

Revisiting Security Relations Between Signature Schemes and their Inner Hash Functions

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We only care about concrete, black-box, constructive reductions here :

$$P_1 \leftarrow_R P_2, \quad P_1 \Leftrightarrow P_2, \quad \text{etc.}$$

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No big deal, restrict maximum on **known** adversaries \mathcal{A}

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Iterated hashing allows to build “ H from f ”

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$\overline{\text{PRE}}_{n_1}^{n_2} [H]$ Given a random $M_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n_1}$, take $m = H(M_1)$ and find an n_2 -bit string M_2 such that $H(M_2) = m$

$\text{PRE}^n [H]$ Given a random $m \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^m$, find an n -bit string M such that $H(M) = m$.

Most efficient definition for security statements

Security Profile of a Hash Function

Let $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ be a hash function.

Then for any $n_1, n_2 > 0$,

$$\text{COL}^{n_1, n_2} [H] \Leftarrow \text{SEC}_{n_1}^{n_2} [H] \Leftarrow^{(1)} \overline{\text{PRE}}_{n_1}^{n_2} [H]$$

$$\Updownarrow^{(2)}$$

$$\text{PRE}^{n_2} [H]$$

(1) only if $n_2 \gg m$

(2) when H is well-balanced

Hash Function Family

Hash function family

A hash function family F is a function $F : \{0, 1\}^* \times \{0, 1\}^r \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ for integers $m, r > 0$

We find definitions of interest for provable security :

E-COL ^{n_1, n_2} [F]

Find (M_1, M_2, r) with $F(M_1, r) = F(M_2, r)$

U-COL ^{n_1, n_2} [F]

Given $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^r$, find (M_1, M_2) with
 $F(M_1, r) = F(M_2, r)$

A-COL ^{n_1, n_2} [F]

Find (M_1, M_2) with $F(M_1, r) = F(M_2, r)$ **for any** r

Security Notions for HF Families

Forms of second preimage resistance :

E-SEC $_{n_1}^{n_2} [F]$ Given $M_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n_1}$, find (M_2, r) with
 $F(M_1, r) = F(M_2, r)$

U-SEC $_{n_1}^{n_2} [F]$ Given $M_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n_1}$ and $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^r$, find M_2 with
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U-PRE $^n [F]$ Given $m \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ and $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^r$, find M such that
 $F(M, r) = m$

Can make use of [RS04] where $M \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^*$ and $m = H(M)$ is given to adversary

Security Profile of a Hash Function Family

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{E-PRE}^{n_2} [F] & \Leftarrow & \text{U-PRE}^{n_2} [F] & & \\
 \Downarrow^{(1)} & & \Downarrow^{(1)} & & \\
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 \end{array}$$

(1) if F is well balanced on average over $r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^r$

Signature Schemes

$\mathcal{S} \triangleq (\mathcal{S}.Gen, \mathcal{S}.Sign, \mathcal{S}.Ver)$ with message space $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$:

Key Gen. $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.Gen()$

Sign. given message $M \in \mathcal{M}$

pick $u \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$ then $\sigma = \mathcal{S}.Sign(sk, M, u)$

Verify. $\mathcal{S}.Ver(pk, M, \sigma)$ outputs 0/1

Message space can be

- $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}^m$ or
- $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}^*$

Security Notions

Forms of Unforgeability :

UF_n -KOA [S] Given $pk \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.\text{Gen}()$ and $M \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$, get
 $\sigma = \mathcal{S}.\text{Sign}(sk, M, u)$

EF^n -KOA [S] Given $pk \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.\text{Gen}()$, get (M, σ) where $M \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and
 $\sigma = \mathcal{S}.\text{Sign}(sk, M, u)$

KMA_n You are given a list of (M_i, σ_i) where $M_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ and
 $u_i \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$

CMA You have access to signing oracle

Forms of Non-Repudiation :

$ER_{n_1}^{n_2}$ [S] Given $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.\text{Gen}()$, find $(M_1, M_2, \sigma_1 = \sigma_2)$

$UR_{n_1}^{n_2}$ [S] Given $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}.\text{Gen}()$ and $M_1 \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{n_1}$, find
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Security Profile of Signatures

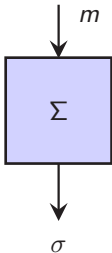
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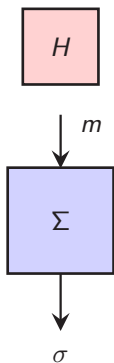
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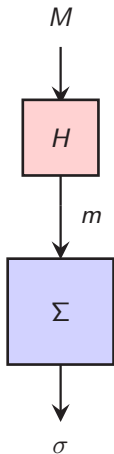


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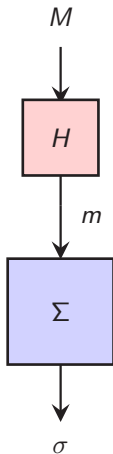
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Key Gen. $\mathcal{S}.\text{Gen} \triangleq \Sigma.\text{Gen}$

Sign. given $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$

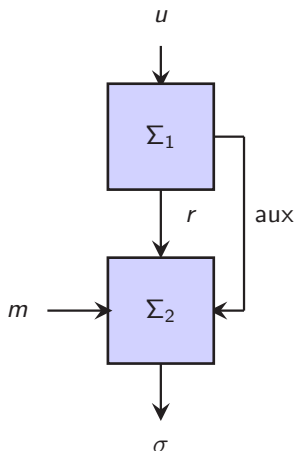
- pick $u \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$
- $m = H(M)$
- $\sigma = \Sigma.\text{Sign}(sk, m, u)$

Verify. $\mathcal{S}.\text{Ver}(pk, M, \sigma)$ outputs $\Sigma.\text{Ver}(pk, H(M), \sigma)$

Two-Step Signatures

Σ can be split into four functions

$$\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \Upsilon_1, \Upsilon_2$$



To sign :

pick $u \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^u$

Step 1. $(r, \text{aux}) = \Sigma_1(\text{sk}, u)$

Step 2. $\sigma = \Sigma_2(\text{sk}, m, r, \text{aux})$

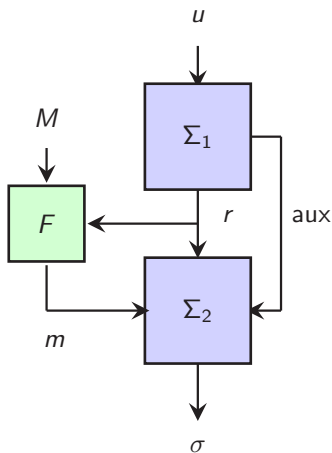
To verify :

Step 1. $\hat{r} = \Upsilon_1(\text{pk}, \sigma)$

Step 2. output $\Upsilon_2(\text{pk}, m, \sigma, \hat{r})$

If σ is valid then $\hat{r} = r$ is unique and r must be uniform over $\{0, 1\}^r$ if u is uniform over $\{0, 1\}^u$

Probabilistic Hash-and-Sign Signatures



We assemble Σ and F to build
 $S = \langle F, \Sigma \rangle$

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 $m = F(M, r)$

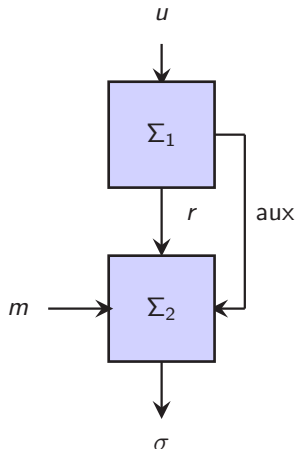
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Primitiveness of $\mathcal{S} = \langle F, \Sigma \rangle$



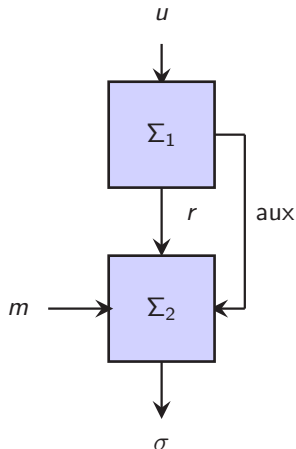
We know a probabilistic algorithm $\mathcal{S}.$ Prim which

- for any key pair (pk, sk)
- given pk only
- generates a random pair

$$(m, \sigma = \Sigma.\text{Sign}(sk, m, u))$$

- m is uniformly distributed over $\{0, 1\}^m$
- u is uniformly distributed over $\{0, 1\}^u$

Injectivity of $\mathcal{S} = \langle F, \Sigma \rangle$



\mathcal{S} is injective when

- for any key pair (pk, sk)
- for any $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^s$
- there exists at most one pair

$$(m, r) \in \{0, 1\}^m \times \{0, 1\}^r$$

such that

- $\sigma = \Sigma_2(sk, m, r, aux)$ and
 $(r, aux) = \Sigma_1(sk, u)$ for some u, aux

Classifying Common Signature Schemes

SIGNATURE SCHEME	<i>Det. H&S</i>	<i>Prob. H&S</i>	<i>Primitive</i>	<i>Injective</i>
Schnorr		×	×	×
FDH	×		×	×
PFDH		×	×	×
PSS		×	×	×
EMSA-PSS	×		×	×
BLS	×		×	×
Generic DSA	×			×
GHR	×			×
CS	×			

Relations between $\mathcal{S} = \langle H, \Sigma \rangle$ and H

Breaking \mathcal{S} by breaking H : attacks

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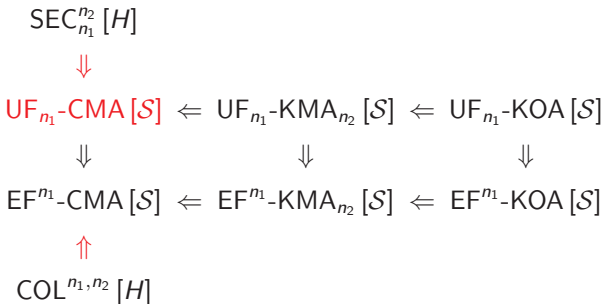
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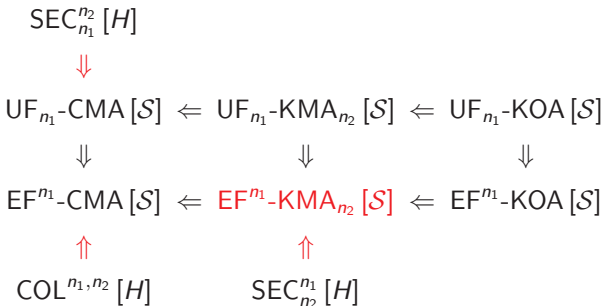
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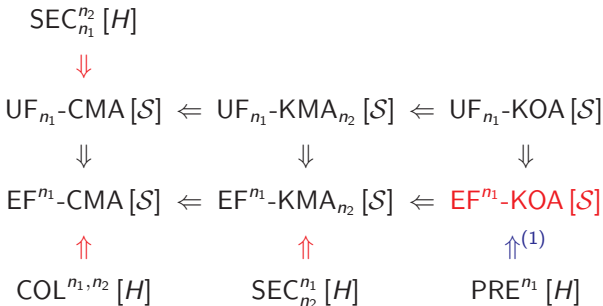
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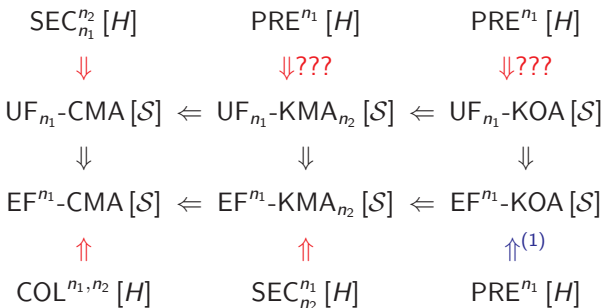
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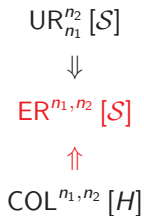
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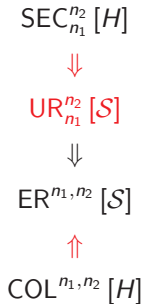
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Repudiation : attacks...and security proofs

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{SEC}_{n_1}^{n_2} [H] \\ \Downarrow^{(2)} \\ \text{UR}_{n_1}^{n_2} [\mathcal{S}] \\ \Downarrow \\ \text{ER}^{n_1, n_2} [\mathcal{S}] \\ \Downarrow^{(2)} \\ \text{COL}_{n_1, n_2} [H] \end{array}$$

(2) if \mathcal{S} is injective

Relations between $\mathcal{S} = \langle F, \Sigma \rangle$ and F

Breaking \mathcal{S} by breaking F : attacks again

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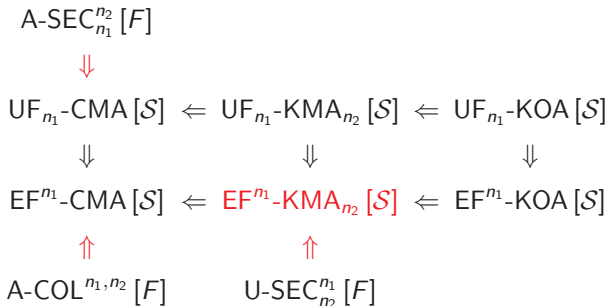
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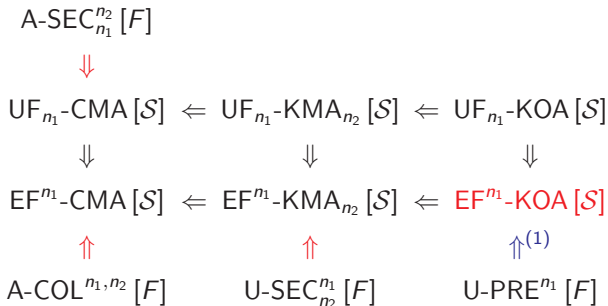
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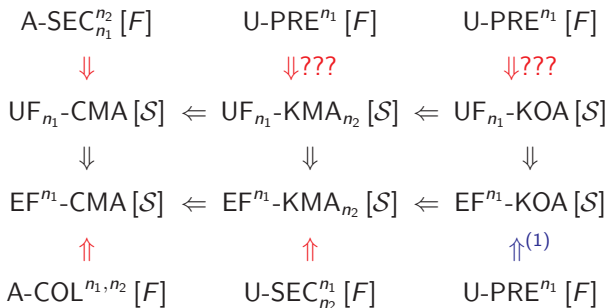
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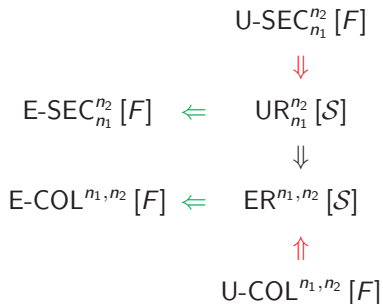
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Repudiation : attacks... + security proofs



Merkle-Damgård Instantiations

What is done in practice

- Tempting to build F from H in practice. . .
- Tempting to build H from f using iteration

Take fixed compression function f and $IV_0 \in \{0, 1\}^m$.

- let $H_0 =$ iterated f without MD strengthening
- let $H_S =$ iterated f with MD strengthening

$$F(m, r) = H_s(m \| r)$$

Terrible, since for any signature scheme Σ

$$\langle F, \Sigma \rangle = \langle H_0, \Sigma' \rangle$$

The security gain inherent to using the probabilistic hash-and-sign paradigm collapses. More precisely, for any $n > 0$

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$$F(m, r) = H_s(r \| m)$$

No known way to break \mathcal{S} in any sense even if

$$\text{COL}^{n,n}[H_0], \quad \text{SEC}_n^n[H_0] \quad \text{and} \quad \text{PRE}^n[H_0]$$

are all easy

Concrete estimations of τ for $\varepsilon \simeq 1$ given in paper