A Concrete Procedure of the Σ-protocol on Monotone Predicates[⋆]

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Abstract. We propose a concrete procedure of the Σ-protocol introduced by Cramer, Damgård and Schoenmakers at CRYPTO '94, which is for proving knowledge that a set of witnesses satisfies a monotone predicate in witness-indistinguishable way. We provide the concrete procedure by extending the so-called OR-proof.

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1 Introduction

A Σ-protocol formalized in the doctoral thesis of Cramer [Cra96] is a protocol of a 3-move public-coin interactive proof system which satisfies the three requirements of completeness, special soundness and honest-verifier zero-knowledge. It is one of the simplest protocols of zero-knowledge interactive proof systems with the easy but special simulator. Also, it is one of the most typical proof of knowledge systems [BG92]; the knowledge-extraction property by the special soundness enables us to prove that an identification scheme by a Σ-protocol is secure against active and concurrent attacks via a reduction to a hardness assumption [BP02]. For example, instantiations of the Σ-protocol have been known as the Schnorr protocol [Sch89] and the Guillou-Quisquater protocol [GQ88] of identification schemes. The identification schemes can be converted into digital signature schemes by the Fiat-Shamir heuristic [FS86]. The signature schemes can be proved secure against chosen-message attacks in the random oracle model [PS96] based on the security of the identification schemes against passive attacks [AABN02]. By virtue of these features, a Σ-protocol can be adopted into building blocks of various cryptographic primitives such as anonymous credential systems [CL02] and group signature schemes [BBS04].

The OR-proof proposed by Cramer, Damgård and Schoenmakers at CRYPTO '94 [CDS94] is a Σ-protocol derived from an original Σ-protocol [Dam10]. It is a perfectly witness-indistinguishable protocol [FS90] by which a prover can convince a verifier that a prover knows one of the two or both witnesses while even

an unbounded distinguisher cannot tell which witness is used. The OR-proof is essentially applied in, for example, the construction of a non-malleable proof of plaintext knowledge [Kat03]. In the paper [CDS94][1], a more general protocol was proposed; suppose a prover and a verifier are given a monotone predicate f over boolean variables. Here a monotone predicate means a boolean-valued function which is a boolean formula without negation; that is, as a boolean formula, boolean variables of f are connected by AND-gates or OR-gates, but no NOT-gate is used. '1' (TRUE) is assigned into every variable in f at which the prover knows the corresponding witness, and '0' (FALSE) is assigned into every remaining variable. The protocol attains the perfect witness indistinguishability in the sense that the prover knows a satisfying set of witnesses while even an unbounded distinguisher cannot tell which satisfying set is used. This protocol is an extension of the OR-proof to any monotone predicate, and in [CDS94] a high-level construction that employed a "semi-smooth" secret-sharing scheme was given. (As is stated in [CDS94], to remove the restriction of the monotonicity of f looks impossible.)

1.1 Our Contribution and Related Works

In this paper, we provide a concrete procedure of the Σ-protocol proposed by Cramer, Damgård and Schoenmakers [CDS94]. We start with a given Σ-protocol Σ, and derive a Σ-protocol Σ_f for any monotone predicate f concretely. Then we show that the protocol Σ_f realized by our procedure is actually a Σ-protocol with the perfect witness indistinguishability.

Explanation on the relation to attribute-based cryptographic primitives should be in order[2]. Herranz [Her14] provided the first attribute-based signature scheme (ABS) with both the collusion resistance (against collecting private secret keys) and the computational attribute privacy, while the scheme is *without pairings (pairing-free)* in the RSA setting. Recently, Herranz [Her16a] provided an ABS scheme without pairings in the discrete-logarithm setting with a constraint that the number of private secret keys is bounded in the set-up phase. In the both ABS schemes [Her14,Her16a] Σ-protocols are used and described for the threshold-type predicate. Our concrete procedure of the Σ-protocol Σ_f serves as building blocks of their Σ-protocols for any monotone predicate (including the threshold-type predicate) to yield the pairing-free ABS schemes [Her14,Her16a].

1.2 Our Construction Idea

To construct a concrete procedure for the Σ-protocol Σ_f with the perfect witness indistinguishability, we look into the technique employed in the OR-proof [CDS94] and expand it so that it can treat any monotone predicate, as follows. First express the boolean formula f as a binary tree $\mathcal{T}_f$. That is, we put leaves each of which corresponds to each position of a variable in f. We connect two leaves by an $\wedge$-node or an $\vee$-node according to an AND-gate or an OR-gate which is between the two corresponding positions in f. Then we connect the resulting nodes by an $\wedge$-node or an $\vee$-node in the same way until we reach the root node (which is also an $\wedge$-node or an $\vee$-node). A verification equation of the given Σ-protocol Σ is assigned to every leaf. If a challenge string CHA of our Σ-protocol Σ_f is given by the verifier, then the prover assigns the string CHA to the root node. If the root node is an $\wedge$-node, then the prover assigns the same string CHA to the two children. Else if the root node is an $\vee$-node, then the prover divides CHA into two random strings CHA_L and CHA_R under the constraint that $CHA = CHA_L \oplus CHA_R$, and assigns CHA_L and CHA_R to the left child and the right child, respectively. Here $\oplus$ means a bitwise exclusive-OR operation. Then the prover continues to apply this rule at each height, step by step, until she reaches all the leaves. Basically, the OR-proof technique assures that, at every leaf, we can either honestly execute the Σ-protocol Σ or execute the simulator of Σ. Only when a set of witnesses satisfies the binary tree $\mathcal{T}_f$, the above procedure succeeds in satisfying verification equations at all the leaves.

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[1] In the related paper [AAS14] of this ePrint, the authors could not refer to this previous work [CDS94]. We would like to refer to the work now.

[2] In the related paper [AAS14] of this ePrint, we attained the collusion resistance in the construction of an attribute-based identification scheme (ABID) and an attribute-based signature scheme (ABS) by a naive application of the credential bundle technique [MPR11]. But instead, we lost the *attribute privacy* in the ABID and the ABS schemes though the attribute privacy was *wrongly* claimed in [AAS14].

1.3 Organization of this Paper

In Section 2, we prepare for required notions and notations. In Section 3, we describe a concrete procedure of the Σ-protocol Σ_f. In Section 4, we conclude our work in this paper.

2 Preliminaries

The security parameter is denoted by λ. The bit length of a string a is denoted by $|a|$. The concatenation of a string a with a string b is denoted by $a \parallel b$. A uniform random sampling of an element a from a set S is denoted as $a \in_R S$. The expression $a =_? b$ returns a value 1 (TRUE) when $a = b$ and 0 (FALSE) otherwise. The expression $a \in_? S$ returns a value 1 when $a \in S$ and 0 otherwise. When an algorithm A with input a outputs z, we denote it as $z \leftarrow A(a)$, or, $A(a) \rightarrow z$. When a algorithm A with input a and a algorithm B with input b interact with each other, we denote the transcript of the messages as $\langle A(a), B(b) \rangle$.

Let $R = \{(x, w)\} \subset \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^*$ be a binary relation. We say that R is polynomially bounded if there exists a polynomial $\ell(\cdot)$ such that $|w| \leq \ell(|x|)$ for any $(x, w) \in R$. We say that R is an NP relation if it is polynomially bounded and there exists a polynomial-time algorithm for deciding membership of (x, w) in R. For a pair $(x, w) \in R$ we call x a statement and w a witness of x. An NP language for an NP relation R is defined as: $L \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in \{0,1\}^*; \exists w \in \{0,1\}^*, (x, w) \in R\}$. We introduce a *relation function* $R(\cdot, \cdot)$ associated with the relation R by: $R(\cdot, \cdot) : \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$, $(x, w) \mapsto 1$ if $(x, w) \in R$, and 0 otherwise. The function $R(\cdot, \cdot)$ is polynomial-time in $|x|$ as an algorithm. We denote the set of witnesses of a statement x by $W(x)$.

We denote an interactive proof system on an NP relation R [Bab85,GMR85] as $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$, where $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{V}$ are a pair of interactive Turing machines, which are called a prover and a verifier, respectively. In this paper, not only $\mathbf{V}$ but also $\mathbf{P}$ are assumed to be probabilistic polynomial-time (PPT). That is, $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$ is an interactive argument system.

2.1 Σ-protocol, Witness-Indistinguishability and OR-proof

Σ-protocol [Cra96,Dam10] Let R be an NP relation. A *Σ-protocol Σ* on a relation R is a 3-move public-coin protocol of an interactive proof system $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$ [Cra96,Dam10]. $\mathbf{P}$ sends the first message called a commitment CMT to $\mathbf{V}$. Then $\mathbf{V}$ sends the second message called a challenge CHA to $\mathbf{P}$, which is a public random string. Then $\mathbf{P}$ sends the third message called a response RES to $\mathbf{V}$. Then $\mathbf{V}$ applies a decision test to $(x, \text{CMT}, \text{CHA}, \text{RES})$ to return 1 (accept) or 0 (reject). If $\mathbf{V}$ accepts, then the triple (CMT, CHA, RES) is said to be an *accepting transcript on x*. The challenge CHA is chosen uniformly at random from the challenge space $\text{CHASP}(1^\lambda) := \{0,1\}^{l(\lambda)}$ with $l(\cdot)$ being a super-log function. To state the requirements for the Σ-protocol Σ, we introduce the following six PPT algorithms of Σ: $\Sigma = (\Sigma^1, \Sigma^2, \Sigma^3, \Sigma^{\text{vrfy}}, \Sigma^{\text{ke}}, \Sigma^{\text{sim}})$. The first algorithm Σ^1 is described as CMT $\leftarrow \Sigma^1(x, w)$. That is, on input $(x, w) \in R$, it generates a commitment CMT. Similarly, the second, the third and the forth algorithms are described as CHA $\leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda)$, RES $\leftarrow \Sigma^3(x, w, \text{CMT}, \text{CHA})$ and $b \leftarrow \Sigma^{\text{vrfy}}(x, \text{CMT}, \text{CHA}, \text{RES})$, respectively. Σ must satisfy the following three requirements.

Completeness. A prover $\mathbf{P}(x, w)$ with a witness $w \in W(x)$ makes $\mathbf{V}(x)$ accept with the probability 1.

The fifth algorithm is described as follows.

Special Soundness. There is a PPT algorithm called a *knowledge extractor* Σ^{ke}, which, given as input a statement x and two accepting transcripts (CMT, CHA, RES) and (CMT, CHA$'$, RES$'$), computes a witness $\hat{w}$ satisfying $(x, \hat{w}) \in R$ with an overwhelming probability, where the two challenges CHA and CHA$'$ are different (CHA $\neq$ CHA$'$):

$$\hat{w} \leftarrow \Sigma^{\text{ke}}(x, \text{CMT}, \text{CHA}, \text{RES}, \text{CHA}', \text{RES}').$$

The sixth algorithm is described as follows.

Honest-Verifier Zero-Knowledge. For any fixed statement x there is a PPT algorithm called a *simulator* Σ^{sim} such that

$$(\tilde{\text{CHA}}, \tilde{\text{CMT}}, \tilde{\text{RES}}) \leftarrow \Sigma^{\text{sim}}(x),$$

where the distribution of (simulated) transcripts $\{(\tilde{\mathrm{CMT}}, \tilde{\mathrm{CHA}}, \tilde{\mathrm{RES}})\}$ is the same as the distribution of (real) accepting transcripts $\{(\mathrm{CMT}, \mathrm{CHA}, \mathrm{RES})\}$ generated as $\langle \mathbf{P}(x, w), \mathbf{V}(x) \rangle$ for any fixed witness $w \in W(x)$ and for the (honest) verifier $\mathbf{V}$.

For a Σ-protocol, the above simulator $\Sigma^{\mathrm{sim}}(x)$ is modified as follows. First generate a challenge $\tilde{\mathrm{CHA}}$ by running $\Sigma^2(1^\lambda)$ (i.e. uniform random sampling from $\mathrm{CHASP}(1^\lambda)$), and then input the challenge $\tilde{\mathrm{CHA}}$ to the modified simulator to generate a commitment $\tilde{\mathrm{CMT}}$ and a response $\tilde{\mathrm{RES}}$:

$$\tilde{\mathrm{CHA}} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda), \ (\tilde{\mathrm{CMT}}, \tilde{\mathrm{RES}}) \leftarrow \Sigma^{\mathrm{sim}}(x, \tilde{\mathrm{CHA}}).$$

We need this modified form of the simulator later.

We note that an interactive proof system $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$ with a Σ-protocol is known to be a proof of knowledge system. (For the notion of a proof of knowledge system, see [BG92].)

Witness-Indistinguishable Proof System [FS90,Gol01] Let R be an NP relation. Suppose that an interactive proof system $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$ on the relation R is given. Suppose further that the proof system Π is with a Σ-protocol Σ on the relation R so that we can set the completeness and the special soundness. We focus on the following property.

Witness Indistinguishability. For any PPT algorithm $\mathbf{V}^*$, any sequences $W^0 = (w_x^0)_{x \in L}$ and $W^1 = (w_x^1)_{x \in L}$ s.t. $w_x^0, w_x^1 \in W(x)$, any PPT algorithm D, any polynomial $\mathrm{poly}(\cdot)$, any sufficiently long string $x \in L$ and any string $z \in \{0, 1\}^*$,

$$\Pr[D(x, z, \langle \mathbf{P}(x, w_x^0), \mathbf{V}^*(x, z) \rangle) = 1]$$
$$- \Pr[D(x, z, \langle \mathbf{P}(x, w_x^1), \mathbf{V}^*(x, z) \rangle) = 1] < \frac{1}{\mathrm{poly}(|x|)}.$$

The interactive proof system Π with the above property is said to be a *witness-indistinguishable proof system* (WI, for short). A stronger notion is the perfect witness indistinguishability. If for any PPT algorithm $\mathbf{V}^*$, any sequences $W^0 = (w_x^0)_{x \in L}$ and $W^1 = (w_x^1)_{x \in L}$ s.t. $w_x^0, w_x^1 \in W(x)$, any string $x \in L$ and any string $z \in \{0, 1\}^*$ the two distributions $\{(x, z, \langle \mathbf{P}(x, w_x^0), \mathbf{V}^*(x, z) \rangle)\}$ and $\{(x, z, \langle \mathbf{P}(x, w_x^1), \mathbf{V}^*(x, z) \rangle)\}$ are identical, then the interactive proof system Π is said to be a *perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof system.*

OR-proof [Dam10] Let R be an NP relation. Suppose that a boolean formula $f(X_0, X_1) = X_0 \vee X_1$ is given, and fix the following relation.

$$R_{\mathrm{OR}} = \{(x = (x_0, x_1), w = (w_0, w_1)) \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^2 \times (\{0, 1\}^*)^2;$$
$$f(R(x_0, w_0), R(x_1, w_1)) = 1\}.$$

The corresponding language is

$$L_{\mathrm{OR}} = \{x \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^2; \exists w \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^2, (x, w) \in R_{\mathrm{OR}}\}.$$

Suppose further that a Σ-protocol Σ on a relation R is given. Then we construct the protocol Σ_{OR} on the relation R_{OR} as follows. Let (x_0, w_0) be in R, wolog. $\mathbf{P}$ computes $\mathrm{CMT}_0 \leftarrow \Sigma^1(x_0, w_0)$, $(\mathrm{CMT}_1, \mathrm{CHA}_1, \mathrm{RES}_1) \leftarrow \Sigma^{\mathrm{sim}}(x_1)$ and sends $(\mathrm{CMT}_0, \mathrm{CMT}_1)$ to $\mathbf{V}$. Then $\mathbf{V}$ chooses $\mathrm{CHA} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda)$ and sends it to $\mathbf{P}$. Then $\mathbf{P}$ computes $\mathrm{CHA}_0 := \mathrm{CHA} \oplus \mathrm{CHA}_1$, $\mathrm{RES}_0 \leftarrow \Sigma^3(x_0, w_0, \mathrm{CMT}_0, \mathrm{CHA}_0)$ and sends $(\mathrm{CHA}_0, \mathrm{CHA}_1)$ and $(\mathrm{RES}_0, \mathrm{RES}_1)$ to $\mathbf{V}$. Here $\oplus$ denotes a bitwise exclusive-OR operation. Then for each $i = 0, 1$, $(\mathrm{CMT}_i, \mathrm{CHA}_i, \mathrm{RES}_i)$ is an accepting transcript on x_i, and furthermore, the distribution of transcripts $\{(\mathrm{CMT}_i, \mathrm{CHA}_i, \mathrm{RES}_i)\}$ is the same as the distribution of accepting transcripts generated as $\langle \mathbf{P}(x_i, w_i), \mathbf{V}(x_i) \rangle$ for any fixed $w_i \in W(x_i)$.

The protocol Σ_{OR} is actually a Σ-protocol [CDS94,Dam10]. We often call Σ_{OR} the *OR-proof protocol* (or simply, *OR-proof*, for short). A proof system Π with the OR-proof protocol is, as we see, a perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof system [CDS94,Dam10]. Therefore, a proof system Π with the OR-proof protocol is a *perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system* (WIPoK).

2.2 Access Formula

Let $\mathcal{U} = \{1, \ldots, u\}$ be an attribute universe [GPSW06]. We must distinguish two cases: the case that $\mathcal{U}$ is small (that is, $|\mathcal{U}| = u$ is bounded by a polynomial in λ) and the case that $\mathcal{U}$ is large (that is, u is not necessarily bounded). We assume the small case in this paper.

Let $f = f(X_{i_1}, \ldots, X_{i_a})$ be a boolean formula over boolean variables $U = \{X_1, \ldots, X_u\}$. Here we denote the arity of f as $a(f)$, and two variables among $X_{i_1}, \ldots, X_{i_a}$ are connected by a boolean connective, an AND-gate ($\wedge$) or an OR-gate ($\vee$). For example, $f = X_{i_1} \wedge ((X_{i_2} \wedge X_{i_3}) \vee X_{i_4})$ for some $i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4 \in \mathcal{U}$. Note that there is a bijective map ψ between boolean variables and attributes:

$$\psi : U \to \mathcal{U}, \ \psi(X_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i.$$

For $f(X_{i_1}, \ldots, X_{i_a})$, we denote the set of indices of f (that is, attributes), $\{i_1, \ldots, i_a\}$, by $\mathrm{Att}(f)$. Hereafter we use the symbol i_j to mean the following:

$$i_j \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the index } i \text{ of a boolean variable that is the } j\text{-th argument of } f.$$

Suppose that we are given an access structure as a boolean formula f. For $S \in 2^{\mathcal{U}}$, we evaluate the boolean value of f at S as follows:

$$f(S) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f\big(X_{i_j} \leftarrow [\psi(X_{i_j}) \in_? S]; j = 1, \ldots, a(f)\big) \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Under this definition, a boolean formula f can be seen as a map: $f : 2^{\mathcal{U}} \to \{0, 1\}$. We call a boolean formula f with this map an *access formula* over $\mathcal{U}$. In this paper, we assume that no NOT-gate ($\neg$) appears in f. In other words, we consider only *monotone* predicates and *monotone* access formulas.

Access Tree A monotone access formula f can be represented by a finite binary tree $\mathcal{T}_f$. Each inner node represents a boolean connective, an $\wedge$-gate or an $\vee$-gate, in f. Each leaf corresponds to a position X_i (not a variable X_i) in f in one-to-one way. For a finite binary tree tree $\mathcal{T}$, we denote the set of all nodes, the root node, the set of all leaves, the set of all inner nodes (that is, all nodes excluding leaves) and the set of all tree-nodes (that is, all nodes excluding the root node) as $\mathrm{Node}(\mathcal{T})$, $r(\mathcal{T})$, $\mathrm{Leaf}(\mathcal{T})$, $\mathrm{iNode}(\mathcal{T})$ and $\mathrm{tNode}(\mathcal{T})$, respectively. Then the attribute map $\rho(\cdot)$ is defined as:

$$\rho : \mathrm{Leaf}(\mathcal{T}) \to \mathcal{U}, \ \rho(l) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\psi(X_i) \text{ where } l \text{ corresponds to the position } X_i).$$

If ρ is not injective, then we call the case *multi-use* of attributes.

If $\mathcal{T}$ is of height greater than 0, $\mathcal{T}$ has two subtrees whose root nodes are two children of $r(\mathcal{T})$. We denote the two subtrees by $\mathrm{Lsub}(\mathcal{T})$ and $\mathrm{Rsub}(\mathcal{T})$, which mean the left subtree and the right subtree, respectively.

3 Our Procedure of Σ-protocol on Monotone Predicate

In this section, we construct a Σ-protocol Σ_f of a perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system from a given Σ-protocol Σ and a monotone predicate f, so that Σ_f will be an extension of the OR-proof Σ_{OR}.

We revisit first the notion introduced by Cramer, Damgård and Schoenmakers [CDS94]; a Σ-protocol of a perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system. Let R be a binary relation. Let $f(X_{i_1}, \ldots, X_{i_{a(f)}})$ be a boolean formula over boolean variables $U = \{X_1, \ldots, X_u\}$.

Definition 1 (Cramer, Damgård and Schoenmakers [CDS94], our Rewritten Form) *A relation R_f is defined by:*

$$R_f \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x = (x_{i_1}, \ldots, x_{i_{a(f)}}), w = (w_{i_1}, \ldots, w_{i_{a(f)}})) \in (\{0,1\}^*)^{a(f)} \times (\{0,1\}^*)^{a(f)};$$
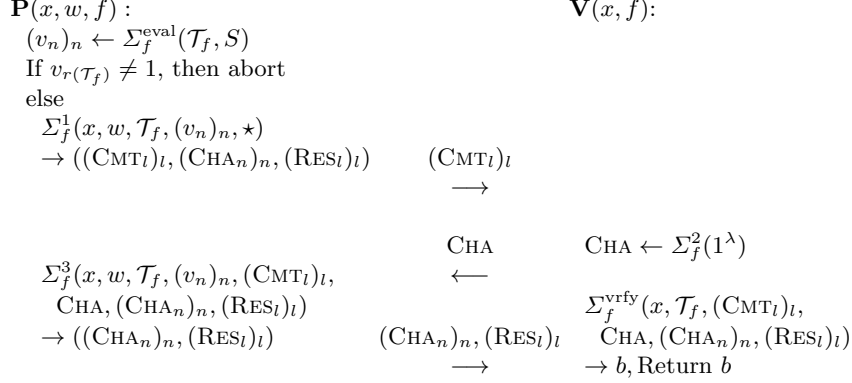$$f(R(x_{i_1}, w_{i_1}), \ldots, R(x_{i_{a(f)}}, w_{i_{a(f)}})) = 1\}.$$

$$\mathbf{P}(x,w,f):\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \mathbf{V}(x,f):$$

$$(v_n)_n \leftarrow \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_f, S)$$

If $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_f)} \neq 1$, then abort

else

$\qquad \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_f, (v_n)_n, \star)$
$\qquad \rightarrow ((\mathrm{CMT}_l)_l, (\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n, (\mathrm{RES}_l)_l) \qquad (\mathrm{CMT}_l)_l$
$\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \longrightarrow$

$\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \mathrm{CHA} \qquad \mathrm{CHA} \leftarrow \Sigma_f^2(1^\lambda)$
$\qquad \Sigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}_f, (v_n)_n, (\mathrm{CMT}_l)_l, \qquad \longleftarrow$
$\qquad\quad \mathrm{CHA}, (\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n, (\mathrm{RES}_l)_l) \qquad\qquad\qquad \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{vrfy}}(x, \mathcal{T}_f, (\mathrm{CMT}_l)_l,$
$\qquad \rightarrow ((\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n, (\mathrm{RES}_l)_l) \qquad (\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n, (\mathrm{RES}_l)_l \quad \mathrm{CHA}, (\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n, (\mathrm{RES}_l)_l)$
$\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \rightarrow b, \mathrm{Return}\ b$

Fig. 1. Overview of our procedure of the Σ-protocol Σ_f on the relation R_f.

R_f is a generalization of the relation R_{OR} [CDS94,Dam10] where f was a boolean formula with a single boolean connective OR, i.e. $f = X_{i_1} \vee X_{i_2}$. Note that, if R is an NP relation, then R_f is also an NP relation under the assumption that the number of leaves of $\mathcal{T}_f$ is bounded by $\ell(|x|)$ The corresponding language is

$$L_f \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \{x \in (\{0,1\}^*)^{a(f)}; \exists w \in (\{0,1\}^*)^{a(f)}, (x,w) \in R_f\}.$$

In [CDS94], a 3-move public-coin honest-verifier zero-knowledge proof of knowledge system for the language L_f was defined as a witness-indistinguishable proof system on any monotone predicate f (satisfied by a set of witnesses). Then, in [CDS94], a Σ-protocol of the WIPoK system on the relation R_f was studied at a high level by using the notion of the dual access structure of the access structure determined by f.

3.1 Our Procedure

Now we construct a concrete procedure of a protocol Σ_f of a WIPoK system on the relation R_f. Σ_f is a 3-move public-coin protocol of a proof of knowledge system $\Pi = (\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V})$ between interactive PPT algorithms $\mathbf{P}$ and $\mathbf{V}$, and it consists of seven algorithms: $\Sigma_f = (\Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}, \Sigma_f^1, \Sigma_f^2, \Sigma_f^3, \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{vrfy}}, \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{ke}}, \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{sim}})$. In our prover algorithm $\mathbf{P}$, there are four PPT subroutines $\Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}, \Sigma_f^1, \Sigma_f^3$ and Σ_f^{sim}. On the other hand, in our verifier algorithm $\mathbf{V}$, there are two PPT subroutines Σ_f^2 and Σ_f^{vrfy}. Moreover, Σ_f^{vrfy} has two subroutines **VrfyCha** and **VrfyRes**. Fig. 1 shows the construction of our procedure Σ_f. (For the tree expression of a boolean formula f, see Section 2.2.)

Evaluation of Satisfiability. The prover $\mathbf{P}$ begins with evaluation of whether and how S satisfies f by running the evaluation algorithm Σ_f^{eval}. It labels each node of $\mathcal{T}_f$ with a value $v = 1$ (TRUE) or 0 (FALSE). For each leaf l, we label l with $v_l = 1$ if $\rho(l) \in S$ and $v_l = 0$ otherwise. (For the definition of the function ρ, see Section 2.2.) For each inner node n, we label n with $v_n = v_{n_L} \wedge v_{n_R}$ or $v_n = v_{n_L} \vee v_{n_L}$ according to AND/OR evaluation of two labels of its two children, n_L and n_R. The computation is executed for every node from the root to each leaf, recursively, as in Fig. 2.
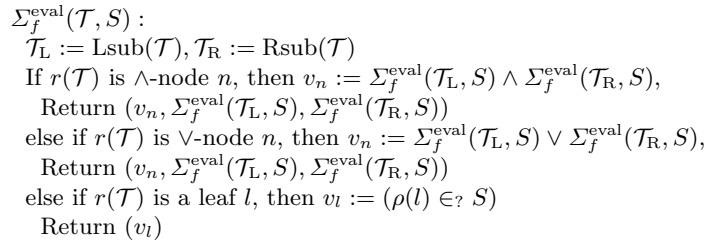
$\Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}, S):$
$\mathcal{T}_L := \mathrm{Lsub}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{T}_R := \mathrm{Rsub}(\mathcal{T})$
If $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\wedge$-node n, then $v_n := \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_L, S) \wedge \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_R, S)$,
$\quad$ Return $(v_n, \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_L, S), \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_R, S))$
else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\vee$-node n, then $v_n := \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_L, S) \vee \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_R, S)$,
$\quad$ Return $(v_n, \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_L, S), \Sigma_f^{\mathrm{eval}}(\mathcal{T}_R, S))$
else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is a leaf l, then $v_l := (\rho(l) \in_? S)$
$\quad$ Return (v_l)

Fig. 2. The subroutine Σ_f^{eval} of our Σ_f.

Commitment. The prover $\mathbf{P}$ computes a commitment for each leaf by running the algorithm Σ_f^1 described in Fig. 3. Basically, Σ_f^1 runs for every node from the root to each leaf, recursively. As a result, Σ_f^1 generates for each leaf l a value CMT_l; If $v_l = 1$, then CMT_l is computed honestly according to Σ^1. Else if $v_l = 0$, then CMT_l is computed in the simulated way according to Σ^{sim}. Other strings, $(\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n$ and $(\mathrm{RES}_l)_l$, are needed for the simulation. Note that the distinguished symbol $\star$ is used to indicate "it is under computation". $\mathbf{P}$ sends $(\mathrm{CMT}_l)_l$ to $\mathbf{V}$.

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\begin{aligned}
&\Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}, (v_n)_n, \mathrm{CHA}): \\
&\quad \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}} := \mathrm{Lsub}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}} := \mathrm{Rsub}(\mathcal{T}) \\
&\quad \text{If} \quad r(\mathcal{T}) \text{ is } \wedge\text{-node } n, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_n := \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} := \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} := \mathrm{CHA} \\
&\qquad \text{Return } (\mathrm{CHA}_n, \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}}, (v_n)_n, \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})}), \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}}, (v_n)_n, \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})})) \\
&\quad \text{else if } r(\mathcal{T}) \text{ is } \vee\text{-node } n, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_n := \mathrm{CHA} \\
&\qquad \text{If} \quad v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} = 1 \text{ and } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} = 1, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} := \star, \qquad \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} := \star \\
&\qquad \text{else if } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} = 1 \text{ and } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} = 0, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} := \star, \qquad \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda) \\
&\qquad \text{else if } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} = 0 \text{ and } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} = 1, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda), \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} := \star \\
&\qquad \text{else if } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} = 0 \text{ and } v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} = 0, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda), \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})} := \mathrm{CHA} \oplus \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})} \\
&\qquad \text{Return } (\mathrm{CHA}_n, \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}}, (v_n)_n, \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{L}})}), \\
&\qquad\qquad\qquad \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}}, (v_n)_n, \mathrm{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{R}})})) \\
&\quad \text{else if } r(\mathcal{T}) \text{ is a leaf } l, \text{ then } \mathrm{CHA}_l := \mathrm{CHA} \\
&\qquad \text{If} \quad v_l = 1, \text{ then } \mathrm{CMT}_l \leftarrow \Sigma^1(x_{\rho(l)}, w_{\rho(l)}), \mathrm{RES}_l := \star \\
&\qquad \text{else if } v_l = 0, \text{ then } (\mathrm{CMT}_l, \mathrm{RES}_l) \leftarrow \Sigma^{\mathrm{sim}}(x_{\rho(l)}, \mathrm{CHA}) \\
&\qquad \text{Return}(\mathrm{CMT}_l, \mathrm{CHA}_l, \mathrm{RES}_l)
\end{aligned}
$$

Fig. 3. The subroutine Σ_f^1 of our Σ_f.

Challenge. The verifier $\mathbf{V}$ computes a challenge CHA by running the algorithm Σ_f^2 described in Fig. 4. $\mathbf{V}$ sends CHA to $\mathbf{P}$.

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\Sigma_f^2(1^\lambda) : \mathrm{CHA} \leftarrow \Sigma^2(1^\lambda), \mathrm{Return}(\mathrm{CHA})
$$

Fig. 4. The subroutine Σ_f^2 of our Σ_f.

Response. The prover $\mathbf{P}$ computes a response for each leaf by running the algorithm Σ_f^3 described in Fig. 5. Basically, the algorithm Σ_f^3 runs for every node from the root to each leaf, recursively. As a result, Σ_f^3 generates the challenge strings $(\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n$ for all the nodes $n \in \mathrm{Node}(\mathcal{T}_f)$ and the response strings $(\mathrm{RES}_l)_l$ for all the leaves $l \in \mathrm{Leaf}(\mathcal{T}_f)$. Note that the computations of all challenge strings $(\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n$ are completed (according to the "division rule" described in Section 1.2). $\mathbf{P}$ sends $(\mathrm{CHA}_n)_n$ and $(\mathrm{RES}_l)_l$ to $\mathbf{V}$.

Verification. The verifier $\mathbf{V}$ computes a decision boolean by running the following algorithm Σ_f^{vrfy} from the root to each leaf, recursively.

Now we have to check that Σ_f is certainly a Σ-protocol on the relation R_f.

Proposition 1 (Completeness) *The completeness holds for our Σ_f.*

Proof. Suppose that $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_f)} = 1$. We show that, for every node in $\mathrm{Node}(\mathcal{T}_f)$, either $v_n = 1$ or $\mathrm{CHA}_n \neq *$ holds after executing Σ_f^1. The proof is by induction on the height of $\mathcal{T}_f$. The case of height 0 follows from $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_f)} = 1$ and the completeness of Σ. Suppose that the case of height k holds and consider the case of height $k + 1$. The construction of Σ_f^1 assures the case of height $k + 1$. $\qquad\square$

Proposition 2 (Special Soundness) *The special soundness holds for our Σ_f.*

We construct a knowledge extractor Σ_f^{ke} by employing the knowledge extractor Σ^{ke} of the underlying Σ-protocol Σ as in Fig. 7. Then Lemma 1 assures the above proposition.

$\varSigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}, (v_n)_n, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l) :$
  $\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}} := \text{Lsub}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{T}_{\text{R}} := \text{Rsub}(\mathcal{T})$
 If $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\wedge$-node n, then $\text{CHA}_n := \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} := \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} := \text{CHA}$
   $\text{Return}(\text{CHA}_n, \varSigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\text{L}}, (v_n)_n, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l),$
        $\varSigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\text{R}}, (v_n)_n, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l))$
 else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\vee$-node n, then $\text{CHA}_n := \text{CHA}$
   If $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} = 1$ and $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} = 1$, then $\text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} \leftarrow \varSigma^2(1^\lambda), \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} := \text{CHA} \oplus \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}$
   else if $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} = 1$ and $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} = 0$, then $\text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} := \text{CHA} \oplus \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})}$
   else if $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} = 0$ and $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} = 1$, then $\text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} := \text{CHA} \oplus \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}$
   else if $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} = 0$ and $v_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})} = 0$, then do nothing
   $\text{Return}(\text{CHA}_n, \varSigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\text{L}}, (v_n)_n, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l),$
        $\varSigma_f^3(x, w, \mathcal{T}_{\text{R}}, (v_n)_n, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l))$
 else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is a leaf l, then $\text{CHA}_l := \text{CHA}$
   If $v_l = 1$, then $\text{RES}_l \leftarrow \varSigma^3(x_{\rho(l)}, w_{\rho(l)}, \text{CMT}_l, \text{CHA})$
   else if $v_l = 0$, then do nothing
   $\text{Return}(\text{CHA}_l, \text{RES}_l)$

Fig. 5. The subroutine $\varSigma_f^3$ of our $\varSigma_f$.

$\varSigma_f^{\text{vrfy}}(x, \mathcal{T}, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l) :$
  $\text{Return}(\textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}, \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n) \wedge \textbf{VrfyRes}(x, \mathcal{T}, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, (\text{CHA}_l)_l, (\text{RES}_l)_l)$

$\textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}, \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n) :$
 $\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}} := \text{Lsub}(\mathcal{T}), \mathcal{T}_{\text{R}} := \text{Rsub}(\mathcal{T})$
 If $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\wedge$-node n, then
   $\text{Return} ((\text{CHA} =_? \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}) \wedge (\text{CHA} =_? \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})})$
    $\wedge \textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}}, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n) \wedge \textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}}, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n))$
 else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is $\vee$-node n, then
   $\text{Return} ((\text{CHA} =_? \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})} \oplus \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})})$
    $\wedge \textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}}, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{L}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n) \wedge \textbf{VrfyCha}(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}}, \text{CHA}_{r(\mathcal{T}_{\text{R}})}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n))$
 else if $r(\mathcal{T})$ is a leaf l, then
   $\text{Return} (\text{CHA} \in_? \text{CHASP}(1^\lambda))$

$\textbf{VrfyRes}(x, \mathcal{T}, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, (\text{CHA}_l)_l, (\text{RES}_l)_l) :$
 For $l \in \text{Leaf}(\mathcal{T})$: If $\varSigma^{\text{vrfy}}(x_{\rho(l)}, \text{CMT}_l, \text{CHA}_l, \text{RES}_l) = 0$, then $\text{Return} (0)$
 $\text{Return} (1)$

Fig. 6. The subroutine $\varSigma_f^{\text{vrfy}}$ of our $\varSigma_f$.

$\varSigma_f^{\text{ke}}(x, f, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, \quad \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l, \quad \text{CHA}', (\text{CHA}_n')_n, (\text{RES}_l')_l) :$
 If $\text{CHA} = \text{CHA}'$ then $\text{Return } \text{THESAMECHA}$
  else if $\varSigma_f^{\text{vrfy}}(x, \mathcal{T}_f, \text{CHA}, (\text{CMT}_l)_l, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l) = 0$
  or $\varSigma_f^{\text{vrfy}}(x, \mathcal{T}_f, \text{CHA}', (\text{CMT}_l)_l, (\text{CHA}_n')_n, (\text{RES}_l')_l) = 0$, then $\text{Return } \perp$
  else
   For $l \in \text{Leaf}(\mathcal{T}_f):$
    If $\text{CHA}_l = \text{CHA}_l'$, then $\hat{w}_{\rho(l)} \in_R \{0,1\}^{\ell(|x_{\rho(l)}|)}$
    else $\hat{w}_{\rho(l)} \leftarrow \varSigma^{\text{ke}}(x_{\rho(l)}, \text{CMT}_l, \text{CHA}_l, \text{RES}_l, \text{CHA}_l', \text{RES}_l')$
   $\text{Return } (\hat{w} := (\hat{w}_{i_j})_{1 \le j \le a(f)})$

Fig. 7. The knowledge-extractor $\varSigma_f^{\text{ke}}$ of our $\varSigma_f$.

Lemma 1 (Knowledge Extraction) *The string $\hat{w}$ output by Σ_f^{ke} satisfies $(x, \hat{w}) \in R_f$.*

Proof. We prove the lemma by induction on the number of all $\vee$-nodes in $\text{iNode}(T_f)$. First remark that $\text{CHA} \neq \text{CHA}'$.

Suppose that all nodes in $\text{iNode}(T_f)$ are $\wedge$-nodes. Then the above claim follows immediately because $\text{CHA}_l \neq \text{CHA}_l'$ holds for all leaves.

Suppose that the case of k $\vee$-nodes holds and consider the case of $k+1$ $\vee$-nodes. Look at one of the lowest height $\vee$-node and name the height and the node as h^* and n^*, respectively. Then $\text{CHA}_{n^*} \neq \text{CHA}_{n^*}'$ because all nodes with their heights less than h^* are $\wedge$-nodes. So at least one of children of n^*, say n_L^*, satisfies $\text{CHA}_{n_L^*} \neq \text{CHA}_{n_L^*}'$. Divide the tree $\mathcal{T}_f$ into two subtrees by cutting the branch right above n^*, and the induction hypothesis assures the claim. $\qquad\square$

Proposition 3 (HVZK) *The honest-verifier zero-knowledge property holds for our Σ_f.*

Proof. We construct a polynomial-time simulator Σ_f^{sim}, which on input a statement $x \in L_f$ and a predicate f returns an accepting transcript $((\text{CMT}_l)_l, \text{CHA}, (\text{CHA}_n)_n, (\text{RES}_l)_l)$, as in Fig. 8.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Sigma_f^{\text{sim}}(x, f): \\
&\quad \tilde{\text{CHA}} \leftarrow \Sigma_f^2(1^\lambda), \ w \in_R \{0,1\}^{\ell(|x_{\rho(l)}|)}, \text{ For } n \in \text{Node}(\mathcal{T}_f): v_n := 0 \\
&\quad ((\tilde{\text{CMT}}_l)_l, (\tilde{\text{CHA}}_n)_n, (\tilde{\text{RES}}_l)_l) \leftarrow \Sigma_f^1(x, w, \mathcal{T}_f, (v_n)_n, \tilde{\text{CHA}}) \\
&\quad \text{Return}((\tilde{\text{CMT}}_l)_l, \tilde{\text{CHA}}, (\tilde{\text{CHA}}_n)_n, (\tilde{\text{RES}}_l)_l)
\end{aligned}$$

Fig. 8. The simulator Σ_f^{sim} of our Σ_f.

$\qquad\square$

We summarize the above results into the following theorem and corollary.

Theorem 1 (Σ_f is a Σ-protocol) *If a given protocol Σ on a relation R is a Σ-protocol, and if an access formula f is monotone and the number of leaves of $\mathcal{T}_f$ is bounded by $\ell(|x|)$, then the protocol Σ_f with our procedure is a Σ-protocol on the relation R_f.*

Theorem 2 (Σ_f is a perfectly WIPoK system) *If a given protocol Σ on a relation R is a Σ-protocol, and if an access formula f is monotone and the number of leaves of $\mathcal{T}_f$ is bounded by $\ell(|x|)$, then the protocol Σ_f with our procedure is the protocol of a perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system on the relation R_f.*

Proof. For any statement x and any two witnesses w_1 and w_2 satisfying $R_f(x, w_1) = R_f(x, w_2) = 1$, the distribution of the transcript $\mathbf{P}(x, w_1)$ and $\mathbf{V}(x)$ of Σ_f and the distribution of the transcript $\mathbf{P}(x, w_2)$ and $\mathbf{V}(x)$ of Σ_f are identical. $\qquad\square$

3.2 Non-interactive Version

The Fiat-Shamir transform $\text{FS}(\cdot)$ can be applied to any Σ-protocol Σ ([FS86,AABN02]). Therefore, the non-interactive version of our procedure Σ_f is obtained.

Theorem 3 ($\text{FS}(\Sigma_f)$ is a non-interactive perfectly WIPoK system) *If a given protocol Σ on a relation R is a Σ-protocol, and if an access formula f is monotone and the number of leaves of $\mathcal{T}_f$ is bounded by $\ell(|x|)$, then the protocol $\text{FS}(\Sigma_f)$ is the protocol of a non-interactive perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system on the relation R_f. A knowledge extractor is constructed in the random oracle model.*

3.3 Discussion

As is mentioned in [CDS94], the Σ-protocol Σ_f can be considered as a proto-type of an attribute-based identification scheme [AAHI13]. Also, the non-interactive version $\text{FS}(\Sigma_f)$ can be considered a proto-type of an attribute-based signature scheme [MPR11]. That is, Σ_f and $\text{FS}(\Sigma_f)$ are an attribute-based identification scheme and an attribute-based signature scheme *without the collusion resistance against collecting private secret keys*, respectively.

4 Conclusion

We provided a concrete procedure of a Σ-protocol Σ_f, which is of a perfectly witness-indistinguishable proof of knowledge system on an NP relation R_f, where f is an input monotone predicate. Our concrete procedure is for any monotone predicate f on condition that the number of leaves of $\mathcal{T}_f$ is bounded by $\ell(|x|)$, and it serves as building blocks of the Σ-protocols in the pairing-free ABS schemes of [Her14,Her16a].

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