

# Breaking El-Gamal Encryptions

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$$(\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}) = \mathbb{Z}_q X \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ((r_0, r_1), (m_0), (m_1) + a(r_0, r_1)) & = & (g^r, (g^a)^r m) \\ \uparrow \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_2 & & \uparrow (\mathbb{Z}_p)^* \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M \in m_0, m_1 \\ \uparrow (\mathbb{Z}_p)^* \uparrow (\text{mod } q, \text{mod } 2) \end{array}$$

$$q(m_0, m_1) = ((\underline{qm_0}, qm_1))$$

$$1 \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow (0, 0)$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_p)^* \longrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q X \mathbb{Z}_2$$

In  $\mathbb{Z}_q X \mathbb{Z}_2$ , we isolate  $m_1$ :

$$q(m_0, m_1) = (0, m_1)$$

We know that the equivalent form of the above expression in the multiplicative group,

$(\mathbb{Z}_p)^*$  is exponentiation.

$$\therefore M^q | \mathbb{Z}_q X \mathbb{Z}_2$$

We now see that  $m_1 = 1 \Leftrightarrow m^q \text{ mod } p \neq 1$

$$((r_0, r_1), (m_0, m_1) + a(r_0, r_1)) = (g_r, (g^a)^r m)$$

Using the above information, we arrive at the following set of linear equations of M:

$$(r_1, m_1 + ar_1)$$

$$y = x + ar_1 \longrightarrow M = (M_0, M_1)$$

$$y - ar_1 = x \longrightarrow M' = (M_{0'}, M_{1'})$$

We know how to compute  $r_1$  and  $a$  from:

$$g^a = a = (a_0, a_1)$$

The adversary  $A$  can now efficiently compute M!