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SECURE: Proofs of Security Protocols

3. Security Proofs, Authentication

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Example of a Security Proof

Protocol Branching

We consider a more useful version of PA in which **S** checks whether it is talking to **I** or not.

The PA Protocol, v2

$$\begin{aligned} 1 : I &\rightarrow S : \nu n_I. && \text{out}(I, \{\langle pk_I, n_I \rangle\}_{pk_S}) \\ 2 : S &\rightarrow I : \nu n_S. \text{in}(S, x). \text{out}(S, \text{if } \pi_1(d) = pk_I &&) \\ &&& \text{then } \{\langle \pi_2(d), n_S \rangle\}_{pk_I} \\ &&& \text{else } \{0\}_{pk_I} \end{aligned}$$

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

💡 *The encryption of 0 in the else branch is here to hide to the adversary which branch was taken.*

Private Authentication: Anonymity

Lets now try to prove that PA v2 provides **anonymity**:

- I_X is the **initiator** with identity X ;
- S_X is the **server**, accepting messages from X .

The adversary must not be able to distinguish $I_A \mid S_A$ from $I_C \mid S_A$.

$$\begin{aligned} I_X &: \nu r. \nu n_I. \quad \text{out}(I, \{\langle \text{pk}_X, n_I \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_S}^r) \\ S_X &: \nu r_0. \nu n_S. \text{in}(S, x). \text{out}(S, \text{if } \pi_1(d) = \text{pk}_X \quad) \\ &\quad \text{then } \{\langle \pi_2(d), n_S \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_X}^{r_0} \\ &\quad \text{else } \{0\}_{\text{pk}_X}^{r_0} \end{aligned}$$

We assume the encryption is **IND-CCA₁** and **KP-CCA₁**.

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As we saw, an encryption **does not hide the length** of the plain-text.
Hence, since $\text{len}(\langle n_I, n_S \rangle) \neq \text{len}(0)$, there is an attack:

$$\not\equiv \{ \langle n_I, n_S \rangle \}_{pk_A}^{r_0} \sim \{0\}_{pk_C}^{r_0}$$

even if the encryption is **IND-CCA₁** and **KP-CCA₁**.

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We **fix the protocol** by:

- adding a **length check**;
- using a **decoy** message of the correct length.

The PA Protocol, v3

$I_X : \nu r. \nu n_I. \quad \text{out}(I, \{\langle \text{pk}_X, n_I \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_S}^r)$

$S_X : \nu r_0. \nu n_S. \text{in}(S, x). \text{out}(S, \text{if } \pi_1(d) = \text{pk}_X \wedge \text{len}(\pi_2(d)) = \text{len}(n_S))$
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Private Authentication: Anonymity

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where:

(notation: $\text{out}_i^{\{r:\text{recipient};c:\text{content}\}}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:X\}} &\equiv \{\langle \text{pk}_X, n_I \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_S}^r \\ \text{out}_2^{\{r:Y;c:X\}}[M] &\equiv \text{if } \pi_1(d[M]) = \text{pk}_X \wedge \text{len}(\pi_2(d[M])) = \text{len}(n_S) \\ &\quad \text{then } \{\langle \pi_2(d[M]), n_S \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_Y}^{r_o} \\ &\quad \text{else } \{\langle n_S, n_S \rangle\}_{\text{pk}_Y}^{r_o} \\ d[M] &\equiv \text{dec}(\text{att}_0(M), \text{sk}_S) \end{aligned}$$

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Proof strategy: we only reason on the right terms:

1. Push encryption below branching
2. KP-CCA_1 :
 $\text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}} \Rightarrow \text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:A\}}$
3. IND-CCA_1 :
 $\text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:A\}} \Rightarrow \text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:C\}}$
4. Conclude by α -renaming

Private Authentication: Anonymity

First, we push the branching under the encryption:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\
 \sim & \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \underline{\text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}] \\
 \hline
 & \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\
 \sim & \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \underline{\text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}]
 \end{aligned} \quad \mathbf{R}$$

where:

$$\underline{\text{out}_2^{\{r:Y;c:X\}}}[M] \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } \pi_1(d[M]) = \text{pk}_X \wedge \text{len}(\pi_2(d[M])) = \text{len}(n_S) \\ \text{then } \langle \pi_2(d[M]), n_S \rangle \\ \text{else } \langle n_S, n_S \rangle \end{array} \right\}_{\text{pk}_Y}^{r_O}$$

We let $m_X[M]$ be the content of the encryption above.

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Then, we use KP-CCA_1 to change the encryption key:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\ \sim \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \underline{\text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:A\}}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}] \\ \hline \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\ \sim \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \underline{\text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}] \end{array} \quad \text{TRANS} + \text{KP-CCA}_1$$

since:

- the encryption randomness r_0 is correctly used;
- the key randomness n_A and n_C appear only in $\text{pk}(\cdot)$ and $\text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))$ positions.

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Then, we use IND-CCA_1 to change the encryption content:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\
 \sim \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:C\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}] \\
 \hline
 \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}] \\
 \sim \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:C;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}]
 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \Pi_1 \\ \\ \text{TRANS} + \text{IND-CCA}_1 \end{array}$$

since:

- the encryption randomness r_0 is correctly used;
- the key randomness n_C appear only in $\text{pk}(\cdot)$ and $\text{dec}(_, \text{sk}(\cdot))$ positions.

And where Π_1 must be a proof of:

$$\left[\text{len}(m_C[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}]) = \text{len}(m_A[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}]) \right].$$

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Recall that:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\mathbf{x}}[M] &\equiv \text{if } \pi_1(d[M]) = \text{pk}_{\mathbf{x}} \wedge \text{len}(\pi_2(d[M])) = \text{len}(n_{\mathbf{s}}) \\ &\quad \text{then } \langle \pi_2(d[M]), n_{\mathbf{s}} \rangle \\ &\quad \text{else } \langle n_{\mathbf{s}}, n_{\mathbf{s}} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{th}} \vdash_{\text{GEN}} \text{len}(m_{\mathbf{C}}[\text{out}_1^{\{\mathbf{r}:\mathbf{S};\mathbf{c}:\mathbf{C}\}}]) = \text{len}(m_{\mathbf{A}}[\text{out}_1^{\{\mathbf{r}:\mathbf{S};\mathbf{c}:\mathbf{C}\}}])}{\left[\text{len}(m_{\mathbf{C}}[\text{out}_1^{\{\mathbf{r}:\mathbf{S};\mathbf{c}:\mathbf{C}\}}]) = \text{len}(m_{\mathbf{A}}[\text{out}_1^{\{\mathbf{r}:\mathbf{S};\mathbf{c}:\mathbf{C}\}}]) \right]} \text{GEN}$$

if $\mathcal{A}_{\text{th}}$ contains the axiom¹:

$$\forall x, y. \text{len}(\langle x, y \rangle) = \text{len}(x) + \text{len}(y) + c$$

where c is some constant left unspecified.

¹This axiom must be satisfied by the protocol implementation for the proof to apply.

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Then, we α -rename the key randomness n_C , rewrite back the encryption, and conclude.

$$\frac{}{\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}, \text{out}_2^{\{r:A;c:A\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:A\}}]} \alpha\text{-EQU} + \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{REFL}$$

$$\sim \text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}, \underline{\text{out}}_2^{\{r:C;c:C\}}[\text{out}_1^{\{r:S;c:C\}}]$$

Unlinkability

We proved **anonymity** of the Private Authentication protocol, which we defined as:

$$I_A \mid S_A \approx I_C \mid S_A$$

But does this really guarantees that this protocol protects the privacy of its users?

⇒ **No, because of linkability attacks**

Linkability Attacks

Consider the following authentication protocol, called **KCL**, between a reader **R** and a tag **T_X** with identity **X**:

R : $\nu n_R. \quad \text{out}(\mathbf{R}, n_R)$

T_X : $\nu n_T. \text{in}(\mathbf{T}, x). \text{out}(\mathbf{T}, \langle \mathbf{X} \oplus n_T, n_T \oplus H(x, k_X) \rangle)$

Assuming **H** is a **PRF** (**P**seudo-**R**andom **F**unction), and $\oplus$ is the exclusive-or, we can prove that **KCL** provides **anonymity**.

$$\mathbf{T}_A \mid \mathbf{R} \approx \mathbf{T}_B \mid \mathbf{R}$$

Linkability Attacks

But there are **privacy attacks** against **KCL**, using two sessions:

$1 : E \rightarrow T_A : n_R$	$E \rightarrow T_A : n_R$
$2 : T_A \rightarrow E : \langle A \oplus n_T, n_T \oplus H(n_R, k_A) \rangle$	$T_A \rightarrow E : \langle A \oplus n_T, n_T \oplus H(n_R, k_A) \rangle$
$3 : E \rightarrow T_A : n_R$	$E \rightarrow T_B : n_R$
$4 : T_A \rightarrow E : \langle A \oplus n'_T, n'_T \oplus H(n_R, k_A) \rangle$	$T_B \rightarrow E : \langle B \oplus n'_T, n'_T \oplus H(n_R, k_B) \rangle$

Let t_2 and t_4 be the outputs of **T**. Then, on the **left** scenario:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_2(t_2) \oplus \pi_2(t_4) &= (n_T \oplus H(n_R, k_A)) \oplus (n'_T \oplus H(n_R, k_A)) \\ &= n_T \oplus n'_T \\ &= \pi_1(t_2) \oplus \pi_1(t_4)\end{aligned}$$

The same equality check will almost never hold on the **right**, under reasonable assumption on H .

We just saw an **attack** against:

$$(T_A \mid R) \mid (T_A \mid R) \approx (T_A \mid R) \mid (T_B \mid R)$$

Unlinkability

To prevent such attacks, we need to prove a stronger property, called **unlinkability**. It requires to prove the **equivalence** between:

- a **real-world**, where each agent can run **many sessions**:

$$\nu \vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_N. !_{id \leq N} !_{sid \leq M} P(\vec{k}_{id})$$

- and an **ideal-world**, where each agent run at most a **single session**:

$$\nu \vec{k}_{0,0}, \dots, \vec{k}_{N,M}. !_{id \leq N} !_{sid \leq M} P(\vec{k}_{id,sid})$$

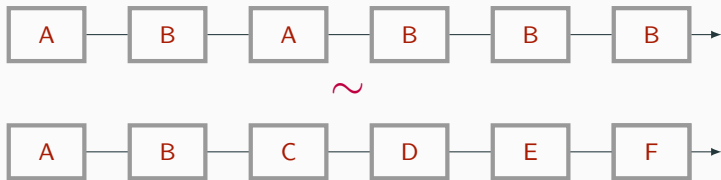
Notation: $!_{x \leq N} P(x)$ is the replication of the process P , and is syntactic sugar for $P(0), \dots, P(N)$.

Remark

The processes above are parameterized by $N, M \in \mathbb{N}$. Unlinkability holds if the equivalence holds for any N, M .

Unlinkability

Example An unlinkability scenario.



Unlinkability: Intuition

In the **ideal-world**, relations between sessions **cannot leak** any **information** on identities.

⇒ hence **no link** can be **efficiently found** in the **real word**.

Unlinkability: Adding Servers

Our definition of **unlinkability** did not account for the **server**.

User-specific server, accepting a single identity.

The processes $P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_U)$ and $S(\vec{k}_S, \vec{k}_U)$ are parameterized by:

- **global** key material $\vec{s}$;
- and **user-specific** key material $\vec{k}_U$.

Then, we require that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu \vec{s}. \nu \vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_N. \quad !_{\text{id} \leq N} !_{\text{sid} \leq M} (P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}}) \mid S(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}})) \\ & \approx \nu \vec{s}. \nu \vec{k}_{0,0}, \dots, \vec{k}_{N,M}. !_{\text{id} \leq N} !_{\text{sid} \leq M} (P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}, \text{sid}}) \mid S(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}, \text{sid}})) \end{aligned}$$

Unlinkability: Adding Servers

Generic server, accepting all identities.

No changes for the user process $P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_U)$.

The server $S(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_M)$ is parameterized by:

- some **global** key material $\vec{s}$;
- **all users** key material $\vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_M$.

Then we require that:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu \vec{s}. \nu \vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_N. \quad & (!_{\text{id} \leq N} !_{\text{sid} \leq M} P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}})) \mid \\ & (!_{\leq L} S(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_0, \dots, \vec{k}_N)) \\ \approx \nu \vec{s}. \nu \vec{k}_{0,0}, \dots, \vec{k}_{N,M}. \quad & (!_{\text{id} \leq N} !_{\text{sid} \leq M} P(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{\text{id}, \text{sid}})) \mid \\ & (!_{\leq L} S(\vec{s}, \vec{k}_{0,0}, \dots, \vec{k}_{N,M})) \end{aligned}$$

Unlinkability: Remark

Note that **user-specific unlinkability** is a very strong property that does not often hold.

Example

Assume S leaks whether it succeeded or not. This models the fact that the adversary can **distinguish success from failure**:

- e.g. because a door opens, which can be observed;
- or because success is followed by further communication, while failure is followed by a new authentication attempt.

Then the following unlinkability scenario **does not hold**:

$$\left(\underline{P(\vec{k})} \mid S(\vec{k}) \right) \mid \left(P(\vec{k}) \mid \underline{S(\vec{k})} \right) \not\approx \left(\underline{P(\vec{k}_0)} \mid S(\vec{k}_0) \right) \mid \left(P(\vec{k}_1) \mid \underline{S(\vec{k}_1)} \right)$$

The diagram illustrates two unlinkability scenarios. On the left, the expression is $\left(\underline{P(\vec{k})} \mid S(\vec{k}) \right) \mid \left(P(\vec{k}) \mid \underline{S(\vec{k})} \right)$, with a green checkmark below it. On the right, the expression is $\left(\underline{P(\vec{k}_0)} \mid S(\vec{k}_0) \right) \mid \left(P(\vec{k}_1) \mid \underline{S(\vec{k}_1)} \right)$, with a red X below it. Orange arrows connect the underlined terms: from $\underline{P(\vec{k})}$ to $\underline{P(\vec{k}_0)}$, from $\underline{S(\vec{k})}$ to $\underline{S(\vec{k}_1)}$, and from $\underline{P(\vec{k})}$ to $\underline{S(\vec{k}_1)}$.

Private Authentication: Unlinkability

Private Authentication

We parameterize the initiator and server in **PA** by the key material:

$$\begin{aligned} I(k_S, k_X) : & \nu r. \nu n_I. \quad \text{out}(I, \{\langle pk_X, n_I \rangle\}_{pk_S}^r) \\ S(k_S, k_X) : & \nu r_0. \nu n_S. \text{in}(S, x). \text{out}(S, \text{if } \pi_1(d) = pk_X \wedge \text{len}(\pi_2(d)) = \text{len}(n_S)) \\ & \quad \text{then } \{\langle \pi_2(d), n_S \rangle\}_{pk_X}^{r_0} \\ & \quad \text{else } \{\langle n_S, n_S \rangle\}_{pk_X}^{r_0} \end{aligned}$$

where $sk_X \equiv sk(k_X)$, $pk_X \equiv pk(k_X)$ and $d \equiv \text{dec}(x, sk_S)$.

Private Authentication: Unlinkability

Theorem

Private Authentication, v3 satisfies the **unlinkability** property (with user-specific server). I.e., for all $N, M \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \nu k_S. \nu k_0, \dots, k_N. \quad !_{id \leq N} !_{sid \leq M} (I(k_S, k_{id}) \mid S(k_S, k_{id})) \\ & \approx \nu k_S. \nu k_{0,0}, \dots, k_{N,M}. !_{id \leq N} !_{sid \leq M} (I(k_S, k_{id,sid}) \mid S(k_S, k_{id,sid})) \end{aligned}$$

Proof sketch

For all N, M , for all trace of observables tr , we show that:

$$\models \text{frame}(P_{\mathcal{L}}, \text{tr}) \sim \text{frame}(P_{\mathcal{R}}, \text{tr})$$

by induction over tr , where $P_{\mathcal{L}}$ and $P_{\mathcal{R}}$ are, resp., the left and right protocols in the theorem above.

Authentication Protocols

Authentication Protocol

We now focus on another class of security properties: **correspondance properties** (e.g. **authentication**)

These are properties on a **single** protocol, often expressed as a **temporal** property on **events** of the protocol. E.g.

*If **Alice** accepts **Bob** at time τ then **Bob** must have initiated a session with **Alice** at time $\tau' < \tau$.*

To formalize the **cryptographic arguments** proving such properties, we will design a specialized **framework** and **proof system**.

Hash-Lock

The Hash-Lock Protocol

Let $\mathcal{I}$ be a finite set of identities.

Hash-Lock

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T}(A, i) &: \nu n_{A,i}. \mathbf{in}(A_i, x). \mathbf{out}(A_i, \langle n_{A,i}, H(\langle x, n_{A,i} \rangle, k_A) \rangle) \\ \mathbf{R}(j) &: \nu n_{R,j}. \mathbf{in}(R_j^1, _). \mathbf{out}(R_j^1, n_{R,j}). \\ &\quad \mathbf{in}(R_j^2, y). \\ &\quad \mathbf{out}(R_j^2, \text{if } \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{I}} \pi_2(y) = H(\langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(y) \rangle, k_A)) \\ &\quad \quad \text{then ok} \\ &\quad \quad \text{else ko} \end{aligned}$$

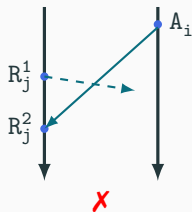
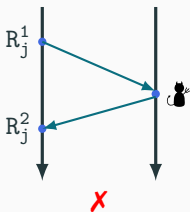
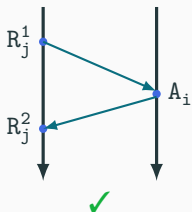
We consider N sessions of each tag, and M sessions of the reader:

$$\nu (k_A)_{A \in \mathcal{I}}. \left(\prod_{A \in \mathcal{I}} \prod_{i < N} \mathbf{T}(A, i) \right) \mid \left(\prod_{j < M} \mathbf{R}(j) \right)$$

Remark: we abuse notations and write R_j^i to denote the i -th usage of channel R_j in a process.

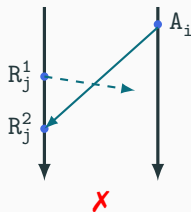
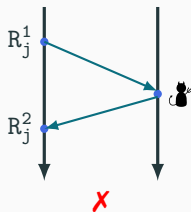
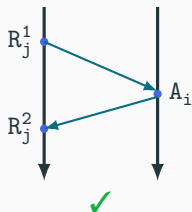
Authentication

Examples of scenarios:



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Examples of scenarios:



- **Middle scenario:** impossible thanks to **unforgeability** of the hash.
- **Right scenario:** impossible thanks to **freshness** of R 's name n_R .

Definition(informal)

If the j -th session of R accepts believing it talked to tag A , then:

- there exists a session i of tag A **properly interleaved** with the j -th session of R ;
- **messages** have been **properly forwarded** between the i -th session of tag A and the j -th session of R .

💡 *The second condition is often relaxed to require only a partial correspondence between messages.*

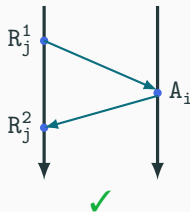
Next slides: a **framework** to express such **temporal properties**.

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Security Property

Anticipating, authentication will be captured by a formula that roughly looks like:

$$\left[\forall j. \text{accept}^A @ R_j^2 \Rightarrow \exists i. \left(\begin{array}{l} R_j^1 < A_i < R_j^2 \wedge \\ \text{out} @ R_j^1 = \text{in} @ A_i \wedge \\ \text{out} @ A_i = \text{in} @ R_j^2 \end{array} \right) \right]$$



Outline

- Capturing **temporal properties** as logical formulas $[\cdot]$.
- **Dedicated proof-system** for $[\cdot]$:
 - ▶ **Generic** mathematical reasoning.
 - ▶ **Cryptographic** reasoning (**CR**, **EUF**).
- **Example**: authentication of **Basic Hash**.

Authentication Protocols

Execution Traces

Notations

- we let $\leq$ be the **prefix relation** over observable traces:

$$\text{tr}_0 \leq \text{tr}_1 \quad \text{iff.} \quad \exists \text{tr}'. \text{tr}_1 = \text{tr}_0; \text{tr}'$$

- $\text{tr} : c$ states that **tr ends with an output** on c :

$$\text{tr} : c \quad \text{iff.} \quad \exists \text{tr}'. \text{tr} = \text{tr}'; \text{out}(c)$$

- $\text{tr} : c^n$ means that **tr : c** and **tr contains n outputs on c** :

$$\text{tr} : c^n \quad \text{iff.} \quad \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } n = 0 \\ \exists \text{tr}_0, \text{tr}_1. \text{tr} = \text{tr}_0, \text{tr}_1 \wedge & \text{otherwise} \\ \quad \text{tr}_0 : c^{n-1} \wedge & \\ \quad \text{tr}_1 : c^1 & \end{cases}$$

Notation: $\text{tr} : c^n \leq \text{tr}'$ means $\text{tr} : c^n \wedge \text{tr} \leq \text{tr}'$.

POR Result (Assumed)

We let $\mathcal{T}_{io}$ be the set of observable traces where all outputs are always **directly preceded** by an input on the same channel, i.e.:

$$\text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{io} \text{ iff. } \forall \text{tr}' : c \leq \text{tr}. \exists \text{tr}''. \text{tr}' = \text{tr}''; \text{in}(c); \text{out}(c)$$

Assumption: POR

We **admit** that to analyze the **Hash-Lock** protocol, it is sufficient to consider only observables traces in $\mathcal{T}_{io}$.

Authentication of the Hash-Lock Protocol

For any $\text{tr} : \mathbb{R}_j^2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$, we let $\text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}$ be a term (defined later) stating that the reader accepts the tag A at the end of the trace tr .

Authentication of the Hash-Lock Protocol

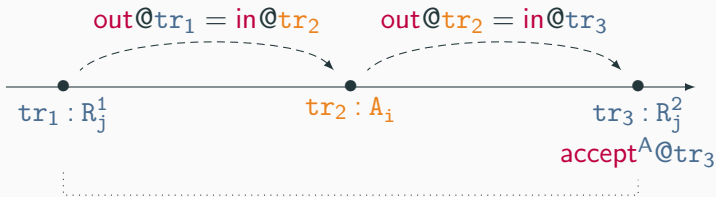
Informally, **Hash-Lock** provides **authentication** if for all $tr \in \mathcal{T}_{io}$, $tr_1 : R_j^1$ and $tr_3 : R_j^2$ such that:

$$tr_1 < tr_3 \leq tr \quad \text{and} \quad \text{accept}^A @ tr_3$$

there must exist $tr_2 : A_i$ such that $tr_1 \leq tr_2 \leq tr_3$ and:

$$\text{out}@tr_1 = \text{in}@tr_2 \wedge \text{out}@tr_2 = \text{in}@tr_3$$

Graphically:



Authentication of the Hash-Lock Protocol

What do we lack to formalize and prove the **authentication** of the **Hash-Lock** protocol?

- define the (generic) **terms representing** the **output**, **input** and **acceptance**, which we need to state the property;
- have a set of rules for **[·]** that can capture the security proof.

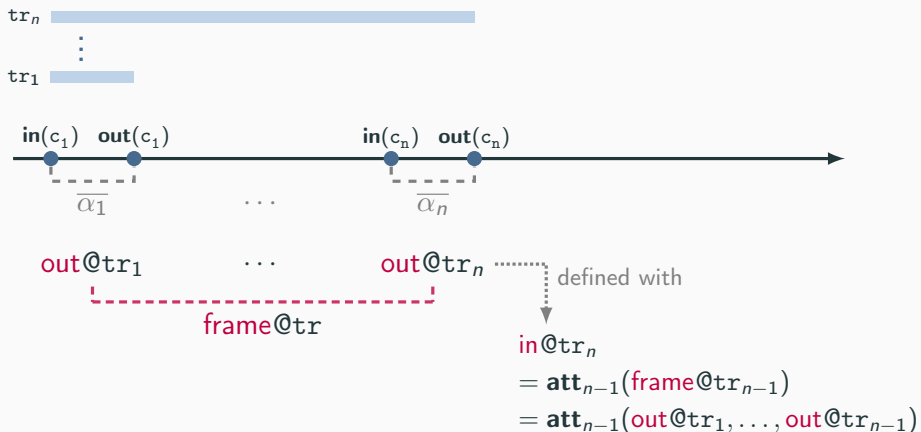
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Macro Terms

For any **observable trace** tr and channel c , we let:

$$\text{pred}(tr; \text{in}(c), \text{out}(c)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} tr$$

Macro Terms: Graphical Representation



Macro Terms

We now define some **generic** terms and sequences of terms by **induction** of the observable trace $\text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$.

Let $\text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$ with n inputs. If $\text{frame}(P, \text{tr}) = t_1, \dots, t_n$ then we let:

$$\text{out}_P @ \text{tr} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} t_n & \text{if } \exists c. \text{tr} : c \\ \text{empty} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{frame}_P @ \text{tr} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \text{frame}_P @ \text{pred}(\text{tr}), \text{out}_P @ \text{tr} & \text{if } |\text{tr}| > 1 \\ \epsilon & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{in}_P @ \text{tr} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} \text{att}_{n-1}(\text{frame}_P @ \text{pred}(\text{tr})) & \text{if } |\text{tr}| > 1 \\ \text{empty} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Remark: we omit P when it is clear from context.

💡 *The restriction to traces in $\mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$ simplifies the definition of $\text{in}_P @ \text{tr}$.*

💡 *$\text{frame}_P @ \text{tr}$ is an alternative name for $\text{frame}(P, \text{tr})$.*

Hash-Lock: Accept

Hash-Lock

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{T}(A, i) : \nu n_{A,i}. \mathbf{in}(A_i, x). \mathbf{out}(A_i, \langle n_{A,i}, H(\langle x, n_{A,i} \rangle, k_A) \rangle) \\ & \mathbf{R}(j) \quad : \nu n_{R,j}. \mathbf{in}(R_j^1, _). \mathbf{out}(R_j^1, n_{R,j}). \\ & \quad \mathbf{in}(R_j^2, y). \\ & \quad \mathbf{out}(R_j^2, \text{if } \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{I}} \pi_2(y) = H(\langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(y) \rangle, k_A)) \\ & \quad \quad \text{then ok} \\ & \quad \quad \text{else ko} \end{aligned}$$

To be able to state some **authentication** property of Hash-Lock, we need an additional macro. For all $\text{tr} : R_j^2 \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$, we let:

$$\text{accept}^A @ \text{tr} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_2(\text{in} @ \text{tr}) = H(\langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in} @ \text{tr}) \rangle, k_A)$$

💡 We made sure that all names in the protocol are unique, so that they don't have to be renamed before the symbolic execution.

Authentication: Hash-Lock

The following formulas encode the fact that the **Hash-Lock** protocol provides **authentication**:

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{I}. \forall tr \in \mathcal{T}_{io}. \forall tr_1 : R_j^1, tr_3 : R_j^2 \text{ s.t. } tr_1 < tr_3 \leq tr,$$

$$\left[\text{accept}^A @ tr_3 \rightarrow \bigvee_{\substack{tr_2 : A_i \\ tr_1 \leq tr_2 \leq tr_3}} \text{out} @ tr_1 = \text{in} @ tr_2 \wedge \text{out} @ tr_2 = \text{in} @ tr_3 \right]$$

This kind of one-sided properties are called **correspondance** properties. Proving their validity will require **additional rules**, to allow for **propositional reasoning**.

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Local Proof System

Local Judgements

We define a **judgment** dedicated to **correspondance properties**.

Definition

A **local judgement** $\Gamma \vdash \phi$ comprises a sequence of boolean terms $\Gamma = \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ and a boolean term ϕ .

$\Gamma \vdash \phi$ is **valid** if and only if the following formula is valid:

$$[\phi_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \phi_n \rightarrow \phi]$$

Boolean Connectives in Local Judgements

Careful not to confuse the boolean connectives at the **local** and **equivalence** levels!

Exercise

Determine which directions are correct.

$$[\phi \wedge \psi] \stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow} [\phi] \tilde{\wedge} [\psi]$$

$$[\phi \vee \psi] \stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow} [\phi] \tilde{\vee} [\psi]$$

$$[\phi \rightarrow \psi] \stackrel{?}{\Leftrightarrow} [\phi] \tilde{\rightarrow} [\psi]$$

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$$[\phi \rightarrow \psi] \Rightarrow [\phi] \tilde{\rightarrow} [\psi]$$

The second relation works both ways when ϕ or ψ is a **constant** formula.

Local Proof System

Our **local judgement** can be trivially equipped with a **sequent calculus** that behaves as a standard FO sequent calculus.

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{\Gamma, \phi \vdash \phi} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi \quad \Gamma, \psi \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \phi} \\[2ex] \frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \wedge \phi} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \psi, \phi \vdash \theta}{\Gamma, \psi \wedge \phi \vdash \theta} \\[2ex] \frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \vee \phi} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \vee \phi} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \psi \vdash \theta \quad \Gamma, \phi \vdash \theta}{\Gamma, \psi \vee \phi \vdash \theta} \\[2ex] \frac{\Gamma \vdash \psi \quad \Gamma, \phi \vdash \theta}{\Gamma, \psi \rightarrow \phi \vdash \theta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \psi \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \phi} \end{array}$$

Local Proof System (cont.)

$$\frac{\Gamma, \phi \vdash \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \neg \phi}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, \perp \vdash \phi}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1, \phi, \psi, \Gamma_2 \vdash \theta}{\Gamma_1, \psi, \phi, \Gamma_2 \vdash \theta}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \psi, \psi \vdash \phi}{\Gamma, \psi \vdash \phi}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \theta}{\Gamma, \phi \vdash \theta}$$

Local Proof System: Soundness

The local proof system is **sound**.

Proof

First, recall that for any Γ and θ :

$$\Gamma \vdash \theta \text{ is valid iff. } \Pr_{\rho} \left(\llbracket (\wedge \Gamma) \wedge \neg \phi \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \right) \text{ is negligible.} \quad (\dagger)$$

Local Proof System: Soundness

We will only detail one rule, say:

$$\frac{\Gamma, \psi \vdash \theta \quad \Gamma, \phi \vdash \theta}{\Gamma, \psi \vee \phi \vdash \theta.}$$

By the previous remark ($\dagger$), since $(\Gamma, \psi \vdash \theta)$ and $(\Gamma, \phi \vdash \theta)$ are valid:

- $\Pr_\rho \left(\llbracket (\wedge \Gamma) \wedge \psi \wedge \neg \theta \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \right)$ is negligible.
- $\Pr_\rho \left(\llbracket (\wedge \Gamma) \wedge \phi \wedge \neg \theta \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \right)$ is negligible.

Since the union of two negligible (η -indexed families of) events is a negligible (η -indexed families of) events,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_\rho \left(\llbracket ((\wedge \Gamma) \wedge \psi \wedge \neg \theta) \vee ((\wedge \Gamma) \wedge \phi \wedge \neg \theta) \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \right) \text{ is negligible} \\ \Leftrightarrow & \Pr_\rho \left(\llbracket (\wedge \Gamma) \wedge (\psi \vee \phi) \wedge \neg \theta \rrbracket_{\mathbb{M}}^{\eta, \rho} \right) \text{ is negligible} \end{aligned}$$

Hence using ($\dagger$) again, $\Gamma, \psi \vee \phi \vdash \theta$ is valid.

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Cryptographic Rule: Collision Resistance

Cryptographic Hash

A **keyed cryptographic hash** $H(_, _)$ is **computationally collision resistant** if no PPTM adversary can build collisions, even when it has access to a hashing **oracle**.

More precisely, a hash is *collision resistant under hidden key attacks* (**CR-HK**) iff for every PPTM $\mathcal{A}$, the following quantity:

$$\Pr_k \left(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{H(\cdot, k)}}(1^\eta) = \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle, m_1 \neq m_2 \text{ and } H(m_1, k) = H(m_2, k) \right)$$

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

Collision Resistance

If H is a CR-HK function, then the *ground* rule:

$$\frac{}{H(m_1, k) = H(m_2, k) \vdash m_1 = m_2} \text{CR}$$

is sound, when k appears only in H key positions in m_1, m_2 .

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Cryptographic Rule: Message
Authentication Code

Message Authentication Code

A **message authentication code** is a symmetric cryptographic schema which:

- create **message authentication codes** using $\text{mac}(\cdot)$
- **verifies** mac using $\text{verify}(\cdot, \cdot)$

It must satisfies the functional equality:

$$\text{verify}_k(\text{mac}_k(m), m) = \text{true}$$

MAC Security

A MAC must be **computationally unforgeable**, even when the adversary has access to a mac and verify oracles.

A MAC is *unforgeable against chosen-message attacks* (EUF-CMA) iff for every PPTM $\mathcal{A}$, the following quantity:

$$\Pr_k \left(\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{\text{mac}_k(\cdot)}, \mathcal{O}_{\text{verify}_k(\cdot, \cdot)}}(1^\eta) = \langle m, \sigma \rangle, m \text{ not queried to } \mathcal{O}_{\text{mac}_k(\cdot)} \right. \\ \left. \text{and } \text{verify}_k(\sigma, m) = 1 \right)$$

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

EUF-MAC Rule

Take two messages s, m and a key $k \in \mathcal{N}$ such that:

- s and m are ground;
- $k \in \mathcal{N}$ appears only in mac or verify key positions in s, m .

Key Idea

To build a rule for **EUFCMA**, we proceed as follow:

- compute $\llbracket s, m \rrbracket$ bottom-up, calling $\mathcal{O}_{\text{mac}_k(\cdot)}$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\text{verify}_k(\cdot, \cdot)}$ if necessary;
- log all sub-terms $\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(s, m)$ sent to $\mathcal{O}_{\text{mac}_k(\cdot)}$.

⇒ If $\text{verify}_k(s, m)$ then $m = u$ for some $u \in \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(s, m)$.

💡 $\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(s, m)$ are the *calls* to $\mathcal{O}_{\text{mac}_k(\cdot)}$ needed to compute s, m .

$\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(\cdot)$ defined by induction on ground terms:

$$\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(\mathbf{n}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(\text{verify}_{\mathbf{k}}(u_1, u_2)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(u_1) \cup \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(u_2)$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(\text{mac}_{\mathbf{k}}(u)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{u\} \cup \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(u)$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(f(u_1, \dots, u_n)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(u_i) \quad (\text{for other cases})$$

EUF-MAC Rule

Message Authentication Code Unforgeability

If mac is an **EUFCMA** function, then the *ground* rule:

$$\frac{}{\text{verify}_{\mathbf{k}}(s, m) \vdash \bigvee_{u \in \mathcal{S}} m = u} \text{EUFCMAC}$$

is sound, when:

- $\mathcal{S} = \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(s, m)$;
- $\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{N}$ appears only in mac or verify key positions in s, m .

Example

If t_1 t_2 and t_3 are terms which do not contain $\mathbf{k}$, then:

$$\Phi \equiv \text{mac}_{\mathbf{k}}(t_1), \text{mac}_{\mathbf{k}}(t_2), \text{mac}_{\mathbf{k}_0}(t_3)$$

$$\left[\text{verify}_{\mathbf{k}}(g(\Phi), \mathbf{n}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{n} = t_1 \vee \mathbf{n} = t_2) \right]$$

EUF-MAC Rule: Exercise

Exercise

Assume `mac` is **EUFCMA**. Show that the following rule is sound:

$$\frac{}{\text{verify}_k(\text{if } b \text{ then } s_0 \text{ else } s_1, m) \vdash \bigvee_{u \in \mathcal{S}_1 \cup \mathcal{S}_2} m = u}$$

when b, s_0, s_1, m are *ground* terms, and:

- $\mathcal{S}_i = \{u \mid \text{mac}_k(u) \in \mathbb{S}_{\text{mac}}(s_i, m)\}$, for $i \in \{0, 1\}$;
- k appears only in `mac` or verify key positions in s_0, s_1, m .

Remark: we do not make *any* assumption on b , except that it is ground.
E.g., we can have $b \equiv (\text{att}(k) = \text{mac}_k(0))$.

Authentication Protocols

Authentication of the Hash-Lock Protocol

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Theorem

Assuming that the hash function is EUF-CMA², the Hash-Lock protocol provides **authentication**, i.e. for any identity $A \in \mathcal{I}$, for any $\text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$, $\text{tr}_1 : \mathcal{R}_j^1$ and $\text{tr}_3 : \mathcal{R}_j^2$ s.t.:

$$\text{tr}_1 < \text{tr}_3 \leq \text{tr}$$

the following formula is valid:

$$\text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}_3 \vdash \bigvee_{\substack{\text{tr}_2 : A_i \\ \text{tr}_1 \leq \text{tr}_2 \leq \text{tr}_3}} \text{out} @ \text{tr}_1 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_2 \wedge \text{out} @ \text{tr}_2 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_3$$

²Taking $\text{verify}_k(s, m) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} s = H(m, k)$.

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Proof. Let $a \in \mathcal{I}$, and let $\text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}$, $\text{tr}_1 : R_j^1$ and $\text{tr}_3 : R_j^2$ be s.t.:

$$\text{tr}_1 < \text{tr}_3 \leq \text{tr}$$

We let:

$$\phi_{\text{conc}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigvee_{\substack{\text{tr}_2 : A_i \\ \text{tr}_1 \leq \text{tr}_2 \leq \text{tr}_3}} \text{out}@\text{tr}_1 = \text{in}@\text{tr}_2 \wedge \text{out}@\text{tr}_2 = \text{in}@\text{tr}_3$$

We must prove that the following local judgement is valid:

$$\text{accept}^A@\text{tr}_3 \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}$$

i.e. that:

$$\pi_2(\text{in}@\text{tr}_3) = H(\langle \text{n}_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in}@\text{tr}_3) \rangle, k_A) \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}$$

Authentication: Hash-Lock

We use the EUF-MAC rule on the equality:

$$\pi_2(\text{in@tr}_3) = H(\langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in@tr}_3) \rangle, k_A) \quad (\dagger)$$

The terms above are ground, and the key k_A is correctly used in them.

Moreover, the set of *honest* hashes using key k_A appearing in $(\dagger)$, excluding the top-level hash, is:

$$\begin{aligned} & S_{\text{mac}}(\pi_2(\text{in@tr}_3), \langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in@tr}_3) \rangle) \\ &= S_{\text{mac}}(\text{in@tr}_3) \\ &= \{H(\langle \text{in@tr}_2, n_{A,i} \rangle, k_A) \mid \text{tr}_2 : A_i < \text{tr}_3\} \end{aligned}$$

💡 *The hashes in the reader's outputs can be seen as verify checks, and can therefore be ignored.*

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Hence using EUF-MAC plus some basic reasoning, we have:

$$\frac{\text{accept}^A@tr_3, \langle \text{in}@tr_2, n_{A,i} \rangle = \langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in}@tr_3) \rangle \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}} \quad \text{for every } tr_2 : A_i < tr_3}{\text{accept}^A@tr_3, \bigvee_{tr_2 : A_i < tr_3} \langle \text{in}@tr_2, n_{A,i} \rangle = \langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in}@tr_3) \rangle \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}}}{\text{accept}^A@tr_3 \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}}$$

Authentication: Hash-Lock

We only have to show that for every $\text{tr}_2 : A_i < \text{tr}_3$:

$$\underbrace{\text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}_3, \text{in} @ \text{tr}_2 = n_{R,j}, n_{A,i} = \pi_1(\text{in} @ \text{tr}_3)}_{\Gamma} \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}.$$

After some basic equality reasoning (+ minor assumptions), we have:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{out} @ \text{tr}_1 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_2 \wedge \text{out} @ \text{tr}_2 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_3 \quad (\dagger)$$

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Recall that:

$$\phi_{\text{conc}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigvee_{\substack{\text{tr}_2:A_i \\ \text{tr}_1 \leq \text{tr}_2 \leq \text{tr}_3}} \text{out}@_{\text{tr}_1} = \text{in}@_{\text{tr}_2} \wedge \text{out}@_{\text{tr}_2} = \text{in}@_{\text{tr}_3}$$

and we must show that $\Gamma \vdash \phi_{\text{conc}}$. Hence, using $(\dagger)$, it only remains to prove that whenever $\text{tr}_2 < \text{tr}_1$, we have:

$$\Gamma, \text{out}@_{\text{tr}_1} = \text{in}@_{\text{tr}_2}, \text{out}@_{\text{tr}_2} = \text{in}@_{\text{tr}_3} \vdash \perp$$

This follows from the independence rule:

$$\overline{[t \neq n]} \stackrel{=-\text{IND}}{\quad} \text{when } t \text{ is ground and } n \notin \text{st}(t)$$

using the fact that:

$$\text{out}@_{\text{tr}_1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n_{R,j}$$

and that if $\text{tr}_2 < \text{tr}_1$ then $n_{R,j} \notin \text{st}(\text{in}@_{\text{tr}_2})$.

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Proof of $(\ddagger)$

Since $\text{tr}_1 : R_j^1 < \text{tr}_3$ we know that:

$$\text{out@tr}_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n_{R,j}$$

Moreover:

$$\text{out@tr}_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle n_{A,i}, H(\langle \text{in@tr}_2, n_{A,i} \rangle, k_A) \rangle$$

Hence:

$$\Gamma \vdash \pi_1(\text{out@tr}_2) = \pi_1(\text{in@tr}_3) \quad (\diamond)$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \pi_2(\text{out@tr}_2) &= H(\langle \text{in@tr}_2, n_{A,i} \rangle, k_A) \\ &= H(\langle n_{R,j}, \pi_1(\text{in@tr}_3) \rangle, k_A) \\ &= \pi_2(\text{in@tr}_3) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently:

$$\Gamma \vdash \pi_2(\text{out@tr}_2) = \pi_2(\text{in@tr}_3) \quad (\star)$$

Authentication: Hash-Lock

Proof of $(\dagger)$ (cont.)

Assuming that the pair and projections satisfy the property:

$$\overline{\left[(\pi_1 x = \pi_1 y) \rightarrow (\pi_2 x = \pi_2 y) \rightarrow x = y \right]}$$

We deduce from $(\star)$ and $(\diamond)$ that:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{out@tr}_2 = \text{in@tr}_3$$

Putting everything together, we get:

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{out@tr}_1 = \text{in@tr}_2 \wedge \text{out@tr}_2 = \text{in@tr}_3 \quad (\dagger)$$

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Beyond Authentication

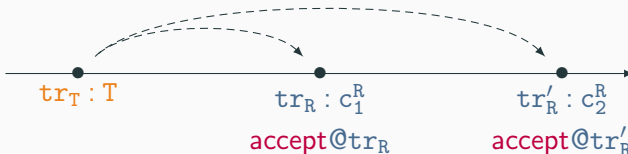
Beyond Authentication

Authentication, which states that we must have:

$$\forall tr_R : R. \exists tr_T : T.$$



does not exclude the scenario:



Replay Attack

This is a **replay attack**: the same message (or partial transcript), when replayed, is **accepted again** by the server.

This can yield real-world **attacks**. E.g. an adversary can open a door at will once it eavesdropped one honest interaction.

Example

The following protocol, called **Basic Hash**, suffer from such attacks:

$$\begin{aligned} T(A, i) &: \nu n_{A,i}. \text{out}(A_i, \langle n_{A,i}, H(n_{A,i}, k_A) \rangle) \\ R(j) &: \text{in}(R_j^2, y). \text{out}(R_j^2, \text{if } \bigvee_{A \in \mathcal{I}} \pi_2(y) = H(\pi_1(y), k_A)) \\ &\quad \text{then ok} \\ &\quad \text{else ko} \end{aligned}$$

Injective Authentication

The **authentication** property is too *weak* for many real-world application.

To prevent replay attacks, we require that the protocol provides a **stronger** property, **injective authentication**.

Injective Authentication: Hash-Lock

The following formulas encode the fact that the **Hash-Lock** protocol provides **injective authentication**:

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{I}. \forall \text{tr} \in \mathcal{T}_{\text{io}}. \forall \text{tr}_1 : \mathbb{R}_j^1, \text{tr}_3 : \mathbb{R}_j^2 \text{ s.t. } \text{tr}_1 < \text{tr}_3 \leq \text{tr}$$

$$\tilde{\wedge} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}_3 \rightarrow \bigvee_{\substack{\text{tr}_2 : A_i \\ \text{tr}_1 \leq \text{tr}_2 \leq \text{tr}_3}} \text{out} @ \text{tr}_1 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_2 \wedge \\ \text{out} @ \text{tr}_2 = \text{in} @ \text{tr}_3 \\ \bigwedge_{\text{tr}'_3 : \mathbb{R}_j^2, \leq \text{tr}} \text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}_3 \wedge \text{accept}^A @ \text{tr}'_3 \rightarrow \\ \pi_1(\text{in} @ \text{tr}_3) = \pi_1(\text{in} @ \text{tr}'_3) \rightarrow j = j' \end{array} \right]$$

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