

# CS 5830

# Cryptography

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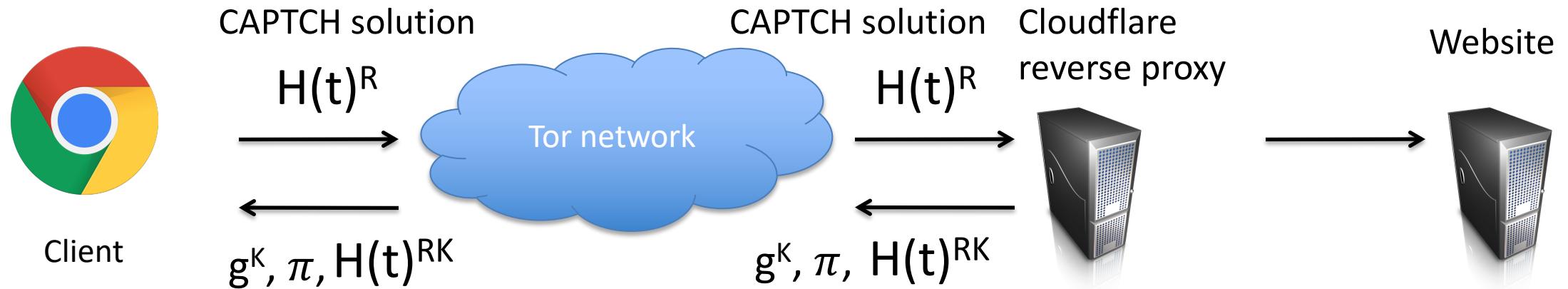
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# Last time: ZKPs and Schnorr

- Recall we wanted a way to build *verifiable* OPRF
  - Prove to clients that server is using secret key consistently
- ZKPs provide this ability
  - Sigma protocols are standard 3-round interactive ZKP for discrete log type proofs
  - Fiat-Shamir heuristic allows making Sigma protocol *non-interactive*
  - Interesting formal relationship with identification protocols

# Privacy Pass



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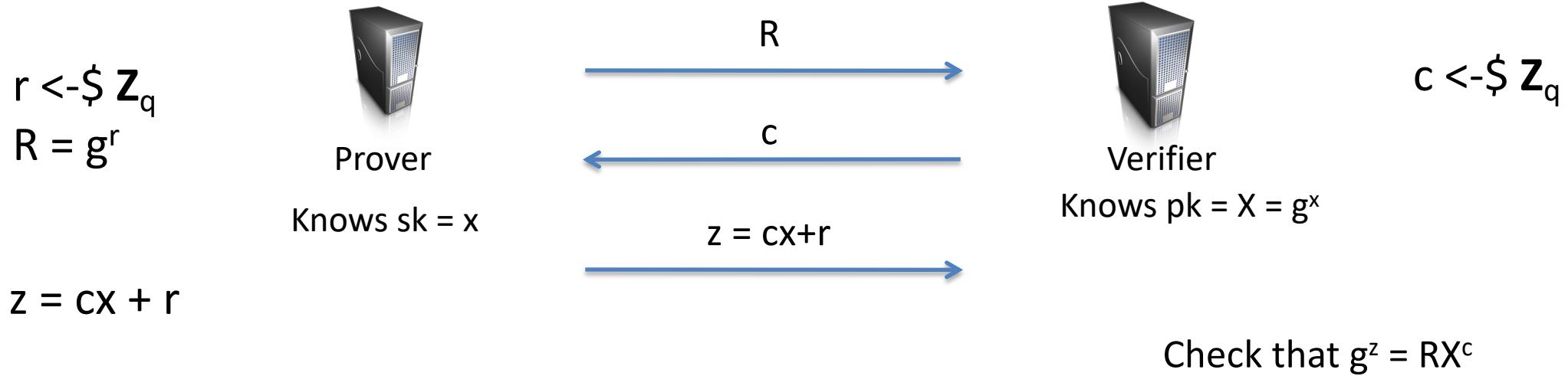
This is called a **verifiable OPRF**. In words, it allows ensuring consistency (relative to public key  $g^k$ ) of server behavior

How do prove that  $dlog_g(g^k) = dlog_Y(Y^k)$  where  $Y = H(t)^R$  ?

# Zero-knowledge proofs

- Prove something about secret  $x$  without revealing any further information about  $x$
- Security properties:
  - Zero-knowledge: can simulate proof without secret
  - Soundness: no malicious prover, without secret, can trick verifier

# Schnorr protocol



# Chaum-Pedersen Sigma protocol (DL equality!)

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Prover

Knows  $x$  s.t.  $X = g^x$

$$R_1, R_2$$

$$c$$

$$z$$



Verifier

Knows  $X, Y, W, g$

$$c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$z \leftarrow r + xc$$

Check both that:

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Verifier wants to check that  $\text{dlog}_g(X) = \text{dlog}_Y(W)$

$$X = g^x \quad Y = g^y \quad W = g^{yx}$$

$$Y^z = Y^{r+xc} = Y^r \cdot Y^{xc} = R_2 \cdot W^c$$

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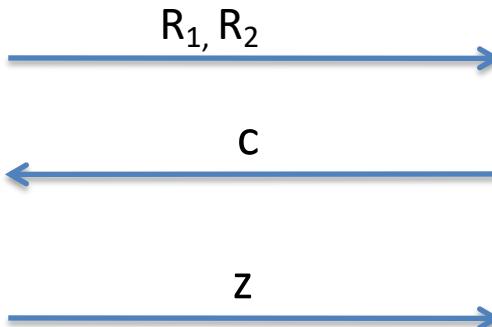
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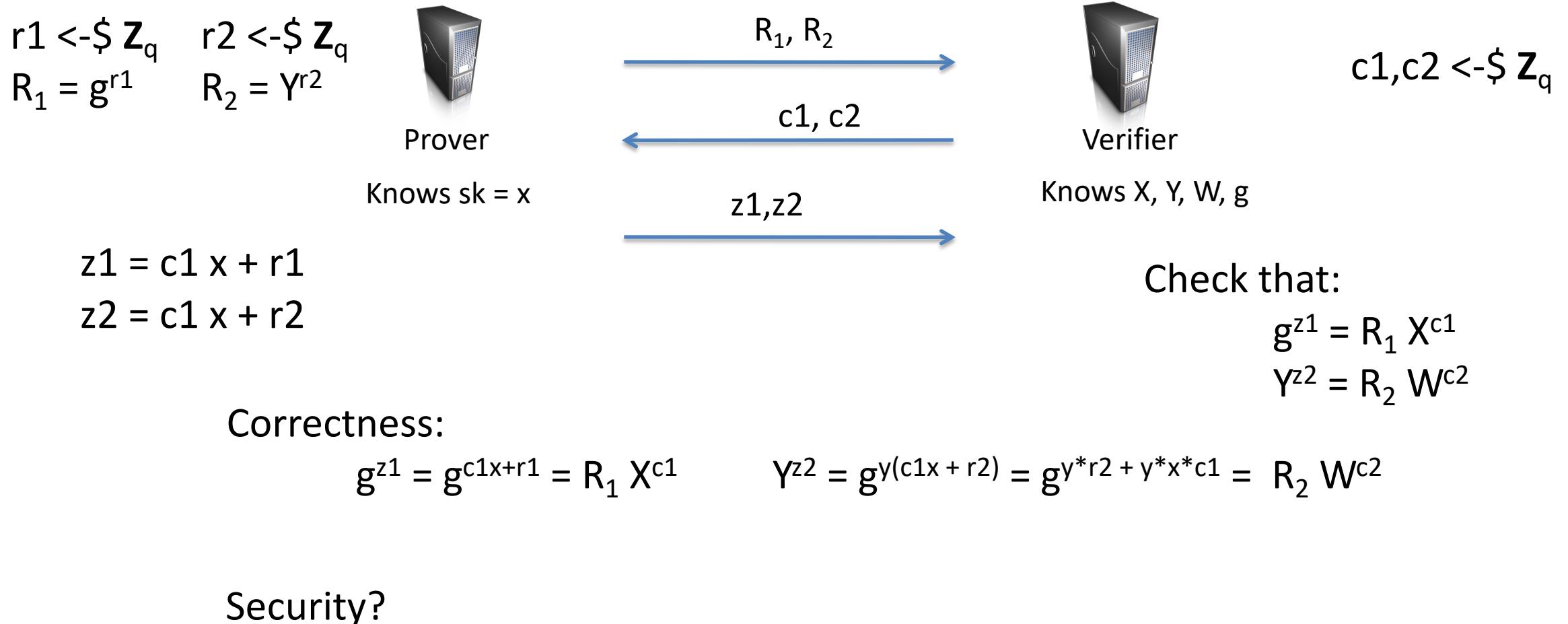
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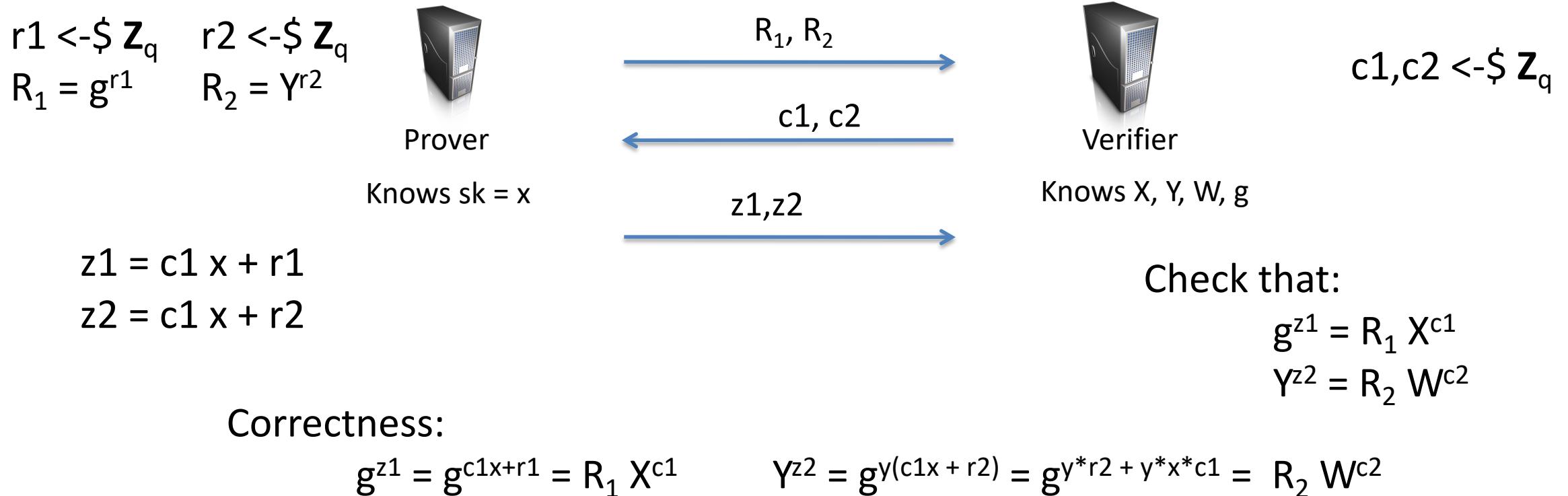
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In our verifiable OPRF application:  $X = g^K$ ,  $Y = H(t)^R$ ,  $W = H(t)^{RK}$

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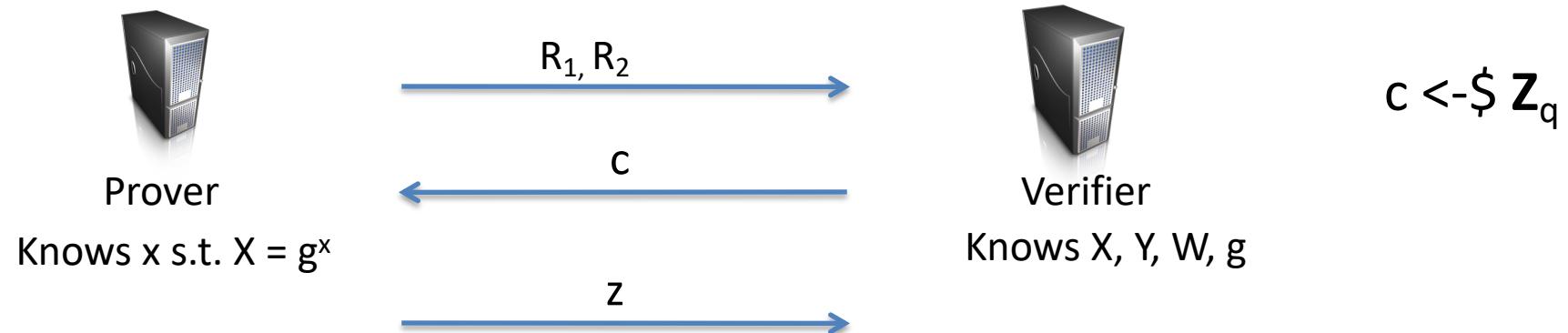
No guarantee that  $\text{dlog}_g(X) = \text{dlog}_Y(W)$  !!!

Set  $X = g^x$ ,  $Y = g^y$ ,  $W = g^{y^* w}$ . Can build satisfying proof above  
 $R_1, R_2$  as before.  $z_1 = c_1 x + r_1$  and  $z_2 = c_2 w + r_2$

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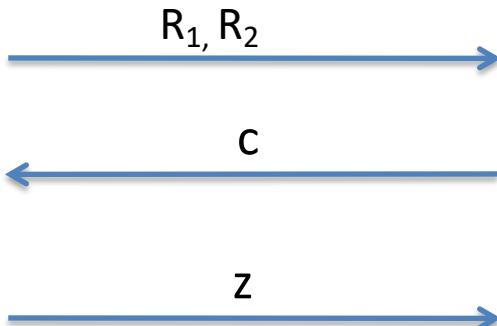
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## Zero-knowledge:

Simulator can generate transcript  $(R_1, R_2, c, z)$  consistent with  $X$

Choose  $c, z$  at random

Compute  $R_1 = g^z X^{-c}$  and  $R_2 = Y^z W^{-c}$

Result is indistinguishable from real transcript

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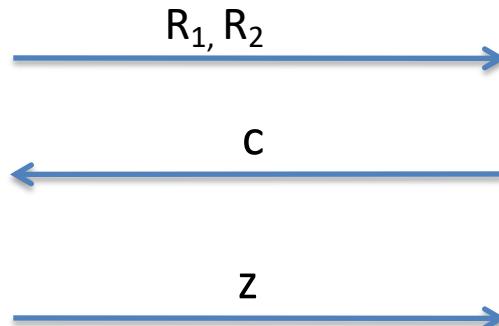
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## Soundness:

Suppose adversarial prover A can generate valid transcript, given just  $X$

We can build adversary that finds  $x = \text{dlog}_g X$

Run A twice, giving it  $c$  in first run and  $c' \neq c$  in second

Extract  $x$  from  $z = r + xc$  and  $z' = r + xc'$

# IDPASS Security of Chaum-Pedersen

Recall ID protocol formalization as P.com, P.resp, V.ver and challenge space

Chaum-Pedersen:  $P.\text{com} = R_i = (R_{1,i}, R_{2,i})$

Intuition for security:

1. Can simulate  $R_i, c_i, z_i$  due to zero-knowledge
2. Build DL-adversary  $B$  that runs  $A$  twice to get two transcripts that allow extracting  $\text{sk} = x$

Good treatment of this in Boneh-Shoup textbook (Part III)

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IDPASSAID, qid
(pk, sk) ←$ IDkg
queried ← false
For i = 1 to qid do
    Ri ←$ P.com(pk)
    ci ←$ C
    zi ←$ P.resp(sk, Ri, ci)
z* ←$ AVer(pk, (R1, c1, z1), ..., (Rqid, cqid, zqid))
Ret V.ver(pk, R*, c*, z*)
Ver(R*)
If queried = true then Ret ⊥
queried ← true
c* ←$ C
Ret c*
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# Fiat-Shamir transform to make NIZK

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Prove( $x, (g, X, Y, W)$ )

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$$c = H(R_1 || R_2) ; z = r + cx \bmod q$$

$$\pi = (R_1, R_2, z)$$

Return  $\pi$

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If  $g^z = R_1 \cdot X^c$  and  $Y^z = R_2 \cdot W^c$  then

Return 1

Return 0

# NIZKs: defining security

NIZK zero-knowledge security (“plain model”)

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 $\pi_0 \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Sim}((g, X, Y, W))$ 
 $b' \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{A}((g, X, Y, W), \pi_b)$ 
Ret  $b'$ 
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Provide simulator  $\text{Sim}$  such that

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Hash function  $H$  modeled as *random oracle*:

- Random function
- Adversary has oracle access to it
- In ideal world,  $\text{Sim}$  gets to define returned values (called “programming” the RO)

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Ret  $b'$

$\text{Hash}(M)$

If  $H[M] = \perp$  then

If  $b = 1$  then  $H[M] \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$

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Return  $H[M]$

# NIZKs: security in the ROM

Chaum-Pedersen NIZK zero-knowledge in ROM

Sim( $g, X, Y, W$ ):

- Choose  $c$  and  $z$  randomly
- Set  $R_1 = g^z X^c$  and  $R_2 = Y^z W^c$
- Output  $\pi = (R_1, R_2, z)$
- Set  $H(R_1 \parallel R_2) = c$  when  $\text{Hash}()$  called on  $M = R_1 \parallel R_2$ , otherwise set to randomly chosen point

For adversary A, identical view in  $b=0$  and  $b=1$  worlds

NIZK-RO $_{CP,g,Y}^A$

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# NIZKs: security in the ROM

Chaum-Pedersen NIZK soundness in ROM

Show reduction to DL problem

- Guess that  $j^{\text{th}}$  Hash query is associated to B's attempt at proof  $\pi^*$
- Run adversary B twice, feeding different reply c and  $c'$
- If B succeeds, extract secret x from two proofs

Works if guess is right (happens with probability  $1 / q_{\text{ro}}$ )

B succeeds both times

SOUND $_{\text{CP},g,Y}^{\mathcal{B}}$

$x \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p$

$X \leftarrow g^x ; W \leftarrow Y^x$

$\pi^* \leftarrow \$ \mathcal{B}^{\text{Hash}}(g, X, Y, W)$

Ret  $\text{Verify}^{\text{Hash}}((g, X, Y, W), \pi^*)$

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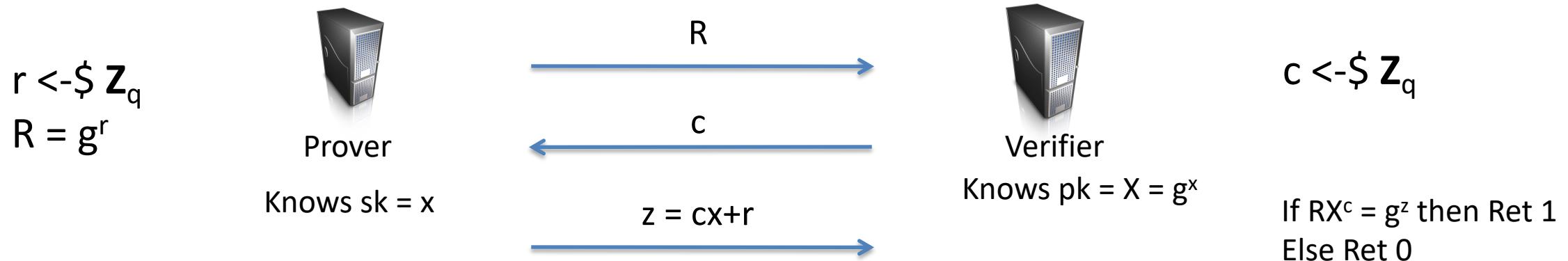
# NIZK definitions

- Definitions given tailored to Chaum-Pedersen setting
  - Can derive more general ones
- Common reference string (CRS) model another route for NIZK protocols
  - Protocols make use of a CRS that (typically) encodes a public-key for some kind of encryption
  - Simulator can choose the CRS (and know a trapdoor)
  - Approach generally quite fragile, painful for practice: by design these have trapdoors that break security, and need special care
    - See the ZCash parameter selection story

# Random oracle model debates

- ROM suggested as model in Bellare-Rogaway 1993 paper
  - Built off earlier ideas from Fiat-Shamir and Goldreich, Goldwasser, & Micali
- Provides only known reduction-based security analyses for a wide array of important in-use schemes
- Uninstantiability results of Canetti, Goldreich, Halevi
  - Exist schemes that are secure in ROM, but insecure for any real hash function H
  - Specially constructed counter-examples
- Pragmatic issues have arisen rarely: length-extension attacks
- ROM been a good predictor for security in practice

# Fiat-Shamir transform for signatures



Signature is commitment and response. Challenge generated non-interactively with hash function  
Works on other Sigma protocols as well

Sign( $x, M$ )

$$r \leftarrow \$ Z_q$$

$$R = g^r ; c = H(M || R) ; z = r + cx \bmod q$$

Return  $(R, z)$

Ver( $X, M, (R, z)$ )

$$c = H(M || R)$$

If  $g^z = RX^c$  then Return 1

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# Putting it all together: UF-CMA to DL

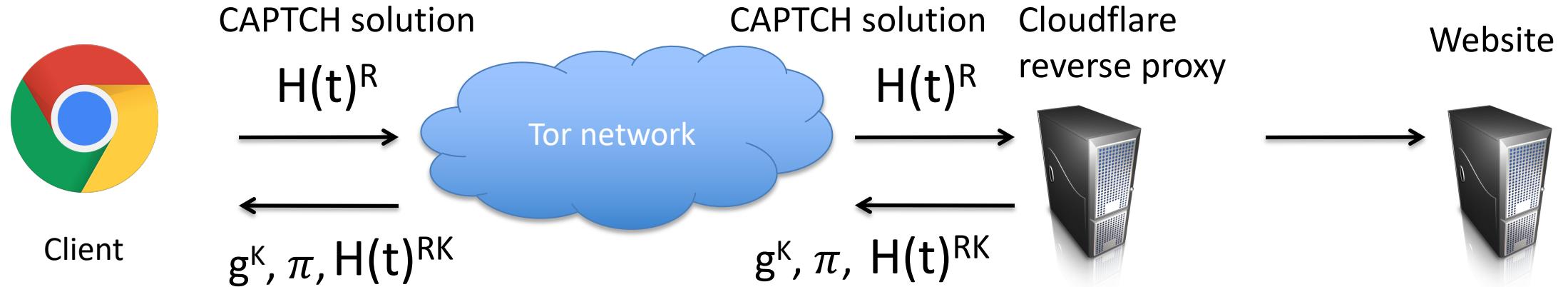
**Theorem.** Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and DS be the Schnorr digital signature scheme using random oracle  $H: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{|G|}$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an UF-CMA<sub>DS</sub>-adversary making at most  $q_h$  RO queries and  $q_s$  signing queries. Then we give an DL<sub>G</sub>-adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  such that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{DS}}^{\text{uf-cma}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \frac{q_s(q_s + q_h + 1)}{|G|} + (q_h + 1) \left( \sqrt{\mathbf{Adv}_G^{\text{dl}}(\mathcal{B})} + \frac{1}{|G|} \right).$$

Adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  runs in time at most twice that of the sum of the running time of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}(q_h + q_s)$ .

Analysis uses IDPASS security of Schnorr, also in the ROM  
due to use of Fiat-Shamir

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- Soundness: Client knows that same K is used, rules out tagging attacks
- Zero knowledge: Client can't use  $\pi$  to learn something about K

# NIZKs for General NP Languages

- Can we build NIZKs for arbitrary statements?
  - Interactive proofs for NP long known [Goldreich, Micali, Wigderson 1991]
    - Protocol for proving knowledge of 3-coloring of graph
- CRS-based NIZKs [Groth, Ostrovsky Sahai 2006]
  - Convert statement to circuit C
  - Bilinear-pairing based NIZK whose proofs are size  $O(|C|)$
- Groth 2010
  - Show how to do bilinear-pairing based scheme with constant size proofs.
  - Uses knowledge-of-exponent assumptions
- zkSNARKs
  - More efficient representation than circuits: quadratic span programs
  - Then use Groth-style bilinear pairing proofs
  - Pinocchio system: 288 byte proofs of arbitrary programs

# Emerging topics in applied crypto

- We'll spend a couple lectures covering some cryptographic tools that have started seeing use in practice recently
  - Secure computation
  - Oblivious PRFs
  - Zero-knowledge proofs
- Theory goes back decades, but real-world applications were historically elusive