

## Announcements:

1. HW6 due now
2. HW7 posted
3. Will pick pres dates Friday

	Chapter	Topic	People			
16-Apr	---	Bitcoin	kampernj	mcdonamp	oliverr	shinnsm
18-Apr		Elliptic cur	richarnj	strullsd	wallersb	yochmake
18-Apr	10?	Protocols	abdelroh	hopkinaj	mercermt	michaeaj
19-Apr	15	Info Theory	kraevam	reynolza	taos	trammjn
19-Apr		Dig Cash	chenaurnj	dingx	graetzer	riehelp
19-Apr	19	Quantum	earlesja	gartzkds	kessledi	priceha
Late	14/18	0Know, EC	cooperra	zhangr1		

## Questions?

## This week:

- Discrete Logs, Diffie-Hellman, ElGamal
- Hash Functions, SHA1, Birthday attacks

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# ElGamal

Bob publishes  $(\alpha, p, \beta)$ , where  
 $1 < m < p$  and  $\beta = \alpha^a$

Alice chooses secret  $k$ ,  
computes and sends to  
Bob the pair  $(r, t)$  where  
 $r = \alpha^k \pmod{p}$   
 $t = \beta^k m \pmod{p}$

Bob finds:  $tr^{-a} = m \pmod{p}$

Notes:

1. Show that Bob's decryption works  
**Plug in values for  $t$ ,  $r$ , and  $\beta$ .**
2. Eve would like to know  $k$ . Show that knowing  $k$  allows decryption.  
Why?

$$m = \beta^{-k} t$$

3. Why can't Eve compute  $k$  from  $r$  or  $t$ ?  
**Need to calculate a discrete log to do so, which is hard when  $p$  is large**
4. Challenge: Alice should randomize  $k$  each time. If not, and Eve gets hold of a plaintext / ciphertext  $(m_1, r_1, t_1)$ , she can decrypt other ciphertexts  $(m_2, r_2, t_2)$ . Show how.  
**Use  $m_1, t_1$  to solve for  $\beta^k$ . Then use  $\beta^{-k}$  and  $t_2$  to find  $m_2$**
5. If Eve says she found  $m$  from  $(r, t)$ , can we verify that she really found it, using only the public key (and not  $k$  or  $a$ )? Explain.

**Not easily (see next slide)**

# Known plaintext attack

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- Why does this work?

- If Eve got hold of a plaintext/ciphertext  $(m_1, r_1, t_1)$ , she can decrypt other ciphertexts  $(m_2, r_2, t_2)$ :

**Answer:**

- $r = \alpha^k \pmod{p}$ ,  $t_1 = \beta^k m_1 \pmod{p}$ ,  $t_2 = \beta^k m_2 \pmod{p}$
- So

$$\frac{t_1}{m_1} \equiv \beta^k \equiv \frac{t_2}{m_2} \pmod{p}$$

- You can solve for  $m_2$ , since everything else in the proportion is known.

**Alice should randomize  $k$  each time.**

# Tying everything together

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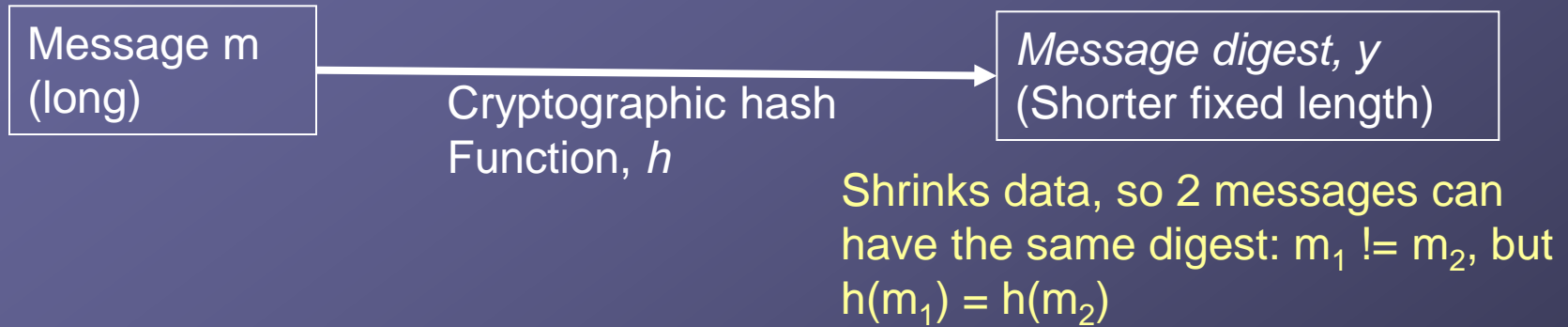
- If Eve says she found  $m$  from  $(r, t)$ , can we verify that she really found it, using just  $m, r, t$  and the public key?

**Not easily!**

Decision D-H  $\leftrightarrow$  Validity of  $(\text{mod } p)$  ElGamal ciphertexts.

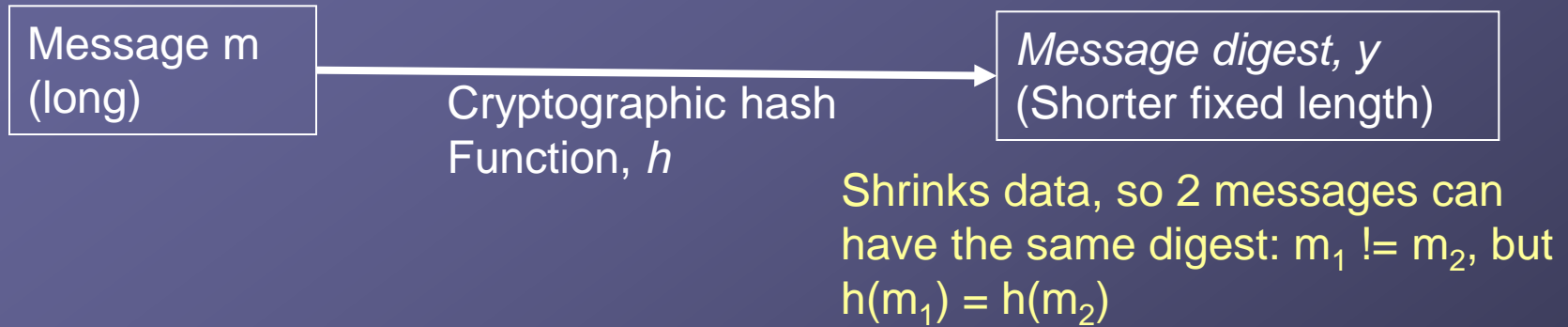
Computational D-H  $\leftrightarrow$  Decrypting  $(\text{mod } p)$  ElGamal ciphertexts.

# Cryptographic hash functions shrink messages into a digest



- Goal: to provide a unique “fingerprint” of the message.

# Cryptographic hash functions must satisfy three properties to be useful and secure



1. **Fast** to compute  $y$  from  $m$ .
2. **One-way**: given  $y = h(m)$ , can't find **any  $m'$**  satisfying  $h(m') = y$  easily.
3. Strongly **collision-free**: Can't find **any pair  $m_1 \neq m_2$**  such that  $h(m_1) = h(m_2)$  easily
4. (Sometimes we can settle for weakly collision-free: **given  $m$** , can't find  $m' \neq m$  with  $h(m) = h(m')$ ).



# Hash functions can be used for digital signatures and error detection

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Why do we care about these properties?

## Use #1: Digital signatures

- If Alice signs  $h(m)$ , what if Bob could find  $m' \neq m$ , such that  $h(m) = h(m')$ ?
- He could claim Alice signed  $m'$ !
- Consider two contracts...

## Use #2: Error detection – simple example:

Alice sends  $(m, h(m))$ , Bob receives  $(M, H)$ . Bob checks if  $H = h(M)$ . If not, there's an error.

# Hash function examples

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## Examples:

1.  $h(m) = m \pmod{n}$
2.  $h(m) = \alpha^m \pmod{p}$  for large prime  $p$ , which doesn't divide  $\alpha$
3. Discrete log hash  
Given large prime  $p$ , such that  $q = (p-1)/2$  is also prime, and primitive roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for  $p$ :

$$h(m) \equiv \alpha^{m_0} \beta^{m_1} \pmod{p}$$

where  $m = m_0 + m_1 q$

- EHA (next)
- SHA-1 (tomorrow)
- MD4, MD5 (weaker than SHA; won't discuss)

For first 2 examples, please check properties 2-3.



# Easy Hash Algorithm (EHA) isn't very secure!

- Break  $m$  into  $n$ -bit blocks, append zeros to get a multiple of  $n$ .
- There are  $L$  of them, where  $L = \lceil |m|/n \rceil$
- Fast! But not very secure.
- Does performing a left shift on the rows first help?
  - Define  $m_{\leftarrow y}$  as left-shifting  $m$  by  $y$  bits
  - Then  $m'_i = m_{i \leftarrow (i-1)}$

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ \dots \\ m_l \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & \dots & m_{1n} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & \dots & m_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_{l1} & m_{l2} & \dots & m_{ln} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Exercise:

1. Show that the basic (unrotated) version doesn't satisfy properties 2 and 3.
2. What about the version that uses rotations?