

TD 9: IND-CCA Security

Exercise 1.

Recall the (Lyubashevsky-Palacio-Segev) LWE-based encryption scheme from the lecture.

- $\text{KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$: Let m, n, q, B be integers such that $m \geq n$ and $q > 12mB^2$. Sample $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow U(\mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n})$, $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow U((-B, B]^n)$ and $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow U((-B, B]^m)$. Return

$$\text{pk} := (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e}) \text{ and } \text{sk} := \mathbf{s}.$$

- $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, \mu \in \{0, 1\})$: Sample $(\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{f}, g) \leftarrow U((-B, B]^m \times (-B, B]^n \times (-B, B])$ and output

$$(c_1, c_2) = (\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{f}^\top, \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{b} + g + \lfloor \frac{q}{2} \rfloor \mu).$$

- $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, c_1, c_2)$: take the representative of $\mu' = c_2 - c_1 \cdot \text{sk}$ in $(-q/2, q/2]$ and return 0 if it has norm $< q/4$, 1 otherwise.

1. Prove correctness and IND-CPA security of this scheme.
2. Show that this scheme is not IND-CCA2 secure.

Exercise 2.

Let $\Pi_0 = (\text{Keygen}_0, \text{Encrypt}_0, \text{Decrypt}_0)$ be an IND-CCA2-secure public-key encryption scheme which only encrypts single bits (i.e., the message space is $\{0, 1\}$). We consider the following multi-bit encryption scheme $\Pi_1 = (\text{Keygen}_1, \text{Encrypt}_1, \text{Decrypt}_1)$, where the message space is $\{0, 1\}^L$ for some L polynomial in the security parameter λ .

Keygen₁(1^λ): Generate a key pair $(PK, SK) \leftarrow \Pi_0.\text{Keygen}_0(1^\lambda)$. Output (PK, SK) .

Encrypt₁(PK, M): In order to encrypt $M = M[1] \dots M[L] \in \{0, 1\}^L$, do the following.

1. For $i = 1$ to L , compute $C[i] \leftarrow \Pi_0.\text{Encrypt}_0(PK, M[i])$.
2. Output $C = (C[1], \dots, C[L])$.

Decrypt₁(SK, C) Parse the ciphertext C as $C = (C[1], \dots, C[L])$. Then, for each $i \in \{1, \dots, L\}$, compute $M[i] = \Pi_0.\text{Decrypt}_0(SK, C[i])$. If there exists $i \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ such that $M[i] = \perp$, output \perp . Otherwise, output $M = M[1] \dots M[L] \in \{0, 1\}^L$.

1. Show that Π_1 does not provide IND-CCA2 security, even if Π_0 is secure in the IND-CCA2 sense.

Let $\Pi = (\text{Keygen}, \text{Encrypt}, \text{Decrypt})$ be an IND-CCA2-secure public-key encryption scheme with message space $\{0, 1\}^L$ for some $L \in \mathbb{N}$. We consider the modified public-key encryption scheme $\Pi' = (\text{Keygen}', \text{Encrypt}', \text{Decrypt}')$ where the message space is $\{0, 1\}^{L-1}$ and which works as follows.

Keygen'(1^λ): Generate two key pairs $(PK_0, SK_0) \leftarrow \text{Keygen}(1^\lambda)$, $(PK_1, SK_1) \leftarrow \text{Keygen}(1^\lambda)$.

Define $PK := (PK_0, PK_1)$, $SK := (SK_0, SK_1)$.

Encrypt'(PK, M): In order to encrypt $M \in \{0, 1\}^{L-1}$, do the following.

1. Choose a random string $R \leftarrow U(\{0, 1\}^{L-1})$ and define $M_L = M \oplus R \in \{0, 1\}^{L-1}$ and $M_R = R$.

2. Compute $C_L \leftarrow \Pi.\text{Encrypt}(PK_0, 0 || M_L)$ and $C_1 \leftarrow \Pi.\text{Encrypt}(PK_1, 1 || M_R)$.

Output $C = (C_L, C_R)$.

Decrypt'(SK, C) Parse C as (C_L, C_R) . Then, compute $\tilde{M}_L = \Pi.\text{Decrypt}(SK_0, C_L)$ and $\tilde{M}_R = \Pi.\text{Decrypt}(SK_1, C_R)$. If $\tilde{M}_L = \perp$ or $\tilde{M}_R = \perp$, output \perp . If the first bit of M_L (resp. M_R) is not 0 (resp. 1), return \perp . Otherwise, parse \tilde{M}_L as $0 || M_L$ and \tilde{M}_R as $1 || M_R$, respectively, where $M_L, M_R \in \{0, 1\}^{L-1}$, and output $M = M_L \oplus M_R \in \{0, 1\}^{L-1}$.

2. Show that the modified scheme Π' does not provide IND-CCA2 security, even if the underlying scheme Π does.
3. Show that, if Π provides IND-CCA1 security, so does the modified scheme Π' . Namely, show that an IND-CCA1 adversary against Π' implies an IND-CCA1 adversary against Π .

Exercise 3.

We are looking here at different modifications of the Fujisaki-Okamoto (FO) transform that fail at providing CCA2 security. Let $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ be a public-key encryption scheme assumed to be IND-CPA secure with message space $\{0, 1\}^{k+\ell}$. We recall the FO transform, where H is a hash function that is modeled as a RO.

$\text{KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$: Sample and return $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$.

$\text{Enc}'(pk, m \in \{0, 1\}^k)$: Sample $r \leftarrow U(\{0, 1\}^\ell)$ and return $c = \text{Enc}(pk, m || r; H(m || r))$, where $H(m || r)$ is the randomness used by the algorithm.

$\text{Dec}'(sk, c)$: Compute $m || r \leftarrow \text{Dec}(sk, c)$ and return m if $c = \text{Enc}(pk, m || r; H(m || r))$. Otherwise, return \perp .

1. What happens if $\ell = O(\log(\lambda))$?

For the next questions, do not forget to look at the previous exercises.

2. Show that there exists an IND-CPA secure encryption scheme such that if we replace every instance of $H(m || r)$ with $H(r)$, then its FO transform is not IND-CCA2 secure.
3. Show that there exists an IND-CPA secure encryption scheme such that if we always return m in the decryption algorithm, without checking the consistency of the randomness used in the encryption, then its FO transform is not IND-CCA2 secure.