

Problem 8.3

Why is $\gcd(n, n + 1) = 1$ for two consecutive integers n and $n + 1$?

Proof by contradiction - suppose $\gcd(n, n + 1) = p > 1$.

Then n is a multiple of p , so $n = a * p$ for some integer a .

Similarly, $n + 1 = b * p$ for some integer b .

Now the next multiple of p after n will be $(a + 1)p = n + p$, which is greater than $n + 1$.

We have:

$n = ap < n + 1 = bp < n + p = (a + 1)p$ Dividing everything by p we get

$a < b < a + 1$ meaning that b is an integer sandwiched between a and $a + 1$. This is impossible.

Problem 8.4

Using Fermats theorem, find $3^{201} \text{ mod } 11$.

11 is a prime, according to the corollary of Fermat's little theorem: $n^{p-1} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } p$.
 $3^{10} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } 11$. So for $3^{201} \equiv (3^{10} \dots 3^{10}) * 3 \text{ mod } 11 \equiv 3 \text{ mod } 11 = 3$.

Problem 8.20

Find all primitive roots of 25.

We know that 2 is a primitive root. The others are 2^i where i is relatively prime to $\phi(25) = 20$. So the primitive roots are $2, 2^3, 2^7, 2^9, 2^{11}, 2^{13}, 2^{17}$, and 2^{19} . Because $\phi(20) = \phi(4)\phi(5) = 2 * 4 = 8$. So $\{2, 2^3, 2^7, 2^9, 2^{11}, 2^{13}, 2^{17}\} \text{ mod } 25$. we can write all of them as 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 17, 22, 23.

Problem 9.2

Perform encryption and decryption using the RSA algorithm, as in Figure 9.5, for the following:

- a. $p = 3; q = 11, e = 7; M = 5$

For the given information, we first get $n = p * q = 33; \phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1) = 20$, thus the $C \equiv M^e \text{ mod } n = 14$;

$d \equiv e^{-1} \text{ mod } 20$ then we get $d = 3$. Therefore, $M \equiv c^d \text{ mod } n \equiv 14^3 \text{ mod } 33 = 5$.

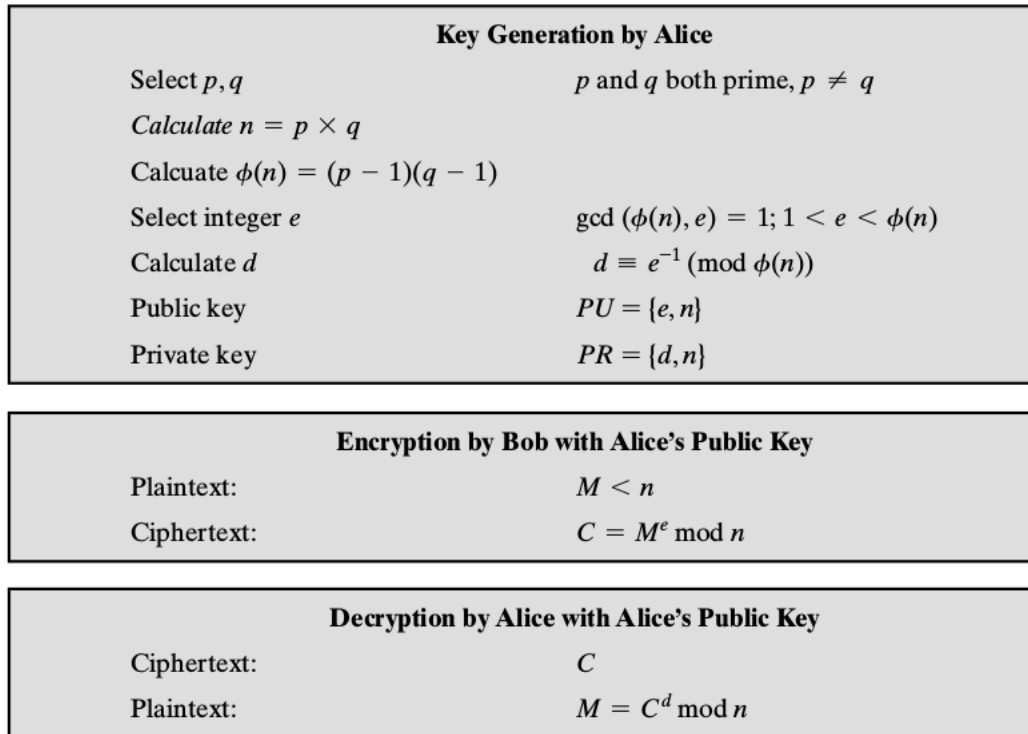


Figure 9.5 The RSA Algorithm

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In a public-key system using RSA, you intercept the ciphertext $C = 10$ sent to a user whose public key is $e = 5, n = 35$. What is the plaintext M ?

For $n = 35, p = 5, q = 7$, so $\phi(n) = 4 * 6 = 24$. $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{24}$. then $d = 5$, So the $M \equiv c^d \pmod{35} \equiv 10^5 \pmod{35} = 5$.

Problem 9.11

Ans:

3rd element, $4^k \pmod N \equiv (2^k)^2 \pmod N$, because it equals to the 1st squared,

5th element, because it equals to the product of 1st and 2nd

7th element, because it equals to the cube of 1st,

etc.

Problem 9.13

Consider the following scheme:

1. Pick an odd number, E .
2. Pick two prime numbers, P and Q , where $(P - 1)(Q - 1) - 1$ is evenly divisible by E .
3. Multiply P and Q to get N .
4. Calculate $D = \frac{(P-1)(Q-1)(E-1)+1}{E}$

Is this scheme equivalent to RSA? Show why or why not.

Yes. it is equivalent to RSA. For encryption $C = M^e \text{ mod } N$, where $N = (P - 1)(Q - 1)$. From the given information above, we know that $(P - 1)(Q - 1) - 1 = mE$. so we need to prove that $d \equiv e^{-1} \text{ mod } \phi(N)$. $E * D = (P - 1)(Q - 1)(E - 1) + 1 \text{ mod } (P - 1)(Q - 1) \equiv 1 \text{ mod } \phi(N)$. So it is equivalent as RSA.