Cryptographically sound formal verification of security protocols

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  Correctness:

$$\forall \eta, \mathtt{x}, \mathtt{r}, \mathtt{r}' : \begin{array}{l} \mathtt{k} := \mathcal{K}^{\mathtt{r}}(\eta) \\ \mathtt{y} := \mathcal{E}^{\mathtt{r}'}(\eta, \mathtt{k}, \mathtt{x}) \\ \mathtt{x}' := \mathcal{D}(\eta, \mathtt{k}, \mathtt{y}) \\ (\mathtt{x} = \mathtt{x}')? \end{array}$$

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A function ε is negligible if

$$\lim_{\eta\to\infty} \varepsilon(\eta) \cdot p(\eta) = 0$$

for all polynomials p.

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- Define $e_1 \cong e_2$ if $pattern(e_1) = pattern(e_2)\sigma_K\sigma_R$ for some
  - σ_K — a permutation of the keys $\mathbf{Keys}$;
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Hiding the length of the plaintext

- An encryption scheme is length-concealing if the length of the plaintext cannot be determined from the ciphertext.
- Achievable by padding the plaintexts.
  - Questionable for nested encryptions...
- For simplicity, we will assume that our encryption scheme is length-concealing.
  - And also which-key concealing and IND-CPA-secure.
- Otherwise we'd need to define lengths of formal expressions.
  - Not difficult, but currently not so interesting

IND-CPA, which-key and length-concealing:

Let $\mathbf{0}$ be a fixed bit-string.

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Semantics of expressions and patterns

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Theorem of equivalence

Theorem. Let $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbf{Exp}$. If $e_1 \cong e_2$ then* $[\![e_1]\!] \approx [\![e_2]\!]$.

Replacing one key

- For a key $\overline{k} \in \mathbf{Keys}$ define

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replacekey(\square^r, \overline{k}) &= \square^r
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- **Lemma.** Let $e \in \mathbf{Exp}$. Let key $\overline{k}$ occur in e only as encryption key. Then $[\![e]\!] \approx [\![replacekey(e, \overline{k})]\!]$.

Proof of the lemma

Assume that $\mathcal{B}$ distinguishes $[\![e]\!]$ from $[\![replacekey(e, \overline{k})]\!]$.
Let $\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}}(\eta)$ work as follows:

- Initialize:
  - Let $\mathtt{s}_k \leftarrow \mathcal{K}(\eta)$ for all keys k occurring in e, except $\overline{k}$.
  - Let $\mathtt{s}_r \in_R \{0,1\}^\omega$ for all r occurring in e, except as $\{\ldots\}^r_{\overline{k}}$.
  - Let $\mathtt{k}_\square \leftarrow \mathcal{K}(1^\eta)$.
- Let $L = \{\}$ (empty mapping).
- Compute the "semantics" v of e as follows by invoking $\textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$
  - $\textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e) = [\![e]\!]$ if $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_1^{\mathrm{type-0}}$.
  - $\textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e) = [\![replacekey(e, \overline{k})]\!]$ if $\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_0^{\mathrm{type-0}}$.
- **return** $\mathcal{B}(\eta, v)$.

$\mathcal{A}$ can distinguish $\mathcal{O}_1^{\mathrm{type-0}}$ and $\mathcal{O}_0^{\mathrm{type-0}}$ as well as $\mathcal{B}$ can distinguish $[\![e]\!]$ and $[\![replacekey(e, \overline{k})]\!]$.

Computing $[\![e]\!]$ or $[\![replacekey(e, \overline{k})]\!]$

$\textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$ is: **case** e **of**

- k: **return** $\mathtt{s}_k$ *(note that* $k \neq \overline{k}$*)*
- b: **return** b
- (e_1, e_2): let $v_i = \textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e_i)$; **return** $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$
- $\{e\}^r_k$: let $v = \textsc{Sem}^{\mathcal{O}}(e)$;
  - If $k \neq \overline{k}$ then **return** $\mathcal{E}^{\mathtt{s}_r}(\eta, \mathtt{s}_k, v)$
  - If $k = \overline{k}$ and $L(r)$ is not defined then
    - let $L(r) = \mathcal{O}.\mathrm{encrypt1}(v)$;
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- $\square^r$: **return** $\mathcal{O}.\mathrm{encrypt2}(\mathbf{0})$

Proof of the theorem

1. $replacekey(replacekey(\cdots replacekey(e, k_1), k_2) \cdots , k_n) = pattern(e)$
   if $\{k_1, \ldots, k_n\}$ are all keys in e that the adversary cannot obtain. Denote this set of keys by $hidkeys(e)$.
2. Apply the **lemma** sequentially to each key in $hidkeys(e)$, thereby establishing

$$\boxed{[\![e]\!] \approx [\![pattern(e)]\!].}$$

   * In general, not all orders of keys in $hidkeys(e)$ are suitable.

3. Permuting the formal keys and coins does not change the generated probability distribution over bit-strings.

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Severity of encryption cycles

Exercise. Take an encryption scheme that is assumed to be IND-CPA-secure. Modify it so, that it is still IND-CPA-secure, but defenseless against an adversary that has somehow obtained $\{k\}_k$.

Dealing with encryption cycles

- We could increase the relation $\vdash$
  - Thereby allowing the adversary to "break encryption cycles".
- We could strengthen the security definition of the symmetric encryption scheme
  - KDM-IND-CPA-security
  - key-dependent messages
  - Is such definition instantiable?

Breaking encryption cycles

Define the relations $\vdash_{\mathbf{K}}$ for any set $\mathbf{K}$ of formal keys as follows:

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\begin{aligned}
e &\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} e \\
e \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} (e_1, e_2) &\Rightarrow e \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} e_1 \wedge e \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} e_2 \\
e \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} e' &\Rightarrow e \vdash_{\mathbf{K} \cup \mathbf{K}'} e' \\
e \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \{e'\}^r_k &\Rightarrow e \vdash_{\mathbf{K} \cup \{k\}} e' \\
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And define $\vdash$ as the relation $\vdash_{\emptyset}$.

Exercise. What is the pattern of messages $(\{k_3\}^{r_1}_{k_2}, \{k_4\}^{r_2}_{k_3}, \{\{k_2\}^{r_4}_{k_4}\}^{r_3}_{k_1}, k_1)$ and $(\{k_3\}^{r_1}_{k_2}, \{k_4\}^{r_2}_{k_3}, \{\{k_2\}^{r_4}_{k_4}\}^{r_3}_{k_1})$ by the new definition of $\vdash$?

KDM-IND-CPA-security

- Defined as the indistinguishability of certain two encrypting oracles $\mathcal{O}_0$ and $\mathcal{O}_1$.
- Both "initially create" an array $\mathbf{k}[0..\infty]$ of fresh keys.
- A query to an oracle is a pair (j, g), where
  - $j \in \mathbb{N}$
  - g is a program that returns a bit-string
    - g may refer to $\mathbf{k}$.
    - the length of g's output may not depend on $\mathbf{k}$.
- $\mathcal{O}_1$ returns $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}[j]}(g(\mathbf{k}))$ to the query (j, g).
- $\mathcal{O}_0$ returns $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}[j]}(0^{|g(\mathbf{k})|})$ to the query (j, g).

(this definition allows $\mathcal{E}$ to reveal the lengths of plaintexts and identities of keys)

Achieving KDM-IND-CPA-security

- Simple in the random oracle model
  - Let $H(x)$ denote random oracle's output for the query x
  - The program g may also contain instructions to call H
- Let $\mathcal{K}(\eta)$ just output a random element of $\{0,1\}^\eta$.
- Let $\mathcal{E}^r(\eta, k, x) = (r, H(k\|r) \oplus x)$
  - Assume that the output of H has the same length as x
  - **Exercise.** How do we construct such a H from some random oracle H_0 whose output length is fixed?

Exercise. Show that this scheme is KDM-IND-CPA-secure.

- It is not known how to achieve KDM-security in the plain model.
- Possible, if we restrict the shape of g in a certain way.
- This restricted set can still be large enough to contain the computation of $[\![\cdot]\!]$.

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Public-key primitives

- Extend the construction of the set of formal messages by
  - keypairs $kp \in \mathbf{EKeys}$ for encryption and $kp \in \mathbf{SKeys}$ for signing;
  - operations kp^+ and kp^- to take the public and secret components of keys;
  - public-key encryptions $\{\!|e|\!\}^r_{kp^+}$ and signatures $[\!\{e\}\!]^r_{kp^-}$.
- Fix a public-key encryption scheme $(\mathcal{K}_\mathrm{p}, \mathcal{E}_\mathrm{p}, \mathcal{D}_\mathrm{p})$ and a signature scheme $(\mathcal{K}_\mathrm{s}, \mathcal{S}_\mathrm{s}, \mathcal{V}_\mathrm{s})$.
  - Use $\mathcal{K}_\mathrm{p}$, $\mathcal{E}_\mathrm{p}$, $\mathcal{K}_\mathrm{s}$, $\mathcal{K}_\mathrm{s}$ to define the semantics of new constructs.
- Similar results can be obtained with $\{\!|\cdot|\!\}_.$ in messages.
  - If secret keys are not part of messages then encryption cycles are not an issue.

Specifying the protocols

- A set $\mathcal{P}$ of principals (some of them possibly corrupted). Each one with fixed keypairs for signing and encryption.
  - There are keys ek(P), dk(P), sk(P), vk(P) for each principal P.
- A set of roles.
  - A list of pairs of incoming and outgoing messages.
  - May contain nonces.
  - Also may contain message variables and principal variables.

Example roles

Needham-Schroeder-Lowe public-key protocol:

$$A \longrightarrow B : \{\![N_A, A]\!\}_{\mathsf{ek}(B)}$$
$$B \longrightarrow A : \{\![N_A, N_B, B]\!\}_{\mathsf{ek}(A)}$$
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- Initiator role:

$$(\mathit{Start}, \{\![N_A, X_{\mathrm{Init}}]\!\}_{\mathsf{ek}(X_{\mathrm{Resp}})})$$
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- Responder role:

$$(\{\![X_N, X_{\mathrm{Init}}]\!\}_{\mathsf{ek}(X_{\mathrm{Resp}})}, \{\![X_N, N_B, X_{\mathrm{Resp}}]\!\}_{\mathsf{ek}(X_{\mathrm{Init}})})$$
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- Decompose m according to m_{i}.
  - Use $\mathrm{dk}(P_i)$ to decrypt messages encrypted with $\mathrm{ek}(P_i)$.
  - The keys for symmetric encryption are contained in m_{i}.
- Verify the equality of instantiated parts of m_{i} to the corresponding parts of m'.
- Initialize the new variables in m_{i} with the corresponding parts of m'.
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- Use the values of already known keys, nonces, variables, etc.
- Generate new values for keys and nonces that occur first time in m_{o}.

Execution traces

- An execution trace is a sequence of **new**-, **recv**- and **send**-statements.
- We have traces in both models — there are
  - formal traces — sequences of terms over a message algebra with a countable number of atoms for keys, nonces, random coins;
  - computational traces — sequences of bit-strings.
- A formal trace is valid if each message in a **recv**-statement can be generated from messages in previous **send**- and **recv**-statements.

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Lemma. If the used cryptographic primitives are secure then for any computational adversary $\mathcal{A}$, if t^c is a computational trace of the protocol running together with $\mathcal{A}$ then with overwhelming probability there exists a valid formal trace t^f, such that $t^f \leq t^c$.

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- add M to $\mathcal{K}$;
- pick a new formal symmetric key K and associate it with M.

Concerning symmetric encryption, attention has to be paid to encryption cycles.

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If some $M \in \mathcal{M}$ looks like an encryption then try to decrypt it with all keys in $\mathcal{K}$. If $M_0 = \mathcal{D}(M_k, M)$ for some $M_k \in \mathcal{K}$, then

- add M_0 to $\mathcal{M}$;
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- add $M_0 = get\_message(M)$ to $\mathcal{M}$;
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etc. Try to decompose the messages in $\mathcal{M}$ as much as possible.

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In the end:

- for each uninterpreted message in $\mathcal{M}$: associate it with a new formal nonce.
- Construct the formal trace using the structure of messages that we recorded.

Invalid formal trace $\Rightarrow$ broken primitive

If the trace is invalid, then the adversary did one of the following:

- forged a signature;
- guessed a nonce, symmetric key, or signature that it had only seen encrypted.

We run the protocol while using the encryption / signing oracles to encrypt / sign. We guess at which point the break happens.

- We use the oracles for this particular key.
- A forged signature promptly gives us a break of UF-CMA.
- For guessed nonce, key or signature we generate two copies of it and use the messages derived from these two copies as the inputs to the oracle $\mathcal{E}(k, \pi_b(\cdot, \cdot))$.
  - After learning the nonce / key / signature, we learn b.

Trace properties

- A trace property of P is a subset of the set of all formal traces.
- A protocol formally satisfies a trace property P if all its formal traces belong to P.
- A protocol computationally satisfies a trace property P if for almost all computational traces t^c of the protocol there exists a trace $t^f \in P$, such that $t^f \leq t^c$.

Theorem. If a protocol formally satisfies some trace property P, then it also computationally satisfies P.

Confidentiality of nonces

- In the formal setting, the confidentiality of a certain nonce N means that N will not be included in the knowledge set of the adversary.
- In the computational setting, the confidentiality of a certain nonce N means that no PPT adversary $\mathcal{A}$ can guess b from the following:
  - Run the protocol normally, with $\mathcal{A}$ as the adversary, until...
  - $\mathcal{A}$ denotes one of the just started protocol sessions as "under attack".
  - Generate a random bit b and two nonces N_0 and N_1.
  - Use N_b in the attacked session in the place of N.
  - Continue executing the protocol until $\mathcal{A}$ stops it.
  - Give N_0 and N_1 to $\mathcal{A}$.

Theorem. Formal confidentiality of a nonce implies its computational confidentiality.