## Updatable Public Key Encryption in the Standard Model

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#### Abstract

Forward security (FS) ensures that corrupting the current secret key in the system preserves the privacy or integrity of the prior usages of the system. Achieving forward security is especially hard in the setting of public-key encryption (PKE), where time is divided into periods, and in each period the receiver derives the next-period secret key from their current secret key, while the public key stays constant. Indeed, all current constructions of FS-PKE are built from hierarchical identity-based encryption (HIBE) and are rather complicated.

Motivated by applications to secure messaging, recent works of Jost et al. (Eurocrypt'19) and Alwen et al. (CRYPTO'20) consider a natural relaxation of FS-PKE, which they term updatable PKE (UPKE). In this setting, the transition to the next period can be initiated by any sender, who can compute a special update ciphertext. This ciphertext directly produces the next-period public key and can be processed by the receiver to compute the next-period secret key. If done honestly, future (regular) ciphertexts produced with the new public key can be decrypted with the new secret key, but past such ciphertexts cannot be decrypted with the new secret key. Moreover, this is true even if all other previous-period updates were initiated by untrusted senders.

Both papers also constructed a very simple UPKE scheme based on the CDH assumption in the random oracle model. However, they left open the question of building such schemes in the standard model, or based on other (e.g., post-quantum) assumptions, without using the heavy HIBE techniques. In this work, we construct two efficient UPKE schemes in the standard model, based on the DDH and LWE assumptions, respectively. Somewhat interestingly, our constructions gain their efficiency (compared to prior FS-PKE schemes) by using tools from the area of circular-secure and leakage resilient public-key encryption schemes (rather than HIBE).

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## 1 Introduction

For privacy applications, Forward Security (FS) refers to the ability to update sensitive information in a way that: (1) the system continues to be functional in the future; (2) compromise of the current secret state of the system does not affect the privacy of past secrets. For example, the famous authenticated Diffie-Hellman key agreement protocol, — where the party use long-term signing keys to authenticate the ephemeral public values  $g^a$  and  $g^b$  used to produce the shared key  $k = g^{ab}$ , — is forward-secure under the Decisional Diffie-Helman (DDH) assumption, even if the attacker later learns the long-term signing keys, as long as the no-longer-needed ephemeral secrets a and b were erased before this compromise.

In the symmetric-key world, forward security is also easy using a pseudorandom generator (PRG) G, provided the sender and the receiver can stay synchronized [12]. Given the current state s, the sender can produce  $(r, s') \leftarrow G(s)$  to get the one-time symmetric key r, and the next state s', so that compromising s' does not affect the security of the one-time key r. One way to think about this is that PRGs allow one to produce an initial state  $s_0$  that defines a "one-way chain" of pseudorandom states  $s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow s_2 \rightarrow \ldots$ , which can only be traversed in the forward direction.

Forward-Secure PKE. Coming back to the public-key world, achieving FS for (non-interactive) Public-Key Encryption (PKE) turned out to be noticeably more complicated. The initial paper of Canetti et al. [25], — which up to this day is still essentially the state-of-the-art in the area, — defined FS-PKE as follows. The key generation outputs initial keys ( $pk_0, sk_0$ ), which implicitly defined two synchronized chains  $pk_0 \rightarrow pk_1 \rightarrow pk_2 \rightarrow \dots$  and  $sk_0 \rightarrow sk_1 \rightarrow sk_2 \rightarrow \dots$  which can be independently produced by multiple senders and a single receiver. The chains should be consistent in the sense that messages encrypted under  $pk_i$  should be decryptable by  $sk_i$ , and the secret-key chain should have the "one-wayness" property we want: exposing  $sk_i$  should not compromise the privacy of messages encrypted under prior public keys  $pk_j$ , for j < i.

Canetti et al. [25] also showed how to build FS-PKE from any Hierarchical Identity-Based Encryption (HIBE) [36, 35] scheme. As a result, as more HIBE schemes got built [14, 26, 15, 32, 31, 22], we also get more FS-PKE schemes, even including purely theoretical schemes from very basic assumptions, like DDH/CDH, factoring, and super-low-noise LPN [32, 31, 22]. However, all these schemes are quite complicated and inefficient, at least compared to many simple PKE schemes that are available today. Unfortunately, closing the efficiency/complexity gap between FS-PKE and PKE remains open until this day.

**Updatable PKE.** As a step towards closing this gap, and motivated by independently interesting applications in the area of secure messaging schemes, two recent works of Jost *et al.* [40] and Alwen *et al.* [5] defined a relaxed notion of forward-secure PKE, called *updatable PKE* (UPKE). In this setting, any sender can initiate a "key update" by sending a special update ciphertext. This ciphertext updates the receiver's public key and also, once processed by the receiver, will update their secret key. A malicious sender cannot harm security by sending a malicious key update generated with bad randomness. However, an honest sender is assured that, once the receiver processes an honestly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For efficiency reasons, [25] also insisted that  $\mathsf{pk}_i = (\mathsf{pk}_0, i)$ , meaning one can quickly go from  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  to  $\mathsf{pk}_i$ , but this point will not be important for our discussion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Of course, FS is trivial to achieve if the receiver can initiate the key update. Indeed, this type of key update is also happening in the secure messaging applications of [40, 5], trivially achieving FS when the receiver "speaks" and updates its key. However, we could also be in the scenario where the receiver is non-communicating for a long period of time, while many messages are being sent to *and processed by* the receiver. For example, the receiver could be part of a large secure messaging group [5] who only reads messages, but almost never posts messages. UPKE is precisely useful in this scenario.

generated key update, all ciphertexts produced in the past will remain secure even if the receiver's secret key is compromised in the future.

Note that in the setting of updatable PKE, we implicitly assume that there is an ordered sequence of update ciphertexts which will be decrypted by the receiver and that each sender can see this sequence and figure out the current public key at any time. For example, this holds if all the ciphertexts are sent by the same sender [40] (similar to the symmetric-key setting), or the ciphertexts could be sent by multiple senders, but there is some outside mechanism that will anyway serialize all these ciphertexts [5].

In the extreme cases, such as a secure group messaging application of [40], every sender S will initiate a key update after each ciphertext that it sends to the receiver R. In particular, since S "trusts itself", S can be sure that the information in this ciphertext will be secure forever, the moment that R decrypts it (and moves its secret key forward), even if R gets corrupted later on. And this is true even if other senders S' that sent messages in the past were more careless, and might not have properly generated/erased the randomness of their updates, which were used to determine the public key under which S encrypted its message. In this sense, UPKE with key updates following every encryption provides a natural public-key analog of stream ciphers extensively used in symmetric-key cryptography, despite having multiple senders who do not necessarily trust each other's randomness. To put it differently, the security of each sender only depends on the quality/secrecy of its own randomness, while the correctness relies on the serialization of update ciphertexts sent by all the senders.

UPKE Syntax and Prior Constructions. A bit more precisely,<sup>4</sup> in addition to standard key generation, encryption, and decryption algorithms, the UPKE schemes have two special algorithms Upd-Pk and Upd-Sk. Any sender can run Upd-Pk on the current public-key  $pk_{i-1}$  to produce *update ciphertext*  $up_i$  and a new public key  $pk_i$ . In turn, the receiver will run Upd-Sk on the current secret key  $sk_{i-1}$  and update ciphertext  $up_i$ , to produce the new secret-key  $sk_i$ .

In terms of forward security, we require that exposure of any key  $\mathsf{sk}_i$  should not compromise the privacy of messages encrypted under prior public keys  $\mathsf{pk}_j$ , for j < i, provided at least one "good" update happened from period j to i. Hereby "good update" we mean that the randomness used by the sender to generate this update was not compromised by the attacker. Indeed, in the secure messaging applications of [40, 5], all senders were assumed to be honest, although some of their local randomnesses could be compromised by the attacker. Following [5], our definition will actually be slightly stronger in that we will allow malicious randomness for the "bad updates". See Section 3.

To validate the usefulness of this relaxation, the works of [40, 5] also gave an extremely fast and simple construction, which is orders of magnitude faster than HIBE-based FS-PKE schemes and is based on the CDH assumption in the random oracle model (ROM). The encryption scheme is just the standard hashed ElGamal encryption scheme: given public key  $h = g^s$ , encryption of m computes  $(g^r, Hash(h^r) \oplus m)$ , while decryption of (c, w) outputs  $w \oplus Hash(c^s)$ . To update the public/secret key, the sender chooses a random exponent  $\delta$ , and simply encrypts it using the standard encryption algorithm. The new public key is  $h' = hg^{\delta}$ , and new secret key is  $s' = s + \delta$ . We notice, however, the random oracle model is critically used to break the circularity between encrypting the value  $\delta$ , and later leaking the value  $s' = s + \delta$  which depends on the secret key.

**Our Main Contribution.** In this work we build two efficient UPKE schemes in the *standard model*. Our first scheme is based on the DDH assumption and is approximately "security parameter less

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>For the sake of generality, we will not necessarily insist on updating the public key after each ciphertext, but such extreme use is certainly an option for getting higher security.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>We use slightly different syntax than [40, 5], but all our schemes are easily converted to meet the syntax of [40, 5].

efficient" compared to the Hashed ElGamal UPKE scheme described above. Our second construction is also quite efficient and is based on the Learning-With-Errors (LWE) assumption. In particular, it gives the first efficient UPKE based on an assumption that is believed to be post-quantum secure. This was not known even in the random oracle model.

A rough summary of efficiency, security, usability, and assumptions trade-off for our schemes when compared to previous PKE, UPKE, and FS-PKE schemes is given in Table 1. It is clear from the table that our efficiency falls between that of PKE and FS-PKE (much closer to the former), we achieve the same (resp. much stronger) forward security as FS-PKE (resp. PKE), but we do require a stronger synchronization assumption than FS-PKE.

Factors	PKE	UPKE [40, 5] RO Model	UPKE (this work) Standard Model	FS-PKE
Efficiency	Very Efficient	$\approx PKE$	$\approx \text{PKE} \cdot \kappa$	Inefficient (from HIBE)
Assumptions	DDH/CDH, Factoring, LWE	CDH	DDH, LWE	DDH/CDH, Factoring, LWE
Forward Security?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Synchronization	None	Strong (Updates)	Strong (Updates)	Weak (Time Periods)

**Table 1:** Comparison of Different Primitives. ( $\kappa$  is security parameter.)

## 1.1 Our Technique: Using Circular Security and Leakage-Resilience

Looking at the random-oracle-based UPKE scheme of [40, 5], we observe that the attacker learns the value  $s' = s + \delta$ , but also an encryption of  $\delta$ . Namely, the attacker simultaneously gets: (a) encryption of (some function of the) secret-key, and (b) some leakage s' on the secret-key s. Of course, in that particular scheme, the leakage in (b) was trivial, since  $\delta$  was completely random and therefore s' is completely independent of s, while (so-called) key-dependent-message (KDM) security [13] in (a) was easily handled by the random oracle.

Nevertheless, we will find the abstractions in (a)+(b) useful when going to the standard model. In particular, we will follow the same template, but rely on circular-secure encryption schemes in the standard model under DDH/LWE (e.g., [17, 8]) where the key s and/or the updates  $\delta$  must consist of "small" values in some larger group  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and hence the leakage  $s' = s + \delta$  in part (b) will no longer be trivial.<sup>5</sup> Luckily, these schemes are also leakage resilient and hence this non-trivial leakage does not hurt security.

Indeed, modulo several important technicalities,<sup>6</sup> both of our standard model constructions will effectively build UPKE from a regular PKE, which satisfies the following three properties simultaneously:

1. Circular-secure and leakage-resilient (CS+LR): Given encryption of the secret key s and any bounded-entropy leakage on s, the scheme is still semantically secure. See Section 4 for the precise definition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>This is true for the DDH-based scheme of [17] since circular security requires encrypting in the exponent and decryption involves solving discrete log; therefore the encrypted values must be small. This is also true for the LWE-based scheme where the secret key must be small for correctness.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Which is why we present the schemes separately, and the abstraction we give below is mainly for the intuition.

- 2. Key-Homomorphic: Given a public key and a ciphertext pair that corresponds to some secret key s, together with some offset  $\delta$ , we can convert them into a public key and a ciphertext pair that corresponds to the secret key  $s' = s + \delta$  while preserving the encrypted message.
- 3. Message-Homomorphic: Given a ciphertext encrypting some value s, and offset s', we can convert it into a ciphertext encrypting s' s.

Note that, for correctness, the scheme may restrict the secret key or the encrypted messages to be "small" values in a larger group over which the homomorphism holds.

We can now build UPKE as follows. We start with the circular-secure and leakage-resilient scheme and implement the updating mechanism by simply encrypting a random (small) offset  $\delta$  and updating the public key appropriately using the key-homomorphic property. The receiver decrypts  $\delta$  and updates their secret key s to  $s' = s + \delta$ . Note that the original key s should still have entropy when conditioned on the updated key s', so that we can use the leakage resilience of our scheme.

**Reduction Idea.** To get the intuition for our security proof, we first present the simplest special case where the challenge ciphertext for UPKE is requested in the very first time period, and there is a single honest update after the challenge, followed by the reveal of the resulting secret key s' to the attacker. As we will see, in this case, we will not even need to use the key-homomorphic property, but it is easy to see how key-homomorphic property will be needed for the general case. In our reduction, we will now need to utilize our UPKE attacker  $\mathcal{A}$  for this simplest case, to build our CS+LR-attacker  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

 $\mathcal{A}'$  will start with the challenge public key  $\mathsf{pk}$  and will forward it to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

 $\mathcal{A}$  will select two message  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  and give them to  $\mathcal{A}'$ .

 $\mathcal{A}'$  will use these messages as its own challenge and will choose a probabilistic leakage function  $s' = s + \delta$  for a random (unknown!) offset  $\delta$ , where s is the original secret key of the CS+LR scheme.

Upon receiving this challenge ciphertext  $c^*$  and the value s' from its challenger,  $\mathcal{A}'$  can simply forward  $c^*$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and also declare s' as the final value of the secret key after the update.

However,  $\mathcal{A}'$  also needs to properly simulate the update ciphertext e which was supposed to encrypt the (unknown) value  $\delta$ .

This is where  $\mathcal{A}'$  will use the encryption e' of the secret key s, and the message-homomorphic property of the encryption scheme, to produce an encryption e of  $\delta = s' - s$ .

This completes the special case of the reduction. For the general case, where several (untrusted) updates could happen before the challenge is issued, we will also need to use the key-homomorphic property: both for

- (a) converting the challenge ciphertext  $c^*$  in period 1 into the ciphertext encrypting the same message during the challenge period; as well as for
- (b) converting the original encryption e' of s in period 1 into correctly distributed encryption e of  $\delta$  during the exposure period.

While the high-level idea above will work for both of our DDH/LWE instantiations, in both cases we need to overcome certain challenges due to the need to correctly simulate various distributions in the above-sketched reduction.

Instantiating from DDH. We show that the BHHO cryptosystem [17] constructed from the DDH assumption satisfies the properties we need. In that cryptosystem the secret key is  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell}$ . Circular security holds when each component of the secret key is encrypted in the exponent, and decryption recovers the secret key by taking the discrete log. For this reason, the BHHO scheme

needs to use a "short"  $s \in \{0,1\}^{\ell} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell}$ . In our setting, we will set the initial key to a uniformly random  $s_0 \in \{0,1\}^{\ell}$ . Each update will choose some random offset  $\delta_i \in \{0,1\}^{\ell}$  and will encrypt the value  $\delta_i$  in the exponent; the updated key will be  $s_{i+1} = s_i + \delta_i$  where the addition is performed over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . This scheme was shown to be circular secure [17] and leakage-resilient [48]; we show that the two security properties also hold simultaneously. It is also easy to see that the scheme is key and message homomorphic. When we use this scheme as a UPKE, we rely on the fact that when  $\delta, s \in \{0,1\}^{\ell}$  are both chosen randomly then giving the sum  $\delta + s$  (with addition over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ) only reduces the entropy of s by  $\ell \cdot \log(4/3) \leq \ell/2$  bits.

Instantiating from LWE. We show that the dual-Regev cryptosystem [53, 34] constructed from the LWE assumption also satisfies the properties we need. The proof of circular security and leakage resilience are analogous to those of BHHO. One subtle issue that, while the dual-Regev scheme is key-homomorphic, when we update the key, we no longer get the correct ciphertext distribution – in particular, the "error term" distribution is perturbed. To fix this, we need to resort to the 'noise flooding/smudging" technique, where we add some super-polynomial noise to the ciphertext to hide small polynomial differences in the error term.

Follow Up Work. Following this work, the work of [30] defined an extension of UPKE called fast-forwardable UPKE (FF-UPKE). FF-UPKE addresses the problem that the UPKE receiver might be offline or otherwise miss many update ciphertexts, resulting in a situation where its current secret key  $\mathsf{sk}_i$  is considerably behind the current public key  $pk_j$ :  $i \ll j$ . Of course, such "stale" receiver can still get to the current key  $\mathsf{sk}_j$ , by downloading  $\Delta = (j-i)$  key update messages, and performing  $\Delta$  sequential secret key updates to "catch up". The goal of FF-UPKE is to achieve such "catching up" much faster: say, but only downloading a sub-linear (and, ideally, logarithmic) in  $\Delta$  number of update ciphertexts (and, similarly, doing the sub-linear amount of work). [30] also built a generic FF-UPKE from any UPKE which they call update-homomorphic. Interestingly, minor modifications of our UPKE constructions turn out to be update-homomorphic. In contrast, the ROM-based UPKE [40] does not appear to be update-homomorphic and does not suffice for building FF-UPKE. Thus, as an unexpected application, the homomorphic properties of our construction, — which were needed to argue security of our scheme, but were not needed for the functionality, — turned out to be useful in a setting where random oracle does not appear to help.

#### 1.2 Additional Theoretical Contributions

We also consider two natural strengthenings of the basic chosen-plaintext attack (CPA) security of UPKE. First, in Section 7.1 we define the chosen-ciphertext attack (CCA) variant, where the attacker also has oracle access to the decryption oracle. Second, in Section 7.2 we consider extending the capability of untrusted senders in the CPA/CCA security game to produce arbitrary tuple of update ciphertext e and the corresponding new public key pk', rather than limiting their ability to selecting bad randomness r, and then honestly using r to produce the tuple (e, pk').

As initial feasibility results, for both variants, we show a generic way — using appropriate [29] notion of non-interactive zero-knowledge (NIZK) proofs — to extend the basic CPA notion of UPKE to meet the corresponding stronger requirement. Using the existing feasibility of such NIZK proofs from DDH/LWE, we get these stronger forms of UPKE can be met, under the corresponding assumption, in the standard model. Unlike our CPA constructions described above, here we do not give an *efficient* instantiation of the resulting schemes from DDH/LWE, leaving those to future work.

#### 1.3 Related Work

**Hierarchical Identity-Based Encryption (HIBE).** As mentioned, Canetti et al. [25] also showed how to build FS-PKE (and therefore also UPKE) from any Hierarchical Identity-Based Encryption (HIBE) [36, 35, 14, 26, 15, 32, 31, 22].

By plugging in prior constructions of HIBE from DDH/CDH [32, 31, 22], we would get an alternate construction of UPKE from DDH/CDH in the standard model. However, this construction is mainly of theoretical interest and is hugely impractical. In particular, it relies on complex garbled circuits that perform public-key operations. In more detail, if  $\kappa$  is the security parameter, the construction relies on a chain of  $O(\kappa)$  garbled circuits, each of which outputs  $O(\kappa)$  special ciphertexts (encrypted labels for next level garbled circuit), where each ciphertext consists of at least  $O(\kappa)$  group elements; the fact that this is all computed inside a garbled circuit then adds at least another  $O(\kappa)$  overhead on top. Lastly, going from HIBE to FS-PKE/UPKE adds another  $O(\kappa)$  overhead, for a total complexity of at least  $O(\kappa^5)$ . So the complexity is at least  $O(\kappa^3)$  worse than our scheme, even without getting into huge concrete overheads.

By plugging in prior constructions of HIBE from LWE [26, 2], we would get an alternate construction of UPKE from LWE in the standard model. The resulting schemes could potentially be piratically efficient. However, our construction is still significantly simpler and more efficient for several reasons: (1) We do not rely on lattice trapdoors or GPV style pre-image sampling [34], which makes our scheme both conceptually simpler and practically more efficient. (2) Our secret key is a single lattice vector rather than an entire lattice basis. This makes our secret keys roughly an  $O(\kappa)$  factor shorter. (3) We avoid the additional  $O(\kappa)$  factor overhead in the transformation from HIBE to FS-PKE/UPKE.

Forward-secure Signatures. Forward-Secure Signatures [6] are similar to FS-PKE, in that compromising the current signing key should not enable forgery of messages for previous periods. In particular, the tree-based FS-signature scheme of Bellare and Miner [11] was the inspiration for the HIBE-based FS-PKE of [25]. The above work was later extended by Malkin *et al.* [45]. Forward-secure signatures were also studied in the random oracle setting [1, 37, 43].

Other Key Evolving Encryption Schemes. The works of Jaeger and Stepanovs [38] and Poettering and Rössler [51] proposed two related notions of *key-updatable* PKE scheme, which provide an even stronger form of key-evolution than FS-PKE. In these schemes, key updates can be labeled by arbitrary, possibly adversarially chosen, strings. Unsurprisingly, the schemes in these works were also built from HIBE.

Circular and KDM Secure Encryption Schemes. Circular secure schemes allow the attacker to see encryptions of the secret key of the scheme. A natural extension of this notion studies a cycle of  $(\mathsf{sk}_i, \mathsf{pk}_i)$  pairs for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  where we encrypt  $\mathsf{sk}_i$  under  $\mathsf{pk}_{i \mod n+1}$ . This was defined as key-dependent message security (KDM) by Black et al. [13] and as circular security by Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [23]. The first cryptosystem in the standard model with a proof of KDM-security under a standard assumption was given by Boneh et al. [17]. Subsequently, constructions from the learning with errors (LWE) [8] and quadratic residuosity [20] assumptions were proposed. Construction for identity-based KDM-secure encryption [4] was also proposed. While the construction of Boneh et al. [17] was for affine functions, subsequent "KDM amplifications" transforms extended the class of functions significantly [10, 21, 46, 7].

Leakage-Resilient Encryption Schemes. Most of the security models do not capture possible side-channel attacks. These attacks are designed to exploit unintended leakage that often stems from the physical environment. Akavia et al. [3] proposed a realistic framework that aimed to capture information about the leakage. Subsequent work by Naor and Segev [48] analyzed the resilience of public key cryptosystems to leakage. An important result was that they showed the (even slightly optimized version of the) BHHO scheme [17] was resilient to |sk|(1-o(1)) bits of leakage. Subsequent work [28] showed the leakage resilience of both the BHHO scheme and the dual Regev encryption scheme [53, 34] in the auxiliary input model. Brakerski et al. [22] studied both the leakage resilience and circular security of anonymous IBE. We point to the survey of leakage resilient cryptography by Kalai and Reyzin [41] for additional work in this domain.

Different "Updatable" Encryption. With an unfortunate naming collision, there has been a different kind of "updatable encryption schemes" considered in the literature [18, 33, 44, 42, 19, 16]. These are symmetric-key encryption schemes that aim to accomplish key rotation in the cloud, specifically moving the ciphertexts under the old key to the new key. In particular, these schemes produce multiple encryptions of the same message under different keys and aim to produce update tokens that allow the update of old ciphertexts, without leaking the message content. In contrast, updatable schemes in this paper are public-key, encrypt different messages, and aim to achieve forward security. Thus, the notions are very different despite the partial naming collision.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Notation.** For a distribution X, we use  $x \leftarrow S$  to denote that x is a random sample drawn from the distribution X. For a set S we use  $x \leftarrow S$  to denote that x is chosen uniformly at random from the set S. We denote by  $U_d$  the uniform distribution over  $\{0,1\}^d$ .

**Information-Theoretic Notions.** The prediction probability is

$$\operatorname{Pred}(X) := \max_x \operatorname{P}[X = x].$$

We can also denote

$$\mathsf{Pred}(X|y) := \max_{x} \mathsf{P}\left[X = x | Y = y\right].$$

We define the conditional versions as

$$\operatorname{\mathsf{Pred}}(X|Y) := \mathbf{E}_{y \leftarrow Y} [\operatorname{\mathsf{Pred}}(X|y)]$$
.

The (average-case) conditional min-entropy is  $H_{\infty}(X|Y) = -\log(\text{Pred}(X|Y))$ . The statistical distance of X and Y is  $SD(X,Y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x} |P[X=x] - P[Y=y]|$ .

**Theorem 1** (Leftover Hash Lemma). Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Let X be a random variable on  $\{0,1\}^n$  with conditional min-entropy  $H_{\infty}(X|E) \ge k$ . Let  $\mathcal{H} = \{\mathcal{H}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  where  $\mathcal{H}_n = \{h_s\}_{s \in \{0,1\}^d}$  for all n, be a universal hash family with output length  $m \le k - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$ . Then,

$$(h_{U_d}(X), U_d, E) \approx_{\varepsilon} (U_m, U_d, E)$$

**Lemma 2** (Smudging Lemma [9]). Let  $B_1 = B_1(\kappa)$  and  $B_2 = B_2(\kappa)$  be positive integers and let  $e_1 \in [-B_1, B_1]$  be a fixed integer. Let  $e_2 \leftarrow s[-B_2, B_2]$  be chosen uniformly at random. Then the distribution of  $e_2$  is statistically indistinguishable from  $e_1 + e_2$  as long as  $B_1/B_2 = \text{negl}(\kappa)$ .

**Definition 1** (The Decisional Diffie Hellman Assumption (DDH)). Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a probabilistic polynomialtime "group generator" that, given as a parameter  $1^{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa$  is the security parameter, outputs the description of a group  $\mathbb{G}$  that has prime order  $p = p(\kappa)$ . The decisional Diffie Hellman (DDH) assumption for  $\mathcal{G}$  says that the following two ensembles are computationally indistinguishable:

$$\{(g_1, g_2, g_1^r, g_2^r) : g_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}, r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p\} \approx_c \{(g_1, g_2, g_1^{r_1}, g_2^{r_2}) : g_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}, r_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

A lemma of Naor and Reingold [47] generalizes the above assumption for m > 2 generators.

**Lemma 3** ([47]). Under the DDH assumption on  $\mathcal{G}$ ,

$$\{(g_1,\ldots,g_m,g_1^r,\ldots,g_m^r):g_i\leftarrow\mathbb{G},r\leftarrow\mathbb{Z}_p\}\approx_c\{(g_1,\ldots,g_m,g_1^{r_1},\ldots,g_m^{r_m}):g_i\leftarrow\mathbb{G},r_i\leftarrow\mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

**Definition 2** (Learning with Errors Assumption (LWE)). Consider integers n, m, q and a probability distribution  $\chi$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , typically taken to be a normal distribution that has been discretized. Then, the LWE assumption states that the following two ensembles are computationally indistinguishable:

$$\{\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e}: \boldsymbol{A} \leftarrow \$~\mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}, \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \$~\mathbb{Z}_q^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \$~\chi^m\} \approx_c \{\boldsymbol{A}, \boldsymbol{v}: \boldsymbol{A} \leftarrow \$~\mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}, \boldsymbol{v} \leftarrow \$~\mathbb{Z}_q^m\}$$

# 3 Updatable Public Key Encryption (UPKE)

Jost et al. [40] introduced the notion of an Updatable Public Key Encryption (UPKE). This definition was later modified by the work of Alwen et al. [5]. Below, we present our variant of the UPKE.

**Definition 3.** An updatable public key encryption (UPKE) scheme is a set of five polynomial-time algorithms UPKE = (U-PKEG, U-Enc, U-Dec, Upd-Pk, Upd-Sk) with the following syntax:

- **Key generation**: U-PKEG takes as parameter  $1^{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa$  is the security parameter and outputs a fresh secret key  $\mathsf{sk}_0$  and a fresh initial public key  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ .
- Encryption: U-Enc receives a public key pk and a message m to produce a ciphertext c.
- Decryption: U-Dec receives a secret key sk and a ciphertext c to produce message m.
- *Update Public Key:* Upd-Pk receives a public key pk to produce an update ciphertext up and a new public key pk'.
- *Update Secret Key*: Upd-Sk receives an update ciphertext up and secret key sk to produce a new secret key sk'.

**Correctness.** Let  $(sk_0, pk_0)$  be the output of U-PKEG. For any sequence of randomness  $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^q$ , define the sequence of public keys and secret keys  $\{(pk_i, sk_i)\}_{i=1}^q$  as follows:  $(up_i, pk_i) \leftarrow Upd-Pk(pk_{i-1}; r_i)$ ,  $sk_i \leftarrow Upd-Sk(sk_{i-1}, up_i)$ . Then, UPKE is correct if for any message m and for any  $j \in [q]$ ,

$$\mathsf{P}\left[\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}_j,\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_j,m))=m\right]=1\;.$$

### 3.1 IND-CR-CPA Security of UPKE

In this section, we define the security game. We will called this the IND-CR-CPA Security which is meant to capture INDistinguishibility under Chosen Randomness Chosen Plaintext Attack. Largely similar to the CPA security game, this also additionally allows the adversary to choose the randomness used to update the keys which is modeled by the following oracle access:

•  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$ :  $\mathcal{A}$  provides its choice of randomness  $r_i$ . The Challenger increments the time to i+1. It then performs the following actions:

$$(\mathsf{up}_{i+1}, \mathsf{pk}_{i+1}) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_i; r_i); \ \mathsf{sk}_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_i, \mathsf{up}_{i+1}) \ .$$

For any adversary A with running time t we consider the IND-CR-CPA security game:

- Sample  $(\mathsf{sk}_0, \mathsf{pk}_0) \leftarrow \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{PKEG}(1^{\kappa}), \ b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}.$
- $(m_0^*, m_1^*, state) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)}(\mathsf{pk}_0)$
- Compute  $c^* \leftarrow \text{$}^*\text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_q, m_h^*)$  where q is the current time period.
- $state \leftarrow * \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)}(c^*, state)$
- Choose uniformly random  $r^*$  and then compute

$$(\mathsf{up}^*, \mathsf{pk}^*) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_{a'}; r^*); \ \mathsf{sk}^* \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_{a'}, \mathsf{up}^*) \ .$$

where q' is the current time period.

- $b' \leftarrow * \mathcal{A}(pk^*, sk^*, up^*, state)$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game if b = b'. The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in winning the above game is denoted by  $\mathrm{Adv}_{\mathrm{crcpa}}^{\mathsf{UPKE}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\mathsf{P}\left[b = b'\right] \frac{1}{2}|$ .

**Definition 4.** An updatable public-key encryption scheme UPKE is IND-CR-CPA -secure if for all PPT attackers  $\mathcal{A}$ , its advantage  $\operatorname{Adv}_{\operatorname{crepa}}^{\operatorname{UPKE}}(\mathcal{A})$  is negligible.

Remark 1 (Comparison of the Security Models.). The work of Jost *et al.* [40] defined a notion which had an update procedure not specific to any public key. This was designed to support multiple instances, i.e. multiple key pairs, and where the offset generated by the public update could be applied to many public keys. While we consider the simpler setting of only one instance, which is also reflected in our syntax, we believe that our constructions trivially satisfy the stronger security model proposed by [40]. Our model also allows for  $q \neq q'$ , i.e., for the adversary to issue a challenge in one time period and corrupt in another time period. However, without loss of generality, we give the attacker the final secret key  $sk^*$  immediately following the honest post-challenge key update (at period q'), as this gives the most amount of information to the attacker.

Our definition is a generalization of the model proposed by Alwen *et al.* [5]: their notion forced an update of the keys after every encryption query, while ours separates the two processes for more flexibility.

## 4 Key-Dependent-Message-Secure Encryption Scheme

Let us recall the definition of a public-key encryption scheme.

**Definition 5.** An encryption scheme is a set of three polynomial-time algorithms  $\mathcal{E} = (\mathsf{Gen}, \mathsf{Enc}, \mathsf{Dec})$  with the following syntax:

- **Key generation:** Gen receives  $1^{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa$  is the security parameter and outputs a fresh secret sk and outputs a fresh public key pk.
- Encryption: Enc receives a public key pk and a message m to produce a ciphertext c.
- Decryption: Dec receives a secret key sk and a ciphertext c to produce message m.

**Correctness.** The correctness of an encryption scheme is such that  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow Gen(1^{\kappa}), \forall m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$P[Dec(sk, Enc(pk, m)) = m] = 1$$

CS+LR Security. For any PPT adversary A we consider the following security game:

- Sample ( $\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{pk}$ )  $\leftarrow \$ \mathsf{Gen}(1^{\kappa}), b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}.$
- $L, f, m_0, m_1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathsf{pk})$  where L is the leakage function chosen by  $\mathcal{A}, m_0, m_1$  are the challenge messages, and f is the function of the secret key that  $\mathcal{A}$  wants to receive as encryption. L defines the leakage resilience and f defines the KDM security.
- Compute  $C \leftarrow s \operatorname{Enc}(\operatorname{pk}, m_b), C' \leftarrow s \operatorname{Enc}(\operatorname{pk}, f(\operatorname{sk}))^7$ .
- $b' \leftarrow * \mathcal{A}(c_0, c_1, L(\mathsf{sk})).$
- $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game if b = b'. The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in winning the above game is denoted by  $\mathrm{Adv}_{\mathrm{KDM}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\mathsf{P}[b = b'] \frac{1}{2}|$ .

**Definition 6.** A public-key encryption scheme  $\mathcal{E}$  is  $\lambda$ -CS+LR-secure if for all PPT attackers  $\mathcal{A}$ , and leakage functions L such that  $H_{\infty}(\mathsf{sk}|L(\mathsf{sk})) \geq |\mathsf{sk}| - \lambda$ , its advantage  $\mathrm{Adv}_{\mathsf{cs+lr}}^{\mathcal{E}}(\mathcal{A})$  is negligible.

#### 5 DDH Based Construction

This section presents construction from the DDH Assumption. We begin by presenting a slightly modified version of the PKE Scheme proposed by Boneh *et al.* [17] in section 5.1. This scheme was shown to be independently circular secure and leakage resilient. We also show that the scheme is CS+LR secure in section 5.2. We then present our construction of a UPKE scheme (section 5.3), extended from the PKE scheme. We finally prove that the UPKE scheme is IND-CPA secure in section 5.4.

#### 5.1 The BHHO Cryptosystem

In this section, we present a modified version of the original BHHO Cryptosystem. This is presented as Construction 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>In our security proofs, the function f will be applied to each bit of the secret key.

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Construction 1: A modified version of the BHHO Cryptosystem. Let  $\kappa$  be the security parameter. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a probabilistic polynomial-time "group generator" that takes as input  $1^{\kappa}$  and outputs the description of a group  $\mathbb{G}$  with prime order  $p = p(\kappa)$  and q is a fixed generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ .

Correctness. Let 
$$m \in \mathbb{G}$$
. Enc(pk,  $m$ ) =  $(f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, c = h^r \cdot m)$ . Now, Dec(sk,  $f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c$ ) outputs:  $c \cdot (\prod_{i=1}^\ell f_i^{s_i})^{-1} = h^r \cdot m(\prod_{i=1}^\ell f_i^{s_i})^{-1} = (\prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{s_i})^r \cdot m \cdot (\prod_{i=1}^\ell (g_i^r)^{s_i})^{-1} = m$ .

## 5.2 CS+LR Security of BHHO Cryptosystem

In this section, we provide proof of the combined circular security and leakage resilience of the BHHO Cryptosystem. Formally, we will prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 4.** Under the DDH Assumption, Construction 1 is  $\lambda$ -CS+LR secure for leakage  $\lambda = \ell - 2 \log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

However, before we can prove the theorem, we will prove that there exists an algorithm  $\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk},i)$  such that

$$(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_i}), s) \approx_c (\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, i), s).$$

Consider the following definition of Enc':

$$\mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk},i) = (f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_{i-1} = g_{i-1}^r, f_i = g_i^r/g, f_{i+1} = g_{i+1}^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, h^r)$$

We will first show that this ciphertext decrypts correctly to  $g^{s_i}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Dec}(s,f_1,\ldots,f_\ell,c=h^r) &= h^r \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^\ell f_i^{s_i}\right)^{-1} \\ &= h^r \left(\prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{s_i}\right)^{-r} g^{s_i} = h^r \cdot h^{-r} \cdot g^{s_i} = g^{s_i} \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.** Under the DDH Assumption, (pk,  $\operatorname{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_i}), s) \approx_c (\mathsf{pk}, \operatorname{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, i), s)$  where  $(\mathsf{pk}, s) \leftarrow s \operatorname{Gen}(1^\kappa)$ 

*Proof.* We will prove the lemma through a sequence of hybrids. This is a tabulated summary of the changes through the proof:

Hybrid	Hybrid Definition	Security
$D_0$	Enc is used to encrypt $g^{s_i}$	Identical
$D_1$	$D_0$ except $h^r \cdot g^{s_i}$ replaced with $\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} f_i^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}$	Identicai
1	January 119-139	DDH
$D_2$	$D_1$ except each $f_j \leftarrow \mathbb{S}$	
_		Identical
$D_3$	$D_2$ except $f_i$ is replaced by $f_i/g$ where $f_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$	DDII
$D_4$	$D_3 \text{ except } f_j = g_j^r \text{ where } r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$	DDH
<i>D</i> <sub>4</sub>	, ,	Identical
$D_5$	Enc' is used to encrypt $g^{s_i}$	racinitear

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . This is when Enc is used to encrypt  $g^{s_i}$ . It corresponds to the distribution:

$$(\mathsf{pk}, g_1^r, \dots, g_\ell^r, h^r \cdot g^{s_i}, \boldsymbol{s} : r \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . This is same as Hybrid  $D_0$  where we replace  $h^r$  by the steps of the decryption algorithm. It corresponds to the distribution

$$\left(\mathsf{pk}, f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}, m{s} : r \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{Z}_p 
ight)$$

The distributions  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are identical for the same value of  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Therefore, there is no distinguishing advantage for any adversary A.

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . In this case, we sample each  $f_i \leftarrow \mathfrak{G}$ . This corresponds to the distribution:

$$\left(\mathsf{pk}, f_1, \dots, f_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}, s: f_1, \dots, f_\ell \leftarrow \mathfrak{s} \; \mathbb{G} \right)$$

**Claim 6.** If DDH (as defined in Lemma 3) is hard for  $\mathbb{G}$ , then for every PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage in distinguishing Hybrids  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is negligible.

*Proof.* We will use an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  capable of distinguishing between the two distributions to create an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that can win against the DDH Game. After receiving input from the challenger  $(g_1, \ldots, g_\ell, f_1, \ldots, f_\ell)$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  generates  $(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{sk} = s)$  and returns to  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $(f_1, \ldots, f_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}, s)$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates one of the hybrids based on the input it receives. This concludes the proof that  $\mathcal{A}$  has negligible advantage in distinguishing the two hybrids.

**Hybrid**  $D_3$ . The same distribution as Hybrid 2, except that  $f_i$  is replaced by  $f_i/g$ .

$$\left(\mathsf{pk}, f_1, \dots, f_{i-1}, f_i/g, f_{i+1}, \dots, f_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}, \boldsymbol{s}: f_1, \dots, f_\ell \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{G}\right)$$

We know that for fixed g,  $f_i/g$  is indistinguishable from  $f_i$  where  $f_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ . Therefore, the distributions are identical and  $\mathcal{A}$  has no advantage in distinguishing the two distributions.

**Hybrid**  $D_4$ . This is corresponding to the distribution where  $f_j = g_j^r$  where  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

$$\left(\mathsf{pk}, g_1^r, \dots, g_{i-1}^r, g_i^r/g, g_{i+1}^r, \dots, g_\ell^r, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i}, \boldsymbol{s} : r \leftarrow \$ \, \mathbb{Z}_p\right)$$

Claim 7. If DDH (as defined in Lemma 3) is hard for  $\mathbb{G}$ , then for every PPT A, the advantage in distinguishing Hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  is negligible.

The proof of this claim is similar to the proof of the earlier claim.

**Hybrid 5.** This is corresponding to the distribution (Enc'(pk, i), s),  $f_i = g_i^r/g$  where  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

$$(\mathsf{pk}, f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_{i-1} = g_{i-1}^r, f_i = g_i^r/g, f_{i+1} = g_{i+1}^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, h^r, s: r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

It is clear that the input distribution in Hybrids  $D_4$  and  $D_5$  are identical for the same r and  $\mathcal{A}$  has no advantage in distinguishing the two distributions. This is because:  $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j} \cdot g^{s_i} =$  $\begin{array}{l} \prod_{j\neq i}g_j^{rs_j}\cdot g_i^{rs_i}/g^{s_i}\cdot g^{s_i}=(\prod_{j=1}^\ell g_j^{s_j})^r=h^r.\\ \text{Therefore, we have shown that } (\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk},g^{s_i}),\boldsymbol{s})\approx_c (\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk},i),\boldsymbol{s}). \end{array}$ 

Therefore, we have shown that 
$$(\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_i}), s) \approx_c (\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, i), s)$$
.

Further, note that each  $s_i$  is independently chosen. Additionally, each encryption/fake-encryption chooses its own independent randomness r. Therefore, we can independently replace each  $Enc(pk, g^{s_i})$ with Enc'(pk,i), and the resulting encryption of secret key is computationally indistinguishable from the one computed by Enc'. This proof can be shown by a sequence of hybrids, replacing one encryption at a time. Therefore, as a corollary we get that:

Corollary 8. Under the DDH Assumption,

$$(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_1}), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_\ell}), s) \approx_c (\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \ell), s)$$

With this corollary, we can prove the original theorem:

**Theorem 4.** Under the DDH Assumption, Construction 1 is  $\lambda$ -CS+LR secure for leakage  $\lambda$  =  $\ell - 2\log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

*Proof.* We will prove the same through a sequence of hybrids. This is a tabulated summary of the hybrids changes through the proof:

Hybrid	Hybrid Definition	Security	
$D_0$	The Original CS+LR Security Game, Enc is used	Corollary 8	
$D_1$	$D_0$ except Enc' is used	Coronary o	
- 1	_ 0	Identical	
$D_2$	$D_1$ except except $h^r \cdot m_b$ replaced with $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b$		
	J - J	DDH	
$D_3$	$D_2$ except each $f_i$ is replaced by $f_i \leftarrow \mathfrak{G}$		
		Leftover Hash Lemma	
$D_4$	$D_3$ except $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b$ replaced by $U \leftarrow \mathbb{S}$		

Note that each of our hybrid distribution contains pk and L(sk = s) in its definition. We drop these terms from the definition for simplicity and merely focus on the two ciphertexts which undergo the bulk of the changes.

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . The original CS+LR Game. In this hybrid,  $\mathcal{A}$  receives the following distribution:

$$(C = (f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, h^r \cdot m_b), C' = (\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_1}), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, g^{s_\ell})) : r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . The CS+LR Game but with C' consisting of the "fake encryption" algorithm. This corresponds to the distribution:

$$(C = (f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, h^r \cdot m_b), C' = (\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, \ell)) : r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

In Corollary 8 we showed that the two distribution were indistinguishable even when conditioned on the secret key s. However, in the definition of  $D_0, D_1$ , we only provide partial leakage L(s), and hence  $\mathcal{A}$  has negligible advantage in distinguishing the two distributions.

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . It is similar to hybrid  $D_1$ , but with  $h^r \cdot m_b$  replaced by  $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b$ . This is the following distribution:

$$\left(C = \left(f_1 = g_1^r, \dots, f_\ell = g_\ell^r, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b\right), C': r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p\right)$$

For the same r, the distributions from Hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are identical. Therefore,  $\mathcal{A}$  has no advantage in distinguishing the two hybrids.

**Hybrid**  $D_3$ . Similar to hybrid  $D_2$ , except each  $f_i \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{G}$ . This is the following distribution:

$$\left(C = \left(f_1, \dots, f_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b\right), C' : f_1, \dots, f_\ell \leftarrow \mathbb{S}\right)$$

Claim 9. If DDH is hard for  $\mathbb{G}$ , then for every PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the advantage in distinguishing hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  is negligible.

Proof. We will use an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  capable of distinguishing hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  to create  $\mathcal{B}$  that can win against the DDH Game.  $\mathcal{B}$  receives from the DDH Challenger:  $(g_1, \ldots, g_\ell, f_1, \ldots, f_\ell)$ . It chooses  $s \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$  and sets  $\mathsf{pk} = (g_1, \ldots, g_\ell, h)$  where  $h = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{s_i}$  and sets  $\mathsf{sk} = s$ . It then sends to  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $(\mathsf{pk}, L(\mathsf{sk} = s), C = (f_1, \ldots, f_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{s_j} \cdot m_b), C' = (\mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \ldots, \mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, \ell))$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates the distributions of hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  based on the input it receives. It merely forwards  $\mathcal{A}$ 's guess as its own. This concludes the proof that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$ .

**Hybrid**  $D_4$ . Replace  $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j}$  with a random value  $U \leftarrow \mathfrak{G}$ . This gives the distribution:

$$(C = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, U \cdot m_b), C' = (\mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, \ell)) : U, f_1, \dots, f_\ell \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{G})$$

Claim 10. Hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  are statistically indistinguishable.

*Proof.* We can represent  $f_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$  as  $g^{r_i}$  for random  $r_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Therefore, the term  $\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{s_j} = g^{\langle r,s \rangle}$  where  $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_{\ell})$ . Now, note that distinguishing hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  is at least as hard as distinguishing the following two ensembles:

$$(r_1,\ldots,r_\ell,\langle \boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{s}\rangle,C':r_1,\ldots,r_\ell\leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p);(r_1,\ldots,r_\ell,u,C':u,r_1,\ldots,r_\ell\leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p)$$

If one could distinguish the second pair of distributions, then they can efficiently calculate the value of  $g^{r_i}$  and  $g^{\langle r,s\rangle}$ , thereby distinguishing the original pair of distributions.

We will now complete the proof by showing that the second pair of distributions are statistically indistinguishable. To this end, we will use LHL, as defined in Theorem 1. We have that

$$H_{\infty}(s|C',L(s),\mathsf{pk}) = H_{\infty}(s|L(s),\mathsf{pk}) \ge H_{\infty}(s|L(s)) - \log p \ge \ell - \lambda - \log p.$$

This is because C' is independent of the sk conditioned on pk, the value pk comes from a domain of size p, and L was a leakage function that satisfied  $H_{\infty}(s|L(s)) = \ell - \lambda$ . Now, consider, the hash function family  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of  $h_r(s) = \langle r, s \rangle \mod p$ . The output length is  $m = \log p$ . This is a universal hash family. To apply LHL we need,  $m = k - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$ . Here  $k = \ell - \lambda - \log p$ . Therefore,  $\log p = \ell - \lambda - \log p - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$ . Or if  $\lambda \leq \ell - 2\log p - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$ , for some negligible  $\varepsilon$  then the latter two distributions are statistically indistinguishable.

It follows from the above claim that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$ . Further, in Hybrid 4, the message is masked by a random value and therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  has no advantage in Hybrid  $D_4$ .

Combining the different hybrid arguments together, we get that any PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in the CS+LR security game.

#### 5.3 UPKE Construction

In this section, we present our construction of an updatable public key encryption based on the BHHO Cryptosystem. This is presented in Construction 2.

Correctness. Informally, correctness requires that any message m encrypted by an updated public key decrypts with the help of the corresponding updated secret key to the same message m, always.

- Let  $(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{pk}) \leftarrow \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{PKEG}(1^\kappa)$ . Here,  $\mathsf{sk} = s = (s_1, \dots, s_\ell) \leftarrow \$\{0, 1\}^\ell$ , and  $\mathsf{sk} = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, \prod_{j=1}^\ell g_i^{s_i})$ .
- Let r be the randomness used for the Upd-Sk procedure. Let  $\boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\ell)$  be the first  $\ell$  bits of r. We have  $(\mathsf{pk'}, \mathsf{up}) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Pk}(\mathsf{pk})$ . Here,  $\mathsf{pk'} = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, h \cdot \prod_{j=1}^\ell g_i^{\delta_i})$ .  $\mathsf{up} = (g_1^{r_1}, \dots, g_\ell^{r_l}, h^{r_l} \cdot g^{\delta_l}), \dots, (g_\ell^{r_\ell}, \dots, g_\ell^{r_\ell}, h^{r_\ell} \cdot g^{\delta_\ell})$ .
- We will look at Upd-Sk now. It is easy to verify that Upd-Sk correctly decrypts each ciphertext in up to corresponding  $g^{\delta_i}$ . This is either 1 when  $\delta_i = 0$  or non-identity if  $\delta = 1$ . It then updates  $s' = s + \delta$ . Interestingly, while s was initialized to be a bit string, each element grows slowly over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- Consider U-Enc(pk', m). The resulting ciphertext is  $(g_1^u, \ldots, g_\ell^u, h'^u \cdot m)$  for  $u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

#### Protocol DDH-Based UPKE U-PKEG $(1^{\kappa})$ $\mathsf{Upd} ext{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk})$ Parse $\mathsf{pk} = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, h)$ Sample $\boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ Sample $\mathbf{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_\ell) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $g_1, \dots, g_\ell \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ . $\begin{array}{l} \text{Compute } h = \prod_{i=1}^\ell g_i^{s_i}. \\ \text{return sk} = s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell, \text{ pk} = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, h) \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell+1} \ . \end{array}$ Compute $h' = h \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} g_i^{\delta_i} \right)$ Encrypt $\delta$ bit-by-bit, i.e., $up = (U-Enc(pk, g^{\delta_1}), \dots, U-Enc(pk, g^{\delta_\ell}))$ . $\mathsf{U\text{-}Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, m \in \mathbb{G})$ **return** (up, pk' = $(g_1, \ldots, g_\ell, h')$ ) Parse $\mathsf{pk} = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, h)$ Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ for $i = 1, \dots, \ell$ do Upd-Sk(sk, up) Parse up = $(c_1, \ldots, c_\ell)$ Compute $f_i = g_i^r$ for $i = 1, \dots, \ell$ do return $C = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c = h^r \cdot m) \in \mathbb{G}^{\ell+1}$ Compute $u_i = \text{U-Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, c_i)$ if $u_i = 1$ then U-Dec(sk, C) Set $\delta_i = 0$ Parse $C = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c = h^r \cdot m)$ and $\mathsf{sk} = s = (s_1, \dots, s_\ell) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$ Compute $m' = c \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell} f_i^{s_i}\right)^{-1}$ Compute $s' = s + \delta$ where $\delta = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\ell)$ and addition is element-byelement over $\mathbb{Z}_p$ return sk' = (s')

**Construction 2:** DDH Based Construction. Let  $\kappa$  be the security parameter. Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a probabilistic polynomial-time "group generator" that takes as input  $1^{\kappa}$  and outputs the description of a group  $\mathbb{G}$  with prime order  $p = p(\kappa)$  and q is a fixed generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Set  $\ell = \lceil 5 \log p \rceil$ .

• Consider U-Dec(sk',  $g_1^u, \dots, g_\ell^u, h'^u \cdot m$ )). The decryption algorithm returns:

$$h'^{u} \cdot m \cdot (\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (g_{j}^{u})^{s'_{j}})^{-1} = (h \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} g_{j}^{\delta_{j}})^{u} \cdot m \cdot (\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (g_{j}^{u})^{s'_{j}})^{-1}$$

$$= (\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} g_{j}^{s_{j}} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} g_{j}^{\delta_{j}})^{u} \cdot m \cdot (\prod_{j=1}^{\ell} (g_{j}^{u})^{s_{j} + \delta_{j}})^{-1}$$

$$= m$$

• The same can be extended to additional updates. The key point to note is that the algorithms do not need s to be a bit string and therefore can, and indeed will grow.

#### 5.4 Security of the UPKE Construction

**Theorem 11.** Under the DDH Assumption, Construction 2 is IND-CR-CPA secure UPKE.

*Proof.* We proved in Theorem 4 that Construction 1 is CS+LR secure with  $\lambda = \ell - 2 \log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ , under the DDH Assumption. We will use this as the starting point and use an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  against the IND-CPA game of the UPKE construction to construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  against the CS+LR Security game of the PKE Scheme.

- The reduction  $\mathcal{B}$  receives from the challenger the public key  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  corresponding to some secret key  $s_0$ .
- It has a time period counter t initialized to 0
- $\mathcal{B}$  provides  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  responds as follows to the oracle queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$  as follows:

For each input invocation, it increments the counter t to i and records the  $\delta_i$  it receives as input.

- $\mathcal{B}$  then receives the challenge messages  $m_0^*, m_1^*$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  then provides the randomized leakage function  $L(\mathsf{sk}; \boldsymbol{\delta}^*) = s_0 + \boldsymbol{\delta}^*$  where the addition is element-by-element over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Looking ahead,  $\boldsymbol{\delta}^*$  will correspond to the randomness for the fresh update before the secret key is provided to the  $\mathcal{A}$ . It also sets  $m_0^*, m_1^*$  as its challenge messages.
- $\mathcal{B}$  sends to its challenger the leakage function  $L, m_0^*, m_1^*$ . It also specifies the function f to be the encryption of each bit of the secret key in the exponent.
- In response,  $\mathcal{B}$  receives C which is an encryption of  $m_b^*$  under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ , C' which is a encryption of  $s_0$ , bit-by-bit in the exponent, under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ , and a leakage z on  $s_0$  defined by  $z = s_0 + \delta^*$  for  $unknown\ \delta^* \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\ell}$ . More formally,

$$C = \operatorname{U-Enc}(\operatorname{pk}_0, m_b^*); C' = (\operatorname{U-Enc}(\operatorname{pk}_0, g^{s_1}), \dots, \operatorname{U-Enc}(\operatorname{pk}_0, g^{s_\ell}))$$

- At this point, let the time period be q'. Now,  $\mathcal{A}$  expects  $c^* = \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, m_b^*)$ . So  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following to compute  $c^*$ :
  - $-\mathcal{B}$  has  $C = (\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, m_b^*))$  or  $C = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c = h^r \cdot m_b^*).$
  - It computes  $\Delta' = \sum_{i=1}^{q'} \delta_i$ .  $\Delta = (\Delta'_1, \dots, \Delta'_{\ell})$
  - To convert it into a public key corresponding to  $s_{q'} = s_0 + \Delta'$ , we do the following:

$$c^* = \left(f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c \cdot \prod_{j=1}^{\ell} f_j^{\Delta'_j}\right)$$

This is where we employ the key homomorphism property.

- $\mathcal{B}$  sends to  $\mathcal{A}$  the value of  $c^*$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  continues to respond to  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$  queries as before. When  $\mathcal{A}$  finally stops, let q be the time period. Now,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following:
  - To compute  $s^*$ :
    - \* It sets  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^{q} \delta_i$ . Again, the operation is element-by-element addition over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Let  $\Delta = (\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_\ell)$ .
    - \* With the knowledge of z and  $\Delta$ ,  $\beta$  sets  $s^* = s_{q+1} = z + \Delta$ . Recall that  $z = s_0 + \delta^*$  for random  $\delta^*$ . In other words,  $\beta$  implicitly sets  $\delta_{q+1} = \delta^*$ , corresponding to the final secure update.
  - To compute  $pk^*$ : With the knowledge of  $s^*$  it is also easy to generate the corresponding public key  $pk^*$  by merely computing the value of  $h^* = \prod_{i=1}^{\ell} g_i^{s_i^*}$  where  $s^* = (s_1^*, \dots, s_{\ell}^*)$ . Therefore,

$$\mathsf{pk}^* = (g_1, \dots, g_\ell, h^*)$$

- To compute up\*:

 $* \text{ Recall that } \mathsf{up}^* = \left(\mathsf{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_q, g^{\delta_1}), \dots \mathsf{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_q, g^{\delta_\ell}\right) \text{ where } \pmb{\delta}^* = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_\ell)).$ 

- \*  $\mathcal{B}$  has  $C'=(\mathsf{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0,g^{s_1}),\ldots,\mathsf{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0,g^{s_\ell}))$  where  $\boldsymbol{s}_0=(s_1,\ldots,s_\ell))$
- \* Note that for all  $i = 1, ..., \ell$ , by definition,  $\delta_i = z_i s_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- \* Let  $ct_i = \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, g^{s_i}) = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c = h^r \cdot g^{s_i})$
- \* For  $i = 1, ... \ell$ , then we transform each  $ct_i$  into  $ct_i'$  where

$$m{ct}_i' = \left(f_1' = f_1^{-1}, \dots, f_\ell' = f_\ell^{-1}, c_i' = \left(c_i \cdot g^{-z_i} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{\Delta_j}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

Now,

$$\mathsf{up}^* = (ct_1', \dots, ct_\ell')$$

- Send  $(pk^*, sk^*, up^*)$  to A.
- $\mathcal{B}$  forwards  $\mathcal{A}$ 's guess as its own.

**Analysis of Reduction.** We first show that the leakage function defined here has sufficiently small entropy loss.

Claim 12. 
$$H_{\infty}(s_0|z) = \ell - \lambda \text{ where } \lambda = \ell(1 - \log_2(4/3))$$

*Proof.* First note that the components of  $z = (z_1, \ldots, z_\ell)$  and  $s_0 = (s_1, \ldots, s_\ell)$  are independent of each other so  $H_{\infty}(s_0|z) = \sum_i H_{\infty}(s_i|z_i)$ . Now, the distribution of  $z_i$  is given by

$$P[z_i = 0] = P[z_i = 2] = 1/4, P[z_i = 1] = 1/2$$

Further,

$$P[s_i = 0 | z_i = 0] = 1, P[s_i = 0 | z_i = 2] = 0, P[s_i = 0 | z_i = 1] = \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore, 
$$H_{\infty}(s_i|z_i) = -\log_2(1 \cdot P[z_i = 0] + 1 \cdot P[z_i = 2] + \frac{1}{2}P[z_i = 1]) = -\log(3/4)$$
 and  $H_{\infty}(s_0|z) = \ell \cdot \log_2(4/3)$ .

We now show that the distribution of ciphertext is correct. We will show it is correct for any i. We have  $\mathbf{c}_i = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell, c = h^r \cdot g^{s_i})$ . First, we first transform it into a cipher text of  $\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{s}_0$ , under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ . This is message homomorphism. We then transform this ciphertext, under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  to a ciphertext encrypting the same message under  $\mathsf{pk}_q$ . This is the property of key homomorphism.

- Multiplying c with  $g^{-z_i}$  gives us a valid encryption of  $g^{s_i-z_i}$ . However, we have that  $z_i s_i = d_i$  where  $\delta^* = (d_1, \ldots, d_\ell)$ .
- To obtain the encryption of  $g^{z_i-s_i}$  we merely take the inverse of all elements, and then multiply the last element by  $g^{z_i}$ . Therefore,

$$c_i' = (f_1' = g_1^{r'} = f_1^{-1}, \dots, f_\ell' = g_\ell^{r'} = f_\ell^{-1}, c' = c^{-1} \cdot g^{z_i} = h^{r'} \cdot g^{-s_i} \cdot g^{z_i})$$
 with  $r' = -r$ .

• Now, note that  $\mathsf{sk}_q = \mathsf{sk}_0 + \Delta = (s_1 + \Delta_1, \ldots, s_\ell + \Delta_\ell)$ . The public key is therefore  $\mathsf{pk}_q = (g_1, \ldots, g_\ell, h_q)$  where  $h_q = h \cdot \prod_{j=1}^\ell g_j^{\Delta_j}$ . In order to transform a ciphertext  $c_i' = (f_1', \ldots, f_\ell', c')$  under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  to a ciphertext under  $\mathsf{pk}_q$  we modify the last component, c' as  $c' \cdot \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j'^{\Delta_j} = (c \cdot g^{-z_i} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^\ell f_j^{\Delta_j})^{-1}$ .

Under this reduction, it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates the IND-CR-CPA game for  $\mathcal{A}$ . The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  against the IND-CR-CPA is the same as the advantage of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

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Protocol Dual Regev or GPV Cryptosystem

\frac{\text{Gen}(1^{\kappa})}{\text{Sample } A \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{n \times m}} \\
\text{Sample } r \leftarrow \mathbb{S}_p^{(1)} \\
\text{Compute } u = Ar \\
\text{return } (\mathsf{pk} = (A, u), \mathsf{sk} = (r))

\frac{\text{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, c)}{\text{Parse } c = (t, pad)} \\
\text{Parse } c = (t, pad) \text{ and } \mathsf{sk} = r \\
\text{Compute } b' = (pad - \langle r, t \rangle) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \\
\text{return } 0 \text{ if } m' \text{ is closer to 0 than to } \lfloor p/2 \rfloor \text{ and 1 otherwise.}
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Construction 3: The Dual Regev or GPV Cryptosystem. Let n, m, p be integer parameters of the scheme. We will assume that LWE holds where p is super-polynomial and  $\chi$  is polynomially bounded. Then, we set  $\chi'$  to be uniformly random over (say) [-p/8, p/8].

Choice of Parameters. We have from Theorem 4 that  $\lambda \leq \ell - 2 \log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ . We have also shown that our reduction needs  $\ell - \lambda = \ell \cdot \log_2(4/3)$ . Therefore, we have that  $\ell \geq \frac{2}{\log_2(4/3)} \log p + \omega(\log \kappa)$ . Or,  $\ell = \lceil 5 \log p \rceil$ .

### 6 Constructions based on LWE

This section presents construction from the LWE Assumption. We begin by presenting a slightly modified version of the dual-Regev PKE Scheme [53, 34] in section 6.1. We show that the scheme is CS+LR secure in section 6.2. We then present our construction of a UPKE scheme (section 6.3), extended from the PKE scheme. We finally prove that the UPKE scheme is IND-CR-CPA secure in section 6.4.

## 6.1 The Dual Regev or GPV Cryptosystem

The construction is presented as Construction 3.

**Correctness.** We show that the decryption algorithm is correct with overwhelming probability (over the choice of the randomness of Gen, Enc). The decryption algorithm computes:

$$\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle$$

$$pad - \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle = \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle + e' + b \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor - \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle = b \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor + (e' - \langle \boldsymbol{e}, \boldsymbol{r} \rangle)$$

Now, note that  $e' - \langle e, r \rangle$  is small in comparison to p. Therefore, the computed value is closer to  $\lfloor p/2 \rfloor$  when b = 0 and the opposite when b = 1.

#### 6.2 CS+LR Security of the dual-Regev Cryptosystem

In this section, we provide proof of the combined circular security and leakage resilience of the dual-Regev Cryptosystem. Formally, we will prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 13.** Under the LWE Assumption, Construction 3 is  $\lambda$ -CS+LR secure with leakage  $\lambda = m - (n+1) \log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

Before we can prove the above theorem, we show the existence of an encryption algorithm Enc' such that

$$(\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk},i),\mathsf{sk}) \approx_c (\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk},r_i),\mathsf{sk}).$$

Consider: Enc'(pk, i) := (t', pad') where:

- Let  $\boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ ,  $\boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , and  $\boldsymbol{d} = (d_1 = 0, \dots, d_{i-1} = 0, d_i = -\lfloor p/2 \rfloor, d_{i+1} = 0, \dots, d_m = 0)$ . Then,  $\boldsymbol{t}' = \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{d}$ .
- $pad' = \langle x, u \rangle + e'$  where e' is chosen from a distribution  $\chi'$  such that e' + B is statistically indistinguishable from e' where  $B \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .

**Lemma 14.** Under the LWE Assumption,  $(pk, Enc'(pk, i), sk) \approx_c (pk, Enc(pk, r_i), sk)$ . where  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow_s Gen(1^{\kappa})$ 

*Proof.* We will prove through a sequence of hybrids. This is a tabulated summary of the changes through the proof:

Hybrid	Hybrid Definition	Security	
$D_0$	Enc is used to encrypt $r_i$	Lemma 2	
$D_1$	$D_0$ except $\langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle$ replaced with $\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle$	LCIIIII 2	
	20 choops (a, a) replaced with (1, b)	LWE	
$D_2$	$D_1  ext{ except } oldsymbol{t} = oldsymbol{A}^T oldsymbol{x} + oldsymbol{e}  ext{ replaced with } oldsymbol{t} \leftarrow \mathbb{s}  \mathbb{Z}_p^n$		
	p		
$D_3$	$D_2$ except $\boldsymbol{t}$ replaced with $\boldsymbol{t} + \boldsymbol{d}$ where $\boldsymbol{d} = (0, \dots, 0, d_i = -\lfloor p/2 \rfloor, 0, \dots, 0)$		
	TT.	LWE	
$D_4$	$D_3  ext{ except } oldsymbol{t} = oldsymbol{A}^T oldsymbol{x} + oldsymbol{e}  ext{ where } oldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \mathbb{s} \ \mathbb{Z}_p^n, oldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \mathbb{s} \ \chi^m$		
$D_5$	Enc' is used to encrypt $r_i$	Lemma 2	

Note that each of our hybrid distribution contains the value of pk. We drop the term for convenience. pk

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . It corresponds to the distribution using Enc. This is the distribution:

$$(\boldsymbol{t} = \boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e}, pad = \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor, \boldsymbol{r} : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{\mathbb{Z}}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{\chi}^m, e' \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \boldsymbol{\chi}')$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . It corresponds to the distribution:

$$(\boldsymbol{t} = \boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e}, pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor, \boldsymbol{r} : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \$ \ \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \$ \ \chi')$$

Hybrids  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are statistically indistinguishable from each other because e' is statistically indistinguishable from  $e' + \langle e, r \rangle$ . This follows from Lemma 2. Therefore, an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has negligible advantage in distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_0$  and  $D_1$ .

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . It corresponds to the distribution where the first term is actually a random vector chosen from  $\mathbb{Z}_p^m$ .

$$(\boldsymbol{t},pad'=\langle \boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{t}\rangle+e'+r_i\lfloor p/2\rfloor,\boldsymbol{r}:\boldsymbol{t}\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\mathbb{Z}_p^n,\boldsymbol{e}\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\chi^m,e'\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\chi')$$

Claim 15. Under the LWE Assumption, the advantage of any PPT attacker A in distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  is negligible.

Proof. We will use an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  capable of distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  to create an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that can win against the LWE game. After receiving input from the challenger  $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{y})$ , the adversary runs Gen to get  $(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{sk})$ . It chooses  $e' \leftarrow \$ \chi'$  and sends to  $\mathcal{A}$ :  $(\mathbf{y}, \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor, \mathsf{sk})$ . It is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates one of the hybrids based on the input it receives. It forwards  $\mathcal{A}$ 's guess (guessing 0 for Hybrid  $D_1$  and 1 for Hybrid  $D_2$ ) as its own. This concludes the proof that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing between the two hybrids.

**Hybrid**  $D_3$ . Same as hybrid  $D_2$  except that we have added  $\lfloor p/2 \rfloor$  to element i of t. Or the first term is t + d where  $d = (d_1 = 0, \dots, d_{i-1} = 0, d_i = -\lfloor p/2 \rfloor, d_{i+1} = 0, \dots, d_m = 0)$ 

$$(\boldsymbol{t}'=\boldsymbol{t}+\boldsymbol{d},pad'=\langle \boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{t}'\rangle+e'+r_i\lfloor p/2\rfloor,\boldsymbol{r}:\boldsymbol{t}\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\mathbb{Z}_p^n,\boldsymbol{e}\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\chi^m,e'\leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}\;\chi')$$

We know that t' = t + d for a fixed d is indistinguishable from t where  $t \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ . Therefore, A has no advantage in distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$ .

**Hybrid**  $D_4$ . Let  $\mathbf{d} = (d_1 = 0, \dots, d_{i-1} = 0, d_i = -\lfloor p/2 \rfloor, d_{i+1} = 0, \dots, d_m = 0)$ . Then, we have the distribution:

$$(\boldsymbol{t} = \boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{d}, pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor, \boldsymbol{r} : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \subset \boldsymbol{x}^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \wedge \boldsymbol{x}^m, e' \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \wedge \boldsymbol{x}')$$

Claim 16. Under the LWE Assumption, the advantage of any PPT attacker A in distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  is negligible.

The proof is similar to the earlier claim.

**Hybrid**  $D_5$ . We have the distribution corresponding to Enc', i.e.,

$$(\boldsymbol{t} = \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{d}, pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle + e', \boldsymbol{r} : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \boldsymbol{x} \chi')$$

Let us simplify the pad' term in Hybrid  $D_4$ .

$$pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} + \boldsymbol{d} + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{A}^T \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{d} \rangle + e' + r_i \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + e' + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle + r_i (-\lfloor p/2 \rfloor) + r_i (\lfloor p/2 \rfloor)$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + e' + \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle$$

We again use Lemma 2 to show that pad' in Hybrid  $D_4$  is statistically indistinguishable from pad' in Hybrid  $D_5$ . Therefore, an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing hybrids  $D_4$  and  $D_5$ .

Therefore, we have shown that 
$$(\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{sk}, r_i), \mathsf{sk}) \approx_c (\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, i), \mathsf{sk})$$

Further, note that r is independently chosen, bit by bit. In addition, each Enc, Enc' has independently chosen randomness. Therefore, as a corollary we get that:

Corollary 17. Under the LWE Assumption,

$$(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, r_1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, r_m), \mathsf{sk}) \approx_c (\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}, m), \mathsf{sk})$$

We can now prove the original theorem:

**Theorem 13.** Under the LWE Assumption, Construction 3 is  $\lambda$ -CS+LR secure with leakage  $\lambda = m - (n+1) \log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

*Proof.* We prove this similar to the proof of Theorem 4. This is done through a sequence of hybrids. This is a tabulated summary of the hybrids changes through the proof:

Hybrid Definition	Security		
The Original CS+LR Security Game, Enc is used	Corollary 17		
$D_0$ except Enc' is used	Coronary 17		
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$D_1$ except $\langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle$ replaced with $\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle$			
	LWE		
$D_2$ except $oldsymbol{t} = oldsymbol{A}^T oldsymbol{x} + oldsymbol{e}$ replaced with $oldsymbol{t} \leftarrow$ s $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$ .			
	Leftover Hash Lemma		
$D_3$ except $\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle$ replaced with $U \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$	Lettovei Hasii Leiiiiia		
	The Original CS+LR Security Game, Enc is used $D_0$ except Enc' is used $D_1$ except $\langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u} \rangle$ replaced with $\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle$		

Note that each of our hybrid distribution contains pk and L(sk = r) in its definition where  $r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^m$ . We drop these terms from the definition for simplicity and merely focus on the two ciphertexts which undergo the bulk of the changes.

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . The original CS+LR Security Game. We get the distribution:

$$\begin{split} \bigg(C = (\boldsymbol{t} = \boldsymbol{A}^T\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e}, pad = \langle \boldsymbol{u}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + e' + b\lfloor p/2 \rfloor), C' = (\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, r_1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, r_m)) \\ &: \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \$ \ \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \$ \ \chi' \bigg). \end{split}$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . This is the same game as Hybrid  $D_0$ , except C' is generated using the "fake encryption" algorithm.

$$\left(C = (\boldsymbol{t}, pad, C' = (\mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, 1), \dots, \mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}, m)) : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \$ \, \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \$ \, \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \$ \, \chi'\right)$$

From Corollary 17 we have that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing the two distributions. This is valid because we showed that the two distributions are computationally indistinguishable even under total leakage of sk. Here, we only have partial leakage L(sk).

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . This is the same game as Hybrid  $D_1$ , with the difference in the second component of C (pad). This gives the distribution:

$$\left(C = (\boldsymbol{t}, pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor), C'\right) : \boldsymbol{x} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{s} \ \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \boldsymbol{e} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{s} \ \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \boldsymbol{s} \ \chi'\right)$$

Hybrids  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are statistically indistinguishable because e' is statistically indistinguishable from  $e' + \langle e, r \rangle$  The LWE challenge is embedded in the challenge ciphertext. Additionally, we encrypt bit-by-bit the secret key to generate the ciphertext for circular security

**Hybrid**  $D_3$ . We replace computed t with a randomly chosen vector t in Hybrid  $D_2$ .

$$(\mathsf{pk}, L(\mathsf{sk}), C = (\boldsymbol{t}, pad' = \langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor), C') : \boldsymbol{t} \leftarrow \$ \ \mathbb{Z}_p^m, e' \leftarrow \$ \ \chi')$$

Claim 18. Under the LWE Assumption, the advantage of any PPT attacker A in distinguishing between Hybrids  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  is negligible.

The proof is similar to that of the earlier claim in this section.

**Hybrid**  $D_4$ . We replace  $\langle \boldsymbol{r}, \boldsymbol{t} \rangle$  with a randomly chosen element  $u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ . This provides the distribution:

$$(\mathsf{pk}, L(\mathsf{sk}), C = (\boldsymbol{t}, pad'' = U + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor), C') : U \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p, \boldsymbol{t} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^m, e' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p')$$

Claim 19. Hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  are statistically indistinguishable.

*Proof.* To prove the above claim, we will use LHL, as defined in Theorem 1. We have that

$$k = \mathrm{H}_{\infty}(\mathsf{sk}|C', L(\mathsf{sk}), \mathsf{pk}) = \mathrm{H}_{\infty}(\mathsf{sk}|L(\mathsf{sk}), \mathsf{pk}) \geq \mathrm{H}_{\infty}(\mathsf{sk}|L(\mathsf{sk})) - n\log p$$
 
$$k \geq m - \lambda - n\log p.$$

This is because C' is independent of the sk conditioned on pk, the public key pk comes from a domain  $\mathbb{Z}_p^n$  of size  $p^n$ , and L is a leakage function that satisfies  $H_{\infty}(\mathsf{sk}|L(\mathsf{sk})) = m - \lambda$ .

Now, consider, the hash function family  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of  $h_{\boldsymbol{v}}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \langle \boldsymbol{v}, \boldsymbol{r} \rangle \mod p$ . The output length is  $\log p$  This is a universal hash family. To apply LHL we need,  $\log p \leq k - 2\log(1/\varepsilon) = m - \lambda - n\log p - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$ . Therefore, if  $\lambda \leq m - (n+1)\log p - 2\log(1/\varepsilon)$  for some negligible  $\varepsilon$  then the latter two distributions are statistically indistinguishable.

It follows from the above claim that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in distinguishing hybrids  $D_3$  and  $D_4$ . Further, in Hybrid  $D_4$ , the message is masked by a random value and therefore  $\mathcal{A}$  has no advantage in Hybrid  $D_4$ .

Combining the different hybrid arguments together, we get that any PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  has a negligible advantage in the CS+LR security game.

#### 6.3 UPKE Construction

In this section, we present our construction of an updatable public key encryption based on the dual-Regev cryptosystem. This is presented in Construction 4.

Correctness. The property of correctness of UPKE requires that a bit b encrypted by an updated public key decrypts to the same bit b when the corresponding updated secret key is used.

- $(\mathsf{pk} = (A, u = Ar), \mathsf{sk} = r) \leftarrow \mathsf{U-PKEG}(1^{\kappa})$
- We have the update bit  $\delta \leftarrow \$\{0,1\}^m$ . We have the updated public key  $\mathsf{pk}' = (A, u')$  where  $u' = u + A\delta$ . We also have  $\mathsf{sk}' = r' = r + \delta$

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Protocol LWE-Based UPKE
U-PKEG(1^{\kappa})
                                                                                                                              \mathsf{Upd}	ext{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk})
                                                                                                                                  Parse pk = (A, u)
    Sample \mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{n \times m}
                                                                                                                                  Sample \boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^m
    Sample r \leftarrow s \{0, 1\}^m
                                                                                                                                  Compute u' = u + A\delta
    Compute u = Ar
   return (pk = (A, u), sk = (r))
                                                                                                                                  Encrypt \delta bit-by-bit, i.e., up = (U-Enc(pk, \delta_1), \dots, U-Enc(pk, \delta_m)).
                                                                                                                                  return (up, pk' = (A, u'))
\text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk},b \in \{0,1\})
                                                                                                                              \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk},\mathsf{up})
   Parse pk = (A, u)
                                                                                                                                  Parse up = (c_1, \ldots, c_m)
   Sample \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{x} \ \mathbb{Z}_p^n, \mathbf{e} \leftarrow \mathbf{x} \ \chi^m, e' \leftarrow \chi'
                                                                                                                                  \mathbf{for}\ i=1,\dots,m\ \mathbf{do}
   Compute \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}, pad = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor
                                                                                                                                        \delta_i = \text{U-Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, c_i)
   return c = (t, pad)
                                                                                                                                  Compute \mathbf{r}' = \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\delta} where \boldsymbol{\delta} = (\delta_1, \dots, \delta_m) return \mathsf{sk}' = (\mathbf{r}')
U-Dec(sk, c)
   Parse c = (t, pad) and sk = r
   Compute b' = (pad - \langle r, t \rangle) \in \mathbb{Z}_p
   return 0 if m' is closer to 0 than to \lfloor p/2 \rfloor and 1 otherwise.
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Construction 4: LWE Based Construction. Let n, m, p be integer parameters of the scheme. We will assume that LWE holds where p is super-polynomial and  $\chi$  is polynomially bounded. Then, we set  $\chi'$  to be uniformly random over (say) [-p/8, p/8]. Further, we have that  $m \ge \frac{(n+1)}{\log_2(4/3)} \log p + \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

- Let us look at U-Enc(pk', b). It produces ciphertext (t, pad) where  $t = A^T x + e$ ,  $pad = \langle x, u' \rangle + e' + b | p/2 |$ .
- Now, let us look at U-Dec(r', (t, pad)). It computes

$$pad - \langle \mathbf{r}', \mathbf{t} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}' \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor - \langle \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\delta}, \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A} \mathbf{r} + \mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{\delta} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor - \langle \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\delta}, \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\delta}) \rangle - \langle \mathbf{r} + \boldsymbol{\delta}, \mathbf{A}^T, \mathbf{x} \rangle + e' - \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{r} \rangle + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= e' - \langle \mathbf{e}, \mathbf{r} \rangle + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

• Now, note that  $e' - \langle e, r \rangle$  is small in comparison to p. Therefore, the computed value is closer to |p/2| when b = 0 and the opposite when b = 1.

### 6.4 Security of the UPKE Construction

**Theorem 20.** Under the LWE Assumption, Construction 4 is IND-CR-CPA secure UPKE.

*Proof.* The proof is very similar to the proof of Theorem 11. We proved in Theorem 13 that the PKE scheme was CS+LR secure with  $\lambda \leq m - (n+1)\log p - \omega(\log \kappa)$ , under the LWE assumption. We will use this to construct  $\mathcal{B}$  against the CS+LR game by using  $\mathcal{A}$  against the IND-CPA Game.

- The reduction  $\mathcal{B}$  receives from the challenger the public key  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  corresponding to some secret key  $s_0$ .
- It has a time period counter t initialized to 0
- $\mathcal{B}$  provides  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  to the adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  responds as follows to the oracle queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{und}(\cdot)$  as follows:

For each input invocation, it increments the counter t to i and records the  $\delta_i$  it receives as input.

- $\mathcal{B}$  then receives the challenge messages  $m_0^*, m_1^*$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  then provides the randomized leakage function  $L(\mathsf{sk}; \boldsymbol{\delta}^*) = s_0 + \boldsymbol{\delta}^*$  where the addition is element-by-element over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Looking ahead,  $\boldsymbol{\delta}^*$  will correspond to the randomness for the fresh update before the secret key is provided to the  $\mathcal{A}$ . It also sets  $m_0^*, m_1^*$  as its challenge messages.
- $\mathcal{B}$  sends to its challenger the leakage function  $L, m_0^*, m_1^*$ . It also specifies the function f to be the encryption of each bit of the secret key.
- In response,  $\mathcal{B}$  receives C which is an encryption of  $m_b^*$  under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ , C' which is a encryption of  $s_0$ , bit-by-bit, under  $\mathsf{pk}_0$ , and a leakage z on  $r_0$  defined by  $z = r_0 + \delta^*$  for unknown  $\delta^* \leftarrow \{0,1\}^m$ . More formally,

$$C = \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, m_b^*); C' = (\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, r_1), \dots, \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, r_m))$$

- At this point, let the time period be q'. Now,  $\mathcal{A}$  expects  $c^* = \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, m_b^*)$ . So  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following to compute  $c^*$ :
  - $-\mathcal{B}$  has  $C = \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_0, m_b^*)$  or  $C = (\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}, pad = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + e' + m_b^* \lfloor p/2 \rfloor).$
  - It computes  $\Delta' = \sum_{i=1}^{q'} \delta_i$ .
  - It computes  $pad^* = pad + \langle \Delta', t \rangle$  and sets  $t^* = t$ .
  - $\text{ Now, } c^* = (\mathbf{t}^*, pad^*)$
- $\mathcal{B}$  sends to  $\mathcal{A}$  the value of  $c^*$ .
- $\mathcal{B}$  continues to respond to  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$  queries as before. When  $\mathcal{A}$  finally stops, let q be the time period. Now,  $\mathcal{B}$  does the following:
  - To compute  $sk^* = r^*$ :
    - \* Set  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^q \delta_i$ .
    - \* With the knowledge of  $z, \Delta, \mathcal{B}$  sets  $r^* = r_{q+1} = z + \Delta$ .
  - To compute  $pk^*$ : With the knowledge of  $A, r^*$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  computes  $u^* = Ar^*$ . It sets  $pk^* = (A, u^*)$ .
  - To compute up\*:  $\mathcal{B}$  has bit-by-bit encryption of  $\boldsymbol{r}_0$ . It needs to compute the bit-by-bit encryption of  $\boldsymbol{\delta}^* = \boldsymbol{z} \boldsymbol{r}_0$ . For simplicity, assume that  $\boldsymbol{z}$  is a trit, i.e., taking value 0, 1, 2. Let  $\boldsymbol{r}_0 = (r_1, \ldots, r_m)$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\delta}^* = (d_1, \ldots, d_m)$  and  $\boldsymbol{z} = (z_1, \ldots, z_m)$ . Recall that  $r_i, d_i \in \{0, 1\}$  while  $z_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

We will first look at how to transform  $U-Enc(pk_0, r_i)$  to  $U-Enc(pk_0, d_i)$ .

- \* If  $z_i = 2$ , then we have that  $r_i = d_i = 1$ . Therefore,  $U-Enc(pk_0, r_i) = U-Enc(pk_0, d_i)$  and we do not need to do anything.
- \* Similarly if  $z_i = 0$ , then we have that  $r_i = d_i = 0$ . Once again, U-Enc( $\mathsf{pk}_0, r_i$ ) = U-Enc( $\mathsf{pk}_0, d_i$ ) and we do not need to do anything.
- \* If  $z_i = 1$ , then we merely need U-Enc( $\mathsf{pk}_0, r_i$ ) to be modified to U-Enc( $\mathsf{pk}_0, 1 r_i$ ). To achieve this we merely add |p/2| to the second term in the ciphertext.

To convert U-Enc( $pk_0, d_i$ ) to U-Enc( $pk_q, d_i$ ) we do the following:

- \* Note that U-Enc( $\mathsf{pk}_0, d_i$ ) =  $(t_0, pad_0)$  where  $t_0 = \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e}$  and  $pad_0 = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_0 \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ . Further,  $\mathbf{u}_q = \mathbf{u}_0 + \mathbf{A} \Delta$
- \* Let  $t_q = t_0$ , then  $pad_q = pad_0 + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{t}_0 \rangle$ . with the choice
- Send  $(pk^*, sk^*, up^*)$  to A.
- $\mathcal{B}$  forwards  $\mathcal{A}$ 's guess as its own.

**Analysis of the Reduction.** We first show that the leakage function has sufficiently small entropy loss.

Claim 21. 
$$H_{\infty}(r_0|z) = m - \lambda$$
, where  $\lambda = m(1 - \log_2(4/3))$ 

The above is identical to Claim 12 in the proof of Theorem 11.

We then need to show that the distribution of ciphertext is correct. Specifically, the distribution of the update ciphertext. We have  $t_0 = t_q$ . We will show that  $pad_q$  is correctly distributed. By definition we have that:  $pad_q = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}_q \rangle + e' + b\lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ . Here, we compute  $pad_q$  as follows:

$$pad_{q} = pad_{0} + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{t}_{0} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}_{0} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{t}_{0} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}_{0} \rangle + e' + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{A}^{T} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}_{0} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{A}^{T} \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + e' + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{A}^{T} \boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{e} \rangle + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}_{0} \rangle + \langle \boldsymbol{A} \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{x} \rangle + e' + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

$$= \langle \boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{u}_{q} \rangle + e' + \langle \boldsymbol{\Delta}, \boldsymbol{e} \rangle + b \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$$

We can now use the definition of distribution e' and Lemma 2 to show that the computed distribution is statistically indistinguishable from the actual distribution.

Under this reduction, it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{B}$  perfectly simulates the IND-CPA game for  $\mathcal{A}$ . The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  against the IND-CPA is the same as the advantage of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

Choice of Parameters. From Theorem 13, we have that  $m - \lambda \ge (n+1) \log p + \omega(\log \kappa)$ . Further, we have from the above claim that  $m - \lambda = m \log_2(4/3)$ . Putting the two together, we get  $m \ge \frac{n+1}{\log_2(4/3)} \log p + \omega(\log \kappa)$ .

# 7 Towards Stronger Security

In this section, we begin by presenting the CCA extension of the CPA security game presented in Section 3 in Section 7.1. We then extend the CPA and CCA security to a stronger definition in Section 7.2. We introduce the technical tools needed to realize these constructions in Section 7.3. Finally, we present two generic constructions to realize IND-CR-CCA Secure UPKE from IND-CR-CPA Secure UPKE in Section 7.4 and a generic construction to realize the stronger definition in Section 7.5.

## 7.1 IND-CR-CCA Security of UPKE

In Section 3, we defined a CPA based security for an updatable public-key encryption. However, a natural extension is to consider CCA based security of the UPKE. We will call this IND-CR-CCA which is the abbreviation of INDistinguishability under Chosen Randomness Chosen Ciphertext Attack. In

this setting, the adversary is given access to also the decryption oracle where the adversary can ask for decryption of a ciphertext under the current secret key on a ciphertext of its choice or creation. To model this access, we define two oracles:

•  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$ : The challenger on receiving the randomness  $r_i$  from the adversary does the following:

$$(\mathsf{up}_i, \mathsf{pk}_i) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_{i-1}; r_i); \ \mathsf{sk}_i \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_{i-1}, \mathsf{up}_i) \ .$$

•  $\mathcal{D}(\cdot)$ : The challenger on receiving ciphertext c as input, returns  $\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Dec}(sk_i,c)$  where i is the current epoch and  $sk_i$  is the secret key of the current epoch.

**IND-CR-CCA Security.** For any adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  with running time t and we consider the IND-CR-CCA security game:

- Sample  $(\mathsf{sk}_0, \mathsf{pk}_0) \leftarrow \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{PKEG}(1^{\kappa}), \ b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}.$
- $(m_0^*, m_1^*, state) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot), \mathcal{O}_{dec}(\cdot)}(\mathsf{pk}_0)$
- Compute  $c^* \leftarrow \text{s U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, m_b^*)$  where q' is the current time period.
- Compute  $state \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot),\mathcal{O}_{dec}(\cdot)}(c^*, state)$ .
  - Here  $\mathcal{A}$  is not allowed to query its  $\mathcal{O}_{dec}(\cdot)$  oracle on the challenge ciphertext  $c^*$  until  $\mathcal{A}$  makes at least one (arbitrary) query to its  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$  oracle.
- Choose uniformly random  $r^*$  and then compute

$$(\mathsf{up}^*, \mathsf{pk}^*) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_a; r^*); \; \mathsf{sk}^* \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_a, \mathsf{up}^*) \; .$$

where q is the current time period.

- $b' \leftarrow A(pk^*, sk^*, up^*, state)$ . Note that the adversary is not given access to the decryption query as with knowledge of  $sk^*$ , it can perform the decryption on its own.
- $\mathcal{A}$  wins the game if b = b'. The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in winning the above game is denoted by  $\mathrm{Adv}^{\mathsf{UPKE}}_{\mathsf{crcca}}(\mathcal{A}) = |\mathsf{P}\left[b = b'\right] \frac{1}{2}|$ .

**Definition 7.** An updatable public-key encryption scheme UPKE is IND-CR-CCA -secure if for all PPT attackers  $\mathcal{A}$ , its advantage  $\mathrm{Adv}^{\mathsf{UPKE}}_{\mathsf{crcca}}(\mathcal{A})$  is negligible.

#### 7.2 Stronger CPA, CCA Security

In the definition of both the IND-CR-CPA and the IND-CR-CCA security, we allowed the adversary to provide bad randomness and the challenger honestly updated the public key based on this bad randomness. However, one can consider a stronger attack where the attacker could provide an arbitrary update ciphertext up and the new public key pk'. In other words, the adversary chooses the full output (up, pk') of the public key update algorithm Upd-Pk, rather than its  $input\ r$ . The challenger will then check — using a special new algorithm (see below) Verify-Upd(pk, up, pk') — that the supplied values are "consistent". If so, it will update the secret key using  $sk \leftarrow Upd-Sk(sk, up)$ , as before. Otherwise, it will ignore this query of the attacker. With this intuition in mind, we formalize the changes in the syntax and security of UPKE.

**Syntactic Changes.** We introduce a new algorithm Verify-Upd(pk, up, pk') where pk is the old public key, up is the update ciphertext and pk' is the updated public key. This algorithm outputs 1 iff pk' is consistently produced by up and pk.

**Security Game Changes.** We also change the definition of  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$ . The new definition is as follows:

•  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot,\cdot)$ : This takes as input two values up and pk'. It then runs  $\tau \leftarrow \mathsf{Verify-Upd}(\mathsf{pk},\mathsf{up},\mathsf{pk'})$ . If  $\tau = 1$ , it runs  $\mathsf{sk'} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Sk}(\mathsf{sk},\mathsf{up})$ , else it returns  $\bot$ .

## 7.3 Our Tools: Simulation Extractability

To achieve a CCA-secure UPKE scheme, we rely on the results of Dodis  $at\ al.\ [29]$  where they introduce and define the primitive known as true-simulation f-extractable (f-tSE) NIZK. Further, they use a one-time, strong f-tSE NIZK argument to construct a leakage resilient CCA-Secure Encryption from a leakage resilient CPA-Secure Encryption. We will briefly recall the definition of a one-time, strong f-tSE NIZK argument. We refer the readers to the work of Dodis  $at\ al.\ [29]$  for a more comprehensive treatment and discussion with regards to this primitive including various instantiations.

Here, let R be an NP relation on pairs (x, y) with corresponding language  $L_R = \{y | \exists x \text{ s.t. } (x, y) \in R\}$ . Then,

**Definition 8** (One-Time, Strong, Simulation Extractable NIZK). Let f be a fixed efficiently computable function. Let  $\Pi = (\mathsf{Setup}, \mathsf{Prove}, \mathsf{Verify})$  be a non-interactive zero knowledge (NIZK) argument for a relation R with the algorithms defined below:

- Setup: Setup receives  $1^{\kappa}$  where  $\kappa$  is the security parameter and outputs a common reference string CRS, a trapdoor key tk, and also an extraction key ek.
- Proof: Prove receives as input x, y and outputs an argument that R(x, y) = 1
- Verify: Verify receives y and  $\pi'$  as input and verifies whether or not the argument  $\pi'$  is correct. It outputs 0 if it is incorrect and 1 if it is correct.

Then, we say that  $\Pi$  is a strong, true-simulation f-extractable (f-tSSE) NIZK if the following properties hold true:

- Completeness: For any  $x,y \in R$ , if  $(CRS, tk, ek) \leftarrow s Setup(1^{\kappa}), \pi \leftarrow s Prove_{CRS}(x,y)$ , then  $Verify(y,\pi) = 1$ .
- Soundness: For any PPT adversary A,

$$\mathsf{P}\left[\mathsf{Verify}(y,\pi^*) = 1 \land y \not\in L_R \quad \middle| \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{CRS},\mathsf{tk}),\mathsf{ek} \leftarrow \mathsf{s} \, \mathsf{Setup}(1^\kappa) \\ (y,\pi^*) \leftarrow \mathsf{s} \, \mathcal{A}(\mathsf{CRS}) \end{array} \right] \leq \mathsf{negl}(k)$$

- **Zero Knowledge:** There exists PPTsimular Sim such that, for any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  we that  $|P[\mathcal{A} wins] \frac{1}{2}| \leq \text{negl}(k)$  in the following game:
  - The challenger samples (CRS, tk, ek)  $\leftarrow$  \$ Setup(1 $^{\kappa}$ )
  - $-(x,y) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathsf{CRS},\mathsf{tk}) \ where \ x,y \in R$
  - The challenger samples  $\pi_0 \leftarrow \$ \operatorname{Prove}(x, y), \pi_1 \leftarrow \$ \operatorname{Sim}(y, \operatorname{tk}), b \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}$

- $-b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\pi_b)$  $-\mathcal{A} wins if b' = b$
- Strong Extractability: There exists a PPT algorithm  $\mathsf{Ext}(y, \varphi, \mathsf{ek})$  such that for all  $\mathcal P$  we have that  $\mathsf{P}\left[\mathcal P \ wins\right] \leq \mathsf{negl}(k)$  in the following game:
  - The challenger samples (CRS, tk, ek)  $\leftarrow$ s Setup(1 $^{\kappa}$ ) and provides CRS to  $\mathcal{P}$ .
  - $-(y^*, \varphi^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}^{\mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, \cdot)}(\mathsf{CRS}, \mathsf{tk})$  where  $\mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, \cdot)$  denotes the adaptive oracle access to the  $\mathsf{Sim}$  algorithm provided to  $\mathcal{P}$ . The oracle takes as input y and produces an output  $\varphi \leftarrow \mathsf{s} \mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, y)$ . The oracle  $\log s(y, \varphi)$ .
  - The challenger runs  $z^* \leftarrow \$ \operatorname{Ext}(y^*, \varphi^*, \operatorname{ek})$ .
  - $-\mathcal{P}$  wins if:
    - \*  $(y^*, \varphi^*)$  was not recorded by the simulator oracle (either  $y^*$  was never an input or  $\varphi^*$  was never an output to a query on  $y^*$ ),
    - \*  $Verify(y^*, \varphi^*) = 1$ , and
    - \*  $\forall x'$  such that  $f(x') = z^*$  we have  $(x', y^*) \notin R$ . This corresponds to the case when the extractor fails to extract a good value  $z^*$  which corresponds to at least one witness x' such that  $f(x') = z^*$  but  $(x', y^*) \notin R$ .

Additionally, a one-time, strong f-tSE NIZK is one where  $\mathcal{P}$  is allowed only one oracle query to Sim.

Instantiations. Dodis *et al.* [29] showed that one can build such f-tSE-NIZK from a CCA Secure encryption  $\mathcal{E} = (\mathsf{Gen}, \mathsf{Enc}, \mathsf{Dec})$  and a NIZK argument  $\Pi$  for the relation:

$$R_\Pi = \{((x,r),(y,c,\mathsf{pk})) \, | R(x,y) = 1 \land c = \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk},f(x);r) \}$$

where R(x, y) is an NP relation and f is an efficiently computable function.

**Instantiation from LWE.** Peikert and Waters [50] showed how to build a CCA Secure public-key encryption from the LWE Assumption. Further, the recent work of [24, 49] constructed a NIZK argument for any NP relation from LWE Assumption. This gives us the following theorem:

**Theorem 22.** Under the LWE Assumption, there exists strong f-tSE-NIZK.

Instantiations from DDH. Cramer and Shoup [27] famously constructed a CCA Secure PKE scheme from the DDH Assumption. Combining this result with that of Quach *et al.* [52] who give the first construction of DV-NIZK for any NP Relation from the CDH/DDH Assumption. The only result for NIZK is by Jain and Jin [39] where they construct NIZK under the sub-exponential DDH Assumption.

**Theorem 23.** Under the sub-exponential DDH Assumption, there exists strong f-tSE-NIZK.

#### 7.4 Generic Construction of IND-CR-CCA Secure UPKE

In this section, we give a generic construction of IND-CR-CCA secure UPKE construction from IND-CR-CPA secure UPKE scheme and a one-time, strong, f-tSE NIZK argument. This is presented as Construction 5.

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Protocol Generic IND-CR-CCA Secure UPKE
\operatorname{Gen}'(1^{\kappa})
                                                                                                                                                             Upd-Pk'(pk'_{o})
    \mathrm{Run}\ (\mathsf{pk}_0,\mathsf{sk}_0) \leftarrow ^{\mathrm{g}} \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{PKEG}(1^\kappa)
                                                                                                                                                                  Parse pk'_i = (pk_i, CRS)
    \mathrm{Run}\ (\mathsf{CRS},\mathsf{tk},\mathsf{ek}) \leftarrow_{\$} \mathsf{Setup}
                                                                                                                                                                  \operatorname{Run}\;\mathsf{pk}_{i+1},\mathsf{up}_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{s}\;\mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_i)
    \mathbf{return}\ \big(\mathsf{pk}_0' = (\mathsf{pk}_0,\mathsf{CRS}),\mathsf{sk}_0' = \mathsf{sk}_0\big)
                                                                                                                                                                  \mathbf{return} \ \left(\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}' = (\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}, \mathsf{CRS}), \mathsf{up}_{i+1}\right)
U\text{-Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}', m)
                                                                                                                                                             \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}'(\mathsf{sk}_i',\mathsf{up}_{i+1})
    \mathrm{Parse}\ pk'=(pk,CRS)
                                                                                                                                                                  Parse sk'_i = (sk_i)
    Compute c \leftarrow \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, m; r)
                                                                                                                                                                  \operatorname{Run}\,\mathsf{sk}_{j+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_j,\mathsf{up}_{j+1})
     \pi \leftarrow s \mathsf{Prove}_{\mathsf{CRS}}((\mathsf{pk}, c), (m, r))
                                                                                                                                                                  \mathbf{return}\ \mathsf{sk}_{j+1}' = (\mathsf{sk}_{j+1})
    return c' = (c, \pi)
\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Dec}'(\mathsf{sk}',c')
    Parse c' = (c, \pi)
    \mathbf{if} \ \mathsf{Verify}(\pi,(\mathsf{pk},c)) = 1 \ \mathbf{then}
           return U-Dec(sk, c)
            return |
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Construction 5: Let UPKE = (U-PKEG, U-Enc, U-Dec, Upd-Pk, up) be an IND-CR-CPA secure encryption scheme. Further, let  $\Pi = (\text{Setup}, \text{Prove}, \text{Verify})$  be a one-time, strong f-tSE NIZK argument for the relation:  $R = \{((m,r),(pk,c)) | c = \text{U-Enc}(pk,m;r)\}$  where f(m,r) = m (i.e, the extractor only produces the message m but not the randomness r that is used in the encryption).

**Theorem 24.** If UPKE is an IND-CR-CPA secure UPKE scheme and  $\Pi$  is a strong one-time f-tSE NIZK for the relation R as defined above, where for any witness (m,r), we have f(m,r)=m. Then UPKE' is IND-CR-CCA secure UPKE scheme.

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Hybrid	Hybrid Definition	Security	
	The Original IND-CR-CCA Game.		
$D_0$	Decryption Queries are answered by U-Dec.	Zero-Knowledge Property	
	Challenge Ciphertext's $\pi^*$ is generated using Prove.		
$D_1$	$D_0$ except Challenge Ciphertext's $\pi^*$ generated by Sim using tk.		
<i>D</i> <sub>1</sub>	Di except chancinge ciphertext is a generated by 5mm asing the	One-Time, True-Simulation	
$D_2$	$D_1$ except except decryption queries are answered with the help of Ext	f-extractability	
$D_2$	D1 except except decryption queries are answered with the help of Ext		
$D_3$	$D_2$ except $c^*$ is an encryption of a random message	IND-CR-CPA	
23	D <sub>2</sub> except c is an energython of a random message		

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . This is the original IND-CR-CCA Game against UPKE' where all decryption queries are answered correctly. In other words, any query  $\tilde{c}_i$  to the decryption oracle is answered correctly using U-Dec'( $\mathsf{sk}'_j, \tilde{c}_i$ ) where  $\mathsf{sk}'_j$  is the secret key for that epoch. The update queries are handled by updating both the public key and the secret key using the randomness provided by the adversary. Finally, the challenge ( $\mathsf{pk}'^*, \mathsf{sk}'^*, c'^* = (c^*, \pi^*), \mathsf{up}^*$ ) is generated as:

$$\begin{split} c^* \leftarrow \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, m_b; r); \ \pi^* \leftarrow & \mathsf{Prove}_{\mathsf{CRS}}\left((\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, c^*), (m_b, r)\right); \\ (\mathsf{up}^*, \mathsf{pk}'^*) \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Pk}'(\mathsf{pk}_{a}'; r^*); \ \mathsf{sk}'^* \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Sk}'(\mathsf{sk}_{a}', \mathsf{up}^*) \ . \end{split}$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . In this game, we make use of the simulation trapdoor key tk to generate the arguments  $\pi$  using the Simulator Sim (tk, (pk, c)). The decryption and update queries continue to be answered similar to  $D_0$  but the change is in the challenge phase as defined below:

$$\begin{split} c^* \leftarrow \text{U-Enc}(\text{pk}_{q'}, m_b; r); \ \pi^* \leftarrow & \text{s} \operatorname{Sim}\left(\text{tk}, (\text{pk}_{q'}, c^*)\right); \\ (\text{up}^*, \text{pk}'^*) \leftarrow \text{Upd-Pk}'(\text{pk}_q'; r^*); \ \text{sk}'^* \leftarrow \text{Upd-Sk}'(\text{sk}_q', \text{up}^*) \ . \end{split}$$

Claim 25.  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are indistinguishable if  $\Pi$  satisfies the zero-knowledge property.

*Proof.* Let  $A_1$  be capable of distinguishing  $D_0, D_1$ . Then, we construct  $A_2$  as follows, which can break the zero-knowledge property of the  $\Pi$ .

- $A_2$  receives CRS from the Challenger.
- $\mathcal{A}_2 \text{ runs } (\mathsf{pk}_0, \mathsf{sk}_0) \leftarrow \$ \mathsf{U-PKEG}(1^{\kappa})$
- It runs  $A_1(\mathsf{pk}_0,\mathsf{CRS})$
- In response to every update query,  $A_2$  updates both the public key and the secret key.
- In response to the decryption query,  $A_2$ , with knowledge of the secret key, it merely runs U-Dec'.
- For the challenge phase, it receives  $m_0^*, m_1^*$  from  $\mathcal{A}_1$ .
- It tosses a coin b, chooses randomness r and generates  $c^* \leftarrow \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, m_b^*; r)$ .
- It then sends to the challenger  $((m_b^*, r), (\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, c^*))$  and receives  $\pi^*$  in response.
- It sends  $c'^* = (c^*, \pi^*)$  to  $\mathcal{A}_1$
- It continues to respond as before to update queries and decryption queries until  $A_1$  stops.  $A_2$  aborts if  $A_1$  makes a decryption oracle query with  $c^*$  in the same time period as q'
- It then chooses randomness  $r^*$  and correctly computes  $pk^*, sk^*, up^*$ .
- It sends  $(pk^*, sk^*, up^*)$  to  $A_1$ .
- It forwards  $A_1$ 's guess as its own.

Note that  $\mathcal{A}_2$  correctly responds to all decryption and update queries with the knowledge of the public key and secret key. Finally, it simulates  $D_0$  if  $\pi^* \leftarrow \operatorname{Prove}_{\mathsf{CRS}}(\left((\mathsf{pk}_{q'},c),(m_b,r)\right))$  and simulates  $D_1$  if  $\pi^* \leftarrow \operatorname{Sim}\left(\mathsf{tk},(\mathsf{pk}_{q'},c)\right)$ . Therefore, the reduction is correct and it follows that  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are indistinguishable.

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . In this game, the challenge proof continues to be generated through a simulator query. However, the decryption queries are answered with the help of the Ext query instead. More precisely, on receiving a ciphertext  $(c_i, \pi_i)$  in a epoch say j. The challenger produces the output as  $\mathsf{Ext}\left((\mathsf{pk}_j, c_i), \pi_i, \mathsf{ek}\right)$ . Recall that the extractor, when run on  $\pi_i$  produces  $f(m_i, r_i) = m_i$ .

Claim 26.  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are indstinguishable if  $\Pi$  satisfies the strong, one-time, true-simulation f-extractability of  $\Pi$ .

*Proof.* Now, observe that the only query to the simulator is made to generate the challenge ciphertext. Therefore, if  $\Pi$  was a strong, one-time f-tSE NIZK, then the probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  can produce any new statement, argument pair for which the extractor fails is of negligible probability.

**Hybrid**  $D_3$ . In this game, the challenge ciphertext is randomly generated.

$$\begin{split} c^* \leftarrow & \text{$\circ$} U; \ \pi^* \leftarrow & \text{$\circ$} \operatorname{Sim} \left( \mathsf{tk}, (\mathsf{pk}_q, c) \right); \\ (\mathsf{up}^*, \mathsf{pk'}^*) \leftarrow & \mathsf{Upd-Pk'}(\mathsf{pk}_q'; r^*); \ \mathsf{sk'}^* \leftarrow & \mathsf{Upd-Sk'}(\mathsf{sk}_q', \mathsf{up}^*) \ . \end{split}$$

Claim 27.  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are indistinguishable if UPKE is IND-CR-CPA secure.

Proof. We have successfully made the decryption queries independent of the secret key. In this reduction,  $\mathcal{A}_1$  can distinguish between  $D_2$  and  $D_3$ , and we use  $\mathcal{A}_1$  to build  $\mathcal{A}_2$  that breaks the IND-CR-CPA security of UPKE. The reduction is fairly standard where  $\mathcal{A}_2$  instantiates the  $\Pi$  and runs  $\mathcal{A}_1$  on  $\mathsf{pk}_0$  (received from its challenger) and CRS (produced by its instantiation). It responds to update queries by merely updating the public key and forwarding the randomness to its challenger. It relies on the extractor of the  $\Pi$  to respond to decryption queries. On receiving the challenge messages  $m_0^*$ ,  $m_1^*$  from  $\mathcal{A}_1$ . It sends to the challenger the challenge messages.  $\mathcal{A}_2$  receives  $c^*$  from the Challenger. It now computes  $\pi^* = \mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, (\mathsf{pk}_{q'}, c^*))$  and sends the response to  $\mathcal{A}_1$ . It continues to respond to the oracle queries as before. Once  $\mathcal{A}_1$  stops,  $\mathcal{A}_2$  receives from the challenger  $\mathsf{up}^*$ ,  $\mathsf{pk}^*$ ,  $\mathsf{sk}^*$ . This is forwarded to  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$  forwards  $\mathcal{A}_1$ 's guess as its own.

It is easy to verify that this reduction is correct and valid. Therefore, we get that  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are indistinguishable.

Finally, note that  $D_3$ 's output is independent of the challenger's bit b. Therefore, the advantage in this game is 0. This concludes the proof that UPKE' is IND-CR-CCA secure.

## 7.5 Generic Construction of IND-CU-CPA /IND-CU-CCA Secure UPKE

In this section, we give a generic construction of a chosen-update secure UPKE construction (either IND-CR-CPA or IND-CR-CCA) from a chosen-randomness secure UPKE construction using a one-time, strong, f-tSE NIZK argument. Consider the generic construction presented as Construction 6.

**Theorem 28.** If UPKE is an IND-CR-CPA (resp. IND-CR-CCA) secure UPKE scheme and  $\Pi$  is a strong one-time f-tSE NIZK for the relation R as defined above, where for any witness (r), we have f(r) = up. Then UPKE' is IND-CU-CPA (resp. IND-CU-CCA) secure UPKE scheme.

*Proof.* We will prove the security in the CCA game through a sequence of hybrids. The proof for the CPA game is similar without any access to a decryption oracle. This is a tabulated summary of the changes:

Hybrid	Hybrid Definition	Security	
$D_0$	The Original IND-CU-CCA Game.  Decryption Queries are answered by U-Dec.  Honest update ciphertext's $\pi^*$ is generated using Prove.	Zero-Knowledge Property	
$D_1$	$D_0$ except the honest update ciphertext's $\pi^*$ generated by Sim using tk.	One-Time, True-Simulation	
$D_2$	$D_1$ except except update queries are answered with the help of Ext	f-extractability	
$D_3$	$D_2$ except $c^*$ is an encryption of a random message	IND-CR-CCA	

#### Protocol Generic Chosen Update Secure UPKE from Chosen Randomness Secure UPKE $\operatorname{Gen}'(1^{\kappa})$ $\mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}'(\mathsf{pk}_i')$ $\mathrm{Run}\ (\mathsf{pk}_0,\mathsf{sk}_0) \leftarrow ^{\mathrm{g}} \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{PKEG}(1^\kappa)$ Parse $pk'_i = (pk_i, CRS)$ $\begin{aligned} & \text{Run pk}_{i+1}, \text{up}_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{Upd-Pk}(\text{pk}_i; r) \\ & \text{Compute} \ \pi_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{Prove}_{\text{CRS}}((\text{pk}_i, \text{pk}_{i+1}, \text{up}_{i+1}), r) \\ & \text{return} \ (\text{pk}'_{i+1} = (\text{pk}_{i+1}, \text{CRS}), \text{up}'_{i+1} = (\text{up}_{i+1}, \pi_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$ $\operatorname{Run}\left(\mathsf{CRS},\mathsf{tk},\mathsf{ek}\right)\leftarrow s\mathsf{Setup}$ $\mathbf{return}\ \big(\mathsf{pk}_0' = (\mathsf{pk}_0,\mathsf{CRS}),\mathsf{sk}_0' = \mathsf{sk}_0\big)$ $U\text{-Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}', m)$ $\mathsf{Verify}\text{-}\mathsf{Upd}'(\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}',\mathsf{pk}_i',\mathsf{up}_{i+1}')$ $\mathrm{Parse}\ pk'=(pk,CRS)$ Compute $c \leftarrow \text{U-Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, m; r)$ Parse $\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}' = (\mathsf{pk}_{i+1},\mathsf{CRS}),\, \mathsf{pk}_i' = (\mathsf{pk}_i,\mathsf{CRS}),\, \mathrm{and}\,\, \mathsf{up}_{i+1}' =$ return Verify $(\pi_{i+1}, (\mathsf{pk}_i, \mathsf{pk}_{i+1}, \mathsf{up}_{i+1}))$ $\mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Dec}'(\mathsf{sk}',c')$ $\mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}'(\mathsf{sk}'_i, \mathsf{up}_{i+1})$ $\mathrm{Parse}\ sk'=(sk)$ return U-Dec(sk, c)Parse $\mathsf{sk}_i' = (\mathsf{sk}_j)$ and and $\mathsf{up}_{j+1}' = (\mathsf{up}_{j+1}, \pi_{j+1})$ . Run $\mathsf{sk}_{j+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}(\mathsf{sk}_j, \mathsf{up}_{j+1})$ return $\mathsf{sk}'_{i+1} = (\mathsf{sk}_{j+1})$

Construction 6: Building CU-secure UPKE' = (U-PKEG', U-Enc', U-Dec', Upd-Pk', Verify-Upd', Upd-Sk') from CR-secure UPKE = (U-PKEG, U-Enc, U-Dec, Upd-Pk, Upd-Sk), using a one-time, strong f-tSE NIZK argument  $\Pi$  = (Setup, Prove, Verify) for relation R =  $\{(r, (pk, pk', up))) | (pk', up) = Upd-Pk(pk; r)\}$  where f(r) = r.

**Hybrid**  $D_0$ . This is the original IND-CU-CCA Game against UPKE' where all decryption and update queries are answered correctly. In other words, any query  $\tilde{c}_i$  to the decryption oracle is answered correctly using U-Dec'( $\mathsf{sk}_j', \tilde{c}_i$ ) where  $\mathsf{sk}_j'$  is the secret key for that epoch. Queries to the update oracle with input  $\mathsf{pk}', \mathsf{up}'$  are handled as follows:

- Run Verify-Upd( $pk', pk'_i, up'$ ) where i is the current time period.
- $\bullet \ \ \text{If the verify algorithm produces 1, then set} \ \mathsf{pk}'_{i+1} = \mathsf{pk'} \ \text{and set} \ \mathsf{sk}'_{i+1} = \mathsf{Upd-Sk'}(\mathsf{sk}'_i,\mathsf{up'})$

Finally, the challenge  $\left(\mathsf{pk'^*} = (\mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{CRS}), \mathsf{sk'^*}, c'^*, \mathsf{up'^*} = (\mathsf{up}_{q+1}, \pi_{q+1})\right)$  is generated as:

$$c^* \leftarrow \$ \text{ U-Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}'_{q'}, m_b); \ \ \mathsf{up}_{q+1}, \mathsf{pk}_{q+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_q; r^*) \\ \pi_{q+1} \leftarrow \$ \operatorname{Prove}_{\mathsf{CRS}}((\mathsf{pk}_q, \mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{up}_{q+1}), r^*)); \ \ \mathsf{sk'}^* \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd-Sk'}(\mathsf{sk}'_q, \mathsf{up'}^*) \ .$$

**Hybrid**  $D_1$ . In this game, we make use of the simulation trapdoor key tk to generate the arguments  $\pi_{q+1}$  using the Simulator. Importantly, this lets us generate the proof without needing to know  $r^*$ . The decryption and update queries continue to be answered similar to  $D_0$  but the change is in the challenge phase as defined below:

$$\begin{split} c^* \leftarrow & \text{$\mathsf{V}$-}\mathsf{Enc'}(\mathsf{pk}'_{q'}, m_b); \ \mathsf{up}_{q+1}, \mathsf{pk}_{q+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_q; \mathsf{up}^*, r^*) \\ \pi_{q+1} \leftarrow & \mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, (\mathsf{pk}_q, \mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{up}_{q+1})); \ \mathsf{sk'}^* \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk'}(\mathsf{sk}'_q, \mathsf{up'}^*) \ . \end{split}$$

Claim 29.  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are indistinguishable if  $\Pi$  satisfies the zero-knowledge property.

*Proof.* Let  $A_1$  be capable of distinguishing  $D_0, D_1$ . Then, we construct  $A_2$  as follows, which can break the zero-knowledge property of the  $\Pi$ .

•  $A_2$  receives CRS from the Challenger.

- $\mathcal{A}_2 \text{ runs } (\mathsf{pk}_0, \mathsf{sk}_0) \leftarrow \$ \mathsf{U-PKEG}(1^{\kappa})$
- It runs  $A_1(pk_0, CRS)$
- In response to every update query,  $A_2$  updates both the public key and the secret key, after running Verify-Upd.
- In response to the decryption query,  $A_2$ , with knowledge of the secret key, it merely runs U-Dec'.
- For the challenge phase, it receives  $m_0^*, m_1^*$  from  $\mathcal{A}_1$ .
- It tosses a coin b, chooses randomness r and generates  $c^* \leftarrow \mathsf{U}\text{-}\mathsf{Enc}'(\mathsf{pk}'_{q'}, m_b^*)$ .
- It continues to respond as before to update queries and decryption queries until  $A_1$  stops.
- It then chooses randomness  $r^*$ . It computes  $\mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{up}_{q+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}(\mathsf{pk}_q; r^*)$
- It sends to its challenger  $\left(r^*, \left(\mathsf{pk}_q, \mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{up}_{q+1}\right)\right)$  and receives  $\pi_{q+1}$  in response.
- $\mathcal{A}_2$  now sets  $\mathsf{up'^*} = (\mathsf{up}_{q+1}, \pi_{q+1})$  and computes  $\mathsf{sk'^*} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk'}(\mathsf{sk}'_q, \mathsf{up'^*})$ .
- It sends  $(pk'^*, sk'^*, up'^*)$  to  $A_1$ .
- It forwards  $A_1$ 's guess as its own.

It is straightforward to verify the correctness of the reduction. This gives us that  $D_0$  and  $D_1$  are indistinguishable.

**Hybrid**  $D_2$ . This is the same game as  $D_1$ . The only change is that now the response to update queries is via the extractor, i.e., on receiving as input (pk', up'), it does the following:

- Run Verify-Upd( $pk', pk'_i, up'$ ) where i is the current time period.
- If the output was 1, then parse  $\mathsf{up'} = (\mathsf{up}_{i+1}, \pi_{i+1})$  and  $\mathsf{pk'} = (\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}, \mathsf{CRS})$ .
- Compute  $r_{i+1} = \text{Ext}((pk_i, pk_{i+1}, up_{i+1}), \pi_{i+1}, ek)$
- Now compute:  $\mathsf{pk}'_{i+1}, \mathsf{up}'_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Pk}'(\mathsf{pk}'_i; r_{i+1})$  and  $\mathsf{sk}'_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{Upd}\text{-}\mathsf{Sk}'(\mathsf{sk}'_i, \mathsf{up}'_{i+1})$

Claim 30.  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are indstinguishable if  $\Pi$  satisfies the strong, one-time, true-simulation f-extractability of  $\Pi$ .

*Proof.* Now, observe that there is just one query made to the simulator - to simulate the final update ciphertext. Therefore, if  $\Pi$  was a strong, one-time f-tSE NIZK, then the probability that  $\mathcal{A}$  can produce any new statement, argument pair for which the extractor fails is of negligible probability.

**Hybrid**  $D_3$  In this game, the challenge ciphertext is randomly generated.

Claim 31.  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are indistinguishable if UPKE is an IND-CR-CCA secure UPKE scheme.

Proof. Let  $\mathcal{A}_1$  be capable of distinguishing between  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . We will then construct  $\mathcal{A}_2$  which can win against the IND-CR-CCA game of UPKE. The idea is that  $\mathcal{A}_2$  initialize a NIZK system  $\Pi$ . In response to update queries from  $\mathcal{A}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_1$  will run the extractor to extract the randomness  $r_i$ . It then invokes the  $\mathcal{O}_{upd}(\cdot)$  oracle of the IND-CR-CCA game with this  $r_i$ . All decryption oracle queries are answered by using its access to  $\mathcal{O}_{dec}(\cdot)$  oracle of the IND-CR-CCA game. The challenge ciphertext is also generated by communicating with its challenger. It continues to respond to the decryption and update queries as before. Finally, when  $\mathcal{A}_1$  stops  $\mathcal{A}_2$  receives  $\mathsf{sk}^*$ ,  $\mathsf{up}^*$ ,  $\mathsf{pk}^*$ .  $\mathcal{A}_2$  uses the simulator to generate the proof  $\pi^* \leftarrow \mathsf{s} \mathsf{Sim}(\mathsf{tk}, (\mathsf{pk}_q, \mathsf{pk}^*, \mathsf{up}^*))$ . It sends to  $\mathcal{A}_1$ :  $\left(\mathsf{pk}'^* = (\mathsf{pk}_{q+1}, \mathsf{CRS}), \mathsf{sk}'^* = \mathsf{sk}^*, \mathsf{up}'^* = (\mathsf{up}_{q+1}, \pi_{q+1})\right)$ .  $\mathcal{A}_2$  forwards  $\mathcal{A}_1$ 's guess as its own.  $\square$ 

**Remark 2.** Note that we only need to include one CRS in the public key if one were to obtain IND-CU-CCA secure UPKE construction from IND-CR-CPA secure construction.

From Theorems 23, 22, 24, 11, and 20, we get the following corollary:

Corollary 32. There exists IND-CR-CCA secure updatable public-key encryption schemes under:

- the sub-exponential DDH Assumption
- the LWE Assumption

Finally, combining Corollary 32 and Theorem 28 we get:

**Corollary 33.** There exists IND-CU-CPA secure and IND-CU-CCA secure updatable public-key encryption schemes under:

- the sub-exponential DDH Assumption
- the LWE Assumption

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