Algorithm 1 Kyber.CCAKEM.KeyGen()

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1. z \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B}^{32}
                                                                                    ▶ Randomly sample 32 bytes (256 bits)
2: (pk, sk') <sup>$</sup> Kyber.CPAPKE.KeyGen()
3: sk = (sk', pk, H(pk), z)
                                                                                          ▶ H is instantiated with SHA3-256
4: return (pk, sk)
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Algorithm 2 Kyber.CCAKEM.Encap+(pk)

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1: m \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{B}^{32}
2: m = H(m)
                                                                                         ▷ Do not output system RNG directly
3: (\bar{K}, K_{MAC}, r) = G(m||H(pk))
                                                                                              ▷ G is instantiated with SHA3-512
4: c' \leftarrow \text{Kyber.CPAPKE.Enc(pk, m, r)}
                                                                                    \triangleright Because r is set, CPAPKE is deterministic
5: t_1 = \text{MAC}(K_{\text{MAC}}, c')
6: K = KDF(\bar{K}||t_1)
7: t_2 = MAC(K, t_1)
                                                                                            ▷ KDF is instantiated with Shake256
8: c \leftarrow (c', t_1, t_2)
9: return (c, K)
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Algorithm 3 Kyber.CCAKEM.Decap^+(sk, c)
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Require: Secret key sk = (sk', pk, H(pk), z)
Require: Ciphertext c = (c', t_1, t_2)
 1: (sk', pk, h, z) \leftarrow sk
                                                                                \triangleright Unpack the secret key; h is the hash of pk
 2: (c', t_1, t_2) \leftarrow c
 3: m' = \text{Kyber.CPAPKE.Dec}(sk', c')
 4: (\overline{K}, K_{MAC}, r) = G(m'||h|)
 5: t'_1 = MAC(K_{MAC}, c')
 6: if t'_1 = t_1 then
         K = \mathtt{KDF}(\bar{K}||t_1)
         t_2' = \text{MAC}(K, t_1)
 9: end if
10: if t_2' = t_2 then
         return K
12: else
         Abort
13:
14: end if
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Unfortunately, the Kyber+ construction is not IND-CCA2 secure when combined with Kyber's CPAPKE. This is because there exists an efficient plaintext-checking attack against CPAPKE that can recover the secret key, and an IND-CCA2 adversary against KYBER+ can use the decapsulation oracle to simulate the plaintextchecking oracle, which means that an IND-CCA2 adversary can run the plaintext-checking attack as a subroutine and efficiently recover the secret key.

Let B denote the plaintext-checking attack routine. It is given the public key pk (since the public key is identical between CPAPKE and CCAKEM there is no need to disambiguate) and access to the plaintext-checking oracle PCO (see figure 1). After a number of plaintext checking queries, B will output the sk' that corresponds with the pk that it receives.

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\frac{\textbf{Algorithm 4} \ \texttt{PCO}(m,c')}{\textbf{return} \ \llbracket m = \texttt{Kyber.CPAPKE.Dec}(\texttt{sk'},c') \rrbracket}
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Figure 1: Plaintext checking oracle

We now construct a chosen-ciphertext attack against Kyber+, which we will denote by A. A will use B as a sub-routine, which means that A needs to

- 1. give B a public key
- 2. service B's plaintext checking query

Because Kyber+'s public key is identical to Kyber.CPAPKE's public key, requirement 1 is trivial: A just gives its own public key to B. To service B's plaintext checking query (\tilde{m}, \tilde{c}') , A will use the decapsulation oracle Decap(c) (figure 2).

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\frac{\textbf{Algorithm 5} \ \texttt{Decap}(c)}{\texttt{1: return Kyber.CCAKEM.Decap}^+(\texttt{sk}, c)}
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Figure 2: The decapsulation oracle

A can run through the steps of Kyber.CCAKEM. Encap⁺ using (\tilde{m}, \tilde{c}') and arrive at some (authenticated) ciphertext $c = (\tilde{c}', t_1, t_2)$ and session key K. A then sends the c to the decapsulation oracle, which might return some session key is c is valid, or abort if c is not valid. If \tilde{m} is the decryption of \tilde{c}' , then A's output of t_1, t_2 will be correct, so the decapsulation oracle will accept. If \tilde{m} is not the decryption of \tilde{c}' , then $(\hat{K}, K_{\text{MAC}}, r) \leftarrow G(\tilde{m} || H(pk))$ does not produce the correct MAC key, which means that t_1, t_2 will be incorrect, and the decapsulation oracle will abort. See figure 3

Figure 3: Simulated plaintext-checking oracle

Here are the complete steps of the chosen-ciphertext attack

- 1. Challenger runs CCAKEM. KeyGen and gets (pk, sk) where sk = (sk', pk, H(pk), z)
- 2. Challenger gives pk to A, A then gives pk to B
- 3. For each of B's plaintext checking query, A runs PCO_1 and returns the result back to B
- 4. After B halts, it returns the recovered secret key sk'
- 5. Challenger generates the challenge ciphertext $(c^*, K_0) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \text{Kyber.CCAKEM.Encap}^+(pk)$, samples a random session key $K_1 \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^{256}$, flips a coin $b \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}$, then gives (c^*, K_b) to A
- 6. A unpacks $c^* = (c', t_1, t_2)$, uses the recovered secret key \mathbf{sk}' to decrypt c'. From here it is trivial to distinguish whether K_b is the correct session key or the random session key