

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” λ .

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 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 (pk, \mathbf{m}) , answered according to $\mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}$.

Let π_1 be the distribution of the sequence of queries and replies to \mathcal{A} . Let π_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 sk is the secret key corresponding to pk .

Then the distance between π_1 and π_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 (α, \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 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 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 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 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}, σ) to T' .

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

\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 (α, \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 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 (α, \mathbf{m}) and \mathcal{A}' answered σ . 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 ξ with the following property. Fix any efficient \mathcal{A} and group element $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{G}$. Suppose that \mathcal{A} produces w.p. γ $(\text{pk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$ 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, ξ 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, ξ '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 λ .

1. For any fixed values g, pk, v , and for any $\epsilon \geq 0$, $\mathbf{NC}(g, pk, v, rcm)$ is ϵ -close to uniform when rcm is ϵ -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 $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.¹
3. For any fixed v and any $\epsilon \geq 0$, $\mathbf{VC}(v, rcv)$ is ϵ -close to uniform whenever rcv is ϵ -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 λ 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 .

¹A 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 $\text{input} = (note, path, pos)$ 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 π 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 ℓ 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. $\text{nf} = \mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos})$
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 $\text{enc} = \mathbf{ENC}_{\mathbf{KDF}(\text{esk} \cdot \text{g})}(\text{note})$
6. Let $\pi = \pi_{\text{output}}(\text{epk}, \text{cm}, \text{cv}; \text{note}, \text{rcv}, \text{esk})$.
7. Output $(\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc})$

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

1. Choose random $\text{esk}, \text{rcm} \in \mathbb{F}_r$.
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 $\text{enc} = \mathbf{ENC}_{\mathbf{KDF}(\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk})}(\text{note})$
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 $\sigma_{\text{bind}} := \text{sign}_{g_r}(r, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$.

4. Output $\text{pre-tx} := (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{bind}})$.

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

1. For each $i \in [\ell]$, let $\sigma_i := \text{sign}_{g_{\text{sig}}}(\text{ask}_i + \alpha_i, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$

2. Let $\vec{\sigma} := (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_\ell)$.

3. Output $(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \vec{\sigma})$.

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

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

and

$\text{makerandomizedtx}(\text{rt}, v^{\text{bal}}, \vec{\text{input}}, \vec{\text{output}})$

where $\text{input}_j = (\text{note}_j, \text{pak}_j, \text{path}_j, \text{pos}_j)$, $\text{output}_j = (g_j, \text{pk}_j, v_j)$

1. Choose random $\vec{\text{rcv}} \in \mathbb{F}_r^s$.

2. For $j \in [\ell]$, $\text{inp}_j = \text{makeinput}(\text{rt}, \text{input}_j, \text{rcv}_j)$

3. For $j \in [s]$, $\text{out}_j = \text{makeoutput}(\text{output}_j, \text{rcv}_j)$

4. $\text{pre-tx} = \text{bindval}(\vec{\text{inp}}, \vec{\text{out}}, v^{\text{bal}})$.

5. Choose random $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}_r^\ell$.

6. Output $\text{tx} = \text{signtx}(\text{pre-tx}, \text{ask}, \vec{\alpha})$

$\text{maketx}(\vec{\text{input}}, \vec{\text{output}}, \vec{\text{rcv}}, \text{ask}, \text{pak})$ where $\text{input}_j = (v_j, \text{note}_j, \text{pak}_j, \text{path}_j, \text{pos}_j)$, $\text{output}_j = (g_j, \text{pk}_j, v_j, \text{rcm}_j)$

1. Choose random $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{F}_r^\ell$.

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 $v^{\text{bal}} := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} v_i - \sum_{j=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} v_j$.

5. $\text{pre-tx} = \text{bindval}(\vec{\text{inp}}, \vec{\text{out}}, v^{\text{bal}}, \vec{\text{rcv}})$.

6. Let $\text{tx} = \text{signtx}(\text{pre-tx}, \vec{\alpha}, \text{ask})$

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

1. Suppose that $\text{tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \vec{\sigma})$.
2. For each $\text{inp}_i = (\text{rt}, \text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rk}, \pi) \in \vec{\text{inp}}(\text{tx})$,
 - 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 $\text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc}) \in \vec{\text{out}}(\text{tx})$, check that $\text{outverify}(\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}; \pi)$
4. Let $S := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{cv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{cv}_i - v^{\text{bal}} \cdot \text{g}_v$.
5. Check that $\text{verifySig}_{\text{g}_r}^{\mathcal{R}}(S, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_{\text{bind}})$.

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 $\text{ak} = \text{ask} \cdot \text{g}$.

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 (ask, nsk) (though see remark).

Sign-all-inputs queries

1. \mathcal{A} sends $(\text{pre-tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{bind}}), \vec{\alpha})$ 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 $i \in [\ell]$, $\sigma_i = \text{sign}_{\text{g}}(\text{ask} + \alpha_i, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}))$.
4. Let $\vec{\sigma} := (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\ell})$. \mathcal{O} return $\text{tx} := (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{bind}}, \vec{\sigma})$.

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 tx as $\text{tx} = (\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}, \sigma_{\text{bind}}, \vec{\sigma})$, where $\vec{\sigma}$ contains the ℓ input signatures and σ_{bind} is as described above in **maketx** that are added during **sign-all-inputs** and the signature σ_{bind} 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 raw_{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 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 $(\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nsk})$, \mathcal{A} can choose random $s \in \mathbb{F}_r$, set $\mathbf{ak}' := \mathbf{ak} + s \cdot \mathbf{g}$. Now when \mathcal{A} wants to sign an input in address \mathbf{ak}' , i.e. with some randomized key $\mathbf{rk} = \mathbf{ak}' + \alpha \mathbf{g} = \mathbf{ak} + (s + \alpha) \cdot \mathbf{g}$, 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 $\mathbf{tx} = ((\vec{\mathbf{inp}}, \vec{\mathbf{out}}, \mathbf{v}^{\text{bal}}), \sigma_{\text{bind}}, \vec{\sigma})$, we define

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

Claim 3.3 (Non-malleability w.r.t delegated spenders). *Fix any efficient \mathcal{A} interacting with \mathcal{O} as described above. Let $T = \{\mathbf{tx}'\}$ 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 \mathbf{tx} such that*

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

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

Proof. Let \mathcal{A} be an algorithm that after interacting with \mathcal{O} as described above outputs L, \mathbf{tx} . Let ϵ be the probability that L, \mathbf{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 \mathbf{ak} for the signature scheme Schnorr from a party \mathcal{O} .
2. \mathcal{A}' chooses random $\mathbf{nsk} \in \mathbb{G}$ and sends to \mathcal{A} the proof authorizing key $\mathbf{pak} = (\mathbf{nsk}, \mathbf{ak})$ *note that here we need to make a spending key that is not from the same seed \mathbf{sk} — ariel gabizon*
3. When \mathcal{A} makes a **sign-all-inputs** query $(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}, \vec{\alpha})$ \mathcal{A}' first checks that the proofs in $\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}$ are valid (as \mathcal{O} does in the description of **sign-all-inputs** queries) and then answers with $\vec{\sigma}$ where $\sigma_i := \mathcal{S}_{\text{sign}}(\mathbf{pk} + \alpha \cdot g, \mathbf{m})$. 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 $(R, \mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{m})$ 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, \mathbf{tx} : \mathcal{A}' checks that it indeed satisfies the challenge - that is $\text{verify-tx}(L, \mathbf{tx})$; \mathbf{tx} contains an input \mathbf{inp} with $\mathbf{nf} = \mathbf{nf}(\mathbf{inp})$ being equal to $\mathbf{nf}(\mathbf{inp}')$ for some $\mathbf{inp}' \in \mathbf{tx}'$ for some $\mathbf{tx}' \in T$; appearing in one of the **sign-all-inputs** queries of \mathcal{A} ; and $\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}} \notin \mathbf{raw}(T)$. If not \mathcal{A}' aborts.
6. \mathcal{A}' checks if $\mathbf{sighash}(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}) = \mathbf{sighash}(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}'})$ for some $\mathbf{tx}' \in T$ with $\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}'} \neq \mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}$. If so it outputs $(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}, \mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}'})$ as a collision of **sighash**.
7. Let $R := \{\mathbf{rk}_1, \dots, \mathbf{rk}_\ell\}$ be the randomized public keys in the inputs of \mathbf{tx} , and $R' := \{\mathbf{rk}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{rk}'_{\ell'}\}$ be the randomized public keys in the inputs of \mathbf{tx}' . \mathcal{A}' checks if $R' \cap R \neq \emptyset$, i.e. $\mathbf{rk}_i = \mathbf{rk}'_j$ for some i, j . In this case it outputs the forgery $(\alpha'_j, \mathbf{sighash}(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}), \sigma_i)$.
8. Otherwise let ξ 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 \mathbf{tx} . Except with probability $\text{negl}(\lambda)$, ξ outputs a witness $\mathbf{w} = (\text{note}, \mathbf{pak} = (\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nsk}), \alpha, \text{path}, \text{pos})$. Similarly there is an extractor ξ' for the input \mathbf{inp}' in \mathbf{tx}' giving us a witness $\mathbf{w}' = (\text{note}', \mathbf{pak}' = (\mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nsk}'), \alpha', \text{path}', \text{pos}')$.
9. Let $\mathbf{nk} := \mathbf{nsk} \cdot g, \mathbf{nk}' := \mathbf{nsk}' \cdot g$. We have

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

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

10. Otherwise, we have $\mathbf{NC}(\text{note}) = \mathbf{NC}(\text{note}') = \mathbf{cm}$. If $\text{note} \neq \text{note}'$, \mathcal{A}' outputs $\text{note}, \text{note}'$ as a collision of **NC**.
11. Otherwise we have $\text{note} = \text{note}' = (g, \mathbf{pk}, \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{rcm})$. Defining $\mathbf{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nk}), \mathbf{ivk}' := \mathbf{IVK}(\mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nk})$, we have $\mathbf{pk} = \mathbf{ivk} \cdot g = \mathbf{ivk}' \cdot g$. Thus, $\mathbf{ivk} = \mathbf{ivk}'$. (Important here that \mathbf{ivk} representation is unique and it is cause dfn of **IVK** has $\text{mod } 2^{\ell_{\mathbf{ivk}}=251}$.) If $\mathbf{ak} \neq \mathbf{ak}'$, \mathcal{A}' outputs $(\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nk}), (\mathbf{ak}', \mathbf{nk}')$ as a collision of **IVK**.

12. Otherwise, we have $\mathbf{ak} = \mathbf{ak}'$. Now, \mathcal{A} knows α^* such that $\mathbf{rk}' = \mathbf{ak}^* + \alpha^* \cdot \mathbf{g}$, where \mathbf{ak}^* is from the forgery challenger (as he used $(\alpha^*, \mathbf{sighash}(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}'))$ in the **sign-all-inputs** query for \mathbf{tx}' for input \mathbf{inp}'). And also $\mathbf{rk}' = \mathbf{ak}' + \alpha' \cdot \mathbf{g}$. So $\mathbf{ak} = \mathbf{ak}' = \mathbf{ak}^* + (\alpha^* - \alpha') \cdot \mathbf{g}$. And $\mathbf{rk} = \mathbf{ak}^* + (\alpha^* - \alpha' + \alpha) \cdot \mathbf{g}$. Thus, in this case \mathcal{A}' outputs $(\alpha^* - \alpha' + \alpha, \sigma, \mathbf{sighash}(\mathbf{raw}_{\mathbf{tx}}))$ 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 input_i appears in the compute $\text{input}_i := \text{makeinput}(\text{inp}_i)$.
2. Check that $\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} v_i - \sum_{j=1}^s \text{ov}_j = v^{\text{bal}}$. 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 $\text{sign-all-inputs}(\text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}), \text{ask})$

\mathcal{O} begins by choosing a uniform spending key $(\text{ask}, \text{nsk}) \in \mathcal{K}$. And generates the corresponding keys $\mathbf{ak} := \text{ask} \cdot \mathbf{g}$, $\mathbf{nk} := \text{nsk} \cdot \mathbf{g}$, $\mathbf{ivk} := \mathbf{IVK}(\mathbf{ak}, \mathbf{nk})$. \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 $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{G}$ according to the distribution GH of the group hash output.
- \mathcal{O} then outputs the diversified address $(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{pk} := \mathbf{ivk} \cdot \mathbf{g})$.
- \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{O} add $(\mathbf{g}, \mathbf{pk})$ 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 $\text{output}_j = (\mathbf{g}_j, \mathbf{pk}_j, v_j, \text{rcm}_j)$, for $(\mathbf{g}_j, \mathbf{pk}_j) \in T$.
- \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 $\mathbf{tx} := \text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, \overrightarrow{\text{rcv}}, \text{ask}, \text{pak})$ to \mathcal{A} .
- \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{O} add output_j to \mathbf{N} for each j s.t. $(\mathbf{g}_j, \mathbf{pk}_j) \in T$.
- \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 $(L, tx, inp \in tx)$. The probability that there exists $tx' \in T, inp' \in \overrightarrow{\text{input}}(tx')$ such that*

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

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

Proof. Reduce to Claim 3.3. We □

3.3 Indistinguishability w.r.t outside adversaries

Theorem 3.5. *Fix any rt, v^{bal} . Fix any $(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$ that is consistent with rt, v^{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 function²
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.
4. The SNARK we are using is witness indistinguishable - i.e. the proof distribution depends only on the public input and not on the witness.

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 positioned 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^{bal}
- The distributions of the random variables $D := \text{makerandomizedtx}(rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$ 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 $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.

Let us denote by $(\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}, \overrightarrow{\text{out}}, \sigma_{\text{bind}}, \vec{\sigma})$ the output of $\text{makerandomizedtx}(rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}})$ and by $(\overrightarrow{\text{inp}}', \overrightarrow{\text{out}}', \sigma'_{\text{bind}}, \vec{\sigma}')$ the output of $\text{makerandomizedtx}(rt, v^{\text{bal}}, \overrightarrow{\text{input}}', \overrightarrow{\text{output}}')$ when using independent inner randomness, but joint randomness for the oracles $\mathcal{R}, \mathbf{KDF}$.

We first note that

²The 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 pos -multiple of an independent group generator, followed by an application of BLAKE-2 on the result prefixed with nk . In particular, BLAKE-2 takes the place of \mathcal{R} in the implementation.

Claim 3.6. *Except with probability $\text{negl}(\lambda)$, over the randomness of \mathcal{A} , $\text{inp}_1, \dots, \text{inp}_\ell, \text{out}_1, \dots, \text{out}_s$ are independent random variables.*

Proof. $\text{inp}_1, \dots, \text{inp}_\ell$ are results of invocations of `makeinput` with independent randomness rcv, α . $\text{out}_1, \dots, \text{out}_s$ are outputs of invocations of `makerandomizedoutput` with independent randomness $\text{esk}, \text{rcm}, \text{rcv}$. Inspection shows the only opportunity for dependence is having the random oracles **KDF** and \mathcal{R} queried at the same point during different invocations. We argue the probability for this is $\text{negl}(\lambda)$:

1. \mathcal{R} will have a repeated query during computing of nf , iff for some $i \neq j \in [\ell]$ $(\text{nk}_i, \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}_i, \text{pos}_i)) = (\text{nk}_j, \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}_j, \text{pos}_j))$. As the notes are distinct, this would require finding a collision of **MPH**.
2. **KDF** will have a repeated query iff for some $i \neq j \in [s]$ $\text{esk}_i \cdot \text{pk}_i = \text{esk}_j \cdot \text{pk}_j$; this happens with $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ probability as esk is chosen independently for each output.

□

We now show that corresponding inputs and outputs are independent and identically distributed except w.p $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.

Claim 3.7. *E.w.p $\text{negl}(\lambda)$*

- For $j \in [\ell]$ inp_j and inp'_j are identically distributed and independent.
- For $j \in [s]$, out_s and out'_s are identically distributed and independent.

Proof. The first item: We show that except w.p. $\text{negl}(\lambda)$, any corresponding elements in $\text{inp} = \text{inp}_j$ and $\text{inp}' = \text{inp}'_j$ are distributed identically conditioned on fixing to an identical value of the previous elements.

Suppose $\text{inp} = (\text{nf}', \text{rt}', \text{rk}', \text{cv}', \pi')$, and $\text{inp} = (\text{nf}', \text{rt}', \text{rk}', \text{cv}', \pi')$.

- $\text{nf} = \mathbf{NF}(\text{nk}, \text{cm}, \text{pos}) = \mathcal{R}(\text{nk}, \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}, \text{pos}))$ and $\text{nf}' = \mathcal{R}(\text{nk}', \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}', \text{pos}'))$. As $(\text{note}, \text{pos})$ and $(\text{note}', \text{pos}')$ are distinct, there are outputs of \mathcal{R} on distinct inputs, and thus are both uniform and independent from each other; *unless* $\mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}, \text{pos}) = \mathbf{MPH}(\text{note}', \text{pos}')$, but \mathcal{A} can only find such $(\text{note}, \text{pos}), (\text{note}', \text{pos}')$ with probability $\text{negl}(\lambda)$.
- $\text{rt} = \text{rt}'$.
- $\text{rk} = \text{ak} + \alpha \cdot \mathbf{g}$, $\text{rk}' = \alpha' \cdot \mathbf{g}$. Are independent and both uniform in \mathbb{G} because of the uniform choice of α in `makerandomizedtx`.
- $\text{cv} = \mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{g}_\mathbf{v} + \text{rcv} \cdot \mathbf{g}_\mathbf{r}$, $\text{cv}' = \mathbf{v}' \cdot \mathbf{g}'_\mathbf{v} + \text{rcv}' \cdot \mathbf{g}'_\mathbf{r}$. Are uniform in \mathbb{G} and independent of each other because of the uniform and independent choices of $\text{rcv}, \text{rcv}' \in \mathbb{F}_r$ in the executions of `makerandomizedtx`.
- π, π' - Assuming $(\text{nf}, \text{rt}, \text{rk}, \text{cv}) = (\text{nf}', \text{rt}', \text{rk}', \text{cv}')$, it follows from the witness indistinguishability of the SNARK that π and π' are identically distributed. They are independent as a random oracle value, depending only on the randomness of **NF**. It is independent of nf' which is a value of

We show the same for corresponding elements $\text{out} = \text{out}_j$ and $\text{out}' = \text{out}'_j$. Suppose $\text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc})$, and $\text{out}' = (\text{cv}', \text{epk}', \pi', \text{enc}')$

- $\text{cv} = v \cdot g_v + \text{rcv} \cdot g_r, \text{cv}' = v' \cdot g_v + \text{rcv}' \cdot g_r$: are independent and uniform in \mathbb{G} because of the independent uniform choices of $\text{rcv}, \text{rcv}' \in \mathbb{F}_r$ in `makerandomizedtx`.
- $\text{cm} = \text{NC}(g, \text{pk}, v, \text{rcm}), \text{cm}' = \text{NC}(g', \text{pk}', v', \text{rcm}')$: unif and independent in \mathbb{G} because of the independent uniform choices of $\text{rcm}, \text{rcm}' \in \mathbb{F}_r$ in `makerandomizedoutput`.
- $\text{epk} = \text{esk} \cdot g, \text{epk}' = \text{esk}' \cdot g$ are uniform and independent in \mathbb{G} because of the independent and uniform choices of $\text{esk}, \text{esk}' \in \mathbb{F}_r$ in `makerandomizedoutput`.
- π, π' - Assuming the public inputs $(\text{epk}, \text{cm}, \text{cv}) = (\text{epk}', \text{cm}', \text{cv}')$, it follows from the witness indistinguishability of the SNARK that π and π' are identically distributed.
- $\text{enc} = \text{ENC}_{\text{KDF}(\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk})}((g, \text{pk}, v)), \text{enc}' = \text{ENC}_{\text{KDF}(\text{esk}' \cdot \text{pk}')}((g', \text{pk}', v'))$: Assuming $\text{epk} = \text{epk}'$, we have that $\text{esk} = \text{esk}'$ iff $g = g'$. Assuming $\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk} \neq \text{esk}' \cdot \text{pk}'$, which is true except w.p. $1/|\mathbb{F}_r|$, the encryption keys $\text{KDF}(\text{esk} \cdot \text{pk}), \text{KDF}(\text{esk}' \cdot \text{pk}')$ are uniform and independent

□

Proof. (of Theorem 3.5) are independent values of the random oracle **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. inp_j has the form

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

the signature σ_{bind} can be simulated by a signing oracle except w.p. $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ (get's ruined if \mathcal{R} was already queried on point) the signatures $\overrightarrow{\sigma}$: same. □

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 tx corresponds to the alleged difference of spend and output values (see Section 4.12 in the spec) and tx is thought of as having ; thus over-extracting from the pool corresponds to a constructing a ledger where the sum of all v^{bal} values is strictly positive.

Claim 3.8. *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. γ , 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 $\text{inpwit} = (\text{input} = (\text{note}, \text{path}, \text{pos}), \text{pak}, \text{rcv}, \alpha)$. We denote by posnote the *positioned note* corresponding to inp , $\text{posnote} := (\text{note}, \text{pos})$. Similarly for every transaction output in some tx in L , $\text{out} = (\text{cv}, \text{cm}, \text{epk}, \pi, \text{enc})$, the extractor outputs $\text{outwit} = (\text{note}, \text{esk}, \text{rcv})$. 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 $\text{posnote} = (\text{note}, \text{pos})$. 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 value³.

We also use the extractor from theorem 1.4 to find s such that $S = s \cdot \mathbf{g}_r$ where

$$S := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{cv}_i - \sum_{i=\ell+1}^{\ell+s} \text{cv}_i - v^{\text{bal}} \cdot \mathbf{g}_v$$

is the public key in the value binding signature σ_{bind} .

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 $\text{inp} \in \text{tx}_i$, $\text{posnote}(\text{inp}) \notin \mathcal{O}_{<i}$.

If so, let $\text{tx} = \text{tx}_i$. Let rt be the root of the tree used in the public input of inp ; this is the tree T_j formed from $\{\text{tx}_1, \dots, \text{tx}_j\}$ for some $j < i$. Let $\text{posnote} = (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm}, \text{pos})$ and $\text{cm} = \text{NC}(\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm})$. 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 $\text{posnote}'$ that was inserted to this position when constructing the ledger and from $\text{posnote}'$ we can derive a path path' from $\text{cm}' = \text{NC}(\text{g}', \text{pk}', \text{v}', \text{rcm}')$ in position pos to rt . If $\text{path} \neq \text{path}'$, 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 $\text{cm} = \text{cm}'$. note must be different from note' because $\text{posnote}' = (\text{note}', \text{pos}) \in \mathcal{O}_{<i}$ but $(\text{note}, \text{pos}) \notin \mathcal{O}_{<i}$.

Thus $\text{note}, \text{note}'$ is a collision of 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 $\text{posnote} = (\text{g}, \text{pk}, \text{v}, \text{rcm}, \text{pos})$ such that for two distinct transaction inputs $\text{inp} = (\text{cv}, \text{nf}, \text{rt}, \text{rk}, \pi)$, $\text{inp}' = (\text{cv}', \text{nf}', \text{rt}', \text{rk}', \pi')$ in L ; if the corresponding extracted witnesses are $\text{inpwit} = (\text{input} =$

³Sapling 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).

$(\text{note}, \text{path}, \text{pos}), \text{pak}, \text{rcv}, \alpha), \text{inpwt}' = (\text{input}' = (\text{note}', \text{path}', \text{pos}'), \text{pak}', \text{rcv}', \alpha')$; then $(\text{note}, \text{pos}) = (\text{note}', \text{pos}') = \text{posnote}$.

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

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

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

5. Let us denote by $\text{bal}(\text{tx})$ the (integer) sum of values in inputs of tx minus the sum of values in output of tx (notes meaning those output by the extractors); and by $\text{rcv}(\text{tx})$ the sum of values rcv in input witnesses of tx minus the sum of values rcv in output witnesses of 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

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

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

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

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

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

6. At this point, we know that $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq \text{v}^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$. As both these values are in the open interval⁴ $(-r/2, r/2)$, we have also $\text{bal}(\text{tx}) \neq \text{v}^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx}) \pmod{r}$. Suppose we are in this case with probability γ . We show how to find a collision of **VC** with probability $\gamma/\text{poly}(\lambda)$. Since tx verifies, we know that $\text{verifySig}_{\text{gr}}^{\mathcal{R}}(S, \text{sighash}(\text{raw}_{\text{tx}}), \sigma_{\text{bind}})$ for

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

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 σ_{bind} , and find s such that $s \cdot \text{g}_{\text{r}} = S$. 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 $v := \text{bal}(\text{tx}) - \text{v}^{\text{bal}}(\text{tx})$. We also have $\mathbf{VC}(v, R) = S$. Hence \mathcal{A}' can output $(0, s), (v, R)$ as a collision of **VC**.

□

⁴See the spec for details: v^{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.

3.5 Spendability

Valid transaction bases: A sequence $x = (\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}})$ 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.

Decrypting notes:

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

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

We define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{tx}) &:= \cup_{\text{out} \in \text{tx}} \text{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{out}), \\ \text{dec}(\text{ivk}, L) &:= \cup_{\text{tx} \in L} \text{dec}(\text{ivk}, \text{tx}) \end{aligned}$$

And also

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

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

1. We choose uniform $\text{sk} = (\text{ask}, \text{nsk})$; and give $\text{pak} = (\text{ask} \cdot g_{\text{sig}}, \text{nsk})$ to \mathcal{A} .
2. \mathcal{A} outputs a ledger 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 $\text{tx} = \text{maketx}(\overrightarrow{\text{input}}, \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}}, \text{ask})$.
4. Let $\text{ivk} := \text{IVK}(\text{ak}, \text{nk})$. \mathcal{A} wins iff
 - (a) $\text{note} \in \text{dec}(\text{ivk}, L)$.
 - (b) $((\text{note}), \overrightarrow{\text{output}}, v^{\text{bal}})$ is a valid transaction base.
 - (c) For each $i \in [s]$, output_i belongs to ivk_i .
 - (d) $\text{verify-tx}(L, \text{tx})$.
 - (e) For some $i \in [s]$, $\text{dec}(\text{ivk}_i, \text{out}_i)$ does not return output_i .

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

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

Claim 3.9. Fix any efficient \mathcal{A} . Suppose that \mathcal{A} is given uniformly chosen pak , and let $\text{ivk} := \text{IVK}(\text{pak})$. The probability that \mathcal{A} generates a ledger L and positioned note $(\text{note}, \text{pos})$ such that

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

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

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

- Output a collision of either **NF**, **NC** or **IVK**.
- Output a forgery w.r.t to randomization of Schnorr for the challenge ak .

\mathcal{A}' works as follows.

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

□

Remark 3.10. Note that in the spendability and non-malleability property \mathcal{A} can choose what value nf to work with. It seems likely that in a weaker model where the values nf

3.6 Indistinguishability of diversified addresses

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

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