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Message Authentication Codes Secure against Additively Related-Key Attacks

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Abstract: Message Authentication Code (MAC) is one of most basic primitives in cryptography. After Biham (EUROCRYPT 1993) and Knudsen (AUSCRYPT 1992) proposed related-key attacks (RKAs), RKAs have damaged MAC's security. To relieve MAC of RKA distress, Bellare and Cash proposed pseudo-random functions (PRFs) secure against multiplicative RKAs (CRYPTO 2010). They also proposed PRFs secure against additive RKAs, but their reduction requires sub-exponential time. Since PRF directly implies Fixed-Input Length (FIL) MAC, their PRFs result in MACs secure against multiplicative RKAs. In this paper, we proposed Variable-Input Length (VIL) MAC secure against additive RKAs, whose reductions are polynomial time in the security parameter. Our construction stems from MACs from number-theoretic assumptions proposed by Dodis, Kiltz, Pietrzak, Wichs (EUROCRYPT 2012) and public-key encryption schemes secure against additive RKAs proposed by Wee (PKC 2012).

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