

# Deterministic Polynomial Time Equivalence of Computing the RSA Secret Key and Factoring

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**Abstract.** We address one of the most fundamental problems concerning the RSA cryptosystem: does the knowledge of the RSA public and secret key-pair  $(e, d)$  yield the factorization of  $N = pq$  in polynomial time? It is well-known that there is a *probabilistic* polynomial time algorithm that on input  $(N, e, d)$  outputs the factors  $p$  and  $q$ . We present the first *deterministic* polynomial time algorithm that factors  $N$  provided that  $e, d < \phi(N)$ . Our approach is an application of Coppersmith's technique for finding small roots of univariate modular polynomials.

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## 1 Introduction

The most basic security requirement for a public key cryptosystem is that it should be hard to recover the secret key from the public key. To establish this property, one usually identifies a well-known hard problem  $P$  and shows that solving  $P$  is polynomial-time equivalent to recovering the secret key from the public key.

In this paper we consider the RSA cryptosystem [7]. We denote by  $N = pq$  the modulus, product of two primes  $p$  and  $q$  of the same bit-size. Furthermore, we let  $e, d$  be integers such that  $e \cdot d = 1 \bmod \phi(N)$ , where  $\phi(N) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$  is Euler's totient function. The public key is then  $(N, e)$  and the secret key is  $(N, d)$ .

It is well known that there exists a *probabilistic* polynomial time equivalence between computing  $d$  and factoring  $N$ . The proof is given in the original RSA paper by Rivest, Shamir and Adleman [7] and is based on a work by Miller [6].

In this paper, we show that the equivalence can actually be made deterministic, namely we present a *deterministic* polynomial-time algorithm that on input  $(N, e, d)$  outputs the factors  $p$  and  $q$ , provided that  $e \cdot d \leq N^2$ . Since for standard RSA, the exponents  $e$  and  $d$  are defined modulo  $\phi(N)$ , this gives  $ed < \phi(N)^2 < N^2$  as required. Our technique is a variant of Coppersmith's

theorem for finding small roots of univariate polynomial equations [1], which is based on the LLL lattice reduction algorithm [4]. We also generalize our algorithm to the case of unbalanced prime factors  $p$  and  $q$ . We obtain that the more imbalanced the prime factors are, the larger is the required upper bound on  $ed$ . The paper is an extended version of the paper published by A. May at Crypto 2004 [5].

## 2 Background on Lattices

Let  $u_1, \dots, u_\omega \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  be linearly independent vectors with  $\omega \leq n$ . The lattice  $L$  spanned by  $\langle u_1, \dots, u_\omega \rangle$  consists of all integral linear combinations of  $u_1, \dots, u_\omega$ , that is:

$$L = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\omega} n_i \cdot u_i \mid n_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Such a set  $\{u_1, \dots, u_\omega\}$  of vectors is called a lattice *basis*. All the bases have the same number of elements, called the *dimension* or *rank* of the lattice. We say that the lattice is full rank if  $\omega = n$ . Any two bases of the same lattice can be transformed into each other by a multiplication with some integral matrix of determinant  $\pm 1$ . Therefore, all the bases have the same Gramian determinant  $\det_{1 \leq i, j \leq \omega} \langle u_i, u_j \rangle$ . One defines the *determinant* of the lattice as the square root of the Gramian determinant. If the lattice is full rank, then the determinant of  $L$  is equal to the absolute value of the determinant of the  $\omega \times \omega$  matrix whose rows are the basis vectors  $u_1, \dots, u_\omega$ .

The LLL algorithm [4] computes a short vector in a lattice :

**Theorem 1 (LLL).** *Let  $L$  be a lattice spanned by  $(u_1, \dots, u_\omega)$ . The LLL algorithm, given  $(u_1, \dots, u_\omega)$ , finds in polynomial time a vector  $b_1$  such that:*

$$\|b_1\| \leq 2^{(\omega-1)/4} \det(L)^{1/\omega}$$

## 3 The Case of Balanced $p$ and $q$

In this section, we show the *deterministic* polynomial-time equivalence between recovering  $d$  and factoring  $N$ , when  $N$  is the product of two primes  $p$  and  $q$  of same bit-size; this is the standard RSA setting. We generalize to an  $N = pq$  with unbalanced prime factors in the next section.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $N = p \cdot q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are two prime integers of same bit-size. Let  $e, d$  be such that  $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ . Then assuming that  $e \cdot d \leq N^2$ , given  $(N, e, d)$  one can recover the factorization of  $N$  in deterministic polynomial time.*

*Proof.* Let  $U = e \cdot d - 1$  and  $s = p + q - 1$ . Our goal is to recover  $s$  from  $N$  and  $U$ . Then given  $N$  and  $s$  it is straightforward to recover the factorization of  $N$ .

First, we assume that we are given the high-order bits  $s_0$  of  $s$ . More precisely, we let  $X$  be some integer, and write  $s = s_0 \cdot X + x_0$ , where  $0 \leq x_0 < X$ . The integer  $s_0$  will eventually be recovered by exhaustive search. Moreover, we denote  $\phi = \phi(N)$ . From  $\phi = (p-1) \cdot (q-1) = N - s = N - s_0 \cdot X - x_0$  we obtain the following equations :

$$U = 0 \pmod{\phi} \quad (1)$$

$$x_0 - N + s_0 \cdot X = 0 \pmod{\phi} \quad (2)$$

Let  $m, k$  be integers. We consider the polynomials :

$$g_{ij}(x) = x^i \cdot (x - N + s_0 \cdot X)^j \cdot U^{m-j}$$

for  $0 \leq j \leq m$  and  $i = 0$ , and for  $j = m$  and  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Then from equations (1) and (2), we have that for all previous  $(i, j)$  :

$$g_{ij}(x_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$$

Our goal is to find a non-zero integer linear combination  $h(x)$  of the polynomials  $g_{ij}(x)$ , with small coefficients. Then  $h(x_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$ , and using the following lemma [3], if the coefficients of  $h(x)$  are sufficiently small, then  $h(x_0) = 0$  over the integers. Then  $x_0$  can be recovered using any standard root-finding algorithm; eventually from  $x_0$  one recovers the factorization of  $N$ . Given a polynomial  $h(x) = \sum h_i x^i$ , we denote by  $\|h(x)\|$  the Euclidean norm of the vector of its coefficients  $h_i$ .

**Lemma 1 (Howgrave-Graham).** *Let  $h(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  which is a sum of at most  $\omega$  monomials. Suppose that  $h(x_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$  where  $|x_0| \leq X$  and  $\|h(xX)\| < \phi^m / \sqrt{\omega}$ . Then  $h(x_0) = 0$  holds over the integers.*

*Proof.* We have :

$$\begin{aligned} |h(x_0)| &= \left| \sum h_i x_0^i \right| = \left| \sum h_i X^i \left( \frac{x_0}{X} \right)^i \right| \\ &\leq \sum \left| h_i X^i \left( \frac{x_0}{X} \right)^i \right| \leq \sum |h_i X^i| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\omega} \|h(xX)\| < \phi^m \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h(x_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$ , this gives  $h(x_0) = 0$ . □

We consider the lattice  $L$  spanned by the coefficient vectors of the polynomials  $g_{ij}(xX)$ . One can see that these coefficient vectors form a triangular basis of a full-rank lattice of dimension  $\omega = m + k + 1$  (for an example, see Fig. 1). The determinant of the lattice is then the product of the diagonal entries, which gives :

$$\det L = X^{(m+k)(m+k+1)/2} U^{m(m+1)/2} \quad (3)$$

|              | 1     | $x$    | $x^2$  | $x^3$ | $x^4$ | $x^5$ | $x^6$ |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $g_{00}(xX)$ | $U^3$ |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{01}(xX)$ | *     | $U^2X$ |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{02}(xX)$ | *     | *      | $UX^2$ |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{03}(xX)$ | *     | *      | *      | $X^3$ |       |       |       |
| $g_{13}(xX)$ |       | *      | *      | *     | $X^4$ |       |       |
| $g_{23}(xX)$ |       |        | *      | *     | *     | $X^5$ |       |
| $g_{33}(xX)$ |       |        |        | *     | *     | *     | $X^6$ |

**Fig. 1.** The lattice  $L$  of the polynomials  $g_{ij}(xX)$  for  $k = m = 3$ . The symbol '\*' correspond to non-zero entries whose value is ignored.

Using LLL (theorem 1), one obtains a non-zero short vector  $b$  whose norm is guaranteed to satisfy :

$$\|b\| \leq 2^{(\omega-1)/4} \cdot (\det L)^{1/\omega}$$

The vector  $b$  is the coefficient vector of some polynomial  $h(xX)$  with  $\|h(xX)\| = \|b\|$ . The polynomial  $h(x)$  is then an integer linear combination of the polynomials  $g_{ij}(x)$ , which implies that  $h(x_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$ . In order to apply Lemma 1, it is therefore sufficient to have that :

$$2^{(\omega-1)/4} \cdot (\det L)^{1/\omega} < \frac{\phi^m}{\sqrt{\omega}}$$

Using the inequalities  $\sqrt{\omega} \leq 2^{(\omega-1)/2}$ ,  $\phi > N/2$  and  $\omega - 1 = m + k \geq m$ , we obtain the following sufficient condition :

$$\det L \leq N^{m \cdot \omega} \cdot 2^{-2 \cdot \omega \cdot (\omega-1)}$$

From equation (3) and inequality  $U < N^2$ , this gives :

$$X^{(m+k)(m+k+1)/2} \leq N^{m \cdot k} \cdot 2^{-2 \cdot \omega \cdot (\omega-1)}$$

which gives the following condition for  $X$  :

$$X \leq \frac{N^{\gamma(m,k)}}{16}, \quad \gamma(m,k) = \frac{2 \cdot m \cdot k}{(m+k) \cdot (m+k+1)}$$

Our goal is to maximize the bound  $X$  on  $x_0$ , so that as few as possible bits will eventually have to be exhaustively searched. For a fixed  $m$ , the function  $\gamma(m,k)$  is maximal for  $k = m$ . The corresponding bound for  $k = m$  is then :

$$X \leq \frac{1}{16} \cdot N^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4m+2}}. \quad (4)$$

In the following we denote by  $\log$  the logarithm to the base 2. For an  $X$  satisfying the previous inequality, the previous algorithm applies the LLL reduction algorithm on a lattice of dimension  $2 \cdot m + 1$  and with entries bounded by  $\mathcal{O}(N^{2m})$ .

Since the running-time of LLL is polynomial in the dimension and in the size of the entries, given  $s_0$  such that  $s = s_0 \cdot X + x_0$  with  $0 \leq x_0 < X$ , the previous algorithm recovers the factorization of  $N$  in time polynomial in  $(\log N, m)$ .

Finally, taking the greatest integer  $X$  satisfying (4), and using  $s = p + q - 1 \leq 3\sqrt{N}$ , we obtain :

$$s_0 \leq \frac{s}{X} \leq 49 \cdot N^{1/(4m+2)}$$

Then, taking  $m = \lfloor \log N \rfloor$ , we obtain that  $s_0$  is upper-bounded by a constant. The previous algorithm is then run for each possible value of  $s_0$ , and the correct  $s_0$  enables to recover the factorization of  $N$ , in time polynomial in  $\log N$ .  $\square$

## 4 Generalization to Unbalanced Prime Factors

The previous algorithm fails when the prime factors  $p$  and  $q$  are unbalanced, because in this case we have that  $s = p + q - 1 \gg \sqrt{N}$ . This implies that  $s$  is much greater than the bound on  $X$  given by inequality (4).

In this section, we provide an algorithm which extends the result of the previous section to unbalanced prime-factors. We use a technique introduced by by Durfee and Nguyen in [2], which consists in using two separate variables  $x$  and  $y$  for the primes  $p$  and  $q$ , and replacing each occurrence of  $x \cdot y$  by  $N$ .

The following theorem shows that the factorization of  $N$  given  $(e, d)$  becomes easier when the prime factors are imbalanced. Namely, the condition on the product  $e \cdot d$  becomes weaker. For example, we obtain that for  $p < N^{1/4}$ , the modulus  $N$  can be factored in polynomial time given  $(e, d)$  if  $e \cdot d \leq N^{8/3}$  (instead of  $N^2$  for prime factors of equal size).

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $\beta$  and  $0 < \delta \leq 1/2$  be real values, such that  $2\beta\delta(1 - \delta) \leq 1$ . Let  $N = p \cdot q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are two prime integers such that  $p < N^\delta$  and  $q < 2 \cdot N^{1-\delta}$ . Let  $e, d$  be such that  $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ , and  $0 < e \cdot d \leq N^\beta$ . Then given  $(N, e, d)$  one can recover the factorization of  $N$  in deterministic polynomial time.*

*Proof.* Let  $U = ed - 1$  as previously. Our goal is to recover  $p, q$  from  $N$  and  $U$ . We have the following equations :

$$U \equiv 0 \pmod{\phi} \tag{5}$$

$$p + q - (N + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{\phi} \tag{6}$$

Let  $m \geq 1$ ,  $a \geq 1$  and  $b \geq 0$  be integers. We define the following polynomials  $g_{ijk}(x, y)$  :

$$g_{ijk}(x, y) = x^i \cdot y^j \cdot U^{m-k} \cdot (x + y - (N + 1))^k$$

$$\begin{cases} i \in \{0, 1\}, & j = 0, & k = 0, \dots, m \\ 1 < i \leq a, & j = 0, & k = m \\ i = 0, & 1 \leq j \leq b, & k = m \end{cases}$$

In the definition of the polynomials  $g_{ijk}(x, y)$ , we replace each occurrence of  $x \cdot y$  by  $N$ ; therefore, the polynomials  $g_{ijk}(x, y)$  contain only monomials of the form  $x^r$  and  $y^r$ . From equations (5) and (6), we obtain that  $(p, q)$  is a root of  $g_{ijk}(x, y)$  modulo  $\phi^m$ , for all previous  $(i, j, k)$  :

$$g_{ijk}(p, q) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$$

Now, we assume that we are given the high-order bits  $p_0$  of  $p$  and the high-order bits  $q_0$  of  $q$ . More precisely, for some integers  $X$  and  $Y$ , we write  $p = p_0 \cdot X + x_0$  and  $q = q_0 \cdot Y + y_0$ , with  $0 \leq x_0 < X$  and  $0 \leq y_0 < Y$ . The integers  $p_0$  and  $q_0$  will eventually be recovered by exhaustive search.

We define the translated polynomials :

$$t_{ijk}(x, y) = g_{ijk}(p_0 \cdot X + x, q_0 \cdot Y + y)$$

It is easy to see that for all  $(i, j, k)$ , we have that  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a root of  $t_{ijk}(x, y)$  modulo  $\phi^m$  :

$$t_{ijk}(x_0, y_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$$

As in the previous algorithm, our goal is to find a non-zero integer linear combination  $h(x, y)$  of the polynomials  $t_{ijk}(x, y)$ , with small coefficients. Then  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$ , and using the following lemma, if the coefficients of  $h(x, y)$  are sufficiently small, then  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0$  over the integers. Then one can define the polynomial  $h'(x) = (p_0 \cdot X + x)^{m+b} \cdot h(x, N/(p_0 \cdot X + x) - q_0 \cdot Y)$ . Since  $h(x, y)$  is not identically zero and  $h(x, y)$  contains only  $x$  powers and  $y$  powers, the polynomial  $h'(x)$  cannot be identically zero. Moreover  $h'(x_0) = 0$ , which enables to recover  $x_0$  using any standard root-finding algorithm, and eventually the primes  $p$  and  $q$ . Given a polynomial  $h(x, y) = \sum h_{ij} x^i y^j$ , we denote by  $\|h(x, y)\|$  the Euclidean norm of the vector of its coefficients  $h_{ij}$ .

**Lemma 2 (Howgrave-Graham).** *Let  $h(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$  which is a sum of at most  $\omega$  monomials. Suppose that  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$  where  $|x_0| \leq X$ ,  $|y_0| \leq Y$  and  $\|h(xX, yY)\| < \phi^m / \sqrt{\omega}$ . Then  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0$  holds over the integers.*

*Proof.* We have:

$$\begin{aligned} |h(x_0, y_0)| &= \left| \sum h_{ij} x_0^i y_0^j \right| = \left| \sum h_{ij} X^i Y^j \left( \frac{x_0}{X} \right)^i \left( \frac{y_0}{Y} \right)^j \right| \\ &\leq \sum \left| h_{ij} X^i Y^j \left( \frac{x_0}{X} \right)^i \left( \frac{y_0}{Y} \right)^j \right| \leq \sum |h_{ij} X^i Y^j| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\omega} \|h(xX, yY)\| < \phi^m \end{aligned}$$

Since  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0 \pmod{\phi^m}$ , this gives  $h(x_0, y_0) = 0$ . □

We consider the lattice  $L$  spanned by the coefficient vectors of the polynomials  $t_{ijk}(xX, yY)$ . One can see that these coefficient vectors form a triangular basis of a full-rank lattice of dimension  $\omega = 2m + a + b + 1$  (for an example,

|                   | 1     | $x$    | $y$    | $x^2$    | $y^2$  | $x^3$  | $y^3$ | $x^4$ | $x^5$ | $y^4$ |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $g_{000}(xX, yY)$ | $U^3$ |        |        |          |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{100}(xX, yY)$ | *     | $U^3X$ |        |          |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{001}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | $U^2Y$ |          |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{101}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | $U^2X^2$ |        |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{002}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | $UY^2$ |        |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{102}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | *      | $UX^3$ |       |       |       |       |
| $g_{003}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | *      | *      | $Y^3$ |       |       |       |
| $g_{103}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | *      | *      | *     | $X^4$ |       |       |
| $g_{203}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | *      | *      | *     | *     | $X^5$ |       |
| $g_{013}(xX, yY)$ | *     | *      | *      | *        | *      | *      | *     | *     | *     | $Y^4$ |

**Fig. 2.** The lattice  $L$  of the polynomials  $g_{ijk}(xX, yY)$  for  $m = 3$ ,  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ . The symbol '\*' correspond to non-zero entries whose value is ignored.

see Fig. 2). The determinant of the lattice is then the product of the diagonal entries, which gives :

$$\det L = X^{(m+a)(m+a+1)/2} Y^{(m+b)(m+b+1)/2} U^{m(m+1)} \quad (7)$$

As previously, using LLL, one obtains a non-zero polynomial  $h(x, y)$  such that:

$$\|h(xX, yY)\| \leq 2^{(\omega-1)/4} \cdot (\det L)^{1/\omega}$$

In order to apply Lemma 2, it is therefore sufficient to have that :

$$2^{(\omega-1)/4} \cdot (\det L)^{1/\omega} < \phi^m / \sqrt{\omega}$$

As in the previous section, using  $\sqrt{\omega} \leq 2^{(\omega-1)/2}$ ,  $\phi > N/2$  and  $\omega - 1 \geq m$ , it is sufficient to have :

$$\det L \leq N^{m \cdot \omega} \cdot 2^{-2 \cdot \omega \cdot (\omega-1)} \quad (8)$$

Let  $a = \lfloor (u-1) \cdot m - 1 \rfloor$  and  $b = \lfloor (v-1) \cdot m - 1 \rfloor$  for some reals  $u, v$ . We obtain that  $(m+a)(m+a+1) \leq m^2 u^2$  and  $(m+b)(m+b+1) \leq m^2 v^2$ . We denote  $X = N^{\delta_x}$  and  $Y = N^{\delta_y}$ . From equation (7) we obtain that :

$$\frac{\log(\det L)}{\log N} \leq m^2 \cdot \left( \delta_x \cdot \frac{u^2}{2} + \delta_y \cdot \frac{v^2}{2} + \beta \right) + \beta \cdot m \quad (9)$$

Moreover, using  $m(u+v) - 3 < \omega \leq m(u+v)$ , we obtain :

$$\log \left( N^{m \cdot \omega} \cdot 2^{-2 \cdot \omega \cdot (\omega-1)} \right) \geq m(m(u+v) - 3) \log N - 2m^2(u+v)^2 \quad (10)$$

Therefore, we obtain from inequalities (8), (9) and (10) the following sufficient condition :

$$u + v - \delta_x \frac{u^2}{2} - \delta_y \frac{v^2}{2} - \beta \geq \frac{\beta + 3}{m} + \frac{2}{\log N} (u + v)^2$$

The function  $u \rightarrow u - \delta_x \cdot u^2/2$  is maximal for  $u = 1/\delta_x$ , with a maximum equal to  $1/(2\delta_x)$ . The same holds for the function  $v \rightarrow v - \delta_y \cdot v^2/2$ . Therefore, taking  $u = 1/\delta_x$  and  $v = 1/\delta_y$ , we obtain the sufficient condition :

$$\frac{1}{2\delta_x} + \frac{1}{2\delta_y} - \beta \geq \frac{\beta+3}{m} + \frac{2}{\log N} \left( \frac{1}{\delta_x} + \frac{1}{\delta_y} \right)^2 \quad (11)$$

For  $X = N^{\delta_x}$  and  $Y = N^{\delta_y}$  satisfying the previous condition, given  $p_0$  and  $q_0$ , the algorithm recovers  $x_0, y_0$  and then  $p$  and  $q$  in time polynomial in  $(m, \log N)$ .

In the following, we show that  $p_0$  and  $q_0$  can actually be recovered by exhaustive search, while remaining polynomial-time in  $\log N$ .

Let  $\varepsilon$  be such that  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \delta/2$ . We have the following inequalities :

$$\frac{1}{\delta - \varepsilon} = \frac{1}{\delta(1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta})} \geq \frac{1}{\delta} \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{\delta} \right) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{1 - \delta - \varepsilon} \geq \frac{1}{1 - \delta} \left( 1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \delta} \right)$$

From  $2\beta\delta(1 - \delta) \leq 1$ , we obtain :

$$2\beta \leq \frac{1}{\delta(1 - \delta)} = \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{1}{1 - \delta}$$

which gives :

$$\frac{1}{\delta - \varepsilon} + \frac{1}{1 - \delta - \varepsilon} - 2\beta \geq \varepsilon \left( \frac{1}{\delta^2} + \frac{1}{(1 - \delta)^2} \right)$$

Therefore, taking  $\delta_x = \delta - \varepsilon$  and  $\delta_y = 1 - \delta - \varepsilon$ , we obtain from (11) the following sufficient condition :

$$\frac{\delta}{2} \geq \varepsilon \geq 2 \cdot \left( \frac{\beta+3}{m} + \frac{2}{\log N} \left( \frac{1}{\delta} + \frac{1}{1 - \delta} \right)^2 \right) \left( \frac{1}{\delta^2} + \frac{1}{(1 - \delta)^2} \right)^{-1}$$

Taking  $m = \lfloor \log N \rfloor$ , this condition can always be satisfied for large enough  $\log N$ . Taking the corresponding lower-bound for  $\varepsilon$ , we obtain  $\varepsilon = \mathcal{O}(1/\log N)$ , which gives  $N^\varepsilon \leq C$  for some constant  $C$ . Therefore, we obtain that  $p_0$  and  $q_0$  are upper-bounded by the constants  $C$  and  $2C$ :

$$p_0 \leq \frac{p}{X} \leq N^{\delta - \delta_x} \leq N^\varepsilon \leq C$$

$$q_0 \leq \frac{q}{Y} \leq 2N^{1 - \delta - \delta_y} \leq 2N^\varepsilon \leq 2C$$

This shows that  $p_0$  and  $q_0$  can be recovered by exhaustive search. The total running-time is still polynomial in  $\log N$ .  $\square$



## 5 Practical Experiments

We have implemented the two algorithms of sections 3 and 4, using Shoup’s NTL library [8]. First, we describe in Table 1 the experiments with prime factors of equal bit-size, with  $e \cdot d \simeq N^2$ . We assume that we are given the  $\ell$  high-order bits of  $s$ ; the observed running time for a single execution of LLL is denoted by  $t$ . The total running time for factoring  $N$  is then estimated as  $T \simeq 2^\ell \cdot t$ . We obtain that the factorization would take a few days for a 512-bit modulus, and a few years for a 1024-bit modulus.

| $N$       | bits given | dimension | $t$    | $T$       |
|-----------|------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 512 bits  | 14 bits    | 21        | 70 s   | 13 days   |
| 512 bits  | 10 bits    | 29        | 7 min  | 5 days    |
| 512 bits  | 9 bits     | 33        | 16 min | 5 days    |
| 1024 bits | 26 bits    | 21        | 7 min  | 900 years |
| 1024 bits | 19 bits    | 29        | 40 min | 40 years  |
| 1024 bits | 17 bits    | 33        | 90 min | 23 years  |

**Table 1.** Bit-size of  $N$ , number of bits to be exhaustively searched, lattice dimension, observed running-time for a single LLL-reduction  $t$ , and estimated total running-time  $T$ , with  $e \cdot d \simeq N^2$ . The experiments were performed on a 1.6 GHz PC running under Windows 2000/Cygwin.

The experiments with prime factors of unbalanced size with  $e \cdot d \simeq N^2$  are summarized in Table 2. In this case, it was not necessary to know the high-order bits of  $p$  and  $q$ , and one recovers the factorization of  $N$  after a single application of LLL. The table shows that the factorization of  $N$  is easier when the prime factors are unbalanced.

| $N$       | $\delta$ | dimension | $t$    |
|-----------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 512 bits  | 0.25     | 16        | 2 s    |
| 512 bits  | 0.3      | 29        | 2 min  |
| 1024 bits | 0.25     | 16        | 15 s   |
| 1024 bits | 0.3      | 29        | 10 min |

**Table 2.** Bit-size of the RSA modulus  $N$  such that  $p < N^\delta$ , lattice dimension, observed running-time for factoring  $N$ , with  $e \cdot d \simeq N^2$ . The experiments were performed on a 1.6 GHz PC running under Windows 2000/Cygwin.

## 6 Conclusion

We have shown the first *deterministic* polynomial time algorithm that factors an RSA modulus  $N$  given the pair of public and secret exponents  $e$  and  $d$ , provided that  $e \cdot d < N^2$ . The algorithm is a variant of Coppersmith's technique for finding small roots of univariate modular polynomial equations. We have also generalized our algorithm to the case of unbalanced prime factors.

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