

Math 312, lecture 16, 8/6/2018

Last time: Affine ciphers in $\{0, 1, \dots, 25\} = \{A, B, \dots, Z\}$:

$$E(P) = aP + b \pmod{26}$$

$$D(C) = \bar{a}(C - b) \pmod{26}$$

Today:

Block cipher: Group letters into blocks (eg. encoded as k -digit numbers to base 26, or vectors of length k)

Remind our selves: Key is the secret Alice & Bob know that allows Bob to decrypt the message (above the key is $(\bar{a}, -b)$)
 $\Leftrightarrow (a, b)$

Today: RSA

Key innovation: "public-key crypto": encryption key used by Alice is public.
(decryption key, used by Bob is secret)

Method: Bob chooses two large primes $(p \neq q)$
(current usage usually $p, q \sim 2^{2048} \sim 10^{600}$)

Bob sets $m = pq$, Bob chooses $d, e \pmod{\phi(m) = (p-1)(q-1)}$
s.t. $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$

Bob keeps (p, q, d) secret. Bob publishes (m, e)

↑
"secret key"
"decryption key".

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"public key"
"encryption key"

Message encoded as classes mod m
(actually ~~invert~~ invertible classes)

Encryption: $E(P) \equiv P^e \pmod{m}$

Decryption: $D(C) \equiv C^d \pmod{m}$

HW: $(P^e)^d \equiv P^{ed} \equiv P \pmod{m}$ since $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$
and (Euler's thm)

(If Eve can factor m , she can learn p, q thus $\phi(m)$ thus d)
 $P^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Example: $p=5, q=7, m=pq=35, \phi(m)=4 \cdot 6=24$
can take $d=7, e=7$ or $d=5, e=5$

Ex Encode 17, by repeated squaring.

(1) write $7 = 4 + 2 + 1 = 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0$ | $5 = 2^2 + 2^0$

(2) $17^7 = 17^4 \cdot 17^2 \cdot 17^1$ | $17^5 = 17^4 \cdot 17^1$

(3) $17^1 \equiv 17 \pmod{35}$

$17^2 \equiv 17 \cdot 17 = 289 \equiv 280 + 9 \equiv 9 \pmod{35}$ }

$17^4 = 17^{2 \cdot 2} = 17^2 \cdot 17^2 \equiv 9 \cdot 9 \equiv 81 \equiv 11 \pmod{35}$

(4) $17^7 \equiv 11 \cdot 9 \cdot 17 \equiv 99 \cdot 17 \equiv -6 \cdot 17 \equiv -102 \equiv 3 \pmod{35}$ | $17^5 \equiv 11 \cdot 17 \equiv 187 \equiv 175 + 12 \equiv 12 \pmod{35}$

repeated
squaring

So if $e=7$, $E(17) \equiv 3 \pmod{35}$

If $e=5$, $E(17) \equiv 12 \pmod{35}$

Example: $p^{100} = p^{64+32+4}$, compute $p, p^2, p^4 = (p^2)^2, p^8 = (p^4)^2$
 $p^{16} = (p^8)^2, p^{32} = (p^{16})^2, p^{64} = (p^{32})^2$

then mult $p^{100} = p^{64} \cdot p^{32} \cdot p^4$

Need only 8 multiplications, not 99 ($p^{100} = \underbrace{p \cdot p \cdot p \dots \cdot p}_{100}$)

Decryption: $3^7 \equiv 3^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3^1 \equiv (3^2)^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 3$

$$\equiv 3 \cdot 9 \cdot 81 \equiv 27 \cdot 11 \equiv -88 \equiv -18 \equiv 17 \pmod{35}$$

Aside: RSA is fast enough to work, $27 \equiv -8 \pmod{35}$
too slow for encrypting large amounts of data

Actually used to exchange keys for faster symmetric cipher

Another application: digital signatures

Encryption was based on $D(E(P)) = P$

But RSA also satisfies $E(D(C)) = C$.

Bob can prove "I am the person who can factor m ".

Bob choose a random number C , publishes $(C, D(C))$

i.e. (C, C^d) anyone can check: $(C^d)^e \equiv C \pmod{m}$

Bob can also sign messages: Bob has message P .

Bob can send the pair (P, P^d)

Alice can verify integrity of communications by checking if

$$(P^d)^e \equiv P \pmod{m}$$

These ideas depend on hardness of the discrete logarithm problem: given (C, C^d) hard to compute d .