure. Its ease of use is quite obvious due to the public encryption as well as the private decryption keys. The security part, however, is more interesting. Since RSA broadcasts  $n$  and  $e$  publicly and  $n = p \times q$ , with  $p$  and  $q$  being two primes, knowing  $n$  there is a unique pair of primes  $p$  and  $q$ . If one finds  $p$  and  $q$ , with the publicized  $e$ , one can follow Steps 3 and 5 (skipping Step 4) in Section 2 to obtain the key  $d$ . In other words, the publicized  $n$  and  $e$ , in principle, contain everything that is needed to crack RSA. One ONLY needs to factorize  $n$  to crack an RSA encryption. However, this seemingly easy process is actually extremely difficult. The only current way to ensure the factorization is through a brute force attempt of each and every possible prime combination to find  $p$  and  $q$  from  $n$ . To demonstrate the difficulty, I wrote another Java program to attempt to crack RSA by this factorization method. For a given  $n$ , I instruct the computer to try every prime less than or equal to  $\sqrt{n}$ . I limit my search range to  $\sqrt{n}$  to save the amount of calculation, because according to number theory, the smaller factor is always less than or equal to  $\sqrt{n}$ .



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Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro: ~/Projects/RSA/workingDir — bash — 89x39
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$ RSA -demo -crack demoOut.png
Tried 0.3 million prime numbers in 17.996 seconds
Tried 0.6 million prime numbers in 37.058 seconds
Tried 0.9 million prime numbers in 56.549 seconds
Tried 1.2 million prime numbers in 1 minutes 16.198 seconds or 76.198 seconds
Tried 1.5 million prime numbers in 1 minutes 36.585 seconds or 96.585 seconds
Tried 1.8 million prime numbers in 1 minutes 56.566 seconds or 116.566 seconds
Tried 2.1 million prime numbers in 2 minutes 16.653 seconds or 136.653 seconds
Tried 2.4 million prime numbers in 2 minutes 37.775 seconds or 157.775 seconds
Tried 2.7 million prime numbers in 2 minutes 58.652 seconds or 178.652 seconds

Cracked! 3195022920371479 = 46013983 X 69435913

n = 3195022920371479
d = 3065494853370709

Decrypted number:

18321721222122112152011321662111981322191972102162151322162111322152012
1020013219713220320520221613221621113216520820519920113221620421421121
7203204132169218201144132132198217216132204201132200211201215132210211
2161322191972102161321692182011322162111322152012011322162042011322032
0520221614613213216621119813221221721621513221620420113220320520221613
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2042011321992112102182012102162052112101972081321972122122142111971992
0413221921121720820013221420121321720521420113216621119813221621113220
9201201216132219205216204132165208205199201132197210200132203205218201
132204201214132197132199211212221132211202132216204201132207201221146

Decrypted message:

Suppose Bob wants to send a gift to Alice through Eve, but he does not want Eve to see t
he gift. Bob puts the gift in a box and lock it. The conventional approach would require
Bob to meet with Alice and give her a copy of the key.

Cracked in 3 minutes 4.228 seconds or 184.228 seconds.
Jovan@Jovans-MacBook-Pro:~/Projects/RSA/workingDir$

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Figure 7: RSA Cracking

Figure 7 shows a cracking process. In this example the key  $d$  is 16 digit long. RSA encryption is cracked after trying about three million prime numbers. The cracking time is slightly more than three minutes.

Using my PC, the factorization time is plotted against the length of both  $p$  and  $q$  in Fig 8. For simplicity,  $p$  and  $q$  are the same length in these factorizations. In reality they do not have to be the same, but the smaller number will always be found first in the method I use, which starts with the smallest prime and advances. By timing the calculation, I found that my computer tries approximately 500,000 primes per minute.

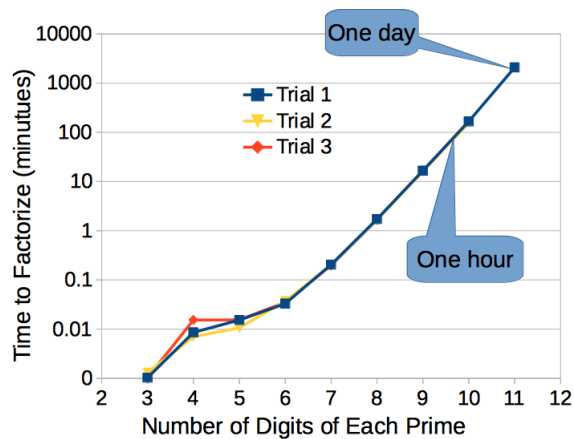


Figure 8: Length of  $p$  and  $q$  vs. cracking time.

For 10 digit long  $p$  and  $q$ , about 30,000,000 primes are tried.

Noting that the  $y$  scale is logarithmic, I predict that the cracking time grows exponentially as the length of  $p$  and  $q$  increase since the graph appears to be linear on the logarithmic scale for a key lengths above 6. The data in Fig. 8 can be exponentially fitted with the following correlation, as shown in Fig. 9,

$$\text{Time(hr)} = 7.41 \times 10^{-10} \times e^{2.2x}. \quad (3)$$

Using (3), I predict that the time needs to crack the  $n$  and  $e$  in my encryption program, shown in Fig. 10 is more than  $10^{264}$  years. This is quite a long time comparing to  $1.4 \times 10^{10}$  years of the age of the universe. When these numbers are used to encrypt the message, the encrypted message is extremely secure. For the Yahoo website, it uses the 256-bit encryption. The key length is 78 digits long. If I use my program to crack its encrypted message, it will take more than  $10^{28}$  years to crack with my PC.

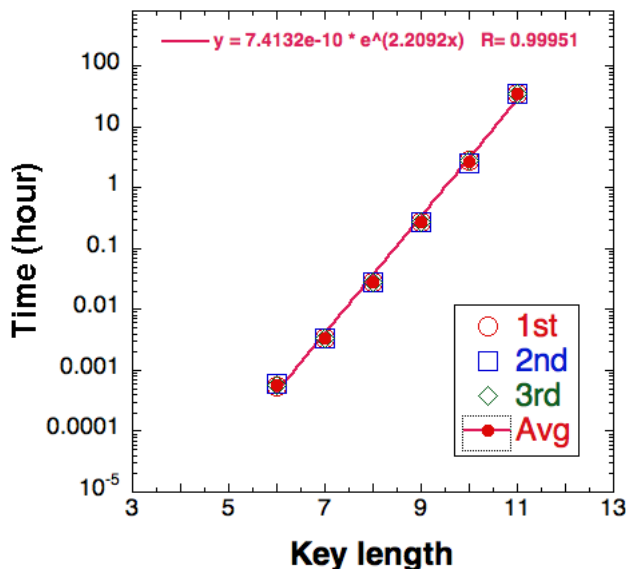


Figure 9: The correlation between cracking time and the key length

**n:**931014967535711184967855051924713845842107141169143  
0761759153205501012873705880373217884066472300114808  
9279594244492304373222416954759197665801636681289192  
0942615150970438391837087272926409869317606311942197  
7884159158602339233050469523990351869860086954803003  
8171215533058097220041623300521657452891308237702972  
9018555397603412623334272261846604263270573072391026  
19125496527095758908709853052707415385338765401134113  
2396062750070270774678519540024659588795631691207844  
24149312119179250614414181170591839947428070795699188  
1847073163045282907764023464048332448450649629493

**e:**465507483767855592483927525962356922921053570584571  
5380879576602750506436852940186608942033236150057404  
4639797122246152186611208477379598832900818340644596  
0471307575485219195918543636463204934658803155971098  
8942079579301169616525234761995175934930043461006866  
4468233602684174143626147905742124039991952483614885  
5804661619667899245355527251646219146563428735928343  
31701077298293132573670311133440592779374469687188742  
7694929215707421258152644557232620948125830398471194  
7832040974849216649405883937404709257838021885901758  
30484434160010988591737610223011698162345177305779

Figure 10: The “real” RSA public keys used in our program

## 5 Steganography

Steganography is the process of hiding information into a picture. Steganography and RSA work well together if one wants to avoid the detection of the transmission of an encrypted message. My steganography process starts duplicating a pixel in a picture four times to form another a picture with four times of its original size as shown in Fig. 11. With the help of photoMagic.java [3], I embed the encrypted message to the enlarged picture by adding message values, say 123456789, to RGB values of pixels 2, 3 and 4, while leaving the RGB values for pixel 1 unchanged as a reference. This process is shown in Fig. 11. A potential problem with this method, however, is if one of the RGBs value is too bright to begin with. For example, if we tried to add 5 to 253, we would get 258 which is outside the bounds of the pixel value. The solution is to ignore pixel brightnesses that are over 245. In other words, we tell the computer that if, say the red color value was over 245, the red color values of the corresponding four pixels contain no information, but the green and blue could still hold digits of the numerical string. To communicate the encrypted message, the enlarged pictures is sent. Since the message embedding process only changes the brightness values of the picture slightly, it is nearly indistinguishable to the human eye and therefore avoids detection. When the intended recipient gets the picture, the hidden encrypted message can be recovered by subtracting the RGB values of the reference pixel from the RGB values of the neighbor pixels. The RSA decryption process is then used to recover the transmitted message. Another advantage of this algorithm is that each pixel in the original picture can hold up to 9 digits of the encrypted string implying that a small picture can hold a lot of information.

The left of Fig. 12 shows a small picture used to embed a message. The entire Declaration of Independence is embedded into the right figure. In fact it only used only  $< 5\%$  of the available pixels.

## 6 Conclusion

In this project, I have proved that RSA is a mathematically sound algorithm using elementary number theory. I wrote a Java program to demonstrate it, and dealt with various limitations of RSA and java such as message length and digit truncation. I have shown that RSA encryption is very secure. By attempting to crack it with a half million attempts per minute, it takes many many years to do so. Finally, if one wishes to hide information, encrypted or

	(Pixel) 1	3
R = 213	R = 213	R = 213 + 4
G = 176	G = 176	G = 176 + 5
B = 143	B = 143	B = 143 + 6
	R = 213 + 1	R = 213 + 7
	G = 176 + 2	G = 176 + 8
	B = 143 + 3	B = 143 + 9
	2	4
	Four pixels containing encrypted information.	

Figure 11: My steganographic algorithm.

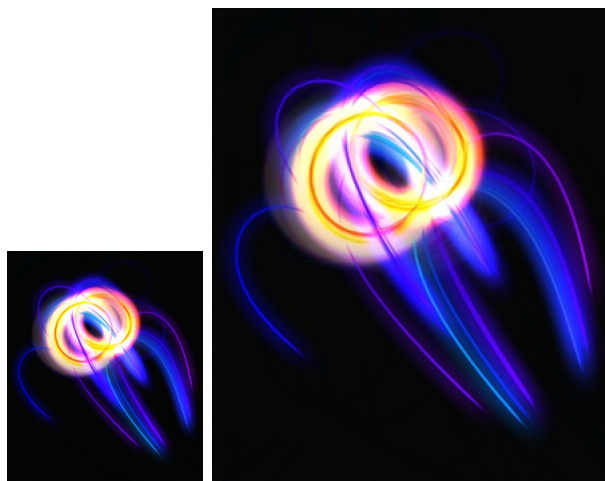


Figure 12: The larger picture contains an embedded message.

not, I have developed a steganographic process to efficiently embed numerical information into pictures without drastically changing the picture's appearance.

In the future, I may attempt an RSA encryption in binary where there will be more digits, but the picture brightness will only be varied by 1 or 0, even less distinguishable. Also, I would like to try more advanced ways to attack the RSA algorithm. For example I can look for possibilities in  $\phi$ 's.  $\phi$  has the property of being between  $e$  and  $n$ , and also divisible by 4. If  $\phi$  can be found,  $p$  and  $q$  can be calculated and hence RSA can be cracked.

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# Appendix - Elementary Number Theory for RSA Algorithm

## A.1 Lemmas

In this project, I will prove the functionality of RSA based on Fermat's Little Theorem. This proof however uses other lemmas and identifies that must be proven first to ensure a sound verification.

### Notations:

- For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , notation  $a|b$  means that  $b$  is divisible by  $a$ .
- For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , notation  $(a, b)$  denotes the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- For integers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a \pmod{b}$  denotes the remainder of  $a$  divided by  $b$ .
- For integers  $a, b, c$ , relation  $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$  means  $c|(a - b)$ , which is equivalent to say that  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder upon division by  $c$ , or  $a \pmod{c} = b \pmod{c}$ . The notation “=” means two numbers are equal, and “ $\equiv$ ” two numbers have the same remainder. For instance, we can say  $2 = 14 \pmod{12}$ ,  $2 \equiv 14 \pmod{12}$ , and  $26 \equiv 14 \pmod{12}$ , but not  $26 = 14 \pmod{12}$ , because  $14 \pmod{12}$  is 2 not 26.

**Lemma 1:** For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if integer  $r$  is a remainder of  $a/b$ , i.e.  $a = bq + r$  for some integer  $q$ , then  $(a, b) = (b, r)$ .

**Proof:** Since  $r$  is the remainder, there is an integer  $q$  such that  $r = a - bq$ , since  $(a, b)$  divides  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $(a, b)$  divides both  $r$  and  $b$ , or  $(a, b)$  is a common divisor of  $b$  and  $r$ . Since  $(r, b)$  is the greatest common divisor of  $b$  and  $r$ ,  $(a, b) \leq (r, b)$ .

On the other hand  $a = bq + r$ . That  $(r, b)$  divides  $r$  and  $b$  implies that  $(r, b)$  divides  $a$  and  $b$ .  $(r, b)$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . Since  $(a, b)$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $(r, b) \leq (a, b)$ . Combining these two inequalities about  $(a, b)$  and  $(r, b)$ , we have  $(a, b) = (r, b)$ . #

**The Euclidean Algorithm:** If  $a > b$  are positive integers, the maximum common divisor  $(a, b)$  can be found by the following algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= bq_0 + r_0, & 0 \leq r_0 < b, \\
 b &= r_0q_1 + r_1, & 0 \leq r_1 < r_0, \\
 r_0 &= r_1q_2 + r_2, & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1, \\
 r_1 &= r_2q_3 + r_3, & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2, \\
 &\dots \\
 r_{n-3} &= r_{n-2}q_{n-1} + r_{n-1}, & 0 \leq r_{n-1} < r_{n-2}, \\
 r_{n-2} &= r_{n-1}q_n + r_n, & 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{A.1}$$

Since  $0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1}$ , this procedure eventually ends with some integer  $m$  such that  $r_m = 0$ .

**Proof:** Since  $r_m = 0$ ,  $r_{m-1} | r_{m-2}$ ,  $r_{m-1} = (r_{m-1}, r_{m-2})$ . Using Lemma 1,  $r_{m-1} = (r_{m-1}, r_{m-2}) = (r_{m-2}, r_{m-3}) = \dots = (r_1, r_0) = (b, r_0) = (a, b)$ . #

**Bézout's identity:** If  $(a, b) = d$ , then there are integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = d$ .

**Proof:** Using the Euclidean Algorithm above, we have  $d = r_{m-1} = r_{m-3} - r_{n-2}q_{n-1}$ . Writing  $r_{m-3}$  in terms of  $r_{m-2}$  and  $r_{m-1}$ , and so on in the reverse order of the Euclidean Algorithm, we find the Bézout's identity.

**Lemma 2 (the Euclid's Lemma):** If  $a|bc$  and  $(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a|c$ .

**Proof:** Since  $(a, b) = 1$ , there are integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = 1$  (Bézout's identity).  $c = xac + ybc$ . Since  $a|ac$  and  $a|bc$ , then  $a|c$ . #

**Lemma 3 (The Cancellation Law):** If  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{p}$ , and  $(p, a) = 1$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$ .

**Proof:** Given  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{p}$ ,  $p|a(x - y)$ . Using Euclid's Lemma,  $p|(x - y)$ , that is  $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$ . #

**Lemma 4 (The Multiplication Law):** If  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ , and  $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$ , then  $ax \equiv by \pmod{p}$ .

**Proof:** We note  $ax - by = (a - b)(x - y) + b(x - y) + (a - b)y$ . Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ , and  $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$  implies  $p|(a - b)$  and  $p|(x - y)$ ,  $p$  divides right hand side of the expression for  $ax - by$ , therefore  $p|(ax - by)$ , or  $ax \equiv by \pmod{p}$ . #

**Corollary:** For integers  $a, b$  and  $c$ ,  $(ab) \pmod{c} = \{a[b \pmod{c}]\} \pmod{c}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $r = b \pmod{c}$ , then  $r \equiv b \pmod{c}$ . Since  $a \equiv a \pmod{c}$ , using the multiplication law,  $ar \equiv ab \pmod{c}$ , or

$$(ab) \pmod{c} = (ar) \pmod{c} = \{a[b \pmod{c}]\} \pmod{c}. \quad \#$$

**Fermat's Little Theorem:** If  $p$  is prime, and  $p \nmid a$  then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , in other words,  $a^{p-1} \pmod{p} = 1$ .

**Proof:** Let us consider sequence

$$a, 2a, 3a, \dots, (p-1)a \quad (\text{A.2})$$

We first prove that if  $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 \leq p-1$ , then  $k_1a \pmod{p} \neq k_2a \pmod{p}$ , or the remainder for divisor  $p$  is different for different elements in the sequence.

Suppose this is not true, then there are integers  $k_1 \neq k_2$  such that  $k_1a \pmod{p} \equiv k_2a \pmod{p}$ , or  $p|(k_2 - k_1)a$ . Since  $p \nmid a$ ,  $p|(k_2 - k_1)$  according to the Euclid's Lemma, but  $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 \leq p-1$ , and  $k_2 - k_1 < p-1$ , a contradiction.

Let  $r_k < p$  be the remainder of  $ka$  for divisor  $p$ ,  $r_k = ka \pmod{p}$ . Since each  $r_k$  is different for different  $k$ ,  $r_k$  takes values in between 1 and  $p-1$  once and only once as  $k$  varies from 1 to  $p-1$ , and therefore the product of all remainders  $n_1 \times n_2 \cdots n_{p-1} = (p-1)!$ . Then using the multiplication law, we have

$$a \times 2a \times \cdots \times (p-1)a \pmod{p} \equiv n_1 \times n_2 \cdots n_{p-1} \pmod{p}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

or

$$a^{p-1}(p-1)! \pmod{p} \equiv (p-1)! \pmod{p}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Since  $p$  is prime,  $(p, (p-1)!) = 1$ , using the cancellation law, we have  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . #

**Modulo Power Law:** If  $x \equiv n \pmod{y}$ , then for a positive integer  $m$ ,  $x^m \equiv n^m \pmod{y}$ , equivalently  $x^m \pmod{y} = n^m \pmod{y}$ ,

**Proof:** If  $x \equiv n \pmod{y}$ ,  $x = iy + n$  for some integers  $i$  and  $y$ . Using binomial expansion we have

$$x^m = (iy)^m + m(iy)^{m-1}n + \cdots + C_m^k(iy)^{m-k}n^k + \cdots + m(iy)n^{m-1} + n^m,$$

therefore  $y|(x^m - n^m)$ , or  $x^m \equiv n^m \pmod{y}$ . #

**Lemma 5** (A minor part of the **Chinese Remainder Theorem**): If  $m \equiv x \pmod{p}$ ,  $m \equiv x \pmod{q}$ , and  $(p, q) = 1$ , then  $m \equiv x \pmod{pq}$ .

**Proof:** Given  $m \equiv x \pmod{p}$ ,  $m - x = ip$  for some integer  $i$ . Since  $m \equiv x \pmod{q}$ ,  $q \mid (m - x)$  or  $q \mid (ip)$ . Since  $(p, q) = 1$ , according to Euclid's lemma,  $q \mid i$ , or  $i = kq$  for some integer  $k$ .  $m - x = kqp$ , or  $m \equiv x \pmod{pq}$ . #

## A.2 Proof of RSA (The Algorithm)

Recall the following steps to generate the necessary keys for RSA:

1. Find two primes  $p$  and  $q$ .
2. Calculate  $n = pq$  and  $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ .
3. Find an integer  $e$ , such that  $1 < e < \phi(n)$ , and  $(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ .
4. Find an integer  $d > 0$  such that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ . This  $d$  is called modular inverse of  $e$ , denoted as  $d = e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$

We note such modular inverse  $d$  exists because  $e$  is coprime to  $\phi(n)$ . Using Bézout's identity, there are integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $xe + y\phi(n) = 1$ . Since for any integer  $k$  we have  $k\phi(n)e - ke\phi(n) = 0$ , therefore  $[x + k\phi(n)]e + (y - ke)\phi(n) = 1$ , or  $[x + k\phi(n)]e = 1 + (ke - y)\phi(n)$ ,  $[x + k\phi(n)]e \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ . For a sufficiently large integer  $k$ ,  $x + k\phi(n) > 0$ . The  $d$  can take this  $x + k\phi(n)$ . In this way we see solution for  $d$  is not unique, but the smallest positive  $d$  is less than  $\phi(n)$ .

**To encrypt a number  $m < n$ :** One calculates  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$ .

**To decrypt:** One calculates  $c^d \pmod{n}$ , since  $c^d \pmod{n} = m$  as we now prove.

**Proof:** Since  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$ ,  $c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$ . Using the modulo power law we have  $c^d \equiv m^{ed} \pmod{n}$ . In other words  $c^d$  and  $m^{ed}$  have the same remainder  $c^d \pmod{n} = m^{ed} \pmod{n}$ .

Therefore to prove  $c^d \pmod{n} = m$ , it is sufficient to prove  $m^{ed} \pmod{n} = m$ , or  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{n}$ . Since  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ , there is an integer  $h$ , such that  $ed - 1 = h\phi(n) = h(p - 1)(q - 1)$ .

$$m^{ed} = m^{ed-1}m = (m^{p-1})^{h(q-1)}m = (m^{q-1})^{h(p-1)}m. \quad (\text{A.5})$$

If  $p \nmid m$ , using Fermat's little theorem,  $m^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Using the modulo power law  $(m^{p-1})^{h(q-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Because  $m \equiv m \pmod{p}$ , with the multiplication law,  $(m^{p-1})^{h(q-1)}m \equiv m \pmod{p}$ . Using relation (A.5),  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{p}$ . If  $p \mid m$ , then  $p \mid m^{ed}$ , or  $m^{ed} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \equiv m \pmod{p}$ . In either case, we have  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{p}$ .

Similarly, we can prove  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{q}$ . Since  $p$  and  $q$  are prime,  $(p, q) = 1$ , using the Chinese remainder theorem,  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{pq}$ . Since  $n = pq$ ,  $m^{ed} \equiv m \pmod{n}$ . #

## Appendix B - Java codes

Listing 1: Java Code

```
1 import java.io.BufferedReader;
2 import java.io.BufferedWriter;
3 import java.io.DataInputStream;
4 import java.io.FileInputStream;
5 import java.io.FileWriter;
6 import java.io.IOException;
7 import java.io.InputStreamReader;
8 import java.io.PrintWriter;
9 import java.math.BigInteger;
10 import java.awt.Color;
11 public class RSA {
12     BigInteger d;
13     BigInteger e;
14     BigInteger p;
15     BigInteger q;
16     BigInteger n;
17
18 // options (encrypt, decrypt, weather to show pic or not, etc.)
19     public static void main(String[] args) {
20         long startTime;
21         boolean showPic = false;
22         boolean demo = false;
23         boolean encrypt = false;
24         boolean decrypt = false;
25         boolean crack = false;
26         boolean keyGen = false;
27         int count = 0;
28 // show picture
29         for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
30             if(args[i].equals("-showpic")) {
31                 showPic = true;
32                 count++;
33             }
34         }
35 // demo- and option where the user has control over p, q, and the message
36         for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
37             if(args[i].equals("-demo")) {
38                 demo = true;
39                 count++;
40             }
41         }
42 // run the program encryption
43         for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
44             if(args[i].equals("-encrypt")) {
45                 encrypt = true;
46                 count++;
47             }
48         }
49 // run the program decryption
50         for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
51             if(args[i].equals("-decrypt")) {
52                 decrypt = true;
53                 count++;
54             }
55         }
56     }
57 }
```



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56 // attempt to crack the code, then show message
57     for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
58         if(args[i].equals("-crack")) {
59             crack = true;
60             count++;
61         }
62     }
63 // generate your own key
64     for(int i = 0; i < args.length; i++) {
65         if(args[i].equals("-key")) {
66             keyGen = true;
67             count++;
68         }
69     }
70 // program for key generation
71     RSA myRSA = new RSA();
72     if(keyGen) myRSA.setupRSA(demo);
73
74 //encrypt the message
75     if(encrypt) {
76         String textFileName = "";
77         String inputPictureFileName = "demoIn.png";
78         String outputPictureFileName = "demoOut.png";
79         if(!demo) {
80             if(args.length < count+3) {
81                 System.out.println("Usage:");
82                 System.out.println("RSA_encrypt [-showpic] [-inputTextFile, -inputPngFile, -outPngFile, -or_RSA_demo [-showpic]");
83                 System.exit(0);
84             }
85             textFileName = args[count++];
86             inputPictureFileName = args[count++];
87             outputPictureFileName = args[count];
88         }
89         myRSA.encryptToPicture(textFileName, inputPictureFileName,
90                               outputPictureFileName, showPic, demo);
91     }
92     if(decrypt) { //decrypt
93         startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
94         String inputPictureFileName;
95         String outputTextFileName = null;
96         if(demo && args.length == count) {
97             inputPictureFileName = "demoOut.png";
98             outputTextFileName = "demo.txt";
99         } else {
100             if(args.length < count+1) {
101                 System.out.println("Usage:");
102                 System.out.println("RSA_decrypt [-inputPngFile, -[outTextFile], -or_RSA_demo");
103                 System.exit(0);
104             }
105             inputPictureFileName = args[count++];
106             if(args.length > count) outputTextFileName = args[
107                 count];

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108         myRSA.decryptFromPicture(inputPictureFileName ,
109             outputTextFileName , demo);
110         String line = myRSA.getElapsedTime(startTime);
111         System.out.println("\n\nDecryption_done_in_" + line + ".");
112     }
113     if (crack){        // crack
114         startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
115         String inputPictureFileName;
116         String outputTextFileName = null;
117         if(demo && args.length==count) {
118             inputPictureFileName ="demoOut.png";
119             outputTextFileName = "demo.txt";
120         } else {
121             if(args.length < count+1) {
122                 System.out.println("Usage:_");
123                 System.out.println("RSA_crack_inputPngFile ,
124                     _[outputTextFile] , _or_RSA_crack_demo_");
125                 System.exit(0);
126             }
127             inputPictureFileName = args[count++];
128             if(args.length > count) outputTextFileName = args[
129                 count];
130         }
131         myRSA.crack();
132         myRSA.decryptFromPicture(inputPictureFileName ,
133             outputTextFileName , demo);
134         String line = myRSA.getElapsedTime(startTime);
135         System.out.println("\n\nCracked_in_" + line + ".");
136     }
137 }
138
139 // pad
140 public BigInteger pad(String s){
141 // it will pad String s1, which is your input message.
142     String s1 ="";
143     BigInteger padded;
144     for (int i =0; i < s.length(); i++){
145         char c= s.charAt(i);
146 // since the unpadding part requires all padded characters to be three digits long,
147 // we add 100 to all padded numbers to ensure that.
148         int n = (int) c + 100;
149         s1 = s1+Integer.toString(n);
150     }
151     padded = new BigInteger(s1);
152     return padded;
153 }
154
155 // the padded message must be shorter than n. So we break the message up into
156 // subStrings that are n-1 digits long
157 public String[] breakup (BigInteger m){
158     int digitOfn = n.toString().length();
159     int numDigitInSub = digitOfn -1;
160     String x = m.toString();
161 // string x counts the length of the message, so especially in picture encryption,
162 // the computer knows when to stop
163     int digitsOfMessage = x.length();
164     int NumSubstrings = digitsOfMessage/numDigitInSub+2;

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159         if (digitsOfMessage/numDigitInSub*numDigitInSub == digitsOfMessage)
160             NumSubstrings -=1;
161         String [] subStrings = new String [NumSubstrings];
162         for(int i =0; i < NumSubstrings; i++){
163             subStrings[i] = "";
164         }
165         for(int i = 0; i < digitsOfMessage; i++){
166             int isub = i/numDigitInSub;
167             subStrings[isub] += x.charAt(i);
168         }
169 // the last string in array subStrings stores the length (in string) of the previous
170 // string.
171         int lengthOfLastString = subStrings[NumSubstrings-2].length();
172         subStrings[NumSubstrings-1]= Integer.toString(lengthOfLastString);
173         return subStrings;
174     }
175 // once the message is decrypted, it can be unpadding.
176     public String unpad (BigInteger m){
177         String s1 =m.toString();
178         int length = s1.length();
179 // since each character is padded into 3 digit long numbers, this sends every three
180 // digits in, so it can be unpadding into the original message
181         int numChar = length/3;
182         String c3;
183         int ascii;
184         String unpadding = "";
185         for (int i = 0; i < numChar; i++){
186             c3 = Character.toString(s1.charAt(3*i))
187                 + Character.toString(s1.charAt(3*i+1))
188                 + Character.toString(s1.charAt(3*i+2));
189 // after the three digits are read out, 100 is subtracted from that number to
190 // reverse that process used in padding
191             ascii = Integer.parseInt(c3)-100;
192 // the message is now unpadding
193             unpadding = unpadding+Character.toString((char) ascii);
194         }
195         return unpadding;
196     }
197 // now that the subStrings are unpadding, we must reverse the breakup process
198     public BigInteger combine(BigInteger [] message){
199         String combined = "";
200 // since the sub string is a big integer, if a substring starts with zero, the
201 // program will naturally get rid of it.
202         String zeros="";
203         int digitOfn = n.toString().length();
204 // this is used to see if numbers (zeros) are missing from the front
205 // of each substring.
206         int numofSubStrings = message.length;
207         for (int i = 0; i < numofSubStrings-2; i++){
208             zeros = "";
209 // the actualNumofDigits command counts the number of digits there are supposed to
210 // be i each substring. This is used to see how many zeros are missing.
211             int actualNumofDigits = message[i].toString().length();
212             int diffInDigit = digitOfn-1 - actualNumofDigits;
213             for (int j = 0; j < diffInDigit; j++ ) zeros = zeros+"0";
214             combined =combined+zeros+message[i].toString();
215         }

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211         int correctNumDigitOfLastSubString = message[numOfSubStrings-1].
                intValue();
212     int actualNumDigitOfLastSubString = message[numOfSubStrings-2].toString
        ().length();
213     int diffInDigit = correctNumDigitOfLastSubString -
        actualNumDigitOfLastSubString;
214     zeros = "";
215     // once it has figure out how many zeros are missing in the front, subString[i] adds
        those zeros back.
216     for (int i = 0; i < diffInDigit; i++) zeros = zeros+"0";
217     combined = combined + zeros+message[numOfSubStrings-2].toString();
218     BigInteger combinedBigInt = new BigInteger(combined);
219     return combinedBigInt;
220 }
221
222
223 /*
224  * Encryption of picture
225  */
226
227     public void encryptToPicture(String textFileName,
228         String inputPictureFileName, String outputPictureFileName,
                boolean showPic, boolean demo) {
229         String s = "";
230         String [] fromTxt;
231         if(demo) {
232             System.out.println("Please input a message to encrypt.\n");
233             fromTxt = new String [1];
234             fromTxt[0] = readFromTerminal();
235
236         } else {
237             fromTxt = readFormFile(textFileName);
238         }
239         long startTime = System.currentTimeMillis();
240         String pubKey [] = readFormFile("public.dat");
241         n =new BigInteger(pubKey[0]);
242         e =new BigInteger(pubKey[1]);
243         for(int i = 0; i < fromTxt.length-1; i++) s += fromTxt[i]+" \n";
244         s += fromTxt[fromTxt.length-1];
245         BigInteger m = pad(s);
246         String [] subStrings = breakup(m);
247         BigInteger [] encrypted = encrypt(subStrings);
248     // for output only
249         if(demo) {
250             System.out.println();
251             System.out.println("padded_message:\n");
252             String ms = m.toString();
253             for(int i = 0; i < ms.length(); i++){
254                 System.out.print(ms.charAt(i));
255                 if((i+1)%70 ==0) System.out.print("\n");
256             }
257             System.out.print("\n");
258             System.out.print("\n");
259             String encryptedNum = "";
260             if(demo) System.out.println("Encrypted_message:\n");
261             for(int i = 0; i < encrypted.length-1; i++){
262                 encryptedNum += encrypted[i].toString();
263             }
264             for(int i = 0; i < encryptedNum.length(); i++){

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265         System.out.print(encryptedNum.charAt(i));
266         if((i+1)%70 ==0) System.out.print("\n");
267     }
268     System.out.println();
269     System.out.println();
270 }
271 // for output only
272     Picture pc = embedMessageIntoPicture(inputPictureFileName,
        encrypted, showPic);
273     if(showPic) pc.show();
274     pc.save(outputPictureFileName);
275     String line = getElapsedTime(startTime);
276     System.out.println("Encryption done in " + line + ".");
277 }
278
279     public Picture embedMessageIntoPicture(String inputPictureName, BigInteger
        [] message, boolean showPic) {
280 //turn BigInteger[] message into array of strings
281         int arrayLength = message.length;
282         String[] encryptedString = new String[arrayLength];
283         String zeros = "";
284         String s1 = Integer.toString(arrayLength);
285 //The first section of s1 contains info about total length of message array.
286 //The number of digit of length of the array must not exceed the digitOfn.
287         int digitOfn = n.toString().length();
288         if(digitOfn < s1.length()) {
289             System.out.println("Error: n is too small. Make it at least "
                + arrayLength + " long.");
290             System.exit(0);
291         }
292         for (int j = 0; j < digitOfn - s1.length(); j++) zeros = zeros+"0";
293         s1 = zeros+s1;
294         for (int i = 0; i < arrayLength; i++) {
295             zeros = "";
296             encryptedString[i] = message[i].toString();
297             int encryptedStringLength = encryptedString[i].length();
298             int numOfNeededZeros = digitOfn - encryptedStringLength;
299             for (int j = 0; j < numOfNeededZeros; j++) zeros = zeros+"0";
300             encryptedString[i] = zeros + encryptedString[i];
301             s1 += encryptedString[i];
302         }
303         Picture picInput = new Picture(inputPictureName);
304         if(showPic) picInput.show();
305         int width = picInput.width();
306         int height = picInput.height();
307         Picture picOutput = new Picture(2*width,2*height);
308         int length = s1.length();
309         int count = 0;
310         int red1, red2, red3, green1, green2, green3, blue1, blue2, blue3;
311         for(int i = 0; i < width; i++){
312             for(int j= 0; j < height; j++){
313                 Color picx = picInput.get(i,j);
314                 int red = picx.getRed();
315                 int green = picx.getGreen();
316                 int blue = picx.getBlue();
317                 red3 = red2 = red1 = red;
318                 green3 = green2 = green1 = green;
319                 blue3 = blue2 = blue1 = blue;

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320
321         Color nc = new Color(red, green, blue);
322         // resizing the picture for encryption
323         picOutput.set(2*i,2*j,nc);
324         // Verifying the value is less than 245 so that the pixel's
           values will still be meaningful after embedding the message.
325         if(red < 245) {
326         // the message is now embedded into the corresponding three
           pixels from the original, similar for green and blue.
327             red1 = red + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(s1.
                 charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
328             red2 = red + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(s1.
                 charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
329             red3 = red + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(s1.
                 charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
330         }
331         if(green < 245) {
332             green1 = green + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
333             green2 = green + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
334             green3 = green + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
335         }
336         if(blue < 245) {
337             blue1 = blue + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
338             blue2 = blue + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
339             blue3 = blue + Integer.parseInt(Character.toString(
                 s1.charAt(Math.min(count++, length-1 ))));
340         }
341         Color nc1 = new Color(red1, green1, blue1);
342         Color nc2 = new Color(red2, green2, blue2);
343         Color nc3 = new Color(red3, green3, blue3);
344         picOutput.set(2*i+1,2*j,nc1);
345         picOutput.set(2*i,2*j+1,nc2);
346         picOutput.set(2*i+1,2*j+1,nc3);
347     }
348 }
349 return picOutput;
350 }
351
352 /*
353  * Decryption
354  */
355
356 // private.dat is a file that contains the information needed to decrypt that is NOT
           published publicly
357
358 public void decryptFromPicture(String inputPictureFileName, String
           outputTextFileName, boolean demo) {
359     String s[] = readFormFile("private.dat");
360     n = new BigInteger(s[0]);
361     d = new BigInteger(s[1]);
362 // the message is first extracted from the picture by subtracting the values of the
           three pixels from the original pixel value.
363     Picture encryptedPic = new Picture(inputPictureFileName);
364 // once the numbers are recovered, they will be decrypted, combined, and unpadding.

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365         BigInteger [] recoveredNum = extractMessageFromPicture(encryptedPic)
366         ;
367         BigInteger decrypted= decrypt(recoveredNum);
368         BigInteger combined = combine(decrypted);
369         String unpadding = unpad(combined);
370
371         if(demo) {
372             System.out.println ("\nn==\n" + n );
373             System.out.println ("\nd==\n" + d);
374             System.out.println ("\nDecrypted number:\n");
375             String ms = combined.toString();
376             for(int i = 0; i < ms.length(); i++){
377                 System.out.print(ms.charAt(i));
378                 // this will put 70 digits into a line, showing the decrypted number neatly
379                 if((i+1)%70 ==0) System.out.print("\n");
380             }
381             System.out.print("\n");
382         }
383
384         System.out.println("\nDecrypted message:\n\n" + unpadding);
385         if(outputTextFileName != null) writeToOutputFile(outputTextFileName, false
386             , unpadding );
387     }
388
389     // this program tells the decrypt how to extract the message from picture
390     public BigInteger [] extractMessageFromPicture(Picture fromPicture) {
391         int width = fromPicture.width() /2;
392         int height = fromPicture.height() /2;
393         int red1, red2, red3;
394         int green1, green2, green3;
395         int blue1, blue2, blue3;
396         String firstString = "";
397         int count =0;
398         int digitOfn = n.toString().length();
399         for(int i = 0; (i < width)&&(count < digitOfn); i++){
400             for(int j= 0; (j < height)&&(count < digitOfn); j++){
401                 Color picx0 = fromPicture.get(2*i,2*j);
402                 Color picx1 = fromPicture.get(2*i+1,2*j);
403                 Color picx2 = fromPicture.get(2*i,2*j+1);
404                 Color picx3 = fromPicture.get(2*i+1,2*j+1);
405                 int red0 = picx0.getRed();
406                 red3=red2=red1=red0;
407                 int green0 = picx0.getGreen();
408                 green3=green2=green1=green0;
409                 int blue0 = picx0.getBlue();
410                 blue3=blue2=blue1=blue0;
411                 if (red0 < 245 ){
412                     red1 = picx1.getRed();
413                     red2 = picx2.getRed();
414                     red3 = picx3.getRed();
415                     if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer
416                         .toString(red1-red0);
417                         count++;
418                     }
419                 }
420                 if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer
421                     .toString(red2-red0);
422                     count++;
423                 }
424             }
425         }
426     }

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419         if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer
420             .toString(red3-red0);
421             count++;
422         }
423     if (green0 < 245 ){
424         green1 = picx1.getGreen();
425         green2 = picx2.getGreen();
426         green3 = picx3.getGreen();
427         if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer
428             .toString(green1-green0);
429             count++;
430         }
431     if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer.
432         toString(green2-green0);
433         count++;
434     }
435     if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer.
436         toString(green3-green0);
437         count++;
438     }
439     if (blue0 < 245 ){
440         blue1 = picx1.getBlue();
441         blue2 = picx2.getBlue();
442         blue3 = picx3.getBlue();
443         if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer
444             .toString(blue1-blue0);
445             count++;
446         }
447     if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer.
448         toString(blue2-blue0);
449         count++;
450     }
451     if(count < digitOfn) {firstString += Integer.
452         toString(blue3-blue0);
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471         if (red0 < 245 ){
472             count++;
473             if(count > digitOfn) {
474                 red1 = picx1.getRed();
475                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
476                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
477                     ] +=Integer.toString(red1-red0);
478                 digit++;
479             }
480             red2 = picx2.getRed();
481             count++;
482             if(count > digitOfn) {
483                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
484                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
485                     ] +=Integer.toString(red2-red0);
486                 digit++;
487             }
488             red3 = picx3.getRed();
489             count++;
490             if(count > digitOfn) {
491                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
492                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
493                     ] +=Integer.toString(red3-red0);
494                 digit++;
495             }
496         }
497
498         if (green0 < 245 ){
499             green1 = picx1.getGreen();
500             count++;
501             if(count > digitOfn) {
502                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
503                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
504                     ] +=Integer.toString(green1-
505                         green0);
506                 digit++;
507             }
508             green2 = picx2.getGreen();
509             count++;
510             if(count > digitOfn) {
511                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
512                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
513                     ] +=Integer.toString(green2-
514                         green0);
515                 digit++;
516             }
517             green3 = picx3.getGreen();
518             count++;
519             if(count > digitOfn) {
520                 line = digit/(digitOfn);
521                 if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
522                     ] +=Integer.toString(green3-
523                         green0);
524                 digit++;
525             }
526         }
527
528         if (blue0 < 245 ){
529             blue1 = picx1.getBlue();
530             count++;

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521         if(count > digitOfn) {
522             line = digit/(digitOfn);
523             if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
                    ] +=Integer.toString(blue1-blue0)
                    ;
524             digit++;
525         }
526         blue2 = picx2.getBlue();
527         count++;
528         if(count > digitOfn) {
529             line = digit/(digitOfn);
530             if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
                    ] +=Integer.toString(blue2-blue0)
                    ;
531             digit++;
532         }
533         blue3=picx3.getBlue();
534         count++;
535         if(count > digitOfn) {
536             line = digit/(digitOfn);
537             if(line < numOfLines) extracted[line
                    ] +=Integer.toString(blue3-blue0)
                    ;
538             digit++;
539         }
540     }
541 }
542 }
543 BigInteger [ ] recoveredNum = new BigInteger[numOfLines];
544 for(int i = 0; i < numOfLines; i++){
545     recoveredNum[i]=new BigInteger(extracted[i]);
546 }
547 return recoveredNum;
548 }
549 }
550
551 // generate primes and calculate n, e, and, d.
552 public void setupRSA(boolean demo) {
553     if(demo) {
554         // during the demo, you can input your own numbers to create a prime.
555         System.out.println("\nPlease input the first number to generate a
                    prime.");
556         String n1 =readFromTerminal();
557         System.out.println("\nPlease input the second number to generate
                    another prime.");
558         String n2 = readFromTerminal();
559
560         // Add 1234 and 5678 to inputs and find next prime to ensure the numbers are large
                    enough to ensure n is, or longer than 6 digits.
561         p= new BigInteger(n1).add(new BigInteger("1234")).nextProbablePrime
                    ();
562         q= new BigInteger(n2).add(new BigInteger("5678")).nextProbablePrime
                    ();
563         // If demo is not selected, the code will use the default inputs below.
564     } else {
565         p = new BigInteger("
                    283938904804732743928794327984379327943279472309970147" +
                    "
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        ");  
q= new BigInteger ("  
    32789270923474832768974893278932748903740937290740327047320174092318  
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    7432870932789047382975983798576438765725486724726327187595743928574398  
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    " +  
    4835878579347594375743574385094385043590430909462575693470982754327245  
    ");  
}  
// calculation of n, e, and, d using p and q.  
p = p.nextProbablePrime();  
q = q.nextProbablePrime();  
if(q.equals(p)) q = p.nextProbablePrime();  
n = p.multiply(q);  
BigInteger one = new BigInteger("1");  
BigInteger two = new BigInteger("2");  
BigInteger pml = p.subtract(one);  
BigInteger qml = q.subtract(one);  
BigInteger phi = pml.multiply(qml);  
e = phi.divide(two).nextProbablePrime();  
if(e.compareTo(phi)==1) {  
    System.out.println("_p_and_q_are_too_small , _try_again.");  
    System.exit(0);  
}  
// do calculation to find d, phi(n), and e  
d = e.modInverse(phi);  
if(e.compareTo(d)==0) {  
    e = e.nextProbablePrime();  
    d = e.modInverse(phi);  
}  
String line = n.toString()+"\n" + d.toString();  
writeToFile("private.dat", false, line );  
  
line = n.toString()+"\n" + e.toString();  
writeToFile("public.dat", false, line );  
System.out.println ("");  
System.out.println ("Keys_generated.");  
if(demo) {  
    System.out.println ("");  
    System.out.println ("p=_" + p);  
    System.out.println ("q=_" + q);  
    System.out.println ("phi(n)="_ + phi);  
    System.out.println ("\nPrivate_key:");  
    System.out.println ("d=_" + d);  
  
    System.out.println ("\nPublic_keys:");  
    System.out.println ("n=_" + n);
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613         System.out.println ("\ne=\n" + e+"\n");
614     }
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617 }
618 // method of encrypting text
619     public BigInteger [] encrypt(String [] subStrings){
620         BigInteger [] encrypted = new BigInteger[subStrings.length];
621         for(int i = 0; i < subStrings.length; i++){
622             BigInteger m = new BigInteger(subStrings[i]);
623
624             encrypted[i] = m.modPow(e, n);
625         }
626         return encrypted;
627     }
628 // method of decrypting text
629     public BigInteger [] decrypt (BigInteger [] encrypted){
630         int numOfSubStrings =encrypted.length;
631         BigInteger [] decrypted = new BigInteger [numOfSubStrings];
632         for(int i = 0; i < numOfSubStrings; i+ ){
633             decrypted[i] = encrypted[i].modPow(d, n);
634         }
635         return decrypted;
636     }
637
638
639 // when cracking, the only information of the key is public, so we can only use what
        is listed in the "public.dat" folder
640     public void crack (){
641         String s [] = readFormFile(" public.dat");
642         n =new BigInteger(s[0]);
643         e =new BigInteger(s[1]);
644         BigInteger factor1 = factorize (n);
645         BigInteger factor2 = n.divide(factor1);
646         BigInteger phi = factor1.subtract( new BigInteger ("1")).multiply(
            factor2.subtract( new BigInteger ("1")));
647         System.out.println();
648         System.out.println("Cracked!\n" + n + "\n" + factor1 + "\n" +
            factor2);
649         BigInteger d = e.modInverse(phi);
650         String line = n.toString()+"\n" + d.toString();
651 // once the code has been cracked, the private data will be found, so we write this
        information to the "private.dat" folder
652         writeToFile("private.dat", false, line );
653     }
654
655     public BigInteger factorize(BigInteger input) {
656 //This method returns smallest factor of input.
657 // If input is a prime number, it returns 1.
658         long start = System.currentTimeMillis();
659         BigInteger zero = new BigInteger("0");
660         BigInteger prime = new BigInteger ("1");
661         BigInteger returnvalue = new BigInteger ("1");
662         int count = 0;
663         do {
664             count++;
665             prime = prime.nextProbablePrime();
666             if (input.mod(prime).compareTo(zero) == 0){
667                 returnvalue = prime;

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668         break;
669     }
670     if(count%300000==0) {
671         System.out.println("Tried_" + count/1000000.0 + "_
            million_prime_numbers_in_" + getElapsedTime(start)
            );
672     }
673     } while (prime.multiply(prime).compareTo(input) <0);
674     return returnvalue;
675 }
676
677 /*
678  * handy tools .....
679  *
680  */
681 // reads a file and runs it through the program to encrypt, decrypt, crack, etc.
682 public String readFromTerminal() {
683     BufferedReader bufferedReader = new BufferedReader(new
        InputStreamReader(System.in));
684     String s = "";
685     try {
686         s = bufferedReader.readLine();
687     } catch(IOException e) {
688         e.printStackTrace();
689         System.err.println("Error:_" + e.getMessage());
690     }
691     return s;
692 }
693 public String[] readFormFile(String filename) {
694     String [] read = new String[0];
695     try{
696 // Open the file that is the first command line parameter
697         FileInputStream fstream = new FileInputStream(
            filename);
698 // Get the object of DataInputStream
699         DataInputStream in = new DataInputStream(fstream);
700         BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new
            InputStreamReader(in));
701 // Read File Line By Line
702         int lines = 0;
703         while (br.readLine() != null) {
704             lines++;
705         }
706         in.close();
707         fstream.close();
708         FileInputStream fstream1 = new FileInputStream(
            filename);
709         DataInputStream in1 = new DataInputStream(fstream1
            );
710         BufferedReader br1 = new BufferedReader(new
            InputStreamReader(in1));
711         read = new String[lines];
712         for(int i =0; i<lines; i++) {
713             read [i] =br1.readLine();
714         }
715 // Stop reading the file.
716         in1.close();
717         fstream1.close();
718         }catch (Exception e){//Catch exception if any

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719         System.err.println("Error:_" + e.getMessage
720                               ());
721     }
722     return read;
723 }
724
725     public void writeToFile(String fileName, boolean append, String line
726     ) {
727         try {
728             PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter(new BufferedWriter(new
729                 FileWriter(fileName, append)));
730             pw.println(line);
731             pw.close();
732         } catch (IOException e) {
733             System.out.println(e.getLocalizedMessage());
734         }
735     }
736
737     // time how long it takes to perform the the selected operation
738     public String getElapsedTime(long start) {
739         String sfsec;
740         long timeDiff = 0;
741         long fsec = 0;
742         long seconds=0;
743         long minutes = 0;
744         long hours = 0;
745         timeDiff = System.currentTimeMillis() -start;
746         seconds = timeDiff/1000;
747         fsec = timeDiff-seconds*1000;
748         if(fsec<10) {
749             sfsec = "00"+fsec;
750         } else if (fsec <100) {
751             sfsec = "0"+fsec;
752         } else {
753             sfsec = ""+fsec;
754         }
755         if(seconds >= 60.0) {
756             minutes = (int) seconds /60;
757             seconds = seconds - minutes*60;
758             if(minutes >= 60) {
759                 hours = (int) minutes/60;
760                 minutes = minutes - hours*60;
761             }
762         }
763         String line = timeDiff/1000.0 + "_seconds";
764         if (minutes>0) line = minutes + "_minutes_" + seconds+"."+sfsec + "_
765             seconds_or_" + timeDiff/1000.0 + "_seconds";
766         if (hours>0) line = hours + "_hours_" + minutes + "_minutes_" + seconds+"."
767             "+sfsec + "_seconds_or_" + timeDiff/1000.0 + "_seconds";
768         return line;
769     }
770 }

```