

Programming Language Techniques for Cryptographic Proofs

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Formal verification of cryptographic primitives

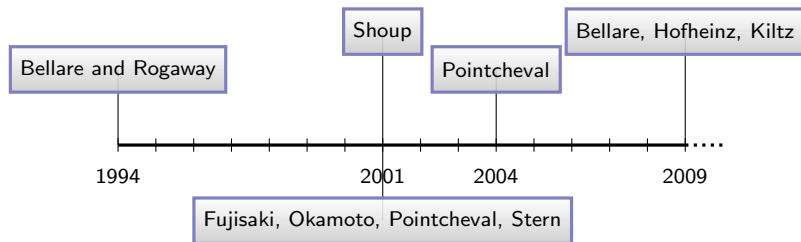
Security of cryptographic primitives is hard to achieve:

- “Secure schemes” broken after more than 10 years
- “Security proofs” remaining flawed over more than 15 years

First step: acknowledging the problem

- *Do we have a problem with cryptographic proofs? Yes, we do [...] We generate more proofs than we carefully verify (and as a consequence some of our published proofs are incorrect)—Halevi, 2005*
- *In our opinion, many proofs in cryptography have become essentially unverifiable. Our field may be approaching a crisis of rigor—Bellare and Rogaway, 2006*

(In)Famous example: RSA-OAEP



1994 Purported proof of chosen-ciphertext security

2001 Proof is flawed, but can be patched

- 1 ...for a weaker security notion, or
- 2 ...for a modified scheme, or
- 3 ...under stronger assumptions

2004 Filled gaps in Fujisaki et al. 2001 proof

2009 Security definition needs to be clarified

2010 Filled gaps and marginally improved bound in 2004 proof

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Game IND-CCA :

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 $(m_0, m_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(pk);$
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Game PD-OW :

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 $t \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{k_0};$
 $\tilde{s} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}(f(pk, s \parallel t))$

Security statement

$\forall \mathcal{A}, \exists \mathcal{I},$

$$2 \left| \Pr[\text{IND-CPA} : \tilde{b} = b] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq q_H \Pr[\text{PD-OW} : \tilde{s} = s] + \frac{3q_D q_G + q_D^2 + 4q_D + q_G}{2^{k_0}} + \frac{2q_D}{2^{k_1}}$$

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 $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\};$
 $c^* \leftarrow \mathcal{E}(m_b);$
 $\mathbf{c}_{\text{def}}^* \leftarrow \text{true};$
 $\tilde{b} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2(c^*)$

Oracle $G(r)$:

if $r \notin \text{dom}(\mathbf{L}_G)$ then
 $\mathbf{L}_G[r] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{n+k_1};$
 return $\mathbf{L}_G[r]$

Oracle $H(r)$: ...

Oracle $\mathcal{D}(c)$:

$\mathbf{L}_D \leftarrow (\mathbf{c}_{\text{def}}^*, c) :: \mathbf{L}_D;$
 ...

Security statement

$\forall \mathcal{A}, \exists \mathcal{I}, \text{WF}(\mathcal{A}) \wedge$

$$\Pr \left[\text{IND-CCA} : \begin{array}{l} |\mathbf{L}_G| \leq q_G + q_D \wedge |\mathbf{L}_H| \leq q_H \wedge |\mathbf{L}_D| \leq q_D \\ \wedge (\text{true}, c^*) \notin \mathbf{L}_D \end{array} \right] = 1$$

$$\implies 2 \left| \Pr[\text{IND-CCA} : \tilde{b} = b] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq$$

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The game-playing methodology

- How do we formalize the statement?

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- Games = (Families of) Probabilistic programs

Game G_0^η :

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... $\leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\dots)$;

...

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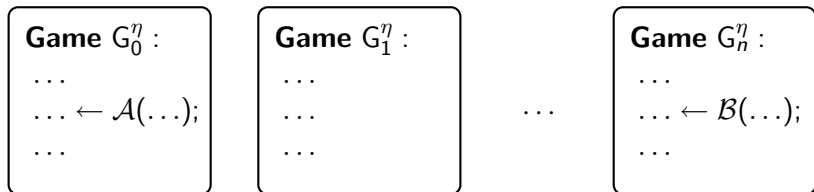
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The game-playing methodology

- Games = (Families of) Probabilistic programs
- Game transformation = Program transformation



$$\Pr_{G_0^\eta}[A_0] \leq h_1(\Pr_{G_1^\eta}[A_1]) \leq \dots \leq h_n(\Pr_{G_n^\eta}[A_n])$$

CertiCrypt: machine-checking provable security

Certified framework for checking exact provable security proofs in the Coq proof assistant

- A combination of general methods from programming languages and of cryptographic-specific tools
- Game-based methodology, natural to cryptographers
- Focus on exact security bounds
- Several case studies:
 - Encryption schemes: ElGamal, Hashed ElGamal, OAEP, IBE
 - Signature schemes: FDH, BLS
 - Zero-knowledge proofs: see talk at CSF!

Inside CertiCrypt

- Semantics and cost model of probabilistic programs
- Model for adversaries
- Standard tools to reason about probabilistic programs
 - Semantics-preserving program transformations
 - Observational equivalence
 - Relational Hoare Logic
- In this talk: automation of 2 reasoning patterns in crypto:
 - 1 Bounding failure events
 - 2 Moving sampling of random values across procedures

pWhile: a probabilistic programming language

\mathcal{I}	$::=$	$\mathcal{V} \leftarrow \mathcal{E}$	assignment
		$\mathcal{V} \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}\mathcal{E}$	random sampling
		if \mathcal{E} then \mathcal{C} else \mathcal{C}	conditional
		while \mathcal{E} do \mathcal{C}	while loop
		$\mathcal{V} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{E}, \dots, \mathcal{E})$	procedure call
\mathcal{C}	$::=$	skip	nop
		$\mathcal{I}; \mathcal{C}$	sequence

$x \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} d$: sample x according to distribution d , typically the uniform distribution on a set (e.g. $\{0, 1\}$, $\{0, 1\}^\ell$)

Deep Embedding

The syntax of programs is formalized as an inductive type

Dependently-typed Syntax

Inductive $\mathcal{I} :=$

| Assign : $\forall t, \mathcal{V}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

| Rand : $\forall t, \mathcal{V}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\mathcal{E}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

| Cond : $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

| While : $\mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

| Call : $\forall l t, \mathcal{P}_{(l,t)} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_t \rightarrow \text{dlist } l \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

where $\mathcal{C} := \text{list } \mathcal{I}$

- Programs are well-typed by construction
- Semantics as a total function
- Allows richer specification (e.g. enforce size constraints on bitstrings)

Semantics

Measure Monad —courtesy of Christine Paulin

Distributions represented as functions of type

$$\mathcal{D}(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A \rightarrow [0, 1]) \rightarrow [0, 1] \quad \text{s.t.}$$

- 1 $f \leq g \implies \mu(f) \leq \mu(g)$;
- 2 $\mu(\mathbb{1} - f) \leq 1 - \mu(f)$;
- 3 $f \leq \mathbb{1} - g \implies \mu(f + g) = \mu(f) + \mu(g)$;
- 4 $\mu(k \times f) = k \times \mu(f)$;
- 5 $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow [0, 1])$ is monotonic and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $f(n)$ is monotonic, then $\mu(\text{sup } f) \leq \text{sup } (\lambda n. \mu(f(n)))$

All arithmetic is in the unit interval $[0, 1]$

$\text{unit} : A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A)$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda x. \lambda f. f \ x$

$\text{bind} : \mathcal{D}(A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(B)) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(B)$

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda \mu. \lambda F. \lambda f. \mu(\lambda x. F \ x \ f)$

Semantics

$$\llbracket c \in \mathcal{C} \rrbracket : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{M})$$

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Observational Equivalence

Games G_1 and G_2 are observationally equivalent w.r.t. input variables I and output variables O iff:

- **IF** m_1 and m_2 coincide on I
- **THEN** $\llbracket G_1 \rrbracket m_1$ and $\llbracket G_2 \rrbracket m_2$ coincide on O (i.e. their projections on O are equal)

$$m_1 =_X m_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall x \in X, m_1 x = m_2 x$$

$$f =_X g \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall m_1 m_2, m_1 =_X m_2 \implies f m_1 = g m_2$$

$$\models G_1 \simeq_O^I G_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall m_1 m_2 f g, m_1 =_I m_2 \wedge f =_O g \implies \llbracket G_1 \rrbracket m_1 f = \llbracket G_2 \rrbracket m_2 g$$

- Generalized to arbitrary relations
- Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

...but this is not what this talk is about

Reasoning about Failure Events

Lemma (Fundamental Lemma of Game-Playing)

Let A, B, F be events and G_1, G_2 be two games such that

$$\Pr[G_1 : A \wedge \neg F] = \Pr[G_2 : B \wedge \neg F]$$

Then, $|\Pr[G_1 : A] - \Pr[G_2 : B]| \leq \max(\Pr[G_1 : F], \Pr[G_2 : F])$

Automation

Syntectic Criterion

When $A = B$ and $F = \text{bad}$. If G_0, G_1 are syntactically identical except after program points setting bad e.g.

Game G_0 :

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bad \leftarrow true; c_0
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...and bad is never reset, then

- $\Pr[G_0 : A \wedge \neg \text{bad}] = \Pr[G_1 : A \wedge \neg \text{bad}]$
- If game G_i (c_i) terminates with probability 1:
 $\Pr[G_{1-i} : \text{bad}] \leq \Pr[G_i : \text{bad}]$
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Failure Event lemma

Motivation: the Fundamental Lemma is typically applied in games where only oracles trigger bad.

- **IF** the probability of triggering bad in an oracle call can be bound as a function of the number of oracle calls so far
- **THEN** the probability of the whole game triggering bad can be bound if the number of oracle calls is bounded

Failure Event Lemma (constant case)

Assume that $m(\text{bad}) = \text{false}$

- **IF** $\Pr[\mathcal{O}, m : \text{bad}] \leq p$ for every memory m such that $m(\text{bad}) = \text{false}$
- **THEN** $\Pr[\mathcal{G}, m : \text{bad}] \leq p q_{\mathcal{O}}$

Hypothesis holds for oracle

$\mathcal{O}(x) : y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} T; \text{ if } y = y_0 \text{ then bad} \leftarrow \text{true else } \dots$

with $p = 1/|T|$

Logic of Failure Events

A variant of Probabilistic Hoare Logic

$$\vdash \llbracket c \rrbracket g \preceq f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall m. \llbracket c \rrbracket m g \leq f(m)$$

Selected Rules

$$\vdash \llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket f \preceq f \quad \vdash \llbracket x \leftarrow e \rrbracket g \preceq \lambda m. g(m\{[e] m/x\})$$

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$$\frac{f = I \quad \exists c \approx_O^I c' \quad g = O \quad \vdash \llbracket c' \rrbracket g \preceq f}{\vdash \llbracket c \rrbracket g \preceq f}$$

Relation to Hoare Logic (for Boolean-valued P, Q):

$$\text{Partial correctness: } \{P\}c\{Q\} \iff \llbracket c \rrbracket \mathbf{1}_{\neg Q} \preceq \mathbf{1}_{\neg P}$$

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Application: PRP/PRF Switching Lemma

Game G_{RP} :

$\mathbf{L} \leftarrow \text{nil}; b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}()$

Oracle $\mathcal{O}(x)$:

if $x \notin \text{dom}(\mathbf{L})$ then

$y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\ell \setminus \text{ran}(\mathbf{L});$

$\mathbf{L} \leftarrow (x, y) :: \mathbf{L}$

return $\mathbf{L}(x)$

Game G_{RF} :

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Suppose \mathcal{A} makes at most q queries to \mathcal{O} . Then

$$|\Pr[G_{\text{RP}} : b] - \Pr[G_{\text{RF}} : b]| \leq \frac{q(q-1)}{2^{\ell+1}}$$

- First introduced by Impagliazzo and Rudich in 1989
- Proof fixed by Bellare and Rogaway (2006) and Shoup (2004)

Proof

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$$|\Pr[G_{RP} : b] - \Pr[G_{RF} : b]| \leq \Pr[G_{RF} : \text{bad}]$$

Proof

Failure Event Lemma (less simplified)

Let k be a counter for \mathcal{O} and $m(\text{bad}) = \text{false}$:

- **IF** $\Pr[\mathcal{O}, m : \text{bad}] \leq f(m(k))$ for all memories m such that $m(\text{bad}) = \text{false}$
- **THEN** $\Pr[G, m : \text{bad}] \leq \sum_{k=0}^{q_{\mathcal{O}}-1} f(k)$

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- Prove that

$$\Pr[G, m : \text{bad}] \leq \frac{|m(\mathbf{L})|}{2^{\ell}}$$

Eager/Lazy Sampling

- Interprocedural code motion
- Eager sampling: from an oracle to main game
- Lazy sampling: from main game to an oracle

Motivation

In crypto proofs

- Often need to know that some values are independent and uniformly distributed at some program point
- This holds when values can be resampled preserving semantics!

To prove correctness of eager and lazy sampling, we developed a logic for swapping statements

$$\models E, (c; S) \simeq E', (S; c')$$

Selected Rules

Assume $\text{modifies}(E, S) \cup \text{modifies}(E', S) \subseteq X$ and $\models E, S \simeq_X^X E', S$

$$\frac{x \notin X \quad \text{fv}(e) \cap X = \emptyset}{\models E, (x \leftarrow e; S) \equiv E', (S; x \leftarrow e)}$$

$$\frac{x \notin X}{\models E, (x \leftarrow T; S) \equiv E', (S; x \leftarrow T)}$$

$$\frac{\models E, (c_1; S) \equiv E', (S; c'_1) \quad \models E, (c_2; S) \equiv E', (S; c'_2)}{\models E, (c_1; c_2; S) \equiv E', (S; c'_1; c'_2)}$$

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Application: PRP/PRF Switching Lemma

Game G_{RF}^{eager} :

$\mathbf{L} \leftarrow \text{nil}; S; b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}()$

Oracle $\mathcal{O}(x)$:

if $x \notin \text{dom}(\mathbf{L})$ then

 if $0 < |\mathbf{Y}|$ then

$y \leftarrow \text{hd}(\mathbf{Y}); \mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \text{tl}(\mathbf{Y})$

 else $y \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^{\ell}$

$\mathbf{L} \leftarrow (x, y) :: \mathbf{L}$

return $\mathbf{L}(x)$

where $S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Y} \leftarrow []$; while $|\mathbf{Y}| < q$ do $y \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^{\ell}$; $\mathbf{Y} \leftarrow \mathbf{Y} ++ [y]$

Prove using the logic:

$$\models E_{RF}, (b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}()); S \equiv E_{RF}^{\text{eager}}, (S; b \leftarrow \mathcal{A}())$$

Prove by induction:

$$\Pr[G_{RF}; S : \text{bad}] = \Pr[G_{RF}^{\text{eager}} : \text{collision}] = \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \frac{i}{2^{\ell}}$$

Summary

CertiCrypt: crypto proofs using programming language techniques

- Observational equivalence
- Relational Hoare Logic
- Certified program transformations

...including a few non-standard techniques

- Failure events
- Eager and lazy sampling

Tools in this paper increase automation and abstraction.

Proof of the PRP/PRF Switching Lemma:

- Original (POPL'09): 900 lines
- Using logic of swapping statements: 400 lines
- Using Failure Event Lemma: 100 lines

The road ahead

Increasing abstraction and automation will hopefully make verifiable security a reasonable and profitable alternative for cryptographers (see FCC'10 talk next week)