

Circular and KDM Security for Identity-Based Encryption

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Abstract. We initiate the study of security for key-dependent messages (KDM), sometimes also known as “circular” or “clique” security, in the setting of identity-based encryption (IBE). Circular/KDM security requires that ciphertexts preserve secrecy even when they encrypt messages that may depend on the secret keys, and arises in natural usage scenarios for IBE.

We construct an IBE system that is circular secure for affine functions of users’ secret keys, based on the learning with errors (LWE) problem (and hence on worst-case lattice problems). The scheme is secure in the standard model, under a natural extension of a selective-identity attack. Our three main technical contributions are (1) showing the circular/KDM-security of a “dual”-style LWE public-key cryptosystem, (2) proving the hardness of a version of the “extended LWE” problem due to O’Neill, Peikert and Waters (CRYPTO’11), and (3) building an IBE scheme around the dual-style system using a novel lattice-based “all-but- d ” trapdoor function.

1 Introduction

Traditional notions of secure encryption, starting with semantic (or IND-CPA) security [21], assume that the plaintext messages do not depend on the secret decryption key (except perhaps indirectly, via the public key or other ciphertexts). In many settings, this may fail to be the case. One obvious scenario is, of course, careless or improper key management: for example, some disk encryption systems end up encrypting the symmetric secret key itself (or a derivative) and storing it on disk. However, there are also situations in which key-dependent messages are used as an integral part of a cryptosystem. For example, in their anonymous credential system, Camenisch and Lysyanskaya [13] use a cycle of key-dependent messages to discourage users from delegating their secret keys. More recently, Gentry’s “bootstrapping” technique for obtaining a fully homomorphic cryptosystem [19] encrypts a secret key under the corresponding public key in

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order to support unbounded homomorphism; the cryptosystem therefore needs to be “circular secure.” More generally, a system that potentially reveals encryptions of any party’s secret key under any user’s public key needs to be “clique” or “key-dependent message” (KDM) secure. This notion allows for proving formal symbolic soundness of cryptosystems having complexity-based security proofs [1].

Since Boneh *et al.*’s breakthrough work [9] giving a KDM-secure encryption scheme, in the standard model, from the Decision Diffie-Hellman assumption, a large number of results (mostly positive) have been obtained regarding circular- and KDM-secure encryption [22, 5, 6, 10, 4, 25, 11, 12]. However, all these works have dealt only with the symmetric or public-key settings; in particular, the question of circular/KDM security for *identity-based* cryptography has not yet been considered. Recall that in identity-based encryption [33], any string can serve as a public key, and the corresponding secret keys are generated and administered by a trusted Private Key Generator (PKG).

Circular security for IBE. In this work we define and construct a circular/KDM-secure identity-based encryption (IBE) scheme. KDM security is well-motivated by some natural usage scenarios for IBE, as we now explain.

Recall that identity-based encryption gives a natural and lightweight solution to revocation, via expiring keys. The lifetime of the cryptosystem is divided into time periods, or “epochs.” An identity string consists of a user’s “true” identity (e.g., name) concatenated with an epoch; when encrypting, one uses the identity for the current epoch. To support revocation, the PKG gives out a user’s secret key only for the current epoch, and only if the user is still authorized to be part of the system. Therefore, a user’s privileges can be revoked by simply refusing to give out his secret key in future epochs; in particular, this revocation is transparent to the encrypter.

The above framework makes it necessary for users to periodically get new secret keys from the PKG, confidentially. The most lightweight method, which eliminates the need for the user to prove his identity every time, is simply for the PKG to encrypt the new secret key under the user’s identity for the previous epoch. This can be proved secure, assuming the underlying IBE is CPA-secure, *as long as there are no cycles of encrypted keys*. However, if a user deletes or loses an old secret key and wants to decrypt a ciphertext from the corresponding epoch, it would be natural for the authority to provide the old secret key encrypted under the user’s identity for the current epoch. But because the current secret key has also been encrypted (perhaps via a chain of encryptions) under the old identity, this may be unsafe unless the IBE is KDM-secure.

1.1 Our Contributions

As already mentioned, in this work we define a form of circular/KDM security for identity-based encryption, and give a standard-model construction based on the learning with errors (LWE) problem, hence on worst-case lattice problems via the reductions of [32, 30].

As in prior positive results on circular security [9, 5, 10], our definition allows the adversary to obtain encrypted “key cliques” for affine functions of the secret keys. More precisely, for any tuple of identities (id_1, \dots, id_d) , the attacker may adaptively query encryptions of $f(sk_{id_i})$ under any of the identities id_j , where f is any affine function over the message space, and each sk_{id_i} is a secret key for identity id_i . Our attack model is in the style of a “selective identity” attack, wherein the adversary must declare the target identities id_1, \dots, id_d (but not the functions f) before seeing the public parameters of the scheme. While this is not the strongest security notion we might hope for, it appears to at least capture the main security requirements of the scenarios described above, because encrypted key cycles are only ever published for the same “real-world” identity at different time epochs. Therefore, just as in a standard selective-identity attack for IBE, the adversary is actually limited to attacking just a single real-world identity, on a set of d epochs (which could, for example, include all valid epochs). We also point out that by a routine hybrid argument, security also holds when attacking a *disjoint* collection of identity cliques (that are named before seeing the public parameters).

Our IBE construction is built from two components, both of which involve some novel techniques. First, we give an LWE-based *public-key* cryptosystem that is clique secure (even for an *unbounded* number of users) for affine functions, and is suitable for embedding into an IBE like the one of [20]. Second, we construct a lattice-based “all-but- d ” trapdoor function that serves as the main foundation of the IBE. We elaborate on these two contributions next.

Clique-secure public-key cryptosystem. We first recall that Applebaum *et al.* [5] showed that a variant of Regev’s so-called “primal” LWE cryptosystem [32] is clique secure for affine functions. Unfortunately, this primal-type system does not seem suitable as the foundation for identity-based encryption using the tools of [20]. The first reason is that the proof of clique security from [5] needs the users’ public keys to be completely independent, rather than incorporating a shared random string (e.g., the public parameters in an IBE system). The second reason is a bit more technical, and is already described in [20]: in primal-style systems, the user-specific public keys are exponentially sparse pseudorandom values (with unique secret keys), and it is difficult to design an appropriate mapping from identities to valid public keys (that actually have functional underlying secret keys).

Therefore, we first need to obtain clique security for a so-called “dual”-type cryptosystem (using the terminology from [20]), in which *every* syntactically valid public key has a functional underlying secret key (actually, many such secret keys) that can be extracted by the PKG. It turns out that achieving this goal is quite a bit more technically challenging than it was for the “primal”-style schemes. This is primarily because the KDM-secure scheme from [5] (like the earlier one from [9]) has the nice property that given the public key alone, one can efficiently generate *statistically well-distributed* encryptions of the secret key (without knowing the corresponding encryption randomness, of course). This

immediately implies circular security for “self-loops,” and clique security follows from a couple of other related techniques.

Unfortunately, this nice statistical property on ciphertexts does not seem attainable for dual-style LWE encryption, because now valid ciphertexts are exponentially sparse and hard to generate without knowing the underlying encryption randomness. In addition, because the adversary may obtain an *unbounded* number of key-dependent ciphertexts, we also cannot rely on any statistical hiding of the secret key, as is common in the security proofs of most dual-style cryptosystems.

We resolve the above issues by relying on computational assumptions twice in our security proof, first when changing the way that challenge ciphertexts are produced (i.e., by using knowledge of the secret key), and then again when changing the form of the public key. Notably, unlike prior works (e.g., [17, 29]) in which ciphertexts in intermediate games are created by “encrypting with an (information theoretically revealed) secret key,” we are able to avoid the use of super-polynomially large noise to “overwhelm” the slight statistical difference between the two ways of generating ciphertexts. This lets us prove security under fully polynomial lattice/LWE assumptions, i.e., those involving a polynomially bounded modulus q and inverse error rate for the LWE problem, and therefore polynomial approximation factors for worst-case lattice problems. We do so by proving the hardness of a version of the “extended LWE” problem, as defined and left open by the recent work of [29]. We believe that this result should be useful in several other contexts as well.

All-but- d trapdoor functions. We use the clique-secure cryptosystem described above as the foundation for a clique-secure IBE. To make the cryptosystem identity-based, as in [20] we need to embed a “strong” trapdoor into the public parameters so that the PKG can extract a secret key for any identity. Here we use the ideas behind the tag-based algebraic construction of [2], and follow the somewhat simpler and more efficient realization recently due to [27]. We remark that these trapdoor constructions are well-suited to security definitions in which the adversary attacks a *single* tag, because the trapdoor can be “punctured” (i.e., made useless for extracting secret keys, and useful for embedding an LWE challenge) at exactly one predetermined tag. Unfortunately, this does not appear to be sufficient for our purposes, because in the clique security game, the adversary is attacking d identities at once and can obtain challenge ciphertexts under all of them.

To resolve the insufficiency of a single “puncture,” we extend the trapdoor constructions of [2, 27] so that it is possible to puncture the trapdoor at up to d arbitrary, prespecified tags. To accomplish this, we show how to (statistically) hide in the public key a degree- d polynomial $f(\cdot)$ over a certain ring \mathcal{R} , so that $f(id_i) = 0$ for all the targeted tags (identities) id_i , while $f(id)$ is a unit in \mathcal{R} (i.e., is invertible) for all other identities. The d components of the public key can be combined so as to homomorphically evaluate f on any desired tag; the underlying trapdoor is “punctured” exactly on tags id where $f(id) = 0$, and is effective for inversion whenever $f(id)$ is a unit in \mathcal{R} . Our construction is analogous to the one of [15] in the setting of prime-order groups with bilinear pairings (where

arithmetic “in the exponent” happens in a field), and the all-but- d lossy trapdoor functions of [23]. However, since lattice-based constructions do not work with fields or rings like \mathbb{Z}_N , we instead use techniques from the literature on secret sharing over groups and modules, e.g., [16, 18].

We do remark that for technical reasons relating to the number of “hints” for which we can prove the hardness of the extended-LWE problem, we have not been able to prove the KDM-security of our IBE under fully polynomial assumptions (as we were able to do for our basic public-key cryptosystem). We instead rely on the conjectured hardness of LWE for a slightly super-polynomial modulus q and inverse error rate $1/\alpha$, which translates via known reductions [32, 30], to the conjectured hardness of worst-case lattice problems for slightly super-polynomial approximation factors, against slightly super-polynomial-time algorithms. Known lattice algorithms are very far from disproving such conjectures.

2 Preliminaries

We denote the real numbers by \mathbb{R} and the integers by \mathbb{Z} . For a positive integer d , we use $[d]$ to denote the set $\{1, \dots, d\}$. We denote vectors over \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{Z} with lower-case bold letters (e.g. \mathbf{x}), and matrices by upper-case bold letters (e.g. \mathbf{A}). We say that a function is *negligible*, written $\text{negl}(n)$, if it vanishes faster than the inverse of any polynomial in n . The *statistical distance* between two distributions X, Y over a finite or countable set D is $\Delta(X, Y) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{w \in D} |X(w) - Y(w)|$. Statistical distance is a metric, and in particular obeys the triangle inequality. Let $\{X_n\}$ and $\{Y_n\}$ be ensembles of random variables indexed by the security parameter n . We say that X and Y are *statistically close* if $\Delta(X_n, Y_n) = \text{negl}(n)$. For a matrix $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$, the *largest singular value* (also known as the *spectral norm*) of \mathbf{X} is defined as $s_1(\mathbf{X}) = \max_{\|\mathbf{u}\|=1} \|\mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}\|$.

2.1 Lattices and Gaussians

A (full-rank) m -dimensional *integer lattice* Λ is an additive subgroup of \mathbb{Z}^m with finite index. This work is concerned with the family of integer lattices whose cryptographic importance was first demonstrated by Ajtai [3]. For integers $n \geq 1$, modulus $q \geq 2$, an m -dimensional lattice from this family is specified by an “arity check” matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$:

$$\Lambda^\perp(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^m.$$

For any \mathbf{y} in the subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_q^n generated by the columns of \mathbf{A} , we also define the coset

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{y}}^\perp(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \bmod q\} = \Lambda^\perp(\mathbf{A}) + \bar{\mathbf{x}},$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ is an arbitrary solution to $\mathbf{A}\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{y}$.

We briefly recall Gaussian distributions over lattices (for more details see [28, 20]). For $s > 0$ and dimension $m \geq 1$, the Gaussian function $\rho_s : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow (0, 1]$ is defined as $\rho_s(\mathbf{x}) = \exp(-\pi\|\mathbf{x}\|^2/s^2)$. For a coset $\Lambda + \mathbf{c}$ of a lattice Λ , the *discrete*

Gaussian distribution $D_{\Lambda+\mathbf{c},s}$ (centered at zero) assigns probability proportional to $\rho_s(\mathbf{x})$ to each vector in the coset, and probability zero elsewhere.

We will need a few standard concepts and facts about discrete Gaussians over lattices. First, for $\epsilon > 0$ the *smoothing parameter* [28] $\eta_\epsilon(\Lambda)$ of an n -dimensional lattice is a positive real value. We will not need its precise definition, which depends on the notion of the *dual* lattice, but only recall the few relevant facts that we need; for details, see, e.g., [28, 20, 27].

Lemma 1. *Let $m \geq Cn \lg q$ for some constant $C > 1$.*

1. *For any $\omega(\sqrt{\log n})$ function, we have $\eta_\epsilon(\mathbb{Z}^n) \leq \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$ for some negligible $\epsilon(n) = \text{negl}(n)$.*
2. *With all but $\text{negl}(n)$ probability over the uniformly random choice of $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$, the following holds: For $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}^m, r}$ where $r = \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$, the distribution of $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e} \bmod q$ is within $\text{negl}(n)$ statistical distance of uniform, and the conditional distribution of \mathbf{e} given \mathbf{y} is $D_{\Lambda_{\mathbf{y}}^\perp(\mathbf{A}), r}$.*
3. *For any m -dimensional lattice Λ , any $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$, and any $r \geq \eta_\epsilon(\Lambda)$ where $\epsilon(n) = \text{negl}(n)$, we have $\|D_{\Lambda+\mathbf{c}, r}\| \leq r\sqrt{m}$ with all but $\text{negl}(n)$ probability. In addition, for $\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$ we have $|D_{\mathbb{Z}, r}| \leq r \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$ except with $\text{negl}(n)$ probability.*
4. *For any $r > 0$, and for $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r}^{n \times k}$, we have $s_1(\mathbf{R}) \leq r \cdot O(\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{k})$ except with $\text{negl}(n)$ probability.*

Lemma 2. *For any real number $r = \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$ and $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, the statistical distance between $D_{\mathbb{Z}, r}$ and $c + D_{\mathbb{Z}, r}$ is $O(|c|/r)$.*

2.2 Trapdoors for Lattices

We recall the efficient trapdoor construction and associated sampling algorithm of Micciancio and Peikert [27]. This construction uses a universal public “gadget” matrix $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times w}$ for which there is an efficient discrete Gaussian sampling algorithm for any parameter $r \geq \omega(\sqrt{\log n}) \geq \eta_\epsilon(\Lambda^\perp(\mathbf{G}))$ (for some $\epsilon(n) = \text{negl}(n)$), i.e., an algorithm that, given any $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ and r , outputs a sample from $D_{\Lambda_{\mathbf{y}}^\perp(\mathbf{G}), r}$. For concreteness, as in [27] we take $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I}_n \otimes [1, 2, 4, \dots, 2^{k-1}] \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times nk}$ for $k = \lceil \lg q \rceil$.

Following [27], we say that an integer matrix $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{Z}^{(m-n) \times w}$ is a “strong” trapdoor with tag H for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ if $\mathbf{A} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = H(\mathbf{G})$ for some efficiently computable and invertible linear transformation H over \mathbb{Z}_q^n , which is applied column-wise to \mathbf{G} . Equivalently, in place of $H(\mathbf{G})$ we may write $\mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{G}$ for some invertible matrix $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times n}$, but in our constructions it will be more natural to work with invertible linear transformations, without explicitly referring to the matrices that represent them.

Lemma 3 ([27, Theorem 5.1]). *Let \mathbf{R} be a strong trapdoor for $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$. There is an efficient randomized algorithm that, given \mathbf{R} , any $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$, and any $r \geq s_1(\mathbf{R}) \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log n}) \geq \eta_\epsilon(\Lambda^\perp(\mathbf{A}))$ (for some $\epsilon(n) = \text{negl}(n)$), samples from a distribution within $\text{negl}(n)$ distance of $D_{\Lambda_{\mathbf{u}}^\perp(\mathbf{A}), r}$.*

2.3 Learning With Errors

The *learning with errors* (LWE) problem is parameterized by a dimension $n \geq 1$, an integer modulus $q \geq 2$ and an error distribution χ over \mathbb{Z} (or its induced distribution over \mathbb{Z}_q). For a vector $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$, the distribution $A_{\mathbf{s}, \chi}$ over $\mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ is sampled by choosing $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ uniformly at random and outputting $(\mathbf{a}, \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + x)$, where $x \leftarrow \chi$.

The search version of LWE is to recover an arbitrary \mathbf{s} given oracle access to $A_{\mathbf{s}, \chi}$. The decision version of LWE is to distinguish, with non-negligible advantage, between samples from $A_{\mathbf{s}, \chi}$ for uniformly random $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ and uniformly random samples from $\mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q$. There are search-to-decision reductions for LWE for a variety of moduli q and parameter conditions ([32, 30, 5, 26, 27]). Of particular importance to us are the reductions from [5, 27] for $q = p^e$, where p is prime, $e \geq 2$ is an integer, and $\Pr_{\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \chi}[|\mathbf{x}| \geq p/2] = \text{negl}(n)$. The reductions runs in time polynomial in n , p , and e .

For error distribution $\chi = D_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}$, where $\alpha q \geq 2\sqrt{n}$, the search version of LWE is at least as hard as *quantumly* approximating certain worst-case problems on n -dimensional lattices to within $\tilde{O}(n/a)$ factors [32]; for certain parameters, a classical reduction is known for a subset of these lattice problems [30]. Note that the original hardness result for search-LWE was for a continuous Gaussian error distribution, but this can be converted to a discrete Gaussian distribution with a suitable randomized rounding method [31].

We will need the transformation of Applebaum *et al.* [5] from the standard decision-LWE problem (where \mathbf{s} is uniform) to one where the secret \mathbf{s} is chosen from the error distribution χ .

Lemma 4 ([5, Lemma 2]). *Let $q = p^e$ be a prime power. There is a deterministic polynomial-time transformation that, for arbitrary $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ and error distribution χ , maps $A_{\mathbf{s}, \chi}$ to $A_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \chi}$ where $\bar{\mathbf{x}} \leftarrow \chi^n$, and maps $U(\mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q)$ to itself. The transformation also produces an invertible square matrix $\bar{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times n}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{b}} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ that, when mapping $A_{\mathbf{s}, \chi}$ to $A_{\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \chi}$, satisfy $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = -\bar{\mathbf{A}}^t \mathbf{s} + \bar{\mathbf{b}}$.*

2.4 Key-Dependent Message Security

In defining key-dependent message security for public-key encryption and for identity-based encryption, we adapt the original definitions of Black *et al.* [7]. As in their definitions, the adversary plays a game with a challenger, and is able to make encryption queries for functions from a certain family \mathcal{F} of the users' secret keys. (Technically, \mathcal{F} is a family of sets of functions parameterized by the security parameter n and the number of users d .)

To simplify our security proofs, in our definition the adversary specifies two functions $(f_0, f_1) \in \mathcal{F}$ with each query, and must distinguish between encryptions of f_0 and encryptions of f_1 . If $f(k_1, \dots, k_d) = 0$ is contained in \mathcal{F} (which should be the case if we want KDM security to imply standard semantic security), then this definition is at least as strong as (and is in fact equivalent to) the original.

To define KDM-security for identity-based encryption, we extend the standard definition of selective security for IBE from [14, 8]. Note that we add a parameter d to the **Setup** algorithm denoting the maximum number of users in a clique (i.e. a set of users such that the secret key for any user in the clique may be safely encrypted under the identity for any user in the clique). An adversary plays a game with a challenger that answers encryption queries for functions of the secret keys for identities from a list \mathcal{I} , encrypted under identities from \mathcal{I} . For selective security, \mathcal{I} must be specified before the adversary sees the public key and remains static throughout the game. In addition to (key-dependent) encryption queries, the adversary is also allowed to make extraction queries for any identity $id \notin \mathcal{I}$.

For an identity-based encryption scheme (**Setup**, **Ext**, **Enc**, **Dec**), the security game between an adversary and a challenger is parameterized by some $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ and proceeds as follows.

1. $\mathcal{A}(1^n, d)$ outputs a list of (distinct) target identities $\mathcal{I} = (id_1, id_2, \dots, id_\ell)$ for some $\ell \leq d$.
2. The challenger runs $(mpk, msk) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^n, d)$. The adversary is given mpk . The challenger then extracts secret keys for each of the target identities, running $sk_i \leftarrow \text{Ext}_{msk}(id_i)$ for each $i \in [\ell]$.
3. \mathcal{A} then can make extraction and encryption queries, in the order of its choice.
 - Extraction Queries:** \mathcal{A} can query $\text{Ext}_{msk}(\cdot)$ for any identity $id \notin \mathcal{I}$
 - Encryption Queries:** \mathcal{A} can make encryption queries of the form (f_0, f_1, i) , where $f_0, f_1 \in \mathcal{F}$ and $1 \leq i \leq \ell$. The challenger computes $m \leftarrow f_\beta(sk_1, \dots, sk_\ell)$ and $c \leftarrow \text{Enc}(id_i, m)$, and returns c to \mathcal{A} .

We say that the scheme is selective-identity KDM-CPA secure with respect to \mathcal{F} if the games for $\beta = 0, 1$ are computationally indistinguishable.

We define KDM-CPA security for a public-key scheme (**Gen**, **Enc**, **Dec**) in a similar manner. Starting at phase two above (since there are no identities to target), the challenger now runs **Gen** d times, and gives pk_1, \dots, pk_d to the adversary. In phase three, the adversary can only make encryption queries (since there are no identities to extract), and requests encryptions under public keys instead of identities. Everything else is exactly the same.

3 Hardness of Extended LWE

In this section we describe the *extended*-LWE problem (as originally defined in [29]), and give a reduction from the standard LWE problem to it, thus establishing its hardness under a mild assumption.

3.1 Background and the Problem

O’Neill, Peikert and Waters [29] introduced the *extended*-LWE problem as a simplifying tool for certain security proofs in which LWE is used in a “hash proof-like” fashion, and additional information about the secret key is revealed to the attacker. In prior works, dealing with such situations often entailed adding

some “overwhelming” extra noise to disguise a small but noticeable statistical difference between creating a ciphertext honestly according to the encryption algorithm, and using the secret key together with a challenge LWE instance. Unfortunately, the overwhelming noise technique implies using an underlying LWE problem with slightly super-polynomial modulus q and inverse error rate $1/\alpha$, which implies a significantly stronger assumption than is used in many other cryptosystems.

Here we recall a version of the extended-LWE problem which is more or less interchangeable with the one from [29], in the sense of its applicability. Our variant is tailored to the “normal form” of LWE, in which the secret and the error come from the same distribution (as in [5]), but this is not necessary to make the reduction work. Throughout this section, we view m samples from an LWE distribution as making up a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ and vector $\mathbf{b} := [\mathbf{A}^t \mid \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} := (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_0) \leftarrow \chi^n \times \chi^m$ (so that as usual, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A}^t \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{x}_0$).

In addition to the usual LWE parameters n, q, χ, m , the extended-LWE problem is also parameterized by two Gaussian parameters $\beta, r > 0$. The problem is to distinguish, with noticeable advantage, between the two experiments described next. The extended-LWE assumption is that this distinguishing problem is hard.

In the ExptLWE experiment, the challenger chooses $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$, $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow \chi^{n+m}$, $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}^{n+m}, r}$ and a noise term $\tilde{x} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, \beta q}$, lets $\mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{A}^t \mid \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{x}$, and outputs

$$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \tilde{x}).$$

We view the latter two components as a “hint” about the secret \mathbf{x} in the form of a (noisy) inner product with a discrete Gaussian vector $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$, which is not reduced modulo anything. The ExptUnif experiment is the same, except that \mathbf{b} is uniformly random and independent of everything else.

As observed in [29] (and implicitly in several prior works like [17]), there is a straightforward reduction from LWE to extended-LWE with $\chi = D_{\alpha q}$ when the ratio $\beta/(r \cdot \alpha)$ is superpolynomial in n . In this case, by Lemma 2, the noise term $\tilde{x} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, \beta q}$ statistically hides the inner product $\langle \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle$, since the latter has magnitude negligible relative to β . As a result, the reduction can simulate the values $(\tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \tilde{x})$ on its own. The disadvantage of this approach is that in order to use it while maintaining correctness of the underlying scheme, the modulus q and inverse error rate $1/\alpha$ must be made superpolynomially large in n and thus requires the assumption of worst-case hardness of approximating various lattice problems to within *super-polynomial* factors.

We point out that a generalized version of extended-LWE, where a sufficiently large $\bar{m} = \text{poly}(n)$ number of hints are given out, is *easy* when the ratio $\beta q/r$ is polynomial in n . Viewing the \bar{m} hints as $(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}} \in \mathbb{Z}^{(n+m) \times \bar{m}}, \mathbf{y} := \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^t \mathbf{x} + \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$, note that with overwhelming probability, the right-inverse $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^+$ of $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}$ will have singular values bounded by $\frac{1}{r(\sqrt{\bar{m}} - C\sqrt{n+m})}$, for some universal constant $C > 1$ [34]. Thus, for sufficiently large $\bar{m} = \text{poly}(n)$, with overwhelming probability the singular values of $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^+$ will be small enough so that $[(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^+)^t \tilde{\mathbf{x}}] = \mathbf{0}$. As a result, we have $[(\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}^+)^t \mathbf{y}] = \mathbf{x}$, and having recovered \mathbf{x} , one can easily win the ExptLWE experiment.

3.2 Reduction from LWE

Here we give a tight reduction from standard LWE to extended-LWE. In fact, we are able to show a polynomial-time reduction from standard-LWE to extended-LWE with the *same parameters* n, m, q, χ , even with *no extra noise* added to the “hint” $\langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} \rangle$, i.e., $\beta = 0$.

Although it does not require that any extra noise be added, our reduction does have several other requirements on the parameters. In particular, we require that (for LWE error distribution $\chi := D_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}$) $2\alpha q r(n+m) < p$, where the modulus $q := p^e$ for some prime p . In other words, we need

$$1/\alpha > 2p^{e-1}r(n+m),$$

which is polynomial in n when q, r, m are. This is to ensure that with overwhelming probability, $|\langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle| < p$ (for $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}^{n+m}, r}$, $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \leftarrow \chi^{n+m}$) and is therefore always a unit modulo q when it is nonzero.

Theorem 1. *There exists a probabilistic polynomial-time oracle machine (a simulator) \mathcal{S} such that for any adversary \mathcal{A} ,*

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{LWE}}(\mathcal{S}^{\mathcal{A}}) \geq \frac{1}{2^{p+1}} \cdot \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{ELWE}}(\mathcal{A}) - \text{negl}(n),$$

where the parameters of the LWE and extended-LWE problems satisfy the conditions specified above.

Proof. We construct the reduction \mathcal{S} as follows. Upon receiving \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} in the LWE game, where \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} comes from either the LWE distribution $A_{s, \chi}$ (with $s \leftarrow \chi^n$) or the uniform distribution, \mathcal{S} first samples $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} := (\mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{z}) \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}^{n+m}, r}$, $\mathbf{x}' \leftarrow \chi^{n+m}$, and then chooses $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^m$ uniformly at random. By the matrix determinant lemma, we have that

$$\det(\mathbf{v}\mathbf{z}^t \pm \mathbf{I}_m) = (1 \pm \mathbf{v}^t \mathbf{z}) \cdot (\pm 1)^m.$$

Since we are working modulo $q = p^e$ for prime $p > 2$, at least one of $1 + \mathbf{v}^t \mathbf{z}, 1 - \mathbf{v}^t \mathbf{z}$ is a unit modulo q (since they differ by $2 < p$), and $(\pm 1)^m$ is always a unit. So \mathcal{S} defines $\mathbf{T} := \mathbf{v}\mathbf{z}^t \pm \mathbf{I}_m$ so that it is invertible modulo q . Now, \mathcal{S} lets

$$\mathbf{A}' := \mathbf{A}\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{z}_0\mathbf{v}^t, \mathbf{b}' := \mathbf{T}^t \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{v} \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle.$$

It sends $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{b}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle)$ to \mathcal{A} , and outputs whatever \mathcal{A} outputs.

We now analyze the behavior of \mathcal{S} . First consider the case where \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} are uniform and independent. Since \mathbf{T} is invertible, we have that $\mathbf{A}' := \mathbf{A}\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{z}_0\mathbf{v}^t$ is uniform solely over the choice of \mathbf{A} . Similarly, since \mathbf{T} is invertible and \mathbf{b} is uniform, we have that \mathbf{b}' is uniform solely over the choice of \mathbf{b} . Therefore, $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{b}')$ is uniformly random and independent of $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}'$, and \mathcal{S} thus provides input to \mathcal{A} that is distributed according to ExptUnif .

Now, consider the case where \mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} are drawn from the LWE distribution. In this case, we once again have that \mathbf{A} is uniformly random and that $\mathbf{A}' := \mathbf{A}\mathbf{T} - \mathbf{z}_0\mathbf{v}^t$,

so that \mathbf{A}' is uniformly random and independent of \mathbf{v} and $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$, over the random choice of \mathbf{A} alone. However, in this case $\mathbf{b} = [\mathbf{A}^t \mid \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{x} := (\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{x}_0) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n+m}$. So, recalling that $\tilde{\mathbf{z}} = (\mathbf{z}_0, \mathbf{z})$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{b}' &= \mathbf{T}^t \mathbf{b} - \mathbf{v} \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle \\ &= \mathbf{T}^t [\mathbf{A}^t \mid \mathbf{I}]\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^t \mathbf{x}' \\ &= [\mathbf{T}^t \mathbf{A}^t \mid \pm \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{v} \mathbf{z}^t] \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^t \mathbf{x}' \\ &= [\mathbf{T}^t \mathbf{A}^t - \mathbf{v} \mathbf{z}_0^t \mid \pm \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^t \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{v} \tilde{\mathbf{z}}^t \mathbf{x}' \\ &= [\mathbf{A}'^t \mid \pm \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

First, notice that over the choices of $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}'$, we have that $\langle \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle$ with probability at least $\frac{1}{2^{p+1}} - \text{negl}(n)$, because \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' are independent and identically distributed, and $|\langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle| < p$ with overwhelming probability. In this case, we have that

$$\mathbf{b}' = [\mathbf{A}'^t \mid \pm \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}'^t \mathbf{s} \pm \mathbf{x}_0.$$

Since the distribution of \mathbf{x}_0 is symmetric with respect to 0, we have that $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{b}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle = \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} \rangle)$ is distributed as in `ExptLWE`.

Finally, we consider the case where $\langle \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle \neq \langle \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle$. We want to show that conditioned on this event, outputting $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{b}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x}' \rangle)$ is statistically close to `ExptUnif`. Indeed, pick $\mathbf{x}' \leftarrow \chi^{n+m}$ and fix \mathbf{x} to be *any* value such that $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \alpha q \sqrt{n+m}$ and $\langle \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle \neq \langle \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle$. (By Lemma 1, $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \alpha q \sqrt{n+m}$ except with negligible probability for any \mathbf{x} sampled from $\chi^{n+m} = D_{\mathbb{Z}^{n+m}, \alpha q}$). Then by our choice of parameters, with overwhelming probability over \mathbf{x}' , we will have that $|\langle \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle| < p$ and is therefore a unit modulo q . Thus, recalling that $\mathbf{b}' = [\mathbf{A}'^t \mid \pm \mathbf{I}] \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{v} \langle \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \rangle$ and that \mathbf{v} is uniformly random and independent of \mathbf{A}' and $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}$ (jointly), we have that $(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{b}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}}, \langle \mathbf{x}', \tilde{\mathbf{z}} \rangle)$ is statistically close to `ExptUnif`.

Finally, we consider the advantage of the simulator \mathcal{S} . When (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) is uniform, by our above reasoning \mathcal{A} always behaves as it does when seeing `ExptUnif`. When (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}) is `LWE`, \mathcal{A} behaves as in `ExptLWE` with probability at least $\frac{1}{2^{p+1}}$, and behaves as when seeing `ExptUnif` otherwise. Thus, we have that

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\text{LWE}}(\mathcal{S}) \geq \frac{1}{2^{p+1}} \mathbf{Adv}_{\text{ELWE}}(\mathcal{A}) - \text{negl}(n).$$

4 All-But- d Trapdoor Functions

Here we develop a technique for constructing “all-but- d ” (tag-based) trapdoor functions, which, informally, are trapdoor functions for which the trapdoor enables efficient inversion for all but (up to) d tags, which are specified at the time of key generation. This is the main tool we use for embedding our KDM-CPA-secure public-key cryptosystem into an identity-based encryption scheme.

Our construction is a generalization (to higher-degree polynomials) of the main technique from [2]. For simplicity and somewhat better efficiency, we follow the construction of [27], specifically the use of a fixed, public “gadget” matrix \mathbf{G} as described in Section 2.2.

4.1 Algebraic Background

Let $n \geq 1$, $q \geq 2$, and $d = \text{poly}(n)$ be integers. Let \mathcal{R} denote any commutative ring (with efficiently computable operations, including inversion of multiplicative units) such that the additive group $\mathbb{G} = \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ is an \mathcal{R} -module, and such that there are at least $d + 1$ known elements $U = \{u_0 = 0, u_1, u_2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ where $u_i - u_j$ is invertible in \mathcal{R} (i.e., a unit) for every $i \neq j$. In particular, we have an (efficiently computable) scalar multiplication operation $\mathcal{R} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$. Note that multiplication by $u \in \mathcal{R}$ is an invertible linear transformation on \mathbb{G} exactly when u is invertible (i.e., a unit). We extend scalar multiplication in the natural way to vectors and matrices, i.e., $\mathcal{R}^{a \times b} \times \mathbb{G}^{b \times c} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}^{a \times c}$. To avoid confusion with vectors and matrices over \mathbb{Z}_q , we use “arrow” notation (e.g., \mathbf{u}) for vectors over \mathcal{R} , and upper-case letters (e.g., V) for matrices over \mathcal{R} .

To construct a suitable ring, we use ideas from the literature on secret sharing over groups and modules, e.g., [16, 18]. We use an extension ring $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}_q[x]/(F(x))$ for any monic, degree- n , irreducible $F(x) = F_0 + F_1x + \dots + F_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n \in \mathbb{Z}_q[x]$. Scalar multiplication $\mathcal{R} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$ is defined by identifying each $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})^t \in \mathbb{G}$ with the polynomial $a(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} \in \mathcal{R}$, multiplying in \mathcal{R} , then mapping back to \mathbb{G} . In other words, scalar multiplication is defined by the linear transformation $x \cdot (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})^t = (0, a_0, \dots, a_{n-2})^t - a_{n-1}(F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{n-1})^t$. It is easy to check that with this scalar product, \mathbb{G} is an \mathcal{R} -module. In addition, by the Chinese remainder theorem, $r \in \mathcal{R}$ is a unit if and only if it is nonzero (as a polynomial residue) modulo every prime integer divisor p of q . (This is because $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]/(F(x))$ is a field by construction.) Letting p be the smallest such divisor of q , we can define the universe $U = \{u_0 = 0, u_1, u_2, \dots\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ to consist of all the polynomial residues having coefficients in $\{0, \dots, p-1\}$. Then $|U| = p^n \geq 2^n$ and $u_i - u_j$ is a unit for all $i \neq j$, as desired.

4.2 Basic Construction

As in [27], we fix a universal public “gadget” matrix $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times w}$ for which there is an efficient Gaussian preimage sampling algorithm for parameter $s \geq \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$, i.e., an algorithm that given any $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ outputs a sample from $D_{\Lambda_{\mathbf{u}}^+(s)}$. E.g., we can let $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{I}_n \otimes (1, 2, 4, \dots, 2^{k-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times nk}$ for $k = \lceil \lg q \rceil$.

As input, the trapdoor generator takes:

- an integer $d \geq 1$ and a monic degree- d polynomial $f(z) = c_0 + c_1z + \dots + z^d \in \mathcal{R}[z]$,
- a (usually uniformly random) matrix $\bar{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times \bar{m}}$ for some $\bar{m} \geq 1$, which is made up of stacked submatrices $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times \bar{m}}$ for $i = 0, \dots, d-1$.
- a “short” secret $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{\bar{m} \times w}$ chosen at random from an appropriate distribution (typically, a discrete Gaussian) to serve as a trapdoor.

As output it produces a matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times (\bar{m} + w)}$ (which is statistically close to uniform, when the parameters and input $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ are appropriately chosen). In addition, for each tag $u \in U$ there is an efficiently computable (from \mathbf{A}) matrix

$\mathbf{A}_u \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times (\bar{m}+w)}$ for which \mathbf{R} may be a trapdoor, depending on the value of $f(u) \in \mathcal{R}$.

We write the coefficients of $f(z)$ as a column vector $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{d-1})^t \in \mathcal{R}^d$, and define

$$\mathbf{A}'_f := [\bar{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{G}] = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mathbf{A}}_0 & c_0 \cdot \mathbf{G} \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \bar{\mathbf{A}}_{d-1} & c_{d-1} \cdot \mathbf{G} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times (\bar{m}+w)}.$$

To hide the polynomial f , we output the public key

$$\mathbf{A} := \mathbf{A}'_f \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{R} \\ & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = [\bar{\mathbf{A}} (\mathbf{c} \otimes \mathbf{G}) - \bar{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{R}].$$

Note that as long as the distribution of $[\bar{\mathbf{A}} \mid -\bar{\mathbf{A}} \mathbf{R}]$ is statistically close to uniform, then so is \mathbf{A} for any f .

The tag space for the trapdoor function is the set $U \subset \mathcal{R}$. For any tag $u \in U$, define the row vector $\mathbf{u}^t := (u^0, u^1, \dots, u^{d-1}) \in \mathcal{R}^d$ (where $0^0 = 1$) and the derived matrix for tag u to be

$$\mathbf{A}_u := \mathbf{u}^t \cdot \mathbf{A} + [\mathbf{0} \ u^d \cdot \mathbf{G}] = [\mathbf{u}^t \cdot \bar{\mathbf{A}} \ f(u) \cdot \mathbf{G}] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{R} \\ & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}.$$

By the condition in Lemma 3, \mathbf{R} is a (strong) trapdoor for \mathbf{A}_u exactly when $f(u) \in \mathcal{R}$ is a unit, because $\mathbf{A}_u \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix} = f(u) \cdot \mathbf{G}$ and $f(u)$ represents an invertible linear transformation when it is a unit.

4.3 Puncturing

In our cryptosystems and security proofs we will need to generate (using the above procedure) an all-but- d trapdoor function that is ‘‘punctured’’ at up to d tags. More precisely, we are given as input:

- a set of distinct tags $P = \{u_1, \dots, u_\ell\} \subseteq U$ for some $\ell \leq d$,
- uniformly random matrices $\mathbf{A}_i^* \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times \bar{m}}$ for $i \in [\ell]$ (which often come from an SIS or LWE challenge),
- a ‘‘short’’ secret $\mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\bar{m} \times w}$ chosen at random from an appropriate distribution (typically, a discrete Gaussian) to serve as a trapdoor,
- optionally, some uniformly random auxiliary matrices $\mathbf{Y}_i^* \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times k}$ for $i \in [\ell]$ and some $k \geq 0$.

As output we produce a public key $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times \bar{m}}$ and auxiliary matrix $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times k}$ so that:

1. Each \mathbf{A}_{u_i} matches the challenge matrix \mathbf{A}_i^* , and \mathbf{R} is only a ‘‘weak’’ trapdoor for \mathbf{A}_{u_i} . More precisely,

$$\mathbf{A}_{u_i} = [\mathbf{A}_i^* \ \mathbf{0}] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I} & -\mathbf{R} \\ & \mathbf{I} \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. \mathbf{R} is a (strong) trapdoor for \mathbf{A}_u for any *nonzero* $u \in U \setminus P$, i.e., $f(u)$ is a unit.
3. The auxiliary matrix $\mathbf{Y}_{u_i} := \mathbf{u}_i^t \cdot \mathbf{Y}$ equals the auxiliary input \mathbf{Y}_i^* for each $u_i \in P$.

We satisfy these criteria by invoking the above trapdoor generator with the following inputs f and $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$:

1. We define the monic degree- d polynomial

$$f(z) = z^{d-\ell} \cdot \prod_{i \in [\ell]} (z - u_i) \in \mathcal{R}[z]$$

and expand to compute its coefficients $c_i \in \mathcal{R}$. Note that $f(u_i) = 0$ for every $u_i \in P$, and $f(u)$ is a unit for any nonzero $u \in U \setminus P$ because $0 \in U$ and $u_i - u_j$ is a unit for every distinct $u_i, u_j \in U$.

2. We define $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ using interpolation: let $\mathbf{A}^* \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(n\ell) \times \bar{m}}$ denote the stack of challenge matrices \mathbf{A}_i^* , and let $V \in \mathcal{R}^{\ell \times d}$ be the Vandermonde matrix whose rows are the vectors \mathbf{u}_i^t defined above. We then let $\bar{\mathbf{A}} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{(nd) \times \bar{m}}$ be a uniformly random solution to $V \cdot \bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}^*$.

Such a solution exists, and is efficiently computable and uniformly random (over the uniformly random choice of \mathbf{A}^* and the random solution chosen). To see this, extend V to an invertible $d \times d$ Vandermonde matrix over \mathcal{R} having unit determinant $\prod_{i < j} (u_j - u_i) \in \mathcal{R}^*$, by adding $d - \ell$ additional rows \mathbf{u}_j^t for arbitrary distinct $u_j \in U \setminus P$. Likewise, extend \mathbf{A}^* to have dimension $(nd) \times \bar{m}$ by adding uniformly random rows. Then for any fixed choice of the (extended) matrix V , the (extended) matrix \mathbf{A}^* and solution $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ are in bijective correspondence, and so the latter is uniformly random because the former is.

3. We also define the auxiliary matrix \mathbf{Y} similarly using interpolation, as a uniformly random solution to $V \cdot \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y}^*$.

5 KDM-CPA Secure Public-Key Scheme

Here we present a “dual”-style LWE cryptosystem that is KDM-CPA secure for affine functions of the secret keys. In fact, by setting the parameters appropriately, the construction and security proof also encompass (a slight variant of) the cryptosystem from [24], which has somewhat smaller keys and ciphertexts than “primal” or “dual” systems. In Section 6 we build a KDM-CPA secure IBE around this system.

5.1 Construction

The cryptosystem involves a few parameters: a modulus $q = p^2$ for a prime p where the message space is \mathbb{Z}_p ; integer dimensions n, m relating to the underlying LWE problems; and Gaussian parameters r_k and r_e for key generation and encryption,

respectively. To make embedding this scheme into our IBE more natural, `Gen` include an additional parameter d , which will be used to specify the size of identity cliques in the IBE scheme, and output public keys \mathbf{A} that are md columns wide. In the public-key scheme alone, the value d is unrelated to the number of public keys that the adversary can obtain in an attack (which is unbounded), and we would just fix $d = 1$. We defer instantiation of the parameters and a proof of correctness to the full version.

- `Gen`($1^n, d$): generate $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times md}$, and choose error vectors $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_k}^{md}$, $\tilde{\mathbf{e}} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_k}^n$. Let $\mathbf{y} = \tilde{\mathbf{e}} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e} \bmod q$. The public key is (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{y}) and the secret key is \mathbf{e} . (Notice that, unlike the dual-style encryption of [20], but like the scheme of [24], the public key component \mathbf{y} is a *perturbed* value of $-\mathbf{A}\mathbf{e}$. This will be important in our security proof.)
- `Enc`($\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{y}, \mu$): to encrypt a message $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, choose $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_e}^n$, $\mathbf{x}_0 \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_e}^{md}$ and $x_1 \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_k}$. Output the ciphertext $\mathbf{c}^t = \mathbf{s}^t[\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{y}] + [\mathbf{x}_0^t \mid x_1] + [\mathbf{0} \mid p \cdot \mu] \bmod q$.
- `Dec`(\mathbf{c}): Compute $\mu' = \mathbf{c}^t \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$. Output $\mu \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ such that μ' is closest to $p \cdot \mu \bmod q$.

5.2 Proof of Security

Theorem 2. *Let \mathcal{F} be the family of sets of affine functions of secret keys,*

$$\mathcal{F} = \{f_{\mathbf{v}, w}(\mathbf{e}_i) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}_i \rangle + w \pmod{p} : i \in [d], \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m, w \in \mathbb{Z}_q\}$$

Then the above cryptosystem is KDM-CPA secure with respect to \mathcal{F} .

Proof (Sketch). We proceed by a series of indistinguishable games. We begin in Game 0 with the real KDM-CPA attack game as defined in Section 2.4, where $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ is arbitrary. Games 1 and 2 use *extended-LWE*. In Game 3 we use Lemma 4 to construct the ciphertexts without knowing the secret keys, and finally, in Game 4 we once again use (standard) LWE to output responses to KDM queries independent of the value of β . Space considerations require that we defer the formal proof of security to the full version.

6 Circular-Secure IBE

Our IBE scheme is a generalization of the efficient IBE scheme of Agrawal *et al.* [2]. Other than some minor changes in the parameters, the main difference is the use of the all-but- d trapdoor construction, which allows us to “puncture” the master public key at up to d identities in the security proof.

6.1 Construction

The identity space for the scheme is $U \setminus \{0\} \subset \mathcal{R}$, where U, \mathcal{R} are constructed as in Section 4.

- **Setup**($1^n, d$): On input security parameter 1^n , secret key clique size d , use parameters $p, q, m, r_k, r_e, \gamma$ as described below and in the full version.
 1. Sample $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, \omega(\sqrt{\log n})}^{md \times w}$, and for $i = 0, \dots, d-1$, choose uniformly random $\mathbf{A}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times md}$, $\mathbf{y}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ and let $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_i = -\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{R} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times w}$. (Note that this is equivalent to calling the all-but- d trapdoor construction from Section 4 with an empty set of punctured tags.) Let $\mathbf{A}^t := [\mathbf{A}_0^t \dots \mathbf{A}_{d-1}^t]$, $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}^t := [\tilde{\mathbf{A}}_0^t \dots \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{d-1}^t]$, $\mathbf{y}^t := [\mathbf{y}_0^t \dots \mathbf{y}_{d-1}^t]$. Note that $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} = -\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}$.
 2. The public key is $mpk = (\mathbf{A}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}, \mathbf{y})$. The master secret key is $msk = (\mathbf{R})$.
- **Ext**(mpk, msk, u) On input mpk, msk and $u \in U \setminus \{0\} \subseteq \mathcal{R}$:
 1. Let $\mathbf{u}^t := (u^0, u^1, \dots, u^{d-1})$, $\bar{\mathbf{A}}_u = \mathbf{u}^t \cdot \mathbf{A}$, $\mathbf{y}_u = \mathbf{u}^t \cdot \mathbf{y}$ and $\mathbf{A}_u = [\bar{\mathbf{A}}_u \mid u^d \mathbf{G} - \bar{\mathbf{A}}_u \mathbf{R}]$.
 2. Sample $\tilde{\mathbf{e}} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_k}^n$, $\mathbf{e}_u \leftarrow D_{\Lambda_{\tilde{\mathbf{e}} - \mathbf{y}_u}(\mathbf{A}_u), r_k}^\perp$ using the preimage sampling algorithm (Lemma 3), so that $\mathbf{y}_u = \tilde{\mathbf{e}} - \mathbf{A}_u \mathbf{e}_u$ (as in the public-key cryptosystem from Section 5). Note that this is possible because $u^d \in \mathcal{R}$ is a unit, and by our choice of r_k below, because $s_1(\mathbf{R}) = O(\sqrt{md} + \sqrt{w}) \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log n}) = O(\sqrt{md}) \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log n})$ with all but $\text{negl}(n)$ probability by Lemma 1. Output $sk_u := \mathbf{e}_u$.
- **Enc**(mpk, u, μ): On input master public key, identity $u \in U \setminus \{0\}$, and message $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ do:
 1. Let $\mathbf{u}^t := (u^0, u^1, \dots, u^{d-1})$, $\mathbf{A}_u = [\mathbf{u}^t \cdot \mathbf{A} \mid u^d \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{u}^t \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{A}}] \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times md+w}$, and $\mathbf{y}_u = \mathbf{u}^t \cdot \mathbf{y}$.
 2. Choose $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_e}^n$, $\mathbf{x}_0 \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_e}^{md}$, $\mathbf{x}_1 \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, \gamma}^w$, $x_2 \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z}, r_k}$. Let $\mathbf{x}^t = [\mathbf{x}_0^t \mid \mathbf{x}_1^t]$.
 3. Output the ciphertext $\mathbf{c}^t = \mathbf{s}^t [\mathbf{A}_u \mid \mathbf{y}_u] + [\mathbf{x}^t \mid x_2] + [\mathbf{0} \mid p \cdot \mu]$.
- **Dec**($mpk, sk_{id} = \mathbf{e}_{id}, \mathbf{c}$): On input mpk , \mathbf{e}_{id} , and ciphertext \mathbf{c} , output the $\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ such that $\mathbf{c}^t \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{e}_u \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is closest to $p \cdot \mu$ modulo q .

We need most of the parameters to match the parameters from the public-key encryption scheme, with the additional constraint that r_k must be large enough that we can run the preimage sampling algorithm (Lemma 3) in **Ext**. Due to space considerations, we defer the details to the full version.

6.2 Proof of Security

Theorem 3. *Let \mathcal{F}_m be the family of sets of affine functions of secret keys,*

$$\mathcal{F}_m = \{f_{\mathbf{v}, w}(\mathbf{e}_i) = \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}_i \rangle + w \bmod p : i \in [d], \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^m, w \in \mathbb{Z}_q\}$$

Then for the above parameters, the IBE scheme is selective identity KDM-CPA secure with respect to \mathcal{F} .

Proof (Sketch). Here we give an overview of the proof strategy, deferring the formal proof to the full version. Game 0 is the actual attack game. In Game 1, we use the all-but- d trapdoors construction from Section 4 to construct the master public key, “puncturing” it at the targeted identities. Finally, in Game 2,

we play the KDM-CPA security game against a challenger running the public-key encryption scheme from Section 5 and use the outputs of the challenger to simulate Game 1. This requires some care because the IBE secret keys and ciphertexts have larger dimension by an additive term of w (the width of \mathbf{G}); we fill in the missing dimensions of the secret keys by choosing them ourselves, and use knowledge of the master secret key to fill in the missing dimensions of the ciphertexts. Selective identity KDM-CPA security then follows from the KDM-CPA security of the public-key encryption scheme.

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