# A decision procedure for proving symbolic equivalence 

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## Equivalence properties

- Examples : strong secret, dictionnary attacks, anonymity, ...
- Express the indistinguishability of two protocols
- Theoretical results (Baudet, Chevalier, Rusinowitch, ...)
- No general tool implemented


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\approx(\mathrm{p}(a)) \cdot c\left(\mathrm{p}\left(a^{\prime}\right)\right) \cdot c(\mathrm{p}(b))\left|P_{A}\left(a^{\prime}, b\right)\right| P_{B}\left(b, a^{\prime}\right)
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$$

## Previous works

## Huttel (2002)

- Only spi-calculus (fixed primitives)
- Untractable implementation (multi-exponential complexity)
- Doesn't handle trace properties.


## Blanchet, Abadi, Fournet (2008) : ProVerif

- Unbounded number of sessions
- Diff-equivalence: Observational equivalence between two process with the same structure but different messages.
- Very efficient
- Possibility of false attacks. Doesn't always terminate


## Previous works

Cortier, Delaune (2009) + Baudet (2005) or Chevalier,Rusinowitch (2009)

- Bounded number of sessions
- Infinitely many traces are represented by constraint systems
- Observational equivalence of processes $\Leftrightarrow$ symbolic equivalence of constraint systems
- Algorithm for the symbolic equivalence of positive constraint systems when the equational theory is given by a subterm convergent rewriting system.


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## - Definition and example - How to use them ?

(3) Termination, Completeness and Soundness

## Dolev-Yao

## Rewrite rules

- $\operatorname{dec}(\operatorname{enc}(x, y), y) \rightarrow x$
- $\operatorname{adec}(\operatorname{aenc}(x, \mathrm{p}(y)), y) \rightarrow x$
- check $(\operatorname{sign}(x, y), \mathrm{p}(y)) \rightarrow x$
- $\pi_{1}(\langle x, y\rangle) \rightarrow x$ and $\pi_{2}(\langle x, y\rangle) \rightarrow y$


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## A solution

- $\sigma=\left\{x \mapsto N_{a} ; y \mapsto \mathrm{p}(a) ; z \mapsto N_{b}\right\}$, and
- $\theta=\left\{X_{1} \mapsto a x_{3} ; X_{2} \mapsto a x_{4}\right\}$.


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## Symbolic equivalence

## $C \approx_{s} C^{\prime}$

Given two constraint systems, any two associated traces are staticly equivalent.

- for all $(\theta, \sigma) \in \operatorname{Sol}(C)$, there exists $\sigma^{\prime}$ such that $\left(\theta, \sigma^{\prime}\right) \in \operatorname{Sol}\left(C^{\prime}\right)$ and $\phi \sigma \sim \phi^{\prime} \sigma^{\prime}$
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## Non-equivalent

The substitution of recipe $\theta=\left\{X_{1} \mapsto a x_{2}, X_{2} \mapsto a x_{3}\right\}$ is only a solution for the first constraint system with $\sigma=\{x \mapsto B\}$, and

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a, b, \operatorname{enc}\left(n_{a}, k\right), & \vdash \operatorname{enc}(x, k) \\
a, b, \operatorname{enc}\left(n_{a}, k\right), \operatorname{enc}(\langle x, x\rangle, k), k & \vdash \operatorname{enc}\left(\left\langle n_{a}, n_{a}\right\rangle, k\right)
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## Non-equivalent

- A solution: $\sigma=\sigma^{\prime}=\left\{x \mapsto n_{a}\right\}$, and $\theta=\left\{X_{1} \mapsto a x_{3}, X_{2} \mapsto a x_{4}\right\}$
- $\phi \sigma \nsim \phi^{\prime} \sigma^{\prime}: \xi=f\left(\operatorname{dec}\left(a x_{3}, a x_{5}\right)\right), \xi^{\prime}=\operatorname{dec}\left(a x_{4}, a x_{5}\right)$


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## General idea

- Input : two constraint systems : $C$ and $C^{\prime}$
- Problem : is $C \approx_{s} C^{\prime}$ ?
- Reduce the problem to a finite conjunction of constraint systems equivalence :

$$
C_{1} \approx_{s} C_{1}^{\prime} \wedge \ldots \wedge C_{n} \approx_{s} C_{n}^{\prime}
$$

- Decidability of each $C_{i} \approx_{s} C_{i}^{\prime}$ has to be trivial


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## Theorem (Completeness)

If $\left(C_{0}, C_{0}^{\prime}\right)$ is a pair of initial constraints such that $C_{0} \approx_{s} C_{0}^{\prime}$, then all leaves of a tree, whose root is labeled with $\left(C_{0}, C_{0}^{\prime}\right)$, are labeled either with $(\perp, \perp)$ or with some $\left(C, C^{\prime}\right)$ with $C \neq \perp$ and $C^{\prime} \neq \perp$.

## Termination problem

Consider the initial pair of contraints $\left(C, C^{\prime}\right)$ given below:

$$
C=\left\{\begin{array}{rlll}
a & \vdash \operatorname{enc}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \\
a, b & \vdash & x_{1}
\end{array} \quad C^{\prime}=\left\{\begin{array}{rll}
a & \vdash & y_{1} \\
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## Termination theorem

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There exists a strategy on the rules which terminates.

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## Future Works

## Theory

(1) Extension to non positive constraint systems (Ongoing work)
(2) Extension to symbolic equivalence of constraint system set (Ongoing work)
(3) Extension to trace equivalence of non deterministic protocol (Ongoing work)
(4) Other cryptographic primitives

## Implementation

(1) Symbolic equivalence of positive constraint systems (Done)
(2) Trace equivalence of positive protocol (Done but not efficient)

