

Tight and Optimal Reductions for Signatures based on Average Trapdoor Preimage Sampleable Functions and Applications to Code-Based Signatures

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*Prime example where difficulties occur: the Random Oracle Model
(mostly for signatures)*

Random Oracle

- The scheme needs a function that behaves like a random function (like FDH signatures),
 - Use a hash function \mathcal{H} as SHA-256
- ROM: when proving the security, \mathcal{H} is modelled as a random function,
 - \mathcal{H} is accessed only via a black box manner
- Idealized model: allows tighter and simpler proofs.

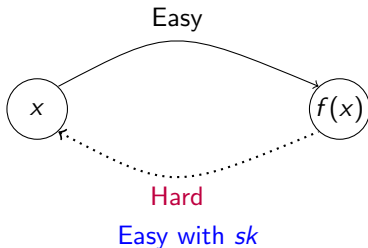
Quantum Random Oracle

If an adversary has access to a quantum computer,

- For any classical circuit C , there exists a quantum unitary \mathcal{O}_C such that:
 - superposition computation, $\mathcal{O}_C(|x\rangle|0\rangle) = |x\rangle|C(x)\rangle$
 - running time $\mathcal{O}_C \approx$ running time C
- Additional capability of the quantum attacker in the QROM:
 - call $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}$ and not only \mathcal{H}
 - Gives additional power: crucial for Grover's algorithm, collision finding...
 - Natural

Full Domain Hash Signatures

- $\mathcal{H}(\cdot)$ hash function,
→ \mathcal{H} is modelled with a random function
- f trapdoor one-way function



- To sign m :
Compute with sk , $\sigma \in f^{-1}(\mathcal{H}(m))$.

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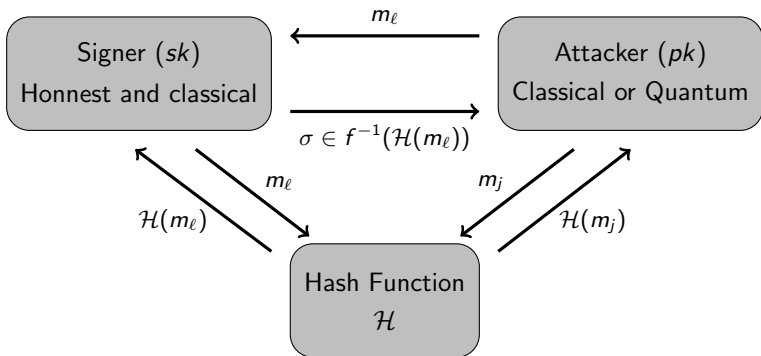
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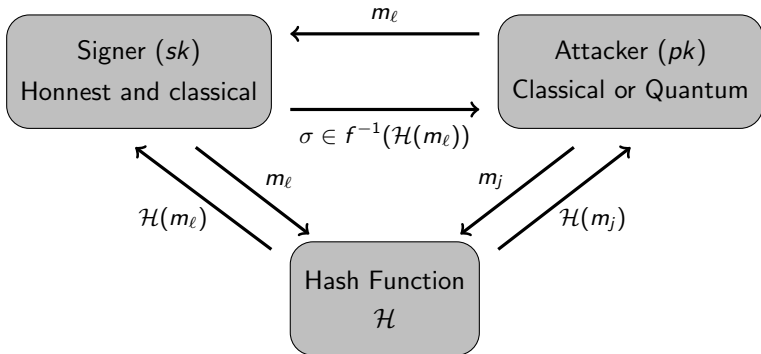
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3. Attacker goal: produce a signature of a message not signed by the Signer
→ If quantum can use a $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}$ (QROM)

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\mathcal{D} be a distribution independent of sk ,

1. $\forall y: x \xleftarrow{sk} f^{-1}(y) \stackrel{\text{close}}{\sim} x \leftarrow \mathcal{D}$ conditioning on $f(x) = y$
2. $f(x)$ when $x \leftarrow \mathcal{D} \stackrel{\text{close}}{\sim}$ Uniform

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Two Questions

1. Tight security reduction: necessary to collision?
2. Preimage sampleable : property hard to meet
→ Relax?

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- Relaxation TPSF \rightarrow Average TPSF
- Tight security reduction to a Claw with Random Function Problem

$$\text{Collision} \preceq \begin{array}{c} \text{Claw(RF)} \\ \Updownarrow \\ \text{Signature} \end{array} \preceq \text{One way.}$$

- Extension of these results in the QROM
- Application to Wave a code-based signature
 \rightarrow Crucial in this case: Collision is easy!

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(A)TPSF

- TPSF: Falcon a lattice-based signature
- ATPSF: Wave a code-based signature

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Claw with Random Function Problem

Problem (Claw with Random Function - $\text{Claw}(RF)$)

- Instance: *a function f and a random function h to which we only have black box access.*
- Goal: *find x, y such that $f(x) = h(y)$.*

Breaking the problem in time t with q queries to h and f ATPSF,

\Rightarrow Invert f in time $q \times t$

One can see $\text{Claw}(RF)$ as trying to invert f with “*multiple random targets*”

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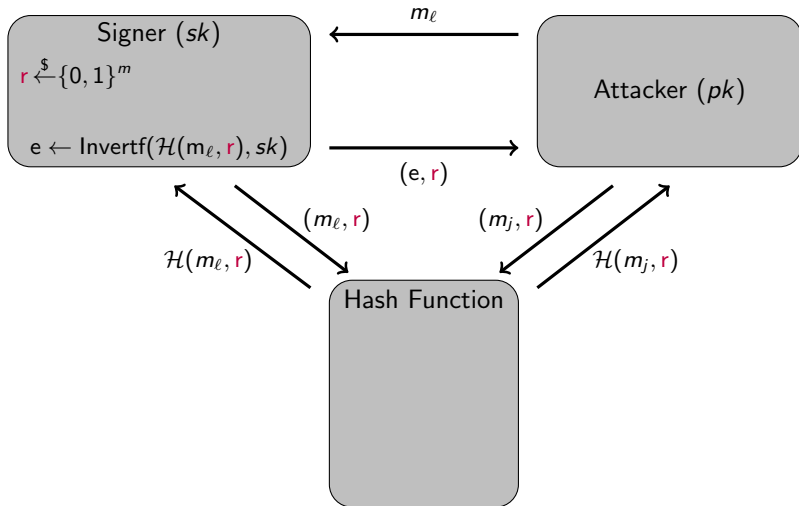
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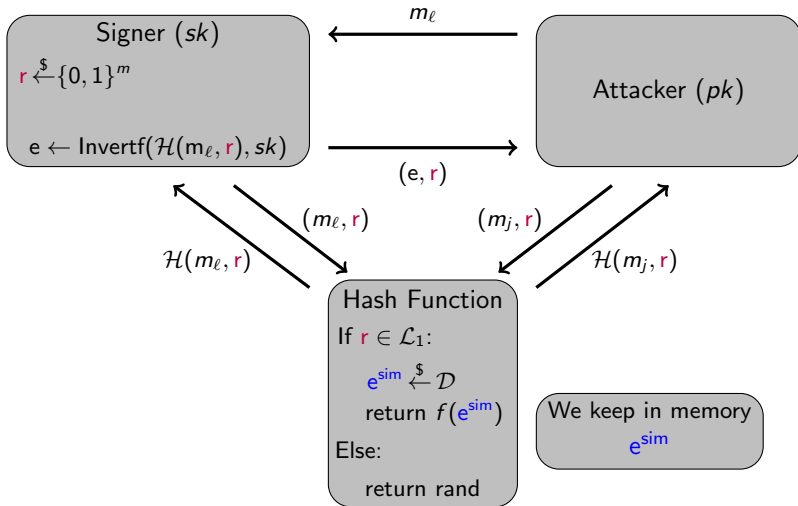
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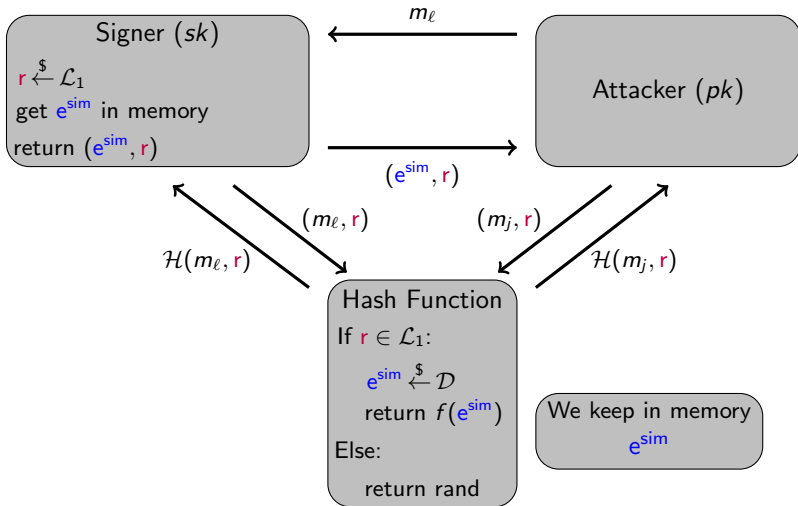
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Quantum Case[Zhandry 12']

- Distribution $\text{Fun}_{\mathcal{T}}$: $h \leftarrow \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{T}}$ means that for each x , $h(x) \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{T}$

Proposition

Let \mathcal{A}^{ROM} be a quantum query algorithm running in time t and making q queries to the oracle ROM.

Let \mathcal{T} be a probability distribution on $\{0, 1\}^m$ such that

$$\Delta(\mathcal{T}, \text{Unif}(\{0, 1\}^m)) \leq \varepsilon.$$

We have,

$$\left| \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}^{\text{ROM}} = 1) - \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A}^g = 1 : g \leftarrow \text{Fun}_{\mathcal{T}}) \right| \leq \frac{8\pi}{\sqrt{3}} q^{3/2} \sqrt{\varepsilon}.$$

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