

Today :

- Gap groups & bilinear maps
- BLS (Boneh - Lynn - Shacham) signatures.
- 3-way key agreement (Joux)
Identity
- Identity-based encryption

Gap groups

A gap group is a group where

- DDH is easy:
Decisional Diffie-Hellman

i.e. $(g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab}) \not\equiv (g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab})$

- CDH is hard:
Computational Diffie-Hellman

i.e. $g, g^a, g^b \xrightarrow{\text{hard}} g^{ab}$

Note : CDH is easy \Rightarrow DDH is easy

The difference between DDH being easy &
CDH being hard forms a gap

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Q1: Why do we want a "gap group"?

Q2: How can we construct a gap group?

Bilinear maps

Suppose: G_1 group of prime order g with generator g

G_2 " " " " " " " h

[We use multiplicative notation for both groups]

Be there exists a bilinear map

$$e: G_1 \times G_1 \longrightarrow G_2 \quad \text{s.t.}$$

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q \quad e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{a \cdot b} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} = e(g^{a \cdot b}, g) = \dots \\ = e(g^b, g^a) = \dots \end{array} \right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\quad} e(g, g) = h$$

non-degenerate.

Bilinear maps are also called pairing functions.

They have numerous applications!

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Thm: If there exists a bilinear map

$$e: G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$$

then DDH is easy in G_1

Proof: Given (g, g^a, g^b, g^c)

$$\text{check if } e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g^c)$$

If so output " $c = a \cdot b$ ".

& o.w. output " c is random"

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Note: Even though DDH is easy in G_1 ,

CDH may still be hard.

I.e. we may still have a gap group.

How to construct a gap group w. bilinear map?

This is not simple!

G_1 is an elliptic curve (w. certain properties)

e (the bilinear map) is a "Weil pairing" or a
"Tate pairing".

1993 : Used to try to break elliptic curve crypto.

2000 : First "good" use

[Joux] : 3-way key agreement

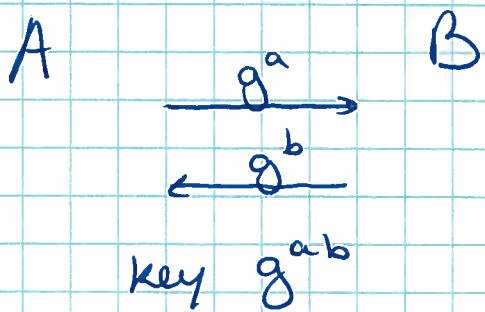
(extension of Diffie-Hellman 2-way key agreement).

2001 : [Boneh-Lynn-Shacham] : short signatures

2001 : [Boneh-Franklin] : Identity based encryption.

Application 1 : 3-way key agreement

Recall DH :



3-way : Let G_1, G_2 be prime order groups w. bilinear map $e: G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ & let g be generator of G_1

$$A \rightarrow BC : g^a$$

$$A \text{ computes } e(g^b, g^c)^a = e(g, g)^{abc}$$

$$B \rightarrow AC : g^b$$

$$B \text{ .. } e(g^a, g^c)^b = ..$$

$$C \rightarrow AB : g^c$$

$$C \text{ .. } e(g^a, g^b)^c = ..$$

$$\text{key: } e(g, g)^{abc}$$

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Secure assuming the Decisional Bilinear Diffie-Helman (DBDH) assumption:

$$(g, g^a, g^b, g^c, e(g,g)^{abc}) \stackrel{\sim}{=} (g, g^a, g^b, g^c, e(g,g)^u)$$

Computational BDH:

$$g, g^a, g^b, g^c \xrightarrow{\text{HARD}} e(g,g)^{abc}$$

4-way key agreement ?? open!

Major open question: Construct a multi-linear map

$$\begin{aligned} e: \underbrace{G_1 \times G_1 \times \dots \times G_1}_k &\longrightarrow G_2 \\ e(g^{a_1}, \dots, g^{a_k}) &\longmapsto e(g, \dots, g)^{a_1 \dots a_k} \end{aligned}$$

Implies obfuscation!

Application 2: Short digital signatures

[Boneh-Lynn-Shacham 2001]

Each signature consists of only 160 bits!

Public Params:

- Groups G_1, G_2 of prime order q , $g \in G_1$ generator
- Pairing function $e: G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$
- H hash function from msgs to G_1
(modelled as random oracle).

Key Gen: $SK: x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$

$$PK: y = g^x \text{ (in } G_1\text{)}$$

Sign: $\underset{SK=x}{\tau} = H(m)^x \text{ (in } G_1\text{)}$

Verify: $\underset{y}{\tau} = ?$
 check: $e(g, \tau) = e(g^x, H(m))$
 $= e(y, H(m))$.

Thm: BLS sig scheme is existentially unforgeable
 against adaptive chosen msg attacks in ROM,
 assuming CDH is hard in G_1 .

Application 3: Identity-Based Encryption (IBE)

[Boneh-Franklin 2001]

IBE : Encryption scheme where my PK can be my name
(or email address).

Trusted third party (TTP) :

Publishes G_1, G_2 prime order groups of order q .

PP :

$g \in G_1$ generator

$y = g^\lambda$ $\lambda \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$ is master secret key.

Let H_1 be hash function (modelled as RO) mapping names
(eg. `alice@mit.edu`) to elements in G_1 ,

Let H_2 be hash function (modelled as RO) mapping
 G_2 to msg space.

Goal : Enable anyone to encrypt a msg for Alice,
knowing only PP & Alice's "name".

g^s ($= \text{pp}$)

Encrypt (y, name, m) :

Choose $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$

Output $(g^r, m \oplus H_2(g_A^r))$

where $g_A = e(H_1(\text{name}), y)$

Decrypt ciphertext $c = (u, v)$:

Alice obtains $d_A = (H_1(\text{name}))^s$ from TTP.

Alic's secret key.

Needs to obtain it only once.

Note: TTP also knows it.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Compute} : m &= v \oplus H_2 \left(\underbrace{e(H_1(\text{name})^s, g^r)}_{d_A}, g^r \right) \\
 &= v \oplus H_2 \left(\underbrace{e(H_1(\text{name})^s, g^r)}_{\cancel{\text{-----}}}, y \right) \\
 &= v \oplus H_2 \left(\underbrace{e(H_1(\text{name}), y)^r}_{g_A} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Security: Semantically secure in ROM assuming

comp BDDH

$$\left[g^s, g^r, Q \xrightarrow{\text{HARD}} e(Q, g)^{s+r} \right]_{H_1(\text{name})}$$