

# Polynomial time cryptanalysis of the Commutator Key Exchange Protocol

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In this lecture: Only passive adversaries.

The kernel on which more involved PKC is built.

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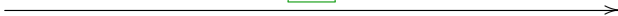
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10,000 bits prime for “eternal” security? Impractical.

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The diagram illustrates the communication process. A horizontal line with an arrow pointing right is positioned above a horizontal line with an arrow pointing left. A box containing  $g^a$  is placed above the rightward arrow, and a box containing  $g^b$  is placed above the leftward arrow.

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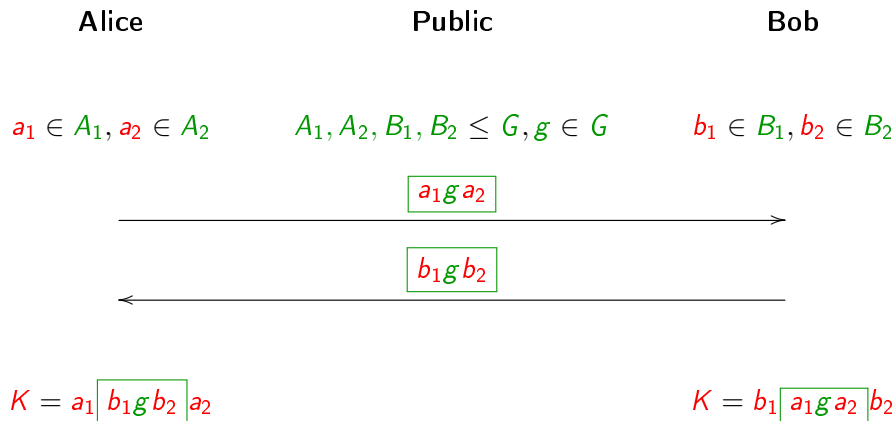

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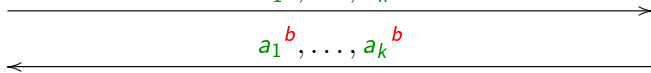
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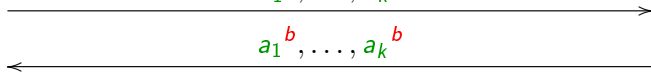
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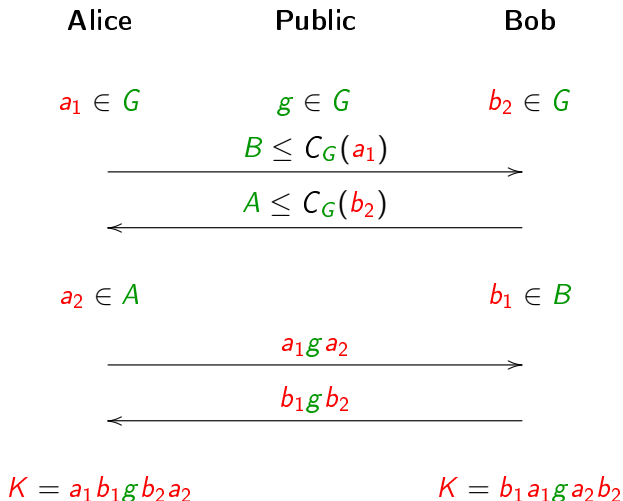
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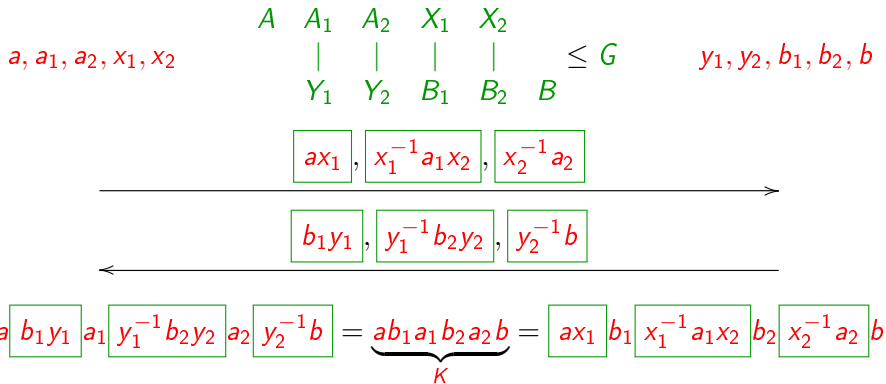
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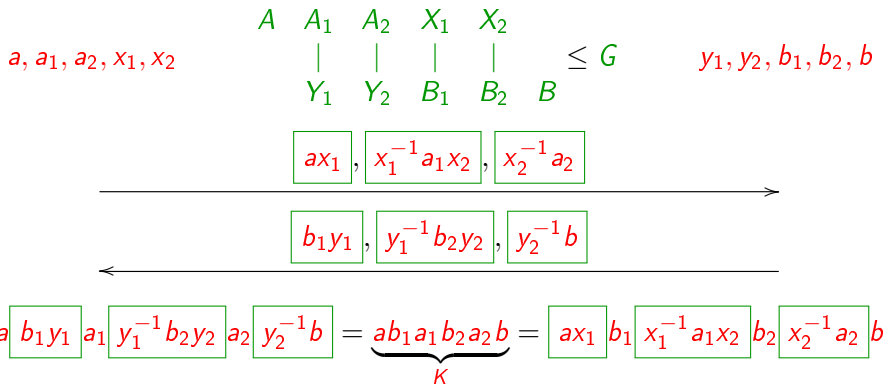


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