

# IND-CCA Public Key Schemes Equivalent to Factoring $n = pq$

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**Abstract.** Indistinguishability against adaptive chosen ciphertext attack (IND-CCA2) is the strongest notion for security of public key schemes. In this paper, we present the first IND-CCA2 schemes whose securities are equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$  under the random oracle model, where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers. Our first scheme works for long messages and our second scheme is more efficient for short messages.

## 1 Introduction

Indistinguishability against adaptive chosen ciphertext attack (IND-CCA2) is the strongest notion of security for public key schemes. Bellare and Rogaway showed that a trapdoor one-way permutation  $f$  can be converted into a IND-CCA2 public key scheme in the random oracle model [1]. They further presented another IND-CCA2 scheme [2], called OAEP, which is more efficient than their first scheme for short messages.

RSA is believed to be a trapdoor one-way permutation. However, it is not known that inverting RSA is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers.

On the other hand, Okamoto and Uchiyama showed a probabilistic public key scheme such that inverting the encryption function is equivalent to factoring a special modulus  $n = p^2q$  [3]. Fujisaki, Okamoto and then Pointcheval showed some conversions of Okamoto and Uchiyama scheme into IND-CCA2 public key schemes in the random oracle model [4,5,6]. Paillier presented a trapdoor one-way permutation by modifying Okamoto and Uchiyama scheme [7].

Paillier presented a probabilistic public key scheme which is IND-CPA under the composite residuosity assumption [8, Sec.4], where IND-CPA stands for indistinguishability against chosen plaintext attack. Paillier also showed a variant of his scheme which is a trapdoor one-way permutation if and only if inverting RSA is hard [8, Sec.5]. Paillier and Pointcheval gave a conversion of Paillier's scheme [8, Sec.4] into a IND-CCA2 public key scheme in the random oracle model [9].

However, no IND-CCA2 scheme is known whose security is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$ . In this paper, we present the first IND-CCA2 schemes whose

securities are equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$  in the random oracle model by using Kurosawa et al's public key cryptosystem. Our first scheme works for long messages. Our second scheme is more efficient for short messages.

Rabin's public key cryptosystem [10] is as hard as factorization. However, it is not uniquely deciphered because four different plaintexts produce the same cipher. Williams showed that this disadvantage can be overcome if the secret two prime numbers,  $p$  and  $q$ , satisfy  $p = 3 \pmod 8, q = 7 \pmod 8$  [11]. Kurosawa et al. [12] showed a public key cryptosystem such that (i) inverting is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$ , (ii) the decryption is unique and (iii)  $p$  and  $q$  are arbitrary prime numbers.

*Related works:* Cramer and Shoup showed an IND-CCA2 scheme in the standard model under the decision Diffie-Hellman problem [13]

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $k$  be a security parameter. Let  $n(k)$  denote the length of a plaintext, where  $n(k)$  is bounded by some polynomial on  $k$ .

### 2.1 Definitions

**Definition 1.** A public key encryption scheme with a plaintext length function  $n(\cdot)$  is a triple of algorithms,  $\Pi = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ , where

- $\mathcal{G}$ , the key generation algorithm, is a probabilistic algorithm that takes a security parameter  $k$  and returns pair of  $(pk, sk)$  of matching public and secret keys,
- $\mathcal{E}$ , the encryption algorithm, is a probabilistic algorithm that takes a public key  $pk$  and a message  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  to produce a ciphertext  $y$ ,
- $\mathcal{D}$ , the decryption algorithm, is a deterministic algorithm that takes a secret key  $sk$  and a ciphertext  $y$  to produce a message  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$  or a special symbol  $\perp$  to indicate that the ciphertext was invalid.

Our goal is to construct an encryption scheme which is indistinguishable secure (or semantically secure). We consider an adversary  $A = (A_1, A_2)$  who runs in two stages. In the find-stage  $A_1$  is given an encryption algorithm  $\mathcal{E}$  and outputs a pair  $(x_0, x_1)$  of messages. It also outputs some string  $str$ , for example, its history and its inputs. In the guess-stage  $A_2$  is given the outputs of  $A_1$ ,  $(x_0, x_1)$  and  $str$ , and also  $y$  which is a ciphertext of a message  $x_b$  for random bit  $b$ .  $A_2$  guesses a bit  $b'$  from  $x_0, x_1$  and  $y$ , and outputs a guessing bit  $b'$ .

A simple  $A_2$  who always outputs 0 (or 1) can succeed guessing  $b$  with probability  $1/2$ . This shows that the minimal probability with which any  $A_2$  can outputs correct bit is  $1/2$ . We measure how well  $A$  is doing by the difference between  $1/2$  and the probability in which  $A_2$  can guess  $b$  correctly. Formally, we define the advantage of  $A$  as follows.

$$Adv_{A, \Pi}(k) \triangleq |\Pr[(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^k); (x_0, x_1, str) \leftarrow A_1(pk); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; y \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_{pk}(x_b); A_2(x_0, x_1, str, y) = b] - 1/2|$$

We consider two attack models, adaptive plaintext attack and adaptive ciphertext attack, in which an adversary can repeatedly use encryption and decryption oracle, respectively.

**Definition 2 (IND-CPA).** Let  $\Pi = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  be an encryption scheme and let  $A = (A_1, A_2)$  be an adversary who can use the encryption oracle. If

$$Adv_{A,\Pi}(k) \geq \epsilon(k)$$

and  $A$  runs at most  $t(k)$  steps, we say that  $A$   $(t, \epsilon)$ -breaks  $\Pi(1^k)$  in the sense of IND-CPA.

If  $Adv_{A,\Pi}(k)$  is negligible for any adversary  $A$ , we say that  $\Pi$  is secure in the sense of IND-CPA.

**Definition 3 (IND-CCA2).** Let  $\Pi = (\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$  be an encryption scheme and let  $A = (A_1, A_2)$  be an adversary who can use the decryption oracle. If

$$Adv_{A,\Pi}(k) \geq \epsilon(k)$$

and  $A$  runs at most  $t(k)$  steps with at most  $q_D$  queries to decryption oracle, we say that  $A$   $(t, \epsilon, q_D)$ -breaks  $\Pi(1^k)$  in the sense of IND-CCA2. If  $Adv_{A,\Pi}(k)$  is negligible for any adversary  $A$ , we say that  $\Pi$  is secure in the sense of IND-CCA2.

Some literatures use an other notion IND-CCA1 in which an adversary  $A = (A_1, A_2)$  can use the decryption oracle only in its find-stage:  $A_1$ . Since the secrecy in the sense of IND-CCA2 is stronger than that of IND-CCA1 (and IND-CPA) [14], we focus on the security in the sense of IND-CCA2.

## 2.2 Kurosawa et al’s Public Key Cryptosystem [12]

Kurosawa et al. [12] showed a public key cryptosystem such that (i) inverting is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$ , (ii) the decryption is unique and (iii)  $p$  and  $q$  are arbitrary prime numbers. Their scheme is described as follows.

**Key generation algorithm  $\mathcal{G}$ :** Choose two large primes  $p$  and  $q$  whose lengths are both  $k/2$  bits. The secret key is a pair of  $p$  and  $q$ .

The public key is  $pk = (N, c)$  such that

$$N = pq \text{ and } \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{c}{q}\right) = -1,$$

where  $\left(\frac{c}{p}\right)$  denotes Legendre symbol.

**Encryption algorithm  $\mathcal{E}$ :** For a message  $x \in Z_N^*$ , let

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{pk}(x) &= x + c/x \pmod N \\ U_{pk}(x) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{x}{N}\right) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ V_{pk}(x) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x < c/x \\ 1 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\left(\frac{x}{N}\right)$  denotes Jacobi symbol. Then the ciphertext is

$$Y_{pk}(x)||U_{pk}(x)||V_{pk}(x),$$

where  $||$  denotes concatenation.

**Decryption algorithm  $\mathcal{D}$ :** Suppose that a receiver is given a ciphertext  $y||u||v$ . He first solves the following equations by using  $p$  and  $q$ .

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - yx + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ x^2 - yx + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{q}. \end{aligned}$$

He then obtains four solutions  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$  since  $Y_{pk}(x)$  is a four-to-one function. Among the four roots, just one  $x_i$  satisfies  $u = U_{pk}(x_i)$  and  $v = V_{pk}(x_i)$ . The receiver finally decides that such  $x_i$  is the message the sender sent.

### 3 Proposed Scheme for Long Messages

In this section, we present our first IND-CCA2 scheme whose security is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$  in the random oracle model, where  $p$  and  $q$  are arbitrary prime numbers. It works for long messages. We combine Kurosawa et al's scheme with Bellare and Rogaway's scheme of [1]. Note that the conversion of [1] requires a one-way permutation  $f$  while  $Y_{pk}(x)$  of Sec. 2.2 is a four-to-one function.

Remember that  $k$  is a security parameter and  $n(k)$  denotes the length of a plaintext. Let  $k_0(k)$  be an integer valued function bounded by some polynomial on  $k$ . Let  $G$  be a mapping from  $k$  bit strings to  $n$  bit strings and let  $H$  be a mapping from  $n + k$  bit strings to  $k_0$  bit strings. They are treated as random oracles.

Then our scheme is described as follows.

**Key generation algorithm  $\mathcal{G}$ :** Choose two large primes  $p$  and  $q$  whose lengths are both  $k/2$  bits. The secret key is a pair of  $p$  and  $q$ .

The public key is  $pk = (N, c)$  such that

$$N = pq \text{ and } \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{c}{q}\right) = -1,$$

**Encryption algorithm  $\mathcal{E}$ :** Suppose that the input is a message  $x$  which is a  $n$  bit string. First,  $\mathcal{E}$  chooses a random number  $r \in Z_N^*$  such that  $U_{pk}(r) = 0$  and  $V_{pk}(r) = 0$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} U_{pk}(r) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{r}{N}\right) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ V_{pk}(r) &= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r < c/r \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$Y_{pk}(r) = r + c/r \pmod{N}.$$

The output which is the ciphertext of  $x$  is given as

$$x \oplus G(r) \parallel Y_{pk}(r) \parallel H(x \parallel r).$$

**Decryption algorithm  $\mathcal{D}$ :** Suppose that an input is  $z \parallel y \parallel s$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  first solves the following equations by using  $p$  and  $q$ .

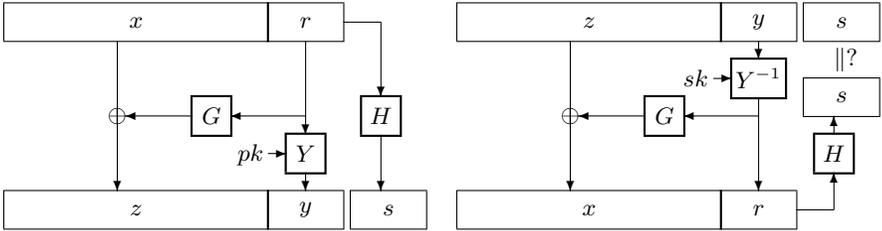
$$\begin{aligned} r^2 - yr + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ r^2 - yr + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{q}. \end{aligned}$$

If there is no root, then it outputs  $\perp$ , which means that the input ciphertext is illegal. Otherwise, it obtains four solutions  $r_1, r_2, r_3$  and  $r_4$  since  $Y_{pk}(r)$  is a four-to-one function. Among the four roots, just one  $r_i$  satisfies  $U_{pk}(r_i) = 0$  and  $V_{pk}(r_i) = 0$ . let us denote such  $r_i$  by  $r$  without subscription. It computes

$$x = z \oplus G(r_i).$$

If  $H(x \parallel r_i) = s$  then it outputs  $x$  as the plaintext. Otherwise, outputs  $\perp$ .

See Fig.1.



**Fig. 1.** Proposed scheme for long messages

**Theorem 1.** Suppose that there exists an adversary  $A$  which  $(t^{(A)}, \epsilon^{(A)}, q_D)$ -breaks our first scheme in the sense of IND-CCA2 with at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$  and at most  $q_H$  queries to  $H$ . Then there exists  $M$  which runs at most  $t^{(M)}$  steps and can factor  $N = pq$  with probability  $\epsilon^{(M)}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} t^{(M)} &= t^{(A)} + (q_G + q_H + q_D)(T_Y(k) + \lambda(n + k)) + T_{Eu}(k) \\ \epsilon^{(M)} &= \epsilon^{(A)}(1 - q_D 2^{-k_0})/2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_Y(k)$  denotes the time complexity of  $Y_{pk}(x)$  and  $T_{Eu}(k)$  denotes that of  $\gcd(x, y)$ .

The proof of Theorem 1 will be given in the final version.

## 4 Proposed Scheme for Short Messages

In this section, we present our second IND-CCA2 scheme whose security is equivalent to factoring  $n = pq$  in the random oracle model, where  $p$  and  $q$  are arbitrary prime numbers. It is more efficient than our first scheme for short messages. We combine Kurosawa et al's scheme with Bellare and Rogaway's scheme of [2]. Note that [2] requires a one-way permutation  $f$  while  $Y_{pk}(x)$  of Sec. 2.2 is four to one.

### 4.1 Scheme

Remember  $k$  is a security parameter. Let  $k_0(\cdot)$  and  $k_1(\cdot)$  be positive integer valued functions such that  $k_0(k) + k_1(k) < k$  for all  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $n(k) = k - k_0(k) - k_1(k)$  be the length of a plaintext.

Let  $G$  be a mapping from  $k_0$  bit strings to  $n + k_1$  bit strings and let  $H$  be a mapping from  $n + k_1$  bit strings to  $k_0$  bit strings. They are treated as random oracles.

Then our scheme is described as follows.

**Key generation algorithm:** Choose two large primes  $p$  and  $q$  whose lengths are both  $k/2$  bits. The secret key is a pair of  $p$  and  $q$ .

The public key is  $pk = (N, c)$  such that

$$N = pq \text{ and } \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{c}{q}\right) = -1,$$

**Encryption algorithm:** Suppose that input message is  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  at first chooses a random bit string  $r$  of length  $k_0$ , computes

$$s = (x||0^{k_1}) \oplus G(r), \quad t = r \oplus H(s), \quad w = s||t.$$

Let

$$U_{pk}(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \left(\frac{w}{N}\right) = 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{pk}(w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w < c/w \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If  $(U_{pk}(w), V_{pk}(w)) = (0, 0)$ , it outputs  $y = Y_{pk}(w)$  as the ciphertext of  $x$ . Otherwise, it repeats choosing  $r$  until  $w$  satisfies  $U_{pk}(w) = V_{pk}(w) = 0$ .

**Decryption algorithm:** Suppose that the input ciphertext is  $y \in \{0, 1\}^k$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  solves

$$\left. \begin{aligned} w^2 - yw + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ w^2 - yw + c &\equiv 0 \pmod{q}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

If there is no solution it outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise there are four solutions  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  and  $w_4$ . Just one of them satisfies  $U_{pk}(w) = V_{pk}(w) = 0$ . It finds such  $w_i$  and sets  $w_i = s||t$  where  $s$  and  $t$  are  $n$  and  $k_0$  bits, respectively. It computes  $x||z = s \oplus G(t \oplus H(s))$  where  $x$  is  $n$  bit string and  $z$  is the rest. If  $z$  is all zeros it outputs  $x$ , otherwise  $\perp$ .

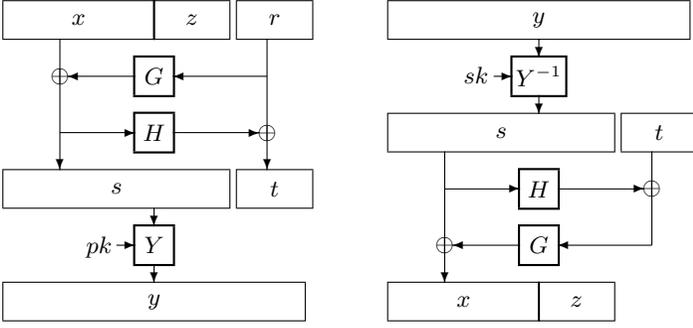


Fig. 2. Proposed scheme for short messages

See Fig.2.

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that there exists an adversary  $A$  such that it  $(t^{(A)}, \epsilon^{(A)})$ -breaks our second scheme in the sense of IND-CPA with at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$  and at most  $q_H$  queries to  $H$ . Then there exists  $M$  which runs at most  $t^{(M)}$  steps and can factor  $N = pq$  with probability  $\epsilon^{(M)}$ , where*

$$t^{(M)} = t^{(A)} + q_G q_H (T_Y(k) + \lambda k) + T_{Eu}(k)$$

$$\epsilon^{(M)} = \epsilon^{(A)} (1 - q_G 2^{-k_0} - q_H 2^{-(n+k_1)}) / 2 - q_G 2^{-k}$$

for some constant  $\lambda$  where  $T_Y(k)$  denotes the time complexity of  $Y_{pk}(x)$  and  $T_{Eu}(k)$  denotes that of  $\text{gcd}(x, y)$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Suppose that there exists an adversary  $B$  such that it  $(t^{(B)}, \epsilon^{(B)}, q_D)$ -breaks our second scheme in the sense of IND-CCA2 with at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$  and at most  $q_H$  queries to  $H$ . Then there exists  $A$  which  $(t^{(A)}, \epsilon^{(A)})$ -breaks our second scheme in the sense of IND-CPA with at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$  and at most  $q_H$  queries to  $H$ , where*

$$t^{(A)} = t^{(B)} + q_G q_H q_D (T_Y(k) + \lambda k)$$

$$\epsilon^{(A)} = \epsilon^{(B)} (1 - q_D 2^{-k_1}) - q_D 2^{-k_1} / 2$$

for some constant  $\lambda$ .

The proof of Theorem 2 and 3 are given in the next subsections. From Theorem 2 and 3, we straightforward obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *If there exists an adversary  $B$  such that it  $(t^{(B)}, \epsilon^{(B)}, q_D)$ -breaks our public encryption scheme in the sense of IND-CCA2 with at most  $q_G$  queries to  $G$  and at most  $q_H$  queries to  $H$ , then there exists  $M$  which runs at most  $t^{(M)}$  steps and can factor  $N = pq$  with probability  $\epsilon^{(M)}$ , where*

$$t^{(M)} = t^{(B)} + q_G q_H (q_D + 1) (T_Y(k) + \lambda k) + T_{Eu}(k)$$

$$\epsilon^{(M)} = \epsilon^{(B)} (1 - q_D 2^{-k_1}) (1 - q_G 2^{-k_0} - q_H 2^{-(n+k_1)}) / 2 - q_D 2^{-k_1} (1 - q_G 2^{-k_0} - q_H 2^{-(n+k_1)}) / 4 - q_G 2^{-k}$$

## 4.2 Proof of Theorem 2

First, we construct  $M$  which factors its input  $N$  efficiently using  $A = (A_1, A_2)$ . This is done by finding a random  $m'$  with  $(m'/N) = -1$  and then using the attacker to extract a preimage  $m$  of  $y = f(m')$  inequivalent to  $m'$  by using the Bellare/Rogaway inversion algorithm. Since the latter does not use the permutation property, our method works.

Firstly,  $M$  randomly chooses  $c$  from  $Z_N^*$  which satisfies  $(\frac{c}{N}) = 1$  and sets  $pk = (N, c)$ .  $M$  chooses randomly  $\hat{m}$  from  $Z_N^*$  which satisfies  $U_{pk}(\hat{m}) = 1$  and  $V_{pk}(\hat{m}) = 0$  and computes  $\hat{y} = Y_{pk}(\hat{m})$ . Then it runs  $A_1(pk)$ . After this,  $A_1$  will make  $G$ -queries and/or  $H$ -queries. To answer them  $M$  prepares two empty lists,  $G$ -list and  $H$ -list, and performs the following.

**$G$ -query for  $g$ :** If  $G$ -list includes an entry  $(g, G(g))$ , return  $G(g)$ . Otherwise, for all entry  $(h, H(h))$  in  $H$ -list compute

$$m = h || (g \oplus H(h)). \quad (2)$$

If there exists  $h$  such that

$$\hat{y} = Y_{pk}(m), U_{pk}(m) = V_{pk}(m) = 0, \quad (3)$$

then obtain  $p, q$  from  $\gcd(N, m - \hat{m})$ . Choose  $G(g)$  which is a random bits string with length  $n + k_1$ , add an entry  $(g, G(g))$  into  $G$ -list, and return  $G(g)$ .

**$H$ -query for  $h$ :** If there is an entry  $(h, H(h))$  in  $H$ -list, return  $H(h)$ . Otherwise, choose  $H(h)$  which is a random bits string with length  $k_0$  and add an entry  $(h, H(h))$  into  $H$ -list. For all entry  $(g, G(g))$  in  $G$ -list computes Eq.(2). If there exists  $g$  which satisfies Eq.(3), then obtain  $p, q$  from  $\gcd(N, m - \hat{m})$ . Finally, return  $H(h)$ .

Then  $A_1$  will outputs  $(x_0, x_1, str)$ .

Next,  $M$  chooses a random bit  $b$ , and runs  $A_2(x_0, x_1, str, \hat{y})$ . If  $A_2$  makes  $G$ -queries and  $H$ -queries,  $M$  answers in the following ways.

**$G$ -query for  $g$ :** If there exists an entry  $(g, G(g))$  in  $G$ -list, return  $G(g)$ . Otherwise, compute Eq.(2) for all entry  $(h, H(h))$  in  $H$ -list. If there exists  $h$  which satisfies Eq.(3), then obtain  $p, q$  from  $\gcd(N, m - \hat{m})$  and return  $G(g) = (x_b || 0^{k_1}) \oplus h$ . Otherwise, choose  $G(g)$  which is a random bits string with length  $n + k_1$ , add an entry  $(g, G(g))$  into  $G$ -list, and return  $G(g)$ .

**$H$ -query for  $h$ :** If there exists an entry  $(h, H(h))$ , return  $H(h)$ . Otherwise, choose  $H(h)$  which is a random bits string with length  $k_0$  and add an entry  $(h, H(h))$  into  $H$ -list. For all entry  $(g, G(g))$  in  $G$ -list compute Eq.(2). If there exists  $g$  which satisfies Eq.(3), then obtain  $p, q$  from  $\gcd(N, m - \hat{m})$ . Finally return  $H(h)$ .

$A_2$  will outputs a bit  $b'$ . If  $M$  finds  $p$  and  $q$  then it outputs them, otherwise outputs  $\perp$ .

If  $(N, c)$  is a legal public key of the proposed scheme and there is a pair of  $(g, h)$  which satisfies Eq.(2) and (3),  $\gcd(N, m - \hat{m})$  always presents  $p$  or  $q$ . For randomly chosen  $c$ , the probability with which  $(N, c)$  is a legal public key is  $1/2$ . Therefore we can estimate  $\epsilon^{(M)}$  similarly with the proof of Theorem 3 in [2] without the factor  $1/2$ .

The running time of  $M$  is also similar with the proof of Theorem 3 in [2] except  $M$  needs additional time to compute  $p$  and  $q$  using  $\gcd$ . When  $(N, c)$  is not a legal public key, it is possible that  $A$  never finish. In such a case  $M$  waits during  $t^{(A)}$  and halts  $A$ .

### 4.3 Proof of Theorem 3

First, we show how to construct  $A_1/A_2$  which uses  $B_1/B_2$  as subroutine. This is done by showing that the chosen-ciphertext attacker is answered invalid plaintext with high probability for a decryption query unless the attacker has previously asked the random oracles  $G$  and  $H$  the queries corresponding to an encryption of the plaintext, the knowledge of which allows the recovery of the plaintext (i.e. the attacker is already aware of the plaintext of the decryption he is asking for).

( $A_1$  : find stage)

On input  $pk$   $A_1$  initializes  $G$ -list and  $H$ -list with empty and runs  $B_1(pk)$ . After this,  $B_1$  will make  $G$ -query,  $H$ -query and decryption query.  $A_1$  answers these queries in the following ways:

**$G$ -query for  $g$ :**  $A_1$  makes the same query to  $G$  oracle, obtains  $G(g)$ , gives it to  $B_1$ , and then adds an entry  $(g, G(g))$  into  $G$ -list.

**$H$ -query for  $h$ :**  $A_1$  answers to it in similar way to the case of  $G$ -query and adds an entry into  $H$ -list.

The most troublesome task is to answer decryption queries for  $y$ . To simulate the decryption oracle without knowing the secret key,  $A_1$  runs Dec-simulator :

**Dec-simulator:** On input  $y$ , for all entry  $(h, H(h))$  and  $(g, G(g))$  in  $H$ -list and  $G$ -list, compute  $m = h || (g \oplus H(h))$  and check  $y = Y_{pk}(m)$  and  $U_{pk}(m) = V_{pk}(m) = 0$ . If the check is not passed, return  $\perp$  which means that  $y$  is an illegal ciphertext. Otherwise set  $x || z = h \oplus G(g)$  where  $x$  is  $n$  bits and  $z$  is the rest. If  $z = 0^{k_1}$  then return  $x$ , otherwise  $\perp$ .

Finally,  $B_1$  outputs  $(x_0, x_1, str)$ .  $A_1$  outputs  $(x_0, x_1, str || G\text{-list} || H\text{-list})$ .

( $A_2$  : guess stage)

On input  $(x_0, x_1, str || G\text{-list} || H\text{-list}, y)$   $A_2$  runs  $B_2$  on input  $(x_0, x_1, str, y)$ . After this,  $B_2$  will make  $G$ -query,  $H$ -query and decryption query.  $A_2$  answers these queries in the same way as  $A_1$ . Finally,  $A_2$  outputs a bit  $b'$  or  $\perp$  which  $B_2$  outputs.

We will estimate the probability  $Adv_{A, \Pi}(k)$ . Let us denote the event ‘‘Dec-simulator can simulate decryption oracle correctly for all queries’’ with  $success_D$ . Clearly,

$$\Pr(b' = b) \geq \Pr(b' = b | success_D) \times \Pr(success_D).$$

From the definition of  $Adv_{A,\Pi}$  and the hypothesis of the theorem,

$$\epsilon^{(B)} = |\Pr(b' = b|success_D) - 1/2|.$$

Wlog., we assume that

$$\epsilon^{(B)} = \Pr(b' = b|success_D) - 1/2.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(b' = b|success_D) &= 1/2 + \epsilon^{(B)}, \\ Adv_{A,\Pi}(k) &= |\Pr(b' = b) - 1/2| \\ &\geq |\Pr(b' = b|success_D) \times \Pr(success_D) - 1/2| \\ &= |(1/2 + \epsilon^{(B)}) \Pr(success_D) - 1/2| \\ &= |\epsilon^{(B)} \Pr(success_D) - \frac{1 - \Pr(success_D)}{2}| \end{aligned}$$

Now then, we need to estimate  $\Pr(succeed_D)$ . Assume that  $B_1$  or  $B_2$  makes a query for a ciphertext  $y$ . We consider three cases.

1. If there exists no  $m$  such that  $y = Y_{pk}(m)$ , then both Dec-simulator and decryption oracle will output  $\perp$ , that is, Dec-simulator can simulate correctly.
2. If there is  $m = s||t$  such that  $y = Y_{pk}(m)$  and  $U_{pk}(m) = V_{pk}(m) = 0$ , and there are  $(g, G(g))$  and  $(h, H(h))$  in  $G$ -list and  $H$ -list such that  $h = s, g = t \oplus H(h)$ , Dec-simulator returns a correct plaintext (or  $\perp$ ) with probability one.
3. If there is  $m = s||t$  such that  $y = Y_{pk}(m)$  and  $U_{pk}(m) = V_{pk}(m) = 0$ , but there is no  $(g, G(g))$  and/or  $(h, H(h))$  in  $G$ -list and/or  $H$ -list such that  $h = s, g = t \oplus H(h)$ , Dec-simulator returns always outputs  $\perp$ . On the other hands, the legal decryption oracle will make  $H$ -query for  $h = s$  and  $G$ -query for  $g = t \oplus H(h)$ , and check whether  $z$  is all zeros where  $x||z = h \oplus G(g)$ . Since  $G(g)$  is random,  $h \oplus G(g)$  is random. Then the decryption oracle outputs a message with probability  $2^{-k_1}$ .

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(success_D \text{ for one query}) &\geq 1 - 2^{-k_1}, \\ \Pr(success_D) &\geq 1 - q_D 2^{-k_1}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$Adv_{A,\Pi}(k) \geq \epsilon^{(B)}(1 - q_D 2^{-k_1}) - \frac{q_D 2^{-k_1}}{2}.$$

Finally, we will estimate the time complexity. To answer one decryption query  $A$  needs to compute  $Y_{pk}(m)$  and to compare for every  $h$  and  $g$ . Then, it is clear that

$$t^{(A)}(k) = t^{(B)}(k) + q_G q_H q_D (T_Y(k) + \lambda k).$$

## 5 Discussion

In this section, we discuss about some variations of our schemes.

First, we can reduce the running time of encryption four times in average if we add two bits ( $U_{pk}, V_{pk}$ ) to the ciphertexts. In this case, we do not have to choose random numbers such that  $U_{pk} = V_{pk} = 0$  while the ciphertext becomes two bits longer.

Next, we can replace  $Y_{pk}(r)$  with  $r^2 \bmod N$ . In this case, however, the ciphertexts are not uniquely decrypted with small probabilities such as

$$P_1 = 3/2^{k_0} \text{ in the scheme of Sec. 3,}$$

$$P_2 = 3/2^{k_1} \text{ in the scheme of Sec. 4.}$$

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