



Abstract Specification of Crypto- Protocols and their Attack Models in MSR

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Outline

- I. Dolev-Yao specifications
- II. Specifying Protocols in MSR
- III. Access Control
- IV. Specifying Attacker Models
- V. Inferring the Dolev-Yao Attacker



Part I

Dolev-Yao Specification of Security Protocols

Why is Protocol Analysis Difficult?

- Subtle cryptographic primitives
 - Dolev-Yao abstraction
- Distributed hostile environment
 - "Prudent engineering practice"
- Inadequate specification languages
 - ... *the devil is in details* ...

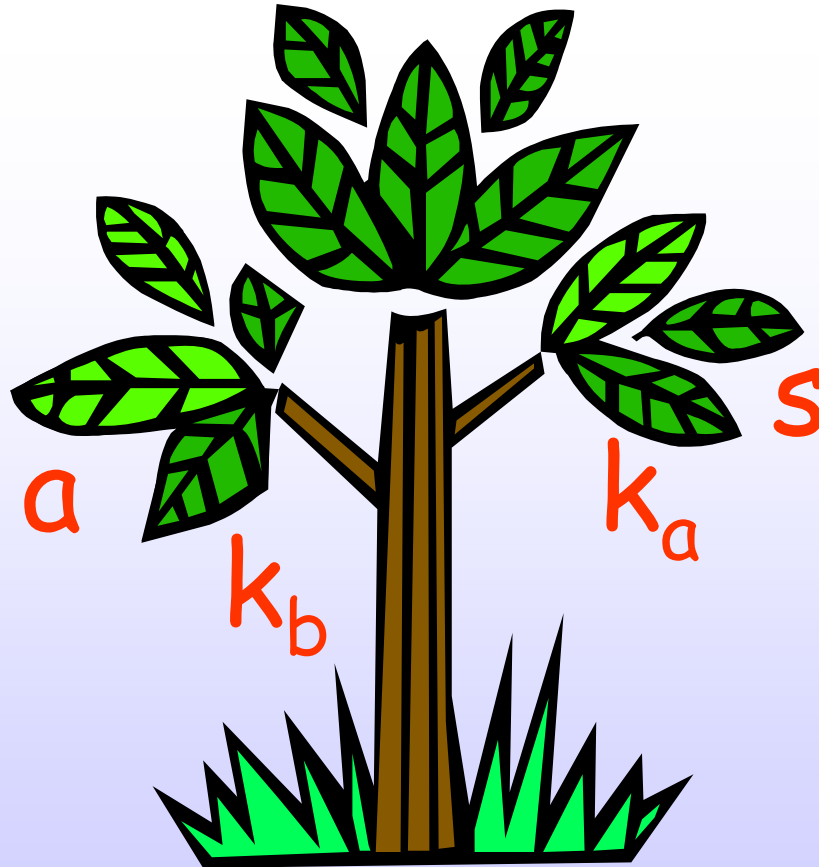


Dolev-Yao Abstraction

- Symbolic data
 - No bit-strings
- Perfect cryptography
 - No guessing of keys
- Public knowledge soup
 - Magic access to data



... pictorially



Languages to Specify What?

- Message flow
- Message constituents
- ~~Operating environment~~
- ~~Protocol goals~~



Desirable Properties

- Unambiguous
- Simple
- Flexible
 - Applies to a wide class of protocols
- Insightful
 - Gives insight about protocols








Part II

Specifying Protocols in MSR



What's in MSR 2.0 ?

- Multiset rewriting with existentials
- Dependent types w/ subsorting 
- Memory predicates 
- Constraints 

Terms

- Atomic terms

- Principal names A
- Keys k
- Nonces n
- ...

- Term constructors

- $(_ _)$
- $\{ _ \} _ \quad \{ \{ _ \} \} _$
- $[_] _$
- ...

Definable



Rules

$\forall x_1: \tau_1.$

...

$\forall x_n: \tau_n.$

lhs

\rightarrow

$\exists y_1: \tau'_1.$

...

$\exists y_{n'}: \tau'_{n'}.$

rhs

- $N(t)$ Network
- $L(t, \dots, t)$ Local state
- $M_A(t, \dots, t)$ Memory
- χ Constraints

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Types of Terms

- 
- A : princ
 - n : nonce
 - k : shK A B
 - k : pubK A
 - k' : privK k
 - ... (definable)

Types can depend
on term

- Captures relations
between objects

Subtyping

$\tau :: \text{msg}$

- Allows atomic terms in messages
- Definable
 - Non-transmittable terms
 - Sub-hierarchies



Role state predicates

$$L_i(A, t, \dots, t)$$

- Hold data local to a role instance
 - Lifespan = role
- Invoke next rule
 - L_i = control
 - (A, t, \dots, t) = data



Memory Predicates



$$M_A(t, \dots, t)$$

- Hold private info. across role exec.
- Support for subprotocols
 - Communicate data
 - Pass control
- Interface to outside system
- Implements intruder



Constraints



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- Guards over interpreted domain
 - Abstract
 - Modular
- Invoke constraint handler
- E.g.: timestamps
 - $(T_E = T_N + T_d)$
 - $(T_N < T_E)$



Type of predicates

- Dependent sums

$$\tau(x) \times \underline{\tau}$$

A thought bubble above the expression contains the text $\Sigma x. \tau. \underline{\tau}$. A callout bubble points from the $\underline{\tau}$ to a blue x inside a red oval, which is positioned below the x in $\tau(x)$.

- Forces associations among arguments

➤ E.g.: $\text{princ}^{(A)} \times \text{pubK } A^{(k_A)} \times \text{privK } k_A$



Roles

Role state pred.
var. declarations

- Generic roles

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \exists L: \tau'_1(x_1) \times \dots \times \tau'_n(x_n) \\ \dots \\ \forall x:\tau. \text{ lhs} \rightarrow \exists y:\tau'. \text{ rhs} \\ \dots \\ \forall x:\tau. \text{ lhs} \rightarrow \exists y:\tau'. \text{ rhs} \end{array} \right] \forall A$$

Role
owner

- Anchored roles

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Needham-Schroeder Public-Key Protocol (fragment)


$$A \rightarrow B: \{n_A, A\}_{k_B}$$

$$B \rightarrow A: \{n_A, n_B\}_{k_A}$$

$$A \rightarrow B: \{n_B\}_{k_B}$$

("Usual Notation")

MSR 2.0 – NS Initiator



$$\left(\begin{array}{l}
 \exists \text{L: princ } x \text{ princ}^{(B)} x \text{ pubK } B \text{ x nonce.} \\
 \\
 \forall B: \text{princ} \quad \bullet \quad \rightarrow \quad \exists n_A: \text{nonce.} \quad \begin{array}{l} \textcolor{green}{L(A, B, k_B, n_A)} \\ \textcolor{blue}{N(\{n_A, A\}_{k_B})} \end{array} \\
 \forall k_B: \text{pubK } B \\
 \\
 \forall \dots \\
 \forall k_A: \text{pubK } A \quad \begin{array}{l} \textcolor{green}{L(A, B, k_B, n_A)} \\ \textcolor{blue}{N(\{n_A, n_B\}_{k_A})} \end{array} \rightarrow \quad \textcolor{blue}{N(\{n_B\}_{k_B})} \\
 \forall k'_A: \text{privK } k_A \\
 \forall n_A, n_B: \text{nonce}
 \end{array} \right)^{\forall A}$$

MSR 2.0 – NS Responder



$$\left(\begin{array}{l}
 \exists \textcolor{red}{L}: \text{princ}^{(B)} \times \text{princ}^{(A)} \times \text{pubK } B^{(k_B)} \times \text{privK } k_B \\
 \quad \times \text{nonce} \times \text{pubK } A \times \text{nonce}. \\
 \\
 \forall k_B: \text{pubK } B \\
 \forall k'_B: \text{privK } k_B \\
 \forall A: \text{princ} \\
 \forall n_A: \text{nonce} \\
 \forall k_A: \text{pubK } A \\
 \\
 \forall \dots \quad \textcolor{green}{L}(B, k_B, k'_B, A, n_A, k_A, n_B) \\
 \forall n_B: \text{nonce} \quad N(\{n_B\}_{k_B}) \rightarrow \bullet \\
 \\
 N(\{n_A, A\}_{k_B}) \rightarrow \exists \textcolor{red}{n}_B: \text{nonce}. \quad \textcolor{green}{L}(\dots) \\
 \quad \quad \quad N(\{n_A, n_B\}_{k_A})
 \end{array} \right) \forall B$$

Type Checking

New

$\Sigma \vdash P$

t has type
 τ in Γ

$\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$

P is well-
typed in Σ

- Catches:
 - Encryption with a nonce
 - Transmission of a long term key
 - Circular key hierarchies, ...
- Static and dynamic uses
- Decidable



Execution Model



$P \triangleright C \rightarrow C'$

1-step
firing

- Activate roles
- Generates new role state pred. names
- Instantiate variables
- Apply rules
- Skips rules

Snapshots



$$C = [S]^R_{\Sigma}$$

Active role
set

State

- $N(t)$
- $L_I(t, \dots, t)$
- $M_A(t, \dots, t)$

Signature

- $a : \tau$
- $L_I : \underline{\tau}$
- $M_{\underline{\quad}} : \underline{\tau}$

Rule application

$$F, \chi \rightarrow \exists \underline{n}:\underline{\tau}. G(\underline{n})$$

- Constraint check

$$\Sigma \models \chi \quad (\text{constraint handler})$$

- Firing

$$\underbrace{[S_1]^R_\Sigma}_{S, F} \rightarrow \underbrace{[S_2]^R_{\Sigma, \underline{c}:\underline{\tau}}}_{S, G(\underline{c})} \quad \underline{c} \text{ not in } S_1$$



Properties

- Admissibility of parallel firing
- Type preservation
- Access control preservation
- Completeness of Dolev-Yao intruder





Part III

"Access Control"

Access Control



r is AC-valid
for A in Γ

$\Sigma \Vdash P$

P is AC-
valid in Σ

$\Gamma \Vdash_A r$

- Catches
 - A signing/encrypting with B 's key
 - A accessing B 's private data, ...
- Static
- Decidable
- Gives meaning to Dolev-Yao intruder




Overview

- Interpret incoming information
 - Collect received data
 - Access unknown data
- Construct outgoing information
 - Generate data
 - Use known data
 - Access new data
- Verify access to data



Processing a Rule


$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash_A \text{lhs} \gg \Delta \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \Vdash_A \text{rhs}}{\Gamma \Vdash_A \text{lhs} \rightarrow \text{rhs}}$$

Processing Predicates on the LHS

- Network messages

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \mathbf{t} \gg \Delta'}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \mathbf{N(t)} \gg \Delta'}$$

- Memory predicates

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \mathbf{t_1, \dots, t_n} \gg \Delta'}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \mathbf{M_A(t_1, \dots, t_n)} \gg \Delta'}$$



Interpreting Data on the LHS

- Pairs

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A t_1, t_2 \gg \Delta'}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A (t_1, t_2) \gg \Delta'}$$

- Encrypted terms

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A k \gg \Delta' \quad \Gamma; \Delta' \parallel -_A t \gg \Delta''}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \{t\}_k \gg \Delta''}$$

- Elementary terms

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{}{\Gamma; (\Delta, x) \parallel -_A x \gg (\Delta, x)} \\ \frac{}{(\Gamma, x:\tau); \Delta \parallel -_A x \gg (\Delta, x)} \end{array} \right.$$



Accessing Data on the LHS

- Shared keys

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hline \Gamma; (\Delta, k) \parallel -_A k \gg (\Delta, k) \\ \hline (\Gamma, x: \text{shK } A \ B); \Delta \parallel -_A x \gg (\Delta, x) \end{array} \right.$$

- Public keys

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hline (\Gamma, k: \text{pubK } A, k': \text{privK } k); (\Delta, k') \parallel -_A k \gg (\Delta, k') \\ \hline (\Gamma, k: \text{pubK } A, k': \text{privK } k); \Delta \parallel -_A k \gg (\Delta, k') \end{array} \right.$$



Generating Data on the RHS

- Nonces

$$\frac{(\Gamma, x:\text{nonce}); (\Delta, x) \Vdash_A \text{rhs}}{\Gamma; \Delta \Vdash_A \exists x:\text{nonce}. \text{rhs}}$$

Constructing Terms on the RHS

- Pairs

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A t_1 \quad \Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A t_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A (t_1, t_2)}$$

- Shared-key encryptions

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A t \quad \Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A k}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \{t\}_k}$$



Accessing Data on the RHS

- Principal

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, B:\text{princ} \parallel -_A B}$$

- Shared key

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, B:\text{princ}, k:\text{shK } A \ B \parallel -_A k}$$

- Public key

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, B:\text{princ}, k:\text{pubK } B \parallel -_A k}$$

- Private key

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, k:\text{pubK } A, k':\text{privK } k \parallel -_A k'}$$





Part IV

Specifying Attacker Models

Execution with an Attacker

$$P, P_I \triangleright C \rightarrow C'$$

- Selected principal(s): I
- Generic capabilities: P_I
 - Well-typed
 - AC-valid
- Modeled completely within MSR



The Dolev-Yao Intruder

- **Specific** protocol suite P_{DY}
- Underlies every protocol analysis tool
- **Completeness still unproved !!!**





Capabilities of the D-Y Intruder

- Intercept / emit messages
- Split / form pairs
- Decrypt / encrypt with known key
- Look up public information
- Generate fresh data

DY Intruder – Data access

- $M_I(t)$: Intruder knowledge

$$\left[\forall A: \text{princ}. \bullet \rightarrow M_I(A) \right]^I$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall A: \text{princ} \\ \forall k: \text{shK } I \ A \end{array} \bullet \rightarrow M_I(k) \right]^I + \text{dual}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall A: \text{princ} \\ \forall k: \text{pubK } A \end{array} \bullet \rightarrow M_I(k) \right]^I \left[\begin{array}{l} \forall k: \text{pubK } I \\ \forall k': \text{privK } k \end{array} \bullet \rightarrow M_I(k') \right]^I$$

- No nonces, no other keys, ...

DY Intruder – Data Generation

- Safe data

$$\left[\bullet \rightarrow \exists n:\text{nonce}. M_I(n) \right]^I \quad \left[\bullet \rightarrow \exists m:\text{msg}. M_I(m) \right]^I$$

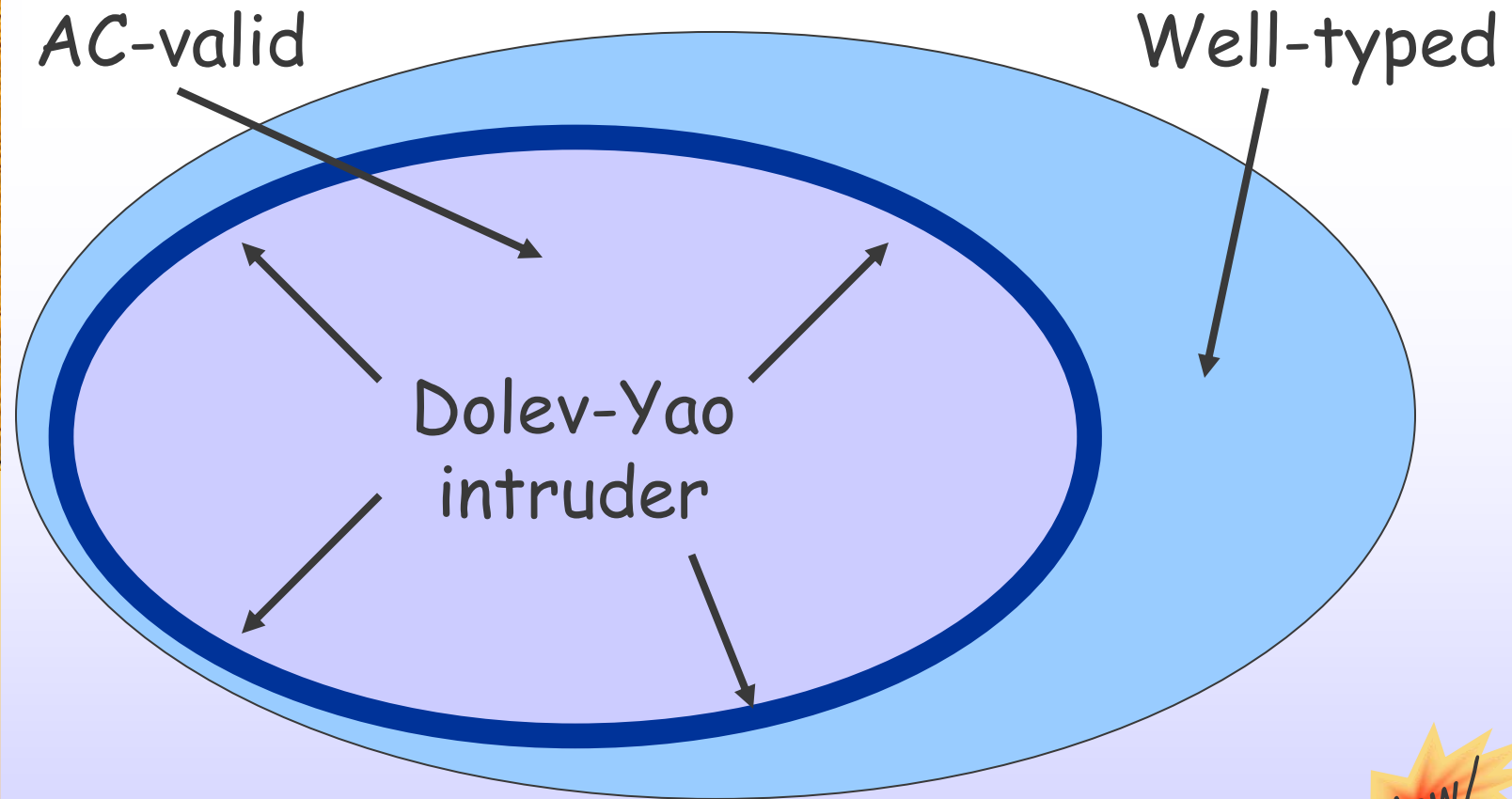
- Anything else ?

$$\left[\forall A, B:\text{princ}. \bullet \rightarrow \exists k:\text{shK } A \ B. M_I(k) \right]^I \quad ???$$

- It depends on the protocol !!!
 - Automated generation



DY Intruder vs. AC



- D-Y Intruder inferred from AC rules 
- AC rules inferred from prot. spec. (with help)

Completeness of D-Y Intruder

- If $P \triangleright [S]_{\Sigma}^R \rightarrow [S']_{\Sigma'}^{R'}$
with all well-typed and AC-valid

- Then

$$\underline{P}, P_{DY} \triangleright [\underline{S}]_{\underline{\Sigma}}^R \rightarrow [\underline{S'}]_{\underline{\Sigma'}}^{R'}$$



Consequences

- Justifies design of current tools
- Support optimizations
 - D-Y intr. often too general/inefficient
 - Generic optimizations
 - *Per protocol* optimizations
 - Restrictive environments
- Caps multi-intruder situations





Part V



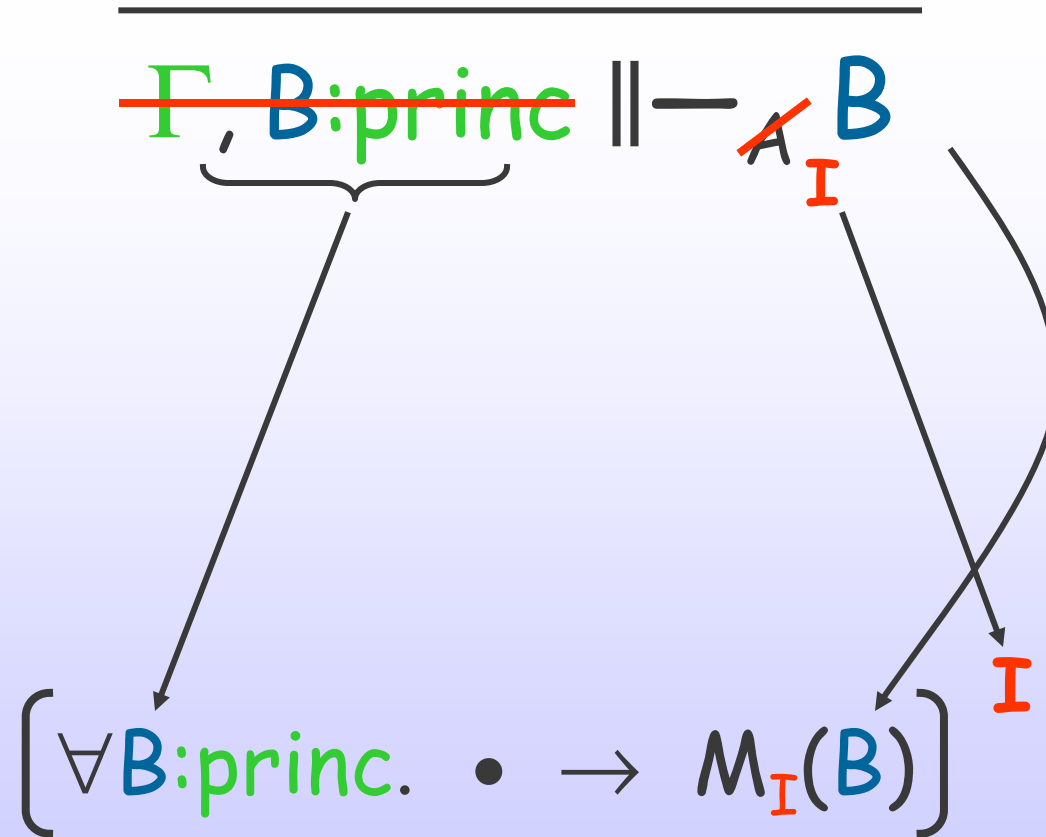
Inferring the Dolev-Yao Intruder

The Dolev-Yao Intruder Model

- Interpret incoming information
 - Collect received data
 - Access unknown data
- Construct outgoing information
 - Generate data
 - Use known data
 - Access new data
- Same operations as AC!



Accessing Principal Names

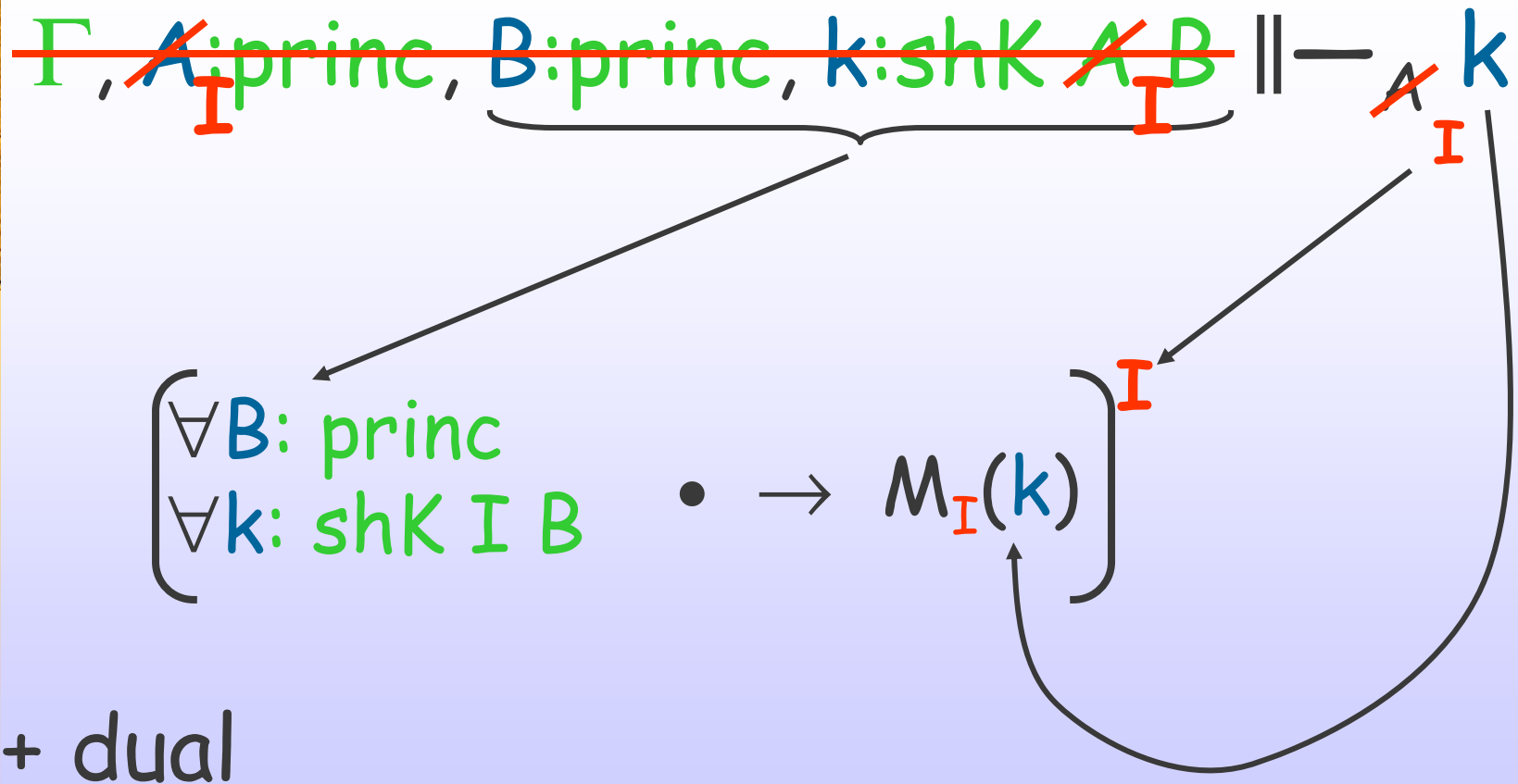


What did we do?

- Instantiate acting principal to **I**
- Accessed data \rightarrow Intruder knowledge
- Meta-variables \rightarrow Rule variables
- Ignore context Γ



Checking it out: Shared Keys



Getting Confident: Pub./Priv. Keys


$$\Gamma, \cancel{B:\text{princ}}, \cancel{k:\text{pubK } B} \parallel -_{\cancel{A}} k$$

$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall B: \text{princ} \\ \forall k: \text{pubK } B \end{array} \bullet \rightarrow M_I(k) \right]_I$

$$\Gamma, \cancel{A:\text{princ}}, \cancel{k:\text{pubK } A}, \cancel{k':\text{privK } k} \parallel -_{\cancel{A}} k'$$

$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall k: \text{pubK } I \\ \forall k': \text{privK } k \end{array} \bullet \rightarrow M_I(k') \right]_I$

Constructing Messages: Pairs


$$\frac{\overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} t_1 \quad \overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} t_2}{\overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} (t_1, t_2)}$$

$$\left[\forall t_1, t_2 : \text{msg}. M_{\mathbf{I}}(t_1), M_{\mathbf{I}}(t_2) \rightarrow M_{\mathbf{I}}((t_1, t_2)) \right]_{\mathbf{I}}$$

Now, what did we do?

- Instantiate acting principal to \mathbf{I}
- Accessed data \rightarrow Intruder knowledge
- Meta-variables \rightarrow Rule variables
- Ignore Γ and knowledge context Δ
- Premises \rightarrow antecedent
- Conclusion \rightarrow consequent
- Auxiliary typing derivation gives types



Carrying on: Shared-Key Encrypt.


$$\frac{\overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} t \quad \overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} k}{\overline{\Gamma; \Delta} \parallel -_{\mathbf{I}} \{t\}_k}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall A, B: \text{princ} \\ \forall k: \text{shK } A \ B \ M_{\mathbf{I}}(t), M_{\mathbf{I}}(k) \rightarrow M_{\mathbf{I}}(\{t\}_k) \\ \forall t: \text{msg} \end{array} \right]_{\mathbf{I}}$$

Similar for public-key encryption



Generating Data: Nonces


$$\frac{\cancel{(\Gamma, x:\text{nonce})}; (\Delta, x) \Vdash_{\mathbf{I}} \text{rhs}}{\Gamma; \Delta \Vdash_{\mathbf{I}} \exists x:\text{nonce}. \text{rhs}}$$

$\left[\bullet \rightarrow \exists x:\text{nonce}. M_{\mathbf{I}}(x) \right]^{\mathbf{I}}$

A red circle highlights the variable x in the top-left expression, with a red arrow pointing from it to the $M_{\mathbf{I}}(x)$ term in the bottom expression.

Similarly for other generated data

Now, what did we do?

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- Meta-variables \rightarrow Rule variables
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- Premises \rightarrow antecedent
- Conclusion \rightarrow consequent
- Auxiliary typing derivation gives types
- One intruder rule for each AC rule
- Save generated object



Interpreting Shared-Key Encrypt.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \overline{F; \Delta} \parallel - \text{I} k \gg \Delta' \quad \overline{F; \Delta'} \parallel - \text{I} t \gg \Delta'' \end{array}}{\overline{F; \Delta} \parallel - \text{I} \{t\}_k \gg \Delta''}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \forall A, B: \text{princ} \\ \forall k: \text{shK } A \ B \quad M_{\text{I}}(\{t\}_k), M_{\text{I}}(k) \rightarrow M_{\text{I}}(t) \\ \forall t: \text{msg} \end{array} \right]^{\text{I}}$$

Similar for

- public-key encryption
- pairing




Now, what did we do?

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Network Rules


$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \textcolor{teal}{t} \gg \Delta'}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \textcolor{teal}{N}(\textcolor{teal}{t}) \gg \Delta'}$$

$$\left[\forall \textcolor{teal}{t}:\textcolor{teal}{msg}. \textcolor{teal}{N}(\textcolor{teal}{t}) \rightarrow M_{\textcolor{red}{I}}(\textcolor{teal}{t}) \right]^{\textcolor{red}{I}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \textcolor{teal}{t}}{\Gamma; \Delta \parallel -_A \textcolor{teal}{N}(\textcolor{teal}{t})}$$

$$\left[\forall \textcolor{teal}{t}:\textcolor{teal}{msg}. M_{\textcolor{red}{I}}(\textcolor{teal}{t}) \rightarrow \textcolor{teal}{N}(\textcolor{teal}{t}) \right]^{\textcolor{red}{I}}$$

... Other Rules?

Either

- redundant, or

$$\left[\forall t : msg. N(t) \rightarrow N(t) \right]^I$$

- or, innocuous (but sensible)

$$\left[\forall t_1, \dots, t_n : msg. M'_I(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow M_I(t_1), \dots, M_I(t_n) \right]^I$$



Dissecting AC

5 activities:

- Interpret message components on LHS
- Access data (keys) on LHS
- Generate data on RHS
- Construct messages on RHS
- Access data on RHS

Constructors atoms





Accessing data

- Annotate the type of freely accessible data

```
princ: +type
```

- Make it conditional for dep. types

```
pubK: *princ -> +type
```

```
privK:  $\prod A: \underline{+princ}. +pubK\ A -> +type$ 
```

Generating data

- Again, annotate types

```
nonce: !type
```

```
shK: +princ -> +princ -> !type
```

```
shK: +princ -> +princ -> !type
```



Interpreting constructors

- Mark arguments as input or output

`_,_ : -msg -> -msg -> msg`

`{_}_ : -msg -> ΠA :+princ. ΠB :+princ.+shK A B -> msg`

`{{_}}_ : -msg -> ΠA :+princ. Πk :+pubK A.+privK k -> msg`

`hash: +msg -> msg`

`[_]_ : +msg -> ΠA :*princ. Πk :*sigK A.*verK k -> msg`



Annotating declarations

- Integrates semantics of types and constructors
- "Trimmed down" version of *AC*
- Allows constructing *AC* rules
- Allows constructing the Dolev-Yao intruder



... alternatively

Compute AC rules from protocol

- There are finitely many annotations
- Check protocol against each of them
- Keep the most restrictive ones that validate the protocol

Exponential!

More efficient algorithms?



Wrap-up

Case-Studies

- Full Needham-Schroeder public-key
- Otway-Rees
- Neuman-Stubblebine repeated auth.
- OFT group key management



Conclusions

- Framework for specifying protocols
 - Precise
 - Flexible
 - Powerful
- Provides
 - Type / AC checking
 - Sequential / parallel execution model
 - Insights about Dolev-Yao intruder





Future work

- Experimentation
 - Clark-Jacob library
 - Fair-exchange protocols
 - More multicast
- Pragmatics
 - Type-reconstruction
 - Operational execution model(s)
 - Implementation
- Automated specification techniques