

► **Agenda:** explore RSA [8] via

1. an “in theory”, i.e., design-oriented perspective, and
2. an “in practice”, i.e., implementation-oriented perspective,
 - 2.1 multi-precision (or “big”) integer arithmetic,
 - 2.2 exponentiation,
 - 2.3 modular multiplication.

► **Caveat!**

~ 2 hours \Rightarrow introductory, and (very) selective (versus definitive) coverage.

Part 1: in theory (1)

- Recall: the RSA primitive can be used as
 - an asymmetric encryption scheme
 - 1. generation of a public and private key pair: given a security parameter λ

$\text{RSA.KeyGen}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{select random } \frac{\lambda}{2}\text{-bit primes } p \text{ and } q \\ 2 & \text{compute } N = p \cdot q \\ 3 & \text{compute } \Phi(N) = (p - 1) \cdot (q - 1) \\ 4 & \text{select random } e \in \mathbb{Z}_N^* \text{ such that } \gcd(e, \Phi(N)) = 1 \\ 5 & \text{compute } d = e^{-1} \pmod{\Phi(N)} \\ 6 & \text{return public key } (N, e) \text{ and private key } (N, d) \end{cases}$

- 2. encryption of a plaintext $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$:

$$c = \text{RSA.ENC}((N, e), m) = m^e \pmod{N}$$

- 3. decryption of a ciphertext $c \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$:

$$m = \text{RSA.DEC}((N, d), c) = c^d \pmod{N}$$

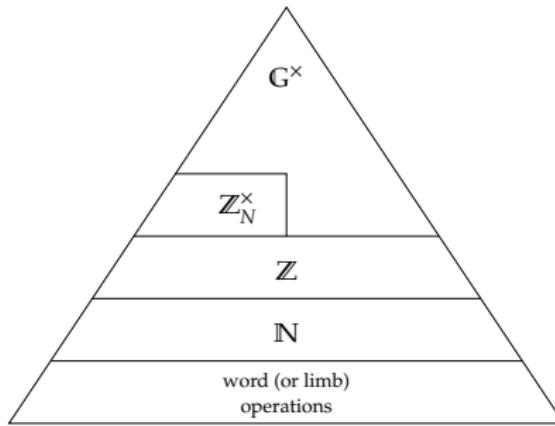
- a digital signature scheme: (very) roughly, we just set

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{RSA.SIG} & \simeq & \text{RSA.DEC} \\ \text{RSA.VER} & \simeq & \text{RSA.ENC} \end{array}$$

Part 2: in practice (1)

► Challenge:

- given a functionality “stack”, i.e.,



bridge gap between what we have (bottom) and want (top),

- an **implementation strategy** for doing so must consider many

- goals : parameter set, functionality, ...
 - metrics : latency, throughput, memory footprint, ...
 - constraints : hardware versus software, data-path width, ...
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Part 2.1: in practice (1)

► Problem:

- we want to represent and perform operations on integers, i.e., elements of

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, +1, +2, +3, \dots\},$$

- a micro-processor equipped with a w -bit word size approximates \mathbb{Z} using an appropriate data type; e.g., in C we get

$$\begin{array}{llllllllll} w & = & 8 & \rightsquigarrow & \text{char} & \simeq & \text{int8_t} & \mapsto & \{ & -2^7, \dots, 0, \dots, +2^7 - 1 \} \\ w & = & 16 & \rightsquigarrow & \text{short} & \simeq & \text{int16_t} & \mapsto & \{ & -2^{15}, \dots, 0, \dots, +2^{15} - 1 \} \\ w & = & 32 & \rightsquigarrow & \text{int} & \simeq & \text{int32_t} & \mapsto & \{ & -2^{31}, \dots, 0, \dots, +2^{31} - 1 \} \end{array}$$

- the magnitude of some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ can be much larger than a w -bit word.

► Solution:

1. a data structure to represent x , and
2. algorithms to operate on instances of said data structure.

Part 2.1: in practice (2)

► Idea:

1. represent x using a base- b expansion

$$\hat{x} = \langle \hat{x}_0, \hat{x}_1, \dots, \hat{x}_{n-1} \rangle$$

$$\mapsto x$$

$$= \pm \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{x}_i \cdot b^i$$

where each $\hat{x}_i \in X = \{0, \dots, b - 1\}$,

2. select $b = 2^w$ such that

- each \hat{x}_i is termed a **limb**,
- we can represent an $x \gg 2^w$, and
- digits of x can be dealt with conveniently by the processor.

Part 2.1: in practice (3)

► Idea:

1. represent $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^w - 1\}$ using an instance of

```
typedef uint32_t limb_t;
```

2. represent $x \in \mathbb{N}$ using an array

```
limb_t x[ l_x ]
```

or a pointer to such an array, e.g.,

```
limb_t* x
```

plus an associated length `l_x`.

3. represent $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ using an instance of

Listing

```
1 typedef struct __mpz_t {  
2     limb_t d[ MPZ_LIMB_MAX ];  
3  
4     int    l;  
5     int    s;  
6 } mpz_t;
```

where

- $x.d$ is a fixed-size array of limbs representing the magnitude of x ,
- $x.l$ is the number limbs used within $x.d$, and
- $x.s$ is the sign of x .

Part 2.1: in practice (5)

Algorithms for $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^w - 1\}$

- ▶ Step #1: limb-focused operations, e.g., “multiply-accumulate with carry”.

- ▶ the idea is to support computation of

$$r_1 \cdot 2^w + r_0 = t \leftarrow e \cdot f + g + h,$$

- ▶ for $b = 2^w$, the result r has at most $2 \cdot w$ bits because

$$(2^w - 1) \cdot (2^w - 1) + (2^w - 1) + (2^w - 1) = 2^{2w} - 1 < 2^{2 \cdot w},$$

Part 2.1: in practice (5)

Algorithms for $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^w - 1\}$

- Step #1: limb-focused operations, e.g., “multiply-accumulate with carry”.

Listing

```
1 #define LIMB_MUL2(r_1,r_0,e,f,g,h) { \
2     dlimb_t __t = ( dlimb_t )( e ) * \
3                 ( dlimb_t )( f ) + \
4                 ( dlimb_t )( g ) + \
5                 ( dlimb_t )( h ) ; \
6 \
7     r_0 =     ( limb_t )( __t >> 0 ); \
8     r_1 =     ( limb_t )( __t >> BITSOF( limb_t ) ); \
9 }
```

Part 2.1: in practice (5)

Algorithms for $x \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^w - 1\}$

- Step #1: limb-focused operations, e.g., “multiply-accumulate with carry”.

Listing

```
1 #define LIMB_MUL2(r_1,r_0,e,f,g,h) {      \
2     asm( "movl %2,%eax ; mull %3          ; \
3           addl %4,%eax ; adcl $0,%edx ; \
4           addl %5,%eax ; adcl $0,%edx ; \
5           movl %%eax,%0 ; movl %%edx,%1 ;" \
6           \
7           : "&g" (r_0), "&g" (r_1)          \
8           : "1" (e),      "r" (f),          \
9           "r" (g),      "0" (h)          \
10          : "%eax", "%edx", "cc"        ); \
11 }
```

Part 2.1: in practice (7)

Algorithms for $x \in \mathbb{N}$

- ▶ Step #2: \mathbb{N} -focused operations, e.g., “long multiplication”.

- ▶ the idea is to support computation of

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & = & 6 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\ y & = & 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \\ p_0 = 7 \cdot 3 & = & \hline & 2 & 1 \\ p_1 = 7 \cdot 2 & = & 1 \quad 4 \\ p_2 = 7 \cdot 6 & = & 4 \quad 2 \\ p_3 = 6 \cdot 3 & = & 1 \quad 8 \\ p_4 = 6 \cdot 2 & = & 1 \quad 2 \\ p_5 = 6 \cdot 6 & = & 3 \quad 6 \\ p_6 = 5 \cdot 3 & = & 1 \quad 5 \\ p_7 = 5 \cdot 2 & = & 1 \quad 0 \\ p_8 = 5 \cdot 6 & = & 3 \quad 0 \\ c & = & \hline 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ r & = & 3 & 5 & 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{array} \times$$

- ▶ the result r has at most $l_x + l_y$ limbs.

Part 2.1: in practice (7)

Algorithms for $x \in \mathbb{N}$

- Step #2: \mathbb{N} -focused operations, e.g., “long multiplication”.

Algorithm (\mathbb{N} -MUL)

Input: Two unsigned, base- b integers x and y
Output: An unsigned, base- b integer $r = x \cdot y$

```
1  $l_x \leftarrow |x|, l_y \leftarrow |y|, l_r \leftarrow l_x + l_y$ 
2  $r \leftarrow 0$ 
3 for  $j = 0$  upto  $l_y - 1$  step +1 do
4    $c \leftarrow 0$ 
5   for  $i = 0$  upto  $l_x - 1$  step +1 do
6      $u \cdot b + v = t \leftarrow y_j \cdot x_i + r_{j+i} + c$ 
7      $r_{j+i} \leftarrow v$ 
8      $c \leftarrow u$ 
9   end
10   $r_{j+l_x} \leftarrow c$ 
11 end
12 return  $r$ 
```

Listing

```
1 void mpn_mul( limb_t*  $r$ , const limb_t*  $x$ , int  $l_x$ ,
2                               const limb_t*  $y$ , int  $l_y$  ) {
3
4   int  $l_r = l_x + l_y$ ;
5
6   limb_t  $R[ l_r ], c;$ 
7
8   memset(  $R$ , 0,  $l_r * \text{SIZEOF}( \text{limb\_t} )$  );
9
10  for ( int  $j = 0$ ;  $j < l_y$ ;  $j++$  ) {
11     $c = 0$ ;
12
13    for ( int  $i = 0$ ;  $i < l_x$ ;  $i++$  ) {
14      limb_t  $d_y = y[ j ]$ ;
15      limb_t  $d_x = x[ i ]$ ;
16      limb_t  $d_R = R[ j + i ]$ ;
17
18      LIMB_MUL2(  $c$ ,  $R[ j + i ]$ ,  $d_y$ ,  $d_x$ ,  $d_R$ ,  $c$  );
19    }
20
21     $R[ j + l_x ] = c$ ;
22  }
23
24  memcpy(  $r$ ,  $R$ ,  $l_r * \text{SIZEOF}( \text{limb\_t} )$  );
25 }
```

Part 2.1: in practice (9)

Algorithms for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

► Step #3: \mathbb{Z} -focused operations.

Algorithm (\mathbb{Z} -MUL)

Input: Two signed, base- b integers x and y
Output: A signed, base- b integer $r = x \cdot y$

```
1 if  $x < 0$  and  $y \geq 0$  then
2   |  $r \leftarrow -\mathbb{N}\text{-MUL}(\text{abs}(x), \text{abs}(y))$ 
3 end
4 else if  $x \geq 0$  and  $y < 0$  then
5   |  $r \leftarrow -\mathbb{N}\text{-MUL}(\text{abs}(x), \text{abs}(y))$ 
6 end
7 else if  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$  then
8   |  $r \leftarrow +\mathbb{N}\text{-MUL}(\text{abs}(x), \text{abs}(y))$ 
9 end
10 else if  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$  then
11   |  $r \leftarrow +\mathbb{N}\text{-MUL}(\text{abs}(x), \text{abs}(y))$ 
12 end
13 return  $r$ 
```

Listing

```
1 void mpz_mul( mpz_t* r, const mpz_t* x,
2               const mpz_t* y ) {
3   if( x->s == y->s ) {
4     MPZ_MUL( r, x, y, MPZ_SIGN_POS );
5   }
6   else {
7     MPZ_MUL( r, x, y, MPZ_SIGN_NEG );
8   }
9 }
```

Part 2.1: in practice (10)

Algorithms for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

► Step #3: \mathbb{Z} -focused operations.

Listing

```
1 #define MPZ_MUL(r,x,y,s_r) { \
2     int l_r = (x)->l + (y)->l; \
3     \
4         mpn_mul( (r)->d, (x)->d, (x)->l, \
5                 (y)->d, (y)->l ); \
6         \
7     (r)->l     = mpn_lop( (r)->d, l_r ); \
8     (r)->s     = s_r; \
9 }
```

Listing

```
1 int mpn_lop( const limb_t* x, int l_x ) { \
2     while( ( l_x > 1 ) && ( x[ l_x - 1 ] == 0 ) ) { \
3         l_x--; \
4     } \
5     \
6     return l_x; \
7 }
```

Part 2.2: in practice (1)

► Problem:

- ▶ given the **base** $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^\times$ and the **exponent** $y \in \mathbb{Z}$, we want to compute $r = x^y \pmod{N}$,
- ▶ we could do so via

$$r = x^y = \underbrace{x \times x \times \cdots \times x}_{y \text{ terms}} \pmod{N},$$

but this is $O(y)$ and the magnitude of y can be very large.

► Solution:

- ▶ algorithms for efficient

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{multiplicative group } \mathbb{G}^\times & \leadsto & \text{exponentiation} \\ \text{additive group } \mathbb{G}^+ & \leadsto & \text{scalar multiplication} \end{array} \quad \begin{matrix} x^y \\ [y]x \end{matrix}$$

Part 2.2: in practice (2)

- **Idea:** consider some \mathbb{G}^\times .
 - exponentiation *means* repeated application of the group operation, i.e.,

$$x^y = \underbrace{x \times x \times \cdots \times x}_{y \text{ terms}},$$

so if $y = 14_{(10)}$ we have

$$x^y = x \times x.$$

- expressing y in base-2, we can rewrite this as

$$\begin{aligned} x^y &= x^{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y_i \cdot 2^i} \\ &= x^{y_{n-1} \cdot 2^{n-1} + \cdots + y_1 \cdot 2^1 + y_0 \cdot 2^0} \\ &= x^{y_{n-1} \cdot 2^{n-1}} \times \cdots \times x^{y_1 \cdot 2^1} \times x^{y_0 \cdot 2^0} \end{aligned}$$

Part 2.2: in practice (2)

► Idea: consider some \mathbb{G}^\times .

► given $y = 14_{(10)} = 1110_{(2)}$ we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}x^y &= x^{y_0 \cdot 2^0} \times x^{y_1 \cdot 2^1} \times x^{y_2 \cdot 2^2} \times x^{y_3 \cdot 2^3} \\&= x^{0 \cdot 2^0} \times x^{1 \cdot 2^1} \times x^{1 \cdot 2^2} \times x^{1 \cdot 2^3} \\&= x^0 \times x^2 \times x^4 \times x^8 \\&= x^{14}\end{aligned}$$

► given $y = 14_{(10)} = 1110_{(2)}$ we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}x^y &= x^{y_0} \times (x^{y_1} \times (x^{y_2} \times (x^{y_3} \times ((1)^2)^2)^2)^2) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times ((1)^2)^2)^2)^2)) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times 1)^2)^2)^2)) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times 1)^2)^2)^2)) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times (x^1 \times x^2)^2)^2) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times (x^3)^2) \\&= x^0 \times (x^1 \times x^6) \\&= x^0 \times (x^7) \\&= x^0 \times x^{14} \\&= x^{14}\end{aligned}$$

via application of **Horner's rule**.

Part 2.2: in practice (3)

► Option #1: left-to-right *binary* exponentiation.

- evaluate the Horner expansion step-by-step in an “inside-out” order ,
- express y in base-2, i.e., extract a 1-bit digit d from y in each step,
- trade-off time in favour of space,
- apply

$$r \leftarrow \begin{cases} r^2 & \text{if } d = 0 \\ r^2 \times x & \text{if } d = 1 \end{cases}$$

so as to *accumulate* the result.

Part 2.2: in practice (3)

- ▶ Option #1: left-to-right *binary* exponentiation.

Algorithm (1Exp-L2R-BINARY)

Input: A group element $x \in \mathbb{G}^\times$, a base-2 integer $0 \leq y < n$
Output: The group element $r = x^y \in \mathbb{G}^\times$

```
1   $r \leftarrow 1$ 
2  for  $i = |y| - 1$  downto 0 step  $-1$  do
3       $r \leftarrow r^2$ 
4      if  $y_i = 1$  then
5           $r \leftarrow r \times x$ 
6      end
7  end
8  return  $r$ 
```

Part 2.2: in practice (4)

► Option #2: left-to-right windowed exponentiation.

- evaluate the Horner expansion step-by-step in an “inside-out” order ,
- express y in base- m for $m = 2^k$, i.e., extract a k -bit digit d from y in each step,
- trade-off space in favour of time, i.e., perform pre-computation reflected by X ,
- apply

$$r \leftarrow \begin{cases} r^{2^k} & \text{if } d = 0 \\ r^{2^k} \times (X[0] = x^1) & \text{if } d = 1 \\ r^{2^k} \times (X[1] = x^2) & \text{if } d = 2 \\ \vdots & \\ r^{2^k} \times (X[2^k - 2] = x^{2^k - 1}) & \text{if } d = 2^k - 1 \end{cases}$$

so as to *accumulate* the result.

Part 2.2: in practice (4)

► Option #2: left-to-right *windowed* exponentiation.

Algorithm (RECODE-BASE- m)

Input: An integer y represented in base-2, an integer $m = 2^k$

Output: A sequence y' which represents y in base- 2^k

```
1   $y' \leftarrow \emptyset, i \leftarrow 0$ 
2  while  $y \neq 0$  do
3    |  $y'_i \leftarrow y \wedge (2^k - 1), y \leftarrow y \gg k, i \leftarrow i + 1$ 
4  end
5  return  $y'$ 
```

Algorithm (1Exp-L2R-FIXEDWINDOW)

Input: A group element $x \in \mathbb{G}^\times$, a base-2 integer $0 \leq y < n$, an integer $m = 2^k$

Output: The group element $r = x^y \in \mathbb{G}^\times$

```
1   $y' \leftarrow \text{RECODE-BASE-}m(y, m = 2^k)$ 
2  Pre-compute  $X = [x^i \mid i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m - 1 = 2^k - 1\}]$ 
3   $r \leftarrow 1$ 
4  for  $i = |y'| - 1$  downto 0 step  $-1$  do
5    | for  $j = 0$  upto  $k - 1$  step  $+1$  do
6      | |  $r \leftarrow r^2$ 
7    | end
8    | if  $y'_i \neq 0$  then
9      | |  $r \leftarrow r \times X[y'_i - 1]$ 
10   | end
11 end
12 return  $r$ 
```

Part 2.3: in practice (1)

► Problem:

- we want to represent and perform operations on integers modulo N , i.e., elements of

$$\mathbb{Z}_N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\},$$

- we *could* implement \mathbb{Z}_N based on \mathbb{Z} , but any $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ will
 - always be positive, and
 - have a size that is upper-bounded by N .

► Solution:

1. a data structure to represent x , and
2. algorithms to operate on instances of said data structure.

Part 2.3: in practice (1)

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 - have a size that is upper-bounded by N .

► Solution:

1. use the existing data structure for \mathbb{N} , and
2. focus on an algorithm for $x \times y \pmod{N}$ to support \mathbb{Z}_N^\times .

Part 2.3: in practice (2)

► Idea:

1. Use the relationship

$$t \pmod{N} \equiv t - (N \times \left\lfloor \frac{t}{N} \right\rfloor)$$

which

- ▶ uses a standard integer representation,
- ▶ requires no pre-computation, but
- ▶ requires an integer division, which is relatively complicated and computationally expensive.

2. Use **Barrett reduction** [4], which

- ▶ uses a standard integer representation,
- ▶ requires some pre-computation, and
- ▶ requires $2 \cdot (l_N + 1) \cdot (l_N + 1)$ limb multiplications for an l_N -limb N .

3. Use **Montgomery reduction** [7], which

- ▶ uses a non-standard integer representation,
- ▶ requires some pre-computation, and
- ▶ requires $2 \cdot l_N \cdot l_N$ limb multiplications for an l_N -limb N .

Part 2.3: in practice (3)

- ▶ Montgomery-based multiplication \leadsto exponentiation \leadsto RSA:
 - ▶ pre-compute a set of **Montgomery parameters** $\Pi = (N, \rho, \omega)$ where
 1. $\rho = b^k$ for the smallest k such that $b^k > N$, and
 2. $\omega = -N^{-1} \pmod{\rho}$,assuming a base- b representation of N such that $\gcd(N, b) = 1$,

Part 2.3: in practice (3)

- ▶ Montgomery-based multiplication \leadsto exponentiation \leadsto RSA:

- ▶ the **Montgomery representation** of an integer

$$0 \leq x < N$$

is then defined as

$$\hat{x} = x \times \rho \pmod{N},$$

Part 2.3: in practice (3)

- ▶ Montgomery-based multiplication \leadsto exponentiation \leadsto RSA:

- ▶ using these concepts, we can define **Montgomery multiplication**:

Algorithm (MONTMUL)

Input: A set of Montgomery parameters $\Pi = (N, \rho, \omega)$, integers $0 \leq x, y < N$

Output: $r = x \times y \times \rho^{-1} \pmod{N}$

```
1  $r \leftarrow x \times y$ 
2  $r \leftarrow (r + ((r \times \omega) \bmod \rho) \times N) / \rho$ 
3 if  $r \geq N$  then  $r \leftarrow r - N$ 
4 return  $r$ 
```

where, crucially and by-design, the modular reduction and division by ρ are special-case.

Part 2.3: in practice (3)

- ▶ Montgomery-based multiplication \leadsto exponentiation \leadsto RSA:

- ▶ given we can convert into

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), x, \rho^2 \bmod N) &= x \times \rho^2 \times \rho^{-1} \pmod{N} \\ &= x \times \rho \pmod{N} \\ &= \hat{x}\end{aligned}$$

and from

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), \hat{x}, 1) &= \hat{x} \times 1 \times \rho^{-1} \pmod{N} \\ &= (x \times \rho) \times 1 \times \rho^{-1} \pmod{N} \\ &= x\end{aligned}$$

Montgomery representation,

- ▶ we could then compute

$$r = x \times y \pmod{N} \leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{x} &= \text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), x, \rho^2 \bmod N) \\ \hat{y} &= \text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), y, \rho^2 \bmod N) \\ \hat{r} &= \text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), \hat{x}, \hat{y}) \\ r &= \text{MONTMUL}((N, \rho, \omega), \hat{r}, 1) \end{cases}$$

but the overhead of conversion is too high ...

Part 2.3: in practice (3)

- ▶ Montgomery-based multiplication \leadsto exponentiation \leadsto RSA:
 - ▶ ... instead, we adapt an exponentiation algorithm: for example

Algorithm (MONTExp)

Input: A set of Montgomery parameters $\Pi = (N, \rho, \omega)$, integers $0 \leq x, y < N$
Output: $r = x^y \pmod{N}$

```
1  $\hat{r} \leftarrow \text{MONTMUL}(\Pi, 1, \rho^2 \bmod N), \hat{x} \leftarrow \text{MONTMUL}(\Pi, x, \rho^2 \bmod N)$ 
2 for  $i = |y| - 1$  downto 0 step -1 do
3    $\hat{r} \leftarrow \text{MONTMUL}(\Pi, \hat{r}, \hat{r})$ 
4   if  $y_i = 1$  then
5      $\hat{r} \leftarrow \text{MONTMUL}(\Pi, \hat{r}, \hat{x})$ 
6   end
7 end
8 return  $\text{MONTMUL}(\Pi, \hat{r}, 1)$ 
```

i.e.,

- ▶ convert input into Montgomery representation,
- ▶ compute a series of (many) Montgomery multiplications,
- ▶ convert output from Montgomery representation,

and thus amortise the conversion.

Conclusions

- ▶ Take away points: you can often simply *use*

$$c = \text{RSA.ENC}((N, e), m) = m^e \pmod{N},$$

but understanding internals of this primitive can be useful and/or important.

- ▶ some historically interesting aspects; some “portable” concepts,
- ▶ close relationship between primitive and underlying Mathematics,
- ▶ wide range of viable implementation strategies,
- ▶ extensive deployment, in various contexts and use-cases.

Additional Reading

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