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## Lecture 5: Logs and Trees



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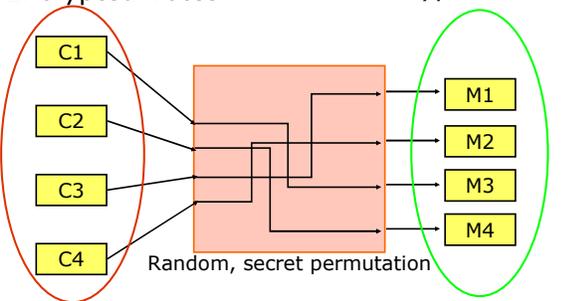
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  - Public-key cryptography (dynamic programming)
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## MIXes

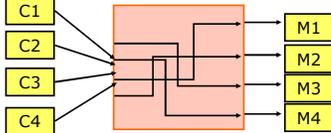
Encrypted Votes      Decrypted Votes



Random, secret permutation

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## Security Properties



1. Voters must be able to create votes, but not decrypt them.
2. Observer should be able to verify that output votes correspond to input votes, but not match up votes.

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## Public-Key Cryptography

- Private procedure: E
- Public procedure: D
- Identity:  $E(D(m)) = D(E(m)) = m$
- Secure: cannot determine E from D
- Concept stated by Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman in 1976, but didn't know how to find suitable E and D

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## RSA

The era of "electronic mail" [Potter1977] may soon be upon us; we must ensure that two important properties of the current "paper mail" system are preserved: (a) messages are *private*, and (b) messages can be *signed*.

R. Rivest, A. Shamir and L. Adleman. *A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems*. Jan 1978.

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We will not attempt to explain why it works and is (probably) secure in CS216. See links to paper and slides.

Public encryption function

Private encryption function

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## Implementing RSA

```
def RSAencrypt (M, e, n):
    if e == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return (M * RSAencrypt (M, e - 1, n)) % n
```

200-digit number

Note: this actually "works" in Python even though RSA needs 100+-digit values (but not in Java) because integers are not limited to a fixed size. We'll consider number representations later in the class.

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## Result

```
...
File "C:\cs216\workspace\ps2\RSA.py", line 17, in RSAencrypt
return (M * RSAencrypt (M, e - 1, n)) % n
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RuntimeError: maximum recursion depth exceeded
```

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## Analyzing RSA

```
def RSAencrypt (M, e, n):
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```

How many recursive calls?  
The value of the  $e$  parameter (scales as  $O(2^e)$  size of  $e$ )

Can we use dynamic programming (and math) to make this faster?

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## Fast Exponentiation

$a^9 = a * a * a * a * a * a * a * a * a$

Multiplication is associative

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## Fast Exponentiation

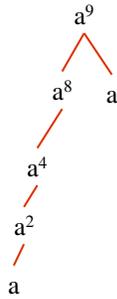
```
def square (x): return x * x
def RSAencrypt (M, e, n):
    if e == 0: return 1
    elif e % 2 == 0:
        return square(RSAencrypt (M, e/2, n)) % n
    else:
        return (M * RSAencrypt (M, e - 1, n)) % n
```

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## Analysis

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```

- How many recursive calls?
  - Worst case:  $e = 2^q - 1$
  - $2^q$  calls  $\in \Theta(\log_2 e)$



## Logarithms Review

- Logarithm is inverse of exponential

$$x = \log_b b^x = b^{\log_b x}$$

- Bases
  - Is  $\log_2 f(x) \in O(\log_3 f(x))$ ?
  - Is  $\log_2 f(x) \in \Omega(\log_3 f(x))$ ?

## Changing Bases

$$x = b^{\log_b x}$$

$$\log_a x = \log_a (b^{\log_b x})$$

$$\log_a x = \log_a b \times \log_a (\log_b x)$$

$$1 = \log_a b / \log_a x \times \log_b x$$

$$\log_b x = \log_a x / \log_a b$$

So, within  $O$ ,  $\Theta$ ,  $\Omega$  the base doesn't matter

## Logs and Trees

- Many tree algorithms have running time  $\in \log(N)$  where  $N$  is the number of nodes in the tree, since for a well balanced tree

$$N = b^{h+1} + 1$$

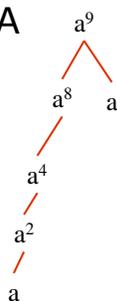
$$h \sim \log_b(N)$$

## Implementing RSA

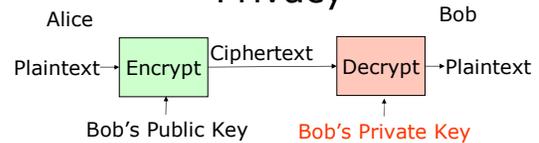
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```

- Recursive calls  $\in \Theta(\log_2 e)$
- Running time  $\in \Theta(\log_2 e)$  if multiplication time is  $O(1)$

Note that this **cannot** really be true!



## Public-Key Applications: Privacy



- Alice encrypts message to Bob using Bob's Private Key
- Only Bob knows Bob's Private Key  $\Rightarrow$  only Bob can decrypt message

## Signatures

Alice's Private Key      Alice's Public Key

- Bob knows it was from Alice, since only Alice knows Alice's Private Key
- Non-repudiation: Alice can't deny signing message (except by claiming her key was stolen!)
- Integrity: Bob can't change message (doesn't know Alice's Private Key)

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## MIXes

Encrypted Votes      Decrypted Votes

$C1 = E_{KUM}["Kerry"]$

$M = E_{KRM}[C]$

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## MIXes

Encrypted Votes      Random, secret value picked by voter

$C1 = E_{KUM}["Kerry" + R1]$

$M = \text{left part of } E_{KRM}[C]$

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## Voting Application

Republican Party      Democratic Party      Orange Party

$C = E_{KUR} [E_{KUD} [E_{KUG} ["Badnarik" \parallel R_1] R_2] R_3]$

Each mux decrypts with private key and removes  $R$

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## Voting Application

Republican Party      Democratic Party      Orange Party

$C = E_{KUG} ["Badnarik" \parallel R_1]$

Does publishing  $R_1$  help?

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## Auditing Mixes

Republican Party      Democratic Party      Orange Party

$Input_i = E_{KUR} [E_{KUD} [E_{KUG} [v \parallel R_1] R_2] R_3]$

$Output_j = E_{KUD} [E_{KUG} [v \parallel R_1] R_2]$

If  $R$  reveals  $j$  and  $R_3$ ,  $D$  can check  $E_{KUR} [Output_j \parallel R_3] = Input_i$

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## Catching Cheaters

- Probability a mux can cheats on  $k$  votes without getting caught =  $1/2^k$
- Probability a voters vote is revealed to eavesdropper

$m$  muxes    Note: unaudited votes only be one of  $n/2$  possible outputs!  
 $1/2^m$

- If muxes collude, all bets are off

## Voting Caveat

- Real problems with voting have very little to do with cryptography or mixes...

## Trees

## Tree Node Operations

- getLeftChild (Node)
- getRightChild (Node)
- getInfo (Node)

```
def isLeaf (self):  
    return self.getLeftChild () == None  
    and self.getRightChild () == None
```

## Calculating Height

```
def height (self):  
    if self.isLeaf ():  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return 1  
        + max(self.getLeftChild().height(),  
              self.getRightChild().height())
```

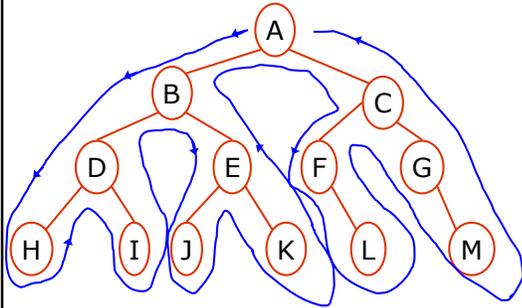
*Height of a Node:*  
length of the  
longest path from  
that node to a  
leaf

## Analyzing Height

- What is the asymptotic running time or our height procedure?

```
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    if self.isLeaf ():  
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    else:  
        return 1  
        + max(self.getLeftChild().height(),  
              self.getRightChild().height())
```

## Tree Preorder Traversal



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## Preorder Traversal

```
def preorder (t):  
    print t.info()  
    for c in t.children():  
        c.preorder ()
```

$N$  is number of nodes in  $t$

Running time:  $\Theta(N)$

Space use: worst case:  $O(N)$

well-balanced case:  $O(\log N)$

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## PS1

Returned in section today

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## CS216 PS Grading Scale

- ★ Gold Star – Excellent Work. You got everything I wanted on this PS.
  - ★ Green Star – Better than good work
  - ★ Blue Star – Good Work. You got most things on this PS, but some answers could be better.
  - ★ Silver Star – Some problems. Make sure you understand the comments.
  - ★ Red Star – Serious problems and lack of effort.
- PS1 Average: ★

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## No upper limit

- ★★ - Double Gold Star: exceptional work! Better than I expected anyone would do.
- ★★★ - Triple Gold Star: Better than I thought possible
- ★★★★ - Quadruple Gold Star: You have broken important new ground in CS which should be published in a major journal! (e.g., invented a alignment algorithm better than BLAST)
- ★★★★★ - Quintuple Gold Star: You deserve a Turing Award! (find an  $O(n^k)$  solution to finding optimal phylogenies)

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## Philosophy

“This generation of students got into Harvard by doing exactly and precisely what teacher wants. If teacher is vague about what he [sic] wants, they work a lot harder to figure out what they want and whether or not it is good. The vaguer the directions, the more likely the opportunity for serendipity to happen. It drives them nuts!”

Harvard Professor [John Stilgoe](#)  
(on *60 Minutes*, 4 January 2004)

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## Charge

- Today and tomorrow:
  - Sections in Thornton D classrooms
- Wednesday: PS2 is Due!