

12 ELGAMAL CRYPTOSYSTEM

The structure of the ElGamal cryptosystem is shown in Figure.

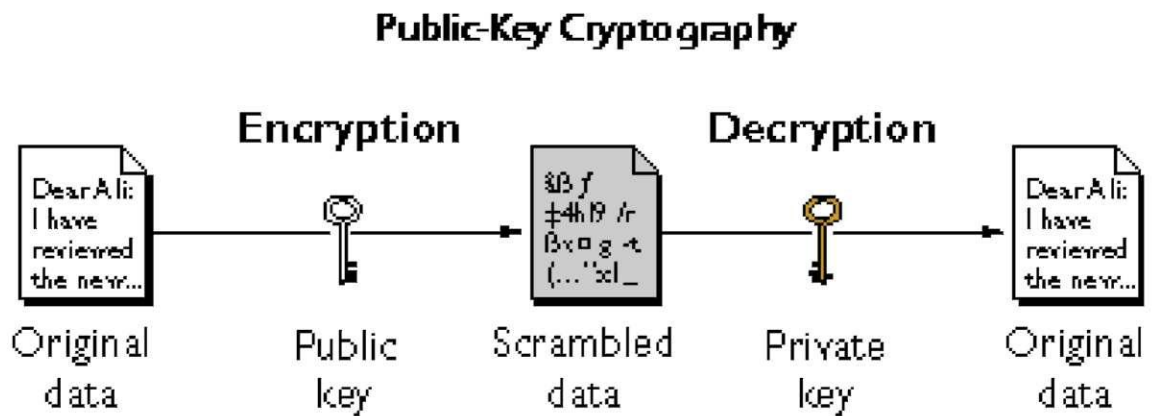


Figure Block diagram of the ElGamal cryptosystem

Encryption can be expressed by the equations:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= G^K \text{ mod } P, \\ b &= Y^K M \text{ mod } P. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Decryption can be expressed by the equations:

$$M = b(a^x)^{-1} \text{ mod } P. \tag{2}$$