

Public Key Encryption Schemes

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1 Assumptions

Definition. Let P, Q be two probability distributions over Ω , all parameterised by λ . Their *statistical distance* is defined as

$$\Delta(P, Q) := \sup_{A \subseteq \Omega} (P(A) - Q(A)).$$

We say P, Q are *statistically close* if $\Delta(P, Q)$ is a negligible function in λ .

One can paraphrase $\Delta(P, Q)$ in the language of games. Someone samples $a \sim P$ with half probability or $a \sim Q$ with the other half probability. Upon seeing a , we want to tell if the person went for the first option. Suppose our strategy is deterministic, and we answer “yes” when $a \in A$, and “no” when $a \notin A$. Then our answer is correct with probability

$$\frac{1}{2}P(A) + \frac{1}{2}Q(\Omega \setminus A) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{P(A) - Q(A)}{2}.$$

So our “advantage” over a blind guess is captured by the difference $P(A) - Q(A)$. Hence $\Delta(P, Q)$ can be interpreted as the maximum advantage of all possible strategies.

In general, the “smartest” strategy A will not admit a concise description than enumerating all elements in A , which is of course not computationally realistic. If we restrict A to be efficiently computable, then we arrive at another closeness notion:

Definition. Let P, Q be two probability distributions over Ω , all parameterised by λ . We say they are *computationally close*, denoted $P \approx Q$, if for all $A \subseteq \Omega$ computable in $\text{poly}(\lambda)$ time, the advantage $P(A) - Q(A)$ is a negligible function in λ .

Remark. One might wonder defining “computational distance” $\delta(P, Q) := \sup_A (P(A) - Q(A))$ where the supremum is over all efficiently computable A . But this definition does not make sense because λ is held constant in the supremum and thus the word “efficient” is meaningless.

Proposition. Statistical closeness implies computational closeness.

Proposition. The relation \approx is transitive.

DDH Assumption. The following two distributions are computationally close:

- (g^a, g^r, g^{ar}) where $a, r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ are uniform;
- (g^a, g^r, θ) where $a, r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{G}$ are uniform.

BDDH Assumption. The following two distributions are computationally close:

- $(g^a, g^r, h^a, h^b, \langle g, h \rangle^{abr})$ where $a, b, r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ are uniform;

- $(g^a, g^r, h^a, h^b, \theta)$ where $a, b, r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{G}$ are uniform.

LWE Assumption. If $0 < B/q < 1$ is sufficiently large, then the following two distributions are computationally close:

- $(A, As + e)$ where $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$, $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$, $e \in [-B, B]^m$ are uniform;
- $(A, u) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times (n+1)}$ uniform.

Leftover Hash Lemma. Suppose $m \geq n \log q + 2\lambda$ and define

P. (A, RA) where $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$, $R \in \{0, 1\}^{t \times m}$ are uniform;

Q. (A, U) where $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$, $U \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{t \times n}$ are uniform.

Then $\Delta(P, Q) \leq t \cdot 2^{-\lambda}$, so the two distributions are statistically close.

Smudging Lemma. Fix any $x \in [-B, B]^n$. Define

P. $\varepsilon \in [-\hat{B}, \hat{B}]^n$ uniform;

Q. $x + \varepsilon$ for $\varepsilon \in [-\hat{B}, \hat{B}]^n$ uniform.

Then $\Delta(P, Q) \leq \frac{nB}{2\hat{B}}$. In particular, the two distributions are statistically close if we choose, say, $\hat{B} \geq n2^\lambda \cdot B$.

2 Constructions

2.1 Basic Schemes

<i>Scheme ElGamal</i>		
secret key	a	$a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
public key	g^a	
encryption	$c_1 := g^r$ $c_2 := g^{ar} \cdot \mu$	$r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
decryption	c_2 / c_1^a	

Assume $m \geq N + 2\lambda$ and $B \leq \frac{p}{4m}$.

<i>Scheme Regev</i>		
secret key	s	$A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$, $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$, $e \in [-B, B]^m$ random
public key	$A, As + e$	
encryption	$c_1 := r^T A$ $c_2 := r^T (As + e) + \frac{\mu p}{2}$	$r \in \{0, 1\}^m$ random
decryption	$\mathbb{1}\{ c_2 - c_1 s \geq \frac{p}{4}\}$	

Further assume $\hat{B} := 2^\lambda \cdot B \leq \frac{p}{4m}$.

Scheme Regev-dual		
secret key	r	$A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}, r \in \{0, 1\}^m$ random
public key	$A, r^T A$	
encryption	$c_1 := A s + e$ $c_2 := r^T A s + \varepsilon + \frac{\mu p}{2}$	$s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n, e \in [-B, B]^m, \varepsilon \in [-\hat{B}, \hat{B}]$ random
decryption	$\mathbb{1}\{ c_2 - r^T c_1 \geq \frac{p}{4}\}$	

2.2 Fully Homomorphic Encryptions (FHE)

Denote $N := (n + 1) \log p$ and assume

- $m \geq N + 2\lambda$;
- $B \leq \frac{p}{4m(N+3)^d}$ where d is the largest tolerated circuit depth.

Scheme FHE		
secret key	s	$A \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}, s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n, e \in [-B, B]^m$ random
public key	$A, A s + e$	
encryption	$C := R(A, A s + e) + \mu G$	$R \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times m}$ random $G \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{N \times (n+1)}$ the gadget matrix
addition	$C + C'$	
multiplication	$\text{bin}(C) C'$	$\text{bin}(C) \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times N}$ is the binary decomposition of C
decryption	$\mathbb{1}\left\{\left c^T \begin{pmatrix} s \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}\right \geq \frac{p}{4}\right\}$	$c^T \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times (n+1)}$ the last row of C

2.3 Identity-Based Encryptions (IBE)

Scheme IBE-Boneh-Franklin		
secret key	a	$a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
public key	$g^a, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, H$	$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ pairing $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ hash oracle
user key	$k := H(i)^a$	
encryption	$c_1 := g^r$ $c_2 := \langle g^{ar}, H(i) \rangle \cdot \mu$	$r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
decryption	$c_2 / \langle c_1, k \rangle$	

Scheme IBE-pairing		
secret key	a, b, u	$a, b, u \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
public key	$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \langle g^a, h^b \rangle, g^a, g^u$	$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ pairing
user key	$k_0 := h^{ab+(u+ai)s}$ $k_1 := h^s$	$s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
encryption	$c_0 := g^r$ $c_1 := g^{(u+ai)r}$ $\varsigma := \langle g^a, h^b \rangle^r \cdot \mu$	$r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
decryption	$\varsigma \cdot \langle c_1, k_1 \rangle / \langle c_0, k_0 \rangle$	

Denote $N := n \log p$, $D := 2^\lambda N$, and assume

- $m \geq N + 2\lambda$;
- $B \leq \frac{p}{4mD}$.

Scheme IBE-Gentry-Peikert-Vaikuntanathan		
secret key	R	$R \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times m}$, $U \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{m \times n}$
public key	$A := \begin{pmatrix} U \\ RU + G \end{pmatrix}, H$	$G \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{N \times n}$ gadget matrix $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ hash oracle
user key	$k^\top := (-v^\top R, v^\top) + \delta^\top$	$\delta \in [-D, D]^m$ random $v^\top := \text{bin}(H(i)^\top - \delta^\top A)$
encryption	$c_1 := As + e$ $c_2 := H(i)^\top s + \frac{\mu p}{2}$	$s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$, $e \in [-B, B]^m$ random
decryption	$\mathbb{1}\{ c_2 - k^\top c_1 \geq \frac{p}{4}\}$	

Note that the user key k^\top of identity i satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} k^\top A &= -v^\top R U + v^\top R U + v^\top G + \delta^\top A \\ &= H(i)^\top - \delta^\top A + \delta^\top A \\ &= H(i)^\top. \end{aligned}$$

2.4 Hierarchical IBE (HIBE)

Assume the identity i is represented as a bit string $i_1 \dots i_\ell$.

Scheme HIBE-pairing		
secret key	ab, u_1, \dots, u_ℓ	$a, b, u_1, \dots, u_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
public key	$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle, \langle g^a, h^b \rangle, g^a, g^{u_1}, \dots, g^{u_\ell}, h^a$	$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ pairing
user key	$k_0 := h^{ab + \sum_j (u_j + a i_j) s_j}$ $k_j := h^{s_j}$ for $j \in [\ell]$	$s_1, \dots, s_\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
encryption	$c_0 := g^r$ $c_j := g^{(u_j + a i_j) r}$ for $j \in [\ell]$ $\varsigma := \langle g^a, h^b \rangle^r \cdot \mu$	$r \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ random
decryption	$\varsigma \cdot \prod_j \langle c_j, k_j \rangle / \langle c_0, k_0 \rangle$	

2.5 Fuzzy IBE (FIBE)

Assume that any identity i is represented as a bit string $i_1 \dots i_\ell$. Denote by $\text{dist}(i, i')$ the Hamming distance between i and i' . The fuzzy IBE allows decryption whenever $\text{dist}(i, i') < d$, where i is the identity at the time of encryption and i' is the identity of the user key.

<i>Scheme FIBE (sketch)</i>
<p>function <code>setup()</code> sample matrices A_j^0, A_j^1 and preimage trapdoors R_j^0, R_j^1 for each index $j \in [\ell]$ sample $u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ use $\{A_j^b\}, u$ as public key use $\{R_j^b\}$ as secret key</p> <p>function <code>split(i)</code> generate fresh shares $u \rightsquigarrow u_1, \dots, u_\ell$ with threshold $\ell - d$ find preimage $k_j : k_j^T A_j^{i_j} = u_j$ by trapdoors, for all $j \in [\ell]$ return $\{k_j\}, i$ as the user key for identity i</p> <p>function <code>encrypt(μ, i)</code> sample $s, \{e_j\}, \varepsilon$ let $\varsigma := u^T s + \varepsilon + \frac{\mu p}{2}$ return $\{A_j^{i_j} s + e_j\}, \varsigma, i$</p> <p>function <code>decrypt(c)</code> suppose $\{k_j\}, i'$ is the user key let $J := \{j \in [\ell] : i_j = i'_j\}$ compute reconstruction coefficients $\{\alpha_j\}$ so that $\sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j u_j = u$ return 1 iff $\varsigma - \sum_{j \in J} \alpha_j \cdot k_j (A_j^{i_j} s + e_j) \geq \frac{p}{4}$</p>

3 Transformations

3.1 IBE + signature \Rightarrow CC security

<i>Scheme Canetti-Halevi-Katz</i>
<p>function <code>setup()</code> $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := \text{IBE.setup}()$ return (sk, pk)</p> <p>function <code>encrypt(μpk)</code> $(v, s) := \text{SIG.setup}()$ <i>{verification & signing keys}</i> $c := \text{IBE.encrypt}(\mu, v \text{pk})$ <i>{use v as identity}</i> $\sigma := \text{SIG.sign}(c s)$ return (c, σ, v)</p> <p>function <code>decrypt($c, \sigma, v \text{sk}$)</code> if not $\text{SIG.verify}(c, \sigma v)$ then return \perp else $k := \text{IBE.split}(v \text{sk})$ return $\text{IBE.decrypt}(c k)$</p>

3.2 IBE + FHE \Rightarrow distributed IBE

<i>Scheme</i> Distributed-IBE
<pre> function setup() (sk, pk) := IBE.setup() (sk', pk') := FHE.setup() sample s_1, \dots, s_n subject to $\sum_j s_j = \text{sk}'$ $e := \text{FHE.enc}(\text{sk} \text{sk}')$ use (s_j, e) as secret key for party $j \in [n]$ use (pk, pk') as public key function split($i s_j, e$) define function $f : x \mapsto \text{IBE.split}(i x)$ $\tilde{e} := \text{FHE.evaluate}(f, e \text{pk}')$ { \tilde{e} encrypts the user key of i } $k_j := \text{FHE.partial-decrypt}(\tilde{e} s_j)$ return k_j function encrypt($\mu, i \text{pk}$) return IBE.encrypt($\mu, i \text{pk}$) function decrypt($c k_1, \dots, k_n$) $k := \text{FHE.assemble}(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ return IBE.decrypt($c k$) </pre>

4 Security Notions

CM security Fix an efficient attacker, and consider two interactions

referee	attacker	referee	attacker
$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := \text{setup}()$	\rightarrow see pk	$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := \text{setup}()$	\rightarrow see pk
get μ^*	\leftarrow compute μ^*	ignore; resample μ^*	\leftarrow compute μ^*
$c^* := \text{encrypt}(\mu^* \text{pk})$	\rightarrow see c^*	$c^* := \text{encrypt}(\mu^* \text{pk})$	\rightarrow see c^*

Let P (resp. Q) be the joint distribution of (pk, μ^*, c^*) in the first (resp. the second) interaction. Both implicitly depend on the behaviour of the attacker. We say that the scheme resists this attacker if $P \approx Q$. It is *CM-secure* if it resists all efficient attackers.

All other security definitions follow the same pattern: Describe two interactions in which an attacker can participate, and require his views to be computationally close.

CC security

referee	attacker
$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := \text{setup}()$	\rightarrow see pk
return $\text{decrypt}(c \text{sk})$	\leftrightarrow enquire any c
get μ^* / resample μ^*	\leftarrow compute μ^*
$c^* := \text{encrypt}(\mu^* \text{pk})$	\rightarrow see c^*
return $\text{decrypt}(c \text{sk})$	\leftrightarrow enquire any $c \neq c^*$

Note that a homomorphic scheme cannot be CC-secure. We can design an attacker as follows. Given ciphertext c^* that contains message μ^* , he uses homomorphism to get a ciphertext c that contains message $\mu^* + 1$, say. Then he ask the referee to decrypt c .

His two views are not computationally close, as the decryption contains essentially all information to distinguish the two.

IBE-CM security

referee	attacker
$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) := \text{setup}()$	\rightarrow see pk
return $\text{split}(i \text{sk})$	\leftrightarrow enquire any identity i
get i^*	\leftarrow compute i^* not yet enquired
get μ^* / resample μ^*	\leftarrow compute μ^*
$c^* := \text{encrypt}(\mu^*, i^* \text{pk})$	\rightarrow see c^*
return $\text{split}(i \text{sk})$	\leftrightarrow enquire any identity $i \neq i^*$