

## PKC Scheme Based on DDLP

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### ABSTRACT

This paper introduces the concept of public key cryptosystem, whose security is based on double discrete logarithm problem (DDL) with distinct discrete exponents in the multiplicative group of finite fields. The adversary has to solve distinct discrete logarithm problems simultaneously in order to recover a corresponding plaintext from the received ciphertext. Therefore, this scheme is expected to gain a higher level of security. We next show that, the newly developed scheme is efficient with respect to encryption and decryption and the validity of this algorithm is proven by applying to message that are text and returning the original message in various numerical examples.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The public key algorithms are based on mathematical function rather than substitution and permutation. More important, public key cryptography is asymmetry involving the use of two separate keys, one key for encryption and a different but related for decryption, in contrast to symmetric conventional encryption, which use only one key. Public key encryption is more secure from cryptanalysis than is conventional encryption as it requires no secure transfer of any secret key. The main requirement of public key cryptography is a trap door one way function, which is easy to calculate in one direction and infeasible to calculate in the other direction unless certain additional information is known with this information the inverse can be calculated in polynomial time [3]. The security of public key cryptosystem depends on the intractability of a hard problem. The discrete logarithm problem depends on the El-Gamal cryptosystem. In 1976, Diffie and Hellman [2] proposed the revolutionary concept in the field of cryptography, as the public key cryptography, whose security is based on the discrete logarithm problem in the cyclic groups.

In 1985, ElGamal [1] has given the first real and practical public key cryptosystem, whose security is based on the difficulty of solving the discrete logarithm problem in the multiplicative group of the finite field. After the discrete logarithm problem based on several public key cryptosystems came in the existence in the field of secure and practical public key cryptography, some of those are fulfill the standard criteria of public key cryptography and rest are only just review and again review of the original public key cryptosystem.

The proposed algorithms are new techniques that depend on the double discrete logarithm that is more difficult than a single discrete logarithm problem and therefore increases the security of cryptosystem.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

### 2.1 Discrete logarithm problem

Let  $p$  be the large prime number, The finite field  $Z_p = (0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1) \pmod{p}$ .

$Z_p^* = (1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1) \pmod{p}$  = The multiplicative group of the finite field  $Z_p$ .

$\alpha$  = the primitive element.

If

$$Z_p^* = (\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{p-2}) \pmod{p}$$

Select any element of  $Z_p^*$ , i.e

$$\alpha \equiv \beta \pmod{p}$$

Then the problem of computing the value of the index  $x_i$  is called the discrete logarithm problem of  $\beta$  at the base  $\alpha$  under modulo  $p$  in the multiplicative group of  $Z_p^*$  of the finite field  $Z_p$  of order  $p-1$  and it's denoted mathematically as  $x = \log_\alpha(\beta) \pmod{p}$ .

### 2.2 Double Discrete logarithm problem

Let  $p$  be the large prime number, the finite field  $Z_p = (0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1) \pmod{p}$ .

$Z_p^* = (1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1) \pmod{p}$  = The multiplicative group of the finite field  $Z_p$ .

If  $\gamma \equiv \alpha^a \beta^b \pmod{p}$  in the multiplicative group of finite field  $Z_p^*$  of order  $p-1$  such that  $\alpha \neq \beta^i$  and  $a \neq b^i$  where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two primitive elements under modulo  $p$ ,  $\gamma \in Z_p^*$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  be two distinct random integer.

## 3. THE ALGORITHM FOR COMPUTING THE DISCRETE LOGARITHM PROBLEM

### 3.1 Baby step giant step (see [5]):

Input: A generator  $a$  of a cyclic group  $G$  of order  $n$ , and element  $b \in G$ .

Output: the discrete logarithm  $x = \log_a b$ .

1. Set  $m \leftarrow \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$ .
2. Construct a table with entries  $(j, a^j)$  for  $0 \leq j < m$ .  
Sort this table by the second component.
3. Compute  $a^{-m}$  and set  $c \leftarrow b$ .
4. For  $i$  from 0 to  $m-1$  do the following :
  - 4.1 Check if  $c$  the second component of some entry in the table is.
  - 4.2 If  $c = a^j$  then return  $(x = im + j)$ .
  - 4.3 Set  $c = c a^{-m}$ .

### 3.2 The pollards rho algorithm for logarithms (see [6]):

Input: A generator  $a$  of a cyclic group  $G$  of prime order  $n$ , and an element  $b \in G$ .

Output: the discrete logarithm  $x = \log_a b$ .

1. Set  $x_0 \leftarrow 1, a_0 \leftarrow 1, b_0 \leftarrow 1$ .
2. For  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  do the following:
  - 2.1 Using the quantities  $x_{i-1}, a_{i-1}, b_{i-1}$  and  $x_{i-2}, a_{i-2}, b_{i-2}$ , compute previously, compute  $x_{2i}, a_{2i}, b_{2i}$  using some equations.
  - 2.2 If  $x_i = x_{2i}$ , then do the following:
    - 2.2.1 Set  $r \leftarrow b_i - b_{2i} \pmod{n}$ .
    - 2.2.2 If  $r = 0$  then terminate the algorithm with failure; else
    - 2.2.3 Compute  $x = r^{-1}(a_{2i} - a_i) \pmod{n}$ .
3. Return  $x$ .

### 3.3 The Pohlig-Hellman algorithm (see [7]):

Input: A generator  $a$  of a cyclic group  $G$  of order  $n$ , and an element  $b \in G$ .

Output: the discrete logarithm  $x = \log_a b$ .

1. Find the prime factorization of  $n$ :  $n = P_1^{e_1} P_2^{e_2} P_3^{e_3} \dots P_r^{e_r}$ , where  $e_i \geq 1$ .
2. For  $i$  from 1 to  $r$  do the following
  - 2.1 Set  $q \leftarrow p_i$  and  $e \leftarrow e_i$ .
  - 2.2 Set  $c \leftarrow 1$  and  $l_{-1} \leftarrow 0$ .
  - 2.3 Compute  $\bar{a} \leftarrow a^{n/q}$ .
  - 2.4 For  $j$  from 0 to  $e - 1$  do the following:
 
$$\text{Compute } c \leftarrow c a^{l_{j-1} q^{j-1}} \text{ and } \bar{b} \leftarrow (b c^{-1})^{n/q^{j+1}}.$$

$$\text{Compute } l_j = \log_{\bar{a}} \bar{b}.$$
  - 2.5 set  $x_i \leftarrow l_0 + l_1 q + l_2 q^2 + \dots + l_{e-1} q^{e-1}$
3. Use Gauss's algorithm to compute the integer  $x$ ,  $0 \leq e \leq n - 1$ , such that  $x \equiv x_i \pmod{P_i^{e_i}}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .
4. Return  $(x)$ .

### 3.4 The index calculus algorithm

The index calculus algorithm which was discovered or rediscovered by several authors, Adleman (see [9]): or Hellman and Reyneri. (see [8]):

Input: A generator  $a$  of a cyclic group  $G$  of order  $n$ , and an element  $b \in G$ .

Output: the discrete logarithm  $x = \log_a b$ .

1. (select a factor base  $S$ ) Choose a subset  $S = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_t$  of  $G$  such that a significant proportion of all elements in  $G$  can be efficiently expressed as a product of elements from  $S$ .
2. (Collect linear relations involving logarithms of elements in  $S$ )
  - 2.1 Select a random integer  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ , and compute  $a^k$ .
  - 2.2 Try to write  $a^k$  as a product of elements in  $S$ :  $a^k = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{c_i}$ ,  $c_i \geq 0$ .  
If successful, take logarithm of both sides of equation to obtain a linear relation:
 
$$k \equiv \sum_{i=1}^t c_i \log_a p_i \pmod{n}.$$
  - 2.3 Repeat step 2.1 and 2.2 until  $t + c$  relations of the above form are obtained.
3. (Find the algorithms of elements in  $S$ ) Working modulo  $n$ , solve the linear system of  $t + c$  equations (in  $t$  unknowns) collected in step 2 to obtain the values of  $\log_a p_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .
4. Compute  $x$ .
  - 4.1 Select a random integer  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ , and compute  $b a^k$ .
  - 4.2 Try to write  $b a^k$  as a product of elements in  $S$ :
 
$$b a^k = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{d_i}, d_i \geq 0$$

$$x = \left( \sum_{i=1}^t d_i \log_a p_i - k \right) \pmod{n}.$$

## 4. THE COMPLEXITY OF DOUBLE DISCRETE LOGARITHM PROBLEM

**Theorem: 1-** Double Discrete Logarithm Problem has a complexity in the form of Discrete Logarithm Problem.

**Proof:** We know that, the mathematical structure of DLP in the multiplicative group of the finite field  $Z_p^*$  of order  $p - 1$  is defined as follows:

$$\alpha^a = \beta \pmod{p}$$

Taking logarithm of both side of the above equation to the base  $\alpha$ :

$$\log_{\alpha} (\beta \pmod{p}) \equiv a \tag{1}$$

Now, the mathematical structure of DDLP in the multiplicative group of the finite field  $Z_p^*$  of order  $p - 1$  is defined as follows:

$$\alpha^a \beta^b \equiv \gamma \pmod{p} \tag{2}$$

Taking logarithm of both side of above equation to the base  $\alpha$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_{\alpha}(\alpha^a \beta^b) &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow \log_{\alpha}(\alpha^a) + \log_{\alpha}(\beta^b) &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow a \log_{\alpha} \alpha + b \log_{\alpha} \beta &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow a + b \log_{\alpha} \beta &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow a &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) - b \log_{\alpha} \beta \\
 \Rightarrow a &\equiv \log_{\alpha}(\gamma \bmod p) - \log_{\alpha}(\beta^b) \\
 \Rightarrow a &\equiv \log_{\alpha}\left(\frac{\gamma}{\beta^b} \bmod p\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Again, taking logarithm of both the side of equation (2) to the base  $\beta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_{\beta}(\alpha^a \beta^b) &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow \log_{\beta}(\alpha^a) + \log_{\beta}(\beta^b) &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow a \log_{\beta} \alpha + b \log_{\beta} \beta &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow a \log_{\beta} \alpha + b &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) \\
 \Rightarrow b &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) - a \log_{\beta} \alpha \\
 \Rightarrow b &\equiv \log_{\beta}(\gamma \bmod p) - \log_{\beta}(\alpha^a) \\
 \Rightarrow b &\equiv \log_{\beta}\left(\frac{\gamma}{\alpha^a} \bmod p\right)
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Equation (1) represents DLP where as equation (2) and (3) represents DDLP involving two distinct discrete logarithm problems in the form of DLP and making the computation of DDLP more difficult.

## 5. THE PROPOSED PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION SCHEME

In this section, we introduce some notations and parameters which will be used throughout this paper: A large number  $p$  is safe prime. An integers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are two primitive elements of multiplicative group  $Z_p^*$  and element  $\gamma$  of  $Z_p^*$ . Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are safe and set  $1 \leq a, b \leq p - 2$ .

The algorithm consists of three sub algorithms: key generation, encryption and decryption.

### 1. Key Generation:-

The key generation algorithm runs as follows:

- 1.1 Pick randomly a large prime  $p$  and two generators  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of  $Z_p^*$ .
- 1.2 Select two random integer  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $1 \leq a, b \leq p - 2$ .
- 1.3 Compute  $\alpha^a \bmod(p)$  and  $\beta^b \bmod(p)$ .

The public key is formed by  $(p, \alpha, \beta, \alpha^a, \beta^b)$  and the corresponding secret key is given by  $(a, b)$ .

### 2. Encryption:-

An entity Bob to encrypt a message  $m$  to another Alice should do the following:

- 2.1 Alice obtain authentic public key  $(p, \alpha, \beta, \alpha^a, \beta^b)$ .
- 2.2 Message  $m \in [0, p - 1]$ .
- 2.3 Select two random integer  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $1 \leq i, j \leq p - 2$ .
- 2.4 Compute  $C_1 \equiv \alpha^i \bmod(p)$  and  $C_2 \equiv \beta^j \bmod(p)$ .
- 2.5 Compute  $\gamma = m(C_1^a C_2^b) \bmod(p)$ .

The cipher text is given by  $C = (C_1, C_2, \gamma)$ .

### 3. Decryption:-

To recover the plaintext  $m$  from the cipher text

Alice should do the following:

- 3.1 Compute  $C_1^{(p-1)-a} \bmod(p) = C_1^{-a} \bmod(p)$  and  $C_2^{(p-1)-b} \bmod(p) = C_2^{-b} \bmod(p)$ .
- 3.2 Recover the plaintext  $m$  by computing  $(C_1^{-a}, C_2^{-b}, \gamma) \bmod(p)$ .
- 3.3 Return the plaintext  $m$ .

## 6. CONSISTENCY OF ALGORITHM

We validate our new scheme by proving the following theorem.

**Theorem 2:** If the algorithms of key generation and encryption run smoothly then the decryption of the encrypted message in decryption is correct.

**Proof:** The algorithm above is true for all encrypted message.

Then, in encryption algorithm,

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &\equiv \alpha^i \text{mod } (p) \\ C_2 &\equiv \beta^j \text{mod } (p) \\ \gamma &= m(C_1^a C_2^b) \text{mod } (p) \end{aligned}$$

In Decryption algorithm,

$$\begin{aligned} C_1^{(p-1)-a} \text{mod } (p) &= C_1^{-a} \text{mod } (p) \\ C_2^{(p-1)-b} \text{mod } (p) &= C_2^{-b} \text{mod } (p). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (C_1^{-a}, C_2^{-b}, \gamma) \text{mod } (p) &= (C_1^{-a} C_2^{-b} m C_1^a C_2^b) \text{mod } (p) \\ &= (C_1^{-a} C_2^{-b} C_1^a C_2^b m) \text{mod } (p) \\ &= m \text{mod } (p) \end{aligned}$$

## 7. SECURITY ANALYSIS

The security of cryptosystem based on the intractability of double discrete logarithm problem as an opponent should solve a discrete logarithm problem twice to obtain the private key given the public as following:

In this encryption the public key is given by  $(p, \alpha, \beta, \alpha^a, \beta^b)$  and the corresponding secret key is given by  $(a, b)$ .

To obtain the private key  $(a)$  he should solve the DLP

$$a \equiv \log_{\alpha}(\alpha^a) \text{mod } (p)$$

To obtain the private key  $(b)$  he should solve the DLP

$$b \equiv \log_{\beta}(\beta^b) \text{mod } (p)$$

So, the proposed algorithm is more secure.

### Discrete log attack

Say that attacker is able to obtain the secret integer  $i$  and  $j$  from  $C_1 \equiv \alpha^i \text{mod } (p)$  and  $C_2 \equiv \beta^j \text{mod } (p)$ . He could derive the plaintext  $m$  if and only if he manages to get  $m C_1^a C_2^b$ .

## 8. CONCLUSION

In this present paper, we present public key encryption scheme based on double discrete logarithm problem with distinct discrete exponents in the multiplicative group of finite fields. This kind of scheme definitely provides a new scheme with a longer and higher level of security than that based on a double discrete logarithm problem with distinct discrete exponents. The proposed scheme also requires minimal operations in encryption and decryption algorithms and thus makes it is very efficient. The present paper provides the special result from the security point of view, because we face the problem of solving double and triple distinct discrete logarithm problem at the same time in the multiplicative group of finite fields as compared to the other public key cryptosystem, where we face the difficulty of solving the traditional discrete logarithm problem in the common groups.

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