

# Sparse Graph Obfuscation

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# 1 Preliminaries

## 1.1 Bounded Functional Encryption

We will use the notation of static, bounded functional encryption as presented in [GGLW22].

### Security

We will slightly weaken the security notion such that the adversary does not choose which circuits it can learn the functional secret key for. Indeed, this is a weaker notion of functional encryption which fixes the adversary's output circuit. We will assume that we get circuit  $C_1, \dots, C_d$ .

For completeness, we have the original security definition of [GGLW22] below:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1^n, 1^q) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \\ (\text{MPK}, \text{MSK}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^n, 1^q) \\ m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen}(\text{MSK}, \cdot)}(\text{MPK}) \\ \text{CT} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{MPK}, m) \end{array} \right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}} \\ & \stackrel{c}{\approx} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1^n, 1^q) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda) \\ (\text{MPK}, \text{st}_0) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_0(1^\lambda, 1^n, q) \\ m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S_1(\text{st}_0)}(\text{MPK}) \\ (\text{CT}, \text{st}_2) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_2(\text{st}_1, \Pi^m) \end{array} \right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}} \end{aligned}$$

whenever the following admissibility constraints and properties are satisfied:

- $\text{Sim}_1, \text{Sim}_3$  are stateful in that after each invocation, they updated their states  $\text{st}_1, \text{st}_3$  respectively which is carried over to the next invocation.
- $\Pi^m$  contains a list of functions  $f_i$  queried by  $\mathcal{A}$  in the pre-challenge phase along with their output on the challenge message  $m$ . That is, if  $f_i$  is the  $i$ -th function queried by  $\mathcal{A}$  to oracle  $\text{Sim}_1$  and  $q_{\text{pre}}$  be the number of queries  $\mathcal{A}$  makes before outputting  $m$ , then  $\Pi^m = ((f_1, f_1(m)), \dots, (f_{q_{\text{pre}}}, f_{q_{\text{pre}}}(m)))$ .
- $\mathcal{A}$  makes at most  $q$  queries combined to key generation oracle in both games.
- $\text{Sim}_3$  for each queried function  $f_i$ , in the post challenge phase, makes a single query to its message oracle  $U_m$  on the same  $f_i$  itself.

Our modified security definition is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1^n, 1^q) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \\ (\text{MPK}, \text{MSK}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^n, 1^q) \\ m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{MPK}, \text{SK}_{C_1}, \dots, \text{SK}_{C_d}) \\ \text{CT} \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{MPK}, m) \end{array} \right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}} \\ & \stackrel{c}{\approx} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (1^n, 1^q) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^\lambda) \\ (\text{MPK}, \text{st}_0) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_0(1^\lambda, 1^n, q) \\ m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S_1(\text{st}_0)}(\text{MPK}, C_1, \dots, C_d) \\ (\text{CT}, \text{st}_2) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_2(\text{st}_1, \Pi^m) \end{array} \right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where the admissibility constraints remain the same.

## 1.2 Non-malleable Bounded FE

Here, we introduce the notion of non-malleable bounded functional encryption.

We define non-malleable security of bounded functional encryption in almost the exact notion of [Pas06] for public key encryption. First, let  $NM(m_1, \dots, m_q, \mathcal{A})$  be a game as follows for  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ :

1.  $(\text{MPK}, \text{MSK}) \leftarrow \text{FE.Setup}(1^\lambda)$
2.  $\text{CT}_1, \dots, \text{CT}_q \leftarrow \text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, m_1), \dots, \text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, m_q)$
3.  $\text{CT}'_1, \dots, \text{CT}'_\ell \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{MPK}, \text{CT}_1, \dots, \text{CT}_q, 1^{|m|})$
4.  $m'_i \leftarrow \perp$  is  $\text{CT}_i = \text{CT}'_j$  for any  $i \in [q]$ ,  $j \in [\ell]$  and  $\text{FE.Dec}(\text{SK}_{\text{identity}}, c_i)$  otherwise.

Then, we say that a bounded functional encryption scheme is non-malleable if for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$  and every PPT  $\mathcal{D}$ , there exists a negligible function  $\text{negl}$  such that for all  $\{m\}_0, \{m\}_1 \in \{0, 1\}^{nq}$ , we have

$$\left| \Pr[\mathcal{D}(NM(\{m\}_0, \mathcal{A})) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{D}(NM(\{m\}_1, \mathcal{A})) = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}. \quad (2)$$

As outlined in [Pas06], we can equivalently define non-malleability in terms of a PPT recognizable relation  $R$  such that

$$\left| \Pr \left[ NM(m_1, \dots, m_q, \mathcal{A}(z)) \in \bigcup_{m \in \{m\}} R(m) \right] - \Pr \left[ c \leftarrow \text{Sim}_{NM}(1^n, z); m' = \text{FE.Dec}(\text{SK}_{\text{identity}}, c); m' \in \bigcup_{m \in \{m\}} R(m) \right] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (3)$$

Note that in the above definition, we do not give the adversary access to any  $\text{SK}_{C_i}$ . We simply require that the scheme is public key (many message) non-malleable.

## 2 Randomized DAG Traversal Sketch

### 2.1 DAG Randomized Traversal

Say that we have a sparse, potentially exponentially sized, graph  $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$  and  $\forall v \in V, \deg(v) = d$ . We also require that  $\mathcal{G}$  is equipped with a neighbor function,  $\Gamma$ , which can be computed in polynomial time. We define a randomized and keyed labelling function  $\phi : \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times V \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  such that given,  $\phi(K, v_0)$  for root  $v_0$ , an adversary,  $\mathcal{A}$ , which does not know a path from  $v_0$  to  $v$ ,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_\Gamma, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \phi(K, v)] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda) \quad (4)$$

for function  $C_\Gamma$  where  $C_\Gamma(\phi(K, u)) \in \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_1), \dots, \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_d)$  if  $\Gamma(u) \neq \emptyset$  and otherwise  $\Gamma(u)$  returns a  $\perp$  string padded to length  $d|\phi(K, \cdot)|$ .

### 2.2 Instantiation

We define  $\phi(K, v)$  to be as follows:

1. Let  $r_1, r_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\lambda$  or  $r_1, r_2$  is drawn from a pseudorandom distribution.
2. Return  $\text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (K, v, r_2))$  where encryption is done with randomness from  $r_1$ .

We can now define,  $C_\Gamma$ .

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**Algorithm 1** The circuit for the neighbor function,  $C_\Gamma$ .

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1: function  $\text{INNER}_i(K, v, r)$ 
2:   if  $\Gamma(v) = \emptyset$  then
3:     return  $\perp$ 
4:    $u_1, \dots, u_d = \Gamma(v)$ 
5:    $u = u_i$ 
6:    $r_1, r_2 = \text{PRG}(r)$ 
7:   return  $\text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (u, K, r_2))$  where we encrypt with randomness from  $r_1$ .
8: function  $C_\Gamma(\phi(K, v))$ 
9:   for  $i \in [d]$  do
10:     $u_i = \text{Dec}(\text{SK}_{\text{inner}_i}, \phi(K, v))$ 
11:  return  $(u_1, \dots, u_d)$ 

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*Proof of eq. (4).* We are going to use a series of indistinguishable hybrids and then use non-malleability of FE along with the last hybrid to show that eq. (4) holds.

- $\text{Hyb}_0$ : In the first hybrid, the following game is played

1.  $K \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{\lambda'}$  and  $\text{MPK}, \text{SK} \leftarrow \text{FE.Setup}(1^{\lambda'})$ .
2. The challenger generates  $\text{SK}_{\text{inner}_i} \leftarrow \text{FE.Keygen}(\text{MSK}, \text{inner}_i)$  for  $i \in [d]$  and gives these keys to  $\mathcal{A}$
3. The challenger chooses a  $v$  and gives the adversary  $v$  in plaintext.
4. The challenger picks random  $r_1, r_2 \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{\lambda'}$  and generates  $\phi(K, v_0) = \text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (K, v_0, r_2))$  using  $r_1$  as the random coins and gives  $\phi(K, v_0)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

5.  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs guess  $g$  and wins if  $g \in \phi(K, v)$

- **Hyb<sub>1</sub>**: We replace MPK with its simulated counterpart using  $\text{Sim}_0$ ,  $\phi(K, v_0)$  with a simulated cipher-text using the simulator  $\text{Sim}_2$ , and  $\text{SK}_{\text{inner}_i}$  with its simulated counterpart using  $\text{Sim}_3$  as defined in [eq. \(1\)](#).
- **Hyb<sub>2a</sub>**: For any input into  $\text{Sim}_2$  via  $\Pi^{K,w,r}$  where  $w \in V$  and  $r$  is random, we replace the output of  $\text{inner}_i$  with  $\text{inner}'_i$  which uses true randomness  $r_1^*, r_2^*$  instead of  $r_1, r_2$ . For any call to  $C_\Gamma(\phi(K, w))$  by  $\mathcal{A}$  for  $w \in V$ , we replace the output of  $\text{inner}_i$  with  $\text{inner}'_i$  which uses true randomness  $r_1^*, r_2^*$  instead of  $r_1, r_2$ . This is equivalent to changing  $\Pi^m$  to  $\Pi^{m'}$  in [eq. \(1\)](#) where  $\Pi^{m'}$  is the list  $(\text{inner}_1, \text{inner}'_1(\cdot), \dots, \text{inner}_d, \text{inner}'_d(\cdot))$ . Note that this gives us that  $\text{inner}'_i(K, w, r) = \phi(K, u) = \text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (K, u, r_2^*))$  where  $u = \Gamma(w)_i$ .
- **Hyb<sub>2b</sub>**: For any call by  $\mathcal{A}$  to  $\text{inner}'_i(K, w, r) = \text{CT}$ , we replace CT with  $\text{CT}'$  where  $\text{CT}'$  is the output of  $\text{Sim}_2$  with input  $\Pi^{(K,u,r)'}_i$  where  $u = \Gamma(w)_i$ .

Note that the replacement of **Hyb<sub>2a</sub>** and **Hyb<sub>2b</sub>** are repeated multiple times. Specifically, these replacements are repeated at most  $\alpha$  times where  $\alpha$  is the number of unique times  $\mathcal{A}$  runs  $\text{FE.Dec}(\text{SK}_{\text{inner}_i}, \phi(K, w))$ .

- **Hyb<sub>3</sub>**: Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the set of all paths from  $v_0$  to  $v$ . For each path  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  where  $P$  is an ordered list of connected vertices, we have that the adversary does not know some part of  $P$ . We can note that this implies that  $\mathcal{A}$  never queries  $\text{inner}_i(w^u)$  where  $u = \Gamma(w^u)_i$  for some  $u \in P$  and the adversary knows a path from  $v_0$  to  $w$ . We can see this because if there is no  $u \in P$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  never queries  $\text{inner}_i(w^u)$ , then the adversary knows and queries a path from  $v_0$  to  $v$ . Define  $\text{Suff}(P)$  to be the path which starts at  $u$ , ends at  $v$ , and is a suffix of  $P$ . We now inductively build up a series of hybrids to show that a hybrid distribution which “erases”  $\phi(K, v)$  from  $\text{inner}_i$  is indistinguishable from the above hybrid.

- For the base case, let  $U = \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \{\text{Suff}(P)_1\}$  where  $\text{Suff}(P)_1$  is the first vertex in  $P$  such that  $\mathcal{A}$  never queries  $\text{inner}_i(w^u)$  as defined above. Then, replace  $\text{inner}'_i(\cdot)$  with  $\text{inner}_i^1(\cdot)$  in  $\Pi_m$  such that  $\text{inner}_i^1(w) = \text{inner}'_i(w)$  if  $w \neq w^u$  for  $u \in U$  and otherwise  $\text{inner}_i^1(w^u) = \perp$ . We can note that this hybrid is indistinguishable as  $\text{inner}'_i$  only changes for input ciphertexts which the adversary never queries.
- For the  $\ell$ -th inductive step where  $1 \leq \ell < \max_{P \in \mathcal{P}}(|\text{Suff}(P)|)$ , we are going to assume that we are given a hybrid such that  $\text{inner}_i^\ell$  where  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(w^u) = \perp$  for  $u \in U^\ell$  where  $U^\ell = \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \text{Suff}(P)_1, \dots, \text{Suff}(P)_\ell$  and otherwise  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(\cdot) = \text{inner}'_i(\cdot)$ . We now show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish between a hybrid with  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(\cdot)$  and  $\text{inner}_i^{\ell+1}(\cdot)$ , then the adversary can break the non-malleability of the FE scheme. We defer this proof to [lemma 2.2](#).

Finally, we can note that if  $\text{Hyb}_0 \stackrel{c}{\approx} \text{Hyb}_3$ ,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_\Gamma, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \text{Image}(\phi(K, v))] \stackrel{c}{\approx} \Pr[\mathcal{A}(C'_\Gamma, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \text{Image}(\phi(K, v))]$$

where  $C'_\Gamma$  is  $C_\Gamma$  except that  $C'_\Gamma$  uses  $\text{inner}_i^p$  where  $p = \max_{P \in \mathcal{P}} |P|$ . We can note that  $C'_\Gamma$  returns  $\perp$  for any query on  $\phi(K, w^v)$  where  $w^v \in \Gamma^{-1}(v)$ . Using [lemma 2.3](#) and the fact that  $C'_\Gamma(u)_i$  returns  $\perp$  for all  $u \in V$  and  $i \in [d]$  where  $v = \Gamma(u)_i$ , we have that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C'_\Gamma, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \text{Image}(\phi(K, v))] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

□

**Lemma 2.1.**  $\text{Hyb}_0 \stackrel{c}{\approx} \text{Hyb}_{2b}$ .

*Proof.* First we show that  $\text{Hyb}_0 \stackrel{c}{\approx} \text{Hyb}_1$ . Note that if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish between  $\text{Hyb}_0$  and  $\text{Hyb}_1$  then an adversary can distinguish between an FE scheme and its simulated counterpart where  $m$  is fixed to  $(K, v_0, r)$ . We can see this as  $\text{Hyb}_1$  is direct simulation of the FE scheme.

Then, if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish  $\text{Hyb}_1$  and  $\text{Hyb}_{2a}$ , then we can break the security of the PRG used in line 6 of [algorithm 1](#). We can create an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  which, for some fixed  $K$ , distinguishes between  $\text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (K, u, r_2))$  with random coins  $r_1$  where  $r_1, r_2 = \text{PRG}(r)$  and  $\text{FE.Enc}(\text{MPK}, (K, u, r_1^*))$  encrypted with random coins  $r_2^*$  where  $r_1^*, r_2^*$  are truly random.

Then, if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish any transformation from  $\text{Hyb}_{2a}$  to  $\text{Hyb}_{2b}$ , then we can break the security of the FE scheme. We can see this by noting that if we fix  $m = (K, w, r)$  for random  $r$  and  $K$ , then  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3^{U_m(\cdot)}}(\text{CT})$  is distinguishable and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3^{U_m(\cdot)}}(\text{CT}')$  where  $\text{CT}$  is the real cipher-text and  $\text{CT}'$  is simulated. We can then note that if the above are distinguishable, then  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen}(\text{MSK}, \{\text{inner}_1, \dots, \text{inner}_d\})}(\text{CT})$  and  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3^{U_m(\cdot)}}(\text{CT}')$  are distinguishable as  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen}(\text{MSK}, \{\text{inner}_1, \dots, \text{inner}_d\})}$  can simply simulate  $\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3^{U_m(\cdot)}}(\text{CT})$ .

Then, if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish any transformation from  $\text{Hyb}_{2b}$  to  $\text{Hyb}_{2a}$ , then we can break the security of a PRG in the same manner as distinguishing  $\text{Hyb}_1$  and  $\text{Hyb}_{2a}$ .

By the chain rule, we get that  $\text{Hyb}_0$  and  $\text{Hyb}_{2b}$  are indistinguishable even after a repeated number of sequential invocations of the transformation in  $\text{Hyb}_{2a}$  and  $\text{Hyb}_{2b}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a PPT adversary and assume that we have a non-malleable and simulation secure FE scheme. Then, we have that the inductive step of  $\text{Hyb}_3$  holds.

*Proof.* We construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that can break NM security using  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish between the hybrids in the inductive step. Note that in order to distinguish between the hybrids,  $\mathcal{A}$  must have queried  $\text{inner}_i^\ell$  or  $\text{inner}_{i+1}^\ell$  on  $\phi(K, w^u)$  where  $u \in \{\text{Suff}(P)_{\ell+1} \mid P \in \mathcal{P}\}$  as this is the only difference between the hybrids. Thus, we see that  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to produce  $\text{CT} \in \phi(K, w^u)$ . By definition of  $\text{inner}_i^\ell$  though, we know that  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(\phi(K, q)) \neq \phi(K, w^u)$  for any  $q \in V$  as we define  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(K, q) = \perp$  if  $\text{inner}_i^\ell(K, q) = \phi(K, w^u)$ . Thus, the adversary has to be able to produce  $\text{CT} \in \phi(K, w^u)$  without calling  $C_\Gamma^\ell$  where  $C_\Gamma^\ell$  uses  $\text{inner}_i^\ell$  instead of  $\text{inner}_i$ .

Thus, if  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_\Gamma, \phi(K, v_0))$  can produce  $\text{CT} \in \phi(K, w^u)$ , we can have  $\mathcal{B}(\phi(K, v_0), \phi(K, q_1), \dots, \phi(K, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}))$  produce  $\phi(K, w^u)$  where  $q_1, \dots, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  are all the vertices that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $C_\Gamma$  on.  $\mathcal{B}$  simply has to invoke  $\text{Sim}_3$  to create a simulated function key for  $\text{SK}'_{\text{inner}_i}$  and thus a simulated  $C_\Gamma'$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  then gives  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_\Gamma', \phi(K, v_0))$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  then breaks [eq. \(3\)](#) (the relational notion of non-malleability) as  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to create an encryption of  $\phi(K, w^u)$  with non-negligible probability while the simulator in [eq. \(3\)](#) cannot.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.3.** Define  $C_\Gamma'$  where  $C_\Gamma'$  is defined as in [algorithm 1](#) except that for some set  $U \subset V$ ,  $C_\Gamma(w^u)_i = \perp$  for all  $w^u \in V$  such that  $u = \Gamma(w^u)_i$  for some  $u \in U$ . In words, the parent of all  $u \in U$  do not return  $\phi(K, u)$  when queried on  $C_\Gamma'$ . Then, assuming the non-malleability and simulation security of FE, we have that for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$  and all  $u \in U$ ,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_\Gamma', v_0, u, U, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \text{Image}(\phi(K, u))] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda). \quad (5)$$

*Proof.* Almost identically to [lemma 2.2](#), we construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that can break NM security using  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  can produce  $\text{CT} \in \phi(K, u)$  for some  $u \in U$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_\Gamma', u, \phi(K, v_0))$  can produce  $\text{CT} \in \phi(K, u)$ , we can have  $\mathcal{B}(\phi(K, v_0), \phi(K, q_1), \dots, \phi(K, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}))$  produce  $\phi(K, u)$  where  $q_1, \dots, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  are all the vertices that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $C_\Gamma'$  on.

$\mathcal{B}$  simply has to invoke  $\text{Sim}_3$  to create a simulated set of function keys for  $\text{inner}'_i$  for all  $i \in [d]$  and can then simulate  $C'_\Gamma$  with these function keys.

We can then have  $\mathcal{B}$  invoke  $\text{Sim}_3$  to create a simulated function key for  $\text{SK}'_{\text{inner}_i}$  and thus a simulated  $C_\Gamma^*$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  then gives  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_\Gamma^*, \phi(K, v_0))$ . If we define the relation  $R$  to break in [eq. \(3\)](#) to be  $R(K, v_0, r) = \{(K, v, r^*) : \forall r^* \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda\}$ , we can then break [eq. \(3\)](#) (the relational notion of security for non-malleability). We can see this as  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to create an encryption of  $\phi(K, w^u)$  given encryptions of  $\phi(K, q_1), \dots, \phi(K, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)})$  with non-negligible probability while the simulator in [eq. \(3\)](#) cannot.  $\square$

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## Abstract

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