
CSE 3400 - Introduction to Computer & Network Security
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Lecture 11

Public Key Cryptography– Part II

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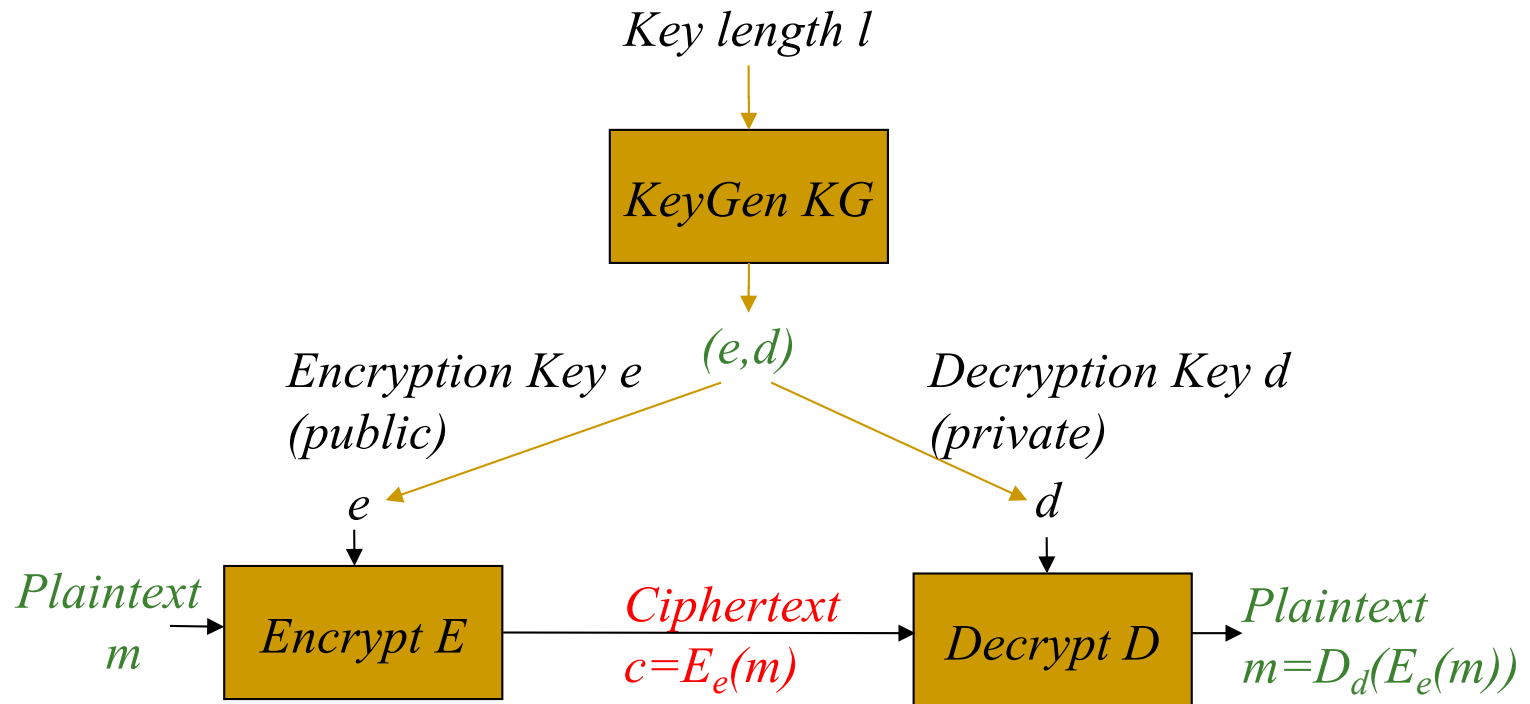
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Outline

- ❑ Public key encryption.
- ❑ Digital signatures.

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Public Key Encryption IND-CPA Security

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(b, n) \{ \\ & (e, d) \xleftarrow{\$} KG(1^n) \\ & (m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{'Choose'}, e) \text{ s.t. } |m_0| = |m_1| \\ & c^* \leftarrow E_e(m_b) \\ & b^* = \mathcal{A}(\text{'Guess'}, (c^*, e)) \\ & \text{Return } b^* \\ \} \end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.10 (PKC IND-CPA). *Let $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$ be a public-key cryptosystem. We say that $\langle KG, E, D \rangle$ is IND-CPA, if every efficient adversary $\mathcal{A} \in PPT$ has negligible advantage $\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(n) \in NEGL(n)$, where:*

$$\varepsilon_{\langle KG, E, D \rangle, \mathcal{A}}^{IND-CPA}(n) \equiv \Pr \left[T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(1, n) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[T_{\mathcal{A}, \langle KG, E, D \rangle}^{IND-CPA}(0, n) = 1 \right] \quad (2.35)$$

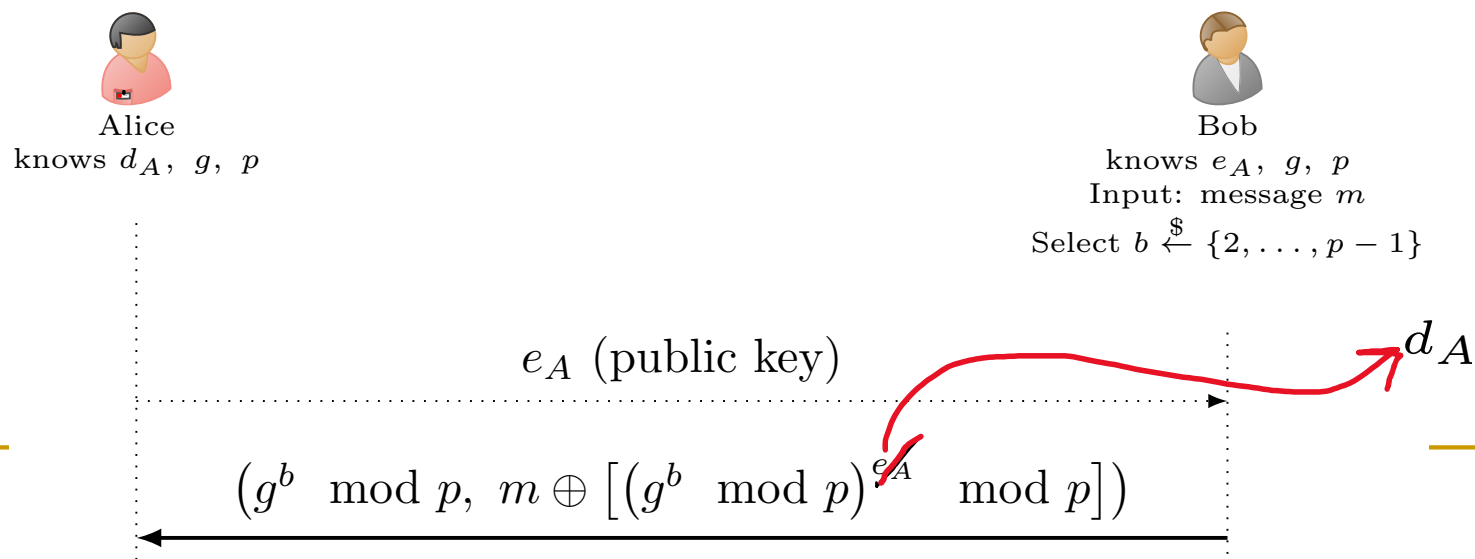
Where the probability is over the random coin tosses in IND-CPA (including of \mathcal{A} and E).

Discrete Log-based Encryption

- We will explore two flavors:
 - An adaptation of DH key exchange protocol to perform encryption.
 - ElGamal encryption scheme.

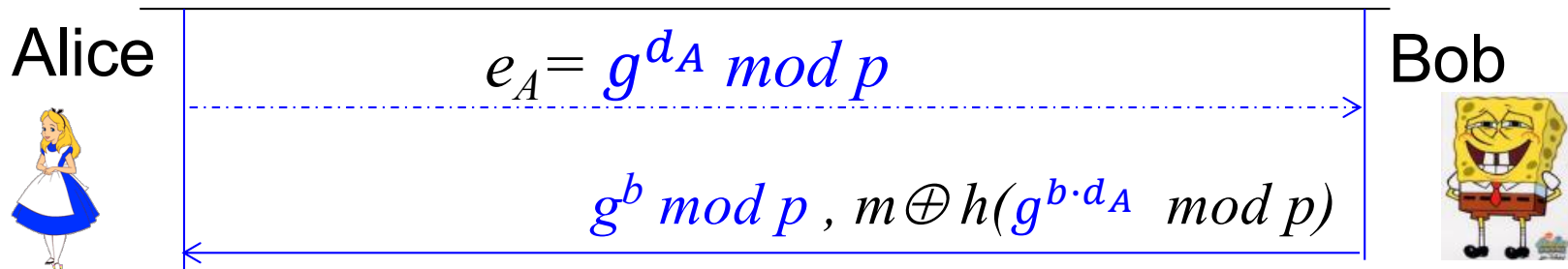
Turning [DH] to Public Key Cryptosystem

- Select random prime p and generator g
- Alice: secret key d_A , public key $e_A = g^{d_A} \bmod p$
- Bob: secret key b , public key $P_B = g^b \bmod p$
- To encrypt message m to Alice:
 - Bob selects random b
 - Sends: $g^b \bmod p$, $m \oplus (e_A)^b = m \oplus g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$
 - Secure assuming DDH: if the attacker can distinguish $g^{b \cdot d_A}$ from a random string, IND-CPA may not hold.



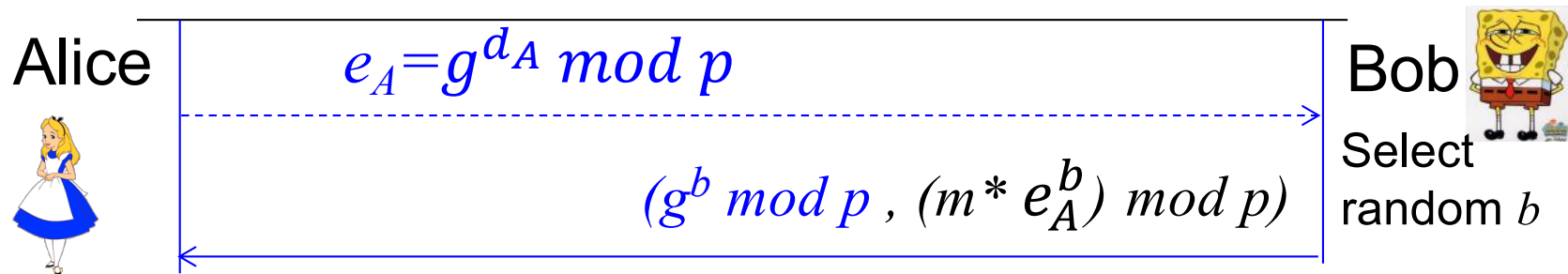
Turning [DH] to Public Key Cryptosystem

- Solves dependency on DDH assumption; secure under the (weaker) CDH assumption.
- To encrypt message m to Alice:
 - Bob selects random b
 - Sends: $g^b \bmod p$, $m \oplus h((e_A)^b) = m \oplus h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
 - Secure if $h(g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$ is pseudo-random



ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Variant of [DH] PKC: Encrypt by multiplication, not XOR
- To encrypt message m to Alice, whose public key is $e_A = g^{d_A} \bmod p$:
 - Bob selects random b
 - Sends: $g^b \bmod p$, $m * (e_A)^b = m * g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$



ElGamal Public Key Encryption

- Encryption:

$$E_{e_A}^{EG}(m) \leftarrow \left\{ (g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) \mid b \xrightarrow{\$} [2, p-1] \right\}$$

- Decryption:

$$D_{d_A}(x, y) = x^{-d_A} \cdot y \bmod p$$

- Correctness:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{d_A}(g^b \bmod p, m \cdot e_A^b \bmod p) &= \\ &= \left[(g^b \bmod p)^{-d_A} \cdot (m \cdot (g^{d_A})^b \bmod p) \right] \bmod p \\ &= [g^{-b \cdot d_A} \cdot m \cdot g^{b \cdot d_A}] \bmod p \\ &= m \end{aligned}$$

ElGamal Public Key Cryptosystem

- Problem: $g^{b \cdot d_A} \bmod p$ may leak bit(s)...
- `Classical' DH solution: securely derive a key:
 $h(g^{a_i b_i} \bmod p)$
- El-Gamal's solution: use a group where DDH believed to hold
 - Note: message must be encoded as member of the group!
 - So why use it? Some special properties...

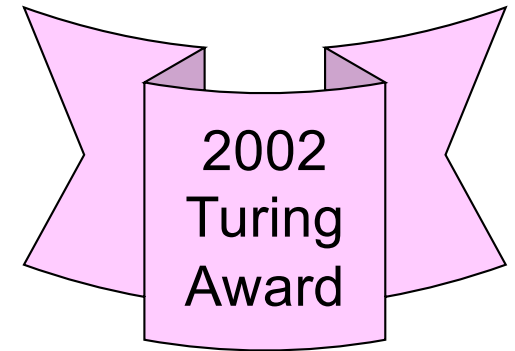
ElGamal PKC: homomorphism

- Multiplying two ciphertexts produces a ciphertext of the multiplication of the two plaintexts.
- Given two ciphertexts:
 - $E_{e_A}(m_1) = (x_1, y_1) = (g^{b_1} \bmod p, m_1 * g^{b_1 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
 - $E_{e_A}(m_2) = (x_2, y_2) = (g^{b_2} \bmod p, m_2 * g^{b_2 \cdot d_A} \bmod p)$
- $Mult((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) \equiv (x_1 x_2, y_1 y_2)$
- Homomorphism:
 - $= (g^{b_1+b_2} \bmod p, m_1 \cdot m_2 * g^{(b_1+b_2) \cdot d_A} \bmod p) =$
 $= E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$
- \rightarrow compute $E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$ from $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$

Fully-homomorphic Encryption?

- We discussed multiplicative-homomorphism:
 - Given: two ciphertexts $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$
 - Compute $E_{e_A}(m_1 \cdot m_2)$
- Alternative forms of homomorphism....
 - Additive-homomorphism: Compute $E_{e_A}(m_1 + m_2)$
 - Fully-homomorphic: both!
- Fully-homomorphic encryption:
 - Allows computing arbitrary function $E_{e_A}(f(m_1, m_2))$
 - Given only encrypted values: $E_{e_A}(m_1), E_{e_A}(m_2)$
 - Important... allows computing on encrypted data!!
 - Several designs, high overhead; huge research effort to reduce this overhead.

RSA Public Key Encryption



- First proposed – and still widely used
- Not really covered in this course – take crypto!
- Select two **large primes** p, q ; let $n=pq$
- Select prime e (public key: $\langle n, e \rangle$)
 - Or co-prime with $\Phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- Let private key be $d=e^{-1} \bmod \Phi(n)$ (i.e., $ed=1 \bmod \Phi(n)$)
- Encryption: $RSA.E_{e,n}(m)=m^e \bmod n$
- Decryption: $RSA.D_{d,n}(c)=c^d \bmod n$
- Correctness: $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = (m^e)^d = m^{ed} = m \bmod n$
 - Intuitively: $ed=1 \bmod \Phi(n) \rightarrow m^{ed} = m \bmod n$
- But why? Remember Euler's theorem.

RSA Public Key Cryptosystem

- Correctness: $D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n$
- $m^{ed} = m^{ed} = m^{1+l\Phi(n)} = m m^{l\Phi(n)} = m (m^{\Phi(n)})^l$
- $m^{ed} \bmod n = m (m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n)^l \bmod n$
- Euler's Theorem: $m^{\Phi(n)} \bmod n = 1 \bmod n$
- $\rightarrow D_{d,n}(E_{e,n}(m)) = m^{ed} \bmod n = m 1^l \bmod n = m$
- Comments:
 - $m < n \rightarrow m = m \bmod n$
 - Euler's Theorem holds (only) if m, n are co-primes
 - If not co-primes? Use Chinese Remainder Theorem
 - A nice, not very complex argument
 - But: beyond our scope – take Crypto!

The RSA Problem and Assumption

- RSA problem: Find m , given (n, e) and 'ciphertext' value $c = m^e \bmod n$
- RSA assumption: if (n, e) are chosen 'correctly', then the RSA problem is 'hard'
 - I.e., no efficient algorithm can find m with non-negligible probability
 - For 'large' n and $m \xrightarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, n\}$
- RSA and factoring
 - Factoring alg \rightarrow alg to 'break' RSA
 - Algorithm to find RSA private key \rightarrow factoring alg
 - But: RSA-breaking may not allow factoring

RSA PKC Security

- It is a deterministic encryption scheme → cannot IND-CPA secure.
- RSA assumption does not rule out exposure of partial information about the plaintext.
- It is not CCA secure.

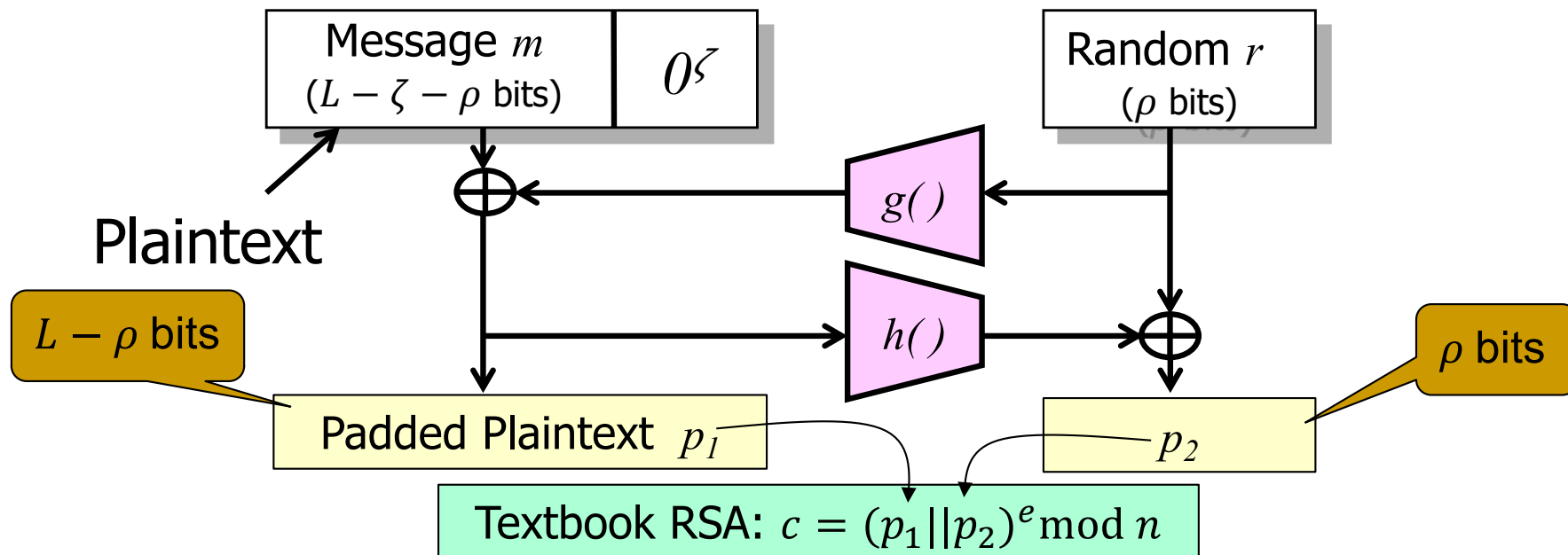
A solution: apply a random padding to the plaintext then encryption using RSA.

Padding RSA

- Pad and Unpad functions: $m = \text{Unpad}(\text{Pad}(m; r))$
 - Encryption with padding: $c = [\text{Pad}(m, r)]^e \bmod n,$
 - Decryption with unpad: $m = \text{Unpad}(c^d \bmod n)$
- Required to...
 - Add randomization
 - Prevent detection of repeating plaintext
 - Prevent ‘related message’ attack (to allow use of tiny e)
 - Detect, prevent (some) chosen-ciphertext attacks
- Early paddings schemes subject to CCA attacks
 - Even ‘Feedback-only CCA’ (aware of unpad failure)

Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP)

- No chosen-ciphertext attacks: ciphertext ‘proves’ *knowledge of plaintext*
- Feistel-like; use two crypto-hash functions g, h (assume ‘random’)
 - Let L be length of input to RSA, $\zeta, \rho \ll L$ be ‘security parameters’ (say 80 bits)
 - g : ‘random function’ from ρ bits to $L - \rho$ bits, h : ‘random function’ from $L - \rho$ bits to ρ bits
 - Secure in the *random oracle model (ROM)*

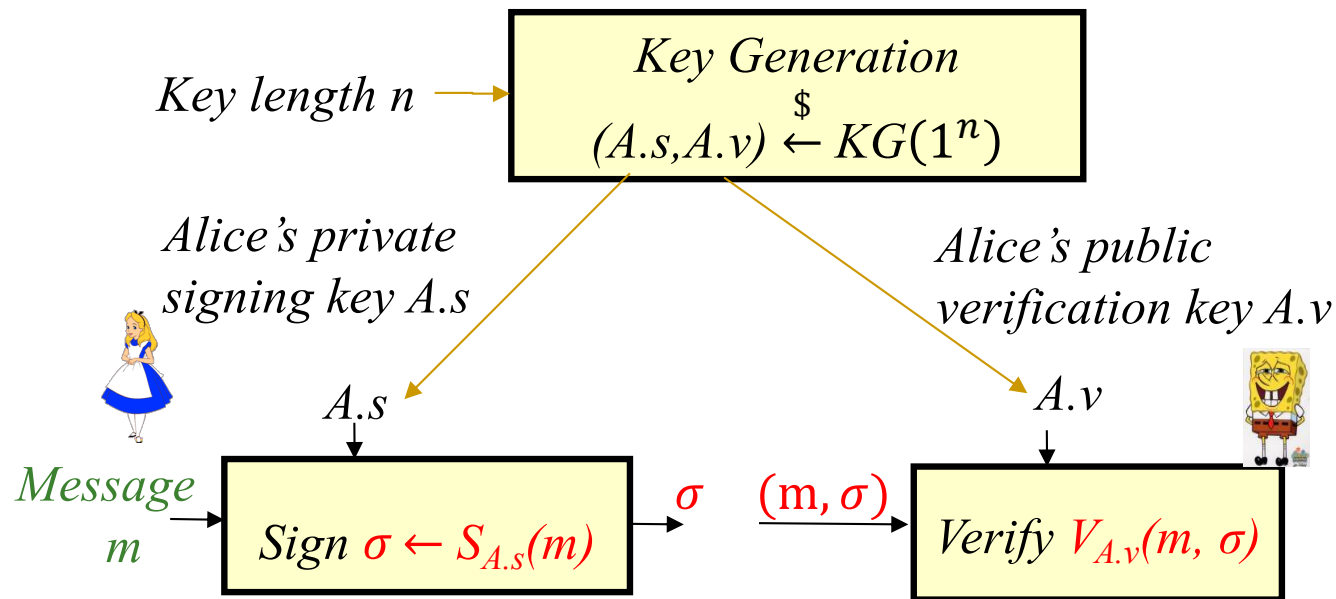


How does Bob know Alice's public key?

- Depends on threat model...
 - Passive (‘eavesdropping’) adversary: just send it
 - Man-in-the-Middle (MITM): **authenticate**
- Authenticate – how?
 - MAC: requires shared secret key
 - **Public key signature scheme:**
authenticate using public key
 - Certificate: public key of entity – **signed by certificate authority (CA)**

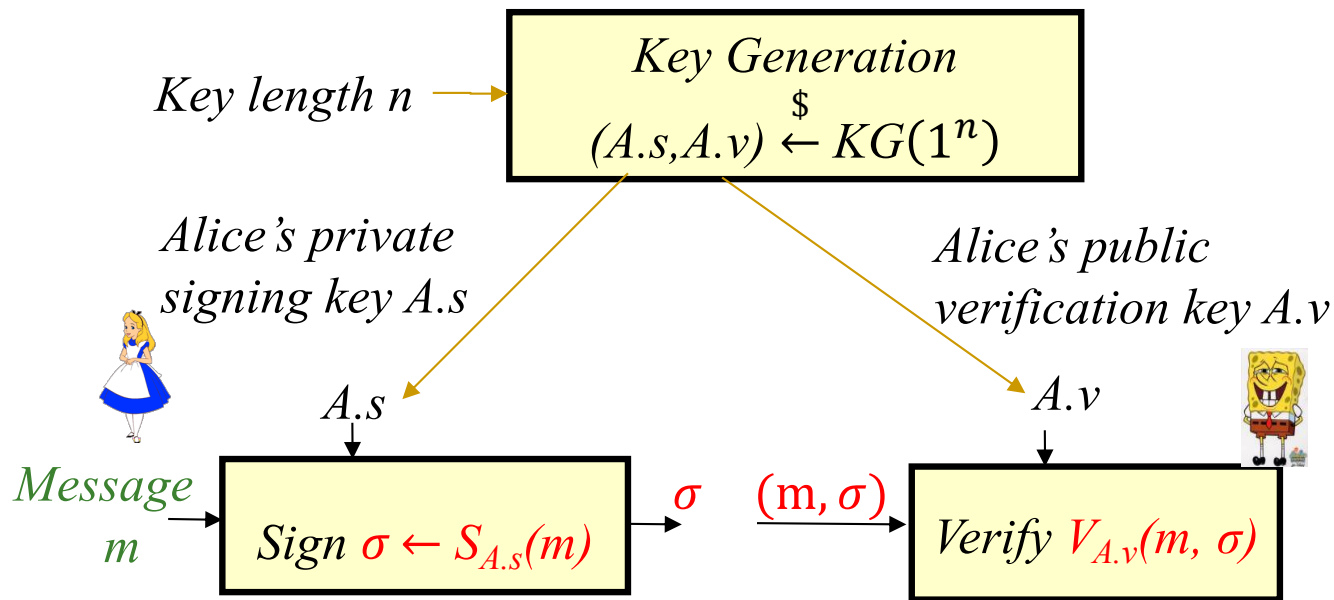
Digital Signature

Public Key Digital Signatures



- Sign using a private, secret signature key ($A.s$ for Alice)
- Validate using a public key ($A.v$ for Alice)
- Everybody can validate signatures at any time
 - Provides authentication, integrity **and** evidence / non-repudiation
 - MAC: 'just' authentication+integrity, no evidence, can repudiate

Digital Signatures Security: Unforgeability



- Unforgeability: given v , attacker should be unable to find **any** 'valid' (m, σ) , i.e., $V_v(m, \sigma) = OK$
 - Even when attacker can select messages m' , receive $\sigma' = S_s(m')$
 - For any message except chosen m

Digital Signature Scheme Definition

Definition 1.4 (Signature scheme and its correctness). A signature scheme is defined by a tuple of three efficient (PPT) algorithms, $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$, and a set M of messages, such that:

\mathcal{KG} is a randomized algorithm that maps a unary string (security parameter 1^l) to a pair of binary strings $(\mathcal{KG}.s(1^l), \mathcal{KG}.v(1^l))$.

Sign is an algorithm⁸ that receives two binary strings as input, a signing key $s \in \{0, 1\}^*$ and a message $m \in M$, and outputs another binary string $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^*$. We call σ the signature of m using signing key s .

Verify is a predicate that receives three binary strings as input: a verification key v , a message m , and σ , a purported signature over m . Verify should output TRUE if σ is the signature of m using s , where s is the signature key corresponding to v (generated with v).

Usually, M is a set of binary strings of some length. If M is not defined, then this means that any binary string may be input, i.e., the same as $M = \{0, 1\}^*$.

We say that a signature scheme $(\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$ is correct, if for every security parameter 1^l holds:

$$\left(\forall (s, v) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{KG}(1^l), m \in M \right) \text{Verify}_v(m, \text{Sign}_s(m)) = \text{‘Ok’} \quad (1.31)$$

Digital Signature Scheme Security

Algorithm 1 The existential unforgeability game $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l)$ between signature scheme $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{KG}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify})$ and adversary \mathcal{A} .

$(s, v) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{S}.\mathcal{KG}(1^l)$;
 $(m, \sigma) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}.\text{Sign}_s(\cdot)}(v, 1^l)$;
return $(\mathcal{S}.\text{Verify}_v(m, \sigma) \wedge (\mathcal{A} \text{ didn't request } S_s(m)))$;

Definition 1.6. *The existential unforgeability advantage function of adversary \mathcal{A} against signature scheme \mathcal{S} is defined as:*

$$\varepsilon_{\mathcal{S},\mathcal{A}}^{EUF-Sign}(1^l) \equiv \Pr \left(EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)(1^l) = \text{TRUE} \right) \quad (1.32)$$

Where the probability is taken over the random coin tosses of \mathcal{A} and of \mathcal{S} during the run of $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$ with input (security parameter) 1^l , and $EUF_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{S}}^{Sign}(1^l)$ is the game defined in Algorithm 1.

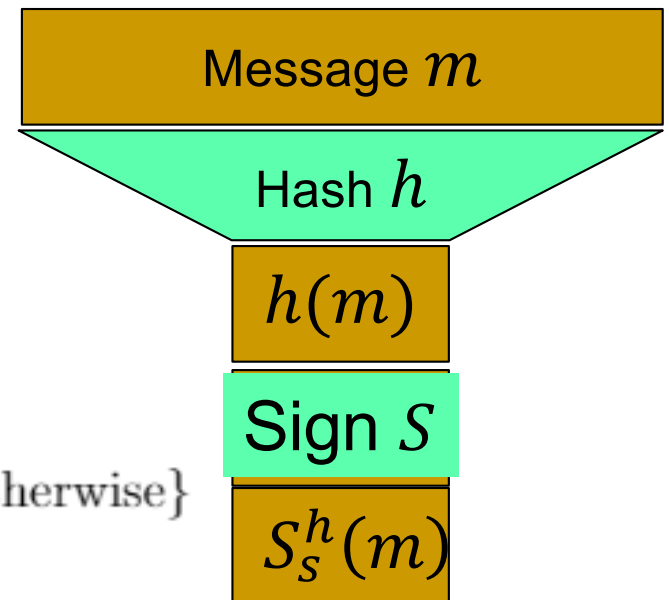
RSA Signatures

- Secret signing key s , public verification key v
- Short ($<n$) messages: RSA signing with message recovery
- First attempt:
 - $RSA.S_s(m) = m^s \bmod n$,
 $RSA.V_v(m,x) = \{ OK \text{ if } m = x^v \bmod n; \text{ else, FAIL} \}$
 - Hmm... for any x , let $m = x^v \bmod n$; then $RSA.V_v(m,x) = OK$
 - Unforgeability requirement fails: attacker has a forgery !
- Preventing `random signatures' ?
 - $RSA.S_s(m) = pad(m)^s \bmod n$,
 $RSA.V_v(m,x) = \{ OK \text{ if } m = unpad(x^v \bmod n); \text{ else, FAIL} \}$
 - *Pad, unpad*: redundancy added (pad) and verified (unpad)
- Long messages: ??
 - Hint: use collision resistant hash function (CRHF)

The Hash-then-Sign Paradigm

- Challenge: messages are long, PKC is slow
- How to sign long messages – efficiently?
 - Using Collision-Resistant Hash h :
 - ➔ infeasible to find pair (x, x') s.t. $x' \neq x$ yet $h(x) = h(x')$
 - And signature scheme (S, V)
- Solution: $S_S^h(m) = S_S(h(m))$

$$S_S^{RSA,h}(m) = ([h(m)]^s \bmod n, m)$$
$$V_v^{RSA,h}(\sigma, m) = \{m \text{ if } h(m) = \sigma^v \bmod n, \text{ error otherwise}\}$$



Discrete-Log Digital Signature?

- RSA allowed encryption and signing... based on assuming factoring is hard
- Can we sign based on assuming discrete log is hard?
- Most well-known, popular scheme: DSA
 - Digital Signature Algorithm, by NSA/NIST
 - Details: crypto course
- We'll discuss simpler, less efficient ElGamal Signatures

ElGamal signatures

- Parameters: $p \leftarrow \text{prime}[n \text{ bit}], g \leftarrow \text{Generator}(p)$

- Key generation: $s \xleftarrow{\$} \{2, \dots, p-2\}, v \leftarrow g^s \text{ mod } p$

- Sign: $k \xleftarrow{\$} \{2, \dots, p-2 \mid \text{gcd}(k, p-1) = 1\}$

- $r \leftarrow g^k \text{ mod } p, t \leftarrow (h(m) - sr) \cdot k^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1)$

- If $t = 0$ then select new k

- Signature is (r, t)

- Verify: $g^{h(m)} = v^r r^t \text{ mod } p; 0 < r < p; 0 < t < p-1$

- Correctness:

$$g^{h(m)} = g^{sr+kt} = (g^s)^r (g^k)^t = v^r r^t \text{ mod } p$$

- Using Fermat's Theorem: $g^b = g^{b \text{ mod } (p-1)} \text{ mod } p$

- Efficient off-line sign: precompute $r \leftarrow g^k \text{ mod } p$

Covered Material From the Textbook

- ❑ Chapter 1, Section: 1.3
- ❑ Chapter 2, Sections 2.7.2
- ❑ Chapter 6, Sections 6.5, 6.6, and 6.7

Thank You!

