

# Public-key Encryption

We saw two main definitions for PKE: CPA/CCA security.

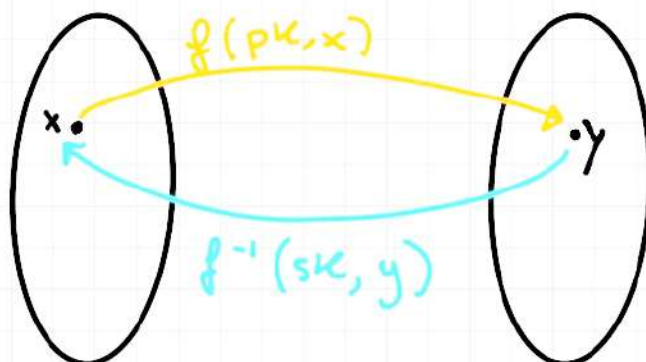
Under which assumption can we have CPA/CCA secure PKE?

It is not possible in minicrypt, but it is possible by assuming TRAPDOOR PERMUTATIONS (TDPs), but also assuming FACTORING and DDH.

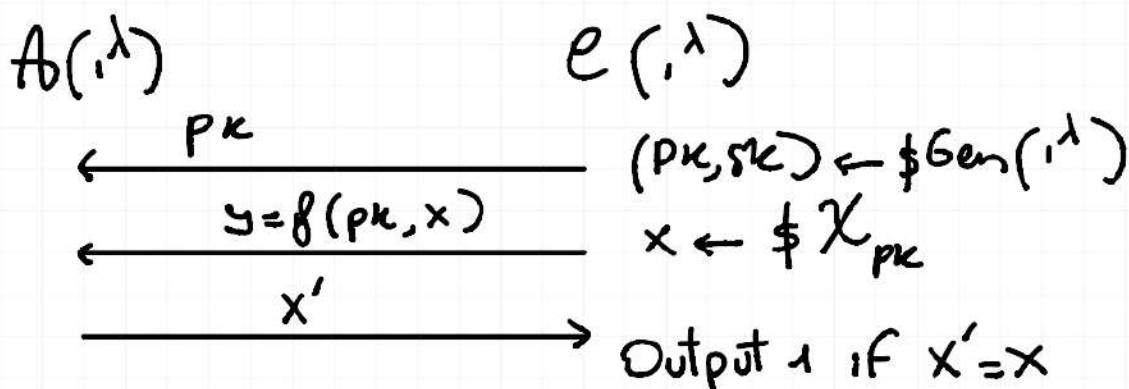
A triple  $(\text{Gen}, f, f^{-1})$  is a TDP if

- $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$
- $f(pk, \cdot)$  is an efficiently computable permutation over domain  $\mathcal{X}_{pk}$ .
- $f^{-1}(sk, y)$  is also efficiently computable such that  
 $\forall (pk, sk) \in \text{Gen}(1^\lambda), \forall x \in \mathcal{X}_{pk}, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

$$f^{-1}(sk, f(pk, x)) = x$$



Security: hard to invert  $f(pk, x)$  on random  $x$  without knowing  $sk$ .



Does a TDP trivially imply PKE?

NO because deterministic encryption is never CPA secure.

Here is a fix: Let  $h$  be the hard-core predicate associated to  $f$ . (Recall:  $h$  exists by GL theorem)

This means that  $(f(x), h(x)) \approx_c (f(x), b)$  with  $x \leftarrow \$X, b \leftarrow \$\{0, 1\}$

So I can build

$\Pi = (KGen, Enc, Dec)$  over  $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}$ .

$KGen = Gen(1^\lambda)$  (the one of TDP)

$Enc(pk, m \in \{0, 1\}) : (f(pk, r), h(pk, r) \oplus m)$

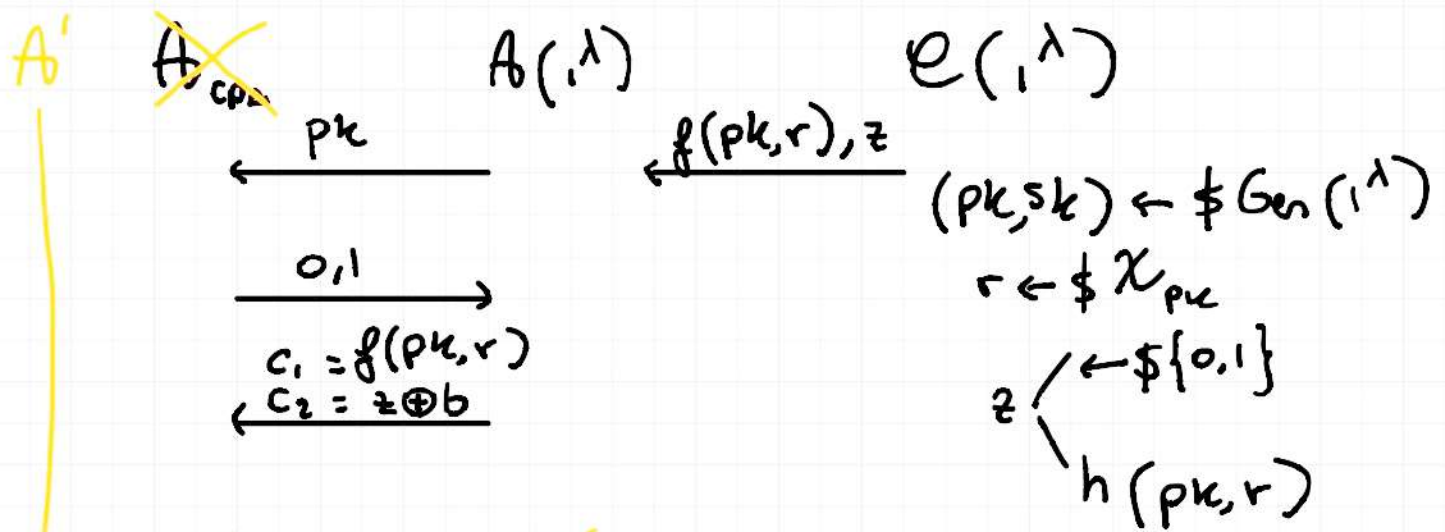
$r \leftarrow \$X_{pk}$

$Dec(sk, (c_1, c_2)) : f^{-1}(sk, c_1) = r$

$m = f(pk, r) \oplus c_2$   $c_2$  is a bit

THM  $\Pi$  is CPA secure if  $(\text{Gen}, f, f^{-1})$  is a TDP.

Proof is left as exercise. Reduction to security of  $h$ :



→ can distinguish  $\text{GAME}_{\Pi, \lambda}^{\text{CPA}}$  from  $\text{HYB}_{\Pi, \lambda}^{\text{CPA}}$  (where  $c_1 = f(pk, r)$   
 $c_2 = z \oplus mb$   $z \leftarrow \{0,1\}$ )

This reduction shows that

$$\forall b \in \{0,1\}, \text{GAME}(\lambda, b) \approx_c \text{HYB}(\lambda, b)$$

$$\text{HYB}(\lambda, 0) \equiv \text{HYB}(\lambda, 1)$$

With this construction, however, we can just encrypt one bit.

EXERCISE: Single-bit CPA-secure PKE implies Multi-bit CPA-secure PKE.

Not very efficient. Let's do better by looking at concrete TDPs. Two examples are



## RSA and Rabin's TDP.

Number theory time! Let's look at  $\mathbb{Z}_n, \mathbb{Z}_n^*$  with  $n=p \cdot q$ .  
An important ingredient is:

THM  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  (or  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ ) is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p$   
(or  $\mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ) **CHINESE REMAINDER THM**

This means that  $\exists$  map  $\psi: \mathbb{Z}_n^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_q^*$

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^* \quad \psi(a) = (\underbrace{a_p, a_q}_{(a \bmod p, a \bmod q)})$$

It's easy to see  $\exists \psi^{-1}: \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_q^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^*$

Note:  $\psi(a+b) = (a_p + b_p, a_q + b_q)$

$$\psi(a \cdot b) = (a_p b_p, a_q b_q)$$

Since  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ ,  $\exists x, y$  s.t.  $px + qy = 1$

$$\Rightarrow px \equiv 1 \bmod q, \quad qy \equiv 1 \bmod p$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(px) = (0, 1) \quad \psi(qy) = (1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi^{-1}(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha qy + \beta px$$

$$a_p = \alpha, \quad a_q = \beta$$

Look at  $f_e(x) = x^e \bmod n$  for  $n=p \cdot q$

$$\# \mathbb{Z}_n^* = \varphi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

So long as  $\gcd(e, \varphi(n)) = 1$  we get that  $f_e(\cdot)$  is a permutation over  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ , because  $\exists d$  s.t.  $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$

d inverso di e

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f^{-1}(d, x^e) &= (x^e)^d \pmod{n} \\ &= x^{e \cdot d} \pmod{n} \\ &= x \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

1 multiplo di  $\varphi(n)$ , +1 perché la divisione deve dare 1 di resto

by Fermat

CONJECTURE:  $(\text{GenRSA}, f_e, f_d^{-1})$  is a TDP.

$\text{GenRSA}(1^\lambda)$  outputs  $pk = (n, e)$   $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$   
 $sk = (n, d)$   $n = p \cdot q$

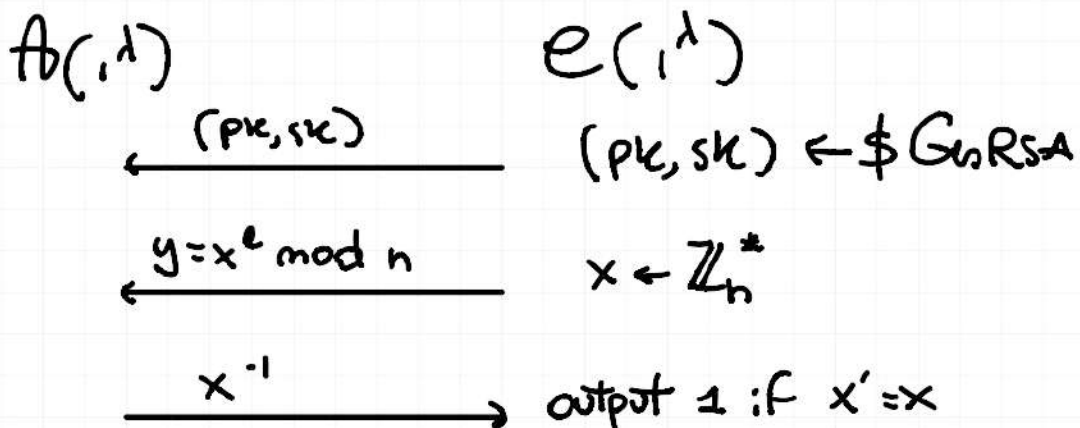
$$f_e(x) = x^e \pmod{n} \quad e \text{ any value s.t.}$$

$$f_d^{-1}(x) = x^d \pmod{n} \quad \gcd(e, \varphi(n)) = 1$$

efficient modular exponentiation

(for example,  $e = 3$ )

Explicitly:



$\text{RSA} \Rightarrow \text{Factoring}$ . If we can factor  $n = pq$ , we can compute

$\varphi(n)$ , thus we can compute  $d$  and invert the above  $y$ .

However, Factoring  $\Rightarrow$  RSA

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sappiamo solo che per  
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efficiente

RSA  $\Rightarrow$  TDPs  $\Rightarrow$  PKE

Rivest, Shamir and Adleman:

$$\Pi = (\text{KGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$$

$$\text{KGen} = \text{GenRSA}$$

$$\text{Enc}(\text{pk} = (n, e), m) = (\underbrace{\hat{m}}_{(r||m)})^e \bmod n$$

$\hat{m}$  is the padded message

$(r||m) \quad r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^L$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dec}(\text{sk} = (n, d), c) &= c^d \bmod n = \hat{m} \\ &= \cancel{m||r} = m \end{aligned}$$

Padding is standardized under PKCS #1,5

$$\hat{m} = 0 || 1 || r || m$$

$\hookrightarrow$  8 bytes

What about security? Obviously insecure for  $L \in O(\log \lambda)$ .

On the other extreme, CPA secure under RSA if  $m \in \{0,1\}$ .  
Elsewhere: not known  $-1-(\text{no})-1-$

Also, it's not CCA secure (Famous attack in the 90's)

Plan: ① TDP From FACTORING  $\Rightarrow$  PKE From FACTORING

② CPA/CCA PKE from DDH  
(efficient)