

El Gamal encryption

p, g
don't need
to be
random \Rightarrow

Bob chooses

- large prime p , primitive root $g \pmod{p}$
- random x , $h := g^x \pmod{p}$

public key:
 p, g, h

private key:
 x

DH: p, g

A: $y \rightarrow g^y$

B: $x \rightarrow g^x$

shared secret

$g^{xy} \pmod{p}$

Alice encrypt: $C = (C_1, C_2)$

$$C_1 = g^y \pmod{p}$$

$$C_2 = h^y m \pmod{p} \quad \text{where she selects } y \text{ at random}$$

Bob decrypts: $m = C_2 C_1^{-x} \pmod{p}$

EG Bob's public ElGamal key
($p=31, g=11, h=6$)

- encrypt $m=3$
(“random” choice $y=4$)

$$C_1 = 11^4 \pmod{31} \equiv 9$$

$$C_2 = 6^4 \cdot 3 \pmod{31} \equiv 13$$

$$\Rightarrow C = (9, 13)$$

- determine private key x

$$h = g^x \pmod{p}$$

$$6 = 11^x \pmod{31}$$

$$\Rightarrow x=5$$

discrete log!
hard!

- decrypt $C = (9, 13)$

$$m = C_2 C_1^{-x} \pmod{p}$$

$$13 \cdot 9^{-5} \pmod{31}$$

$$\equiv 3$$

Fermat!
 $\equiv 9^{25}$