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Fair Exchange of Short Signatures without Trusted Third Party

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Digital Goods Economy



Enforcing Secure Transactions through a Trusted Third Party (TTP)



Problems with TTP

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Fair Exchange in the Physical World is “easy”

Witness

Witness

Witness



Physical proximity provides a high incentive to behave correctly.



Buyer



More precautions need to be taken in the digital world.



Modeling Transactions with Digital Signatures

The problem: Who starts first?
Impossibility Result [**Cleve86**]



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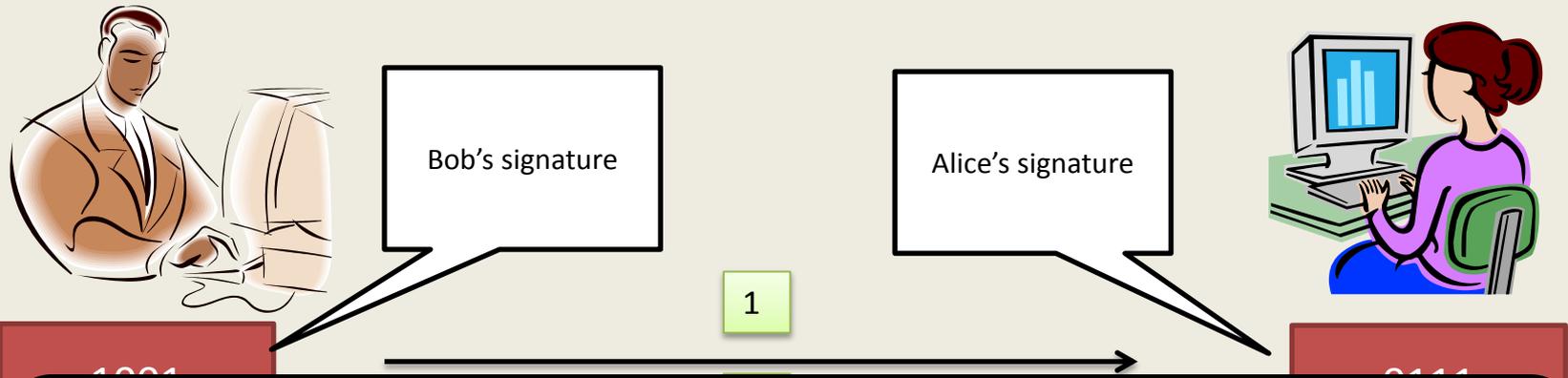


Digital Check



Seller

Gradual Release of a Secret



Our Construction

- Fair Exchange of Digital Signatures
- Boneh-Boyen [BB04] Short Signatures
- No TTP
- Practical

Contributions

- Formal definition of *Partial Fairness*
- Efficiency

	κ : Security Parameter	$\kappa = 160$
# Rounds	$\kappa + 1$	161
Communication	$16\kappa^2 + 12\kappa$ bits	≈ 52 kB
# Crypto operations per participant	$\approx 30\kappa$	≈ 4800

- First protocol for Boneh-Boyen signatures

Contributions

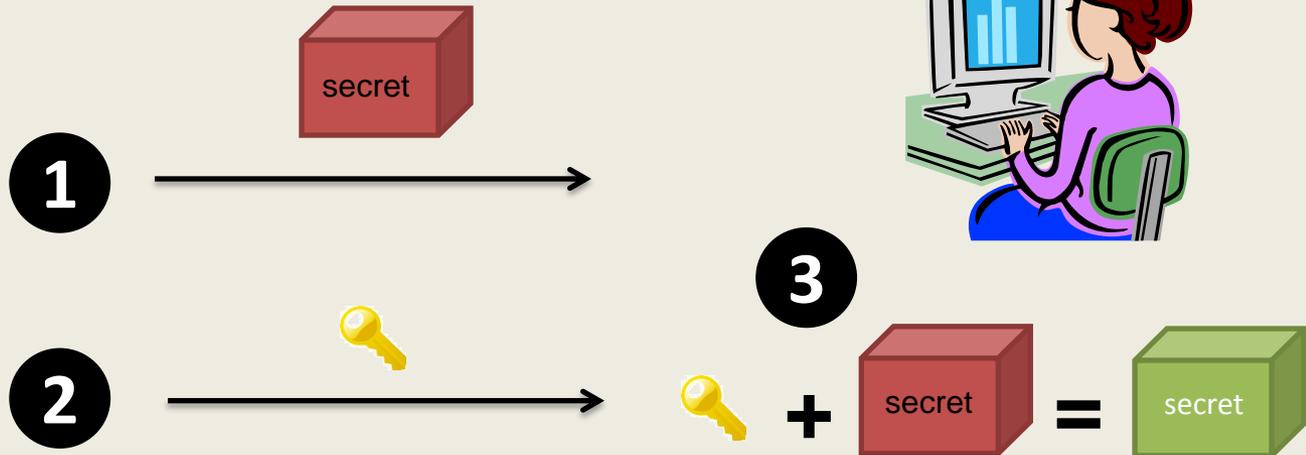
- NIZK argument to prove that a commitment encodes a **bit vector**.
- NIZK argument to prove a commitment to a **bit vector** is the **binary expansion of the discrete logarithm θ** of $D = g^\theta$.

I will try to open the box with another value.



Commitments

Commitment



I will try to know what is in the box before I get the key.



The secret is revealed.

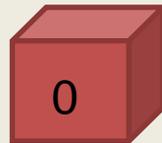
Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proofs

Prove something about the secret in the box
without opening the box.

I want to fool Alice:
Make her believe that the value in the
box is binary while it is not (e.g: 15).



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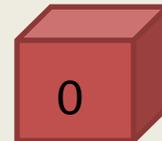
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I want to know exactly what is in the box
(not only that the secret is a bit).



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= Yes / No

Abstract Protocol

Setup

$\mathcal{P}_A(\text{CRS}, m_A, m_B)$

$\mathcal{P}_B(\text{CRS}, m_A, m_B)$

KeyGen

1 $(sk_A, pk_A) \leftarrow \text{FEKeyGen}(1^\kappa)$

2 $pk_A \rightarrow$

3 $(sk_B, pk_B) \leftarrow \text{FEKeyGen}(1^\kappa)$

4 $\leftarrow pk_B$

Encrypt Signature

5 $(\theta_A, \vec{r}_A, \gamma_A) \leftarrow \text{EncSigGen}(\text{CRS}, sk_A, m_A)$

6 $\gamma_A \rightarrow$

7 $(\theta_B, \vec{r}_B, \gamma_B) \leftarrow \text{EncSigGen}(\text{CRS}, sk_B, m_B)$

8 $\leftarrow \gamma_B$

Verify Encrypted Signature

10 $v \leftarrow \text{EncSigCheck}(\text{CRS}, pk_B, m_B, \gamma_B)$

11 **if** $v = 0$ **then** **ABORT**

12 $v \leftarrow \text{EncSigCheck}(\text{CRS}, pk_A, m_A, \gamma_A)$

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Release Bits

for $i = 1$ **to** κ :

14 $\text{open}_{A,i} \leftarrow \text{KeyBitProofGen}(\text{CRS}, \vec{r}_A, \theta_A, i)$

15 $\text{open}_{A,i} \rightarrow$

16 $\text{open}_{B,i} \leftarrow \text{KeyBitProofGen}(\text{CRS}, \vec{r}_B, \theta_B, i)$

17 $\leftarrow \text{open}_{B,i}$

19 $v_i \leftarrow \text{KeyBitCheck}(\text{CRS}, \text{open}_{B,i}, i)$

20 **if** $v_i = 0$ **then** **ABORT**

21 $v_i \leftarrow \text{KeyBitCheck}(\text{CRS}, \text{open}_{A,i}, i)$

22 **if** $v_i = 0$ **then** **ABORT**

end for

Recover Signature

23 $\sigma_{m_B} \leftarrow \text{EncSigDecrypt}(\gamma_B, \theta_B)$

24 $\sigma_{m_A} \leftarrow \text{EncSigDecrypt}(\gamma_A, \theta_A)$

Partial Fairness



$O_{\text{sign}}(sk_B, \cdot)$



(sk_B, pk_B)

Not queried to

m_A, m_B, pk_A

$$\frac{\Pr [\text{SVf}(pk_B, m_B, \sigma_A) = \text{valid}]}{\Pr [\text{SVf}(pk_A, m_A, \sigma_B) = \text{valid}]} \leq Q(\kappa)$$



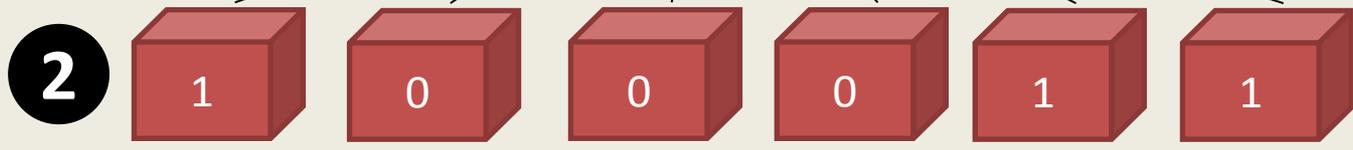
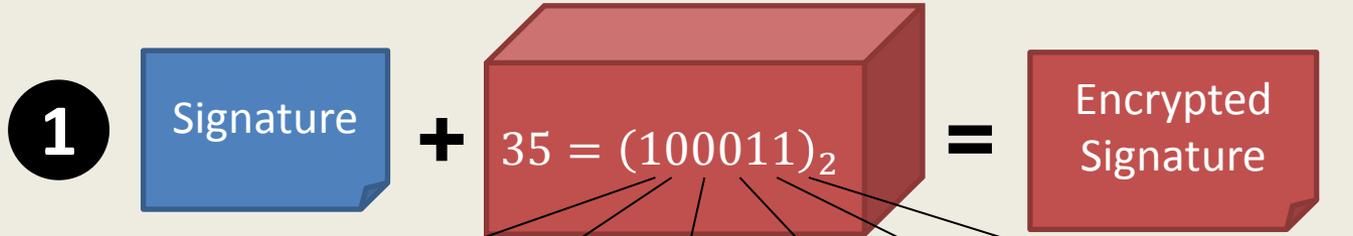
σ_B on m_A



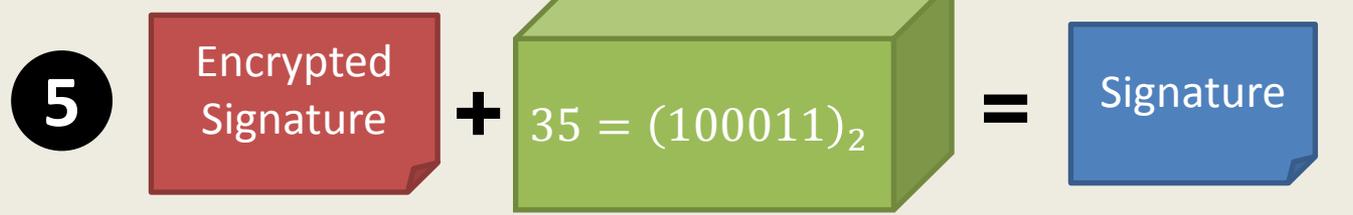
σ_A on m_B

Bet according to partially released secret

Protocol



- 3** π_1 Each small box contains a bit.
- π_2 The sequence of small boxes is the binary expansion of the secret inside the big box.



Bilinear maps

- $(p, e, G, G_T, g) \leftarrow \text{BMGen}(1^k)$
- $|G| = |G_T| = p$
- $e: G \times G \rightarrow G_T$
- $e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab}$
- $e(g, g)$ generates G_T

Assumptions

- Given $(g, g^s, g^{s^2}, g^{s^3}, \dots, g^{s^q})$ it's hard to compute
 - $g^{\frac{1}{s}}$ (q - Diffie-Hellman Inversion)
 - $e(g, g)^{\frac{1}{s}}$ (q -Bilinear Diffie-Hellman Inversion)
 - $(c, g^{\frac{1}{s+c}})$ (q -Strong Diffie-Hellman)
 - $g^{s^{q+i}}$ for $1 \leq i \leq q$
($q + i$ Diffie-Hellman Exponent)

Assumptions

- **Proposition:** $q - BDHI \Rightarrow q + i - DHE$
- Our protocol is secure under
 - $q - SDH$
 - $q - BDHI$

Short Signatures w/o Random Oracle [BB04]

- **KeyGen**(1^k)

1. $x, y \in Z_p$
2. $u = g^x, v = g^y$
3. $pk = (u, v), sk = (x, y)$
4. return (sk, pk)

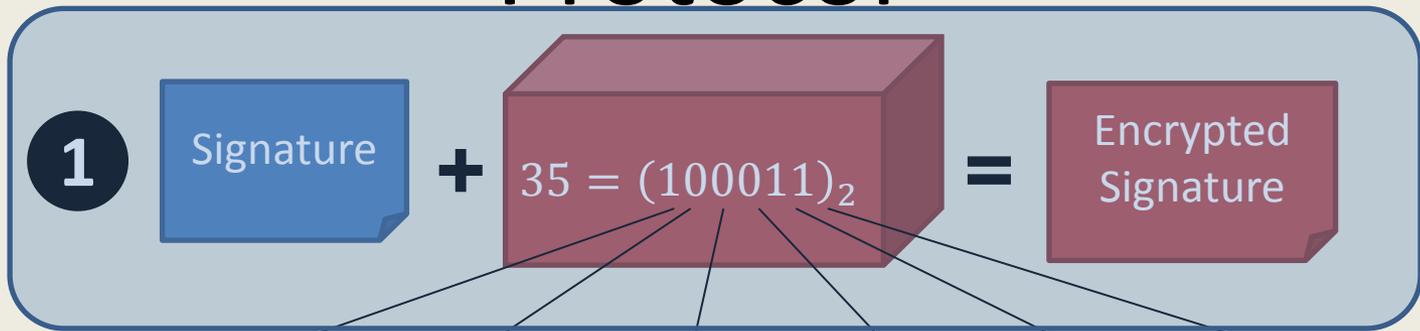
- **SSign**(sk, m)

1. $r \in Z_p$
2. return $\sigma = (g^{\frac{1}{x+m+yr}}, r) = (\sigma_r, r)$

- **SVf**(pk, m, σ)

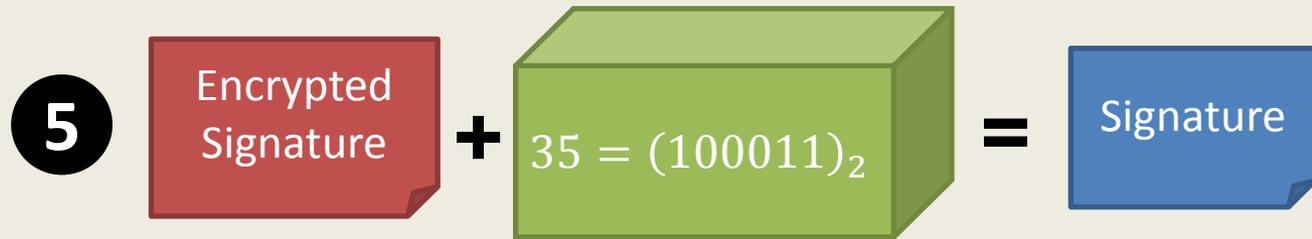
1. Check that $e(\sigma_r, ug^m v^r) = e(g^{\frac{1}{x+m+yr}}, g^{x+m+yr}) = e(g, g)$

Protocol



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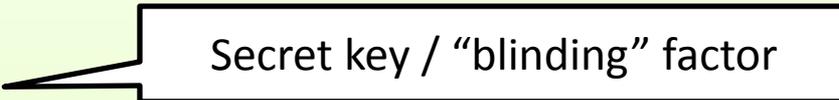
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The Encrypted Signature

- Computing

- $\theta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$
- $D = g^\theta$



Secret key / "blinding" factor

- $\sigma = (g^{\frac{\theta}{x+m+yr}}, r)$



Boneh-Boyen signature
"blinded" by θ

- Checking

- Given (D, σ, pk, m) parse σ and pk as

- $\sigma = (\sigma_\theta, r)$

- $pk = (g, u = g^x, v = g^y)$

- $e(\sigma_\theta, u g^m v^r) = e(g^{\frac{\theta}{x+m+yr}}, g^{\frac{\theta}{x+m+yr}}) = e(D, g)$

Protocol



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Signature

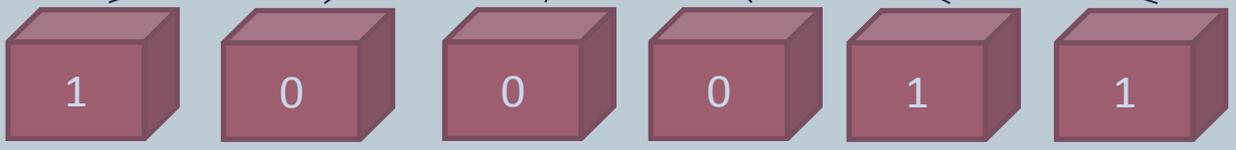
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Encrypted Signature

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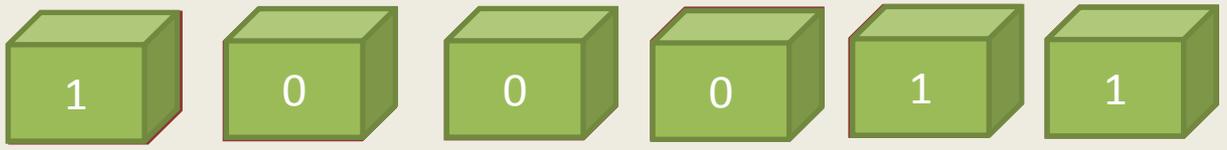
π_1

Each small box contains a bit.

π_2

The sequence of small boxes is the binary expansion of the secret inside the big box.

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Encrypted Signature

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Signature

NIZK argument 1

- $CRS = (g, g^s, g^{s^2}, g^{s^3}, \dots, g^{s^q}) = (g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_q)$

- **Statement**

Let $C = (C_1, C_2, \dots, C_q)$

The prover knows $(r_i, b_i) \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \times \{0,1\})$ such that $C_i = g^{r_i} g_i^{b_i}$

- **Argument**

- $A_i = g_{q-i}^{r_i} g_q^{b_i}$
- B_i such that $e(A_i, C_i g_i^{-1}) = e(B_i, g)$
- Return (A_i, B_i) for each $i \in [1..q]$

Shift C_i by $q - i$ positions to the right.

Force the product $b_i(b_i - 1)$ to be computed in the exponent.

- **Verification**

- $e(A_i, g) = e(C_i, g_{q-i})$
- $e(A_i, C_i g_i^{-1}) = e(B_i, g)$

NIZK argument 1

- **Theorem:**

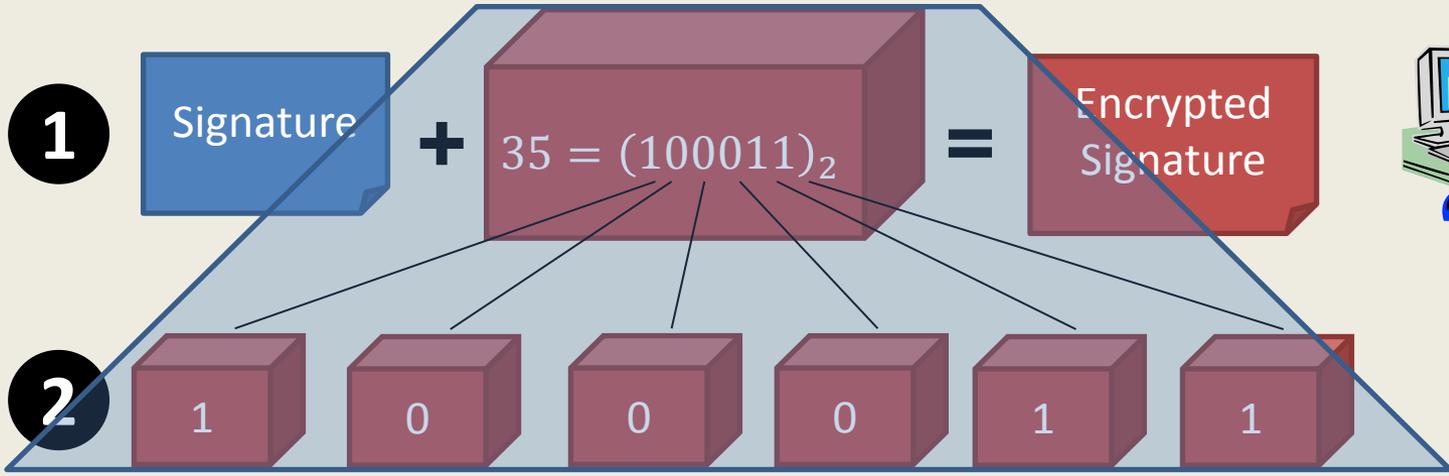
The argument is perfectly complete, computationally sound under the $q + i$ - DHE assumption and perfectly zero-knowledge.

Proof (sketch).

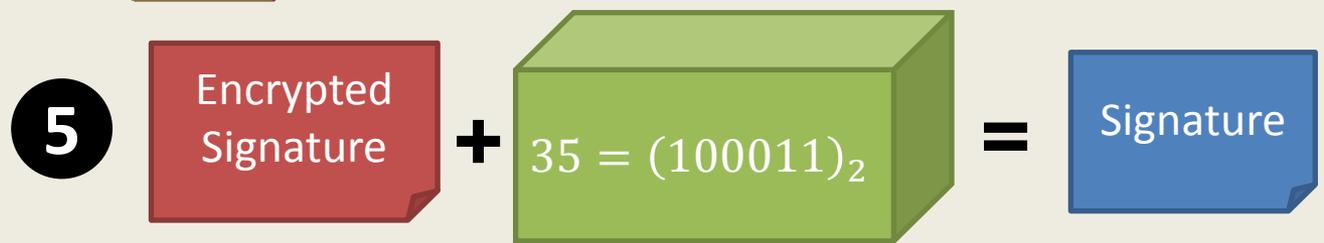
$$\begin{aligned} e(A_i, C_i g_i^{-1}) &= e(g_{q-i}^{r_i} g_q^{b_i}, g^{r_i} g_i^{b_i-1}) \\ &= e\left(\underbrace{g_{q-i}^{r_i^2} g_q^{r_i(2b_i-1)}}_{B_i} g_{q+i}^{b_i(b_i-1)}, g\right) = e(B_i, g) \end{aligned}$$

If $b_i \notin \{0,1\}$, the adversary breaks the $q + i$ - DHE assumption.

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NIZK argument 2

- $CRS = (g, g^s, g^{s^2}, g^{s^3}, \dots, g^{s^q}) = (g_0, g_1, g_2, g_3, \dots, g_q)$
- We set $q = \kappa$ (security parameter)
- **Statement**
 - The prover knows $(r_i, b_i) \in (\mathbb{Z}_p \times \{0,1\})$ and θ such that $C_i = g^{r_i} g_i^{b_i}$, $D = g^\theta$ and

$$\theta = \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} b_i 2^{i-1}$$

NIZK argument 2

- **Verification:** Input (C, D)

$$\prod_{i=1}^k C_i = \prod_{i=1}^k g^{r_i} g_i^{b_i} \Leftrightarrow [r', b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k]$$

- Parse $\pi = (r', U, V)$

$$U = \left(\prod_{i=1}^k g_i^{b_i} \right)^{1/s} = \prod_{i=1}^k g_i^{b_i/s} \Leftrightarrow [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k]$$

- Check that $e\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^k C_i}{g^{r'}}, g\right) = e(U, g_1)$

$$r' = \sum_i r_i$$

- Check that $e\left(\frac{U}{D}, g\right) = e(V, g_1 g^{-2})$

θ

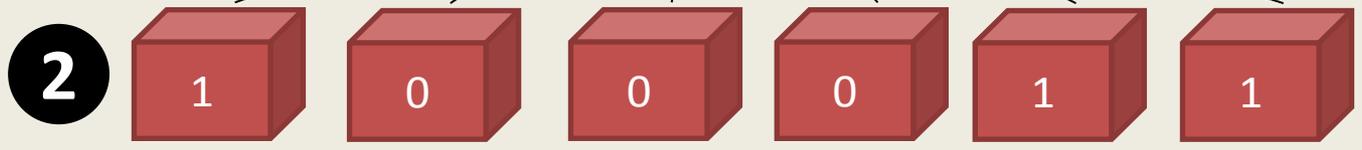
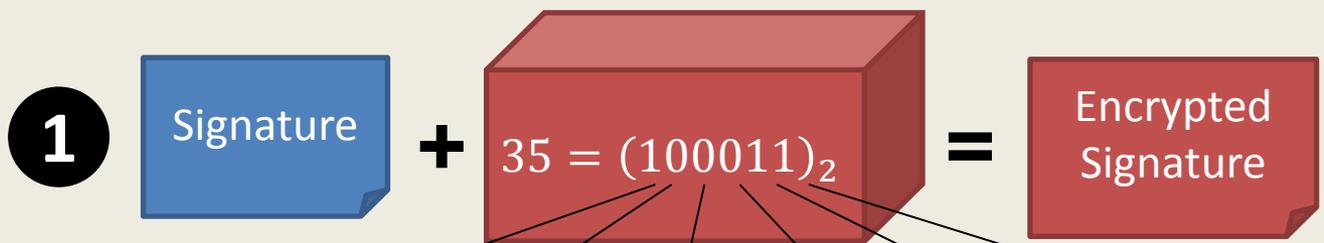
$$\begin{aligned} U &\Leftrightarrow P(s) \quad (\text{i.e. } U = g^{P(s)}) \\ V &\Leftrightarrow W(s) \quad \text{s.t. } P(s) - P(2) = W(s)(s - 2) \end{aligned}$$

NIZK argument 2

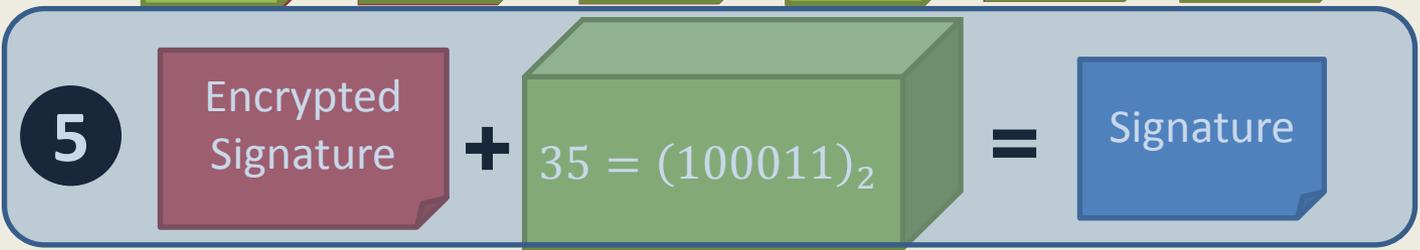
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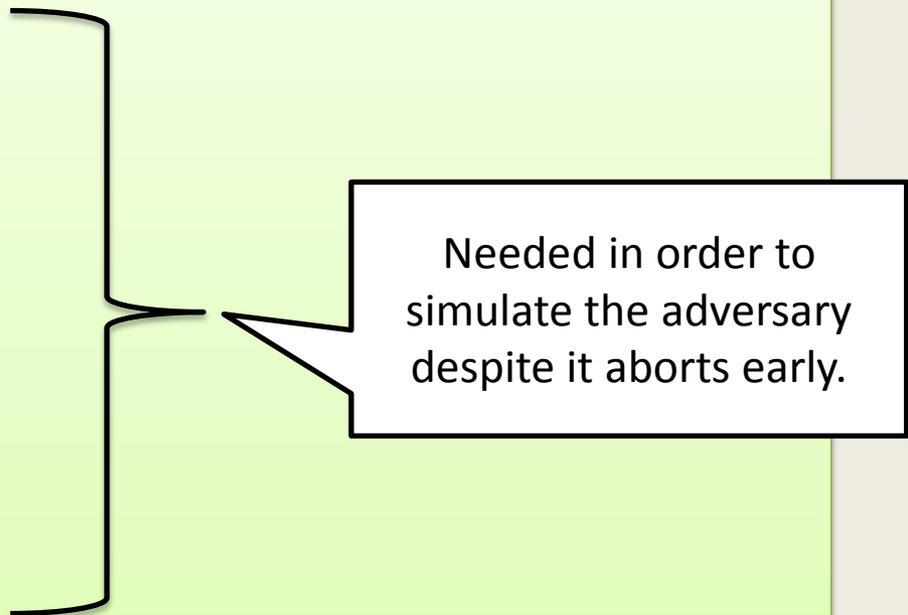


Recovering the Signature

- All the bits b_i are revealed
- Compute $\theta = \sum_{i=1}^{\kappa} b_i 2^{i-1}$
- We have $\sigma = \left(g^{\frac{\cancel{\theta}}{x+m+yr}}, r \right) = (\sigma_\theta, r)$
- Compute $\sigma = (\sigma_\theta^{1/\theta}, r)$

Proofs of Knowledge

- Discrete logarithm θ of
 - $D = g^\theta$
- r_i, b_i such that
 - $C_i = g^{r_i} g_i^{b_i}$



Needed in order to simulate the adversary despite it aborts early.

Simultaneous Hardness of Bits for Discrete Logarithm

Holds in the generic group model
[Schnorr98]

An adversary cannot distinguish between a **random sequence** of $\kappa - l$ bits and the **first $\kappa - l$ bits of θ** given g^θ .

$$Adv^{SHDL}(\mathcal{A}, \kappa) = \left| \Pr \left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^\theta, \theta[1.. \kappa - l]) \mid \theta \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_p \right] - \Pr \left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g^\theta, \alpha[1.. \kappa - l]) \mid \theta, \alpha \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_p \right] \right|$$

$$l = \omega(\log \kappa)$$

Conclusion

- Fair exchange protocol for short signatures [BB04] without TTP
- Practical
- Two new NIZK arguments

Thank you!

Partial Fairness

Only contract signing

- A randomized protocol for signing contracts [EGL85]
- Gradual release of a secret [BCDB87]
- Practically and Provably secure release of a secret and exchange of signatures [Damgard95]
- Resource Fairness and Composability of Cryptographic protocols [GMPY06]

RSA, Rabin, ElGamal signatures

“Time-line” assumptions, Generic construction

- **Theorem:**

The protocol is partially fair under the $\kappa - SDH$ and the $\kappa - BDHI$ assumption.

Proof (Sketch)

- Type I
 - Does not forge values but aborts «early»
 - => He has to break the signature scheme
- **Careful:**

What happens if A detects he is simulated?

 - The simulator will try to break the SHDL assumption
 - If few bits remain, it does not win, everything is OK!

Proof (Sketch)

- Type II
 - Forge values
 - The simulator can extract all values computed by adversary and break the soundness of the NIZK arguments or binding property of commitment scheme.