

Inner-Product Predicate Encryption from Weaker Assumptions

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Encryption

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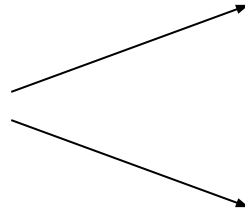
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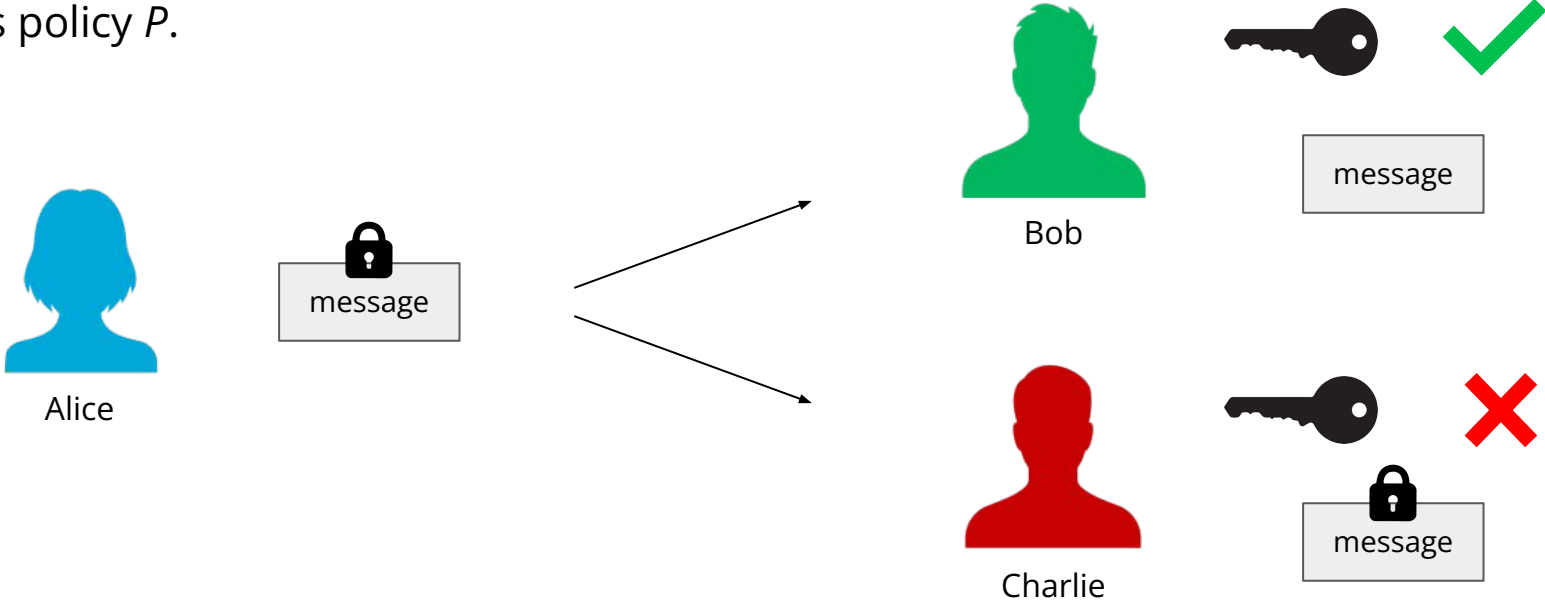
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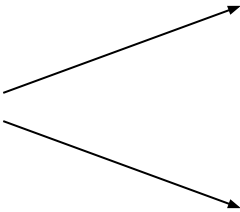


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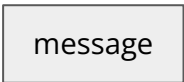
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Charlie



We can achieve this using predicate encryption!

Encryption

A secret-key encryption scheme has three algorithms.

- KeyGen \rightarrow secret key sk
- Enc(sk , message m) \rightarrow ciphertext ct
- Dec(sk , ct) $\rightarrow m$

Correctness: Dec(sk , Enc(sk , m)) = m

Security: Enc(sk , m) "hides" m

Predicate Encryption

A predicate encryption scheme has four algorithms and a predicate class P .

- Setup \rightarrow master key msk
- Enc(msk , attribute x , message m) \rightarrow ciphertext ct
- KeyGen(msk , P) \rightarrow secret key sk_p
- Dec(sk_p , ct) $\rightarrow m$

Correctness: Dec(sk_p , Enc(msk , m)) = m if and only if $P(x) = 0$.

Security: Enc(msk , x , m) "hides" m even if the adversary has sk_p where $P(x) \neq 0$.

Example - Credit Card Transactions

plaintext m : Name

attribute x : cost

	Name	Cost	Time	Zip Code
🔒	Alice	\$25	9/25/24 15:34	02139
🔒	Alice	\$3	9/28/24 18:23	02139
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Example - Credit Card Transactions

Fraud Investigation

- Cost: >\$1000



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Example - Credit Card Transactions

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Inner Product Predicate Encryption (IPPE)

A inner product predicate encryption scheme has four algorithms and a predicate P . For a plaintext message m and attribute vector \mathbf{x} :

- Setup \rightarrow master key msk
- Enc(msk, \mathbf{x}, m) \rightarrow ciphertext ct
- KeyGen(msk, P) \rightarrow secret key sk_p
- Dec(sk_p, ct) $\rightarrow m$

We let the predicate be $P(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$, for a fixed predicate vector \mathbf{y} .

Correctness: Dec($sk_p, \text{Enc}(msk, m)$) = m if and only if $P(\mathbf{x}) = 0$.

Security: Enc(msk, m) "hides" m even if the adversary has sk_p where $P(\mathbf{x}) \neq 0$.

Construction

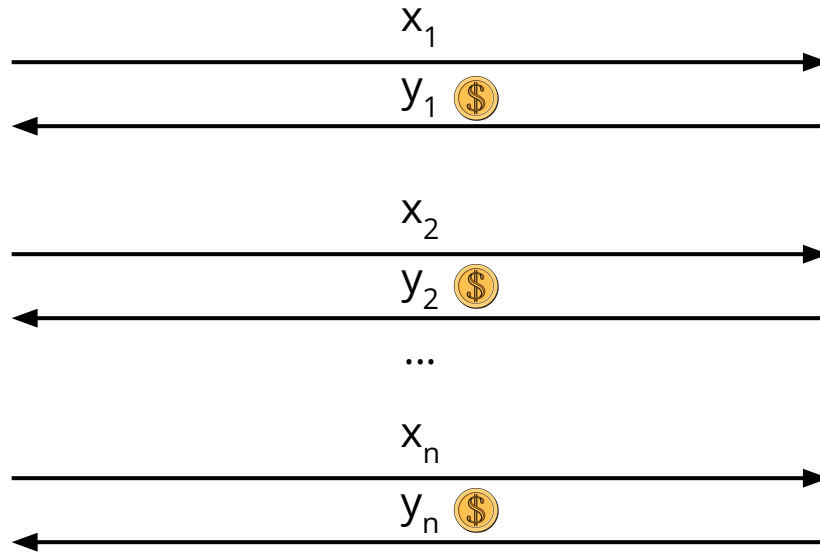


Pseudorandom Function (PRF)

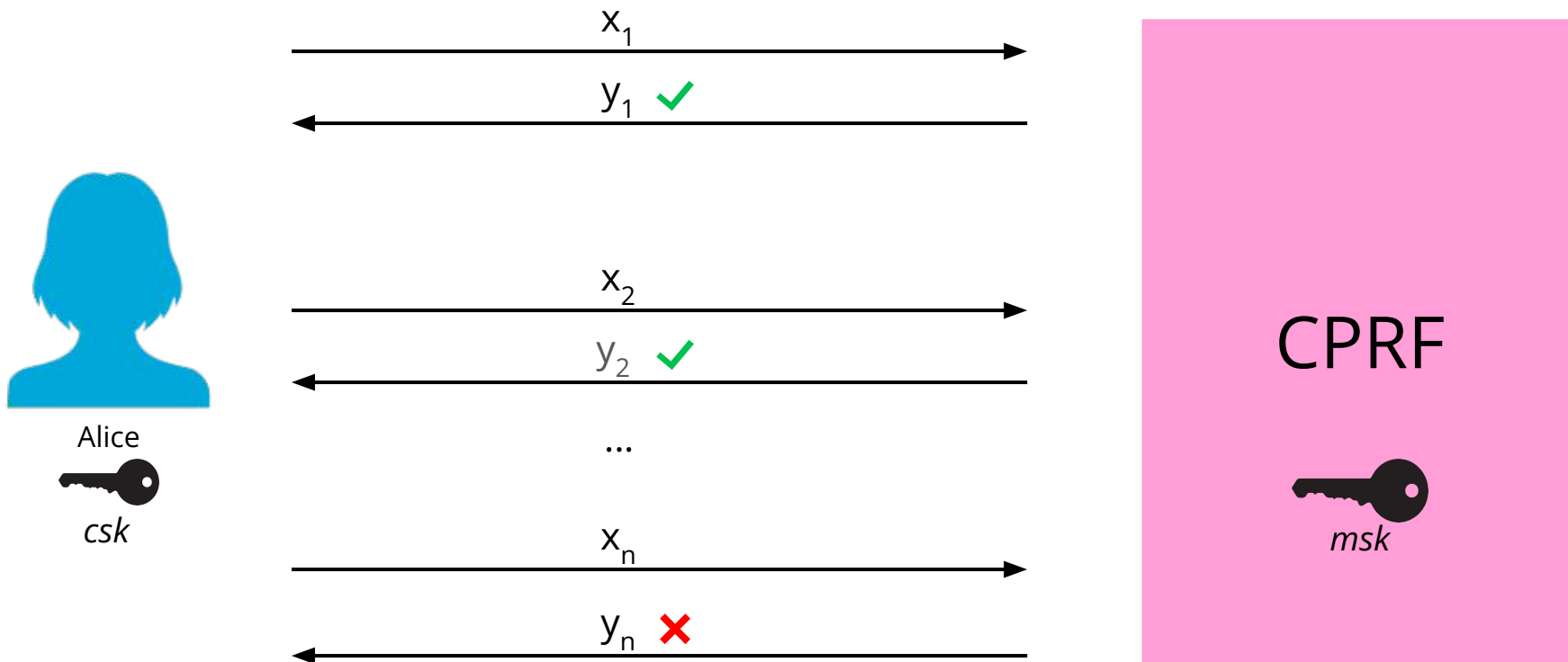
A pseudorandom function (PRF) is a function that returns a value computationally indistinguishable from random.



Alice



Constrained Pseudorandom Function (CPRF)



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A constrained PRF is associated with 4 algorithms, a master key msk_{cprf} , constrained key csk , and constraint function C . We let $C = \langle z, x \rangle$ for a constraint vector z and input vector x .

- $\text{CPRF.KeyGen} \rightarrow msk_{\text{cprf}}$
- $\text{CPRF.Eval}(msk_{\text{cprf}}, x) \rightarrow y$
- $\text{CPRF.Constrain}(msk_{\text{cprf}}, C) \rightarrow csk$
- $\text{CPRF.CEval}(csk, x) \rightarrow y$ if $C(x) = 0$ and \perp otherwise

Our scheme uses inner product constraints.

Shiftable Constrained Pseudorandom Function (ShCPRF)

A shiftable CPRF is associated with 4 algorithms, a master key msk_{shcprf} , constrained key csk , a constraint function C , and a shift r . We let $C = \langle z, x \rangle$ for a constraint vector z and input vector x .

- $CPRF.KeyGen \rightarrow msk_{shcprf}$
- $CPRF.Eval(msk_{shcprf}, x) \rightarrow y$
- $CPRF.Constrain(msk_{shcprf}, C, r) \rightarrow csk$
- $CPRF.CEval(csk, x) \rightarrow y$ if $C(x) = r$ and random otherwise

Our scheme uses shiftable inner product constraints.

Main Idea - Using ShCPRFs to construct IPPE

Encryption (for message m in $\{0,1\}$)

Generate ciphertext ct

Compute tag $t = \text{ShCPRF}(ct, \text{attribute } \mathbf{x})$

Output (ct, x, t)

Key Generation (corresponding to $P(\mathbf{x})=\langle z, \mathbf{x} \rangle$)

Generate secret key csk for ShCPRF

Decryption

Compute tag t' from ShCPRF.CEval using csk and (ct, \mathbf{x})

Output $m = 0$ if and only if $t' = t$

Outline of Scheme



Alice

$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow msk$
 $\text{Enc}(msk, \mathbf{x}, m) \rightarrow ct_{\mathbf{x}}$
 $\text{KeyGen}(msk, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow sk_{\mathbf{y}}$



Bob

$sk_{\mathbf{y}}, ct_{\mathbf{x}}$



$\text{Dec}(sk_{\mathbf{y}}, ct_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow m \text{ or } \perp$

Overview of Scheme

$P(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$ for attribute vector \mathbf{x} and predicate vector \mathbf{y}

$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow \text{msk}$. The setup algorithm gets the security parameter 1^λ as input and outputs the master key msk .



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Setup

$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow msk$

- Generate $msk_{\text{shcprf}} \leftarrow \text{ShCPRF.KeyGen}(1^\lambda)$
- Output $msk := msk_{\text{shcprf}}$

Overview of Scheme

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$\text{Enc}(msk, \mathbf{x}, m) \rightarrow ct_{\mathbf{x}}$. The encryption algorithm gets msk , the attribute \mathbf{x} , and message $m \in \{0, 1\}$ as input and outputs the ciphertext $ct_{\mathbf{x}}$.



$$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda) \rightarrow msk$$

$$\text{Enc}(msk, \mathbf{x}, m) \rightarrow ct_{\mathbf{x}}$$

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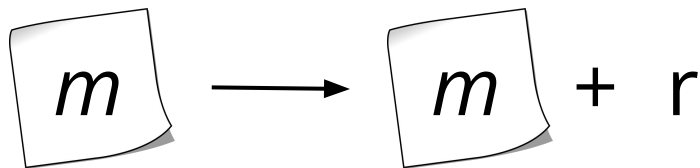


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Enc

$\text{Enc}(msk, \mathbf{x}, m) \rightarrow ct_{\mathbf{x}}$

- Parse $msk = msk_{\text{shcprf}}$
- Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbf{F}_q$
- $ct := m + r$
- $t \leftarrow \text{ShCPRF.Eval}(msk_{\text{shcprf}}, (ct, \mathbf{x}), r)$
- Output $ct_{\mathbf{x}} := (ct, \mathbf{x}, t)$



Overview of Scheme

$$P(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$\text{KeyGen}(msk, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow sk_{\mathbf{y}}$. The key generation algorithm gets msk and the predicate vector \mathbf{y} as input and outputs the secret key $sk_{\mathbf{y}}$.



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KeyGen

$\text{KeyGen}(msk, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow sk_{\mathbf{y}}$

- Parse $msk = msk_{\text{shcprf}}$
- $sk_{\mathbf{y}} \leftarrow \text{ShCPRF.Constrain}(msk_{\text{shcprf}}, (1, \mathbf{y}))$
- Output $sk_{\mathbf{y}}$

$sk_{\mathbf{y}} =$

Constrain

PRF



msk_{shcprf}

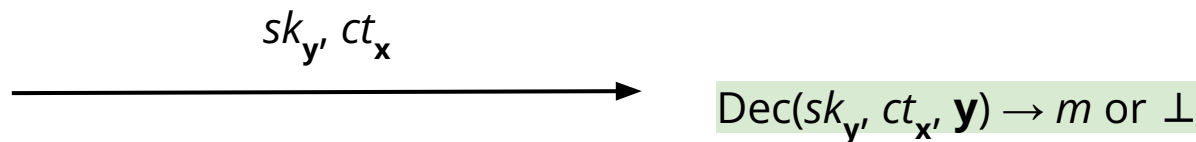
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$\text{Dec}(sk_{\mathbf{y}}, ct_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow m$ or \perp . The decryption algorithm gets $sk_{\mathbf{y}}, ct_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{y}$ as input. It outputs the message m if $P(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$ and \perp otherwise.



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Dec

$\text{Dec}(sk_y, ct_x, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow m \text{ or } \perp$

- Parse $ct_x = (ct, \mathbf{x}, t)$
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Reminders:

- shift r
- constraint vector $(1, \mathbf{y})$
- input vector (ct, \mathbf{x})

We want $\langle (1, \mathbf{y}), (ct, \mathbf{x}) \rangle = r$.

Dec

$\text{Dec}(sk_y, ct_x, \mathbf{y}) \rightarrow m$ or \perp

- Parse $ct_x = (ct, \mathbf{x}, t)$
- $t' \leftarrow \text{ShCPRF.CEval}(sk_y, (ct, \mathbf{x}))$

We want $m + r + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = r$.

Reminders:

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$$ct = m + r$$

$$\langle (1, \mathbf{y}), (ct, \mathbf{x}) \rangle = ct + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

$$= m + r + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

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We want $m + r + \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = r$.

If $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \neq 0$, output \perp .

Given $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$,

- If $t = t'$, $m = 0$.
- If $t \neq t'$, $m = 1$.

This allows for us to recover m !



Charlie

Since Charlie has $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \neq 0$, he cannot decrypt because t' will not be equal to t .



Bob

Since Bob has $\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle = 0$, he will check if $t' = t$. If it does, then $m = 0$, otherwise $m = 1$.

Current and Future Work

- Working on the proof of security
- Extending the scheme to support more features
- Implementing and benchmarking the construction

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