

Public-Key Encryption

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The Setting

- Alice and Bob don't share any secret
- Alice wants to send a private message m to Bob
- Goals:
 - **Public key:** Encryption and decryption keys are different. Encryption key can be “public”
 - **Correctness:** Alice can compute an encryption c of m using pk . Bob can decrypt m from c correctly using sk
 - **Security:** No eavesdropper can distinguish between encryptions of m and m' (even using pk)

Definition

- **Syntax:**

- $\text{Gen}(1^n) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$
- $\text{Enc}(pk, m) \rightarrow c$
- $\text{Dec}(sk, c) \rightarrow m'$ or \perp

All algorithms are polynomial time

- **Correctness:** For every m , $\text{Dec}(sk, \text{Enc}(pk, m)) = m$, where $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$
- **Security:** ?

Definition ((Weak) Indistinguishability Security)

A public-key encryption scheme $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is weakly indistinguishably secure under chosen plaintext attack (weak IND-CPA) if for all n.u. PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ s.t.:

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Gen}(1^n), \\ (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^n), \\ b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\} \end{array} : \mathcal{A}(pk, \text{Enc}(pk, m_b)) = b \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

- 1 Think: Semantic security style definition?
- 2 Think Equivalence of above definition and semantic security

Security (contd.)

A stronger definition:

Definition (Indistinguishability Security)

A public-key encryption scheme $(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is indistinguishably secure under chosen plaintext attack (IND-CPA) if for all n.u. PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ s.t.:

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} (pk, sk) \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Gen}(1^n), \\ (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^n, pk), \\ b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\} \end{array} : \mathcal{A}(pk, \text{Enc}(m_b)) = b \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mu(n)$$

- 1 Think: IND-CPA is stronger than weak IND-CPA
- 2 Think Multi-message security?

Multi-message security

Lemma (Multi-message security)

One-message security implies multi-message security for public-key encryption

- 1 Think: Proof?
- 2 Corollary: Suffices to consider single-bit message

One-way Functions, Revisited

Definition (Collection of OWFs)

A collection of one-way functions is a family $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i : \mathcal{D}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- **Sampling function:** There exists a PPT Gen s.t. Gen(1^n) outputs $i \in \mathcal{I}$
- **Sampling from domain:** There exists a PPT algorithm that on input i outputs a uniformly random element of \mathcal{D}_i
- **Evaluation:** There exists a PPT algorithm that on input $i, x \in \mathcal{D}_i$ outputs $f_i(x)$
- **Hard to invert:** For every n.u. PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ s.t.:

$$\Pr [i \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n), x \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_i, y \leftarrow f_i(x) : f_i(\mathcal{A}(1^n, i, y)) = y] \leq \mu(n)$$

One-way Functions, Revisited (contd.)

Theorem

There exists a collection of one-way functions iff there exists a strong one-way function

Think: Proof?

Collection of One-way Permutations

Definition

A collection $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i : \mathcal{D}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ is a collection of one-way permutations if \mathcal{F} is a collection of OWFs and for every $i \in \mathcal{I}$, f_i is a permutation.

Trapdoor Permutations

Definition (Trapdoor OWPs)

A collection of trapdoor permutations is a family of permutations $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i : \mathcal{D}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ satisfying the following properties:

- **Sampling function:** \exists a PPT Gen s.t. $\text{Gen}(1^n)$ outputs $(i, t) \in \mathcal{I}$
- **Sampling from domain:** \exists a PPT algorithm that on input i outputs a uniformly random element of \mathcal{D}_i
- **Evaluation:** \exists PPT that on input $i, x \in \mathcal{D}_i$ outputs $f_i(x)$
- **Hard to invert:** \forall n.u. PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , \exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ s.t.:

$$\Pr [i \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n), x \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_i, y \leftarrow f_i(x) : f_i(\mathcal{A}(1^n, i, y)) = y] \leq \mu(n)$$

- **Inversion with trapdoor:** \exists a PPT algorithm that given (i, t, y) outputs $f_i^{-1}(y)$

Public-key Encryption from Trapdoor Permutations

Let $\mathcal{F} = \{f_i : \mathcal{D}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ be a family of trapdoor permutations

- $\text{Gen}(1^n)$: $(f_i, f_i^{-1}) \leftarrow \text{Gen}_T(1^n)$. Output $(pk, sk) \leftarrow ((f_i, h_i), f_i^{-1})$
- $\text{Enc}(pk, m)$: Pick $r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$. Output $(f_i(r), h_i(r) \oplus m)$
- $\text{Dec}(sk, (c_1, c_2))$: $r \leftarrow f_i^{-1}(c_1)$. Output $c_2 \oplus h_i(r)$

Theorem (PKE from Trapdoor Permutations)

$(\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is IND-CPA secure public-key encryption scheme

- Think: Proof?
- How to build trapdoor permutations?

Candidate Trapdoor Permutations

Definition (RSA Collection)

RSA = $\{f_i : \mathcal{D}_i \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ where:

- $\mathcal{I} = \{(N, e) \mid N = p \cdot q \text{ s.t. } p, q \in \Pi_n, e \in \mathbb{Z}_{\Phi(N)}^*\}$
 - $\mathcal{D}_i = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*\}$
 - $\mathcal{R}_i = \mathbb{Z}_N^*$
 - $\text{Gen}(1^n) \rightarrow ((N, e), d)$ where $(N, e) \in \mathcal{I}$ and $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\Phi(N)}$
 - $f_{N,e}(x) = x^e \pmod{N}$
 - $f_{N,d}^{-1}(y) = y^d \pmod{N}$
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- Think: Why is $f_{N,e}$ a permutation?

Candidate Trapdoor Permutations (contd.)

Assumption (RSA Assumption)

For any n.u. PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ s.t.:

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} p, q \xleftarrow{\$} \Pi_n, N = p \cdot q, e \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{\Phi(N)}^*, \\ y \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_N^*; x \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(N, e, y) \end{array} : x^e = y \pmod N \right] \leq \mu(n)$$

- Think: RSA assumption implies the factoring assumption

Theorem

Assuming the RSA assumption, the RSA collection is a family of trapdoor permutations

Food for Thought

- Direct (more efficient) constructions of PKE (e.g., El-Gamal)
- Stronger security notions:
 - Indistinguishability under chosen-ciphertext attacks (IND-CCA) [Naor-Segev],[Dolev-Dwork-Naor],[Sahai]
 - Circular security/key-dependent message security [Boneh-Halevi-Hamburg-Ostrovsky]
 - Leakage-resilient encryption [Dziembowski-Pietrzak],[Akavia-Goldwasser-Vaikuntanathan]
- Weaker security notions:
 - Deterministic encryption [Bellare-Boldyreva-O'Neill]