# Cryptographic Reductions By Bi-Deduction 

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## Context: Squirrel and Cryptographic assumptions



## Cryptographic assumptions



## Definition (Indinstinguishability)

For any polynomial-time and randomized algorithm $A$,

$$
\left|\operatorname{Pr}\left(A^{G_{\text {Left }}}=1\right)-\operatorname{Pr}\left(A^{G_{R i g h t}}=1\right)\right|
$$

is negligible (i.e., roughly exponentially small in the length of the keys).

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return $\mathrm{h}(x, \mathrm{k})$

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\mathrm{k} \leftarrow$ | $\log :=x:: \log$ | $r \leftarrow^{s}$ |
|  | $\log :=[]$ | return $h(x, k)$ | if $x \notin \log$ |
|  |  | $\log :=x:: \log$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Game $G_{\text {Righ }}$ Init: $\quad \operatorname{Hash}(x)$ :

$$
k \leftarrow^{s}
$$

$$
\log :=x:: \log
$$

$$
\log :=[] \quad \text { return } \mathrm{h}(x, \mathrm{k})
$$

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## Example: PRF games

## Example (PRF pair of games)

Game GPRF Init:

$$
\operatorname{Hash}(x):
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\mathrm{k} \stackrel{5}{*}^{2} & L:=x:: L \\
I:=[] ; & h(x, k)
\end{array}
$$

## Playing with PRF: sequence of messages



$$
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$$
\begin{aligned}
& m_{1}, \mathrm{~h}\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{k}\right), m_{2}, \#\left(\mathrm{~h}\left(m_{2}, \mathrm{k}\right), \mathrm{r}\right) \\
:= & \left(\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{~h}\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{k}\right), m_{2}, \mathrm{~h}\left(m_{2}, \mathrm{k}\right)\right)\right. \\
& \left.\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{~h}\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{k}\right), m_{2}, \mathrm{r}\right)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Playing with PRF: sequence of messages



$$
\text { equiv }\left(m_{1}, h\left(m_{1}, k\right), m_{2}, \not \neq\left(\mathrm{h}\left(m_{2}, k\right), r\right)\right)
$$

If there exists an adversary that can distinguish between this two sequences of messages, then the PRF assumption doesn't hold.

## Terms and formulas

## Definition (Terms)

Intuition: terms represent messages

$$
\begin{aligned}
t:= & \mid r \\
& \mid f\left(t_{1}, \ldots, t_{n}\right) \\
& \mid \#\left(t_{0}, t_{1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(names, repr. samplings)
(function application)
(left/right difference)

## Definition (Equivalence formulas)

$$
\text { equiv }(\vec{t})
$$

## PRF axiom schema

Question: is this formula a consequence of PRF assumption?

$$
\text { equiv }\left(\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{~h}\left(m_{1}, \mathrm{k}\right), m_{2}, \#\left(\mathrm{~h}\left(m_{2}, \mathrm{k}\right), r\right)\right)\right)
$$

- $m_{1}=k$ : adversary must not directly access the key.
- $m_{1}=m_{2}$ : forbidden by the game.
- $m_{1}=r$ : $r$ must be fresh.


## Definition (PRF axiom schema)

For all terms $\vec{t}$ verifying specific syntactic properties:

$$
\overline{\operatorname{equiv}(\vec{t}, \#(h(m, k), r))}
$$

## Problems

Problems with this method
Ad hoc and manual work for each cryptographic axioms:

- Axiom schema design
- Correctness proof (understand the logic and its semantics)
- Implementation (understand the code)


## Changing point of view

Input:

$$
m_{1}, h\left(m_{1}, k\right), m_{2}, h\left(m_{1}, k\right)
$$



## Question: does there exists such an $A$ ?

## Contributions

- Theoritical framework to reduce equivalences to cryptographic assumption: extended notion of bi-deduction [BDKM22].
- Proof system for bi-deduction
- Application: implementation of Squirrel tactic crypto


## Bi-deduction

Construction of then bi-deduction judgement: simulator

$$
\triangleright \vec{v}
$$

means that there exists an adversary $S$ such that $S^{G}()=\vec{v}$.

Link between Bi-deduction and Equivalence
If an adversary can compute $\vec{v}$ then the formula equiv $(\vec{v})$ holds.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Bi-DEDUCTION } \\
& \frac{\triangleright \vec{v}}{\operatorname{equiv}(\vec{v})}
\end{aligned}
$$

## What do we need?

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## Definition

Function application: inference rule
$S$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { FA } \\
& \frac{\triangleright \vec{t} \quad \text { adv }(f)}{\triangleright f(\vec{t})}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \overrightarrow{x_{t}}:=S_{t}() \\
& y:=f\left(\overrightarrow{x_{t}}\right) \\
& \text { return } y
\end{aligned}
$$

## Samplings

## Example

$$
\text { simulator } \longleftarrow \stackrel{h(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~s}), \mathrm{h}(\mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~s}), \mathrm{k})}{\longrightarrow} \text { game }
$$

We need to keep track of the owner of each sampling.

## Definition (Tags)

$$
T a g=\left\{\mathrm{T}_{S}, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}, k e y}^{\mathrm{glob}}, \ldots\right\}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{n} \leftarrow \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{S}} \\
& \mathrm{~S} \leftarrow \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{S}} \\
& \mathrm{k} \leftarrow \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}, \mathrm{key}}^{\mathrm{glob}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Extending bi-deduction with constraints

Adding sampling tagging
$C$ records who sampled what: $C: \triangleright \vec{v}$

## Definition (Adversary samplings)

## S:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Adv SAMPLING } & \vec{y}:=S_{v}() \\
C: \triangleright \vec{v} & x:=\$ \\
\hline C,\left\langle\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle: \triangleright \mathrm{n}, \vec{v} & \text { return } x, \vec{y}
\end{array}
$$

$$
\frac{\frac{\overline{\emptyset: \triangleright \emptyset}}{\frac{\left\langle\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle: \triangleright s}{} \text { Adv SAmPLING }} \frac{\left\langle\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle,\left\langle\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle: \triangleright \mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~s}}{} \text { ADV SAMPLING }}{\left\langle\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle,\left\langle\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{~T}_{S}\right\rangle: \triangleright \mathrm{h}(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{~s})}
$$

## Oracle calls on example

## Definition (Oracle rule: instantiated for hash oracle)

## $S$ :

Hash

$$
\frac{C: \triangleright m, \vec{v}}{C,\left\langle k, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}, \text { key }}^{\text {glob }}\right\rangle: \triangleright \mathrm{h}(m, k), \vec{v}}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x_{m}, \overrightarrow{x_{v}}:=S_{m, v}() \\
& x:=\mathcal{O}_{\text {Hash }}\left(x_{m}\right) \\
& \text { return } x, \overrightarrow{x_{v}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example

$$
h(n, s), h(h(n, s), k)
$$

$$
\frac{\overline{C: \Delta h(n, s)}}{C,\left\langle k, \mathbb{T}_{G, k e y}^{\mathrm{glob}}\right\rangle: \triangleright h(h(n, s), k)}
$$

## Oracle rule: Challenge

## Oracle rule instantiated for challenge

$$
\frac{C: \triangleright m, \vec{v}}{\left.C,\left\langle r, T_{G}^{\text {loc }}\right\rangle,\left\langle k, T_{G}^{\text {glob }}\right\rangle\right\rangle: \triangleright \#(\mathrm{~h}(m, k), r), \vec{v}}
$$

$$
m \longrightarrow \mathrm{~h}(m, \mathrm{k}) \longrightarrow \#(\mathrm{~h}(\mathrm{~m}, \mathrm{k}), \mathrm{r})
$$

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$$
\frac{\theta, \varphi, C: \triangleright m, \vec{v} \quad\{\varphi\} \mathcal{O}_{\text {Challenge }}(m)\{\psi\}}{\theta, \psi, C,\left\langle r, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}}^{\text {loc }}\right\rangle,\left\langle k, \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}, \text { key }}^{\text {glob }}\right\rangle: \triangleright \#(\mathrm{~h}(m, \mathrm{k}), \mathrm{r}), \vec{v}}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
m \longrightarrow \mathrm{~h}(m, \mathrm{k}) \longrightarrow \#(\mathrm{~h}(m, \mathrm{k}), \mathrm{r}) \\
\log =[m] \quad \log =[m, m] ?
\end{gathered}
$$

Adding pre and post conditions

$$
\varphi, \psi ; C: \triangleright \vec{v}
$$

## Consistency of taggings

C: registers randomness usage.
We want to ensure:

- Not two samples for one "role" (e.g., $k \leftarrow \mathrm{~T}_{\mathrm{G}, k e y}^{\mathrm{glob}}, k^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{G}, k e y}^{\mathrm{glob}}$ )
- No sample owned by both the adversary and the oracles
- Freshness of local random sampling (e.g., r)


## Definition (validity of $C$ )

$\operatorname{Valid}(C) \stackrel{\text { def }}{=}$ Uniqueness $(C) \wedge$ Ownership $(C) \wedge$ Freshness $(C)$

## Coming back to the judgment

## Bideduction judgmenent

For all conditions $\varphi, \psi$, constraints $C$, term $\vec{v}$ :

$$
\varphi, \psi ; C: \triangleright \vec{v} \text { iff }
$$

if $\operatorname{Valid}(C)$ there exists a $G$-adversary $S$ such that for all memory $\mu$ satisfying $\varphi,(S)_{\mu}()=\mu^{\prime}$

- $\mu^{\prime}$ satisfy $\psi$
- $\mu^{\prime}[r e s]=\vec{v}$


## Semantics

Denotational semantic for adversaries and terms with early-random samplings.

$$
\begin{aligned}
(S S\rangle_{\mu}^{\eta} & =X_{S}^{\text {left }}, X_{S}^{\text {right }} \\
\llbracket \vec{v} \rrbracket^{\eta} & =X_{v}^{\text {left }}, X_{v}^{\text {right }}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Different randomness sources:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{S}^{\text {left } / \text { right }}: \rho \mapsto \cdots \\
& X_{v}^{\text {left } / \text { right }}: \rho \mapsto \cdots
\end{aligned}
$$

Equality of distribution: $\operatorname{Pr}_{p}\left(X_{S}^{b}=x\right)=\operatorname{Pr}_{\rho}\left(X_{s}^{b}=x\right)$

## Coupling

Lifting through couplings:

(proof: coupling built from $C$ )

## Implementation : game declarations

## A language for games :

```
game PRF = {
    rnd key : kty;
    var lhash : mset = empty_set; var lchal : mset = empty_set;
    oracle ohash (x:message) : message = {
        lhash := add x lhash; return if mem x lchal then zero else h ( }\textrm{x}\mathrm{ , key)
    }
    oracle challenge (x:message) : message = {
        rnd r : message;
        var old_lchal : mset = lchal;
        lchal := add x lchal;
        return if (mem x old_lchal || mem x lhash) then zero
            else diff(r, h (x, key))
    }
}
```


## Implementation: tactic crypto

- Goal-directed proof-search procedure, based on the proof system.
- Langage to describe game memory.
- Ad hoc handling of induction for recursive terms.


## Case studies

| Protocol | Hypothesis | Properties |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic Hash | EUF-MAC and PRF | Unlinkability |
| Hash Lock | PRF | Strong secrecy |
| Private Authentification | CCA $_{\Phi}$ | Anonymity |
| NSL proof step | CCA2 | Strong secrecy |

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