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CSE 3400/CSE 5850 - Introduction to Computer & Network  
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Lecture 11  
Public Key Cryptography – Part II

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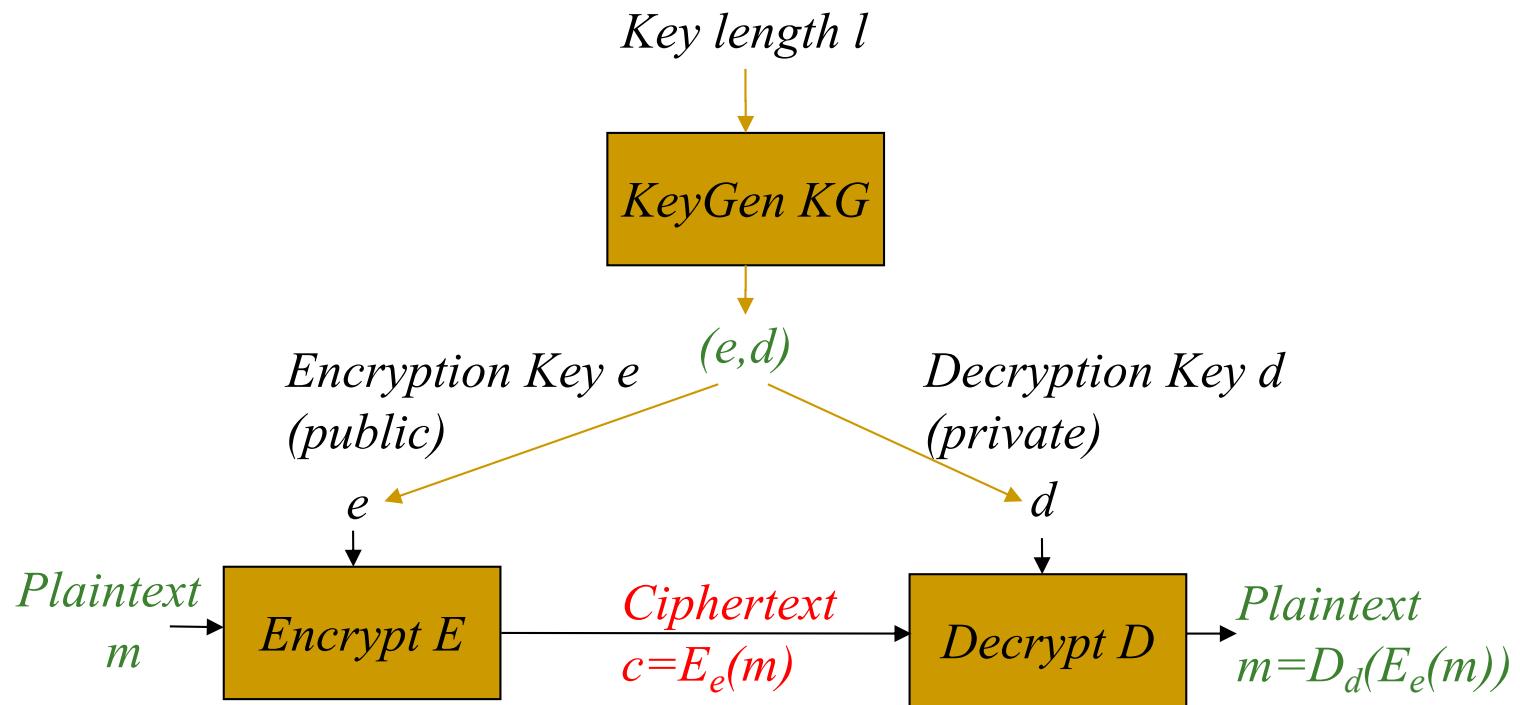
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# Outline

- Public key encryption.
- Digital signatures.

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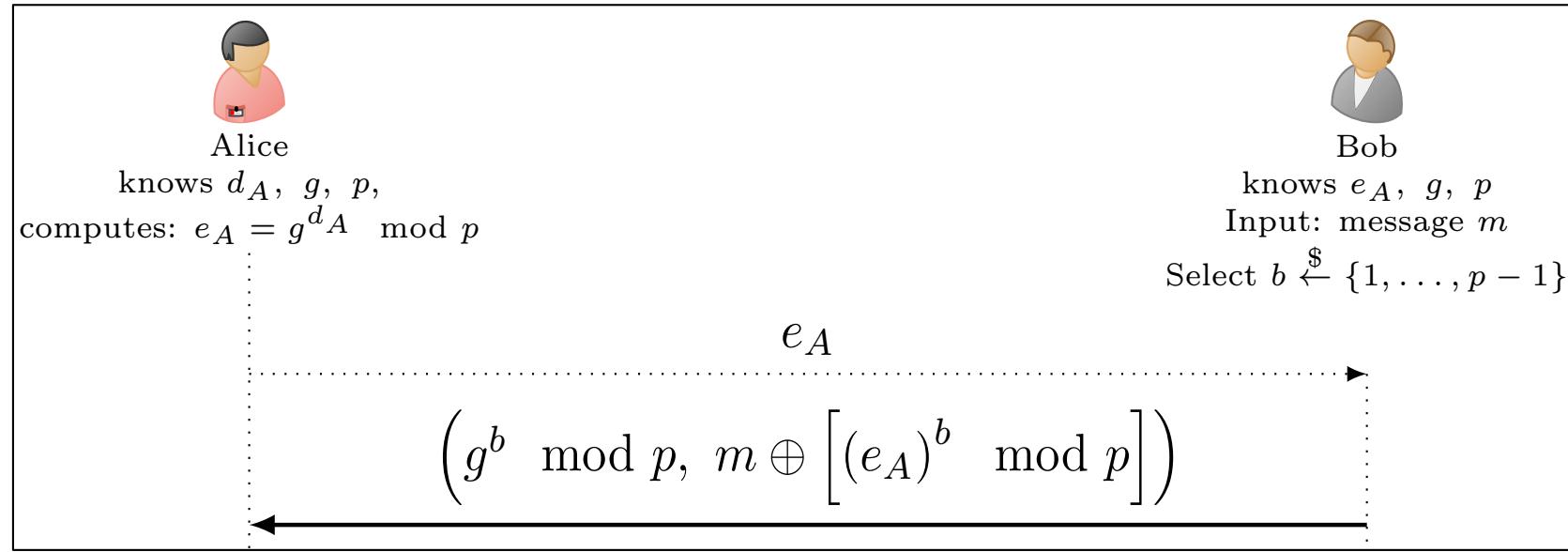
# Public Key Encryption IND-CPA Security

- Same security game as before.
  - The attacker chooses two messages of the same length, and is challenged to correctly guess which of these messages was encrypted by the challenger.
- The difference is that the attacker does not need an oracle access to the encryption oracle!
  - The public encryption key (but not the private decryption key) is known to everyone, including the adversary, and can use it to encrypt any message he wants.
- Can a deterministic public key encryption scheme be an IND-CPA secure?

# Discrete Log-based Encryption

- We will study two constructions:
  - An adaptation of DH key exchange protocol to perform encryption.
  - ElGamal encryption scheme.

# The DH Encryption Scheme



**Encryption:** 
$$E_{e_A}(m) = \begin{cases} b \xleftarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, p-1\} \\ \text{Return } (g^b \pmod p, m \oplus (e_A)^b \pmod p) \end{cases}$$

Notice that *the ciphertext is the pair  $(g^b \pmod p, m \oplus (e_A)^b \pmod p)$ .*

**Decryption:** 
$$D_{d_A}(c_b, c_m) = c_m \oplus [(c_b)^{d_A} \pmod p]$$

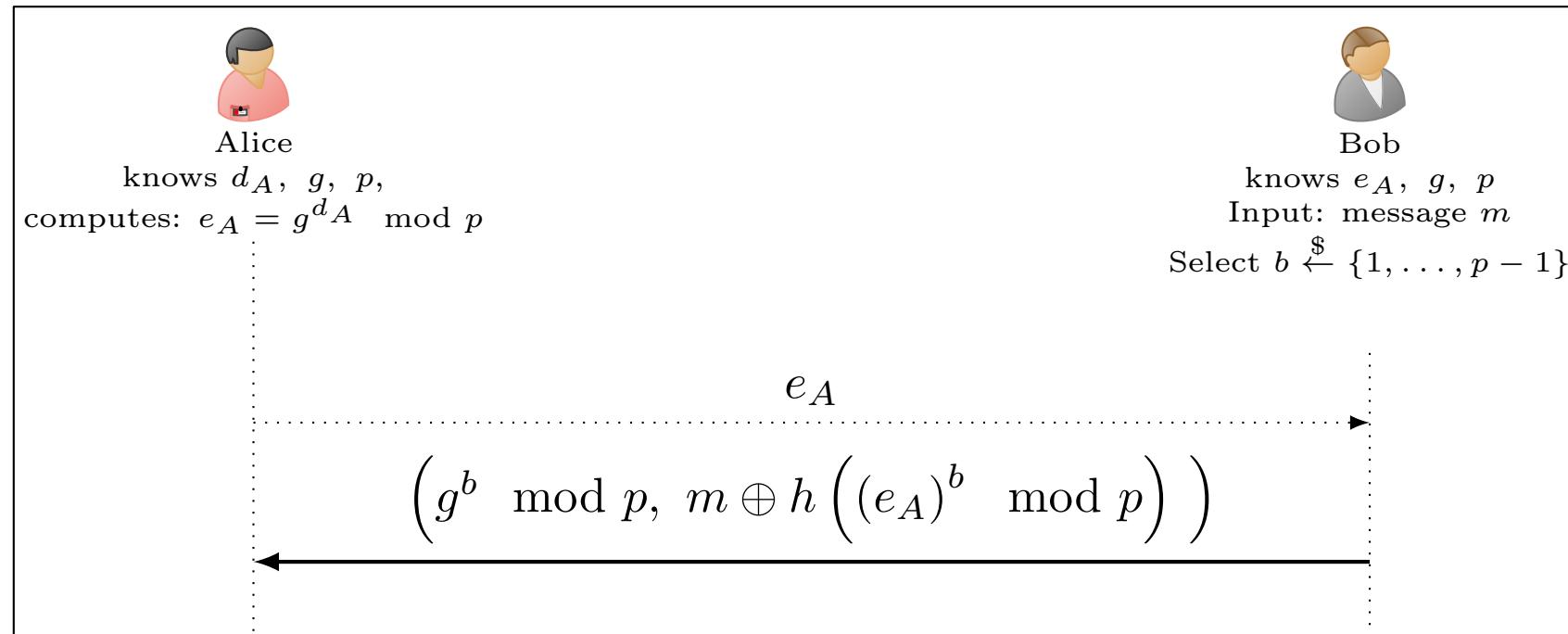
# The DH Encryption Scheme---Correctness and Security

$$\begin{aligned} D_{d_A}(E_{e_A}(m)) &= D_{d_A} \left( g^b \pmod{p}, m \oplus (e_A)^b \pmod{p} \right) \\ &= D_{d_A} \left( g^b \pmod{p}, m \oplus (g^{d_A} \pmod{p})^b \pmod{p} \right) \\ &= \left( m \oplus (g^{d_A} \pmod{p})^b \pmod{p} \right) \oplus \left[ (g^b \pmod{p})^{d_A} \pmod{p} \right] \\ &= m \oplus (g^{d_A \cdot b} \pmod{p}) \oplus (g^{b \cdot d_A} \pmod{p}) \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

- May not be secure!
  - Believed to be secure under the CDH assumption, however, it is not always true!  $g^{ab}$  may leak some information (or bits) as we studied before.
- Solution?
  - The hashed DH encryption scheme.

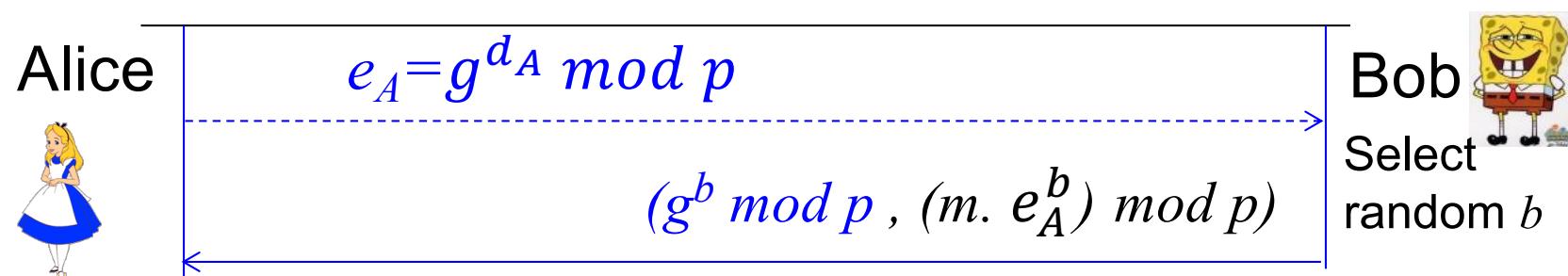
# The Hashed DH Encryption Scheme

- Secure if  $h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$  is pseudorandom (so the hash function must be a randomness-extractor hash function).



# ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- To encrypt message  $m$  to Alice, whose public key is  $e_A = g^{d_A} \text{ mod } p$ :
  - Bob selects random  $b$
  - Sends:  $g^b \text{ mod } p, m \cdot (e_A)^b = m \cdot g^{b \cdot d_A} \text{ mod } p$



# ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- **Encryption:**

$$E_{e_A}^{EG}(m) \leftarrow \left\{ (g^b \pmod{p}, m \cdot e_A^b \pmod{p}) \mid b \xleftarrow{\$} [2, p-1] \right\}$$

- **Decryption:**

$$D_{d_A}(x, y) = x^{-d_A} \cdot y \pmod{p}$$

- **Correctness:**

$$\begin{aligned} D_{d_A}(g^b \pmod{p}, m \cdot e_A^b \pmod{p}) &= \\ &= \left[ (g^b \pmod{p})^{-d_A} \cdot \left( m \cdot (g^{d_A})^b \pmod{p} \right) \right] \pmod{p} \\ &= [g^{-b \cdot d_A} \cdot m \cdot g^{b \cdot d_A}] \pmod{p} \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

# ElGamal Public Key Cryptosystem

- Problem:  $g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$  may leak bit(s)...
- ‘Classical’ DH solution: securely derive a key:  
 $h(g^{a_i b_i} \bmod p)$
- El-Gamal’s solution: use a group where DDH believed to hold
  - Note: message must be encoded as member of the group!
- What is special about ElGamal Encryption?
  - Homomorphism!

# ElGamal PKC: homomorphism

- Multiplying two ciphertexts produces a ciphertext of the multiplication of the two plaintexts.
- Given two ciphertexts:
  - $E_{e_A}(m_1) = (x_1, y_1) = (g^{b_1} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot g^{b_1 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
  - $E_{e_A}(m_2) = (x_2, y_2) = (g^{b_2} \bmod p, m_2 \cdot g^{b_2 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
- $\text{Mult}((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) \equiv (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2)$
- Homomorphism:
  - $= (g^{b_1+b_2} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot g^{(b_1+b_2) \cdot d_A} \bmod p) =$   
 $= E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$
  - → compute  $E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$  from  $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$

# RSA Public Key Encryption

- First proposed – and still widely used
- Select two **large primes**  $p, q$  ; let  $n=pq$
- Select prime  $e$  (public key:  $\langle n, e \rangle$ )
  - Or co-prime with  $\Phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- Let private key be  $d = e^{-1} \bmod \Phi(n)$  (i.e.,  $ed = 1 \bmod \Phi(n)$ )
- Encryption:  $RSA.E_{e,n}(m) = m^e \bmod n$
- Decryption:  $RSA.D_{d,n}(c) = c^d \bmod n$
- Correctness:  $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = (m^e)^d = m^{ed} = m \bmod n$ 
  - Intuitively:  $ed = 1 \bmod \Phi(n) \rightarrow m^{ed} = m \bmod n$
- But why? Remember Euler's theorem.

# RSA Public Key Cryptosystem

- **Correctness:**  $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n$ 
  - $m^{ed} = m^{ed} = m^{l+1} \Phi(n) = m \cdot m^l \Phi(n) = m \cdot (m^{\Phi(n)})^l$
  - $m^{ed} \bmod n = m \cdot (m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n)^l \bmod n$
  - **Eulers' Theorem:**  $m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n = 1 \bmod n$
  - $\rightarrow D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n = m \cdot 1^l \bmod n = m$
- **Comments:**
  - $m < n \rightarrow m = m \bmod n$
  - **Eulers' Theorem holds (only) if  $m, n$  are co-primes**
  - If not co-primes? Use Chinese Remainder Theorem
    - A nice, not very complex argument
    - But: beyond our scope – take Crypto!
  - Number of messages co-prime to  $n$  ?!

# The RSA Problem and Assumption

- RSA problem: Find  $m$ , given  $(n, e)$  and ‘ciphertext’ value  $c = m^e \pmod{n}$
- RSA assumption: if  $(n, e)$  are chosen ‘correctly’, then the RSA problem is ‘hard’
  - I.e., no efficient algorithm can find  $m$  with non-negligible probability
    - For ‘large’  $n$  and  $m \xleftarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, n\}$
- Relation between RSA and factoring:
  - Factoring algorithm  $\rightarrow$  algorithm to ‘break’ RSA
    - Simply use that to find the factors of  $n$ , then  $\Phi(n)$ , then compute the decryption key so you can reveal  $m$ .
  - But: RSA-breaking may not allow factoring

# RSA PKC Security

- It is a deterministic encryption scheme → cannot be IND-CPA secure.
- RSA assumption does not rule out exposure of partial information about the plaintext.

*A solution: apply a random padding to the plaintext then encrypt using RSA.*

# Padded RSA

- Pad and Unpad functions:
  - Encryption with padding:
  - Decryption with unpad:
- So it adds randomization to Prevent detection of repeating plaintext
- Padding must be done carefully; certain padding algorithms still do not guarantee CPA security.

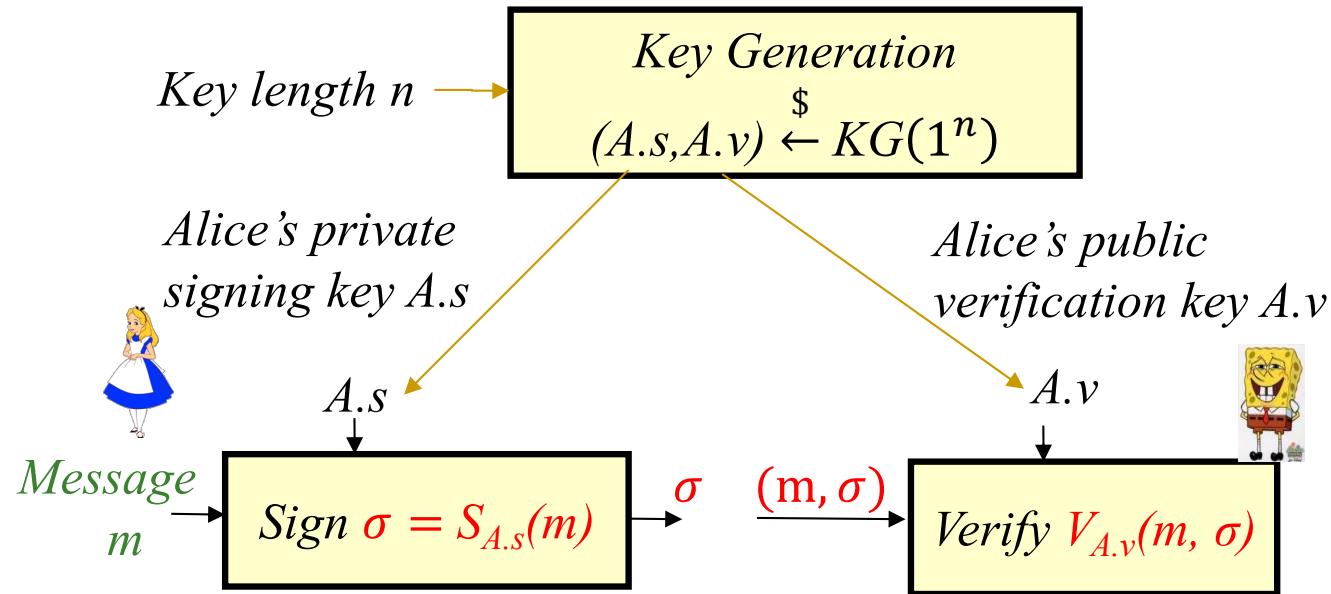
$$m = \text{Unpad}(\text{Pad}(m; r))$$

$$c = [\text{Pad}(m, r)]^e \bmod n,$$

$$m = \text{Unpad}(c^d \bmod n)$$

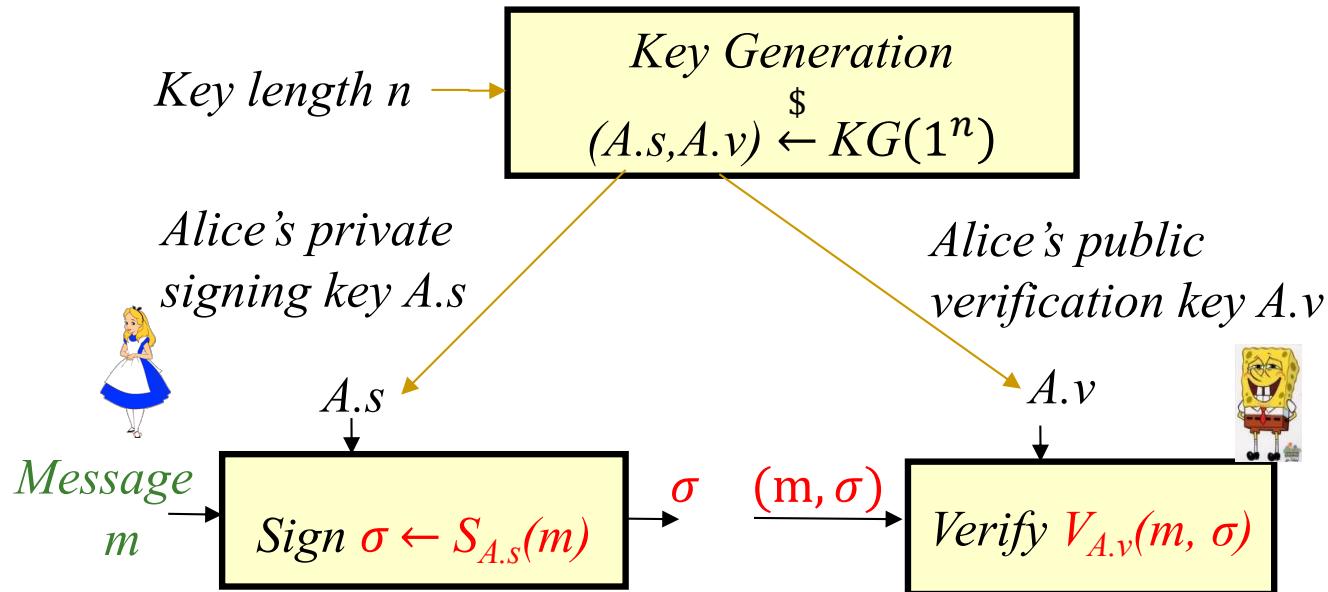
# Digital Signature

# Public Key Digital Signatures



- Sign using a private, secret signing key ( $A.s$  for Alice)
- Validate using a public verification key ( $A.v$  for Alice)
- Everybody can validate signatures at any time
  - Provides authentication, integrity and evidence / non-repudiation
  - MAC: 'just' authentication + integrity, no evidence, can repudiate

# Digital Signatures Security: Unforgeability



- Unforgeability: given  $v$ , attacker should be unable to find **any** 'valid'  $(m, \sigma)$ , i.e.,  $V_v(m, \sigma) = OK$ 
  - Even when attacker can select messages  $m'$ , receive  $\sigma' = S_s(m')$  – so it has access to the signing oracle
  - And the forgery is for a new message (that was not asked to the oracle).

# Digital Signature Scheme Definition

**Definition 1.4** (Signature scheme and its correctness). *A signature scheme is defined by a tuple of three efficient (PPT) algorithms,  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$ , and a set  $M$  of messages, such that:*

$\mathcal{KG}$  is a randomized algorithm that maps a unary string (security parameter  $1^n$ ) to a pair of binary strings  $(s, v)$ , the signing and verification keys, respectively.

$\text{Sign}$  is an algorithm<sup>8</sup> that receives two binary strings as input, a signing key  $s \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and a message  $m \in M$ , and outputs another binary string  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^*$ . We call  $\sigma$  the signature of  $m$  using signing key  $s$ .

$\text{Verify}$  is a predicate that receives three binary strings as input: a verification key  $v$ , a message  $m$ , and  $\sigma$ , a purported signature over  $m$ .  $\text{Verify}$  should output TRUE if  $\sigma$  is the signature of  $m$  using  $s$ , where  $s$  is the signature key corresponding to  $v$  (generated with  $v$ ).

Usually,  $M$  is a set of binary strings of some length. If  $M$  is not defined, then this means that any binary string may be input, i.e., the same as  $M = \{0, 1\}^*$ .

We say that a signature scheme  $(\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  is correct, if for every security parameter  $1^n$  holds:

$$\left( \forall (s, v) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{KG}(1^n), m \in M \right) \text{Verify}_v(m, \text{Sign}_s(m)) = \text{'Ok'} \quad (1.31)$$

# Digital Signature Scheme Security

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**Algorithm 1** The existentially unforgeable game  $EUF_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}}(1^n)$  between signature scheme  $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \mathcal{Sign}, \mathcal{Verify})$  and adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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( $s, v$ )  $\xleftarrow{\$}$   $\mathcal{S}.\mathcal{KG}(1^n)$ 
( $m, \sigma$ )  $\xleftarrow{\$}$   $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.\mathcal{Sign}_s(\cdot)}(v, 1^n)$ 
return ( $\mathcal{S}.\mathcal{Verify}_v(m, \sigma) \wedge (\mathcal{A} \text{ didn't give } m \text{ as input to } \mathcal{S}.\mathcal{Sign}_s(\cdot))$ )
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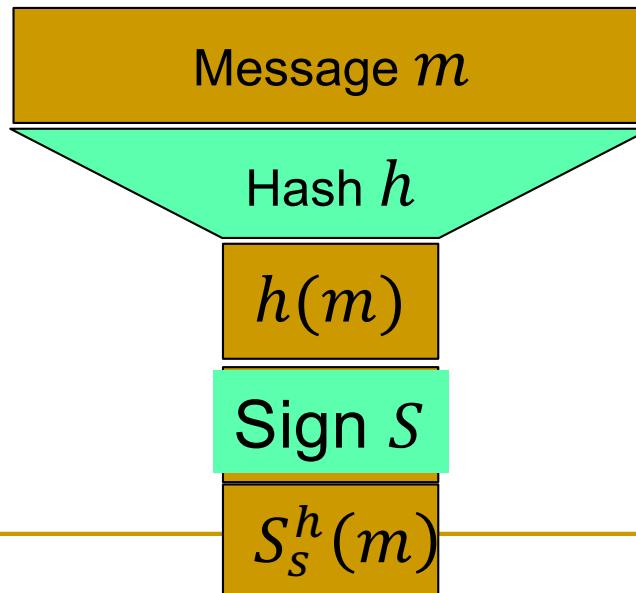
**Definition 1.4.** *The existential unforgeability advantage function of adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against signature scheme  $\mathcal{S}$  is defined as:*

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}}^{EUF}(1^n) \equiv \Pr(EUF_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}}(1^n) = \text{TRUE}) \quad (1.3)$$

Where the probability is taken over the random coin tosses of  $\mathcal{A}$  and of  $\mathcal{S}$  during the run of  $EUF_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}}(1^n)$  with input (security parameter)  $1^n$ , and  $EUF_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{S}}(1^n)$  is the game defined in Algorithm 1.

# RSA Signatures

- Secret signing key  $s$ , public verification key  $v$
- $\sigma = \text{RSA}.S_s(m) = m^s \bmod n$ ,  
 $\text{RSA}.V_v(m, \sigma) = \{ \text{OK if } m = \sigma^v \bmod n; \text{ else, FAIL} \}$
- Long messages?
  - Hint: use collision resistant hash function (CRHF)
  - $\sigma = \text{RSA}.S_s(m) = h(m)^s \bmod n$ ,  
 $\text{RSA}.V_v(m, \sigma) = \{ \text{OK if } h(m) = \sigma^v \bmod n; \text{ else, FAIL} \}$



# Discrete-Log Digital Signature?

- Can we sign based on assuming discrete log is hard?
- Most well-known, popular scheme: DSA
  - Digital Signature Algorithm, by NSA/NIST
  - Details: crypto course

# Covered Material From the Textbook

- Chapter 1: Section: 1.4
- Chapter 6:
  - Sections 6.4 (except 6.4.4)
  - Section 6.5 (except 6.5.6, 6.5.7, and 6.5.8),
  - And Section 6.6 (except RSA with message recovery and appendix)

# Thank You!

