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# Improving an Anonymous and Provably Secure Authentication Protocol for a Mobile User

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Recently many authentication protocols using an extended chaotic map were suggested for a mobile user. Many researchers demonstrated that authentication protocol needs to provide key agreement, mutual authentication, and user anonymity between mobile user and server and resilience to many possible attacks. In this paper, we cautiously analyzed chaotic-map-based authentication scheme and proved that it is still insecure to off-line identity guessing, user and server impersonation, and on-line identity guessing attacks. To address these vulnerabilities, we proposed an improved protocol based on an extended chaotic map and a fuzzy extractor. We proved the security of the proposed protocol using a random oracle and AVISPA (Automated Validation of Internet Security Protocols and Applications) tool. Furthermore, we present an informal security analysis to make sure that the improved protocol is invulnerable to possible attacks. The proposed protocol is also computationally efficient when compared to other previous protocols.

## 1. Introduction

Given recent developments in mobile telecommunications and the rapid spread of mobile devices, there is a growing importance of wireless and wired networking services that utilize bygone and current positional information from users carrying mobile devices with location tracking capabilities [1]. Remote user authentication schemes typically verify registered credentials using stored databases. Since Lamport [2] presented the first authentication scheme based on passwords in 1981, various remote user authentication schemes [3, 4] based on passwords have been proposed. However, since a server under a password-based remote user authentication protocol needs to store a verification table, which stores the password to determine the credentials of a remote user, the server arranges for extra storage for the verification table.

Furthermore, several studies have shown that password-based remote user authentication protocols are insecure against some attacks, including off-line password guessing or stolen smart card attacks [5–7]. The problem with password-based authentication scheme is that it can be easily stolen or lost and making it difficult to remember on a regular basis. For these reasons, many researchers have presented new remote user authentication protocols that use biometrics. A major characteristic of biometrics is its uniqueness. Other advantage is that it cannot be guessed or stolen. Biological characteristics have been used in numerous remote user authentication schemes [8–13].

To design a secure authentication scheme, some cryptographic algorithms are also used, such as an RSA cryptosystem [14, 15], elliptic curve cryptography [16, 17], hash function [18, 19], and chaos-based cryptography [20–22].

Recently, many chaos-based authentication protocols have been suggested. Xiao et al. [23] first presented a user authentication protocol using a chaotic map and claimed that their protocol is useful and suitable for serviceable implementations. Unfortunately, many attacks were demonstrated by Han [31]. To overcome these vulnerabilities in [23], Han et al. [24] presented an enhanced user authentication protocol using chaos and asserted that their protocol resists all possible attacks. After that, Niu and Wang [32] proved that Han et al.'s protocol is vulnerable against an insider attack. Furthermore, Yoon [33] demonstrated that Niu and Wang's protocol does not resist a denial-of-service (DoS) attack. After that, Xue and Hong [34] proposed an improved authentication and key agreement protocol using a chaotic map to improve the security to some possible attacks. Unfortunately, Tan [35] found that Xue and Hong's protocol does not resist a man-in-the-middle attack. Lee et al. [25] presented an improved chaotic map-based authentication protocol, and He et al. [29] proved that Lee et al.'s protocol does not resist DoS and insider attacks. To enhance the functionality and security, Lin [26] proposed a new authentication and key agreement protocol using a chaotic map and dynamic identity. Unfortunately, Islam et al. [27] found that Lin's protocol cannot resist well-known attacks, and proposed an enhanced authentication protocol. However, we found that Islam et al.'s protocol is still insecure against off-line identity guessing, impersonation, and on-line identity guessing attacks.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. We briefly introduce the Chebyshev chaotic maps, threat assumptions, and fuzzy extractor that we adopt in the proposed protocol in Section 2. In Sections 3 and 4, we, respectively, review and cryptanalyze Islam et al.'s protocol. In Section 5, we propose an improved authentication and key agreement protocol for a mobile user. In Section 6, we present a security analysis of the proposed protocol. Section 7 explains the functionality and performance analyses comparing the proposed protocol to previous protocols. The conclusions are presented in Section 8.

*1.1. Our Contribution.* To address the security vulnerabilities in Islam et al.'s authentication protocol and obtain the required performance, we propose a security-improved scheme. The primary contribution of this paper are described below.

- (i) First, we prove that Islam et al.'s protocol is still vulnerable to some attacks, and we show how an adversary can impersonate a legitimate user or server.
- (ii) Second, we suggest an improved biometrics-based authentication and key agreement protocol on Islam et al.'s protocol. The improved protocol is designed to be secure to well-known attacks.
- (iii) Third, we analyze that the proposed protocol has better robustness and a lower computational cost with a performance analysis.

## 2. Preliminaries

We briefly introduce the Chebyshev chaotic maps [28, 36], threat assumptions, and fuzzy extractor.

*2.1. Chebyshev Chaotic Maps.* The Chebyshev polynomial  $T_k(v)$  is a  $v$  polynomial of degree  $k$ .

*Definition 1.* Let  $k$  be a whole number and  $w$  be a real number from the round  $[-1, 1]$ ; the Chebyshev polynomial of degree  $k$  is then defined as  $T_k(v) = \cos(k \cdot \arccos(v))$ .

*Definition 2 (CMDLP).* Given the two parameters  $v, w \in Z_n^*$ , the Chaotic Maps Discrete Logarithm Problem is whether integer  $k$  can be found such that  $w = T_k(v)$ . The probability of  $\mathcal{E}$  being able to address the CMDLP is defined as  $\Pr[\mathcal{E}(v, w) = k : k \in Z_n^*, w = T_k(v) \bmod n]$ .

*Definition 3 (CMDHP).* Given the three elements  $v, T_j(v)$ , and  $T_k(v)$ , the Chaotic Maps Diffie-Hellman Problem is whether  $T_{jk}(v)$  can be computed such that  $T_{jk}(v) = T_j(T_k(v)) = T_k(T_j(v))$ .

*2.2. Threat Assumptions.* We introduce some threat model [37, 38] and consider constructing the threat assumptions described as follows:

- (i) Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  can be both a user or server. Any registered mobile user can act as an adversary.
- (ii)  $\mathcal{E}$  can intercept all messages in a public channel, thereby capturing any message exchanged between a user or server.
- (iii)  $\mathcal{E}$  has the ability to modify, reroute, or delete the captured message.
- (iv) Stored parameters can be extracted from the mobile device.

*2.3. Fuzzy Extractor.* In this subsection, we describe the basis for a biometric-based fuzzy extractor that converts biometric information data into a random value. Based on [39–41], the fuzzy extractor is operated through two procedures (Gen, Rep), demonstrated as

- (i)  $\text{Gen}(\text{BIO}) \rightarrow \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ ,
- (ii)  $\text{Rep}(\text{BIO}^*, \beta) = \alpha$  if  $\text{BIO}^*$  is reasonably close to  $\text{BIO}$ .

Gen is a probabilistic generation function for which the biometrics BIO returns an “extracted” string  $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}^k$  and auxiliary string  $\beta \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , and Rep is a deterministic reproduction function that enables the recovery of  $\alpha$  from  $\beta$  and any vector  $\text{BIO}^*$  close to  $\text{BIO}$ . Detailed information of the fuzzy extractor can be found in [42].

## 3. Review of Islam et al.'s Protocol

We review Islam et al.'s protocol. Their protocol consists of registration, login, verification, and password change phases and uses an extended chaotic maps. The term  $T_k(a)$  is the chaotic map computation that is calculated with respect to “mod  $n$ ” and  $a \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ . The notations of this paper are illustrated in the Notations.

### 3.1. Registration Phase

- (i) User  $U_i$  selects the identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$  and inputs these values into the mobile devices  $MD_i$ .  $MD_i$  then chooses a random number  $t$ , calculates  $W_i = PW_i \oplus t$ , and sends  $\langle ID_i, W_i \rangle$  to server  $S$  over an insecure channel.
- (ii) Upon receiving  $\langle ID_i, W_i \rangle$ , server  $S$  computes  $H_i = h(s, ID_i)$  and  $n_i = h(W_i, ID_i) \oplus (H_i, T_s(H_i))$  and sends  $\langle n_i \rangle$  to user  $U_i$  by using a secure channel.
- (iii) Upon receiving  $\langle n_i \rangle$ ,  $MD_i$  retrieves  $N_i = n_i \oplus h(W_i, ID_i) \oplus h(ID_i, PW_i)$ ,  $(H_i, T_s(H_i)) = N_i \oplus h(ID_i, PW_i)$ , and  $X_i = h(h(ID_i, PW_i) \parallel (H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)))$  and stores  $\langle N_i, X_i \rangle$  into  $MD_i$ .

### 3.2. Login Phase

- (i) User  $U_i$  enters  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  into  $MD_i$ .
- (ii)  $MD_i$  computes  $(H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)) = N_i \oplus h(ID_i, PW_i)$  and  $X'_i = h(h(ID_i, PW_i) \parallel (H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)))$ .  $MD_i$  then checks whether  $X'_i$  is equal to  $X_i$ . If this holds,  $MD_i$  executes the following stage; otherwise,  $MD_i$  rejects the login request.
- (iii)  $MD_i$  chooses a random number  $k$  and then computes  $Z_i = T_k(T_s(H_i))$  and  $CID_i = ID_i \oplus (H_i \parallel T_1 \parallel Z_i)$ , where  $C_i = T_k(H_i)$ ,  $R_i = H_i \oplus Z_i$ ,  $V_i = h(CID_i, Z_i, H_i, R_i, T_1)$ , and  $T_1$  is the current timestamp.  $MD_i$  sends  $\langle CID_i, C_i, V_i, R_i, T_1 \rangle$  to server  $S$  by using a public channel.

### 3.3. Verification Phase

- (i) When receiving the request message  $\langle CID_i, C_i, V_i, R_i, T_1 \rangle$  from user  $U_i$ , server  $S$  verifies freshness of timestamp  $T_1$  and terminates the session if  $(T_2 - T_1) \leq \Delta T$  is false; otherwise, server  $S$  continues the next stage.
- (ii)  $S$  computes  $Z_i = T_s(C_i)$ ,  $H_i = R_i \oplus Z_i$ ,  $ID_i = CID_i \oplus (H_i \parallel T_1 \parallel Z_i)$ , and  $V'_i = h(CID_i, Z_i, H_i, R_i, T_1)$ .  $S$  then rejects the session if  $V'_i \neq V_i$ ; otherwise, server  $S$  continues the following stage.
- (iii)  $S$  randomly chooses a number  $l$  and computes the session key  $\lambda = h(H_i, T_1, T_2, T_l(C_i))$ , and  $V_s = h(\lambda, H_i, T_1, T_2)$ .  $S$  then sends the response messages  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  over an insecure channel.
- (iv) After receiving the response message  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  from server  $S$  at time  $T_3$ ,  $MD_i$  checks the freshness of  $T_2$  and terminates the session if  $(T_3 - T_2) \leq \Delta T$  is false; otherwise,  $MD_i$  then computes  $\lambda = h(H_i, T_1, T_2, T_k(T_l(H_i)))$ , and  $V'_s = h(\lambda, H_i, T_1, T_2)$ .  $MD_i$  next checks whether  $V'_s \stackrel{?}{=} V_s$ . If this holds,  $MD_i$  accepts  $\lambda$  as the session key and authenticates server  $S$ ; otherwise,  $MD_i$  rejects the session.

### 3.4. Password Change Phase

- (i) User  $U_i$  inputs  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  into the mobile device  $MD_i$ .
- (ii)  $MD_i$  computes  $(H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)) = N_i \oplus h(ID_i, PW_i)$  and  $X'_i = h(h(ID_i, PW_i) \parallel (H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)))$ .  $MD_i$  then checks whether  $X'_i$  is the same to  $X_i$ . If this holds, the mobile device asks the new identity and password to  $U_i$ ; otherwise,  $MD_i$  rejects the password change request.
- (iii)  $U_i$  inputs a new  $ID_i^*$  and  $PW_i^*$  into  $MD_i$ .  $MD_i$  then computes  $N_i^* = N_i \oplus h(ID_i, PW_i) \oplus h(ID_i^*, PW_i^*)$  and  $X_i^* = h(h(ID_i^*, PW_i^*) \parallel (H_i \parallel T_s(H_i)))$  and replaces  $\langle N_i, X_i \rangle$  by  $\langle N_i^*, X_i^* \rangle$  into  $MD_i$ .

## 4. Cryptanalysis of Islam et al.'s Protocol

We cryptanalyze the security problems in Islam et al.'s protocol [27]. Islam et al. analyzed the protocol by Lin et al. and improved it to support an improved security functionality. However, we found that Islam et al.'s protocol was vulnerable to some possible attacks. These attacks are based on the threat assumptions that an adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  was entirely monitored through the public channel connecting  $U_i$  and  $S$  in the login and verification phases and that  $\mathcal{E}$  obtained the mobile device. Therefore,  $\mathcal{E}$  can insert, modify, eavesdrop on, or delete any message transmitted over a public network. We now reveal further details of these problems.

**4.1. Violation of the Identity.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an active adversary who is a legitimate user and owns a mobile device to extract information  $\langle N_{\mathcal{E}}, X_{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$  and suppose that an adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  eavesdrops on the communication messages  $\langle CID_i, C_i, V_i, R_i, T_1, V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  between user  $U_i$  and server  $S$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  can then easily obtain the identity of user  $U_i$ . The details are described as follows:

- (i) Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  calculates  $(H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) = N_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus h(ID_{\mathcal{E}}, PW_{\mathcal{E}})$ .
- (ii) Using [43], the adversary computes  $s' = (\arccos(T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) + 2k'\pi) / \arccos(H_{\mathcal{E}})$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{E}$  can then compute  $Z'_i = T_{s'}(C_i)$ ,  $H'_i = R_i \oplus Z_i$ , and  $ID_i = CID_i \oplus (H'_i \parallel T_1 \parallel Z'_i)$ .

**4.2. On-Line Identity Guessing and User Impersonation Attack.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an active adversary who is a legitimate user and owns a mobile device to extract information  $\langle N_{\mathcal{E}}, X_{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  can then easily guess the identity of any user  $U_i$  and impersonate  $U_i$  as follows.

- (i) Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  computes  $(H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) = N_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus h(ID_{\mathcal{E}}, PW_{\mathcal{E}})$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{E}$  generates a random number  $k$ , computes  $Z_{\mathcal{E}} = T_k(T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}}))$ , guesses any identity  $ID_i$ , and then computes  $CID_i = ID_i \oplus (H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_1 \parallel Z_{\mathcal{E}})$ , where  $C_{\mathcal{E}} = T_k(H_{\mathcal{E}})$ ,  $R_{\mathcal{E}} = H_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus Z_{\mathcal{E}}$ ,  $V_i = h(CID_i, Z_{\mathcal{E}}, H_{\mathcal{E}}, R_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1)$ , and  $T_1$  is the current time stamp.  $MD_i$  sends  $\langle CID_i, C_{\mathcal{E}}, V_i, R_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1 \rangle$  to server  $S$  over an insecure network.

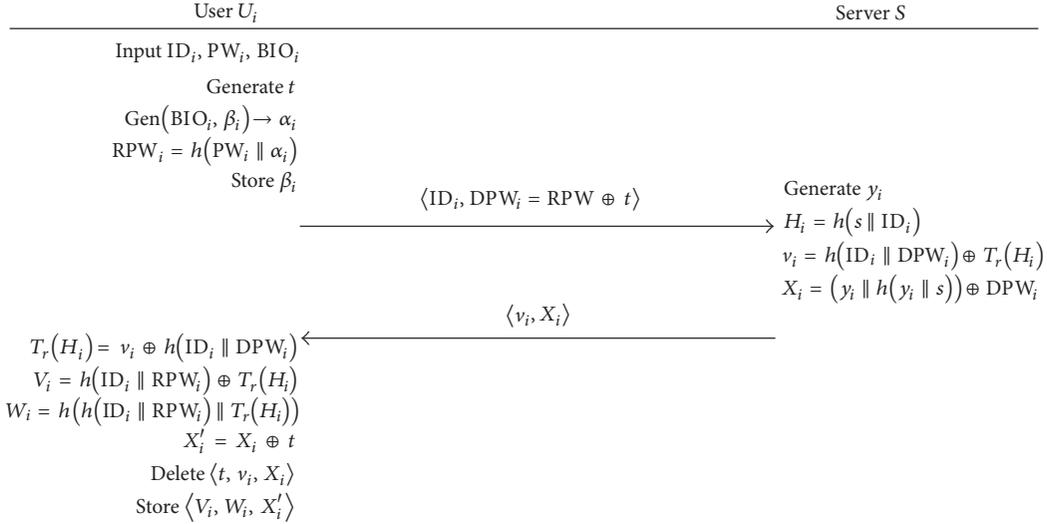


FIGURE 1: Registration phase of the proposed scheme.

- (iii) Upon receiving the login request message  $\langle CID_i, C_{\mathcal{E}}, V_i, R_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1 \rangle$  from the adversary  $\mathcal{E}$ , server S verifies the freshness of the timestamp  $T_1$  and terminates the session if  $(T_2 - T_1) \leq \Delta T$  is false; otherwise, server S continues the next stage.
- (iv) S computes  $Z_{\mathcal{E}} = T_s(C_{\mathcal{E}})$ ,  $H_{\mathcal{E}} = R_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus Z_{\mathcal{E}}$ ,  $ID_i = CID_i \oplus (H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_1 \parallel Z_{\mathcal{E}})$ , and  $V'_i = h(CID_i, Z_{\mathcal{E}}, H_{\mathcal{E}}, R_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1)$ . S then rejects the session if  $V'_i \neq V_i$ ; otherwise, server S continues the following stage.
- (v) S randomly chooses a number  $l$  and computes the session key  $\lambda = h(H_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1, T_2, T_l(C))$ , and  $V_s = h(\lambda, H_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1, T_2)$ . S then sends the response messages  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_{\mathcal{E}}) \rangle$  over an insecure channel.
- (vi) After receiving the response messages  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_{\mathcal{E}}) \rangle$  from server S at time  $T_3$ , the mobile device checks the freshness of  $T_2$  and terminates the session if  $(T_3 - T_2) \leq \Delta T$  is false; otherwise, MD<sub>*i*</sub> then computes  $\lambda = h(H_{\mathcal{E}}, T_1, T_2, T_k(T_l(H_{\mathcal{E}})))$ . Finally,  $\mathcal{E}$  and S “successfully” conclude on the session key  $\lambda$ . However, server S faultily decides that he/she is communicating with user  $U_i$ .

**4.3. Server Impersonation Attack.** Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be an active adversary who is a legitimate user and owns a mobile device to extract information  $\langle N_{\mathcal{E}}, X_{\mathcal{E}} \rangle$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  can then easily impersonate S as follows.

- (i) Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  computes  $(H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) = N_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus h(ID_{\mathcal{E}}, PW_{\mathcal{E}})$ .
- (ii) Using [43], the adversary computes  $s' = (\arccos(T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) + 2k'\pi) / \arccos(H_{\mathcal{E}})$ ,  $\forall k \in Z$ .
- (iii) When receiving the login request message  $\langle CID_i, C_i, V_i, R_i, T_1 \rangle$  from user  $U_i$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  computes  $Z'_i = T_{s'}(C_i)$  and  $H_i = R_i \oplus Z'_i$ .
- (iv) Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  randomly chooses a number  $l$  and computes the session key  $\lambda = h(H_i, T_1, T_2, T_l(C_i))$ ,

and  $V_s = h(\lambda, H_i, T_1, T_2)$ . The  $\mathcal{E}$  then sends the response messages  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  to user  $U_i$  over an insecure channel.

- (v) After receiving the response message  $\langle V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  from adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  at time  $T_3$ , the mobile device checks the freshness of  $T_2$  and terminates the session if  $(T_3 - T_2) \leq \Delta T$  is false; otherwise, MD<sub>*i*</sub> then computes  $\lambda = h(H_i, T_1, T_2, T_k(T_l(H_i)))$ , and  $V'_s = h(\lambda, H_i, T_1, T_2)$ . The mobile device next checks whether  $V'_s = V_s$ . If this holds, the mobile device accepts  $\lambda$  as the session key. However, server S faultily decides that he/she is communicating with  $U_i$ .

**4.4. Violation of the Session Key.** Assume that any adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  eavesdrops on the communication messages  $\langle CID_i, C_i, V_i, R_i, T_1, V_s, T_2, T_l(H_i) \rangle$  between user  $U_i$  and server S.  $\mathcal{E}$  can then easily calculate the session key between  $U_i$  and S.

- (i)  $\mathcal{E}$  calculates  $(H_{\mathcal{E}} \parallel T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) = N_{\mathcal{E}} \oplus h(ID_{\mathcal{E}}, PW_{\mathcal{E}})$ .
- (ii) Using [43], the adversary computes  $s' = (\arccos(T_s(H_{\mathcal{E}})) + 2k'\pi) / \arccos(H_{\mathcal{E}})$ ,  $\forall k \in Z$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{E}$  can compute  $Z'_i = T_{s'}(C_i)$  and  $H_i = R_i \oplus Z'_i$ .
- (iv) Using [43], the adversary computes  $k' = (\arccos(C_i) + 2k'\pi) / \arccos(H_i)$ ,  $\forall k \in Z$ .
- (v)  $\mathcal{E}$  can then compute the session key  $\lambda = h(H_i, T_1, T_2, T_{k'}(T_l(H_i)))$ .

## 5. The Proposed Protocol

We will propose an improved biometric-based authentication protocol using the fuzzy extractor. The proposed protocol is also two members, user  $U_i$  and server S, and consists of four phases such as registration, login, verification, and password change. Figures 1 and 2 are the registration and login and verification phases of the proposed scheme.

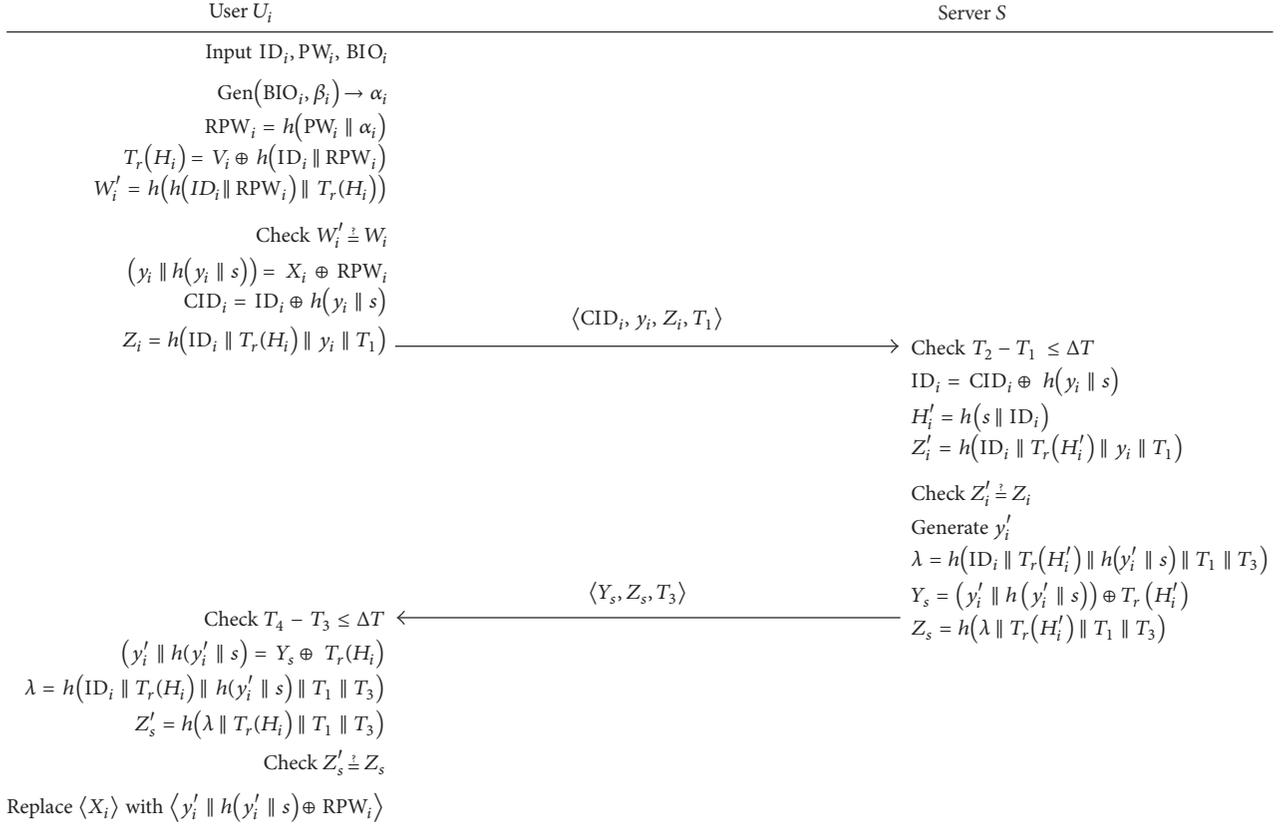


FIGURE 2: Login and verification phases of the proposed protocol.

### 5.1. Registration Phase

- (i)  $U_i$  gives one's biometrics  $BIO_i$  at the mobile device  $MD_i$ . The  $MD_i$  then scans  $BIO_i$ , pulls out two random strings  $(\alpha_i, \beta_i)$  from the computation  $Gen(BIO_i) \rightarrow (\alpha_i, \beta_i)$ , and stores  $\beta_i$  in storage.  $U_i$  enters the identity  $ID_i$  and password  $PW_i$ , and  $MD_i$  then calculates  $RPW_i = h(PW_i \parallel \alpha_i)$ . Finally,  $MD_i$  generates a random number  $t$ , stores  $t$  in the storage, and sends user registration request message  $\langle ID_i, DPW_i = RPW_i \oplus t \rangle$  to server S by using a secure communication channel.
- (ii) Upon receiving the request message for registration, S randomly chooses a number  $y_i$  and calculates  $H_i = h(s \parallel ID_i)$ ,  $v_i = h(ID_i \parallel DPW_i) \oplus T_r(H_i)$ , and  $X_i = (y_i \parallel h(y_i \parallel s)) \oplus DPW_i$ , where  $r$  is a fixed random positive integer and  $s$  is the master key of server S.
- (iii) S sends  $\langle v_i, X_i \rangle$  to the  $MD_i$ .
- (iv) After receiving the registration response message  $\langle v_i, X_i \rangle$ ,  $MD_i$  computes  $T_r(H_i) = v_i \oplus h(ID_i \parallel DPW_i)$ ,  $V_i = h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i) \oplus T_r(H_i)$ ,  $W_i = h(h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i) \parallel T_r(H_i))$ , and  $X'_i = X_i \oplus t = (y_i \parallel h(y_i \parallel s)) \oplus RPW_i$  and stores  $\langle v_i, W_i, X'_i \rangle$  into storage after deleting  $t$ ,  $v_i$ , and  $X_i$ .

### 5.2. Login Phase

- (i)  $U_i$  enters  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  and gives  $BIO_i^*$  into the mobile device  $MD_i$ .
- (ii)  $MD_i$  scans  $BIO_i^*$  and recovers  $\alpha_i$  from the computation  $Rep(BIO_i^*, \beta_i) \rightarrow \alpha_i$ .
- (iii)  $MD_i$  then computes  $RPW_i = h(PW_i \parallel \alpha_i)$ ,  $T_r(H_i) = V_i \oplus h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i)$ , and  $W'_i = h(h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i) \parallel T_r(H_i))$ , and checks whether  $W'_i$  is the same to the stored  $W_i$ . If this holds,  $MD_i$  performs the next stage; otherwise,  $MD_i$  rejects the login request.
- (iv)  $MD_i$  calculates  $(y_i \parallel h(y_i \parallel s)) = X_i \oplus RPW_i$ ,  $CID_i = ID_i \oplus h(y_i \parallel s)$ , and  $Z_i = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel y_i \parallel T_1)$ , where  $T_1$  is the current timestamp.
- (v) Finally,  $MD_i$  sends the request message  $\langle CID_i, y_i, Z_i, T_1 \rangle$  for login to server S.

### 5.3. Verification Phase

- (i) When receiving the request message  $\langle CID_i, y_i, Z_i, T_1 \rangle$  from  $MD_i$ , server S checks whether  $T_2 - T_1 \leq \Delta T$  is valid, where  $\Delta T$  is the minimum acceptable time interval and  $T_2$  is the actual arrival time of login request. If this holds, S continues to proceed to the next stage; otherwise, S rejects the request.

- (ii)  $S$  then calculates  $ID_i = CID_i \oplus h(y_i \parallel s)$ ,  $H_i = h(s \parallel ID_i)$ , and  $Z'_i = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel y_i \parallel T_1)$  and checks whether  $Z'_i$  is the same to the received  $Z_i$ . If this holds, the  $S$  continues to proceed to the next stage; otherwise,  $S$  terminates this session.
- (iii)  $S$  randomly chooses a number  $y'_i$  and calculates the session key  $\lambda = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s) \parallel T_1 \parallel T_3)$ ,  $Y_s = (y'_i \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s)) \oplus T_r(H_i)$ , and  $Z_s = h(\lambda \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel T_1 \parallel T_3)$ .  $S$  then sends the login response message  $\langle Y_s, Z_s, T_3 \rangle$  where  $T_3$  is the current timestamp.
- (iv) After receiving the response message  $\langle Y_s, Z_s, T_3 \rangle$  from server  $S$ ,  $MD_i$  checks whether  $T_4 - T_3 \leq \Delta T$  is valid, where  $\Delta T$  is the minimum acceptable time interval and  $T_4$  is the actual arrival time of response message. If this holds,  $MD_i$  continues to the next stage; otherwise,  $MD_i$  terminates this session.
- (v)  $MD_i$  computes  $y'_i \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s) = Y_s \oplus T_r(H_i)$  and the session key  $\lambda = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s) \parallel T_1 \parallel T_3)$  and  $Z'_s = h(\lambda \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel T_1 \parallel T_3)$  and verifies whether  $Z'_s$  is the same to the received  $Z_s$ . If this holds,  $MD_i$  continues to the next stage; otherwise,  $MD_i$  terminates current session.
- (vi) Finally,  $MD_i$  replaces  $\langle X_i \rangle$  by  $\langle (y'_i \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s)) \oplus RPW_i \rangle$  into storage.

#### 5.4. Password Change Phase

- (i) User  $U_i$  inputs  $ID_i$  and  $PW_i$  and gives  $BIO_i^*$  into the mobile device  $MD_i$ .
- (ii)  $MD_i$  scans  $BIO_i^*$  and recovers  $\alpha_i$  from the computation  $Rep(BIO_i^*, \beta_i) \rightarrow \alpha_i$ .
- (iii)  $MD_i$  then computes  $RPW_i = h(PW_i \parallel \alpha_i)$ ,  $T_r(H_i) = V_i \oplus h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i)$ , and  $W'_i = h(h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i) \parallel T_r(H_i))$  and checks whether  $W'_i$  is the same to the stored  $W_i$ . If this holds,  $MD_i$  performs the next stage; otherwise,  $MD_i$  rejects the password change request.
- (iv)  $U_i$  inputs a new password  $PW_i^*$  into  $MD_i$ .  $MD_i$  then computes  $RPW_i^* = h(PW_i^* \parallel \alpha_i)$ ,  $V_i^* = h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i^*) \oplus T_r(H_i)$ ,  $W_i^* = h(h(ID_i \parallel RPW_i^*) \parallel T_r(H_i))$ , and  $X_i^* = X_i \oplus RPW_i \oplus RPW_i^*$ .
- (v) Finally,  $MD_i$  replaces  $\langle V_i, W_i, X_i \rangle$  by  $\langle V_i^*, W_i^*, X_i^* \rangle$  into storage.

## 6. Security Analysis of the Improved Protocol

The proposed protocol, which retains the advantages of Islam et al.'s protocol, is demonstrated, and it can resist some possible attacks and supports all security properties. The analysis of the improved protocol was organized with the threat assumptions made in Preliminaries.

**6.1. Formal Security Analysis.** A random oracle-based formal analysis is demonstrated here, and its security is shown. First, the following hash function is defined [44]:

**Definition 4.** A collision-resistance and one-way hash function  $h : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^k$  receives an input as a binary string of arbitrary length  $v \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , returns a binary string of fixed length  $h(v) \in \{0, 1\}^k$ , and gratifies the following conditions:

- (i) Given  $w \in W$ , it is computationally impracticable to find a  $v \in V$  such that  $w = h(v)$ .
- (ii) Given  $v \in V$ , it is computationally impracticable to find another  $v' \neq v \in V$ , such that  $h(v') = h(v)$ .
- (iii) It is computationally impracticable to find a pair  $(v', v) \in V' \times V$ , with  $v' \neq v$ , such that  $h(v') = h(v)$ .

**Theorem 5.** According to the assumptions if hash function  $h(\cdot)$  similarly acts like a random oracle, then the improved protocol is clearly secure to an adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  to protect sensitive information, including identity  $ID_i$ , semigroup property  $T_r(H_i)$ , common session key  $\lambda$ , and master secret key  $s$ .

*Proof.* Formal proof of the proposed protocol is similar in [40, 45], and it uses the oracle to construct  $\mathcal{E}$ , which will have the ability to extract  $ID_i, T_r(H_i), \lambda$ , and  $s$ .  $\square$

*Reveal.* Random oracle can extract input value  $a$  from hash value  $n = h(a)$  without failing. Adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  now executes the experimental algorithm shown in Algorithm 1,  $EXP_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}$  for the proposed scheme as BBSMK, for example. Let us then define the probability of success for  $EXP_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}$  as  $Success_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK} = |\Pr[EXP_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK} = 1] - 1|$ , where  $\Pr(\cdot)$  means the probability of  $EXP_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}$ . The advantage function for this algorithm then defines  $Adv_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}(t, q_R) = \max_{Success}$ , where  $t$  and  $q_R$  are the execution time and number of queries. We then discuss the algorithm in Algorithm 1 for  $\mathcal{E}$ . If  $\mathcal{E}$  has the capability to address the problem of hash function given in Definition 4, then he/she can immediately retrieve  $ID_i, T_r(H_i), \lambda$ , and  $s$ . In that case,  $\mathcal{E}$  will detect the complete connections between  $U_i$  and  $S$ ; however, the inversion of the input from a given hash result is not possible computationally; that is,  $Adv_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}(t) \leq \epsilon$ , for all  $\epsilon > 0$ . Thus,  $Adv_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}(t, q_R) \leq \epsilon$ , since  $Adv_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}(t, q_R)$  depends on  $Adv_{HASH,A}^{BBSMK}(t)$ . In conclusion, there is no method for  $\mathcal{E}$  to detect the complete connections between  $U_i$  and  $S$ , and the proposed protocol is distinctly invulnerable to an adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  to retrieve  $(ID_i, T_r(H_i), \lambda, s)$ .

**6.2. Simulation Result Using AVISPA.** We perform to simulate the improved protocol for formal analysis using the widely accepted AVISPA. The main contribution of the simulation is to prove that the improved protocol is invulnerable to man-in-the-middle and replay attacks. AVISPA tool consists of four back-ends: (1) On-the-Fly Model Checker (OFMC); (2) Constraint-Logic-Based Attack Searcher; (3) SAT-Based Model Checker; and (4) Tree Automata Based on Automatic Approximations for the Analysis of Security Protocols. In the AVISPA, the protocol is implemented in High-Level Protocol Specification Language (HLPSL) [44], which is based on the roles: the basic roles for representing each entity role and composition roles for representing the scenarios of the basic

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(1) Eavesdrop the login request message  $\{CID_i, y_i, Z_i, T_1\}$ 
(2) Call the Reveal oracle. Let  $\langle ID'_i, T_r(H_i)' \rangle \leftarrow \text{Reveal}(Z_i)$ 
(3) Eavesdrop the authentication response message  $\{Y_s, Z_s, T_3\}$ 
(4) Use the Reveal oracle. Let  $\langle \lambda', T_r(H_i)'' \rangle \leftarrow \text{Reveal}(Z_s)$ 
(5) if  $(T_r(H_i)' = T_r(H_i)'')$  then
(6)   Compute  $y'_i \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s) = Y_s \oplus T_r(H_i)'$ 
(7)   Call the Reveal oracle. Let  $\langle ID''_i \rangle \leftarrow \text{Reveal}(\lambda')$ 
(8)   if  $(ID'_i == ID''_i)$  then
(9)     Compute  $h(y_i \parallel s) = CID_i \oplus ID'_i$ 
(10)    Call the Reveal oracle. Let  $\langle s' \rangle \leftarrow \text{Reveal}(M_1 = h(y_i \parallel s))$ 
(11)    Call the Reveal oracle. Let  $\langle s'' \rangle \leftarrow \text{Reveal}(M_2 = h(y'_i \parallel s))$ 
(12)    if  $(s' == s'')$  then
(13)      Accept  $ID'_i, T_r(H_i)', \lambda', s'$  as the correct  $ID_i, T_r(H_i), \lambda, s$ , respectively.
(14)      return 0 (Success)
(15)    else
(16)      return 0 (Failure)
(17)    else
(18)      return 0 (Failure)
(19)  else
(20)    return 0 (Failure)
(21) end if

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ALGORITHM 1: Algorithm  $\text{EXP}_{\text{HASH},A}^{\text{BBSMK}}$ 

roles. The fundamental types available in the HLPSL are [46] as follows:

- (i) agent: it means a primary name. The intruder always has the special identifier  $i$ .
- (ii) symmetric\_key: it is the key using the symmetric-key cryptosystem.
- (iii) text: the text values are applied for messages. They are often used as nonces.
- (iv) nat: the nat is used for meaning the natural numbers in nonmessage contexts.
- (v) const: it is the type for representing constants.
- (vi) hash\_func: the basic type hash\_func expresses collision-resistance secure one-way hash functions.

The role of the initiator, user  $U_i$ , is shown in Algorithm 2.  $U_i$  first receives the signal for starting and modifies its state variable from 0 to 1. This state variable is retained by the variable *state*. Similar to user, the roles of server  $S$  are implemented and shown in Algorithm 3. The specifications in HLPSL for the roles of environment, session, and goal are described in Algorithm 4. The result for the formal security verification of the improved protocol using OMFC is provided in Algorithm 5. It is clear that the improved protocol is invulnerable to passive and active attacks including the two attacks.

### 6.3. Informal Security Analysis

**6.3.1. Mutual Authentication.** Not only does the proposed scheme guarantee security as the other biometric-based schemes, but also  $U_i$  and  $S$  authenticate each other.  $S$  authenticates  $U_i$  by checking whether  $Z_i$  is valid or not, because only a

legitimate user can compute a valid  $h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel y_i \parallel T_1)$  using a chaotic map.  $U_i$  then authenticates  $S$  by checking  $Z_s$ , which only  $S$  can compute using the long-term key  $s$  and timestamp  $T_3$ .

**6.3.2. User Anonymity.** To compromise the anonymity of user  $U_i$ , adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  must be able to compute  $h(y_i \parallel s)$ . The value  $s$  is the master secret key of server  $S$ , and the random value  $y_i$  changes every session. Thus, the login request message changes every session. Even if adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  eavesdrops on the login request message of a user  $U_i$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  does not know  $ID_i$ . The proposed protocol provides user anonymity.

**6.3.3. User Impersonation Attack.** Suppose that an adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  steals the mobile device  $MD_i$  of user  $U_i$  and extracts the parameters  $\{V_i, W_i, y_i, \beta_i, X_i\}$  from  $MD_i$ . To make the login request message  $\langle CID_i, y_i, Z_i, T_1 \rangle$ , where  $CID_i = ID_i \oplus h(y_i \parallel s)$  and  $Z_i = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel y_i \parallel T_1)$ , the server's master key  $s$  is needed. Without the master secret key  $s$  from server  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  cannot compute  $Z_i$ . The proposed protocol can therefore resist a user impersonation attack.

**6.3.4. Privileged Insider Attack.** In the proposed protocol, user  $U_i$  sends the login request message  $\langle ID_i, DPW_i = RPW_i \oplus t \rangle$ . Even if the privileged insider adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  obtains these values  $\langle ID_i, DPW_i = RPW_i \oplus t \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  does not know  $RPW_i$  and cannot impersonate user  $U_i$ . The proposed protocol can therefore resist a privileged insider attack.

**6.3.5. Lost Mobile Device Attack.** Suppose that user  $U_i$ 's mobile device  $MD_i$  has been stolen or lost and any adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  obtains it.  $\mathcal{E}$  then tries to login to server  $S$  using  $MD_i$ ; however,  $\mathcal{E}$  does not know the correct password  $PW_i$ . To

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role user (Ui, AS: agent,
SKuas: symmetric_key,
H, F: function,
SND, RCV: channel (dy))

played_by Ui def=

local State: nat,
IDi, PWi, BIOi, RPWi, DPWi, T, Ai: text,
Hi, Vi, VVi, R, S, Xi, Yi, Wi: text,
CIDi, Zi, T1, T3, SK, Y2, Ys, Zs: text
const as_ui_y2,
sc1, sc2, sc3, sc4: protocol_id

init State := 0

transition

(1) State = 0 ∧ RCV(start) =|>
State' := 1 ∧ T' := new()
∧ RPWi' := H(PWi.Ai)
∧ DPWi' := xor(RPWi',T')
∧ secret({PWi.Ai}, sc1, Ui)
∧ secret(IDi, sc2, {Ui,AS})
∧ SND({IDi.DPWi'},_SKuas)

(2) State = 2 ∧ RCV({ xor(H(IDi.xor(H(PWi.Ai),T')),F(R.H(S.IDi))),xor((Yi'.H(Yi'.S)),
xor(H(PWi.Ai),T')) }_SKuas) =|>
State' := 4 ∧ secret(R, S, sc3, AS)
∧ secret(F(R.H(S.IDi)), sc4, Ui, AS)
∧ VVi' := xor(H(IDi.H(PWi.Ai)), F(R.H(S.IDi)))
∧ Wi' := H(H(IDi.H(PWi.Ai)).F(R.H(S.IDi)))
∧ Xi' := xor((Yi'.H(Yi'.S)),H(PWi.Ai))
∧ CIDi' := xor(IDi, H(Yi'.S))
∧ T1' := new()
∧ Zi' := H(IDi.F(R.H(S.IDi)).Yi'.T1')
∧ SND(CIDi'.Yi'.Zi'.T1')

(3) State = 6 ∧ RCV(xor((Y2'.H(Y2'.S)),F(R.H(S.IDi))).H(SK.F(R.H(S.IDi)).T1'.T3').T3') =|>
State' := 8 ∧ SK' := H(IDi.F(R.H(S.IDi)).H(Y2'.S).T1'.T3')
∧ Xi' := xor((Y2'.H(Y2'.S)),H(PWi.Ai))
∧ request(Ui, AS, as_ui_y2, Y2')

end role

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ALGORITHM 2: Role specification for user  $U_i$ .

login to  $S$ , the biometrics  $BIO_i$  is also needed. The proposed protocol can therefore resist a lost mobile device attack.

**6.3.6. Replay Attack.** One of the best solutions to prevent replay attack is to use a timestamp technique. The proposed protocol also uses timestamps. Even if any adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  eavesdrops on any user's login request message and sends it to the server  $S$ , the server  $S$  checks the freshness of the timestamp and rejects the request. Furthermore, an adversary  $E$  cannot compute  $Z_i$  without  $ID_i$  and  $y_i$ . The proposed protocol can therefore resist a replay attack.

**6.3.7. Off-Line Password Guessing Attack.** To obtain a password of user  $U_i$ , the biometrics  $BIO_i$  is needed. Biometrics is

unique and it cannot be guessed or stolen. The proposed protocol can therefore resist an off-line password guessing attack.

**6.3.8. Stolen Verifier Attack.** In the proposed protocol, a server  $S$  does not store any information related to the user's identity or password. The proposed protocol can therefore resist a stolen verifier attack.

**6.3.9. Session Key Forward Security.** One important objective of any user authentication protocols is to constitute a session key between user  $U_i$  and server  $S$ . The forward secrecy can protect previous and future session keys from adversary  $\mathcal{E}$  if the master secret key of  $S$  is exposed. Suppose that the master

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role applicationserver (Ui, AS: agent,
SKuas: symmetric_key,
H, F: function,
SND, RCV: channel(dy))

played_by AS def=

local State: nat,
IDi, PWi, BIOi, RPWi, DPWi, T, Ai: text,
Hi, Vi, VVi, R, S, Xi, Yi, Wi: text,
CIDi, Zi, T1, T3, SK, Y2, Ys, Zs: text
const as_ui_y2,
sc1, sc2, sc3, sc4: protocol_id

init State:= 1

transition

(1) State = 1  $\wedge$  RCV(IDi.xor(H(PWi.Ai),T')) =>
State' := 3  $\wedge$  Hi' := H(S.IDi)
 $\wedge$  Vi' := xor(H(IDi.xor(H(PWi.Ai),T')),F(R.H(S.IDi)))
 $\wedge$  Yi' := new()
 $\wedge$  Xi' := xor((Yi'.H(Yi'.S)),xor(H(PWi.Ai),T'))
 $\wedge$  secret(F(R.H(S.IDi)), sc4, {Ui, AS})
 $\wedge$  SND({Vi'.Xi'}_SKuas)

(2) State = 5  $\wedge$  RCV(xor(IDi,H(Yi'.S)).Yi'.H(IDi.F(R.H(S.IDi)).Yi'.T1')).T1') =>
State' := 7  $\wedge$  Hi' := H(S.IDi)
 $\wedge$  Y2' := new()
 $\wedge$  T3' := new()
 $\wedge$  SK' := H(IDi.F(R.H(S.IDi)).H(Y2'.S)).T1'.T3')
 $\wedge$  Ys' := xor((Y2'.H(Y2'.S)),F(R.H(S.IDi)))
 $\wedge$  Zs' := H(SK'.F(R.H(S.IDi)).T1'.T3')
 $\wedge$  SND(Ys'.Zs'.T3')
 $\wedge$  witness(AS, Ui, as_ui_y2, Y2')

end role

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ALGORITHM 3: Role specification for application server AS.

secret key  $s$  of  $S$  is known to  $\mathcal{E}$ . However,  $\mathcal{E}$  does not know  $T_r(H_i)$ . Thus, the session key  $\lambda = h(ID_i \parallel T_r(H_i) \parallel h(y'_i \parallel s) \parallel T_1 \parallel T_3)$  of the improved protocol is still undiscovered to  $\mathcal{E}$ . Therefore, forward secrecy is retained in the proposed protocol.

## 7. Comparison of Functionality and Performance

This section presents comparisons of the functionality between the improved protocol and related protocols [23–28], and the computational spending between the improved protocol and the other protocols [25–30] is also compared here.

*7.1. Functionality Analysis.* Table 1 compares the security features provided by the proposed protocol with previous protocols. The results indicate that the proposed protocol

is distinctly invulnerable and achieves all of the avoidance requirements.

*7.2. Performance Analysis.* We demonstrated the computational cost of the improved protocol against previous protocols in terms of the computational cost. According to the simulations obtained in [34], we found that  $T_c \approx 32.40$  ms and  $T_h \approx 0.20$  ms, respectively, with a system using Pentium IV 3.2 G (CPU) with a 3.0 GB (RAM). According to [47], the computational cost of the fuzzy extractor technique  $T_f$  is nearly identical to ECC multiplication. Kilinc and Yanik [48] has gauged the execution time of some cryptographic algorithms by using the Pairing-Based Cryptography Library (version 0.5.12) [49] in the OS: 32-bit Ubuntu 12.04.1, 2.2 G (CPU), and 2.0 G (RAM). They demonstrated that the cost to perform an elliptic curve point multiplication  $T_e$  is nearly 2.226 ms. In addition, they proved that the cost of a bitwise XOR operation is negligible. In Table 2, we presented the

TABLE 1: Functionality comparison of the improved protocol with others.

Property	[23]	[24]	[25]	[26]	[27]	[28]	The proposed
Mutual authentication	×	×	×	×	√	×	√
User anonymity	×	×	×	×	√	√	√
Impersonation attack	×	×	×	×	×	×	√
Insider attack	×	×	√	√	√	×	√
DoS attack	√	√	×	√	√	√	√
Replay attack	×	√	×	√	√	√	√
Off-line password guessing attack	×	√	×	×	√	×	√
Stolen verifier attack	×	√	√	√	√	√	√
Session key attack	×	×	×	×	×	×	√
Provable security	×	×	×	×	√	×	√

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role session (Ui, AS: agent,
SKuas: symmetric_key,
H, F: function)

def=
local H1, H2, R1, R2: channel (dy)
composition

user (Ui, AS, SKuas, H, F, H1, R1)
∧ applicationserver (Ui, AS, SKuas, H, F, H2, R2)

end role

role environment() def=

const ui, as: agent,
skuas: symmetric_key,
h, f: function,
cidi, yi, zi, t1, ys, zs, t3: text,
as_ui_y2,
sc1, sc2, sc3, sc4: protocol_id

intruder_knowledge = ui, as, h, f, cidi, yi, zi, t1, ys, zs, t3

composition

session(ui, as, skuas, h, f)
∧ session(i, as, skuas, h, f)
∧ session(ui, i, skuas, h, f)

end role

goal

secrecy_of sc1, sc2, sc3, sc4
authentication_on as_ui_y2

end goal

environment()

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ALGORITHM 4: Role specification for session, goal, and environment.

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% OFMC
% Version of 2006/02/13
SUMMARY
SAFE

DETAILS
BOUNDED_NUMBER_OF_SESSIONS

PROTOCOL
/home/span/span/testsuite/results/testrv3.if

GOAL
as_specified

BACKEND
OFMC

COMMENTS
STATISTICS
parseTime: 0.00 s
searchTime: 0.03 s
visitNodes: 4 nodes
depth: 2 piles

```

ALGORITHM 5: The result of simulation using OFMC backends.

computational cost of the improved protocol for each phase and execution time (millisecond) with the related schemes. Compared to Islam et al.'s protocol, the improved protocol performs seven further hash functions and two fuzzy-extract operations. However, we reduce four extended chaotic operations. The improved protocol therefore is more effective than Islam et al.'s protocol.

## 8. Conclusion

Recently, Islam et al. demonstrated the security vulnerabilities in Lin et al.'s protocol and presented an improved authentication protocol using extended chaotic map. Islam

TABLE 2: Performance comparison of the improved protocol with others.

	[25]	[29]	[26]	[27]	[28]	[30]	The proposed
Registration	$3T_h$	$4T_h$	$4T_h + T_c$	$6T_h + T_c$	$4T_h$	$3T_h + T_c$	$7T_h + T_c + T_f$
Login	$5T_h + T_c$	$3T_h + 2T_c$	$2T_h + 2T_c$	$3T_h + 2T_c$	$5T_h + 2T_c$	$2T_h + 3T_c$	$3T_h + T_f$
Verification	$6T_h + 5T_c$	$6T_h + 4T_c$	$6T_h + T_c$	$6T_h + T_c$	$7T_h + 4T_c$	$6T_h + 2T_c$	$8T_h + 1T_c$
Total	$14T_h + 6T_c$	$13T_h + 6T_c$	$14T_h + 4T_c$	$15T_h + 4T_c$	$16T_h + 6T_c$	$11T_h + 6T_c$	$18T_h + 2T_c + 2T_f$
Time (ms)	$\approx 197.2$	$\approx 197.0$	$\approx 132.4$	$\approx 132.6$	$\approx 197.6$	$\approx 196.6$	$\approx 72.9$

et al. also asserted that their authentication protocol is more secure than Lin et al.'s protocol and that it guarantees user anonymity. However, Islam et al.'s protocol is still insecure against some types of attacks, such as on-line identity guessing and user impersonation. To overcome these security weaknesses, in the current paper, we suggest an improved user authentication protocol using a fuzzy extractor that preserves the advantages of Islam et al.'s protocol and contributes to inclusive security properties. The formal and informal analyses of this work clarify why the improved protocol is more efficient and secure.

## Notations

$U_i$ :	Mobile user
$MD_i$ :	Mobile device of user
$ID_i$ :	Identity of user
$PW_i$ :	Password of user
$BIO_i$ :	Biometrics of user
$S$ :	Remote server
$x$ :	Real number chosen set $[-1, 1]$
$T_k(x)$ :	Chebyshev polynomial of degree $k$
$s$ :	Master secret key of server $S$
$r$ :	Positive random integer generated server $S$
$h(\cdot)$ :	Cryptographic hash function
$9 \alpha_i, \beta_i$ :	$U_i$ 's nearly random binary and auxiliary binary strings
$\lambda$ :	Session key
$T$ :	Timestamp
$\ $ :	Concatenation operator
$\oplus$ :	Bitwise XOR operator.

## Conflicts of Interest

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