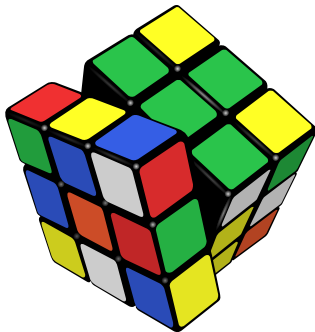


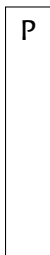
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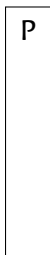
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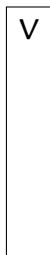
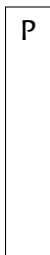
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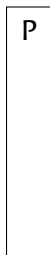
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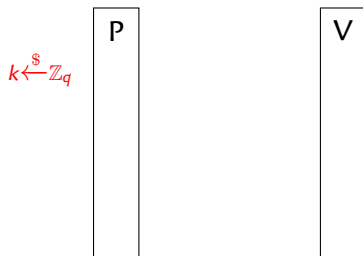
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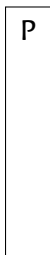
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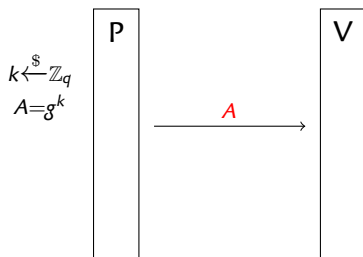


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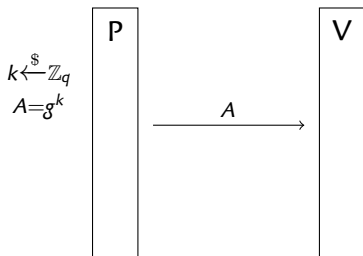
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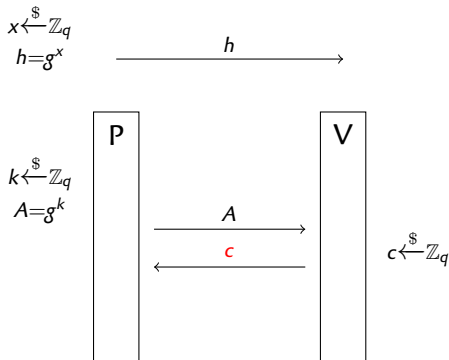
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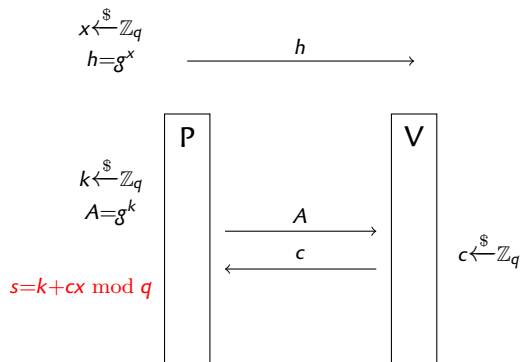
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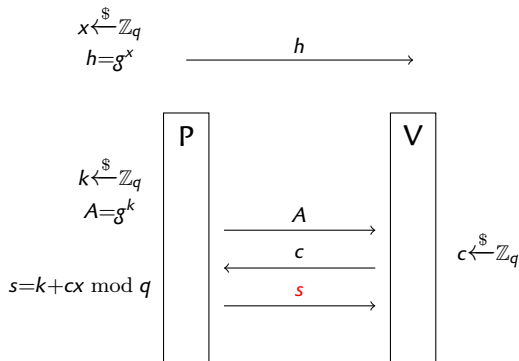
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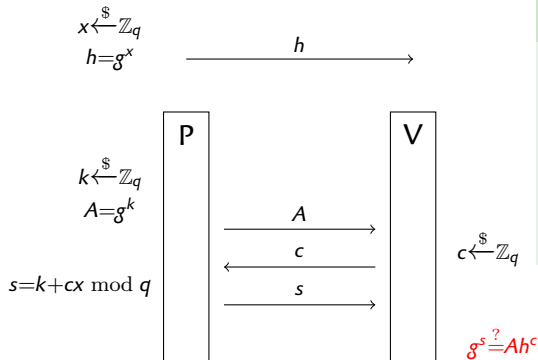
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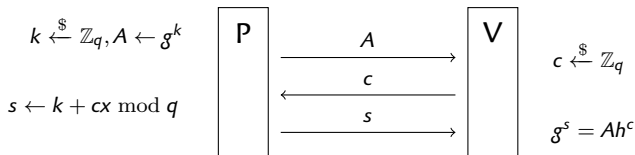
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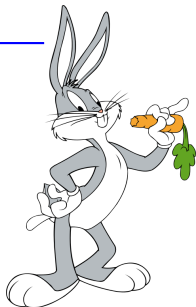
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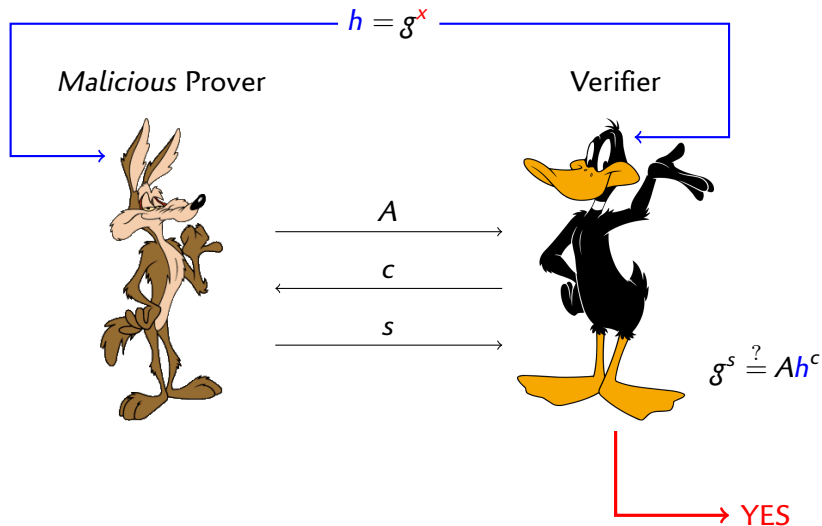
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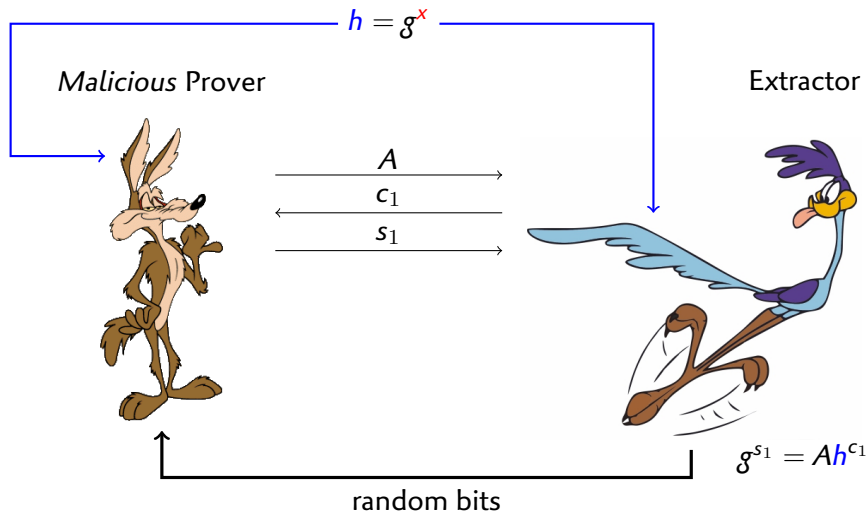
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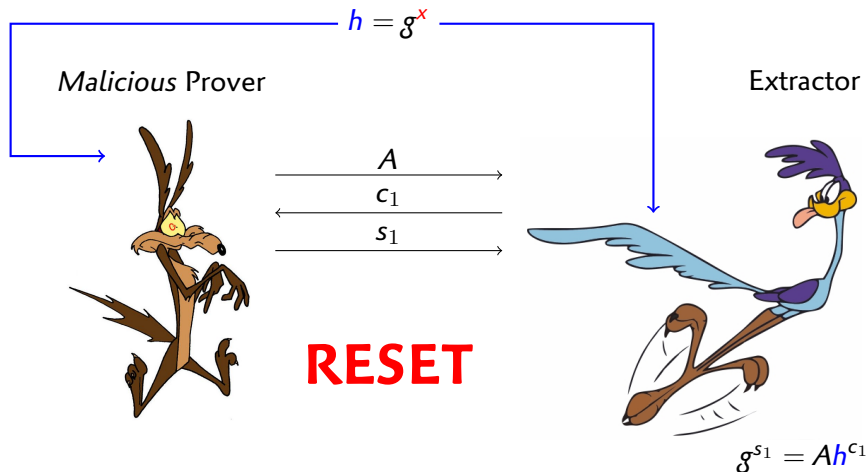
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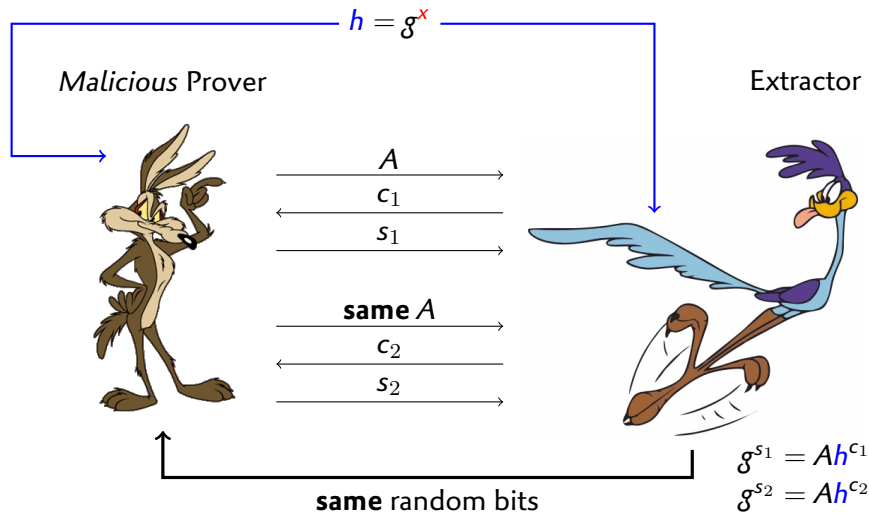
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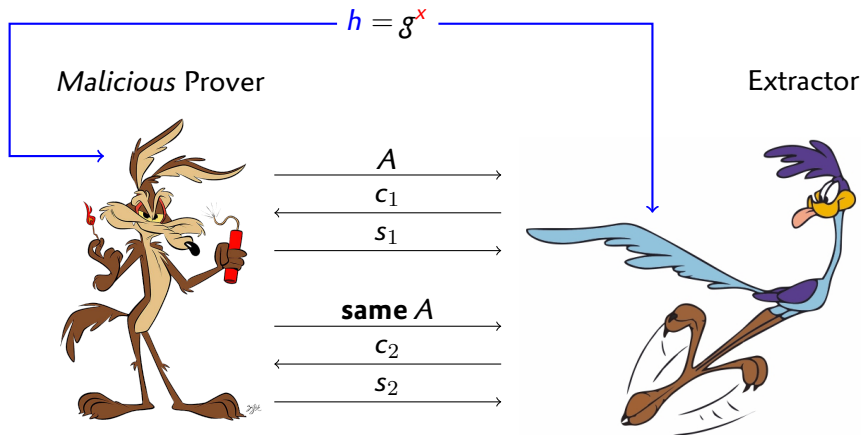
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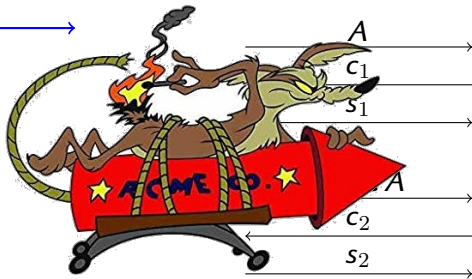
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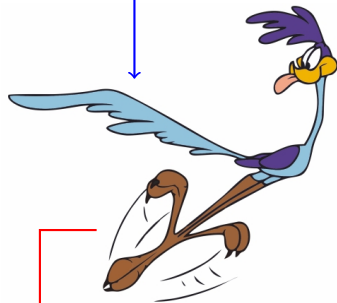
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## Fiat, Shamir (1986)

How to Prove Yourself: Practical Solutions to Identification and Signature Problems.

Advances in Cryptology - Crypto'86, Lect. Notes Comput. Science 263, pp. 186-194.

- In such a 3-pass identification scheme, the messages are called **commitment**, **challenge** and **response**. The challenge is randomly chosen by  $V$ .

## Fiat-Shamir Transform

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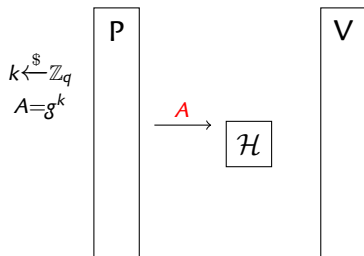


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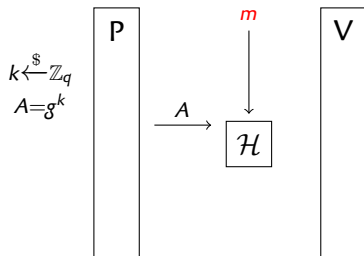
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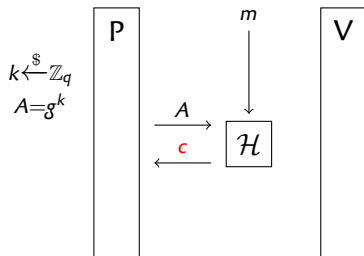
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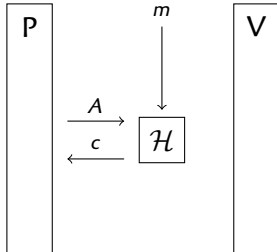
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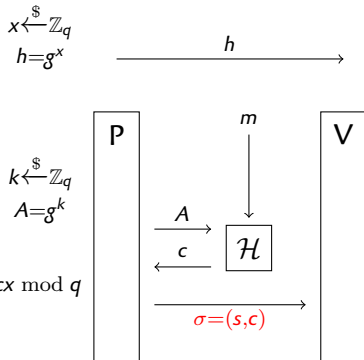
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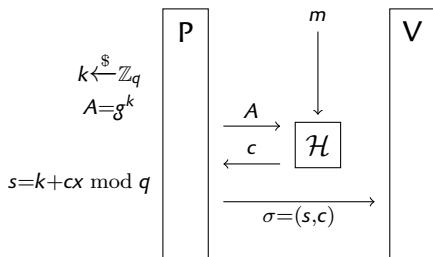
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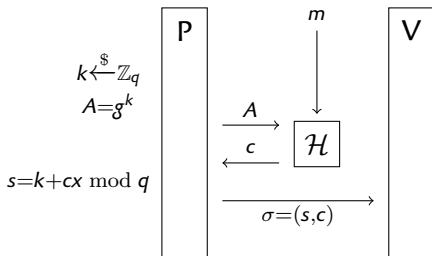
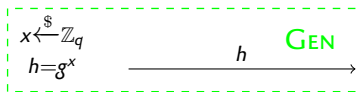
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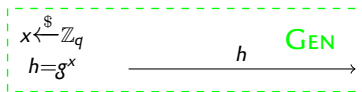
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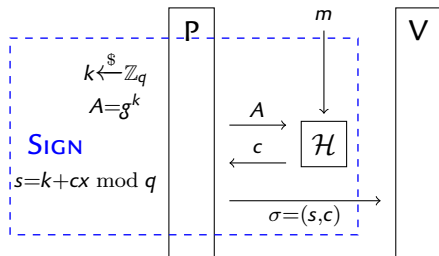
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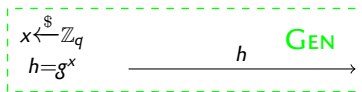
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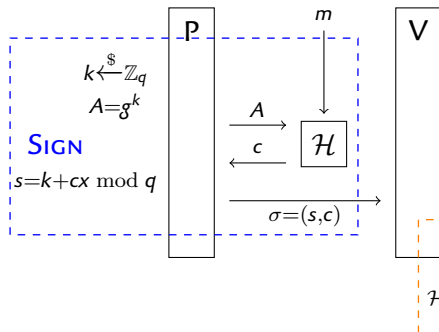
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# More Schnorr-Style Proofs

## Base Interactive Protocol

- ▶ Verifier knows  $g$  and  $h$
- ▶ Prover demonstrates **knowledge** of  $x$  such that  $h = g^x$

## Non-Interactive Version via the Fiat-Shamir Transform

- ▶ Prover generates a **proof** (a bit string) that the verifier checks

## Applications

- ▶ Proving knowledge of a secret key (identification protocol)
- ▶ Proving validity of DH quadruplet
- ▶ Elgamal encryption:
  - ▶ Proving knowledge of the randomness  $(g^r, mh^r)$
  - ▶ Proving correct decryption
  - ▶ Proving encryption of 0/1

## Reminder: Decisional Diffie-Hellman

$(g, h, g^x, h^y)$

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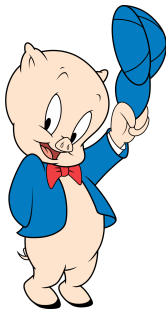


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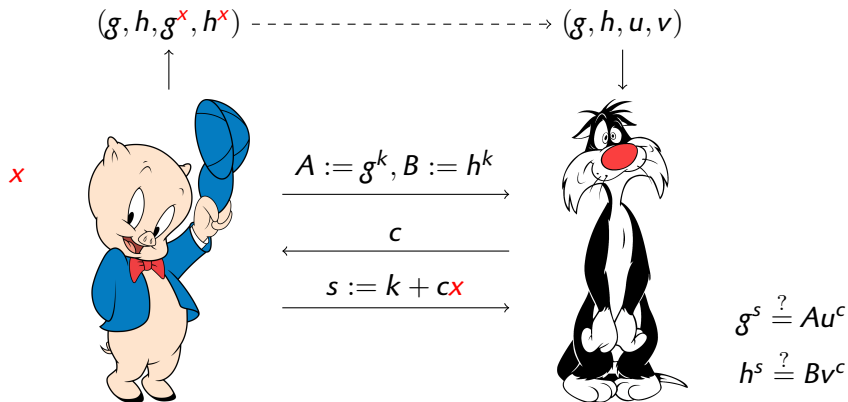
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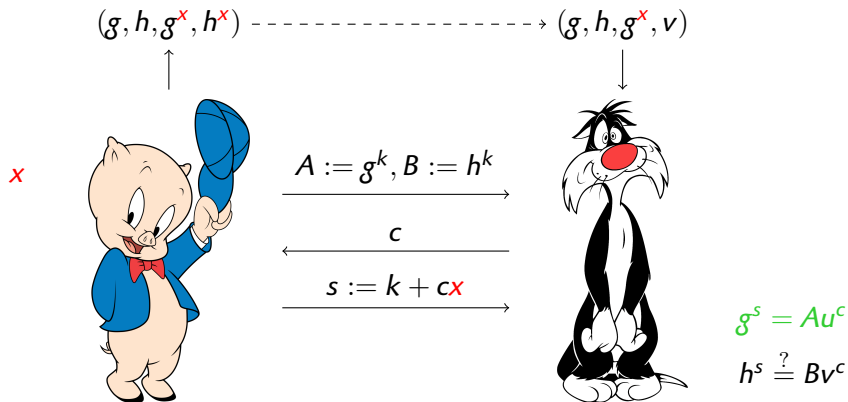
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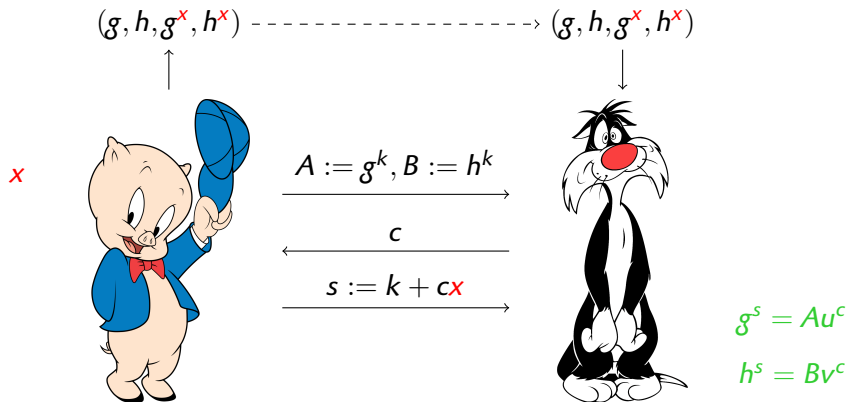
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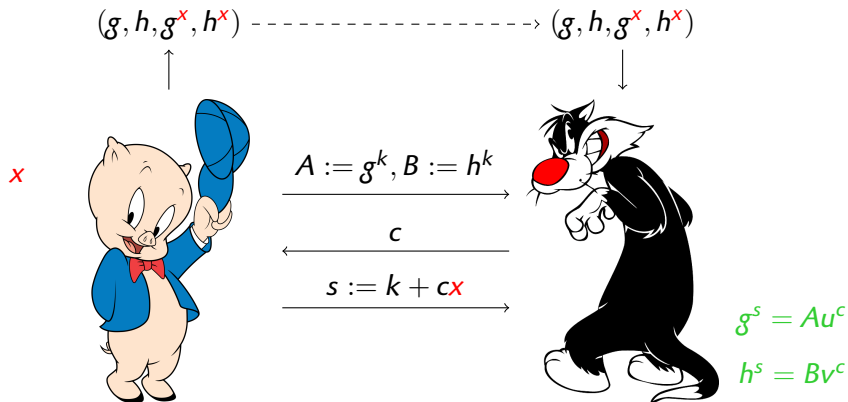


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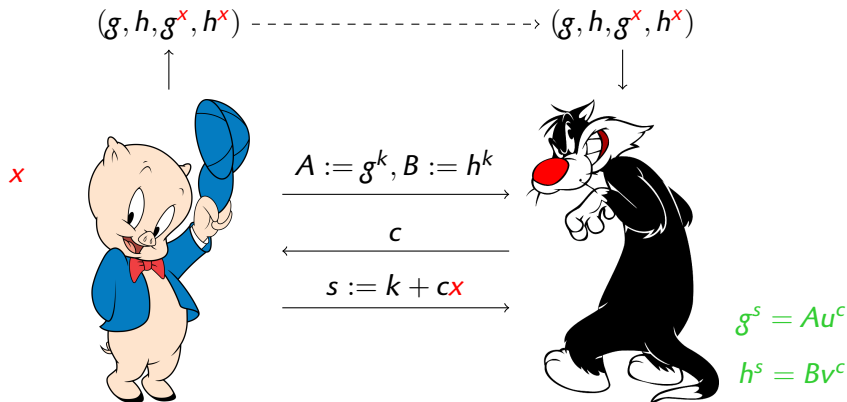




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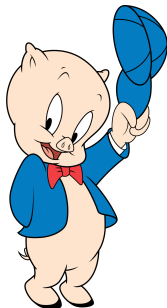
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- ▶ Is  $m$  the Elgamal decryption of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ ?  $h = g^x, (g^r, mh^r)$
- ▶ Run above protocol on  $(g, \alpha, h, \beta/m)$  with witness  $x$

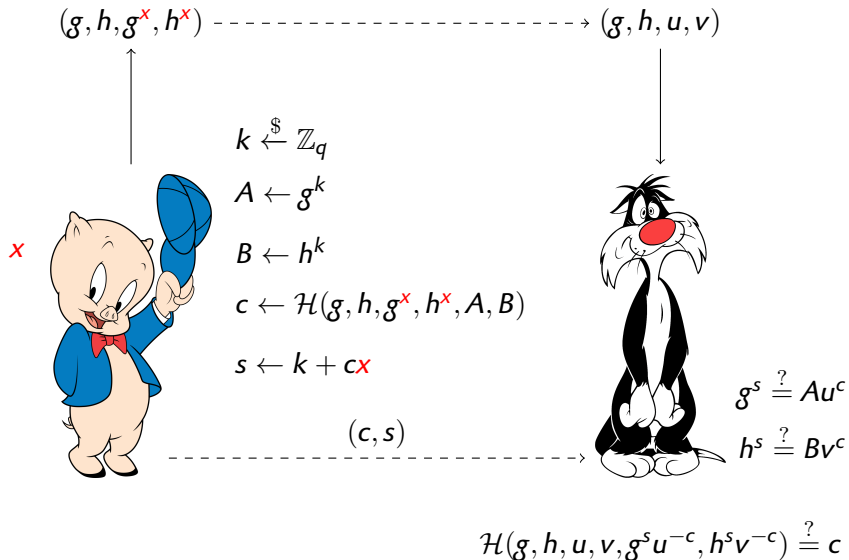
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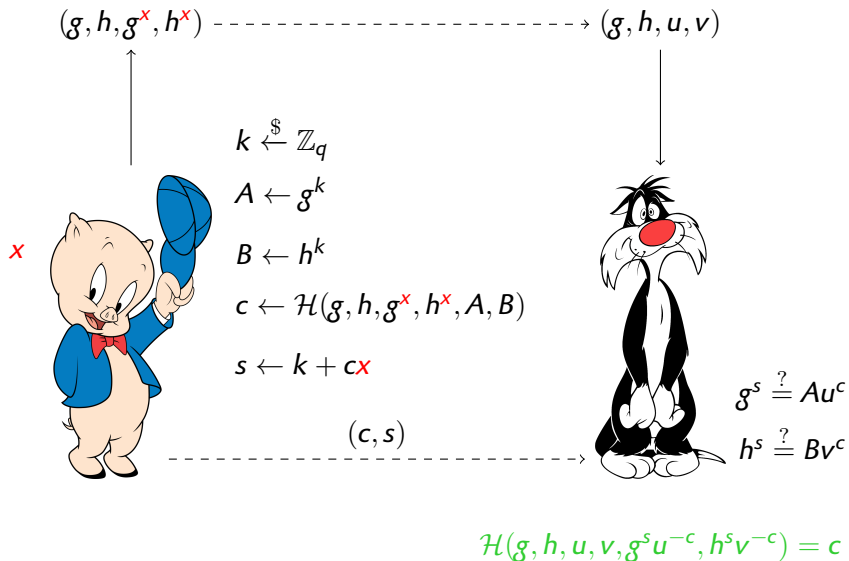
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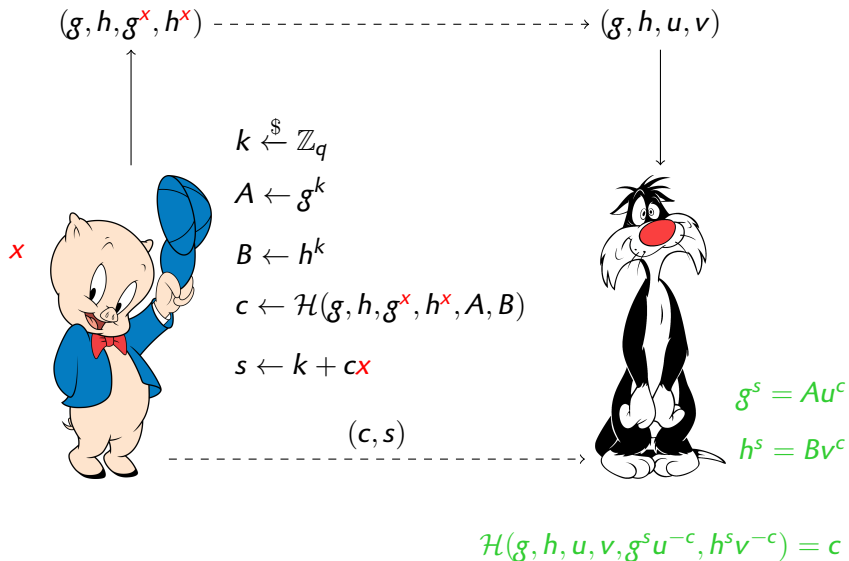
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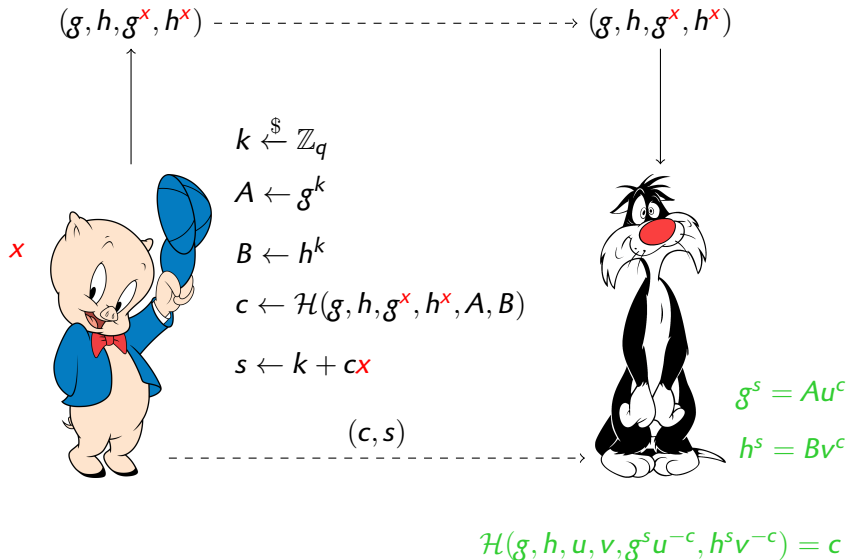
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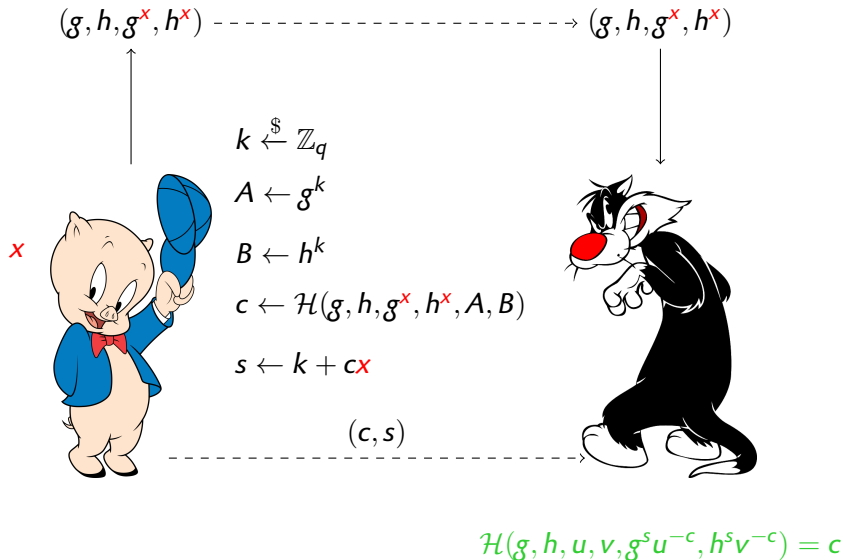
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## Concrete Problem: e-Voting with Strong Security Guarantees

- ▶ **Voters** register in advance at the **polling station**
  - ▶ Polling station know the public key  $h_v = g^{x_v}$  of voter  $v$
- ▶ The **election administrator** publishes a public key  $h_{ea} = g^{x_{ea}}$
- ▶ The **polling station** publishes a public key  $h_{ps} = g^{x_{ps}}$
- ▶ Yes/No question: votes are either 0 (no) or 1 (yes)
- ▶ On voting day, voter  $v$  has a **vote**  $b_v \in \{0, 1\}$ , and:
  - 👍 **Identify** to the polling station using  $h_v$
  - 👍 Elgamal-**encrypt** the **ballot**  $g^{b_v}$  using  $h_{ea}$
  - 👍 **Signs** the encrypted ballot using their secret key  $x_v$ 
    - ▶ Sends their encrypted/signed ballot to the polling station
  - 👍 The polling station **signs** incoming ballots using  $x_{ps}$ , send back the signed ballot to voters and publishes everything
- ▶ At the end of the day:
  - ▶ The polling station compute the **product**  $\pi$  of all votes
  - ▶ Publishes  $\pi$  and send  $\pi$  to the election administrator
  - ▶ Election administrator Elgamal-**decrypts**  $\pi$
  - ▶ Election administrator publishes the number of "1" votes

## Elgamal encryption is **malleable**

- ▶ Product of encryption is encryption of product
  - ▶ If  $(\alpha, \beta) = (g^r, m_1 h^r)$  and  $(\gamma, \delta) = (g^t, m_2 h^t)$
  - ▶ Then  $(\alpha\gamma, \beta\delta) = (g^{r+t}, m_1 m_2 h^{r+t})$
- ▶ product of encryptions of  $g^{b_v}$  is encryption of  $g^{\sum_v b_v}$

## Security Guarantees

- ▶ Only registered voters may send a ballot
  - ▶ Voter  $v$  must prove knowledge of  $x_v$
- ▶ Polling station does not know the votes
  - ▶ Semantic security of Elgamal encryption
- ▶ Polling station cannot modify a ballot
  - ▶ They are signed by the voters
- ▶ Polling station cannot “forget” a ballot
  - ▶ Voters may exhibit their ballot signed by the polling station
- ▶ Correct value of  $\pi$  is publicly verifiable

## Problems

1. Votes are not private from the election authority
  - ▶ Election authority knows the decryption key  $x_{ea}$ ...
2. The election authority could cheat
  - ▶ In theory, decrypts  $\pi$  using  $x_{ea}$ , publishes result
  - ▶  $\pi$  is an encryption of  $g^{\sum_v b_v}$
  - ▶ What if the election authority publishes a different value?
  - 👍 (non-interactive) proof of correct Elgamal decryption
3. Voters could cheat by submitting incorrect ballots
  - ▶ Instead of encrypting  $g^0$  or  $g^1$ , a voter encrypts  $g^{1000}$
  - ↪ Votes  $1000 \times$  "yes"!!!
  - ▶ Detectable: wrong # votes compared to # ballots
  - ▶ But it still voids the election...
4. Voters have a **receipt**
  - ▶ They have their ballot signed by the polling station
  - ▶ They have a "proof" that they have voted "yes" or "no"
  - ▶ They could sell their vote / be jailed / etc.

# Guaranteeing Votes Privacy

## Main idea

- ▶  $n > 1$  election authorities
  - ▶ Votes remain confidential as long as **one** of them is honest

## Threshold Elgamal

- ▶ **Distributed key generation:**
  - ▶ Authority # $i$  samples  $x_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$ , sets  $h_i \leftarrow g^{x_i}$
  - ▶ All authorities publish their **partial public keys**  $h_i$
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# Guaranteeing Correct Decryption of the Tally

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## Preventing a rogue election authority from cheating

- $(g, \alpha, h_i, \gamma_i)$  is (supposed to be) a DH-quadruplet (with  $x_i$ )
- Election authorities publishes (non-interactive) proofs

# Proof of 0/1 Encryption: Cramer, Damgård, and Schoenmakers (1994)

Two possible messages:  $m_0 = \text{"NO"}$  and  $m_1 = \text{"YES"}$

- ▶ prove that  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is an Elgamal encryption of a valid message
  - ▶ (without revealing if it is  $m_0$  or  $m_1$ )
- ↪ prove knowledge of  $r, b$  such that  $\alpha = g^r$  and  $\beta/m_b = h^r$

## Strategy

- ▶ Prove knowledge of  $r_0$  such that  $\alpha = g^{r_0}$  and  $\beta/m_0 = h^{r_0}$
- ▶ Prove knowledge of  $r_1$  such that  $\alpha = g^{r_1}$  and  $\beta/m_1 = h^{r_1}$
- ▶ Verifier checks **both** proofs, accept if **both** correct 🤔

## Obstacle

- ▶ Prover can only produce a **valid proof** of knowledge of  $r_b$ 
  - ▶ Simply does not know  $r_{1-b}...$  🤪

# Proof of 0/1 Encryption: Cramer, Damgård, and Schoenmakers (1994)

## Solution

- ▶ Prover generates a **fake proof of knowledge** of  $r_{1-b}$  🤖
- ▶ Without knowing  $r_{1-b}$

## Producing fake proofs?!?

- ▶ **Correct** protocol  $\rightsquigarrow$  no way to generate fake proofs 🤔
- ▶ Verifier rejects fake proofs if DLOG is hard

## The basic protocol is **zero-knowledge**

- ▶ A **simulator** generates valid transcripts (=proofs) by **choosing the challenge** before committing 😈
- ▶ So we could generate a fake proof of knowledge of  $r_{1-b}$  if we could choose the challenge

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
Prover wants to:

- ▶ Use a challenge imposed by the verifier for  $r_b$  (honest proof)
- ▶ Choose the challenge for  $r_{1-b}$  (fake proof)

How to choose the challenge for  $r_{1-b}$  but not for  $r_b$ ?



### Prover **splits** the challenge (Schnorr — 1991)

- ▶ **Chooses**  $c_{1-b} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$  (for the fake proof)  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  Produces fake proof **in advance** 
- ▶ **commits**
- ▶ Receives **unpredictable** challenge  $c$  from the verifier
- ▶ Computes  $c_b \leftarrow c - c_{1-b}$  (for the honest proof)  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  produces the honest proof “online” ( $c = c_0 + c_1$ )
- ▶ Sends both proofs plus  $(c_0, c_1)$  to the verifier



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3. Send  $c_0, s_0, s_1$

## VERIFIER( $h, (\alpha, \beta)$ )

Choose challenge

2. Send  $c \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$

- ▶  $c_1 \leftarrow c - c_0$
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Fake proof for

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1. Send  $A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1$

- ▶  $c_b \leftarrow c - c_{1-b}, s_b \leftarrow k + c_b r_b$

3. Send  $c_0, s_0, s_1$

## VERIFIER( $h, (\alpha, \beta)$ )

Honest proof for

$$\begin{cases} \alpha = g^{r_b} \\ \beta/m_b = h^{r_b} \end{cases}$$

with challenge  $c_b$

2. Send  $c \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$

- ▶  $c_1 \leftarrow c - c_0$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} A_0 \alpha^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} B_0 (\beta/m_0)^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} A_1 \alpha^{c_1}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} B_1 (\beta/m_1)^{c_1}$

## PROVER( $h, b, (\alpha, \beta), r_b$ )

- ▶  $c_{1-b} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q, s_{1-b} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$
- ▶  $A_{1-b} \leftarrow g^{s_{1-b}} \alpha^{-c_{1-b}}$
- ▶  $B_{1-b} \leftarrow h^{s_{1-b}} (\beta/m_{1-b})^{-c_{1-b}}$
- ▶  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q, A_b \leftarrow \alpha^k, B_b \leftarrow h^k$

1. Send  $A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1$

- ▶  $c_b \leftarrow c - c_{1-b}, s_b \leftarrow k + c_b r_b$

3. Send  $c_0, s_0, s_1$

## VERIFIER( $h, (\alpha, \beta)$ )

Commit to  $k$  (and  $c_{1-b}$ )

2. Send  $c \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$

- ▶  $c_1 \leftarrow c - c_0$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} A_0 \alpha^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} B_0 (\beta/m_0)^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} A_1 \alpha^{c_1}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} B_1 (\beta/m_1)^{c_1}$

## PROVER( $h, b, (\alpha, \beta), r_b$ )

- ▶  $c_{1-b} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q, s_{1-b} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$
- ▶  $A_{1-b} \leftarrow g^{s_{1-b}} \alpha^{-c_{1-b}}$
- ▶  $B_{1-b} \leftarrow h^{s_{1-b}} (\beta/m_{1-b})^{-c_{1-b}}$
- ▶  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q, A_b \leftarrow \alpha^k, B_b \leftarrow h^k$

1. Send  $A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1$

- ▶  $c_b \leftarrow c - c_{1-b}, s_b \leftarrow k + c_b r_b$

3. Send  $c_0, s_0, s_1$

## VERIFIER( $h, (\alpha, \beta)$ )

Once  $c_{1-b}$  has been committed,  $c_b$  cannot be predicted by the prover (proof  $\Rightarrow$  knowledge of  $r_b$ )

2. Send  $c \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$

- ▶  $c_1 \leftarrow c - c_0$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} A_0 \alpha^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_0} \stackrel{?}{=} B_0 (\beta/m_0)^{c_0}$
- ▶ Check  $g^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} A_1 \alpha^{c_1}$
- ▶ Check  $h^{s_1} \stackrel{?}{=} B_1 (\beta/m_1)^{c_1}$

## Elgamal 0/1 Encryption with Non-Interactive Proof

### ENCRYPT( $h, b$ )

- ▶  $r_b, c_{1-b}, s_{1-b}, k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$
- ▶  $(\alpha, \beta) \leftarrow (g^{r_b}, m_b h^{r_b})$
- ▶  $(A_{1-b}, B_{1-b}) \leftarrow (g^{s_{1-b}} \alpha^{-c_{1-b}}, h^{s_{1-b}} (\beta / m_{1-b})^{-c_{1-b}})$
- ▶  $(A_b, B_b) \leftarrow (\alpha^k, h^k)$
- ▶  $c \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(h, \alpha, \beta, A_0, B_0, A_1, B_1)$
- ▶  $c_b \leftarrow c - c_{1-b}$
- ▶  $s_b \leftarrow k + c_b r_b$
- ▶ **return**  $(\alpha, \beta, c_0, c_1, s_0, s_1)$

### DECRYPT( $x, \alpha, \beta, c_0, c_1, s_0, s_1$ )

- ▶  $c \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(g^x, \alpha, \beta, g^{s_0} \alpha^{-c_0}, h^{s_0} (m_0 / \beta)^{c_0}, g^{s_1} \alpha^{-c_1}, h^{s_1} (m_1 / \beta)^{c_1})$
- ▶ **if**  $c = c_0 + c_1 \pmod{q}$  **then return**  $\beta / \alpha^x$  **else return**  $\perp$

## Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

- ▶ The Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA) is a United States Federal Government **standard** or FIPS for digital signatures.
- ▶ It was proposed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in **August 1991** for use in their Digital Signature Standard (DSS), specified in FIPS 186, adopted in **1993**.
- ▶ DSA makes use of a cryptographic hash function  $\mathcal{H}$ .
- ▶ 2025: **ECDSA** with  $\mathcal{H} := \text{SHA256}$  is widespread

# Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

## Textbook ElGamal signature scheme (1985)

**Public parameters.** A  $k$ -bit prime  $p$  and a generator  $g$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$

**Key generation.** The secret key is  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$   
The public key is  $y = g^x \bmod p$

**Signature.** To sign a message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ , generate  $(r, s)$  s.t.

$$g^m = y^r r^s \bmod p$$

as follows:  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^\times$ ,  $r \leftarrow g^k \bmod p$  and

$$s \leftarrow (m - xr) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod p - 1$$

Output  $(r, s)$

**Verification.** Verify that  $1 < r < p$  and  $g^m \stackrel{?}{=} y^r r^s \bmod p$



# Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

## Hashed ElGamal signature scheme

**Public parameters.** A  $k$ -bit prime  $p$  and a generator  $g$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^\times$

**Key generation.** The secret key is  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$   
The public key is  $y = g^x \bmod p$

**Signature.** To sign a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , generate  $(r, s)$  s.t.

$$g^{\mathcal{H}(m)} = y^r r^s \bmod p$$

as follows:  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^\times$ ,  $r \leftarrow g^k \bmod p$  and

$$ks \leftarrow (\mathcal{H}(m) - xr) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod p - 1$$

Output  $(r, s)$

**Verification.** Verify that  $1 < r < p$  and  $g^{\mathcal{H}(m)} \stackrel{?}{=} y^r r^s \bmod p$

## Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

### Hashed ElGamal signature scheme **with Schnorr's trick**

**Public parameters.** A  $k$ -bit prime  $p$  and a generator  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  of prime order  $q$

**Key generation.** The secret key is  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$   
The public key is  $y = g^x \bmod p$

**Signature.** To sign a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , generate  $(r, s)$  s.t.

$$g^{\mathcal{H}(m)} = y^r r^s \bmod p$$

as follows:  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^\times, r \leftarrow g^k \bmod p$  and

$$s \leftarrow (\mathcal{H}(m) - xr) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod q$$

Output  $(r, s)$

**Verification.** Verify that  $1 < r < q$  and  $g^{\mathcal{H}(m)} \stackrel{?}{=} y^r r^s \bmod p$

# Digital Signature Algorithm (DSA)

## Full DSA

**Public parameters.** A  $k$ -bit prime  $p$  and a generator  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  of prime order  $q$

**Key generation.** The secret key is  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$   
The public key is  $y = g^x \bmod p$

**Signature.** To sign a message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ , generate  $(r, s)$  s.t.

$$g^{\mathcal{H}(m)} = y^r r^s \bmod p$$

as follows:  $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^\times, r \leftarrow (g^k \bmod p) \bmod q$  and

$$s \leftarrow (\mathcal{H}(m) + xr) \cdot k^{-1} \bmod q$$

Output  $(r, s)$

**Verification.** Verify that  $1 < r < q$ , compute  $w \leftarrow s^{-1} \bmod q$ ,  
 $u_1 = \mathcal{H}(m) \cdot w \bmod q, u_2 \leftarrow r \cdot w \bmod q$ ,  
Check whether  $(g^{u_1} y^{u_2} \bmod p) \bmod q \stackrel{?}{=} r$