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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**.

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

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

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.:

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

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

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**, which we write $f \in \text{negl}(\eta)$, 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 $\mathbb{M} \in \mathcal{C}$.

Protocol Indistinguishability

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

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

Remark

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

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

²If we remove trailing sequences of error terms.

Exercise: Negligibility

Exercise

Show the following properties:

- If $f \in \text{negl}(\eta)$ and $g \in \text{negl}(\eta)$ then $f + g \in \text{negl}(\eta)$.
- Idem, but for $\max(f, g)$ and $\min(f, g)$.
- Take a polynomial P . If, for every $1 \leq i \leq P(\eta)$, $f_i \in \text{negl}(\eta)$, then $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq P(\eta)} f_i$ is not necessarily negligible.
- Show that $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq P(\eta)} f_i$ is negligible if there exists $f \in \text{negl}(\eta)$ uniformly bounding the f_i 's, i.e. s.t. $f_i(\eta) \leq f(\eta)$ for every i, η .

Exercise: Validity

Exercise

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

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

$$n_0 \sim n_0$$

$$n_0 \sim n_1$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise: Protocol Indistinguishability

Exercise

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

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

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

Proof System

Cryptographic Arguments

High-level structure of a **game-hopping** proof:

$$\mathcal{G}_0 \sim_{\epsilon_1} \dots \sim_{\epsilon_n} \mathcal{G}_n \quad \Rightarrow \\ \mathcal{G}_0 \sim_{\epsilon_1 + \dots + \epsilon_n} \mathcal{G}_n$$

where each **game-hop** $\mathcal{G}_i \sim_{\epsilon_{i+1}} \mathcal{G}_{i+1}$ is justified by:

- **bridging steps** showing that $\mathcal{G} \sim_0 \mathcal{G}'$.
- **up-to-bad argument** $|\Pr(\mathcal{G}) - \Pr(\mathcal{G}')| \leq \Pr(\text{bad})$.
 - ▶ $\Pr(\text{bad}) \leq \epsilon$ through a **probabilistic argument** (e.g. collision probability).
 - ▶ ...
- a **cryptographic reduction** to some **hardness assumption**.
- ...

⇒ how to **capture these arguments in the logic?**

A rule:

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

is **sound** if ϕ is **valid** whenever $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ are **valid**.

Example

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

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

Other rules, e.g. rules relying on **cryptographic hardness assumptions**, which only hold in a subset of all models.

Proof System

Structuring Rules

Structuring rules allow to:

- capture the **high-level structure** of a cryptographic proof;
- handle **low-level manipulation** of the proof-goal (**bookkeeping**).

Structuring Rules

Computational indistinguishability is an **equivalence relation**:

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

Alpha-renaming.

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

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

Proofs. Basic properties of indistinguishability.

Structuring Rules

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

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

Restriction. The adversary can throw away some values:

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

Structuring Rules

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:

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

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

Proofs. These last four rules are proved by cryptographic reductions.

Proof of Function Application

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

Proof. Assume $f \in \mathcal{F}$ (the case $f \in \mathcal{G}$ is similar). The proof is by contrapositive. Let $\mathbb{M}$ 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 $\vec{u}_1, \vec{v}_1 \sim \vec{u}_2, \vec{v}_2$ is exactly the **advantage** of $\mathcal{A}$ in distinguishing $(\dagger)$.

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

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

Proof of Case Study

$$\frac{b_0, u_0 \sim b_1, u_1 \quad b_0, v_0 \sim b_1, v_1}{t_0 \equiv \text{if } b_0 \text{ then } u_0 \text{ else } v_0 \sim t_1 \equiv \text{if } b_1 \text{ then } u_1 \text{ else } v_1} \text{CS}$$

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 $i \in \{1, 2\}$:

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

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:

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

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

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

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:

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

Why is the later formula not valid?

Proof System

Basic Single-Step Reasoning Rules

Equality Reasoning

If $\models (s = t) \sim \text{true}$, 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:

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

Equality Reasoning

Proof

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

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

- Left-to-right:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Generic Equality Reasoning

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

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

where $\vdash_{\text{GEN}}$ 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 $\mathcal{A}_{\text{th}}$ (e.g. for if $\cdot$ then $\cdot$ else $\cdot$).

Example

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

Equality Reasoning

Up-to-bad arguments (game-hop style)

Two games $\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}'$ such that:

$$\Pr(\mathcal{G} \wedge \neg \text{bad}) = \Pr(\mathcal{G}' \wedge \neg \text{bad}).$$

Then $|\Pr(\mathcal{G}) - \Pr(\mathcal{G}')| \leq \Pr(\text{bad})$.

In the **CCSA** logic:

$$\frac{[\neg \phi_{\text{bad}}] \quad [\neg \phi_{\text{bad}} \rightarrow u = v]}{u \sim v} \text{U2B}$$

Proof. Rewriting rule + some basic reasoning.

Equality Reasoning

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Other direction $[\cdot] \Rightarrow (\cdot \sim \cdot)$ also exists:

$$\frac{[\psi] \quad \phi \sim \psi}{[\phi]} \text{REWRITE-EQUIV}$$

$\Rightarrow$ enables **back-and-forth** between both predicates.

Probabilistic Independence

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

$$\overline{[t \neq n]} \stackrel{\text{IND}}{=} \text{when } n \notin \text{st}(t)$$

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

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).

Probability Independence

We give the proof of the first rule:

$$\overline{[t \neq n]} \stackrel{\text{IND}}{=} \text{when } n \notin \text{st}(t)$$

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

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

□

Exercise

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

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

Proof System

Implementation Rules

Rules: Soundness

A rule is **$\mathcal{C}$ -sound** if ϕ is **$\mathcal{C}$ -valid** whenever $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ are **$\mathcal{C}$ -valid**.

Example

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

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

Obviously, it is **$\mathcal{C}_\pi$ -sound**, where $\mathcal{C}_\pi$ 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:

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

Proof System

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-CCA_1) and key-privacy (KP-CCA_1);
- Hash function: collision-resistance (CR-HK);
- MAC: unforgeability (EUF-CMA).

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 $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}$ once, and cannot call $\mathcal{O}_{\text{dec}}$ after $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}$, 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:

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

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 $\mathbb{M} \models [\text{len}(t_0) = \text{len}(t_1)]$.

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:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Adv}(\mathcal{A}) &\leq \text{Adv}(\mathcal{A} \wedge \text{len}(t_0) = \text{len}(t_1)) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \neq \text{len}(t_1)) \quad (\text{up-to-bad}) \\ &= \text{Adv}(\mathcal{B} \wedge \text{len}(t_0) = \text{len}(t_1)) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \neq \text{len}(t_1)) \\ &= \text{Adv}(\mathcal{B}) + \Pr(\text{len}(t_0) \neq \text{len}(t_1))\end{aligned}$$

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 $\text{len}(t_0) \neq \text{len}(t_1)$).

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 r , 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.

IND-CCA₁ Rule: Proof

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:

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

IND-CCA₁ Rule: Proof

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 $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}$ once, and cannot call the decryption oracles after $\mathcal{O}_{\text{LR}}$, 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 $\text{KP-CCA}_1 \not\Rightarrow \text{IND-CCA}_1$.

KP-CCA₁ Rule

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.