

# Some attacks of an encryption system based on the word problem in a monoid

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## Abstract

In this work, we are interested in **ATS-monoid** protocol (proposed by **P. J. Abisha, D. G. Thomas G. and K. Subramanian**, the idea of this protocol is to transform a system of **Thue**  $S_1 = (\Sigma, R)$  for which the word problem is undecidable a system of **Thue**  $S_2 = (\Delta, R_\theta)$  or  $\theta \subseteq \Delta \times \Delta$  for which the word problem is decidable in linear time. Specifically, it gives attacks against ATS monoid in spécifiques case and theme examples of these cases.

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## 1. Preliminaries

A monoid is a set  $M$  together with an associative product  $x, y \mapsto xy$  and a unit  $1$ . If  $X \subset M$ , we write  $X^*$  for the submonoid of  $M$  generated by  $X$ , that is the set of finite products  $x_1x_2\dots x_n$  with  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in X$ , including the empty product  $1$ . It is the smallest submonoid of  $M$  containing  $X$ .

An alphabet is a finite nonempty set. The elements of an alphabet  $\Sigma$  are called letters or symbols. A word over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a finite string consisting of zero or more letters of  $\Sigma$ , whereby the same letter may occur several times. The string consisting of zero letters is called the empty word, written  $\varepsilon$ . Thus,  $\varepsilon, 0, 1, 011, 1111$  are words over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$ . The set of all words over an alphabet  $\Sigma$  is denoted by  $\Sigma^*$ . the set  $\Sigma^*$  is infinite for any  $\Sigma$ . Algebraically,  $\Sigma^*$  is the free monoid generated by  $\Sigma$ . If  $u$  and  $v$  are words over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , then so is their catenation  $uv$ . Catenation is an associative operation, and the empty word is an identity with respect to catenation:  $u\varepsilon = \varepsilon u = u$  holds for all words  $u$ . For a word  $u$  and a natural number  $i$ , the notation  $u^i$  means the word obtained by catenating  $i$  copies of the word  $u$ . By definition,  $u^0$  is the empty word  $\varepsilon$ . The length of a word  $u$ , in symbols  $|u|$ , is the number of letters in  $u$  when each letter is counted as many times as it occurs. Again by definition,  $|\varepsilon| = 0$ . The length function possesses some of the formal properties of logarithm:

$$|uv| = |u| + |v|, |u^i| = i|u|,$$

for any words  $u$  and  $v$  and integers  $i \geq 0$ . For example  $|011| = 3$  and  $|1111| = 4$ .

Let  $f : S \rightarrow U$  be a mapping of sets.

- We say that  $f$  is **one-to-one** if for every  $a, b \in S$  where  $f(a) = f(b)$ , we have  $a = b$ .
- We say that  $f$  is **onto** if for every  $y \in U$ , there exists  $a \in S$  such that  $f(a) = y$ .

A mapping  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*$ , where  $\Sigma$  and  $\Delta$  are alphabets, satisfying the condition

$$h(uv) = h(u)h(v), \text{ for all words } u \text{ and } v,$$

is called a morphism, define a morphism  $h$ , it suffices to list all the words  $h(\sigma)$ , where  $\sigma$  ranges over all the (finitely many) letters of  $\Sigma$ . If  $M$  is a monoid, then any mapping  $f : \Sigma \rightarrow M$  extends to a unique morphism  $\tilde{f} : \Sigma^* \rightarrow M$ . For instance, if  $M$  is the additive monoid  $\mathbb{N}$ , and  $f$  is defined by  $f(\sigma) = 1$  for each  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , then  $\tilde{f}(u)$  is the length  $|u|$  of the word  $u$ .

Let  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*$  be a morphism of monoids. if  $h$  is **one-to-one** and **onto**, then  $h$  is an **isomorphism** and the monoids  $\Sigma^*$  and  $\Delta^*$  are **isomorphic**. we denote  $Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*)$  the set of morphisms from  $\Sigma^*$  to  $\Delta^*$  and  $Isom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*)$  the set of isomorphisms from  $\Sigma^*$  to  $\Delta^*$ . We say that  $h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*)$  is non trivial if there exists  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  such that  $h(\sigma) \neq \varepsilon$ .

A binary relation on  $\Sigma^*$  is a subset  $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$ . If  $(x, y) \in R$ , we say that  $x$  is related to  $y$  by  $R$ , denoted  $xRy$ . The inverse relation of  $R$  is the binary relation  $R^{-1} \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$  defined by  $yR^{-1}x \iff (x, y) \in R$ . The relation  $I_{\Sigma^*} = \{(x, x), x \in \Sigma^*\}$  is called the identity relation. The relation  $(\Sigma^*)^2$  is called the complete relation.

Let  $R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$  and  $S \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$  binary relations. The composition of  $R$  and  $S$  is a binary relation  $S \circ R \subseteq \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^*$  defined by

$$x(S \circ R)z \iff \exists y \in \Sigma^* \text{ such that } xRy \text{ and } ySz.$$

A binary relation  $R$  on a set  $\Sigma^*$  is said to be

- reflexive if  $xRx$  for all  $x$  in  $\Sigma^*$ ;
- symmetric if  $xRy$  implies  $yRx$ ;
- transitive if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  imply  $xRz$ .

The relation  $R$  is called an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. And in this case, if  $xRy$ , we say that  $x$  and  $y$  are equivalent.

Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $\Sigma^*$ . The reflexive closure of  $R$  is the smallest reflexive relation  $r(R)$  on  $\Sigma^*$  that contains  $R$ ; that is,

- $R \subseteq r(R)$
- if  $R'$  is a reflexive relation on  $\Sigma^*$  and  $R \subseteq R'$ , then  $r(R) \subseteq R'$ .

The symmetric closure of  $R$  is the smallest symmetric relation  $s(R)$  on  $\Sigma^*$  that contains  $R$ ; that is,

- $R \subseteq s(R)$
- if  $R'$  is a symmetric relation on  $\Sigma^*$  and  $R \subseteq R'$ , then  $s(R) \subseteq R'$ .

The transitive closure of  $R$  is the smallest transitive relation  $t(R)$  on  $\Sigma^*$  that contains  $R$ ; that is,

- $R \subseteq t(R)$
- if  $R'$  is a transitive relation on  $\Sigma^*$  and  $R \subseteq R'$ , then  $t(R) \subseteq R'$ .

Let  $R$  be a relation on a set  $\Sigma^*$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet r(R) &= R \cup I_{\Sigma^*}, \\ \bullet s(R) &= R \cup R^{-1} \\ \bullet t(R) &= \bigcup_{k=1}^{+\infty} R^k. \end{aligned}$$

A congruence on a monoid  $M$  is an equivalence relation  $\equiv$  on  $M$  compatible with the operation of  $M$ , i.e, for all  $m, m' \in M, u, v \in M$

$$m \equiv m' \implies umv \equiv um'v$$

A **Thue** system is a pair  $(\Sigma, R)$  where  $\Sigma$  is an alphabet and  $R$  is a non-empty finite binary on  $\Sigma^*$ , we write  $urv \rightarrow_R ur'v$  whenever  $u, v \in \Sigma^*$  and  $(r, r') \in R$ . We write  $u \rightarrow_R^* v$  if there words  $u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n \in \Sigma^*$  such that,

$$\begin{aligned} u_0 &= u, \\ u_i &\rightarrow_R u_{i+1}, \forall 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ &\text{and } u_n = v. \end{aligned}$$

If  $n = 0$ , we get  $u = v$ , and if  $n = 1$ , we get  $u \rightarrow_R v$ .  $\rightarrow_R^*$  is the reflexive transitive closure of  $\rightarrow_R$ .

The congruence generated by  $R$  is defined as follows:

- $urv \longleftrightarrow_R ur'v$  whenever  $u, v \in \Sigma^*$ , and  $rRr'$  or  $r'Rr$ ;
- $u \longleftrightarrow_R^* v$  whenever  $u = u_0 \longleftrightarrow_R u_1 \longleftrightarrow_R \dots \longleftrightarrow_R u_n = v$ .

$\longleftrightarrow_R^*$  is the reflexive symmetric transitive closure of  $\rightarrow_R$ . Let  $\pi_R : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^* / \longleftrightarrow_R^*$  be the canonical surjective monoid morphism that maps a word  $w \in \Sigma^*$  to its equivalence class with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_R^*$ . A monoid  $M$  is finitely generated if it is isomorphic to a monoid of the form  $\Sigma^* / \longleftrightarrow_R^*$ . In this case, we also say that  $M$  is finitely generated by  $\Sigma$ . If in addition to  $\Sigma$  also  $R$  is finite, then  $M$  is a finitely presented monoid. The word problem of  $M \simeq \Sigma^* / \longleftrightarrow_R^*$  with respect to  $R$  is the set  $\{(u, v) \in \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* : \pi_R(u) = \pi_R(v)\}$  it is undecidable in general [8, 13]. In some cases, the word problem can be much easier.

Indeed, for  $\theta \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$ , we say that:

$u, v \in \Sigma^*$  are equivalence with respect to  $\theta$ , if and only if,  $u \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* v$ ,

where  $\longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^*$  is the reflexive symmetric transitive closure of  $\rightarrow_{R_\theta}$ , with  $R_\theta = \{(ab, ba) : (a, b) \in \theta\}$ .

In the **Thue** system  $S = (\Sigma, R_\theta)$ , **R. V. Book** and **H. N. Liu** showed [16] that the word problem is decidable in linear time. This is mainly based on the following theorem **R. Cori** and **D. Perrin**[3].

Let  $u, v \in \Sigma^*, \theta \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$  and a sub alphabet  $\Delta \subseteq \Sigma$ . we define,  $P_\Delta : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*$  by:

$$\begin{cases} P_\Delta(\sigma) = \sigma, & \text{if } \sigma \in \Delta, \text{ and} \\ P_\Delta(\sigma) = \varepsilon, & \text{if } \sigma \notin \Delta. \end{cases}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} &u \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* v \iff \\ \begin{cases} P_{\{\sigma\}}(u) = P_{\{\sigma\}}(v), & \text{for everything } \sigma \text{ of } \Sigma \text{ and} \\ P_{\{\sigma, \mu\}}(u) = P_{\{\sigma, \mu\}}(v), & \text{for everything } (\sigma, \mu) \notin \theta \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Public-Key cryptography, also called asymmetric cryptography, was invented by **Diffie** And **Hellman** more than forty years ago. In Public-Key cryptography, a user  $U$  has a pair of related keys  $(pK, sK)$ : the key  $pK$  is public and should be available to everyone, while the key  $sK$  must be kept secret by  $U$ . The fact that  $sK$  is kept secret by a single entity creates an asymmetry, hence the name asymmetric cryptography.

A one-way function  $f$  is a function that maps a domain into range such that every function value has a unique inverse, with the condition that the calculation of the function is easy whereas the calculation of the inverse is infeasible:

$$\begin{array}{ll} y = f(x) & \text{easy} \\ x = f^{-1}(y) & \text{infeasible} \end{array}$$

Trapdoor one-way functions are a family of invertible functions  $f_k$  such that  $y = f_k(x)$  is easy if  $k$  and  $x$  known, and  $x = f_k^{-1}(y)$  is infeasible if  $y$  is known but  $k$  is not known. The development of a partial Public-Key scheme depends on the discovery of a suitable trapdoor one-way function.

## 2. The ATS-monoid protocol

**P. J. Abisha, D. G. Thomas** and **K. G. Subramanian**, use the theorem of **R. Cori** and **D. Perrin**. To build the ATS-monoid protocol, the idea is transform a system of **Thue**  $S_1 = (\Sigma, R)$  for which the word problem is undecidable in a **Thue** system  $S_2 = (\Delta, R_\theta)$  with  $\theta \subseteq \Delta \times \Delta$  and  $R_\theta = \{(ab, ba) : (a, b) \in \theta\}$  for which the word problem is decidable in linear time.

**Public-Key** ( $pK$ ): A **Thue** system  $S_1 = (\Sigma, R)$  and two words  $w_0, w_1$  of  $\Sigma^*$ .  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  constitute a public-key.

**Secret-key** ( $sK$ ): A **Thue** system  $S_2 = (\Delta, R_\theta)$  where  $\Delta$  alphabet of size smaller than  $\Sigma$ , a morphism  $h$  from  $\Sigma^*$  to  $\Delta^*$ , such that for all  $(r, s) \in R$ :

$$\begin{cases} (h(r), h(s)) \in \{(ab, ba), (ba, ab)\}, & \text{for a pair } (a, b) \in \theta, \text{ or} \\ h(r) = h(s). \end{cases}$$

Therefore:

$$\text{for all } u, v \in \Sigma^*, u \longleftrightarrow_R^* v \implies h(u) \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* h(v).$$

thus if  $h(u)$  and  $h(v)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^*$ , then  $u$  and  $v$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_R^*$ .

And, we also we have two words  $x_0, x_1$  of  $\Delta^*$  such that  $x_0 \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* h(w_0), x_1 \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* h(w_1)$  with  $h(w_0)$  and  $h(w_1)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^*$ .  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$  constitute a secret-key.

**Encryption**: for encrypt a bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , **Bob** chooses a word  $c$  of  $\Sigma^*$  in the equivalence class of  $w_b$  with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_R^*$ , i. e,  $c \in [w_b]_{\longleftrightarrow_R^*}$  where  $[w_b]_{\longleftrightarrow_R^*}$  denotes the equivalence class of  $w_b$  with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_R^*$  and then sent to **Alice**.

**Decryption**: Upon receipt of a word  $c$  of  $\Sigma^*$ , **Alice** calculated  $h(c) \in \Delta^*$ , since  $c \longleftrightarrow_R^* w_b$  and according to the result for all  $u, v \in \Sigma^*, u \longleftrightarrow_R^* v \implies h(u) \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* h(v)$  we have  $h(c) \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* h(w_b)$ , for example if  $h(c) \longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^* x_0$  the message is decrypted 0.

**Example :**

**Public-Key** ( $pK$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4\}, \\ R &= \{(\sigma_2\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_2), (\sigma_2\sigma_4, \sigma_4\sigma_2), (\sigma_1\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_1)\}, \\ w_0 &= \sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4, \\ w_1 &= \sigma_2\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_4\sigma_2\sigma_1. \end{aligned}$$

**Secret-key** ( $sK$ ):

$\Delta = \{a, b, c\}, \theta = \{(a, b), (a, c)\}$  and  $h : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Delta^*$  is defined by :

$$h(\sigma_1) = \varepsilon, h(\sigma_2) = a, h(\sigma_3) = b, h(\sigma_4) = c.$$

We have  $R_\theta = \{(ab, ba), (ac, ca)\}, h(w_0) = x_0 = acbabc$  and  $h(w_1) = x_1 = acbca$ .

Now we verify the following conditions :

1.  $h(w_0)$  et  $h(w_1)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\longleftrightarrow_{R_\theta}^*$ .
2. for all  $(r, s) \in R$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (h(r), h(s)) \in \{(ab, ba), (ba, ab)\}, \text{ for a pair } (a, b) \in \theta, \text{ or} \\ h(r) = h(s). \end{array} \right.$$

For condition 1. Just use the theorem of **R. Cori** and **D. Perrin**, we have  $P_{\{b\}}(h(w_0)) = P_{\{b\}}(acbab) = bb$  and  $P_{\{b\}}(h(w_1)) = P_{\{b\}}(acbc) = b$ , then  $h(w_0)$  and  $h(w_1)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta}$ .

For condition 2. we have  $R = \{(\sigma_2\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_2), (\sigma_2\sigma_4, \sigma_4\sigma_2), (\sigma_1\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_1)\}$  then  $(h(\sigma_2\sigma_3), h(\sigma_3\sigma_2)) = (ab, ba) \in R_\theta, (h(\sigma_2\sigma_4), h(\sigma_4\sigma_2)) = (ac, ca) \in R_\theta, (h(\sigma_1\sigma_3), h(\sigma_3\sigma_1)) = (b, b)$  ( we have  $h(\sigma_1\sigma_3) = h(\sigma_3\sigma_1)$ ).

Therefore:

$$\text{for all } u, v \in \Sigma^*, u \xrightarrow{*}_R v \implies h(u) \xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta} h(v).$$

**Encryption:** for example, for encrypt the 0, **Bob** chooses a word  $c$  of  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4\}^*$  in the equivalence class of  $w_0$  with respect to  $\xrightarrow{*}_R$ , i. e,  $c \in [w_0]_{\xrightarrow{*}_R}$  where  $[w_0]_{\xrightarrow{*}_R}$  denotes the equivalence class of  $w_0$  with respect to  $\xrightarrow{*}_R$ , and then sent to **Alice**.

we have  $w_0 = \sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4 \xrightarrow{*}_R \sigma_1\sigma_4\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4 \xrightarrow{*}_R \sigma_1\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4$ .

We choose  $c = \sigma_1\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4$ .

**Decryption:** Upon receipt of a word  $c$  of  $\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4\}^*$ ,

**Alice** calculated  $h(c) = h(\sigma_1\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_2\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4) = cbaabc \in \{a, b, c\}^*$ , Now using the theorem of **R. Cori** and **D. Perrin**, such that  $h(c) \xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta} h(w_0)$ . we have

$$P_{\{a\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{a\}}(h(w_0)) = aa, P_{\{b\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{b\}}(h(w_0)) = bb, P_{\{c\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{c\}}(h(w_0)) = cc.$$

then for all  $\sigma$  of  $\{a, b, c\}$ ,  $P_{\{\sigma\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{\sigma\}}(h(w_0))$ . In addition it is verified that  $P_{\{\sigma, \mu\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{\sigma, \mu\}}(h(w_0))$ , for all  $(\sigma, \mu) \notin \theta$ , we have the complementary of  $\theta$  is  $C_{\Delta \times \Delta} \theta = \{(a, a), (b, a), (b, b), (b, c), (c, a), (c, b), (c, c)\}$ ,

then  $P_{\{b, c\}}(h(c)) = P_{\{b, c\}}(h(w_0)) = cbbc$ . Finally  $h(c) \xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta} h(w_0) = x_0$  and the word is decrypted 0.

### 3. Security of ATS-monoid protocol

An attack against **ATS-monoid** does not allow to find exactly the **Secret-key**. We will get rather a key that is equivalent to it in the following direction:

We say that  $(\Delta', R_{\theta'}, h' \in H(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*))$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$  if any message encrypted with the **Public-Key**  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  can be decrypted with  $(\Delta', R_{\theta'}, h' \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*))$ . This is the case for example if  $(\Delta', R_{\theta'}, h' \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*))$  checks the following three conditions:

- $h'$  is non trivial and  $|\Delta'| \leq |\Sigma|$ .
- $\forall (r, s) \in R, (h'(r), h'(s)) \in \{(ab, ba), (ba, ab)\}$ , for a pair  $(a, b) \in \theta$ , or  $h'(r) = h'(s)$ .
- $h'(w_0)$  et  $h'(w_1)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_{\theta'}}$ .

Now we recall some keys that are equivalent to the **Secret-key**  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$ .

1. if  $h(\Sigma) = \{h(\sigma), \sigma \in \Sigma\}$  and  $\theta' = \theta \cap h(\Sigma) \times h(\Sigma)$ . then:  $(h(\Sigma), R_{\theta'}, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$ .

2. if  $|\Delta'| = |\Delta|$ ,  $i \in Iso(\Delta^*, \Delta'^*)$  and  $i(\theta) = \{(i(a), i(b)), (a, b) \in \theta\}$ . then  $(\Delta', R_{i(\theta)}, i \circ h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*))$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$ .

Now describe a general attack against the **ATS-monoid** protocol. In the first time we notice that a key  $(\Delta', R_{\theta'}, h' \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*))$  equivalent to the **Secret-key**  $(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$  is independent of alphabet  $\Delta$ , the only thing that matters is the size of  $\Delta$ . On the other hand, we observe that the relation  $R_{\theta'}$  is easily deduced from the knowledge of  $h' \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta'^*)$ . Then for a **Public-Key**  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  there is an algorithm noted by **Algo-ATS-monoid** which returns an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**

$(\Delta, R_\theta, h \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta^*))$  to complexity  $|R| \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} (i+1)^{|\Sigma|}$ , with  $k = |\Delta|$ .

**Algorithm – ATS – monoid**

**Data :**  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$ , **Public – Key**  $(pK)$  of **ATS – monoid** protocol.

**Result :**  $(\Delta_i, R_{\theta_i}, h_i \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_i^*))$ , equivalent key to the **Secret – key**.

**While**  $i, 1 \leq i \leq |\Sigma|$  **Do**

$\Delta_i$  is any alphabet of  $i$  lettres

**While**  $h_i \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_i^*)$  **Do**

$\theta_i \leftarrow \emptyset$

**While**  $(r, s) \in R$  **Do**

**Calculate**  $h_i(r)$  and  $h_i(s)$

**If**  $h_i(r) \neq h_i(s)$  **Then**

**If**  $h_i(r) = ab$  and  $h_i(s) = ba$ , for  $a, b \in \Delta_i$  **Then**

**If**  $(a, b) \notin \theta_i$  and  $(b, a) \notin \theta_i$  then  $\theta_i \leftarrow \theta_i \cup \{(a, b)\}$

**If no** Choose another morphism, i.e. **Return** to the second loop **While**

**End If**

**End while**

**If**  $h_i(w_0)$  and  $h_i(w_1)$  are not equivalent modulo  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_{\theta_i}}$  **Then**

**Return**  $(\Delta_i, R_{\theta_i}, h_i \in H(\Sigma^*, \Delta_i^*))$

**End While**

**End while**

### 4. Some attacks against ATS-monoid

In this section we give some attacks against **ATS-monoid** that is to say in each case we return an equivalent key to the **secret-key** of this protocol.

**Corollary 4.1**

Let  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  be a **Public-Key** of **ATS-monoid** protocol.

If  $\forall (r, s) \in R, |r| = |s|$ , then  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  where for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma, h_1(\sigma) = a$ , is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**.

**Proof**

The key  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  where for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma, h_1(\sigma) = a$ , checked the following three conditions:

- the morphism  $h_1$  is not trivial because for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma, h_1(\sigma) = a \neq \varepsilon$ .
- $\forall (r, s) \in R, h_1(r) = h_1(s) = (a)^{|r|} = (a)^{|s|}$ .
- if  $R_\theta = \emptyset$ , then  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta} = I_{\Sigma^*}$  consequently  $h_1(w_0)$  and  $h_1(w_1)$  are not equivalent modulo  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta}$  since  $h_1(w_0) \neq h_1(w_1)$ . then  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**.

**Corollary 4.2**

Let  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  be a **Public-Key** of **ATS-monoid** protocol.

S'il existe  $(r, s) \in R, |r| \neq |s|$ , then  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  where  $h_1(\Sigma) = \{a, \varepsilon\}$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**.

**Example 4.3**

**Public-Key:**

$$\Sigma = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \sigma_4, \sigma_5\},$$

$$R = \{(\sigma_1\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_1), (\sigma_1\sigma_4, \sigma_4\sigma_1), (\sigma_2\sigma_3, \sigma_3\sigma_2), (\sigma_2\sigma_4, \sigma_4\sigma_2), (\sigma_5\sigma_3\sigma_1, \sigma_3\sigma_5\sigma_1), (\sigma_5\sigma_4\sigma_1, \sigma_4\sigma_5\sigma_1)\}$$

$$w_0 = \sigma_4\sigma_2\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_4\sigma_2\sigma_3\sigma_4, w_1 = \sigma_2\sigma_4\sigma_3\sigma_4\sigma_2\sigma_1.$$

The key  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  or  $h_1(\sigma_1) = h_1(\sigma_3) = \varepsilon, h_1(\sigma_2) = h_1(\sigma_4) = h_1(\sigma_5) = a$  is verified the following conditions:

- the morphism  $h_1$  is non trivial.
- $\forall (r, s) \in R, h_1(r) = h_1(s)$ .
- we have  $h_1(w_0) = a^6$  et  $h_1(w_1) = a^4$  and like  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta} = I_{\Sigma^*}$ , then  $h_1(w_0)$  and  $h_1(w_1)$  are not equivalent with respect to  $\xrightarrow{*}_{R_\theta}$ . then  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in Hom(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**.

**Corollary 4.4**

Let  $(\Sigma, R, w_0, w_1)$  be a **Public-Key** of **ATS-monoid** protocol.

if there exists  $\sigma_k$  of the alphabet  $\Sigma$  such that for all  $(r, s) \in R, |r|_{\sigma_k} = |s|_{\sigma_k} = 0$ , then

$(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in \text{Hom}(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  or for all  $\sigma \in \Sigma$  with  $\sigma \neq \sigma_k, h_1(\sigma) = \varepsilon$  and  $h_1(\sigma_k) = a$ , is an equivalent key to the **Secret-key**.

**Proof**

The key  $(\Delta_1 = \{a\}, R_\theta = \emptyset, h_1 \in \text{Hom}(\Sigma^*, \Delta_1^*))$  is checked three conditions:

1. the morphism  $h_1$  is non trivial. because  $h_1(\sigma_k) = a \neq \varepsilon$ .
2.  $\forall (r, s) \in R, h_1(r) = h_1(s) = \varepsilon$ .
3. if  $R_\theta = \emptyset$ , then  $\leftarrow^*_{R_\theta} = I_{\Sigma^*}$ , so it must verify that  $h_1(w_0) \neq h_1(w_1)$ .

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