

Diffie-Hellman protocol: (Definition)

→ Using this protocol, we obtain a shared key for the participants.

→ There is an exponential gap betⁿ participant work and attacker work.

→ We have the exponential gap as follows

- 1) fix some large prime, p (e.g. 600 digits)
- 2) fix an integer, g in the range 1 to $p-1$



So, p and g are the parameters of DH protocol

How DH protocol works?

Alice choose random a is $21 \dots p-1$ Bob choose random b is $21 \dots p-1$

"Alice", $A \leftarrow g^a \pmod{p}$
"Bob", $B \leftarrow g^b \pmod{p}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B^a \pmod{P} &= (g^b)^a = k_{AB} \\
 &= g^{ab} \pmod{P} \\
 &= (g^a)^b = A^b \pmod{P}
 \end{aligned}$$

even though both parties captured different values, they end up with same $g^{ab} \pmod{P}$

Why DH secure:-

- 1) eavesdropper can't figure out (g^{ab})
- 2) " sees prime, p and generator, g fixed forever.
- 3) " sees the value of $A (A \rightarrow B)$ and $B (B \rightarrow A)$

Eavesdropper sees:

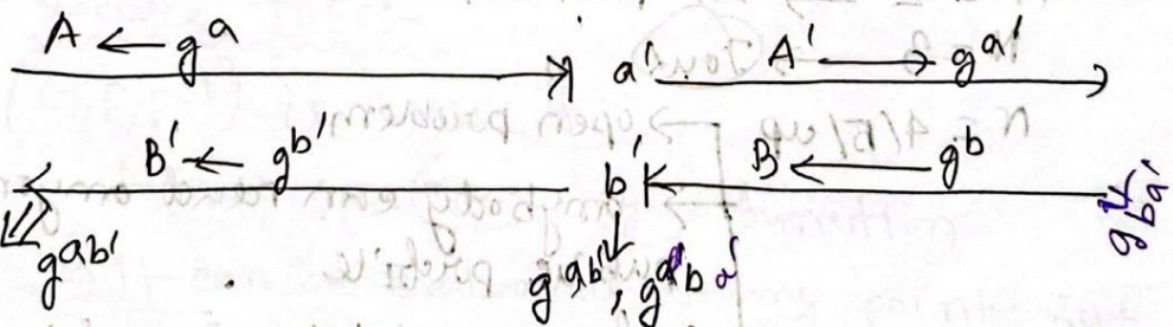
$$P, g, A = g^a \pmod{P}, B = g^b \pmod{P}$$

Why insecure against MITM?

Alice

MITM

Bob



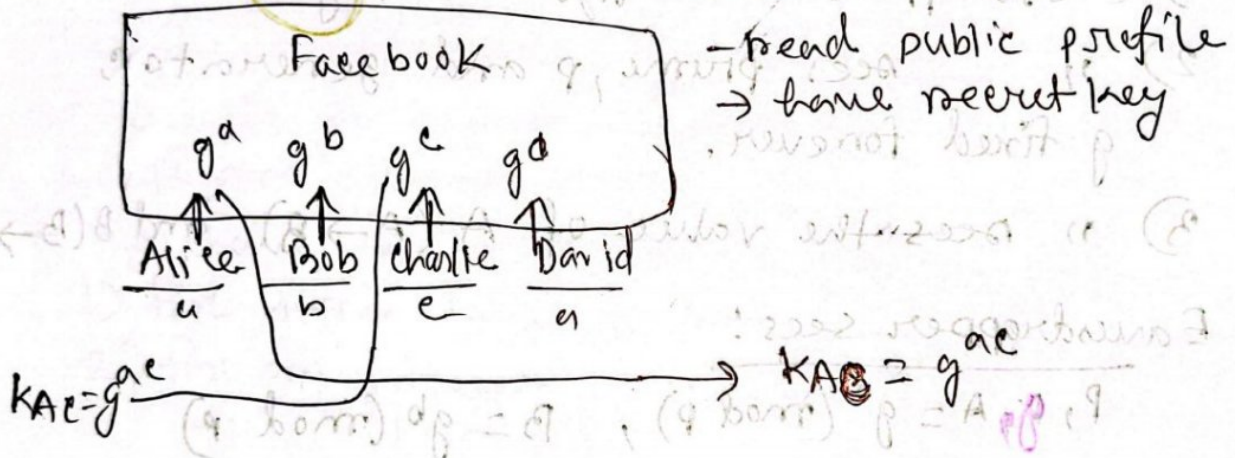
- Alice computes her part of the secret key and get $g^{ab'}$
- Bob gets $g^{a'b}$

which aren't the same keys
 But MITM can compute both g^{ab} and $g^{a'b'}$
 he knows a', b'

→ If Alice sends a msg to Bob, MITM can decrypt it because he knows the secret key.
 So, DH protocol is insecure against MITM attacks.

DH properties:

□ Non interactive Protocol of DH :-



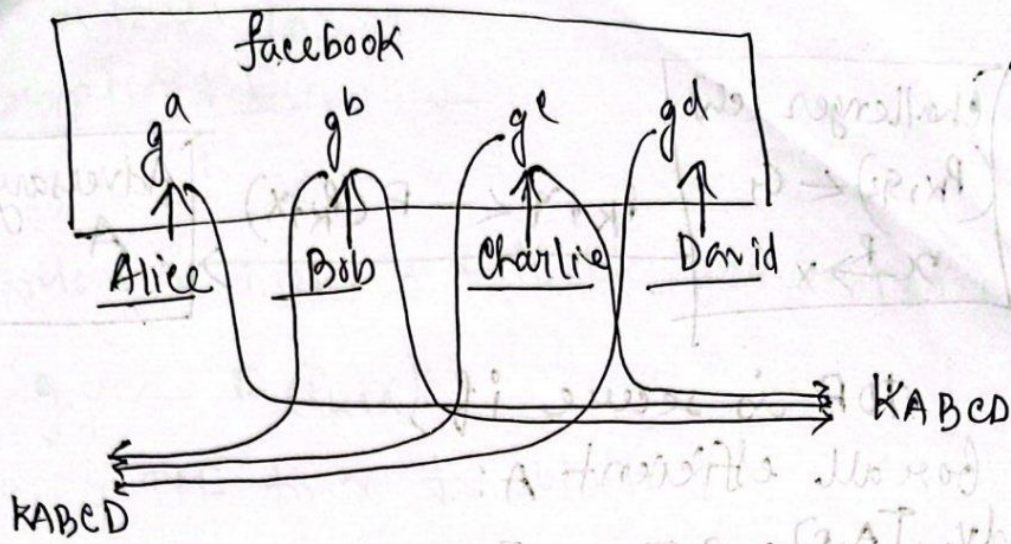
□ Joint shared key/open problem :-

for $N = 2 \rightarrow$ DH protocol

$N = 3 \rightarrow$ Four

$N = 4/5/...$

- open problem
- anybody can read anyone's public profile
- have a joint shared key



Basic Key Exchange

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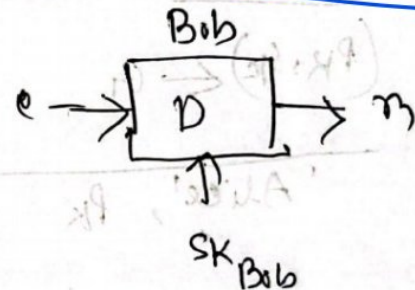
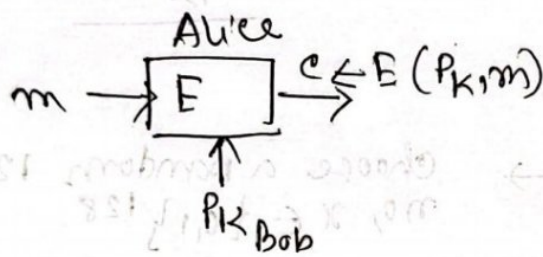
Public key exchange:-

Public key encryption is triples algorithm (G, E, D)

$G()$: generate key pair (P_k, S_k)

$E(P_k, m)$: generate $c \leftarrow E(P_k, m)$ P_k : Public key

$D(S_k, m)$: generate $m \leftarrow D(S_k, c)$ S_k : secret key



→ Alice sends m to Bob. ' m ' is encrypted by using P_k of Bob which results in c .

→ Bob decrypts c by using S_k of Bob and gets m .

Establishing a shared secret key using PKC:-

goal: Alice and Bob want shared secret, unknown to eavesdropper.

(1) Alice generates P_k and S_k by using G .

(2) Alice sends P_k to Bob and says that "this msg came from Alice".

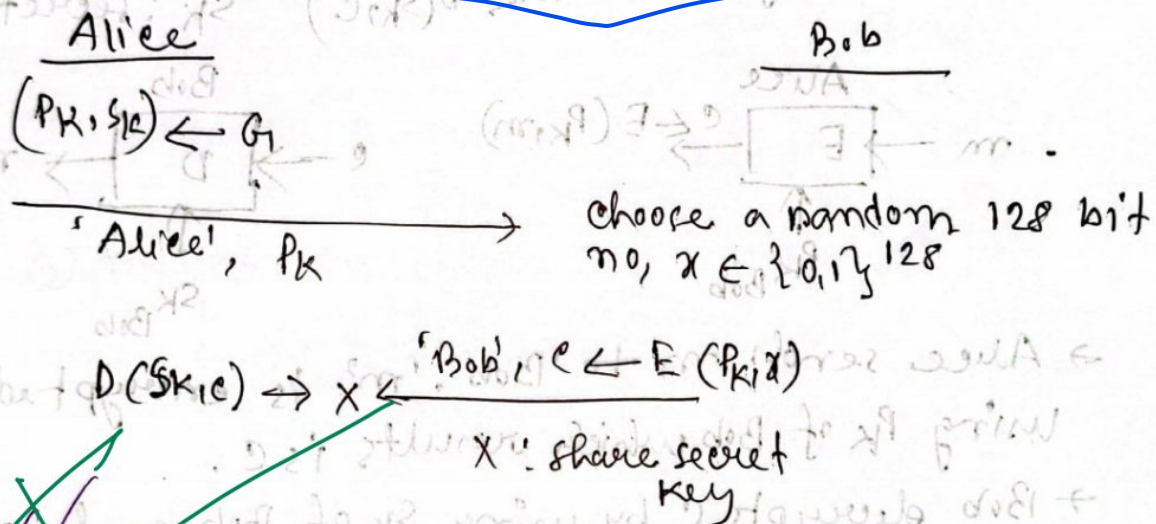
(3) Bob will generate a random 128 bit value, x and sends back to Alice saying "this msg is from Bob".

He also sends encryption of x under Alice's private key (P_k)

(4) Alice will receive the ciphertext she will decrypt it by using her S_k and give him the value, x .

(5) x is the shared secret key.

(6) Bob can't send msg to Alice without x .



Why public key encryption (PKE) secure is

Secure against eavesdropping.

→ attacker can see $P_k, E(P_k, x)$ and wants $x \in m$.

→ attacker can't distinguish

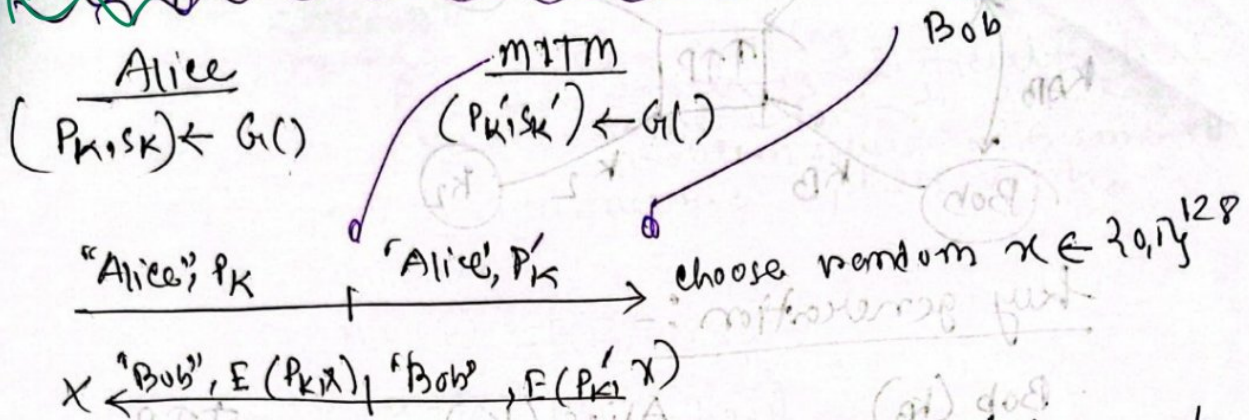
$\{P_k, E(P_k, x), x\}$ from $\{P_k, E(P_k, r) \text{ rand } r \in m\}$

So it is semantically secure.

→ if only encryption is given, attacker can't tell whether the plaintext is x or just a random junk.

→ x can be used as a session key against 02 parties.

Why PKC is insecure against MITM?



→ Alice ~~sends~~ sends P_k to Bob. MITM intercepts it and sends P_k' to Bob.

→ Bob receives the msg without knowing that MITM intercepted.

→ Bob will choose x and send $E(P_k', x)$

→ MITM intercepts this msg and reply this msg by something else.

→ Alice decrypts C by using her own secret key S_k and reveals x to MITM.

→ Alice obtains x and thinks she did a key exchange with Bob. But MITM also knows x .

so PKC is insecure against MITM.

- (b) Alice generate P_k & S_k using $G()$ (1) At the same time, MITM generates his own public key & secret key pair (P_k', S_k')