

Cryptographic Protocols

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1 mathematical foundations

1.1 group $\langle G; * \rangle$

non empty set with binary association

(1) $*$ is associative like $x*(y*z) = (x*y)*z$

(2) e is the neutral element like $x*e = e*x = x$

(3) x^{-1} is the inverse $x*x^{-1} = x^{-1}*x = e$

for $*$ commutative ($x*y = y*x$) then abelian group

for $*$ denoted as $+$, inverse as $-$, e as 0 then additive

for $*$ denoted as \cdot , inverse as $^{-1}$, e as 1 then multiplicative

examples

$\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$ are integers with addition

$\langle \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}; \cdot \rangle$ are reals with multiplication

$\langle \mathbb{Z}_n; \text{op}_n \rangle$ are integers with operation over modulo

order

number of elements in $G = |G|$

$\text{ord}(x)$ is least k such that $x^k = e$

$\text{ord}(x) \mid |G|$ (divides group order)

hence also $x^{|G|} = e$

cyclic

if finite group has generator $\langle g \rangle$

such that $G = \{g^0, g^1, \dots\}$

isomorphic

if bijection $v: G \rightarrow H$ exists such that

$v(x * y) = v(x) * v(y)$

groups are "the same", only element name differs

construct groups

$\langle \mathbb{Z}_m^*; \cdot \rangle$ as $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq x < m, \gcd(x, m) = 1\}$

group because $\gcd(x, m)$ implies (3); (1), (2) trivial

if m is prime, $|G| = m-1$ & all entries are generators

if $m = pq$ for p, q primes, $|G| = (p-1)(q-1)$

1.2 modulo

congruency

x, y congruent mod (m) if same remainder

hence $x-y \bmod m = 0$

inverse

$x*y \bmod m = 1$

hence $x*y, 1$ congruent mod (m)

coprime

if $\gcd(x, y) = 1$

can use EEA for $a*x + b*y = 1$

fermat's little theorem

$x^p = x$ (for p prime group order)

hence also $x^{p-1} = 1$

1.3 extended euclidian algorithm (EEA)

calculates $a*x + b*y = \text{ggt}(x, y)$

works in two steps

find $\text{ggt}(x, y)$

write $x = 1*y + d_1$

because x, y known, calculate d_1 trivially

write $y = e_1*d_1 + d_2$

choose biggest e_1 such that $e_1*d_1 \leq y$

calculation of d_2 again trivial

continue $d_1 = e_2*d_2 + d_3, d_2 = e_3*d_3 + d_4, \dots$

until remainder $d_x = 0$, hence d_{x-1}

reconstruct a, b

assuming d_5 is 0, hence d_4 is $\text{ggt}(x, y)$

write $d_4 = d_2 - e_3*d_3$

replace d_3 with $d_1 - e_2*d_2$

continue until no more $d*$ on the left

you end up with $a*x + b*y$

properties

$a*x \bmod m = 1$

hence a is inverse of x

any a, a' that fulfill $a*x \bmod m = 1$ are congruent

1.4 RSA

generate public key k_{pub} , private key k_{priv}

messages x encrypted with k_{pub} can be decrypted with k_{priv}

pair generation

choose primes p, q

get $m = pq, \phi = (p-1)*(q-1) = |Z_m|$

choose e such that $\gcd(e, \phi) = 1$

use EEA to get $d*e + k*\phi = 1$

(n, e) as public key, (n, d) as private key

message transfer

encryption with $x^e = c$

decryption with $c^d = x^{(e*d)} = x^{(-k*\phi+1)} = x$

because $x^{\phi} = 1$ due to $\phi = \text{ord}(|Z_m|)$

security

assumption that it is hard to factor m into p, q

only known to be hard in some models of computation

needs to be randomized for real applications

1.5 chinese remainder theorem (CRT)

given $x \bmod m_1 = a_1, x \bmod m_2 = a_2, \dots$

there is unique $x \leq M = m_1 * m_2 * \dots$

unique solution

let $M_i = M / m_i$, hence $\gcd(M_i, m_i) = 1$

then $M_i \bmod m_j = 0$ for $j \neq i$

for N_i inverse of M_i

solution $x = \sum a_i * M_i * N_i \bmod M$

example

given equations in form $x \bmod n_i = a_i$

like $x \bmod 3 = 2, x \bmod 4 = 5, x \bmod 7 = -3$

calculate $M = \prod (n_i)$

like $M = 3*4*7 = 84$

find inverse N_i of $M/n_i * N_i \bmod n_i = 1$

like $84/3 * N_i \bmod 3 = 1 \Rightarrow N_i = 1$

like $N_1 = 1, N_2 = 1, N_3 = 3$

calculate $x = \sum a_i * M_i * N_i \bmod M$

like $x = 2*28*1 + 5*21*1 + -3*12*3 \bmod 84 = 53$

isomorphic groups

for $m = pq \langle \mathbb{Z}_m^*, \cdot \rangle$ isomorphic to $\langle \mathbb{Z}_p^* \times \mathbb{Z}_q^*, \cdot \rangle$

CRT allows to prove this isomorphism

for $p=3, q=5$, hence $m=15$

$7 \rightarrow (1, 2)$ with $(7 \bmod 3, 7 \bmod 5)$

$(1, 2) \rightarrow 7$ with CRT on $x \bmod 3 = 1, x \bmod 5 = 2$

1.6 quadratic residue (QR)

numbers which are the result of a square

else called a quadratic non-residue (QnR)

a is QR iff $\exists r$ such that $r^2 \bmod m = a$

$\text{QnR} * \text{QR} = \text{QnR}; \text{QR} * \text{QR} = \text{QnR} * \text{QnR} = \text{QR}$

find QRs

square each number from 1 up to $(m+1)/2$ for \mathbb{Z}_m

calculate negative equivalent for $> (m+1)/2$

for root 5, $n = 14 \Rightarrow 14 - 5$ must also be a root

number of QRs

exactly $(p-1)/2$ for $|\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p-1$

hence each QR has two square roots r, r'
it holds that $r \bmod p = r' \bmod p$

legendre symbol

(a/p) (written as a fraction)
1 iff a QR over mod p
0 iff a divides p over mod p
-1 iff a QnR over mod p
satisfies multiplication rules

euler's criterion

$(a/p) = a^{((p-1)/2)}$
because $(x^2)^{((p-1)/2)} = x^{(p-1)} = 1$ (fermat's little theorem)
it can be shown that all other numbers must equal -1
for $p=5$ $(p-1)/2 = 2$
 $1 \rightarrow 1^2 = 1, 2 \rightarrow 2^2 = 4, 3 \rightarrow 3^2 = 9, 4 \rightarrow 4^2 = 16$
verify that this indeed results in 1, -1, -1, 1

four square roots for Z_m^*

for $m = pq < Z_m^*, *_m >$ isomorphic to $< Z_p^* \times Z_q^*, *_p q >$
implies that $r^2 = a \Leftrightarrow (R_p(r^2), R_q(r^2)) = (R_p(a), R_q(a))$
hence four square roots for each QR in Z_m^*
for $p=3, q=5$, (1,4) are QR in Z_3, Z_5 ; hence 4 is QR in Z_m

QR breaks RSA

assume A, which given a can calculate $r^2 = a \bmod m$
B chooses random r, asks A to solve $a = r^2$
A returns either $r' = r$ or $-r$ (randomly, bc a hides info about r)
if A returns $r' = r$, B has to abort (hence success p only 1/2)
else B calculates $\gcd(r+r', m)$ to get one of the primes
works bc $(r-r')(r+r') = 0$, each being a multiple of one of primes

1.7 two dimensional polynomials

of the form $f_{00} + f_{01}x + f_{10}y + f_{11}xy + \dots$

fact 1

$f(x, y_0)$ is one-dimensional polynomial of degree t
because $(f_{00} + f_{01}y_0 + \dots)x^0 + (f_{10} + f_{11}y_0 + \dots)x^1 + \dots$

fact 2

$(t)^2$ values, t combinations uniquely define polynomial of degree d = t-1
choose d x values, and d y values
choose z_{ij} for each x/y combination
construct polynomial with lagrange-interpolation
show the polynomial in this form can only exist once

1.8 language L classification

using turing machine (TM) model
for input z, $s(z)$ measures number of steps
 $t(n) = \max\{s(z) \text{ for all } |z| \leq n\}$
halting problem in neither of the presented languages

P

given candidate
membership in L can be efficiently decided
"there is poly-time TM deciding L"
for all $z \in \{0,1\}^*$ \exists efficient $A(z)$
such that iff $z \in L$ then $A(z) = 1$ else 0

NP

given candidate & proof ("witness")
membership in L can be efficiently accepted/rejected
"there is non-deterministic poly-time TM accepting L"
for polynomial p, poly-time computation $o(\text{candidate, proof}) \rightarrow$
accept/reject
such that iff $z \in L$ then x exists $|x| < p(|z|)$
with $o(z, x) = 1$ (soundness)
else $o(z, x) = 0$ (correctness)

NP-hard

any NP language can be solved with this language
hence at least as hard as NP, potentially harder
for any $L' \in NP$, L' can be efficiently reduced to L

NP-complete

in NP and NP-hard
useful because NP-hard also include harder problems than NP

IP

efficiently verifiable interactive proof of membership exists
superset of NP bc interactive proofs more general concept than non-interactive

PSPACE

only polynomial space used (no constraint on time made)

"there is TM that uses only poly memory"

proven to include same problems as IP

IP *subset* PSPACE bc can construct polynomial tree with all transcripts

1.9 algorithm classifications

efficient if running time grows at most polynomial with input size
unbounded if running time arbitrary
randomized/probabilistic if access to uniformly random bits
deterministic if no access to uniformly random bits

1.10 function classification

polynomial

it grows slower than some polynomial
starting at some n,
if $\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{N} > n_0$
such that $f(n) \leq n^c$

negligible

decreases faster than inverse of every polynomial
if $\in c, \exists n_0, \in \mathbb{N} > n_0$
such that $f(n) \leq 1/(n^c)$
other notions possible
but should stay negligible if repeated efficiently often

noticeable / non-negligible

grows faster than inverse of some polynomial
if $\exists c, n_0 \in \mathbb{N} > n_0$
such that $f(n) \geq 1/(n^c)$

overwhelming

grows infinitely
1-f is negligible

calculation rules

polynomial * polynomial = polynomial
polynomial * negligible is negligible
polynomial * noticeable might be overwhelming

1.11 decision problem

problem with answer accept/reject
like existence of hamiltonian cycle, isomorphisms of graphs, ...

as formal language L

instances of problem as bitstring
bitstring $z \in L$ iff decision true

2 proofs

2.1 primality proof

for small n, simply do table lookup
else decompose n-1 into p_1, p_2, \dots
find a such that $a^{(n-1)} \bmod n = 1$
and $a^{(n-1)/p_i} \bmod n \neq 1$
then recursively proof primality for all p_i

2.2 proof system

statement & proof each are a string over finite alphabet
semantics define which statements are true
verification function calculates $(\text{statement, proof}) \rightarrow (\text{accept or reject})$

non-prime proof example

verification function checks if proof divides statement
statement = 12, proof = 3, output = accept

requirements

soundness (only true statements have proofs)
completeness (every true statement has a proof)
efficient verifiability (verification efficiently computable)

potential criteria

efficiency (for prover/verifier, messages & rounds)
generality (which type of statements can be proved)
leakage (what kind of information prover has to share with peggy)
type of security (information theoretic, based on RSA, based on DL, ...)

2.3 "what" proof types

proof of knowledge

proof some knowledge exist
like i know for sudoku X the solution Y

proof of statement

proof a statement, may follows from knowledge
like sudoku X has solution Y

2.4 "how" proof types

static proof

prover and verifier know statement s
prover sends proof p to verifier
verifier accepts/rejects (s,p) combination

interactive proof

proof string replaced by interaction with unbounded prover p
both prover & verifier are probabilistic
verifier/provers may deviate from the protocol
at the end of interaction, verifier accepts/rejects

2.5 interactive proof

proof for language L as pair of probabilistic algorithms (P,V)
if $z \in L$ then V accepts with at least $p=3/4$
if $z \notin L$ then V accepts with at most $q=1/2$
p and q can be arbitrary, but they must be $0 < q < p \leq 1$

language membership

transcript of deterministic P,V serves as NP witness
bc deterministic implies only single x witness exists
transcript of P,V with $q=0$ serves as NP witness
bc $q=0$ implies no wrong witness, $p>q$ implies some witness

prover properties

can be deterministic (as powerful as indeterministic)
but deterministic can not be zero-knowledge
if poly-time required, then only "interactive argument"

verifier properties

randomized (else prover can be constructed trivially)
efficient (running time polynomial in $|z|$)

parallelization

can execute n rounds in parallel
only remains zero-knowledge if $\#rounds = O(\log(n))$

2.6 interactive proof applications

identification protocols

prover is able to identify itself to verifier
use hard problem (like hamiltonian graph, public key)
and prove knowledge about solution (hamiltonian cycle, private key)
must choose sufficiently hard but still efficient problem
NP not sufficient bc some instances may be easily solvable
first practical implementation by fiat-shamir

fiat-shamir heuristic

replace interactive proof with non interactive one
by calculating verifier input from hash function
then sending all messages at once to verifier
needs hash function to be random oracle (truly random results)
hence lives in the random oracle model (ROM)
but very useful in practice, because constructable from many problems

digital signatures

construct digital signature using the fiat-shamir heuristic
choose random instance z of NP problem with witness x
to sign message m, generate randoms t_1, t_2, \dots (sufficiently many)
generate c_1, c_2, \dots from $\text{hash}(t_1, t_2, \dots, m)$
generate answers r_1, r_2, \dots
signature then is $(t_1, t_2, \dots; c_1, c_2, \dots; r_1, r_2, \dots)$
assumption that c_1, c_2, \dots can not be sufficiently influenced to cheat

2.7 proof of knowledge

for string z, proof x
 $Q(z,x) = \text{true}$ iff x proofs knowledge of z

2.7.1 requirements

completeness

V accepts if P knows some x
such that $Q(z,x) = \text{true}$

soundness

there exists knowledge extractor K

which interacts with some P which V accepts noticeable
and then outputs valid secret x
(K can rewind P = restart with same randomness)

2.7.2 properties

2-extractability

if from two accepted rounds
with outputs (t,c,r) & (t,c',r') and $c \neq c'$
secret x can be efficiently computed
for $1/|C|^s$ ($s=\#rounds$) negligible compared to input length $|z|$

three-move

protocol consists of exactly three moves
 $P \rightarrow V$ some start value
 $V \rightarrow P$ some challenge
 $P \rightarrow V$ result calculated with challenge relative to start value

2.7.3 knowledge extractor example

for s-round 2-extractable 3-move protocol with negligible $1/|c|^s$
(1) choose l uniformly at random
(2) generate two executions with same l
(3) iff V does not accepts both restart, else stop

soundness

use first round with $c \neq c'$ to get x (2-extractability)
in first such round, $t = t'$ bc prover randomness fixed

efficiency

for p probability V accepts
 $E[f(l)] = p$ for f(l) probability V accepts using random l
 $E[f(l)]^2 \geq (\text{jensens inequality}) E[f(l)]^2 = p^2$ for two executions
because $1/|c|^s$ negligible, protocol execution equal can be ignored
hence runs in polynomial $O(1/p^2)$ for p noticeable

2.7.4 witness-hiding & witness-independence

if proving zero-knowledge not possible
show that verifier can not impersonate prover

witness-hiding

no poly-time verification V after verification with P
can itself act as prover for another verifier V'

witness-independent

if for all z, all V'
distribution of transcript is identical for each witness

witness-independent \Rightarrow witness-hiding

if hard to generate (z, w, w') for $w \neq w'$
but easy to generate (z, w)
then witness-independence implies witness-hiding

2.8 zero-knowledge

for protocol (P,V) resulting in transcript T
show simulator S exists which outputs indistinguishable transcript T'
for both proof of statements / knowledge

requirements

complete (true statements have proof)
soundness (only true statements have proof)
some classification of zero-knowledge

proof checks

completeness by inspection
soundness by showing that knowledge extractor exists / 2-extractable
zero-knowledge by showing c-simulatability & poly-space C
zero-knowledge classification depending on powers of verifier

distinguisher A

tries to differentiate T and T'
hence tries to decide "Y" on $Y \rightarrow y$ / "X" on $X \rightarrow x$
advantage given by $P_X[A(x) = "X"] - P_Y[A(y) = "Y"]$

indistinguishable level

perfect (exact same distribution; like $P_X = P_Y$; advantage = 0)
statistical (difference is negligible)
computational (difference for poly-time algorithms negligible)

c-simulatability

(for t random input prover, c challenge verifier, r response prover)
if for any c, a triplet (t,c,r) can be generated
with same distribution as in a real execution of the protocol
hence it holds that $P_{TR}|C = p_T * p_R|TC$
for example given c, choose r uniformly, then generate t
"conditional distribution $P_{TR}|C$ is efficiently samplable"

2.9 zero-knowledge classifications

proof checks

no challenge publishes the secret or any value leading to it
no dishonest verifier learns new information (then only HVZK)
size of challenge space must be polynomial

honest-verifier zero-knowledge (HVZK)

verifier used to generate T' must be honest
honest V chooses challenge independently of m
weaker than (perfect) ZK

zero-knowledge (ZK)

for all polytime V', input z, there is poly-time simulator S
such that transcript T and T' are indistinguishable
must also hold for dishonest prover
which picks challenge dependent on previously seen messages

black-box zero-knowledge (BB-ZK)

there is single poly-time simulator S for all polytime V', input z,
with S having rewind access to V
such that transcript T and T' are indistinguishable
hence stronger than (perfect) ZK bc only single simulator needed

construct ZK simulator for dishonest V

V chooses challenge c depending on previously seen messages
determines c_i it wants to do choose the next round
uses honest verifier V' to generate transcript
if transcript used c_i , then accept; hence repeat round
V is still efficient; expected runtime is $1/|c|$ (hence polynomial)

2.10 zero-knowledge proofs

proof that simulator with same distribution exists & is efficient

3-move distribution

for prover random t, verifier challenge c, prover reply r
both t and c chosen uniformly at random
then prover chooses r depending on t and c
hence expected distribution is $p_T * p_C * p_R|TC$
dishonest verifier may choose c based on t, hence $p_C|T$

(1) 3-move c-simulatable protocol \Rightarrow HVZK

honest verifier chooses c with p_C
then generate t & r with $p_{TR}|C$
due to c-simulatability same distribution as expected

(2) HVZK 3-move with poly $|C| \Rightarrow$ BB-ZK

S generates triplet (t,c,r) with HVZK property
(hence distribution $d_1 = p_T(t) * p_R|CT * 1/|C|$)
then invokes verifier with t, getting c'
(we assume dishonest verifier, hence $d_2 = d_1 * p_C|T$)
if c' equals c, then output triplet; else restart
(probability $e = 1/|C|$, bc other terms are summed up)
hence distribution is $d_2 / e = p_T * p_C|T * p_R|TC$
efficient bc polynomial runtime / success probability e

(3) sequence of BB-ZK is BB-ZK

build a simulator that uses the simulator of the respective sequence

s rounds of c-simulatable 3-move with poly $|C| \Rightarrow$ ZK

poly $|C|$ is needed bc else could not generate transcripts for all challenges easily

bc of (1), subprotocol HVZK
bc of (2), subprotocol BB-ZK
bc of (3), protocol BB-ZK
bc BB-ZK stricter than ZK, it follows that ZK

3-move HVZK with uniform challenge \Rightarrow c-simulatable

construct (P', V') using HVZK (P, V)
P sends t to P'
P' chooses c'' and sends (t, c'') to V'
V' chooses c' and sends it to P'
P' sends $c = c' + c''$ to P
P answers with r to P', which forwards to V'
V' accepts/rejects (t, $c' + c''$, r)
c-simulatable bc P' can simulate for any c
by choosing $c'' = c + c'$

2.11 zero-knowledge discrete math examples

2.11.1 fiat-shamir

given m as RSA modulo, $z \in Z_m^*$
proof knowledge of x such that $x^2 \bmod m = z$

protocol

prover and verifier know z
prover knows x such that $x^2 \bmod m = z$
prover picks random $k \in Z_m^*$
prover sends $t = k^2$
verifier sends $c \in \{0,1\}$
prover sends $r = k * x^c$
verifier checks that $r^2 = t * z^c$

proof

$c=0$ works because $r^2 = k^2 = t$
 $c=1$ works because $r^2 = k^2 * x^2 = t * z$

extractability

get $r_0 = k$, $r_1 = k * x \rightarrow$ extract x

2.11.2 guillou-quisquater

given m as RSA modulo, $z \in Z_m^*$, e
proof knowledge of e-th root of x, such that $x^e = z$

protocol

prover & verifier know z, e
prover knows x such that $x^e = z$
prover picks random $k \in Z_m^*$
prover sends $t = k^e$
verifier sends $c \in \{0,1, \dots, e-1\}$
prover sends $r = k * x^c$
verifier checks that $r^e = t * z^c$

proof

works because $r^e = k^e * x^{c*e} = t * z^c$

extractability

get $r_c = k * x^c$, $r_d = k * x^d$
let $\text{ggt}(c-d, e) = (c-d) * a + e * b = 1$
then $x = (r_c / r_d)^a * z^b$

2.11.3 schnorr

given cyclic group H, generator h, prime order q, $z \in H$
proof knowledge of discrete logarithm x of z

protocol

prover and verifier know z
prover knows x such that $h^x \bmod m = z$
prover picks random $k \in Z_q^*$
prover sends $t = h^k$
verifier sends $c \in Z_q^*$
prover sends $r = k + x*c$
verifier checks that $h^r = t * z^c$

proof

$h^r = h^{k+x*c} = t * z^c$

extractability

$r_c = k + c*x$, $r_d = k + d*x$
 $x = (r_c - r_d) / (c - d)$

2.12 one-way group homomorphism (OWGH)

$f : G \rightarrow H$ such that $[a * b] = [a] \times [b]$ (f written as $[]$)

2.12.1 examples

exponential

$G = H = \langle Z_m^*, * \rangle$, $[a] = a^e$
for example $[a*b] = (a*b)^e = a^e * b^e = [a] * [b]$

logarithmic

$G = \langle Z_q, + \rangle$, $H = \langle h \rangle$, $[a] = h^a$
for example $[a+b] = h^{a+b} = h^a * h^b = [a] * [b]$

2.12.2 pre-image proof of knowledge (OWGH PoK)

given groups G and H as one-way homomorphism $f(x+y) = f(x) * f(y)$
proof knowledge of pre-image $x \in G$ of $z \in H$

protocol

prover & verifier know $z \in H$
prover knows $x \in G$ such that $[x] = z$
prover picks random $k \in G$
prover sends $t = [k]$
verifier sends $c \in Z_+$
prover sends $r = k * x^c$
verifier checks that $[r] = t * z^c$

proof

works because $[r] = [k] * [x]^c = t * z^c$

2.12.3 two-extractability of OWGH PoK

requirement

if $\exists l$ and $u \in G$

- (1) for all $c_1 \neq c_2$, $\gcd(c_1 - c_2, l) = 1$
- (2) $[u] = z^l$

proof

let $[r_1] = t * z^{c_1}$, $[r_2] = t * z^{c_2}$

then $x' = u^a + (r_1/r_2)^b$

for $\gcd(c_1 - c_2, l) = (c_1 - c_2) * a + l * b = 1$

works because $u = z^l$ and $r_1/r_2 = z^{(c_1 - c_2)}$

2.12.4 instantiation

choose appropriate homomorphism for $[]$

prove that it holds by showing $f(x * y) = f(x) * f(y)$

define poly-bound C (for example Z_q)

argue that s (number of rounds) such that $1/|C|^s$

choose l which is co-prime to all c_1, c_2

define u such that $[u] = z^l$ (usually something with z)

schnorr

by definition $G = Z_q$, $H = \langle h \rangle$, $|H| = q$, q is prime, $[x] = h^x$

choose $l = q$, hence $u = 0$

(1) $\gcd(c_1 - c_2, q) = 1$ (bc q is prime)

(2) $[0] = h^0 = 1 = z^q$ (bc of identity)

guillou-quisquater

by definition $G = H = Z_m^*$, $[x] = x^e$

choose $l = e$, hence $u = z$

(1) $\gcd(c_1 - c_2, e) = 1$ (bc e is prime)

(2) $[z] = z^e = z^l$

2.13 zero-knowledge NP problem examples

ZK proof of NP-complete problem allows to do ZK for arbitrary NP

2.13.1 sudoku

proof that solution is known without revealing it

protocol

peggy places three cards per field with correct number

numbers visible if preset, hidden if part of solution

vic chooses for all column, row, cell one of the three cards

(hence board empty at the end of the move)

gives the cards for each column, row, cell face-down to peggy

peggy shuffles each deck and returns them to vic

vic controls that each deck is valid

soundness

1/3 that proof succeeds although sudoku wrong

because have to pick the correct out of three cards

2.13.2 sudoku (using ZK for equality)

proof that solution is known without revealing it

uses type B commit protocol

uses ZK proof to show some blob of commitments are equal

protocol

peggy commits to every cell of the sudoku solution (1)

peggy commits to 1..n for every row/column/subgrid (2)

vic chooses challenge $c = 0$ or $c = 1$

if $c == 0$ then peggy opens (2) and preprinted values of (1)

vic checks that (2) consistent & (1) correct

if $c == 1$ then peggy use ZK to show (1) equals (2)

proof

completeness (bc peggy can answer both c if solution known)

soundness (approx. 1/2 that peggy succeeds if solution unknown)

only approx. 1/2 bc could cheat in ZK proof with negligible p

proof of knowledge bc of 2-extractability

get triplets (t, c, r) and (t, c', r') ; one opens (2)

the other proves how opened values relate to (1) values

zero-knowledge bc of c-simulatability

commit as usual choosing random values for sudoku solution

for $c=0$ simply open (trivially correct)

for $c=1$ use simulator of ZK protocol

bc commitment is computational hiding

simulator output is computationally indistinguishable

2.13.3 graph isomorphism

given two graphs G_0 and G_1

proof that G_0 and G_1 are isomorphic

protocol

prover & verifier know G_0, G_1

prover knows o such that $G_1 = o * G_0 * o^{-1}$

prover picks random permutation π

prover sends $T = \pi * G_0 * \pi^{-1}$

verifier sends $c \in \{0,1\}$

prover sends $p = \pi$ (for $c=0$)

or $p = \pi * o^{-1}$ (for $c=1$)

verifier checks that $T = p * G_0 * p^{-1}$ (for $c=0$)

or $T = \pi * G_1 * \pi^{-1}$ (for $c=1$)

proof

$c=0$ works because of construction of T

$c=1$ $T = \pi * o^{-1} * G_1 * o * \pi^{-1} = \pi * G_0 * \pi^{-1}$

zero-knowledge

no; V now knows if G_0 and G_1 are isomorphic

2.13.4 graph non-isomorphism (GNI)

given two graphs G_0 and G_1

proof that G_0 and G_1 are not isomorphic

protocol

prover & verifier know G_0, G_1

verifier picks random π and $b \in \{0,1\}$

verifier sends $T = \pi * G_b * \pi^{-1}$

prover sends $r=0$ if $T \sim G_0$

or $r=1$ if $T \sim G_1$

verifier checks that $r = b$

zero-knowledge

only HV-ZK

else V chooses arbitrary graph K to learn if isomorphic

three graph extension

with three graphs, verifier permutes each graph

then sends triple shifted by random factor

prover must be able to tell shift factor

only HK-ZK, bc else learn shift factor

2.13.5 graph coloring

proof of statement

given graph G

proof that a k -coloring exists

protocol

verifier picks random π (bijection on vertices)

verifier applies π to vertex color map f to get f'

verifier creates commitment for all f' & sends to prover

prover sends edge (i,j) to verifier

verifier opens commitments to C_i, C_j

prover accepts if committed color is different

zero-knowledge

yes, because c-simulatability given

2.13.6 hamiltonian cycle (hc)

given graph G_0

proof that G_0 has closed path visiting each node exactly once

adjacency matrix

matrix with 1 where directed graph has edge

select exactly one 1 in each row/column for hc

protocol

prover picks random permutation π

verifier picks $c \in \{0,1\}$

if 0, prover uncovers whole adjacency matrix

verifier checks permutation is valid

if 1, prover uncovers 1 in each column/row (hence cycle)

verifier checks in each column/row exactly one 1

\Rightarrow unclear how to simulate "uncover"

proof

check completeness by inspection

both $c=0$ and $c=1$ fulfillable by peggy

soundness when knowledge extractor exists

negligible, C witness, 2-extractable all given hence KE exists

2-extractable because with both responses can reconstruct answers

zero knowledge when simulator can output transcript

for $c=0$ choose random permutation

for $c=1$ choose H all 1's; open random HC

commitment must be type H (for $c=1$ case)

2.13.7 boolean circuit

lower reduction overhead than hc bc more cases representable
 computes fulfilment of boolean circuit
 let input bits flow through scrambled truth tables
 after truth table add masking bit (0 or 1 mask)

scramble truth table

(1) on each wire, choose random bit and XOR input/output
 hence if bit 1, invert truth table input column from wire
 and truth table result / input bit leading to wire
 (2) permute rows of truth table randomly

protocol

peggy permutes truth tables of whole circuit and commits
 then computes result of permuted circuit
 if vic chooses $c=0$ then peggy reveals circuit & random bits
 hence peggy verifies the permutation was applied correctly
 if vic chooses $c=1$ then peggy reveals masked input bits & hit rows in tables
 then peggy verifies that hit rows indeed give asserted result

proof

completeness by inspection
 soundness; for $c=0$ open blobs, then use $c=1$ to get valid row assignments
 recover original input values bottom-up
 zero-knowledge because c -simulatable
 for $c=0$, scramble circuit, send all blobs & open all
 for $c=1$, set to all 1 in output, then open random rows

2.13.8 boolean circuit 2

use zero knowledge proofs of equality instead of blinding bits

gate protocol

P randomly permutes function table and commit to elements
 V chooses $c = 0$ or $c = 1$
 if $c = 0$ then P opens all commitments of table
 V checks if valid permutation
 if $c = 1$ then P proofs ZK that blobs of matching row equal

protocol

P commits to all bits on wire
 P uses gate protocol to show V that gates correct

3 protocol foundations

3.1 attackers

share state with all other attackers
 passive attacker must follow protocol
 active attacker may deviate
 usually constraint protocol to max t attackers

3.2 security

information theoretical

no assumptions like RSA, one-way functions
 proof scheme only breakable with negligible probability
 usually assume authenticated, complete, synchronous network

cryptographic

assume primitives to be secure based on hardness assumption

3.3 oblivious transfer (OT)

property on channel
 between sender \rightarrow trusted party \rightarrow receiver
 all variants equivalent
 all variants have string (instead of bit) variation (OST)

rabin-OT

sender sends s to TTP
 TTP only forwards s in 50%, else bottom

1-2-OT

sender sends s_0, s_1 to TTP
 receiver send i to TTP for $i = \{0,1\}$
 TTP forwards selected s_i to receiver

1-k-OT

sender sends s_0, s_1, \dots to TTP
 receiver send i to TTP for $i = \{0,1, \dots\}$
 TTP forwards selected s_i to receiver

1-2-OT \Rightarrow 1-k-OT

do k rounds, with each round random r_i and value c_i
 each round, send e_i, r_i over 1-2-OT
 for $e_i = c_i$ XOR with all r_{i-1}
 hence receiver pick randoms until at round i with c_i
 now can decrypt r_i to c_i (because knows all r_{i-1})
 but does not learn r_i (hence can not decrypt any later value e_{i+1})

1-2-OT \Rightarrow rabin-OT

choose $i \in \{0,1\}$
 send $b_i = b, b_{i-1} = 0$ over 1-2-OT
 send i
 if receiver picked correct b_i , now learns b
 else learns nothing (and knows it, bc $i \neq$ receiver picked i)

rabin-OT \Rightarrow 1-2-OT

transfer k random bits r_i with rabin-OT (for k security parameter)
 receiver learns expected $1/2$ of these r_i
 receiver chooses random c
 receiver forms $T_c = \{\text{index where received}\}$, $T_{c-1} = \{\text{index where not received}\}$
 receiver sends T_0 and T_1 to sender
 sender XOR r_i for all in T_0 ($=t_0$) and same T_1 ($=t_1$)
 sender sends $e_0 = t_0$ XOR $b_0, e_1 = t_1$ XOR b_1
 now receiver can decrypt e_c with XOR t_c

guarantees

recipient learns only one of the strings
 sender does not know which one

1-2-OST with RSA/AES

sender has secrets s_0, s_1 ; shares one with receiver
 generate two pairs of RSA (n, e, d) for n similar
 sender sends (n_0, e_0) and (n_1, e_1) to receiver
 receiver chooses random r
 receiver sends back $u = r^{e_b}$ for some $b = \{0,1\}$
 sender calculates $k = u^d$ for both d
 sender calculates $y = \text{AES}_k(s)$ for both s
 sender sends y_0, y_1 to receiver
 receiver gets $s_b = \text{AES}_{\text{decrypt}_r}(y_b)$
 works because $r^{e_b} \cdot d = r$ for correct d
 \Rightarrow can be generalized to 1-k-OST

3.4 secret sharing scheme

dealer D shares secret s among parties P
 qualified subset of P reconstruct s (without needing D)
 access structure L defines who is able to reconstruct

definition

for protocol (share, reconstruct)
 with parties P, access structure L
 (1) after share, there is a unique value s'
 where $s' = s$ of dealer if dealer honest
 (2) after reconstruct(M), iff $M \subset_{\text{of}} L$, M knows s'
 (3) after share, all $M' \not\subset_{\text{of}} L$ do not know s'
 (1),(2) for correctness, (3) for privacy

for $L = \{P\}$

n parties, $L = \{P\}$ (hence all parties required for secret)
 (share) send random x_i to P_i such that $\sum x_i = s$
 (reconstruct) all parties send each other x_i

for $L = \text{arbitrary}$

n parties, $L = \text{arbitrary}$
 (share) for each $M \in L$
 send random x_i to P_i such that $\sum x_i = s$
 (reconstruct) parties $\in M$ send each other specific x_i
 (hence parties receive multiple x_i if in multiple M)

linear sharing scheme

if secret s and randoms r_1, \dots, r_m
 can be used to calculate player secrets s_1, \dots, s_n
 define as matrix multiplication with A as $m \times n$ "decompose-matrix"
 $[s_1, s_2, \dots] = [A_{10}, A_{11}, \dots; \dots; A_{nm}] * [s, r_1, \dots, r_m]$

3.5 shamir's secret sharing scheme

n parties, $L = \{\text{any } M \text{ for } |M| \geq k\}$
 hence k parties needed for reconstruction

polynomial construction

construct polynomial f of degree $d = k-1$ with secret s at $f(0)$
 hence of the form $f(x) = s + a_1 * x + a_2 * x^2 + \dots + a_{k-1} * x^{k-1}$
 for a_i picked randomly
 matrix A looks like $[...; 1, a_i, a_i^2; \dots]$ ("van der monde matrix")

lagrange

for $y_i(x) = \prod ((x - a_i)/(a_i - a_j))$, $s_i = f(a_i)$

$f(x) = \sum (y_i(x) * s_i)$

hence allows to calculate value at x with (a_i, s_i) tuples
for polynomial of degree k , k tuples needed

protocol

(share) choose f with degree d with $f(0) = \text{secret}$

choose n points a_i on f such that $a_i \neq 0$

send (a_i, s_i) for $s_i = f(a_i)$ to each party P_i

(reconstruct) send (a_i, s_i) to P

P reconstructs s with lagrange interpolation on $x = 0$

note that points a_i can be public; only s_i must be party private

analysis if definition holds

(1) bc f provides single secret at $f(0)$

(2) bc with k shares, lagrange can output value

(3) bc with $< k$ shares, any secret still compatible

\Rightarrow degree must be $d = k-1$ for (3) to hold

violate privacy with k-1

construct $d-1$ polynomial g out of $k-1$ shares

now know that $g(0)$ is not real value

bc else g would be equal to real polynomial

4 broadcast & consensus

4.1 known thresholds

for crypto, $t < n$ (but consensus undefined for $t \geq n/2$)

for theoretic, $t < n/3$

4.2 broadcast

single sender sends message to many receivers

input x ; output y_1, y_2, \dots

definition

(of course only need to hold for honest players)

consistency (y^* all equal)

validity (if sender honest $\Rightarrow y^* = x$)

termination (y eventually received)

behaviour

players output same y^*

sender honest \Rightarrow players output $y^*=x$

4.3 consensus

many players agree on single value of majority

input x_1, x_2, \dots ; output y_1, y_2, \dots

undefined for $t \geq n/2$ (because majority unclear)

"pre-agreement" if all honest provide same input

definition

(of course only need to hold for honest players)

consistency (y^* all equal)

persistence (if all honest same input $x \Rightarrow y^* = x$)

termination (y eventually received)

behaviour

players output same y^*

pre-agreement \Rightarrow players output $y^*=x$

4.4 consensus vs broadcast

given consensus, construct broadcast

P_1 sends x to all P_j which receive x_j

$(y_1, y_2, \dots) = \text{consensus}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

P_j output y_j

given broadcast, construct consensus

P_i broadcast x_i

$y_j = \text{majority of received } x_i$

P_j output y_j

construction

weak \rightarrow graded \rightarrow king \rightarrow "normal" consensus

then broadcast is archived

4.5 weak consensus

players output $(y_i \text{ or bottom})$ such that all y_i are equal

input x_1, x_2, \dots ; output y_1, y_2, \dots

properties

weak consistency (all y^* equal or bottom)

persistence (if all honest same input $x \Rightarrow y^* = x$)

termination (y eventually received)

protocol

send x_i to every P_j

if $(\#zeros \geq n-t)$ then $y_j=0$

else if $(\#ones \geq n-t)$ then $y_j=1$

else $y_j=\text{bottom}$

return y_j

proof weak consistency

if P_i outputs 0, it received $\geq n-t$ zeros

hence P_j received $\geq n-2t$ zeros (bc at most t malicious)

hence P_j received $\leq 2t < n-t$ ones

4.6 graded consensus

input x_1, x_2, \dots ; output $(y_1, g_1), (y_2, g_2), \dots$

for g grade, "how secure I am with this choice"

properties

graded consistency (if some p has $(y, g=1) \Rightarrow y^* = (y, *)$)

graded persistence (if all honest same input $x \Rightarrow y^* = (x, 1)$)

termination (y eventually received)

protocol

$(z_1, z_2, \dots) = \text{weak_consensus}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

P_i sends z_i to all P_j

if $(\#zeros \geq \#ones)$ then $y = 0$ else $y = 1$

if $(\#y \geq n-t)$ then $g = 1$

return (y, g)

proof graded consistency

assume party outputs $(0, 1)$ (hence $\#zeros \geq n-t$)

then for others $(\#zeros \geq n-2t) > (\#ones \leq t)$

because weak consensus implies no honest party published ones

4.7 king consensus

take own value if sure, else take king's value

input x_1, x_2, \dots ; output y_1, y_2, \dots

properties

king consensus (if king correct $\Rightarrow y^* = y$)

persistence (if all honest same input $x \Rightarrow y^* = x$)

termination (y eventually received)

protocol

$((z_1, g_1), (z_2, g_2), \dots) = \text{graded_consensus}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

P_k (king) sends (z_k, g_k) to all P_j

for all P_j if $(g_j = 1)$ then $y = z_j$ else $y = z_k$ (king's value)

return y

proof king consistency

assume king is honest

for $g_j = 0$, then take king's value

for $g_j = 1$, then all honest have same value (bc graded_consensus)

hence in both cases, king's value is taken

4.8 consensus

do king's consensus $t+1$ times; giving output as input again

first honest king archives consensus (due to king consensus)

consensus is kept until the end (due to persistence)

protocol

(repeat $t+1$ times for $t+1$ different kings)

$(x_1, x_2, \dots) = \text{king_consensus}(x_1, x_2, \dots)$

4.9 impossibility for $P=3, t=1$

if honest players both input 1, must decide 1

if honest players both input 0, must decide 0

if honest players have different input, must decide on same

honest player can not differentiate situations

hence can not fulfil consistency / persistence at same time

formal proof

assume consensus protocol for $n=3, t=1$

assume three programs pi_i ($x_i \Rightarrow y_i$), used by player P_i

each program has two channels for input/output to other player

attacker corrupts some player P_i , starts programs & connects channels

makes different cases (with different required output) look like the same

$c_1 = (P_1 \text{ compromised}, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 1) \rightarrow \text{output } 1$

$c_2 = (x_1 = 0, P_2 \text{ compromised}, x_3 = 0) \rightarrow \text{output } 0$
 $c_3 = (x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, P_3 \text{ compromised}) \rightarrow \text{output } y_1 = y_2$
 for c_1 , starts p_{i_1}, p_{i_3} with both input 0
 for c_2 , starts p_{i_2}, p_{i_3} with both input 1
 for c_3 , starts p_{i_3}, p_{i_3} with input 0 and 1 respectively
 in each case, connects programs such that same layout produced

5 commitment schemes

peggy P commits to value x towards vic V
 P can open x at some point in the future

5.1 definition

P inputs x in COMMIT
 V outputs x' in OPEN

properties

binding (after commit, x is fixed)
 hiding (with commit, V does not learn x)
 "non-exploitable" information; total security not required

correctness

if vic honest, $x' \in \{x, \text{bottom}\}$
 if both honest, $x' = x$

5.2 trivial implementations

hash function h

send h(x) to V (COMMIT)
 send x to V (OPEN)
 but same value can only be committed to once
 needs random oracle heuristic for h

hash function with random r

send h(r || x) to V (COMMIT)
 send (r, x) to V (OPEN)
 but security depends on hash function

5.3 commitment schemes (non-interactive)

function $C(x, r) \rightarrow b$
 P sends $b = C(x, r)$ (the blob) to V (COMMIT)
 P sends (x,r); V checks that $b = C(x, r)$ (OPEN)

perfectly binding (Type B)

unbounded peggy cannot open $x' \neq x$
 (at least) computational hiding
 interactive proof bc result unchangeable (but hiding breakable)

perfectly hiding (Type H)

unbounded vic cannot obtain x
 (at least) computational binding
 interactive argument bc could cheat

simultaneous Type B / Type H not archivable

for Type B, only single message producible for same commit
 formally, $C(x, r) \cap C(x', r) = \text{empty}$
 for Type H, two different messages must be producible
 formally, $C(x, r) = C(x', r)$
 hence both at the same time impossible

combine schemes

like $C_B(C_H(x, r_1), r_2)$ (1) or $(C_B(x, r_1), C_H(x, r_2))$ (2)
 perfectly hiding as soon as chained (like (1))
 else computational (like due to C_B in (2))
 perfectly binding as soon as parallel (like (2))
 else computational (like due to C_H in (1))
 for computational binding (2), proof by contradiction
 assume efficient $x \neq x'$ for C_B
 hence $C_H(x, r_1) = C_H(x', r_2)$, breaks computational hiding of C_H

5.4 discrete log scheme (type B)

cyclic group H of prime order $q = |H|$
 generators g of H

COMMIT

$x \in Z_p$ (value)
 send $C(x) = (g^x)$

OPEN

send x

perfectly binding

g^x only single result

computational hiding

come up with x for g^x
 if possible value room is small, trivial to break
 like for x = age; simply brute force from 0 - 100

5.5 pedersen commitment scheme (type H)

cyclic group H of prime order $q = |H|$
 generators g and h of H
 with unknown discrete logarithm of g to h (DL_g(h))

COMMIT

$x \in Z_p$ (value)
 $r \in Z_p$ (random)
 send $C(x, r) = g^x * h^r$

OPEN

send x, r

perfectly hiding

uniformly random $r \Rightarrow$ uniformly random h^r
 hence h^r, g^r is also uniformly random

computational binding

come up with r', x' such that $h^{r'} * g^{x'}$ equals old value
 efficiently possible with known DL_g(h) ("trapdoor")

5.6 elgamal commitment scheme (type B)

cyclic group H of prime order $q = |H|$
 generators g and h of H
 with unknown discrete logarithm of g to h (DL_g(h))

COMMIT

$x \in Z_p$ (value)
 $r \in Z_p$ (random)
 send $C(x, r) = (g^r, g^x * h^r)$
 for g in second part, could use third generator with unknown DL

OPEN

send x, r

perfectly binding

g^r defines r, hence h^r also unique
 h^r defines g^x , hence x also unique

computational hiding

come up with r for g^r
 this defines h^r , which gives g^x
 come up with x for g^x
 efficiently possible with known DL_g(x) ("trapdoor")

5.7 homomorphic

$C(x, r) \text{ op } C(x', r') = C(x \text{ op } x', r \text{ op } r')$
 examples are DL, pedersons, ElGamal

implication

if commitment to a and to b known
 then results in commitment to $c = a \text{ op } b$

6 multi-party commitments

P_i commits to value x towards all parties
 either all parties accept or reject (same) value

6.1 properties

consistency (D honest \Rightarrow no rejections, some rejections \Rightarrow all rejections)
 privacy (hiding; COMMIT does not leak to attacker)
 uniqueness (binding; OPEN only with single value)

6.2 construction

given non-interactive commitment scheme C
 COMMIT with $b = C(x, r)$ & broadcast b
 OPEN with broadcast (x,r); accept x if $b = C(x, r)$

6.3 distributed commit scheme with shamirs secret sharing

use bivariate polynomial $f(x, y)$ with single degree t with secret at $f(0, 0)$
 each player gets (secret) value at some (public) point a_i

commit

D send each party projection on x coordinate and y coordinate
hence sends P_i ($h_i(x) = f(x, a_i)$, $k_i(y) = f(a_i, y)$)
[consistency checks]
each P_i compares with each P_j for consistency
 P_i sends $h_i(a_j)$ to P_j , which checks that equals to $k_j(a_i)$
if inconsistent, accuse dealer and broadcast (a_i, a_j)
dealer must broadcast $f(a_i, a_j)$
[accusations]
 P_i checks if $f(a_i, a_j) == k_i(a_j)$, P_j checks if $f(a_i, a_j) == h_j(a_i)$
if inconsistent, accuse dealer and broadcast
dealer must broadcast h_i and k_i of accusing player
players compare h_i and k_i with their own h_l, k_l
like $h_i(a_l) = k_l(a_i)$ and $k_i(a_l) = h_l(a_i)$
if inconsistent, accuse dealer and broadcast
dealer must broadcasts h_l, k_l of all accusing players
accusing players use broadcasted h_l, k_l in future calculations
[determine commit-share]
if more than t accusations in step before, then disqualify dealer
else all without accusation calculate $s_i = h_i(0)$, others $s_i = k_i(0)$
dealer outputs $g(x) = f(x, 0)$
(note this is the polynomial opened at the end)

open

dealer broadcasts coefficients of polynomial
players check if their share lays on the polynomial
accepted if at most t players accuse D
if D publishes $f' \neq f$ with same degree t but different 0 value
hence at most t places equal than f
therefore at most n - t (bc equal) - t (bc dishonest) accept, still > t

requirements

privacy fulfilled; no information published attacker not already has
only up to t published, hence still any secret compatible
correctness trivial if dealer is honest
else after accusations, polynomials pairwise compatible for honest
assume $f'(x,y)$ of degree d is determined by t+1 honest players
then also compatible with other honest player's h_i, k_i (bc of pairwise)

improvement to only 2 accusations

then dealer disqualified or no further accus. by honest parties
bc not disqualified in first round, t+1 honest players consistent
(hence polynomial of degree d already defined)
in round 2 dealer has to publish h & k of some party
must lie on unique polynomial else all honest accuse (and disqualify)

6.4 commitment transfer protocol (CTP)

transfer commitment to other party
for seen schemes, simply send the secret values

example shamir's sharing

send polynomial g to new party
all parties send secrets to new party
if $\geq n-t$ secrets lie on g, accept
else accuse using broadcast

6.5 commitment sharing protocol (CSP)

dealer is committed to some value s
want that all players are committed to some share of s

protocol

dealer chooses random coefficients and commits to them
hence all P_i now know all commitments c_i
players use homomorphism to check if $\prod c_i = c$ of s
dealer uses CTP to transfer corresponding share to P_i

6.6 commitment multiplication proof (CMP)

dealer is committed to some value a,b
want that dealer is committed to value $c = a*b$

protocol

D calculates $c = a*b$, commits to c
D executes CSP for a,b with degree t (using $f(x)$ with $f(0) = a$, $g(y)$ with $g(0) = b$)
hence P_i are committed to a_i and b_i
D executes CSP for c with degree 2t (using $h(x) = f(x) * g(x)$)
hence P_i are committed to c_i
all P_i check that $c_i = a_i * b_i$
if no player is able to open commitments to a_i, b_i and c_i
such that $a_i * b_i \neq c_i$
then protocol successful

7 multiparty computation (MPC)

enable n mutually distrusting parties
to compute function on their input
without revealing information not revealed by output

7.1 examples

real world

statistics (first intercourse, tax evading, ...)
elections / votes / auctions
millionaires problems
loans (customer at different banks but same guarantees)
zero-knowledge (ZK) proofs (isomorphic graphs)
stock market (buy/sell at some price, TTP is exchange)

secure function evaluation

send x_i to TTP
TTP computes some $f(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$
receive back securely computed y_i

limitations

even passive attackers share state
if sharing state is advantage, then without TPP impossible
for example poker as attacker state influences victims state

7.2 MPC protocol

specification with trusted third party (TTP)
translated to protocol without TTP but same security

secure

if the adversary cannot achieve anything
that he could not achieve in the specification

simulator

to prove that "not worse" than specification
create a simulator for each adversary
that if would execute same steps under specification
would get equal outcome (same result, nothing new learned)

properties

defined relative to specification
privacy (nothing additional learned)
correctness (output cannot be falsified by dishonest)
fairness (cannot abort with advantage)
means output learned at the same time by all
hence can not abort as soon as result known to prevent others from
knowing it too
robustness (protocol abortion impossible)

known thresholds

for crypto, $t < n$ for passive, $t < n/2$ for active
for theoretic, $t < n/2$ for passive, $t < n/3$ for active
or assuming broadcast, $t < n/2$ for active

7.3 compute sum of inputs

specification

P_i have input x_i
sent to x_i to TTP
TTP sums and sends y to P_i

guarantees as given by specification

honest parties never learn other's values
honest parties finish with same sum
attackers may choose input / output value

ring protocol

initiator sends random r to first party
each adds own value and forwards to next party in order
initiator receives result, subtracts r and broadcasts result
 ≥ 2 passive attacker uncover (for example, of party in between)

distributed sum

each party creates n x_{ij} random parts of own value with sum x_i
sends x_{ij} to P_j
 P_j sums up received $x_{ji} = y_j$
 P_j sends y_j to all P_i as a_j
 P_i sums up all a_j for result
 $t < n$ passive attackers supported
single active attacker can decide result (by sending last)

7.4 MPC from OT

alice, bob with own secrets a, b

public fixed function $F: A \times B \rightarrow C$
want to know output without other parties value

protocol

alice sends $[f(a, b_1), f(a, b_2), \dots]$ via 1-k-OST
bob chooses b'th value
bob sends value to a

guarantees

bob/alice learns result
bob/alice never sees each other's input

invertable function

with invertable function, bob learns a's value from result
but behaviour already possible in specification
hence does not invalidate protocol

generalization to 3 parties

send to party 2 table of evaluations
hence entry b_1 contains $f(a, b_1, c_1), f(a, b_1, c_2), \dots$
but insecure against passive attacker party 2
for example if $f(x, y, z) = 1$ iff $x=y=z$
need to use one-time pad to encrypt table entries for party 2
party 1 sends keys directly (and only) to party 1

7.5 $t < n/2$ as an upper bound (passive)

two parties A, B running probabilistic program π
calculate AND over their two bits

game

A, B have input bit a, b and random r_a, r_b (for probabilistic)
execute protocol to get transcript T depending on input (naturally)

analysis

if $b = 0$, then transcript must not contain info about a
else contradicts privacy (nothing additional must be learned)
hence output must be distributed identically as r_b
if $b = 1$, then transcript must be influenced by a's value
else contradicts correctness (result calculated from input)
hence output distributed differently for $a=0$ and $a=1$

how to get B's input from T

A counts how often exact transcript was produced
(possible bc if A sends same message, B must respond same)
for input $(a = 0, \text{any } r_a)$ and $(a = 1, \text{any } r_a)$
if for both $a=0$ and $a=1$ only negligible difference in occurrence
then b was 0 (bc no info about a in transcript)
else b was 1 (bc transcript dependent of a's input)

generalization to n

assume protocol exist supporting $t > n/2$ for $n > 2$
let task be "calculate AND", two parties with input bit, others bottom
then form two player groups M_1, M_2
let A simulate all players of M_1 , and B all of M_2
contradicts that such a protocol can exist

active MPC attack

assume protocol with shortest messages sent & alice's turn
alice can cheat by simply not sending last message
alice must still learn result (bc no more input)
but bob does not (else not shortest protocol)
generalize to protocol with varying rounds
by arguing with non-negligible success probability
cryptographic implementations can not fix attack

binary function computations

for even-number of 1's (like XOR) MPC possible
use trivial protocol (simply exchange input)
bc output of function reveals inputs anyways (specification fulfilled)
for uneven-number of 1's can reduce to AND case
hence impossible

7.6 MPC computation in steps

compute in steps (each one being add/mult or XOR/AND in binary)
every intermediate result shared under n players with secret sharing

phases

input (input is shared between the players)
computation (computation takes place, preserving invariant)
output (output-receiving player receives shares of all others)

abstraction to players

users send input to players
not necessarily $\# \text{players} = \# \text{users}$

example distributed sum 2

users split input and send x_{ij} to players
players sum and send y_i to users

computations

addition / multiplication due to linearity easy
random with each party sending random r_i
inversion by multiplying $x^{-1} (p-2)$, using square-and-multiply ($\log(p)$)
fast inversion by letting parties invert $y = x \cdot r$; then $x^{-1} = y^{-1} \cdot r$
 x iff $c=0$, else $y \Rightarrow c_{inv} = c^{-1} (p-1)$, then $z = (1 - c_{inv}) \cdot x + c_{inv} \cdot y$
zero knowledge proofs with parties agreeing on single challenge

7.7 MPC computation with additions/multiplications

first share input
then execute additions / multiplications
at the end reconstruct output
(singular notation means single party, plural many)

share input by P_i

let P_i have s
 P_i selects random r_1, r_2, \dots
 P_i computes $(s_1, s_2, \dots) = A * (s, r_1, r_2, \dots)$
 P_i sends s_i to every P_j

addition

let a, b be shared as a_1, a_2, \dots and b_1, b_2, \dots
 P_i compute $c_i = a_i + b_i$
privacy (bc no communication)
correctness (due to linearity of operator like addition)

linear function

same as addition; simply replace addition by function

multiplication (naive approach)

let a, b be shared as a_1, a_2, \dots and b_1, b_2, \dots
 P_i compute $d_i = a_i \cdot b_i$
degree of polynomial now at $2t$ ($2t \leq n$, hence reconstruction still possible)
but repeated multiplication not possible
but polynomial is reducable (contradicts privacy)

multiplication

let a, b be shared as a_1, a_2, \dots and b_1, b_2, \dots
 P_i compute $d_i = a_i \cdot b_i$
 P_i share d_i with all other players using shamir sharing
hence receive (d_{1j}, d_{2j}, \dots) from others
 P_j calculate $c_j = \sum w_i \cdot d_{ij}$
for w is weight according to lagrange
hence $w_i = \prod_{k \neq i} a_k / (a_k - a_i)$ for all $k \neq i$
new shares c_j on random poly with degree $\leq t$

reconstruct output P_j

let a be shared as a_1, a_2, \dots
 P_i send a_i to P_j
 P_j computes $a = L(a_1, a_2, \dots)$

correctness

verify for each operation privacy & correctness
argue with no communication or underlying used protocol
share OK, bc new randoms are generated
addition OK, bc no communication
multiplication privacy bc either no communication / already known
multiplication correctness bc polynomial has degree $2t < n-t$
reconstruction OK, bc only reconstructors get any message

7.8 MPC computation with additions/multiplications corruption

for $t < n/2$ attackers
when broadcast is needed, only $t < n/3$ attackers
must use broadcast for accusations
(0) publish secret information (passive corruption)
(1) + send additional messages
(2) + withhold messages
(3) + send wrong messages

7.8.1 protect against (0)

OK, because any t players can not reconstruct output
same than previous assumption as passive attackers already share state

7.8.2 protect against (1)

honest parties ignore messages not specified in the protocol
corrupted parties knew messages anyways (bc of shared state)
hence no advantage

7.8.3 protect against (2)

[share input] P_i does not send s_j to all P_j

P_j broadcasts accusation

upon which P_i broadcasts its secret

if P_j corrupted, will receive broadcast

OK bc attacker knew secret already through corrupted party

if P_i corrupted & withholds, can choose any value (like 0)

OK bc others do the same

[multiplication] P_i does not share d_i

P_j broadcasts accusation

upon which P_i broadcasts its secret

if P_j corrupted, will receive broadcast

OK bc attacker knew secret already through corrupted party

if P_i corrupted, problem bc share is needed for algorithm

(1) repeat without dealer (but slow)

(2) reconstruct dealer share with any $t+1$ honest parties

(3) (2) + eliminate dealer; broadcast messages to eliminated players

(3) eliminate dealer, reshuffle results with $t-1$ assumed attackers

[reconstruct output] P_i receives not enough shares

up to t will not send, but can reconstruct polynomials

because $n-t$ received is enough

7.8.4 protect against (3)

detect wrong messages and treat them like missing values

for detection, force participants to commit values

commitment types

on value send, include commitment in transfer

on value broadcast, sender must open commitment to all players

on value computation, commit to result & prove correctness (e.g. with ZK proofs)

in practice, always broadcast commitment

else could simply send different commitments to different players

required commit properties

(1) commit to single value

(2) open commitment to some other player

(3) transfer commitment to other player

(4) combine two commitments into one, adding values

(5) combine two commitments into one, multiplying values

analysis

(1) and (2) part of any commitment scheme

(4) need commitment scheme which is homomorph

(3) use commitment transfer protocol (CTP)

usually just send commitment & trapdoor to receiver

(5) use commitment multiplication protocol (CMP)

"need homomorph commitment scheme with CTP & CMP and broadcast"

protocol construction

[sharing input] make all players commit, use CTP to transfer

[adding / applying linear function] use homomorphic property

[multiplying] use CMP for mult, homomorphic for (linear) lagrange computation

[reconstruct output] players open commitment to receiver

security level

variate commitment scheme according to security level

for computational, use cryptographic like Pedersen or ElGamal

for theoretical, use distributed commitment schemes

computational implementation

as homomorph commitment use discrete log, pederson, elgamal

CTP trivial for all three; simply transfer secrets

CMP using ZK proofs (constructed depending on scheme)

for n verifiers, execute ZK proofs n times

or let verifiers construct single challenge to simulate single verifier

let each verifier choose & commit to c_i , use CTP, then $c = L(c_i)$

theoretical implementation

use distributed commit protocol

holds for $t < n/3$, for assumed broadcast even $t < n/2$

same holds for MPC (by construction)

8 blockchain

8.1 bank

bank keeps track of all balances

users request transactions (source, target, amount)

bank executes valid transactions

transactions on ledger

ledger where anybody can append/read entries

but no one can modify/delete entries

initialized with initial balances

balances derived from initials & transactions

but no privacy (only pseudo anonymity)

consistency because all users agree on state

sign transactions

account number is public key

transactions must be signed

but can still replay, link transactions

add nonces

add nonce field to transaction

use nonce=counter to check uniqueness easy

correctness because signature & no replay

transaction validity check

amount nonnegative & available at sender

signature signed under public key sender

target account valid

bit-string not executed before

escrow account

require k signatures for account by n parties

A transfers fund to shared account ($k=2, n=3$)

B does real-world transaction

when A & B agree, both sign and transfer fund to B

if not, judge J uses its signature to break to for A or B

8.2 trusted third party (TTP)

each user sends new entries to TTP

TTP appends to ledger and distributes new ledger

introduce blocks

TTP collects multiple valid transactions in blocks

adds hash of previous valid block

block valid check

syntactically correct

hash of previous valid block

transactions included all valid

distribute trust with MPC

parties simulate the ledger together

but only fixed & small number of participants possible

but needs synchronous communication

distribute trust without MPC

users send new entries to all parties

parties maintain local pool of unposted transactions

(hence liveness with at least one honest party)

king is chosen which forms & broadcasts new block

parties store received block & forward to users

(hence consistency for parties for $t < n/3$)

user chooses block received most often

(hence consistency for users for majority honest)

must only accept valid blocks

decouple users

improve performance protocol with less messages

user sends new entries only to some parties

(for liveness at least one honest party needed)

user requests blocks from some parties

(for consistency, majority must be honest)

8.3 permissionless

anyone is able to participate in network (eg create blocks)

alternative called "permissioned"

setting

multicast channel realised as peer-to-peer network

honest messages received by everyone

spam problem

assuming identity / sending messages cheap, hence attack easy

receiver-filtering has high cost & false positives

hence use proof-of-work of sender

partial hash inversion proof of work

given msg, find $H(\text{msg} || \text{nonce})$ for any nonce

such that results starts with D zeros

needs an average of 2^D guesses (hard)

verification is one hash query (easy)

8.4 block lottery

players hold copy of ledger locally
try to guess correct nonce to publish next block

block

consist of message, nonce, previous block hash
players try to guess nonce to append new block

validity

correctly formatted
only valid transactions contained
hash of last valid block contained
hash value with at least D 0s

signatures

to avoid players having to hold ledger locally
players request at most $t+1$ parties (bc could withhold)
then only need to verify $t+1$ signatures (bc more than attackers)

8.5 bitcoin protocol

users multicast their entries, parties collect
parties try to extend longest chain with fitting nonce
winner party multicasts block with new entries
parties/users append local ledges with valid new blocks

observations

difficulty D and total available power determine production
if multiple winners then block tree is created
these branches prevent instant confirmation

setting difficulty

low allows fast reproduction (but many branches)
high has few reproduction (but slow)
winner should know previous block
measure reproduction rate & adjust D automatically
bitcoin targets 10min per block

entry confirmation

probabilistic consensus; agree when rollbacks unlikely
hence confirm if entry k blocks deep on longest chain

problems

specialized hardware/centralization skews the lottery
scaling does not improve performance
consumes more energy than switzerland

8.6 reorganisation attack

active adversary with limited computation power
adversary published block b with entry e
creates second branch, starting before entry e
adversary waits until receives compensation for entry
then publishes longer second branch
hence entry e is no longer part of chain

observations

attacker needs to build chain faster than rest of network
hence needs majority of computing power
make attack harder by choosing large confirmation k

8.7 proof of stake

use money as limited resource
select blocks proportional to wealth
prevents sibyl attacks (more identities not helpful)

lottery approach

lottery winner proposes block
lottery tickets proportional to stake

byzantine fault tolerance

king replaced by winner of BFT
broadcast simulated by committee
committee chosen by lottery

randomness source

need to generate randomness to draw from lottery
use some form of MPC
but expensive & unclear how to choose participating parties
use verifiable random functions (VRF)
compute $VRF(king_{me}, random)$ and publish result with proof
others can verify proof with public key system

initial

needs initial stake distribution

or start with proof of work, then switch later

8.8 actual ledgers protocols

bitcoin with PoW, $t < n/2$
ethereum like bitcoin + smart contracts
cardano PoS bitcoin-like, $t < n/2$
algorand PoS BFT, $t < n/3$; no branching possible

8.9 construct bank

minting

miners need incentive to invest energy
creator of block gets block reward
could restrict total number of possible coins
bitcoins halves over time, fixes at 21 million

transaction fees

users could overwhelm the system with transactions
each transaction pays fee from sender to block creator
higher fee transactions processed first
in bitcoin, fees will replace minting

smart contracts

conditional transactions or other contracts
allows for investments, insurance, games
expressed as code, hence unambiguous execution
chain contract execution states like transactions
but publicly visible, bugs unfixable

mining pools

together with other parties work on same nonce
trusted party then commits solution to network
distributes reward proportionate to participating parties
estimate proportion by letting parties solve smaller challenges

8.10 privacy

ledger is public; transactions reveal amounts, accounts

hide balances

can encrypt balances/transactions with public key scheme
sent_amount under pk receiver
updated_amount under encryption sender
zero-knowledge proof checks validity

anonymous transactions

hide sender & receiver of transactions
needs many zero-knowledge proofs

real world

privacy level often unclear
monero had bug allowing to link transactions
zcash has opt-in & small anonymity set