

Smooth Projective Hashing for Conditionally Extractable Commitments

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Smooth Projective Hash Functions

[Cramer-Shoup EC '02]

Family of Hash Function H

Let $\{H\}$ be a family of functions:

- X , domain of these functions
- L , subset (a language) of this domain

such that, for any point x in L , $H(x)$ can be computed by using

- either a *secret* hashing key hk : $H(x) = \text{Hash}_L(hk; x)$;
- or a *public* projected key hp : $H(x) = \text{ProjHash}_L(hp; x, w)$

While the former works for all points in the domain X , the latter works for $x \in L$ only, and requires a witness w to this fact. There is a public mapping that converts the hashing key hk into the projected key hp : $hp = \text{ProjKG}_L(hk)$

Properties

For any $x \in X$, $H(x) = \text{Hash}_L(\text{hk}; x)$
 For any $x \in L$, $H(x) = \text{ProjHash}_L(\text{hp}; x, w)$ w witness that $x \in L$

Smoothness

For any $x \notin L$, $H(x)$ and hp are independent

Pseudo-Randomness

For any $x \in L$, $H(x)$ is pseudo-random, without a witness w

The latter property requires L to be a **hard partitioned subset** of X :

Hard-Partitioned Subset

L is a hard-partitioned subset of X if it is computationally hard to distinguish a random element in L from a random element in $X \setminus L$

Examples

Commitment [Gennaro-Lindell EC '02]

$L_{\text{pk},m} = \{c\}$ such that c is a commitment of m using public parameter pk :
 there exists r such that $c = \text{com}_{\text{pk}}(m; r)$
 where com is the committing algorithm

Labeled Encryption [Canetti-Halevi-Katz-Lindell-MacKenzie EC '05]

$L_{\text{pk},(\ell,m)} = \{c\}$ such that c is an encryption of m with label ℓ , under the public key pk :
 there exists r such that $c = \mathcal{E}_{\text{pk}}^{\ell}(m; r)$
 where \mathcal{E} is the encryption algorithm

Element-Based Projection

Initial Definition [Cramer-Shoup EC '02]

The projected key hp depends on the hashing key hk only:
 $\text{hp} = \text{ProjKG}_L(\text{hk})$

New Definition [Gennaro-Lindell EC '03]

The projected key hp depends on the hashing key hk , and x :
 $\text{hp} = \text{ProjKG}_L(\text{hk}, x)$

Applications: Encryption and Commitments

The input x can be a ciphertext or a commitment, where the indistinguishability for the **hard partitioned subset** relies

- either on the semantic security of the encryption scheme
- or the hiding property of the commitment scheme

Smooth Projective Hash Functions

Key-Generation Algorithms [Gennaro-Lindell EC '03]

A family of smooth projective hash functions **HASH**(pk), for a language $L_{\text{pk},\text{aux}} \subset X$, onto the set G , based on

- either a labeled encryption scheme with public key pk
- or on a commitment scheme with public parameters pk

consists of four algorithms:
HASH(pk) = (HashKG, ProjKG, Hash, ProjHash)

Key-Generation Algorithms

- Probabilistic hashing key algorithm:
 $\text{hk} \xleftarrow{\$} \text{HashKG}(\text{pk}, \text{aux})$
- Deterministic projection key algorithm
 $\text{hp} = \text{ProjKG}(\text{hk}; \text{pk}, \text{aux}, c)$
 (where c is either a ciphertext or a commitment in X)

Smooth Projective Hash Functions [Gennaro-Lindell EC '03]

$$\text{HASH}(pk) = (\text{HashKG}, \text{ProjKG}, \text{Hash}, \text{ProjHash})$$

Hashing Algorithms

- The hashing algorithm Hash computes,
 - on $c \in X$
 - using the secret hashing key hk
 - the value $g = \text{Hash}(hk; pk, aux, c) \in G$
- The projected hashing algorithm ProjHash computes,
 - on $c \in X$
 - using the projection key hp
 - and a witness w to the fact that $c \in L_{pk,aux}$
 - the value $g = \text{ProjHash}(hp; pk, aux, c; w) \in G$

Properties

Correctness

Let $c \in L_{pk,aux}$ and w a witness of this membership.
 $hk \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \text{HashKG}(pk, aux)$ and $hp = \text{ProjKG}(hk; pk, aux, c)$ implies

$$\text{Hash}(hk; pk, aux, c) = \text{ProjHash}(hp; pk, aux, c; w)$$

Smoothness

If $c \notin L_{pk,aux}$, the two distributions are **statistically** indistinguishable:

$$\{pk, aux, c, hp = \text{ProjKG}(hk; pk, aux, c), g = \text{Hash}(hk; pk, aux, c)\}$$

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Properties

Pseudorandomness

If $c \in L_{pk,aux}$, without a witness w of this membership, the two distributions are **computationally** indistinguishable:

$$\{pk, aux, c, hp = \text{ProjKG}(hk; pk, aux, c), g = \text{Hash}(hk; pk, aux, c)\}$$

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This requires $L_{pk,aux}$ to be a **hard partitioned subset** of X :
 the uniform distributions in $L_{pk,aux}$ and in $X \setminus L_{pk,aux}$
 are computationally indistinguishable

EIGamal Encryption [ElGamal - C '84]

$G = \langle g \rangle$, a cyclic group of prime order q .

EIGamal Encryption Schemes

- Let $pk = h = g^x$ (public key), where $sk = x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q$ (private key)
- If $M \in G$, the multiplicative ElGamal encryption is:
 - $EG_{pk}^{\times}(M; r) = (u_1 = g^r, e = h^r M)$
 - which can be decrypted by $M = e/u_1^r$.
 - If $M \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, the additive ElGamal encryption is:
 - $EG_{pk}^{+}(M; r) = (u_1 = g^r, e = h^r g^M)$
 - Note that $EG_{pk}^{\times}(g^M; r) = EG_{pk}^{+}(M; r)$
 - It can thus be decrypted as above, but after an additional discrete logarithm computation: M must be small enough.

IND-CPA security = DDH assumption.

Smooth Projective HF Family for ElGamal

The CRS: $\rho = (G, q, g, \text{pk} = h)$

Language: $L = L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), M} = \{C = (u_1, e) = \text{EG}_{\text{pk}}^+(M; r), r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q\}$

- L is a hard partitioned subset of $X = G^2$, under the semantic security of the ElGamal encryption scheme (DDH assumption)
- the random r is the witness to L -membership

Algorithms

- $\text{HashKG}((\text{EG}^+, \rho), M) = \text{hk} = (\gamma_1, \gamma_3) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_q$
- $\text{Hash}(\text{hk}; (\text{EG}^+, \rho), M, C) = (u_1)^{\gamma_1} (eg^{-M})^{\gamma_3}$
- $\text{ProjKG}(\text{hk}; (\text{EG}^+, \rho), M, C) = \text{hp} = (g)^{\gamma_1} (h)^{\gamma_3}$
- $\text{ProjHash}(\text{hp}; (\text{EG}^+, \rho), M, C; r) = (\text{hp})^r$

Notations

We assume that G possesses a group structure, and we denote by \oplus the commutative law of the group (and by \ominus the opposite operation) We assume to be given two smooth hash systems SHS_1 and SHS_2 , on the sets G_1 and G_2 (included in G) corresponding to the languages L_1 and L_2 respectively:

$$\text{SHS}_i = \{\text{HashKG}_i, \text{ProjKG}_i, \text{Hash}_i, \text{ProjHash}_i\}$$

Let $c \in X$, and r_1 and r_2 two random elements:

- $\text{hk}_1 = \text{HashKG}_1(\rho, \text{aux}, r_1)$
- $\text{hk}_2 = \text{HashKG}_2(\rho, \text{aux}, r_2)$
- $\text{hp}_1 = \text{ProjKG}_1(\text{hk}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c)$
- $\text{hp}_2 = \text{ProjKG}_2(\text{hk}_2; \rho, \text{aux}, c)$

Conjunction of Languages

A hash system for the language $L = L_1 \cap L_2$ is then defined as follows, if $c \in L_1 \cap L_2$ and w_i is a witness that $c \in L_i$, for $i = 1, 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HashKG}_L(\rho, \text{aux}, r = r_1 \| r_2) &= \text{hk} = (\text{hk}_1, \text{hk}_2) \\ \text{ProjKG}_L(\text{hk}; \rho, \text{aux}, c) &= \text{hp} = (\text{hp}_1, \text{hp}_2) \\ \text{Hash}_L(\text{hk}; \rho, \text{aux}, c) &= \text{Hash}_1(\text{hk}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c) \\ &\quad \oplus \text{Hash}_2(\text{hk}_2; \rho, \text{aux}, c) \\ \text{ProjHash}_L(\text{hp}; \rho, \text{aux}, c; (w_1, w_2)) &= \text{ProjHash}_1(\text{hp}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c; w_1) \\ &\quad \oplus \text{ProjHash}_2(\text{hp}_2; \rho, \text{aux}, c; w_2) \end{aligned}$$

- if c is not in one of the languages, then the corresponding hash value is perfectly random: **smoothness**
- without one of the witnesses, then the corresponding hash value is computationally unpredictable: **pseudo-randomness**

Disjunction of Languages

A hash system for the language $L = L_1 \cup L_2$ is then defined as follows, if $c \in L_1 \cup L_2$ and w is a witness that $c \in L_i$ for $i \in \{1, 2\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HashKG}_L(\rho, \text{aux}, r = r_1 \| r_2) &= \text{hk} = (\text{hk}_1, \text{hk}_2) \\ \text{ProjKG}_L(\text{hk}; \rho, \text{aux}, c) &= \text{hp} = (\text{hp}_1, \text{hp}_2, \text{hp}_\Delta) \\ &\quad \text{where } \text{hp}_\Delta = \text{Hash}_1(\text{hk}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c) \\ &\quad \quad \oplus \text{Hash}_2(\text{hk}_2; \rho, \text{aux}, c) \\ \text{Hash}_L(\text{hk}; \rho, \text{aux}, c) &= \text{Hash}_1(\text{hk}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c) \\ \text{ProjHash}_L(\text{hp}; \rho, \text{aux}, c; w) &= \text{ProjHash}_1(\text{hp}_1; \rho, \text{aux}, c; w) \text{ if } c \in L_1 \\ &\quad \text{or } \text{hp}_\Delta \ominus \text{ProjHash}_2(\text{hp}_2; \rho, \text{aux}, c; w) \\ &\quad \quad \text{if } c \in L_2 \end{aligned}$$

hp_Δ helps to compute the missing hash value, if and only if at least one can be computed

Properties

Contrarily to the original Cramer-Shoup definition, the value of the projected key formally depends on the word c but this dependence maybe *invisible*

Uniformity
The projected key may or may not depend on c (and aux), but its distribution does not

Independence
The projected key does not depend at all on c (and aux)

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Commitments

Definition
A commitment scheme is defined by two algorithms:

- the committing algorithm, $C = \text{com}(x; r)$ with randomness r , on input x , to commit on this input;
- the decommitting algorithm, $(x, D) = \text{decom}(C, x, r)$, where x is the claimed committed value, and D the proof

Properties
The commitment $C = \text{com}(x; r)$

- reveals nothing about the input x : the **hiding property**
- nobody can open C in two different ways: the **binding property**

Examples

In both cases, the CRS ρ is $(G, q, g, \text{pk} = h)$, and $(x, D = r) = \text{decom}(C, x, r)$

ElGamal

- $C = \text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r) = (u_1, \theta) = \text{EG}_{\text{pk}}^+(x; r)$, with $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$;
- As any IND-CPA encryption scheme, this commitment is **perfectly binding** and **computationally hiding**, (DDH assumption)

Pedersen

- $C = \text{comPed}(x; r) = g^x h^r$, with $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q$;
- This commitment is **perfectly hiding** and **computationally binding**, (DL assumption)

Additional Properties

Extractability

A commitment is **extractable** if there exists an efficient algorithm, called **extractor**, capable of generating a new CRS (with similar distribution) such that it can extract x from any $C = \text{com}(x, r)$

This is possible for computationally hiding commitments only: with an encryption scheme, the decryption key is the extraction key

Equivocability

A commitment is **equivocable** if there exists an efficient algorithm, called **equivocator**, capable of generating a new CRS and a commitment (with similar distributions) such that the commitment can be opened in different ways

This is possible for computationally binding commitments only

Motivation

ElGamal Commitment

$\text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r) = \text{EG}_{\text{pk}}^+(x; r)$, is extractable for small x only

Example

If $x \in \{0, 1\}$, any $C(x) = \text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r)$ is extractable

Homomorphic Property

Let us assume $2^{k-1} < q < 2^k$, then for any $x = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i \times 2^i \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, $C(x) = \{C_i = \text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x_i; r_i) = \text{EG}_{\text{pk}}^+(x_i; r_i)\}_{i=0}^{k-1}$, is extractable under the condition that $(x_i)_i \in \{0, 1\}^k$
 Furthermore, $\text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r) = \prod C_i^{2^i}$, for $r = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} r_i \times 2^i$

Additional Properties

Non-Malleability

A commitment is **non-malleable** if, for any adversary receiving a commitment C of some unknown value x that can generate a valid commitment for a related value y , then a simulator could perform the same without seeing the commitment C

This is meaningful for perfectly binding commitments only: with an encryption scheme, IND-CCA2 security level guarantees non-malleability

Extended Languages

$$x = 0 \iff C(x) = \text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r) \in L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 0}$$

$$x = 1 \iff C(x) = \text{comEG}_{\text{pk}}(x; r) \in L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 1}$$

We then define

$$L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 0 \vee 1} = L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 0} \cup L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 1}$$

To be extractable, $C = (C_i)_i$ has to lie in

$$L = \{(C_0, \dots, C_{k-1}) \mid \forall i, C_i \in L_{(\text{EG}^+, \rho), 0 \vee 1}\}$$

Certification of Public Keys

For the certification Cert of an ElGamal public key $y = g^x$, in most of the protocols, the simulator needs to be able to extract the secret key:

Classical Process

- the user sends his public key $y = g^x$;
- the user and the authority run a ZK proof of knowledge of x
- if convinced, the authority generates and sends the certificate Cert for y

But for extracting x in the simulation, the reduction requires a rewinding (that is not always allowed: e.g., in the UC Framework)

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New Process

the user and the authority use a smooth projective hash system for L :
 $\text{HASH}(pk) = (\text{HashKG}, \text{ProjKG}, \text{Hash}, \text{ProjHash})$

- the user sends his public key $y = g^x$, together with an L -extractable commitment C of x , with random r ;
- the authority generates
 - a hashing key $hk \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \text{HashKG}()$,
 - the corresponding projected key on C , $hp = \text{ProjKG}(hk, C)$
 - the hash value $\text{Hash} = \text{Hash}(hk; C)$
 and sends hp along with $\text{Cert} \oplus \text{Hash}$;
- The user computes $\text{Hash} = \text{ProjHash}(hp; C, r)$, and gets Cert.

Commitment and Smooth Projective HF

The authority sends hp along with $\text{Cert} \oplus \text{Hash}$

Analysis: Correct Commitment

If the user correctly computed the commitment ($C \in L$)

- he knows the witness r , and can get the same mask Hash ;
- the simulator can extract x , granted the L -extractability

Analysis: Incorrect Commitment

If the user cheated ($C \notin L$)

- the simulator is not guaranteed to extract anything;
- but, the smoothness property makes Hash perfectly unpredictable: no information is leaked about the certificate.

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A First Approach

[Canetti-Fischlin '01]

To get both extractability and equivocability (at the same time), one can combine perfectly hiding and perfectly binding commitments:

- Pedersen's commitment is perfectly hiding
- ElGamal's commitment is perfectly binding

Notations

if b is a bit, we denote its complement by \bar{b}

$x[i]$ denotes the i^{th} bit of the bit-string x

Extractable and Equivocable Commitment

Common Reference String Model

The commitment is realized in the common reference string model: the CRS ρ contains

- (G, pk) , where pk is an ElGamal public key and the private key is unknown to anybody (except to the commitment extractor)
- the tuple $(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in G^m$, for which the discrete logarithms in basis g are unknown to anybody (except to the commitment equivocator)

Let the input of the committing algorithm be a bit-string

$$\pi = \sum_{i=1}^m \pi_i \cdot 2^{i-1}$$

Extractable and Equivocable Commitment

In order to commit to π_i , for $i = 1, \dots, m$,

- one chooses a random value $x_{i,\pi_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_{i,\pi_i}[j] \cdot 2^{j-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ and sets $x_{i,\pi_i} = 0$
- one commits to π_i , using the random x_{i,π_i} :

$$a_i = \text{comPed}(\pi_i, x_{i,\pi_i}) = g^{x_{i,\pi_i}} y_i^{\pi_i}$$

This defines $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$

- one commits to $x_{i,\delta}$, for $\delta = 0, 1$: $(\mathbf{b}_{i,\delta} = (b_{i,\delta}[j])_j) = \text{comEG}_{pk}(x_{i,\delta})$, where $b_{i,\delta}[j] = \text{EG}_{pk}^+(x_{i,\delta}[j] \cdot 2^{j-1}, r_{i,\delta}[j])$

Then, $B_{i,\delta} = \prod_j b_{i,\delta}[j] = \text{EG}_{pk}^+(x_{i,\delta}, r_{i,\delta})$, where $r_{i,\delta} = \sum_j r_{i,\delta}[j]$.

Extractable and Equivocable Commitment

- Random string:

$$R = (x_{1,\pi_1}, (r_{1,0}[j], r_{1,1}[j])_j, \dots, x_{m,\pi_m}, (r_{m,0}[j], r_{m,1}[j])_j)$$

- Commitment: $\text{com}_\rho(\pi; R) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$

where $\mathbf{a} = (a_i = \text{comPed}(\pi_i, x_{i,\pi_i}))_i$

$$\mathbf{b} = (b_{i,\delta}[j] = \text{EG}_{pk}^+(x_{i,\delta}[j] \cdot 2^{j-1}, r_{i,\delta}[j]))_{i,\delta,j}$$

- Witness: the values $r_{i,\pi_i}[j]$ can be erased,

$$\mathbf{w} = (x_{1,\pi_1}, (r_{1,\pi_1}[j])_j, \dots, x_{m,\pi_m}, (r_{m,\pi_m}[j])_j)$$

- Opening: given the above witness, and the value π

$$\forall i, j : b_{i,\pi_i}[j] \stackrel{?}{=} \text{EG}_{pk}^+(x_{i,\pi_i}[j] \cdot 2^{j-1}, r_{i,\pi_i}[j])$$

$$\forall i : a_i \stackrel{?}{=} \text{comPed}(\pi_i, x_{i,\pi_i})$$

Properties

$$\text{com}_\rho(\pi; R) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) : \mathbf{a} = (a_i = \text{comPed}(\pi_i, x_{i,\pi_i}))_i$$

$$\mathbf{b} = (b_{i,\delta}[j] = \text{EG}_{\text{pk}}^+(x_{i,\delta}[j] \cdot 2^{j-1}, r_{i,\delta}[j]))_{i,\delta,j}$$

Intuition

- Granted the perfectly hiding property of the Pedersen commitment, without any information on the $x_{i,\delta}[j]$'s, no information is leaked about the π_i 's
- Granted the semantic security of the ElGamal encryption scheme, the former privacy on the $x_{i,\delta}[j]$'s is guaranteed
- Granted the computationally binding property of the Pedersen commitment, the a_i 's cannot be open in two ways

Conditional Extractability

Constraints

- bit-by-bit encryption of the $x_{i,\delta}[j]$: with the **ElGamal decryption key**, one decrypts all the $b_{i,\delta}[j]$, and gets the x_{i,π_i} (unless the plaintexts are different to 0 and 2^{j-1})
- then, one can confirm, for $i = 1, \dots, m$, whether $a_i = \text{comPed}(0, x_{i,0})$ or $a_i = \text{comPed}(1, x_{i,1})$, which provides π_i (unless none of the equalities is satisfied)

The above conditions define the language for extractability:

$$L_{\rho,\pi} = \left\{ C \mid \begin{array}{l} \exists R \text{ such that } C = \text{com}_\rho(\pi, R) \\ \text{and } \forall i \forall j \ b_{i,\pi_i}[j] \in L(\text{EG}^+_{\rho,0} \vee 1) \\ \text{and } \forall i \ B_{i,\pi_i} \in L(\text{EG}^+_{\rho,1}, a_i/y_i^{\pi_i}) \end{array} \right\}$$

Equivocability

Normal Procedure

- One takes a random x_{i,π_i} and then $x_{i,\pi_i} = 0$, which specifies π_i
- One commits on π_i using randomness x_{i,π_i}
- One encrypts both x_{i,π_i} and x_{i,π_i} , bit-by-bit

Equivocable Procedure

Granted the **Pedersen commitment trapdoor**

- one takes a random $x_{i,0}$ and extracts $x_{i,1}$ such that $a_i = \text{comPed}(0, x_{i,0}) = \text{comPed}(1, x_{i,1})$
- the rest of the commitment procedure remains the same

One can open any bit-string for π , using the appropriate x_{i,π_i} and the corresponding random elements (no erasure)

Non-Malleability

Using a non-malleable encryption scheme (Cramer-Shoup), one can make the commitment non-malleable:

- Random string:

$$R = (x_{i,\pi_i}, (r_{i,0}[j], r_{i,1}[j]), \dots, x_{m,\pi_m}, (r_{m,0}[j], r_{m,1}[j]))_i$$

- Commitment: $\text{com}_\rho(\pi; R) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$

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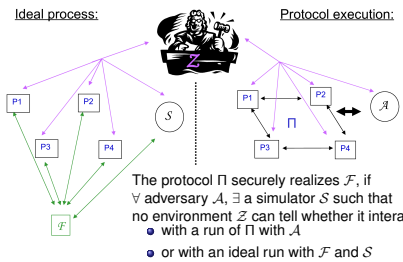
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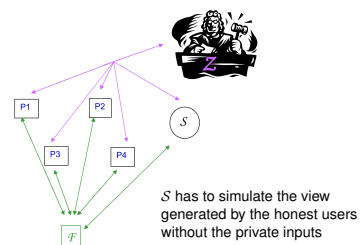
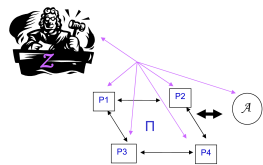
$$\forall i : a_i \stackrel{?}{=} \text{comPed}(\pi_i, x_{i,\pi_i})$$

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Real-life Execution **Ideal Execution**



Password-Authenticated Key Exchange

Definition

Two players want to establish a common secret key, using a short password as authentication means: exhaustive search is possible

- on-line dictionary attack: Elimination of one candidate per attack. This is unavoidable
- off-line dictionary attack: the transcript of a communication helps to eliminate one or a few candidates. This is avoidable, and should be avoided

One wants to prove that eliminating **one candidate** per active attempt is the best attack

Ideal Functionality

[Canetti-Halevi-Katz-Lindell-MacKenzie EC '05]

Functionality \mathcal{F}_{pwsk}

The functionality \mathcal{F}_{pwsk} is parameterized by a security parameter k . It interacts with an adversary S and a set of parties via the following queries:

Upon receiving a query (NewSession, $sid, P_i, P_j, pw, role$) from party P_i :
 Send (NewSession, $sid, P_i, P_j, role$) to S . In addition, if this is the first NewSession query, or if this is the second NewSession query and there is a record (P_i, P_j, pw') , then record (P_i, P_j, pw) and mark this record fresh.

Upon receiving a query (TestPwd, sid, P_i, pw') from the adversary S :
 If there is a record of the form (P_i, P_j, pw) which is fresh, then do: If $pw = pw'$, mark the record compromised and reply to S with "correct guess". If $pw \neq pw'$, mark the record interrupted and reply with "wrong guess".

Upon receiving a query (NewKey, sid, P_i, sk) from S , where $|sk| = k$:
 If there is a record of the form (P_i, P_j, pw) , and this is the first NewKey query for P_i , then:

- If this record is compromised, or either P_i or P_j is corrupted, then output (sid, sk) to player P_i .
- If this record is fresh, and there is a record (P_j, P_i, pw') with $pw' = pw$, and a key sk' was sent to P_j , and (P_i, P_i, pw) was fresh at the time, then output (sid, sk') to P_i .
- In any other case, pick a new random key sk' of length k and send (sid, sk') to P_i .

 Either way, mark the record (P_i, P_j, pw) as completed.

Figure 2: The password-based key-exchange functionality \mathcal{F}_{pwsk}

TestPwd to model **on-line dictionary** attacks (once per session)

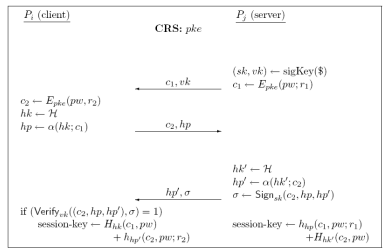
Previous Schemes

Scheme I

[Katz-Ostrovsky-Yung EC '01, Gennaro-Lindell C '03]

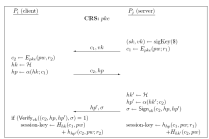
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Analysis



Security in the classical framework:

- Commitment to an incorrect password: **smoothness** leads to a perfectly random session key
- Replay of a commitment: **pseudo-randomness** leads to a computationally random session key (witness unknown)



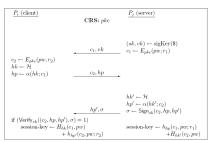
Simulation of the honest players: use of a dummy password

- indistinguishable, unless \mathcal{A} committed to the correct password: S cannot compute the correct key $\implies S$ aborts
- in the UC framework, \mathcal{Z} sees the difference between a real-execution and the simulation: when \mathcal{A} wins, S aborts. Because of the short password, this is not negligible

If \mathcal{A} plays the server role:

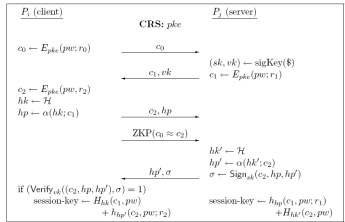
- S can extract the committed password, and check it granted the TestPw query
- password valid: S uses it
- else: dummy password

⇒ perfect simulation



If \mathcal{A} plays the client role:

- S does not know yet the password sent by \mathcal{A} : dummy password
- when \mathcal{A} sends its commitment, S extracts the password and checks it granted the TestPw query
- if the password is invalid, S follows with the dummy password
- else, S is stuck



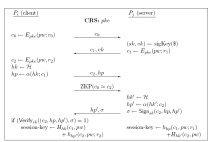
Add of a first commitment round

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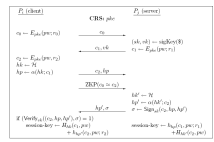


If \mathcal{A} plays the server role:

- S does not know yet the password: dummy password in c_0
- when \mathcal{A} sends its commitment c_1 , S extracts the password and checks it granted the TestPw query
- if the password is invalid, S follows with the dummy password
- else, S uses the correct password in c_2 and simulates the ZKP

If \mathcal{A} plays the server role:

- S does not know the password: dummy password in c_0
- S extracts the password from c_1 checks it (TestPw query)
- if invalid: S follows with the dummy password in c_2
- else, S uses the correct password in c_2 and simulates the ZKP



What about if \mathcal{A} corrupts the client right after c_0 ?

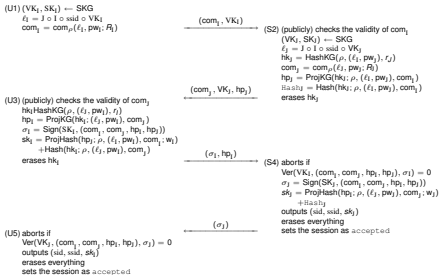
S gets the correct password, but cannot open c_0 correctly!

⇒ security against static-corruptions only (before the session starts)

Non-malleable, L -extractable, equivocal commitment provides adaptive security

Adaptively Secure UC-PAKE

Conclusion



Smooth Projective Hash Functions for Complex Languages

Various Applications

- in place of some ZK proofs
- conditional secure channels
- adaptive security in UC PAKE