

# COS433/Math 473: Cryptography

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# Announcements

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# Discrete Log


# Discrete Log

Let  $p$  be a large number (usually prime)

Given  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , “easy” to compute  $g^a \bmod p$

- Time  **$\text{poly}(\log a, \log p)$**
- How?

However, no known efficient ways to recover  $a \pmod{\Phi(p)=p-1}$  from  $g$  and  $g^a \bmod p$

**Discrete Log Assumption:** For any discrete log algorithm  running in time polynomial time, there exists negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

$$\Pr[\mathbf{a} \leftarrow \text{candlestick} (p, g, g^a \bmod p):$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{p} \leftarrow \text{random } \lambda\text{-bit prime} \\ & \mathbf{g} \leftarrow \text{random generator of } \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \\ & \mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} \end{aligned} \quad ] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)$$

# Collision Resistance from DLog

Let  $p$  be a prime

- Key space =  $\mathbb{Z}_p^2$
- Domain:  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^2$
- Range:  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
- $H( (g,h), (x,y) ) = g^x h^y$

To generate key, choose random  $p$ ,  $g, h \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$

- Require  $g$  a generator

# Blum-Micali PRG

Let  $p$  be a prime

Let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Let  $h: \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$  be  $h(x) = 1$  if  $0 < x < (p-1)/2$

Seed space:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Algorithm:

- Let  $x_0$  be seed
- For  $i=0, \dots$ 
  - Let  $x_{i+1} = g^{x_i} \bmod p$
  - Output  $h(x_i)$



**Theorem:** If the discrete log assumption holds on  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , then the Blum-Micali generator is a secure PRG

We will prove this next time (if time)

# Today

Discrete log continued

Factoring

# Another PRG

**p** a prime

Let **g** be a generator

Seed space:  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}^2$

Range:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^3$

**PRG(a,b) = (g<sup>a</sup>, g<sup>b</sup>, g<sup>ab</sup>)**

Don't know how to prove security from DLog

# Stronger Assumptions on Groups

Sometimes, the discrete log assumption is not enough

Instead, define stronger assumptions on groups

Computational Diffie-Hellman:

- Given  $(g, g^a, g^b)$ , compute  $g^{ab}$

Decisional Diffie-Hellman:

- Distinguish  $(g, g^a, g^b, g^c)$  from  $(g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab})$

Increasing Difficulty



DLog:

- Given  $(g, g^a)$ , compute  $a$

CDH:


- Given  $(g, g^a, g^b)$ , compute  $g^{ab}$

DDH:

- Distinguish  $(g, g^a, g^b, g^c)$  from  $(g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab})$

Stronger Assumptions



**Computational Diffie Hellman:** For any algorithm  running in polynomial time, there exists negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

$$\Pr[g^{ab} \leftarrow \text{candlestick} (p, g, g^a, g^b):$$

$p \leftarrow$  random  $\lambda$ -bit prime  
 $g \leftarrow$  random generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  
 $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$  ]  $\leq \epsilon(\lambda)$

## Decisional Diff

algorithm   
running in polynomial time, there exists negligible  $\epsilon$   
such that:

$$|\Pr[1 \leftarrow (g^a, g^b, g^{ab})] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow (g^a, g^b, g^c)]| \leq \epsilon(\lambda)$$

# Hardness of DDH

Need to be careful about DDH

Turns out that DDH as described is usually easy:

- For prime  $p > 2$ ,  $\Phi(p) = p - 1$  will have small factors
- Can essentially reduce solving DDH to solving DDH over a small factor



# Fixing DDH

Let  $g_0$  be a generator

Suppose  $p-1 = qr$  for prime  $q$ , integer  $r$

Let  $g = g_0^r$

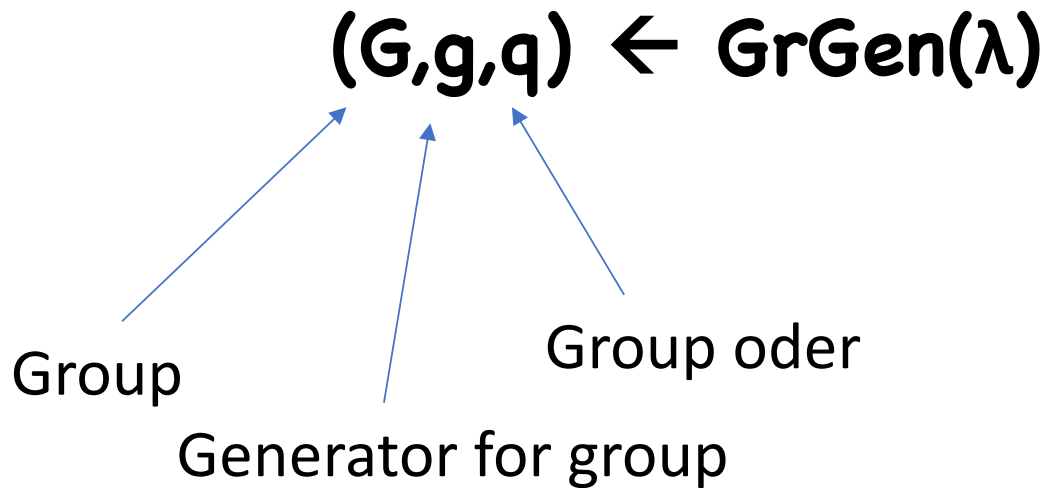
$g^q \bmod p = 1$ , but  $g^{q'} \bmod p \neq 1$  for any  $q' < q$

• So  $g$  has “order”  $q$


Let  $G = \{1, g, g^2, \dots\}$  be group “generated by”  $g$

# Generalizing Cryptographic Groups

Replace fixed family of groups with “group generator” algorithm



## Decisional Diffie Hellman for GrGen:

For any algorithm  running in polynomial time, there exists negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

|  $\Pr[1 \leftarrow \text{candlestick} (g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab})]:$

$(G, g, q) \leftarrow \text{GrGen}(\lambda), a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q]$

-  $\Pr[1 \leftarrow \text{candlestick} (g, g^a, g^b, g^c):$

$(G, g, q) \leftarrow \text{GrGen}(\lambda), a, b, c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q] \mid \leq \epsilon(\lambda)$

# Another PRG

Seed space:  $\mathbf{Z}_q^2$

Range:  $\mathbf{G}^3$

$$\mathbf{PRG}(a,b) = (g^a, g^b, g^{ab})$$

Security almost immediately follows from DDH

# Generalizing Cryptographic Groups

Can also define Dlog, CDH relative to general **GrGen**

In many cases, problems turns out easy

Ex:  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Z}_q$ , where  $\mathbf{g}^{\otimes h} = \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{h} \bmod q$

- What is exponentiation in  $\mathbf{G}$ ?
- What is discrete log in  $\mathbf{G}$ ?

Essentially only two groups where Dlog/CDH/DDH is conjectured to be hard:

- $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and its subgroups
- “Elliptic curve” groups

# Parameter Size in Practice?

$\mathbf{G}$  = subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  of order  $\mathbf{q}$ , where  $\mathbf{q} \mid \mathbf{p}-1$

- In practice, best algorithms require  $\mathbf{p} \geq 2^{1024}$  or so

- $\mathbf{G}$  = “elliptic curve” group

- Can set  $\mathbf{p} \approx 2^{256}$  to have security

$\Rightarrow$  best attacks run in time  $2^{128}$

Therefore, elliptic curve groups tend to be much more efficient  $\Rightarrow$  preferred in practice

# Naor-Reingold PRF

Domain:  $\{0,1\}^n$

Key space:  $\mathbb{Z}_q^{n+1}$

Range:  $\mathbf{G}$

$$F( (a, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n), x ) = g^{a b_1^{x_1} b_2^{x_2} \dots b_n^{x_n}}$$

**Theorem:** If DDH assumption holds on  $\mathbf{G}$ , then the Naor-Reingold PRF is secure

# Proof by Hybrids

Hybrids **0**:  $H(x) = g^a b_1^{x_1} b_2^{x_2} \dots b_n^{x_n}$

Hybrid **i**:  $H(x) = H_i(x_{[1,i]}) b_{i+1}^{x_{i+1}} \dots b_n^{x_n}$

•  $H_i$  is a random function from  $\{0,1\}^i \rightarrow G$

Hybrid **n**:  $H(x)$  is truly random



# Proof

Suppose adversary can distinguish Hybrid  **$i-1$**  from Hybrid  **$i$**  for some  **$i$**

Easy to construct adversary that distinguishes:

$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_i(\mathbf{x}) \text{ from } \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{H}_{i-1}(\mathbf{x}_{[1,i-1]}) \mathbf{b}^{\mathbf{x}_i}$$

# Proof

Suppose adversary makes  $2r$  queries

- Assume wlog that queries are in pairs  $x||0, x||1$

What does the adversary see?

- $H_i(x)$ :  $2r$  random elements in  $\mathbf{G}$
- $H_{i-1}(x_{[1,i-1]})^{b_i x_i}$  :  $h_1, \dots, h_q$  ( $r$  random elements in  $\mathbf{G}$ )  
as well as  $h_1^{b_i}, \dots, h_q^{b_i}$

**Lemma:** Assuming the DDH assumption on  $\mathbf{G}$ , for any polynomial  $r$ , the following distributions are indistinguishable:

$$(g, g^{x_1}, g^{y_1}, \dots, g^{x_r}, g^{y_r}) \text{ and} \\ (g, g^{x_1}, g^{b \cdot x_1}, \dots, g^{x_r}, g^{b \cdot x_r})$$

Suffices to finish proof of NR-PRF

# Proof of Lemma

Hybrids **0**:  $(g, g^{x_1}, g^{b \cdot x_1}, \dots, g^{x_r}, g^{b \cdot x_r})$

Hybrid **i**:

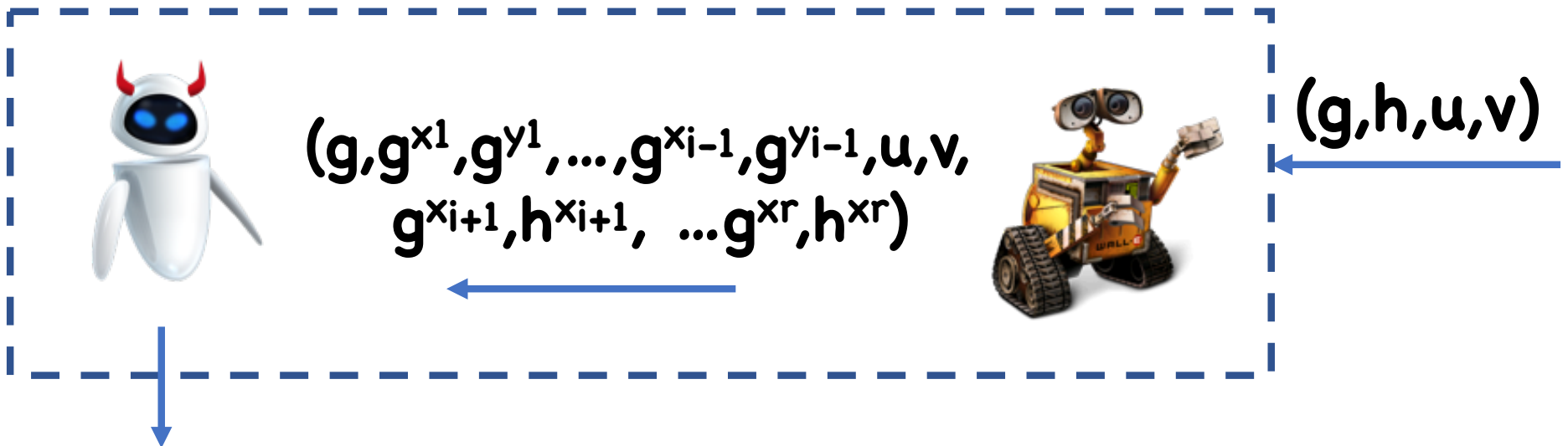
$(g, g^{x_1}, g^{y_1}, \dots, g^{x_i}, g^{y_i}, g^{x_{i+1}}, g^{b \cdot x_{i+1}}, \dots, g^{x_r}, g^{b \cdot x_r})$

Hybrid **q**:  $(g, g^{x_1}, g^{y_1}, \dots, g^{x_r}, g^{y_r})$

# Proof of Lemma

Suppose adversary distinguishes Hybrid  **$i-1$**  from Hybrid  **$i$**

Use adversary to break DDH:



# Proof of Lemma

$(g, g^{x_1}, g^{y_1}, \dots, g^{x_{i-1}}, g^{y_{i-1}}, u, v, g^{x_{i+1}}, h^{x_{i+1}}, \dots, g^{x_r}, h^{x_r})$

If  $(g, h, u, v) = (g, g^b, g^{x_i}, g^{b \cdot x_i})$ , then Hybrid  $i-1$

If  $(g, h, u, v) = (g, g^b, g^{x_i}, g^{y_i})$ , then Hybrid  $i$

Therefore, 's advantage is the same as 's

# Further Applications

From NR-PRF can construct:

- CPA-secure encryption
- Block Ciphers
- MACs
- Authenticated Encryption

# Integer Factorization





# Integer Factorization

Given an integer **N**, find it's prime factors

Studied for centuries, presumed difficult

- Grade school algorithm:  $O(N^{1/2})$
- Better algorithms using birthday paradox:  $O(N^{1/4})$
- Even better assuming G. Riemann Hyp.:  $O(N^{1/5})$
- Still better heuristic algorithms:  
 $\exp( C (\log N)^{1/3} (\log \log N)^{2/3} )$
- However, all require super-polynomial time in bit-length of **N**

**Factoring Assumption:** For any factoring algorithm  running in polynomial time,  $\exists$  negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

$\Pr[(p,q) \leftarrow \text{ (N):$

$N=pq$

$p,q \leftarrow \text{random } \lambda\text{-bit primes}] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem

Let  $N = pq$  for distinct prime  $p, q$

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p, y \in \mathbb{Z}_q$

Then there exists a unique integer  $z \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  such that

- $x = z \bmod p$ , and
- $y = z \bmod q$


Proof:  $z = [py(p^{-1} \bmod q) + qx(q^{-1} \bmod p)] \bmod N$

# Quadratic Residues

**Definition:**  $y$  is a quadratic residue mod  $N$  if there exists an  $x$  such that  $y = x^2 \pmod{N}$ .  $x$  is called a “square root” of  $y$

Ex:

- Let  $p$  be a prime, and  $y \neq 0$  a quadratic residue mod  $p$ . How many square roots of  $y$ ?
- Let  $N=pq$  be the product of two primes,  $y$  a quadratic residue mod  $N$ . Suppose  $y \neq 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $y \neq 0 \pmod{q}$ . How many square roots?

**QR Assumption:** For any algorithm  running in polynomial time,  $\exists$  negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

**Pr**[ $y^2 = x^2 \pmod N$ :

$y \leftarrow$    $(N, x^2)$

$N = pq$ ,  $p, q \leftarrow$  random  $\lambda$ -bit primes

$x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$

**]**  $\leq \epsilon(\lambda)$


**Theorem:** If the factoring assumption holds, then the QR assumption holds

# Proof

To factor **N**:

- $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N$
- $y \leftarrow \text{rand}_{\text{c}}(N, x^2)$
- Output  $\text{GCD}(x-y, N)$

Analysis:

- Let  $\{a, b, c, d\}$  be the 4 square roots of  $x^2$
-  has no idea which one you chose
- With probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y$  will not be in  $\{+x, -x\}$
- In this case, we know  $x=y \pmod p$  but  $x=-y \pmod q$

# Collision Resistance from Factoring

Let  $N=pq$ ,  $y$  a QR mod  $N$

Suppose  $-1$  is not a QR mod  $N$

Hashing key:  $(N,y)$

Domain:  $\{1, \dots, (N-1)/2\} \times \{0, 1\}$

Range:  $\{1, \dots, (N-1)/2\}$

$H( (N,y), (x,b) )$ : Let  $z = y^b x^2 \pmod N$

- If  $z \in \{1, \dots, (N-1)/2\}$ , output  $z$
- Else, output  $-z \pmod N \in \{1, \dots, (N-1)/2\}$



**Theorem:** If the factoring assumption holds,  $H$  is collision resistant

Proof:

- Collision means  $(x_0, b_0) \neq (x_1, b_1)$  s.t.  
$$y^{b_0} x_0^2 = \pm y^{b_1} x_1^2 \pmod{N}$$
- If  $b_0 = b_1$ , then  $x_0 \neq x_1$ , but  $x_0^2 = \pm x_1^2 \pmod{N}$ 
  - $x_0^2 = -x_1^2 \pmod{N}$  not possible. Why?
  - $x_0 \neq -x_1$  since  $x_0, x_1 \in \{1, \dots, (N-1)/2\}$
- If  $b_0 \neq b_1$ , then  $(x_0/x_1)^2 = \pm y^{\pm 1} \pmod{N}$ 
  - $-y$  case not possible. Why?
  - $(x_0/x_1)$  or  $(x_1/x_0)$  is a square root of  $y$

# Choosing **N**

How to choose **N** so that **-1** is not a QR?

By CRT, need to choose **p, q** such that **-1** is not a QR mod **p** or mod **q**

Fact: if **p = 3 mod 4**, then **-1** is not a QR mod **p**

Fact: if **p = 1 mod 4**, then **-1** is a QR mod **p**

Is Composite **N** Necessary for SQ  
to be hard?

Let **p** be a prime, and suppose **p = 3 mod 4**

Given a QR **x mod p**, how to compute square root?

Hint: recall Fermat: **x<sup>p-1</sup>=1 mod p** for all **x≠0**

Hint: what is **x<sup>(p+1)/2 mod p</sup>**?

# Solving Quadratic Equations

In general, solving quadratic equations is:

- Easy over prime moduli
- As hard as factoring over composite moduli

# Other Powers?

What about  $x \rightarrow x^4 \pmod N$ ?  $x \rightarrow x^6 \pmod N$ ?

The function  $x \rightarrow x^3 \pmod N$  appears quite different

- Suppose **3** is relatively prime to **p-1** and **q-1**
- Then  $x \rightarrow x^3 \pmod p$  is injective for  $x \neq 0$ 
  - Let **a** be such that  $3a = 1 \pmod{p-1}$
  - $(x^3)^a = x^{1+k(p-1)} = x(x^{p-1})^k = x \pmod p$
- By CRT,  $x \rightarrow x^3 \pmod N$  is injective for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

# $x^3 \bmod N$

What does injectivity mean?

Cannot base of factoring:

Adapt alg for square roots?

- Choose a random  $z \bmod N$
- Compute  $y = z^3 \bmod N$
- Run inverter on  $y$  to get a cube root  $x$
- Let  $p = \text{GCD}(z-x, N)$ ,  $q = N/p$


# RSA Problem

Given

- $N = pq$ ,
- $e$  such that  $\text{GCD}(e, p-1) = \text{GCD}(e, q-1) = 1$ ,
- $y = x^e \pmod N$  for a random  $x$

Find  $x$

Injectivity means cannot base hardness on factoring,  
but still conjectured to be hard

**RSA Assumption:** For any algorithm  running in polynomial time,  $\exists$  negligible  $\epsilon$  such that:

$\Pr[x \leftarrow \text{GradCap}(\mathbb{N}, x^3 \bmod \mathbb{N})$

$\mathbb{N} = pq$  and  $p, q$  random  $\lambda$ -bit primes s.t.

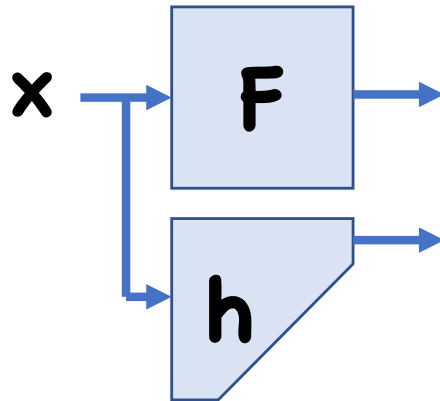
$\text{GCD}(3, p-1) = \text{GCD}(3, q-1) = 1$

$x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^* ] \leq \epsilon(\lambda)$



# Application: PRGs

Let  $F(x) = x^3 \bmod N$ ,  $h(x) = \text{least significant bit}$



**Theorem:** If RSA Assumption holds, then  $G(x) = ( F(x), h(x) )$  is a secure PRG

# Reminders

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