

Outline

Rabin encryption scheme

ElGamal encryption scheme

Rabin Encryption Scheme

public keys : $N = pq$, a product of two distinct odd primes.

$$p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

private keys : p, q

encryption : $C = m^2 \pmod{N}$

decryption : m is a square root of $C \pmod{N}$.

Alice knows p, q , knows how to find square roots of $C \pmod{N}$.

$$C_p = C \pmod{p}$$

$$C_q = C \pmod{q}$$

square roots of C_p is $\pm C_p^{\frac{p+1}{4}} = m_1, -m_1$

square roots of C_q is $\pm C_q^{\frac{q+1}{4}} = m_2, -m_2$

use CRT to compute m s.t. $m \equiv \pm m_1 \pmod{p}$
 $m \equiv \pm m_2 \pmod{q}$

Eve doesn't know p, q . Eve needs to solve square root modulo N .

This is a hard problem.

Rabin vs RSA

Advantage : Encryption is faster in Rabin.

(Decryption Speed is the same)

Disadvantage : There are four square roots of $C \pmod{N}$.

Four potential plaintexts.

Extra information about the plaintext is required.

Similar with RSA: Rabin is also deterministic.

Theorem: N is called a Blum integer if $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Given $x \in \mathbb{QR}_N$. There exactly one square root of x which is a QR.

Application: If $m \in \mathbb{QR}_N$, then $c = m^2 \pmod{N}$ has exactly one square root which is a QR, hence, we know which one is original plaintext.

Textbook Rabin: $m \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

Blum version: $m \in \mathbb{QR}_N \quad |\mathbb{QR}_N| = \frac{1}{4} |\mathbb{Z}_N^*|$

Padded version: $m \parallel \underbrace{11111}_\ell$

Probabilistic Encryption

The same plaintext can be encrypted into different ciphertexts.

Elgamal

Public parameter creation	
A trusted party chooses and publishes a large prime p and an element g modulo p of large (prime) order.	
Alice	Bob
Key creation	
Choose private key $1 \leq a \leq p-1$. Compute $A = g^a \pmod{p}$. Publish the public key A .	
Encryption	
	Choose plaintext m . Choose random element k . Use Alice's public key A to compute $c_1 = g^k \pmod{p}$ and $c_2 = mA^k \pmod{p}$. Send ciphertext (c_1, c_2) to Alice.
Decryption	
Compute $(c_1^a)^{-1} \cdot c_2 \pmod{p}$. This quantity is equal to m .	$(g^{ka})^{-1} mg^{ak} = m$

This is called 2-1 msg. expansion.

Table 2.3: Elgamal key creation, encryption, and decryption

Given A, p, g , find $g^a \equiv A \pmod{p}$.

This is Discrete Logarithm problem (DLP) which is hard problem.

If we can solve DLP, then we can break Elgamal.

Given A, B, p and g where $A = g^a \pmod{p}$ and $B = g^b \pmod{p}$.
to find $g^{ab} \pmod{p}$.

This is Diffie-Hellman problem (DHP).

If we can solve DHP, then we can break Elgamal.

[Homework]