

Quantum-Accessible Security of Stateless Hash-based Signature Schemes

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Abstract: In post-quantum cryptography, hash-based signatures are considered as attractive choices since their security is only based on security notions of hash functions. Most existing stateless hash-based signature schemes are proved to be secure in post-quantum security models, where the adversaries are able to execute quantum computations and query to a signing oracle. Note that the signing oracle is classical but quantum, meaning that an adversary can only query a single message with its classical state and receive the corresponding signature. In 2013, Boneh and Zhandry proposed a stronger security model, where the signing oracle also permits quantum queries. The security in quantum-accessible security model of hash-based signature schemes is lack of research, especially of stateless ones. In this paper, we reprove the security of stateless hash-based signature schemes and analyze the security level in quantum-accessible security models.

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