

RSA

Key generation

1. Select two prime numbers $p, q, p < q < 2p, p = O(2^{1024})$
2. Compute $n = p * q, \phi(n) = (p - 1) * (q - 1)$
3. Select e such that $\gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$. Practice $e = 2^{16} + 1$
4. Compute d such that $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

Public key: (e, n) Private key: d

Encryption

$$c \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$$

Decryption

$$m \equiv c^d \pmod{n}$$

Why does it work?

$$\begin{aligned} c^d \pmod{n} &\equiv (m^e)^d \pmod{n} \equiv m^{ed} \pmod{n} \\ ed &\equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)} \Rightarrow ed = k\phi(n) + 1 \\ c^d \pmod{n} &\equiv m^{ed} \pmod{n} \equiv m^{k\phi(n)+1} \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv m * m^{k\phi(n)} \pmod{n} \equiv m * (m^{\phi(n)})^k \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv m * 1^k \pmod{n} \equiv m \end{aligned}$$

$$3^{12} = (3^2)^6 = \left((3^2)^2\right)^3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{\frac{x}{\ln x}} = 1$$

For large numbers $\pi(x) \approx \frac{x}{\ln x}$

What is the probability of x being a prime number?

$$\frac{\pi(x)}{x} = \frac{\frac{x}{\ln x}}{x} = \frac{\frac{x}{\ln x}}{\frac{x}{1}} = \frac{x}{x \ln x} = \frac{1}{\ln x}$$

What is the probability of a random number with 1024 bits being a prime number?

$$\frac{1}{\ln 2^{1024}} = \frac{1}{1024 \ln 2} \approx \frac{1}{1024}$$