

Exercise set 11

TMA4160 Cryptography

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In the lectures we have defined a Σ -protocol in the following way. Let $R = \{(h; a)\} \subseteq X \times Y$ be a binary relation, and let $L_R = \{h \in X \mid \exists a \in Y \text{ s.t. } (h; a) \in R\}$ be the language relating to R . Then we define a Σ -protocol as

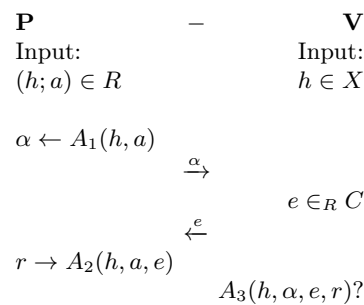


Fig. 1. Σ -protocol for relation R , where A_1 and A_2 are probabilistic polynomial time algorithms, C is a finite set and A_3 is a polynomial time predicate.

Definition 1. A Σ -protocol for relation R is a protocol between a prover P and a verifier V of the form given in figure 1 satisfying the following three properties.

Completeness. If P and V follow the protocol, then V always accepts.

Special soundness. There exists a probabilistic polynomial time algorithm E which given any $h \in X$ and any pair of accepting conversations (α, e_1, r_1) and (α, e_2, r_2) , with $e_1 \neq e_2$, computes a witness a satisfying $(h, a) \in R$.

Special honest-verifier zero-knowledge. There exists a probabilistic polynomial time algorithm S which given any $h \in L_R$ and any challenge $e \in C$ produces conversations (α, e, r) with the same probability distribution as conversations between honest P and V on common input h and

challenge e , where P uses any witness a satisfying $(h, a) \in R$. Furthermore, for $h \in X \setminus L_R$, S is just required to produce arbitrary accepting conversations with challenge e .

Exercise 1

Consider the following version of the Schnorr protocol:

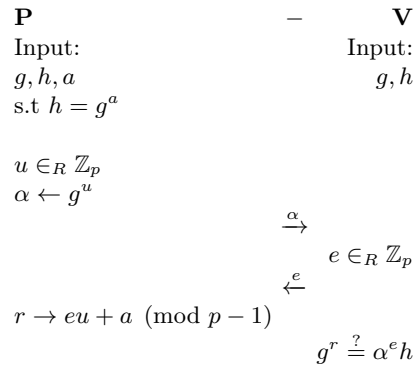


Fig. 2. Insecure version of Schnorr’s protocol

- a) Show that this version of the Schnorr protocol is a Σ -protocol
- b) Show that this version of the Schnorr protocol is completely insecure against a cheating verifier, and suggest a fix.

Exercise 2

Let $n = pq$ be a RSA-modulus, and b a large prime (So that $O(b)$ is exponential in the size of n). Consider the Guillou-Quisqater protocol for showing knowledge of b th-roots (i.e knowledge of m such that $m^b = c$ for public c):

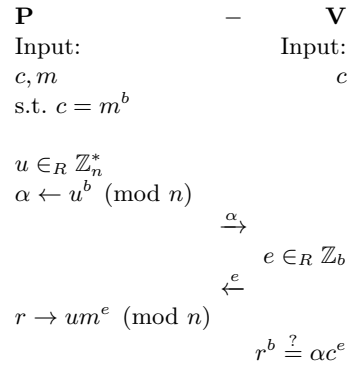


Fig. 3. The Guillou-Quisqater protocol

Show that the Guillou-Quisqater protocol is a Σ -protocol

Challenge

Exercise 3

You have seen in the lectures how to use Schnorr's protocol to create a protocol for the relation $\{(h_1, h_2; a_1, a_2) \mid h_1 = g^{a_1} \wedge h_2 = g^{a_2}\}$ (AND-protocol). Now use Guillou-Quisqater's protocol to create a protocol for the relation $\{(c_1, c_2; m_1, m_2) \mid c_1 = m_1^b \wedge c_2 = m_2^b\}$.