

# Announcements

## Homework 1

- Due ***today 11:59pm***
- Submit through **GradeScope** in **PDF**

## Midterm exam

- **Next Thursday**, in class (2-3:20pm)

# Lecture 8

## Public Key Cryptography II: Signatures (cont'd) + Identification

[lecture slides are adapted from previous slides by Prof. Gene Tsudik]

# Digital Signatures

- Integrity
- Authentication
- Non-Repudiation
- Time-Stamping
- Causality
- Authorization

I did not have intimate relations with that woman,..., Ms. Lewinsky

**W.J. Clinton**



Actually, throughout my life, my two greatest assets have been mental stability and being, like, really smart.

**D.J. Trump**



If you like your current health insurance plan, you can keep it!

**B. H. Obama**



I swear to God that Saddam Hussein told me that he had "Weapons of Mass Distraction"!

**G.W. BUSH**



# RSA Signature Scheme

Use the fact that, in RSA, encryption reverses “decryption”

Let  $n = pq$  where  $p \neq q$  are two (large) primes

$e \in Z_{\Phi(n)}^*$  and  $e = d^{-1} \pmod{\Phi(n)}$  and  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$

$\Phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

*Secrets* :  $p, q, d$

*Publics* :  $n, e$

*Signing* : *message* =  $m$

*Sign*( $m$ ) :  $y = m^d \pmod{n}$


*Verification* : *signature* =  $y$

*Verify*( $y, m$ ) :  $(m = y^e) ???$

# RSA Signature Scheme (contd)

- The Good:
  - Verification can be cheap (like RSA encryption)
  - Mechanically same as RSA decryption function
  - Security based on RSA encryption
  - Signing is harder but #verify-s > 1 ...
  - Deterministic
- The Bad:
  - RSA is malleable: signatures can be “massaged”
    - $m_1^d * m_2^d = (m_1 * m_2)^d$
  - Phony “random” signatures
    - compute  $Y = \text{RSA}(e, X) = X^e \text{ mod } n$
    - $X$  is a signature of  $Y$  because  $Y^d = X \text{ mod } n$
- The Ugly:
  - Signing requires integrity!
  - How to sign multiple blocks when  $m > n$ ?
  - Deterministic – needs additional randomization!

Plaintext	SIG
$X^e$	$X$



# El Gamal Signature Scheme

*p* – large prime

*b* – base, generator

*x* – private exponent

*y* – public residue;  $y \equiv b^x \pmod{p}$

$P = Z_p^*$

$A = Z_p^* \times Z_p^*$

publics : *p, b, y*

secrets : *x*

*Signing* :

1. generate random  $r \in Z_{p-1}$

2. compute :  $k = b^r \pmod{p}$

3. compute :  $c = (m - xk)r^{-1} \pmod{p-1}$

4. signature =  $\{k, c\}$

*Verifying* :

$y^k k^c \pmod{p} = b^m \pmod{p}$  ???

*notice that* :

$$y^k k^c = b^{xb^r} (b^r)^{(m/r - xk/r)} = b^{xb^r + m - xb^r} = b^m$$

# El Gamal PK Cryptosystem

$p$  – large prime  
 $b$  – base, primitive element, generator

$x$  – private exponent

$y$  – public residue;  $y \equiv b^x \pmod{p}$

$$P = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$$C = \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

publics :  $p, b, y$

secrets :  $x$

Encryption :

1. generate random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^*$

2. compute :  $k = b^r \pmod{p}$

3. compute :  $c = my^r \pmod{p} = mb^{xr} \pmod{p}$

4. ciphertext =  $\{k, c\}$

Decryption :

1. compute  $k^x \pmod{p}$

2. compute  $(k^x)^{-1} \pmod{p}$

3.  $m' = (k^x)^{-1} c = b^{-rx} mb^{xr} \pmod{p} = m$

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# El Gamal Signature Scheme (cont'd)

The good:

- Signing is cheap(er)
- Designed as a signature function
- Non-deterministic (randomized)

The bad:

- Need GOOD source of random numbers
- Randomizers cannot be revealed (trace)
- Randomizers cannot be reused



# The Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

- Why DSS?
- RSA issues: patents, malleability, etc.
- A variant of El Gamal, but better performance
- Originally for  $|p|=512$  bits, now up to 1024
- Optimized for signature size (320- vs. 1024-bit)
- Signing - 1 exp, 1 inv, verification - 2 exps, 1 inv
- No attacks thus far

# DSS (contd)

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$b$  – base, generator

$x$  – private exponent

$y$  – public residue;  $y \equiv b^x \pmod{p}$

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Verifying :

$y^k k^c \pmod{p} = b^m \pmod{p}$  ???

$p$  – 512 – bit prime

$q$  – 160 – bit prime,  $(p-1)\%q = 0$

$b$  – base,  $b^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  ( $b = \delta^{(p-1)/q}$ )

$x$  – private exponent

$y$  – public residue;  $y \equiv b^x \pmod{p}$

$P = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $A = \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_q$

publics :  $p, q, b, y$     secrets :  $x$

Signing :

1. generate random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_{q-1}^*$

2. compute :  $k = (b^r \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$

3. compute :  $c = (m + xk)r^{-1} \pmod{q}$

4. signature =  $\{k, c\}$

Verifying :

$(b^{mc^{-1}} k^{kc^{-1}} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q} = b^k \pmod{p}$  ???

notice that :

$$b^{mc^{-1}} y^{kc^{-1}} = b^{mr/(m+xb^r)} (b^x)^{(b^r r)/(m+xb^r)}$$

$$= b^{(mr+xb^r r)/(m+xb^r)} = b^r$$

Other interesting  
constructions around our topic...

# Interactive (Public) Key Exchange: Diffie-Hellman

Choose  
random  $v$



$$y_a = a^v \pmod p$$



$$y_b = a^w \pmod p$$



Compute  
 $K_{ab} = (y_b)^v \pmod p$

Choose  
random  $w$ ,  
Compute  
 $K_{ba} = (y_a)^w \pmod p$

Secure communication  
with  $K_{ab}$



Eve is passive ...

Use symmetric crypto to  
exchange keys?



# Merkle's Puzzles (1974)



for  $0 < i < 2^n = N$

Pick random values  $X_i, Y_i, |X_i| \geq 2 * |Y_i|$ , where  $|Y_i| = n$

Pick random index  $i, |index_i| = n$

Form Puzzle  $P_i = E(Y_i, \{index_i, X_i, S\})$

where  $S$  is a fixed string, e.g., "Alice to Bob"

$\{P_i \mid 0 < i < 2^n\}$



Pick random  $j, 0 < j < 2^n$

Select  $P_j$

Break  $Y_j$  by brute force

Obtain  $\{index_j, X_j, S\}$

$index_j$



Lookup  $index_j$

Obtain  $X_j$

Encrypted communication with  $X_j$



Alice's effort:  $O(2^n)$

Bob's effort:  $O(|Y_j|) = O(2^n)$

Eve's effort:

$O(2^n * |Y_i|) = O((2^n)^2) = O(|X_i|)$



Is security computational or information theoretic?

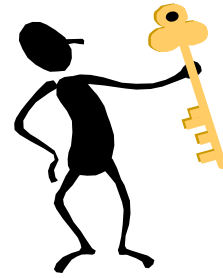
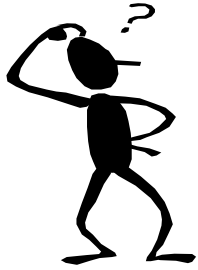
Other use of public key crypto  
(except encryption & signature)?

# Identification/Authentication

- Identification/authentication is an interactive protocol whereby one party: “prover” (who claims to be, say, Alice) convinces the other party: “verifier” (Bob) that she is indeed Alice
- Identification/authentication can be accomplished with public key digital signatures
  - However, signatures reveal information about private key
  - Also, signatures are “transferrable”, e.g., anyone who has Alice’s signature can use it to prove that he/she is Alice
- Can we provide identification/authentication without revealing any info about the secret?
  - *Zero-knowledge proof*: prove ownership of a secret without revealing any info about the secret



# The Cave Analogy of Zero-Knowledge



Point A:  
entry

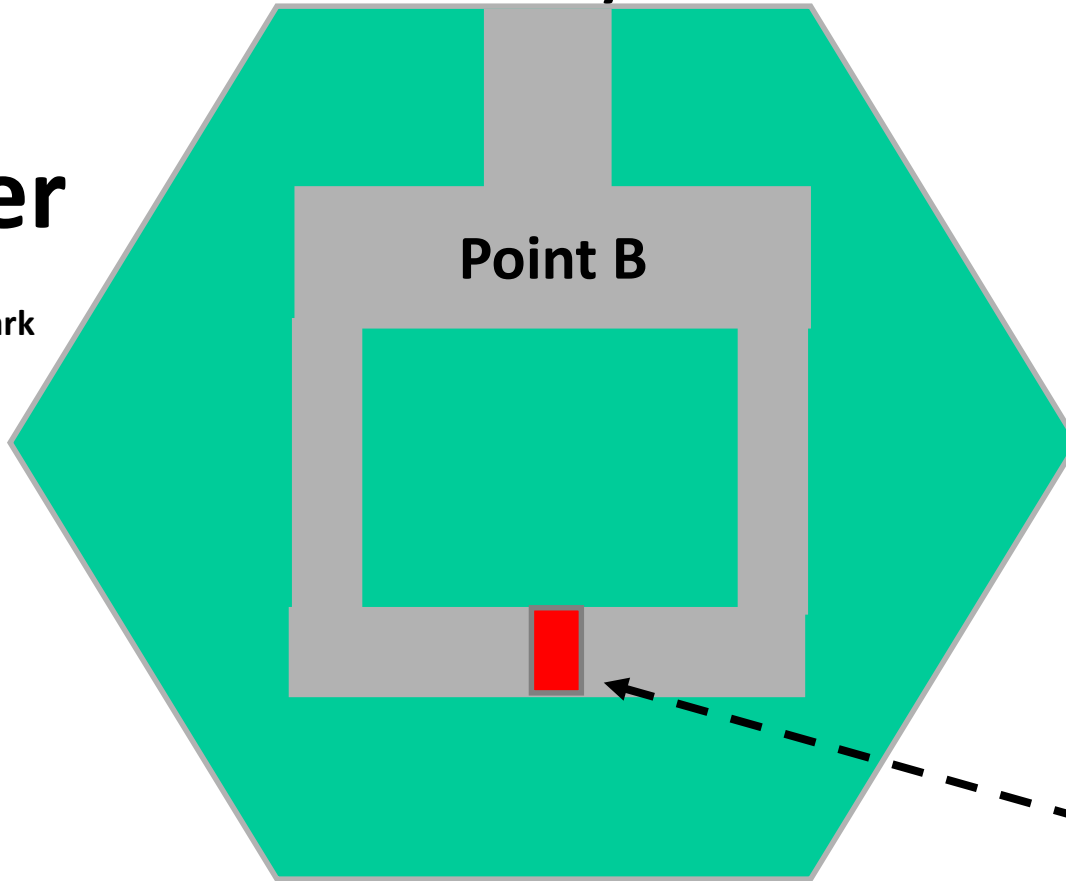
Point B

**(V)erifier**

Claustrophobic  
and afraid of the dark

**(P)rover**

Claims to have the key  
but won't show it



V cannot follow P into the cave

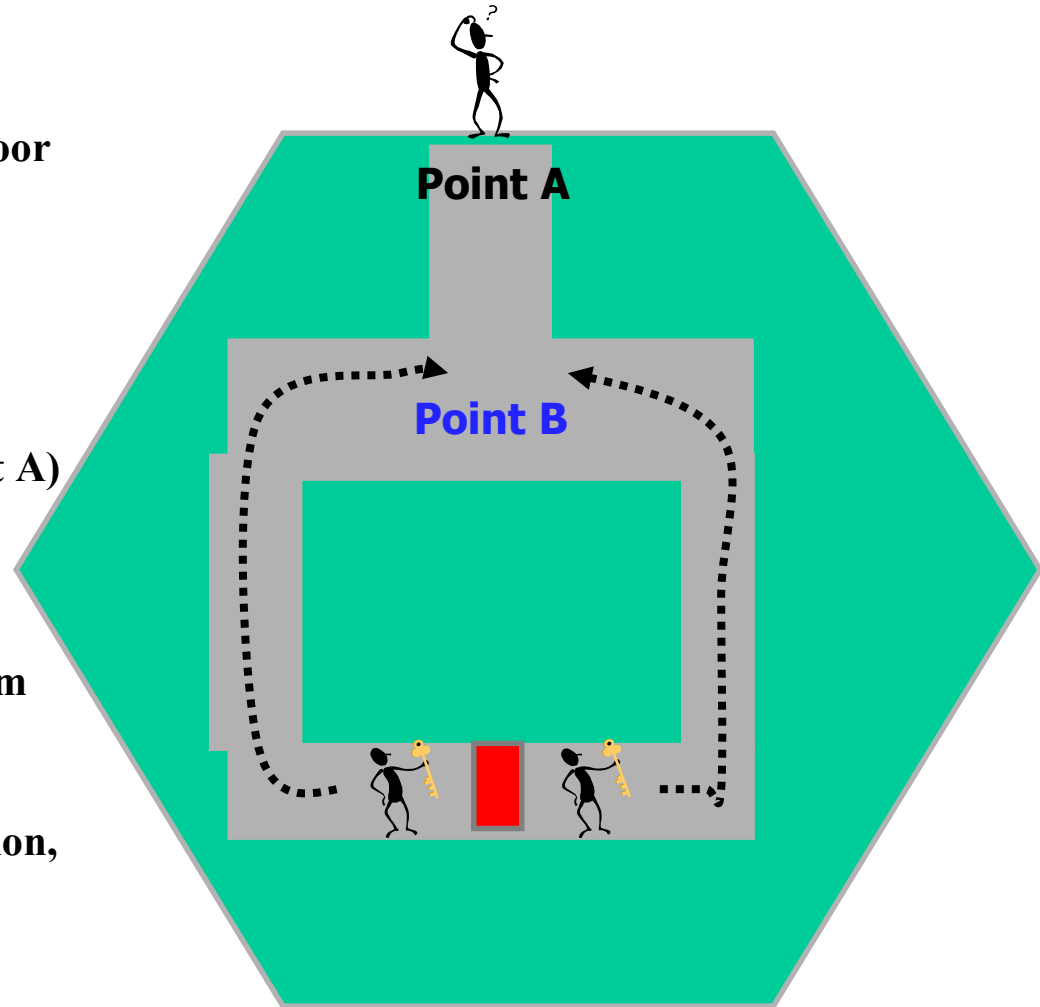
Locked door  
on both sides

# The Cave Analogy of Zero-Knowledge

## The Protocol:

- 1) V asks someone he trusts to check that the door is locked on both sides.
- 2) P goes into the maze past point B (heading either right or left)
- 3) V looks into the cave (while standing at point A)
- 4) V randomly picks right or left
- 5) V shouts (very loudly!) for P to come out from the picked direction
- 6) If P doesn't come out from the picked direction, V knows that P is a liar and protocol terminates

**REPEAT** steps (2)-(6)  
**k** TIMES



# Fiat-Shamir Identification Scheme

- In Fiat-Shamir, prover has an RSA-like modulus  $n = pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are large primes and factorization of  $n$  is secret
- Primes themselves are not used in the protocol
  - Unlike RSA, a trusted center can generate a global  $n$ , used by everyone, as long as nobody knows its factorization. Trusted center can then “forget” the factorization after computing  $n$

# Fiat-Shamir Identification Scheme

- Secret Key: Prover (P) chooses a random value  $1 < S < n$  (to serve as the key) such that  $\gcd(S,n) = 1$
- Public Key: P computes  $I=S^2 \bmod n$ , publishes  $(I,n)$  as his public key.
  - Assumption: Finding square roots mod  $n$  is at least as hard as factoring  $n$
- Purpose of the protocol: P has to convince verifier (V) that he knows the secret  $S$  corresponding to the public key  $(I,n)$ ,
  - i.e., to prove that he knows a square root of  $I \bmod n$ , without revealing  $S$  or any portion thereof

# Fiat-Shamir

**Prover  
(Alice)**



$n, I, S$

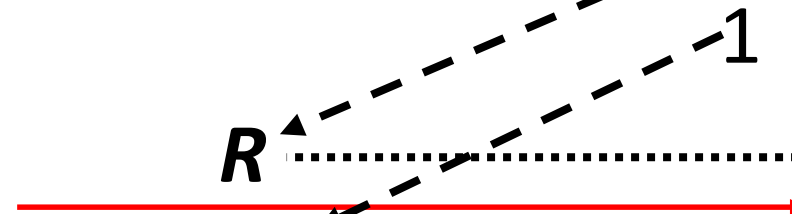
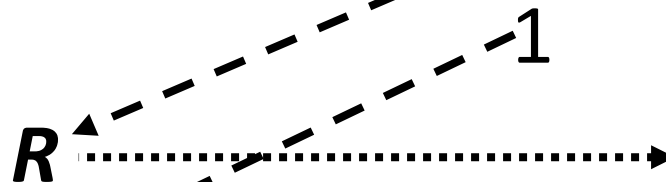
*pick random  $R$ ;*  
*set  $x = R^2 \pmod n$*

**Verifier  
(Bob)**



$n$

$I, x$



Check that:

$$R^2 = x \pmod n$$

$$(RS)^2 = xI \pmod n$$

# Fiat-Shamir Identification Scheme

V wants to authenticate identity of P, who claims to have a public key  $I$ .  
Thus, V asks P to convince him that P knows the secret key  $S$  corresponding to  $I$ .

1. P chooses at random  $1 < R < n$  and computes:  $X = R^2 \bmod n$
2. P sends  $X$  to V
3. V randomly requests from P one of two things (0 or 1):
  - (a)  $R$
  - or
  - (b)  $RS \bmod n$
4. P sends requested information

# Fiat-Shamir ZK Identification Scheme

5.  $V$  checks the correct answer:

a)  $R^2 \stackrel{?}{=} X \pmod{n}$

or

b)  $(R*S)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} X*I \pmod{n}$

6. If verification fails,  $V$  concludes that  $P$  does not know  $S$

7. Protocol is repeated  $t$  (usually 20, 30, or  $\log n$ ) times, and, if each one succeeds,  $V$  concludes that  $P$  is the claimed party.

# What if Prover knows the challenge ahead of time: Case 0



$n, I$  (doesn't know  $S$ )

pick random  $R$ ;  
set  $x = R^2 \bmod n$

$I, x$



query = 0



$R$



$n$

Check that:  
 $R^2 = x \bmod n$



# What if Prover knows the challenge ahead of time: Case 1



$n, I$  (doesn't know  $S$ )

pick random  $R$ ;

set  $x = R^2 * I \pmod n$

$I, x = R^2 * I$

$n$



query = 1



$R * I \pmod n$

(Instead of:  $R * S \pmod n$ )

Check that:

$(R * I)^2 = x * I \pmod n$

# Fiat-Shamir Identification Scheme

CLAIM: Protocol does not reveal ANY information about  $S$ ,

or

The Fiat-Shamir protocol is **ZERO-KNOWLEDGE**

Proof: We show that no information on  $S$  is revealed:

- Clearly, when  $P$  sends  $X$  or  $R$ , it does not reveal any information about  $S$
- When  $P$  sends  $RS \bmod n$ :
  - **$RS \bmod n$**  is random, since  $R$  is random and  $\gcd(S, n) = 1$ .
  - If adversary can compute any information about  $S$  from

**$l, n, X$  and  $RS \bmod n$**

it can also compute the same information on  $S$  from  $l$  and  $n$ , since it can choose a random  $T = R'S \bmod n$  and compute:

$$X' = T^2 l^{-1} = (R')^2 S^2 l^{-1} = (R')^2$$

# Security

Clearly, if P knows S, then V is convinced of P's identity

If P does not know S, it can either:

1. know R, **but not**  $RS \pmod n$ . Since P is choosing R, it cannot multiply it by the unknown value S  
or
2. choose  $RS \pmod n$ , and thus can answer the second question:  $RS \pmod n$ . But, in this case, P cannot answer the first question R, since to do so, needs to divide by unknown S

# Security

- In any case, adversary cannot answer both questions, since otherwise he can compute  $S$  as the ratio between the two answers.
- But, we assumed that computing  $S$  is hard, equivalent to factoring  $n$ .
- Since  $P$  does not know in advance (when choosing  $R$  or  $RS \bmod n$ ) which question that  $V$  will ask, he cannot foresee the required choice. He can succeed in guessing  $V$ 's question with probability  $1/2$  for each question.
- The probability that  $V$  fails to catch  $P$  in all runs is thus:  $2^{-t}$ 
  - e.g., 1 in 1,000,000,000 for  $t=20$