

# Homomorphic Secret-Sharing with Certified Deletion

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**Abstract**

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# 1 Preliminaries

## 2 HSS with Certified Deletion

Unless otherwise specified, we will consider the following kind of HSS schemes by default:

- Those that work for all PPT computable circuits.
- Are 2-out-of-2 secret-sharing schemes.
- Allow evaluation for a single secret.

An HSS scheme with certified deletion must have the following syntax and correctness requirements:

### 2.1 HSS-CD Syntax

A scheme satisfying the HSS-CD syntax is a tuple of 5 algorithms  $\text{HSS-CD} = \text{HSS-CD}(\text{Share}, \text{Eval}, \text{Del}, \text{Vrfy}, \text{Rec})$  with the following properties:

**Syntax:**

$\text{Share}(s) \rightarrow (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1)$ : The sharing algorithm outputs quantum (possibly-entangled) secret-shares  $sh_0^0, sh_1^0$  encoding an input secret  $s$ . It also outputs the corresponding classical verification keys  $vk_0, vk_1$ .

$\text{Eval}(C_j, i, sh_i^{j-1}) \rightarrow sh_i^j$ : The evaluation algorithm takes the description of a PPT computable circuit  $C_j$ , an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , and an input share  $sh_i^{j-1}$ . It outputs a possibly-altered output share  $sh_i^j$ .

$\text{Del}(i, sh_i^j) \rightarrow \text{cert}_i$ : The deletion algorithm takes an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , a corresponding share  $sh_i^j$ , and produces a deletion certificate  $\text{cert}_i$ .

$\text{Vrfy}(i, vk_i, \text{cert}_i) \rightarrow \top / \perp$ : The verification algorithm takes an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , the corresponding verification key  $vk_i$  and a certificate  $\text{cert}_i$ . It outputs  $\top$  or  $\perp$ .

$\text{Rec}(sh_0^q, sh_1^q) \rightarrow (d_1, \dots, d_q)$ : The reconstruction algorithm takes two evaluated input shares  $sh_0^q, sh_1^q$  and outputs a  $q$ -tuple  $(d_1, \dots, d_q)$ .

**Evaluation Correctness:**  $\forall$  PPT  $C$ , the following condition holds for all  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left[ (d_1, \dots, d_q) = (C_1(s), \dots, C_q(s)) : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \forall i, j \in \{0, 1\} \times [q] : sh_i^j \leftarrow \text{Eval}(C_j, i, sh_i^{j-1}) \\ (d_1, \dots, d_q) \leftarrow \text{Rec}(sh_0^q, sh_1^q) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

**Deletion Correctness:** The following condition holds for all  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Vrfy}(i, vk_i, \text{cert}_i) \rightarrow \top : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \forall j \in [q] : sh_i^j \leftarrow \text{Eval}(C_j, i, sh_i^{j-1}) \\ \text{cert}_i \leftarrow \text{Del}(i, sh_i^q) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

**Compactness:** The following condition holds for all  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ , where  $l_q$  denotes the output length of the circuit  $C_q$ :

$$\left[ |sh_i^q| - |sh_i^{q-1}| = \text{poly}(1^\lambda, l_q) : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \forall j \in [q] : sh_i^j \leftarrow \text{Eval}(C_j, i, sh_i^{j-1}) \end{array} \right]$$

## 2.2 Additive HSS-CD Syntax

A scheme satisfying the additive HSS-CD syntax is a tuple of 4 algorithms  $\text{HSS-CD} = \text{HSS-CD}(\text{Share}, \text{Eval}, \text{Del}, \text{Vrfy})$  with the following properties:

### Syntax:

$\text{Share}(s) \rightarrow (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1)$ : The sharing algorithm outputs quantum (possibly-entangled) secret-shares  $sh_0^0, sh_1^0$  encoding an input secret  $s$ . It also outputs the corresponding classical verification keys  $vk_0, vk_1$ .

$\text{Eval}(C_j, i, (sh_i^{j-1}, sh_i^{j-1})) \rightarrow (sh_i^j, sh_i^j)$ : The evaluation algorithm takes the description of a PPT computable circuit  $C_j$ , an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , a quantum input share  $sh_i^{j-1}$ , and a classical input share  $sh_i^{j-1}$  where  $sh_i^0 = \perp$ . It outputs a quantum output share  $sh_i^j$  and a classical output share  $sh_i^j$ .

$\text{Del}(i, sh_i^j) \rightarrow \text{cert}_i$ : The deletion algorithm takes an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , a corresponding quantum share  $sh_i^j$ , and produces a deletion certificate  $\text{cert}_i$ .

$\text{Vrfy}(i, vk_i, \text{cert}_i) \rightarrow \top / \perp$ : The verification algorithm takes an index  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ , the corresponding verification key  $vk_i$  and a certificate  $\text{cert}_i$ . It outputs  $\top$  or  $\perp$ .

**Evaluation Correctness:**  $\forall$  PPT  $C$ , the following condition holds for all  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left[ sh_0^q \oplus sh_1^q = C_1(s) \parallel \dots \parallel C_q(s) : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \forall i, j \in \{0, 1\} \times [q] : (sh_i^j, sh_i^j) \leftarrow \text{Eval}(C_j, i, (sh_i^{j-1}, sh_i^{j-1})) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

In the case of additive HSS-CD, we will consider the following deletion guarantee by default, which is weaker than the standard deletion correctness guarantee:

**Delete-before-Eval Correctness:** The following condition holds for all  $i \in \{0, 1\}$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Vrfy}(i, vk_i, \text{cert}_i) \rightarrow \top : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \text{cert}_i \leftarrow \text{Del}(i, sh_i^0) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

**Deletion Correctness (Optional):** The following condition holds for all  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left[ \text{Vrfy}(i, vk_i, \text{cert}_i) \rightarrow \top : \begin{array}{l} (sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s) \\ \forall j \in [q] : (sh_i^j, sh_i^j) \leftarrow \text{Eval}(C_j, i, (sh_i^{j-1}, sh_i^{j-1})) \\ \text{cert}_i \leftarrow \text{Del}(i, sh_i^q) \end{array} \right] \geq 1 - \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

## 2.3 Security Definitions

**Statistical/Computational Deletion Security wrt Share  $j$ :** The following security notion is defined wrt a non-local quantum adversary  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$ :

$\text{Expt}_{\text{HSS-CD}, (\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, j, b)$ :

1.  $\mathcal{A}_0$  sends  $(s_0, s_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$  to the challenger.
2. The challenger runs  $(sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s_b)$  and sends each  $sh_i^0$  to party  $P_i$ .
3.  $\mathcal{A}_j$  sends  $(\text{cert}_j, R_j)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_{1-j}$  sends  $R_{1-j}$  where  $R_0, R_1$  are some registers.
4. If  $\text{Vrfy}(j, vk_j, \text{cert}_j) = \top$ , then output  $(R_1, R_2)$ .

Statistical Deletion Security wrt Share  $j$  holds if the following holds:

$$TD\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, j, 0), \text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, j, 1)\right) \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Computational Deletion Security wrt Share  $j$  holds if the following holds for all QPT  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\left| \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, j, 0)\right) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, j, 1)\right) = 1 \right] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

**Statistical/Computational Double-Deletion Security:** The following security notion is defined wrt a non-local quantum adversary  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$ :

$\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del-2}}(1^\lambda, b)$ :

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2.  $\mathcal{A}_0$  sends  $(s_0, s_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$  to the challenger. The challenger runs  $(sh_0^0, vk_0), (sh_1^0, vk_1) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s_b)$  and sends each  $sh_i^0$  to party  $P_i$ .
3.  $\mathcal{A}_0$  sends  $(\text{cert}_0, R_0)$  and  $\mathcal{A}_1$  sends  $(\text{cert}_1, R_1)$  where  $R_0, R_1$  are some registers.
4. If  $\text{Vrfy}(0, vk_0, \text{cert}_0) = \text{Vrfy}(1, vk_1, \text{cert}_1) = \top$ , then output  $(R_0, R_1)$ .

Statistical Double-Deletion Security holds if the following holds:

$$TD\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del-2}}(1^\lambda, 0), \text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del-2}}(1^\lambda, 1)\right) \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Computational Double-Deletion Security holds if the following holds for all QPT  $\mathcal{A}$ :

$$\left| \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del-2}}(1^\lambda, 0)\right) = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[ \mathcal{A}\left(\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD},(\mathcal{A}_0,\mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del-2}}(1^\lambda, 1)\right) = 1 \right] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

Hereafter, we will use *stat* to denote statistical security and *comp* to denote computational security.

**Definition 2.1 ((Additive) (X, Y)-HSS-CD scheme).** An (Additive)  $(X, Y)$ -HSS-CD scheme for  $X, Y \in \{\text{stat}, \text{comp}\}^2$  is a scheme that satisfies the (Additive) HSS-CD syntax, the  $X$  deletion security for share 0, and the  $Y$  deletion security for share 1.

**Definition 2.2 ((Additive) (X)-HSS-CD scheme).** An (Additive)  $(X)$ -HSS-CD scheme for  $X \in \{\text{stat}, \text{comp}\}$  is a scheme satisfying the (Additive) HSS-CD syntax and the  $X$  double-deletion security.

*Remark 2.3.* Observe that a (stat, comp)-HSS-CD scheme is also a (stat)-HSS-CD scheme. Likewise, a (comp, comp)-HSS-CD scheme is also a (comp)-HSS-CD scheme.

## 3 Feasibility Results

### 3.1 FHE-CD based Construction

We construct a (stat, comp)-HSS-CD scheme  $\text{HSS-CD} = \text{HSS-CD}(\text{Share}, \text{Eval}, \text{Del}, \text{Vrfy}, \text{Rec})$  using the following building blocks.

- Fully Homomorphic Encryption with Certified Deletion (FHE-CD) scheme  $\text{FHE-CD} = \text{FHE-CD}(\text{Setup}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec}, \text{Eval}, \text{Del}, \text{Vrfy})$ .

- Secret Sharing with Certified Deletion (SS-CD) scheme  $\text{SS-CD} = \text{SS-CD}(\text{Share}, \text{Rec}, \text{Del}, \text{Vrfy})$ .

The construction is as follows.

$\text{HSS-CD.Share}(s)$ :

1. Generate  $(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Setup}(1^\lambda)$ .
2. Compute  $(\text{fhecd.ct}^0, \text{fhecd.vk}) \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Enc}(s)$ .
3. Compute  $(\text{sscd.sh}, \text{sscd.csh}), \text{sscd.vk} \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Share}(\text{sk})$ .
4. Set  $\text{sh}_0^0 := (\text{fhecd.pk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^0, \text{sscd.csh})$  and  $\text{vk}_0 := \text{fhecd.vk}$ .
5. Set  $\text{sh}_1^0 := \text{sscd.sh}$  and  $\text{vk}_1 := \text{sscd.vk}$ .
6. Output  $(\text{sh}_0^0, \text{vk}_0), (\text{sh}_1^0, \text{vk}_1)$ .

$\text{HSS-CD.Eval}(C_j, i, \text{sh}_i^{j-1})$ : If  $i = 1$ , set  $\text{sh}_1^j := \text{sh}_1^{j-1}$ . Else, execute the following:

1. Parse  $\text{sh}_0^{j-1}$  as  $(\text{fhecd.pk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^{j-1}, \text{sscd.csh})$ .
2. Compute  $\text{fhecd.ct}^j \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Eval}(\text{fhecd.pk}, C_j, \text{fhecd.ct}^{j-1})$ .
3. Set  $\text{sh}_0^j := (\text{fhecd.pk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^j, \text{sscd.csh})$ .
4. Output  $\text{sh}_i^j$ .

$\text{HSS-CD.Del}(i, \text{sh}_i^j)$ :

1. If  $i = 0$ , execute the following:
  - (i) Parse  $\text{sh}_0^j$  as  $(\text{fhecd.pk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^j, \text{sscd.csh})$ .
  - (ii) Compute and output  $\text{cert}_0 \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Del}(\text{fhecd.ct}^j)$ .
2. If  $i = 1$ , execute the following:
  - (i) Parse  $\text{sh}_1^j$  as  $\text{sscd.sh}$ .
  - (ii) Compute and output  $\text{cert}_1 \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Del}(\text{sscd.sh})$ .

$\text{HSS-CD.Vrfy}(i, \text{vk}_i, \text{cert}_i)$ :

1. If  $i = 0$ , output  $\text{ans}_0 \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Vrfy}(\text{vk}_0, \text{cert}_0)$ .
2. If  $i = 1$ , output  $\text{ans}_0 \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Vrfy}(\text{vk}_1, \text{cert}_1)$ .

$\text{HSS-CD.Rec}(\text{sh}_0^q, \text{sh}_1^q)$ :

1. Parse  $\text{sh}_0^q$  as  $(\text{fhecd.pk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^q, \text{sscd.csh})$ .
2. Parse  $\text{sh}_1^q$  as  $\text{sscd.sh}$ .
3. Compute  $\text{sk} \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Dec}(\text{sscd.sh}, \text{sscd.csh})$ .
4. Compute and output  $(d_1, \dots, d_q) \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Dec}(\text{sk}, \text{fhecd.ct}^q)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** *There exists a (stat, comp)-HSS-CD scheme assuming the existence of a fully homomorphic encryption scheme with certified deletion (FHE-CD), and a secret-sharing scheme with certified deletion (SS-CD).*

*Proof.* We will prove that the construction HSS-CD is a (stat, comp)-HSS-CD scheme. First, we will assume that  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$  is a non-local adversary that breaks the statistical deletion security of share 0. We will use this adversary to break the certified deletion security of the FHE-CD scheme FHE-CD. Consider a QPT reduction  $\mathcal{R}$  that runs as follows in the FHE-CD game:

Execution of  $\mathcal{R}^{(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)}$  in  $\text{Exp}_{\text{FHE-CD}, \mathcal{R}}^{\text{fhe-cd}}(1^\lambda, b)$ :

1.  $\mathcal{A}_0$  sends  $(s_0, s_1) \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$  to  $\mathcal{R}$ , which  $\mathcal{R}$  forwards to the challenger.
2. The challenger samples  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$  and sends  $pk$  to  $\mathcal{R}$ .
3. The challenger encrypts  $s_b$  as  $ct \leftarrow \text{Enc}(pk, s_b)$  and sends  $ct$  to  $\mathcal{R}$ .
4.  $\mathcal{R}$  computes  $sh_0^0 := (pk, ct, \text{sscd.csh})$ , where  $\text{sscd.csh} \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Sim}(1^\lambda)$ .
5.  $\mathcal{R}$  runs  $\mathcal{A}_0$  on input  $sh_0^0$ . If  $\mathcal{A}_0$  outputs  $(\text{cert}_0, R_0)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}$  sends  $\text{cert}_0$  to the challenger.
6. The challenger computes  $\text{ans} \leftarrow \text{Vrfy}(vk, \text{cert}_0)$ . If  $\text{ans} = \top$ , it sends  $sk$  to  $\mathcal{R}$ . Else, it outputs  $\perp$ .
7.  $\mathcal{R}$  computes  $\text{sscd.sh}$  conditioned on  $(\text{sscd.sh}, \text{sscd.sh})$  encoding  $sk$ .
8.  $\mathcal{R}$  sends  $sh_1^0 := \text{sscd.sh}$  to  $\mathcal{A}_1$ . If  $\mathcal{A}_1$  outputs  $R_1$ , send  $(R_0, R_1)$  to the challenger.

We will now argue that if  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$  break statistical security wrt share 0, then  $\mathcal{R}$  breaks the certified-deletion security of FHE-CD. Observe that the view of  $\mathcal{A}_0$  in the reduction is identically distributed to its view in  $\text{Exp}_{\text{HSS-CD}, (\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)}^{\text{del}}(1^\lambda, 0, b)$ . Now, notice that if  $\text{HSS-CD.Vrfy}(0, vk_0, \text{cert}_0)$  passes, then  $\text{FHE-CD.Vrfy}(vk, \text{cert}_0)$  also passes. Consequently,  $\mathcal{R}$  receives the secret key  $sk$ . By the information-theoretic secrecy of the scheme SS-CD, the view of  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is identically distributed to that in the original experiment. As a result,  $(R_0, R_1)$  are identically distributed to that of the HSS-CD game. By assumption, there exists an unbounded algorithm that can use  $(R_0, R_1)$  to guess  $b$  with non-negligible probability. This breaks the certified-deletion security of FHE-CD.

Next, we will assume that  $(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)$  is a non-local adversary that breaks the computational deletion security of share 1. We will use this adversary to break the certified deletion security of the SS-CD scheme SS-CD. Consider a non-local reduction  $(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1)$  that runs as follows:

Execution of  $(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1)^{(\mathcal{A}_0, \mathcal{A}_1)}$  in  $\text{Exp}_{\text{SS-CD}, (\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1)}^{\text{ss-cd}}(1^\lambda, b)$ :

1.  $\mathcal{R}_0$  samples  $(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{FHE-CD.Setup}(1^\lambda)$ . It sets  $s_0 := 0^\lambda$  and  $s_1 := sk$  and sends  $(s_0, s_1)$  to the challenger.
2. The challenger computes  $(sh, \text{csh}, vk) \leftarrow \text{SS-CD.Share}(s_b)$ . It sends  $\text{csh}$  to  $\mathcal{R}_0$  and  $sh$  to  $\mathcal{R}_1$ .

□

## 3.2 Impossibility Results

**Theorem 3.2.** Any (stat, stat)-HSS-CD scheme is also an information-theoretic HSS scheme.

**Theorem 3.3.** The classical impossibility of [?] extends to the setting of quantum secret-shares.

**Theorem 3.4.** There does not exist a (comp)-HSS-CD scheme with additive reconstruction, given that the algorithm *Share* only outputs shares  $sh_1, sh_2$  that are non-entangled.

[GVW12]

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