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# 1 Preliminaries

## 1.1 Assumptions

**Special RSA Modulus:** A special RSA modulus has the form  $N = pq$ , where  $p = 2p' + 1$  and  $q = 2q' + 1$  are safe primes, the corresponding group is called *Special RSA group*.

**Strong RSA Assumption:** Given an RSA modulus  $N$  and a random element  $g \in Z_N^*$ , it is hard to compute  $h \in Z_N^*$  and integer  $e > 1$  such that  $h^e \equiv g \pmod{N}$ . The modulus  $N$  is of special form  $pq$ , where  $p = 2p' + 1$  and  $q = 2q' + 1$  are safe primes.

**Quadratic Residues:** The set  $QR_N$  is the set of Quadratic Residues of a special RSA group with modulus  $N$ .

## 2 Cryptography Utilities

In this section, we define utilities for computations in the underlying group structure, especially  $QR_N$ . Algorithms presented here are largely adapted from Victor Shoup's excellent book *A Computational Introduction to Number Theory and Algebra* [Sho09].

### 2.1 Special RSA modulus

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**Algorithm 1:** generateSpecialRSAModulus(): Generate Special RSA Modulus  $N$ .

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**Input:** candidate integer  $a$ , prime factors of positive, odd integer  $N$ :  $q_1, \dots, q_r$ .

**Output:**  $N, p, q, p', q'$

- 1  $(p, p') \leftarrow \text{generateRandomSafePrime}()$
  - 2  $(q, q') \leftarrow \text{generateRandomSafePrime}()$
  - 3  $N \leftarrow pq$
  - 4 **return**  $(N, p, q, p', q')$
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### 2.2 Generate Random Safe Prime

The algorithm for generating safe primes is adapted from [MVOV96, Section 4.6.1].

A fast algorithm for generating primes is presented in [CS99].



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**Algorithm 2:** generateRandomSafePrime(): Generate random safe prime.

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**Input:** required  $k$  bit-length of the prime.

**Output:** safe prime  $p$ , Sophie Germain prime  $p'$

```
1 do
2   | Select a random  $(k-1)$ -bit prime  $p'$ 
3   |  $p \leftarrow 2p' + 1$ 
4 while not isPrime( $p$ )
5 return ( $p, p'$ )
```

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**Algorithm 3:** generateRandomSafePrimeFast(): Generate random safe prime (fast algorithm).

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**Input:** required  $k$  bit-length of the prime.

**Output:** safe prime  $e$

```
1 Select a random  $(k+1)$ -bit prime  $P$ 
2 do
3   |  $R \leftarrow \text{computeRandomNumber}((2^k - 1)/2P, (2^{k+1} - 1)/2P)$ 
4   |  $e \leftarrow 2PR + 1$ 
5 while not isPrime( $e$ )
6 return  $e$ 
```

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## 2.3 Commitment group

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**Algorithm 4:** generateNumberSequence(): Compute number sequence [Sho09, Section 9.5].

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**Input:** integer number  $m \geq 2$

**Output:** number sequence  $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$

```
1  $n_0 \leftarrow m$ 
2  $k \leftarrow 0$ 
3 repeat
4   |  $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
5   |  $n_k \xleftarrow{R} \{1, \dots, n_{k-1}\}$ 
6 until  $n_k = 1$ 
7 return  $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$ 
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**Algorithm 5:** generateRandomNumberWithFactors(): Compute random number in factored form [Sho09, Section 9.6].

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**Input:** integer number  $m \geq 2$

**Output:** random number prime factorization  $(p_1, \dots, p_k)$

```

1 while true do
2    $(n_1, \dots, n_k) \leftarrow \text{generateNumberSequence}(m)$ 
3   let  $(p_1, \dots, p_r)$  be the subsequence of primes in  $(n_1, \dots, n_k)$ 
4    $y \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^r p_i$ 
5   if  $y \leq m$  then
6      $x \xleftarrow{R} \{1, \dots, m\}$ 
7     if  $x \leq y$  then
8       return  $(p_1, \dots, p_r)$ 

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**Algorithm 6:** generateRandomPrimeWithFactors(): Compute random prime number in factored form [Sho09, Section 11.1].

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**Input:** integer number  $m \geq 2$

**Output:** prime number p factorization  $(p_1, \dots, p_k)$

```

1 do
2    $(p_1, \dots, p_k) \leftarrow \text{generateRandomNumberWithFactors}(m)$ 
3    $p \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^k p_i + 1$ 
4 while not isPrime(p)
5 return  $(p_1, \dots, p_k)$ 

```

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**Algorithm 7:** createZPSGenerator(): Compute generator for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  [Sho09, Section 11.1].

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**Input:** prime factorization of the order of an odd prime p ( $p - 1 = \prod_{i=1}^r q_i^{e_i}$ )

**Output:** generator g for  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

```

1 for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $r$  do
2   repeat
3     choose  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  at uniformly random
4     compute  $\beta \leftarrow \alpha^{(p-1)/q_i}$ 
5   until  $\beta \neq 1$ 
6    $\gamma_i \leftarrow \alpha^{(p-1)/q_i^{e_i}}$ 
7  $\gamma \leftarrow \prod_{i=1}^r \gamma_i$ 
8 return  $\gamma$ 

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## 2.4 Chinese Remainder Theorem

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**Algorithm 8:** Compute the Chinese Remainder Theorem algorithm (CRT) [KL14, Section 8.1.5].

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**Input:** integers  $x_p, x_q$ , primes  $p, q$  with  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ .

**Output:** the integer  $x$  ( $0 \leq x < p \cdot q$ ,  $x \equiv x_p \pmod{p}$ ,  $x \equiv x_q \pmod{q}$ )

- 1 Compute  $X, Y$  using Extended Euclidean algorithm such that  $Xp + Yq = 1$
  - 2  $1_p \leftarrow [Yq \bmod N]$
  - 3  $1_q \leftarrow [Xp \bmod N]$
  - 4  $x \leftarrow [(x_p \cdot 1_p + x_q \cdot 1_q) \bmod N]$
  - 5 **return**  $x$
- 

When the factorization of  $N$  is known, in order to map  $x \bmod N$  to the  $\bmod p$  and  $\bmod q$  representation, the element  $x$  relates to  $([x \bmod p], [x \bmod q])$

## 2.5 Extended Euclidean algorithm

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**Algorithm 9:** Compute the Extended Euclidean algorithm (EEA) [Sho09, Section 4.2].

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**Input:** integer  $a$  and odd integer  $b$ ,  $a \geq b \geq 0$

**Output:** integers  $d, s, t$  such that  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  and  $as + bt = d$ .

- 1  $r \leftarrow a$
  - 2  $r' \leftarrow b$
  - 3  $s \leftarrow 1$
  - 4  $s' \leftarrow 0$
  - 5  $t \leftarrow 0$
  - 6  $t' \leftarrow 1$
  - 7 **while**  $r' \neq 0$  **do**
  - 8      $q \leftarrow \lfloor r/r' \rfloor$
  - 9      $r'' \leftarrow r \bmod r'$
  - 10     $(r, s, t, r', s', t') \leftarrow (r', s', t', r'', s - s'q, t - t'q)$
  - 11  $d \leftarrow r$
  - 12 **return**  $(d, s, t)$
- 

## 2.6 Quadratic Residues Under Composite Modules $\text{QR}_N$

### 2.6.1 The Jacobi Symbol $(a|N)$

We will use the Jacobi symbol to establish whether a group element is part of  $\text{QR}_N$ . We adapt the definition from Shoup [Sho09, Section 12.2]:

**Definition 2.1** (Jacobi Symbol). *Let  $a, N$  be integers, where  $N$  is positive and odd, so that  $N = q_1 \cdot \dots \cdot q_k$ , where the  $q_i$ 's are odd primes, not necessarily distinct. Then the Jacobi symbol  $(a|N)$  is defined as  $(a|N) := (a|q_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (a|q_k)$ , where  $(a|q_i)$  is the Legendre symbol (cf. [Sho09, Section 12.1]).*

When it comes to computing the Jacobi symbol, this can be done using Euler's criterion computing:

$$a^{(q_i-1)/2} \pmod{q_i}$$

for each prime factor  $q_i$  of  $N$ . However, this approach has an asymptotic complexity of  $O(r \cdot \text{len}(q_i)^3)$  for a composite of  $r$  odd primes  $q_i: N = q_1 \cdots q_r$ .

Shoup [Sho09, Section 12.3] specified an efficient algorithm similar to the Euclidian Algorithm with asymptotic complexity  $O(\text{len}(a)\text{len}(N))$ . We will use said Algorithm 10 to compute the Legendre symbol  $(a|q_i)$ .

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**Algorithm 10:** Compute the Jacobi symbol  $(A|N)$  [Sho09, Section 12.3].

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**Input:** candidate integer  $a$ , positive odd integer  $N$ .

**Output:** Jacobi symbol  $(a|N)$ .

**Invariant:**  $N$  is odd and positive.

**Dependencies:** splitPowerRemainder()

```

1  $\sigma \leftarrow 1$ 
2 repeat
3   // Loop invariant:  $N$  is odd and positive.
4
5    $a \leftarrow a \bmod N$ 
6   if  $a = 0$  then
7     if  $N = 1$  then return  $\sigma$  else return 0
8   compute  $a', h$  such that  $a = 2^h a'$  and  $a'$  is odd
9   if  $h \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and  $N \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$  then  $\sigma \leftarrow -\sigma$ 
10  if  $a' \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $N \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  then  $\sigma \leftarrow -\sigma$ 
11   $(a, N) \leftarrow (N, a')$ 
12 forever
```

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### 2.6.2 Testing Membership of $\text{QR}_N$

It is intractable to determine the membership in  $\text{QR}_N$  without knowledge of the factorization of  $N$ .

Given the factorization of  $N = q_1 \cdots q_r$ , we can determine whether  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  is a quadratic residue in  $\text{QR}_N$  by checking that

$$(a|q_i) = 1 \text{ for all } q_i \in \{q_1, \dots, q_r\}.$$

Consequently, for the setup of the graph signature library with a special RSA modulus of two distinct primes  $N = pq$ , we require

$$(a|p) = 1 \wedge (a|q) = 1.$$

### 2.6.3 Generating a Generator of $\text{QR}_N$

We adapting the following definition from Shoup [Sho09, Section 2.7].

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**Algorithm 11:** `elementOfQR()`: Determines if integer  $a$  is an element of  $\text{QR}_N$ .

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**Input:** candidate integer  $a$ , prime factors of positive, odd integer  $N$ :  $q_1, \dots, q_r$ .

**Output:** true if  $a \in \text{QR}_N$ , false if  $a \notin \text{QR}_N$ .

**Dependencies:** `jacobiSymbol()`

```
1  $o \leftarrow$  true
2 for all  $q_i$ :
3     if  $(a|q_i) \neq 1$  then  $o \leftarrow$  false
4 end
5 return  $o$ 
```

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**Definition 2.2** (Primitive Root). *For a given positive integer  $N$ , we say that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\text{gcd}(a, N) = 1$  is a primitive root modulo  $N$ , if the multiplicative order of  $a$  modulo  $N$  is equal to  $\phi(N)$ .*

Generating an element of  $\text{QR}_N$ , in general, is simply achieved by squaring uniformly-chosen random element of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ . An integer  $a$  is a group element of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  if and only if  $\text{gcd}(N, a) = 1$ .

We need to ensure that the created element is not a generator of the sub-group of size 2. That is, the resulting quadratic residue must not equal 1.

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**Algorithm 12:** `createElementOfZNS()`: Generate  $S'$  number.

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**Input:** Special RSA modulus  $N$ .

**Output:** random number  $S'$  of  $\text{QR}_N$ .

**Dependencies:** `isElementOfZNS()`

```
1 do
2 | Choose at random  $S' \in_R \{2, N - 1\}$ 
3 while not isElementOfZNS(S') /* check  $\text{gcd}(S', N) = 1$  */
4 return  $S'$ 
```

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**Algorithm 13:** `isElementOfZNS()`: Check if number is member of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .

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**Input:** number  $a$ , modulus  $N$ .

**Output:** boolean: true or false.

**Dependencies:** `isElementOfZNS()`

```
1 if  $\text{gcd}(N, a) = 1$  then
2 | return true
3 else
4 | return false
```

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#### 2.6.4 Number Representation.

`splitPowerRemainder()` presented in Algorithm 17 computes the greatest power of base 2

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**Algorithm 14:** `verifySGeneratorOfQRN()`: evaluate generator  $S$  properties.

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**Input:** generator  $S$ ,  $p'$ ,  $q'$ .

**Output:** boolean: true or false

```
1 if  $S \neq 1 \pmod{N}$  then
2   | if  $S^{p'} \neq 1 \pmod{N} \wedge S^{q'} \neq 1 \pmod{N}$  then
3   | | return true
4 else
5   | return false
```

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**Algorithm 15:** `verifySGeneratorOfQRN()`: evaluate generator  $S$  properties (alternative implementation) [Cam17]. The test is based on  $S \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  iff  $N|(S-1)$  and  $S \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $S \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . Testing that the  $\gcd(S-1, N) \neq 1$  rules out sub-groups with  $p'$  or  $q'$  members.

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**Input:** generator  $S$ , modulus  $N$ .

**Output:** boolean: true or false

```
1 if  $\gcd(S-1, N) = 1$  then
2   | return true
3 else
4   | return false
```

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**Algorithm 16:** `createQRNGenerator()`: Generate generator of  $\text{QR}_N$ .

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**Input:** Special RSA modulus  $N$ ,  $p'$ ,  $q'$ .

**Output:** generator  $S$  of  $\text{QR}_N$ .

**Dependencies:** `createElementOfZNS()`, `verifySGenerator()`

```
1 do
2   |  $S' \leftarrow \text{createElementOfZNS}(N)$ 
3   |  $S \leftarrow S'^2 \pmod{N}$ 
4   | /* all  $p'q'$  elements of  $\text{QR}_N$  apart from  $p' + q'$  elements are
5   | | generators */
6   | while not verifySGeneratorOfQRN(S) /* check properties of generator  $S$ 
7   | | */
8   | return  $S$ 
```

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contained in an odd integer  $a$  and its remainder  $a'$ . We note that in Java BigInteger the most significant bit of a positive integer can be computed with `getBitlength()`.

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**Algorithm 17:** `splitPowerRemainder()`: Compute the  $2^h a'$  representation of integer  $a$ .

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**Input:** odd integer  $a$ .

**Output:** Integers  $h$  and  $a'$  such that  $a = 2^h a'$ .

**Post-conditions:**  $a = 2^h a'$  and  $a'$  is odd

```

1  $h \leftarrow \text{mostSignificantBit}(a)$ 
2  $a' \leftarrow a - 2^h$ 
3 return  $(h, a')$ 

```

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## 2.7 Camenisch-Lysyanskaya Signatures

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**Algorithm 18:** `generateCLSignature()`: Simplified generation of a Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature

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**Input:** message  $m$

**Output:** signature  $\sigma$

```

1  $e \leftarrow \text{createRandomPrime}(l_p, gs\_params)$ 
2  $v \leftarrow \text{createRandomNumber}(l_v, gs\_params)$ 
3  $A = \left( \frac{Z}{R_0^m S^v} \right)^{1/e} \pmod N$ 
4  $\sigma \leftarrow (e, A, v)$ 
5 return  $\sigma$ 

```

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## 3 Graph Signature Library

The graph signature library implements the corresponding signature scheme (GRS) specified by Groß [Gro15].

The library realizes the interactions between a signer and a recipient, meant to create a signature on a hidden committed graph, and the interactions between a prover and a verifier, meant to prove properties of a graph signature in zero-knowledge.

Graph signatures can be formed by combining a committed (hidden) sub-graph from the recipient and a issuer-known sub-graph from the signer. For the sake of the PRIS-MACLOUD project, it is sufficient to realize issuer-known graphs, as the graphs will be known by the signer (auditor).

### 3.1 Signer S

The signer is responsible to generate an appropriate key setup, to certify an encoding scheme, and to sign graphs. In the `HiddenSign()` protocol the signer accepts a graph

commitment from the recipient, adds an issuer-known sub-graph and completes the signature with his secret key  $sk_S$ . The signer outputs a partial graph signature, subsequently completed by the recipient.

### 3.2 Recipient R

The recipient initializes the `HiddenSign()` protocol by creating a graph commitment and retaining randomness  $R$ , possibly only containing his master secret key, but no sub-graph. In this case, it is assumed that the signer knows the graph to be signed. Once the signer sends his partial signature, the recipient completes the signature with his randomness  $R$ .

### 3.3 Prover P

The prover role computes zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge with a policy predicate  $\mathfrak{P}$  on graph signatures. These proofs can either be interactive or non-interactive.

### 3.4 Verifier V

The verifier role interacts with a prover to verify a policy predicate  $\mathfrak{P}$ . The verifier initializes the interaction, sending the policy predicate  $\mathfrak{P}$  as well as a nonce that binds the session context.

### 3.5 Proof Context

The different prover and verifier algorithms co-create, amend and draw upon a joint proof context. The proof context is specific for a session of a zero-knowledge proof. It contains the entire proof state, that is,

- Integer and graph commitments,
- witness commitments,
- challenge,
- responses.

The prover's proof context contains additional secrets:

- The randomness of integer and graph commitments,
- the randomness corresponding to the secrets of the ZKPoK, and
- the secrets themselves (especially the actual graph and its encoding).

### 3.6 Abstract Description

**Parameters.** We offer the description of the parameters used for the graph signature scheme in Table 1. We use the same notation as the Identity Mixer credential system, the standard realization of the Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature scheme [IBM13].



**Core Interface.** The graph signature library draws upon an interface with multiple operations. We first specify the abstract interface itself in Definition 3.1 and then discuss the inputs and outputs subsequently.

**Definition 3.1** (Graph Signature Scheme). *The graph signature scheme consists of the following algorithms:*

$((pk_S, sk_S), \sigma_{S,kg}) \leftarrow \mathbf{Keygen}(1^\lambda, gs\_params)$  *A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm which computes the key setup of the graph signature scheme and corresponding commitment scheme.*

$((pk_{S,E}, sk_{S,E}), \sigma_{S,es}) \leftarrow \mathbf{GraphEncodingSetup}((pk_S, sk_S), \sigma_{S,kg}, enc\_params)$  *A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm which computes the setup of the graph encoding, especially, a reserved certified set of bases which are meant to hold the vertex and edge messages.*

$C \leftarrow \mathbf{Commit}(\mathcal{G}; R)$  *A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm computing an Integer commitment on a graph.*

$(\sigma; \epsilon) \leftarrow \mathbf{HiddenSign}(pk_{S,E}, C, V_R, V_S)$  *An interactive probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm between a recipient and a signer which signs a committed graph. We note that both parties can have common inputs, namely a commitment  $C = \mathbf{Commit}(\mathcal{G}_R; R)$  encoding the recipient's graph and disclosed connections points  $V_R, V_S$ , and the Signer's extended public key  $pk_{S,E}$ . Hence, the signer and the recipient can contribute sub-graphs to be combined. Private inputs: Recipient R:  $\mathcal{G}_R$ , commitment randomness  $R$ ; Signer S:  $sk_{S,E}, \mathcal{G}_S$ .*

$0 \text{ or } 1 \leftarrow \mathbf{Verify}(pk_S, C, R', \sigma)$  *A verification algorithm on graph commitment  $C$  and signature  $\sigma$ .*

**Algorithm Input/Output Specification.** We define the inputs and outputs for the abstract interface as follows.

**Definition 3.2**  $((pk_S, sk_S), \sigma_{S,kg}) \leftarrow \mathbf{Keygen}(1^\lambda, gs\_params)$ . *A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm which computes the key setup of the graph signature scheme and corresponding commitment scheme.*

**Inputs:**

- general security parameter ( $1^\lambda$ )
- key generation parameters of the graph signature scheme ( $gs\_params$ ) described in Table 1a.

**Outputs:**

- secret key ( $sk_S$ ) :
  - factorization of a special RSA group with modulus bit length  $\ell_n$
  - group setup of the special RSA group
  - group setup of the commitment group  $\Gamma$
  - foundational generator  $S$  for the Quadratic Residues under the given Special RSA modulus  $QR_N$ .
  - dedicated base for the Recipient's master key  $R_0$ .
- public key  $pk_S$ :
  - group setup of the special RSA group
  - group setup of the commitment group  $\Gamma$
- digitally sign the given public outputs and make the signature  $\sigma_{S,kg}$  public
- the parameters specified in  $gs\_params$  are stored for this instantiation of the Signer  $S$ .

**Group Setup:**


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**Algorithm 19:** `commitmentGroupSetup()`: Group setup for commitment group

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**Input:** size of the prime order subgroup of  $\Gamma$  ( $l_\rho$ ), size of the commitment group modulus ( $l_\Gamma$ ),  $gs\_params$

**Output:** order of the subgroup of the commitment group  $\rho$ , commitment group modulus  $\Gamma$ , generators  $g$  and  $h$

- 1  $\rho \leftarrow \text{generateRandomPrime}(l_\rho, gs\_params)$
  - 2  $\Gamma \leftarrow \text{generateGroupModulus}(\rho, gs\_params)$
  - 3  $g \leftarrow \text{createGenerator}(\rho, \Gamma, gs\_params)$
  - 4  $h \leftarrow g^r$
  - 5 return  $(\rho, \Gamma, g, h)$
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**Definition 3.3** ( $((pk_{S,E}, sk_{S,E}), \sigma_{S,es}) \leftarrow \text{GraphEncodingSetup}((pk_S, sk_S), \sigma_{S,kg}, enc\_params)$ ).  
*A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm which computes the setup of the graph encoding, especially, a reserved certified set of bases which are meant to hold the vertex and edge messages.*

**Inputs:**

- Signer  $S$ 's secret key ( $sk_S$ )
- Signer  $S$ 's public key ( $pk_S$ )
- encoding setup parameters ( $enc\_params$ )

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**Algorithm 20:** KeyGen(): Main key generation algorithm for the graph signature scheme and commitment scheme

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**Input:** size of RSA modulus ( $\ell_n$ ), gs\_params

**Pre-conditions:**  $\ell_n$  must be at least 2048.

**Output:** public key  $pk$ , secret key  $sk$ , signature  $\Sigma$

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1  $(N, p, p', q, q') \leftarrow \text{generateSpecialRSAModulus}(\ell_n, l_{pt})$ 
2  $S \leftarrow \text{createQRGenerator}(N)$ 
3  $interval \leftarrow [2 \dots p'q' - 1]$ 
4  $x_Z \leftarrow \text{createRandomNumber}(interval, gs\_params)$  /*  $x_Z \in_R [2, \dots, p'q' - 1]$  */
5  $Z \leftarrow S^{x_Z} \bmod N$ 
6  $x_{R_0} \leftarrow \text{createRandomNumber}(interval, gs\_params)$  /*  $x_{R_0} \in_R [2, \dots, p'q' - 1]$  */
7  $R_0 \leftarrow S^{x_{R_0}} \bmod N$ 
8  $(\rho, \Gamma, g, h) \leftarrow \text{commitmentGroupSetup}(\ell_\rho, l_\Gamma, gs\_params)$ 
9  $sk \leftarrow (p', q', x_{R_0}, x_Z)$ 
10  $pk \leftarrow (N, R_0, S, Z)$ 
11 return (sk, pk)

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### Outputs:

- Public Output: bases reserved to hold vertex and edge encodings,  $R_i | i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_V\}$  for vertices and  $R_j | j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_E\}$  for edges.
- Sign the generators, proving knowledge of their representation and binding them to public key  $pk_S$ .
- Signer's *extended public key*  $pk_{S,E}$  certified combination of original public key  $pk_S$  and the vertex and edge encoding bases  $R_i, R_j$
- Signer's *extended secret key*  $sk_{S,E}$  combination of original secret key  $sk_S$  and the discrete logarithms  $\log_S(R_k)$
- Signature  $\sigma_{S,es}$
- Private Output: discrete logarithms of all produced bases with respect to generator  $S$ ,  $\log_S(R_k)$ .

**Definition 3.4** ( $C \leftarrow \text{Commit}(\mathcal{G}; R)$ ). A probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm computing an Integer commitment on a graph.

### Inputs:

- graph  $\mathcal{G}$
- randomness  $R$

**Computations:** It commits to the graph in an appropriate encoding, that is, holding vertex and edge representations in different bases. As specified in the graph signature definition [Gro15], the algorithm will establish a commitment as follows:

$$C = \underbrace{\dots R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k} \dots}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \underbrace{\dots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in f_E(i,j)} e_k} \dots}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots S^r \text{ mod } N,$$

where  $e_i$  and  $e_j$  are vertex representatives. The label representatives  $e_k$  are obtained with the vertex mappings  $f_V(i)$  and edge mappings  $f_E(i, j)$ .

**Outputs:**

- commitment  $C$
- Committer retains the randomness  $R$  for future commitment opening or proofs of representation

**Definition 3.5** ( $(\epsilon; \sigma) \leftarrow \text{HiddenSign}(pk_{S,E}, C, V_R, V_S)$ ). *An interactive probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm between a recipient and a signer which signs a committed graph. We note that both parties can have common inputs, namely a commitment  $C = \text{Commit}(\mathcal{G}_R; R)$  encoding the recipient’s graph and disclosed connections points  $V_R, V_S$ , and the Signer’s extended public key  $pk_{S,E}$ . Hence, the signer and the recipient can contribute sub-graphs to be combined. Private inputs: Recipient R:  $\mathcal{G}_R$ , commitment randomness  $R$ ; Signer S:  $sk_{S,E}, \mathcal{G}_S$ .*

The abstract interface specification for the interactive algorithm decomposes into two interfaces for Signer S and Recipient R.

$$\text{Signer.HiddenSign}(pk_{S,E}, C, V_R, V_S; sk_{S,E}, \mathcal{G}_S), \text{ and}$$

$$\text{Recipient.HiddenSign}(pk_{S,E}, C, V_R, V_S; \mathcal{G}_R, R).$$

Let us first discuss public and private inputs. While the Integer commitment  $C$  is publicly known, it is usually computed by the Recipient R for the the given  $\text{HiddenSign}()$  operation with the corresponding randomness  $R$  with  $\text{Commit}()$ . The Recipient will be required to offer a proof of representation of the commitment as part of the interactive protocol.

Note that the key-pair inputs  $(pk_{S,E}, sk_{S,E})$  refer to extended keys, that is, public and private keys that contain the information on encoding bases of  $\text{GraphEncodingSetup}()$ .

While the  $\text{HiddenSign}()$  algorithm allows for either both private input graphs  $\mathcal{G}_R$  and  $\mathcal{G}_S$  to be present or absent, the standard case realized in TOPOCERT is that we have a signer-known graph  $\mathcal{G}_S$ , but no hidden/committed graph of the Recipient R.

In most cases the connection points  $V_R$  and  $V_S$  will be equal, but that is not necessary.<sup>1</sup>

As output on the Recipient side, R obtains a graph signature  $\sigma_{S,G}$  (or short  $\sigma$ ) on the combined graph  $\mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_R \cup \mathcal{G}_S$  valid with respect to  $pk_{S,E}$ .

The Signer S does not produce an output.

<sup>1</sup>The first graph signature [Gro15] proposal referred to the connection points as  $\mathcal{V}_R, \mathcal{V}_S$ , which would mean the set of all vertices and not a subset.

**Definition 3.6** ( $0$  or  $1 \leftarrow \text{Verify}(pk_{\mathcal{S},\mathcal{E}}, C, R', \sigma)$ ). A verification algorithm on graph commitment  $C$  and signature  $\sigma$ .

The algorithm  $\text{Verify}()$  takes as inputs the Signer’s extended public key  $pk_{\mathcal{S},\mathcal{E}}$ , a signed graph commitment  $C$  and its randomness  $R'$  and the graph signature  $\sigma$ . The algorithm outputs either  $0$  or  $1$ , signifying that  $\sigma$  is either invalid or valid as graph signature on  $C$ .

We note that usually graph signatures, such as  $\sigma$  are used in proof of possessions and further zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge to show certain properties. In such cases, we can use  $\text{Verify}()$  to signify a proof of representation that the secrets encoded in commitment  $C$  are equal to the secret messages of the graph signature  $\sigma$ .

Then we have a zero-knowledge proof of knowledge defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& PK\{(e_i, e_j, e_k, e, v, r) : \\
& \quad Z \equiv \pm \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(i)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \dots \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{E}}(i,j)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots A^e S^v \pmod{N} \wedge \\
& \quad C \equiv \pm \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{V}}(i)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \dots \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{E}}(i,j)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots S^r \pmod{N} \\
& \quad \}.
\end{aligned}$$

Here the first equation proves the representation of the graph signature  $\sigma$  and the second equation proves the representation of the commitment  $C$ , yielding equality over the secrets  $e_i$ ,  $e_j$  and  $e_k$ .

We note that the proofs of knowledge on graph properties between prover and verifier are specified as standard  $\Sigma$ -proofs.

### 3.7 Preliminaries

**Notation.** We specify parameters with the same conventions as the Specification of the Identity Mixer Cryptographic Library [IBM13]. For lengths of bitstrings and numbers specified by a positive integer  $\ell$ ,  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$  denotes the set of  $\{0, 1, \dots, 2^\ell - 1\}$ , while  $\pm\{0, 1\}^\ell$  denotes the set of integers  $\{-2^\ell + 1, \dots, 2^\ell - 1\}$ .

**Proof Specification.** We specify zero-knowledge proofs of knowledge (and corresponding signature proofs of knowledge) in the Camenisch-Stadler notation [CS97]. Proofs specified as such can be directly compiled into honest-verifier  $\Sigma$ -proofs as Schnorr protocols.

In this specification, we will present the high-level PK/SPK specification as well as its implementation, especially to make clear how commitments and differential randomnesses will be computed to be subsequently proven. While the original Camenisch-Stadler notation used the Greek alphabet to denote secret values, we use the Latin alphabet for secrets in the implementation specification.

**Proof Realization.** In the implementation specification of Schnorr proofs, we use different diacritical marks above the variable symbol to denote types of variables (chosen randomness as well as computed values):

- the tilde ( $\sim$ ) diacritic denotes witnesses (chosen randomness or witness for a particular equation), and
- the hat ( $\hat{\phantom{x}}$ ) diacritic denotes responses (solutions to proofs for particular secrets).

In the case that the secret symbol already carries a diacritical mark, that original diacritical mark is maintained and the diacritical mark for the variable type added on top.

Secrets and public values receive diacritical marks to denote particular purposes in a proof system:

- the breve ( $\breve{\phantom{x}}$ ) diacritic refers to commitments and randomness for element representations stripped of labels.
- the dot ( $\dot{\phantom{x}}$ ) diacritic refers to commitments and randomness for secondary element representations stripped of labels.

Commitments without diacritical mark will usually refer to the entire representation.

**Java Variable Naming.** In the Java implementation of the graph signature library, we have the notation that the attributes/variables are named following closely the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X encoding of the specification.

The following words are reserved: 1. `tilde`, 2. `hat`, 3. `breve`, 4. `dot`, 5. `bar`, 6. `prime`. Here we maintain the order:

1. Type the value (e.g., `tilde`, `hat`),
2. The governing secret (e.g., `m`),
3. Possible modifiers (e.g., `prime`)
4. The index,

Java variables are names according to the Java naming conventions with exceptions:

- The variables are transformed in mixed camel case, that is, starting lower-case word and continuing with capitalizing each following word.
- Variables must retain their original case, e.g., we write  $\tilde{m}$  as `tildem`, not `tildeM`
- Indices are prefixed with a single underscore “\_”

Here are a few examples:

- $\tilde{m}_0 = \text{tildem}_0$
- $r'_i = \text{rPrime}_i$
- $\hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} = \text{hata\_BariBarj}$

**Element Ordering.** For the computation of the Fiat-Shamir heuristic and messages sent over the wire, we maintain the following order. The most general element comes first, followed by the elements created in subsequent issuing/proof stages.

Specifically, that principle implies the following framework order:

1. *context*,
2. Group modulus  $N$ ,
3.  $\text{QR}_N$  generator  $S$ ,
4. Target value for RSA-based signatures  $Z$ ,
5. Long-term parameters/bases of the graph signature scheme
  - 5.1 Master secret key base  $R_0$ ,
  - 5.2 Bases reserved for vertex representation  $R_i$ ,
  - 5.3 Bases reserved for edge representation  $R_j$ .
6. Public values and commitments present for the given proof,

Figure 1: Illustration of the relationship of different exponent length in a Schnorr proof, with the *Recipient* blinding  $v'$  as example. The length of the secret to be proven, here  $v'$ , determines the lengths of the other exponents.

<i>Recipient</i> Blinding $v'$	$\ell_n + \ell_\phi$		
Witness Randomness $\tilde{v}'$ blinds $c \cdot v'$	$\ell_n + \ell_\phi$	$\ell_H$	$\ell_\phi$
<i>Recipient</i> Response $\hat{v}' = \tilde{v}' + c \cdot v'$	$\ell_n + \ell_\phi$	$\ell_H$	$\ell_\phi$ + $\mathbb{1}$

7. Witnesses computed for the given proof  $\tilde{T}$  (tilde-values, ordered according to the principles above),
8. Responses computed for the given proof (hat-values, ordered according to the principles above),
9. Proof challenge  $c$ .

**Parameter Length.** In Figure 1, we give an overview of how different exponent lengths relate in Schnorr proofs. We consider the example of the *Recipient* blinding randomness  $v'$ , which will be proven in an response equation

$$\hat{v}' \leftarrow \tilde{v}' + c \cdot v',$$

using the witness randomness  $\tilde{v}'$  as blinding.

Crucially, the length of the witness randomness needs to be  $\ell_\phi$  longer than the product of challenge  $c$  and secret, here  $\ell_H$  and  $\ell_n + \ell_\phi$  to guarantee statistical zero-knowledge property. In the given example, thereby, the witness randomness has a length of  $\ell_n + 2\ell_\phi + \ell_H$ . Finally, the response will be one bit longer than this due to the sum of two values of equal length.

## 4 Key Generation

### 4.1 Group Setup

Compute bases  $Z, R, R_0, R_i, R_j$  using key generation algorithm 20. We refer to the randomness used in this algorithm as  $r_Z, r, r_0, r_i, r_j$ , all positive integers with at most length  $\ell_n$ . The signer stores these respective random exponents as  $\text{dlog}_S(Z)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_0)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_i)$ , and  $\text{dlog}_S(R_j)$  for all bases of the extended public key.

In order to guarantee that the elements of the public key lie in the correct subgroups, we construct a proof of representation on the base generation using a non-interactive proof, which is called a *Signature Proof of Knowledge* (SPK). The *Prover* constructs a proof and publishes the proof to the *Verifier*, who can verify the generated proof.

- The following proof and verification computations prove knowledge of the discrete logarithms  $\text{dlog}_S(Z)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_0)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_i)$ , and  $\text{dlog}_S(R_j)$ . They iterate over all bases reserved for vertex and edge representation. It  $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_V\}; \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_E\}$ .

- Compute the following Signature Proof of Knowledge:

$$\begin{aligned}
& SPK\{\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : (r_Z, r, r_0, r_i, r_j) : \\
& \quad Z \equiv \pm S^{r_Z} \pmod{N} \wedge \\
& \quad R \equiv \pm S^r \pmod{N} \wedge \\
& \quad R_0 \equiv \pm S^{r_0} \pmod{N} \wedge \\
& \quad R_i \equiv \pm S^{r_i} \pmod{N} \wedge R_j \equiv \pm S^{r_j} \pmod{N} \\
& \quad \}
\end{aligned}$$

1. Create uniformly-chosen witness randomness:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{r}_Z \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H} \\
& \tilde{r} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H} \\
& \tilde{r}_0 \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H} \\
& \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\} : \tilde{r}_i \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H} \\
& \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \tilde{r}_j \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H}
\end{aligned}$$

2. Compute witnesses:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{Z} \leftarrow S^{\tilde{r}_Z} \pmod{N} \\
& \tilde{R} \leftarrow S^{\tilde{r}} \pmod{N} \\
& \tilde{R}_0 \leftarrow S^{\tilde{r}_0} \pmod{N} \\
& \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\} : \tilde{R}_i \leftarrow S^{\tilde{r}_i} \pmod{N} \\
& \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \tilde{R}_j \leftarrow S^{\tilde{r}_j} \pmod{N}
\end{aligned}$$

3. Compute challenge:

$$c \leftarrow \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, N, S, Z, R, R_0, R_i, R_j, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{R}_0, \tilde{R}_i, \tilde{R}_j)$$

4. Compute responses:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{r}_Z \leftarrow \tilde{r}_Z + c \cdot r_Z \\
& \hat{r} \leftarrow \tilde{r} + c \cdot r \\
& \hat{r}_0 \leftarrow \tilde{r}_0 + c \cdot r_0 \\
& \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\} : \hat{r}_i \leftarrow \tilde{r}_i + c \cdot r_i \\
& \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \hat{r}_j \leftarrow \tilde{r}_j + c \cdot r_j
\end{aligned}$$

5. Output proof signature:

$$P \leftarrow \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : (N, S, Z, R, R_0, R_i, R_j, \hat{r}_Z, \hat{r}, \hat{r}_0, \hat{r}_i, \hat{r}_j, c)$$

- The *Verifier* computes verification:

1. Check lengths:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{r}_Z \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1} \\
& \hat{r} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1} \\
& \hat{r}_0 \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1} \\
& \forall i \in \pm\{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\} : \hat{r}_i \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1} \\
& \forall j \in \pm\{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \hat{r}_j \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}
\end{aligned}$$

**if** any length check fails **then abort** and **reject**, outputting  $\perp$ .



2. Compute  $\hat{t}$ -values:
 
$$\hat{Z} \leftarrow Z^{-c} S^{\hat{r}z} \bmod N$$

$$\hat{R} \leftarrow R^{-c} S^{\hat{r}} \bmod N$$

$$\hat{R}_0 \leftarrow R_0^{-c} S^{\hat{r}_0} \bmod N$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\} : \hat{R}_i \leftarrow R_i^{-c} S^{\hat{r}_i} \bmod N$$

$$\forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} : \hat{R}_j \leftarrow R_j^{-c} S^{\hat{r}_j} \bmod N$$
3. Compute the verification challenge:
 
$$\hat{c} \leftarrow \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{V}}\}, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, \ell_{\mathcal{E}}\} :$$

$$\mathcal{H}(\text{context}, N, S, Z, R, R_0, R_i, R_j, \hat{Z}, \hat{R}, \hat{R}_0, \hat{R}_i, \hat{R}_j)$$
4. Verify equality of challenge:
 

**if**  $c = \hat{c}$  **then**

**accept**

**else**

**reject**, outputting  $\perp$ .

## 5 Issuing Specification

We specify the issuing of graph signatures based on the underlying SRSA Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature scheme. Given the use of the underlying signature scheme, the issuing specification draws upon the original Camenisch-Lysyanskaya SRSA scheme [CL02], the Identity Mixer Cryptographic Library Specification [IBM13], and the issuing specification offered by Groß [Gro14].

The given issuing protocol differs from existing CL-Signature implementations in its accounting for graphs as input of both parties.

The issuing protocol is executed between two parties, a *Signer* opening the protocol with a nonce, and a *Recipient* possibly inputting a committed (hidden) graph and committing to the *Recipient* master secret. The protocol is executed in four rounds, 0 to 3.

### 5.1 Protocol: Signer Specification

#### 5.1.1 Round 0: Nonce Generation

##### Inputs

Designated recipient.

1. *Signer* chooses a random nonce  $n_1 \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H}$ .
2. *Signer* stores the random nonce for future reference.
3. *Signer*  $\xrightarrow{n_1}$  *Recipient*

##### Outputs

Signer nonce  $n_1$

### 5.1.2 Graph Signature Computation

#### Inputs

Signer Extended Secret Key:  $sk_{S,E}$   
 Recipient Commitment:  $U$  and corresponding proof  $P_1$   
 Recipient nonce  $n_2$

1. *Signer* verifies proof signature  $P_1$ , iterating over responses representing vertices  $i$  and edges  $(i, j)$  in  $G' = (V', E')$ :

1.1 Check lengths of integer responses:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}' &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + 2\ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}, \\ \hat{m}_0 &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2}, \\ \forall i \in V' : \hat{m}_i &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2}, \\ \forall (i, j) \in E' : \hat{m}_{(i,j)} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2}. \end{aligned}$$

1.2 **if** any length check fails **then reject**  $P_1$  and **abort** issuing, outputting  $\perp$ .

1.3 Compute:

$$\hat{U} \leftarrow U^{-c} (S^{\hat{v}'}) R_0^{\hat{m}_0} \underbrace{\cdots R_{\pi(i)}^{\hat{m}_i}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \cdots \underbrace{\cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\hat{m}_{(i,j)}}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \cdots \text{mod } N$$

1.4 Verify challenge:

$$\hat{c} \leftarrow \forall i \in V', \forall (i, j) \in E' : \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, N, S, Z, R_0, R_{\pi(i)}, R_{\pi(i,j)}, U, \hat{U}, n_1)$$

1.5 **if**  $\hat{c} \neq c$  **then reject**  $P_1$  and **abort** issuing, outputting  $\perp$ .

2. *Signer* generates partial graph signature to be completed by the *Recipient*. These computations iterate over the  $i \in V''$  and  $(i, j) \in E''$  of the *Signer* graph  $G = (V'', E'')$ .

2.1 Choose a random prime:

$$e \in_R [2^{\ell_e - 1}, 2^{\ell_e - 1} + 2^{\ell_e - 1}]$$

2.2 Choose a random integer  $\bar{v} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v - 1}$

2.3 Compute:  $v'' \leftarrow 2^{\ell_v - 1} + \bar{v}$

2.4 Compute:

$$Q \leftarrow \forall i \in V'', \forall (i, j) \in E'' : \frac{Z}{U S^{v''} \cdots R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in f_E(i,j)} e_k}} \text{mod } N$$

Specifically, the *Signer* uses the knowledge of the discrete logarithms  $\text{dlog}_S(Z)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_0)$ ,  $\text{dlog}_S(R_i)$ , and  $\text{dlog}_S(R_j)$  to facilitate this computation in the exponent. We break this computation down into vertex and edge exponents:

$$\forall i \in V'' : \bar{e}_i \leftarrow (\text{dlog}_S(R_{\pi(i)}) e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k)$$

$$\forall(i, j) \in E'' : \bar{e}_{(i,j)} \leftarrow (\text{dlog}_S(R_{\pi(i,j)})e_i e_j \prod_{k \in f_{\mathcal{E}}(i,j)} e_k)$$

Using these exponents, the *Signer* completes the computation:

$$Q \leftarrow \forall i \in V'', \forall(i, j) \in E'' : \left( U S^{v'' + \dots + \bar{e}_i + \dots + \bar{e}_{(i,j)} + \dots - \text{dlog}_S(Z)} \right)^{-1} \bmod N$$

2.5 Compute  $A$ :

- i. Knowing the group order  $\#\text{QR}_N = p'q'$ , the issuer computes the multiplicative inverse of  $e$  under  $p'q'$ . As  $e$  is co-prime with  $p'q'$ ,  $e^{-1}$  exists. For subsequent proofs we refer to  $e^{-1}$  as  $d$ .
- ii.  $A \leftarrow Q^{e^{-1} \bmod p'q'} \bmod N$

2.6 *Signer* stores:  $Q, v'', \text{context}$

3. *Signer* creates a proof of correctness and knowledge of  $d = e^{-1}$ :

$$\text{SPK}\{(d) : A \equiv \pm Q^d \pmod{N}\}(n_2)$$

3.1 Choose witness randomness:

$$\tilde{d} \in_R [2, p'q' - 1]$$

3.2 Compute witness:

$$\tilde{A} \leftarrow Q^{\tilde{d}} \bmod N$$

3.3 Compute challenge:

$$c' \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, Q, A, \tilde{A}, n_2)$$

3.4 Compute response:  $\hat{d} \leftarrow \tilde{d} - c' \cdot d \bmod p'q'$

3.5 The proof consists of  $P_2 \leftarrow (\hat{d}, c')$

4. *Signer* sends  $(A, e, v''), P_2$  and the graph encoding for  $G''$  to the *Recipient*

### Outputs

Preliminary graph signature:  $(A, e, v'')$  and corresponding proof  $P_2$   
Graph encoding for  $G''$

## 5.2 Protocol: Recipient Specification

### 5.2.1 Round 1: Commitment to Master Secret Key and Hidden Graph

#### Inputs

Signer nonce  $n_1$   
Signer extended public key:  $pk_{S,E}$   
Recipient graph:  $G'$  (optional)  
Recipient master secret key:  $msk$

1. *Recipient* chooses a uniformly-chosen random integer  $v' \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o}$

2. *Recipient* commits to the graph with an appropriate encoding following the `Commit()` algorithm:

$$U \leftarrow \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in f_E(i,j)} e_k}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots S^{v'} \pmod N \quad (1)$$

3. *Recipient* computes a non-interactive proof that the commitment is correctly computed (proof of representation) using a Signature Proof of Knowledge (SPK):

$\forall i : i \in V'$ , the set of vertices of *Recipient* graph  $G' = (V', E')$   
 $\forall (i, j) : (i, j) \in E'$ , the set of edges of *Recipient* graph  $G' = (V', E')$

In the following proof, the  $m_i$  and  $m_{(i,j)}$  contain the full encoding of vertices and edges (incl. labels) of *Recipient* graph  $G'$ , respectively. The base  $R_0$  is reserved to encode the *Recipient's* master secret key  $msk$  as  $m_0$ , used to bind graph signatures to the same entity.

$$\begin{aligned} & SPK \{ \forall i \in V', \forall (i, j) \in E' : (m_i, m_{(i,j)}, v') : \\ & U \equiv \pm R_0^{m_0} \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots S^{v'} \pmod N \wedge \\ & v' \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi} \wedge m_0 \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \wedge \\ & \forall i \in V' : m_i \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \wedge \forall (i, j) \in E' : m_{(i,j)} \in \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \\ & \} (n_1) \end{aligned}$$

- 3.1 Create uniformly-chosen witness randomness:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{v}' & \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + 2\ell_\phi + \ell_H} \\ \tilde{m}_0 & \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1} \\ \forall i \in V' : \tilde{m}_i & \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1} \\ \forall (i, j) \in E' : \tilde{m}_{(i,j)} & \in_R \pm \{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1} \end{aligned}$$

- 3.2 compute witness:

$$\tilde{U} \leftarrow R_0^{\tilde{m}_0} \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i)}^{\tilde{m}_i}}_{\forall \text{ vertices } i} \dots \underbrace{R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\tilde{m}_{(i,j)}}}_{\forall \text{ edges } (i,j)} \dots S^{\tilde{v}'} \pmod N$$

- 3.3 compute challenge:

$$c \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, N, S, Z, R_0, R_{\pi(i)}, R_{\pi(i,j)}, U, \tilde{U}, n_1)$$

- 3.4 compute responses:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v}' & \leftarrow \tilde{v}' + c \cdot v' \\ \hat{m}_0 & \leftarrow \tilde{m}_0 + c \cdot m_0 \\ \forall i \in V' : \hat{m}_i & \leftarrow \tilde{m}_i + c \cdot m_i \\ \forall (i, j) \in E' : \hat{m}_{(i,j)} & \leftarrow \tilde{m}_{(i,j)} + c \cdot m_{(i,j)} \end{aligned}$$

3.5 output proof signature:  $P_1 \leftarrow \forall i \in V', \forall (i, j) \in E' : (c, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)})$

4. *Recipient* chooses a random nonce  $n_2 \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H}$

5. *Recipient*  $\xrightarrow{U, P_1, n_2}$  *Signer*: commitment  $U$ , proof signature  $P_1$ , nonce  $n_2$

6. *Recipient* persists the following structures: `context`, randomness  $v'$

### Outputs

Recipient graph commitment:  $U$  with corresponding proof  $P_1$

Recipient nonce:  $n_2$

## 5.2.2 Round 3: Signature Completion

### Inputs

Preliminary graph signature:  $(A, e, v'')$  and corresponding proof  $P_2$

Graph encoding for  $G''$

1. Compute  $v \leftarrow v'' + v'$

2. Recipient verifies graph signature  $(A, e, v)$ , iterating over all  $i \in V$  and  $(i, j) \in E$  of the combined graph  $G = (V, E)$ :

2.1 Check that  $e$  is prime and  $e \in [2^{\ell_e-1}, 2^{\ell_e-1} + 2^{\ell_e-1}]$ .

2.2 **if** this length check fails **then abort** the issuing protocol, outputting  $\perp$ .

2.3 Compute:

$$Q \leftarrow \forall i \in V, \forall (i, j) \in E : \frac{Z}{S^v R_0^{m_0} \dots R_{\pi(i)}^{e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k} \dots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{e_i e_j \prod_{k \in f_E(i,j)} e_k}} \pmod N$$

2.4 Compute

$$\hat{Q} \leftarrow A^e \pmod N$$

2.5 **if**  $\hat{Q} \neq Q \pmod N$ , **then abort** the issuing protocol, outputting  $\perp$ .

3. *Recipient* verifies  $P_2$

3.1 Compute

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &\leftarrow A^{c'+\hat{d}e} \pmod N, \text{ where} \\ \hat{A} &\equiv A^{c'} Q^{\hat{d}} \pmod N \end{aligned}$$

3.2 Compute  $\hat{c} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, Q, A, \hat{A}, n_2)$

3.3 **if**  $\hat{c} \neq c'$  **then abort** the issuing protocol, outputting  $\perp$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Given:} \\
&d \equiv e-1 \pmod{p'q'}; \quad \tilde{d} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_{p'q'}^* \\
&\tilde{A} \equiv Q^{\tilde{d}} \pmod{N}; \quad c' \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H} \\
&\hat{d} \equiv \tilde{d} - c' \cdot d \pmod{p'q'} \\
\hline
&\hat{A} \equiv A^{c'+\hat{d}e} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv A^{c'} A^{(\tilde{d}-c' \cdot d) \cdot e} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv A^{c'} A^{\tilde{d}e} A^{-c' \cdot d \cdot e} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv A^{c'} (A^e)^{\tilde{d}} A^{-c'(e^{-1} \cdot e)} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Q^{\tilde{d}} A^{c'} A^{-c' \cdot 1} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Q^{\tilde{d}} \stackrel{!}{=} \tilde{A} \pmod{N} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 2: Correctness proof for the verification of  $P_2$ .

4. **if** the steps 2 and 3 are successful **then** store the graph signature  $\sigma = (A, e, v)$  along with the corresponding graph encoding.

### Outputs

Final graph signature:  $(A, e, v)$   
Corresponding graph encoding for  $G$

We include the straight-forward, yet non-standard correctness proof of the verification of  $P_2$  in Figure 2.

## 6 Overall Proof of Geo-Location Separation

Note that the proof protocol for geo-location separation is exemplary for other proofs, incl. proof of possession and pair-wise difference. We include a monolithic specification of the required proofs to offer an intuition what is computed and ascertain correctness.

The proof will iterate over all vertices  $i \in V$  and all edges  $(i, j) \in E$  for the entire graph  $G = (V, E)$ . As such the proof will disclose the maximal size of the graph in the proof of possession.

We note that the proofs have been written separately in the corresponding publications for clarity, asking for a compound execution for referential integrity. Here, we execute the entire proof protocol in one go.

**What is proven.** On an input by the *Verifier* with a subset of known vertex identifier  $\bar{V}$ , the *Prover* engages in an SPK to prove that the geo-location labels associated with

those vertices  $v_i \in \bar{V}$  are pair-wise different. Notably, this proof requires that all vertices of the graph are labeled with their respective geo-location. The proof does not disclose anything else.

## 6.1 Geo-Location Separation Proof

- *Verifier* chooses a random nonce  $n_3 \in_R \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H}$ .
- *Verifier*  $\xrightarrow{n_3}$  *Prover*
- *Prover* computes commitments on all vertex representations:  
 $C_i \leftarrow R^{e_i \prod_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k} S_i^r \pmod N$
- The *Prover* iterates over pair-wise different vertex encodings  $\bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} \subseteq V$ , solving the Extended Euclidian Algorithm  $\text{EEA}()$  for arguments for Bézout's Identity:

$$(d_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}) \leftarrow \text{EEA}(m_i, m_j), \text{ such that,}$$

$$d_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} = a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} m_i + b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} m_j.$$

If  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  are indeed separate, they must be co-prime and  $d_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} = 1$ . If and only if this is true,  $a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$  and  $b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$  exist to fulfil Bézout's Identity for 1. The *Prover* stores the values  $a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$  and  $b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$  for pair-wise different vertices  $\bar{i}, \bar{j}$  in  $\bar{V}$ .

- The *Prover* computes and stores the differential randomness for pairs of commitments  $C_{\bar{i}}$  and  $C_{\bar{j}}$  for pair-wise different vertices  $\bar{i}, \bar{j}$  in  $\bar{V}$ :

$$r_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow -r_{\bar{i}} \cdot a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} - r_{\bar{j}} \cdot b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}.$$

- *Prover* establishes a Proof of Geo-Separation over the entire graph  $G = (V, E)$ , which entails the steps to (a) prove possession of the graph signature  $\sigma$ , (b) prove representation of the commitments  $C_i$  on the graph representations, incl. equality to the message exponents, and (c) prove pair-wise difference over the vertices in  $\bar{V}$ .

$\forall i \in V, (i, j) \in E, \forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} \subseteq V :$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{SPK}\{(m_0, m_i, m_{(i,j)}, e, v, r_i, a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, r_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}) : \\ & Z \equiv \pm R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} A^e S^v \pmod N \wedge & (\text{GSPossessionProver}()) \\ & \forall i \in V : C_i \equiv \pm R^{m_i} S^{r_i} \pmod N \wedge & (\text{CommitmentProver}()) \\ & \forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} : R \equiv \pm C_{\bar{i}}^{a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} C_{\bar{j}}^{b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} S^{r_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} \pmod N \wedge & (\text{PairWiseDifferenceProver}()) \\ & e \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_e} \wedge v \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v} \wedge m_0 \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \wedge \\ & \forall i \in V : m_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \wedge \\ & \forall (i, j) \in E : m_{(i,j)} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m} \\ & \} \end{aligned}$$

1. Randomize  $A$

- 1.1 Choose  $r_A \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma}$
- 1.2 Compute the randomized signature  $(A', e, v')$   
 $A' \leftarrow AS^{r_A} \pmod{N}$
- 1.3 Compute  $v' \leftarrow v - e \cdot r_A$
- 1.4 Compute  $e' \leftarrow e - 2^{\ell_e - 1}$
2. Choose witness randomness uniformly at random:
  - $\tilde{e} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_e + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\tilde{v} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\tilde{m}_0 \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\forall i \in V$ :
    - $\tilde{m}_i \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
    - $\tilde{r}_i \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\forall (i, j) \in E$ :
    - $\tilde{m}_{(i,j)} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V}$ :
    - $\tilde{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
    - $\tilde{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
    - $\tilde{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
3. Compute witnesses:
  - $\tilde{Z} \leftarrow (A')^{\tilde{e}} R_0^{\tilde{m}_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{\tilde{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\tilde{m}_{(i,j)}} S^{\tilde{v}'} \pmod{N}$
  - $\forall i \in V : \tilde{C}_i \leftarrow R^{\tilde{m}_i} S^{\tilde{r}_i} \pmod{N}$
  - $\forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} : \tilde{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow C_{\bar{i}}^{\tilde{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} C_{\bar{j}}^{\tilde{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} S^{\tilde{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}} \pmod{N}$
4. Compute hash:
  - $c \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, A', Z, C_i, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{C}_i, \tilde{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, n_3)$
5. Compute responses:
  - $\hat{e} \leftarrow \tilde{e} + c \cdot e'$
  - $\hat{v}' \leftarrow \tilde{v}' + c \cdot v'$
  - $\hat{m}_0 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_0 + c \cdot m_0$
  - $\forall i \in V$ :
    - $\hat{m}_i \leftarrow \tilde{m}_i + c \cdot m_i$
    - $\hat{r}_i \leftarrow \tilde{r}_i + c \cdot r_i$
  - $\forall (i, j) \in E$ :
    - $\hat{m}_{(i,j)} \leftarrow \tilde{m}_{(i,j)} + c \cdot m_{(i,j)}$
  - $\forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V}$ :
    - $\hat{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} + c \cdot a_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$
    - $\hat{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} + c \cdot b_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$
    - $\hat{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} + c \cdot r_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}$
6. Output  $P_3 \leftarrow (c, A', \hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)}, \hat{r}_i, \hat{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}})$

## 6.2 Geo-Location Separation Verification

- Proof of Geo-Separation (Verifying)



- Proving Knowledge of a Signature (GSPossessionVerifier())
- For the verification of the proof of geo-location separation, the *Verifier* operates over pair-wise different vertex encodings  $\bar{i}, \bar{j}$  in  $\bar{V}$ .
- The *Verifier* receives an input:

$$P_3 = (c, A', \hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)}, \hat{r}_i, \hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$$

1. Check lengths:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{e} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_e + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \\ \hat{v} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \\ \hat{m}_0 &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2} \\ \forall i \in V : \\ \hat{m}_i &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2} \\ \hat{r}_i &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \\ \forall (i, j) \in E : \\ \hat{m}_{(i,j)} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 2} \\ \forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} : \\ \hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \\ \hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \\ \hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} &\in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1} \end{aligned}$$

2. **if** any length check fails **then reject** the proof and **abort** verification, outputting  $\perp$ .

3. Compute  $\hat{t}$ -values

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Z} &\leftarrow \left( \frac{Z}{A^{2\ell_e - 1}} \right)^{-c} R_0^{\hat{m}_0} (R_{\pi(i)}^{\hat{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\hat{m}_{(i,j)}}) A'^{\hat{e}} S^{\hat{v}'} \pmod{N} \\ \forall i \in V : \hat{C}_i &\leftarrow C_i^{-c} R^{\hat{m}_i} S^{\hat{r}_i} \pmod{N} \\ \forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} : \hat{R}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} &\leftarrow R^{-c} C_{\bar{i}}^{\hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} C_{\bar{j}}^{\hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} S^{\hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} \pmod{N} \end{aligned}$$

4. Compute the verification challenge:

$$\hat{c} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, A', Z, C_i, \hat{Z}, \hat{C}_i, \hat{R}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, n_3)$$

5. Verify equality of challenge

**if**  $c = \hat{c}$  **then**  
**accept**  
**else**  
**reject**, outputting  $\perp$ .

We include the correctness proof for the proof of possession of  $P_3$  in Figure 3. While the proof is straight-forward, we pay attention to the transformation between the blinded graph signature  $(A', e', v')$  used in the proof and the originally signed graph signature  $(A, e, v)$ .

Figure 4 contains the correctness proof for the coprimality statement. We draw attention to the use of Bézout's Identity to prove that vertex representations  $m_{\bar{i}}$  and  $m_{\bar{j}}$  must be coprime:

$$1 = a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \cdot m_{\bar{i}} + b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \cdot m_{\bar{j}}$$

holds if and only if  $m_{\bar{i}}$  and  $m_{\bar{j}}$  are coprime. In a setting with unknown group order  $\#QR_N$ , this yields an equation over integer exponents:

$$R \equiv R^{(a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \cdot m_{\bar{i}})} R^{b_{(\bar{i},\bar{j})} \cdot m_{\bar{j}}} \pmod{N},$$

which is used in Figure 3, Equation †.

## 7 Component Provers

Provers are organized to have a *Pre-Challenge Phase* and a *Post-Challenge Phase*. In the Pre-Challenge Phase, the *Prover* receives as input the reference of the values being proven (a graph signature, a commitment, etc.) and outputs the witnesses ( $t$ -values). In this phase, the prover computes and stores the witness randomness.

In the Post-Challenge Phase, the *Prover* takes as input the common challenge  $c$  and outputs the responses (hat-values) matching its secrets and witness randomness.

The sub-ordinate prover objects stay alive between Pre-Challenge and Post-Challenge Phase and keep their internal state.

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**Algorithm 21:** blindGS(): Blinding of a given graph signature  $(A, e, v)$ .

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**Input:** Graph signature  $(A, e, v)$ , *Signer* public key  $\mathbf{pk}$ , gs\_params

**Pre-conditions:**  $(A, e, v)$  is a valid graph signature under *Signer* public key  $\mathbf{pk}$ .

**Output:** Blinded graph signature  $(A', e', v')$ .

**Post-conditions:**  $(A', e', v')$  is a valid graph signature on the same graph  $G$ .

- 1 Choose blinding randomness uniformly at random  $r_A \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi}$
  - 2 Get base  $S$  and  $N$  from  $\mathbf{pk}$
  - 3  $A' \leftarrow AS^{r_A} \pmod{N}$
  - 4  $v' \leftarrow v - e \cdot r_A$
  - 5  $e' \leftarrow e - 2^{\ell_e - 1}$
  - 6 return  $(A', e', v')$
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### 7.1 Protocol: ProverOrchestrator()

#### 7.1.1 Pre-Challenge Phase

Inputs

Verifier nonce  $n_3 \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell_H}$

1. Computation of commitments (delegated to Commitment() factory:

- 1.1 The *Prover* computes commitments on all vertex representations:

$$C_i \leftarrow R^{e_i \Pi_{k \in f_V(i)} e_k} S_i^r \pmod{N}$$

Given:

$$\begin{aligned}
P_3 &= (c, A', \hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)}, \hat{r}_i, \dots) \\
A' &\equiv AS^{r_A} \pmod{N}; \quad v' = v - e \cdot r_A \\
e' &= e - 2^{\ell_e - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{Z} &\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} R_0^{\hat{m}_0} \left( R_{\pi(i)}^{\hat{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\hat{m}_{(i,j)}} \right) A'^{\hat{e}} S^{\hat{v}'} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} R_0^{(\tilde{m}_0 + c \cdot m_0)} \left( R_{\pi(i)}^{(\tilde{m}_i + c \cdot m_i)} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{(\tilde{m}_{(i,j)} + c \cdot m_{(i,j)})} \right) A'^{(\tilde{e} + c \cdot e')} S^{(\tilde{v}' + c \cdot v')} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} R_0^{\tilde{m}_0} R_0^{c \cdot m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{\tilde{m}_i} R_{\pi(i)}^{c \cdot m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\tilde{m}_{(i,j)}} R_{\pi(i,j)}^{c \cdot m_{(i,j)}} A'^{\tilde{e}} A'^{c \cdot e'} S^{\tilde{v}'} S^{c \cdot v'} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} \underbrace{\left( R_0^{\tilde{m}_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{\tilde{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\tilde{m}_{(i,j)}} A'^{\tilde{e}} S^{\tilde{v}'} \right)}_{\equiv \tilde{Z} \pmod{N}} \left( R_0^{c \cdot m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{c \cdot m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{c \cdot m_{(i,j)}} A'^{c \cdot e'} S^{c \cdot v'} \right) \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{c \cdot m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{c \cdot m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{c \cdot m_{(i,j)}} A'^{c \cdot e'} S^{c \cdot v'} \right) \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{A'^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} A'^{e'} S^{v'} \right)^c \pmod{N}
\end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \left( \frac{Z}{(AS^{r_A})^{2^{\ell_e - 1}}} \right)^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} (AS^{r_A})^{(e - 2^{\ell_e - 1})} S^{(v - e \cdot r_A)} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} (AS^{r_A})^{(e - 2^{\ell_e - 1})} S^{-e \cdot r_A} S^v \right)^c \left( (AS^{r_A})^{(2^{\ell_e - 1})} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} (AS^{r_A})^{(e - 2^{\ell_e - 1})} S^{-e \cdot r_A} S^v (AS^{r_A})^{(2^{\ell_e - 1})} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} (AS^{r_A})^e S^{-e \cdot r_A} S^v \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} A^e S^{e \cdot r_A} S^{-e \cdot r_A} S^v \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} \left( \underbrace{R_0^{m_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{m_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{m_{(i,j)}} A^e S^v}_{\equiv Z \pmod{N}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv Z^{-c} \tilde{Z} (Z)^c \stackrel{!}{\equiv} \tilde{Z} \pmod{N} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 3: Correctness proof for the verification of the proof of possession of  $P_3$ . The second part of the proof transforms the blinded graph signature  $(A', e', v')$  to the original graph signature  $(A, e, v)$ .

Given:

$$P_3 = (c, \dots, \hat{m}_i, \dots, \hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}})$$

$$r_{i,\bar{j}} = -r_i \cdot a_{i,\bar{j}} - r_j \cdot b_{i,\bar{j}}$$

$$1 = a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_{i,\bar{j}} + b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_{j,\bar{j}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{R}_{i,\bar{j}} &\equiv R^{-c} C_i^{\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}}} C_j^{\hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}}} S^{\hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}}} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} C_i^{(\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}} + c \cdot a_{i,\bar{j}})} C_j^{(\hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}} + c \cdot b_{i,\bar{j}})} S^{(\hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}} + c \cdot r_{i,\bar{j}})} \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \underbrace{\left( C_i^{\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}}} C_j^{\hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}}} S^{\hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}}} \right)}_{\equiv \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \pmod{N}} \left( C_i^{(c \cdot a_{i,\bar{j}})} C_j^{(c \cdot b_{i,\bar{j}})} S^{(c \cdot r_{i,\bar{j}})} \right) \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( C_i^{(c \cdot a_{i,\bar{j}})} C_j^{(c \cdot b_{i,\bar{j}})} S^{(c \cdot r_{i,\bar{j}})} \right) \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( C_i^{a_{i,\bar{j}}} C_j^{b_{i,\bar{j}}} S^{r_{i,\bar{j}}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( (R^{m_i} S^{r_i})^{a_{i,\bar{j}}} (R^{m_j} S^{r_j})^{b_{i,\bar{j}}} S^{r_{i,\bar{j}}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( R^{(a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_i)} R^{(b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_j)} S^{(a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot r_i)} S^{(b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot r_j)} S^{r_{i,\bar{j}}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( R^{(a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_i)} R^{(b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_j)} \underbrace{S^{(a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot r_i)} S^{(b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot r_j)} S^{(-r_i \cdot a_{i,\bar{j}} - r_j \cdot b_{i,\bar{j}})}}_{\equiv 1 \pmod{N}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \left( \underbrace{R^{(a_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_i)} R^{(b_{i,\bar{j}} \cdot m_j)}}_{\equiv R \pmod{N}} \right)^c \pmod{N} \tag{\dagger} \\
&\equiv R^{-c} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} R^c \stackrel{!}{\equiv} \tilde{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 4: Correctness proof for the verification of the coprimality proof of  $P_3$ . Its final equation † uses Bézout's Identity and the proven coprimality of  $m_i$  and  $m_j$ .

- 1.2 The *Prover* stores the public values and commitment randomness in the common values store:
  - $\forall i \in V :$   
 $\text{store}(C_i, r_i)$
2. The *Prover* obtains blinded graph signature  $(A', e', v')$ , running Algorithm 21.
3. The *Prover* stores the blinded graph signature  
 $\text{store}(A', e', v')$
4. The *Prover* calls upon the component provers to execute their pre-computations.
  - The `PairWiseDifferenceProver()` will compute the coprimality evidence for its proofs based on the commitments  $C_i$  stored.
5. The *Prover* calls the *Pre-Challenge Phase* of component provers in turn, with references to messages addressed, each returning a  $\tilde{t}$ -value as output of their first phase.
  - 5.1  $(\tilde{Z}) \leftarrow \text{GSPossessionProver}()$
  - 5.2  $\forall i \in V :$   
 $(\tilde{C}_i) \leftarrow \text{CommitmentProver}(i)$
  - 5.3  $\forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} :$   
 $(\tilde{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}) \leftarrow \text{PairWiseDifferenceProver}(\bar{i}, \bar{j})$

The component prover instances are kept alive for the *Post-Challenge Phase*.

6. **if** any prover returns  $\perp$  **then abort** the proof, outputting  $\perp$ .
7. Compute the common challenge:
  - 7.1 The *Prover* gathers the ordered list of all public values and all  $\tilde{t}$ -values provided by component provers.
  - 7.2 The *Prover* canonicalizes and serializes the concatenation of proof values according to a pre-defined order: `context` first, then general public values  $(A', Z)$ , then commitments and other public values, then witnesses, nonce  $n_3$  finally.
  - 7.3 The *Prover* computes the hash of this string to produce the Fiat-Shamir challenge:
 
$$c \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, A', Z, C_i, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{C}_i, \tilde{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, n_3)$$
8. The *Prover* calls the *Post-Challenge Phase* of component provers in turn, each prover returning its responses, the hat-values.
  - 8.1  $(\hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \forall i \in V : \hat{m}_i, \forall (i, j) \in E : \hat{m}_{(i,j)}) \leftarrow \text{GSPossessionProver}()$
  - 8.2  $\forall i \in V :$   
 $(\hat{r}_i) \leftarrow \text{CommitmentProver}(i)$
  - 8.3  $\forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} :$   
 $(\hat{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}) \leftarrow \text{PairWiseDifferenceProver}(\bar{i}, \bar{j})$

9. **if** any component prover response is  $\perp$  **then abort** the proof, outputting  $\perp$ .
10. The *Prover* assembles the final proof.
  - 10.1 The *Prover* creates an ordered list prefixed by  $(c, A')$  followed by the ordered lists of responses of the component provers.
  - 10.2 The *Prover* canonicalizes and serializes the proof:

$$P_3 \leftarrow (c, A', \hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)}, \hat{r}_i, \hat{a}_{i,j}, \hat{b}_{i,j}, \hat{r}_{i,j})$$

11. The *Prover* sends  $P_3$  to the *Verifier*.

### Outputs

Proof:  
 Challenge  $c$   
 Blinded graph signature  $A'$   
 Responses/hat-values  $\hat{s}$

## 7.2 Protocol: **GSPossessionProver()**

### Governed State

Witness randomness:

- $\tilde{e}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{m}_0$
- $\forall i \in V :$   
 $\tilde{m}_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E :$   
 $\tilde{m}_{(i,j)} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$

### 7.2.1 Pre-Challenge Phase

### Inputs

Blinded graph signature  $(A', e', v')$

1. Choose witness randomness uniformly at random:
  - $\tilde{e} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell'_e + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\tilde{v} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\tilde{m}_0 \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\forall i \in V :$   
 $\tilde{m}_i \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
  - $\forall (i, j) \in E :$   
 $\tilde{m}_{(i,j)} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
2. Store the witnesses as common values:

- $\text{store}(\tilde{e}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{m}_0)$
- $\forall i \in V : \text{store}(\tilde{m}_i)$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E : \text{store}(\tilde{m}_{(i,j)})$

3. Compute  $\text{GSPossessionProver}()$  witness:

$$\tilde{Z} \leftarrow (A')^{\tilde{e}} R_0^{\tilde{m}_0} R_{\pi(i)}^{\tilde{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\tilde{m}_{(i,j)}} S^{\tilde{v}'} \pmod{N}$$

4. Output  $(\tilde{Z})$ .

### Outputs

Witness  $\tilde{Z}$

## 7.2.2 Post-Challenge Phase

### Inputs

Challenge  $c$

1. Retrieve witnesses from the common values store:

- $\text{retrieve}(\tilde{e}, \tilde{v}, \tilde{m}_0)$
- $\forall i \in V : \text{retrieve}(\tilde{m}_i)$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E : \text{retrieve}(\tilde{m}_{(i,j)})$

2. Retrieve the secrets of the blinded graph signature from the common values store:

- $\text{retrieve}(e', v', m_0)$
- $\forall i \in V : \text{retrieve}(m_i)$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E : \text{retrieve}(m_{(i,j)})$

3. Compute the  $\text{GSPossessionProver}()$  responses:

- $\hat{e} \leftarrow \tilde{e} + c \cdot e'$
- $\hat{v}' \leftarrow \tilde{v}' + c \cdot v'$
- $\hat{m}_0 \leftarrow \tilde{m}_0 + c \cdot m_0$
- $\forall i \in V :$ 
  - $\hat{m}_i \leftarrow \tilde{m}_i + c \cdot m_i$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E :$ 
  - $\hat{m}_{(i,j)} \leftarrow \tilde{m}_{(i,j)} + c \cdot m_{(i,j)}$

4. Output list of responses:

$$(\hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \forall i \in V : \hat{m}_i, \forall (i, j) \in E : \hat{m}_{(i,j)})$$

### Outputs

Responses  $(\hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \hat{m}_i, \hat{m}_{(i,j)})$

### 7.3 Protocol: CommitmentProver()

#### Governed State

Witness randomness:

- $\tilde{r}_i$

#### 7.3.1 Pre-Challenge Phase

#### Inputs

Message reference  $m_i$

1. Choose witness randomness uniformly at random:
  - $\tilde{r}_i \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\sigma + \ell_H + 1}$
2. Store the witness:
  - $\text{store}(\tilde{r}_i)$
3. Retrieve the witness randomness of committed messages from the common values store:  
 $\text{retrieve}(\tilde{m}_i)$
4. Compute CommitmentProver() witness  $\tilde{C}_i$ :

$$\tilde{C}_i \leftarrow R^{\tilde{m}_i} S^{\tilde{r}_i} \bmod N$$

5. Output  $\tilde{C}_i$ .

#### Outputs

Witness  $\tilde{C}_i$

#### 7.3.2 Post-Challenge Phase

#### Inputs

Challenge  $c$

1. Retrieve witnesses from the common values store:
  - $\text{retrieve}(\tilde{r}_i)$
2. Retrieve the commitment randomness from the common values store:
  - $\text{retrieve}(r_i)$



3. Compute the `CommitmentProver()` response:

$$\hat{r}_i \leftarrow \tilde{r}_i + c \cdot r_i$$

4. Output  $\hat{r}_i$

### Outputs

Responses ( $\hat{r}_i$ )

## 7.4 Protocol: `PairWiseDifferenceProver()`

### Governed State

Coprimality Secrets:

- $a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$
- $r_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$

Witness randomness:

- $\tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$
- $\tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$

### 7.4.1 Pre-Challenge Phase

### Inputs

Pair-wise different commitment references  $\bar{i}$  and  $\bar{j}$

1. Precomputation:

1.1 Retrieve the commitment messages and randomness from the common values store:

- `retrieve( $m_i, r_i$ )`
- `retrieve( $m_j, r_j$ )`

1.2 Solve the Extended Euclidian Algorithm for  $m_i$  and  $m_j$ :

$$(d_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}) \leftarrow \text{EEA}(m_i, m_j)$$

1.3 **if**  $d_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \neq 1$  **then abort** the proof, because  $m_i$  and  $m_j$  are not coprime.

1.4 Compute the differential commitment randomnesss:

$$r_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \leftarrow -r_i \cdot a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} - r_j \cdot b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$$

1.5 Store the coprimality secrets and differential randomness:

- `store( $a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$ )`
- `store( $r_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$ )`

2. Choose witness randomness uniformly at random:

- $\tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n+\ell_o+\ell_H+1}$
- $\tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n+\ell_o+\ell_H+1}$
- $\tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \in_R \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n+\ell_o+\ell_H+1}$

3. Store witness randomness:

- $\text{store}(\tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$
- $\text{store}(\tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$

4. Compute  $\text{PairWiseDifferenceProver}()$  Witness:

$$\tilde{R}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \leftarrow C_{\bar{i}}^{\tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} C_{\bar{j}}^{\tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} S^{\tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}} \text{ mod } N$$

5. Output  $\tilde{R}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$

Outputs

Witness:  $\tilde{R}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$

#### 7.4.2 Post-Challenge Phase

Inputs

Challenge  $c$

1. Retrieve coprimality secrets:

- $\text{retrieve}(a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$
- $\text{retrieve}(r_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$

2. Retrieve witness randomness:

- $\text{retrieve}(\tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$
- $\text{retrieve}(\tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$

3. Compute the  $\text{PairWiseDifferenceProver}()$  responses:

- $\hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} + c \cdot a_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$
- $\hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} + c \cdot b_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$
- $\hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} \leftarrow \tilde{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}} + c \cdot r_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}$

4. Output  $(\hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$

Outputs

Responses:  $(\hat{a}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i},\bar{j}})$

## 8 Component Verifiers

Each *Verifier* is responsible for taking the common values, the public values and the responses (hat-values) of its protocol as input and to output the candidate verification witness (hat-value) as output.

### 8.1 VerifierOrchestrator()

#### Inputs

Proof  $P_3$ , incl.  
 Challenge  $c$   
 Public values  $Z, A', C_i$

1. The *Verifier* populates its common values store with the public values of the proof.
  - $\text{store}(Z, A')$
  - $\text{store}(C_i)$
2. The *Verifier* calls the component verifiers in turn, offering as input the challenge  $c$  along with the corresponding component prover responses. Each component verifier will return a single  $\hat{t}$  value, a verifier witness.

$$2.1 \quad \hat{Z} \leftarrow \text{GSPossessionVerifier}(c, A', (\hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \forall i \in V : \hat{m}_i, \forall (i, j) \in E : \hat{m}_{(i,j)}))$$

$$2.2 \quad \forall i \in V : \\ \hat{C}_i \leftarrow \text{CommitmentVerifier}(c, (\hat{r}_i))$$

$$2.3 \quad \forall \bar{i}, \bar{j} \in \bar{V} : \\ \hat{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}} \leftarrow \text{PairwiseDifferenceVerifier}(c, (\hat{a}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}))$$

- 2.1 The *Verifier* gathers the ordered list of all public values and all  $\hat{t}$ -values provided by component verifiers.
- 2.2 The *Verifier* canonicalizes and serializes the concatenation of the  $\hat{t}$ -values according to a pre-defined order: **context** first, then general public values ( $A', Z$ ), then commitments and other public values, then  $\hat{t}$ -values, nonce  $n_3$  finally.
- 2.3 The *Verifier* computes the hash of this string to produce the *Verifier*'s version of the Fiat-Shamir challenge  $\hat{c}$ :

$$\hat{c} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}(\text{context}, A', Z, C_i, \hat{Z}, \hat{C}_i, \hat{R}_{\bar{i}, \bar{j}}, n_3)$$

3. Verify equality of challenge
  - if**  $c = \hat{c}$  **then**
  - accept**
  - else**
  - reject**, outputting  $\perp$ .

#### Outputs

## 8.2 Protocol: **GSPossessionVerifier()**

### Inputs

Challenge  $c$

Blinded graph signature  $A'$

GSPossessionProver() responses:  $(\hat{e}, \hat{v}', \hat{m}_0, \forall i \in V : \hat{m}_i, \forall (i, j) \in E : \hat{m}_{(i,j)})$

1. Check lengths:

- $\hat{e} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_e + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\hat{v} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_v + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\hat{m}_0 \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2}$
- $\forall i \in V :$ 
  - $\hat{m}_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2}$
- $\forall (i, j) \in E :$ 
  - $\hat{m}_{(i,j)} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2}$

2. **if** any length check fails **then reject** the proof and **abort** verification, outputting  $\perp$ .

3. Compute GSPossessionVerifier()  $\hat{t}$ -value:

$$\hat{Z} \leftarrow \left( \frac{Z}{A^{2^{\ell_e} - 1}} \right)^{-c} R_0^{\hat{m}_0} (R_{\pi(i)}^{\hat{m}_i} \cdots R_{\pi(i,j)}^{\hat{m}_{(i,j)}}) A'^{\hat{e}} S^{\hat{v}'} \text{ mod } N$$

4. Output  $\hat{Z}$ .

### Outputs

Verification witness:  $\hat{Z}$

## 8.3 Protocol: **CommitmentVerifier()**

### Inputs

Challenge  $c$

CommitmentProver() response:  $\hat{r}_i$

1. Retrieve corresponding message secrets.

retrieve( $\hat{m}_i$ )

2. Check lengths:

- $\hat{r}_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_o + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\hat{m}_i \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_m + \ell_o + \ell_H + 2}$

3. **if** any length check fails **then reject** the proof and **abort** verification, outputting  $\perp$ .

4. Compute the `CommitmentVerifier()`  $\hat{t}$ -value:

$$\hat{C}_i \leftarrow C_i^{-c} R^{\hat{m}_i} S^{\hat{r}_i} \text{ mod } N$$

5. Output  $\hat{C}_i$ .

#### Outputs

Verifier witness:  $\hat{C}_i$

### 8.4 Protocol: `PairWiseDifferenceVerifier()`

#### Inputs

Challenge  $c$

PairWiseDifferenceProver() responses:  $(\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}}, \hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}}, \hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}})$

1. Check lengths:

- $\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1}$
- $\hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}} \in \pm\{0, 1\}^{\ell_n + \ell_\phi + \ell_H + 1}$

**if** any length check fails **then reject** the proof and **abort** verification, outputting  $\perp$ .

2. Compute the `PairWiseDifferenceVerifier()`  $\hat{t}$  value:

$$\hat{R}_{i,\bar{j}} \leftarrow R^{-c} C_i^{\hat{a}_{i,\bar{j}}} C_j^{\hat{b}_{i,\bar{j}}} S^{\hat{r}_{i,\bar{j}}} \text{ mod } N$$

3. Output  $\hat{R}_{i,\bar{j}}$

#### Outputs

Verifier witness:  $\hat{R}_{i,\bar{j}}$

## 9 Recommendations

To securely use the graph signature scheme and the TOPOCERT tool, it is necessary to follow key size requirements specified for SRSA Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signatures [CL02, IBM13]. In general, the TOPOCERT tool is meant to operate in an implementation with a 2048-bits key strength and appropriately selected parameters, which

Table 1: Parameters of the graph signature scheme  $gs\_params$  and encoding setup  $enc\_params$ . Parameters for the underlying Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature scheme are largely adapted from the Identity Mixer Specification [IBM13]. In the implementation, this table is referred to as `table:params`.

(a) Parameters of `Keygen()`

Parameter	Description	Bit-length
$\ell_n$	Bit length of the special RSA modulus	2048
$\ell_\Gamma$	Bit length of the commitment group	1632
$\ell_\rho$	Bit length of the prime order of the subgroup of $\Gamma$	256
$\ell_m$	Maximal bit length of messages encoding vertices and edges	256
$\ell_{res}$	Number of reserved messages	1†
$\ell_e$	Bit length of the certificate component $e$	597
$\ell'_e$	Bit length of the interval the $e$ values are taken from	120
$\ell_v$	Bit length of the certificate component $v$	2724
$\ell_\sigma$	Security parameter for statistical zero-knowledge	80
$\ell_H$	Bit length of the cryptographic hash function used for the Fiat-Shamir Heuristic	256
$\ell_r$	Security parameter for the security proof of the CL-scheme	80
$\ell_{pt}$	The prime number generation to have an error probability to return a composite of $1 - 1/2^{\ell_{pt}}$	80†

*Note:* † refers to numbers that are integers, not bit lengths.

(b) Parameters of `GraphEncodingSetup()`

$\ell_{\mathcal{V}}$	Maximal number of vertices to be encoded	1000‡‡
$\ell'_{\mathcal{V}}$	Reserved bit length for vertex encoding (bit length of the largest encodable prime representative)	120
$\ell_{\mathcal{E}}$	Maximal number of edges to be encoded	50.000‡‡
$\ell_{\mathcal{L}}$	Maximal number of labels to be encoded	256‡‡
$\ell'_{\mathcal{L}}$	Reserved bit length for label encoding	16

*Note:* † refers to numbers that are integers, not bit lengths; ‡ refers to the default parameter, not the theoretical maximum.

implies parameters as defined in Table 1. For a detailed specification of the parameter selection for the underlying Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature scheme, we refer to Tables 2 and 3 of the Specification of the Identity Mixer Cryptographic Library, Version 2.3.40, on p. 43 [IBM13].

*Remark 1* (Security Parameter). The security parameters, especially bit length for the group setups, flow from the specification of the bit length of the special RSA modulus  $\ell_n$  and the message space  $\ell_m$ . The constraints placed on the respective bit lengths are crucial to maintain the soundness of the security proof of the underlying Camenisch-Lysyanskaya signature scheme (cf. Table 3 of the Specification of the Identity Mixer Cryptographic Library, Version 2.3.40, on p. 43 [IBM13]).

*Remark 2* (Encoding Parameters). We consider the choices made for the graph encoding scheme.

**Encoding Defaults** The bit length parameters for the prime encoding  $\ell'_v$  and  $\ell'_e$  follow from the available message bit length, assuming that the labels are encoded as the lowest prime representatives. However, the given defaults for number of vertices, edges, labels to be encoded  $\ell_v$ ,  $\ell_e$ , and  $\ell_c$  are not the theoretical maxima.

**Maximal Number of Labels** For a single-labeled graph with  $\ell'_c = 16$ , the maximal encodable number of labels is 6542. The restrictions of the number of labels is in place to allow for multi-labeled graphs, in which case the product of the label identifiers occupies the reserved space.

**Maximal Number of Vertices** The maximal number of vertices for the reserved bit length  $\ell'_v = 120$  is  $1.59810^{34}$ . The limiting factor for the number of encoded vertices, however, is *not* the reserved bit length of the message space, but the space required to store the corresponding based dedicated vertex and edge encoding. For each possibly encodable vertex and edge the graph signature scheme needs to reserve a group element with an bit length of  $\ell_n = 2048$ . A encoding for fully connected graphs with  $\ell_v = 1000$  and  $\ell_e = \ell_v(\ell_v - 1) = 999000$  would consume 244.28 kBytes for vertices and 243.89 MBytes for the edges.

*Remark 3* (Signature Size). A signature of the graph signature scheme consists of one group element and two exponents  $(A, e, v)$ . A single signature has the following bit length for the default parameters in Table 1:

$$|(A, e, v)|_2 = \ell_n + \ell_v + \ell_e = 5369 \text{ bits.}$$

*Remark 4* (Base Randomization). We note here that the graph signature scheme proposed by Groß [Gro15] requires a base randomization for multi-use confidentiality of graph elements. This is because the bases referenced in the ZKPoK are public knowledge and each proof reveals which exponents are harbored by which base.

The base randomization asks that random permutations  $\pi_v$  and  $\pi_e$  be applied to the vertex and edge bases respectively. A space-efficient solution for that requirement could use keyed pseudorandom permutations.

Let an appropriate family of pseudorandom permutations  $\mathcal{F}$  on group elements in  $\text{QR}_N$  be given, where pseudorandom permutations (PRPs) are defined as by Katz and

Lindell [KL14]. Theoretical work on constructions of pseudorandom permutations from pseudorandom functions was spawned by the seminal work of Luby and Rackoff [LR88]. As an alternative approach, we also refer to constructions of Verifiable Secret Shuffles, such as Neff [Nef01], which allow a Prover in a honest-verifier zero-knowledge proof scenario to convince a Verifier that a secret shuffled was computed correctly.

1. During the Signer’s round of `HiddenSign()`,  $S$  chooses a uniformly random permutation key  $k$  with appropriate bit length.
2.  $S$  applies the pseudorandom permutations  $(\pi_V, \pi_E)$  with common key  $k$  to the certified base sets, obtaining permuted base sets.
3. Signer  $S$  then encodes graph  $\mathcal{G}$  on the derived base sets.
4. Signer  $S$  shares permutation key  $k$  with the Recipient together with the corresponding signature  $\sigma_k = (A, e, v)_k$  along with a proof of representation that  $\sigma_k$  indeed fulfills the CL-equation on the derived bases.

Hence, the Signer will issue multiple signatures, one for each permutation. Each signature has a size of one group element, two exponents, and one permutation key.

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