
Multiparty Computation based on Ring-LWE

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Chapter 1

Introduction

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Chapter 2

Review of literature

2.1 Ring LWE - A somewhat homomorphic encryption scheme

In the paper “Fully Homomorphic Encryption from Ring-LWE and Security for Key Dependent Messages” written by Zvika Brakerski and Vinod Vaikuntanathan [2] they describe a method for converting the Ring Learning with errors (RingLWE) problem into an encryption scheme which reduces to the worst-case hardness of problems on ideal lattices. We’ll shortly describe the encryption scheme here but will omit proofs and detailed discussions. Both system will be over the message space of $R_t = \mathbb{Z}_t[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$.

2.1.1 Polynomial learning with errors

The polynomial learning with errors problem decision problem variant is defined for an instantiation of a function f , a modulo q and a error distribution χ and given at most l samples written as $PLWE_{f,q,\chi}^l$) It is defined in the hermite normal form as

The PLWE Assumption - Hermite Normal Form. for all $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}$, let $f(x) = f_\kappa(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ be a polynomial of degree $n = n(\kappa)$, let $q = q(\kappa) \in \mathbb{Z}$ be a prime integer, let the ring $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ and $R_q = R/qR$ with χ denoting a distribution over the ring R . Then the Polynomial learning with error ($PLWE_{f,q,\chi}$) assumption can be defined as

$$\{(a_i, a_i \cdot s + e_i)\}_{i \in [l]} \approx^c \{(a_i, u_i)\}_{i \in [l]}\}$$

where s is sampled from χ , a_i is uniform in R_q , the error polynomials e_i are sampled from χ and u_i are random ring elements from R_q . We will allow up to l samples for the decision problem where the only limitation on l is that it should be polynomial.

Beside the decision variant, the PLWE problem could also be stated in terms of a search problem, one in which an adversary have to find the secret vector $s \in R_q$. But we will focus on the decision problem, as this is more commonly used in cryptography.

2.1.2 Symmetric version

Let κ be the security parameter and let further q and t be prime numbers where $t \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$. We also need a polynomial of degree n $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ and an error distribution χ over the

ring $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$, then we can define the following operations for a somewhat homomorphic encryption scheme.

Key-gen

Let our secret key be a randomly sampled element from the error distribution $s \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$. Then given the security parameter κ sample a ring element s uniformly at random from R_q and define the secret key vector by $(s^0, s^1, s^2, \dots, s^D) \in R_q^{D+1}$.

Encryption

Remember that all messages are encodable in our message space R_t , thus we will encode our message m as a n degree polynomial with coefficients modulo t . To encrypt we sample $(a, b = a \cdot s + t \cdot e)$ where $a \leftarrow^{\$} R_q$ and $e \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$, then compute

$$c_0 := b + m \quad c_1 := -a$$

and from this output the ciphertext $\mathbf{c} := (c_0, c_1) \in R_q^2$.

Decryption

Note that a ciphertext is on the form $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_D) \in R_q^{D+1}$. Define the inner product over R_q as

$$\langle c, s \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^D c_i \cdot s^i$$

Then to decrypt, simply set m as the inner product of c and s and take modulo t .

$$m = \langle c, s \rangle \bmod t$$

m will then be the decrypted message.

Eval

To obtain the homomorphic abilities of the encryption scheme, Zvika Brakerski and Vinod Vaikuntanathan show how to obtain homomorphic addition and multiplication of ciphertexts.

Addition: Assume we have 2 ciphertexts $c \in R_q^{D+1}$ and $c' \in R_q^{D+1}$, then an encryption of the sum of the 2 underlying messages will be

$$c_{Add} = c + c' = (c_0 + c'_0, c_1 + c'_1, \dots, c_d + c'_d) \quad c_{Add} \in R_q^{D+1}$$

The decryption of c_{Add} will then be the sum of the unencrypted messages from c and c' .

Multiplication: Assume we have 2 ciphertexts $c \in R_q^{D+1}$ and $c' \in R_q^{D'+1}$ and let v be a symbolig value then calculate the updated ciphertext

$(\hat{c}_0, \hat{c}_1, \dots, \hat{c}_d + d') \in R_q^{D+D'+1}$ by

$$c_{mul} = \left(\sum_{i=0}^D c_i \cdot v^i \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{j=0}^{D'} c'_j \cdot v^j \right) = \sum_{i=0}^{D+D'} \hat{c}_i \cdot v^i \quad c_{mul} \in R_q^{D+D'+1}$$

The output of the multiplication operation will then be $c_{mul} = (\hat{c}_0, \hat{c}_1, \dots, \hat{c}_{D+D'})$

2.1.3 Public key version

To achieve a public scheme instead, we can make the following changes

- In the key generation we generate in addition to the secret key $sk = s \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$, a public key $pk = (a_0, b_0 = a_0 \cdot s + t \cdot e_0)$, where $a_0 \leftarrow^{\$} R_q, e_0 \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$
- In the encryption algorithm, we can instead use $(a_0 \cdot v + t \cdot e', b_0 \cdot v + t \cdot e'')$ where $v, e' \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$ and $e'' \leftarrow^{\$} \chi'$.

where we have then obtained a public key $pk = (a_0, a_0 \cdot s + t \cdot e_0)$ corresponding to the secret key sk .

2.1.4 On the security of PLWE

To later generate a secure set of parameters for our encryption scheme we will have to touch a bit on the security. Several considerations comes to play when thinking about the security and optimizations, most noticeable the choice of a proper function $f(x)$ and the best well known attack should come into consideration. A lot of math including calculations on lattices and especially ideal lattices are needed to properly discuss the necessity for certain choices to be made and as such we will only be outlining the processes needed for us to choose secure parameters for our system.

On the choice of functions $f(x)$

The choice of function $f(x)$ is normally set to be a cyclotomic-polynomial, meaning that it should be on the form of $f(x) = x^n + 1$ where n should be chosen as $n = 2^k$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$. By doing so we get a lot of algebraic properties which opens for optimizations as described in section and adds to the security. Therefore we will without further discussion choose $f(x)$ as a cyclotomic-polynomial function.

Reducing RLWE to LWE samples

Another important property to see is that any RLWE sample of the form $(a, s \cdot a + e)$ where $a \in R_q$ and $s, e \leftarrow^{\$} \chi$ can be written into n LWE samples by using the following method. Let A_a be the matrix of multiplication by $a \in R_q$, then we get n LWE samples by

$$(A_a, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{s}^T \cdot A_a + \mathbf{e}^T)$$

Where $\mathbf{b} \in (\mathbb{R}/q\mathbb{Z})^n$ and $e \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

Parameter testing tool

Martin Albrecht, professor at the university of Royal Holloway in London, is the current maintainer of an opensource project [1] geared towards choosing secure parameters for the RLWE encryption scheme. By using this tool, we will be able to calculate the amount of security by using the lattice reduction algorithm BKZ. We'll be using this tool to evaluate the amount of security that one would need to actually secure

the algorithm, while still holding the degree of the function $f(x)$ to a minimum for performance reasons. The tool will use a lot of lattice based mathematics to actually calculate the amount of security, which will be given to us in the form of a number β , this β will then be used to test the amount of security. For the precise usage of the tool we have used the following sage script

```

1 from estimator import *
2 from estimator.lwe_parameters import LWEparameters
3 from estimator.nd import NoiseDistribution
4
5 n = 2048
6 q = 80708763
7 Xe = NoiseDistribution(3.2)
8 Xs = NoiseDistribution(3.2)
9 m = 2*n
10
11 params = LWEParameters(n, q, Xs, Xe, m, tag="params")
12 result = LWE.estimate.rough(params)
13 print(result)

```

Then we can here variate the parameters of our modulus q , the degree of the cyclotomic-polynomial n our noise distributions on r and r' (Xs , Xe) and the value of m typically provided by the authors.

Best known attack

The best known attack on the LWE scheme, which by combination of the earlier mentioned method to combine RLWE into n LWE samples also gives an attack on RLWE, is the BKZ lattice reduction algorithm. We will not be going into how BKZ works, but will mention that the amount of security from the BKZ algorithm has been showed in the "new hope" paper [5] written by Erdem Alkim and Thomas poppelman to be

$$2^{0.292 \cdot \beta}$$

Where we can get the value of β from the testing tool.

2.2 Circuit privacy

Each time we add or multiply ciphertexts the error term grows. As a result of this the error term will be larger for a ciphertext output by a call to **eval**, than for a ciphertext output by **encrypt**. This poses a problem, as an adversary might be able to derive information about the function computed by looking at the ciphertexts produced. To deal with this problem we would like the output distributions of the ciphertexts output by **eval** and **encrypt** to be identical, which is known as *circuit privacy*. This property along with how to achieve it has been described in [6].

To achieve *circuit privacy* we can make an encryption of 0 with a very large error term, and then add this ciphertext to the original ciphertext. By doing this we essentially

drown out information about the error vector of the original ciphertext. This will not modify the encrypted data, as the new error term will be removed by the (mod t) computation done in **decrypt** anyways.

2.3 Protocol for Multiparty Computation based on SHE

The Multiparty Computation (MPC) problem is the problem where n players each with some private input x_i , want to compute some function f on the input, without revealing anything but the result.

In [4] the authors describe a protocol for MPC based on a SHE scheme. The protocol is able compute arithmetic formulas consisting of up to a single multiplication, along with a relatively large number of additions, while being statistically UC-secure against an active adversary and $n - 1$ corruptions.

The protocol proceeds in two phases. In the first phase, preprocessing, a global key $[[\alpha]]$, random values in two representations $[[r]]$, $\langle r \rangle$, and a number of multiplicative triples $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle, \langle c \rangle$ satisfying $c = ab$ are generated.

In the second phase, the online phase, the players use the global key and secret-shared data generated in the preprocessing phase to do the actual computations.

The online phase therefore only makes indirect use of the SHE scheme, as it is only used in the preprocessing phase to generate input for the online phase.

These two phases are described in further detail in section 2.3.2 & 2.3.3.

Representations of shared values The protocol makes use of two different representations of shared values $[[\cdot]]$, $\langle \cdot \rangle$. For a shared value $a \in F_{p^k}$ the $\langle \cdot \rangle$ representation is defined as follows:

$$\langle a \rangle := (\delta, (a_1, \dots, a_n), (\gamma(a)_1, \dots, \gamma(a)_n))$$

where $a = \sum_i a_i$ and $\alpha(\delta + a) = \sum_i \gamma(a)_i$. The $\gamma(a)_i$ values are thus MAC values used to authenticate a . Such a value is shared s.t. each party P_i has access to the global value δ along with shares $(a_i, \gamma(a)_i)$. Multiplication by a constant and regular addition and are then defined entry-wise on the representation, while addition by a constant is defined as

$$c + \langle a \rangle := (\delta - c, (a_1 + c, \dots, a_n), (\gamma(a)_1, \dots, \gamma(a)_n))$$

When a value $\langle a \rangle$ is partially opened, it means that the value a is revealed without revealing a 's MAC values.

The second representation used for the protocol, $[[\cdot]]$, is defined in the following way:

$$[[a]] = ((a_1, \dots, a_n), (\beta_i, \gamma(a)_1^i, \dots, \gamma(a)_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, n})$$

where $a = \sum_i a_i$ and $a\beta_i = \sum_j \gamma(a)_i^j$. Thus the $\gamma(a)_i^j$ values are used to authenticate a under P_i 's personal key β_i . Each player P_i then has the shares $(a_i, \beta_i, \gamma(a)_1^i, \dots, \gamma(a)_n^i)$. To open a $[[\cdot]]$ value each player P_j sends $a_j, \gamma(a)_i^j$ to P_i , who checks that $a\beta_i = \sum_j \gamma(a)_i^j$. Afterwards P_i can compute $a = \sum_i a_i$.

2.3.1 Abstract SHE scheme and instantiation

The cryptosystem used as the SHE scheme in the protocol has to have certain properties to be admissible. The authors of the MPC protocol present a concrete instantiation of such an abstract SHE scheme, using the Ring-LWE based public key encryption scheme by Zvika Brakerski and Vinod Vaikuntanathan [2] described in section 2.1.

encode and decode To be able to use this scheme we have to define the function **encode**, which maps elements in the plaintext space $M = (\mathbb{F}_{p^k})^s$ to elements in a ring R , which is equivalent to \mathbb{Z}^N . In addition to this we also need to define a function **decode**, which maps elements in \mathbb{Z}^N to M , s.t. **decode**(**encode**(m)) = m for $m \in M$.

To do this we first have to pick a polynomial for the quotient ring $R_t = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ used by the cryptosystem. Picking $f(x)$ in a specific way allows an optimization, which makes it possible to do entrywise multiplication, such that we can perform N multiplications in parallel. To do this we pick $f(x)$ to be the m 'th cyclotomic polynomial $f(x)$ of degree $N = \phi(m)$, s.t. modulo t the polynomial $f(x)$ factors into l' irreducible factors of degree k' , where $l' \geq s$ and k divides k' .

We can then define the function $\phi : M \rightarrow R_t$ which embeds M into R_t . We also define $\iota : R_t \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^N$, which maps the coefficients from the polynomial given as input to a vector of length N with coefficients in the range $(-t/2, \dots, t/2]$.

Finally, we define **encode**(\mathbf{m}) = $\iota(\phi(\mathbf{m}))$ and **decode**(\mathbf{x}) = $\phi^{-1}(\mathbf{x} \pmod{t})$.

key distribution and distributed decryption In addition to the aforementioned requirements, we also want the cryptosystem to implement a functionality $\mathcal{F}_{KeyGenDec}$. This functionality will on receiving "start" from all honest players generate a keypair (pk, sk) , and then distribute pk to the players and store sk . The players can then use the functionality to cooperate in decrypting a ciphertext encrypted under pk .

2.3.2 Preprocessing phase

The preprocessing phase is implemented by the Prep protocol, which consists of the steps **initialize**, **pair**, and **triple**. These steps use the additional protocols Reshare, PAngle, and PBracket as subroutines.

Protocol Reshare: The Reshare protocol takes a ciphertext e_m as input and a parameter enc , which can be set to either *NewCiphertext* or *NoNewCiphertext*. The protocol then outputs a share m_i of m to each player along with a new fresh ciphertext e'_m if $enc = \text{NewCiphertext}$, where e'_m contains $\sum_i m_i$. To do this the players first each sample $f_i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}$, and then broadcast

$$e_{f_i} \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(f_i)$$

Each P_i then runs the ZKPoPK protocol while acting as a prover on the previously generated ciphertext e_{f_i} , and if any of these proofs fail, then parties abort. Now, each player homomorphically adds each encrypted share

$$e_f \leftarrow e_{f_1} \boxplus \dots \boxplus e_{f_n}$$

and then homomorphically adds e_m and e_f to get e_{m+f} . The players now use $\mathcal{F}_{KeyGenDec}$ to decrypt e_{m+f} so that they get $m + f$. Now P_1 sets $m_1 \leftarrow m + f - f_1$, while the rest of the players P_i set $m_i \leftarrow -f_i$. If $enc = NewCiphertext$, then the players each compute

$$e'_m \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(m + f) \boxplus e_{f_1} \boxplus \dots \boxplus e_{f_n}$$

where default randomness is used for the encryption.

Protocol PAngle: PAngle takes as input a ciphertext e_v along with privately held shares v_1, \dots, v_n . These are then used to generate a value in the angle representation $\langle v \rangle$. To achieve this all players first compute

$$e_{v \cdot \alpha} \leftarrow e_v \boxplus e_\alpha$$

Reshare is then used with $e_{v \cdot \alpha}$ as input, such that each player P_i receives a share γ_i of $v \cdot \alpha$. Finally, $\langle v \rangle = (0, (v_1, \dots, v_n), (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n))$ is output.

Protocol PBracket: PAngle takes as input a ciphertext e_v along with privately held shares v_1, \dots, v_n . These are then used to generate a value in the angle representation $\llbracket v \rrbracket$. For $i = 1, \dots, n$ all players compute

$$e_{\gamma_i} \leftarrow e_{\beta_i} \boxtimes e_v$$

and then generate $(\gamma_i^1, \dots, \gamma_i^n)$ by calling Reshare with e_{γ_i} and $NoNewCiphertext$ as input. The representation $\llbracket v \rrbracket = ((v_1, \dots, v_n), (\beta_i, \gamma(v)_1^i, \dots, \gamma(v)_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, n})$ is then output.

Initialize: The **initialize** step generates the global and personal keys. This is achieved by the players first calling "start" on $\mathcal{F}_{KeyGenDec}$, so that every player obtains the public key pk . Then each player samples $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}$, and broadcasts

$$e_{\alpha_i} \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(Diag(\alpha_i)), \quad e_{\beta_i} \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(Diag(\beta_i))$$

where $Diag(a) = (a, a, \dots, a) \in (\mathbb{F}_{p^k})^s$. Now each P_i runs the ZKPoPK protocol twice with $diag = true$, while acting as a prover, where the inputs are the ciphertexts e_{α_i} and e_{β_i} repeated sec times. Finally, the players homomorphically add the encrypted shares e_{α_i} to get e_α , which they use along with their share $Diag(\alpha_i)$ to generate $\llbracket Diag(\alpha) \rrbracket$ using a call to PBracket. Then $\llbracket Diag(\alpha) \rrbracket$ is the global key, while β_i is P_i 's personal key.

Pair: In **pair** the players generate random values in the two representations $\llbracket r \rrbracket, \langle r \rangle$. This is done by each player first sampling a share $r_i \in (\mathbb{F}_{p^k})^s$, then broadcasting. Each player then encrypts their share to get

$$e_{r_i} \leftarrow Enc_{pk}(r_i)$$

which they then broadcast. Once again P_i will now run the ZKPoPK protocol acting as a prover with input e_{r_i} , and if the ZK proof fails, then the protocol is aborted. The players then homomorphically add the encrypted shares to get e_r , which they use along with their share r_i as input to PBracket and PAngle to generate $\llbracket r \rrbracket, \langle r \rangle$.

Triple: The **triple** step generates triples $(\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle, \langle c \rangle)$ satisfying $c = ab$. To do this the players start off by sampling shares $a_i, b_i \in (\mathbb{F}_{p^k})^s$. The players then encrypt their shares and broadcast the result

$$e_{a_i} \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(a_i), \quad e_{b_i} \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk}(b_i)$$

Now each P_i acts as a prover running the ZKPoPK protocol first with e_{a_i} and then with e_{b_i} as input, and if any proof fails, then the protocol is aborted. The players then homomorphically add the encrypted shares to get e_a and e_b , and use these along with their shares a_i, b_i to generate $\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle$ using calls to PAngle. Following this each player homomorphically multiplies e_a and e_b to get e_c , which the players use as input to Reshare to get shares of c along with a new ciphertext $(c_1, \dots, c_n, e_{c'})$. Then the players then use their shares of c along with $e_{c'}$ to generate $\langle c \rangle$ by calling PAngle. Finally, the triple $(\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle, \langle c \rangle)$ is output.

2.3.3 Online phase

The Online protocol implements the online phase, and consists of the steps **initialize**, **input**, **add**, **multiply**, and **output**. These steps are executed as needed to evaluate the arithmetic circuit that we wish to evaluate.

Initialize: The **initialize** step simply consists using the Prep protocol to generate a global key, along with enough multiplicative triples and random values in the two representations showed earlier, for the circuit that we want to evaluate.

Input: The *input* step lets a player P_i share their private input x_i . The input is shared by taking a pair $[\![r]\!], \langle r \rangle$, and then opening $[\![r]\!]$ to P_i so that P_i gets r . Following this P_i computes and broadcasts $\epsilon \leftarrow x_i - r$. All players finally set $\langle x_i \rangle \leftarrow \langle r \rangle + \epsilon$.

Add: To add two values $\langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle$, we simply perform the component-wise addition $\langle z \rangle = \langle x \rangle + \langle y \rangle$, meaning that each player adds their shares locally $z_i = x_i + y_i, \gamma(z)_i = \gamma(x)_i + \gamma(y)_i$.

Multiply: To multiply two values $\langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle$, we use two multiplicative triples $(\langle a \rangle, \langle b \rangle, \langle c \rangle)$ and $(\langle f \rangle, \langle g \rangle, \langle h \rangle)$. We use the second triple to check that $ab = c$, but this could also be done in preprocessing instead. To do this check we first open $[\![t]\!]$ to get t , then partially open $t * \langle a \rangle - \langle f \rangle$ and $\langle b \rangle - \langle g \rangle$ to get ρ and σ respectively. Finally, we compute and partially open

$$t * \langle c \rangle - \langle h \rangle - \sigma \langle f \rangle - \rho \langle g \rangle - \sigma \rho$$

if the result is 0, then we conclude that $ab = c$ and move on, otherwise the players abort.

Now, partially open $\langle x \rangle - \langle a \rangle$ and $\langle y \rangle - \langle b \rangle$ to get ϵ and δ respectively. Finally, we output

$$\langle z \rangle \leftarrow \langle c \rangle + \epsilon \langle b \rangle + \delta \langle a \rangle + \epsilon \delta$$

Output: To output a value y given $\langle y \rangle$, the players do the following. First, a random value $\llbracket e \rrbracket$ is opened so each player gets e , which is used to compute

$$a = \sum_j e^j \cdot a_j$$

where a_j are all of the opened values of the form $\langle a_j \rangle$. Each player P_i then uses the commitment functionality \mathcal{F}_{Com} to commit to $\gamma_i \leftarrow \sum_j e^j \gamma(a_j)_i$ along with y_i and $\gamma(y)_i$. Then, the global key $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket$ is opened. The players then use \mathcal{F}_{Com} to open γ_i and then check that indeed

$$\alpha(a + \sum_j e^j \delta_j) = \sum_j \gamma_i$$

If this is not the case, then the players abort. Finally, to make sure that all players end up with y the commitments to y_i and $\gamma(y)_i$ are opened. Now the players check that $\alpha(y + \delta) = \sum_i \gamma(y)_i$, and if this is the case, then $y = \sum_i y_i$ is output.

2.4 Reuse of unrevealed secret-shared data

In [3] a technique that allows for reuse of unrevealed secret-shared data is used. This technique revolves around not having to open $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket$, and in fact we do not even need the $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ representation when using this technique.

The technique works as follows. First, when we generate the global key we now just need each player P_i to have a share α_i of α . In the output step the player will then instead of the current MAC check instead invoke the new MACCheck protocol on all of the values in the $\langle \cdot \rangle$ representation that have been opened, and if this succeeds the player invokes MACCheck on the output value $\langle y \rangle$. The MACCheck protocol works as follows:

Protocol MACCheck First each P_i samples a seed s_i and use \mathcal{F}_{Commit} to broadcast $\tau_i^s \leftarrow \text{Commit}(s_i)$. Following this each player opens all commitments using \mathcal{F}_{Commit} to get all n seeds s_j . Now, all players set

$$s \leftarrow s_1 \oplus \dots \oplus s_n$$

Players then use s as seed to sample a random vector of length t with entries in the interval $[0, p)$. All players then first compute

$$a \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^t r_j \cdot a_j$$

where the a_j 's are the opened values. Now P_i computes

$$\gamma_i \leftarrow \sum_{j=1}^t r_j \cdot \gamma(a_j)_i \text{ and } \sigma_i \leftarrow \gamma_i - \alpha_i \cdot a$$

Player i then uses \mathcal{F}_{Commit} to broadcast $\tau_i^\sigma \leftarrow \text{Commit}(s_i)$. All players invoke \mathcal{F}_{Commit} to open the commitments received to get the σ_j 's. Finally, the players check that $\sigma_1 + \dots + \sigma_n = 0$, and if this is not the case, then they abort.

Chapter 3

Implementation

For the implementation part of the project we first implemented the Ring-LWE cryptosystem described in section 2.1. We then used this for implementing the MPC protocol described in section 2.3, while making slight deviations to allow for reuse of secret-shared values, as described in section 2.4. The code for the protocol was written in the programming language Rust, and can be found in the repository at <https://github.com/Gabaa/homomorphic-encryption-project>. In this chapter we describe the implementation details of these systems.

3.1 Ring-LWE cryptosystem

3.1.1 Polynomials (poly.rs)

Since our public-key encryption scheme uses polynomials to represent most of the values (messages, ciphertexts, secret keys, and public keys), we implemented a simple `Polynomial` data structure, along with the most common operations we will perform on it.

Internally, a `Polynomial` is simply a `Vec` (a contiguous growable array type) of `Integer` values, each representing a coefficient in the polynomial.

We implemented operations for adding, subtracting, negating, and multiplying (with both constants and other polynomials), and functions for trimming the polynomial (removing trailing zero-coefficients), right-shifting the coefficients (from lower to higher degrees), retrieving the ℓ_∞ value, calculating the modulo, and normalizing the coefficients to be in the range $[-q/2, q/2)$ instead of $[0, q)$, which is necessary during decryption.

3.1.2 Quotient ring (quotient_ring.rs)

Encryption, decryption, and key generation involves adding, subtracting, multiplying, and negating elements in the quotient ring $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[x]/\langle x^n + 1 \rangle$. To be able to do these computations we made a quotient ring implementation, which can be found in `quotient_ring.rs`.

Rq

The quotient ring module contains a struct definition `Rq`. This struct represents an instantiation of a quotient ring $\mathbb{Z}_q[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$. It therefore has fields `q` and `modulo`, where `q` is an Integer, and `modulo` is a Polynomial representing $f(x)$. The `new` function takes `q` and `modulo` as input, and is used to make a new instantiation of `Rq`.

reduce

The `reduce` method found in the quotient ring module is called on an `Rq` struct, takes a polynomial `pol` as input, and returns the normal form of the element `pol` with respect to `modulo`.

To achieve this, the method first performs polynomial long division with `pol` as the dividend and the `modulo` from the `Rq` struct as the divisor. The remainder computed in this way is then stored in the variable `r`.

Lastly, we reduce the coefficients of the resulting polynomial `r` modulo `q`, by using the `modulo` method defined in the `poly.rs` module, and then return the result.

add, sub, times, neg, mul

The methods `add`, `sub`, `times`, `neg`, `mul` are called on an `Rq` struct. These methods first use the addition, scalar multiplication, negation, and polynomial multiplication methods (or some combination thereof), as defined in the `poly.rs` module on the input. Then, `reduce` is called, and the result is returned.

3.1.3 Public-key encryption scheme (encryption.rs)

The encryption scheme, as usual, has three major components:

- the `generate_key_pair` function
- the `encrypt` function
- and the `decrypt` function

In addition to this we also have two functions responsible for the homomorphic operations, namely `add` and `mul`.

generate_key_pair

The `generate_key_pair` function takes as input an instance of the `Parameters` struct. This struct essentially just defines the parameters that nearly all functions in the encryption scheme use in some form or another. This includes `r`, `n`, `q`, `t`, and the quotient ring R_q , which are all relevant for the key generation function.

The function starts by sampling polynomials `sk` and `e0` from a Gaussian distribution with standard deviation `r`, and the polynomial `a0` uniformly from R_q .

It then calculates the public-key as $pk = (a_0, a_0 \cdot sk + e_0 \cdot t)$, and finally returns the key pair (pk, sk) .

encrypt

The `encrypt` function takes a `Parameters` instance, as described above, and additionally takes a polynomial m and a public key pk .

We extract the two polynomials of the public key, a_0 and b_0 .

First, we make sure that the message polynomial we are trying to encrypt is in R_t . Then, we sample polynomials v and e' from a Gaussian distribution with standard deviation r , and the polynomial e'' from a Gaussian distribution with standard deviation r' (which is also defined in the `Parameters` struct).

We then calculate $a = a_0 \cdot v + e' \cdot t$ and $b = b_0 \cdot v + e'' \cdot t$. Finally, we create the ciphertext as a `Vec` $c = [b + m, a]$ and return it.

decrypt

The `decrypt` function takes a `Parameters` instance, as well as a ciphertext $c = [c_0, c_1, \dots]$ and a secret key sk .

We start by constructing the secret key vector $\mathbf{s} = [1, s, s^2, \dots]$ from the secret key. We only create the first $|c|$ entries of the secret key vector, as those are the only ones we'll need.

We then initialize a polynomial $msg = 0$, which will become the decrypted message. Then, iterating over each element c_i in the ciphertext, we add $c_i \cdot s_i$ to msg , where s_i is the i 'th entry (zero-indexed) in the secret key vector.

Since the message has coefficients in \mathbb{Z}_q , but we need them to be in the interval from $-\frac{q}{2}$ to $\frac{q}{2}$, we call the `normalized_coefficients` method on the msg polynomial at this point.

At this point, we want to ensure that the ℓ_∞ for the message is at most $\frac{q}{2}$. If not, decryption cannot work.

If the check succeeds, we reduce the message modulo t to remove the $e \cdot t$ part of the encryption, and then we return the result.

add

The `add` function homomorphically adds the two ciphertexts $c1$ and $c2$ given as input along with a `Parameters` struct.

To do this computation the function simply creates a new `Vec` of length $\max(c1.len(), c2.len())$. Following this the function iterates over the two ciphertexts and for each entry i , it adds $c1[i]$ and $c2[i]$ to entry i in the newly created `Vec` using `add` from `quotient_ring.rs`. After iterating over all entries the resulting `Vec` is returned.

mul

The `mul` function homomorphically multiplies the two ciphertexts $c1$ and $c2$, which it takes as input along with a `Parameters` struct.

First, a new `Vec` called `res` is initialized. For each entry i in $c1$ and each entry j in $c2$ the function adds $c1[i] \cdot c2[j]$ to the entry `res[i + j]`, where the addition and multiplication is done using `add` and `mul` from `quotient_ring.rs`. Afterwards `res` is returned.

3.2 MPC protocol

We now describe our implementation of an actively secure MPC protocol.

For this protocol we did not implement the cyclotomic polynomial optimisation described earlier, so $s = 1$, meaning that we are working in \mathbb{F}_{p^k} . This also means that we cannot do entry-wise multiplications like done in [4]. Therefore, to encode an element $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^k}$ to an element in R_q , we simply return `Polynomial::new(vec![a])`, which is the `Polynomial` corresponding to $f(x) = a$. To decode a polynomial $f(x) = a \in R_q$, we simply return the `Integer a`.

3.2.1 Dealer and Player

There are two types of actors in this system, the *dealer* and the *player*.

The *dealer* acts as a trusted party for establishing connections between all parties and, once all parties have connected, provides the parties with key material (i.e. a public key and shares to the corresponding secret key), enabling distributed decryption. For practical purposes, all players only need to know the address of the dealer, who will then forward the receiving addresses of all players to each other, enabling point-to-point communication.

All other parties in the protocol are *players*. A player contributes some private input to the function being computed, in the end receiving only the result and no other information.

To prepare for computing the agreed function, all players connect to the dealer, sending a "Start" message with their address for receiving TCP connections, and getting back a list of players who have already connected to the dealer (along with themselves). Each player's position in this list indicates their "player number", which is relevant for some parts of the protocol. When all players have connected, and all of the key material has been distributed, the dealer shuts down, as it is no longer needed.

Facilitator

The Facilitator is a small, but central component that enables communication between the parties while running the protocol. While it is not a theoretically important part of the system, it ended up being used in almost all other components, and will therefore be summarized here.

After the dealer has shut down, each player uses a Facilitator to communicate with the other players, providing functions for broadcasting or sending point-to-point messages (`broadcast` and `send`), as well as for receiving messages from a designated player or from all players at once (`receive` and `receive_from_all`).

To ensure that all messages are received in the desired order, sending a message is handled entirely synchronously for the player (i.e. the `send` function is handled in the main thread, and therefore will not return until the message has been accepted by the other party).

Oppositely, receiving messages is handled by a dedicated thread that holds a `TCPListener` (the one for which the address was published). Once a message is received, it is added to a channel corresponding to the player that sent the message,

ready to be read whenever the receiving player is ready. If no message is ready, the receive function blocks until a message is received.

The system currently does not have any mechanism for verifying the origin of messages, as a new connection is opened on a new port each time a player wants to send a message to another player. Therefore, each player sends along their own identity when sending a message, which would obviously be insecure in a production-ready system. This issue could be resolved in many ways, for example using public-key cryptography and authenticated channels.

3.2.2 ZKPoPK (mpc/zk.rs)

In zk.rs the zero knowledge proof of plaintext is implemented for each party to run. The zero-knowledge proof has been implemented as in figure 10 of “multiparty computation from somewhat homomorphic encryption” [4]. The file is divided into 2 different functions. To generate a zero knowledge proof, we must call the function `make_zkopk()` which takes 6 arguments

- **params** The parameters of the PLWE instantiation.
- **x**: The plaintext for which we intend to generate the proof.
- **r**: The randomness to be used.
- **c**: The ciphertexts generated in the preprocessing protocol.
- **diag**: A boolean to indicate whether the diagonal element should be checked.
- **Pk**: The public key to be used.

`make_zkopk()` will generate 3 values (a, z, T) , which will be used in the verification of the proof. To verify the proof we call the function `verify_zkopk`, which takes as input 6 arguments as well

- **a**: value generated by the `make_zkopk` function.
- **z**: value generated by the `make_zkopk` function.
- **t**: value generated by the `make_zkopk` function.
- **c**: The ciphertexts generated in the preprocessing protocol.
- **params** The parameters of the PLWE instantiation.
- **Pk**: The public key to be used.

`verify_zkopk` will return a boolean indicating whether or not the proof was valid.

3.2.3 Preprocessing phase (mpc/prep.rs)

The file `prep.rs` contains all of the functions that are called in the preprocessing phase to generate values for the online phase.

The functions `reshare` and `p_angle` correspond to the Reshare and PAngle protocols explained previously, while `initialize`, `pair`, and `triple` correspond to three steps of the Prep protocol.

The file also contains a type definition `AngleShare`, which for some value $\langle v \rangle$ is a pair of the form $(v_i, \gamma(v)_i)$ for some player i . Additionally, the file also contains a definition `MulTriple`, which contains three `AngleShare` values, and represent a players shares of the $\langle \cdot \rangle$ values in a multiplicative triple.

reshare

The first function, `reshare`, takes as input a `Parameters` struct `params`, a `Ciphertext` `e_m`, a `PlayerState` `state`, and an `Enc` enum `enc`, which can take on values `NewCiphertext` or `NoNewCiphertext`.

The first thing done in this function is to sample a value `f_i` uniformly from Z_t using `sample_single` from `prob.rs`. Then, `f_i` is encrypted to get `e_f_i`. The facilitator is then used to broadcast `e_f_i`, and subsequently receive the encrypted shares from the other parties, which are then homomorphically added to get `e_f`. Then, we compute `e_m_plus_f = add(params, e_m, &e_f)`.

The `ddec` function from `mod.rs` is then called with `e_m_plus_f` as input to get the plaintext `m_plus_f`.

Then we set `m_i` to be $e_{m+f} - f_i \bmod t$ if the player calling the function is the player with index 0, and $-f_i \bmod t$ otherwise. If `enc = NewCiphertext`, we now encrypt `m_plus_f` using `encrypt_det` where we use a triple of 1-polynomials instead of the randomness to make encryption deterministic. Now, we use `add` from `encrypt.rs` to homomorphically subtract the encrypted shares e_{f_i} from the encryption of `m_plus_f` to get `e_m_prime`. Afterwards, we return `(Some(e_m_prime), m_i)`

If `enc = NoNewCiphertext`, we instead just return `(None, m_i)`.

p_angle

The `p_angle` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, an `Integer` `v_i`, a `Ciphertext` `e_v`, and a `PlayerState` `state` as input.

The first thing done in `p_angle` is to homomorphically multiply `e_v` and `state.e_alpha` to get `e_v_mul_alpha`. Then, `reshare` is called to get `gamma_i`, which is a share of an `Integer`, namely the plaintext in `e_v_mul_alpha`. Lastly, the function returns `(v_i, gamma_i)`, which is an `AngleShare` value corresponding to a share of $\langle v \rangle$.

As can be seen from the implementation we omit the public δ value as done in [3], such that the MAC's now instead satisfy $\alpha v = \sum_i \gamma(v)_i$.

initialize

The `initialize` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, and a mutable `PlayerState` `state` as input.

First, we sample a uniformly random Integer from $[0, t)$ using the `sample_single` function with `params.t` as input, and set the `alpha_i` variable of the player state to this value. This represents the given players share of the global key. We then encrypt `state.alpha_i` to get an encrypted share `e_alpha_i`. Now, `e_alpha_i` is broadcast using `state.facilitator`, and each player then uses their facilitator to receive e_{α_i} from the other players. The e_{α_i} 's are then homomorphically added to get e_α , and the result is then assigned to the `e_alpha` variable of `state`. Finally, we run `zpopk` from `zk.rs` in a loop `sec` times.

Notice how we do not compute the personal keys β_i as done in [4]. As mentioned earlier these are not needed when we use the trick described in section 2.4.

pair

The `pair` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, and a `PlayerState` `state` as input.

The function first samples a uniformly random Integer `r_i` from Z_t . Now, `r_i` is encrypted to get `e_r_i`, which is the broadcast using the facilitator. All players then again use the facilitator to receive the encrypted shares from the other parties, which are then homomorphically added to compute `e_r`. Then, we call `zkpopk` with `e_r_i` as input.

Following this we compute the given players share of $\langle r \rangle$ with a call to `p_angle` with `r_i` and `e_r` as arguments, which returns `r_angle`.

Again, we use the trick explained in section 2.4, so we don't need the values in the bracket representation, and therefore we just return `(r_i, r_angle)`, which corresponds to shares of the pair $(r, \langle r \rangle)$.

triple

The `triple` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, along with a `PlayerState` `state` as arguments.

First, we sample `a_i`, `b_i` uniformly at random from Z_t , which are both then encrypted, and the encrypted shares are then broadcast.

Then, when the player receives the encrypted shares of a and b from the other players, then these are homomorphically added to get `e_a` and `e_b`.

Following this, we generate shares `a_angle` and `b_angle` with calls to `p_angle` using `a_i`, `e_a` and `b_i`, `e_b` as input respectively.

Now, the player calling the function has shares of $\langle a \rangle$ and $\langle b \rangle$, and we need to compute a share of $\langle c \rangle$.

To do this we compute `e_c` by homomorphically multiplying `e_a` and `e_b`, and then we call `reshare` with `e_c` and `NewCiphertext` as input to get a new ciphertext `e_c_prime` and `c_i`, which is a share of c .

This allows us to call `p_angle` using `c_i` and `e_c_prime` to get `c_angle`.

Finally, we return a `MultiTriple` containing `a_angle`, `b_angle`, and `c_angle`.

3.2.4 Commitments (mpc/commit.rs)

For the online phase we also need a commitment functionality as described in [3]. Our implementation of this functionality can be found in `commit.rs`. This file contains the

methods `commit` and `open`, which are explained in greater detail below.

commit

The `commit` function simply takes two `Vec<u8>` values called `v` and `r`, along with a `PlayerState` `state` as input. Then `v` is the value that we wish to commit to, while `r` is the randomness that we use when committing.

In this method we utilize the implementation of `sha256` found in the `sha2` package to hash the concatenation of `v` and `r`, which yields the commitment `c`.

`c` is then broadcast to all players using the facilitator.

open

This function takes a commitment `c` and a value `o` as input, and these are both `Vec<u8>`. The `o` value is then supposed to satisfy that $o = v || r$.

When calling this function it hashes `o` using `sha256`, and then checks whether $h(o) = c$. If this is indeed the case, then we return `Ok(o)`, and otherwise we return an error.

3.2.5 Online phase (mpc/online.rs)

The code related to the online phase can be found in `mpc/online.rs`. The implementation of this phase is based on the online protocol in [3], but in that protocol the triple check is done in preprocessing, while we do it in the online phase as in [4].

The two functions `give_input` and `receive_input` together correspond to the Input step of the protocol. The `add`, `multiply`, and `output` functions correspond to the steps of the same names. The function `maccheck` corresponds to the MACCheck protocol, and `triple_check` is used as a subroutine in `multiply` to check for validity of a multiplicative triple.

give_input

This function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, an `Integer` `x_i`, a `(Integer, AngleShare)` pair called `r_pair`, and a `PlayerState` `state`.

First, the function broadcasts a message `BeginInput` to indicate that the player calling the function wants to give some input.

Then, the player receives all shares of r from the other players using the facilitator, and opens r by computing $r = r_1 + \dots + r_n \bmod p$.

The value $\text{eps} = x_i - r$ is then computed, and subsequently broadcast to all players.

The `AngleShare` corresponding to $\langle r \rangle + \epsilon$ is then computed and returned.

receive_input

The `receive_input` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, an `Integer` `x_i`, a `(Integer, AngleShare)` pair called `r_pair`, and a `PlayerState` `state`.

The first thing that the function does is to receive a message using the facilitator, and if this is not `BeginInput`, then we panic.

Following this we take r_i from `r_pair`, and send it to the player `p_i`, which is the player that is providing input, and thus also the player that sent the initial `BeginInput` message.

Now, we receive ε from `p_i`, and then use this to compute and return the `AngleShare` corresponding to $\langle x_i \rangle = \langle r \rangle + \varepsilon$ for the given player.

add

`Add` simply takes two `AngleShare` values `x` and `y` as input.

These are then used to compute $(x.0 + y.0, x.1 + y.1)$, and the resulting `AngleShare` is then returned.

partial_opening

To partially open some value v where player i holds share v_i , each player calls `partial_opening` with a `Parameters` struct `params`, an `Integer` `to_share`, and a `PlayerState` `state` as arguments. When partially opening we send all shares to some designated player, and in this case we simply let all players send their share to player P_1 , who has index 0.

To do this we first send the calling players share of v , `to_share`, to P_1 using the facilitator. Player P_1 then computes $v = v_1 + \dots + v_n \mod p$, which is subsequently broadcast to all players using the facilitator.

Finally, the function returns the value v received from P_1 .

triple_check

The `triple_check` function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, two `MultiTriple` values `abc_triple` and `fgh_triple`, an `Integer` `t_share`, and a mutable `PlayerState` `state` as arguments.

The first thing done is to use the facilitator to broadcast the players share of t , `t_share`. The player then uses the facilitator to receive shares of t from the other players, and then compute $t = t_1 + \dots + t_n \mod p$.

Now, we compute $t \cdot \langle a \rangle - \langle f \rangle$ and save the resulting `AngleShare` in variable `rho_share`. Following this we call `partial_opening` with `rho_share.0` as input to get ρ . Lastly, we push $(\rho, \text{rho_share}.1)$ to `state.opened`, to ensure that we check the MAC of ρ in `maccheck`.

Now, we use the same approach as for ρ to compute $\langle b \rangle - \langle g \rangle$ and store the resulting `AngleShare` in variable `sigma_share`. Then we call `partial_opening` with `sigma_share.0` as input to get σ . Then we push $(\sigma, \text{sigma_share}.1)$ to `state.opened`.

We then compute $t \cdot \langle c \rangle - \langle h \rangle - \sigma \cdot \langle f \rangle - \rho \cdot \langle g \rangle - \sigma \cdot \rho$, call `partial_opening` with the resulting `AngleShare` as input to get the variable `zero`.

The last thing done is to check whether `zero` is 0. If this is the case, then we return `Ok`, otherwise we return `Err`.

multiply

The multiply function takes a Parameters struct params, two AngleShare values x and y, two MulTriple values abc_triple and fgh_triple, an Integer t_share, and a PlayerState state as arguments.

First, we call triple_check with params, abc_triple, fgh_triple, t_share, and state as input. If the call to triple_check returns Err, then we panic and abort the protocol, otherwise we proceed.

Following this we compute the AngleShare corresponding to $\langle x \rangle - \langle a \rangle$, so that we get eps_share. We then call partial_opening with eps_share.0 as input to get eps. Then we push (eps, eps_share.1) to state.opened.

Now we compute the AngleShare corresponding to $\langle y \rangle - \langle b \rangle$, so we get delta_share, then call partial_opening with delta_share.0 as input to get delta. And now we push (delta, delta_share.1) to state.opened.

Finally, we compute the AngleShare corresponding to $\langle z \rangle = \langle c \rangle + \epsilon \langle b \rangle \delta \langle a \rangle + \epsilon \delta$ and return it.

maccheck

The maccheck function takes a Parameters struct params, a Vec<(Integer, Integer)> of $(a_j, \gamma(a_j)_i)$ pairs named to_check, and a PlayerState state as arguments.

First, we use the rand package to sample random 32-byte values s_i and r.

Then we use the commit function from commit.rs, to commit to s_i using r as randomness.

Following this we use the facilitator to receive the commitments from all n parties. Then once all of the commitments have been received the parties broadcast the value $o = s_i || r$, such that all parties then open the commitments that they have received and get the seed s_i for all players i .

Now, we XOR the received seeds to get $s = s_1 \oplus \dots \oplus s_n$. This is followed by using the rand package and the seed s to sample a vector rng_seed with n entries and with values in the range $[0, p)$.

Then the function uses the values a_1, \dots, a_t stored in state.opened to compute $a = \sum_{j=1}^t r_j a_j$.

After generating a we use it to compute $\gamma_i = \sum_{j=1}^t r_j \gamma(a_j)_i$ and $\sigma_i = \gamma_i - \alpha_i a$. Then we convert σ_i to bytes and store the result in sigma_i_bytes.

Afterwards we need to commit to sigma_i_bytes, and to do this we sample 32 bytes of randomness r as done earlier. This is followed by committing to sigma_i_bytes using r as randomness.

Now we use the facilitator to receive commitments from all n players, and once these have been received we broadcast $o = \text{sigma_i_bytes} || r$.

Then we use the o values received to open the σ commitments received earlier, such that we get bytes corresponding to σ_i from all players i . Then, we convert the bytes into values of the Integer type.

Finally, we add the n σ_i values received and check that indeed the sum is equal to Integer::ZERO. If this is the case, then we return true, otherwise we return false.

output

The output function is called by a player when that player is ready to output some value $\langle y \rangle$. The function takes a `Parameters` struct `params`, `AngleShare` `y_angle`, and a `PlayerState` `state` as arguments.

To output a value we first call the `maccheck` function on `state.opened`, to check that the MAC values are correct for all of the values v in the $\langle r \rangle$ representation that have been opened. If this returns false, then the check was unsuccessful and we `panic` to abort the protocol.

Then we broadcast `y_angle.0`, which is the players share y_i of the output value y . This is followed by receiving shares from all players, and then computing $y = y_1 + \dots + y_n \bmod p$.

Now, we once again call the `maccheck` function but this time we use the `(y, y_angle.1)` as input, which is the opened value y and the players corresponding MAC value. If this returns false, then we once again `panic` to abort the protocol.

If we did not abort at any point during the abort, then we return the final result y .

Chapter 4

Conclusion

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Appendix A

First appendix