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A New Attack on the RSA Cryptosystem Based on Continued Fractions

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a new improved attack on RSA based on Wiener's technique using continued fractions. In the RSA cryptosystem with public modulus N = pq, public key e and secret key d, if $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$, Wiener's original attack recovers the secret key d using the convergents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N'}$. Our new method uses the convergents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N'}$ instead, where N' is a number depending on N. We will show that our method can recover the secret key if $d^2e < 8N^{\frac{3}{2}}$, so if either d or e is relatively small the RSA encryption can be broken. For $e \approx N^t$, our method can recover the secret key if $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{t}{2}}$ and certainly for $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$. Our experiments demonstrate that for a 1024-bit modulus RSA, our method works for values of d of up to 270 bits compared to 255 bits for Wiener.

Keywords: RSA, Wiener's attack, continued fractions.

1. Introduction

The RSA public-key cryptosystem is one of the most popular systems in use today. The key setup involves picking two large prime numbers p, q to form a product N = pq and selecting two integers $e, d < \phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$ such that $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$. Messages can be encrypted using the public key (N, e), whereas ciphertexts can be decrypted using the secret key (p, q, d). It is well known that RSA is not secure if the secret key d is relatively small.

An attack on RSA with low secret key d was given by Wiener (Wiener, 1990) about 25 years ago. Wiener showed that using continued fractions, one can efficiently recover the secret key d from the public information (N, e) as long as $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ (see also (Boneh and Durfee, 2000, Nassr et al., 2008)). In 2005, Steinfeld et al (Steinfeld et al., 2005) showed that for linear attack $N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ is the best bound in the sense that for any fixed $\epsilon > 0$ and all sufficiently large modulus lengths, Wiener's attack succeeds with negligible probability over a random choice of $d < N^{\delta}$ as soon as $\delta > \frac{1}{4} + \epsilon$. Exploiting a non-linear equation satisfied by the secret key, Boneh and Durfee (Boneh and Durfee, 2000) presented a lattice-based attack that succeeds in polynomial-time when $d < N^{0.292}$.

In this paper, we present a new improved attack on RSA based on Wiener's technique using continued fractions. As in Wiener's original attack, our method only uses the public information (N, e). The difference between our attack and Wiener's is that in Wiener's attack one is searching the convegents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N'}$ whereas in ours, one is searching the convegents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N'}$ where N' is given by

$$N' = \left[N - (1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}})N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1\right]$$

We will show that our method can recover the secret key if $d^2 e < 8N^{\frac{3}{2}}$. So if $e \approx N^t$, then our method can recover the secret key if $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{t}{2}}$ and certainly for $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ – which is more than 8 times the Wiener's bound. In Figure 1, the shaded part shows the area where our method is better than Wiener's (Wiener, 1990) and Boneh–Durfee's (Boneh and Durfee, 2000) ones.

There are other variants of Wiener's attack but these attacks need more than just the public information (N, e). For example, De Weger's attack (De Weger, 2002) exploited the small distance between the two RSA's secret primes: if $|p-q| = N^{\beta}$ and $d = N^{\delta}$ then d can be recovered if $2 - 4\beta < \delta < 1 - \sqrt{2\beta - \frac{1}{2}}$

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Figure 1: Comparison between our method and Wiener's (Wiener, 1990) and Boneh-Durfee's (Boneh and Durfee, 2000) ones.

or $\delta < \frac{1}{6}(4\beta + 5) - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{(4\beta + 5)(4\beta - 1)}$. The Blömer and May (Blömer and May, 2004) attack assumed a linear relation between e and $\phi(N)$: $ex + y = 0 \mod \phi(N)$ with either $0 < x < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ and $y = \mathcal{O}(N^{-\frac{3}{4}}ex)$ (their Theorem 2) or $x < \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{\phi(N)}{e}}\frac{N^{\frac{3}{4}}}{p-q}$ and $|y| \leq \frac{p-q}{\phi(N)N^{\frac{1}{4}}}ex$ (their Theorem 4). These conditions are much more complex than ours: $d^2e < 8N^{\frac{3}{2}}$, particularly because they have in addition to p, q and d the unknown x and y. For the case x = d and y = -1, used by Wiener and us, our result is better than Blömer–May's Theorem 2 result and also better than their Theorem 4 result if $\frac{9}{8} < \frac{p}{q} < 2$, and theirs is better if $1 < \frac{p}{q} < \frac{9}{8}$. Nassr et al's (Nassr et al., 2008) attack required an approximation $p_o \geq \sqrt{N}$ of the prime p with $|p - p_0| \leq \frac{1}{8}n^{\alpha}$, $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}$, $\delta < \frac{1-\alpha}{2}$.

The Blömer and May (Blömer and May, 2001) attack is a variant of the Boneh-Durfee attack (Boneh and Durfee, 2000) which works for $d < N^{0.29}$. Using an exhaustive search of about 8+2b bits, Verheul and van Tilborg (Verheul and van Tilborg, 1997) improved Wiener's bound to $d < 2^b N^{\frac{1}{4}}$. Another exponential time attack similar to this is due to Dujella (Dujella, 2004).

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we review

some preliminary results on continued fractions and Wiener's attack. Section 3 presents our main result which says that the RSA encryption system is not secure if $e \approx N^t$ and $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{t}{2}}$. As t < 1, this means that RSA encryption is not secure for $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{3}{4}-\frac{t}{2}}$. As t < 1, this means that RSA encryption is not secure for $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{3}{4}}$ compared to Wiener's result of $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$. In Section 4, we show our experiment result with a 1024-bit modulus and 270-bit secret key. We show that our usage of continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N}$ is essential because if we use the continued fraction expansion of $\frac{e}{N}$ as in Wiener's attack then the secret key cannot be found.

2. Preliminaries

RSA is a public-key cryptosystem widely used for secure data transmission. In general, such a cryptosystem consists of two functions, encrypt and decrypt. The encryption function takes a *public encryption key e* and a message m and outputs a ciphertext

 $c = encrypt_e(m),$

the decryption function is the inverse function, which takes a *secret decryption* key d and a ciphertext c and outputs back the original message

$$m = decrypt_d(c).$$

The algorithm is called a public-key cryptosystem because the encryption key is made public and the decryption key is kept secret. It means that anyone can encrypt messages but only the owner of the secret decryption key can read them.

RSA Key Generation algorithm

- Choose two distinct prime numbers p and q of similar bit-length.
- Compute $N = pq, \ \phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- Choose e such that $(e, \phi(N)) = 1$
- Determine $d = e^{-1} \pmod{\phi(N)}$
- Keep p, q, d secret, publish N, e.

RSA Encryption-Decryption algorithm

• For a message $m \in (1, N)$, the ciphertext c is

$$c = m^e \pmod{N}$$

• For a ciphertext $c \in (1, N)$, the message m is determined as

$$m = c^d \pmod{N}$$

The complexity of the decryption algorithm is based on the size of the decryption key d. In a cryptosystem with a limited resource such as a credit card, it is desirable to have a smaller value of d. Wiener's attack, uses the *continued fraction* method to expose the private key d when d is small ($d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$).

A continued fraction is an expression of the form

$$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n}}}$$

The continued fraction expansion of a number is formed by subtracting away the integer part of it and inverting the remainder and then repeating this process again and again. For example,

As we have seen above, the coefficients a_i of the continued fraction of a number x are constructed as follows:

$$x_0 = x, \ a_n = [x_n], \ x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{x_n - a_n}$$

We use the following notation to denote the continued fraction

$$x = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n] = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{\ddots + \frac{1}{a_n}}}$$

If $k \leq n$, the continued fraction $[a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_k]$ is called the k^{th} convergent of x. The following theorem gives us the fundamental recursive formulas to calculate the convergents.

Theorem 2.1. The k^{th} convergent can be determined as

$$[a_0,\ldots,a_k] = \frac{p_k}{q_k}$$

where the sequences $\{p_n\}$ and $\{q_n\}$ are specified as follows¹:

$$p_{-2} = 0, \quad p_{-1} = 1, \quad p_n = a_n p_{n-1} + p_{n-2}, \quad \forall n \ge 0,$$

$$q_{-2} = 1, \quad q_{-1} = 0, \quad q_n = a_n q_{n-1} + q_{n-2}, \quad \forall n \ge 0.$$

The following theorem (Hardy and Wright, 1979) is the basis for Wiener's attack.

Theorem 2.2. Let p, q be positive integers such that

$$0 < \left| x - \frac{p}{q} \right| < \frac{1}{2q^2}$$

then $\frac{p}{q}$ is a convergent of the continued fraction of x.

The following theorem summarises Wiener's attack (Boneh and Durfee, 2000, Wiener, 1990).

Theorem 2.3. In a RSA algorithm, if the following conditions are satisfied

- q (i.e. p and q are two primes of the same bit size)
- $0 < e < \phi(N)$

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The convergents start with $\frac{p_0}{q_0}$, but it is a convention to extend the sequence index to -1 and -2 to allow the recursive formula to hold for n = 0 and n = 1

- $ed k\phi(N) = 1$
- $\bullet \quad d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$

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then $\frac{k}{d}$ is a convergent of $\frac{e}{N}$. Thus, the secret information p, q, d, k can be recovered from public information (e, N).

Since $\frac{e}{N}$ has $O(\log(N))$ number of convergents, Wiener's algorithm will succeed to factor N and output p, q, d, k in $O(\log(N))$ time complexity.

Example 1. In the following example, we have a 1024-bit modulus N, the upper bound $\frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ in Theorem 2.3 is 255-bit, d is 255-bit and we have found the convergent $c_{149} = \frac{p_{149}}{q_{149}} = \frac{k}{d}$ as asserted by Theorem 2.3.

p					12137	
1	2429807756	5612551149	2629609691	9449141205	8680156593	
	9661850265	4224438815	0519802020	4979508724	3102230079	
	9409502534	6163494126	0471531617	7098769594	1320931493	512 bits
q					9201	
-	0524322086	3900671386	8662660639	9738950237	2692456878	
	2613825773	8431082681	6215281513	7070448098	3908271161	
	4206768781	4447541784	7243525840	6453897707	3778553491	512 bits
N					111675409	
	0485730823	5978712392	1718417590	8091542898	6532382066	
	5485087798	8534958587	2419428390	8818158158	7258671440	
	7683378413	7900981405	8406611299	6495087782	9075022344	
	5692173775	8022280271	1775885570	7370037539	5363272503	
	0411307566	7128393688	9712399229	9533595050	1425299028	
	6693467091	9270372721	8720248761	5489260235	4246992063	1024 bits
$\phi(N)$					111675409	
	0485730823	5978712392	1718417590	8091542898	6532382066	
	5485087798	8534958587	2419428390	8818158158	7258671440	
	7683378413	7900981405	8406611299	6495087782	9075001006	
	2738043932	8509057735	0483615238	8181946096	3990659030	
	8135631527	4472872192	2977315695	7483638227	4414797787	
	3077195775	8659336811	1005191303	1936592933	9147507080	1024 bits
Theorem 2.3 bound			3426637	2625316286	2968546235	
$\frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$	7247145632	3454416288	1157194267	8892540948	5361638977	255 bits
e					45643085	
	8324017120	3133152071	1529402253	9055348712	7592566099	
	1853899212	7134329984	8723684744	2845550165	4714497720	
	7173865355	1358820024	8341016147	1746464324	1362580067	
	0745402653	2892481331	8307985083	2822164891	3129959216	
	3726940854	8355291478	1683701096	4254131032	8949699809	
	7582249761	4243019490	2375579169	7150271910	4226716997	1023 bits
d			3426637	2625316286	2968546235	
	7247145632	3454416288	1157194267	8892540948	5361638973	255 bits
k			1400507	9544612205	2131699024	
	5626308122	5492430329	4046240953	0743691100	4314600526	253 bits
convergent of $\frac{e}{N}$				found c_{149}	$= \frac{p_{149}}{q_{149}} = \frac{k}{d}$	

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3. A New Improved Attack Based on Continued Fractions

In this section, we present our main result. Instead of using the convergents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N}$ as in the Wiener's original attack, we will use the convergents of the continued fraction of $\frac{e}{N'}$ where N' is given by

$$N' = \left[N - (1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}})N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1\right]$$

We will show that for $e \approx N^t$, the secret key can be recovered if $d < 2\sqrt{2} N^{\frac{3}{4} - \frac{t}{2}}$.

First, we need the following auxiliary result.

Lemma 3.1. For N > 2000000,

$$\frac{(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}-2)N^{\frac{1}{2}}+4}{2(N-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} < \frac{1}{16N^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Proof. We have

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}-2)N^{\frac{1}{2}}+4}{2(N-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} < \frac{1}{16N^{\frac{3}{2}}} \\ \Leftrightarrow & 8N^{\frac{1}{2}}((\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}-2)N^{\frac{1}{2}}+4) < (N^{\frac{1}{2}}-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow & (12\sqrt{2}-16)N+32N^{\frac{1}{2}} < N-3\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{9}{2} \\ \Leftrightarrow & (32+3\sqrt{2})N^{\frac{1}{2}} < (17-12\sqrt{2})N+\frac{9}{2} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{32+3\sqrt{2}}{17-12\sqrt{2}} < N^{\frac{1}{2}}+\frac{9}{2(17-12\sqrt{2})N^{\frac{1}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

This is true because $N > 200000 > \left(\frac{32+3\sqrt{2}}{17-12\sqrt{2}}\right)^2$.

This is our main theorem.

Theorem 3.1. In a RSA algorithm, if the following conditions are satisfied

- $\bullet \ q$
- $0 < e < \phi(N)$
- $ed k\phi(N) = 1$
- N > 2000000

$$\bullet \quad d < 2\sqrt{2} \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} N^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

and

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$$N' = \left[N - (1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}})N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1\right]$$

then $\frac{k}{d}$ is a convergent of $\frac{e}{N'}$. Thus, the secret information p, q, d, k can be recovered from public information (e, N).

Proof. Let $\phi_1 = N + 1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\phi_2 = N + 1 - 2N^{\frac{1}{2}}$. It follows from $q that <math>1 < \sqrt{\frac{p}{q}} < \sqrt{2}$, so since the function $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ is increasing on $[1, +\infty)$,

$$2 < \frac{p+q}{N^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \sqrt{\frac{p}{q}} + \sqrt{\frac{q}{p}} < \sqrt{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$
$$2N^{\frac{1}{2}} < p+q < \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\phi_1 = N + 1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}} < \phi(N) < N + 1 - 2N^{\frac{1}{2}} = \phi_2$$

Let $\phi_{mid} = N - (1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}})N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1$, then ϕ_{mid} is the midpoint of the interval $[\phi_1, \phi_2]$ and $N' = [\phi_{mid}]$. Since $\phi(N) \in (\phi_1, \phi_2)$,

$$|\phi(N) - N'| < |\phi(N) - \phi_{mid}| + |\phi_{mid} - N'| < \frac{1}{2}(\phi_2 - \phi_1) + 1 = \frac{1}{2}(\phi_2 - \phi_1 + 2)$$

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We have

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$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{e}{N'} - \frac{k}{d} \right| &= \left| \left(\frac{e}{N'} - \frac{e}{\phi(N)} \right) + \left(\frac{e}{\phi(N)} - \frac{k}{d} \right) \right| = \left| \frac{e(\phi(N) - N')}{N'\phi(N)} + \frac{1}{d\phi(N)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{e(\phi(N) - N')}{N'\phi(N)} + \frac{e}{\phi(N)(k\phi(N) + 1)} \right| \\ &< \frac{e(\phi(N) - N')}{N'\phi(N)} + \frac{e}{\phi(N)(k\phi(N) + 1)} \\ &< \frac{e(\phi_2 - \phi_1 + 2)/2}{\phi_1^2} + \frac{e}{\phi_1^2} < \frac{e(\phi_2 - \phi_1 + 4)}{2(\phi_1 - 1)^2} = e \frac{\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} - 2\right)N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 4}{2(N - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} \end{aligned}$$

For N > 2000000, by Lemma 3.1, we have

$$\frac{\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}-2\right)N^{\frac{1}{2}}+4}{2(N-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}N^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} < \frac{1}{16N^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

Therefore,

$$\left|\frac{e}{N'} - \frac{k}{d}\right| < \frac{e}{16N^{\frac{3}{2}}} < \frac{1}{2d^2}.$$

The boxed condition in Theorem 3.1 amounts to $d^2e < 8N^{\frac{3}{2}}$, so if either d or e is relatively small then RSA encryption can be broken. When e is relatively small, the Wiener attack cannot be applied, whereas ours can.

This result is superficially like that of Blömer-May (Blömer and May, 2004) (Theorem 4), which is

Theorem 3.2. (Blömer and May, 2004) Given an RSA public key tuple (N, e), where N = pq. Suppose that e satisfies an equation $ex + y = 0 \pmod{\phi(N)}$ with

$$0 < x \le \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\phi(N)}{e} \frac{N^{\frac{3}{4}}}{p-q}} \ and \ |y| \le \frac{p-q}{\phi(N) N^{\frac{1}{4}}} ex$$

then N can be factored in time polynomial in $\log N$.

With x = d and y = -1, these conditions amount to

$$ed^2 < \frac{\phi(N) N^{\frac{3}{2}}}{9(p-q)^2} \tag{1}$$

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and

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$$\phi(N) N^{\frac{1}{4}} < (p-q)ed,$$
 (2)

whereas our only condition is $ed^2 < 8N^{\frac{3}{2}}$. Let R be the ratio between our bound and Blömer-May's bound (1)

$$R = \frac{8N^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\frac{\phi(N)N^{\frac{3}{2}}}{9(p-q)^2}} = \frac{72(p-q)^2}{\phi(N)}$$

then

$$R = \frac{N}{\phi(N)} \frac{72(p-q)^2}{pq} = \frac{N}{\phi(N)} \frac{72(\frac{p}{q}-1)^2}{\frac{p}{q}}$$

Since $q , the quotient <math>\frac{p}{q}$ ranges in the interval (1,2). Consider the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{72(x-1)^2}{x}$ for $x \in (1,2)$, we can see that f(x) < 1 for $x \in (1,\frac{9}{8})$ and f(x) > 1 for $x \in (\frac{9}{8},2)$. Therefore, if $\frac{p}{q} \in (\frac{9}{8},2)$ then $R = \frac{N}{\phi(N)}f(\frac{p}{q}) > 1$ and our bound is better than Blömer-May's bound. Our experiment result in Section 4 also confirms this.

From Theorem 3.1, we have

Corollary 3.1. In a RSA algorithm, if the following conditions are satisfied

- q
- $0 < e < \phi(N)$
- $ed k\phi(N) = 1$
- N > 2000000
- $d < 2\sqrt{2}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$

and

$$N' = \left[N - (1 + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}})N^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1\right]$$

then $\frac{k}{d}$ is a convergent of $\frac{e}{N'}$. Thus, the secret information p, q, d, k can be recovered from public information (e, N).

Note that Corollary 3.1 has $d < 2\sqrt{2} N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ while Wiener's result had $d < \frac{1}{3} N^{\frac{1}{4}}.$

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4. Experiment Result

We will use the same 1024-bit modulus as in Example 1. With this 1024-bit modulus, the Wiener's upper bound $\frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ is 255-bit. Here, we show an example of a 270-bit secret key.

Ν	111675409	
	$0485730823\ 5978712392\ 1718417590\ 8091542898\ 6532382066$	
	$5485087798\ 8534958587\ 2419428390\ 8818158158\ 7258671440$	
	$7683378413\ 7900981405\ 8406611299\ 6495087782\ 9075022344$	
	$5692173775\ 8022280271\ 1775885570\ 7370037539\ 5363272503$	
	$0411307566\ 7128393688\ 9712399229\ 9533595050\ 1425299028$	
	$6693467091 \ 9270372721 \ 8720248761 \ 5489260235 \ 4246992063$	1024 bits
Theorem 3.1	111675409	
N'	$0485730823\ 5978712392\ 1718417590\ 8091542898\ 6532382066$	
	$5485087798\ 8534958587\ 2419428390\ 8818158158\ 7258671440$	
	$7683378413\ 7900981405\ 8406611299\ 6495087782\ 9075000568$	
	$2159570564\ 0981693044\ 2093595665\ 5130899532\ 7328449321$	
	$6820552021\ 8559771355\ 1247634195\ 5201901221\ 0109431097$	
	$4104405733\ 7196789666\ 1898135689\ 1959781693\ 7504572404$	1024 bits
e	$9497738493\ 9533670765\ 7042840968\ 7659484313\ 7084252195$	
	$6357612333\ 8847198573\ 4448278894\ 7630928901\ 1796460405$	
	$3837337081\ 2904542700\ 5252696553\ 0732537894\ 7443876974$	
	$8735584808\ 1502373619\ 6458971201\ 9372820861\ 3917977593$	
	$0646731395\ 1290537294\ 6709829003\ 9830064227\ 6485488318$	
	$8298864198 \ 1593551375 \ 9303722339 \ 5282843022 \ 6076170323$	997 bits
d	$16\ 8426074727\ 9546104062\ 9984578341$	
	$1702121043 \ 1469393463 \ 8412655292 \ 6172702449 \ 5099104827$	270 bits
k	$1432\ 4253002139\ 3318566580$	
	$1576488907\ 6467402086\ 1953632340\ 7603167662\ 3143713764$	244 bits
convergent of $\frac{e}{N}$	not found, $c_i \neq \frac{k}{d}, \ \forall i$	
convergent of $\frac{e}{N'}$	found $c_{146} = \frac{p_{146}}{q_{146}} = \frac{k}{d}$	

This experiment result shows that our usage of continued fractions of $\frac{e}{N'}$ is essential. If we use continued fractions of $\frac{e}{N}$ as in Wiener's original attack then no convergent c_i is found for which $c_i = \frac{k}{d}$.

For this example, the Blömer and May Theorems 2 and 4 results, with x = d and y = -1, do not apply as neither of $d < \frac{1}{3}N^{\frac{1}{4}}$ and $d < \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{\phi(N)}{e}}\frac{N^{\frac{3}{4}}}{p-q}$ hold.

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