

Structure-Preserving Signatures on Equivalence Classes (SPS-EQ)

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Types:

- Type-1: $\mathbb{G}_1 = \mathbb{G}_2$
- Type-2: $\mathbb{G}_1 \neq \mathbb{G}_2$ but there exists an efficiently computable homomorphism $\phi : \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_1$
- Type-3: No restrictions on \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 (**Used in this work**)

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Lets define a relation \mathcal{R} on $(\mathbb{G}_1^*)^\ell$ as follows:

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(M, M') \mid (M, M') \in (\mathbb{G}_1^*)^{2 \cdot \ell} \text{ and } \exists \mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \text{ s.t. } M' = \mu \cdot M\}$$

Proposition: \mathcal{R} is an equivalence relation $\leftrightarrow |\mathbb{G}_1| = p$ prime.

Proof:

- \Rightarrow For transitivity we require if $A \mathcal{R} B$ and $B \mathcal{R} C$ then $A \mathcal{R} C$. Thus, $B = \nu \cdot C$ and $A = \mu \cdot B = (\mu \cdot \nu) \cdot C$. Thus, $\mu \cdot \nu \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ for arbitrary $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$. This means there are no zero divisors in \mathbb{Z}_n^* implying n is prime.
- \Leftarrow Reflexivity: For any $M \in (\mathbb{G}_1^*)^\ell$, we have $M = 1 \cdot M$, so $M \mathcal{R} M$.
Symmetry: If $M \mathcal{R} M'$, then $M' = \mu \cdot M$ for some $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. Since $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, μ^{-1} exists, giving $M = \mu^{-1} \cdot M'$, thus $M' \mathcal{R} M$.
Transitivity: If $M \mathcal{R} M'$ and $M' \mathcal{R} M''$, then $M' = \mu \cdot M$ and $M'' = \nu \cdot M'$ for some $\mu, \nu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. Thus $M'' = \nu \cdot (\mu \cdot M) = (\nu\mu) \cdot M$. Since \mathbb{Z}_p^* has no zero divisors, $\nu\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$, so $M \mathcal{R} M''$.

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Definition 4 (Signature Adaptation): Let $\ell > 1$. An SPS-EQ scheme on $(\mathbb{G}_i^*)^\ell$ perfectly adapts signatures if for all tuples $(sk, pk, \vec{M}, \sigma, \mu)$ with:

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the distributions of $\text{ChgRep}_{\mathcal{R}}(\vec{M}, \sigma, \mu, pk)$ and $\text{Sign}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mu \cdot \vec{M}, sk)$ are identical.

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Definition 5 (Signature Adaptation under Malicious Keys): Let $\ell > 1$. An SPS-EQ scheme on $(\mathbb{G}_i^*)^\ell$ perfectly adapts signatures under malicious keys if for all tuples $(pk, \vec{M}, \sigma, \mu)$ with:

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Intuition:

- (x_1, \dots, x_ℓ) are the discrete logs of (X_1, \dots, X_ℓ) with respect to \hat{P}
- By DLOG assumption, it is infeasible to compute (x_1, \dots, x_ℓ) from (X_1, \dots, X_ℓ)
- Each X_i is a public commitment to the corresponding secret value x_i

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Implementation in Python

- Implemented the SPS-EQ scheme using `py_ecc` library for elliptic curve operations
- Use the bn128 ($y^2 = x^3 + 3$) elliptic curve for the scheme where \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 are of prime order p
- \mathbb{G}_1 is over base field \mathbb{F}_p and \mathbb{G}_2 is over extension field \mathbb{F}_{p^2} . \mathbb{G}_T is a subgroup of $\mathbb{F}_{p^{12}}$
- Operations in \mathbb{G}_1 are faster, hence why messages are in \mathbb{G}_1
- Implementation below is a watered down version for presentation's sake.

Key Functions in Python (1/2)

```
# multiply, add are elliptic curve operations
# curve_order is the order of the elliptic curve. For bn128, its prime and same for G1, G2.
# pairing is the elliptic curve pairing, e(., .).
# For some reason, py_ecc defines pairings as e(Q,P) where Q is in G2 and P is in G1.
from py_ecc.bn128 import G1 as P, G2 as P_hat, multiply, add, curve_order as p, pairing as e
import random

def inner_product(vec_a, vec_b):
    zero = P.zero()
    for i in range(len(vec_a)):
        zero = add(zero, multiply(vec_a[i], vec_b[i]))
    return zero

def keygen(l):
    sk = [random.randint(1, p - 1) for _ in range(l)]
    pk = [multiply(P_hat, sk[i]) for i in range(l)]
    return sk, pk

def sign(M, sk):
    y = random.randint(1, p - 1) # Random element in Z_p*
    Z = multiply(inner_product(M, sk), y)
    Y = multiply(P, pow(y, -1, p))
    Y_hat = multiply(P_hat, pow(y, -1, p))

    return (Z, Y, Y_hat)
```

Key Functions in Python (2/2)

```
# FQ12 is the target group G_T for bn128
from py_ecc.bn128 import FQ12
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def verify(M, sig, pk):
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    Z, Y, Y_hat = sig
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    # Check 1
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    e_1 = FQ12.one()
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    for i in range(len(M)):
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        e_1 = e_1 * pairing(M[i], pk[i])
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    e_2 = pairing(Z, Y_hat)
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    if e_1 != e_2:
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        return 0
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    # Check 2
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    e_3 = pairing(Y, P_hat)
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    e_4 = pairing(P, Y_hat)
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    return 1 if e_3 == e_4 else 0
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def chgRep(M, sigma, mu, pk):
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    Z, Y, Y_hat = sigma
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    psi = random.randint(1, curve_order - 1) # Randomization factor
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    scalar = (psi * mu) % curve_order
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    return (
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```
        multiply(Z, scalar),
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        multiply(Y, pow(psi, -1, curve_order)),
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        multiply(Y_hat, pow(psi, -1, curve_order))
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    )
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py_ecc: Elliptic curve crypto in Python

https://github.com/ethereum/py_ecc