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An additively homomorphic, probabilistic public-key encryption scheme based on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms. The scheme is parameterized by the bit-length k of the underlying primes p and q .

KeyGen $_k()$ $\dashrightarrow (sk, pk)$

- 1: Choose¹ two k -bit prime numbers p and q .
- 2: $n \leftarrow pq$, the public key.
- 3: $\lambda \leftarrow \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$.
- 4: $\mu \leftarrow \text{quot}((n+1)^\lambda \bmod n^2)^{-1} \bmod n$. **ABORT** if no inverse.
return $sk \equiv (\lambda, \mu)$ and $pk \equiv n$ as secret and public key respectively.

Encrypt $(pk, m \in \mathbb{Z}_n)$ $\dashrightarrow [\![m]\!]$

- 1: Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ s.t. $\gcd(r, n) = 1$.
- 2: $[\![m]\!] \leftarrow r^n(n+1)^m \bmod n^2$, the ciphertext of m .
return $c \equiv [\![m]\!]$

Decrypt $(pk, sk, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*)$ $\dashrightarrow m$

- 1: $m \leftarrow \text{quot}(c^\lambda \bmod n^2) \mu \bmod n$, the decryption of $[\![m]\!]$.
return m .

Add $(pk, [\![m_1]\!] \equiv c_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*, [\![m_2]\!] \equiv c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*)$ $\dashrightarrow [\![m_1 + m_2]\!]$

- 1: $c_{sum} \leftarrow c_1 c_2 \bmod n^2$.
return $c_{sum} \equiv [\![m_1 + m_2]\!]n$.

ScalarMultiply $(pk, s \in \mathbb{Z}_n, [\![m]\!] \equiv c \in \mathbb{Z}_{n^2}^*)$ $\dashrightarrow [\![s \cdot m]\!]$

- 1: $c_{mult} \leftarrow (c(n+1)^s) \bmod n^2$.
return $c_{mult} \equiv [\![s \cdot m]\!]n$.
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References

¹In practice we resort to a secure prime number generator from standard libraries. Note that $\gcd(pq, (p - 1)(q - 1)) = 1$ holds because both primes are of equal length.