

Adaptively Simulation-Secure Attribute-Hiding Predicate Encryption

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Functional Encryption (FE)

- Setup authority holds a master secret key MSK and publishes public system parameters MPK .
- An encrypter uses MPK to encrypt message $M \in \mathbb{M}$, creating ciphertext CT .
- A decrypter obtains a private decryption key $SK(F)$ for function $F \in \mathcal{F}$, generated using MSK by the authority.
- $SK(F)$ can be used to decrypt CT to recover $F(M)$, but nothing more about M .

Various Security Notions for FE

- **Indistinguishability-based (IND) Security:** Distinguishing encryptions of any two messages is infeasible for a group of colluders which do not have a decryption key that decrypts the ciphertexts to distinct values.
- **Simulation-based (SIM) Security:** There exists a polynomial-time simulator that given $F_1(M), \dots, F_{q_{\text{KEY}}}(M)$ for $M \in \mathbb{M}$, $F_1, \dots, F_{q_{\text{KEY}}} \in \mathcal{F}$, outputs the view of the colluders given encryption of M and $\text{SK}(F_1), \dots, \text{SK}(F_{q_{\text{KEY}}})$.
- In general, SIM security is *stronger* than IND security.

Various Security Notions for FE

- **Adaptive (AD) Security:** The adversary is allowed to make ciphertext and decryption key queries at any point of time during the security experiment.
- **Semi-Adaptive (S-AD) Security:** The adversary is restricted to submit its ciphertext queries immediately after viewing the public parameters, and can make decryption key queries only after that.
- **Selective (SEL) Security:** The adversary is bound to declare its ciphertext queries even before the public parameters are generated.

Predicate Encryption (PE)

- Predicate family: $R = \{R(Y, \cdot) : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \mid Y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$, \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} = sets of attributes.
- Message space $\mathbb{M} = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{M}$, where \mathcal{M} contains the actual payloads.
- Functionality F_{R_Y} associated with predicate $R(Y, \cdot) \in R$:

$$F_{R_Y}(X, \text{msg}) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{msg} & \text{if } R(Y, X) = 1 \\ \perp & \text{if } R(Y, X) = 0 \end{array} \right\} \forall (X, \text{msg}) \in \mathbb{M} = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{M}.$$

Various Security Notions for PE

- **Strong Attribute Hiding (S-AH):**

- Recovering the payload from a ciphertext generated w.r.t $X \in \mathcal{X}$ should be infeasible for a group of colluders not having an authorized decryption key.
- The ciphertext should conceal X from any group of colluders, even those with authorized decryption keys.

- **Weak Attribute Hiding (W-AH):** The payload and X should only remain hidden to colluders in possession of unauthorized keys.

- **Payload Hiding (PLH):** The payload should remain hidden to colluders with unauthorized keys. Also known as attribute-based encryption (ABE).

State of the Art in Attribute-Hiding PE

- Several works developed ABE and W-AH PE schemes supporting *unbounded* collusions even for *general circuits* under *standard* computational assumptions.
- Known *standard*-assumption-based S-AH PE schemes supporting *unbounded* number of *authorized* colluders are restricted to *inner products*.
- It is known that S-AH PE scheme for NC^1 predicates implies indistinguishability obfuscation (IO) for general circuits.

A Motivating Question

Can we design PE scheme for some sufficiently expressive predicate family (e.g., NC^1) that is secure against an unbounded number of colluders under standard computational assumption such that the S-AH guarantee holds for a limited segment (e.g., belonging to some subclass of NC^1) of each predicate in the predicate family?

The Effort of Wee

- In TCC 2017, Wee presented a PE scheme in bilinear groups of prime order secure under the k -LIN assumption.

- $\mathcal{X} = \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$.

- For any $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$ and $(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n$,

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = (f_1(\vec{x}), \dots, f_n(\vec{x})) \cdot \vec{z},$$

where $f_1, \dots, f_n : \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$ are arithmetic branching programs (ABP).

The Attribute-Hiding Characteristics of Wee's PE Scheme

- The predicate family: $R^{\text{ABP}\circ\text{IP}} = \{R^{\text{ABP}\circ\text{IP}}(f, (\cdot, \cdot)) : \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \mid f \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP}\circ\text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}\}$, where

$$R^{\text{ABP}\circ\text{IP}}(f, (\vec{x}, \vec{z})) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

- Other than hiding the payload, CT generated for $(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n$ *conceals* \vec{z} but *not* \vec{x} .
- The concealment of \vec{z} is *strong*, i.e., even against colluders possessing authorized keys.
- This security notion is termed as **strongly partially-hiding** security.

The Advantages and Limitations of Wee's PE Scheme

- This PE scheme simultaneously generalizes ABE for boolean formulas and ABP's, and S-AH inner-product PE (IPE).
- The scheme is strongly partially-hiding against an unbounded number of authorized colluders.
- The security is proven in the SIM framework.
- The **downside** of this scheme is that it only achieves **semi-adaptive security**.
- Semi-adaptive security is known to be essentially equivalent to the selective security.
- The known generic conversion from selective to adaptive security does not work for PE schemes not supporting general circuits.

Our Results

- We design a PE scheme for the predicate family $R^{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}$ that achieves SIM-based *adaptively strongly partially hiding* security.
- The scheme supports *any a priori bounded* number of ciphertext queries and *unbounded* number of authorized decryption key queries.
- This is the *best* possible in the SIM-based adaptive security framework.
- This *resolves* an *open problem* posed by Wee in TCC 2017.
- The scheme is also *adaptively strongly partially-hiding* in the IND framework against *unbounded* number of ciphertext and authorized decryption key queries.

Our Results

- Our construction is built in *asymmetric* bilinear groups of *prime* order.
- The security is derived under the *simultaneous external decisional linear (SXDLIN)* assumption.
- As a byproduct, we also obtain the *first* SIM-based *adaptively* S-AH IPE scheme supporting unbounded number of authorized colluders.
- We *extend* the IND-based S-AH methodology of [OT12a, OT12b] to the framework of *SIM security* and *beyond inner products*.

[OT12a] : Tatsuaki Okamoto and Katsuyuki Takashima. In EUROCRYPT 2012.

[OT12b] : Tatsuaki Okamoto and Katsuyuki Takashima. In ASIACRYPT 2012.

Comparison with Existing Attribute-Hiding PE Schemes

Schemes	Supported Predicates	IND	SIM	Attribute Hiding	Computational Assumptions
[OT10]	IP \circ SP	(poly, poly, poly)-AD	×	Weak (IP-part)	DLIN
[OT12a]	IP	(poly, poly, poly)-AD	×	Strong	DLIN
[Agr17]	GC \circ IP	(-, poly, bdd)-S-AD	(-, 1, bdd)-S-AD	Strong (IP-part)	LWE
[Wee17]	ABP \circ IP	(-, poly, poly)-S-AD	(-, 1, poly)-S-AD	Strong (IP-part)	k -LIN
Ours	ABP \circ IP	(poly, poly, poly)-AD	(poly, bdd, poly)-AD	Strong (IP-part)	SXDLIN

[OT10] : Tatsuaki Okamoto and Katsuyuki Takashima. In CRYPTO 2010.

[OT12a] : Tatsuaki Okamoto and Katsuyuki Takashima. In EUROCRYPT 2012.

[Agr17] : Shweta Agrawal. In CRYPTO 2017.

[Wee17] : Hoeteck Wee. In TCC 2017.

Arithmetic Branching Program ABP

ABP $\Gamma = (V, E, v_0, v_1, \phi)$ computing $f : \mathbb{F}_q^d \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$:

- (V, E) : A directed acyclic graph.
- $v_0, v_1 \in V$: Special vertices called the source and the sink respectively.
- ϕ : A labeling function assigning to each edge in E an affine function in one of the input variables with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_q .
- For any $\vec{w} \in \mathbb{F}_q^d$, $f(\vec{w}) = \sum_{P \in \wp} \left[\prod_{e \in P} \phi(e)|_{\vec{w}} \right]$, where \wp is the set of all v_0 - v_1 paths P in Γ .

Algorithm PGB(f) for $f : \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$

- Construct the ABP Γ' computing f such that:
 - Γ' has $m + n + 1$ vertices.
 - The variables z_j 's only appear on edges leading into the sink vertex.
 - Any vertex has at most one outgoing edge with a label of degree one.
- Using the algorithm of [IK02], compute the matrix representation of Γ' ,

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \star & \star & \star & \dots & \star & \star & \dots & \star & 0 \\ -1 & \star & \star & \dots & \star & \star & \dots & \star & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & \star & \dots & \star & \star & \dots & \star & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & \star & \dots & \star & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -1 & \dots & 0 & z_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & -1 & z_n \end{pmatrix}_{(m+n) \times (m+n)}$$

with $f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = \det(L(\vec{x}, \vec{z})) \forall (\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n$, and \star 's in the j^{th} row indicating affine functions in $x_{\rho(j')}$ for all $j' \in [m]$, where $\rho : [m] \rightarrow [n']$.

[IK02] : Yuval Ishai and Eyal Kushilevitz. In ICALP 2002.

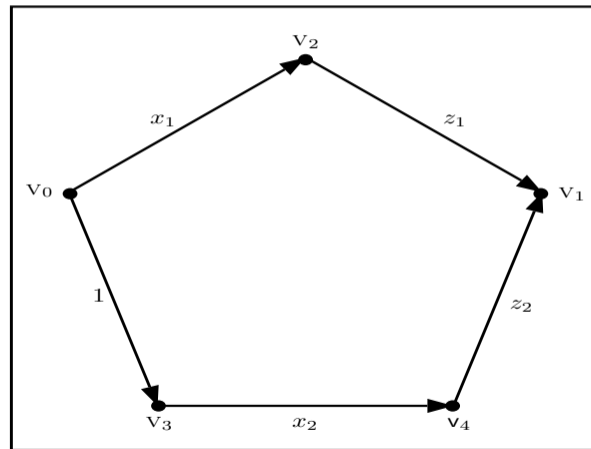
An Illustrative Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f((x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2)) \\
 &= f_1(x_1, x_2)z_1 + f_2(x_1, x_2)z_2 \\
 &= x_1z_1 + x_2z_2,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $f_1(x_1, x_2) = x_1, f_2(x_1, x_2) = x_2$

$$L((x_1, x_2), (z_1, z_2))$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & x_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & z_1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & z_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



ABP Γ' Computing f

Algorithm PGB(f) for $f : \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$ Contd.

- Choose $\vec{r} \xleftarrow{\text{U}} \mathbb{F}_q^{m+n-1}$, and compute

$$\mathbf{L} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{r}^\top \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = (\alpha_1 x_{\rho(1)} + \gamma_1, \dots, \alpha_m x_{\rho(m)} + \gamma_m, z_1 + \sigma_1, \dots, z_n + \sigma_n)^\top.$$

- Output $((\{\sigma_j\}_{j \in [n]}, \{\alpha_{j'}, \gamma_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]}), \rho : [m] \rightarrow [n'])$.
- Each of $\{\sigma_j\}_{j \in [n]}, \{\alpha_{j'}, \gamma_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]}$ are linear functions of \vec{r} .

Algorithm $\text{REC}(f, \vec{x})$ for $f : \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$, $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n'}$

- Generate the matrix representation $\mathbf{L} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(m+n) \times (m+n)}$ of the ABP Γ' computing f .
- Output the cofactors $(\{\Omega'_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]}, \{\Omega_j\}_{j \in [n]}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{m+n}$ of all the entries in the last column of \mathbf{L} in order.
- The first $m + n - 1$ columns of \mathbf{L} involve only $\{x_{\rho(j')}\}_{j' \in [m]}$. Hence, all the cofactors are computable.
- Given $(\{\Omega_j\}_{j \in [n]}, \{\Omega'_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]})$ and $(\{z_j + \sigma_j\}_{j \in [n]}, \{\alpha_{j'} x_{\rho(j')} + \gamma_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]})$ for any $\vec{z} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$, recover

$$f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = \sum_{j' \in [m]} \Omega'_{j'} (\alpha_{j'} x_{\rho(j')} + \gamma_{j'}) + \sum_{j \in [n]} \Omega_j (z_j + \sigma_j).$$

Bilinear Groups

Bilinear group params $_{\mathbb{G}} = (q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, g_1, g_2, e) \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{G}_{\text{BPG}}(1^\lambda)$:

- $q \in \mathbb{N}$: Prime integer.
- $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T$: Cyclic multiplicative groups of order q with polynomial-time computable group operations.
- $g_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{G}_2$: Generators.
- $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$: Mapping satisfying the following:
 - *Bilinearity* : $e(g_1^\delta, g_2^{\hat{\delta}}) = e(g_1, g_2)^{\delta\hat{\delta}}$ for all $\delta, \hat{\delta} \in \mathbb{F}_q$.
 - *Non-degeneracy* : $e(g_1, g_2) \neq 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$, where $1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$ denotes the identity element of the group \mathbb{G}_T .
- params $_{\mathbb{G}}$ is said to be asymmetric if no efficiently computable isomorphism exists between \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 .

Dual Pairing Vector Spaces (DPVS)

DPVS $\text{params}_{\mathbb{V}} = (q, \mathbb{V}_1, \mathbb{V}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, \mathbb{A}_1, \mathbb{A}_2, e) \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{G}_{\text{DPVS}}(1^\lambda, d, \text{params}_{\mathbb{G}})$:

- $q \in \mathbb{N}$: Prime integer.
- $\mathbb{V}_t = \mathbb{G}_t^d$ for $t \in [2]$: d -dimensional vector spaces over \mathbb{F}_q under vector addition and scalar multiplication defined componentwise.
- $\mathbb{A}_t = \{\mathbf{a}^{(t,\ell)} = (\overbrace{1_{\mathbb{G}_t}, \dots, 1_{\mathbb{G}_t}}^{\ell-1}, g_t, \overbrace{1_{\mathbb{G}_t}, \dots, 1_{\mathbb{G}_t}}^{d-\ell})\}_{\ell \in [d]}$ of \mathbb{V}_t for $t \in [2]$: Canonical bases, where $1_{\mathbb{G}_t}$ = identity element of \mathbb{G}_t .
- $e : \mathbb{V}_1 \times \mathbb{V}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$, $e(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = \prod_{\ell \in [d]} e(g_1^{v_\ell}, g_2^{w_\ell}) \in \mathbb{G}_T$ for all $\mathbf{v} = (g_1^{v_1}, \dots, g_1^{v_d}) \in \mathbb{V}_1$,
 $\mathbf{w} = (g_2^{w_1}, \dots, g_2^{w_d}) \in \mathbb{V}_2$.
- e satisfies the following:
 - *Bilinearity* : $e(\delta \mathbf{v}, \hat{\delta} \mathbf{w}) = e(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w})^{\delta \hat{\delta}}$ for all $\delta, \hat{\delta} \in \mathbb{F}_q$, $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{V}_1$, and $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{V}_2$.
 - *Non-degeneracy* : If $e(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) = 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$ for all $\mathbf{w} \in \mathbb{V}_2$, then $\mathbf{v} = (\overbrace{1_{\mathbb{G}_1}, \dots, 1_{\mathbb{G}_1}}^d)$. Similar statement also holds with the vectors \mathbf{v} and \mathbf{w} interchanged.

Dual Orthonormal Basis Generator $\mathcal{G}_{\text{OB}}(1^\lambda, N, (d_1, \dots, d_N))$

- Generate $\text{params}_{\mathbb{G}} = (q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, g_1, g_2, e) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{G}_{\text{BPG}}(1^\lambda)$.
- Sample $\psi \xleftarrow{\mathbb{U}} \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0\}$ and compute $g_T = e(g_1, g_2)^\psi$.
- For $i \in [N]$, perform the following:
 - Generate $\text{params}_{\mathbb{V}_i} = (q, \mathbb{V}_{i,1}, \mathbb{V}_{i,2}, \mathbb{G}_T, \mathbb{A}_{i,1}, \mathbb{A}_{i,2}, e) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{G}_{\text{DPVS}}(1^\lambda, d_i, \text{params}_{\mathbb{G}})$.
 - Sample $\mathbf{B}^{(i)} = (b_{\ell,k}^{(i)}) \xleftarrow{\mathbb{U}} \text{GL}(d_i, \mathbb{F}_q)$.
 - Compute $\mathbf{B}^{*(i)} = (b_{\ell,k}^{*(i)}) = \psi((\mathbf{B}^{(i)})^{-1})^\top$.
 - For all $\ell \in [d_i]$, let $\vec{b}^{(i,\ell)}$ and $\vec{b}^{*(i,\ell)}$ be the ℓ^{th} rows of $\mathbf{B}^{(i)}$ and $\mathbf{B}^{*(i)}$.
 - Compute $\mathbf{b}^{(i,\ell)} = (\vec{b}^{(i,\ell)})_{\mathbb{A}_{i,1}}$, $\mathbf{b}^{*(i,\ell)} = (\vec{b}^{*(i,\ell)})_{\mathbb{A}_{i,2}}$ for $\ell \in [d_i]$, and set $\mathbb{B}_i = \{\mathbf{b}^{(i,1)}, \dots, \mathbf{b}^{(i,d_i)}\}$, $\mathbb{B}_i^* = \{\mathbf{b}^{*(i,1)}, \dots, \mathbf{b}^{*(i,d_i)}\}$.
 - \mathbb{B}_i and \mathbb{B}_i^* are dual orthonormal in the sense that for all $\ell, \ell' \in [d_i]$,

$$e(\mathbf{b}^{(i,\ell)}, \mathbf{b}^{*(i,\ell')}) = \begin{cases} g_T, & \text{if } \ell = \ell', \\ 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Set $\text{params} = (\{\text{params}_{\mathbb{V}_i}\}_{i \in [N]}, g_T)$.
- Return $(\text{params}, \{\mathbb{B}_i, \mathbb{B}_i^*\}_{i \in [N]})$.

PHPE.Setup($1^\lambda, 1^{n'}, 1^n$)

- Generate $(\text{params}, \{\mathbb{B}_i, \mathbb{B}_i^*\}_{i \in [n'+n]}) \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{G}_{\text{OB}}(1^\lambda, n' + n, \overbrace{(9, \dots, 9)}^{n'+n})$.

- For $i \in [n' + n]$, set

$$\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_i = \{\mathbf{b}^{(i,1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(i,2)}, \mathbf{b}^{(i,9)}\},$$

$$\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_i^* = \{\mathbf{b}^{*(i,1)}, \mathbf{b}^{*(i,2)}, \mathbf{b}^{*(i,7)}, \mathbf{b}^{*(i,8)}\}.$$

- Output $\text{MPK} = (\text{params}, \{\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_i\}_{i \in [n'+n]})$ and $\text{MSK} = \{\widehat{\mathbb{B}}_i^*\}_{i \in [n'+n]}$.

PHPE.Encrypt(MPK, $(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n'} \times \mathbb{F}_q^n$)

- Sample $\omega \xleftarrow{\text{U}} \mathbb{F}_q$.
- For $l' \in [n']$, sample $\varphi_{l'} \xleftarrow{\text{U}} \mathbb{F}_q$, and compute

$$\mathbf{c}^{(l')} = (\omega(1, x_{l'}), \vec{0}^4, \vec{0}^2, \varphi_{l'})_{\mathbb{B}_{l'}}.$$

- For $l \in [n]$, sample $\varphi_l \xleftarrow{\text{U}} \mathbb{F}_q$, and compute

$$\mathbf{c}^{(l)} = (\omega(1, z_l), \vec{0}^4, \vec{0}^2, \varphi_l)_{\mathbb{B}_{n'+l}}.$$

- Output CT = $(\vec{x}, \{\mathbf{c}^{(l')}\}_{l' \in [n']}, \{\mathbf{c}^{(l)}\}_{l \in [n]})$.

PHPE.KeyGen(MPK, MSK, $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}^{(q, n', n)}$)

- Generate $\left((\{\sigma_j\}_{j \in [n]}, \{\alpha_{j'}, \gamma_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]}), \rho : [m] \rightarrow [n'] \right) \xleftarrow{R} \text{PGB}(f)$.
- Sample $\zeta \xleftarrow{U} \mathbb{F}_q$.
- For $j' \in [m]$, sample $\vec{\kappa}'^{(j')} \xleftarrow{U} \mathbb{F}_q^2$, and compute

$$\mathbf{k}'^{(j')} = ((\gamma_{j'}, \alpha_{j'}), \vec{0}^4, \vec{\kappa}'^{(j')}, 0)_{\mathbb{B}_{\rho(j')}^*}.$$

- For $j \in [n]$, sample $\vec{\kappa}^{(j)} \xleftarrow{U} \mathbb{F}_q^2$, and compute

$$\mathbf{k}^{(j)} = ((\sigma_j, \zeta), \vec{0}^4, \vec{\kappa}^{(j)}, 0)_{\mathbb{B}_{n'+j}^*}.$$

- Output $\text{SK}(f) = (f, \{\mathbf{k}'^{(j')}\}_{j' \in [m]}, \{\mathbf{k}^{(j)}\}_{j \in [n]})$.

PHPE.Decrypt(MPK, SK(f) = (f , $\{\mathbf{k}'^{(j')}\}_{j' \in [m]}$, $\{\mathbf{k}^{(j)}\}_{j \in [n]}$),
 CT = (\vec{x} , $\{\mathbf{c}'^{(\iota')}\}_{\iota' \in [n']}$, $\{\mathbf{c}^{(\iota)}\}_{\iota \in [n]}$))

- Compute $\Lambda'_{j'} = e(\mathbf{c}'^{(\rho(j'))}, \mathbf{k}'^{(j')}) = g_T^{\omega(\alpha_{j'} x_{\rho(j')} + \gamma_{j'})}$ for $j' \in [m]$, and $\Lambda_j = e(\mathbf{c}^{(j)}, \mathbf{k}^{(j)}) = g_T^{\omega(\zeta z_j + \sigma_j)}$ for $j \in [n]$.
- Determine $(\{\Omega'_{j'}\}_{j' \in [m]}, \{\Omega_j\}_{j \in [n]}) = \text{REC}(f, \vec{x})$.
- Compute $\Lambda = \left(\prod_{j' \in [m]} \Lambda'^{\Omega'_{j'}}_{j'} \right) \left(\prod_{j \in [n]} \Lambda_j^{\Omega_j} \right) = g_T^{\omega \zeta f(\vec{x}, \vec{z})}$.
- If $R^{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}(f, (\vec{x}, \vec{z})) = 1$, i.e., $f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) = 0$, then $\Lambda = 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$, while if $R^{\text{ABP} \circ \text{IP}}(f, (\vec{x}, \vec{z})) = 0$, i.e., $f(\vec{x}, \vec{z}) \neq 0$, then $\Lambda \neq 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$ with all but negligible probability $2/q$, i.e., except when $\omega = 0$ or $\zeta = 0$.
- Output 1, if $\Lambda = 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$, and 0, otherwise.

Concluding Remarks and Open Problems

- We achieved SIM-based S-AH security against *adaptive* adversaries for PE schemes supporting *expressive* predicate families under standard computational assumption in bilinear groups.
- We designed a SIM-based *adaptively* strongly partially-hiding PE (PHPE) scheme for predicates computing ABP's on public attributes, followed by an IP on private attributes.
- The proposed scheme is proven secure for *any a priori bounded* number of ciphertexts and *unbounded* number of authorized decryption keys.
- An intriguing *open problem* is to identify the largest predicate class for which S-AH PE scheme supporting unbounded number of authorized decryption key queries can be realized from a standard computational assumption.

Thanking Note

