# A Core Calculus for Equational Proofs of Cryptographic Protocols

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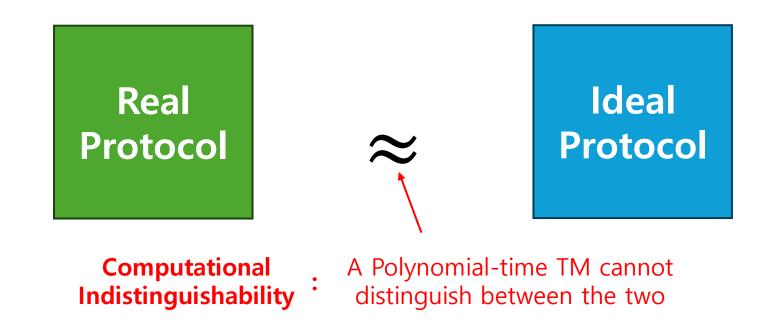
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  - Computational security subsumes symbolic security
    - Symbolic security models attackers by specifying what attackers can do
    - Computational security models attackers by specifying what attackers cannot do

### Literature

- How to prove computational security?
  - Manual Proof by cryptographers > Theorem Proving > Model Checking
  - De facto standard for TP: Universal Composability (UC)



# Universal Composability

- Pros: Composability
- Cons: Scalability

$$\pi = R_1 + H_1 \approx R_1 + H_1' = \dots = R_k + H_k \approx R_k + H_k' = Ideal$$

- = : exact equivalence (bisimulation)
- ≈ : *approximate* equivalence
  - (computational indistinguishability <u>assumption</u>)

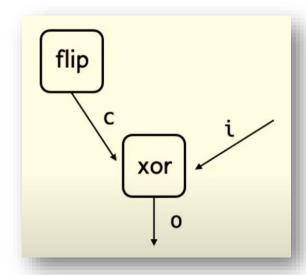
## Contribution

- IPDL (Interactive Probabilistic Dependency Logic)
  - Protocol description language
    - for distributed, interactive message-passing cryptographic protocols
  - Equational logic for  $= \& \approx$ 
    - sound w.r.t computational model (i.e.  $P \approx Q$  implies  $P \approx Q$ )
    - does not require explicit bisimulation
- This paper introduces IPDL & mechanizes it in Coq

# IPDL: Basic Syntax

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Channels i, o, c Reactions R, S ::= ret (e) \mid \text{samp } (D) \mid \text{read } c \mid \text{ if } e \text{ then } R_1 \text{ else } R_2 \mid x : \tau \leftarrow R; S Protocols P, Q ::= o \coloneqq R \mid P \mid\mid Q \mid \text{new } o : \tau \text{ in } P
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P[i, o] :=
   new c in
   c ::= samp flip()
   ||
   o ::=
        x <- read c;
        y <- read i;
        ret (x xor y)</pre>
```



**Goal: Prove the Exact Equivalence** 

**Real Protocol** 

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash P : I \to O}{\Delta \vdash P = Q : I \to O} \xrightarrow{\Delta \vdash P_1 = P_2 : I \to O} \text{SYM}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash P_1 = P_2 : I \to O}{\Delta \vdash P_2 = P_3 : I \to O} \xrightarrow{\text{TRANS}} \text{TRANS}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \theta : \Delta_1 \to \Delta_2 \qquad \Delta_1 \vdash P = Q : I \to O}{\Delta_2 \vdash \theta^*(P) = \theta^*(Q) : \theta^*(I) \to \theta^*(O)} \xrightarrow{\text{EMBED}} \frac{(\Delta \vdash P = Q : I \to O) \in \mathbb{T}_=}{\Delta \vdash P = Q : I \to O} \xrightarrow{\text{AXIOM}}$$

$$\frac{o: \tau \in \Delta \qquad \Delta; \ \cdot \vdash R = R': I \cup \{o\} \to \tau}{\Delta \vdash (o \coloneqq R) = (o \coloneqq R'): I \to \{o\}} \text{ cong-react}$$

$$\frac{i \notin I, O \qquad \Delta \vdash P = Q : I \to O}{\Delta \vdash P = Q : I \cup \{i\} \to O}$$
 Input-unused

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash P = P' : I \cup O_2 \to O_1 \qquad \Delta \vdash Q : I \cup O_1 \to O_2}{\Delta \vdash P \mid\mid Q = P' \mid\mid Q : I \to O_1 \cup O_2} \text{ cong-comp-left}$$

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\frac{o:B \quad \Delta; \ \cdot \vdash R:I \cup \{o\} \rightarrow \tau \quad \Delta; \ x:\tau \vdash S:I \cup \{o\} \rightarrow B}{\Delta \vdash (\mathsf{new} \ c:\tau \ \mathsf{in} \ o \coloneqq x:\tau \leftarrow \mathsf{read} \ c;S \ || \ c \coloneqq R) = (o \coloneqq x:\tau \leftarrow R;S):I \rightarrow \{o\}} \ ^{\mathsf{FOLD-BIND}}
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only sound when c is used linearly!

**Real Protocol** 

reactions form a commutative monad

axiom for exact equivalence : flip() = flip() xor y

#### **axiom** for exact equivalence:

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1) y xor y = 0
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2) x x or 0 = x

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y <- read i;
x <- samp flip();
ret ((x xor y) xor y)</pre>
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```
_ <- read i;
samp flip()</pre>
```

**Ideal Protocol** 

# Computational Security, Intuitively

- How to define the computational security  $P \approx Q : I \rightarrow O$ ?
- by Security Game b/w adversary & protocol:
  - for each round:
    - adversary gives input
    - protocol returns output
  - adversary guesses P / Q
- If  $P = Q : I \rightarrow O$ , Pr(adv. wins) = 0.5, for any adv.
- If  $P \approx Q : I \rightarrow O$ , Pr(adv. wins) = 0.5 +  $\epsilon$ , for polynomial adv.

# Modeling Computational Adversaries

Definition 4.5 ( $\Delta$ -Distinguisher). Given an interpretation I, A (I,  $\Delta$ , I, O)-distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$  is a triple of probabilistic algorithms ( $\mathcal{A}_{\text{step}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{out}}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{decide}}$ ) where:

- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{step}}: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^* \times \text{Query}_{I,\Delta,I,O}$  takes input a state s (encoded as a bitstring), and returns a new state and a query;
- $\mathcal{A}_{\text{out}}: \{0,1\}^* \times (o:O) \times (1+\{0,1\}^{\llbracket \Delta(o) \rrbracket^I}) \to \{0,1\}^*$  takes a state s, a channel o, an optional value v for o, and returns a new state; and
- $\mathcal{A}_{decide}: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}$  takes a state and returns a single bit.

Distinguishers and Interactions. Let I be an interpretation for  $\Sigma$ . Then, given channel sets I, O for channel context  $\Delta$ , we define the set Query $_{I,\Delta,I,O}$  to be:

$$Query_{I,\Delta,I,O} := \{ Input(i,v) \mid i \in I, v \in \{0,1\}^{[\![\Delta(i)]\!]^I} \} \} \cup \{ Get(o), o \in O \} \cup \{ Step \}.$$

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Algorithm \mathcal{A}^k(P^I):
s := \epsilon
For k rounds:
  (s',q) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_{\text{step}}(s)
 s := s'
  If q = Input(i, v):
   P := P[\operatorname{read} i := \operatorname{ret}(v)]
  If q = Get(o):
   If (o := v) \in P for some v := v
     s := \mathcal{A}_{out}(s, o, Some(v))
   Else:
     s := \mathcal{A}_{out}(s, o, None)
 P \leftarrow \eta, where P \downarrow_I \eta
return \mathcal{A}_{decide}(s)
```

Fig. 9. Interaction of IPDL program  $\Delta \vdash P : I \to O$  with k-bounded  $(I, \Delta, I, O)$  distinguisher  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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// update state
// give input to P
// get output from P
      // output may or may not be available
      // either way, update the state accordingly
// evaluate P as much as possible
```

# Probabilistic Poly-time Adversary

Definition 4.6 (k-Bounded Distinguisher). A  $(I, \Delta, I, O)$ -distinguisher is k-bounded when its algorithms  $(\mathcal{A}_{\text{step}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{out}}, \mathcal{A}_{\text{decide}})$  all run in at most k time steps.

Definition 4.8 (PPT Distinguishers). Let  $\{I_{\lambda}\}$  be a family of interpretations for  $\Sigma$ , indexed by natural numbers  $\lambda$ . Additionally, let  $\{\Delta_{\lambda}, I_{\lambda}, O_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda}$  be a family of channel contexts  $\Delta_{\lambda}$  and channel sets for  $\Delta_{\lambda}$ . Then a PPT distinguisher for  $\{\Delta_{\lambda}, I_{\lambda}, O_{\lambda}\}$  is a family  $\{\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  is a  $(I_{\lambda}, \Delta_{\lambda}, I_{\lambda}, O_{\lambda})$ -distinguisher, along with a polynomial p such that  $\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}$  is  $p(\lambda)$ -bounded for all  $\lambda$ .

# Computational Security, Formally

Definition 4.11 (Approximate Equivalence). Let  $\Delta_{\lambda} \vdash P_{\lambda} : I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}$  and  $\Delta_{\lambda} \vdash Q_{\lambda} : I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}$  be two families of IPDL protocols with identical typing judgments. Then, we say that  $P_{\lambda}$  and  $Q_{\lambda}$  are *indistinguishable* under PPT interpretation, written  $I_{\lambda}$ ;  $\Delta_{\lambda} \models P_{\lambda} \approx_{\lambda} Q_{\lambda} : I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}$ , when:  $|\Delta_{\lambda}|$  is bounded by a polynomial in  $\lambda$ ; and for any PPT family of program contexts  $\{C_{\lambda} : (\Delta_{\lambda} \vdash I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}) \to (\Delta'_{\lambda} \vdash I'_{\lambda} \to O'_{\lambda})\}$ , and for all PPT families of distinguishers  $\{\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}\}$  for  $\{\Delta'_{\lambda}, I_{\lambda}, O_{\lambda}\}$  bounded by  $p(\cdot)$ , there exists a negligible function  $\varepsilon$  such that

$$|\Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}^{p(\lambda)}(C_{\lambda}(P_{\lambda})^{I_{\lambda}})] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}_{\lambda}^{p(\lambda)}(C_{\lambda}(Q_{\lambda})^{I_{\lambda}})]| \leq \varepsilon(\lambda).$$

Recall that a negligible function  $\varepsilon : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Q}$  is one that is eventually smaller than the inverse of any polynomial:  $\forall K, \exists N, \forall n > N, \varepsilon(n) < \frac{1}{n^K}$ 

$$\Delta \vdash P_1 \approx_{\lambda}^{(k,l)} P_2 : I \to O$$

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TRANS

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# Recall: Universal Composability

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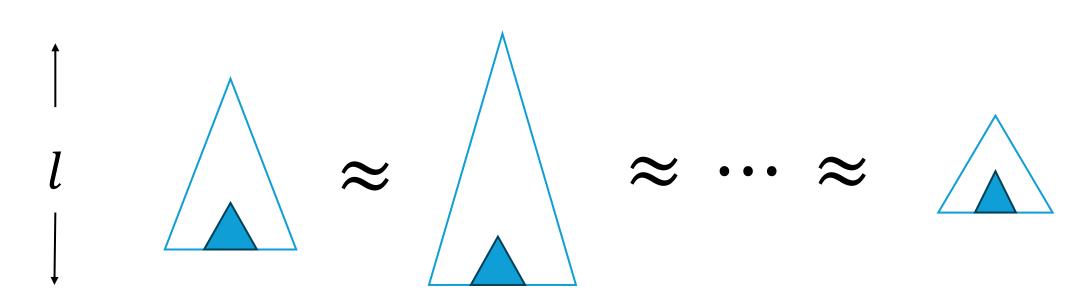
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- BUT!
- What if axioms are used exponentially many times in the proof?
- Then the equational logic is no longer sound! (why?)

# Judgment for Approximate Equivalence

$$\Delta \vdash P_1 \approx_{\lambda}^{(k,l)} P_2 : I \to O$$

 $\leftarrow$  k  $\longrightarrow$ 



#### focus on how (k, l)' s are updated!

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash_{\Sigma, \mathbb{T}} P = Q : I \to O}{\Delta \vdash_{P} \vdash_{\lambda}^{(k,l)} P_{2} : I \to O} \qquad \frac{\Delta \vdash_{\Sigma, \mathbb{T}} P = Q : I \to O}{\Delta \vdash_{P} \vdash_{\lambda}^{(0,0)} Q : I \to O} \text{STRICT}$$

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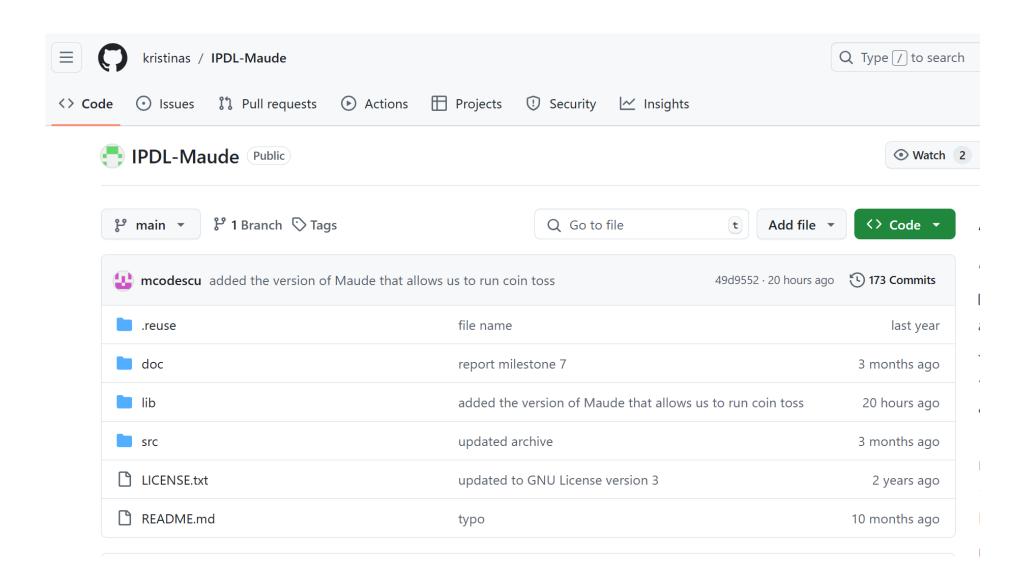
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## Soundness of IPDL

Theorem 4.17 (Soundness theorem for the approximate equality of IPDL protocols). Let  $\Sigma$  be an IPDL signature, and let  $\mathbb{T}_=$  and  $\mathbb{T}_\approx$  be sound exact and approximate theories with respect to a PPT interpretation  $\{I_{\lambda}\}$ . If  $\vdash \{\Delta_{\lambda} \vdash P_{\lambda} \approx_{\lambda} Q_{\lambda} : I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}\}$ , then  $I_{\lambda}$ ;  $\Delta_{\lambda} \models P_{\lambda} \approx_{\lambda} Q_{\lambda} : I_{\lambda} \to O_{\lambda}$ .









Tue 3/12/2024 4:24 PM

Dear Mihai Codescu,

To: Mihai.Codescu@imar.ro

Hello, I am Byoungho Son, and I study things related to rewriting logic.

Recently, I found out your project IPDL-Maude on github,

and I took a look at the original paper from POPL 2023.

I was wondering, what was the motivation for using Maude while there is already a Coq implementation of IPDL?

Would there be any advantage of Maude over Coq?

I'd appreciate if you could enlighten me:)

Best,

Byoungho

Wed 3/13/2024 3:58 AM

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and I too

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Dear Byoungho,

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thank you for your interest.

Best,

Byoungh

I have chosen Maude because of my background and previous experience with it, and because I found it appropriate for the task of implementing a term rewriting system. In retrospect, I think it was a good idea. First, it provides a more natural way of specifying the typing and equality rules of IPDL - this is a subjective judgement from someone who isn't a type theorist, but we had this feedback from a cryptographer as well. Second, as you may have seen we are relying heavily on the strategy language for Maude. This allows us to write shorter proofs than in Coq, and we plan to implement a concrete syntax that will hide some Maude technicalities from the user, making the proofs even shorter. Finally, the proofs are not only shorter, but also faster. For a case study that took about 2000 lines of code and about 4 seconds in Coq, we have a Maude variant that takes about 160 lines of code and about 0.3 seconds. I know of a project that moved from Maude to Haskell for performance issues, but our implementation runs pretty fast for case studies of the size that we have formalized so far.

If you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Mihai