

Efficient Invisible and Unlinkable Sanitizable Signatures

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Abstract. Sanitizable signatures allow designated parties (the sanitizers) to apply arbitrary modifications to some restricted parts of signed messages. A secure scheme should not only be unforgeable, but also protect privacy and hold both the signer and the sanitizer accountable. Two important security properties that are seemingly difficult to achieve simultaneously and efficiently are invisibility and unlinkability. While invisibility ensures that the admissible modifications are hidden from external parties, unlinkability says that sanitized signatures cannot be linked to their sources. Achieving both properties simultaneously is crucial for applications where sensitive personal data is signed with respect to data-dependent admissible modifications. The existence of an efficient construction achieving both properties was recently posed as an open question by Camenisch et al. (PKC’17). In this work, we propose a solution to this problem with a two-step construction. First, we construct (non-accountable) invisible and unlinkable sanitizable signatures from signatures on equivalence classes and other basic primitives. Second, we put forth a generic transformation using verifiable ring signatures to turn any non-accountable sanitizable signature into an accountable one while preserving all other properties. When instantiating in the generic group and random oracle model, the efficiency of our construction is comparable to that of prior constructions, while providing stronger security guarantees.

1 Introduction

Sanitizable signature schemes introduced by Ateniese *et al.* [1] are signature schemes that allow a certain degree of controlled malleability: The signer signs messages along with some “admissible modifications” with respect to another party called the sanitizer. The sanitizer can (only) convert a given message-signature pair into one that is admissible. When necessary, the signer can (dis)prove the authorship of a given signature to the public which is modelled by a party called the judge. Over the years, the originally informal security properties [1] were formalized [6,7] and strengthened [25]. Beyond unforgeability, sanitizable signatures provide one with meaningful privacy guarantees, which are important when signing and sanitizing sensitive data. Furthermore, accountability of the signatures prevents the parties from misbehaving as they may eventually get caught. New properties, such as invisibility, were recently proposed [10,2]. To summarize, we recall the security properties which we consider in this work:

Immutability: The sanitizer cannot modify non-admissible messages.

Accountability: The signer cannot accuse the sanitizer (vice versa) of signing.
 Transparency: Non-sanitized and sanitized signatures are indistinguishable.
 Invisibility: The class of admissible modifications are hidden from external parties.
 Unlinkability: Sanitized signatures cannot be linked to their sources.

Applications. Ateniese *et al.* [1] suggested a wide range of applications of sanitizable signatures, including multicast transmission, database outsourcing, protecting health information, and secure routing. As an example, we highlight the importance of invisibility and unlinkability of sanitizable signatures for signing medical records. Suppose that a physician signs medical records of patients using a sanitizable signature scheme. The patients can then sanitize the medical record for different purposes. For example, they may 1) remove the personal information and delegate the anonymized record for analysis; 2) remove everything except for the personal information for financing purposes, in such a way that the receivers are convinced of the authenticity of the record. As discussed in [7], *unlinkability* ensures that colluding receivers cannot reconstruct the full medical records since they cannot link records sanitized from the same source.

However, suppose that the admissible modifications chosen by the physician, are data-dependent. For instance, patients suffering from certain sensitive medical condition that might possibly lead them to be discriminated against, may be allowed to change the fields corresponding to these conditions to NO, while other patients not suffering from any of these conditions are not allowed to change any of the fields to YES. Such a policy of assigning admissible modifications prevents the former patients from facing discrimination when revealing such conditions is not necessary, while preventing the latter patients from getting hold of drugs which are otherwise only issued to patients suffering from those conditions. The security property *invisibility* is crucial for such a scenario, since the receiver of a sanitized medical record can otherwise easily tell whether the corresponding patient suffers from a sensitive condition by just checking whether changing the corresponding field in the record is modifiable or not.

1.1 Open Problem

As discussed above, achieving both unlinkability and invisibility is desirable for certain applications. Obviously, realizing both notions simultaneously is rather easy from a theoretical point of view using common “encrypt and prove” techniques. Although the feasibility is clear, doing so efficiently turns out to be challenging.

One obvious starting point to answer this question is the idea to lift an existing invisible sanitizable signature scheme to an unlinkable one. Following this path does not seem to be fruitful, because existing invisible constructions adopt the “chameleon-hash-then-sign” paradigm: The main ingredients in this approach are a signature scheme for which the signer has the secret key, and a chameleon hashing scheme⁴ for which the sanitizer has the trapdoor. To sign a message, the signer first splits the message into ℓ message blocks, some of which are “admissible”, meaning that they are allowed to be

⁴ A chameleon hashing scheme allows to generate a probabilistic hash function H together with a trapdoor. With the latter, one can efficiently compute a randomness r when given any message m and hash value h such that $h = H(m, r)$.

changed by the sanitizer, while some are not. The signer then computes the chameleon hashes of the individual message blocks, in such a way that the sanitizer can recover the trapdoors corresponding to the admissible blocks, and sign the hash values. Later, the sanitizer can change the admissible blocks by using the trapdoors to “explain” the hash values with new messages.

Under the “chameleon-hash-then-sign” paradigm, we can see that signatures are inherently linkable. This is because all signatures which are sanitized from a fresh signature contain the same set of hash values. One can of course hide the hash values by using generic non-interactive zero-knowledge arguments, but that would not yield a practical scheme. Therefore, [10] and [2] posed the following open problem:

“How to construct (efficient) sanitizable signature schemes which are simultaneously unlinkable and invisible?”

In this work, we answer this question by constructing the first efficient invisible and unlinkable sanitizable signature scheme.

1.2 Our Techniques

To solve the problem of constructing an efficient unlinkable and invisible sanitizable signature scheme, we suggest a modular approach visualized with the help of Figure 1.

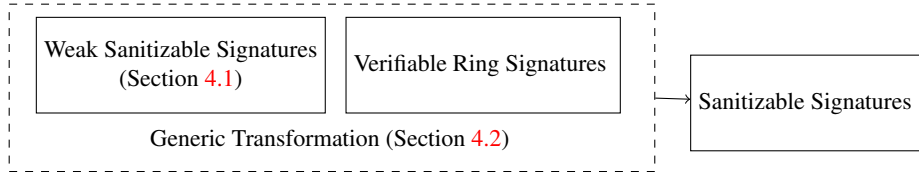


Fig. 1: Outline of our approach.

First, we decouple the problem by presenting a generic transformation that turns any “weak” sanitizable signature scheme, which is not accountable, into an accountable one while preserving or upgrading all other properties. Our transformation is very efficient as it only requires a verifiable [28] ring signature⁵. Recall that a ring signature scheme allows a signer to sign messages on behalf of an ad-hoc group picked during signature generation. Verifiability in this context means that a signer can (dis)prove the authorship of a given signature a posteriori. The basic idea of our transformation is as follows.

To sign (resp. sanitize), the signer (resp. the sanitizer) runs the sign (resp. sanitize) algorithm of the weak sanitizable signature scheme, and signs the whole output (ignoring the underlying structure) with a verifiable ring signature scheme, where the ring is

⁵ We remark that verifiable ring signatures can be implemented from unique [18], linkable [27], accountable [35], or traceable [21] ring signatures, so the transformation also works with these kinds of signature.

composed by the verification keys of the signer and the sanitizer. The resulting scheme is accountable because the signer can (dis)prove the authorship of a certain signature using the accountability property of the ring signature itself. Our transformation does not only preserve the underlying properties of the (non-accountable) sanitizable signature scheme, but it also strengthens some of them: If the underlying scheme is weakly immutable (resp. weakly unlinkable), then the resulting scheme is immutable (resp. unlinkable). Loosely speaking, weak immutability considers a forgery as legitimate if it corresponds to a pre-determined sanitizer, as opposed to *any* sanitizer. On the other hand, weak unlinkability restricts the queries of the adversary to the sanitization oracle to consist exclusively of honestly generated signatures.

Next, we tackle the main problem of constructing an invisible and unlinkable (non-accountable) sanitizable signature scheme. The (long-term) public and secret keys of the signer are the verification and signing keys of a certain signature scheme, which we refer to as the outer-layer scheme. To sign a message, the signer splits the message into ℓ message blocks, and generates ℓ pairs of signing and verification keys of an inner-layer signature scheme. Naturally, the signer signs each message block with the corresponding inner signing key, and signs the verification keys with its (long-term) outer secret key. To allow sanitization, the signer additionally delegates the inner signing keys corresponding to the admissible blocks by encrypting them under the sanitizer public key. Note that all message blocks are treated equally, which is critical for invisibility, except for the generation of the ciphertext. By the semantic security of the encryption scheme, the signature is still invisible to the eyes of an external observer.

To generate signatures for sanitized messages, the sanitizer simply uses the delegated inner signing keys to sign the modified message blocks. However, the resulting sanitized signature is now linkable since the outer signature on the inner verification keys and the keys themselves remain unchanged. To resolve this issue, we need to craft an inner signature scheme with some special properties. Our inner signatures scheme is very similar to the Boneh–Lynn–Shacham (BLS) signature scheme [4] and works as follows: The public key consists of two group elements (G_1^x, G_1^{xy}) and the secret key $y \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ can be used to sign a message m by computing $\sigma := H(m)^y \in G_2$. The verification is done using the pairing

$$e(G_1^x, \sigma) = e(G_1^{xy}, H(m)).$$

The difference with respect to BLS lies in the extra term of the public key whose role will appear clear in a moment. The property that we need is that the keys and the signatures are publicly re-randomizable, i.e., one can compute consistent scalings of both the signature and the public key

$$(\sigma, (G_1^x, G_1^{xy})) \mapsto (\sigma, (G_1^x, G_1^{xy}))^r := (\sigma^r, (G_1^{rx}, G_1^{rx \cdot y})).$$

It is easy to see that the resulting key-signature pair is still consistent, i.e., the verification checks out. Unfortunately, it turns out that the re-randomization strategy of above is too simplistic and it is prone to mix-and-match attacks. We therefore devise a slightly more sophisticated re-randomization procedure

$$(\sigma, (G_1^x, G_1^{xy})) \mapsto (\sigma^s, (G_1^{sx}, G_1^{sx \cdot sy})).$$

Sig. SK	San. SK	Sig. PK	San. PK	Signature	Proof
$(\ell + 1) \mathbb{Z}_q^*$	$2 \mathbb{Z}_q^*$	$1 \mathbb{G}_1 + \ell \mathbb{G}_2$	$2 \mathbb{G}_1$	$(\ell + 5) \mathbb{Z}_q^* + (2\ell + 11) \mathbb{G}_1 + (\ell + 2) \mathbb{G}_2$	$2 \mathbb{Z}_q^* + 3 \mathbb{G}_1$

Table 1: Size of the parameters.

which scales the two elements of the public keys by two different scalars r and rs respectively. Fortunately, this does not affect the correctness of the scheme.

The last obstacle towards decorrelating signed and sanitized signatures is a mechanism to publicly rerandomize the outer signature so that it is consistent with the rerandomized inner verification keys. More concretely, the problem is to rerandomize signatures of $(G_1^{x_1}, \dots, G_1^{x_\ell})$ and $(G_1^{x_1 y_1}, \dots, G_1^{x_\ell y_\ell})$ to signatures of $(G_1^{rx_1}, \dots, G_1^{rx_\ell})$ and $(G_1^{rsx_1 y_1}, \dots, G_1^{rsx_\ell y_\ell})$ respectively. It turns out that equivalence class signatures (EQS) [22] provide exactly such functionality.

1.3 Our Results

To summarize, in this paper we present the following results:

- We present the first *efficient* sanitizable signature scheme which simultaneously achieves unlinkability and invisibility. This resolves an open problem posed by Camenisch *et al.* [10]. Our construction is over type-III pairing groups. It uses an equivalence class signature (EQS) scheme, a public-key encryption (PKE) scheme, a hash function (modeled as a random oracle) with images living in \mathbb{G}_2 , and a verifiable ring signature (VRS) scheme. We suggest to instantiate our construction with the EQS scheme of Fuchsbauer, Hanser, and Slamanig [19], the PKE scheme obtained by applying the Fujisaki-Okamoto transformation [20] to the ElGamal encryption scheme [15], and the VRS scheme of Bultel and Lafourcade [9]. The efficiency of such an instantiation is summarized in Table 1 and 2.
- We construct weak sanitizable signatures from equivalence class signatures and other basic primitives. The scheme is weak in the sense that it satisfies weak immutability, weak unlinkability, strong proof-restricted transparency⁶, and strong invisibility, but not accountability.
- We present a generic transformation from weak sanitizable signatures to fully-fledged sanitizable signatures, using VRS. Fully-fledged sanitizable signatures satisfy immutability, unlinkability, strong proof-restricted transparency, strong invisibility, and strong accountability. The transformation is very efficient as it ignores the structure of the underlying weak sanitizable signature scheme. This allows the future design of sanitizable signatures to focus on achieving other properties while not worrying about accountability.

⁶ Our construction actually achieves perfect strong (non-proof-restricted) transparency.

Op.	Signing	Sanitizing	Verifying	Proving	Judging
Exp.	$(4\ell + 11) \mathbb{G}_1 + (\ell + 2) \mathbb{G}_2$	$(2\ell + 14) \mathbb{G}_1 + (\ell + 2) \mathbb{G}_2$	$8 \mathbb{G}_1$	$3 \mathbb{G}_1$	$4 \mathbb{G}_1$
Pairings	-	-	$4\ell + 6$	-	-

Table 2: Dominating operations in algorithms.

1.4 Related work

An alternative definition of accountability called *non-interactive public accountability* was given by Brzuska *et al.* [8]. This variant of accountability is mutually exclusive with transparency. Several existing works [7, 17, 26, 9] proposed schemes that are both transparent and unlinkable. Recently, Krenn *et al.* [25] propose the “strong” versions of unforgeability, (non-interactive public) accountability, and transparency.

The above works do not consider the notion of invisibility which dates back to the original work by Ateniese *et al.* [1], and was formalized by Camenisch *et al.* [10]. Beck *et al.* [2] refined the notion to strong invisibility and proposed a scheme that is both strongly invisible and strongly accountable. Recently Fischlin *et al.* [16] show that an invisible (but not unlinkable nor transparent) sanitizable signature scheme can be obtained from any public key encryption scheme.

Miyazaki *et al.* [29] also considered “invisible sanitizable signatures” which is actually a different primitive known as *redactable signatures* [13] as discussed in [10]. Extensions of sanitizable signatures such as the multi-sanitizer setting [12] and a setting where the modification capabilities of the sanitizer are limited [11] were also considered. Other primitives related to sanitizable signatures include homomorphic signatures [24, 23], redactable signatures [13, 31, 5], and proxy signatures [34, 32, 30]. To the best of our knowledge, none of the existing works present an efficient sanitizable signature scheme that simultaneously achieves all of the five security properties, and in particular unlinkability and invisibility together.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this work we denote by $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ the security parameter and by $\text{poly}(\lambda)$ any function that is bounded by a polynomial in λ . We denote any function that is negligible in the security parameter by $\text{negl}(\lambda)$. We say that an algorithm is PPT if it is modelled as a probabilistic Turing machine whose running time is bounded by some function $\text{poly}(\lambda)$. Given a set S , we denote by $x \leftarrow S$ the sampling of an element uniformly at random from S , and we denote by $x \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{in})$ the output of the algorithm \mathcal{A} on input in . The elements of the set $\{1, \dots, n\}$ are succinctly represented as $[n]$. Next we define the necessary notions for understanding our constructions.

2.1 Class-Hiding Groups

Let $\mathcal{BG} := (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, g_1, g_2, g_T, e, q) \leftarrow \text{BGGen}(1^\lambda)$ be the description of a multiplicative bilinear group of prime order q generated by some efficient PPT algo-

rithm $\text{BGGen}(1^\lambda)$. Let $\bar{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_\ell) \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$ and $\rho \in \mathbb{Z}_q$. We write $\bar{X} := (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)^\rho := (X_1^\rho, \dots, X_\ell^\rho)$. We then define the equivalence relation

$$\mathcal{R} := \{(\bar{M}, \bar{N}) : \exists \ell > 1, \rho \in \mathbb{Z}_q^* \text{ s.t. } (\bar{M}, \bar{N}) \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell \times \mathbb{G}_1^\ell \wedge \bar{N} = \bar{M}^\rho\}.$$

For a vector $\bar{M} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$ for some $\ell > 1$, its equivalence class is defined by

$$[\bar{M}]_{\mathcal{R}} := \{\bar{N} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell : (\bar{M}, \bar{N}) \in \mathcal{R}\}.$$

Next we define the notion of class hiding for a relation \mathcal{R} , which intuitively says that it should be hard to distinguish elements from the same equivalence class from randomly sampled group elements⁷.

Definition 1 (Class-Hiding). A relation \mathcal{R} is said to be class-hiding if for all $\ell > 1$ and for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ such that

$$\left| \Pr \left[b' = b : \begin{array}{l} b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; \mathcal{BG} \leftarrow \text{BGGen}(1^\lambda); (M, M_0) \leftarrow (\mathbb{G}_1^\ell)^2; \\ M_1 \leftarrow [M]_{\mathcal{R}}; b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathcal{BG}, M, M_b) \end{array} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

The following lemma was proven (in different wordings) by Hanser and Slamanig [22]:

Lemma 1 ([22]). \mathcal{R} is class-hiding if and only if the DDH assumption holds in \mathbb{G}_1 .

2.2 Equivalence Class Signatures

Equivalence class signatures allow users to sign representatives of the equivalence classes defined above, such that a representative and its corresponding signature can be adapted to give a fresh signature of a random representative in the same class. Below, we recall the formal definition of equivalence class signatures [22].

Definition 2 (EQS). An equivalence class signature (EQS) scheme is defined with respect to a bilinear group description \mathcal{BG} and a message length $\ell > 1$. An EQS scheme is a tuple of PPT algorithms $(\text{KGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{ChgRep}, \text{Vf}, \text{VfKey})$ defined as follows:

$(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}(\mathcal{BG}, 1^\ell)$: The key generation algorithm inputs a group \mathcal{BG} and the message length 1^ℓ . It outputs a key pair (pk, sk) .

$\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}, \bar{M})$: The signing algorithm inputs the secret key sk and a message $\bar{M} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$. It outputs a signature σ on the equivalence class $[\bar{M}]_{\mathcal{R}}$.

$\sigma' \leftarrow \text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}, \bar{M}, \sigma, \rho)$: The change representation algorithm inputs the public key pk , a message $\bar{M} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$, a signature σ on the equivalence class $[\bar{M}]_{\mathcal{R}}$, and a scalar ρ . It outputs a new signature σ' on the (same) equivalence class $[\bar{M}^\rho]_{\mathcal{R}} = [\bar{M}]_{\mathcal{R}}$.

$b \leftarrow \text{Vf}(\text{pk}, \bar{M}, \sigma)$: The signature verification algorithm inputs the public key pk , a message $\bar{M} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$, and a signature σ . It returns $b = 1$ if σ is a valid signature under pk on the equivalence class $[\bar{M}]_{\mathcal{R}}$, and $b = 0$ otherwise.

$b \leftarrow \text{VfKey}(\text{pk}, \text{sk})$: The key verification algorithm inputs a public key pk and a secret key sk . It returns $b = 1$ if the keys are consistent and $b = 0$ otherwise.

⁷ Class-hiding was originally introduced [22] as a property of equivalence class signatures.

We refer the reader to [22] for a formal treatment of correctness. We define existential unforgeability under random message attacks (EUF-CMA) in the following.

Definition 3 (EUF-CMA). An EQS scheme is said to be existentially unforgeable under chosen message attacks (EUF-CMA) if for all $\ell > 1$, for all $n \in \text{poly}(\lambda)$, and for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\begin{array}{l} 1 = \text{Vf}(\text{pk}, M^*, \sigma^*) \wedge \\ \forall M \in Q : [M]_{\mathcal{R}} \neq [M^*]_{\mathcal{R}} \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{BG} \leftarrow \text{BGen}(1^\lambda); \\ (\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}(\mathcal{BG}, 1^\ell); \\ (M^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}(\text{sk}, \cdot)}(\text{pk}) \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Next we recall the notion of signature adaptation which captures the fact that signatures output by ChgRep are distributed like fresh signatures on the new representative.

Definition 4 (Perfect Signature Adaptation). An EQS scheme is said to perfectly adapt signatures if for all tuples $(\text{sk}, \text{pk}, \bar{M}, \sigma, \rho)$ such that $\text{VfKey}(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) = 1$, $\text{Vf}(\text{pk}, \bar{M}, \sigma) = 1$, $\bar{M} \in \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$ for some $\ell > 1$, and $\rho \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ it holds that

$$\text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}, \bar{M}, \sigma, \rho) \text{ and } \text{Sign}(\text{sk}, \bar{M}^\rho)$$

are identically distributed.

2.3 Verifiable Ring Signatures

Ring Signatures allow users to sign a message anonymously within a group of users, where the group is chosen upon signature creation in an ad-hoc way. *Verifiable Ring Signatures* (VRS) allow each user of the group to prove *a posteriori* whether he is the signer of a given message or not. VRS was formally defined and constructed in [28]. Below, we recall the syntax of VRS.

Definition 5 (Verifiable Ring Signature (VRS)). A Verifiable Ring Signature (VRS) scheme is a tuple of six algorithms $\text{VRS} = (\text{Setup}, \text{KGen}, \text{Sign}, \text{Verify}, \text{Prove}, \text{Judge})$ defined as follows:

$\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$: On input the security parameter 1^λ , return the public parameters pp .

$(\text{pk}, \text{sk}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}(\text{pp})$: On input the public parameters pp , return a pair of signer public/private keys (pk, sk) .

$\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}, L, m)$: On input the secret key sk , a ring L , and a message m , return a signature σ on the message m under the set of public keys L .

$b \leftarrow \text{Verify}(L, m, \sigma)$: On input a ring L , a message m , and a signature σ , return a bit b or the distinguished symbol \perp .

$\pi \leftarrow \text{Prove}(L, m, \sigma, \text{pk}, \text{sk})$: On input a ring L , a message m , a signature σ , a public key pk , and a secret key sk , return a proof π .

$b \leftarrow \text{Judge}(L, m, \sigma, \text{pk}, \pi)$: On input a ring L , a message m , a signature σ , a public key pk , and a proof π , return a bit b or the distinguished symbol \perp . By convention, if $b = 1$ (resp. 0) then π proves that σ was (resp. was not) generated by the signer corresponding to the public key pk .

A VRS is required to be (strongly) unforgeable, (strongly) accountable, anonymous, and (strongly) non-seizable. For their formal definitions we refer to the full version.

3 Definition of Sanitizable Signatures

In the following we recall the syntax of sanitizable signatures. Let the signer and the sanitizer be denoted by S and Z respectively. Throughout this work we consider messages $m = (m_1, \dots, m_\ell)$ to be tuples of ℓ parts for some $\ell > 1$, where $m_k \in \{0, 1\}^*$ for all $k \in \ell$, and represent the admissible modification as a bit string $\alpha = \alpha_1 \| \dots \| \alpha_\ell \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$. We write $\alpha_k = 1$ if and only if the k -th block is admissible. For ease of exposition, we sometimes write $k \in \alpha$ instead of $\alpha_k = 1$.

Let δ be a function which maps a message m to another message $m' = \delta(m)$. Also, we say that δ is an admissible modification, denoted by $\alpha(\delta) = 1$, if and only if for all messages m and $m' = \delta(m)$, it holds that $m'_k = m_k$ for all $k \in \alpha$.

Definition 6 (Sanitizable Signature Scheme). A sanitizable signature scheme consists of the PPT algorithms (Setup, KGen_S, KGen_Z, Sign, San, Verify, Prove, Judge).

$\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda, 1^\ell)$: The setup algorithm inputs the security parameter 1^λ and the (maximum) length 1^ℓ of the messages and creates a public parameter pp .

$(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_S) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_S(\text{pp})$: The signer key generation algorithm inputs the public parameter pp and outputs $(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_S)$, the public and secret key of the signer respectively.

$(\text{pk}_Z, \text{sk}_Z) \leftarrow \text{KGen}_Z(\text{pp})$: The sanitizer key generation algorithm inputs the public parameter pp and outputs $(\text{pk}_Z, \text{sk}_Z)$, the public and secret key of the sanitizer respectively.

$\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha)$: The signing algorithm inputs a message $m \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^\ell$, a signer private key sk_S , a sanitizer public key pk_Z , as well as a description α of the admissible modifications to m by the sanitizer and outputs a signature σ .

$\sigma' \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, m, \delta, \sigma)$: The sanitizing algorithm takes as input a message $m \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^\ell$, a description δ of the desired modifications to m , a signature σ , the signer public key pk_S , and a sanitizer private key sk_Z . It outputs a new signature σ' .

$b \leftarrow \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$: The verification algorithm inputs a message m , a signature σ , a signer public key pk_S , as well as a sanitizer public key pk_Z and outputs a bit b .

$\pi \leftarrow \text{Prove}(\text{sk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$: The proof algorithm takes as input a signer private key sk_S , a message m , a signature σ , and a sanitizer public key pk_Z and outputs a proof π .

$d \leftarrow \text{Judge}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma, \pi)$: The judge algorithm inputs a message m , a signature σ , signer and sanitizer public keys pk_S, pk_Z , and proof π . It outputs a decision $d \in \{S, Z\}$ indicating whether the message-signature pair was created by the signer or the sanitizer.

For a sanitizable signature scheme the usual correctness properties should hold, saying that genuinely signed or sanitized messages are accepted and that a genuinely created proof by the signer leads the judge to decide in favor of the signer. For a formal approach to correctness see [6].

3.1 Unlinkability and Invisibility

In the original definition of unlinkability by Brzuska *et al.* [7], the property was modeled using an experiment where the adversary gets access to, among other oracles, a “left-or-right sanitize” oracle LoRSanitO , which inputs two message-modification-signature

<hr/> SignO (pk _Z , m, α) <hr/> $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha)$ $L := L \parallel \{(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha, \sigma)\}$ return σ	<hr/> SanO (pk _S , m, δ, σ) <hr/> $\alpha \leftarrow \text{ExtAdm}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, \sigma)$ if $\begin{cases} \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m, \sigma) = 1 \\ \delta \in \alpha \end{cases}$ then $\sigma' \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m, \delta, \sigma)$ $L := L \parallel \{(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \delta(m), \alpha, \sigma')\}$ return σ' endif return \perp
<hr/> ProveO (pk _Z , m, σ) <hr/> if $\begin{cases} \text{pk}_Z = \text{pk}_Z^\dagger \\ (m, \sigma) \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}$ then return \perp <i>/Only triggered in transparency experiment.</i> $\beta := \text{Vf}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$ if $\beta = 0$ then return \perp $\pi \leftarrow \text{Prove}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$ return π	<hr/> LoRAdmO_b (pk _Z , m, α ₀ , α ₁) <hr/> if $\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = \alpha_1 = m \\ \text{pk}_Z = \text{pk}_Z^\dagger \vee \alpha_0 = \alpha_1 \end{cases}$ then $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha_b)$ if $\text{pk}_Z = \text{pk}_Z^\dagger$ then $\mathcal{R} := \mathcal{R} \parallel \{(m, \sigma, \alpha_0 \circ \alpha_1)\}$ endif return σ endif return \perp
<hr/> SanO' (pk _S , m, δ, σ) <hr/> if $\text{pk}_S \neq \text{pk}_S^\dagger$ then $(m', \sigma') \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m, \delta, \sigma)$ return (m', σ') elseif $\exists \alpha \text{ s.t. } (m, \sigma, \alpha) \in \mathcal{R} \wedge \delta \in \alpha$ then $(m', \sigma') \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m, \delta, \sigma)$ $\mathcal{R} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \parallel \{(m', \sigma', \alpha)\}$ return (m', σ') endif return \perp	<hr/> Sign/SanO_b (m, δ, α) <hr/> if $\delta \notin \alpha$ then return \perp $\sigma \leftarrow \text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, m, \alpha)$ $\sigma'_b \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, \delta(m), \alpha) & b = 0 \\ \text{San}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m, \delta, \alpha) & b = 1 \end{cases}$ $\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q} \parallel \{(\delta(m), \sigma')\}$ return σ'
<hr/> wLoRSanitO_b (i ₀ , δ ₀ , i ₁ , δ ₁) <hr/> if $L[i_0] = \epsilon \vee L[i_1] = \epsilon$ then return \perp endif $(\text{pk}_{S,0}, \text{pk}_{Z,0}, m_0, \alpha_0, \sigma_0) := L[i_0]$ $(\text{pk}_{S,1}, \text{pk}_{Z,1}, m_1, \alpha_1, \sigma_1) := L[i_1]$ foreach $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ do $\sigma'_\beta \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m_\beta, \delta_\beta, \sigma_\beta)$ endfor if $\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = \alpha_1 \\ \delta_0 \in \alpha_0 \wedge \delta_1 \in \alpha_1 \\ \delta_0(m_0) = \delta_1(m_1) \end{cases}$ then $L := L \parallel \{(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m_b, \alpha_b, \sigma_b)\}$ return σ_b endif return \perp	<hr/> LoRSanitO_b (m ₀ , δ ₀ , σ ₀ , m ₁ , δ ₁ , σ ₁) <hr/> $b_\beta \leftarrow \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m_\beta, \sigma_\beta), \forall \beta \in \{0, 1\}$ if $b_0 = 0 \vee b_1 = 0$ then return \perp foreach $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ do $\alpha_\beta \leftarrow \text{ExtAdm}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, \sigma_\beta)$ $\sigma'_\beta \leftarrow \text{San}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger, m_\beta, \delta_\beta, \sigma_\beta)$ endfor if $\begin{cases} \alpha_0 = \alpha_1 \\ \delta_0 \in \alpha_0 \wedge \delta_1 \in \alpha_1 \\ \delta_0(m_0) = \delta_1(m_1) \end{cases}$ then $L := L \parallel \{(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m_b, \alpha_b, \sigma_b)\}$ return σ_b endif return \perp

Fig. 2: Oracles for Sanitizable Signatures

<p>$\bar{w}\text{ExpImmutability}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \mathcal{Q} := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp})$ $(\text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}\mathcal{O}, \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger)$ parse L as $\{(\text{pk}_{S,i}, \text{pk}_{Z,i}, m_i, \alpha_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1}^{ L }$ $b_0 := \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$ $b_1 := \left(\begin{array}{l} \exists i \in [L], \delta \in \alpha_i \text{ s.t.} \\ \text{pk}_Z^* = \text{pk}_{Z,i} \\ m^* = \delta(m_i) \end{array} \right)$ return $b_0 \wedge \neg b_1$ </p> <p>$\text{ExpSanAcc}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \mathcal{Q} := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp})$ $(\text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{Sign}\mathcal{O}, \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger)$ $\pi^* \leftarrow \text{Prove}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$ parse L as $\{(\text{pk}_{S,i}, \text{pk}_{Z,i}, m_i, \alpha_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1}^{ L }$ $b_0 := \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$ $b_1 := ((\text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \notin \{(\text{pk}_{Z,i}, m_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1}^{ L })$ $b_2 := (\text{Judge}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*, \pi^*) \neq \text{Z})$ return $b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$ </p> <p>$\text{ExpSigAcc}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \mathcal{Q} := \epsilon, \mathcal{R} := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGenZ}(\text{pp})$ $(\text{pk}_S^*, m^*, \sigma^*, \pi^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{San}\mathcal{O}}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger)$ parse L as $\{(\text{pk}_{S,i}, \text{pk}_{Z,i}, m_i, \alpha_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1}^{ L }$ $b_0 := \text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S^*, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m^*, \sigma^*)$ $b_1 := ((\text{pk}_S^*, m^*, \sigma^*) \notin \{(\text{pk}_{S,i}, m_i, \sigma_i)\}_{i=1}^{ L })$ $b_2 := (\text{Judge}(\text{pk}_S^*, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger, m^*, \sigma^*, \pi^*) \neq \text{S})$ return $b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$ </p>	<p>$\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \mathcal{Q} := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp}), (\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGenZ}(\text{pp})$ $\mathbb{O} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sign}\mathcal{O}, \text{San}\mathcal{O}, \\ \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}, \text{Sign}/\text{San}\mathcal{O}_b \end{array} \right\}$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^\mathbb{O}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger)$ return b' </p> <p>$w\text{ExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp}), (\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGenZ}(\text{pp})$ $\mathbb{O} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sign}\mathcal{O}, \text{San}\mathcal{O}, \\ \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}, w\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}_b \end{array} \right\}$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^\mathbb{O}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger)$ return b' </p> <p>$\text{ExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp}), (\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGenZ}(\text{pp})$ $\mathbb{O} := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sign}\mathcal{O}, \text{San}\mathcal{O}, \\ \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}, \text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}_b \end{array} \right\}$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^\mathbb{O}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger)$ return b' </p> <p>$\text{ExpInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$</p> <hr/> <p> $L := \epsilon, \mathcal{Q} := \epsilon, \mathcal{R} := \epsilon, \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ $(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{sk}_S^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGens}(\text{pp}), (\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \text{sk}_Z^\dagger) \leftarrow \text{KGenZ}(\text{pp})$ $\mathbb{O} := \left\{ \text{San}\mathcal{O}', \text{Prove}\mathcal{O}, \text{LoRA}\text{dm}\mathcal{O}_b \right\}$ $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^\mathbb{O}(\text{pp}, \text{pk}_S^\dagger, \text{pk}_Z^\dagger)$ return b' </p>
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Fig. 3: Security Experiments for Sanitizable Signatures. Oracles are defined in Figure 2.

tuples and outputs a sanitized signature produced from one of the tuples. The adversary's task is to decide which tuple is used for the sanitization.

To define $\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}$, Brzuska *et al.* assumed that the description of admissible modifications α can be recovered from a valid signature, so that $\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}$ can recover the admissible modifications from both input signatures and check whether they are equal. Note that if this check is omitted, then the adversary can trivially decide which signature is used by querying the sanitize oracle $\text{San}\mathcal{O}$ on the output of $\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}$.

Brzuska *et al.* did not explicitly state if such recovery can be done publicly or requires a secret key. Indeed, in all existing constructions of unlinkable sanitizable signatures [7], the recovery mechanism is public, which violates invisibility. Therefore, to achieve unlinkability and invisibility simultaneously, we must explicitly state that the admissible modifications can be recovered from a valid signature (hopefully only) with the corresponding sanitizer secret key. We say that a sanitizable signature scheme has privately extractable admissible modifications, if there exists a PPT algorithm ExtAdm which performs the following:

$\alpha \leftarrow \text{ExtAdm}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, \sigma)$: The admissible modifications extraction algorithm inputs a signer public key pk_S , a sanitizer secret key sk_Z , and a signature. It outputs a description α of the admissible modifications.

In what follows, we only consider sanitizable signature schemes which have privately extractable admissible modifications.

3.2 Security of Sanitizable Signatures

We require a sanitizable signature scheme to be immutable, strongly accountable, strongly invisible, strongly proof-restrictedly transparent, and unlinkable. Different variations of these properties were defined in the literature [6,7,25,2]. We will recall the definitions below for completeness. Additionally, we define the notions of weak immutability and weak unlinkability, which are achieved by our first construction. Our second construction then upgrades these properties to their regular counterparts.

We remark that (strong) unforgeability and privacy were considered in the literature. It is known that (strong) signer accountability and (strong) sanitizer accountability together imply (strong) unforgeability, while (strong) proof-restricted transparency implies proof-restricted privacy [6,25]. Unlinkability is also shown to imply privacy [7]. We therefore do not consider unforgeability and privacy explicitly.

Immutability. Immutability requires that a malicious sanitizer cannot change inadmissible blocks. That is, an adversary should not be able to produce a forgery $(\text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*)$, such that m^* cannot be produced by any admissible modifications delegated to pk_Z^* . Note that the set of admissible modifications of a signature is bound to (the public key of) the sanitizer to which the signature is issued. We also consider a relaxed notion called weak immutability, where a forgery is not considered valid if m^* can be produced by a modification which is admissible for *some* (not necessarily pk_Z^*) sanitizers.

Definition 7 (Immutability [6]). A sanitizable signature scheme Π is said to be immutable if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} , the probability that the experiment $\Pr[\text{ExplImmutability}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda) = 1] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$ where $\text{ExplImmutability}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda)$ is

defined in Figure 3. Additionally, we say that Π is weakly immutable if, in the experiment $\text{wExplImmutability}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda)$, the condition $\boxed{\text{pk}_Z^* = \text{pk}_{Z,i}}$ in the dashed box is dropped.

Strong Transparency. Transparency means that sanitized signatures look like non-sanitized signatures. Rigorously speaking, transparency cannot be achieved if one is given oracle access to a prove oracle, which distinguishes sanitized signatures from fresh signatures. A relaxed notion, known as proof-restricted transparency is thus considered, which requires that one cannot decide whether a signature is sanitized or fresh, without the help of the prove oracle.

Definition 8 (Strong (Proof-Restricted) Transparency [25]). A sanitizable signature scheme Π is strongly proof-restrictedly transparent if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$|\Pr [\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] - \Pr [\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3. If

$$\Pr [\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] = \Pr [\text{ExpTransparency}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]$$

then we say Π is perfectly strongly proof-restrictedly transparent. Furthermore, if the step $\boxed{\mathcal{Q} = \mathcal{Q} \| (\delta(m), \sigma')}$ in the $\text{Sign}/\text{SanO}_b$ oracle (highlighted in the dashed box) is dropped, so that \mathcal{Q} remains empty throughout the experiment, then we simply say Π is perfectly strongly transparent.

Strong Accountability. This property demands that the origin of a (possibly sanitized) signature should be undeniable by the signer.

Definition 9 (Strong Sanitizer-Accountability [25]). A sanitizable signature scheme Π is strongly sanitizer-accountable if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr [\text{ExpSanAcc}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda) = 1] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{ExpSanAcc}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3.

Definition 10 (Strong Signer-Accountability [25]). A sanitizable signature scheme Π is strongly signer-accountable if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr [\text{ExpSigAcc}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda) = 1] \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{ExpSigAcc}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3.

Invisibility. Invisibility requires that the admissible modifications of a signature are hidden from an external observer.

Definition 11 (Strong Invisibility [2]). A sanitizable signature scheme Π is strongly invisible if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$|\Pr [\text{ExpInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] - \Pr [\text{ExpInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{ExpInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A},\Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3.

Unlinkability. Unlinkability means that one cannot decide the source of a given sanitized signature, unless it is revealed trivially by the message. The notion is modeled by considering an experiment where the adversary is given a “left-or-right sanitize” oracle $\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}$ which, on input two signatures, sanitizes one of them and returns the resulting signature. We also consider a relaxed notion called weak unlinkability, where the adversary is only allowed to query $\text{LoRSanit}\mathcal{O}$ on honestly generated signatures.

Definition 12 (Weak Unlinkability). A sanitizable signature scheme SS is weakly unlinkable if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$|\Pr[\text{wExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] - \Pr[\text{wExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{wExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^b(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3.

Definition 13 (Unlinkability [6]). A sanitizable signature scheme SS is unlinkable if for all PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$|\Pr[\text{ExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] - \Pr[\text{ExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda)$$

where $\text{ExpUnlink}_{\mathcal{A},\text{SS}}^b(1^\lambda)$ is defined in Figure 3.

4 Construction

We propose a two-step construction of sanitizable signatures with immutability, strong accountability, strong proof-restricted transparency, strong invisibility, and unlinkability. In the first step, using equivalence class signatures and other basic primitives, we construct a scheme with weak immutability, perfect strong transparency, strong invisibility, and weak unlinkability. This scheme does not achieve accountability. Next, we show how one can transform any schemes with these properties one with all desirable properties, using verifiable ring signatures.

4.1 Construction I: Achieving Unlinkability and Invisibility

Let $\ell > 1$ be an integer. Let EQS be an equivalence class signature scheme, $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_2$ be a hash function (to be modeled as a random oracle), and PKE be a public-key encryption scheme. We present in Figure 4 a construction of sanitizable signatures Π_1 . The construction satisfies weak immutability, strong invisibility, perfect strong transparency, and weak unlinkability, but not accountability.

Informally, the signer issues signatures as follows. On input a message $m = m_1 \parallel \dots \parallel m_\ell$, the signer samples ℓ fresh BLS-like public and secret keys, which are used to sign the ℓ messages. Concretely, the i -th public key consists of a tuple $(X_i, Y_i) \in \mathbb{G}_1^2$ with $Y_i = X_i^{y_i}$ for some $y_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, and the secret key is y_i . It then signs the vectors $\bar{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)$ and $\bar{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)$ using EQS. Next, in the same way as in [2], it encrypts the BLS-like secret keys y_i corresponding to the admissible message blocks using the PKE public key of the sanitizer. Finally, it outputs the signature which consists of two EQS signatures, ℓ BLS-like signatures and public keys, and a PKE ciphertext.

Setup ($1^\lambda, 1^\ell$) <hr/> $(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, G_1, G_2, G_T, e, q) \leftarrow \text{BGGen}(1^\lambda)$ $\mathcal{BG} := (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, G_1, G_2, G_T, e, q)$ return $\text{pp} := (\mathcal{BG}, 1^\lambda, 1^\ell)$	San ($\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, m, \delta, \sigma$) <hr/> $(\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}) \leftarrow \text{PKE.Dec}(\text{sk}_Z, c)$ if $\delta \notin \alpha$ then return \perp $m' := \delta(m)$ $r, s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ $(X'_1, \dots, X'_\ell) := (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)^r$ $(Y'_1, \dots, Y'_\ell) := (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)^{r \cdot s}$ $\bar{X} := (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)$ $\bar{Y} := (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)$ $\mu' \leftarrow \text{EQS.ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S, \bar{X}, \mu, r)$ $\eta' \leftarrow \text{EQS.ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S, \bar{Y}, \eta, s)$ foreach $i \in [\ell]$ do $\zeta'_i := s \cdot \zeta_i$ $\sigma'_i := \begin{cases} H(i \ m'_i)^{\zeta'_i} & i \in \alpha \\ \sigma_i^s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ endfor $c' \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z, (\alpha, \{\zeta'_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}))$ $\sigma' := (\mu', \eta', \{\sigma'_i, X'_i, Y'_i\}_{i=1}^\ell, c')$ return σ'
KGens (pp) <hr/> return $(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_S) \leftarrow \text{EQS.KGen}(\mathcal{BG}, 1^\ell)$	
KGenz (pp) <hr/> return $(\text{pk}_Z, \text{sk}_Z) \leftarrow \text{PKE.KGen}(1^\lambda)$	
Sign ($\text{sk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha$) <hr/> if $ \alpha \neq \ell$ then return \perp $x_i, y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*, \forall i \in [\ell]$ $X_i := G_1^{x_i}, Y_i := X_i^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell]$ $\mu \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell))$ $\eta \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell))$ $\sigma_i := H(i \ m_i)^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell]$ $\zeta_i := \begin{cases} y_i & i \in \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [\ell]$ $c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z, (\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}))$ $\sigma := (\mu, \eta, \{\sigma_i, X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^\ell, c)$ return σ	ExtAdm ($\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, \sigma$) <hr/> $\tau \leftarrow \text{PKE.Dec}(\text{sk}_Z, c)$ parse τ as $(\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]})$ return α
Verify ($\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma$) <hr/> $b_{-2} := (\forall k \in [\ell], Y_k \neq G_1)$ $b_{-1} := \text{EQS.Vf}(\text{pk}_S, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell), \mu)$ $b_0 := \text{EQS.Vf}(\text{pk}_S, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell), \eta)$ $b_i := (e(X_i, \sigma_i) = e(Y_i, H(i \ m_i))), \forall i \in [\ell]$ return $\bigcap_{i=-2}^\ell b_i$	

Fig. 4: Construction of Weak Sanitizable Signatures. Prove and Judge always output ϵ (the empty string) and S (the signer) respectively, and are omitted.

To sanitize, the sanitizer decrypts the PKE ciphertext and obtains the BLS-like secret keys corresponding to the admissible blocks, which are then used to sign the corresponding modified messages. Using the homomorphic property of the BLS-like scheme, the sanitizer can rerandomize \bar{X} and \bar{Y} to \bar{X}^r and $\bar{Y}^{r \cdot s}$ respectively, and rerandomize the signatures accordingly so that they are compatible with the new public keys. Using the signature adaptation properties of EQS, it can also obtain fresh-looking EQS signatures on \bar{X}^r and $\bar{Y}^{r \cdot s}$ respectively. Finally, the sanitizer re-encrypts the new BLS-like secret keys, and outputs the signature.

Since we do not aim to provide accountability, the prove algorithm always returns the empty string ϵ and the judge algorithm always outputs S . The correctness of Π_1 follows trivially from the correctness of the building blocks. Below, we state our main theorem and we defer its proof to Section 5.

Theorem 1. *Let $q > 2^\lambda$. If EQS is EUF-CMA-secure, then Π_1 is weakly immutable in the generic group and random oracle model. If PKE is IND-CCA-secure, then Π_1 is strongly invisible. If EQS perfectly adapts signatures, then Π_1 is perfectly strongly transparent (and hence also perfectly strongly proof-restrictedly transparent). If the equivalence relation \mathcal{R} is class-hiding, EQS perfectly adapts signatures, and PKE is correct and is IND-CCA-secure, then Π_1 is weakly unlinkable in the generic group random oracle model.*

Finally, we remark that it is trivial to extend the construction to the multi-sanitizer setting by encrypting the (possibly different subsets of) BLS-like keys for different sanitizers.

4.2 Construction II: Generic Transformation for Accountability

In this section, we show a generic transformation (Figure 5), from any weakly immutable, non-accountable, strongly invisible, strongly proof-restricted transparent, and weakly unlinkable schemes Π_1 , to an immutable, strongly accountable, strongly invisible, strongly proof-restricted transparent, and unlinkable scheme Π_2 , using a verifiable ring signature scheme VRS.

An overview of the transform follows. The signer signs the public key of the sanitizer and the message in σ_{SS} using Π_1 , then signs σ_{SS} in σ_{VRS} using VRS, where the ring contains the public key of the signer and the public key of the sanitizer. The signer outputs the signature $\sigma = (\sigma_{SS}, \sigma_{VRS})$. To sanitize, the sanitizer sanitizes σ_{SS} using Π_1 to produce σ'_{SS} , then signs σ'_{SS} in σ'_{VRS} using VRS. The sanitized signature is $\sigma' = (\sigma'_{SS}, \sigma'_{VRS})$. To verify any signature $\sigma = (\sigma_{SS}, \sigma_{VRS})$, the verifier uses the verification algorithm of Π_1 on σ_{SS} and the verification algorithm of VRS on σ_{VRS} . To prove that a signature $\sigma' = (\sigma'_{SS}, \sigma'_{VRS})$ is sanitized, the signer proves that he did not generate σ'_{VRS} using the prove algorithm of VRS, which gives accountability.

Next, we sketch why the other security properties are preserved. For conciseness, we omit the qualitative attributes such as *strong* and *proof-restricted* in the following discussion. First, since Π_1 is weakly immutable, the sanitizer is not able to forge the part σ'_{SS} of a sanitized signature for a non-admissible message nor changing the sanitizer public key (which is signed as a message of Π_1). This implies that the resulting scheme is immutable. Next, since Π_1 is transparent, one cannot guess whether a signature is sanitized or not from the part σ_{SS} . On the other hand, since VRS is anonymous,

$\Pi_2.\text{Setup}(1^\lambda, 1^\ell)$	$\Pi_2.\text{San}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, m, \delta, \sigma)$
$\text{pp}_{SS} \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{Setup}(1^\lambda, 1^\ell)$ $\text{pp}_{VRS} \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{Setup}(1^\lambda)$ return $\text{pp} := (\text{pp}_{SS}, \text{pp}_{VRS})$	set δ' such that $\delta'(\text{pk}_Z \ m) = \text{pk}_Z \ \delta(m)$ $\sigma'_{SS} \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{San}(\text{spk}_S, \text{ssk}_Z, \text{pk}_Z \ m, \delta', \sigma_{SS})$ $t := \text{pk}_S \ \text{pk}_Z \ \delta(m) \ \sigma'_{SS}$ $\sigma'_{VRS} \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{Sign}(\text{vsk}_Z, \{\text{vpk}_S, \text{vpk}_Z\}, t)$ $\sigma' := (\sigma'_{SS}, \sigma'_{VRS})$ return σ'
$\Pi_2.\text{KGen}_S(\text{pp})$	$\Pi_2.\text{Prove}(\text{sk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$
$(\text{spk}_S, \text{ssk}_S) \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{KGen}_S(\text{pp}_{SS})$ $(\text{vpk}_S, \text{vsk}_S) \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{KGen}(\text{pp}_{VRS})$ $(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_S) := ((\text{spk}_S, \text{vpk}_S), (\text{ssk}_S, \text{vsk}_S))$ return $(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_S)$	$t := \text{pk}_S \ \text{pk}_Z \ m \ \sigma_{SS}$ $L := \{\text{vpk}_S, \text{vpk}_Z\}$ $\pi \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{Prove}(\text{vsk}_S, L, t, \sigma_{VRS})$ return π
$\Pi_2.\text{KGen}_Z(\text{pp})$	$\Pi_2.\text{Judge}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma, \pi)$
$(\text{spk}_Z, \text{ssk}_Z) \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{KGen}_Z(\text{pp}_{SS})$ $(\text{vpk}_Z, \text{vsk}_Z) \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{KGen}(\text{pp}_{VRS})$ $(\text{pk}_Z, \text{sk}_Z) := ((\text{spk}_Z, \text{vpk}_Z), (\text{ssk}_Z, \text{vsk}_Z))$ return $(\text{pk}_Z, \text{sk}_Z)$	$t := \text{pk}_S \ \text{pk}_Z \ m \ \sigma_{SS}$ $L := \{\text{vpk}_S, \text{vpk}_Z\}$ $b := \text{VRS}.\text{Judge}(L, t, \sigma_{VRS}, \text{vpk}_S, \pi)$ return $\begin{cases} Z & b = 0 \\ S & b = 1 \end{cases}$
$\Pi_2.\text{Sign}(\text{sk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \alpha)$	$\Pi_2.\text{ExtAdm}(\text{pk}_S, \text{sk}_Z, \sigma)$
$\sigma_{SS} \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{Sign}(\text{ssk}_S, \text{spk}_Z, \text{pk}_Z \ m, 0 \ \alpha)$ $t := \text{pk}_S \ \text{pk}_Z \ m \ \sigma_{SS}$ $\sigma_{VRS} \leftarrow \text{VRS}.\text{Sign}(\text{vsk}_S, \{\text{vpk}_S, \text{vpk}_Z\}, t)$ return $\sigma := (\sigma_{SS}, \sigma_{VRS})$	$\alpha \leftarrow \Pi_1.\text{ExtAdm}(\text{spk}_S, \text{ssk}_Z, \sigma_{SS})$ return α
$\Pi_2.\text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z, m, \sigma)$	
$t := \text{pk}_S \ \text{pk}_Z \ m \ \sigma_{SS}$ $b_0 := \Pi_1.\text{Verify}(\text{spk}_S, \text{spk}_Z, \text{pk}_Z \ m, \sigma_{SS})$ $b_1 := \text{VRS}.\text{Verify}(\{\text{pk}_Z, \text{vpk}_S\}, t, \sigma_{VRS})$ return $b_0 \cap b_1$	

Fig. 5: Generic Transformation from Weak to Fully-Fledged Sanitizable Signatures.

one cannot guess whether the part σ_{VRS} was created by the signer or by the sanitizer. Combining both properties, we conclude that one cannot guess whether the signature was sanitized or not, *i.e.*, Π_2 is transparent. Thirdly, Π_1 is invisible, so the part σ_{SS} hides all information about the possible modifications of the message. Moreover, The signature σ_{VRS} contains no information about the modifiable parts of the message. This implies that Π_2 is invisible. Finally, Π_1 is unlinkable, so the first part σ'_{SS} of a sanitized signature hides any information about the original signature, and the second part σ'_{VRS} does not depend on the original signature, so our resulting scheme Π_2 is also unlinkable. Note that Π_1 is *weakly* unlinkable in the sense that it is no longer secure if the adversary is allowed to send fresh signatures to the oracle LoRSanitO . This does not impact the security of Π_2 , because σ_{SS} is signed in σ_{VRS} , so to produce a fresh signature $(\sigma'_{\text{SS}}, \sigma'_{\text{VRS}})$, the adversary should be able to forge σ'_{VRS} , which is supposed to be hard under the hypothesis that the VRS scheme is unforgeable.

The correctness of Π_2 follows trivially from the correctness of Π_1 and VRS. Below, we state the formal security results for the construction. Due to space constraints, we refer to the full version of this work for the formal security proofs.

Theorem 2. *If Π_1 is weakly immutable, then Π_2 is immutable. If Π_1 is weakly unlinkable, and VRS is strongly unforgeable, then Π_2 is unlinkable. If Π_1 is strongly invisible then Π_2 is strongly invisible. If VRS is strongly accountable, then Π_2 is strongly signer accountable. If VRS is strongly non-seizable, then Π_2 is strongly sanitizer accountable. If VRS is anonymous and Π_1 is strongly proof-restrictedly transparent, then Π_2 is strongly proof-restrictedly transparent.*

We remark that verifiable ring signatures can be constructed generically from linkable ring signatures [27], which in turn can be generically constructed from unique ring signatures [18]. It is also possible to use any stronger primitive such as traceable [21] or accountable [35] ring signatures, as long as the signers are accountable. Furthermore, the transform can be easily extended to a multi-sanitizer setting by signing with respect to a ring which consists of the signer and multiple sanitizers. Depending on the variant of ring signatures used, we obtain different flavors of accountability. As the implications are straightforward, we do not elaborate further.

5 Security Proof for Construction I

The following proof uses the generic group model abstraction of Shoup [33] and we refer the reader to [3] for a comprehensive introduction to the bilinear group model. Here we state the central lemma useful for proving facts about generic attackers.

Lemma 2 (Schwartz-Zippel). *Let $F(X_1, \dots, X_m)$ be a non-zero polynomial of degree $d \geq 0$ over a field \mathbb{F} . Then the probability that $F(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ for randomly chosen values (x_1, \dots, x_m) in \mathbb{F}^n is bounded from above by $\frac{d}{|\mathbb{F}|}$.*

5.1 Weak Immutability

Proof (Weak Immutability). To prove that Π_1 is weakly immutable, we first show the generic hardness of the following problem.

Lemma 3. Let $(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, G_1, G_2, G_T, e, q) \leftarrow \text{BGGen}(1^\lambda)$ with $q > 2^\lambda$, and $a, b, c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$. For all generic group adversary \mathcal{A} , the probability that \mathcal{A} on input $(G_1, G_1^a, G_1^b, G_2, G_2^b, G_2^c)$ outputs $(G_1^u, G_1^v, G_1^x, G_1^y, G_2^z)$ such that

$$\begin{cases} au - x = 0 \\ bv - y = 0 \\ cy - xz = 0 \\ v \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

is negligible.

Proof. Let $(G_1^u, G_1^v, G_1^x, G_1^y, G_2^z)$ be the output of \mathcal{A} . Since \mathcal{A} is generic, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} u &= u_1 + u_a a + u_b b \\ v &= v_1 + v_a a + v_b b \\ x &= x_1 + x_a a + x_b b \\ y &= y_1 + y_a a + y_b b \\ z &= z_1 + z_b b + z_c c \end{aligned}$$

for some coefficients $u_1, u_a, u_b, v_1, v_a, v_b, x_1, x_a, x_b, y_1, y_a, y_b, z_1, z_b, z_c \in \mathbb{Z}_q$. By the relation $au - x = 0$, we have $-x_1 + (u_1 - x_a)a - x_b b + u_a a^2 + u_b ab = 0$. Note that $f(A, B) := -x_1 + (u_1 - x_a)A - x_b B + u_a A^2 + u_b AB$ is a quadratic polynomial in the variables A and B . Suppose f is not a zero polynomial, by the Schwartz-Zippel lemma (Lemma 2), for $a, b \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$, the probability that $f(a, b) = 0$ is upper bounded by $2/q < 2^{1-\lambda}$ which is negligible. Therefore we can assume that f is always zero. In particular, we have $x_1 = x_b = 0$. Similarly, by examining the relation $bv - y = 0$, we can assume that $v_1 = y_b$, and $y_1 = y_a = 0$. We can therefore write $x = x_a a$ and $y = y_b b$. Next, we examine the relation $cy - xz = 0$, which implies

$$y_b b c - x_a z_1 a - x_a z_b ab - x_a z_c ac = 0.$$

Using the Schwartz-Zippel lemma again, we can assume that $y_b = 0$. However, this means that $v = v_1 = y_b = 0$, which contradicts with the fourth relation $v \neq 0$. \square

Now, suppose there exists a generic group adversary \mathcal{A} against the weak immutability of Π_1 . We construct a generic group adversary \mathcal{C} which solves the problem defined in Lemma 3. \mathcal{C} receives as challenge $(G_1, G_1^a, G_1^b, G_2, G_2^c)$ from its challenger. It then simulates the `ExplImmutability` experiment for \mathcal{A} by setting the public parameters and the signer keys honestly. Without loss of generality, assume that \mathcal{A} makes $Q_1 = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ signing oracle queries and $Q_2 = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ random oracle queries for $H(\cdot)$. \mathcal{C} additionally samples $i^\dagger, j^\dagger \leftarrow [Q_1]$ as a guess of which `Sign` oracle query \mathcal{A} will attack against, $k^\dagger \leftarrow [\ell]$ as the index of the inadmissible block that will be modified in the forgery message, $l^\dagger \leftarrow [Q_2]$ as a guess of which $H(\cdot)$ oracle query \mathcal{A} will include as the inadmissible modification in the forgery message.

Answering Random Oracle Queries Upon receiving (k_l, m_l) as the l -th distinct query to the $H()$ oracle, if $l \neq l^\dagger$, \mathcal{C} answers the query by picking $t_l \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and return $h_l := G_2^{t_l} \in \mathbb{G}_2$ to \mathcal{A} . If $l = l^\dagger$, then \mathcal{C} sets $h_l = G_2^c$ where G_2^c was received as a challenge as described above. If (k_l, m_l) was a message that was queried previously, then reply with the same response as before.

Answering Sign Oracle Queries Upon receiving (pk_Z, m_i, α_i) as the i -th query to the SignO oracle, if $i \neq i^\dagger$ and $i \neq j^\dagger$, \mathcal{C} answers the query honestly by running the procedures as defined in the SignO oracle.

In the case $i = i^\dagger$ or $i = j^\dagger$, \mathcal{C} generates the signature honestly except for the following changes:

1. If $i = i^\dagger$, then \mathcal{C} picks the elements $X_{i^\dagger,1}, \dots, X_{i^\dagger,\ell}$ as follows. \mathcal{C} picks $X_{i^\dagger,k^\dagger} = G_1^a$ which it had received from its challenger in the beginning. For all other $k \in [\ell] \setminus \{k^\dagger\}$, \mathcal{C} generates the X_k honestly by picking $x_{i^\dagger,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and setting $X_{i^\dagger,k} = G_1^{x_{i^\dagger,k}}$ (as done in the SignO oracle). The rest of the signature is generated as in the SignO oracle.
2. Suppose $i = j^\dagger$. If $k^\dagger \in \alpha_{j^\dagger}$, or $(k^\dagger, m_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger}) = (k_{l^\dagger}, m_{l^\dagger})$, then abort. Otherwise, let t^\dagger be such that $H(k^\dagger \| m_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger}) = G_2^{t^\dagger}$. \mathcal{C} first generates $X_{i^\dagger,1}, \dots, X_{i^\dagger,\ell}$ by picking $x_{j^\dagger,k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and setting $X_{j^\dagger,k} := G_1^{x_{j^\dagger,k}}$ for all $k \in [\ell]$. Then \mathcal{C} picks the elements $Y_{i^\dagger,1}, \dots, Y_{i^\dagger,\ell}$ as follows. \mathcal{C} picks $Y_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger} = G_1^b$ which it had received from its challenger in the beginning. It then generates $\sigma_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger}$ as $(G_2^b)^{\frac{x_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger}}{t^\dagger}}$. For all other $k \neq k^\dagger$, \mathcal{C} generates the $Y_{j^\dagger,k}$ and the rest of the signature honestly as done in the SignO oracle. Note that as we assume $k^\dagger \notin \alpha_{j^\dagger}$ in this case, the value y_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger} is not needed to generate the signature. Therefore the signature can be simulated faithfully.

Answering Prove Oracle Queries. The Prove oracle is trivially simulatable since the Prove algorithm always returns ϵ .

Clearly, assuming that \mathcal{C} did not abort, \mathcal{C} simulates the wExplmMUTABILITY experiment for \mathcal{A} faithfully. Eventually, \mathcal{A} outputs (pk_Z^*, m^*, σ^*) as a forgery such that $\text{Verify}(pk_S^\dagger, pk_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$, and $m_k^* \neq m_{i,k}$ for some i, k such that $k \notin \alpha_i$. Since $Q_1, \ell \in \text{poly}(\lambda)$, with non-negligible probability it holds that $m_{k^\dagger}^* \neq m_{j^\dagger,k^\dagger}$ and $k^\dagger \notin \alpha_{j^\dagger}$. Moreover, since $Q_2 \in \text{poly}(\lambda)$, with non-negligible probability it holds that $(k^\dagger, m_{k^\dagger}^*) = (k_{l^\dagger}, m_{l^\dagger})$. If that is the case, then the abort conditions in the above procedures of answering sign oracle queries are never triggered.

Parse σ^* as $(\mu^*, \eta^*, \{\sigma_j^*, X_j^*, Y_j^*\}_{j=1}^\ell, c^*)$. By the EUF-CMA-security of EQS, with overwhelming probability we have that $[X_1^*, \dots, X_\ell^*]_{\mathcal{R}} = [X_{i^*,1}, \dots, X_{i^*,\ell}]_{\mathcal{R}}$ for some i^* , and $[Y_1^*, \dots, Y_\ell^*]_{\mathcal{R}} = [Y_{j^*,1}, \dots, Y_{j^*,\ell}]_{\mathcal{R}}$ for some j^* (otherwise we can construct an adversary against the EUF-CMA-security of EQS by simply outputting μ or η). Therefore, there exists $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ such that $(X_{i^*,1}, \dots, X_{i^*,\ell})^r = (X_1^*, \dots, X_\ell^*)$ and $(Y_{j^*,1}, \dots, Y_{j^*,\ell})^{r \cdot s} = (Y_1^*, \dots, Y_\ell^*)$.

Since $Q_1 \in \text{poly}(\lambda)$, it happens with non-negligible probability that $(i^\dagger, j^\dagger) = (i^*, j^*)$. Suppose this is the case. Let k' be arbitrary with $k' \neq k^\dagger$. \mathcal{C} extracts $G_1^{r_1}$ and

G_1^{rs} by computing

$$\begin{aligned} (X_{k'}^*)^{\frac{1}{x_{i^*,k'}}} &= G_1^{r \cdot (x_{i^*,k'}) \cdot \frac{1}{x_{i^*,k'}}} = G_1^r \\ (Y_{k'}^*)^{\frac{1}{(x_{j^*,k'}) \cdot (y_{j^*,k'})}} &= (G_1^{r \cdot s})^{\frac{(x_{j^*,k'}) \cdot (y_{j^*,k'})}{(x_{j^*,k'}) \cdot (y_{j^*,k'})}} = G_1^{r \cdot s}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{Verify}(\text{pk}_S, \text{pk}_Z^*, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$, this implies that $Y_{k^\dagger}^* = G_1^{r \cdot s \cdot b} \neq G_1$. This means that $r \cdot s \neq 0$. Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e(X_{k^\dagger}^*, \sigma_{k^\dagger}^*) &= e(Y_{k^\dagger}^*, H(k^\dagger \| m_{k^\dagger}^*)) \\ e(X_{i^\dagger, k^\dagger}^*, \sigma_{k^\dagger}^*) &= e(Y_{j^\dagger, k^\dagger}^{r \cdot s}, G_2^c) \\ e(G_1^{r \cdot a}, \sigma_{k^\dagger}^*) &= e(G_1^{r \cdot s \cdot b}, G_2^c) \\ \sigma_{k^\dagger}^* &= G_2^{\frac{s \cdot b \cdot c}{a}} \end{aligned}$$

Now, set \mathcal{C} outputs $(G_1^u, G_1^v, G_1^x, G_1^y, G_2^z) := (G_1^r, G_1^{r \cdot s}, G_1^{r \cdot a}, G_1^{r \cdot s \cdot b}, G_2^{\frac{s \cdot b \cdot c}{a}})$. By a routine calculation, one can verify that $au - x = 0$, $bv - y = 0$, $cy - xz = 0$ and $v \neq 0$. Since \mathcal{A} only performs generic group operations, so does \mathcal{C} , which contradicts with Lemma 3. \square

5.2 Strong Invisibility

Proof (Strong Invisibility). We prove strong invisibility by hybrid argument. We define an intermediate experiment Hyb^b which is identical to $\text{ExplInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$ for both $b \in \{0, 1\}$, except for the following changes: When answering LoAdmO_b oracle queries, the challenger signs with respect to the policy $\alpha_0 \circ \alpha_1$ instead of α_b . We argue that, in the view of the adversary, the experiments Hyb^b and $\text{ExplInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$ are computationally indistinguishable for $b \in \{0, 1\}$. Suppose that is the case, since obviously Hyb^0 is functionally equivalent to Hyb^1 , it holds that $\text{ExplInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^0(1^\lambda)$ is computationally indistinguishable to $\text{ExplInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^1(1^\lambda)$.

Before proving the claim above, we state two key observations. First, note that the signatures returned by the LoAdmO_b oracle in the all experiments are identically distributed if $\text{pk}_Z \neq \text{pk}_Z^\dagger$ (since now it must hold that $\alpha_0 = \alpha_1$ for the oracle to not abort). In the case $\text{pk}_Z = \text{pk}_Z^\dagger$, the signatures returned by the oracle are almost identically distributed, except for the ciphertext c . In particular, in the experiment $\text{ExplInvisibility}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$, the ciphertext is an encryption of the message $(\alpha_b, \{\zeta_{b,i}\}_{i=0}^\ell)$, where $\zeta_{b,i} = x_i$ for all $i \in \alpha_b$, and is zero otherwise. On the other hand, in Hyb^b , the ciphertext is an encryption of the message $(\alpha_0 \circ \alpha_1, \{\zeta_{b,i}\}_{i=0}^\ell)$, where $\zeta_{b,i} = x_i$ for all $i \in \alpha_0 \cup \alpha_1$, and is zero otherwise.

The second observation is that, due to the restriction imposed on the SanO' oracle, the values x_i for all $i \in (\alpha_b - (\alpha_0 \circ \alpha_1))$ are never used in any experiments.

With the above observations, we show how one can construct an algorithm \mathcal{C} , which breaks the IND-CCA-security of PKE, using a distinguisher which distinguishes Hyb^b

from $\text{ExpInvisib}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$. \mathcal{C} receives a public key pk_{PKE} from the IND-CCA challenger, and acts as the challenger of either the experiment $\text{ExpInvisib}_{\mathcal{A}, \Pi}^b(1^\lambda)$ or Hyb^b by setting $\text{pk}_Z^\dagger := \text{pk}_{\text{PKE}}$ and generating other keys honestly.

Let $(\text{pk}_Z, m_j, \alpha_{j,0}, \alpha_{j,1})$ be the j -th query to the LoRAdmO_b oracle. \mathcal{C} answers the query honestly if $\text{pk}_Z \neq \text{pk}_Z^\dagger$. In the case where $\text{pk}_Z = \text{pk}_Z^\dagger$, \mathcal{C} generates the ciphertext c_j in the following way. It samples $y_{j,i} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ for all $i \in [\ell]$, and prepares

$$\zeta_{b,j,i} := \begin{cases} y_{j,i} & i \in \alpha_{j,b} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [\ell] \quad \zeta'_{b,j,i} := \begin{cases} y_{j,i} & i \in \alpha_{j,0} \circ \alpha_{j,1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [\ell]$$

$\tau_{b,j} := (\alpha_{j,b}, \{\zeta_{b,j,i}\}_{i=1}^\ell)$ $\tau'_{b,j} := (\alpha_{j,0} \circ \alpha_{j,1}, \{\zeta'_{b,j,i}\}_{i=1}^\ell)$ and queries the EncO_b oracle provided by the IND-CCA challenger on $(\tau_{b,j}, \tau'_{b,j})$ and receive c_j . \mathcal{C} generates the rest of the signature honestly.

Upon receiving a query $(\text{pk}_S, m, \delta, \sigma)$ to the SanO' oracle, \mathcal{C} parses σ as $(\mu, \eta, \{\sigma_i, X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^\ell, c)$ and checks if $c = c_j$ for some j . If so, it uses $\{y_{j,i}\}_{i \in \alpha_{j,0} \cap \alpha_{j,1}}$ to answer the oracle query. If not, it queries the DecO oracle provided by the IND-CCA challenger on c , receives $\tau = (\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in \ell})$, and uses it to answer the oracle query.

Clearly, depending on the choice of the IND-CCA challenger, our adversary simulates either the experiment $\text{ExpInvis}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^b(1^\lambda)$ or Hyb^b faithfully. Therefore, if there exists a distinguisher which distinguishes the two experiments with a certain probability, then our adversary can guess the choice of the IND-CCA challenger with the same probability. \square

5.3 Perfect Strong Transparency

Proof (Perfect Strong Transparency). We show that the construction is perfectly strongly transparent through hybrid argument. First, observe that the Prove algorithm, and hence also the ProveO oracle, always returns the empty string ϵ , it is safe to drop the step $Q = Q \parallel (\delta(m), \sigma')$ in the Sign/SanO_b oracle.

Now, let $Q = \text{poly}(\lambda)$ be the number of queries that the adversary \mathcal{A} make to the Sign/SanO_b oracle. We define the hybrids $\text{Hyb}_0, \dots, \text{Hyb}_Q$ as follows. The hybrid Hyb_0 is identical to $\text{ExpTrans}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^0(1^\lambda)$. For $j \in [Q]$, Hyb_j is almost identical to Hyb_{j-1} , except that in the former the j -th query to the Sign/SanO_b is answered as in $\text{ExpTrans}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^1(1^\lambda)$. That is, the first j signatures returned by Sign/SanO_b are sanitized, while the last $Q - j$ signatures are freshly signed. Note that Hyb_Q is identical to $\text{ExpTrans}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^1(1^\lambda)$. Obviously, if $\Pr[\text{Hyb}_{j-1} = 1] = \Pr[\text{Hyb}_j = 1]$ for all $j \in [Q]$, then $\Pr[\text{ExpTrans}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^0(1^\lambda) = 1] = \Pr[\text{ExpTrans}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^1(1^\lambda) = 1]$.

Fix $j \in [Q]$. In the following, we show that $\Pr[\text{Hyb}_{j-1} = 1] = \Pr[\text{Hyb}_j = 1]$. Let (m, δ, α) be the j -th query of \mathcal{A} to the Sign/SanO_b oracle. If $\delta \notin \alpha$, then the oracle returns \perp in both experiments and thus the equality holds trivially. Otherwise, let $m' := \delta(m)$, and let σ' be the response. In Hyb_{j-1} , the signature σ' is drawn from a

distribution \mathcal{D} where

$$\mathcal{D} := \left\{ \sigma : \begin{array}{l} x_i, y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*, X_i := G_1^{x_i}, Y_i := X_i^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \mu \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)) \\ \eta \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)) \\ \sigma_i \leftarrow H(i \| m_i')^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \zeta_i := \begin{cases} y_i & i \in \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [0, \ell] \\ \tau := (\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}) \\ c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \tau) \\ \sigma := (\mu, \eta, \{\sigma_i, X_i, Y_i\}_{i=1}^\ell, c) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Replacing x_i and y_i with $r \cdot x_i$ and $s \cdot y_i$ respectively for some $r, s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$, we obtain a distribution $\mathcal{D}' = \mathcal{D}$ where

$$\mathcal{D}' := \left\{ \sigma : \begin{array}{l} r, s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^* \\ x_i, y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*, X_i := G_1^{x_i}, Y_i := X_i^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \mu \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)^r) \\ \eta \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)^{r \cdot s}) \\ \sigma_i \leftarrow H(i \| m_i')^{s \cdot y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \zeta_i := \begin{cases} s \cdot y_i & i \in \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \tau := (\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}) \\ c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \tau) \\ \sigma := (\mu, \eta, \{\sigma_i, X_i^r, Y_i^{r \cdot s}\}_{i=1}^\ell, c) \end{array} \right\}.$$

By the perfect adaption of EQS, the distribution of $\text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)^r)$ and $\text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)^{r \cdot s})$ is identical to that of $\text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell), \mu', r)$ and $\text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell), \eta', r \cdot s)$, where $\mu' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell))$ and $\eta' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell))$. Therefore, we obtain a distribution $\mathcal{D}'' = \mathcal{D}'$ with

$$\mathcal{D}'' := \left\{ \sigma : \begin{array}{l} r, s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^* \\ x_i, y_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*, X_i := G_1^{x_i}, Y_i := X_i^{y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \mu' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell)) \\ \eta' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)) \\ \mu \leftarrow \text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, (X_1, \dots, X_\ell), \mu', r) \\ \eta \leftarrow \text{ChgRep}(\text{pk}_S^\dagger, (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell), \eta', r \cdot s) \\ \sigma_i \leftarrow H(i \| m_i')^{s \cdot y_i}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \zeta_i := \begin{cases} s \cdot y_i & i \in \alpha \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \forall i \in [\ell] \\ \tau := (\alpha, \{\zeta_i\}_{i \in [\ell]}) \\ c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \tau) \\ \sigma := (\mu, \eta, \{\sigma_i, X_i^r, Y_i^{r \cdot s}\}_{i=1}^\ell, c) \end{array} \right\}.$$

Note that in Hyb_j , the signature σ' is drawn exactly from \mathcal{D}'' . Therefore we can conclude that Hyb_{j-1} and Hyb_j are functionally equivalent. \square

5.4 Weak Unlinkability

Proof (Weak Unlinkability). To show that the experiments $\text{wExpUnlink}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^b(1^\lambda)$, where $b \in \{0, 1\}$, are computationally indistinguishable in the view of the adversary we define the following sequence of hybrids.

Hyb_0^b : Defined as $\text{wExpUnlink}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}^b(1^\lambda)$.

Hyb_1^b : Defined as Hyb_0^b , except that an additional list \tilde{L} is initialized empty at the beginning of the experiment. Then, when a ciphertext $c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, \tau)$ is generated in the subroutine Sign of the oracle $\text{Sign}\mathcal{O}$, a new entry $(c, \tau, \{x_i, y_i\}_{i \in [\ell]})$ is added to \tilde{L} . The wLoRSanit oracle runs the following modified version of the subroutine $\tilde{\text{San}}$: On input a certain \tilde{c} , it first checks whether there is an entry $(\tilde{c}, \tilde{\tau}, \{\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i\}_{i \in [\ell]})$ in \tilde{L} and, if so, proceeds by setting $\tau = \tilde{\tau}$. Otherwise the algorithm aborts.

Hyb_2^b : Defined as Hyb_1^b , except that the ciphertext c is computed as $c \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, (\alpha, 0^\ell))$ in the $\text{Sign}\mathcal{O}$ oracle. The subroutine $\tilde{\text{San}}$ also computes $c' \leftarrow \text{PKE.Enc}(\text{pk}_Z^\dagger, (\alpha, 0^\ell))$.

Hyb_3^b : Defined as Hyb_2^b , except that the subroutine $\tilde{\text{San}}$ is modified to compute the signatures μ' and η' as $\mu' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (X'_1, \dots, X'_\ell))$ and $\eta' \leftarrow \text{EQS.Sign}(\text{sk}_S^\dagger, (Y'_1, \dots, Y'_\ell))$, respectively.

Hyb_4^b : Defined as Hyb_3^b , except that the subroutine $\tilde{\text{San}}$ samples a fresh tuple $(Z_1, \dots, Z_\ell) \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^\ell$ is sampled and $(X'_1, \dots, X'_\ell) := (Z_1, \dots, Z_\ell)$ and $(Y'_1, \dots, Y'_\ell) := (Z_1^{\tilde{y}_1}, \dots, Z_\ell^{\tilde{y}_\ell})^s$.

Hyb_5^b : Defined as Hyb_4^b , except that the subroutine $\tilde{\text{San}}$ samples a tuple $(w_1, \dots, w_\ell) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^\ell$ and computes σ'_i as $H(m'_i)^{w_i}$ and (Y'_1, \dots, Y'_ℓ) as $(Z_1^{w_1}, \dots, Z_\ell^{w_\ell})$.

Observe that in the experiment Hyb_5^b the output of the wLoRSanit oracle in Hyb_5^b is completely decorrelated from the random coin b . It follows that for all PPT adversaries we have that

$$|\Pr[\text{Hyb}_5^0 = 1] - \Pr[\text{Hyb}_5^1 = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

We now proceed by showing the indistinguishability of each pair of hybrids.

Lemma 4. *Suppose PKE is correct. Then for all PPT \mathcal{A} and $b \in \{0, 1\}$ it holds that*

$$|\Pr[\text{Hyb}_0^b = 1] - \Pr[\text{Hyb}_1^b = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Proof (of Lemma 4). The experiments differ in the fact that in Hyb_1^b the LoRSanit oracle aborts when queried on some \tilde{c} such that no entry (\tilde{c}, \cdot) is present in \tilde{L} . This implies that \tilde{c} was not produced by the signing oracle $\text{Sign}\mathcal{O}$, therefore also Hyb_0^b aborts on the same input. The indistinguishability follows by the correctness of the encryption scheme. \square

Lemma 5. *Suppose PKE is IND-CCA secure. Then for all PPT \mathcal{A} and $b \in \{0, 1\}$,*

$$|\Pr[\text{Hyb}_1^b = 1] - \Pr[\text{Hyb}_2^b = 1]| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Proof (of Lemma 5). The lemma follows by a simple reduction to the (multiple-message) CCA-security of the encryption scheme. On input a public key pk_Z^\dagger , the reduction computes c by querying the challenger on $(\tau, (\alpha, 0^\ell))$ and plugging in the corresponding ciphertext c^* . The ciphertext c' is computed analogously. The oracle SanO is simulated by passing the input ciphertexts \tilde{c} to the decryption oracle and setting τ to be the corresponding output. It is easy to show that in the one case the reduction perfectly simulates the distributions of Hyb_1^b and in the other case it is identical to Hyb_2^b . By the CCA-security of the encryption scheme the claim follows. \square

Lemma 6. *If EQS perfectly adapts signatures, then for all PPT \mathcal{A} and $b \in \{0, 1\}$,*

$$\left| \Pr [\text{Hyb}_2^b = 1] - \Pr [\text{Hyb}_3^b = 1] \right| = 0.$$

Proof (of Lemma 6). Trivial. \square

Lemma 7. *Let $q > 2^\lambda$. For all generic group adversary \mathcal{A} and $b \in \{0, 1\}$ it holds that*

$$\left| \Pr [\text{Hyb}_3^b = 1] - \Pr [\text{Hyb}_4^b = 1] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Proof (of Lemma 7). First observe that in Hyb_4^b (with a slight notation abuse)

$$(Y'_1, \dots, Y'_\ell) = (Z_1^{\tilde{y}_1}, \dots, Z_\ell^{\tilde{y}_\ell})^s = (X'_1, \dots, X'_\ell)^{s(\tilde{y}_1, \dots, \tilde{y}_\ell)}$$

whereas in Hyb_3^b

$$(Y'_1, \dots, Y'_\ell) = (Y_1, \dots, Y_\ell)^{r \cdot s} = (X_1^{\tilde{y}_1}, \dots, X_\ell^{\tilde{y}_\ell})^{r \cdot s} = (X'_1, \dots, X'_\ell)^{s(\tilde{y}_1, \dots, \tilde{y}_\ell)}.$$

Therefore if the tuple (X'_1, \dots, X'_ℓ) has the same distribution in both experiments the indistinguishability follows. It remains to show that

$$\left(G_1, \begin{matrix} X_1, \dots, X_\ell \\ Z_1, \dots, Z_\ell \end{matrix} \right) \approx \left(G_1, \begin{matrix} X_1, \dots, X_\ell \\ X_1^r, \dots, X_\ell^r \end{matrix} \right)$$

over the random choice of (Z_1, \dots, Z_ℓ, r) . It is easy to show that the two distributions are indistinguishable by the hardness of the decisional Diffie-Hellman problem [14]. For completeness, and as a warm-up for the proof of the next lemma, we show that this holds in the generic group model. For ease of exposition, we denote symbolically $X_k := G_1^{x_k}$ and $Z_k := G_1^{z_k}$ for all $k \in [\ell]$. For the left distribution we can rewrite all equations that the adversary learns as symbolic degree 1 polynomials

$$\mathfrak{x}_1 x_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{x}_\ell x_\ell + \mathfrak{z}_1 z_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{z}_\ell z_\ell + \mathfrak{c} = 0$$

for some coefficients $(\mathfrak{x}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{x}_\ell, \mathfrak{z}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{z}_\ell, \mathfrak{c})$. For the right distributions we have

$$\mathfrak{x}_1 x_1 + \dots + \mathfrak{x}_\ell x_\ell + \mathfrak{z}_1 x_1 r + \dots + \mathfrak{z}_\ell x_\ell r + \mathfrak{c} = 0.$$

Since (x_1, \dots, x_ℓ) and (z_1, \dots, z_ℓ) are uniformly chosen, by Lemma 2 all coefficients in the left distribution must be 0 with all but negligible probability. The same holds for the right distribution, since r is uniformly sampled. It follows that a generic adversary cannot learn any non-trivial relation when it is given either the left or the right distribution. Therefore the left and right distributions look identical. \square

Lemma 8. Let $q > 2^\lambda$. For all generic group adversary \mathcal{A} and $b \in \{0, 1\}$ it holds that

$$\left| \Pr \left[\text{Hyb}_4^b = 1 \right] - \Pr \left[\text{Hyb}_5^b = 1 \right] \right| \leq \text{negl}(\lambda).$$

Proof (of Lemma 8). The two experiments differ in the way the variables (Y'_1, \dots, Y'_ℓ) and $(\sigma'_1, \dots, \sigma'_\ell)$ are computed. Suppose that $H(i \| m_i)$ and $H(i \| m'_i)$ are programmed to $G_2^{t_i^0}$ and $G_2^{t_i^1}$ respectively, where $(t_1^0, t_1^1, \dots, t_\ell^0, t_\ell^1)$ is a randomly sampled vector in $\mathbb{Z}_q^{2\ell}$. The indistinguishability of the two hybrids reduces to arguing about the proximity of the following distributions

$$\begin{pmatrix} G_1^{y_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{y_\ell}, \\ G_1, & G_1^{z_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{z_\ell}, \\ G_1^{sy_1 z_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{sy_\ell z_\ell}, \\ G_2^{t_1^0 y_1}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^0 y_\ell}, \\ G_2^{st_1^1 y_1}, & \dots, & G_2^{st_\ell^1 y_\ell}, \\ G_2, & G_2^{t_1^0}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^0}, \\ G_2^{t_1^1}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^1} \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{pmatrix} G_1^{y_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{y_\ell}, \\ G_1, & G_1^{z_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{z_\ell}, \\ G_1^{w_1 z_1}, & \dots, & G_1^{w_\ell z_\ell}, \\ G_2^{t_1^0 y_1}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^0 y_\ell}, \\ G_2^{t_1^1 w_1}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^1 w_\ell}, \\ G_2, & G_2^{t_1^0}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^0}, \\ G_2^{t_1^1}, & \dots, & G_2^{t_\ell^1} \end{pmatrix}$$

where the LHS corresponds to the distributions in Hyb_4^b and the RHS corresponds to the distributions in Hyb_5^b . Note that all non-trivial relations that the generic attacker can learn are restricted to certain polynomials of degree at most 2. For illustration, we can symbolically write the relations obtained from the RHS as

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{a}_{i,j} (t_i^1 w_i \cdot w_j z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{b}_{i,j} (t_i^1 w_i \cdot y_j) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{c}_{i,j} (t_i^0 y_i \cdot w_j z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{d}_{i,j} (t_i^0 y_i \cdot y_j) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathbf{e}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot w_j z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathbf{f}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot y_j) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{g}_{i,j} (t_i^1 w_i \cdot z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{h}_i (t_i^1 w_i) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathbf{i}_{i,j} (t_i^0 y_i \cdot z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{j}_i (t_i^0 y_i) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathbf{k}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot z_j) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathbf{l}_i^b (t_i^b) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{m}_i (y_i) & + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{n}_i (z_i) \\ & + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{o}_i (w_i z_i) & + \mathbf{p} \\ & = 0. \end{aligned}$$

whereas for the LHS the equation is identical except that all occurrences of w_i and w_j are replaced with $y_i \cdot s$ and $y_j \cdot s$, respectively. Since all variables are uniformly distributed,

by Lemma 2 we have that the coefficient of each unique monomial must be 0 with all but negligible probability. It is left to argue that each non-trivial relation obtained on the RHS imply also a corresponding non-trivial relation on the LHS, and viceversa. By inspection we isolate the pairs

$$\left(\sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathfrak{e}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot w_j z_j), \sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{g}_{i,j} (t_i^1 w_i \cdot z_j) \right)$$

and

$$\left(\sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathfrak{f}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot y_j), \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{j}_i (t_i^0 y_i) \right)$$

that have potentially common monomials. For the latter case it is enough to observe that the monomials are identical for both the LHS and the RHS distributions as they are independent of w_i and s for all $i \in [\ell]$. Therefore if

$$\sum_{i \in [\ell], j \in [\ell], b \in \{0,1\}} \mathfrak{f}_{i,j}^b (t_i^b \cdot y_j) + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{j}_i (t_i^0 y_i) = 0$$

in the RHS then so it does in the LHS, and vice versa. For the former case we have that collisions occur only when $i = j$ and $b = 1$, as otherwise the monomials are distinct and therefore any non trivial set of coefficients will not cancel out (with very high probability). Setting $i = j$ and $b = 1$, for the RHS we have the following constraint

$$\sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{e}_{i,i}^1 (t_i^1 w_i z_i) + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{g}_{i,i} (t_i^1 w_i z_i) = 0$$

which implies that, with overwhelming probability, for all $i \in [\ell]$ it holds that $\mathfrak{e}_{i,i}^1 = -\mathfrak{g}_{i,i}$. Applying this constraint to the LHS we obtain a corresponding non-trivial relation

$$\sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{e}_{i,i}^1 (st_i^1 y_i z_i) + \sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathfrak{g}_{i,i} (st_i^1 y_i z_i) = 0.$$

The reverse direction holds with an identical argument. Since there is a bijection between the non-trivial relations on the LHS and those on the RHS, we can conclude that the view of \mathcal{A} in the two cases are indistinguishable. \square

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