



# FACTORING INTEGERS, PRODUCING PRIMES AND THE RSA CRYPTOSYSTEM

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**Regrettably:** RSA labs believes that factoring in one year requires:

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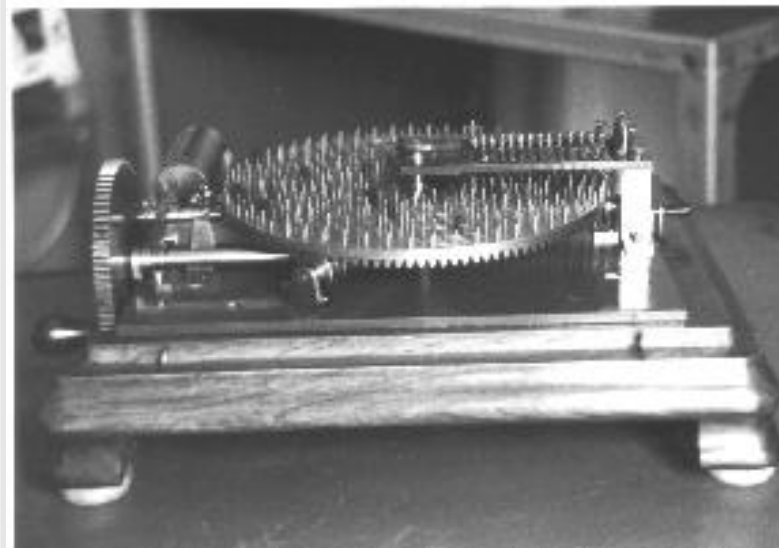


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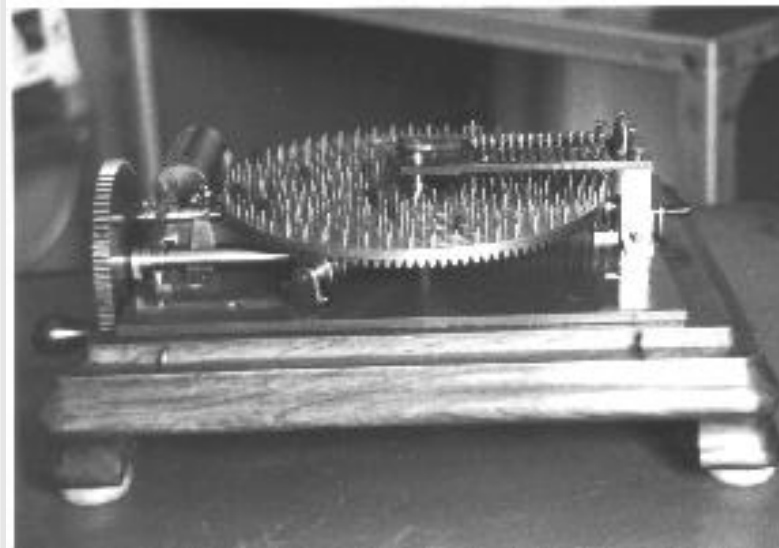


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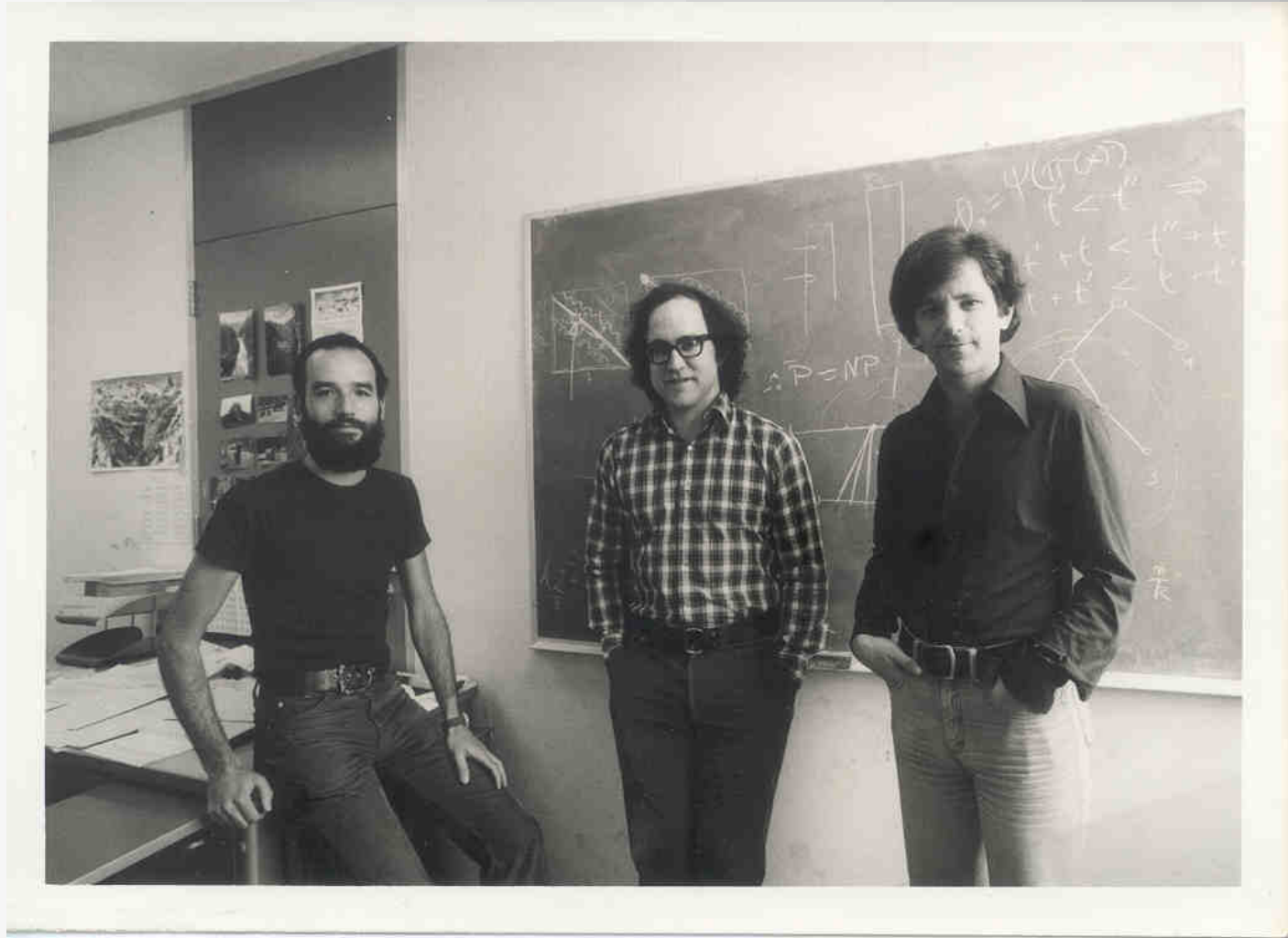
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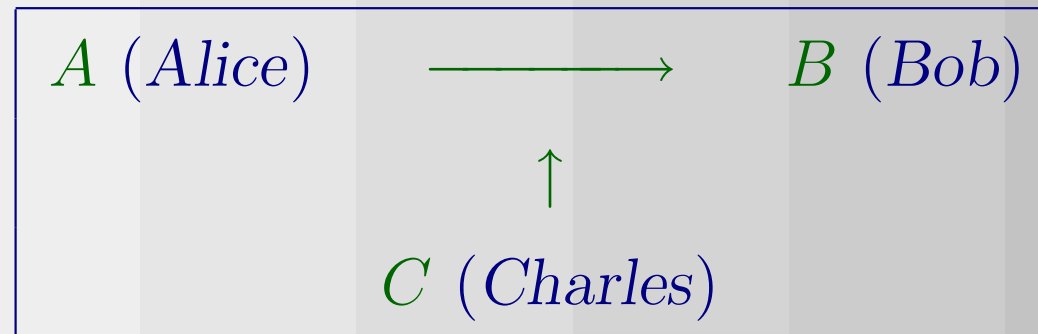
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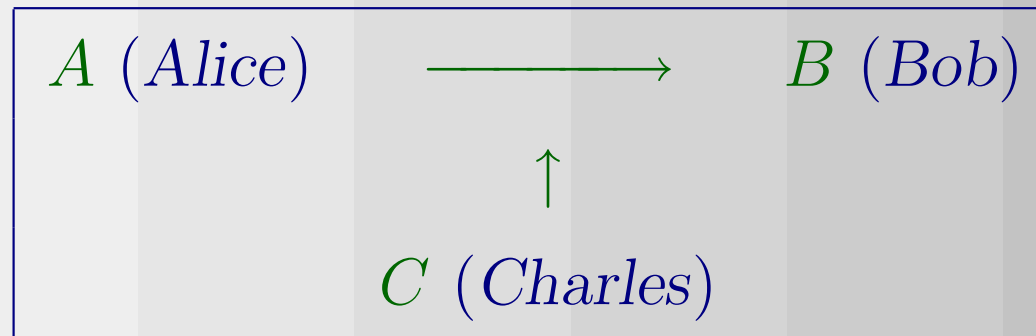
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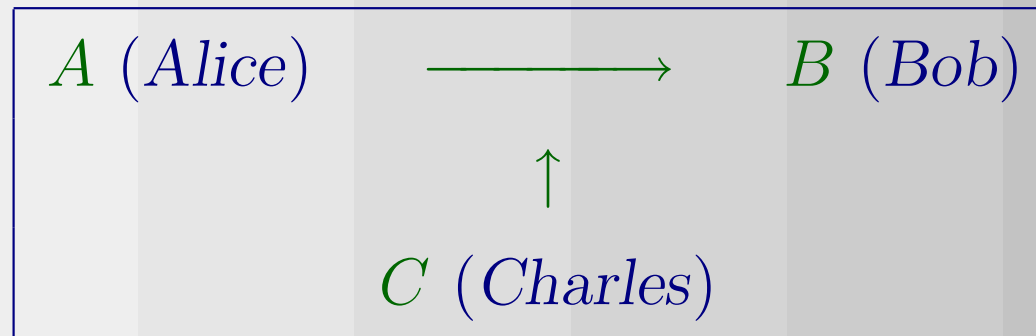
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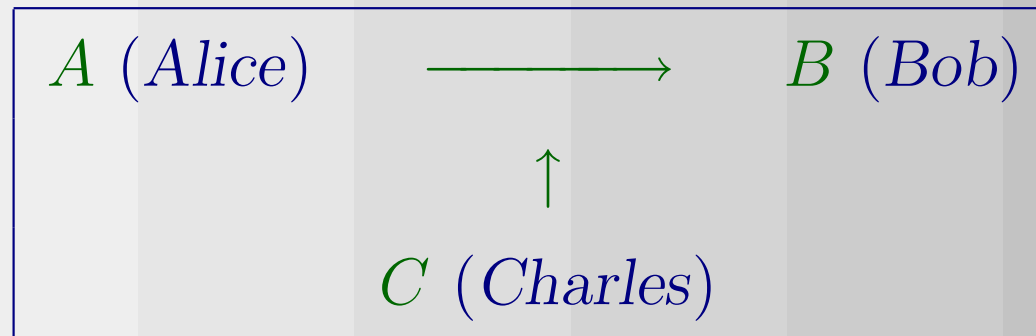
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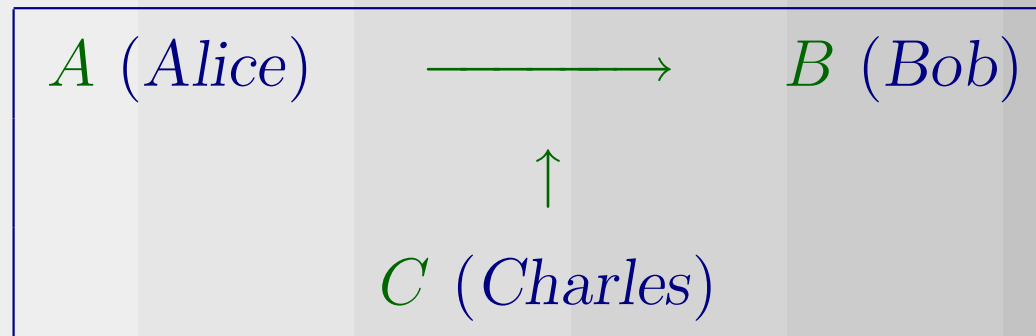
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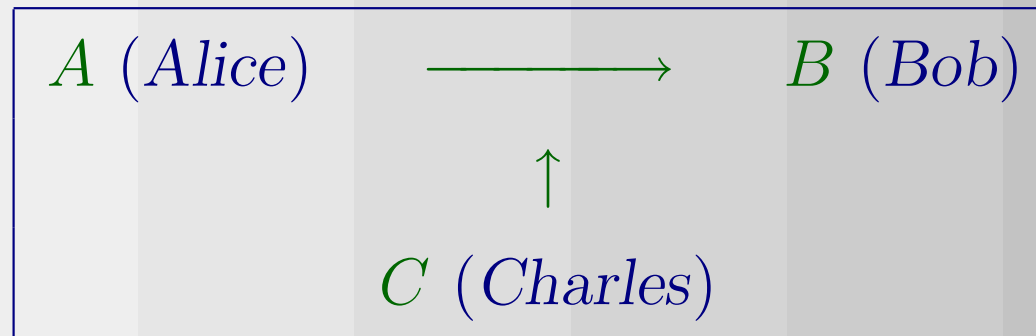
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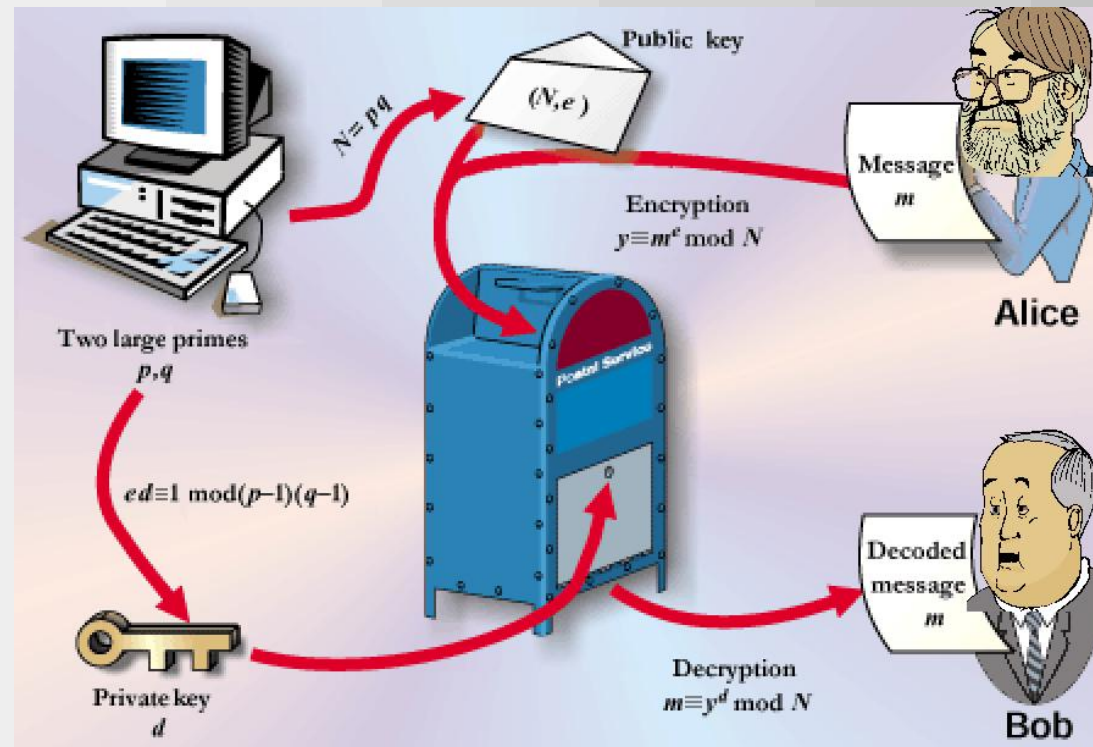
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