

MPRI 2.30: Proofs of Security Protocols

1. The CCSA Approach to Computational Security

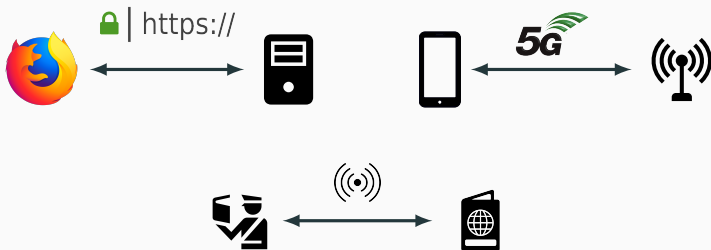
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Introduction

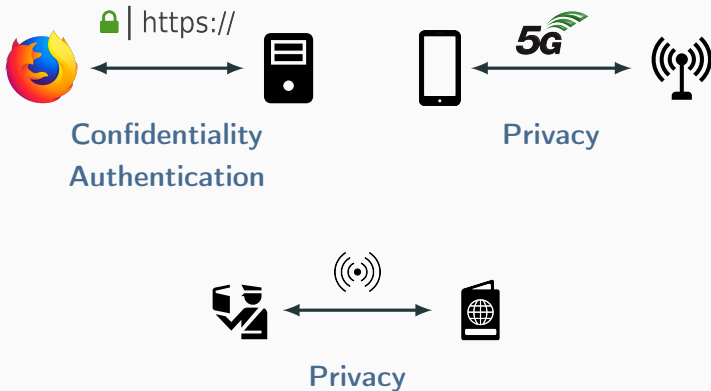
Security Protocols

- Distributed programs which aim at providing some security properties.
- Uses cryptographic primitives: e.g. encryption.



Context: Security Properties

There is a large variety of security properties.



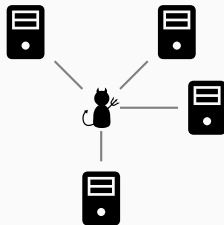
Context: Attacker Model

Against whom should these properties hold?

- **concretely**, in the **real world**: malicious individuals, corporations, state agencies, ...
- more **abstractly**, one (or many) computers sitting on the network.

Abstract attacker model

- **Network capabilities**: worst-case scenario: *eavesdrop, block and forge* messages.
- **Computational capabilities**: the adversary's *computational power*.
- **Side-channels capabilities**: observing the agents (e.g. time, power-consumption)
⇒ not in this lecture.



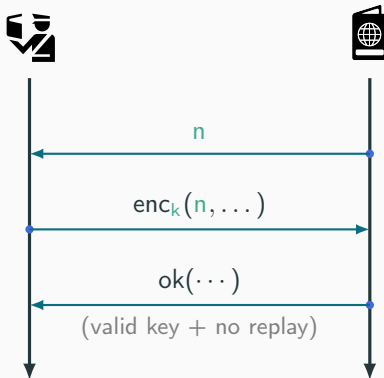
BAC Protocol (simplified)

The Basic Access Control protocol in
e-passports:

- uses an RFID tag.
- guard access to information stored.
- should guarantee **data confidentiality** and **user privacy**.

Some security mechanisms:

- **integrity**: obtaining key k requires **physical access**.
- **no replay**: random nonce n , old messages cannot be re-used.



BAC Protocol (simplified)

Privacy: Unlinkability

No adversary can know whether it interacted with a particular user, **in any context**.

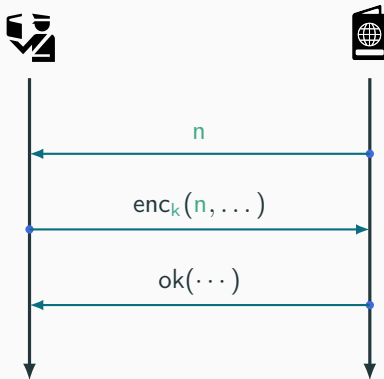
Example. For two user sessions:

$$\text{att} \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: User]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: User]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array} \right) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: Server]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: Server]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array} ? \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: Server]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} \text{[Icon: Server]} \\ \text{[Icon: Server]} \end{array} ? \end{array} \right.$$

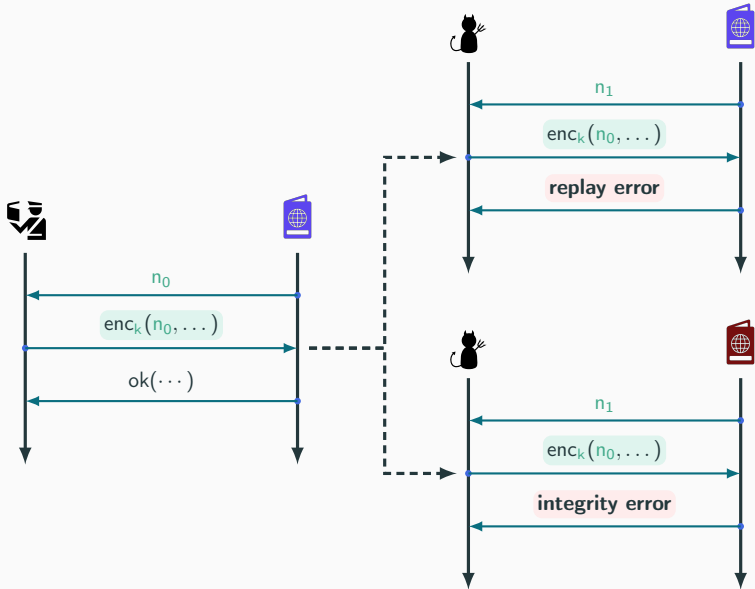
French version of BAC:

- \neq **error messages** for replay and integrity checks.

\Rightarrow **unlinkability attack.**



BAC Protocol: Privacy Attack



BAC Protocol: Lessons

Take-away lessons:

- This is a **protocol-level attack**: no issue with cryptography:
⇒ cryptographic primitives are but an **ingredient**.
- **Innocuous-looking changes** can **break** security:
⇒ designing security protocols is **hard**.

How to get a **strong confidence** in a protocol's **security guarantees**?

High-Confidence Security Guarantees

Verification

Formal mathematical proof of security protocols:



- Must be **sound**: proof \Rightarrow property always holds.
- Usually **undecidable**: approaches either **incomplete** or **interactive**.
- **Machine-checked proofs** yield a high degree of confidence.
 - ▶ **general-purpose** tools (e.g. **Coq** and **Lean**).
 - ▶ in security protocol analysis, mostly **dedicated** tools.
E.g. **CryptoVerif**, **EasyCrypt**, **SQUIRREL**.

Computer-aided Verification of Cryptographic Protocols

Goal

Design **formal frameworks** allowing for **mechanized verification** of **cryptographic protocols**.

- At the intersection of **cryptography** and **verification**.
- Particular verification challenges:
 - ▶ small or medium-sized programs
 - ▶ complex properties
 - ▶ probabilistic programs + arbitrary adversary

The CCSA Approach to Cryptographic Protocol Verification

The Computationally Complete Symbolic Attacker (**CCSA**) [1] is a framework in the **computational model** for the **verification** of cryptographic protocols.

Key ingredients

- Protocol executions models as **terms**.
- A **probabilistic logic**.
 - ⇒ interpret terms as PTIME-computable bitstring distributions.
- Translate **cryptographic hardness assumptions** as **logical rules**.
- **Reasoning rules** capturing **cryptographic arguments**.
- **Abstract approach**: no probabilities, no security parameter.

Protocols as Sequences of Terms

Example of a Protocol

To illustrate what terms we need to consider, we consider a simple authentication protocol:

The Private Authentication (PA) Protocol, v1

1 : $A \rightarrow B : \nu n_A. \text{out}(c_A, \{\langle pk_A, n_A \rangle\}_{pk_B})$
2 : $B \rightarrow A : \nu n_B. \text{in}(c_A, x). \text{out}(c_B, \{\langle \pi_2(\text{dec}(x, sk_A)), n_B \rangle\}_{pk_A})$

where $pk_A \equiv pk(k_A)$ and $pk_B \equiv pk(k_B)$.

*Notation: we use \equiv to denote **syntactic** equality of terms.*

Terms

We use **terms** to model *protocol messages*, built upon a set of **symbols** \mathcal{S} which includes:

- Names \mathcal{N} , e.g. n_A, n_B , for random samplings.
- Function symbols \mathcal{F} , e.g.:

$A, B, \langle _, _ \rangle, \pi_1(_), \pi_2(_), \{ _ \}__, \text{pk}(_), \text{sk}(_),$
 $\text{if_then_else_}, _ \doteq _, _ \dot{\wedge} _, _ \dot{\vee} _, _ \dot{\rightarrow} _$

Examples

$\text{pk}(k_A)$

$\{\langle \text{pk}_A, n_A \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_B}$

$\pi_1(n_A)$

But this is not enough to **translate** a protocol **execution** into a **sequence of terms**. We also need to:

- model **inputs** of the protocol as **terms**.
- account for protocol **branching** (i.e. if ϕ then P_1 else P_2).

Moreover, we **forbid unbounded replication** !, since we want to build **finite** sequences of terms.

We will discuss how to retrieve replication later.

Protocols as Sequences of Terms

Protocol Inputs

The PA Protocol, v1

$$\begin{aligned} 1 : A \rightarrow B : \nu n_A. \quad & \text{out}(c_A, \{\langle pk_A, n_A \rangle\}_{pk_B}) \\ 2 : B \rightarrow A : \nu n_B. \text{in}(c_A, x). \quad & \text{out}(c_B, \{\langle \pi_2(\text{dec}(\boxed{x}, sk_A)), n_B \rangle\}_{pk_A}) \end{aligned}$$

How do we represent the adversary's inputs?

- We use **adversarial** functions symbols $\mathbf{att} \in \mathcal{G}$, which takes as input the current knowledge of the adversary.
- Intuitively, \mathbf{att} can be any probabilistic PTIME computation.

Example: Terms for PA, v1

$$\begin{aligned} t_1 &\equiv \{\langle pk_A, n_A \rangle\}_{pk_B} \\ t_2 &\equiv \{\langle \pi_2(\text{dec}(\boxed{\mathbf{att}(t_1)}, sk_A)), n_B \rangle\}_{pk_A} \end{aligned}$$

Inputs

More generally, if:

- there has already been n **outputs**, represented by the terms t_1, \dots, t_n ;
- and we are doing the j -th **input** since the protocol started;

then the **input bitstring** is **represented** by:

$$\mathbf{att}_j(t_1, \dots, t_n)$$

where $\mathbf{att}_j \in \mathcal{G}$ is an **adversarial** function symbol of arity n .

💡 j allows to have different values for consecutive inputs.

Thus we extend our set of **term symbols** $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{N} \uplus \mathcal{X} \uplus \mathcal{F} \uplus \mathcal{G}$:

- Names \mathcal{N} .
- Variables \mathcal{X} .
- Function symbols \mathcal{F} .
- Adversarial function symbols \mathcal{G} , of any arity.

We note $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{S})$ the set of well-typed (see next slide) terms over symbols \mathcal{S} .

We will see the use of variables in \mathcal{X} later.

Terms: Types

Types

Each symbol $s \in \mathcal{S}$ comes with a type $\text{type}(s)$ of the form:

$$(\tau_b^1 \star \cdots \star \tau_b^n) \rightarrow \tau_b \quad \text{or} \quad \tau_b$$

where $\tau_b^1, \dots, \tau_b^n, \tau_b$ are all **base types** in \mathbb{B} .

- We ask that \mathbb{B} contains at least the **message** and **bool** types.
- We restrict **names** to type **message**:

$$\forall n \in \mathcal{N}, \text{type}(n) = \text{message}$$

- We restrict *variables* to base types, i.e.:

$$\forall x \in \mathcal{X}, \text{type}(x) \in \mathbb{B}.$$

- We require that terms are well-typed and of a base type:

$$\vdash t : \tau_b \quad \text{where } \tau_b \in \mathbb{B}.$$

Protocols as Sequences of Terms

Protocol Branching

Protocol Branching

In our first version of PA, **B** does not check that its comes from **A**. We propose a second version fixing this:

The PA Protocol, v2

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1 : A → B :  $\nu n_A$ .          out( $c_A, \{\langle pk_A, n_A \rangle\}_{pk_B}$ )  
2 : B → A :  $\nu n_B$ . in( $c_A, x$ ). if  $\pi_1(d) \doteq pk_A$   
                                then out( $c_B, \{\langle \pi_2(d), n_B \rangle\}_{pk_A}$ )  
                                else out( $c_B, \{0\}_{pk_A}$ )
```

where $d \equiv \text{dec}(x, sk_A)$.

💡 *In the else branch, we return an encryption, to hide to the adversary which branch was taken.*

Protocol Branching

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2 : $B \rightarrow A : \nu n_B.$ $\text{in}(c_A, x).$ if $\pi_1(d) \doteq pk_A$
 then $\text{out}(c_B, \{\langle \pi_2(d), n_B \rangle\}_{pk_A})$
 else $\text{out}(c_B, \{0\}_{pk_A})$

The **bitstring outputted** in the second message of the protocol **depends** on which **branch** was taken.

Moreover, the adversary may **not know which branch** was taken.

⇒ **branching** is **pushed** (or **folded**) in the outputted terms, using the `if_then_else_` function symbol.

Example: Terms for PA, v2

$$t_1 \equiv \{\langle \text{pk}_A, n_A \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_B}$$

$$t_2 \equiv \text{if } \pi_1(d_1) \doteq \text{pk}_A \\ \text{then } \{\langle \pi_2(d_1), n_B \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_A} \\ \text{else } \{0\}_{\text{pk}_A}$$

where $d_1 \equiv \text{dec}(\text{att}(t_1), \text{sk}_A)$.

Folding

We describe a **systematic method** to compute, given a **process** P and a **trace** tr of **observable actions**, the **terms** representing the **outputted messages** during the execution of P over tr .

This is the **folding** of P over tr .

We deal with **inputs** and protocol **branching** using the two techniques we just saw.

Non-Determinism and Computational Semantics

First, we require that **processes** are **deterministic**.

Indeed, consider a simple process:

$$P = \mathbf{out}(c, t_0) \mid \mathbf{out}(c, t_1)$$

- in a **symbolic** setting, this is a **non-deterministic** choice between t_0 and t_1 .
- in a **computational** setting, the semantics of P is unclear: how do **non-determinism** and **probabilities** interacts?

Hence, we choose to **forbid** such process: we only consider **action-deterministic** processes.

Action-Deterministic Processes

A process P is **action-deterministic** if the *observable* executions, starting from P , is described by a deterministic transition system.

Action-deterministic Process

A configuration A is action-deterministic iff for any $A \rightarrow^* A'$, for any observable action α , if $A' \xrightarrow{\alpha} A_1$ and $A' \xrightarrow{\alpha} A_2$ then $A_1 = A_2$, for any term interpretation domain.

P is action-deterministic if the initial configuration $(P, \emptyset, \emptyset)$ is.

Exercise

Determine if the following protocols are **action-deterministic**.

$\text{out}(c, t_1) \mid \text{in}(c, x). \text{out}(c, t_2)$

if b then $\text{out}(c, t_1)$ else $\text{in}(c, x). \text{out}(c, t_2)$

$\text{out}(c, t_1) \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } \text{out}(c, t_2) \text{ else } \text{out}(c_0, t_3)$

Folding

Folding Algorithm

Folding configuration

A **folding configuration** is a tuple $(\Phi; \sigma; j; \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l)$ where:

- Φ is a sequence of terms (in $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{S})$).
- σ is a finite sequence of mappings $(x \mapsto t)$ where t is a term.
- $j \in \mathbb{N}$.
- for every i , $\Pi_i = (P_i, b_i)$ where P_i is a protocol and b_i is a boolean term.

Folding Configuration: Intuition

In a **folding configuration** $(\Phi; \sigma; j; \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l)$:

- Φ is the **frame**, i.e. the sequence of terms outputted since the execution started.
- σ **records inputs**, it maps input variable to their corresponding term.
- j **counts the number of inputs** since the execution started.
- (P, b) **represent the protocol** P if b is true (and is **null** otherwise).
Using this interpretation, Π_1, \dots, Π_l is the **current process**.

Initial configuration: $(\epsilon; \emptyset; 0; (P, \top))$

Folding: New and Branching Rules

Rule for protocol branching:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (\text{if } b \text{ then } P_1 \text{ else } P_2, b'), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \\ \hookrightarrow & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (P_1, b' \wedge b), (P_2, b' \wedge \neg b), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \end{aligned}$$

Rule for new:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (\nu \mathbf{n}, P, b), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \\ \hookrightarrow & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (P[\mathbf{n} \mapsto \mathbf{n}_f], b), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \end{aligned}$$

if \mathbf{n}_f does not appear in the lhs configuration

\hookrightarrow -irreducibility

A folding configuration K is \hookrightarrow -irreducible if for any K' , we have $K \not\hookrightarrow K'$.

Folding: Input Rule

Rule for inputs:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (\mathbf{in}(c, x).P_1, b_1), \dots, (\mathbf{in}(c, x).P_n, b_n), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \\ \xrightarrow{\mathbf{in}(c)} & (\Phi; \sigma[x \mapsto \mathbf{att}_j(\Phi)]; j+1; (P_1, b_1), \dots, (P_n, b_n), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \end{aligned}$$

if $x \notin \text{dom}(\sigma)$, the lhs folding configuration is \hookrightarrow -irreducible and if for every i , Π_1 does not start by an input on c .

Alternative

If the **computational semantics** of processes tell the adversary if an **input succeeded or not**, we replace Φ (in the rhs) by:

$$\Phi, \bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} b_i$$

Folding: Output Rule

Rule for outputs:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\Phi; \sigma; j; (\mathbf{out}(c, t_1).P_1, b_1), \dots, (\mathbf{out}(c, t_n).P_n, b_n), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \\ & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{out}(c)} (\Phi, t\sigma; \sigma; j; (P_1, b_1), \dots, (P_n, b_n), \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_l) \end{aligned}$$

if the lhs folding configuration is \hookrightarrow -irreducible and if for every i , Π_i does not start by an output on c and:

$$t \equiv \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } \dots \text{if } b_n \text{ then } t_n \text{ else error}$$

💡 *The input and output rules make sense because we restrict ourselves to action-deterministic processes.*

Remark: we omit the error message when $(\dot{\bigvee}_{1 \leq i \leq n} b_i) \Leftrightarrow \text{true}$.

A **folding observable action** a is either $\text{in}(c)$ or $\text{out}(c)$.

Given an **action-deterministic** process P and a trace tr of **folding observable**, if:

$$(\epsilon; \emptyset; 0; (P, \top)) \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} (\Phi; _; _; _)$$

then Φ is the **folding** of P over tr , denoted $\text{fold}(P, \text{tr})$.

Folding: Exercises

Exercise

What are all the **possible foldings** of the following protocols?

$\text{in}(c, x). \text{out}(c, t) \qquad \text{out}(c, t_1) \mid \text{in}(c_0, x). \text{out}(c_0, t_2)$

if b then $\text{out}(c, t_1)$ else $\text{out}(c, t_2)$

if b then $\text{out}(c_1, t_1)$ else $\text{out}(c_2, t_2)$

Exercise

Extend the **folding** algorithm with a rule allowing to handle processes with let bindings.

Semantics of Terms

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We showed how to represent **protocol execution**, on some fixed trace of observables tr , as a **sequence of terms**.

Intuitively, the terms corresponds to **PTIME-computable bitstring distributions**.

Example

If $\langle _ , _ \rangle$ is the concatenation, and samplings are done uniformly at random among bitstrings of length $\eta \in \mathbb{N}$, then folding:

$$\nu n_0, \nu n_1, \text{out}(c, \langle n_0, \langle 00, n_1 \rangle \rangle) \quad \text{yields} \quad \langle n_0, \langle 00, n_1 \rangle \rangle$$

which represent a distribution over bitstrings of length $2 \cdot \eta + 2$, where all bits are sampled uniformly and independently, except for the bits at positions η and $\eta + 1$, which are always 0.

We interpret $t \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{S})$ as a **Probabilistic Polynomial-time Turing machine** (PPTM), with:

- a **working tape** (also used as input tape);
- two **read-only tapes** $\rho = (\rho_a, \rho_h)$ for adversary and honest randomness.

We let \mathcal{D} be the set of such machines.

💡 *The machine must be polynomial in the size of its input on the working tape only.*

Terms Interpretation

The **interpretation** $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}} \in \mathcal{D}$ of a term t is parameterized by a **model** \mathbb{M} which provides:

- the set of random tapes $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta} = \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^a \times \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^h$, where $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^a$ and $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^h$ are **finite** same-length set of bit-strings.

We equip it with the **uniform** probability measure.

($\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^a$ for the adversary, $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^h$ for honest functions)

- the semantics $(\cdot)_{\mathbb{M}}$ of **symbols** in \mathcal{S} (details on next slides).

We may omit \mathbb{M} when it is clear from context.

We define the machine $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}} \in \mathcal{D}$, by defining its behavior $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta,\rho}$ for every $\eta \in \mathbb{N}$ and pairs of random tapes $\rho = (\rho_a, \rho_h) \in \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}$.

Terms Interpretation: Function Symbols

Function symbols interpretations is just **composition**.

For **function symbols** in $f \in \mathcal{F}$, we simply apply $\langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$:

$$\llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho})$$

Adversarial function symbols $g \in \mathcal{G}$ also have access to ρ_a :

$$\llbracket g(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle g \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a)$$

Restrictions. $\langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ and $\langle g \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ are:

- PTIME-computable;
- **deterministic** (all randomness must come explicitly, from ρ).

Terms Interpretation: Variables and Names

The interpretation $\langle x \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ of a **variable** $x \in \mathcal{X}$ is an **arbitrary machine** in \mathcal{D} . Then:

$$\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle x \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, \rho).$$

Names $n \in \mathcal{G}$ are interpreted as **uniform random samplings** among bitstrings of length η , extracted from ρ_h :

$$\llbracket n \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle n \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, \rho_h)$$

For every pair of different names n_0, n_1 , we require that $\langle n_0 \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ and $\langle n_1 \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ extracts disjoint parts of ρ_h .

💡 Hence different names are **independent random samplings**.

Terms Interpretation: Builtins

We **force** the interpretation of some **function symbols**.

- `if _ then _ else _` is interpreted as **branching**:

$$\llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } t_1 \text{ else } t_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} & \text{if } \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} = 1 \\ \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- `_ \doteq _` is interpreted as an **equality** test:

$$\llbracket t_1 \doteq t_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} = \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Similarly, we force the interpretations of $\dot{\wedge}$, $\dot{\vee}$, $\dot{\rightarrow}$, `true`, `false`.

Terms Interpretation: Modeling and Randomness

\neq in how randomness is sampled:

- In the “real-world”, the adversary \mathcal{A} samples randomness on-the-fly, as needed.
 \Rightarrow possibly $P(\eta)$ random bits, where P is the (polynomial) running-time of \mathcal{A} .
- In the logic, we restrict $\mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta} = \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^a \times \mathbb{T}_{\mathbb{M},\eta}^h$ to be finite and fixed by \mathbb{M} .
 \Rightarrow all randomness sampled eagerly according to \mathbb{M} , independently of the adversary \mathcal{A} .

This \neq of behaviors is not an issue, i.e. the logic can **soundly model** real-world adversaries:

- Indeed, for any adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists a model \mathbb{M} with enough randomness.

A First-Order Logic for Indistinguishability

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We now present a logic, to state (and later prove) **properties** about **bitstring distributions**.

This is a **first-order logic** with a predicate \sim^1 representing **computational indistinguishability**.

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi &:= \top \mid \perp \\ &\mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \Phi \vee \Phi \mid \Phi \rightarrow \Phi \mid \neg \Phi \\ &\mid \forall x. \Phi \mid \exists x. \Phi && (x \in \mathcal{X}) \\ &\mid t_1, \dots, t_n \sim_n t_{n+1}, \dots, t_{2n} && (t_1, \dots, t_{2n} \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{S}))\end{aligned}$$

Remark: we use $\dot{\wedge}, \dot{\vee}, \dot{\rightarrow}$ in for the boolean *function symbols* in terms, to avoid confusion with the boolean *connectives* in formulas.

¹Actually, one predicate \sim_n of arity $2n$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Semantics of the Logic

The logic has a **standard FO semantics**, using \mathcal{D} as interpretation domain and interpreting \sim as **computational indistinguishability**.

The **satisfaction** $\mathbb{M} \models \Phi$ of Φ in \mathbb{M} is as expected for **boolean connective** and **FO quantifiers**. E.g.:

$$\mathbb{M} \models \top \qquad \mathbb{M} \models \Phi \wedge \Psi \quad \text{if } \mathbb{M} \models \Phi \text{ and } \mathbb{M} \models \Psi$$

$$\mathbb{M} \models \neg\Phi \quad \text{if not } \mathbb{M} \models \Phi \qquad \mathbb{M} \models \forall x.\Phi \quad \text{if } \forall m \in \mathcal{D}, \mathbb{M}[x \mapsto m] \models \Phi$$

Semantics of the Logic

Finally, \sim_n is interpreted as **computational indistinguishability**.

$$\mathbb{M} \models t_1, \dots, t_n \sim_n s_1, \dots, s_n$$

if, for every PPTM \mathcal{A} with a $n + 1$ input (and working) tapes, and a **single** random tape:

$$\left| \begin{aligned} & \Pr_{\rho} (\mathcal{A}(1^n, ([t_i]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho})_{1 \leq i \leq n}, \rho_a) = 1) \\ & - \Pr_{\rho} (\mathcal{A}(1^n, ([s_i]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho})_{1 \leq i \leq n}, \rho_a) = 1) \end{aligned} \right| \quad (\star)$$

is a **negligible** function of η .

*The quantity in (\star) is called the **advantage** of \mathcal{A} against the left/right game $t_1, \dots, t_n \sim_n s_1, \dots, s_n$*

Negligible Functions

A function $f(\eta)$ is **negligible** if it is **asymptotically smaller** than the **inverse** of any **polynomial**, i.e.:

$$\forall c \in \mathbb{N}, \exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } \forall n \geq N, f(n) \leq \frac{1}{n^c}$$

Example

Let f be the function defined by:

$$f(\eta) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket n_0 \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = \llbracket n_1 \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho})$$

If $n_0 \not\equiv n_1$, then $f(\eta) = \frac{1}{2^{\eta}}$, and f is negligible.

Satisfiability and Validity

A formula Φ is **satisfied** by a model \mathbb{M} when $\mathbb{M} \models \Phi$.

Φ is **valid**, denoted by $\models \Phi$, if it is **satisfied by every model**.

Φ is **\mathcal{C} -valid** if it is satisfied by every model $\mathbb{M} \in \mathcal{C}$.

Exercise

Which of the formulas below are **valid**? Which are not?

$$\text{true} \sim \text{false}$$

$$n_0 \sim n_0$$

$$n_0 \sim n_1$$

$$n_0 \doteq n_1 \sim \text{false}$$

$$n_0, n_0 \sim n_0, n_1$$

$$f(n_0) \sim f(n_1) \text{ where } f \in \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}$$

$$\pi_1(\langle n_0, n_1 \rangle) \doteq n_0 \sim \text{true}$$

Validity: Exercise

Exercise

Which of the formulas below are **valid**? Which are not?

$$\not\models \text{true} \sim \text{false} \qquad \models n_0 \sim n_0 \qquad \models n_0 \sim n_1 \qquad \models n_0 \dot{=} n_1 \sim \text{false}$$

$$\not\models n_0, n_0 \sim n_0, n_1 \qquad \models f(n_0) \sim f(n_1) \text{ where } f \in \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}$$

$$\not\models \pi_1(\langle n_0, n_1 \rangle) \dot{=} n_0 \sim \text{true}$$

Protocol Indistinguishability

\mathcal{P} and \mathcal{Q} are **indistinguishable**, written $\mathcal{P} \approx \mathcal{Q}$, if for any τ :

$$\models \text{fold}(\mathcal{P}, \tau) \sim \text{fold}(\mathcal{Q}, \tau)$$

Remark

While there are countably many observable traces τ , the **set of foldings** of a protocol \mathcal{P} is always **finite**:²

$$|\{\text{fold}(\mathcal{P}, \tau) \mid \tau\}| < +\infty$$

²If we remove trailing sequences of error terms.

Protocol Indistinguishability: Exercise

Exercise

Informally, determine which of the following protocols
indistinguishabilities hold, and under what **assumptions**:

$$\text{out}(c, t_1) \approx \text{out}(c, t_2) \qquad \text{out}(c, t) \approx \text{null} \qquad \text{in}(c, x) \approx \text{null}$$

$$\text{out}(c, t) \approx \text{if } b \text{ then } \text{out}(c, t_1) \text{ else } \text{out}(c, t_2)$$

$$\text{out}(c, t) \approx \text{if } b \text{ then } \text{out}(c, t) \text{ else } \text{out}(c_0, t_0)$$

Structural Rules

Rules: Soundness

A rule:

$$\frac{\phi_1 \quad \dots \quad \phi_n}{\phi}$$

is **sound** if ϕ is **valid** whenever ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n are **valid**.

Example

$$\frac{y \sim x}{x \sim y} \text{ is sound}$$

These are typically **structural rules**, which are valid in all **models**.

Structural Rules

Computational indistinguishability is an **equivalence relation**:

$$\overline{\vec{u} \sim \vec{u}} \text{ REFL} \qquad \frac{\vec{v} \sim \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \sim \vec{v}} \text{ SYM} \qquad \frac{\vec{u} \sim \vec{w} \quad \vec{w} \sim \vec{v}}{\vec{u} \sim \vec{v}} \text{ TRANS}$$

Permutation. If π is a permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ then:

$$\frac{u_{\pi(1)}, \dots, u_{\pi(n)} \sim v_{\pi(1)}, \dots, v_{\pi(n)}}{u_1, \dots, u_n \sim v_1, \dots, v_n} \text{ PERM}$$

Alpha-renaming.

$$\frac{}{\vec{u} \sim \vec{u}\alpha} \alpha\text{-EQU}$$

when α is an injective renaming of names in \mathcal{N} .

Restriction. The adversary can throw away some values:

$$\frac{\vec{u}, s \sim \vec{v}, t}{\vec{u} \sim \vec{v}} \text{RESTR}$$

Duplication. Giving twice the same value to the adversary is useless:

$$\frac{\vec{u}, s \sim \vec{v}, t}{\vec{u}, s, s \sim \vec{v}, t, t} \text{DUP}$$

Function application. If the arguments of a function are indistinguishable, so is the image:

$$\frac{\vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1 \sim \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_2}{f(\vec{u}_1), \vec{v}_1 \sim f(\vec{u}_2), \vec{v}_2} \text{FA}$$

where $f \in \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{G}$.

Structural Rules: Proof of Function Application

$$\frac{\vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1 \sim \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_2}{f(\vec{u}_1), \vec{v}_1 \sim f(\vec{u}_2), \vec{v}_2} \text{FA}$$

Proof. The proof is by contrapositive. Assume \mathbb{M} and \mathcal{A} s.t. its advantage against:

$$f(\vec{u}_1), \vec{v}_1 \sim f(\vec{u}_2), \vec{v}_2 \quad (\dagger)$$

is not negligible. Let \mathcal{B} be the *distinguisher* defined by, for any bitstrings \vec{w}_u, \vec{w}_v and tape ρ_a :

$$\mathcal{B}(1^n, \vec{w}_u, \vec{w}_v, \rho_a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{A}(1^n, \langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^n, \vec{w}_u), \vec{w}_v, \rho_a)$$

\mathcal{B} is a PPTM since \mathcal{A} is and $\langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}$ can be evaluated in pol. time. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{B}(1^n, \llbracket \vec{u}_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \llbracket \vec{v}_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a) \\ &= \mathcal{A}(1^n, \llbracket f(\vec{u}_i) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \llbracket \vec{v}_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a) \end{aligned} \quad (i \in \{1, 2\})$$

Hence the advantage of \mathcal{B} in distinguishing $\vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1 \sim \vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_2$ is exactly the advantage of \mathcal{A} in distinguishing (\dagger) . □

Case Study. We can do case disjunction over branching terms:

$$\frac{\vec{w}_1, b_0, u_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, b_1, u_1 \quad \vec{w}_0, b_0, v_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, b_1, v_1}{\vec{w}_0, \text{if } b_0 \text{ then } u_0 \text{ else } v_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } u_1 \text{ else } v_1} \text{CS}$$

Structural Rules: Proof of Case Study

$$\frac{b_0, u_0 \sim b_1, u_1 \quad b_0, v_0 \sim b_1, v_1}{\textcolor{red}{t}_0 \equiv \text{if } b_0 \text{ then } u_0 \text{ else } v_0 \sim \textcolor{red}{t}_1 \equiv \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } u_1 \text{ else } v_1} \text{CS}$$

Proof. (by contrapositive) Assume \mathbb{M} and \mathcal{A} s.t. its advantage against:

$$\text{if } b_0 \text{ then } u_0 \text{ else } v_0 \sim \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } u_1 \text{ else } v_1 \quad (\dagger)$$

is non-negligible. Let \mathcal{B}_\top be the distinguisher:

$$\mathcal{B}_\top(1^\eta, w_b, w, \rho_a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}(1^\eta, w, \rho_a) & \text{if } w_b = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

\mathcal{B}_\top is trivially a PPTM. Moreover, for any $i \in \{1, 2\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_\rho \left(\mathcal{B}_\top(1^\eta, \llbracket b_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \llbracket u_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a) = 1 \right) \\ &= \Pr_\rho \left(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, \llbracket \textcolor{red}{t}_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a) = 1 \wedge \llbracket b_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} = 1 \right) \} \textcolor{red}{p}_{\top, i} \end{aligned}$$

Structural Rules: Proof of Case Study (continued)

Hence the advantage of \mathcal{B}_\top against $b_0, u_0 \sim b_1, u_1$ is $|\mathbf{p}_{\top,1} - \mathbf{p}_{\top,0}|$.

Similarly, let \mathcal{B}_\perp be the distinguisher:

$$\mathcal{B}_\perp(1^\eta, w_b, w, \rho_a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \mathcal{A}(1^\eta, w, \rho_a) & \text{if } w_b \neq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By an identical reasoning, we get that the advantage of \mathcal{B}_\perp against $b_0, v_0 \sim b_1, v_1$ is $|\mathbf{p}_{\perp,1} - \mathbf{p}_{\perp,0}|$, where $\mathbf{p}_{\perp,i}$ is:

$$\Pr_\rho \left(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, \llbracket \mathbf{t}_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta,\rho}, \rho_a) = 1 \wedge \llbracket b_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta,\rho} \neq 1 \right)$$

Structural Rules: Proof of Case Study (continued)

The advantage of \mathcal{A} against $t_0 \sim t_1$ is, by partitioning and triangular inequality:

$$|(p_{\top,1} + p_{\perp,1}) - (p_{\top,0} + p_{\perp,1})| \leq |p_{\top,1} - p_{\top,0}| + |p_{\perp,1} - p_{\perp,1}|$$

Since \mathcal{A} 's advantage is non-negligible, at least one of the two quantity above is non-negligible. Hence either \mathcal{B}_{\top} or \mathcal{B}_{\perp} has a non-negligible advantage against a premise of the CS rule. \square .

Counter-Examples

Remark that b is **necessary** in CS

$$\frac{\vec{w}_1, b_0, u_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, b_1, u_1 \quad \vec{w}_0, b_0, v_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, b_1, v_1}{\vec{w}_0, \text{if } b_0 \text{ then } u_0 \text{ else } v_0 \sim \vec{w}_1, \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } u_1 \text{ else } v_1} \text{CS}$$

We have:

$$\models \langle 0, n_0 \rangle \sim \langle 0, n_0 \rangle \quad \models \langle 1, n_0 \rangle \sim \langle 1, n_0 \rangle \quad \models \text{even}(n_0) \sim \text{odd}(n_0)$$

But:

$$\not\models \begin{array}{l} \text{if even}(n_0) \text{ then } \langle 0, n_0 \rangle \text{ else } \langle 1, n_0 \rangle \\ \sim \text{if odd}(n_0) \text{ then } \langle 0, n_0 \rangle \text{ else } \langle 1, n_0 \rangle \end{array}$$

Why is the later formula not valid?

Structural Rules: Equality Reasoning

If $\models (s \doteq t) \sim \text{true}$, then s and t are **equal with overwhelming probability**. Hence we can **safely replace** s by t in **any context**.

If ϕ is a term of type **bool**, let $[\phi] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi \sim \text{true}$.

\Rightarrow i.e. ϕ is *overwhelmingly true* (equivalently, $\neg\phi$ is *negligible*).

Then the following rule is sound:

$$\frac{\vec{u}, t \sim \vec{v} \quad [s \doteq t]}{\vec{u}, s \sim \vec{v}} \text{ R}$$

Structural Rules: Equality Reasoning

Proof

First, for any model \mathbb{M} , we have:

$$\mathbb{M} \models [\phi] \text{ iff. } \Pr_\rho([\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}) \text{ is overwhelming.}$$

- Left-to-right:

$$\mathbb{M} \models [\phi]$$

$$\Rightarrow \forall A \in \mathcal{D}. |\Pr_\rho(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, [\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a)) - \Pr_\rho(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, [\text{true}]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a))| \in \text{negl}(\eta)$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Pr_\rho([\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}) - 1| \in \text{negl}(\eta) \quad (\text{taking } \mathcal{A}(1^\eta, w, \rho_a) = w)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr_\rho([\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}) \in \text{o.w.}(\eta)$$

- Right-to-left, assume $\Pr_\rho([\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}) \in \text{o.w.}(\eta)$ and take $\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{D}$:

$$|\Pr_\rho(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, [\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a)) - \Pr_\rho(\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, [\text{true}]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_a))|$$

$$\leq \Pr_\rho(\neg[\phi]_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}) \quad (\text{up-to-bad})$$

$$\in \text{negl}(\eta)$$

Structural Rules: Equality Reasoning

This allows to conclude immediately since:

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Pr(\mathcal{A}(\llbracket \vec{u}, t \rrbracket)) - \Pr(\mathcal{A}(\llbracket \vec{v} \rrbracket))| \\ \leq & |\Pr(\mathcal{A}(\llbracket \vec{u}, s \rrbracket)) - \Pr(\mathcal{A}(\llbracket \vec{v} \rrbracket))| + \Pr(\llbracket s \rrbracket \neq \llbracket t \rrbracket) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{up-to-bad})$$

Reminder: up-to-bad argument

If B, E, E' are events such that:

$$(E \wedge \neg B) \Leftrightarrow (E' \wedge \neg B), \quad (\diamond)$$

then $|\Pr(E) - \Pr(E')| \leq \Pr(B)$.

Indeed, by triangular inequality and total probabilities:

$$|\Pr(E) - \Pr(E')| \leq |\Pr(E \wedge B) - \Pr(E' \wedge B)| + |\Pr(E \wedge \neg B) - \Pr(E' \wedge \neg B)|$$

We conclude by observing that:

- $|\Pr(E \wedge \neg B) - \Pr(E' \wedge \neg B)| = 0$ by (\diamond) ;
- $|\Pr(E \wedge B) - \Pr(E' \wedge B)| \leq \max(\Pr(E \wedge B), \Pr(E' \wedge B)) \leq \Pr(B)$.

Structural Rules: Generic Equality Reasoning

To prove $\models [s \doteq t]$ (or more generally $\models [\phi]$), we use the rule:

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{th}} \vdash_{\text{GEN}} \phi}{[\phi]} \text{ GEN}$$

where \vdash_{GEN} is any **sound proof system** for generic mathematical reasoning (e.g. higher-order logic).

This allows **exact** (i.e. non-probabilistic) mathematical reasoning.

We allow additional axioms using \mathcal{A}_{th} (e.g. for `if _ then _ else _`).

Example

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{th}} \vdash_{\text{GEN}} v \doteq w \dot{\rightarrow} \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{if } u \doteq v \text{ then } u \text{ else } t \doteq \\ \text{if } u \doteq v \text{ then } w \text{ else } t \end{array} \right)$$

Structural Rules: Probabilistic Independence

Two rules exploiting the **independence** of bitstring distributions:

$$\frac{}{[t \neq n]} =\text{-IND} \quad \text{when } n \notin \text{st}(t)$$

$$\frac{\vec{u} \sim \vec{v}}{\vec{u}, n_0 \sim \vec{v}, n_1} \text{FRESH} \quad \text{when } n_0 \notin \text{st}(\vec{u}) \text{ and } n_1 \notin \text{st}(\vec{v})$$

Remark

To check that the rules side-conditions hold, we require that they do not contain free variables. Hence we actually have a countable, recursive, set of **ground rules** (i.e. rule **schemata**).

Structural Rules: Probability Independence

We give the proof of the first rule:

$$\frac{}{[t \dot{=} \mathbf{n}]} = \text{-IND} \quad \text{when } \mathbf{n} \notin \text{st}(t)$$

Proof. For any model \mathbb{M} (we omit it below):

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket t \dot{=} \mathbf{n} \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho}) \\ &= \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket t \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = \llbracket \mathbf{n} \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho}) \\ &= \sum_{w \in \{0,1\}^*} \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket t \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = w \wedge \llbracket \mathbf{n} \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = w) \\ &= \sum_{w \in \{0,1\}^*} \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket t \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = w) \cdot \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket \mathbf{n} \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = w) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{\eta}} \cdot \sum_{w \in \{0,1\}^{\eta}} \Pr_{\rho}(\llbracket t \rrbracket^{\eta, \rho} = w) \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{\eta}} \end{aligned}$$

□

Structural Rules: Exercise

Exercise

Give a **derivation** of the following formula:

$$n_0 \sim \text{if } b \text{ then } n_0 \text{ else } n_1 \quad (\text{when } n_0, n_1 \notin \text{st}(b))$$

Implementation Rules

Rules: Soundness

A rule is **C-sound** if ϕ is **C-valid** whenever ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n are **C-valid**.

Example

$$\overline{[\pi_1 \langle x, y \rangle \doteq x]}$$

is **not sound**, because we do not require anything on the interpretation of π_1 and the pair.

Obviously, it is **C_π-sound**, where C_π is the set of model where π_1 computes the first projection of the pair $\langle _, _ \rangle$.

Implementation Assumptions

The **general philosophy** of the CCSA approach is to make the **minimum** number of **assumptions** possible on the interpretations of function symbols in a model.

Any additional necessary **assumption** is added through rules, which **restrict the set of model** for which the formula holds (hence limit the scope of the final security result).

Typically, this is used for:

- **functional properties**, which must be satisfied by the protocol functions (e.g. the projection/pair rule).
- **cryptographic hardness assumptions**, which must be satisfied by the cryptographic primitives (e.g. **IND-CCA**).

Example. Equational theories for protocol functions:

- $\pi_i(\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle) = x_i$ $i \in \{1, 2\}$
- $\text{dec}(\{x\}_{\text{pk}(y)}^z, \text{sk}(y)) = x$
- $(x \oplus y) \oplus z = x \oplus (y \oplus z)$
- ...

Cryptographic Rules

Cryptographic Reduction

Cryptographic reductions are the main tool used in proofs of computational security.

Cryptographic Reduction $\mathcal{S} \leq_{\text{red}} \mathcal{H}$

*If you can break the **cryptographic design** \mathcal{S} , then you can break the **hardness assumption** \mathcal{H} using roughly the same **time**.*

- We assume that \mathcal{H} cannot be broken in a reasonable time:
 - ▶ Low-level assumptions: D-Log, DDH, ...
 - ▶ Higher-level assumptions: IND-CCA, EUF-MAC, PRF, ...
- Hence, \mathcal{S} cannot be broken in a reasonable time.

Cryptographic Reduction $\mathcal{S} \leq_{\text{red}} \mathcal{H}$

\mathcal{S} reduces to a hardness hypothesis \mathcal{H} (e.g. IND-CCA, DDH) if:

$$\forall \mathcal{A}. \exists \mathcal{B}. \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{S}}^{\eta}(\mathcal{A}) \leq P(\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\eta}(\mathcal{B}), \eta)$$

where \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are taken among PPTMs and P is a polynomial.

Cryptographic Rules

We are now going to give **rules** which capture some **cryptographic hardness hypotheses**.

The validity of these rules will be established through a **cryptographic reduction**.

- Asymmetric encryption: indistinguishability (**IND-CCA₁**) and key-privacy (**KP-CCA₁**);
- Hash function: collision-resistance (**CR-HK**);
- MAC: unforgeability (**EUFCMA**);

Cryptographic Rules

Asymmetric Encryption

Asymmetric Encryption Scheme

An **asymmetric encryption scheme** contains:

- public and private key generation functions $pk(_)$, $sk(_)$;
- **randomized**³ encryption function $\{ _ \}__$;
- a decryption function $dec(_, _)$

It must satisfies the functional equality:

$$dec(\{x\}_{pk(y)}^z, sk(y)) = x$$

³The role of the randomization will become clear later.

IND-CCA₁ Security

An encryption scheme is **indistinguishable against chosen cipher-text attacks** (IND-CCA₁) iff. for every PPTM \mathcal{A} with access to:

- a left-right oracle $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b,n}(\cdot, \cdot)$:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b,n}(m_0, m_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \{m_b\}_{\text{pk}(n)}^r & \text{if } \text{len}(m_1) = \text{len}(m_2) \quad (r \text{ fresh}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- and a decryption oracle $\mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^n(\cdot)$,

where \mathcal{A} can call \mathcal{O}_{LR} once, and cannot call \mathcal{O}_{dec} after \mathcal{O}_{LR} , then:

$$\left| \Pr_n(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{1,n}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^n}(1^\eta, \text{pk}(n)) = 1) - \Pr_n(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{0,n}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^n}(1^\eta, \text{pk}(n)) = 1) \right|$$

is negligible in η , where n is drawn uniformly in $\{0, 1\}^\eta$.

Exercise

Show that if the encryption **ignore its randomness**, i.e. there exists $\text{aenc}(_, _)$ s.t. for all x, y, r :

$$\{x\}_y^r = \text{aenc}(x, y)$$

then the encryption does not satisfy **IND-CCA₁**.

Indistinguishability Against Chosen Ciphertexts Attacks

If the encryption scheme is IND-CCA₁, then the *ground* rule:

$$\frac{[\text{len}(t_0) \doteq \text{len}(t_1)]}{\vec{u}, \{t_0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \sim \vec{u}, \{t_1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r} \text{IND-CCA}_1$$

is sound, when:

- r does not appear in \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 , i.e. $r \notin \text{st}(\vec{u}, t_0, t_1)$;
- \mathbf{n} appears only in $\text{pk}(\cdot)$ or $\text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))$ positions in \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 , which we write:

$$\mathbf{n} \sqsubseteq_{\text{pk}(\cdot), \text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))} \vec{u}, t_0, t_1$$

Definition: Positions

We write $\text{pos}(t) \in \{\epsilon\} \cup \mathbb{N}(\cdot \mathbb{N})^*$ the set of *positions* of t and $t|_p$ the sub-term of t at position p .

Example

if $t \equiv f(g(a, b), h(c))$ then $\text{pos}(t) = \{\epsilon, 0, 1, 0 \cdot 0, 0 \cdot 1, 1, 1 \cdot 0\}$ and:

$$\begin{array}{llllll} t|_{\epsilon} \equiv t & t|_0 \equiv g(a, b) & t|_{0 \cdot 0} \equiv a & t|_{0 \cdot 1} \equiv b & t|_1 \equiv h(c) \\ & & & & t|_{1 \cdot 0} \equiv c \end{array}$$

Definition: CCA₁ Side-Condition

($n \sqsubseteq_{\text{pk}(\cdot), \text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))} u$) iff. for any $p \in \text{pos}(u)$, if $t|_p \equiv n$, either:

- $p = p_0 \cdot 0$ and $t|_{p_0} \equiv \text{pk}(n)$;
- or $p = p_0 \cdot 1 \cdot 0$ and $t|_{p_0} \equiv \text{dec}(s, \text{sk}(n))$.

Examples (writing \sqsubseteq instead of $\sqsubseteq_{\text{pk}(\cdot), \text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))}$)

$$n \not\sqsubseteq n$$

$$n \sqsubseteq \text{pk}(\text{pk}(n))$$

$$n \sqsubseteq \text{dec}(\text{pk}(n), \text{sk}(n))$$

$$n \not\sqsubseteq \text{dec}(\text{sk}(n), \text{sk}(n))$$

$$n \sqsubseteq t \text{ if } n \notin \text{st}(t)$$

IND-CCA₁ Rule: Proof

Proof sketch

Proof by contrapositive. Let \mathbb{M} be a model, \mathcal{A} an adversary and \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 ground terms such that:

$$\left| \Pr_{\rho}(\mathcal{A}(1^{\eta}, \llbracket \vec{u} \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \llbracket \{t_0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})} \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_{\mathbf{a}}) \right. \\ \left. - \Pr_{\rho}(\mathcal{A}(1^{\eta}, \llbracket \vec{u} \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \llbracket \{t_1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})} \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}, \rho_{\mathbf{a}}) \right|$$

is not negligible, and $\mathbb{M} \models [\text{len}(t_0) \doteq \text{len}(t_1)]$.

We must build a PPTM \mathcal{B} s.t. \mathcal{B} wins the IND-CCA₁ security game.

IND-CCA₁ Rule: Proof

Let $\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b,n}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^n}(1^\eta, \llbracket \text{pk}(n) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho})$ be the following program:

i) **lazily**⁴ samples the random tapes (ρ_a, ρ'_h) where:

$$\rho'_h := \rho_h[n \mapsto 0, r \mapsto 0]$$

ii) compute⁵:

$$w_{\vec{u}}, w_{t_0}, w_{t_1} := \llbracket \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$$

using (ρ_a, ρ'_h) , $\llbracket \text{pk}(n) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$ and calls to $\mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^n$.

iii) return 0 if $\text{len}(t_0) \neq \text{len}(t_1)$.

iii) otherwise, compute:

$$w_{lr} := \mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b,n}(w_{t_0}, w_{t_1}) = \llbracket \{t_b\}_{\text{pk}(n)}^r \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$$

iv) return $\mathcal{A}(1^\eta, w_{\vec{u}}, w_{lr}, \rho_a)$.

⁴Why do we need this?

⁵We describe how later.

IND-CCA₁ Rule: Proof

Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Adv}(\mathcal{A}) &\leq \text{Adv}(\mathcal{A} \wedge \text{len}(t_0) \doteq \text{len}(t_1)) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \not\dot{=} \text{len}(t_1)) \quad (\text{up-to-bad}) \\ &= \text{Adv}(\mathcal{B} \wedge \text{len}(t_0) \doteq \text{len}(t_1)) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \not\dot{=} \text{len}(t_1)) \\ &= \text{Adv}(\mathcal{B}) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \not\dot{=} \text{len}(t_1))\end{aligned}$$

Hence \mathcal{B} 's advantage against IND-CCA₁ is at least \mathcal{A} 's advantage against:

$$\vec{u}, \{t_0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \sim \vec{u}, \{t_1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \quad (\dagger)$$

up-to a negligible quantity (the probability that $\text{len}(t_0) \not\dot{=} \text{len}(t_1)$).

Since (\dagger) is assumed non-negligible, so is \mathcal{B} 's advantage.

It only remains to explain how to do step *ii*) in polynomial time.

We prove by **structural induction** that for any subterm s of \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 :

- either s is a forbidden subterm n or $\text{sk}(n)$;
- or \mathcal{B} can compute $w_s := \llbracket s \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$ in polynomial time.

Assuming this holds, we conclude by observing that IND-CCA₁ side conditions guarantees that \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 are not forbidden subterms.

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Induction. We are in one of the following cases:

- $s \in \mathcal{X}$ is not possible, since \vec{u}, t_0, t_1 are ground.
- $s \in \{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}\}$ are forbidden, hence the induction hypothesis holds.
- $s \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{n}\}$, then \mathcal{B} computes s directly from $\rho'_h = \rho_h[\mathbf{n} \mapsto 0, \mathbf{r} \mapsto 0]$.
- $s \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ and t_1, \dots, t_n are not forbidden. Then, by induction hypothesis, \mathcal{B} can compute $w_i := \llbracket t_i \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$ for any $1 \leq i \leq n$. Then \mathcal{B} simply computes:

$$w_s := \begin{cases} \langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, w_1, \dots, w_n) & \text{if } f \in \mathcal{F} \\ \langle f \rangle_{\mathbb{M}}(1^\eta, w_1, \dots, w_n, \rho_a) & \text{if } f \in \mathcal{G} \end{cases}$$

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case disjunction (continued):

- $s \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ and at least one of the t_i is forbidden.

Using IND-CCA₁ side conditions, either s is either $\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})$ or $\text{dec}(m, \text{sk}(\mathbf{n}))$.

The first case is immediate since \mathcal{B} receives $\llbracket \text{pk}(\mathbf{n}) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$ as argument.

For the second case, from IND-CCA₁ side conditions, we know that $m \neq \mathbf{n}$ and $m \neq \text{sk}(\mathbf{n})$. Hence, by **induction hypothesis**, \mathcal{B} can compute $w_m = \llbracket m \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho}$. We conclude using:

$$w_s := \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{\mathbf{n}}(w_m)$$

□

Exercise

Which of the following formulas can be proven using IND-CCA₁?

$$\text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \sim \text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r$$

$$\text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r, \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_0} \sim \text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r, \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_0}$$

$$\text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r, \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \sim \text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r, \{1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r$$

$$\text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r \sim \text{pk}(\mathbf{n}), \{\text{sk}(\mathbf{n})\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^r$$

Exercise (Hybrid Argument)

Prove the following formula using IND-CCA₁:

$$\{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_0}, \{1\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_1}, \dots, \{n\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_n} \sim \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_0}, \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_1}, \dots, \{0\}_{\text{pk}(\mathbf{n})}^{r_n}$$

Note: we assume that all plain-texts above have the same length (e.g. they are all represented over L bits, for L large enough)

KP-CCA₁ Security

A scheme provides **key privacy** against chosen cipher-text attacks (KP-CCA₁) iff for every PPTM \mathcal{A} with access to:

- a left-right encryption oracle $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b, n_0, n_1}(\cdot)$:

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{b, n_0, n_1}(m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{m\}_{\text{pk}(n_b)}^r \quad (r \text{ fresh})$$

- and two decryption oracles $\mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_0}(\cdot)$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_1}(\cdot)$,

where \mathcal{A} can call \mathcal{O}_{LR} once, and cannot call the decryption oracles after \mathcal{O}_{LR} , then:

$$\left| \Pr_{n_0, n_1}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{1, n_0, n_1}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_0}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_1}}(1^\eta, \text{pk}(n_0), \text{pk}(n_1)) = 1) - \Pr_{n_0, n_1}(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}^{0, n_0, n_1}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_0}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}^{n_1}}(1^\eta, \text{pk}(n_0), \text{pk}(n_1)) = 1) \right|$$

is negligible in η , where n_0, n_1 are drawn in $\{0, 1\}^\eta$.

Exercise

Show that $\text{IND-CCA}_1 \not\Rightarrow \text{KP-CCA}_1$ and $\text{KP-CCA}_1 \not\Rightarrow \text{IND-CCA}_1$.

Key Privacy Against Chosen Ciphertexts Attacks

If the encryption scheme is KP-CCA₁, then the *ground* rule:

$$\frac{}{\vec{u}, \{t\}_{\text{pk}(n_0)}^r \sim \vec{u}, \{t\}_{\text{pk}(n_1)}^r} \text{KP-CCA}_1$$

is sound, when:

- r does not appear in \vec{u}, t ;
- n_0, n_1 appear only in $\text{pk}(\cdot)$ or $\text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))$ positions in \vec{u}, t .

The **proof** is similar to the IND-CCA₁ soundness proof. We omit it.

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