

Signature Schemes

Signing Algo

Verification Algo

Sig_K
(private)

x Message

Ver_K
(public)

depends on a private key K

— Given a pair $(x, y) \xrightarrow{\text{message}} \text{signature } y$

Ver_K
 (x, y)

$\begin{cases} T \\ F \end{cases}$

$$y = \text{sig}_K(x)$$

$$y \neq \text{sig}_K(x)$$

Signature scheme

(P, A, K, S, V) 5-tuple

$P \rightarrow$ $<\infty$ set of possible messages

$A \rightarrow$ $<\infty$ set of possible signatures

$K \rightarrow$ $<\infty$ set of possible keys
(key space)

$\forall K \in K$, there is a signing algo $\text{sig}_K \in S$
and a corresponding verification algo $\text{ver}_K \in V$.

(sometimes \downarrow is randomized)

$\text{Sig}_K: P \rightarrow A$

s.t.

for $\text{ver}_K: P \times A \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$

(policy) $\forall x \in P$ and \forall signature $y \in A$

$$\text{ver}_K(x, y) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } y = \text{sig}_K(x) \\ \text{false} & \text{if } y \neq \text{sig}_K(x) \end{cases}$$

— A pair (x, y) with $x \in P$ and $y \in A$ is called a signed message.

- Given a message x , it shd. be computationally infeasible for anyone (except Alice) to compute a signature y s.t. $\text{Ver}_K(x, y) = T$
(there might be > 1 such y for a given x)
depends upon how $\text{Ver}_K(x, y)$ is defined)
- If Oscar can compute a pair (x, y) s.t. $\text{Ver}_K(x, y) = T$ and x was not previously signed by Alice, then the signature y is called a forgery.

RSA Signature Scheme

$$n = pq \quad (p, q \text{ are primes})$$

$$P = A = \mathbb{Z}_n \quad \text{define}$$

$$K = \{(n, p, q, a, b) : n = pq, ab \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}\}$$

— The values n & $b \rightarrow$ public key

— p, q & a are private key

— For $K = (n, p, q, a, b)$ define

$$\text{sig}_K(x) = x^a \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{and } \text{ver}_K(x, y) = T \text{ iff } x \equiv y^b \pmod{n}$$

for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

- Note: ① Alice signs a message x using RSA decryption rule d_K . Alice (only person) can create the signature $\therefore d_K = \text{sig}_K$ is private
- ② The verification algo uses the RSA encryption rule e_K .
- ③ Any one can verify a signature $\therefore e_K$ is public.

Remark Anyone can forge Alice's RSA signature by choosing a random y and computing $x = e_K(y)$ then $y = \text{sig}_K(x)$ is a valid signature on the message x .
if this can be done then RSA signature scheme would be insecure.

forging can be eliminated

- ① Message contains suff. redundancy that a forged signature of this type does not correspond to a "meaningful" message x except with a very small prob.
- ② Use hash fn. + signature scheme

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNATURE SCHEMES

ATTACK MODELS

- ① Key-only attack:
Oscar possesses Alice's public key e_K , the verification fn, ver_K .
- ② Known message attack:
Oscar possesses a list of messages previously signed by Alice, say,
 $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots$
 x_i : messages
 y_i : Alice's sign on these
(so $y_i = \text{sig}_K(x_i)$)
 $i=1, 2, \dots$

③ chosen message attack

Oscar ~~requires~~ Alice's signatures on a list of requests messages.

∴ He chooses x_1, x_2, \dots
& Alice supplies her signatures on these

$$y_i = \text{sig}_K(x_i) \quad i=1, 2, \dots$$

ADVERSARIAL GOALS

Total Break Oscar determine Alice's private key
i.e. sig_K

Selective forgery With some non-negligible prob.
Oscar is able to create a valid sign on a message
chosen by someone else.
⇒ If Oscar is given a message x
he can determine (with some prob.) a sign y
s.t. $\text{Ver}_K(x, y) = T$.

Existential forgery

Able to create a valid sign for > 1 message.

create
a pair (x, y) s.t. $\text{Ver}_K(x, y) = T$.

SIGNATURES AND HASH FUNCTIONS

- The hash fn. $h: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ Input message of arbi length
Output MD of size (224 bits)

MD is signed w/ signature scheme (P, A, K, S, V)
where $Z \subseteq P$

message $x \in \{0,1\}^*$

MD $z = h(x) \quad z \in \mathbb{Z}$

signature $y = \text{sig}_K(z) \quad y \in Y$

$(x, y) \rightarrow \text{transmits}$

Attack ①

Start with a valid signed message (x, y)

$$y = \text{sig}_K(h(x))$$

Compute $z = h(x)$ and attempt to find $x' \neq x$

s.t. $h(x') = h(x)$ if Oscar can do this

$\rightarrow (x', y)$ valid signed message.

i.e. y is a forged signature for the message x' .

(Existential forgery)

Attack ②

Oscar finds two messages $x \neq x'$

$$\text{s.t. } h(x) = h(x')$$

ElGamal Signature Scheme

— p prime s.t. disc. log prob. in \mathbb{Z}_p is intractable

— $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ a p.e.

Let $P = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, $A = \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$

$$K = \{ (p, \alpha, a, \beta) : \beta \equiv \alpha^a \pmod{p} \}$$

— p, α & β public key

— a private key

For $K = (p, \alpha, a, \beta)$ & for a (secret)

random no. $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^*$

$$\text{sig}_K(x, k) = (r, s)$$

$$w = \alpha^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\& s = (x - ar)w^{-1} \pmod{p-1}$$

For $x, r \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ & $s \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$

$$\text{ver}_K(x, (r, s)) = T \Leftrightarrow \beta^w r^s \equiv x \pmod{p}$$

$$\beta^w w^s \equiv \alpha^w \alpha^{ks} \equiv \alpha^x \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore ar + ks \equiv x \pmod{p-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^x \equiv \beta^w w^s \pmod{p}$$

$$w \equiv \alpha^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\& \beta = \alpha^a \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^x \equiv \alpha^{ar+ks} \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore \alpha \text{ is p.e. mod } p$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \equiv ar + ks \pmod{p-1}$$

Example

$$p = 467 \quad \alpha = 2, a = 127$$

$$\beta = \alpha^a \pmod{p} = 2^{127} \pmod{467} = 132$$

Alice want to sign $x = 100$ & she chooses a random no. $k = 213$ (note $\gcd(213, 466) = 1$ & $213^{-1} \pmod{466} = 431$)

$$\Rightarrow w = 2^{213} \pmod{467} = 29$$

$$\& s = (100 - 127 \times 29) 431 \pmod{466} = 51$$

Anyone can verify the sign $(29, 51)$

$$\therefore 132^{29} \cdot 29^{51} \equiv 189 \pmod{467}$$

$$\& 2^{100} \equiv 189 \pmod{467}$$

\therefore sign is valid.



Quiz

E.c. over $GF(5^2)$ elements

$$x^2 + 4x + 2 \text{ irre. poly over } GF(5) = \mathbb{Z}_5$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_5[x] / (x^2 + 4x + 2) = GF(25) = \mathbb{F}_{25}$$

let $E: y^2 = x^3 + x + 4$ over \mathbb{F}_{25}

Find ^{all} points on the E.c. over \mathbb{F}_{25} .

~~$GF(25) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \omega, \omega+1\}$~~

$$GF(25) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \alpha, \alpha+1, \alpha+2, \alpha+3, \alpha+4, \\ 2\alpha, 2\alpha+1, 2\alpha+2, 2\alpha+3, 2\alpha+4, \\ 3\alpha, 3\alpha+1, 3\alpha+2, 3\alpha+3, 3\alpha+4, \\ 4\alpha, 4\alpha+1, 4\alpha+2, 4\alpha+3, 4\alpha+4\}$$