

Asymmetric cryptography

Last time: symmetric

Alice
K



Bob
K

same key K

PKA

Alice

Bob

$SK_A, PK_A =$ public key (known to everyone)

~~SK_B, PK_B~~

||
secret key (only known to Alice)

$C = \text{Enc}(PK_B, M)$ → can encrypt using public key

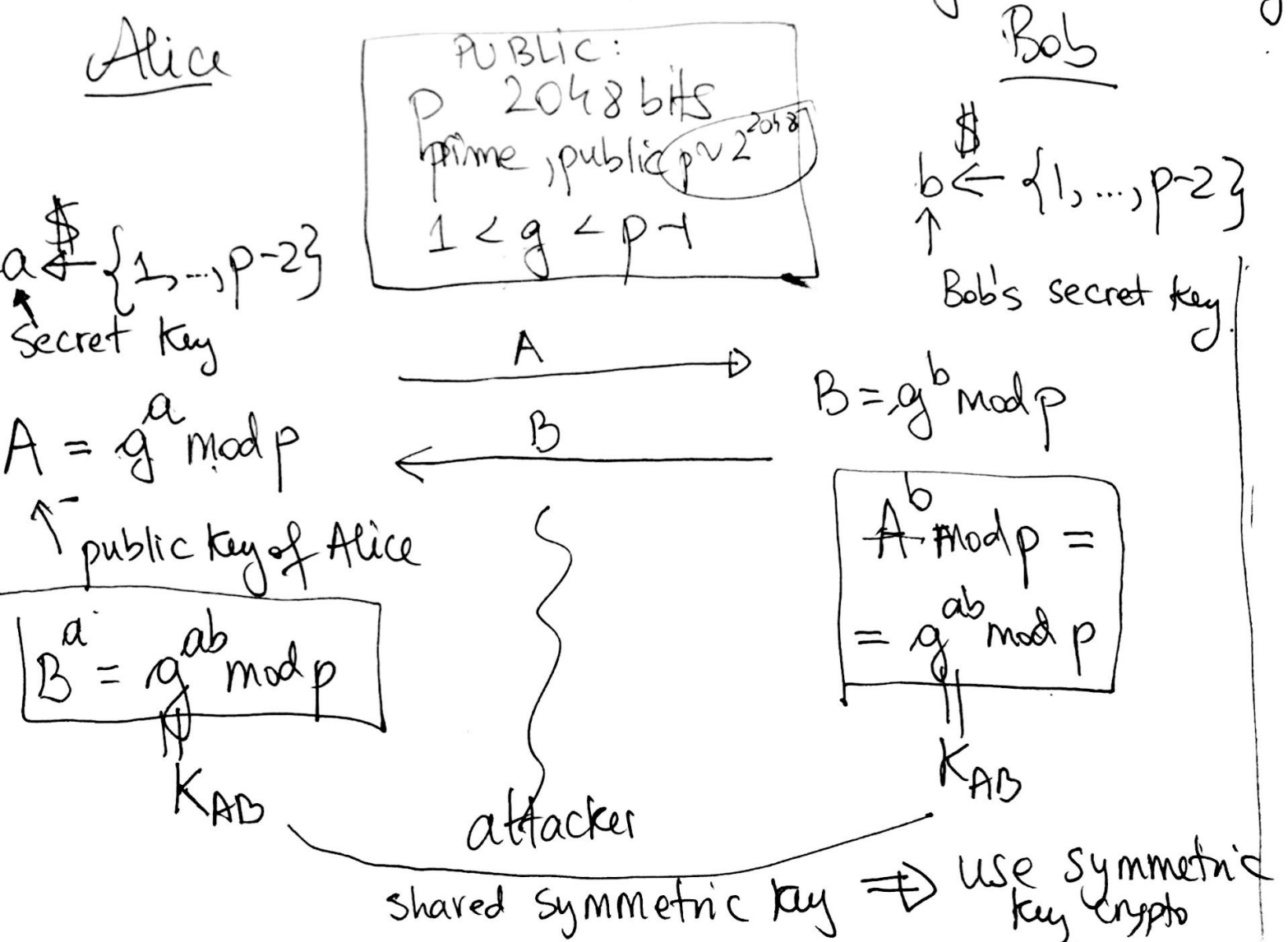
→ decrypt only with secret key
 $\text{Dec}(SK_B, C) \rightarrow M$

OWF:

For all polynomial time Adv (adversaries algorithm),

$$\text{Probability} [x \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n; y \leftarrow f(x); \text{Adv}(y) \rightarrow x' : f(x') = y] = \text{negl} \leq \frac{1}{2^{\text{large}}}$$

Diffe Hellman key exchange (1970s)
- allows Alice & Bob to share a key without meeting



Discrete Log Assumption:

chosen uniformly at random

Probability $[g \leftarrow [1, p-1]];$ p is 2048 bits
 \forall p.p. ~~polynomial~~ $x \leftarrow [1, p-1];$ $p \sim 2^{2048}$
 Adv $y \leftarrow g^x \text{ mod } p:$

adversary \leftarrow Adv $(g, p, y) = x^*$ $\boxed{=} = \text{negl}$
 s.t. $g^{x^*} \text{ mod } p = y$

One-way functions (OWF)

A function f is one-way function iff

- 1) Given x , it is easy to compute $f(x)$
poly time
- 2) Given y , it is hard to find any value x
s.t. $f(x) = y$
no poly time

$$x^* \xrightarrow{f} f(x^*) = y$$

x s.t. $f(x) = y$

$$\Pr [x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n; y \leftarrow f(x):$$

$\text{Adv}(y) = x'$
s.t. $f(x') = y] = \text{negl}$

$$f(x) = x \quad \text{NO}$$

$$f(x) = 1 \quad \text{NO}$$

Discrete logarithm problem / assumption

p large prime 2048 bits

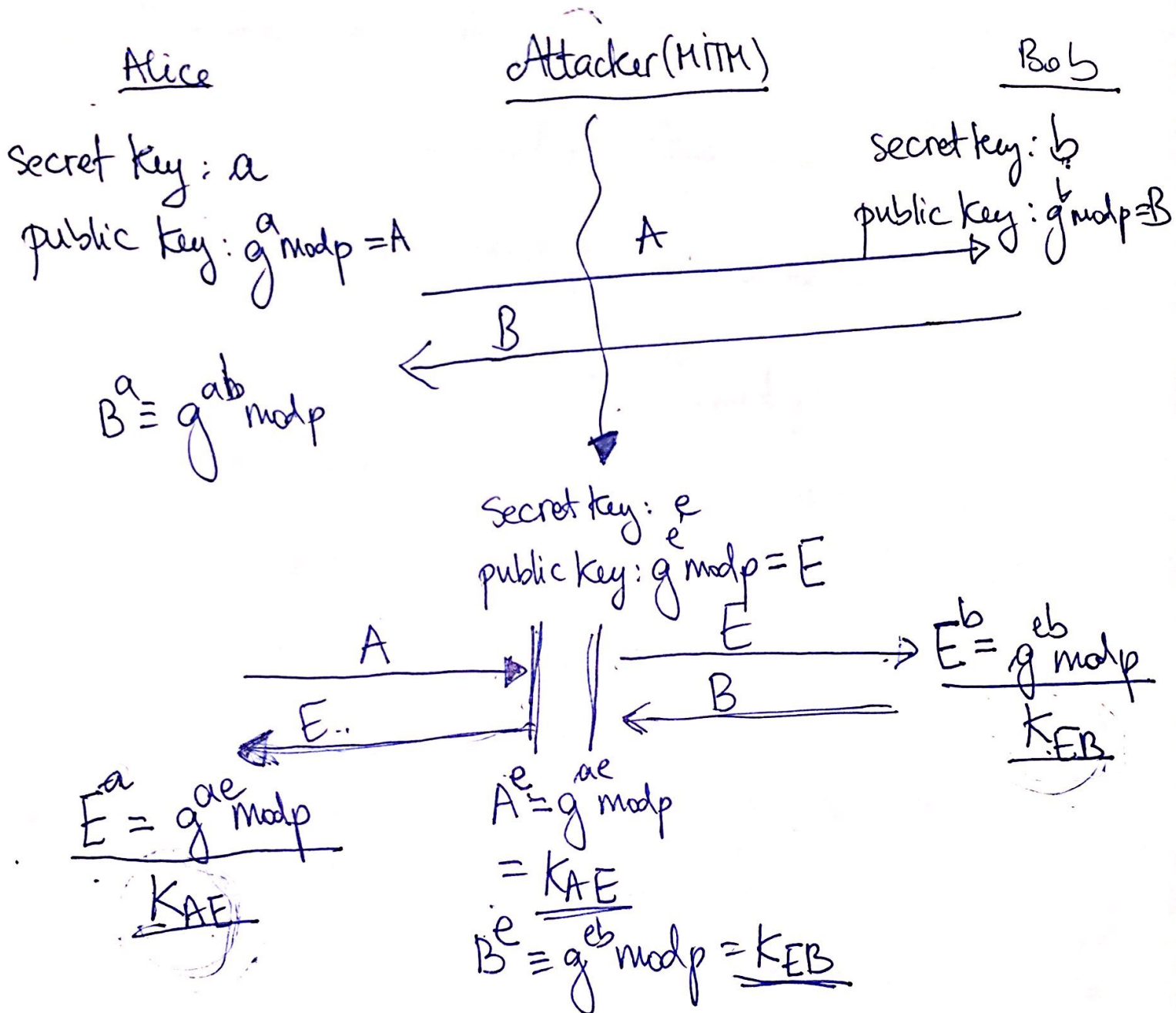
$$1 < g < p-1$$

Chosen randomly
from $[2, p-2]$

$$f(x) = g^x \pmod p \text{ is OWF}$$

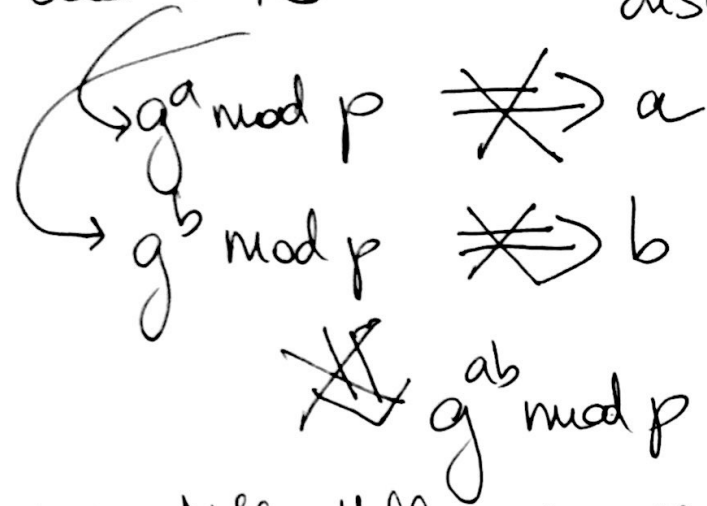
assumption

Man-in-the-middle attack (MITM)



Attacker sees A, B

discrete log assumption



[Decision Diffie Hellman assumption]

$g^a \pmod p$ is efficient to compute (polynomial time)
 $\sim 2^{2048}$
 g is 2048 bits
 a is 2048 bits

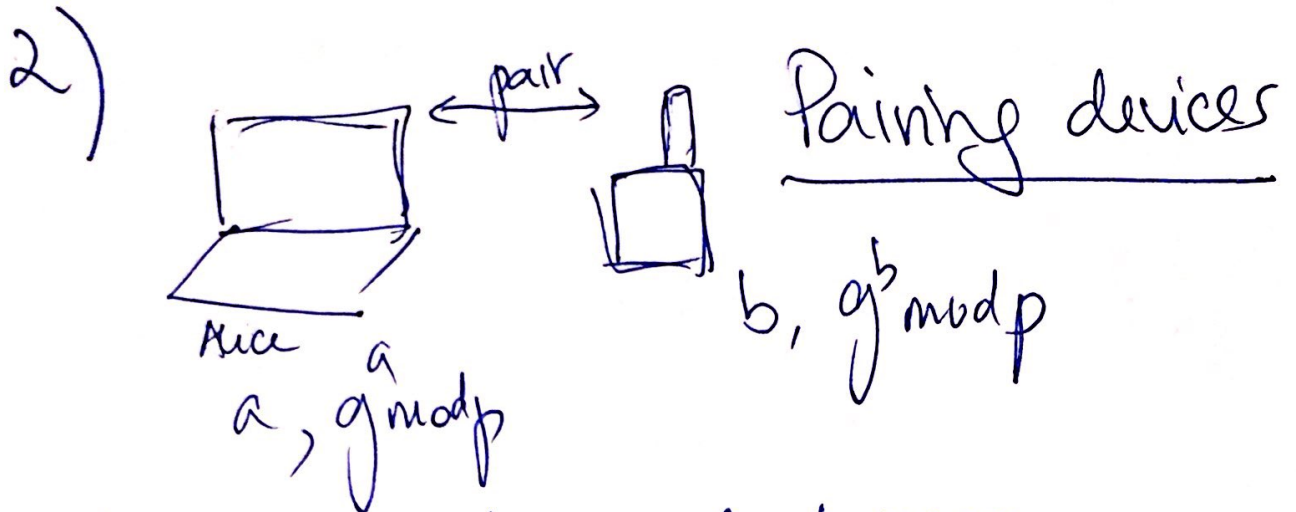
→ cannot compute
 g, g^2, \dots, g^a

→ but use repeated squaring

$a = 10111 \dots$
 2048 bits

MITM prevention

1) Certificates [Later in class]



Device A displays code to user

||
shorter (K_{AE})

User inserts code in device B which
checks code = ^{shorter} (K_{AB})

If code mismatch \Rightarrow MITM attack