

CS 65500

Advanced Cryptography

Lecture 22: MPC from Homomorphic Encryption

Instructor: Aarushi Goel
Spring 2025

Agenda

- Public - Key Encryption
- Decisional Diffie - Hellman Assumption
- El Gamal Encryption
- Threshold Encryption
- Homomorphic Encryption
- MPC from homomorphic encryption.

Public-Key Encryption

Syntax:

- * $\text{Gen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow \text{SK}, \text{pk}$
- * $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m; r) \rightarrow c$
- * $\text{Dec}(\text{SK}, c) \rightarrow m' \text{ or } \perp$

All of these are
PPT algorithms

Correctness:

Let $(\text{SK}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$, $\forall m, r$, it holds that:

$$\Pr[\text{Dec}(\text{SK}, \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m; r)) = m] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Security:

Indistinguishability based \equiv semantic security
(IND-CPA)

+ correctness

Defining IND-CPA Security

indistinguishability $\xrightarrow{\text{chosen plaintext attack.}}$

Definition: A public key encryption scheme $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is IND-CPA secure if \forall n.u. PPT adversaries A , there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\cdot)$, s.t.,

$$\Pr \left[A(\text{pk}, \text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m_b; r)) = b \mid \begin{array}{l} (\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda), \\ r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^*, \\ (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow A(\text{pk}, 1^\lambda), \\ b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\} \end{array} \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

* One message security implies multi-message security for public key enc

Decisional Diffie-Hellman Assumption

→ Given g^x, g^y for random x, y , g^{xy} should be *hidden*
i.e., could still be used as a pseudorandom element

$$\Rightarrow (g^x, g^y, g^{xy}) \approx_c (g^x, g^y, g^R)$$

(i.e $p=2q+1$ for some
large prime q)

Definition: Let (G, \cdot) be a cyclic group of order p (where p is a safe prime)
with generator g , then the following two distributions are
computationally indistinguishable:

$$* \{x, y \leftarrow \$ \{0, \dots, p-1\} : (G, p, g, g^x, g^y, g^{xy})\}$$

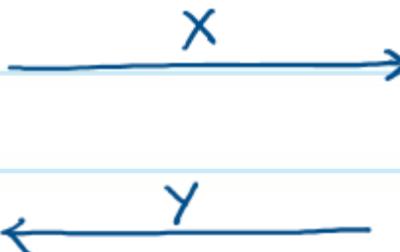
$$* \{x, y, R \leftarrow \$ \{0, \dots, p-1\} : (G, p, g, g^x, g^y, g^R)\}$$

Diffie-Hellman Key-Exchange



Sample random x

$$x = g^x$$



Sample random y

$$y = g^y$$

Output y^x

Output x^y

- * The final key $y^x = x^y = g^{xy}$ remains hidden from an eavesdropper if the DDH assumption holds.

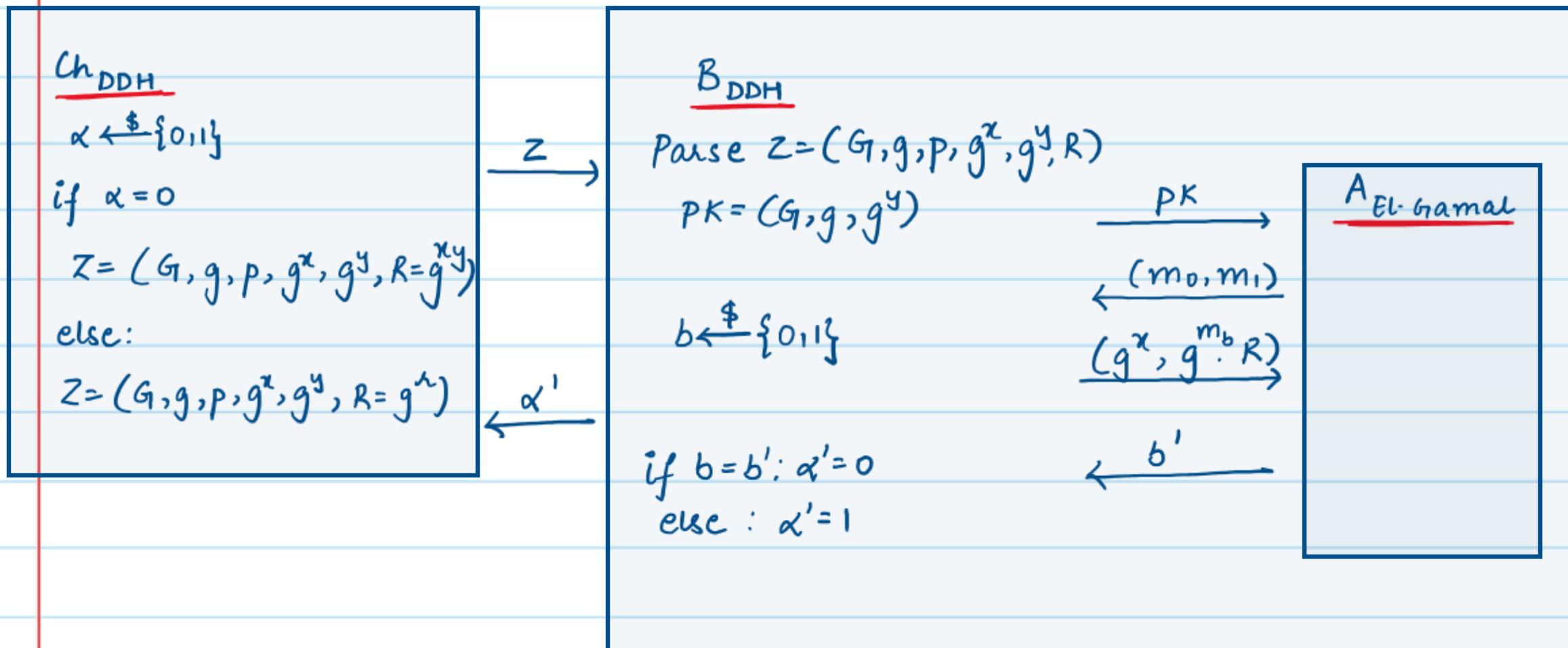
El Gamal Encryption

- * $\text{Gen}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow$ Sample a cyclic group G with generator g of order p .
Sample $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, \dots, p-1\}$. Let $Y = g^y$
 $\text{pk} = (G, g, Y)$, $\text{sk} = (G, g, y)$
 - * $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m) \rightarrow$ Parse $\text{pk} = (G, g, Y)$
Sample $r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, \dots, p-1\}$
 $c = (R = g^r, X = g^m Y^r)$
 - * $\text{Dec}(\text{sk}, c) \rightarrow$ Parse $\text{sk} = (G, g, y)$, $c = (R, X)$
 $M = X \cdot R^{-y}$, for all possible messages, check
if $g^m = M$. Output the corresponding m .
- * decryption is efficient only for small message domains.

Security of El Gamal

* El Gamal encryption is secure if DDH holds.

Proof by Reduction:



Threshold El Gamal (Semi-Honest Setting)

* Goal: Enable n -parties to generate a PK for El Gamal in such a way that SK is secret shared among them. Decryption of a ciphertext should only be possible if all n parties come together. For now we only focus on semi-honest corruption.

* Distributed Key Generation:

1. Party 1 samples (G_1, g) . Let G be of order p .
2. Each party i samples a random y_i and sends $Y = g^{y_i}$ to all parties.
3. All parties compute $Y = \prod Y_i$. $PK = (G, g, Y)$
4. Implicit $SK = (G, g, \Sigma y_i)$.

* Encryption: Exactly as in El Gamal.

* Distributed Decryption: Given a ciphertext (R, X) , each party i , publishes $K_i^{-1} = R^{-y_i}$. All parties compute $K^{-1} = \prod K_i^{-1}$ & $M = X \cdot K^{-1}$.

Homomorphic Encryption

- * Group Homomorphism: Two groups G and G' are homomorphic if there exists a function (homomorphism) $f: G \rightarrow G'$, such that $\forall x, y \in G$,
$$f(x) +_{G'} f(y) = f(x +_G y)$$
- * Homomorphic Encryption: An IND-CPA secure public-key encryption is said to be homomorphic for any ciphertexts C, D , it holds that:
$$\Pr[\underbrace{\text{Dec}(C) +_N \text{Dec}(D)}_{\text{addition over msg domain}} = \text{Dec}(\underbrace{C +_C D}_{\text{add over ciphertext space}})] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

→ Interesting when $+_C$ does not require secret key

eg El Gamal: $(g^{h_1}, g^{m_1} \cdot y^{h_1}) \times (g^{h_2}, g^{m_2} \cdot y^{h_2}) = (g^h, g^{m_1+m_2} \cdot y^h)$

MPC from Homomorphic Encryption

- Recall in the GMW protocol, parties collectively evaluate the circuit on secret shared values using pairwise OTs.
 - An alternate approach (avoids pairwise communication): each wire value is kept encrypted (publicly) and the secret key is kept secret shared.
-
- * Input - Sharing Phase: All parties encrypt their inputs and publish
 - * Circuit - Evaluation Phase: Each gate in the circuit is evaluated over encrypted values using homomorphism — How??
 - * Output Reconstruction Phase: Parties decrypt the output wires using threshold decryption.
-
- Proposed by Ronald Cramer, Ivan Damgaard & Jesper Nielsen in 2001

Circuit Evaluation Phase

generated using
distributed keygen

- Let's use $[m]$ to denote $\text{Enc}(\text{pk}, m)$

Multiplication:

1. Each party i picks a random x_i, y_i and publishes $[x_i], [y_i], [x_i \cdot b], [y_i \cdot a]$.
2. All parties compute $[x+a], [y+b], [ay], [bx]$ where $x = \sum x_i, y = \sum y_i$
3. Each party publishes $[x_i \cdot y] = x_i \cdot [y]$.
4. All parties compute $[xy]$
5. Parties threshold decrypt $(x+a), (y+b)$. and compute $z = (x+a)(y+b)$
6. All parties compute $[ab] = [z] - [ay] - [bx] - [xy] = [e]$

