

# Foundations for Cryptographic Reductions in CCSA Logics

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## Context: Cryptographic reductions

- Cryptographic protocols are critical parts of communication systems.  
⇒ **verification** provides strong security guarantees.
- Security proofs of protocols rely on **cryptographic reductions**.

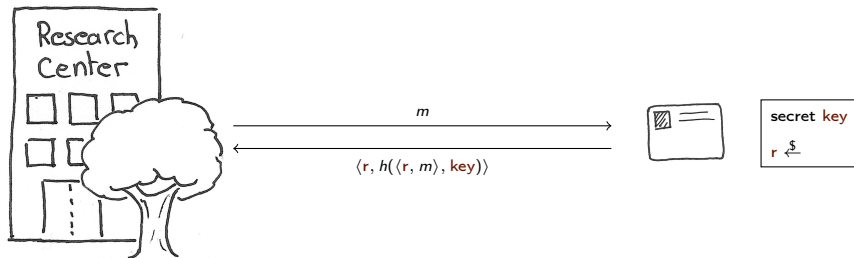
$\mathcal{A}$  breaches security of protocol

⇒ **reduction**

$\mathcal{B}$  breaches security of primitive.

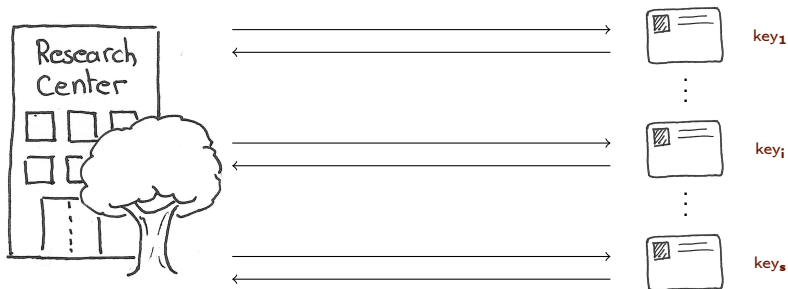
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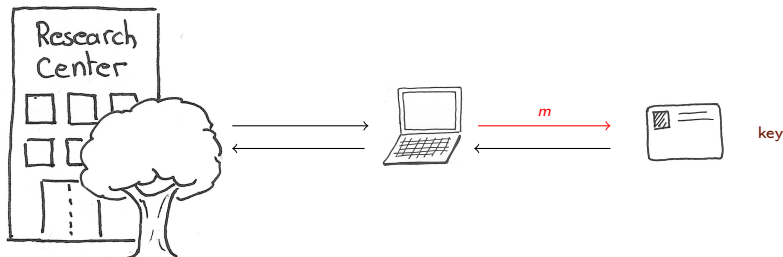
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*Key secrecy:* Attackers cannot learn anything about the keys

Attacker's point of view:

$$\dots, \langle r, h(\langle r, m \rangle, \text{key}) \rangle, \dots$$

$\sim$

$$\dots, \langle r, r' \rangle, \dots$$

## Context: cryptographic games

A pseudo-random function is a function that “seems” random.

**Game**  $G_{\#(\text{Left}, \text{Right})}$

oracle Init  $:= \{k \xleftarrow{\$}; \text{log} := []\}$

oracle Hash( $x$ )  $:= \{$

$r \xleftarrow{\$}$

if ( $x \notin \text{log}$ ) {

$\text{log} := x :: \text{log}$

return  $\boxed{\#(h(x, k), r)}$

}

}

**Assumption: PRF**

No polynomial-time adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  can distinguish  $G_{\text{Left}}$  from  $G_{\text{Right}}$ .

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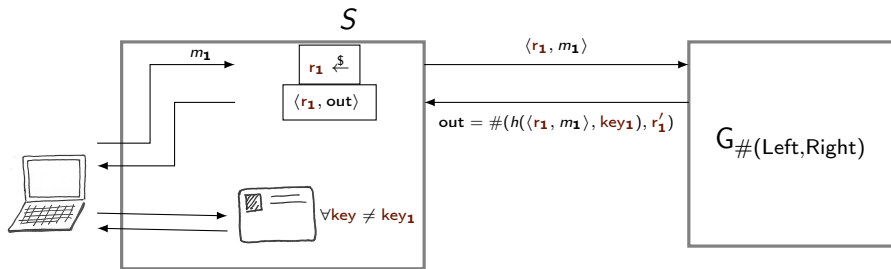
$\vdots$

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# Context: cryptographic reduction

$$\langle r_1, h(\langle r_1, m_1 \rangle, \text{key}_1) \rangle, \dots \sim \langle r_1, r'_1 \rangle, \dots$$

Build a simulator  $S$  such that:



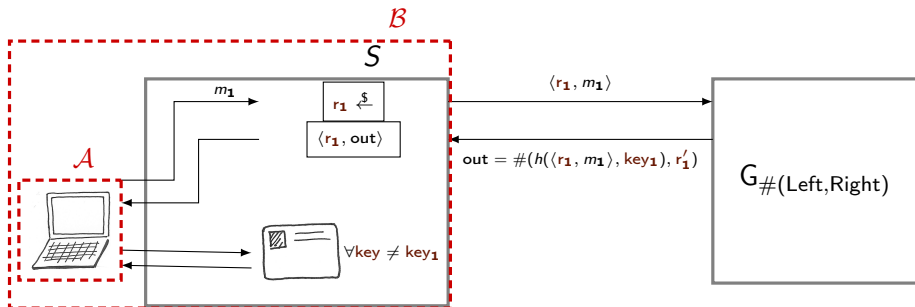
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$\mathcal{A}$  against  $\langle r_1, h(\langle r_1, m_1 \rangle, \text{key}_1) \rangle, \dots \sim \langle r_1, r'_1 \rangle, \dots$

$\Rightarrow_{\text{reduction}}$

$\mathcal{B}$  against PRF assumption

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# Problem

Squirrel Prover:

- interactive proof assistant;
- relies on the CCSA logic;
- allows for proof mechanization.

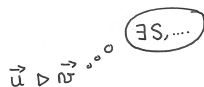


Cryptographic assumptions in Squirrel:  
reasoning rules (tactics) for specific games (e.g. PRF, CCA1).

Problems:

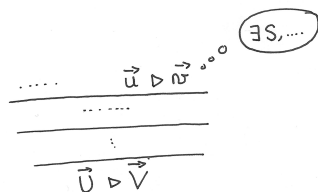
- manually design and prove each new rule;
  - implement each new rule in the tool.
- ⇒ out-of-reach for standard users and error prone.

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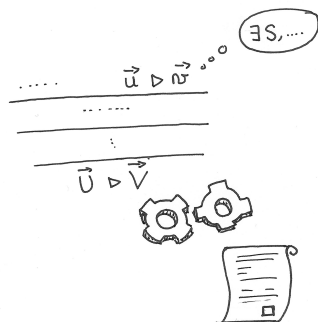
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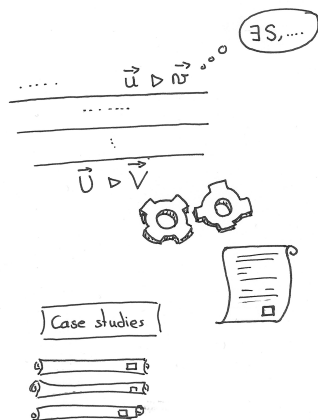
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- Validation through case studies.



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Compute  $h(\langle r, m \rangle, \text{key})$  from  $\langle r, m \rangle$  and  $\text{key}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}() &:= (x_{pair}, x_{key}) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_1(); \\ x_{res} &\leftarrow h(x_{pair}, x_{key}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \_ \triangleright \langle r, m \rangle, \text{key} \quad \text{poly-time}(h)}{\vdash \_ \triangleright h(\langle r, m \rangle, \text{key})}$$

# Bi-deduction predicate: handling randomness

Different sources of randomness:

- $\text{key}_1 \rightarrow \text{game}$
- $r_1 \rightarrow \text{simulator}$

$$\frac{}{(r_1, T_S) \vdash \_ \triangleright r_1}$$

$$\mathcal{S}() := x_{r_1} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow}$$

**Constraint system:**  
associates samplings to their tag

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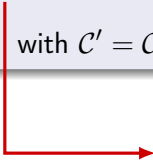
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**Pre and post conditions  
on game's memory**

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$$\frac{\mathcal{C}, \{\varphi_{\text{init}}\}\{\psi\} \vdash \emptyset \triangleright \#(\vec{v}_0, \vec{v}_1)}{\vec{v}_0 \sim \vec{v}_1}$$

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# Proof system overview

- Weakening rules
- Composing rules (loops, sequences)
- ...

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{DUP} \\
 \frac{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, \vec{t}_{\#}}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, \vec{t}_{\#}, \vec{t}_{\#}} \\
 \\
 \text{FA} \\
 \frac{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, (t_{\#}^1 \mid f_{\#}), \dots, (t_{\#}^n \mid f_{\#})}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta \vdash \text{adv}(g)} \\
 \frac{}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, (g \ t_{\#}^1 \dots t_{\#}^n \mid f_{\#})} \\
 \\
 \text{LAMBDA} \\
 \frac{(\mathcal{E}, x : \tau, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \varphi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#}, x \triangleright (t_{\#} \mid f_{\#}))}{\mathcal{E}, x : \tau \vdash t_{\#} : \tau_b \quad \tau_b \in \mathbb{B} \quad \text{enum}(\tau)} \\
 \frac{}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, \prod_{(x:\tau)} . C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \varphi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright (\lambda(x : \tau). t_{\#} \mid f_{\#})} \\
 \\
 \text{TRANSITIVITY} \\
 \frac{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}^1, (\varphi_{\#}, \varphi'_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{t}_{\#} \quad \mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}^2, (\varphi'_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#}, \vec{t}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}^1 \cdot C_{\#}^2, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{t}_{\#}, \vec{v}_{\#}} \\
 \\
 \text{REFL} \\
 \frac{}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, \emptyset, (\varphi_{\#}, \varphi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#}, t_{\#} \triangleright t_{\#}} \\
 \\
 \text{IF-THEN-ELSE} \\
 \frac{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, (b_{\#} \mid f_{\#}), (t_{\#} \mid f_{\#} \wedge b_{\#}), (t'_{\#} \mid f_{\#} \wedge \neg b_{\#})}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright \vec{v}_{\#}, (\text{if } b_{\#} \text{ then } t_{\#} \text{ else } t'_{\#} \mid f_{\#})} \\
 \\
 \text{INDUCTION} \\
 \frac{(\mathcal{E}, x : \tau, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \varphi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#}, (\lambda(y : \tau). \text{if } y < x \text{ then } t[x \mapsto y] \mid f_{\#}), x \triangleright (t_{\#} \mid f_{\#}))}{\mathcal{E}, x : \tau \vdash t_{\#} : \tau_b \quad \tau_b \in \mathbb{B} \quad \text{finite}(\tau) \quad \text{fixed}(\tau) \quad \mathcal{E}, \Theta \vdash \text{well-founded}_{\tau}(<) \wedge \text{adv}(<)} \\
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 \frac{}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright (t_{\#} \mid f_{\#})} \\
 \frac{}{\mathcal{E}, \Theta, C_{\#} \cdot \{(\emptyset, n, t_{\#}, \top_S, f_{\#})\}, (\varphi_{\#}, \psi_{\#}) \vdash \vec{u}_{\#} \triangleright (n \ t_{\#} \mid f_{\#})}
 \end{array}$$

Figure 6: Selected set of rules.

Heuristic proof search:

- goal-directed;
- constraint directed;
- greedily applies oracle calls.

Case studies:

Protocol	Hypotheses	Property
Basic Hash	EU-PRF and PRF	Unlinkability
Hash Lock	PRF	Strong secrecy
Private Authentication	CCA <sub>s</sub> <b>NEW</b>	Anonymity
NSL (partial)	CCA2 <b>NEW</b>	Strong secrecy

# Conclusion

What we have done:

- Formal framework linking games, simulators, and the logic.
- Bi-deduction judgment to build simulators interacting with games.
- Proof system for bi-deduction.
- Implementation of proof-search algorithm.

On going and future work:

- Improve the proof-search heuristic (ongoing).
- “Stress test” on larger protocol (ongoing).
- Apply to other frameworks (e.g. EasyCrypt).

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