

Cryptography III

Public-key systems, digital signatures,
hash functions

Weaknesses of symmetric cryptosystems

- Managing and distributing shared secret keys is so difficult in a model environment with too many parties and relationships
 - N parties $\rightarrow n(n-1)/2$ relationships \rightarrow each manages $(n-1)$ keys
- No way for digital signatures
 - No non-repudiation service

Diffie-Hellman new ideas for PKC

- In principle, a PK cryptosystem is designed for a single user, not for a pair of communicating users
 - More uses other than just encryption
- Proposed in Diffie and Hellman (1976) “New Directions in Cryptography”
 - public-key encryption schemes
 - public key distribution systems
 - Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol
 - digital signature

Diffie-Hellman's proposal

- Each user creates 2 keys: a secret (private) key and a public key → published for everyone to know
 - The PK is for encryption and the SK for decryption
$$X = D(z, E(Z, X))$$
 - The SK is for creating signatures and the PK for verifying these signatures
$$X = E(Z, D(z, X)) \rightarrow D() \text{ for creating signatures, } E \rightarrow \text{verifying}$$
- Also, called asymmetric key cryptosystems
 - Knowing the public-key and the cipher, it is computationally infeasible to compute the private key

RSA Algorithm

- Invented in **1978** by Ron **R**ivest, Adi **S**hamir and Leonard **A**dleman
 - Published as R L Rivest, A Shamir, L Adleman, "*On Digital Signatures and Public Key Cryptosystems*", Communications of the ACM, vol 21 no 2, pp120-126, Feb 1978
 - Security relies on the difficulty of factoring large composite numbers
 - Essentially the same algorithm was discovered in 1973 by Clifford Cocks, who works for the British intelligence
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Main idea

- Encryption and decryption functions are modulo exponential in the field $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$
 - Encryption: $Y = X^e \bmod n$ (or $\pm n$)
 - $a = b \pm n \rightarrow a = b + k \cdot n, a \in Z_n, k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ e.g. $7 = 37 \pm 10$
 - Decryption: $X = Y^d \bmod n$
 - The clue is that e & d must be selected such that $X^{ed} = X \pmod n$

Main idea

- The way to create such e & d is by using this Euler theorem: $X^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
 - $\varphi(n)$: the size of $Z_n^* = \{k: 0 < k < n \mid (k, n) = 1\}$
 - $\varphi(n)$ can be computed easily if knowing n factorization
 - $n = p \cdot q$, where p, q are primes $\rightarrow \varphi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 - First choose e then compute d s.t. $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$
or $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$, which will assure that
$$X^{ed} = X^{k \cdot \varphi(n) + 1} \equiv (X^{\varphi(n)})^k \cdot X \equiv 1^k \cdot X = X \pmod{n}$$
- Note this works because we know n 's factorization
 - From e we compute $d \equiv e^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ since we know $\varphi(n)$, otherwise it is computational infeasible to compute d s.t. $X^{ed} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

RSA PKC

■ Key generation:

- ❑ Select 2 large prime numbers of about the same size, p and q
- ❑ Compute $n = pq$, and $\Phi(n) = (q-1)(p-1)$
- ❑ Select a random integer e , $1 < e < \Phi(n)$, s.t. $\gcd(e, \Phi(n)) = 1$
- ❑ Compute d , $1 < d < \Phi(n)$ s.t. $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$
- ❑ **Public key: (e, n) and Private key: d**
 - **Note: p and q must remain secret**

RSA PKC (cont)

■ Encryption

- Given a message M , $0 < M < n$: $M \in \mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\}$
- use public key (e, n) compute
$$C = M^e \bmod n, \text{ i.e. } C \in \mathbb{Z}_n - \{0\}$$

■ Decryption

- Given a ciphertext C , use private key (d) compute
$$M = C^d \bmod n$$

■ Why work?

- $(M^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = M^{ed} \bmod n = M$

Example

■ Parameters:

- Select $p = 11$ và $q = 13$
- $n = 11 * 13 = 143$; $m = (p-1)(q-1) = 10 * 12 = 120$
- Choose $e = 37 \rightarrow \gcd(37, 120) = 1$
- Using the algo gcd: $e * d = 1 \pm 120 \rightarrow d = 13$ ($e * d = 481$)

■ To encrypt a binary string

- Split it into segments of u bit s.t. $2^u \leq 142 \rightarrow u = 7$. That is each segment present a number from 0 to 127
- Compute $Y = X^{e \pm 143}$

E.g. For $X = (0000010) = 2$, we have

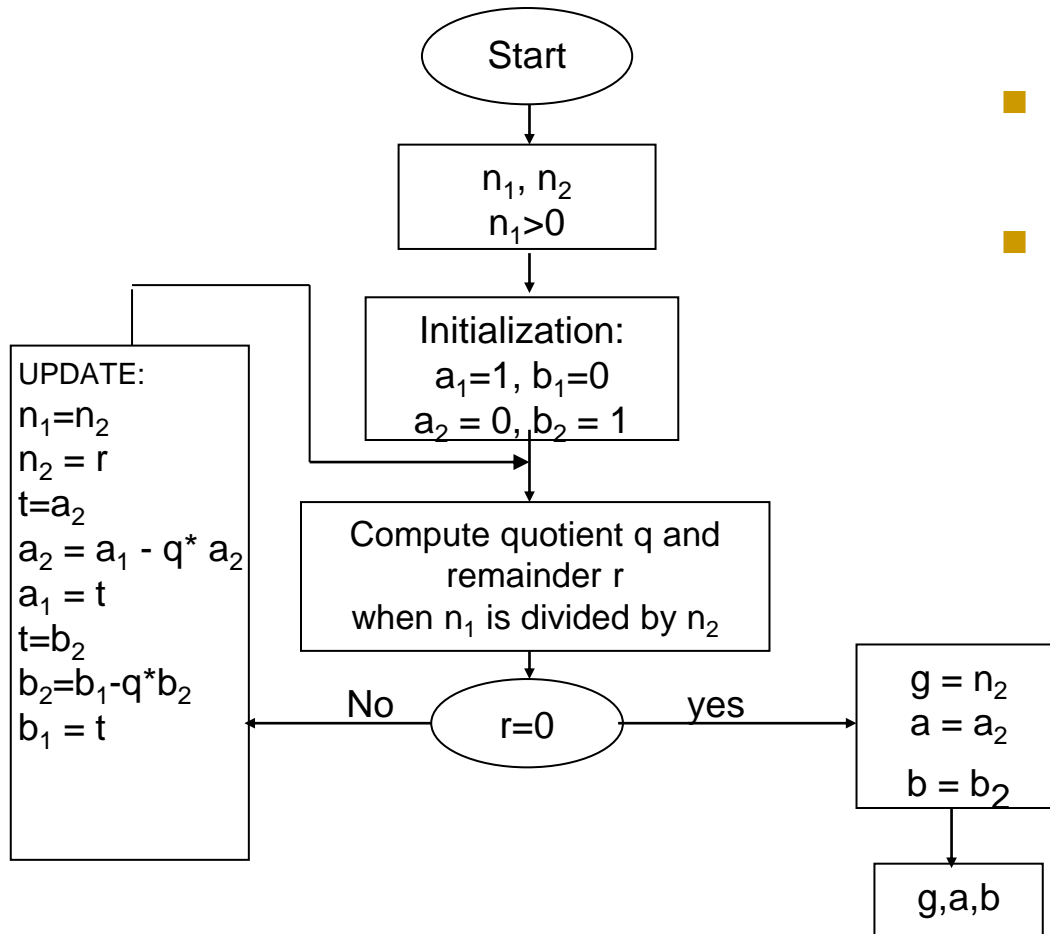
$$Y = E_Z(X) = X^{37} = 12 \pm 143 \rightarrow Y = (00001100)$$

■ Decryption: $X = D_Z(Y) = 12^{13} = 2 \pm 143$

Algorithm for computing modulo inverse

- Computing the inverse of ω by modulo m
 - Finding $x = \omega^{-1} \bmod m$ such that $x * \omega = 1 \pmod{m}$
 - Many applications such as in the Knapsack trapdoor
- Based on the extended GCD algorithm or the extended Euclidean algorithm (GCD: Greatest common divisor)
 - On finding the GCD of 2 numbers n_1 và n_2 , one will also compute a & b such that $GCD(n_1, n_2) = a \times n_1 + b \times n_2$.
 - If $\gcd(n_1, n_2) = 1$ then this e-GCD algorithm will find a, b to meet $a \times n_1 + b \times n_2 = 1$, i.e. n_1 is the inverse of a by modulo n_2

Problem: Prove the correctness of this algorithm



- Numeric example: find the inverse of 11 by modulo 39
- Let $n_1 = 39, n_2 = 11$ then run the algo as in the following table:

n_1	n_2	r	q	a_1	b_1	a_2	b_2
39	11	6	3	1	0	0	1
11	6	5	1	0	1	1	-3
6	5	1	1	1	-3	-1	4

Exercise

- Complete the dry-run table in the example
- From the textbook (Vietnamese)

Một sinh viên đã viết bảng tính như sau để tính giá trị nghịch đảo đồng dư. Không may bị nước đổ ra giấy nên mất chữ toàn bộ dòng thứ 2. Em hãy thử phục hồi lại dòng đầu tiên này và cho biết giá trị của 2 số cần tính nghịch đảo đồng dư.

n_1	n_2	r	q	a_1	b_1	a_2	b_2
?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
13	11	2	1	0	1	1	-2
11	2	1	5	1	-2	-1	3
2	1			-1	3	6	-17

Hint

■ Observation

□ Invariant:

$$n_1 = a_1 * N_1 + b_1 * N_2$$

$$\& \quad n_2 = a_2 * N_1 + b_2 * N_2$$

□ Next round, the pair of n_1 & n_2 can be computed as

new n_1 = old n_2 ;

new n_2 = old $(n_1 - q * n_2)$ where $q = n_1 \text{ div } n_2$;

□ Other pairs a_1 & a_2 and b_1 & b_2 can do the same way

General remarks on PKC

- Since 1976, many PKC schemes had been proposed many was broken
- A PKC have two main applications
 - Hiding information (including secrete communication)
 - Authentication with digital signatures
- The two algorithms that are most successful are RSA và El-Gamal.
- In general PKC is very slow, not appropriate for on-line encryption
 - Not used for encrypting large volume of date but for special purposes.
 - PKC and SKC are used in combined:
 - Alice and Bob use a PKC system to create a shared secret key between them and then use a SKC system to encrypt the communicated data by using this secret key

RSA implementation

- n, p, q
 - The security of RSA depends on how large n is, which is often measured in the number of bits for n . Current recommendation is 1024 bits for n .
 - p and q should have the same bit length, so for 1024 bits RSA, p and q should be about 512 bits.
 - $p-q$ should not be small
 - Way to select p and q
 - In general, select large numbers (some special forms), then test for primality
 - Many implementations use the Rabin-Miller test, (probabilistic test)

Factorization Problem

- Estimated time using the sieve algorithm

$$L(n) \approx 10^{9.7 + \frac{1}{50} \log_2 n}$$

- $\log_2 n$: the number of bits in representing n
- By 1996, for $n=200$, $L(n) \approx 55,000$ years.
- Using parallel computing, one can factorize a 129-digit number in 3 months by distributing the workload to the computers throughout the Internet at 1996-7
- Today, for applications requiring high security levels one should use values of n in 1024-bit or even 2048-bit.

Modulo Exponential

- Fast algorithm to compute exponential in Z_n (modulo n):
Computing X^α (modul n)
- Determine coefficients α_i in the binary representation of α :
$$\alpha = \alpha_0 2^0 + \alpha_1 2^1 + \alpha_2 2^2 + \dots + \alpha_k 2^k$$
- Loop in k rounds to compute these k modulo exponential, với $i=1,k$:

$$X^2 = X \times X$$

$$X^4 = X^2 \times X^2$$

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$$X^{2^k} = X^{2^{k-1}} \times X^{2^{k-1}}$$

- Now compute $X^\alpha \bmod n$ by multiplying theses X^{2^i} computed in the previous steps but only with corresponding coefficients $\alpha_i = 1$:

$$(X^{2^i})^{\alpha_i} = \begin{cases} 1, & \alpha_i = 0 \\ X^{2^i}, & \alpha_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

Digital Signatures

■ Motivation

- Diffie-Hellman proposed the idea (1976)
- Simulation of the real-world into digital worlds
 - Paper contracts need signed to be valid so do electronic versions

■ The proofs conveyed in signatures

- Data integrity: information is original, not modified
- Authentication: The source of the info is correct, not impersonated

DS: how they work

- Digital Signature: a data string which associates a message with some originating entity.
- Digital Signature Scheme:
 - a signing algorithm: takes a message and a (private) signing key, outputs a signature
 - a verification algorithm: takes a (public) key verification key, a message, and a signature
- A DS is created based on a PK system
 - Alice signs message X by creating $Y = D_{z_A}(X)$, so the signed document now is $(X, Y = D_{z_A}(X))$.
 - Bob who receives (X, Y) , computes $X' = E_{z_A}(Y)$ then compare if $X = X'$ to confirm the document's validity

Non-repudiation

- We mention more on applications of DS
- Non-repudiation
 - The signer can't deny that his/her created the document
 - Only Alice knows z_A to create $(X, Y=D_{z_A}(X))$ but everyone else can verify
 - So we say the DS scheme provides non-repudiation

Public notary

■ Motivation

- ❑ Alice may lost her secret key or someone stole it → that bad guy can impersonate Alice to create documents with Alice signatures out of Alice's control
- ❑ Alice can also deny a document truly signed by her in the past: Alice claims the document was impersonated by someone stealing her SK

■ Solution: Public notary service

- ❑ A third party – a public notary – can be hired for important documents
- ❑ The trusted notary also signs on the same document, that is to create his signature on the concatenation of the document and Alice's signature

Proof of delivery (receipts)

■ Motivation

- The sender need proof that the receiver has already got his message
- The receiver can't deny that once the sender got a receipt

■ Solution: An adjudicated protocol

- $A \rightarrow B$: $Y = E_{Z_B}(D_{Z_A}(X))$
- B computes: $X' = E_{Z_A}(D_{Z_B}(Y))$
 - When receiving Y, B computes and checks if $X' = X$ then signs on X' and pass to A as a receipt .
- $B \rightarrow A$: $Y = E_{Z_A}(D_{Z_B}(X'))$
 - By computing $D_{Z_A}(Y)$, A now gets $D_{Z_B}(X')$, a B's signature on X
- Only when A has Y she can consider that B has receive her doc
- Later, B can not deny receiving X since A can prove otherwise by showing $D_{Z_B}(Y)$

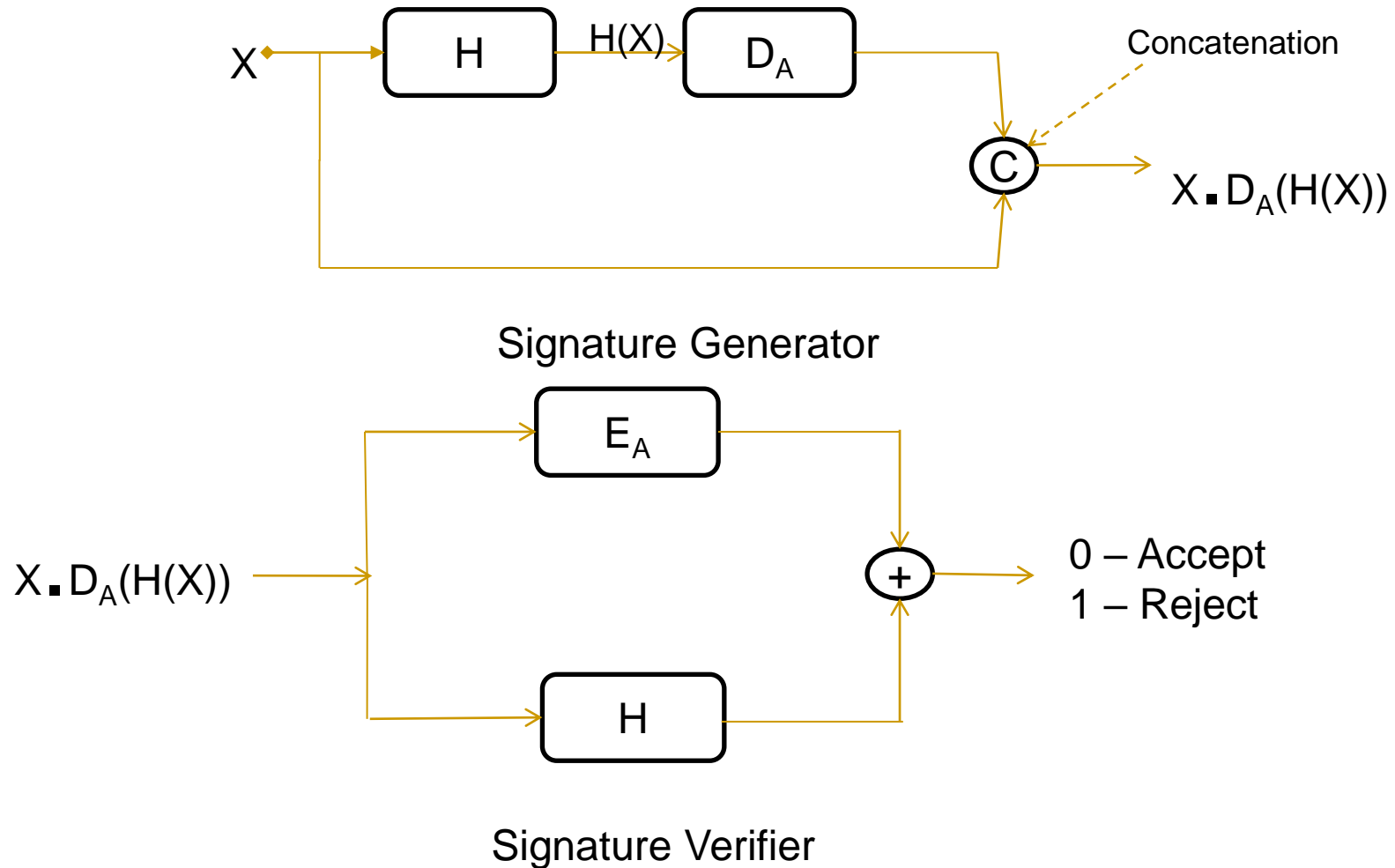
Weakness of the signature scheme mentioned so far

- When using a PKC to sign X , X can be long → splitting into blocks and signs
 $X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots X_t) \rightarrow (SA(X_1), SA(X_2), SA(X_3), \dots SA(X_t))$
- This creates vulnerability to attack on manipulating blocks
 - The attacker can change order of blocks, remove/ add in a few
- Slow: PKC is already slow, now is run multiple times
- Signature is long, as long as the message itself.

Hash Functions

- A hash function H maps a message of variable length n bits to a fingerprint of fixed length m bits, with $m < n$.
 - This hash value is also called a digest (of the original message).
 - Since $n > m$, there exist many X which are mapped to the same digest → collision.
- Applications
 - Digital signatures
 - Message authentication

DS schemes with hash functions



Main properties

Given a hash function $H: X \rightarrow Y$

- Long message \rightarrow short, fixed-length hash
- One-way property: given $y \in Y$
it is computationally infeasible to find a value $x \in X$
s.t. $H(x) = y$
- Collision resistance (collision-free)
it is computationally infeasible to find any two
distinct values $x', x \in X$ s.t. $H(x') = H(x)$
 - This property prevent against signature forgery

Collisions

- Avoiding collisions is theoretically impossible
 - Dirichlet principle: $n+1$ rabbits into n cages \rightarrow at least 2 rabbits go to the same cage
 - This suggest exhaustive search: try $|Y|+1$ messages then must find a collision ($H:X \rightarrow Y$)
- In practice
 - Choose $|Y|$ large enough so exhaustive search is computational infeasible.
 - $|Y|$ not too large or long signature and slow process
 - However, collision-freeness is still hard

Birthday attack

- Can hash values be of 64 bits?
 - Look good, initially, since a space of size 2^{64} is too large to do exhaustive search or compute that many hash values
 - However a birthday attack can easily break a DS with a 64-bit hash function
 - In fact, the attacker only need to create a bunch of 2^{32} messages and then launch the attack with reasonably high probability for success.

How is the attack

- Goal: given H , find x, x' such that $H(x)=H(x')$
- Algorithm:
 - pick a random set S of q values in X
 - for each $x \in S$, computes $h_x = H(x)$
 - if $h_x = h_{x'}$ for some $x' \neq x$ then collision found: (x, x') , else fail
- The average success probability is
$$\varepsilon = 1 - \exp(-q(q-1)/2|Y|)$$
 - Suppose Y has size 2^m , choose $q \approx 2^{m/2}$ then ε is almost 0.5!

Birthday paradox

- Given a group of people, the minimum number of people

- such that two will share the same birthday with probability at least 50%

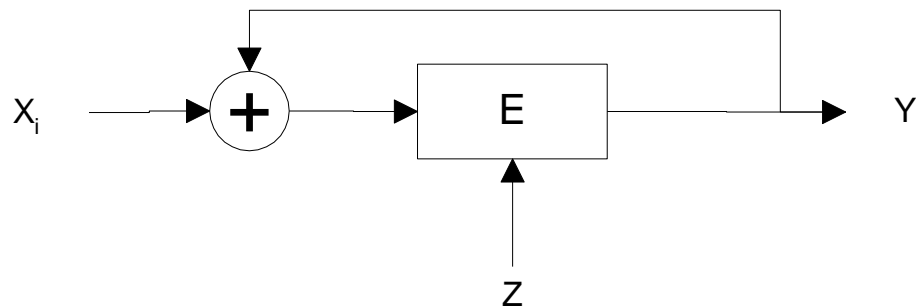
is only 23 → why “paradox”

- Computing the chance

- $1 - (1 - 1/365)(1 - 2/365) \dots (1 - 22/365) = 1 - 0.493 = 0.507$

Common techniques to build hash functions

- Using SKC
 - E.g. using SKC in CBC mode
- Using modulo arithmetic operations
- Specific designs
 - MD4, MD5, SHA



$$\begin{aligned} X &= X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots X_n \\ Y_i &= E_Z(X_i \oplus Y_{i-1}) \\ H(X) &= Y_n \end{aligned}$$

MAC: message authentication code

- Hash function is public and the key shared between the sender and the receiver is secret
 - Sender computes $\text{mac1} = \text{MAC}(M, H, K)$ and sends it along with the message M
 - Receiver computes $\text{mac2} = \text{MAC}(M, H, K)$ and checks if $\text{mac1} = \text{mac2}$? Yes \rightarrow the message is authentic; no \Rightarrow reject it
- The output of MAC can not be produced without knowing the secret key
 - So, this mechanism provides data integrity and ***source authentication***