

Zero Knowledge and the Construction of Secure Encryption Schemes

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Security against Chosen Plaintext Attack (aka *Semantic Security*)

An encryption scheme (KG , Enc , Dec) is *secure against chosen plaintext attack* if for all probabilistic polynomial-time adversaries $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$ we have that for a negligible function ν

$$\left| \text{Prob} \left[\text{CPAExp}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^k) = 1 \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \nu(k)$$

where

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CPAExpA(1k)
(pk, sk) ← KG(1k)
(m0, m1, state) ← A0(pk)
pick b ← {0, 1};
ct ← Enc(pk, mb);
b' = A1(ct, pk, m0, m1, state);
if b = b' then return 1 else return 0;
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Decisional Diffie Hellman

Let \mathcal{D} be a probabilistic polynomial-time distinguisher.

$\text{DDHExp}_b^{\mathcal{D}}(1^k)$

p random k -bit prime such that $p = 2q + 1$, q prime,
and g generator of \mathcal{S}_p ;

pick $x, y, z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$;

if $b = 0$ **then return** $\mathcal{D}(p, g, g^x, g^y, g^{xy})$;

if $b = 1$ **then return** $\mathcal{D}(p, g, g^x, g^y, g^z)$;

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$$\left| \text{Prob} \left[\text{DDHExp}_0^{\mathcal{D}}(1^k) = 1 \right] - \text{Prob} \left[\text{DDHExp}_1^{\mathcal{D}}(1^k) = 1 \right] \right| \leq \nu(k)$$

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CPA Security of ElGamal (under DDH)

Suppose there exists a successful CPA adversary \mathcal{A} for ElGamal. Consider following \mathcal{D} .

$\mathcal{D}(p, g, X, Y, Z)$

run \mathcal{A}_0 on public key $\text{pk} = (p, g, X)$;

\mathcal{A}_0 outputs messages (m_0, m_1) ;

pick $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ and set $C_1 = Y$ and $C_2 = Z \cdot m_b$;

run \mathcal{A}_1 on (C_1, C_2) ;

let b' be \mathcal{A}_1 's output;

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Chosen Ciphertext Attack (aka CCA1)

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Completeness: $\forall x \in L:$

$$\text{Prob} [\Sigma \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n^c}; \Pi \leftarrow P(\Sigma, x, w) : V(\Sigma, x, \Pi) = 1] = 1$$

w is a *witness* for $x \in L$.

L is an NP language.

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Soundness: $\forall P^*$:

Prob $[\Sigma \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n^c}; (x, \Pi) \leftarrow P^*(\Sigma) : V(\Sigma, x, \Pi) = 1 \wedge x \notin L] = \nu(n)$

The scheme – refined

Consider the language L

$$L = \{(ct, pk) : \exists m, r \text{ and } ct = \text{Enc}(pk, m; r)\}$$

and let (P, V, E, S, c) a NIZK for L .

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return $(ct, \Pi);$

CCADec($sk, (ct, \Pi)$)

if $V(\Sigma, (ct, pk), \Pi) = 0$ **then**
 return \perp ;
return $\text{Dec}(sk, ct);$

Reduction

Assume existence of an adversary \mathcal{A} that wins the CCAExp game for $(\text{CCAKG}, \text{CCAEnc}, \text{CCADec})$ with prob. $1/2 + 1/k$ then show existence of adversary \mathcal{B} that wins the CPAExp game for $(\text{KG}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ with similar probability.

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where

$\mathbf{EXTExp}^{P^*}(1^n)$

$(\Sigma, \text{aux}) \leftarrow E_0(1^n);$

$(x_1, \Pi_1^*, \dots, x_l, \Pi_l^*) \leftarrow P^*(\Sigma);$

$(w_1, \dots, w_l) \leftarrow E_1(\Sigma, \text{aux}, x_1, \Pi_1^*, \dots, x_l, \Pi_l^*);$

if for some i , w_i not a witness for $x_i \in L$;

 and $V(\Sigma, x_i, \Pi_i^*) = 1$ **then return** 0;

else return 1;

The reduction: 1st try

1. \mathcal{B}_0 receives pk in input.
2. Use E_0 to construct (Σ, aux) .
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9. Receive b' from \mathcal{A}_1 and **return** b' .

Building a NIZK for Hamiltonian graphs [FLS]

Good adjacency matrix

Adjacency matrix of a Hamiltonian cycle.

- ▶ exactly one 1 in each row;
- ▶ exactly one 1 in each column;
- ▶ it encodes a cycle;

0	1	0	0
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0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0

Cycle: $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$.

NIZK for HAM

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Hidden Cycle H

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- ▶ Prover opens all the envelopes corresponding to 0 entries of the permuted graph G .

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- ▶ Verifier checks all opened entries are 0.

NIZK for HAM

- ▶ **Completeness:** Obvious.
- ▶ **Soundness:** Obvious.
- ▶ **Simulation:** Verifier sees just
 - ▶ a random permutation;
 - ▶ 0 bits;

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1. Divide the bits in n^4 groups of m bits.
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Dynamic Chosen Ciphertext Attack (aka CCA2)

An encryption scheme $(\text{KG}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is *secure against dynamic chosen ciphertext attack* if for all probabilistic polynomial-time adversaries $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$ we have that for a negligible function ν

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where

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if $b = b'$ then return 1 else return 0;

El Gamal is not DCCA secure

- ▶ public key $pk = (p, g, y)$;
- ▶ ciphertext $(c_0, c_1) = (g^r, y^r \cdot m)$;
- ▶ pick $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and compute $(c_0 \cdot g^s, c_1 \cdot y^s)$;

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Add a “proof” Π computed with respect to Σ
that ct_0 and ct_1 are encryption of same message;

DCCA $Dec((sk_0, \Sigma), (ct_0, ct_1, \Pi))$

check Π is a correct proof with respect to Σ ;
if not then reject;
if it is then **return** $Dec(sk_0, ct_0);$

The scheme – refined

Consider the language L

$$L = \{(ct_0, ct_1, pk_0, pk_1) : \exists m, r_0, r_1 \text{ and } ct_0 = \text{Enc}(pk_0, m; r_0) \\ \text{and } ct_1 = \text{Enc}(pk_1, m; r_1)\}$$

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3. Randomly pick Σ .
4. Run \mathcal{A}_0 on input public key $(\text{pk}, \text{pk}_1, \Sigma)$.
5. Whenever \mathcal{A}_0 submits $(\text{ct}_0, \text{ct}_1, \Pi)$ for decryption:
 - 5.1 check Π is valid by running V ;
 - 5.2 if it is, use sk_1 to get m ;
6. \mathcal{A}_0 outputs m_0 and m_1 .
7. \mathcal{B}_0 outputs m_0 and m_1 .
8. \mathcal{B}_1 receives ct^* (encryption of m_0 or m_1).
9. \mathcal{B}_1 computes $\text{ct}_1 \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{pk}_1, m_b)$.
10. Use simulator to produce proof Π .
11. Run \mathcal{A}_1 on input $(\text{ct}_0, \text{ct}_1, \Pi)$.
12. Answer queries as in first phase.

Simulation Soundness

Simulation-Soundness: For all PPT \mathcal{A}

$$\text{Prob} [\text{SSExp}^{\mathcal{A}}(1^n) = 1] < \nu(n)$$

where

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$(\Sigma, \text{aux}) \leftarrow S_1(1^n);$

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if $x' \notin L$ and $(x', \Pi') \neq (x, \Pi)$
and $V(x', \Sigma, \Pi') = 1$ **then return 1;**

That's all, Folks!