Confidential Transactions Theory Justification

Iftach Haitner*

August 8, 2025

Abstract

We describe a and analyze the security of a variant of the confidential transactions scheme introduced by ${\bf BunzAZB20}$ [FC '20].

Contents

1	Intr	roduction	2	
2	Pre	reliminaries		
	2.1	Notation	2	
	2.2	Homomorphic Encryption	2	
	2.3	Security Model		
3	The	Confidential Transactions Protocol	2	
	3.1	The Ideal Functionality	3	
	3.2	The Protocol	4	
		3.2.1 Init	4	
		3.2.2 Mint		
		3.2.3 Transfer		
		3.2.4 Rollover		
		3.2.5 History		
		3.2.6 Audit		
	3.3	Security of Protocol 3.3		
	0.0	Security of Froncoi 6.9	'	
4	The	Chunk-ElGamal Encryption Scheme	7	
	4.1	ElGamal In-the-Exponent Encryption Scheme	7	
		4.1.1 Zero-Knowledge Proofs	8	
	4.2	The Chunk-ElGamal Scheme		
	4.3	Zero-Knowledge Proofs for the Scheme		
	4.4	Adjusting Protocol 3.3		

^{*}Stellar Development Foundation. E-mail: iftach.haitner@stellar.org..

1 Introduction

We describe a and analyze the security of a variant of the confidential transactions scheme introduced by **BunzAZB20**, 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 $[n] := \{1, \ldots, n\}$ and $(n) := \{0, \ldots, n\}$. 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 (KeyGen, Enc, 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 $\mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(x_0) + \mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(x_1)$ are computationally indistinguishable from $\mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(x_0 + x_1 \bmod q)$.

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 sid $\in \{0,1\}^*$ as common input. The 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}_{\mathsf{ConfTrans}}: Confidential transactions).
Parties: Mint M, chain holder C and users U_1, \ldots, U_n.
Parameters: p_{pcount}, p_{size}, q \in \mathbb{N}.
 Init. Upon receiving init from all parties:
            1. For each i \in [n]: \mathsf{avIBIance}_i \leftarrow 0, \mathsf{pndBaIance}_i \leftarrow 0, \mathsf{tcount}_i \leftarrow 0, \mathsf{log}_i \leftarrow \emptyset.
            2. \log \leftarrow \emptyset.
 Mint. Upon receiving (mint, d, x) from C and M:
            1. Assert (x \in (p_{\mathsf{size}}) \land \mathsf{tcount}_d \leq p_{\mathsf{pcount}}).
            2. tcount_d^{++}.
            3. pndBalance_d += x.
            4. Set \log \cup = (\min, d, \mathsf{tcount}_d, x).
 Transfer. Upon receiving (transfer, d) from C and U_s, with U_s using private input x.
            1. Assert (x \in (p_{\mathsf{size}}) \land \mathsf{tcount} \leq p_{\mathsf{pcount}} \land \mathsf{avlBlance}_s \geq x).
            2. tcount^{++}.
            3. avlBlance_s -= x.
            4. \  \, \mathsf{pndBalance}_d \mathrel{+}= x.
            5. \log_d \cup = (\mathsf{transfer}, s, x)
            6. \log \cup = (transfer, s, d)
 Rollover. Upon receiving rollover from party U_i and C, party C
            1. tcount \leftarrow 0.
            2. avlBlance_i += pndBalance_i.
            3. \mathsf{pndBalance}_i \leftarrow 0.
            4. \log \cup = (\text{rollover}, i)
 Withraw. Upon receiving (withraw, x) from party U_i and C, party C
```

1. Assert $(x \in (q) \land \mathsf{avIBIance}_i \ge x)$.

```
2. avlBlance<sub>i</sub> -= x.
3. log ∪= (withraw, i, x)
History. Upon receiving history from party U<sub>i</sub> and C: Send (log, log<sub>i</sub>) to U<sub>i</sub>.
Audit. [Iftach's Note: TODO]
```

3.2 The Protocol

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

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_{\mathsf{ConfTrans}}: Confidential transactions).

Parties: Mint M, chain-holder C and users \mathsf{U}_1,\ldots,\mathsf{U}_n.

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

Subprotocols: See below.
```

3.2.1 Init

This sub-protocol is were 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: $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}} = \{(pk, w)\}: \mathsf{KeyGen}(w) = (\cdot, pk)\}.$

```
Protocol 3.4 (\Pi_{\mathsf{ConfTrans}}.\mathsf{Init}).

Parties. All parties.

Proofs: \Pi^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}}}.

Operation:

1. \mathsf{U}_i, for all i \in [n]:

(a) (pk_i, sk_i) \overset{\mathsf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{KeyGen}(r_i) for r_i \overset{\mathsf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}.

(b) \pi_i \overset{\mathsf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}}}(pk_i, r_i).

(c) Send (pk_i, \pi_i) to C.

2. C:

(a) For all i \in [n]:
```

i. $V_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}}}^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}(pk_i, \pi_i).^a$

ii. $\operatorname{Enc}_{pk_i}(0), \overline{B}_i \leftarrow \operatorname{Enc}_{pk_i}(0), \operatorname{tcount}_i \leftarrow 0.$

(b) $\log \leftarrow \emptyset$.

^aHere and after, C aborts and publish the prover identity if the proof is not verified.

3.2.2 Mint

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

Parties: M and C.

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

Operation: C

1. Assert $(d \in [n] \land \mathsf{tcount}_d \leq p_{\mathsf{pcount}} \land x \in (p_{\mathsf{size}}))$

2. $\overline{P}_d += \operatorname{Enc}_{pk_d}(x)$.

3. $\log \cup = (\min, d, x, \mathsf{tcount}_d, \overline{P}_d)$.

3.2.3 Transfer

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

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

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

Larger than. $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{LrgerEq}} = \{((pk, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), (a_0, r_0, a_1, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \; \mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(a_i; r_i) = \overline{A}_i \land a_1 - a_0 \in (q)\},$ 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 ($\Pi_{ConfTrans}$. Transfer).

Parties: U_s and C.

 ${\rm Proofs:}\ \Pi^{\sf ZK}_{\mathcal{R}_{\sf Rp}}, P^{\sf ZK}_{\mathcal{R}_{\sf Eq}}, P^{\sf ZK}_{\mathcal{R}_{\sf LrgerEq}}$

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

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

Operation:

1. U_s:

(a) $\overline{X}_d \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Enc}_{pk_d}(x; r_d)$ for $r_d \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}$.

- (b) $\pi^{\mathsf{Rp}} \overset{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Rp}}}((pk_d, \overline{X}_d, p_{\mathsf{size}}), (x, r_d)).$
- (c) $\overline{X}_s \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{Enc}_{pk_s}(x;r)$ for $r_s \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{D}$.
- $(\mathrm{d}) \ \pi^{\mathsf{Eq}} \overset{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Eq}}}((pk_s, pk_d, \overline{X}_s, \overline{X}_s), (x, r_s, r_d)).$
- (e) $(b, r^b) \leftarrow \mathsf{Dec}_{sk_s}(\overline{B}_s)$.
- $(\mathbf{f}) \ \pi^{\mathsf{LrgerEq}} \overset{\mathtt{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{LrgerEq}}}((pk_s, \overline{X}_s, \overline{B}_s), (x, r_s, r_b)).$
- (g) Send $(X_s, \overline{X}_d, \pi^{\sf Rp}, \pi^{\sf Eq}, \pi^{\sf LrgerEq})$ to C.

2. C:

- (a) Assert(tcount_d $\leq p_{pcount}$).
- $$\begin{split} \text{(b)} \ \ \mathsf{V}^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Rp}}} & ((pk_d, \overline{X}_d, p_{\mathsf{size}}), \pi^{\mathsf{Rp}}), \\ & \mathsf{V}^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathsf{Eq}} & ((pk_s, pk_d, \overline{X}_s, \overline{X}_s), \pi^{\mathsf{Eq}}), \, \mathsf{V}^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{LrgerEq}}} & ((pk_s, \overline{X}_s, \overline{B}_s), \pi^{\mathsf{LrgerEq}}). \end{split}$$
- (c) $\overline{B}_s = \overline{X}_s$.
- (d) $\overline{P}_d += X_d$.
- (e) $tcount_d^{++}$.
- (f) $\log \cup = (\operatorname{transfer}, s, d, \overline{B}_s, \overline{P}_d).$

3.2.4 Rollover

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

Participating parties. U_i and C.

Operation: C:

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

3.2.5 History

Protocol 3.8 ($\Pi_{ConfTrans}$. History).

Parties. U_i and C.

Operation: C: Send log to U_i .

3.2.6 Audit

[Iftach's Note: TODO]

3.3 Security of Protocol 3.3

Theorem 3.9 (Security of Protocol 3.3). Assuming (KeyGen, Enc, 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]

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, 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 $m \in Z_t$ 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 decry $\overline{A} = (A_0, \ldots, A_{t/c})$, one

- 1. Decrypt each A_i to get $a_i \cdot G$.
- 2. Use brute force to find a.²
- 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 tp 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:

 ${\bf Algorithm~4.1~((EgGen, EgEnc, EgDec):~ElGamal~in-the-exponent~encryption).}$

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

Encryption: EgEnc_E(a) samples $e \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q$, and outputs $\widetilde{A} \leftarrow (r \cdot G, r \cdot E + a \cdot G)$

Decryption: EgDec_{1b,e}(\widetilde{A}),

¹It is called ElGamal "in-the-exponent" due to typical multiplicative group notation. Here use additive group notation, but keep the name for historical reason.

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

- 1. Let $M \leftarrow \widetilde{A}_2 e \cdot \widetilde{A}_2$.
- 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 .

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

^aFor
$$\widetilde{A}$$
, $\widetilde{B} \in \mathcal{G}^2$: $\widetilde{A} + \widetilde{B} := (\widetilde{A}_0 + \widetilde{B}_0, \widetilde{A}_1 + \widetilde{B}_1)$.

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

Theorem 4.2 (Security of Algorithm 4.1). 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 regrading the above scheme.

Knowledge of secret key.

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

Proof: This is just standard Schnorr proof for discrete log [Shoup00b].

Knowledge of plain text.

 $\mathbf{Task:} \ \, \mathbf{ZKPOK} \ \, \mathbf{for} \ \, \mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgEnc}} = \Big\{ ((E,\widetilde{A}),(a,r)) \colon \mathsf{EgEnc}_E(a;r) = \widetilde{A} \Big\}.$

Proof: See [HaitnerLNR23].

Equality.

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

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

In range.

Task: ZKP for $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgRp}} = \left\{ ((E, \widetilde{A}, b), (a, r)) \colon \mathsf{Enc}_E(a; r) = \widetilde{A} \land a \in (b) \right\}.$

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 $a_0, \ldots, a_{\ell-1}$ 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) .

Encryiption: $Enc_{pk}(a)$

- 1. Compute $(a_0, \ldots, a_{\ell-1}) \leftarrow \mathsf{baseF}(a)$.
- 2. For each $i \in (\ell)$: let $\widetilde{A}_i \stackrel{\mathbb{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathsf{EgEnc}_{pk}(a_i)$.
- 3. Output $\overline{A} \leftarrow (\widetilde{A}_0, \dots, \widetilde{A}_{\ell-1})$.

Decription: $Dec_{sk}(\overline{M}, b)$

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

Addition: Vector addition.^a

Minus: Vector negation.

For
$$\overline{A}, \overline{B} \in (\mathcal{G}^2)^{\ell}, \overline{A} + \overline{B} := (\widetilde{A}_0 + \widetilde{B}_0, \dots, \widetilde{A}_{\ell-1} + \widetilde{B}_{\ell-1}).$$

Theorem 4.5 (Security of Algorithm 4.4). Assuming DDH is hard over \mathcal{G} , then Algorithm 4.4 is a perfectly binding, semantically secure additively homophobic scheme over \mathbb{Z}_q , with the following caveat work on encryptions of plaintext a so that base $F(a) \in (-b,b)^{\ell}$ (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
$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{KeyGen}} = \{(pk, w)\}$$
: $\mathsf{KeyGen}(w) = (\cdot, pk)\}$. **Proof:** Same as $\Pi^{\mathsf{ZK-POK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EGKeyGen}}}$.

Knowledge of plain text.

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

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

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

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

Accept iff $V_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgEnc}}}^{\mathsf{ZK}}((pk, \widetilde{A}_i), \pi_i)$ for all $i \in (\ell)$.

Equality.

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

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) $\widetilde{A}_j \leftarrow \sum_i 2^c \cdot (\overline{A}_j)_i$.
 - (b) $r_j \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot (\overline{r}_j)_i$.
- 3. Output $\pi \leftarrow \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Eq}}}((pk, \widetilde{A}_0, \widetilde{A}_1), (a, r_0, r_1)).$

V: On input $((pk_0, pk_1, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), \pi)$:

- 1. Generate \widetilde{A}_0 and \widetilde{A}_1 as done by P.
- 2. Apply $\mathsf{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Eq}}}^{\mathsf{ZK}}((pk,\widetilde{A}_0,\widetilde{A}_1),\pi)$.

In range.

Task: ZK for $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Rp}} = \{((pk, \overline{A}, b), (a, r)) \colon \mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(a; r) = \overline{A} \land a \in (b)\}.$

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

- 1. $a \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \overline{a}_i$.
- 2. $\widetilde{A} \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \overline{A}_i$.
- 3. $r \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot \overline{r}_i$.
- 4. Output $\pi \leftarrow \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgRp}}}((pk, \widetilde{A}, b), (a, r)).$

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

- 1. Generate \widetilde{A} as by P.
- 2. Output $\mathsf{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgRp}}}^{\mathsf{ZK}}((pk, \widetilde{A}, b), \pi)$.

Larger than.

Task: POK for $\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{LrgerEq}} = \{((pk, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), (a_0, r_0, a_1, r_1)) : \forall i \in \{0, 1\} \; \mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(a_i; r_i) = \overline{A}_i \; \land \; a_1 - a_0 \in (q) \}.$ P: On input $((pk_0, pk_1, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), (\overline{a}, \overline{r}_0, \overline{r}_1))$:

- 1. For both $j \in \{0, 1\}$:
 - (a) $a_j \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot (\overline{a}_j)_i$.
 - (b) $\widetilde{A}_j \leftarrow \sum_i 2^c \cdot (\overline{A}_j)_i$.

(c)
$$r_j \leftarrow \sum_{i \in (\ell)} 2^c \cdot (\overline{r}_j)_i$$
.

- 2. Let $\widetilde{A} \leftarrow \widetilde{A}_1 \widetilde{A}_0$, $a \leftarrow a_1 a_0$ and $r \leftarrow r_1 r_0$.
- 3. Output $\pi \leftarrow \mathsf{P}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgRp}}}^{\mathsf{ZK}}((pk, \widetilde{\widetilde{A}}, q), (a, r)).$

V: On input $((pk_0, pk_1, \overline{A}_0, \overline{A}_1), \pi$:

- 1. Generate \widetilde{A} as by P.
- 2. Output $\mathsf{V}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{EgRp}}}^{\mathsf{ZK}}((pk,\widetilde{A},q),\pi)$.

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

 $\textbf{Task:} \ \ \text{ZKP for} \ \ \mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Fsh}} = \big\{ ((pk, \overline{A}, b), (\overline{a}, \overline{r})) \colon \forall i \in (\ell) \colon \mathsf{EgEnc}_{pk}(\overline{a}_i; \overline{r}_i) = \overline{A}_i \ \land \ \overline{a}_i \in (b) \big\}.$

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

- 1. For each $i \in (\ell)$: $\pi_i \leftarrow \mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{ERRo}}}((pk, \widetilde{A}_i, b), (\overline{a}_i, \overline{r}_i))$.
- 2. Output $\pi \leftarrow (\pi_0, \dots, \pi_{\ell-1})$.

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

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

4.4 Adjusting Protocol 3.3

Since the chunk ElGamal scheme has some shortcoming to be considered as truly additive homomorphic shame, see ??, instantiating Protocol 3.3 with the new scheme requires some adjustments.

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

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

Rollover: The rollover over operation should be updated to allow the account holder to "normalize" it active balance: to make it decryptable. Specifically

- (a) U_i :
 - i. Decrypt \overline{P}_i and \overline{B}_i to get value (p_i, r_i) and (b_i, w_i) respectively.
 - ii. Generate a fresh encryption \overline{B}'_i of $(p_i + b_i)$ and \overline{P}'_i of 0.
 - iii. Generate a proof π (i.e., using $\mathsf{P}^{\mathsf{ZK}}_{\mathcal{R}_{\mathsf{Eq}}}$) that $\overline{P}_i + \overline{B}_i = \overline{P}_i' + \overline{B}_i'$.
 - iv. Send $(\overline{P}'_i, \overline{B}'_i, \pi)$ to C.
- (b) C:
 - i. Verify π .
 - ii. Set $\overline{P}_i \leftarrow \overline{P}_i'$ and $\overline{B}_i \leftarrow \overline{B}_i'$.
 - iii. Continue as in the original protocol.