

TD 7: Asymmetric Encryptions

Exercise 1.*Deterministic Encryption*

Let $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a correct public-key encryption scheme. Let us assume moreover that Enc is deterministic.

1. Show that this scheme is not CPA-secure.

Exercise 2.*Paillier Encryption Scheme*

Let $N = pq$ with p and q primes of identical bit-size, and ϕ be the Euler function. We first want to study the algebraic structure of $(\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$.

1. Show the following propositions:

1. $\gcd(N, \phi(N)) = 1$.
2. For any $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$, $(1 + N)^a = (1 + aN) \bmod N^2$.
3. As a consequence, $(1 + N)$ has order $N \bmod N^2$.
4. $(\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ with the following function $f(a, b) = (1 + N)^a \cdot b^N \bmod N^2$.

2. We say that an element x of $(\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$ is a *residue* if it can be written as N -th power (that is, $x = y^N \bmod N^2$ for some $y \in (\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$). Show that the set of residues of $(\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$ is isomorphic to

$$\{(a, b) \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^* \mid a = 0\}.$$

We define the Decisional Composite Residue problem (DCR) as follows: the goal of an adversary \mathcal{A} is to distinguish with non-negligible advantage between $r^N \bmod N^2$ and $r \bmod N^2$, where r is sampled uniformly in $(\mathbb{Z}/N^2\mathbb{Z})^*$.

3. Show that if an adversary knows the factorisation of N , then he can solve the DCR problem.

We now define the Paillier's Encryption scheme. The public key of the scheme is $N = pq$ with p and q prime, and the private key is $\phi(N)$ and $\phi(N)^{-1} \bmod N$. For a message $m \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$, the encryption algorithm picks $r \in (\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})^*$ at random and returns:

$$\text{Enc}(m) = (1 + N)^m \cdot r^N \bmod N^2.$$

4. Give a decryption function.
5. Show that if the DCR problem is hard, then Paillier's encryption is CPA-secure.
6. Show that this scheme is additively homomorphic, i.e., that given the public key and the encryptions of two messages m_1 and m_2 , one can compute a valid ciphertext for $m_1 + m_2$. Is it an interesting property?
7. Show a similar property for the ElGamal encryption scheme.

Exercise 3.*One-way Security*

Let $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a public-key encryption scheme. The One-Wayness against Chosen Plaintext Attack (OW-CPA) security notion is the following. The challenger samples $(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$ and $\text{ct} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m)$, where $m \leftarrow U(\mathcal{M})$ and \mathcal{M} is the message space. The adversary wins if it outputs a message m' such that $m = m'$.

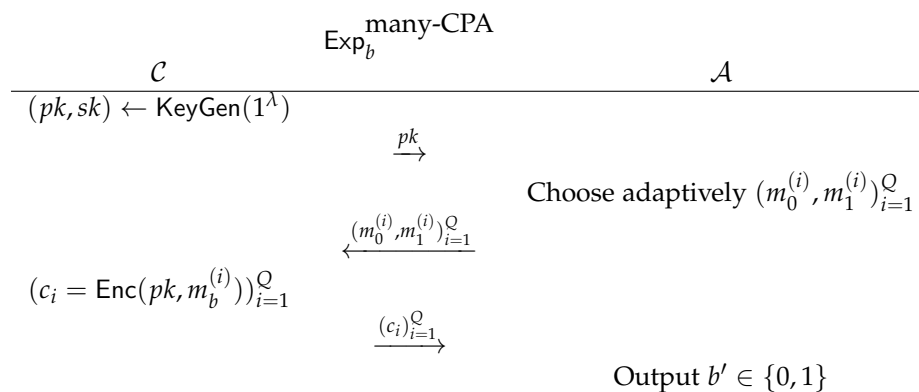
A scheme is said OW-CPA secure if no ppt adversary wins with non-negligible probability.

1. Write a formal definition of the OW-CPA security. Can a scheme be OW-CPA secure if the message space is $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}$?
2. Show that if $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is IND-CPA secure and has exponential message space, then it is OW-CPA secure.
3. Let $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be an IND-CPA secure encryption scheme with message space \mathcal{M} such that it has cardinality $|\mathcal{M}| = 2^\lambda$, where λ is the security parameter. Show that a small modification of the scheme leads to an encryption scheme $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}', \text{Dec}')$ that is OW-CPA secure but not IND-CPA secure anymore.

Exercise 4.

Many Challenges

Let $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a Public-Key encryption scheme. Let us define the following experiments for $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $Q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$.



The advantage of \mathcal{A} in the many-time CPA game is defined as

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{many-CPA}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\Pr(\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}_1^{\text{many-CPA}}} 1) - \Pr(\mathcal{A} \xrightarrow{\text{Exp}_0^{\text{many-CPA}}} 1)|.$$

1. Recall the definition of CPA-security that was given during the lecture. What is the difference?
2. Show that these two definitions are equivalent.
3. Do we have a similar equivalence in the secret-key setting?