Faster Signatures from MPC-in-the-Head

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- Check the valid output of MPC protocol
- Verify views are consistent with commitments

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Requirements in MPCitH-based signatures: Unforgeability security

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Instantiation PPRF: GGM tree

Length-doubling PRG: $F(x) \rightarrow (x_0, x_1) \in \{0, 1\}^{2\lambda}$



Communication is reduced from (N-1) $\cdot \lambda$ to logN $\cdot \lambda$

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New construction of PRG:

Davies-Meyer function



For τ -repetitions, (K_0, K_1) is used across all PPRF trees Instantiate by fixed-key AES-NI (takes only 1.3 cycles per Byte) Efficient, 12x to 55x speed improvement when plugging in the state of art ([C:JouHut24])

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Security of PPRF: for a GGM tree of N = 2^{D} leaves (t, ϵ)-secure PRG $\rightarrow (Q, \tau)$ -instance ($t, D.\epsilon$)-secure PPRF

Security loss 5 bits $(D = 16, \tau = 8, \lambda = 128)$

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Intuition:

Denote bs = K/w,



Compressed vector of **x**:

comp(x) =
$$(i_1, i_2, ..., i_{w-1}, i_w) \in (\mathbb{Z}_{bs})^w$$

Instead of sharing over \mathbb{F}_2^K , we share over $\mathbb{Z}_{bs} \rightarrow \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{log}(\mathbf{bs})$ bits

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Soundness:

Prover can cheat in generating a preprocessing

→ verifier adds a permutation π on **r**, i.e., **z** = comp(**x**) – π (comp(**r**))

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