

Non-delegatable Identity-based Designated Verifier Signature

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Abstract

Designated verifier signature is a cryptographic primitive which allows a signer to convince a designated verifier of the validity of a statement but in the meanwhile prevents the verifier from transferring this conviction to any third party. In this work we present the *first* identity-based designated verifier signature scheme that supports non-delegatability, and prove its security in the random oracle model, based on computational Diffie-Hellman assumption. Our scheme is perfectly non-transferable, and its non-delegatability follows the original definition proposed by Lipmaa et al. [21].

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1 Introduction

Designated verifier signature (DVS in short), introduced by Jakobsson, Sako and Impagliazzo [15], aims to allow an entity say, Alice, to prove that she has signed a document Θ to a specific entity say, Bob, in such a way that Bob is convinced about the fact but, unlike conventional digital signatures, he could not transfer this conviction to any third party. This property is called *non-transferability*, which is accomplished by empowering Bob the ability of producing signatures indistinguishable from those generated by Alice. After receiving a signature from Alice, Bob is sure about that Alice made the signature as he didn't do so. However, any third party only believes that either Alice or Bob is the signer of the signature. Designated verifier signature has applications in e-voting [15], deniable authentication [29] and etc.

1.1 Related Work

Since the introduction of DVS [15], there have been a lot of work on it and its variants. Jakobsson et al. [15] proposed a stronger version of DVS, *strong designated verifier signature* (SDVS), in which only the verifier can verify the validity of a signature designated to him since the verification requires the secret key of the designated verifier. Steinfeld et al. [25] proposed the notion of *universal designated verifier signature* (UDVS), in which the holder of a signature can designate any third party as the designated verifier for checking the validity of the signature, but in the meanwhile, the designated verifier still could not convince others the source of the signature. Laguillaumie et al. studied other variants of designated verifier signatures [19, 18], i.e. multi-designated verifiers signatures and etc. Later, Zhang et al. [34] proposed a UDVS scheme secure without random oracles based on Boneh-Boyen short

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signature [3]. Independently, Laguillaumie et al. [17] and Huang et al. [13] proposed (almost) the same UDVS schemes based on Waters signature [30], which are also secure without random oracles. Vergnaud [28] gave another two constructions of UDVS, one based on Boneh-Boyen short signature [3] and secure without random oracles but requiring a strong assumption named *knowledge-of-exponent assumption* [7], and the other based on Boneh-Lynn-Shacham signature [5] and secure in the random oracle model [2]. Recently Yu et al. [31] gave a construction of universal designated verifier proxy signature scheme without random oracles, which is essentially an extension of the schemes in [17, 13].

Besides the aforementioned designated verifier signature schemes and variants in the conventional public key infrastructure (PKI) setting, another interesting and practically useful variant is *identity-based designated verifier signature* (IBDVS in short), which is a combination of DVS and identity-based cryptography [24]. Susilo et al. [27] studied DVS schemes in the identity-based setting and proposed an identity-based SDVS scheme based on bilinear Diffie-Hellman (BDH) assumption. Huang et al. [14] also proposed a strong DVS scheme and an identity-based SDVS scheme based on Diffie-Hellman key exchange, which has very short signature size. Recently, Kang et al. [16] proposed another identity-based SDVS scheme which is secure based BDH assumption, which was later shown to be forgeable [9, 11]. Cao et al. [6] proposed the first identity-based (universal) designated verifier signature scheme that is secure without the random oracles. Their scheme is based on Paterson-Schuldt identity-based signature scheme [22], which in turn is based Waters signature scheme [30]. In essence, their scheme is the two-user version of the identity-based ring signature scheme proposed by Au et al. [1].

Lipmaa, Wang and Bao [21] considered a new type of attacks against DVS schemes, i.e. *delegatability attack*, in which Alice or Bob could release a derivative of their secret key to any third party say Teddy, so that Teddy can produce signatures on behalf of Alice using this derivative. They proposed the notion of *non-delegatability*, which basically requires that if one produces a valid signature with respect to Alice and Bob, it must ‘know’ the secret key of either Alice or Bob. Though non-delegatability is debatable, as argued in [21], it is still desired in many applications, such as the hypothetical e-voting protocol, and the online subscription system. Susilo et al. showed the reasonableness of the definition of non-delegatability and further refined the definition of it in [26].

Many DVS schemes have been shown to be vulnerable to delegatability attacks in [21, 20]. Besides those scheme, it is also easy to show that the identity-based schemes recently proposed in [14, 6, 16] are also vulnerable to this kind of attacks. In 2006, Huang et al. [12] proposed the first UDVS scheme which supports non-delegatability. However, their scheme is in the PKI setting. Recently, Zhang et al. [33] proposed an identity-based SDVS scheme which is claimed to be non-delegatable. But a recent work [32] showed that their scheme is actually delegatable. Therefore, there is still no DVS scheme in the identity-based setting that is provably non-delegatable.

1.2 Our Work

In this work we propose the *first* non-delegatable identity-based designated verifier signature scheme, which is based on Gentry et al.’s hierarchical identity-based encryption scheme [10]. Though our scheme does not outperform other schemes like [33, 6] in terms of signature size, our proposal is provably non-delegatable according to the original definition proposed by Lipmaa et al. [21], i.e. there is an extractor which, given a forger algorithm, can extract the secret key of either the signer or the verifier in the black-box manner. In addition, we show that our scheme is existentially unforgeable in the random oracle model assuming the hardness of CDH problem, which is a widely used and well studied number-theoretic assumption. Our construction of IBDVS also enjoys perfectly non-transferability in the sense that the signer’s signatures can be perfectly simulated by the designated verifier.

1.3 Paper Organization

In the next section we review the definition of IBDVS and its security model. Some mathematical background is given in Sec. 3. Our IBDVS scheme is then proposed in Sec. 4. We also prove its security with respect to the given security definitions in the random oracle model in Sec. 5, along with a comparison between our scheme and other existing schemes. The paper is concluded in Sec. 6.

2 Identity-based Designated Verifier Signature

A designated verifier signature scheme [15] consists of four (probabilistic) polynomial-time algorithms, one for key generation, one for the signer to sign with respect to a designated verifier, one for the designated verifier to simulate the signer’s signature, and the other for verification. Identity-based designated verifier signature (IBDVS) is the analogy of DVS in the identity-based setting. Below is the formal definition of it.

Definition 2.1 (IBDVS). *An identity-based designated verifier signature scheme consists of five (probabilistic) polynomial-time algorithms, described as below:*

- * **Setup:** *The algorithm takes as input a security parameter 1^k , and outputs a master key pair for the PKG, i.e. $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k)$, where mpk is published, and msk is kept secret by the PKG.*
- * **Extract:** *The algorithm takes as input the master secret key msk and an identity id which can be a string of arbitrary length, and outputs the corresponding secret key usk_{id} for the user with identity id , i.e. $\text{usk}_{\text{id}} \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id})$.*
- * **Sign:** *The algorithm takes as input the secret key of the signer usk_S , the identity of the designated verifier id_V , the master public key mpk and a message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, and outputs a signature σ , i.e. $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M)$.*
- * **Ver:** *The algorithm takes as input a message M , the identities of the signer and the verifier, i.e. id_S, id_V , the master public key mpk and a purported signature σ , and outputs a bit b , which is 1 for acceptance or 0 for rejection, i.e. $b \leftarrow \text{Ver}(M, \text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, \sigma)$.*
- * **Sim:** *The algorithm takes as the secret key of the verifier usk_V , the identity of the signer id_V , the master public key mpk and a message M , and outputs a signature σ , i.e. $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M)$.*

The *completeness* requires that for any $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k)$, any $\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V \in \{0, 1\}^*$, $\text{usk}_S \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_S)$, $\text{usk}_V \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_V)$, any message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{Ver}(M, \text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, \text{Sign}(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M)) = 1] &= 1, \quad \text{and} \\ \Pr[\text{Ver}(M, \text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, \text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M)) = 1] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

2.1 Unforgeability

Roughly speaking, unforgeability requires that any third party other than the signer and the designated verifier, cannot forge a signature on behalf of the signer with non-negligible probability. Formally, it is defined by the following game, G^u , played between a game challenger C and a probabilistic polynomial-time adversary \mathcal{A} :

1. \mathcal{C} runs the Setup algorithm to generate a master key pair (mpk, msk) , and invokes \mathcal{A} on input mpk .
2. In this phase, the adversary can issue queries to the following oracles, for polynomial times:
 - * \mathcal{O}_E : Given a query id from \mathcal{A} , the oracle computes $\text{usk}_{\text{id}} \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id})$, and returns usk_{id} to \mathcal{A} .
 - * $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Sign}}$: Given a query of the form $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M)$, the oracle first computes the secret key of id_S as $\text{usk}_S \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_S)$, and signs M by computing $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M)$. It returns σ back to \mathcal{A} .
 - * \mathcal{O}_{Sim} : Given a query of the form $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M)$, the oracle first computes the secret key of id_V as $\text{usk}_V \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_V)$, and signs M by computing $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M)$. It returns σ back to \mathcal{A} .
3. Finally, \mathcal{A} outputs its forgery, $(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, \sigma^*)$. It wins the game if
 - (a) $1 \leftarrow \text{Ver}(M^*, \text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, \text{mpk}, \sigma^*)$;
 - (b) \mathcal{A} did not query \mathcal{O}_E on input id_S^* and id_V^* , and
 - (c) \mathcal{A} did not query $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Sign}}$ and \mathcal{O}_{Sim} on input $(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*)$.

Definition 2.2 (Unforgeability). *An IBDVS scheme is said to be $(T, q_E, q_{\text{Sign}}, q_{\text{Sim}}, \epsilon)$ -unforgeable if there is no adversary \mathcal{A} which runs in time at most T , issues at most q_E queries to \mathcal{O}_E , at most q_{Sign} queries to $\mathcal{O}_{\text{Sign}}$, at most q_{Sim} queries to \mathcal{O}_{Sim} , and wins the game with probability at least ϵ .*

2.2 Non-Transferability

Non-transferability says that given a message-signature pair (M, σ) which is accepted by the designated verifier, it is infeasible for any probabilistic polynomial-time distinguisher to tell whether the message was signed by the signer or the designated verifier, if the distinguisher does not know the signer's secret key. Formally, we consider the following definition.

Definition 2.3 (Non-Transferability). *An IBDVS scheme is non-transferable if the signature output by the signer is computationally indistinguishable from that output by the designated verifier, i.e.*

$$\{\text{Sign}(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M)\} \approx \{\text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M)\}$$

That is, for any probabilistic polynomial-time distinguisher \mathcal{D} , for any $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k)$, any identities $\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V \in \{0, 1\}^$, any message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, let $\text{usk}_S \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_S)$ and $\text{usk}_V \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_V)$, it holds that*

$$\left| \Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} \sigma_0 \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M), \sigma_1 \leftarrow \text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M) \\ b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}, b' \leftarrow \mathcal{D}(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}, \text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, \sigma_b) \end{array} : b' = b \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right| < \epsilon(k)$$

where $\epsilon(k)$ is a negligible function¹ in the security parameter k , and the probability is taken over the randomness used in Setup, Extract, Sign and Sim, and the random coins consumed by \mathcal{D} .

If the two distributions are identical, we say that the IBDVS scheme is perfectly non-transferable.

¹A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is *negligible* in the security parameter k if for every polynomial $q(\cdot)$, there exists some $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $k > K$, $f(k) < 1/q(k)$.

Remark 1 : The definition of non-transferability above is actually very strong, in the sense that even the trusted authority (the PKG) cannot tell correctly that a signature is from the signer or from the designated verifier, with a probability non-negligibly larger than one-half. One can also define a much weaker version of non-transferability, by restricting the distinguisher from obtaining the master secret key.

2.3 Non-Delegatability

Intuitively, non-delegatability requires that to generate a valid signature on a message, one has to ‘know’ the secret key of the signer or the designated verifier. Formally, we consider the following definition, which is an extension of the definition given in [21] to the identity-based setting.

Definition 2.4 (Non-delegatability). *Let $\kappa \in [0, 1]$ be the knowledge error. An IBDVS scheme is (T, κ) -non-delegatable if there exists a black-box knowledge extractor \mathcal{K} that, for every algorithm \mathcal{F} , satisfies the following condition:*

For every $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k)$, every $\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V \in \{0, 1\}^$, every $\text{usk}_S \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_S)$, $\text{usk}_V \leftarrow \text{Extract}(\text{msk}, \text{id}_V)$, and every message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, if \mathcal{F} produces a valid signature on M with respect to id_S, id_V with probability $\epsilon > \kappa$, (denote this algorithm by $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$), then on input M and on oracle access to $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$, \mathcal{K} produces either usk_S or usk_V in expected time $T \cdot (\epsilon - \kappa)^{-1}$, without counting the time to make oracle queries. Note that the probability of \mathcal{F} is taken over the choice of its random coins and the choices of the random oracles.*

Remark 2 : We stress that if the IBDVS scheme is provably secure in the random oracle model, all the adversaries in games of unforgeability, non-transferability and non-delegatability have access to the random oracles. The definitions of the three security properties are modified accordingly to take into account the numbers of queries to the random oracles issued by the adversaries.

3 Mathematical Background

(Admissible Pairings): Let \mathbb{G} and \mathbb{G}_T be two cyclic groups of large prime order p . The mapping $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ is said to be an *admissible pairing*, if

- * *Bilinearity*: $\forall u, v \in \mathbb{G}$ and $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $e(u^a, v^b) = e(u, v)^{ab}$;
- * *Non-degeneracy*: $\exists u, v \in \mathbb{G}$ such that $e(u, v) \neq 1_T$, where 1_T is the identity element of \mathbb{G}_T ; and
- * *Computability*: there exists an efficient algorithm for computing $e(u, v)$ for any $u, v \in \mathbb{G}$.

(CDH Assumption): Let \mathbb{G} be a cyclic group of prime order p , and g be a random generator of \mathbb{G} . The computational Diffie-Hellman (CDH) problem is as follows:

Given g, g^a, g^b for some random $a, b \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, compute g^{ab} .

Definition 3.1 (CDH Assumption). *We say that the CDH assumption (T, ϵ) holds in \mathbb{G} if there is no probabilistic polynomial-time adversary \mathcal{A} that runs in time at most T and*

$$\Pr \left[a, b \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p, D \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(g, g^a, g^b) : D = g^{ab} \right] > \epsilon$$

where the probability is taken over the random choices of $a, b \in \mathbb{G}$ and the random coins consumed by \mathcal{A} .

4 Our Non-delegatable IBDVS

In this section we propose an identity-based designated verifier signature scheme which is *non-delegatable*. Before proposing the scheme, we first briefly discuss the difficulty in constructing an IBDVS scheme.

To the best of our knowledge, all the identity-based (strong) designated verifier signature schemes use bilinear pairings. These schemes either use a common secret key shared between the signer and the designated verifier to produce a signature, i.e. [14, 16, 6], thus impossible for one to extract the user secret key from a signature, or use too many blind factors to hide the user secret key, i.e. [27, 33], thus infeasible for one to recover the key.

Based on the observation, we employ a different method in constructing IBDVS schemes. Our scheme is based Gentry-Silverberg HIBE scheme [10], in which there is only one blind factor for hiding the user secret key. A signature of user with identity id on message M is $\sigma = (S_1, S_2) = (\mathbf{H}_1(\text{id})^\alpha \cdot \mathbf{H}_2(M)^r, g^r)$, where $\mathbf{H}_1(\text{id})^\alpha$ is the user secret key. A signature of user id is verified as $e(S_1, g) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\mathbf{H}_1(\text{id}), g^\alpha) \cdot e(\mathbf{H}_2(M), S_2)$ where g^α is the master public key. If we do not include $S_2 = g^r$ in the signature, but instead set S_2 to be a non-interactive proof of knowledge of the randomness r showing that S_1 is binding to either the signer or the designated verifier, the signature becomes a designated verifier signature. Moreover, given an adversary which forges a signature, we can run the extractor of the proof of knowledge to extract the randomness r from S_2 , and then get the secret key by removing the factor $\mathbf{H}_2(M)^r$.

4.1 The Scheme

Our construction of IBDVS works as follows:

* **Setup**(1^k): The PKG chooses two cyclic groups of prime order p of k bits, \mathbb{G} and \mathbb{G}_T , a random generator g of \mathbb{G} , and an admissible pairing $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$. It selects at random $\alpha \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, sets $g_1 = g^\alpha$, and selects three collision-resistant hash functions, $\mathbf{H}_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$, $\mathbf{H}_2 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G} \setminus \{1\}$ and $\mathbf{H}_3 : (\{0, 1\}^*)^3 \times \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G}_T^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, which will be modeled as random oracles in the security proofs. The master public key is set to be $\text{mpk} = (g, g_1, \mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2, \mathbf{H}_3)$, and the master secret key is $\text{msk} = \alpha$.

* **Extract**(msk, id): The secret key of a user with identity id is set to be $\text{usk}_{\text{id}} = \mathbf{H}_1(\text{id})^\alpha$.

* **Sign**($\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M$): To sign a message M with respect to the designated verifier (with identity id_V), the signer (with identity id_S) does as follows:

1. Choose at random $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$.
2. Set $S_1 = \text{usk}_S \cdot \mathbf{H}_2(M)^r$. Using r and hash function \mathbf{H}_3 , compute the following proof of knowledge:

$$S_2 = PK \left\{ \beta : e(\mathbf{H}_2(M), g)^\beta = \frac{e(S_1, g)}{e(\mathbf{H}_1(\text{id}_S), g_1)} \vee e(\mathbf{H}_2(M), g)^\beta = \frac{e(S_1, g)}{e(\mathbf{H}_1(\text{id}_V), g_1)} \right\} (\overline{M}) \quad (1)$$

where $\overline{M} = (\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1)$. Set $\sigma = (S_1, S_2)$. In Sec. 4.2 we give the details in the generation and verification of S_2 .

* **Ver**($M, \text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, \sigma$): After receiving a signature $\sigma = (S_1, S_2)$ and a message M from the signer (with identity id_S), the verifier (with identity id_V) checks the validity of the proof of knowledge S_2 with respect to $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1)$. It accepts if the proof of knowledge is valid, and rejects otherwise.

* $\text{Sim}(\text{usk}_V, \text{id}_S, \text{mpk}, M)$: To simulate a signature on M , the verifier does as the signer, except that S_1 is now computed as $S_1 = \text{usk}_V \cdot \text{H}_2(M)^r$.

It's easy to see that the scheme is complete. Details can be found in Sec. 4.2.

EFFICIENCY: In our IBDVS scheme a signature comprises of 1 element of \mathbb{G} and 4 elements of \mathbb{Z}_p . The signing algorithm and the simulation algorithm involves 3 pairing evaluations, 1 exponentiation in \mathbb{G} and 3 exponentiations in \mathbb{G}_T . The verification algorithm involves 4 pairing evaluations and 4 exponentiations in \mathbb{G}_T .

4.2 Details of Generation and Verification of (1)

To generate (1), the signer does as follows:

1. Choose $r_0, e_1, z_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$.
2. Set $R_0 = \text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{r_0}$ and

$$R_1 = \frac{\text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{z_1}}{(\text{e}(S_1, g)/\text{e}(H_1(\text{id}_V), g_1))^{e_1}}$$

3. Set $e = \text{H}_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1)$.
4. Set $e_0 = e - e_1, z_0 = r_0 + \beta e_0$.

The proof of knowledge S_2 is set to be $S_2 = (R_0, e_0, z_0, R_1, z_1)$. To shorten the signature, we can set $S_2 = (e_0, z_0, e_1, z_1)$. For the sake of the simplicity, we use the former setting of S_2 here and in the security proofs, while using the latter setting in the performance comparison at the end of Sec. 5.

A designated verifier with identity id_V can produce an indistinguishable proofs of knowledge similarly. The difference is to replace the subscripts of the variables above with their complements.

To verify a proof of knowledge $S_2 = (R_0, e_0, z_0, R_1, z_1)$, the verifier does as the following:

1. Compute $e_1 = \text{H}_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1) - e_0$.
2. Check if

$$\text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{z_0} \stackrel{?}{=} R_0 \cdot \left(\frac{\text{e}(S_1, g)}{\text{e}(H_1(\text{id}_S), g_1)} \right)^{e_0} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{z_1} \stackrel{?}{=} R_1 \cdot \left(\frac{\text{e}(S_1, g)}{\text{e}(H_1(\text{id}_V), g_1)} \right)^{e_1} \quad (3)$$

It accepts if both of the equations above hold, and rejects otherwise.

The proof of knowledge can be simulated without the knowledge of β efficiently in the random oracle model. Namely, the simulator randomly selects $e_0, z_0, e_1, z_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, computes

$$R_0 = \frac{\text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{z_0}}{(\text{e}(S_1, g)/\text{e}(H_1(\text{id}_V), g_1))^{e_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad R_1 = \frac{\text{e}(\text{H}_2(M), g)^{z_1}}{(\text{e}(S_1, g)/\text{e}(H_1(\text{id}_V), g_1))^{e_1}}$$

and then patches the random oracle H_3 with $((\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1), e)$, i.e. setting $\text{H}_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1) = e$. It's easy to see that the simulated proof also passes the verification above, and

the simulated proof is perfectly indistinguishable from a real proof generated by the signer or the designated verifier.

Moreover, given two valid tuples $(R_0, e_0, z_0, R_1, z_1)$ and $(R_0, e'_0, z'_0, R_1, z'_1)$ and two different answers to the query $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1)$ returned by the random oracle H_3 , say e and $e' \neq e$, there is an efficient algorithm which extracts the secret β from the two tuples.

If $e_0 \neq e'_0$. Let $R_0 = \mathbf{e}(\mathsf{H}_2(M), g)^{r_0}$ for some $r_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. From the two instances of Eq. (2) we have that

$$z_0 = r_0 + e_0\beta_0 \quad \text{and} \quad z'_0 = r_0 + e'_0\beta_0$$

Then β_0 can be obtained by computing

$$\beta_0 = \frac{z_0 - z'_0}{e_0 - e'_0}$$

It can be verified that

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}(S_1, g)}{\mathbf{e}(\mathsf{H}_1(\text{id}_S), g_1)} = \mathbf{e}(\mathsf{H}_2(M), g)^{\beta_0}$$

On the other hand, if $e - e_0 \neq e' - e'_0$, the extractor can extract another $\beta_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ from (e_1, z_1, e'_1, z'_1) as above, such that

$$\frac{\mathbf{e}(S_1, g)}{\mathbf{e}(\mathsf{H}_1(\text{id}_V), g_1)} = \mathbf{e}(\mathsf{H}_2(M), g)^{\beta_1}$$

5 Security Proofs

Informally, since the group \mathbb{G} is of prime order p , $\mathsf{H}_2(M)^r$ generates the whole group. Therefore, $\mathsf{H}_1(\text{id}_S)^\alpha$ is perfectly hidden by $\mathsf{H}_2(M)^r$. That is, the distribution of $\mathsf{H}_1(\text{id}_S)^\alpha \mathsf{H}_2(M)^r$ is identical to that of $\mathsf{H}_1(\text{id}_V)^\alpha \mathsf{H}_2(M)^r$. In addition, the proof of knowledge S_2 is perfectly witness indistinguishable. In a consequence, the signature produced by the signer is perfectly indistinguishable from that by the verifier.

To see the non-delegatability, we can construct an extractor which controls the output of the random oracle H_2 . The validity of a signature indicates that either the secret key of id_S or that of id_V is contained in S_1 . If an adversary outputs a valid signature with respect to id_S, id_V , the extractor can first extract the witness r encapsulated in S_2 by rewinding the adversary to some previous status, and then remove the factor $\mathsf{H}_2(M)^r$ from S_1 .

Theorem 5.1. *If CDH assumption (T, ϵ) holds in \mathbb{G} , the IBDVS scheme above is $(T', q_{\mathsf{H}_1}, q_{\mathsf{H}_2}, q_{\mathsf{H}_3}, q_E, q_{\text{Sign}}, q_{\text{Sim}}, \epsilon')$ -unforgeable, where*

$$T' = \Theta(T), \quad \epsilon' < \frac{10\epsilon^2 q_E^2 \sqrt{q_{\mathsf{H}_3}}}{9} \cdot \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

and ϵ is the natural logarithm.

Proof. Given an adversary \mathcal{A} against the unforgeability of the IBDVS scheme with success probability ϵ' , we use it to build another algorithm \mathcal{B} for solving the CDH problem with success probability ϵ . Given a random instance of CDH problem, $(g, g_1 = g^a, g_2 = g^b)$, \mathcal{B} aims to find g^{ab} . It works as follows:

Setup : \mathcal{B} chooses three collision-resistant hash functions $\mathsf{H}_1, \mathsf{H}_2$ and H_3 as required by the scheme, and invokes the adversary \mathcal{A} on input $\text{mpk} = (g, g_1, \mathsf{H}_1, \mathsf{H}_2, \mathsf{H}_3)$. Note that the master secret key $\text{msk} = \log_g g_1 = a$ is unknown to \mathcal{B} .

Query : \mathcal{B} simulates the following oracles for \mathcal{A} by maintaining three hash tables, HT_1 , HT_2 and HT_3 .

- * H_1 *Query*: Given a query id , if there is an entry starting with id in table HT_1 , \mathcal{B} retrieves the corresponding value $H_1(\text{id})$ from HT_1 , and returns it. Otherwise, \mathcal{B} tosses a coin c so that $\Pr[c = 1] = \delta$ which will be determined later. If $c = 0$, \mathcal{B} chooses at random $t \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and sets $H_1(\text{id}) = g_2^t$; otherwise, it chooses at random $t \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and sets $H_1(\text{id}) = g^t$. In either, \mathcal{B} stores the tuple $(\text{id}, H_1(\text{id}), c, t)$ into table HT_1 , and returns $H_1(\text{id})$ back to \mathcal{A} .
- * H_2 *Query*: Given an input M , if there is an entry starting with it in table HT_2 , \mathcal{B} retrieves the corresponding answer $H_2(M)$ from the table and returns it. Otherwise, \mathcal{B} returns $m \leftarrow H_2(M)$. It stores $(M, H_2(M))$ into table HT_2 , and returns the hash value.
- * H_3 *Query*: Given an input $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1)$, if there is an entry starting with it in table HT_3 , \mathcal{B} retrieves the corresponding answer $H_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1)$ from the table and returns it. Otherwise, \mathcal{B} chooses at random $e \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_p$, and sets $H_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1) = e$. It stores $((\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1), e)$ into table HT_3 , and returns e .
- * **Extract Query**: Given an identity id , \mathcal{B} retrieves the corresponding tuple $(\text{id}, H_1(\text{id}), c, t)$ from HT_1 . If $c = 1$, \mathcal{B} computes the user secret key $\text{usk}_{\text{id}} = g_1^t$ and returns it to \mathcal{A} . If $c = 0$, \mathcal{B} aborts.
- * **Sign Query**: Given a query $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M)$, \mathcal{B} retrieves the tuple $(\text{id}_S, H_1(\text{id}_S), c, t)$ from HT_1 . We distinguish two cases:
 - If $c = 1$, \mathcal{B} generates the user secret key of id_S as in the simulation of **Extract** oracle, and then computes the signature σ by running the **Sign** algorithm on input $(\text{usk}_S, \text{id}_V, \text{mpk}, M)$.
 - If $c = 0$, \mathcal{B} randomly selects $S_1 \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{G}$. Note that there exists some r (unknown to \mathcal{B}) such that $S_1 = H_1(\text{id}_S)^a \cdot H_2(M)^r$. \mathcal{B} then simulates the proof of knowledge S_2 in the way specified in Sec. 4.2. In case there is a collision when patching the oracle H_3 , \mathcal{B} aborts. This event occurs only with probability at most $((q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{H_3})/p$. \mathcal{B} returns $\sigma = (S_1, S_2)$ to \mathcal{A} .
- * **Sim Query**: This kind of queries can be answered by \mathcal{B} in a similar way with that above. The difference is that \mathcal{B} generates the signature from the point of the designated verifier.

Forge : Finally, \mathcal{A} outputs its forgery, $(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, \sigma^*)$ where $\sigma^* = (S_1^*, S_2^* = (R_0^*, e_0^*, z_0^*, R_1^*, z_1^*))$. Suppose that \mathcal{A} wins the game. (Otherwise \mathcal{B} aborts.) \mathcal{B} retrieves the two tuples $(\text{id}_S^*, H_1(\text{id}_S^*), c_S, t_S)$ and $(\text{id}_V^*, H_1(\text{id}_V^*), c_V, t_V)$ from HT_1 . If $c_S = 1$ or $c_V = 1$, \mathcal{B} aborts. It also retrieves the tuple $(M^*, H_2(M^*))$ from HT_2 , and the tuple $((\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, S_1^*, R_0^*, R_1^*), H_3(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, S_1^*, M^*, R_0^*, R_1^*))$ from HT_3 . Let $e^* = H_3(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, S_1^*, R_0^*, R_1^*)$. Next, \mathcal{B} rewinds \mathcal{A} to the status of querying oracle H_3 on input $(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, S_1^*, R_0^*, R_1^*)$. It chooses at random $e'^* \neq e^* \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ and answers \mathcal{A} with e'^* . \mathcal{B} then continues to simulate oracles as above for \mathcal{A} . Suppose that again, \mathcal{A} outputs a successful forgery, say $(\text{id}_S'^*, \text{id}_V'^*, M'^*, \sigma'^*)$ where $\sigma'^* = (S_1'^*, S_2'^* = (R_0'^*, e_0'^*, z_0'^*, R_1'^*, z_1'^*))$. If $(\text{id}_S'^*, \text{id}_V'^*, M'^*, S_1'^*, R_0'^*, R_1'^*) \neq (\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, S_1^*, R_0^*, R_1^*)$, \mathcal{B} aborts. Otherwise, it runs the extractor (described in Sec. 4.2) to extract the secret randomness r^* from $(S_2^*, S_2'^*)$.

- * If $e(H_2(M^*), g)^{r^*} = e(S_1^*, g)/e(H_1(\text{id}_S^*), g_1)$, we have that $S_1^* = H_1(\text{id}_S^*)^a \cdot H_2(M^*)^{r^*}$. Recall that $H_1(\text{id}_S^*) = g_2^{t_S}$. \mathcal{B} then can recover g^{ab} from S_1^* by computing

$$g^{ab} = \left(\frac{S_1^*}{H_2(M^*)^{r^*}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_S}}$$

* If $e(\mathbb{H}_2(M^*), g)^{r^*} = e(S_1^*, g)/e(\mathbb{H}_1(\text{id}_V^*), g_1)$, we have that $S_1^* = \mathbb{H}_1(\text{id}_V^*)^a \cdot \mathbb{H}_2(M^*)^{r^*}$. Recall that $\mathbb{H}_1(\text{id}_V^*) = g_2^{t_V}$. \mathcal{B} then can recover g^{ab} from S_1^* by computing

$$g^{ab} = \left(\frac{S_1^*}{\mathbb{H}_2(M^*)^{r^*}} \right)^{\frac{1}{t_V}}$$

In either case \mathcal{B} obtains the solution to the given instance of CDH problem.

PROBABILITY ANALYSIS: In the process of solving the CDH problem above, there are some cases in which \mathcal{B} aborts.

1. A collision occurs when patching the oracle \mathbb{H}_3 . This does not happen with probability at least $1 - ((q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3})/p$.
2. \mathcal{A} issues an Extract query on input an identity id whose corresponding c value (stored in HT_1) is 0. This event does not happen with probability δ^{q_E} .
3. Conditioned on that \mathcal{B} does not abort in the simulation of oracles, \mathcal{A} fails in outputting its forgery. This event does not happen with probability ϵ' due to the perfect simulation of the oracles.
4. Conditioned on that \mathcal{B} does not abort in the simulation of oracles and \mathcal{A} succeeds in outputting its forgery, either of the two identities, i.e. $\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*$, has the corresponding c value being 1. This does not happen with probability $(1 - \delta)^2$.

Therefore, in the first run of \mathcal{A} , \mathcal{B} does not abort with probability at least

$$\epsilon \geq \left(1 - \frac{(q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}{p} \right) \cdot \delta^{q_E} \cdot (1 - \delta)^2 \cdot \left(\epsilon' - \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

where $1/p$ stems from that \mathcal{A} obtains $\mathbb{H}_3(\text{id}_S^*, \text{id}_V^*, M^*, S_1^*, R_0^*, R_1^*)$ without querying the oracle \mathbb{H}_3 . A similar analysis with that in [23, 4] shows that with probability at least

$$\epsilon \geq \frac{\epsilon^2}{16q_{\mathbb{H}_3}} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{(q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}{p} \right)^2 \cdot (\delta^{q_E} \cdot (1 - \delta)^2)^2 \cdot \left(\epsilon' - \frac{1}{p} \right)^2}{16q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}$$

\mathcal{A} outputs a successful forgery that satisfies the aforementioned conditions, which, together with the successful output in the first run, enables \mathcal{B} to solve the given CDH problem. This probability is maximized when $\delta = \frac{q_E}{q_E + 2}$. Thus, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &\geq \left(1 - \frac{(q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}{p} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{\left(\left(1 - \frac{2}{q_E + 2} \right)^{q_E} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{q_E + 2} \right)^2 \right)^2 \cdot \left(\epsilon' - \frac{1}{p} \right)^2}{16q_{\mathbb{H}_3}} \\ &\approx \left(1 - \frac{(q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}{p} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{q_{\mathbb{H}_3} \cdot q_E^4 \cdot e^4} \cdot \left(\epsilon' - \frac{1}{p} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

where e is the natural logarithm. Hence,

$$\epsilon' \leq \frac{e^2 \cdot q_E^2 \cdot \sqrt{q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}}{\left(1 - \frac{(q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})^2 + (q_{\text{Sign}} + q_{\text{Sim}})q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}{p} \right)} \cdot \sqrt{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{p} < \frac{10e^2 q_E^2 \sqrt{q_{\mathbb{H}_3}}}{9} \cdot \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

This completes the proof. □

Remark 3 : In the proof above, hash functions H_1 and H_3 are modeled as programmable random oracles, while H_2 is modeled as a non-programmable random oracle.

Theorem 5.2. *The IBDVS scheme is perfectly non-transferable (see Def. 2.3).*

Proof. Note that the first component in a (real or simulated) signature is of the form $S_1 = \text{usk} \cdot H_2(M)^r$ for some r randomly chosen from \mathbb{Z}_p , where usk is either usk_S or usk_V . Since the group \mathbb{G} is of prime order, $H_2(M)$ is a generator of \mathbb{G} , and thus $H_2(M)^r$ perfectly hides the secret key. Therefore, $\text{usk}_S \cdot H_2(M)^r$ and $\text{usk}_V \cdot H_2(M)^r$ are identically distributed. Given an S_1 , there do exist $r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $S_1 = \text{usk}_S \cdot H_2(M)^r = \text{usk}_V \cdot H_2(M)^{r'}$. On the other hand, the proof of knowledge S_2 is perfectly witness indistinguishable, thus revealing no information about the randomness r used in the signature generation. In a consequence, the signature $\sigma = (S_1, S_2)$ is information-theoretically hiding. \square

Theorem 5.3. *Assume that for some identities $\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V \in \{0, 1\}^*$ and some message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, the algorithm \mathcal{F} can produce valid signatures in time T and with probability ϵ . Then the IBDVS scheme is $(56T/\epsilon, 1/p)$ -non-delegatable (see Def. 2.4) in the random oracle model.*

Proof. Assume that $\epsilon > \kappa = 1/p$, where $1/p$ is the probability that \mathcal{F} guesses correctly the hash value without asking the random oracle H_3 . There is an extractor \mathcal{K} that, on input σ and black-box oracle access to algorithm \mathcal{F} , extracts the secret key of either the signer or the designated verifier.

Let $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ be a forger with input $(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M)$. Consider two runs of $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ on the same random input to $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$. In both runs, \mathcal{K} executes $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ step-by-step, except that \mathcal{K} returns different random values (e versus e') as the answer to the hash query $H_3(\text{id}_S, \text{id}_V, M, S_1, R_0, R_1)$. Since S_1, R_0, R_1 are in the input to the hash function, their values must be equal in both runs. If both signatures, i.e. $(S_1, S_2 = (R_0, e_0, z_0, R_1, z_1))$ and $(S_1, S'_2 = (R_0, e'_0, z'_0, R_1, z'_1))$, are valid, one can call the extractor of the proof of knowledge (described in Sec. 4.2) to extract the randomness r from (S_2, S'_2) . If $e(H_2(M), g)^r = e(S_1, g)/e(H_1(\text{id}_S), g_1)$, one can find $\text{usk}_S = S_1/H_2(M)^r$. If $e(H_2(M), g)^r = e(S_1, g)/e(H_1(\text{id}_V), g_1)$, one can find $\text{usk}_V = S_1/H_2(M)^r$.

Now assume that Rewind is an algorithm that given oracle access to $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$, in time T_R produces two different valid signatures $(S_1, S_2 = (R_0, e_0, z_0, R_1, z_1))$ and $(S'_1, S'_2 = (R'_0, e'_0, z'_0, R'_1, z'_1))$ on M with respect to id_S, id_V , such that $(S_1, R_0, R_1) = (S'_1, R'_0, R'_1)$. Then one can compute usk_S or usk_V with probability 1. Thus, given that algorithm Rewind runs in expected time $56/\epsilon$, we have proven the theorem.

The algorithm Rewind works as the following. We are given an algorithm $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ which returns a valid signature with probability at least ϵ , where the probability is taken over the random coins used by $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ and the random outputs of H_3 (and H_1, H_2). Let \mathbf{H} be a matrix with a row for each possible set of random coins for $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$, and one column for each possible H_3 value e . Write 1 in an entry if $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ outputs a valid signature with corresponding random choices and the H_3 value, and 0 otherwise. Using $\mathcal{F}_{S,V,M}$ as a black box, we can probe any entry in \mathbf{H} , and the goal is to find two 1's in the same row. Note that ϵ equals the fraction of 1-entries in the matrix \mathbf{H} . Using an algorithm from [8], Rewind can find such 1-entries in time $56/\epsilon$. \square

Disavowability: Since our IBDVS is perfectly non-transferable, given a signature, the signer is unable to disavow that it is the real signer, though it is possible for the signer to confirm the fact.

Comparison. In Table 1 we give a comparison of our scheme with those existing identity-based (S)DVS schemes, where **Sign-Cost** and **Ver-Cost** indicate the dominating computational cost in signature generation and verification, respectively; **NT** indicates the level of non-transferability; **ND** indicates if the scheme is non-delegatable under the definition of [21]; **RO** indicates if the security of the scheme is in the random oracle model; and **Assump** indicates the underlying assumption that the

unforgeability of the scheme is based on. Note that in columns **Sign-Cost** and **Ver-Cost** by ‘ P ’, ‘ E ’ and ‘ E_T ’ we denote the pairing evaluation, exponentiation in group \mathbb{G} and exponentiation in group \mathbb{G}_T , respectively; and that the question mark ‘?’ in the column **Non-Dele** means that it is unknown whether the scheme is non-delegatable.

| Scheme | Type | Signature-Size | Sign-Cost | Ver-Cost | NT | ND | RO | Assump |
|--------|--------|---|------------------|-------------|---------|----|----|---------|
| Ours | IBDVS | $1\mathbb{G} + 4\mathbb{Z}_p$ | $3P + 1E + 3E_T$ | $4P + 4E_T$ | perfect | ✓ | ✓ | CDH |
| [6] | IBUDVS | $4\mathbb{G}$ | $6E$ | $5P$ | perfect | × | × | CDH |
| [14] | IBSDVS | $1H$ | $1P$ | $1P$ | perfect | × | ✓ | Gap-BDH |
| [16] | IBSDVS | $2\mathbb{G}_T$ | $2P + 2E + 1E_T$ | $1P + 1E_T$ | perfect | × | ✓ | BDH |
| [27] | IBSDVS | $1\mathbb{G} + 1\mathbb{Z}_p + 1\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ | $1P + 1E_T + 2E$ | $2P + 2E_T$ | perfect | ? | ✓ | BDH |
| [33] | IBSDVS | $3\mathbb{G}$ | $4E$ | $3P$ | perfect | × | ✓ | BDH |

Table 1: Comparison between our scheme and other existing schemes.

6 Conclusion

In this work we proposed the first efficient non-delegatable identity-based designated verifier signature scheme. The scheme was proved to be existentially unforgeable based on CDH assumption in the random oracle model, and be perfectly non-transferable. Though our scheme has slightly larger signature size and requires more computational cost than previous works, it is the first *identity-based* DVS scheme which is provably non-delegatable according the definition proposed by Lipmaa et al. [21].

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