

## 1. System Parameters

The system uses a group  $G$  of large prime order  $q$ . In our implementation, we use a subgroup of  $Z_p^*$  where  $p = 2q+1$ .

- **Public Key:**  $(g_1, g_2, c, d, h)$
- **Private Key:**  $(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z)$
- **Hash Function:** A universal one-way hash function  $H$  (we will use SHA-256).

## 2. Key Generation

- Generate a large safe prime  $p$ .
- Select two random generators  $g_1, g_2$  in  $Z_p^*$ .
- Select random secret scalars  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, z$  from  $\{0, \dots, p-2\}$ .
- Compute the public values:
  - $c = g_1^{x_1} * g_2^{x_2} \pmod{p}$
  - $d = g_1^{y_1} * g_2^{y_2} \pmod{p}$
  - $h = g_1^z \pmod{p}$

## 3. Encryption

To encrypt a message  $m$  (converted to an integer):

- Select a random  $r$ .
- Compute:
  - $u_1 = g_1^r \pmod{p}$
  - $u_2 = g_2^r \pmod{p}$
  - $e = h^r * m \pmod{p}$
- Compute the hash  $\alpha = H(u_1, u_2, e)$ .
- Compute the verification tag  $v = c^r * d^r * \alpha \pmod{p}$ .
- **Ciphertext:**  $(u_1, u_2, e, v)$ .

## 4. Decryption & Validation

Given ciphertext  $(u_1, u_2, e, v)$ :

- Compute  $\alpha = H(u_1, u_2, e)$ .
- **Validation Step:** Verify if  $u_1^{(x_1 + y_1 * \alpha)} * u_2^{(x_2 + y_2 * \alpha)} \equiv v \pmod{p}$ .
  - If this equality does not hold, the ciphertext is invalid (reject it).
- If valid, recover the message:  $m = e * (u_1^z)^{-1} \pmod{p}$ .