

# Distribution of RSA Number's Divisor on T3 Tree

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**Abstract**—The article investigates the detail distribution of RSA modulus' small divisor in the T3 tree in terms of the divisor-ratio. It proves that, the distribution of the small divisor in T3 tree is completely determined by the divisor-ratio and the parity of the level where the RSA modulus lies, the small divisor of a RSA modulus lying on an even level lies on the same level as where the square root of the modulus is clamped, whereas that of a modulus on an odd level possibly lies on the same level or the higher adjacent level of the square root. Through mathematical induction, it shows that a smaller divisor-ratio results in a closer position of the small divisor to the square root of a RSA modulus.

**Index Terms**—Cryptography, RSA modulus, divisor ratio, binary tree.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The RSA modulus, which is also called a RSA number, is a big semiprime composed of two distinct prime divisors, say  $p$  and  $q$  with  $3 \leq p < q$  such that  $1 < q/p < \sqrt{2}$ , according to the American Digital Signature Standard (DSS) [1]. As stated in [2], the RSA numbers have been essentially important in cryptography ever since the RSA public cryptosystem was established. It is believed that, a systematic theory or method that can factorize the RSA numbers means the failure of the RSA public cryptosystem. Thus factorization of the RSA numbers has been a dream filled with fantasies of researchers and engineers working on information security. Nevertheless, the list of unfactored RSA numbers gets longer and longer on the bulletin.

Recently, a T<sub>3</sub>-tree approach has revealed activities in studying the integers. The approach originates from paper [3], followed by a series of papers, as list in the references from [4]-[13].

In the paper [13], a theorem, which was marked with Proposition 1 in the paper, was proved to show the scopes of the divisors  $p$  and  $q$  in accordance with the variation of the divisor-ratio by  $1 < q/p < \sqrt{2}$ ,  $1 < q/p < 1.5$  and  $1 < q/p < 2$ . The paper also proposed three interval-subdivisions that could indicate which subinterval the two divisors lie in. However, that paper was lack of mathematical analysis to show why the proposed subdivision should be those ones. It seemed that the proposed subdivisions were coming suddenly from the heaven and accordingly a question whether there is better one is naturally asked by readers. To make it clear, this paper proves in detail where the small divisor of a RSA

modulus should be in a T<sub>3</sub> tree, and thereby provides theoretically foundations to the results in paper [13].

## II. HELPFUL HINTS

### A. Definitions and Notations

Let  $S$  be a set of finite positive integers with  $s_0$  and  $s_n$  being the smallest and the biggest terms respectively; an integer  $x$  is said to be *clamped* in  $S$  if  $s_0 \leq x \leq s_n$ . Symbol  $x \triangle S$  indicates that  $x$  is clamped in  $S$ . Symbol  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the floor function, an integer function of real number  $x$  that satisfies inequality  $x-1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x$ , or equivalently  $\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x < \lfloor x \rfloor + 1$ . Let  $N = pq$  be an odd integer with  $1 < p < q$ ; then  $k = \frac{q}{p}$  is called the *divisor-ratio* of  $N$ .

In this whole paper, symbol T<sub>3</sub> is the T<sub>3</sub> tree that was introduced in [3], [7] and symbol  $N_{(k,j)}$  is by default the node at position  $j$  on level  $k$  of T<sub>3</sub>, where  $k \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq j \leq 2^k - 1$ . By using the asterisk wildcard \*, symbol  $N_{(k,*)}$  means a node lying on level  $k$ . An integer  $X$  is said to be clamped on level  $k$  of T<sub>3</sub> if  $2^{k+1} \leq X \leq 2^{k+2} - 1$  and symbol  $X \triangle k$  indicates  $X$  is clamped on level  $k$ . An odd integer  $O$  satisfying  $2^{k+1} + 1 \leq O \leq 2^{k+2} - 1$  is said to be on level  $k$  of T<sub>3</sub>, and use symbol  $O \square k$  to express it. Symbol  $(p \triangle q) = k$  means integers  $p$  and  $q$  are on the same level  $k$  or clamped on the same level  $k$ . Symbol  $A \otimes B$  means  $A$  holds and simultaneously  $B$  holds, symbol  $A \oplus B$  means  $A$  or  $B$  holds. Symbol  $(a = b) > c$  means  $a$  takes the value of  $b$  and  $a > c$ . Symbol  $A \Rightarrow B$  means conclusion  $B$  can be derived from condition  $A$ .

### B. Lemmas

**Lemma 1 (See in [3] & [7]).** T<sub>3</sub> Tree has the following fundamental properties.

**(P1).** Every node is an odd integer and every odd integer bigger than 1 must be on the T<sub>3</sub> tree. Odd integer  $N$  with  $N > 1$  lies on level  $\lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ .

**(P2).**  $N_{(k,j)}$  is calculated by

$$N_{(k,j)} = 2^{k+1} + 1 + 2j, j = 0, 1, \dots, 2^k - 1$$

and thus

$$2^{k+1} + 1 \leq N_{(k,j)} \leq 2^{k+2} - 1$$

**(P3)** The biggest node on level  $k$  of the left branch

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is  $2^{k+1} + 2^k - 1$  whose position is  $j = 2^{k-1} - 1$ , and the smallest node on level  $k$  of the right branch is  $2^{k+1} + 2^k + 1$  whose position is  $j = 2^{k-1}$ . On the same level, there is not a node that is a multiple of another one.

**(P4)** Multiplication of arbitrary two nodes of  $T_3$ , say  $N_{(m,\alpha)}$  and  $N_{(n,\beta)}$ , is a third node of  $T_3$ . Let  $J = 2^m(1+2\beta) + 2^n(1+2\alpha) + 2\alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta$ ; the multiplication  $N_{(m,\alpha)} \times N_{(n,\beta)}$  is given by

$$N_{(m,\alpha)} \times N_{(n,\beta)} = 2^{m+n+2} + 1 + 2J$$

If  $J < 2^{m+n+1}$ , then  $N_{(m,\alpha)} \times N_{(n,\beta)} = N_{(m+n+1,J)}$  lies on level  $m+n+1$  of  $T_3$ ; whereas, if  $J \geq 2^{m+n+1}$ ,  $N_{(m,\alpha)} \times N_{(n,\beta)} = N_{(m+n+2,\chi)}$  with  $\chi = J - 2^{m+n+1}$  lies on level  $m+n+2$  of  $T_3$ .

**Lemma 2(See in [10]).** Let  $N > 3$  be an odd integer and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \triangleq \lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1$ . Particularly,

$$\left( \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \leq \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \sqrt{2} \right\rfloor \right) \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \text{ when } k \text{ is odd, whereas}$$

$$\left( \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \sqrt{2} \right\rfloor \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \right) \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \text{ when } k \text{ is even.}$$

**Lemma 3(See in [13]).** Let  $N = pq$  be an odd integer with  $1 < p < q$  and  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \chi$ ; then

$$\left\lfloor \frac{3-\chi}{2} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \otimes \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \leq q \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\chi+1}{2} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor = 0$  if  $x \leq 0$ .

Particularly, when  $\chi = 2$ , it yields

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \otimes \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \leq q \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor$$

when  $\chi = \frac{3}{2}$ , it yields

$$\left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \otimes \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \leq q \leq \left\lfloor \frac{5}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor$$

and when  $\chi = \sqrt{2}$  it holds

$$\left\lfloor \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right) \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \otimes \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \leq q \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{2}+1}{2} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor$$

**Lemma 4 (See in [14]).** For real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , it holds **(P13)**  $x \leq y \Rightarrow \lfloor x \rfloor \leq \lfloor y \rfloor$

**(P14)**  $\lfloor n+x \rfloor = n + \lfloor x \rfloor$

**Lemma 5 (See in [15]).** Let  $\alpha$  and  $x$  be a positive real numbers; then it holds

$$\alpha \lfloor x \rfloor - 1 < \lfloor \alpha x \rfloor < \alpha (\lfloor x \rfloor + 1)$$

Particularly, if  $\alpha$  is a positive integer, say  $\alpha = n$ , then it

yields

$$n \lfloor x \rfloor \leq \lfloor nx \rfloor \leq n(\lfloor x \rfloor + 1) - 1$$

### III. MAIN RESULTS AND PROOFS

**Proposition 1.** Let  $N > 3$  be an odd integer and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \quad (1)$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (2)$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** Direct calculation yields

$$2^{k+1} < N < 2^{k+2} \Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} < \sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} < \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1}$$

By Lemma 4 (P13) it holds

$$\left\lfloor 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} \right\rfloor \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq \left\lfloor 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} \right\rfloor$$

Let  $2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} = B$ ; then  $2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} = B\sqrt{2}$  and thus

$$\lfloor B \rfloor \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq \lfloor B\sqrt{2} \rfloor \quad (3)$$

Let  $\frac{k+1}{2} - \lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor = \varepsilon$ ; then  $\varepsilon = 0$  when  $k$  is odd and  $\varepsilon = 0.5$  when  $k$  is even. By Lemma 4 (P14), it holds

$$\lfloor B \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor B - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-1} - 1) \right\rfloor \quad (4)$$

and

$$\lfloor B\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor B\sqrt{2} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \quad (5)$$

Now suppose  $k$  is even; then (4) becomes

$$\lfloor B \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0.5-1} - 1) \right\rfloor$$

$$= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1\right) \right\rfloor \geq \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1\right) \right\rfloor = -2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1}$$

and (5) becomes

$$\lfloor B\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\frac{1}{2}-1} - 1) \right\rfloor = 0$$

which says an even k yields

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \quad (6)$$

If k is odd; then (4) becomes

$$\lfloor B \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-1} - 1) \right\rfloor = -2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \quad (7)$$

and (5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor B\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-\frac{1}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \leq \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3}{4} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = -2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

That is, an odd k leads to

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (9)$$

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(N = pq) > 3$  be an odd integer with  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < 2$  and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then it holds

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, it always holds  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

By Lemma 3,  $\left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  when  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < 2$ . By

Proposition 1,  $\left\lfloor \frac{\sqrt{N}}{2} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2$ . Consequently,

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1.$$

**Proposition 2.** Let  $N > 3$  be an odd integer and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 5} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \quad (10)$$

when k is even, whereas

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 4} \quad (11)$$

when k is odd.

**Proof.** Direct calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k+1} < N < 2^{k+2} &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} < \sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} (2+1) < \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} (2+1) \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} < \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4 (P13) it holds

$$\left\lfloor 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} \right\rfloor \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq \left\lfloor 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} \right\rfloor$$

Let  $2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} = \Lambda$ ; then  $2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} = \Lambda\sqrt{2}$  and thus

$$\lfloor \Lambda \rfloor \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq \lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} \rfloor \quad (12)$$

Note that, by Lemma 4 (P14), it holds

$$\lfloor \Lambda \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor \Lambda - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-1} + 2^{\varepsilon-2} - 1) \right\rfloor \quad (13)$$

and

$$\lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} = \left\lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2}} + 2^{\varepsilon-\frac{3}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \quad (14)$$

By  $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} - 1 > \frac{1}{32}$ , it can see by Lemma 5 that, when  $k > 0$  is even

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Lambda \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0.5-1} + 2^{0.5-2} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \geq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 5} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\frac{1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{1}{2}-2} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \end{aligned}$$

Thereby an even k yields

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 5} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, when  $k > 2$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Lambda \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-1} + 2^{0-2} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3}{4} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \\ &= -2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-\frac{1}{2}} + 2^{0-\frac{3}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{1}{32} < \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{4} - 1 < \frac{1}{16}$ , it holds

$$\left\lfloor \Lambda\sqrt{2} \right\rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 4}$$

Accordingly an odd  $k$  yields

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 4} \quad (16)$$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $(N = pq) > 3$  be an odd integer with  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \frac{3}{2}$  and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, it always holds  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

By Lemma 3,  $\left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  when  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \frac{3}{2}$ . By

Proposition 2,  $\left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  when  $k$  is even whereas

$$\left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus \left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \text{ when } k \text{ is odd.}$$

**Proposition 3** Let  $N > 3$  be an odd integer and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (17)$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 4} \quad (18)$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** Direct calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k+1} < N < 2^{k+2} &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}} < \sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}} \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-3} (2^2 + 2 + 1) < \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-3} (2^2 + 2 + 1) \\ &\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-3} < \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} < 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-3} \\ &\Rightarrow \left[ 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-3} \right] \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq \left[ 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-3} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+1}{2}-3} = \Pi$  ; then  $2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-1} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-2} + 2^{\frac{k+2}{2}-3} = \Pi\sqrt{2}$  and thus

$$\lfloor \Pi \rfloor \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq \lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} \rfloor \quad (19)$$

Letting  $\frac{k+1}{2} - \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor = \varepsilon$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor \Pi - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-1} + 2^{\varepsilon-2} + 2^{\varepsilon-3} - 1) \right\rfloor \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\varepsilon-\frac{1}{2}} + 2^{\varepsilon-\frac{3}{2}} + 2^{\varepsilon-\frac{5}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

By  $\frac{1}{8} < \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{8} - 1 < \frac{1}{4}$ , it can see by Lemma 4 (P13) that, when  $k > 0$  is even

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0.5-1} + 2^{0.5-2} + 2^{0.5-3} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2^2\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{8} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \geq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}} + 2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{2}} + 2^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{5}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\rfloor = 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \end{aligned}$$

which says,

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (22)$$

When  $k > 2$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-1} + 2^{0-2} + 2^{0-3} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = -2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} (2^{0-\frac{1}{2}} + 2^{0-\frac{3}{2}} + 2^{0-\frac{5}{2}} - 1) \right\rfloor \\ &= \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2^2\sqrt{2}} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \left( \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{8} - 1 \right) \right\rfloor \end{aligned}$$

By  $\frac{1}{8} < \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{8} - 1 < \frac{1}{4}$ , it knows

$$\lfloor \Pi\sqrt{2} \rfloor - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2}$$

Accordingly an odd  $k$  yields

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 3} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (23)$$

**Corollary 3.** Let  $(N = pq) > 3$  be an odd integer with  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \frac{5}{4}$  and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, it always holds  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

By Lemma 3,  $\left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  when  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \frac{5}{4}$ . By

Proposition 3,  $\left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  when  $k$  is even whereas

$$\left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1 \text{ when } k \text{ is odd.}$$

**Proposition 4.** Let  $N > 3$  be an odd integer and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$  be an odd integer; then

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 5} \leq \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (24)$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \leq \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (25)$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** The inequality  $\frac{3}{4} < 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2} < \frac{7}{8}$  immediately yields

$$\left\lfloor \frac{3}{4}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \leq \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{7}{8}\sqrt{N} \right\rfloor \quad (26)$$

When  $k$  is even, referring to (15) and (18), it leads to

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 5} \leq \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 1} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (27)$$

and when  $k$  is odd, referring to (16) and (22), it leads to

$$2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} - 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \leq \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \leq 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor} + 2^{\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \rfloor - 2} \quad (28)$$

**Corollary 3.** Let  $(N = pq) > 3$  be an odd integer with  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \sqrt{2}$  and  $k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ ; then

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is even, whereas

$$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$$

when  $k$  is odd.

**Proof.** By Lemma 2, it always holds  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$ .

By Lemma 3,  $\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} < p \leq \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  when  $1 < \frac{q}{p} < \sqrt{2}$ .

By Proposition 2,  $\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  when  $k$  is

even whereas  $\left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2$

$\oplus \left(1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{2}\right)\sqrt{N} \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  when  $k$  is odd.

**Theorem 1.** For a RSA modulus  $N = pq$  with  $1 < p < q$ , the distribution of divisor  $p$  in  $T_3$  tree is completely determined by the divisor-ratio  $1 < \frac{q}{p} = \chi < 2$  and integer

$k = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ . When  $k$  is even, there is an  $\chi_0$  with  $\frac{3}{2} < \chi_0 < 2$  such that  $p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  when  $1 < \frac{q}{p} \leq \chi_0$  whereas

$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2$  when  $\chi_0 < \frac{q}{p} < 2$ . When  $k$  is odd,

$p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \oplus p \triangleq \left\lfloor \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rfloor - 1$  and the smaller  $\chi$  is the closer  $p$  is to  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$ .

**Proof.** A simple summarization of the cases proved in Proposition 1, Proposition 2 and Proposition 3 immediately conclusions of the theorem.

#### IV. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT IN MATHEMATICA

To test the proved conclusions, numerical experiment was made with Mathematica. The experiment first chose randomly semiprime  $N$  from the semiprime table, e.g., from *The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (OEIS)*, then located  $N$ 's level by  $k_N = \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor - 1$ , calculated  $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor$  and its level  $k_{sn} = \lfloor \log_2 \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \rfloor - 1$ , checked  $N$ 's smaller divisor  $p$  and its level by  $k_p = \lfloor \log_2 p \rfloor - 1$ , checked the divisor-ratio and judge the consistency to Theorem 1. Mathematica programs are list as follows.

`flsqrt[N_] := Floor[Sqrt[N]];`

`kn[N_] := Floor[Log[N] / Log[2]] - 1; (*levelofN*)`

`ksn[N_] := Floor[Log[Floor[Sqrt[N]] + 0.01] / Log[2]] - 1; (*levelofSqrt[N]*)`

`kp[p_] := Floor[Log[p] / Log[2]] - 1; (*levelofp*)`

`ratio[N_, p_] := N / p;`

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inDataN = {72593, 386757, 489779, 753041, 2350553, 4538873, 8772041};
inDataP = {229, 441, 647, 739, 1259, 2029, 2659};
r1 = Table[inDataN[[i]], {i, 7}]; (*N*)
r2 = Table[kn[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*N' slevel*)
r3 = Table[floorSqrt[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*Sqrt(N)*)
r4 = Table[ksn[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*sqrtN' slevel*)
r5 = Table[inDataP[[i]], {i, 7}]; (*p*)
r6 = Table[kp[inDataP[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*p' slevel*)
r7 = Table[ratio[inDataN[[i]], inDataP[[i]] // N, {i, 7}];
t = {r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, r6, r7} // MatrixForm
    
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TABLE I. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENT IN MATHEMATICA

| $N \& k_N$              | $\lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor \& k_m$ | $p \& k_p$           | $\chi$  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| $72593 \triangleq 15$   | $269 \triangleq 7$                | $229 \triangleq 6$   | 1.38428 |
| $386757 \triangleq 17$  | $621 \triangleq 8$                | $441 \triangleq 7$   | 1.98866 |
| $489779 \triangleq 17$  | $699 \triangleq 8$                | $647 \triangleq 8$   | 1.17002 |
| $753041 \triangleq 18$  | $867 \triangleq 8$                | $739 \triangleq 8$   | 1.37889 |
| $2350553 \triangleq 20$ | $1533 \triangleq 9$               | $1259 \triangleq 9$  | 1.48292 |
| $4538873 \triangleq 21$ | $2130 \triangleq 10$              | $2029 \triangleq 9$  | 1.10251 |
| $8772041 \triangleq 22$ | $2961 \triangleq 10$              | $2659 \triangleq 10$ | 1.24069 |

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In[72]:= floorSqrt[N_] := Floor[Sqrt[N]];
kn[N_] := Floor[Log[N] / Log[2]] - 1; (*level of N*)
ksn[N_] := Floor[Log[Floor[Sqrt[N]] + 0.01] / Log[2]] - 1;
(*level of Sqrt[N]*)
kp[p_] := Floor[Log[p] / Log[2]] - 1; (*level of p*)
ratio[N_, p_] := N / p^2;
inDataN = {72593, 386757, 489779, 753041, 2350553, 4538873, 8772041};
inDataP = {229, 441, 647, 739, 1259, 2029, 2659};
r1 = Table[inDataN[[i]], {i, 7}]; (*N*)
r2 = Table[kn[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*N' s level*)
r3 = Table[floorSqrt[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*Sqrt(N)*)
r4 = Table[ksn[inDataN[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*sqrtN' s level*)
r5 = Table[inDataP[[i]], {i, 7}]; (*p*)
r6 = Table[kp[inDataP[[i]]], {i, 7}]; (*p' s level*)
r7 = Table[ratio[inDataN[[i]], inDataP[[i]] // N, {i, 7}];
t = {r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, r6, r7} // MatrixForm

Out[80]//MatrixForm=
{
{72593, 386757, 489779, 753041, 2350553, 4538873, 8772041},
{15, 17, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22},
{269, 621, 699, 867, 1533, 2130, 2961},
{7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 10, 10},
{229, 441, 647, 739, 1259, 2029, 2659},
{6, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10},
{1.38428, 1.98866, 1.17002, 1.37889, 1.48292, 1.10251, 1.24069}
}
    
```

Fig. 1. Screenshot of the programs and output.

The computations of running the programs are shown in Table. The screenshot of the programs and output is shown in Fig. 1. Analyzing the data in Table I, one can see that each one matches to Theorem 1. Take 386757 as an example. It can see that,  $386757 \triangleq 17$  thus  $k = 17$  is odd. By Theorem 1, the smaller divisor of 386757 possibly lies on level  $\lfloor \frac{17+1}{2} \rfloor - 2 = 7$  or  $\lfloor \frac{17+1}{2} \rfloor - 1 = 8$ . Actually,  $p = 441 \triangleq 7$  because  $\chi = 1.98866 > 1.5$ . The fact matches to

the theorem. Take 489779 as another example.  $489779 \triangleq 17 \otimes (\chi = 1.17002) < 1.5 \Rightarrow (p = 647) \triangleq 8$ . For the numbers 753041 and 2350553, their small divisors lie on the levels as expected.

V. CONCLUSION

It is undoubtedly meaningful to know the divisors' range of a RSA modulus. The investigation in this paper discloses the deep relationship between the divisor-ratio and the distribution of the small divisor. The propositions and theorem proved in this paper indicate that, factorization of the RSA numbers may be achieved via a small search on specific level of  $T_3$  tree, and the smaller the divisor-ratio is the easier the search will be done. This discovers an opposite direction to the classics thoughts that the smaller the divisor-ratio is the harder is the factorization. Hope future work would be successful in the related researches.

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