Fast and Automatic Verification of Authentication and Key Exchange Protocols

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Summary
It is preferable for authentication and key exchange protocols to be verified automatically and rapidly in accordance with security requirements. In order to meet these requirements, we proposed the security verification method (OKT method) for the aforementioned protocols based on Bellare et al.’s model (BPR model) and showed the verification points of security properties to verify their security efficiently. However, there is an estrangement between the security of the OKT method and the BPR model. In this paper, we reconsider the OKT method and propose an updated security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols based on the BPR model. In particular, we revise the procedure of the OKT method to address the aforementioned issue. We show the novel verification points for each security property in the authentication and key exchange protocols in accordance with the aforementioned revisions. In addition, we describe the relations among the six verification points, explain how the proposed method verifies the aforementioned protocols by providing one example and show the validity of the proposed method by verifying the security of 87 authentication and key exchange protocols that were generated automatically.

Key words: Security Verification Method, Authentication and Key Exchange Protocols, Verification Points, Bellare et al.’s Model

1. Introduction

1.1 Motivation
For a considerable period, existing authentication and key exchange protocols were designed by trial and error, based on the designer’s understanding of security and cryptographic techniques. Therefore, it is vital to be able to deal with compromised protocols quickly. However, the process of specialists designing authentication and key exchange protocols is a time-consuming one. Furthermore, designing a new protocol or modifying an existing protocol and then verifying its security is time-consuming. As a result, there were neither the methods to evaluate the authentication and key exchange protocols formally nor the mechanisms to deal with compromised protocols quickly.

1.2 Related Work
Two different types of methods have been proposed as ways of verifying the security of authentication and key exchange protocols: those based on a computational complexity approach and those based on formal verification. As one example based on the computational complexity approach, Bellare, Pointcheval and Rogaway introduced the first indistinguishability-based formal model of security for authentication and key exchange protocols [3, 4, 5]. Specifically, Bellare and Rogaway first proposed 2-party mutual authentication and authenticated key exchange protocols in 1993 [3], and subsequently extended this to a 3-party setting via a key distribution center with respect to key exchange protocols in 1995 [4]. In 2000, Bellare, Pointcheval and Rogaway proposed provably secure password-based key exchange and authenticated key exchange protocols based on the Bellare-Rogaway model [5]. Bellare et al. formulated models that were secure against an off-line dictionary attack and forward secrecy. Hereinafter, we call the model proposed in [3], [4] and [5] the “BPR model”. The BPR model became the basis of a considerable number of subsequent research studies in this area, such as those that investigated a simulation paradigm [6] and a universally composable framework [7]. However, the problem remained that the security of the protocols still needed to be proved. That is, there was no automatic verification method based on the BPR model since it is very difficult to implement as algorithms the formulations of provable security in the BPR model.

On the other hand, methods based on formal verification are classified into the following: those based on state-machine approaches, those using model checkers, those using algebraic systems, those based on modal logic and those based on inductive approaches. Methods based on state-machine approaches include the Dolev-Yao model [8, 9], Interrogator [10], NRL (Naval Research Laboratory) Protocol Analyzer [11, 12], Longley-Rigby tool [13] and the strand space model [14]. Methods using model checkers include FDR (Failures Divergences...
Refinement) / CSP (Communicating Sequential Processes) [15, 16] and Murφ [17]. Methods based on algebraic systems include spi calculus [18], LOTOS (Language of Temporal Ordering Specification) [19], TRUST [20] and CryptoVerif [21, 22]. Methods based on modal logic include BAN (Burrows-Abadi-Needham) logic [23], GNY (Gong-Needham-Yahalom) logic [24] and SVO (Syverson-van Oorschot) logic [25]. Methods based on inductive approaches include Isabelle/HOL (Higher Order Logic) [26, 27, 28, 29] and CafeOBJ [30, 31]. However, these methods are less than optimal as it takes a considerable amount of time to verify the security of protocols and/or they cannot always verify the security of protocols automatically.

In order to resolve the aforementioned problems, we proposed a security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols based on the BPR model [32, 33], which we hereinafter call the “OKT method.” We generalized the process of the security proofs based on the BPR model to implement it as a tool. In particular, we showed the verification points of security properties for authentication and key exchange protocols so that the security of each protocol could be verified rapidly and automatically. The verification points have the characteristic that the authentication and key exchange protocols are determined to be secure if they satisfy at least one verification point item of the security property. However, while the verification points of the OKT method may be sufficient conditions, they may not be necessary conditions. In the BPR model, the security of a specific protocol is proven individually. Meanwhile, it is necessary for the OKT method to be applicable to any protocol. Therefore, there is an estrangement between the security of the OKT method and the BPR model. This is because the OKT method is associated with the following three issues.

- The roles of cryptographic primitives configured in the OKT method are not restricted to their original roles.
- The OKT method may be unable to deal effectively with more deeply nested data included inside the arguments of the cryptographic primitives.
- Definitions of the types and states for the values of cryptographic primitives and data include redundant parameters.

1.3 Contributions

In this paper, we reconsider the OKT method and propose an updated security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols based on the BPR model. First, we review the security properties of the BPR model and the procedures of the OKT method. In particular, we revise the procedure of the OKT method to address the aforementioned three issues as follows.

- We explicitly characterize the roles of the cryptographic primitives.
- We reconsider the treatment for more deeply nested data included inside the arguments of the cryptographic primitives.
- We redefine the types and states for the values of cryptographic primitives and data.

We show the novel verification points for each security property in the authentication and key exchange protocols in accordance with the aforementioned revisions. Our proposed method is characterized by the fact that it can verify the security of authentication and key exchange protocols automatically and rapidly on a par with the OKT method, since the basic concept upon which both methods are based is the same. In addition, we provide the following in order to make our method clear.

- We describe the relations among the six verification points by considering attack models and security targets.
- We explain how the proposed method verifies the aforementioned protocols by providing one verification example.
- We show the validity of the proposed method by verifying the security of the concrete authentication and key exchange protocols and confirming the verification results and verification time.

1.4 Organization

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. We introduce the BPR model in Sect. 2. We propose an updated security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols in Sect. 3 and present the novel verification points of the security properties for these protocols in Sect. 4. We consider the proposed method by comparing it with the OKT method in Sect. 5. We explain the verification example and the verification results using the proposed method in Sect. 6. Our conclusions are presented in Sect. 7 and we present detailed tables of the verification points for the aforementioned protocols in Appendix A.

2. BPR Model

This section introduces the security properties of the authentication and key exchange protocols in the BPR model.

In the BPR model, Bellare et al. introduced new notions of security: “matching conversation” of the authentication protocol and “semantic security” of the key
exchange protocol [3]. They formulated the following security properties from real attacks, which are shown in brackets, for each notion in accordance with security requirements.

- **Matching conversation (MC)** [3]
  In an authentication protocol, an adversary cannot alter messages, send other messages, intercept messages or deliver messages out of order.
  - **Security against an impersonation attack (MC-SIA)** [3]
    An adversary cannot break an authentication protocol even when he/she controls all communications between parties.

- **Semantic security (SS)** [3]
  In a key exchange protocol, an adversary cannot distinguish between the session key and a random session key.
  - **Security against a passive attack (SS-SPA)** [3, 4]
    An adversary cannot break a key exchange protocol even when he/she eavesdrops on all communications between parties.
  - **Security against an active attack (SS-SAA)** [3, 4]
    An adversary cannot break a key exchange protocol even when he/she controls all communications between parties.
  - **Known key security (SS-KKS)** [3, 4]
    An adversary cannot obtain a target session key even when he/she obtains session keys in other sessions.
  - **Weak forward secrecy (SS-WFS)** [4, 5]
    An adversary cannot obtain a past session key even when he/she obtains long-lived keys such as the secret keys used in secret key encryption, passwords or private keys used in public key encryption.

- **Common item**
  - **Resistance to an off-line dictionary attack (RODA)**
    An adversary cannot search for a password of a party that corresponds to the recorded communication off-line from the dictionary.

3. **Security Verification Method**

In this section, the procedures of the OKT method are revised and an updated security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols based on the BPR model is proposed.

We deal with only two-party authentication and key exchange protocols in this paper. Here, we assume the following when verifying the security of the aforementioned protocols.

- Two parties share a secret key or password in a secure manner beforehand when the secret key or password is used.
- Each party can confirm the validity of the other party's public key certificate in a secure manner by means of a trusted third party, such as a certificate authority, when the public key is used.
- The cryptographic primitives are not compromised. If compromised cryptographic primitives are used, then the verification program (VP) determines that the aforementioned protocols are not secure.

The VP verifies the security of the authentication and key exchange protocols in the following manner.

1. The VP enumerates all cryptographic primitives and data used in the authentication and key exchange protocols. Principal cryptographic primitives are classified as functions that are equivalent to the following definitions.

   - **Secret key encryption (SKE)**
     Function for the purpose of encryption using a pre-shared key.
   - **Encryption using password (EPW)**
     Function for the purpose of encryption using a pre-shared password.
   - **Public key encryption (PKE)**
     Function for the purpose of encryption using a public key.
   - **Diffie-Hellman family (DH)**
     Function for the purpose of key exchange using the Diffie-Hellman method.
   - **Digital signature scheme (SIG)**
     Function for the purpose of generating a signature using a signing key.
   - **Hash function (HF)**
     Function for the purpose of generating a digest without using a pre-shared key.
   - **Message authentication code scheme (MAC)**
     Function for the purpose of generating a digest using a pre-shared key.

2. The VP sets up the following roles among the cryptographic primitives enumerated in step (1) in the authentication and key exchange protocols.

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2 In [30], we described RODA as being confined to the security properties of the key exchange protocol. However, in this paper, we deal with RODA as including the common security properties of the both protocols.
Cryptographic primitives required for authenticator generation in the authentication protocol (PAG).

Cryptographic primitives required for key generation in the key exchange protocol (PKG).

Cryptographic primitives that appear in flows and include a password (PAF).

Cryptographic primitives included in the arguments of other cryptographic primitives (PAO).

Cryptographic primitives that are not PAG, PKG, PAF or PAO (PNA).

Here, we define a framework as \( g(f(A, B), C) \) with respect to the aforementioned roles without loss of generality. \( f \) and \( g \) denote the aforementioned roles and \( A, B \) and \( C \) denote the values of the cryptographic primitives or data enumerated in step (1), where other arguments of \( f \) and \( g \) that are not related to the verification are ignored.

In this case, the combinations of \( f \) and \( g \) are as follows.

- \( g \) is the PNA and \( f \) is the PAG, PKG or PAF, namely, \( f(A, B) \).
- \( g \) is the PAG, PKG or PAF and \( f \) is the PAO, namely, \( g(f(A, B), C) \).

There are no other variants, since the VP sets up not only the data but also the values of the cryptographic primitives, as described in step (3).

The VP sets up the following elements in respect of the values of the cryptographic primitives and data enumerated in step (1) in accordance with the protocol specifications.

- **Data types**
  - General data (GD)
  - Identity data (ID)
  - Temporary data (TD)
  - Long-lived key (LLK)
  - Password (PW)

- **Values types**
  - Fixed value (FV)
  - Temporary value (TV)

- **Values and data states**
  - Public state (PS)
  - Secret state (SS)

These elements used later mean the following.

- TD-PS denotes the public temporary data.
- TD-SS denotes the secret temporary data.
- TV-PS denotes the public temporary value.
- TV-SS denotes the secret temporary value.
- FV-PS denotes the public fixed value.
- FV-SS denotes the secret fixed value.
- LLK-PS denotes the public long-lived key.
- LLK-SS denotes the secret long-lived key.
- PW-PS denotes the public password.
- PW-SS denotes the secret password.

The VP checks the verification points shown in Sect. 4 and Appendix A, using the elements of step (3) for the security properties of step (4) in the authentication and key exchange protocols. If the authentication and key exchange protocols satisfy at least one verification point item of the security property, then the VP determines that these protocols are secure against this security property. Then, the VP sets up these elements and security properties in accordance with the order of the protocol flows for the values of the cryptographic primitives and data that are related to each attack. Here, the values and data states are renewed, where public states are given priority over secret states.

### 4. Verification Points

This section shows the verification points of the security properties for each protocol.

#### 4.1 Relations Among Verification Points

This subsection describes the relations among the six verification points.

We explain the relations among the six verification points. The VP sets up the data that are related to each attack in the proposed method. Table 1 denotes the corresponding data and the combinations of \( f \) and \( g \). The security properties are roughly classified into three, as can be seen from the combinations of \( f \) and \( g \) in Table 1: MC-SIA, SS group (SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS and SS-WFS) and RODA. MC-SIA and RODA are independent of the other security properties since the former's target is the authenticator and the latter's targets are the flows that include the password.

On the other hand, there are some relations in the SS group since it has the same target as the key generation function. First, SS-SPA is the weakest security level in the SS group, that is, SS-SPA has the most verification point items. The verification points of the remaining SS-SAA, SS-KKS and SS-WFS are derived from that of SS-SPA. Second, SS-SAA implies SS-SPA from the security...
properties, that is, the verification point of SS-SPA completely includes that of SS-SAA. Third, a known key attack is equivalent to an active attack, except that the adversary can obtain session keys in other sessions. The verification point of SS-KKS is the same as that of SS-SAA since the data and values with respect to the session keys in other sessions are only set up in accordance with a known key attack. Finally, the adversary can obtain the long-lived keys in a corruption attack, which is different from an eavesdropping attack. That is, the long-lived keys in the verification point of SS-SPA are modified into the public state from the secret state in the verification point of SS-WFS. Then, the inapplicable items in the verification point of SS-WFS need to be deleted.

Table 1: Setup data and combinations of f and g for each security property.

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4.2 Derivations of Verification Points

This subsection describes how to derive the verification points.

First, we consider the case where the framework is \( f(A, B) \), that is, \( g = \text{PAG} \) and \( f = \text{PKG} \) or \( \text{PAF} \). Next, we consider the case where the framework is \( g(f(A, B), C) \), that is, \( g = \text{PAG}, \text{PKG} \) or \( \text{PAF} \) and \( f \) is the PAO. In this case, the verification points of each security property are basically obtained through the combination of those in the case of \( f(A, B) \). However, there are some exceptions in some of their combinations. Therefore, we describe the case of \( f(A, B) \) and the exception of \( g(f(A, B), C) \) for each verification point after the next subsection.

4.2.1 Security Against an Impersonation Attack (MC-SIA)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PAG in \( f(A, B) \). An adversary has only to be able to forge the authenticator or reuse a previous authenticator in order to impersonate some party. In other words, the authentication protocols are secure against an impersonation attack if he/she can neither forge the authenticator nor reuse a previous authenticator. The requirements for the verification points of MC-SIA are to include the temporary data or values and secret data or values in the PAG. That is, the following two requirements are obtained.

- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives that have the secret long-lived key (LLK-SS or PW-SS) and temporary data (TD) or values (TV), such as the SKE, EPW, SIG or MAC.
- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives for which arguments include the secret temporary data (TD-SS) or values (TV-SS), such as the PKE, DH or HF, if they do not have the long-lived key.

Next, we consider the exception where \( g \) is the PAG in \( g(f(A, B), C) \). The secret temporary data must be included in the arguments of \( f \) when \( f \) is the PKE, DH or HF in \( f(A, B) \). However, the following exception is allowed for the verification points of MC-SIA.

- The PKE, DH and HF can include the public temporary data (TD-PS) or values (TV-PS) as the verification points of MC-SIA if they can be protected by the SKE, EPW, SIG or MAC.

4.2.2 Security Against a Passive Attack (SS-SPA)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PKG in \( f(A, B) \). By eavesdropping, an adversary has only to be able to obtain the session key from all communications between parties. In other words, the key exchange protocols are secure against an eavesdropping attack if he/she cannot obtain any information with respect to the session key from the eavesdropped communications. The requirements for the verification points of SS-SPA are to include the temporary data or values and secret data or values in the PKG. That is, the following two requirements are obtained.

- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives that have the secret long-lived key (LLK-SS or PW-SS) and temporary data (TD) or values (TV), such as the SKE, EPW or MAC.
- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives for which arguments include the secret temporary data (TD-SS) or values (TV-SS), such as the PKE, DH or HF, if they do not have the long-lived key.

The SIG is also the cryptographic primitive that has the secret long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of SS-SPA, since each party knows only his/her signing key and cannot generate the same session key by his/her signature.

Next, we consider the exception where \( g \) is the PKG in \( g(f(A, B), C) \). The secret temporary data must be included in the arguments of \( f \) when \( f \) is the PKE, DH or HF in \( f(A, B) \). In addition, \( f \) cannot take the SIG in \( f(A, B) \) for the aforementioned reason. However, the following two exceptions are allowed for the verification points of SS-SPA.
First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PKG in \( f(A, B) \). An adversary has only to be able to obtain the session key by controlling all communications between parties. In other words, the key exchange protocols are secure against an active attack if he/she cannot obtain any information with respect to the session key even though he/she controls the communications. In the framework of \( f(A, B) \), there are no verification points for which the key exchange protocols are secure against an active attack. However, the verification points in the case of \( g(f(A, B), C) \) are basically obtained through the combinations of those in the case of \( f(A, B) \). Then, we consider the provisional requirements in the case of \( f(A, B) \). The requirements for the verification points of SS-KKS are to include the secret long-lived key and the temporary data or values in the PKG. That is, the following requirement is obtained.

- The SIG can be included in the verification points of SS-SPA if it can be used as PAO.
- The PKE, DH and HF can include the public temporary data (TD-PS) or values (TV-PS) as the verification points of SS-SPA if they can be protected by the SKE, EPW, SIG or MAC.

4.2.3 Security Against an Active Attack (SS-SAA)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PKG in \( f(A, B) \). An adversary has only to be able to obtain the session key by controlling all communications. In the framework of \( f(A, B) \), there are also no verification points for which the key exchange protocols achieve the known key security. However, the verification points in the case of \( g(f(A, B), C) \) are basically obtained through the combinations of those in the case of \( f(A, B) \). Then, we consider the provisional requirements in the case of \( f(A, B) \). The requirements for the verification points of SS-KKS are to include the secret long-lived key and the temporary data or values in the PKG. That is, the following requirement is obtained.

- The SIG can be included in the verification points of SS-SPA if it can be used as PAO.
- The PKE, DH and HF can include the public temporary data (TD-PS) or values (TV-PS) as the verification points of SS-SPA if they can be protected by the SKE, EPW, SIG or MAC.

4.2.4 Known Key Security (SS-KKS)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PKG in \( f(A, B) \). An adversary has only to be able to generate the target session key from the other session keys or reuse the other session keys. In other words, the key exchange protocols achieve the known key security if he/she can neither generate the target session key from the other session keys nor reuse the other session keys. In the framework of \( f(A, B) \), there are also no verification points for which the key exchange protocols achieve the known key security. However, the verification points in the case of \( g(f(A, B), C) \) are basically obtained through the combinations of those in the case of \( f(A, B) \). Then, we consider the provisional requirements in the case of \( f(A, B) \). The requirements for the verification points of SS-KKS are to include the secret long-lived key and the temporary data or values in the PKG. That is, the following requirement is obtained.

- The SIG can be included in the verification points of SS-SPA if it can be used as PAO.
- The PKE, DH and HF can include the public temporary data (TD-PS) or values (TV-PS) as the verification points of SS-SPA if they can be protected by the SKE, EPW, SIG or MAC.

The SIG is also the cryptographic primitive that has the secret long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of SS-KKS, since each party knows only his/her signing key and cannot generate the same session key by his/her signature. Furthermore, the PKE, DH and HF are excluded from the verification points of SS-KKS, since the elements of the session key may be altered by an active adversary even if they are secret data.

Next, we consider the exception where \( g \) is the PKG in \( g(f(A, B), C) \). \( f \) can take neither the PKE, DH, SIG nor HF in \( f(A, B) \) for the aforementioned reasons. However, the following exception is allowed for the verification points of SS-KKS.

- The SIG can be included in the verification points of SS-KKS if it can be used as PAO.
- The PKE, DH and HF can be included in the verification points of SS-KKS if they can be protected by other cryptographic primitives.

4.2.5 Weak Forward Secrecy (SS-WFS)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PKG in \( f(A, B) \). Here, an adversary can corrupt the long-lived keys by launching a corruption attack (LLK-PS and PW-PS). He/she has only to be able to obtain a past session key by using the corrupted long-lived keys. In other words, the key exchange protocols achieve weak forward secrecy if he/she cannot obtain a past session key even when he/she uses the corrupted long-lived keys. In the framework of \( f(A, B) \), there are also no verification points for which the key exchange protocols achieve weak forward secrecy. However, the verification points in the case of \( g(f(A, B), C) \) are basically obtained through the combinations of those in the case of \( f(A, B) \). Then, we consider the provisional requirements in the case of \( f(A, B) \). The
requirements for the verification points of SS-WFS are to include the secret temporary data or values in the PAF. That is, the following two requirements are obtained.

- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives for which arguments include the secret temporary data (TD-SS) or values (TV-SS), such as the PKE, DH or HF, if they do not have a corrupted long-lived key.
- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives for which arguments include the secret temporary data (TD-SS) or values (TV-SS), such as the MAC, even if it has a corrupted long-lived key.

The SKE and EPW are also the cryptographic primitives that may each have a corrupted long-lived key. However, they are excluded from the verification points of SS-WFS, since the secret data may be transformed into public data by the corrupted key or password. Similarly, the SIG is the cryptographic primitive that has the corrupted long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of SS-WFS, since the secret data may be transformed into the corresponding message by the verification key.

Next, we consider the exception where \( g \) is the PAF in \( g(f(A, B), C) \). \( f \) cannot take the SIG in \( f(A, B) \) for the aforementioned reasons. However, the following exception is allowed for the verification points of SS-WFS.

- The SKE and EPW can be included in the verification points of SS-WFS if they can be protected by the other cryptographic primitives.
- The SIG can be included in the verification points of SS-WFS if it can be used as PAO.

4.2.6 Resistance to an Off-line Dictionary Attack (RODA)

First, we consider the case where \( f \) is the PAF in \( f(A, B) \). Here, the targets of an adversary are only the flows that include the secret password (PW-SS) which can be recovered by launching an off-line dictionary attack. He/she has only to be able to search for the password of some party from past communications off-line. In other words, the authentication and key exchange protocols are resistant to an off-line dictionary attack if he/she cannot obtain the password of the party off-line. The requirements for the verification points of RODA are to include the secret data or values in the PAF for which sizes satisfy the security parameters. That is, the following two requirements are obtained.

- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives that have the secret long-lived key (LLK-SS), such as SKE or MAC.
- \( f \) represents the cryptographic primitives for which arguments include the secret data (TD-SS) or values (TV-SS or FV-SS with LLK-SS), such as EPW, PKE, DH or HF, if they do not have the long-lived key except for the password.

The SIG is also the cryptographic primitive that has the secret long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of RODA since the signature may be transformed into the corresponding message by the verification key.

Next, we consider the exception where \( g \) is the PAF in \( g(f(A, B), C) \). \( f \) cannot take the SIG in \( f(A, B) \) for the aforementioned reasons. However, the following exception is allowed for the verification points of RODA.

- The SIG for which an argument does not have the secret long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of RODA.

The SKE and EPW are also the cryptographic primitives that have the secret long-lived key. However, it is excluded from the verification points of RODA if it can be protected by other cryptographic primitives.

We show the verification points of MC-SIA, SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS, SS-WFS and RODA in Tables 3 -- 7 of Appendix A.

Remark 1: We showed the verification points of two security properties for authentication protocols and five security properties for key exchange protocols, as described above. Note that checking the verification points of security properties for authentication and key exchange protocols separately means checking those for an authenticated key exchange protocol.

5. Considerations

This section considers the proposed method by comparing it with the OKT method.

In the OKT method, there are three issues, as described in Sect. 1. Now, we reconsider the OKT method in relation to issues and obtain the proposed method by resolving the issues as follows.

1. We make clear the roles of the cryptographic primitives.
2. We add a framework for the roles of the cryptographic primitives.
3. We explicitly redefine the types and states of the cryptographic primitives and data.

5.1 Codification of the Roles of Cryptographic Primitives

This subsection explains the codification of the roles of the cryptographic primitives with respect to item (1).

The classification of the cryptographic primitives in the proposed method is the same as that in the OKT method. The cryptographic primitives are set up in accordance with the protocol specification in the OKT
method. In this method, we distribute the cryptographic primitives to the following three properties: indistinguishability, one-wayness and unforgeability (see [32, 33] for details). However, the roles of cryptographic primitives configured in the OKT method are not restricted to their original roles depending on the protocols. For example, when the hash function takes the pre-shared key as its argument, this function plays the role of the MAC scheme. The verification points in the OKT method are redundant since it can be deduced that they correspond to another role of the cryptographic primitives.

Here, we consider the following key exchange protocol as an example of the aforementioned application of the hash function. The party $P_1$ sends $E_k(R)$ to the party $P_2$, where $E$ is the secret key encryption, $K$ is the secret long-lived key and $R$ is the secret temporary data. The parties $P_1$ and $P_2$ obtain $H(K, R)$ as the session key, respectively, where $H$ is the hash function. In this case, the role of $H(K, R)$ is the same as the MAC scheme. For example, this protocol satisfies the second verification point of SS-SPA in the OKT method (see [32, 33] for details). However, the hash function should be excluded from verification due to the aforementioned reason. On the other hand, this protocol satisfies the verification point of SS-SPA in the proposed method when the PKG is the MAC scheme. Therefore, the verification points in the proposed method are not redundant since we make it possible to set up the roles of the cryptographic primitives depending on the protocols.

5.2 Addition of Framework

This subsection explains the reasons for adding a framework for the roles of the cryptographic primitives with respect to item (2).

The number and depth of the arguments of the cryptographic primitives can be set without any limit in the OKT method. Hence, the arguments of the cryptographic primitives may include deeper data inside the nested arguments, but it is not clear as to how such data are dealt with. There are also many data that are not related to the verification inside the arguments. Therefore, we add the framework $g((A, B), C)$ for the roles of the cryptographic primitives and explicitly determine the form of the cryptographic primitives. For example, when the form of the cryptographic primitive is $\delta(\psi(\alpha(v, w), x), y)$, $z$, where $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ and $\delta$ denote the cryptographic primitives and $v, w, x, y$ and $z$ denote the data, each element of the framework is $g = \delta, f = \gamma, A = \beta(\alpha(v, w), x), B = y$ and $C = z$. In this case, $A = \beta(\alpha(v, w), x)$ is dealt with as the value of the cryptographic primitive and is set up as TV-PS, TV-SS, TV-PS or TV-SS in accordance with the roles of $\alpha$ and $\beta$ and the types and states of $v, w$ and $x$.

Here, we consider the authentication protocol in which the authenticator is $S_{sk}(H(g^\gamma))$, where $S$ is the signature scheme, $sk$ is the signing key and $(g^\gamma)$ is the Diffie-Hellman key. In this case, this protocol satisfies the verification point of MC-SIA in the OKT method. However, the arguments of the signature scheme include deeper secret temporary data $y$ inside the nested hash function and Diffie-Hellman function. On the other hand, each element of the framework is $g = S, f = H, A = (g^\gamma), B = null$ and $C = sk$ and $A = (g^\gamma)$ is set up as TV-SS in the proposed method. Therefore, the treatment of the deeper data is obvious in the proposed method.

5.3 Redefinition of Types and States

This subsection explains the redefinition of the types and states for the values of the cryptographic primitives and data with respect to item (3).

In the OKT method, there are the following three problems with respect to the types and states for the values of the cryptographic primitives and data.

1. It is redundant to include the public and secret states in the elements of the types and states.

2. The segment between the first and existing appearances in the states causes an estrangement between the security of the OKT method and the BPR model.

3. The states of the deeper data inside the nested arguments are undetermined, as described in Sect. 5.2.

Therefore, we first of all remove the public and secret states from each element with respect to problem (1). Next, we remove the original six states and instead add the types for the values of the cryptographic primitives with respect to problems (2) and (3). Consequently, problem (3) is resolved by setting up the type and state for the values of the cryptographic primitives, instead of the deeper data. Problem (2) is also resolved since the ambiguous segment between the first and existing appearances is removed by combining the types and states for the values of the cryptographic primitives and data.

Here, we consider the same protocol as that of Sect. 5.1 except for the following. Party $P_2$ sends $R$ and $M_A(R)$ to party $P_1$ instead of $E_k(R)$, where $M$ is the MAC scheme. This protocol does not satisfy the verification points of SS-SPA in the OKT method although it is secure. This is because the temporary data $R$ is dealt with as the existing appearance in the same session. On the other hand, this protocol satisfies with one of the verification points in the proposed method. Therefore, the security of the proposed method is closer to that of the BPR model than that of the OKT method.
6. Evaluation

The proposed method is evaluated in this section.

6.1 Verification Example

This subsection provides a verification example of the proposed method.

We verify the security of the authenticated key exchange protocol using the proposed method. This protocol, which satisfies the six security properties: MC-SIA, SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS, SS-WFS and RODA, is one of the authenticated key exchange protocols that were automatically generated using an automatic generation technique [34], as described in Sect. 6.2. Figure 1 shows the protocol flow. Parties $P_1$ and $P_2$ share a password $pw$ beforehand. Party $P_1$ generates a random number $x$ and sends $E_{pw}(g^x)$ to party $P_2$, where $E_{pw}$ is the encryption using the password $pw$ and $g^x$ is the Diffie-Hellman-based public value. Party $P_2$ generates a random number $y$ and sends $E_{pw}(H(g^y || g^x) || H(g^y))$ to party $P_1$, where $H$ is the hash function and $g^x$ is the Diffie-Hellman-based public value. Party $P_1$ sends $H(g^y)$ to party $P_2$. Finally, parties $P_1$ and $P_2$ share a session key $sk = H(g^{xy})$.

![Diagram of protocol example](image)

**Fig. 1:** Protocol example, which satisfies the six security properties: MC-SIA, SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS, SS-WFS and RODA.

Then, the roles of cryptographic primitives and types and states of data and values are set up for this protocol as items (1) and (2), respectively. Note that the states of data and values are different for the case of SS-WFS and cases other than SS-WFS in item (2). Also, the VP determines that this protocol is secure against each security property, since $f$ and $g$ take the corresponding cryptographic primitives and $A$, $B$ and $C$ take the corresponding values of the cryptographic primitives and data for the framework $g(f(A, B, C))$ in item (3), where “null” denotes empty.

(1) Roles of cryptographic primitives:

- **Cryptographic primitives**
  - $g_1 = g^x [DH]$, $g_2 = g^y [DH]$
  - $g_3 = (g^y)^x [DH]$, $g_4 = (g^y)^x [DH]$
  - $H_1 = H(g_1 || g_2) [HF]$
  - $H_2 = H(g_3) [HF]$, $H_3 = H(g_4) [HF]$
  - $E_1 = E_{pw}(g_1) [EPW]$
  - $E_2 = E_{pw}(H_1 || g_2) [EPW]$
  - $PAF = \{E_1, E_2\}$
  - $PAO$ for $PKG = \{E_2$ for ($H_2, H_1, E_1$ for ($H_3$)\}$
  - $PKG = \{H_2$ of ($P_2$), $H_1$ of ($P_2$)\}$

(2) Types and states of data and values:

- **Types and states**
  - $pw = PW-PS$ (when SS-WFS)
  - $pw = PW-SS$ (except for SS-WFS)
  - $x = TD-SS, y = TD-SS$
  - $g_1 = TV-PS$ (when SS-WFS)
  - $g_2 = TV-SS$ (except for SS-WFS)
  - $g_3 = TV-SS$ (when SS-WFS)
  - $g_4 = TV-SS$ (except for SS-WFS)
  - $g_1 = TV-SS, g_2 = TV-SS$
  - $H_1 = TV-PS$ (when SS-WFS)
  - $H_2 = TV-SS$ (except for SS-WFS)
  - $H_2 = TV-SS, H_3 = TV-SS$
  - $H_3 = TV-PS, H_5 = TV-PS$
  - $E_1 = TV-PS, E_2 = TV-PS$

(3) Reasons that meet each security property:

- **MC-SIA**
  - $P_1$: null($H_2$ [HF]($g_2$ [TV-SS], null), null)
  - $P_2$: null($H_4$ [HF]($g_1$ [TV-SS], null), null)

- **SS-SPA**
  - $P_1$: null($H_2$ [HF]($g_1$ [TV-SS], null), null)
  - $P_2$: null($H_1$ [HF]($g_2$ [TV-SS], null), null)

- **SS-SAA and SS-KKS**
  - $P_1$: $H_2$ [HF]($E_2$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-SS], null), $g_1$ [TV-SS])
  - $P_2$: $H_1$ [HF]($E_1$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-SS], null), $g_1$ [TV-SS])

- **SS-WFS**
  - $P_1$: $H_2$ [HF]($E_2$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-PS], null), $g_1$ [TV-SS])
  - $P_2$: $H_1$ [HF]($E_1$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-PS], null), $g_4$ [TV-SS])

- **RODA**
  - 1st flow:
    - null($E_1$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-SS], $g_3$ [TV-SS]), null)
  - 2nd flow:
    - null($E_2$ [EPW]($pw$ [PW-SS], $H_1$ [TV-SS]), null)
We explain the verification process of \( P_1 \) in MC-SIA as an example. The VP sets up items (1) and (2) using steps (1) -- (3) of the proposed method. Here, PAG of \( P_1 \) is \( H_5 = H(g_2) \) and its PAO is null. Thus, the authenticator of \( P_1 \) has the form of “null\( H_5 \) [HF\( g_2 \) [TV-SS], null], null” for the framework \( g(A, B, C) \), as described in item (3). In this case, the aforementioned form satisfies with the item of the third row in Table 3. That is, \( f \) is HF of PDH, \( A \) is TV-SS of \( T^*-SS \) and \( g, B, C \) are null.

6.2 Verification Results

This subsection describes the verification results using the proposed method.

An automatic generation technique for the authentication and key exchange protocols was proposed in [34], in relation to this paper. In [34], eighty-seven types of authentication and key exchange protocols, which are composed of 15 authentication (Auth), 22 key exchange (KE) and 50 authenticated key exchange (AKE) protocols, were automatically generated using this automatic generation technique. In the automatic generation technique, the optimal protocol is generated automatically when the following items are set up.

- Types: Auth, KE and AKE
- Cryptographic algorithms: algorithms that correspond to SKE, EPW, PKE, DH, SIG, HF and MAC
- Security properties: MC-SIA, SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS, SS-WFS and RODA
- The number of flows: 1, 2 and 3

Then, we verified the security of the aforementioned authentication, key exchange and authenticated key exchange protocols, using the proposed method. Table 2 shows the verification results, best, worst and average (avg.) verification time, minimal (min.), maximal (max.) and average protocol definition file size for the authentication, key exchange and authenticated key exchange protocols, respectively, where the unit of the verification time is the millisecond and the unit of the protocol definition file size is the kilobyte. Symbols “Y”, “N” and “---” indicate that the protocol “meets”, “does not meet” and “does not require” the corresponding security property, respectively.

These results completely coincide with the security requirements for the automatically generated protocols. Using a PC with an Intel Pentium 4 2.6-GHz processor and 2.0-Gbyte RAM, the verification time is 110 [ms] or less for the 87 authentication and key exchange protocols. On the other hand, the fastest among the methods based on formal verification is TRUST [20], which takes 40 [ms] -- 1.8 [s] [35]. As examples of other methods, Mur\( \phi \) takes 1.7 [s] -- 5761.1 [s] [17], and Isabelle/HOL takes 52 [s] [27] and 150 [s] [28], respectively. We cannot make a precise comparison between the proposed method and other methods since the performance of the PC and the verified protocols are different from ours. However, the proposed method can verify the security of each protocol automatically and more quickly than most existing methods since the verification time is 4.6 [ms] -- 110 [ms], as can be seen from Table 2. Furthermore, the size of the protocol definition file is less than 14.2 [KB] in the aforementioned protocols and the program size is 1.25 [MB].

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Table 2: Verification results in authentication and key exchange protocols.
7. Conclusion

In this paper, we reconsidered the OKT method and proposed an updated security verification method for authentication and key exchange protocols based on the BPR model. We showed the novel verification points of one security property for authentication protocols, four security properties for key exchange protocols and a common security property for both protocols. We obtained the proposed method by resolving the three issues affecting the OKT method. Furthermore, we described the relations among the six verification points and explained a verification example that used the proposed method. We also verified the security of 87 authentication and key exchange protocols, which were generated automatically. Then, we confirmed that the verification time was did not exceed 110 [ms] and that the security properties of the verification results completely coincided with the security requirements for the aforementioned protocols.

References


Appendix A. Verification Points

This appendix presents detailed tables of the verification points described in Sect. 4. Tables 3 -- 7 show the verification points of MC-SIA, SS-SPA, SS-SAA, SS-KKS, SS-WFS and RODA. Table 4 shows the common verification point of SS-SPA, SS-SAA and SS-KKS and Table 5 shows the remaining verification point of SS-SPA, where the verification points of SS-SAA and SS-KKS coincide with Table 4. The following abbreviations are used:

- ALL denotes SKE, EPW, PKE, DH, SIG, HF or MAC.
- 6-SIG denotes SKE, EPW, PKE, DH, HF or MAC.
- SSM denotes SKE, SIG or MAC.
- SM denotes SKE or MAC.
- EPDH denotes EPW, PKE, DH or HF.
- PDHM denotes PKE, DH, HF or MAC.
- PDH denotes PKE, DH or HF.
- T*-S denotes TD-PS, TD-SS, TV-PS or TV-SS.
- T*-SS denotes TD-SS or TV-SS.
- T*-SS+ denotes TD-SS, TV-SS or FV-SS with LLK-SS.
- EXC denotes elements except for PW-PS and PW-SS.

### Table 3: Verification points of MC-SIA

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