

Simulating Attacks on Authenticated Semi-Quantum Direct Communication Protocol

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Abstract—This study presents a detailed analysis of the randomization-based authenticated semi-quantum direct communication protocol presented by Yi-Ping Luo and Tzonelih Hwang, as well as several of the attacks already examined in their analysis of the protocol. The protocol uses pre-shared keys rather than a classical channel, and requires only the sender to have advanced quantum capabilities. We have implemented a simulation of the protocol and confirmed that it is resistant to impersonation attacks, intercept-and-resend attacks, and one-qubit modification attacks. We have also solved the problem of reordering qubits into a random permutation based on a key, which was not explained in the original description of the protocol.

Index Terms—Authentication, Authenticated semi-quantum communication, Bell states, Quantum communication, Quantum cryptography, Semi-quantum communication

I. INTRODUCTION

While practical quantum communication is feasible using modern technology, the cost of nodes capable of quantum computation will likely remain high for some time. Since simpler, “classical” nodes (with only the ability to read individual qubits) are cheaper, semi-quantum communication protocols are useful for practical, cost-efficient, secure communication.

This work is based on an authenticated semi-quantum direct communication (ASQDC) protocol proposed by Yi-Ping Luo and Tzonelih Hwang that takes advantage of this idea of a “classical” receiver Bob [1]. The present work describes their article and the insights, results, and conclusions gained from implementing the randomization-based version of the ASQDC protocol described therein.

We implemented a simulation of the aforementioned protocol in Matlab using Quantum Information Toolkit, which brought to light parts of the protocol that were not defined thoroughly enough to trivially follow. Our contributions are a useful reference for implementing a real ASQDC network, since the challenges we encountered in reordering qubits based on a shared key would inevitably be encountered by others as well.

We successfully implemented the randomization-based ASQDC protocol as per the specifications laid out in their article, and also generated data concerning the security of the protocol in the presence of four attacks: impersonation of Alice, impersonation of Bob, intercept-and-resend attack, and modification of 1-qubit attack. We slightly modified the definition of the intercept-and-resend attack from the description given by Luo and Hwang, and we disagreed slightly on the

security analysis for the impersonation of Bob. Nevertheless, our results support the claim that the protocol is secure against these attacks, except for impersonating Alice with small message size.

II. PROBLEM DOMAIN

A. Authentication

Message authentication is the process of confirming the origin and data integrity of a given message. This means confirming both that the message did in fact originate from a given sender and that the message was not modified during transit. This is often done using a combination of shared secrets (keys) and cryptographic hash functions. If the message can only be transformed into its corresponding plaintext by a particular key which corresponds to a key which is only in the possession of a known sender, then one can infer that the message must have been sent by the known sender since it must have been encrypted using that key. Similarly for data integrity, if a given plaintext is input into a one-way function (a cryptographic hash function) and produces the observed hash value, then it can be inferred that it is the same message that was originally used by the known sender to produce the hash before they encrypted the message. In reality there can be many complications to the above, but this model is sufficient for the present discussion.

B. Requirements for Authentication in Traditional Protocols

Typically, quantum communications protocols implement message authentication indirectly using authenticated classical (non-quantum) channels and nodes which are capable of performing quantum computation. These restraints limit the viable use-cases for message authentication in quantum communications. Firstly, a dedicated and highly available authenticated classical channel might not be feasible in nodes which are powered by battery. Secondly, while quantum computers exist now, they tend to be expensive and sensitive to environmental conditions. This implies that it will be difficult to build and deploy reliable mobile quantum computers.

C. Authenticated Semi-Quantum Key Distribution

To address the requirement that all nodes be capable of quantum computation, Yu et al. proposed Authenticated Semi-Quantum Key Distribution (ASQKD) protocols [2]. In these

protocols, in order to circumvent the requirement for an authenticated classical channel, keys are shared between sender and receiver in advance. Furthermore, at the cost of making quantum communications one-way, the receiver need not be capable of quantum computation themselves. To be precise, Bob (the receiver) only needs to be able to perform the following operations: (1) prepare qubits in the classical basis $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$, (2) measure individual qubits in the the classical basis, (3) permute qubits, and (4) reflect qubits without measuring them. This is in contrast to Alice (the sender), who need to be able to perform the following operations: (1) prepare any arbitrary quantum states and (2) perform arbitrary quantum measurement.

D. Authenticated Semi-Quantum Direct Communication

The paper by Luo and Hwang which introduced the ASQDC protocols – one of which was implemented in the present work – first introduced usage of Bell states (discussed below) into ASQKD protocols in order to prevent information leakage, thus enabling Alice to determine if Eve (a malicious actor) extracted information from the transmission. The details of how this is accomplished are given below.

E. Bell States

Bell states are the four maximally-entangled states that can be produced using two qubits. When the state of one qubit is measured (reduced to a classical bit), the state of the other qubit is instantly known by the party who measured the first. Quantum entanglement – the name for this phenomenon – is a physical property and is not something that can be logically circumvented. If, for example, two photons (qubits) are entangled into a Bell state and one of the photons is sent to another location, the sender will instantly know the value of the transmitted photon when they measure the remaining photon.

F. Cases Implemented

Five cases are considered: no attacker, Eve impersonates Alice, Eve impersonates Bob, Eve intercepts and re-sends the message, and Eve modifies one qubit of the message.

1) *No Attacker*: In the case where there is no attacker, it is expected that the protocol will function every time (given that, in the simulation, there are no environmental factors). Alice first computes the hash $h(m)$ of the message m and concatenates them into $M = m||h(m)$. The constraints on the hash function h are that it must output a hash equal in length to the message and it must never produce collisions. Given these constraints, the authors opted to simply flip the value of each bit from the message in the hash. While this would not be secure in the wild, Eve will only be brute-forcing the keys in this simulation. Furthermore, it ensures that the protocol can be used to send any length of message without hash collisions. Next, Alice will produce a sequence of Bell-EPR pairs S such that if $M[i]=0$ then $S[i] = |\phi^+\rangle$. Otherwise, $S[i] = |\psi^-\rangle$. Alice then generates a random sequence of Bell-EPR pairs C in the basis $\{|\phi^+\rangle, |\psi^-\rangle\}$ with the same length as S , labeling

the first half C_b and the second half C_a . Next, Alice tensors S and C , producing SC_{ba} . SC_b is then randomly shuffled using key K_1 and sent to Bob as Q . Alice retains C_a .

Upon reception of SC_b , Bob reorders $S'C'_b$ using K_1 and then performs a Z-basis measurement on S' , obtaining the measurement result MR_B , from which Bob can compute the message and hash $M' = m'||h(m)'$. Bob then computes $h(m')$ and compares it to $h(m)'$ and, if they are not equal, Bob and Alice terminate the protocol.

If $h(m') = h(m)'$, Bob reorders C'_b using K_2 and reflects the result, C''_b back to Alice.

Alice then applies K_2 to C''_b , obtaining C'''_b and then compares $C'''_b C_a$ with C and, if they are equal, believes that the protocol worked properly.

2) *Impersonating Alice*: Eve can communicate with Bob, pretending to be Alice, by simply taking on the role of Alice in the protocol described above, using Eve has the requisite quantum computing capabilities described above. The only difference is that Eve needs to guess which keys K_1, K_2 to use.

3) *Impersonating Bob*: Likewise, Eve can impersonate Bob by receiving the message from Alice and using the part of the protocol normally used by Bob. As above, Eve will need to guess the keys K_1, K_2 .

4) *Intercept-and-Resend Attack*: In this attack, Eve first impersonates Bob to Alice and then impersonates Alice to Bob, essentially conducting a MITM attack. The point of this attack, from Eve's perspective, is to determine the content of the message by measuring what she receives from Alice. Again, as above, Eve must guess the keys K_1, K_2 .

5) *1-Qubit Modification Attack*: In this attack, Eve performs a MITM attack, similar to above, but rather than measuring the message to determine its content, she modifies one of the qubits and then sends the resulting message to Bob.

III. SIMULATION OF PROTOCOL WITH AND WITHOUT ATTACKS

A. Summary

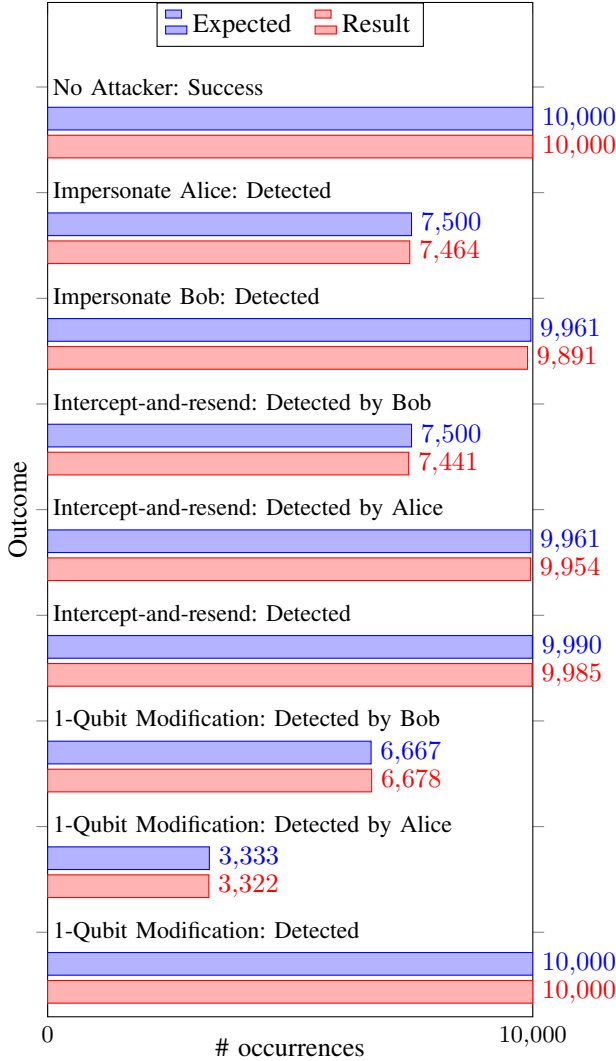
The results achieved mostly reflected the predictions of the creators of the protocol. The protocol always worked in the absence of an attacker, as expected. In the cases involving Eve either impersonating Alice or Bob, the protocol could execute successfully only in the cases where Eve guesses both keys correctly, or where both keys are wrong but in such a way that in combination they right each other.

B. Security Analysis

1) *Impersonating Alice Attack*: Since Eve does not know the key K_1 , she must guess it. If K_1 is n bits long, then the probability of Eve guessing the correct key is $\frac{n}{2^n}$. In the event that she does guess K_1 correctly, she will successfully impersonate Alice, thus fooling Bob. In the present work, the length of the key used during simulation was $n = 12$, resulting in a probability $\frac{12}{2^{12}} = \frac{3}{1024}$ that Eve correctly guessed the key.

2) *Impersonating Bob Attack*: Since Eve does not know the key

Fig. 1. Expected vs. simulated results after 10,000 simulations with $n = 16$



3) *Intercept and Resend Attack:*

4) *1-Qubit Modification Attack:*

IV. EVALUATION

The measured results do support the claims of the randomized-ASQDC protocol. The implementation tested in the current work behaved as expected in the face of five attacker cases: no attacker, impersonation of Alice, impersonation of Bob, intercept-and-resend attack, and 1-qubit modification attack.

V. CONCLUSION

In summary, the current work tested a Matlab with QIT implementation of the randomization-based ASQDC protocol in five sets of circumstances: no attacker, impersonation of Alice, impersonation of Bob, intercept-and-resend attack, and 1-qubit modification attack. The measured results were then

compared against the theoretical values, supporting the claims of the ASQDC protocol authors.

This is relevant to quantum communications research as such a protocol may be more feasible than fully-quantum protocols in a variety of circumstances in the short-to-medium term. Furthermore, it was shown that the protocol is, in fact, secure against four major categories of attack.

Future work would include testing the protocol against additional attacks, such as n-qubit modification attacks. It would also be of benefit to test the protocol on computers which are capable of handling larger values of n (longer messages) in order to demonstrate empirically that the security does in fact scale with message length as predicted by theory.

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APPENDIX

All Matlab code for the project is attached below. The `Execute.m` script was used to generate the simulated results in Fig. 1. `numExecutions` on line 5 is the number of simulations to run for each type of attack, which can be modified from 10,000.

Alice.m

```

1 classdef Alice < handle
2     %ALICE The sender of the message.
3     % Alice has powerful quantum capabilities and quantum memory.
4
5     properties
6         % K1:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's used to generate a Lehmer
7         % permutation to shuffle S + Cb to send to Bob
8         K1
9
10        % K2:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's used to generate a Lehmer
11        % permutation to restore the reflected Cb received from Bob
12        K2
13
14        % checkSequence:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's representing the
15        % check state C. (Used to generate Bell-EPR pairs.)
16        checkSequence
17
18        % success:bool - Set to false when Alice sends a message, and set
19        % to true again when Alice receives the correct reflected check
20        % state from Bob
21        success
22    end
23
24    methods
25        function obj = Alice(K1, K2)
26            obj.K1 = K1;
27            obj.K2 = K2;
28        end
29
30        function [] = sendMessage(obj, bob, m)
31            %SENDMESSAGE Sends a message to Bob
32            % in bob:Bob - Recipient
33            % in m:[number] - message cbits
34
35            %disp('Alice is sending a message to Bob.');
```

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74         % generate
75         % out bellPairs:state - State containing all generated
76         % Bell-EPR pairs tensored together
77         for i = 1:length(cbits)
78             if cbits(i) == 0
79                 % Phi+
80                 newPair = state('Bell13');
81             else
82                 % Psi-
83                 newPair = state('Bell11');
84             end
85             if exist('bellPairs', 'var')
86                 bellPairs = tensor(bellPairs, newPair);
87             else
88                 bellPairs = newPair;
89             end
90         end
91     end
92
93     function [Cba] = separateCheckPairs(C)
94         % in C:state - input qbits
95         % out Cba:state - The same qbits reordered such that the
96         % first qbit from every pair is pushed to the end. The
97         % first n/2 qbits are considered Cb and the last n/2
98         % qbits are considered Ca.
99
100         n = C.subsystems();
101         Cba = C;
102         for i = 1:n/2
103             % Move the first qbit from every pair to the end
104             iToLast = helper.BSWAP(i, n, n);
105             Cba = u_propagate(Cba, iToLast);
106         end
107     end
108
109     function [SC_] = restoreCheckPairs(SCba__)
110         % in SCba__:state - input qbits
111         % out SC_:state - The same qbits reordered such that Ca and
112         % Cb are paired back up into Bell-EPR pairs.
113
114         % ignore S and start at Cb
115         start = SCba__.subsystems() / 2 + 1;
116         % number of qbits in Cba
117         n = SCba__.subsystems() / 2;
118
119         SC_ = SCba__;
120         for i = start + n/2 - 1 : -1 : start
121             % Move the first qbit from every pair to the end
122             lastToI = helper.BSWAP(start + n - 1, i, start + n - 1);
123             SC_ = u_propagate(SC_, lastToI);
124         end
125     end
126
127     function [checkSequence_] = readCheckState(SC_)
128         % in SC_:state - Contains check state C which should contain
129         % the originally generated Bell-EPR pairs.
130         % out checkSequence_: [number] - cbits obtained by performing
131         % Bell measurement on all pairs in C.
132
133         % start with I gates for all qbits in S
134         prep = helper.power(helper.I, SC_.subsystems() / 2);
135         % ignore S and start at Cb
136         start = SC_.subsystems() / 2 + 1;
137         % number of qbits in Cba
138         n = SC_.subsystems() / 2;
139
140         % add Bell-measurement preparation gates for every pair of qbits
141         for i = start : 2 : start + n - 1
142             prep = tensor(prepare, tensor(helper.H, helper.I) * helper.ACNOT);
143         end
144         preppedSC_ = u_propagate(SC_, prep);
145
146         % measure each qbit in C
147         checkSequence_ = zeros(n/2, 1);

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148
149     for i = start : 2 : start + n - 1
150         [~, b1, preppedSC_] = measure(preppedSC_, i);
151         b1 = b1 - 1;
152         [~, b2, preppedSC_] = measure(preppedSC_, i+1);
153         b2 = b2 - 1;
154
155         if b1 == 0 && b2 == 0
156             % if the bits are the same, Alice sent a Phi+
157             % which represents 0
158             checkSequence_((i - start)/2 + 1) = 0;
159         elseif b1 == 1 && b2 == 1
160             % if the bits are the different, Alice sent a Psi-
161             % which represents 1
162             checkSequence_((i - start)/2 + 1) = 1;
163         else
164             %disp('Error: unexpected Bell-measurement reading');
165             checkSequence_ = [];
166             return;
167         end
168     end
169 end
170
171 end

```

Bob.m

```

1  classdef Bob < handle
2      %BOB The receiver of the message.
3      % Bob has only classic capabilities and Z-basis measurement.
4
5      properties
6          % K1:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's used to generate a Lehmer
7          % permutation to restore S + Cb received from to Bob
8          K1
9
10         % K2:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's used to generate a Lehmer
11         % permutation to shuffle the reflected Cb sent to Bob
12         K2
13
14         % receivedMessage:[number] - Array of 0's and 1's representing the
15         % message sent from Alice. If the calculated hash is invalid, the
16         % protocol is aborted and this value is cleared.
17         receivedMessage
18
19         % hashVerified:[boolean] - Set to true if the hash was valid on the
20         % last message, false otherwise
21         hashVerified
22     end
23
24     methods
25         function obj = Bob(K1, K2)
26             obj.K1 = K1;
27             obj.K2 = K2;
28         end
29
30         function [] = receiveMessage(obj, alice, Q_)
31             %RECEIVEMESSAGE Receives a message from Alice
32             % in alice:Alice - Sender
33             % in Q:state - message as a quantum state containing the
34             % message component S which is shuffled with the 2nd part
35             % of the check component Cb, followed by the first part
36             % of the check component Ca. Ca is technically not sent
37             % by Alice and should not be touched by Bob in this
38             % simulation.
39
40             %disp('Bob is receiving a message. ');
41             SCba_ = utilities.LehmerShuffleK1(Q_, obj.K1);
42             [M_, collapsedSCba_] = Bob.readMessage(SCba_);
43             [m_, obj.hashVerified] = Bob.verifyHash(M_);
44             obj.receivedMessage = m_;
45             if obj.hashVerified
46                 %disp('Bob successfully received the message. ');
47                 %disp('Bob is reflecting the check state back to Alice. ');

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48         shuffledSCba_ = utilities.LehmerShuffleK2(collapsedSCba_, obj.K2);
49         alice.receiveReflectedCheckState(shuffledSCba_);
50     else
51         %disp('Failure: Incorrect hash on message received by Bob.');
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52     end
53 end
54 end
55
56 methods (Static)
57     function [M_, collapsedSCba_] = readMessage(SCba_)
58         n = SCba_.subsystems();
59         M_ = zeros(n/4, 1);
60         collapsedSCba_ = SCba_;
61         for i = 1:2:n/2
62             [~, b1, collapsedSCba_] = measure(collapsedSCba_, i);
63             b1 = b1 - 1;
64             [~, b2, collapsedSCba_] = measure(collapsedSCba_, i+1);
65             b2 = b2 - 1;
66
67             if b1 == b2
68                 % if the bits are the same, Alice sent a Phi+
69                 % which represents 0
70                 M_((i-1)/2 + 1) = 0;
71             else
72                 % if the bits are the different, Alice sent a Psi-
73                 % which represents 1
74                 M_((i-1)/2 + 1) = 1;
75             end
76         end
77     end
78
79     function [m_, success] = verifyHash(M_)
80         m_ = M_(1 : length(M_)/2);
81         h_ = M_(length(M_)/2 + 1 : length(M_));
82         success = isequal(h_, utilities.hash(m_));
83     end
84 end
85 end
```

Eve.m

```

1  classdef Eve
2      %EVE Summary of this class goes here
3      % Detailed explanation goes here
4
5      properties
6          n
7          % NOTE: n bit key according to protocol description, but we'll just store
8          % a Lehmer code because it makes way more sense
9          eK1
10         % NOTE: n/2 bit key according to protocol description, but we'll just store
11         % a Lehmer code because it makes way more sense
12         eK2
13         eAlice
14         eBob
15     end
16
17     methods
18         function obj = Eve(n)
19             obj.n = n;
20             % NOTE: n bit key according to protocol description, but we'll just store
21             % a Lehmer code because it makes way more sense
22             obj.eK1 = utilities.createLehmerCode(n*3/4);
23             % NOTE: n/2 bit key according to protocol description, but we'll just store
24             % a Lehmer code because it makes way more sense
25             obj.eK2 = utilities.createLehmerCode(n*1/4);
26             obj.eAlice = Alice(obj.eK1, obj.eK2);
27             obj.eBob = Bob(obj.eK1, obj.eK2);
28         end
29
30         function [] = impersonateAlice(obj, bob, m)
31             %IMPERSONATION Sends a message to Bob using random keys
32             % in bob:Bob - Recipient
33             % in m:[number] - message cbits
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34         obj.eAlice.sendMessage(bob, m);
35     end
36
37     function [] = impersonateBob(obj, alice, m)
38         %IMPERSONATION Sends a message to Bob using random keys
39         % in bob:Bob - Recipient
40         % in m:[number] - message cbits
41
42         %disp('Alice is sending a message to "Bob" (Eve).');
43         alice.success = false;
44         M = [m; utilities.hash(m)];
45         S = Alice.generateBellPairs(M);
46         alice.checkSequence = randi([0 1], length(M), 1);
47         C = Alice.generateBellPairs(alice.checkSequence);
48         Cba = Alice.separateCheckPairs(C);
49         SCba = tensor(S, Cba);
50         Q = utilities.LehmerShuffleK1(SCba, alice.K1);
51
52         Q_ = Q;
53
54         %disp('Bob" (Eve) is receiving a message. ');
55         SCba_ = utilities.LehmerShuffleK1(Q_, obj.eK1);
56         [M_, collapsedSCba_] = Bob.readMessage(SCba_);
57         [m_, obj.eBob.hashVerified] = Bob.verifyHash(M_);
58         obj.eBob.receivedMessage = m_;
59         if obj.eBob.hashVerified
60             %disp('Eve successfully received the message. ');
61             %disp('Eve is reflecting the check state back to Alice. ');
62         else
63             %disp('Failure: Incorrect hash on message received by Eve. ');
64             %disp('Eve is reflecting the check state back to Alice anyway. ');
65         end
66         shuffledSCba_ = utilities.LehmerShuffleK2(collapsedSCba_, obj.eK2);
67         alice.receiveReflectedCheckState(shuffledSCba_);
68     end
69
70     function [] = interceptResend(obj, alice, bob, m)
71         % INTERCEPTRESEND Receives a message from Alice, measures it,
72         % and resends it to Bob
73         % in alice:Alice - Sender
74         % in Q:state - message as a quantum state containing the
75         % message component S which is shuffled with the 2nd part
76         % of the check component Cb, followed by the first part
77         % of the check component Ca. Ca is technically not sent
78         % by Alice and should not be touched by Bob in this
79         % simulation.
80         % in bob:Bob - Recipient
81         % in m:[number] - message cbits
82         alice.sendMessage(obj.eBob, m);
83         obj.eAlice.sendMessage(bob, obj.eBob.receivedMessage);
84     end
85
86     function [] = modification(obj, alice, bob, m)
87         % MODIFICATION Receives a message from Alice, changes it,
88         % and resends it to Bob
89         % in alice:Alice - Sender
90         % in Q:state - message as a quantum state containing the
91         % message component S which is shuffled with the 2nd part
92         % of the check component Cb, followed by the first part
93         % of the check component Ca. Ca is technically not sent
94         % by Alice and should not be touched by Bob in this
95         % simulation.
96         % in bob:Bob - Recipient
97         % in m:[number] - message cbits
98
99         %disp('Alice is sending a message to Bob. ');
100         alice.success = false;
101         M = [m; utilities.hash(m)];
102         S = Alice.generateBellPairs(M);
103         alice.checkSequence = randi([0 1], length(M), 1);
104         C = Alice.generateBellPairs(alice.checkSequence);
105         Cba = Alice.separateCheckPairs(C);
106         SCba = tensor(S, Cba);
107         Q = utilities.LehmerShuffleK1(SCba, alice.K1);

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108         % Eve modifies a single qubit
109         A_ind = randi(obj.n*3/4);
110         if A_ind == 1
111             A = tensor(helper.X, helper.power(helper.I, obj.n-A_ind));
112         else
113             A = tensor(helper.power(helper.I, A_ind-1), helper.X, helper.power(helper.I, obj.n-A_ind));
114         end
115         Aq = u_propagate(Q,A);
116         bob.receiveMessage(alice, Aq);
117     end
118 end
119 end

```

Execute.m

```

1 % This is the main execution script, which executes each of the attacks
2 % on a loop and counts the outcomes.
3
4 n = 16;
5 numExecutions = 10000;
6
7 fprintf('Executing randomization-based protocol, no attacker...\n');
8 successCount = 0;
9 for i = 1:numExecutions
10     [m, alice, bob, ~] = prepare(n);
11     alice.sendMessage(bob, m);
12
13     if isequal(bob.receiveMessage, m) && bob.hashVerified && alice.success
14         successCount = successCount + 1;
15     end
16 end
17 fprintf('Number of simulations: %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions));
18 fprintf('Protocol succeeded:      %+5s\n\n', sprintf('%d', successCount));
19
20 fprintf('Executing impersonation of Alice attack on randomization-based protocol...\n');
21 hashVerifiedCount = 0;
22 for i = 1:numExecutions
23     [m, alice, bob, eve] = prepare(n);
24     eve.impersonateAlice(bob, m);
25
26     if bob.hashVerified
27         hashVerifiedCount = hashVerifiedCount + 1;
28     end
29 end
30 fprintf('Number of simulations:      %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions));
31 fprintf('Eve was detected by Bob: %+5s\n\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - hashVerifiedCount));
32
33 fprintf('Executing impersonation of Bob attack on randomization-based protocol...\n');
34 checkVerifiedCount = 0;
35 for i = 1:numExecutions
36     [m, alice, bob, eve] = prepare(n);
37     eve.impersonateBob(alice, m);
38
39     if alice.success
40         checkVerifiedCount = checkVerifiedCount + 1;
41     end
42 end
43 fprintf('Number of simulations:      %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions));
44 fprintf('Eve was detected by Alice: %+5s\n\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - checkVerifiedCount));
45
46 fprintf('Executing intercept and resend attack randomization-based protocol...\n');
47 hashVerifiedCount = 0;
48 checkVerifiedCount = 0;
49 undetectedCount = 0;
50 for i = 1:numExecutions
51     [m, alice, bob, eve] = prepare(n);
52     eve.interceptResend(alice, bob, m);
53
54     if bob.hashVerified
55         hashVerifiedCount = hashVerifiedCount + 1;
56         if alice.success
57             undetectedCount = undetectedCount + 1;
58         end
59     end

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60     if alice.success
61         checkVerifiedCount = checkVerifiedCount + 1;
62     end
63 end
64 fprintf('Number of simulations:          %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions));
65 fprintf('Eve was detected by Bob:         %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - hashVerifiedCount));
66 fprintf('Eve was detected by Alice:       %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - checkVerifiedCount));
67 fprintf('Eve was detected by at least one: %+5s\n\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - undetectedCount));
68
69 fprintf('Executing 1-qbit modification attack on randomization-based protocol...\n');
70 hashVerifiedCount = 0;
71 checkVerifiedCount = 0;
72 bothVerifiedCount = 0;
73 for i = 1:numExecutions
74     [m, alice, bob, eve] = prepare(n);
75     eve.modification(alice, bob, m);
76
77     if bob.hashVerified
78         hashVerifiedCount = hashVerifiedCount + 1;
79         if alice.success
80             bothVerifiedCount = bothVerifiedCount + 1;
81         end
82     end
83     if alice.success
84         checkVerifiedCount = checkVerifiedCount + 1;
85     end
86 end
87 fprintf('Number of simulations:          %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions));
88 fprintf('Eve was detected by Bob:         %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - hashVerifiedCount));
89 fprintf('Eve was detected by Alice:       %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', hashVerifiedCount - checkVerifiedCount));
90 fprintf('Eve was detected:                %+5s\n', sprintf('%d', numExecutions - bothVerifiedCount));
91
92
93 function [m, alice, bob, eve] = prepare(n)
94     m = randi([0 1], n/8, 1);
95     % NOTE: this should be an n bit key according to protocol description,
96     % but we'll just store a Lehmer code because it makes way more sense
97     K1Encode = utilities.createLehmerCode(n*3/4);
98     K1Decode = utilities.invertLehmerCode(K1Encode);
99     % NOTE: this should be an n/2 bit key according to protocol
100    % description, but we'll just store a Lehmer code because it makes way
101    % more sense
102    K2Encode = utilities.createLehmerCode(n*1/4);
103    K2Decode = utilities.invertLehmerCode(K2Encode);
104
105    alice = Alice(K1Encode, K2Decode);
106    bob = Bob(K1Decode, K2Encode);
107    eve = Eve(n);
108 end

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helper.m

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1 % Quantum Programming Helper
2 % Author: Michel Barbeau
3 % Version: February 8, 2016
4 % Dependency: Quantum Information Toolkit
5 classdef helper < handle
6     % static properties
7     properties (Constant)
8         % Gates
9         ACNOT = gate.mod_add(2, 2)
10        BCNOT = helper.ACNOT * helper.SWAP * helper.ACNOT
11        H = gate.qft(2)
12        I = gate.id(2)
13        SWAP = gate.swap(2,2)
14        X = gate.mod_inc(-1, 2)
15        Y = 1 / i * helper.Z * helper.X
16        Z = helper.H * gate.mod_inc(1, 2) * helper.H'
17        % Bell-EPR production
18        E = helper.ACNOT * tensor(helper.H, helper.I);
19        % Bell-EPR measurement preperation
20        prep = tensor(helper.H, helper.I) * helper.ACNOT;
21    end
22    methods (Static)

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23 function [ P ] = power(G, n)
24     % return the nth tensor power of gate G (n>0)
25     % WARNING: power(G,0) does not work with tensor function
26     if (n == 0)
27         P = lmap(1, {[ 1 1 ]});
28     else
29         P = G;
30         for i = 2 : n
31             P = tensor(P, G);
32         end
33     end
34 end
35
36 function [ G ] = R(k, n)
37     % return a n by n gate swapping qubits k and k+1
38     if (k <= 0 || k >= n)
39         error('In function R: must have 0<k<n');
40     end
41     if (k + 1 < n)
42         G = tensor(helper.SWAP, helper.power(helper.I, n - (k + 1)));
43     else
44         G = helper.SWAP;
45     end
46     if (k > 1)
47         G = tensor(helper.power(helper.I, k - 1), G);
48     end
49 end
50
51 function [ G ] = BSWAP(k, l, n)
52     % if k<l
53     % ret. a n*n gate swapping qubit k and qubits k+1 to l
54     % if k>l
55     % ret. a n*n gate swapping qubits l to k-1 and qubit k
56     % else
57     % ret. a n*n I gate
58     if (k <= 0 || k > n)
59         error('In function BSWAP: must have 0<k<n');
60     end
61     if (l <= 0 || l > n)
62         error('In function BSWAP: must have 0<l<n');
63     end
64     G = helper.power(helper.I, n);
65     if (k < l)
66         for m = k : l - 1
67             G = helper.R(m, n) * G;
68         end
69     elseif (k > l)
70         for m = k - 1 : -1 : l
71             G = helper.R(m, n) * G;
72         end
73     end
74 end
75
76 function [ S ] = ebit(in)
77     % return a Bell-EPR state
78     % in=input state, e.g., |00>
79     S = u_propagate(in, helper.E);
80 end
81 end
82 end

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utilities.m

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1 classdef utilities
2     methods (Static)
3         function [code] = createLehmerCode(len)
4             %def createLehmerCode(len):
5             % result = []
6             % for i in range(len, 0, -1):
7             %     result.append(random.randint(0,i))
8             % return result
9             code = [];
10            for i = len : -1 : 1
11                code = [code randi(i)];

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12     end
13 end
14
15 function [e] = remove(elems, i)
16     a = elems(1:(i-1));
17     b = elems((i+1):length(elems));
18     e = [a b];
19
20 end
21
22 function [perm] = permuteFromCode(elems, code)
23     %def codeToPermutation(elems, code):
24     %     def f(i):
25     %         e=elems.pop(i)
26     %         return e
27     %     return list(map(f, code))
28
29     %x = @(f) remove(
30     %perm = []
31     %perm = maprec(code, pop(elems,i));
32
33     e = elems(1:length(elems));
34     perm = [];
35     for i = 1 : length(code)
36         perm = [perm e(code(i))];
37         e = utilities.remove(e,code(i));
38     end
39 end
40
41 function [perm] = codeToPermutation(code)
42     perm = code;
43     n = length(perm);
44     for i = n:-1:1
45         for j = i+1:n
46             if perm(j) >= perm(i)
47                 perm(j) = perm(j) + 1;
48             end
49         end
50     end
51 end
52
53 function [inv] = invertPermutation(perm)
54     n = length(perm);
55     inv = zeros(n, 1);
56     for i = 1:n
57         x = perm(i);
58         inv(x) = i;
59     end
60 end
61
62 function [code] = permutationToCode(perm)
63     code = perm;
64     n = length(code);
65     for i = 1:n
66         for j = i+1:n
67             if code(j) > code(i)
68                 code(j) = code(j) - 1;
69             end
70         end
71     end
72 end
73
74 function [invCode] = invertLehmerCode(code)
75     perm = utilities.codeToPermutation(code);
76     invPerm = utilities.invertPermutation(perm);
77     invCode = utilities.permutationToCode(invPerm);
78 end
79
80 function [num] = bitArrayToNumber(bits)
81     n = length(bits);
82     num = 0;
83     for exp = 0:n-1
84         i = n - exp;
85         if bits(i) == 1

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86         num = num + 2^exp;
87     end
88 end
89 end
90
91 function [code] = integerToCode(K, n)
92     %def integerToCode(K, n):
93     %     if (n<=1):
94     %         return [0]
95     %     multiplier = factorial(n-1)
96     %     digit = floor(K/multiplier)
97     %     r = [digit]
98     %     r.extend(integerToCode(K%multiplier, n-1))
99     %     return r
100
101     if n <= 1
102         code = [1];
103     else
104         multiplier = factorial(n-1);
105         digit = floor(K/multiplier)+1;
106         if (digit > n)
107             error('K >= n!');
108         end
109         code = [digit utilities.integerToCode(rem(K,multiplier), n-1)];
110     end
111 end
112
113 function [h] = hash(m)
114     %% h:string
115     %% m:string
116     %import java.security.*;
117     %import java.math.*;
118     %% instantiate Java MessageDigest using MD5
119     %md = MessageDigest.getInstance('MD5');
120     %% convert m to ASCII numerical rep in base-64 radix
121     %h_array = md.digest(double(m));
122     %% convert int8 array into Java BigInteger
123     %bi = BigInteger(1, h_array);
124     %% convert hash into string format
125     %hStr = char(bi.toString(2));
126     %% convert string to bit array
127     %h = zeros(128, 1);
128     %for i = 1:length(hStr)
129     %     h(length(h) + 1 - i) = str2num(hStr(length(hStr) + 1 - i));
130 %end
131
132
133     % Ignore the good hash function above and use this poor one
134     % because we can only afford a few bits. This not very secure
135     % but guaranteed to be collision free. In practice, we would
136     % use the above function, but we cannot simulate the protocol
137     % with that many qubits on an ordinary computer (not enough
138     % RAM).
139     h = m;
140     for i = 1:length(h)
141         if h(i) == 0
142             h(i) = 1;
143         else
144             h(i) = 0;
145         end
146     end
147 end
148
149 function [outState] = LehmerShuffle(inState, code, first, last)
150     n = inState.subsystems();
151     if length(code) ~= last - first + 1
152         error('Key length does not match number of elements');
153     end
154
155     outState = inState;
156     for i = 1 : last - first + 1
157         index = first + code(i) - 1;
158         iToLast = helper.BSWAP(index, last, n);
159         outState = u_propagate(outState, iToLast);

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160     end
161 end
162
163 function [Q] = LehmerShuffleK1(SCba, K1)
164     % in SCba:state - S is the tensored Bell-EPR pairs
165     % representing the message and message hash components.
166     % Cb is the sequence of 1st qbits from each of the check
167     % state Bell-EPR pairs, and Ca is the 2nd qbit from each.
168     % in K1:[number] - cbit Key used for reordering S+Cb according to
169     % the Lehmer code algorithm.
170     % out Q:state - Tensored and reordered output state. Ca stays
171     % the same but S and Cb are shuffled together according
172     % to K1.
173
174     n = SCba.subsystems();
175     Q = utilities.LehmerShuffle(SCba, K1, 1, n*3/4);
176 end
177
178 function [shuffledSCba_] = LehmerShuffleK2(SCba_, K2)
179     % in SCba_:state - State as received from Alice (ignore Ca).
180     % We will shuffle the S+Cb component back to its original
181     % order.
182     % in K2:[number] - cbit Key used for reordering Cb according to
183     % the Lehmer code algorithm.
184     % out shuffledSCba_:state - Reordered output state. Ca and S
185     % stay the same but Cb is shuffled according to K2.
186
187     n = SCba_.subsystems();
188     shuffledSCba_ = utilities.LehmerShuffle(SCba_, K2, n*1/2 + 1, n*3/4);
189 end
190
191 function [str] = bitstring(bitArray)
192     str = "";
193     for i = 1:length(bitArray)
194         if bitArray(i) == 0
195             str = str + "0";
196         else
197             str = str + "1";
198         end
199     end
200 end
201 end
202 end

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