

# Cryptography: asymmetric encryption

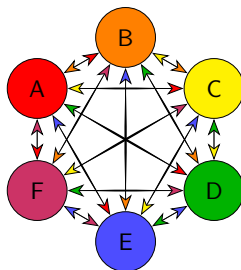
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# Introduction

So far: how two users can protect data using a shared secret key

- ▶ One shared secret key per pair of users that want to communicate

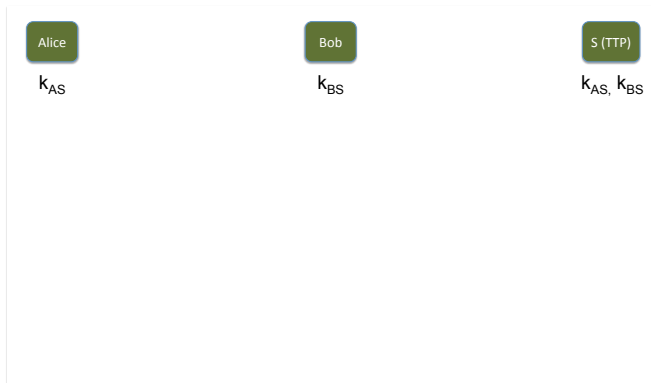


Our goal now: how to establish a shared secret key to begin with?

- ▶ Trusted Third Party (TTP)
- ▶ Diffie-Hellman (DH) protocol
- ▶ *RSA*
- ▶ ElGamal (EG)

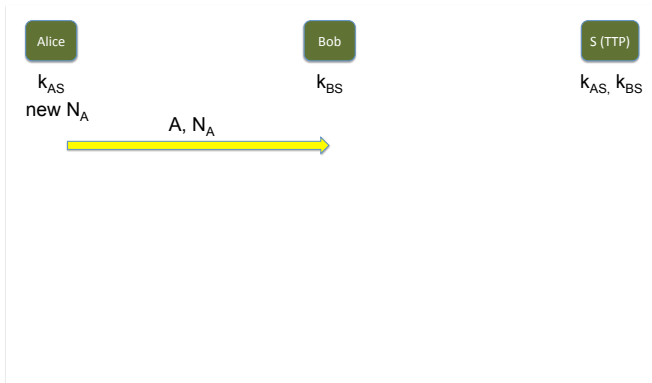
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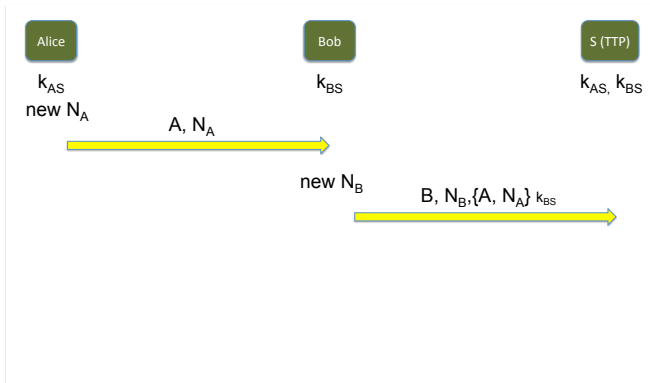
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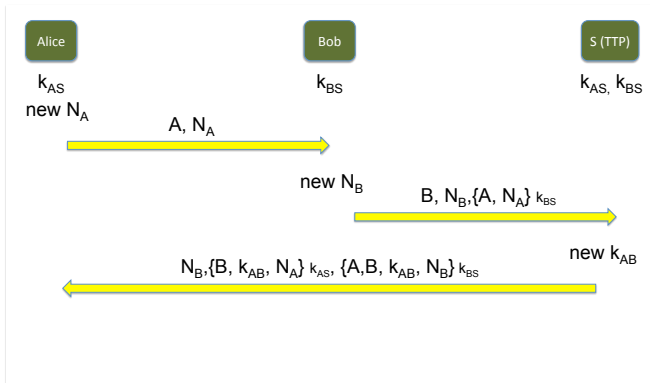
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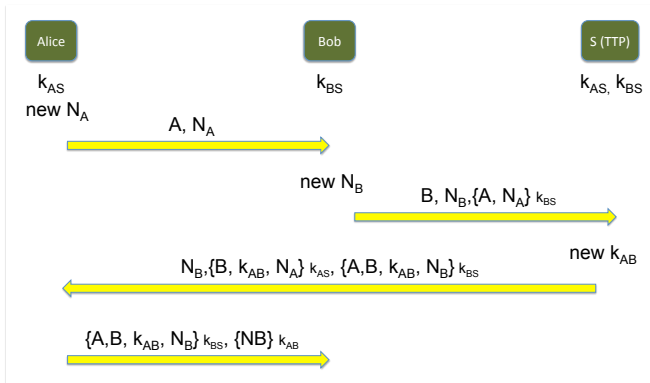
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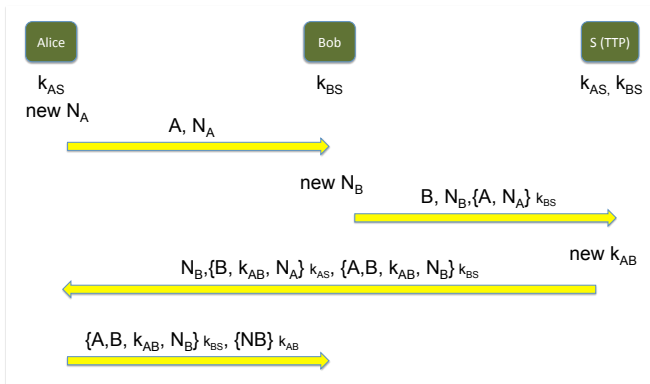
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Question: can we establish a shared secret key without a TTP?

Answer: Yes! Using public key cryptography.



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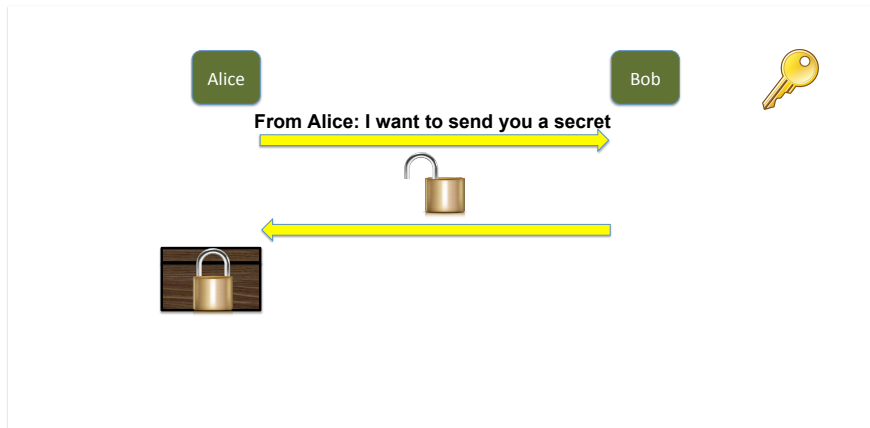
**From Alice: I want to send you a secret**



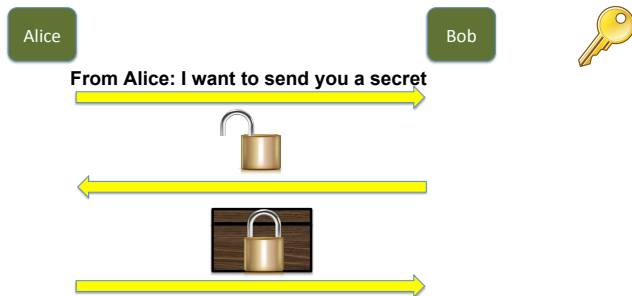
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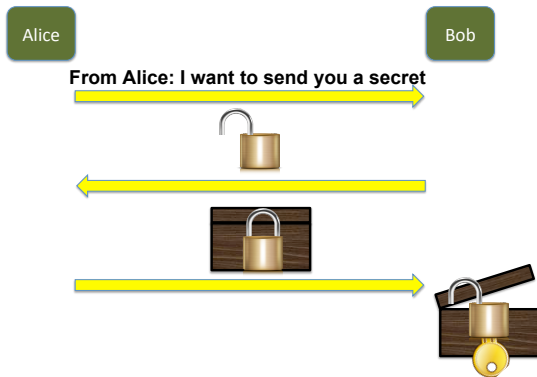
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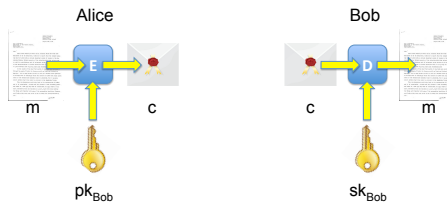


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# Public-key encryption - Definition

- key generation algorithm:  $G : \rightarrow \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}$   
encryption algorithm  $E : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$   
decryption algorithm  $D : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$   
st.  $\forall (sk, pk) \in G$ , and  $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $D(sk, E(pk, m)) = m$



- the decryption key  $sk_{Bob}$  is secret (only known to Bob). The encryption key  $pk_{Bob}$  is known to everyone. And  $sk_{Bob} \neq pk_{Bob}$

We need a bit of number theory now



# Primes

## Definition

$p \in \mathbb{N}$  is a **prime** if its only divisors are 1 and  $p$

Ex: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29

## Theorem

Every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  has a **unique factorization** as a product of prime numbers (which are called its factors)

Ex:  $23244 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 13 \times 149$

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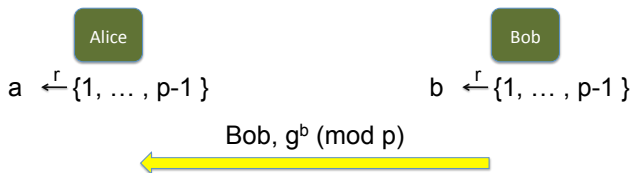
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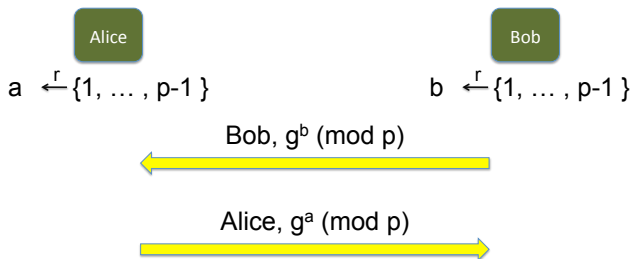
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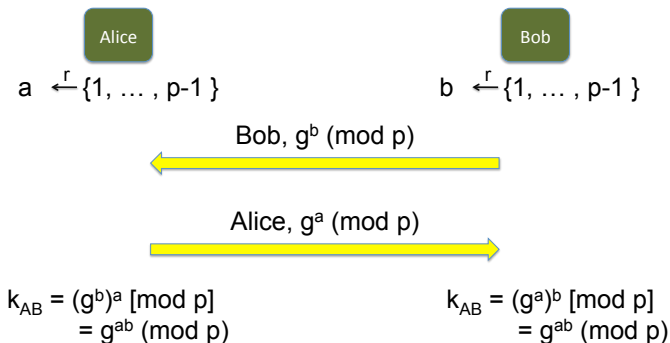
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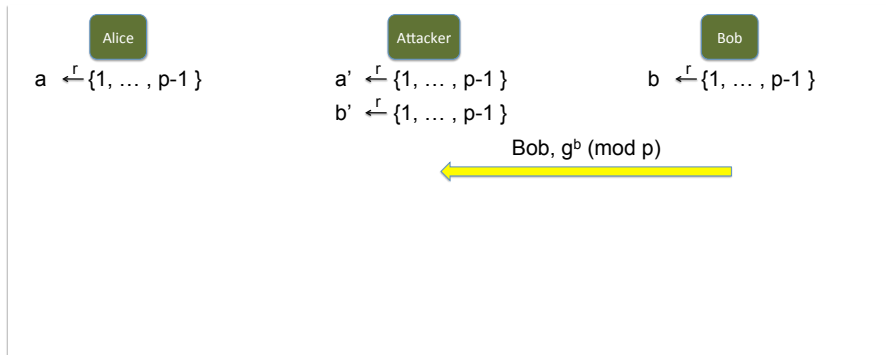
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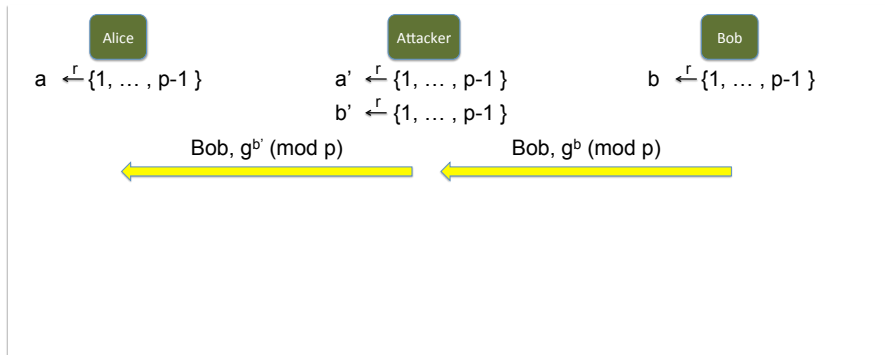
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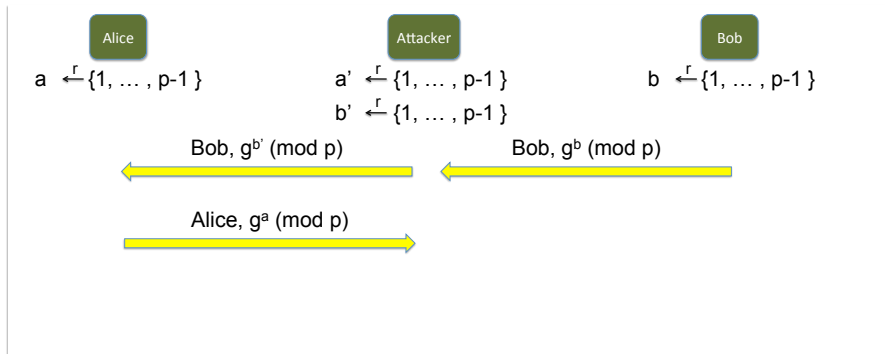
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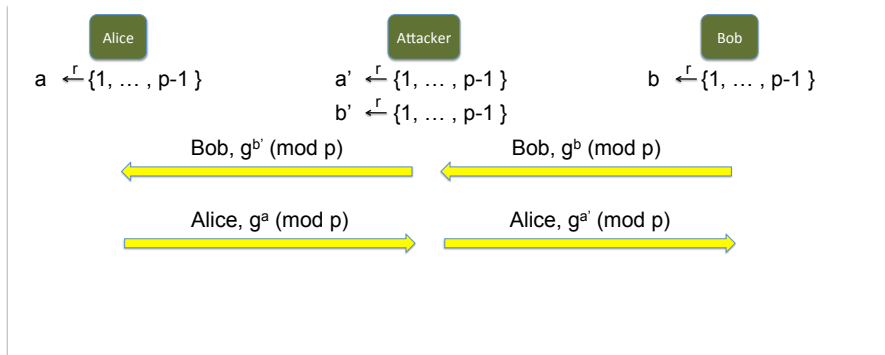


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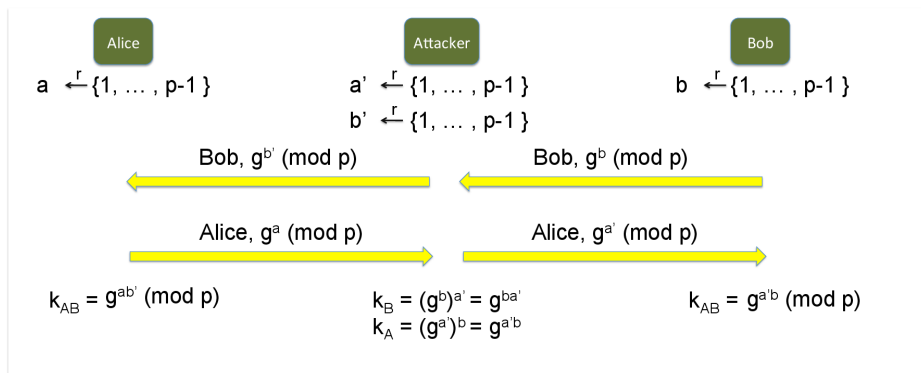




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# How **NOT** to use *RSA*

$(G_{RSA}, RSA, RSA^{-1})$  is called raw *RSA*. Do not use raw *RSA* directly as an asymmetric cipher!

*RSA* is deterministic  $\Rightarrow$  not secure against chosen plaintext attacks

# ISO standard

Goal: build a CPA secure asymmetric cipher using  $(G_{RSA}, RSA, RSA^{-1})$

Let  $(E_s, D_s)$  be a symmetric encryption scheme over  $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K})$

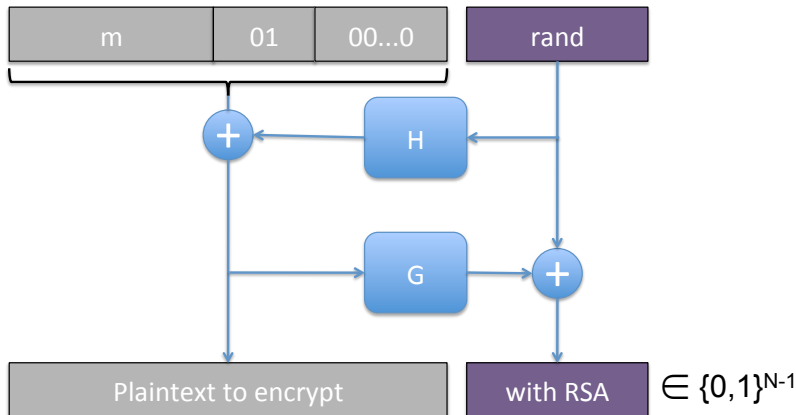
Let  $H : \mathbb{Z}_N^* \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$

Build  $(G_{RSA}, E_{RSA}, D_{RSA})$  as follows

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  - ▶  $E_{RSA}(pk, m) = y || E_s(k, m)$
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# PKCS1 v2.0: RSA-OAEP

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