

## Cormen 31.7-3

Assume we have an efficient function  $D_A$  that decrypts 1% of messages randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Decrypt( $C$ )  $\triangleright C = P_A(M)$  is the coded message that we want to decrypt

1. Repeat
2.     Repeat
3.          $Z \leftarrow \text{Random}(0, n - 1)$
4.         until  $\gcd(Z, n) = 1$   $\triangleright Z^{-1}$  exists (Corollary 31.26)
5.          $M' \leftarrow D_A(P_A(Z) \cdot C)$
6.     until  $P_A(M') \equiv P_A(Z) \cdot C \pmod{n}$   $\triangleright M'$  is a correct decryption of  $P_A(Z) \cdot C$
7.     return  $Z^{-1}M'$

- If the algorithm terminates, it returns  $M$ :

This is easy to prove.

- Expected # random choices  $\approx 100$ :

- On the average the inner loop is executed  $\approx 1$  time per execution of the outer loop:

$$P(\gcd(Z, n) = 1) = \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{pq} = \frac{pq - p - q + 1}{pq} = 1 - \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{pq} \\ \approx 1, \text{ since } p, q > 10^{100}$$

- On the average the outer loop is executed  $\approx 100$  times:

In the inner loop we choose random numbers from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , until we find one that is in  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . Thus, in the outer loop we apply  $D_A$  to  $P_A(Z) \cdot C$ , where  $Z$  is a number randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . If we could assume that  $P_A(Z) \cdot C$  were a number randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , we would clearly be done. However, it is sufficient to assume that it is randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ :

$\mathbb{Z}_n^* \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n$  and

$$\frac{|\mathbb{Z}_n - \mathbb{Z}_n^*|}{|\mathbb{Z}_n|} = \frac{n - \phi(n)}{n} = \frac{pq - (p-1)(q-1)}{pq} = \frac{q + p - 1}{pq} < 10^{-100}.$$

Thus, even if all numbers in  $\mathbb{Z}_n - \mathbb{Z}_n^*$  are among those that  $D_A$  decrypts correctly,  $D_A$  still correctly decrypts  $\approx 1\%$  of the numbers in  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .

Hence, since  $P_A(Z) \cdot C = P_A(Z) \cdot P_A(M) \equiv P_A(ZM) \pmod{n}$ , we just need to prove that

$$Z \text{ randomly chosen from } \mathbb{Z}_n^* \Rightarrow P_A(ZM) \text{ randomly chosen from } \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

We prove this in two steps.

- \*  $Z$  randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \Rightarrow ZM$  randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ :

Assume that  $M$  is random. Then  $P(\gcd(M, n) = 1) \approx 1$ .

If  $\gcd(M, n) = 1$ , then

$$Z_1M \equiv Z_2M \pmod{n} \Rightarrow Z_1 \equiv Z_2 \pmod{n},$$

i.e.,  $M\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ . In other words,  $f(Z) = ZM \pmod{n}$  is a one-to-one map from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ .

- \*  $ZM$  randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \Rightarrow P_A(ZM)$  randomly chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ :

$$P_A(ZM) = (ZM)^e \pmod{n} = Z^e M^e \pmod{n}.$$

If  $\gcd(M, n) = 1$ , then for any  $Z_1, Z_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ ,

$$Z_1^e M^e \equiv Z_2^e M^e \pmod{n} \Rightarrow (Z_1^{-1})^{e-1} Z_1^e M^e (M^{-1})^e \equiv (Z_2^{-1})^{e-1} Z_2^e M^e (M^{-1})^e \pmod{n} \\ \Rightarrow Z_1 \equiv Z_2 \pmod{n}$$