

RFC 5869 - HMAC-based Extract-and-Expand Key Derivation Function (HKDF)

■ 2.2. Step 1: Extract

`HKDF-Extract(salt, IKM) -> PRK`

Options:

Hash a hash function; HashLen denotes the length of the hash function output in octets

Inputs:

salt optional salt value (a non-secret random value);
if not provided, it is set to a string of HashLen zeros.

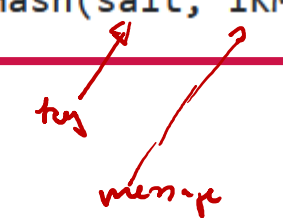
IKM input keying material

Output:

PRK a pseudorandom key (of HashLen octets)

The output PRK is calculated as follows:

`PRK = HMAC-Hash(salt, IKM)`



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■ 2.3. Step 2: Expand

`HKDF-Expand(PRK, info, L) -> OKM`

Options:

Hash a hash function; HashLen denotes the length of the hash function output in octets

Inputs:

PRK a pseudorandom key of at least HashLen octets
 (usually, the output from the extract step)

info optional context and application specific information
 (can be a zero-length string)

L length of output keying material in octets
 ($\leq 255 \cdot \text{HashLen}$)

Output:

OKM output keying material (of L octets)

The output OKM is calculated as follows:

$N = \text{ceil}(L/\text{HashLen})$
 $T = T(1) \mid T(2) \mid T(3) \mid \dots \mid T(N)$
OKM = first L octets of T

where:

$T(0)$ = empty string (zero length)
 $T(1)$ = HMAC-Hash(PRK, $T(0) \mid \text{info} \mid 0x01$)
 $T(2)$ = HMAC-Hash(PRK, $T(1) \mid \text{info} \mid 0x02$)
 $T(3)$ = HMAC-Hash(PRK, $T(2) \mid \text{info} \mid 0x03$)
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- HKDF-Extract(salt, IKM) -> PRK
- HKDF-Expand(PRK, info, L) -> OKM
- Used in TLS 1.3 for key derivations, see [RFC 8446, 7.1](#).

7.1. Key Schedule

The key derivation process makes use of the HKDF-Extract and HKDF-Expand functions as defined for HKDF [RFC5869], as well as the functions defined below:

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HKDF-Expand-Label(Secret, Label, Context, Length) =  
    HKDF-Expand(Secret, HkdfLabel, Length)
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Where HkdfLabel is specified as:

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struct {  
    uint16 length = Length;  
    opaque label<7..255> = "tls13 " + Label;  
    opaque context<0..255> = Context;  
} HkdfLabel;
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Derive-Secret(Secret, Label, Messages) =  
    HKDF-Expand-Label(Secret, Label,  
        Transcript-Hash(Messages), Hash.length)
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TLS 1.3 – Key Schedule ([RFC 8446, 7.1.](#))



E.g.: $H_{\text{ext}} = \text{SHA-256}$

0 \leftrightarrow new byte [32]

HKDF-Expand

32 bytes for a key (to encrypt and authenticate following messages of the handshake sent by the client.)

(P.9) Example. \mathbb{F}_{2^8}

The elements of the field \mathbb{F}_{2^8} are the polynomials over \mathbb{F}_2 of degree ≤ 7 , where addition is the ordinary addition of polynomials and multiplication can be defined to be the ordinary multiplication of polynomials followed by a reduction modulo the irreducible polynomial

$$m(x) := x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$$

Small irreducible polynomials of degree ≤ 4 :

$\deg(p) = 1$: $\boxed{x, x+1}$ both do not divide $m(x)$, because $m(0) = 1 = m(1)$

$\deg(p) = 2$: $\boxed{p_2(x) = x^2 + x + 1}$ is irreducible, because $p_2(0) = 1 \neq p_2(1)$

$\deg(p) = 3$: $\boxed{\begin{matrix} p_{3,1}(x) = x^3 + x + 1 \\ p_{3,2}(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1 \end{matrix}}$ are irreducible

$\deg(p) = 4$: $\begin{matrix} p_{4,1}(x) = x^4 + x + 1 \\ p_{4,2}(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 1 \\ p_{4,3}(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \end{matrix}$

(R.8) Definition. If r is an element of a Ring R and there exists some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $r^n = 1$, then the smallest such integer is called the order of r , denoted by

$$o(r) .$$

(R.9) Remark. Assume R is a ring and $r \in R$ has finite order $o(r) \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

- (i) r is invertible with inverse $r^{o(r)-1}$, and
- (ii) the elements $1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{o(r)-1}$ are pairwise distinct.

Fields

(F.1) Definition.

A *field* is a ring R , where every non-zero element $r \in R \setminus \{0\}$ is invertible.

(F.2) Examples.

- (i) The fields of rational numbers \mathbb{Q} , real numbers \mathbb{R} and complex numbers \mathbb{C} are probably well known.
- (ii) For every prime number p the ring \mathbb{Z}_p is a field, the Galois field of p elements, also denoted by \mathbb{F}_p or $GF(p)$.
- (iii) It can be shown, that there exists a finite field containing exactly q elements, if and only if $q = p^n$ is a power of some prime p . Furthermore such a field is essentially unique and can therefore be denoted by:

$$\mathbb{F}_q = \mathbb{F}_{p^n} = GF(q) = GF(p^n)$$

A construction of the field \mathbb{F}_q is given below, see (P.8).

(F.3) Order of elements in \mathbb{F}_q .

- (i) For every element $r \in \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0\}$ the order $o(r)$ of r divides $q - 1$.
- (ii) For every finite field \mathbb{F}_q there exist elements s with

$$o(s) = q - 1 .$$

Such elements are called *primitive* elements of \mathbb{F}_q .

A special case of the above fact is known as Fermat's little theorem:

(F.4) Fermat's little theorem. If p is a prime and a any integer, that is not divisible by p , then:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

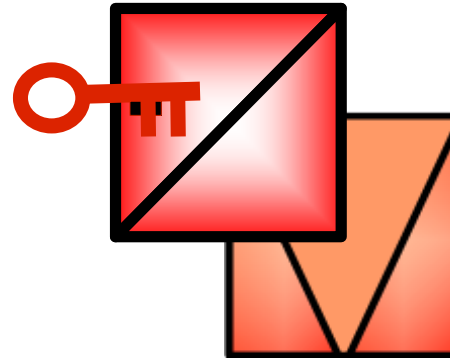
(F.5) Squares in \mathbb{F}_q for odd q . Let p be an odd prime, $q = p^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and g be a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_q . Furthermore, let \mathcal{S}^* denote the set of all squares in \mathbb{F}_q^* . Then

$$\mathcal{S}^* := \{a^2 \mid a \in \mathbb{F}_q\} = \{g^i \mid i = 0, 2, 4, 6, \dots, q-1\}$$

and for $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$:

$$a^{\frac{q-1}{2}} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in \mathcal{S}^* \\ -1 & \text{if } a \notin \mathcal{S}^* \end{cases}$$

- Authenticated Encryption with Associated Data



- **Algorithm for combined encryption/decryption and MAC calculation/verification**
- **Encryption and MAC calculation:**
 - Input: Plaintext P , Additional Data A , Key k , Nonce IV
 - Output: Ciphertext $C = E_{k,IV}(P)$, MAC $T = MAC_{k,IV}(A, C)$
- ***AEAD algorithm used with TLS:***
 - Galois/Counter Mode (GCM) of operation of the AES algorithm ([NIST Special Publication 800-38D](#))
 - ChaCha20 and Poly1305 ([RFC 8439](#))

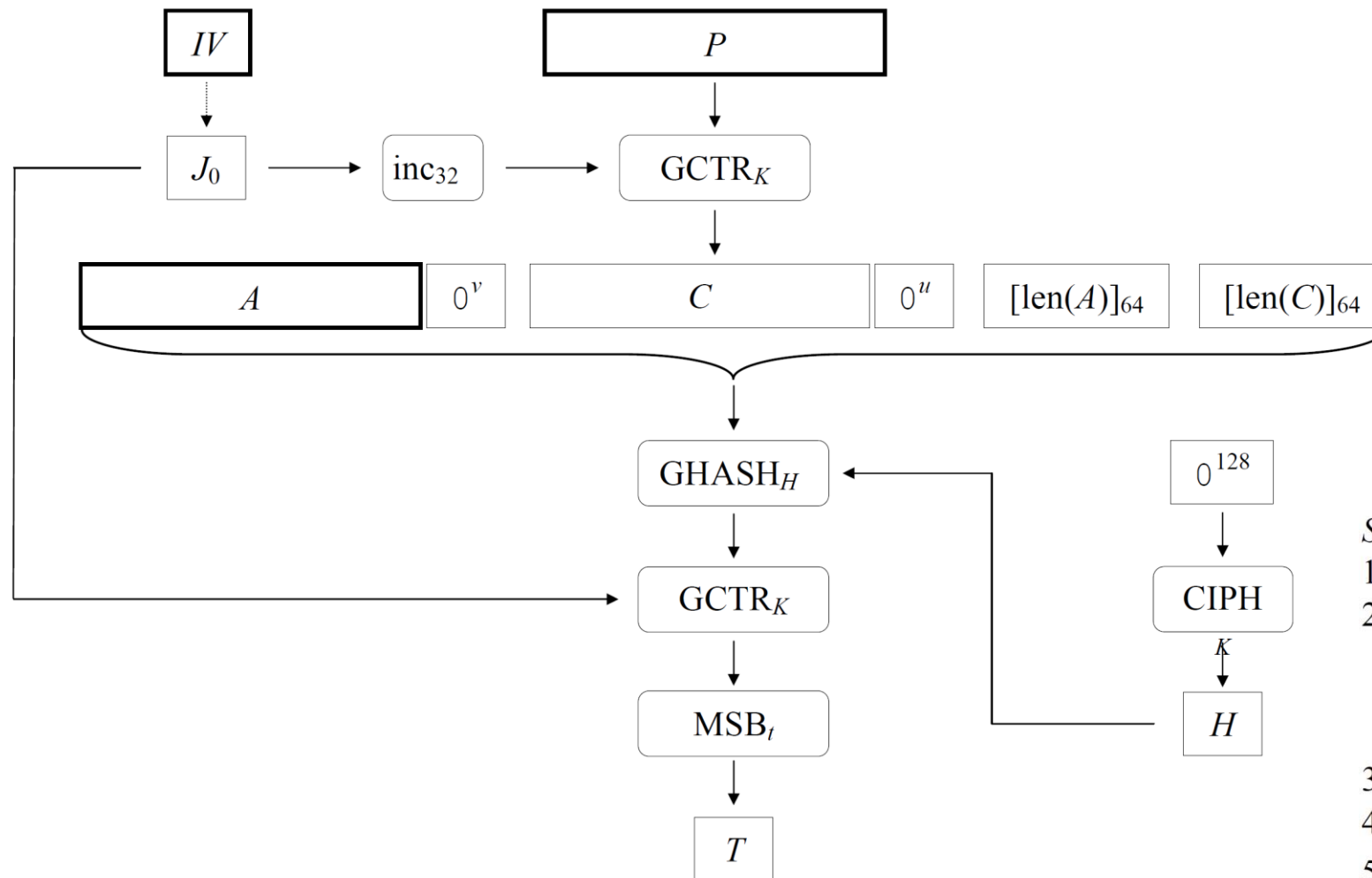


Figure 3: $\text{GCM-AE}_K(IV, P, A) = (C, T)$.

[NIST Special Publication 800-38D](#)

Steps:

1. Let $H = \text{CIPH}_K(0^{128})$.
2. Define a block, J_0 , as follows:
If $\text{len}(IV)=96$, then let $J_0 = IV \parallel 0^{31} \parallel 1$.
If $\text{len}(IV) \neq 96$, then let $s = 128 \lceil \text{len}(IV)/128 \rceil - \text{len}(IV)$, and let $J_0 = \text{GHASH}_H(IV \parallel 0^{s+64} \parallel [\text{len}(IV)]_{64})$.
3. Let $C = \text{GCTR}_K(\text{inc}_{32}(J_0), P)$.
4. Let $u = 128 \cdot \lceil \text{len}(C)/128 \rceil - \text{len}(C)$ and let $v = 128 \cdot \lceil \text{len}(A)/128 \rceil - \text{len}(A)$.
5. Define a block, S , as follows:
$$S = \text{GHASH}_H(A \parallel 0^v \parallel C \parallel 0^u \parallel [\text{len}(A)]_{64} \parallel [\text{len}(C)]_{64}).$$
6. Let $T = \text{MSB}_t(\text{GCTR}_K(J_0, S))$.
7. Return (C, T) .

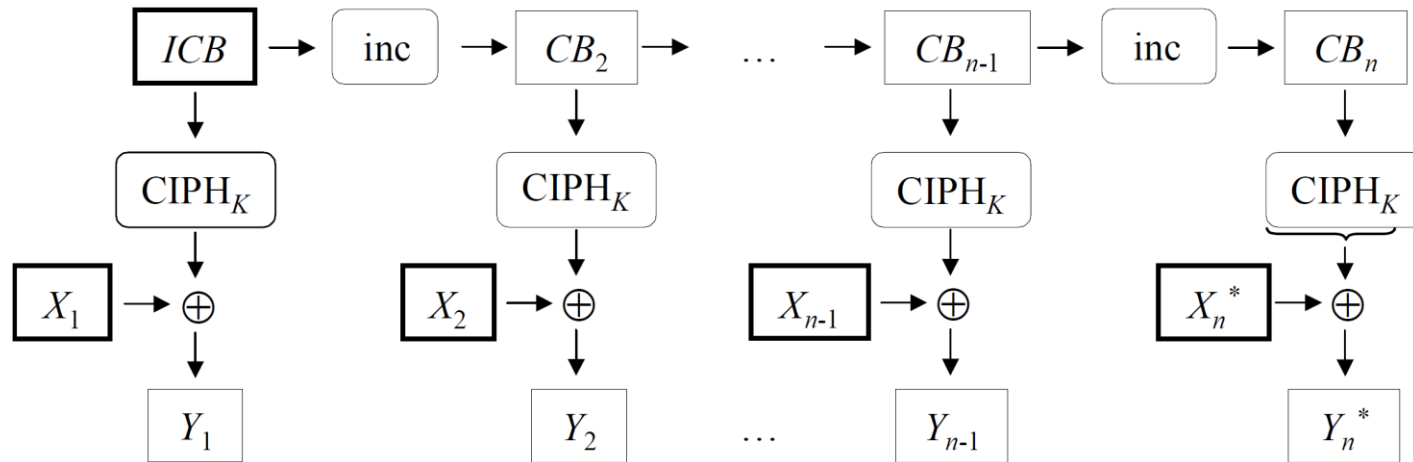


Figure 2: $GCTR_K(ICB, X_1 \parallel X_2 \parallel \dots \parallel X_n^*) = Y_1 \parallel Y_2 \parallel \dots \parallel Y_n^*$.

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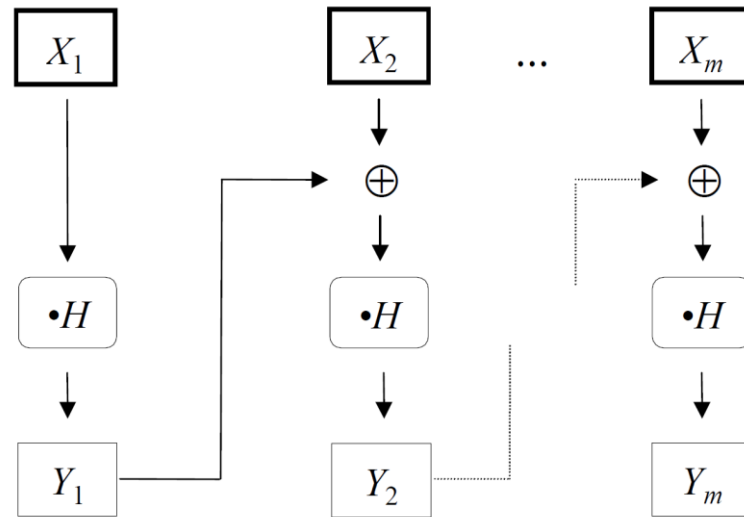


Figure 1: $\text{GHASH}_H(X_1 \parallel X_2 \parallel \dots \parallel X_m) = Y_m$.

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Let R be the bit string $11100001 \parallel 0^{120}$.

The \bullet operation on (pairs of) the 2^{128} possible blocks corresponds to the multiplication operation for the binary Galois (finite) field of 2^{128} elements. The fixed block, R , determines a representation of this field as the modular multiplication of binary polynomials of degree less than 128.

Algorithm 1: $X \bullet Y$

Input:
blocks X, Y .

Output:
block $X \bullet Y$.

Steps:

1. Let $x_0x_1\dots x_{127}$ denote the sequence of bits in X .
2. Let $Z_0 = 0^{128}$ and $V_0 = Y$.
3. For $i = 0$ to 127 , calculate blocks Z_{i+1} and V_{i+1} as follows:

$$Z_{i+1} = \begin{cases} Z_i & \text{if } x_i = 0; \\ Z_i \oplus V_i & \text{if } x_i = 1. \end{cases}$$

$$V_{i+1} = \begin{cases} V_i \gg 1 & \text{if } \text{LSB}_1(V_i) = 0; \\ (V_i \gg 1) \oplus R & \text{if } \text{LSB}_1(V_i) = 1. \end{cases}$$

4. Return Z_{128} .

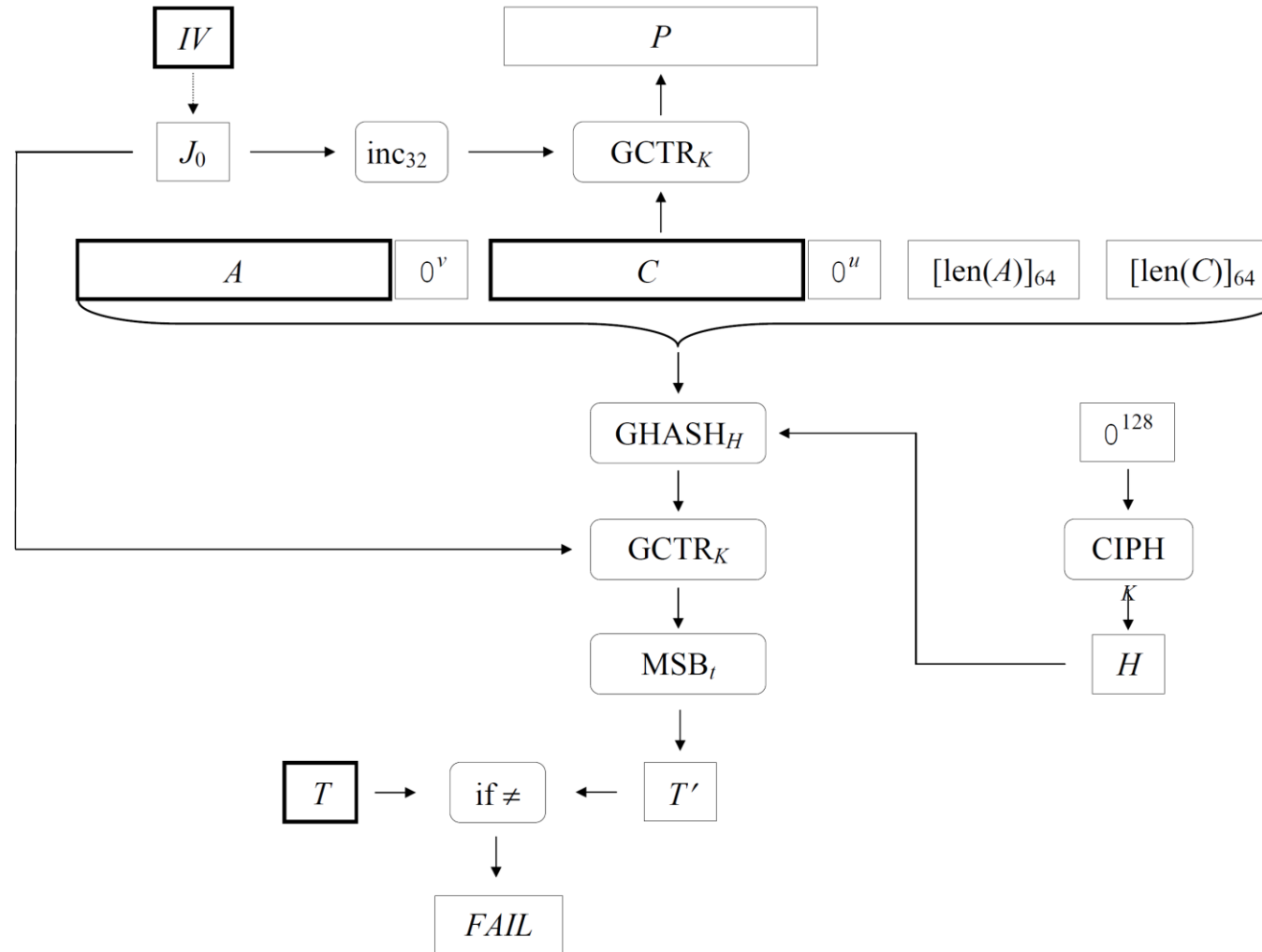


Figure 4: GCM-AD_K(IV, C, A, T) = P or FAIL.

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- Public Key Cryptography



- **Problem**

Usage of symmetric ciphers require the exchange of secret keys over some secure channel.

- **Basic Idea**

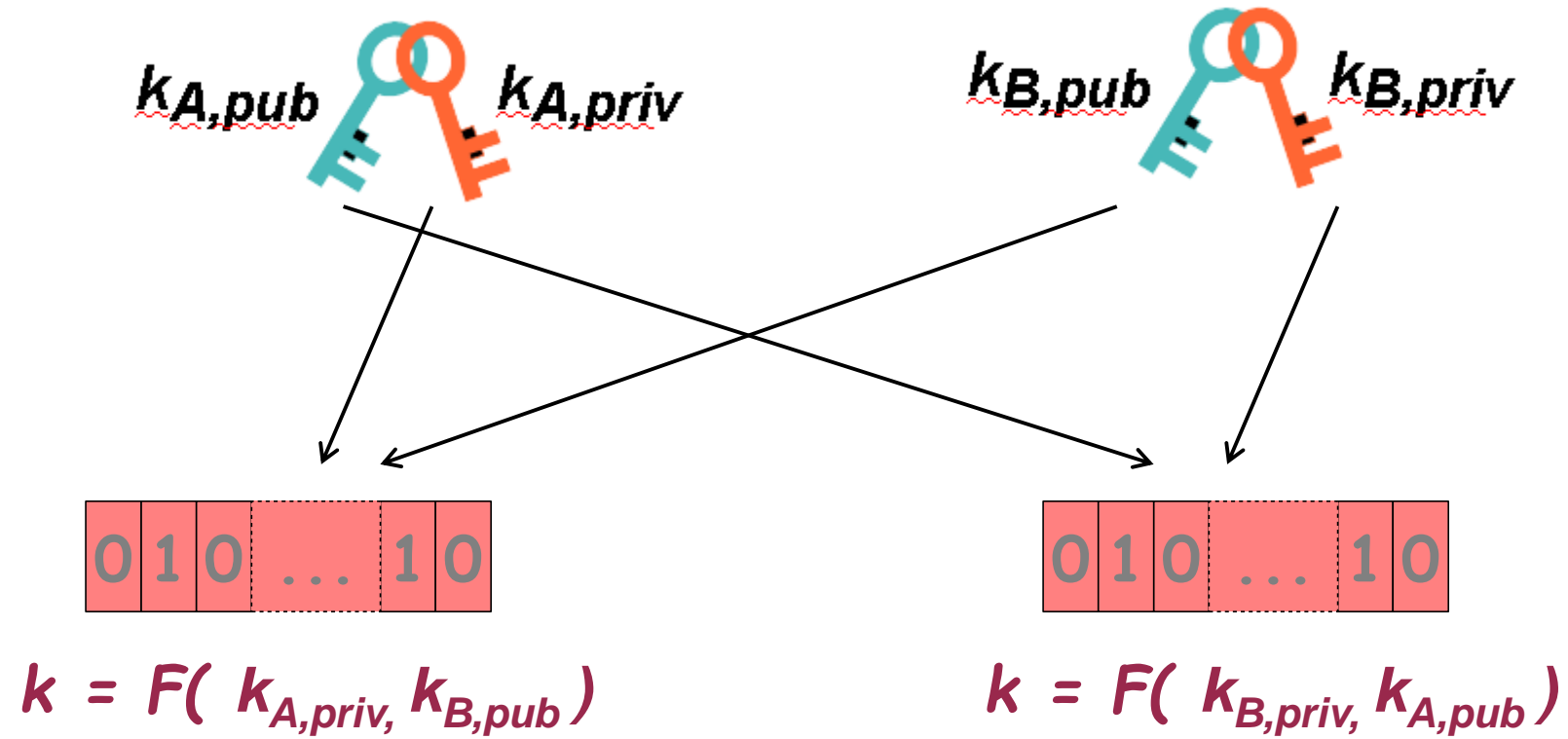
Usage of a mathematical operation, whose inversion is not computational feasible without the knowledge of a key value (trap door function).

- Factorization of integers
- Calculation of discrete logarithms in \mathbb{Z}_p
- Calculation of discrete logarithms in groups defined by elliptic curves over finite fields

First published solutions:

- W. Diffie, M.E. Hellman, *New Directions in Cryptography*, 1976
- R.C. Merkle, *Secure Communication over Insecure Channels*, 1978
- R.L. Rivest, A. Shamir, L.M. Adleman, *A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems*, 1978

- **Algorithms from public key cryptography:**
 - **Key derivation** algorithms / schemes
 - **Asymmetric Ciphers** (encryption without a shared secret key)
 - **Digital Signatures**



- Key derivation scheme proposed by **W. Diffie** and **M.E. Hellman** in ***New Directions in Cryptography*** (1976).
- Based on the mathematical (computational) problem of finding **discrete logarithms**. (Multiplicative order of an element in $\langle g \rangle$ for some fixed $g \in \mathbb{Z}_n$.)
- **ECDH** (Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman): Based on the problem of determining the order of a point of an elliptic curve defined over a finite field.
 - Applying elliptic curves in cryptography was suggested by **N. Koblitz** and **V. S. Miller** in 1985.
 - Widely used since ~2005.

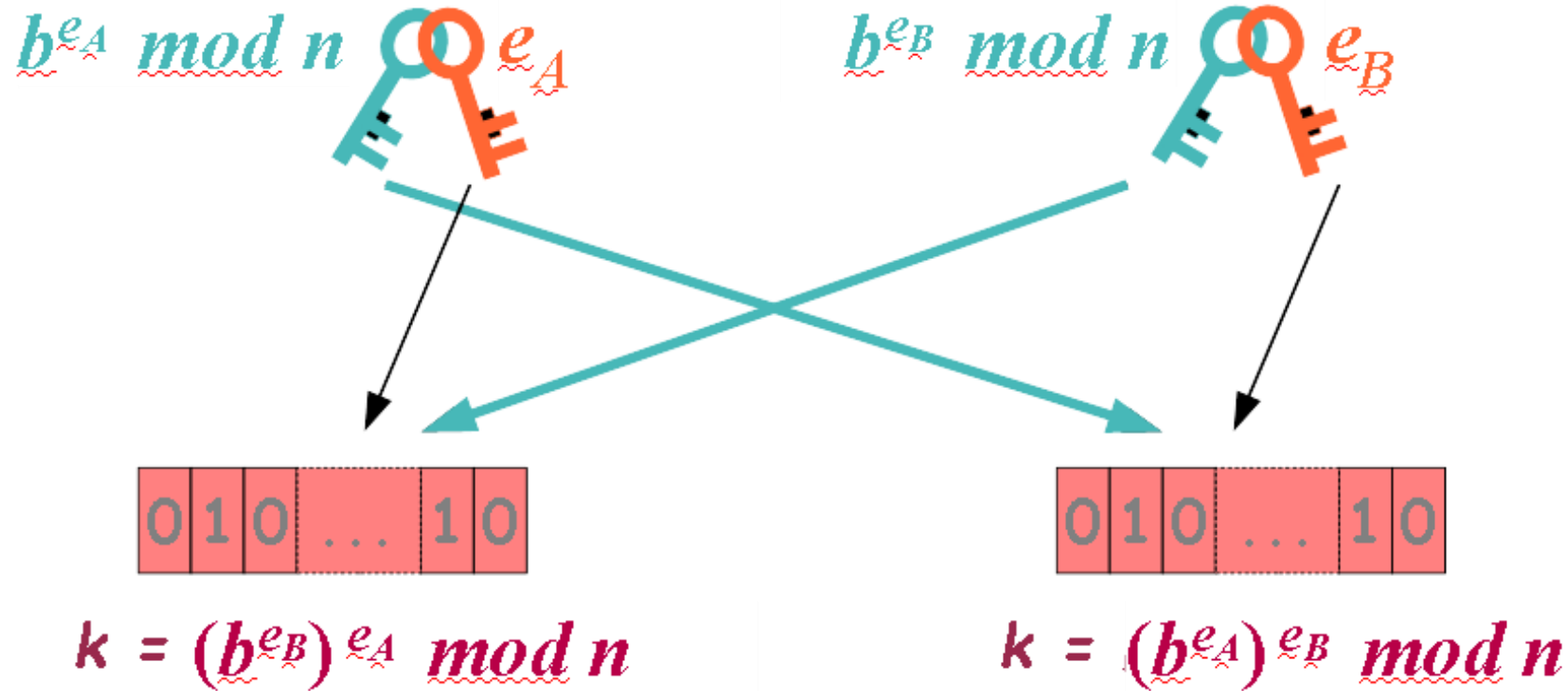
Let $b \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

DL-Problem: Determine for a given

power $c = b^e \bmod n$

the exponent
 e .

$$n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ prime number}$$
$$b \in \{2, 3, \dots, (n-2)\}$$



$$\begin{aligned} n &\in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{prime number} \\ b &\in \{2, 3, \dots, (n-2)\} \end{aligned}$$

- $n-1$ should have a big prime factor q , such that q divides the order of b .
- The order of b should be large.

- ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) is based on the group structure on the sets of points of an Elliptic Curve defined over \mathbf{F}_p or \mathbf{F}_{2^n} .

(EC.1) **Definition.** Let $p > 3$ be a prime and $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_p$ with:

$$4a^3 + 27b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

Then

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

defines an *elliptic curve* over \mathbb{F}_p with set of points:

$$E(\mathbb{F}_p) := \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{F}_p, y^2 = x^3 + ax + b\} \cup \{\mathcal{O}\}$$

\mathcal{O} is called the *point at infinity*.

(EC.2) Additive group structure of $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$. The elements of $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ form a commutative group with respect to the following addition:

(i)

$$P + \mathcal{O} := \mathcal{O} + P := P \quad \text{for all } P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

(ii)

$$-P := \begin{cases} (x, -y) & \text{if } P = (x, y) \\ \mathcal{O} & \text{if } P = \mathcal{O} \end{cases}$$

Consequently:

$$(x, y) + (x, -y) = \mathcal{O} \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$$

(iii) *Point addition:* Let $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$ two points of $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ with $P \neq \pm Q$. Then

$$P_1 + P_2 := (x, y)$$

with:

$$s := \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$x := s^2 - x_1 - x_2$$

$$y := s(x_1 - x) - y_1$$

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(iv) *Point doubling:* Let $P = (x_1, y_1)$ be a point of $E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ with $P \neq -P$. Then

$$2 \cdot P := P + P := (x, y)$$

with:

$$s := \frac{3x_1^2 + a}{2y_1}$$

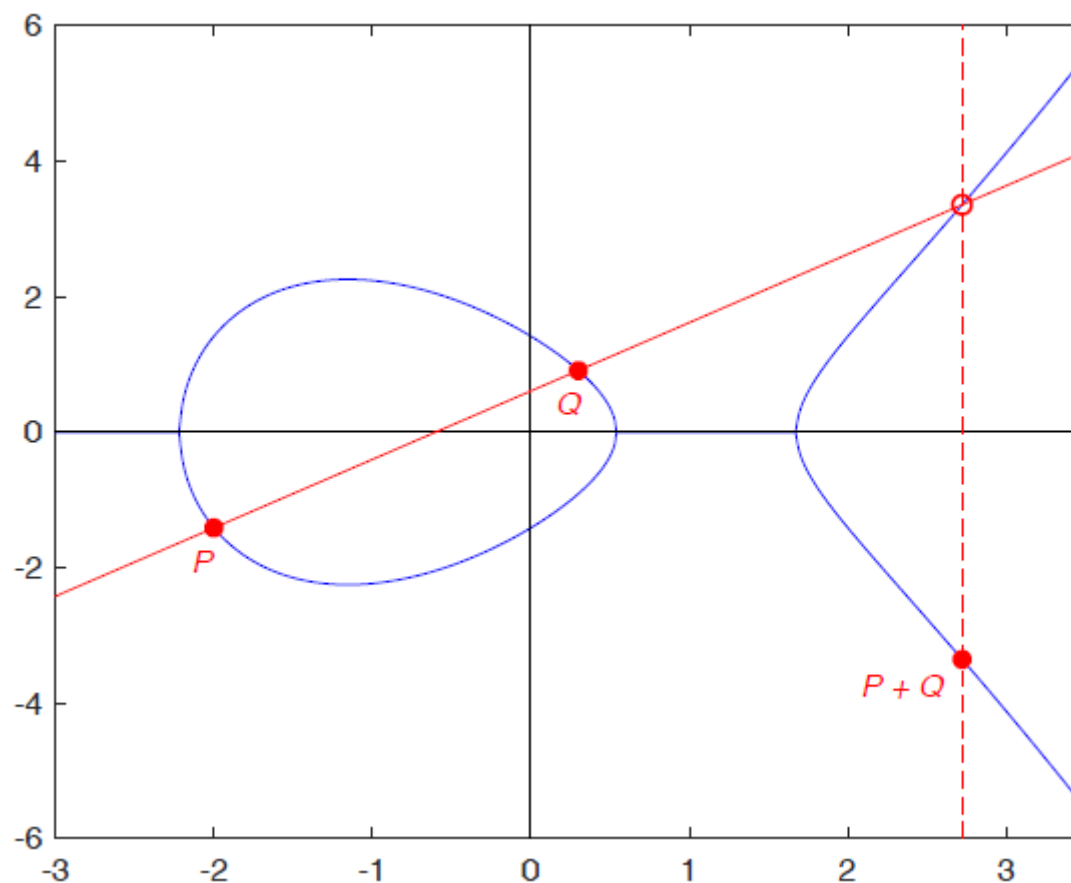
$$x := s^2 - 2x_1$$

$$y := s(x_1 - x) - y_1$$

(Note: If $P = -P$, then $2 \cdot P = P + P = P + (-P) = \mathcal{O}$.)

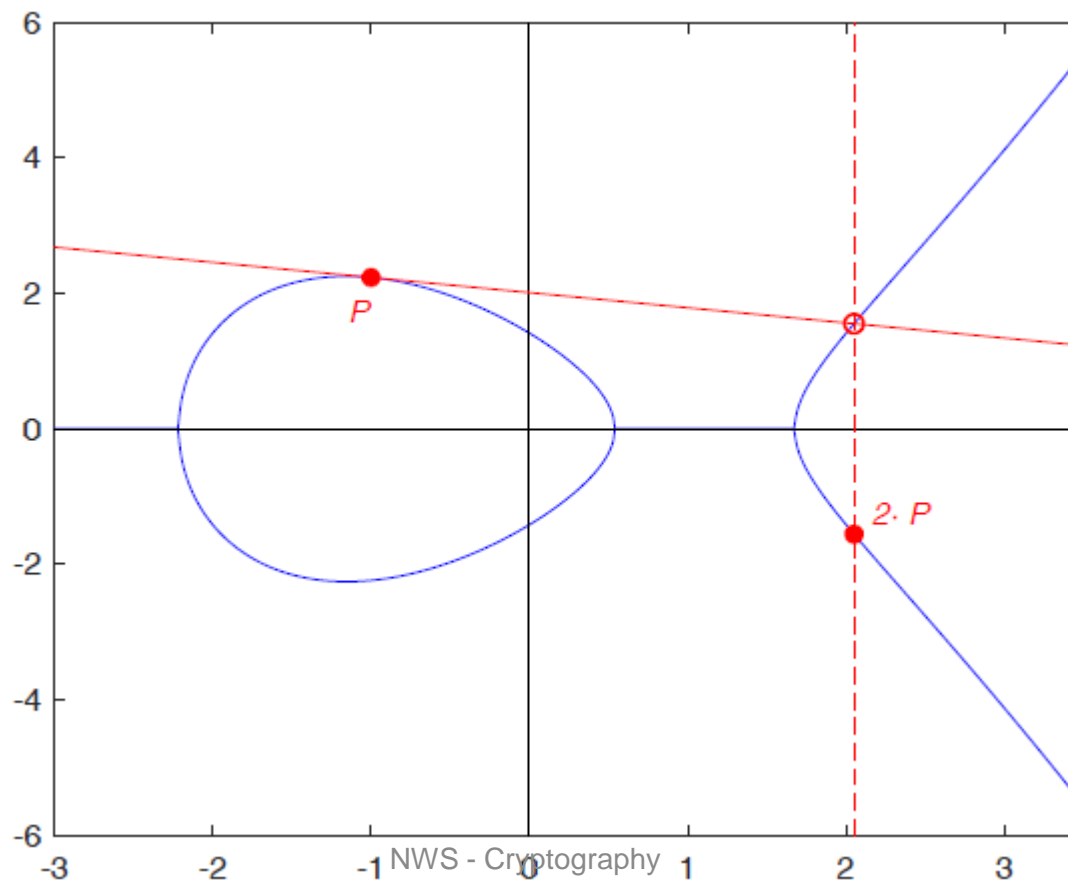
(EC.3) Remark. If $E = E(\mathbb{R})$ is the set of points defined by an elliptic curve over the real numbers, the addition of two points $P, Q \in E \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}$ has a nice geometric interpretation:

- If $P \neq \pm Q$, the line through P and Q intersects the curve at exactly one more point. The negative (reflection at the x -axis) of this point is $P + Q$. An example of the addition of two points of the elliptic curve defined by $y^2 = x^3 - 4x + 2$ over \mathbb{R} is shown in the following figure.



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- If $P = Q$, the tangent line through P can be considered instead of the line through P and Q . An example of the doubling of a point on the elliptic curve defined by $y^2 = x^3 - 4x + 2$ over \mathbb{R} is shown in the following figure.



(EC.4) Order of $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ (Hasse's theorem). If $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is any elliptic curve defined over some field $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$, then:

$$||E(\mathbb{F}_q)| - (q + 1)| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$$

(EC.5) Group structure of $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$. Either $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ is cyclic or $E(\mathbb{F}_q) \cong \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2}$ with $n_2 \mid n_1$ and $n_2 \mid (q - 1)$.

(EC.6) Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (ECDH) key agreement scheme.

With respect to a fixed elliptic curve $E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and some fixed point $G \in E(\mathbb{F}_q)$ of big order $o(G)$ Alice generates a key pair by choosing some positive random integer $k_{A,priv} < o(G)$ and calculates the corresponding public key $k_{A,pub} = k_{A,priv} \cdot G$.

Similarly, Bob generates his key pair $(k_{B,priv}, k_{B,pub})$ by randomly choosing a positive integer $k_{B,priv} < o(G)$ and calculating $k_{B,pub} = k_{B,priv} \cdot G$.

After exchanging their public keys, Alice and Bob can both compute the point

$$S = (x_S, y_S) := k_{A,priv} \cdot k_{B,pub} = k_{A,priv} \cdot k_{B,priv} \cdot G = k_{B,priv} \cdot k_{A,pub}$$

and use x_S as their shared secret.

Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman (EC-DH) key derivation

