

## APPENDIX A PROOF OF THEOREM 1

There are two restrictions on the total size of raw files. One is the restriction of total capacity. The other is the the restriction of maximal total value of stored files.

Under the former restriction, each file  $f$  is stored as  $f.cp$  replicas. Due to the assumption of redundant capacity, The total size of all replicas can not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of total capacity. That is,

$$\sum_f (f.size \times f.cp) \leq \frac{1}{2} N_s \times minCapacity.$$

Because  $f.cp = k \times \frac{f.value}{minValue}$ , we have

$$\sum_f (f.size \times k \times \frac{f.value}{minValue}) \leq \frac{1}{2} N_s \times minCapacity.$$

Then we have

$$k \times \frac{\sum_f (f.size \times f.value)}{minValue \times \sum_f f.size} \leq \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{N_s \times minCapacity}{\sum_f f.size}.$$

Let  $r_1 = \frac{\sum_f f.size \times f.value}{minValue \times \sum_f f.size}$  we have

$$\frac{k}{r_1} \leq \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{N_s \times minCapacity}{\sum_f f.size}.$$

Then

$$\sum_f f.size \leq \frac{N_s \times minCapacity}{2r_1 k}.$$

Under the latter restriction, the total value of files can't exceed  $S_v^m \times minValue$ . That is,

$$\sum_f f.value \leq n \times minValue.$$

Because  $n = Cap\_Para \times m$ ,

$$\frac{\sum_f f.value}{\sum_f f.size} \leq \frac{Cap\_Para \times N_s \times minValue}{\sum_f f.size}.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_f f.size \leq \frac{N_s \times minCapacity}{r_2},$$

where

$$r_2 = \frac{minCapacity \times \sum_f f.value}{minValue \times \sum_f f.size \times Cap\_Para}.$$

## APPENDIX B PROOF OF THEOREM 2

In the special case, all files have the same size  $f.size$ . For a sector  $s$  with capacity  $s.capacity$ , it can store  $\frac{s.capacity}{f.size}$  backups. There are  $N_{cp}$  backups in total. Let  $X_i$  be the event that the backup  $i$  is stored in this sector and  $S = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{cp}} X_i$ . Because the assumption of redundant capacity, we have

$E[S] \leq \frac{s.capacity}{2f.size}$ . By multiplicative Chernoff bound, we have

$$\Pr \left[ s.freeCap \leq \frac{1}{8} s.capacity \right]$$

$$= \Pr \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N_{cp}} X_i \geq \frac{7}{8} \frac{s.capacity}{f.size} \right]$$

$$\leq \Pr \left[ S \geq \frac{7}{4} E[S] \right]$$

$$\leq \exp \left\{ \left( \log \frac{e}{4} \right) \frac{3}{4} E[S] \right\}$$

$$\leq \exp \left\{ \left( \log \frac{e}{4} \right) \frac{3s.capacity}{8f.size} \right\}$$

$$\leq \exp \left\{ -0.144 \frac{s.capacity}{f.size} \right\}$$

Applying union bound, we obtain

$$\Pr \left[ \exists s, s.freeCap \leq \frac{1}{8} s.capacity \right] \leq N_s \exp \left\{ -0.144 \frac{s.capacity}{f.size} \right\}.$$

## APPENDIX C PROOF OF THEOREM 3

We define the state of a FileInsurer network as  $(F, S, A)$  consisting of files  $F$  stored in the network, sectors  $S$  in the network, and all allocations  $A$  in the network.

**Lemma 1** For the state  $(F, S, A)$  of a network, it can be viewed as another state  $(F', S, A')$  where the value of each file is  $minValue$ . For the case where the adversary corrupts severral sectors, the total value of lost files of the state  $(F, S, A)$  does not exceed that of  $(F', S, A')$ .

*Proof:* For the state  $(F, S, A)$ , we divide each file descriptor  $f$  to  $\frac{f.value}{minValue}$  different file descriptors. These file descriptors all have the same merkle root as the merkle root of  $f$ . Divide the  $f.cp$  allocations of  $f$  equally among these new file descriptors, and each file descriptor have exactly  $k$  allocations. By defining  $F'$  as these new file descriptors,  $A'$  as these new file allocations, we construct a state  $(F', S, A')$  such that the value of each file is  $minValue$ . The content stored in each sector is the same for state  $(F, S, A)$  and state  $(F', S, A')$ .

When the adversary corrupts some sectors, for each file  $f$  lost in state  $(F, S, A)$ , since all its backups are lost, every new file descriptor generated by  $f$  in state  $(F', S, A')$  also lost. The value of the file  $f$  is equal to the sum of the values of the file descriptors it generates, so the total value of lost files of the state  $(F, S, A)$  does not exceed that of  $(F', S', A')$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2** For the state  $(F, S, A)$  of a network, it can be viewed as another state  $(F, S', A')$  where the capacity of each sector as  $minCapacity$ . For the case where the adversary wants to makes a collection of files lost, the minimum forfeited deposit of state  $(F, S, A)$  is not less than  $(F, S', A')$ .

*Proof:* For the state  $(F, S, A)$ , we divide each sector  $s$  to  $\frac{s.capacity}{minCapacity}$  “sub sectors”. Allocate each file stored in sector  $s$  into “sub sectors” of  $s$  with equal probability. In this way, we can view the original state  $(F, S, A)$  as a substantially identical state  $(F, S', A')$ .

When the adversary wants to makes a collection of files lost, it needs to corrupt all sectors where backups of these files are stored. This means that if the adversary needs to corrupt a “sub sector” of sector  $s$  in state  $(F, S', A')$ , then it must corrupt  $s$  in state  $(F, S, A)$ , which cause no less forfeited deposit. Therefore, the minimum forfeited deposit of state  $(F, S, A)$  is not less than  $(F, S', A')$ .  $\square$

Because of lemma 1 and lemma 2, we can make the relaxation of that each file has value  $minValue$  and that each sector has capacity  $minCapacity$  in subsequent analysis. Under the relaxations, the setting of the problem can be simplified as follow: there are  $N_v$  files and  $N_s$  sectors, each file has the same value  $minValue$  and needs to be stored in  $k$  sectors. Each storage location of each file is generated uniformly at random from all sectors.

For any certain scheme that the adversary corrupts  $\lambda N_s$  sectors, define random variable  $X_i$  as the indicator variable of that the file  $f_i$  is lost. By our protocol, all  $X_i$  are independent events and  $\Pr[X_i] = \lambda^k$ .

**Lemma 3**  $\forall 0 < p \leq \frac{1}{5}$  and  $5p \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $D(x||p) \geq \frac{1}{2}x \log \frac{x}{p}$ .

*Proof:* In the proof below, we will use  $x \geq p$  unspecified. Let

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = x^2 \log \frac{x}{p} - (1-x)^2 \log \frac{1-x}{1-p} \\ g(x) = \log \frac{x-1}{p-1} \left( -\log \frac{x}{p} + x-1 \right) - x \log \frac{x}{p} \\ h(x) = \frac{x \log \frac{x}{p}}{-(1-x) \log \frac{1-x}{1-p}} \end{cases}$$

whose domain is  $x \in [p, 1]$ . First, we have  $f(x) \geq 0$  because  $\frac{df}{dx} = 1 + 2D(x||p) \geq 0$  and  $f(p) = 0$ . Then, we have  $g(x) \geq 0$  because  $\frac{dg}{dx} = \frac{f'(x)}{x(1-x)} \geq 0$  and  $g(p) = 0$ . Finally, we obtain  $h(x)$  is monotonically increasing because  $\frac{dh}{dx} = \frac{g(x)}{(x-1)^2 \log^2 \frac{1-x}{1-p}} \geq 0$ .

Because  $h(x)$  is monotonically increasing,  $\forall x \geq 5p$ ,  $h(x) \geq h(5p) = \frac{5p \log 5}{(1-5p) \log \frac{1-p}{1-5p}}$ . We can find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dp} \frac{5p \log 5}{(1-5p) \log \frac{1-p}{1-5p}} &= \frac{5 \log 5 \left( (1-p) \log \frac{1-p}{1-5p} - 4p \right)}{(1-5p)^2 (1-p) \log^2 \left( \frac{1-p}{1-5p} \right)} \\ &\geq \frac{5 \log 5 \left( (1-p)(1 - \frac{1-5p}{1-p}) - 4p \right)}{(1-5p)^2 (1-p) \log^2 \left( \frac{1-p}{1-5p} \right)} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

When  $p \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\frac{5p \log 5}{(1-5p) \log \frac{1-p}{1-5p}} > 2$ , so  $\forall 0 < p \leq \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $\frac{5p \log 5}{(1-5p) \log \frac{1-p}{1-5p}} > 2$ , that is  $\forall x \geq 5p, h(x) > 2$ . At last,

$$\begin{aligned} D(x||p) &= x \log \frac{x}{p} + (1-x) \log \frac{1-x}{1-p} \\ &= x \log \frac{x}{p} \left( 1 + \frac{(1-x) \log \frac{1-x}{1-p}}{x \log \frac{x}{p}} \right) \\ &= x \log \frac{x}{p} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{h(x)} \right) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} x \log \frac{x}{p} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 4** Assume that the total size of corrupted sectors is  $\lambda N_s \times minCapacity$ . Denote the total value of lost files to be  $V_{lost}$ . Then with a probability of not less than  $1-c$ ,  $V_{lost}^v$  satisfies

$$V_{lost}^v \leq minValue \times \max \left\{ 5N_v \lambda^k, N_v \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}}, 4 \frac{\log \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} - \log c}{k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} \right\}$$

*Proof:* Denote  $\gamma = \frac{V_{lost}^v}{minValue}$ . By Chernoff bound and lemma 3, when  $\gamma \geq 5N_v \lambda^k$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left[ \sum_i X_i \geq \gamma \right] \\ \leq \exp \left\{ -N_v \left( \frac{\gamma}{N_v} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} + \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{N_v} \right) \log \frac{N_v - \gamma}{N_v - N_v \lambda^k} \right) \right\} \\ \leq \exp \left\{ -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

For the adversary, it can corrupt  $\lambda N_s$  sectors at will and wants to manufacture  $\gamma$  lost files. It has  $\binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s}$  options to corrupt  $\lambda N_s$  sectors. By union bound, the probability it cannot manufacture  $\gamma$  lost files is at least

$$1 - \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} \exp \left\{ -\frac{N_v \lambda^k \gamma \log \gamma}{2} \right\}.$$

Thus, when  $\gamma \geq 5N_v \lambda^k$ , we have the probability that an adversary cannot manufacture  $\gamma$  lost files is at least

$$1 - \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \right\}.$$

$$\text{As } \gamma \geq N_v \lambda^k, \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \geq \log \left( \lambda^{\frac{-k}{2}} \right) = -\frac{k}{2} \log \lambda.$$

$$\gamma \geq 4 \frac{\log \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} - \log c}{k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \gamma \frac{k}{4} \log \frac{1}{\lambda} \geq -\log \frac{c}{\binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \geq -\log \frac{c}{\binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \leq \log \frac{c}{\binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exp \left\{ -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \right\} \leq \frac{c}{\binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\gamma}{2} \log \frac{\gamma}{N_v \lambda^k} \right\} \leq c$$

Then with a probability of not less than  $1-c$ ,  $\gamma$  satisfies

$$\gamma \leq \max \left\{ 5\lambda^k N_v, \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}} N_v, 4 \frac{\log \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} - \log c}{k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} \right\}$$

Therefore, with a probability of not less than  $1-c$ ,  $V_{lost}^v$  satisfies

$$V_{lost}^v \leq minValue \times \max \left\{ 5N_v \lambda^k, N_v \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}}, 4 \frac{\log \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} - \log c}{k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} \right\}$$

□

Here we give the proof of Theorem 3 *Proof:* By Stirling's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} \binom{N_s}{\lambda N_s} &= \frac{N_s!}{(\lambda N_s)!(N_s - \lambda N_s)!} \\ &\leq \frac{e}{2\pi} \frac{N_s^{N_s + \frac{1}{2}}}{(\lambda N_s)^{\lambda N_s + \frac{1}{2}} (N_s - \lambda N_s)^{N_s - \lambda N_s + \frac{1}{2}}} \\ &= \frac{e}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{N_s \lambda (1-\lambda)}} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^\lambda (1-\lambda)^{1-\lambda}} \right)^{N_s} \\ &\leq \frac{e}{2\pi} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda^\lambda (1-\lambda)^{1-\lambda}} \right)^{N_s} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can have a simpler version of  $\gamma_{lost}^v$ :

$$\gamma_{lost}^v \leq \max \left\{ 5\lambda^k, \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}}, 4 \frac{\log \frac{e}{2\pi} - N_s \log (\lambda^\lambda (1-\lambda)^{1-\lambda}) - \log c}{N_s k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} \right\}$$

$$= \max \left\{ 5\lambda^k, \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}}, 4 \frac{\frac{\log \frac{e}{2\pi} - \log c}{N_s} - \log (\lambda^\lambda (1-\lambda)^{1-\lambda})}{capPara \cdot \gamma_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} \right\}$$

□

## APPENDIX D PROOF OF THEOREM 4

Assume that the total size of corrupted sectors is no more than  $\lambda N_s \times minCapacity$ . Because the deposit of corrupted sectors should always cover the file loss,  $\forall \frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda$  we shall have

$$\lambda' \gamma_{deposit} N_v^m \geq \gamma,$$

which is equal to

$$\gamma_{deposit} \geq \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \left\{ \frac{\gamma}{\lambda' N_v^m} \right\}$$

Then with probability no less than  $1 - c$ , the following  $\gamma_{deposit}$  is enough for full compensation

$$\gamma_{deposit} \geq \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \max \left\{ 5(\lambda')^{k-1}, (\lambda')^{\frac{k}{2}-1}, 4 \frac{\log(\lambda' N_s) - \log c}{\lambda' N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}} \right\}.$$

Considering  $I$ ,

$$I = \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} 4 \frac{\log(\lambda' N_s) - \log c}{\lambda' N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}}.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} I &\leq \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \frac{4 \log(N_s^{\lambda' N_s}) - 4 \log c}{\lambda' N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}} \\ &= \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \frac{4 \lambda' N_s \log N_s - 4 \log c}{\lambda' N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}} \\ &\leq \left( \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \frac{4 N_s \log N_s}{N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}} \right) + \left( \max_{\frac{1}{N_s} \leq \lambda' \leq \lambda} \frac{-4 \log c}{\lambda' N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda'}} \right) \\ &\leq \frac{4 N_s \log N_s}{N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} + \frac{-4 N_s \log c}{N_v^m k \log N_s}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\gamma_{deposit} \geq \max \left\{ 5 \lambda^{k-1}, \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}-1}, \frac{4 N_s \log N_s}{N_v^m k \log \frac{1}{\lambda}} + \frac{-4 N_s \log c}{N_v^m k \log N_s} \right\},$$

Because  $capPara = \frac{N_v^m}{N_s}$

$$\gamma_{deposit} \geq \max \left\{ 5 \lambda^{k-1}, \lambda^{\frac{k}{2}-1}, \frac{4}{k \times capPara} \left( \frac{\log N_s}{\log \frac{1}{\lambda}} + \frac{\log \frac{1}{c}}{\log N_s} \right) \right\}.$$

## APPENDIX E EXPERIMENT

We define  $N_{cp}$  the number of file backups. Each file  $f$  needs to store  $f.cp$  backups on the network. Table IV shows the result of the capacity usage of the most loaded sector in the experiment. We run the experiment under two different settings. In the first setting, we reallocate all file backups in one go for 100 times. In the second setting, we allocate each file backup and then randomly refresh the location of a file backup  $100N_{cp}$  times. In the experiment, we record the maximum value of capacity usage at any time. The results are shown in table IV. That the maximum capacity usage is less than 1 means that no file backups are allocated to sectors with insufficient capacity. We can find that under the distributions we test in the experiments, the probability of that file backups are allocated to sectors with insufficient capacity is sufficiently small.

reallocate all file backups 100 times						
parameter		maximum capacity usage				
$N_{cp}$	$N_s$	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
$10^5$	5	0.511	0.508	0.514	0.511	0.509
$10^5$	10	0.519	0.518	0.521	0.518	0.515
$10^5$	20	0.525	0.524	0.536	0.530	0.529
$10^5$	50	0.565	0.539	0.558	0.549	0.548
$10^5$	100	0.571	0.566	0.584	0.572	0.569
$10^6$	50	0.515	0.513	0.517	0.515	0.513
$10^6$	100	0.522	0.523	0.530	0.530	0.521
$10^6$	200	0.538	0.530	0.542	0.534	0.533
$10^6$	500	0.558	0.548	0.569	0.570	0.557
$10^6$	1000	0.591	0.571	0.598	0.594	0.576
$10^7$	500	0.516	0.515	0.522	0.521	0.518
$10^7$	1000	0.524	0.521	0.531	0.528	0.524
$10^7$	2000	0.540	0.534	0.544	0.545	0.534
$10^7$	5000	0.562	0.554	0.581	0.573	0.560
$10^7$	10000	0.589	0.576	0.609	0.606	0.585
$10^8$	5000	0.520	0.518	0.522	0.520	0.517
$10^8$	10000	0.526	0.525	0.537	0.529	0.524
$10^8$	20000	0.541	0.534	0.550	0.547	0.538
$10^8$	50000	0.562	0.555	0.580	0.571	0.559
$10^8$	$10^5$	0.591	0.582	0.614	0.599	0.586

refresh the location of a file backup $100N_{cp}$ times						
parameter		maximum capacity usage				
$N_{cp}$	$N_s$	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
$10^5$	5	0.517	0.511	0.519	0.515	0.514
$10^5$	10	0.524	0.523	0.529	0.522	0.519
$10^5$	20	0.532	0.529	0.538	0.535	0.531
$10^5$	50	0.550	0.551	0.566	0.554	0.557
$10^5$	100	0.588	0.571	0.599	0.595	0.581
$10^6$	50	0.518	0.516	0.521	0.519	0.517
$10^6$	100	0.525	0.522	0.532	0.529	0.526
$10^6$	200	0.536	0.535	0.546	0.542	0.541
$10^6$	500	0.565	0.563	0.582	0.575	0.562
$10^6$	1000	0.592	0.581	0.610	0.605	0.589
$10^7$	500	0.520	0.518	0.525	0.523	0.522
$10^7$	1000	0.533	0.527	0.534	0.533	0.531
$10^7$	2000	0.542	0.535	0.553	0.549	0.540
$10^7$	5000	0.565	0.562	0.586	0.582	0.569
$10^7$	10000	0.610	0.591	0.626	0.613	0.599
$10^8$	5000	0.529	0.527	0.539	0.532	0.529
$10^8$	10000	0.542	0.536	0.543	0.546	0.537
$10^8$	20000	0.551	0.547	0.560	0.558	0.548
$10^8$	50000	0.575	0.569	0.599	0.584	0.577
$10^8$	$10^5$	0.611	0.604	0.639	0.628	0.611

[1]: Uniform distribution in interval [0,1]

[2]: Uniform distribution in interval [1,2]

[3]: Exponential distribution

[4]: Normal distribution with  $\mu = \sigma^2$

[5]: Normal distribution with  $\mu = 2\sigma^2$

TABLE IV

EXPERIMENT RESULT: MAXIMUM CAPACITY USAGE OF SECTORS