notes

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1 Stateful injective agreement

- 1. Prove non-injective correspondence between $begin(e1(M_1))$ and $end(e2(M_2))$ as usual, it works! The use of sequence predicate chains correctly the two sessions, since the state produced by the begin event needs to be reachable in order for the end event to succeed.
- 2. Once non-injectivity is proven, treat $e2(M_2)$ both as a begin (now called end1) and as an end (called end2) event, inserting the clauses: $H \land end1(e2(M_2)) \Rightarrow mid$ $H \land mid \Rightarrow end2(e2(M_2))$ Intuitively this forces the resolution to produce clauses that contain end1 on the l.h.s. and end2 on the r.h.s.
- 3. Saturate the clauses, ensuring that Horn clauses of the form $H \wedge end1(e2(M_2)) \Rightarrow C$ are not eliminated as redundant because $H \Rightarrow C$ is present. It is important to note that this change in saturation does not influence termination, rather it doubles the amount of clauses produced in case both $H \wedge end1(e1(M_2)) \Rightarrow C$ and $H \Rightarrow C$ are present.

4. Look for rules in the saturation of the form:

$$H \wedge end1(e2(M_2)) \Rightarrow end2(e2(M_2'))$$

Conjecture: Let $\sigma = mgu(M_2, M'_2)$. If two occurrences of $begin(e1(M_1))$ are forced to unify in H then the protocol is secure, otherwise a potential attack is found. The intuitive reason why this should work is that if only one begin event is found, and both end1 and end2 events appear in the clause, then in the abstraction one begin event could have generated two end events, hence there is a potential attack. If two begin events are present in the hypothesis, then they are marked with different terms, representing potentially different sessions of the process that executed the begin event. If unifying the end1 and end2 events triggers also the unification of the two instances of begin, this means that the two occurrences represent one single session, hence the clause does not represent an attack.

This doesn't hold as we were able to prove a counter example (protocol in test.pv that does not have injective agreement property).

2 Example:

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GateCard.pv generates the following clauses, when testing non-injective agreement between
permit(x,y) \Rightarrow add(x): s_1 \neq 0 \land att((s_1,0),y) \land seq(s,(s_1,0)) \Rightarrow end(permit(s_1,y))
s_1 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, 0), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, 0)) \Rightarrow seq((s_1, 0), (0, 0))
s_1 \neq 0 \land seq((s_1, 0), (0, 0)) \land att((s_1, 0), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, 0)) \Rightarrow att((0, 0), sign((s_1, y), K[]))
s_2 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \Rightarrow end(permit(s_2, y))
s_2 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \Rightarrow seq((s_1, s_2), (s_1, 0))
s_2 \neq 0 \land seq((s_1, s_2), (s_1, 0)) \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \Rightarrow att((s_1, 0), sign((s_2, y), K[]))
seq(s, s') \Rightarrow att(s', m[i])
begin(add(m[i])) \land att((0, s_2), sign(m[i], L[])) \land seq(s, (0, s_2)) \Rightarrow seq((0, s_2), (m[i], 0))
s_1 \neq 0 \land begin(add(m[i])) \land att((s_1, 0), sign(m[i], L[])) \land seq(s, (s_1, 0)) \Rightarrow seq((s_1, 0), (s_1, m[i]))
When testing injective agreement we produce the following clauses: s_1 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, 0), y) \land
seq(s,(s_1,0)) \land mid \Rightarrow end2(permit(s_1,y))
s_1 \neq 0 \land att((s_1,0),y) \land seg(s,(s_1,0)) \land end1(permit(s_1,y)) \Rightarrow mid
s_1 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, 0), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, 0)) \land end1(permit(s_1, y)) \land mid \Rightarrow seq((s_1, 0), (0, 0))
s_1 \neq 0 \land seq((s_1,0),(0,0)) \land att((s_1,0),y) \land seq(s,(s_1,0)) \land end1(permit(s_1,y)) \land mid
\Rightarrow att((0,0), sign((s_1,y), K[]))
s_2 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \land mid \Rightarrow end2(permit(s_2, y))
s_2 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \land end1(permit(s_2, y)) \Rightarrow mid
s_2 \neq 0 \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \land end1(permit(s_2, y)) \land mid \Rightarrow seq((s_1, s_2), (s_1, 0))
s_2 \neq 0 \land seq((s_1, s_2), (s_1, 0)) \land att((s_1, s_2), y) \land seq(s, (s_1, s_2)) \land end1(permit(s_2, y)) \land mid
\Rightarrow att((s_1,0), sign((s_2,y), K[]))
seq(s, s') \Rightarrow att(s', m[i])
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 $begin(add(m[i])) \land att((0, s_2), sign(m[i], L[])) \land seq(s, (0, s_2)) \Rightarrow seq((0, s_2), (m[i], 0))$ $s_1 \neq 0 \land begin(add(m[i])) \land att((s_1, 0), sign(m[i], L[])) \land seq(s, (s_1, 0)) \Rightarrow seq((s_1, 0), (s_1, m[i]))$ Somehow we must record that the m[i] generated by the card when adding a new token are fresh, hence different from any other token produced.

Saturation should produce the clause:

 $begin(add(m[i])) \land end1(permit(m[i], n[j])) \land begin(add(m[i'])) \Rightarrow end2(permit(m[i'], n[j']))$

with the unification resulting in the following substitution:

$$\sigma = \{i/i', j/j'\}$$

3 Learned lesson:

- 1. The simple idea of checking end1end2 is sound but could give rise to false attacks. Instead of the mid predicate we should use correctly the seq predicate to capture the state dependency between end1 and end2. As a solution for reaching end1end2 in stateless protocols it is possible to insert a dummy $seq(\phi, \phi)$ predicate so that the rules for end1 and end2 can be chained.
- 2. Using the seq predicate instead of mid is not good for non-termination.
- 3. What is not captured is the information on the state

$$(0,0) \to (m[i],0) \to (0,0) \to (m[j],0)$$

it works because we know by freshness that $i \neq j$, hence we cannot reach the state end1(x)end2(x), because it would force unification of i and j.

- 4. Idea:
- 1. the attacker knowledge does not increase in the second round of the protocol
- 2. the control flow in the second iteration is the same as in the first iteration, so it makes no sense to go on in this cycle.

4 Problems with Locks

4.1 Visible intermediate states

1. Locks are too coarse. For example the process:

$$lock(s_1, s_2, s_3); new\ a; out(a); set\ a \in s_1; set\ a \in s_2;$$

would generate:

$$att(a[0,0,x3]) \ implies(a[0,0,x3],a[1,0,x3]) \ implies(a[1,0,x3],a[1,1,x3])$$

and hence the predicate

is reachable, although one would like only the final state, namely

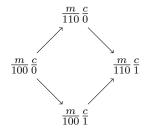
to be visible from the outside.

4.2 Set-abstraction multi-value interleavings

1. For the set abstraction, one of the problems is the locality of the states in transitions

$$att(sign(xm[x1, x2, x3], xc[1], k[])) implies(xm[x1, x2, x3], xm[x1, 1, x3]) \\ att(sign(xm[x1, x2, x3], xc[1], k[])) implies(xc[1], xc[2])$$

2. we get all the diamond of interleavings:



3. which is bad because the intermediate states should not be visible. We would like to see the following state transition system:

$$\frac{m}{100}\frac{c}{0} \longrightarrow \frac{m}{110}\frac{c}{1}$$

4. we could solve it by:

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