

Linear Generalized ElGamal Encryption Scheme

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Abstract: ElGamal public key encryption scheme has been designed in the 80's. It is one of the first partial homomorphic encryption and one of the first IND-CPA probabilistic public key encryption scheme. A linear version has been recently proposed by Boneh et al. In this paper, we present a linear encryption based on a generalized version of ElGamal encryption scheme. We prove that our scheme is IND-CPA secure under linear assumption. We design a generalized ElGamal scheme from the generalized linear. We also run an evaluation of performances of our scheme. We show that the decryption algorithm is slightly faster than the existing versions.

1 INTRODUCTION


In 2009 in his thesis (Gentry, 2009), G. Gentry proposed the first fully homomorphic encryption scheme. It was a revolution and it solves an open problem already stated by Rivest Shamir and Adelman when they invented RSA in (Rivest et al., 1978). Many advances have been done and nowadays we have some efficient implementations like for instance SEAL developed by Microsoft (SEAL, 2019). However for some applications like the inversion of a large matrix or multiplications of large matrices fully homomorphic encryption schemes can be very slow or produce large ciphertext or even be inexact. It is why all partial homomorphic encryptions like RSA (Rivest et al., 1978), GM (Goldwasser and Micali, 1982), ElGamal (Elgamal, 1985), Benaloh (Benaloh, 1999; Fousse et al., 2011), Okamoto-Uchiyama (Okamoto and Uchiyama, 1998), Naccache-Stern (Naccache and Stern, 1998), Paillier (Paillier, 1999) or Galbraith (Galbraith, 2002), are still widely used. They can be used to solve such problems in reasonable amount of time like in (Ciucanu et al., 2019).


Many cryptosystems rely on the Diffie-Hellman decision problem (DDH) (Boneh, 1998; Joux and Guen, 2006) assumption, notably the ElGamal encryption scheme and the Cramer-Shoup encryption scheme (Cramer and Shoup, 1998). In (D. Boneh and Shacham, 2004b), Boneh et al. introduced the Deci-


sional Linear Assumption (DLA) and a variation of ElGamal encryption scheme. Our aim is to improve this linear version of ElGamal encryption scheme using the same approach proposed in (Sow and Sow, 2011).

Contributions. We propose the following results:

- Most of today's public key cryptosystems are resistant to various types of attacks and are effective. Their main role is the protection of communications so they guarantee the security of the data exchanged or stored. Thus, it will always be interesting to find a new encryption scheme or to improve a known one. It is in this context that we propose a linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. The modifications are about the key generation which lead to a different encryption and decryption algorithms. Like linear ElGamal encryption, the linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme is IND-CPA secure under (DLA).
- We also propose the ElGamal and the Generalized ElGamal schemes from the generalized linear.
- We implement the algorithms and compare their performances with the original algorithms. Our performance evaluations show that the decryption algorithm is faster. We also demonstrate that our key generation algorithm is slower, but this is not a problem since this operation is usually done only once.

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Related Works. In 1985, Taher ElGamal (Elgamal, 1985) proposed an encryption and signature scheme called ElGamal scheme.

In (Hanoymak, 2013), Turgut Hanoymak proves the security of ElGamal encryption scheme which is based on the hardness to solve the Computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH) and Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problems.

In (D. Boneh and Shacham, 2004b), Boneh et al. proposed a linear encryption scheme based on the ElGamal encryption scheme. The linear ElGamal encryption scheme is IND-CPA secure under the (DLA).

In (Sow and Sow, 2011), a modified variant of the ElGamal scheme is presented, and it is called *Generalized ElGamal*. As ElGamal's scheme, the Generalized ElGamal scheme is based on Decisional Diffie-Hellman Problem (DDH). In the Generalized ElGamal scheme, the decryption key size is smaller than those of ElGamal scheme. Hence the Generalized ElGamal scheme is more efficient than ElGamal scheme; since the decryption process is a bit faster. The encryption mechanism has the same efficiency than ElGamal encryption mechanism. But, the key generation algorithm is slower than the key generation algorithm of ElGamal scheme. However, this is not a problem since the key generation is done only once.

Outline of Paper. In Section 2, we present the original ElGamal encryption scheme and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. In Section 3, we present the Linear assumption, the linear ElGamal encryption scheme and the ElGamal encryption scheme from the generalized linear. In Section 4, we propose the linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme from the generalized linear. In Section 5, we propose a complexity analysis of our scheme. In Section 6.1, we present the curves showing the average time of the key generation, encryption and decryption algorithms of the ElGamal encryption scheme and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. In Section 6.2, we also present the curves showing the average time of the key generation, encryption and decryption algorithms of the Linear ElGamal encryption scheme and the Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. Note that a full version with the security proofs is available on (Extended Version,).

2 ElGamal AND GENERALIZED ElGamal ENCRYPTION SCHEMES

We recall the ElGamal encryption scheme (Elgamal, 1985) and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme (Sow and Sow, 2011).

2.1 The ElGamal Encryption Scheme

Given a computational group scheme \mathbb{G} , the ElGamal public-key encryption is defined as follow (Elgamal, 1985):

Key Generation Algorithm. For the creation of a public/secret key, Bob should do the following:

1. Select a finite cyclic group \mathbb{G} of order d with generator g .
2. Select a random integer a such that $2 < a < d$.
3. Compute $h = g^a$ in \mathbb{G} .
4. The public key is $pk = (\mathbb{G}, d, g, h)$ and the secret key is $sk = a$.

Encryption Algorithm. To encrypt a message m for Bob, Alice should do the following:

1. Take $pk = (\mathbb{G}, d, g, h)$, the Bob's public key;
2. Select a random integer r such that $1 < r < d = \#\mathbb{G}$;
3. Compute $c_1 = g^r$ and $c_2 = m \cdot h^r$ in \mathbb{G} ;
4. The ciphertext is $c = (c_1, c_2)$.

Decryption Algorithm. To decrypt a ciphertext c , Bob should do the following:

1. Take $sk = a$ the secret key.
2. Compute $m = \frac{c_2}{(c_1)^a}$, we note that $m \in \mathbb{G}$.
3. The plaintext is m .

Security Proof of ElGamal Encryption. We recall some theorems, which show the security of ElGamal encryption scheme under the CDH and DDH assumptions. Let \mathcal{GP} an algorithm which takes 1^k and returns the public key $pk = (\mathbb{G}, d, g, h)$ of the ElGamal encryption scheme.

- **One-wayness under the CDH Assumption.** If the CDH assumption holds with respect to \mathcal{GP} , then the ElGamal encryption scheme is one-way.

Theorem 2.1. *Let adversary \mathcal{A} be a probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm against the ElGamal encryption scheme (Elgamal, 1985) in the OW-CPA sense. Then there is a probabilistic*

polynomial-time algorithm \mathcal{B} against \mathcal{GP} solving the CDH problem such that:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{B}}^{CDH}(k) = Adv_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{OW-CPA}(k).$$

- **Indistinguishability under the DDH Assumption.** If the DDH assumption holds with respect to \mathcal{GP} , then the ElGamal encryption scheme is indistinguishable under chosen-plaintext attacks, i.e., it is IND-CPA secure.

Theorem 2.2. Let adversary \mathcal{A} be a probabilistic polynomial-time against the ElGamal encryption scheme in the IND-CPA sense. Then there is a probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm \mathcal{B} against \mathcal{GP} solving the DDH problem such that:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{B}}^{DDH}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Adv_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(k).$$

- **Semantic Security.** In (J. Katz, 2008), Katz and al. prove the semantic security of the ElGamal encryption scheme.

Theorem 2.3. Under the DDH assumption, El-Gamal encryption scheme is semantically secure.

2.2 Generalized ElGamal Encryption Scheme

We give a key generation mechanism and a public key encryption algorithm (Sow and Sow, 2011), which can be view as a slight modification of ElGamal's schemes (Elgamal, 1985).

Key Generation Algorithm. To create a pair of public and private key, we do the following:

1. Select a cyclic group G with sufficiently large order $d = \#G$ such that $G = \langle g \rangle$.
2. Select two random integers r and k sufficiently large such that $2 < k < d$ and r of size half the size of d with $d = \#G$. Compute kd .
3. Compute with euclidean division algorithm, the pair (s, t) such that $kd = rs + t$ where $t = kd \bmod s$.
4. Compute $\gamma = g^s$ and $\delta = g^t$ in G ; Note that $\gamma \neq 1$ and $\delta \neq 1$.

Then public key is $((\gamma, \delta), G)$ and the private key is (r, G) .

Encryption Algorithm. To encrypt a message with the public key $((\gamma, \delta), d, G)$, we do the following:

1. Select a random integer $2 < \alpha < d = \#G$ such that α and $\#G$ are co-prime.
2. Compute $c_1 = \gamma^\alpha$ and $\lambda = \delta^\alpha$ in G , hence $c_1 \neq 1$ and $\lambda \neq 1$.

3. Transform the message m as an element of G and compute $c_2 = \lambda m$ in G . The ciphertext is (c_1, c_2) .

Decryption Algorithm. To decrypt a ciphertext of the form (c_1, c_2) that is encrypted with the public key $((\gamma, \delta), d, G)$ and knowing the associate secret key (r, G) , we just need to compute $c_1^r c_2$.

Provable Security of the Generalized ElGamal Encryption Scheme.

- **One-wayness under the CDH Assumption.**

Theorem 2.4. Under the CDH Assumption, the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme is One-Way secure under Chosen Plaintext Attack (OW-CPA). That is, for a security parameter k , if there is an attacker \mathcal{A} that inverse the Generalized El-Gamal encryption then we can build an algorithm \mathcal{B} that solves CDH, it means that

$$Adv_{\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{B}}^{CDH}(k) = Adv_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{OW-CPA}(k).$$

- **Indistinguishability under the DDH Assumption.**

Theorem 2.5. Under the DDH Assumption, the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme is indistinguishable under Chosen Plaintext Attacks, i.e., it is IND-CPA secure. So we have:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{GP}, \mathcal{B}}^{DDH}(k) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot Adv_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(k),$$

where \mathcal{A} is an attacker of the Generalized ElGamal encryption and k the security parameter.

To justify the performance of Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme described in (Sow and Sow, 2011) with respect to ElGamal encryption scheme, comparison curves in execution time of the key generation, encryption and decryption algorithms are performed (see Figure 1, Figure 2 and Figure 3).

3 LINEAR ENCRYPTION

Boneh et al. (D. Boneh and Shacham, 2004b) introduced a decisional assumption, called Linear, intended to take the place of DDH in groups - in particular, bilinear groups (Joux and Nguyen, 2003) - where DDH is easy. For this setting, the Linear problem has desirable properties, as they have shown: it is hard if DDH is hard, but, at least in generic groups (Shoup, 1997), it remains hard even if DDH is easy. Letting G be a cyclic multiplicative group of prime order p , and

letting g_1, g_2 , and g_3 be arbitrary generators of G , we consider the following problem:

Linear Problem in G : Given $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_1^a, g_2^b, g_3^c \in G$ as input, output yes if $a + b = c$ and no otherwise. The advantage of an algorithm \mathcal{A} in deciding the Linear problem in G is denoted by $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{linear}}$ and it is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned} & |Pr[\mathcal{A}(g_1, g_2, g_3, g_1^a, g_2^b, g_3^{a+b}) = \text{yes}] \\ & \quad - Pr[\mathcal{A}(g_1, g_2, g_3, g_1^a, g_2^b, \eta) = \text{yes}] \\ & \quad |Pr[g_1, g_2, g_3 \xleftarrow{R} G, a, b \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_p] \\ & \quad |Pr[g_1, g_2, g_3, \eta \xleftarrow{R} G, a, b \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_p] \end{aligned}$$

with the probability taken over the uniform random choice of the parameters to \mathcal{A} and over the coin tosses of \mathcal{A} . We say that an algorithm $\mathcal{A}(t, \epsilon)$ -decides Linear in G if \mathcal{A} runs in time at most t , and $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{linear}}$ is at least ϵ .

Definition 3.1. We say that the (t, ϵ) -Decision Linear Assumption holds in G if no algorithm (t, ϵ) -decides the Decision Linear problem in G .

The Linear problem is well defined in any group where DDH is well defined. It is mainly used in bilinear groups like in (Boneh and Franklin, 2003; D. Boneh and Shacham, 2004a; Paterson, 2005).

3.1 Linear ElGamal Encryption Scheme

Boneh et al proposed a linear encryption scheme based on the ElGamal encryption scheme. Given a computational group scheme G , the Linear ElGamal encryption scheme is defined as follows:

LE.Gg(1^λ): Choose a random generator $g_3 \xleftarrow{\$} G$ and $x_1, x_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and set $g_1 \leftarrow g_3^{x_1^{-1}}$ and $g_2 \leftarrow g_3^{x_2^{-1}}$. The public key is $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \in G^3$; the secret key is $sk = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2$.

LE.Enc(pk, M): To encrypt a message $M \in G$, parse $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \in G^3$, choose random exponents $r_1, r_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and set: $u_1 \leftarrow g_1^{r_1}$ and $u_2 \leftarrow g_2^{r_2}$ and $u_3 \leftarrow M g_3^{r_1+r_2}$. The ciphertext $ct = (u_1, u_2, u_3) \in G^3$.

LE.Dec(sk, ct): Parse the private key sk as $(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^2$ and the ciphertext ct as $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \in G^3$ and compute $M \leftarrow u_3 u_1^{-x_1} u_2^{-x_2}$.

Correctness of Decryption Process. Since $u_1 = g_1^{r_1}$ and $u_2 = g_2^{r_2}$, $u_3 = M g_3^{r_1+r_2}$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u_3 / (u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2}) &= M g_3^{r_1+r_2} / ((g_1^{r_1})^{x_1} (g_2^{r_2})^{x_2}) \\ &= (M g_3^{r_1+r_2}) / (g_3^{r_1} g_3^{r_2}) = M \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2. Under the Linear Assumption, ElGamal Encryption Scheme is IND-CPA secure (D. Boneh and Shacham, 2004b).

3.2 ElGamal from Generalized Linear

We define three functions: the setup function, denoted LE.Gg(), the encryption function, denoted LE.Enc() and the decryption function, denoted LE.Dec().

We now describe how these functions works.

LE.Gg(1^λ): Choose a random generator $g_n \xleftarrow{\$} G$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and set: $g_1 \leftarrow g_n^{1/x_1}$, $g_2 \leftarrow g_n^{1/x_2}$, \dots , $g_{n-1} \leftarrow g_n^{1/x_{n-1}}$. The public key is $pk = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \in G^n$; the secret key is $sk = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n-1}$.

LE.Enc(pk, M): To encrypt a message $M \in G$, parse $pk = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n) \in G^n$, choose random exponents $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n-1} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and set: $u_1 \leftarrow g_1^{r_1}$, $u_2 \leftarrow g_2^{r_2}, \dots, u_n \leftarrow M g_n^{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_{n-1}}$. the ciphertext $ct = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in G^n$.

LE.Dec(sk, ct): Parse the private key sk as $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n-1}$ and the ciphertext ct as $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in G^n$ and compute :

$$M \leftarrow u_n / (u_1^{x_1} u_2^{x_2} \dots u_{n-1}^{x_{n-1}})$$

4 LINEAR GENERALIZED ElGamal ENCRYPTION SCHEME

We present the Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme, its security and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme from the generalized linear.

4.1 Algorithms

Given a computational group scheme G , the Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme is composed of the following three functions: the setup function, denoted LGE.Gg(), the encryption function, denoted LGE.Enc() and the decryption function, denoted LGE.Dec().

We now describe how these functions works.

LGE.Gg(1^λ): Choose a random generator $g \xleftarrow{\$} G$ and $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_d$, $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{d/2}$.

Compute $(s, t) \in \mathbb{Z}_d^2$ such that $s \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{kd}{r} \rfloor$ and $t \leftarrow kd \pmod r$ and set $g_1 \leftarrow g^r$, $g_2 \leftarrow g^s$, and $g_3 \leftarrow g^t$. The public key is $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \in G^3$ and the secret key is $sk = (r, s, t) \in \mathbb{Z}_{d/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_d^2$.

LGE.Enc(pk, M): To encrypt a message $M \in G$, parse $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3) \in G^3$, choose random exponents $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_d$, and set

$$c_1 \leftarrow g_1^{\alpha_1} \text{ and } c_2 \leftarrow g_2^{\alpha_2} \text{ and } c_3 \leftarrow M g_3^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2};$$

the ciphertext $ct = (c_1, c_2, c_3) \in G^3$.

LGE.Dec(sk, ct): Parse the private key sk as $(r, s, t) \in \mathbb{Z}_{d/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_d^2$ and the ciphertext ct as $(c_1, c_2, c_3) \in G^3$ and compute $M \leftarrow c_1^s c_2^r c_3$.

Before proving the security of our scheme in Theorem 4.1, we give its correctness.

Correctness of Decryption Process. Since $c_1 = g_1^{\alpha_1}$, $c_2 = g_2^{\alpha_2}$ and $c_3 = M g_3^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1^s c_2^r c_3 &= g_1^{\alpha_1 s} g_2^{\alpha_2 r} g_3^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} M \\ &= M g_3^{\alpha_1 r s} g_3^{\alpha_2 s r} g_3^{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)t} \\ &= M g^{(rs+t)(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} \\ &= M g^{kd(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)} \\ &= M \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 4.1. *The Linear Generalized ElGamal Encryption Scheme is IND-CPA secure under the Decisional Linear Assumption (DLA).*

4.2 Generalized ElGamal from Generalized Linear

Given a computational group scheme G , the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme from the generalized linear is defined as follows:

LGE.Gg(1^λ): Choose a random generator $g \xleftarrow{\$} G$ and $k, r_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_d \times \mathbb{Z}_{d/2}$, compute $(s_i, t_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_d^2$ such that $s_i \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{kd}{r_i} \rfloor$ and $t_i \leftarrow kd \pmod{r_i}$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{3}$ and set for $0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3} - 1$: $g_{3k+1} \leftarrow g^{r_{k+1}}$, $g_{3k+2} \leftarrow g^{s_{k+1}}$ and $g_{3k+3} \leftarrow g^{t_{k+1}}$. The public key is $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{n-2}, g_{n-1}, g_n) \in G^n$ and the secret key is $sk = (r_i, s_i, t_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{d/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_d^2$, $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{3}$.

LGE.Enc(pk, M): . To encrypt a message $M \in G$, parse $pk = (g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_{n-2}, g_{n-1}, g_n) \in G^n$, choose random exponents $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_d$, and set $0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{3} - 1$: $c_{3k+1} \leftarrow g_{3k+1}^{\alpha_{3k+1}}$, $c_{3k+2} \leftarrow g_{3k+2}^{\alpha_{3k+2}}$, $c_{3k+3} \leftarrow M g_{3k+3}^{\alpha_{3k+1} + \alpha_{3k+2}}$. The ciphertext ct is $(c_{3k+1}, c_{3k+2}, c_{3k+3}) \in G^3$.

LGE.Dec(sk, ct): Parse the private key sk as $(r_i, s_i, t_i) \in \mathbb{Z}_{d/2} \times \mathbb{Z}_d^2$, $1 \leq i \leq n/3$ and the ciphertext ct as $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in G^n$ and compute

$$M \leftarrow \sqrt[n]{\prod_{k=1}^n c_{3k+1}^{s_{k+1}} c_{3k+2}^{r_{k+1}} c_{3k+3}}$$

Table 1: Comparison of Linear ElGamal and Linear Generalized ElGamal for each algorithm in terms of computational cost.

	Linear ElGamal	Linear Generalized ElGamal
Size Key	secret key $\in \mathbb{Z}_q$, $q = o(G)$	secret key $\in \mathbb{Z}_d$, $d = o(G)$
Key Gen	$P = 2, M = 0, nP = 3, nS = 2$	$P = 3, M = 1, nP = 3, nS = 3$
Encryption	$P = 3, M = 1$	$P = 3, M = 1$
Decryption	$P = 2, M = 2, I = 2$	$P = 2, M = 2, I = 0$

5 COMPLEXITY EVALUATION

We present a complexity comparison between the Linear ElGamal and the Linear Generalized ElGamal schemes. We give in this section a theoretical complexity where we study the number of computations needed in each algorithm (key generation, encryption and decryption). Let us set the following parameters:

- P = power's number (exponent),
- M = multiplication's number,
- S = sum's number,
- I = inverse's number,
- nP = number of parameters of the public key,
- nS = number of parameters of the private key.

To present the performance of the two encryption schemes, we study the number of operations performed (according to the parameters described) in the key generation, encryption and decryption processes.

From the comparative Table 1, we can clearly see that Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme is slower at generating keys but is faster for decryption the exponent used in the decryption algorithm has a size half of the order of the group. Moreover, we see that there is no inverse computed (even though this difference brings only a slight improvement).

6 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

All our algorithms have been programmed with SageMath (The Sage Developers, 2020). The tests are performed with security parameters of size 32, 64, 128, 512, 1024 bits. Some even go up to 2048 bits. We start by comparing ElGamal and Generalized ElGa-

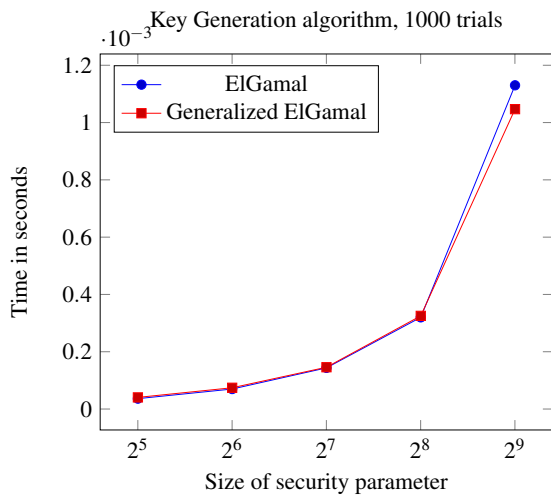


Figure 1: Average time of key generation algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

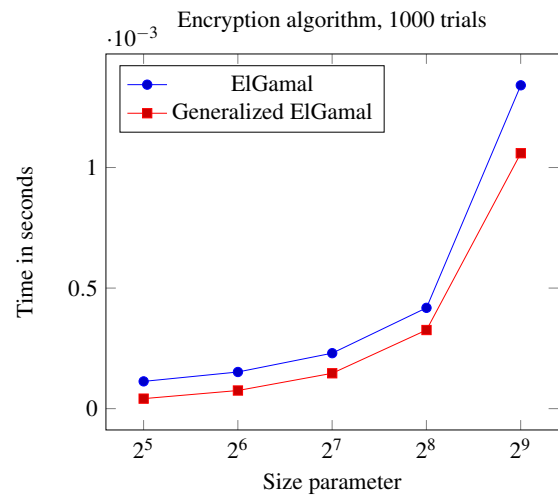


Figure 2: Average time of encryption algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

mal¹ before comparing Linear ElGamal and Linear Generalized ElGamal.

6.1 ElGamal and Generalized ElGamal

We present the curves showing the execution time of the key generation, encryption and decryption algorithms of the ElGamal encryption scheme and the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme.

The execution time of those two schemes is carried out under the same conditions in terms of generation of the values and sizes of the security parameters. Indeed, given a size of a security parameter, there are 1000 trials where new parameters (such as prime number and messages) are computed for each trial.

We give a detailed execution time for the key generation in Figure 1 and 4, the encryption algorithm in Figure 2 and 5 and the decryption algorithm in Figure 3 and 6.

Key Generation Algorithms. The curves of Figure 1 show the execution time of key generation algorithms for the ElGamal encryption scheme and for Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We show that the two algorithms are similar. When the key size increases then the Generalized ElGamal is a bit faster.

Encryption Algorithms. The curves of Figure 2 show the execution time of encryption algorithms of the ElGamal encryption scheme and Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We observe that the Gen-

eralized ElGamal encryption is always faster than ElGamal encryption. Indeed, we observe empirically that computations of γ^α and computations of δ^α for Generalized ElGamal have the same execution time than the term h^r for the standard ElGamal. Yet, the computations of the term g^r is slower than the three others. Thus, the overall execution time of encryption algorithm for the Generalized scheme is less than the one for the standard ElGamal.

Decryption Algorithms. The curves given in Figure 3 show the execution time of decryption algorithms of the ElGamal encryption scheme and Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We can see that the Generalized ElGamal decryption is always significantly faster than ElGamal decryption.

6.2 Linear ElGamal and Linear Generalized ElGamal

We studied the performance of Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme with respect to Linear ElGamal encryption scheme. We present the execution time evaluations of the key generation in Figure 4, encryption in Figure 5 and decryption in Figure 6.

Key Generation Algorithms. The curves given in Figure 4 show the execution time of key generation algorithms of the Linear ElGamal encryption scheme and Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We can see that our algorithm for key generation is clearly slower than the one proposed by Boneh et al. It is the price to pay in order to have a faster encryption and decryption algorithms. It is not an issue because

¹Surprisingly this performance evaluation has not been done in (Sow and Sow, 2011).

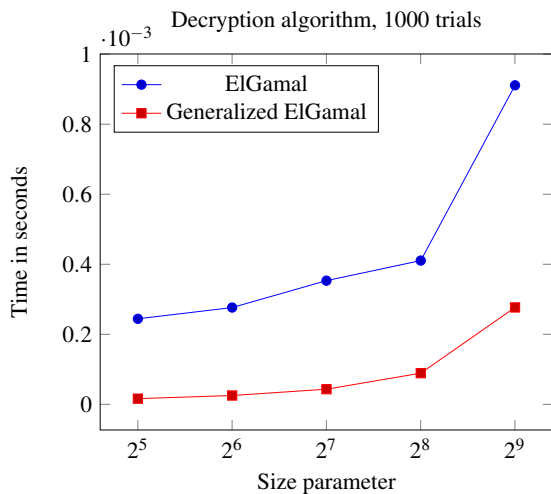


Figure 3: Average time of decryption algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

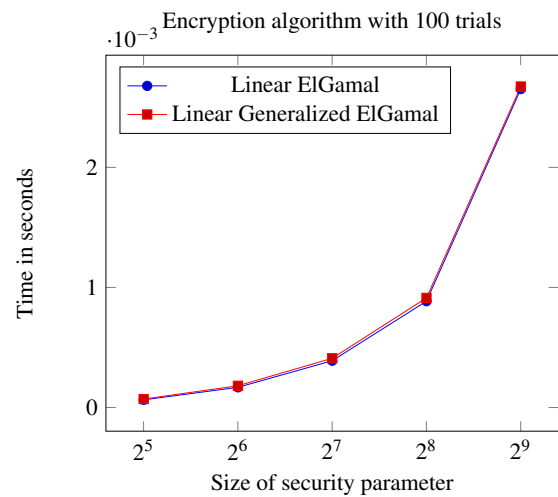


Figure 5: Average time of encryption algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

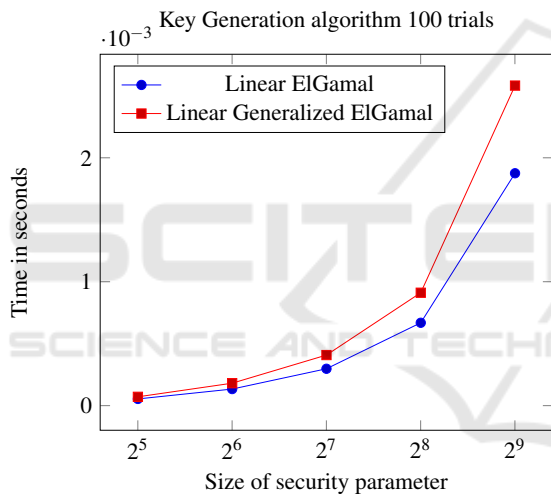


Figure 4: Average time of key generation algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

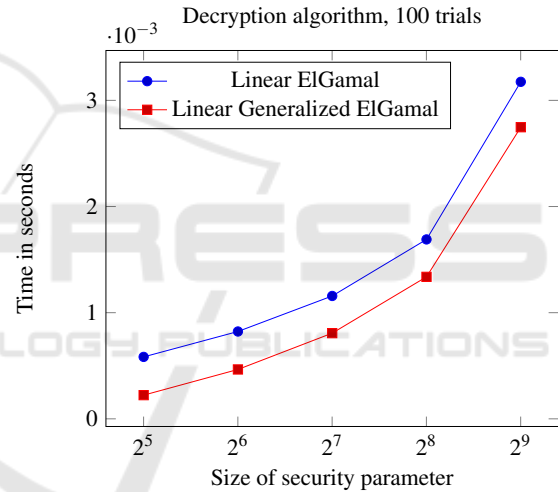


Figure 6: Average time of decryption algorithm depending on the size of security parameter.

the key generation is in general done only once while the encryption and decryption algorithms are more often used.

Encryption Algorithms. The curves of Figure 5 give the execution time of encryption algorithms of the Linear ElGamal encryption scheme and Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. According to the complexity analysis the timings are similar since the number of exponentiations are similar. Empirically, we observe that they are similar.

Decryption Algorithms. The curves of Figure 6 represent the execution time of decryption algorithms of the Linear ElGamal encryption scheme and Linear

Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We clearly see that the decryption is faster using our scheme, which confirms the complexity analysis of the previous section.

7 CONCLUSION

We have proposed a faster Linear Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme based on the Generalized ElGamal encryption scheme. We prove that our linear scheme is IND-CPA secure under the Linear problem like the linear encryption scheme based on the ElGamal encryption scheme. It also has a faster encryption and decryption algorithms.

In the future, we would like to see how our approach can be applied to improved other schemes.

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