

Cryptographic Protocols

Exercise 9

9.1 ElGamal Commitments

The ElGamal commitment function maps elements of $\mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ to elements of $G \times G$, where q is a prime number and G is a cyclic group of order q . More precisely, the ElGamal commitment to a value $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ with randomness $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ is a pair $A := (g^\alpha, g^{a h^\alpha})$, where g is a fixed generator of G and h is a randomly chosen element of G .¹

- Show that ElGamal commitments are homomorphic with respect to addition.
- Prove that ElGamal commitments are perfectly binding.
- Prove that the ElGamal commitment scheme is computationally hiding under the assumption that the *decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH)* problem is hard, i.e., under the assumption that it is computationally hard to distinguish (for a fixed generator g) triples (g^u, g^v, g^{uv}) from triples (g^u, g^v, g^w) for randomly chosen exponents u, v, w .

9.2 Multi-Party Computation from Homomorphic Commitments

Consider a (non-interactive) commitment scheme characterized by a function $C : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, where \mathcal{X} is the space of committable values, \mathcal{R} is the randomness space, and \mathcal{B} is the blob space. Assume that C is homomorphic, i.e., that \mathcal{X} , \mathcal{R} , and \mathcal{B} are groups and that C is a group homomorphism.

The goal of this task is to adapt this commitment scheme such that it can be used in an MPC.

- Construct a protocol COMMIT that allows a player P to commit towards all players to some value $x \in \mathcal{X}$.
- Provide a protocol OPEN that allows a player P to open a certain commitment to some player P' . Moreover, provide a protocol OPEN' that allows P to open a commitment to all players.
- Construct a commitment transfer protocol CTP that allows to transfer a commitment from a player P to some other player P' .
- Finally, provide a commitment multiplication protocol CMP.

¹Assume that h is chosen during a setup phase such that neither the sender nor the receiver knows its discrete logarithm w.r.t. g .