

CIS 5560

Cryptography Lecture 20

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Recap of last lecture

New primitive: Digital Signatures

Digital Signatures: Definition

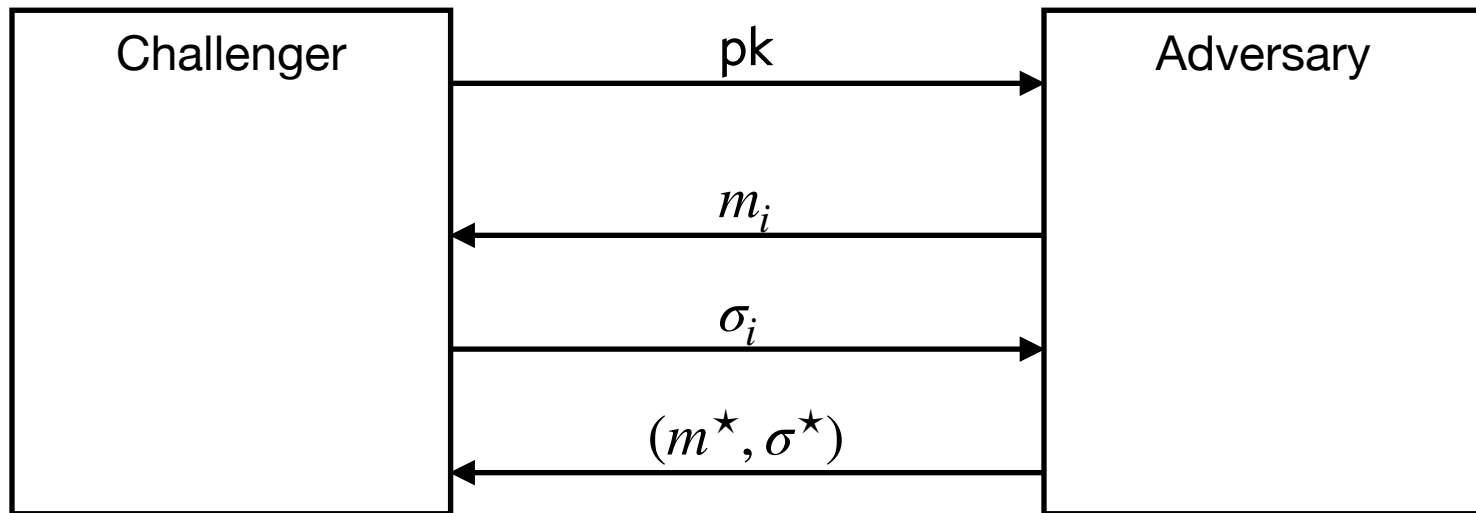
A triple of PPT algorithms (Gen, Sign, Verify) such that

- Key generation: $\text{Gen}(1^n) \rightarrow (\text{sk}, \text{pk})$
- Message signing: $\text{Sign}(\text{sk}, m) \rightarrow \sigma$
- Signature verification: $\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma) \rightarrow b \in \{0,1\}$

Correctness: For all vk, sk, m:

$$\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m, \text{Sign}(\text{sk}, m)) = 1$$

EUF-CMA for Signatures



$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{c} m^* \notin \{m_i\} \\ \text{and} \\ \text{Verify}(pk, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1 \end{array} \right] = \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Lamport (One-time) Signatures for arbitrary bits

Secret Key sk :
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{1,0} & x_{2,0} & \dots & x_{n,0} \\ x_{1,1} & x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{n,1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Public Key pk :
$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{1,0} & y_{2,0} & \dots & y_{n,0} \\ y_{1,1} & y_{2,1} & \dots & y_{n,1} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{where } y_{i,b} = f(x_{i,b}).$$

Signing m :
1. $z := H(m)$
2. $\sigma = (x_{1,z_1}, x_{2,z_2}, \dots, x_{n,z_n})$

Claim: Assuming H is CRH and f is a OWF, no PPT adv can produce a signature of m given a signature of a single $m' \neq m$.

Claim: Can forge signature on any message given the signatures on (some) two messages.

(Many-time) Signature Scheme

In four+ steps

Step 1. Stateful, Growing Signatures. Idea: Signature **Chains**

Step 2. How to Shrink the signatures. Idea: Signature **Trees**

Step 3. How to Shrink Alice's storage.

Idea: **Pseudorandom Trees**

Step 4. How to make Alice stateless.

Idea: **Randomization**

Step 5 (*optional*). How to make Alice stateless and deterministic. Idea: **PRFs**.

Today's lecture

- RSA Signatures
- Proof systems
 - What is a proof?
 - Interactive Proofs
 - *Zero-knowledge* interactive proofs

“Vanilla” RSA Signatures

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Attack: Pick a random σ and output $(m = \sigma^e, \sigma)$ as the forgery.

Problem: Malleable!

Attack: Given a signature of m , you can produce a signature of $2^e * m, 3^e * m, \dots, m^2, m^3, \dots$

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Fundamental Issues:

1. Can “reverse-engineer” the message starting from the signature (Attack 1)
2. Algebraic structure allows malleability (Attack 2)

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So, what is H? Some very complicated “hash” function.

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H should be at least one-way to prevent Attack #1.

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**Hard to “algebraically manipulate” $H(m)$ into $H(\text{related } m)$.
(to prevent Attack #2.)**

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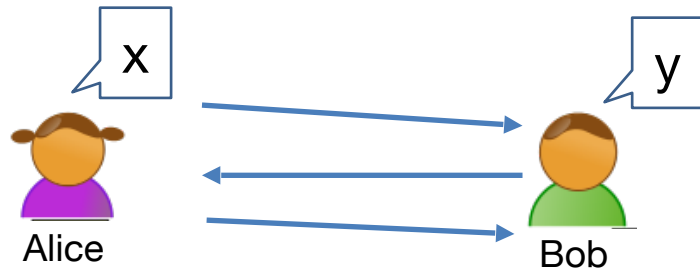
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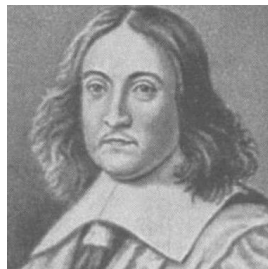
Beyond Secure Communication



Much more than communicating securely.

- Complex Interactions: **proofs**, computations, games.
- Complex Adversaries: Alice or Bob, adaptively chosen.
- Complex Properties: Correctness, Privacy, Fairness.
- Many Parties: this class, Penn students, the internet.

Classical Proofs



Carl Friedrich Gauss.

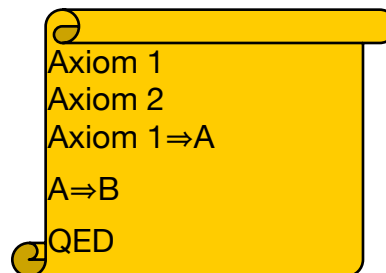
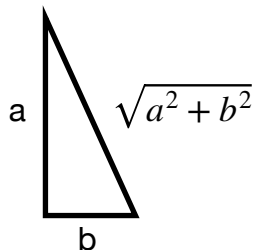


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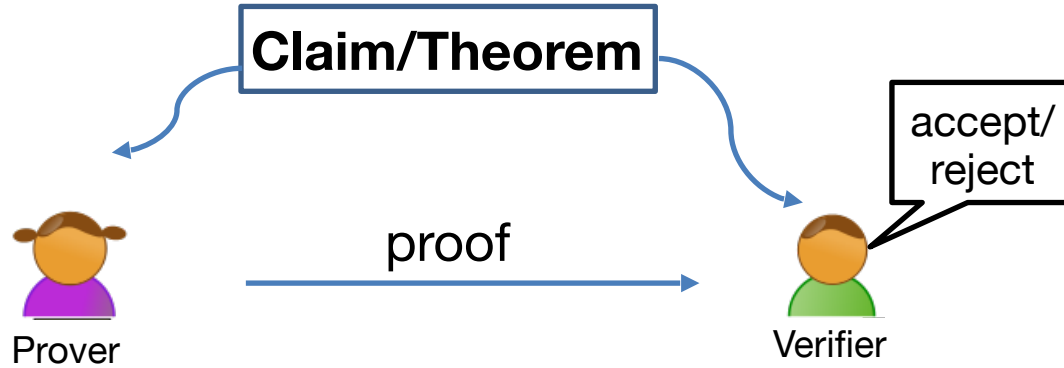


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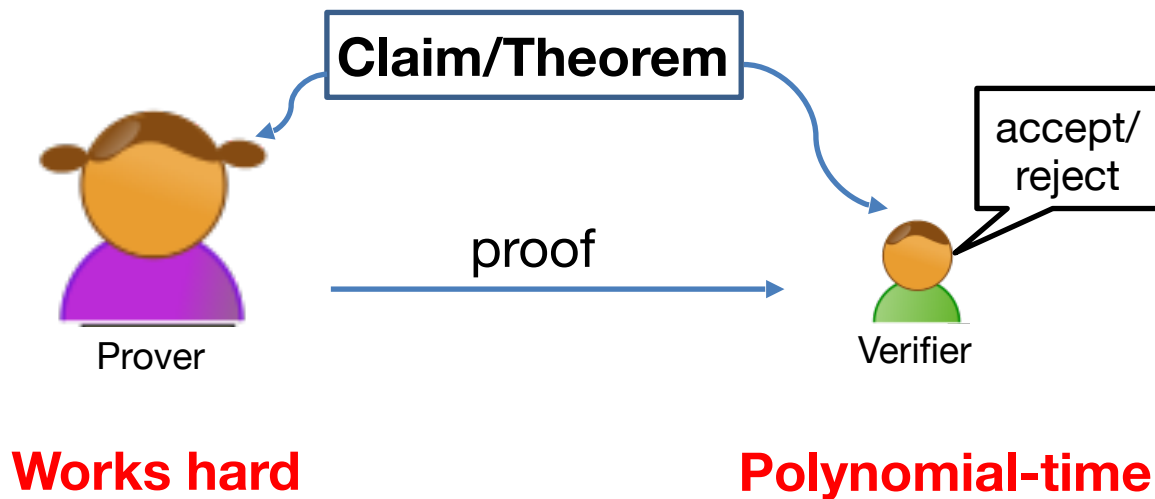
Prover writes down a string (proof); Verifier checks.



Proofs



Efficiently Verifiable Proofs: NP



Theorem: N is a product of two prime numbers



Prover

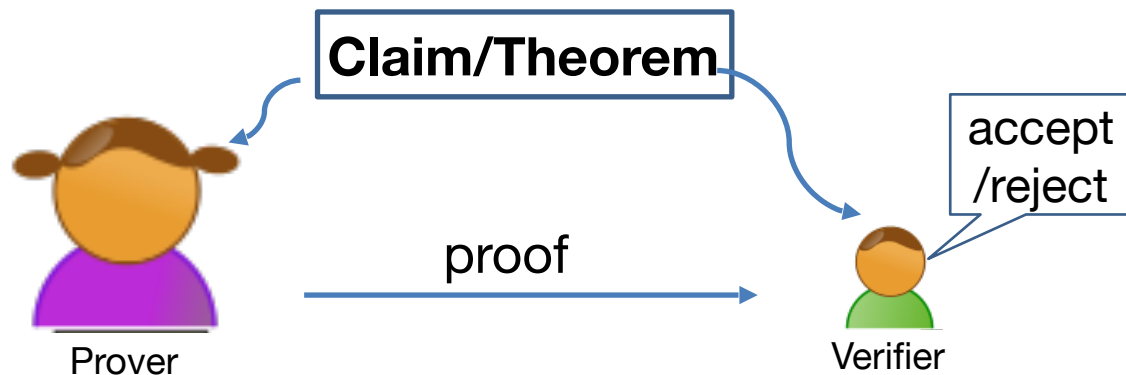
Proof = (P, Q)



Verifier

Accept *iff* $N = PQ$
and P, Q are prime

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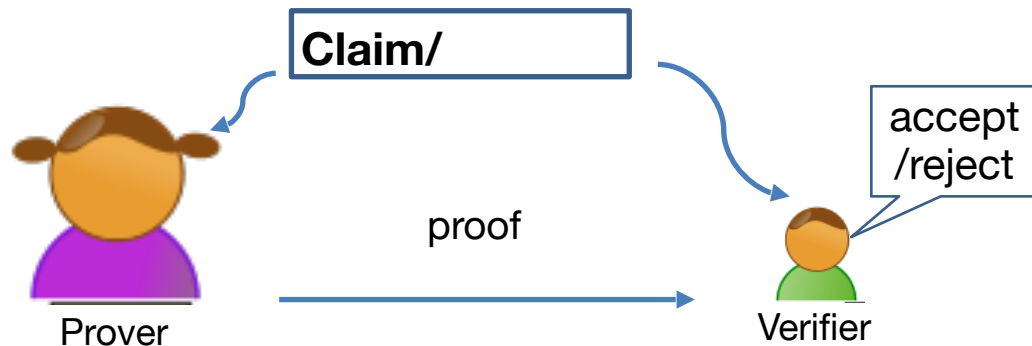


Works hard

Polynomial-time

Def: A language/decision procedure \mathcal{L} is simply a set of strings. So, $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \{0,1\}^*$.

Efficiently Verifiable Proofs: NP



Def: \mathcal{L} is an NP-language if there is a **poly-time** verifier V where

- **Completeness: True theorems have (short) proofs.**

for all $x \in \mathcal{L}$, there is a **poly($|x|$)-long** witness (proof) $w \in \{0,1\}^*$ s.t. $V(x, w) = 1$.

- **Soundness: False theorems have no short proofs.**

for all $x \notin \mathcal{L}$, there is no witness.

That is, for all polynomially long w , $V(x, w) = 0$.

Theorem: N is a product of two prime numbers



Prover

Proof = (P, Q)



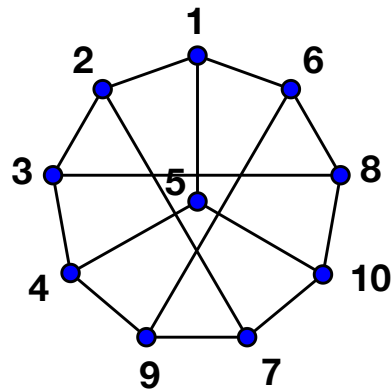
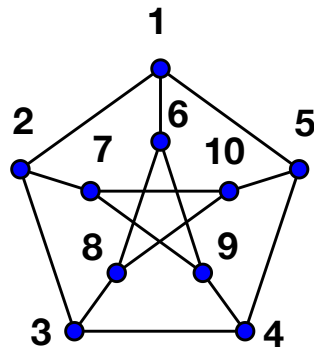
Verifier

Accept *iff* $N = PQ$
and P, Q are prime

After interaction, the Verifier knows:

- 1) N is a product of two primes.
- 2) Also, the two factors of N .

Theorem: Graphs G_0 and G_1 are isomorphic.



Prover

Proof $\pi : [N] \rightarrow [N]$,

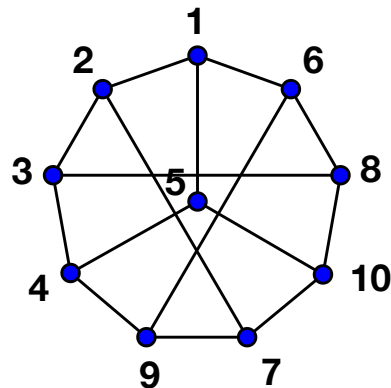
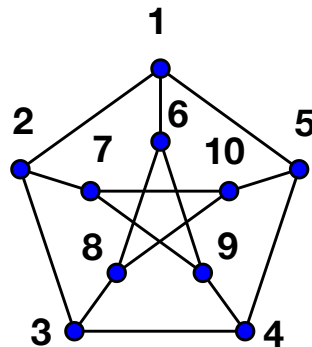
the isomorphism



Verifier

Check $\forall i, j$:
 $(\pi(i), \pi(j)) \in E_1$
iff $(i, j) \in E_0$.

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Verifier

After interaction, Bob the Verifier knows:

1) G_0 and G_1 are isomorphic.

2) **Also**, the isomorphism.

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Theorem: Boolean Formula φ is satisfiable

$$\phi(X_1, \dots, X_N) := (X_1 \vee X_3 \vee X_N) \wedge \dots \wedge (X_5 \vee X_{N-5} \vee X_{10})$$



Prover

Proof = Satisfying assignment

(x_0, \dots, x_n)



Verifier

Check $\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$

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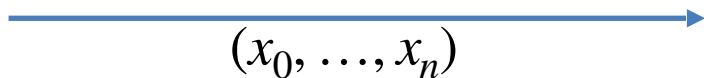
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NP-Complete Problem:

Every one of the other problems can be reduced to it

Is there any other way?

Zero Knowledge Proofs



Prover

“I will prove to you that I could’ve sent you a proof if I felt like it.”



Micali



Goldwasser



Rackoff

Zero Knowledge Proofs



Prover

“I will not give you the isomorphism, but will prove to you that I could have one.”



Micali



Goldwasser



Rackoff

Two (Necessary) New Ingredients

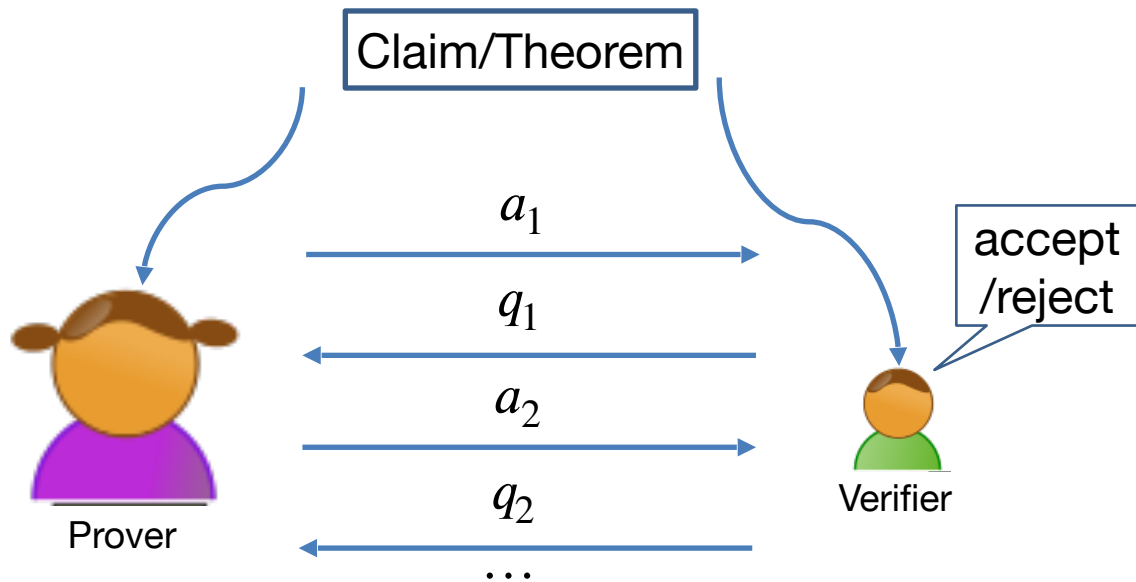
1. **Interaction:** Rather than passively reading the proof, the verifier engages in a conversation with the prover.

2. **Randomness:** The verifier is randomized and can make a mistake with a (exponentially small) probability.



Marker example

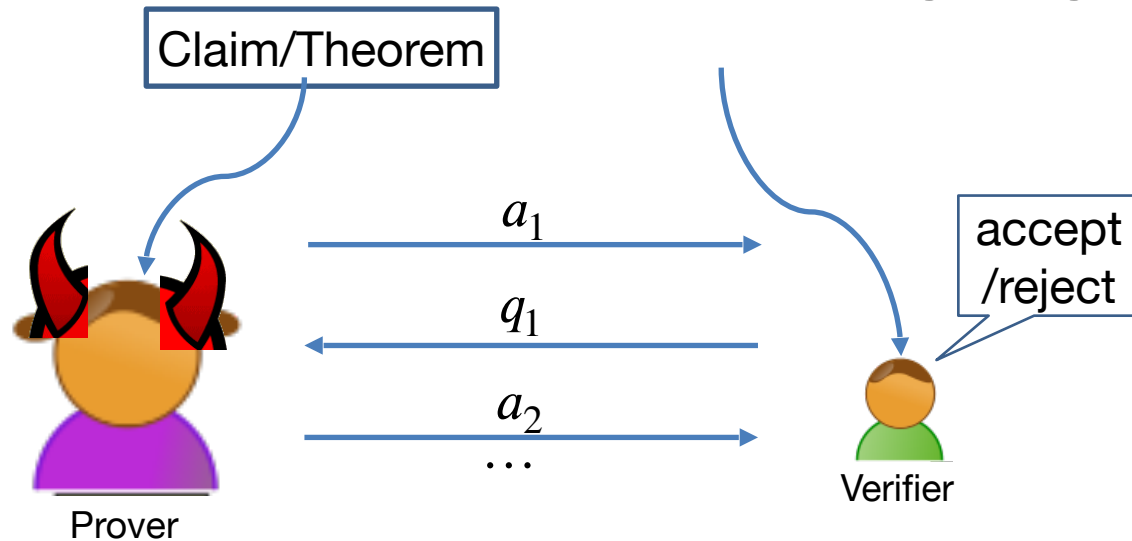
Interactive Proofs for a Language \mathcal{L}



Comp. Unbounded

Probabilistic
Polynomial-time

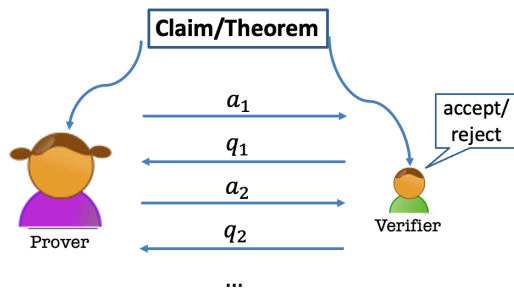
Interactive Proofs for a Language \mathcal{L}



Def: \mathcal{L} is an IP-language if there is a unbounded P and **probabilistic poly-time** verifier \underline{V} where

- **Completeness:** If $x \in \mathcal{L}$, V always accepts.
- **Soundness:** If $x \notin \mathcal{L}$, **regardless of the cheating prover strategy**, V accepts with negligible probability.

Interactive Proofs for a Language \mathcal{L}



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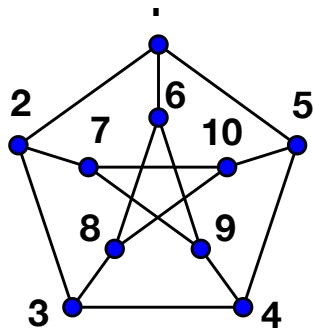
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$$\Pr[(P, V)(x) = \text{accept}] = 1.$$

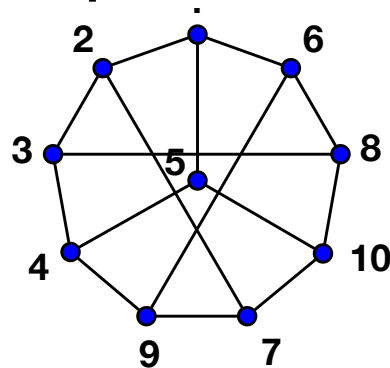
- **Soundness:** If $x \notin \mathcal{L}$, there is a negligible function negl s.t. for every P^* ,

$$\Pr[(P^*, V)(x) = \text{accept}] = \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

IP for Graph Isomorphism



Graph G



Graph H

$$\mathbf{H} = \pi(\mathbf{G})$$

$$K = \rho(\mathbf{G})$$

where ρ is a random permutation



Prover

random challenge bit b



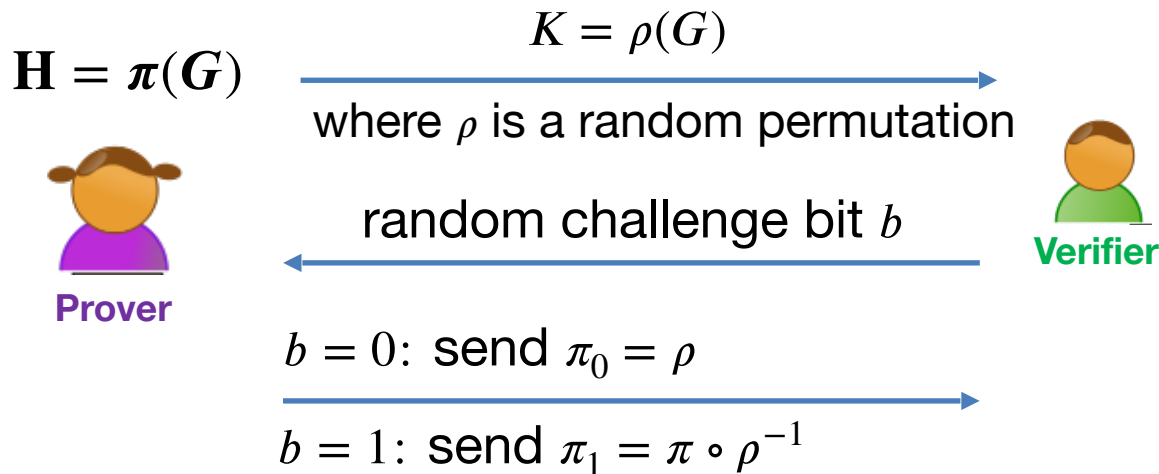
Verifier

$b = 0$: send π_0 s.t. $K = \pi_0(\mathbf{G})$

$b = 1$: send π_1 s.t. $\mathbf{H} = \pi_1(\mathbf{K})$

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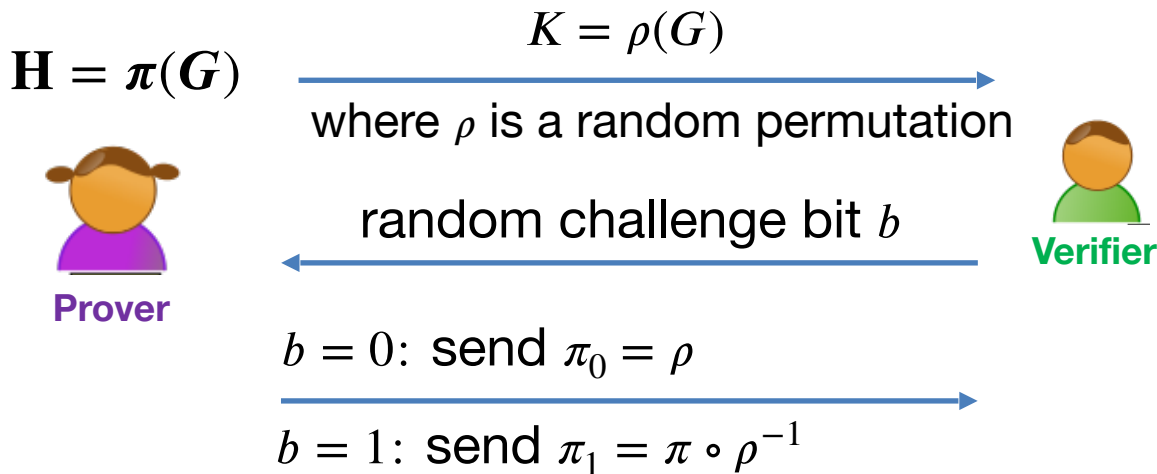
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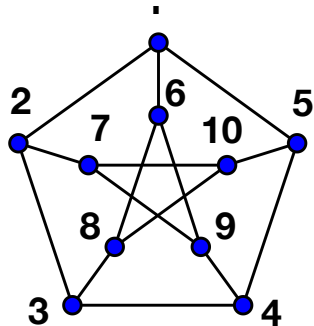
IP for Graph Isomorphism

Soundness: Suppose G and H are non-isomorphic, and a prover could answer both the verifier challenges. Then, $K = \pi_0(G)$ and $H = \pi_1(K)$

In other words, $H = \pi_1 \circ \pi_0(G)$, a contradiction!



IP for Graph *Non*-Isomorphism

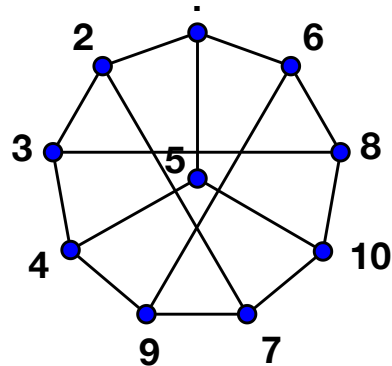


Graph G



Prover

Figure out which
graph K_b is
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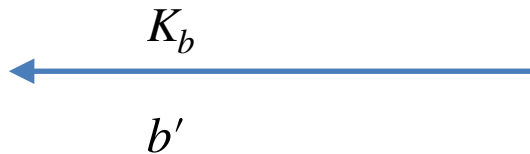


Graph H



Verifier

Sample random permutation ρ
Sample bit b
Set $K_0 = \rho(G)$ and $K_1 = \rho(H)$



Accept if $b = b'$

IP for Graph Non-Isomorphism

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IP for Graph Non-Isomorphism

Soundness: Suppose G and H are isomorphic.

Then K_b is isomorphic to *both graphs*. Prover can't figure out which one it is isomorphic to

So best it can do is guess!



Prover

Figure out which graph K_b is isomorphic to.



Verifier

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IP for Graph Non-Isomorphism

What else does the verifier learn?



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How to Define Zero-Knowledge?

After the interaction, V knows:

- The theorem is true; and
- A **view** of the interaction
(= transcript + randomness of V)

P gives zero knowledge to V :

When the theorem is true, the view gives V nothing that he couldn't have obtained on his own without interacting with P .

How to Define Zero-Knowledge?

(P, V) is zero-knowledge if V can generate his **VIEW** of the interaction **all by himself** in **probabilistic polynomial time**.

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The Simulation Paradigm



sim S
 (s, b, z)

$view_V(P, V)$:
 Transcript = (s, b, z) ,
 Coins = b

PPT “simulator” S



(N, y)

$s = r^2 \pmod{N}$



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



If $b=0$: $z = r$

If $b=1$: $z = rx$



(N, y)



Check:

$z^2 = sy^b \pmod{N}$

Zero Knowledge: Definition

An Interactive Protocol (P, V) is zero-knowledge for a language L if there exists a **PPT** algorithm S (a simulator) such that **for every** $x \in L$, the following two distributions are indistinguishable:

1. $view_V(P, V)$
2. $S(x, 1^\lambda)$

(P, V) is a zero-knowledge interactive protocol if it is complete, sound and zero-knowledge.

Perfect Zero Knowledge: Definition

An Interactive Protocol (P, V) is **perfect zero-knowledge** for a language L if there exists a PPT algorithm S (a simulator) such that for every $x \in L$, the following two distributions are **identical**:

1. $view_V(P, V)$
2. $S(x, 1^\lambda)$

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Computational Zero Knowledge: Definition

An Interactive Protocol (P, V) is **computational zero-knowledge** for a language L if there exists a PPT algorithm S (a simulator) such that for every $x \in L$, the following two distributions are **computationally indistinguishable**:

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2. $S(x, 1^\lambda)$

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What if V is NOT HONEST.

OLD DEF

An Interactive Protocol (P,V) is **honest-verifier** perfect zero-knowledge for a language L if there exists a PPT simulator S such that for every $x \in L$, the following two distributions are identical:

1. $view_V(P, V)$
2. $S(x, 1^\lambda)$

REAL DEF

An Interactive Protocol (P,V) is **perfect zero-knowledge** for a language L if **for every PPT V^*** , there exists a (expected) poly time simulator S s.t. for every $x \in L$, the following two distributions are identical:

1. $view_{V^*}(P, V^*)$
2. $S(x, 1^\lambda)$