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LATTICE-BASED VERIFIABLE SHUFFLE AND DECRYPTION

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Introduction

Preliminaries

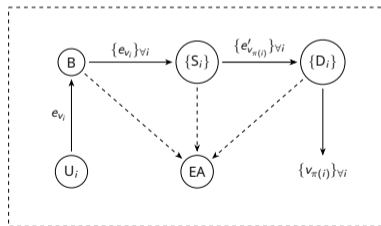
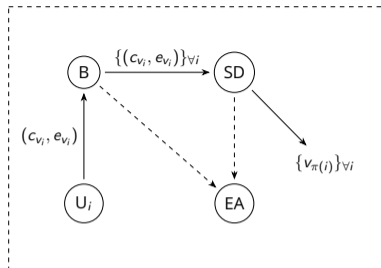
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Introduction - Goals

1. Build a zero-knowledge protocol to prove correct shuffle of messages
2. Extend the shuffle to handle ciphertexts instead of messages
3. Build a mixing network from the extended shuffle
4. Combine everything to construct systems for electronic voting
5. Use primitives based on lattices to achieve post-quantum security

Preliminaries - Commitment

Algorithms:

Com : samples randomness \mathbf{r}_m and commits to m as $[m] = \text{Com}(m; \mathbf{r}_m)$.

Open : takes as input $([m], m, \mathbf{r}_m)$ and verifies that $[m] \stackrel{?}{=} \text{Com}(m; \mathbf{r}_m)$.

Properties:

Binding : it is hard to find $m \neq \hat{m}$ and $\mathbf{r}_m \neq \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\hat{m}}$ s.t. $\text{Com}(m; \mathbf{r}_m) = \text{Com}(\hat{m}; \hat{\mathbf{r}}_{\hat{m}})$.

Hiding : it is hard to distinguish $\text{Com}(m; \mathbf{r}_m)$ from $\text{Com}(0; \mathbf{r}_0)$ when given m .

For more details about the commitment scheme see Baum et al. [BDL⁺18].

Preliminaries - Proof of Linearity

Let

$$[x] = \text{Com}(x; \mathbf{r}) \quad \text{and} \quad [x'] = [\alpha x + \beta] = \text{Com}(x'; \mathbf{r}').$$

Then the protocol Π_{Lin} is a sigma-protocol to prove the relation $x' = \alpha x + \beta$, given the commitments $[x], [x']$ and the scalars α, β .

For more details about the proof of linearity see Baum et al. [[BDL⁺18](#)].

Preliminaries - Amortized Proof of Shortness

Let

$$[x_1] = \text{Com}(x_1; \mathbf{r}_1), \quad [x_2] = \text{Com}(x_2; \mathbf{r}_2), \quad \dots, \quad [x_n] = \text{Com}(x_n; \mathbf{r}_n),$$

where all are commitments to short values. Then the protocol Π_A is a sigma-protocol to prove that the underlying messages of $[x_1], [x_2], \dots, [x_n]$ are bounded.

For more details about the amortized proof see Baum et al. [BBC⁺18].

Preliminaries - BGV Encryption

KeyGen samples random $a \xleftarrow{\$} R_q$, short $s \leftarrow R_q$ and noise $e \leftarrow \mathcal{N}_{\sigma_E}$.
The algorithm outputs $\text{pk} = (a, b) = (a, as + pe)$ and $\text{sk} = s$.

Enc samples a short $r \leftarrow R_q$ and noise $e_1, e_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{N}_{\sigma_E}$, and outputs
 $(u, v) = (ar + pe_1, br + pe_2 + m)$.

Dec outputs $m \equiv v - su \pmod{q} \pmod{p}$ when noise is bounded by $\lfloor q/2 \rfloor$.

For more details about the encryption scheme see Brakerski et al. [BGV12].

Proof of Shuffle - Setting

- ▶ Public information: sets of commitments $\{[m_i]\}_{i=1}^{\tau}$ and messages $\{\hat{m}_i\}_{i=1}^{\tau}$.
- ▶ P knows the openings $\{(m_i, \mathbf{r}_{m_i}, f_i)\}_{i=1}^{\tau}$ of the commitments $\{[m_i]\}_{i=1}^{\tau}$,
- ▶ and P knows a permutation π such that $\hat{m}_i = m_{\pi^{-1}(i)}$ for all $i = 1, \dots, \tau$.
- ▶ We construct a $4 + 3\tau$ -move ZKPoK protocol to prove this statement.
- ▶ This extends Neff's construction [[Nef01](#)] to the realm of PQ assumptions.

Proof of Shuffle - Linear System

As a first step, P draws $\theta_i \xleftarrow{\$} R_q$ uniformly at random for each $i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\}$, and computes the commitments:

$$\begin{aligned} [D_1] &= [\theta_1 \hat{M}_1] \\ \forall j \in \{2, \dots, \tau - 1\} : [D_j] &= [\theta_{j-1} M_j + \theta_j \hat{M}_j] \\ [D_\tau] &= [\theta_{\tau-1} M_\tau]. \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Proof of Shuffle - Linear System

P receives a challenge $\beta \in R_q$ and computes $s_i \in R_q$ such that the following equations are satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}\beta M_1 + s_1 \hat{M}_1 &= \theta_1 \hat{M}_1 \\ \forall j \in \{2, \dots, \tau - 1\} : s_{j-1} M_j + s_j \hat{M}_j &= \theta_{j-1} M_j + \theta_j \hat{M}_j \\ s_{\tau-1} M_\tau + (-1)^\tau \beta \hat{M}_\tau &= \theta_{\tau-1} M_\tau.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Proof of Shuffle - Linear System

P uses the protocol Π_{Lin} to prove that each commitment $[D_i]$ satisfies the equations (2). In order to compute the s_j values, we can use the following fact:

Lemma

Choosing

$$s_j = (-1)^j \cdot \beta \prod_{i=1}^j \frac{M_i}{\widehat{M}_i} + \theta_j \quad (3)$$

for all $j \in 1, \dots, \tau - 1$ yields a valid assignment for Equation (2).

Proof of Shuffle - Protocol

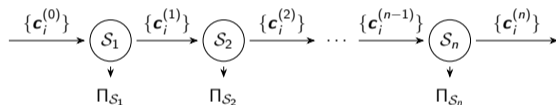
Zero-Knowledge Proof Π_{Shuffle} of Correct Shuffle	
Prover, P	Verifier, V
	$\rho \xleftarrow{\$} R_q \setminus \{\hat{m}_i\}_{i=1}^{\tau}$
	$\xleftarrow{\rho}$
$\hat{M}_i = \hat{m}_i - \rho$	$\hat{M}_i = \hat{m}_i - \rho$
$M_i = m_i - \rho$	$[M_i] = [m_i] - \rho$
$\theta_i \xleftarrow{\$} R_q, \forall i \in [\tau - 1]$	
Compute $[D_i]$ as in Eq. (1), i.e.	
$[D_1] = [\theta_1 \hat{M}_1], [D_\tau] = [\theta_{\tau-1} M_\tau],$	
$[D_i] = [\theta_{i-1} M_i + \theta_i \hat{M}_i]$ for $i \in [\tau - 1] \setminus \{1\}$	$\xrightarrow{\{[D_i]\}_{i=1}^{\tau}}$
	$\xleftarrow{\beta}$
	$\beta \xleftarrow{\$} R_q$
Compute $s_i, \forall i \in [\tau - 1]$ as in (3).	$\xrightarrow{\{s_i\}_{i=1}^{\tau-1}}$
	Use Π_{Lin} to prove that
	(1) $\beta[M_1] + s_1 \hat{M}_1 = [D_1]$
	(2) $\forall i \in [\tau - 1] \setminus \{1\} : s_{i-1}[M_i] + s_i \hat{M}_i = [D_i]$
	(3) $s_{\tau-1}[M_\tau] + (-1)^\tau \beta \hat{M}_\tau = [D_\tau]$
	i.e. all equations from (2)

Proof of Shuffle - Performance

- ▶ Optimal parameters for the commitment scheme is $q \approx 2^{32}$ and $N = 2^{10}$.
- ▶ The proof of linearity use Gaussian noise of standard deviation $\sigma_C \approx 2^{15}$.
- ▶ The prover sends 1 commitment, 1 ring-element and 1 proof per message.
- ▶ The shuffle proof is of total size $\approx 21\tau$ KB for τ messages.
- ▶ The shuffle proof takes $\approx 18\tau$ ms to compute for τ messages.

Mixing Network - Extending the Shuffle

- ▶ We extend the shuffle to ciphertexts instead of messages
- ▶ We create a mixing network that does the following:
 1. Randomize the ciphertexts
 2. Commit to the randomness
 3. Permute the ciphertexts
 4. Prove that shuffle is correct
 5. Prove that the randomness is short
- ▶ Integrity holds because of the proofs
- ▶ Privacy if at least one server is honest



Verifiable Key-Shifting - Protocol

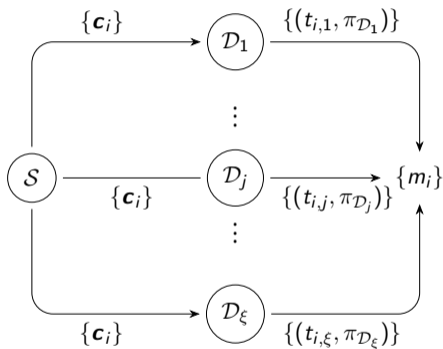
- ▶ We're given a ciphertext (u, v) under key s_1 .
- ▶ We want the ciphertext (u', v') under key $s = s_1 + s_2$.
- ▶ The protocol works as following:
 1. Compute $(u', v') = (u + ar' + pE_1, v + us_2 + br' + pE_2)$
 2. We need s_1 and s_2 to be short to achieve correctness
 3. We need E_1 and E_2 to be 2^{sec} larger than s for privacy
 4. We use Π_{Lin} to prove correctness of each computation
 5. We use Π_A to prove that E_1 and E_2 are bounded
- ▶ Distributed protocol for $s_2 = \sum_j \hat{s}_j$ where \hat{s}_j are random.

Verifiable Decryption - Distributed Decryption

Actively secure distributed decryption protocol from [DPSZ12]:

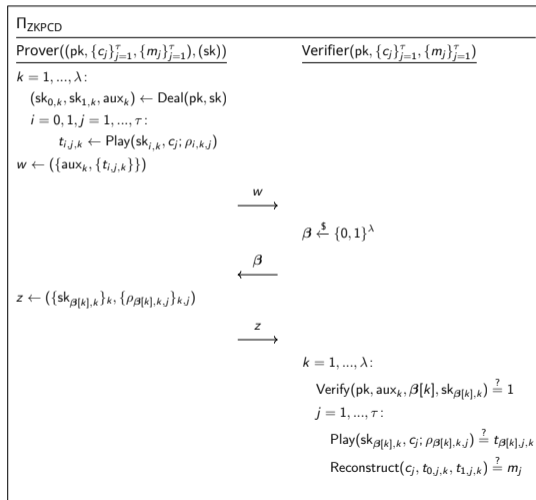
- ▶ On input key s_j and ciphertext (u, v) , sample large noise E_j , output $t_j = s_j u + pE_j$.
- ▶ We use Π_{Lin} to prove correct computation.
- ▶ We use Π_A to prove that E_j is bounded.

We obtain the plaintext as $m \equiv (v - t \pmod q) \pmod p$, where $t = t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_\xi$.



Verifiable Decryption - MPC in the Head

1. Deal splits the key into two parts and prove correctness.
2. Play compute a decryption share $t_{i,j}$ based on key share s_i .
3. P commits to the shares, and V challenges half of them.
4. V verifies all shares.
5. V reconstructs to check the message from the shares.



Verifiable Decryption - MPC in the Head

- ▶ Can run the protocol λ times for soundness $2^{-\lambda}$.
- ▶ Can choose security parameter κ such that $\kappa > \lambda$.
- ▶ Deal is dependent on λ , not the number of messages τ .
- ▶ The decryption proof is of total size $\approx 8\lambda\tau$ KB for τ messages.
- ▶ The decryption proof takes time $\approx 34\lambda\tau$ μ s to compute for τ messages.

Verifiable Decryption - One-Party Decryption

New: We can decrypt directly as following:

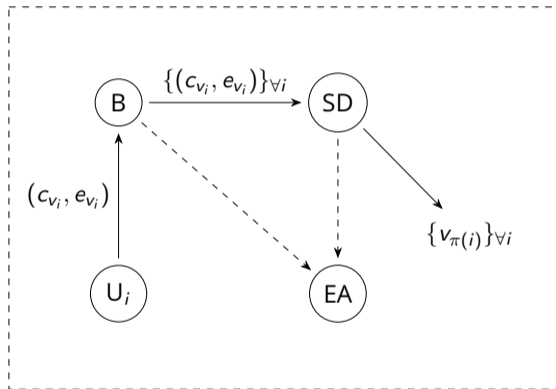
- ▶ Public commitment $[s]$ to secret key s .
- ▶ Compute $m_i \equiv (v_i - su_i \pmod q) \pmod p$.
- ▶ Commit to $d_i = v_i - su_i - m_i$ as $[d_i]$.
- ▶ Use Π_{Lin} to prove correct computation.
- ▶ Use Π_{A} to prove that each d_i is bounded.

Electronic Voting - Setting

- ▶ We use a trusted printer to give users return codes.
- ▶ Each user have their own return-code-key \hat{k} .
- ▶ The return code server has a secret PRF-key k .
- ▶ We encrypt openings of commitments using verifiable encryption.
- ▶ Trusted election authorities EA verifies proofs and views.

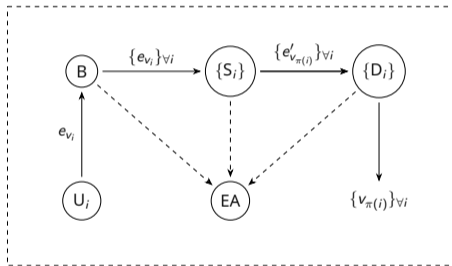
Electronic Voting - Verifiable Shuffle-Decryption

- ▶ SD both shuffle and decrypt the votes.
- ▶ Integrity follows from the ZK-proof.
- ▶ Privacy if B and SD does not collude.





Electronic Voting - Verifiable Mix-Net

- ▶ S may consist of many shuffle-servers.
- ▶ D may consist of many decryption-servers, or many key-shifting servers and only one decryption server.
- ▶ Integrity follows from the ZK-proofs.
- ▶ Privacy holds if the following is true:
 1. at least one shuffle-server is honest, and
 2. at least one decryption-server is honest.



Thank you! Any questions?



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