

# Confidential Transactions Theory Justification

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## Abstract

We describe and analyze the security of a variant of the confidential transactions scheme introduced by Bünz, Agrawal, Zamani, and Boneh [FC '20].

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# 1 Introduction

We describe and analyze the security of a variant of the confidential transactions scheme introduced by Bünz, Agrawal, Zamani, and Boneh [BAZB20], which supports transactions over a block-chain without revealing the accounts value and the transferred amounts. Our scheme follows rather closely the implementation of the scheme of Solana (*Confidential Transfer*) and Aptos (*Confidential Assets*). [Iftach's Note: is it accurate?]

## Paper organization.

Security notions and some basic building blocks used in our protocol are given in Section 2. In Section 3 we define the confidential transaction scheme, and prove its security. In Section 4, we define the *Chunk-ElGamal encryption scheme* that can take the role of the additive-homomorphic scheme required for the confidential transaction scheme.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Notation

We use calligraphic letters to denote sets, uppercase for random variables, and lowercase for integers and functions. Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of natural numbers. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $(n) := \{0, \dots, n\}$ . For a relation  $\mathcal{R}$ , let  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R})$  denote its underlying language, i.e.,  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{R}) := \{x : \exists w : (x, w) \in \mathcal{R}\}$ .

### 2.2 Homomorphic Encryption

An homomorphic encryption over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  is a triplet  $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  of efficient algorithms, with the standard correctness and semantic security properties. In addition, there exist an efficient addition operation denote  $+$  such that for uniformly generated public key  $pk$ , and any two messages  $x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ , it holds that  $\text{Enc}_{pk}(x_0) + \text{Enc}_{pk}(x_1)$  are computationally indistinguishable from  $\text{Enc}_{pk}(x_0 + x_1 \bmod q)$ .

### 2.3 Security Model

[Iftach's Note: UC]

[Iftach's Note: Parties are aware of ideal functionality calls]

[Iftach's Note: sid]

## 3 The Confidential Transactions Protocol

In this section we define the confidential transactions scheme, and prove its security. The ideal functionality for the scheme is define in Section 3.1, the protocol itself in Section 3.2, and its security is proved in Protocol 3.3.

**Remark 3.1** (sid). *Recall that all ideal functionalities operations below and the protocol execution get  $\text{sid} \in \{0, 1\}^*$  as common input. The  $\text{sid}$  is stored in the log and passed as common input to the proofs. To keep the text simpler, we omit it from the following text.*

### 3.1 The Ideal Functionality

In this section we define the ideal functionality for the confidential transactions scheme. The functionality captures the relevant parts of the actual scheme, which typically invoked using smart contracts over a block chain. Specifically, we model the the chain as a single (honest) entity, the *chain holder*, assume money flows into the system by a single (honest) party, the *mint*, and assume fixed number of *users*. We also assume an a initial starting phase, *init*.

**Functionality 3.2** ( $\mathcal{F}_{\text{ConfTrans}}$ : Confidential transactions).

Parties: Mint M, chain holder C and users  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ .

Parameters:  $p_{\text{pcount}}, p_{\text{size}}, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Init.** Upon receiving *init* from all parties: for each  $i \in [n]$ : set  $\text{avlBalance}_i \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\text{pndBalance}_i \leftarrow 0$ ,  $\text{tcount}_i \leftarrow 0$ .

**Mint.** Upon receiving  $(\text{mint}, d, x)$  from C and M:

1. Assert  $(x \in (p_{\text{size}}) \wedge \text{tcount}_d \leq p_{\text{pcount}})$ .
2.  $\text{tcount}_d^{++}$ .
3.  $\text{pndBalance}_d += x$ .
4. Send  $(\text{mint}, d, x)$  to all parties.

**Transfer.** Upon receiving  $(\text{transfer}, d)$  from C and  $U_s$ , with  $U_s$  using private input  $x$ .

1. Assert  $(x \in (p_{\text{size}}) \wedge \text{tcount} \leq p_{\text{pcount}} \wedge \text{avlBalance}_s \geq x)$ .
2.  $\text{tcount}^{++}$ .
3.  $\text{avlBalance}_s -= x$ .
4.  $\text{pndBalance}_d += x$ .
5. Send  $(\text{transfer}, s, d)$  to all parties, and send  $x$  to  $U_d$ .

**Rollover.** Upon receiving *rollover* from party  $U_i$  and C, party C

1.  $\text{tcount} \leftarrow 0$ .
2.  $\text{avlBalance}_i += \text{pndBalance}_i$ .
3.  $\text{pndBalance}_i \leftarrow 0$ .
4. Send  $(\text{rollover}, i)$  to all parties.

**Withdraw.** Upon receiving  $(\text{withdraw}, x)$  from party  $U_i$  and C, party C

1. Assert  $(x \in (q) \wedge \text{avlBalance}_i \geq x)$ .

2.  $\text{avlBlance}_i \leftarrow x$ .
3. Send  $(\text{withdraw}, i, x)$  to all parties,

**Audit.** [Iftach's Note: TODO]

### 3.2 The Protocol

Throughout, we fix a security parameter  $\kappa$  and omit it from the notation. We also fix an homomorphic encryption scheme  $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  with randomness domain  $\mathcal{D}$ , and denote the ciphertexts of the scheme using overlined capital letters. We require that  $\text{Dec}_{sk}(\overline{A})$  outputs  $(a; r)$  such that  $\overline{A} = \text{Enc}(a; r)$ .

We split the protocol into several sub-protocols defined below, and use the following environment to define the common part the different sub-protocols share, e.g., global parameter.

**Protocol 3.3** ( $\Pi_{\text{ConfTrans}}$ : Confidential transactions).

Parties: Mint  $M$ , chain-holder  $C$  and users  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ .

Parameters:  $p_{\text{count}}, p_{\text{size}}, q \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Subprotocols: See below.

#### 3.2.1 Init

This sub-protocol is where the encryption key are sampled and shared, and the chain manager  $C$  set the initial values of the chain. The protocol uses ZKPOK proof for the relation:

**Key generation:**  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{KeyGen}} = \{(pk, w) : \text{KeyGen}(w) = (\cdot, pk)\}$ .

**Protocol 3.4** ( $\Pi_{\text{ConfTrans.Init}}$ ).

Participating parties. All parties.

Proofs:  $\Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{KeyGen}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}$ .

Operation:

1.  $U_i$ , for all  $i \in [n]$ :
  - (a)  $(pk_i, sk_i) \xleftarrow{R} \text{KeyGen}(r_i)$  for  $r_i \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}$ .
  - (b)  $\pi_i \xleftarrow{R} \text{p}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{KeyGen}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}(pk_i, r_i)$ .
  - (c) Send  $(pk_i, \pi_i)$  to  $C$ .
2.  $C$ :
  - (a) For all  $i \in [n]$ :
    - i.  $\text{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{KeyGen}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}(pk_i, \pi_i)^a$

- ii.  $\bar{P}_i \xleftarrow{R} \text{Enc}_{pk_i}(0), \bar{B}_i \leftarrow \text{Enc}_{pk_i}(0), \text{tcount}_i \leftarrow 0.$   
 (b) Broadcast  $(\text{init}, \{pk_i, \bar{B}_i, \bar{P}_i\}_{i \in [n]})$

<sup>a</sup>Here and after, C aborts and publish the prover identity if the proof is not verified.

### 3.2.2 Mint

**Protocol 3.5** ( $\Pi_{\text{ConfTrans.Mint}}$ ).

Parties: M and C.

Common input:  $d \in [n]$  and  $x \in (p_{\text{size}})$ .

Operation: C

1. Assert  $(d \in [n] \wedge \text{tcount}_d \leq p_{\text{pcount}} \wedge x \in (p_{\text{size}}))$
2.  $\bar{P}_d += \text{Enc}_{pk_d}(x).$
3. Broadcast  $(\text{mint}, d, x, \bar{P}_d).$

### 3.2.3 Transfer

The protocol uses ZK and ZKPOK proofs for the following relations:

**In range.**  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Rp}} = \{((pk, \bar{A}, b), (a, r)) : \text{Enc}_{pk}(a; r) = \bar{A} \wedge a \in (b)\}$ , i.e., encryption of values in  $[p_{\text{size}}]$ .

**Equality.**  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}} = \{((pk_0, pk_1, \bar{A}_0, \bar{A}_1), (a, r_0, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \text{Enc}_{pk_i}(a; r_i) = \bar{A}_i\}$ , i.e., encryptions of the same pair under different public keys.

**Larger than.**  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{LrgerEq}} = \{((pk, \bar{A}_0, \bar{A}_1), (a_0, r_0, a_1, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \text{Enc}_{pk}(a_i; r_i) = \bar{A}_i \wedge a_1 - a_0 \in (q)\}$ , i.e., encryptions of the pair of values  $(a_0, a_1)$ , under the same public key, with  $a_1 \geq a_0$ .

**Protocol 3.6** ( $\Pi_{\text{ConfTrans.Transfer}}$ ).

Parties:  $U_s$  and C.

Proofs:  $\Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Rp}}}^{\text{ZK}}, \Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}, \Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{LrgerEq}}}^{\text{ZK}}$

Common input:  $d \in [n]$ .

$U_s$ 's private input:  $x \in (p_{\text{size}})$ .

Operation:

1.  $U_s$ :
  - (a)  $\bar{X}_d \xleftarrow{R} \text{Enc}_{pk_d}(x; r_d)$  for  $r_d \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}$ .
  - (b)  $\pi^{\text{Rp}} \xleftarrow{R} \text{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Rp}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk_d, \bar{X}_d, p_{\text{size}}), (x, r_d)).$

- (c)  $(b, r^b) \leftarrow \text{Dec}_{sk_s}(\overline{B}_s)$ .
- (d)  $\overline{B}'_s \xleftarrow{R} \text{Enc}_{pk_d}(b - x; r'_b)$  for  $r'_b \xleftarrow{R} \mathcal{D}$ .
- (e)  $\pi^{\text{Eq}} \xleftarrow{R} \text{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk_s, pk_d, \overline{B}_s - \overline{B}'_s, \overline{X}_d), (x, r_b - r'_b, r_d))$ .
- (f) Send  $(\overline{B}'_s, \overline{X}_d, \pi^{\text{Rp}}, \pi^{\text{Eq}})$  to C.

2. C:

- (a)  $\text{Assert}(\text{tcount}_d \leq p_{\text{pcount}})$ .
- (b)  $\text{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Rp}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}((pk_d, \overline{X}_d, p_{\text{size}}), \pi^{\text{Rp}})$  and  $\text{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk_s, pk_d, \overline{B}_s - \overline{B}'_s, \overline{X}_d), \pi^{\text{Eq}})$ .
- (c)  $\overline{B}_s \leftarrow \overline{B}'_s$ .
- (d)  $\overline{P}_d += X_d$ .
- (e)  $\text{tcount}_d^{++}$ .
- (f) Broadcast  $(\text{transfer}, s, d, \overline{B}_s, \overline{P}_d)$ .

### 3.2.4 Rollover

**Protocol 3.7** ( $\Pi_{\text{ConfTrans.Rollover}}$ ).

Parties.  $U_i$  and C.

Operation: C:

1.  $\overline{B}_i += \overline{P}_i$ .
2.  $\overline{P}_i -= \overline{P}_i$ .
3.  $\text{tcount}_i \leftarrow 0$ .
4. Broadcast  $(\text{rollover}, i, \overline{B}_i, \overline{P}_i)$

### 3.2.5 Audit

[Iftach's Note: TODO]

## 3.3 Security of Protocol 3.3

**Theorem 3.8** (Security of Protocol 3.3). *Assuming  $(\text{KeyGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$  is CPA secure, then Protocol 3.3 UC-realizes (with static security[Iftach's Note: ?]) Functionality 3.2 against semi-honest chain holder and mint.*

*Proof.* [Iftach's Note: TODO]

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## 4 The Chunk-ElGamal Encryption Scheme

In this section we define the (efficient) close to being additive homomorphic encryption scheme based on ElGamal multiplicative homomorphic encryption scheme. [Iftach's Note: give citations] The idea is to bootstrap the so-called *ElGamal in-the exponent* additive homomorphic encryption scheme,<sup>1</sup> which in turn is based on the ElGamal multiplicative homomorphic encryption scheme, that lacks efficient decryption algorithm, by splitting the plain text into small “chunks”. That is, we present message  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_t$  as  $\sum_{i \in (t/c)} 2^{ic} \cdot a_i$ , where  $c$ , the chunk size, is some integer that divides  $[t]$ , and encrypt using additive homomorphic EG each of the  $a_i$ . To decrypt  $\bar{A} = (A_0, \dots, A_{t/c})$ , one

1. Decrypt each  $A_i$  to get  $a_i \cdot G$ .
2. Use brute force to find  $a$ .<sup>2</sup>
3. Reconstruct  $a$ .

In Section 4.1 we formally define the ElGamal in-the-exponent scheme, and a few ZK proofs for the NP-relations the scheme induces. The chunk ElGamal scheme is defined in Section 4.2 and the related ZK proofs, are defined in Section 4.3. Finally, in Section 4.4 we explain how to adjust Protocol 3.3 to work with the new scheme.

### 4.1 ElGamal In-the-Exponent Encryption Scheme

Throughout we fix a cyclic additive  $q$ -size group  $\mathcal{G}$  with generator  $G$ . The ElGamal in-the-exponent encryption scheme (EgGen, EgEnc, EgDec) is define as follows:

**Algorithm 4.1** ((EgGen, EgEnc, EgDec): ElGamal in-the-exponent encryption).

*Key generation:* EgGen( $1^b$ ) samples  $e \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q$ , and outputs  $((1^b, e), E \leftarrow e \cdot G)$ .

*Encryption:* EgEnc <sub>$E$</sub> ( $a$ ) samples  $e \xleftarrow{R} \mathbb{Z}_q$ , and outputs  $\tilde{A} \leftarrow (r \cdot G, r \cdot E + a \cdot G)$

*Decryption:* EgDec <sub>$1^b, e$</sub> ( $\tilde{A}$ ),

1. Let  $M \leftarrow \tilde{A}_2 - e \cdot \tilde{A}_1$ .
2. Find (using brute force)  $m \in (-b, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  so that  $m \cdot G = M$ . Abort if no such  $m$  exists.
3. Output  $m$ .

*Addition:* Addition over  $\mathcal{G}^2$ .<sup>a</sup>

*Minus:* The inverse in  $\mathcal{G}^2$ .

<sup>a</sup>For  $\tilde{A}, \tilde{B} \in \mathcal{G}^2$ :  $\tilde{A} + \tilde{B} := (\tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{B}_0, \tilde{A}_1 + \tilde{B}_1)$ .

When clear from the context, will omit the parameter  $1^b$  from the secret key of the scheme.

<sup>1</sup>It is called ElGamal “in-the-exponent” due to typical multiplicative group notation. Here use additive group notation, but keep the name for historical reason.

<sup>2</sup>One can use standard processing to speed-up this part from  $c$  group operations to  $\sqrt{c}$  operations, or even [Iftach's Note: cite] to  $\sqrt[3]{c}$ .

**Theorem 4.2** (Security of ElGamal in-the-exponent). *Assuming DDH is hard over  $\mathcal{G}$ , then Algorithm 4.1 is a perfectly binding, semantically secure additively homomorphic scheme over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , with the following caveat: the description only guaranteed to work on encryptions of explain in (b), for  $1^b$  being the input of the key generation algorithm:*

#### 4.1.1 Zero-Knowledge Proofs

In Section 4.2 we make use of ZK proofs for the following relations regarding the above scheme.

**Knowledge of secret key.**

**Task:** ZKPOK for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{EGKeyGen}} = \{(E, e) : e \cdot G = E\}$ .

**Proof:** This is just standard Schnorr proof for discrete log [Sho00].

**Knowledge of plain text.**

**Task:** ZKPOK for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgEnc}} = \{((E, \tilde{A}), (a, r)) : \text{EgEnc}_E(a; r) = \tilde{A}\}$ .

**Proof:** See [HLNR23, Protocol A.2].

**Equality.**

**Task:** ZKP for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}} = \{((E_0, E_1, \tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1), (a, r_0, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \text{EgEnc}_{E_i}(a; r_i) = \tilde{A}_i\}$ .

**Proof:** The sigma protocol for this relation concatenates, with the same challenge  $e$  and answer  $z$ , two proofs of  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgEnc}}$ .

**In range.**

**Task:** ZKP for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgRp}} = \{((E, \tilde{A}, b), (a, r)) : \text{Enc}_E(a; r) = \tilde{A} \wedge a \in (b)\}$ .

**Proof:** [Iftach's Note: Bullet proof. Give ref]

## 4.2 The Chunk-ElGamal Scheme

In the following we fix  $t, c \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $t \leq q$  and  $\ell \leftarrow t/c \in \mathbb{N}$ . The chunk ElGamal encryption scheme is defined as follows:

**Definition 4.3** (Base factorization). *For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  let  $a_0, \dots, a_{\ell-1}$  so that  $a = \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^{ic} \cdot a_i$ .*

**Algorithm 4.4** ((KeyGen, Enc, Dec): Chunk ElGamal adaptively homomorphic encryption).

*Key generation:* KeyGen( $1^b$ ): act as EgGen( $1^b$ ).

*Encryption:* Enc<sub>pk</sub>( $a$ )

1. Compute  $(a_0, \dots, a_{\ell-1}) \leftarrow \text{baseF}(a)$ .
2. For each  $i \in (\ell)$ : let  $\tilde{A}_i \xleftarrow{R} \text{EgEnc}_{pk}(a_i)$ .
3. Output  $\bar{A} \leftarrow (\tilde{A}_0, \dots, \tilde{A}_{\ell-1})$ .



*Description:*  $\text{Dec}_{sk}(\overline{M}, b)$

1. For each  $i \in (\ell)$ : let  $m_i \xleftarrow{R} \text{EgDec}_{sk}(\overline{M}_i, b)$ .
2. Let  $m \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^{ic} \cdot m_i$ .
3. Output  $m$ .

*Addition:* Vector addition.<sup>a</sup>

*Minus:* Vector negation.

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<sup>a</sup>For  $\overline{A}, \overline{B} \in (\mathcal{G}^2)^\ell$ ,  $\overline{A} + \overline{B} := (\tilde{A}_0 + \tilde{B}_0, \dots, \tilde{A}_{\ell-1} + \tilde{B}_{\ell-1})$ .

**Theorem 4.5** (Security of Chunk ElGamal). *Assuming DDH is hard over  $\mathcal{G}$ , then Algorithm 4.4 is a perfectly binding, semantically secure additively homomorphic scheme over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , with the following caveat work on encryptions of plaintext  $a$  so that  $\text{baseF}(a) \in (-b, b)^\ell$  ( $1^b$  being the input of the key generation algorithm).*

### 4.3 Zero-Knowledge Proofs for the Scheme

In this section, we define the ZK and POK proofs used in Section 3. In the following, we omit the parameter  $b$  from the input list of Dec. We will address its value in Section 4.4.

**Knowledge of secret key.**

**Task:** ZKPOK for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{KeyGen}} = \{(pk, w) : \text{KeyGen}(w) = (\cdot, pk)\}$ .

**Proof:** Same as  $\Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EGKeyGen}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}$ .

**Knowledge of plain text.**

**Task:** ZKPOK for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Enc}} = \{((pk, A), (a, r)) : \text{Enc}_{pk}(a; r) = A\}$ .

**P:** On input  $((pk, \overline{A}), (\overline{a}, \overline{r}))$ .

1. For each  $i \in (\ell)$ : let  $\pi_i \leftarrow \Pi_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EGEnc}}}^{\text{ZK-POK}}((pk, \overline{A}_i), (\overline{a}_i, \overline{r}_i))$ .
2. Output  $\pi \leftarrow (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell-1})$ .

**V:** On input  $((pk, \overline{A}), \pi = (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell-1}))$ :

Accept iff  $\text{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EGEnc}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}_i), \pi_i)$  for all  $i \in (\ell)$ .

**Equality.**

**Task:** ZKP for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}} = \{((pk_0, pk_1, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), (a, r_0, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \text{Enc}_{pk_i}(a; r_i) = A_i\}$ .

**P:** On input  $((pk_0, pk_1, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), (\overline{a}, \overline{r}_0, \overline{r}_1))$ :

1. Let  $a \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \overline{a}_i$ .
2. For both  $j \in \{0, 1\}$ :
  - (a)  $\tilde{A}_j \leftarrow \sum_i 2^c \cdot (\overline{A}_j)_i$ .
  - (b)  $r_j \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot (\overline{r}_j)_i$ .
3. Output  $\pi \leftarrow \text{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1), (a, r_0, r_1))$ .

- V:** On input  $((pk_0, pk_1, \bar{A}_0, \bar{A}_1), \pi)$ :
1. Generate  $\tilde{A}_0$  and  $\tilde{A}_1$  as done by P.
  2. Apply  $V_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1), \pi)$ .

**In range.**

**Task:** ZK for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Rp}} = \{((pk, \bar{A}, b), (a, r)) : \text{Enc}_{pk}(a; r) = \bar{A} \wedge a \in (b)\}$ .

**P:** On input  $((pk, \bar{A}, b), (\bar{a}, \bar{r}))$ :

1.  $a \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \bar{a}_i$ .
2.  $\tilde{A} \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \bar{A}_i$ .
3.  $r \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \bar{r}_i$ .
4. Output  $\pi \leftarrow P_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgRp}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}, b), (a, r))$ .

**V:** On input  $((pk, \bar{A}, b), \pi)$ :

1. Generate  $\tilde{A}$  as by P.
2. Output  $V_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgRp}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}, b), \pi)$ .

**Freshness.** Proving that each of the entries of the ciphertext are small.

**Task:** ZKP for  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{Fsh}} = \{((pk, \bar{A}, b), (\bar{a}, \bar{r})) : \forall i \in (\ell) : \text{EgEnc}_{pk}(\bar{a}_i; \bar{r}_i) = \bar{A}_i \wedge \bar{a}_i \in (b)\}$ .

**P:** On input  $((pk, \bar{A}, b), (\bar{a}, \bar{r}))$ :

1. For each  $i \in (\ell)$ :  $\pi_i \leftarrow P_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgRp}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}_i, b), (\bar{a}_i, \bar{r}_i))$ .
2. Output  $\pi \leftarrow (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell-1})$ .

**V:** On input  $((pk, \bar{A}, b), \pi = (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell-1}))$ :

Accept iff  $V_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{EgRp}}}^{\text{ZK}}((pk, \tilde{A}_i, b), \pi_i)$  for all  $i \in (\ell)$ .

#### 4.4 Adjusting Protocol 3.3

Since the decryption procedure of of chunk-ElGamal encryption scheme only guarantees to work on certain type of ciphertexts, see Theorem 4.5, instantiating Protocol 3.3 with this scheme requires some adjustments.

**Init:** Set the parameter of the encryption key generation algorithm to  $b \leftarrow 2^c \cdot p_{\text{pcount}}$ .

**Transfer.** The sender also provide proofs that  $X_d$  is fresh (i.e., using  $P_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Fsh}}}^{\text{ZK}}$  with parameter  $b \leftarrow 2^c$ ).

**Rollover:** The rollover over operation should be updated to allow the account holder to “normalize” its active balance: to make it fresh. Specifically

(a)  $U_i$ :

- i. Decrypt  $\bar{P}_i$  and  $\bar{B}_i$  to get value  $(p_i, r_i)$  and  $(b_i, w_i)$  respectively.
- ii. Generate a fresh encryption  $\bar{B}'_i$  of  $(p_i + b_i)$  and  $\bar{P}'_i$  of 0.
- iii. Generate a proof  $\pi_{\text{Eq}}$  (i.e., using  $P_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Eq}}}^{\text{ZK}}$ ) that  $\bar{P}_i + \bar{B}_i = \bar{P}'_i + \bar{B}'_i$ .

- iv. Generate proofs  $\pi_{\text{Fsh}}^P$  and  $\pi^B_{\text{Fsh}}$  (i.e., using  $\text{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\text{Fsh}}}^{\text{ZK}}$ ) that  $\overline{P}'_i$  and  $\overline{B}'_i$  are fresh.
  - v. Send  $(\overline{P}'_i, \overline{B}'_i, \pi_{\text{Eq}}, \pi_{\text{Fsh}}^P, \pi_{\text{Fsh}}^B)$  to  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- (b)  $\mathcal{C}$ :
- i. Verify  $\pi_{\text{Eq}}, \pi_{\text{Fsh}}^P$  and  $\pi_{\text{Fsh}}^B$ .
  - ii. Set  $\overline{P}_i \leftarrow \overline{P}'_i$  and  $\overline{B}_i \leftarrow \overline{B}'_i$ .
  - iii. Continue as in the original protocol.

## 4.5 Efficient Improvements

1. The bullet proofs used in the In range and the freshness proofs can be batched.

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