

Signatures from trapdoor permutations (the full domain hash):

In order to appeal to security of TDP, we need that the argument to  $F^{-1}(td, \cdot)$  to be random

Idea: hash the message first and sign the hash value (often called "hash-and-sign")

↳ Another benefit: Allows signing long messages (much larger than domain size of TDF)

FDH construction:

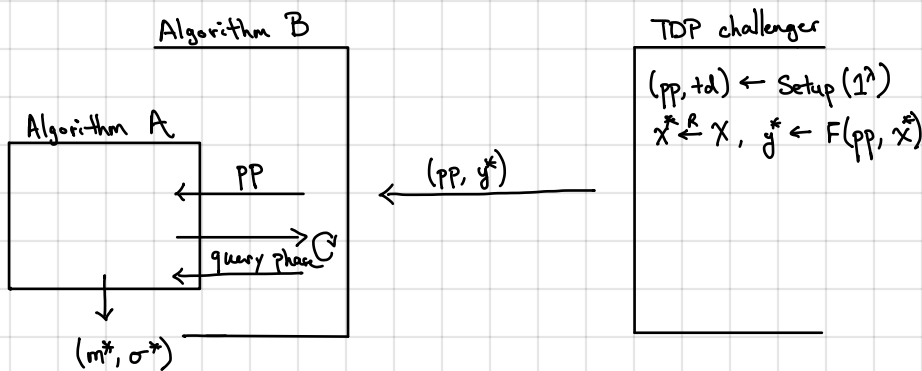
- Setup( $1^\lambda$ ): Sample  $(pp, td) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$  for the TDP and output  $vk = pp, sk = td$

- Sign( $sk, m$ ): Output  $\sigma \leftarrow F^{-1}(td, H(m))$

- Verify( $vk, m, \sigma$ ): Output 1 if  $F(pp, \sigma) = H(m)$  and 0 otherwise

Theorem. If  $F$  is a trapdoor permutation and  $H$  is modeled as a random oracle, then the full domain hash signature scheme defined above is secure.

Proof. Let  $A$  be an adversary for the FDH signature. We use  $A$  to build an adversary  $B$  for the trapdoor permutation:



Claim. If  $A$  succeeds with advantage  $\epsilon$ , then it must query  $H$  on  $m^*$  with probability  $\epsilon - 1/|X|$ .

Proof. Suppose  $A$  does not query  $m^*$ . Now,  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$  is a valid forgery only if  $F(pp, \sigma^*) = H(m^*)$ . However, if  $A$  does not query  $m^*$ , value of  $H(m^*)$  uniform and independent of  $F(pp, \sigma^*)$ . Thus,  $A$  succeeds with prob.  $1/|X|$ .

Key idea: If  $A$  succeeds, it will invert the TDP at  $H(m^*)$ . [Algorithm B will program the challenge  $y$  for  $H(m^*)$ ].  
But which query is  $m^*$ ?

Without loss of generality, assume  $A$  queries  $H$  on message  $m$  before making a signing query to  $m$ .

Suppose  $A$  makes at most  $Q$  queries to the random oracle. Algorithm B will guess which random oracle query is  $m^*$ .

1. Algorithm B samples  $i^* \leftarrow [Q]$ .

2. When  $A$  makes a query to  $H$  on input  $m_i$ :

- Sample  $x_i \leftarrow X$ . Let  $y_i \leftarrow F(pp, x_i)$

- Set  $H(x_i)$  to  $y_i$  and remember the mapping  $m_i \mapsto (x_i, y_i)$

} for all queries other than query  $i^*$

On query  $i^*$  to  $H$  for message  $m_{i^*}$ :

- Respond with challenge  $y_{i^*}$ .

When  $A$  makes a signing query for message  $m$ :

- If  $m = m_{i^*}$ , then algorithm B aborts and outputs  $\perp$ .

- Otherwise, B looks up mapping  $m \mapsto (x, y)$  and replies with  $x$ .
- 3. If B does not abort and A outputs  $(m^*, \sigma^*)$  where  $m^* = m_i^*$ , B outputs  $\sigma^*$ . Otherwise, it outputs  $\perp$ .

By construction, all queries to H are answered properly (since  $x$  is uniform and  $F(pp, \cdot)$  is a permutation)  
 If A does not make signing query on  $m_i^*$ , then all signing queries answered perfectly

- With probability  $\epsilon - 1/|X|$ , algorithm A will query H on  $m_i^*$ , not make a signing query on  $m_i^*$ , and forge a signature on  $m_i^*$
  - With probability  $1/Q$ ,  $m_i^* = m^*$  in which case B perfectly simulates the signature security game
- Algorithm B succeeds with probability at least  $1/Q (\epsilon - 1/|X|) = \epsilon/Q - \text{negl}(\lambda)$ .
- $\hookrightarrow \text{TDPAdv}[B] \geq \frac{1}{Q} \text{SigAdv}[A] - \text{negl}$ .
- $\leftarrow$  "loss in security reduction"

Some (partial) attacks can exploit very small public exponent ( $e=3$ )

Recap: RSA-FDH signatures:

Setup ( $\mathcal{I}^A$ ): Sample modulus  $N$ ,  $e, d$  such that  $ed = 1 \pmod{\phi(N)}$  — typically  $e = 3$  or  $e = 65537$

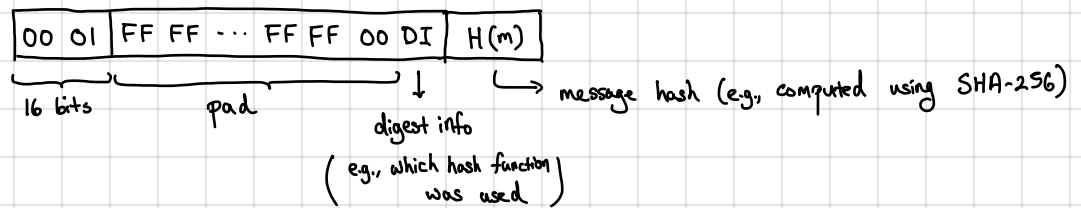
Output  $vk = (N, e)$  and  $sk = (N, d)$

Sign ( $sk, m$ ):  $\sigma \leftarrow H(m)^d$  [Here, we are assuming that H maps into  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ ]

Verify ( $vk, m, \sigma$ ): output 1 if  $H(m) = \sigma^e$  and 0 otherwise

Standard: PKCS1 v1.5 (typically used for signing certificates)

- $\hookrightarrow$  Standard cryptographic hash functions hash into a 256-bit space (eg, SHA-256), but FDH requires full domain
- $\hookrightarrow$  PKCS 1 v1.5 is a way to pad hashed message before signing:



- $\hookrightarrow$  Padding important to protect against chosen message attacks (eg., preprocess to find messages  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  where  $H(m_1) = H(m_2) \cdot H(m_3)$ ) (but this is not a full-domain hash and cannot prove security under RSA — can make stronger assumption...)