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

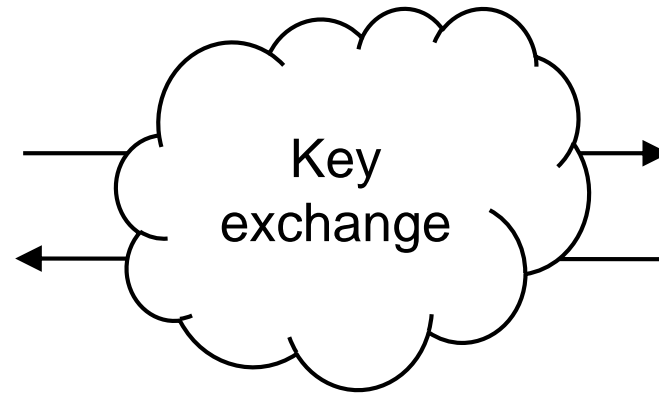
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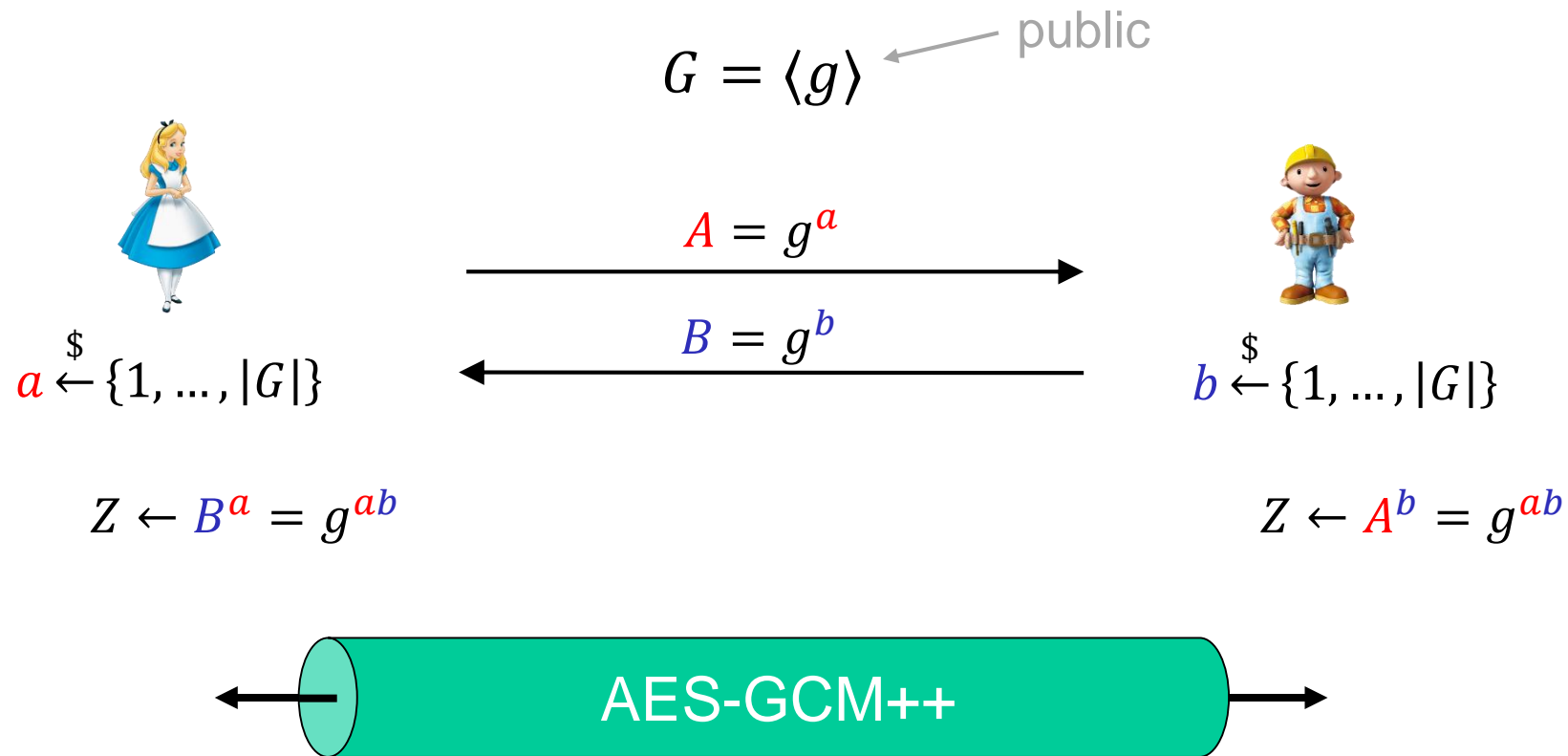
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Diffie-Hellman



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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: $x \cdot a = 1 \pmod p$

How do we actually find a^{-1} ?
Extended Euclidian Algorithm

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) $1 = ma + np$

NON-CONSTRUCTIVE

(e.g. a and p)

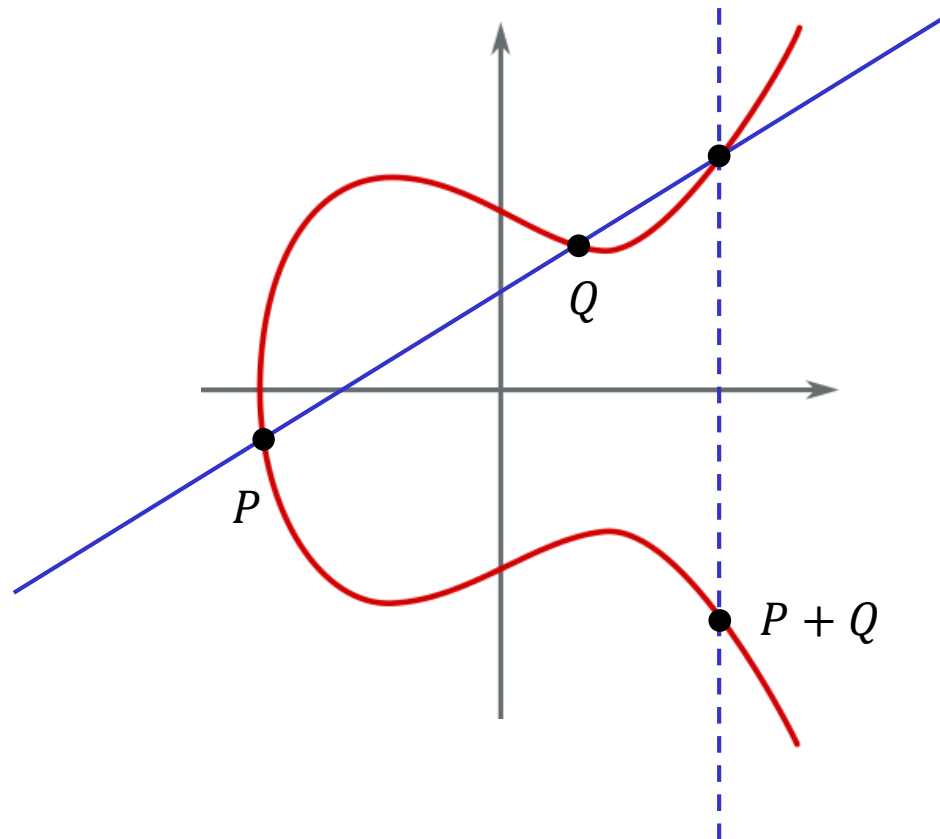
(since d is the smallest positive integer in I)

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

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Elliptic curves

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



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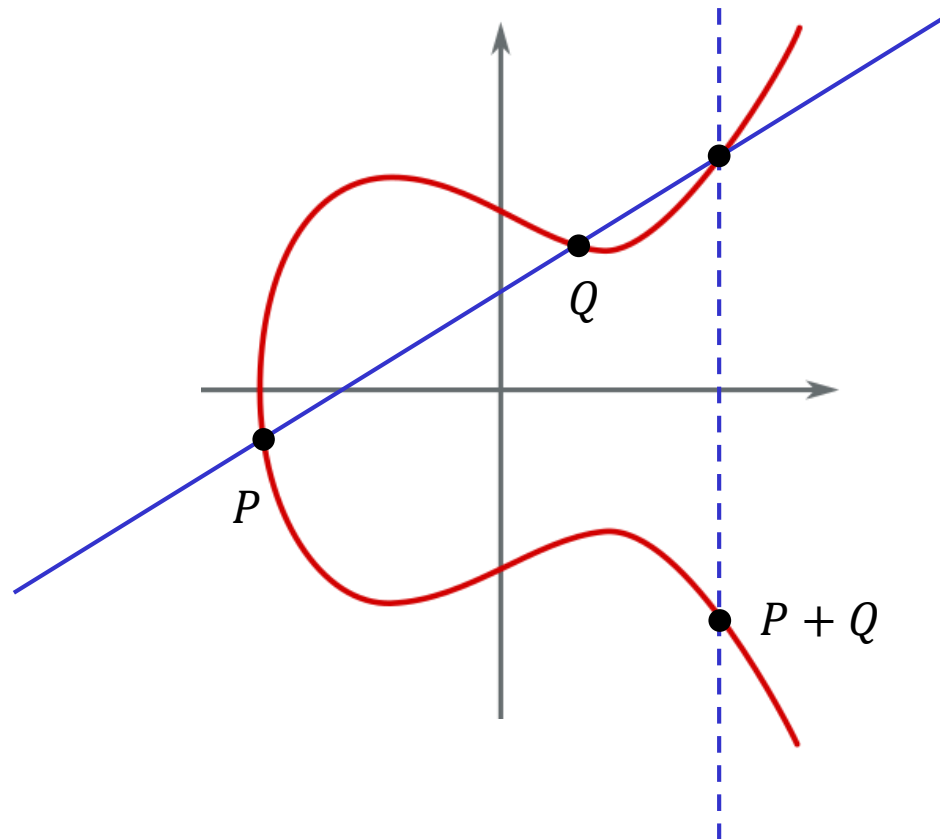
$$a, b, x, y \in \mathbf{R}$$

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

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

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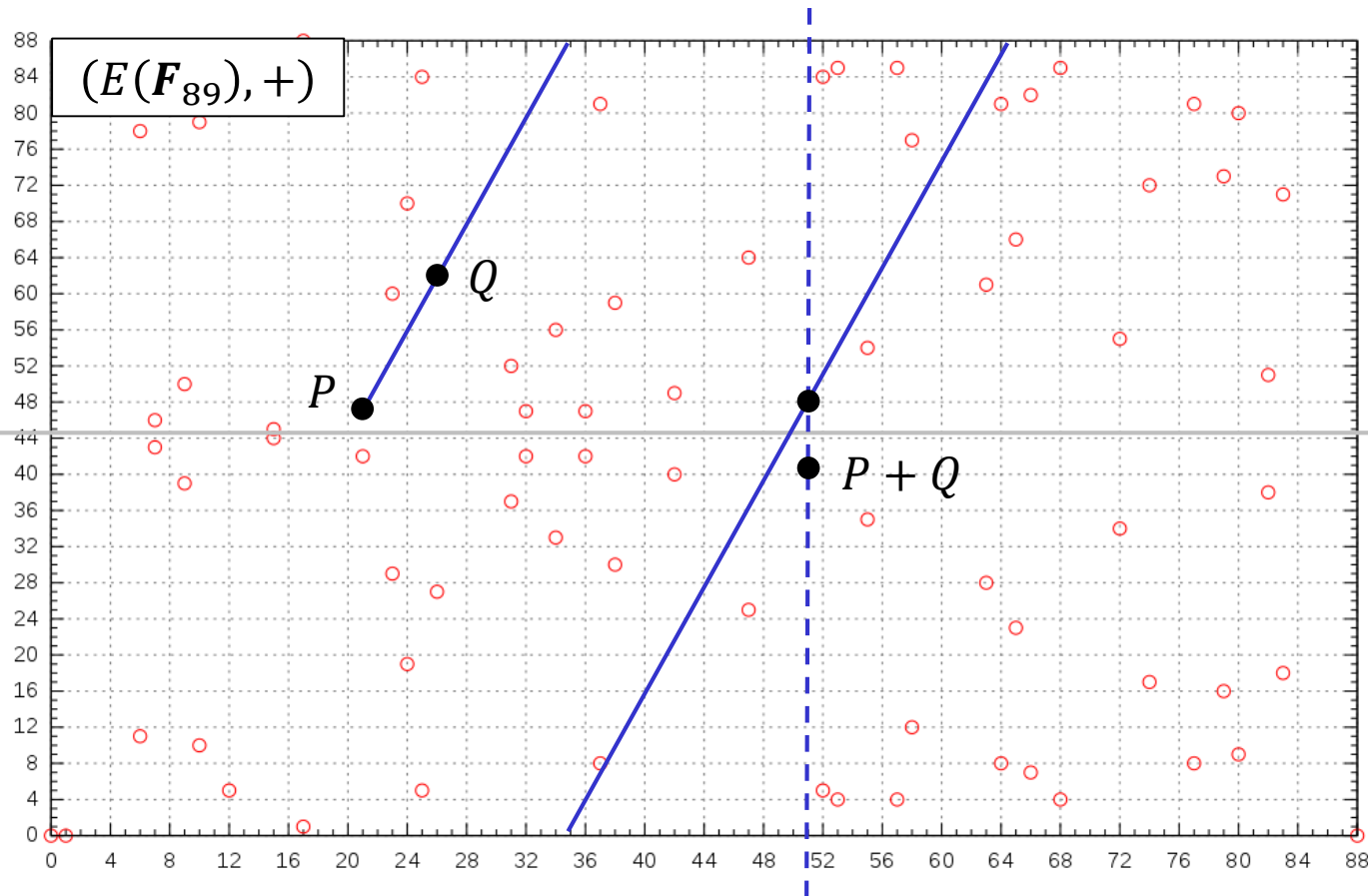
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Notation: $(E(\mathbb{F}_p), +)$ = an elliptic curve group defined over \mathbb{F}_p

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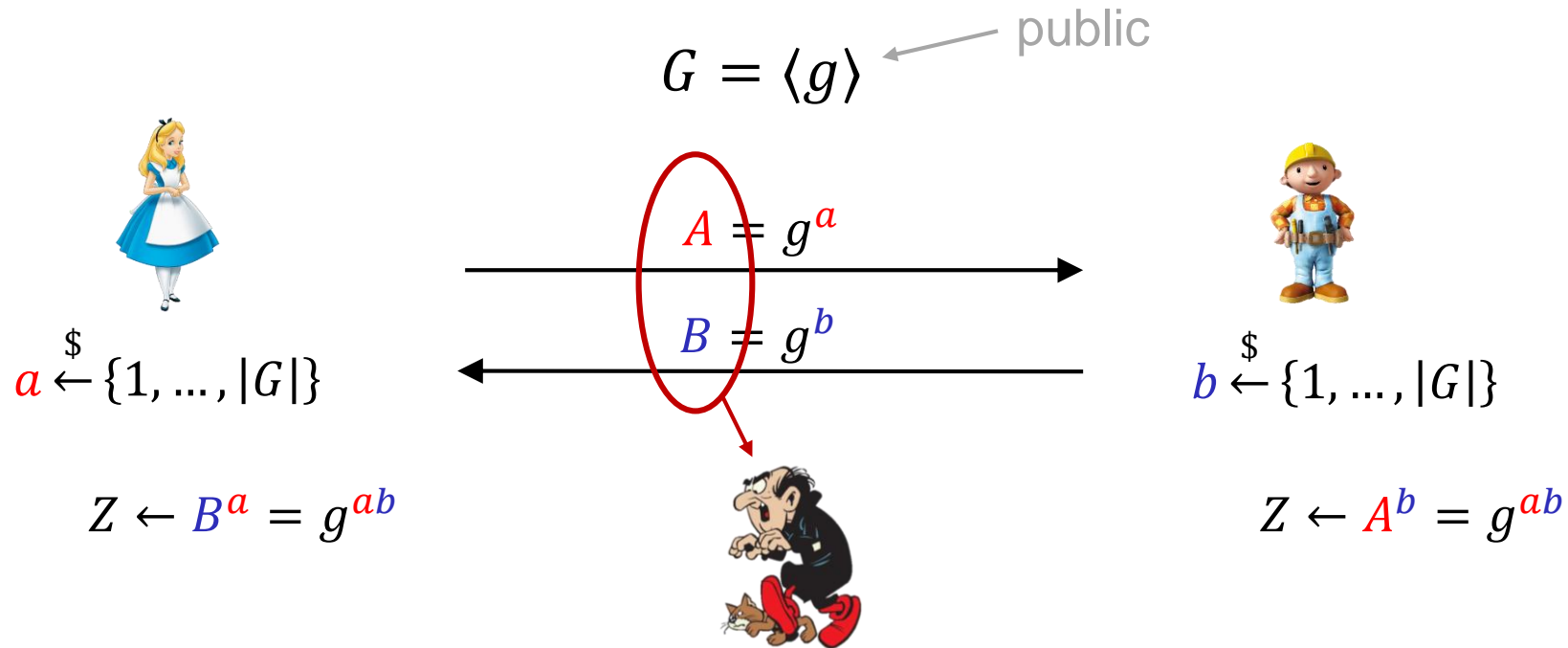
Still valid!

Both addition and multiplication needed mod p

$$(\mathbb{Z}_p, +) \text{ and } (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$$

Finite field $\rightarrow (\mathbb{F}_p, +, \cdot)$

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)

(DH assumption)

(DLOG assumption)

not secure

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

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

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

secure for $|\mathbf{Z}_p^*|$ large enough (conjectured)

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Diffie-Hellman in (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot) – what is large enough?

$p =$ 17125458317614137930196041979257577826408832324037508573393292981642667139747621778802438775238728592968344613589379932348475613503476932163166973813218698343816463289144185362912602522540494983090531497232965829
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$\approx 2^{2048}$



$$A = 2 \pmod p$$



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$\$ \leftarrow \{1 \dots p\}$

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$$B = 2 \pmod p$$



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$Z \leftarrow 2$

$\pmod p$

Diffie-Hellman in $(E(\mathbb{Z}_p), +)$ – what is large enough?

$$p = 115792089210356248762697446949407573530086143415290314195533631308867097853951 \approx 2^{256}$$



$$A = \begin{matrix} 890802873957740768864044652762626807642 \\ 97347818898641719959470631357066012729 \end{matrix} \cdot Q$$



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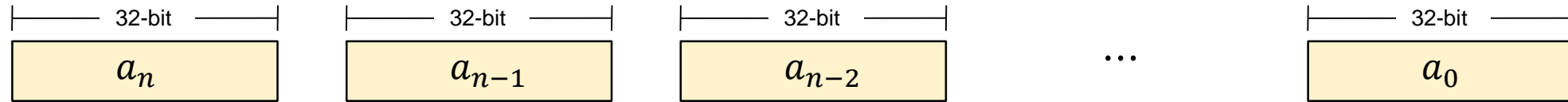
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$$B = \begin{matrix} 47777099444069171196101629885784192859 \\ 74852857762532427086507801748071058272 \end{matrix} \cdot Q$$

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Big-number arithmetic

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



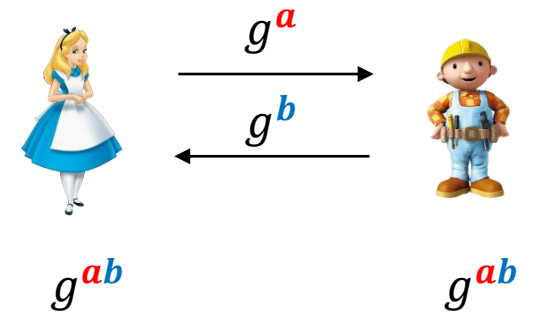
Algorithm	Input	Output	Time
ADD	a, b	$a + b$	$\mathcal{O}(n)$
MULT	a, b	ab	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
INT-DIV	a, b	(q, r) s.t. $a = qb + r$ and $0 \leq r < b$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
MOD	a, p	$a \bmod p$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$
MOD-INV	a	$a^{-1} \bmod p$	$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

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

* $n > 2^{713739807325663489766475852620783120641}$

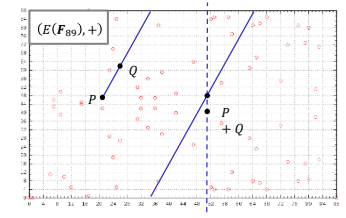
Diffie-Hellman – computations

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 - Find prime p (one-time)
 - Find generator $\langle g \rangle = (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)$ (one-time)
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 - Find generator Q (one-time)
 - Compute $aQ = Q + Q + \cdots + Q$
 - Point addition

Group exponentiation g^a



Computing in groups – exponentiation

Goal: compute $g^n \in G$

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

- 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

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

$$y_6 \leftarrow e$$

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

$$y_4 \leftarrow y_5^2 \circ g^{b_4} = g^{2b_5 + b_4}$$

$$y_3 \leftarrow y_4^2 \circ g^{b_3} = g^{2^2 b_5 + 2b_4 + b_3}$$

$$y_2 \leftarrow y_3^2 \circ g^{b_2} = g^{2^3 b_5 + 2^2 b_4 + 2b_3 + b_2}$$

$$y_1 \leftarrow y_2^2 \circ g^{b_1} = g^{2^4 b_5 + 2^3 b_4 + 2^2 b_3 + 2b_2 + b_1}$$

$$y_0 \leftarrow y_1^2 \circ g^{b_0} = \underline{g^{2^5 b_5 + 2^4 b_4 + 2^3 b_3 + 2^2 b_2 + 2b_1 + b_0}}$$

$$g^{43}$$

$$43 = 101011_2$$

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$$y_5 \leftarrow y_6^2 \circ g^1 = g^1$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. $n = (b_k \dots b_1 b_0)_2$
2. $y \leftarrow 1$
3. **for** $i = k$ **downto** 0 **do**
4. $y \leftarrow y^2 \circ g^{b_i}$
- 5.
6. **return** y

Square-and-multiply

- (\mathbf{Z}_p^*, \cdot)

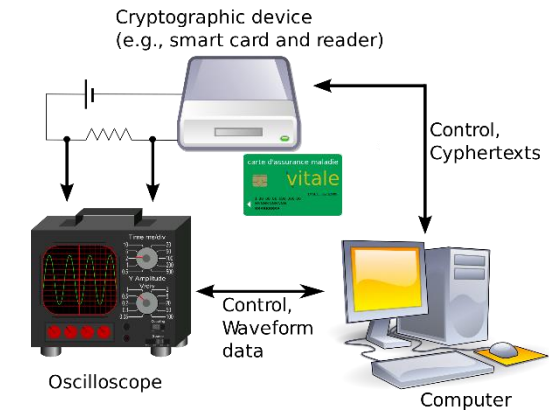
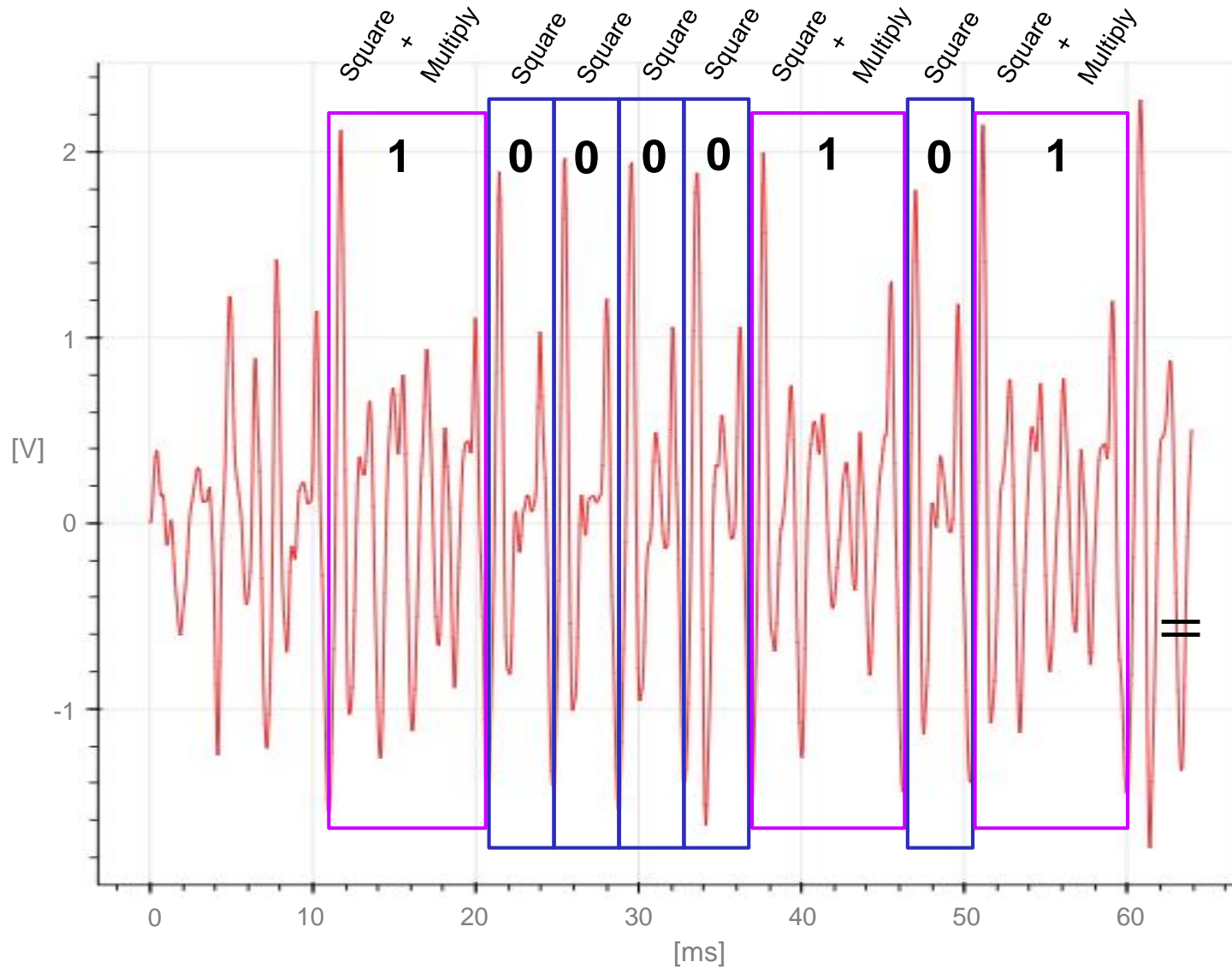
- Naïve exponentiation: $\mathcal{O}(n) \approx p$
 - Square-and-multiply: $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) \approx \log_2 p$
- 2^{2048} vs. 2048 mults. for $p \approx 2^{2048}$

- $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$

- Naïve "exponentiation" (i.e., point multiplication nQ): $\mathcal{O}(n) \approx |E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$
- "Square-and-multiply" (i.e., double-and-add): $\mathcal{O}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) \approx \log_2 |E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$

2^{256} vs. 256 EC adds. for NIST P-256 or Curve25519

Side-channel attacks – power analysis



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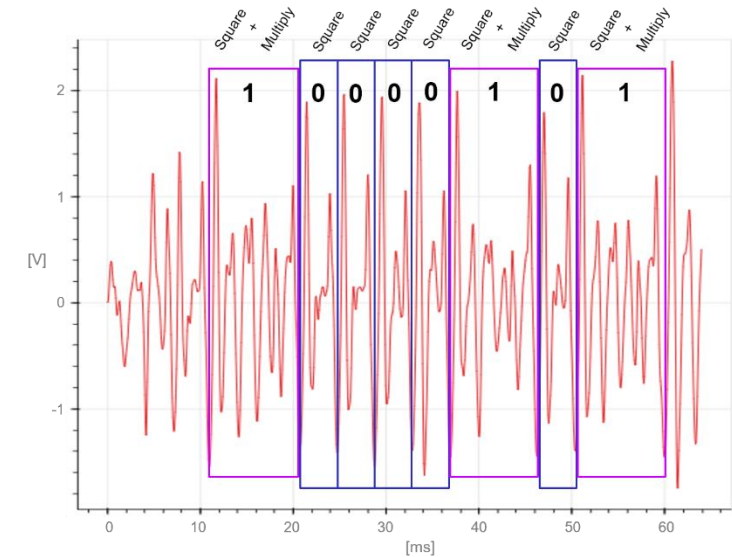
Mitigations

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

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Square-and-always-Multiply( $g \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )
1.   $n = (b_k \dots b_1 b_0)_2$ 
2.   $y \leftarrow e$ 
3.  for  $i = k$  downto 0 do
4.     $y \leftarrow y^2$ 
5.     $z \leftarrow y \circ g$     // always perform multiplication
6.    if  $b_i = 1$  then
7.       $y \leftarrow z$ 
8.  return  $y$ 
    
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- Wastes computations: $\approx t/2$ of multiplications thrown away
- Better solutions exist

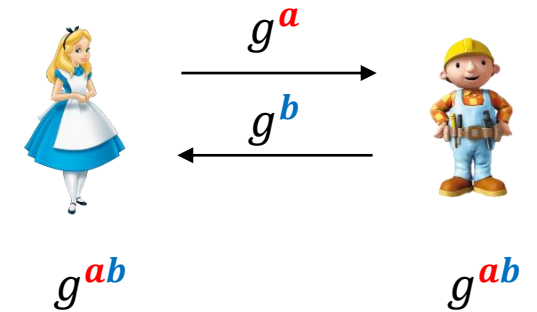


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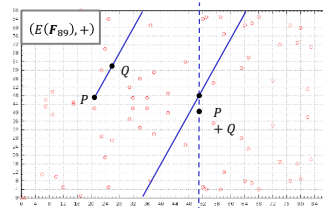
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Finding prime numbers

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

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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 - 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

Lagrange's theorem: if (G, \circ) is a finite group, then for all $g \in G$:

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

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

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

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

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

$A \iff$

B

p is prime \implies all $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$ satisfy Fermat's theorem

p is **not** prime \iff some $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$ does **not** satisfy Fermat's theorem

\bar{A}

\bar{B}

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

Carmichael number

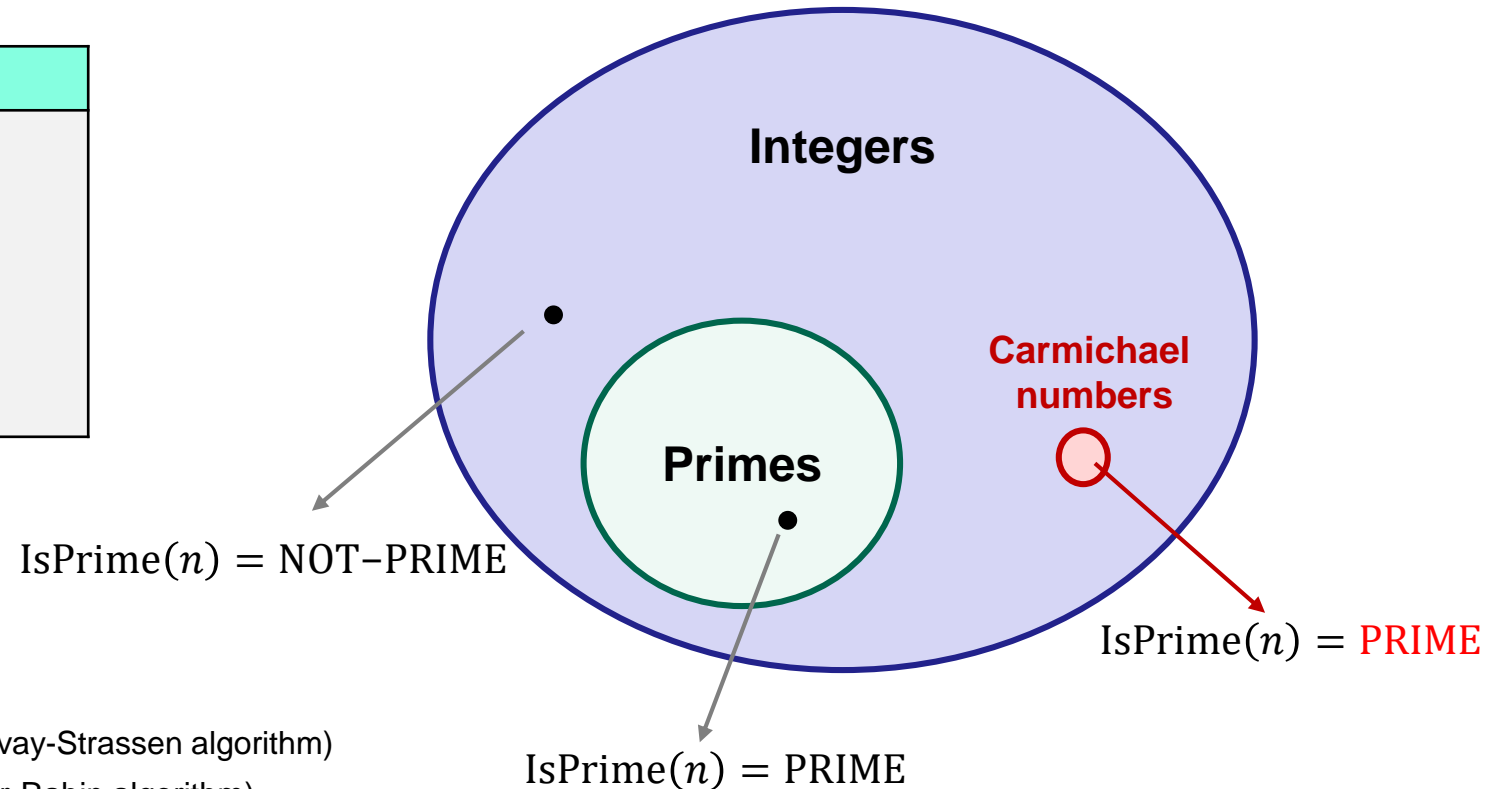
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IsPrime(n)

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 (Solovay-Strassen algorithm)
- Strong pseudoprime-test (Miller-Rabin algorithm)

Finding primes

IsPrime(n) // Fermat

1. **for** $a \in \{2, 3, \dots, t\}$ **do**
2. **if** \neg FermatTest(a, n) **then**
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4. **return** PRIME

IsPrime(n) // Solovay-Strassen

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IsPrime(n) // Miller-Rabin

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FermatTest(a, n) = NOT-PRIME

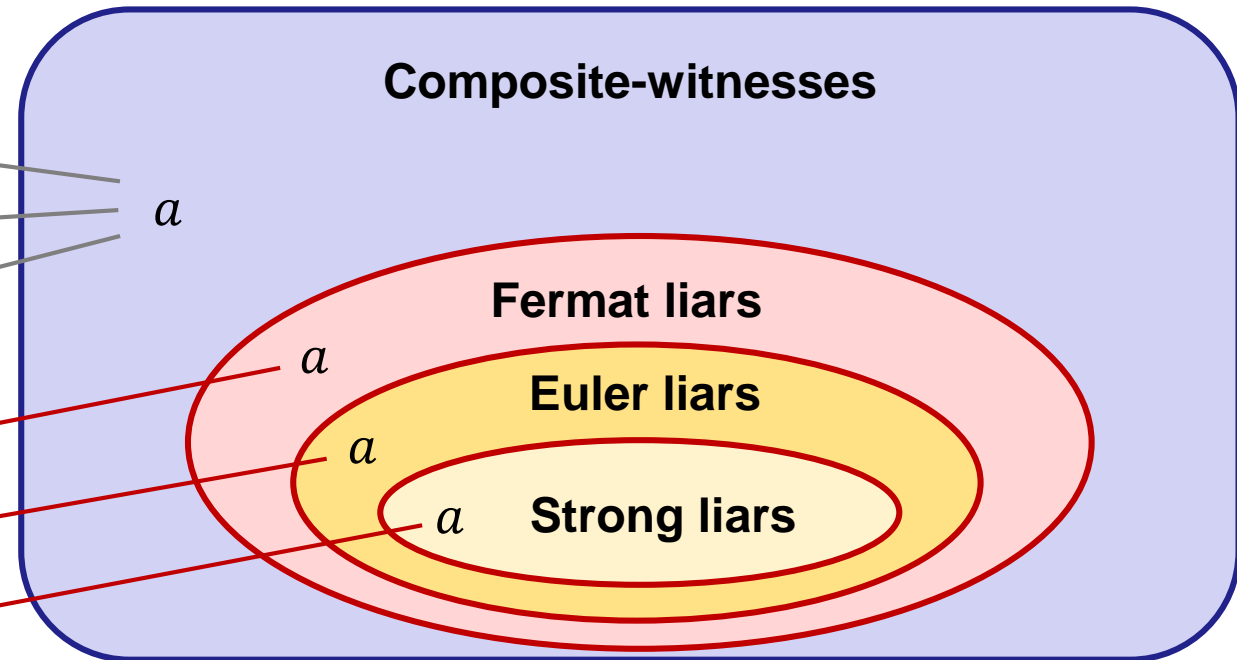
EulerTest(a, n) = NOT-PRIME

StrongTest(a, n) = NOT-PRIME

FermatTest(a, n) = **PRIME**

EulerTest(a, n) = **PRIME**

MRTest(a, n) = **PRIME**



Finding primes in practice

- Miller-Rabin most used in practice
- Failure probability $\leq \frac{1}{4^t}$
- *Deterministic* primality tests
 - Many exist...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 $\approx \mathcal{O}(k^6)$

IsPrime(n) // Miller-Rabin

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4. return PRIME
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Finding generators

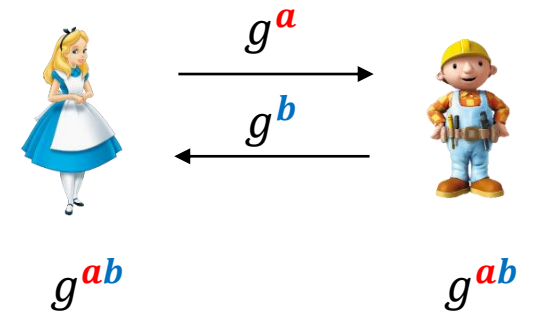
- Easy in prime-order groups
 - All non-identity elements are generators!
- (\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \cdot)
 - Not prime-order!
 - Common in practice: pick element at random; check if generator

Lagrange's theorem:

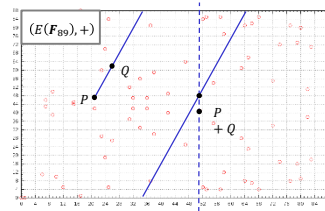
if $H < G$ then $|H|$ divides $|G|$

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 $x \cdot y \pmod p$

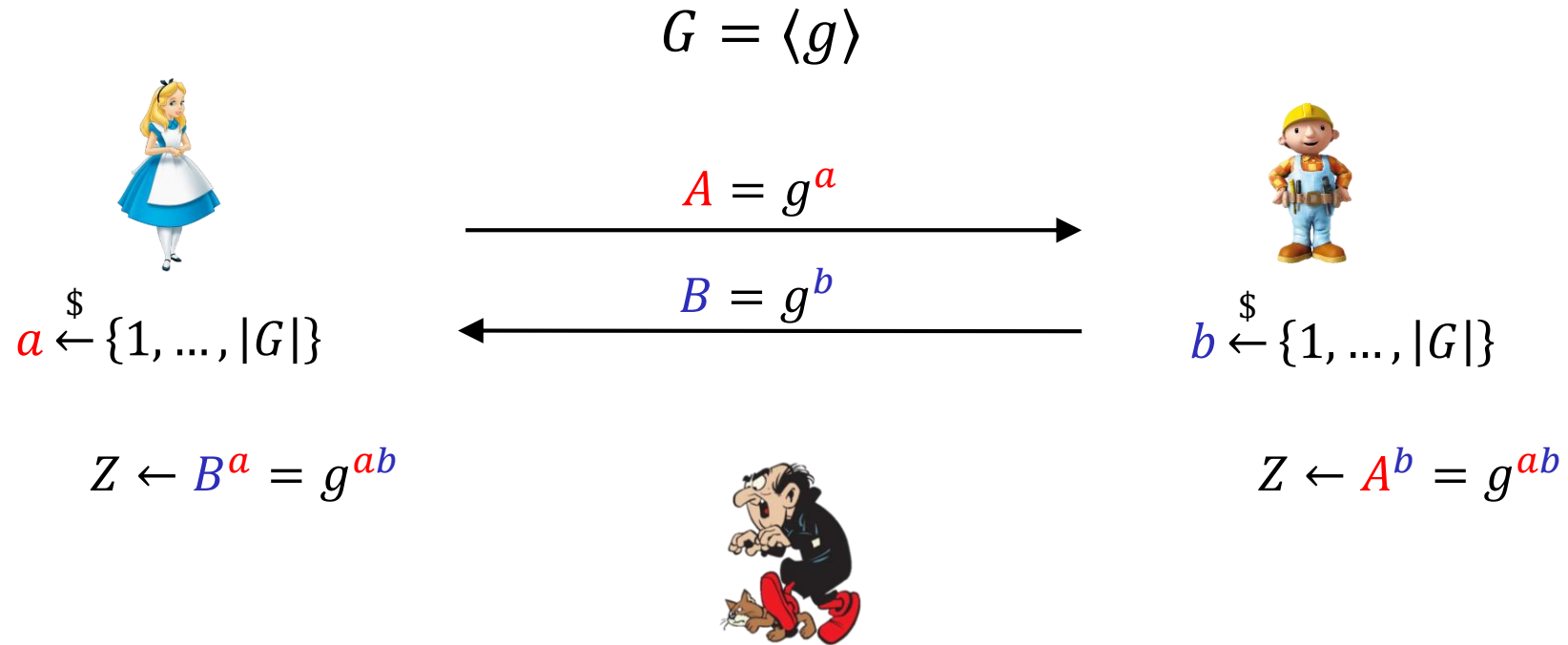


- $(E(\mathbf{F}_p), +)$
 - Find prime p (one-time)
 - Generate curve $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b \pmod p$ (one-time)
 - Find curve group order $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$ (one-time)
 - Find generator P (one-time)
 - Compute $aP = P + P + \cdots + P$
 - Point addition

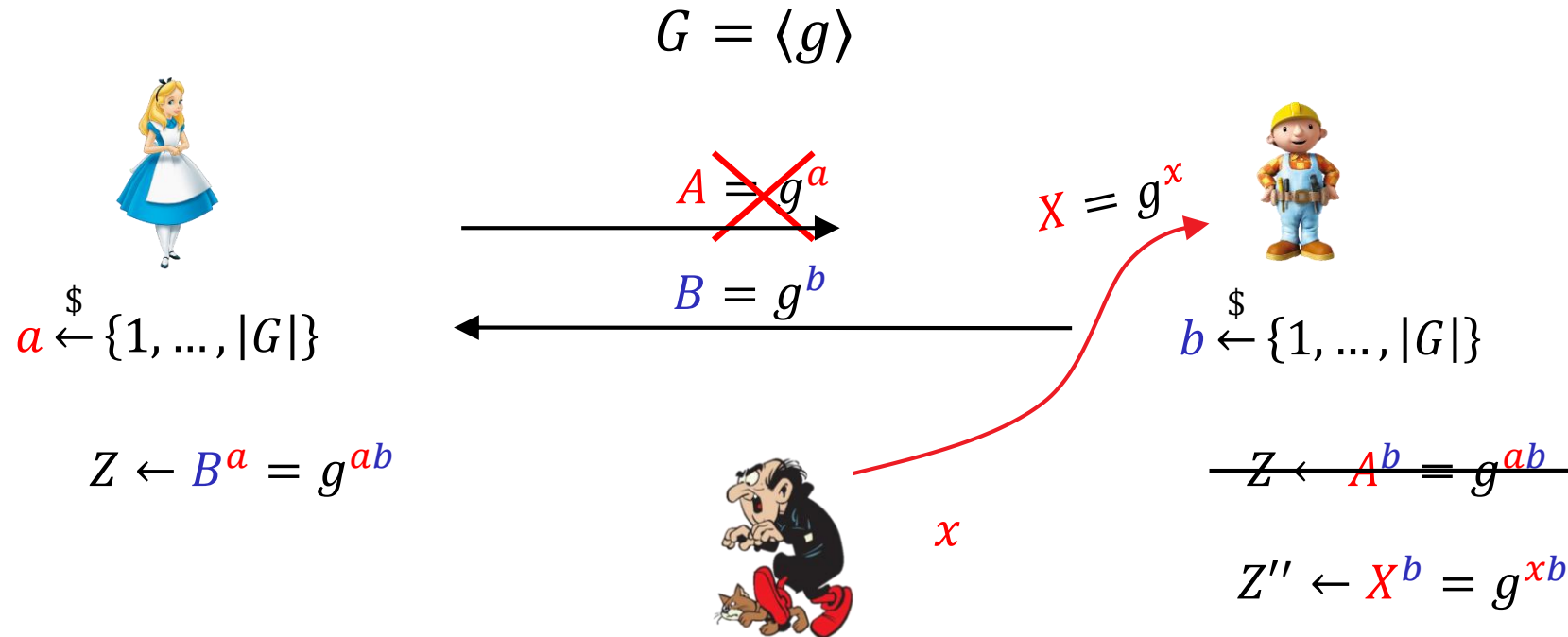


Tricky! (Schoof's algorithm) $|E(\mathbf{F}_p)| \neq p$ (typically)
 Easy! ($|E(\mathbf{F}_p)|$ usually prime)

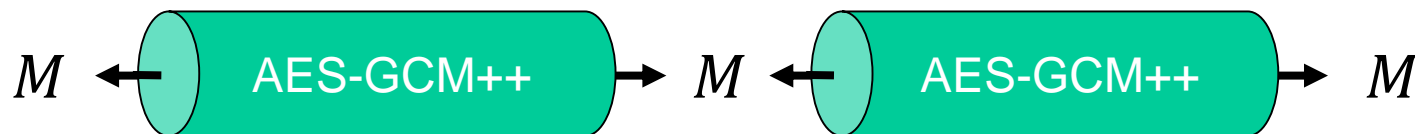
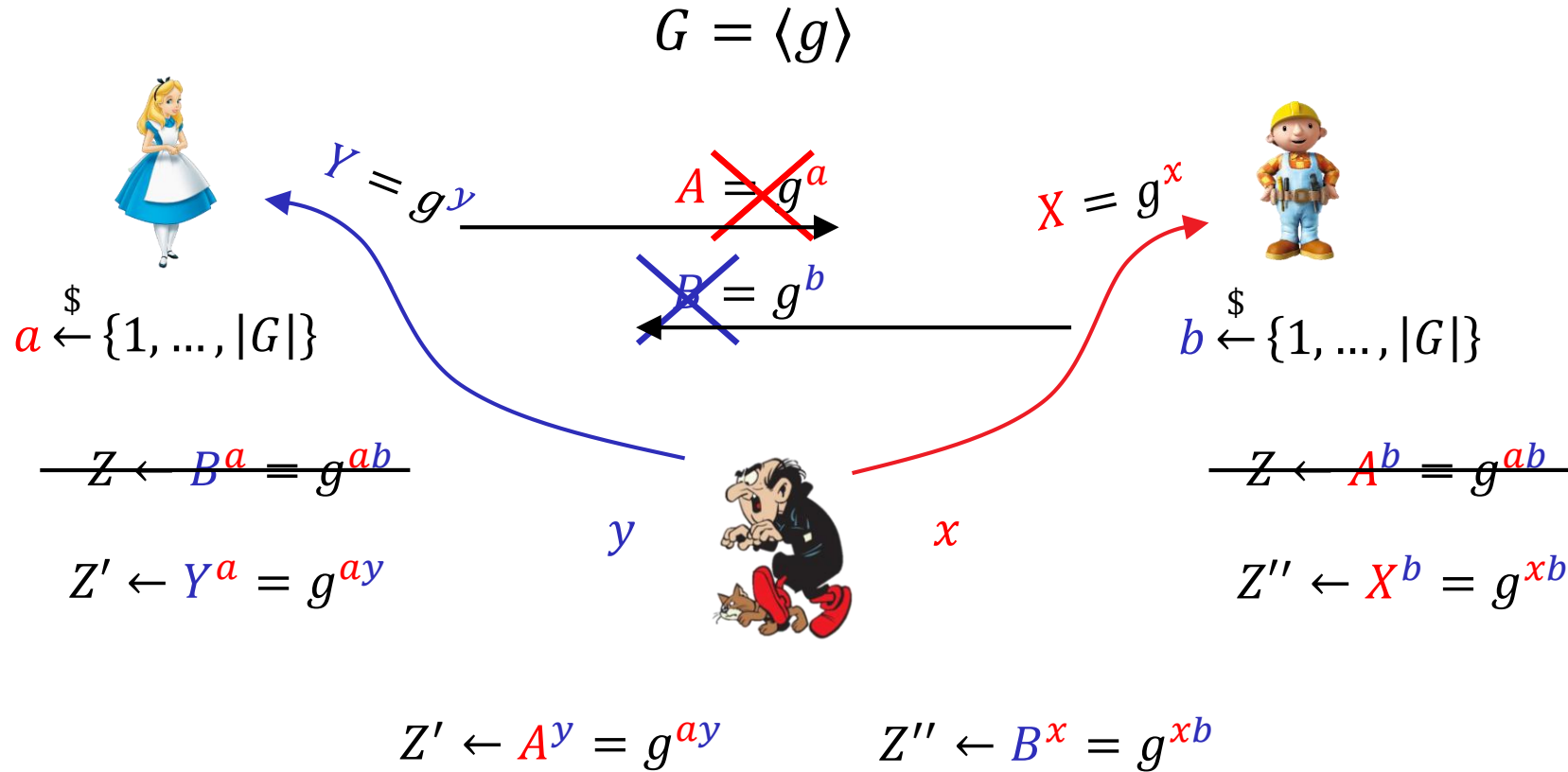
Diffie-Hellman – man-in-the-middle attack



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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



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

$X = g^x$

$Y = g^y$

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

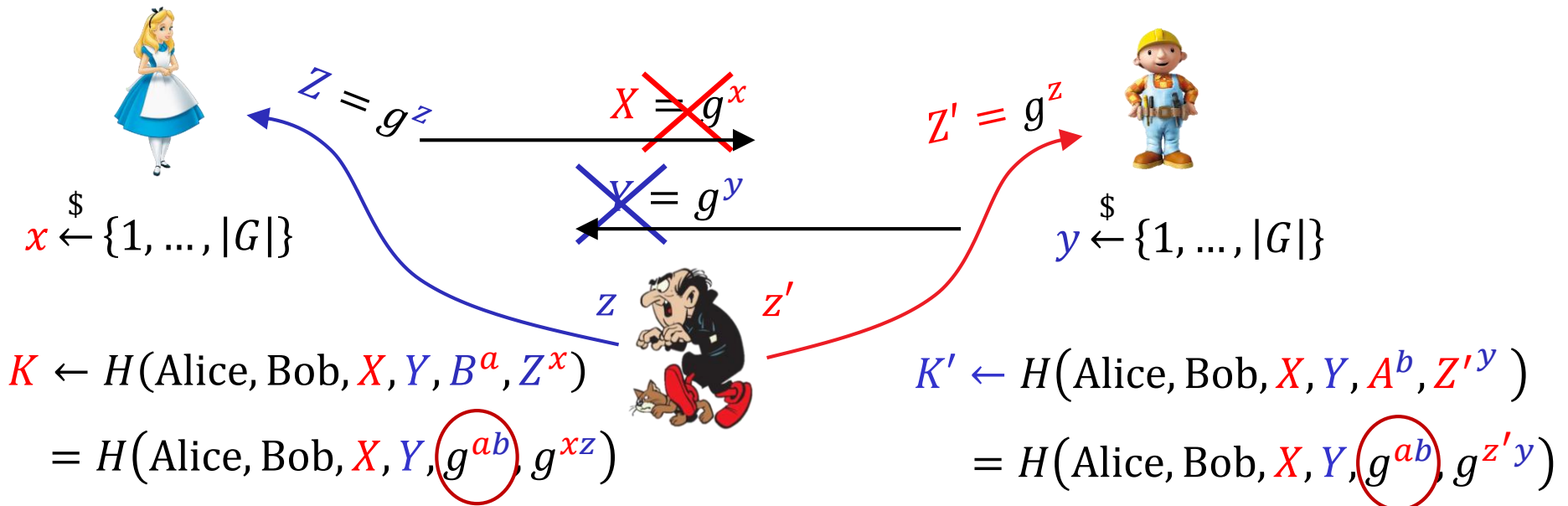
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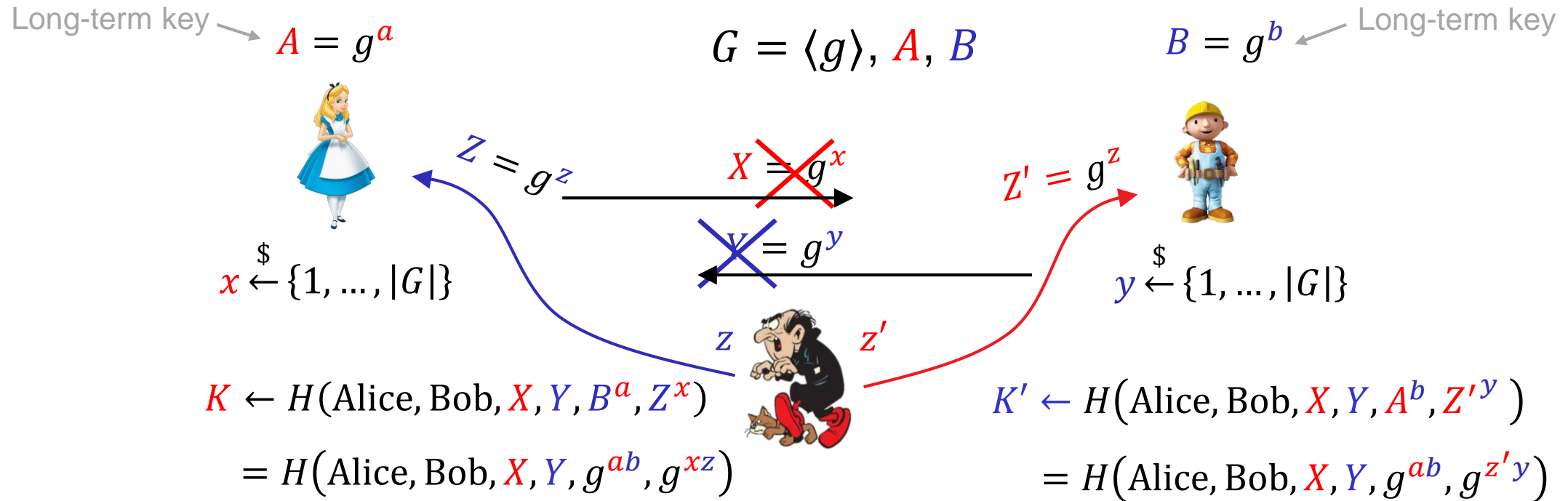
$$G = \langle g \rangle, A, B$$

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



Can't compute K or K' !

Noise-protocol



Many alternatives:

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

static-ephemeral, ephemeral-static

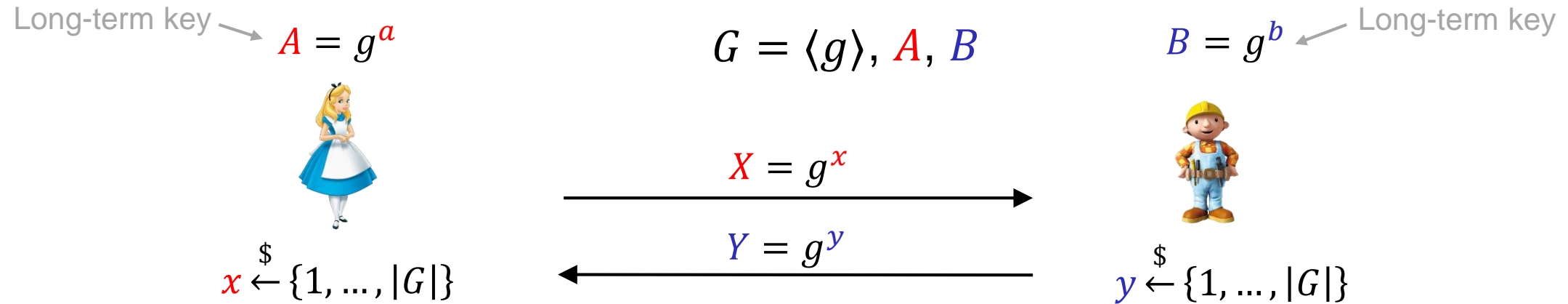
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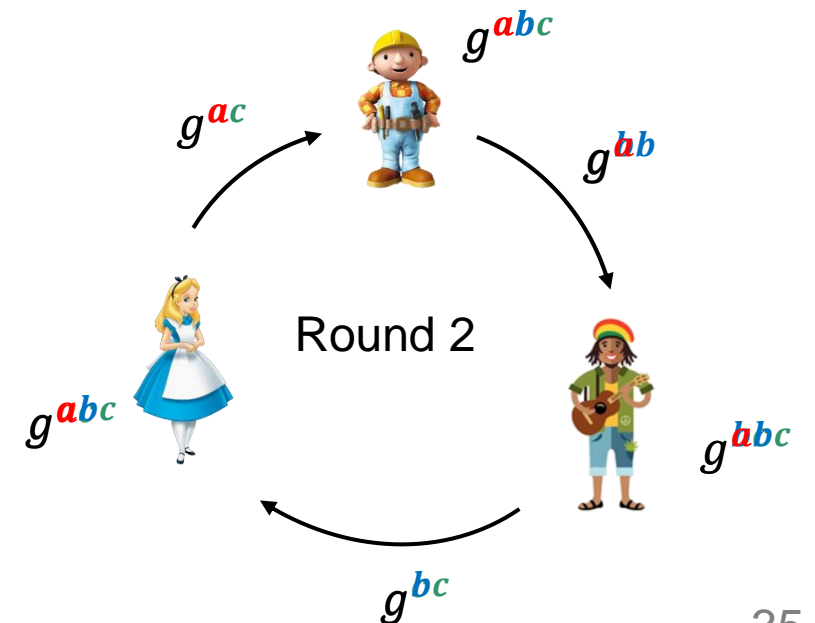
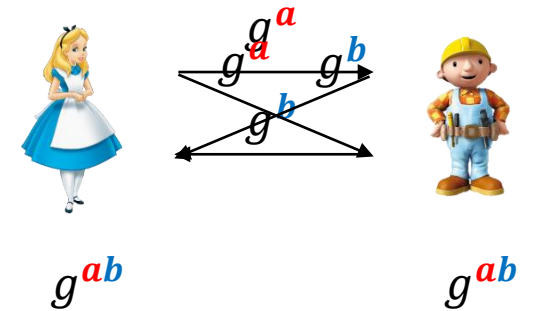
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N-party Diffie-Hellman

- N -party Diffie-Hellman possible in $N - 1$ rounds
- 1-round N -party Diffie-Hellman:
 - $N = 2$ – normal Diffie-Hellman
 - $N = 3$ – Diffie-Hellman with *bilinear pairings* (Joux '00)
 - $N \geq 4$ – open problem
 - Possible with *multilinear maps* (very advanced)
 - ...but we don't know any secure multilinear maps ☹



Summary

- 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, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger Secret Conversations