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Delegatable Anonymous Credentials from Mercurial Signatures

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Certification Authority (CA)

σ_1

Alice

σ_2

Bob

σ_1'

Alice

σ_2'

Bob

σ_3

Carol

Certificate: signatures & public keys

Prior Work on Delegatable Anonymous Credentials

- [CL06]: proof of concept
- [BCC+09]: efficiency improvement but not practical
- [CKLM13]: stronger security but as inefficient as [BCC+09]
- [CDD17]: no anonymity in delegation

Why is our solution interesting?

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Mercurial Signatures

Usual Signatures [GMR88]

$\text{Sign}(\text{pk},\text{sk},\text{M}) \rightarrow \sigma$

$\text{Verify}(\text{pk},\text{M},\sigma) \rightarrow$ Accept/Reject

Correctness:

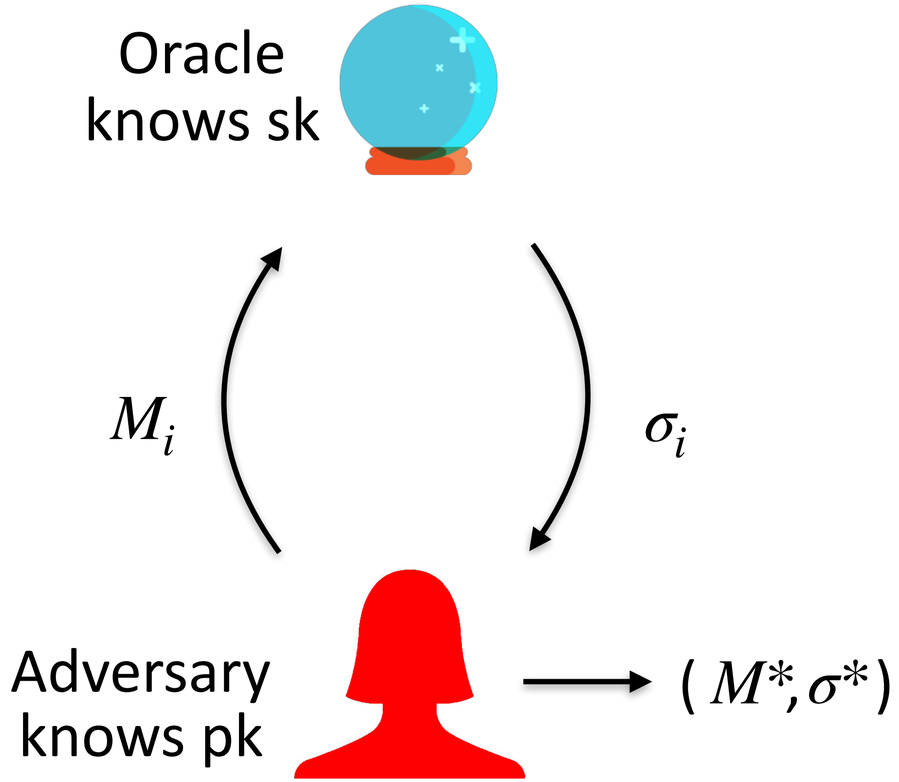
M = M

$\text{Verify}(\text{pk},\text{M},\sigma) \rightarrow$ Accept

Security: Usual (EUF-CMA).

Usual Signatures: Security

EUF-CMA:



Adversary wins if:

$M^* \neq M_i \forall i,$

Verify(pk, M^*, σ^*) = Accept

Signatures on Equivalence Classes [FHS14]

Sign(pk,sk,M) $\rightarrow \sigma$

Verify(pk,M, σ) $\rightarrow$ Accept/Reject

Correctness:

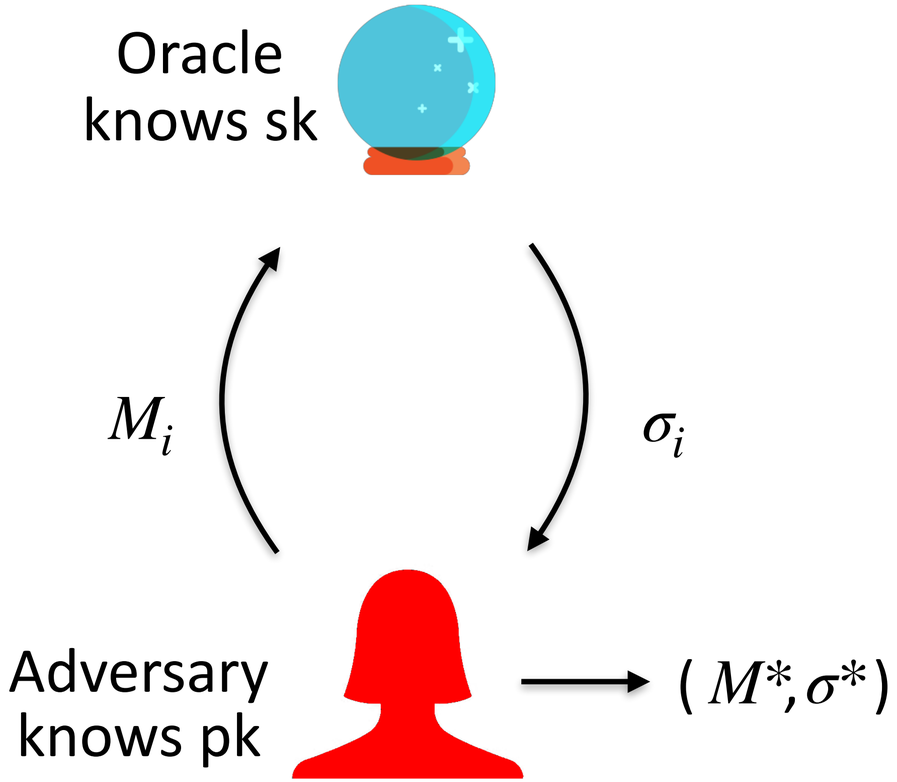
M $\approx$ M

Verify(pk,M, σ) $\rightarrow$ Accept

Security:

[FHS14] Construction: (A,B,C) $\approx$ (rA,rB,rC)

Signatures on Equivalence Classes: Security



Adversary wins if:

$M^* \not\approx M_i \forall i,$

Verify(pk, M^*, σ^*) = Accept

Mercurial Signatures (Our Work)

$\text{Sign}(\text{pk},\text{sk},\text{M}) \rightarrow \sigma$

$\text{Verify}(\text{pk},\text{M},\sigma) \rightarrow$ Accept/Reject

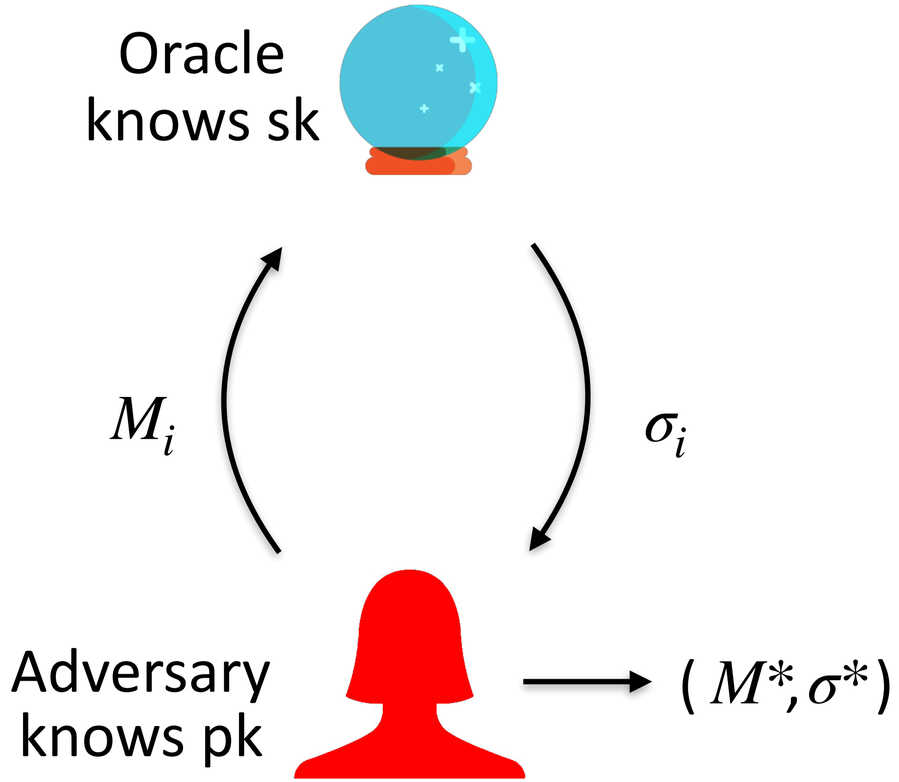
Correctness:

$\text{M} \approx \text{M}$, $\text{pk} \approx \text{pk}$

$\text{Verify}(\text{pk},\text{M},\sigma) \rightarrow$ Accept

Security:

Mercurial Signatures: Security



Adversary wins if:

$M^* \not\approx M_i \forall i,$

Verify(pk*, M^*, σ^*) = Accept

pk* $\approx$ pk

Mercurial Signatures: Construction

- Bilinear groups
- M $= (m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_\ell)$, pk $= (X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_\ell)$
- M = rM $= (rm_1, rm_2, \ldots, rm_\ell)$, pk = spk $= (sX_1, sX_2, \ldots, sX_\ell)$
- Transformation (M,pk,σ) $\longrightarrow$ (M,pk,σ') s.t. M, M unlinkable and pk, pk unlinkable (important for anonymity)

Our Results

1. Mercurial signatures for the equivalence relation

$$(A,B,C) \approx (rA,rB,rC)$$

that are secure in the generic group model.

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Delegatable Anonymous Credentials

Certification Authority (CA)

pk_0

σ_1

σ'_1

Alice

pk_A

pk_A

σ_2

σ'_2

Bob

pk_B

pk_B

σ_3

Carol
pk_C

Carol's Certificate:
{pk_A, pk_B, pk_C,
$\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, \sigma_3$ }

Our Results

2. (Certain) Mercurial Signatures

$\Rightarrow$

Delegatable Anonymous Credentials

First direct construction.

Multi-authority credentials.

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