

# ECE El Gamal Digital Signature

A signature is appended to a document.

Properties: (1) Signing  
(Alice)  
w/ public/  
private  
key pair

Input: Document  $m$

Output: Signed document, i.e. pair  $(m, sig)$

(sig depends on  $m$ , public/private key pair)

(2) Verifying  
(Bob)

Input: Alice's public key  
Signed message

Output: YES/VALID or NO/INVALID.

(3) Key Properties:

It hard to produce pairs  $(m, sig)$  that validate YES without access to Alice's private key.

"forging"

# EC. Digital Signature

Setup:  $E/\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $P \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$   
 $p$  prime,  $n = \text{order}(P)$



Verification:  $V_1 = xA + sR$   
(Bob)  $V_2 = mP$

Message:  $0 < m < n$ .

Alice: Private Key:  $0 < a < n$ .  
Public Key:  $A = aP$

If  $V_1 = V_2$ : VALID  
If  $V_1 \neq V_2$ : INVALID

Signing: Choose secret  $0 < k < n$ ,  $\text{gcd}(k, n) = 1$ .  
(Alice)

$$R = kP$$

$$S = k^{-1}(m - ax) \pmod{n}$$

where  $x = x(R)$   
(x-coord)

Signed Message:  $(m, \underbrace{R, s}_{\text{sig}})$

Correctness:

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= xA + sR \\ &= xaP + skP \\ &= (xa + sk)P \\ &= (xa + m - ax)P \\ &= mP \\ &= V_2 \end{aligned}$$

# Security:

- ① If you can do  $EC$  DLP then get  $a$ , sign anything. ✓
- ② Don't re-use  $k$  (Exercise).
- ③ Can you alter  $m$  and alter sig to remain valid?

Keep  $R$ , change  $s$ :

$$x A + s R = m P$$
$$s R = m P - x A \leftarrow \text{public}$$

keep      changed known      public      from  $R$  ✓

EC DLP problem.

Choose  $R, s$  together?

?? seems hard ??

Keep  $s$ , change  $R$ :

$$s R = (m P - x A)$$

even worse, similar

depr  $R$  ✓

## Formal Security

$n = \text{order}(P) = \text{size of task}$

$A = \text{adversary}$

$m = \text{message}$

Can:

- has Alice's public key
- ask for Alice's signature on any document besides  $m$ .
- compute polynomial time algorithm.

"Success" means: can output  $(m, \text{sig})$

that verifies as VALID with

non-negligible probability

(negligible:  $\text{prob}(\text{success}) < \frac{1}{\text{poly}(\log n)}$ )

## Discrete Logarithm Problem on Elliptic Curves

Given  $P, Q = aP \in E(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , find  $a$ .

Note:  $a$  lives modulo order(P).  
size of the problem



Attacks:

Birthday / Collision ✓	expon.
Baby-Step-Giant-Step ✓	expon.
Index Calculus X (no analog)	sub-exp.

Because of ↗, this is stronger than DLP mod  $p$  or in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .  
⇒ in practice, smaller keys.

# Isogeny-Based Cryptography

elliptic curves  
↙ ↘

What is an isogeny? A map  
rational functions such that  
(looks like polynomial  
numerator/denominator)

$\varphi: E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  given by

$$\varphi(P+Q) = \varphi(P) + \varphi(Q)$$

(implies  $\varphi(\infty) = \infty$ )

Example.  $E_1: y^2 = x^3 + 1 \pmod{11}$

$\downarrow \varphi$

$E_2: y^2 = x^3 + 6 \pmod{11}$

"homomorphism of groups"

$(x, y) \in E_1$

$\downarrow$

$$\left( \frac{x^3+1}{x^2}, \frac{x^3y+3y}{x^3} \right) \in E_2$$

Eg.  $(0, 1) \mapsto \left( \frac{1}{0}, \frac{3}{0} \right) = \infty \in E_2$

$(1, 1) \mapsto \left( \frac{2}{1}, \frac{4}{1} \right) = (2, 4) \in E_2$   
on  $E_1$

kernel =  $\{ P \in E_1 : \varphi(P) = \infty \}$

The degree of an isogeny is the # of pts in the kernel

For this ex,  $\{ \infty, (0, 1), (0, 10) \} \Rightarrow \deg(\varphi) = 3$ . "3-isogeny"

