

Public Key Cryptography

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- History
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 - ▶ Symmetric Key
 - ▶ Public Key



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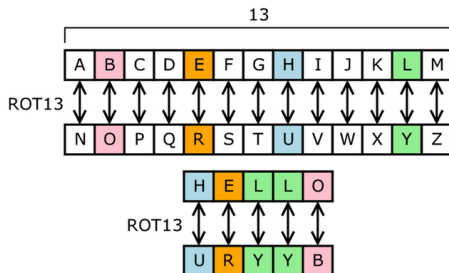


Figure: ROT13 (Type of Caesar Cipher)

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- ★ Popular encryption schemes used today include AES, Diffie-Hellman, RSA, Elliptic curve, and many more

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- ▶ Very recent development, beginning in the 1970's
- ▶ Popular public-key algorithms include
 - ★ Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
 - ★ Elgamal Encryption Scheme
 - ★ RSA Encryption

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For our purposes, we will be using the multiplicative group of units

$$\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$$

for p prime. Elgamal and RSA require the existence of inverses.

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Special Case

Now let's look at the special case when $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n = p \cdot q$ for p, q prime. This gives us

$$\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$$

This will be of particular use when doing the RSA algorithm.

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Remark: For the RSA we will need to solve the equation $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

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Using machinery from abstract algebra, we can identify x as being $x \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$ and since

$$\#(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^* = \phi(n)$$

we can employ Lagrange's Theorem. By Lagrange's Theorem, the order of x divides $\phi(n)$. Say $\phi(n) = |x| * k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

$$x^{\phi(n)} \equiv x^{|x| * k} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

which is the desired result. □

Note: Euler's Theorem is used in the proof of the RSA encryption algorithm.

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange (1976)

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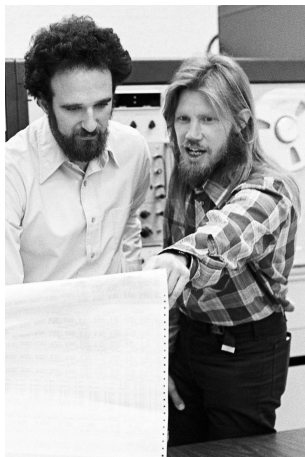


Figure: Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman
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The correctness of the algorithm is fairly obvious. Commutativity in \mathbb{Z}_p^* follows from commutativity in \mathbb{Z} . □

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Example of DHKE in SageMath

Remember, $\{p, g, A, B\}$ below are public, while $\{n, m\}$ are private.

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In [96]: bitSize = 2^20 # The bit size of p
In [97]: p = next_prime(ZZ.random_element(1, bitSize)); p # This is the modulus (public)
Out[97]: 136811
In [98]: g = Integers(p).multiplicative_generator(); g # Primitive element (public)
Out[98]: 2
In [99]: g.multiplicative_order()
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In [100]: n = ZZ.random_element(1, p) ; n # This is Alice's Key (private)
Out[100]: 82089
In [101]: m = ZZ.random_element(1, p) ; m # This is Bob's key (private)
Out[101]: 90529
In [102]: A = Mod(g^n, p); A # Alice sends this to Bob (public)
Out[102]: 132163
In [103]: B = Mod(g^m, p); B # Bob sends this to Alice (public)
Out[103]: 135216
In [104]: Mod((g^n)^m, p) # This is the shared secret key
Out[104]: 14437
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Let's look at a live demo with a larger bit length.

How to Break DHKE

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Note: If we can solve the DLP, then we can easily break the DHKE. There are several classical (non quantum) algorithms we mention below.

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- **Pollard's Rho Method for Logarithms**

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● Man in the Middle Attack

- ▶ Eve intercepts Alice's g^n and Bob's g^m
- ▶ Eve sends Alice and Bob g^t and now acts as the middleman
- ▶ The two private keys are now $g^{n \cdot t}$ and $g^{m \cdot t}$ using Eve's integer t
- ▶ From now on, Eve is able to intercept, decrypt, and change the messages in subtle ways

List of Records for solving the DLP

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrete_logarithm_records

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Elgamal Encryption Scheme (1985)

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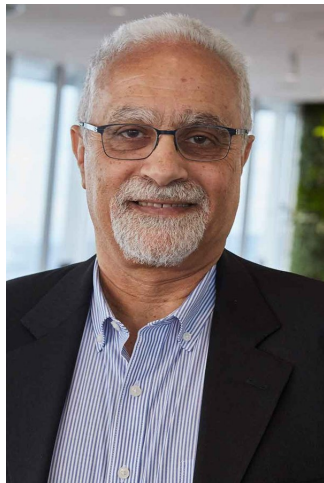


Figure: Taher Elgamal Image:

<https://evolutionequity.com/team/taher-elgamal>

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$$c \equiv m \cdot s \equiv 26 \cdot 16 \equiv 10 \pmod{29}$$

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Example of Elgamal in SageMath

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RSA Encryption - Rivest, Shamir, Adleman (1977)

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Figure: Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir, and Leonard Adleman Image: <https://cdn.firespring.com/images/bf650823-bb00-4999-ad53-30b967fe948d.jpg>

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Implementation of the RSA Encryption Scheme.

```
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        n = p*q
        phi_n = (p-1)*(q-1)

        while True:
            e = ZZ.random_element(1, phi_n)
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        d = lift(Mod(e, phi_n)^(-1))
        return e, d, n, p, q, phi_n

In [35]: def encrypt(m, e, n):
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List of Records for factoring RSA numbers

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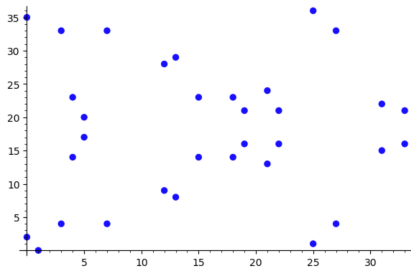
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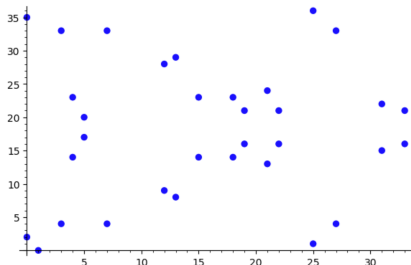


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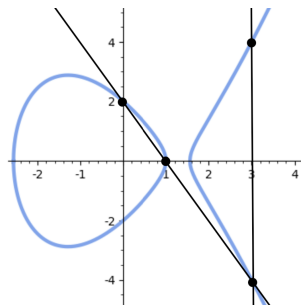
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Thank you, I hope you all stay safe and well!

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