

# Automated Verification of Asymmetric Encryption

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# Outline

- Formal Model
- Formal Non-Deducibility and Indistinguishability Relations (FNDR and FIR)
- Automated Verification Framework
- Application

# Objectives and Approach

## Objectives

- Use symbolic (hence it is more simple and automated) proofs
- And enjoy computational soundness  
(**formal indistinguishability implies computational indistinguishability**)

## A possible approach

- Represent encryption schemes as *frame* in cryptographic  $\pi$  – *calculus*
- Use formal relations to prove security property (IND-CPA in our case)

# Example

- Bellare-Rogaway encryption scheme:  
 $\mathcal{E}(m, r) = f(r) || (m \oplus G(r)) || H(m || r)$
- As a frame:  $\phi(m) = \nu r. \{x_a = f(r), x_b = m \oplus G(r), x_c = H(m || r)\}$
- Prove:  $\phi(m); \nu r_1. r_2. r_3. \{x_a = r_1, x_b = r_2, x_c = r_3\}$  (ideal frame) are formally indistinguishable
- Thus,  $\forall m_1, m_2, \phi(m_1)$  and  $\phi(m_2)$  are formally indistinguishable

# Terms, Frames, Equational Theory

- Represent messages (plain-text, cipher-text or parts,..) as formal notions like terms, frames
- A signature is a pair  $\Sigma = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{F})$ ,  $\mathcal{S}$ , set of *sorts*,  $\mathcal{F}$ , set of function symbols with arity of the form  $arity(f) = s_1 \times s_2 \times \dots \times s_k \rightarrow s, k \geq 0$
- A term  $T ::= x | a | f(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k), f \in \mathcal{F}$
- A substitution  $\sigma = \{x_1 = T_1, \dots, x_n = T_n\}$ , is *well-sorted* if  $\forall i, x_i$  and  $T_i$  have the same sort. And  $names(\sigma) = \bigcup_i names(T_i), var(\sigma) = \bigcup_i var(T_i)$
- A frame  $\phi = v\tilde{n}.\sigma$  and  $names(\phi) = v\tilde{n}, fvar(\phi) = var(\sigma) \setminus dom(\phi)$  the set of free variables in  $\phi$

# Deducibility and Equational Theory

## Deducibility

- $T$  is *deducible* from a frame  $\phi$ , written as  $\phi \vdash T$  iff  $\exists M$  s.t  $M\phi =_E T$

An equational theory is an equivalence relation  $E \subseteq \mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$  (written as  $=_E$ ) s.t.

- $T_1 =_E T_2$  implies  $T_1\sigma =_E T_2\sigma$  for every  $\sigma$
- $T_1 =_E T_2$  implies  $T\{x = T_1\} =_E T\{x = T_2\}$  for every  $\sigma, x$
- $T_1 =_E T_2$  implies  $\tau(T_1) =_E \tau(T_2)$  for every  $\sigma$

# Concrete semantics

Each frame  $\phi = v\tilde{n}.\{x_1 = T_1, \dots, x_k = T_k\}$  is given a concrete semantic, written as  $[[\phi]]_A$  based on a *computational algebra*  $A$  which consists of

- a non-empty set of bit strings  $[[s]]_A$  for each sort
- a function  $f_A : [[s_1]]_A \times [[s_2]]_A \times \dots \times [[s_k]]_A \rightarrow [[s]]_A$
- polynomial time algorithms to check the equality  $(=_A, s)$  and to draw random elements from  $x \leftarrow^R [[s]]_A$

# Distribution and Formal Indistinguishability

Distribution  $\psi = [[\phi]]_A$  (of which the drawings  $\hat{\phi} \leftarrow^R \psi$ ) are computed:

- for each name  $a \in T_i$  draw a value  $\hat{a} \leftarrow^R [[s]]_A$
- for each  $x_i$  compute  $\hat{T}_i$  recursively of the structure of the term  $T_i$ ,  
 $f(\widehat{T'_1}, \dots, \widehat{T'_m}) = f_A(\hat{T}'_1, \dots, \hat{T}'_m)$
- Two distributions are *indistinguishable*, written  $(\psi_\eta) \approx (\psi'_\eta)$  iff for every ppt adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the *advantage*  
 $Adv^{IND}(\mathcal{A}, \eta, \psi_\eta, \psi'_\eta) = P[\hat{\phi} \leftarrow \psi_\eta; \mathcal{A}(\eta, \hat{\phi}) = 1] - P[\hat{\phi} \leftarrow \psi'_\eta; \mathcal{A}(\eta, \hat{\phi}) = 1]$   
 is negligible
- $=_E$ -*sound* iff  $\forall T_1, T_2, T_1 =_E T_2$  implies that  
 $P[\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2 \leftarrow^R [[T_1, T_2]]_{A_\eta}; \hat{e}_1 \neq_{A_\eta} \hat{e}_2]$  is negligible



# Formal Non-Deducibility and Indistinguishability Relations

- The formal relation deducibility is not appropriate and to reason about what "can not be deduced" by the adversary
- For example, consider a one-way function  $f$ ,  $\forall a.b.\{x = f(a||b)\}$ , it is very hard to say that what can be deduced
- Static equivalence sometimes does not imply computational soundness
- And we would like to preserve the soundness from an initial set and some closure rules
- It requires a new formal relation that is more flexible and finer, called FNDR and FIR(denoted  $\not\equiv, \cong$ ), respectively

# Definition

A FNDR is a relation  $(\subseteq \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{T})$  w.r.t an equational theory  $E$ , written as  $\not\equiv$  such that for every  $(\phi, M) \in \text{FNDR}$

- if  $\phi \not\equiv M$  then  $\tau(\phi) \not\equiv \tau(M)$ , for any renaming function  $\tau$
- if  $\phi \not\equiv M$  and  $M =_E N$  then  $\phi \not\equiv N$
- if  $\phi \not\equiv M$  and  $\phi =_E \phi'$  then  $\phi' \not\equiv M$
- for any frame  $\phi'$  s.t.  $\text{var}(\phi') \subseteq \text{dom}(\phi)$  and  $\text{names}(\phi') \cap \text{names}(\phi) = \emptyset$ ,  $\phi \not\equiv M$  then  $\phi'\phi \not\equiv M$

*Remark:* If two frames  $\phi, \phi'$  s.t.  $\text{dom}(\phi) \cap \text{dom}(\phi') = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{names}(\phi) \cap \text{names}(\phi') = \emptyset$ ,  $\phi \not\equiv M$ , and  $\phi' \not\equiv M$  then  $\{\phi|\phi'\} \not\equiv M$

# Soundness and FNDR Generation

$\not\equiv$  – *sound* iff for every  $\phi$  and  $M$  s.t.  $\phi \not\equiv M$  implies for any polynomial-time adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage

- $P[\hat{\phi}, \hat{e} \leftarrow^R [[\phi, M]]_{\mathcal{A}_\eta} : \mathcal{A}(\eta, \hat{\phi}) =_{\mathcal{A}_\eta} \hat{e}]$  is negligible

*Theorem*

$S_d \subseteq \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{T}$ , there exists a unique smallest set (denoted as  $\langle S_d \rangle_{FNDR}$ ) such that:

- $S_d \subseteq \langle S_d \rangle_{FNDR}$
- is a FNDR
- is sound if  $=_E$  and  $S_d$  are sound

$$\langle S \rangle_{FNDR} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\phi', M') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{T} \mid \exists \psi, M \text{ such that } (\phi, M) \in S_d, \\ \phi' =_E \tau(\psi\phi), M' =_E \tau(M) \text{ where} \\ \text{names}(\psi) \cap \text{names}(\phi) = \phi, \text{var}(\psi) \subseteq \text{dom}(\phi) \end{array} \right.$$

# Definition

A FIR is an equivalent relation ( $\subseteq \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ ) w.r.t an equational theory  $E$ , written as  $\cong$  such that for every  $(\phi_1, \phi_2) \in \text{FIR}$

- $\phi_1 \cong \phi_2$  if  $\text{dom}(\phi_1) = \text{dom}(\phi_2)$
- for any frame  $\phi$  s.t.  $\text{var}(\phi) \subseteq \text{dom}(\phi_i)$ ,  $\text{names}(\phi) \cap \text{names}(\phi_i) = \emptyset$ , and  $\phi_1 \cong \phi_2$  then  $\phi\phi_1 \cong \phi\phi_2$
- if  $\phi_1 =_E \phi_2$  then  $\phi_1 \cong \phi_2$
- for any renaming  $\tau$ ,  $\tau(\phi) \cong \phi$

*Remark:* If four frames  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi'_1, \phi'_2$  s.t.  $\text{dom}(\phi_1) \cap \text{dom}(\phi_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{dom}(\phi'_1) \cap \text{dom}(\phi'_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{names}(\phi_1) \cap \text{names}(\phi_2) = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{names}(\phi'_1) \cap \text{names}(\phi'_2) = \emptyset$ , and  $\phi_i \cong \phi'_i$ , then  $\{\phi_1 | \phi_2\} \cong \{\phi'_1 | \phi'_2\}$

# Soundness and FIR Generation

$\cong$  – *sound* iff for  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  s.t.  $\phi_1 \cong \phi_2$  implies for any polynomial-time adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage

- $Adv^{IND}(\mathcal{A}, \eta, \phi_{1\eta}, \phi_{2\eta})$  is negligible

*Theorem*

$S_i \subset \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F}$ , there exists a unique smallest set (denoted as  $\langle S_i \rangle_{FIR}$ ) such that:

- $S_i \subseteq \langle S_i \rangle_{FIR}$
- is a FIR
- is sound if  $=_E$  and  $S_i$  are sound

# FIR Generation

$\langle S_i \rangle_{FIR}$  can be generated in the following way. Let

$$S' := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\phi', \phi'') \in \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{F} \mid \phi' = \phi\{\phi'_1 \mid \dots \mid \phi'_n\}, \phi'' = \phi\{\phi''_1 \mid \dots \mid \phi''_n\} \\ \text{such that } \text{names}(\phi) = \emptyset \forall i = 1, \dots, n, \\ (\phi'_i, \phi''_i) \in S_i, \text{ or } (\phi''_i, \phi'_i) \in S_i, \text{ or } \phi''_i =_E \tau_i(\phi'_i) \end{array} \right.$$

Then  $\langle S_i \rangle_{FIR}$  is the transitive closure of  $S'$

# Verification Framework

A general verification framework consists of

- basis axioms for encryption primitives(Random, Xor, Concatenation, Hash, One-way functions)
- the generation of FNDR and FIR

# Basis Axioms

## Random

- (RD1)  $\forall a. \emptyset \not\models a$
- (RE1)  $\forall a. \{x = a\} \cong \forall r. \{x = r\}$

## Xor

- (XD1)  $\forall \tilde{n}. \sigma \not\models M$ , then  $\forall \tilde{n}. a. \{\sigma, x = a \oplus M\} \not\models M$
- (XE1)  $\forall \tilde{n}. a. \{\sigma, x = a \oplus M\} \cong \forall \tilde{n}. a. \{\sigma, x = a\}$

## Concatenation

- (CD1)  $\forall \tilde{n}. \sigma \not\models M$ , then  $\forall \tilde{n}. \sigma \not\models M || M'$
- (CE1)  $\forall a. b. \{x = a || b\} \cong \forall r. \{x = r\}$



# Basis Axioms

## Hash function

- (HD1)  $v\tilde{n}.\sigma \not\equiv M, H(T) \notin st(\sigma)$  then  $v\tilde{n}.\{\sigma, x = H(M)\} \not\equiv M$
- (HE1)  $v\tilde{n}.\sigma \not\equiv M, H(T) \notin st(\sigma)$  then  $v\tilde{n}.\{\sigma, x = H(M)\} \cong v\tilde{n}.r.\{\sigma, x = r\}$

## One-way function

- (OD1)  $v\tilde{a}.\{x = f(a)\} \not\equiv a$
- (OE1)  $v\tilde{a}.\{x = f(a)\} \cong v\tilde{r}.\{x = r\}$

# Verification Framework

It works as following

- take representation frame as input. Generate the initial set  $(S_d, S_i)$  based on the set of basis axioms above
- construct a pair of FNDR and FIR  $(\langle S_d \rangle_{FNDR}, \langle S_i \rangle_{FIR})$  according to the generation theorems
- perform two steps above recursively of the structure of the representation frame
- if a pair of the representation frame and the ideal frame is in  $\langle S_i \rangle_{FIR}$  then output “yes”

# B-R's Frame and Proof

- $\phi_{br}(m) = vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m, x_3 = H(m||r)\}$ , where  $m$  is the adaptive plaintext that an adversary has chosen
- proof.  $\phi_{br}(m) \cong va.b.c.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c\}$

The FNDR and FIR are generated from the B-R's frame as following.

Denote  $\phi_1 = vr.\{x_1 = f(r)\}$ ,  $\phi_2 = vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r)\}$ ,

$\phi'_2 = vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m\}$ , and  $\phi_3 = vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m, x_3 = H(m||r)\}$

# B-R's FNDR

- $\forall r. \emptyset \not\equiv r$  (RD1)
- $\forall r. \{x_1 = f(r)\} \not\equiv r$  (OD1)
- $\forall r. \{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r)\} \not\equiv r$  (HD1)
- $\forall r. \{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m\} \not\equiv r$  (Generation rule)  $\phi' = \{x_1 = x_1, x_2 = x_2 \oplus m\}$   
 $\phi' \phi_2 \not\equiv r$
- $\forall r. \{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m\} \not\equiv m || r$  (CD1)
- $\forall r. \{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m, x_3 = H(m || r)\} \not\equiv m || r$  (HD1)

# B-R's FIR

- $vr.\{x_1 = f(r)\} \cong va.\{x_1 = a\}$  (OE1)
- $vr.b.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = b\} \cong va.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\}$  (Generation rule)  $\phi' = vb.\{x_1 = x_1, x_2 = b\}$   
 $\phi'\phi_1 \cong \phi'va.\{x_1 = a\}$
- $vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r)\} \cong vr.b.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = b\}$  (HE1)
- $vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r)\} \cong vr.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\}$  (Transitive rule)
- $va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\} \cong va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b \oplus m\}$  (XE1)
- $vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m\} \cong va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b \oplus m\}$  (Generation rule)  
 $\phi' = \{x_1 = x_1, x_2 = x_2 \oplus m\}$   
 $\phi'\phi_2 \cong \phi'va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\}$
- $vr.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m\} \cong va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\}$  (Transitive rule)

# B-R's FIR

- $\phi_3 \cong vr.c.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m, x_3 = c\}$  (HE1)
- $vr.c.\{x_1 = f(r), x_2 = G(r) \oplus m, x_3 = c\} \cong va.b.c.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c\}$  (Generation rule)
  - $\phi' = vc.\{x_1 = x_1, x_2 = x_2, x_3 = c\}$
  - $\phi'\phi'_2 \cong \phi'va.b.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b\}$
- $\phi_3 \cong va.b.c.\{x_1 = a, x_2 = b, x_3 = c\}$  (Transitive rule)

Thank you!