

Lattice-Based Zero-Knowledge Proofs (I)

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Overview



MOTIVATION ON ZERO-
KNOWLEDGE PROOFS
(ZKP) AND SNARKS



SIMPLE EXAMPLE



ZKP FOR LATTICE
RELATED STATEMENTS



APPLICATIONS TO
SIGNATURE SCHEMES
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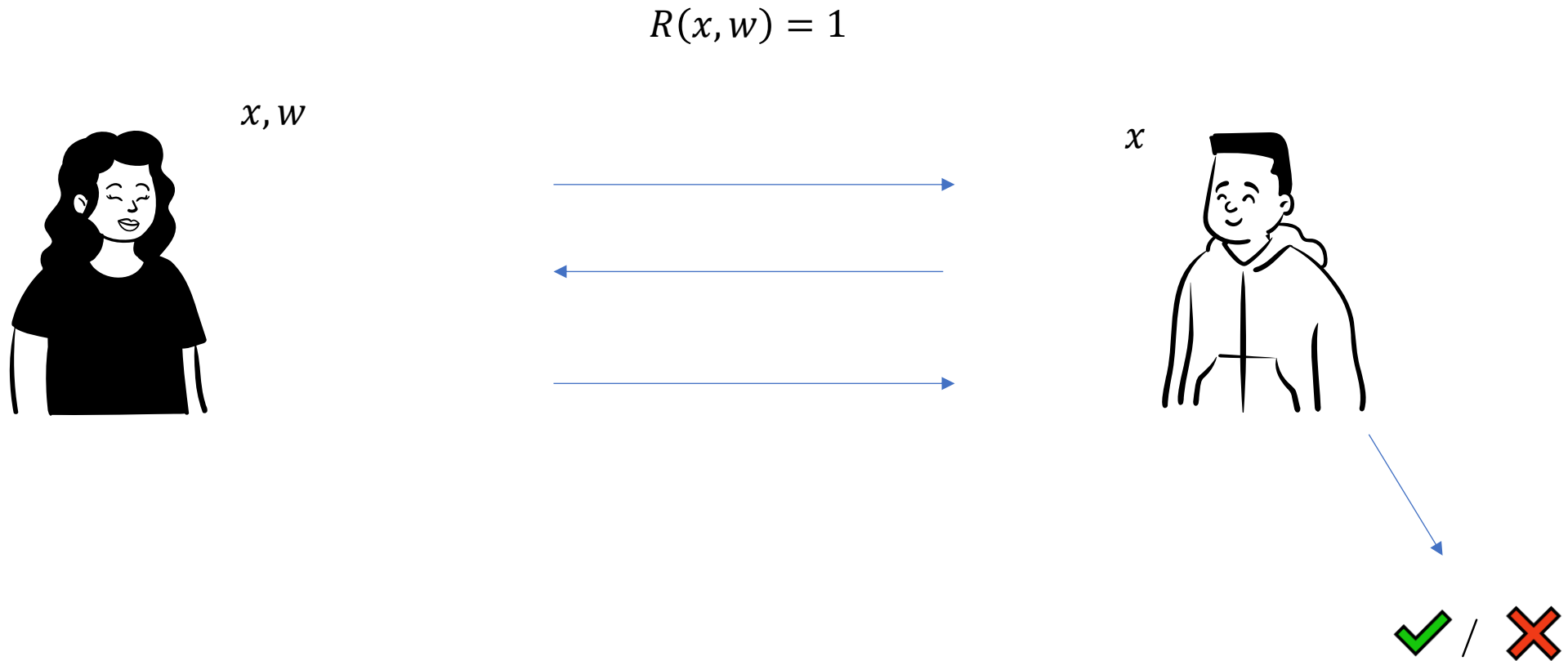
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \ln f_{a, \sigma^2}(\xi_1) &= \frac{(\xi_1 - a)}{\sigma^2} f_{a, \sigma^2}(\xi_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\xi_1 - a)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \int_{\mathcal{R}_n} T(x) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx &= M\left(T(\xi) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\xi, \theta)\right) \\ \int_{\mathcal{R}_n} T(x) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(x, \theta)\right) \cdot f(x, \theta) dx &= \int_{\mathcal{R}_n} T(x) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{f(x, \theta)}{f(x, \theta)}\right) f(x, \theta) dx \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{\mathcal{R}_n} T(x) f(x, \theta) dx &= \int_{\mathcal{R}_n} T(x) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x, \theta) dx\end{aligned}$$



Proof

a fact or piece of information that shows that something exists or is true

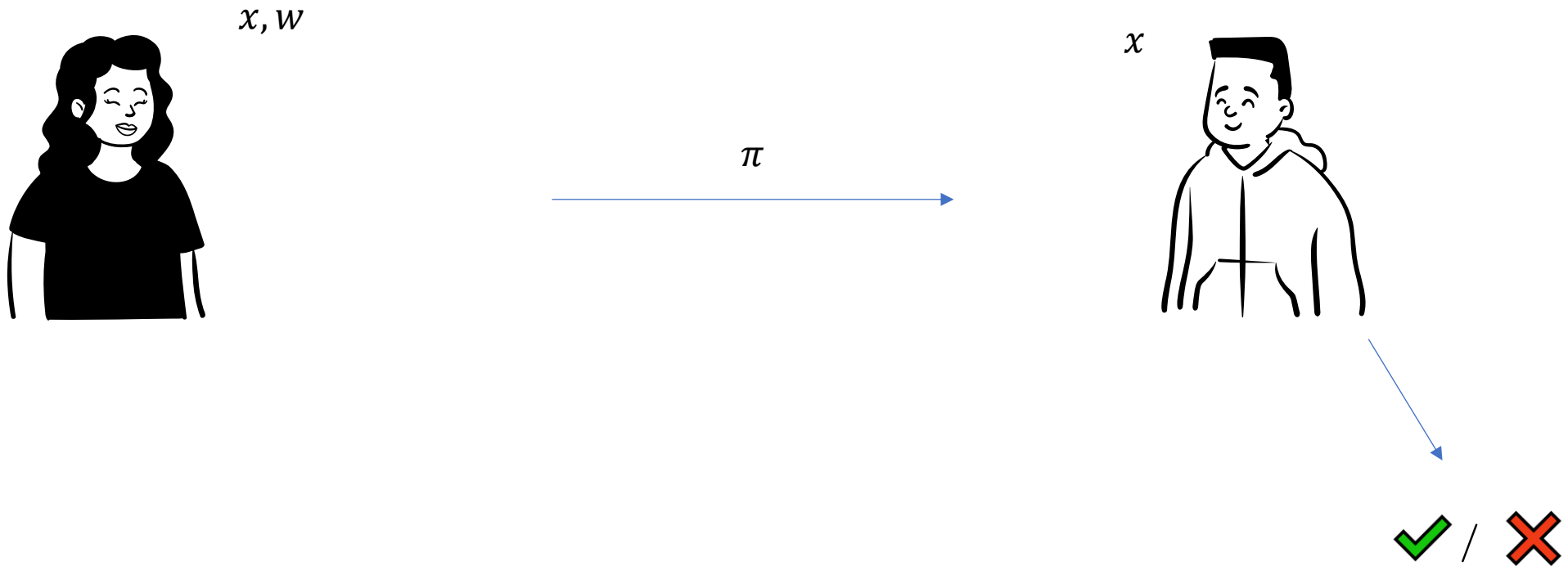
Interactive Proof



Completeness:
For an honest prover
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Non-Interactive Proof

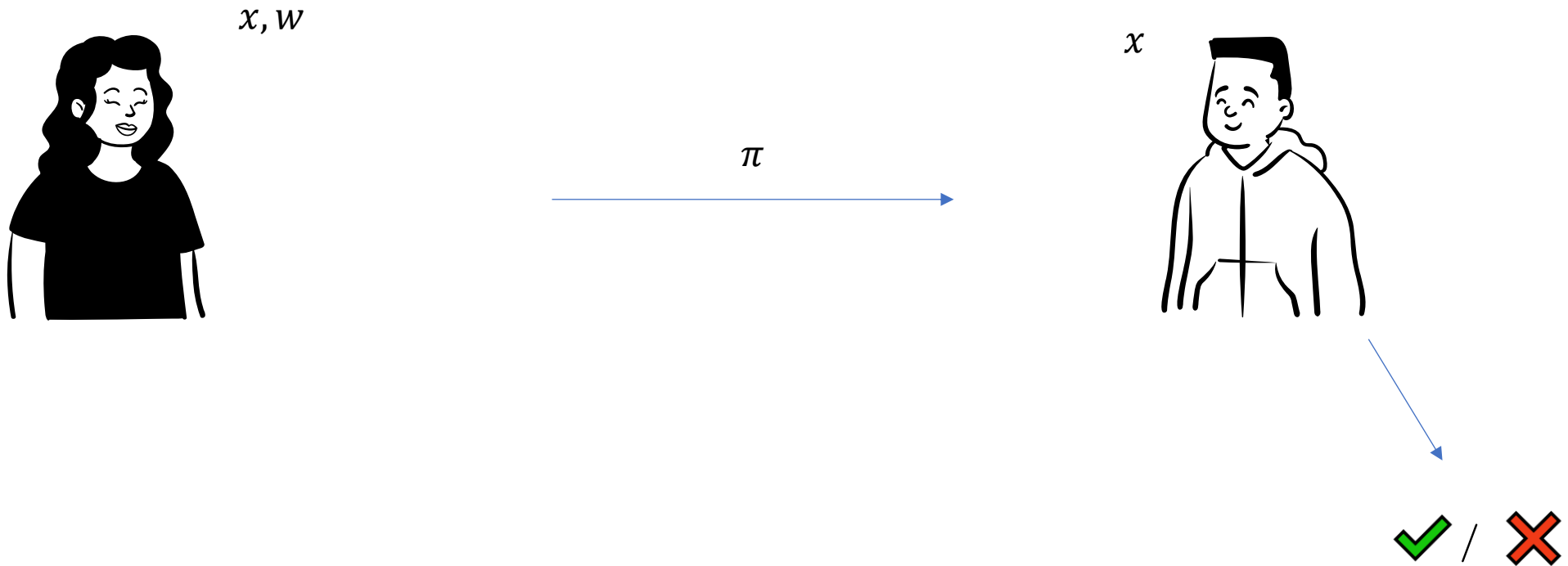
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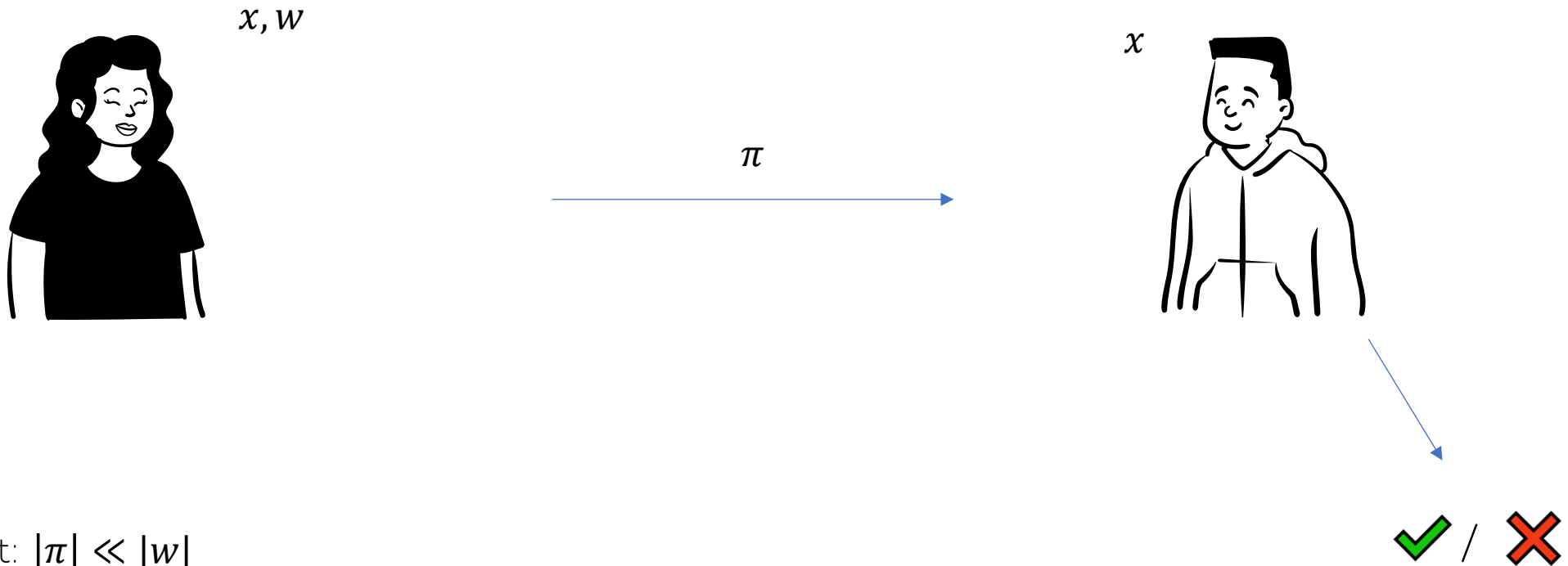


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Succinct Non-Interactive Argument of Knowledge

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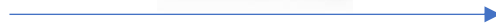
Knowledge soundness: If a prover can convince the verifier with high probability, then it “must know w ”.

Argument: knowledge soundness holds under a computational assumption.

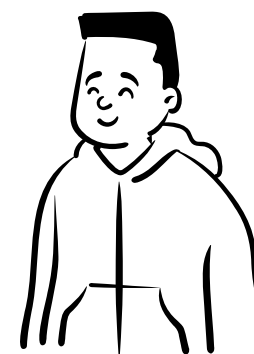


Statement

Prover



Verifier





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Ha! I know
you're 30 years
old and you live
in London



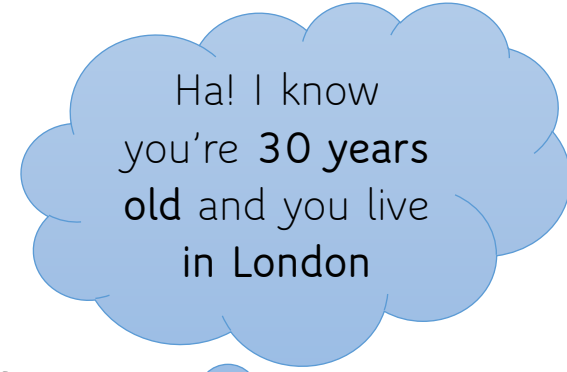


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How can we convince the security that we're over 18 without revealing sensitive data?

Zero-knowledge proofs

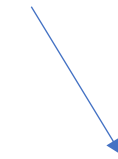
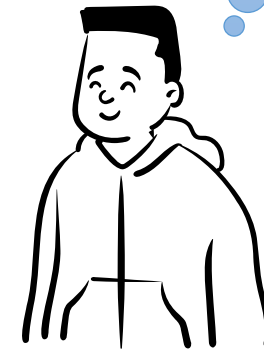


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No secret
information learnt
apart from the
statement

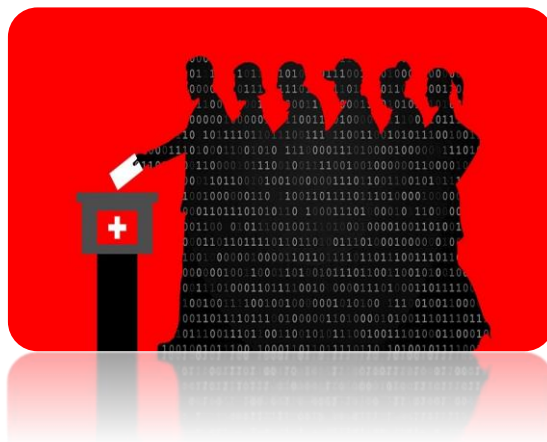
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CONFIDENTIAL TRANSACTIONS



E-VOTING



ANONYMOUS CREDENTIALS



A digital ID and personal digital wallet for EU citizens, residents and businesses



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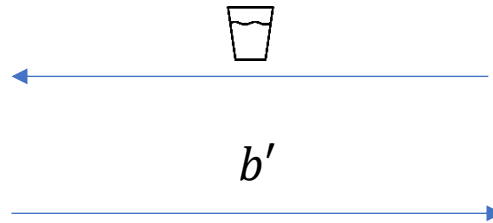
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Experiment



Statement: I know how to
distinguish between Pepsi and
Coke





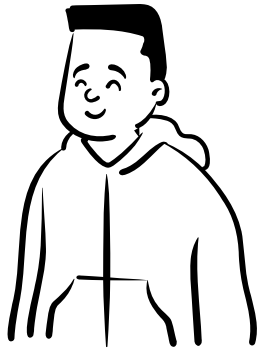
Experiment



$b \leftarrow \{0,1\}$

If $b = 0$:  = 

If $b = 1$:  = 



✓ if $b = b'$
✗ otherwise

- Why is it ZK?
- What's the cheating probability?

We want to build ZKP for meaningful statements

- In this presentation, we focus on **lattice-related statements**.
- They can be further adapted to proving **any NP statements**.

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Let us prove knowledge of such \mathbf{s} !

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Lattices vs discrete log

DLOG

- $x \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ is a secret key
- g^x is a public key
- Given a pk, it is hard to find sk (DLOG assumption)

- $g^x \cdot g^y = g^{x+y}$
- $(g^x)^c = g^{cx}$

Lattices

- $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m$ is a secret key
- \mathbf{As} is a public key
- Given a pk, it is hard to find sk ((I)SIS assumption)

- $\mathbf{As} + \mathbf{Ay} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{y})$
- $c \cdot (\mathbf{As}) = \mathbf{A}(c\mathbf{s})$.

Schnorr ID protocol

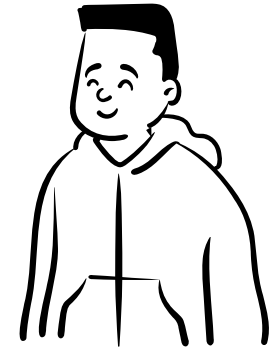
$$R := \{(X, x) : g^x = X\}$$



g, x, X

$$y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$$
$$Y = g^y$$

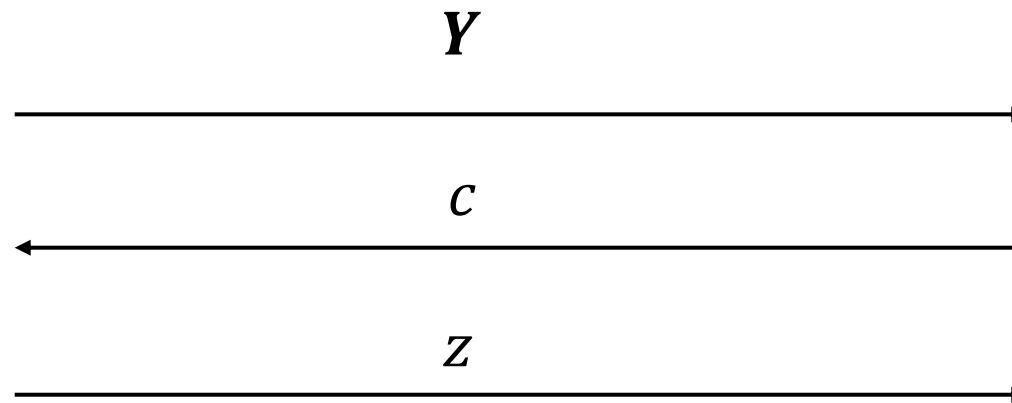
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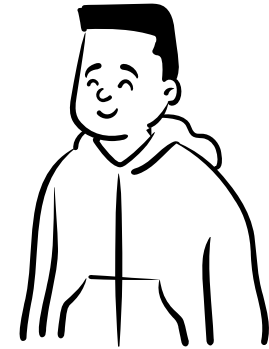
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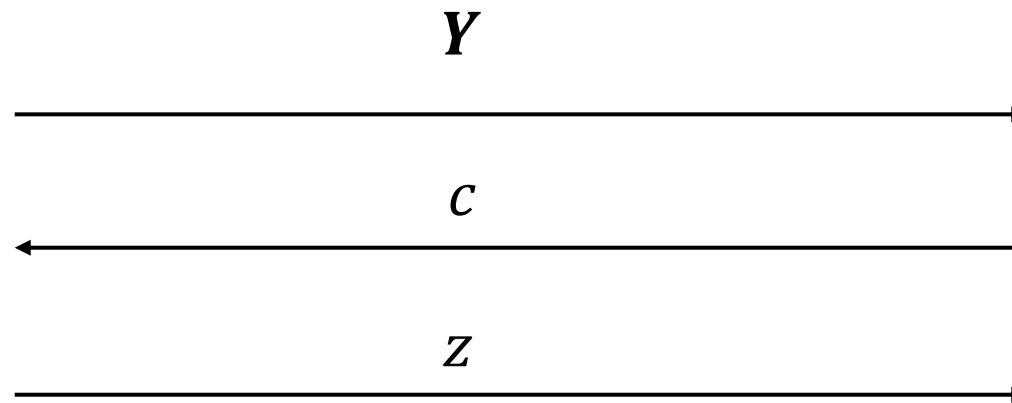
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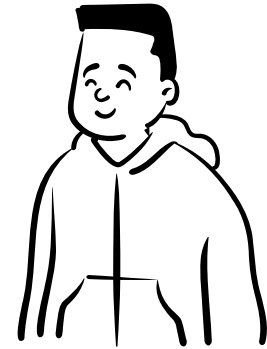


Schnorr in the lattice world

$$As = u \pmod{q} \text{ and } ||s|| \leq \beta$$



A, s, u



A, u

Say **hi** and discuss with your neighbour
how to translate Schnorr protocol in
the lattice setting (2 minutes)!

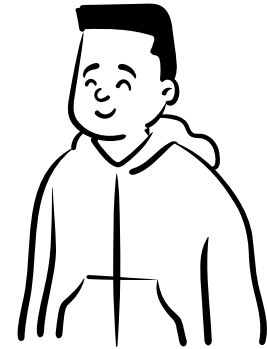


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$$w = Ay$$

w



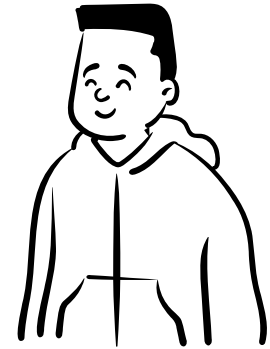
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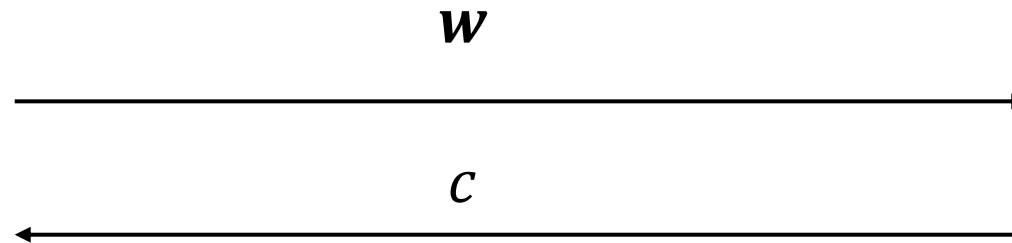


$A, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{u}$

$$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^m$$
$$\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{y}$$



A, \mathbf{u}



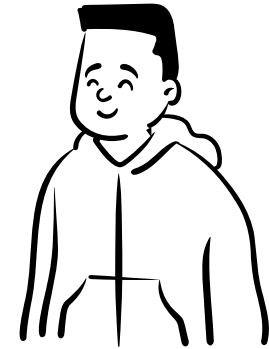
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A, \mathbf{u}

$$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^m$$

$$\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + c\mathbf{s}$$

\mathbf{w}

c

\mathbf{z}

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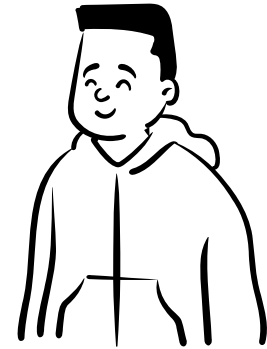
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What about malicious provers? Attempt 1

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q} \text{ and } \|\mathbf{s}\| \leq \beta$$



\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}



\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}

We need norm bound checks!

\mathbf{z}

Using linear algebra,
find \mathbf{z} s.t. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{w} + c\mathbf{u}$

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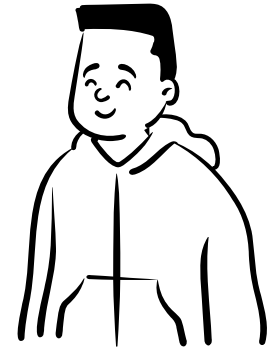
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Completeness is destroyed

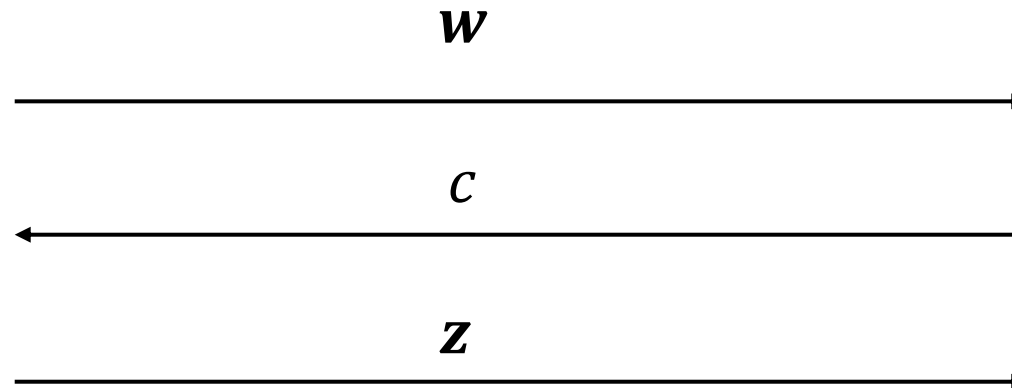
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\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}



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$$c \leftarrow \mathcal{C} = \mathbb{Z}_q$$

Check $\mathbf{Az} = \mathbf{w} + c\mathbf{u}$

Check $||\mathbf{z}|| \leq \gamma$

Fixing completeness

$$\mathbf{As} = \mathbf{u} \pmod{q} \text{ and } ||\mathbf{s}|| \leq \beta$$

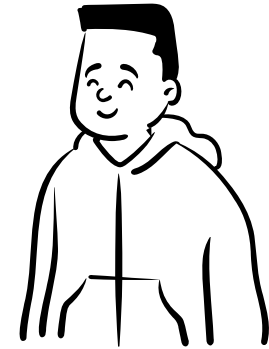


$A, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{u}$

$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^m$ short
 $\mathbf{w} = A\mathbf{y}$

$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + c\mathbf{s}$

short

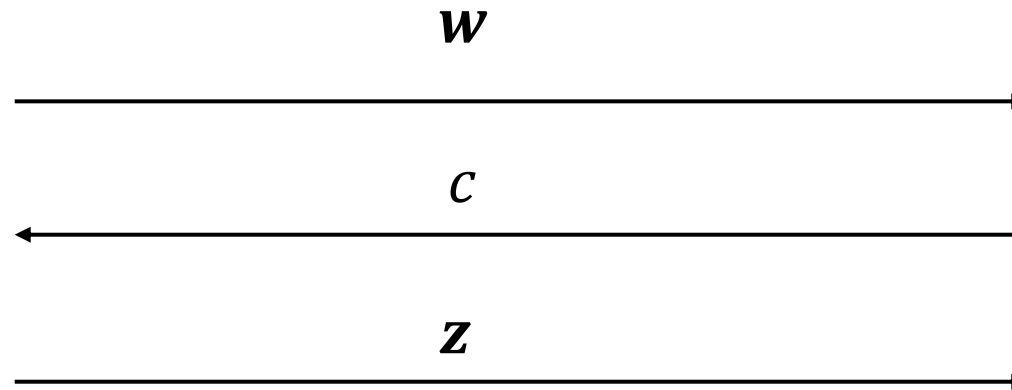


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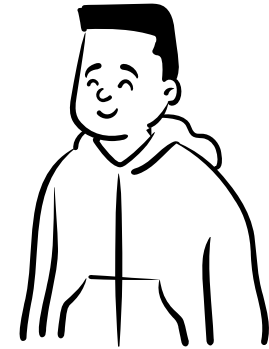
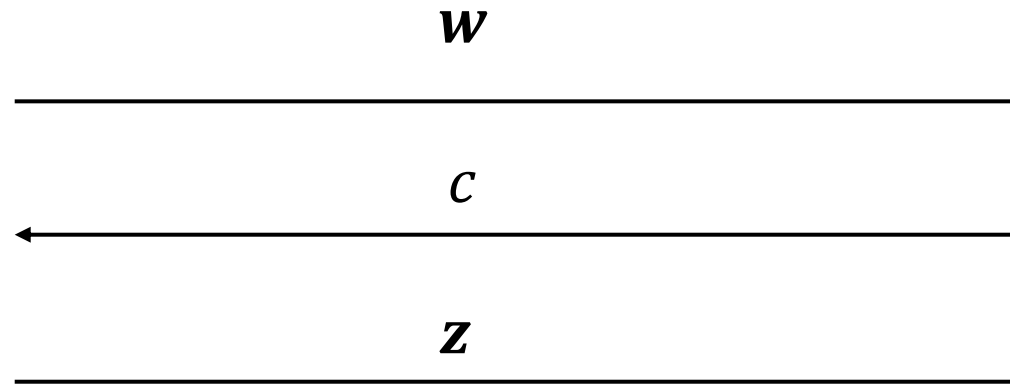


A, s, u

$y \leftarrow D^m$ short

$w = Ay$

$z = y + cs$ short



A, u

short

$c \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_q$

Check $Az = w + cu$

Check $||z|| \leq \gamma$

Fixing completeness – Attempt 1

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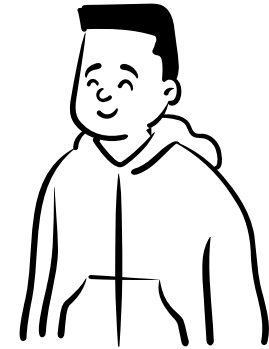
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$$y \leftarrow [-\alpha, \alpha]^m$$

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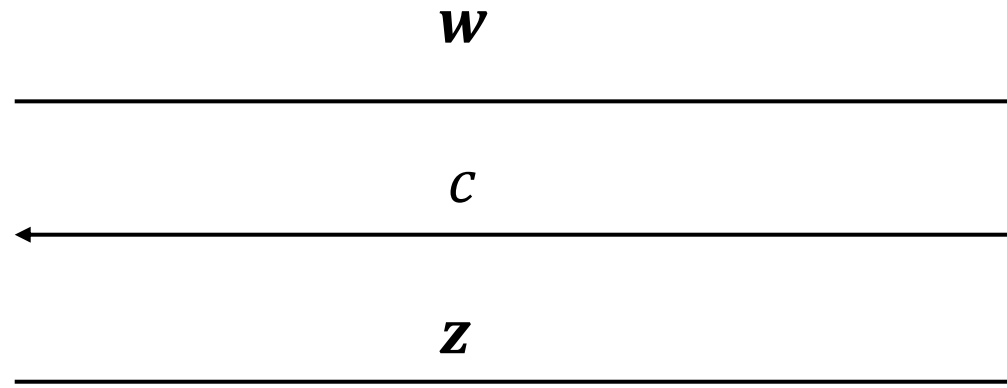


A, u

$$c \leftarrow [-\delta, \delta]$$

Check $Az = w + cu$

Check $||z|| \leq \alpha + \beta\delta$

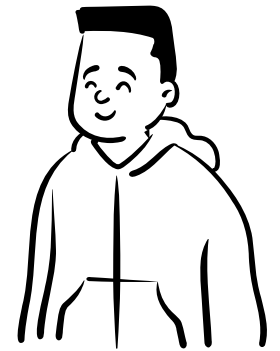


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A, \mathbf{u}



A, \mathbf{u}

Guess $c' \leftarrow [-\delta, \delta]$

Pick any short enough \mathbf{z}

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{Az} - c'\mathbf{u}$$

If $c = c'$, send \mathbf{z}

\mathbf{w}

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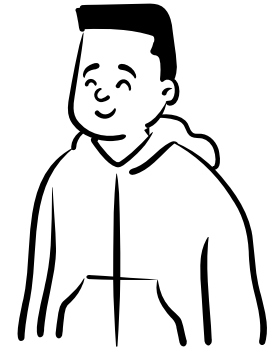
What's the
success
probability?

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Prob. $1/(2\delta + 1)$.

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Issues with soundness

- To achieve negligible (knowledge) soundness, one needs $\delta = \exp(\lambda)$.
- But since $\delta \ll q$, the modulus q has to be exponential as well!



- To overcome this limitation, we use polynomial rings (large challenge space of “short” elements)
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Exercise:

Let $q = 7$ and $d = 4$. Compute $(X^3 + 4X) \cdot (3X^2 - 1)$ over R_q .

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$$\begin{aligned} (X^3 + 4X) \cdot (3X^2 - 1) &= 3X^5 - X^3 + 12X^3 - 4X \\ &= -3X - 11X^3 - 4X \pmod{X^4 + 1} = 3X^3 \pmod{(X^4 + 1, 7)} \end{aligned}$$

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- Let $a = a_0 + a_1X + \dots + a_{d-1}X^{d-1} \in R_q$. Then $\|a\| = \max_i |a_i|$.
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• Proof: Note that

$$\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} a_i X^i \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{d-1} b_j X^j \right) = \sum_{i,j} a_i b_j X^{i+j}$$

Hence, the k -th coefficient of ab has absolute value

$$|\sum_{i+j=k \pmod d} \pm a_i b_j| \leq \sqrt{\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} a_i^2 \right) \left(\sum_{j=0}^{d-1} b_j^2 \right)} \leq \sqrt{d^2 \|a\|^2 \cdot \|b\|^2}.$$

Lattice-based cryptography

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Denote
 $S_\beta := \{x \in R_q : \|x\| \leq \beta\}$

Vector \mathbf{s} has
polynomials with
coefficients
e.g. $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

Equation over
ring R_q

Schnorr in the polynomial ring setting

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$A, s,$

We manage to defend from simple cheating strategies. But how to **prove** knowledge soundness?

$$y \leftarrow S_\alpha^m$$

$$w = Ay$$

$$z = y + cs$$

short

w

c

z



Size of the challenge set is $(2\delta + 1)^d$. For $d = O(\lambda)$, that's exponential!

$$c \leftarrow S_\delta$$

$$\text{Check } Az = w + cu$$

$$\text{Check } ||z|| \leq \alpha + d\beta\delta$$

Security proof

Knowledge Soundness

- Parameter δ

(Honest-Verifier) Zero-Knowledge

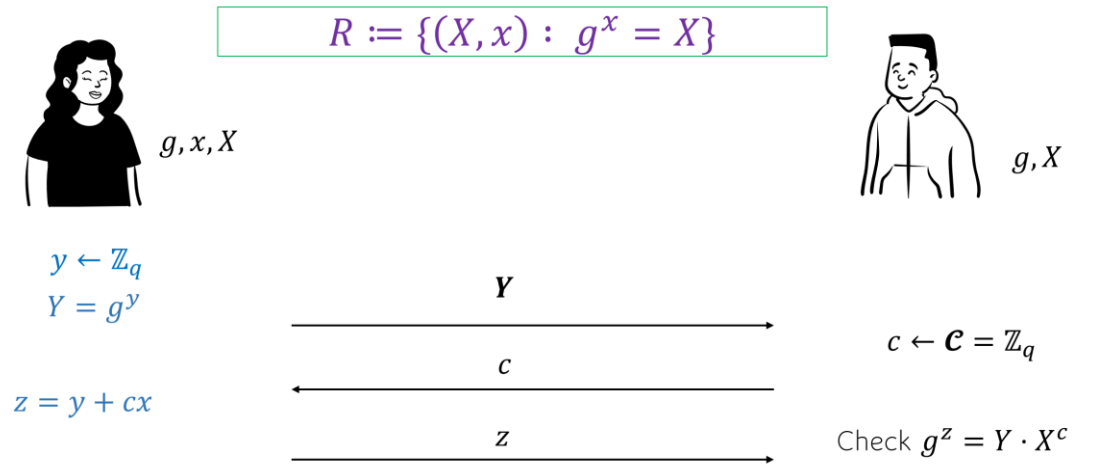
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Towards knowledge soundness

- Special-soundness: given two **valid transcripts** (Y, c, z) and (Y, c', z') for $c \neq c'$, one can extract x^* s.t. $(X, x^*) \in R$.

- Indeed, we know
 - $g^z = Y \cdot X^c$ and $g^{z'} = Y \cdot X^{c'}$
 - Thus $g^{\frac{z-z'}{c-c'}} = X$. Set $x^* = \frac{z-z'}{c-c'}$.

Schnorr ID protocol



Why is special-soundness cool?

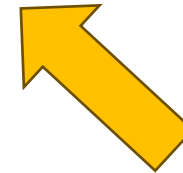


Suppose this (deterministic)
cheating prover can convince
the verifier with probability
 $\epsilon > 1/|C|$.

c_1	c_2	c_3			c_i				$c_{ C }$
0	1	0	0/1	0

- Extraction strategy:

- Sample a random $c_i \leftarrow C$
- If the adversary fails for c_i , abort
- Let (Y, c_i, z_i) be a valid transcript. Do:
 - sample a random $c_j \leftarrow C \setminus \{c_i\}$
 - While (Y, c_j, z_j) is not a valid transcript
- Return (Y, c_i, z_i) and (Y, c_j, z_j)



We write **1** if the adversary
succeeds on challenge c_i and
0 otherwise

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Expected running time T :

$$E[T] = E[T|success] \cdot \Pr[success] + E[T|\neg success] \cdot \Pr[\neg success]$$

$$\leq \left(1 + \frac{|C| - 1}{\epsilon|C| - 1}\right) \cdot \epsilon + 1 \cdot (1 - \epsilon)$$

$$\leq 1 + \left(\frac{|C| - 1}{\epsilon|C| - 1}\right) \cdot \epsilon \leq 2$$

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Success probability:

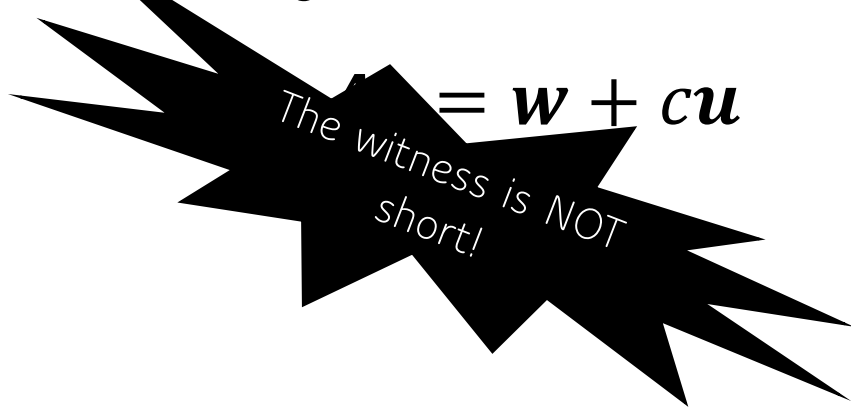
If $\epsilon > 1/|\mathcal{C}|$, there must be at least two 1s. So:

$$\Pr[E] = \epsilon$$

Special-soundness in the lattice setting

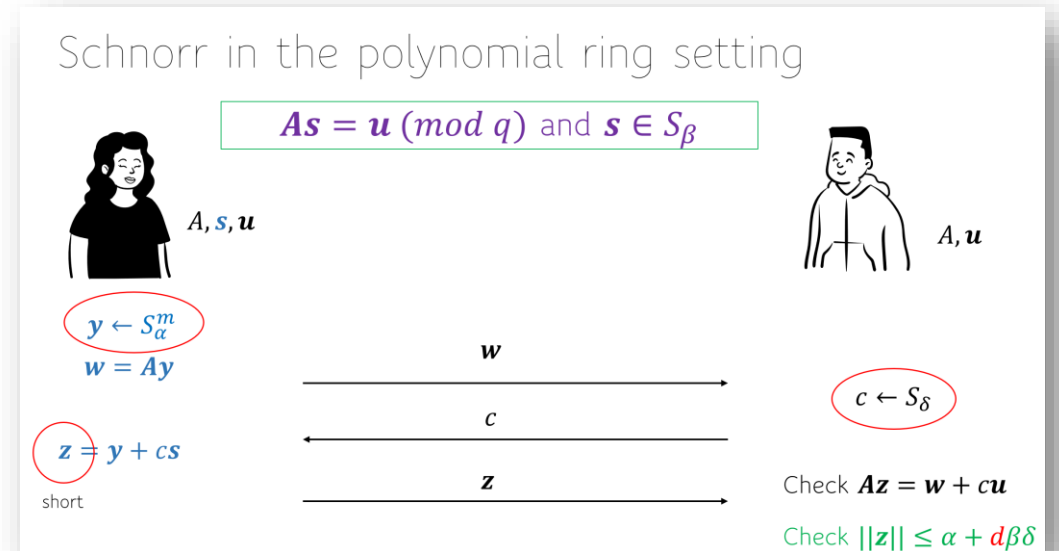
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- Let's try:



$$A \left(\frac{z - z'}{c - c'} \right) = u$$

- $Az' = w + c'u$

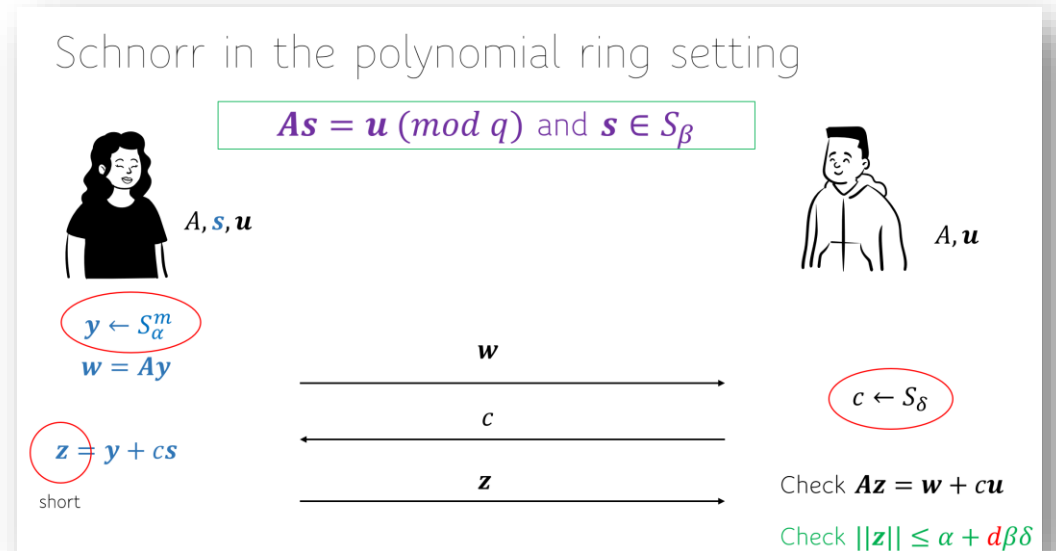


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- So what do we have?

$$\bullet \underbrace{\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}')}_{\text{short}} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}')\mathbf{u}}_{\text{short}}$$



Relaxed relation:

$$R^* := \{((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), (\mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{c}^*)): \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}^* = \mathbf{c}^*\mathbf{u} \pmod{q}, \mathbf{s}^* \in S_{2(\alpha+d\beta\delta)}, \mathbf{c}^* \in S_{2\delta}\}$$

Special soundness summary

- We don't manage to extract the exact witness $\mathbf{s} \in S_\beta$
- Instead, we only get (\mathbf{s}^*, c^*) s.t. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}^* = c^*\mathbf{u} \pmod{q}$, $\mathbf{s}^* \in S_{2(\alpha+d\beta\delta)}$,
 $c^* \in S_{2\delta}$
- Actually, this relaxation is fine for signatures!



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So, intuitively we want to say that our **candidate** witness is $\mathbf{s} := \mathbf{s}^*/c^*$.

But first, is it well-defined?

For $q \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, a non-zero element $c \in S_{\sqrt{q/2}}$ is invertible over R_q .

But \mathbf{s} is not short, right?

But maybe there is still something meaningful...

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Lemma: Suppose there are two (\mathbf{s}_0^*, c_0^*) and (\mathbf{s}_1^*, c_1^*) which satisfy the above. Then, under the Module-SIS assumption,

$$\mathbf{s} := \frac{\mathbf{s}_0^*}{c_0^*} = \frac{\mathbf{s}_1^*}{c_1^*}$$

Proof sketch: $\mathbf{0} = c_0^*c_1^*\mathbf{u} - c_1^*c_0^*\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}(c_0^*\mathbf{s}_1^* - c_1^*\mathbf{s}_0^*)$

Short!

Security proof

Knowledge Soundness

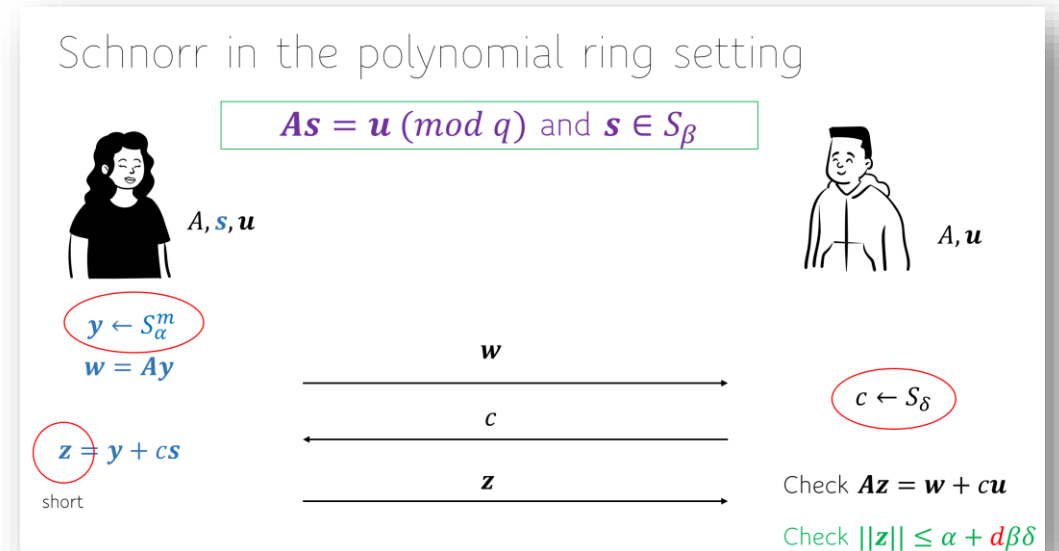
- Parameter δ

(Honest-Verifier) Zero-Knowledge

- Parameter α

Honest-verifier zero-knowledge

- Zero-knowledge: no information about \mathbf{s} is leaked.
- Is it the case here?

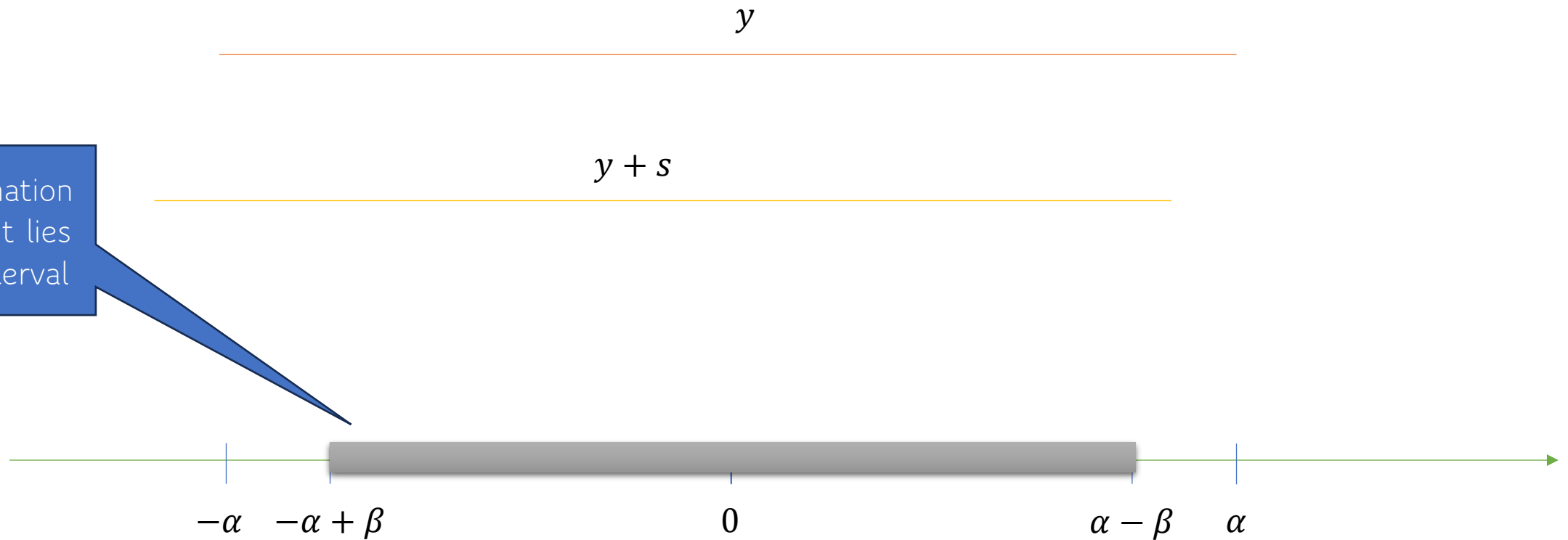


- Simple exercise.
- Let $\mathbf{s} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ and $\mathbf{y} \in [-100, 100]$ be hidden. I reveal $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{s}$.
- If $\mathbf{z} = 101$, what can we deduce?
- If $\mathbf{z} = 100$, what can we deduce?
- If $\mathbf{z} = 99$, what can we deduce?

Rejection sampling [Lyu09]

- $y \in [-\alpha, \alpha]$
- $s \in [-\beta, \beta]$

No information
leaked if it lies
in this interval



Rejection sampling

$$As = u \pmod{q} \text{ and } s \in S_\beta$$



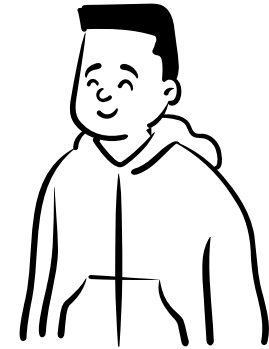
A, s, u

$$y \leftarrow S_\alpha^m$$

$$w = Ay$$

$$z = y + cs$$

If $\|z\| > \alpha - d\beta\delta$, reject

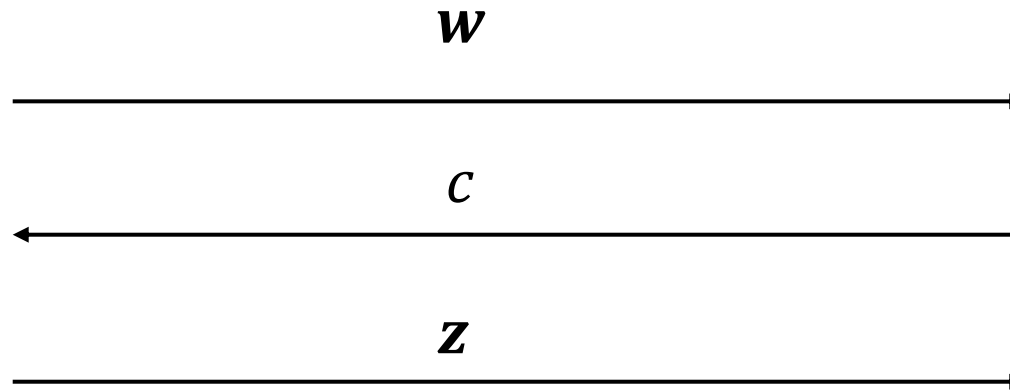


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$$c \leftarrow S_\delta$$

Check $Az = w + cu$

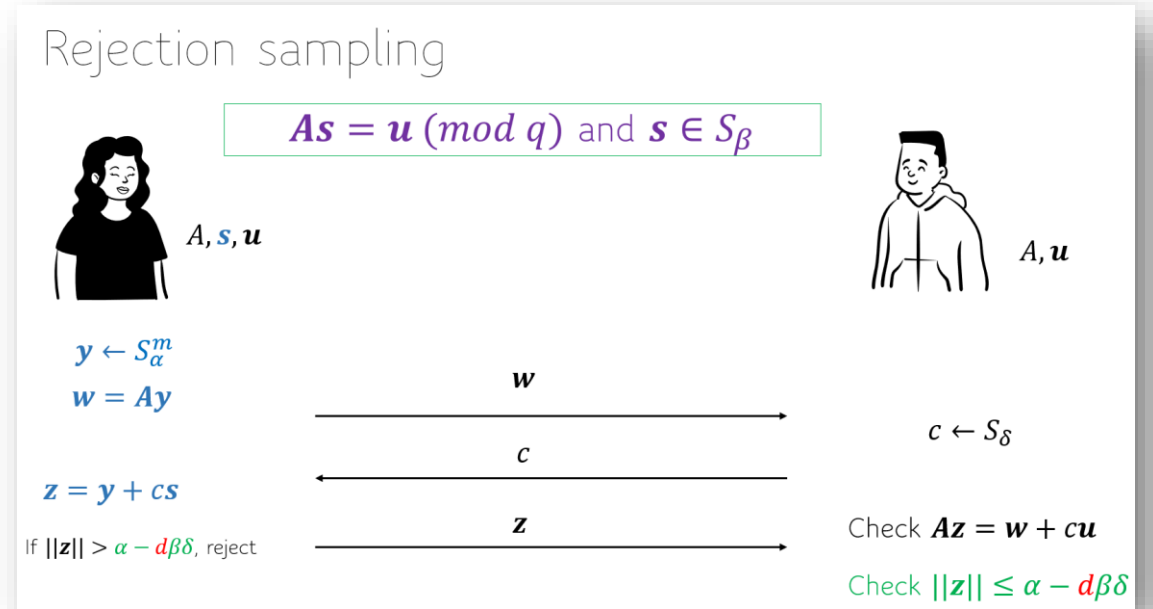
Check $\|z\| \leq \alpha - d\beta\delta$



What's the probability of not rejecting?

If $\|y\| \leq \alpha - 2d\beta\delta$, we're safe for sure.

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{2(\alpha - 2d\beta\delta) - 1}{2\alpha - 1} \right)^{md} &= \left(1 - \frac{4d\beta\delta}{2\alpha - 1} \right)^{md} \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2d\beta\delta}{\alpha - 1/2} \right)^{\frac{\alpha - 1/2}{2d\beta\delta} \cdot \frac{2d\beta\delta}{\alpha - 1/2} md} \\ &\approx \exp\left(-\frac{2d\beta\delta md}{\alpha}\right) \\ &\approx \exp(-1) \quad \text{for } \alpha \geq 2d^2\beta\delta m. \end{aligned}$$



(Non-abort)Honest-verifier zero-knowledge

- Zero-knowledge: no information about \mathbf{s} is leaked. In other words, one can **simulate** a valid (non-aborting) transcript.

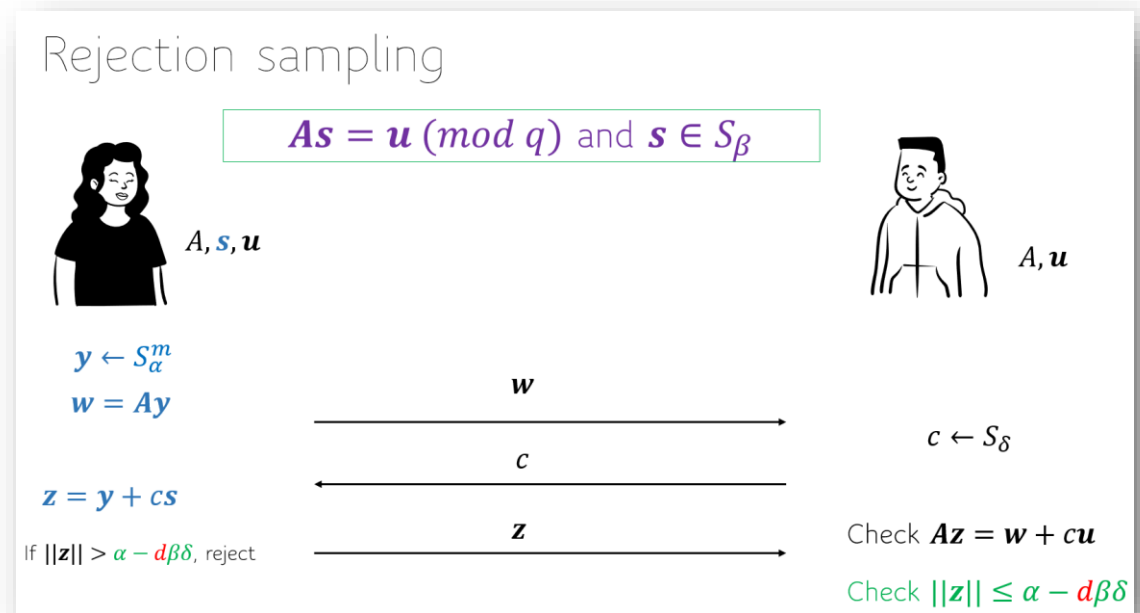
Lemma: Distribution of \mathbf{z} is uniform.

Proof: Note that for any value $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{S}_{\alpha - d\beta\delta}$ we have

$$\Pr[\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{x}] = \Pr[\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{x} - c\mathbf{s}] = \left(\frac{1}{2\alpha - 1}\right)^{md}.$$

We simulate the valid non-aborting transcript as follows.

1. $\mathbf{z} \leftarrow [\alpha - d\beta\delta, \alpha + d\beta\delta]$
2. $c \leftarrow S_\delta$
3. $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{Az} - c\mathbf{u}$.
4. Output $(\mathbf{w}, c, \mathbf{z})$.



Security proof

Knowledge Soundness

- Parameter δ to make sure $|C| = (2\delta + 1)^d$ is exponential

(Honest-Verifier) Zero-Knowledge

- Parameter $\alpha \geq 2d^2\beta\delta m$ to ensure the probability of non-rejection to be $1/3$

Fiat-Shamir transformation

- Let $H: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow S_\delta$ be a hash function.

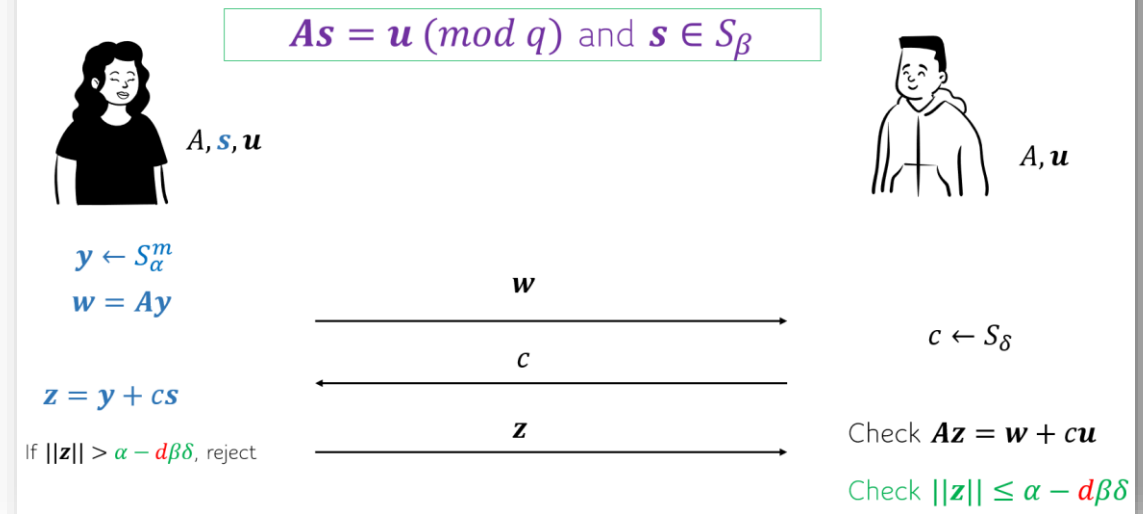
- We obtain a *non-interactive proof* as follows.

1. $y \leftarrow S_\alpha^m$
2. $w = Ay$
3. $c = H((A, u), w)$
4. $z = y + cs$
5. If $\|z\| > \alpha - d\beta\delta$, restart
6. Output $\pi = (w, z)$.

To verify $\pi = (w, z)$, check:

1. $\|z\| \leq \alpha - d\beta\delta$ and $Az = w + cu$ where $c = H((A, u), w)$

Rejection sampling



Proof size: $n + m$ ring elements

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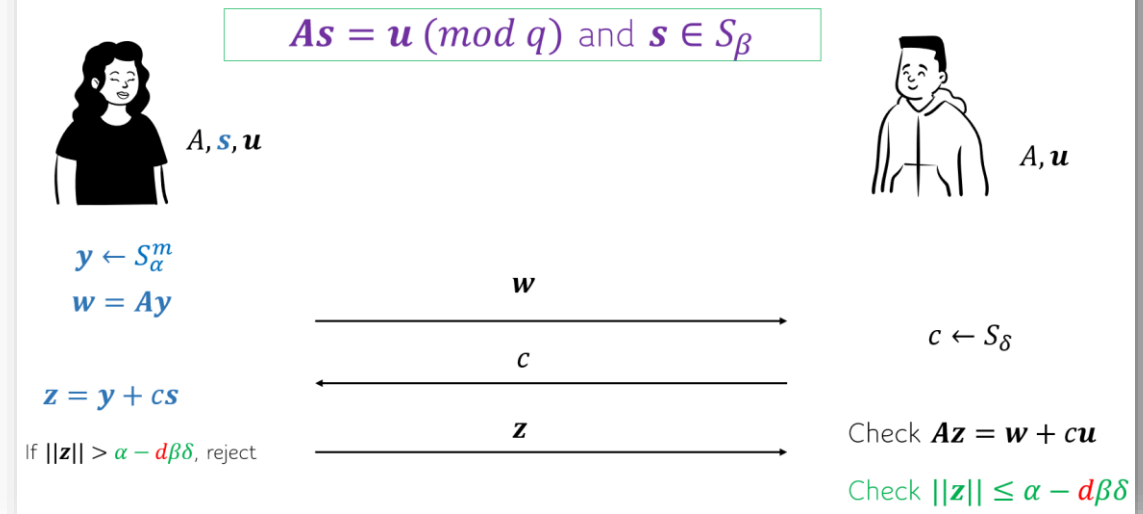
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Rejection sampling



Proof size: $1 + m$ ring elements

Zero-knowledge in ROM

- No efficient adversary can distinguish between valid proofs and simulated proofs

Simulate:

1. $\mathbf{z} \leftarrow [\alpha - d\beta\delta, \alpha + d\beta\delta]$
2. $c \leftarrow S_\delta$
3. $\mathbf{w} := \mathbf{A}\mathbf{z} - c\mathbf{u}$.
4. Program $H((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), \mathbf{w}) := c$
5. Output $\pi := (c, \mathbf{z})$.

Simple entropy argument to show that we will never “overwrite” the random oracle

Fiat-Shamir transformation

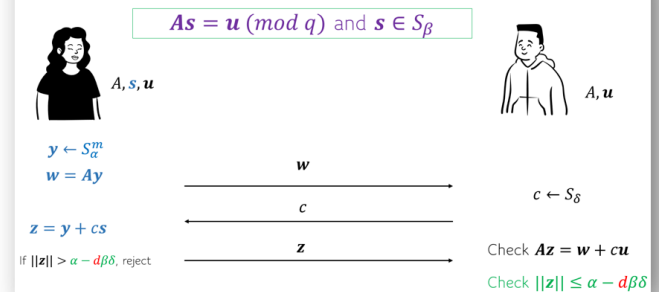
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Overview



MOTIVATION ON ZERO-
KNOWLEDGE PROOFS
(ZKP) AND SNARKS



SIMPLE EXAMPLE



ZKP FOR LATTICE
RELATED STATEMENTS



APPLICATIONS TO
SIGNATURE SCHEMES
(DILITHIUM)

From an ID-protocol to a FSwA signature

KeyGen:

$\text{sk} := \mathbf{s} \leftarrow S_\beta$

$\text{pk} := \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$

Sign(sk, m):

1. $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow S_\alpha^m$

2. $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$

3. $\mathbf{c} = H((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{m})$

4. $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c}\mathbf{s}$

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Verify(pk, m, $\pi = (\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{z})$):

Return 1 if all the following hold:

1. $\|\mathbf{z}\| \leq \alpha - d\beta\delta$

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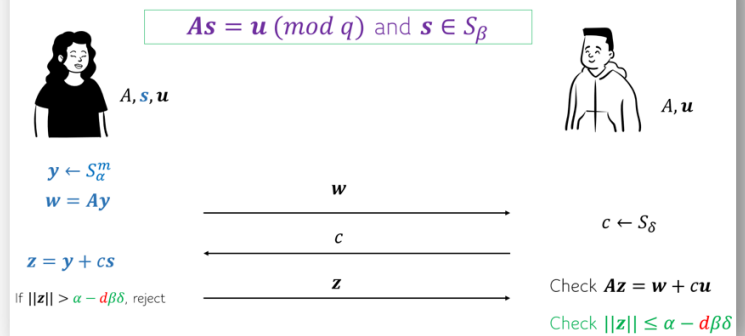
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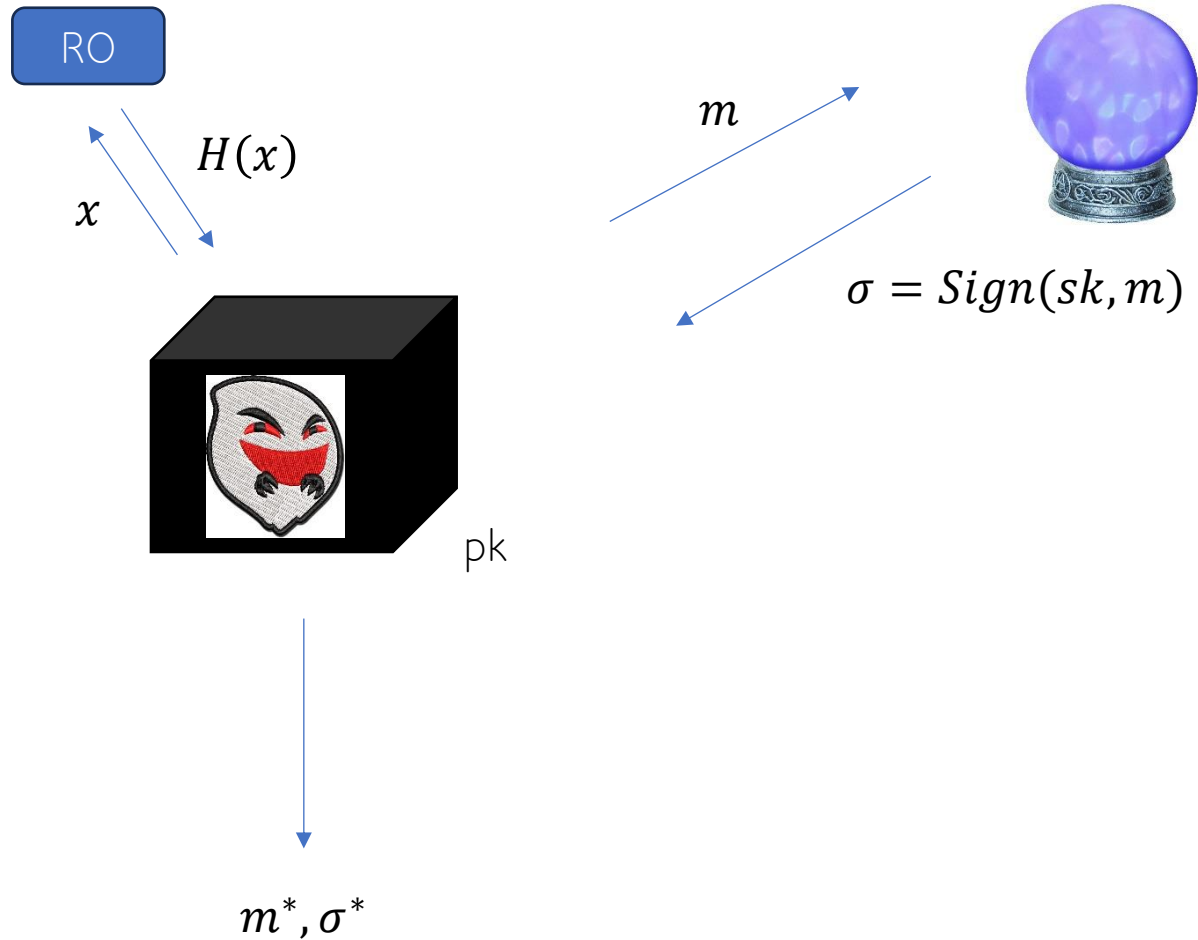
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Rejection sampling



Proof size: $1 + m$ ring elements

sEUF-CMA security in the ROM



Assumptions:

- Adversary makes q_H RO queries (no duplicates)
- Adv makes q_S signing queries

Adversary wins if

$$\text{Ver}(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$$

and (m^*, σ^*) does not belong to the query/answer set

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We need to argue
 $(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}') \neq (c - c')\mathbf{s}$

The only information known to the adversary about \mathbf{s} is $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$

Lemma: For any $\mathbf{A} \in R_q^{n \times m}$, where $m \geq 2n \log q / \log(2\beta + 1)$, for $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow S_\beta^m$, with probability $1 - 2^{-d}$ there exists another $\mathbf{s}' \in S_\beta^m$ s.t. $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}'$.

Proof: $\mathbf{A}: R_q^m \rightarrow R_q^n$ can be thought of as a linear transformation whose range has size q^{nd} .

Thus, there are at most q^{nd} elements in S_β^m which do not collide with any other element in S_β^m by the pigeonhole principle.

Hence, the probability of \mathbf{s} being such an element is bounded by

$$\frac{q^{nd}}{(2\beta+1)^{md}} = \left(\frac{q^n}{(2\beta+1)^m} \right)^d \leq 2^{-d}.$$

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- Step 4: deduce that with non-negligible probability $(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}') - (c - c')\mathbf{s} \neq \mathbf{0}$

Towards Dilithium [DKL+18]

- CRYSTALS-Dilithium is a “Fiat-Shamir with Aborts” signature scheme standardised by NIST
- The scheme applies various (low-order bit) compression
- No forking required, relies on a tailored assumption, SelfTargetMSIS
- Smarter parameter selection and analysis

Further Discussion

- Rejection sampling using Discrete Gaussians [Lyu12]
- Removing rejection sampling (to avoid side-channel attacks),
Raccoon [KRPP24], G+G [DPS23]
- Rejection sampling for FSwA – technical issues [BBDD+23, DFPS23]

Thank you!