

## **The diophantine equation hard problem (DEHP) as an asymmetric primitive - is it possible?**

### **ABSTRACT**

We put forward a probable hard problem based on a Diophantine equation that has characteristics to become an asymmetric primitive. Motivated by rearranging the equation representing the RSA modulus,  $N$  together with its Euler-phi function,  $\phi(N)$  we define the Diophantine Equation Hard Problem (DEHP) on a definitive setting. Relation between the RSA factorization problem, RSA's  $e$ -th root problem and the DEHP is also discussed. A proposed asymmetric cryptosystem that manipulates DEHP together with the difficulty of factoring a product of strong primes is presented.

**Keyword:** Diophantine equation; RSA factorization problem; RSA's  $e$ -th root problem