

# Today: Digital Signature Schemes (Cont.).

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- Hash & Sign
- El-Gamal signature scheme
- DSS (Digital Signature Standard)

Recall: A digital signature scheme w. msg space  $\mathcal{M}$  consists of PPT alg<sup>s</sup>: (KeyGen, Sign, Verify)

- KeyGen( $1^\lambda$ ) generates (PK, SK)
- Sign(SK, m) generates a signature  $\sigma$
- Verify(PK, m,  $\sigma$ ) = 0/1 ("acc" or "rej")

Correctness:  $\forall m \in \mathcal{M}$  for  $(PK, SK) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$

$$\Pr[\text{Verify}(PK, m, \text{Sign}(SK, m)) = 1] = 1$$

Security (against adaptive chosen msg attacks):  
 $\forall$  PPT Adv, given PK and oracle to Sign(SK,  $\cdot$ ), for  $(PK, SK) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$ , denoting by  $m_1, \dots, m_\ell$  its oracle queries, the prob that  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$  s.t.  $m^* \notin \{m_i\}$  &  $\text{Verify}(PK, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$  is negl.

Last lecture: RSA digital sig scheme.

Follows Diffie-Hellman blue print:

$$f_{n,e}: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \quad x \mapsto x^e \bmod n$$

$$\text{Sign}(SK, m) = f_{n,e}^{-1}(m) = m^d \bmod n$$

(n,d) e.d=1 mod  $\phi(n)$ .

Correctness:  $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}_n \quad (m^d)^e = m^{d \cdot e} = m \pmod n$  ✓

Not secure: Given  $\text{Sign}(sk, m) = m^d \pmod n$

one can easily sign  $m^2 \pmod n \rightarrow (m^d)^2 \pmod n$ .

To make RSA secure use hash & sign:

### Hash & Sign

Rather than signing  $m$ , sign  $h(m)$ ,  
where  $h$  is a hash function (part of the public key)

\* Better efficiency: Hashing is extremely eff compared to signing.

\* Allow flexibility: signing any msg in  $\{0,1\}^*$ .

\* Interestingly: Useful for security.

Claim: If  $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  is secure &  $H = \{h_k\}$  is a collision resistant hash family

then the hash & sign version of  $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$  is also secure.

Intuition: : Hash & Sign paradigm enhances  
security for RSA

## Hash & Sign with RSA

$$\text{Sign}((n, d, h), m) = h(m)^d \pmod n$$

$$\text{Verify}((n, e, h), m, \sigma) = 1 \text{ iff}$$

$$\sigma^e = h(m) \pmod n.$$

Is this secure? Depends on  $h$ ...  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{not secure if} \\ m, h(m)^d \xrightarrow{\text{easy}} h(m)^d \end{array} \right]$

It is secure in the Random Oracle Model

(if  $h$  is RO) [Bellare-Rogaway 93]

a.k.a. Full Domain Hash (FDH)

Intuition: pairs  $(m_i, \sigma_i)$  are dist. like  $(m_i, r_i)$  where  $r_i$  is random

$$\underline{h(m_i) = r_i^e \pmod n.}$$

Doesn't give any useful info in ROM  $\equiv$  Can be simulated.

If Adv generates  $(m^*, \sigma^*) \Rightarrow$  Adv breaks RSA (in ROM)

Security reduction is not tight ...

Loosely speaking, if RSA function is  $(t', \epsilon')$ -secure  
(i.e.  $\forall \text{adv}$  running in time  $t'$  can invert w.p.  $\leq \epsilon'$ )

then FDH scheme is  $(t, q_{\text{SIG}}, q_{\text{HASH}}, \epsilon)$ -secure

(i.e.,  $\forall \text{adv}$  running in time  $t$ , making  $\leq q_{\text{SIG}}$  signature calls  
&  $\leq q_{\text{HASH}}$  hash calls, can forge a new signature w.p.  $\leq \epsilon$ )

where:

$$t = t' - \text{poly}(q_{\text{SIG}}, q_{\text{HASH}}, \lambda)$$

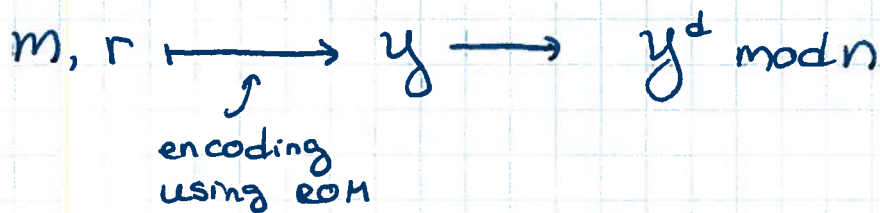
$$\epsilon = (q_{\text{SIG}} + q_{\text{HASH}}) \cdot \epsilon'$$

## Probabilistic Signature Scheme (PSS) (a.k.a. RSA-PSS)

[Bellare-Rogaway 96]

RSA-based signature scheme secure in the ROM

with tighter security proof.



El-Gamal Signatures [1984]

Note: The paradigm  $\text{Enc}(\text{Dec}(m))$  doesn't work for El-Gamal, since El-Gamal is not a trapdoor permutation (it is randomized).

Scheme :  $pp$  : prime  $p$   
 $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  generator of prime order subgroup  $g$   
 (order  $q/p-1$ ).

KeyGen :  $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$        $SK = x$   
 $y = g^x \text{ mod } p$        $PK = y$

Sign ( $pp, SK, m$ ):

• Choose  $k \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$

• Output  $(r, s) = (g^k \text{ mod } p, \frac{h(m) + rx}{k} \text{ mod } q)$

$$r^s = g^{h(m) + rx} = g^{h(m)} \cdot y^r$$

Verify ( $pp, PK, m, (r, s)$ ):

• Check that  $0 < r < p$

• Check that  $y^{r/s} \cdot g^{h(m)/s} = r$



Correctness :

$$y^{r/s} g^{h(m)/s} = g^{\frac{xr+h(m)}{s}} = g^k = r \pmod{p}$$

Security :

Idea: Generating a signature <sup>seems to</sup> require knowledge of  $k$  and a signer that knows  $M$  must know  $sk=x$ .

- Insecure with  $h$  ← original proposal  $h = \text{identity}$  (exercise).

- Not known to be secure in ROM

- Secure in ROM if  $h(m)$  is replaced with  $h(m||r)$

[Pointcheval - Stern 96] :   
 Intuition: If  $h(m||r)$  then adv. needs to choose  $r$  and succ for many values of  $h(m||r)$ .   
 $\Rightarrow$  knowledge of  $k$ .  $\Rightarrow$  knowledge of  $sk$

Thm: Modified El-Gamal is existentially unforgeable against adaptive chosen msg attacks, in ROM, assuming DLP is hard (on avg).

\* Rarely used in practice. The following variant is used instead.

Digital Signature Standard

(DSS-NIST 91)

(a.k.a. Digital Signature Alg) (DSA)

Public Parameters :  $p$  prime,  $q | p-1$

$|p| = 1024$  bits,  $|q| = 160$  bits

$g$  generator of subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  of order  $q$ .

KeyGen :  $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$        $SK = x$        $|x| = 160$  bits  
 $y = g^x$        $PK = y$        $|y| = 1024$  bits

Sign(m)<sub>SK</sub> :  $k \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$   
 $r = (g^k \bmod p) \bmod g$        $|r| = 160$  bits  
 $s = \frac{h(m) + rx}{g} \bmod g$        $|s| = 160$  bits

Redo if  $r=0$  or  $s=0$

Output  $(r, s)$ .

Verify<sub>PK</sub>( $m, (r, s)$ ) :

- Check  $0 < r, s < g$
- Check  $y^{r/s} \cdot g^{h(m)/s} \pmod{p} \pmod{g} = r$

Correctness :  $y^{r/s} g^{h(m)/s} = g^{\frac{xr + h(m)}{s}} = g^k =$   
 $r \pmod{p} \pmod{g}$ .

Security : As before, provably secure if  $h(m)$  is replaced with  $h(m||r)$ .