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# Certificateless Short Aggregate Signature Scheme for Mobile Devices

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**ABSTRACT** Today, data is exploding. A large amount of data needs to be processed in a timely and an efficient manner. Aggregate signatures are an efficient and secure way to handle large numbers of digital signatures. In an aggregate signature scheme,  $n$  signatures on  $n$  messages from  $n$  users can be combined into a single signature, which can make anyone believes that the  $n$  messages were indeed signed by the  $n$  corresponding users. In the recent decade, numerous certificateless aggregate signature (CLAS) schemes have been introduced. In most CLAS schemes currently known, the number of hash-to-point operations and the size of signature increase linearly with the number of signers, so they are not suitable for computing restricted devices, such as mobile devices. In this paper, a new CLAS scheme is constructed, which requires only two pairing operations and the signature contains only one point and state information. It is more efficient than the previous ones and suit for the mobile devices.

**INDEX TERMS** Certificateless cryptography, short signature, aggregate signature, pairing, random oracles model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The continuous advancement of hardware, software and communication technologies has driven the development of mobile communication devices such as personal digital assistants (PDAs) and smart phones. Market research firm Newzoo recently released the “2018 Global Mobile Market Report”, which shows that by the end of 2018, the number of global smartphone users will reach 3.3 billion, and China will be the largest smartphone market - with 783 million users. By 2021, the total number of global smartphone users will increase to 3.8 billion, of which the number of users in the Asia-Pacific region will increase to 2.1 billion.

The development of network technology and communication equipment has brought great convenience to people's lives. The Internet has become an indispensable part of people's lives. According to the 43rd “Statistical Report on the Development of China's Internet Network”, as of December 2018, the number of online users in China was 829 million, and the number of online users increased by 55.63 million. Internet penetration reached 59.6%,

an increase of 3.8% over 2017. The proportion of Internet users using mobile phones in China is 98.6%. In 2018, the number of new mobile Internet users was 64.33 million, and the number of mobile Internet users reached 187 million, accounting for 98.6% of the size of China's online users. In 2017, this ratio was 97.5%. In 2018, the average online time for online users in China was 27.6 hours per week, 0.6 hours higher than in 2017. This also means that the average online time per person in 2018 is 4 hours.

In traditional public key infrastructure (PKI), the user chooses his own private key and sets the corresponding public key which is bundled with the user by a digital certificate issued by a trusted certification authority (CA). To manage the certificates, a lots of resources is consumed. To reduce costs, Shamir [21] introduced identity-based public key cryptography. In this setting, the user's private key is generated by a trusted private key generator (PKG) through the user's public key which is a string (e.g. user's identity card number or email address), since PKG controls all the private keys, it can harm to any user. To solve the two problems, Al-Riyami *et al.* [1] put forward certificateless public key cryptography. In this notion, a user's full private key includes two parts: a secret value chosen by himself and a partial

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private key issued by a semi-trusted key generation center (KGC) according to user's identity.

In 2001, Boneh *et al.* [2] presented short signature. The length of the signature is much smaller than that of the general signature. In 2003, Boneh *et al.* [3] put forward aggregate signature,  $n$  signatures on  $n$  messages from  $n$  users can be combine into a single signature. Verifying the resulting signature, anyone believes that the  $n$  messages were indeed signed by the  $n$  corresponding users. With the rapid growth of various data, how to process data safely and efficiently becomes an urgent problem to be solved. The CLAS scheme has the advantages of certificateless cryptography and aggregate signature, which has attracted the attention of researchers. In most CLAS schemes currently known, the number of hash-to-point operations and the size of the signature increase linearly with the number of signers, which requires the user to have strong computing and storage capabilities. In order to be portable, the size of the mobile device is relatively small, and the computing and storage capabilities are limited. Therefore, these CLAS solutions are not suitable for mobile devices. It is very meaningful to design an efficient and secure CLAS scheme for mobile devices.

#### A. RELATED WORK

Huang *et al.* [13] put forward the first certificateless short signature (CLSS) scheme and gave the security proofs. However, Shim [20] indicated that the scheme [13] is insecure against the type I adversary. Du and Wen [11] proposed a CLSS scheme and showed the security proofs. However, Choi *et al.* [7] demonstrated that the scheme [11] is vulnerable against the strong Type I adversary and constructed a new CLSS scheme. However, Tian *et al.* [25] pointed out that the scheme [7] is still insecure and a strong Type I adversary can forge a signature. Tso *et al.* [23] presented a CLSS scheme and showed the security proofs based on  $k - CAA$  (the collusion attack algorithm with  $k$  traitors) problem. Tso *et al.* [24] constructed another CLSS scheme and gave the security proofs in a weak secure model, where the attacker was not allowed to query the secret value of the challenge user. He *et al.* [14] put forward a CLSS scheme requiring hash-to-point operations. Tsai [26] proposed a CLSS scheme requiring only one pairing operation. Deng *et al.* [9] constructed a new CLSS scheme and showed the security proofs in the standard model.

Many CLAS schemes have been given in the past 12 years. Castro and Dahab [4] designed the first CLAS scheme. Gong *et al.* [12] put forward two CLAS schemes and gave the security proofs in a weak model. In order to improve computing efficiency, Zhang and Zhang [30], Zhang *et al.* [29] and Nie *et al.* [19] put forward a CLAS scheme, respectively. In the three schemes, the signers need to share synchronized clocks to generate an aggregate signature. Xiong *et al.* [27] constructed a new CLAS scheme, which requires only three pairing operations. He *et al.* [15] pointed out that the scheme [27] is insecure and presented an improved scheme. However, Li *et al.* [18] showed that a malicious-but-passive

TABLE 1. Notations.

|                 |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $F_p$           | A prime finite field.                                                                                                       |
| $q$             | A prime number.                                                                                                             |
| $z_q^*$         | A set consisting of positive integers less than $q$ .                                                                       |
| $\hat{e}$       | A bilinear pairing, where $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ .                                                      |
| $P$             | A generators of the group $G_1$ .                                                                                           |
| $P_{pub}$       | The public key of system, where $P_{pub} = xP$ .                                                                            |
| $H_1 \sim H_3$  | Three secure hash functions.                                                                                                |
| $ID_i$          | The identity of $i^{th}$ user, where $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .                                                                |
| $D_i$           | The partial private key $i^{th}$ user, where $D_i = (R_i, d_i)$ .                                                           |
| $SV_i$          | The secret value $i^{th}$ user, where $SV_i = (t_i, x_i)$ .                                                                 |
| $PK_i$          | The public key of $i^{th}$ user, where $PK_i = (T_i, X_i, R_i, S_i)$ and $T_i = t_iP, X_i = x_iP, R_i = r_iP, S_i = s_iP$ . |
| $W$             | A set consisting of $n$ identities, where $W = \{ID_1, \dots, ID_n\}$ .                                                     |
| $A$             | A set consisting of the identities/public keys, where $A = W \cup \{PK_i : ID_i \in W\}$ .                                  |
| $\Delta$        | A state information, where $\Delta \in \{0, 1\}^{160}$ .                                                                    |
| $m_i, \sigma_i$ | A message and the signature.                                                                                                |
| $M$             | A set consisting of $n$ messages, where $M = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ .                                                         |
| $\sigma$        | An aggregate signature.                                                                                                     |

KGC can forge a valid signature in the scheme [15]. Zhang *et al.* [31] indicated that the scheme [27] is vulnerable by showing four kinds of concrete attacks, then presented a new CLAS scheme. Cheng *et al.* [6] showed that the scheme [27] is vulnerable against the "honest-but-curious" KGC, and put forward a reformative scheme. Chen *et al.* [5] constructed a CLAS scheme with a constant number of pairing operations. However, Shen *et al.* [22] pointed out that the scheme [5] is vulnerable. Deng *et al.* [8] proposed a new CLAS scheme with a constant number of pairing operations. Deng *et al.* [10] constructed another CLAS scheme and gave the security proofs based on RSA and discrete logarithm problem. Kumar *et al.* [17] proposed a CLAS scheme and gave the security proofs. However, Xie *et al.* [28] indicated that the scheme [17] is vulnerable and presented a new CLAS scheme without pairing operations.

#### B. MOTIVATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS

In all known CLAS schemes, the number of hash-to-point operations increase linearly with the number of signers. In most CLAS schemes, the size of signature increase linearly with the number of signers. These schemes require that the devices in the network have strong computing and storage capabilities. Due to the size constraints, the computing and storage capabilities of mobile devices are limited. So these schemes are not suit for mobile devices. Therefore, it is quite significant to constructed an efficient and secure CLAS scheme for mobile devices.

In this paper, a new CLAS scheme is constructed that has the following features:

- It is proved to be secure under the assumption that it is hard to solve the computational Diffie-Hellman problem.
- It requires only 2 pairing operations, independent of the number of signers.
- The size of signature is a point and a state information, independent of the number of signers.

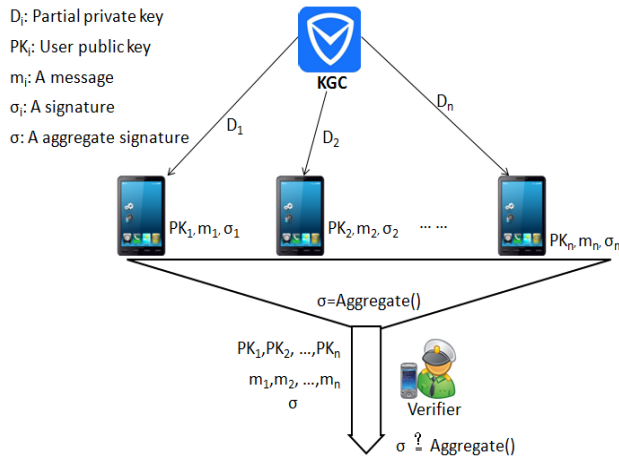


FIGURE 1. CLAS Scheme.

## II. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, the definition of bilinear pairing and computational Diffie-Hellman problem is first given, then the system model and security requirements of the CLAS scheme are introduced. The notations used throughout the paper are listed in Table 1.

### A. BILINEAR PAIRING

Let  $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a map with the following properties. Where  $G_1 = (P)$  is an additive group with prime order  $q$  and  $G_2$  be a multiplicative group with the same order.

- Bilinearity:  $\hat{e}(aP, bQ) = \hat{e}(P, Q)^{ab}$  for all  $P, Q \in G_1$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ .
- Non-degeneracy: There exist  $P, Q \in G_1$  such that  $\hat{e}(P, Q) \neq 1_{G_2}$ .
- Computability: There is an efficient algorithm to compute  $\hat{e}(P, Q)$  for all  $P, Q \in G_1$ .

**Definition 1:** Computation Diffie-Hellman (CDH) problem. For  $P \in G_1$ , given a tuple  $(aP, bP)$ , compute  $abP$ .

### B. SYSTEM MODEL

A certificateless aggregate signature scheme (Fig.1) consists of the following seven algorithms:

- Setup: On input a security parameter  $\nu$ , this algorithm outputs  $params$  (system parameters) and  $msk$  (master secret key).
- PPK-Extract: On input an identity  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , this algorithm outputs the partial private key  $D_i$ .
- SV-Set: On input an identity  $ID_i$ , this algorithm outputs the secret value  $SV_i$ .
- UPK-Set: On input an identity  $ID_i$ , this algorithm outputs the public key  $PK_i$ .
- Sign: On input a tuple  $(\Delta, m, SV_i, D_i)$ , this algorithm outputs a signature  $\sigma$ .
- Aggregate: On input a tuple  $(\Delta, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n, M, A)$ , this algorithm outputs an aggregate signature  $\sigma$ .
- Agg-verify: On input a tuple  $(\sigma, M, A)$ , this algorithm outputs 1 or 0.

**Remark:** In order to shorten the length of the signature, all users must use the same state information  $\Delta$  when signing. Where  $\Delta$  be the current time parameter, or other information which all users have shared.

### C. SECURITY MODEL

**Definition 2:** A CLAS scheme is unforgeable (UNF-CLAS) if the advantage of any adversary is negligible in the following two games.

**Game I.** The first game is carried out between a challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and a Type I adversary  $\mathcal{A}_1$ .

**Initialization.**  $\mathcal{C}$  runs the Setup algorithm to obtain  $msk$  and  $params$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  keeps  $msk$  secret and gives  $params$  to  $\mathcal{A}_1$ .

**Query.**  $\mathcal{A}_1$  executes a polynomially bounded number of queries.

- Hash-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  can query the values of the hash functions for any input.
- UPK-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns a value  $PK_i$ .
- UPK-Replace:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs a tuple  $(PK_i', ID_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  replaces  $PK_i$  with  $PK_i'$ .
- PPK-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns a value  $D_i$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  cannot do it if  $R_i$  or  $S_i$  has been replaced.
- SV-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns a value  $SV_i$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  cannot do it if  $T_i$  or  $X_i$  has been replaced.
- Sig-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs a tuple  $(m_i, ID_i, PK_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  returns a signature  $\sigma_i$ .

**Forge.**  $\mathcal{A}_1$  outputs a tuple  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*)$  and wins if the following conditions hold:

- 1) Agg-verify  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*) = 1$ .
- 2) There is an identity  $ID_j^* \in W^*$  for which  $\mathcal{A}_1$  did not perform PPK-Query or replace  $R_j$  or  $S_j$ .
- 3)  $\mathcal{A}_1$  did not perform Sig-Query for  $(\Delta^*, m_j^*, ID_j^*, PK_j^*)$ .

The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is defined as:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}_1}^{EUF-CLAS} = \Pr[\mathcal{A}_1 \text{ wins}].$$

**Game II.** The game is performed between a challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  and a Type II adversary  $\mathcal{A}_2$ .

**Initialization.**  $\mathcal{A}_2$  runs the Setup algorithm to get  $msk$  and  $params$ , then gives them to  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Query.**  $\mathcal{A}_2$  performs a polynomially bounded number of queries as those in Game I.

**Forge.**  $\mathcal{A}_2$  outputs a tuple  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*)$  and wins if the following conditions hold:

- 1) Agg-verify  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*) = 1$ .
- 2) There is one user  $ID_j^* \in W^*$  for which  $\mathcal{A}_2$  did not perform SV-Query or replace  $T_j$  or  $X_j$ .
- 3)  $\mathcal{A}_2$  did not perform Sig-Query for  $(\Delta^*, m_j^*, ID_j^*, PK_j^*)$ .

The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is defined as:

$$Adv_{\mathcal{A}_2}^{EUF-CLAS} = \Pr[\mathcal{A}_2 \text{ wins}].$$

## III. NEW SCHEME

In this section, a new CLAS scheme is proposed as follows.

- Setup: Given the security parameter  $\nu$ , KGC does as follows.

- 1) Chooses a bilinear pairing  $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ . Where  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are two group with prime order  $q > 2^v$ ,  $P$  is a generator of  $G_1$ .
- 2) Chooses four cryptographic hash functions  $H_1, H_2, H_3 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow Z_q^*$ ,  $H_4 : \{0, 1\}^{160} \rightarrow G_1$ .
- 3) Chooses  $\lambda \in Z_q^*$ , computes  $P_{pub} = \lambda P$ , sets master secret key  $msk = \{\lambda\}$ .
- 4) Broadcasts the public parameters:  $params = \{G_1, G_2, q, \hat{e}, P, P_{pub}, H_1 \sim H_4\}$ .
- PPK-Extract: For a user  $ID_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , KGC randomly chooses two different numbers  $r_i, s_i \in Z_q^*$ , computes  $R_i = r_i P$ ,  $S_i = s_i P$ ,  $l_i = H_1(ID_i, R_i, S_i)$ ,  $d_i = r_i + l_i \lambda \bmod q$  and  $c_i = s_i + l_i \lambda \bmod q$ , then sends  $D_i = (d_i, c_i, R_i, S_i)$  to the user  $ID_i$  via a secure channel.
- SV-Set: The user  $ID_i$  randomly chooses two different numbers  $t_i, x_i \in Z_q^*$ .
- UPK-Set: The user  $ID_i$  computes  $T_i = t_i P$ ,  $X_i = x_i P$  and sets  $PK_i = (T_i, X_i, R_i, S_i)$ .
- Sign: For a message  $m_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , the signer  $ID_i$  first chooses a one-time-use state information  $\Delta$ , then performs the following steps:
  - 1) Computes  $h_i = H_2(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta)$ ,  $k_i = H_3(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta)$ ,  $Q = H_4(\Delta)$ .
  - 2) Computes  $\sigma_i = (h_i d_i + c_i + k_i t_i + x_i) Q$  and outputs  $\sigma_i$  as the signature.
- Aggregate: On input a tuple  $(\Delta, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n, M, A)$ , anyone computes  $\sigma = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i$  and outputs a signature  $(\sigma, \Delta, M, A)$ .
- Agg-verify: On receive a tuple  $(\sigma, \Delta, M, A)$ , the verifier performs the following steps:
  - 1) Computes  $l_i = H_1(ID_i, R_i, S_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - 2) Computes  $h_i = H_2(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta)$ ,  $k_i = H_3(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta)$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - 3) Computes  $Q = H_4(\Delta)$ .
  - 4) Computes  $V = \sum_{i=1}^n (h_i R_i + k_i T_i + l_i (h_i + 1) P_{pub} + S_i + X_i)$ .
  - 5) Checks whether  $\hat{e}(\sigma, P) = \hat{e}(V, Q)$ . If the equation holds, accepts the signature. Otherwise, rejects.
- On correctness

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{e}(\sigma, P) \\
&= \hat{e}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (h_i d_i + c_i + k_i t_i + x_i) Q, P\right) \\
&= \hat{e}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (h_i (r_i + l_i \lambda) + s_i + l_i \lambda + k_i t_i + x_i) P, Q\right) \\
&= \hat{e}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (h_i R_i + l_i (h_i + 1) P_{pub} + k_i T_i + S_i + X_i), Q\right) \\
&= \hat{e}(V, Q)
\end{aligned}$$

#### IV. SECURITY

In this section, the proposed CLAS scheme is proved to be unforgeable in the random oracle model (ROM).

*Theorem 1:* In ROM, the scheme is unforgeable against the Type I adversary if the CDH problem is hard.

*Proof:* Suppose that the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  receives a tuple  $(P, aP, bP)$  with the purpose of computing  $abP$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  will act as  $\mathcal{A}_1$ 's challenger in the Game I.

**Initialization.**  $\mathcal{C}$  runs the Setup program with the parameter  $v$ , then gives  $\mathcal{A}_1$  the  $params = \{G_1, G_2, q, \hat{e}, P, P_{pub} = \lambda P, H_1 \sim H_4\}$ .

**Queries.**  $\mathcal{A}_1$  will perform UPK-Query before an identity  $ID_i$  is used in any other queries. Several lists are set to store the queries and answers. All the lists are initially empty.

- UPK-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_U$  of tuple  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  responds as follows:
  - 1) If  $i = f$ , randomly picks  $t_f, x_f, s_f \in Z_q^*$ , sets  $ID_f = ID^\diamond$  and  $PK^\diamond = (t_f P, x_f P, aP, s_f P)$ . then adds  $(ID_f, t_f, x_f, *, s_f)$  to the list  $L_U$ .
  - 2) If  $i \neq f$ , randomly picks  $t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i \in Z_q^*$  and returns  $PK_i = (t_i P, x_i P, r_i P, s_i P)$ , then adds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  to the list  $L_U$ .
- $H_1$ -Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_1$  of tuple  $(\alpha_i, l_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  issues a query  $H_1(\alpha_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly picks  $l_i \in Z_q^*$ , sets  $H_1(\alpha_i) = l_i$  and adds  $(\alpha_i, l_i)$  to the list  $L_1$ .
- $H_2$ -Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_2$  of tuple  $(\beta_i, h_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  issues a query  $H_2(\beta_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly picks  $h_i \in Z_q^*$ , sets  $H_2(\beta_i) = h_i$  and adds  $(\beta_i, h_i)$  to the list  $L_2$ .
- $H_3$ -Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_3$  of tuple  $(\beta_i, k_i)$ . When  $\mathcal{A}_1$  issues a query  $H_3(\beta_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  randomly picks  $k_i \in Z_q^*$ , sets  $H_3(\beta_i) = k_i$  and adds  $(\beta_i, k_i)$  to the list  $L_3$ .
- $H_4$ -Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_4$  of tuple  $(\Delta_i, \mu_i, \delta_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  issues a query  $H_4(\Delta_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  generates a random coin  $\mu_i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\Pr[\mu_i = 0] = \frac{1}{q_R + 1}$ , and randomly picks  $\delta_i \in Z_q^*$ . If  $\mu_i = 0$ , sets  $H_4(\Delta_i) = \delta_i bP$ . Otherwise, sets  $H_4(\Delta_i) = \delta_i P$ , then adds  $(\Delta_i, \mu_i, \delta_i)$  to the list  $L_4$ .
- UPK-Replace:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_R$  of tuple  $(ID_i, PK_i, PK'_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs a tuple  $(ID_i, PK'_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  replaces  $PK_i$  with  $PK'_i$  and adds  $(ID_i, PK_i, PK'_i)$  to the list  $L_R$ .
- PPK-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_D$  of tuple  $(ID_i, D_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ . If  $ID_i = ID^\diamond$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  fails and stops. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  in the list  $L_U$ , outputs the  $D_i$  by calling the PPK-Extract algorithm, then adds  $(ID_i, D_i)$  to the list  $L_D$ .
- SV-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_E$  of tuple  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  in the list  $L_U$ , responds with  $SV_i = (t_i, x_i)$  and adds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i)$  to the list  $L_E$ .
- Sig-Query:  $\mathcal{A}_1$  inputs a tuple  $(m_i, ID_i, PK_i)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  does as follow:
  - 1) Chooses a state information  $\Delta_i$ .
  - 2) If  $ID_i \neq ID^\diamond$  and  $ID_i \notin L_R$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  gives a signature by calling the Sign algorithm.
  - 3) If  $ID_i = ID^\diamond$  or  $ID_i \in L_R$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(\Delta_i, \mu_i, \delta_i)$  in the list  $L_4$ . If  $\mu_i = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  fails and stops. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  does as follow:
    - a) Computes  $l_i = H_1(ID_i, R_i, S_i)$ ,  $h_i = H_2(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta_i)$ , and  $k_i = H_3(m_i, ID_i, PK_i, \Delta_i)$ .

- b) Computes  $\sigma_i = \delta_i(h_i R_i + l_i(h_i + 1)P_{pub} + k_i T_i + S_i + X_i)$ .

**Forge.**  $\mathcal{A}_1$  outputs a tuple  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*)$  that fulfills the requirements as defined in the Game I.

**Solve CDH problem.** By the proposed scheme, it follows that  $\sigma^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^*$ ,  $\sigma_i^*$  is a signature on the message  $m_i^*$  with the state information  $\Delta^*$  under  $ID_i^*/PK_i^*$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . There is an identity  $ID_j^* \in W^*$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) for which  $\mathcal{A}_1$  did not perform PPK-Query or replace  $R_j$  or  $S_j$ . which implies that  $\sigma_j^*$  is a forge signature on the message  $m_j^*$ . After replaying  $\mathcal{A}_1$  with the same random tape but different  $h_j^*$  returned by query  $H_2(m_j^*, ID_j^*, PK_j^*, \Delta^*)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  gets two valid signatures  $\sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^{*'}$ , where  $\sigma^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^*$  and  $\sigma^{*' = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{*'}$ ,  $\sigma_j^* \neq \sigma_j^{*'}$  and  $\sigma_i^* = \sigma_i^{*'}$  for  $i \neq j$ . If  $ID_j^* = ID^\diamond$  and  $\mu^* = 0$ , then  $\sigma_j^* = (h_j^*(a + l_j^*\lambda) + (s_j^* + l_j^*\lambda) + k_j^*t_j^* + x_j^*)\delta^*bP$ ,  $\sigma_j^{*' = (h_j^{*'}(a + l_j^{*'}\lambda) + (s_j^{*' + l_j^{*'}\lambda) + k_j^{*'}t_j^{*' + x_j^{*'})\delta^*bP$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(ID_j^*, R_j^*, S_j^*, l_j^*)$  in the list  $L_1$  and  $(\Delta^*, \mu^*, \delta^*)$  in the list  $L_4$ , then solves CDH problem by computing:  $abP = \delta^{*-1}(h_j^{*' - h_j^*)^{-1}(\sigma^{*' - \sigma^*) - l_j^{*'}\lambda bP$ .

**Probability.** Let  $q_{H_i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $q_U$ ,  $q_R$ ,  $q_D$  and  $q_S$  be the number of hash function  $H_i$ -Query ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), UPK-Query, UPK-Replace, PPK-Query, Sig-Query respectively. Due to  $\mathcal{A}_1$  cannot perform PPK-Query for  $ID_i$  if  $R_i$  or  $S_i$  has been replaced, it is a reasonable assumption that  $L_D \cap L_R = \emptyset$ . Several notations are defined as follows:

$\pi_1$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  does not fail in PPK-Query.

$\pi_2$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  does not fail in Sig-Query.

$\pi_3$ :  $ID_j^* = ID^\diamond$  and  $\mu^* = 0$ .

It is easy to get following results:

$$\Pr[\pi_1] = \frac{q_U - q_D}{q_U}$$

$$\Pr[\pi_2|\pi_1] = \left(\frac{q_U - (q_R + 1)}{q_U} + \frac{q_R + 1}{q_U} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_R + 1}\right)\right)^{q_S} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_U}\right)^{q_S},$$

$$\Pr[\pi_3|\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2] = \frac{1}{q_U - q_D - q_R} \cdot \frac{1}{q_R + 1}.$$

$\Pr[\mathcal{C} \text{ success}]$

$$= \Pr[\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2 \wedge \pi_3]$$

$$= \Pr[\pi_1] \cdot \Pr[\pi_2|\pi_1] \cdot \Pr[\pi_3|\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2]$$

$$= \frac{q_U - q_D}{q_U} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_U}\right)^{q_S} \cdot \frac{1}{q_U - q_D - q_R} \cdot \frac{1}{q_R + 1}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{q_U(q_R + 1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{q_S}{q_U}}$$

Therefore, if  $\mathcal{A}_1$  can forge a aggregate signature with probability  $\epsilon$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve the CDH problem with probability  $\frac{\epsilon}{q_U(q_R + 1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{q_S}{q_U}}$ .

**Theorem 2:** In ROM, the scheme is unforgeable against the Type II adversary if the CDH problem is hard.

**Proof:** Suppose that the challenger  $\mathcal{C}$  receives a tuple  $(P, aP, bP)$  with the purpose of computing  $abP$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  will act as  $\mathcal{A}_2$ 's challenger in the Game II.

**Initialization.**  $\mathcal{C}$  runs the Setup program with the parameter  $v$ , then gives  $\mathcal{A}_2$  the *params* =  $\{G_1, G_2, q, \hat{e}, P, P_{pub} = \lambda P, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4\}$  and  $msk = \{\lambda\}$ .

**Queries.**  $\mathcal{A}_2$  will perform UPK-Query before an identity  $ID_i$  is used in any other queries. Several lists are set to store the queries and answers. All the lists are initially empty.

- UPK-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_U$  of tuple  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_2$  inputs a user  $ID_i$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  responds as follows:
  - 1) If  $i = f$ , randomly picks  $x_f, r_f, s_f \in Z_q^*$ , sets  $ID_f = ID^\diamond$  and  $PK^\diamond = (aP, x_f P, r_f P, s_f P)$ , then adds  $(ID_f, *, x_f, r_f, s_f)$  to the list  $L_U$ .
  - 2) If  $i \neq f$ , randomly picks  $t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i \in Z_q^*$  and returns  $PK_i = (t_i P, x_i P, r_i P, s_i P)$ , then adds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  to the list  $L_U$ .
- $H_i$ -Query ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ): Same as those in the proof of Theorem 1.
- UPK-Replace: Same as that in the proof of Theorem 1.
- PPK-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains a list  $L_D$  of tuple  $(ID_i, D_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_2$  inputs an identity  $ID_i$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  in the list  $L_U$ , outputs the  $D_i$  by calling the PPK-Extract algorithm, then adds  $(ID_i, D_i)$  to the list  $L_D$ .
- SV-Query:  $\mathcal{C}$  maintains list  $L_E$  of tuple  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_2$  inputs a user  $ID_i$ . If  $ID_i = ID^\diamond$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  fails and stops. Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i, r_i, s_i)$  in list  $L_U$ , responds with  $SV_i = (t_i, x_i)$  and adds  $(ID_i, t_i, x_i)$  to list  $L_E$ .
- Sig-Query: Same as that in the proof of Theorem 1.

**Forge.**  $\mathcal{A}_2$  outputs a tuple  $(\sigma^*, \Delta^*, M^*, A^*)$  that fulfills the requirements as defined in the Game II.

**Solve CDH problem.** By the proposed scheme, it follows that  $\sigma^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^*$ ,  $\sigma_i^*$  is a signature on the message  $m_i^*$  with the state information  $\Delta^*$  under  $ID_i^*/PK_i^*$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . There is an identity  $ID_j^* \in W^*$  for which  $\mathcal{A}_2$  did not perform SV-Query or replace  $T_j$  or  $X_j$ , which implies that  $\sigma_j^*$  is a forge signature on the message  $m_j^*$ . After replaying  $\mathcal{A}_2$  with the same random tape but different  $k_j^*$  returned by query  $H_3(m_j^*, ID_j^*, PK_j^*, \Delta^*)$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  get two valid signatures  $\sigma^*$  and  $\sigma^{*'}$ , where  $\sigma^* = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^*$  and  $\sigma^{*' = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{*'}$ ,  $\sigma_j^* \neq \sigma_j^{*'}$  and  $\sigma_i^* = \sigma_i^{*'}$  for  $i \neq j$ . If  $ID_j^* = ID^\diamond$  and  $\mu^* = 0$ , then  $\sigma_j^* = (h_j^*(r_j^* + l_j^*\lambda) + (s_j^* + l_j^*\lambda) + k_j^*a + x_j^*)\delta^*bP$ ,  $\sigma_j^{*' = (h_j^{*'}(r_j^{*' + l_j^{*'}\lambda) + (s_j^{*' + l_j^{*'}\lambda) + k_j^{*'}a + x_j^{*'})\delta^*bP$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  finds  $(\Delta^*, \mu^*, \delta^*)$  in the list  $L_4$ , then solves CDH problem by computing:  $abP = (\delta^*(k_j^{*' - k_j^*)^{-1}(\sigma^{*' - \sigma^*)$ .

**Probability.** Let  $q_{H_i}$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $q_U$ ,  $q_R$ ,  $q_E$  and  $q_S$  be the number of  $H_i$ -Query ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ), UPK-Query, UPK-Replace, SV-Query, Sig-Query respectively. Due to  $\mathcal{A}_2$  cannot perform SV-Query for  $ID_i$  if  $T_i$  or  $X_i$  has been replaced, it is a reasonable assumption that  $L_E \cap L_R = \emptyset$ . Several events are defined as follows:

$\pi_1$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  does not fail during the SV-Query.

$\pi_2$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  does not fail during the Sig-Query.

$\pi_3$ :  $ID_j = ID^*$  and  $\mu^* = 0$ .

It is easy to get following results:

$$\Pr[\pi_1] = \frac{q_U - q_E}{q_U},$$

$$\Pr[\pi_2|\pi_1] = \left(\frac{q_U - (q_R + 1)}{q_U} + \frac{q_R + 1}{q_U} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_R + 1}\right)\right)^{q_S} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_U}\right)^{q_S},$$

TABLE 2. Comparison of several CLAS schemes.

| Scheme     | Sign            | Agg-verify                  | Execution time/(n=1000)     | Signature size/(n=1000)  |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cheng [6]  | $4nO_M + nO_H$  | $3O_P + 2nO_M + (n + 1)O_H$ | 147.594n+131.721/147725.721 | $(n+1) G_1  / 64064$     |
| Deng [8]   | $4nO_M + nO_H$  | $3O_P + 3nO_M + (n + 1)O_H$ | 160.999n+131.721/161130.721 | $(n+1) G_1  / 64064$     |
| Li [18]    | $5nO_M + nO_H$  | $3O_P + 2nO_M + (n + 1)O_H$ | 160.999n+131.721/161130.721 | $(n+1) G_1  / 64064$     |
| Nie [19]   | $3nO_M + 2nO_H$ | $4O_P + 2nO_M + (n + 2)O_H$ | 167.771n+198.016/167969.016 | $2 G_1 +2 \Delta  / 168$ |
| New scheme | $nO_M + nO_H$   | $2O_P + 3nO_M + O_H$        | 87.202n+99.008/87301.008    | $ G_1 + \Delta  / 84$    |

$$\Pr[\pi_3|\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2] = \frac{1}{q_U - q_E - q_R} \cdot \frac{1}{q_R + 1}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\mathcal{C} \text{ success}] &= \Pr[\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2 \wedge \pi_3] \\ &= \Pr[\pi_1] \cdot \Pr[\pi_2|\pi_1] \cdot \Pr[\pi_3|\pi_1 \wedge \pi_2] \\ &= \frac{q_U - q_E}{q_U} \cdot (1 - \frac{1}{q_U})^{q_S} \cdot \frac{1}{q_U - q_E - q_R} \cdot \frac{1}{q_R + 1} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{q_U(q_R + 1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{q_S}{q_U}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $\mathcal{A}_2$  can forge a aggregate signature with probability  $\epsilon$ , then  $\mathcal{C}$  can solve the CDH problem with probability  $\frac{\epsilon}{q_U(q_R+1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{q_S}{q_U}}$ .

V. EFFICIENCY

In this section, performance comparisons are made between the new scheme and four CLAS schemes from the last five years. Several notations are defined as follows.

- $O_P$ : a pairing operation.
- $O_M$ : a scalar multiplication operation in  $G_1$ .
- $O_E$ : an exponentiation operation in  $G_2$ .
- $O_H$ : a hash-to-point operation.
- $|G_1|$ : the size of an element in  $G_1$ .
- $|\Delta|$ : the size of a state information.

Third-party data is used to analyze several CLAS schemes. He et al. [16] obtained the time overhead on basic cryptographic operations (Table 2) by using the cryptographic library(MIRACL) and performing the operations on a mobile phone (Samsung Galaxy S5 with the Google Android 4.4.2 operating system, a Quad-core 2.45G processor and 2G bytes memory),

The security level is set to 1024-bit RSA security in the experiments. A Tate pairing  $\hat{e} : G_1 \times G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  is used, where  $G_1$  is an additive group with  $q$  order, which is defined on a super singular curve  $E/F_p : y^2 = x^3 + 1$ , where the sizes of  $q$  and  $p$  are 160 bits and 512 bits, respectively.

A simple and intuitive method is adopted to estimate the computation costs. In order to facilitate comparison, it is assumed that there are  $n$  signers in an aggregate signature and  $n = 1000$ . Cheng et al.'s scheme [6] requires 3 pairing operations,  $6n$  scalar multiplication operation in  $G_1$  and  $2n + 1$  hash-to-point operations. So the computation time is  $32.713 \times 3 + 13.405 \times 6000 + 33.582 \times 2001 = 147725.721$  ms. Deng et al.'s scheme [8] requires 3 pairing operations,  $7n$  scalar multiplication operation in  $G_1$  and  $2n + 1$  hash-to-point operations. So the computation time is  $32.713 \times 3 + 13.405 \times 7000 + 33.582 \times 2001 = 161130.721$  ms. Li et al.'s scheme [18] requires 3 pairing operations,  $7n$  scalar

TABLE 3. Cryptographic operation time (in milliseconds).

| $O_P$  | $O_M$  | $O_E$ | $O_H$  |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 32.713 | 13.405 | 2.249 | 33.582 |

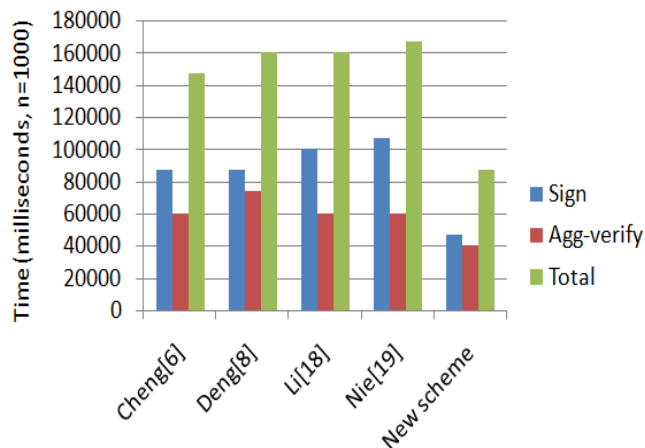


FIGURE 2. Computation costs.

multiplication operation in  $G_1$  and  $2n + 1$  hash-to-point operations. So the computation time is  $32.713 \times 3 + 13.405 \times 6000 + 33.582 \times 2001 = 147725.721$  ms. Nie et al.'s scheme [19] requires 4 pairing operations,  $5n$  scalar multiplication operation in  $G_1$  and  $3n + 2$  hash-to-point operations. So the computation time is  $32.713 \times 4 + 13.405 \times 5000 + 33.582 \times 3002 = 167969.016$  ms. The new scheme [19] requires 2 pairing operations,  $4n$  scalar multiplication operation in  $G_1$  and  $n + 1$  hash-to-point operations. So the computation time is  $32.713 \times 2 + 13.405 \times 4000 + 33.582 \times 1001 = 87301.008$  ms.

Follow on, the size of signature are computed. In these three schemes [6], [8], [18], each signature contains  $n + 1$  points in  $G_1$ , thus the signature size is  $(512 \times 1001)/8 = 64064$  bytes. In the schemes [19], each signature contains 2 points in  $G_1$  and 2 state information, thus the signature size is  $(512 \times 2 + 160 \times 2)/8 = 168$  bytes. In the new scheme, each signature contains 1 points in  $G_1$  and 1 state information, thus the signature size is  $(512 + 160)/8 = 84$  bytes.

The detailed comparison results of several different CLAS schemes are illustrated in Table 3 (Fig.2).

VI. CONCLUSION

With the widespread use of mobile communication devices, various data are exploding. How to process this data efficiently and safely becomes an urgent problem to be solved. Aggregate signature reduces computation burden and storage burden, which is applied to some actual scenarios, such

as electronic trade, electronic monitoring. In most CLAS schemes currently known, the number of hash-to-point operations and the size of signature increase linearly with the number of signers, so they are not suitable for mobile devices. In this paper, a new CLAS scheme is proposed which is unforgeable against the type I/II adversaries in the random oracle model. The scheme requires only 2 pairing operations, the size of signature is one point in  $G_1$  and a state information. They are independent of the number of signers. The scheme reduces computational costs and storage costs, so it is suit for mobile devices.

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