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Network Security – Part 4

Public Key Cryptography

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Asymmetric Cryptography

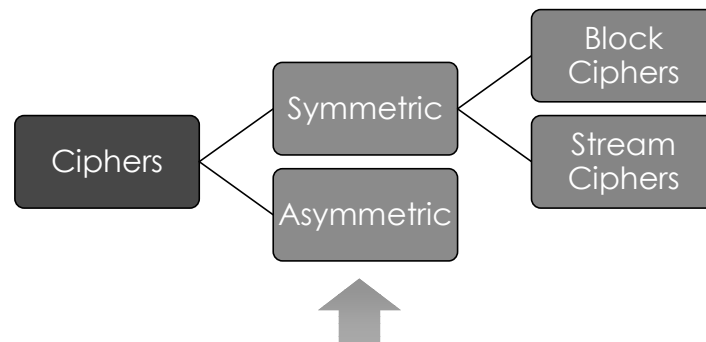
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Encryption Methods

Asymmetric Cryptography (Public Key Cryptography)

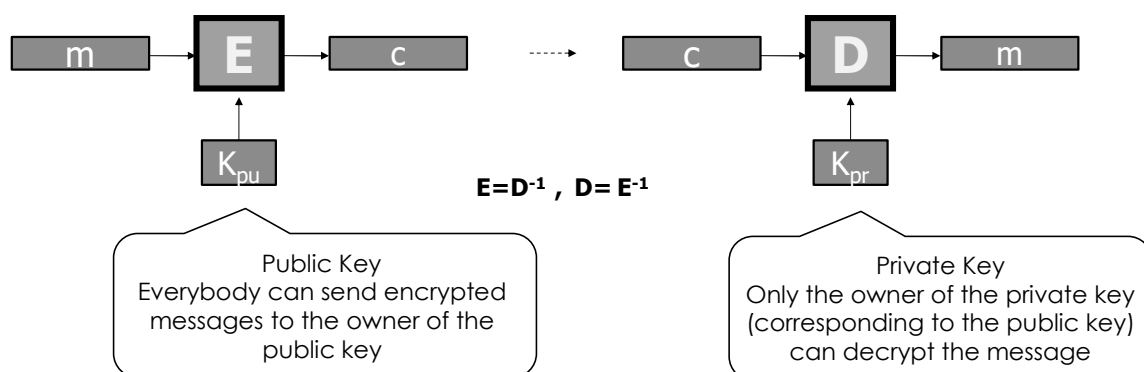


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General Form of Asymmetric Cryptography

Asymmetric Encryption (Public Key Encryption)

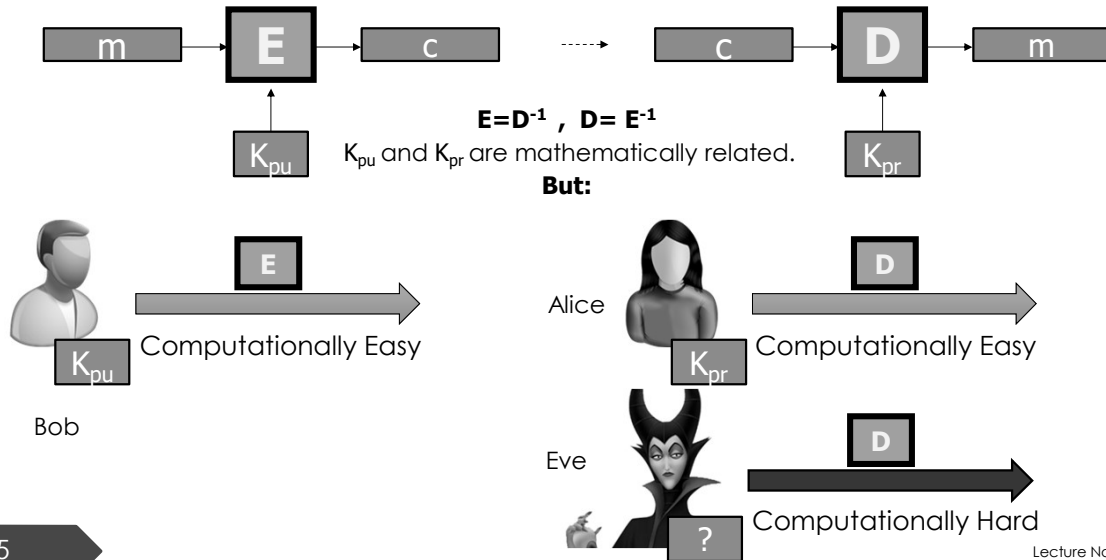


Samples: RSA ,Elgamal ,Elliptic Curve Cryptos, ...

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Security of Asymmetric Algorithms



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Public Key Systems

- Merkle-Hellman knapsack
- Diffie-Hellman key exchange
- RSA
- Rabin cipher
- NTRU cipher
- ElGamal
- ...

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Public Key Crypto

- Some public key systems provide it all: encryption, digital signatures, etc.
 - For example: RSA
- Some are only for key exchange
 - For example: Diffie-Hellman
- Some are used for signatures more
 - For example: ElGamal
- **All of these are public-key systems !**

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Modular Arithmetic

“mod” gives the residue of a division operation:

example :

$$8 \bmod 4 = 0$$

$$6 \bmod 4 = 2$$

$$1 \bmod 4 = 1$$

$$13 \bmod 4 = 1$$

“a” and “b” are called **congruent modulo n** if they have the same residue in division over “n”.

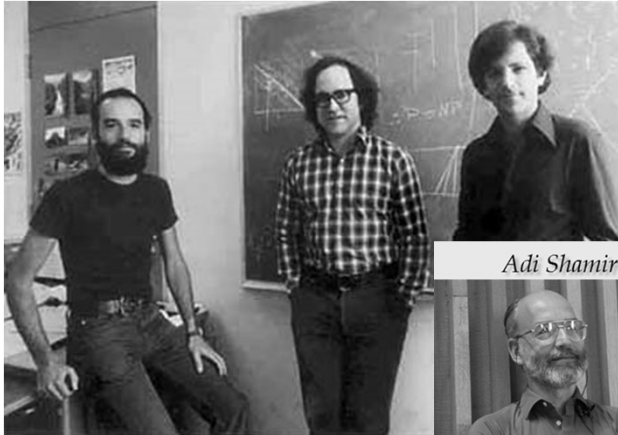
$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad \text{or} \quad a \equiv b \bmod n$$

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RSA Asymmetric Encryption Algorithm

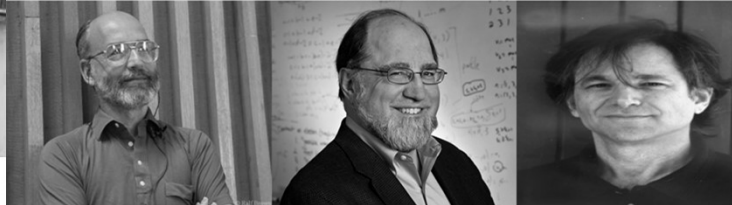
► Introduced by Rivest, Shamir & Adleman at MIT in 1978.



Adi Shamir

Ronald Rivest

Leonard Adleman



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RSA Asymmetric Encryption Algorithm

► How do we make an RSA cryptosystem? :

- 1- choose two large prime numbers p & q .
- 2- calculate $n = p * q$
- 3- calculate Euler's Phi function as $\varphi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$

$\varphi(n)$ is an arithmetic function that counts the positive integers less than or equal to n that are relatively prime to n (i.e. their GCD with n is 1).

RSA is called a block cipher in Stallings' book, while it is not

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RSA (cont'd)

4- choose an encryption key ("e") so that it's relatively prime to $\varphi(n)$.

5- calculate its inverse congruent modulo $\varphi(n)$ and call it "d". $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$

► This is done by the Extended Euclidean Algorithm which we will see later

Public Parameters : PU={e, n}

Private Parameters : PR={d}

Encryption :

Plaintext: $M < n$
Ciphertext: $C = M^e \pmod{n}$

Decryption :

Ciphertext: C
Plaintext: $M = C^d \pmod{n}$

gcd(M,n) must be 1?



No, the only condition is that $M < n$

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Why does RSA work?

Encryption: $C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$

Decryption: $C^d \equiv (M^e)^d \equiv M^{ed} \pmod{n}$

Euler's Theorem
(Fermat's Little Theorem): $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ if $(a, n) = 1$

Assignment #1 $\rightarrow M^{ed} \equiv M^{ed \bmod \varphi(n)} \pmod{n} \equiv M^1 \pmod{n}$

Even if $\gcd(M, n) \neq 1$, it's possible to prove that $M^{ed} \equiv M \pmod{n}$

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RSA (cont'd)

Factoring is known to be a hard mathematical problem:

$$28 = 2 * 2 * 7$$

Based on this, it has been proven that knowing n & e , and without knowing p & q , calculation of d is mathematically hard and is equivalent to factoring n (which is a big number!).

While, if one has p & q , he can easily compute $\varphi(n)$ and find the inverse of e (i.e. d).

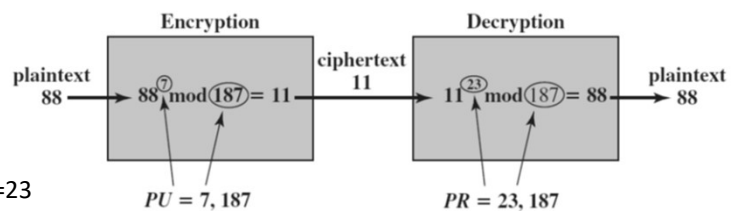
Example:

$$p=11, q=17$$

$$n=11*17=187$$

$$\varphi(n)=(p-1)(q-1)=160$$

$$e=7 \text{ (notice that } \gcd(e, \varphi(n))=1 \Rightarrow d=23)$$



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Encryption

$$88^7 \bmod 187 = [(88^4 \bmod 187) \times (88^2 \bmod 187) \times (88^1 \bmod 187)] \bmod 187$$

$$88^1 \bmod 187 = 88$$

$$88^2 \bmod 187 = 7744 \bmod 187 = 77$$

$$88^4 \bmod 187 = 59,969,536 \bmod 187 = 132$$

$$88^7 \bmod 187 = (88 \times 77 \times 132) \bmod 187 = 894,432 \bmod 187 = 11$$

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Decryption

$$11^{23} \bmod 187 = [(11^1 \bmod 187) \times (11^2 \bmod 187) \times (11^4 \bmod 187) \times (11^8 \bmod 187) \times (11^8 \bmod 187)] \bmod 187$$

$$11^1 \bmod 187 = 11$$

$$11^2 \bmod 187 = 121$$

$$11^4 \bmod 187 = 14,641 \bmod 187 = 55$$

$$11^8 \bmod 187 = 214,358,881 \bmod 187 = 33$$

$$\begin{aligned} 11^{23} \bmod 187 &= (11 \times 121 \times 55 \times 33 \times 33) \bmod 187 \\ &= 79,720,245 \bmod 187 = 88 \end{aligned}$$

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Euclidean Algorithm

- How do we find the inverse of a number modulo $\varphi(n)$:

$e \cdot d \bmod \varphi(n) = 1$ $7 \cdot d \bmod 40 = 1$ <p>Step 1: Euclidean algorithm</p> $40x + 7y = 1$ $40 = 5(7) + 5$ $7 = 1(5) + 2$ $5 = 2(2) + 1$ <p>Step 2: Back substitution</p> $1 = 5 - 2(2)$ $1 = 5 - 2(7 - 1(5))$ $1 = 3(5) - 2(7)$ $1 = 3(40 - 5(7)) - 2(7)$ $1 = 3(40) - 17(7)$	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> $p = 11$ $q = 5$ $n = 55$ $\varphi(n) = 40$ $e = 7$ $d =$ </div>
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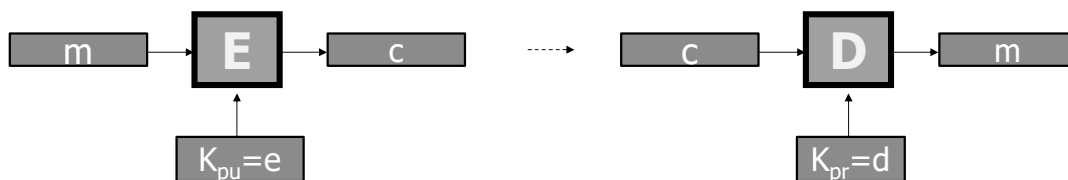
The End of RSA

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Recall

Asymmetric Cryptosystems:

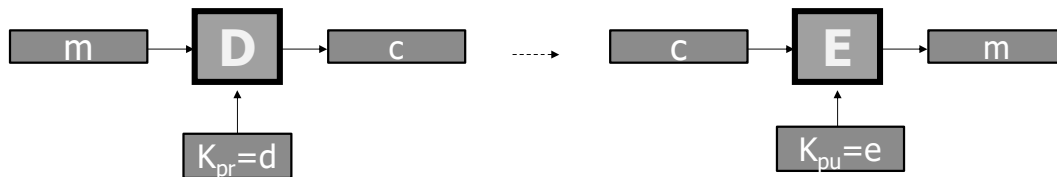


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Encryption and Decryption in the Reverse Order

$$E = D^{-1}, D = E^{-1}$$

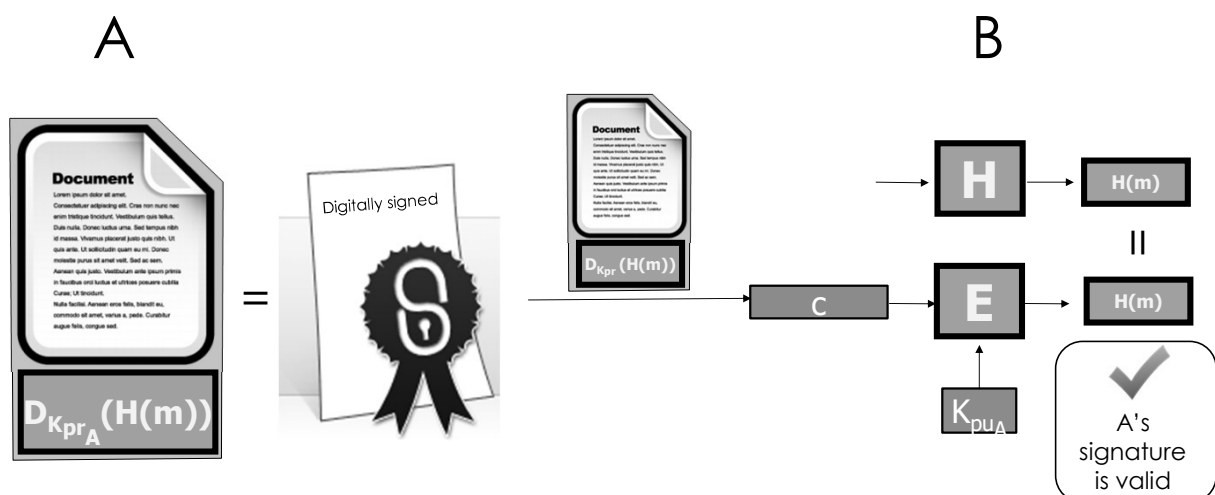


We mentioned that this order is usually used in digital signatures.

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Digital Signature



Example: DSS algorithm (very much like RSA)

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Major Points about Digital Signature

- ▶ Digital signatures (DSs) provide “integrity”, “authentication” and “non-repudiation” services.
- ▶ Forging a DS is not possible, since nobody has the private key but **A**.
 - ▶ Having the public key does not give a clue to what the private key is (Remember, it is computationally hard!).
- ▶ Any manipulation of the message on its way will cause mismatches of the hashes (i.e. $H(m)$) at the final stage and hence, will be detected.
- ▶ Since nobody else has **A**'s private key, whatever he signs cannot be denied later on. This is called non-repudiation. Everybody is free to check what **A** has signed.

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Diffie-Hellman (DH) Key Exchange Protocol

The goal is that two independent parties, A and B, who have had no contacts previously, can make a symmetric key using a common channel without sending the key over it.

- RSA's security was based on the difficulty of the factoring problem.
- DH's security is based on the difficulty of another mathematical problem which is so called Discrete Logarithm problem.

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Discrete Logarithm

- Consider the prime number p . Among $1, \dots, p-1$, some are called the "primitive roots" since they create the whole set of $1, \dots, p-1$ numbers by being powered to different numbers modulo p .

$p=5, a=2$

$a=2,$

$a^2 \bmod p = 4,$

$a^3 \bmod p = 3,$

$a^4 \bmod p = 1$

For any $1 \leq b \leq p-1$

Easy

i is not modulo p



$$b = a^i \bmod p$$



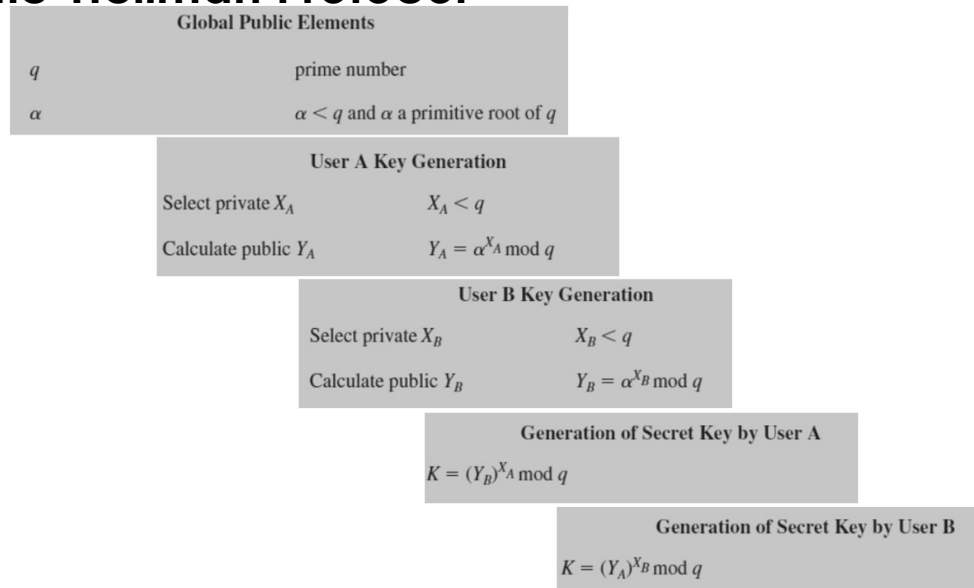
$$i = d\log_a b$$

Hard

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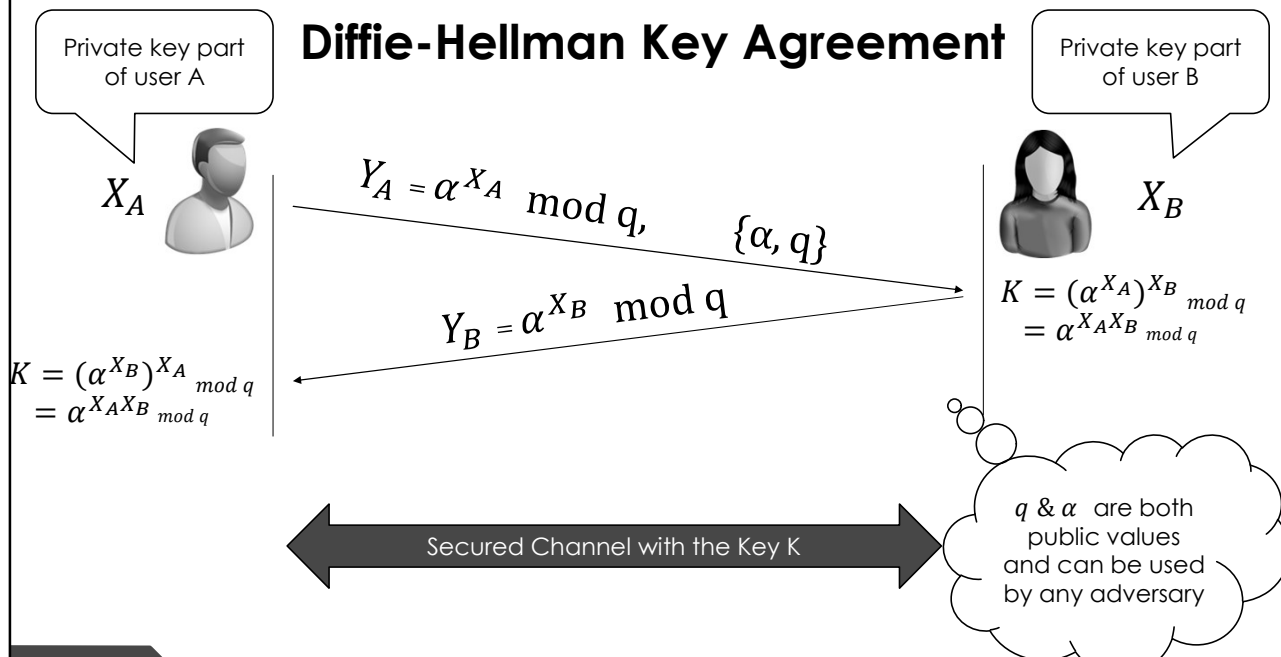
Diffie-Hellman Protocol



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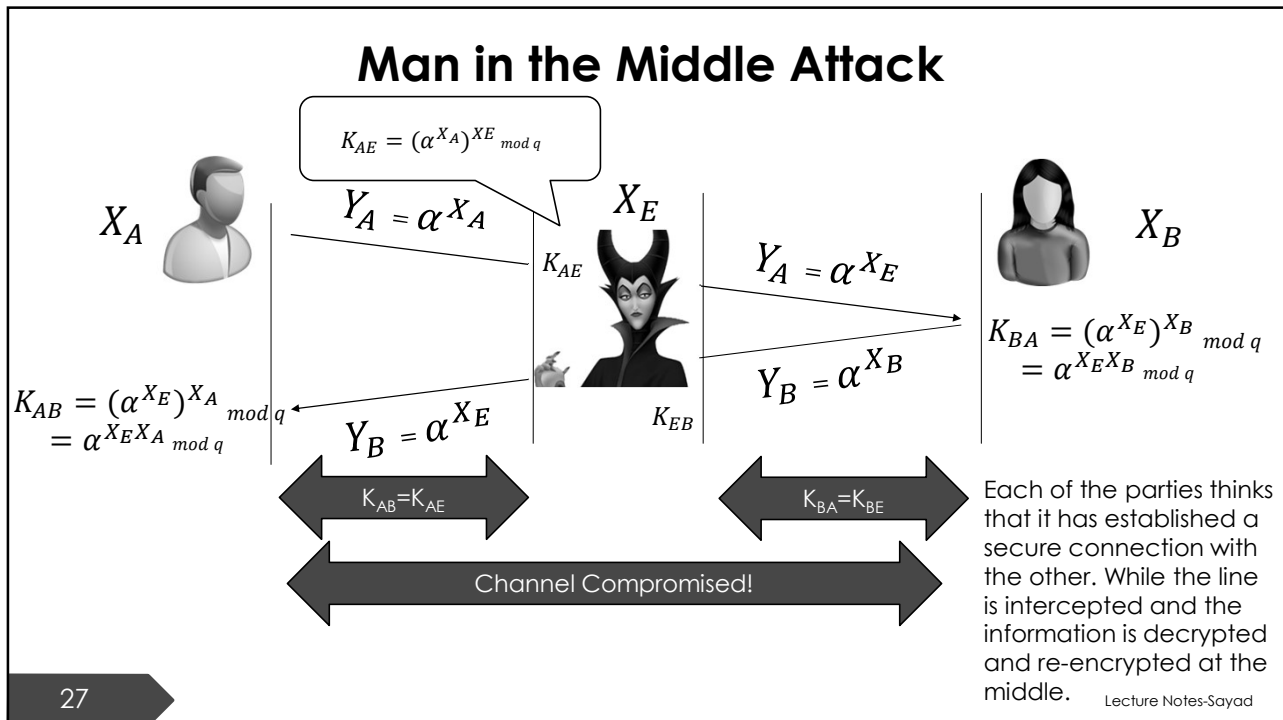
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Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement



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End of Part 1

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Elgamal (Asymmetric) Cryptosystem

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Elgamal Public-key Encryption Scheme

- ElGamal is a public-key cryptosystem
 - was designed by Dr. Taher Elgamal
- Mostly known for his digital signatures

Arabic: طاهر الجمل

Taher A. Elgamal



Taher A. Elgamal (2010)

Born	18 August 1955 (age 60) Cairo, Egypt
Residence	United States
Nationality	Egyptian, United States

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Two Important yet Similar Theories

► Fermat's Little Theorem

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad (p \text{ is prime})$$

► Euler Theorem

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad \text{if } \gcd(a, n) = 1$$

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Elgamal Cryptography



Key Generation

1. Chooses a prime p
2. Chooses a generator a
3. Chooses an integer x ($x \leq p - 2$) as his secret
4. Calculates $d = a^x \pmod{p}$
5. Public key = $\{p, a, d\}$, Private key = $\{x\}$



6. Gets $\{p, a, d\}$
7. Chooses an integer k ($1 < k \leq p - 2$)
8. Take the plain-text message m ($1 < m \leq p - 1$)
9. Computes $y = a^k \pmod{p}$
10. Computes $z = d^k \times m \pmod{p}$
11. Cipher-text : $C = (y, z)$

Encryption

Decryption

12. Computes $r = y^{p-1-x} \pmod{p}$
13. Plain-text : $m = (r \times z) \pmod{p}$

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Why does it work?



$$\begin{aligned}
 (r \times z) \bmod p &= y^{p-1-x} \times d^k \times m \bmod p \\
 &= (a^k)^{p-1-x} \times d^k \times m \bmod p \\
 &= (a^k)^{p-1-x} \times (a^x)^k \times m \bmod p \\
 &= a^{k(p-1-x)+kx} \times m \bmod p \\
 &= a^{k(p-1)} \times m \bmod p \\
 &= m \bmod p
 \end{aligned}$$

The original message

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Elgamal's Signature

Singing:

- Choose a random k ($1 < k < p - 1$) & $\gcd(k, p - 1) = 1$
- Compute $y = a^k \bmod p$ & $d = a^x \bmod p$
- Compute $s = (H(m) - xy) \times k^{-1} \bmod p - 1$
- The pair of (y,s) is the signature of m

Verification:

- checks whether $a^{H(m)} \equiv d^y y^s \pmod{p}$

Test it yourself using
Fermat's Little Theorem



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Major Points about ElGamal's Scheme

- The encryption process requires two modular exponentiations (extra time).
- A disadvantage of ElGamal encryption is that there is message expansion by a factor of 2. That is, the cipher-text is twice as long as the corresponding plain-text.
- It's security relies on Discrete Logarithm problem (just like DH)

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➔ Some reductions in space makes it less secure

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Major Points about ElGamal's Scheme

- The signer must be careful to choose a different k randomly for each signature and to be certain that k is not leaked.
- Otherwise, an attacker may be able to deduce the secret key x with reduced difficulty, perhaps enough to allow a practical attack.
- In particular, if two messages are sent using the same value of k and the same key, then an attacker can compute x directly.*

- Taher ElGamal (1985). *"A Public-Key Cryptosystem and a Signature Scheme Based on Discrete Logarithms"*, *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*. **31** (4): 469–472

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Elliptic Curve Cryptography

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Elliptic Curve Cryptography

- **Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC)** is an approach to public-key cryptography based on the algebraic structure of elliptic curves over finite fields. ECC requires smaller keys compared to non-EC cryptography (based on plain Galois fields) to provide equivalent security.
- Elliptic curves are applicable for encryption, digital signatures, pseudo-random number generation and other tasks.

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Elliptic Curve Cryptography

- For almost every **public-key cryptosystem**, there is an alternative based on ECC. So ECC is another domain for implementation of public-key schemes.



- The ECC schemes are usually faster or more secure with the same key size. Consequently, ECC is particularly appropriate for resource-limited embedded devices (e.g. smart cards).
- It has its own mathematics: ADDITION, MULTIPLICATION, ...

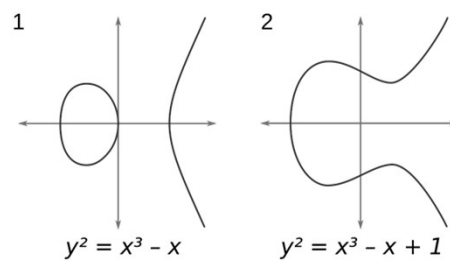
abstract algebra can be applied to many different subjects.

What's an Elliptic Curve

► EC is the set of points described by the equation:

$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

Where $4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$. (this is required to exclude singular curves).



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Non-singularity

► Non-singularity means that the graph has no cusps, self-intersections, or isolated points.



On the left, a curve with a cusp ($y^2 = x^3$). On the right, a curve with a self-intersection ($y^2 = x^3 - 3x + 2$). None of them is a valid EC for cryptography.

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A bit of mathematics:

We can define a group over elliptic curves. Specifically:

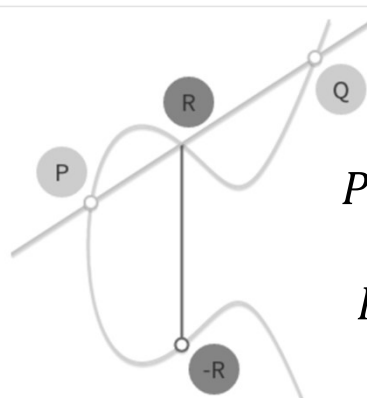
- The elements of the group are the points of an elliptic curve;
- The identity element is the point at infinity 0; (e.g. $y = \infty$)
- The inverse of a point $P = (x, y)$ is the one symmetric about the x-axis, that is $-P = (x, -y)$;
- Addition is given by the following rule: given three aligned, non-zero points P, Q and R, their sum is $P+Q+R=0$.

These two minuses are different !

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“+” operation on ECs



$$P + Q + R \triangleq 0$$

$$\rightarrow$$

$$P + Q \triangleq -R$$

Draw the line through P and Q . The line intersects a third point R . The point symmetric to it, $-R$, is the result of $P + Q$.

Similarly we can imagine where 0 lies from $P+0=P \rightarrow y=\text{inf}$

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Addition on ECs:

- If P and Q are distinct, the line through them has the **slope**:

$$m = \frac{y_P - y_Q}{x_P - x_Q}$$

- If P=Q, the tangent line will have the **slope**:

$$m = \frac{3x_P^2 + a}{2y_P}$$

- The intersection of this line with the curve is $R = (x_R, y_R)$

$$x_R = m^2 - x_P - x_Q$$

$$y_R = y_P + m(x_R - x_P)$$

$$P + Q = -R \rightarrow (x_P, y_P) + (x_Q, y_Q) = (x_R, -y_R)$$

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Example

$$y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 10$$

$$P=(1,2) \quad Q=(3,4) : P+Q=-R=?$$

$$m = \frac{y_P - y_Q}{x_P - x_Q} = \frac{2-4}{1-3} = 1$$

$$x_R = m^2 - x_P - x_Q = 1^2 - 1 - 3 = -3$$

$$y_R = y_P + m(x_R - x_P) = 2 + 1 \cdot (-3 - 1) = -2$$

$$\rightarrow P + Q = -R = (-3, 2)$$

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“×” operation on ECs

$$nP = \underbrace{P + P + \dots + P}_{n \text{ times}}$$

n is a natural number.

Written in that form, it may seem that computing nP requires n additions. If n has k binary digits, then this algorithm would be $O(2^k)$, which is not really good. But there exist faster algorithms. One of them is the **double and add** algorithm $\rightarrow O(\log n)$.

$O(2^k) = O(n)$

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Double and Add Algorithm

- It is of $O(\log n)$
- Or $O(k)$

the **double and add** algorithm.

Its principle of operation can be better explained with an example. Take $n = 151$. Its binary representation is 10010111_2 . This binary representation can be turned into a sum of powers of two:

$$\begin{aligned} 151 &= 1 \cdot 2^7 + 0 \cdot 2^6 + 0 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 \\ &= 2^7 + 2^4 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 \end{aligned}$$

(We have taken each binary digit of n and multiplied it by a power of two.)

In view of this, we can write:

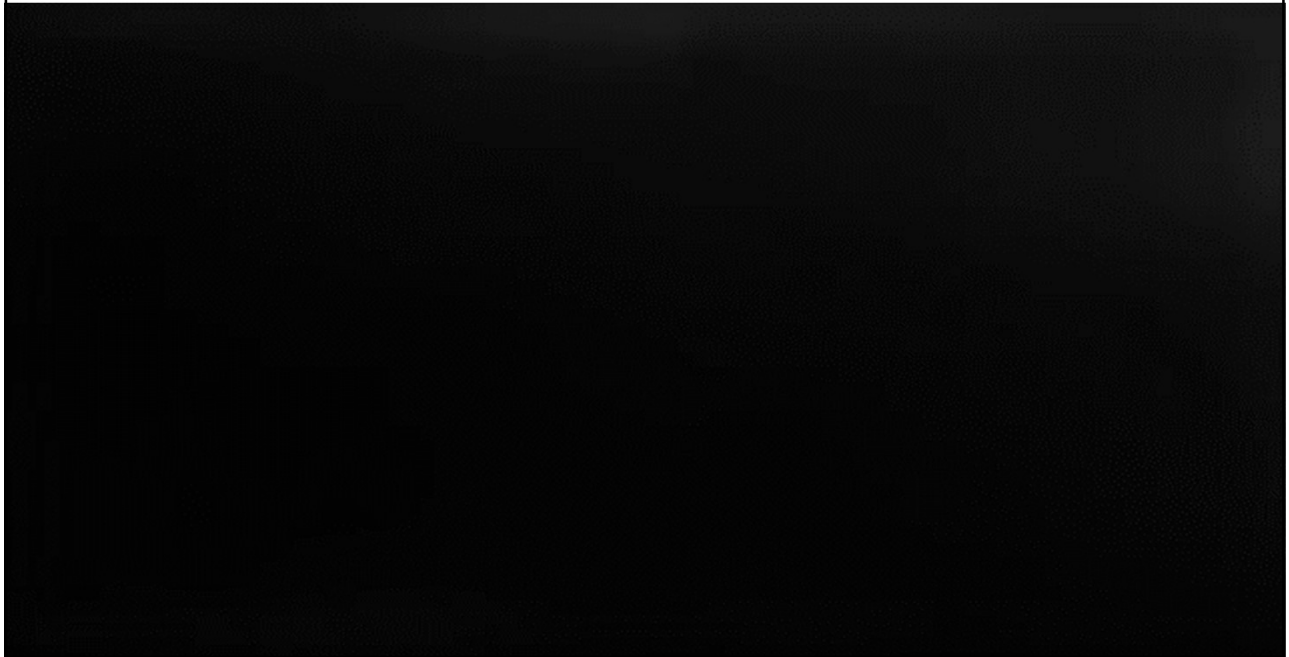
$$151 \cdot P = 2^7 P + 2^4 P + 2^2 P + 2^1 P + 2^0 P$$

What the double and add algorithm tells us to do is:

- Take P .
- *Double* it, so that we get $2P$.
- *Add* $2P$ to P (in order to get the result of $2^1 P + 2^0 P$).
- *Double* $2P$, so that we get $2^2 P$.
- *Add* it to our result (so that we get $2^2 P + 2^1 P + 2^0 P$).
- *Double* $2^2 P$ to get $2^3 P$.
- Don't perform any addition involving $2^3 P$.
- *Double* $2^3 P$ to get $2^4 P$.
- *Add* it to our result (so that we get $2^4 P + 2^2 P + 2^1 P + 2^0 P$).
- ...

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Why is it complex to find n from nP ? (see the video)



Elliptic curves in \mathcal{F}_p

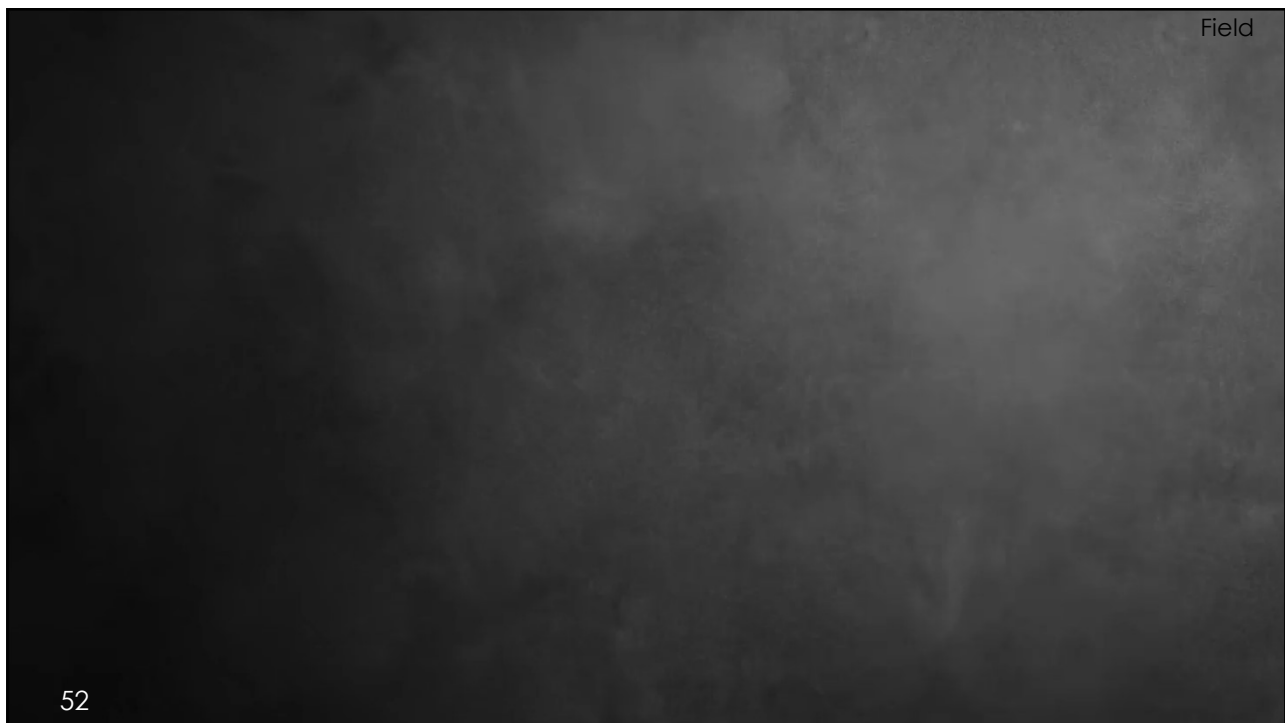
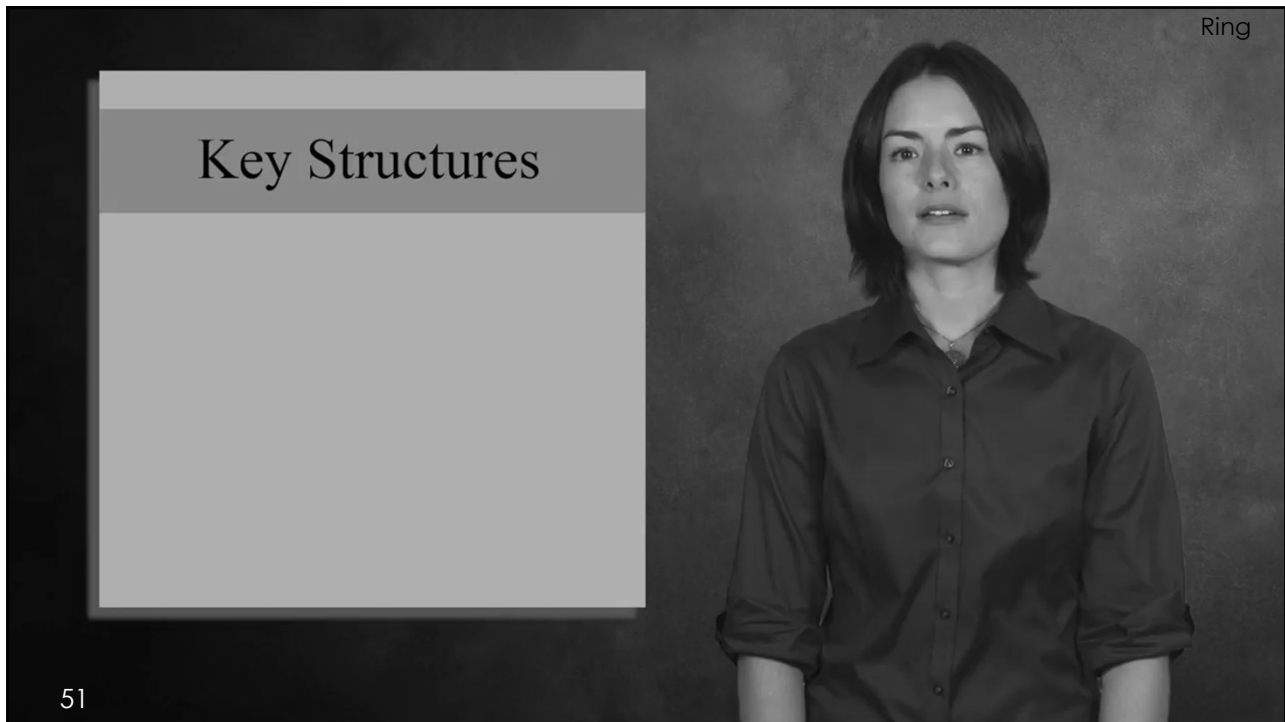
- Usually we restrict elliptic curves over \mathcal{F}_p . Originally the set of points on EC are:

$$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid y^2 = x^3 + ax + b, \\ 4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0\} \cup \{0\}$$

which is restricted to \mathcal{F}_p as:

$$\{(x, y) \in (\mathbb{F}_p)^2 \mid y^2 \equiv x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}, \\ 4a^3 + 27b^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}\} \cup \{0\}$$

where 0 is the identity element of + operation, and a and b are two integers in \mathcal{F}_p .

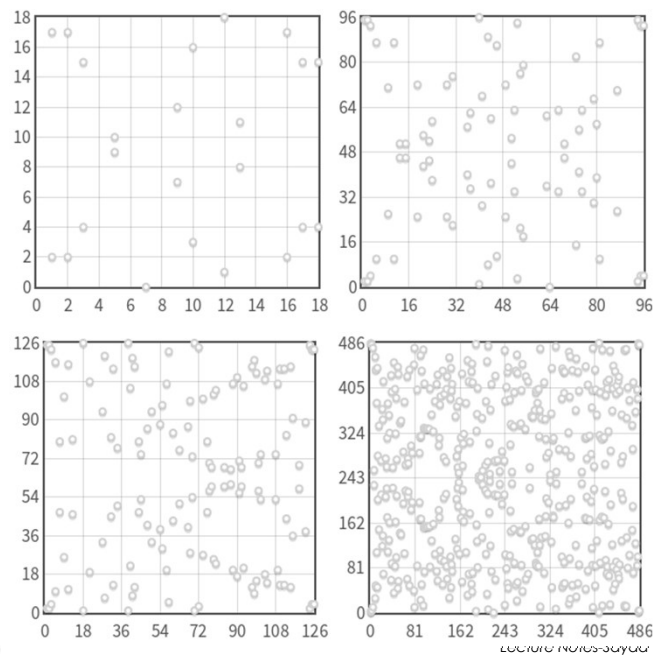


Elliptic curves in \mathcal{F}_p

The set of EC points in \mathcal{F}_p
with $p = 19, 97, 127, 487$

The EC equation is:

$$y^2 = x^3 - 7x + 10$$

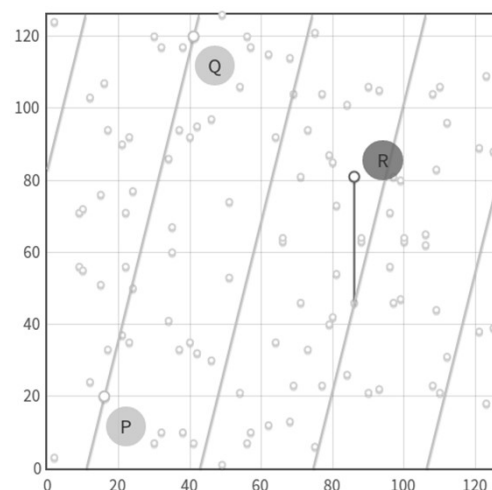


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Elliptic curves in \mathcal{F}_p

Clearly, we need to change a bit our definition of addition in order to make it work in \mathcal{F}_p . With reals, we said that the sum of three aligned points was zero. We can keep this definition. Now, we can say that three points are aligned if there's a line that connects all of them. Of course, lines in \mathcal{F}_p are not the same as lines in \mathbb{R} . We can say, informally, that a line in \mathcal{F}_p is the set of points that satisfy the equation $ax + by + c \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ (this is the standard line equation, with the addition of "mod p").

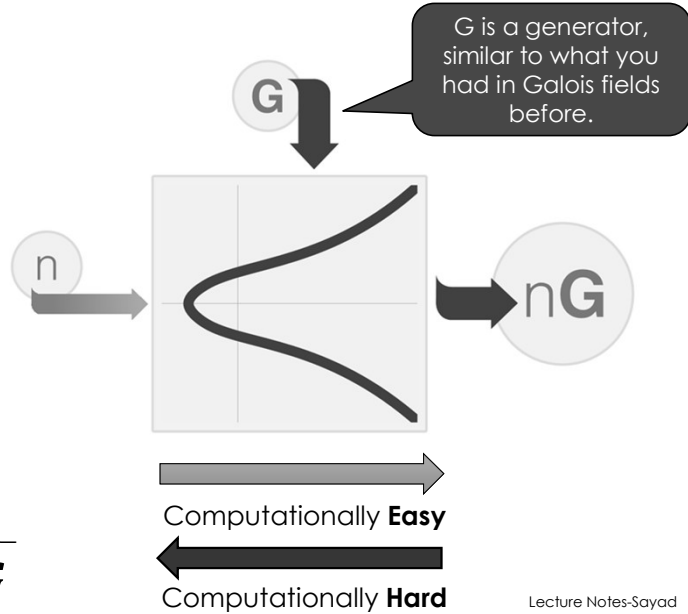


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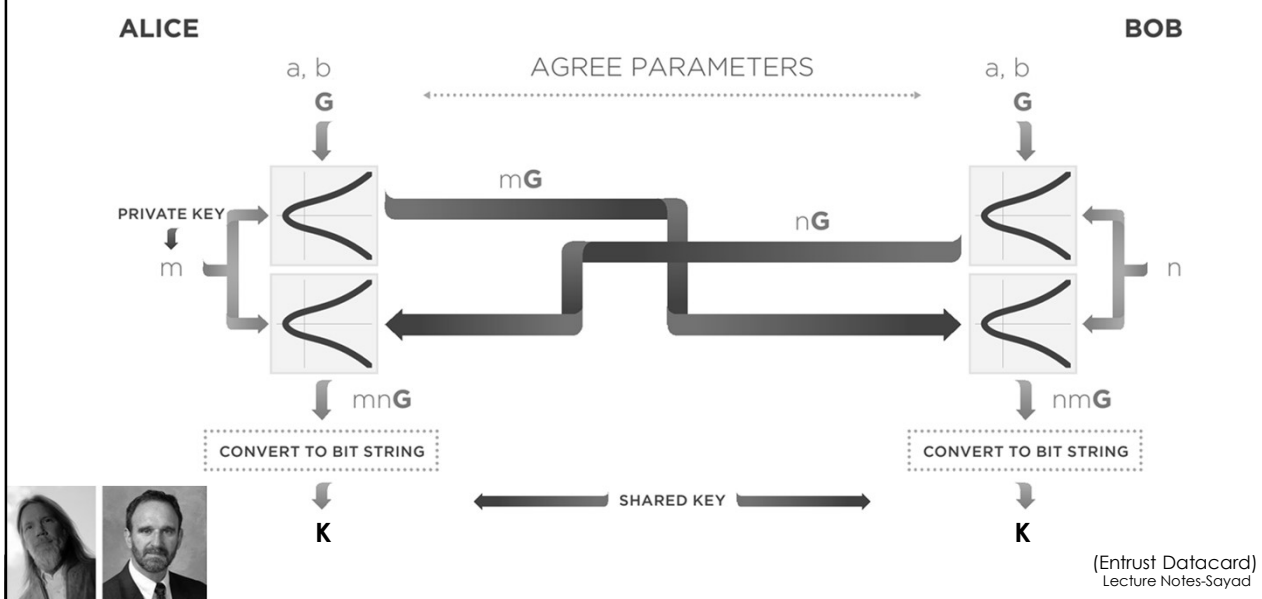
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Elliptic Curves Discrete Logarithm (one-way F)

- Given the point **G** and the EC, calculating **nG** is easy.
- But if one gives you the point **W=nG**, it's hard to find **n**, even if you have **G**.



Elliptic Curve Diffie-Hellman Key Agreement (ECDH)



Elliptic Curve Digital Signature

For Alice to sign a message m , she follows these steps:

1. Calculate $e = \text{HASH}(m)$. (Here HASH is a cryptographic hash function, such as SHA-2, with the output converted to an integer.)
2. Let z be the L_n leftmost bits of e , where L_n is the bit length of the group order n . (Note that z can be *greater* than n but not *longer*.^[1])
3. Select a **cryptographically secure random** integer k from $[1, n - 1]$.
4. Calculate the curve point $(x_1, y_1) = k \times G$.
5. Calculate $r = x_1 \bmod n$. If $r = 0$, go back to step 3.
6. Calculate $s = k^{-1}(z + rd_A) \bmod n$. If $s = 0$, go back to step 3.
7. The signature is the pair (r, s) . (And $(r, -s \bmod n)$ is also a valid signature.)

Elliptic Curve Digital Signature

After that, Bob follows these steps:

1. Verify that r and s are integers in $[1, n - 1]$. If not, the signature is invalid.
2. Calculate $e = \text{HASH}(m)$, where HASH is the same function used in the signature generation.
3. Let z be the L_n leftmost bits of e .
4. Calculate $u_1 = zs^{-1} \bmod n$ and $u_2 = rs^{-1} \bmod n$.
5. Calculate the curve point $(x_1, y_1) = u_1 \times G + u_2 \times Q_A$. If $(x_1, y_1) = O$ then the signature is invalid.
6. The signature is valid if $r \equiv x_1 \pmod{n}$, invalid otherwise.

Attacks on Public-key Cryptosystems

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Some Notes

- Factoring, Discrete Logarithm, Knapsack, ... are all hard mathematical problems.
 - We build our public-key cryptosystems based on these.
- These are called NP (non-deterministic polynomial) problems, since they cannot be solved by any algorithm whose run-time complexity is of the order of a polynomial.
 - Polynomial example: if the problem space is as big as n , the number of operations required to solve the problem is something like $n^3 + 5n$.
 - If it's like 2^n , then it's non-polynomial.

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Some Notes

- It's been proven that NP (complete) problems can be converted to each other.
 - So if one hard problem is solved, the others are also solved!

Interested? → read "Theory of Complexity"

We only focus on RSA and factoring problem

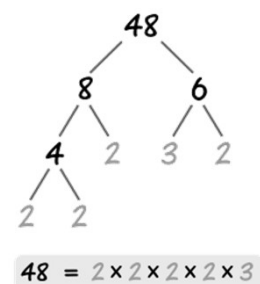
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RSA Cryptanalysis

■ Brute-force (Trial Division)

- We know $n=pq$
- Try every prime number smaller than \sqrt{n} to find p or q



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► Pollard's p-1 method

For RSA, never choose p or q whose $p-1$ or $q-1$ have small prime factors

We know $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, right? (of course if $\gcd(a,n)=1$)

$$n = p \rightarrow \varphi(n) = p - 1 \rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \rightarrow a^{p-1} - 1 \pmod{p} = 0$$

RSA: $n = pq$

If $p-1$ (or $q-1$) has small prime factors (e.g. smaller than B), then:

$$F = 2^{E_2} \times 3^{E_3} \times 5^{E_5} \times 7^{E_7} \times \dots \times q_n^{E_n} \quad (q_i^{E_i} \leq B)$$

If we choose big enough E_i values (but not too big to exceed B), then $a^F - 1 \pmod{p} = 0$. Now, if we calculate $\gcd(n, a^F - 1)$, we have

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found p !!! (more precisely, we check whether $\gcd(n, a^F - 1) = 1$ or not (>1) which is a P-time decision problem using the Euclidean algorithm). Lecture Notes-Sayad

RSA Cryptanalysis

Other RSA attacks:

- Pollard's ρ method
- Elliptic Curve Method
- Quadratic Sieve and Number Field Sieve Methods
- Low Private Exponent Attack
- Partial Key Exposure Attack
- Broadcast and Related Message Attack
- Short Pad Attack
- Side Channel Analysis (power, timing, fault)

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End of Part 2

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The End of Cryptography

More might be coming, subject to time availability

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