

Homework 8 in Advanced Methods of Cryptography

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Exercise 23. The parameters for the cryptosystem used in an ElGamal signature scheme are

$$p = 4793, x = 9177, a = 4792, \text{ and a random secret } k = 2811.$$

- (a) Check if these parameters fulfill the requirements of the signature scheme.

If the requirements are not fulfilled take the alternative values

$$x = 257 \text{ and } a = 1400.$$

- (b) Sign the message $m = 231$ using the ElGamal signature scheme.

Exercise 24. The message $m = 65$ was signed using the ElGamal signature scheme with public parameters $y = 399$, $p = 859$, and $a = 206$.

- (a) Verify the signature $\langle r, s \rangle = \langle 373, 15 \rangle$.

Exercise 25. An attacker has intercepted one valid signature (r, s) of the ElGamal signature scheme and a hashed message $h(m)$ which is invertible modulo $p - 1$.

- (a) Show that the attacker can generate a signature $\langle r', s' \rangle$ for any hashed message $h(m')$, if $1 \leq r < p$ is not verified.