

Short Signatures from Regular Syndrome Decoding in the Head

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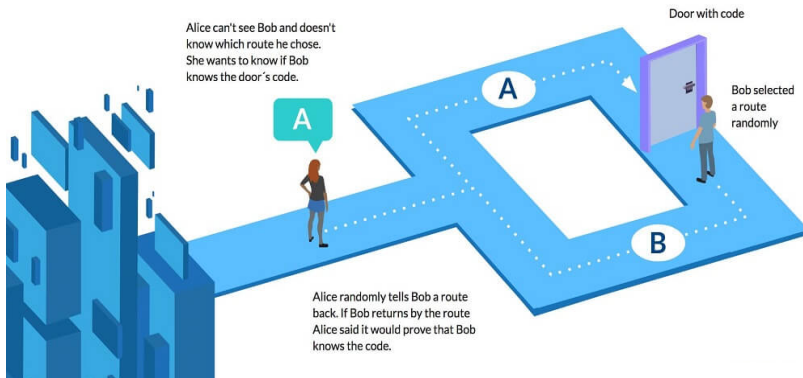
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Bob wants to prove to Alice that he knows the door code without revealing it to her.



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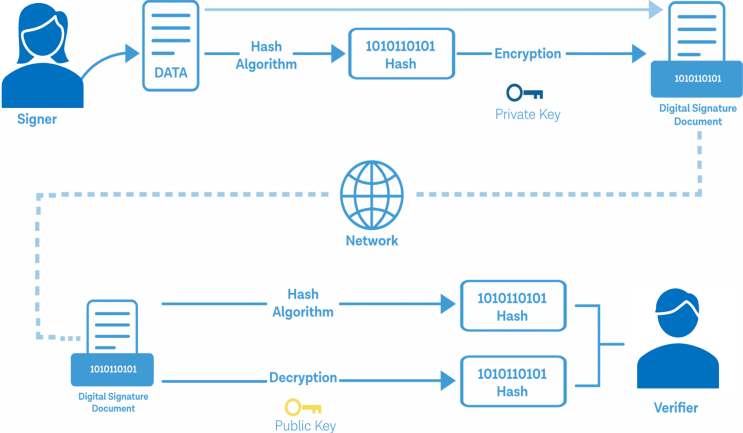
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Let K, k, w be three integers, with $K > k > w$. Given $H \in \{0, 1\}^{k \times K}$ and $y \in \{0, 1\}^k$, find regular $x \in \{0, 1\}^K$ s.t.:

- $H \cdot x = y$ over \mathbb{F}_2
- $\langle 1, x \rangle = w$ over \mathbb{Z}_T .

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The prover:

- Shares $\llbracket x \rrbracket_2 = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ s.t. $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x$ among n virtual parties,
- Computes $g(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(\sum_i x_i) = (\sum_i H \cdot x_i, \sum_i \langle 1, x_i \rangle)$ over appropriate ring.

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Preprocessing material: $\mathbf{s} = \llbracket r \rrbracket_2, \mathbf{t} = \llbracket r \rrbracket_T$.

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⚠ The higher is the weight, the lower is the cost!

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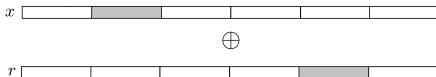
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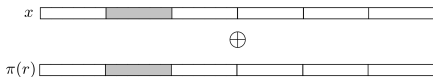
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The soundness error of the proof is at most $\varepsilon = p + 1/n - p/n$.

EXPECTED COMMUNICATION

$$4\lambda + \tau \cdot \left(\lambda(\log n + 1) + \left(\frac{2n-1}{n} \right) \frac{T-1}{T} (K-k) + \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right) K \log_2 T/2 \right) \text{bits}$$

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HOW DEFINE A SIGNATURE USING FIAT-SHAMIR TRANSFORM?

The outputs of the first four round of our 5-round protocol are computed as follows:

- $h_1 = H(m, \text{salt}, h)$,
- $\pi \leftarrow \text{PRG}(h_1)$,
- $h_2 = H(m, \text{salt}, h, h')$,
- $d \leftarrow \text{PRG}(h_2)$.

$f = 12, K = 1842, k = 1017, w = 307, \lambda = 128.$

SETTING 1 – FAST SIGNATURE (RSD-F)

$\tau = 18, n = 193.$ Signature size = 12.52 KB. Runtime 2.7ms.

SETTING 2 – MEDIUM SIGNATURE 1 (RSD-M1)

$\tau = 13, n = 1723.$ Signature size = 9.69 KB. Runtime 17ms.

SETTING 3 – MEDIUM SIGNATURE 2 (RSD-M2)

$\tau = 12, n = 3391.$ Signature size = 9.13 KB. Runtime 31ms.

SETTING 4 – SHORT SIGNATURE (RSD-S)

$\tau = 11, n = 7644.$ Signature size = 8.55 KB. Runtime 65ms.

Thank you for your attention!

Other developments in the paper:

- Combinatorial Analysis of the Construction
- Uniqueness Bound for Regular Syndrome Decoding
- Relation between SD, RSD and almost RSD
- Improvement of already known attacks against RSD
- Definition of a new attack based on an approximate birthday paradox

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COMPARISON

Scheme	sgn	pk	t_{sgn}	Assumption
Wave	1.07 KB	3.2 MB	300	large-weight SD over \mathbb{F}_3 , ($U, U+V$)-codes indist.
Durandal - I	3.97 KB	14.9 KB	4	Rank SD over \mathbb{F}_2^m
Durandal - II	4.90 KB	18.2 KB	5	Rank SD over \mathbb{F}_2^m
LESS-FM - I	9.77 KB	15.2 KB	-	Linear Code Equivalence
LESS-FM - II	206 KB	5.25 KB	-	Perm. Code Equivalence
LESS-FM - III	11.57 KB	10.39 KB	-	Perm. Code Equivalence
GPS - 256	24.0 KB	0.11 KB	-	SD over \mathbb{F}_{256}
GPS - 256	19.8 KB	0.12 KB	-	SD over \mathbb{F}_{1024}
FJR (fast)	22.6 KB	0.09 KB	13	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR (short)	16.0 KB	0.09 KB	62	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
BGKM Sig1	23.7 KB	0.1 KB	-	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
BGKM Sig2	20.6 KB	0.2 KB	-	(QC)SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR - Var1f	15.6 KB	0.09 KB	-	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR - Var1s	10.9 KB	0.09 KB	-	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR - Var2f	17.0 KB	0.09 KB	13	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR - Var2s	11.8 KB	0.09 KB	64	SD over \mathbb{F}_2
FJR - Var3f	11.5 KB	0.14 KB	6	SD over \mathbb{F}_{256}
FJR - Var3s	8.26 KB	0.14 KB	30	SD over \mathbb{F}_{256}
Our scheme - rsd-f	12.52 KB	0.09 KB	2.8*	RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - rsd-m1	9.69 KB	0.09 KB	17*	RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - rsd-m2	9.13 KB	0.09 KB	31*	RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - rsd-s	8.55 KB	0.09 KB	65*	RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - arsd-f	11.25 KB	0.09 KB	2.4*	f -almost-RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - arsd-m1	8.76 KB	0.09 KB	15*	f -almost-RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - arsd-m2	8.28 KB	0.09 KB	28*	f -almost-RSD over \mathbb{F}_2
Our scheme - arsd-s	7.77 KB	0.09 KB	57*	f -almost-RSD over \mathbb{F}_2

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