



QUANTUM TOKENS FOR DIGITAL SIGNATURES

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Motivation

1. A fish gives a fisherman 3 **wishes** so that the fisherman will spare his life.
 2. The fisherman can now use these wishes to **ask anything from the king**.
 3. The king can **verify** that the fish indeed gave the authority.
 4. The fisherman **cannot produce another wish** from the given wishes.
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The Goal: Delegate **another party** to sign a **limited** number of documents.



Quantum Tokens



Digital signature (classical Signature)

Syntax



KEYGEN

Generate a secret and a public key (given security parameter κ)



sk and pk



SIGN

Sign a document a with sk



sig



VERIFY

Verify (a, sig) with pk



accept/reject

Digital signature (classical Signature)

Correctness

$$Pr\left[verify_{pk}(sign_{sk}(\alpha)) = T\right] = 1$$

Security

$$Pr\left[(\alpha, s) \leftarrow Adv^{Sign_{sk}(pk)}, verify_{pk}(\alpha, s) = T \wedge \alpha \in Q_{Adv}^{Sign_{sk}}\right] \leq negl(\kappa)$$

- Where Q is the set of queries an adversary made to the oracle and **Adv** is a QPT algorithm with access to pk

Tokenized signature scheme

Syntax



KEYGEN

Generate a secret and a public key(given security parameter κ)



sk and pk



TOKEN-GEN

Generate a signing token(quantum state) using sk



τ



SIGN

Sign a document a with τ



sig



VERIFY

Verify (a , sig) with pk



accept/reject

Tokenized signature scheme

Correctness




$$Pr[\tau \leftarrow token - gen_{sk}, verify_{pk}(\alpha, sign(\alpha, \tau)) = T] \geq 1 - negl(k)$$

Security

- $(m_1, \sigma_1, \dots, m_{l+1}, \sigma_{l+1}) \leftarrow QAdv(pk, |\tau_1\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |\tau_l\rangle)$
- $Pr[verify_{l+1, pk}(m_1, \sigma_1, \dots, m_{l+1}, \sigma_{l+1}) = T \wedge \forall i \neq j : m_i \neq m_j] \leq negl(k)$
- **one time** tokenized signature scheme: $l = 1$




Oracle

- An oracle is a ‘function’ you query in a **black box** manner.
 - The following scheme is **secure relative to an oracle**.
 - This construction **cannot be instantiated**.
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Construction Definitions




- 1 bit scheme: sign a document of size 1 bit.
 - Restricted scheme: sign a predetermined size document.
 - Unrestricted scheme: sign a document of any size.
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Construction Overview

Intuition: reduce the general problem to one time 1 bit scheme and extend gradually.

- One Time tokenized scheme for 1 bit
 - One Time tokenized scheme for restricted number of bits from 1 bit scheme
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One time 1 bit Scheme - Intuition

- We will use Aaronson and Christiano **hidden subspace scheme**.
- Note: Any secure construction will qualify as a candidate for the 1 bit scheme.
- We will later show that this **construction is secure relative to an oracle**.

One time 1 bit Scheme

Aaronson and Christiano Hidden Subspaces


- Sample a random subspace A of F_2^n with dimension $n/2$.
- The **dual subspace** is defined : $A^\perp = \left\{ b \in F_2^n \mid \forall a \in A, a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i \bmod 2 = 0 \right\}$
- A valid signature for **0**: $a \in A$
- A valid signature for **1**: $a \in A^\perp$



One time 1 bit Scheme

Membership Function

$$\chi_A(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha \in A \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\chi_{A^*}(\alpha, p) = \begin{cases} \chi_A(\alpha) & p=0 \\ \chi_{A^\perp}(\alpha) & p=1 \end{cases}$$


One time 1 bit Scheme

Function $\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$

- $n \leftarrow \kappa$ (will also work with smaller number of bits)
- Sample a random subspace A of $n/2$ dimension
- $pk \leftarrow O_{\chi_A^*}$ (An oracle access to the membership function)
- $sk \leftarrow \langle A \rangle$ (a basis of A)

Function $\text{token-gen}(sk)$

- $\text{return } \tau = |A\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^{n/2}}} \sum_{a \in A} |a\rangle$

One time 1 bit Scheme

Function $\text{sign}(\alpha, \tau)$

- Return the outcome of measuring $((H^{\otimes n})^\alpha \tau)$ in the computational basis
- α is a **single bit document**
- Recall that: $H^{\otimes n} |A\rangle = |A^\perp\rangle$
- The **output is classical** (vector from A or from dual A)
- The **token is consumed** in the process




One time 1 bit Scheme

Function $\text{verify}(\text{pk}, \alpha, \text{sig})$

- $\text{return } O_{\chi_A^*}(\text{sig}, \alpha)$
- Using the membership **oracle** we check:
 - If $\alpha = 0$ and sig is a **vector from A** then return true
 - If $\alpha = 1$ and sig is a **vector from dual A** then return true
 - **Else** return **false**




Security Intuition

- We will claim that it is **hard to sign** two distinct documents, given a signing token
 - Once an attacker measures in the primal basis he can't sign another message
(An attacker can **either** get an **element from A** or an **element from A dual**).
 - The attacker cannot duplicate the signing token (**no cloning theorem**)
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Attack On OT1

- Assume an **attacker** measured the token and **got an element from A**.
 - The attacker can now create the **dual subspace for that vector**.
 - This dual subspace contains 2^{n-1} vectors.
 - **dual A contains** $2^{n/2}$ vectors (the dimension of dual A is $n/2$).
 - **The probability to guess** a vector from dual A is $\frac{1}{2^{n/2-1}}$.
 - Using Grover's algorithm we can find with high probability a vector from the dual subspace using $2^{n/4}$ queries.
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Main Theorem


[BDS 16] Theorem 16

let A be a uniformly random subspace of \mathbb{F}_2^n , and let $\varepsilon > 0$ be such that $1/\varepsilon = o(2^{n/2})$.

given one copy of $|A\rangle$ and a quantum membership oracle for A and A^\perp , a counterfeiter needs $\Omega(\sqrt{\varepsilon} 2^{n/4})$ queries to output a pair (a, b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in A^\perp$ with probability at least ε .




General Idea of Proof

- From the attack we showed before , we can get clear intuition about what the lower bound should be.
 - In the classical setting , it would take $\Omega(2^{n/2})$ to guess a vector with high probability.
 - Using Grover's algorithm we only need root number of queries($\Omega(2^{n/4})$).
 - They proved that any algorithm which outputs a pair (a,b) where a in A and b in A dual(with probability at list 0.99) must take $\Omega(2^{n/4})$ queries.
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General Idea of Proof

- Then they showed that even with exponentially small probability ε where $1/\varepsilon = o(2^{n/2})$ any algorithm will still need to perform $\Omega(\sqrt{\varepsilon} 2^{n/4})$ queries.
 - We can derive that directly from the constant probability.
 - In the classical settings if we want to increase our probability by ε , we will need to perform ε queries(each query is independent).
 - Using Grover's algorithm we only need to perform root number of queries.
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Restricted Scheme

Why Do We Need It?

- In order to sign an arbitrary size document we will use the **hash and sign** paradigm.
 - We **cannot map an arbitrary size document to 1 bit** document(hash collisions)
 - A collision is formed when for $x \neq x'$, $h(x) = h(x')$
 - **If an attacker can find a collision** in the hash, he can create two valid signatures using one signing token and **break the scheme**.
 - $\text{Hash}(a) = \text{Hash}(b) \Rightarrow \text{sig}(a) = \text{sig}(b)$
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Restricted Scheme - General Idea

- Use OT1 r times.
 - The i -th token will correspond to the i -th bit in the document.
 - The i -th pk will correspond to the i -th sig.
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One Time restricted Scheme

Function $\text{key-gen}(\kappa, r)$

- for $i = 0, \dots, r$:
 - $pk_i, sk_i \leftarrow OT1.\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$
- Return pk, sk

One Time restricted Scheme


Function token-gen(sk)

- for $i = 0, \dots, r$:
 - $\tau_i \leftarrow OT1.token - gen(sk_i)$
- return τ



One Time restricted Scheme

Function $\text{sign}(\alpha, \tau)$

- for $i = 0, \dots, r$:
 - $\text{sig}_i \leftarrow OT1.\text{sign}(\alpha_i, \tau_i)$
 - return sig
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One Time restricted Scheme

Function $\text{verify}(pk, \alpha, \text{sig})$

- for $i = 0, \dots, r$:
 - return false if $OT1.verify(pk_i, \alpha_i, sig_i) = F$
- return true.




Reduction from r -bit to 1-bit

- We will show that if **OT1 is unforgeable then also OTR** is unforgeable.
 - We will show that a successful attack on OTR **implies a successful attack on OTR1**, hence a **contradiction**.
 - Given an Adv for OTR , we will **construct an Adv'** for OT1.
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Reduction from r -bit to 1-bit

- The idea: **generate $r-1$ tokens** and then invoke Adv.
 - Since each bit is signed individually then **signing two distinct r -bit messages implies two distinct 1-bit messages were signed.**
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Reduction from r-bit to 1-bit

$\text{Adv}'(\text{pk}, \tau)$

- Pick a random index j .
- $\tau'_j \leftarrow \tau$
- $\text{pk}'_j \leftarrow \text{pk}$
- For $i=0, \dots, r$ without j
 - $\text{pk}'_i, \text{sk}'_i \leftarrow \text{OT1.key-gen}(\kappa)$
 - $\tau'_i \leftarrow \text{OT1.token-gen}(\text{sk}'_i)$
- $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \sigma_0, \sigma_1) \leftarrow \text{Adv}(\text{pk}', \tau')$
- if $\alpha_0[j] \neq \alpha_1[j]$ then return $(\alpha_0[j], \alpha_1[j], \sigma_0[j], \sigma_1[j])$

Reduction from r-bit to 1-bit

- Assume that the **success probability of Adv** is greater than $f(\kappa)$ a **non-negligible** function.
- The success probability of Adv' is $\Pr[OT1.verify_{2,pk}(Adv'(pk, \tau)) = T]$

Next we will show that $\Pr[OT1.verify_{2,pk}(Adv'(pk, \tau)) = T] \geq non - negl(\kappa)$

Reduction from r-bit to 1-bit

- **Adv'** uses **Adv** but also require that **must differ in the j-th bit**.
- **Adv** require that the document will **differ** but it doesn't have to be the j-th bit, just **some arbitrary bit**.
- $Pr[OT1.verify_{2,pk}(Adv'(pk, \tau)) = T] \geq Pr[OTR.verify_{2,pk'}(Adv(pk', \tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_r)) = T \wedge \alpha_0[j] \neq \alpha_1[j]]$

Reduction from r-bit to 1-bit




- OTR sings an **r bit document**.
- We know that the messages must have **1 different bit**(or else verify won't accept).
- The **probability to guess** the differed bit is $1/r$.
- $$Pr[OTR.verify_{2,pk'}(Adv(pk', \tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_r)) = T \wedge \alpha_0[j] \neq \alpha_1[j]] \geq \frac{1}{r} \cdot Pr[OTR.verify_{2,pk'}(Adv(pk', \tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_r)) = T]$$

Reduction from r-bit to 1-bit

- We assumed that the **success probability of Adv** is **non-negl(κ)**
- $\frac{1}{r} \cdot \Pr\left[OTR.verify_{2,pk'}\left(Adv\left(pk', \tau_1 \otimes \dots \otimes \tau_r\right)\right) = T\right] \geq \frac{f(\kappa)}{r} \geq non - negl(\kappa)$
- We proved that if OT1 is secure then also OTR.
- We didn't assume anything about OT1.



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Moving to unrestricted Scheme

- Extend the **previous** schemes to support a document of arbitrary size.
- Hash the document down to r bits, and then to sign the hash (**hash-and-sign**).
- Recall that : A **collision is formed** when for $x \neq x'$, $h(x) = h(x')$. Also, **If an attack can find collision** in the hash function he can break the scheme.
- Require that the hash function is **collision resistant** against a QPT Adv.

Collision Resistant Hash Function

- Let $r(\kappa) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- $\{h_s : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{r(|s|)}\}_{s \in \{0, 1\}^*}$
- We require an **efficient evaluation** - given s and x returns $h_s(x)$ in polynomial time
- We also require that for any QPT adversary which given the index of the hash(s) output a **collision in a negligible probability**: $Pr[Adv(s) \text{ is a collision under } h_s] \leq \text{negl}(\kappa)$
- The **length of resulting signatures** only depends on the length s , and is **independent of the document** being signed.

One Time unrestricted Scheme

Function $\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$

- $s \leftarrow \text{index}(\kappa)$ (s is the index of a hash function)
- $sk', pk' \leftarrow \text{OTR.key-gen}(\kappa, r(\kappa))$
- $sk \leftarrow (sk', s), pk \leftarrow (pk', s)$

One Time unrestricted Scheme

Function token-gen(sk)

- $\tau' \leftarrow OTR.token - gen(sk')$
- $\tau \leftarrow (s, \tau')$

One Time unrestricted Scheme

Function $\text{sign}(\alpha, \tau)$




- $\text{return } OTR.\text{sign}(h_s(\alpha), \tau')$

Function $\text{verify}(\text{pk}, \alpha, \text{sig})$

- $\text{return } OTR.\text{verify}_{\text{pk}}(h_s(\alpha), \text{sig})$



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Tokenized Signature Scheme

Moving from one time schemes to a scheme that can support an arbitrary number of tokens.


Security Intuition:

- We enforce that **every token will have a new pk and sk**
 - **the tokens are independent**, an attacker cannot use the generated tokens to gain any more knowledge.
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Tokenized Signature Scheme

Why do we need DS?

- An attacker can still create its own tokens and **cheat the verifier**.
 - We will use our digital signature scheme to **sign the OT public key** generated by OT.key-gen.
 - By doing that, the verifier can now **verify the identity of the token creator**.
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Tokenized Signature Scheme

Function $\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$

- $(pk, sk) \leftarrow DS.\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$, where DS is a digital signature scheme

Function $\text{token-gen}(sk)$

- $OT.pk, OT.sk \leftarrow OT.\text{key-gen}(\kappa)$
- $\tau' \leftarrow OT.\text{token-gen}(OT.sk)$
- $\text{return } \tau = (OT.pk, DS.\text{sign}(sk, OT.pk), \tau')$

Tokenized Signature Scheme

Function $\text{sign}(\alpha, \tau)$

- $\text{sig}' \leftarrow OT.\text{sign}(\alpha, \tau')$
- $\text{return } (OT.pk, DS.\text{sign}(sk, OT.pk), \text{sig}')$

Function $\text{verify}(pk, \alpha, \text{sig})$

- $\text{return } DS.\text{verify}_{pk}(OT.pk, DS.\text{sign}(sk, OT.pk)) \wedge OT.\text{verify}_{OT.pk}(\alpha, \text{sig}')$




What other functionalities can we think of?




Revocability

Motivation:

- A **contract** between A and B came **to an end**
 - As part of the contract A **gave B some tokens**
 - How can A make sure that B **won't use** them in the future?
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Revocability




- A revocable TS scheme adds a **fifth QPT algorithm** : revoke.
 - Revoke **verify** a given token **and consume** it in the process.
 - Revoke only requires the **public key**.
 - Correctness: $Pr[revoke_{pk}(\tau) = T] = 1$
 - Security: $Pr\left[verify_{t,pk}(\alpha_1, sig_1, \dots, \alpha_t, sig_t) = T \bigwedge revoke_{l-t+1,pk}(\sigma) = T\right] \leq negl(k)$
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Tokenized Signature Scheme - Testability

- A testable TS scheme adds a **fifth QPT algorithm** : verify-token.
- Verify-token verify a given token **without consuming** it.
- A testable TS scheme can be used as a **quantum money** scheme.
- Correctness: $Pr[verify_token_{pk}(\tau) = (T, \tau)] = 1$
- Security: $Pr[verify_{pk}(\alpha, sign(\alpha, \sigma)) = T \mid (T, \sigma) \leftarrow verify_token_{pk}(\tau)] \geq 1 - negl(k)$
 $Pr[verify_token_{pk}(\sigma) = T \mid (T, \sigma) \leftarrow verify_token_{pk}(\tau)] \geq 1 - negl(k)$



Summary

- Motivation
 - Defining Cryptographic Primitives
 - Digital Signature
 - Quantum Tokens
 - Constructions
 - One Time tokenized signature scheme for 1 bit
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Open Questions

- Is there a way to make the token sign a **specific type of documents**? With or without the knowledge of the Signer?
- The output of sign is classical , which means an attacker can **duplicate the signature** a multiple number of times, is there any way we can prevent that kind of duplication? Without the verifier holding some database of used tokens.

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