

The RSA algorithm:

The RSA (The Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) scheme is a block cipher in which the plaintext and ciphertext are integers between 0 and $n - 1$ for some n . A typical size for n is 1024 bits, or 309 decimal digits. That is, n is less than 2^{1024} .

Description of the Algorithm

The scheme developed by Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman makes use of an expression with exponentials.

Plaintext is encrypted in blocks, with each block having a binary value less than some number n . That is, the block size must be less than or equal to $\log_2(n)$; in practice, the block size is i bits, where $2^i < n < 2^{i+1}$. Encryption and decryption are of the following form, for some plaintext block M and ciphertext block C :

$$C = M^e \bmod n$$

$$M = C^d \bmod n = (M^e)^d \bmod n = M^{ed} \bmod n$$

Both sender and receiver must know the value of n . The sender knows the value of e , and only the receiver knows the value of d . Thus, this is a public-key encryption algorithm with a public key of $PU = \{e, n\}$ and a private key of $PU = \{d, n\}$. For this algorithm to be satisfactory for public-key encryption, the following requirements must be met:

- 1- It is possible to find values of e, d, n such that $M^{ed} \bmod n = M$ for all $M < n$.
- 2- It is relatively easy to calculate $M^e \bmod n$ and C^d for all values of $M < n$.
- 3- It is infeasible to determine d given e and n .

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We are now ready to state the RSA scheme. The ingredients are the following:

- p, q , two prime numbers (private, chosen)
- $n = pq$ (public, calculated)
- e , with $\text{gcd}(\phi(n), e) = 1; 1 < e < \phi(n)$ (public, chosen)
- $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$ (private, calculated)

Figure 11.1 illustrates The RSA Algorithm.

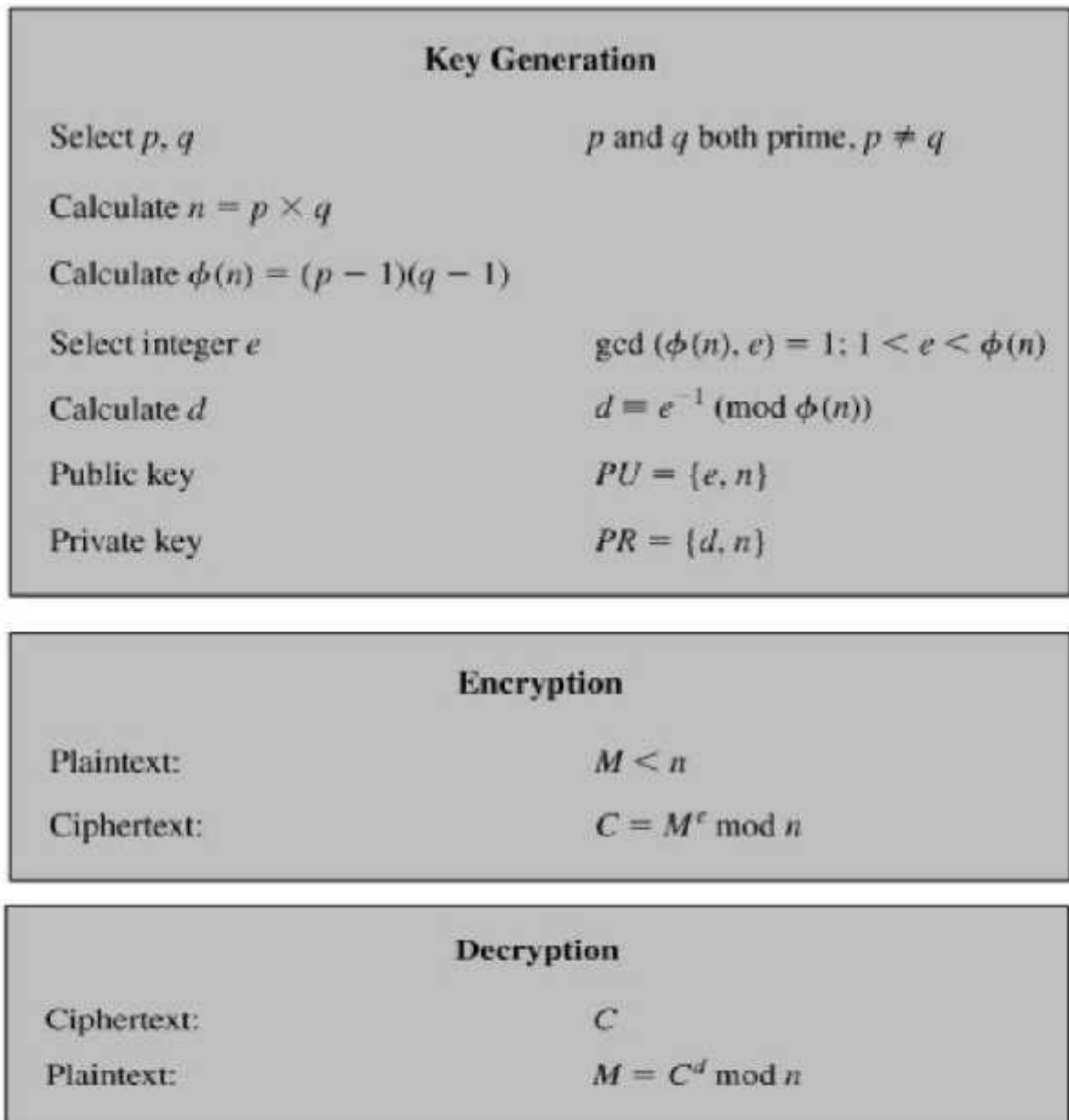


Figure 11.1. The RSA Algorithm

Ex:

- Choose $p = 3$ and $q = 11$
- Compute $n = p * q = 3 * 11 = 33$
- Compute $(n) = (p - 1) * (q - 1) = 2 * 10 = 20$
- Choose e such that $1 < e < (n)$ and e and n are prime.

Let $e = 7$

- Compute a value for d such that $(d * e) \bmod (n) = 1$. One solution is

$$d = 3 \text{ because } [(3 * 7) \bmod 20 = 1]$$

- Public key is $\{e, n\} = \{7, 33\}$
- Private key is $\{d, n\} = \{3, 33\}$

For encryption :

The plain text(Message) =2

The cipher text = $2^7 \bmod 33$

$$C = 29$$

For decryption :

$$C=29$$

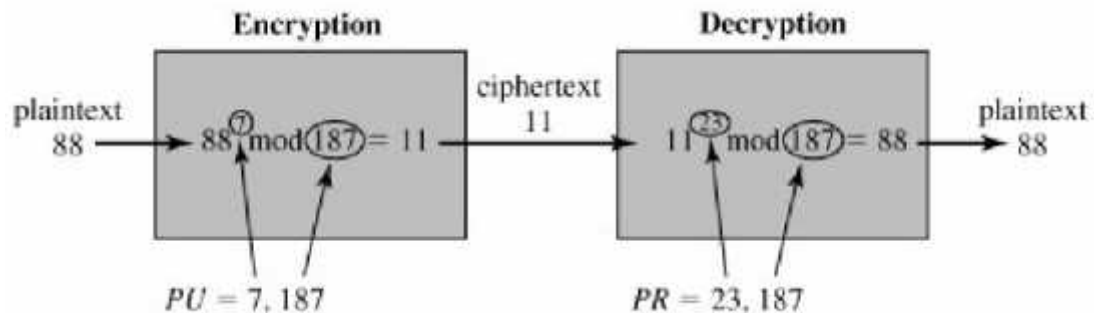
The plain text = $29^3 \bmod 33$

$$P = 2$$

Ex:

- Select two prime numbers, $p = 17$ and $q = 11$.
- Calculate $n = pq = 17 \times 11 = 187$.
- Calculate $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1) = 16 \times 10 = 160$.
- Select e such that e is relatively prime to $\phi(n) = 160$ and less than $\phi(n)$ we choose $e = 7$.
- Determine d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{160}$ and $d < 160$. The correct value is $d = 23$, because $23 \times 7 = 161 = 10 \times 160 + 1$.

The resulting keys are public key $PU = \{7, 187\}$ and private key $PR = \{23, 187\}$.



The example shows the use of these keys for a plaintext input of $M = 88$.

For encryption, we need to calculate $C = 88^7 \pmod{187}$.

Exploiting the properties of modular arithmetic, we can do this as follows:

$$88^7 \pmod{187} = [(88^4 \pmod{187}) \times (88^2 \pmod{187}) \times (88^1 \pmod{187})] \pmod{187}$$

$$88^1 \pmod{187} = 88$$

$$88^2 \pmod{187} = 7744 \pmod{187} = 77$$

$$88^4 \pmod{187} = 59,969,536 \pmod{187} = 132$$

$$88^7 \pmod{187} = (88 \times 77 \times 132) \pmod{187} = 894,432 \pmod{187} = 11$$

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For decryption, we calculate $M = 11^{23} \bmod 187$:

$$11^{23} \bmod 187 = [(11^1 \bmod 187) \times (11^2 \bmod 187) \times (11^4 \bmod 187) \times (11^8 \bmod 187) \times (11^8 \bmod 187)] \bmod 187$$

$$11^1 \bmod 187 = 11$$

$$11^2 \bmod 187 = 121$$

$$11^4 \bmod 187 = 14,641 \bmod 187 = 55$$

$$11^8 \bmod 187 = 214,358,881 \bmod 187 = 33$$

$$11^{23} \bmod 187 = (11 \times 121 \times 55 \times 33 \times 33) \bmod 187 = 79,720,245 \bmod 187 = 88$$