

# PEP-DEC Protocols

10/17/23 : use VerifyDecryptionVariant, add test for ciphertext in  $Z_p^k$ .

## EGDecryptTrust

Distributed Threshold Decryption and proof with trusted admin

### Context

Principals:

- decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$  where  $nd = |\{DG_i\}| \geq \text{quota}$
- a trusted admin
- one or more verifiers  $V$

Public input:

- Group parameters  $G = (p, q, g)$
- joint public key  $K$
- lagrange coefficients  $\{w_i\}$  for the set of decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$
- ElGamalCiphertext  $(A, B)$

Private input: for each  $DG_i$ : Private key share  $pk_{si} = P(i)$

Output:  $T$  and ChaumPedersenProof( $c, v$ )

### Algorithm

1.  $DG_i$ : Compute // 4  
test that  $A$  is an element of  $Z_p^k$ , ie  $A^q \equiv 1$ ; if not, abort decryption.  
 $M_i = A^{pk_{si}} \bmod p$   
 $u_i \leftarrow Z^*_q$   
 $a_i = g^{u_i} \bmod p$   
 $b_i = A^{u_i} \bmod p$   
Send  $(M_i, a_i, b_i)$  to admin
2. admin: Compute  
 $M = \text{Prod\_di}(M_i^{w_i}) \bmod p$  // nd  
 $T = B/M \bmod p$
3. admin: Compute  
 $a = \text{Prod\_di}(a_i) \bmod p$   
 $b = \text{Prod\_di}(b_i) \bmod p$   
 $c = H(\text{He}; 0x30, K, A, B, a, b, M)$  aka "collective challenge"  
Send challenge  $c_i = (c * w_i) \bmod q$  to each  $DG_i$

4. DG<sub>i</sub>: respond with  $v_i = (u_i - c_i * p_{ksi}) \bmod q$

5.a admin: Compute

$v = \text{Sum\_di}(v_i) \bmod q$  for  $i$  in  $\{DG_i\}$

verify ChaumPedersenProof( $c, v$ ).verifyDecryption( $g, K, A, B, T$ ) is true // 4

If true, skip 5.b

5.b admin: For each  $G_i$ , verify the response: // 4 \* nd

$a_i' = g^{v_i} * \text{GexpPi}^{c_i} \bmod p$ , where  $\text{GexpPi}$  is given below

$b_i' = A^{v_i} * M_i^{c_i} \bmod p$

verify that  $a_i' = a_i$  and  $b_i' = b_i$ , Otherwise, reject.

6. admin

publish ( $A, B, T, \text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v)$ ) to BB

7. V:

Verify ChaumPedersenProof( $c, v$ ).verifyDecryption( $g, K, A, B, T$ ) is true // 4

#### Notes:

\* In this version, as much work as possible is done by a central "admin", rather than being done at each  $G_i$ .

\* Step 1 tests that  $A$  is element of  $Z_p^k$ . This requirement will be added to 2.1 spec.

\* Step 5 uses the **VerifyDecryptionVariant**, which lets us skip 5.b if 5.a passes.

\* Step 5.b uses a different form for verifying the individual Guardian responses, than CAKE distributed ElGamal decrypting protocol, due to the thresholding.

\* The set of Guardians participating in the decryption is  $\{DG_i\}$ , and the iteration over them is denoted  $\text{Sum\_di}$  or  $\text{Prod\_di}$ .

\* The number of decrypting guardians =  $nd = |\{DG_i\}| \geq \text{quorum}$ .

#### Operation Count

each DG: 4 exp

admin: 4+nd (when 5.a verifies)

V: 4

DGs + admin = 4+5\*nd

Regular exponentiation may be counted separately from accelerated exponentiation (which have  $g$  or  $K$  as the base). For decryption there are 3 regular for every accelerated exp.

#### $\text{GexpPi} = g^{P(i)}$

See eq 13, eq 74 of the EG 2.0 spec

## Context

All guardians  $\{G_i\}$  (not just the decrypting guardians),  $n = |\{G_i\}|$

Each guardian  $G_i$  has a secret polynomial  $P_i(x) = \sum_j (a_{ij} * x^j) \bmod q, j=0..\text{quota}-1$

Each guardian  $G_i$  has public commitments  $K_{ij} = g^{a_{ij}}, j=0..\text{quota}-1$

The election Polynomial  $P(x)$  is sum of guardian polynomials =  $P_1(x) + P_2(x) + .. + P_n(x)$

## Algorithm

$g^{P(i)} = g$  raised to  $P(x)$ , evaluated at the  $i$ th guardian's  $x$  coordinate

$= \text{Prod}_i( \text{Prod}_j( (K_{ij})^{x^j} ) \bmod q), j = 0..\text{quota}-1), i = 1..n.$

## Operation count

$n * n * \text{quorum}.$

This value need only be computed once for each Guardian for all encryptions.

## ChaumPedersenProof

### General form

$\text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v).\text{verify}(\text{cons1}; \{\text{const}\}, x, X, y, Y)$

Proof that Prover knows  $s$  for two tuples  $(x, X=x^s)$  and  $(y, Y=y^s)$ .

$a = x^v * X^c \bmod p$

$b = y^v * Y^c \bmod p$

verify that  $c = H(\text{cons1}; \{\text{const}\}, x, y, X, Y, a, b)$

Operation count: 4 exp

### EGDecrypt proof

$\text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v).\text{verifyDecryption}(g, K, A, B, T)$

Proof that Prover knows  $s$  for two tuples  $(g, K=g^s)$  and  $(A, M=A^s)$ , where  $M = B / T$ .

$a = g^v * K^c \bmod p$

$b = A^v * M^c \bmod p$

verify that  $c = H(\text{He}; 0x30, K, A, B, a, b, M)$

Operation count: 4 exp (2 regular, 2 accelerated)

## EgkPepBlindTrust

Egk PEP with blinding Guardians separate from decrypting Guardians, and a trusted admin.

## Context

Principals:

- decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$  where  $nd = |\{DG_i\}| \geq \text{quota}$
- blinding Guardians  $\{BG_j\}$  where  $nb = |\{BG_j\}| > 1$
- a trusted admin
- one or more verifiers  $V$

Public input:

- Group parameters  $G = (p, q, g)$ ,  $G_i$ 's public key share  $K_i$  for  $i = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , aggregated public key  $K$
- lagrange coefficients  $\{w_i\}$  for the set of decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$
- $\text{Enc}(\sigma_j) = (\alpha_j, \beta_j)$  for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ .
- Let  $\alpha = \alpha_1/\alpha_2 \bmod p$ ,  $\beta = \beta_1/\beta_2 \bmod p$

Private input  $\{G_i\}$ : Private key share  $pksi = P(i)$

Output:  $(IsEq, c, v, \alpha, \beta, c', v', A, B, T)$

## Algorithm

- all  $BG_j$  in  $\{BG_j\}$ : // 4
  - $\xi_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
  - Compute  $A_j = \alpha^{\xi_j} \bmod p$  and  $B_j = \beta^{\xi_j} \bmod p$ .
  - $u_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
  - Compute  $a_j = \alpha^{u_j} \bmod p$  and  $b_j = \beta^{u_j} \bmod p$
  - Send  $(A_j, B_j, a_j, b_j)$  to admin
- admin:
  - $A = \text{Prod}_j(A_j)$
  - $B = \text{Prod}_j(B_j)$
  - If  $(A == 1)$  or  $(B == 1)$ , reject.
- admin:
  - $a = \text{Prod}_j(a_j)$
  - $b = \text{Prod}_j(b_j)$
  - $c = H(\text{cons}_0; \{\text{cons}\}, K, \alpha, \beta, A, B, a, b)$
  - Send challenge  $c$  to each  $DG_i$
- all  $BG_j$  in  $\{BG_j\}$ :
  - respond to challenge with  $v_j = u_j - c * \xi_j$
  - send to admin
- a admin:
  - $v = \text{Sum}_{dj}(v_j)$

verify if ChaumPedersenProof(c, v).verify(cons0; {cons1, K},  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , A, B). // 4  
If true, can skip 5.b

5.b admin:

for each BG<sub>j</sub>, verify that  $a_j = \alpha^{v_j} * A_j^c$  and  $b_j = \beta^{v_j} * B_j^c$  // 4 \* nb

6. admin:

(a) decrypt (A, B): (T, ChaumPedersenProof(c', v')) = EGDencrypt(A, B) // 4+5\*nd

(b) IsEq = (T == 1)

(c) Send (IsEq, c, v,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , c', v', A, B, T) to V and publish to BB.

7. V: read (IsEq, c, v,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , c', v', A, B, T) from BB

(a) verify if ChaumPedersenProof(c, v).verify(cons0; {cons1, K},  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , A, B). // 4

(b) verify if ChaumPedersenProof(c', v').verifyDecryption(g, K, A, B, T) // 4

(c) If T = 1, IsEq = 1 and (A, B)  $\neq$  (1, 1), output "accept(equal)".

If T  $\neq$  1, IsEq = 0, output "accept(unequal)".

Otherwise, output "reject"

#### Notes:

- \* EGDencrypt uses the VerifyDecryptionVariant

- \* Step 5 uses the VerifyDecryptionVariant, which lets us skip 5.b if 5.a passes.

#### Operation count:

each BG: 4 exp

admin: EGDencrypt(4+5\*nd) + 4 (when 5.a verifies)

admin+BGs: 8 + 4\*nb + 5\*nd

V: verify(4) + verifyDecryption(4) = 8

## EGDencryptFull

Distributed Threshold Decryption without trusted admin, aka fully distributed

### Context

Principals:

decrypting Guardians {DG<sub>i</sub>} where nd = |{DG<sub>i</sub>}|  $\geq$  quota

one or more verifiers V

Public input:

Group parameters G = (p, q, g)

joint public key K

lagrange coefficients {w<sub>i</sub>} for the set of decrypting Guardians {DG<sub>i</sub>}

ElGamalCiphertext (A, B)

Private input: for each DG<sub>i</sub>: Private key share pksi = P(i)

Output: T and ChaumPedersenProof(c, v)

## Algorithm

1. DGi: Compute // 3  
     $M_i = A^{p_{ksi}} \bmod p$   
     $u_i \leftarrow Z^*_q$   
     $a_i = g^{u_i} \bmod p$   
     $b_i = A^{u_i} \bmod p$   
    Send ( $M_i, a_i, b_i$ ) to other DGj
2. DGi: when received all ( $M_j, a_j, b_j$ ):  
     $M = \text{Prod\_dj}(M_j^{w_j}) \bmod p$  // nd  
     $T = B/M \bmod p$   
     $a = \text{Prod\_di}(a_i) \bmod p$   
     $b = \text{Prod\_di}(b_i) \bmod p$   
     $c = H(\text{He}; 0x30, K, A, B, a, b, M)$  aka "collective challenge"  
     $v_i = (u_i - c_i * p_{ksi}) \bmod q$   
    Send ( $c_i, v_i$ ) to other DGi
3. DGi: when received all ( $c_i, v_i$ ), for each other Dj:: // 4 \* (nd-1)  
     $a'_j = g^{v_j} * \text{GexpPi}^{c_j} \bmod p$   
     $b'_j = A^{v_j} * M_j^{c_j} \bmod p$   
    verify that  $a'_j = a_j$  and  $b'_j = b_j$ , Otherwise, reject.
4. DGi: Compute  
     $v = \text{Sum\_di}(v_i) \bmod q$  for  $i$  in {DGi}  
    publish ( $A, B, T, \text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v)$ ) to BB
5. V:  $\text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v).\text{verifyDecryption}(g, K, A, B, T)$  is true // 4

## Operation Count

Each DG:  $3 + nd + 4*(nd-1) = 3 + 4*nd$   
Total =  $(3+4*nd)*nd$  per encryption

With VerifyDecryptionVariant

Each DG:  $3 + nd + 4 = 7 + nd$   
Total =  $(7 + nd)*nd$  per encryption

## EgkPepBlindFull

Egk PEP with blinding guardians separate from decrypting Guardians, no trusted admin.

## Context

Principals:

decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$  where  $nd = |\{DG_i\}| \geq \text{quota}$

blinding Guardians  $\{BG_j\}$  where  $nb = |\{BG_j\}| > 1$

one or more verifiers  $V$

Public input:

Group parameters  $G = (p, q, g)$ ,  $G_i$ 's public key share  $K_i$  for  $i = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,

aggregated public key  $K$

lagrange coefficients  $\{w_i\}$  for the set of decrypting Guardians  $\{DG_i\}$

$\text{Enc}(\sigma_j) = (\alpha_j, \beta_j)$  for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

Let  $\alpha = \alpha_1/\alpha_2 \bmod p$ ,  $\beta = \beta_1/\beta_2 \bmod p$

Private input  $\{G_i\}$ : Private key share  $pksi = P(i)$

Output:  $(\text{IsEq}, c, v, \alpha, \beta, c', v', A, B, T)$

## Algorithm

1. all  $BG_i$  in  $\{BG_j\}$ : // 4

(a)  $\xi_j \leftarrow Z_q$

(b) Compute  $A_j = \alpha^{\xi_j} \bmod p$  and  $B_j = \beta^{\xi_j} \bmod p$ .

(c)  $u_j \leftarrow Z_q$

(d) Compute  $a_j = \alpha^{u_j} \bmod p$  and  $b_j = \beta^{u_j} \bmod p$

(e) Send  $(A_j, B_j, a_j, b_j)$  to other  $BG_j$

2.  $BG_i$ : when received all  $(A_j, B_j, a_j, b_j)$  :

$A = \text{Prod\_j}(A_j)$

$B = \text{Prod\_j}(B_j)$

If  $(A == 1)$  or  $(B == 1)$ , reject.

$a = \text{Prod\_j}(a_j)$

$b = \text{Prod\_j}(b_j)$

$c = H(\text{cons0}; \text{cons1}, K, \alpha, \beta, A, B, a, b)$

$v_i = u_i - c * \xi_i$

send  $v_i$  to other  $BG$

3.  $BG_i$ :

for each other  $BG_j$ , verify that  $a_j = \alpha^{v_j} * A_j^c$  and  $b_j = \beta^{v_j} * B_j^c$  // 4 \*  $(nb-1)$

4.  $BG_i$ :

(a) decrypt  $(A, B)$ :  $(T, \text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c', v')) = \text{EGDecryptFull}(A, B)$

(b)  $v = \text{Sum\_dj}(v_j)$ ,  $\text{IsEq} = (T == 1)$

(c) Send  $(\text{IsEq}, c, v, \alpha, \beta, c', v', A, B, T)$  to  $V$  and publish to  $BB$ .

5. V: read (IsEq, c, v,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , c', v', A, B, T) from BB
  - (a) verify if ChaumPedersenProof(c, v).verify(cons0; {cons1, K},  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , A, B) // 4
  - (b) verify if ChaumPedersenProof(c', v').verifyDecryption(g, K, A, B, T) is true // 4
  - (c) If T = 1, IsEq = 1 and (A, B)  $\neq$  (1, 1), output "accept(equal)".  
 If T  $\neq$  1, IsEq = 0, output "accept(unequal)".  
 Otherwise, output "reject"

### Operation count:

each BG:  $4 + 4 * (nb-1) + \text{EGDecryptFull}((3+4*nd)*nd)$   
 total =  $(4*nb + (3+4*nd)*nd)*nb$

With VerifyDecryptionVariant:

each BG:  $8 + \text{EGDecryptFull}((7 + nd)*nd)$   
 total =  $(8 + (7+nd)*nd)*nb$

## EgkPepSimple

Egk PEP with decrypting Guardians, all other work done by a trusted admin

### Context

Principals:

decrypting Guardians {DG<sub>i</sub>} where  $nd = |\{DG_i\}| \geq \text{quota}$   
 A trusted admin  
 one or more verifiers V

Public input:

Group parameters  $G = (p, q, g)$ , G<sub>i</sub>'s public key share  $K_i$  for  $i = \{1, \dots, n\}$ ,  
 aggregated public key K  
 lagrange coefficients {w<sub>i</sub>} for the set of decrypting Guardians {DG<sub>i</sub>}  
 $\text{Enc}(\sigma_j) = (\alpha_j, \beta_j)$  for  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ .  
 Let  $\alpha = \alpha_1/\alpha_2 \bmod p$ ,  $\beta = \beta_1/\beta_2 \bmod p$

Private input {G<sub>i</sub>}: Private key share  $\text{pksi} = P(i)$

Output: (IsEq, c, v,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , c', v', A, B, T)

### Algorithm

1. admin: // 4
  - (a)  $\xi \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
  - (b) Compute  $A = \alpha^\xi \bmod p$  and  $B = \beta^\xi \bmod p$
  - (c)  $u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$



- (d) Compute  $a = \alpha^u \bmod p$  and  $b = \beta^u \bmod p$
- (e)  $c = H(\text{cons0}; \text{cons1}, K, \alpha, \beta, A, B, a, b)$
- (f)  $v = u - c\xi$

2. admin:

$(T, \text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c', v')) = \text{EGDecrypt}(A, B)$   
 $\text{IsEq} = (T == 1)$   
 Send  $(\text{IsEq}, c, v, \alpha, \beta, c', v', A, B, T)$  to BB.

3. admin and V: input  $(\text{IsEq}, c, v, \alpha, \beta, c', v', A, B, T)$  from admin or BB

- (a) verify if  $\text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c, v).verify(\text{cons0}; \{\text{cons1}, K\}, \alpha, \beta, A, B)$   
 Compute  $a = \alpha^v * A^c$  and  $b = \beta^v * B^c$   
 verify if  $c = H(\text{cons0}; \text{cons1}, K, \alpha, \beta, A, B, a, b)$
- (b) verify if  $\text{ChaumPedersenProof}(c', v').verifyDecryption(g, K, A, B, T)$  is true  
 Compute  $M = B/T \bmod p$ ,  $a' = g^v * K^c \bmod p$  and  $b' = A^v * M^c \bmod p$   
 verify if  $v' \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  and  $c' = H(\text{cons0}; \text{cons1}, K, A, B, a', b', M)$ .
- (c) If  $T = 1$ ,  $\text{IsEq} = 1$  and  $(A, B) \neq (1, 1)$ , output “accept(equal)”.  
 If  $T \neq 1$ ,  $\text{IsEq} = 0$ , output “accept(unequal)”.  
 Otherwise, output “reject”.

Operation count:

Admin:  $4 \text{ exp} + \text{EGDecrypt}(8 \cdot \text{nd}) + \text{verify}(4) + \text{verifyDecryption}(4)$   
 $= 12 + 8 \cdot \text{nd}$   
 $V = 8$

With VerifyDecryptionVariant:

Admin:  $4 \text{ exp} + \text{EGDecrypt}(4 + 4 \cdot \text{nd}) + \text{verify}(4) + \text{verifyDecryption}(4)$   
 $= 16 + 4 \cdot \text{nd}$