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Abstract

Signcryption is an emerging cryptographic technique provides the functionality of digital signature and encryption with significant less cost. Hyperelliptic curve cryptography is on its way from pure academic interest to industrial applications due to its efficiency and high security per bit. In this thesis we present four signcryption schemes based on hyperelliptic curve cryptography for confidential and authenticated message delivery. The proposed schemes fulfill all the security parameters of signcryption and equivalent in function to signature-Then-encryption technique with less computation cost and communication overhead. The proposed work is divided in three sections; in section one, proposed scheme has fulfill the security parameters of signcryption, in section two proposed scheme has additional feature of forward secrecy and in section three proposed scheme has properties of forward secrecy and direct public verifiability.

Proposed schemes have less computation cost, communication overhead and are suitable for restricted computation devices like mobile devices, smart card based applications and many more.

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t **1.1 Introduction**

.Networks make dispersion of information rapidly fast. Most important factor associated with fest dispersion of information is its security, especially in wireless networks. Initially security is provided through private key encryption [1]. Introduction of public key or asymmetric encryption provided a new way to security and led towards authentication. In early day's confidentiality and authentication treated separately, however, if provided simultaneously total cost will be the sum of encryption and digital signature.

A new paradigm, signcryption provided both confidentiality and authentication simultaneously at less cost than combined cost of encryption and digital signature.

With the introduction of asymmetric cryptographic techniques it has become possible to achieve authenticity of the message; sender uses any one of the digital signature schemes depending upon the level of security. A decade before, message encryption and digital signature were viewed as important but distinct building blocks, a two step approach as "Signature-Then-Encryption". This approach has main drawback of high processing and communication cost. It has become possible to combine both the operations logically in a single step. This process is called Signcryption [1, 2], which simultaneously fulfills the security attributes of an encryption as well as digital signature. Various Signcryption schemes have been proposed based on ElGamal, RSA and Elliptic Curve Cryptography. There are still efforts required to develop such schemes based on hyper elliptic curve cryptography.

1.2 Cryptography

The term Cryptography have long history and derived from two Greek words kryptós and gráphein[3], kryptós means hidden or secrete and gráphein means to write. Cryptography is a practice of writing the messages in secret forms which are not understandable to unintended entities.

The need of Cryptography has felt when human being came out of caves; Egyptian first used cryptography in 1900 BC. In Greece civilization (486 BC) the known cryptographic technique was to write on a tape wrap a around a stick. In Roman Civilization the Caesar cipher (60 -50 BC) was the known cryptographic method. In modern age this field has extensive development and cryptographic technique has been standardized.

Cryptography broadly consists of two processes encryption and decryption. In encryption process we encode the information in such a way the unauthorized user must not read, while in decryption process we retrieve the original information from the coded one.

1.2.1 Encryption

Encryption is the process through which we conceal messages (plaintext) with the help of algorithms and keys such that unintended user cannot understand the message, Figure 1.1 shows the process. Encryption techniques are broadly classified into Symmetric and Asymmetric [3].

1.2.2 Sym metric Encryption

Symmetric Encryption is also called shared key Encryption. These Encryption techniques are based, on substitution, transposition, mathematical functions or combination of these [4].

Shared key is used to Encrypt and Decrypt message.

Figure].1 Symmetric key encryption

Symmetric encryption has low computational and communication cost as compared to asymmetric encryption $[5]$. The major shortcoming of this technique is key distribution. If we have n numbers of users to communicate with each other we need $n(n - 1)/2$ keys which are very expensive to distribute.

1.2.3 Asymmetric Encryption

Asymmetric Encryption use two keys public and private and are based on the hardness of some mathematical problem over a group structure [6]. The two popular problems are integer fectorization problem and discrete logarithmic problem. Asymmetric Encryption techniques are costly in term of computation but have less problems of key distribution.

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Figure 1.2 Asymmetric cryptosystem

The main group structures proposed for asymmetric encryption are;

- 1. The group of integers $Z(7, 8)$
- 2. The Abelian group of points on EC defined over finite Field Fq [9]
- 3. The group of Divisor of the Jacobian of HEC over finite field Fq [10]
- 4. The group of Divisor of the Jacobian of SEC over finite field Fq [11]
- 5. Two cyclic groups $(G,+)$ and $(G,.)$ of prime order [12]

1.3 Digital Signature

Digital signature is an authentication technique which uses private key of the creator and appends code bits to the original message which must verify the source and content of the message and verified by a third party in case of dispute. Digital signature technique can be broadly categorized as Direct approach and Arbitrated approach.

1.3.1 Direct Approach

Direct approach only involves sender and receiver, usually the sender encrypt the entire message or hash value of the message with his private key. Confidentiality is provided through encryption with public key.

The main drawback is the validity of the scheme is that it just depends on the sender private key, so the sender can claim that the key was stolen by someone and forged the signature.

1.3.2 Arbitrated Approach

in arbitrated approach [13] there is an arbitrator between sender and receiver, the sender sends a signed message to an arbitrator who verifies the origin and the content of the message and sends to receiver with an indication of verification.

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1.3.3 Digital Signature Standard

NIST [14] published the Digital Signature Standard in FIPS 186 in 1991 and revised in 1993. DSS used digital signature algorithm based on the technique proposed by ElGamal [7]. Later on ECDSA [15] was proposed by Vanstone and HECDSA is a natural generalization of ECDSA.

1.4 Signature and Encryption

To maintain the confidentiality authenticity and integrity of the message at the same time, two approaches are used sign and encrypt or encrypt and sign, both method have their own merits and demerits.

1.4.1 Signature-Then-Encryption

The mostly used approach is sign and encrypt. In this approach for maintaining the confidentiality authenticity and integrity of the message, sender first digitally signs the message or its hash, then message and signature both are encrypted with receiver public key as in public key cryptosystem or shared symmetric key as in PGP. Receiver will first decrypt the message with his own private key or shared symmetric key and then verify using sender public key. The approach is similar to signing a letter and enclosed in envelope. The technique has drawbacks as loss of confidentiality in public verifiability, encryption is performed either the data is original or altered and lack of authentication in firewall application.

1.4.2 Encryption-Then-Signature

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This is an alternative approach to signature-then-encryption, for maintaining the confidentiality authenticity and integrity of the message. The sender first encrypts the message and then digitally signs the cipher text or its hash value. Receiver will first verify the cipher text using sender public key ant then decrypt the message with his own private key. The technique has drawbacks as the signature is easier to forge as to attack.

1.5 Shortcoming of Signature and Encryption

In any cryptosystem computation and communication cost matter and the main issue, either signature-then-encryption or encryption-then-signature the cost equals; the cost of singing and encryption, which consume more machine cycle and add redundant bits. Popular cryptosystem ElGamal is not suitable for encryption as it lead to expansion of cipher text, ECC and HECC leads to expansion as well as probabilistic

encryption, RSA also lead to expansion of message for small amount of data. Moreover the computation cost of public key cryptosystem is also high.

Is it possible to send a message of arbitrary length with cost less than that required by signature-then-encryption?

1.6 Signcryption

Y. Zheng [1] was the earliest who coined the word signcryption. He developed signcryption scheme based on ElGamal cryptosystem.

The motivation was to solve the challenge. "Whether it is possible to transport / store messages of varying length in a secure and authenticated way with an expense less than that required by Signature-Then-Encryption". Signcryption scheme have three phases keys generation, signcryption and Unsigncryption [1].

1.6.1 Notation Guide

The following notations are used to describe the system,

1.6.2 Key Generation

For secure communication Alice and Bob will generate private and public keys. Alice keys:

Alice selects" x_a " as private key randomly from [1,2, ... $p - 1$] and will calculate " y_a " as public key $y_a = g^{x_a} \mod p$

Bob keys:

Bob selects" x_b " as private key randomly from [1,2, ... p – 1] and will calculate " y_b " as public key $y_b = g^{x_b} \mod p$

1.6.3 Signcryption

The signcryption technique is used to generate signcrypted text, the detail is as under: Signcryption $(m, p, q, g, x_a, y_a, y_b, hash, KH)$

- 1. Chose a random number $x \in [1,2,...,q-1]$
- 2. Calculate $k = y_b^x mod p$
- 3. Split k into k_1 and k_2
- 4. Compute $r = KH_{k2}(m)$
- 5. Compute s

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s = x/(r + x_a) \mod q
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 if SDSS₁ is used, or

 $s = x/(1 + x_a, r) \mod q$ if SDSS₂ is used

- 6. Symmetric encryption $c = E_{k_1}(m)$
- 7. Send Signcrypted text (c, r, s) to Bob

1.6.4 Unsigncryption

Bob receive signcrypted text, to obtain plain text and verify the text, the following Unsigncryption technique:

Unsigncryption $(c, r, s, p, q, g, x_b, y_a, y_b, hash, KH)$

- 1. Compute $k = (y_a, g^r)^{s \cdot x_b}$ mod p if SDSS_I is used, or
- 2. Compute $k = (g, y_a^r)^{s.x_b} \text{ mod } p$ if SDSS₂ is used
- 3. Split k into k_1 and k_2
- 4. Symmetric Decryption $m = D_{k_1}(c)$
- 5. Compute $KH_{k2}(m)$
- 6. Message is valid if $KH_{k2}(m) = r$

1.7 Signcryption Vs Signature& Encryption Cost Comparison

Computation cost and communication overhead are two basic parameters to measure the efficiency of any cryptographic technique. Signcryption technique has 50% les computation cost and 76.8% to 96.0% less communication overhead compare to signature-Then-Encryption technique using DSS and ElGamal encryption.

1.8 Signcryption Applications

As resource utilization is critical issue in future communication system due to its cost effectiveness; signcryption have application in information, Internet and network security. Here we present applications in some of the specific fields.

1.8.1 MANET and Sensor Networks

Mobile ad hock networks are gaining significant application in future communication. MANET has issue of energy and secure communication. Signcryption has less computation and communication cost and can handle these problems.

Signcryption minimize infrastructure support, key distribution and overcome computation and communication cost [16, 17, 18,19, 20, 21, 22, 23].

Sensor networks are infrastructure less consist of nodes having limited energy, bandwidth. Signcryption provides cost effective security, save energy and bandwidth due to less computation and communication cost [24, 25, 26, 27].

1.8.2 Satellite Communication

Satellite communication has global application in science, entertainment, information sharing and military task. Secure satellite system is the need of the current age, due to cost effectiveness signcryption is the best choice for satellite to provide secure satellite communication [28, 29].

1.8.3 Electronic and Mobile Commerce

Conventional commerce is shifting to electronic where buying and selling are one click away from consumers such as Amazon and eBay. Mobile phones provide facility of internet access, as a result m-commerce gaining popularity. E&M commerce need strong security mechanism with low cost, where signcryption can provide secure and cost effective transaction [30, 31, 32].

1.9 Motivation

Asymmetric cryptosystems based on mathematical hard problem bring a revolution in the world of cryptography. Since 1976 till now different cryptosystems have been developed, all of them have their own advantages and limitations. The key size recommended beyond 2010 for cryptosystems on hard problem integer factorization such as El-Gamal, RSA cryptosystems is 2048 bits. Elliptic curve cryptosystem

reduce the key length significantly recommended key size beyond 2010 is 256 bits. The cryptosystem which provide highest security per bit is hyper elliptic curve cryptosystem [33], on its way from pure academic interest to industrial applications, out forming ECC in computation and communication cost, so this is attractive to use HECC for signcryption having significant application in this world of computing.

1.10 Thesis in Brief

The thesis consists of five chapters. First chapter is an introduction containing a brief historical background of encryption, digital signature, signature then encryption and Signcryption. Chapter two discusses various literature surveyed related to the work. Various Signcryption scheme based on elliptic curve and hyper elliptic curve cryptography are discussed .Chapter three consist of mathematical background. Chapter four contain proposed Signcryption schemes based on HECC. The security features along with the computation and communication cost are analyzed. Finally, Chapter five discusses the concluding remarks with the scope of further research direction.

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2 .1 Literature Review

Literature review makes research more credible by providing information about the work already done in the specified area. In this thesis the literature review portion is divided in three portions for ease of understanding. Review schemes are categorized on the basis of DLP, ECDLP and HECDLP.

2.2 Schemes Based on Discrete Logarithm Problem

In this section we present review of those signcryption schemes which are based on DLP which state that: $x, y \in Z_p$ such that $y \neq 0$ and x is the generator of Z_p , finding a unique integer k, $0 \le k \le p - 1$ such that $y = x^k \mod p$, integer k is called discrete logarithm of γ to the base χ .

2.3.1. Parameters Setup

- 1. p: a large prime number $(p \ge 2^{1024})$
- 2. q: a large prime factor of p-1 ($q \ge 2^{1024}$)
- 3. g: a random integer $g \in [1,2, ... p 1]$
- 4. x_a : Alice private key
- 5. y_a : Alice public key
- 6. *Xh'.* Bob private key
- 7. y_b : Bob public key
- 8. *h:* a one way hash function
- 9. *kk:* Keyed hash function
- 10. *m:* Message
- 11. c: Cipher text
- 12. E_k/D_k : Symmetric Encryption / Decryption

2.2.1. Y. Zheng [1] Signcryption Scheme

Y. Zheng [1] was the earliest how coined the word signcryption. He developed signcryption scheme based on ElGamal cryptosystem. The motivation was to solve the challenge "Whether it is possible to transport ℓ store messages of varying length in a secure and authenticated way with an expense less than that required by Signature – Then-Encryption". The proposed scheme logically combined the functionality of digital signature and encryption and reduced computation cost up to 50% and communication cost up to 85% compared to Signature-Then- Encryption technique. He was unable to develop such schemes based on popular public key cryptosystem

such as RSA and ECC, for which he put an open challenge for researcher. More over his scheme not provide feature like public verifiability and forward secrecy.

2.2.2. F. Bao and H. Deng [34] Signcryption Scheme

Zheng's signcryption scheme needs engagement in zero knowledge interactive protocol for verification of message by third party. F. Bao and H. Deng [34] design direct verifiable signcryption scheme. The proposed scheme computation cost is more than Zheng scheme, which overall reduced computation cost up to 16% and communication cost up to 85% compared to Signature-Then- Encryption technique. The scheme provides public verification of plaintext, which is a threat to confidentiality, moreover the computation cost significantly large compared to Zheng.

2.2.3. C. Gamage, J. Leiwo, and Y. Zheng [35] Signcryption Scheme

Traditional signcryption schemes allow message verification after decryption. Is it possible to check the authenticity of message at firewall without decryption? C . Gamage, J. Leiwo, and Y. Zheng [35] scheme is a modified form of F. Bao and H. Deng [2] signcryption and provides solution to the problem of authentication of secure message by firewall without disclosing message confidentiality, reduce computation cost up to 40% compared to traditional approach and communication cost is equivalent to Y, Zheng. Their scheme only verifies the cipher text to protect confidentiality of message in firewall application and don't provide feature like forward secrecy.

2.3. Schemes Based on Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

In this section we present review of those signcryption schemes which are based on ECDLP states that: *P and Q* are points on E such that order of P is n, find an integer k, $0 \le k \le n - 1$ such that $P = kQ$.

2.3.1. Parameters Setup

- 1. q: A large prime number $(q \ge 2^{160})$
- 2. C: an Elliptic Curve over prime field *Fq* of order q
- 3. G: point of order ($n \ge 2^{160}$) chosen from points on C
- 4. *d_{a:}* Alice private key $d_a \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., a 1\}$
- 5. P_a : Alice public key $P_a = d_aG$
- 6. d_b Bob private key $d_b \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q 1\}$

- 7. P_b : Bob public key $P_b = d_bG$
- 8. *h:* a one way hash function
- 9. *kh:* Keyed hash function
- 10. *m:* Message
- 11. c: Cipher text
- 12. E_k/D_k : Symmetric Encryption / Decryption

2.3.2. Y. Zheng and H. Imai [36] Signcryption Scheme

Y. Zheng and H Imai [36] Proposed first signcryption scheme based on ECC. Compare to ElGamal and RSA Elliptic curve cryptosystem used small key size to provide equivalent security and attractive for resource constrained environment. Proposed scheme

Alice needs to send a message m to Bob in an authenticated and confidential way:

Alice;

Signcryption $(m, n, q_., d_a, P_a, P_b, H, KH, E_k)$

- 1. Select an integer $k \in \{1,2,3\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots n-1\}$ randomly
- 2. Compute *kP^*
- 3. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = H(kP_h)$
- 4. $c = E_{K_1}(m)$
- 5. Compute $r = KH_{K_2}(m, bind_{info})$
- 6. $s = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right) \mod n$ If ECDSS₁ is used

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s = \left(\frac{k}{(1+r.d_a)}\right) \mod n \text{ If ECDSS}_2 \text{ is used}
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7. Signcrypted text for message m is (c, r, s)

Bob:

Unsigncryption($c, r, s, n, q, d_b, P_a, P_b, H, KH, D_k$)

- 1. Compute $u = sd_h$ mod n
- 2. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = H(uP_a + urG)$ If ECDSS₁ is used Compute $(K_1, K_2) = H(urP_a + uG)$ If ECDSS₂ is used
- 3. Compute $m = D_{K_1}(c)$
- 4. Check $KH_{K_n}(m || bind_info) = r$, if satisfied accept the message, otherwise reject

The proposed scheme reduces the computation cost 58% and communication cost 40% when compared Signature-Then-Encryption based on ECC. The scheme has no facility like public verification and forward secrecy.

2.3.3. R. J. Hwang, C. H. Lai and F. F. Su [37] Signcryption Scheme

The previous schemes based on ECC lack direct public verifiability and forward secrecy. The motivation to R. J. Hwang, C. H. Lai and F. F. Su [37] Proposed scheme was public verifiable and forward secure signcryption scheme based on ECC. Alice:

Signcryption $(m, n, q, d_a, P_a, P_b, H, KH, E_k)$

- 1. Verify Bob public key P_h using his certificate
- 2. Select an integer $k \in \{1,2,3\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots n-1\}$ randomly
- 3. Compute $(r_1, r_2) = R = kG$
- 4. Compute $(k_1, l) = K = kP_b$
- 5. Generate cipher text $c = E_{K_1}(m)$
- 6. Compute $h = H(m||r_1)$
- 7. $s = d_a h.r \mod n$
- 8. Signcrypted text for message m is (c, r, s)

Bob:

Signcryption $(c, n, q, d_b, P_a, P_b, H, D_k)$

- 1. Verify Alice public key *P^* using his certificate
- 2. Compute $(k_1, l) = d_b R$
- 3. Generate plain text $m = D_{K_1}(c)$
- 4. Compute $(r_1, r_2) = R$
- *5.* Compute $h = H(m||r_1)$
- 6. Check $s * G + h * R = P_a$
- 7. if satisfied m is correct otherwise corrupted

Proposed scheme provide forward secrecy, however, the confidentiality of information sustain even if the sender private key disclosed. Trusted third party can verify the plaintext using (m, r, s) . The scheme has less computational cost at sender for sender side so more suitable for mobile devices.

In verification process the confidentiality of message not maintained. The computational cost is 40% more than [36].

2.3.4. M . Toorani and A.A. Beheshti Shirazi [38] Signcryption Scheme

Besides other flaws the computation and communication cost of previous signcryption schemes with public verifiability and forward secrecy are high. M. Toorani, A.A. Beheshti Shirazi [38] proposed scheme which decreases the computation and communication cost.

Proposed scheme

Alice:

Signcryption $(m, n, q, d_a, P_a, P_b, H, HMAC, E_k, ID_b, ID_A)$

- 1. Select an integer $k \in \{1,2,3.........n-1\}$ randomly
- 2. Compute $(x_R, y_R) = R = kG$ ^{*}
- 3. Compute $(x_k, y_k) = K = (k + x_k d_a)P_b$
- 4. Compute $k_1 = H(x_k || ID_A || y_k || ID_b ||)$
- 5. Generate cipher text $c = E_{k1}(m)$
- *6.* Compute $t = HMAC_{k_1}(m || x_R||y_R||ID_b||ID_A)$

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- 7. Compute $s = td_a k \mod n$
- 8. Signcrypted text for message m is *(c, R, s')*

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Bob:
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Unsigncryption $(c, R, s, n, q, d_b, P_a, P_b, H, HMAC, E_{k1}, ID_b, ID_A)$

- 1. Validate public key P_a of Alice
- 2. Compute $(x_R, y_R) = R$
- 3. Compute $(x_k, y_k) = K = d_h(R + x_R P_a)$
- 4. Compute $k_1 = H(x_k||ID_A||y_k||ID_b|)$
- 5. Generate cipher text $m = D_{k1}(c)$
- 6. Compute $t = HMAC_{k_1}(m \mid |x_R||y_R||ID_b||ID_A)$
- 7. Check $sG + R = tp_a$
- 8. if satisfied m is correct otherwise corrupted

The proposed scheme provides public verifiability and forward secrecy, suitable for store/forward applications and resource-constrained devices.

In the verification phase the session key is provided to the judge which becomes a serious threat to confidentiality.

2.3.5. R. K. M ohapatra and B. M ajhi [39] Signcryption Scheme

As resources are critical to utilize and such signcryption schemes are needed having less computation and communication cost. R. K. Mohapatra and B. Majhi scheme [39] fulfill these needs.

Proposed scheme

Alice:

Signcryption $(m, n, q, d_a, P_a, P_b, H, KH, E_k)$

- 1. Select an integer $k \in \{1,2,3.........n-1\}$ randomly
- 2. Compute kP_b
- 3. Compute $k_1 = H(kG)$
- 4. Compute $(K_2, K_3) = H(kP_b)$
- 5. $c = E_K(m)$
- 6. Compute $r = KH_{K_2}(c\{\vert k_1\vert \vert ID_A\ \vert \vert ID_b\ \vert \})$

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7. \quad s = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right) \mod n
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8. Compute $T = rG$

9. Signcrypted text for message m is (c, T, s)

Bob:

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- \mathbf{I} . Compute $K_1 = H(sT + sP_a)$
	- 2. Compute $(K_2, K_3) = H(d_h sT + d_h sP_a)$
	- 3. Compute $r = KH_{K_2}(c||k_1||ID_A||ID_b||)$
	- 4. Compute $m = D_{K_n}(c)$
	- 8. Check $rG = T$, if satisfied accept the message, otherwise reject

Proposed signcryption schemes fulfill all the basic requirement of signcryption, directly public verifiable and provide forward secrecy. The scheme reduces t communication overhead up to 42% compared to Signature-Then-Encryption.

2.4. Schemes Based on Hyperelliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

In this section we present review of those signature and encryption schemes which are based on HECDLP state that: D_1 and D_2 are divisor in the Jacobian J such that order I of D_1 is n, find an integer k, $0 \le k \le n-1$ such that $D_2 = kD_1$.

2.4.1. Parameters Setup

- 1. q: A large prime number ($q \ge 2^{80}$)
- 2. C: A Hyperelliptic Curve over prime field Fq
- 3. D: A divisor of large prime order n in $J_c(Fq)$, $n \ge 2^{80}$
- 4. d_{a:} Sender Alice private key $d_a \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p 1\}$

1 5. P_a : Sender Alice public key $P_a = d_a D$

6. d_{b:} Receiver Bob private key $d_b = \{0,1,2,...,p-1\}$

7. P_b : Receiver Bob public key $P_b = d_bD$

8. φ : A function which map a divisor to integer value

9. *h*: a one way hash function

10. *kh:* Keyed hash function

11. m: Message

12. *c:* Cipher text

13. E_k/D_k : Symmetric Encryption / Decryption

In [60-62] proposed architectures for secure banking and e-commerce communication based on Hyperelliptic curve using HEC-ElGamal technique encryption [61] defined as follows

Encryption

- 1. Calculate $Q = kD$ and $Q = (u(x), v(x))$
- 2. Calculate $P_k = kP_b$ and $P_k = (u(x), v(x))$
- devisors *encoding* 3. Encode message to divisor: *m* --------------------- ** P-m*
- 4. Calculate $C_m = (Q, P_m + P_k)$ or $C_m = (((u(x), v(x)), (u(x), v(x))))$

Decryption

Extract from $C_m = (Q, P_m + P_k)$

- 1. Calculate $\eta_h Q$
- 2. Extract $P_m + P_k$ from C_m
- 3. Calculate $P_m = P_m + P_k \eta_b Q$
- 4. Extract message from divisor: $P_m \rightarrow m$

The architecture do not use standard digital signature to provide authenticity of information.

"S. In [47] author proposed generalized equations for hyperelliptic curve digital signature algorithms (HECDSA) and shorthand digital signature which is defined in Table 1

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Table 2.1: shorthand digital signature [47]

HECDSA and HEC-ElGamal are used to provide authenticity and confidentiality in hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem. These cryptosystems still having high computation cost and communication overhead are not suitable for resource constrained environments like wireless networks, satellite communication etc.

Due to its high reliability and efficiency and shorter parameters Hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem moving from academic interest to industrial application and provide the functionality of both encryption and digital signature.

2.5 Observation

On the basis of literature review it has been observed that till now different schemes have been proposed based on RSA, El-Gamal and ECC, among them Y. Zheng and H. Imai Signcryption scheme have less computation and communication cost but lack of forward secrecy and R. K. Mohapatra schemes have feature of forward secrecy and public variability with considerable less computation cost communication cost and both the'schemes are based on ECC: Hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem use shorter parameters, low cost and high security per bit and more attractive for future cryptographic age. To replace HECC traditional approach signature and encryption by signcryption approach are not focused till now.

2.6 **Problem Statement**

Currently, there are different Signcryption techniques based on ElGamal, RSA and Elliptic Curve cryptography. Hyper elliptic curve cryptosystem provide high security per bit, use short parameters and high efficiency. To provide confidentiality and authenticity HECC use signature and encryption technique having following limitations.

- 1. High Cost, as cost of public key encryption is high compared to private key encryption plus cost of signature.
- 2. In encryption phase the plaintext is mapped to divisor (an element of Jacobian group)

devisors encoding
 $m \xrightarrow{devisors encoding} P_m$ In some cases may not possible, due to which encryption become impractical.

- 3. Communication cost become at least double of plain text, as $P_m =$ $((u(x), v(x))$ and $C_m = (((u(x), v(x)), (u(x), v(x))).$
- 4. If private key of sender compromised the system becomes insecure.

2,7 Contribution

To overcome the limitations enlisted in problem statement portion we proposed three Signcryption schemes based on hyper elliptic curve cryptosystem. Proposed scheme one addresses problem one, proposed scheme two addresses all of the above mentioned problems while scheme three has additional property of direct public verifiability.

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Chapter 3

Mathematical Background

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3.1 Mathematical Background

In contrast to symmetric cryptosystem, asymmetric cryptosystem are purely mathematical based. The understanding of abstract algebra and theory of number are essential for understanding any asymmetric cryptosystem. Giving detail back ground in abstract algebra, theory of number and hyperelliptic curve cannot be covered in one chapter and at least one book needs be studied in each subject. In this chapter abstract level information is provided for detail good references for the study of abstract algebra are [40, 41] for number theory are [42] and for hyperelliptic curve [43, 44].

3.2 Abstract Algebra

The name algebra derived from the book title "الكتاب المختصر في حساب الجبر والمقابلة" written by Abu Ja'far Muhammad ibn Musa Al-Khwarizmi (780-850) one of the famous scholars in the "house of wisdom" in Baghdad. Abstract algebra is the study algebraic structure, which consist of set and operations on set e.g. Groups, Ring, field, vector spaces etc.

3.2.1 Algebraic properties

Let G be set, $+$ (addition) and $*$ (multiplication) be two binary operators

- I. Closed under addition: For all a, $b \in G$, a +b $\in G$
- II. Associative under addition: For all a, b, c $\in G$, a+ (b +c)= (a +b) +c
- III. Additive Identity element: There is exist an element identity e, $g \in G$ such that $g + e = e + g = g$
- IV. Additive Inverse element: For all $a \in G$, there is an element $a^{-1} \in G$ such that $a+a^1=e$
- V. Commutative under addition: For all a, $b \in G$, a +b= $b + a$
- VI. Closed under multiplication: For all a, $b \in G$, $a + b \in G$
- VII. Associative under multiplication: For all a, b, c $\in G$, a^* (b $*c$)= (a $*b$) $*c$
- VIII. Distributive over addition: For all a^* (b+c) = $a^*b + a^*c$
- IX. Commutative under multiplication: For all a, $b \in G$, $a + b = b + a$
- X. Multiplicative Identity: There is exist an element identity e, g eG such that g*e=e *g=g
- XI. Non zero divisor: For all a, $b \in G$, a/ $b \in G$ such that $b \neq 0$

XII. Multiplicative Inverse: For all $a \in G$, there is an element $a^{-1} \in G$ such that a^*a^{-1} $=$ e

3.2.2 Algebraic Structures

Group $(G, +)$ is an algebraic structure formed by a set under one binary operator, while Ring and Field are algebraic structures $(G, +,*)$ under two binary operators satisfying certain axioms. The figure below demonstrates such algebraic structure.

Figure 3.1 Algebraic structure

3.3 Hard Problems and Public Key Cryptosystems

Public key cryptography is based on mathematical function, which use two types of parameters' public and secret. Deriving secrete parameters from public is equivalent to solving a mathematical problem. Complex problems leads to difficult derivation of secret parameters from public and provide stronger security. Two hard problems are popular for usage in cryptography.

3.3.1 Integer Factorization Problem

The splitting down of composite number into non trivial divisors such that when multiplied together equal to original composite number is called integer or prime factorization.

Integer factorization problem state that "given a composite integer n product of two prime number a and b, finds its two prime factors a, b

RSA cryptosystem based on IFP, as in RSA encryption public key is derived by multiplying two large prime numbers. To date, IFF is hard and there is no polynomial time algorithm available to solve.

3.3.2 Discrete Logarithm ic Problem

Let Z_p be a group of prime order p, $x, y \in Z_p$ such that x is the generator of Z_p . Discrete logarithm problem: $x, y \in Z_p$ such that $y \neq 0$ and x is the generator of Z_p , find a unique integer k, $0 \le k \le p-1$ such that $y = x^k \mod p$, integer k is called discrete logarithm of y to the base x .

3.3.3 Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

Let F_q be a finite field of order q, where q is either prime or in the form 2^m . *E* is an elliptic curve defined over *Fq.* Elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem: *P and Q* are points on E such that order of P is n, find an integer k, $0 \le k \le n - 1$ such that $P =$ *kQ.*

3.3.4 H yper Elliptic Curve Discrete Logarithm Problem

Let F_q be a finite field of prime order q. C is a Hyperelliptic curve defined over F_q , J is the Jacobian of C. Hyperelliptic, curve discrete logarithm problem: D_1 and D_2 are divisor in the Jacobian J such that order of D_1 is n, find an integer k, $0 \le k \le n - 1$ such that $D_2 = kD_1$.

3.4 H yper Elliptic Curve

Classifying on the basis of genus hyperelliptic curves are generalization of elliptic curve, having genus $q \ge 2$. *Leth(x),* $f(x) \in Fq[x]$ *, deg h(x)* $\leq g$ *, f(x) is monic polynomial and <i>deg f(x)* = $2g + 1$

A hyperelliptic curve $\mathbb C$ of genus $q \geq 2$ over the field Fq is the set of points $(x, y) \in$ $F \times F$ satisfy the equation

$$
c: y^2 + h(x)y = f(x) \quad (1)
$$

And there are no points which simultaneously satisfy equation (1) and the partial derivate equations $2y + h(x) = 0, h(x) y - f(x) = 0$ of equation (1)

Figure 3.2 Hyperelliptic curve C of genus g=2 $\mathbb{C}: y^2 = x(x^2 - 1) (x^2 - 4)$

3.4.1 Points on Hyper Elliptic Curve

The set of rational points is the set of points $p = (x, y) \in F \times F$ satisfy (1) Point at infinity ∞ is a point in the projective plane lying on the line at infinity that satisfies the homogenized Hyperelliptic curves equation.

An extension field of F is K which contain all the finite points and point at infinity on $\mathbb C$. Opposite of a point $p = (x, y)$ denoted by $\tilde{p} = (x, -y - h(x))$ $(\tilde{p}$ is on $\mathbb{C})$, the opposite of ∞ is $\tilde{\infty} \ni \tilde{\infty} = \infty$. A point *p* is special if $p = \tilde{p}$ otherwise ordinary.

3.4.2 Divisors

A divisor D is a finite formal sum of points $P_i = (x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{C}, D = \sum m_i P_i, P_i \in$ $C, m_i \in Z$.

The degree of the divisor $deg D = \sum_i m_i$, $supp D = {P_i \in \mathbb{C} | m_i \neq 0}$

Let a divisor $D = \sum_i m_i P_i$, $P_i \in \mathcal{C}, m_i \in \mathcal{Z}$ the set of divisor of degree zero are divisors such that $deg D = \sum_i m_i = 0$, form a group $\Rightarrow D^0 \subset D$. The set formed by the divisors of rational functions form the principal divisor denoted by $P \ni P \subset D^0$ A Jacobian *J* is the quotient of the group D^0 by *P*, formally $J = D^0$ /*P*. The Jacobian is finite quotient group and every element in the Jacobian is an equivalence class of reduced divisor. The order of the Jacobian *J* according to [45] is calculated by the following inequality

 $\left| (\sqrt{q}-1)^{2g} \right| \leq \frac{\#}{F_g} \leq \left| (\sqrt{q}+1)^{2g} \right|$

A reduced divisor $D = \sum_i m_i \dot{P}_i - (\sum_i m_i) \infty$ such that P_i are finite points on C and ∞ is a point at infinity, if $P_i \in suppD$ then $\tilde{p} \notin supp(D)$ and $\sum m_i \leq g$

3.4.3 Representations of Divisors

There are different representations of reduced divisor but for implementation point of view the most popular representation is Mumford [46] representation

A reduced divisors $D = \sum m_i P_i - (\sum m_i) \infty$ where $P_i = (x_i, y_i)$ is a point on $\mathbb C$ and m_i is the order of P_i is represented as a pair of polynomials $a(x)$, $b(x)$, as $D =$ *(a(x),b(x))*

Where

- 1. $a(x) = \prod (x x_i)^{m_i}$ is monic polynomial
- 2. $b(x_i) = y_i$ and $deg b(x) < deg(a(x)) \leq g$
- 3. $a(x)$ $(b(x)^2 h(x)b(x) f(x))$

In case of genus $q = 2$

$$
a(x) = x^2 + a_1 x + a_2
$$

$$
b(x) = b_1 x + b_2
$$

Where a_2 , a_1 , b_2 , $b_1 \in F_a$

3.4.5 Addition of Divisors

Divisor of hyperelliptic curve of genus one (elliptic curve) is a single point, using tangent and chord method we perform elliptic curve point addition as

We have elliptic curve defined by $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b(x - 2)(x - 4)$, P and Q are two points on the curve, to add these point we draw a line passing through P, *Q* and a third point *R* on the curve. The sum of *P* and *Q* is reflection of point *R* on x-axis is \tilde{R} , $\widetilde{R}=P+Q$.

Figure 3.3 Elliptic curve point addition

3.4.5.1 Geometrically Addition of Divisors

Let $D_1 = \sum m_i P_i - (\sum m_i) \infty$ and $D_2 = \sum m_i Q_i - (\sum m_i) \infty$ be two divisors, $D_3 =$ $D_1 + D_2$ is the sum of D_1 *and* D_2 , P_i and Q_i are points on hyperelliptic curve for ease of explanation $D_1 = P_1 + P_2 - 2\infty$, $D_2 = Q_1 + Q_2 - 2\infty$, D_1 is represented by blue curve , D_2 by red curve, we draw a third curve which passes through six points P_1 , P_2 , Q_1 , Q_2 , R_1 , R_2 , the projection of R_1 , R_2 are $\widetilde{R_1}$, $\widetilde{R_2}$ which give divisor D_3 such that $D_3 = \widetilde{R_1} + \widetilde{R_2} - 2\infty$

Figure 3.4 Hyperelliptic curve divisor addition

3.4.5.1 Algebraically A ddition of Divisors

Geometric method is more complex to implement. In practically algebraic methods are used to add divisor, mostly using Mumford representation of divisor. Cantor [45] first proposed algorithm for addition of reduced divisor known as cantor algorithm.

3.5 Hyper Elliptic Curve Cryptosystem

HECC is prioritized over other cryptosystem due to High efficiency and shorter key size

Table 3. J: NIST recommended key size

Chapter 4

Proposed Signcryption Schemes

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4.1 Proposed Signcryption Schemes

In this thesis we propose three signcryption schemes based on hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem having security features of message confidentiality, authenticity, integrity, non repudiation, public verifiability and forward secrecy. All the schemes have three phases; Initialization, Signcryption and Unsigncryption. In case of dispute between sender and receiver judge verification phase will be included. The proposed work is divided in three sections; in section one, proposed scheme has fiiifill the security parameters of signcryption, in section two proposed scheme has additional feature of forward secrecy and in section three proposed scheme has properties of forward secrecy and direct public verifiability.

Parameters setup and notation guide is same as section 3.4.1

For secure communication Alice and Bob will generate their own private and public keys:

Alice selects private key $d_a \in \{1,2,3,\ldots,\ldots,q-1\}$ *randomly* and compute public $key P_a = d_aD$

Bob selects private key $d_b \in \{1,2,3\ldots \ldots \ldots q-1\}$ *randomly* and compute public key $P_b = d_bD$

Alice and Bob exchange There public keys

4.2 Signcryption Scheme

4.2.1 Signcryption

Sender obtained receiver public key P_a from certificate authority and

Signcryption (k, P_b , P_a , d_a, m) technique is use to generate signcrypted text for message m.

Signcryption(k, P_b , P_a , d_a, m)

- 1. Select a Random integer $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n 1\}$
- 2. Compute kP_h
- 3. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = h(\varphi(kP_h))$
- 4. $c = E_{K_1}(m)$

- 5. Compute $r = h(c||K_2)$
- 6. Compute s

$$
s = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right) \text{mod } n
$$

7. Signcrypted text for message m is (c, r, s)

4.2.2 Unsigncryption

Receiver obtain sender public key from certificate authority. Unsigncryption (P_b, P_a, d_b, c, r, s) technique is use to obtain message "m" from signcrypted text (c, r, s) .

Unsigncryption (P_b, P_a, d_b, c, r, s)

- 1. Compute $u = sd_b$ mod n
- 2. Compute $u(P_a + rD)$
- 3. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = h((\varphi(u(P_a + rD)))$
- 4. Compute $r' = h(c || K_2)$
- 5. Compute $m = D_{K_1}(c)$
- 6. Check $r = r'$, if satisfied accept the message, otherwise reject

4.2.3 Correctness Proofs of the Proposed Scheme

Proof of decryption phase:

$$
u(P_a + rD) = sd_b(P_a + rD) = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right)d_b(P_a + rD) = \frac{kd_b(P_a + rD)}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{kd_bP_a + kd_brD}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{d_akP_b + kd_brD}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{d_akP_b + rkd_bD}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{d_akP_b + rkP_b}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{kP_b(d_a + r)}{(r+d_a)} = kP_b
$$

4.2.4 Security Analysis of Proposed Scheme

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Security analysis is one of the important aspects of any signcryption scheme. Table shows the security analysis of our proposed schemes along with existing schemes. The analysis is based on the assumption that HECDLP is hard and infeasible to solve

4.2.4.1 Confidentiality

To be confidential, information should be only intangible to unauthorized access and non intangible to eavesdropper/ interceptor [48]. If an adversary want to get session key k; he/she need to calculate d_b from $p_b = d_b D$ or d_a and r from $p_a = d_a D$ and $R = rD$ which is equivalent to solving one and two HCDLP.

4.2.4.2 Integrity

Integrity check insures that the data has not been changed and is that one send by the sender. As due to the property of Random Oracle Model "it is infeasible that two different messages have same digest/hash value" [50]. In our schemes the receiver calculates digest/hash value r of c and checking integrity by comparing $rD = R$, if attacker changes c to c' then $rD \neq R$ due to property of Random Oracle Model.

4.2.4.3 Authenticity

The property that we associate with entity from where it came is called authenticity. In our proposed schemes s is used to calculate K_1 which is used to calculate r and the authenticity is checking by $rD = R$. In case of dispute judge can verify the authenticity of the message by involving in zero knowledge protocol with Bob in case of schemes of type one or directly in schemes two.

4.2.4.4 Unforgeability

Unforgeability means it is infeasible for an attacker to create valid signature without secret key [49]. The proposed signcryption schemes are unforgeable as that is based on unforgeable HECDSA.

4.2.4.5 Non repudiation

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Non repudiation restricts sender from denying the signcrypted text he/she sent. Unforgeability insures non repudiation [51]. If sender denies, recipient send signcrypted text to judge. By using verification technique judge can decide that the message is sent by he/she.

4.3 Signcryption Scheme with Forward Secrecy

In this section we proposed four signcryption schemes public verifiable through zero knowledge protocol.

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4.3.1 Signcryption

Signcryption(k, P_b , P_a , d_a , h, m) technique is used to generate signcrypted text for message m.

Signcryption(k, P_h , P_a , d_a , h, m)

- 1. Select an integer $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, ..., m 1\}$ randomly
- 2. Compute kP_b
- 3. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = h(\varphi(kP_b))$
- 4. $c = E_K(m)$
- 5. Compute $r = h(c \parallel K_2)$
- 6. Compute $s = \left(\frac{k}{r + d_o}\right) \mod n$
- 7. Compute $R = rD$
- 8. Send Signcrypted message as *(c,R,s)*

4.3.2 Unsigncryption

Bob receive signcrypted text, to obtain plain text and verifies, the following Unsigncryption (P_b, P_a, d_b, c, R, s) technique is use to obtain message "m" from signcrypted text (c, R, s) .

Unsigncryption(k , P_b , P_a , d_b , h , c , R , s)

- 1. Compute $u = s d_b$
- 2. Compute $(K_1, K_2) = h(\varphi(u(P_a + R)))$
- 3. Compute $r = h(c \parallel K_2)$
- 4. $m = D_{K_1}(c)$

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5. Check $rD = R$ if satisfied accept the message, otherwise reject

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4.3.3 Correctness Proofs of the Proposed Scheme

Proof of decryption phase:

$$
sd_b(P_a + R) = \left(\frac{k}{(r + d_a)}\right) d_b(P_a + R) = \frac{kd_b(P_a + R)}{(r + d_a)} = \frac{kd_bP_a + kd_bR}{(r + d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{d_a k P_b + kd_b r D}{(r + d_a)} = \frac{d_a k P_b + rk d_b D}{(r + d_a)} = \frac{d_a k P_b + rk P_b}{(r + d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{k P_b (d_a + r)}{(r + d_a)} = k P_b
$$

4.3.4 Security Analysis of Proposed Scheme

Proposed scheme in this section fulfill all the security parameters of Scheme presented in section 4.2 and have additional property of Forward Secrecy.

4.3.4.1 Forward Secrecy

Forward secrecy implies that session key used in communication would not be compromised even if a long term private key is disclosed [52]. In our proposed schemes if an adversary gets d_a for calculating session key k need r . Calculating r is equivalent to solve computational hard problem HECDLP or finding the value of two unknown from one equation.

4.4 Signcryption Schemes with Forward Secrecy and Public Verifiability

In this section we have proposed two signcryption technique based on hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem which are directly verifiable.

4.4.1 Signcryption

Signcryption (k, P_a , P_a , d_a , m) technique is used to generate signcrypted text for message m.

Signcryption(k , P_h , P_a , d_a , \hat{k} , m)

- 1. Select an integer $k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots, n 1\}$ randomly
- 2. Compute *kP^*
- 3. $(K_1) = h(\varphi(kD))$
- 4. $(K_2) = h(\varphi(kP_h))$

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- 5. $c = E_{K_2}(m)$
- *6.* Compute $r = h(m \parallel K_1)$
- 7. Compute $s = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right) \mod n$
- 8. Compute $R = rD$
- 9. Signcrypted text for message m is (c, R, s)

4.4.2 Unsigncryption

Bob receive signcrypted text, to obtain plain text and verifies, the following Unsigncryption (P_b, P_a, d_b, c, R, s) technique is used to obtain message "m" from signcrypted text (c, R, s) .

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Unsigncryption(k , P_b , P_a , d_b , h , c , s)

1. Compute (K_1, K_2)

$$
(K_1) = h(\varphi s(P_a + R))
$$

$$
(K_2)=h(\varphi(sd_b(P_a+R))
$$

- 2. $m = D_{K_2}(c)$
- 3. Compute $r = h(m \, \| \, K_1)$
- 4. Check $rD = R$ if satisfied accept the message, otherwise reject

4.4.3 Proofs of the Proposed Scheme

Proof of decryption phase:

$$
sd_b(P_a + R) = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right)d_b(P_a + R) = \frac{kd_b(P_a + R)}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{kd_bP_a + kd_bR}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{d_a k P_b + kd_b r D}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{d_a k P_b + rk d_b D}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{d_a k P_b + rk P_b}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{k P_b(d_a + r)}{(r+d_a)} = k P_b
$$

4.4.4 Security Analysis of Proposed Scheme

Proposed scheme in this section fulfills all the security parameters of Scheme presented in section 4.3 and have additional property of direct public verifiability.

4.4.4.1 Public Verifiability

The property; when Alice denies his sign the recipient Bob can prove in a secure way that just Alice has signed the message [53]. In our proposed schemes one for public verification the receiver need to engage with judge in zero-knowledge protocol [54] while in schemes two the signcrypted text is directly verified by judge.

4.4.4.1 Verification by Judge

When dispute occurs between sender and receiver the trusted third party or judge can resolve the dispute as:

In case of dispute Bob provide (P_a, m, R, s) to judge

Verification process:

Compute $(K_1) = h(\varphi s(P_a + R))$

Compute $r = h(m \parallel K_1)$

Check $rD = R$ if satisfied the signcrypted text is valid, otherwise not

4.4.4.2 Proof of Verification Phase:

$$
s(P_a + R) = \left(\frac{k}{(r+d_a)}\right)(P_a + R) = \frac{k(P_a + R)}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{k(d_aD + rD)}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{k(d_aD + rD)}{(r+d_a)} = \frac{kD(d_a + r)}{(r+d_a)}
$$

$$
= \frac{kD(r+d_a)}{(r+d_a)} = kD
$$

4.5 Cost analysis of Proposed Schemes and Results

Cost is one of the major parameters of any cryptographic technique. We presented two type of cost analysis computation cost and communication overhead of the proposed signcryption schemes and existing signature-Then-Encryption scheme.

Table 3.2: Environment settings

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4.4.5.1 Computation Cost Analysis of Proposed Schemes and Results

Computation cost is calculated as the time taken in ms by existing signature-Then-Encryption and proposed signcryption approaches. The Figure 4.1 shows the Comparative computation cost of Sign-then-Encryption Vs Signcryption and Figure 4.2 shows the Comparative computation cost of Decryption-Then-Verification Vs Unsigncryption.

Figure 4.1 Comparative computation cost of sign-then-encryption Vs Signcryption

Figure 4.2 Comparative computation cost of decryption-Then-verification Vs

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4.4.5.2 Communication Overhead Analysis of Proposed Schemes

Communication cost depends on the choice of parameters and amount of information. Communication cost is calculated as the size of plain text Vs signcrypted text in bits of existing signature-Then-Encryption and proposed signcryption approaches. The Figure 4.3 shows the Comparative Communication overhead analysis of Sign-then-Encryption Vs Signcryption.

Figure 4.3 Communications overhead analysis

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5.1 Conclusion

In this thesis we presented four signcryption schemes based on hyperelliptic curve cryptography for confidential and authenticated message delivery. The proposed schemes fulfill all the security parameters of signcryption and equivalent in function to signature-Then-encryption technique with less computation cost and communication overhead. The proposed schemes provide the functionality of forward secrecy and public verifiability. The schemes are based on the HECDLP which is more difficult than IFP, DLP and ECDLP. Proposed schemes have less computation cost and communication overhead and more suitable for restricted computation devices.

5.2 Limitations of the Proposed Work

Hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem parameters must be chosen in a secure way to make it difficult for an attacker to solve HECDLP. Schemes have limitation of additional special property like proxy group signcryption.

5.3 Future Direction

Elliptic curve points have compressed representation which reduces communication overhead significantly, like ECC point compression divisor in HEC cryptosystem need compressed representation.

Generalized signcryption schemes based on HECC can be developed to achieve confidentiality only, authenticity only and both confidentiality and authenticity.

Secure Sockets Layer (SSL), the Internet security protocol for point-to-point connections provides protection against eavesdropping, tampering, and forgery. SSL was developed by Netscape and its version 3.0 has been implemented in many web browsers (e.g., Netscape Navigator and MS Internet Explorer) and web servers widely used on the Internet. TLS can be viewed as SSL v3.1. SSL Cipher suite contains asymmetric cryptosystem for key exchange, digital signature and symmetric key cryptosystem for encryption. SSL Cipher suite:

RSA, DES (in different modes), RC (4, 5, 6), HASH, MAC, HMAC, ECC, DSA, MD5, DH) [56-59]. Signcryption schemes based on hyperelliptic curve cryptosystem can be used as cipher suite in SSL/TLS.

IPSec an IP layer protocol used to secure service..... IPSec provide either confidentiality and authenticity or authenticity using RSA, DSA and symmetric encryption technique. Generalized signcryption schemes based on Hyperelliptic curve can be implemented in IPSec to gain efficiency.

MANET and sensor networks have issue of energy and secure communication due to high computation and communication cost public key cryptosystem are not preferred, while symmetric cryptosystem have limitation of key distribution, to handle these problems Signcryption schemes based on HECC can be used which have less computation cost, communication overhead and key distribution problem.

Satellite communication has global application in science, entertainment, information sharing and military task. Secure satellite system is the need of the current age; due to cost effectiveness signcryption schemes based on HECC is good choice and can be implemented in satellite network for secure communication.

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