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SET 1

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Exercise 1

Prove that under CDH assumption El-Gamal is OW-CPA.

Exercise 2

Prove that if there is an adversary which can break DDH then there is an adversary which can break the IND-CPA security of El-Gamal.

Exercise 3

Prove that under DDH assumption El-Gamal is IND-CPA.

Exercise 4

Define the n -DDH problem as follows: on input $(A = g^a, (B_1 = g^{b_1}, C_1 = g^{c_1}), \dots, (B_n = g^{b_n}, C_n = g^{c_n}))$, determine if for all i , $c_i = ab_i$ or if for all i , c_i is randomly distributed.

Show that the n -DDH problem is intractable if and only if the DDH problem is intractable.

Exercise 5

Show that the straightforward application of the RSA function is not an IND-CPA encryption scheme. That is, the encryption function $E_{(n,e)}(m) = m^e \pmod{n}$ is not an IND-CPA encryption scheme.

Exercise 6

We define the n -IND-CPA game as follows: Given an encryption scheme $\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{E}, \mathbf{D})$, an n -IND-CPA adversary is a tuple $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_{n+1})$ of probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms. For $b \in \{0, 1\}$, define the following game.

n - **IND** ^{b} - CPA:

- Generate $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathbf{K}(\eta)$
- $(s_1, m_{1,0}, m_{1,1}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(\eta, pk)$
- $(s_2, m_{2,0}, m_{2,1}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(\eta, pk, s_1, \mathbf{E}(pk, m_{1,b}))$
- ...
- $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{n+1}(\eta, pk, s_n, \mathbf{E}(pk, m_{n,b}))$
- return b'

Define $Adv_{\mathbf{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{n\text{-IND-CPA}} = \Pr[b' \leftarrow n\text{-IND}^1\text{-CPA} : b' = 1] - \Pr[b' \leftarrow n\text{-IND}^0\text{-CPA} : b' = 1]$.

Show that an encryption scheme is n -IND-CPA secure if and only if it is IND-CPA secure.

Exercise 7 (Midterm 2008)

1. Give the definition of NM-CPA, NM-CCA1 and NM-CCA2.
2. Justify informally the implication relations between these three notions.

Exercise 8 (Midterm 2008)

We propose a modified version of El-Gamal encryption scheme. Consider the following scheme, where g_1, g_2 are two randomly-chosen generators in G a cyclic group:

KeyGen(1^k):

$x, y \leftarrow Z_q$;
 $h = g_1^x g_2^y$;
 $PK = \langle g_1, g_2, h \rangle$;
 $SK = \langle x, y \rangle$;
 output (PK, SK) ;

E(PK, m):

$r \leftarrow Z_q$;
 output $\langle g_1^r, g_2^r, h^r * m \rangle$;

D(SK, u, v, e):

output $\frac{e}{u^x v^y}$;

1. Correctness: Assuming an honest execution of the protocol, prove that $\frac{e}{u^x v^y} = m$
2. Prove that the modified scheme is semantically (IND-CPA) secure under the DDH assumption (Only the reduction as in exercises session).

Recall: DDH is given (g, g^u, g^v, α) guess whether α is g^{uv} or g^r where r is a random value.

Hint: one can take $g_1 = g$ and $g_2 = g^u$.

Exercise 9 (Midterm 2010)

Let \mathcal{E} be an NM-CCA2 secure encryption scheme. We modify this scheme into $\mathcal{E}'(m) = \mathcal{E}(m) || h(m)$, where h is a public hash function. This should help the user to detect some errors in the transmission of the messages.

- Give the definition of NM-CCA2
- Prove that the new scheme \mathcal{E}' is not IND-CPA. It means give an attack against IND-CPA for \mathcal{E}' .

Exercise 10 (Final 2009)

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Exercise 11 (Final 2009)

Zheng & Seberry in 1993 proposed the following encryption scheme:

$$f(r) || (G(r) \oplus (x || H(x)))$$

where x is the plain text, f is a one way trap-door function (like RSA), G and H are two public hash functions, \parallel denotes the concatenation of bitstrings and \oplus is the exclusive-or operator.

- Give the associated decryption algorithm.
- Give an IND-CCA2 attack against this scheme.

Hint: you cannot ask the cipher of m_b to the decryption oracle, but a cipher of $m_{\bar{b}}$ is not forbidden...

Exercise 12 (Final 2010)

Consider a naïve modified version of RSA with public parameter (e, n) defined by : $E(x) = (v, w)$ where k is a random number $v = k^e \pmod n$ and $w = x * k$.

1. Show that you can extract $x^e \pmod n$ from e and the encryption (v, w) of an unknown message x .
2. Find an IND-CPA attack against this encryption scheme.

Exercise 13 (Final 2010)

We consider random version of RSA proposed by David Pointcheval. Encryption of the message m is $D - RSA_{(n,e)}(m) = (a, b)$ where $a = k^e \pmod n$, $b = (k + 1)^e \times m \pmod n$ and k is a random number.

- Give the decryption algorithm
- We define the Computational D-RSA problem (CD-RSA) by :
Given (n, e) , and $a^e \pmod n$
Find $(a + 1)^e \pmod n$

Prove that under CD-RSA assumption then D-RSA is OW-CPA.

- We define the Decisional D-RSA problem (DD-RSA) by Given (n, e) , $r^e \pmod n$ and $s^e \pmod n$

Decide if $s = r + 1 \pmod n$

Prove that under DD-RSA assumption then D-RSA is IND-CPA.

Exercise 14

Find an attack on CBC encryption with counter IV , (proving that this encryption mode is not IND-CPA secure). In this scheme the first IV used is 0 and for generating the next IV we just increase by one the value of the previous IV .

Exercise 15

Prove that CTR is not IND-CCA2 secure.

Exercise 16

Prove that CFB is not IND-CCA2 secure.

Exercise 17

Prove that OFB is not IND-CCA2 secure.

Exercise 18

Prove that CBC with random IV is not IND-CCA2 secure. This time IV is a random number. But notice that this mode is IND-CPA secure.

Exercise 19

Suppose that E_1 and E_2 are symmetric encryption schemes on strings of arbitrary length. Show that the encryption scheme defined by $E'((k_1, k_2), m) = E_2(k_2, E_1(k_1, m))$ (for randomly sampled keys k_1 and k_2) is IND-CPA secure if *either* E_1 or E_2 is IND-CPA secure.

Exercise 20 (Final 2012, Security Proof (15 points))

- (3 points) Give the definition of the notion of OW-CPA security in the form of a security game.
- (12 points) We remind the definition of a one-way function: a function f is a one-way function if, for a randomly chosen x in the domain of f , no polynomial-time algorithm can compute x when given only the description of f and $f(x)$.

We define the encryption algorithm E , which has a one-way function as its public key, as follows:

- sample a random x in the domain of f .
- output $\langle f(x), x \oplus m \rangle$

Prove that this is a OW-CPA secure encryption scheme if f is a one-way function.

Exercise 21

Let BadMac, be the message authentication code defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{BadMac}((k_1, k_2), m_1 | \dots | m_n) \\ &c_0 = 1; \\ &\text{for } i = 1 \text{ to } n, \text{ do:} \\ &\quad z_i = c_{i-1} \cdot m_i \pmod{2^{128}}; \\ &\quad c_i = z_i + k_1 \pmod{2^{128}}; \\ &\text{out} = \mathcal{E}_{k_2}(c_n); \\ &\text{Output } \text{out}; \end{aligned}$$

Show that BadMac is not a secure message authentication code.

Exercise 22 (Midterm 2011, 8 points)

- (3 points) Give the definition of the notion of IND-CCA2 in the form of a security game.
- (5 points) We say that a public key encryption scheme E is additively homomorphic if for any key k and any two messages m_0, m_1 , $E_k(m_0) \cdot E_k(m_1) = E(m_0 + m_1)$. Show that an additively homomorphic encryption scheme cannot be IND-CCA2 secure.

Exercise 23 (Midterm 2011, 10 points)

Suppose that E is a IND-CPA secure public key encryption scheme on strings of arbitrary length. Show that the encryption scheme defined by $E'(pk, m) = E(pk, E(pk, m))$ for any message m is also IND-CPA secure.

Exercise 24 (Midterm 2011, 12 points)

Let \mathcal{E} be a (secret key) block cipher, and CBC-MAC be the message authentication code defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{CBC-MAC}(k, m_1 | \dots | m_n) \\ &\quad c_1 = \mathcal{E}_k(m_1); \\ &\quad \text{for } i = 2 \text{ to } n, \text{ do:} \\ &\quad \quad c_i = \mathcal{E}_k(c_{i-1} \oplus m_i); \\ &\quad \text{Output } c_n; \end{aligned}$$

Show that CBC-MAC is not a secure message authentication code by finding a collision in the MAC. The attacking adversary can query an oracle that will compute the MAC of any message, but cannot compute the block cipher \mathcal{E}_k on his own.

Exercise 25 (Midterm 2008)

Prove that any deterministic symmetric encryption scheme is IND-CPA insecure.

Exercise 26 (Final 2008)

Let $E : \{0, 1\}^k \times \{0, 1\}^l \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^l$ be a secure block cipher. Let \mathcal{K} be the key-generation algorithm that returns a random k -bit string as the key K . Let \mathcal{E} be the following encryption algorithm:

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Algorithm  $\mathcal{E}_K(M)$ 
If  $|M|$  is not a positive multiple of  $l$  then return FALSE
Divide  $M$  into  $l$  bit blocks,  $M = M[1] \dots M[n]$ 
 $P[0] \leftarrow^R \{0, 1\}^l$ ;  $C[0] \leftarrow E_K(P[0])$  For  $i = 1, \dots, n$  do
 $P[i] \leftarrow P[i-1] \oplus M[i]$ ;
 $C[i] \leftarrow E_K(P[i])$ ;
EndFor
 $C \leftarrow C[0]C[1] \dots C[n]$ ;
Return  $C$ 

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1. Specify a decryption algorithm \mathcal{D} such that $\mathcal{SE} = (\mathcal{K}; \mathcal{E}; \mathcal{D})$ is a symmetric encryption scheme with correct decryption. We are denoting the inverse of E_K by E_K^{-1} .
2. Show that this scheme is insecure by presenting a practical adversary IND-CPA. Say what is the advantage achieved by your adversary.

Exercise 27 (Midterm 2010)

Let (E, D) be a block cipher using a symmetric encryption E_k with a symmetric key k . Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_t be a sequence of t plaintext blocks. We consider the following block cipher mode which produce $t + 2$ ciphertext blocks $c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_t, c_{t+1}$ which satisfies the equation, for $i = 1, \dots, t$.

$$c_i = E_k(c_{i-1} \oplus m_i \oplus c_{i+1})$$

1. Describe how to reconstruct m_1, \dots, m_t given c_0, \dots, c_{t+1} .
2. Find a way to compute effectively this encryption mode knowing that in order to get started, we set c_0 and c_1 to some fixed initialization vectors.

3. Assuming that decrypting or encrypting twice a message gives the message again ($D_k(D_k(x)) = x$, $E_k(E_k(x)) = x$) and that an intruder can fix c_0 and c_1 then find an IND-CPA attack against this scheme.

Exercise 28 (Final 2012, IND-XXX Attack (21 points) ONLY M2R)

We consider the following encryption function that uses the RSA function with public key (N, e) and secret key d , and a public hash function G :

- sample a random $x \in \{0, \dots, N - 1\}$
- output $\mathcal{E}_{(N,e)}(m) = \langle RSA_{(N,e)}(x), G(x) \oplus m \rangle$

1. (3 points) Recall the definition of IND-CCA2 in the form of a security game.
2. (3 points) Give the decryption function corresponding to the encryption function above.
3. (5 points) Show that this scheme is not IND-CCA2 secure by giving an adversary that breaks the IND-CCA2 security of the scheme.

Consider now the following modification to to the encryption function above, which uses one more hash function (H):

- sample a random $x \in \{0, \dots, N - 1\}$
- output $\mathcal{E}'_{(N,e)}(m) = \langle RSA_{(N,e)}(x), G(x) \oplus m, H(m) \oplus x \rangle$

in which decryption of $C = \langle a, b, c \rangle$ proceeds as for the preceding scheme, except that after the message m is computed, the decryption algorithm also verifies that $c = RSA_d^{-1}(a) \oplus H(m)$; if it is, it outputs m , otherwise it outputs \perp .

4. (10 points) Show that this new scheme is not even IND-CPA by giving an adversary that breaks the IND-CPA security of the scheme.