



# A public key Cryptography based on the m-injectivity of $Z_{pq}$ over itself

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## Abstract

In this paper, we present a new public key scheme which is based on factoring, RSA encryption, proposed by Rivest-Shamir-Adleman(1978) [5]and discrete logarithm problem(DLP) [6], proposed by Diffie and Hellman[15], particularly, known as the Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem (CDH)[17]. The idea of DLP was mainly applied to groups, Finite fields and Elliptic Curves but in this paper, we are going to apply it to a particular ring  $Z_{pq}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are two large primes. The encryption and decryption processes of the proposed scheme uses the Elgamal encryption scheme related to DLP. Also, the proposed system benefits from the fact that this ring is m-injective over itself i.e, the existence of many R-monomorphisms from this ring to itself, which are subjected to certain conditions.

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## 1. Introduction

We have the following definitions. Let  $R$  be a ring with identity element. A left ideal  $I$  of  $R$  is a subgroup of  $R$  with respect to addition and for any  $x \in I$  and  $r \in R$ ,  $rx \in I$ . A non-empty set  $M$  is a left  $R$ -module if  $M$  is an abelian group with respect to addition and if there exists a map  $\cdot : R \times M \rightarrow M$  such that (i) $(r+s).m = r.m + s.m$ (ii) $r.(m_1 + m_2) = r.m_1 + r.m_2$ (iii) $(rs).m = r.(sm)$  (iv) $1.m = m$ ,  $\forall r, s \in R$  and  $\forall m_1, m_2 \in M$ [2]. Also, we recall that a function  $h$  from a ring  $R$  to a ring  $S$  is a left  $R$  homomorphism if  $\forall x, y \in R$ , (i) $h(x+y) = h(x) + h(y)$  (ii) $h(rx) = rh(x)$ ,  $\forall r \in R$  ([2],[3]).

A left  $R$  module  $E$  is injective over  $R$  if for any left  $R$ -monomorphism  $\alpha : M \rightarrow M'$  of left  $R$ -modules  $M$  and  $M'$  and any left  $R$ - homomorphism  $f : M \rightarrow E$ , there exists a left  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : M' \rightarrow E$  such that  $g \circ \alpha = f$ [18]. We shall now give Baer's criterion and then modify it to introduce the concept of m-injective rings. Let  $E$  be a left  $R$ -module. According to Baer's criterion,  $E$  is injective over  $R$  if and only if for every left ideal  $A$  of  $R$ , any left  $R$ -homomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow E$  can be extended to a left  $R$ -homomorphism  $g : R \rightarrow E$  ([1],[2],[3]). In our study,  $E = R$  and using Baer's criterion, we define m-injective in the following manner. A ring  $R$ , regarded as a module over itself, is left  $m$ -injective over itself if for any left ideal  $A$  of  $R$ , any left  $R$ -monomorphism  $f : A \rightarrow R$  can be extended to a left  $R$ -monomorphism  $g : R \rightarrow R$ . As in the definition of homomorphism, a function  $h$  from a ring  $R$  to another ring  $S$  is a left  $R$ -monomorphism if  $\forall x, y \in R$ , (i) $h(x+y) = h(x) + h(y)$  (ii) $h(rx) = rh(x)$ ,  $\forall r \in R$  (iii) $h$  is one-one. This concept of rings which are m-injective over themselves is an extension of the concept of Self injective rings which was introduced by Y. Utumi [4] in the year 1965. In [4], Utumi studied the proper-

ties of commutative rings which are injective over themselves. In this paper,  $R = Z_{pq}$  is a finite commutative ring.

A public key cryptography or asymmetric cryptography is a cryptographic system that uses two types of keys, viz, public keys which may be disseminated widely and private keys known only to the owner. One of the problems used in this paper is RSA, based on factoring. It stands on the idea that for a known value  $e$  relatively prime to  $\phi(n)$  (Euler's totient function), there exists inverse  $d$  of  $e$  modulo  $\phi(n)$ . Computing  $\phi(n)$  is difficult without the knowledge of the prime factors of  $n$  and thus  $d$  remains untraced by an attacker. The second problem used here is the discrete logarithm problem, particularly, the Computational Diffie-Hellman Problem i.e given two known values  $h$  and  $t$  such that  $h = t^s \pmod{n}$ , it is difficult to find  $s$  [12] and knowing  $t, t^s, t^k$  modulo  $n$ , it is difficult to find  $t^{sk}$  modulo  $n$ . In this paper,  $n = pq$  is a product of two primes, just like the one which was first used in [11]. Before proposing our public key scheme, we would like to prove the following results based on the m-injectivity of  $Z_{pq}$ .

**Notation:**  $\bar{x}$  used in this paper will denote the integer  $x$  modulo  $n$  and  $\langle \bar{x} \rangle$  will denote the ideal generated by  $\bar{x}$ .

## 2. Results and Discussion

**Proposition 2.1.** Let  $n \geq 2$ . Consider  $Z_n = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$ . Let  $x, y \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$

- (i) If  $\langle \bar{x} \rangle = \langle \bar{y} \rangle$  then  $\gcd(x, n) = \gcd(y, n)$
- (ii) If  $\gcd(x, n) = a$  then  $\langle \bar{x} \rangle = \langle \bar{a} \rangle$  and  $a|n$

*Proof.* (i) Let  $g = \gcd(x, n)$  then  $g|x$  and  $g|n$  and also  $g = xl + nk$  for some  $l, k \in Z$ . This implies that  $\bar{g} = \bar{x}l + \bar{n}k = \bar{x}l \in \langle \bar{x} \rangle = \langle \bar{y} \rangle$ . This shows that  $\bar{g} = \bar{y}p$ , for some  $p \in Z_n$ . From this, we get  $n|g - yp \Rightarrow g - yp = nq$ , for some  $q \in Z$ . This implies that  $g = nq + yp \Rightarrow g|y$ . For if  $g \nmid y$  then there exists  $s, r \in Z$  such that  $y = gs + r$ , where  $r < g$ . This implies that  $\bar{g}s + \bar{r} = \bar{y} \in \langle \bar{y} \rangle = \langle \bar{x} \rangle$ . This shows that  $\bar{g}s + \bar{r} = \bar{x}t$ , for some  $t \in Z_n$ . This implies that  $n|(gs + r - xt)$ . Since  $g|n \Rightarrow g|(gs + r - xt) \Rightarrow g|r$ , which is a contradiction. Hence,  $g|y$  and therefore,  $g|\gcd(y, n)$  i.e.  $\gcd(x, n)|\gcd(y, n)$ . Similarly, we can show that  $\gcd(y, n)|\gcd(x, n)$ . Hence, the result.

(ii)  $\gcd(x, n) = a \Rightarrow a|x \Rightarrow x = ar \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \bar{a} \bar{r} \subseteq \langle \bar{a} \rangle$ , for some  $r \in Z$ .

Hence,  $\langle \bar{x} \rangle \subseteq \langle \bar{a} \rangle$ . Also,  $a = xl + nk$ , for some  $l, k \in Z$ . This implies that  $\bar{a} = \bar{x}l + \bar{n}k = \bar{x}l \in \langle \bar{x} \rangle$ . This shows that  $\langle \bar{a} \rangle \subseteq \langle \bar{x} \rangle$  hence, they are equal and clearly  $a|n$ .  $\square$

We can generalise the above two results to get a proposition below:-

**Proposition 2.2.** If  $\langle \bar{x}_1 \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_2 \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_3 \rangle = \dots = \langle \bar{x}_t \rangle$  in  $Z_n$  then (i)  $\gcd(x_1, n) = \gcd(x_2, n) = \gcd(x_3, n) = \dots = \gcd(x_t, n) = a$  (say)

(ii)  $\langle \bar{a} \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_1 \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_2 \rangle = \dots = \langle \bar{x}_t \rangle$ , where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  and  $a|n$

Let us take a nonzero proper ideal  $A$  of  $Z_n$ . Suppose  $A = \langle \bar{x}_1 \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_2 \rangle = \langle \bar{x}_3 \rangle = \dots = \langle \bar{x}_t \rangle$  and let  $a = \gcd(x_1, n) =$

$\gcd(x_2, n) = \gcd(x_3, n) = \dots = \gcd(x_t, n)$  then by the above arguments,  $A = \langle \bar{a} \rangle$  and  $a|n$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $A = \langle \bar{a} \rangle$  be an ideal of  $Z_n$  as taken above and let  $f : A \rightarrow Z_n, n \geq 2$ , be a monomorphism. Let  $f(\bar{a}) = \bar{b}$  for some  $\bar{b} \in Z_n, \bar{b} \neq \bar{0}$  then

- (i)  $a|b$
- (ii) If  $b|n$  then  $b = a$
- (iii)  $\gcd(\frac{n}{a}, \frac{b}{a}) = 1$
- (iv) If  $a$  is prime then  $\gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = 1$  or  $a$
- (v) If  $a$  is prime such that  $\gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = a$  then  $\gcd(n, \frac{b}{a}) = 1$
- (vi) For a prime  $a$ ,  $\gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = 1$  if and only if  $a^2 \nmid n + b$
- (vii) For a prime  $a$ ,  $\gcd(n, \frac{b}{a}) = 1$  if and only if  $a^2 \nmid b$

*Proof.* (i)  $\bar{0} = f(\bar{0}) = f(\bar{n}) = f(\frac{\bar{n}}{a}) = (\frac{\bar{n}}{a})f(\bar{a}) = (\frac{\bar{n}}{a})\bar{b} = \overline{(\frac{n}{a}b)}$ .

This implies that  $n$  divides  $\frac{n}{a}b$ . Hence,  $a$  divides  $b$ .

(ii) Suppose  $b$  divides  $n$  then  $n = bx$  for some  $x \in Z$ . Now,  $f(\bar{a}x) = \bar{b}x = \bar{n} = \bar{0}$ . Since  $f$  is a monomorphism,  $\bar{a}x = \bar{0}$ . This implies that  $n|ax$  which gives  $ax = nt = bxt$  and hence  $a = bt$ . This shows that  $b|a$ . From (i) we get  $a = b$ .

(iii) Let  $g = \gcd(\frac{n}{a}, \frac{b}{a})$  then  $g|\frac{n}{a}$  and  $g|\frac{b}{a}$ .

So,  $\frac{n}{a} = gk$  and  $\frac{b}{a} = gl$ , for some  $k, l \in Z$ . This implies that  $n = agk$  and  $b = agl = a \frac{nl}{k} \Rightarrow bk = nl \Rightarrow n|bk$ .

Again,  $\bar{0} = \bar{b}k = f(\bar{a})k = f(\bar{a}k)$ . Since  $f$  is one-one, we have  $\bar{a}k = \bar{0}$ .

Hence,  $n|ak \Rightarrow agk|ak \Rightarrow g|1 \Rightarrow g = 1$ .

(iv) Let  $g = \gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a})$  then  $g|n$  and  $g|\frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$ . This implies that  $g|n + b$  showing that  $g|b$ . By (iii), we have  $g|a$ , therefore,  $g = 1$  or  $g = a$ .

(v) This can be done using (iii).

(vi) Suppose  $\gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = 1$ . If possible, let us assume that  $a^2 | n + b$  then  $a|\frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$ . Since  $a|n$ , we have  $a|1$ , which is impossible.

Conversely, suppose  $a^2 \nmid n + b$  then  $a \nmid \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$ . Let  $g = \gcd(n, \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a})$ . Following the same steps as in (iv), we find that  $g = 1$  or  $g = a$ . Suppose  $g = a$ , since  $a \nmid \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$ , this implies that  $a \nmid \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$  which is a contrary to our assumption.



Hence,  $g=1$ .

(vii) Proof of (vii) is similar to the proof of (vi).  $\square$

**Proposition 2.4.** *If  $a$  divides  $b$ , where  $b$  is nonzero element of  $Z_{pq}$  then  $f : \langle \bar{a} \rangle \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  defined by  $f(\bar{a}) = \bar{b}$ , is an R-monomorphism.*

*Proof.* Let  $\bar{x} \in Z_{pq}$  then  $f(\bar{x}\bar{a}) = \bar{x}\bar{b}, \forall \bar{x}\bar{a} \in \langle \bar{a} \rangle$ . Clearly,  $f$  is an R-homomorphism. Suppose  $f(\bar{x}\bar{a}) = \bar{0}$ . Since  $a$  divides  $b$ , there exists  $s \in Z$  such that  $b = as$ . Now,  $a|pq$ , therefore,  $a = p$  or  $a = q$ . Suppose  $a = p$ . Suppose  $\bar{x}\bar{b} = \bar{0}$  then  $pq|xb \Rightarrow pq|xps \Rightarrow q|xs$ . Since  $q$  is prime, then  $q|x$  or  $q|s$ . Suppose  $q|x \Rightarrow pq|px \Rightarrow pq|ax \Rightarrow \bar{a}\bar{x} = \bar{0}$ . Suppose  $q|s \Rightarrow q|ps \Rightarrow q|b$ . Since  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime, we have  $pq|b$ , which is impossible as  $\bar{b}$  is nonzero. Hence,  $f$  is one-one and therefore,  $f$  is an R-monomorphism.  $\square$

With the above results, we are now in a position to prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.**  *$Z_{pq}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are not necessarily distinct, is m-injective over itself.*

*Proof.* Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $Z_{pq}$  and  $f : A \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  be a left R-monomorphism. Suppose  $A = 0$  then taking  $g : Z_{pq} \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  to be the identity map, we find that  $g$  is a left R-monomorphism extending  $f$ .

Suppose  $A = Z_{pq}$  then taking  $g : Z_{pq} \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  to be equal to  $f$ , we find that  $g$  is a left R-monomorphism extending  $f$ . Suppose  $A$  is a nonzero proper ideal of  $Z_{pq}$ . Then  $A = \langle \bar{a} \rangle$  where  $\bar{a} \neq 0$  and  $a = p$  or  $a = q$ . Let  $f : A \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  be a left R-monomorphism defined by  $f(\bar{a}) = \bar{b}$  where  $\bar{b} \neq 0$ .

We define  $g : Z_{pq} \rightarrow Z_{pq}$  by

$$g(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} \overline{\left(\frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}\right)\bar{x}}, & \text{if } (pq, \frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = 1 \\ \overline{\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)\bar{x}}, & \text{if } (pq, \frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = a \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $g$  is a well-defined left R homomorphism which extends  $f$ . For the first case, if  $\bar{x} \in \text{Kerg} \Rightarrow g(\bar{x}) = \bar{0} \Rightarrow \overline{\left(\frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}\right)\bar{x}} = \bar{0} \Rightarrow pq | \left(\frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}\right)x$ .

Since  $\gcd(pq, \frac{pq}{a} + \frac{b}{a}) = 1 \Rightarrow pq|x \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \bar{0}$  showing that  $g$  is one-one. Similarly, we can prove for the second case also. (by (iv) and (v)). Therefore,  $g$  is a left R-monomorphism.  $\square$

It is to be noted that since  $g$  is a one-one function from a finite set to itself, it will be bijective and hence it will have an inverse.

Before proposing our scheme, we would like to state the following result which is due to the Chinese Remainder Theorem [10].

**Proposition 2.6.** *Let  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $c > 0$  then there exists an integer  $x$  such that  $\gcd(a + bx, c) = 1$*

The above result is used in the proposed scheme, in step 7.

### The proposed Public Key Scheme

A user  $X$  who wants to create public and private keys has to do the following steps:-

1. Choose two large and distinct primes  $p$  and  $q$ .
2. Compute  $n = pq$ .
3. Compute  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
4. Take  $a$  such that  $1 < a < n$ ,  $a|n$  and consider the ideal generated by  $\bar{a}$ .
5. Choose a monomorphic image  $\bar{b} \in Z_n$  of  $\bar{a}$ ,  $b \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $a^2 \nmid (n+b)$  and  $b \neq a$ .
6. Compute  $t = \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$ .
7. Choose  $z \geq 1$  such that  $(n+tz, \phi(n)) = 1$  and let  $e = n+tz$ .
8. Compute  $d$  such that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ .
9. Choose  $s \geq 1$  such that  $t^s$  is not congruent to  $1 \pmod{n}$  and compute  $h \equiv t^s \pmod{n}$

The public keys of  $X$  are  $(n, t, h, e)$  and the private keys are  $(s, d)$ .

### Encryption

The plaintext space is  $Z_n$ . Suppose another user  $Y$  wants to send a message  $\bar{m} \in Z_n$  to  $X$  using  $X$ 's public key then  $Y$  will have to do the following steps:-

1. Choose integer  $k$  such that  $t^k$  is not congruent to  $1 \pmod{n}$
2. Compute  $r \equiv t^k \pmod{n}$ .
3. Compute  $c = h^k m^e \pmod{n}$

$Y$  sends to  $X$  the encrypted message  $(r, c)$

### Decryption

For the decryption of the message  $c$ ,  $X$  should compute  $m \equiv c^d (r^{-1})^{sd} \pmod{n}$ , using private keys  $s$  and  $d$ .

Thus,  $X$  recovers the encrypted message  $\bar{m}$ .

Let us take an example of  $p$  and  $q$ , as taken in [5], to see how the algorithm is implemented.

**Example 2.7.** *Suppose  $p = 37, q = 43$  then  $n = 1591$  and  $\phi(n) = 36 \times 42 = 1512$ . Suppose  $a = 37, b = 74$  then  $37^2 = 1369 \nmid 1591 + 74 = 1665$  and therefore,  $t = 45$ . Since  $\gcd(t, n) = 1$ , by [10], there exists an integer  $z$  such that  $(n+tz, \phi(n)) = 1$ . Choose  $z = 6$  then  $e = n+tz = 1861$ , which is relatively prime to 1512. Using Euclidean Extended algorithm to solve for  $1861d \equiv 1 \pmod{1512}$ , we get  $d = 13$ . Now taking  $s = 800$ , we get  $h = 47$ .*

*The following are the images of the outputs of the three programs done in connection with the scheme, viz, program to generate public and private keys, program to encrypt a message and program to decrypt the message. The elapsed times of the encryption and decryption processes are shown in the following outputs. These elapsed times during the encryption and decryption processes were recorded using Python Language, version 2.7.15, using GNU multi precision library (GMP) on 3.2 GHz processor with 4 GB RAM.*

The following table gives us the elapsed time during the encryption and decryption of different messages.

### RECORDS OF ELAPSED TIMES



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Python 2.7.15 Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 2.7.15 (v2.7.15:ca079a3ea3, Apr 30 2018, 16:30:26) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
----- RESTART: D:\SYSTEM\Desktop\Python programs\Zpq Keygen1.py -----
OUTPUT OF THE KEY GENERATION PROCESS OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME
Enter the first prime p: 37
Enter the second prime q: 43
Your first public key n is 1591
Value of Euler's totient function is= 1512
Enter a value of a such that 1<a<n and a divides n: 37
Enter a monomorphic image b of a: 74
Monomorphic image of a is correct
Choose s such that s > 1: 1512
Your s value is incorrect
Choose s such that s > 1: 800
Your s value is correct
Your public key t is= 45
Your public key h is= 47
Enter any value of z>=1: 6
Your z value is correct
Your public key e is 1861
The solution of ex=(mod phi_n) is 13
Your private key d is 13
>>>
    
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Python 2.7.15 Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 2.7.15 (v2.7.15:ca079a3ea3, Apr 30 2018, 16:30:26) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
----- RESTART: D:\SYSTEM\Desktop\Python programs\ENC_Zpq.py -----
OUTPUT OF THE ENCRYPTION PROCESS OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME
Enter the public key n: 1591
Enter the public key t: 45
Enter the public key h: 47
Enter the public key e: 1861
Enter your message m: 999
Choose k such that k > 1: 825
The starting time is 1547275711.48
Your k value is correct
Your ephemeral key r is 968
Your encrypted message c is 74
The ending time is 1547275714.62
Your elapsed time is 3.1400001049
>>>

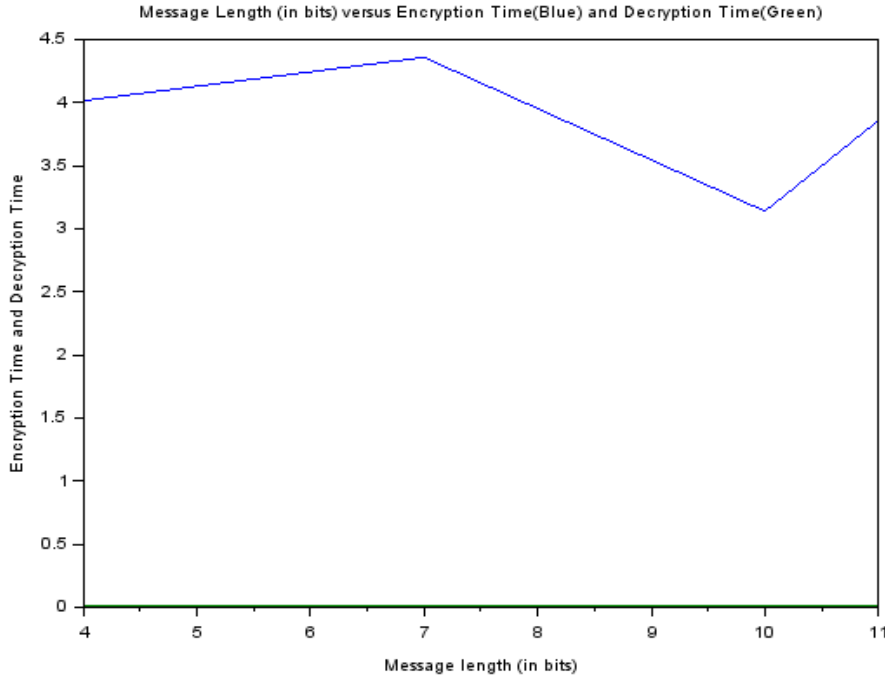
Python 2.7.15 Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Window Help
Python 2.7.15 (v2.7.15:ca079a3ea3, Apr 30 2018, 16:30:26) [MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more information.
>>>
----- RESTART: D:\SYSTEM\Desktop\Python programs\Dec_Zpq.py -----
OUTPUT OF THE DECRYPTION PROCESS OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME
Enter the first public key n: 1591
Enter the ephemeral key r: 968
Enter the private key s: 800
Enter the private key d: 13
Enter the encrypted message c: 74
The starting time is 1547275800.73
The solution of rx=1(mod n) is 475
Your message is 999
The ending time is 1547275800.75
The elapsed time for the decryption process is 0.0160000324249
>>>
    
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The given table shows that there is a difference between the encryption time and decryption time. The encryption time is a bit lengthy because the one who encrypts the message has to check that the ephemeral key  $r$  is not equal to 1 modulo  $n$ . The decryption time is almost negligible. With the increase

in the message length, the decryption time goes on increasing but nothing can be said about the encryption time as it keeps on fluctuating. This can be seen clearly seen in the given graph. The graph also shows that the curve of the decryption process is almost coinciding with the X-axis.



Message(m)	Length(in bits)	Encrypted Message(c)	Encryption time(in ms)	Decryption time(in ms)
9	4	423	4.01600003242	0.0149998664856
99	7	1434	4.35899996758	0.0150001049042
999	10	74	3.1400001049	0.0160000324249
1590	11	591	3.85899996758	0.0160000324249



### 3. Security of the scheme

The security of this proposed scheme is based on integer factorization problem and Discrete Logarithm Problem, particularly CDH. The encryption and decryption of the scheme is partly based on the Elgamal Encryption scheme using DLP([12],[17]). An adversary who tries to find the private key  $d$  will have to find  $\phi(n)$  first, which is an impossible task, for a large  $n$ , unless he/she knows the factors of  $n$ . Again, the private key  $s$  has been chosen randomly which is another disadvantage to the adversary and thus increases the security of the scheme. The size of  $n$  chosen for the proposed scheme should be a minimum of 2048 bits (617 decimal digits) as choosing size of  $n$  of at least 1024 bits could retrieve the factors of  $n$  in the near future. So, depending on the size of  $n$ , the size of  $p$  and  $q$  should be at least 1024 bits long. Also, taking a large  $n$  can somewhat delay the time of factorizing it via, Pollard Rho method or the New Factorization (NF) method[13]. Moreover, larger size of  $n$  can also resist brute force attack. Again,  $p$  and  $q$  are to be taken in such a way that they do not permit the applications of known algorithms like the number field sieve method and that they do not give rise to the use of Euclidean Extended algorithm to solve for  $d$  in the congruence  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ . If  $d < n^{0.5}$  then there is a

chance of retrieving  $d$ [14]. So, the value of  $e$  should be such that the value of  $d$  is greater than  $n^{0.5}$ . Even though  $t$  and  $n$  are public but this will not reveal the factors of  $n$  because the equation  $t = \frac{n}{a} + \frac{b}{a}$  contains two unknowns and so is difficult to solve. In the key generation process,  $s$  should be chosen in such a way that it does not take any value which is the order of  $t$  modulo  $n$  or any multiple of the order of  $t$  modulo  $n$  otherwise, the value of  $h$  will be 1 and the whole problem will be reduced to just one hard problem. The same applies to  $k$  in the encryption process. Again, taking large  $n$  can also resist attacks on the Discrete Logarithm problem used in this paper. Such attacks are the brute force attack, Shank's Baby-step Giant-step, Pollard's Rho method, Index Calculus Method [16]. Suppose a sender wants to find  $m$  directly then he/she will have to compute  $h^{k-1}$  modulo  $n$  which is an impossible task because  $k$  is not revealed to anyone except to the sender of the message. But even if  $h^{k-1}$  is known then also an attacker has to find  $d$  to know  $m$ . So, this scheme is semantically secured]. Hence, this scheme is equally secured as the other schemes based on RSA cryptosystem and the discrete logarithm problem. Since the parameter  $k$  is chosen by the sender, so for sending different messages  $c_1 = h^k m_1^e \pmod{n}$  and  $c_2 = h^k m_2^e \pmod{n}$ , even if the same  $k$  is used, the above



two problems reduce to  $m_2^e \equiv c_2^{-1} c_1 m_1^e \pmod{n}$ , which does not give the value of  $m_2$  even if  $m_1$  is known to the attacker because the private key  $d$  is unknown to him/her. So the sender can safely use the same parameter  $k$  unlike in [7].

#### 4. Performance Analysis

The encryption algorithm of the proposed scheme requires three modular exponentiations, viz,  $t^k$ ,  $h^k$  and  $m^e$ . One modular multiplication of the last two exponentiations is also required. Thus, the encryption process requires three modular exponentiations and one modular multiplication. This is more efficient than the scheme proposed in [8] which requires six modular exponentiations and four modular multiplications. The decryption process requires one application of Extended Euclidean algorithm for finding the inverse of the ephemeral key  $r$ , two modular exponentiations, viz,  $c^d$  and  $(r^{-1})^{sd}$  and one modular multiplication of the two exponentiations. The decryption scheme is as efficient as the scheme proposed in [9].

#### 5. Conclusion and Future Works

In this paper, we introduced the concept of m-injective Rings to create a Public key Cryptosystem. This property of  $Z_{pq}$  of being m-injective over itself helped in the creation of a public key  $t$  which is relatively prime to  $n$ . The idea of congruence and the application of Chinese Remainder Theorem helped in the creation of another public key  $e$  which is relatively prime to  $\phi(n)$  thus making it as efficient as the RSA Cryptosystem. Again, the property of  $t$ , being relatively prime to  $n$ , created another way to the application of the Elgamal encryption scheme using Discrete Logarithm Problem. So the whole scheme involves around the idea of two hard problems, viz, RSA Cryptosystem and DLP (CDH) making the proposed scheme as efficient as the other existing schemes.

The property of  $Z_{pq}$  of being m-injective over itself paved way to the creation of this proposed scheme. Hence, our future work will include findings of more rings which are m-injective over themselves and creating public key cryptographic schemes out of them based on some other hard problems.

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