## Yet Another RSA attack

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#### Let L be a security parameter

- 1. Alice picks two primes p, q of length L and computes N = pq.
- 2. Alice computes  $\phi(N) = \phi(pq) = (p-1)(q-1)$ . Denote by R
- 3. Alice picks an  $e \in \{\frac{R}{3}, \dots, \frac{2R}{3}\}$  that is relatively prime to R. Alice finds d such that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{R}$ .
- 4. Alice broadcasts (N, e). (Bob and Eve both see it.)
- 5. Bob: To send  $m \in \{1, \ldots, N-1\}$ , send  $m^e \pmod{N}$ .
- 6. If Alice gets  $m^e \pmod{N}$  she computes

$$(m^e)^d \equiv m^{ed} \equiv m^{ed \mod R} \equiv m^{1 \mod R} \equiv m$$

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## Recap of What We've Done So Far

We did

- 1. Concrete example with Zelda sending to 2 people.
- 2. Concrete example with Zelda sending to 3 people.
- 3. General case with Zelda sending to 2 people.

We did not do

- 1. General case with Zelda Sending to 3 people.
- 2. General case with Zelda Sending to L people.

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Work on the *L*-case is with your neighbor.

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Your thoughts on this? What you should be thinking Bill, do an example!

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1. Find  $x_1, x_2$  such that  $35x_1 + 100x_2 = 5$  (5 is GCD of 35 and 100)

 $35 \times 3 - 100 = 5$ 

2. Find  $y_1, y_2$  such that  $5y_1 + 126y_2 = 1$ 

 $-25 \times 5 + 126 = 1$ 

3.

$$-25 \times (35 \times 3 - 100) + 126 = 1$$

 $-75 \times 35 + 25 \times 100 + 1 \times 126 = 1$ 

Note This is diff sol then got earlier. There are many solutions.

## Algorithm for $x_1, x_2, x_3$

1. Input  $e_1, e_2, e_3$ 

4.

2. Find  $y_1, y_2$  such that  $e_1y_1 + e_2y_2 = d$  where  $d = \text{GCD}(e_1, e_2)$ .

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# Another Attack: Factoring Algorithms

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## Factoring Algorithm Ground Rules

- We only consider algorithms that, given N, find a non-trivial factor of N.
- We measure the run time as a function of lg N which is the length of the input. We may use L for this.
- ▶ We count +, -, ×, ÷ as ONE step. A more refined analysis would count them as (lg x)<sup>2</sup> steps where x is larger number you are dealing with.
- We leave out the O-of but always mean O-of
- We leave out the *expected time* but always mean it. Our algorithms are randomized.
- I will just give one factoring algorithm now since its point is more advice for Alice and Bob. Will give others later.

Multiplication HS Algorithm is  $\lg x^2$  time. Tell Kolmogorov story.

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# Pollard's p - 1 Algorithm for Factoring (1974)

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▶ The GCD might be 1 or *N*. Thats okay- we can try another *a*.

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How could we not get a non-trivial factor?

- $GCD(a^M 1, N) = 1$ . So p 1 does not divide M. M needs to have more factors in it.
- $\operatorname{GCD}(a^M 1, N) = N$ . So  $a^M 1$  has p 1 and  $\frac{N}{p-1}$  in it. Need *M* to have less factors.

Want M to have lots of small factors so avoids prob 1. Want M to have not so many factors so avoids prob 2.

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- ▶ If *B* is big then gets lots of factors.
- ▶ If *B* is small then do not get that many factors.
- Goldilocks Problem–want B that is just right.
- Can't quite do that. Instead we try a B and then adjust it.

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#### In Practice

A rule-of-thumb in practice is to take  $B \sim N^{1/6}$ .

- 1. Fairly big so the M will be big enough.
- 2. Run time  $N^{1/6}(\log N)^3$  pretty good, though still exp in log N.
- 3. Warning This does not mean we have an  $N^{1/6}(\log N)^3$  algorithm for factoring. It only means we have that if p-1 has all factors  $\leq N^{1/6}$ .

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