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# Lecture 9 – Diffie-Hellman key exchange II, computational aspects

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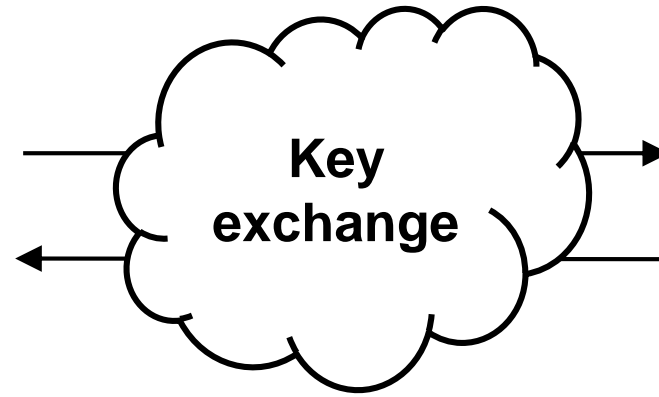
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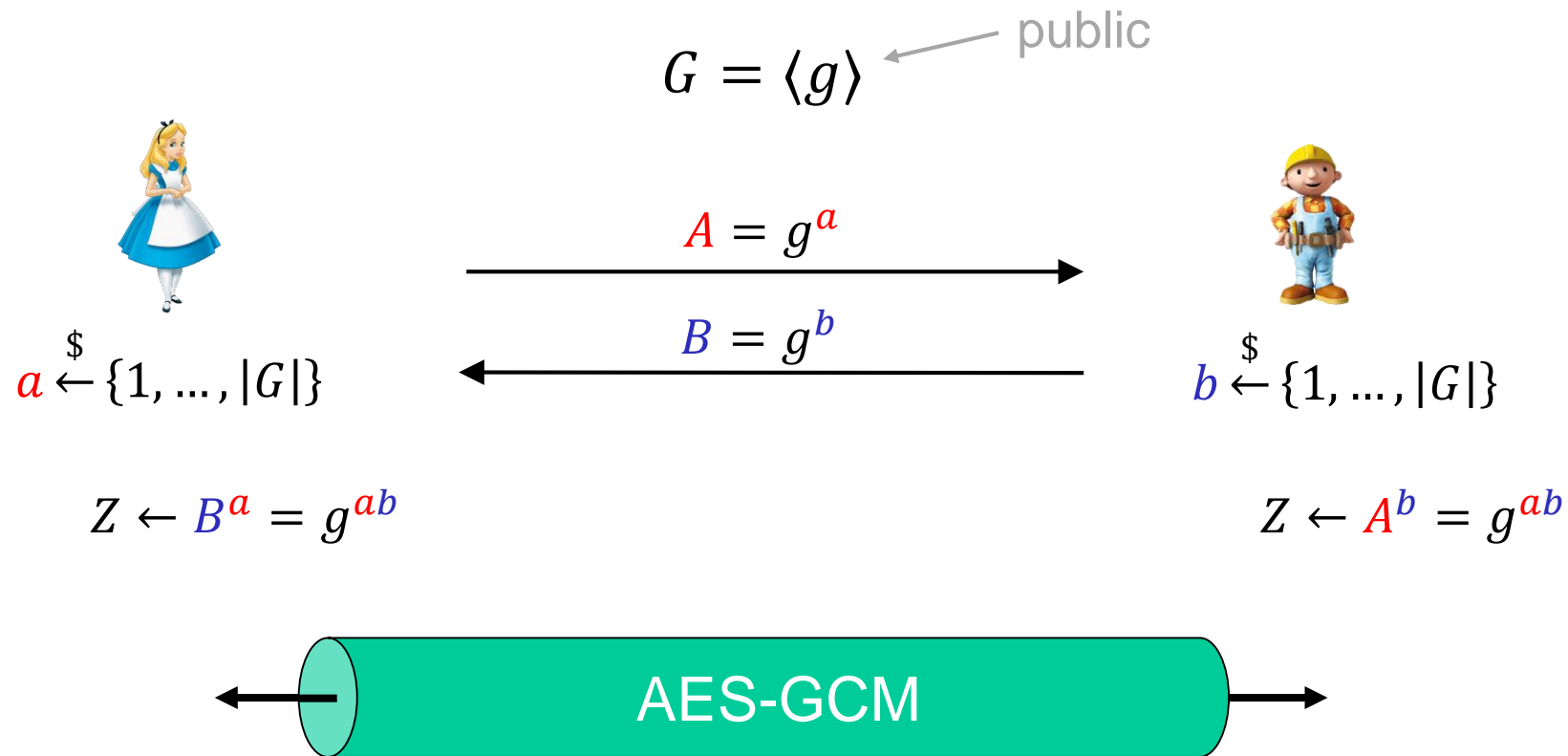
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# Diffie-Hellman

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# Diffie-Hellman



## Examples:

$$G = (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$$

$$G = (E(\mathbf{Z}_p), +)$$

# Why is $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ a group?

- $\mathbf{Z}_p^* = \{1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$
- Associativity ✓  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \pmod p$
- Identity ✓  $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a \pmod p$
- Inverses ?

**Definition:** A group  $(G, \circ)$  ...

- $\mathcal{G}1: (a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$  (associativity)
- $\mathcal{G}2: \exists e \in G: e \circ a = a \circ e = a$  (identity)
- $\mathcal{G}3: \exists a^{-1} \in G: a \circ a^{-1} = a^{-1} \circ a = e$  (inverses)

Given  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$  can we always find  $a^{-1} \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$ ?

Need to solve:  $a \cdot x = 1 \pmod p$

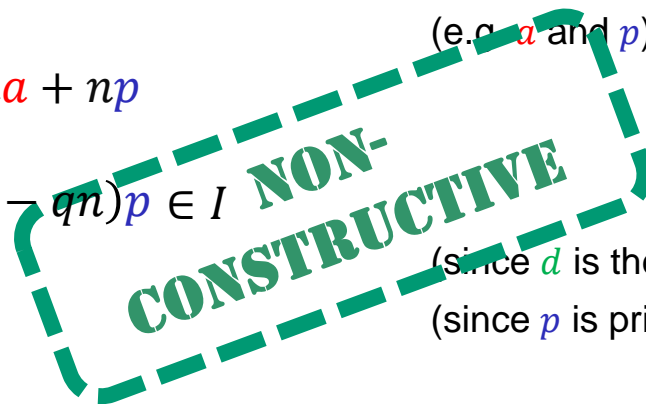
**Claim:**  $\exists m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $ma + np = 1 \implies ma = 1 - np = 1 \pmod p$   
 $\implies a^{-1} = m \pmod p \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$

**Proof:**  $I = \{sa + tp \mid s, t \in \mathbf{Z}\}$

- 1)  $I$  contains a *positive* integer
- 2)  $I$  contains a *smallest* positive integer  $d = ma + np$
- 3)  $p = qd + r \quad 0 \leq r < d$
- 4)  $r = p - qd = p - q(ma + np) = -qma + (1 - qn)p \in I$
- 5)  $r = 0$
- 6)  $p = qd \implies d = 1$
- 7)  $1 = ma + np$

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How to actually find  $a^{-1}$ ?  
 Extended Euclidian Algorithm



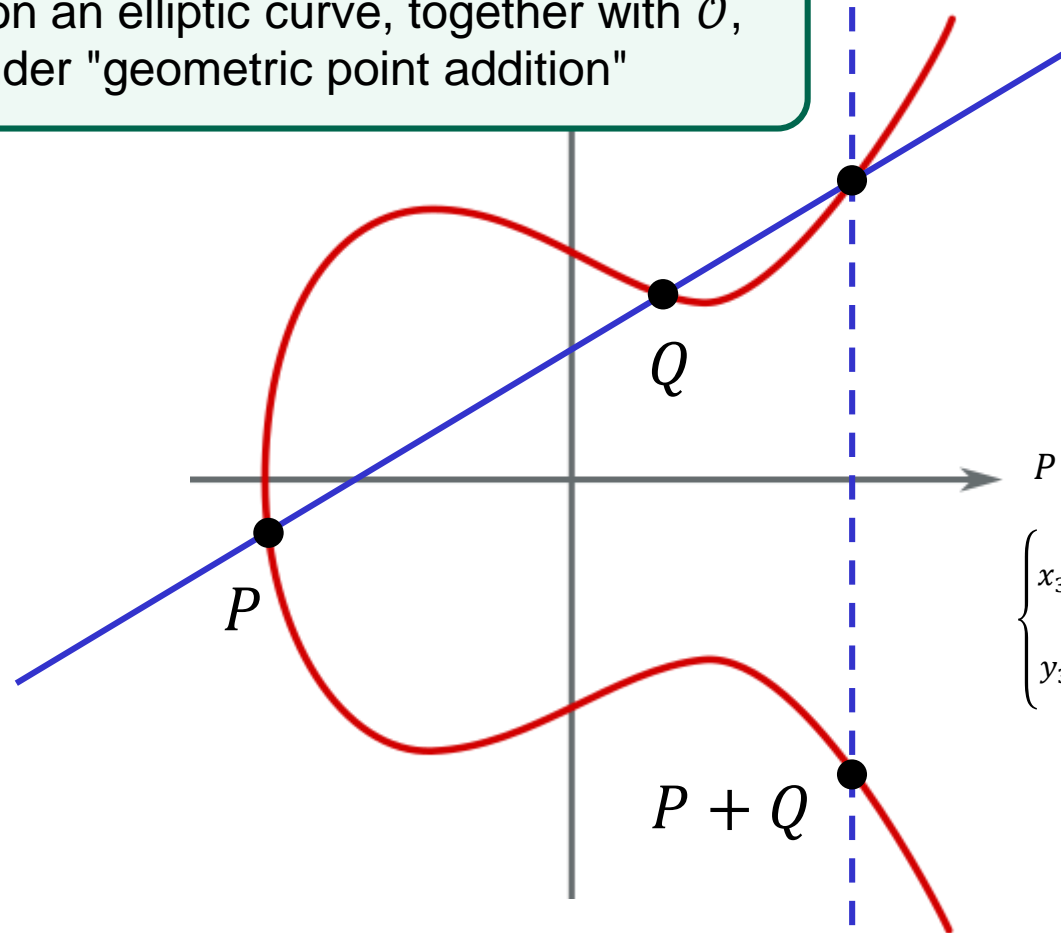
(e.g.  $a$  and  $p$ )

(since  $d$  is the smallest positive integer in  $I$ )

(since  $p$  is prime and  $d \leq a < p$ )

# Elliptic curves

**Theorem:** the points on an elliptic curve, together with  $\mathcal{O}$ , is an abelian group under "geometric point addition"



$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$$

$$a, b, x, y \in \mathbf{Z}_p$$

$$P + Q = (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3)$$

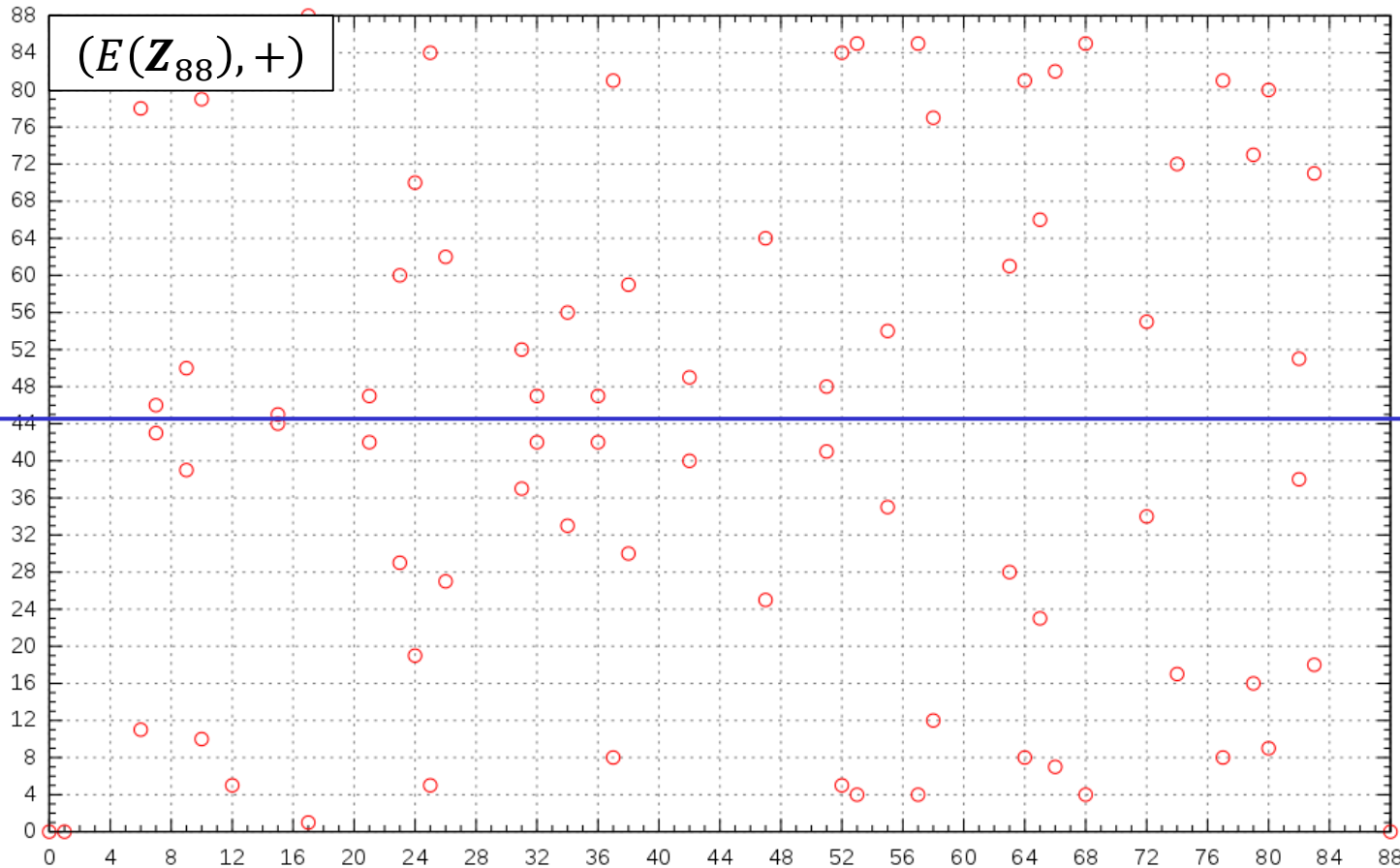
$$\begin{cases} x_3 = \frac{(x_1x_2 - 2a)x_1x_2 - 4b(x_1 + x_2) + a^2}{(x_1x_2 + a)(x_1 + x_2) + 2y_1y_2 + 2b} \\ y_3 = \frac{x_1x_2(x_1 + x_2) - x_3((x_1 + x_2)^2 - x_1x_2 + a) - y_1y_2 - b}{y_1 + y_2} \end{cases}$$

Still valid!

# Elliptic curves over finite fields

**Theorem:** the points on an elliptic curve, together with  $\mathcal{O}$ , is an abelian group under "geometric point addition"

**Notation:**  $(E(\mathbf{Z}_p), +)$  = an elliptic curve group defined over  $\mathbf{Z}_p$



$$y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod{p}$$

$$a, b, x, y \in \mathbf{Z}_{88}$$

$$P + Q = (x_1, y_1) + (x_2, y_2) = (x_3, y_3)$$

$$\begin{cases} x_3 = \frac{(x_1x_2 - 2a)x_1x_2 - 4b(x_1 + x_2) + a^2}{(x_1x_2 + a)(x_1 + x_2) + 2y_1y_2 + 2b} \\ y_3 = \frac{x_1x_2(x_1 + x_2) - x_3((x_1 + x_2)^2 - x_1x_2 + a) - y_1y_2 - b}{y_1 + y_2} \end{cases}$$

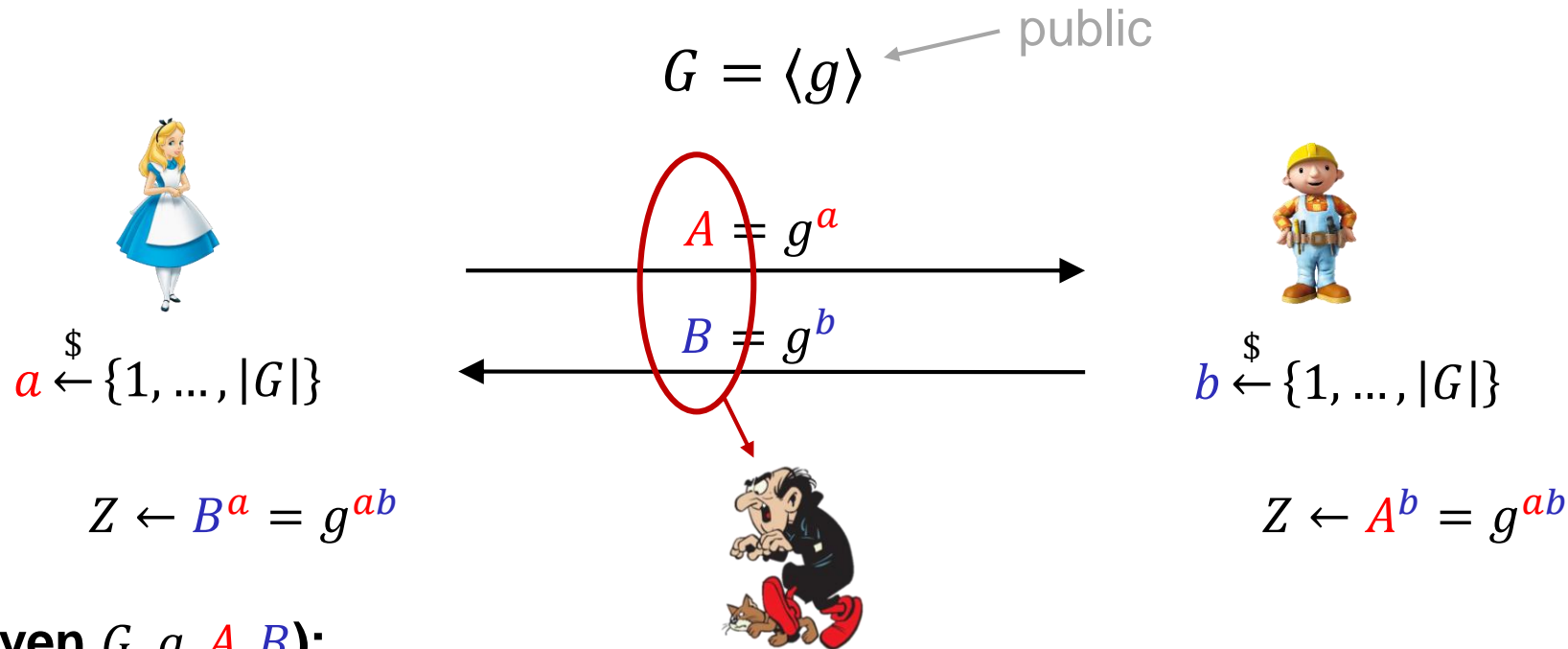
Both addition *and* multiplication needed mod  $p$

Need  $(\mathbf{Z}_p, +)$  and  $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$



**Finite field:**  $(F_p, +, \cdot)$

# Diffie-Hellman – security



## Security (given $G, g, A, B$ ):

- Must be hard to compute  $Z \leftarrow g^{ab}$
- Must be hard to find  $a$  (or  $b$ )
- $G = (\mathbf{Z}_p, +)$
- $G = (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$
- $G = (E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$

(DH assumption)

(DLOG assumption)

not secure

secure\* for  $p$  large enough (conjectured)

secure\* for  $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$  large enough (conjectured)

\*Many caveats

# Large enough?

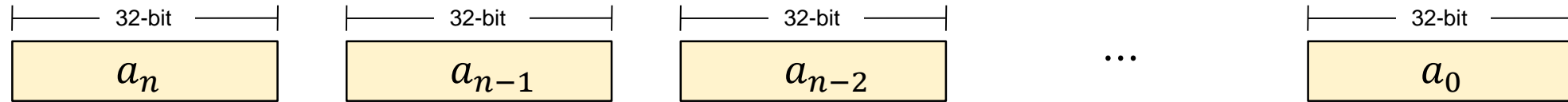
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# Big-number arithmetic

$a = 2048\text{-bit integer, } 64\text{-bit CPU}$



Algorithm	Input	Output	Time
ADD	$a, b$	$a + b$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
MULT	$a, b$	$ab$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
INT-DIV	$a, b$	$(q, r)$ s.t. $a = qb + r$ and $0 \leq r < b$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
MOD	$a, p$	$a \bmod p$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
MOD-INV	$a \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$	$a^{-1} \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

$\mathcal{O}(n \log n)^*$

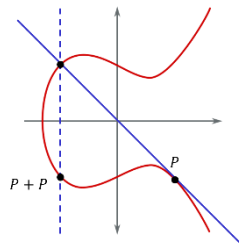
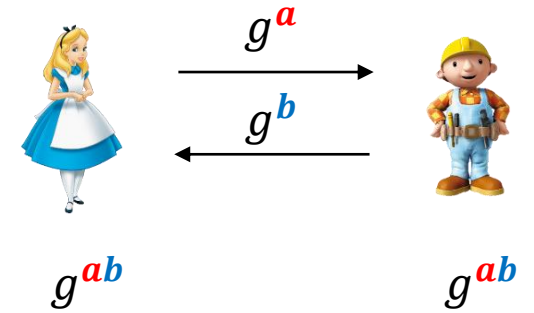
\*all numbers are  $n$  bits

\*  $n > 2^{713739807325663489766475852620783120641}$

# Diffie-Hellman – computations

- $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ 
  - Find prime  $p$  (one-time)
  - Find generator  $\langle g \rangle = (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$  (one-time)
  - Compute  $g^a = gg \cdots g \pmod p$ 
    - Multiply  $x \cdot y \pmod p$
- $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$ 
  - Find prime  $p$  (one-time)
  - Generate curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod p$  (one-time)
  - Find curve group order  $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$  (one-time)
  - Find generator  $P$  (one-time)
  - Compute  $aP = P + P + \cdots + P$ 
    - Point addition

Group exponentiation  $g^a$



# Diffie-Hellman – in $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$

$p =$  17125458317614137930196041979257577826408832324037508573393292981642667139747621778802438775238728592968344613589379932348475613503476932163166973813218698343816463289144185362912602522540494983090531497232965829  
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$A = 2$

$\text{mod } p$



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$Z \leftarrow 2$

$\text{mod } p$

# Recall

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**Theorem:** if  $(G, \circ)$  is a finite group, then for all  $g \in G$ :

$$g^{|G|} = e$$

**Corollary I:**  $g^i = g^{i \bmod |G|}$

**Corollary II (Lagrange's theorem):**

if  $H < G$  then the order of  $H$  divides the order of  $G$  (i.e.  $|H| \mid |G|$ )

# Diffie-Hellman – in a subgroup of $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$

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$$= 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdot q_4 \cdot q_5 + 1$$

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$$|\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p - 1$$

$$H = \langle g \rangle < (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$$



$$|H| = q_4 \approx 2^{256}$$

$$= 63762351364972653564641699  
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$$A = 2$$

$$\text{mod } p$$



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$$B = 2$$

$$\text{mod } p$$

Corollary I:  $g^i = g^i \text{ mod } |H|$

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$$\text{mod } p$$

# Diffie-Hellman – in a *subgroup* of $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$

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$$= 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdot q_4 \cdot q_5 + 1$$

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$$|H| = q_4 \approx 2^{256}$$

$$= 63762351364972653564641699529205510489263266834182771617563631363277932854227$$



$$A = g^{3705764346409644032584177823181028248580845940010937487506489964963471715816} \pmod p$$



3705764346409644032584177823181028248580845940010937487506489964963471715816

$\$ \leftarrow \{1 \dots q_4\}$

29177641728484883278069152197089138002064929787753525736186058877137490281835

$\$ \leftarrow \{1 \dots q_4\}$

$$B = g^{29177641728484883278069152197089138002064929787753525736186058877137490281835} \pmod p$$

**Corollary I:**  $g^i = g^{i \pmod{|H|}}$

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$Z \leftarrow 2$

$\pmod p$

# Diffie-Hellman – in a *subgroup* of $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$

$$p = 17125458317614137930196041979257577826408832324037508573393292981642667139747621778802438775238728592968344613589379932348475613503476932163166973813218698343816463289144185362912602522540494983090531497232965829536524507269848825658311420299335922295709743267508322525966773950394919257576842038771632742044142471053509850123605883815857162666917775193496157372656195558305727009891276006514000409365877218171388319923896309377791762590614311849642961380224851940460421710449368927252974870395873936387909672274883295377481008150475878590270591798350563488168080923804611822387520198054002990623911454389104774092183$$

$$= 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 \cdot q_1 \cdot q_2 \cdot q_3 \cdot q_4 \cdot q_5 + 1$$

$$H = \langle g \rangle < (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$$

$$|H| = q_4 \approx 2^{256}$$

$$= 63762351364972653564641699529205510489263266834182771617563631363277932854227$$



$$A = g \pmod p$$



37057643464096444032584177823181028248580845940010937487506489964963471715816

$\$ \leftarrow \{1 \dots q_4\}$

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$\$ \leftarrow \{1 \dots q_4\}$

$$B = g \pmod p$$

**Corollary I:**  $g^i = g^{i \bmod |H|}$

$$Z \leftarrow g \times \pmod p$$

# Computing in groups – exponentiation

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**Goal:** compute  $g^n \in G$

**Naïve approach:**  $g^n = \overbrace{g \circ g \circ g \circ \cdots \circ g}^n$

- Running time:  $n \approx 2^k \Rightarrow 2^k$  group operations!
- Doesn't work for exponent sizes used in cryptography



# Computing in groups – exponentiation; square-and-multiply

Goal: compute  $g^n \in G$

$$\begin{aligned}n &= (b_5 b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0)_2 \\ &= 2^5 b_5 + 2^4 b_4 + 2^3 b_3 + 2^2 b_2 + 2^1 b_1 + 2^0 b_0\end{aligned}$$

$$y_6 \leftarrow e$$

$$y_5 \leftarrow y_6^2 \circ g^{b_5} = g^{b_5}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}43 &= 101011_2 \\ &= 2^5 + 2^3 + 2^1 + 2^0\end{aligned}$$

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$$y_4 \leftarrow y_5^2 \circ g^0 = g^2$$

$$y_3 \leftarrow y_4^2 \circ g^1 = g^{4+1} = g^5$$

$$y_2 \leftarrow y_3^2 \circ g^0 = g^{10}$$

$$y_1 \leftarrow y_2^2 \circ g^1 = g^{20+1} = g^{21}$$

$$y_0 \leftarrow y_1^2 \circ g^1 = g^{42+1} = g^{43}$$

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## Square-and-Multiply( $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

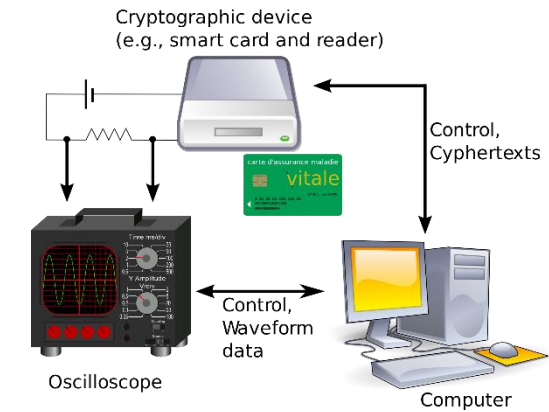
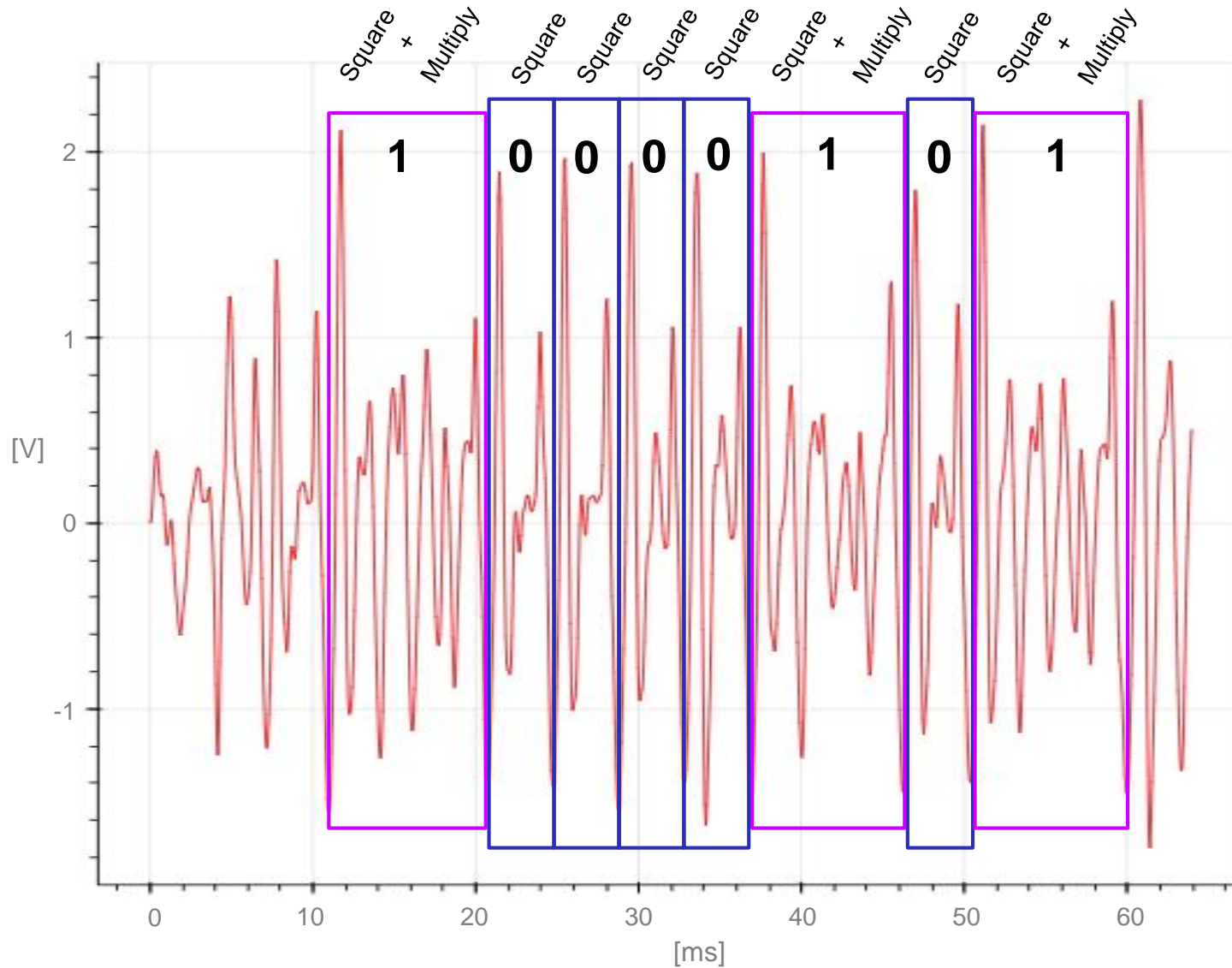
1. **if**  $n < 0$  **then**  $g \leftarrow g^{-1}$  and  $n \leftarrow |n|$
2.  $n = (b_{t-1} \dots b_1 b_0)_2$
3.  $y \leftarrow e$
4. **for**  $i = t - 1$  **downto** 0 **do**
5.      $y \leftarrow y^2 \circ g^{b_i}$
- 6.
7. **return**  $y$

# Square-and-multiply

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- $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ 
  - Naïve exponentiation:  $\mathcal{O}(n) \approx p$
  - Square-and-multiply:  $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) \approx \log_2 p$
  - $\approx 2^{2048}$  vs.  $\approx 2048$  multiplications for  $p \approx 2^{2048}$
- Prime-order subgroup  $H < (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ 
  - Naïve exponentiation:  $\mathcal{O}(n) \approx q$
  - Square-and-multiply:  $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) \approx \log_2 q$
  - $\approx 2^{256}$  vs.  $\approx 256$  multiplications for  $q \approx 2^{256}$  and  $p \approx 2^{2048}$
- $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$ 
  - Naïve "exponentiation" (i.e., point multiplication  $nP$ ):  $\mathcal{O}(n) \approx |E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$
  - "Square-and-multiply" (i.e., double-and-add):  $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) \approx \log_2 |E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$
  - $\approx 2^{256}$  vs.  $\approx 256$  elliptic-curve additions for NIST P-256 or Curve25519

# Side-channel attacks – power analysis



## Square-and-Multiply( $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

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3.  $y \leftarrow e$
4. **for**  $i = t - 1$  **downto** 0 **do**
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6.     **if**  $b_i = 1$  **then**
7.          $y \leftarrow y \circ g$
8. **return**  $y$

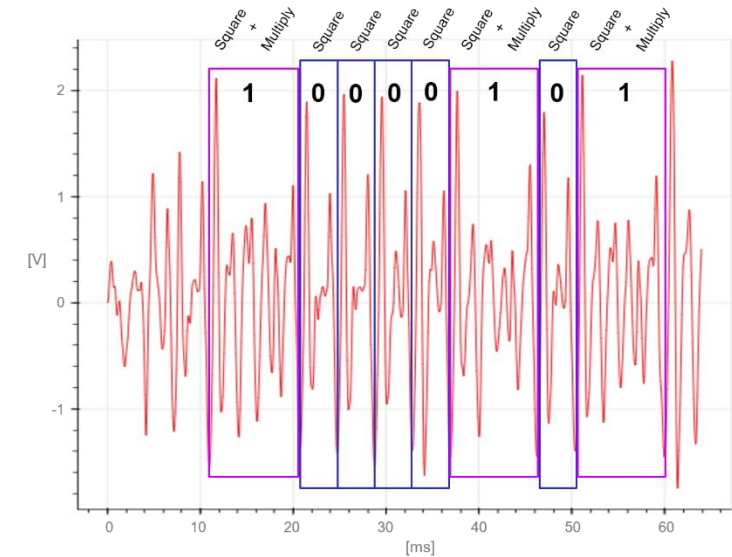
# Mitigations

- Power (and time) difference between  $b_i = 0$  and  $b_i = 1$
- Solution: Square-and-Always-Multiply

## Square-and-always-Multiply( $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

1. **if**  $n < 0$  **then**  $g \leftarrow g^{-1}$  and  $n \leftarrow |n|$
2.  $n = (b_{t-1} \dots b_1 b_0)_2$
3.  $y \leftarrow e$
4. **for**  $i = t - 1$  **downto** 0 **do**
5.      $y \leftarrow y^2$
6.      $z \leftarrow y \circ g$      // always perform multiplication
7.     **if**  $b_i = 1$  **then**
8.          $y \leftarrow z$
9. **return**  $y$

- Wastes computations:  $\approx t/2$  of multiplications thrown away
- Better solutions: Montgomery ladders

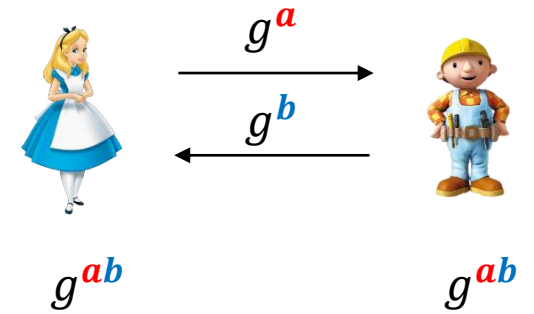
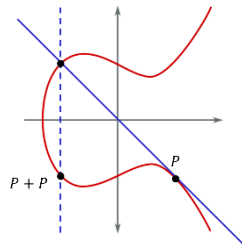


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# Diffie-Hellman – computations

- $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ 
  - Find prime  $p$  (one-time)
  - Find generator  $\langle g \rangle = (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$  (one-time)
  - Compute  $g^a = gg \cdots g \pmod p$ 
    - Multiply  $x \cdot y \pmod p$
  
- $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$ 
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  - Find curve group order  $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$  (one-time)
  - Find generator  $P$  (one-time)
  - Compute  $aP = P + P + \cdots + P$ 
    - Point addition



# Finding prime numbers

- We need *large* prime numbers
  - Both for  $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$  and  $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$
- No efficient "prime-generating" formula is known
- Simple idea: pick random number and check if it's prime
- Efficient?  $\Rightarrow$  What is the success probability?
  - Depends on the ratio primes / non-primes
  - $\pi(n)$  = "#prime numbers  $\leq n$ "
  - Prime Number Theorem:**  $\frac{\pi(n)}{n} \approx \frac{1}{\ln n}$
  - 2048-bit number:  $\approx 700$  trials needed

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GenPrime(k)
1.  while true do
2.     $n \leftarrow$  odd  $k$ -bit integer
3.    if IsPrime( $n$ ) = PRIME then
4.      return  $n$ 
    
```

$$n \approx 2^{2048} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi(n)}{n} \approx \frac{1}{\ln 2^{2048}} \approx \frac{1}{1400}$$

$n$	100	1000	$10^6$	$10^9$	$10^{12}$	$10^{15}$
$\pi(n)$	25	168	$\approx 78 \cdot 10^3$	$\approx 50 \cdot 10^6$	$\approx 30 \cdot 10^9$	$\approx 29 \cdot 10^{12}$

# Finding prime numbers

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- We need *large* prime numbers
  - Both for  $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$  and  $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$
- Naïve IsPrime( $n$ ):
  - 3 divides  $n$ ? Not prime
  - 5 divides  $n$ ? Not prime
  - 7 divides  $n$ ? Not prime
  - $\vdots$
  - $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$  divides  $n$ ? Not prime
  - $n$  is prime!
- *Very inefficient:*  $n \approx 2^k \implies \pi(n) \approx \frac{2^k}{\ln 2^k} \approx \frac{2^k}{k}$
- Want: a simple property which *only* holds for prime numbers

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# Fermat's theorem

**Theorem:** if  $(G, \circ)$  is a finite group, then for all  $g \in G$ :

$$g^{|G|} = e$$

$(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot) = \{1, 2, \dots, p - 1\}$  under multiplication modulo  $p$        $|\mathbf{Z}_p^*| = p - 1$        $e = 1$

**Fermat's theorem:** if  $p$  is prime, then for all  $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$ :

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{560} &= 1 \pmod{561} \\ 3^{560} &= 1 \pmod{561} \\ 4^{560} &= 1 \pmod{561} \\ &\vdots \\ 560^{560} &= 1 \pmod{561} \end{aligned}$$

A       $\Leftrightarrow$       B  
 $p$  is prime  $\Rightarrow$  all  $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$  satisfy Fermat's theorem  
 $p$  is **not** prime  $\Leftarrow$  some  $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$  does **not** satisfy Fermat's theorem  
 $\bar{A}$        $\bar{B}$

**Carmichael number**

# Fermat primality test

**Fermat's theorem:** if  $p$  is prime, then for all  $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$ :

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

**IsPrime( $n$ )**

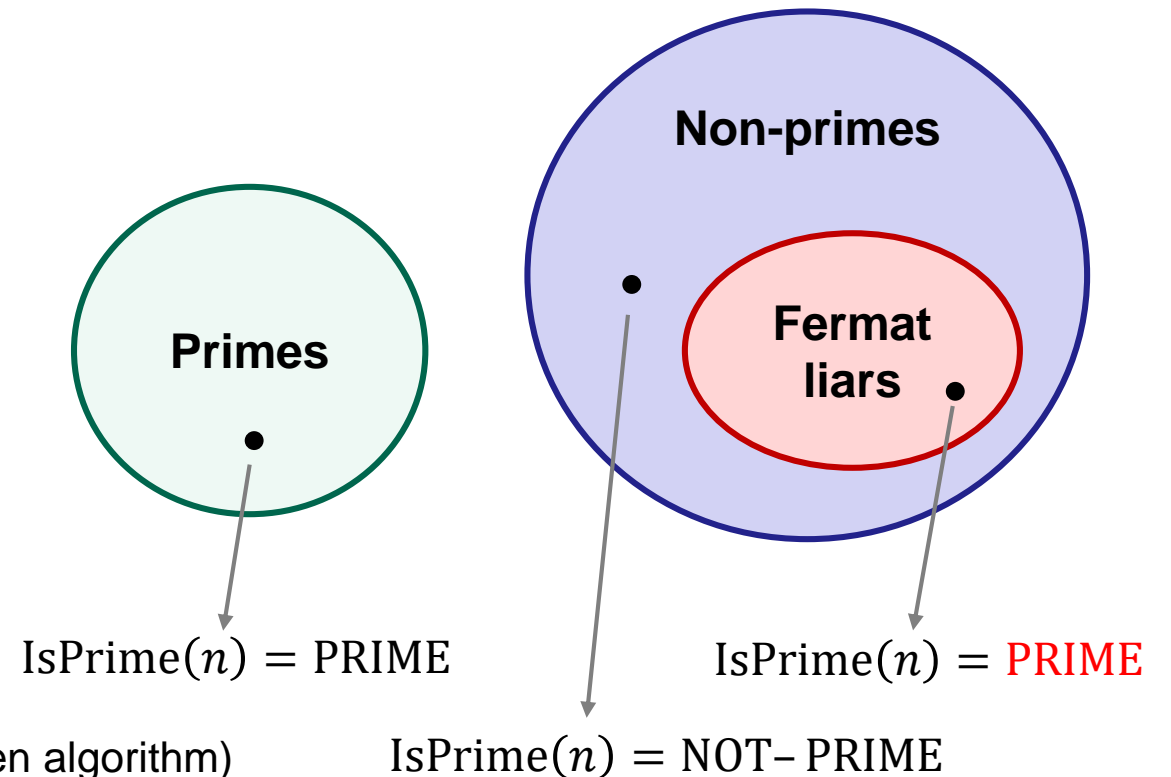
1. **for**  $a \in \{2, 3, \dots, t\}$  **do**
2.     **if**  $a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  **then**
3.         **return** NOT-PRIME
4. **return** PRIME

Better tests exist:

- Euler-test
- Strong pseudoprime-test

(Solovay-Strassen algorithm)

(Miller-Rabin algorithm)

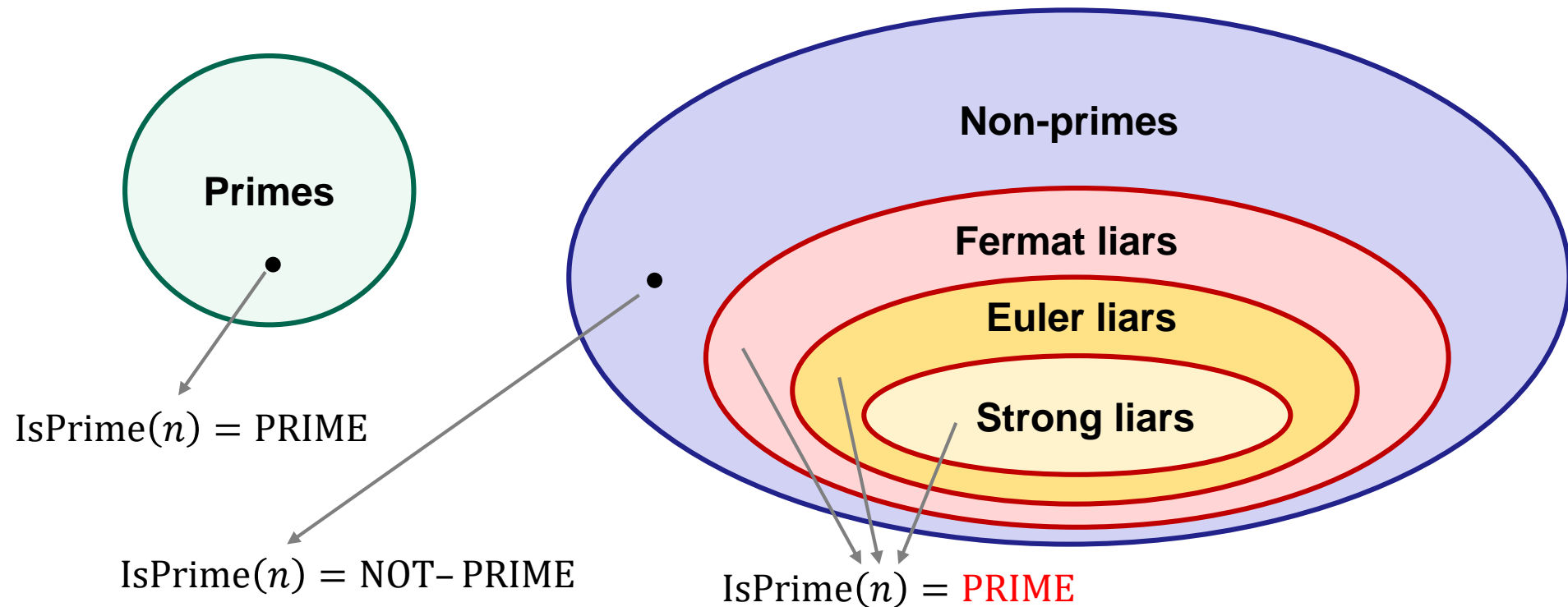


# Finding primes

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IsPrime(n) // Fermat  
1. for  $a \in \{2, 3, \dots, t\}$  do  
2.   if  $\neg$ FermatTest( $a, n$ ) then  
3.     return NOT-PRIME  
4. return PRIME
```

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IsPrime(n) // Solovay-Strassen  
1. for  $a \in \{2, 3, \dots, t\}$  do  
2.   if  $\neg$ EulerTest( $a, n$ ) then  
3.     return NOT-PRIME  
4. return PRIME
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IsPrime(n) // Miller-Rabin  
1. for  $a \in \{2, 3, \dots, t\}$  do  
2.   if  $\neg$ StrongTest( $a, n$ ) then  
3.     return NOT-PRIME  
4. return PRIME
```



# Finding primes in practice

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- Miller-Rabin most used in practice
- Failure probability  $\leq \frac{1}{4^t}$
- *Deterministic* primality tests
  - Many existed...but none running in polynomial time (P)
  - Open problem for a long time
  - *Agrawal, Kayal & Saxena '02*: "PRIMES is in P"
  - Original running time  $\approx \mathcal{O}(k^{12})$
  - Quickly improved to  $\approx \mathcal{O}(k^6)$

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# Finding generators

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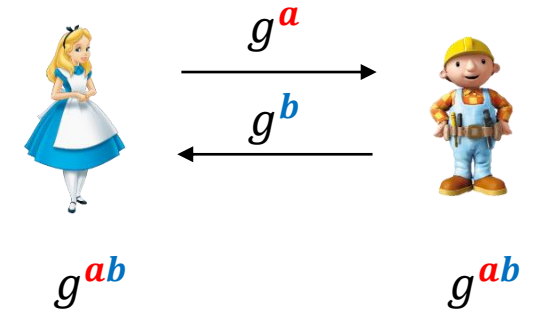
- Easy in prime-order groups
  - All non-identity elements are generators!
- $(\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ 
  - Not prime-order!
  - Common in practice: pick element at random; check if generator

**Corollary II (Lagrange's theorem):**

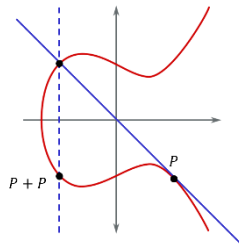
if  $H < G$  then  $|H|$  divides  $|G|$

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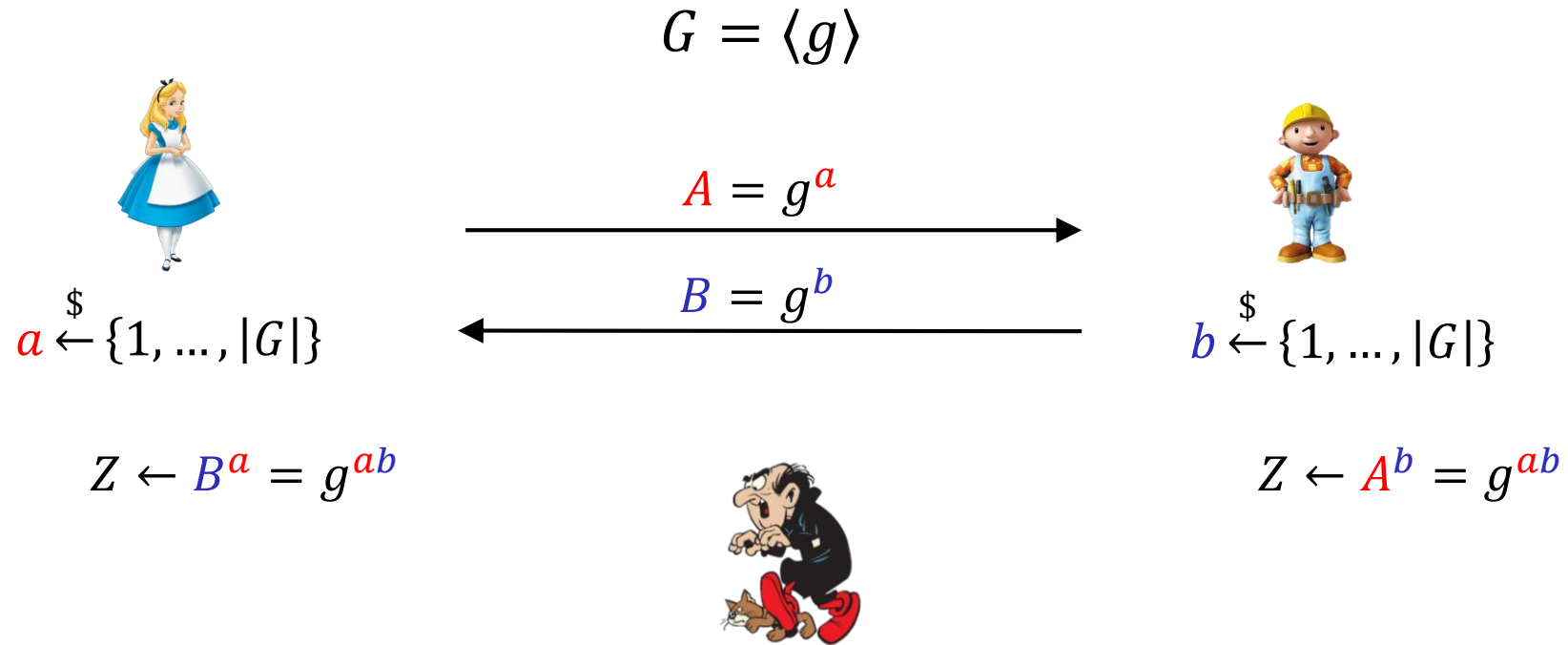


Tricky!  $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)| \neq p$  (typically)  
 Easy ( $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$  is usually prime)

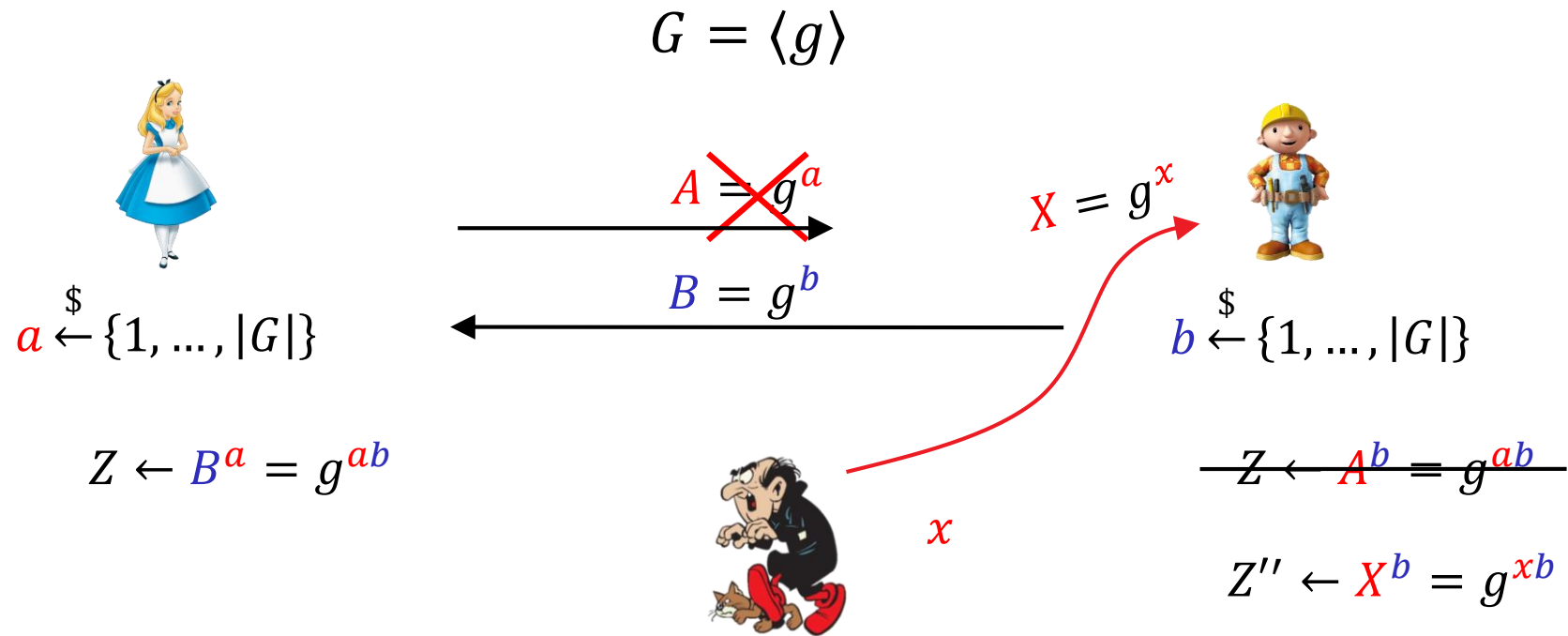
Schoof's algorithm

# Diffie-Hellman – man-in-the-middle attack

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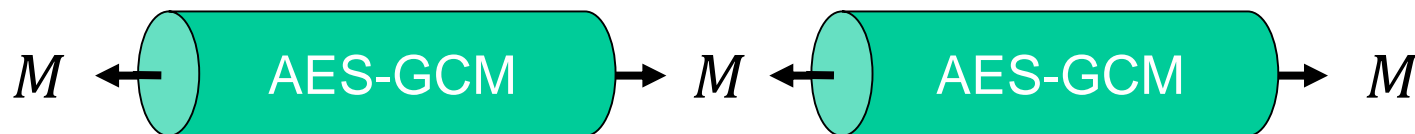
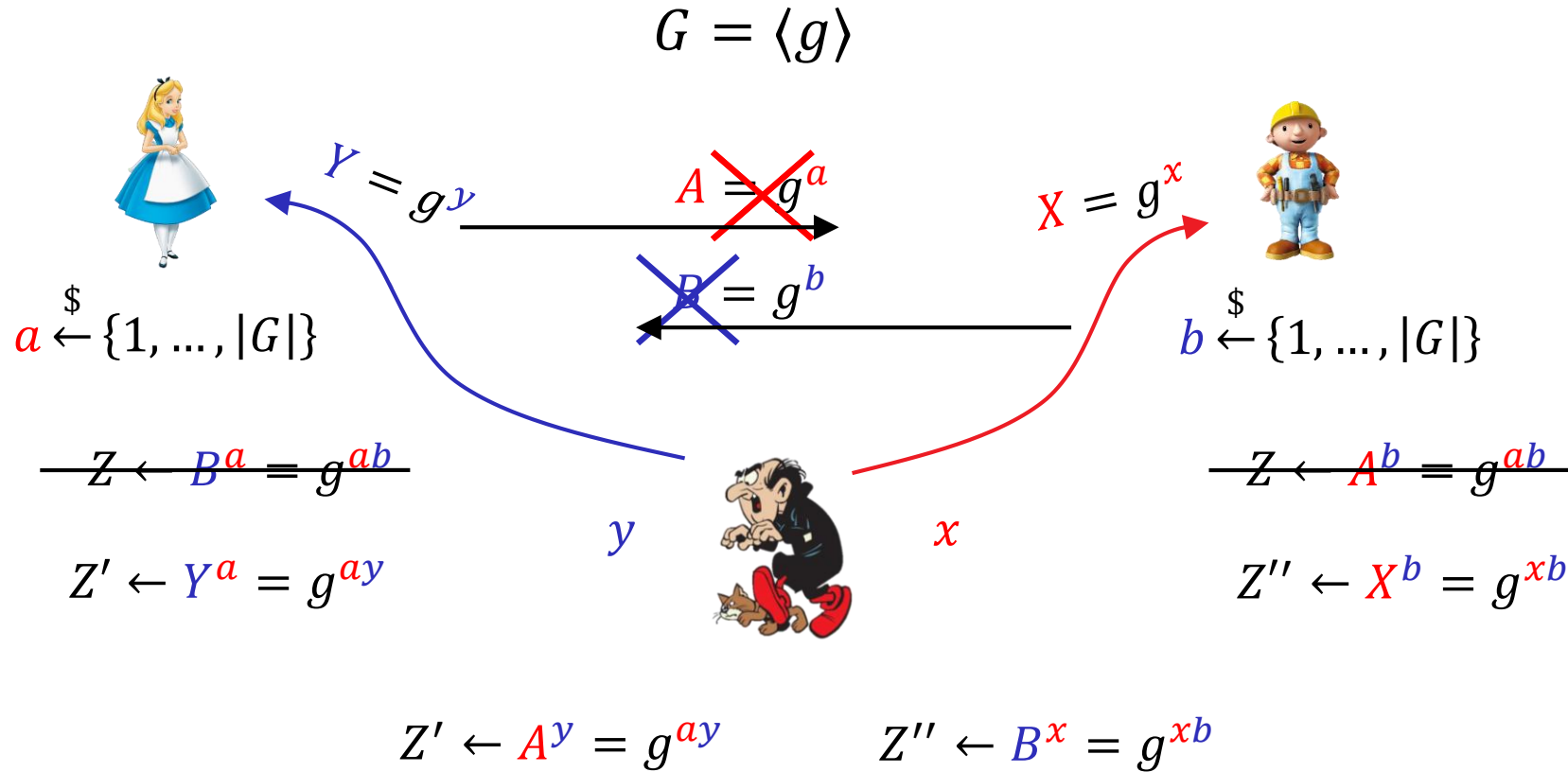


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# Noise-protocol

Long-term key  $\rightarrow A = g^a$



$x \xleftarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, |G|\}$

$$G = \langle g \rangle, A, B$$

$B = g^b \leftarrow$  Long-term key



$y \xleftarrow{\$} \{1, \dots, |G|\}$

$$X = g^x$$

$$Y = g^y$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &\leftarrow H(\text{Alice}, \text{Bob}, X, Y, B^a, Y^x) \\ &= H(\text{Alice}, \text{Bob}, X, Y, g^{ab}, g^{xy}) \end{aligned}$$

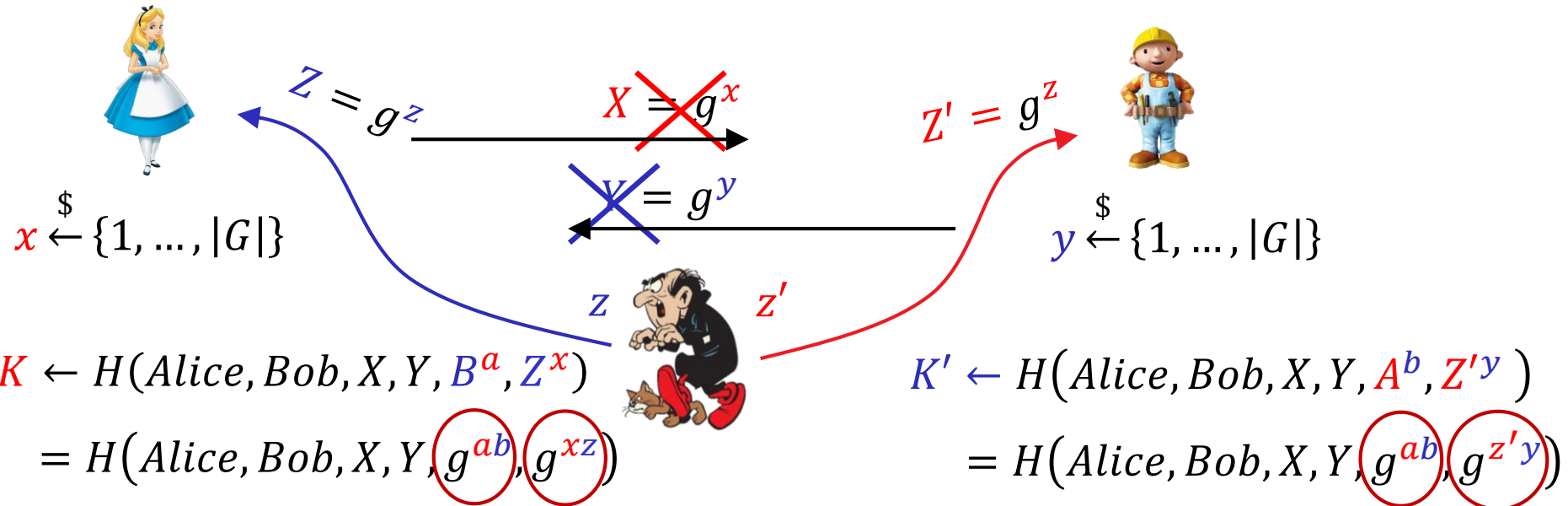
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Can't compute  $K$  or  $K'$ !

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## Many alternatives:

$$K \leftarrow H(\text{Alice}, \text{Bob}, X, Y, g^{ay}, g^{xb})$$

static-ephemeral, ephemeral-static

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static-static, ephemeral-static, ephemeral-ephemeral, ephemeral-ephemeral

# Summary

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- Special algorithms needed to deal with the large numbers in asymmetric cryptography
  - Square-and-multiply for group exponentiation
    - Not secure against side-channel attacks
  - Prime finding
    - Common in practice: pick random number; check if prime
    - Primality tests: Fermat's, Miller-Rabin (small one-sided error)
- Plain Diffie-Hellman is *not* secure against active adversaries
  - Man-in-the-middle attack
  - Problem: lack of authentication
  - Common solution: digital signatures (used in TLS, IPsec, SSH)
  - Modern solution: long-term Diffie-Hellman keys mixed with ephemeral Diffie-Hellman keys
    - Noise protocol, Signal, What'sApp, Facebook Messenger Secret Conversations