

Principle of ShaftStop

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Table Defines Operator

- In binary space, if the encryption scheme is static, we can define an encryption scheme as below:

- $Enc(0, Key) = \text{你} = C_1$

- $Enc(1, Key) = \text{好} = C_2$

- We can give the following table T in advance:

你	你	你好
你好	好	你好

- This table defines an operator \oplus in cipher space, which is $C_i \oplus C_j = T_{ij}$.

A Very Simple FHE Scheme

- For the integer numbers in $[0,9]$, if the encryption scheme is static, there are 10 cipher-texts totally: $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6, C_7, C_8, C_9$

- The secret key owner can calculate out two sets of data as below:

$$g_{add}(C_i, C_j) = Enc(Dec(C_i, Key) + Dec(C_j, Key), Key) = C_{ij_add}$$

$$g_{mul}(C_i, C_j) = Enc(Dec(C_i, Key) * Dec(C_j, Key), Key) = C_{ij_mul}$$

$g_{add}(C_i, C_j)$ and $g_{mul}(C_i, C_j)$ define addition and multiplication operators in cipher space.

Obviously, $g_{add}(C_i, C_j)$ and $g_{mul}(C_i, C_j)$ are both have 100 elements.

- By using $g_{add}(C_i, C_j)$ and $g_{mul}(C_i, C_j)$, any 3rd party can execute addition and multiplication operations on encrypted data. These two sets are called **Computational Dictionary**, denoted as $G=\{g_{add}(C_i, C_j), g_{mul}(C_i, C_j)\}$.
- Unfortunately, this simple FHE scheme can only serve a very small space of cipher-text.

Extend the Plain-text Space

- For B_i in $[0,255]$, the cipher space is S_{256} and the volume of \mathbf{G} is $2*256^2=131072$.
- We can use 2 such integers $B^2=(B_i, B_j)$ to represent a larger integer B_i+B_j*256 , which ranges from 0~65535. And $C_i=Enc(B_i,Key)$, $E_{256}=Enc(256,Key)$, $E_{256}^2=Enc(256^2,Key)$, $G=\{g_{add}, g_{mul}\}$.

$$C^2=Enc(B^2,Key)=Enc(B_i+B_j*256,Key)=Enc(B_i,Key) \oplus Enc(B_j,Key) \odot E_{256}=C_i \oplus C_j \odot E_{256}$$

For the addition operation:

$$C^2_1 \oplus C^2_2=(C_{i1} \oplus C_{j1} \odot E_{256}) \oplus (C_{i2} \oplus C_{j2} \odot E_{256})=C_{i3} \oplus C_{j3} \odot E_{256}=C^2_3$$

$$\text{where } C_{i3}=g_{add}(C_{i1}, C_{i2}), C_{j3}=g_{add}(C_{j1}, C_{j2})$$

For the multiplication operation:

$$C^2_1 \odot C^2_2=(C_{i1} \oplus C_{j1} \odot E_{256}) \odot (C_{i2} \oplus C_{j2} \odot E_{256})$$

$$=C_{i1}C_{i2} \oplus (C_{i1}C_{j2} \oplus C_{i2}C_{j1}) \odot E_{256} \oplus C_{j1}C_{j2} \odot E_{256}^2=C_{i4} \oplus C_{j4} \odot E_{256} \oplus C_{k4} \odot E_{256}^2=C^3_4$$

$$\text{where } C_{i4}=g_{mul}(C_{i1}, C_{i2}), C_{j4}=g_{add}(g_{mul}(C_{i1}, C_{j2}), g_{mul}(C_{i2}, C_{j1})), C_{k4}=g_{mul}(C_{j1}, C_{j2})$$

- Through this way, B^n can be handled. But this scheme is still static which is unsafe.

Dynamic Mode

- Things become more complicated when dynamic property is concerned.
- Because the cipher space S is very large for dynamic scheme, the **Computational Dictionary G** cannot be listed practically.
- Suppose P is in $[0, 255]$, the cipher of a specific encryption scheme is $Enc(P, Key) = (C_1, C_2)$, where C_1 is in S_{256} and C_2 is in S .
- Give two mappings $M_1: S_{256} \rightarrow S_{256}$, $M_2: S_{256} \rightarrow S$, where $C_1 = M_1(P)$ and $C_2 = M_2(C_1)$
- If we could find some function F which makes the following equations true:
 - $P = F(C_1, C_2)$
 - $F(C_{11}, C_{21}) \oplus F(C_{12}, C_{22}) = F(C_{11} \oplus C_{12}, M_2(C_{11} \oplus C_{12}))$
 - $F(C_{11}, C_{21}) \odot F(C_{12}, C_{22}) = F(C_{11} \odot C_{12}, M_2(C_{11} \odot C_{12}))$
- Thus, (F, M_1, M_2, Key, G) can construct a dynamic FHE scheme on $[0, 255]$.

ShaftStop Scheme

- Consider: $P = a_1 \cdot f(x_1) \cdot z_1 + a_2 \cdot f(x_2) \cdot z_2$

Where $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $P, a_1, a_2, z_1, z_2 \in \mathbf{R}$;

$f(): \mathbf{Z_D} \rightarrow \mathbf{R \setminus 0}$ is continuous and differentiable on a finite and bounded domain of definition $\mathbf{Z_D}$.

$A=(a_1, a_2)$ and $X=(x_1, x_2)$ compose the cipher-text, $C=(A, X)$;

$f()$ and $Z=(z_1, z_2)$ compose the secret key, $Key=(f, Z)$.

- G is defined as:
$$\begin{cases} g_{add}(x_1, x_2, c) = \frac{f(x_1) + c \cdot f(x_2)}{f(h_1(x_1, x_2))} \\ g_{mul}(x_1, x_2) = \frac{f(x_1) \cdot f(x_2)}{f(h_2(x_1, x_2))} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} f(x_1) + c \cdot f(x_2) = g_{add}(x_1, x_2, c) \cdot f(h_1(x_1, x_2)) \\ f(x_1) \cdot f(x_2) = g_{mul}(x_1, x_2) \cdot f(h_2(x_1, x_2)) \end{cases}$$

Where $h_1(), h_2(): \mathbf{Z_D^2} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z_D}$, and $g_{add}, g_{mul} \in \mathbf{R}$.

- For anyone holds G , the addition and multiplication operations on $f(x)$ can be executed, without knowing the expression of $f()$.

Homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 + C_2 \\ &= [a_{11} \cdot f(x_{11}) \cdot y_1 + a_{12} \cdot f(x_{12}) \cdot y_2] + [a_{21} \cdot f(x_{21}) \cdot y_1 + a_{22} \cdot f(x_{22}) \cdot y_2] \\ &= a_{11} \cdot [f(x_{11}) + \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}} \cdot f(x_{21})] \cdot y_1 + a_{12} \cdot [f(x_{12}) + \frac{a_{22}}{a_{12}} \cdot f(x_{22})] \cdot y_2 \\ &= a_{11} \cdot g_1(x_{11}, x_{21}, \frac{a_{21}}{a_{11}}) \cdot f[h_1(x_{11}, x_{21})] \cdot y_1 + a_{12} \cdot g_1(x_{12}, x_{22}, \frac{a_{22}}{a_{12}}) \cdot f[h_1(x_{12}, x_{22})] \cdot y_2 \\ &= a_{31} \cdot f(x_{31}) \cdot y_1 + a_{32} \cdot f(x_{32}) \cdot y_2 \\ &= C_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & C_1 \cdot C_2 \\ &= [a_{11} \cdot f(x_{11}) \cdot y_1 + a_{12} \cdot f(x_{12}) \cdot y_2] \cdot [a_{21} \cdot f(x_{21}) \cdot y_1 + a_{22} \cdot f(x_{22}) \cdot y_2] \\ &= a_{11} \cdot a_{21} \cdot f(x_{11}) \cdot f(x_{21}) \cdot y_1^2 + [a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot f(x_{11}) \cdot f(x_{22}) + a_{12} \cdot a_{21} \cdot f(x_{12}) \cdot f(x_{21})] \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 + a_{12} \cdot a_{22} \cdot f(x_{12}) \cdot f(x_{22}) \cdot y_2^2 \\ &= a_{11} \cdot a_{21} \cdot g_2(x_{11}, x_{21}) \cdot f[h_2(x_{11}, x_{21})] \cdot y_1^2 + [a_{11} \cdot a_{22} \cdot g_2(x_{11}, x_{22}) \cdot f[h_2(x_{11}, x_{22})] + a_{12} \cdot a_{21} \cdot g_2(x_{12}, x_{21}) \cdot f[h_2(x_{12}, x_{21})]] \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 \\ &\quad + a_{12} \cdot a_{22} \cdot g_2(x_{12}, x_{22}) \cdot f[h_2(x_{12}, x_{22})] \cdot y_2^2 \\ &= a_{31} \cdot f(x_{31}) \cdot y_1^2 + [a'_{32} \cdot f(x'_{32}) + a''_{32} \cdot f(x''_{32})] \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 + a_{33} \cdot f(x_{33}) \cdot y_2^2 \\ &= a_{31} \cdot f(x_{31}) \cdot y_1^2 + a'_{32} \cdot g_1(x'_{32}, x''_{32}, \frac{a'_{32}}{a''_{32}}) \cdot f[h_1(x'_{32}, x''_{32})] \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 + a_{33} \cdot f(x_{33}) \cdot y_2^2 \\ &= a_{31} \cdot f(x_{31}) \cdot y_1^2 + a_{32} \cdot f(x_{32}) \cdot y_1 \cdot y_2 + a_{33} \cdot f(x_{33}) \cdot y_2^2 \\ &= C_4 \end{aligned}$$

Security Analysis

- Since the domain of definition of $f()$ is finite and bounded, a set of variable Y can be used to replace $f()$, where:

$$Def_f = \{x_i \mid i \in I\}, Y = \{y_i = f(x_i) \mid i \in I\}$$

- Then the encryption formula is:

$$P = a_1 \cdot y_1 \cdot z_1 + a_2 \cdot y_2 \cdot z_2$$

- The scheme changes into a Multivariate Quadratic (**MQ**) Problem, which is proven to be NP-Complete.
- Moreover, when re-define $f()$ as $f(): \mathbf{R}_D \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \setminus \mathbf{0}$, the domain of definition becomes infinite, which makes it impossible to attack the scheme by solving the equation set.
- This improvement can make ShaftStop more secure.

Real version of $f()$: $\mathbf{R_D} \rightarrow \mathbf{R \setminus 0}$

- For the real version, the domain of definition of $f()$ is $\mathbf{R_D}$, which has infinite values of x_i .
- If $f()$ is continuous and differentiable everywhere, let $x_0 \in \mathbf{R_D}$, there should exist a range δ and $x_1 = x_0 + \delta$, which satisfies the following condition:
 - For any $x_0 < x < x_1$, $|f(x_0) + [f(x_1) - f(x_0)] / (x_1 - x_0) * (x - x_0) - f(x)| < \varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon > 0$ is small enough.
- In this case, we can use a linear interpolation algorithm to match $f()$ on a discretized set X , where the distance between any two nearby points is less than δ . In other words, we can use two discretized sets X and $F = \{f(x_i) | x_i \in X\}$ to represent $f()$, rather than using the analytic expression.
- The more gentle the curve of $f()$ is, the larger δ could be, and the number of points in set X is less, which also makes F be smaller.
- According to the definition, the computational dictionary $G = \{g_{add}(x_i, x_j, c), g_{mul}(x_i, x_j)\}$ is also continuous and differentiable, where $g_{add}: \mathbf{R_D}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$, $g_{mul}: \mathbf{R_D}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$.
- G can also be discretized in the similar way, and be represented as two discretized mappings.

Conclusions

- ShaftStop is a FHE scheme.
- Computation Dictionary G is the key-point to execute operations on cipher space.
- This scheme can be proven to be IND-CPA Secure.
- The commercial version of ShaftStop has already been developed, the advanced properties include:
Asymmetric scheme; Integrity checking for ciphertext; Stronger security against various attack modes; Controllable accuracy and volume of ciphertext; Binary mode; Division operation; Cipher comparison; Cipher simplification; Secret key switch; Cipher delivery; etc.

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