

# Efficient Unlinkable Sanitizable Signatures from Signatures with Rerandomizable Keys

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**Abstract.** Sanitizable signature schemes are a type of malleable signatures where the signer grants a designated third party, called the sanitizer, signing rights in the sense that the sanitizer can modify designated parts and adapt the signature accordingly. Ateniese et al. (ESORICS 2005) introduced this primitive and proposed five security properties, which were formalized by Brzuska et al. (PKC 2009). Subsequently, Brzuska et al. (PKC 2010) suggested an additional security notion, called unlinkability, which says one cannot link sanitized message-signature pairs of the same document and gave a generic construction based on group signatures that have a certain structure. Here, we present the first efficient instantiation of unlinkable sanitizable signatures. Our construction is based on a novel type of signature schemes with rerandomizable keys. Intuitively, this property allows to rerandomize both the signing and the verification key independently but consistently. This allows us to sign the message with a rerandomized key and to prove in zero-knowledge that the derived key originates from either the signer or the sanitizer. We instantiate this generic idea with Schnorr signatures and efficient  $\Sigma$ -protocols which we convert into non-interactive zero-knowledge proofs via the Fiat-Shamir transformation. Our construction is at least one order of magnitude faster than the fastest known construction.

## 1 Introduction

Sanitizable signature schemes were introduced by Ateniese et al. [1] and similar primitives were concurrently proposed by Steinfeld, Bull, and Zheng [26], by Miyazaki et al. [21], and by Johnson et al. [20]. The basic idea of this primitive is that the signer specifies parts of a (signed) message such that a dedicated third party, called the sanitizer, can change the message and adapt the signature accordingly. Sanitizable signatures have numerous applications, such as the anonymization of medical data, replacing commercials in authenticated media streams, or updates of reliable routing information [1]. After the first introduction of sanitizable signatures in [1], the desired security properties were later formalized by Brzuska et al. [4]. At PKC 2010, Brzuska et al. [5] identified an important missing property called unlinkability. Loosely speaking, this notion says that one cannot link sanitized message-signature pairs of the same document. This property is essential in applications like the sanitization of medical records because it prevents the attacker from combining information of several sanitized versions of a document in order to reconstruct (parts of) the original document. The authors also showed that unlinkable sanitizable signatures can be constructed from a certain class of group signatures [2] in a blackbox-fashion. However, to this date, such generic constructions of unlinkable sanitizable signatures are inherently slow, since no efficient group signature scheme that has the required properties is known. This leaves us in an unsatisfactory situation. Either we use efficient sanitizable signature schemes that only achieve a subset of the security properties [1,4] or we have to rely on an inefficient blackbox construction of unlinkable sanitizable signatures.

In this work, we close this gap by presenting the first efficient unlinkable sanitizable signature scheme that achieves all security properties. Our scheme only requires 15 exponentiations for signing, 17 for the verification, and 14 for sanitizing a message-signature pair. This is at least one order of magnitude faster than the fastest previously known construction. For a detailed performance comparison, refer to [Section 1.2](#).

	KGen <sub>sig</sub>	KGen <sub>san</sub>	Sign	Sanit	Verify	Proof	Judge
This paper	7 E	1 E	15 E	14 E	17 E	23 E	6 E
[5] using [17]	1 E	1 E	194 E + 2P	186 E + 1P	207 E + 62P	14 E + 1P	1 E + 2 P
[5] using [16]	1 E	4 E	2831 E	2814 E	2011 E	18 E	2 E

**Table 1.** Comparison of the dominant operations in our construction instantiated as described in Section 5 with the construction of Brzuska et al. [5] instantiated with Schnorr signatures and the group signature schemes of Groth [17] and Furukawa and Yonezawa [16] respectively. E and P stand for group exponentiations and pairing evaluations respectively.

## 1.1 Overview of our Construction

In this section, we describe the main idea of our construction and the underlying techniques. Our solution is based on a novel type of digital signature schemes called *signatures with perfectly rerandomizable keys*. This type of signature scheme allows to rerandomize both the signing and the verification key independently. It is required that the rerandomization is perfect, meaning that rerandomized keys must have the same distribution as the original key. The new unforgeability notion for this type of signature scheme requires that it is infeasible for an attacker to output a forgery under either the original or a rerandomized key, even if the randomness is controlled by the attacker.

We show that this security notion is fulfilled by Schnorr’s signature scheme [24,25], which is one of the most efficient signature schemes based on the discrete logarithm assumption. We also show that our notion is achievable in the standard model by slightly modifying the signature scheme of Hofheinz and Kiltz [18,19]. Apart from their usefulness in constructing highly efficient sanitizable signatures, this primitive might also be of independent interest.

*Construction of Unlinkable Sanitizable Signature Schemes.* Our construction of an unlinkable sanitizable signature scheme is based on signature schemes having perfectly rerandomizable keys. The main idea of the scheme is to sign the message with a rerandomized key and then prove, in zero-knowledge, that the key was derived from either the signer or the sanitizer. More precisely, to sign a message  $m$ , the signer extracts those parts of the message that cannot be modified by the sanitizer. We denote by  $m_{\text{FIX}}$  this fixed part of the message together with some auxiliary information such as the sanitizer’s key. The signer then signs  $m_{\text{FIX}}$  with a (regular) strongly unforgeable signature scheme and signs the whole message together with both signer and sanitizer keys with a signature scheme that has perfectly rerandomizable keys. However, the signer cannot sign this part directly as this would reveal the identity of the signer. Instead, the signer chooses a fresh randomness  $\rho$  and rerandomizes his key-pair and appends a zero-knowledge proof that the derived keys descend either from signer’s or the sanitizer’s key. Sanitizing a message follows the same idea: the sanitizer modifies the message and signs it with a rerandomized version of his key pair and appends a zero-knowledge proof for the same language. To turn this idea into an efficient scheme, we do not use (inefficient) generic instantiations of zero-knowledge, but an efficient sigma protocol tailored to our problem that we then convert via the Fiat-Shamir transformation [14] into an efficient non-interactive zero-knowledge proof.

## 1.2 Evaluation and Comparison

To demonstrate the efficiency of our approach, we compare both the computational and the storage complexity of our construction to suitably instantiated versions of the scheme due to Brzuska et al. [5]. We instantiate the signature scheme in [5] using a deterministic version of Schnorr’s signature scheme. Instantiating the group signature scheme used in [5] on the other hand is quite hard. The construction requires very specific properties of the group signature scheme. Namely, it is required that user keys can be generated independently of and, in particular, before the group manager’s key. This property originates from the definitions of Bellare, Micciancio, and Warinschi [2], however almost no efficient group signature scheme follows their definitions. Only very few group signature schemes such as [17,16] can be adapted to have this property and at the same time fulfill all security requirements needed in [5].

We instantiate [5] with the group signature schemes of Groth [17] and of Furukawa and Yonezawa [16]. To the best of our knowledge, these are the two most efficient group signature schemes that can be adapted to allow an instantiation of [5].

In Table 1 we provide a comprehensive comparison of the computational costs of all algorithms. It is easy to see that in the most important algorithms, i.e., signing, sanitizing, and verification, our construction is at least one order of

<sup>2</sup> For the sake of simplicity we do not distinguish between elements of different groups such as  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  and  $\mathbb{G}$ . This simplification slightly favors [5] using [17], since group signatures in this scheme consist exclusively of  $\mathbb{G}$ -elements.

	$pk_{sig}$	$sk_{sig}$	$pk_{san}$	$sk_{san}$	$\sigma$	$\pi$
This paper	7	14	1	1	14	4
[5] using [17]	1	1	1	1	69	1
[5] using [16]	1	1	5	1	1620	3

**Table 2.** Comparison of the key, signature, and proof sizes in our construction instantiated as described in Section 5 with the construction of Brzuska et al. [5] instantiated with Schnorr signatures and the group signature schemes of Groth [17] and Furukawa and Yonezawa [16] respectively. Here  $pk_{sig}$ ,  $sk_{sig}$ ,  $pk_{san}$ , and  $sk_{san}$  refer to the signer’s and sanitizer’s public and secret keys, while  $\sigma$  refers to the signature, and  $\pi$  refers to the proof that is used to determine accountability. The sizes are measured in group elements.<sup>2</sup>

magnitude faster than both instantiations of [5]. Similarly, Table 2 provides an overview of the storage complexity of the different constructions. It is easy to see that the signatures in our construction are the smallest by a large margin.

Note that both the number of exponentiations and the number of group elements for Furukawa and Yonezawa’s group signature scheme depend linearly on the security parameter. In our comparison, the scheme is instantiated with 100 bit security.

### 1.3 Related Work

Ateniese et al. [1] first introduced sanitizable signatures and gave an informal description of the following properties: *Unforgeability* ensures that only the honest signer and sanitizer can create valid signatures. *Immutability* says that the (malicious) sanitizer can only modify designated parts of the message. *Transparency* guarantees that signatures computed by the signer and the sanitizer are indistinguishable. *Accountability* demands that, with the help of the signer, a proof of authorship can be generated, such that neither the malicious signer nor the malicious sanitizer can deny authorship of the message. These properties were later formalized by Brzuska et al. [4] and the *unlinkability* property was introduced by Brzuska et al. in [5]. Later, in [6], Brzuska et al. introduce the notion of non-interactive public accountability, which allows a third party, without help from the signer, to determine, whether a message originates from the signer or the sanitizer. In [7], the same authors provide a slightly stronger unlinkability notion and an instantiation that has non-interactive public accountability and achieves their new unlinkability notion. However, non-interactive accountability and transparency are mutually exclusive. That is, no scheme can fulfill both properties at the same time. In this work we focus on schemes that have (interactive) accountability and transparency. Another line of research by Sebastien Canard and Amandine Jambert [9] considers different methods for limiting the allowed operations of the sanitizer. That is, they show how to limit the set of possible modifications on one single block and how to enforce the same modifications on different message blocks. In [10], Canard et al. extend sanitizable signatures to the setting with multiple signers and sanitizers.

## 2 Sanitizable Signatures

Sanitizable signature schemes allow the delegation of signing capabilities to a designated third party, called the sanitizer. These delegation capabilities are realized by letting the signer “attach” a description of the admissible modifications ADM for this particular message and sanitizer. The sanitizer may then change the message according to some modification MOD and update the signature using his private key. More formally, the signer holds a key pair  $(sk_{sig}, pk_{sig})$  and signs a message  $m$  and the description of the admissible modifications ADM for some sanitizer  $pk_{san}$  with its private key  $sk_{sig}$ . The sanitizer having a matching private key  $sk_{san}$  can update the message according to some modification MOD and compute a signature using his secret key  $sk_{san}$ . In case of a dispute about the origin of a message-signature pair, the signer can compute a proof  $\pi$  (using an algorithm Proof) from previously signed messages that proves that a signature has been created by the sanitizer. The verification of this proof is done by an algorithm Judge (that only decides the origin of a valid message-signature pair in question; for invalid pairs such decisions are in general impossible).

*Admissible Modifications* Following [4,5] closely, we assume that ADM and MOD are (descriptions of) efficient deterministic algorithms such that MOD maps any message  $m$  to the modified message  $m' = \text{MOD}(m)$ , and  $\text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) \in \{0, 1\}$  indicates if the modification is admissible and matches ADM, in which case  $\text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 1$ . By  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}$

we denote an efficient deterministic algorithm that is uniquely determined by ADM and which maps  $m$  to the immutable message part  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m)$ , e.g., for block-divided messages  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m)$  is the concatenation of all blocks not appearing in ADM. We require that admissible modifications leave the fixed part of a message unchanged, i.e.,  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m) = \text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(\text{MOD}(m))$  for all  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and all MOD with  $\text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 1$ . Analogously, to avoid choices like  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}$  having empty output, we also require that the fixed part must be “maximal” given ADM, i.e.,  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m') \neq \text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m)$  for  $m' \notin \{\text{MOD}(m) \mid \text{MOD with } \text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 1\}$ .

## 2.1 Definition of Sanitizable Signatures

In this section we recall the definitions of sanitizable signature schemes [4,5].

**Definition 1 (Sanitizable Signature Scheme).** A sanitizable signature scheme  $\text{SanS} = (\text{KGen}_{\text{sig}}, \text{KGen}_{\text{san}}, \text{Sign}, \text{Sanit}, \text{Verify}, \text{Proof}, \text{Judge})$  consists of seven algorithms:

- $(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{\text{sig}}(1^\kappa)$ : The signer key generation algorithm takes as input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$  and generates a key pair  $(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}})$ .
- $(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{\text{san}}(1^\kappa)$ : The sanitizer key generation algorithm takes as input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$  and generates a key pair  $(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ .
- $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(m, \text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{ADM})$ : The signing algorithm takes as input a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , a signer secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}$ , a sanitizer public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{san}}$ , as well as a description ADM of the admissible modifications to  $m$  by the sanitizer and outputs a signature  $\sigma$ . We assume that ADM can be recovered from any signature.
- $\{(m', \sigma'), \perp\} \leftarrow \text{Sanit}(m, \text{MOD}, \sigma, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{sk}_{\text{san}})$ : The sanitizing algorithm takes as input a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , a description MOD of the desired modifications to  $m$ , a signature  $\sigma$ , the signer’s public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}$ , and a sanitizer secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{san}}$ . It modifies the message  $m$  according to the modification instruction MOD and outputs a new signature  $\sigma'$  for the modified message  $m' = \text{MOD}(m)$  or possibly  $\perp$  in case of an error.
- $b \leftarrow \text{Verify}(m, \sigma, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ : The verification algorithm takes as input a message  $m$ , a candidate signature  $\sigma$ , a signer public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}$ , as well as a sanitizer public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{san}}$  and outputs a bit  $b$ .
- $\pi \leftarrow \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, m, \sigma, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ : The proof algorithm takes as input a signer secret key  $\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}$ , a message  $m$ , a signature  $\sigma$ , and a sanitizer public key  $\text{pk}_{\text{san}}$  and outputs a proof  $\pi$ .
- $d \leftarrow \text{Judge}(m, \sigma, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \pi)$ : The judge algorithm takes as input a message  $m$ , a signature  $\sigma$ , signer and sanitizer public keys  $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}$ , and proof  $\pi$ . It outputs a decision  $d \in \{\text{Sign}, \text{San}\}$  indicating whether the message-signature pair was created by the signer or the sanitizer.

For a sanitizable signature scheme the usual correctness properties should hold, saying that genuinely signed or sanitized messages are accepted and that a genuinely created proof by the signer leads the judge to decide in favor of the signer. For a formal approach to correctness see [4].

## 2.2 Security of Sanitizable Signatures

In this section we recall the definitions of the necessary security properties of immutability, accountability, transparency, and unlinkability from [5]. Due to space constraints, we keep the descriptions of the definitions short and omit most definitions of the oracles (unless the functionality is not obvious); we refer the reader to [4,5] for comprehensive descriptions and discussions. Weaker security notions, such as unforgeability and privacy are already implied by accountability and transparency, respectively, as shown in [4].

*Immutability.* Informally, this property says that a malicious sanitizer cannot change inadmissible blocks.

**Definition 2 (Immutability).** A sanitizable signature scheme  $\text{SanS}$  is immutable if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where

**Experiment**  $\text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$   
 $(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{\text{sig}}(1^\kappa)$   
 $(\text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, \text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{sig}})$   
 letting  $(m_i, \text{ADM}_i, \text{pk}_{\text{san}, i})$  and  $\sigma_i$  denote the

**Experiment San-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ )**  
 $(\text{sk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{sig}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{sig}(1^\kappa)$   
 $(\text{pk}_{san}^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, \text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{sig})$   
 letting  $(m_i, \text{ADM}_i, \text{pk}_{san,i})$  and  $\sigma_i$   
 denote the queries and answers to  
 and from oracle Sign  
 $\pi \leftarrow \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{sig}, m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{san}^*)$   
 Output 1 if for all  $i$  the following holds:  
 $(\text{pk}_{san}^*, m^*) \neq (\text{pk}_{san,i}, m_i)$  and  
 $\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}^*) = 1$  and  
 $\text{Judge}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}^*, \pi) \neq \text{San}$

**Experiment Sig-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ )**  
 $(\text{sk}_{san}, \text{pk}_{san}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{san}(1^n)$   
 $(\text{pk}_{sig}^*, m^*, \sigma^*, \pi^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \text{sk}_{san})}(\text{pk}_{san})$   
 letting  $(m_i, \text{MOD}_i, \sigma_i, \text{pk}_{sig,i})$  and  
 $(m'_i, \sigma'_i)$  denote the queries and  
 answers to and from oracle Sanit.  
 Output 1 if for all  $i$  the following holds:  
 $(\text{pk}_{sig}^*, m^*) \neq (\text{pk}_{sig,i}, m'_i)$  and  
 $\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}) = 1$  and  
 $\text{Judge}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}, \pi^*) \neq \text{Sign}$   
 else output 0.

**Fig. 1.** Sanitizer- and Signer-accountability experiments.

**Experiment Trans<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ )**  
 $(\text{sk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{sig}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{sig}(1^\kappa)$   
 $(\text{sk}_{san}, \text{pk}_{san}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{san}(1^\kappa)$   
 $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$   
 $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, \text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \text{sk}_{san}), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}(\cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san})$   
 letting  $M_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}}$  and  $M_{\text{Proof}}$  denote  
 the sets of messages output by the Sanit/Sign  
 and queried to the Proof oracle respectively.  
 Output 1 if  $(a = b \text{ and } M_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}} \cap M_{\text{Proof}} = \emptyset)$   
 Else output 0

*The oracle Sanit/Sign is defined as:*  
 Sanit/Sign( $m, \text{MOD}, \text{ADM}$ )  
 $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(m, \text{sk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}, \text{ADM})$   
 $(m', \sigma_0) \leftarrow \text{Sanit}(m, \text{MOD}, \sigma, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{sk}_{san})$   
 $\sigma_1 \leftarrow \text{Sign}(m', \text{sk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}, \text{ADM})$   
 output  $(m', \sigma_b)$

**Experiment Unlinkability<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ )**  
 $(\text{sk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{sig}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{sig}(1^\kappa)$   
 $(\text{sk}_{san}, \text{pk}_{san}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_{san}(1^\kappa)$   
 $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$   
 $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, \text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \text{sk}_{san}), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{LoRSanit}(\cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san})$   
 if  $a = b$  then output 1, else output 0

*The oracle LoRSanit is defined as:*  
 LoRSanit( $(m_0, \text{MOD}_0, \sigma_0), (m_1, \text{MOD}_1, \sigma_1)$ )  
 if  $\text{Verify}(m_i, \sigma_i, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}) = 1$   
 and  $\text{ADM}_i(\text{MOD}_i) \neq 0$  for  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and  
 $\text{MOD}_0(m_0) = \text{MOD}_1(m_1)$  and  $\text{ADM}_0 = \text{ADM}_1$   
 then  
 $(m', \sigma') \leftarrow \text{Sanit}(m_b, \text{MOD}_b, \sigma_b, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{sk}_{san})$   
 output  $(m', \sigma')$   
 else output  $\perp$ .

**Fig. 2.** The experiments for transparency and unlinkability.

*queries and answers to and from oracle Sign.*

Output 1 if  $\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}^*) = 1$  and for all  $i$  the following holds:  
 $\text{pk}_{san}^* \neq \text{pk}_{san,i}$  or  $m^* \notin \{\text{MOD}(m_i) \mid \text{MOD with } \text{ADM}_i(\text{MOD}) = 1\}$   
 Else output 0.

**Accountability.** This property demands that the origin of a (possibly sanitized) signature should be undeniable. We distinguish between *sanitizer-accountability* and *signer-accountability* and formalize each security property in the following.

**Definition 3 (Sanitizer-Accountability).** A sanitizable signature scheme SanS is called sanitizer-accountable if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment San-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where the experiment San-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) is defined in [Figure 1](#).

**Definition 4 (Signer-Accountability).** A sanitizable signature scheme SanS is called signer-accountable if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment Sig-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where the experiment Sig-Acc<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) is defined in [Figure 1](#).

**Transparency.** Informally, this property says that one cannot decide whether a signature has been sanitized or not.

**Definition 5 (Proof-Restricted Transparency).** A sanitizable signature scheme SanS is proof-restrictedly transparent if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment Trans<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) evaluates to 1 is negligibly bigger than 1/2 (in  $\kappa$ ), where the experiment Trans<sub>A</sub><sup>SanS</sup>( $\kappa$ ) is defined in [Figure 2](#).

*Unlinkability.* This security notion demands that it is not possible to use the signatures to identify sanitized message-signature pairs originating from the same source.

**Definition 6 (Unlinkability).** A sanitizable signature scheme  $\text{SanS}$  is unlinkable if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligibly bigger than  $1/2$  (in  $\kappa$ ), where the experiment  $\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$  is defined in [Figure 2](#).

### 3 Unforgeable Signatures Schemes Under Rerandomizable Keys

Our sanitizable signature scheme is based on signatures that are unforgeable under rerandomizable keys, meaning that it is computationally hard to forge a signature even if the adversary learns signatures on messages under rerandomized keys (where the randomness to rerandomize the keys is chosen by the attacker). This new notion for digital signatures may also be of independent interest. To define this property and the corresponding security notion formally, we denote by  $pp \leftarrow \text{SSetup}(1^\kappa)$ ,  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ ,  $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{sk}, m)$ ,  $b \leftarrow \text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma)$  the standard algorithms of a digital signature scheme.

**Definition 7 (Digital Signature Scheme with Perfectly Rerandomizable Keys).** A signature scheme  $\Sigma = (\text{SSetup}, \text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify})$  has perfectly rerandomizable keys if there exist two additional PPT algorithms ( $\text{RandSK}$ ,  $\text{RandPK}$ ) and a randomness space  $\chi$  such that:

$\text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ : The secret key rerandomization algorithm takes as input a secret key  $\text{sk}$  and a randomness  $\rho \in \chi$  and outputs a new secret key  $\text{sk}'$ .

$\text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ : The public key rerandomization algorithm takes as input a public key  $\text{pk}$  and a randomness  $\rho \in \chi$  and outputs a new public key  $\text{pk}'$ .

**CORRECTNESS:** The scheme is correct if and only if all of the following holds:

1. For all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ , all  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ , all  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , and  $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{sk}, m)$ , it holds that  $\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma) = 1$ .
2. For all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ , all  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ , all randomness  $\rho$ , all  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , and  $\sigma \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho), m)$ , it holds that  $\text{SVerify}(\text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho), m, \sigma) = 1$ .
3. For all key pairs  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk})$ , and a uniformly chosen randomness  $\rho$ , the distribution of  $(\text{sk}', \text{pk}')$  and  $(\text{sk}'', \text{pk}'')$  is identical, where  $\text{pk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ ,  $\text{sk}' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ , and  $(\text{sk}'', \text{pk}'') \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ .

In the following, we define unforgeability under rerandomized key attacks. In this definition, the adversary has access to two oracles. The first one, denoted by  $\mathcal{O}_1$  is a regular signing oracle. The second one, denoted by  $\mathcal{O}_2$  is an oracle that takes as input a message  $m$  and some randomness  $\rho$ . It then rerandomizes the private key according to  $\rho$  and signs the message using this key.

**Definition 8 (Unforgeability under Rerandomized Keys).** A signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys  $\Sigma = (\text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  is unforgeable under rerandomized keys (UFRK) if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where

**Experiment**  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  :

$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$

$Q := \emptyset$

$(m^*, \sigma^*, \rho^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk})$

Output 1 if one of the two conditions is fulfilled

1. If  $\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$

and  $m^* \notin Q$

2. If  $\text{SVerify}(\text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho^*), m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$

and  $m^* \notin Q$

else output 0

$\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, m)$  :

$Q := Q \cup \{m\}$

$\sigma \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{sk}, m)$

output  $\sigma$

$\mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, m, \rho)$  :

$Q := Q \cup \{m\}$

$\text{sk}' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$

$\sigma \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{sk}', m)$

output  $\sigma$

Given this definition of unforgeability, one can easily obtain the “standard” notion of existential unforgeability by giving the adversary only access to  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and only checking the first condition.

**Definition 9 (Existential Unforgeability).** *A signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys  $\Sigma = (\text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  is said to be existentially unforgeable under chosen message attacks (EUF) if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{EUF}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where  $\text{EUF}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  is defined as  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$ , but the adversary only gets access to  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and wins if the first condition is fulfilled.*

Observe that [Definition 8](#) does not trivially follow from [Definition 9](#). In fact very few standard model signatures can be proven secure according to definition [Definition 8](#) and some well known schemes are trivially forgeable under rerandomized keys. Examples include the signature schemes due to Boneh and Boyen [\[3\]](#) and Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [\[8\]](#). The attacks to these schemes are sketched in [Appendix A](#).

**Definition 10 (Strong Existential Unforgeability).** *A signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys  $\Sigma = (\text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  is strongly existentially unforgeable under chosen message attacks (s-EUF) if for all PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{s-EUF}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligible (in  $\kappa$ ), where  $\text{s-EUF}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$  is defined as  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\Sigma}(\kappa)$ , but the adversary only gets access to  $\mathcal{O}_1$  and  $\mathcal{O}_1$  maintains  $Q := Q \cup \{m, \sigma\}$ . The adversary wins only if the following condition is fulfilled:  $\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$  and  $(m^*, \sigma^*) \notin Q$ .*

### 3.1 Instantiations

In this section, we show that our security notion is achievable in the random oracle and the standard model. In the random oracle model, we prove that Schnorr’s signature scheme [\[24,25\]](#) is unforgeable under rerandomized keys and in the standard model we show that a slightly modified version of the signature scheme due to Hofheinz and Kiltz [\[18,19\]](#) satisfies our notion.

**Random Oracle Model** We show that Schnorr’s signature scheme [\[24,25\]](#) is unforgeable under rerandomized keys. Our proof technique is based on a trick – first observed by Fischlin and Fleischhacker [\[15\]](#) in the context of an impossibility result – that allows moving a signature from one public key to another knowing only the difference between the two corresponding secret keys.

**Definition 11 (Schnorr Signature Scheme).** *Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a cyclic group of prime order  $q$  with generator  $g$  and let  $\mathcal{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  be a hash function. The Schnorr signature scheme SSS, working over  $\mathbb{G}$ , is defined as follows:*

$\text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ : Pick  $\text{sk} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  at random, compute  $\text{pk} := g^{\text{sk}}$ , and output  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk})$ .

$\text{SSign}(\text{sk}, m)$ : Pick  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  at random and compute  $R := g^r$ , compute  $c := \mathcal{H}(R, m)$  and  $y := r + \text{sk} \cdot c \pmod q$ .  
Output  $\sigma := (c, y)$ .

$\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma)$ : Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(c, y)$ . If  $c = \mathcal{H}(\text{pk}^{-c} g^y, m)$ , then output 1, otherwise output 0.

$\text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ : Compute  $\text{sk}' := \text{sk} + \rho \pmod q$  and output  $\text{sk}'$ .

$\text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ : Compute  $\text{pk}' := \text{pk} \cdot g^\rho$  and output  $\text{pk}'$ .

Obviously all three correctness conditions hold. It remains to show that SSS is unforgeable under rerandomized keys.

**Theorem 1 (Unforgeability of Schnorr Signatures Under Rerandomized Keys).** *The signature scheme SSS as defined in [Definition 11](#) is unforgeable under rerandomized keys as defined in [Definition 8](#) in the random oracle model if the discrete logarithm problem in  $\mathbb{G}$  is hard.*

*Proof.* Assume towards contradiction that there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the probability that the experiment  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SSS}}$  evaluates to 1 is at least  $1/\text{poly}(\kappa)$ . We then construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the existential unforgeability of SSS defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}) : \\
(\sigma^*, m^*, \rho^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}) \\
\text{Parse } \sigma^* \text{ as } (c, y) \\
y' := y - \rho^* c \\
\text{output } (c, y'), m^*
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \rho, m) : \\
(c, y) \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, m) \\
y' := y + \rho c \\
\text{output } (c, y')
\end{array}$$

where  $\mathcal{B}$  answers all queries to  $\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, m)$  with its own oracle and the simulation of  $\mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, m)$  is shown on the right.

It is easy to see that the simulation of  $\mathcal{A}$ 's signing oracle is perfect. The signature under  $\text{pk}$  received by  $\mathcal{O}_2$  consists of  $c$  and  $y$ . The  $c$  value is independent of the signing key, therefore only the  $y$  value needs to be adapted. The adapted value is computed as

$$y' = y + \rho c = r + \text{sk} \cdot c + \rho c = r + (\text{sk} + \rho) \cdot c.$$

Obviously  $(c, y')$  is therefore a signature on  $m$  under  $\text{pk} \cdot g^\rho$  with the same randomness as  $(c, y)$ . It follows that the answers to signing queries are distributed exactly as in the  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SSS}}(\kappa)$  experiment.

Similarly the output of  $\mathcal{B}$  is computed from the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Whenever  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs a valid signature, message, randomness triple  $(\sigma^*, m^*, \rho^*)$ , we have that  $\sigma^* = (c, y)$  where  $c = \mathcal{H}(g^r, m)$  and  $y = r + (\text{sk} + \rho^*) \cdot c$  for some  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ . We therefore have

$$y' := y - \rho^* c = r + (\text{sk} + \rho^*) \cdot c - \rho^* c = r + \text{sk} \cdot c$$

and thus  $(c, y')$  is a valid signature on  $m$  under  $\text{pk}$ .

Further, in answering signing queries for  $\mathcal{A}$ , the adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  queries the exact same messages as  $\mathcal{A}$  and therefore whenever  $\mathcal{A}$  wins in the  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SSS}}(\kappa)$  experiment,  $\mathcal{B}$  wins in the  $\text{EUF}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SSS}}(\kappa)$  experiment. Combining this with the well known proof of existential unforgeability of Schnorr signatures by Pointcheval and Stern [22,23] rules out the existence of  $\mathcal{A}$  under the discrete logarithm assumption in the random oracle model.

**Standard Model** In the standard model an instantiation of a signature scheme with unforgeability under rerandomized keys can be found in the work of Hofheinz and Kiltz [18,19]. To prove this formally, we adapt the technique that we used in the proof of Schnorr's signature scheme to this setting, which allows us to reduce the unforgeability under rerandomized keys to standard existential unforgeability.

The scheme of Hofheinz and Kiltz requires a programmable hash function [18,19], but since security properties of programmable hash functions are not relevant to our proofs, we therefore omit them here and refer the interested reader to [18,19]. It should be noted that we slightly adapt the Hofheinz Kiltz signature scheme, which works on type 1 and type 2 pairings. In particular, in SSign we choose  $s$  as a random element from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  and not as a random bit string. This slightly increases the signature's size, but does not influence the original functionality or security proof.

**Definition 12 (Programmable Hash Function [18,19]).** A programmable hash function  $(\text{Gen}, \text{Eval})$  consists of two algorithms:

$k \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$ : The key generation algorithm takes as input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$  and generates a public key  $k$ .  
 $y \leftarrow \text{Eval}(k, m)$ : The deterministic evaluation algorithm takes as input a key  $k$  and a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$  and outputs a hash value  $y$ .

Given the definition of programmable hash functions, we review the signature scheme due to Hofheinz Kiltz and define the rerandomization algorithms.

**Definition 13 (Hofheinz Kiltz Signature Scheme [18,19]).** Let  $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_t$  be a bilinear map. Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be generators of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ , respectively. Let  $\text{PHF} = (\text{Gen}, \text{Eval})$  be a programmable hash function with domain  $\{0, 1\}^*$  and range  $\mathbb{G}_1$ . The signature scheme HKSS is defined as follows:

$\text{SSetup}(1^\kappa)$ : Generate a key for PHF as  $k \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\kappa)$  and output  $pp = k$ .

$\text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ : Pick  $\text{sk} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  at random, compute  $\text{pk} := g_2^{\text{sk}}$ , and output  $(\text{sk}, \text{pk})$ .



$\text{SSign}(\text{sk}, m)$ : Parse  $k$  from  $pp$ . Pick  $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  uniformly at random and compute  $y := \text{Eval}(k, m)^{\frac{1}{\text{sk}+s}}$ . Output  $\sigma := (s, y)$ .  
 $\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}, m, \sigma)$ : Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(s, y)$ . If  $e(y, \text{pk} \cdot g_2^s) = e(\text{Eval}(k, m), g_2)$  then output 1, otherwise output 0.  
 $\text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ : Compute  $\text{sk}' := \text{sk} + \rho \pmod q$  and output  $\text{sk}'$ .  
 $\text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ : Compute  $\text{pk}' := \text{pk} \cdot g_2^\rho$  and output  $\text{pk}'$ .

Obviously all three correctness conditions hold. It remains to show that HKSS is unforgeable under rerandomized keys.

**Theorem 2 (Unforgeability of HKSS Under Rerandomized Keys).** *The signature scheme HKSS as defined in Definition 13 is unforgeable under rerandomized keys as defined in Definition 8 in the standard model, if HKSS is unforgeable under chosen message attacks as defined in Definition 9.*

*Proof.* Assume towards contradiction that there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the probability that the experiment  $\text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{HKSS}}(\kappa)$  evaluates to is bigger than  $1/\text{poly}(\kappa)$ .

We then construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the existential unforgeability of HKSS as follows:

$\mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{O}(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}) :$ $(\sigma^*, m^*, \rho^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk})$ <p>Parse <math>\sigma^*</math> as <math>(s, y)</math></p> $s' := s + \rho^*$ <p>output <math>(s', y), m^*</math></p>	$\mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \rho, m) :$ $(s, y) \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(m)$ $s' := s - \rho$ <p>output <math>(s', y)</math></p>
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where  $\mathcal{B}$  answers all queries to  $\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, m)$  with its own oracle and the simulation of  $\mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, m)$  is shown on the right. It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{A}$ 's simulation of the signing oracle is perfect, since whenever an adversary that sends  $(\rho, m)$  and receives a signature  $(s', y)$  then it holds that  $e(y, \text{pk} \cdot g_2^\rho \cdot g_2^{s'}) = e(\text{Eval}(k, m)^{\frac{1}{\text{sk}+s}}, g_2^{\text{sk}+\rho+(s-\rho)}) = e(\text{Eval}(k, m), g_2)$ .

Similarly,  $\mathcal{B}$  outputs a valid signature  $(s' = s + \rho^*, y)$  for  $m^*$  under  $\text{pk}$ , whenever  $\mathcal{A}$  returns a valid signature  $(s, y)$  for  $m^*$  under the rerandomized key  $\text{pk} \cdot g_2^\rho$ , since  $e(y, (\text{pk} \cdot g_2^\rho) \cdot g_2^s) = e(y, \text{pk} \cdot g_2^{\rho+s}) = e(y, \text{pk} \cdot g_2^{s'})$ . Combining this with the proof of existential unforgeability of Hofheinz Kiltz signatures from [18,19] rules out the existence of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## 4 Efficient Sanitizable Signatures

In this section we show how to build efficient unlinkable sanitizable signatures from signatures with perfectly rerandomizable keys. After defining the required preliminaries in Section 4.1, we provide a formal description of our construction in Section 4.2. We will provide a proof of security in Section 4.3. A concrete instantiation of our construction will be given in Section 5

### 4.1 Preliminaries

In this section we shortly recall the definitions and security notions of the other building blocks required for our construction of sanitizable signatures. Namely we recall the definitions of CCA secure public key encryption and non-interactive zero-knowledge proof systems.

**CCA secure public key encryption** We shortly recall the definitions of a public key encryption scheme as well as the standard notion of CCA security.

**Definition 14 (Public Key Encryption Scheme).** *A public key encryption scheme  $\mathcal{E} = (\text{EGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  consists of three efficient algorithms:*

$\text{EGen}(1^\kappa)$ : *The key generation algorithm takes as input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$  and generates a key pair  $(\text{dk}, \text{ek})$ .*

$\text{Enc}(\text{ek}, m)$ : The encryption algorithm takes as input an encryption key  $\text{ek}$  and a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and outputs a ciphertext  $c$ .

$\text{Dec}(\text{dk}, c)$ : The decryption algorithm takes as input a decryption key  $\text{dk}$ , a ciphertext  $c$  and outputs a message  $m$ .

**CORRECTNESS**: The scheme is correct if and only if for all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$ , all  $(\text{dk}, \text{ek}) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa)$ , all  $m \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , and all  $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, m)$ , it holds that  $m = \text{Dec}(\text{dk}, c) = 1$ .

**Definition 15 (Indistinguishability under Chosen Ciphertext Attacks)**. A public key encryption scheme  $\mathcal{E} = (\text{EGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  has indistinguishable encryptions under chosen ciphertext attacks (IND-CCA) if for all (possibly stateful) PPT adversaries  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$  the probability that the experiment  $\text{IND-CCA}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\kappa)$  evaluates to 1 is negligibly bigger than  $1/2$  (in  $\kappa$ ), where

<p><b>Experiment</b> <math>\text{IND-CCA}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\kappa)</math> :</p> <p><math>(\text{dk}, \text{ek}) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa)</math>  <math>b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}</math>  <math>m_0, m_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_0^{\text{Dec}(\text{dk}, \cdot)}(\text{ek})</math>  <math>c_b \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, m_b)</math>  <math>a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1^{\text{Dec}'(\text{dk}, c_b, \cdot)}(c_b)</math>          if <math>a = b</math>, then output 1          else output 0</p>	<p><math>\text{Dec}'(\text{dk}, c_b, c)</math> :</p> <p>if <math>c \neq c_b</math>          then output <math>\text{Dec}(\text{dk}, c)</math>          else output <math>\perp</math></p>
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**Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proof System** We recall the definitions and security properties of non-interactive zero-knowledge proof systems.

**Definition 16 (Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Proof System)**. A non-interactive zero-knowledge proof system  $(\text{SZK}, \text{PZK}, \text{VZK})$  for a language  $\mathcal{L}$  with the corresponding relation  $\mathcal{R}$  consists of three algorithms:

$\text{SZK}(1^\kappa)$ : The setup algorithm takes as input the security parameter  $1^\kappa$  and generates a common reference string  $\text{crs}$ .

$\text{PZK}(\text{crs}, x, w)$ : The prove algorithm takes as input the common reference string  $\text{crs}$ , a statement  $x$ , and a witness  $w$  and outputs a zero-knowledge proof  $\pi$ .

$\text{VZK}(\text{crs}, x, \pi)$ : The verification algorithm takes as input the common reference string  $\text{crs}$ , a statement  $x$ , and a proof  $\pi$  and outputs 0 or 1.

**Definition 17 (Perfect Completeness)**. A NIZK scheme has perfect completeness if and only if for all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$  and all adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds that

$$\Pr[\text{crs} \leftarrow \text{SZK}(1^\kappa); (x, w) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{crs}); \pi \leftarrow \text{PZK}(\text{crs}, x, w); \text{VZK}(\text{crs}, x, \pi) = 1 \mid x \in \mathcal{L}] = 1$$

Soundness, Zero-Knowledge and the proof of knowledge property are defined as follows:

**Definition 18 (Perfect Soundness)**. A NIZK scheme has perfect soundness if and only if for all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$  and all adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds that

$$\Pr[\text{crs} \leftarrow \text{SZK}(1^\kappa); (x, \pi) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{crs}); \text{VZK}(\text{crs}, x, \pi) = 0 \mid x \notin \mathcal{L}] = 1$$

**Definition 19 (Zero-knowledge)**. A NIZK scheme has computational zero-knowledge if for all  $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists an efficient simulator  $S = (S_0, S_1)$  such that for all adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds that

$$\left| \Pr[\text{crs} \leftarrow \text{SZK}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{A}^{\text{PZK}(\text{crs}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{crs}) = 1] - \Pr[(\text{crs}, T) \leftarrow S_0(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{A}^{S'(\text{crs}, T, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{crs}) = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\kappa),$$

where  $S'(\text{crs}, T, x, w) = S_1(\text{crs}, T, x)$  if  $(x, w) \in \mathcal{R}$  and outputs failure otherwise.

**Definition 20 (Proof of Knowledge).** A NIZK scheme is a proof of knowledge if there exists an efficient extractor  $\text{Ext} = (\text{Ext}_0, \text{Ext}_1)$  such that the following conditions hold:

For all polynomial time adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds that

$$\left| \Pr[crs \leftarrow \text{S}_{\text{ZK}}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{A}(crs) = 1] - \Pr[(crs, T) \leftarrow \text{Ext}_0(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{A}(crs) = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\kappa).$$

For all polynomial time adversaries  $\mathcal{A}$  it holds that

$$\Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} (crs, T) \leftarrow \text{Ext}_0(1^\kappa); (x, \pi) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(crs) = 1; \\ w \leftarrow \text{Ext}_1(crs, T, x, \pi) : (x, w) \in \mathcal{R} \end{array} \middle| \text{V}_{\text{ZK}}(crs, x, \pi) = 1 \right] \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(\kappa)}.$$

## 4.2 Our Construction

In the following, we describe our construction of a sanitizable signature scheme based on signatures with rerandomizable keys. The basic idea is that a signature of our scheme is comprised of a public key  $\text{pk}'$ , a signature of the message, which is valid under this key  $\text{pk}'$ , and a zero-knowledge proof that  $\text{pk}'$  is a rerandomization of the signer's or the sanitizer's public key. To allow for an easy Proof and Judge algorithm, we have to provide a way to check that  $\text{pk}'$  is in fact the rerandomization of the signer's or the sanitizer's public key. Therefore, we also include an encryption of the actual public key, so that the signer can provably decrypt. Similar to previous constructions [4,5], our signature also contains a second signature, signed by the signer, on the fixed part of the message and a description of valid modifications ADM. We require a signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys  $\Sigma = (\text{SSetup}, \text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  that is unforgeable under rerandomized keys, a deterministic strongly existentially unforgeable signature scheme  $\Sigma_{\text{FIX}} = (\text{SSetup}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SGen}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SSign}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SVerify}_{\text{FIX}})$ , a CCA secure public key encryption scheme  $\mathcal{E} = (\text{EGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  as well as two perfectly sound non-interactive zero-knowledge proof systems  $\Pi_{\text{PoK}} = (\text{SPoK}, \text{PPoK}, \text{VPoK})$  and  $\Pi_{\text{ZK}} = (\text{SZK}, \text{PZK}, \text{VZK})$  for the two languages  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  specified below. The proof system  $\Pi_{\text{PoK}}$  is also required to be a proof of knowledge.

The two languages of our the proof systems are defined as follows: Intuitively, the first one says that the ciphertext  $c$  contains the encryption of the signer's (resp. sanitizer's) public key and the randomness that was used to derive the rerandomized key  $\text{pk}'$ . More formally, the language  $\mathcal{L}_1$  contains tuples  $(\text{ek}, c, \text{pk}', \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk})$  for which there exists witness  $w = (\omega, \rho)$  such that

$$c = \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \text{pk}; \omega) \quad \wedge \quad \text{pk}' = \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$$

or

$$c = \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}; \omega) \quad \wedge \quad \text{pk}' = \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \rho).$$

The second language  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is used for the proof algorithm and contains tuples  $(\text{ek}, c, \widehat{\text{pk}})$  for which there exists witness  $w = (\psi, \text{dk})$  such that

$$(\text{ek}, \text{dk}) = \text{EGen}(\kappa; \psi) \quad \wedge \quad \widehat{\text{pk}} = \text{Dec}(\text{dk}, c).$$

Given the primitives specified above and the definitions of  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , we are ready to define our sanitizable signature scheme  $\text{SanS} = (\text{KGen}_{\text{sig}}, \text{KGen}_{\text{san}}, \text{Sign}, \text{Sanit}, \text{Verify}, \text{Proof}, \text{Judge})$  as follows:

*Setup and Key Generation.* The setup algorithm generates two common reference strings for the two different zero-knowledge proofs (of knowledge) and the key generation algorithm the required keys. They are formally defined as follows:

<u>Setup</u> ( $1^\kappa$ ) :	<u>KGen<sub>sig</sub></u> ( $1^\kappa$ ) :	<u>KGen<sub>san</sub></u> ( $1^\kappa$ ) :
$crs_{\text{PoK}} \leftarrow \text{SPoK}(1^\kappa)$	$(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$	$(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$
$crs_{\text{ZK}} \leftarrow \text{SZK}(1^\kappa)$	$(\text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}_{\text{FIX}}(1^\kappa)$	output $(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$
$pp \leftarrow \text{SSetup}(1^\kappa)$	$(\text{dk}, \text{ek}) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa; \psi)$	
	$\text{sk}_{\text{sig}} := \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{sk}, \text{dk}, \\ \text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek}, \psi \end{array} \right)$	
	$\text{pk}_{\text{sig}} := (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek})$	
	output $(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}})$	

*Signing and Sanitizing.* The signing and sanitizing are very similar algorithms. In both cases the algorithm first parse their inputs and Sanit further checks that MOD is actually an admissible modification and modifies the message accordingly. the Sign algorithm now signs the fixed part with  $sk_{\text{FIX}}$ , while Sanit can simply reuse the  $\sigma_{\text{FIX}}$  of the input signature. The remainder of the two algorithms proceeds identically, by rerandomizing the respective key, encrypting the original key, proving that  $sk'$  is indeed a rerandomization and signing the full message together with signer's and sanitizer's public keys as seen in the following:

Sign( $m, sk_{sig}, pk_{san}, ADM$ ) :

Parse  $sk_{sig}$  as  $(sk_{\text{FIX}}, sk, dk, pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek, \psi)$ .  
 $pk_{sig} := (pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek)$   
 $m_{\text{FIX}} := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m), \text{ADM}, pk_{san})$   
 $\sigma_{\text{FIX}} := \text{SSign}_{\text{FIX}}(sk_{\text{FIX}}, m_{\text{FIX}})$   
 $\rho \leftarrow \chi$   
 $sk' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(sk, \rho)$   
 $pk' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(pk, \rho)$   
 $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, pk; \omega)$   
 $stmt := (c, ek, pk, pk_{san}, pk')$   
 $\tau \leftarrow \text{P}_{\text{PoK}}(crs, stmt, (\rho, \omega))$   
 $\sigma' := \text{SSign}(sk', (m, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}))$   
output  $\sigma = (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$

Sanit( $m, \text{MOD}, \sigma, pk_{sig}, sk_{san}$ ) :

Parse  $pk_{sig}$  as  $(pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek)$ .  
Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ .  
If  $\text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 0$   
output  $\perp$   
 $\widehat{m} := \text{MOD}(m)$   
 $\rho \leftarrow \chi$   
 $\widehat{sk}' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(sk_{san}, \rho)$   
 $\widehat{pk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(pk_{san}, \rho)$   
 $\widehat{c} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, pk_{san}; \omega)$   
 $stmt := (\widehat{c}, ek, pk, pk_{san}, \widehat{pk}')$   
 $\widehat{\tau} \leftarrow \text{P}_{\text{PoK}}(crs, stmt, (\rho, \omega))$   
 $\widehat{\sigma}' := \text{SSign}(\widehat{sk}', (\widehat{m}, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}))$   
output  $(\widehat{m}, \widehat{\sigma} = (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \widehat{\sigma}', \text{ADM}, \widehat{pk}', \widehat{c}, \widehat{\tau}))$

*Verification.* The verification of a signature is rather simple. The verification algorithm simply checks that both signatures and the proof of knowledge verify:

Verify( $m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}$ ) :

Parse  $pk_{sig}$  as  $(pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek)$ .  
Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ .  
 $m_{\text{FIX}} := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m), \text{ADM}, pk_{san})$   
 $stmt := (c, ek, pk, pk_{san}, pk')$   
if  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{SVerify}_{\text{FIX}}(pk_{\text{FIX}}, m_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}) = 1 \\ \text{and } \text{SVerify}(pk', (m, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}), \sigma') = 1 \\ \text{and } \forall_{\text{PoK}}(crs, stmt, \tau) = 1 \end{array} \right)$   
then output 1  
else output 0

*Proving and Judging.* To prove who computed an accused signature, the signer first verifies that the given signature is indeed valid. It then parses its inputs and decrypts the ciphertext  $c$ , thus revealing who computed the signature. To convince the judge, the signer further computes a zero knowledge proof asserting that the decryption was performed correctly. The Judge algorithm therefore, naturally, checks whether the proof of decryption is correct. If the proof  $\pi$  further contains  $pk_{san}$ , Judge decides that the signature was indeed produced by the sanitizer. In all other cases, Judge defaults to blaming the signer. This follows naturally from the fact that the signer also serves as the authority in a sanitizable signature scheme and is thus much more powerful.

Proof( $sk_{sig}, m, \sigma, pk_{san}$ ) :

If  $\text{Verify}(m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}) = 0$   
 output  $\perp$   
 Parse  $sk_{sig}$  as  $(sk_{\text{FIX}}, sk, dk, pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek, \psi)$ .  
 Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ .  
 $\widehat{pk} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(dk, c)$   
 $\text{stmt} := (ek, c, \widehat{pk})$   
 $\phi \leftarrow \text{P}_{\text{ZK}}(crs, \text{stmt}, (\psi, dk))$   
 output  $(\widehat{pk}, \phi)$

Judge( $m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}, \pi$ ) :

Parse  $pk_{sig}$  as  $(pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek)$ .  
 Parse  $\sigma$  as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ .  
 Parse  $\pi$  as  $(\widehat{pk}, \phi)$ .  
 $\text{stmt} := (ek, c, \widehat{pk})$   
 if  $\left( \begin{array}{l} pk_{san} = \widehat{pk} \\ \text{and } \text{V}_{\text{ZK}}(crs, \text{stmt}, \phi) = 1 \end{array} \right)$   
 then output  $\text{San}$   
 else output  $\text{Sign}$

### 4.3 Security Proof

We now proceed by showing that our construction satisfies all necessary security definitions of a sanitizable signature scheme.

**Theorem 3 (Sanitizer Accountability).** *If  $\Sigma = (\text{SSetup}, \text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  is a signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys that is unforgeable under rerandomized keys  $\Pi_{\text{ZK}} = (\text{SZK}, \text{P}_{\text{ZK}}, \text{V}_{\text{ZK}})$  is a perfectly sound non-interactive zero knowledge proof system, and  $\Pi_{\text{PoK}} = (\text{SPoK}, \text{PPoK}, \text{VPoK})$  is a perfectly non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of knowledge system, then the construction given in [Section 4](#) is sanitizer-accountable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary against the sanitizer accountability of  $\text{SanS}$ . Let  $(pk_{san}^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$  denote the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\sigma^*$  can be parsed as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$  and let  $pk_{sig} = (pk_{\text{FIX}}, pk, ek)$ .

By definition of  $\text{Proof}$  it holds that  $\pi = (\widehat{pk}, \phi)$  and  $\text{Dec}(dk, c) = \widehat{pk}$ . Observe that in the case of  $\text{San-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1$ , the following conditions must hold by definition of sanitizer accountability:

$$(pk_{san}^*, m^*) \neq (pk_{san,i}, m_i) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}^*) = 1 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Judge}(m^*, \sigma^*, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}^*, \pi) = \text{Sign} \quad (3)$$

where  $(m_i, \text{ADM}_i, pk_{san,i})$  denotes the  $i$ th query to the  $\text{Sign}$  oracle.

By the definition of  $\text{Verify}$ , it follows from [Equation 2](#) that

$$\text{SVerify}(pk', (m^*, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}^*), \sigma') = 1 \quad (4)$$

$$\text{and } \text{V}_{\text{PoK}}(crs_{\text{PoK}}, (c, ek, pk, pk_{san}^*, pk'), \tau) = 1. \quad (5)$$

From [Equation 3](#) it follows by the definition of  $\text{Judge}$  that at least one of the following must not hold:

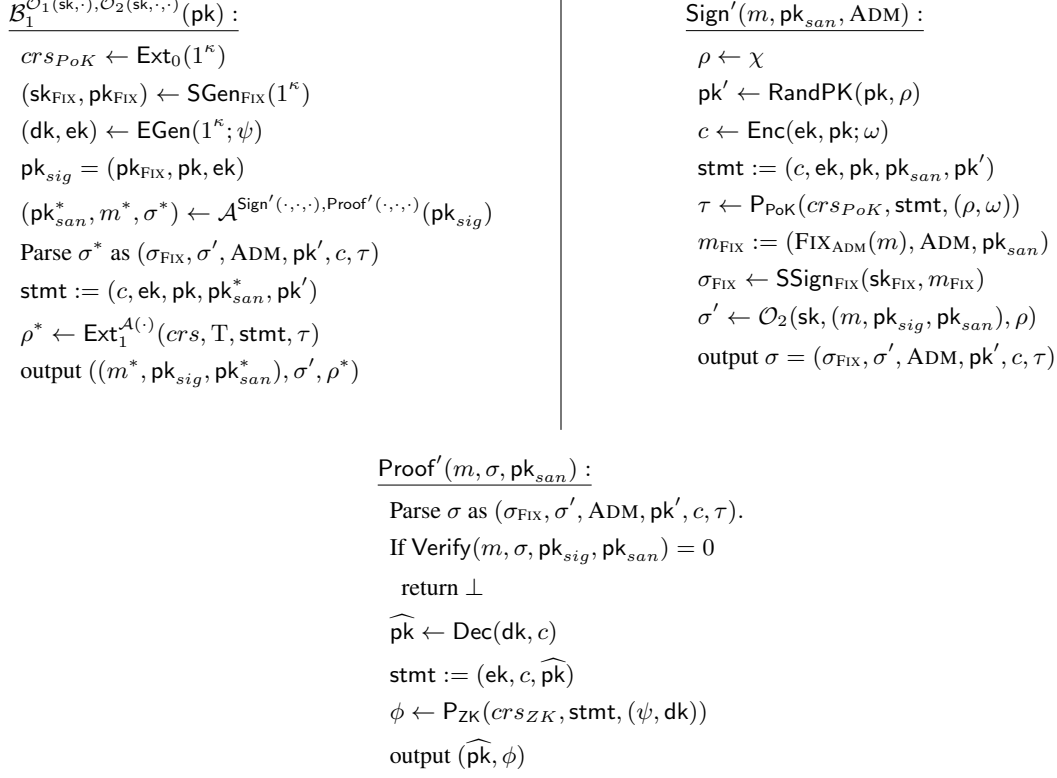
$$\widehat{pk} = pk_{san}^* \quad (6)$$

$$\text{or } \text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}^*) = 1 \quad (7)$$

$$\text{or } \text{V}_{\text{ZK}}(crs_{\text{ZK}}, (ek, c, \widehat{pk}), \phi) = 1 \quad (8)$$

However, clearly [Equation 7](#) must hold since this is already ensured by [Equation 2](#), and [Equation 8](#) clearly follows from the correctness of  $\Pi_{\text{ZK}}$  and the fact that  $\phi$  is computed honestly by  $\text{Judge}$ . It must thus hold that  $\widehat{pk} \neq pk_{san}^*$ . Since the correctness of  $\mathcal{E}$  and the perfect soundness of  $\Pi_{\text{PoK}}$  guarantee, that  $\widehat{pk} \in \{pk, pk_{san}^*\}$  it therefore follows that

$$\widehat{pk} = pk. \quad (9)$$



**Fig. 3.** Description of reduction  $\mathcal{B}_1$ , reducing the sanitizer accountability of SanS against the UFRK security of  $\Sigma$ .

Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_1$ , depicted in [Figure 3](#) against the unforgeability under rerandomized keys of the underlying signature scheme. Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the game  $\text{San-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$ . Furthermore, because of [Equation 1](#),  $(m^*, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*)$  is a message never queried to the signing oracle. As, further, whenever the extractor is successful in extracting the witness from  $\tau$ , it follows from [Equation 4](#) and [Equation 9](#) that the forgery output by  $\mathcal{B}_1$  is valid, it holds that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{B}_1}^{\Sigma}(\kappa) = 1 \right] \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(\kappa)} \Pr \left[ \text{San-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$$

which must be negligible because the signature scheme is unforgeable under rerandomized keys.

Thus it must hold that  $\Pr \left[ \text{San-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$  is negligible.

**Theorem 4 (Signer Accountability).** *If  $\Sigma = (\text{SSetup}, \text{SGen}, \text{SSign}, \text{SVerify}, \text{RandSK}, \text{RandPK})$  is a signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys that is unforgeable under rerandomized keys and  $\Pi_{\text{PoK}} = (\text{S}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{P}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{V}_{\text{PoK}})$  is a perfectly non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of knowledge system, then the construction given in [Section 4](#) is signer-accountable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary against the signer accountability of SanS. Let  $(\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}^*, m^*, \sigma^*, \pi^*)$  denote the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}^*$  can be parsed as  $(\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}^*, \text{pk}^*, \text{ek}^*)$ ,  $\sigma^*$  can be parsed as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$ , and  $\pi^*$  can be parsed as  $(\widehat{\text{pk}}, \phi)$ .

Observe that in the case of  $\text{Sig-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1$ , the following conditions must hold by definition of signer accountability:

$$(\text{pk}_{sig}^*, m^*) \neq (\text{pk}_{sig,i}, m_i) \quad (10)$$

$$\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}) = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Judge}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}, \pi^*) = \text{San} \quad (12)$$

where  $(m_i, \text{MOD}_i, \sigma_i, \text{pk}_{sig,i})$  and  $(m'_i, \sigma'_i)$  denotes the  $i$ th query and answer to the Sanit oracle respectively.

By the definition of Verify, it follows from Equation 11 that

$$\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}', (m^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}), \sigma') = 1 \quad (13)$$

$$\text{V}_{\text{PoK}}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{san}, \text{pk}'), \tau) = 1. \quad (14)$$

From Equation 12 it follows by the definition of Judge that all of the following must hold:

$$\text{pk}_{san} = \widehat{\text{pk}} \quad (15)$$

$$\text{V}_{\text{ZK}}(\text{crs}_{\text{ZK}}, (\text{ek}^*, c, \widehat{\text{pk}}), \phi) = 1. \quad (16)$$

Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_2$ , depicted in Figure 4 against the unforgeability under rerandomized keys of the underlying signature scheme.

$\mathcal{B}_2^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}_{san}, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}_{san}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{san}) :$ $\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}} \leftarrow \text{Ext}_0(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{pk}_{sig}^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sanit}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{san})$ $\text{Parse } \sigma^* \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$ $\text{Parse } \text{pk}_{sig}^* \text{ as } (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek})$ $\text{stmt} := (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{san}, \text{pk}')$ $\rho^* \leftarrow \text{Ext}_1^{\mathcal{A}(\cdot)}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{TPoK}, \text{stmt}, \tau)$ $\text{output } ((m^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san}), \sigma', \rho^*)$	$\text{Sanit}'(m, \sigma, \text{MOD}, \text{pk}_{sig}) :$ $\text{Parse } \text{pk}_{sig} \text{ as } (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek}).$ $\text{Parse } \sigma \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau).$ $\text{If } \text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 0$ $\text{output } \perp$ $\widehat{m}' := \text{MOD}(m)$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $\widehat{\text{pk}}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}_{san}, \rho)$ $\widehat{c} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \text{pk}_{san}; \omega)$ $\text{stmt} := (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{san}, \widehat{\text{pk}}')$ $\widehat{\tau} \leftarrow \text{P}_{\text{PoK}}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{stmt}, (\rho, \omega))$ $\widehat{\sigma}' \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, (\widehat{m}', \text{pk}_{sig}, \text{pk}_{san}), \rho)$ $\widehat{\sigma} = (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \widehat{\sigma}', \text{ADM}, \widehat{\text{pk}}', \widehat{c}, \widehat{\tau})$ $\text{output } (m', \widehat{\sigma})$
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**Fig. 4.** Description of reduction  $\mathcal{B}_2$ , reducing the signer accountability of SanS against the UFRK security of  $\Sigma$ .

Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the game  $\text{Sig-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$ . Furthermore, because of Equation 10,  $(m^*, \text{pk}_{sig}^*, \text{pk}_{san})$  is a message never queried to the signing oracle. As, further, whenever the extractor is successful in extracting the witness from  $\tau$ , it follows from Equation 13 and Equation 15 that the forgery output by  $\mathcal{B}_2$  is valid, it holds that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{B}_2}^{\Sigma}(\kappa) = 1 \right] \geq \frac{1}{\text{poly}(\kappa)} \Pr \left[ \text{Sig-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$$

which must be negligible because the signature scheme is unforgeable under rerandomized keys.

Thus it must hold that  $\Pr \left[ \text{Sig-Acc}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$  is negligible.

**Theorem 5 (Immutability).** *If  $\Sigma_{\text{FIX}} = (\text{SSetup}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SGen}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SSign}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SVerify}_{\text{FIX}})$  is a deterministic signature scheme that is strongly existentially unforgeable, then the construction given in [Section 4](#) is immutable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary against the immutability of SanS. Let  $(\text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$  denote the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\sigma^*$  can be parsed as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$ .

Observe that in the case of  $\text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1$ , it must hold by definition of immutability that

$$\text{Verify}(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*) = 1 \quad (17)$$

as well as at least one of the following

$$\text{pk}_{\text{san}}^* \neq \text{pk}_{\text{san},i} \quad (18)$$

$$\text{or } m^* \notin \{\text{MOD}(m_i) \mid \text{MOD with } \text{ADM}_i(\text{MOD}) = 1\} \quad (19)$$

where  $(m_i, \text{MOD}_i, \sigma_i, \text{pk}_{\text{sig},i})$  and  $(m'_i, \sigma'_i)$  denotes the  $i$ th query and answer to the Sanit oracle respectively.

By the definition of Verify, it follows from [Equation 17](#) that

$$\text{SVerify}_{\text{FIX}}(\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m^*), \text{ADM}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*), \sigma_{\text{FIX}}) = 1. \quad (20)$$

From [Equation 19](#) it follows due to the maximality of FIX, that

$$\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m^*) \neq \text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}_i}(m_i) \quad (21)$$

and combining [Equation 18](#) with [Equation 21](#) we get that

$$(\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m^*), \text{ADM}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*) \neq (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}_i}(m_i), \text{ADM}_i, \text{pk}_{\text{san},i}) \quad (22)$$

for all  $i$ .

Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_3$ , depicted in [Figure 5](#) against the strong existential unforgeability of the underlying signature scheme.

$\mathcal{B}_3^{\mathcal{O}(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}) :$ $\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}} \leftarrow \text{SPoK}(1^\kappa)$ $\text{crs}_{\text{ZK}} \leftarrow \text{SZK}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{dk}, \text{ek}) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa; \psi)$ $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}} := (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek})$ $(m^*, \sigma^*, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{sig}})$ $\text{Parse } \sigma^* \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau).$ $m_{\text{FIX}}^* := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m), \text{ADM}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}^*)$ $\text{output } (m_{\text{FIX}}^*, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^*)$	$\text{Sign}'(m, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{ADM}) :$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $\text{pk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ $\text{sk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \text{pk}; \omega)$ $\text{stmt} := (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}')$ $\tau \leftarrow \text{PPoK}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{stmt}, (\rho, \omega))$ $m_{\text{FIX}} := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m), \text{ADM}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ $\sigma_{\text{FIX}} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(m_{\text{FIX}})$ $\sigma' \leftarrow \text{SSign}(\text{sk}', m, \rho)$ $\text{output } \sigma = (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$
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**Fig. 5.** Description of reduction  $\mathcal{B}_3$ , reducing the immutability of SanS against the s-EUF security of  $\Sigma_{\text{FIX}}$ .

Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the game  $\text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$ . Furthermore, because of [Equation 22](#),  $m_{\text{FIX}}^*$  is a message never queried to the signing oracle. It therefore holds that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{s-EUF}_{\mathcal{B}_3}^{\Sigma_{\text{FIX}}}(\kappa) = 1 \right] \geq \Pr \left[ \text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$$

which must be negligible because the signature scheme is strongly existentially unforgeable.

Thus it must hold that  $\Pr \left[ \text{Immut}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1 \right]$  is negligible.



**Theorem 6 (Proof-Restricted) Transparency.** *If  $\Pi_{PoK} = (S_{PoK}, P_{PoK}, V_{PoK})$  is a computationally zero-knowledge perfectly sound proof of knowledge system,  $\Pi_{ZK} = (S_{ZK}, P_{ZK}, V_{ZK})$  is a computationally zero-knowledge proof system,  $\mathcal{E} = (E_{Gen}, Enc, Dec)$  is a CCA-secure public key encryption scheme, and  $\Sigma = (S_{Setup}, S_{Gen}, S_{Sign}, S_{Verify}, RandSK, RandPK)$  is a signature scheme with perfectly rerandomizable keys that is unforgeable under rerandomized keys, then  $\text{SanS}$  is (proof-restrictedly) transparent.*

*Proof.* We use a series of games to prove that the two cases of the  $\text{Trans}_{\text{SanS}}^A(\kappa)$  are indistinguishable for any polynomial time adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .

$\text{Game}_0$  is exactly the  $\text{Trans}_{\text{SanS}}^A(\kappa)$  experiment with  $b$  fixed to 1.

$\text{Game}_1$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_0$ , except that  $crs_{PoK}$  is chosen as  $(crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}) \leftarrow S_{PoK,0}(1^\kappa)$  and the proofs  $\tau$  in the answers to Sanit/Sign queries are computed as  $\tau \leftarrow S_{PoK,1}(crs, T, \text{stmt})$ , where  $S_{PoK,=} = (S_{PoK,0}, S_{PoK,1})$  is the simulator of  $\Pi_{PoK}$ .

$\text{Game}_2$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_1$ , except that  $crs_{ZK}$  is chosen as  $(crs_{ZK}, T_{ZK}) \leftarrow S_{ZK,0}(1^\kappa)$  and the proofs of decryption  $\phi$  in the answers to Proof queries are computed as  $\phi \leftarrow S_{ZK,1}(crs, T, (\psi, dk))$ , where  $S_{ZK,=} = (S_{ZK,0}, S_{ZK,1})$  is the simulator of  $\Pi_{ZK}$ .

$\text{Game}_3$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_2$ , except for the following changes. The ciphertexts  $c$  in the answers to Sanit/Sign queries are computed as  $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, \overline{pk})$  for an independently chosen but fixed public key  $\overline{pk}$ . Let  $C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$  be the set of ciphertexts computed this way. For ciphertexts  $c \notin C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$ , the Proof oracle proceeds exactly as in the previous game. For ciphertexts  $c \in C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$  however, the Proof oracle sets  $\widehat{pk} := pk$  instead of decrypting  $c$ , before proceeding as before.

$\text{Game}_4$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_3$ , except that the bit  $b$  is fixed to 0 and the Proof oracle sets  $\widehat{pk} := pk_{san}$  for ciphertexts  $c \in C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$ .

$\text{Game}_5$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_4$ , except that the ciphertext  $c$  in the answers to queries to the Sanit/Sign oracle is computed as  $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, pk_{san})$  and the Proof oracle again always uses decryption to determine  $\widehat{pk}$ .

$\text{Game}_6$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_5$ , except that  $crs_{ZK}$  is once again chosen honestly as  $crs_{ZK} \leftarrow S_{ZK}(1^\kappa)$  and the proofs of decryption  $\phi$  in the answers to Proof queries are computed honestly as  $\phi \leftarrow P_{ZK}(crs_{ZK}, \text{stmt}, (\psi, dk))$ .

$\text{Game}_7$  works exactly as  $\text{Game}_6$ , except that  $crs_{PoK}$  is once again chosen honestly as  $crs_{PoK} \leftarrow S_{ZK}(1^\kappa)$  and the proofs  $\tau$  in the answers to Sanit/Sign queries are computed honestly as  $\tau \leftarrow P_{PoK}(crs_{PoK}, \text{stmt}, (\rho, \omega))$ . This is exactly the  $\text{Trans}_{\text{SanS}}^A(\kappa)$  experiment with  $b$  fixed to 0.

We argue that each pair of neighboring games cannot be distinguished, except with negligible probability, by a probabilistic polynomial time adversary.

$\text{Game}_0 \approx \text{Game}_1$  Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary distinguishing  $\text{Game}_0$  and  $\text{Game}_1$  with probability  $1/2 + \epsilon(\kappa)$ . Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_4$ , depicted in [Figure 6](#) against the zero-knowledge property of the underlying proof of knowledge system.

Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the  $\text{Game}_0$  if the oracle of  $\mathcal{B}_4$  is the honest prover and in  $\text{Game}_1$  if the oracle of  $\mathcal{B}_4$  is the simulator. It thus follows immediately

$$\left| \Pr \left[ crs_{PoK} \leftarrow S_{PoK}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{B}_4^{P_{PoK}(crs_{PoK}, \cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{PoK}) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ (crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}) \leftarrow S_{PoK,0}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{B}_4^{S'(crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}, \cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{PoK}) = 1 \right] \right| = \epsilon(\kappa).$$

Therefore  $\epsilon(\kappa)$  must be negligible, because  $\Pi_{PoK}$  is zero knowledge.

$\text{Game}_1 \approx \text{Game}_2$  Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary distinguishing  $\text{Game}_1$  and  $\text{Game}_2$  with probability  $1/2 + \epsilon(\kappa)$ . Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_5$ , depicted in [Figure 7](#) against the zero-knowledge property of the underlying non-interactive zero knowledge proof system.

Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the  $\text{Game}_1$  if the oracle of  $\mathcal{B}_5$  is the honest prover and in  $\text{Game}_2$  if the oracle of  $\mathcal{B}_5$  is the simulator. It thus follows immediately

$$\left| \Pr \left[ crs_{ZK} \leftarrow S_{ZK}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{B}_5^{P_{ZK}(crs_{ZK}, \cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{ZK}) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ (crs_{ZK}, T_{ZK}) \leftarrow S_{ZK,0}(1^\kappa) : \mathcal{B}_5^{S'(crs_{ZK}, T_{ZK}, \cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{ZK}) = 1 \right] \right| = \epsilon(\kappa).$$

Therefore  $\epsilon(\kappa)$  must be negligible, because  $\Pi_{PoK}$  is zero knowledge.

$\mathcal{B}_4^{\mathcal{O}(\cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{PoK}) :$ $crs_{ZK} \leftarrow S_{ZK}(1^\kappa)$ $pp \leftarrow SSetup(1^\kappa)$ $(sk, pk) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $(sk_{FIX}, pk_{FIX}) \leftarrow SGen_{FIX}(1^\kappa)$ $(dk, ek) \leftarrow EGen(1^\kappa; \psi)$ $sk_{sig} := (sk_{FIX}, sk, dk, pk_{FIX}, pk, ek, \psi)$ $pk_{sig} := (pk_{FIX}, pk, ek)$ $(sk_{san}, pk_{san}) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, sk_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, sk_{san}), \text{Proof}(sk_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit/Sign}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)}(pk_{sig}, pk_{san})$ $\text{output } a$	$\text{Sanit/Sign}'(m, \text{MOD}, \text{ADM}) :$ $\text{If } \text{ADM}(\text{MOD}) = 0$ $\text{output } \perp$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $sk' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(sk_{sig}, \rho)$ $pk' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(pk_{sig}, \rho)$ $m_{FIX} := (\text{FIX}_{ADM}(m), \text{ADM}, pk_{san})$ $\sigma_{FIX} := \text{SSign}_{FIX}(sk_{FIX}, m_{FIX})$ $m' := \text{MOD}(m)$ $\sigma' := \text{SSign}(sk', m')$ $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(ek, pk)$ $\text{stmt} := (c, ek, pk, pk_{san}, pk')$ $\tau \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(\text{stmt}, (\rho, \omega))$ $\sigma := (\sigma_{FIX}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ $\text{return } (m', \sigma)$
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**Fig. 6.** Reduction of the indistinguishability of  $\text{Game}_0$  and  $\text{Game}_1$  in the transparency proof to the zero-knowledge property of the underlying proof system  $\Pi_{PoK}$ .

$\text{Game}_2 \approx \text{Game}_3$  Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary distinguishing  $\text{Game}_2$  and  $\text{Game}_3$  with probability  $1/2 + \epsilon(\kappa)$ . Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_6$ , depicted in [Figure 8](#) against the CCA security of the underlying encryption scheme.

Note, that we reduce to a variant of CCA security, where the adversary can send multiple challenges to an oracle  $\mathcal{O}$ . The decryption oracle will not answer any queries made up of ciphertexts output by  $\mathcal{O}$ . This variant of CCA security follows from standard CCA security by a standard hybrid argument. Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient. Further, if the bit chosen by the IND-CCA experiment is 0, then  $\mathcal{B}_6$  perfectly simulates  $\text{Game}_2$ . The only place where the reduction deviates from the exact behavior of  $\text{Game}_2$  is in answering Proof queries for ciphertexts in  $\mathcal{C}_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$ . However, even in those cases, the “decryption” is in fact correct, and since the proof of decryption is simulated, the fact that the witness is not known does not change the distribution of the answer.

If the bit chosen by the CCA experiment is 1, then  $\mathcal{B}_6$  perfectly simulates  $\text{Game}_3$ . It thus follows that

$$\Pr \left[ \text{IND-CCA}_{\mathcal{B}_6^{\mathcal{A}}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\kappa) = 1 \right] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon(\kappa)$$

Therefore  $\epsilon(\kappa)$  must be negligible, because  $\mathcal{E}$  is CCA secure.

$\text{Game}_3 \approx \text{Game}_4$  The only differences between the two games are the way in which queries to Sanit/Sign and Proof oracles are answered. In the case of the Sanit/Sign oracle, the only difference is, that in  $\text{Game}_3$  the signer’s key is rerandomized and in  $\text{Game}_4$ , the sanitizer’s key is rerandomized. However, by virtue of the perfect rerandomizability property of the signature scheme, the rerandomized keys are in fact distributed identically in both cases. Further, the remainder of the signature is computed independently from the rerandomization factor  $\rho$  due to the simulation of the proof  $\tau$ . Therefore, the outputs of Sanit/Sign are distributed identically in both cases.

We denote by  $S_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$  the sets of signatures output as answers by the Sanit/Sign oracle. In the case of the Proof oracle, there is only a difference, if the attacker makes a valid query  $(m, \sigma = (\sigma_{FIX}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau), pk'_{san})$  such that the following conditions hold.

$$\text{Verify}(m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk'_{san}) = 1 \tag{23}$$

$$\exists (\sigma_{FIX, i}, \sigma'_i, \text{ADM}_i, pk'_i, c_i, \tau_i) \in S_{\text{Sanit/Sign}} : c = c_i, \tag{24}$$

$\mathcal{B}_5^{\mathcal{O}(\cdot, \cdot)}(crs_{ZK}) :$ $(crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}) \leftarrow S_{PoK,0}(1^\kappa)$ $pp \leftarrow SSetup(1^\kappa)$ $(sk, pk) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $(sk_{FIX}, pk_{FIX}) \leftarrow SGen_{FIX}(1^\kappa)$ $(dk, ek) \leftarrow EGen(1^\kappa; \psi)$ $sk_{sig} := (sk_{FIX}, sk, dk, pk_{FIX}, pk, ek, \psi)$ $pk_{sig} := (pk_{FIX}, pk, ek)$ $(sk_{san}, pk_{san}) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, sk_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, sk_{san}), \text{Proof}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)}(pk_{sig}, pk_{san})$ $\text{output } a$	$\text{Proof}'(m, \sigma, pk_{san}) :$ $\text{If } \text{Verify}(m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}) = 0$ $\text{return } \perp$ $\text{Extract } c \text{ from } \sigma.$ $\widehat{pk} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(dk, c)$ $\text{stmt} := (ek, c, \widehat{pk})$ $\phi \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(\text{stmt}, (\psi, dk))$ $\text{output } (\widehat{pk}, \phi)$
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**Fig. 7.** Reduction of the indistinguishability of Game<sub>1</sub> and Game<sub>2</sub> in the transparency proof to the zero-knowledge property of the underlying proof system  $\Pi_{ZK}$ .

$\mathcal{B}_6^{\text{Dec}(dk, \cdot), \mathcal{O}(\cdot, \cdot)}(ek) :$ $(crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}) \leftarrow S_{PoK,0}(1^\kappa)$ $(crs_{ZK}, T_{ZK}) \leftarrow S_{ZK,0}(1^\kappa)$ $pp \leftarrow SSetup(1^\kappa)$ $(sk, pk) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $(sk_{FIX}, pk_{FIX}) \leftarrow SGen_{FIX}(1^\kappa)$ $sk_{sig} := (sk_{FIX}, sk, ?, pk_{FIX}, pk, ek, ?)$ $pk_{sig} := (pk_{FIX}, pk, ek)$ $(sk_{san}, pk_{san}) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $(\overline{sk}, \overline{pk}) \leftarrow SGen(1^\kappa)$ $C_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}} := \emptyset$ $a \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\cdot, sk_{sig}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, sk_{san}), \text{Proof}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)}(pk_{sig}, pk_{san})$ $\text{Output } a$	$\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}'(m, \text{MOD}, \text{ADM}) :$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $sk' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(sk, \rho)$ $pk' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(pk, \rho)$ $\sigma_{FIX} := \text{SSign}_{FIX}(sk_{FIX}, m_{FIX})$ $m' := \text{MOD}(m)$ $\sigma' := \text{SSign}(sk', m')$ $c \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(pk, \overline{pk})$ $C_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}} := C_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}} \cup \{c\}$ $\text{stmt} := (c, ek, pk, pk_{san}, pk')$ $\tau \leftarrow S_{PoK,1}(crs_{PoK}, T_{PoK}, \text{stmt})$ $\sigma := (\sigma_{FIX}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, pk', c, \tau)$ $\text{return } (m', \sigma)$	$\text{Proof}'(m, \sigma, pk_{san}) :$ $\text{If } \text{Verify}(m, \sigma, pk_{sig}, pk_{san}) = 0$ $\text{return } \perp$ $\text{Extract } c \text{ from } \sigma.$ $\text{If } c \in C_{\text{Sanit}/\text{Sign}}$ $\widehat{pk} := pk$ $\text{else}$ $\widehat{pk} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(c)$ $\text{stmt} := (ek, c, \widehat{pk})$ $\phi \leftarrow S_{ZK,1}(crs_{ZK}, \text{stmt})$ $\text{output } (\widehat{pk}, \phi)$
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**Fig. 8.** Reduction of the indistinguishability of Game<sub>2</sub> and Game<sub>3</sub> to the CCA security of the underlying encryption scheme.

Let query denote the event that such a query happens. We can split the probability of query occurs as follows:

$$\Pr[\text{query}] = \Pr[\text{query} \wedge pk'_{san} \neq pk_{san}] + \Pr[\text{query} \wedge pk'_{san} = pk_{san}].$$

Note that in the first case  $\mathcal{A}$  must compute a new proof  $\tau$ , such that

$$\forall_{PoK}(crs_{PoK}, (ek, c, pk, pk'_{san}, pk'), \tau) = 1.$$

Since  $c$  is an encryption of  $\overline{pk}$ , and  $pk \neq \overline{pk}$  except with negligible probability, the perfect soundness of  $\Pi_{PoK}$  implies that  $pk'_{san} = \overline{pk}$ . This leads to a trivial reduction to the CCA security (even one-wayness) of the encryption scheme  $\mathcal{E}$ .

In the second case, we can reduce to the UFRK security of the signature scheme  $\Sigma$  as depicted in [Figure 9](#).

Since the reduction only runs a constant number of polynomial time bounded algorithms, the reduction  $\mathcal{B}_8$  is clearly efficient.

Further, it perfectly simulates both games up until a Proof query is made satisfying [Equation 23](#) and [Equation 24](#). Once such a query is made, the reduction outputs  $(m, \sigma', \rho_i)$  as a forgery. The definition of transparency guarantees that  $m$  is a new message that has not been queried to the UFRK signing oracle before. The fact that

$\mathcal{B}_8^{\mathcal{O}_1(\text{sk}, \cdot), \mathcal{O}_2(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{UFRK}}) :$ $(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{T}_{\text{PoK}}) \leftarrow \text{SPoK}_{0,0}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{crs}_{\text{ZK}}, \text{T}_{\text{ZK}}) \leftarrow \text{SZK}_{0,0}(1^\kappa)$ $pp \leftarrow \text{SSetup}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}_{\text{FIX}}(1^\kappa)$ $(\text{dk}, \text{ek}) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa; \psi)$ $\text{sk}_{\text{sig}} := (\text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{sk}, \text{dk}, \text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek}, \psi)$ $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}} := (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek})$ $(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $(\overline{\text{sk}}, \overline{\text{pk}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}} := \emptyset$ $\text{Sign}(\cdot, \text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \text{sk}_{\text{san}}),$ $\mathcal{A} \text{ Proof}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit/Sign}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) (\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$	$\text{Sanit/Sign}'(m, \text{MOD}, \text{ADM}) :$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $\text{pk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}_{\text{UFRK}}, \rho)$ $\sigma_{\text{FIX}} := \text{SSign}_{\text{FIX}}(\text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, m_{\text{FIX}})$ $m' := \text{MOD}(m)$ $\sigma' := \mathcal{O}_2(m', \rho)$ $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \overline{\text{pk}})$ $C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}} := C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}} \cup \{(c, \rho)\}$ $\text{stmt} := (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}')$ $\tau \leftarrow \text{SPoK}_{1,1}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{T}_{\text{PoK}}, \text{stmt})$ $\sigma := (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$ $\text{return } (m', \sigma)$	$\text{Proof}'(m, \sigma, \text{pk}'_{\text{san}}) :$ $\text{If } \text{Verify}(m, \sigma, \text{pk}'_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}'_{\text{san}}) = 0$ $\text{return } \perp$ $\text{Parse } \sigma \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau).$ $\text{If } (c_i, \rho_i) \in C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}} \text{ with } c_i = c$ $\text{abort reduction, and output}$ $(m, \sigma', \rho_i) \text{ as forgery}$ $\widehat{\text{pk}} \leftarrow \text{Dec}(c)$ $\text{stmt} := (\text{ek}, c, \widehat{\text{pk}})$ $\phi \leftarrow \text{SZK}_{\kappa}(\text{crs}_{\text{ZK}}, \text{stmt})$ $\text{output } (\widehat{\text{pk}}, \phi)$
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**Fig. 9.** Reduction of the indistinguishability of Game<sub>3</sub> and Game<sub>4</sub> in the case where  $\text{pk}'_{\text{san}} = \text{pk}_{\text{san}}$  to the UFRK security of the underlying signature scheme.

$\text{Verify}(m, \sigma, \text{pk}'_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}'_{\text{san}}) = 1$  guarantees that  $\text{SVerify}(\text{pk}', m, \sigma') = 1$  and that  $\text{V}_{\text{PoK}}(\text{crs}_{\text{PoK}}, (\text{ek}, c, \text{pk}, \text{pk}'_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}'), \tau) = 1$ ). In the case where  $\text{pk}'_{\text{san}} = \text{pk}_{\text{san}}$ , it holds that  $(\text{ek}, c, \text{pk}, \text{pk}'_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}') \notin \mathcal{L}_1$ . Therefore, due to the perfect soundness,  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot compute  $\tau$  for a new statement of this form. This implies that  $\text{pk}' = \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}_{\text{UFRK}}, \rho_i)$ , and therefore  $(m, \sigma', \rho_i)$  is a valid forgery.

It thus follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{query}] &= \Pr[\text{query} \wedge \tau \neq \tau_i] + \Pr[\text{query} \wedge \tau = \tau_i] \\ &\leq \left( \Pr \left[ \text{IND-CCA}_{\mathcal{B}_7^{\mathcal{A}}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\kappa) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \Pr \left[ \text{UFRK}_{\mathcal{B}_8^{\mathcal{A}}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\kappa) \right] \end{aligned}$$

and therefore query happens only with negligible probability and Game<sub>3</sub> and Game<sub>4</sub> are thus indistinguishable.

Game<sub>4</sub>  $\approx$  Game<sub>5</sub> This hop is completely symmetrical to the hop between Game<sub>2</sub> to Game<sub>3</sub>. The reduction therefore also works almost identically. The only difference being that the sanitizer's key is randomized instead of the signer's when answering Sanit/Sign queries and the Proof' oracle sets  $\widehat{\text{pk}} := \text{pk}_{\text{san}}$  for ciphertexts  $c \in C_{\text{Sanit/Sign}}$ .

Game<sub>5</sub>  $\approx$  Game<sub>6</sub> This hop essentially reverts the changes made in the hop from Game<sub>1</sub> to Game<sub>2</sub>. The reduction therefore also works almost identically. The only difference being that the sanitizer's key is randomized instead of the signer's when answering Sanit/Sign queries.

Game<sub>6</sub>  $\approx$  Game<sub>7</sub> Just as in the hop before, this hop essentially reverts the changes made in the hop from Game<sub>0</sub> to Game<sub>1</sub>. The reduction is once again almost identically, the difference being that the sanitizer's key is randomized instead of the signer's when answering Sanit/Sign queries.

Since the distinguishing advantage of a probabilistic polynomial time attacker is negligible for each step, it follows by a simple union bound that the two cases of  $\text{Trans}_{\text{SanS}}^{\mathcal{A}}(\kappa)$  with  $b = 1$  and  $b = 0$  are also indistinguishable and thus SanS is proof-restrictedly transparent.

**Theorem 7 (Unlinkability).** *If  $\Sigma_{\text{FIX}} = (\text{SSetup}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SGen}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SSign}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{SVerify}_{\text{FIX}})$  is a deterministic strongly existentially unforgeable signature scheme, then the construction given in Section 4 is unlinkable.*

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a probabilistic polynomial time adversary against the signer unlinkability of SanS. Let

$$((m_i^0, \text{MOD}_i^0, \sigma_i^0), (m_i^1, \text{MOD}_i^1, \sigma_i^1))$$

be a query made by  $\mathcal{A}$  to the LoRSanit oracle, where  $\sigma_i^b$  can be parsed as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX},i}^b, \sigma_i^{\prime b}, \text{ADM}_i^b, \text{pk}_i^{\prime b}, c_i^b, \tau_i^b)$ . The only difference between the two cases of the unlinkability experiment is the distribution of the answers to these queries if it holds that

$$\text{Verify}(m_i^0, \sigma_i^0, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) = 1 \quad (25)$$

$$\text{Verify}(m_i^1, \sigma_i^1, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) = 1 \quad (26)$$

$$\text{ADM}_i^0(\text{MOD}_i^0) \neq 0 \quad (27)$$

$$\text{ADM}_i^1(\text{MOD}_i^1) \neq 0 \quad (28)$$

$$\text{MOD}_i^0(m_i^0) = \text{MOD}_i^1(m_i^1) \quad (29)$$

$$\text{ADM}_i^0 = \text{ADM}_i^1 \quad (30)$$

Let  $(m_b^*, \sigma_b^*)$  denote the answer to such a query depending on the choice of  $b$  in the experiment, where  $\sigma_b^*$  can be parsed as  $(\sigma_{\text{FIX},b}, \sigma_b', \text{ADM}_b, \text{pk}_b', c_b, \tau_b)$ .

From [Equation 30](#) it follows directly that

$$\text{ADM}_0 = \text{ADM}_1 \quad (31)$$

Further, it follows from this, the definition of Sanit, and the perfect rerandomizability of the signature scheme  $\Sigma$  that the the distributions

$$(\sigma_0', \text{ADM}_0, \text{pk}_0', c_0, \tau_0) \sim (\sigma_1', \text{ADM}_1, \text{pk}_1', c_1, \tau_1) \quad (32)$$

are identical.

From [Equation 30](#) it follows by the uniqueness of  $\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}$ , that

$$\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}_i^0}(m_i^0, \text{ADM}^0, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) = \text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}_i^1}(m_i^1, \text{ADM}^1, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}). \quad (33)$$

It holds by [Equation 32](#), that the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  only differs in the two cases of the unlinkability experiment, if it makes a query to LoRSanit such that in addition to [Equation 25](#) through [Equation 30](#) it holds that

$$\sigma_{\text{FIX},i}^0 \neq \sigma_{\text{FIX},i}^1 \quad (34)$$

We denote by query the event that such a query happens and thus get

$$\Pr[\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1] = \frac{1}{2} + \Pr[\text{query}]$$

Now, consider reduction  $\mathcal{B}_9$ , depicted in [Figure 10](#) against the strong existential unforgeability of the underlying signature scheme.

Observe that this reduction is clearly efficient and perfectly simulates the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the game  $\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa)$  unless query occurs. Whenever query occurs, it holds because of [Equation 33](#) that  $m_{\text{FIX}}^0 = m_{\text{FIX}}^1$ . Further, since  $\Sigma$  is deterministic, it holds that

$$\{(m_{\text{FIX}}^0, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^0), (m_{\text{FIX}}^1, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^1)\} \cap L_{\sigma} \neq \emptyset.$$

Together with [Equation 25](#) and [Equation 26](#) it thus follows that

$$\Pr[\text{query}] = \Pr[\text{s-EUF}_{\mathcal{B}_9}^{\Sigma}(\kappa) = 1]$$

and therefore

$$\Pr[\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1] = \frac{1}{2} + \Pr[\text{s-EUF}_{\mathcal{B}_9}^{\Sigma}(\kappa) = 1],$$

where the second part of the sum must be negligible because the signature scheme is strongly existentially unforgeable.

Thus it must hold that  $\Pr[\text{Unlinkability}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SanS}}(\kappa) = 1]$  is only negligibly greater than  $1/2$ .

$\mathcal{B}_9^{\mathcal{O}(\text{sk}_{\text{FIX}}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}) :$ $(\text{dk}, \text{ek}, \psi) \leftarrow \text{EGen}(1^\kappa; \psi)$ $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $\text{pk}_{\text{sig}} := (\text{pk}_{\text{FIX}}, \text{pk}, \text{ek})$ $(\text{sk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) \leftarrow \text{SGen}(1^\kappa)$ $L_\sigma = \emptyset$ $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}'(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot), \text{Sanit}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \text{sk}_{\text{san}}), \text{Proof}(\text{sk}_{\text{sig}}, \cdot, \cdot), \text{LoRSanit}'(\cdot, \cdot)}(\text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$	$\text{Sign}'(m, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{ADM}) :$ $m_{\text{FIX}} := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}(m), \text{ADM}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ $\sigma_{\text{FIX}} \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(m_{\text{FIX}})$ $L_\sigma := L_\sigma \cup \{(m_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma_{\text{FIX}})\}$ $\rho \leftarrow \chi$ $\text{pk}' \leftarrow \text{RandPK}(\text{pk}, \rho)$ $\text{sk}' \leftarrow \text{RandSK}(\text{sk}, \rho)$ $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{ek}, \text{pk}; \omega)$ $\text{stmt} := (c, \text{ek}, \text{pk}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk}')$ $\tau \leftarrow \text{PPoK}(\text{crSPoK}, \text{stmt}, (\rho, \omega))$ $\text{output } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}, \sigma', \text{ADM}, \text{pk}', c, \tau)$
$\text{LoRSanit}'((m^0, \text{MOD}^0, \sigma^0), (m^1, \text{MOD}^1, \sigma^1)) :$ $\text{Parse } \sigma^0 \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}^0, \sigma'^0, \text{ADM}^0, \text{pk}'^0, c^0, \tau^0).$ $\text{Parse } \sigma^1 \text{ as } (\sigma_{\text{FIX}}^1, \sigma'^1, \text{ADM}^1, \text{pk}'^1, c^1, \tau^1).$ $m_{\text{FIX}}^0 := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}^0(m), \text{ADM}^0, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ $m_{\text{FIX}}^1 := (\text{FIX}_{\text{ADM}}^1(m), \text{ADM}^1, \text{pk}_{\text{san}})$ $\text{if } \text{Verify}(m^0, \sigma^0, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) = 0 \text{ or } \text{Verify}(m^1, \sigma^1, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{pk}_{\text{san}}) = 0$ $\text{or } \text{ADM}^0(\text{MOD}^0) = 0 \text{ or } \text{ADM}^1(\text{MOD}^1) = 0$ $\text{or } \text{MOD}^0(m^0) \neq \text{MOD}^1(m^1)$ $\text{output } \perp$ $\text{if } \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^0 \neq \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^1$ $\text{if } (m_{\text{FIX}}^0, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^0) \notin L_\sigma$ $\text{abort and output } (m_{\text{FIX}}^0, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^0)$ $\text{else}$ $\text{abort and output } (m_{\text{FIX}}^1, \sigma_{\text{FIX}}^1)$ $(m', \sigma') \leftarrow \text{Sanit}(m^b, \text{MOD}^b, \sigma^b, \text{pk}_{\text{sig}}, \text{sk}_{\text{san}})$ $\text{output } (m', \sigma')$	

**Fig. 10.** Description of reduction  $\mathcal{B}_9$ , reducing the occurrence of event query in the unlinkability experiment of SanS against the s-EUF security of  $\Sigma$ .

## 5 Instantiating the Construction

We instantiate our generic construction with compatible and efficient instantiations. For the two signature schemes, we choose standard Schnorr signatures as defined in [Definition 11](#) for  $\Sigma$ , as well as a derandomized version of Schnorr signatures for  $\Sigma_{\text{FIX}}$ <sup>3</sup>. The encryption scheme and proof systems are instantiated with the Cramer Shoup encryption scheme [13], and  $\Sigma$ -protocols that we convert into a non-interactive zero-knowledge proof via the Fiat-Shamir transform [14]. The Cramer Shoup encryption scheme is defined as follows:

**Definition 21 (Cramer Shoup Encryption Scheme).** *Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a cyclic group of prime order  $q$  with two random generators  $g_1, g_2$  and let  $\mathcal{H} : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  be a hash function. The Cramer Shoup encryption scheme, working over  $\mathbb{G}$ , is defined as follows:*

**EGen( $1^\kappa$ ):** *The key generation algorithm proceeds as follows: Pick  $x, y, a, b, a', b' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  uniformly at random, compute  $h := g_1^x g_2^y$ ,  $h := g_1^a g_2^b$ ,  $h := g_1^{a'} g_2^{b'}$ , set  $\text{dk} := (x, y, a, b, a', b')$  and  $\text{ek} := (h, c, d)$  and output  $(\text{dk}, \text{ek})$ .*

**Enc( $\text{ek}, m$ ):** *The encryption algorithm proceeds as follows: Parse  $\text{ek}$  as  $(h, c, d)$  and choose  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  uniformly at random. Compute  $\alpha := \mathcal{H}(g_1^r, g_2^r, h^r \cdot m)$  and  $C := (g_1^r, g_2^r, h^r \cdot m, (cd^\alpha)^r)$ . Output  $C$ .*

**Dec( $\text{dk}, C$ ):** *The decryption algorithm proceeds as follows: Parse  $\text{dk}$  as  $(x, y, a, b, a', b')$  and  $C$  as  $(u, v, w, e)$ . Compute  $\alpha := \mathcal{H}(u, v, w)$  and check if  $u^{a+\alpha a'} \cdot v^{b+\alpha b'} = e$  holds. If it holds output  $w/(u^x \cdot v^y)$ . Otherwise output  $\perp$ .*

The remaining building blocks for our construction are the two non-interactive zero-knowledge proof systems. We instantiate these NIZK here with specific Fiat-Shamir transformed [14]  $\Sigma$ -protocols specified below.

*$\Sigma$ -Protocol for Encryption of Public Key* In this section we show how to instantiate the Proof of Knowledge for the language  $\mathcal{L}_1$ . The statement that we want to prove in our concrete instantiation looks as follows:

$$\text{stmt} := (\text{ek} := (g_1, g_2, h, c, d), C := (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4), \text{pk}', \text{pk}_{\text{san}}, \text{pk})$$

$$PoK \left\{ (\omega, \rho) : \begin{array}{l} g_1^\omega = c_1 \wedge g_2^\omega = c_2 \wedge (cd^\alpha)^\omega = c_4 \\ \wedge \frac{h^\omega}{g^\rho} = \frac{c_3}{\text{pk}'} \wedge \left( g_1^\rho = \frac{\text{pk}'}{\text{pk}} \vee g_1^\rho = \frac{\text{pk}'}{\text{pk}_{\text{san}}} \right) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Note that the statement that we are proving can be expressed as a logical combination of discrete logarithm proofs of knowledge. For the design of each single discrete logarithm proofs we deploy Schnorr's  $\Sigma$ -protocols from [24]. We then formulate the complete proof using standard parallel composition techniques, first introduced in [11,12]. The complete protocol is depicted in [Figure 11](#). It is worth mentioning that, in order to express the logical disjunction of our statement, the prover must run the simulator  $S$  provided by the zero-knowledge property [Definition 19](#). For the specific case of  $\Sigma$ -protocols  $S_\Sigma$  works by randomly sampling  $z_i, s_i$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  and computing  $T_i$  as  $g_1^{s_i} / (\frac{\text{pk}'}{\text{pk}})^{z_i}$  (or  $g_1^{s_i} / (\frac{\text{pk}'}{\text{pk}_{\text{san}}})^{z_i}$ , respectively). Finally, as mentioned above, the protocol can be made non-interactive by using the Fiat-Shamir transformation. Note that this allow us to drop the first tuple of elements  $(T_0, \dots, T_5)$  since they can be simply recomputed from the public parameters and the further messages of the protocol and their integrity can be checked by recomputing the hash function.

*$\Sigma$ -Protocol for Proof of Decryption* In this paragraph we show how to instantiate the proof of knowledge for the language  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . We prove the following statement:

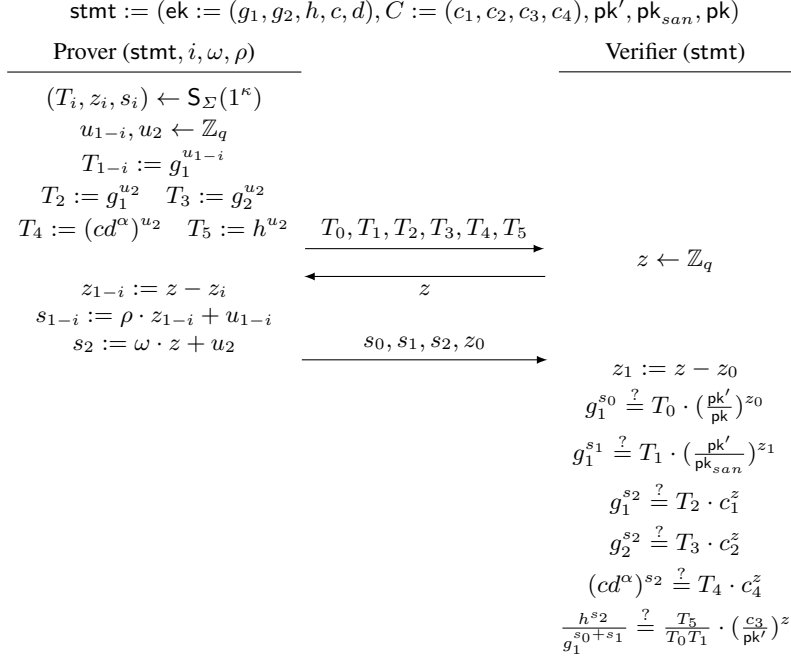
$$\text{stmt} := (\text{ek} := (g_1, g_2, h, c, d), C := (c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4), \hat{\text{pk}})$$

$$ZK \{ (\chi, \psi) : g_1^\chi g_2^\psi = h \wedge c_1^\chi c_2^\psi = \frac{c_3}{\hat{\text{pk}}} \}.$$

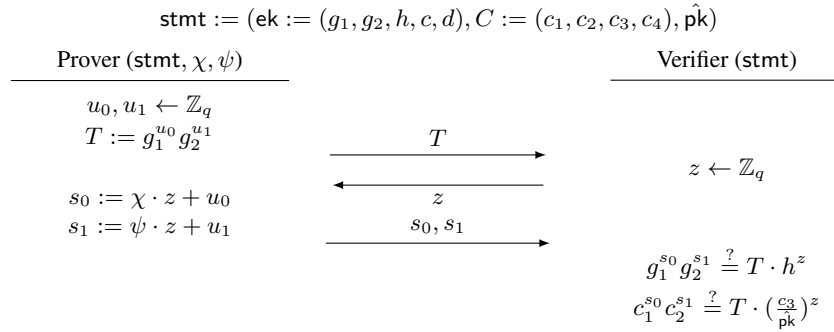
Again, for the concrete instantiation in [Figure 12](#) we deploy parallel composition of  $\Sigma$ -protocols made non-interactive via the Fiat-Shamir transformation.

Combining these building blocks yields a highly efficient sanitizable signature scheme.

<sup>3</sup> Note, that while the original security proof[22,23] for Schnorr signatures only proves standard existential unforgeability, it can be easily adapted to prove strong existential unforgeability



**Fig. 11.**  $\Sigma$ -Protocol for Encryption of Public Key



**Fig. 12.**  $\Sigma$ -Protocol for Proof of Decryption



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## A Insecure Signature Schemes Under Rerandomized Keys

### A.1 Boneh Boyen

The scheme by Boneh and Boyen [3] works in a bilinear groups setting and is proven existentially unforgeable under the  $q$ -SDH assumption. The scheme works as follows: The secret key consists of  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  and the public key consists of the corresponding  $\mathbb{G}_2$  elements  $u := g_2^x$  and  $v := g_2^y$ . To sign a message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , the signer chooses a random  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , computes  $s := g_1^{1/(x+m+yr)}$ , and outputs the signature  $\sigma = (r, s)$ . To verify that a signature is valid, the verifier checks that  $e(s, u \cdot g_2^m \cdot v^r) = e(g_1, g_2)$  holds.

The keys of the scheme can be rerandomized additively. I.e., given randomness  $(\rho_1, \rho_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^2$ , secret keys are randomized as  $(x', y') := (x + \rho_1, y + \rho_2)$  and public keys are randomized as  $(u', v') := (u \cdot g_2^{\rho_1}, v \cdot g_2^{\rho_2})$ .

Even though this scheme is proven existentially unforgeable and has perfectly rerandomizable keys it is trivially forgeable under rerandomized keys. The attack is very simple: The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  on input the public key  $(u, v)$  chooses a random message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  as well as a random value  $\rho_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ . It then queries  $(m, (\rho_1, 0))$  to its signing oracle receiving back a signature  $\sigma = (r, s)$ . It finally computes  $m' := m + \rho_1$  and outputs  $\sigma, m', (0, 0)$  as a forgery.

It is easy to verify, that the verification equation actually holds for the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$e(s, u \cdot g_2^{m'} \cdot v^r) = e(g_1, g_2) \quad (35)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(s, g_2^{x+m+\rho_1+yr}) = e(g_1, g_2) \quad (36)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g_1^{\frac{1}{(x+\rho_1)+m+yr}}, g_2^{x+\rho_1+m+yr}) = e(g_1, g_2) \quad (37)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g_1, g_2)^{\frac{x+\rho_1+m+yr}{x+\rho_1+m+yr}} = e(g_1, g_2) \quad (38)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g_1, g_2) = e(g_1, g_2) \quad (39)$$

Further, the only message queried to the signing oracle is  $m$ , and  $m' \neq m$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the UFRK game with probability 1.

## A.2 Camenisch Lysyanskaya

The signature scheme by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [8] works in a symmetric bilinear groups setting and is proven existentially unforgeable under the LRSW assumption. The scheme works as follows: The secret key consists of  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  and the public key consists of the corresponding group elements  $X := g^x$  and  $Y := g^y$ . To sign a message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ , the signer chooses a random  $a \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ , computes  $b := a^y$  and  $c := a^{x+mx}$ , and outputs the signature  $\sigma = (a, b, c)$ . To verify that a signature is valid, the verifier checks that  $e(a, Y) = e(g, b)$  and  $e(X, a) \cdot e(X, b)^m = e(g, c)$  hold.

The keys of the scheme can be rerandomized multiplicatively<sup>4</sup>. I.e., given randomness  $(\rho_1, \rho_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^2$ , secret keys are randomized as  $(x', y') := (x \cdot \rho_1, y \cdot \rho_2)$  and public keys are randomized as  $(X', Y') := (X^{\rho_1}, Y^{\rho_2})$ .

Again, this scheme is proven existentially unforgeable and has perfectly rerandomizable keys. Nevertheless it also is trivially forgeable under rerandomized keys. The attack is very simple: The adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  on input the public key  $(X, Y)$  chooses a random message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$  as well as a random value  $\rho_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^* \setminus \{1\}$ . It then queries  $(m, (1, \rho_2))$  to its signing oracle receiving back a signature  $\sigma = (a, b, c)$ . It finally computes  $m' := m \cdot \rho_2$  and  $b' := b^{\rho_2^{-1}}$  and outputs  $(a, b', c), m', (1, 1)$  as a forgery.

It is easy to verify, that the verification equation actually holds for the output of  $\mathcal{A}$ . For the first check equation we have:

$$e(a, Y) = e(g, b') \quad (40)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(a, g^y) = e(g, b^{\rho_2^{-1}}) \quad (41)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g^y, a) = e(g, a^{(y\rho_2) \cdot \rho_2^{-1}}) \quad (42)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g^y, a) = e(g, a^y) \quad (43)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g, a)^y = e(g, a)^y. \quad (44)$$

For the second check equation we have:

$$e(X, a) \cdot e(X, b')^{m'} = e(g, c) \quad (45)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g^x, a) \cdot e(g^x, b^{\rho_2^{-1}})^{m \cdot \rho_2} = e(g, a^{x+mx\rho_2}) \quad (46)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g, a)^x \cdot e(g^x, a^{y\rho_2\rho_2^{-1}})^{m\rho_2} = e(g, a)^{x+mx\rho_2} \quad (47)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g, a)^x \cdot e(g, a)^{mxy\rho_2} = e(g, a)^{x+mx\rho_2} \quad (48)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow e(g, a)^{x+mx\rho_2} = e(g, a)^{x+mx\rho_2}. \quad (49)$$

Further, the only message queried to the signing oracle is  $m$ , and  $m' \neq m$ , since  $\rho_2 \neq 1$ . Therefore, it follows that  $\mathcal{A}$  wins the UFRK game with probability 1.

<sup>4</sup> The keys can also be rerandomized additively, however in that case neither a proof of security nor an attack are apparent.