

# Digital Signatures

## One-Way Functions.

Def: an OWF is a fun  $F: X \rightarrow Y$  s.t.

1.  $\exists$  "eff." alg to eval.  $F$
2.  $\forall$  "eff." alg  $A$ :

$\Pr[F(A(F(x))) = F(x)]$  is negligible  
where  $x \leftarrow^R X$  → inversion/preimage

given  $y = f(x)$ , hard to find preimage  $x$  of  $y$

Ex.

1. General OWF: let  $(E, D)$  be block cipher

$$F^E(k) = [E(k, 0), E(k, 1), \dots, E(k, 10)]$$

No special props, hard for key exch

2.  $G$  cgr of order  $q$  w/gen  $g \in G$

w/gen  $g \in G$

$$F^{\text{Dlog}}(x) = g^x \in G$$

$$F^{\text{Dlog}}: \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow G$$

inversion: Dlog in  $G$  w/gen  $g$

props:  $F(x) F(y) = F(x+y)$

$$F(x)^d = F(dx) \quad d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow$  DH key exch and ElGamal

3. RSA  $n = pq$ ,  $e \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(n)}^*$

$$F^{\text{RSA}}(x) = x^e \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n$$

inversion: RSA assumption

$$F^{\text{RSA}}: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$$

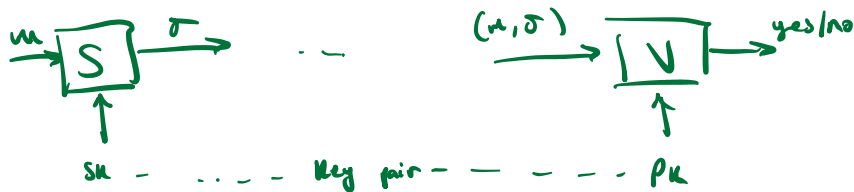
props: 1.  $F^{\text{RSA}}(x) \cdot F^{\text{RSA}}(y) = F^{\text{RSA}}(xy)$

2. Trapdoor  $d = e^{-1}$  mod  $\phi(n)$

$\rightarrow$  RSA enc, signatures

## Digital signatures

My dig. sig. on  $m$  is a fn on  $m$



Def: A sig. scheme is a tuple of alg's  $(Gen, S, V)$

- $Gen() \rightarrow PK, SK$
- $S(SK, m) \rightarrow \sigma$
- $V(PK, m, \sigma) \rightarrow \text{yes/no}$  (deterministic)

s.t. if  $(PK, SK) \leftarrow Gen()$  then

$$\forall m \in \mathcal{M}: V(PK, m, S(SK, m)) = \text{"yes"}$$

note: signer signs  $m$  once  $\rightarrow \sigma \leftarrow \text{one person}$   
 anyone w/  $PK$ ,  $m$  can verify  $\sigma \leftarrow \text{many people}$

## Security

Attacker game: chosen msg attack

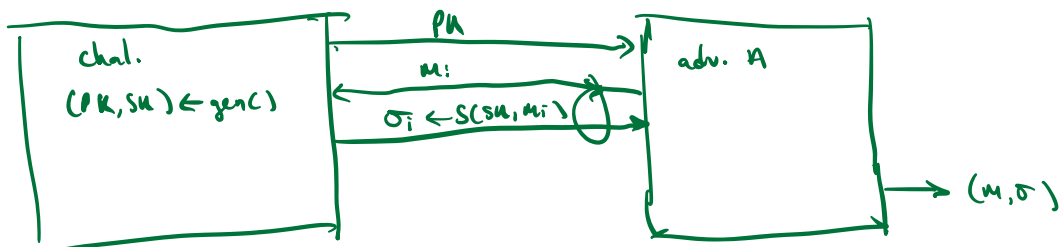
$\rightarrow$  for  $m_1, \dots, m_\ell \in \mathcal{M}$ : attacker given  $\sigma_i \leftarrow S(SK, m_i)$

Attacker goal: existential forgery

$\rightarrow$  produce some new valid pair  $(m, \sigma)$

s.t.  $m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_\ell\}$

For sig scheme  $(Gen, S, V)$  and adv  $A$ :

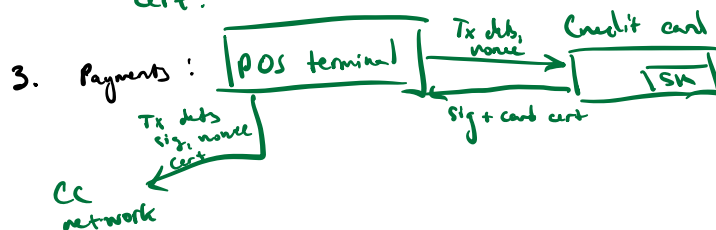
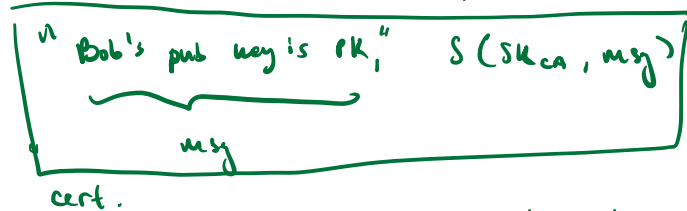


Adv. wins if  $V(PK, m, \sigma) = \text{"yes"}$  and  $m \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_\ell\}$

Def. sig scheme  $(Gen, S, V)$  secure if  $\forall \text{eff. adv } A$ :  
 $\Pr[A \text{ wins game}] \leftarrow \text{negligible}$

## Applications

1. Software update: Android ships w/ builtin PK  
every update is signed by SK  
phones will ignore updates not properly signed
2. Certificates: CA creates signed message



## Overall: Approaches to data integrity

1. CRH: need read-only public space for hashes  
many verifiers
2. Dig. sig: one signer (SK), many verifiers (PK)  
verifier needs correct PK.
3. MAC: one signer, one verifier  
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## Extending the domain of a signature scheme

Let  $\text{Sig} = (\text{Gen}, S, V)$  be a scheme for short msgs  $M = \{0, 1\}^{256}$

Let  $H: M^{\text{big}} \rightarrow M$  be a CRH (SHA256)

Def:  $S^{\text{big}}(SK, m) = S(SK, H(m))$

$V^{\text{big}}(PK, m, \sigma) = V(PK, H(m), \sigma)$

Thm: If Sig is secure, H is CRM, then SigBig is secure.

$\Rightarrow$  Suffices to build sig. scheme for short msg,  
then use SHA256 to expand.

Primitives that imply signature schemes.

1. Sig. scheme from general OWF:  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

ex. Lamport-Merkle (XMSS)

Problem: sigs are long

$\rightarrow$  stateless signer: 30kB

$\rightarrow$  stateful signer: 4kB

Suitable for software updates,

Quantum-resistant.

2. Dlog:  $F(x) = g(x)$  in  $G$

ex. ECDSA, Schnorr, BCS

Sig. size: 48 or 64 bytes

PK size: 32 or 48 bytes

3. Trapdoor permutation  $f: X \rightarrow X$  (CRM)

Sigs from Trapdoor Permutation

$\rightarrow (Gen, F, F^{-1})$ :

$F(pk, \cdot): X \rightarrow X$

$F^{-1}(sk, \cdot): X \rightarrow X$

$\forall x \in X: F^{-1}(sk, F(pk, x)) = x$

$\rightarrow H: M \rightarrow X$  hash fun

Sig scheme!

Gen: same as TDP

$S(sk, m \in M)$ : output  $F^{-1}(sk, H(m)) \rightarrow \sigma$

$V(pk, m \in M, \sigma \in X)$ :  $F(pk, H(m)) = \sigma \Rightarrow$  output yes, else no

Then:  $(Gen, S, V)$  is a secure sig. scheme  
 assuming  $(Gen, P, P^{-1})$  is a secure TDP  
 and  $H$  is a "random oracle."

### RSA-FDH (full domain hash)

Gen: 1. choose  $n = p \cdot q$   
 $e, d$  s.t.  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$  large sig, 2-3 kb

2. output  $PK = (n, e)$ ,  $SK = (n, d)$

Ingredient:  $H: M \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$  (FDH)

$S(SK, m) : \sigma \leftarrow [H(m)^d \in \mathbb{Z}_n]$

$V(PK, m, \sigma) : \text{accept iff } [\sigma^e \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n] = H(m)$

Problem: range of  $H$  depends on  $PK$

note:  $e=3 \Rightarrow$  superfast sig. verify

Why hash the msg? (why not  $S(SK, m) := [m \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n]^e$ )

insecure!

attack 1: forgery given  $PK$

step 1: choose  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

step 2: compute  $m = \sigma^e \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n$

output  $m, \sigma$  as forgery

Then  $V(PK, m, \sigma) = \text{yes}$  b/c

$$\sigma^e = m \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n!$$

$\Rightarrow$  existential forgery

attack 2: (on  $\sigma \leftarrow \text{rnd in } \mathbb{Z}_n$ )

Adv. has  $PK = (n, e)$  does:

1. Choose  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$

compute  $\hat{m} \leftarrow r^e \cdot m \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n$

2. Request sig on  $\hat{m} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

get back  $\hat{\sigma} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  s.t.  $\hat{\sigma}^e = \hat{m}$

3. Let  $\sigma \leftarrow \hat{\sigma} / r \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n$

Claim:  $\sigma$  is a valid sig. for  $m$

Proof:  $\sigma^e = (\hat{\sigma} / r)^e = \hat{m} / r^e = m$

We forged sig. on  $m$  by asking for sig. on  $\hat{m}$

$\Rightarrow$  existential forgery!

$\Rightarrow$  blind sig. (has appl. in anonymous cash, e-voting)

RSA in practice: PKCS1 v. 1.5

uses a hash for PKCS1:  $m \mapsto \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$\text{PKCS1}(m) := \left[ \overset{16 \text{ bits}}{\underbrace{01 \text{ FF FF FF } \dots \text{ 00 SHA256}(m)}} \right]$$

RSA mod, 2048 bits

So:  $\sigma = [\text{PKCS1}(m)]^d$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

Problem: not FDM (partial domain hash)

$\Rightarrow$  no sec. analysis based on RSA assumption