

# **10 Digital Signatures**

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**Ch13 in textbook**

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- **The digital signatures is the most important development from the work on public-key**
- **The digital signature provides a set of security capabilities that would be difficult to implement in any other way.**



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**Bob**



**Alice**



Message  $M$

Cryptographic  
hash  
function

$h$

Bob's  
private  
key



Digital  
signature  
generation  
algorithm

Message  $M$

$S$

Bob's  
signature  
for  $M$

(a) Bob signs a message

Message  $M$  |  $S$

Cryptographic  
hash  
function

$h$



Bob's  
public  
key

Digital  
signature  
verification  
algorithm

Return  
signature  
valid or not valid

(b) Alice verifies the signature

- no one else could have created a signature that could be verified for this message with Bob's public key.
- It is impossible to alter the message without access to Bob's private key,



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**Figure 13.1** Simplified Depiction of Essential Elements of Digital Signature Process

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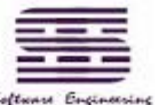
- **Consider the following disputes that could arise:**
  - **Mary may forge a different message and claim that it came from John. Mary would simply have to create a message and append an authentication code using the key that John and Mary share.**
  - **John can deny sending the message. Because it is possible for Mary to forge a message, there is no way to prove that John did in fact send the message.**

# Digital Signatures

- **Message authentication**
  - protects two parties who exchange messages from any third party
  - does not protect the two parties against each other: One party may forge a different message and claim that it came from the other party.
  - does not address issues of deny sending the message
- **digital signatures provide the ability to:**
  - verify author, date & time of signature
  - authenticate message contents
  - be verified by third parties to resolve disputes



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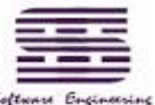
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# Digital Signature Properties

- **must depend on the message signed**
- **must use information unique to sender**
  - to prevent both forgery and denial
- **must be relatively easy to produce**
- **must be relatively easy to recognize & verify**
- **be computationally infeasible to forge**
  - forge new message for existing digital signature
  - forge digital signature for given message
- **be practical to save digital signature in storage**



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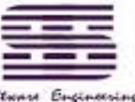


# Direct Digital Signatures

- involve only sender & receiver
- assumed receiver has sender's public-key
- digital signature made by sender signing entire message or hash with private-key
- can verify signature using sender's public-key
- important that sign first then encrypt message & signature
- security depends on sender's private-key



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# Arbitrated(仲裁) Digital Signatures

- involves use of arbiter A
  - validates any signed message
  - then dated and sent to recipient
- requires suitable level of trust in arbiter
- can be implemented with either private or public-key algorithms
- arbiter may or may not see message



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## Signature

(1)  $X \rightarrow A: M || \underline{E(K_{xa}, [ID_X || H(M)])}$

(2)  $A \rightarrow Y: E(K_{ay}, [ID_X || M || E(K_{xa}, [ID_X || H(M)]) || T])$

(a) Conventional Encryption, Arbiter Sees Message

(1)  $X \rightarrow A: ID_X || E(K_{xy}, M) || \underline{E(K_{xa}, [ID_X || H(E(K_{xy}, M))])}$

(2)  $A \rightarrow Y: E(K_{ay}, [ID_X || E(K_{xy}, M)]) || E(K_{xa}, [ID_X || H(E(K_{xy}, M))] || T])$

(b) Conventional Encryption, Arbiter Does Not See Message

(1)  $X \rightarrow A: ID_X || E(PR_x, [ID_X || \underline{E(PU_y, E(PR_x, M))}])$

(2)  $A \rightarrow Y: E(PR_a, [ID_X || E(PU_y, E(PR_x, M))] || T])$

(c) Public-Key Encryption, Arbiter Does Not See Message

$X$  = sender

$Y$  = recipient

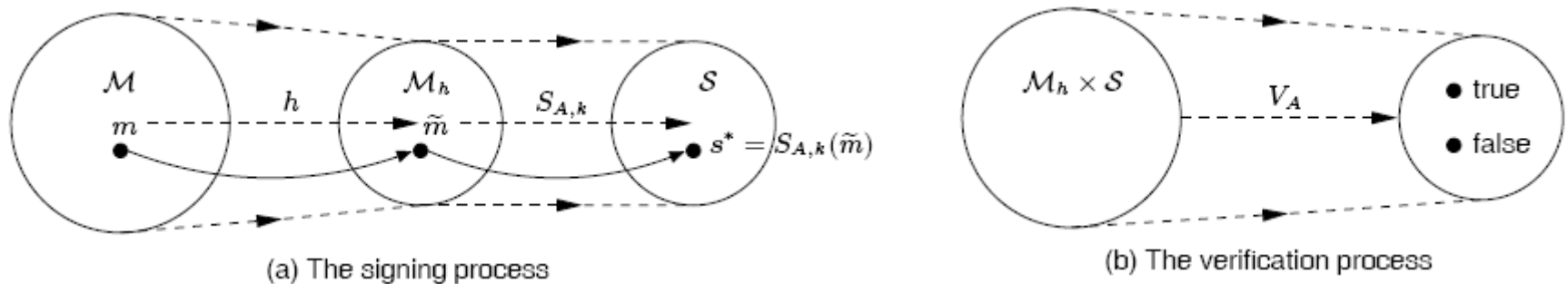
$A$  = Arbiter

$M$  = message

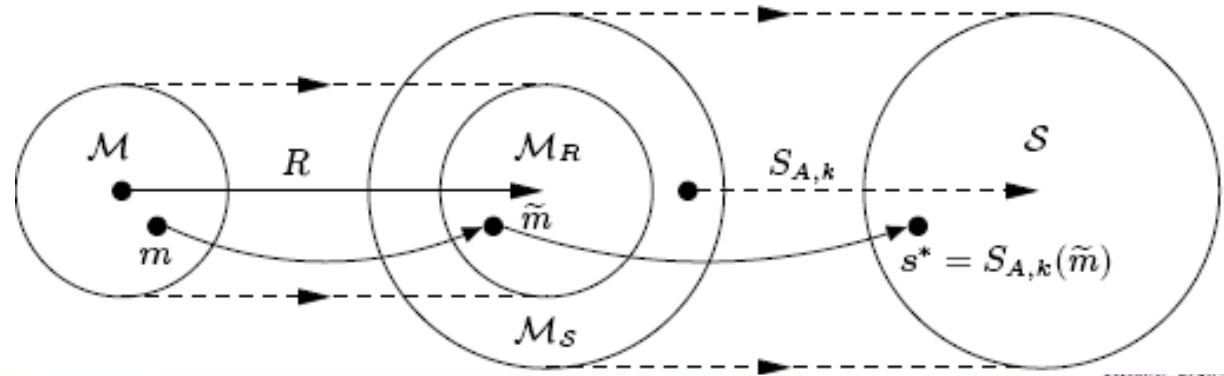
$T$  = timestamp

# Optional: Classification of Digital Signatures

- Digital signature with appendix**



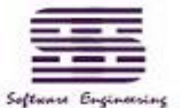
- Digital signature with message recovery**



- **Four main process:**
  - **Select global public domain parameters.**
  - **Generate public & private key pair**
  - **Sign the message**
  - **Verify the signature**



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## Select global public domain parameters.

Before proceeding, we need a result from number theory. Recall from Chapter 2 that for a prime number  $q$ , if  $\alpha$  is a primitive root of  $q$ , then

$$\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{q-1}$$

are distinct (mod  $q$ ). It can be shown that, if  $\alpha$  is a primitive root of  $q$ , then

1. For any integer  $m$ ,  $\alpha^m \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  if and only if  $m \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$ .
2. For any integers  $i, j$ ,  $\alpha^i \equiv \alpha^j \pmod{q}$  if and only if  $i \equiv j \pmod{q-1}$ .

## Key Generation

1. Generate a random integer  $X_A$ , such that  $1 < X_A < q - 1$ .
2. Compute  $Y_A = \alpha^{X_A} \pmod{q}$ .
3. A's private key is  $X_A$ ; A's public key is  $\{q, \alpha, Y_A\}$ .



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## Sign the message

1. Choose a random integer  $K$  such that  $1 \leq K \leq q - 1$  and  $\gcd(K, q - 1) = 1$ . That is,  $K$  is relatively prime to  $q - 1$ .
2. Compute  $S_1 = \alpha^K \bmod q$ . Note that this is the same as the computation of  $C_1$  for Elgamal encryption.
3. Compute  $K^{-1} \bmod (q - 1)$ . That is, compute the inverse of  $K$  modulo  $q - 1$ .
4. Compute  $S_2 = K^{-1}(m - X_A S_1) \bmod (q - 1)$ .
5. The signature consists of the pair  $(S_1, S_2)$ .

Any user B can verify the signature as follows.

1. Compute  $V_1 = \alpha^m \bmod q$ .
2. Compute  $V_2 = (Y_A)^{S_1} (S_1)^{S_2} \bmod q$ .



# Example

For example, let us start with the prime field  $\text{GF}(19)$ ; that is,  $q = 19$ . It has primitive roots  $\{2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15\}$ , as shown in Table 2.7. We choose  $\alpha = 10$ .

Alice generates a key pair as follows:

1. Alice chooses  $X_A = 16$ .
2. Then  $Y_A = \alpha^{X_A} \bmod q = 10^{16} \bmod 19 = 4$ .
3. Alice's private key is 16; Alice's public key is  $\{q, \alpha, Y_A\} = \{19, 10, 4\}$ .

Suppose Alice wants to sign a message with hash value  $m = 14$ .

1. Alice chooses  $K = 5$ , which is relatively prime to  $q - 1 = 18$ .
2.  $S_1 = \alpha^K \bmod q = 10^5 \bmod 19 = 3$  (see Table 2.7).
3.  $K^{-1} \bmod (q - 1) = 5^{-1} \bmod 18 = 11$ .
4.  $S_2 = K^{-1} (m - X_A S_1) \bmod (q - 1) = 11 (14 - (16)(3)) \bmod 18 = -374 \bmod 18 = 4$ .

Bob can verify the signature as follows.

1.  $V_1 = \alpha^m \bmod q = 10^{14} \bmod 19 = 16$ .
2.  $V_2 = (Y_A)^{S_1} (S_1)^{S_2} \bmod q = (4^3)(3^4) \bmod 19 = 5184 \bmod 19 = 16$ .

Thus, the signature is valid because  $V_1 = V_2$ .

## • why verification is feasible?

The signature is valid if  $V_1 = V_2$ . Let us demonstrate that this is so. Assume that the equality is true. Then we have

$$\alpha^m \bmod q = (Y_A)^{S_1} (S_1)^{S_2} \bmod q$$

$$\alpha^m \bmod q = \alpha^{X_A S_1} \alpha^{K S_2} \bmod q$$

$$\alpha^{m - X_A S_1} \bmod q = \alpha^{K S_2} \bmod q$$

$$m - X_A S_1 \equiv K S_2 \bmod (q - 1)$$

$$m - X_A S_1 \equiv K K^{-1} (m - X_A S_1) \bmod (q - 1)$$

assume  $V_1 = V_2$

substituting for  $Y_A$  and  $S_1$

rearranging terms

property of primitive roots

substituting for  $S_2$



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# Review: The Powers of an Integer, Modulo prime P

$a$	$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^4$	$a^5$	$a^6$	$a^7$	$a^8$	$a^9$	$a^{10}$	$a^{11}$	$a^{12}$	$a^{13}$	$a^{14}$	$a^{15}$	$a^{16}$	$a^{17}$	$a^{18}$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	4	8	16	13	7	14	9	18	17	15	11	3	6	12	5	10	1
3	9	8	5	15	7	2	6	18	16	10	11	14	4	12	17	13	1
4	16	7	9	17	11	6	5	1	4	16	7	9	17	11	6	5	1
5	6	11	17	9	7	16	4	1	5	6	11	17	9	7	16	4	1
6	17	7	4	5	11	9	16	1	6	17	7	4	5	11	9	16	1
7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1
8	7	18	11	12	1	8	7	18	11	12	1	8	7	18	11	12	1
9	5	7	6	16	11	4	17	1	9	5	7	6	16	11	4	17	1
10	5	12	6	3	11	15	17	18	9	14	7	13	16	8	4	2	1
11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1
12	11	18	7	8	1	12	11	18	7	8	1	12	11	18	7	8	1
13	17	12	4	14	11	10	16	18	6	2	7	15	5	8	9	3	1
14	6	8	17	10	7	3	4	18	5	13	11	2	9	12	16	15	1
15	16	12	9	2	11	13	5	18	4	3	7	10	17	8	6	14	1
16	9	11	5	4	7	17	6	1	16	9	11	5	4	7	17	6	1
17	4	11	16	6	7	5	9	1	17	4	11	16	6	7	5	9	1
18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1

Table 8.3 Powers of Integers, Modulo 19



## Key Generation

1. Choose primes  $p$  and  $q$ , such that  $q$  is a prime factor of  $p - 1$ .
2. Choose an integer  $a$ , such that  $a^q = 1 \pmod{p}$ . The values  $a$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$  comprise a global public key that can be common to a group of users.
3. Choose a random integer  $s$  with  $0 < s < q$ . This is the user's private key.
4. Calculate  $v = a^{-s} \pmod{p}$ . This is the user's public key.

## Sign the message

1. Choose a random integer  $r$  with  $0 < r < q$  and compute  $x = a^r \pmod{p}$ . This computation is a preprocessing stage independent of the message  $M$  to be signed.
2. Concatenate the message with  $x$  and hash the result to compute the value  $e$ :

$$e = H(M \| x)$$

3. Compute  $y = (r + se) \pmod{q}$ . The signature consists of the pair  $(e, y)$ .

Any other user can verify the signature as follows.

1. Compute  $x' = a^y v^e \pmod{p}$ .
2. Verify that  $e = H(M \| x')$ .

- **why verification is feasible?**

To see that the verification works, observe that

$$x' \equiv a^y v^e \equiv a^y a^{-se} \equiv a^{y-se} \equiv a^r \equiv x \pmod{p}$$

Hence,  $H(M \| x') = H(M \| x)$ .



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# Digital Signature Standard (DSS)

- US Govt approved signature scheme
- designed by NIST & NSA in early 90's
- published as FIPS-186 in 1991
- revised in 1993, 1996 & then 2000
- uses the SHA hash algorithm
- DSS is the standard, DSA is the algorithm
- FIPS 186-2 (2000) includes alternative RSA & elliptic curve signature variants



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# Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

- creates a 320 bit signature
- with 512-1024 bit security
- smaller and faster than RSA
- a digital signature scheme only
- security depends on difficulty of computing discrete logarithms
- variant of ElGamal & Schnorr schemes



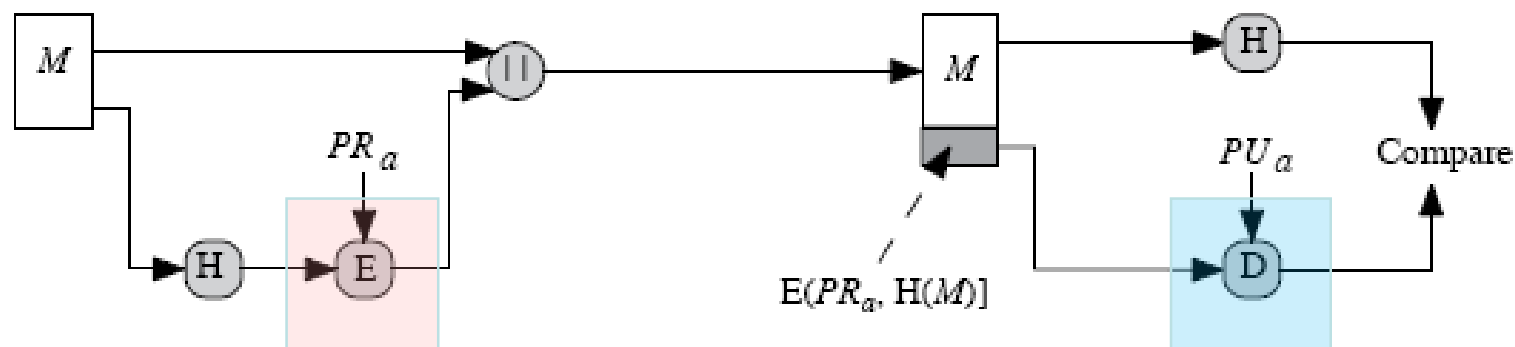
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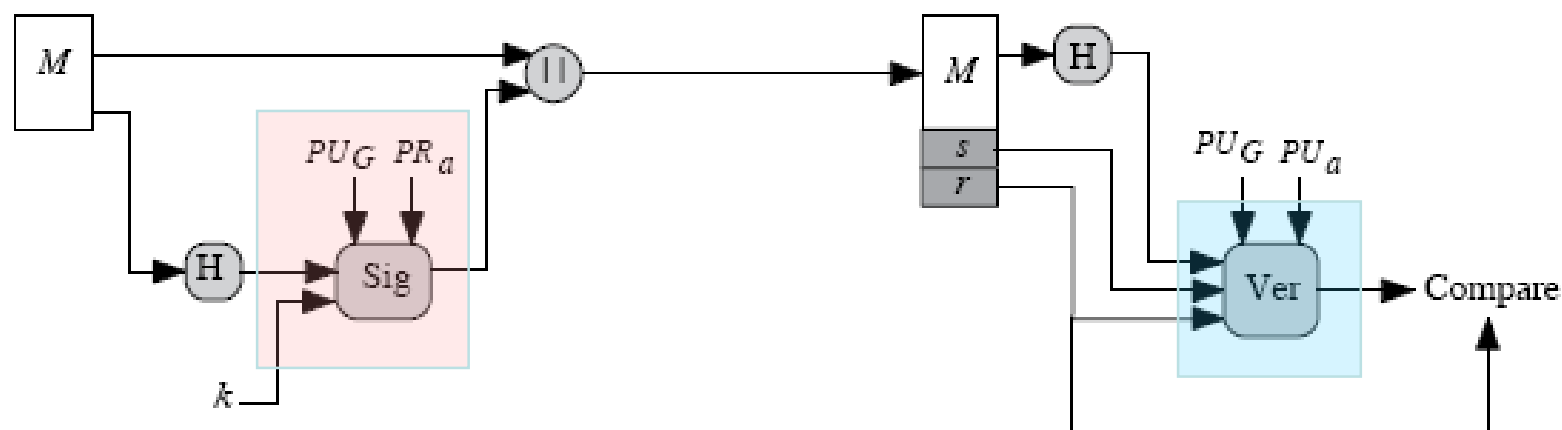
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# DSS vs. RSA Signature Scheme



(a) RSA Approach



(b) DSS Approach



### Global Public-Key Components

- $p$  prime number where  $2^{L-1} < p < 2^L$   
for  $512 \leq L \leq 1024$  and  $L$  a multiple of 64;  
i.e., bit length  $L$  between 512 and 1024 bits  
in increments of 64 bits
- $q$  prime divisor of  $(p - 1)$ , where  $2^{N-1} < q < 2^N$   
i.e., bit length of  $N$  bits
- $g = h(p - 1)/q$  is an exponent mod  $p$ ,  
where  $h$  is any integer with  $1 < h < (p - 1)$   
such that  $h^{(p-1)/q} \bmod p > 1$

### User's Private Key

- $x$  random or pseudorandom integer with  $0 < x < q$

### User's Public Key

- $y = g^x \bmod p$

### User's Per-Message Secret Number

- $k$  random or pseudorandom integer with  $0 < k < q$

### Signing

- $r = (g^k \bmod p) \bmod q$
- $s = [k^{-1} (H(M) + xr)] \bmod q$
- Signature =  $(r, s)$

### Verifying

- $w = (s')^{-1} \bmod q$
- $u_1 = [H(M')w] \bmod q$
- $u_2 = (r')w \bmod q$
- $v = [(g^{u_1} y^{u_2}) \bmod p] \bmod q$
- TEST:  $v = r'$

$M$  = message to be signed

$H(M)$  = hash of  $M$  using SHA-1

$M', r', s'$  = received versions of  $M, r, s$

**Figure 13.3** The Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

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# DSA Key Generation

- have shared **global public domain** values  $(p, q, g)$ :
  - choose  $q$ , a 160-bit prime
  - choose a large prime  $p = 2^L$ 
    - where  $L = 512$  to  $1024$  bits and is a multiple of 64
    - and  $q$  is a prime factor of  $(p-1)$
  - choose  $g = h^{(p-1)/q}$ 
    - where  $h < p-1$ ,  $h^{(p-1)/q} \pmod{p} > 1$
- users choose **private & compute public key**:
  - choose  $x < q$  (private key)
  - compute  $y = g^x \pmod{p}$  (public key)



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# DSA Signature Creation

- to sign a message  $M$  the sender:
  - generates a random signature key  $k$ ,  $k < q$
  - nb.  $k$  must be random, be destroyed after use, and never be reused
- then computes signature pair:
$$r = (g^k \pmod p) \pmod q$$
$$s = (k^{-1} \cdot H(M) + x \cdot r) \pmod q$$
- sends signature  $(r, s)$  with message  $M$



# DSA Signature Verification

- having received  $M$  & signature  $(r, s)$
- to verify a signature, recipient computes:

$$w = s^{-1} \pmod{q}$$

$$u1 = (H(M) \cdot w) \pmod{q}$$

$$u2 = (r \cdot w) \pmod{q}$$

$$v = (g^{u1} \cdot y^{u2} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

- if  $v=r$  then signature is verified



- **why verification is feasible?**

$$s \equiv k^{-1} (H(m) + x \cdot r) \pmod{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow ks = (H(m) + x \cdot r) \pmod{q}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = s^{-1} (H(m) + x \cdot r) \pmod{q}$$

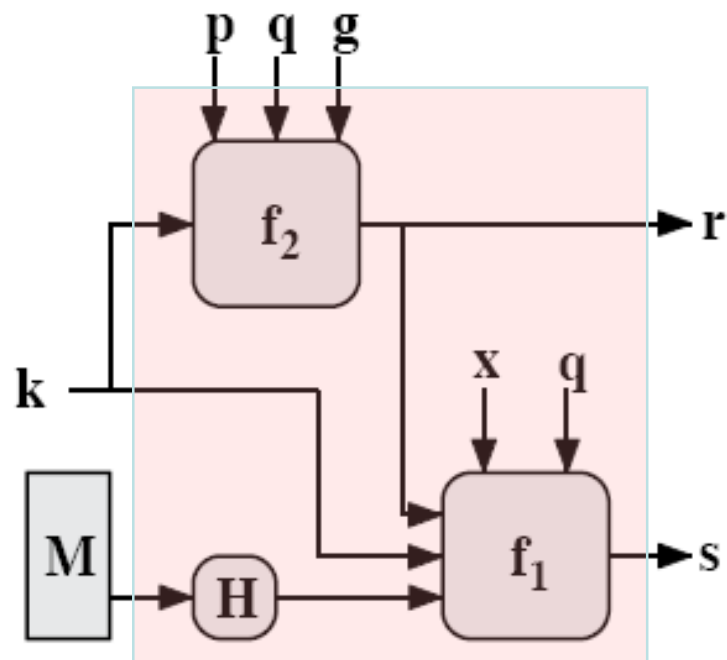
$$\Rightarrow v = [(g^{u1} \cdot y^{u2}) \pmod{p}] \pmod{q}$$

$$= [(g^{H(M)/s} \cdot (g^x)^{r/s}) \pmod{p}] \pmod{q}$$

$$= [(g^{H(M)/s} \cdot (g^x)^{r/s}) \pmod{p}] \pmod{q}$$

$$= (g^k \pmod{p}) \pmod{q} = r$$

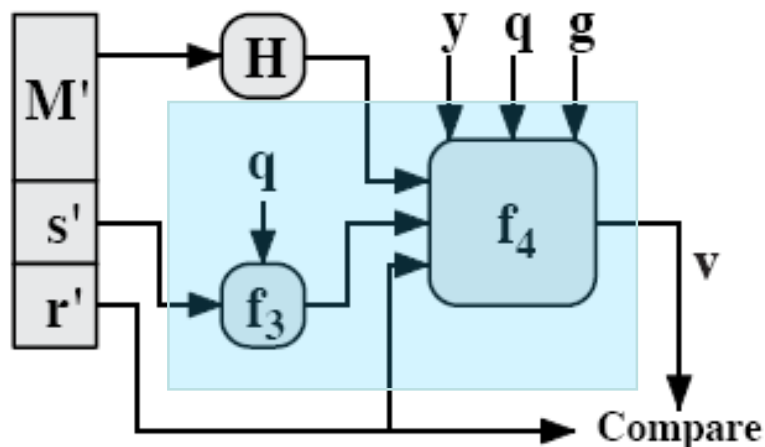




$$s = f_1(H(M), k, x, r, q) = (k^{-1} (H(M) + xr)) \bmod q$$

$$r = f_2(k, p, q, g) = (g^k \bmod p) \bmod q$$

(a) Signing



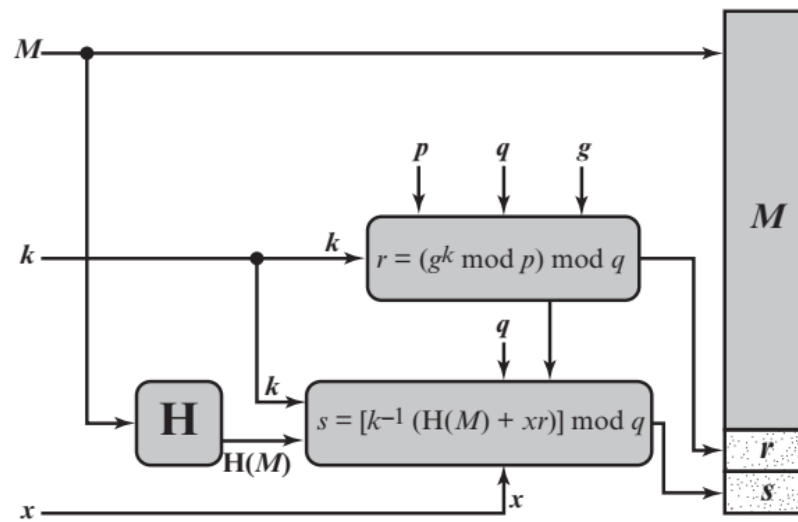
$$w = f_3(s', q) = (s')^{-1} \bmod q$$

$$v = f_4(y, q, g, H(M'), w, r')$$

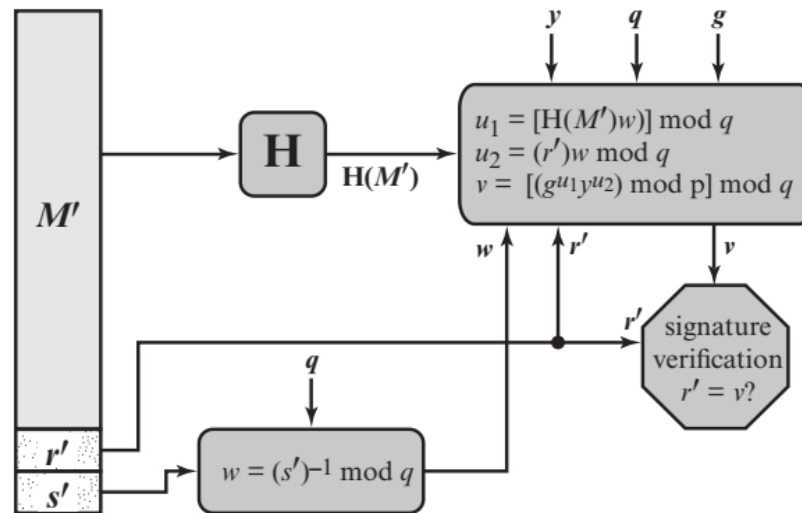
$$= ((g^{(H(M')w) \bmod q} y^{r'w \bmod q}) \bmod p) \bmod q$$

(b) Verifying





(a) Signing



(b) Verifying

Figure 13.4 DSA Signing and Verifying

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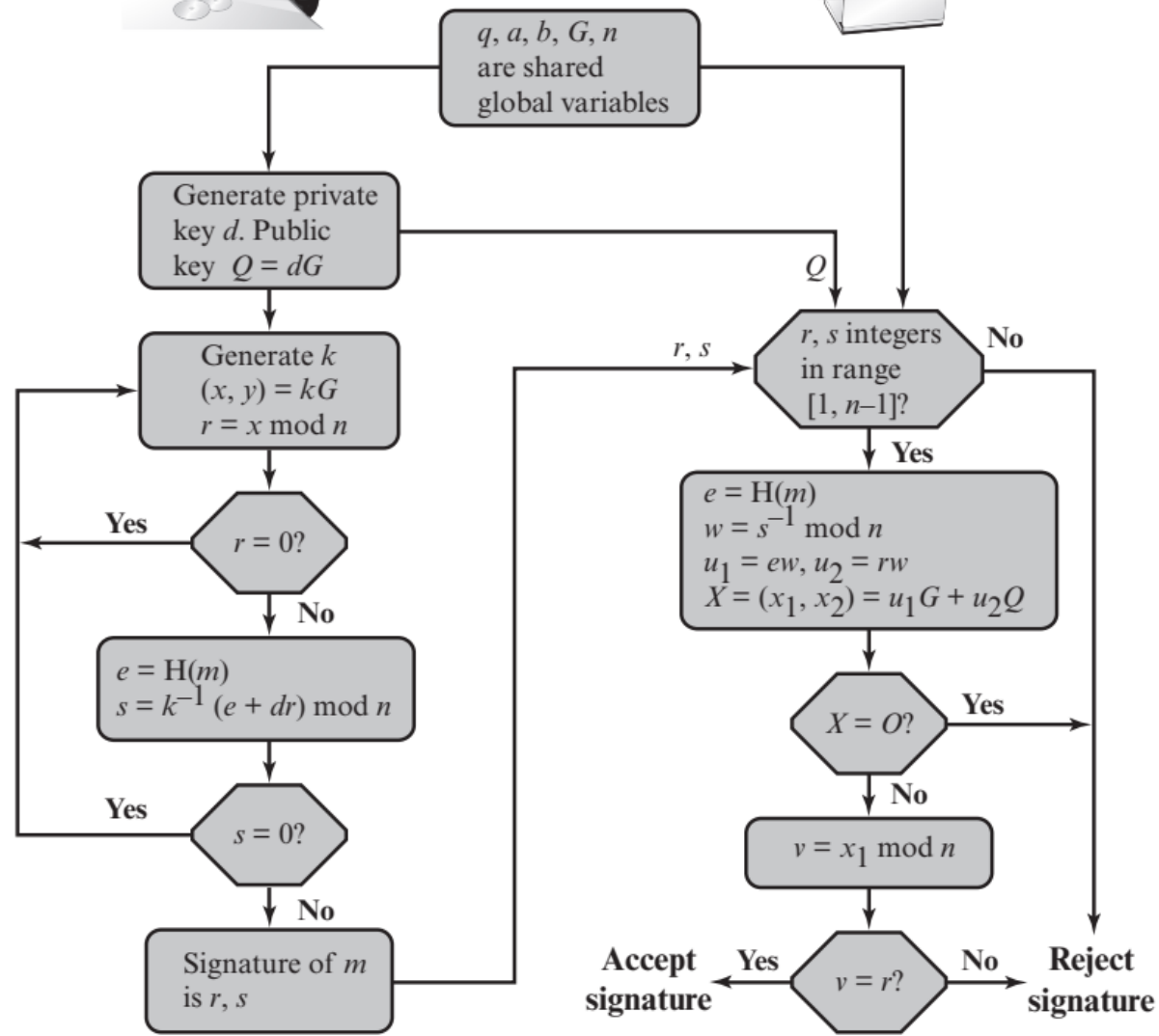


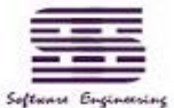
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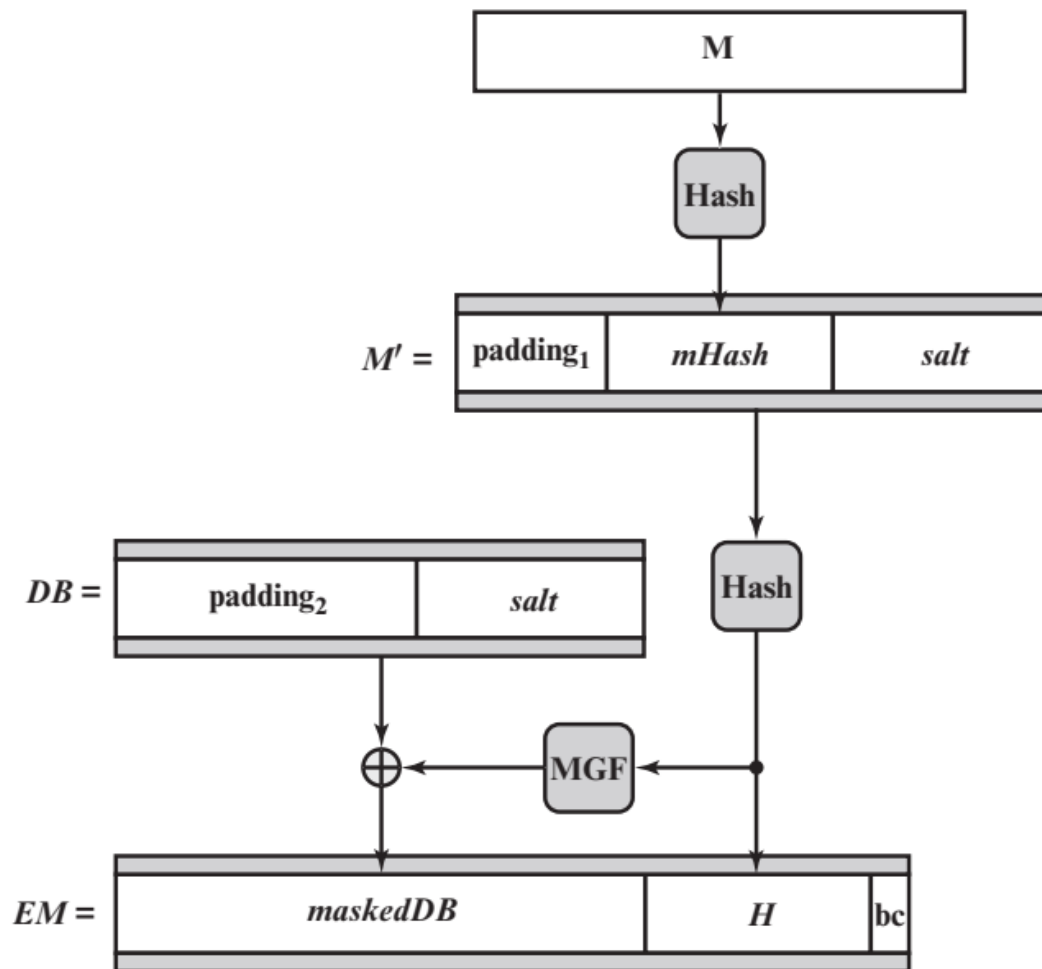
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**Figure 13.6** RSA-PSS Encoding

**padding<sub>2</sub>** hexadecimal string of 00 octets with a length  $(emLen - sLen - hLen - 2)$  octets, followed by the hexadecimal octet with value 01.

**salt** a pseudorandom number.

**bc** the hexadecimal value BC.



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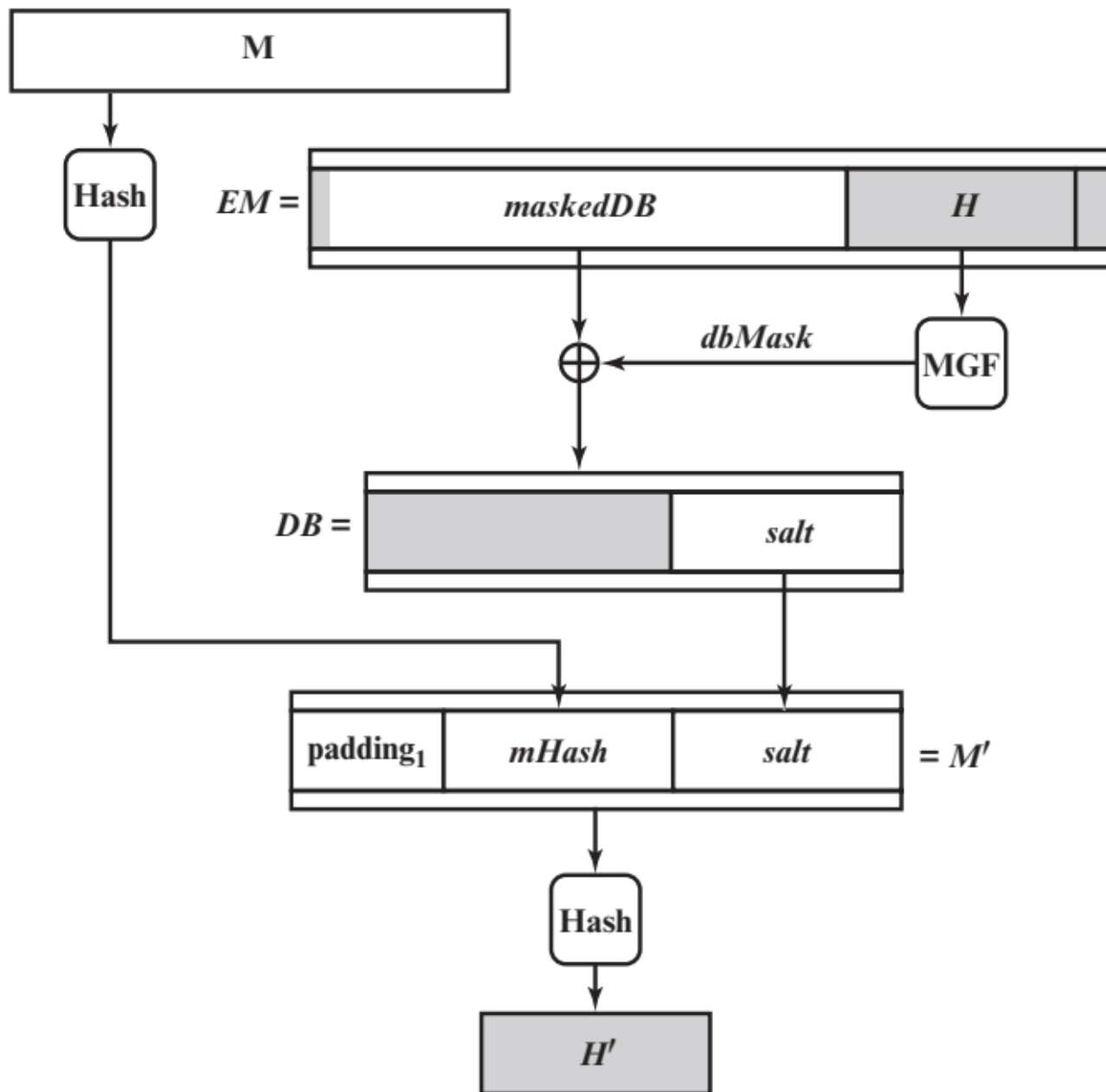


Figure 13.7 RSA-PSS EM Verification

# Summary

- **have discussed:**
  - **digital signatures: definition, objective, properties, direct vs. Arbitrated Digital Signatures, classification**
  - **RSA related signature standard**
    - **ISO/IEC 9796 formatting**
    - **PKCS #1 formatting**
  - **Digital Signature Standard (DSS)**

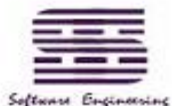


# Key Terms

digital signature Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) direct digital signature	Elgamal digital signature Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA)	Schnorr digital signature timestamp
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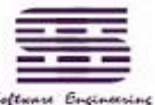


# Review Questions

- **13.1 List two disputes that can arise in the context of message authentication.**
- **13.2 What are the properties a digital signature should have?**
- **13.5 In what order should the signature function and the confidentiality function be applied to a message, and why?**
- **13.6 What are some threats associated with a direct digital signature scheme?**



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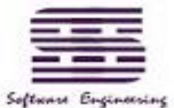
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- **PKCS #1**
  - involves RSA encryption and signature scheme
  - use a digital signature scheme with appendix.
  - Involves three procedure
    - (i) data formatting
    - (ii) Signature process
    - (iii) Verification process

