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# Digital signature schemes

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- Key generation:  $\text{Gen}(1^k) \rightarrow (PK, SK)$



- Signing:  $\text{Sign}(SK, M) \rightarrow sig$



- Verifying:  $\text{Ver}(PK, M, sig) \rightarrow \text{"valid" or "invalid"}$





# What does it mean to *break* a signature scheme?

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**Breaking** scenarios of a signature scheme:

- **Total break**: private key is compromised.
- **Universal forgery**: finding an efficient signing algorithm equivalent to the original signing algorithm.
- **Selective forgery**: adversary can create a valid signature on a preselected message.
- **Existential forgery**: adversary can create a valid signature with no control over the message.



# Types of attacks

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Attack scenarios for signature schemes:

- **Key-only**: the adversary knows only the public key of the signer.
- **Message attacks**:
  - **Known-message attack**: the adversary has signatures for a set of messages which are known to the adversary but not chosen by him.
  - **Chosen-message attack**: the adversary obtains valid signatures from a chosen list of his choice (**non adaptive**).
  - **Adaptive chosen-message attack**: the adversary can use the signer as an oracle.



# The standard security notion of signature schemes

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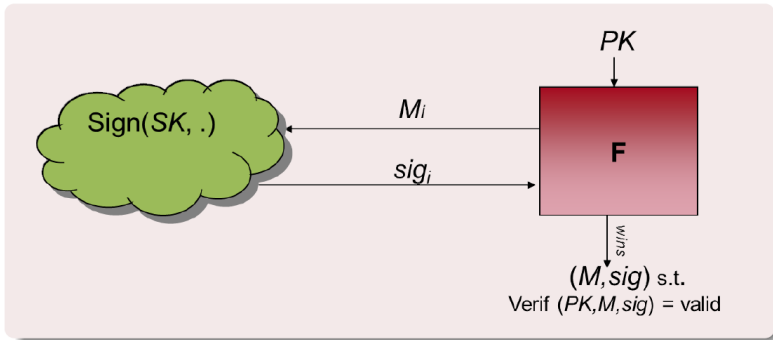
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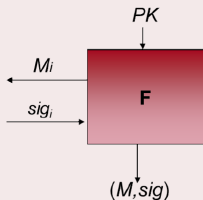
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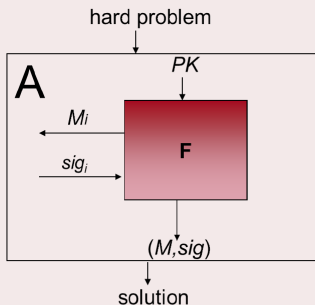
- Let  $F$  be an adversary that breaks the scheme





# Proof by reduction

- Let **F** be an adversary that breaks the scheme
- Then **F** can be used to solve P (**A** exists)



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# Identification protocols and generic standard signatures

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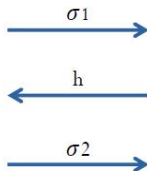
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**Prover**



**Verifier**



**Generic signature scheme:** The signature on the message  $m$  is  $(\sigma_1, h, \sigma_2)$ , where  $\sigma_2 = H(m, \sigma_1)$ .  
( $H$  is modeled as a Random Oracle (RO))



# The idea of forking lemma proposed by Pointcheval and Stern

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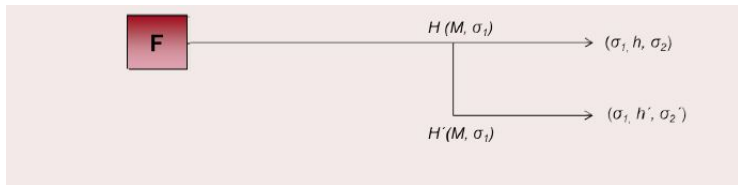
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The idea of the security proof is to use a **forking lemma** to obtain from the forger  $F$  two related forgeries  $(m, \sigma_1, h, \sigma_2)$  and  $(m, \sigma_1, h', \sigma'_2)$  such that  $h \neq h'$ . Then, the solution of a hard problem from the ability to forge such pairs is extracted.



- If  $F$  returns  $(m, \sigma_1, h, \sigma_2)$ .
- Rewind  $F$  with a different RO to return  $(m, \sigma_1, h', \sigma'_2)$ .



# Some existing forking lemmas

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- Ring forking lemma was proposed by Herranz and Saez in 2003.
- Generic forking lemma was presented by Bellare and Neven in 2006.
- Proxy ring forking lemma was introduced by A., Salmasizadeh and Susilo in 2014.
- Multi-proxy multi-signature forking lemma was introduced by A., Salmasizadeh and Susilo in 2014.



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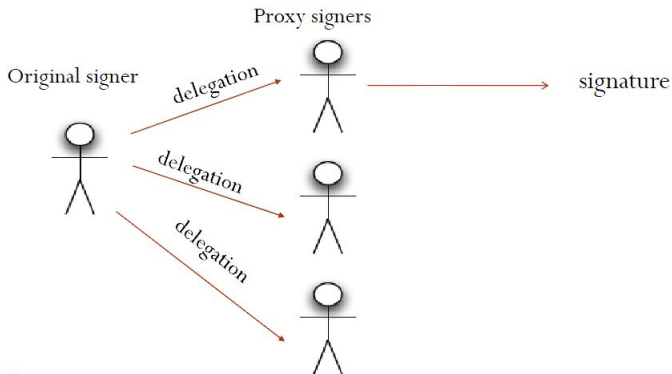
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# Proxy ring forking lemma



# proxy ring signatures

In this type of signatures, an **original signer** delegates its signing capability to a set of  $n$  **proxy signers**, and each proxy signer can generate a proxy ring signature while its privacy is preserved.



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# Outline of proxy ring signatures

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A proxy ring signature consists of the following algorithms:

- **KeyGen**:  $(Para, (sk, pk)) \leftarrow KeyGen(k)$
- **DelegationGen**:  
 $\sigma_0 \leftarrow DelegationGen(Para, pk_0, \mathbf{pk}_P, w, x_0)$ .
- **ProxyRingSign**:  
 $\theta \leftarrow ProxyRingSign(Para, pk_0, \mathbf{pk}_P, m, w, \sigma_0, sk_j)$
- **ProxyRingVer**:  
 $\{0, 1\} \leftarrow ProxyRingVer(Para, pk_0, \mathbf{pk}_P, w, m, \theta)$



# Security model of generic proxy ring signatures

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There are two types for forgers in this kind of signatures:

- **Forger of type I** which can play the role of a **malicious proxy signer** and tries to forge a valid proxy ring signature.
  - The adversary of type I who has access to **the DelegationGen oracle**.
- **Forger of type II** which plays the role of a **malicious original signer** and tries to forge a valid proxy ring signature.
  - The adversary of type II who has access to **the ProxyRingSign oracle**.



# Generic proxy ring signatures

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A class of proxy ring signature schemes that is called generic is defined as follows.

- Consider a security parameter  $k$ , a hash function  $H(.) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  and a ring of  $n$  members.
- A generic proxy ring signature is in form of  $(m, w, R_0, R_1, \dots, R_n, h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, s)$ , where  $R_i \neq R_j$  for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $h_0 = H(w, R_0)$  and  $h_i = H(m, w, R_0, R_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , and  $s$  is determined by  $h_0, R_0, h_i, R_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , the warrant  $w$  and the message  $m$ .





# Sketch of proof for the generic proxy ring signature

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The idea of the proof is to employ a **Forking Lemma** to obtain from the forger  $F$  (type I or II) two related forgeries  $(m, w, R_o, R_1, \dots, R_n, h_0, h_1, \dots, h_n, s)$  and  $(m, w, R_o, R_1, \dots, R_n, h'_0, h'_1, \dots, h'_n, s')$  such that  $h_0 \neq h'_0$  and  $h_i = h'_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$  for **Forger of type I** or  $h_j \neq h'_j$  for some  $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$  and others are the same for **Forger of type II**. Then, the solution of a hard problem from these pairs is extracted.

If the original (general) forking lemma can be applied to our generic construction or not?



# The idea of proxy ring forking lemma's proof

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- Suppose that there exists a PPT forger  $F$  with success probability at least  $\epsilon$ .
- $\vec{\rho} = (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_q)$ .
- $u_i \in \{1, \dots, q\}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  such that  $Q_{u_i} = (M, R_i)$ , and if a query is never asked,  $u_i = \infty$ .
- $\vec{u}$  is defined as  $(u_0, \dots, u_n)$ .
- Let  $\beta = \max\{u \in (u_0, \dots, u_n)\}$ .
- Let  $S$  be  $\{(\omega, \vec{\rho}) \mid F(\omega, \vec{\rho}) \text{ succeeds} \ \& \ \beta \neq \infty\}$ .
- Let  $S_{\vec{u}}$  be  $\{(\omega, \vec{\rho}) \mid F(\omega, \vec{\rho}) \text{ succeeds} \ \& \ \text{Ind}(\omega, \vec{\rho}) = \vec{u}\}$ .



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- Let  $J$  be  $\{(u_0, \dots, u_n) \mid 1 \leq u_i \leq q \ \& \ \forall i \neq j \ u_i \neq u_j \ \& \ u_0 > \max\{u_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n\}\}$  for **type I Forger**.
- Let  $J$  be  $\{(u_0, \dots, u_n) \mid 1 \leq u_i \leq q \ \& \ \forall i \neq j \ u_i \neq u_j \ \& \ u_0 < \max\{u_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n\}\}$  for **type II Forger**.
- $|J| = \pi = \sum_{j=1}^{q-n} [\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (q - i - j)]$ .



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- Let  $I$  be  $\{\vec{u} \in J \mid \Pr[S_{\vec{u}}|S] \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\pi}\}$ .
- There exists a subset  $\Omega_{\vec{u}}$  of the pairs  $(\omega, \vec{\rho})$  such that  $\Pr[\Omega_{\vec{u}}|S_{\vec{u}}] \geq \frac{1}{2}$  and for each  $(\omega, \vec{\rho}) \in \Omega_{\vec{u}}$ ,  $\Pr_{\vec{\rho}'}[(\omega, \vec{\rho}') \in S_{\vec{u}}] \geq \frac{\Pr[S]}{4\pi}$ .
- For each vector of a successful pair,  $\vec{u}$ ,  $\Pr[\vec{u} \in I \ \& \ (\omega, \vec{\rho}) \in \Omega_{\vec{u}} \cap S_{\vec{u}}|S] \geq \frac{1}{4}$ .



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- With probability  $\frac{\Pr[S]}{4}$ ,  $\vec{u} \in I$  and  $(\omega, \rho) \in \Omega_{\vec{u}} \cap S_{\vec{u}}$ .
- Replay the attack with fixed  $(\omega, (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_{\beta-1}))$  and randomly chosen  $(\rho'_\beta, \dots, \rho'_q)$ , we get another successful pair  $(\omega, (\rho_1, \dots, \rho_{\beta-1}, \rho'_\beta, \dots, \rho'_q))$  such that  $\rho_\beta \neq \rho'_\beta$  with probability  $\frac{\Pr[S](1-2^{-k})}{4\pi}$ .
- The probability of having two valid forgeries with a suitable relation is  $\frac{(\Pr[S])^2(1-2^{-k})}{16\pi}$ .



# Extension the result to adaptively chosen message and warrant attack

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The only difference is that the probability of the forger changed due to:

- collisions of DelegationGen queries
- collisions of ProxyRingSign queries

## Collisions of DelegationGen queries:

- A pair  $(w, R_i)$  that the simulator outputs has been asked from the random oracle by the forger.
- A pair  $(w, R_i)$  that the simulator outputs is exactly similar to another pair generated by the simulator.



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# Multi-proxy multi-signature forking lemma



# Generic multi-proxy multi-signatures

In this type, a set of original signers delegates its signing capability to a set of proxy signers such that all proxy signers can corporately sign messages on behalf of the original signers. The generic multi-proxy multi-signature is presented as follows.

- Consider a security parameter  $k$ , a hash function  $H(\cdot) : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  and  $f : \{0, 1\}^{nk} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$ .
- A generic multi-proxy multi-signature is in form of  $(m, w, R_o, R_p, h_o, h_p, s)$ , where  $R_o \neq R_p$ ,  $R_o = f(R_1, \dots, R_d)$  and  $R_p = f(R_1, \dots, R_n)$ ,  $h_o = H(R_o, w)$ ,  $h_p = H(R_o, R_p, w, m)$ , and  $s$  is determined by  $h_o, h_p, R_o, R_p$ , the warrant  $w$  and the message  $m$ .

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# The idea of multi-proxy multi-signature forking lemma

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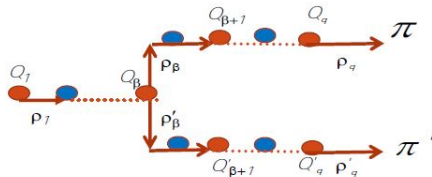
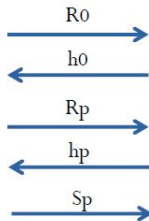
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**Prover**



**Verifier**





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- Reviewing some preliminaries for security analysis of signature schemes.
- Reviewing different forking lemmas for various signatures' scenarios.
- Extension of the original forking lemma for other types of signature schemes.
- Giving **a unified forking lemma** to capture all different scenarios.



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