

Public-key cryptography

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Part II:

Factorization

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Sage scripts for some algorithms,
joint work with Heninger:

facthacks.cr.yp.to

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using primes 2, 3, 5, 7:

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Pick $\alpha \in \mathbf{C}$, root of f .

Then $f_d \alpha$ is a root of
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Choose f with some randomness
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Compute $\gcd\{c, S\}$ where $S = (\rho_1 - \rho_2)(\rho_2 - \rho_4) \cdots (\rho_z - \rho_{2z})$.

How big does z have to be for all primes $\leq y$ to divide S ?

Plausible conjecture: $y^{1/2+o(1)}$; so $y^{1/2+o(1)}$ mults mod c .

Reason: Consider first collision in $\rho_1 \bmod p, \rho_2 \bmod p, \dots$
 If $\rho_i \bmod p = \rho_j \bmod p$
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 for $k \in (j - i)\mathbf{Z} \cap [i, \infty] \cap [j, \infty]$.

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has prime divisors

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These divisors include

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Notation: $a \bmod b$

e.g. $n = 8597231$

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$$2^{55} \bmod n = 1871$$

$$2^{110} \bmod n = 1871$$

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