

Special Soundness of Fiat-Shamir sigma-protocol

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Our aim is to retrieve the secret key used in a eavesdropped Fiat-Shamir protocol. We have got several runs of the protocol and sometimes the random value sent to the verifier, R , is the same. Our first task is so to find which runs give the same value of R .

For that, we just add two for loops to compare all the R values of each run together. When we have couple of R values equal, we can stop, there is no need to have two couples as one couple is sufficient to retrieve the secret key.

As we know that c can take the value 0 or 1, we put the value of s when $c = 0$ in variable $sc0$ and the value of s when $c = 1$ in $sc1$.

We now have two different values of s , $sc0 = R^{1/2} * x^0 \pmod{N}$ and $sc1 = R^{1/2} * x^1 \pmod{N}$. To compute the secret key, we just have to compute the modular inverse of $sc0$, so we have $(R^{1/2})^{-1} \pmod{N}$ as x^0 is equal to 1, then we multiply $sc1$ with $(R^{1/2})^{-1} \pmod{N}$ so we obtain $x^1 \pmod{N}$. We compute $x^1 \pmod{N}$ and we obtain x^1 or x . The message is decrypted with this key.

Decoded text: A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools. - Douglas Adams