

# CRYPTOGRAPHY

## (lecture 7)

### Literature:

“A Graduate Course in Applied Cryptography” (ch **13.3, 19.3, 8.10.2** until pg324)

**“A note on blind signature schemes” by Matthew Green**

“Blind Signatures for Untraceable Payments” by David Chaum, “Digital Signatures” by Tibor Jager

“Lecture Notes on Cryptographic Protocols” by Schoenmakers (ch **8.0,8.1,8.2**)

“Group Signatures: Authentication with Privacy” (ch **1.1.1, 1.2, 1.3.0, 1.3.1, 1.4, 1.5.0, 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, 1.6.4**)

“The Mathematics of Elliptic Curve Cryptography” (on Canvas)

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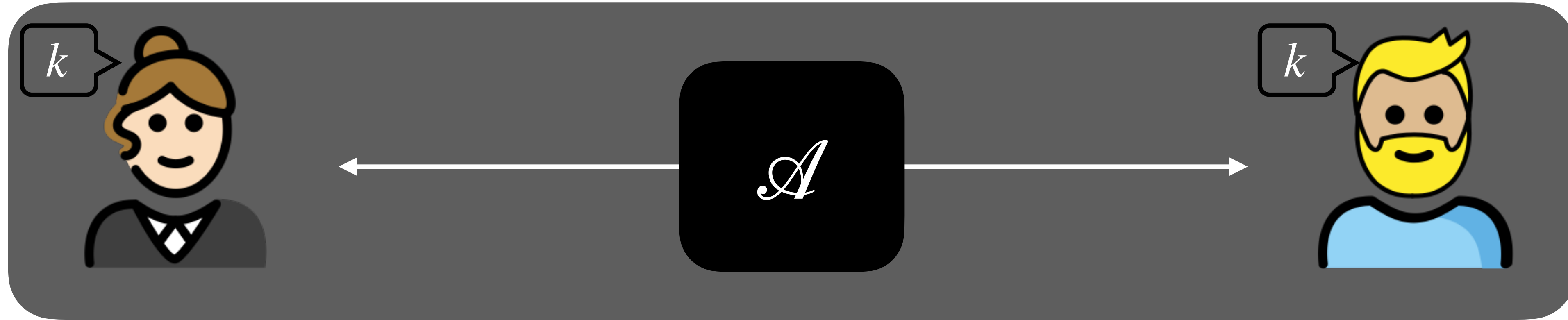
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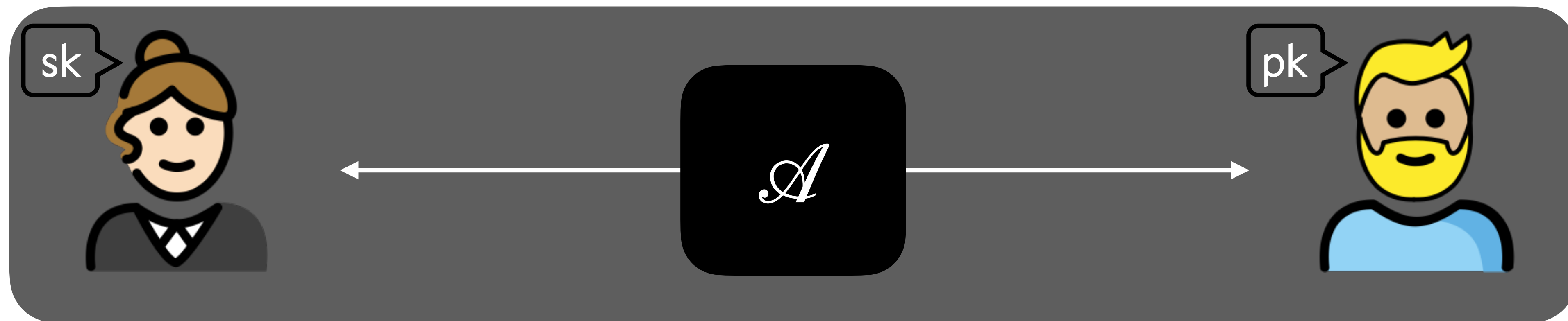
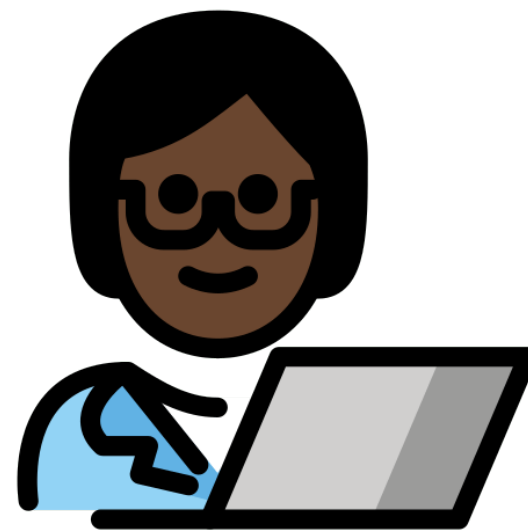
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# Authenticating the Source of Information Over the Internet



**Problem:** if both Alice and Bob know  $k$ , then cryptographically they are the same person. Bob cannot convince a third party that Alice has produced something (e.g. a MAC) that requires the knowledge of  $k$ . *Whatever Alices produces, Bob can produce it as well!*



With **public key cryptography** Alice is the only one to know  $sk$ . If she uses it to do something that is (computationally) impossible to do without  $sk$ , then everyone can be convinced she did it.

# Digital Signature - Syntax

## Definition: Digital Signature

A digital signature scheme is a triple of PPT algorithms  $(KeyGen, Sign, Ver)$  defined as follows:

- $KeyGen(n) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$  is a probabilistic key generation algorithm
- $Sign(sk, m) \rightarrow \sigma$  is a (possibly) probabilistic algorithm that outputs a signature  $\sigma$  for a message  $m$
- $Ver(pk, m, \sigma)$  is a deterministic algorithm that returns '1' (accept) if  $\sigma$  is considered valid for  $m$  against  $pk$ , or '0' (reject) otherwise.

## Correctness

For all key pairs  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow KeyGen(n)$  it holds that:  $Ver(pk, m, Sign(sk, m)) = 1$

$$Pr[Ver(pk, m, \sigma) = 1 \mid \sigma \leftarrow Sign(sk, m)] = 1$$

# Towards a Security Notion for Digital Signatures

## Adversary's Power and Knowledge

**Key-Only Attack:**  $\mathcal{A}$  knows only the signer's  $pk$ , and therefore only has the capability of checking the validity of signatures of messages

**Known Signature Attack:**  $\mathcal{A}$  knows  $pk$  and sees message/signature pairs chosen and produced by the legal signer

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$\mathcal{A}$

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**Total Break:**  $\mathcal{A}$  can compute the signer's secret key  $sk$





# I LOVE

*The recipe for a good security notion:*

- 1. Choose a realistic adversary (PPT, Quantum...)*
- 2. Give to  $\mathcal{A}$  the strongest starting knowledge*
- 3. Select the weakest damage to the cryptosystem*
- 4. DONE!*



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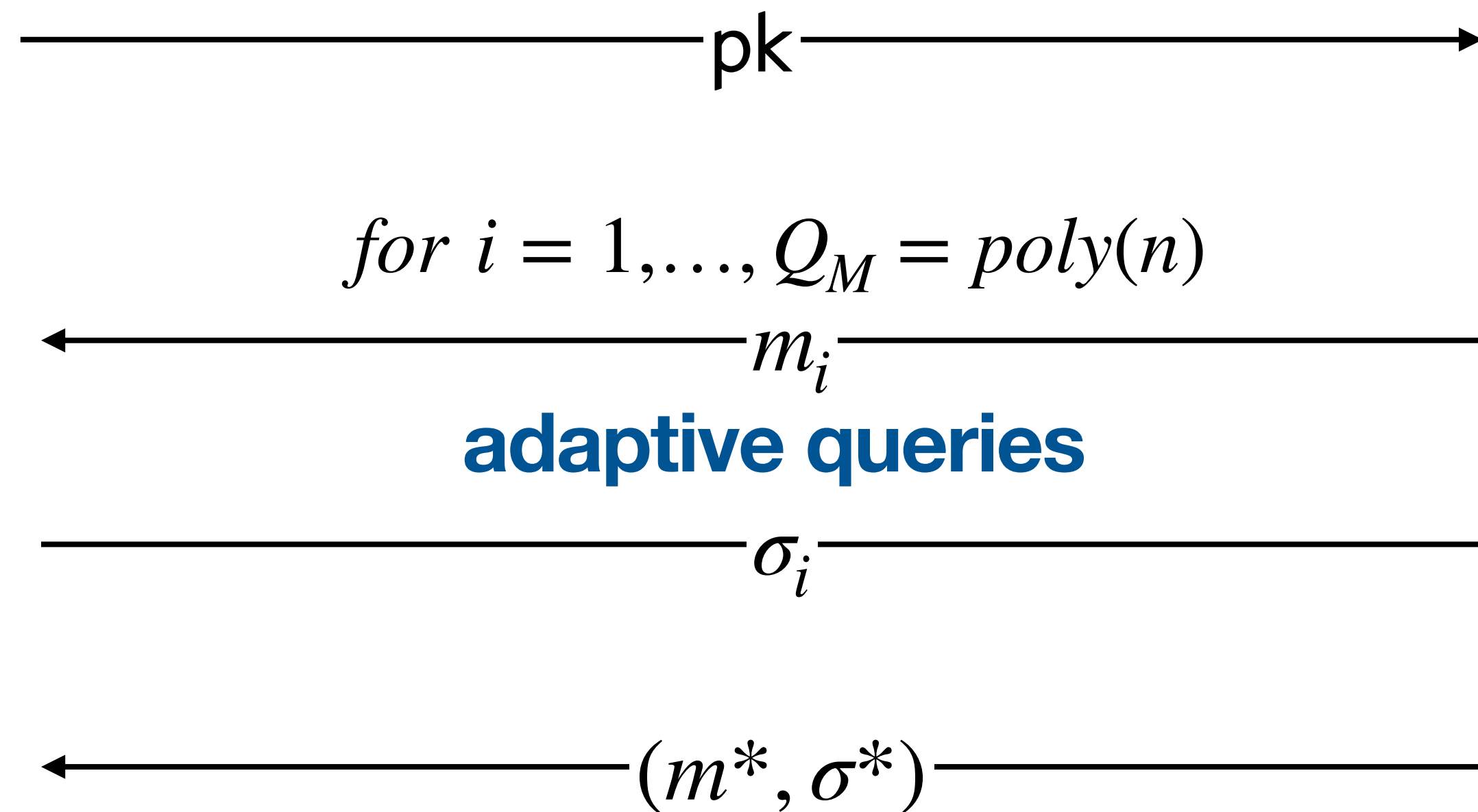
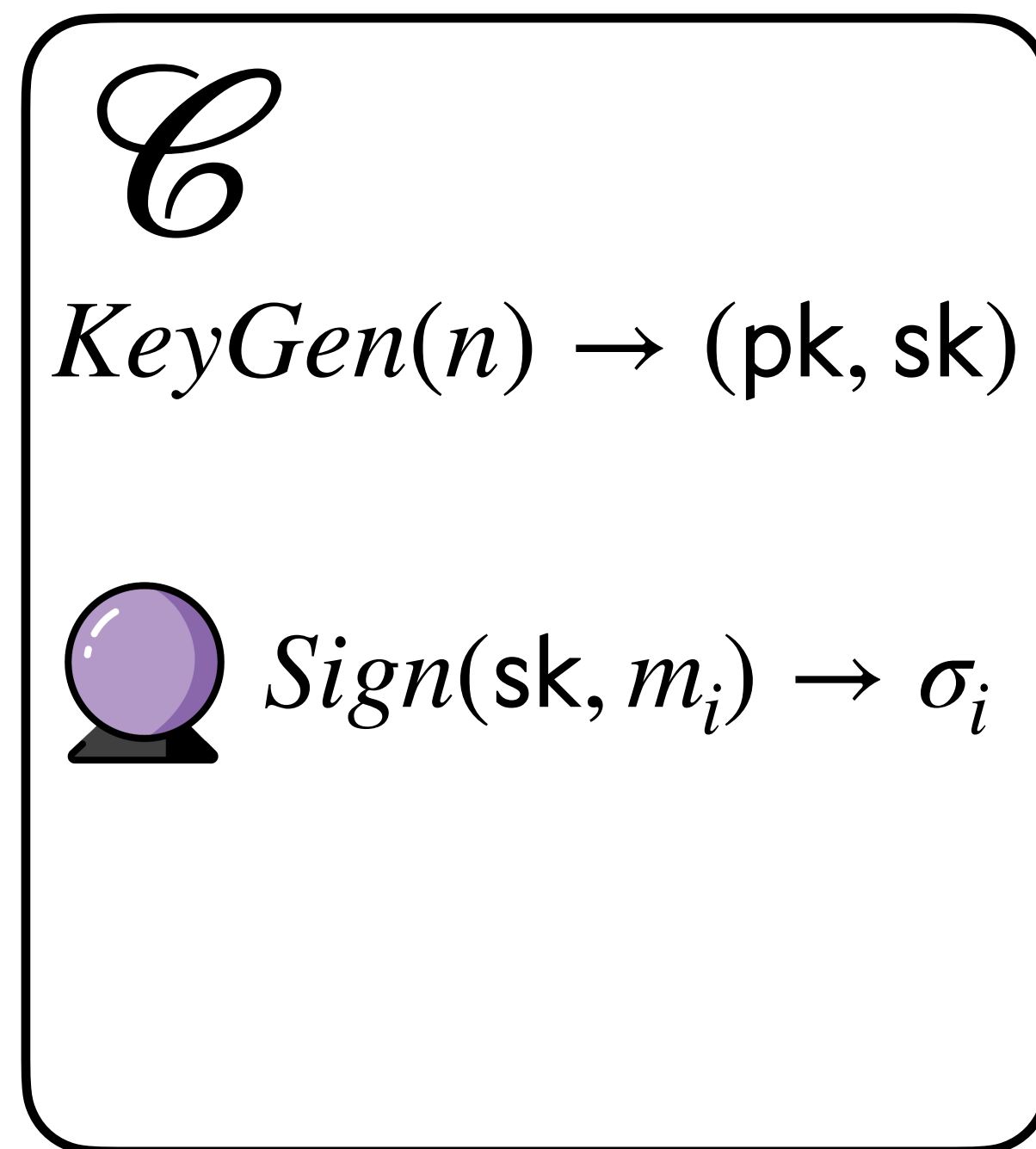
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# Existential Unforgeability Under Chosen Message Attack (EUF-CMA)

**Aim:** quantify the  $\mathcal{A}$ 's likelihood in forging a valid signature  $\sigma^*$  for a **new** message  $m^*$



win or lose

$\mathcal{A}$  wins the security game iff:  
 $Ver(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$  **AND**  $m^* \notin \{m_1, \dots, m_{Q_M}\}$



# Secure Signature

A Digital Signature Scheme is said to be **secure** (unforgeable under chosen message attack) if **for all efficient** adversaries the probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  **wins** the EUF-CMA security game is **negligible**. Formally,

$$\Pr[Ver(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1 \mid (m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{sk}^{Sign}}(pk) \wedge m^* \notin \{m_i\}_{i=1}^{Q_M}] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

# Textbook RSA Signature Scheme

**KeyGen** (sec.par)  $\Rightarrow$  (sk, pk)

Pick:  $p, q$  two distinct sec.par-bit long primes

Compute:  $N=p \cdot q$ , and  $e, d$  s.t.  $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$

sk = (N,  $d$ )

pk = (N,  $e$ )

**Sign** (sk,  $m$ )  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$

The message is  $m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$

Compute:  $\sigma = m^d \pmod{N}$

**Ver** (pk,  $m$ ,  $\sigma$ )  $\Rightarrow$  {0, 1}

Check:  $m = \sigma^e \pmod{N}$  ?

🤔 *Is this construction EUF-CMA secure?*

[No! Because RSA is **homomorphic**]

# The RSA-FDH Signature Scheme

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sk = (N,  $d$ )

pk = (N,  $e$ )

**Sign** (sk, msg)  $\Rightarrow$   $\sigma$

Hash the message:  $H(\text{msg})=h$

Compute:  $\sigma = h^d \pmod{N}$

**Verify** (pk, msg,  $\sigma$ )  $\Rightarrow$  {0, 1}

Hash the message:  $H(\text{msg})=h$

Check:  $h = \sigma^e \pmod{N}$



🤔 *Can we use sha256?*

[No! We need a long-output hash function  
*full domain hash (FDH)*,  $N \sim 2048$ bits]

# A More General Look: the Hash-and-Sign Paradigm

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## Full Domain Hash + One-Way Trapdoor Permutation = Secure Digital Signature

Sig.KeyGen :  $OWTF . KeyGen(n) \rightarrow (pk, sk)$

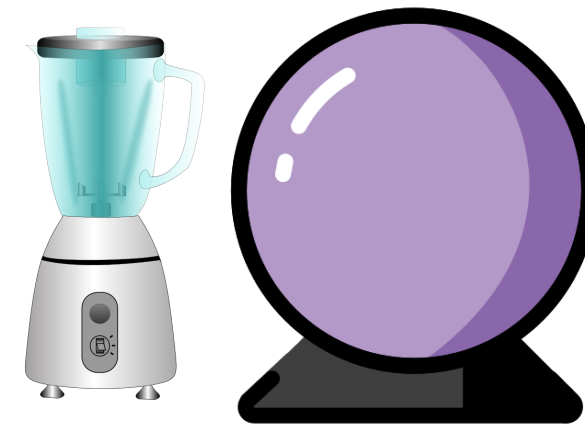
Sig.Sign(sk, msg) :  $I(sk, H(msg)) = \sigma$

Sig.Ver(pk, msg,  $\sigma$ ) : test  $F(pk, \sigma) = H(msg)$  ?



# Security Proof

The RSA-FDH signature scheme is EUF-CMA secure in the Random Oracle Model under the RSA assumption **[given  $(N,e,c)$  find  $m$  such that  $cd = m \pmod N$ ].**



The hash function  $H$  is modelled as if it was a truly random function  $\mathcal{O}$

**How do we prove security?** As in Module1, proof by contradiction.

**Reasoning:** if  $\mathcal{A}$  breaks the EUF-CMA security of RSA-FDH with non-negligible probability, **then** we can build a new adversary (called *reduction*)  $\mathcal{B}$  that uses  $\mathcal{A}$  to *break* the *RSA assumption*, with non-negligible probability.

# Proof: the Reduction

RSA challenger

$\mathcal{C}$

RSA setting:  
 $N=pq$   
 $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$   
 $c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$

$(N, e, c) \rightarrow$

$\leftarrow \tilde{m}^*$

$\mathcal{B}$  simultaneously acts as attacker against the RSA problem and as challenger in the EUF-CMA security game with  $\mathcal{A}$

## Answering R.O. queries

Give consistent replies.

For a new message  $(m_j, \cdot, \cdot) \notin L$

$r_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

With probability  $f$ :  $h_j \leftarrow r_j^e \pmod N$

With probability  $(1-f)$ :  $h_j \leftarrow c \cdot r_j^e \pmod N$

Store  $(m_j, h_j, r_j)$  in  $L$ , return  $h_j$

## Answering Signing queries

If  $(m_i, \cdot, \cdot) \notin L$ : call R.O.

If  $(m_i, \cdot, \cdot) \in L$ : check:

if  $h_i = r_i^e \pmod N$ : return  $\sigma_i = r_i$

if  $h_i = c \cdot r_i^e \pmod N$ : Abort

$\leftarrow \text{pk} = (N, e) \rightarrow$

$\leftarrow m_j$  (R.O.)  
 $\xrightarrow{h_j}$

$\leftarrow m_i$   
 $\xrightarrow{\sigma_i}$

$\leftarrow (m^*, \sigma^*)$

$\mathcal{A}$

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←  $m_j$  (R.O.) -  
 $\xrightarrow{h_j}$

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←  $m_i$  —  
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$\mathcal{A}$

If there exists an index  $i$  s.t.

1)  $H(m^*) = h_i = c \cdot (r_i)^e \pmod N$

And

2)  $Ver(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$

Return to  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $\tilde{m}^* = \sigma^* \cdot r_i^{-1} \pmod N$  ←  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$  —

# Proof: Finalising the Reasoning

Now we have a full description of the reduction  $\mathcal{B}$ . We need to prove a few properties:

1)  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates the EUF-CMA game to  $\mathcal{A}$ :

● The values  $h_j$  returned by  $\mathcal{B}$  look random 👍 because  $r_j \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

● The signatures  $\sigma_i$  look proper 👍 because when  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort,  $\sigma_i = r_i$  and

2)  $\mathcal{B}$ 's output is a correct.  $H(m_i) = h_i = r_i^e \pmod N$ . So  $\sigma_i^e = r_i^e = H(m) \pmod N$

👍 because  $Ver(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$  iff  $(\sigma^*)^e = H(m^*) = c \cdot r_i^e = (c^d \cdot r_i)^e \pmod N$  iff  $\sigma^* = c^d \cdot r_i$

## (Proof: Cleaning the Details - Not Needed for the Exam)

3)  $\mathcal{B}$  does not abort with probability  $f^{Q_M}$ .

5) If  $\mathcal{B}$  works (i.e., it does not abort), then  $\mathcal{B}$  can use  $\mathcal{A}$ 's forgery to break RSA (invert the encryption) with probability  $1-f$ .

5) If  $\mathcal{A}$  succeeds with non-negligible probability  $\delta$  then  $\mathcal{B}$  succeeds with non-negligible probability

$$\frac{(1-f) \cdot f^{Q_M} \cdot \delta}{Q_M}$$

For missing details check [“On the exact security of full domain hash”](#) or [these slides](#)



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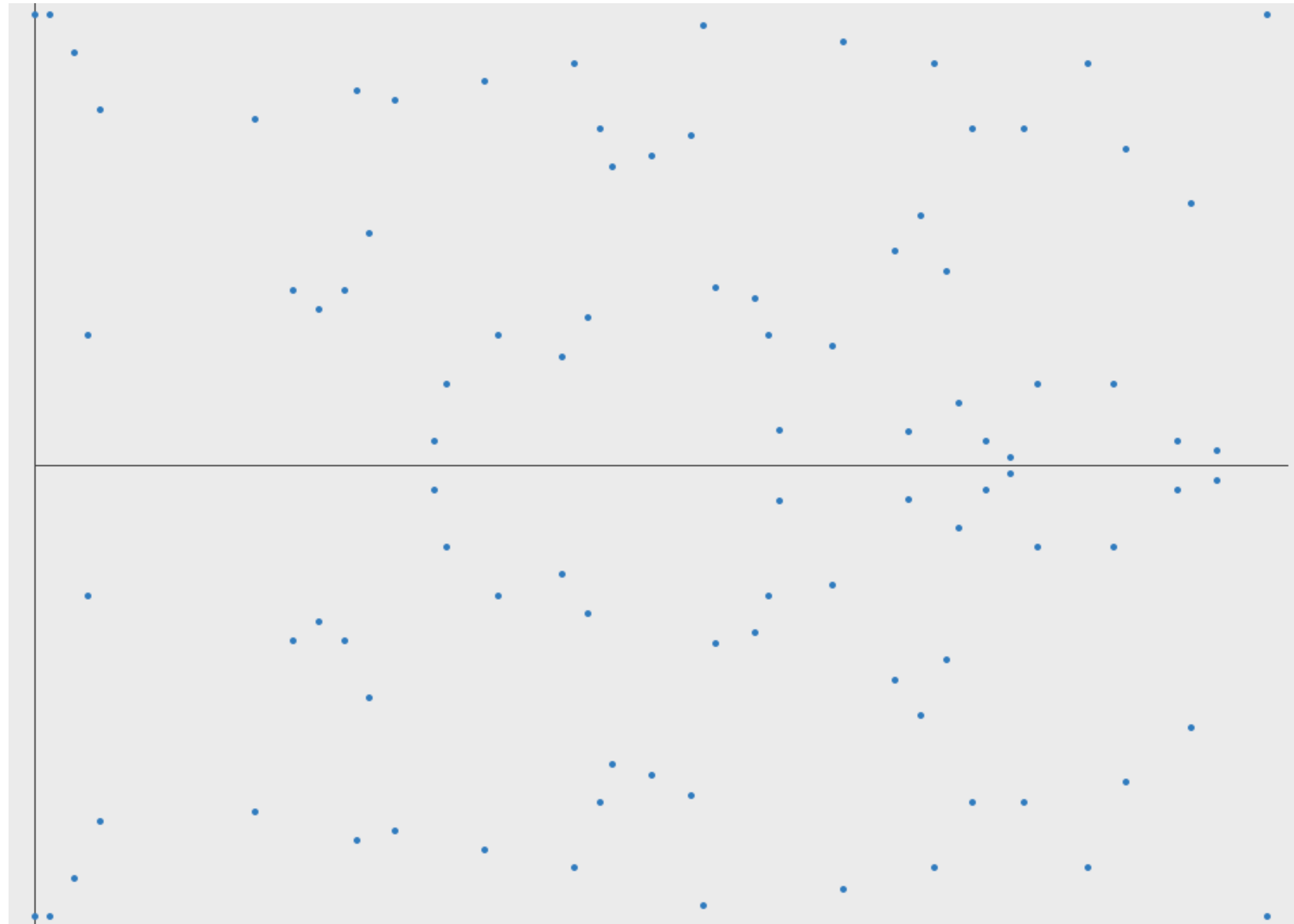
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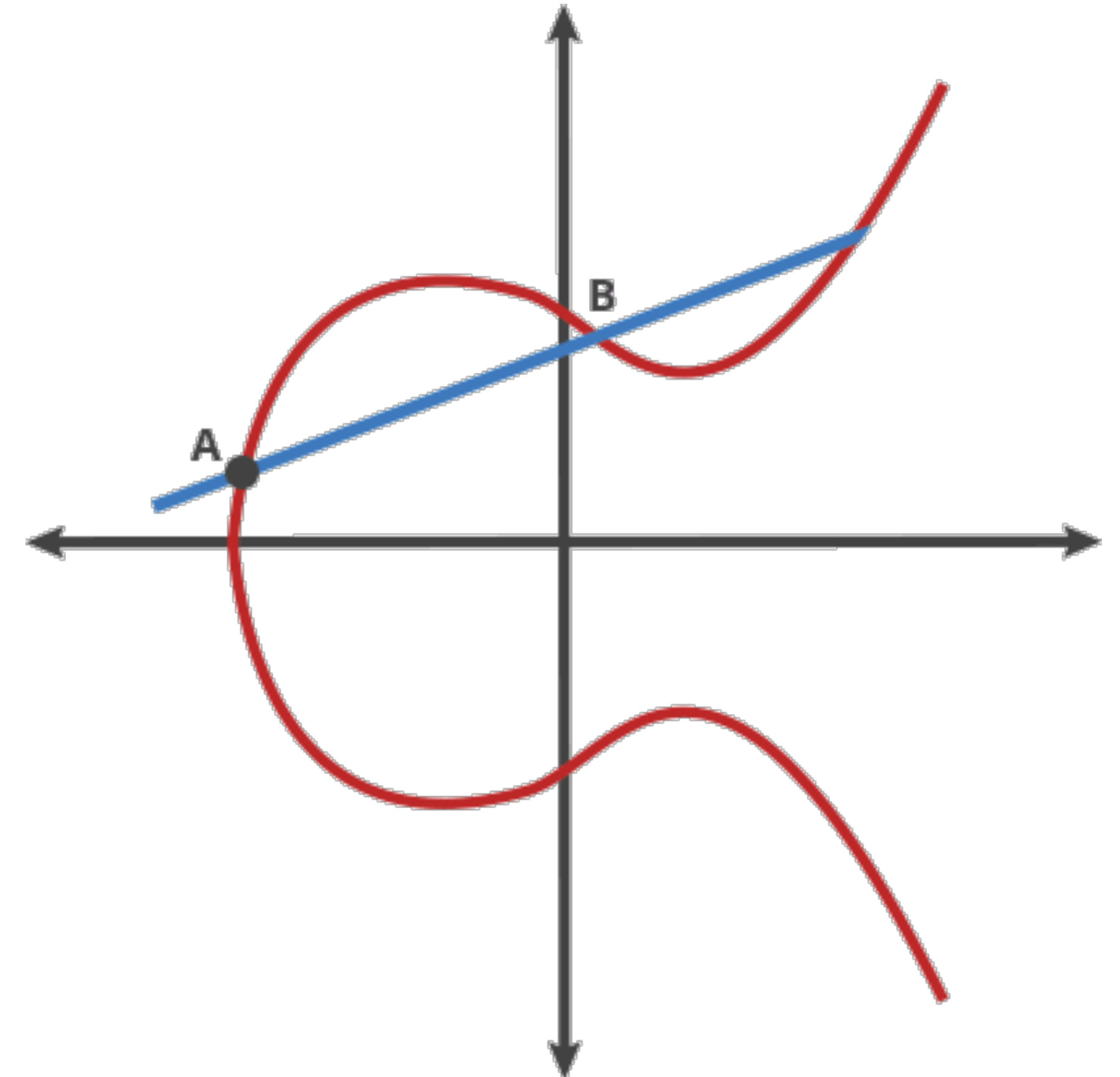
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# ECDSA - Background on Elliptic Curve Cryptography

$$y^2 = x^3 - x + 1 \pmod{97}$$



$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$



⇒ Elliptic curves have a **group** structure

# ECDSA - Algorithms

**KeyGen** (sec.par)  $\Rightarrow$  (sk, pk)

$d \leftarrow \$ \text{---} [0 \dots n-1]$

sk =  $d$

pk =  $Q = d * G$

**Sign** (sk, msg)  $\Rightarrow$  sgn

$k \leftarrow \$ \text{---} [0 \dots n-1]$

$R = k * G$

$r = R_x \text{ mod } n$

$z = \text{sha256}(\text{msg})$

$s = \text{inv}(k) \cdot (z + d \cdot r) \text{ mod } n$

sgn = (r, s)

**Verify** (pk, msg, sgn)  $\Rightarrow$  {0, 1}

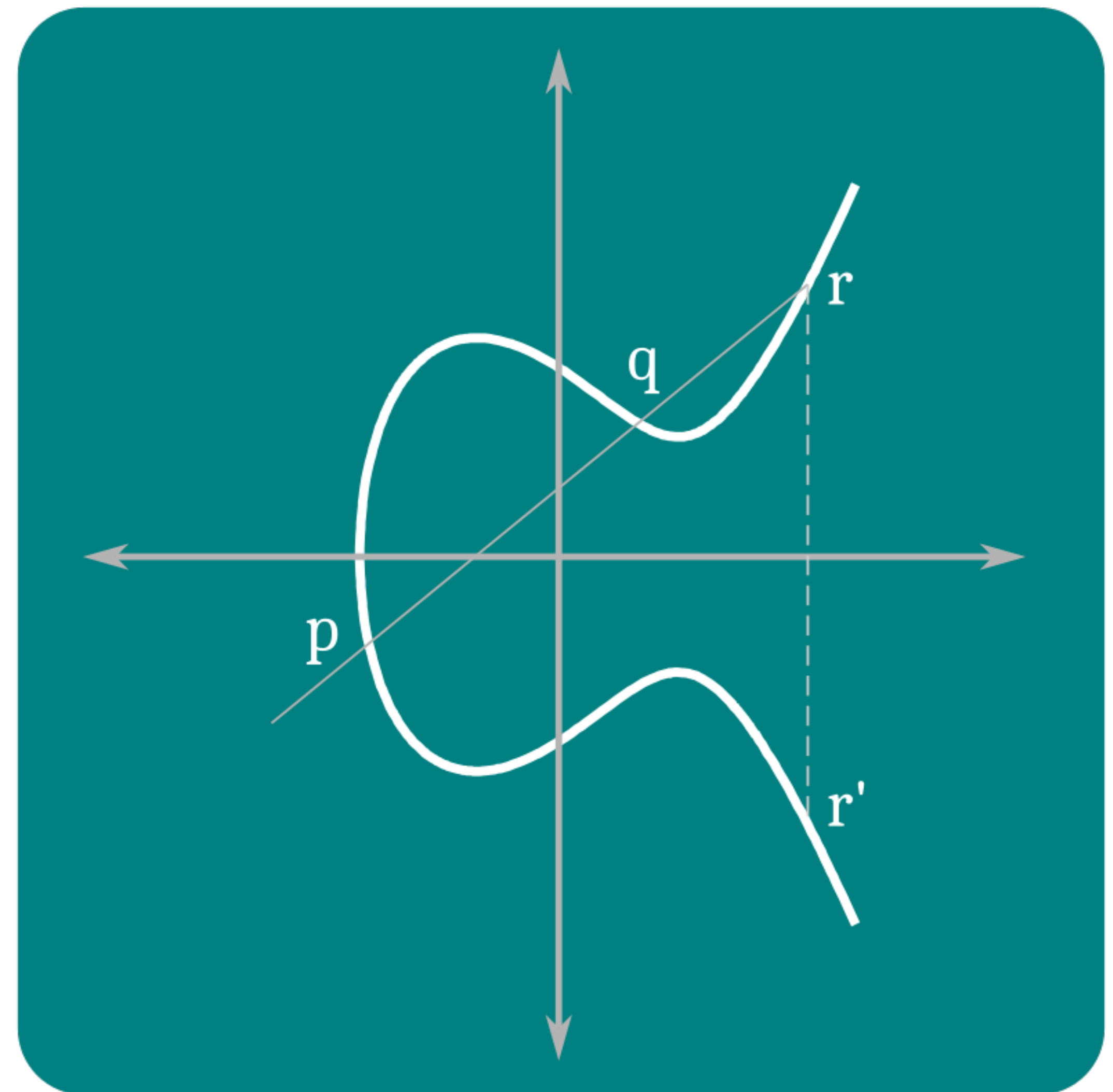
$z = \text{sha256}(\text{msg})$

$T = [z \cdot \text{inv}(s) \text{ mod } n] * G$

$P = [\text{inv}(s) \cdot r \text{ mod } n] * Q$

if  $R == T + P$  return 1

else return 0



# ECDSA - the Good

- ★ Shorter keys and better security than the RSA signature scheme
- ★ Non malleable
- ★ IoT friendly
- ★ In wide adoption (TLS, DigiCert (Symantec), Sectigo (Comodo) ... )



# ECDSA - the Bad

## PS3 hacked through poor cryptography implementation

repeated nonce attack Bonus 2

A group of hackers named fail0verflow revealed in a presentation how they ...

CASEY JOHNSTON - 12/30/2010, 6:25 PM

🤔 what happens if the same nonce  $k$  is used to sign two different messages?

```
k ←$— [0 ... n-1]
R = k*G
r = R_x mod n
z = sha256(msg)
s = inv(k) · (z + d · r) mod n
```

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## Android bug batters Bitcoin wallets

Old flaw, new problem

Richard Chirgwin

Mon 12 Aug 2013 // 00:43 UTC

What now?

# EdDSA

## LadderLeak: Side-channel security flaws exploited to break ECDSA cryptography

Charlie Osborne 28 May 2020 at 14:07 UTC

Updated: 28 June 2021 at 09:05 UTC

Check out [this blog](#) for comparison between ECDSA and EdDSA ('conclusions' gives a very good summary)

# Advanced Properties for Digital Signatures

Attribute-Based Signatures

Group Signatures

Key-Homomorphic Signatures

Forward Secure Signatures

Threshold Signatures

Aggregate Signatures

Identity-Based Signatures

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# Group Signatures

*signers / group members*

*group manager*





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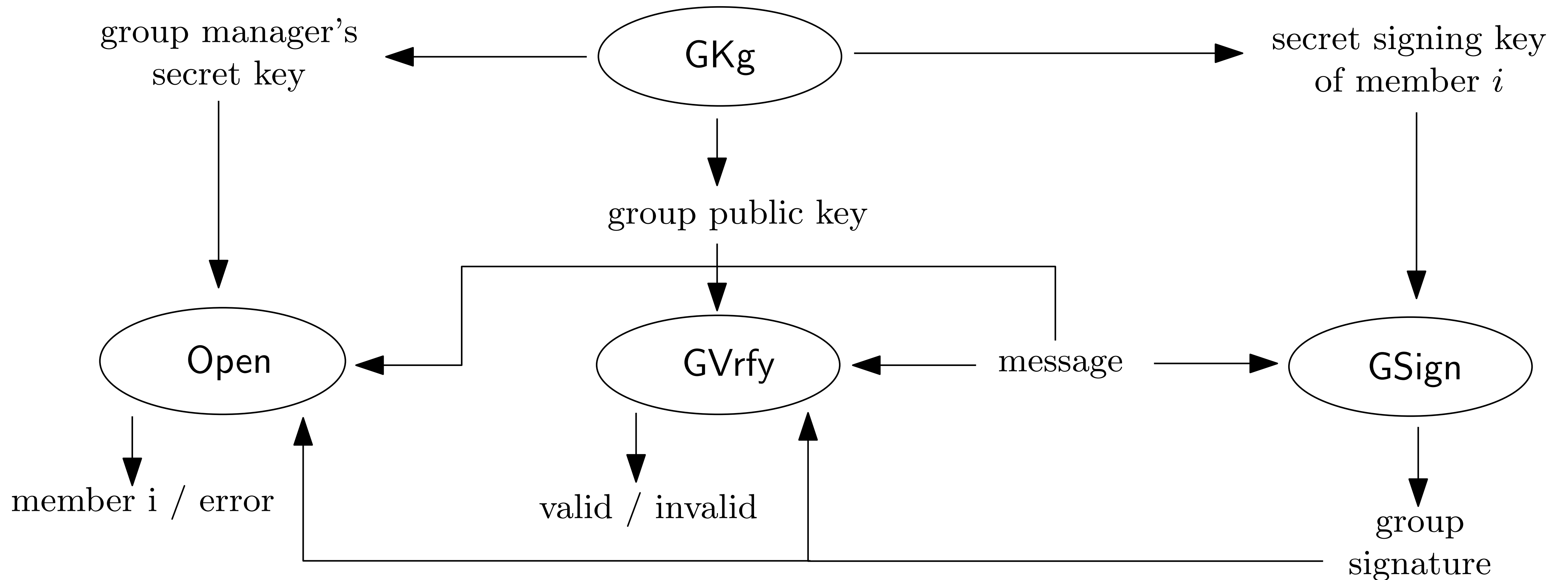


Figure 1.1.: Static Group Signatures





**Blind Signatures**



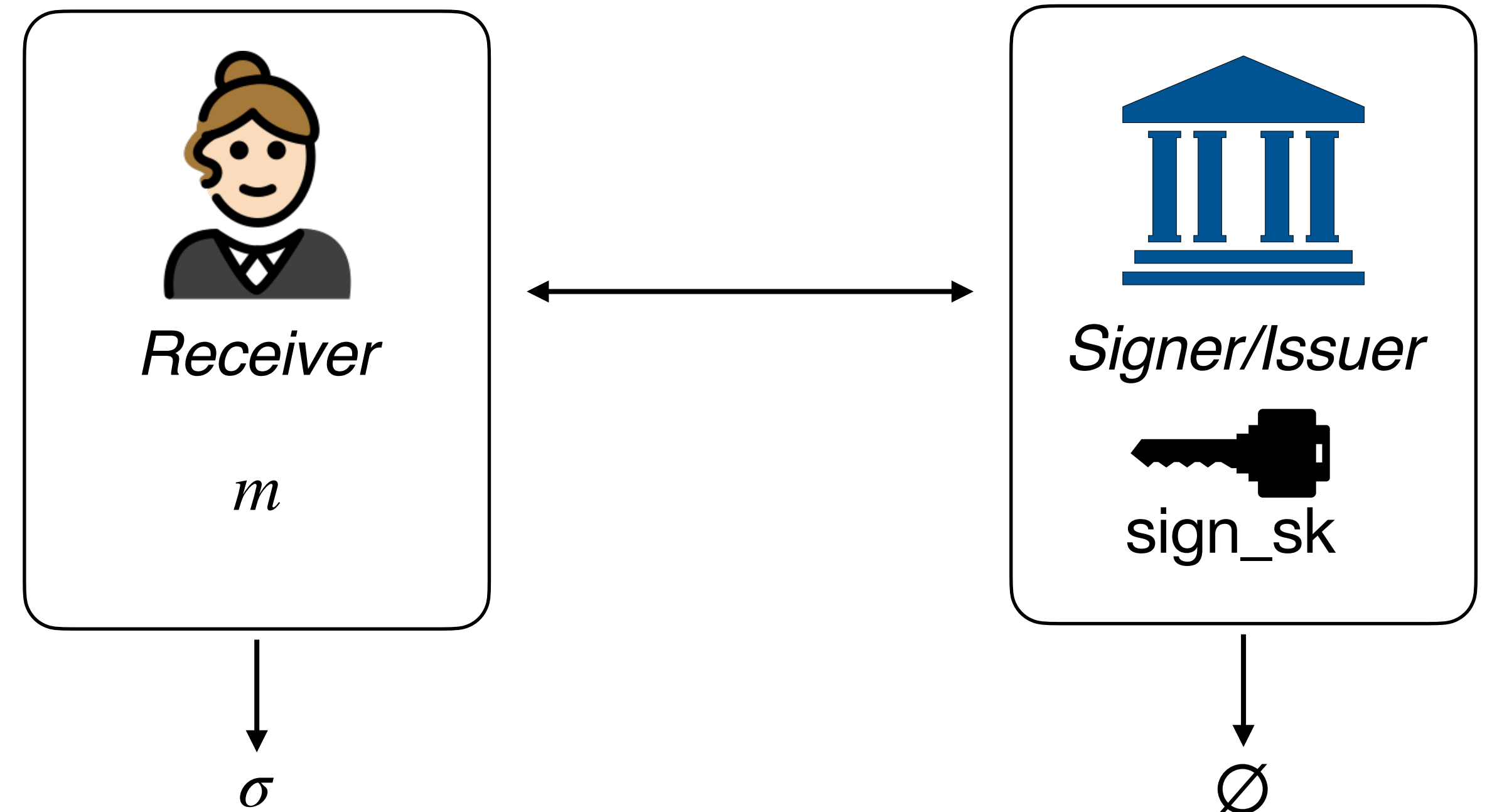
# Blind Signatures

## Definition: Blind Signature

A blind signature scheme is a signature scheme where the signing algorithm  $Sign$  is replaced by an *interactive protocol* run between a signer/issuer (S) and a receiver (R).

The protocol starts with R who has as input a message  $m$ , and S who has as input a secret key  $sk$ .

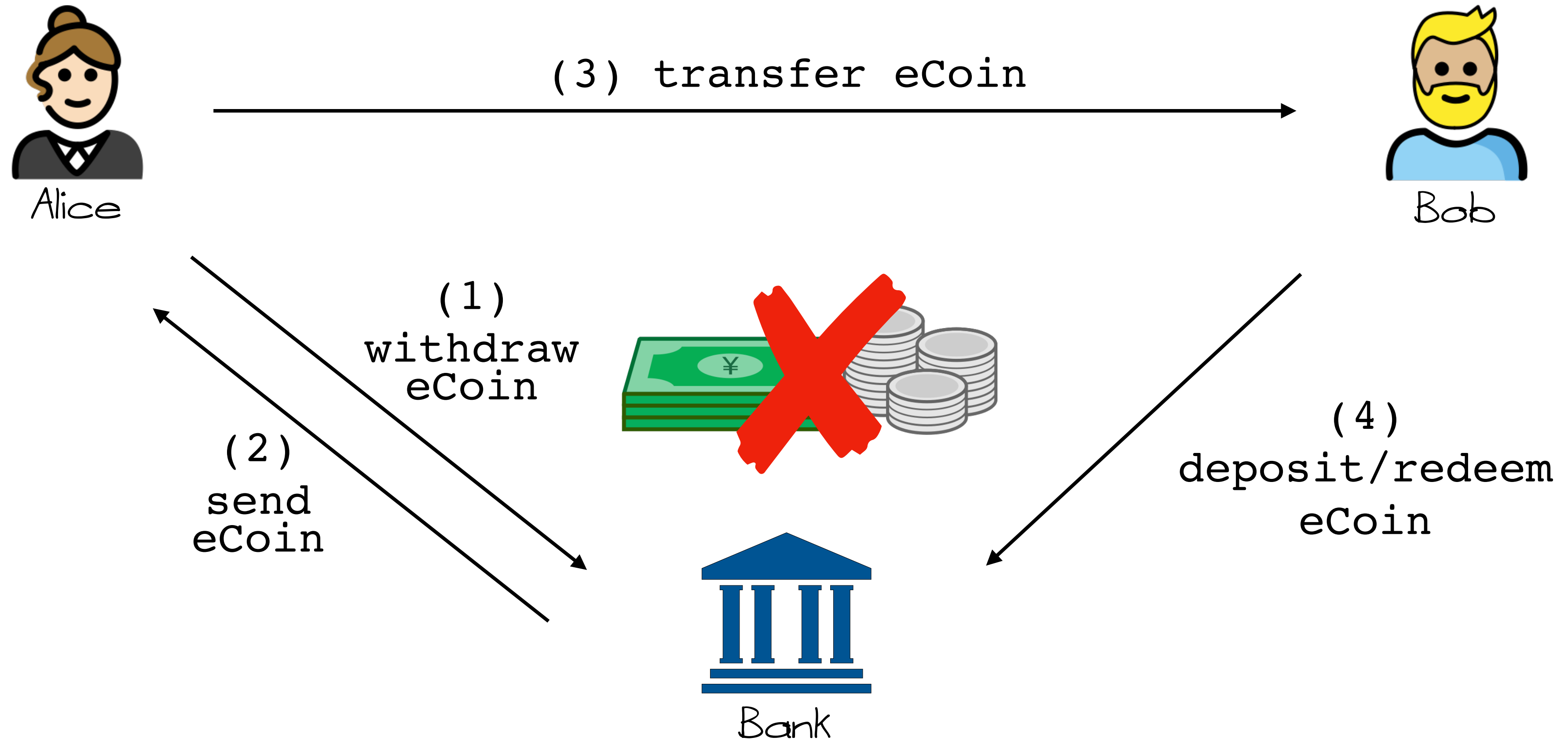
At the end of the interaction R obtains a signature  $\sigma$  on  $m$ , and S learns nothing about  $m$  or  $\sigma$ .



🤔 *where can this be useful?*

untraceable electronic payment system  
attribute-based credentials [ABC, lecture 12 by Victor]

# Chaum's Untraceable eCash System



## Property Wishlist

1. Only the Bank can generate eCoins
2. Users cannot double spend eCoins (money cloning)
3. eCoins should be untraceable, like physical cash

# 1. How To Make Sure Only the Bank Creates eCoins?



Solution: eCoin is a bit string together with a digital signature generated using the Bank's sk  
unforgeability ensures that  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot generate eCoins

# 2. How To Prevent Double Spending?

**Easy option:**

report to the bank every eCoin ever spent (upon payment the eCoin loses its value, the bank produces a new eCoin of the appropriate value for the seller) 🤔 *does this work?*

**A better option:**

remove buyer anonymity only if (s)he attempts to double spend a eCoin (blind signatures)



# 2&3 Prevent Double Spending and Keep eCoins Untraceable

**Aim:** the Bank should be able to sign an eCoin, **without knowing** *what* eCoin it is

The eCoin withdrawal procedure with RSA (blind) signatures



I want to spend eCoin  $x$



sign\_sk  
sk =  $d$

pick a random  $r$

$$B = r^e H(x) \pmod n$$

$B$   
blinded message

$$\bar{S} = (B)^d \pmod n$$

$\bar{S}$   
blind signature

extract signature for  $x$

$$S = r^{-1} \bar{S} \pmod n$$

🤔 *is  $S$  a valid signature?*

$S$  is a valid signature for  $x$ , and the Bank has never seen  $x$  or  $H(x)$  !

For simplicity assume all eCoins have value 1 (this does not mean  $x=1$ )

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## Spending and Redeeming eCoins



Alice

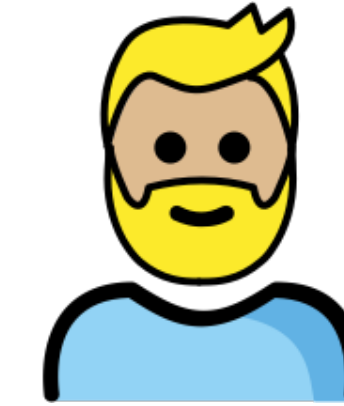
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eCoin  $x$   
 $S = r^{-1}\bar{S} \pmod n$

$(x, S)$


1. send signed eCoin

5. Accept / reject



Bob

2. verify signature

 eCoin is legit

 good eCoin?

 *this approach is not practical, why?*



Bank



sign\_sk

3.  $(x, S)$  already spend?

4. y/n

# A Better Untraceable eCash Protocol - Withdrawal

**Aim:** Alice loses her anonymity ( $ID_A$  gets disclosed) if and only if she tries to spend the same coin twice



Alice

$ID_A$

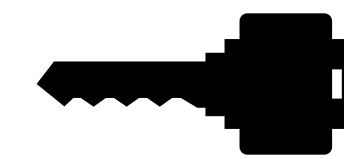
cut and  
choose  
technique



$ID_A$



Bank



sign\_sk

sk =  $d$

pick  $2k$  4-tuples of random numbers:

$$\{a_i, b_i, c_i, r_i\}_{i=1}^{2k}$$

let:  $x_i = h(a_i, b_i)$

$$y_i = h(a_i \oplus ID_A, c_i)$$

compute:

$$B_i = r_i^e h(x_i, y_i) \pmod n$$

reveal the asked values

extract a signature  $S$  for the coin  $x = \prod_{i \notin I} h(x_i, y_i)$ :

$$S = r^{-1} \bar{S} \pmod n$$

$$B_1, \dots, B_{2k}$$

blinded values

$$I$$

indexes to check

$$\{a_i, b_i, c_i, r_i\}_{i \in I}$$

reveal values

$$\bar{S}$$

probabilistically verify that Alice has put her identity in every blinded value using the **Cut-and-Choose technique**

pick  $k$  random indexes:

$$I = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k\}$$

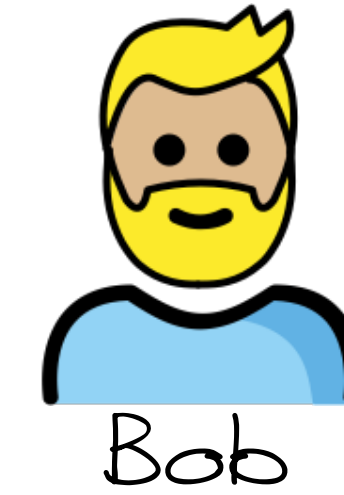
re-compute the  $B_i$  for  $i \in I$  and check that they contain  $ID_A$ . If Alice did not cheat, sign the blind value on the unblinded indexes:

$$\bar{S} = (\prod_{i \notin I} B_i)^d \pmod n$$

# A Better Untraceable eCash Protocol - Spending



I want to spend coin  $x$



coin  $x$  and signature  $s$

send signed coin  $(x, S)$

disclose the values:

$$R_j = \begin{cases} (x_j, a_j \oplus ID_A, c_j), & \text{if } z_j = 0 \\ (a_j, b_j, y_j) & \text{if } z_j = 1 \end{cases}$$

verify Bank's signature

 is the coin good?

pick  $k$  rand bits  $z_i \in \{0,1\}$

challenge Alice

$Z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k)$

response

$R = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k)$

verify that Alice knows how to construct  $x$

if Alice tries to spend the same coin twice then with high probability  $Z \neq Z'$  so

$$\exists j, z_j = 0, z'_j = 1$$

$$R_j \oplus R'_j = a_j \oplus ID_A \oplus a_j = ID_A \Rightarrow \text{Alice loses her anonymity to the Bank}$$



3. is  $R$  good?

4.  $y/n$