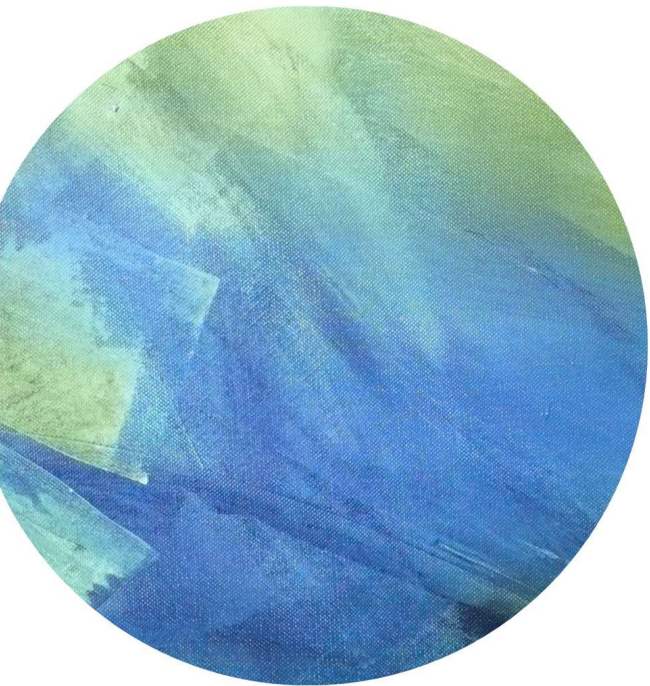


The background of the slide is an abstract composition of broad, textured brushstrokes. The color palette is dominated by various shades of green and blue, ranging from light, almost white-green to deep, dark blues. The strokes are layered and overlapping, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is reminiscent of a watercolor or oil painting on a canvas with a visible weave.

## Lecture 18



# Outline



Pairing-based  
cryptography



NIZKs from pairings



Recall: Pairings

# Pairing-based cryptography

- So far, we've looked at hard problems like discrete log, CDH, HDH, DDH in groups
- Certain groups have an additional structure
- Let  $G_0, G_1, G_T$  be 3 cyclic groups of prime order  
where  $g_0 \in G_0$  and  $g_1 \in G_1$  are generators
- A pairing is an efficiently computable function  $e: G_0 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_T$  such that:
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- Consequences:  $e(g_0^a, g_1^b) = e(g_0, g_1)^{ab} = e(g_0^b, g_1^a)$

$$g^a \quad g^b \quad \xrightarrow{\times} \quad g^{ab} \quad \text{(in regular groups where CDH is hard)}$$
$$e(g^a, g^b) \rightarrow g_T^{ab} \quad \text{(in pairing groups, makes DBH easy)}$$

# A Useful Hardness Assumption

- Co-CDH assumption:

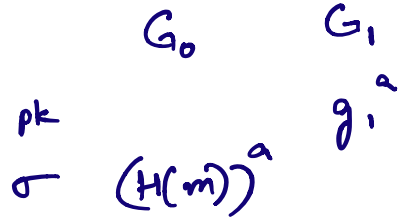
- Sample random  $(a, b)$  in  $Z_q$
- $u_0 = \underline{g_0^a}$ ,  $u_1 = \underline{g_1^a}$ ,  $v_0 = \underline{g_0^b}$ ,  $z_0 = g_0^{ab}$
- Send  $(u_0, u_1, v_0)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$
- $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $z' \in G_0$
- $\mathcal{A}$  wins if  $z' = z_0$ .

cannot output  $g_0^{ab}$ .

# Warmup: BLS Signatures

- Constructed as:

1. KeyGen ( $1^k$ ): Sample random  $a$ , output ( $sk = a$ ), ( $pk = g_1^a$ ).
2. Sign ( $sk = a, m$ ):  $\sigma = (H(m))^a \in G_0$
3. Verify ( $pk, m, \sigma$ ): Output 1 iff  $e(H(m), pk) = e(\sigma, g_1)$ .



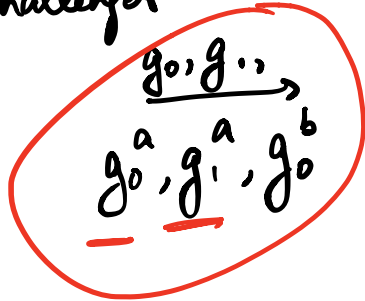
check :  $e(H(m), g_1^a) = e(H(m)^a, g_1)$

Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$ , given  $pk$  and signatures  $\sigma_1$  on  $m_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  on  $m_2 \dots$   
outputs  $(m', \sigma')$  s.t.  $\text{Verify}(pk, m', \sigma') = 1$ .

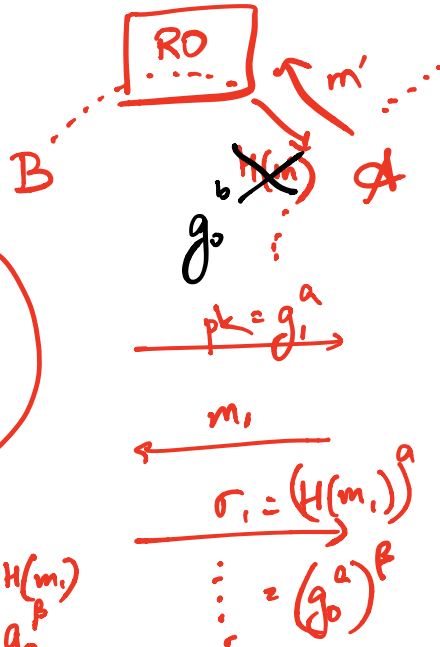
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Co-CDH  
Challenger



Set  $H(m_i)$   
 $= g_0^{P_i}$



Given  $A$  that breaks  
unforgeability w.p.  $\epsilon$ ,  
 $B$  breaks co-CDH w.p.  $\frac{\epsilon}{n}$ .  
where  $n = \#RO$  queries of  $A$

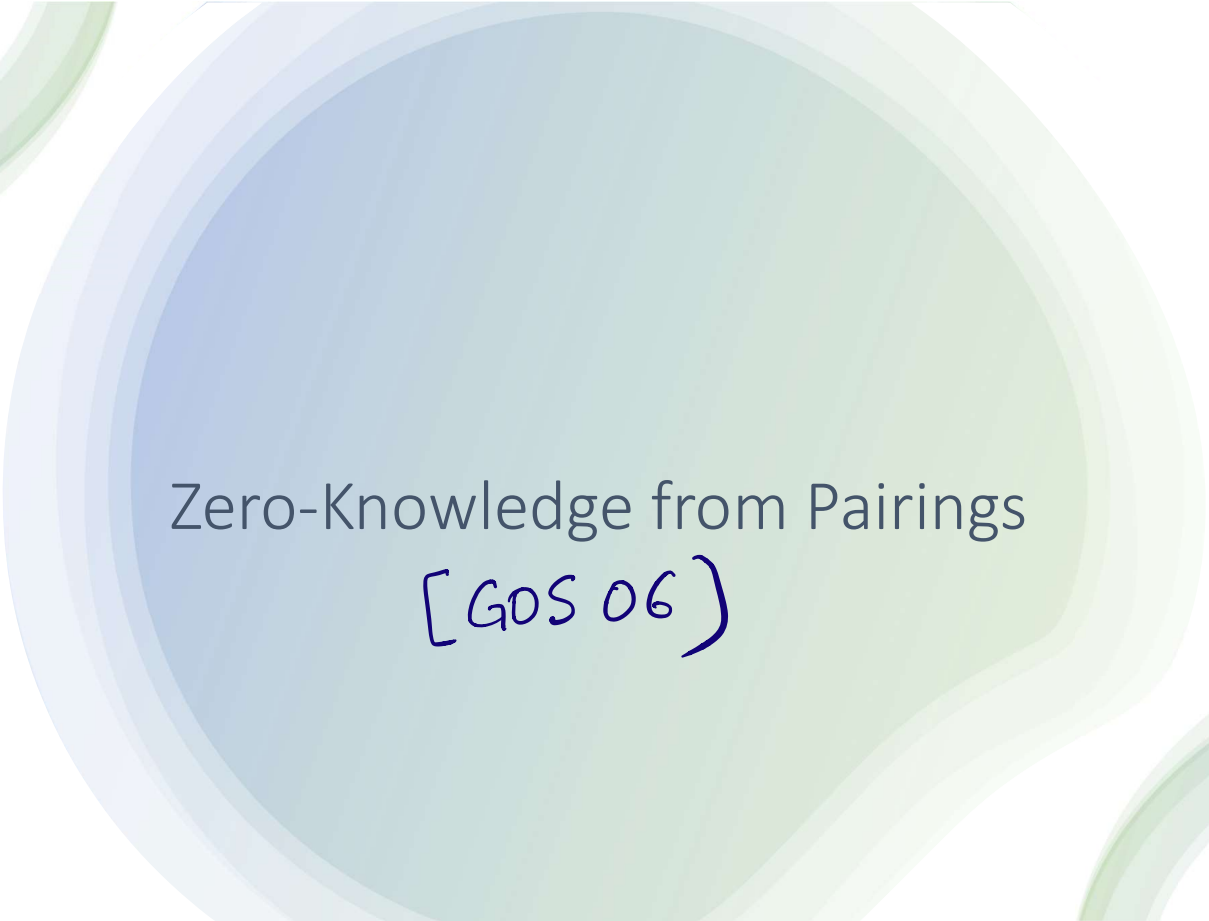
$m', \sigma'$

$$(H(m'))^a = (g_0^b)^a = g_0^{ab}$$



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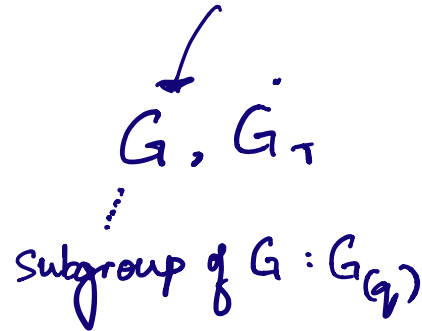
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Zero-Knowledge from Pairings  
[GOS 06]

SHA hardness  $\overset{??}{\leftarrow} \Rightarrow$  Factoring hardness

## Another Assumption



- Subgroup Hiding Assumption
- $N$  is a product of 2 large primes.  
 $q$  is secret
- Let  $G, G_T$  be cyclic groups of composite order  $N = pq$   
 Let  $(g, g_T)$  denote generators of  $(G, G_T)$ , and define  $e: G \times G \rightarrow G_T$
- Define  $G_{(q)}$  to be the unique order- $q$  subgroup of  $G$  (fact: such a subgroup exists!)
- Pick a generator  $g$  of  $G$
- Set  $h_0 \leftarrow$  random generator of  $G$ ,  $h_1 \leftarrow$  random generator of  $G_{(q)}$
- Send  $(g, h_b)$  to Adv. Adv wins if it guesses  $b$ .

$(N, g, h_b)$

$G$  and  $G_{(q)}$  are diff.  
 $\vdots$                        $\vdots$   
 order  $N$                       order  $q$ .

$$(g, h, N) \\ \downarrow \\ \in \text{Gen}(G(r))$$

A

B

# Commitments

## DUAL - MODE COMMITMENTS.

- Commitments

- Public parameters:  $(g, h)$  where  $g \leftarrow \text{Gen}(G)$  and  $h \leftarrow \text{Gen}(G_{(q)})$
- Commit  $(m; r) = g^m h^r$

If  $(g, h, N)$  s.t.  $h \in \text{Gen}(G)$   
 \* comp. binding  
 \* perfectly hiding

- This commitment is perfectly binding:  $\{g^{m_1} h^r\}_r$   $\{g^{m_2} h^r\}_r$ 
  - For all  $m_1 \neq m_2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\text{Supp}(\text{Commit}(m_1; r)) \cap \text{Supp}(\text{Commit}(m_2; r)) = \{\}$

- This commitment is computationally hiding:
  - By subgroup hiding,  $h \leftarrow \text{Gen}(G_{(q)})$  is indistinguishable from  $h \leftarrow \text{Gen}(G)$
  - Perfectly hiding when  $h \leftarrow \text{Gen}(G)$

$\hookrightarrow h = g^k$  for some  $a$ .  
 $g^{\uparrow \uparrow}$   
 $g^{m+rk}$

BINDING: Suppose  $\exists r_1, r_2$  s.t.  $g^{m_1} h^{r_1} = g^{m_2} h^{r_2}$   
 $g^{m \in \mathbb{Z}_p} = g^{m_1 - m_2} = h^{r_2 - r_1} \in G_{(q)} = g^{p \cdot 1}, g^{p \cdot 2}, \dots$

# These Commitments are Homomorphic

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- $\text{Commit}(m_1;r_1) \cdot \text{Commit}(m_2;r_2) = g^{\underline{m_1+m_2}} h^{\underline{r_1+r_2}} = \text{Commit}(\underline{m_1+m_2}; \underline{r_1+r_2})$

$$g^{m_1} h^{r_1} \cdot g^{m_2} h^{r_2}$$

P

V

$$\xrightarrow{c}$$

$$c \in G_{(q)} \text{ or}$$

$$cg^{-1} \in G_{(q)}$$

Proof that a commitment is to 0 or 1

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- $c = \{g^0 h^r\}_r \cup \{g^1 h^r\}_r \Leftrightarrow c \in G_{(q)} \text{ or } cg^{-1} \in G_{(q)}$

$$c = g^0 h^r \text{ for some } r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c \in G_{(q)}$$

$$c = g^1 h^r \text{ for some } r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c}{g} \in G_{(q)}$$

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- $\iff e(c, c g^{-1})^q = 1_T$

$$e(c, c g^{-1})^q = e(c^{\downarrow}, c g^{-1}) = e(c, (c g^{-1})^{\downarrow}) = 1_T$$

$$c \in G_{(q)} \iff c^q = 1_{G_{(q)}} = 1_G$$

$$1_G = g^N$$

$$c g^{-1} \in G_{(q)} \iff (c g^{-1})^q = 1_G$$

$$= e(g^N, A) = (e(g, A))^N = 1_T$$

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$$\forall A, A', e\left(\frac{1}{g}, A\right) = 1_T = e(A', 1_G)$$

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 $\Leftrightarrow e(c, c g^{-1})^q = \mathbf{1}_T$

Tempting:  $V(c)$  computes  $e(c, c g^{-1})^q$  and checks if the result is  $\mathbf{1}_T$ .

But  $V$  doesn't know  $q$ !



# Proof that a commitment is to 0 or 1

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$r \in \{0, 1\}$

- Proof =  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  where

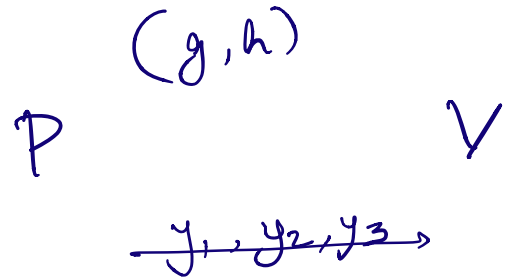
- $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ ,  $t = s^{-1} \bmod N$ ,  $u = g^{2m-1} h^r$

- $y_1 = h^s$

- $y_2 = u^{rt}$

- $y_3 = g^s$

$st = 1 \bmod N$



$$u^{rt} = \left( \frac{g^{-1} h^r}{g} \right)^{rt} \quad \text{or} \quad \left( \frac{g h^r}{g} \right)^{rt}$$

$(m=0)$    $(m=1)$

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Verify  $(c, y_1, y_2, y_3) \rightarrow$

- First, check if  $y_1$  is of the form  $h^s$  for some  $s$
- $e(y_1, g) = e(h, y_3)$

Suppose mal.  $P^*$   
set  $y_1 = g^{100}$   
Suppose  $g^{100} \notin G(q)$

$$e(y_1, g) = e(h, \underline{g^s}) = e(h, g)^s$$
$$= e(y_1, g)$$

if & only if  $y_1 = h^s$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} e(g^a, g^b) \\ &= e(g^b, g^a) \\ &\text{when } G_0 = G_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} e(y_1, y_2) &= e(h^s, u^t) = e(h^r, u^{st}) = e(h^r, u) \\ &= e(h^r, g^{2^{m-1}} \cdot h^r) \end{aligned}$$

$$m=0. \Rightarrow e(y_1, y_2) = e(h^r, g^{-1} \cdot h^r) = e(c, cg^{-1})$$

$$m=1 \Rightarrow e(y_1, y_2) = e(h^r, g \cdot h^r) = e(cg^{-1}, c) = e(c, cg^{-1})$$

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Old:  $e(c, cg^{-1}) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$  (But  $q$  leaks info!)  
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- Use homomorphism property:  
compute  $c = c_i c_j c_k^2 g^{-2} = (g^{w_i + w_j + 2w_k - 2}) \cdot (h^{r_i + r_j + 2r_k})$   
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