

Hausübungen zur Vorlesung

Kryptanalyse I

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Abgabe bis: 21. May 12:00 Uhr, Kasten NA/02

**Aufgabe 1** (5 Punkte):

**Why not to choose primes close to  $\sqrt{N}$  for RSA.**

Assume one of the RSA primes is close to  $\sqrt{N}$ :  $|p - \sqrt{N}| < \sqrt[4]{N}$ . Show how to factor  $N$  in polynomial time.

*Hint.* You might want to use the following fact: for  $N = pq$ ,  $N = \left(\frac{p+q}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{p-q}{2}\right)^2$ . Note that the first summand is  $\approx \sqrt{N}$ , while the second one is small.

**Aufgabe 2** (8 Punkte):

**Why not to share  $N$  among several users in RSA.** Give a probabilistic polynomial time algorithm that finds a non-trivial divisor of  $N$ , having as input an RSA key-pair  $(e, d)$ .

**Aufgabe 3** (5 Punkte):

**Meet-in-the middle on El-Gamal.** Given an El-Gamal ciphertext  $(\alpha^r, \alpha^{rx}m)$  for the message  $m$ , where  $\langle \alpha \rangle = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , give a meet-in-the-middle type of attack on either  $r, x$  or  $m$ . Explain your choice and give a complexity estimate for your attack.

**Aufgabe 4** (7 Punkte):

In this exercise, you will develop and analyze an algorithm to evaluate a polynomial  $f(x)$ , of degree less than  $n = 2^k$  in  $n$  points  $u_1, \dots, u_n$  in  $\mathcal{O}(n \log^2 n)$  time using  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(n)$  memory:

1. Show that  $f(x) \bmod (x - c) = f(c)$  for some constant  $c$ ;
2. Let us define polynomials

$$P_{i,j} = \prod_{l=0}^{2^i-1} (x - u_{j \cdot 2^{i+l}}), \quad 0 < i < k, \quad 0 < j < 2^{k-i}$$

whence

$$P_{0,j} = (x - u_j), \quad 0 < j < k.$$

Show that

$$P_{i+1,j} = P_{i,2j} \cdot P_{i,2j+1}.$$

Show how to construct all  $P_{i,j}$  in time  $\mathcal{O}(\text{Mul}(n) \log n)$ , where  $\text{Mul}(n)$  is time to multiply two polynomials of degree  $n$ .

- Using the construction from above and 1., devise a recursive algorithm that computes  $f(u_1), \dots, f(u_n)$ . What is the running time?

### Aufgabe 5 (10 Punkte):

**Programming assignment: Bleichenbacher attack.** Here is another version of an adaptive CCA-attack on the RSA cryptosystem published in [1] on PKCS # 1. The weakness was hidden in the way the RSA formatted an input message : for a modulus  $N < 2^{8k}$  of  $k$  bytes and a message  $m < 2^{8k-11}$ , the encryption block  $EB = 00\|02\|\text{padding}\|00\|m$  is formed, where **padding** has 8 bytes size. Decryption succeeds if and only if the underlying plaintext is of this special form (called PKCS conformed), otherwise the error is return.

Observe, that given a ciphertext  $c^*$  (assume it is a proper ciphertext and the corresponding plaintext is PKCS conformed), you can multiply it by any other ciphertext  $c_0 = m_0^e \bmod N$  and check whether  $c_0 \cdot c^* \bmod N$  is PKCS conform or not. Once you found  $c_0$  s.t.  $c_0 \cdot c^* \bmod N$  is PKCS conformed, you can deduce some partial information on bytes of the challenge  $c^*$ .

In this homework, we simplify the task slightly, preserving the idea of the attack. Here, you are given an access to the oracle that checks the *Most Significant Bit* of the plaintext (for a given ciphertext) and answers ‘Conform’ if  $\text{MSB}(\text{dec}(c)) == 1$ . Note that now you are not allowed to query the decryption oracle, but the ability to extract just a bit of information is enough for the total break.

As in HW1, you will find  $N, e, c^*$  in ‘params.txt’. The file ‘dec.o’ provides

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bool IfConform (mpz_t c)
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and return 1 if  $\text{MSB}(m = \text{dec}(c)) == 1$ , otherwise 0.

Your task is to find  $m = \text{Dec}(c^*)$ . You can follow the instructions from HW1. Submit your code!

Note: if you encounter numerical instabilities while getting *all* the bits, submit your code with a partial output.

## Literatur

- [1] Daniel Bleichenbacher, Chosen Ciphertext Attacks Against Protocols Based on the RSA Encryption Standard PKCS1, 1998