# 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  $C_1, \ldots, C_d$ .

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

$$\left\{
\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen(MSK,\cdot)}}(\text{CT}) & \stackrel{(1^n,1^q)}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \\
\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen(MSK,\cdot)}}(\text{CT}) & \stackrel{(MPK,MSK)}{\leftarrow} \text{Setup } (1^n,1^q) \\
\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen(MSK)}}(\text{MPK}) & \text{CT} \leftarrow \text{Enc(MPK}, m)
\end{array}\right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\stackrel{c}{\approx} \left\{
\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3^{U_m(\cdot)}}(\text{CT}) & \stackrel{(1^n,1^q)}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{A}(1^{\lambda}) \\
\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_3(\text{CT})}(\text{CT}) & \stackrel{(MPK,\mathbf{st}_0)}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{S}_{\text{im}_0} (1^{\lambda},1^n,q) \\
\mathcal{A}^{S_1(\mathbf{st}_0)}(\text{MPK}) \\
\mathcal{C}^{\text{CT}},\mathbf{st}_2) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_2(\mathbf{st}_1,\Pi^m)
\end{array}\right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$$

Our modified security definition is as follows:

$$\left\{
\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{A}^{\text{KeyGen(MSK,\cdot)}}(\text{CT}) & (1^{n}, 1^{q}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{(1)} \\
(MPK, MSK) \leftarrow \text{Setup } (1^{n}, 1^{q}) \\
m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(MPK, SK_{C_{1}}, \dots, SK_{C_{d}}) \\
\text{CT} \leftarrow \text{Enc(MPK, m)}
\end{array}\right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\stackrel{c}{\approx} \left\{
\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{A}^{\text{Sim}_{3}^{U_{m}(\cdot)}}(\text{CT}) & (MPK, \mathbf{st}_{0}) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_{0} (1^{\lambda}, 1^{n}, q) \\
m \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S_{1}(\mathbf{st}_{0})}(MPK, C_{1}, \dots, C_{d}) \\
(CT, \mathbf{st}_{2}) \leftarrow \text{Sim}_{2}(\mathbf{st}_{1}, \Pi^{m})
\end{array}\right\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$(1)$$

we also copy the admissibility constraints of [GGLW22]:

#### 1.2 Non-malleable Bounded FE

Here, we introduce the notion of non-malleable bounded functional encryption. While we make the definition explicit (in terms of its non-malleability), we prove that simulation-secure bounded FE is equivalent to simulation secure non-malleable bounded FE.

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

- 1.  $(MPK, MSK) \leftarrow FE.Setup(1^{\lambda})$
- 2.  $SK_{C_i} \leftarrow FE.Keygen(MSK, C_i)$  for  $i \in [d]$
- 3.  $CT_1, \dots, CT_q \leftarrow FE.Enc(MPK, m_1), \dots FE.Enc(MPK, m_q)$

4. 
$$c'_1, \ldots, c'_{\ell} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathrm{CT}, 1^{|m|})$$

5.  $m'_i \leftarrow \bot$  is  $c_i = c_j$  for  $j \in [q]$  and FE.Dec(SK<sub>identity</sub>,  $c_i$ ) 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 negl such that for all  $\{m\}_0, \{m\}_1 \in \{0,1\}^{nq}$ , we have

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

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

$$\left| \mathbf{Pr} \left[ NM(\{m\}, \mathcal{A}(z) \in \bigcup_{m \in \{m\}} R(m) \right] - \right.$$

$$\left. \mathbf{Pr} \left[ c \leftarrow \operatorname{Sim}_{NM}(1^n, z); m' = \operatorname{FE.Dec}(\operatorname{SK}_{\operatorname{identity}}, c); m' \in \bigcup_{m \in \{m\}} R(m) \right] \right| \leq \operatorname{negl}(\lambda).$$

Note that in the above definition, we do not give the adversary access to any  $SK_{C_i}$ . We simply require that the scheme is public key non-malleable.

and note that if  $SK_{C_i}$  is given to the adversary such that  $FE.Dec(SK_{ID}, C_i(x)) \notin R(m)$  for all  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$ , then the scheme is still non-malleable even if the adversary is given access to  $SK_{C_i}$ . This is because we can use the FE simulator to replace FE.Enc with a simulator  $Sim_{FE}$  which relies solely on public parameters and  $C_i, C_i(x)$ . Indeed, as the

Thus, we can see that given the simulator  $SK_{C_i}$  is useless as  $FE.Dec(C_i(x)) \notin R(m)$ .

TODO: CHANGE NM definition to be from https://www.cs.cornell.edu/rafael/papers/PSV06a.pdf... the adversary gets the public key

# 2 A sketch for the boys

#### 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 (pseudo) randomized and keyed labelling function  $\phi: V \times \{0, 1\}^{\lambda} \to \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  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,

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_{\Gamma}, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \operatorname{Image}(\phi(K, v))] \le O(v)\epsilon$$
(3)

for some fixed  $\epsilon \leq \mathtt{negl}(\lambda)$  and function  $C_{\Gamma}$  where  $C_{\Gamma}(\phi(K, u)) = \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_1), \dots, \phi(K, \Gamma(u)_d)$  if  $\Gamma(u) \neq \emptyset$  and otherwise  $\Gamma(u)$  returns a 0 string of length  $d|\phi(K, \cdot)|$ .

#### 2.2 Instantiation

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

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

We can now define,  $C_{\Gamma}$ .

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

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1: function INNER<sub>i</sub>(K, v, r)
         if \Gamma(v) = \emptyset then
 2:
             return 0 \in \{0, 1\}^*
 3:
         u_1,\ldots,u_d=\Gamma(v)
 4:
         u = u_i
 5:
         r_1, r_2 = PRG(r)
 6:
         return FE.Enc(MPK, (u, K, r_2)) where we encrypt with randomness from r_1.
 7:
    function C_{\Gamma}(\phi(K,v))
         for i \in [d] do
 9:
             u_i = \mathtt{Dec}(\mathrm{SK}_{\mathtt{inner}_i}, \phi(K, v))
10:
         return (u_1,\ldots,u_d)
11:
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Now, we will prove eq. (3). For convenience, we will restate eq. (3):

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(C_{\Gamma}, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \operatorname{Image}(\phi(K, v))] \leq O(v)\epsilon$$

for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ .

Proof of eq. (3). Let P be the set of all paths from  $v_0$  to v. Then, as the adversary does not know any path from  $v_0$  to v, we have that for each  $p \in P$  where  $p = v_0, \ldots, v$ , there is some suffix of p, p', which the adversary does not know.

We are going to use a similar proof technique as in ?? where we use a hybrid argument.

- Hyb<sub>0</sub>: In the first hybrid, the following game is played
  - 1.  $K \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^{\lambda'}$  and MPK, SK  $\leftarrow$  FE.Setup $(1^{\lambda'})$ .

- 2. The challenger generates  $SK_{inner_i} \leftarrow FE.Keygen(MSK, inner_i)$  for  $i \in [d]$  and gives these keys to A
- 3. The challenger chooses a v and gives the adversary v in plaintext.
- 4. The challenger picks random  $r_1, r_2 \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^{\lambda'}$  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. A outputs guess g and wins if  $g \in \phi(K, v)$
- Hyb<sub>1</sub>: We replace  $\phi(K, v_0)$  with a simulated cipher-text using the simulator Sim<sub>2</sub> MPK with its simulated counterpart using Sim<sub>0</sub>, and SK<sub>inner</sub>, with its simulated counterpart using Sim<sub>3</sub> as defined in eq. (1).
- Hyb<sub>2a</sub>: For any input into Sim<sub>2</sub> via  $\Pi^{K,w,r}$  where  $w \in \|$  and r is random, we replace the output of inner<sub>i</sub> with inner'<sub>i</sub> which uses true randomness  $r_1^*, r_2^*$  in stead 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 inner<sub>i</sub> with inner'<sub>i</sub> which uses true randomness  $r_1^*, r_2^*$  in stead of  $r_1, r_2$ . This is equivalent to changing  $\Pi^m$  to  $\Pi^{m'}$  in eq. (1) where  $\Pi^{m'}$  is the list (inner<sub>1</sub>, inner'<sub>1</sub>(·), ..., inner<sub>d</sub>, inner'<sub>d</sub>(·)). Note that this gives us that inner'<sub>i</sub>(K, w, r) =  $\phi(K, u)$  = FE.Enc(MPK,  $(K, u, r_2^*)$ ) where  $u = \Gamma(w)_i$ .
- Hyb<sub>2b</sub>: For any call by  $\mathcal{A}$  to inner'<sub>i</sub> $(K, w, r) = \mathrm{CT}$ , we replace CT with with CT' where CT' is the output of Sim<sub>2</sub> with input  $\Pi^{(K,u,r)'}$  where  $u = \Gamma(w)_i$ .
  - Note that the replacement of  $\mathrm{Hyb}_{2a}$  and  $\mathrm{Hyb}_{2b}$  are repeated multiple times. Specifically, these replacements are repeated at most  $\alpha$  times where  $\alpha$  is the number of unique times  $\mathcal A$  runs  $\mathrm{FE.Dec}(\mathrm{SK}_{\mathtt{inner}_i},\phi(K,w))$ .
- 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  $\mathsf{inner}_i(w^u)$  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  $\mathsf{inner}_i(w^u)$ , then the adversary knows a path from  $v_0$  to v. Define  $\mathsf{Suff}(P)$  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  $\mathsf{inner}_i$  is indistinguishable from the above hybrid.
  - For the base case, let  $U = \{u_1, \ldots, u_{\|\mathcal{P}\|}\}$  where u is the first vertex in P such that  $\mathcal{A}$  never queries  $\mathtt{inner}_i(w^u)$  as defined above. Then, replace  $\mathtt{inner}_i'(\cdot)$  with  $\mathtt{inner}_i^*(\cdot)$  in  $\Pi_m$  such that  $\mathtt{inner}_i^*(w) = \mathtt{inner}_i'(w)$  if  $w \neq w^u$  for  $u \in U$  and otherwise  $\mathtt{inner}_i^*(w^u) = \bot$ . We can note that this hybrid is indistinguishable as  $\mathtt{inner}_i'$  only changes for input ciphertexts which the adversary never queries.
  - For the  $\ell$ -th inductive step, we are going to assume that we are given a hybrid such that  $\mathtt{inner}_i^\ell$  such that  $\mathtt{inner}_i^\ell(w^u) = \bot$  for  $u \in U^\ell$  where  $U^\ell$  where  $U^\ell = \bigcup_{P \in \mathcal{P}} \mathrm{Suff}(P)_1, \ldots, \mathrm{Suff}(P)_\ell$  and otherwise  $\mathtt{inner}_i^\ell(\cdot) = \mathtt{inner}_i'(\cdot)$ . We now show that if  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish between a hybrid with  $\mathtt{inner}_i^\ell(\cdot)$  and  $\mathtt{inner}_i^{\ell+1}(\cdot)$ , then the adversary can break the non-malleability of the FE scheme. We defer this proof to  $\mathtt{lemma 2.2}$ .

Finally, we can note that by the indistinguishably of Hyb<sub>0</sub> and Hyb<sub>5</sub>,

$$\mathbf{Pr}[\mathcal{A}(C_{\Gamma}, v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \mathrm{Image}(\phi(K, v))] \overset{c}{\approx} \mathbf{Pr}[\mathcal{A}(C_{\Gamma}', v_0, v, \phi(K, v_0)) \in \mathrm{Image}(\phi(K, v))]$$

where  $C'_{\Gamma}$  is  $C_{\Gamma}$  except that  $C'_{\Gamma}$  uses  $\operatorname{inner}_{i}^{p}$  where  $p = \max_{P \in \mathcal{P}} |P|$ . We can note that  $C'_{\Gamma}$  returns  $\bot$  for any query on  $\phi(K, w^{v})$  where  $w^{v} \in \Gamma^{-1}(v)$ . Using lemma 2.3, we have that

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

Lemma 2.1.  $\mathit{Hyb}_0 \stackrel{c}{\approx} \mathit{Hyb}_2$ .

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

Then, if A can distribution  $Hyb_1$  and  $Hyb_2$ ,

**Lemma 2.2.** Let 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  $Hyb_3$  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  $\mathsf{inner}_i^\ell$  or  $\mathsf{inner}_{i+1}^\ell$  on  $\phi(K, w^u)$  where  $u \in \{\mathsf{Suff}(P)_{\ell+1} \mid P \in \mathcal{P}\}$  as the this is the only difference between the hybrids. Thus, we see that  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to produce  $\mathsf{CT} \in \phi(K, w^u)$ . By definition of  $\mathsf{inner}_i^\ell$  though, we know that  $\mathsf{inner}_i^\ell(\phi(k,q)) \neq \phi(K,w^u)$  for any  $q \in V$  as we define  $\mathsf{inner}_i^\ell(K,q) = \bot$  if  $\mathsf{inner}_i'(K,q) = \phi(K,w^u)$ . Thus, the adversary has to be able to produce  $\mathsf{CT} \in \phi(K,w^u)$  without calling  $C_\Gamma$ .

Thus, if  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_{\Gamma}, \phi(K, v_0))$  can produce  $CT \in \phi(K, w^u)$ , we can have  $\mathcal{B}(\phi(K, v_0), \phi(K, q_1), \ldots, \phi(K, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}))$  produce  $\phi(K, w^u)$  where  $q_1, \ldots, q_{\text{poly}(\lambda)}$  are all the vertices that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $C_{\Gamma}$  on.  $\mathcal{B}$  simply has to invoke  $Sim_1$  to create a simulated set of function keys for  $inner_i$  for all  $i \in [d]$  and can then simulate  $C_{\Gamma}$ .

We can then have  $\mathcal{B}$  invoke  $\operatorname{Sim}_1$  to create a simulated function key for  $\operatorname{SK}'_{\mathtt{inner}_i}$  and thus a simulated  $C'_{\Gamma}$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  then gives  $\mathcal{A}$  ( $w^u, v_0, C'_{\Gamma}, \phi(K, v_0)$ ). we can then break ?? as  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to create an encryption of  $\phi(K, w^u)$  with non-negligible probability while the simulator cannot.

**Lemma 2.3.** Define  $C'_{\Gamma}$  where  $C'_{\Gamma}$  is defined as in algorithm 1 except that for some set  $U \subset V$ ,  $C_{\Gamma}(w^u)_i = \bot$  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 A and all  $u \in U$ ,

$$\mathbf{Pr}[\mathcal{A}(C'_{\Gamma}, v_0, u, U, \phi(K, v_0)) \in Image(\phi(K, u))] \le \operatorname{negl}(\lambda). \tag{4}$$

*Proof.* We construct an adversary  $\mathcal{B}$  that can break NM security using  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  can produce  $CT \in \phi(K, u)$  for some  $u \in U$ .

If  $\mathcal{A}(w^u, v_0, C_{\Gamma}, u, U, \phi(K, v_0))$  can produce  $\operatorname{CT} \in \phi(K, u)$ , we can have  $\mathcal{B}(\phi(K, v_0), \phi(K, q_1), \ldots, \phi(K, q_{\operatorname{poly}(\lambda)}))$  produce  $\phi(K, u)$  where  $q_1, \ldots, q_{\operatorname{poly}(\lambda)}$  are all the vertices that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $C'_{\Gamma}$  on.  $\mathcal{B}$  simply has to invoke  $\operatorname{Sim}_1$  to create a simulated set of function keys for  $\operatorname{inner}_i$  for all  $i \in [d]$  and can then simulate  $C'_{\Gamma}$  with these function keys.

We can then have  $\mathcal{B}$  invoke  $\operatorname{Sim}_1$  to create a simulated function key for  $\operatorname{SK}'_{\mathtt{inner}_i}$  and thus a simulated  $C^*_{\Gamma}$ .  $\mathcal{B}$  then gives  $\mathcal{A}$  ( $w^u, v_0, C^*_{\Gamma}, \phi(K, v_0)$ ). We can then break ?? (this is supposed to be the NM relationship equation) as  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to create an encryption of  $\phi(K, w^u)$  with non-negligible probability while the simulator cannot.

#### Abstract

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