

CSE 539: Applied Cryptography

RSA + DHKE + PK

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Reading: <https://joyofcryptography.com/pdf/chap15.pdf>

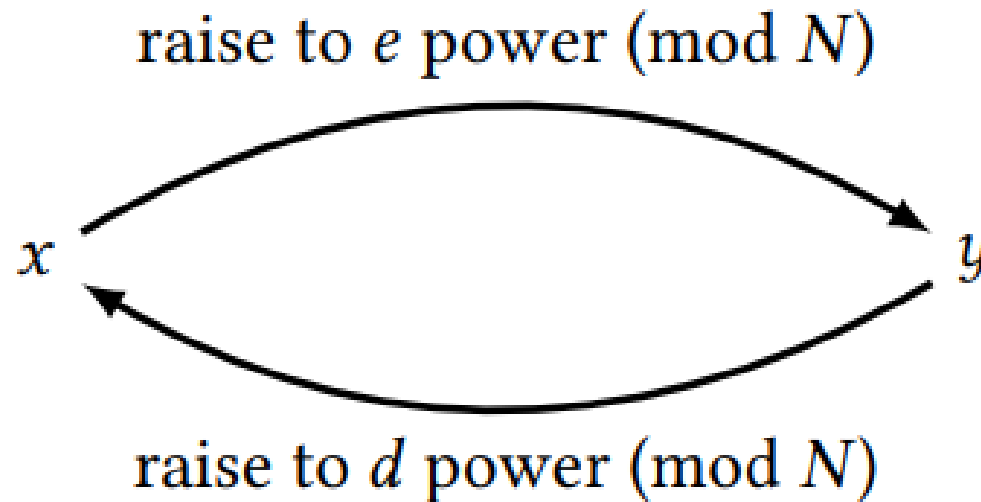
RSA

The RSA function is defined as follows:

- ▶ Let p and q be distinct primes (later we will say more about how they are chosen), and let $N = pq$. N is called the **RSA modulus**.
- ▶ Let e and d be integers such that $ed \equiv_{\phi(N)} 1$. That is, e and d are multiplicative inverses mod $\phi(N)$ — not mod N !
- ▶ The RSA function is: $x \mapsto x^e \% N$, where $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$.
- ▶ The inverse RSA function is: $y \mapsto y^d \% N$, where $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$.

RSA Security

- Given only the public information (N, e) , it should be hard to compute the RSA inverse ($y \rightarrow y^d \pmod N$) on randomly chosen values.
 - In other words, the only person who is able to compute the RSA inverse function is the person who generated the RSA parameters



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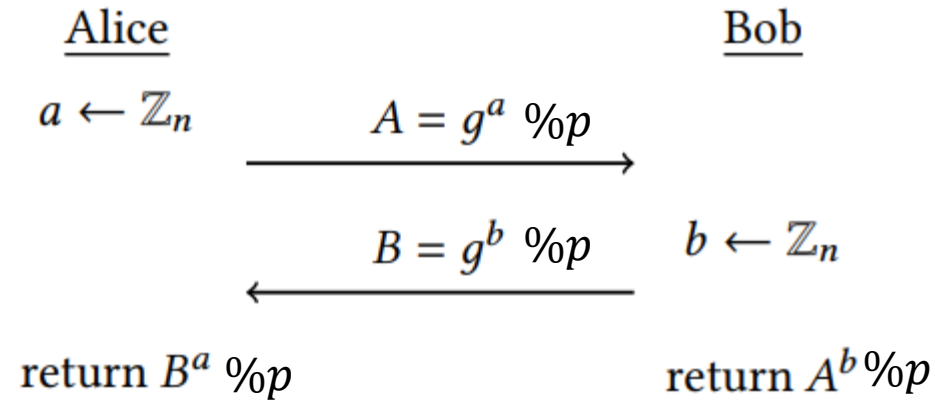
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- For example, given that p and q are close (e.g. $|p - q| < 1000$)

DHKE



Definition 14.2 *The **discrete logarithm problem** is: given $X \in \langle g \rangle$, determine a number x such that $g^x = X$.*
(Discrete Log) *Here the exponentiation is with respect to the multiplication operation in $\mathbb{G} = \langle g \rangle$.*

Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement

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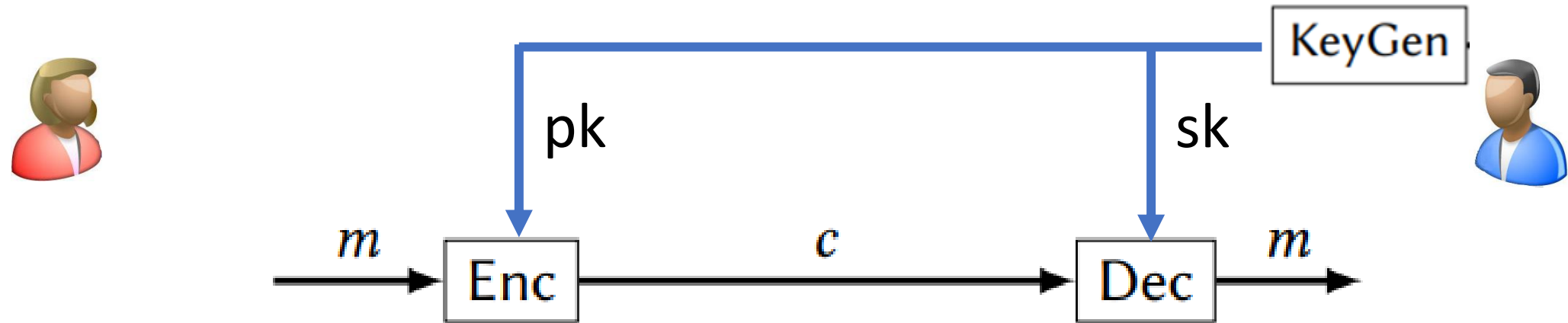
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Public Key



Public Key: ElGamal Encryption

ElGamal encryption is a public-key encryption scheme that is based on DHKA. Given a choice of cyclic group \mathbb{G} with n elements and generator g , the construction of ElGamal encryption is as below:

Keygen:

$sk := a \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$
 $pk := A := g^a$
return (sk, pk)

Enc($A, M \in \mathbb{G}$):

$b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$
 $B := g^b$
return $(B, M \cdot A^b)$

Dec($a, (B, X)$):

return $X(B^a)^{-1}$

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