

Solutions to Homework 14

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1. Naor's Transformation: Signatures from Identity-Based Encryption (IBE)

- **(2 Points)** In the lecture, we have sketched the Naor transformation. Provide a formal description of the signature scheme $\Sigma = (\text{Gen}, \text{Sig}, \text{Vrfy})$ with message space \mathcal{M}_Σ resulting from applying the Naor transform to an IBE scheme $\Xi = (\text{IBE.Gen}, \text{IBE.Ext}, \text{IBE.Enc}, \text{IBE.Dec})$ with identity space \mathcal{ID}_Ξ and message space \mathcal{M}_Ξ . Show the correctness of Σ .

Solution: Set $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma := \mathcal{ID}_\Xi$. Further, define

- $\text{Gen}(1^n)$: for security parameter 1^n , return $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{IBE.Gen}(1^n)$.
- $\text{Sig}_{sk}(m)$: for secret key sk , message $m \in \mathcal{M}_\Sigma$, return $\sigma \leftarrow \text{IBE.Ext}(sk, m)$.
- $\text{Vrfy}_{pk}(\sigma, m)$: for public key pk , signature σ , and message $m \in \mathcal{M}_\Sigma$, return 1 if $\text{IBE.Dec}(\sigma, c) = R$, for $c \leftarrow \text{IBE.Enc}(pk, m, R)$, for some $R \leftarrow \mathcal{M}_\Xi$ and “identity” m , else return 0.

Correctness of Σ follows from the correctness of Ξ : for all integer n , for $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$, for all $m \in \mathcal{M}$, for all $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sig}_{sk}(m)$, we have that $\text{Vrfy}_{pk}(\sigma, m) = 1$ holds. (Essentially, if σ is a valid signature for m under pk , then $\text{IBE.Dec}(\sigma, \text{IBE.Enc}(pk, m, R)) = R$, for all $R \in \mathcal{M}_\Xi$, where \mathcal{M}_Ξ is defined in pk .) \square

- **(1 Point)** Apply the Naor transformation to the explicit Boneh-Franklin IBE scheme Ξ_{BF} with identity and message spaces \mathcal{ID}_{BF} and \mathcal{M}_{BF} , respectively, from the lecture. (Assume that a group generator $g \in \mathcal{G}$ with order p , a random-oracle instantiation $\text{H} : \mathcal{ID} \mapsto \mathcal{G}$, and a suitable pairing $e : \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \mapsto \mathcal{G}_T$ is given as input to all algorithms.)

Solution: Set $\mathcal{M}_\Sigma := \mathcal{ID}_\Xi$. Further, define

- $\text{Gen}(1^n)$: return $(pk, sk) := ((g^x, \mathcal{M}_\Sigma, \mathcal{M}_\Xi), x)$, for $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.
- $\text{Sig}_{sk}(m)$: return $\sigma := \text{H}(m)^x$.
- $\text{Vrfy}_{pk}(\sigma, m)$: return 1 if $c_2/e(c_1, \sigma) = R$, for $(c_1, c_2) := (g^y, e(pk, \text{H}(m))^y \cdot R)$, $y \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, and some $R \leftarrow \mathcal{M}_\Xi$, else return 0.

0.5 bonus points: define verification algorithm as $\text{Vrfy}_{pk}(\sigma, m)$: return 1 if $e(g, \sigma) = e(pk, \text{H}(m))$, else return 0. (In this case, the description of the IBE message space \mathcal{M}_Ξ specified in pk is not needed.) \square

2. Identity-Based Encryption (IBE) from Attribute-Based Encryption (ABE)

- **(2 Points)** Formally construct an IBE scheme $\Xi = (\text{IBE.Gen}, \text{IBE.Ext}, \text{IBE.Enc}, \text{IBE.Dec})$ with identity and messages spaces \mathcal{ID}_Ξ and \mathcal{M}_Ξ , respectively, from a CP-ABE scheme $\Omega = (\text{ABE.Gen}, \text{ABE.Ext}, \text{ABE.Enc}, \text{ABE.Dec})$ with attribute space \mathcal{A}_Ω , policy space \mathcal{P}_Ω , and message space \mathcal{M}_Ω . Show the correctness of Ξ .

Solution: Set $\mathcal{ID}_\Xi := \mathcal{A}_\Omega$ and $\mathcal{M}_\Xi := \mathcal{M}_\Omega$. Further, define

- $\text{Gen}(1^n)$: for security parameter 1^n , return $(pp, sk) \leftarrow \text{ABE.Gen}(1^n)$.
- $\text{Ext}_{sk}(id)$: for secret key sk , “identity” $id \in \mathcal{ID}_\Xi$, return $usk_{id} \leftarrow \text{ABE.Ext}(sk, id, m)$.
- $\text{Enc}_{pp}(id, m)$: for public parameters pp , identity $id \in \mathcal{ID}_\Xi$, and message $m \in \mathcal{M}_\Xi$, return $\text{ABE.Enc}_{pp}(p, m)$, for policy $p := id$.
- $\text{Dec}_{usk_{id}}(c)$: for user secret key usk_{id} and ciphertext c , return $m \leftarrow \text{ABE.Dec}_{usk_{id}}(c)$.

Correctness of Ξ follows from the correctness of Ω in a straightforward way: for all integer n , for all $(pp, sk) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^n)$, for all identities $id \in \mathcal{ID}_\Xi$, for all $usk_{id} \leftarrow \text{Ext}_{sk}(id)$, for all $m \in \mathcal{M}_\Xi$, for all $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pp}(id, m)$, we have that $\text{Dec}_{usk_{id}}(c) = m$ holds. \square