

# Sapling Security Proof

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## 1 Signature schemes

When we say an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  is *efficient*, we mean it runs in time  $\text{poly}(\lambda)$  for the “security parameter”  $\lambda$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group of prime order  $r$ . A signature scheme  $\mathcal{S}$  over  $\mathbb{G}$  in the random oracle model consists of algorithms  $\mathcal{S} = (\text{sign}, \text{verifySig}, \mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}))$  where  $\text{sign}, \text{verifySig}$  are oracle machines with access to an oracle  $\mathcal{R}$  taking as input arbitrary strings and returning uniform elements of  $\mathbb{F}_r$ . Such that the following holds.

- The set of public/verification keys  $\{\text{pk}\}$  is  $\mathbb{G}$ , and the set of private keys  $\{\text{sk}\}$  is  $\mathbb{F}_r$ .
- For  $\text{sk} \in \mathbb{F}_r$ , the verification key of  $\text{sk}$  is  $\text{pk} = \text{sk} \cdot g$  for a fixed generator  $g \in \mathbb{G}$ .
- We have the following “zero-knowledge” property: Fix any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  interacts with  $\mathcal{S}$  with two types of queries
  1. Queries  $x$ , for an arbitrary string  $x$  that are answered according to  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}$ .
  2. Queries  $(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$ , answered according to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$ .

Let  $\pi_1$  be the distribution of the sequence of queries and replies to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Let  $\pi_2$  be the distribution of the sequence of queries and replies to  $\mathcal{A}$  when

1.  $\mathcal{R}$  takes the place of  $\mathcal{S}_1$
2.  $\text{sign}^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{sk}, \mathbf{m})$  is returned instead of  $\mathcal{S}_2(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$  where  $\text{sk}$  is the secret key corresponding to  $\text{pk}$ .

Then the distance between  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

We say  $\mathcal{S}$  is *unforgeable w.r.t key randomization* if the following holds. Fix any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$ . A party  $\mathcal{O}$  chooses uniform  $\text{sk} \in \mathbb{F}_r$  and sends  $\text{pk} = \text{sk} \cdot g$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  also initializes an empty set  $T$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  adaptively makes  $\text{poly}(\lambda)$  queries of the form  $(\alpha, \mathbf{m})$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  replies with  $\sigma := \text{sign}(\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$  and adds  $(\alpha, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  to  $T$ .

Finally  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $(\alpha^*, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ . Let  $\text{pk}^* := \text{pk} + \alpha^* \cdot g$ . Then the probability that

1.  $\text{verifySig}(\text{pk}^*, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ , and
2.  $(\alpha^*, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*) \notin T$

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

We assume our group  $\mathbb{G}$  has a hard DL problem; meaning that for any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$ , given uniform  $g, \text{sk} \cdot g \in \mathbb{G}$  the probability of outputting  $\text{sk}$  is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

We define the non-malleable version of Schnorr's signature scheme:

Schnorr:

**Parameters:** Group  $\mathbb{G}$  of prime order  $s$ . Non-zero  $g \in \mathbb{G}$ .

**Signing:** Given message  $\mathbf{m}$  and  $\text{sk}$ ,

- Choose random  $a \in \mathbb{F}_r$  and let  $R := a \cdot g$
- Compute  $c := \mathcal{R}(R, \text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$
- Let  $u := a + c \cdot \text{sk}$ .
- Define  $\text{sign}^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{sk}, \mathbf{m}) := (R, u)$ .

**Verifying:** Given  $\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma = (R, u)$ ,  $\text{verifySig}^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  accepts iff:

- Computing  $c := \mathcal{R}(R, \text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$ ; we have  $u \cdot g = R + c \cdot \text{pk}$ .

**Simulating:**

- $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}(x)$  checks if  $x$  has been queried before; if so answers consistently, otherwise answers uniformly in  $\mathbb{F}_r$  and records the answer.
- $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$ : Choose uniform  $c, u \in \mathbb{F}_r$ . Let  $x := (\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, u \cdot g - c \cdot \text{pk})$ . Check if  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}(x)$  has been defined. If so, abort. Otherwise define  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}(x) = c$  and return  $(c, u)$ .

**Remark 1.2.** At times when we wish to change the parameter  $g$  we work with from default to an element  $h$ , we will use it in the subscript, e.g.  $\text{sign}_h^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{sk}, \mathbf{m})$ .

We refer by  $\text{Schnorr}' = (\text{sign}', \text{verifySig}')$  to the Schnorr scheme where  $\text{pk}$  is omitted from the computation of  $c$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** Schnorr is non-forgable w.r.t randomization.

*Proof.* Similarly to [1], we reduce to the non-forgability of standard Schnorr (where the public key is not part of the signature & without randomization) that was proven in [2].

Suppose we are given  $\mathcal{A}$  interacting with  $\mathcal{O}$  as described above, and finally outputting  $(\alpha^*, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ . We construct  $\mathcal{A}'$  that interacts with  $\mathcal{O}'$  which is a “standard” Schnorr oracle.

That is:

1.  $\mathcal{O}'$  begins by choosing a uniform  $\text{sk} \in \mathbb{F}_r$
2.  $\mathcal{O}'$  computes  $\text{pk} = \text{sk} \cdot g$  and sends  $\text{pk}$  to  $\mathcal{A}'$ .  $\mathcal{O}'$  initializes an empty set  $T'$ .
3.  $\mathcal{A}'$  sends queries  $\mathbf{m}$  to  $\mathcal{O}'$  and receives replies  $\sigma = \text{sign}'_{\text{sk}}(\mathbf{m})$ .  $\mathcal{O}'$  adds  $(\mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  to  $T'$ .

4. After all queries  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ .

$\mathcal{A}'$  wins if

- $\text{verifySig}'(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ , and
- $(\mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*) \notin T'$

$\mathcal{A}'$  will simulate  $(\mathcal{A})$ 's interaction with  $\mathcal{O}$  using  $\mathcal{O}'$ : Given a query  $(\alpha, \mathbf{m})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  queries  $\mathcal{O}'$  with  $\mathbf{m}' := (\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$ , to receive reply  $\sigma' = (R, u')$  - *this is a Schnorr'-signature of  $\mathbf{m}'$  with  $\text{sk}$ , and we now convert this to a Schnorr-signature of  $\mathbf{m}$  with  $\text{sk} + \alpha$* . Let  $c := \mathcal{R}(R, \mathbf{m}') = \mathcal{R}(R, \text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$ . It sends  $\sigma := (R, u := u' + c\alpha)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We have

$$u \cdot g = u' \cdot g + c\alpha \cdot g = R + c \cdot \text{pk} + c\alpha \cdot g = R + c \cdot (\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g).$$

So we have  $\text{verifySig}(\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$ . Also  $R$  is uniformly distributed, thus  $\mathcal{A}'$  is answering  $(\mathcal{A})$ 's queries with the same distribution  $\mathcal{O}$  would have.

Note that the mapping  $F(\alpha, \mathbf{m}, \sigma) := (\mathbf{m}', \sigma')$  where  $\mathbf{m}' := (\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$ ,  $\sigma' := (R, u - c\alpha)$  is injective.

Let  $T$  be the set of tuples  $(\alpha, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  queried  $(\alpha, \mathbf{m})$  and  $\mathcal{A}'$  answered  $\sigma$ . We have  $T' = \{F(x)\}_{x \in T}$ .

When  $\mathcal{A}$  finally outputs  $x^* = (\alpha^*, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ ;  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $F(x^*)$ . As  $F$  is injective  $x^* \notin T$  implies  $F(x^*) \notin T'$ .

Denote  $(\mathbf{m}', \sigma') := F(x^*)$ . From [2]'s results on unforgeability of Schnorr', the probability that

- $\text{verifySig}'(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}', \sigma')$ , and
- $(\mathbf{m}', \sigma') \notin T'$

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ . Noting that  $\text{verifySig}'(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}', \sigma') \equiv \text{verifySig}(\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ , this means that the probability that

- $\text{verifySig}(\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m}^*, \sigma^*)$ , and
- $x^* \notin T$

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ . This is exactly what we had to prove.  $\square$

We state the following theorem that is almost implicit in [?]

**Theorem 1.4** (Extractability of Schnorr). *There is an algorithm  $\xi$  with the following property. Fix any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  and group element  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{G}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  produces w.p.  $\gamma$   $(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  such that  $\text{verifySig}_{\mathbf{g}}^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$ . Then given the output  $(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and the internal randomness used by  $\mathcal{A}$  in the run,  $\xi$  produces w.p.  $\gamma/2$  over  $(\mathcal{A})$ 's randomness and its own randomness  $s \in \mathbb{F}_r$  such that  $\text{pk} = s \cdot \mathbf{g}$ . Furthermore,  $\xi$ 's running time will be  $P(\lambda)$  where  $P$  is a polynomial depending on the running time of  $\mathcal{A}$ .*

## 2 Description of Sapling

### 2.1 Basic components

#### Functions, and their requirements:

We do not explicitly state function domains and ranges; see the spec for more details. Whenever discussing a function in the properties below, we always think of an infinite sequence of functions indexed by the security parameter  $\lambda$ .

1. For any fixed values  $g, pk, v$ , and for any  $\epsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{NC}(g, pk, v, rcm)$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to uniform when  $rcm$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to uniform.
2.  $\mathbf{NC}$  is collision resistant - i.e. the probability of finding  $note, note'$  such that  $\mathbf{NC}(note) = \mathbf{NC}(note')$  is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .<sup>1</sup>
3. For any fixed  $v$  and any  $\epsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\mathbf{VC}(v, rcv)$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to uniform whenever  $rcv$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to uniform.
4.  $\mathbf{VC}$  is collision-resistant.
5. **sighash** is collision-resistant.
6. **IVK** is collision-resistant.
7. **NF** is modeled as a random oracle outputting at least  $\lambda$  bits (and thus is in particular, collision-resistant).

**Generators of  $\mathbb{G}$**  We assume we are given generators  $g_{sig}, g_n, g_r, g_v$  that were sampled in a way that except w.p  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  an efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot discover the discrete log relation between any two of them.

#### Statements:

OUT( $cv, cm, epk$ ): I know  $note = (g, pk, v, rcm), rcv, esk$  such that

1.  $cm = \mathbf{NC}(note)$ .
2.  $cv = \mathbf{VC}(v, rcv)$ .
3.  $epk = esk \cdot g$ .
4.  $g$  has order greater than eight.

SPEND( $rt, cv, nf, rk$ ): I know  $path, pos, note = (g, pk, v, rcm), cm, rcv, \alpha, ak, nsk$  such that

1.  $cm = \mathbf{NC}(note)$ .
2. Either  $v = 0$  (“dummy note”); or  $path$  is a merkle path from  $cm$  at position  $pos$  to  $rt$ .

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<sup>1</sup>A caveat here is that this is true when the  $rcm$  parameter is thought of as a field element; in the actual circuit it is received as a string of bits where some elements of  $\mathbb{F}_r$  have multiple representations; inspection of the proof shows that it suffices that CR w.r.t  $rcm$  as a field element; same story with  $rcv$  in  $\mathbf{VC}$ .

3.  $rk = ak + \alpha \cdot g_{sig}$ .
4. Setting  $nk := nsk \cdot g_n$ ,  $ivk := \mathbf{IVK}(ak, nk)$ , we have  $pk = ivk \cdot g$ .
5.  $nf = \mathbf{NF}(nk, cm, pos)$

## Components

A *note* is a tuple  $note = (g, pk, v, rcm)$  where

1.  $g, pk \in \mathbb{G}$ .
2.  $v, rcm \in \mathbb{F}_r$ .
3.  $v \leq \text{MAX}$ .

**Remark 2.1.** *It is convenient for us to define a note with  $g$  rather than its GH-preimage  $d$  as in the spec, as this is what's given as input to the circuits; there are minor non-exploitable issues with this, see e.g. <https://github.com/zcash/zcash/issues/3490>.*

For  $ivk \in \mathbb{F}_r$  we say *note belongs to  $ivk$*  if  $pk = ivk \cdot g$ .

An *input base*, usually denoted **input**, will consist of the values required to make an input in a Sapling transaction, except the spending and proving key; namely  $\text{input} = (\text{note}, \text{path}, \text{pos})$  where

- **note** is a note
- **path** is a path in a merkle tree beginning from a leaf of value  $cm = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note})$ .
- **pos** is the position of **cm** amongst the leaves of the Merkle tree (**pos** is redundant here as it can be derived from **path**, but convenient).

A *transaction input*, usually denoted **inp**, is the final form an input appears in a transaction; **inp** consists of

1. A value commitment **cv**.
2. A nullifier **nf**.
3. A Merkle root **rt** of the tree containing the used note.
4. A public key **rk** that is (allegedly) a randomized version of the spent note's proving key **ak**.
5. A SNARK proof  $\pi$  for the statement  $\mathbf{SPEND}(\text{rt}, \text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rk})$ .

We make the simplifying assumption in this writeup; that *there is only one spending key ( $ask, nsk$ ) involved, and all addresses are diversified addresses derived from this spending key*.

## 2.2 Methods

We use the convention that  $\ell$  denotes the number of inputs in a transaction, and  $s$  the number of outputs.

makeinput( $rt, \text{input} = (\text{note}, \text{path}, \text{pos}), \text{pak}, \text{rcv}, \alpha$ )  
 where  $\text{pak} = (\text{ak}, \text{nsk}), \text{note} = (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm})$

1.  $\text{cm} = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note})$
2.  $\text{nf} = \mathbf{NF}(\text{cm}, \text{nk}, \text{pos})$
3. Define  $\text{rk} := \text{ak} + \alpha \cdot \text{g}, \text{cv} := \text{v} \cdot \text{g}_v + \text{rcv} \cdot \text{g}_r$ .
4. Let  $\pi = \pi_{\text{spend}}(\text{cv}, \text{rt}, \text{nf}, \text{rk}; \text{note}, \text{pak}, \alpha, \text{path}, \text{pos})$ .
5. Output  $(\text{cv}, \text{rt}, \text{nf}, \text{rk}, \pi)$ .

makeoutput( $\text{note} = (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm}), \text{rcv}$ ),

1. Choose random  $\text{esk} \in \mathbb{F}_r$ .
2. Let  $\text{cv} := \mathbf{VC}(\text{v}, \text{rcv}) = \text{v} \cdot \text{g}_v + \text{rcv} \cdot \text{g}_r$ .
3. Let  $\text{note} = (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm})$  and  $\text{cm} := \mathbf{NC}(\text{note})$ .
4. Let  $\text{epk} = \text{esk} \cdot \text{g}$ .
5. Let  $\text{enc} = \mathbf{ENC}_{\text{esk} \cdot \text{g}}(\text{note})$
6. Let  $\pi = \pi_{\text{output}}(\text{epk}, \text{cm}, \text{cv}; \text{note}, \text{rcv}, \text{esk})$ .
7. Output  $(\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc})$

bindval( $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}} = (\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}, \overrightarrow{\text{out}}, \text{v}^{\text{bal}}), \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}$ )

1. Let  $r := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{rcv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{rcv}_i$
2. Let  $S := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{cv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{cv}_i - \text{v}^{\text{bal}} \cdot \text{g}_v$
3. Let  $\sigma_{\text{val}} := \text{sign}_{\text{g}_r}(r, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$ .
4. Output  $\text{pre-tx} := (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{val}})$ .

signtx( $\text{pre-tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{val}}), \overrightarrow{\text{ask}}, \overrightarrow{\alpha}$ )

1. For each  $i \in [\ell]$ , let  $\sigma_i := \text{sign}_{\text{g}_{\text{sig}}}(\text{ask}_i + \alpha_i, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$
2. Let  $\overrightarrow{\sigma} := (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\ell})$ .
3. Output  $(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \overrightarrow{\sigma})$ .

Given  $(\text{rt}, \text{v}^{\text{bal}})$  we say  $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$  is *consistent* with  $\text{rt}, \text{v}^{\text{bal}}$ , if

- for each  $j \in [\ell]$   $\text{input}_j$  contains a path  $\text{pak}_j$  from  $\text{NC}(\text{note}_j)$  to  $\text{rt}$ ,
- $\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{v}_j - \sum_{j=\ell+1}^s \mathbf{v}_j = 0$ .
- the positions  $\{\text{pos}_j\}_{j \in [\ell]}$  are all distinct.

and  $\text{makerandomizedtx}(\text{rt}, \mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$

where  $\text{input}_j = (\text{note}_j, \text{pak}_j, \text{path}_j, \text{pos}_j)$ ,  $\text{output}_j = (\mathbf{g}_j, \text{pk}_j, \mathbf{v}_j)$

1. Choose random  $\overrightarrow{\text{rcm}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}} \in \mathbb{F}_r^s$ .
2. For  $j \in [\ell]$ ,  $\text{inp}_j = \text{makeinput}(\text{rt}, \text{input}_j, \text{rcv}_j)$
3. For  $j \in [s]$ ,  $\text{out}_j = \text{makeoutput}(\text{output}_j, \text{rcm}_j, \text{rcv}_j)$
4.  $\text{pre-tx} = \text{bindval}(\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}, \overrightarrow{\text{out}}, \mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}})$ .
5. Choose random  $\overrightarrow{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}_r^\ell$ .
6. Output  $\text{tx} = \text{signtx}(\text{pre-tx}, \text{ask}, \overrightarrow{\alpha})$

$\text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}, \text{ask}, \text{pak})$  where  $\text{input}_j = (\mathbf{v}_j, \text{note}_j, \text{pak}_j, \text{path}_j, \text{pos}_j)$ ,  $\text{output}_j = (\mathbf{g}_j, \text{pk}_j, \mathbf{v}_j, \text{rcm}_j)$

1. Choose random  $\overrightarrow{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}_r^\ell$ .
2. For  $j \in [\ell]$ ,  $\text{inp}_j = \text{makeinput}(\text{input}_j, \text{rcv}_j, \alpha_j, \text{pak})$
3. For  $j \in [s]$ ,  $\text{out}_j = \text{makeoutput}(\text{output}_j, \text{rcv}_j)$
4. Let  $\mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}} := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathbf{v}_i - \sum_{j=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \mathbf{v}_j$ .
5.  $\text{pre-tx} = \text{bindval}(\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}, \overrightarrow{\text{out}}, \mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}})$ .
6. Let  $\text{tx} = \text{signtx}(\text{pre-tx}, \overrightarrow{\alpha}, \text{ask})$

$\text{verify-tx}(\text{L}, \text{tx})$

1. Suppose that  $\text{tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \overrightarrow{\sigma})$ .
2. For each  $\text{inp}_i = (\text{rt}, \text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rk}, \pi) \in \overrightarrow{\text{inp}}(\text{tx})$ ,
  - Check that  $\text{nf} \notin \text{nf}(\text{L}) \cup \{\text{nf}(\text{inp}_1), \dots, \text{nf}(\text{inp}_{i-1})\}$ .
  - Check that  $\text{spendverify}(\text{rt}, \text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rk}; \pi)$ .
  - Check that  $\text{verifySig}_{\text{g}_{\text{sig}}}^{\mathcal{R}}(\text{rk}, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_i)$
3. For each  $\text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc}) \in \overrightarrow{\text{out}}(\text{tx})$ , check that  $\text{outverify}(\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}; \pi)$
4. Let  $S := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{cv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{cv}_i - \mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}} \cdot \mathbf{g}_{\mathbf{v}}$ .
5. Check that  $\text{verifySig}_{\text{g}_{\text{r}}}^{\mathcal{R}}(S, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_{\text{val}})$ .

### 3 Non-Malleability of Sapling w.r.t. delegated spenders

#### Modelling the adversary:

We wish to show that the delegated spender cannot create any new transactions of her own. We model this claim with the following non-malleability game: We model the honest signer as an oracle  $\mathcal{O}$  that  $\mathcal{A}$  interacts with as follows.

$\mathcal{O}$  begins by choosing a new spending key  $(\text{ask}, \text{nsk}) \leftarrow \mathcal{K}$  and sending the corresponding proof authorizing key  $\text{pak} = (\text{ak}, \text{nsk})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Where  $\text{ak} = \text{ask} \cdot g$ .

Afterwards,  $\mathcal{A}$  can make **sign-all-inputs** queries to  $\mathcal{O}$ , which intuitively correspond to asking for signatures on transactions whose inputs have spending key  $(\text{ask}, \text{nsk})$  (though see remark).

#### Sign-all-inputs queries

1.  $\mathcal{A}$  sends  $(\text{pre-tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{val}}), \vec{\alpha})$  to  $\mathcal{O}$ . Where  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}} = (\vec{\text{inp}}, \vec{\text{out}}, v^{\text{bal}})$
2.  $\mathcal{O}$  checks if  $\text{spendverify}(\text{pub}_i, \pi_i)$  holds for each  $i \in [\ell]$  and otherwise aborts.
3.  $\mathcal{O}$  computes for  $i \in [\ell]$ ,  $\sigma_i = \text{sign}_g(\text{ask} + \alpha_i, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$ .
4. Let  $\vec{\sigma} := (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell)$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  return  $\text{tx} := (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{val}}, \vec{\sigma})$ .

**Remark 3.1.** *The second item is another way of saying we assume  $\mathcal{A}$  can only ask  $\mathcal{O}$  for signatures of transactions with legitimate spend proofs. Otherwise the proof currently fails as we need to be able to extract the witness from each input.*

**Terminology:** We refer below to a transaction  $\text{tx}$  as  $\text{tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{val}}, \vec{\sigma})$ , where  $\vec{\sigma}$  contains the  $\ell$  input signatures and  $\sigma_{\text{val}}$  is as described above in **maketx** that are added during **sign-all-inputs** and the signature  $\sigma_{\text{val}}$  added in the last step of **maketx**.

Non-malleability says,  $\mathcal{A}$  should not be able to create a new valid transaction with inputs belonging to  $\mathcal{O}$ , even after seeing transactions of its choice with inputs of  $\mathcal{O}$ . New will mean that the  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}$  part will be new. (If we had changed the signature scheme to sign in order and have each signature sign the previous ones we could have required that  $\text{tx}$  including the signature part must be different from all previous transactions).

The way we formalize “transaction with inputs of  $\mathcal{O}$ ” is that the transaction created by  $\mathcal{A}$  contains overlapping nullifiers with the transactions signed previously by  $\mathcal{O}$ ; precisely transactions that are outputs of **sign-all-inputs** queries.

**Remark 3.2.** *A somewhat odd thing about the construction with the delegated spender, is that valid transactions signed by  $\mathcal{O}$ , do not exactly correspond to transactions whose inputs  $\mathcal{O}$  knows the spending key of. We can only say  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  together know the spending key. For example, given  $(\text{ak}, \text{nsk})$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  can choose random  $s \in \mathbb{F}_r$ , set  $\text{ak}' := \text{ak} + s \cdot g$ . Now when  $\mathcal{A}$  wants to sign an input in address  $\text{ak}'$ , i.e. with some randomized key  $\text{rk} = \text{ak}' + \alpha g = \text{ak} + (s + \alpha) \cdot g$ , it can give  $\mathcal{O}$  the randomization  $\alpha' = s + \alpha$ .*

*A way to avoid these oddities is to have  $\mathcal{O}$  only sign transactions where he recognizes the nullifiers as belonging to a note of his. For our purposes here, we get a stronger result without this restriction by showing non-malleability holds when  $\mathcal{O}$  signs any transaction.*



**Some more terminology** Given a validly formatted transaction  $\text{tx} = ((\vec{\text{inp}}, \vec{\text{out}}, v^{\text{bal}}), \sigma_{\text{val}}, \vec{\sigma})$ , we define

- $\text{nf}(\text{tx})$  to be the set of nullifiers appearing in one of its inputs; so  $\text{nf}(\text{tx}) := \{\text{nf}(\text{inp})\}_{\text{inp} \in \vec{\text{inp}}}$ .
- $\text{rk}(\text{tx})$  the set of randomized public keys appearing in inputs of  $\text{tx}$ , so  $\text{rk}(\text{tx}) := \{\text{rk}(\text{inp})\}_{\text{inp} \in \vec{\text{inp}}}$ .
- $\text{raw}(\text{tx}) := (\vec{\text{inp}}, \vec{\text{out}}, v^{\text{bal}})$ . For a set  $T$  of validly formed transactions we define  $\text{raw}(T) := \{\text{raw}(\text{tx})\}_{\text{tx} \in T}$ .

**Claim 3.3** (Non-malleability w.r.t delegated spenders). *Fix any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  interacting with  $\mathcal{O}$  as described above. Let  $T = \{\text{tx}'\}$  be the set of transactions that are replies of  $\mathcal{O}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ 's sign-all-inputs queries. The probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  manages to output a ledger  $L$  and transaction  $\text{tx}$  such that*

1.  $\text{verify-tx}(L, \text{tx}) = \text{acc}$ ,
2.  $\text{raw}(\text{tx})$  is not a prefix of an element of  $T$ .
3.  $\text{nf}(\text{tx}) \cap \text{nf}(\text{tx}') \neq \emptyset$  for some  $\text{tx}' \in T$ .

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an algorithm that after interacting with  $\mathcal{O}$  as described above outputs  $L, \text{tx}$ . Let  $\epsilon$  be the probability that  $L, \text{tx}$  satisfy the above.

We construct  $\mathcal{A}'$  that receives a randomized forgery challenge for Schnorr as described in Definition 1.1, and with probability  $\epsilon - \text{negl}(\lambda)$  either

- outputs a collision of **sighash**
- outputs a collision of **NF**,
- outputs a collision of **NC**,
- outputs a collision of **IVK**,
- Constructs a signature forgery for Schnorr w.r.t randomization.

Then, from CR of **sighash**, **NF**, **NC**, **IVK** and Theorem 1.3 the claim follows.

$\mathcal{A}'$  works as follows:

1.  $\mathcal{A}'$  will receive a challenge  $\text{ak}$  for the signature scheme Schnorr from a party  $\mathcal{O}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{A}'$  chooses random  $\text{nsk} \in \mathbb{G}$  and sends to  $\mathcal{A}$  the proof authorizing key  $\text{pak} = (\text{nsk}, \text{ak})$  *note that here we need to make a spending key that is not from the same seed  $\text{sk}$  — ariel gabizon*
3. When  $\mathcal{A}$  makes a sign-all-inputs query  $(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \vec{\alpha})$   $\mathcal{A}'$  first checks that the proofs in  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}$  are valid (as  $\mathcal{O}$  does in the description of sign-all-inputs queries) and then answers with  $\vec{\sigma}$  where  $\sigma_i := \mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}(\text{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$ . If during invocations to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}$  is queried on a point on which  $\mathcal{A}$  queried  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  aborts. (Note that the point queried by  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}$  is  $(R, \text{pk}, \mathbf{m})$  for a uniform  $R$  chosen only during the execution of  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$ , so the probability such a point was already queried is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .)

4. When  $\mathcal{A}'$  makes a query to  $\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  answers according to  $\mathcal{R}$  unless the query has been answered according to  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{R}}$  during invocations of  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$  in **sign-all-inputs** queries; in which case  $\mathcal{A}'$  answers according to  $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$ . (This doesn't change the distribution of  $\mathcal{R}$  from the perspective of  $\mathcal{A}$ .)
5. When  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $L, \text{tx}$ :  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks that it indeed satisfies the challenge - that is  $\text{verify-tx}(L, \text{tx})$ ;  $\text{tx}$  contains an input  $\text{inp}$  with  $\text{nf} = \text{nf}(\text{inp})$  being equal to  $\text{nf}(\text{inp}')$  for some  $\text{inp}' \in \text{tx}'$  for some  $\text{tx}' \in T$ ; appearing in one of the **sign-all-inputs** queries of  $\mathcal{A}$ ; and  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}} \notin \text{raw}(T)$ . If not  $\mathcal{A}'$  aborts.
6.  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks if  $\text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}) = \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}')$  for some  $\text{tx}' \in T$  with  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}' \neq \text{raw}_{\text{tx}}$ . If so it outputs  $(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \text{raw}_{\text{tx}}')$  as a collision of **sighash**.
7. Let  $R := \{\text{rk}_1, \dots, \text{rk}_\ell\}$  be the randomized public keys in the inputs of  $\text{tx}$ , and  $R' := \{\text{rk}'_1, \dots, \text{rk}'_\ell\}$  be the randomized public keys in the inputs of  $\text{tx}'$ .  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks if  $R' \cap R \neq \emptyset$ , i.e.  $\text{rk}_i = \text{rk}'_j$  for some  $i, j$ . In this case it outputs the forgery  $(\alpha'_j, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_i)$ .
8. Otherwise let  $\xi$  be the extractor guaranteed to exist for the combined party  $\mathcal{A}', \mathcal{O}$  up to the point in step 5 where  $\mathcal{A}$  outputted  $\text{tx}$ . Except with probability  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ ,  $\xi$  outputs a witness  $w = (\text{note}, \text{pak} = (\text{ak}, \text{nsk}), \alpha, \text{path}, \text{pos})$ . Similarly there is an extractor  $\xi'$  for the input  $\text{inp}'$  in  $\text{tx}'$  giving us a witness  $w' = (\text{note}', \text{pak}' = (\text{ak}', \text{nsk}'), \alpha', \text{path}', \text{pos}')$ .
9. Let  $\text{nk} := \text{nsk} \cdot g, \text{nk}' := \text{nsk}' \cdot g$ . We have

$$\mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}) = \mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}', \text{cm}', \text{pos}') = \text{nf}$$

If  $\text{nk} \neq \text{nk}', \text{cm} \neq \text{cm}'$  or  $\text{pos} \neq \text{pos}'$   $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\text{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}), (\text{nk}', \text{cm}', \text{pos}')$  as a collision of **NF**.

10. Otherwise, we have  $\mathbf{NC}(\text{note}) = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}') = \text{cm}$ . If  $\text{note} \neq \text{note}'$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $\text{note}, \text{note}'$  as a collision of **NC**.
11. Otherwise we have  $\text{note} = \text{note}' = (g, \text{pk}, v, \text{rcm})$ . Defining  $\text{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}, \text{nk}), \text{ivk}' := \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}', \text{nk})$ , we have  $\text{pk} = \text{ivk} \cdot g = \text{ivk}' \cdot g$ . Thus,  $\text{ivk} = \text{ivk}'$ . (Important here that  $\text{ivk}$  representation is unique and it is cause  $\text{dfn}$  of **IVK** has  $\text{mod } 2^{\ell_{\text{ivk}}=251}$ .) If  $\text{ak} \neq \text{ak}'$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\text{ak}, \text{nk}), (\text{ak}', \text{nk}')$  as a collision of **IVK**.
12. Otherwise, we have  $\text{ak} = \text{ak}'$ . Now,  $\mathcal{A}$  knows  $\alpha^*$  such that  $\text{rk}' = \text{ak}^* + \alpha^* \cdot g$ , where  $\text{ak}^*$  is from the forgery challenger (as he used  $(\alpha^*, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}'))$  in the **sign-all-inputs** query for  $\text{tx}'$  for input  $\text{inp}'$ ). And also  $\text{rk}' = \text{ak}' + \alpha' \cdot g$ . So  $\text{ak} = \text{ak}' = \text{ak}^* + (\alpha^* - \alpha') \cdot g$ . And  $\text{rk} = \text{ak}^* + (\alpha^* - \alpha' + \alpha) \cdot g$ . Thus, in this case  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\alpha^* - \alpha' + \alpha, \sigma, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$  as a signature forgery.

□

### 3.1 Modelling the outside adversary

$\text{maketransaction}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}}, \text{ask})$ :

1. For  $i \in [\ell]$ , check where  $\text{input}_i$  appears in the compute  $\text{input}_i := \text{makeinput}(\text{inp}_i)$ .

2. Check that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} v_i - \sum_{j=1}^s ov_j = v^{\text{bal}}$ . If this is the case then  $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}})$  is a *valid input* to `maketransaction`. Otherwise output `rej` and abort.
3. For  $j \in [s]$ , compute  $\text{output}_j := \text{makeoutput}(\text{out}_j)$ .
4. Choose uniform  $\overrightarrow{\text{rcv}} \in \mathbb{F}_r^s$  and output `sign-all-inputs(maketx( $\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}$ ), ask)`

$\mathcal{O}$  begins by choosing a uniform spending key  $(\text{ask}, \text{nsk}) \in \mathcal{K}$ . And generates the corresponding keys  $\text{ak} := \text{ask} \cdot g, \text{nk} := \text{nsk} \cdot g, \text{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}, \text{nk})$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  initialize an empty set  $T$  of diversified addresses.  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  initialize an empty set of current notes  $\mathbf{N}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  can make two kinds of queries.

### Get new diversified address queries

- $\mathcal{O}$  chooses  $g \in \mathbb{G}$  according to the distribution GH of the group hash output.
- $\mathcal{O}$  then outputs the diversified address  $(g, \text{pk} := \text{ivk} \cdot g)$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  add  $(g, \text{pk})$  to the set of diversified addresses  $T$ .

### Make transaction queries

- $\mathcal{A}$  chooses extended input notes  $\text{input}_1, \dots, \text{input}_\ell \in \mathbf{N}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  chooses output notes  $\text{output}_1, \dots, \text{output}_s$ , with  $\text{output}_j = (g_j, \text{pk}_j, v_j, \text{rcm}_j)$ , for  $(g_j, \text{pk}_j) \in T$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  Chooses uniform  $\overrightarrow{\text{rcv}} \in \mathbb{F}_r^{s+\ell}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  sends  $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}})$  to  $\mathcal{O}$ .
- $\mathcal{O}$  returns  $\text{tx} := \text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}, \text{ask}, \text{pak})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  add  $\text{output}_j$  to  $\mathbf{N}$  for each  $j$  s.t.  $(g_j, \text{pk}_j) \in T$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{O}$  remove the elements of  $\overrightarrow{\text{input}}$  from  $\mathbf{N}$ .

## 3.2 Non-malleability w.r.t outside adversary

**Claim 3.4.** *Suppose  $\mathcal{A}$  interacts with  $\mathcal{O}$  as described above. Then it outputs a transaction  $(L, \text{tx}, \text{inp} \in \text{tx})$ . The probability that there exists  $\text{tx}' \in T, \text{inp}' \in \overrightarrow{\text{input}}(\text{tx}')$  such that*

1.  $\text{raw}(\text{tx}) \neq \text{raw}(\text{tx}'), \forall \text{tx}' \in T$ .
2.  $\text{nf}(\text{inp}) = \text{nf}(\text{inp}')$ .

*is*  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Reduce to Claim 3.3. We □

### 3.3 Indistinguishability w.r.t outside adversaries

**Claim 3.5.** Fix any  $rt, v^{\text{bal}}$ . Fix any  $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$  that is consistent with  $rt, v^{\text{bal}}$ . Assume that

1.  $\mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}, \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}), \text{pos}) = \mathcal{R}(\text{nk}, \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}, \text{pos}))$  where  $\mathcal{R}$  is a random oracle and  $\mathbf{MPH}$  is a collision-resistant function<sup>2</sup>
2.  $\mathbf{KDF}$  is also a random oracle.
3.  $\mathbf{ENC}_K(m)$  produces a uniform output when  $K$  is uniform and  $m$  is fixed.

Then, the probability of an efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  finding  $rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}'}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}'}$  such that

- $|\overrightarrow{\text{input}}| = |\overrightarrow{\text{input}}'| = \ell, |\overrightarrow{\text{output}}| = |\overrightarrow{\text{output}}'| = s$ .
- The notes in  $\overrightarrow{\text{input}}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\text{input}}'$  are all distinct.
- $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$  and  $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}'}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}'})$  are both consistent with  $rt, v^{\text{bal}}$
- The distributions  $D := \text{makerandomizedtx}(rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$  and  $D' := \text{makerandomizedtx}(rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}'}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}'})$ , over the randomness of the oracles  $\mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathbf{KDF}$ , and the inner randomness of the signer, SNARK prover and the makerandomizedtx method, are not identical and independent

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* The output of makerandomizedtx is of the form  $(\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}, \overrightarrow{\text{out}}, \overrightarrow{\sigma})$ .  $\text{inp}_1, \dots, \text{inp}_\ell, \text{out}_1, \dots, \text{out}_s$  are all independent from each other. (Here we use that  $\{\text{pos}_j\}$  are all different and thus  $\{\text{nf}_j\}$  are independent values of the random oracle  $\mathbf{NF}$  at distinct inputs).  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell$  are independent from each other, depend on  $\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}$  and the inner randomness of the signer.

$\text{inp}_j$  has the form

$$\text{inp}_j = (\text{nf}, \text{rt}, \text{rkcv}, \pi)$$

We show that except w.p.  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ , the corresponding elements in  $\text{inp}_j$  and  $\text{inp}'_j$  are distributed identically conditioned on any value of the previous elements.

Such an element  $\text{inp} = (\text{nf}, \text{rt}, \text{rk}, \text{cv}, \pi)$

- $\text{nf} = \mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}) = \mathcal{R}(\text{nk}, \mathbf{MPH}(\text{cm}, \text{pos}))$ . This is a random oracle value, depending only on the randomness of  $\mathbf{NF}$ . It is independent of  $\text{nf}'$  which is a value of  $\mathbf{NF}$  on a distinct input because  $\text{pos}_j \neq \text{pos}'_j$ .

$\text{nk}$  is common randomness, if  $\mathbf{NF}$  random oracle then  $\text{nf}$  s are uniform and independent.

- $\text{rt}$ : Assume same in all inputs?
- $\text{rk}$ : uniform and independent for each  $\text{inp}$ , assuming  $\alpha$  is uniform

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<sup>2</sup>The requirement here may seem a bit odd; it models the fact the  $\mathbf{NC}(\text{note})$  is a pedersen hash which is combined in  $\mathbf{NF}$  with a  $\text{pos}$ -multiple of an independent group generator, followed by an application of BLAKE-2 on the result prefixed with  $\text{nk}$ . In particular, BLAKE-2 takes the place of  $\mathcal{R}$  in the implementation.

- $\text{cv}$ : uniform and independent for each  $\text{inp}$ , assuming  $\text{rcv}$  is uniform.
- $\pi$ : Given same fixing of previous elements same distribution

An output element  $\text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc})$

- $\text{cv} = v \cdot g_v + \text{rcv} \cdot g_r$ : unif and independent given that  $\text{rcv}$  is
- $\text{cm} = \text{NC}(g, \text{pk}, v, \text{rcm})$ : unif and independent given that  $\text{rcm}$  is.
- $\text{epk} = \text{esk} \cdot g$  uniform and independent given that  $\text{esk}$  is.
- from ZK property the same as  $\pi$  of  $\pi$  can be simulated given previous vals.
- $\text{enc} = \text{ENC}_{\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk}}((g, \text{pk}, v))$ : Wanna say dist of  $\text{enc}$  given fixed prev values is indist from encryption under random key  $K$ . Suppose can distinguish between random key  $K$  and  $\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk}$ , given  $g, \text{epk} = \text{esk} \cdot g, \text{pk}$ . Same as solving DDH with  $g = g, \text{esk} \cdot g = a \cdot g, \text{pk} = b \cdot g$ . But if can distinguish between this encryption and one with a random  $K$  can build DDH adversary that gets challenge  $(g, a \cdot g, b \cdot g, K)$ , plays role of  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $\mathcal{A}$  and returns  $(g, b \cdot g)$  as one of addresses  $(g, \text{pk})$ , uses  $a$  as  $\text{esk}$ ...to complete - easier when talking about simulator of  $M$  rather than distinguishing between  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  cause then simulator encodes with random key  $K$ , and distinguisher against simulator can be used to break DDH.

the signature  $\sigma_{\text{val}}$ : can be simulating by a signing oracle except w.p.  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  (get's ruined if  $\mathcal{R}$  was already queried on point) the signatures  $\vec{\sigma}$ : same.  $\square$

### 3.4 Balance

The following claim states an adversary should not be able to create “money out of thin air”; or more specifically, extract more money from the shielded pool than was put in it. In Sapling, the value  $v^{\text{bal}} = v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$  in a transaction  $\text{tx}$  corresponds to the alleged difference of spend and output values (see Section 4.12 in the spec) and  $\text{tx}$  is thought of as having ; thus over-extracting from the pool corresponds to a constructing a ledger where the sum of all  $v^{\text{bal}}$  values is strictly positive.

**Claim 3.6.** *The probability that an efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  generates ledger  $L = (\text{tx}_1, \dots, \text{tx}_n)$  such that*

$$\sum_{\text{tx} \in L} v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx}) > 0$$

*is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .*

*Proof.* Given  $\mathcal{A}$  that produces a ledger as in the claim statement w.p.  $\gamma$ , we construct an efficient  $\mathcal{A}'$  that w.p  $\gamma/2 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$  produces a collision of **IVK**, **NC**, **treehash** or **VC**. It follows that  $\gamma = \text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

1.  $\mathcal{A}'$  begins by running  $\mathcal{A}$  and aborting if  $\mathcal{A}$  hasn't output a ledger as in the claim.
2. Otherwise, given such a ledger  $L$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  can apply an extractor for each SNARK proof in all inputs and outputs in all transactions. For each transaction input  $\text{inp} \in \text{tx} \in L$ ,  $\text{inp} = (\text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rt}, \text{rk}, \pi)$ , the extractor except w.p.  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  outputs an input witness  $\text{inpwt} = (\text{input} = (\text{note}, \text{path}, \text{pos}), \text{pak}, \text{rcv}, \alpha)$ . We denote by  $\text{posnote}$  the *positioned note* corresponding to  $\text{inp}$ ,  $\text{posnote} := (\text{note}, \text{pos})$ . Similarly for every transaction output in some  $\text{tx}$  in  $L$ ,  $\text{out} =$

$(cv, cm, epk, \pi, enc)$ , the extractor outputs  $outwit = (note, esk, rcv)$ . The value  $pos$  for the output  $note$  can be deduced from when it was added to  $L$ , i.e., the location of  $cm$  in the commitment tree. So again we can define for each  $out$ , the corresponding positioned note  $posnote = (note, pos)$ . For  $i \in [n]$  let us denote respectively by  $\mathcal{I}_i, \mathcal{O}_i$  the positioned input and output notes in  $tx_i$  with non-zero value<sup>3</sup>.

We also use the extractor from theorem 1.4 to find  $s$  such that  $S = s \cdot g_r$  where

$$S := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} cv_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} cv_i - v^{bal} \cdot g_v$$

is the public key in the value binding signature  $\sigma_{val}$ .

If one of the extractor runs fails  $\mathcal{A}'$  aborts. Note that w.p. at least  $\gamma/2 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$   $\mathcal{A}'$  doesn't abort.

3.  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks if for some  $i \in [n]$  and  $inp \in tx_i$ ,  $posnote(inp) \notin \mathcal{O}_{<i}$ .

If so, let  $tx = tx_i$ . Let  $rt$  be the root of the tree used in the public input of  $inp$ ; this is the tree  $T_j$  formed from  $\{tx_1, \dots, tx_j\}$  for some  $j < i$ . Let  $posnote = (g, pk, v, rcm, pos)$  and  $cm = \mathbf{NC}(g, pk, v, rcm)$ .  $inpwit$  contains a path  $path$  from  $cm$  to  $rt$ . If  $pos$  is an index of a leaf in  $T_j$ , there exists an extended note  $posnote'$  that was inserted to this position when constructing the ledger and from  $posnote'$  we can derive a path  $path'$  from  $cm' = \mathbf{NC}(g', pk', v', rcm')$  in position  $pos$  to  $rt$ . If  $path \neq path'$ , then going down from  $rt$  to the first difference between  $path$  and  $path'$  (ask Sean/Daira : is  $T$  always a full tree with zeroes on other leaves? No you have filler values for the empty subtrees, need to check this are values that are hard to find route to - their impossible to find rout to - have no preimage) this difference gives a collision of  $treehash$  that  $\mathcal{A}'$  can output.

Otherwise, we have  $cm = cm'$ .  $note$  must be different from  $note'$  because  $posnote' = (note', pos) \in \mathcal{O}_{<i}$  but  $(note, pos) \notin \mathcal{O}_{<i}$ .

Thus  $note, note'$  is a collision of  $\mathbf{NC}$ . In this case,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs this collision and terminates.

Now suppose  $pos$  is not a position of a leaf in  $T_j$ . This means there is only a partial path  $path'$  in  $T_j$  from  $rt$  to a filler value with no preimage (see spec for details). So, similarly we follow  $path$  and  $path'$  to their first difference - a difference that must exist because of the filler value; and this gives us a collision of  $treehash$  that  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs.

4. Now  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks if as a multiset  $\mathcal{I} := \mathcal{I}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{I}_n$  contains a repetition. That is, there exists  $posnote = (g, pk, v, rcm, pos)$  such that for two distinct transaction inputs  $inp = (cv, nf, rt, rk, \pi), inp' = (cv', nf', rt', rk', \pi')$  in  $L$ ; if the corresponding extracted witnesses are  $inpwit = (input = (note, path, pos), pak, rcv, \alpha), inpwit' = (input' = (note', path', pos'), pak', rcv', \alpha')$ ; then  $(note, pos) = (note', pos') = posnote$ .

We show in this case that  $\mathcal{A}'$  can output a collision of **IVK**:

Let  $cm = \mathbf{NC}(g, pk, v, rcm)$ . Since  $nf \neq nf'$ , and  $nf = \mathbf{NF}(nk, cm, pos), nf' = \mathbf{NF}(nk', cm, pos)$ ; we have  $nk \neq nk'$ .

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<sup>3</sup>Sapling enables the creation of dummy notes with zero value, for which the spend statement doesn't check Merkle path validity, cf. Section 4.7.2 in the spec).

Also  $\text{ivk} = \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}, \text{nk})$ ,  $\text{ivk}' = \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}', \text{nk}')$ , and  $\text{pk} = \text{ivk} \cdot \mathbf{g} = \text{ivk}' \cdot \mathbf{g}$ . So  $\text{ivk} = \text{ivk}'$  (Check with Sean is  $\text{ivk}$  canonical - checked) And thus,  $\mathcal{A}'$  can output  $(\text{ak}, \text{nk}), (\text{ak}', \text{nk}')$  as a collision of  $\mathbf{IVK}$ .

5. Let us denote by  $\text{bal}(\text{tx})$  the (integer) sum of values in inputs of  $\text{tx}$  minus the sum of values in output of  $\text{tx}$  (notes meaning those output by the extractors); and by  $\text{rcv}(\text{tx})$  the sum of values  $\text{rcv}$  in input witnesses of  $\text{tx}$  minus the sum of values  $\text{rcv}$  in output witnesses of  $\text{tx}$ . When reaching this point with no output we know that:

For each  $i \in [n]$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_i \subset \mathcal{O}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{O}_{i-1} \setminus (\mathcal{I}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{I}_{i-1})$ .

This implies

$$\sum_{\text{tx} \in L} \text{bal}(\text{tx}) \leq 0.$$

We claim that we must have for some  $\text{tx} \in L$ ,  $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$ : Otherwise, we would have

$$\sum_{\text{tx} \in L} v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx}) = \sum_{\text{tx} \in L} \text{bal}(\text{tx}) \leq 0,$$

contradicting the fact that  $\mathcal{A}$  has managed to output  $L$  with a positive sum of  $v^{\text{bal}}$  values.

Thus, let  $\text{tx} = \text{tx}_i$  be such that  $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$ . We show in the next step how  $\mathcal{A}'$  uses this to output a collision of  $\mathbf{VC}$ .

6. At this point, we know that  $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$ . As both these values are in the open interval <sup>4</sup>  $(-r/2, r/2)$ , we have also  $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx}) \pmod{r}$ . Suppose we are in this case with probability  $\gamma$ . We show how to find a collision of  $\mathbf{VC}$  with probability  $\gamma/\text{poly}(\lambda)$ . Since  $\text{tx}$  verifies, we know that  $\text{verifySig}_{\mathbf{gr}}^{\mathcal{R}}(S, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_{\text{val}})$  for

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{cv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{cv}_i - v^{\text{bal}} \cdot \mathbf{g}_v = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} v_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^s v_i \right) \cdot \mathbf{g}_v + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{rcv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^s \text{rcv}_i \right) \cdot \mathbf{g}_r - v^{\text{bal}} \cdot \mathbf{g}_v.$$

Using Theorem 1.4, we can with probability  $\gamma/2$  we can use the forking lemma to rewind  $\mathcal{A}$  while altering the response of  $\mathcal{R}$  on the signature challenge in  $\sigma_{\text{val}}$ , and find  $s$  such that  $s \cdot \mathbf{g}_r = S$ . Thus, we have  $\mathbf{VC}(0, s) = S$ .

Let  $R := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{rcv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^s \text{rcv}_i$  and  $v := \text{bal}(\text{tx}) - v^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$ . We also have  $\mathbf{VC}(v, R) = S$ . Hence  $\mathcal{A}'$  can output  $(0, s), (v, R)$  as a collision of  $\mathbf{VC}$ .

□

### 3.5 Spendability

**Valid transaction bases:** A sequence  $\mathbf{x} = (\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}})$  is a *valid transaction base* if  $v^{\text{bal}} = \sum v(\text{input}_i) - \sum v(\text{output}_j)$ .

We review note encryption and decryption from the spec in our notation.

<sup>4</sup>See the spec for details:  $v^{\text{bal}}$  and  $v$  in each transaction input/output are at most  $2^{64}$  in absolute value, so assuming less than, e.g.,  $2^{r-66}$  transaction inputs and outputs in any transaction, this is true.

**Decrypting notes:**

$\mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc}))$

1. Let  $K := \text{epk} \cdot \text{ivk}$
2. Let  $\text{np} = \mathbf{DEC}_K(\text{enc})$ . If  $\mathbf{DEC}()$  fails output  $\text{rej}$ .
3. Suppose  $\text{np} = (\text{d}, \text{v}, \text{rcm}, \text{memo})$ . If  $\text{rcm} \geq r$  output  $\text{rej}$ .
4. Let  $\text{g} := \mathbf{GH}(\text{d})$ .
5. Let  $\text{pk} := \text{g} \cdot \text{ivk}$ . Let  $\text{note} := (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm})$ .
6. Check that  $\text{cm} = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note})$ . Output  $\text{rej}$  if not.
7. Output  $\text{note}$ .

We define

$$\mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{tx}) := \cup_{\text{out} \in \text{tx}} \mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{out}),$$

$$\mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{L}) := \cup_{\text{tx} \in \text{L}} \mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{tx})$$

And also

$$\mathbf{nf}(\text{tx}) := \cup_{\text{inp} \in \overrightarrow{\text{inp}}(\text{tx})} \mathbf{nf}(\text{inp}), \mathbf{nf}(\text{L}) := \cup_{\text{tx} \in \text{L}} \mathbf{nf}(\text{tx})$$

In the spendability game  $\mathcal{A}$  tries to create a ledger where a note succesfully decrypted with  $\text{ivk}$  cannot be spent. Formally, the game proceeds as follows.

1. We choose uniform  $\text{sk} = (\text{ask}, \text{nsk})$ ; and give  $\text{pak} = (\text{ask} \cdot \text{g}_{\text{sig}}, \text{nsk})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a ledger  $\text{L}$ , a positioned note  $(\text{note}, \text{pos})$ , a set of output notes  $\overrightarrow{\text{output}}$ , and a set of incoming viewing keys  $\overrightarrow{\text{ivk}}$ .
3. We choose random  $\overrightarrow{\text{rcv}} \in \mathbb{F}_r^{\ell+s}$  and compute  $\text{tx} = \text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \text{v}^{\text{bal}}, \text{ask})$ .
4. Let  $\text{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\text{ak}, \text{nk})$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  wins iff
  - (a)  $\text{note} \in \mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{L})$ .
  - (b)  $((\text{note}), \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \text{v}^{\text{bal}})$  is a valid transaction base.
  - (c) For each  $i \in [s]$ ,  $\text{output}_i$  belongs to  $\text{ivk}_i$ .
  - (d)  $\text{verify-tx}(\text{L}, \text{tx})$ .
  - (e) For some  $i \in [s]$ ,  $\mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}_i, \text{out}_i)$  does not return  $\text{output}_i$ .

We wish to show that the success of any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$  in this game is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

Let  $\text{nk} = \text{nsk} \cdot \text{g}_{\text{n}}$ . Inspection of the protocol shows this exactly corresponds to the nullifier of  $\text{note}$  with nullifier key  $\text{nk}$  already appearing in the ledger. Thus, it suffices to prove the following.

**Claim 3.7.** *Fix any efficient  $\mathcal{A}$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is given uniformly chosen  $\text{pak}$ , and let  $\text{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\text{pak})$ . The probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  generates a ledger  $\text{L}$  and positoned note  $(\text{note}, \text{pos})$  such that*

1.  $(\text{note}, \text{pos}) \in \mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{L})$



2.  $\mathbf{NF}(\mathbf{nk}, \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}), \text{pos}) \in \text{nf}(\mathbf{L})$

is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\gamma$  be the probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $\mathbf{L}, \text{note}$  satisfying the two properties in the claim. We construct an efficient  $\mathcal{A}'$  that receives a forgery challenge  $\mathbf{ak}$  of Schnorr and w.p.  $\gamma - \text{negl}(\lambda)$  does one of the following.

- Output a collision of either  $\mathbf{NF}$ ,  $\mathbf{NC}$  or  $\mathbf{IVK}$ .
  - Output a forgery w.r.t to randomization of Schnorr for the challenge  $\mathbf{ak}$ .
- $\mathcal{A}'$  works as follows.

1.  $\mathcal{A}'$  receives a challenge  $\mathbf{ak}$ ; chooses random  $\mathbf{nsk} \in \mathbb{F}_r$  and sends  $\mathbf{pak} = (\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nsk})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
2.  $\mathcal{A}'$  receives the output  $(\mathbf{L}, \text{note}, \text{pos})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ .
3.  $\mathcal{A}'$  checks that  $\mathbf{L}, (\text{note}, \text{pos})$  satisfy the two properties in the claim; if not it aborts.
4. Let  $\text{nf} := \mathbf{NF}(\mathbf{nk}, \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}), \text{pos})$ . Fix the  $\text{out}, \text{tx}$  with  $\text{out} \in \text{tx} \in \mathbf{L}$  such that  $\mathbf{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{out}) = (\text{note}, \text{pos})$ .  $\text{out}$  contains a valid SNARK proof for  $\text{SPEND}(\text{rt}, \text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rk})$  for some  $\text{cv}, \text{rt}$ . Apply the relevant extractor  $\xi$  relating to the snark proof to obtain e.w.p  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  a witness  $\text{path}, \text{pos}', \mathbf{g}', \mathbf{pk}', \mathbf{v}', \text{rcm}', \text{cm}', \text{rcv}', \alpha, \mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nsk}'$  for the statement.
5. Let  $\mathbf{nk}' := \mathbf{nsk}' \cdot \mathbf{g}_n$ . If  $(\mathbf{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}) \neq (\mathbf{nk}', \text{cm}', \text{pos}')$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\mathbf{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}), (\mathbf{nk}', \text{cm}', \text{pos}')$  as a collision of  $\mathbf{NF}$ .
6. Otherwise, let  $\text{note}' = (\mathbf{g}', \mathbf{pk}', \mathbf{v}', \text{rcm}')$ . We have  $\text{cm} = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}) = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}')$ . If  $(\mathbf{g}', \mathbf{pk}', \mathbf{v}') \neq (\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{v})$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\text{note}, \text{note}')$  as a collision of  $\mathbf{NC}$ .
7. Otherwise, we must have  $\text{ivk}' = \text{ivk}$  (cause  $\mathbf{g} \cdot \text{ivk} = \mathbf{g} \cdot \text{ivk}' = \mathbf{pk}$ ). Then  $\text{ivk} = \mathbf{IVK}(\mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nk})$  (by this stage we know  $\mathbf{nk} = \mathbf{nk}'$ ). If  $\mathbf{ak} \neq \mathbf{ak}'$ ,  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nk}), (\mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nk})$  as a collision of  $\mathbf{IVK}$ .
8. Otherwise  $\mathbf{ak} = \mathbf{ak}'$ , and  $\text{rk} = \mathbf{ak} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$ . Let  $\sigma$  be the signature of  $\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}$  with public key  $\text{rk}$  in  $\text{inp}$ . and  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs  $(\alpha, \text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma)$  as a forgery of Schnorr with challenge  $\mathbf{ak}$ .

□

**Remark 3.8.** Note that in the spendability and non-malleability property  $\mathcal{A}$  can choose what value  $\text{nf}$  to work with. It seems likely that in a weaker model where the values  $\text{nf}$

### 3.6 Indistinguishability of diversified addresses

El-gammal encryption private key  $\mathbf{sk}$  public key  $[\mathbf{sk}] \cdot \mathbf{g}$  encryption of  $x$ :  $[\mathbf{sk}]$

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