

Lecture 14: Public Key Encryption

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1 Topic Covered

- Discrete Log Assumptions
- Public Key Encryption from Discrete Log Assumptions

DEFINITION 1 Discrete Log Assumption (DL)

$$Pr[A(g^x) = x : x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q] = \text{negl}(n)$$

DEFINITION 2 Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH)

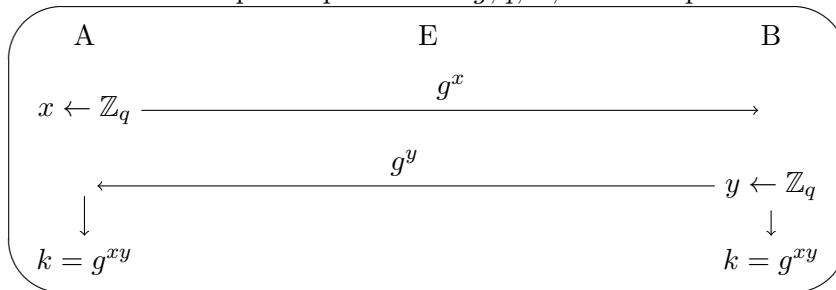
$$Pr[A(g^x, g^y) = g^{xy} : x, y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q] = \text{negl}(n)$$

DEFINITION 3 Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH)

$$(g^x, g^y, g^{xy}) \approx (g^x, g^y, g^z) | x, y, z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

DEFINITION 4 Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

Decide and share public parameters g, q, \mathbb{G} , then the protocol is as follows



If DDH isn't assumed, so g^{xy} can be distinguished from random, but is still hard to compute.

In the RO model, each party could instead take $K = RO(g^{xy})$. In the standard model, instead the protocol can be run n times for an n bit key, and in each iteration take $hc(g^{xy})$ which is a uniform random bit.

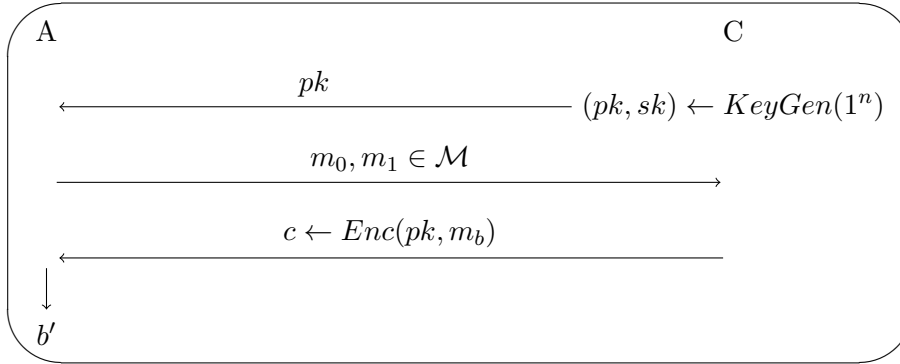
DEFINITION 5 Public Key Encryption

Three functions

$$\begin{aligned} (pk, sk) &\leftarrow Gen(1^n) \\ c &\leftarrow Enc(pk, m) \\ m &\leftarrow Dec(sk, c) \end{aligned}$$

Correctness: $\forall m, Pr[Dec(sk, Enc(pk, m)) = m | (pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen(1^n)] = 1$

Security: Denote game $PKCPASec^b$ as follows:



We have security if $PKCPASec^0 \approx PKCPASec^1$

DEFINITION 6 ElGamal Encryption Scheme

$$\begin{aligned}
 (pk, sk) &\leftarrow Gen(1^n) = g^x, x; x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \\
 c &\leftarrow Enc(pk, m) = (g^y, pk^y \cdot m); y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \\
 m &\leftarrow Dec(sk, c) = h_2/h_1^{sk}; (h_1, h_2) \leftarrow c
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

Correctness: This from the definition exactly

Security Using the DDH assumption.

Define hybrids

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_1 : c &\equiv (g^y, g^z \cdot m_0) | z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q \\
 H_2 : c &\equiv (h_1, h_2) | h_1, h_2 \leftarrow G \\
 H_3 : c &\equiv (g^y, g^z \cdot m_1) | z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q
 \end{aligned}$$

then $PKCPASec^0 \approx H_1 \approx H_2 \approx H_3 \approx PKCPASec^1$ □

DEFINITION 7 CRHF from DL

Modify the definition of CRHF to specify the seed as $s \leftarrow Gen(1^n)$. The CRHF is this the combination of Gen, H_s

$$\forall PPTA, Pr[H_s(x) = H_s(x'), x \neq x' : s \leftarrow Gen(1^n), (x, x') \leftarrow A(s)] = \text{negl}(n)$$

We define the construction as follows:

Assume that q is prime, and so G is a prime-ordered group.

$$s = (g, h) = G^2$$

$$H_s : \mathbb{Z}_q^2 \rightarrow G, H_s(x_1, x_2) = g^{x_1} h^{x_2}$$

Theorem 1 *The above is a CRHF under DL.*

Proof Sketch: *The attacker A generates $(x_1, x_2) \neq (x'_1, x'_2)$ s.t. $g^{x_1} h^{x_2} = g^{x'_1} h^{x'_2}$ with non-negligible probability.*

This is equivalent to saying $h^{x_2 - x'_2} = g^{x_1 - x'_1}$

As G is a field, then we can find inverses so then we can find $h = g^{(x_1 - x'_1)/(x_2 - x'_2)}$ mod q . Since $(x_1, x_2) \neq (x'_1, x'_2) \Rightarrow x_2 \neq x'_2$.

This is equivalent to saying finding the discrete log of $h = g^z$. □

DEFINITION 8 PRG from DDH

Similarly to our change in the CRHF, we also slightly change the definition of the PRG.

$$G : \mathbb{Z}_q^2 \rightarrow G^3, G(x, y) = (g^x, g^y, g^{xy})$$

This follows immediately from DDH.

Note 1 As a generalization of the above, we can take

$$G : \mathbb{Z}_q^{l+1} \rightarrow G^{2l+1}, G(x, y_1, \dots, y_l) = (g^x, g^{y_1}, g^{xy_1}, g^{y_2}, g^{xy_2}, \dots)$$

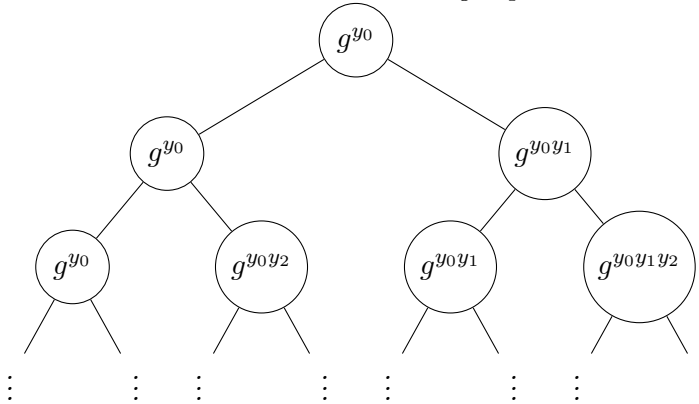
Proof Sketch: Define hybrids $H_0 = G, H_i = (g^x, \text{uniform}, g^{y_{i+1}}, g^{xy_{i+1}}, \dots), H_l = (\text{uniform})$

Wish to find that $H_i \approx H_{i+1}$, breaking this would be equivalent to breaking DDH. \square

DEFINITION 9 Naor-Reingold PRF

$$F_{k=(y_0, \dots, y_l)}(x \in \{0, 1\}^l) = g^{y_0 \prod_{i: x_i=1} y_i}$$

We can think about this as evaluating a path on the tree



Proof Sketch: First, consider this tree as a PRG. Instead of outputting a single leaf, output all 2^l elements on level l in the tree. If we take hybrids where we replace level l with uniform values, then the elements on level $l + 1$ are equivalent to the results in the above PRG.

To prove as a PRF, the a similar argument to the GGM construction can be made. \square

DEFINITION 10 Distributed decryption for ElGamal

We can use additive secret sharing to distribute x_1, \dots, x_n s.t. $\sum_i x_i = x$ to n computers.

Then to recover the message from an encryption, each computer can generate $g^{y^{x_i}}$, and taking $\prod_i g^{y^{x_i}} = g^{xy}$ allows us to get the message.