

Towards Secure Distance Bounding

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Playing against two Chess Grandmasters

chess grandmaster #1



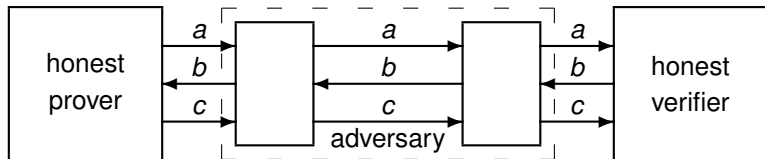
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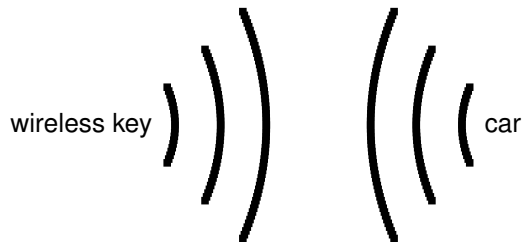
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Relay Attacks



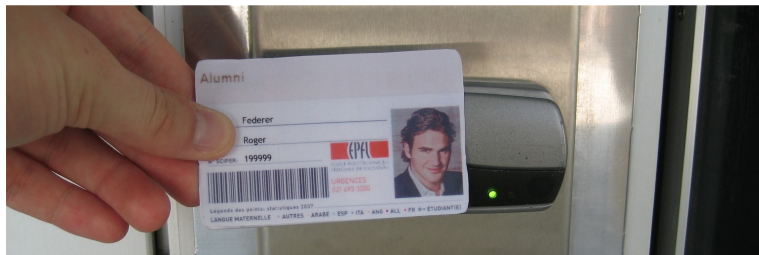
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Wireless Car Locks



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Corporate RFID Card for Access Control



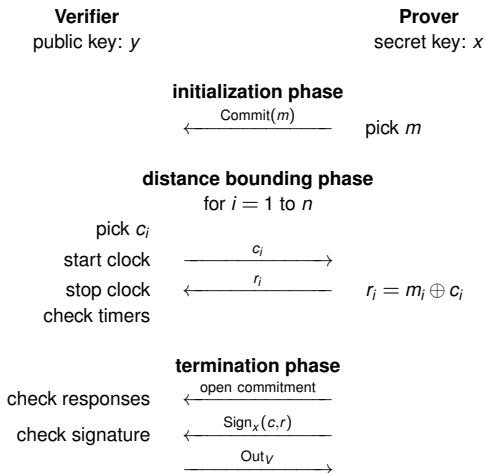
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Contactless Credit Card Payment

wireless credit card payment

The Brands-Chaum Protocol

Distance-Bounding Protocols [Brands-Chaum EUROCRYPT 1993]



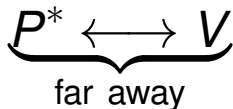
The Speed of Light

time error of $1\mu\text{s}$ = distance error of 300m

Distance Bounding

- **interactive proof** for proximity
 - a verifier (honest)
 - a prover (may be malicious)
 - a secret to characterize the prover (may be symmetric)
 - concurrency: many provers and verifiers around, plus malicious participants
- **completeness:**
 - if the honest prover is close to the verifier, the verifier accepts
- **soundness:**
 - if the verifier accept, then a close participant must hold the secret
- **secure:**
 - when honestly run, the secret must not leak

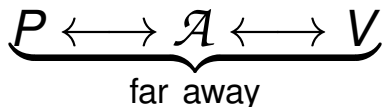
Distance Fraud



a malicious prover P^* tries to prove that he is close to a verifier V

Mafia Fraud

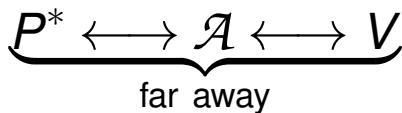
Major Security Problems with the “Unforgeable” (Feige)-Fiat-Shamir Proofs of Identity and How to Overcome Them [Desmedt SECURICOM 1988]



an adversary \mathcal{A} tries to prove that a prover P is close to a verifier V

Terrorist Fraud

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a malicious prover P^* helps an adversary \mathcal{A} to prove that P^* is close to a verifier V without giving \mathcal{A} another advantage

Impersonation Fraud

An Efficient Distance Bounding RFID Authentication Protocol

[Avoine-Tchamkerten ISC 2009]

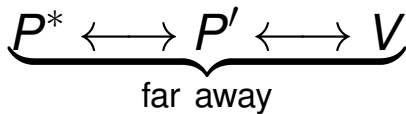
$$\mathcal{A} \longleftrightarrow V$$

an adversary \mathcal{A} tries to prove that a prover P is close to a verifier V

Distance Hijacking

Distance Hijacking Attacks on Distance Bounding Protocols

[Cremers-Rasmussen-Schmidt-Čapkun IEEE S&P 2012]



a malicious prover P^* tries to prove that he is close to a verifier V by taking advantage of other provers P'

A General Threat Model

- **distance fraud:**

- $P(x)$ far from all $V(x)$'s want to make one $V(x)$ accept (interaction with other $P(x')$ and $V(x')$ possible anywhere)
- → also captures distance hijacking

- **man-in-the-middle:**

- *learning phase*: \mathcal{A} interacts with many P 's and V 's
- *attack phase*: $P(x)$'s far away from $V(x)$'s, \mathcal{A} interacts with them and possible $P(x')$'s and $V(x')$'s
 \mathcal{A} wants to make one $V(x)$ accept
- → also captures impersonation

- **collusion fraud:**

- $P(x)$ far from all $V(x)$'s interacts with \mathcal{A} and makes one $V(x)$ accept, but $\text{View}(\mathcal{A})$ does not give any advantage to mount a man-in-the-middle attack

Known Protocols and Security Results

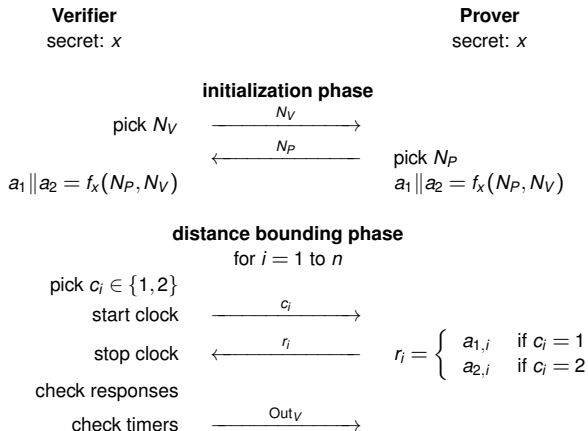
success probability of best known “regular” attacks
(TF with no tolerance to noise + no malicious PRF)

Protocol	Success Probability		
	Distance-Fraud	MiM	Collusion-Fraud
Brands & Chaum	$(1/2)^n$	$(1/2)^n$	1
Bussard & Bagga	1	$(1/2)^n$	1
Čapkun <i>et al.</i>	$(1/2)^n$	$(1/2)^n$	1
Hancke & Kuhn	$(3/4)^n$	$(3/4)^n$	1
Reid <i>et al.</i>	$(3/4)^n$	1	$(3/4)^v$
Singelée & Preneel	$(1/2)^n$	$(1/2)^n$	1
Tu & Pira-muthu	$(3/4)^n$	1	$(3/4)^v$
Munilla & Peinado	$(3/4)^n$	$(3/5)^n$	1
Swiss-Knife	$(3/4)^n$	$(1/2)^n$	$(3/4)^v$
Kim & Avoine	$(7/8)^n$	$(1/2)^n$	1
Nikov & Vauclair	$1/k$	$(1/2)^n$	1
Avoine <i>et al.</i>	$(3/4)^n$	$(2/3)^n$	$(2/3)^v$

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The Hancke-Kuhn Protocol

An RFID Distance-Bounding Protocol [Hancke-Kuhn SECURECOMM 2005]



A Terrorist Fraud against The Hancke-Kuhn Protocol

Verifier

secret: x

Adversary

Malicious Prover

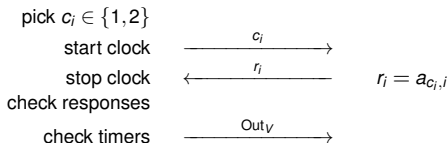
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initialization phase



distance bounding phase

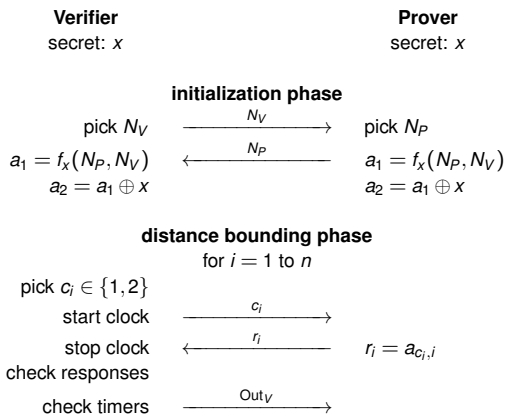
for $i = 1$ to n



The Reid et al. Protocol (DBENC)

Detecting Relay Attacks with Timing-based Protocols

[Reid-Nieto-Tang-Senadji ASIACCS 2007]



resist to terrorist fraud: if a_1 and a_2 leak, then x as well!

A Man-in-the-Middle against DBENC

The Swiss-Knife RFID Distance Bounding Protocol

[Kim-Avoine-Koeune-Standaert-Pereira ICISC 2008]

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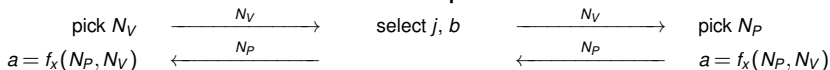
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Adversary

Prover

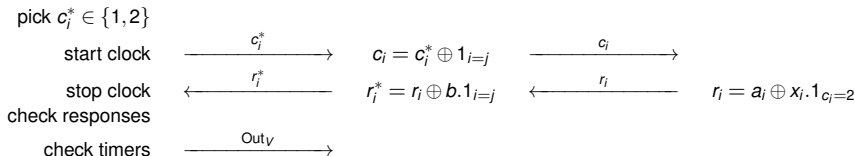
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distance bounding phase

for $i = 1$ to n



fact 1: r_j is the correct response to c_j

fact 2: $\text{Out}_V = 1$ iff r_j^* is the correct response to $c_j \oplus 1$

consequence: the adversary deduces a_j and $a_j \oplus x_j$, so x_j as well

A Man-in-the-Middle against Other DBENC

The Bussard-Bagga and Other Distance-Bounding Protocols under Attacks
[Bay-Boureau-Mitrokotsa-Spulber-Vaudenay Inscrypt 2012]

set $a_2 = \text{Enc}_{a_1}(x)$

- **one-time pad:** $\text{Enc}_{a_1}(x) = x \oplus a_1$
- **addition modulo q :** $\text{Enc}_{a_1}(x) = x + a_1 \pmod{q}$
- **modular addition with random factor:**
 $\text{Enc}_{a_1}(x; u) = (u, ux + a_1 \pmod{q})$
for a random invertible u

all instances broken

The TDB Protocol

How Secret-Sharing can Defeat Terrorist Fraud

[Avoine-Lauradoux-Martin ACM WiSec 2011]

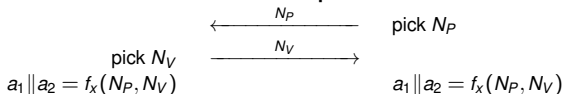
Verifier

secret: x

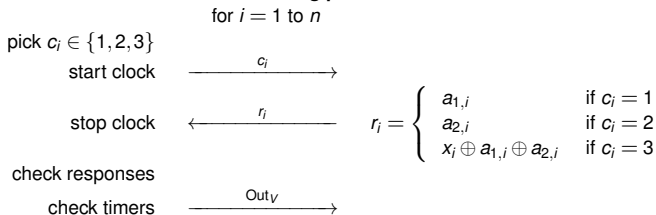
Prover

secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase



resist to man-in-the-middle: two answers to c_i don't leak x_i !

Security Proofs Based on PRF

- if the adversary can break the scheme with a PRF, then he can break an idealized scheme with the PRF replaced by a truly random function
- this argument is valid when both these conditions are met:
 - the adversary does not have access to the PRF key
 - the PRF key is only used by the PRF
- as far as distance fraud is concerned, condition 1 is not met!
- for most of terrorist fraud protections, condition 2 is not met!

Programming a PRF

On the Pseudorandom Function Assumption in (Secure) Distance-Bounding Protocols
[Boureau-Mitrokotsa-Vaudenay Latincrypt 2012]

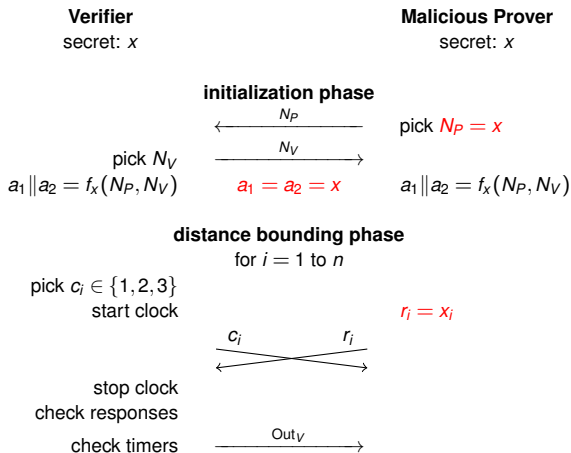
given a PRF g , let

$$f_x(N_P, N_V) = \begin{cases} x \| x & \text{if } N_P = x \\ g_x(N_P, N_V) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

f is a PRF!

Distance Fraud with a Programmed PRF against the TDB Protocol

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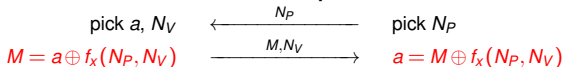


Using PRF Masking

Verifier
secret: x

Prover
secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase

for $i = 1$ to n

pick $c_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

start clock — c_i →

stop clock ← r_i

check responses

check timers — Out_V →

$$r_i = \begin{cases} a_{1,i} & \text{if } c_i = 1 \\ a_{2,i} & \text{if } c_i = 2 \\ x_i \oplus a_{1,i} \oplus a_{2,i} & \text{if } c_i = 3 \end{cases}$$

a is now chosen by the verifier

Man-in-the-Middle Attack with a Programmed PRF

On the Pseudorandom Function Assumption in (Secure) Distance-Bounding Protocols
[Boureanu-Mitrokotsa-Vaudenay Latincrypt 2012]

- take a PRF g
- define a predicate $\text{trapdoor}_x(\bar{\alpha}||t) \iff t = g_x(\bar{\alpha}) \oplus \text{right_half}(x)$,

$$f_x(N_P, N_V) = \begin{cases} a_1 || a_2 = \alpha || \beta || \gamma || \beta \oplus g_x(\alpha) & \text{if } \neg \text{trapdoor}_x(N_V) \\ & \text{where } (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = g_x(N_P, N_V) \\ a_1 = a_2 = x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

f is a PRF!

- attack:
 - 1: play with P and send $c = (1, \dots, 1, 3, \dots, 3)$ to obtain from the responses $\bar{\alpha}||t$ satisfying trapdoor_x
 - 2: play with P again with $N_V = \bar{\alpha}||t$ and get x !

Other Results based on Programmed PRFs

On the Pseudorandom Function Assumption in (Secure) Distance-Bounding Protocols
[Boureau-Mitrokotsa-Vaudenay Latincrypt 2012]

protocol	distance fraud	man-in-the-middle attack
TDB Avoine-Lauradoux-Martin [ACM WiSec 2011]	✓	✓
Dürholz-Fischlin-Kasper-Onete [ISC 2011]	✓	–
Hancke-Kuhn [Securecomm 2005]	✓	–
Avoine-Tchamkerten [ISC 2009]	✓	–
Reid-Nieto-Tang-Senadji [ASIACCS 2007]	✓	✓
Swiss-Knife Kim-Avoine-Koeune-Standaert- Pereira [ICISC 2008]	–	✓

Using Circular-Keying Security

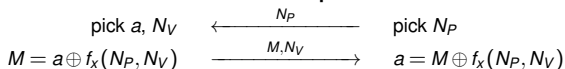
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f is a PRF with circular-keying security

Circular Keying Security

- if \mathcal{A} makes queries

$$y_i, a_i, b_i \mapsto (a_i \cdot x') + (b_i \cdot f_x(y_i))$$

\mathcal{A} cannot distinguish if $x = x'$ or x and x' are independent

- caveat: queries must be such that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall i_1, \dots, i_q, c_1, \dots, c_q \\ y_{i_1} = \dots = y_{i_q} \\ \sum_{j=1}^q c_j b_{i_j} = 0 \end{array} \right\} \implies \sum_{j=1}^q c_j a_{i_j} = 0$$

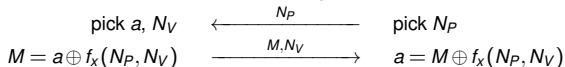
- sanity check: easily constructed in the random oracle model

Problem with Noise

Verifier
secret: x

Prover
secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase

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stop clock ← r_i —

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check **at least τ correct** responses

check timers — Out_V →

Terrorist Fraud based on Tolerance to Noise

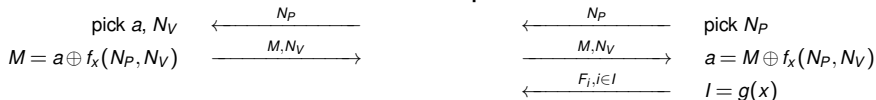
Distance Bounding for RFID: Effectiveness of Terrorist Fraud [Hancke IEEE RFID-TA 2012]

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Adversary

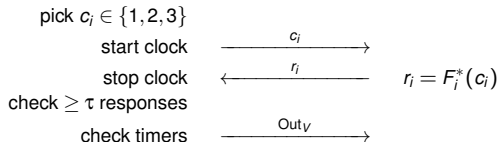
Malicious Prover
secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase

for $i = 1$ to n



$$F_i(c) = \begin{cases} a_{1,i} & \text{if } c = 1 \\ a_{2,i} & \text{if } c = 2 \\ x_i \oplus a_{1,i} \oplus a_{2,i} & \text{if } c = 3 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \#l = \tau \\ F_i^* = F_i \text{ if } i \in I \\ F_i^* = \text{random otherwise} \end{matrix}$$

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Why SKI?

- Symmetric Key Infrastructure?
- Sheffield Kidney Institute?
- Serial Killers Incorporated?

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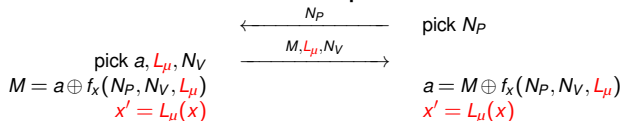
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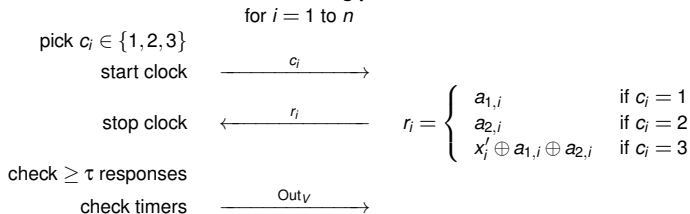
Verifier
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Prover
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initialization phase



distance bounding phase



f is a circular-keying secure PRF, $L_\mu(x) = (\mu \cdot x, \dots, \mu \cdot x)$

Completeness of SKI

$$B(n, \tau, q) = \sum_{i=\tau}^n \binom{n}{i} q^i (1-q)^{n-i}$$

- assume honest execution of the protocol
- let p_{noise} be the probability that one round is incorrect
- probability to pass is $B(n, \tau, 1 - p_{\text{noise}})$
- (Chernoff) for $\frac{\tau}{n} < 1 - p_{\text{noise}} - \varepsilon$, this is more than $1 - e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$

Best Distance Fraud against SKI

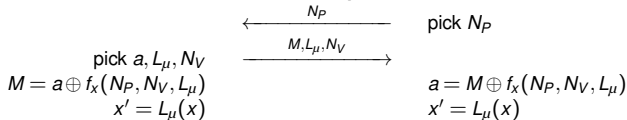
Verifier

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Malicious Prover

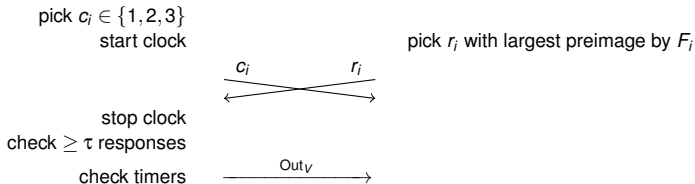
secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase

for $i = 1$ to n



$$\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] = \frac{3}{4}$$

Best Distance Fraud against SKI

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] &= \Pr[F_i \text{ constant}] + \frac{2}{3}(1 - \Pr[F_i \text{ constant}]) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{3} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right) \\ &= \frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

- F_i is a 3-to-2 mapping
so, the largest preimage has 3 (if F_i is constant) or 2 elements
- it is constant iff $a_{1,i} = a_{2,i} = x_i$, i.e. with probability $\frac{1}{4}$
- probability to pass is $B(n, \tau, \frac{3}{4})$
- (Chernoff) for $\frac{\tau}{n} > \frac{3}{4} + \epsilon$, this is less than $e^{-2\epsilon^2 n}$

Best Mafia Fraud against SKI

Verifier
secret: x

Adversary

Prover
secret: x

initialization phase



distance bounding phase

for $i = 1$ to n

pick c_i^*

$\xrightarrow{c_i^*}$

$\xleftarrow{r_i^*}$

$r_i^* = F_i(c_i^*)$

for $i = 1$ to n

pick $c_i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

start clock

$\xrightarrow{c_i}$

stop clock

$\xleftarrow{r_i}$

$r_i = r_i^*$

check $\geq \tau$ responses

check timers

$\xrightarrow{Out_V}$

$$\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] = \frac{2}{3}$$

Best Mafia Fraud against SKI

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] &= \Pr[c_i = c_i^*] + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \Pr[c_i = c_i^*]) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{3}\end{aligned}$$

- probability to pass is $B(n, \tau, \frac{2}{3})$
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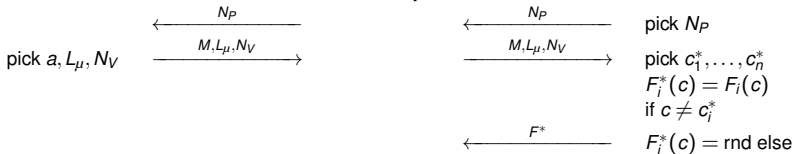
Best Terrorist Fraud against SKI

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Adversary

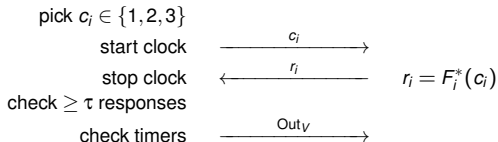
Malicious Prover
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for $i = 1$ to n



$$\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] = \frac{5}{6}$$

Best Terrorist Fraud against SKI

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr[\text{round } i \text{ correct}] &= \Pr[c_i \neq c_i^*] + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \Pr[c_i \neq c_i^*]) \\ &= \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \times \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{6}\end{aligned}$$

- probability to pass is $B(n, \tau, \frac{5}{6})$
- (Chernoff) for $\frac{\tau}{n} > \frac{5}{6} + \varepsilon$, this is less than $e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$

Summary

for

$$\rho_{\text{noise}} < \frac{1}{6} - 2\varepsilon$$

we can adjust τ and have completeness up to $e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$, and security up to $e^{-2\varepsilon^2 n}$

- completeness
- resistance to distance fraud
- resistance to mafia fraud
- resistance to terrorist fraud

Theorem

If f is a *circular-keying secure* PRF and V requires at least τ correct rounds,

- there is no DF with $\Pr[\text{success}] \geq B(n, \tau, \frac{3}{4})$
- there is no MiM with $\Pr[\text{success}] \geq B(n, \tau, \frac{2}{3})$
- for all CF such that $\Pr[\text{CF succeeds}] \geq B(\frac{n}{2}, \tau - \frac{n}{2}, \frac{2}{3})^{1-c}$ there is an associated MiM with P^* such that $\Pr[\text{MiM succeeds}] \geq (1 - B(\frac{n}{2}, \tau - \frac{n}{2}, \frac{2}{3})^c)^n$

$$B(n, \tau, \rho) = \sum_{i=\tau}^n \binom{n}{i} \rho^i (1 - \rho)^{n-i}$$

Conclusion

- several proposed protocols from the literature are insecure
- several security proofs from the literature are incorrect
- SKI offers provable security