

# U-Prove Bit Decomposition Extension

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## **Summary**

This document extends the U-Prove Cryptographic Specification [\[UPCS\]](#) by specifying bit decomposition proofs, useful for other extension protocols.

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## 1 Introduction

This document extends the U-Prove Cryptographic Specification [\[UPCS\]](#) by specifying bit decomposition proofs, useful for other extension protocols.

The Prover and Verifier have as common input a list of values  $C, C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{n-1} \in G_q$  and a pair of generators  $g, h \in G_q$ . The Prover wants to show that the  $C_i$  are Pedersen Commitments to the bit decomposition of the committed value in  $C$ .

$$\pi = PK \left\{ \{\alpha_i, \beta_i\}_{i \in [0, n-1]}, \gamma \mid (\forall i: C_i = g^{\alpha_i} h^{\beta_i} \wedge \alpha_i \in [0, 1]) \wedge C = h^\gamma \prod_{i \in [0, n-1]} (C_i)^{2^i} \right\}$$

The Prover knows a set of values  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in [0, n-1]}$ ,  $z$  that would satisfy the above relation. The Prover will create a special honest-verifier non-interactive zero-knowledge proof of knowledge using its witness  $\{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in [0, n-1]}$ ,  $z$  that satisfies the above relation. The Prover will create  $n$  separate set-membership proofs [\[EXSM\]](#) to show that  $\forall i: C_i = g^{\alpha_i} h^{\beta_i} \wedge \alpha_i \in [0, 1]$ . The Prover will create a separate equality proof [\[EXEQ\]](#) to show that  $C = h^\gamma \prod_{i \in [0, n-1]} (C_i)^{2^i}$ .

The U-Prove Cryptographic Specification [\[UPCS\]](#) allows the Prover, during the token presentation protocol, to create a Pedersen Commitment and show that the committed value is equal to a particular token attribute. The Prover MAY use this Pedersen Commitment as either  $C$  or any of the  $C_i$  for the bit decomposition proof. The Issuance and Token Presentation protocols are unaffected by this extension. The Prover may choose to create a bit decomposition proof after these two protocols complete.

The committed value in  $C$  and all of the  $C_i$  MUST NOT be hashed. If any of these values are U-Prove token attributes, the attributes also MUST NOT be hashed.

### 1.1 Notation

In addition to the notation defined in [\[UPCS\]](#), the following notation is used throughout the document.

$C$	Value of the Prover's Pedersen Commitment.
$x$	Committed value of Pedersen Commitment $C$ .
$y$	Opening of Pedersen Commitment $C$ .
$C_i$	Commitment to the $i^{\text{th}}$ bit of the decomposition of $x$ .
$x_i$	The $i^{\text{th}}$ bit of the decomposition of $x$ , the committed value of Pedersen Commitment $C_i$ .
$y_i$	The opening of Pedersen Commitment $C_i$ .
$A$	Input to equality proof; $C$ divided by the composition of the $C_i$ .
$z$	Prover's witness for equality proof, the discrete logarithm of $A$ .
$M$	Part of set membership proof: "response".
$\pi$	Equality proof.
$\pi_i$	Set membership proof.

The key words “MUST”, “MUST NOT”, “SHOULD”, “RECOMMENDED”, “MAY”, and “OPTIONAL” in this document are to be interpreted as described in [\[RFC 2119\]](#).

## 1.2 Feature overview

The Bit Decomposition proof consists of a straightforward combination of a set membership proof and an equality proof.

To show that each value  $C_i$  is a Pedersen Commitment to either 0 or 1, the Prover will create a set membership proof [\[EXSM\]](#) for the set  $[0,1]$ .

To show that composing the committed values in the  $C_i$  results in  $C$ , the Prover will create an equality proof [\[EXEQ\]](#). The Prover knows witnesses  $x, y, (x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1) \dots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$  that are the openings of  $C, C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{n-1}$ . The Prover will compute

$$z := y - \sum_{i \in [0, n-1]} 2^i y_i \text{ mod } q$$

It is easy to see that the following relation holds:

$$C = h^z \cdot \prod_{i \in [0, n-1]} (C_i)^{2^i}$$

The Prover will create proof of knowledge of the discrete logarithm of  $A = C / \prod (C_i)^{2^i}$  in terms of the generator  $h$ .

## 2 Protocol specification

As the bit decomposition proof can be performed independently of the U-Prove token presentation protocols, the common parameters consist simply of the group  $G_q$ , two generators  $g$  and  $h$ , and a cryptographic function  $\mathcal{H}$ . The commitments  $C, C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{n-1}$  and their openings MAY be generated by the Prover.

### 2.1 Presentation

The presentation protocol consists of creating  $n$  set membership proofs for the set  $[0,1]$ , and an equality proof to prove valid decomposition.

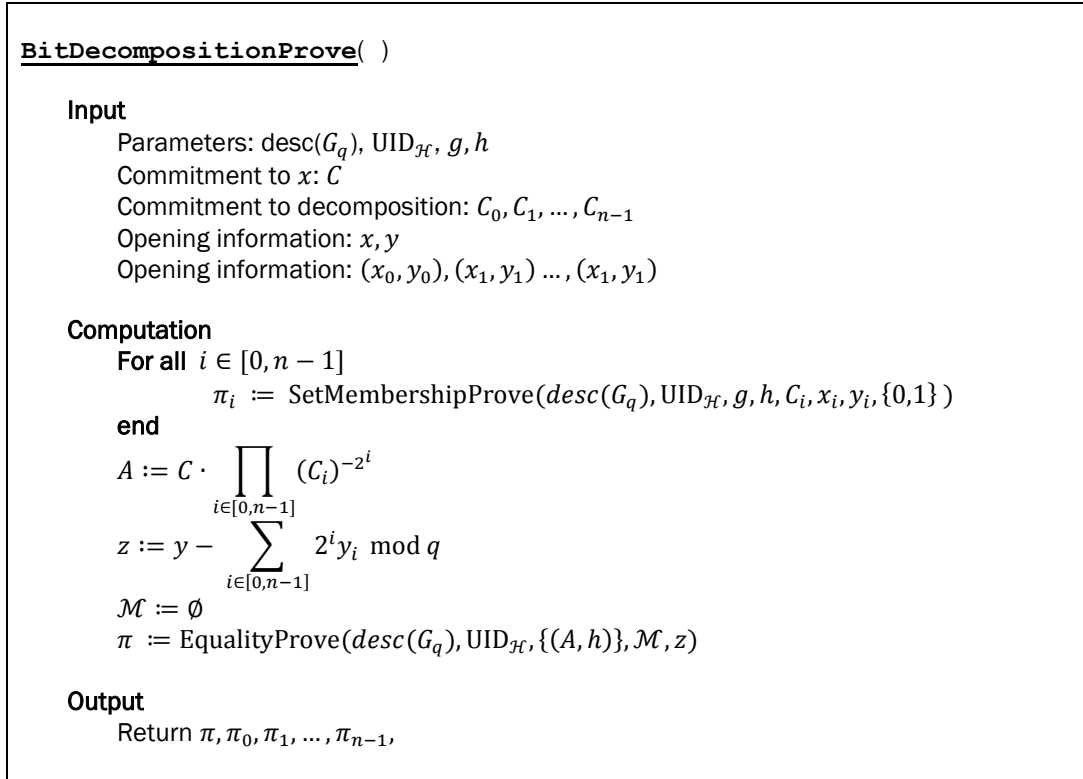


Figure 1: BitDecompositionProve

## 2.2 Verification

The Verifier verifies the set membership and equality proofs.

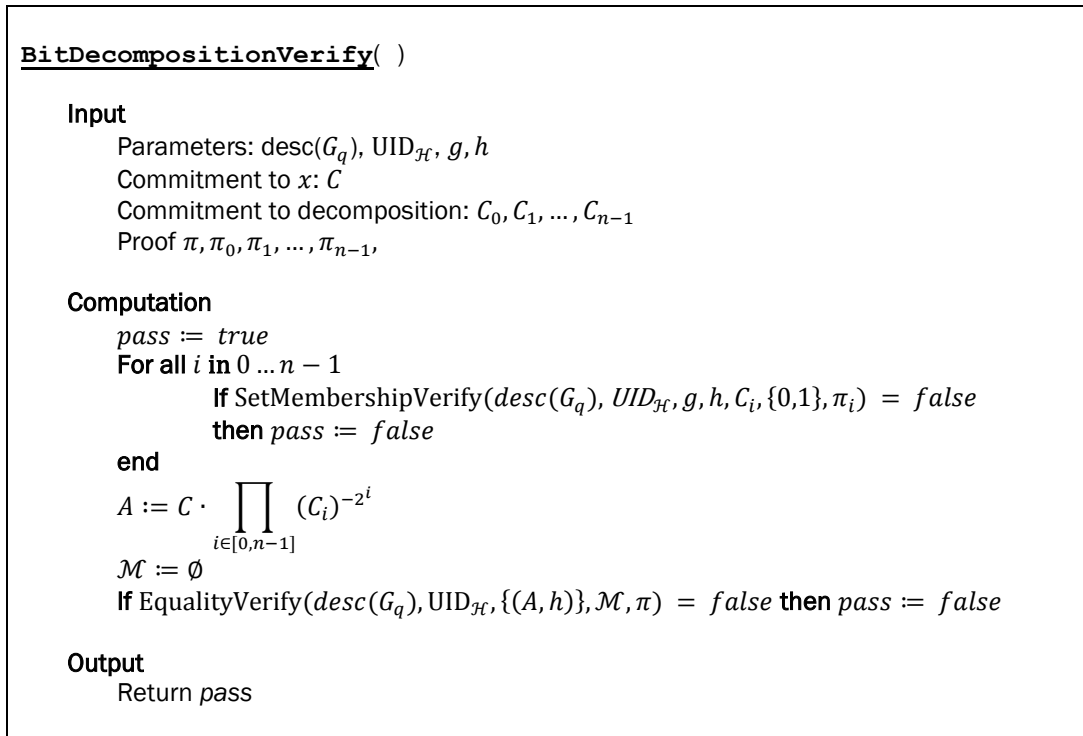


Figure 2: BitDecompositionVerify

### 3 Security considerations

The bit decomposition proof protocol is a composition of the set membership proof and the equality proof. The following restrictions apply:

1. The Prover and the Verifier MUST NOT know the relative discrete logarithm  $\log_g h$  of the generators  $g$  and  $h$ . This is not an issue if the generators are chosen from the list of U-Prove recommended parameters.

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