

# Lagrange-DFA Offline Verification Scheme

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## 1 Introduction

This document describes an adaptable cryptographic scheme for offline verification of whether data associated with pre-encoded identifiers matches pre-encoded secret patterns. The scheme is designed such that if and only if the data associated with an identifier matches the associated pre-encoded regular expression, a pre-defined signal can correctly be decrypted, otherwise any incorrect identifier or data produces a decryption failure indistinguishable from random failure.

## 2 Notation

Let  $p_1, p_2$  be large primes. Let  $I$  be the set of identifiers  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \setminus \{0\}$  whose data  $d_i$  should be verified against a regular expression  $R_i$ . Let  $\mathbf{AES\_CTR}_k(m)$  denote AES in CTR mode with key  $k$ , message  $m$ , and a null IV. Let  $\mathbf{HASH}(m)$  denote a hash function whose digest size is at least as large as  $p_2$ . Upon a successful verification of  $i$  against  $R_i$ , we would like to be able to decrypt a signal  $s_i$ , which was encrypted with a key  $k_i$ , by somehow retrieving  $k_i$  and computing  $plaintext = \mathbf{AES\_CTR}_{k_i}(s)$ .

Let  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \setminus \{0\}$  be arbitrary and assume the discrete logarithm problem is hard. Let  $L_k : \mathbb{Z}_{p_k} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{p_k}$  denote a Lagrange polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_{p_k}$  whose coefficients are also mod  $p_k$ . Let  $M$  be the set of DFA representations of all  $R_i$  and be defined by  $\{(Q_i, \Sigma, \delta_i, q_{0_i}, F_i)\}$ , where  $Q_i \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_{p_2}$  is a set of states,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}^8$  is the byte alphabet,  $\delta_i : Q_i \times \Sigma \rightarrow Q_i$  is the transition function,  $q_{0_i}$  is the initial state, and  $F_i \subseteq Q_i$  are accepting states. Let  $Q_0$  denote the set of all  $q_{0_i}$ . Let  $\parallel$  denote bit concatenation.

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### 3 Construction

For each valid transition in a DFA  $M_i$ , given by a state  $q$ , byte  $c$ , and next state  $q'$ , compute the point  $(\mathbf{HASH}(q \parallel c), q') \bmod p_2$ . Collect these points into the set  $T_i$ . The set of states  $Q_i$  is such that  $\forall j, k \in I, Q_j \cap Q_k = \emptyset$ . The set of accepting states  $F_i$  is such that its single element is the encryption key  $k_i$ . Construct  $L_2$  by interpolating over  $\bigcup_{i \in I} T_i$ . Note that  $L_2$  does not contain any information about starting states or accepting states.

For each  $i$ , compute its commitment  $c_i = g^i \bmod p_1$ . Suppose the encrypted signal  $s_i$  is identified by some  $d_{s_i}$ . Construct  $L_1$  by interpolating over  $\{(c_i, q_{0_i} \parallel d_{s_i}), (d_{s_i}, s_i)\}$ .  $q_{0_i}$  and  $d_{s_i}$  are carefully selected such that  $q_{0_i}$  and  $d_{s_i}$  fit into the most and least significant halves of  $q_{0_i} \parallel d_{s_i}$ , respectively, with zero-padding as needed.

### 4 Usage

Suppose  $j$  is an identifier associated with data  $d_j$ . Note that  $j$  is not necessarily an element of  $I$ . Compute  $d_{intermediary} = L_1(c_j)$  and extract arbitrary values  $q_{0_j}$  and  $d_{s_j}$  from the most and least significant halves of  $d_{intermediary}$ , respectively. Compute  $s_j = L_1(d_{s_j})$ . Regardless of whether  $q_{0_j}$  is an element of the true  $Q_0$ , or whether  $s_j$  is a true signal, treat them as such. Initialize  $q \leftarrow q_{0_j}$ . For each byte  $c$  in  $d_j$ , update  $q \leftarrow L_2(\mathbf{HASH}(q \parallel c))$ . Finally, attempt to decrypt  $s_j$  by computing  $plaintext = \mathbf{AES\_CTR}_q(s_j)$ .