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## Aim

To implement ElGamal Algorithm.

## Theory

In 1984, T. Elgamal announced a public-key scheme based on discrete logarithms, closely related to the Diffie-Hellman technique [ELGA84, ELGA85]. The Elgamal<sup>2</sup> cryptosystem is used in some form in a number of standards including the digital signature standard (DSS), which is covered in Chapter 13, and the S/MIME e-mail standard (Chapter 19).

As with Diffie-Hellman, the global elements of Elgamal are a prime number  $q$  and  $a$ , which is a primitive root of  $q$ . User A generates a private/public key pair as follows:

1. Generate a random integer  $X_A$ , such that  $1 \leq X_A \leq q - 1$ .
2. Compute  $Y_A = a^{X_A} \bmod q$ .
3. A's private key is  $X_A$  and A's public key is  $\{q, a, Y_A\}$ .

Any user B that has access to A's public key can encrypt a message as follows:

1. Represent the message as an integer  $M$  in the range  $0 \leq M \leq q - 1$ . Longer messages are sent as a sequence of blocks, with each block being an integer less than  $q$ .
2. Choose a random integer  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k \leq q - 1$ .
3. Compute a one-time key  $K = (Y_A)^k \bmod q$ .
4. Encrypt  $M$  as the pair of integers  $(C_1, C_2)$  where

$$C_1 = a^k \bmod q; C_2 = KM \bmod q$$

User A recovers the plaintext as follows:

1. Recover the key by computing  $K = (C_1)^{X_A} \bmod q$ .
2. Compute  $M = (C_2 K^{-1}) \bmod q$ .

These steps are summarized in Figure 10.3. It corresponds to Figure 9.1a: Alice generates a public/private key pair; Bob encrypts using Alice's public key; and Alice decrypts using her private key.

Let us demonstrate why the Elgamal scheme works. First, we show how  $K$  is recovered by the decryption process:

$$\begin{aligned}
 K &= (Y_A)^k \bmod q && K \text{ is defined during the encryption process} \\
 K &= (a^{X_A} \bmod q)^k \bmod q && \text{substitute using } Y_A = a^{X_A} \bmod q \\
 &= a^{kX_A} \bmod q && \text{by the rules of modular arithmetic} \\
 K &= (C_1)^{X_A} \bmod q && \text{substitute using } C_1 = a^k \bmod q
 \end{aligned}$$

Next, using  $K$ , we recover the plaintext as

$$C_2 = KM \bmod q$$

$$(C_2 K^{-1}) \bmod q = KMK^{-1} \bmod q = M \bmod q = M$$

#### Global Public Elements

$q$	prime number
$a$	$a \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ and $a$ a primitive root of $q$

#### Key Generation by Alice

Select private $X_A$	$X_A \in \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}$
Calculate $Y_A$	$Y_A = a^{X_A} \bmod q$
Public key	$\{q, a, Y_A\}$
Private key	$X_A$

#### Encryption by Bob with Alice's Public Key

Plaintext:	$M \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
Select random integer $k$	$k \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
Calculate $K$	$K = (Y_A)^k \bmod q$
Calculate $C_1$	$C_1 = a^k \bmod q$
Calculate $C_2$	$C_2 = KM \bmod q$
Ciphertext:	$(C_1, C_2)$

#### Decryption by Alice with Alice's Private Key

Ciphertext:	$(C_1, C_2)$
Calculate $K$	$K = (C_1)^{X_A} \bmod q$
Plaintext:	$M = (C_2 K^{-1}) \bmod q$

1. Bob generates a random integer  $k$ .
2. Bob generates a one-time key  $K$  using Alice's public-key components  $Y_A$ ,  $q$ , and  $k$ .
3. Bob encrypts  $M$  using the public-key component  $a$ , yielding  $C_1$ .  $C_1$  provides sufficient information for Alice to recover  $K$ .
4. Bob encrypts the plaintext message  $M$  using  $K$ .
5. Alice recovers  $K$  from  $C_1$  using her private key.
6. Alice uses  $K^{-1}$  to recover the plaintext message from  $C_2$ .

Thus,  $K$  functions as a one-time key, used to encrypt and decrypt the

message.

For example, let us start with the prime field  $GF(19)$ ; that is,  $q = 19$ . It has primitive roots  $\{2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15\}$ , as shown in Table 8.3. We choose  $a = 10$ .

Alice generates a key pair as follows:

1. Alice chooses  $X_A = 5$ .
2. Then  $Y_A = a^{X_A} \bmod q = 10^5 \bmod 19 = 3$  (see Table 8.3).
3. Alice's private key is 5 and Alice's public key is  $\{q, a, Y_A\} = \{19, 10, 3\}$ .

Suppose Bob wants to send the message with the value  $M = 17$ . Then:

1. Bob chooses  $k = 6$ .
2. Then  $K = (Y_A)^k \bmod q = 3^6 \bmod 19 = 729 \bmod 19 = 7$ .
3. So
 
$$C_1 = a^k \bmod q = 10^6 \bmod 19 = 11$$

$$C_2 = KM \bmod q = 7 * 17 \bmod 19 = 119 \bmod 19 = 5$$
4. Bob sends the ciphertext  $(11, 5)$ .

For decryption:

1. Alice calculates  $K = (C_1)^{X_A} \bmod q = 11^5 \bmod 19 = 161051 \bmod 19 = 7$ .
2. Then  $K^{-1}$  in  $GF(19)$  is  $7^{-1} \bmod 19 = 11$ .
3. Finally,  $M = (C_2 K^{-1}) \bmod q = 5 * 11 \bmod 19 = 55 \bmod 19 = 17$ .

If a message must be broken up into blocks and sent as a sequence of encrypted blocks, a unique value of  $k$  should be used for each block. If  $k$  is used for more than one block, knowledge of one block  $M_1$  of the message enables the user to compute other blocks as follows. Let

$$C_{1,1} = a^k \bmod q; C_{2,1} = KM_1 \bmod q$$

$$C_{1,2} = a^k \bmod q; C_{2,2} = KM_2 \bmod q$$

Then,

$$\frac{C_{2,1}}{C_{2,2}} = \frac{KM_1 \bmod q}{KM_2 \bmod q} = \frac{M_1 \bmod q}{M_2 \bmod q}$$

If  $M_1$  is known, then  $M_2$  is easily computed as

$$M_2 = (C_{2,1})^{-1} C_{2,2} M_1 \bmod q$$

The security of Elgamal is based on the difficulty of computing discrete logarithms. To recover A's private key, an adversary would have to compute  $X_A = \text{dlog}_{a,q}(Y_A)$ . Alternatively, to recover the one-time key  $K$ , an adversary would have to determine the random number  $k$ , and this would require computing the discrete logarithm  $k = \text{dlog}_{a,q}(C_1)$ . [STIN06] points out that these calculations

are regarded as infeasible if  $p$  is at least 300 decimal digits and  $q - 1$  has at least one "large" prime factor.

## Code

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print("Key Generation Process")
p = int(input("Enter a prime number : "))
d = int(input("Enter a decryption key : "))
e1 = int(input("Enter the 2nd part of Encryption Key : "))
e2 = pow(e1,d) % p
print("The 3rd Part of Encryption Key is : ",e2)
print("The Public Key is : ",[e1,e2,p])
print("\n-----")
print("\nEncryption Process")
r = int(input("Enter a random integer : "))
c1 = pow(e1,r)%p
print("Computer Cipher text 1 is : ",c1)
pt = int(input("Enter the length of Plain Text : "))
c2 = pt * pow(e2,r)%p
print("Computer Cipher text 2 is : ",c2)
print("The Cipher Text is : ",[c1,c2])
print("\n-----")
print("\nDecryption Process")
x = pow(c1,d)
i = 1
while True:
    if(i*x % p == 1):
        D = i
        break
    i += 1
PT = (c2*D)%p
print("The Plain Text Length is : ",PT)
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## Output

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PS E:\College-Codes\Fourth Year\SEM VII> & C:/Users/varun/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python310/python.exe "e:/College-Codes/Fourth Year/SEM VII/CT/elagamel_Practical_7.py"
Key Generation Process
Enter a prime number : 11
Enter a decryption key : 3
Enter the 2nd part of Encryption Key : 2
The 3rd Part of Encryption Key is : 8
The Public Key is : [2, 8, 11]
Computer Cipher text 1 is : 5
Enter the lenght of Plain Text : 7
Computer Cipher text 2 is : 6
The Cipher Text is : [5, 6]

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Decryption Process
The Plain Text Length is : 7
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## Conclusion

Hence, we were able to perform ElGamel Algorithm.