

DECISION PROCEDURE FOR TRACE EQUIVALENCE

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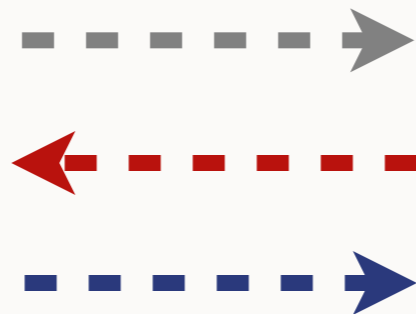
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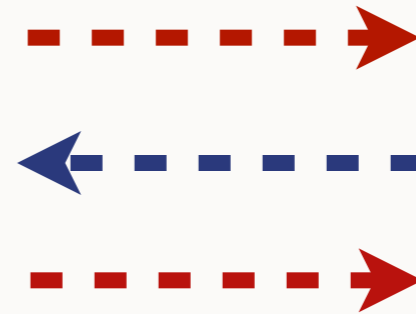
- Analysing the security of cryptographic protocols



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Intruder



Bob

The intruder can

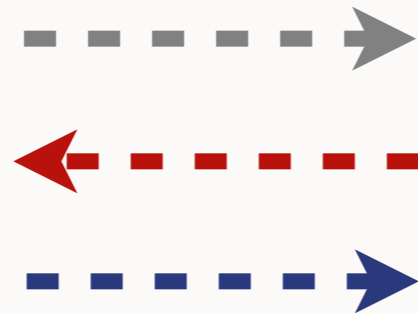
- intercept all messages
- transmit or modify messages
- test equality between messages
- initiate several sessions

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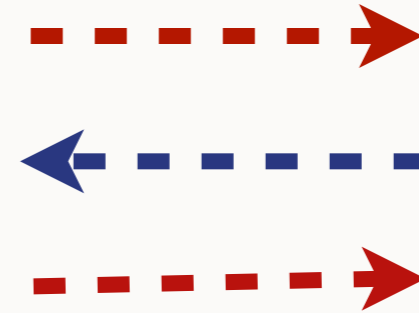
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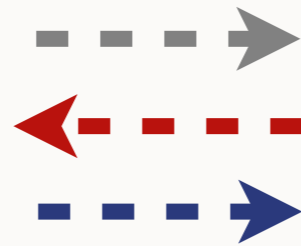
Can the intruder deduce the unknown's identity ?

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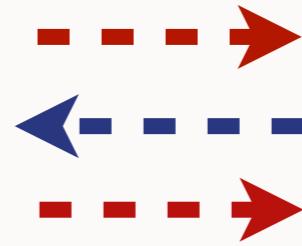
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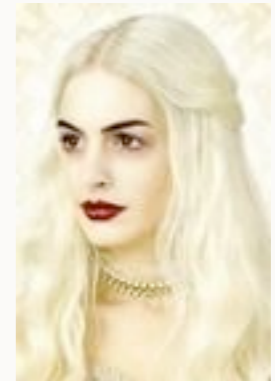
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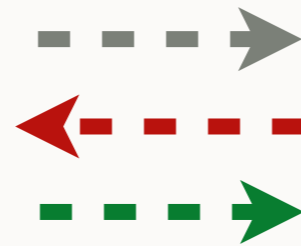
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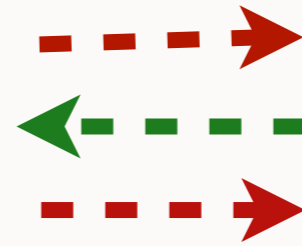
Charlene



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Can the intruder distinguish the two situations ?

GOAL

Decision procedure for trace equivalence

PREVIOUS WORKS

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- Existing tool : ProVerif
 - B. Blanchet, M. Abadi, and C. Fournet. *Automated verification of selected equivalences for security protocols*.

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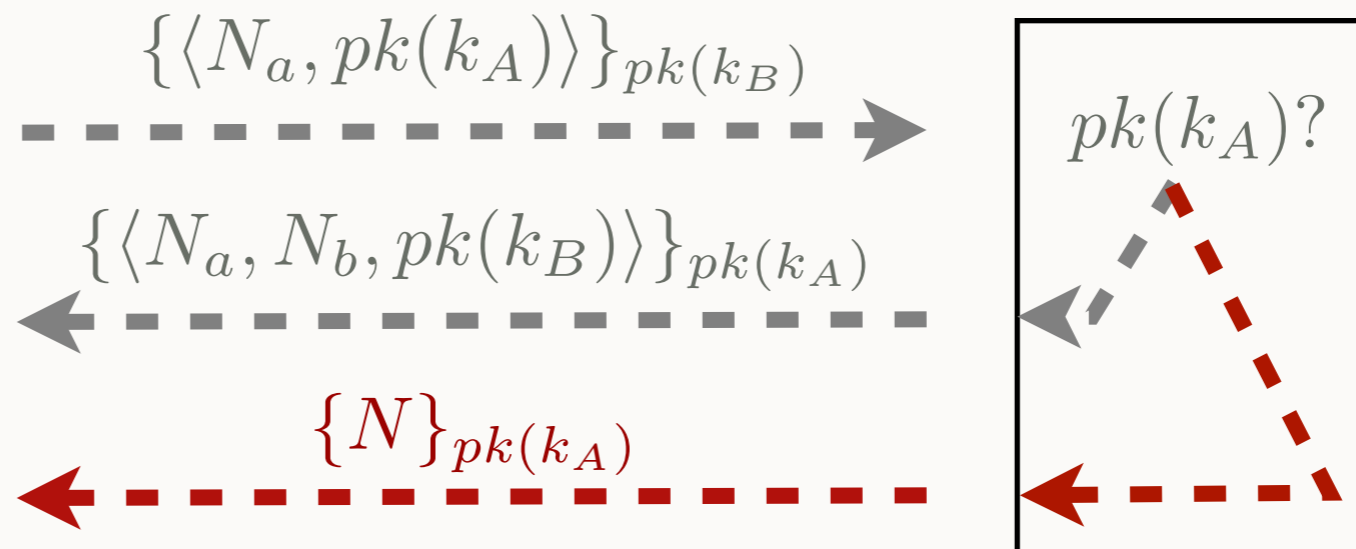
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- between two processes
 - * possibly non deterministic
 - * possibly with non trivial else branches
 - * possibly with private channels
 - * with bounded number of sessions
- complete and sound
- terminate