

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

↳ RSA signatures

↳ ElGamal signatures

↳ DSA

Sign message w

$\text{Sig}(w)$

$(w, \text{Sig}(w))$

- 1.) Everyone should be able to verify that the message was signed by the correct user → **Public key**
- 2.) Only the correct user can sign messages. → **Private key**

RSA signature

Elements: p, q large primes, $n = p \cdot q$,
 e, d : $e = d^{-1} \pmod{\phi(n)}$ ↖ Euler's totient function
 $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$

PRIVATE: $d, (p, q)$

PUBLIC: e, n

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To VERIFY $(w, \text{sig}(w))$: $(\text{sig}(w))^e \stackrel{?}{=} w \pmod n$

How to fake a signature?

1.) Factorize n

2.) Calculate $\phi(n)$

3.) Invert e (RSA problem)

4.) $\text{Sig}(w) = w^d \pmod n$

discrete logarithm

} All computationally hard

How to break a signature scheme

Existential forgery

- There exists a message for which a signature can be calculated efficiently

Universal forgery

- All messages can be signed by the adversary (efficiently)

RSA existential forgery

Valid pair (w, S)

Can you calculate other valid pairs?

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$$\text{sig}(w^2) = (w^2)^d = (w^d)^2 = \text{sig}(w)^2 = s^2 \pmod{n}$$

Hash functions

$$h: \mathcal{I} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K} \quad |\mathcal{I}| \gg |\mathcal{K}| \approx 320 \text{ bits}$$

Cryptographic hash function

- 1.) it is hard to invert h : given $k \in \mathcal{K}$ it is (computationally) hard to find $i \in \mathcal{I}$, s.t. $h(i) = k$
- 2.) it is hard to find collisions: it is (computationally) difficult to find $i_1, i_2 \in \mathcal{I}$ s.t. $h(i_1) = h(i_2)$

$$[w, h(w), \text{sig}(h(w))]$$

Advantage I: signature needs to be calculated only for a short message.

Advantage II: security! Invalidates existential forgeries

$$[w, h(w), \text{sig}(h(w))]$$

$$[w', h(w)^2, \text{sig}(h(w)^2)]$$

The adversary needs to find w' , s.t. $h(w') = \underline{h(w)^2}$

El Gamal Signatures

Elements:

- p - large prime
- g - a primitive element of \mathbb{Z}_p^*
- x - secret exponent $1 < x < p-1$
- $y = g^x \pmod p$

Private: x

Public: P, g, y

To sign w :

1.) $v \in \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^*$ multiplicative group mod $p-1$
multiplicative inverse a^{-1} exists
iff $\gcd(a, p-1) = 1$

All numbers coprime to $p-1$

$$(a \cdot b)^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot b^{-1}$$

2.) $a = g^v \pmod p$

3.) $b = v^{-1} \cdot (w - a \cdot x) \pmod{p-1}$
inverse mod $p-1$

To verify $(w, (a, b))$

$$g^w \stackrel{?}{=} g^{a \cdot b} \pmod p$$

$$\equiv (g^x)^a (g^v)^b \pmod p$$

$$\equiv g^{ax} g^{v \cdot (v^{-1} \cdot (w - ax))} \pmod p$$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv q^{ax} \cdot q^w \cdot q^{-ax} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv q^w \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

Vulnerabilities HW 2

a.) There is an existential forgery for ElGamal signatures (which does not need a valid pair $(w, (a, b))$)

b.) Given $(w, (a, b))$ it is possible to calculate signature of $w' = \alpha (w + \beta \cdot b) \pmod{p-1}$, where $\alpha = q^\beta \pmod{p}$
 $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$

(c.) Given $(w_1, (a_1, b_1))$ and $(w_2, (a_2, b_2))$ it is possible to calculate x and thus totally break the scheme.

How to solve:

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad ?$$

this is not necessarily a prime

1.) $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, calculate $a^{-1} \pmod{n}$ and multiply both sides with a^{-1} .

2.) $\gcd(a, n) = k$ and $k \nmid b$, solution doesn't exist.

3.) $\gcd(a, n) = k$ and $k \mid b$, then there are k solutions.

3.) $\gcd(a, n) = k \wedge k \mid b$, then there are $\frac{b}{k}$ solutions.

Algorithm:

Solve

$$\frac{a}{k}x \equiv \frac{b}{k} \pmod{\frac{n}{k}} \quad \gcd\left(\frac{a}{k}, \frac{n}{k}\right) = 1$$

Solution to Φ is s .

Solutions to $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ are $s + i \cdot \frac{n}{k}$ for $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, \frac{n}{k} - 1\}$

Example

$$10x \equiv 5 \pmod{15} \quad \gcd(10, 15) = 5$$

Solve

$$2s \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$s = 2$$

$$x = 2 + i \cdot 3 \quad i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$x \in \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14\}$$

DSA - digital signature algorithm

Why is El gamal computationally inefficient?

1.) Size of signatures: $a \pmod{p}$ $\log_2 p$ bits
 $b \pmod{p-1}$ $\log_2 p$ bits

2.) Both a, b are exponents in verification

Elements

p - large prime l -bit ($512 \leq l \leq 1024$) $l = 64k$

q - 160-bit prime dividing $(p-1)$

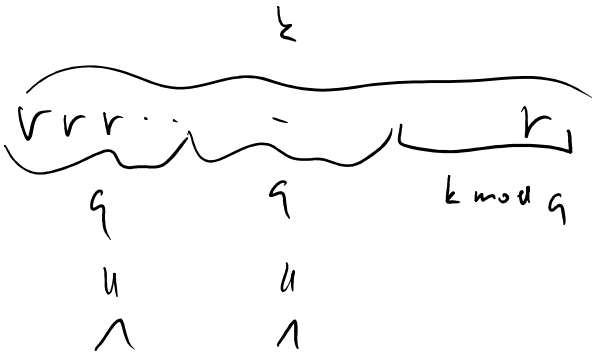
$r = h^{\frac{(p-1)}{q}} \pmod p$, h is a primitive element of \mathbb{Z}_p^*

$$\{h, h^2, \dots, h^{p-1}\} = \{1, \dots, p-1\}$$

$\{r, r^2, \dots, r^q\}$ order of r in \mathbb{Z}_p^* is q

$$\circ (r^q) = \left(h^{\frac{(p-1)}{q}}\right)^q = h^{p-1} = 1 \pmod p \quad (\text{by FLT})$$

$$r^k \equiv r^{k \pmod q} \pmod p$$



PRIVATE: $1 < x < q$

PUBLIC: $P, q, r, g = r^x \pmod p$

SIGNATURE OF w : 1. Choose random $k \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$

$$a = \left(r^k \pmod p\right) \pmod q$$

$i, \hat{1}, \dots, \dots$

$$a = r^w \pmod{p}, \quad r^{-w} \pmod{q}$$

$$b = k^{-1} \cdot (w + ax) \pmod{q}$$

b inverse mod q

Verification: (of $(w, (a, b))$)

$$\begin{array}{l} 1.) \quad z \equiv b^{-1} \pmod{q} \\ 2.) \quad w_1 \equiv w \cdot z \pmod{q} \\ 3.) \quad w_2 \equiv a \cdot z \pmod{q} \end{array}$$

$$(r^{w_1} \cdot g^{w_2} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q} \stackrel{1, 2}{=} a$$

$$(r^{w \cdot z} \cdot (r^x)^{a \cdot z} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

$$b^{-1} \equiv k \cdot (w + ax)^{-1} \pmod{q}$$

$$(r^{z(w+ax)} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

$$(r^{k \cdot (w+ax)^{-1} \cdot (w+ax)} \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

$$(r^k \equiv a \pmod{p}) \pmod{q}$$

SUBLIMINAL CHANNELS

Note that ElGamal (DSA, OSS) use two secret numbers

to sign w :
random r
private x

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if x is shared between two parties r can be used
to send secret messages.

$$b = r^{-1} (w - ax) \pmod{p-1}$$

$$b \equiv xa \pmod{n}$$

$\gcd(w - ax, p-1) = \xi$ does ξ divide b ? YES

the correct r fulfills $a = g^r \pmod{p}$