

# TP 1: the RSA algorithm

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## 1 Attack on variants of RSA

### 1.1 Secret modulus

Assume that Alice wants to keep her RSA modulus  $N$  secret to everybody except to Bob. Alice uses  $e = 3$  as public exponent. To encrypt a message  $m$ , Bob computes  $c = m^3 \pmod N$  and sends  $c$  to Alice. Assume that Eve gets  $c_1 = m_1^3 \pmod N$  and  $c_2 = m_2^3 \pmod N$  and already knows  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ ; explain how Eve can recover  $N$ .

### 1.2 Common modulus

Assume that Alice and Bob want to share the same modulus  $N$  but use different public exponent. Alice uses  $e_A = 3$  and Bob uses  $e_B = 5$ . Let  $d_A$  and  $d_B$  be the corresponding private exponents. Explain how Alice can recover  $d_B$  from  $d_A$ .

### 1.3 Common modulus, cont.

Assume that Alice and Bob want to share the same modulus  $N$  but use different public exponent. Alice uses  $e_A = 3$  and Bob uses  $e_B = 5$ . Now Charlie wants to encrypt a message  $m$  for Alice and Bob. He sends:

$$c_A = m^3 \pmod N$$

to Alice and

$$c_B = m^5 \pmod N$$

to Bob. Explain how Eve can recover  $m$  from  $N$ ,  $c_A$  and  $c_B$ .

### 1.4 Implementation

Download and install the NTL number theory library available at [www.shoup.net](http://www.shoup.net). Check that the previous attacks work by implementing them with NTL.