

Digital Cash

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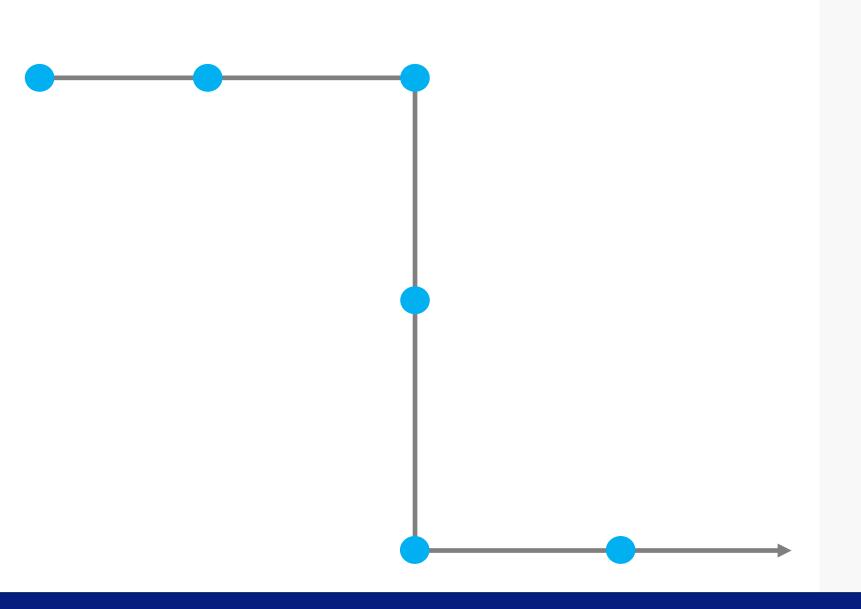




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Barter & Exchange





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"If you give me Fish, then I will provide you Wheat tomorrow"





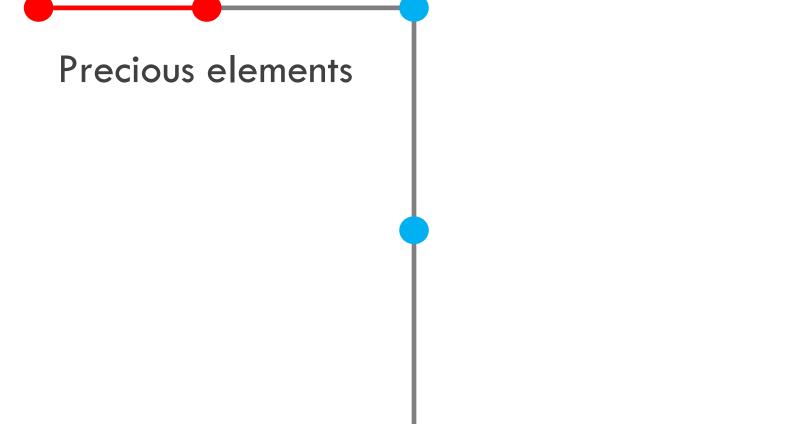
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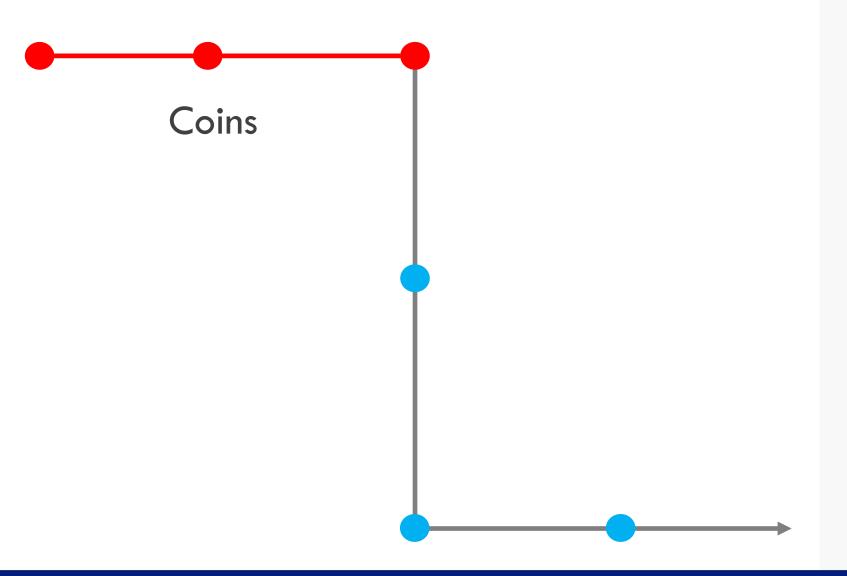










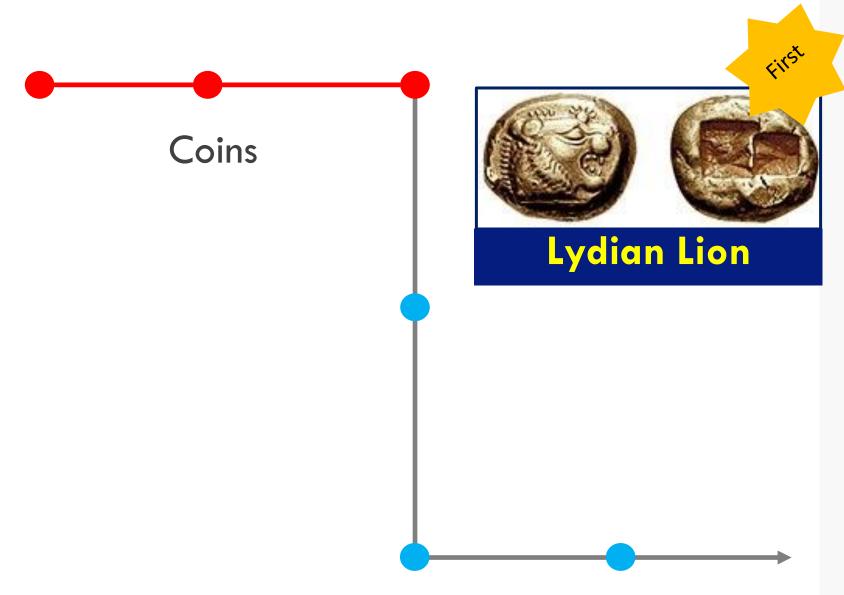










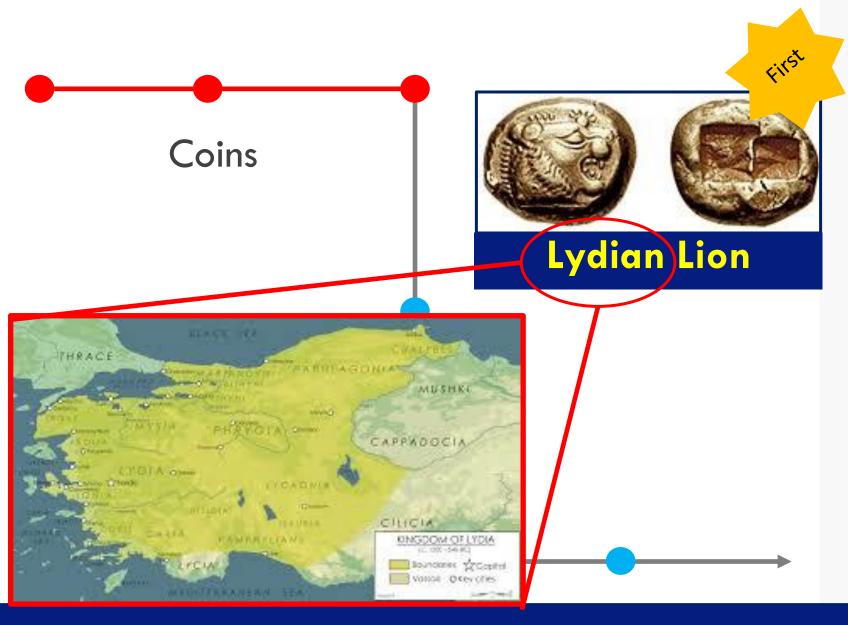










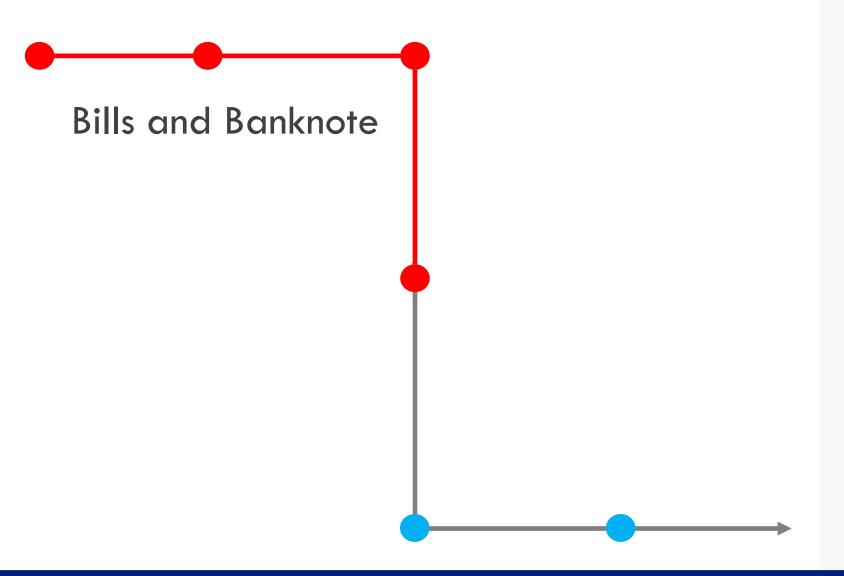






















Bills and Banknote













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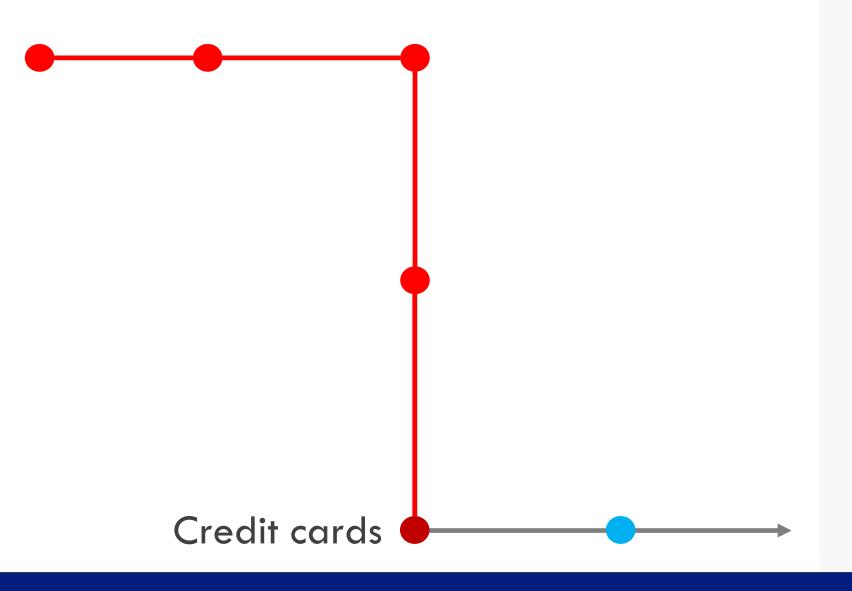














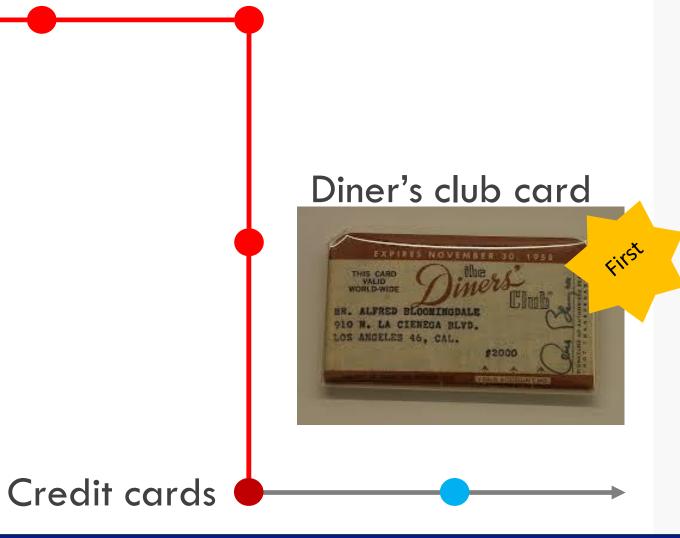














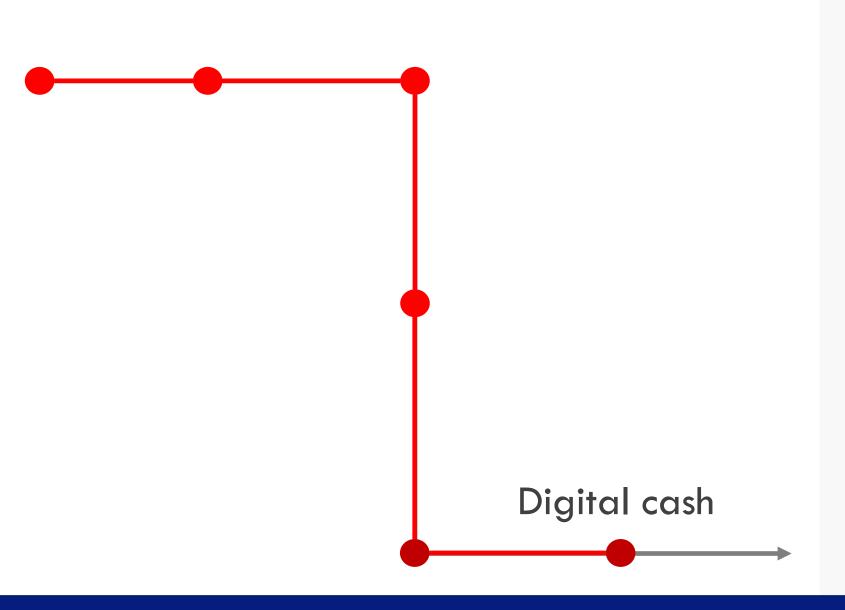


























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It took only a few decades from the first credit card to digital cash















Science is advancing at a very fast pace. With this outlook, perhaps in a few years, everything related to our business will change. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to move to the edge of science.





































Bank



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Issuance: The bank issues digital cash in Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) or as private digital money like stablecoins.

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Security: Banks use cryptographic measures to secure transactions and prevent unauthorized access or double-spending issues.

Regulation: Acts as a regulator, ensuring compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-customer (KYC) norms.





User of Digital Cash: The spender uses digital cash to pay for goods or services. **Authentication:** They must authenticate themselves, often through digital wallets or other secure methods. Transaction **Initiation:** Initiates transactions by transferring digital cash to merchants, ensuring they have the required balance. Privacy: In certain systems, spenders can remain anonymous, depending on the cryptographic and policy frameworks in

Merchant

transactions.

Acceptance of Payments: Merchants receive payments in digital cash for goods or services provided.

Integration with Payment Systems: They must integrate with digital payment infrastructure, like wallets and point-of-sale (POS) systems. Settlement Requests: Merchants request settlement from the bank or payment intermediary, converting digital cash into their desired form (e.g., fiat currency). **Compliance:** Ensure compliance with taxation and regulatory frameworks for digital





Choose large prime number \mathbf{p} , such that $\mathbf{q}=(p-1)/2$ is also prime.





```
def find_square_of_primitive_root(p):
    g0 = primitive_root(p) # imported from sympy
    # Calculate the square of the primitive root modulo p
    g = pow(g0, 2, p)
    return g
```



$$g^{k1} \equiv g^{k2} \pmod{p} \iff k_1 \equiv k_2 \pmod{q}$$

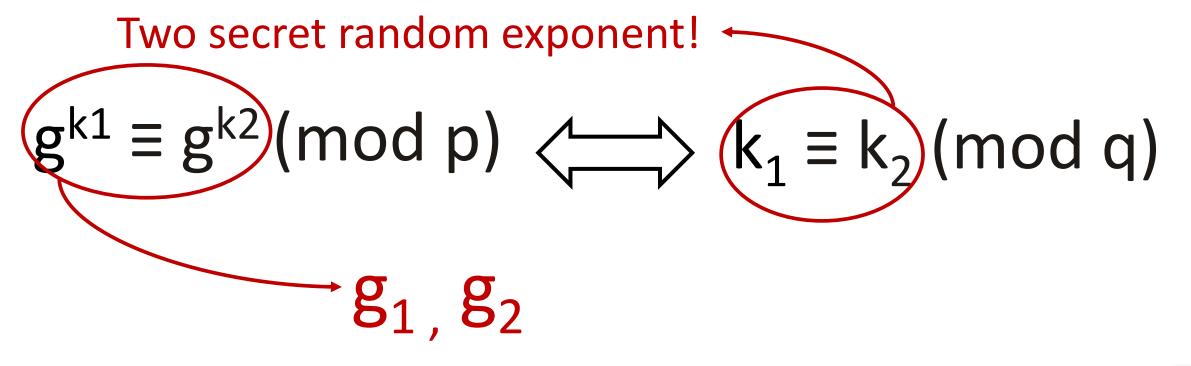


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def hash H(input tuple):
   if len(input tuple) != 5:
      raise ValueError("Input must be a 5-tuple of integers.")
   input_bytes = ','.join(map(str, input_tuple)).encode('utf-8')
   digest = Hash(SHA256(), backend=default backend())
   digest.update(input bytes)
   hash digest = digest.finalize()
   return int.from bytes(hash digest, 'big') % q
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The spender sends "I" to the bank and the bank stores it with other information like name, address, etc.





The Merchant





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The Merchant registers "M" with the bank











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All coins in the present scheme have the same value!



We can present a coin with 6-tuple of numbers









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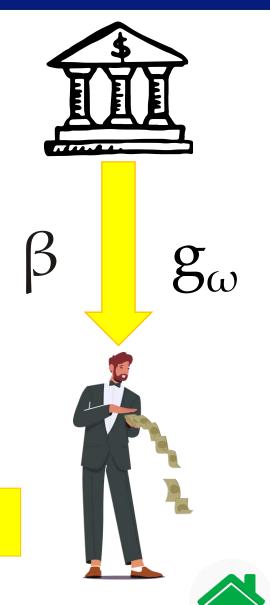


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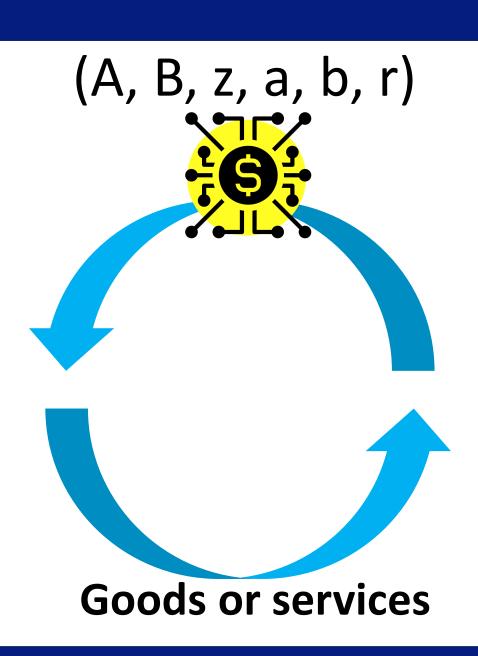


















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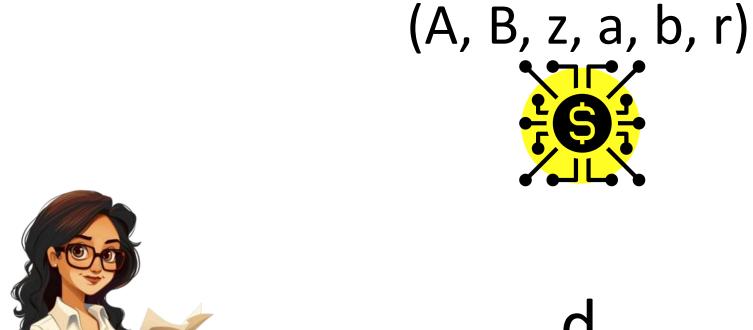


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t is a number representing date and time of transaction.



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$$r_1 \equiv dus + x_1 \pmod{q}$$

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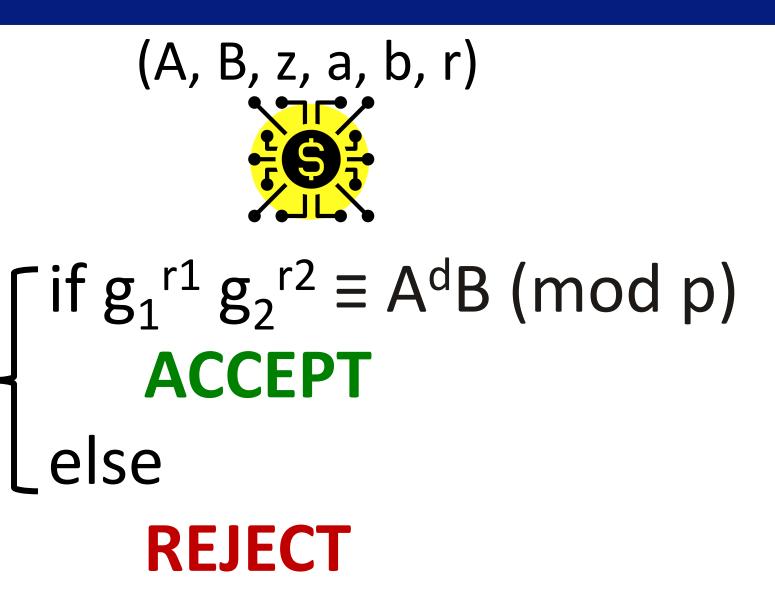


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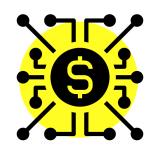
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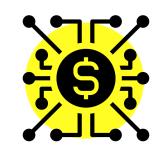


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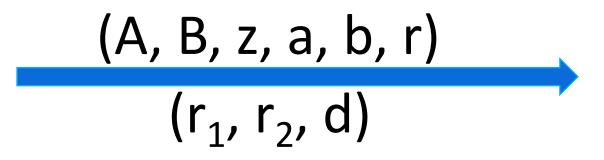
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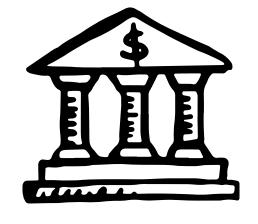






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The checks that the coin (A, B, z, a, b, r) has not been previously deposited.



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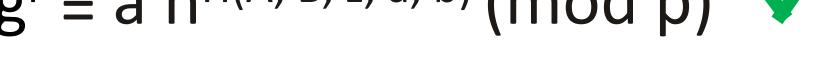
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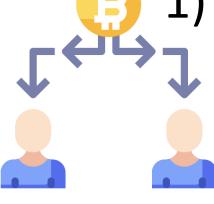


coin is valid and the Merchant's account is credited.





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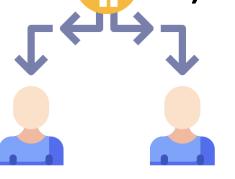


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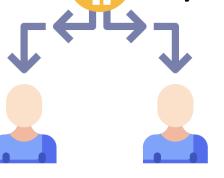




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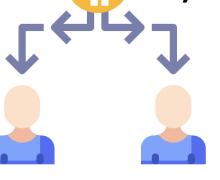
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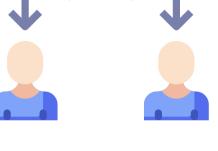
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The spender who did this will be found

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This is essentially **impossible** for the Merchant to do since it is complicated for the Merchant to produce numbers such that:

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but the thief does not know u and therefore will not be able to produce r_1 , r_2 such that $g_1^{r_1}g_2^{r_2} \equiv A^{d'}B$



Anonymity in digital cash refers to the degree to which a user's identity and transactions are concealed when they interact with a digital currency system. Traditional cash transactions are inherently anonymous; they don't link to a user's identity unless explicitly tracked. In the digital realm, achieving a similar level of privacy is complex due to the technological infrastructure and regulatory frameworks involved!



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Transaction Anonymity: The details of the transaction, including the

parties involved and the amount, are obfuscated.



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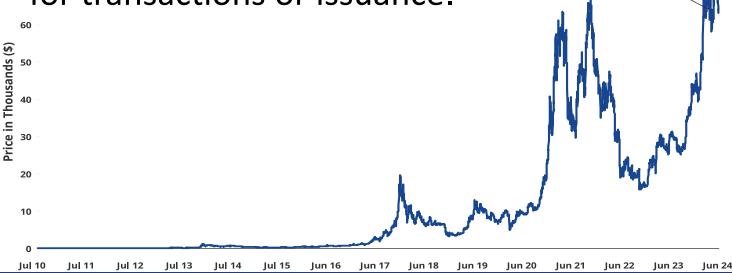


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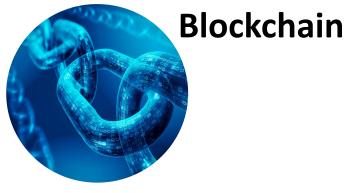
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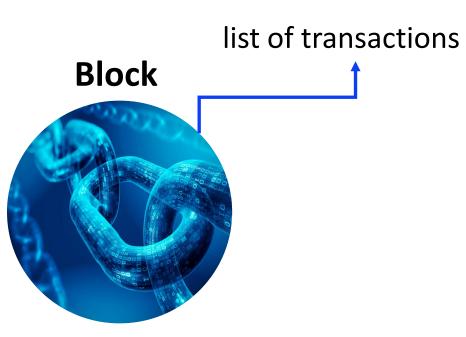
The blockchain is the backbone of Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies. It is a distributed ledger that records all transactions in a transparent, tamper-proof, and decentralized manner. Transactions are grouped into blocks, which are linked sequentially in a chain using cryptographic hashes



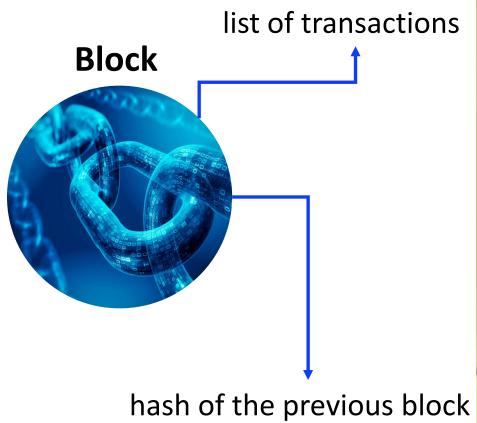




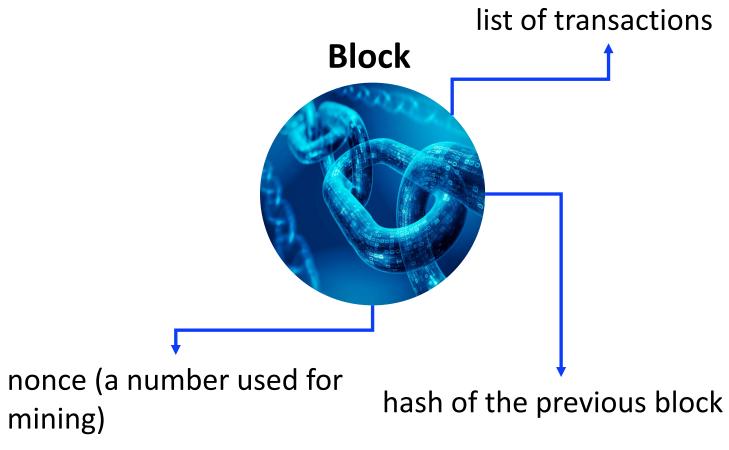




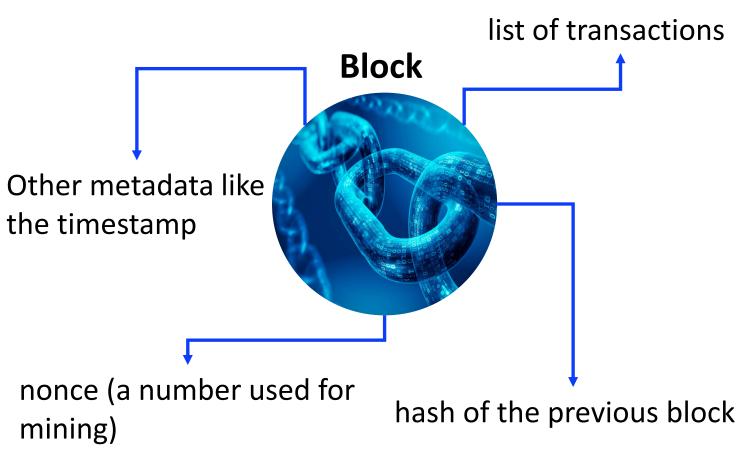














how does the blockchain work when Bob wants to send Bitcoin to Alice?







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- 1. Sender Address: Bob's Bitcoin address (derived from her public key).
- 2. Recipient Address: Alice's Bitcoin address.
- **3. Amount:** 2 BTC.
- **4. Digital Signature:** Bob uses his private key to sign the transaction, ensuring it's authentic and can't be altered.



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If valid, the transaction is added to the mempool (a pool of pending transactions)



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Miners group pending transactions into a new block.
They compete to solve a Proof-of-Work (PoW) puzzle
by finding a special number (the nonce) such that:

Hash(Block Data + Nonce) < Target Value





Mining (Adding to the Blockchain)

Miners group pending transactions into a new block. They compete to solve a Proof-of-Work (PoW) puzzle by finding a special number (the nonce) such that:

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Once a miner finds a solution:

- 1. The new block (containing Bob's transaction) is broadcast to the network
- 2. Other nodes verify the solution and the validity of the block



Block added to Blockchain



If the block is valid, it is added to the blockchain. The blockchain now has a record of Bob sending 2 BTC to Alice



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Alice's Bitcoin wallet checks the blockchain and sees a transaction crediting him with 2 BTC. The transaction is considered confirmed after multiple blocks are added after the block containing this transaction (this ensures security against potential forks)





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Transactions: [Charlie → Dana: 1 BTC]

Hash: H1001

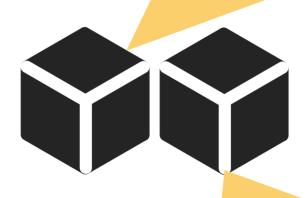




Block 1001

Transactions: [Charlie → Dana: 1 BTC]

Hash: H1001



Block 1002

Transactions: [Bob → Alice : 2 BTC]

The hash of Previous Block: H1001

Nonce: 982371 Hash: H1002



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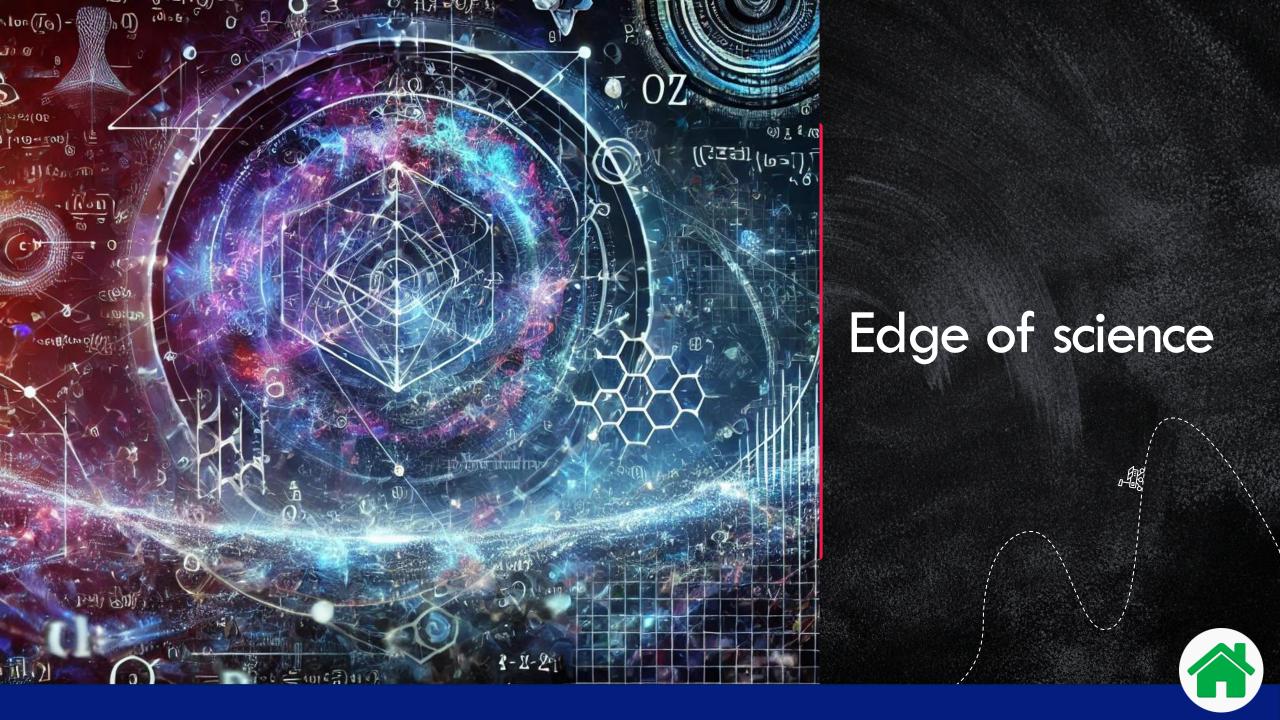


Advantages and challenges

- Transparency
- security
- the ability to operate without intermediaries

- Scalability
- energy of mining
- regulatory concerns















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Countering the finance of terrorism(CFT)





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Role of intermediaries: central banks don't store sensitive data and some regulated intermediaries check transactions.



Limits:

- 1. HybCBDC increases Complexity and operational costs.
- 2. It doesn't support offline payments.
- 3. In implementing protocols, it is assumed that the attacker does not have access to transaction information (such as IP, etc.), while in the real world, this assumption is not true.



