

# MPC for Group Reconstruction Circuits

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## Abstract

In this paper, we present a thing.

## 1 Introduction

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## 2 Background

Throughout this paper, we let  $\mathbb{G}$  denote a group of prime order  $q$ , with generators  $G$  and  $H$ . Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  denote the scalar field associated with this group, and let  $\mathbb{Z}/(q)$  denote the additive group of elements in this field.

We make heavy use of group homomorphisms throughout this paper. We let

$$\varphi(P_1, \dots, P_m) : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$$

denote a homomorphism from  $\mathbb{A}$  to  $\mathbb{B}$ , parameterized by some public values  $P_1, \dots, P_m$ . Commonly  $\mathbb{A}$  will be a product of several groups  $\mathbb{G}_1, \dots, \mathbb{G}_n$ , in which case we'd write:

$$\varphi(P_1, \dots, P_m)(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

to denote the application of  $\varphi$  to an element  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of the product group. Such an element is sometimes treated as a vector  $\mathbf{x}$ , in which case we write  $\varphi(P_1, \dots, P_m)(\mathbf{x})$ . We also often leave the public values  $P_i$  implicit.

### 2.1 Pedersen Commitments

### 2.2 Sigma Protocols

### 2.3 Maurer's $\varphi$ -Proof

In [Mau09], Maurer generalized Schnorr's sigma protocol for knowledge of the discrete logarithm [Sch90] to a much larger class of relations. In particular, Maurer provided a sigma protocol for proving knowledge of the

pre-image of a group homomorphism  $\varphi$ . We denote this protocol as a “ $\varphi$ -proof”, and recapitulate the scheme here.

Given a homomorphism  $\varphi : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ , and a public value  $X \in \mathbb{B}$ , the prover wants to demonstrate knowledge of a private value  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  such that  $\varphi(x) = X$ . The prover does this by means of Protocol 2.1:

<b>Protocol 2.1: <math>\varphi</math>-Proof</b>	
<b>Prover</b>	<b>Verifier</b>
knows $x \in \mathbb{A}$	public $X \in \mathbb{B}$
$k \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{A}$	
$K \leftarrow \varphi(k)$	
	$\xrightarrow{K}$
	$c \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}/(p)$
	$\xleftarrow{c}$
$s \leftarrow k + c \cdot x$	
	$\xrightarrow{s}$
	$\varphi(s) \stackrel{?}{=} K + c \cdot X$

Here,  $p$  is chosen such that  $\forall B \in \mathbb{B}. p \cdot B = 0$ . In practice, we'll set  $p = q$ , which will work perfectly for the groups we use, which are all products of  $\mathbb{G}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/(q)$ .

**Claim 2.1.** Protocol 2.1 is a valid sigma protocol.

Completeness follows directly from the fact that  $\varphi$  is a homomorphism.

For the HVZK property, the simulator  $\mathcal{S}(X, c)$  works by generating a random  $s \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{A}$ , and then setting  $K := \varphi(s) - c \cdot X$ .

Finally, we prove 2-extractability. Given two verifying transcripts  $(K, c, s)$  and  $(K, c', s')$  sharing the first message, we extract a value  $\hat{x}$  satisfying  $\varphi(\hat{x}) = X$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi(s) - c \cdot X &= K = \varphi(s') - c' \cdot X \\
\varphi(s) - \varphi(s') &= c \cdot X - c' \cdot X \\
\frac{1}{c - c'} \cdot \varphi(s - s') &= X \\
\varphi\left(\frac{s - s'}{c - c'}\right) &= X
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, defining  $\hat{x} := (s - s')/(c - c')$ , we successfully extract a valid pre-image.

We conclude that the protocol is a valid sigma protocol.

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Maurer's protocol can also work even in the case where the order of the groups are not known, but this makes the challenge generation a bit more complicated, and we don't need this functionality in this work.

## 2.4 UC Security and the Hybrid Model

## 2.5 Ideal Functionalities for Sigma Protocols

### Functionality 2.1: Zero-Knowledge Functionality $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \varphi)$

A functionality  $\mathcal{F}$  for parties  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

On input (**prove**, **sid**,  $x$ ) from  $P_i$ :

$\mathcal{F}$  checks that **sid** has not been used by  $P_i$  before.

$\mathcal{F}$  generates a new token  $\pi$ , and sets  $x_\pi \leftarrow x$ .

$\mathcal{F}$  replies with (**proof**,  $\pi$ ).

On input (**verify**,  $X$ ,  $\pi$ ):

$\mathcal{F}$  replies with (**verify-result**,  $\varphi(x_\pi) \stackrel{?}{=} X$ ).

## 2.6 Broadcast Functionalities

### Functionality 2.2: Authenticated Broadcast Functionality $\mathcal{C}$

A functionality  $\mathcal{C}$  for parties  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

On receiving  $(\text{broadcast-in}, \text{sid}, m)$  from  $P_i$ :  
 $\mathcal{C}$  checks that  $\text{sid}$  has not been used by  $P_i$  before.  
 $\mathcal{C}$  sends  $(\text{broadcast-out}, \text{pid}_i, \text{sid}, m)$  to every party  $P_j$ .

## 3 Group Reconstruction Circuits

### 3.1 Formal Definition

### 3.2 Normalized Form

## 4 MPC Protocol for GRCs

### 4.1 Ideal Functionality

#### Functionality 4.1: GRC functionality $\mathcal{F}(\text{GRC}, \Phi, \mathbf{X}^j, \mathbf{Y}^j)$

A functionality  $\mathcal{F}$  for parties  $P_1, \dots, P_n$ .

After receiving  $(\text{input}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j, \mathbf{k}^j)$  from every party  $P_j$ :  
 $\mathcal{F}$  checks, for every  $j \in [n]$ , that:

$$\mathbf{X}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{x}^j \cdot G$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{y}^j \cdot G + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j \cdot H$$

$\mathcal{F}$  computes, for each round  $r \in [d]$ :

$$\mathbf{V}_r^j := \varphi_r(\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_{r-1})(\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \mathbf{k}^j)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_r := \sum_j \mathbf{V}_r^j$$

$\mathcal{F}$  sends  $(\text{output}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{V}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_d^n)$  to every party  $P_j$ .

### 4.2 Protocol

$$\psi_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{k}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) := (\varphi_r(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{j}), \mathbf{x} \cdot G, \text{Commit}(\mathbf{y}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}), \text{Commit}(\mathbf{k}, \boldsymbol{\beta}))$$

**Protocol 4.1: MPC protocol for  $\Phi, \mathbf{X}^j, \mathbf{Y}^j$** 

Each party  $P_j$  has inputs  $\mathbf{x}^j$  and  $\mathbf{y}^j$ , committed to by  $\mathbf{X}^j$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^j$ . They also have decommitments  $\alpha^j$  for  $\mathbf{Y}^j$ . Each party  $P_j$  also has a vector  $\mathbf{k}^j$ , which honest parties will have generated randomly.

**Round 0**

Each party  $P_j$  generates a random vector  $\beta^j$ , and creates a commitment to  $\mathbf{k}^j$  with:

$$\mathbf{K}^j := \text{Commit}(\mathbf{k}^j, \beta^j)$$

$P_j$  sends (`broadcast-in`, `sid`,  $\mathbf{K}^j$ ) to the broadcast functionality  $\mathcal{C}$ .

$P_j$  waits to receive (`broadcast-out`, `sid`,  $\mathbf{K}^i$ ) for each other party  $i$ .

**Round  $r$** 

Each party  $P_j$  computes  $\mathbf{V}_r^j := \varphi_r(\mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_{r-1})(\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \mathbf{k}^j)$ .

Each party  $P_j$  sends (`prove`, `sid`,  $(\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \alpha^j, \mathbf{k}^j, \beta^j)$ ) to  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_r)$ , receiving  $\pi_r^j$  in return.

Each party  $P_j$  sends  $(\mathbf{V}_r^j, \pi_r^j)$  to every other party.

After receiving  $(\mathbf{V}_r^i, \pi_r^i)$  from all other parties,  $P_j$  checks, for each  $i$ , that the proof is valid, by sending (`verify`,  $(\mathbf{V}_r^i, \mathbf{X}^i, \mathbf{Y}^i, \mathbf{K}^i)$ ,  $\pi_r^i$ ) to  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_r)$ , and aborting if the functionality returns 0.

Each party  $P_j$  then stores each  $\mathbf{V}_r^i$  as part of its output.

**Claim 4.1.** Provided that the discrete logarithm is hard in  $\mathbb{G}$ , Protocol 4.1 securely implements Functionality 4.1, in the hybrid model of universally composable security, given a zk functionality  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \varphi)$  (for arbitrary  $\varphi$ ), a broadcast functionality  $\mathcal{C}$ , as well as a common reference string  $(G, H) \in \mathbb{G}^2$ .

**Proof:**

We prove this by constructing a simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  which uses the ideal functionality  $\mathcal{F}(\text{GRC})$  to perfectly simulate an execution of the hybrid protocol against an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .

We also work in the common reference string model, where the simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  chooses the bases  $(G, H)$  for the Pedersen commitments.

We use this simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  to construct an adversary against the discrete logarithm game.

Let  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  be the set of malicious parties, and  $\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{P}$  be the set of honest parties. Naturally, we have  $\mathcal{H} \cup \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{H} \cap \mathcal{M} = \emptyset$ .

As an adversary against the discrete logarithm game,  $\mathcal{S}$  receives  $(G, H)$  as an instance of the discrete logarithm problem.

The simulator then proceeds as follows:

$\mathcal{S}$  starts by setting  $(G, H)$  as the common reference string.

**Round 0:**

For each  $j \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  samples  $\mathbf{K}^j \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{G}$ .

For each  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  waits to receive  $(\text{broadcast-in}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{K}^j)$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  then sends  $(\text{broadcast-out}, \text{pid}_j, \text{sid}, \mathbf{K}^j)$ , to all parties, for every  $j \in \mathcal{P}$ , emulating  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Interim:**

$\mathcal{S}$  waits to receive  $(\text{prove}, \text{sid}, (\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j, \mathbf{k}^j, \boldsymbol{\beta}^j))$  for each malicious  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ , playing the role of  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_1)$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  checks, for each  $j$ , that:

$$\mathbf{X}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{x}^j \cdot G$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{y}^j \cdot G + \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j \cdot H$$

$$\mathbf{K}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{k}^j \cdot G + \boldsymbol{\beta}^j \cdot H$$

otherwise,  $\mathcal{S}$  sets  $\text{bad-values}_1^j \leftarrow 1$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  records the values  $\mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j, \mathbf{k}^j, \boldsymbol{\beta}^j$ , for  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Now, in the real execution against  $\mathcal{F}(\text{GRC})$ , with real honest parties  $P_i$ , for each  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ , the parties  $\mathcal{S}$  controls,  $\mathcal{S}$  sends  $(\text{input}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{x}^j, \mathbf{y}^j, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^j, \mathbf{k}^j)$  to  $\mathcal{F}(\text{GRC})$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  receives  $(\text{output}, \text{sid}, \mathbf{V}_1^1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_d^n)$  in return, and records these values.

**Round  $r$ :**

For each round  $r \in [d]$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  proceeds as follows:

$\mathcal{S}$  generates a new  $\pi_r^i$  for each  $i \in \mathcal{H}$ , and sends  $(\mathbf{V}_r^i, \pi_r^i)$  to every malicious  $P_j$ , with  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Unless  $r = 1$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$  waits to receive  $(\text{prove}, \text{sid}, \hat{\mathbf{x}}^j, \hat{\mathbf{y}}^j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^j, \hat{\mathbf{k}}^j, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^j)$  from each malicious  $P_j$ , for  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ , playing the role of  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_r)$ .

$\mathcal{S}$  then checks, for each  $j$ , that:

$$\mathbf{X}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{\mathbf{x}}^j \cdot G$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{\mathbf{y}}^j \cdot G + \hat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}^j \cdot H$$

$$\mathbf{K}^j \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{\mathbf{k}}^j \cdot G + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^j \cdot H$$

and sets  $\text{bad-values}_r^j \leftarrow 1$  otherwise.

The first check implies that  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}^j = \mathbf{x}^j$ . If it holds that  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}^j \neq \mathbf{y}^j$  or  $\hat{\mathbf{k}}^j \neq \mathbf{k}^j$ ,

then  $\mathcal{S}$  has found a value  $h$  such that  $h \cdot G = H$ , as shown in [reference previous section](#), and  $\mathcal{S}$  aborts, returning  $h$ .

(Including when  $r = 1$ )  $\mathcal{S}$  generates a new  $\pi_r^j$ , and returns  $(\text{proof}, \pi_r^j)$ , playing the role of  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_r)$ .

Concurrently,  $\mathcal{S}$  plays the role of  $\mathcal{F}(\text{ZK}, \psi_r)$ , responding to  $(\text{verify}, (\hat{\mathbf{V}}_r^i, \hat{\mathbf{X}}^i, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^i, \hat{\mathbf{K}}^i), \pi)$  queries.  $\mathcal{S}$  checks that there exists some  $j \in \mathcal{P}$  such that  $\pi_r^j = \pi$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  then returns:

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}}_r^i \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{V}_r^i \wedge \hat{\mathbf{X}}^i \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{X}^i \wedge \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^i \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{Y}^i \wedge \hat{\mathbf{K}}^i \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{K}^i \wedge \text{bad-values}_r^j \neq 1$$

$\mathcal{S}$  then waits to receive  $(\hat{\mathbf{V}}^j, \hat{\pi}_r^j)$  for every malicious party  $P_j$ , with  $j \in \mathcal{M}$ .  $\mathcal{S}$  then checks if the query  $(\text{verify}, (\hat{\mathbf{V}}_r^j, \mathbf{X}^j, \mathbf{Y}^j, \mathbf{K}^j), \hat{\pi}_r^j)$  would yield 1, according to the logic in the section above. (If  $\hat{\pi}_r^j$  doesn't match anything, the check is considered to fail). If this check fails, then  $\mathcal{S}$  simulates every honest  $P_i$  aborting, with  $i \in \mathcal{H}$ , to abort, as if they'd seen an invalid proof themselves.

This concludes the simulation.

If  $\mathcal{S}$  aborts with a value  $h$ , then they've successfully solved an instance of the discrete logarithm problem. Under our assumption that this problem is hard, this happens with negligible probability.

We argue that if  $\mathcal{S}$  does not abort in this way, then the simulation is perfect. For the first round, because pedersen commitments are perfectly hiding, sampling a random  $\mathbf{K}^j$  has an identical distribution as an honest party generating a pedersen commitment. For the rest of the protocol, all of our checks are equivalent to those made by honest parties. This is because the  $\mathbf{V}_j^i$  values are necessarily computed correctly, and use the inputs provided by the parties the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  controls.

Because our simulator  $\mathcal{S}$  is perfect, and doesn't rewind the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , we conclude that our protocol satisfies universally composable security, in the hybrid model.

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### 4.3 Security Analysis

### 4.4 Practical Considerations

## 5 Applications

## 6 Limitations and Further Work

## 7 Conclusion

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