

Short Pairing-Free Blind Signatures with Exponential Security

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Abstract. This paper proposes the first practical pairing-free three-move blind signature schemes that (1) are concurrently secure, (2) produce short signatures (i.e., *three* or *four* group elements/scalars), and (3) are provably secure either in the generic group model (GGM) or the algebraic group model (AGM) under the (plain or one-more) discrete logarithm assumption (beyond additionally assuming random oracles). We also propose a partially blind version of one of our schemes.

Our schemes do not rely on the hardness of the ROS problem (which can be broken in polynomial time) or of the mROS problem (which admits sub-exponential attacks). The only prior work with these properties is Abe’s signature scheme (EUROCRYPT ’02), which was recently proved to be secure in the AGM by Kastner et al. (PKC ’22), but which also produces signatures twice as long as those from our scheme.

The core of our proofs of security is a new problem, called *weighted fractional* ROS (WFROS), for which we prove (unconditional) exponential lower bounds.

1 Introduction

Blind signatures [1] allow a *user* to interact with a *signer* to produce a valid signature that cannot be linked back by the signer to the interaction that produced it. Blind signatures are used in several applications, such as e-cash systems [1,2], anonymous credentials (e.g., [3]), privacy-preserving ad-click measurement [4], and various forms of anonymous tokens [5,6]. They are also covered by an RFC draft [7].

This paper develops the first practical pairing-free three-move blind signature schemes that (1) are concurrently secure, (2) produce short signatures (i.e., *three* or *four* group elements/scalars), and (3) are provably secure either in the *generic group model* (GGM) [8,9] or in the *algebraic group model* (AGM) [10] under the discrete logarithm (DL) or the one-more discrete logarithm (OMDL) assumption (in addition to assuming *random oracles* [11]). Our DL-based scheme also admits a *partially blind* version [12], roughly following a paradigm by Abe and Okamoto [13], that targets applications where signatures need to depend on some public input (e.g., an issuing date) known to the signer. An overview of our schemes is given in Table 1.

Unlike blind Schnorr [14], Okamoto-Schnorr [15], and other generic constructions based on identification schemes [16], we do not rely on the hardness of the ROS problem, for which a polynomial-time attack has recently been presented [17]. Also, unlike Clause Blind Schnorr (CBS) signatures [18], we do not rely on the assumed hardness of the mROS problem, which is subject to (mildly) sub-exponential attacks and we can thus support smaller group sizes.¹ In fact, our schemes all admit tight bounds, and this suggests that they can achieve $(\lambda/2)$ -bit of security on λ -bit elliptic curves, supporting an instantiation with 256-bit curves. Our security proofs rely on a reduction to a new variant of the ROS problem, called *weighted fractional* ROS (WFROS), for which we prove an exponential, unconditional lower bound. Therefore, another benefit over CBS, beyond concrete parameters, is that we do not need to rely on an additional assumption.

Perhaps as a testament of the unsatisfactory status of pairing-free schemes, the *only* other scheme known to achieve exponential, concurrent, security is Abe’s scheme [19]. Although its original (standard-model) proof was found to be flawed, proofs were then given both in the GGM [20] and the AGM [21], along with a proof for the restricted setting of sequential security [22]. Still, it produces longer signatures and public keys, and is overall less efficient. Also, it only offers computational blindness (under DDH), whereas our scheme provides perfect blindness.

DISCRETE-LOGARITHM BASED BLIND SIGNATURES. We stress that our focus here is making pairing-free schemes as practical and as secure as possible. Indeed, very simple pairing-based blind signature schemes in the ROM can be obtained from BLS signatures [23,24]. Blind BLS offers a different trade-off: signatures are short (i.e., one group element) and signing requires only *two* moves, but signature verification requires a more expensive (and more complex) pairing evaluation. Indeed, the current blind signature RFC draft [7] favors RSA over BLS, also due to lesser availability of pairings implementations. In particular, several envisioned applications of blind signatures are inherently browser-based, and the available cryptographic libraries (e.g., NSS for Firefox and BoringSSL for Chrome) do not yet offer pairing-friendly curve implementations.

In contrast, (non-blind) Schnorr signatures [25,26] (such as EdDSA [27]) are short, can rely on standard libraries, and outperform RSA. Though their blind evaluation requires three rounds, this may be less concerning in applications where verification cost is the dominating factor and the signing application can easily keep state. Indeed, [7] identifies CBS as the only plausible alternative to RSA, and our schemes improve upon CBS by avoiding the mROS assumption. Once the group order is adjusted to resist sub-exponential attacks, we achieve comparable signature size, more efficient signing, and accommodate for partial

¹ The best known attack against mROS [18] runs in time $2^{\ell + \log(\ell+1) + \lambda/(1+\log(\ell+1))}$, where λ is the security parameter and ℓ corresponds to the number of concurrent sessions. The worst ℓ gives a $2^{O(\lambda/\log \lambda)}$ attack, and in practice, this suggests a choice of $\lambda = 512$ to achieve 128-bit security for all ℓ ’s.

Scheme	PK size	Sig. size	Assumption	Communication
BS ₁ (Section 4)	1 \mathbb{G}	3 \mathbb{Z}_p	GGM	2 \mathbb{G} + 3 \mathbb{Z}_p
BS ₂ (full version)	1 \mathbb{G}	4 \mathbb{Z}_p	OMDL	2 \mathbb{G} + 4 \mathbb{Z}_p
BS ₃ (Section 5.1)	2 \mathbb{G}	4 \mathbb{Z}_p	DL	2 \mathbb{G} + 4 \mathbb{Z}_p
PBS (Section 6)	1 \mathbb{G}	4 \mathbb{Z}_p	DL	2 \mathbb{G} + 4 \mathbb{Z}_p
Blind Schnorr [18]	1 \mathbb{G}	2 \mathbb{Z}_p	OMDL + ROS	1 \mathbb{G} + 2 \mathbb{Z}_p
Clause Blind Schnorr [18]	1 \mathbb{G}	2 \mathbb{Z}_p	OMDL + mROS	2 \mathbb{G} + 4 \mathbb{Z}_p
Abe [19,21]	3 \mathbb{G}	2 \mathbb{G} + 6 \mathbb{Z}_p	DL	λ bits + 3 \mathbb{G} + 6 \mathbb{Z}_p

Table 1. Overview of our results. The four schemes proposed in this paper compared to pairing-free schemes that admit GGM/AGM security proofs in the literature. All schemes are three-move and secure assuming the ROM; All schemes except BS₁ admit AGM security proofs; further $p = |\mathbb{G}|$. As in plain Schnorr signatures, most schemes allow replacing one element in \mathbb{Z}_p with a group element in the signature. The ROS assumption can be broken in polynomial time unless the scheme is restricted to tolerate only a very small number of sessions. Also, the mROS assumption admits sub-exponential attacks, which require the choice of a larger order p over all schemes (roughly 512-bit for 128-bit security [18]).

blindness. (No partially blind version of CBS is known to the best of our knowledge.)

Finally, note that it is easier to prove security of pairing-free schemes under sequential access to the signer. For example, Kastner et al. [21] prove that plain blind Schnorr signatures are secure in this case, in the AGM, assuming the hardness of OMDL. Also, Baldimtsi and Lysyanskaya [22] (implicitly) prove sequential security of Abe’s scheme. However, many applications, like PCM, easily enable concurrent attacks.

ON IDEAL MODELS. The use of the AGM or the GGM, along with the ROM, still appears necessary for the most practical pairing-free schemes with concurrent security. As of now, solutions solely assuming the ROM can only handle bounded concurrency [16] or, alternatively, their communication and computation costs grow with the number of signing sessions [28,29,30].

A number of other schemes [31,32,33,34,35,36,37] partially or completely avoid ideal models, some of which are fairly practical. However, they do not yet appear suitable for at-scale deployment.

1.1 A Scheme in the GGM

Our simplest scheme only admits a proof in the generic-group model (GGM) but best illustrates our ideas, in particular, how we bypass ROS-style attacks. It is slightly less efficient than Schnorr signatures, i.e., a signature that consists of *three* scalars mod p (or alternatively, two scalars and a group element). Nonetheless, it has a very similar flavor (in particular, signature verification can be built on top of a suitable implementation of Schnorr signatures in a black-box way).

PREFACE: BLIND SCHNORR SIGNATURES AND ROS. Recall that we seek an interactive scheme (1) that is one-more unforgeable (i.e., no adversary should be able to generate $\ell + 1$ signatures by interacting only ℓ times with the signer), and (2) for which interaction can be blinded. It is helpful to illustrate the main technical barrier behind proving (1) for *interactive* Schnorr signatures. Recall that the verification key is $X = g^x$ for a generator g of a cyclic group \mathbb{G} of prime order p , and a signing key x . The signer starts the session by sending $A = g^a$, for a random $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. Then, the user sends a challenge $c = H(A, m)$ for a hash function H and a message m to be signed. Finally, the signer responds with $s = a + c \cdot x$, and the signature is $\sigma = (c, s)$.

Let us now consider an adversary that obtains ℓ initial messages A_1, \dots, A_ℓ from the signer, where $A_i = g^{a_i}$. By solving the so-called *ROS problem* [38,16,18], the attacker can find $\ell + 1$ vectors $\vec{\alpha}_1, \dots, \vec{\alpha}_{\ell+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ and a vector $(c_1, \dots, c_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} \cdot c_j = c_i^* \quad (1)$$

for all $i \in [\ell + 1]$, where $c_i^* = H(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} A_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}}, m_i^*)$, for some message $m_i^* \in \{0, 1\}^*$. (Here, $\alpha_i^{(j)}$ is the j -th component of $\vec{\alpha}_i$.) Then, the attacker can obtain $s_j = a_j + c_j x$ from the signer for all $j \in [\ell]$ by completing the ℓ signing sessions. It is now easy to verify that (c_i^*, s_i^*) is a valid signature for m_i^* for all $i \in [\ell + 1]$, where $s_i^* = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} \cdot s_j$. Benhamouda et al. [17] recently gave a simple polynomial-time algorithm to solve the ROS problem for the case $\ell > \log(p)$, which thus breaks one-more unforgeability.²

Fuchsbauer et al. [18] propose a different interactive signing process for Schnorr signatures that is one-more unforgeable (in the AGM + ROM) assuming that a variant of the ROS problem, called mROS, is hard. The mROS problem, however, admits sub-exponential attacks, and as it gives approximately only 70 bits of security from an implementation on a 256-bit curve, it effectively forces the use of 512-bit curves.³

OUR FIRST SCHEME. We take a different path which completely avoids the ROS and mROS problems to obtain our first scheme, BS₁. Again, we present a non-blind version – the scheme can be made blind via fairly standard tricks, as we explain in the body of the paper below. Again, the public key is $X = g^x$ for a secret key x . Then, the signer and the user engage in the following protocol to sign $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$:

1. The signer sends $A = g^a$ and $Y = X^y$ for random $a, y \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.
2. The user responds with $c = H(A, Y, m)$
3. The signer returns a pair (s, y) , where $s = a + cxy$.

² Many envisioned implementations allow for $\ell > \log(p)$. Still, it is worth noting that the scheme retains some security for $\ell < \log(p)$ even in the standard model [16].

³ mROS depends on a parameter ℓ , with a similar role as in ROS – sub-exponential attacks require $\ell < \log(p)$, but a one-more unforgeability attack for a small ℓ implies one for any $\ell' > \ell$ simply by generating $(\ell' - \ell)$ additional valid signatures.

4. The user accepts the signature $\sigma = (c, s, y)$ iff $g^s = A \cdot Y^c$ and $Y = X^y$.

Verification simply checks that $H(g^s X^{-yc}, X^y, M) = c$. In particular, note that (c, s) is a valid Schnorr signature with respect to the public-key X^y – this can be leveraged to implement the verification algorithm on top of an existing implementation of basic Schnorr signatures that also hash the public key (EdDSA does exactly this).⁴ Further, as in Schnorr signatures, we could replace c with A in σ , and our results would be unaffected.

SECURITY INTUITION. To gather initial insights about the security of BS_1 , it is instructive to *attempt* an ROS-style attack. The attacker opens ℓ sessions and obtains pairs $(A_1, Y_1), \dots, (A_\ell, Y_\ell)$, where $A_i = g^{a_i}$ and $Y_i = X^{y_i} = g^{xy_i}$ for all $i \in [\ell]$. One natural extension of the ROS attack is to find $\ell + 1$ vectors $\vec{\alpha}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ along with messages $m_1^*, m_2^*, \dots \in \{0, 1\}^*$ such that

$$c_i^* = H\left(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} A_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}}, \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} Y_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}}, m_i^*\right)$$

for all $i \in [\ell + 1]$ and then find $(c_1, \dots, c_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ such that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} \cdot y_j \cdot c_j = c_i^* \cdot \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} \cdot y_j, \quad (2)$$

for all $i \in [\ell + 1]$. Indeed, if this succeeded, the adversary could complete the ℓ sessions to learn (s_j, y_j) by inputting c_j , where y_j is random and $s_j = a_j + c_j \cdot x \cdot y_j$. One could generate $\ell + 1$ signatures (c_i^*, s_i^*, y_i^*) for $i \in [\ell + 1]$ by setting $s_i^* = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} s_j$ and $y_i^* = \sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} \cdot y_j$. These would be valid because

$$\begin{aligned} g^{s_i^*} &= g^{\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} (a_j + c_j x y_j)} \\ &= \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} A_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}} \cdot X^{\sum_{j=1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^{(j)} c_j y_j} \stackrel{(2)}{=} \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} A_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}} \cdot \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} Y_j^{\alpha_i^{(j)}}\right)^{c_i^*}. \end{aligned}$$

However, finding (c_1, \dots, c_ℓ) that satisfy (2) for $\ell + 1$ i 's simultaneously is *much harder* than ROS. An initial intuition here is that X^y *completely hides* y to the point where y is revealed later in the session, where it appears like a random and fresh weight in the sum, *independent of* c_i . This intuition is however not correct, as an attacker can use the group element X^y and can try to gain information about y , but our proof will show (among other things) that in the GGM no useful information is obtained about y , and y is (close to) uniform when it is later revealed.

⁴ Note that this only superficially resembles key-blinding for Schnorr signatures [39]. Here, the “blinding” y is actually public and part of the signature.

THE WFROS PROBLEM. The above attack paradigm is in fact generalized in terms of a new ROS-like problem that we call WFROS (this stands for *Weighted Fractional ROS*), for which we prove an unconditional lower bound. WFROS considers a game with two oracles that can be invoked adaptively in an interleaved way:

- The first oracle, H, accepts as input a pair of vectors $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{2\ell+1}$, which are then associated with a random $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$.
- The second oracle, S, allows to bind, for some $i \in [\ell]$, chosen input $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ with a random *weight* $y_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. During the course of the game, this latter oracle must be called *exactly* once for each $i \in [\ell]$.

The adversary finally commits to a subset of $\ell + 1$ prior H queries and wins if for each query in the subset, which has defined a pair of vector $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}$ and returned δ , we have $A/B = \delta$, where

$$A = \alpha^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\alpha^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha^{(2i)}), \quad B = \beta^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\beta^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta^{(2i)}).$$

Here, $v^{(i)}$ denotes the i -th component of vector \vec{v} . Our main result (Theorem 1) says that no adversary making Q_H queries to H can win this game with probability better than $(Q_H^2 + 2\ell Q_H)/(p - 1)$, or, in other words, $Q_H \geq \min\{\sqrt{p}, p/\ell\}$ is needed to win with constant probability. Note that $\ell \ll \sqrt{p}$ is generally true, as for our usage, ℓ is bounded by the number of signing sessions.

Our GGM proof for BS₁ transforms any generic attacker into one breaking the WFROS problem. This transformation is actually not immediate because a one-more unforgeability attacker can learn functions of the secret key x when obtaining the second message from the signer. A similar challenge occurs in proving hardness of the OMDL problem in the GGM, which was recently resolved by Bauer et al. [40], and we rely on their techniques.

1.2 AGM Security and Partial Blindness

The Algebraic Group Model (AGM) [10] can be seen as a weaker idealization than the GGM. In particular, AGM proofs deal with actual groups (as opposed to representing group elements with random labels) and proceed via *reductions* that apply only to “algebraic adversaries”, which provide representation of the group elements they output to the reduction. AGM has become a very popular model for validating security of a number of practical group-based protocols.

The main barrier to proving one-more unforgeability of BS₁ in the AGM is that the representation of X^y could leak some information about y that would not be available in the GGM, and thus we would not be able to apply our argument showing that y is still (close to) random looking when it is later revealed – our reduction in the GGM security proof crucially relies on this. To overcome this issue, for the two schemes BS₂ and BS₃, we replace X^y with a *hiding* commitment to y . In particular, we propose two different ways of achieving this:

Scheme BS₂. Here, X^y is replaced by $g^t X^y$. Later, the signer responds to challenge c with (s, y, t) , where $s = a + c \cdot y \cdot x$. A signature is $\sigma = (c, s, y, t)$.

Scheme BS₃. Here, $g^t X^y$ is replaced by $g^t Z^y$, where Z is an extra random group element included in the verification key.

We consider BS₂ mostly for pedagogical reasons. Indeed, we can prove security of BS₃ in the AGM based *solely* on the discrete logarithm problem (DL). In contrast, BS₂ relies on the hardness of the (stronger) *one-more* DL problem (OMDL) [41], which asks for the hardness of breaking $\ell + 1$ DL instances given access to an oracle that can solve at most ℓ (adaptively chosen) DL instances. While we know that OMDL is generally not easier than DL [40], a prudent instantiation may prefer relying on the (non-interactive) DL problem. While BS₃ requires a longer key, one could mitigate this by obtaining Z as the output of a hash function (assumed to be a random oracle) evaluated on some public input.

The proof of security for both schemes consists of showing that any adversary breaking one-more unforgeability can be transformed into one breaking either OMDL or DL (depending on the scheme) *or* into one breaking the WFROS problem. For the latter, however, we can resort to our unconditional hardness lower bound (Theorem 1).

ADDING PARTIAL BLINDNESS. Finally, we note that it is not too hard to add partial blindness to BS₃, which is another reason to consider this scheme. In particular, to obtain the resulting PBS scheme, we can adopt a framework by Abe and Okamoto [13]. The main idea is simply to use a hash function (modeled as a random oracle) to generate the extra group element Z in a way that is dependent on a public input upon which the signature depends. We target in particular a stronger notion of one-more unforgeability, which shows that if the protocol is run ℓ times for a public input, then no $\ell + 1$ signatures can be generated for that public input regardless of how many signatures have been generated for *different* public inputs. We defer more details to Section 6.

Outline of the Paper

Section 2 will introduce some basic preliminaries. Section 3 will then introduce the WFROS problem, and prove a lower bound for it. We will then discuss our GGM-based scheme in Section 4, whereas variants secure in the AGM are presented in Section 5. Finally, we give a partially blind instantiation of our AGM scheme in Section 6.

2 Preliminaries

NOTATION. For positive integer n , we write $[n]$ for $\{1, \dots, n\}$. We use λ to denote the security parameter. We use \mathbb{G} to denote an (asymptotic) family of cyclic groups $\mathbb{G} := \{\mathbb{G}_\lambda\}_{\lambda > 0}$, where $|\mathbb{G}_\lambda| > 2^\lambda$. We use $g(\mathbb{G}_\lambda)$ to denote the generator

of \mathbb{G}_λ , and we will work over prime-order groups. We tacitly assume standard group operations can be performed in time polynomial in λ in \mathbb{G}_λ and adopt multiplicative notation. We will often compute over the finite field \mathbb{Z}_p (for a prime p) – we usually do not write modular reduction explicitly when it is clear from the context. We write $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$. We often need to consider vectors $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ and usually refer to the i -th component of $\vec{\alpha}$ as $\alpha^{(i)} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

BLIND SIGNATURES. This paper focuses on *three-move* blind signature schemes, and our notation is similar to that of prior works (e.g., [16,18]). Formally, a (three-move) *blind signature scheme* BS is a tuple of efficient (randomized) algorithms

$$\text{BS} = (\text{BS.Setup}, \text{BS.KG}, \text{BS.S}_1, \text{BS.S}_2, \text{BS.U}_1, \text{BS.U}_2, \text{BS.Ver}) ,$$

with the following behavior:

- The *parameter generation* algorithm $\text{BS.Setup}(1^\lambda)$ outputs a string of parameters par , whereas the *key generation* algorithm $\text{BS.KG}(par)$ outputs a key-pair (sk, pk) , where sk is the *secret* (or *signing*) key and pk is the *public* (or *verification*) key.
- The interaction between the user and the signer to sign a message $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ with key-pair (pk, sk) is defined by the following experiment:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{st}^s, \text{msg}_1) &\leftarrow \text{BS.S}_1(sk) , \quad (\text{st}^u, \text{chl}) \leftarrow \text{BS.U}_1(pk, \text{msg}_1, m) , \\ \text{msg}_2 &\leftarrow \text{BS.S}_2(\text{st}^s, \text{chl}) , \quad \sigma \leftarrow \text{BS.U}_2(\text{st}^u, \text{msg}_2) . \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here, σ is either the resulting *signature* or an *error message* \perp .

- The (deterministic) *verification algorithm* outputs a bit $\text{BS.Ver}(pk, \sigma, m)$.

We say that BS is (perfectly) *correct* if for every message $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$, with probability one over the sampling of parameters and the key pair (pk, sk) , the experiment in (3) returns σ such that $\text{BS.Ver}(pk, \sigma, m) = 1$. All of our schemes are going to be perfectly correct.

ONE-MORE UNFORGEABILITY. The standard notion of security for blind signatures is *one-more unforgeability* (OMUF). OMUF ensures that no adversary playing the role of a user interacting with the signer ℓ times, in an arbitrarily concurrent fashion, can issue $\ell + 1$ signatures (or more, of course). The $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}$ game for a blind signature scheme BS is defined in Figure 1. The corresponding advantage of \mathcal{A} is defined as $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}}^{\text{omuf}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) := \Pr[\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda) = 1]$. All of our analyses will further assume one or more random oracles, which are modeled as an additional oracle to which the adversary \mathcal{A} is given access.

BLINDNESS. We also consider the standard notion of blindness against a malicious server that can, in particular, attempt to publish a malformed public key. The corresponding game $\text{Blind}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}$ is defined in Figure 2, and for any adversary \mathcal{A} , we define its advantage as $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}}^{\text{blind}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) := \left| \Pr[\text{Blind}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda) = 1] - \frac{1}{2} \right|$. We say the scheme is perfectly blind if and only if $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}}^{\text{blind}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) = 0$ for any \mathcal{A} and all λ .

<p>Game $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$par \leftarrow \text{BS.Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(sk, pk) \leftarrow \text{BS.KG}(par)$ $sid \leftarrow 0 ; \ell \leftarrow 0 ; \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \emptyset$ $\{(m_k^*, \sigma_k^*)\}_{k \in [\ell+1]} \leftarrow_{\mathcal{S}} \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2}(pk)$ If $\exists k_1 \neq k_2$ such that $(m_{k_1}^*, \sigma_{k_1}^*) = (m_{k_2}^*, \sigma_{k_2}^*)$ then return 0 If $\exists k \in [\ell+1]$ such that $\text{BS.Ver}(pk, \sigma_k^*, m_k^*) = 0$ then return 0 Return 1</p>	<p>Oracle \mathcal{S}_1 :</p> <p>$sid \leftarrow sid + 1$ $(st_{sid}^s, msg_1) \leftarrow \text{BS.S}_1(sk)$ Return (sid, msg_1)</p> <p>Oracle $\mathcal{S}_2(i, c_i)$:</p> <p>If $i \notin [sid] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$ then return \perp $msg_2 \leftarrow \text{BS.S}_2(st_i^s, c_i)$ $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \cup \{i\}$ $\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$ Return msg_2</p>
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Fig. 1. The OMUF security game for a blind signature scheme BS.

<p>Game $\text{Blind}_{\text{BS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$par \leftarrow \text{BS.Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $b \leftarrow_{\mathcal{S}} \{0, 1\} ; b_0 \leftarrow b ; b_1 \leftarrow 1 - b$ $b' \leftarrow_{\mathcal{S}} \mathcal{A}^{\text{INIT}, \text{U}_1, \text{U}_2}(par)$ If $b' = b$ then return 1 Return 0</p> <p>Oracle $\text{INIT}(\tilde{pk}, \tilde{m}_0, \tilde{m}_1)$:</p> <p>$sess_0 \leftarrow \text{init}$ $sess_1 \leftarrow \text{init}$ $pk \leftarrow \tilde{pk}$ $m_0 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_0 ; m_1 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_1$</p>	<p>Oracle $\text{U}_1(i, msg_1^{(i)})$:</p> <p>If $i \notin \{0, 1\}$ or $sess_i \neq \text{init}$ then return \perp $sess_i \leftarrow \text{open}$ $(st_i^u, chl^{(i)}) \leftarrow \text{BS.U}_1(pk, msg_1^{(i)}, m_{b_i})$ Return $chl^{(i)}$</p> <p>Oracle $\text{U}_2(i, msg_2^{(i)})$:</p> <p>If $i \notin \{0, 1\}$ or $sess_i \neq \text{open}$ then return \perp $sess_i \leftarrow \text{closed}$ $\sigma_{b_i} \leftarrow \text{BS.U}_2(st_i^u, msg_2^{(i)})$ If $sess_0 = sess_1 = \text{closed}$ then If $\sigma_0 = \perp$ or $\sigma_1 = \perp$ then return (\perp, \perp) Return (σ_0, σ_1) Return (i, closed)</p>
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Fig. 2. The Blind security game for a blind signature scheme BS.

GAME-PLAYING PROOFS. Several of our proofs adopt a lightweight variant of the standard “Game-Playing Framework” by Bellare and Rogaway [42].

3 The Weighted Fractional ROS Problem

This section introduces and analyzes an unconditionally hard problem underlying all of our proofs, which we call the *Weighted Fractional ROS* problem (WFROS). It is a variant of the original ROS problem [38,16,18], which, in turn, stands for *Random inhomogeneities in a Overdetermined Solvable system of linear equations*. While ROS can be solved in polynomial time [17] and its mROS variant can be solved in sub-exponential time [18], we are going to prove an *exponential* lower bound for WFROS.

<p>Game $\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}}$:</p> <p>$\text{hid} \leftarrow 0 ; \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \emptyset$</p> <p>$\mathcal{J} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{H,S}}(p)$</p> <p>If $\mathcal{J} \not\subseteq [\text{hid}]$ or $\mathcal{J} \leq \ell$ or $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \neq [\ell]$ then</p> <p>Return 0</p> <p>For each $j \in \mathcal{J}$,</p> <p>$A_j \leftarrow \alpha_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i)})$</p> <p>$B_j \leftarrow \beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)})$</p> <p>If $\forall j \in \mathcal{J} : (A_j = \delta_j B_j \wedge B_j \neq 0)$ then</p> <p>Return 1</p> <p>Return 0</p>	<p>Oracle $\text{H}(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta})$:</p> <p>$\text{hid} \leftarrow \text{hid} + 1$</p> <p>$\vec{\alpha}_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow \vec{\alpha} ; \vec{\beta}_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow \vec{\beta}$</p> <p>$\delta_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$</p> <p>Return $\delta_{\text{hid}}, \text{hid}$</p> <p>Oracle $\text{S}(i, c_i)$:</p> <p>If $i \notin [\ell] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$ then return \perp</p> <p>$y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$</p> <p>$\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \cup \{i\}$</p> <p>Return y_i</p>
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Fig. 3. The WFROS problem. Here, $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{2\ell+1}$, which is indexed as $\vec{\alpha} = (\alpha^{(0)}, \dots, \alpha^{(2\ell)})$ and $\vec{\beta} = (\beta^{(0)}, \dots, \beta^{(2\ell)})$.

THE WFROS PROBLEM. The problem is defined via the game $\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}}$, described in Figure 3, which involves an adversary \mathcal{A} and depends on two integer parameters ℓ and p , where p is a prime. The adversary here interacts with two oracles, H and S. The first oracle allows the adversary to link a vector pair $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{2\ell+1}$ with a random inhomogeneous part $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ – each such query defines implicitly an equation $A/B = \delta$ in the unknowns C_1, \dots, C_ℓ and Y_1, \dots, Y_ℓ . A call to $\text{S}(i, c_i)$ lets us set the value of C_i to c_i and set Y_i to a random value y_i . The second oracle $\text{S}(i, \cdot)$ must be called once for every $i \in [\ell]$. It is noteworthy to stress that the c_i 's can be chosen arbitrarily, whereas the corresponding y_i 's are random and independent.

In the end, the adversary wins the game if a subset of $\ell + 1$ equations defined by the H queries is satisfied by the assignment defined by querying S. In particular, we define $\text{Adv}_{\ell,p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}} = 1]$. Note that it would be possible to carry out some of the following security proofs using restricted versions of the WFROS game, but the above formulation lets us handle all schemes via a single notion.

A LOWER BOUND FOR WFROS. The following theorem, our main result on WFROS, shows that any adversary winning WFROS with constant probability requires $Q_H = \Omega(\min\{\sqrt{p}, p/\ell\})$ queries. (Also, note that all applications of interest assume $\ell \ll \sqrt{p}$.)

Theorem 1 (Lower bound for WFROS). *For any $\ell > 0$, any prime number p , and any adversary \mathcal{A} playing the $\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}}$ game that makes at most Q_H queries to H, we have*

$$\text{Adv}_{\ell,p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \frac{Q_H(2\ell + Q_H)}{p - 1}.$$

The proof is given in the next section. To gain some very high-level intuition, we observe that a key contributor to the hardness of WFROS are values y_i ,

which are defined *after* the c_i 's are fixed and hence randomize the A_j and B_j 's. Therefore, to satisfy $A_j = \delta_j \cdot B_j$, the adversary is restricted in the way it plays. For example, to satisfy an equation defined by an H query $(\vec{\alpha}_j, \vec{\beta}_j)$, the adversary can pick c_i 's such that $(\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \alpha_j^{(2i)}) = \delta_j \cdot (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \beta_j^{(2i)})$ for all $i \in [\ell]$. Then, the equation $A_j = \delta_j B_j$ is satisfied no matter what the y_i 's are. Our proof shows that the adversary *has* to pick c_i 's this way – and in fact, it has to follow even more restrictions. Finally, we show that under these restrictions, no set of $\ell + 1$ equations can be satisfied simultaneously.

3.1 Proof of Theorem 1

Let \mathcal{A} be an adversary for the WFROS game that makes at most Q_H queries to H. Without loss of generality, we assume that \mathcal{A} makes exactly one query (i, c_i) to S for each $i \in [\ell]$ and that \mathcal{A} always outputs $\mathcal{J} \subseteq [Q_H]$.

In the $\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}}$ game, for each $j \in [Q_H]$, denote the event W_j as

$$\alpha_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i)}) = \delta_j \left(\beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}) \right) \quad (\text{W1})$$

$$\wedge \beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}) \neq 0. \quad (\text{W2})$$

In other words, W_j is the event that the equation defined by the j -th H query is satisfied. Then, \mathcal{A} wins if and only if $|\mathcal{J}| > \ell$ and W_j occur for each $j \in \mathcal{J}$. Denote $W := (|\mathcal{J}| > \ell) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j \in \mathcal{J}} W_j \right)$ and we have $\text{Adv}_{\ell,p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{A}) = \Pr[W]$.

To bound $\Pr[W]$, we need notation to refer to some values (formally, random variables) defined in the execution of the $\text{WFROS}_{\ell,p}^{\mathcal{A}}$ game. First, denote as $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}^{(j)}$ the contents of the set \mathcal{I}_{fin} when the adversary makes the j -th query to H, and let $(\vec{\alpha}_j, \vec{\beta}_j)$ be the input of this query to H, which is answered with δ_j . Also, let $\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} := [\ell] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}^{(j)}$, i.e., the set of indices $i \in [\ell]$ for which \mathcal{A} has not yet made any query (i, \cdot) to S when the j -th query to H is made. Further, c_1, \dots, c_ℓ and y_1, \dots, y_ℓ are the values defined by querying S.

Now, for each $j \in [Q_H]$, we define the following events:

Event $E_j^{(1)}$. First, let $E_{1,j}^{(1)}$ be the event that $\beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}^{(j)}} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}) \neq 0$. For each $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}$, also let $E_{2,(j,i)}^{(1)}$ be the event that $\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i)} \neq \delta_j (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)})$. Finally, let $E_j^{(1)} := E_{1,j}^{(1)} \vee \left(\bigvee_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}} E_{2,(j,i)}^{(1)} \right)$.

Event $E_j^{(2)}$. We denote the event $E_j^{(2)}$ as the event where

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} : \alpha_j^{(2i)} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i-1)} = \alpha_j^{(2i-1)} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}. \quad (4)$$

Note that events $E_j^{(1)}$ and $E_j^{(2)}$ are, by themselves, not necessarily unlikely – the adversary can certainly provoke them. However, we intend to show that this has implications on the ability to satisfy the j -th equation. In particular, we prove the following two lemmas in Sections 3.2 and 3.3 below, respectively.

Lemma 1. $\Pr[W_j \wedge E_j^{(1)}] \leq \frac{\ell+1}{p-1}$.

Lemma 2. $\Pr[W_j \wedge (\neg E_j^{(1)}) \wedge E_j^{(2)}] \leq \frac{\ell}{p-1}$.

Now, if we denote $E^{(1)} := \bigvee_{j \in [Q_H]} (W_j \wedge E_j^{(1)})$ and $E^{(2)} := \bigvee_{j \in [Q_H]} (W_j \wedge (\neg E_j^{(1)}) \wedge E_j^{(2)})$, the union bound yields $\Pr[E^{(1)}] \leq \frac{Q_H(\ell+1)}{p-1}$ and $\Pr[E^{(2)}] \leq \frac{Q_H \cdot \ell}{p-1}$. Our final lemma (proved in Section 3.4) is then the following:

Lemma 3. $\Pr[W \wedge (\neg E^{(1)}) \wedge (\neg E^{(2)})] \leq \frac{Q_H(Q_H-1)}{p-1}$.

The three lemmas can be combined to obtain

$$\Pr[W] \leq \Pr[E^{(1)}] + \Pr[E^{(2)}] + \Pr[W \wedge (\neg E^{(1)}) \wedge (\neg E^{(2)})] \leq \frac{Q_H(2\ell + Q_H)}{p-1}.$$

which concludes the proof. In the next three sections, we prove the three preceding lemmas.

3.2 Proof of Lemma 1

Throughout this proof, let us fix $j \in [Q_H]$. We first define a sequence of random variables $(D_0, D_1, \dots, D_n, X_1, \dots, X_n)$, where $n = \ell + 1$, such that $E_j^{(1)}$ implies one of D_0, \dots, D_n is not equal to 0 and $D_0 + \sum_{k \in [n]} D_k X_k = 0$. Further, we also ensure that X_k is uniformly distributed over \mathbb{Z}_p^* independent of $(D_0, D_1, \dots, D_k, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})$ for each $k \in [n]$ and use this to bound $\Pr[E_j^{(1)}]$. More concretely:

- Let $D_0 := \alpha_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}^{(j)}} y_i \left(\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i-1)} \right)$, $X_1 := -\delta_j$, $D_1 := \beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}^{(j)}} y_i \left(\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)} \right)$, and note that $E_{1,j}^{(1)}$ is equivalent to $D_1 \neq 0$.
- Further, for $1 \leq k \leq |\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}|$, denote $i_k \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}$ as the index such that (i_k, c_{i_k}) is the k -th query made to S among the indexes in $\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}$ and let $X_{k+1} = y_{i_k}$, $D_{k+1} := \alpha_j^{(2i_k-1)} + c_{i_k} \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i_k)} - \delta_j \left(\beta_j^{(2i_k-1)} + c_{i_k} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i_k)} \right)$, we have $E_{2,(j,i_k)}^{(1)}$ occurs is equivalent to $D_{k+1} \neq 0$.
- For $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}| + 1 < k \leq n$, let $D_k = 0$ and X_k be a random variable uniformly distributed in \mathbb{Z}_p^* independent of $(D_0, D_1, \dots, D_k, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})$.⁵

⁵ For $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}| + 1 < k \leq n$, D_k, X_k act as placeholders so that we can apply Lemma 4 for an a priori fixed value n instead of a random variable $|\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}| + 1$.

Note that $D_0 + \sum_{k=1}^n D_k X_k = \alpha_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i \cdot (\alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i)}) - \delta_j \cdot (\beta_j^{(0)} + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}))$. Therefore, by (W1), we know W_j occurs implies $D_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n D_i X_i = 0$. Thus, the event $W_j \wedge E_j^{(1)}$ implies, in addition, that one of D_0, \dots, D_n is not equal to 0. Then, the upper bound $\Pr[W_j \wedge E_j^{(1)}] \leq \frac{\ell+1}{p-1}$ follows by combining the following lemma⁶ and claim. The proofs of the lemma and claim are presented in the full version of this paper.

Claim 1 For each $k \in [n]$, X_k is uniformly distributed over \mathbb{Z}_p^* independent of $(D_0, \dots, D_k, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})$.

Lemma 4. Let p be prime. Let $D_0, D_1, \dots, D_n, X_1, \dots, X_n \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ be random variables such that for all $k \in [n]$, X_k is uniform over $U_k \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$ and independent of $(D_0, \dots, D_k, X_1, \dots, X_{k-1})$. Then,

$$\Pr \left[\exists i \in \{0, \dots, n\} : D_i \neq 0 \wedge D_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j X_j = 0 \right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{|U_i|}.$$

3.3 Proof of Lemma 2

It is easier to introduce a new event F_j and show that $W_j \wedge (-E_j^{(1)})$ implies F_j . We will then bound $\Pr[F_j \wedge E_j^{(2)}]$. In particular, define the event F_j as

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} : \alpha_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \alpha_j^{(2i)} - \delta_j (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}) = 0 \quad (\text{F1})$$

$$\wedge \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}} y_i (\beta_j^{(2i-1)} + c_i \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}) \neq 0, \quad (\text{F2})$$

and we have the following lemma.

Lemma 5. If $W_j \wedge (-E_j^{(1)})$ occurs, then the event F_j occurs.

We also denote

$$\mathcal{D}_j := \left\{ \frac{\alpha_j^{(2i)}}{\beta_j^{(2i)}} \mid i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}, \beta_j^{(2i)} \neq 0 \right\} \cup \left\{ \frac{\alpha_j^{(2i-1)}}{\beta_j^{(2i-1)}} \mid i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}, \beta_j^{(2i)} = 0, \beta_j^{(2i-1)} \neq 0 \right\}.$$

We have $|\mathcal{D}_j| \leq |\{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} \mid \beta_j^{(2i)} \neq 0\} \cup \{i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} \mid \beta_j^{(2i)} = 0\}| = |\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}|$.

Claim 2 The event $F_j \wedge E_j^{(2)}$ implies $\delta_j \in \mathcal{D}_j$.

The proofs of the above claim and lemma are presented in the full version of this paper. Note that δ_j is generated uniformly at random, independently of \mathcal{D}_j , since the latter is defined by the j -th H query. Therefore, Lemma 5 and Claim 2 yield $\Pr[W_j \wedge (-E_j^{(1)}) \wedge E_j^{(2)}] \leq \Pr[F_j \wedge E_j^{(2)}] \leq \Pr[\delta_j \in \mathcal{D}_j] \leq \frac{|\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}|}{p-1} \leq \frac{\ell}{p-1}$.

⁶ Note that Lemma 4 cannot be directly derived from the Schwartz-Zippel lemma by viewing $D_0 + \sum_{j=1}^n D_j X_j = 0$ as a polynomial of X_1, \dots, X_n , since we cover for example the case where D_0, D_1, \dots, D_n are adaptively chosen, i.e., each D_i can depend on X_1, \dots, X_{i-1} .

3.4 Proof of Lemma 3

To conclude the analysis, we introduce yet another event, $E^{(3)}$. We will show below that $W \wedge (\neg E^{(1)}) \wedge (\neg E^{(2)})$ implies $E^{(3)}$, and thus it is enough to upper bound the probability of $E^{(3)}$ occurring. Concretely, $E^{(3)}$ is defined as follows (the definition of the following events $F_{j'}$ is given in Section 3.3).

Event $E^{(3)}$. For each $j_1, j_2 \in [Q_H]$ and $j_1 < j_2$, denote the event $E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(3)}$ as

$$\exists i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_1)} \cap \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_2)} : \alpha_{j_1}^{(2i)} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i-1)} \neq \alpha_{j_1}^{(2i-1)} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i)} \wedge \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i)} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i-1)} \neq \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i-1)} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i)}.$$

$$\text{Denote } E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)} := E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(3)} \wedge F_{j_1} \wedge F_{j_2} \text{ and } E^{(3)} := \bigvee_{j_1, j_2 \in [Q_H], j_1 < j_2} E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)}.$$

To see why the above implication is true, assume that W indeed occurs, but both $E^{(1)}$ and $E^{(2)}$ do not occur. We now fix some $j \in \mathcal{J}$. We know W_j occurs, but both $E_j^{(1)}$ and $E_j^{(2)}$ do not occur. In particular, by the definition of $E_j^{(2)}$, we know there exists $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}$ such that $\alpha_j^{(2i)} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i-1)} \neq \alpha_j^{(2i-1)} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i)}$.

Let $i_{\min}^{(j)}$ be the smallest index in $\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)}$ such that $\alpha_j^{(2i_{\min}^{(j)})} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i_{\min}^{(j)}-1)} \neq \alpha_j^{(2i_{\min}^{(j)}-1)} \cdot \beta_j^{(2i_{\min}^{(j)})}$. Since W occurs, we know $|\mathcal{J}| > \ell$. Then, since $i_{\min}^{(j)} \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j)} \subseteq [\ell]$ for each $j \in \mathcal{J}$ and $|\mathcal{J}| > \ell$, by the pigeonhole principle, we know there exists $j_1, j_2 \in \mathcal{J}$ such that $j_1 < j_2$ and $i_{\min}^{(j_1)} = i_{\min}^{(j_2)}$, which implies $E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(3)}$ occurs. Also, since we know both $W_{j_1} \wedge (\neg E_{j_1}^{(1)})$ and $W_{j_2} \wedge (\neg E_{j_2}^{(1)})$ occur, by Lemma 5, we have F_{j_1} and F_{j_2} both occur. Therefore, we know $E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)} = E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(3)} \wedge F_{j_1} \wedge F_{j_2}$ occurs, which implies $E^{(3)}$ occurs.

Therefore, we have $\Pr[W \wedge (\neg E^{(1)}) \wedge (\neg E^{(2)})] \leq \Pr[E^{(3)}]$. We now just need to bound $\Pr[E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)}]$ for any $j_1 < j_2$.

To gain insight, suppose $E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)}$ occurs. We can show that there exists $i \in \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_1)} \cap \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_2)}$ such that $\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i)} - \delta_{j_1} \beta_{j_1}^{(2i)} \neq 0$ and $\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i)} - \delta_{j_2} \beta_{j_2}^{(2i)} \neq 0$. Then, since F_{j_1} and F_{j_2} occur, by (F1), it holds that $\frac{\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i-1)} - \delta_{j_1} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i-1)}}{\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i)} - \delta_{j_1} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i)}} = c_i = \frac{\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i-1)} - \delta_{j_2} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i-1)}}{\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i)} - \delta_{j_2} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i)}}$. However, this can occur with only small probability since δ_{j_1} and δ_{j_2} are sampled independently. The following claim makes this formal. The proof is presented in the full version of this paper.

Claim 3 For any $j_1, j_2 \in [Q_H]$ such that $j_1 < j_2$, suppose $E_{(j_1, j_2)}^{\prime(3)}$ occurs.

Let i_{dif} be the smallest index in $\mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_1)} \cap \mathcal{I}_{\text{unk}}^{(j_2)}$ such that $\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} \neq \alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}$ and $\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} \neq \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}$. Then, we have $\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} - \delta_{j_1} \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0$. Moreover, let $T = \frac{\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - \delta_{j_1} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)}}{\alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} - \delta_{j_1} \cdot \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}}$, and we have $\beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0$ and $\delta_{j_2} = \frac{\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}}{\beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}}$.

<p><u>Algorithm BS₁.Setup(1^λ) :</u> $p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$ Let g be the generator of \mathbb{G}_λ Select $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ Return $par \leftarrow (p, g, H)$</p> <p><u>Algorithm BS₁.KG(par) :</u> $(p, g, H) \leftarrow par$ $x \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ $sk \leftarrow x$; $pk \leftarrow X$ Return (sk, pk)</p> <p><u>Algorithm BS₁.S₁(sk) :</u> $x \leftarrow sk$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ $a \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $y \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $A \leftarrow g^a$; $Y \leftarrow X^y$ $st^s \leftarrow (a, y, x)$; $msg_1 \leftarrow (A, Y)$ Return (st^s, msg_1)</p> <p><u>Algorithm BS₁.S₂(st^s, c) :</u> $(a, y, x) \leftarrow st^s$ $s \leftarrow a + c \cdot y \cdot x$ Return $msg_2 \leftarrow (s, y)$</p>	<p><u>Algorithm BS₁.U₁(pk, msg₁, m) :</u> $X \leftarrow pk$; $(A, Y) \leftarrow msg_1$ $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $\gamma \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $Y' \leftarrow Y^\gamma$; $A' \leftarrow g^{r_1} \cdot A^\gamma \cdot Y'^{r_2}$ $c' \leftarrow H(A' \ Y' \ m)$ $c \leftarrow c' + r_2$ $st^u \leftarrow (c, c', r_1, \gamma, X, Y, A)$ Return (st^u, c)</p> <p><u>Algorithm BS₁.U₂(st^u, msg₂) :</u> $(c, c', r_1, \gamma, X, Y, A) \leftarrow st^u$ $(s, y) \leftarrow msg_2$ If $y = 0$ or $Y \neq X^y$ or $g^s \neq A \cdot Y^c$ then return \perp $s' \leftarrow \gamma \cdot s + r_1$; $y' \leftarrow \gamma \cdot y$ Return $\sigma \leftarrow (c', s', y')$</p> <p><u>Algorithm BS₁.Ver(pk, σ, m) :</u> $(c, s, y) \leftarrow \sigma$ If $y = 0$ then return 0 $Y \leftarrow X^y$; $A \leftarrow g^s \cdot Y^{-c}$ If $c \neq H(A \ Y \ m)$ then return 0 Return 1</p>
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Fig. 4. The blind signature scheme $BS_1 = BS_1[\mathbb{G}]$.

Let T and i_{dif} be the values defined in the above claim. Consider the step when δ_{j_2} is generated. We know the j_2 -th query to H has been made, and thus $\vec{\alpha}_{j_2}$ and $\vec{\beta}_{j_2}$ are determined. Also, since $j_1 < j_2$, the j_1 -th query to H has returned, and thus $\vec{\alpha}_{j_1}$, $\vec{\alpha}_{j_2}$, and δ_{j_1} are determined. Therefore, we know i_{dif} and T are also determined. Thus, we know δ_{j_2} is picked uniformly at random from \mathbb{Z}_p^* independent of i_{dif} , $\vec{\alpha}_{j_1}$, $\vec{\alpha}_{j_2}$, $\vec{\beta}_{j_1}$, $\vec{\beta}_{j_2}$, δ_{j_1} , and T . Then, by the above claim,

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[E'_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(3)}] &\leq \Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} - \delta_{j_1} \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0 \\ \wedge \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0 \end{array} \wedge \delta_{j_2} = \frac{\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}}{\beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}} \right] \\
&\leq \Pr \left[\delta_{j_2} = \frac{\alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \alpha_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}}{\beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})}} \mid \begin{array}{l} \alpha_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} - \delta_{j_1} \beta_{j_1}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0 \\ \wedge \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}}-1)} - T \cdot \beta_{j_2}^{(2i_{\text{dif}})} \neq 0 \end{array} \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{p-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

4 Efficient Blind Signatures in the GGM

This section introduces our first scheme, BS_1 , which relies on a prime-order cyclic group and a hash function H . We describe this scheme formally in Figure 4.

Roughly, it extends (blind) Schnorr Signatures by sending an additional group element $Y = X^y$ in the first round. Then, the signer's final response to challenge c reveals y along with $s = a + cxy$. We also note that we could consider a variant of the scheme where the signature consists of $\sigma = (A', s', y')$, where A' replaces c' .

SECURITY ANALYSIS. First off, we observe that the protocol is blind. We give a complete proof of the following theorem in the full version of this paper.

Theorem 2. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. Then, the blind signature scheme $\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]$ is perfectly blind.*

Our main result shows OMUF security of BS_1 in the *generic-group model* (GGM) following Shoup's original formalization [8], which encodes every group element with a random label. To this end, we present in Figure 5 a game describing a GGM-version of OMUF security for BS_1 , adapting the one from Section 2. We also define a corresponding advantage $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf-ggm}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda)$ to measure the probability that \mathcal{A} wins the game. Note that to keep notation homogenous, it is convenient to allow the game to depend on \mathbb{G} , although the game itself only makes use of the order of the group. The game also models the hash function H as a random oracle, to which the adversary is given oracle access.

The following theorem states our main result in the form of a reduction to WFROS and is proved in Section 4.1.

Theorem 3 (OMUF Security of BS_1). *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. For any adversary \mathcal{A} for the $\text{OMUF-GGM}^{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}(\lambda)$ game making at most Q_Π queries to Π , Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 , and Q_H queries to the random oracle H , there exists an adversary \mathcal{B} for the $\text{WFROS}_{Q_{S_1}, p}$ problem, where $p = |\mathbb{G}_\lambda|$, making at most $Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1$ queries to the random oracle H such that $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf-ggm}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) \leq \text{Adv}_{Q_{S_1}, p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{B}) + \frac{Q_\Phi(Q_\Phi + 2Q_H + 2Q_{S_1} + 2)}{p - (1 + Q_{S_1} + Q_\Phi^2)}$, where Q_Φ is the maximum number of queries to Φ during the game OMUF-GGM , and we have $Q_\Phi = Q_\Pi + 4Q_{S_1} + 4$.*

By Theorem 1, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. For any adversary \mathcal{A} playing game $\text{OMUF-GGM}^{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}(\lambda)$ making at most Q_Π queries to Π , Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 , and Q_H queries to the random oracle H , we have $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf-ggm}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) \leq \frac{2Q_\Phi(Q_\Phi + 2Q_H + 2Q_{S_1} + 2)}{p - (1 + Q_{S_1} + Q_\Phi^2)}$, where $Q_\Phi = Q_\Pi + 4Q_{S_1} + 4$.*

We note in particular that the concrete security of BS_1 in the GGM is comparable to that of the discrete logarithm problem, in that $Q_\Phi = \Omega(\min\{\sqrt{p}, p/Q_H, p/Q_{S_1}\})$ is necessary to break security with constant probability.

4.1 Proof of Theorem 3

Let us fix an adversary \mathcal{A} that makes (without loss of generality) exactly Q_Π queries to Π , Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 , and Q_H queries to the random oracle H . Without

<p>Game $\text{OMUF-GGM}_{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}^A(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$; $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$</p> <p>$\text{sid} \leftarrow 0$; $\ell \leftarrow 0$; $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \emptyset$; $\text{Cur} \leftarrow \emptyset$</p> <p>$\Xi \leftarrow ()$; $T \leftarrow ()$</p> <p>$\{(m_k, \sigma_k)\}_{k \in [\ell+1]} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\Pi, S_1, S_2, \text{H}}(p, \Phi(1), \Phi(x))$</p> <p>If $\exists k_1 \neq k_2$ such that $(m_{k_1}, \sigma_{k_1}) = (m_{k_2}, \sigma_{k_2})$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Return 0</p> <p>If $\exists k \in [\ell+1]$ such that $y_k^* = 0$</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">or $c_k \neq \text{H}(\Phi(s_k - c_k \cdot y_k \cdot x) \parallel \Phi(y_k \cdot x) \parallel m_i)$</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">where $(c_k, s_k, y_k) = \sigma_k$ then return 0</p> <p>Return 1</p> <p>Oracle $\Phi(v)$:</p> <p>If $v \in \text{Cur}$ then return $\Xi(v)$</p> <p>$\Xi(v) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\log(p)} \setminus \Xi(\text{Cur})$</p> <p>$\text{Cur} \leftarrow \text{Cur} \cup \{v\}$</p> <p>Return $\Xi(v)$</p> <p>Oracle $\Pi(\xi, \xi', b)$:</p> <p>If $\exists v, v' \in \text{Cur}$ such that $\xi = \Xi(v)$ and $\xi' = \Xi(v')$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Return $\Phi(v + (-1)^b v')$</p> <p>Else return \perp</p>	<p>Oracle S_1 :</p> <p>$\text{sid} \leftarrow \text{sid} + 1$</p> <p>$a_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$; $y_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$</p> <p>$\text{st}_{\text{sid}}^s \leftarrow (a_{\text{sid}}, y_{\text{sid}})$</p> <p>$\text{msg}_1 \leftarrow (\Phi(a_{\text{sid}}), \Phi(xy_{\text{sid}}))$</p> <p>Return $(\text{sid}, \text{msg}_1)$</p> <p>Oracle $S_2(i, c_i)$:</p> <p>If $i \notin [\text{sid}] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Return \perp</p> <p>$(a_i, y_i) \leftarrow \text{st}_i^s$</p> <p>$s_i \leftarrow a_i + c_i \cdot y_i \cdot x$</p> <p>$\text{msg}_2 \leftarrow (s_i, y_i)$</p> <p>$\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \cup \{i\}$</p> <p>$\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$</p> <p>Return msg_2</p> <p>Oracle $\text{H}(\text{str})$:</p> <p>If $T(\text{str}) = \perp$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">$T(\text{str}) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$</p> <p>Return $T(\text{str})$</p>
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Fig. 5. The OMUF security game in GGM for the blind signature scheme $\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]$.

loss of generality, assume it also makes exactly one query (i, c_i) to S_2 for each $i \in [Q_{S_1}]$. Then, after \mathcal{A} returns, we know $\ell = Q_{S_1}$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} = [Q_{S_1}]$. Also, it is clear that the overall number of queries to Φ in $\text{OMUF-GGM}_{\text{BS}_1}^A$ is at most $Q_\Phi := Q_\Pi + 4Q_{S_1} + 4$.

We prove the theorem by going through a series of games, from Game_0 to Game_4 , where Game_0 is the $\text{OMUF-GGM}_{\text{BS}_1}^A$ game and Game_4 is an intermediate game that enables an easier reduction to WFROS. Here, however, we first introduce Game_4 and Lemma 6 and then discuss the reduction to WFROS, which is the core of the proof. We leave the definition of the intermediate games between Game_0 to Game_4 to the proof of Lemma 6. The game-hopping argument is non-trivial, but it follows the same blueprint as in [40].

DEFINITION OF Game_4 . The pseudocode description of Game_4 is given in Figure 6. The main difference from $\text{OMUF-GGM}_{\text{BS}_1}^A$ is that the encoding oracle Φ takes as input a polynomial instead of an integer in \mathbb{Z}_p . (Note that the adversary cannot query Φ directly, and thus this difference is not directly surfaced.) This essentially captures the algebraic core of our proof.

Also, for a valid query (i, c_i) to S_2 , the output values (s_i, y_i) are directly sampled uniformly from $\mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p^*$. Furthermore, when this happens, two polynomials, $R_1 = A_i + c_i \cdot Y_i - s_i$ and $R_2 = Y_i - y_i \cdot X$, are recorded in the set L . Then, in the encoding oracle Φ , two polynomials, P_1 and P_2 , are considered to differ

<p>Game Game₄: $p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$ $\text{sid} \leftarrow 0; \ell \leftarrow 0; \mathcal{S} \leftarrow \emptyset; \text{Cur} \leftarrow \emptyset$ $\Xi \leftarrow (); T \leftarrow ()$ $\{(m_k, \sigma_k)\}_{k \in [\ell+1]} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\Pi, S_1, S_2, H}(p, \Phi(1), \Phi(\mathbf{X}))$ If $\exists k_1 \neq k_2$ such that $(m_{k_1}, \sigma_{k_1}) = (m_{k_2}, \sigma_{k_2})$ then Return 0 If $\exists k \in [\ell+1]$ such that $y_k^* = 0$ or $c_k \neq H(\Phi(s_k - c_k \cdot y_k \cdot \mathbf{X}) \parallel \Phi(y_k \cdot \mathbf{X}) \parallel m_i)$ where $(c_k, s_k, y_k) = \sigma_k$ then return 0 Return 1</p> <p>Oracle $\Phi(P)$: If $\exists P' \in \text{Cur}$ such that $P =_L P'$ then Return $\Xi(P')$ $\Xi(P) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{[\log(p)]} \setminus \Xi(\text{Cur})$ $\text{Cur} \leftarrow \text{Cur} \cup \{P\}$ Return $\Xi(P)$</p> <p>Oracle $\Pi(\xi, \xi', b)$: If $\exists P, P' \in \text{Cur}$ such that $\xi = \Xi(P)$ and $\xi' = \Xi(P')$ then Return $\Phi(P + (-1)^b P')$ Else return \perp</p>	<p>Oracle S_1 : $\text{sid} \leftarrow \text{sid} + 1$ $\text{msg}_1 \leftarrow (\Phi(\mathbf{A}_{\text{sid}}), \Phi(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{sid}}))$ Return $(\text{sid}, \text{msg}_1)$</p> <p>Oracle $S_2(i, c_i)$: If $i \notin [\text{sid}] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$ then return \perp $s_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p; y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $R_1 \leftarrow \mathbf{A}_i + c_i \mathbf{Y}_i - s_i$ $R_2 \leftarrow \mathbf{Y}_i - y_i \mathbf{X}$ $L \leftarrow L \cup \{R_1, R_2\}$ $\text{msg}_2 \leftarrow (s_i, y_i)$ If $\exists P_1, P_2 \in \text{Cur}$ such that $P_1 \neq P_2$ and $P_1 =_L P_2$ then abort game $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \cup \{i\}$ $\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$ Return msg_2</p> <p>Oracle $H(\text{str})$: If $T(\text{str}) = \perp$ then $T(\text{str}) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ Return $T(\text{str})$</p>
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Fig. 6. The definition of Game₄. The symbols P and P' denote polynomials over variables \mathbf{X} , $\{\mathbf{A}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i\}_{i \in [\text{sid}]}$. Also, a new equality notation, “ $=_L$ ”, is used. We say $P_1 =_L P_2$ if and only if $P_1 - P_2$ can be represented as a linear combination of polynomials in L .

if and only if $P_1 \neq_L P_2$, where $P_1 =_L P_2$ means that $P_1 - P_2$ can be generated as a linear combination of polynomials in L . Still, $P_1 \neq_L P_2$ could occur when queries P_1 and P_2 are made to Φ , but they becomes equal (in the sense of “ $=_L$ ”) after L is updated. The game aborts when this happens.

Overall, we have the following lemma. The proof is presented in the full version of this paper.

Lemma 6. $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_1[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf-ggm}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) \leq \Pr[\text{Game}_4^{\mathcal{A}} = 1] + \frac{Q_\Phi^2}{p - (1 + Q_{S_1} + Q_\Phi^2)}$.

REDUCTION TO WFROS. The core of the proof is to relate the probability of the adversary \mathcal{A} winning Game₄ with the advantage of an adversary \mathcal{B} winning the WFROS problem, as stated in the following lemma. The proof is given in Section 4.2.

Lemma 7. *For every λ , there exists an adversary \mathcal{B} for the WFROS $_{Q_{S_1}, p}$ problem, where $p = |\mathbb{G}_\lambda|$, making at most $Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1$ queries to H such that*

$$\Pr[\text{Game}_4^{\mathcal{A}} = 1] \leq \text{Adv}_{Q_{S_1}, p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{B}) + \frac{(2Q_\Phi + 1)(Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1)}{p - Q_\Phi}. \quad (5)$$

The statement of Theorem 3 follows by combining Lemmas 6 and 7.

4.2 Proof of Lemma 7

We construct \mathcal{B} that interacts with \mathcal{A} by simulating the oracles from Game₄ using the two oracles S and H in WFROS. In particular, we extract suitable vectors $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ to query to H in WFROS, i.e., each RO query str is decomposed as $\text{str} = \xi^A \parallel \xi^Y \parallel m$, where ξ^A and ξ^Y are encodings of group elements. If both encodings are valid, there must exist P^A, P^Y such that $\Xi(P^A) = \xi^A$ and $\Xi(P^Y) = \xi^Y$; then, \mathcal{B} defines two vectors $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ to make a corresponding query to H in WFROS. The oracle S is also used to simulate the signer's second stage. Finally, when \mathcal{A} outputs $Q_{S_1} + 1$ different valid message-signature pairs in Game₄, \mathcal{B} tries to map each valid message-signature pair to a query to H in WFROS. We show that this strategy succeeds with probability close to that of \mathcal{A} succeeding.

THE ADVERSARY \mathcal{B} . Specifically, \mathcal{B} initializes the variables sid, Cur, \mathcal{I}_{fin} , Ξ , and T as in Game₄. In addition, \mathcal{B} initializes an empty table Hid, used later in the simulation of \hat{H} .

Then, \mathcal{B} runs \mathcal{A} on input $(p, \hat{\Phi}(1), \hat{\Phi}(X))$ and with access to the oracles \hat{H} , \hat{S}_1 , \hat{S}_2 , and \hat{H} . These oracles, along with $\hat{\Phi}$, operate as follows:

Oracles $\hat{\Phi}, \hat{H}$: Same as in Game₄. In particular, L is updated by calls to \hat{S}_2 .

Oracle \hat{S}_1 : Same as in Game₄.

Oracle \hat{S}_2 : Same as Game₄ except that instead of sampling y_i randomly, if $i \in [\text{sid}] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$, \mathcal{B} makes a query (i, c_i) to S and uses its output as the value y_i .

Oracle \hat{H} : After receiving a query str, if $T(\text{str}) \neq \perp$, the value $T(\text{str})$ is returned. Otherwise, str is decomposed as $\text{str} = \xi^A \parallel \xi^Y \parallel m$ such that the length of ξ^A and ξ^Y is $\lceil \log(p) \rceil$.

- If there exist $P^A, P^Y \in \text{Cur}$ such that $\Xi(P^A) = \xi^A$ and $\Xi(P^Y) = \xi^Y$, denote the coefficients of P^A, P^Y as

$$P^A = \hat{\alpha}^g + \hat{\alpha}^X X + \sum_{i \in [\text{sid}]} \hat{\alpha}^{A_i} A_i + \sum_{i \in [\text{sid}]} \hat{\alpha}^{Y_i} Y_i, \quad (6)$$

$$P^Y = \hat{\beta}^g + \hat{\beta}^X X + \sum_{i \in [\text{sid}]} \hat{\beta}^{A_i} A_i + \sum_{i \in [\text{sid}]} \hat{\beta}^{Y_i} Y_i. \quad (7)$$

Then, \mathcal{B} issues the query $(\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta})$ to H , where $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{2Q_{S_1}+1}$ are such that

$$\alpha^{(i')} = \begin{cases} \hat{\alpha}^X, & i' = 0 \\ \hat{\alpha}^{Y_i}, & i' = 2i - 1, i \in [\text{sid}] \\ -\hat{\alpha}^{A_i}, & i' = 2i, i \in [\text{sid}] \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}, \quad (8)$$

$$\beta^{(i')} = \begin{cases} -\hat{\beta}^X, & i' = 0 \\ -\hat{\beta}^{Y_i}, & i' = 2i - 1, i \in [\text{sid}] \\ \hat{\beta}^{A_i}, & i' = 2i, i \in [\text{sid}] \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}.$$

After receiving the output $(\delta_{\text{hid}}, \text{hid})$, \mathcal{B} sets $T(\text{str}) \leftarrow \delta_{\text{hid}}$ and $\text{Hid}(\text{str}) \leftarrow \text{hid}$.

– Otherwise, if $\xi^A \notin T(\text{Cur})$ or $\xi^Y \notin T(\text{Cur})$ (or if the decomposition of str is not possible), \mathcal{B} samples $T(\text{str})$ uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p and sets $\text{Hid}(\text{str}) = \perp$. Finally, \mathcal{B} returns $T(\text{str})$.

After \mathcal{A} outputs $\{(m_k^*, \sigma_k^*)\}_{k \in [Q_{S_1}+1]}$, \mathcal{B} aborts if the signatures are not valid, i.e., one of the following conditions is not satisfied:

$$\forall k_1, k_2 \in [Q_{S_1} + 1] \text{ and } k_1 \neq k_2 : (m_{k_1}^*, \sigma_{k_1}^*) \neq (m_{k_2}^*, \sigma_{k_2}^*), \quad (9)$$

$$\forall k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1] : y_k^* \neq 0 \wedge c_k^* = \hat{\mathsf{H}}(\text{str}_k^*), \quad (10)$$

where $(c_k^*, s_k^*, y_k^*) = \sigma_k^*$ and $\text{str}_k^* = \hat{\Phi}(s_k^* - c_k^* \cdot y_k^* \cdot \mathsf{X}) \parallel \hat{\Phi}(y_k^* \cdot \mathsf{X}) \parallel m_k^*$. (Here, $\hat{\mathsf{H}}$ and $\hat{\Phi}$ are the oracles described previously.) Further, \mathcal{B} aborts if the following condition does not hold:

$$\forall k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1] : \text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*) \neq \perp. \quad (11)$$

Otherwise, \mathcal{B} outputs $\mathcal{J} := \{\text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*)\}_{k \in [Q_{S_1}+1]}$.

ANALYSIS OF \mathcal{B} . Note that \mathcal{B} queries to H at most once when it receives a query to $\hat{\mathsf{H}}$ and makes $Q_{S_1} + 1$ more queries to $\hat{\mathsf{H}}$ when checking the validity of the output. Therefore, \mathcal{B} makes at most $Q_{\mathsf{H}} + Q_{S_1} + 1$ queries to H . Also, it is clear that \mathcal{B} simulates oracles $\mathsf{S}_1, \mathsf{S}_2$ in Game_4 perfectly. For the simulation of $\hat{\mathsf{H}}$, the only difference is that the distribution of δ_{hid} outputting from H in WFROS is uniformly over \mathbb{Z}_p^* , where in Game_4 it is always uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p . However, the statistical distance between the two distributions is $1/p$. Since \mathcal{B} makes at most $Q_{\mathsf{H}} + Q_{S_1} + 1$ queries to H , the statistical difference between the view of \mathcal{A} in Game_4 and that in the one simulated by \mathcal{B} is bounded by $(Q_{\mathsf{H}} + Q_{S_1} + 1)/p$.

Denote the event E_1 such that when \mathcal{B} checks the output from \mathcal{A} , both (9) and (10) hold. As these are exactly the winning conditions of Game_4 , which is simulated statistically closed to perfect, we have $\Pr[E_1] + \frac{Q_{\mathsf{H}} + Q_{S_1} + 1}{p} \geq \Pr[\text{Game}_4^{\mathcal{A}} = 1]$. Also, let E_2 be the event for which the condition (11) holds immediately

afterward. If E_2 does not happen, but E_1 does, then we know \mathcal{A} outputs a valid message-signature pair (m_k^*, σ_k^*) such that $\text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*) = \perp$, which is unlikely to happen. The following formalizes this.

Claim 4 $\Pr[E_1 \wedge (\neg E_2)] \leq \frac{2Q_\phi(Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1)}{p - Q_\phi}$.

Then, we can conclude the proof with the following claim.

Claim 5 *If both E_1 and E_2 happen, then \mathcal{B} outputs a valid WFROS solution \mathcal{J} , which in turn implies that $\Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2] \leq \text{Adv}_{Q_{S_1}, p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{B})$.*

The proofs of the above two claim are presented in the full version of this paper.

5 Efficient Blind Signatures in the AGM

We now present schemes that are secure in the *algebraic group model* (AGM) [10]. This model considers security for *algebraic adversaries* - these are adversaries that, when used within a reduction, provide a representation of any group element they output in terms of all prior group elements input to the adversary. (We dispense with a more formal definition since the use of the AGM is self-evident in our proofs.)

5.1 A Protocol Secure under the DL Assumption

In this section, we introduce a scheme, which we refer to as BS_3 , that relies on the hardness of the (plain) discrete logarithm (DL) problem, which is formalized in Figure 8. In contrast to BS_1 , our new scheme (described in Figure 7) requires an extra group element Z in the public key, and the commitment X^y in is replaced by $g^t Z^y$. (This will necessary result in an additional scalar in the signature.) However, one could generate Z as an output of a hash function (assuming the hash function is a random oracle, which we assume anyways), although, interestingly, our proof for BS_3 will show that blindness holds even when Z is chosen maliciously by the signer (who may consequently also know its discrete logarithm). We also present a slightly simpler alternative protocol, called BS_2 , in the full version of this paper, that avoids the need of such an extra group element, at the cost of relying on the hardness of a stronger assumption, the *one-more discrete logarithm* (OMDL) problem. (Needless to say, a scheme based on DL only is seen as more desirable than a scheme based on the OMDL assumption [43].)

The additional group element Z will in fact allow us to develop a *partially blind* version of BS_3 , which we refer to as PBS , which we discuss in Section 6 below. We note that in fact *all* results about BS_3 can be obtained as a corollary of our analysis of PBS , because a blind signature scheme is of course a special case of a partially blind one. However, we are opting for a separate presentation, as the main ideas behind the reduction are much simpler to understand in (plain) BS_3 , and the proof of PBS adds some extra complexity (in particular, in order to obtain a tighter bound), which obfuscates the main ideas.

<p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$:</p> $p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda $; $g \leftarrow g(\mathbb{G}_\lambda)$ Select $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ Return $par \leftarrow (p, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, g, H)$ <p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{KG}(par)$:</p> $(p, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, g, H) \leftarrow par$ $x \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $X \leftarrow g^x$; $Z \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{G}_\lambda$ $sk \leftarrow x$; $pk \leftarrow (X, Z)$ Return (sk, pk) <p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{S}_1(sk)$:</p> $x \leftarrow sk$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ $a, t \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $y \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $A \leftarrow g^a$; $C \leftarrow g^t Z^y$ $st^s \leftarrow (a, y, t, x)$; $msg_1 \leftarrow (A, C)$ Return (st^s, msg_1) <p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{S}_2(st^s, c)$:</p> If $c = 0$ then return \perp $(a, y, t, x) \leftarrow st^s$ $s \leftarrow a + c \cdot y \cdot x$ Return $msg_2 \leftarrow (s, y, t)$	<p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{U}_1(pk, msg_1, m)$:</p> $X \leftarrow pk$; $(A, C) \leftarrow msg_1$ $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $A' \leftarrow g^{r_1} \cdot A^{\gamma_1/\gamma_2}$; $C' \leftarrow C^{\gamma_1} g^{r_2}$ $c' \leftarrow H(A' \ C' \ m)$ $c \leftarrow c' \cdot \gamma_2$ $st^u \leftarrow (c, c', r_1, r_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, X, Z, A, C)$ Return (st^u, c) <p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{U}_2(st^u, msg_2)$:</p> $(c, c', r_1, r_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, X, Z, A, C) \leftarrow st^u$ $(s, y, t) \leftarrow msg_2$ If $y = 0$ or $C \neq g^t Z^y$ or $g^s \neq A \cdot X^{c \cdot y}$ then return \perp $s' \leftarrow (\gamma_1/\gamma_2) \cdot s + r_1$ $y' \leftarrow \gamma_1 \cdot y$; $t' \leftarrow \gamma_1 \cdot t + r_2$ Return $\sigma \leftarrow (c', s', y', t')$ <p>Algorithm $\text{BS}_3.\text{Ver}(pk, \sigma, m)$:</p> $(c, s, y, t) \leftarrow \sigma$ If $y = 0$ then return 0 $C \leftarrow g^t Z^y$; $A \leftarrow g^s \cdot X^{-c \cdot y}$ If $c \neq H(A \ C \ m)$ then return 0 Return 1
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Fig. 7. The blind signature scheme $\text{BS}_3 = \text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]$.

SECURITY ANALYSIS. The following theorem establishes the blindness of BS_3 . (Its proof is presented in the full version of this paper.)

Theorem 4. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. Then, the blind signature scheme $\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]$ is perfectly blind.*

The core of the analysis is once again a proof that the scheme is one-more unforgeable in the AGM, i.e., we only prove security against algebraic adversaries. In particular, we model the selected hash function as a random oracle H , to which the adversary is given explicit access.

Theorem 5. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. For any algebraic adversary \mathcal{A}_{alg} for the game $\text{OMUF}^{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}(\lambda)$ making at most Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 and Q_H queries to the random oracle H , there exists an adversary $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}$ for the DLog problem running in a similar running time as \mathcal{A}_{alg} such that $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}, \lambda) \leq 2\text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{dlog}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}, \lambda) + \frac{(Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1)(Q_H + 3Q_{S_1} + 1)}{p-1}$.*

Proof (of Theorem 5). Let us fix an adversary \mathcal{A}_{alg} that makes at most Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 and Q_H queries to the random oracle H . Without loss of generality,

<p>Game $\text{DLog}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$; $g \leftarrow g(\mathbb{G}_\lambda)$; $X \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{G}_\lambda$</p> <p>$y \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(p, g, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, X)$</p> <p>If $g^y = X$ then return 1</p> <p>Return 0</p>
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Fig. 8. The DLog game.

<p>Game $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$; $g \leftarrow g(\mathbb{G}_\lambda)$; $x \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $X \leftarrow g^x$; $Z \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$</p> <p>$\text{sid} \leftarrow 0$; $\ell \leftarrow 0$; $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \emptyset$; $T \leftarrow ()$; $\text{hid} \leftarrow 0$; $\text{Hid} \leftarrow ()$</p> <p>$\{(m_k^*, \sigma_k^*)\}_{k \in [\ell+1]} \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}^{\text{S}_1, \text{S}_2, \text{H}}(p, g, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, X, Z)$</p> <p>If $\exists k_1 \neq k_2$ such that $(m_{k_1}^*, \sigma_{k_1}^*) = (m_{k_2}^*, \sigma_{k_2}^*)$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Return 0</p> <p>If $\exists k \in [\ell+1]$ such that $y_k^* = 0$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">or $c_k^* \neq \text{H}(g^{s_k^*} X^{-c_k^*} y_k^* \ g^{t_k^*} Z^{y_k^*} \ m_k^*)$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">where $(c_k^*, s_k^*, y_k^*, t_k^*) = \sigma_k^*$ then return 0</p> <p>Return 1</p> <p>Oracle $\text{H}(A \ C \ m)$:</p> <p>If $T(A \ C \ m) = \perp$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">$T(A \ C \ m) \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">$\text{hid} \leftarrow \text{hid} + 1$; $\text{Hid}(A \ C \ m) \leftarrow \text{hid}$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">$\ A = g^{\hat{\alpha}^g} X^{\hat{\alpha}^x} Z^{\hat{\alpha}^z} \prod_{i \in [\text{sid}]} A_i^{\hat{\alpha}^{A_i}} C_i^{\hat{\alpha}^{C_i}}$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">$\ C = g^{\hat{\beta}^g} X^{\hat{\beta}^x} Z^{\hat{\beta}^z} \prod_{i \in [\text{sid}]} A_i^{\hat{\beta}^{A_i}} C_i^{\hat{\beta}^{C_i}}$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">$\delta_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow T(A \ C \ m)$; $\vec{\alpha}_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow \vec{\alpha}$; $\vec{\beta}_{\text{hid}} \leftarrow \vec{\beta}$</p> <p>Return $T(A \ C \ m)$</p>	<p>Oracle S_1 :</p> <p>$\text{sid} \leftarrow \text{sid} + 1$</p> <p>$a_{\text{sid}}, t_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$</p> <p>$y_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow_{\\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$</p> <p>$\text{st}_{\text{sid}}^s \leftarrow (a_{\text{sid}}, y_{\text{sid}}, t_{\text{sid}})$</p> <p>$A_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow g^{a_{\text{sid}}}$</p> <p>$C_{\text{sid}} \leftarrow g^{t_{\text{sid}}} Z^{y_{\text{sid}}}$</p> <p>$\text{msg}_1 \leftarrow (A_{\text{sid}}, C_{\text{sid}})$</p> <p>Return $(\text{sid}, \text{msg}_1)$</p> <p>Oracle $\text{S}_2(i, c_i)$:</p> <p>If $i \notin [\text{sid}] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">or $c_i = 0$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Return \perp</p> <p>$(a_i, y_i, t_i) \leftarrow \text{st}_i^s$</p> <p>$s_i \leftarrow a_i + c_i \cdot y_i \cdot x$</p> <p>$\text{msg}_2 \leftarrow (s_i, y_i, t_i)$</p> <p>$\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} \cup \{i\}$</p> <p>$\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$</p> <p>Return msg_2</p>
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Fig. 9. The OMUF security game for the blind signature scheme $\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]$.

assume \mathcal{A}_{alg} makes exactly Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 and exactly one query (i, c_i) to S_2 for each $i \in [Q_{\text{S}_1}]$. Then, after \mathcal{A}_{alg} returns, we know $\ell = Q_{\text{S}_1}$ and $\mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}} = [Q_{\text{S}_1}]$.

The $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game is formally defined in Figure 9. In addition to the original OMUF game (defined in Figure 1), for each query $(A \| C \| m)$ to H , its corresponding hid is recorded in $\text{Hid}(A \| Y \| m)$, and the output of the query is recorded as δ_{hid} . Also, since \mathcal{A}_{alg} is algebraic, it also provides the representations of A and C , and the corresponding coefficient $\vec{\alpha}$ and $\vec{\beta}$ are recorded as $\vec{\alpha}_{\text{hid}}$ and $\vec{\beta}_{\text{hid}}$.

Denote the event WIN as \mathcal{A}_{alg} wins the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game, i.e., all output message-signature pairs $\{m_k^*, \sigma_k^*\}_{k \in [Q_{\text{S}_1}+1]}$ are distinct and valid. Furthermore,

let us denote $\text{str}_k^* := g^{s_k^*} X^{-c_k^*} y_k^* \| g^{t_k^*} Z^{y_k^*} \| m_k^*$. We let E be the event in the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game for which, after the validity of the output is checked, for each $k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1]$ and $j = \text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*)$,⁷ the following conditions hold:

$$\hat{\alpha}_j^X - \sum_{i \in [Q_{S_1}]} y_i \cdot c_i \cdot \hat{\alpha}_j^{A_i} = -\delta_j \cdot y_k^*, \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{\beta}_j^Z + \sum_{i \in [Q_{S_1}]} y_i \cdot \hat{\beta}_j^{C_i} = y_k^*. \quad (13)$$

Since $\text{Adv}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}, \lambda) = \Pr[\text{WIN}] = \Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge E] + \Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge (\neg E)]$, the theorem follows by combining the following two lemmas with Theorem 1.

Lemma 8. *There exists an adversary $\mathcal{B}_{\text{wfros}}$ for the $\text{WFROS}_{Q_{S_1}, p}$ problem making at most $Q_H + Q_{S_1} + 1$ queries to the random oracle H such that $\text{Adv}_{Q_{S_1}, p}^{\text{wfros}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{wfros}}) \geq \Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge E]$.*

Lemma 9. *There exists an adversary $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}$ for the DLog problem running in a similar running time as \mathcal{A}_{alg} such that $\text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{dlog}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}, \lambda) \geq \frac{1}{2} \Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge (\neg E)]$.* \square

The proof of Lemma 8 is presented in the full version of this paper, which is similar to the proof of Lemma 7.

5.2 Proof of Lemma 9

Proof. We first partition the event $\text{WIN} \wedge (\neg E)$ into two cases. Denote F_1 as the event in the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game that there exists $k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1]$ such that (12) does not hold, and denote F_2 as the event that there exists $k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1]$ such that (13) does not hold. Then, if E does not occur, we know either F_1 or F_2 occurs. Therefore, we have $\text{WIN} \wedge (\neg E) = (\text{WIN} \wedge F_1) \vee (\text{WIN} \wedge F_2)$. We then prove the following two claims.

Claim 6 *There exists $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ for the DLog problem running in a similar running time as \mathcal{A}_{alg} such that $\Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge F_1] \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{dlog}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}, \lambda)$.*

Claim 7 *There exists $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(1)}$ for the DLog problem running in a similar running time as \mathcal{A}_{alg} such that $\Pr[\text{WIN} \wedge F_2] \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{dlog}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(1)}, \lambda)$.*

From the above two claims, we can conclude the lemma by construct the adversary $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}$ that runs either $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ or $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(1)}$ with 1/2 probability. \square

Proof (of Claim 6). We first give a detailed description of $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ playing the $\text{DLog}_{\mathbb{G}}$ game.

⁷ Here, $\text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*)$ must be defined since a query str_k^* is made to H when checking the validity of the output (m_k^*, σ_k^*) .

THE ADVERSARY $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$. Initially, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ initializes sid , \mathcal{I}_{fin} , ℓ , T , hid , and Hid as described in the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game. After $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ receives $(p, g, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, W)$ from the $\text{DLog}_{\mathbb{G}}$ game, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ samples z uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p and sets $X \leftarrow W, Z \leftarrow g^z$. Then, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ runs \mathcal{A}_{alg} on input $(p, g, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, X)$ and with access to the oracles $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_1$, $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_2$, and $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$. These oracles operate as follows:

Oracle $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_1$: $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ samples $s_{\text{sid}}, t'_{\text{sid}}$ uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p and y'_{sid} uniformly from \mathbb{Z}_p^* and sets $A_{\text{sid}} = g^{s_{\text{sid}}} X^{-y'_{\text{sid}}}$ and $C_{\text{sid}} = g^{t'_{\text{sid}}}$. Then, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ returns $(\text{sid}, A_{\text{sid}}, C_{\text{sid}})$.

Oracle $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_2$: Same as in the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game if $i \notin [\text{sid}] \setminus \mathcal{I}_{\text{fin}}$ or $c_i = 0$. Otherwise, after receiving a query (i, c_i) to $\hat{\mathcal{S}}_2$ from \mathcal{A}_{alg} , $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ sets $y_i \leftarrow y'_i/c_i$ and $t_i \leftarrow t'_i - y_i \cdot z$. Then, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ returns (s_i, y_i, t_i) to \mathcal{A}_{alg} .

Oracle $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$: Same as in the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game.

After receiving the output $\{(m_k^*, \sigma_k^*)\}_{k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1]}$, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ aborts if the event $\text{WIN} \wedge F_1$ does not occur.

It is clear that $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ simulates the $\text{OMUF}_{\text{BS}_3[\mathbb{G}]}^{\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}}$ game perfectly. Therefore, it is left to show that if the event $\text{WIN} \wedge F_1$ occurs within the simulation, $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ can compute the discrete log of X , which equals to W .

Suppose $\text{WIN} \wedge F_1$ occurs. There exists $k \in [Q_{S_1} + 1]$ and $j = \text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*)$ such that (12) does not hold. Since $\text{Hid}(\text{str}_k^*) = j$ and $\delta_j = c_k^*$, we have

$$g^{s_k^*} X^{-\delta_j \cdot y_k^*} = g^{s_k^*} X^{-c_k^* \cdot y_k^*} = g^{\hat{\alpha}_j^g} X^{\hat{\alpha}_j^X} Z^{\hat{\alpha}_j^Z} \prod_{i \in [\text{sid}]} A_i^{\hat{\alpha}_i^{A_i}} C_i^{\hat{\alpha}_i^{C_i}}. \quad (14)$$

Similar to the preceding case, since $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ knows the discrete log of Z as z and (12) does not hold, by substituting $A_i = g^{s_i} X^{-c_i \cdot y_i}$, $C_i = g^{t_i} Z^{y_i}$, and $Z = g^z$ into (14), $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}^{(0)}$ can compute the discrete log of X as

$$x := \frac{s_k^* - \hat{\alpha}_j^g - \hat{\alpha}_j^Z \cdot z - \sum_{i \in [Q_{S_1}]} (\hat{\alpha}_j^{A_i} \cdot s_i + \hat{\alpha}_j^{C_i} \cdot (t_i + y_i \cdot z))}{\hat{\alpha}_j^X - \sum_{i \in [Q_{S_1}]} y_i \cdot c_i \cdot \hat{\alpha}_j^{A_i} + \delta_j \cdot y_k^*}.$$

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The proof of Claim 7 is presented in the full version of this paper, which is analogous to the proof of Claim 6.

6 Partially Blind Signatures

This section presents our partially blind signature scheme, PBS, which is detailed in Figure 10. The scheme builds on top of the BS_3 scheme by replacing the extra generator Z contained in the public key with the output of a hash function \mathcal{F}

<p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.Setup}(1^\lambda)$:</p> $p \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda $; $g \leftarrow g(\mathbb{G}_\lambda)$ Select $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ Select $F : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_\lambda$ Return $par \leftarrow (p, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, g, H, F)$ <p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.KG}(par)$:</p> $(p, \mathbb{G}_\lambda, g, H, F) \leftarrow par$ $x \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $X \leftarrow g^x$ $sk \leftarrow x$; $pk \leftarrow X$ Return (sk, pk) <p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.S}_1(sk, \text{info})$:</p> $x \leftarrow sk$; $X \leftarrow g^x$; $Z \leftarrow F(\text{info})$ $a, t \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $y \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $A \leftarrow g^a$; $C \leftarrow g^t Z^y$ $st^s \leftarrow (a, y, t, x)$; $\text{msg}_1 \leftarrow (A, C)$ Return (st^s, msg_1) <p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.S}_2(st^s, c)$:</p> If $c = 0$ then return \perp $(a, y, t, x) \leftarrow st^s$ $s \leftarrow a + c \cdot y \cdot x$ Return $\text{msg}_2 \leftarrow (s, y, t)$	<p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.U}_1(pk, \text{msg}_1, \text{info}, m)$:</p> $X \leftarrow pk$; $(A, C) \leftarrow \text{msg}_1$; $Z \leftarrow F(\text{info})$ $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$; $\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ $A' \leftarrow g^{r_1} \cdot A^{\gamma_1/\gamma_2}$; $C' \leftarrow C^{\gamma_1} g^{r_2}$ $c' \leftarrow H(\text{info} \ A' \ C' \ m)$ $c \leftarrow c' \cdot \gamma_2$ $st^u \leftarrow (c, c', r_1, r_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, X, Z, A, C)$ Return (st^u, c) <p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.U}_2(st^u, \text{msg}_2)$:</p> $(c, c', r_1, r_2, \gamma_1, \gamma_2, X, Z, A, C) \leftarrow st^u$ $(s, y, t) \leftarrow \text{msg}_2$ If $y = 0$ or $C \neq g^t Z^y$ or $g^s \neq A \cdot X^{c \cdot y}$ then return \perp $s' \leftarrow (\gamma_1/\gamma_2) \cdot s + r_1$ $y' \leftarrow \gamma_1 \cdot y$; $t' \leftarrow \gamma_1 \cdot t + r_2$ Return $\sigma \leftarrow (c', s', y', t')$ <p>Algorithm $\text{PBS.Ver}(pk, \text{info}, \sigma, m)$:</p> $X \leftarrow pk$; $Z \leftarrow F(\text{info})$; $(c, s, y, t) \leftarrow \sigma$ If $y = 0$ then return 0 $C \leftarrow g^t Z^y$; $A \leftarrow g^s \cdot X^{-c \cdot y}$ If $c \neq H(\text{info} \ A \ C \ m)$ then return 0 Return 1
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Fig. 10. The partially blind signature scheme $\text{PBS} = \text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]$.

(also modeled as a random oracle in the OMUF proof) applied to the public input info . We do not formally redefine the syntax of partially blind signatures, but we note that it simply extends that of blind signatures by adding the extra input $\text{info} \in \{0, 1\}^*$ to the signer, the user, and the verification algorithm.

BLINDNESS. We first study the blindness of PBS. The $\text{PBlind}_{\text{PBS}}^A$ game is defined in Figure 11. The only difference between PBlind and Blind is that initially, the adversary \mathcal{A} also picks a public information info and interacts with PBS.U_1 and PBS.U_2 for signing (info, m_0) and (info, m_1) . Denote the advantage of the adversary \mathcal{A} as $\text{Adv}_{\text{PBS}}^{\text{pblind}}(\mathcal{A}, \lambda) := \left| \Pr[\text{PBlind}_{\text{PBS}}^A(\lambda) = 1] - \frac{1}{2} \right|$. We say a partially blind signature scheme PBS is perfectly blind if and only if $\text{Adv}_{\text{PBS}}^{\text{pblind}}(\mathcal{A}) = 0$ for any \mathcal{A} .

Theorem 6. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. The partially blind signature scheme $\text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]$ is perfectly blind.*

Since the algorithm PBS.U_1 and PBS.U_2 are almost the same as $\text{BS}_3.U_1$ and $\text{BS}_3.U_2$, we can use a proof similar to the one for BS_3 (Section 5.1) to show $\text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]$ is perfectly blind. The only difference is that in BS_3 , Z is given in the public key, while in $\text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]$, Z is given by $F(\text{info})$.

<p>Game $\text{PBlind}_{\text{PBS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$:</p> <p>$par \leftarrow \text{BS.Setup}(1^\lambda)$</p> <p>$b \leftarrow_{\mathcal{S}} \{0, 1\}$; $b_0 \leftarrow b$; $b_1 \leftarrow 1 - b$</p> <p>$b' \leftarrow_{\mathcal{S}} \mathcal{A}^{\text{INIT}, \text{U}_1, \text{U}_2}(par)$</p> <p>If $b' = b$ then return 1</p> <p>Return 0</p> <p>Oracle $\text{INIT}(\tilde{pk}, \tilde{\text{info}}, \tilde{m}_0, \tilde{m}_1)$:</p> <p>$\text{sess}_0 \leftarrow \text{init}$</p> <p>$\text{sess}_1 \leftarrow \text{init}$</p> <p>$pk \leftarrow \tilde{pk}$</p> <p>$\text{info} \leftarrow \tilde{\text{info}}$</p> <p>$m_0 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_0$; $m_1 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_1$</p>	<p>Oracle $\text{U}_1(i, \text{msg}_1^{(i)})$:</p> <p>If $i \notin \{0, 1\}$ or $\text{sess}_i \neq \text{init}$ then return \perp</p> <p>$\text{sess}_i \leftarrow \text{open}$</p> <p>$(\text{st}_i^u, \text{chl}^{(i)}) \leftarrow \text{PBS.U}_1(pk, \text{msg}_1^{(i)}, \text{info}, m_{b_i})$</p> <p>Return $\text{chl}^{(i)}$</p> <p>Oracle $\text{U}_2(i, \text{msg}_2^{(i)})$:</p> <p>If $i \notin \{0, 1\}$ or $\text{sess}_i \neq \text{open}$ then return \perp</p> <p>$\text{sess}_i \leftarrow \text{closed}$</p> <p>$\sigma_{b_i} \leftarrow \text{PBS.U}_2(\text{st}_i^u, \text{msg}_2^{(i)})$</p> <p>If $\text{sess}_0 = \text{sess}_1 = \text{closed}$ then</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">If $\sigma_0 = \perp$ or $\sigma_1 = \perp$ then return (\perp, \perp)</p> <p style="padding-left: 2em;">Return (σ_0, σ_1)</p> <p>Return (i, closed)</p>
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Fig. 11. The PBlind security game for a partially blind signature scheme PBS.

OMUF SECURITY. We next study the OMUF security of PBS. Note that the definition must also be adjusted: The main difference is that the adversary wins as long as it can produce $\ell + 1$ valid message-signature pairs for some info for which it has run only ℓ signing sessions, regardless of how many signing sessions are run with $\text{info}' \neq \text{info}$ (i.e., their number could be higher than ℓ). We present the corresponding game for the specific case of the scheme PBS and prove the following theorem in the full version of this paper.

Theorem 7. *Let \mathbb{G} be an (asymptotic) family of prime-order cyclic groups. Let \mathcal{A}_{alg} be an algebraic adversary for the game $\text{OMUF}^{\text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]}(\lambda)$ such that for each public information info , makes at most Q_{S_1} queries to S_1 and Q_{H} queries to the random oracle H that start with info . Also, let the total number of distinct public information info 's queried by \mathcal{A}_{alg} to S_1 be bounded by Q_{info} . Then, there exists an adversary $\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}$ for the DLog problem running in similar running time as \mathcal{A}_{alg} such that $\text{Adv}_{\text{PBS}[\mathbb{G}]}^{\text{omuf}}(\mathcal{A}_{\text{alg}}, \lambda) \leq 2\text{Adv}_{\mathbb{G}}^{\text{dlog}}(\mathcal{B}_{\text{dlog}}, \lambda) + \frac{Q_{\text{info}}(Q_{\text{H}} + 3Q_{S_1} + 1)^2 + 2}{p-1}$.*

The proof is very similar to that for BS_3 except we need to additionally perform a hybrid argument over queries to F , guessing which info will be the one leading to a one-more forgery. However, we need to work harder here to ensure the discrete logarithm advantage does not scale with Q_{info} .

We also note that we have no argument supporting the fact that the information-theoretic term in Theorem 7 is tight and the inclusion of info in H is necessary. However, a tighter analysis appears to require studying a more general version of WFROS. We leave this to future work.

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