

1 Preliminaries

1.1 Punctured PRF

A punctured PRF is a simple type of constrained PRF ([BW13, BGI14, KPTZ13]) where a PRF is well defined on all inputs except for a specified, polynomial-sized set. We will adopt the notion specified in [SW14].

Definition 1.1 (Punctured PRF). A puncturable family of PRFs F mapping is given by a tuple of algorithms $(\text{Key}_F, \text{Puncture}_F, \text{Eval}_F)$, satisfying the following conditions:

- **Functionality preserved under puncturing:** For every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} , $S \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ and every $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ where $x \notin S$, we have that

$$\Pr \left[\text{Eval}_F(K, x) = \text{Eval}_F(K_S, x) \mid K \leftarrow \text{Key}_F(1^\lambda), K_S = \text{Puncture}_F(K, S) \right] = 1.$$

- **Pseudorandom at punctured points:** For every PPT adversary \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} such that $\mathcal{A}(1^\lambda)$ outputs a set S and state st , consider an experiment where $K \leftarrow \text{Key}_F(1^\lambda)$ and $K_S = \text{Puncture}_F(K, S)$. Then, we have that

$$\left| \Pr [\mathcal{B}(\text{st}, K_S, S, \text{Eval}_F(K, S)) = 1] - \Pr [\mathcal{B}(\text{st}, K_S, S, U_{m \cdot |S|}) = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

1.2 Indistinguishable Obfuscation

We will use the definition of indistinguishable obfuscation as presented in [GGH⁺16].

Definition 1.2 (Indistinguishable obfuscation). A uniform PPT machine \mathcal{O} is an indistinguishable obfuscator for a class of circuits \mathcal{C} if for every circuit $C \in \mathcal{C}$ we have that

$$\Pr[C'(x) = C(x) \mid C' \leftarrow \mathcal{O}(C)] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

and for any PPT distinguisher \mathcal{D} and two pairs of circuits C_0, C_1 such that $C_0(x) = C_1(x)$ for all x , then

$$\left| \Pr [\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda, C_0)) = 1] - \Pr [\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{O}(\lambda, C_1)) = 1] \right|.$$

2 DAG Label Obfuscation from Additive Overhead iO

2.1 DAG Randomized Traversal

Say that we have a sparse, potentially exponentially sized, graph $\mathcal{G} = (V, E)$ with polynomial depth D , and for all $v \in V$, $\deg(v) \leq d$. Moreover, for simplicity, assume that for all v ,

$$\deg^{-1}(v) = |\{u \in V \mid \exists j \in [d], \Gamma(u)_j = v\}| \leq d.$$

In words, there are at most d edges into a vertex. As a note, our construction just requires that $\deg^{-1}(\cdot) = O(1)$ but for the sake of simplicity we fix $\deg^{-1}(\cdot) \leq d$.

We also require that \mathcal{G} is equipped with a neighbor function, Γ , 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 , a PPT adversary which runs in time at most $T(\lambda)$, \mathcal{A} , which does not know a path from v_0 to v ,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S), v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) = \phi(K, v)] \leq \epsilon \quad (1)$$

for function C_Γ^S where $C_\Gamma^S(\phi(K, u)) = \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_1), \dots, \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_d)$ and the circuit is padded to size S . if $\Gamma(u) \neq \emptyset$ and otherwise $\Gamma(u)$ returns a \perp string. We fix the adversary's advantage to $\epsilon < \text{poly}(\lambda)$ and runtime to $T(\lambda) \leq \text{poly}(\lambda, \frac{1}{\epsilon})$ as we will need to show that a set of a potentially exponential number of games *does not have exponential security loss* nor *reduce down to security against an exponentially strong adversary*.

2.2 Using Constant Overhead iO

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2.3 Instantiation

We define $\phi(K, v) = F(K, v)$ for $K \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^\lambda$, and we can now define C_Γ^S :

Algorithm 1 The circuit for the neighbor function, C_Γ^S padded out to size S .

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1: function  $C_\Gamma^S(X, v)$ 
2:   if  $f(X) \neq f(F(K, v))$  then
3:     return  $\perp$ 
4:   if  $\Gamma(v) = \emptyset$  then
5:     return  $\perp$ 
6:    $u_1, \dots, u_d = \Gamma(v)$ 
7:   return  $F(K, u_1), F(K, u_2), \dots, F(K, u_d)$ 

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We are going to show that [eq. \(1\)](#) for $S = O(D \cdot \mathcal{O})$ where \mathcal{O} is the additive overhead of indistinguishable obfuscation. We will do this by first showing that the non-existence of an extractor to find a path from v_0 to v implies that \mathcal{A} necessarily does not know $\phi(K, c)$ for a $c \in C_V \subset V$ where the vertices in C_V border a graph cut which separates v_0 and v . Note that the base case holds for all $S \geq \text{poly}(\lambda)$.

Then, we inductively build up a series of games to show that \mathcal{A} cannot learn *any* $\phi(K, v)$ for $v \in V_1$ where V_1 are the vertices on the side of the cut containing v . At each inductive step, we restrict the security game to hold for $S \geq O(\mathcal{I} \cdot \text{overhead})$ where \mathcal{I} is the number of calls to induction.

Lemma 2.1 (Base Case Game). *Assuming that there is no extractor E such that $\Pr[E(\Gamma, v_0, v) = P] \geq \frac{1}{p(\lambda)}$ where $P \in \mathcal{P}$, then for any PPT \mathcal{A} , there exists some graph cut $C_E \subset E$ which separates v_0 and v and a set C_V such that*

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S), v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \phi(K, C_V)] < \epsilon \quad (2)$$

for any $S \geq \text{poly}(\lambda)$. We define $C_V \subset V$ to be

$$\{u \mid (w, u) \in C_E \text{ and } u \text{ on the side of } v\} \cup \{w \mid (w, u) \in C_E \text{ and } w \text{ on the side of } v\}.$$

In words, C_V are the vertices just adjacent to the cut and on the same side as v .

Proof. We will show that if \mathcal{A} can break eq. (2), then we can construct an extractor, E , which finds a path from v_0 to v with non-negligible probability.

Assume that for every possible cut, \mathcal{A} is able to produce a single label in this cut for a vertex w . Then, we note that there must be at least 1 path from v_0 to w and from w to v as otherwise, w would not be in the cut. Moreover, we note that \mathcal{A} must be able to produce a label for all vertices on at least one path from v_0 to w as otherwise, we can change the cut to include the edges between where \mathcal{A} is able to produce a label and not able to produce a label. Using the same argument, we can show that \mathcal{A} must be able to produce all labels on a path from w to v .

Note that \mathcal{A} is not given the specific cut C_E but rather C_E is chosen based off of the adversary. So, we can build an extractor to do the following:

1. Create an iO obfuscated circuit with a random key, K' , for C_Γ^S and create circuit $\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S)$ as well as $\phi(K', v_0)$
2. Run $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S), v_0, v, \phi(K', v_0))$ to get all labels $\phi(K', v_0), \dots, \phi(K', v)$ for some path from v_0 to v .
3. Recreate the path from v_0 to v via checking which vertex matches to adjacent labels in the path: I.e. starting with $\ell = 0$, we can learn the $\ell + 1$ vertex via finding $j \in [d]$ such that $C_\Gamma^S(\phi(K', v_\ell), v_\ell)_j \in \{\phi(K', v_0), \dots, \phi(K', v)\}$ and then setting $v_{\ell+1} = \Gamma(v_\ell)_j$.

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We can look at lemma 2.1 as a “base case” of sorts. We now inductively build up a series of games such that \mathcal{A} cannot find any label in V_1 where V_1 are the vertices on side of the cut (as defined in lemma 2.1) which contain v .

Lemma 2.2 (Inductive Game Hypothesis). *Let $H_{\mathcal{I}} \subset V$ be a “hard” set of vertices for the \mathcal{I} -th step of induction such that \mathcal{A} cannot, with non-negligible probability, produce $\phi(K, h)$ where $h \in H$. Note that the base case has $H = C_V$. Assuming adaptive security of constrained PRFs, one way functions, and the existence of additive overhead indistinguishable obfuscation, we then have for any $w \in \Gamma(h)$ and $S \geq q(\mathcal{I}, \lambda)$ for all $h \in H$,*

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S), v_0, w, \phi(K, v_0)) = \phi(K, w)] < \epsilon.$$

Proof. We are going to use a series of indistinguishable hybrids along with the circuit defined in 2 to show the above

- **Hyb₀**: In the first hybrid, the following game is played

1. The challenger gives the adversary w^* in plaintext.
 2. $K \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\lambda'}$ and $\phi(K, v_0) = (F(K, v_0), v_0)$ where K is some fixed secret drawn from a uniform distribution
 3. The challenger generates $\mathcal{O}(C_\Gamma^S)$ and gives the program to \mathcal{A}
 4. \mathcal{A} outputs guess g and wins if $g = \phi(K, w^*)$
- **Hyb₁**: We replace C_Γ^S with C_Γ^S as defined in circuit 2. Fix the constant $z^* = f(F(K, w^*))$
 - **Hyb_{2,1}** We replace circuit 2 with circuit 3 where we set $Y^* = (1, y)$ such that $\Gamma(y)_1 = w^*$. So then, we have that $F(K, \Gamma(y)_1) = \perp$. Moreover, we set the punctured set, S to \emptyset (i.e. we do not puncture the PRF).
 - **Hyb_{2,j}** for $j \in \{2, \dots, \deg^{-1}(w^*)\}$ We replace Y^* with $Y^* \cup (j, y)$ such that $\Gamma(y)_j = w^*$. Note after the last of these hybrids, we have that $F(K, w^*)$ is always set to \perp .
 - **Hyb₃**: We puncture the PRF at w^* and set $S = \{w^*\}$.
 - **Hyb₄**: Set $z^* = f(t)$ where t is chosen at random

Finally, we can note that if $\text{Hyb}_0 \stackrel{c}{\approx} \text{Hyb}_4$,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_\Gamma^S, v_0, w, \phi(K, v_0)) = \phi(K, w)] \stackrel{c}{\approx} \Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_\Gamma^{S^*}, v_0, w, \phi(K, v_0)) = \phi(K, w)]$$

where z^* in $C_\Gamma^{S^*}$ is the image on a OWF of a randomly chosen point. As we will show in lemma 2.3, lemma 2.4, and lemma 2.6, an adversaries advantage between games in Hyb_0 and Hyb_3 is at most $\epsilon/2$. Thus, if \mathcal{A} can produce $\phi(K, v) = (\sigma_v, v)$ with advantage $\epsilon/2$ in Hyb_3 , then \mathcal{A} can find a pre-image for z^* under f with non-negligible probability and thus break the security of a one way function. We then have that the advantage of the adversary in Hyb_0 cannot be more than ϵ . \square

Lemma 2.3. *Hyb₀ and Hyb₁ are distinguishable with advantage at most $\epsilon/10$.*

Proof. Assume towards contradiction that $\epsilon \in \text{poly}(1/\lambda)$. Note that for all inputs (z, v) to C_Γ^S as defined in circuit 1 and circuit 2 are equivalent and thus indistinguishable by the definition of indistinguishable obfuscation. So, if $\epsilon \in \text{poly}(\lambda)$, then an adversary cannot distinguish the hybrids with probability more than $\epsilon/10$. \square

Lemma 2.4. *Each hybrid from Hyb₁ to Hyb_{2,1} and Hyb_{2,j-1} to Hyb_{2,j} for $j \in 2, \dots, \deg^{-1}(w^*)$ is distinguishable with advantage at most $\epsilon/(10d)$. Thus, Hyb₁ and Hyb_{2,deg⁻¹(w*)} are distinguishable with advantage at most $\epsilon/10$.*

Proof. This proof will be a modification of the proof in [IPS15] for the simple case of weak extractible obfuscation. The key idea lies on two observations:

1. We can go from Hyb_{2,j-1} (or Hyb₁) to a “padded out” version of Hyb_{2,j} by obfuscating a program which calls C_Γ^S internally and returns \perp for the j -th input.
2. We can go from Hyb_{2,j-1} (or Hyb₁) to a padded out version of itself.
3. If an adversary can produce Hyb_{2,j-1} (or Hyb₁) and Hyb_{2,j} which are of the same size and can distinguish them with advantage at least $\epsilon/10d$, then we can build an adversary, \mathcal{B} , which can produce a label $\phi(K, h)$ for $h \in H$ in Hyb₀/Hyb₁.

For simplicity, say that the input size to all of our circuits is n . Let $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $s \geq q(\mathcal{I}, \lambda)$. Also, let C_0^s be the circuit from the first hybrid and C_1^s the one from the second.

At a high level, we will show that an adversary can create a “padded out” C_1 given only C_0 . Then, if an adversary can distinguish between $C_0^{s'}$ and $C_1^{s'}$ for $s' \geq q(\mathcal{I} + 1, \lambda)$, we can break the inductive hypothesis.

First, given C_0^s , \mathcal{A} can construct a larger version of $C_1^{s'}$ by obfuscating a program which calls C_0^s internally and returns \perp for the j -th input of w . \mathcal{A} also then produces C_0^s which is C^0 padded out to the size of $C_1^{s'}$. Note that we define $q(\mathcal{I} + 1, \lambda) - q(\mathcal{I}, \lambda)$ in [section 2.2](#) to be at least as large as the difference between C_0^s and $C_1^{s'}$.

Now, assume towards contradiction that there exists an adversary \mathcal{A} that can distinguish $C_0^{s'}$ and $C_1^{s'}$ with advantage $\epsilon' > \epsilon/10d$ in $O(T')$ time with polynomial advantage $\epsilon' > \epsilon/10d$. Let C_i^{Mid} be a circuit such that $C_i^{\text{Mid}}(X) = C_0(X)$ if $X_i = 0$ and $C_i^{\text{Mid}}(X) = C_1(X)$ if $X_i = 1$. We can see that $C_0^{s'}$ and $C_1^{s'}$ differ on at most 1 input which we will call α . Then, $C_i^{\text{Mid}} = C_0$ if $\alpha_i = 0$ and $C_i^{\text{Mid}} = C_1$ if $\alpha_i = 1$. So, if we build an adversary \mathcal{B} to tell if $C_i^{\text{Mid}} = C_0^{s'}$ or $C_i^{\text{Mid}} = C_1^{s'}$ with probability γ , we have that $\mathcal{B}(C_0^{s'}, C_1^{s'})$ can be used to check if α_i is 0 or 1 with probability γ . So then, \mathcal{B} can be used to learn $\phi(K, \alpha)$ with probability at least γ^n . We then have that because $\alpha \in H$ and the initial circuit has size $s \geq q(\mathcal{I}, \lambda)$, \mathcal{B} can break the inductive hypothesis!

To build \mathcal{B} to tell if $C_i^{\text{Mid}} = C_0$ or C_1 with probability $\gamma^n \geq \epsilon$, we will make oracle calls to \mathcal{A} :

1. Run $I = \left\lceil \frac{12(\ln 2 + \ln n - \ln(1-\epsilon) + \ln 2)}{\epsilon'} \right\rceil$ iterations of the following experiment to estimate advantage ϵ'_b for $b \in \{0, 1\}$
 - (a) Sample a random obfuscation of $C_b^{s'}$ via re-randomizing the obfuscating of the existing $C_b^{s'}$
 - (b) Sample a random obfuscation of C_i^{Mid} via re-obfuscating C_i^{Mid}
 - (c) Have \mathcal{A} distinguish between C_b and C^{Mid}
 - (d) Output 1 if successful.

Note that we can estimate ϵ'_b as the number of successful runs, which we will denote $\sum_{j \in [I]} S_{i,j}$, divided by I .

2. If $\epsilon'_1 > \epsilon'_0$, then $C^{\text{Mid}} = C_0$, otherwise, $C^{\text{Mid}} = C_1$.

Note that \mathcal{B} runs in time $O(T'I)$. So, if we set the upper-bound on the runtime of the adversary in [eq. \(1\)](#) to $O(T'I)$, then \mathcal{B} can learn $\phi(K, y)$ with probability $\gamma^n \geq \frac{\epsilon}{10d}$.

We defer the proof that I is the correct choice of parameters such that $\gamma^n \geq \frac{\epsilon}{10d}$ to [appendix A](#). \square

Lemma 2.5. *The game in $\text{Hyb}_{2, \deg^{-1}(w^*)}$ is indistinguishable from Hyb_3 with probability at most $\epsilon/10$.*

Proof. As with [lemma 2.3](#), the indistinguishability follows directly from the definition of indistinguishable obfuscation. \square

Lemma 2.6. *The game in Hyb_3 is indistinguishable from Hyb_4 .*

Proof. Assume towards contradiction that $\epsilon \in \text{poly}(1/\lambda)$. We now show that if the advantage of \mathcal{A} is greater than $\epsilon/10$, then we can create a reduction, \mathcal{B} , which can break the security of the PRF at the punctured point. \mathcal{B} first chooses a message w^* and submits this to the constrained PRF challenger and gets back the punctured PRF key $K(\{w^*\})$ and challenge a . \mathcal{B} then runs the experiment in $\text{Hyb}_{2, \deg^{-1}(w^*)}$ except that $z^* = f(a)$. If a is the output of the PRF, then we are in $\text{Hyb}_{2, \deg^{-1}(w^*)}$, if a is the output of a random function, then we are in Hyb_3 . \square

Algorithm 2 Circuit for the neighbor function, C_{Γ}^S with PRF key K and constant w^*, z^*

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1: function  $C_{\Gamma}^S(X, v)$ 
2:   if  $v \neq w$  and  $f(X) \neq f(F(K, v))$  then
3:     return  $\perp$ 
4:   if  $v = w$  and  $f(X) \neq z^*$  then
5:     return  $\perp$ 
6:   if  $\Gamma(v) = \emptyset$  then
7:     return  $\perp$ 
8:    $u_1, \dots, u_d = \Gamma(v)$ 
9:   return  $F(K, u_1), F(K, u_2), \dots, F(K, u_d)$ 

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Algorithm 3 Circuit for the neighbor function, C_{Γ}^S with punctured PRF key $K(S)$ and constant w^*, Y^*, J^*, z^*

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1: function  $C_{\Gamma}^S(X, v)$ 
2:   if  $v \neq w$  and  $f(X) \neq f(F(K, v))$  then
3:     return  $\perp$ 
4:   if  $v = w$  and  $f(X) \neq z^*$  then
5:     return  $\perp$ 
6:   if  $\Gamma(v) = \emptyset$  then
7:     return  $\perp$ 
8:    $u_1, \dots, u_d = \Gamma(v)$ 
9:   while  $\exists j^* \in [d], (j^*, u_j) \in Y^*$  do
10:    Set  $F(K, u_{j^*}) = \perp$ 
11:   return  $F(K, u_1), F(K, u_2), \dots, F(K, u_d)$ 

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Abstract

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A Proof of Parameters in Lemma 2.4

As a reminder, we set $I = \left\lceil \frac{12(\ln 2 + \ln n - \ln(1-\epsilon) + \ln 2)}{\epsilon'} \right\rceil$ where I is the number of iterations of the experiment define in lemma 2.4.

WLOG, say that $C^{\text{Mid}} = C_0$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = \Pr[\epsilon'_1 > \epsilon'_0] &= \Pr \left[\sum_{j \in [I]} S_{1,j} > \sum_j S_{0,j} \right] \\ &\geq \Pr \left[\sum_{j \in [I]} S_{1,j} > \frac{I\epsilon'}{2} \right] \cdot \Pr \left[\sum_{j \in [I]} S_{0,j} < \frac{I\epsilon'}{2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

We then have that

$$\Pr \left[\sum_j S_{1,j} > I\epsilon' \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right] \geq 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{2^2 \cdot 3} \right) = 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right). \quad (\text{by the Chernoff bound})$$

And, if iO distinguishing advantage is at most α and $\delta = \frac{\epsilon'}{2\alpha} - 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left[\sum_j S_{0,j} < \frac{I\epsilon'}{2} \right] &= 1 - \Pr \left[\sum_j S_{0,j} \geq (1 + \delta)I\alpha \right] \geq 1 - \exp \left(-I\alpha \left(\frac{\epsilon'}{2\alpha} - 1 \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &\quad (\text{by the Chernoff bound}) \\ &\geq 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'^2}{12\alpha} \right) \geq 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right) \quad (\text{as } \epsilon' > \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

So we finally have that

$$\Pr[\epsilon'_1 > \epsilon'_0] \geq 1 - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right) - \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right) \geq 1 - 2 \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right). \quad (3)$$

Setting $I \geq \frac{12(\ln 2 + \ln n - \ln(1-\epsilon) + \ln 2)}{\epsilon'} \in \text{poly}(n, 1/\epsilon, 1/\epsilon')$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^n &\leq \left(1 - 2 \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right) \right)^n \\ &\leq 1 - 2n \cdot \exp \left(-\frac{I\epsilon'}{12} \right) = 1 - 2n \cdot \exp(-\ln n + \ln(1-\epsilon) - \ln 2) \\ &= 1 - (1-\epsilon) = \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.