Digital Signatures

Objectives

- ► Features of hand-written signatures in Digital World
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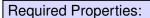
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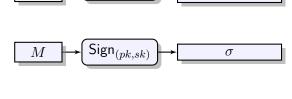
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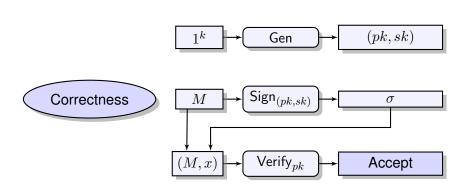
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 $\overline{\mathsf{Verify}_{pk}}$

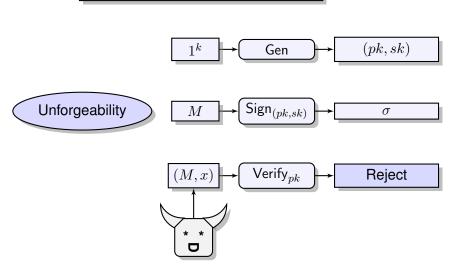
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Accept / Reject

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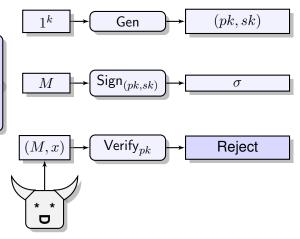
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Unforgeability:

Must output forgery for a message for which the attacker did not request the signature.



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note

A hash function takes strings of arbitrary length as input and produces a fixed length output. For cryptographic hash functions, given a z, it is very expensive to find x such that H(x)=z