

Integrity, Authentication and Confidentiality in Public-Key Cryptography

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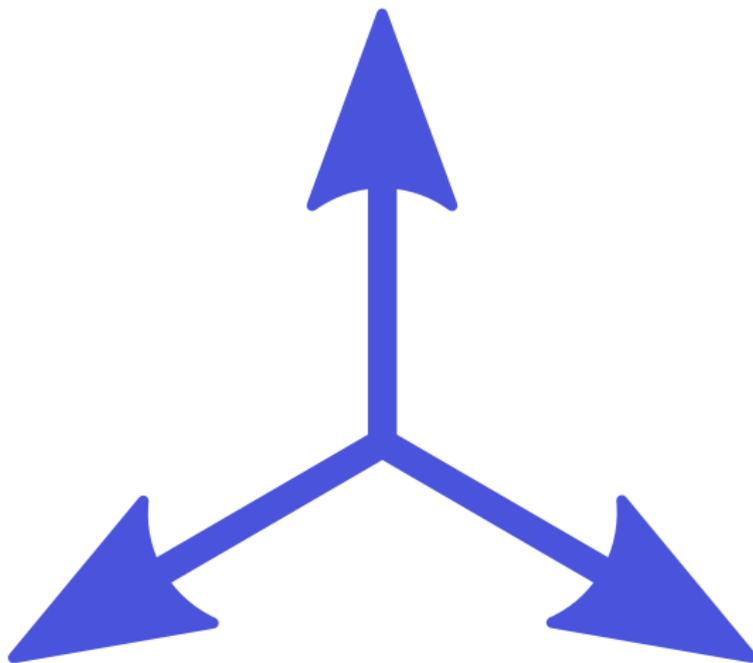
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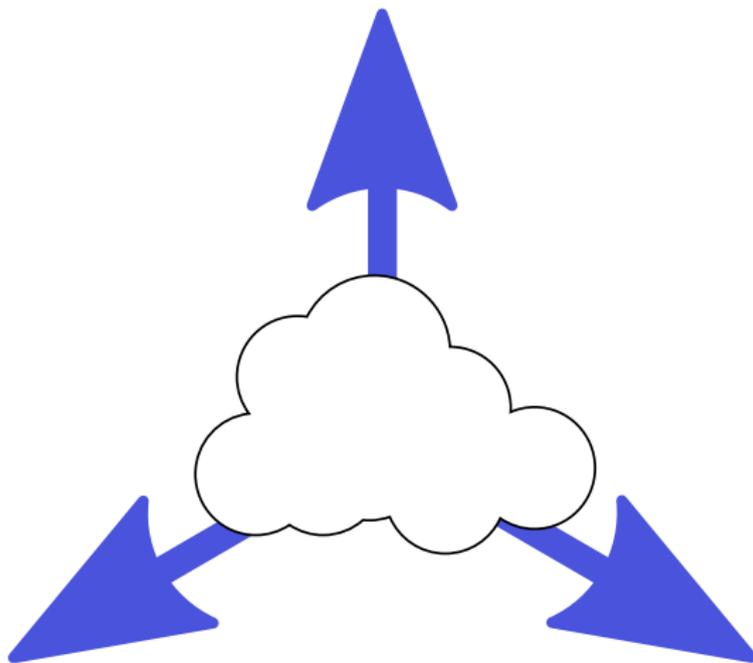
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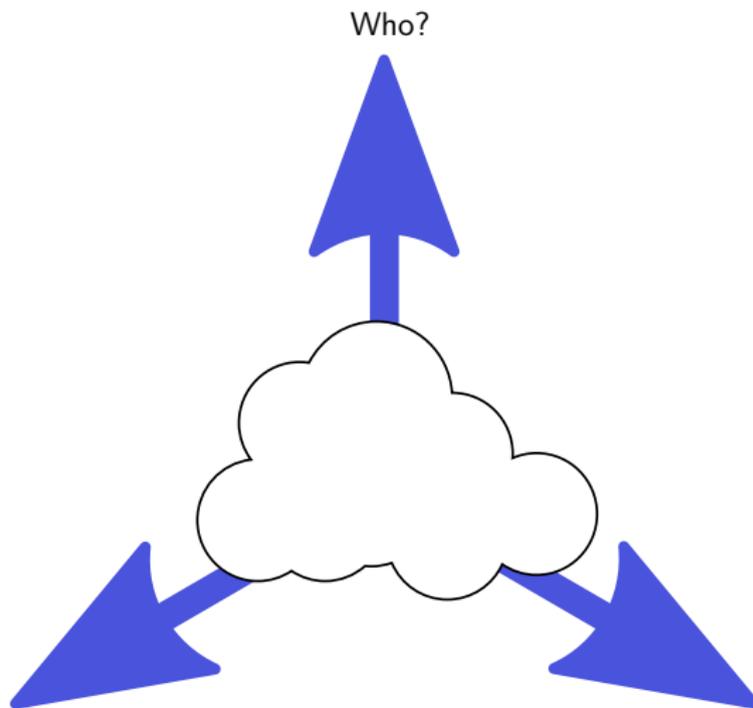
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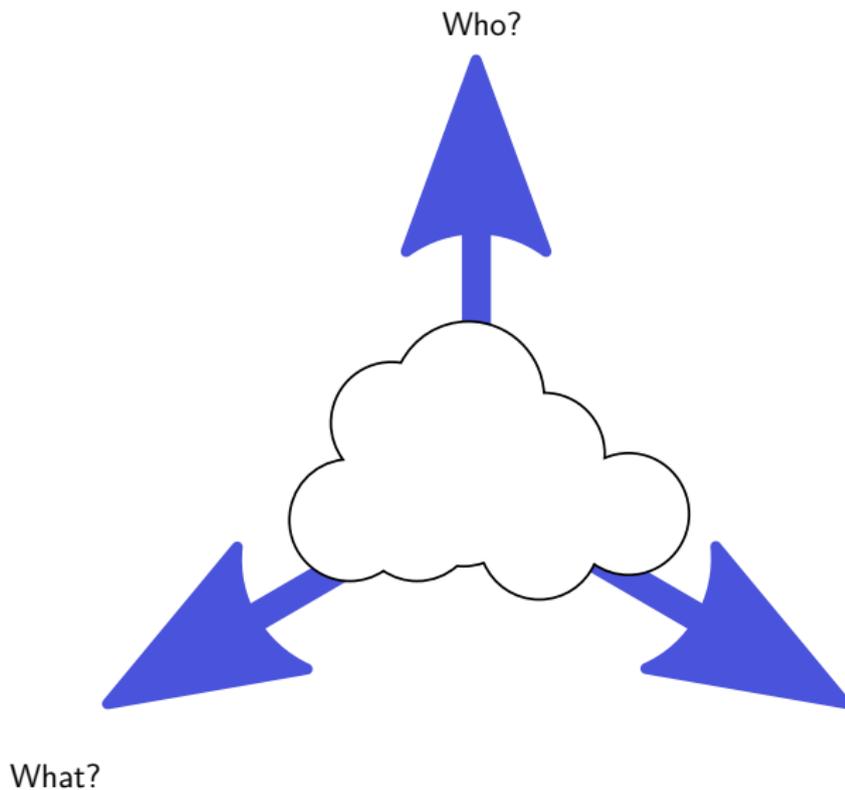
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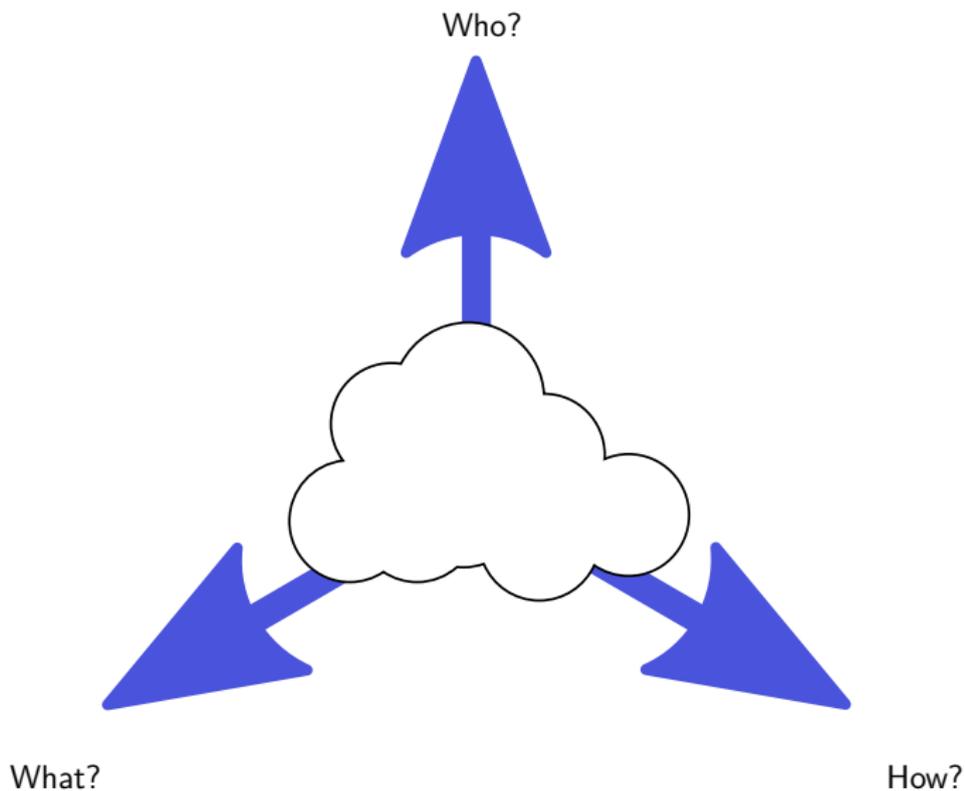
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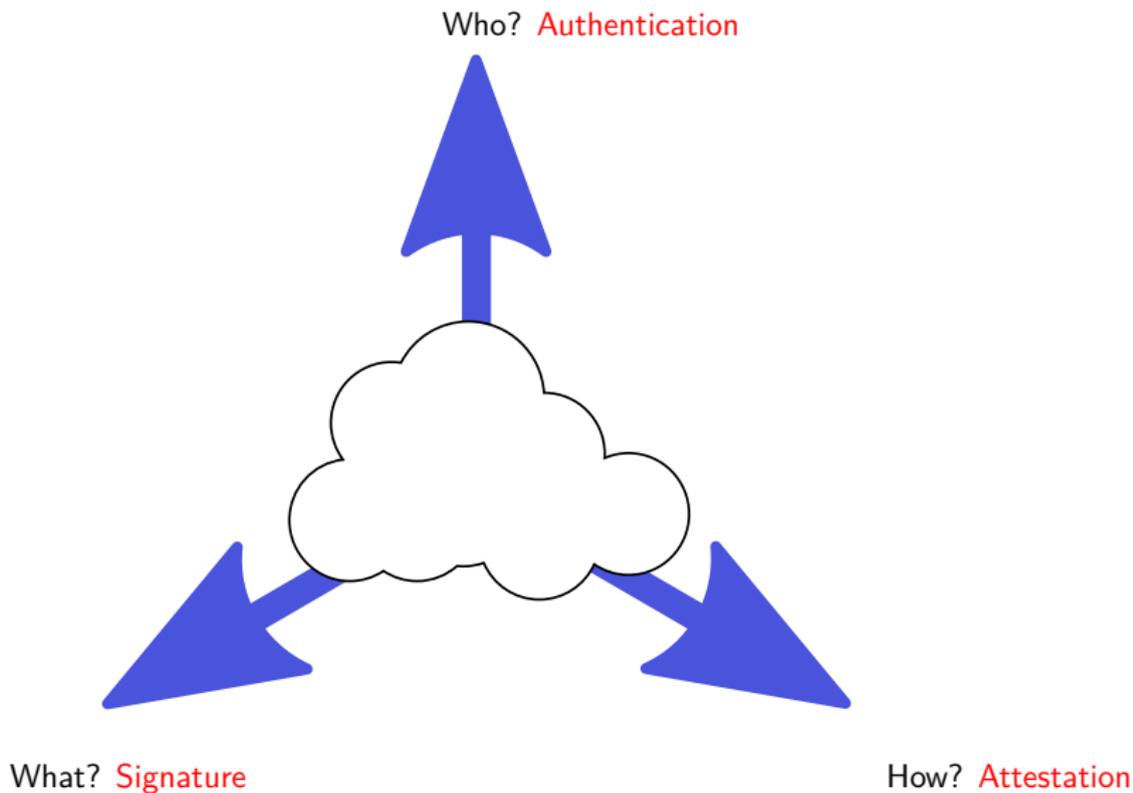
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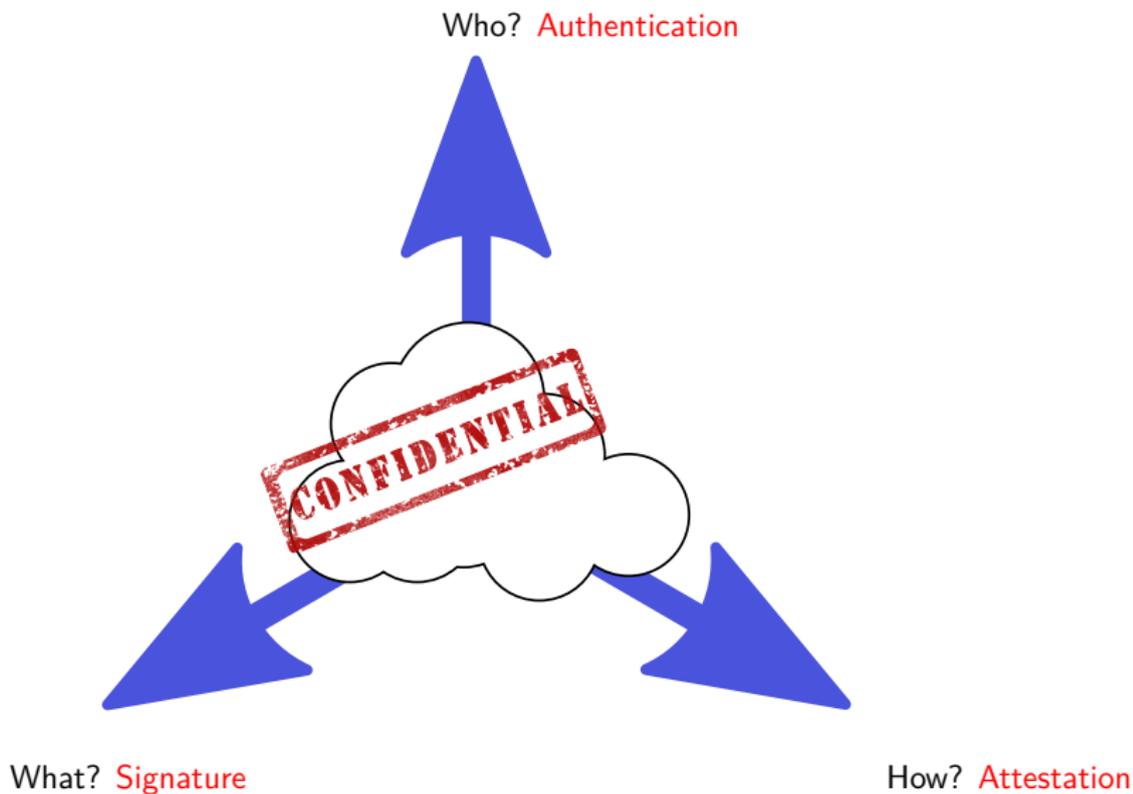
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Cryptography Answers These Questions



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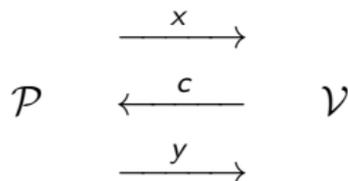
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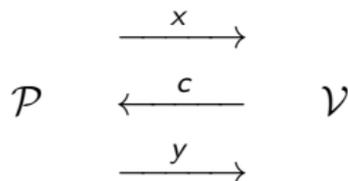
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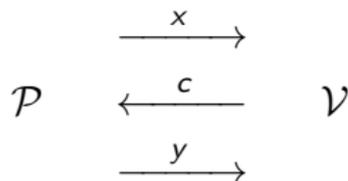
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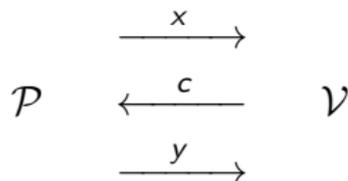
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| KeyGen | Given a security parameter k KeyGen outputs a pair $\{pk, sk\}$ of public and secret keys. |
| Sign | Given a message m and sk , Sign outputs a signature σ . |
| Verify | Given σ , m , pk , Verify tests if σ is a valid signature of m with respect to pk . |

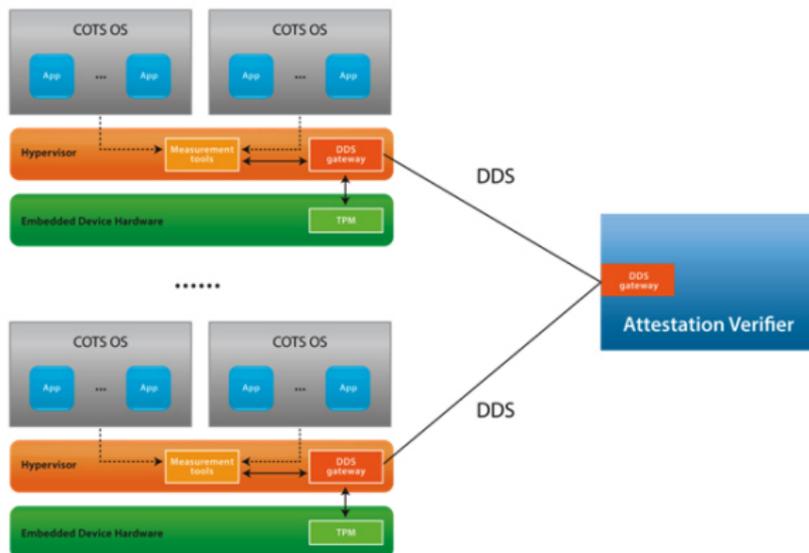
$$\{pk, sk\} \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(1^k) \quad \sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(sk, m) \quad \text{Verify}(\sigma, m, pk) = \text{True}$$

Attestation: How Was That Data Computed?

Attestations are mechanisms by which systems (targets) prove their identity to a remote validator.

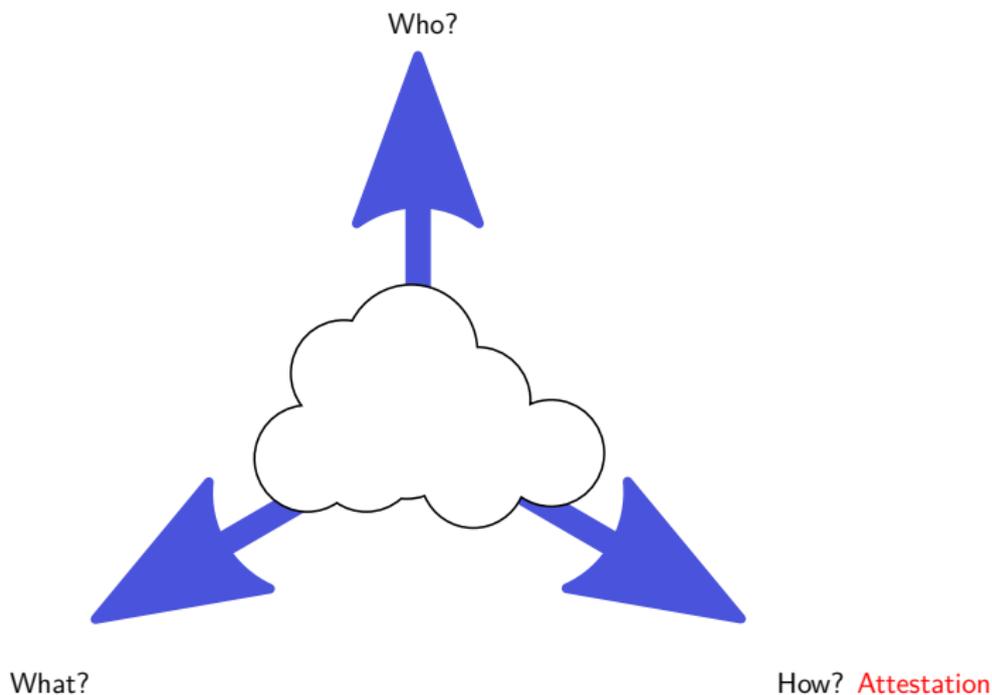
Attestation proves that the target is intact and trustworthy.

Usually achieved by monitoring the target's behavior or the data that it emits.



We now present three of our results.

Non-Interactive Provably Secure Attestations for Arbitrary RSA Prime Generation Algorithms



Context: A Catch-22

The Certification Authority's Catch-22

All today's Certification Authorities face a catch-22:

- Either certify potentially insecure RSA keys or...
- learn the key's factors and hence render these keys insecure.

Analogy: [How to test a match without lighting it?](#)



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"Distrust of authority should be the first civic duty"
Norman Douglas.

In General

How to ascertain, before using or certifying an RSA modulus that this modulus was properly generated?

Previous Proofs of Properties of Composite Moduli

- Van de Graff and Peralta [dGP88]
→ n is a Blum integer.
- Boyar, Friedl and Lund [BFL90]
→ n is square-free.
- Gennaro, Micciancio and Rabin [GMR98]
→ n is a product of quasi-safe primes.
- Camenisch and Michels [CM99]
→ n is a product of two safe primes.
- Juels and Guajardo [JJ02]
→ n with verifiable randomness.
- Micali [Mic93], Boneh [BF97], Chan [CFT98], Mao [Mao98]
→ $n = pq$, without leaking anything but p, q 's primality.

Despite All These Results

Fix **any** arbitrary prime generation algorithm \mathcal{G} .

We know no simple (i.e. non theoretical) non-interactive proof that a modulus n contains two prime factors generated by \mathcal{G} .

e.g. prove that n has at least two factors of the form:

- $p = x \parallel \text{SHA}(x)$
- or $p = x \parallel \text{HELLO WORLD} \parallel y$
- or such that $\lfloor 1/\sin^2(p) \rfloor \bmod 3419 = 17$

In the following slides we will describe such a construction.

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- **Efficient:** Calculations for creating or verifying an attestation must remain manageable. [while not "fast", our solution is practical]

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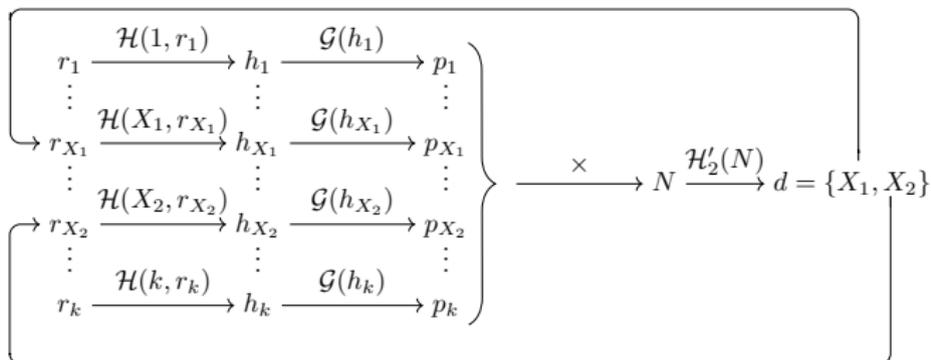
- The data ω_n is called the **attestation** of n .
- The algorithm \mathcal{A} used to obtain ω_n is called an **attestator**.

Generating and Validating an Attestation



The choice of the r_i determines N , which is split into two parts $\left. \begin{array}{l} N/n \\ n \end{array} \right\}$

Security: Splitting is determined by d , which is the digest of N , and is hence unpredictable by the opponent.



The Attestator \mathcal{A}

Input: r_1, \dots, r_k

Output: n, ω_n

$N \leftarrow 1$

for all $i = 1$ to k **do**

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if $r_{X_1} = \star$ and $r_{X_2} = \star$ and $\#\{r_i \in \omega_n \text{ s.t. } r_i = \star\} = 2$ **then**

return True

else

return False

end if

The Issue: Efficiency

- Selecting only two primes out of k makes attacks easy:
 - the attacker must only bet on two indexes among k
 - i.e. his success probability is $\frac{2}{k(k-1)}$.
- In addition, this is the success probability per trial and attestations are non-interactive experiments, hence with sufficient computing power this can be broken even for large k (e.g. $k = 10^6 \Rightarrow 2^{39}$ security).
- **Solutions:**
 - Use moduli with **more than $\ell = 2$ prime factors**.
 - Use **more than $u = 1$ modulus** for signing or encrypting the same message.

Different (ℓ, u) parameters allow to reach sufficient security.

First Idea: Use More Than Two Factors

Two properly generated p_i s suffice to make n factoring-resistant (secure for RSA encryption and signature).

 Security grows quickly with the number of factors (details in thesis).

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Attestator for Moduli Having $\ell \geq 3$ Factors

Attestator \mathcal{A} for moduli having more than two factors ($\ell \geq 3$).

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- Sign u times the same message m using u different moduli.
- **One** properly generated n suffices to get m signed.



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Encryption is a bit more tricky.

- Share a secret key $\kappa = \kappa_1 \oplus, \dots, \oplus \kappa_u$
- Encrypt each share κ_i with a different modulus n_i
- Then encrypt $c = \text{AES}(\kappa, m)$. [Hybrid encryption+Secret sharing]

If **at least one** κ_i gets encrypted by a properly generated n_i then κ is safe.



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Working with u moduli slows-down calculations linearly in u .

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Attestator for Several Moduli ($u \geq 2$)

Attestator \mathcal{A} for $u \geq 2$ bi-factor moduli.

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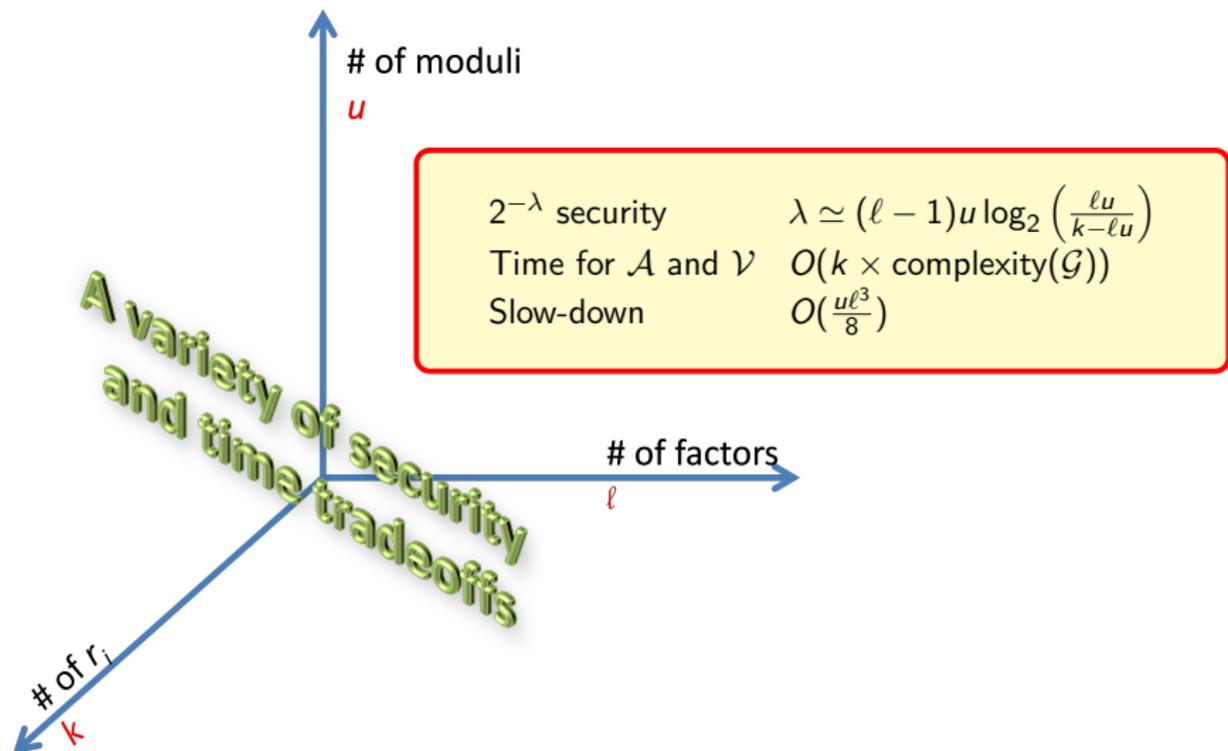
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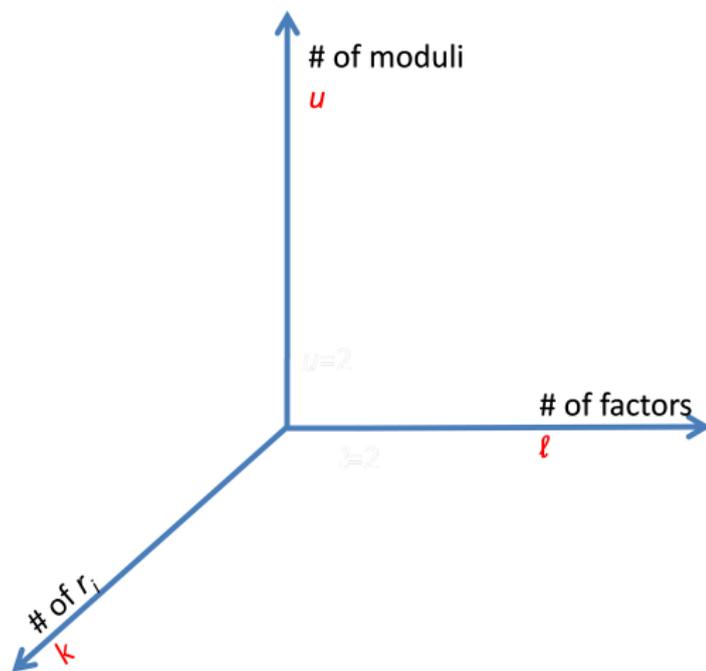
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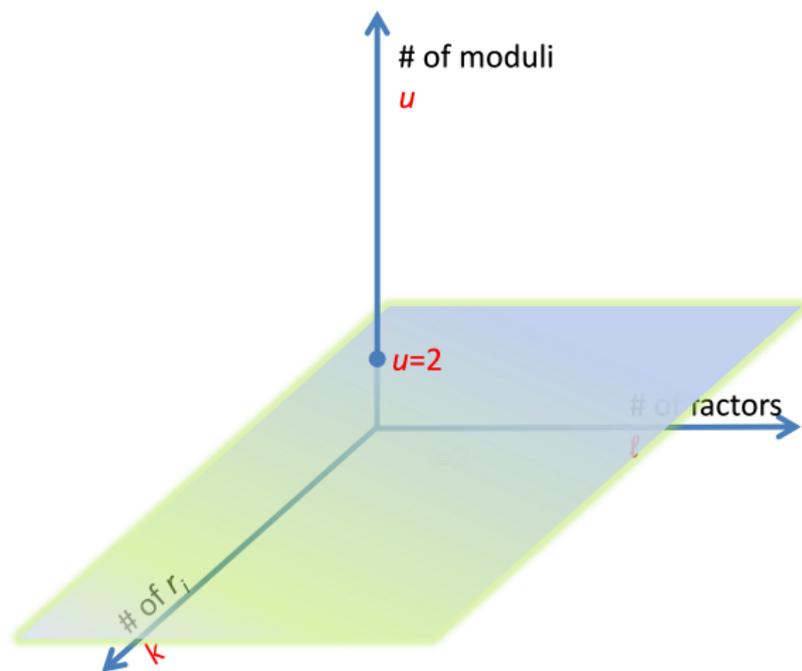
The General Case: Combine Both Variants ($u > 1, \ell > 2$)



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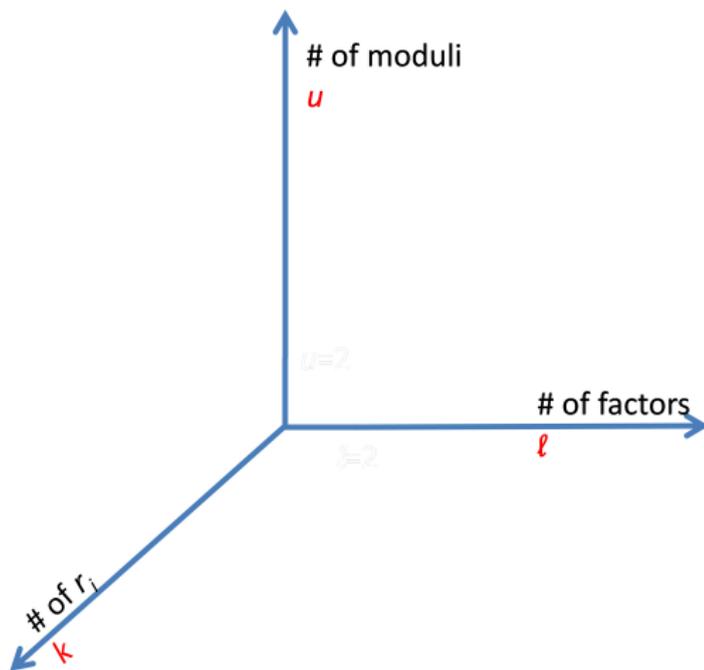
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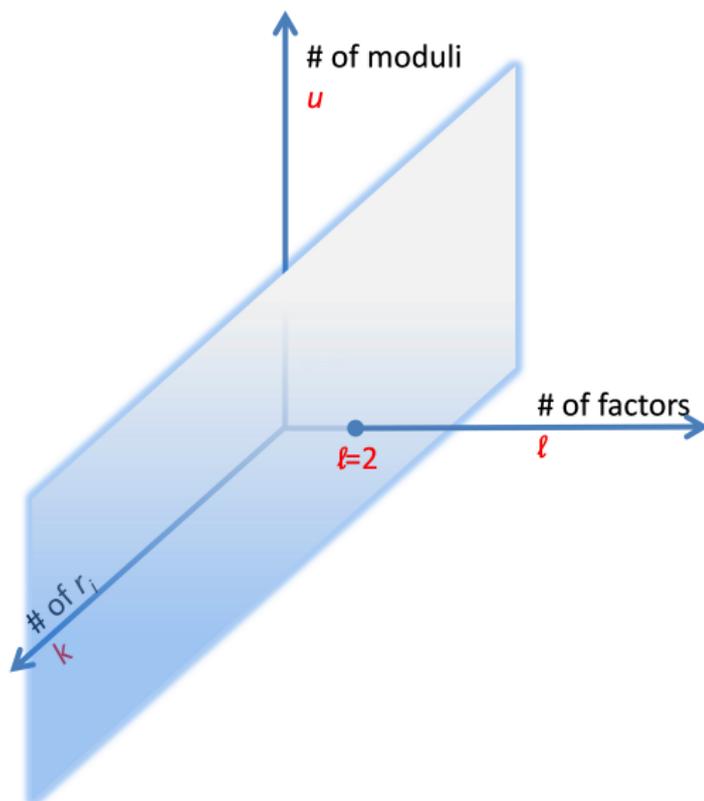
It takes **3.4 minutes** to create or validate this attestation on a standard PC.

| $\log_2 k$ | Time | $\ell = 6$ | $\ell = 8$ | $\ell = 10$ | $\ell = 12$ | $\ell = 14$ | $\ell = 16$ | $\ell = 18$ | $\ell = 20$ |
|------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 8 | 25 s | 43 | 54 | 64 | 72 | 79 | 84 | 89 | 93 |
| 9 | 51 s | 53 | 69 | 83 | 95 | 107 | 117 | 126 | 135 |
| 10 | 1.7 min | 64 | 83 | 101 | 118 | 134 | 148 | 162 | 175 |
| 11 | 3.4 min | 74 | 97 | 119 | 140 | 160 | 179 | 197 | 214 |
| 12 | 6.8 min | 84 | 111 | 138 | 162 | 186 | 209 | 231 | 253 |
| 13 | 13.7 min | 94 | 125 | 156 | 185 | 212 | 239 | 266 | 291 |
| 14 | 27.3 min | 104 | 139 | 174 | 207 | 238 | 269 | 300 | 329 |
| 15 | 54.6 min | 114 | 153 | 192 | 229 | 264 | 299 | 334 | 367 |
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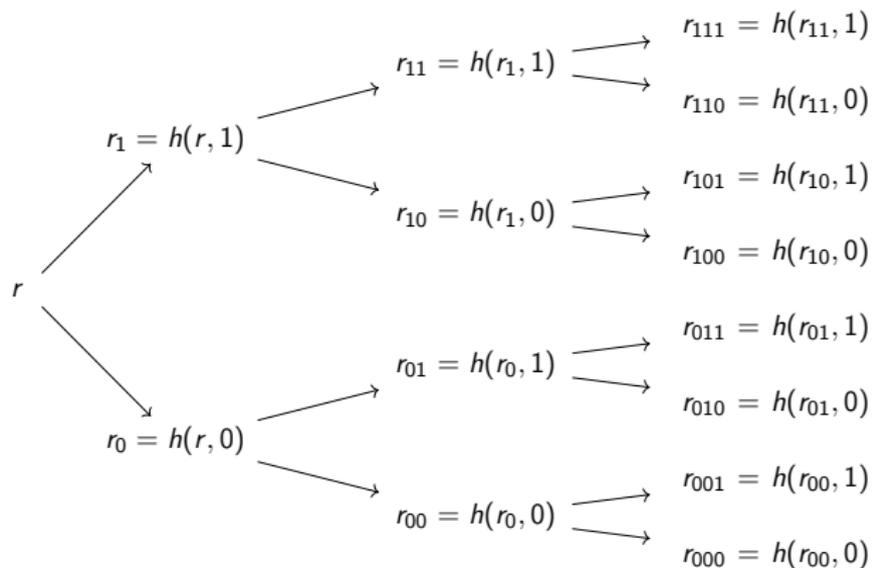
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Validated in 6.8 minutes.

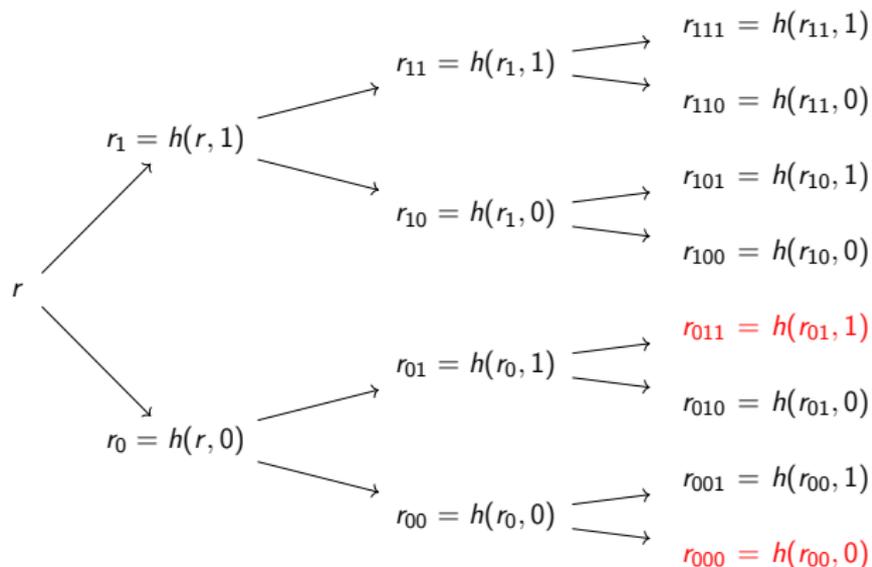
| $\log_2 k$ | Time | $u = 3$ | $u = 4$ | $u = 5$ | $u = 6$ |
|------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
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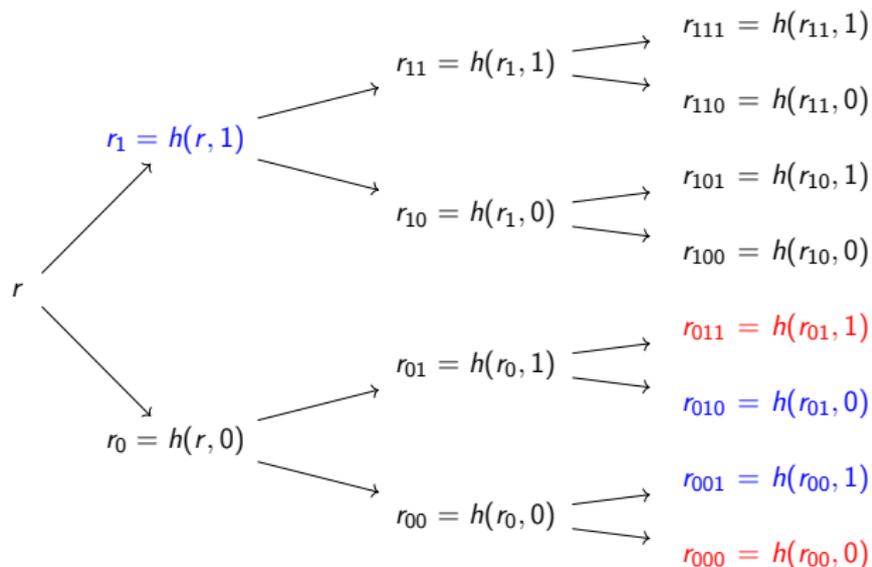
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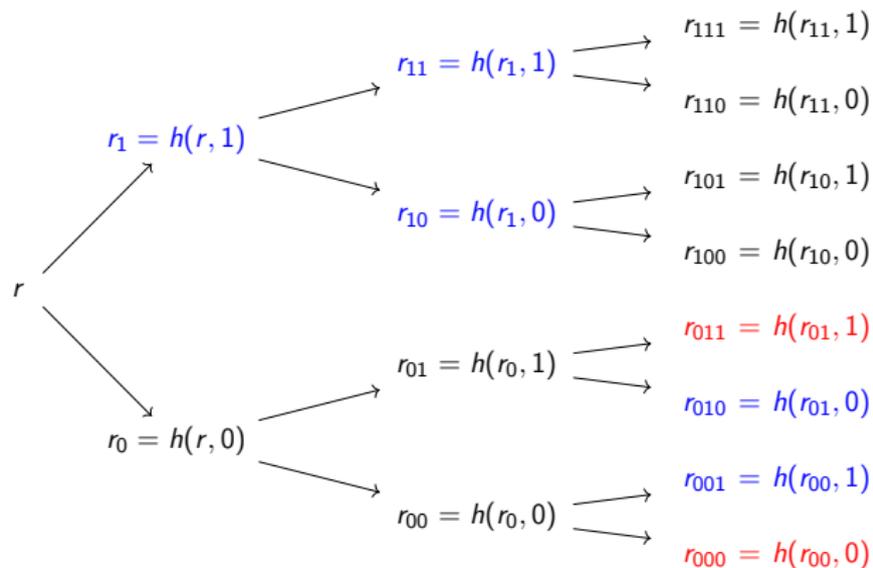
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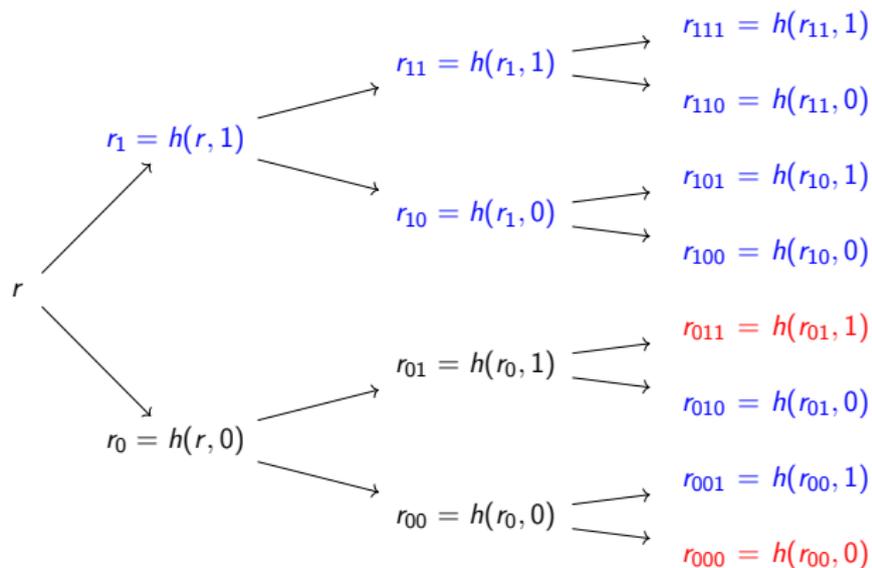
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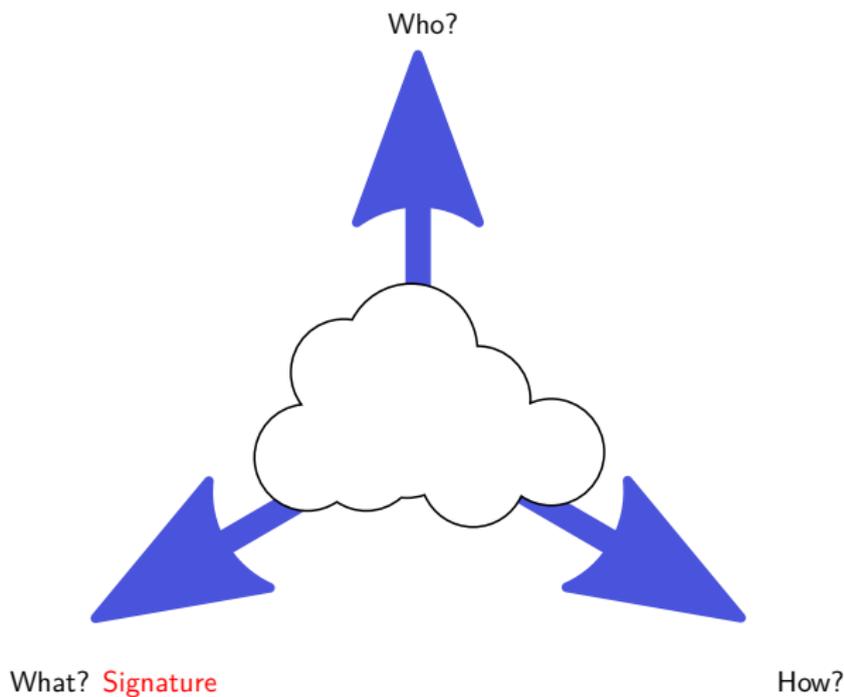


Finally: \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{V} Are Parallel-Friendly



z processors $\Rightarrow \times z$ speedup

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Fairness

If one party, say Alice, follows the protocol properly then Bob has Alice's signature on the contract iff Alice also has Bob's signature on the contract.

Fairness: Gradual Release vs. Trusted Third Party

Lots of prior work on fairness.

In essence two big ideas:

- **Fairness via Trusted Third Party (TTP):**
 - Fast protocol execution
 - Online TTP is impractical
 - communication bottleneck
 - If participants are honest \Rightarrow offline TTP
- **Gradual Release:**
 - No need for a TTP
 - Assumes equal computational power for participants
 - Long protocol execution even if participants are honest

Our Work and New Results

We introduce a novel form of fairness without TTPs called *legal fairness* defined as follows:

Legal Fairness

Any transferable proof of involvement tying one party to a message, also ties the other party to the message.

Our idea

Verifiers will be given the means to determine when Alice tries to involve Bob.

When this happens, verifiers will contact Bob who will be able to prove Alice's involvement.

Schnorr Signatures

The proposed signature paradigm is based on Schnorr signatures.

g is a generator of \mathbb{G} such as \mathbb{G} is cyclic group of prime order q .

Let m the message to be signed.

Signer

Has secret-key x

Pick $k \in_r \mathbb{Z}_q$

$r \leftarrow g^k$

$e \leftarrow H(m, r)$

$s \leftarrow k - ex \pmod q$

Verifier

Uses the public-key $y \leftarrow g^x$

$\xrightarrow{r,s}$

Check the signature (s, e) :

$r == g^s y^e$ and $H(m, r) == e$

Classical Schnorr Signatures and the Forking Lemma

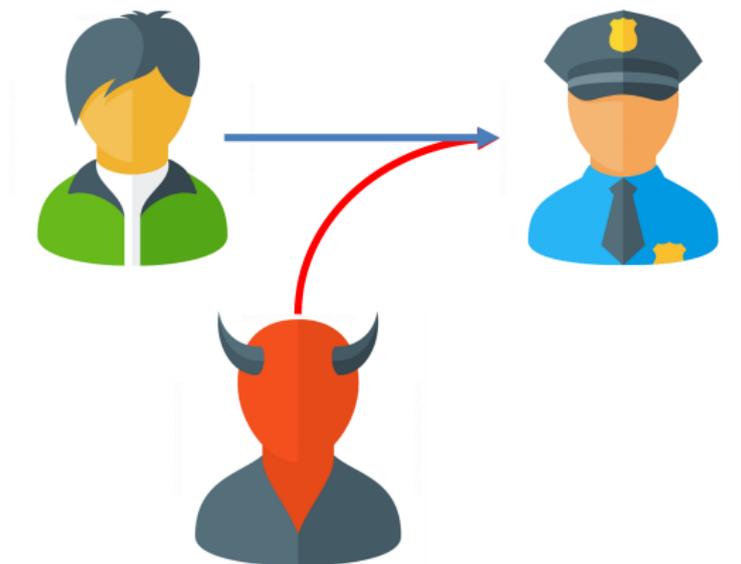
- Pointcheval and Stern [PS96]: DLP + ROM \Rightarrow Schnorr is secure
- Pointcheval and Stern establish that in the ROM, the opponent can obtain from the forger two valid forgeries $\{\ell, s, e\}$ and $\{\ell, s', e'\}$ for the same oracle query $\{m, r\}$ but with different digests $e \neq e'$.

Hence, $r = g^s y^{-e} = g^{s'} y^{-e'}$ allows to compute the DL of $y = g^x$.

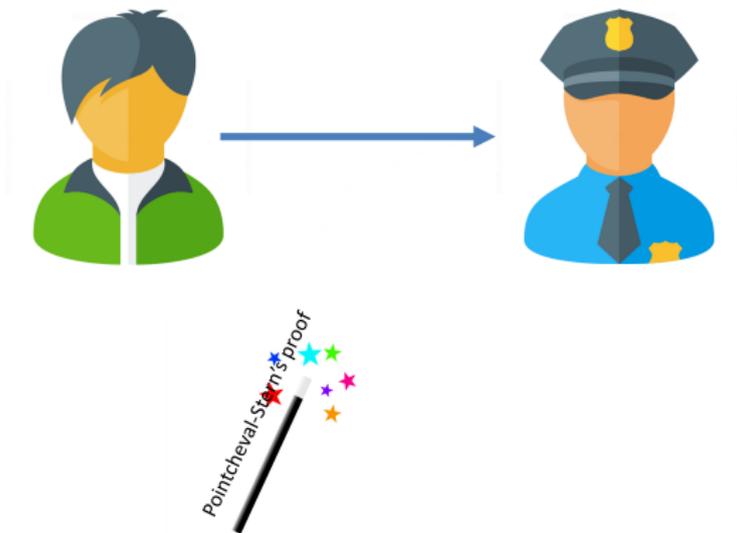
Indeed:

$$g^s y^{-e} = g^{s'} y^{-e'} \Rightarrow y = g^{\frac{s'-s}{e-e'}} \Rightarrow \text{Dlog}_g(y) = \frac{s' - s}{e - e'}$$

The Threat



Pointcheval-Stern's Proof



Schnorr Co-Signatures

Alice

Read Bob's directory entry

$$y_{A,B} \leftarrow y_A \times y_B, k_A \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q^*$$

$$r_A \leftarrow g^{k_A}$$

$$\longleftarrow \rho$$

$$\longrightarrow r_A$$

if $H(0\|r_B) \neq \rho$ **then abort**

$$\longleftarrow r_B$$

$$r \leftarrow r_A \times r_B$$

$$e \leftarrow H(1\|m\|r)$$

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if s_B is incorrect **then abort**

$$\longleftarrow s_B$$

$$s \leftarrow s_A + s_B \bmod q$$

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Bob

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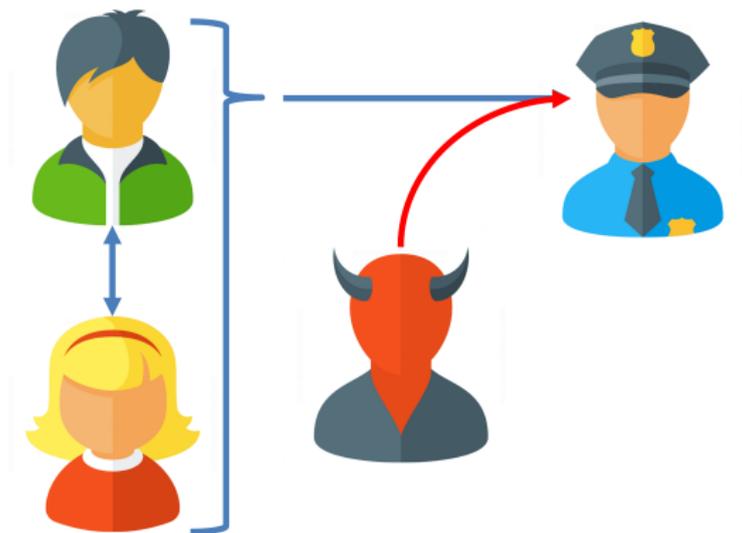
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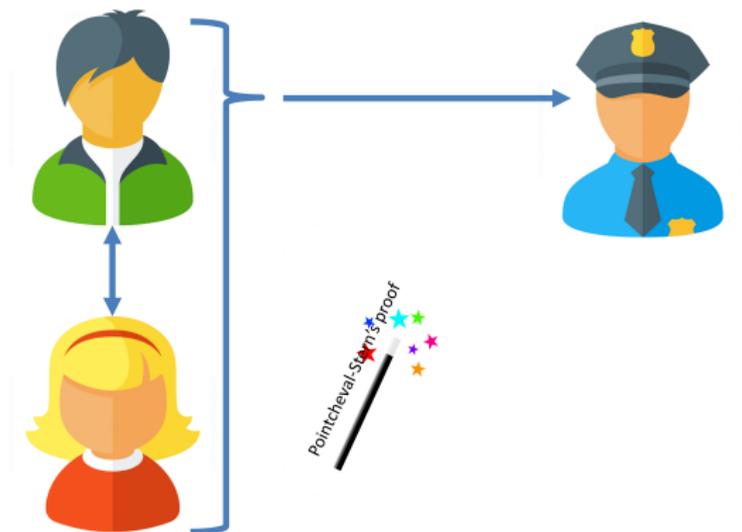
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r, s is verified by checking that: $r == g^s y_{A,B}^e$ and $H(m, r) == e$

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Schnorr Co-Signatures: The Fairness Problem!

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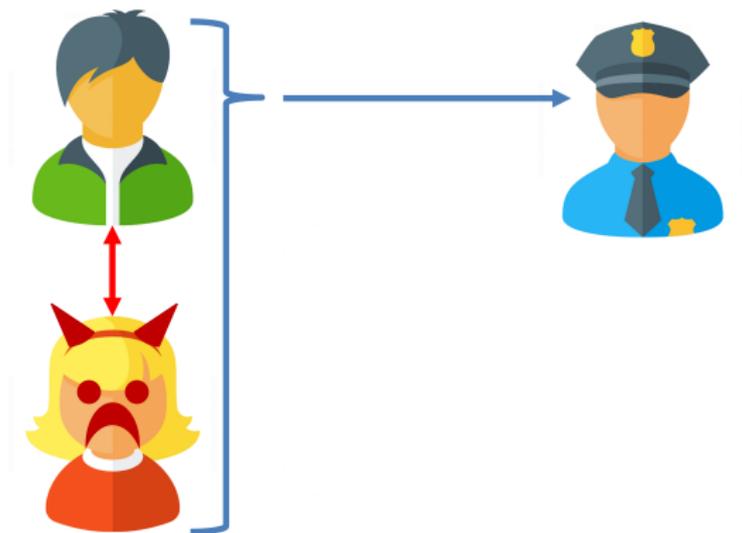
$$s_B \leftarrow k_B - ex_B \bmod q$$

$$s \leftarrow s_A + s_B \bmod q$$

if s_A is incorrect **then too bad!**

r, s is verified by checking that: $r == g^s y_{A,B}^e$ and $H(m, r) == e$

Here Alice Attacks Bob



Legally Fair Contract Signing

A new type of threat \Rightarrow requires a new solution!

Our solution: the concept of *legally fair contract signing*.

We assume that:

- Bob is stateful. i.e. Bob keeps in an internal nonvolatile memory \mathcal{L} traces of *problematic* sessions.
- Alice uses a second digital signature algorithm σ .

Schnorr Co-Signatures

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$$e \leftarrow H(1\|m\|r)$$

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if s_B is incorrect **then abort**

$$s \leftarrow s_A + s_B \bmod q$$

share $m, y_{A,B}$

ρ

r_A

r_B

s_B

s_A

Bob

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Legally Fair Contract Signing

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$$t \leftarrow \sigma(r_A \| \text{Alice} \| \text{Bob})$$

if $H(0 \| r_B) \neq \rho$ **then** abort

$$r \leftarrow r_A \times r_B$$

$$e \leftarrow H(1 \| m \| r \| \text{Alice} \| \text{Bob})$$

$$s_A \leftarrow k_A - ex_A \bmod q$$

if s_B is incorrect **then** abort

$$s \leftarrow s_A + s_B \bmod q$$

$$\xleftarrow{\text{share } m, y_{A,B}}$$

$$\xleftarrow{\rho}$$

$$\xrightarrow{r_A, t}$$

$$\xleftarrow{r_B}$$

breakpoint ①

$$\xleftarrow{s_B}$$

breakpoint ②

$$\xrightarrow{s_A}$$

Bob

$$k_B \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q^*, r_B \leftarrow g^{k_B}$$

$$\rho \leftarrow H(0 \| r_B)$$

if t is incorrect **then** abort

$$r \leftarrow r_A \times r_B$$

$$e \leftarrow H(1 \| m \| r \| \text{Alice} \| \text{Bob})$$

$$s_B \leftarrow k_B - ex_B \bmod q$$

store t, s_B in \mathcal{L}

if s_A is incorrect **then** abort

$$s \leftarrow s_A + s_B \bmod q$$

if $\{m, r, s\}$ is valid erase \mathcal{L}

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- *At the breakpoint ②*: Is critical. If Bob did not misbehave we hit the core issue: \rightarrow Here Alice has the final say.

She can hence **stop sending information or send wrong information**.

We need to show that if this happens Bob can either:

- **Case A** deny involvement or **case B** involve Alice as well.
- Note that outcomes depend on the way in which Alice tries to use the information she has in her possession.

Case (A): Denial by Bob

Case (A): Alice exhibits r and s_B :

- Bob will pretend that:
 - 1 Alice picked s_B, r at random
 - 2 Alice computed $e \leftarrow H(1||m||r||\text{Alice}||\text{Bob})$
 - 3 Alice computed $r_B \leftarrow g^{s_B} y_B^e$
 - 4 Alice computed $r_A \leftarrow r \times r_B^{-1}$
 - 5 Alice signed $t \leftarrow \sigma(r_A||\text{Alice}||\text{Bob})$.
- Indeed $g^{s_B} y_B^e = r_B$ and this looks exactly as if Bob produced s_B, r_B .
- Note that this would *not* be the case if Alice manages to prove that r_A is not random, *i.e.* that she knows the DL of r_A . \rightarrow This is case (B).

Case (B): Alice Shoots a Bullet Into Her Own Leg



Case (B): Alice proves that she knows the DL of r_A :

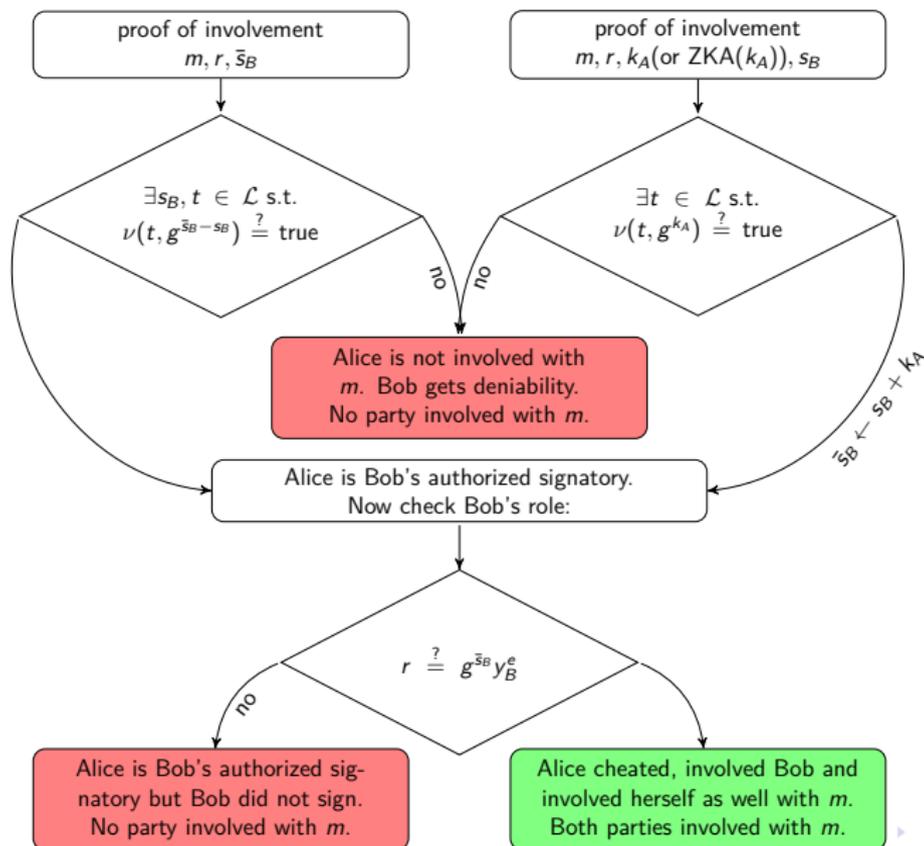
- A verifier seeing that is instructed to contact Bob and ask him for t .
- The verifier now has a signature:
 - t of r_A
 - a proof that Alice knows the DL of r_A .

We *legally define* this state of knowledge as a **deliberate agreement** on Alice's behalf to any message signed by Bob, and in particular m .

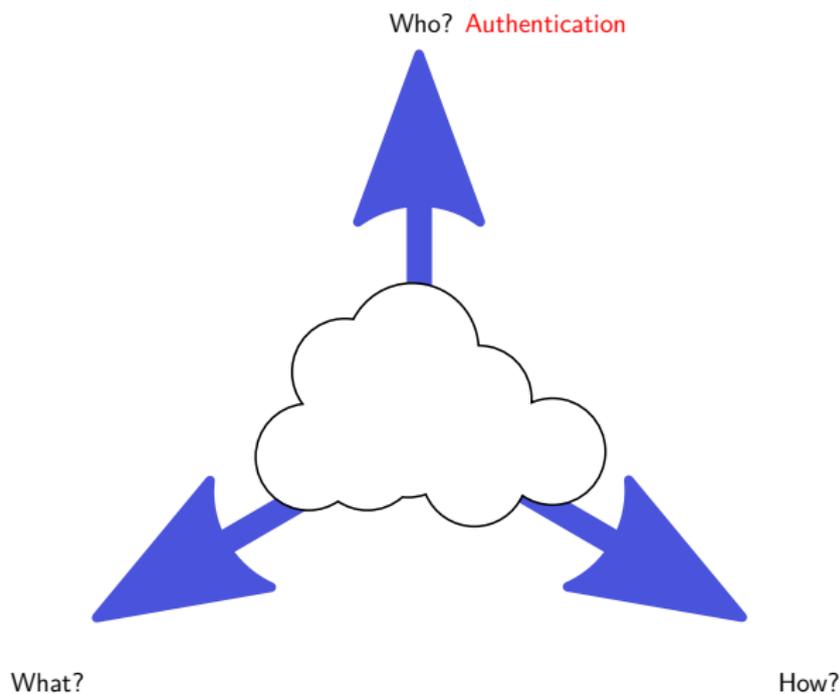
Legal Fairness = "Legal" Definition:

If Alice ever publishes $\sigma(g^k || \text{Alice} || \text{Bob})$ and k then this means **by definition** that Alice declares her deliberate agreement to any message signed by Bob.

Schematically

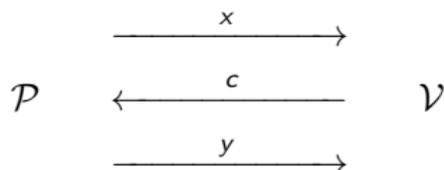


Thrifty ZK: Linear Programming & Cryptography



Recall Σ -Protocols

We use the mathematical framework of Σ -protocols:



Σ -protocols have a very important property: **If a cheater correctly bets on the value of the challenge c he can get accepted without knowing the secret-key.**

Security vs. Work in Σ -Protocols

Consider a Σ -protocol.

Security Level

The *security level* S is defined as the challenge min-entropy

$$S := -\log_2 \max_c \Pr(c)$$

Informally, S is the security level (log of successful cheating probability) corresponding to the attacker's most favorable challenge.

Work Factor

The *work factor* W is defined as the expected (average) value of the prover's working time $W(x, c)$:

$$W := \mathbb{E}_{x,c} [W(x, c)]$$

Informally, W is \mathcal{P} 's average work during the protocol.

Obtained Security Per Work Done \Rightarrow Security Efficiency

Two Traditional Concerns: Increase S . Decrease W .
The Actual Problem: Increase E !

Security Efficiency

The *security efficiency* E , is defined as the ratio between S and W :

$$E := \frac{S}{W}$$

In other words, E is the amount of security bits per operation provided by the protocol at its current parameter setting.

What Can We Control? The Challenge Probabilities

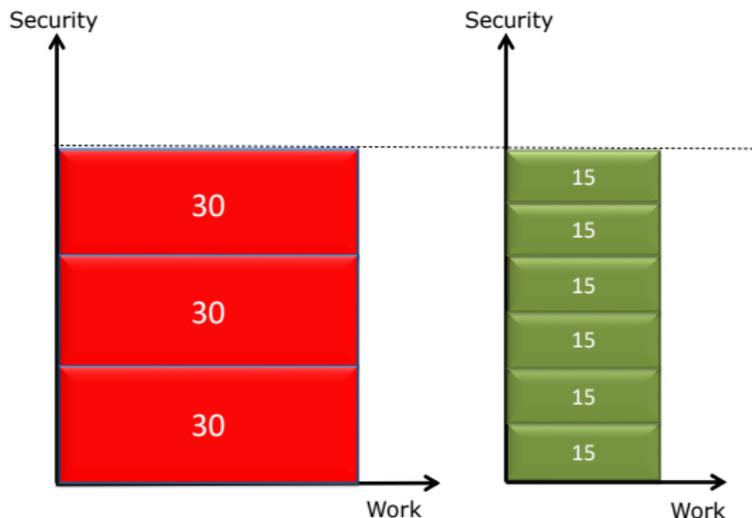


The idea:

Because the answer to different challenges requires different amounts of calculation, we can favor the challenges for which answers are fast.

This **will** decrease both S and W but **might** increase $E = S/W$.
Finding the best E is a linear programming problem.

Graphic Illustration



In the above diagrams each rectangle represents a protocol round.

In both cases the same overall security level (90 bits) is achieved.

Either by 3 **heavy** steps of 30 bits or by 6 **lighter** steps of 15 bits (**thrifty** version).

$$\text{Surface}(\text{Red}) > \text{Surface}(\text{Green})$$

Fiat-Shamir

The relationship between the secret-keys s_i and the public-keys v_i is:

$$s_i^2 v_i = 1 \pmod n$$

Prover \mathcal{P}

Has k secrets s_i

Pick $r \in_R \mathbb{Z}_n$

$x \leftarrow r^2$

\xrightarrow{x}

Verifier \mathcal{V}

Uses k public-keys v_i

Pick $c \in_R \{0, 1\}^k$

\xleftarrow{c}

$y \leftarrow r \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} s_i^{c_i}$

\xrightarrow{y}

Check if $y^2 \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} v_i^{c_i} \stackrel{?}{=} x$

An Example: Fiat-Shamir for $k = 3$

In Fiat-Shamir response to a challenge c costs a number of multiplications equal to c 's Hamming weight.

Take 3-bit challenges as an example.

Trivially, the number of k -bit challenges having Hamming weight j is $\binom{k}{j}$

| | | | |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <u>000</u> | <u>001 010 100</u> | <u>011 101 110</u> | <u>111</u> |
| 1 value | 3 values | 3 values | 1 value |

Red: multiplications. Blue: # of c values.

Example: Fiat-Shamir for $k = 3$

Green: HammingWeight(c) = Red: multiplications. Blue: # of c values.

$$W = p_0 \times 0 \times 1 + p_1 \times 1 \times 3 + p_2 \times 2 \times 3 + p_3 \times 3 \times 1 = 3p_1 + 6p_2 + 3p_3$$

Because $p_0 = p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = \frac{1}{8}$

$$W = 3 \times \frac{1}{8} + 6 \times \frac{1}{8} + 3 \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{12}{8} = 1.5$$

Therefore the corresponding efficiency is $E = \frac{3}{1.5} = 2$ bits per multiplication.

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We degrade security by giving the attacker the possibility to bet on a challenge whose probability is $\epsilon > 1/8$.

$$\text{Given } \epsilon, \begin{cases} \text{minimize} & W = 3p_1 + 6p_2 + 3p_3 \\ \text{subject to} & 0 \leq p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3 \leq \epsilon \\ & p_0 + 3p_1 + 3p_2 + p_3 = 1 \end{cases}$$

Let $p_0 = p_1 = p_2 = \epsilon$, and $p_3 = 1 - 7\epsilon$, yielding a work factor of

$$W = 9\epsilon + 3(1 - 7\epsilon) = 3(1 - 4\epsilon)$$

Therefore the corresponding efficiency is $E = \frac{-\log_2 \epsilon}{3(1-4\epsilon)}$, which at $\epsilon = 1/7$ equals $7 \log_2 7/9 \simeq 2.18$.

10% improvement over standard Fiat-Shamir.

Other Scientific Results.

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