

# CPSA Theory

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CPSA takes a partial description of a run of a protocol, and attempts to produce a compact description of all possible runs of the protocol compatible with the partial description. Given a partial description, CPSA uses an authentication test to infer what else must have happened, and thereby reduce the problem to finding possible runs starting with a set of more refined descriptions. The goal of this document is to precisely describe authentication tests.

The formal definition of a partial run of a protocol is called a skeleton, and is introduced in Section 4. To motivate the definition, Section 1 describes a simplified version of a message algebra used in CPSA. Section 2 describes a bundle [4, 2], a model of asynchronous messages-passing that includes the behaviors of honest and adversarial participants. It also introduces the notion of a protocol, and specifies what it means for a bundle to be a run of a protocol.

Section 3 describes the capabilities of the adversary. CPSA does not explicitly represent adversarial behaviors. Section 4 and Section 5 reveal the means by which the details of adversarial behavior are abstracted away. Finally, Section 6 describes authentication tests.

## 1 Order-Sorted Message Algebras

CPSA models a message by an equivalence class of terms over a signature. A sort system is used to classify messages. CPSA depends on the sort system

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Sorts: NAME, TEXT, DATA, SKEY, AKEY < MSG

Base sorts: NAME, TEXT, DATA, SKEY, AKEY

Carried positions:  $\bullet$  denotes a carried position.

$\{\bullet\}_{(\cdot)}$	$\text{MSG} \times \text{MSG} \rightarrow \text{MSG}$	Encryption
$(\bullet, \bullet)$	$\text{MSG} \times \text{MSG} \rightarrow \text{MSG}$	Pairing
"..."	MSG	Tag constants
$K_{(\cdot)}$	$\text{NAME} \rightarrow \text{AKEY}$	Public key of name
$(\cdot)^{-1}$	$\text{AKEY} \rightarrow \text{AKEY}$	Inverse of key
$\text{ltk}(\cdot, \cdot)$	$\text{NAME} \times \text{NAME} \rightarrow \text{SKEY}$	Long term key

Equation:  $(x^{-1})^{-1} \approx x$  for  $x: \text{AKEY}$

Figure 1: Basic Crypto Signature and Equation

to allow it to treat a variable that represents an asymmetric key differently from a variable that represents an arbitrary message. In particular, CPSA uses order-sorted quotient term algebras [1] for message algebras. This formalism enables the use of well-known algorithms for unification and matching in the presences of equations and sorts [3, Chapter 8].

This paper makes no attempt to provide a general introduction to order-sorted quotient term algebras. We use a simple message algebra called the Basic Crypto Algebra (BCA), which is the algebra used by CPSA.

There are six BCA sorts: MSG, the sort of all messages, SKEY, the sort of symmetric keys, AKEY, the sort of asymmetric keys, NAME, the sort of participant names, and TEXT and DATA for ordinary values. All sorts are subsorts of MSG. The function symbols, or *operations*, used to form terms are given by the signature in Figure 1.

Each variable  $x$  used to form a term has a unique sort  $s$ , written  $x: s$ . Variable set  $X$  is an indexed set of sets of variables,  $X_s = \{x \mid x: s\}$ . For BCA,  $X_{\text{MSG}}$ ,  $X_{\text{SKEY}}$ ,  $X_{\text{AKEY}}$ ,  $X_{\text{NAME}}$ ,  $X_{\text{TEXT}}$ , and  $X_{\text{DATA}}$  partition the set of variables in  $X$ . The set of variables in  $X$  is  $\text{Vars}(X)$ .

The Simple Crypto Quotient Term Algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by variable set  $X$  is displayed in Figure 2. The union of the messages in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is set of terms generated by  $X$ , and  $\mathfrak{A}$  partitions the set of terms into a set of equivalence classes induced by the equations. Terms  $t_0$  and  $t_1$  are equivalent, written  $t_0 \equiv t_1$ , iff  $t_0 \in T \wedge t_1 \in T$  for some  $T \in \mathfrak{A}$ . The canonical representative of a message is the  $t$  in  $\{t' \mid t' \equiv t\}$  with the fewest occurrences of the  $(\cdot)^{-1}$  operation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathfrak{A}_{\text{SKEY}} &= \{\{x\} \mid x \in X_{\text{SKEY}}\} \cup \{\{\text{tk}(a, b)\} \mid a \in X_{\text{NAME}}, b \in X_{\text{NAME}}\} \\
\mathfrak{A}_{\text{AKEY}} &= \{\{x^{-2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid x \in X_{\text{AKEY}}\} \\
&\quad \cup \{\{x^{-2n-1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid x \in X_{\text{AKEY}}\} \\
&\quad \cup \{\{K_x^{-2n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid x \in X_{\text{NAME}}\} \\
&\quad \cup \{\{K_x^{-2n-1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid x \in X_{\text{NAME}}\} \\
\mathfrak{A}_{\text{NAME}} &= \{\{x\} \mid x \in X_{\text{NAME}}\} \\
\mathfrak{A}_{\text{TEXT}} &= \{\{x\} \mid x \in X_{\text{TEXT}}\} \\
\mathfrak{A}_{\text{DATA}} &= \{\{x\} \mid x \in X_{\text{DATA}}\} \\
\text{TAGS} &= \{\{x\} \mid x \text{ is a tag constant}\} \\
\mathfrak{B} &= \mathfrak{A}_{\text{SKEY}} \cup \mathfrak{A}_{\text{AKEY}} \cup \mathfrak{A}_{\text{NAME}} \cup \mathfrak{A}_{\text{TEXT}} \cup \mathfrak{A}_{\text{DATA}} \\
\mathfrak{A}^0 &= \mathfrak{B} \cup \{\{x\} \mid x \in X_{\text{MSG}}\} \cup \text{TAGS} \\
\mathfrak{A}^{n+1} &= \mathfrak{A}^n \cup \{\{(t_0, t_1) \mid t_0 \in T_0, t_1 \in T_1\} \mid T_0 \in \mathfrak{A}^n, T_1 \in \mathfrak{A}^n\} \\
&\quad \cup \{\{\{t_0\}_{t_1} \mid t_0 \in T_0, t_1 \in T_1\} \mid T_0 \in \mathfrak{A}^n, T_1 \in \mathfrak{A}^n\} \\
\mathfrak{A} &= \mathfrak{A}_{\text{MSG}} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{A}^n
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 2: BCA Messages  $\mathfrak{A}$  and Atoms  $\mathfrak{B}$

Keys, names, data, and texts in the algebra are called *atoms* and are members of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . We write  $t: \mathfrak{B}$  iff  $t: S$  for some  $S \neq \text{MSG}$ . Note that encryption is defined with an encryption key of sort  $\text{MSG}$ . When the encryption key is of sort  $\text{AKEY}$  this is meant to model asymmetric encryption: otherwise, this models symmetric encryption. Note that even complex messages such as encryptions can be used as encryption keys in the symmetric sense.

An important property possessed by the algebra is that for all  $T \in \mathfrak{A}$ , if there are any encryptions in  $T$  then all members of  $T$  are encryptions. As a result, a message can be identified as representing an encryption and if it is, decomposed into its plaintext and its decryption key. This property is a consequence of the fact that equations relate atoms, not arbitrary messages. A similar property holds for pairs.

We write  $\mathfrak{A}_X$  when it is important to identify the variable set  $X$  that generates the algebra. Given two variable sets  $X$  and  $Y$ , a *substitution* is an order-sorted map  $\sigma: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_Y$  such that  $\sigma(x) \neq x$  for only finitely many elements of  $X$ . For a substitution  $\sigma$ , the *domain* is the set of variables  $\text{Dom}(\sigma) = \{x \mid \sigma(x) \neq x\}$  and the *range* is the set  $\text{Ran}(\sigma) = \{\sigma(x) \mid x \in \text{Dom}(\sigma)\}$ . Given a substitution  $\sigma: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_Y$ , the unique homomorphism

$\sigma^* : \mathfrak{A}_X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_Y$  induced by  $\sigma$  is also denoted  $\sigma$ .

In what follows, a finite sequence is a function from an initial segment of the whole numbers. The length of a sequence  $f$  is  $|f|$ , and sequence  $f = \langle f(1), \dots, f(n) \rangle$  for  $n = |f|$ . Alternatively,  $\langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \rangle = x_1 :: x_2 :: \dots :: x_n :: \langle \rangle$ . If  $S$  is a set, then  $S^*$  is the set of finite sequences of  $S$ , and  $S^+$  is the non-empty finite sequences of  $S$ .

The concatenation of sequences  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  is  $f_0 \hat{\ } f_1$ . When the context distinguishes sequences and their elements, such as for sequences of integers, we often write  $f_0 \hat{\ } 1 \hat{\ } f_1$  instead of  $f_0 \hat{\ } \langle 1 \rangle \hat{\ } f_1$ . The prefix of sequence  $f$  of length  $n$  is  $f|_n$ .

A *position*  $p$  is a finite sequence of whole numbers. The term in  $t$  that *occurs at*  $p$ , written  $t @ p$ , is:

$$\begin{aligned} t @ \langle \rangle &= t; \\ (t_1, t_2) @ i :: p &= t_i @ p \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2\}; \\ \{t_1\}_{t_2} @ i :: p &= t_i @ p \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2\}; \\ t^{-1} @ 1 :: p &= t @ p. \end{aligned}$$

A term  $t$  *occurs in* term  $t'$  if  $t = t' @ p$  for some  $p$ . A message  $T$  *occurs in* message  $T'$  if the canonical representative of  $T$  occurs in the canonical representative of  $T'$ .

A carried term is one that can be extracted from a message reception assuming plaintext is extractable from encryptions. The positions at which term  $t$  is carried in  $t'$  is  $carpos(t, t')$ , where

$$carpos(t, t') = \begin{cases} \{\langle \rangle\} & \text{if } t' \equiv t, \text{ else} \\ \{1 :: p \mid p \in carpos(t, t_1)\} & \text{if } t' = \{t_1\}_{t_2}, \text{ else} \\ \{i :: p \mid i \in \{1, 2\}, p \in carpos(t, t_i)\} & \text{if } t' = (t_1, t_2) \text{ else} \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Term  $t$  *carries*  $t'$  if  $carpos(t', t)$  is not empty, and  $t' \sqsubseteq t$  when  $t'$  is carried by  $t$ . Note that for all terms  $t_0, t_1, t'_0, t'_1$ , if  $t_0 \equiv t_1$  and  $t'_0 \equiv t'_1$ , then  $carpos(t_0, t'_0) = carpos(t_1, t'_1)$ . We write  $t' \sqsubseteq_p t$  when  $p \in carpos(t', t)$  and  $t @ p \equiv t'$ .

In what follows, we will often conflate a term with the message of which it is a member, and use lowercase letters to denote both.

## 2 Strand Spaces and Bundles

A run of a protocol is viewed as an exchange of messages by a finite set of local sessions of the protocol. Each local session is called a *strand*. The behavior of a strand, its *trace*, is a sequence of messaging events. An *event* is either a message transmission or a reception. Outbound message  $t \in \mathfrak{A}_X$  is written as  $+t$ , and inbound message  $t$  is written as  $-t$ . The set of traces over  $\mathfrak{A}_X$  is  $\mathfrak{C}_X = (\pm\mathfrak{A}_X)^+$ . A message *originates* in a trace if it is carried by some event and the first event in which it is carried is outbound. A message is *gained* by a trace if it is carried by some event and the first event in which it is carried is inbound. A message is *acquired* by a trace if it first occurs in a reception event and is also carried by that event.

A *strand space*  $\Theta_X$  over algebra  $\mathfrak{A}_X$  is a sequence of traces in  $\mathfrak{C}_X$ . A strand  $s$  is a member of the domain of  $\Theta_X$ , and its trace is  $\Theta_X(s)$ . In a strand space, the elements of the generator set  $X$  denote atomic message elements, such as keys, and not composite messages, such as encryptions and pairs. Therefore,  $X_\top = \emptyset$ .

Message events occur at nodes in a strand space. For each strand  $s$ , there is a node for every event in  $\Theta(s)$ . The *nodes* of strand space  $\Theta$  are  $\{(s, i) \mid s \in \text{Dom}(\Theta), 1 \leq i \leq |\Theta(s)|\}$ , the event at a node is  $\text{evt}_\Theta(s, i) = \Theta(s)(i)$ , and the message at a node is  $\text{msg}_\Theta(s, i) = m$  such that  $\text{evt}_\Theta(s, i) = \pm m$ . Just as a position names a subterm within another term, a strand names a trace within a strand space, and a node names an event in a strand space. The relation  $\Rightarrow$  defined by  $\{(s, i) \Rightarrow (s, i + 1) \mid s \in \text{Dom}(\Theta), 1 \leq i < |\Theta(s)|\}$  is called the *strand succession relation*.

A *bundle* in strand space  $\Theta$  is a finite directed acyclic graph  $\Upsilon(\Theta, \rightarrow)$ , where the vertices are the nodes of  $\Theta$ , and an edge represents communication ( $\rightarrow$ ) or strand succession ( $\Rightarrow$ ). For communication, if  $n_0 \rightarrow n_1$ , then there is a message  $t$  such that  $\text{evt}_\Theta(n_0) = +t$  and  $\text{evt}_\Theta(n_1) = -t$ . For each reception node  $n_1$ , there is a unique transmission node  $n_0$  with  $n_0 \rightarrow n_1$ .

Each acyclic graph has a transitive asymmetric relation  $\prec$  on its vertices. The relation specifies the causal ordering of nodes in a bundle. Relation  $R$  on set  $S$  is *asymmetric* iff  $x R y$  implies not  $y R x$  for all distinct  $x, y \in S$ .

An atom *uniquely originates* in a bundle if it originates in the trace of exactly one strand. An atom is *non-originating* in a bundle if it originates on no strand, but each of its variables occurs in some strand's trace.

In a run of a protocol, the behavior of each strand is constrained by a role in a protocol. Adversarial strands are constrained by roles as are non-

Create	$\langle +z \rangle$	$\langle +w \rangle$
Pair	$\langle -x, -y, +(x, y) \rangle$	$\langle -(x, y), +x, +y \rangle$
Encrypt	$\langle -x, -z, +\{x\}_z \rangle$	$\langle -x, -w, +\{x\}_w \rangle$
Decrypt	$\langle -\{x\}_z, -z, +x \rangle$	$\langle -\{x\}_w, -w^{-1}, +x \rangle$

$$X_\top = \{x, y\}, X_S = \{z\}, X_A = \{w\}$$

Figure 3: Simple Crypto Algebra Penetrator Role Traces

adversarial strands. A protorole over  $\mathfrak{A}_Y$  is  $r_Y(C, N, U)$ , where  $C \in \mathfrak{C}_Y$ ,  $N \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_Y$ , and  $U \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_Y$ . The trace of the role is  $C$ , its non-origination assumptions are  $N$ , and its unique origination assumptions are  $U$ . A protorole is a *role* if (1)  $t \in N$  implies  $t$  is not carried in  $C$ , and all variables in  $N$  occur in  $C$ , (2)  $t \in U$  implies  $t$  originates in  $C$ , and (3)  $x \in Y_\top$  occurs in  $C$  implies  $x$  is acquired in  $C$ . A *protocol* is a set of roles. Let  $Vars(P)$  be the set of variables that occur in the traces of the roles in protocol  $P$ .

A bundle  $\Upsilon(\Theta_X, \rightarrow)$  is a *run of protocol*  $P$  if there is a role mapping  $rl: \Theta_X \rightarrow P$  that satisfies properties for each  $s \in Dom(\Theta_X)$ . Assuming  $rl(s) = r_Y(C, N, U)$  and  $X$  and  $Y$  share no variables, and let  $h = |\Theta_X(s)|$ , the properties are (1)  $h \leq |C|$ , (2) there is a homomorphism  $\sigma: \mathfrak{A}_Y \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_X$  such that  $\sigma \circ C|_h = \Theta_X(s)$ , (3)  $Dom(\sigma)$  is the set of variables that occur in  $C|_h$ , (4) if the variables in  $t \in N$  occur in  $Dom(\sigma)$ , then  $\sigma(t)$  is non-originating in  $\Upsilon(\Theta_X, \rightarrow)$ , and (5) if  $t \in U$  originates at index  $i$  in  $C$ , and  $i \leq h$ , then  $\sigma(t)$  uniquely originates in  $\Upsilon(\Theta_X, \rightarrow)$  at node  $(s, i)$ . Origination assumptions in bundles specified by roles are called *inherited origination assumptions*.

### 3 Adversary Model

A fixed set of penetrator roles encodes the adversary model associated with a message algebra. For the Simple Crypto Algebra, there are eight roles. Each role makes no origination assumptions, and the trace of each role is given in Figure 3. The first line of the figure specifies two traces, one for creating symmetric keys, and another for creating asymmetric keys.

A strand exhibits non-adversarial behavior when its role is not a penetrator role. A non-adversarial strand is called a *regular* strand as is its role.

The penetrator cannot use a non-originating atom to encrypt or decrypt a

message, because every key it uses must be carried in a message. Consider a uniquely originating atom that originates on a regular strand. The penetrator cannot make the atom using a create role, because the atom would originate at more than one node. Therefore, the penetrator can use a uniquely originating atom to encrypt or decrypt a message only if it is transmitted by a regular strand unprotected by encryption.

## 4 Skeletons

The details of penetrator behavior are abstracted away when performing protocol analysis. The abstracted description of a bundle is called a realized skeleton, which is defined using a protoskeleton. A *protoskeleton* over  $\mathfrak{A}_X$  is  $k_X(\mathit{rl}, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)$ , where  $\mathit{rl}: \Theta_X \rightarrow P$  is a role map, the sets  $\mathit{Vars}(X)$  and  $\mathit{Vars}(P)$  are disjoint,  $\Theta_X$  is a sequence of traces in  $\mathfrak{C}_X$ ,  $\prec$  is a relation on the nodes in  $\Theta_X$ ,  $N \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_X$  are its non-origination assumptions, and  $U \subseteq \mathfrak{B}_X$  are its unique origination assumptions. Unlike a strand space, the variable set  $X$  that generates the algebra of a protoskeleton may have variables in  $X_\top$ .

Assume the strands in bundle  $\Upsilon(\Theta_X, \rightarrow)$  have been permuted so that regular strands precede penetrator strands in sequence  $\Theta_X$ , and  $\mathit{rl}$  demonstrates the bundle is a run of protocol  $P$ . Let  $P'$  be  $P$  without penetrator roles. Skeleton  $k_X(\mathit{rl}', P', \Theta'_X, \prec, N, U)$  *realizes* the bundle if  $\mathit{rl}'$  and  $\Theta'_X$  are the truncations of  $\mathit{rl}$  and  $\Theta_X$  respectively that omit penetrator strands from their domains,  $\prec$  is the transitive asymmetric relation associated with the bundle without penetrator nodes,  $N$  is the set of non-originating atoms with variables that occur in  $\Theta'_X$ , and  $U$  is the set of atoms that uniquely originate and are carried by some regular node.

A protoskeleton  $k_X(\mathit{rl}, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)$  is a *preskeleton* if the following properties hold.

1. Sequence  $\mathit{rl}$  demonstrates that the strands in  $\mathit{Dom}(\Theta_X)$  satisfy the conditions for being a part of a run of protocol  $P$ .
2. Relation  $\prec$  is transitive, asymmetric, and includes the strand succession relation ( $\Rightarrow$ ).
3. Each atom in  $N$  is carried at no node, and each variable in the atom occurs at some node.
4. Each atom in  $U$  is carried at some node.

5.  $N$  includes the non-originating atoms inherited from roles via the role map.
6.  $U$  includes the uniquely originating atoms inherited from roles via the role map.

Let  $\mathcal{O}_k(t)$  be the set of nodes at which  $t$  originates in preskeleton  $k$ , and  $\mathcal{G}_k(t)$  be the set of nodes at which  $t$  is gained in  $k$ . Preskeleton  $k_X(rl, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)$  is a *skeleton* if each atom in  $U$  originates on at most one strand, and the node of origination precedes each node that gains the atom, i.e. for every  $t \in U$ ,  $n_0 \in \mathcal{O}_k(t)$  and  $n_1 \in \mathcal{G}_k(t)$  implies  $n_0 \prec n_1$ .

Let  $k_0 = k_X(rl_0, P, \Theta_0, \prec_0, N_0, U_0)$  and  $k_1 = k_Y(rl_1, P, \Theta_1, \prec_1, N_1, U_1)$  be preskeletons. There is a *preskeleton homomorphism* from  $k_0$  to  $k_1$ , written  $k_0 \xrightarrow{\phi, \sigma} k_1$ , if  $\phi$  and  $\sigma$  are structure-preserving maps with the following properties:

1.  $\phi$  maps strands of  $k_0$  into those of  $k_1$ , and nodes as  $\phi((s, p)) = (\phi(s), p)$ , that is  $\phi$  is in  $Dom(\Theta_0) \rightarrow Dom(\Theta_1)$ ;
2.  $\sigma: \mathfrak{A}_X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_Y$  is a message algebra homomorphism;
3.  $n \in nodes(\Theta_0)$  implies  $\sigma(evt_{\Theta_0}(n)) = evt_{\Theta_1}(\phi(n))$ ;
4.  $n_0 \prec_0 n_1$  implies  $\phi(n_0) \prec_1 \phi(n_1)$ ;
5.  $\sigma(N_0) \subseteq N_1$ ;
6.  $\sigma(U_0) \subseteq U_1$ ;
7.  $t \in U_0$  implies  $\phi(\mathcal{O}_{k_0}(t)) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{k_1}(\sigma(t))$ .

A homomorphism is *strandwise injective* if its strand map is injective. Two preskeletons are isomorphic if they are related by strandwise injective homomorphism in both directions. A homomorphism is *nodewise isomorphic* if the strand map  $\phi$  implies a bijection on nodes, and  $n_0 \prec_0 n_1$  implies  $\phi^{-1}(n_0) \prec_1 \phi^{-1}(n_1)$ . A skeleton is *realized* if there is a nodewise isomorphic homomorphism from it to a skeleton that realizes a bundle, and message component of the homomorphism is injective.

Our formalism requires that every protocol include a listener role of the form:  $lsn(x: \top) = r(\langle -x, +x \rangle, \emptyset, \emptyset)$ . Instances of this role are sometimes

used to make penetrator derived messages visible in skeletons. We say skeleton  $k$  *realizes modulo listeners* bundle  $\Upsilon(\Theta, \rightarrow)$  if  $k$  realizes  $\Upsilon(\Theta', \rightarrow')$  and  $\Upsilon(\Theta, \rightarrow)$  is the result of removing full length listener strands, and adjusting the communication ordering  $\rightarrow$  appropriately.

The set of bundles denoted by preskeleton  $k$ ,  $\llbracket k \rrbracket$ , is:

$$\llbracket k_0 \rrbracket = \{ \Upsilon \mid k_0 \xrightarrow{\phi, \sigma} k_1 \text{ and } k_1 \text{ realizes modulo listeners } \Upsilon \}$$

A CPSA algorithm is *complete* if when given a preskeleton  $k_0$ , either the algorithm diverges, or else it terminates and produces a finite set of realized skeletons  $K$ , such that  $\llbracket k_0 \rrbracket = \bigcup_{k_1 \in K} \llbracket k_1 \rrbracket$ .

Let  $\longrightarrow$  be an irreflexive reduction relation on preskeletons. The relation  $\longrightarrow$  is *semantics preserving* if  $\llbracket k_0 \rrbracket = \bigcup_{k_1 \in \{k_1 \mid k_0 \longrightarrow k_1\}} \llbracket k_1 \rrbracket$ .

### 4.1 Dolev-Yao Example 1.3

The example has an initiator and responder role.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{init}(a, b: A, m: S) &= r(\langle +\{\{m\}_b, a\}_b, -\{\{m\}_a, b\}_a \rangle, \emptyset, \emptyset) \\ \mathit{resp}(a, b: A, m: \top) &= r(\langle -\{\{m\}_b, a\}_b, +\{\{m\}_a, b\}_a \rangle, \emptyset, \emptyset) \end{aligned}$$

The algebra for the initiator is generated from  $X$ , where  $X_\top = \emptyset$ ,  $X_S = \{m\}$ , and  $X_A = \{a, b\}$ , and the algebra for the responder is generated from  $Y$ , where  $Y_\top = \{m\}$ ,  $Y_S = \emptyset$ , and  $Y_A = \{a, b\}$ ,

An interesting point of view for analysis is to see if  $m$  is kept secret after the initiator sends its message. Let variable set  $Z = a, b: A, m: S$ . The initial scenario preskeleton is:

$k_Z(\langle \mathit{init}(a_0, b_0, m_0), \mathit{lsn}(x) \rangle,$	Role map
$\{\mathit{init}(a_0, b_0, m_0), \mathit{resp}(a_1, b_1, m_1), \mathit{lsn}(x)\},$	Protocol
$\langle \langle +\{\{m\}_b, a\}_b \rangle, \langle -m \rangle \rangle,$	Strands
$\emptyset,$	Node orderings
$\{a^{-1}, b^{-1}\},$	Non-origination
$\{m\})$	Unique origination

where the variable set that generates the algebra for the initiator role has been renamed so as to avoid conflicts with the variable set  $Z$  used by the preskeleton.

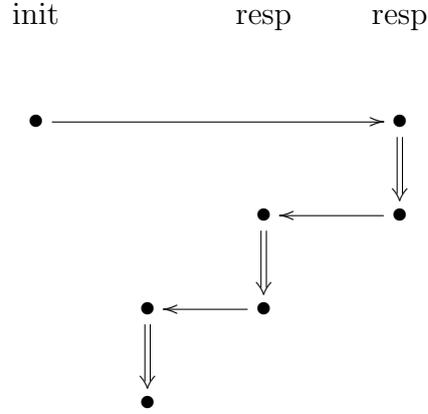


Figure 4: Dolev-Yao Example 1.3 Shape

CPSA determines  $m$  is not kept secret by producing the shape in Figure 4. The added strands in the shape are instances of responder roles. The strands in the shape are:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\langle +\{\{m\}_b, a\}_b \rangle \\
&\langle -m \rangle \\
&\langle -\{\{m\}_b, a'\}_b, +\{\{m\}_{a'}, b\}_{a'} \rangle \\
&\langle -\{\{\{m\}_b, a\}_b, a''\}_b, +\{\{\{m\}_b, a\}_{a''}, b\}_{a''} \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

The non-origination and unique origination assumptions are as they are in the initial scenario preskeleton. An interesting exercise left for the reader is to produce a bundle that is realized by the shape.

## 4.2 Exercise

Consider the following roles.

$$\begin{aligned}
init(a, b: A) &= r(\langle +(a, b), -(b, a) \rangle, \emptyset, \emptyset) \\
resp(a, b: A) &= r(\langle -(a, b), +(b, a) \rangle, \emptyset, \emptyset)
\end{aligned}$$

init          resp          resp

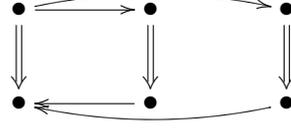


Figure 5: Exercise Skeleton

Let  $X = x, y: A$  and  $k = k_X(\langle \text{init}(a, b), \text{resp}(a, b), \text{resp}(a, b) \rangle, \{ \text{init}(a, b), \text{resp}(a, b) \}, \langle \langle + (x, y), - (y, x) \rangle, \langle - (x, y), + (y, x) \rangle, \langle - (x, y), + (y, x) \rangle \rangle, \text{Node ordering in Figure 5}, \emptyset, \emptyset)$

What is  $\llbracket k \rrbracket$ ?

One member is shown in Figure 6.

## 5 Penetrator Derivable Messages

To simplify notation, we write  $U_k$  to refer to  $U$  when  $k = k(\text{rl}, P, \Theta, \prec, N, U)$ , and similarly for the other components of preskeleton  $k$ .

This section specifies what the penetrator can derive in a skeleton at a given reception node. In the section on the adversary model, it is explained why the penetrator cannot use create roles for atoms in the what is called the exclusion set  $\mathbf{X}_k = N_k \cup \{t \mid t \in U_k, |\mathcal{O}_k(t)| = 1\}$ . At reception node  $n$ , the messages available to the penetrator due to message transmissions in the past are  $\mathbf{T}_k(n) = \{t \mid n' \prec_k n, \text{evt}_k(n') = +t\}$ . Therefore, for an algebra generated by  $X$ , the *public messages* available to the penetrator at node  $n$  are  $\mathbf{P}_k(n) = \mathbf{T}_k(n) \cup (\mathfrak{B} \setminus \mathbf{X}_k) \cup X_{\text{MSG}} \cup \text{TAGS}$ .



The penetrator roles derive messages.

$$\begin{aligned}
D^0(T) &= T \\
D^{n+1}(T) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (t_0, t_1) \mid t_0, t_1 \in D^n(T) \\ \{t_0\}_{t_1} \mid t_0, t_1 \in D^n(T) \\ t_0, t_1 \mid (t_0, t_1) \in D^n(T) \\ t_0 \mid \{t_0\}_{t_1}, \text{inv}(t_1) \in D^n(T) \end{array} \right\} \\
D(T) &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D^n
\end{aligned}$$

Here,  $\text{inv}(t_1)$  is defined to be  $t_1^{-1}$  if  $t_1 : \text{AKEY}$ , and  $\text{inv}(t_1)$  is otherwise defined to be  $t_1$  so long as  $t_1 \notin X_{\text{MSG}}$ . A message  $t$  is derivable from  $T$ , written  $T \vdash t$ , if  $t \in D(T)$ . A message  $t$  is derivable at node  $n$  if  $\mathbf{P}_k(n) \vdash t$ .

Sometimes we may be interested in separating the notion of available messages from the notion of the *context*, which defines the set of derivable keys.

$$\begin{aligned}
D^0(T, S) &= T \\
D^{n+1}(T, S) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (t_0, t_1) \mid t_0, t_1 \in D^n(T, S) \\ \{t_0\}_{t_1} \mid t_0, t_1 \in D^n(T, S) \\ t_0, t_1 \mid (t_0, t_1) \in D^n(T, S) \\ t_0 \mid \{t_0\}_{t_1} \in D^n(T, S), S \vdash \text{inv}(t_1) \end{array} \right\} \\
D(T) &= \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} D^n
\end{aligned}$$

In what follows, we find it useful to discuss the “minimum decryptions” available - that is, the messages we get by applying as much deconstruction as possible. We also are sometimes interested in this calculation when the set of messages available for deriving keys is distinct from the set of available messages. Let  $\rightarrow$  be a reduction relation on pairs of sets of messages defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\{(t_0, t_1)\} \cup T, S) &\rightarrow (\{t_0, t_1\} \cup T, S) \\
(\{\{t_0\}_{t_1}\} \cup T, S) &\rightarrow (\{t_0, \{t_0\}_{t_1}\} \cup T, S) \\
&\rightarrow \text{if } t_1^{-1} \in D(S) \text{ and } t_0 \notin T
\end{aligned}$$

The minimum decryption set  $(M(T, S), S)$  is the normal form of relation  $\rightarrow$ , i.e.  $(T, S) \rightarrow^* (M(T, S), S)$  and there is no  $(T', S')$  such that  $(M(T, S), S) \rightarrow (T', S')$ . Define  $M(T)$  to be  $M(T, T)$ , and define  $M(t, S)$  to be  $M(\{t\}, S)$ .

## 6 Authentication Tests

In a realized skeleton, the message at every reception node is derivable, but this is not so for an unrealized skeleton. A reception node that has a derivable message is called *realized*, and CPSA infers the existence of additional regular behavior by analyzing unrealized nodes.

It does so by identifying a so called critical message, a message carried by the node's message. The message is critical in the sense that the context in which it appears can only be explained by adding more regular strands, identifying messages, adding more constraints on node orderings, or various combinations of these actions.

Consider a reception node  $n$  that receives  $\{x\}_{k_0}$ , where critical message  $x$  is a uniquely originating symmetric key, and  $k_0$  is an asymmetric key. In this case,  $x$  is being used as a nonce, and not for encryption, an artifact of algebra simplification. Assume that  $+ \{x\}_{k_1}$  is the only event that precedes  $n$ , where  $k_1^{-1}$  is a non-originating asymmetric key. Message  $\{x\}_{k_0}$  is not derivable at  $n$ , because

$$\{\{x\}_{k_1}\} \cup (\mathfrak{B} \setminus \{x, k_1^{-1}\}) \cup X_{\text{MSG}} \not\vdash \{x\}_{k_0}.$$

CPSA might explain this reception by identifying messages  $k_0$  and  $k_1$ , or it might add a strand that receives  $\{x\}_{k_1}$  and transmits  $x$  before node  $n$  if a role permits this new behavior.

A critical message might also be an encryption. Continuing the previous example, suppose that  $k_0$  is non-originating, which makes  $\{x\}_{k_0}$  into a critical message. CPSA might explain this reception by identifying messages  $k_0$  and  $k_1$ , or it might add a strand that receives  $\{x\}_{k_1}$  and transmits  $\{x\}_{k_0}$  before node  $n$  if a role permits the new behavior.

We proceed with making the definition of a critical message precise by first considering the contexts of interest in which a critical message appears. For reception node  $n$ , the contexts are encryptions derived from the public messages at  $n$ ,  $\mathbf{P}(n)$ , that contain the critical message. Furthermore, the encryptions are members of the minimum decryption set  $M(\mathbf{P}(n))$  with undervivable decryption keys. The context is called an escape set.

**Definition 6.1** (Escape Set). Let  $S$  and  $S'$  be sets of public messages. The *escape set* for  $t$  in messages  $S$  in context  $S'$  is  $E(S, S', t) = \{\{t_0\}_{t_1} \in M(S, S') \mid t \sqsubseteq t_0 \wedge S \not\vdash t_1^{-1}\}$  when  $t \notin M(S, S')$ . Otherwise,  $E(S, S', t) = \{t\}$ .

We use the notation  $E(S, t)$  as shorthand for  $E(S, S, t)$ ; normally, the context is the set of messages.

The intuition is that, a message  $t_c$  that is carried by the message at  $n$  is critical when the contents of the escape set  $E(\mathbf{P}_n(k), t_c)$  cannot be used to derive  $mesg(n)$ . To do so, the penetrator would have to decrypt a member of the escape set, which by definition it is not allowed to do. A critical message is one that has escaped the protection of previously transmitted encryptions, and CPSA infers more regular behavior in response.

We continue with the task of with making the definition of a critical message precise by stating what it means for an escape set to protect a message. Suppose  $t$  is carried by  $t'$ , and  $S$  is a set of public messages. Furthermore, suppose that at every carried position at which  $t$  is carried in  $t'$ , a subterm containing  $t$  is a member of the escape set  $E(S, t)$ . In this case, we say that term  $t$  is carried only within  $E(S, t)$  in  $t'$ , and observe that the subterm containing  $t$  is derivable because every member of the escape set is derivable. There is nothing about the fact that  $t'$  carries  $t$  that can be used to infer more regular behavior. An essential property of a critical message is that it is not carried only with the escape set in the message received at an unrealized node. The precise definition of carried only within follows.

**Definition 6.2** (Ancestors). For  $t' = t @ p$ , the *ancestors* of  $t'$  in  $t$  at  $p$  is the set  $anc(t, p) = \{t @ p' \mid p' \text{ a prefix of } p\}$ .

**Definition 6.3** (Carried Only Within). Term  $t$  is *carried only within*  $T$  in  $t'$ , written  $cow(t, T, t')$ , if  $p \in carpos(t, t')$  implies  $anc(t', p) \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . Term  $t$  *escapes*  $T$  in  $t'$ , written  $ncow(t, T, t')$ , if  $\neg(cow(t, T, t'))$ , and therefore  $ncow(t, T, t') = \exists p. p \in carpos(t, t') \text{ such that } anc(t', p) \cap T = \emptyset$ .

**Lemma 6.1.** If for every  $u \in U$  we have that  $cow(t_c, T, u)$ , and we have that  $cow(t_c, U, t')$  then  $cow(t_c, T, t')$

*Proof.* Let  $p$  is a carried position of  $t_c$  in  $t'$ . There is some ancestor  $u_e \in anc(t', p)$  equivalent to a member of  $U$ . This ancestor  $u_e$  occurs at positions  $p'$  in  $t'$  where  $p'$  is a prefix of  $p$ . Let  $p = p' \hat{\ } p''$ ; then since  $cow(t_c, T, u_e)$  there is an ancestor  $t_e \in anc(u_e, p'')$  equivalent to a member of  $T$ . But  $t_e \in anc(t', p)$  so this occurrence of  $t_c$  is carried within  $T$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2.** For any set of messages  $S$ , If  $T_0 \subset T_1$  then for every  $t_c$ , for every  $t \in E(S, T_0, t_c)$ ,  $cow(t_c, E(S, T_1, t_c), t)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t \in E(S, T_0, t_c)$  and let  $p \in \text{carpos}(t_c, t)$ . Note that  $M(S, T_0) \subset D(S, T_1)$ , since the enlarged context allows for possibly some more decryptions to be done, but all decryptions that can be done with the smaller context can still be done.

If  $t$  is an atom, it must be  $t_c$ , and therefore,  $D(S, T_0) \vdash t_c$  so  $D(S, T_1) \vdash t_c$ , and  $t_c$  is a (non-proper) ancestor of itself.

Otherwise,  $t = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$ . Since  $t \in E(S, T_0, t_c)$ ,  $t \in M(S, T_0)$  and thus  $t \in M(S, T_1)$ . If  $T_1 \not\vdash t_1^{-1}$  then  $t \in E(S, T_1, t_c)$  and so  $p$  is carried within. Otherwise, one of two cases must happen: (1)  $\exists t' = \{t'_0\}_{t'_1}$  in  $\text{anc}(t, p)$  such that  $T_1 \not\vdash t'_1^{-1}$  or (2)  $t_c \in E(S, T_1, t_c)$ . In the latter case,  $t_c \in \text{anc}(t, p)$  so  $p$  is carried within. In the former case, assume  $t'$  is the largest such ancestor: then  $t' \in E(S, T_1, t_c)$  and  $t' \in \text{anc}(t, p)$ , so  $p$  is carried within.  $\square$

In particular, the previous two lemmas imply that if  $n' \prec n$  then for any set of messages  $S$ , and any  $t_c$  and any  $t'$ , if  $\text{cow}(t_c, E(S, \mathbf{P}_k(n'), t_c), t')$  then  $\text{cow}(t_c, E(S, \mathbf{P}_k(n), t_c), t')$ .

**Lemma 6.3.** Let  $S$  be a set of available messages and let  $t_c$  be a term such that either  $t_c$  is an atom or  $t_c = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  with  $S \not\vdash t_1$ . Then if  $S \vdash t$  and  $t_c \sqsubseteq t$ ,  $\text{cow}(t_c, E(S, t_c), t)$ .

*Proof.* If  $t$  is an atom, it cannot be derived from terms not carrying it. If  $t$  is an encryption, it can be derived from non-carrying terms only if its key is derivable.

Suppose  $t \in D^n(S)$ ; we prove the theorem by induction. For  $n = 0$ ,  $D^0(S) = M(S)$ . Suppose that  $t_c \sqsubseteq_p t$ . Then consider  $\text{anc}(t, p)$ —the encryptions on the path from  $t_c$  to  $t$ , including  $t_c$ . The minimal such encryption such that  $t_1^{-1}$  is not derivable from  $S$  will be in  $E(S, t_c)$ . Thus, any carried position of  $t_c$  within  $t$  is carried within  $E(S, t_c)$ .

Suppose  $t \in D^n(S)$  but  $t \notin D^{n-1}(S)$ . Then either  $t = (t_0, t_1)$  where  $t_0, t_1 \in D^{n-1}(S)$ , or  $t = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  where  $t_0, t_1 \in D^{n-1}(S)$ . In the former case, we must have that if  $t_c \sqsubseteq_p t$  then either  $p = 1 \wedge p'$  and  $t_c \sqsubseteq_{p'} t_0$ , or  $p = 2 \wedge p'$  and  $t_c \sqsubseteq_{p'} t_1$ . In either case, there is some ancestor of  $p$  which is an ancestor of  $p'$  within  $t_0$  or  $t_1$ , in  $E(S, t_c)$  by inductive assumption. The case for  $t = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  is similar but since only the plaintext of an encryption is carried, all carried positions are of the form  $1 \wedge p'$  where  $t_c \sqsubseteq_{p'} t_0$ .  $\square$

**Definition 6.4** (Target terms). Let  $T$  be a set of terms, and let  $t_c$  be a term. Then the set of *target terms* containing  $t_c$  within  $T$ , denoted  $\text{targ}(t_c, T)$  is the set  $\{t \mid \exists t' \in T : t_c \sqsubseteq t \sqsubseteq t' \text{ but } t \notin T\} \cup \{t_c\}$ .

A critical message may be either an atom or an encryption with an undervivable encryption key. A critical message cannot be derived from its subterms. Here we define the notion of a critical position:

**Definition 6.5** (Critical Position). Position  $p$  is a *critical position* of  $t$  in the context of public messages  $S$ , written  $p \in \text{critp}(S, t)$ , iff

1.  $p$  is a carried position in  $t$
2.  $t @ p$  is an atom or  $t @ p = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  and  $S \not\vdash t_1$ , and
3.  $\text{anc}(t, p) \cap E(S, t @ p) = \emptyset$ .

A critical message is  $t @ p$  where  $p$  is a critical position.

A critical message that is an atom is called a *nonce test*, and one that is an encryption is called an *encryption test*, and both types of tests are called an *authentication test*.

**Definition 6.6** (Test Node). Node  $n$  is a *test node* in  $k$  if  $\text{evt}_k(n) = -t$  and  $\text{critp}(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t) \neq \emptyset$ .

CPSA makes progress by solving a test. Suppose  $p$  is a critical position at  $n$  in  $k$ , i.e.  $\text{evt}_k(n) = -t$  and  $p \in \text{critp}(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t)$ , and suppose  $k \xrightarrow{\phi, \sigma} k'$ . Let  $T = E(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t @ p)$ ,  $T' = \sigma(T)$ ,  $n' = \phi(n)$ , and  $t' = \text{mesg}_{k'}(n')$ . Position  $p$  at  $n$  in  $k$  is *solved* in  $k'$ , written  $k \xrightarrow{n, p} k'$ , if there exists a  $(\phi, \sigma)$  such that:

1.  $\text{anc}(t', p) \cap T' \neq \emptyset$ , or
2. for some  $t_p \in \mathbf{T}_{k'}(n')$ ,  $\text{ncow}(t' @ p, T', t_p)$ , or
- 2a.  $\text{targ}(t'_c, T') \setminus \sigma(\text{targ}(t_c, T)) \neq \emptyset$ , or
3. for some  $\{t_0\}_{t_1} \in T'$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_{k'}(n') \vdash t_1^{-1}$ , or
4.  $t' @ p = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$ , and  $\mathbf{P}_{k'}(n') \vdash t_1$ .

In words, CPSA makes progress by a contraction (Item 1), where messages are identified, an augmentation (Item 2), where something is added to the escape set, or a listener augmentation (Item 3 and Item 4), where an assumption about the lack of the derivability of a key is shown to be invalid.

If solving a test is semantics preserving, and CPSA produces a finite set of skeletons that preserve the semantics at every step, CPSA will produce a set of realized skeletons that describe every possible bundle associated with an initial skeleton whenever CPSA terminates.

**Theorem 6.1.** For any skeleton  $k$  with an unrealized node  $n$  and a critical position  $p$  at  $n$  in  $k$ ,  $\llbracket k \rrbracket = \bigcup_{k' \in \{k' \mid k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'\}} \llbracket k' \rrbracket$ .

*Proof.* Let  $k$  be a skeleton in which  $n$  is an unrealized node, and  $t_c$  is a critical message at  $n$  in  $k$ . Let  $t$  be the message at  $n$ . Let  $k'$  be the skeleton of a bundle such that  $k \xrightarrow{\phi, \sigma} k'$ . Let  $n' = \phi(n)$ , let  $t' = \sigma(t)$ . Let  $T = E(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t @ p)$ , and let  $T' = \sigma(T)$ . Let  $S' = \mathbf{P}_{k'}(n')$ .

Let  $t_c = t @ p$  and  $t'_c = t' @ p$ . Because  $k'$  is the skeleton of a bundle, there is no critical message at  $n'$ . Therefore,  $t'_c$  is not a critical message at  $n'$  in  $k'$ . That is, there is no position  $p'$  such that  $t' @ p' = t'_c$  and  $p'$  is a critical position at  $n'$  in  $k'$ .

If  $t'_c = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  and  $S' \vdash t_1$  then by condition 4 of the solved definition,  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'$ .

Otherwise,  $\text{cow}(t'_c, E(S', t'_c), t')$ .

Suppose that  $\forall t_e \in E(S', t'_c)$ ,  $\text{cow}(t'_c, T', t_e)$ . Since we know  $\text{cow}(t'_c, E(S', t'_c), t')$ , by Lemma 6.1,  $\text{cow}(t'_c, T', t')$ . Thus, since  $t' @ p = t'_c$ ,  $\text{anc}(t', p) \cap T' \neq \emptyset$  and thus  $k \xrightarrow{n, t'_c} k'$  by condition (1) of the definition of solved.

Otherwise, there is some  $t_e \in E(S', t'_c)$  such that  $\text{ncow}(t'_c, T', t_e)$ . If  $t_e$  is not an encryption, it must be that  $E(S', t'_c) = \{t'_c\}$  and that  $t'_c$  is an atom. In this case, note that  $t'_c \in \mathbf{X}_{k'}$  because  $t_c \in \mathbf{X}_k$  and because  $(\phi, \sigma)$  is a homomorphism. Thus, regardless of whether  $t_e$  is an encryption or not,  $(\mathfrak{B} \setminus \mathbf{X}_k) \cup X_{\text{MMSG}} \not\vdash t_e$ , but since  $t_e \in E(S', t'_c)$ , we know that  $t_e \in M(S')$ . Therefore,  $t_e$  can be derived from some public message.

To make this precise, define  $M_0(t_p, S')$  recursively as follows:

- $t_p \in M_0(t_p, S')$ .
- If  $\{t_0\}_{t_1} \in M_0(t_p, S')$  and  $S' \vdash t_1^{-1}$  then  $t_0 \in M_0(t_p, S')$ .
- If  $(t_0, t_1) \in M_0(t_p, S')$  then  $t_0, t_1 \in M_0(t_p, S')$ .

Then define  $M(t_p, S')$  to be the all the non-pairs in  $M_0(t_p, S')$ .

In other words,  $M(t_p, S')$  is the portion of  $M(S')$  derivable from  $t_p$  using keys derivable from  $S'$ . It is clear that  $M(S') = M((\mathfrak{B} \setminus \mathbf{X}_k) \cup X_{\text{MMSG}}) \cup_{t_p \in \mathbf{T}_{k'}(n')} M(t_p, S')$ . So let  $t_p$  be such that  $t_e \in M(t_p, S')$ .

Define  $q$  to be a position such that  $t_p @ q = t_e$  and such that for every proper prefix  $q''$  of  $q$ , either  $t_p @ q''$  is a pair, or  $t_p @ q'' = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  where  $S' \vdash t_1^{-1}$  and where  $q'' \frown 1$  is also a prefix of  $q$ . In other words, let  $q$  be a position at

which  $t_e$  is carried in  $t_p$  and derivable. We know such a  $q$  must exist because  $t_e \in M(t_p, S')$ .

Since  $ncow(t'_c, T', t_e)$ , let  $q'$  be a carried position of  $t'_c$  within  $t_e$  such that no ancestor is in  $T'$ . Consider position  $q \hat{\ } q'$ . If there is some position  $q \hat{\ } q''$  for  $q''$  a prefix of  $q'$  such that  $t_p @ q \hat{\ } q''$  is in  $T'$  then the same could be said of  $t_e @ q''$ , but this would be a contradiction. So either there is no ancestor in  $anc(t_p, q \hat{\ } q')$  equivalent to a member of  $T'$  (in which case  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'$  by condition (2) of the definition of solved), or there is some position  $q''$  such that  $t_p @ q''$  is equivalent to some  $u \in T'$ . By our choice of  $q$ , and by the fact that any such  $u$  must necessarily be an encryption<sup>1</sup>, it follows that  $u = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  where  $S' \vdash t_1^{-1}$ . In this case,  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'$  by condition (3) of the definition of solved.

Thus allows us to conclude that for every bundle  $\Upsilon$  denoted by  $k$ , there is a skeleton  $k'$ , namely, the skeleton of  $\Upsilon$ , such that  $k \xrightarrow{n,t_c} k'$ . Since  $\Upsilon$  is denoted by  $k'$ , this proves that  $\llbracket k \rrbracket \subseteq \bigcup_{k' \in \{k' \mid k \xrightarrow{n,t_c} k'\}} \llbracket k' \rrbracket$ . The other direction is far simpler: we just note that for each  $k'$  such that  $k \xrightarrow{n,t_c} k'$ , there is a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $k'$ , so the set of bundles denoted by  $k'$  is a subset of those denoted by  $k$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 7 Test Solving Algorithm

*Intro text missing.*

### 7.1 Primitive Preskeleton Operators

There are four primitive operators on preskeletons used by CPSA to solve authentication tests. Each operator is a partial map from preskeletons to preskeletons.

**Definition 7.1** (Substitution Operator). For order-sorted substitution  $\sigma: X \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_Y$ , the operator  $\mathbb{S}_\sigma$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{S}_\sigma(\mathbf{k}_X(rl, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)) = \\ \mathbf{k}_Y(rl, P, s \mapsto \sigma \circ \Theta_X(s), \prec, \sigma(N), \sigma(U)) \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>The only case in which a value in  $T'$  is not an encryption is when  $t_c \in M(S)$  and  $t_c$  is an atom, which we know is false here.

For  $k' = \mathbb{S}_\sigma(k)$ , there is a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $k'$  only if for all  $t \in U_k$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_k(t) \subseteq \mathcal{O}_{k'}(\sigma(t))$ .

**Definition 7.2** (Compression Operator). For distinct strands  $s$  and  $s'$ , operator  $\mathbb{C}_{s,s'}$  compresses strand  $s$  into  $s'$ .

$$\mathbb{C}_{s,s'}(\mathbf{k}_X(\mathit{rl}, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)) = \mathbf{k}_X(\mathit{rl} \circ \phi'_s, P, \Theta_X \circ \phi'_s, \prec', N, U)$$

where

$$\phi'_s(j) = \begin{cases} j + 1 & \text{if } j \geq s \\ j & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

relation  $\prec'$  is the transitive closure of  $\phi_{s,s'}(\prec)$ , and

$$\phi_{s,s'}(j) = \begin{cases} \phi_s(s') & \text{if } j = s \\ \phi_s(j) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\phi_s(j) = \begin{cases} j - 1 & \text{if } j > s \\ j & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The compression operator is only used when  $\Theta_X(s)$  is a prefix of  $\Theta_X(s')$ , and when there is a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $\mathbb{C}_{s,s'}(k)$ . Note that the compression operator is defined only when relation  $\prec'$  is asymmetric, and that  $\phi_{s,s'} \circ \phi'_s = \phi_{\text{id}}$ .

**Definition 7.3** (Ordering Enrichment Operator). Operator  $\mathbb{E}(k)$  enriches  $\prec_k$  by adding all elements implied by unique origination.

The ordering enrichment operator is total and idempotent.

**Definition 7.4** (Augmentation Operator). For node  $n$ , role  $r$ , and trace  $C$ , operator  $\mathbb{A}_{n,r,C}$  is:

$$\mathbb{A}_{n,r,C}(\mathbf{k}_X(\mathit{rl}, P, \Theta_X, \prec, N, U)) = \mathbf{k}_{X'}(\mathit{rl} \hat{\wedge} r, P, \Theta_X(s) \hat{\wedge} C, \prec', N', U')$$

where  $X'$  is  $X$  extended to include the variables in  $C$ ,  $\prec'$  is the minimal extension of  $\prec$  such that  $(|\Theta_X| + 1, |C|) \prec' n$ ,  $N'$  is  $N$  extended with non-origination assumptions inherited from  $r$  by  $C$ , and likewise for  $U'$ .

## 7.2 Hulling Step

For preskeleton  $k = \mathbf{k}(-, -, \Theta_k, -, -, U_k)$ , assume  $t \in U_k$  originates on distinct strands  $s$  and  $s'$ , and the height of  $s$  is no greater than the height of  $s'$ . Operator  $\mathbb{H}_{s,s'} = \mathbb{C}_{s,s'} \circ \mathbb{S}_\sigma$  is a hulling step if there is a most general unifier  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma \circ \Theta_k(s) = \sigma \circ \Theta_k(s')|_h$  with  $h = |\Theta_k(s)|$ , and there is a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $\mathbb{H}_{s,s'}(k)$ .

## 7.3 Pruning Step

For preskeleton  $k = \mathbf{k}(-, -, \Theta_k, -, -, U_k)$ , assume strands  $s$  and  $s'$  are distinct, and the height of  $s$  is no greater than the height of  $s'$ . Operator  $\mathbb{P}_{s,s'} = \mathbb{C}_{s,s'} \circ \mathbb{S}_\sigma$  is a pruning step if there is a sort preserving variable renaming  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma \circ \Theta_k(s) = \Theta_k(s')|_h$  with  $h = |\Theta_k(s)|$ , and two homomorphisms. Let  $k' = \mathbb{P}_{s,s'}(k)$  and  $\phi = \phi_{s,s'}$ . The required homomorphisms are  $k \xrightarrow{\phi, \sigma} k'$  and  $k' \xrightarrow{\phi', \sigma'} k$  such that  $\phi \circ \phi' = \phi_{\text{id}}$  and  $\sigma \circ \sigma' = \sigma_{\text{id}}$ .

## 7.4 Augmentation Step

An augmentation step is used to add a strand to a skeleton. An augmentation step has the form  $k \mapsto \mathbb{H}_k(\mathbb{A}_{n,r,C}(\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k)))$ , where  $\mathbb{H}_k$  is a slight variation on a hulling step. For now, ignore augmentation parameters  $n$ ,  $r$ ,  $C$ , and  $\sigma$ , and focus on  $\mathbb{H}_k$ . Let  $k' = \mathbb{H}_k(\mathbb{A}_{n,r,C}(\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k)))$ . An augmentation step is defined only if there is a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $k'$ . Operator  $\mathbb{H}_k$  always focuses on the added strand, and does not require that nodes at which a uniquely originating atom originates on the added strand is preserved. In other words, for  $k' = \mathbb{H}_k(k'')$ ,  $\mathbb{H}_k$  requires there be a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $k'$ , but not one from  $k''$  to  $k'$ . There also must be a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k)$ .

Suppose skeleton  $k = \mathbf{k}_X(-, P, -, -, -, -)$  has a critical position  $p$  at node  $n$ , and  $t_c = \text{msg}_k(n) @ p$  is the critical message. CPSA computes the parameters for a set of augmentation steps as follows. First, compute the target messages. Let  $T_e = E(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t_c)$ . The target messages are  $\text{targ}(t_c, T_e)$ . Next, for each  $r_Y(C, N, U) \in P$  and each index  $h$  where  $C(h) = +t$ , a transmission, do the following.

**Create fresh variables:** Let  $\sigma_r$  be a sort preserving variable renaming, where the domain is the variables that occur in  $C|_h$ , and every variable in the range does not occur in  $\text{Vars}(X)$  or  $\text{Vars}(P)$ .

**Insert critical message:** For each message  $t'$  carried by  $t$ , and each  $t_t \in \text{targ}(t_c, T_e)$ , consider most general unifiers  $\sigma'$  where,  $\sigma'(t') = \sigma'(t_t)$  and  $\sigma_r \sqsubseteq \sigma'$ .

**Ensure previous events do not transform:** For each  $\sigma'$ , find most general unifiers  $\sigma$  such that for  $1 \leq i < h$ ,  $\text{cow}(\sigma(t_c), \sigma(T_e), \sigma(C(i)))$  and  $\sigma' \sqsubseteq \sigma$ . Let  $S_{r,h}$  be a set of substitutions  $\sigma$  with non-most general unifiers removed.

**Ensure last event transforms:** For each  $\sigma \in S_{r,h}$ , if  $\text{ncow}(\sigma(t_c), \sigma(T_e), \sigma(C(h)))$ , try augmenting with parameters  $n, r, \sigma \circ C|_h$ , and  $\sigma$ .

## 7.5 Preskeleton Reductions

Function  $\text{skel}$  is a partial function that maps preskeletons to pruned skeletons. If given a preskeleton  $k$  where some uniquely originating atoms originate more than once,  $\text{skel}$  applies hulling steps so as to eliminate uniquely originating atoms that originate more than once or is undefined. Otherwise, it applies the ordering enrichment operator once to produce a skeleton. Finally, it applies as many pruning steps as is possible to produce a skeleton that is pruned subject to restriction that only pairs of strands are considered.

## 7.6 Test Solving Reductions

Suppose  $k$  is a skeleton with a critical position  $p$  at node  $n$ . Let  $-t = \text{evt}_k(n)$ ,  $t_c = t @ p$ , and  $T_e = E(\mathbf{P}_k(n), t_c)$ . Skeleton  $k$  reduces to  $k'$ , written  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'$ , if position  $p$  at  $n$  in  $k$  is solved in  $k'$  and one of four cases hold.

**Contraction:**  $k' = \text{skel}(\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k))$ , where  $\sigma$  is a most general unifier such that for some  $t_a \in \text{anc}(t, p)$  and  $t_e \in T_e$ ,  $\sigma(t_a) = \sigma(t_e)$ . There must be a homomorphism from  $k$  to  $\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k)$ .

**Augmentation:**  $k' = \text{skel}(\mathbb{H}_k(\mathbb{A}_{n,r,C}(\mathbb{S}_\sigma(k))))$ , where  $n, r, C$ , and  $\sigma$  are as described in Section 7.4.

**Escape set listeners:** For  $t_e \in T_E$ , if  $t_e = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  and  $C = \langle -t_1^{-1}, +t_1^{-1} \rangle$  then  $k' = \text{skel}(\mathbb{A}_{n,lsn,C}(k))$ .

**Critical message listener:** If  $t_c = \{t_0\}_{t_1}$  then  $k' = \text{skel}(\mathbb{A}_{n,lsn,\langle -t_1, +t_1 \rangle}(k))$ .

**Conjecture 7.1** (Authentication Solving Algorithm Complete). Suppose  $k$  is a skeleton with a critical position  $p$  at node  $n$ , and  $p$  at  $n$  in  $k$  is solved in skeleton  $k'$ , i.e.  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k'$ . Then there exists a skeleton  $k''$ , strand map  $\phi$ , and substitution  $\sigma$  such that  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k''$ , and  $k'' \xrightarrow{\phi,\sigma} k'$ .

The proof appears to be too hard. Instead we focus on the following conjecture.

**Definition 7.5** (Listener expanded bundle). Let bundle  $\Upsilon$  be a run of protocol. Its *listener expanded bundle* is  $lsn(\Upsilon)$ , which is  $\Upsilon$  after inserting a listener after every message transmitted by a non-listener strand.

**Conjecture 7.2.** Suppose  $k$  is a skeleton with a critical position  $p$  at node  $n$ . For all  $\Upsilon \in \llbracket k \rrbracket$  and the  $k'$  that realizes  $lsn(\Upsilon)$ , there exists a skeleton  $k''$ , strand map  $\phi$ , and substitution  $\sigma$  such that  $k \xrightarrow{n,p} k''$ , and  $k'' \xrightarrow{\phi,\sigma} k'$ .

## A Old Stuff

**Proposition A.1.** A reception node is a test node iff it is unrealized, alternatively  $S \vdash t$  iff  $crit(S, t) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* We show that  $S \vdash t$  iff  $eo(S, t) = \emptyset$ , where  $eo(S, t)$  is defined below, and then apply a theorem by Paul Rowe that states that  $eo(S, t) = \emptyset$  iff  $crit(S, t) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

**Definition A.1** (Essential obstructions). Let  $S$  be a set of public messages. The *essential obstructions* for  $t$  in the context of  $S$  is  $eo(S, t)$ , where

$$eo(S, t) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } t \in M(S), \text{ else} \\ eo(S, t_0) \cup eo(S, t_1) & \text{if } t = (t_0, t_1), \text{ else} \\ eo(S, t_0) & \text{if } t = \{t_0\}_{t_1} \text{ and } S \vdash t_1, \text{ else} \\ \{t\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Paul Rowe showed the relation between essential obstructions and critical messages is

$$eo(S, t) = \{t_0 \in crit(S, t) \mid \exists p. t_0 = t @ p \wedge anc(t, p) \cap crit(S, t) = \emptyset\}.$$

**Proposition A.2.**  $S \vdash t$  iff  $eo(S, t) = \emptyset$ .

*Proof.* The cases in Definition A.1 follow the cases for constructing messages in Section 5. The first case corresponds to showing that  $S \vdash t$  with  $t \in D^0$ . The second case corresponds to showing that  $S \vdash (t_0, t_1)$  by finding an  $n$  such that  $t_0, t_1 \in D^n$ . The third case is the same, but for an encryption.  $\square$

## B Unification in a Many-Sorted Algebra

Unification in the Simple Crypto Order-Sorted Algebra can be implemented using the unsorted unification algorithm from Laurence Paulson’s “ML for the Working Programmer” in a many-sorted algebra isomorphic to the order-sorted algebra, with a modification to handle an equation. See Figure 7.

### Signature:

Sorts:	$\top, S,$ and $A$	
Operations:	$s : S \rightarrow \top$	Symmetric key inclusion
	$a : A \rightarrow \top$	Asymmetric key inclusion
	$(\cdot, \cdot) : \top \times \top \rightarrow \top$	Pairing
	$\{\cdot\}_{(\cdot)} : \top \times S \rightarrow \top$	Symmetric encryption
	$\{\cdot\}_{(\cdot)} : \top \times A \rightarrow \top$	Asymmetric encryption
	$(\cdot)^{-1} : S \rightarrow S$	Symmetric key inverse
	$(\cdot)^{-1} : A \rightarrow A$	Asymmetric key inverse

**Equations:** for  $x : S$ ,  $x^{-1} \approx x$ , and for  $y : A$ ,  $(y^{-1})^{-1} \approx y$

**Translation:**  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$  maps an order-sorted term to a many-sorted term

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t \in X_{\top} \\ s(t) & \text{if } t \in X_S \\ \llbracket t_0 \rrbracket & \text{if } t = t_0^{-1} \text{ and } t_0 : S \\ a(t) & \text{if } t \in X_A \\ a(x^{-1}) & \text{if } t = x^{-1} \text{ and } x \in X_A \\ \llbracket t_0 \rrbracket & \text{if } t = (t_0^{-1})^{-1} \text{ and } t_0 : A \\ (\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket, \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket) & \text{if } t = (t_0, t_1) \\ \{\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket\}_{\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket} & \text{if } t = \{t_0\}_{t_1} \end{cases}$$

**Canonical Terms:** BNF

$$\begin{aligned} T &\leftarrow X_{\top} \mid S \mid A \mid (T, T) \mid \{T\}_S \mid \{T\}_A \\ S &\leftarrow s(X_S) \\ A &\leftarrow a(X_A) \mid a(X_A^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{unify}(\ell, t, t') = \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, \text{chase}(\ell, t), \text{chase}(\ell, t'))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{chase}(\ell, x) = & \\ & \text{let } t = \text{lookup}(x, \ell) \text{ in} \\ & \text{if } x = t \text{ then } x \text{ else } \text{chase}(\ell, t) \\ \text{chase}(\ell, t^{-1}) = & \text{chase\_invk}(\ell, t) \quad (!) \\ \text{chase}(\ell, t) = & t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{chase\_invk}(\ell, x) = & \quad (!) \\ & \text{let } t = \text{lookup}(x, \ell) \text{ in} \quad (!) \\ & \text{if } x = t \text{ then } x^{-1} \text{ else } \text{chase\_invk}(\ell, t) \quad (!) \\ \text{chase\_invk}(\ell, t^{-1}) = & \text{chase}(\ell, t) \quad (!) \\ \text{chase\_invk}(\ell, t) = & t^{-1} \quad (!) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lookup}(x, \langle \rangle) = & x \\ \text{lookup}(x, (y, t) :: \ell) = & \text{if } x = y \text{ then } t \text{ else } \text{lookup}(x, \ell) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, x, x) = & \ell \\ \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, x, t) = & \text{if } \text{occurs}(x, t) \text{ then raise failure else } (x, t) :: \ell \\ \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, t, x) = & \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, x, t) \\ \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, f(t, \dots), f(t', \dots)) = & \text{unify\_list}(\ell, \langle t, \dots \rangle, \langle t', \dots \rangle) \\ \text{unify\_aux}(\ell, t, t') = & \text{raise failure} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unify\_list}(\ell, \langle \rangle, \langle \rangle) = & \ell \\ \text{unify\_list}(\ell, t :: u, t' :: u') = & \text{unify\_list}(\text{unify}(\ell, t, t'), u, u') \\ \text{unify\_list}(\ell, u, u') = & \text{raise failure} \end{aligned}$$

Figure 7: Unifier

Sorts:	$\top, S, A,$ and $E$ , where $S < \top, A < \top,$ and $E < \top$
Operations:	$(\cdot, \cdot) : \top \times \top \rightarrow \top$ Pairing $\{\cdot\}_{(\cdot)} : \top \times S \rightarrow \top$ Symmetric encryption $\{\cdot\}_{(\cdot)} : \top \times A \rightarrow \top$ Asymmetric encryption $\text{inv} : S \rightarrow S$ Symmetric key inverse $\text{inv} : A \rightarrow A$ Asymmetric key inverse $g : S$ Generator $(\cdot)^{(\cdot)} : S \times E \rightarrow S$ Exponentiation $(\cdot\cdot) : E \times E \rightarrow E$ Multiplication $(1/\cdot) : E \rightarrow E$ Reciprocal $1 : E$ Identity

Figure 8: Simple Diffie-Hellman Algebra Signature

$$\begin{array}{lll}
x(yz) \approx (xy)z & xy \approx yx & 1x \approx x \\
x(1/x) \approx 1 & (h^x)^y \approx h^{xy} & h^1 \approx h \\
\text{inv}(h) \approx h & \text{inv}(\text{inv}(a)) \approx a &
\end{array}$$

where  $a : A, h : S,$  and  $x, y, z : E$

Figure 9: Simple Diffie-Hellman Algebra Equations

## C Simple Diffie-Hellman Algebra

*This section will discuss the algebra whose signature is given in Figure 8 and equations are given in Figure 9.*

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