Verification of Security Protocols in presence of Equational Theories with Homomorphism

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Presence of an attacker

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- Fairness: Alice and Bob want to sign a contract. Alice initiates the protocol. May Bob obtain some advantage ?
- Privacy: Alice participate to an election. May a participant learn something about the vote of Alice ?
- Receipt-Freeness: Alice participate to an election. Does Alice gain any information (a receipt) which can be used to prove to a coercer that she voted in a certain way ?

Symmetric Encryption



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Asymmetric Encryption



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Dolev-Yao Intruder Model



u, v terms T a finite set of terms (intruder's knowledge)

Axiom (A)	$\frac{u \in T}{T \vdash u}$	Pairing (P)	$\frac{T \vdash u T \vdash v}{T \vdash \langle u, v \rangle}$
Unpairing (UL)	$\frac{T \vdash \langle u, v \rangle}{T \vdash u}$	Unpairing <mark>(UR)</mark>	$\frac{T \vdash \langle u, v \rangle}{T \vdash v}$
Encryption (E)	$\frac{T\vdash u T\vdash v}{T\vdash \{u\}_v}$	Decryption (D)	$\frac{T \vdash \{u\}_v T \vdash v^{-1}}{T \vdash u}$

Perfect Cryptography Assumption

No way to obtain knowledge about u from $\{u\}_v$ without knowing v^{-1}

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$$A \rightarrow B: \{A, N_a\}_{pub(B)}$$

 $B \rightarrow A: \{N_a, N_b\}_{pub(A)}$
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 $\begin{array}{cccc} A & \rightarrow & B : & \{A, N_a\}_{\mathsf{pub}(B)} \\ \bullet & B & \rightarrow & A : & \{N_a, N_b\}_{\mathsf{pub}(A)} \\ A & \rightarrow & B : & \{N_b\}_{\mathsf{pub}(B)} \end{array}$





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Attack

An attack was found 17 years after its publication! [Lowe 96]









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Agent B

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Ka, <mark>Kb</mark>		:	fresh symkey
pub, priv		:	$principal \to key \ (keypair)$
$A\toS$:		B, {Ka}pub(S)
$S\toB$:		A
$B\toS$:		A, { <mark>Kb</mark> }pub(S)
$S\toA$:		B, $Kb \oplus Ka$

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RSA Encryption:



Homomorphism property : $\{x \times y\}pub(S) = \{x\}pub(S) \times \{y\}pub(S)$

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homomorphism axiom (h): h(x + y) = h(x) + h(y)

Associativity, Commutativity (AC):

$$(x + y) + z = x + (y + z),$$

 $x + y = y + x$

Exclusive or (ACUN):

$$x + 0 = x$$
 (U), $x + x = 0$ (N)

Abelian groups (AG):

$$x + 0 = x$$
 (U), $x + I(x) = 0$ (Inv)

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(UR) $\frac{T \vdash_{\mathbf{E}} \langle u, v \rangle}{T \vdash_{\mathbf{E}} v}$ (Eq) $\frac{T \vdash_{\mathbf{E}} u \quad u = v}{T \vdash_{\mathbf{E}} v}$

Intruder deduction problem (ID)

INPUT: a finite set of terms *T*, a term *s* (the secret). **OUTPUT**: Does there exist an E-proof of $T \vdash_{\mathsf{F}} s$?

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Verification of Security Protocols

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$$\frac{\mathbf{P} \qquad h(a+b) + h(a) =_{\mathbf{E}} h(b)}{T \vdash_{\mathbf{E}} h(b)} (\mathbf{Eq})$$

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Complexity of the Intruder Deduction Problem

- without any equational theory (Dolev-Yao model): **PTIME-complete**
- with an equational theory
 - Results of Chevalier et al. 2003

AC	ACUN	AG	
NP	PTIME		

• Results of Lafourcade, Lugiez and Treinen 2005

ACh	ACUNh	AGh	
NP-complete	EXPTIME		

 \rightarrow PTIME in the binary case

Let T be a set of terms and u a term (in normal forms)

• An effective inference system (\vdash) such that:

 $T \vdash u$ is derivable $\Leftrightarrow T \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} u$ is derivable

- A locality result (notion due to Mc Allester, 1993), *i.e.*:
 A minimal proof P of T ⊢ u only contains terms in St_E(T ∪ {u}).
- A one-step deducibility result:
 - \rightarrow to ensure that we can test that a deduction step is valid

Exclusive Or Example

Inference System:

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One-Step Deducibility of (M_E):

 \rightarrow solvability of a system of linear equations over $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$: $A \cdot Y = b$. **Example**: $T = \{a_1 + a_2, a_2 + a_3 + a_4\}$ and $s = a_1 + a_3 + a_4$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \qquad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Theorem

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Example: (ACUNh) $T = \{t_1, t_2, t_3\}$ and $s = a_1 + h^2(a_1)$. $t_1 = a_1 + h(a_1) + h^2(a_1)$, $t_2 = a_2 + h^2(a_1)$, $t_3 = h(a_2) + h^2(a_1)$. $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+h+h^2 & h^2 & h^2 \\ 0 & 1 & h \end{pmatrix}$ $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1+h^2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

The equation $A \cdot Y = b$ has a solution over $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[h]$: Y = (1 + h, h, 1).

$$C = x_1 + h(x_1) + h(x_2) + x_3$$

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Result [Delaune'05]

(ID) is **PTIME-complete** for ACUNh and AGh.

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Trace Reachability Problem

Given a protocol \mathcal{P} , an intruder theory \mathcal{I} , an equational theory E , a secret data s and an initial intruder's knowledge \mathcal{T}_0 , does there exist a running sequence of protocol rules such that:

- $\bullet\,$ at the end, the intruder's knowledge is $\,{\cal T}\,,$
- s is deducible from T

Results in the Dolev-Yao Intruder Model

- unbounded number of sessions: undecidable
- bounded number of sessions: NP-complete [RT01]

Symbolic Constraint Solving Approach



Solution to a constraint system

A solution to a system $\mathcal C$ of constraints is a substitution σ such that:

for every $T \Vdash u \in C$ there exists a proof of $T\sigma \vdash u\sigma$ in $(\mathcal{I}, \mathsf{E})$.



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Undecidability Result

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Trace Reachability Problem undecidable in E (bounded nb of sessions)

Corollary

The trace reachability problem is undecidable for the theory ACh.

Some Existing Results

Trace Reachability Problem (bounded number of sessions)

- without any equational theory (Dolev-Yao model): NP-complete
- with an equational theory
 - AC-like theories

AC	ACUN	AG
?	NP [CKRT03] Decidable [CLS03]	Decidable [Shm04]

• with homomorphism

AC h	ACUN h	AGh	
Undecidable	?	?	

Theorem [Delaune, Lafourcade, Lugiez and Treinen'05]

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Theorem [Delaune'06]

The trace reachability problem is undecidable for the theory AGh.

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Conclusion

A new approach to deal with Homomorphism allowing to:

- improve some existing complexity results
- obtain new decidability and undecidability results

Passive Intruder [Delaune'05]

ACh	ACUNh	AGh	
NP-complete	PTIME-(complete)	

Active Intruder

[Delaune,Lafourcade,Lugiez and Treinen'05] & [Delaune'06]

ACh	ACUNh	AGh	
Undecidable	Decidable	Undecidable	

Future Works

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Towards a generic result Bernat, Comon-Lundh & Delaune Our problem is the satisfaisability of a constraint system C in $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{E})$

Q Reduce the equational theory to a simpler one, *i.e.* Ø or AC.
 → Finite Variant Property

 \mathcal{C} solvable in $(\mathcal{I}, \mathcal{E}) \iff \exists \mathcal{C}' \in var(\mathcal{C}). \ \mathcal{C}'$ solvable in $(var(\mathcal{I}), \mathcal{E}')$

Find sufficient conditions on the inference system to ensure decidability of the problem in (var(I), E').

Protocol

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \textit{Role}_{A} (x_{a}, x_{b}) & \nu n_{a} & \rightarrow & \{x_{a}, n_{a}\}_{\text{pub}(x_{b})} \\ & & \{n_{a}, x_{n_{b}}\}_{\text{pub}(x_{a})} & \rightarrow & \{x_{n_{b}}\}_{\text{pub}(x_{b})} \end{array}$$
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$$Role_B(y_b): \qquad \nu n_b. \{y_a, y_{n_a}\}_{pub(y_b)} \rightarrow \{y_{n_a}, n_b\}_{pub(y_a)}$$

We consider $Role_A(a, l)$ and $Role_B(b)$ (running in parallel).

Instanciation

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & \to & \{a, n_a\}_{\text{pub}(I)} \\ \{n_a, x_{n_b}\}_{\text{pub}(a)} & \to & \{x_{n_b}\}_{\text{pub}(I)} \\ \{y_a, y_{n_a}\}_{\text{pub}(b)} & \to & \{y_{n_a}, n_b\}_{\text{pub}(y_a)} \end{array}$$

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$$\{y_a, y_{n_a}\}_{pub(b)} \rightarrow \{y_{n_a}, n_b\}_{pub(y_a)}$$

Initial intruder's knowledge: $T_0 = \{a, b, l, pub(a), pub(b), pub(l), priv(l)\}$ Secret: n_b

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Reduce the problem to the satisfaisability of a set of intruder deduction problems (ground constraints)

- 4 From \Vdash_{M_E} constaints to ground \Vdash_{M_E} constraints
 - solvable system admits small (< Q_{max}) defining contexts variables
 - determine value of the variables (X_1, \ldots, X_n) from the values of the defining contexts variables
- 5 Check satisfaisability of ground \Vdash_{M_E} constaints: PTIME.

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Trace Reachability Problem for AGh

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