

Fundamentals of Cryptography Homework 8

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Problem 1

Part A

The proof system should work like this:

- The verifier takes input (a, b, c) while the prover takes both (a, b, c) and the witness (x, y) .
- The prover randomly picks r from \mathbb{Z}_p and sends $u = g^r, v = a^r$ to the verifier.
- The verifier randomly picks e from \mathbb{Z}_p and sends it to the prover.
- The prover calculates $d = e \cdot y + r \bmod p$ and sends it back to the verifier.
- The verifier checks whether $g^d = b^e \cdot u$ and $a^d = c^e \cdot v$, and outputs **accept** iff both correct.

Completeness

For all $(a, b, c) \in L$, u, v can be set correctly, so both $g^d = g^{ey+r} = b^e \cdot g^r$ and $a^d = g^{xd} = g^{exy+xr} = c^e \cdot v$ should hold, which means this proof system achieves perfect completeness.

Soundness

For all $(a, b, c) \notin L$, $a = g^x, b = g^y, c = g^z$, where $c \neq xy \bmod p$.

let us say the prover sends $u = g^\alpha$ and $v = g^\beta$ to the verifier in the first round, and integer d in the third round after receiving e from the verifier in the second round. Then the verifier will accept (a, b, c) iff

$$\begin{cases} d = e \cdot y + \alpha \\ x \cdot d = e \cdot z + \beta \end{cases}$$

which means

$$e = \frac{x\alpha - \beta}{z - xy}$$

Thus, with probability $1/p$ the verifier will choose such e , and in this case the cheating prover can fool the verifier. Otherwise there is no solution to the above equation, and thus the verifier won't be fooled.

Zero Knowledge

A PPT simulator S can be used to simulate the interaction between verifier and prover, and outputs the view of verifier which distributed exactly the same as the verifier's in the ideal world.

S samples e and d uniformly random from \mathbb{Z}_p , and sets $u = g^d/b^e, v = a^d/c^e$.

Notice that in both real world and ideal world, the distribution of d is always the uniform distribution over \mathbb{Z}_p , which suggests that the distribution of view is identical, and thus zero knowledge.

Part B

- The verifier takes input (a, b, c) while the prover takes both (a, b, c) and the witness (x, y) .
- The prover randomly picks r from \mathbb{Z}_p and sends $u = g^r, v = a^r$ to the verifier.
- The verifier randomly picks b from $\{0, 1\}$ and sends it to the prover.
- If $b = 0$, the prover proves $u = g^r, v = a^r$ by sending r to the verifier, and if $b = 1$, proves $b = u^{y/r}, c = v^{y/r}$ by sending y/r .

Soundness

If for some (a, b, c) the verifier outputs **accept** with probability greater than $1/2$, there must be some $r, z \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $(g^r)^z = b, (a^r)^z = c$, which suggests that (a, b, c) is a DDH tuple.

Zero Knowledge

A simulator S first randomly picks $b' \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $e \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. It sends $u = g^e, v = a^e$ to any PPT (malicious) adversary V^* if $b' = 0$, and $u = b^{1/e}, v = c^{1/e}$ if $b' = 1$.

V^* will output a challenge bit b . If $b = b'$, simulator S can go ahead by sending V^* the proof: e , which suggests $u = g^e, v = a^e$ when $b = 0$, and $b = u^e, c = v^e$ when $b = 1$. If $b \neq b'$, S restarts and repeats.

Obviously S works in expected poly-time, and since the distribution of r and y/r in the original protocol are both the uniform distribution over \mathbb{Z}_p , the view of S is identical with its counterpart the ideal world.

Problem 2

Part A

Parallely, and independently run the proof system for k times, and outputs **accept** iff each run is **accept**.

Repetition reserves perfect completeness. Notice that the result of all runs are i.i.d., the soundness error is $(1/2)^k$.

The simulator for the former protocol can be used k times independently and gives the identical distribution of view, and thus honest-verifier zero-knowledge is guaranteed.

Part B

We want to find a simulator S such that for all $x \in L$, the view output by $S(x)$, $(\text{msg}_1, \text{msg}_2, \text{msg}_3)$, has $\text{msg}_2 = 0$ w.p. $1/2$, and $\text{msg}_2 = 1$ w.p. $1/2$, independently with msg_1 . If such S is found, we can construct another simulator S' which works like this:

1. $S'(x)$ calls $S(x)$ for k times independently
it gets the view $(\text{msg}_1^1, \dots, \text{msg}_1^k, \text{msg}_2^1, \dots, \text{msg}_2^k, \text{msg}_3^1, \dots, \text{msg}_3^k)$
2. for **any** malicious verifier V^* , S' calls $V^*(\text{msg}_1^1, \dots, \text{msg}_1^k) \rightarrow (\overline{\text{msg}_2^1}, \dots, \overline{\text{msg}_2^k})$
3. if $(\overline{\text{msg}_2^1}, \dots, \overline{\text{msg}_2^k}) \neq (\text{msg}_2^1, \dots, \text{msg}_2^k)$, S' restarts
4. otherwise S' outputs $(\text{msg}_1^1, \dots, \text{msg}_1^k, \text{msg}_2^1, \dots, \text{msg}_2^k, \text{msg}_3^1, \dots, \text{msg}_3^k)$ as its view

It can be shown that step 3 succeeds w.p. exactly $1/2^k$. Since k is a constant, S^* runs in polytime.

Notice that the original proof system is malicious verifier zero knowledge, which means **for any** (malicious) verifier V , there is a simulator S_V , who interacts with V and outputs the identical view. We can set V as the verifier who always choose the challenge msg_2 uniformly, and independently with msg_1 . Then we can obtain the S we want.