

# New Factoring-Based Cryptographic Primitives

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**Abstract.** This paper describes new  $p^2q$ -based OWFs and signature schemes. The new signature schemes are interesting because they *do not* belong to the two common design blueprints which are the inversion of a trapdoor permutation and the Fiat-Shamir transform.

The signature algorithms are derived from a new OWF whose inversion is as provably as difficult as factoring  $p^2q$ . By opposition to the DLP, Rabin or RSA, which assume that the target modulus is built into the OWF, the new OWF does not require any built-in parameters except the modulus’ size.

In a first (polynomial-time but impractical) signature scheme the signer generates  $k \simeq 200$  moduli  $n_i = p_i^2 q_i$  and keeps their factors secret. The signature is a bounded-size prime whose Jacobi symbols with respect to the  $n_i$ s match the message digest.

In a second variant, the resulting public-key is 300 times longer than RSA’s and a typical signature is 1600-bytes long.

Given of their very different design the new signature schemes seem to be an overlooked “missing species” in the corpus of known signature algorithms.

We stress that we did not manage to prove the security of the proposed signature schemes nor find any attacks against them.

## 1 Introduction

To construct secure signature scheme or public-key cryptosystem, one fundamental building block is *one-way function*. Informally, a *one-way function* (OWF) is a function  $f$  that is easy to compute in polynomial time (by definition) on every input, but hard to invert given the image of a random input, theoretically that means there cannot exist a probabilistic (or deterministic) machine that can invert  $f$  in polynomial time. It is conjectured that the existence of a OWF implies that  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$ . Conversely, in the current state of complexity theory (i.e.,

$\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{NP}$ ?) it still unknown whether  $\mathcal{P} \neq \mathcal{NP}$  implies the existence of OWFs. For that reason even if some OWF candidates (e.g., the Discrete Logarithm Problem or Factoring) are known to be  $NP$ -complete, this does not necessarily imply their one-wayness.

## 1.1 Cryptography Modulo $p^2q$

$p^2q$  moduli have found a few applications in cryptography since the mid 1980s. The most notable of which are probably the EISGN signature scheme and its variants [OS85,FOM91,OFM98,Gra03,SPMLS02], Okamoto–Uchiyama’s cryptosystem [OU98,SST05], Schmidt-Samoa’s cryptosystem [SS06] or constructions such as [STTT03].

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Reste aussi à citer les autres réf qui sont dans mers.bib dans leur contexte.

Using  $p^2q$  moduli does not seem to render factoring significantly easier. [BDHG99] shows that it is easy to factor  $N = p^r q$  when  $r \simeq \log p$ . This LLL-based approach [LLL82] does not apply to the context of this paper where  $r = 2$  (moduli of the form  $p^r q$  are rather rarely used in cryptographic constructions, e.g. [Tak98]). We also refer the reader to [May04].

[MF17] presents two different approaches to factor  $p^2q$ . The first approach relies on Coppersmith’s method [Cop97] and factors  $p^2q$  in  $O(q^{0.31})$  time. As a second approach, uses [BDHG99] and achieves  $O(\sqrt[3]{q})$  assuming that  $p$  and  $q$  are of the same size. Both approaches lag far behind the GNFS.

## 2 Preliminaries & Notations

We start by recalling notations used in this paper.

### 2.1 Number-Theoretic Definitions

$\mathbb{P}$  will stand for set of primes. To distinguish the first primes from the large moduli  $p_i$  used in this paper we will denote  $\bar{p}_1 = 2, \bar{p}_2 = 3, \bar{p}_3 = 5, \dots$

$\mathbb{P}[a, b]$  will denote the set  $\{\bar{p}_a, \bar{p}_{a+1}, \dots, \bar{p}_b\}$ .

$k\#$  will represent the product of the first  $k$  primes starting with  $\bar{p}_1 = 2$ .

$\text{NextPrime}(x)$  is the function associating to  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  the smallest greater or equal to  $x$ .

A boldface variable  $\mathbf{x}$  will denote a set of elements identified by that variable, i.e.  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{k-1})$ .

**Definition 1 (Quadratic Residues).** *Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  be odd.  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  ( $a \in QR_p$ ) if  $a$  is congruent to a perfect square modulo  $p$ . Otherwise,  $a$  is a quadratic nonresidue modulo  $p$  ( $a \in QNR_p$ ).*

**Definition 2 (Legendre Symbol).** Let  $p \in \mathbb{P}$  be odd. The Legendre symbol is a function of  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $p$  defined as

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in \text{QR}_p \text{ and } a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ -1 & \text{if } a \in \text{QNR}_p, \\ 0 & \text{if } a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}. \end{cases}$$

☞ Computing a Legendre symbol is simple:

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

Several other arithmetic rules and identities allow to considerably speed-up computation and avoid resorting to a modular exponentiation.

The Jacobi symbol is a natural generalization of the Legendre symbol:

**Definition 3 (Jacobi Symbol).**  $\forall (a, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , the Jacobi symbol  $(a/n)$  is defined as the product of the Legendre symbols corresponding to the prime factors of  $n$ :

$$\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{a}{p_i}\right)^{\alpha_i}$$

where  $n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i}$  is the prime factorization of  $n$

☞ Following the normal convention for the empty product,  $(a/1) = 1$ .

☞ Interestingly, factoring  $n$  is not required for computing  $(a/n)$ .

☞ Legendre and Jacobi symbols are indistinguishable when  $n$  is an odd prime.

☞ The Legendre symbol allows to check if  $a \in \text{QR}_p$ , whereas the Jacobi symbol does not allow checking this property.

**Definition 4 (Jacobi Imprint).** For  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{N}^k$ , the Jacobi Imprint  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(a) \in \mathbb{N}$  is the integer:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(a) = 2^{k-1} - \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^{i-1} \left(\frac{a}{n_i}\right)$$

In essence, the imprint is an integer formed of bits representing the sequence of Jacobi symbols where  $-1$ s are replaced by 0s and 1s are left unchanged<sup>4</sup>.

Jacobi imprints are usually considered to be pseudo-random [SS07] and were used as such in a handful of cryptographic constructions (e.g. [?]). At times we will indistinctively use  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(a)$  to design the integer  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(a)$  or the set of its bits.

Letting  $\mathbf{n} = (n_0, \dots, n_{k-1}) \in \mathbb{N}^k$  and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{k-1}) \in \mathbb{N}^k$  we denote by  $\text{CRT}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{n})$  the Chinese Remainder function returning the smallest  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a_i = a \pmod{n_i}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ .

<sup>4</sup> We ignore the case 0 inapplicable to the constructions described in this paper.

**Definition 5 (General Residues Problem (GRP)).** Given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and a binary sequence  $\mathbf{s} = (s_0, \dots, s_{k-1})$  find the smallest  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  such that:

$$\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(x) = \mathbf{s}$$

If we are not interested in the smallest possible  $x$  then longer solutions can be constructed efficiently. To do so, start by generating<sup>5</sup> the  $k$  imprints  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(r_i)$  for small prime  $r_i$ s and express the target  $\mathbf{s}$  as a xor of the  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(r_i)$ s using linear algebra modulo 2.

Because linear algebra results in a solution of Hamming density  $\frac{1}{2}$ , the expected solution will be of size  $\simeq \sqrt{\#k}$ .

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David, c'est quoi le role de ce probleme dans le papier?

**Definition 6 (Approximate GCD Problem (AGCDP)).** Given a set of  $n$  integers of the form  $x_i = q_i p + r_i$ , where  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $q_i, r_i \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}$ . Find  $p$ .

## 2.2 Cryptographic Definitions

We remind the following cryptographic notions and conventions:

Classically,  $x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} S$  denotes an  $x$  uniformly drawn from the set  $S$ .

$\lambda$  denotes a security parameter (all the other parameters are function of  $\lambda$ ).

PPT stands for probabilistic algorithms running in polynomial time.

$H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  will denote a public hash-function. Typically,  $k = 200$ .

**Definition 7 (Negligibility).** A function in  $n$  is negligible, denoted by  $\text{negl}(n)$ , if  $\forall p(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x], \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that,  $\forall n \geq N \Rightarrow \text{negl}(n) \leq \frac{1}{p(n)}$ .

**Definition 8 (One-Way Function (OWF)).** A polynomial-time computable function  $f : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  is a one-way function, if  $\forall \mathcal{A} \in \text{PPT}$  there is a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that :  $\Pr_{x \in \{0, 1\}^n} [\text{Invert}_{\text{Adv}, f}(n) = 1] \leq \text{negl}(n)$ , where  $\text{Invert}_{\text{Adv}, f}(n)$  is the following experiment:

$\text{Invert}_{\text{Adv}, f}(n)$ :

$x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^n$

$y \leftarrow f(x)$

$\tilde{x} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^n, y)$

If  $f(\tilde{x}) = y$  return(1) else return(0)

$\boxtimes$  A OWF  $f$  is a one-way permutation if  $f$  is bijective and length-preserving.

<sup>5</sup> for  $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$

### 2.3 Security model

We recall the strong <sup>6</sup> EUF-CMA security notion:

**Definition 9 (Strong EUF-CMA Security).** A signature scheme  $\Sigma$  is secure against existential forgeries in a chosen-message attack (*strongly EUF-CMA-secure*) if the advantage of any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the EUF-CMA game defined in Figure 1 is negligible:  $\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Sigma}^{\text{EUF}}(\kappa) = \Pr \left[ \text{EUF}_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{A}}(\kappa) = 1 \right] \in \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .

<p><b>EUF<sub>Σ</sub><sup>ℳ</sup>(κ):</b>  <math>L \leftarrow \emptyset</math>  <math>(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \xleftarrow{\\$} \Sigma.\text{KeyGen}(1^\kappa)</math>  <math>(m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot), \text{Verify}(\cdot, \cdot), H(\cdot)}(1^\kappa)</math>          if <math>(m^*, \sigma^*) \notin L</math>              return <math>\Sigma.\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m^*)</math>          return 0</p>	<p><b>Sign(m):</b>  <math>\sigma \xleftarrow{\\$} \Sigma.(\text{sk}, m)</math>  <math>L \leftarrow L \cup \{m, \sigma\}</math>          return <math>\sigma</math></p> <p><b>Verify(m, σ):</b>          return <math>\Sigma.\text{Verify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma)</math></p>
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**Fig. 1.** The strong EUF-CMA experiment for digital signature schemes.

## 3 A Provably Secure One-Way Function

The first contribution of this paper is a new, provably secure, OWF. To understand the intuition behind the proposed function we build it in three steps. Each version perfects the previous and addresses a specific design limitation.

### 3.1 $\mathcal{F}_1$ : A OWF Processing Prime Inputs

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**Algorithm 1** The First Version  $\mathcal{F}_1$

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**Input:**  $x \in \mathbb{P}$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Output:**  $s \in \mathbb{N}$

$s \leftarrow \mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1, k]}(x)$

**return**  $s$

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$\mathcal{F}_1$  operates on prime inputs only and simply return the imprint:

$$\mathcal{F}_1(x) = \mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1, k]}(x) = \left( \left( \frac{x}{2} \right), \left( \frac{x}{3} \right), \dots, \left( \frac{x}{\bar{p}_{k-1}} \right) \right)$$

<sup>6</sup> In contrast to the *weak* version, the adversary is allowed to forge for a message that they have queried before, provided that their forgery is *not* an oracle response.

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David est ce que tu peux un nom au fcts  $F_1$  et  $F_2$  c'est plus simple pour l'appeler plus tard dans le papier

for some parameter  $k$  that will be precised later.

Assume that we are given an attacker  $m = \mathcal{A}_1(\mathcal{F}_1(m))$  inverting  $\mathcal{F}_1$  for a  $k$  which is large enough to characterize  $m$  beyond any reasonable doubt (a notion formalized later), we use  $\mathcal{A}_1$  to factor any  $n = p^2q$  by calling:

$$\mathcal{A}_1(\mathcal{F}_1(n)) = \mathcal{A}_1(\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(n)) = \mathcal{A}_1(\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(p^2q)) = \mathcal{A}_1(\mathcal{J}_{\mathbb{P}[1,k]}(q)) = q$$

Indeed  $\mathcal{F}_1(n) = \mathcal{F}_1(p^2q) = \mathcal{F}_1(q)$  and because we assume that  $k$  suffices to characterize  $q$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  has no choice but to factor the target  $n$ .

### 3.2 $\mathcal{F}_2$ : A OWF Processing All Inputs

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**Algorithm 2** The Second Version  $\mathcal{F}_2$

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**Input:**  $x \in \mathbb{N}, k \in \mathbb{N}$

**Output:**  $s \in \mathbb{N}$

$\hat{x} \leftarrow \text{NextPrime}(x)$

$t \leftarrow \hat{x} - x$

$s \leftarrow \mathcal{J}_{\overline{\mathbb{P}}[kt, k(t+1)-1]}(\hat{x}) = \left( \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\overline{p}_{kt}} \right), \dots, \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\overline{p}_{k(t+1)-1}} \right) \right)$

**return**  $s$

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A OWF operating only on prime inputs is of little use. We hence extend  $\mathcal{F}_1$  to a function  $\mathcal{F}_2$  operating on all inputs while preserving the existence of  $\mathcal{A}_1$ .

Let  $\hat{x} = \text{NextPrime}(x)$  and  $t = \hat{x} - x \geq 0$ .

We modify the OWF's definition to:

$$\mathcal{F}_2(x) = \left( \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\overline{p}_{kt}} \right), \dots, \left( \frac{\hat{x}}{\overline{p}_{k(t+1)-1}} \right) \right)$$

We see that  $x \in \mathbb{P} \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1(m) = \mathcal{F}_2(m)$ . When  $x \notin \mathbb{P}$  then  $\mathcal{F}_2$  produces a shifted output sequence.

Assuming that we are given an  $\mathcal{A}_2$  inverting  $\mathcal{F}_2$ , we use  $\mathcal{A}_2$  to factor  $p^2q$ , relying only on the  $\mathcal{A}_2$ 's capacity act as  $\mathcal{A}_1$  on prime inputs.

### 3.3 $\mathcal{F}_3$ : Quantifying "...Beyond Any Reasonable Doubt..."

It remains to fix the function's only parameter  $k$ .

Let  $k = \Delta + \log_2 q$  for some  $\Delta \in \mathbb{N}$ .

[faire le calcul d'entropie de  $H(q)$ ]

## 4 A New Signature Scheme

We are now ready to formally describe a first signature scheme.

#### 4.1 Definition and Security of a new Signature

**Definition 10.** Our signature scheme is a tuple of algorithms (**KeyGen**, **Sign**, and **Ver**), which we define as follows:

- **KeyGen**( $pp$ ): The key generation algorithm **KeyGen** takes as input the security parameter  $1^k$  and outputs a secret key  $sk = \{p_i, q_i\}$  and a public key  $pk = \mathbf{q}$  computed as follows:  
The signer generates  $k$  public moduli  $n_i = p_i^2 q_i$  while keeping their factors secret. For the sake of simplicity, we assume that all secret factors (i.e. the  $p_i$  and the  $q_i$ ) are  $\ell$ -bits long.
- **Sign**( $m, sk = \mathbf{q}$ ): The signing algorithm **Sign** takes as inputs the message  $m$  and the secret key  $\mathbf{q}$  and proceed as follows:  
The signer hashes  $H(m) = (h_0, \dots, h_{k-1}) \in \{0, 1\}^k$  and picks  $k$  random  $\ell$ -bit integers  $r_i$  such:

$$2h_i - 1 = \left(\frac{r_i}{q_i}\right) \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq k - 1$$

Then, the signer generates an  $\ell$ -bit random  $\rho \in \mathbb{N}$  such that:

$$s = CRT(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}) + \rho\pi \in \mathbb{P} \text{ where } \pi = \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} q_i$$

And returns  $s$  as the signature of  $m$ .

- **Ver**( $s, m, pk = \mathbf{n}$ ): To verify a signature  $s$ , the verification algorithm **Ver** takes as inputs the message  $m$ , the public key  $pk = \mathbf{n}$  and proceeds as follows:  
Return 1 if a signature  $s$  satisfies three criteria:

$$s \in \mathbb{P} \text{ and } s < 2^{(k+1)\ell+1} \text{ and } \mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(s) = H(m)$$

, 0 otherwise.

*Correctness:* Reste à faire.

#### 4.2 Security proof

Todo: Existential unforgeability under adaptive chosen message attacks assumptions:  $n = p^2q$  and  $H$  is collision-resistant.

Moi j'ai aucune idée. Eric ou Houda prenez en charge sinon il n'y qu'à dire que prouver la sécurité est un problème ouvert.

**Theorem 1 (Existential unforgeability).** Our scheme is provably EUF-CMA-secure assuming the hardness of inverting the  $F_1$ , in the ROM.

*Proof.* To prove this result, we will show a reduction from an efficient EUF-CMA forger to an efficient  $F_1$  inverter. For this goal we first show a sequence of indistinguishability results between the output distributions of:

- h
- g

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David il faut plutot faire une preuve de securité par reduction: si un attaquant arrive à casser la signature dans le modele UFCMA (forge existentielle sous une attaque à messages choisis) alors arrive à résoudre à inverser la fonction à sens unique  $F_1$ .

### 4.3 Toy Example ( $k = 8$ )

Picking the secret primes:

	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$
$p_i$	59069	54139	52639	53813	49871	41269	53653	40361
$q_i$	62989	32917	36583	48383	36653	34963	52517	38971

We get the public moduli:

$$\begin{aligned} n_0 &= 219777865328629 & n_1 &= 096480757993357 & n_2 &= 101366529455143 \\ n_3 &= 140109376837127 & n_4 &= 091160286242573 & n_5 &= 059546546811643 \\ n_6 &= 151177768427453 & n_7 &= 063484161219691 \end{aligned}$$

and the value:

$$\pi = \prod_{i=0}^7 q_i = 9625354820834308444301890854766785161$$

Consider a message whose digest is  $\{h_0, \dots, h_7\}$  and pick as  $r_i$ s:

	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$
$h_i$	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
$r_i$	64863	58999	47120	50684	37458	57079	43135	56942

We get:

$$\text{CRT}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}) = 1395786251559231878789764535858641198$$

And by selecting  $\rho = 56195$  we obtain the signature:

$$s = \text{CRT}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q}) + \rho\pi = 540898209943035522259423546348155350763593 \in \mathbb{P}$$

## 5 Shorter Signatures Without Prime Generation

### 5.1 Key Generation, Signing and Verifying

**Definition 11.** We define the Shorter Signatures Without Prime Generation as follows:

- **KeyGen**( $1^\kappa$ ): As in Section 4.1. In addition, the signer generates a secret  $\text{sk} = w$  and publishes  $\eta = \pi - w$  as part of the public-key  $\text{pk}$ . The size of  $w$  will be described later.
- **Sign**( $m, w, r_i$ ): The signer hashes  $H(m) = (h_0, \dots, h_{k-1}) \in \{0, 1\}^k$  and constructs  $k$  random  $\ell$ -bit integers  $r_i$  (the choice of the  $r_i$  will be precised later, to ease understanding the reader can temporarily assume that the  $r_i$  are random).

Using linear algebra modulo 2 find a subset of the  $\mathcal{J}_n(r_i)$  having  $H(m)$  as a  $\text{xor}^7$ :

$$\varepsilon_0 \mathcal{J}_n(r_0) \oplus \varepsilon_1 \mathcal{J}_n(r_1) \oplus \dots \oplus \varepsilon_{k-1} \mathcal{J}_n(r_{k-1}) = H(m) \quad \text{where } \varepsilon_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

<sup>7</sup> If a solution  $\varepsilon_0, \dots, \varepsilon_{k-1}$  does not exist, refresh the  $r_i$  as necessary.



The signature is:

$$s = w + \tau = w + \prod_{\varepsilon_i=1} r_i$$

– **Ver**( $m, \text{pk} = \eta$ ): To be valid, a signature  $s$  must satisfy two criteria:

$$s < 2^{k\ell+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{J}_n(\eta + s) = H(m)$$

**Selecting  $w$  and the  $r_i$**  The choice of  $w$  and the  $r_i$  must take into account several considerations.

**Avoid small factors in the  $r_i$ :** First of all, note that if the  $r_i$  are chosen randomly then half of them are expected to be even. Consequently,  $\tau$  is expected to end by  $\cong k/4$  trailing zeros and reveal the  $k/4$  bits of  $w$ . Similarly, divisibility by 3, 5, 7, ... is expected to reveal more information on  $w$ . This means that if countermeasures are not implemented,  $\pi$  is not protected by the classical approximate GCD problem but by a modified problem in which the attacker knows the LSB and the MSB of  $\pi$  whose middle bits remain masked. To prevent this leakage, one can select  $r_i \in \mathbb{P}$  but this slows-down the signature process although, as we will see next, we recommend to take  $\ell \simeq 200$ . A heuristic way to limit the leakage consists in constructing the  $r_i$  such that  $\gcd(r_i, u\#) = 1$  for some bound  $u$ .

**Avoid collisions between the  $r_i$ :** The size of the  $r_i$ s is also important. Note that the difference between two signatures (in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ) yields an integer of the form:

$$\zeta = \prod_{\varepsilon'_i=1} r'_i - \prod_{\varepsilon_i=1} r_i$$

If, for some  $i, j$ , we obtain a collision  $r'_i = r_j$  then by factoring (or gcd-ing)  $\zeta$ s obtained from different signatures the attacker can progressively discover the  $r_i$ s and retrieve  $w$  (and hence  $\pi$ ). We hence require the  $r_i$ s to be sufficiently long so as not collide and recommend  $\ell \simeq 200$ .

Another security parameter is the hamming weight of  $\varepsilon$ . Because half of the  $\varepsilon_i$ s are null,  $\tau$  is expected to be  $\cong k\ell/2$  bits long. Because in the event where  $\tau < w$  information about  $w$  will leak (the MSBs of  $w$ ), here as well the signer must ascertain that  $\tau > w$  before releasing the signature.

Finally, a direct attack on the key consists in averaging signatures (interestingly, even for diverse messages). Indeed, assuming that the  $r_i$  are random:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{s}_t = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^t s_i = w + \frac{(2^\ell - 1)^k}{2} = \mu$$

We do not regard this as a threat given that convergence is very slow:

$$\Pr(|\bar{s}_t - \mu| < \varepsilon) = 1 - \Pr(|\bar{s}_t - \mu| \geq \varepsilon) \geq 1 - \frac{\sigma^2}{t\varepsilon^2} \simeq 1 - \frac{2^{2k\ell}}{12 t \varepsilon^2}$$

To reveal  $w$ 's  $j$ -th digit we need  $\varepsilon = 2^{j-1}$  and hence:

$$\frac{2^{2k\ell}}{12t2^{2(j-1)}} \simeq 1 \Rightarrow \log_2 t \simeq 2(\ell k - j) - 1.58$$

In other words, an exponential number of signatures is required to filter-out a linear number of bits of  $w$ .

[Houda, Eric, refaites les calculs et vérifiez ça SVP. Je pense que pour la borne sup il faut à mon avis utiliser la Zelen's inequality:

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq u\sigma) \leq \left[ 1 + u^2 + \frac{(u^2 - u\theta_3 - 1)^2}{\theta_4 - \theta_3^2 - 1} \right]^{-1}$$

with  $u \geq \frac{\theta_3 + \sqrt{\theta_3^2 + 4}}{2}$ , and  $\theta_m = \frac{\eta_m}{\sigma}$

where  $\eta_m$  is the  $m$ -th moment. In the present case (uniform distribution), skewness (and hence  $\theta_3$ ) is 0 which yields  $u \geq 1$  and:

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq u\sigma) \leq \left[ 1 + u^2 + \frac{(u^2 - 1)^2}{\theta_4 - 1} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\eta_4 = \frac{6(b-a+1)^2 + 1}{5(b-a+1)^2 - 1} = \frac{6(2^\ell) + 1}{5(2^\ell) - 1} \simeq \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{(b-a+1)^2 - 1}{12} = \frac{2^{2k\ell} - 1}{12} \Rightarrow \theta_4 = \frac{\eta_4}{\sigma} = \frac{6}{5} \times \frac{12}{2^{2k\ell} - 1} \simeq 0$$

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq u\sigma) \leq \left[ 1 + u^2 + (u^2 - 1)^2 \right]^{-1} = \frac{1}{u^2(3 - u^2)}$$

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## 5.2 Toy Example ( $k = 8$ )

Consider the same  $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{n}, \pi, \mathbf{h}$  as in the previous example.

We select  $w = 91116$  hence:

$$\eta = \pi - w = 9625354820834308444301890854766694045$$

Picking the following  $r_i$ s:

	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$
$r_i$	13	31	47	17	91	57	23	67

We get the imprints  $\mathcal{J}_{\mathbf{n}}(r_j)$  matrix  $I$  below <sup>8</sup>:

<sup>8</sup>  $j$  is indexing the  $r_j$  and  $i$  is indexing the  $n_i$

	$i = 0$	$i = 1$	$i = 2$	$i = 3$	$i = 4$	$i = 5$	$i = 6$	$i = 7$	$\mathcal{J}_n(r_j)$
$j = 0$	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	01001100
$j = 1$	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	01001011
$j = 2$	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	00101101
$j = 3$	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	01000101
$j = 4$	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	11101111
$j = 5$	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	00110111
$j = 6$	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	10101101
$j = 7$	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	01110100

Gaussian elimination modulo 2 yields:

$$I^T \varepsilon = h \Rightarrow \varepsilon = (0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1)$$

Indeed:

$$h = 10110110 = \mathcal{J}_n(r_2) \oplus \mathcal{J}_n(r_4) \oplus \mathcal{J}_n(r_7) = \begin{cases} 00101101 \\ \oplus \\ 11101111 \\ \oplus \\ 01110100 \end{cases}$$

This yields the signature:

$$s = 47 \times 91 \times 67 + 91116 = 377675$$

For which:

$$\mathcal{J}_n(\eta + s) = \mathcal{J}_n(\eta + 377675) = 10110110 = h$$

## 6 Security

Tout est à faire. Eric tu as des idées?

## 7 Open Questions

Except efficiency, proving or refuting the security of the new signature scheme is an intriguing open question. A second interesting research direction is the generalizing of the construction to higher residues, e.g. following [BLS13] or using Eisenstein integers and cubic residue characters. Despite all our attempts we did not manage to extend the idea to classical RSA moduli (i.e.  $n = pq$ ).

## 8 A faire

We now show formally that the factoring assumption of the modulus of the form  $n = p^2q$  implies the hardness of OWFs described in section 3.

**Theorem 2.** *If the factoring problem of  $n = p^2q$  is hard, then  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is a one-way function.*

**Theorem 3.** *If the factoring problem of  $n = p^2q$  is hard, then  $\mathcal{F}_2$  is a one-way function.*

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