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⇒ the stack needs to deal with trees instead of strings.

This is because we can have messages of the form $\langle m_1, m_2 \rangle$ where both m_1 and m_2 are now arbitrary messages, not just constants.

We need push rules of the form $q_1(x), q_2(y) \rightarrow q(\langle x, y \rangle)$.

And pop rules of the form $q_1(\langle x, y \rangle) \rightarrow q_2(x)$.

Rephrasing the intruder deduction problem in this framework

$$q(x), q(y) \rightarrow q(\langle x, y \rangle) \quad (\text{push})$$

$$q(\langle x, y \rangle) \rightarrow q(x) \quad (\text{pop})$$

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$$q(\{x\}_y), q(y) \rightarrow q(x) \quad (\text{pop})$$

$$q(\{x\}_k), q(k^{-1}) \rightarrow q(x) \quad (\text{pop})$$

$$q(x_1), \dots, q(x_n) \rightarrow q(h(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \quad (\text{push})$$

$$q(h(x_1, \dots, x_n)) \rightarrow q(h(x_i)) \quad (\text{pop})$$

For initial intruder knowledge of terms like $\{a\}_k$ we have rules

$$q_1(a) \quad q_2(k) \quad q_1(x), q_2(y) \rightarrow q(\{x\}_y).$$

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$$q_1(x_1), q_2(x_2) \rightarrow q(f(x_1, x_2))$$

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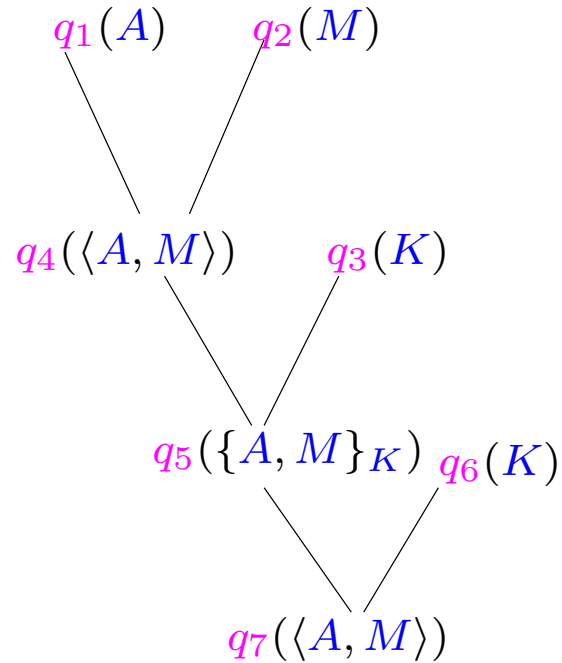
These are also crucial for handling more complex classes of protocols.

These can be automatically handled by several existing tools today.

E.g. the HX tool (Thomas Gawlitza):

<http://www2.in.tum.de/~gawlitza/hx>

Example: $q_1(A) \quad q_2(M) \quad q_3(K) \quad q_1(x), q_2(y) \rightarrow q_4(\langle x, y \rangle)$
 $q_4(x), q_3(y) \rightarrow q_5(\{x\}_y) \quad q_6(K) \quad q_5(\{x\}_y), q_6(y) \rightarrow q_7(x)$



The rule applications form a branching pattern.

An example beyond ping-pong protocols.

$$\begin{aligned} X &\rightarrow Y : \{c, M\}_{K_Y} \\ Y &\rightarrow X : \{\langle d, M \rangle, e\}_{K_X} \end{aligned}$$

The second step can be described using rules:

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow q_X(K_X) && q(\{x\}_y), q_Y(y) \rightarrow q_4(x) \\ &\rightarrow q_Y(K_Y) && q_4(\langle x, y \rangle), q_1(x) \rightarrow q_5(y) \\ &\rightarrow q_1(c) && q_2(x), q_5(y) \rightarrow q_6(\langle x, y \rangle) \\ &\rightarrow q_2(d) && q_6(x), q_3(y) \rightarrow q_7(\langle x, y \rangle) \\ &\rightarrow q_3(e) && q_7(x), q_X(y) \rightarrow q(\{x\}_y) \end{aligned}$$

Finally such rules are also obtained by **approximations** of complex protocols.

For a state q let $L(q)$ be the set of all messages m such that $q(m)$ is true according to the given set of rules. The previous rule

$$q(\{x\}_k), q(k^{-1}) \rightarrow q(x)$$

can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} & \rightarrow q'(k) \\ & k^{-1} \in L(q), q(\{x\}_y), q'(y) \rightarrow q(x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence we need rules with **side-conditions**. The above is a **membership condition**. Other conditions are:

nonemptiness condition: $L(q) \neq \emptyset$

intersection-nonemptiness condition: $L(q_1) \cap L(q_2) \neq \emptyset$

Given only push rules, these conditions are easy to check!

Checking membership $m \in L(q)$ with push rules

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If the fact $m \in L(q)$ is added in this way then the membership test succeeds, else it fails. This requires **polynomial time**

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We now generalize the operations which add new rules.

Given rules $q(c)$ and $q(x) \rightarrow p(x)$ we add the rule $q(c)$.

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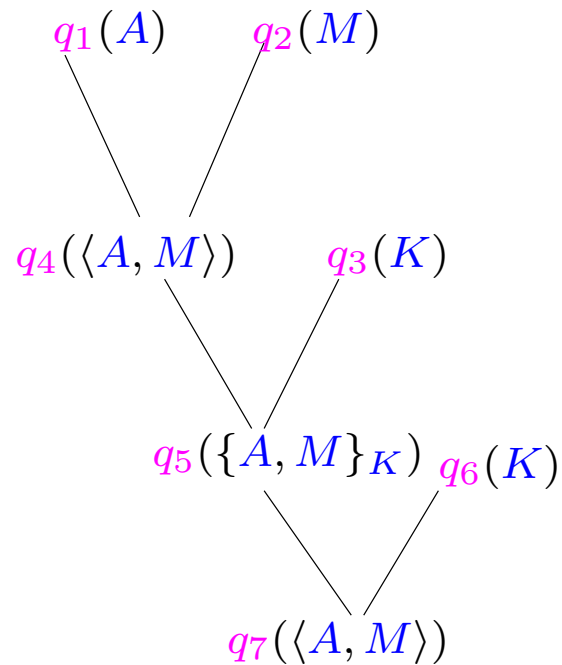
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We do this repeatedly and finally remove all rules other than push rules.

Then questions like secrecy can be considered as membership tests.

Overall time complexity is **polynomial**.

Our old example: $q_1(A)$ $q_2(M)$ $q_3(K)$ $q_1(x), q_2(y) \rightarrow q_4(\langle x, y \rangle)$
 $q_4(x), q_3(y) \rightarrow q_5(\{x\}_y)$ $q_6(K)$ $q_5(\{x\}_y), q_6(y) \rightarrow q_7(x)$



We add rules: $L(q_3) \cap L(q_6) \neq \emptyset$, $q_4(x) \rightarrow q_7(x)$ $q_4(x) \rightarrow q_7(x)$
 $q_1(x), q_2(y) \rightarrow q_7(\langle x, y \rangle)$

To summarize, we have obtained a general polynomial time algorithm for

- the intruder deduction problem
- the secrecy problem for ping-pong protocols
- the (approximate) secrecy problem for more complex classes of protocols.

Justification for using only three agents

Each session in our ping-pong protocols involves a pair of agents (X, Y) .

We may have (interleaved) sessions between several (non-disjoint) pairs $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), (X_3, Y_3) \dots$

If such an execution leads to leak of secret, then we show that there is a leak of secret with just two honest agents and one dishonest agent.

Idea: projection!

Such results are crucial for developing automated techniques for analyzing protocols.

In general we may assume, for every pair (X, Y) of distinct agents, an infinite number of secret values $M_{X,Y}^i$, to be used in different sessions between X and Y .

A ping-pong protocol can be represented by a set of rules of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 r_0[X, Y] &\equiv q(\alpha_0[X, Y](M_{X,Y}^i)) \\
 r_1[X, Y] &\equiv q(\beta_1[X, Y](x)) \rightarrow q(\alpha_1[X, Y](x)) \\
 &\dots \\
 r_k[X, Y] &\equiv q(\beta_k[X, Y](x)) \rightarrow q(\alpha_k[X, Y](x))
 \end{aligned}$$

For the protocol

$$X \rightarrow Y: \{M\}_{K_Y}, X$$

$$Y \rightarrow X: \{M\}_{K_X}$$

$$\text{we have } \alpha_0[X, Y] = i_X E_Y \quad \beta_1[X, Y] = i_X E_Y \quad \alpha_1[X, Y] = E_X$$

The attacker learns new messages using execution sequences of the form

$$w_0(M_{X,Y}^i), w_1(M_{X,Y}^i), w_2(M_{X,Y}^i), \dots$$

Different sequences starting with different initial secrets continue independently of each other.

By symmetry, if $M_{X,Y}^i$ is leaked for some i then it is leaked for all i .

Hence for every pair of agents (X, Y) we consider just one secret $M_{X,Y}$.

Also by symmetry, if $M_{X,Y}$ is leaked for some pair (X, Y) of honest agents then it is leaked for all pairs of honest agents.

Hence we consider just one secret $M = M_{A,B}$ between honest agents A and B .

Now we just have the rules $r_0(A, B)$ and $r_1[X, Y], \dots, r_k[X, Y]$ for distinct X and Y .

Also as usual, we have rules for dishonest agents' abilities to do apply symbols i_X and E_X and remove symbols i_X and E_Z for all agents X and all dishonest agents Z .

The replacement of an agent U by an agent U' in an execution sequence is defined as follows (we **never** replace a dishonest agent by an honest agent).

Every rule $r_i[U, V]$ is replaced by rule $r_i[U', V]$.

Every rule $r_i[V, U]$ is replaced by rule $r_i[V, U']$.

Addition and removal of symbols i_U, E_U are replaced by addition and removal of symbols $i_{U'}, E_{U'}$.

Let w be the original message obtained from the execution sequence.
After the replacement we obtain $w[U \mapsto U']$.

(The \mapsto symbol denoted replacement).

We also need to check there are no sessions between identical agents.

We choose one dishonest agent C . All agents other than A and B are replaced by agent C .

This may create sessions between C and C . But these can be thought of as actions of dishonest agents like encryption, decryption, etc.

Hence if M was obtained in the original execution then it is also obtained by using only A , B and C .

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We need to model

- states of agents: above, A and B each can be in three states.
- intruder's knowledge.

Each protocol may be played between various agents simultaneously with different values of nonces.

A protocol state is a collection of just agent states, together with the intruder's knowledge.

⇒ use **multisets**, or sets with multiplicities, or unordered lists.

We use rules on multisets to describe execution of protocol steps.

⇒ multiset rewriting (Durgin et. al)

To describe creation of fresh nonces, we use rules like

$$A \rightsquigarrow \exists x . B(x)$$

Given a multiset M, A this rule allows us to obtain the multiset $M, B(c)$ where c is a completely fresh constant.

Encryption free Needham-Schroeder protocol

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Predicates used:

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$A_1(\textit{nonce})$ Alice is in state 1, with a nonce

$A_2(\textit{nonce}, \textit{nonce})$ Alice is in state 2, with two nonces

$B_0()$	Bob is in state 0 (initial role state)
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$I(\textit{message})$	Intruder knows $\textit{message}$

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