

# Revisiting Prime Power RSA

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## Abstract

Recently Sarkar (DCC 2014) has proposed a new attack on small decryption exponent when RSA Modulus is of the form  $N = p^r q$  for  $r \geq 2$ . This variant is known as Prime Power RSA. The work of Sarkar improves the result of May (PKC 2004) when  $r \leq 5$ . In this paper, we improve the existing results for  $r = 3, 4$ . We also study partial key exposure attack on Prime Power RSA. Our result improves the work of May (PKC 2004) for certain parameters.

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## 1. Introduction

In the domain of public key cryptography, RSA has been the most popular cipher since its inception in 1978 by Rivest, Shamir and Adleman. Wiener [19] presented an important result on RSA by showing that one can factor  $N$  in polynomial time if the decryption exponent  $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ . Later using the idea of Coppersmith [6], Boneh and Durfee [4] improved this bound up to  $d < N^{0.292}$ .

There are several RSA variants proposed in the literature for efficiency and security point of view. In this paper, we consider Prime Power RSA, where RSA modulus  $N$  is of the form  $N = p^r q$  where  $r \geq 2$ . The modulus  $N = p^2 q$  was first used by Fujioka et al. in Eurocrypt 1991 [8]. In Eurocrypt 1998, Okamoto et al. [16] also used  $N = p^2 q$  to design a public key crypto system.

There are two variants of Prime Power RSA. In the first variant  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{r-1}(p-1)(q-1)}$ , where as in the second variant  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ . In [9], authors proved that polynomial time factorization is possible for the second variant if  $d < N^{\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{r+1}}$ .

For the first variant, Takagi in Crypto 1998 [18] proved that when  $d \leq N^{\frac{1}{2(r+1)}}$ , one can factor  $N$  in polynomial time. Later in PKC 2004, May [15]

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improved this bound up to  $d < N^{\max\{\frac{r}{(r+1)^2}, (\frac{r-1}{r+1})^2\}}$ . Recently Lu et al. [14] improve the work of [15]. They show one can factor  $N$  when  $d < N^{\frac{r(r-1)}{(r+1)^2}}$ .

Sarkar [17] has considered the polynomial  $f_e(x, y, z) = 1 + x(N - y^r - y^{r-1}z + y^{r-1})$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_e$  whose root is  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (b, p, q)$ , where  $ed = 1 + b\phi(N)$  to analyse the RSA modulus  $N = p^r q$ . In this paper we consider the same polynomial. But our lattice construction to solve this polynomial is different from [17]. As a result, we improve the existing works of [15, 17, 14] when  $r = 3, 4$ .

**Partial Exposure on  $d$ .** In Crypto 1996, Kocher [10] first proposed a novel attack which is known as partial key exposure attack. He showed that an attacker can get a few bits of  $d$  by timing characteristic of an RSA implementing device. Fault attacks [3] and power analysis [11] are other important side channel attacks in this direction. Boneh, Durfee and Frunkel [2] first proposed polynomial time algorithms when the attacker knows a few bits of the decryption exponent. The approach of [2] works only when the upper bound on  $e$  is  $\sqrt{N}$ . Later this constraint was removed by Blömer et. al. in Crypto 2003 [1] and Ernst et. al. in Eurocrypt 2005 [7].

May in PKC 2004 [15] studied partial key exposure attack on Prime Power RSA. He showed that one can factor  $N$  in polynomial time from the knowledge of  $d_0$  where  $|d - d_0| < N^{\max\{\frac{r}{(r+1)^2}, (\frac{r-1}{r+1})^2\}}$  when RSA modulus  $N = p^r q$ . Lu et al. [14] improve the work of [15] and show that factorization of  $N$  can be possible when  $|d - d_0| < N^{\frac{r(r-1)}{(r+1)^2}}$ . So in particular, when  $r = 2$ , approach of [15, 14] works when  $|d - d_0| < N^{0.22}$ . We have improved this bound up to  $N^{0.33}$ . Unfortunately, our method works only when  $d < N^{0.67}$ .

Our strategy to solve multivariate modular equation is based on lattice reduction [12] followed by Gröbner basis technique. Although our technique works in practice as noted from the experiments we perform, we need heuristic assumption for theoretical results.

**Assumption 1.** *Our lattice-based construction yields algebraically independent polynomials. The common roots of these polynomials can be efficiently computed by using techniques like calculation of the resultants or finding a Gröbner basis.*

## 2. Small Decryption Exponent Attack on Prime Power RSA

In this section we will consider the case when RSA modulus is of the form  $N = p^r q$  where  $r \geq 2$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus with  $p \approx q \approx N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Let the public exponent  $e (\approx N)$  and private exponent  $d$  satisfies  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ . Then under Assumption 1,  $N$  can be factored in polynomial time if  $d \leq N^{\tau(r)}$ , where  $\tau(r)$  is a function of  $r$ .*

*Proof.* We have  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$  where  $N = p^r q$ . So we can write  $ed = 1 + b(N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1})$ . Now we want to find the root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (b, p, q)$

modulo  $e$  of the polynomial

$$f_e(x, y, z) = 1 + x(N - y^r - y^{r-1}z + y^{r-1}).$$

Let  $d \approx N^\delta$ . Since  $e$  is of order  $N$ , we have  $b \approx N^\delta$ . Let  $X = N^\delta, Y = Z = N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Clearly,  $(X, Y, Z)$  provides the upper bounds of the elements in the root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , neglecting any small constant. Note that  $y_0^r z_0 = N$ . Now we define a set of polynomials which will be used to construct a lattice.

For integers  $m, a, t \geq 0$ , we consider the following polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} g_{i,j,k}(x, y, z) &= x^i y^{(r-1)i+k} z^{i+a} f_e^j(x, y, z) \\ &\text{where } i = 0, \dots, m, j = 0, \dots, m-i, k = 0, \dots, r \text{ and} \\ g_{i,j,0}(x, y, z) &= y^{(r+j)} z^a f_e^i(x, y, z) \\ &\text{where } i = 0, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, t-r. \end{aligned}$$

We replace each occurrence of the monomial  $y^r z$  in  $g_{i,j,k}$  by  $N$ . Let the new polynomial be  $h'_{i,j,k}$ . Now we want to make the coefficient of the monomial  $x^{i+j} y^{k+(r-1)i+rj-rl} z^{i+a-l}$  in  $h'_{i,j,k}$  to be 1, where  $l = \min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{k+(r-1)i+rj}{r} \right\rfloor, i+a \right\}$ . Let  $A$  be its coefficient in  $h'_{i,j,k}$ . Assume  $\gcd(A, e) = 1$ . Let  $AB \equiv 1 \pmod{e^m}$ .

Now consider the set of polynomials

$$h_{i,j,k}(x, y, z) = B h'_{i,j,k}(x, y, z) e^{m-j}.$$

Similarly construct  $h_{i,j,0}(x, y, z) = B h'_{i,j,0}(x, y, z) e^{m-i}$ .

Next, we form a lattice  $L$  by taking the coefficient vectors of the shift polynomials  $h_{i,j,k}(xX, yY, zZ)$  as basis.

Now dimension  $w$  of  $L$  is given by  $w = \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} \sum_{k=0}^r 1 + \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^{t-r} 1 = \frac{r+1}{2} m^2 + mt + o(m)$ . Let the determinant of  $L$  be  $\det(L) = X^{s_x} Y^{s_y} Z^{s_z} e^{s_e}$ . Now  $s_x = \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} \sum_{k=0}^r (i+j) + \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^{t-r} i = \frac{m^3(r+1)}{3} + \frac{m^2 t}{2} + o(m^3)$ . Similarly,  $s_e = \frac{m^3(r+1)}{3} + \frac{m^2 t}{2} + o(m^3)$ .

During the calculations of  $s_y$ , we assume either  $m > a$  or  $a - \frac{t}{r} < m < a$ .  
Now

$$\begin{aligned} s_y &= \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} \sum_{k=0}^r \left( (r-1)i + k + rj - r \min \left( \left\lfloor \frac{(r-1)i + k + rj}{r} \right\rfloor, i+a \right) \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^{t-r} \left( ri + r + j - r \min \left( \left\lfloor \frac{ri + r + j}{r} \right\rfloor, a \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{(3a^2 m - 3am^2 + m^3)r^2}{6} - \frac{(2am - m^2)rt}{2} + \frac{mt^2}{2} \\ &\quad - \frac{(a^3 r^3 - 3a^2 r^2 t + 3art^2 - t^3)}{6r} + o(m^3) \end{aligned}$$

Assuming  $m \geq a - \frac{t}{r}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
s_z &= \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=0}^{m-i} \sum_{k=0}^r \left( i + a - \min \left( \left\lfloor \frac{(r-1)i + k + rj}{r} \right\rfloor, i + a \right) \right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^{t-r} \left( a - \min \left( \left\lfloor \frac{ri + r + j}{r} \right\rfloor, a \right) \right) \\
&= \frac{\frac{ma^2r^3}{2} - \frac{a^3r^3}{6} + \frac{m^2ar^2}{2} + \frac{a^2tr^2}{2} + \frac{m^3r}{6} - \frac{at^2r}{2} + \frac{t^3}{6}}{r^2} + o(m^3).
\end{aligned}$$

One gets the root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  using lattice reduction over  $L$ , if  $\det(L) < e^{mw}$ .

Let  $a = \tau_1 m$  and  $t = \tau_2 m$ , where  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are non-negative real numbers. Now putting the values of  $\det(L)$  and  $w$  in the condition  $\det(L) < e^{mw}$ , we need

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta(\tau_1, \tau_2) &= -\frac{1}{6}\delta(2r + 3\tau_2 + 2) + \frac{1}{6}r + \frac{1}{2}\tau_2 - \\
&\quad \frac{(3\tau_1^2 - 3\tau_1 + 1)r^2 - 3(2\tau_1 - 1)r\tau_2 + 3\tau_2^2}{6(r+1)} + \\
&\quad \frac{(\tau_1 r - \tau_2)^3 \left(\frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{r^2}\right) - \frac{3\tau_1^2 r^3 + 3\tau_1 r^2 + r}{r^2}}{6(r+1)} + \frac{1}{6} > 0
\end{aligned}$$

For a fixed  $\delta$ , we will take the partial derivative of  $\eta$  with respect to  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  and equate each of them to 0, we get  $\tau_1 = -\frac{(\delta-1)r^2 + (\delta-1)r + 1}{2r}$  and

$$\tau_2 = -\frac{(\delta-1)r^3 + 2\delta r^2 + \delta r - 2\sqrt{-(\delta-1)r^2 - (2\delta-1)r - \delta + 1r + 1}}{2(r+1)}.$$

Now put these values of  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  in  $\eta$ . Inequality  $\eta > 0$  gives an upper bound of  $\delta$ . Call this upper bound  $\tau(r)$ . So when  $\delta \leq \tau(r)$ ,  $\eta > 0$ .

Now when  $\eta > 0$ , we get three polynomials  $f_0, f_1, f_2$  after lattice reduction such that  $f_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = f_1(x_0, y_0, z_0) = f_2(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0$ . Under Assumption 1, we can extract  $x_0, y_0, z_0$ .  $\square$

Exact expression of  $\tau(r)$  in Theorem 1 is very complicated. Hence in Table 1, we present a few values of  $\tau(r)$  for different values of  $r$ . One can note that from Table 1, our method will be better than the existing works for  $r = 3, 4$ . Also in Table 2, we present a few numerical values of  $\delta$  for different values of  $r, m, a, t$ .

When  $r > 4$ , the existing result is better than our approach. However, Boneh et al. in Crypto 1999 [5] proved that a fraction of  $\frac{1}{r+1}$  fraction of bits of MSBs of  $p$  are sufficient for polynomial time factorization. Also for large  $r$ , Elliptic Method Factorization [13] will be efficient because size of primes would be reduced for larger values of  $r$ . Hence for all practical purpose value of  $r$  can not be large.

| $r$ | [15]  | [17]  | [14]  | $\tau(r)$ |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 2   | 0.222 | 0.395 | 0.222 | 0.395     |
| 3   | 0.250 | 0.410 | 0.375 | 0.461     |
| 4   | 0.360 | 0.437 | 0.480 | 0.508     |
| 5   | 0.444 | 0.464 | 0.555 | 0.545     |
| 6   | 0.510 | 0.489 | 0.612 | 0.574     |

Table 1: Numerical upper bound of  $\delta$  for different values of  $r$

| $r$ | $m$ | $a$ | $t$ | $\delta$ | Lattice Dimension |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|-------------------|
| 3   | 22  | 20  | 49  | 0.42     | 2162              |
| 4   | 14  | 15  | 48  | 0.44     | 1260              |
| 5   | 11  | 12  | 44  | 0.45     | 936               |
| 6   | 19  | 26  | 119 | 0.52     | 3730              |

Table 2: Numerical values of  $\delta$  for different parameters.

**Experimental Results.** We have implemented the code in SAGE 5.12 on a Linux Mint 12. The hardware platform is HP Compaq 6200 Pro MT PC with a 3.4 Ghz Inter(R) Core i7-2600 CPU. Gröbner basis always contains a polynomial of the form  $y - p$ . Hence we can always extract the root successfully. We present the experimental results for the following cases:  $r = 3$  and  $\delta$  is in the range 0.270 to 0.341;  $r = 4$  and  $\delta = 0.362$ .

**Remark 1.** *Experimental results presented in [17] are up to  $\delta = 0.27$ . In particular, when  $\delta = 0.27$ , the lattice constructed in [17] is of dimension 220 when  $r = 3$ . From the above table we can see that the dimension of the lattice in this construction is 102 when  $r = 3$  and  $\delta = 0.27$ .*

| $r$ | $m$ | $a$ | $t$ | $\delta$ | LD  | Time in Seconds |               |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----------------|---------------|
|     |     |     |     |          |     | LLL Algorithm   | Gröbner basis |
| 3   | 5   | 3   | 6   | 0.270    | 102 | 1700.05         | 120.76        |
|     | 5   | 4   | 9   | 0.288    | 120 | 7761.85         | 1364.29       |
|     | 5   | 4   | 10  | 0.291    | 126 | 10347.65        | 1576.04       |
|     | 6   | 4   | 8   | 0.301    | 147 | 15875.70        | 2433.46       |
|     | 6   | 5   | 11  | 0.313    | 168 | 47205.86        | 10018.92      |
|     | 7   | 5   | 10  | 0.325    | 200 | 94117.08        | 13793.54      |
|     | 7   | 5   | 12  | 0.331    | 216 | 114720.15       | 17936.09      |
|     | 8   | 6   | 12  | 0.341    | 261 | 345864.51       | 52022.77      |
| 4   | 7   | 6   | 16  | 0.362    | 276 | 340649.58       | 107403.42     |

Table 3: Experimental Results for 1024-bit  $N = p^r q$ .

### 3. Partial Key Exposure Attack on Prime Power RSA

We will start with the following lemma. Our proof is similar to [1].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus with  $p \approx q \approx N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Let the public exponent  $e (\approx N)$  and private exponent  $d (\approx N^\delta)$  satisfies  $ed = 1 + b\phi(N)$ . Given an approximation  $d_0$  of  $d$  with  $|d - d_0| < N^\beta$ , one can find out an approximation  $b_0$  of  $b$  such that  $|b - b_0| < N^\lambda$  where  $\lambda = \max \left\{ \beta, \delta - \frac{1}{r+1} \right\}$*

*Proof.* Let  $b_0 = \lfloor \frac{ed_0}{N} \rfloor$ . Note that  $b = \frac{ed-1}{N-p^r-p^{r-1}q+p^{r-1}}$ .  
So

$$\begin{aligned} |b - b_0| &\approx \left| \frac{ed_0}{N} - \frac{ed}{N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{eN|d - d_0|}{N(N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1})} + \frac{ed_0(p^r + p^{r-1}q - p^{r-1})}{N(N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1})} \\ &< N^\beta + N^{\delta + \frac{r}{r+1} - 1} \\ &= N^\beta + N^{\delta - \frac{1}{r+1}} \\ &\approx N^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the result.  $\square$

So from an approximation of  $d$ , one can find an approximation of  $b$ . We will use this idea to prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $N = p^r q$  be an RSA modulus with  $p \approx q \approx N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Let the public exponent  $e (\approx N)$  and private exponent  $d (\approx N^\delta)$  satisfies  $ed = 1 + b\phi(N)$ . Given an approximation  $d_0$  of  $d$  with  $|d - d_0| < N^\beta$ , one can factor  $N$  in polynomial time under Assumption 1 if*

$$\lambda < \frac{3r - 2\sqrt{3r + 3} + 3}{3(r + 1)},$$

where  $\lambda = \max \left\{ \beta, \delta - \frac{r}{r+1} \right\}$ .

*Proof.* We have  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$  where  $N = p^r q$ . So we can write  $ed = 1 + b(N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1})$ . From Lemma 1, we can find an approximation  $b_0$  of  $b$ . Let  $b_1 = b - b_0$ . Hence we have  $ed = 1 + (b_0 + b_1)(N - p^r - p^{r-1}q + p^{r-1})$ . Now we want to find the root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0) = (b_1, p, q)$  modulo  $e$  of the polynomial

$$f_e(x, y, z) = 1 + (b_0 + x)(N - y^r - y^{r-1}z + y^{r-1}).$$

Let  $X = N^\lambda, Y = Z = N^{\frac{1}{r+1}}$ . Clearly,  $(X, Y, Z)$  provides the upper bounds of the elements in the root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$ , neglecting any small constant.

For integers  $m, a, t$ , we consider the following polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} g_{v,i,0}(x, y, z) &= y^{i+rv} z^a f_e^{(m-v)} \\ &\text{where } v = 0, \dots, m, i = 0, \dots, t \text{ and} \\ g_{v,i,j}(x, y, z) &= x^{j-\min\{j,v\}} y^{i-j+r\max\{j,v\}} z^{j+a} f_e^{m-\max\{j,v\}} \\ &\text{where } v = 0, \dots, m, j = 1, \dots, m, i = 0, \dots, r. \end{aligned}$$

Now we replace each occurrence of the monomial  $y^r z$  in  $g_{v,i,0}$  by  $N$ . Let the new polynomial be  $h'_{v,i,0}$ . Now we want to make the coefficient of the monomial  $x^{m-v} y^{i+rm-rl} z^{a-l}$  in  $h'_{v,i,0}$  to be 1, where  $l = \min\left\{\left\lfloor \frac{i+rm}{r} \right\rfloor, a\right\}$ . Let  $A$  be its coefficient in  $h'_{v,i,0}$ . Assume  $\gcd(A, e) = 1$ . Let  $AB \equiv 1 \pmod{e^m}$ .

Now consider the set of polynomials

$$h_{v,i,0}(x, y, z) = B h'_{v,i,0}(x, y, z) e^v.$$

Similarly construct  $h_{v,i,j}(x, y, z) = B h'_{v,i,j}(x, y, z) e^{\max\{j,v\}}$ .

Next, we form a lattice  $L$  by taking the coefficient vectors of the shift polynomials  $h_{v,i,j}(xX, yY, zZ)$  as basis.

Now dimension  $w$  of  $L$  is given by  $w = \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^t 1 + \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=0}^r 1 = (r+1)m^2 + mt + o(m^2)$ . Let the determinant of  $L$  be  $\det(L) = X^{s_x} Y^{s_y} Z^{s_z} e^{s_e}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } s_x &= \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^t (m-v) + \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=0}^r (m+j-\min\{j,v\}-\max\{j,v\}) = \\ &= \frac{m^3(r+1)}{2} + \frac{m^2 t}{2} + o(m^3). \text{ Similarly, } s_e = \frac{2m^3(r+1)}{3} + \frac{m^2 t}{2} + o(m^3). \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} s_y &= \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^t (i+rm-r\min\{\lfloor \frac{i+rm}{r} \rfloor, a\}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=0}^r (i-j+rm-r\min\{\lfloor \frac{i-j+rm}{r} \rfloor, j+a\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}m^3 r^2 - m^2 a r^2 + \frac{1}{2}m a^2 r^2 + m^2 t r - m a t r + \frac{1}{2}m t^2 + o(m^3), \\ &\quad (\text{if } a < m \text{ or } a > m \text{ \& } t > r(a-m)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
s_z &= \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^t (a - \min\{\lfloor \frac{i+rm}{r} \rfloor, a\}) + \\
&\quad \sum_{v=0}^m \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=0}^r (j + a - \min\{\lfloor \frac{i-j+rm}{r} \rfloor, j+a\}) \\
&= \frac{ma^2r^2 + 2m^2ar + m^3}{2r} + o(m^3) \quad (\text{if } a < m \text{ or } a > m \text{ \& } t > r(a-m))
\end{aligned}$$

To find  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  using lattice reduction over  $L$ , we need  $\det(L) < e^{mw}$ . Let  $a = \tau_1 m$  and  $t = \tau_2 m$ , where  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  are non-negative real numbers. Now putting the values of  $\det(L)$  and  $w$  in the condition  $\det(L) < e^{mw}$ , required condition is

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta(\tau_1, \tau_2) &= -\frac{\tau_1^2}{2r} + \frac{2r^3\tau_1 + 2r^2\tau_1\tau_2 - r^3\lambda - r^2\tau_2\lambda - \frac{r^3}{3} - r^2\tau_2 - r\tau_2^2 - 2r^2\lambda - r\tau_2\lambda}{2r^2 + 2r} \\
&\quad + \frac{\frac{4}{3}r^2 - 2r\tau_1 + r\tau_2 - r\lambda + \frac{2}{3}r - 1}{2r^2 + 2r} > 0
\end{aligned}$$

For a fixed  $\delta$ , we will take the partial derivative of  $\eta$  with respect to  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  and equate each of them to 0, we get  $\tau_1 = -\frac{(\lambda-1)r^2 + (\lambda-1)r + 2}{2r}$  and  $\tau_2 = -\frac{r^2}{2}(\lambda-1) - \lambda r - \frac{\lambda}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$ . Now put these values of  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  in  $\eta$ , we have  $\lambda < \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$ .  $\square$

In Table 4 we present few numerical values of  $\lambda$  for different values of  $r, m, a, t$ .

| $r$ | $m$ | $a$ | $t$ | $\lambda$ | Lattice Dimension |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-------------------|
| 2   | 10  | 4   | 0   | 0.23      | 341               |
| 3   | 7   | 5   | 2   | 0.26      | 248               |
| 4   | 10  | 10  | 13  | 0.37      | 704               |
| 5   | 15  | 16  | 29  | 0.45      | 1920              |
| 6   | 27  | 35  | 89  | 0.52      | 7812              |

Table 4: Numerical values of  $\delta$  for different parameters.

Note that cryptanalysis using our method is possible if  $\lambda < \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$ , with  $\lambda = \max\left\{\beta, \delta - \frac{1}{r+1}\right\}$ . As  $\lambda < \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$ , we have  $\beta < \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$  and  $\delta < \frac{1}{r+1} + \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$ .

In [15], it is proved that if  $|d - d_0| < N^\beta$  where  $\beta = \max\left\{\frac{r}{(r+1)^2}, \left(\frac{r-1}{r+1}\right)^2\right\}$  and  $d_0$  is known, one can factor  $N$  in polynomial time. Lu et al. [14] improve



| $r$   |          | 2     | 3     | 4     | 5     |
|-------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| [14]: | $\beta$  | 0.222 | 0.375 | 0.480 | 0.555 |
| Our   | $\beta$  | 0.333 | 0.423 | 0.484 | 0.528 |
|       | $\delta$ | 0.667 | 0.673 | 0.684 | 0.695 |

Table 5: Numerical upper bound of  $\beta$  and  $\delta$  for different values of  $r$

this up to  $|d - d_0| < N^{\frac{r(r-1)}{(r+1)^2}}$ . Approach of [15, 14] works even when  $d$  is of order  $N$ . However our approach does not work in these cases.

In Table 5, we have compared our bounds with the work of [14]. From Table 5, it is clear that when  $\delta < \frac{1}{r+1} + \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}$ , our approach is better than the work of [14] if  $r < 5$ . We could not attempt experiments as the lattice dimension is becoming quite high to show the improvements.

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, we have considered the Prime Power RSA, i.e, when RSA modulus is of the form  $N = p^r q$ . Our new lattice construction improves the existing attacks for small decryption exponent when  $r = 3, 4$ . We also have studied partial key exposure attack on Prime Power RSA. Our new approach improves the existing works when  $2 \leq r \leq 4$  if  $d < N^{\frac{1}{r+1} + \frac{3r-2\sqrt{3r+3}+3}{3(r+1)}}$ .

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