Improved Inner-product Encryption with Adaptive Security and Full Attribute-hiding

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Abstract. In this work, we propose two IPE schemes achieving both adaptive security and full attribute-hiding in the prime-order bilinear group, which improve upon the unique existing result satisfying both features from Okamoto and Takashima [Eurocrypt ’12] in terms of efficiency.

– Our first IPE scheme is based on the standard k-LIN assumption and has shorter master public key and shorter secret keys than Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE under weaker DLIN = 2-LIN assumption.

– Our second IPE scheme is adapted from the first one; the security is based on the XDLIN assumption (as Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE) but now it also enjoys shorter ciphertexts.

Technically, instead of starting from composite-order IPE and applying existing transformation, we start from an IPE scheme in a very restricted setting but already in the prime-order group, and then gradually upgrade it to our full-fledged IPE scheme. This method allows us to integrate Chen et al.’s framework [Eurocrypt ’15] with recent new techniques [TCC ’17, Eurocrypt ’18] in an optimized way.

1 Introduction

Attribute-based encryption (ABE) is an advanced public-key encryption system supporting fine-grained access control [31, 20]. In an ABE system, an authority publishes a master public key mpk for encryption and issues secret keys to users for decryption; a ciphertext for message m is associated with an attribute x while a secret key is associated with a policy f, a boolean function over the set of all attributes; when f(x) = 1, the secret key can be used to recover message m. The basic security requirement for

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ABE is message-hiding: an adversary holding a secret key with \( f(x) = 0 \) cannot infer any information about \( m \) from the ciphertext; furthermore, this should be ensured when the adversary has more than one such secret key, which is called collusion resistance.

In some applications, an additional security notion attribute-hiding [10, 22] is desirable, which concerns the privacy of attribute \( x \) instead of message \( m \). In the literature, there are two levels of attribute-hiding: (1) weak attribute-hiding is against an adversary who holds multiple secret keys with \( f(x) = 0 \); (2) full attribute-hiding is against an adversary holding any kind of secret keys including those with \( f(x) = 1 \). Nowadays we have seen many concrete ABE schemes [20, 30, 7, 26, 24, 33, 25, 9, 18, 19, 21]. Based on the seminal dual system method [32], we even reached generic frameworks for constructing and analyzing ABE [4, 35, 11, 2, 5, 3, 6, 12] in bilinear groups. Many of them, including both concrete ABE schemes and generic frameworks, have already achieved weak attribute-hiding [9, 18, 19, 21, 11, 12].

However it is much harder to obtain ABE with the full attribute-hiding feature. In fact, all known schemes only support so-called inner-product encryption (IPE), in which both ciphertexts and secret keys are associated with vectors and the decryption procedure succeeds when the two vectors has zero inner-product. Furthermore, almost all of them are selectively or semi-adaptively secure which means the adversary has to choose the vectors associated with the challenge ciphertext (called challenge vector/attribute) before seeing \( mpk \) or before seeing any secret keys [10, 22, 29, 36]. Both of them are much weaker than the standard adaptive security (i.e., the one we have mentioned in the prior paragraph) where the choice can be made at any time. (Note that Wee achieved simulation-based security in [36].) What’s worse, some schemes [10, 22] are built on the composite-order group, on which group operations are slower and more memory space is required to store group elements. The best result so far comes from Okamoto and Takashima [27]: the IPE scheme is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding based on external decisional linear assumption\(^4\) (XDLIN) in efficient prime-order bilinear groups.

1.1 Our Results

In this work, we propose two IPE schemes in prime-order bilinear groups achieving both adaptive security and full attribute-hiding, which improve upon Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE scheme [27] in terms of space efficiency:

- Our first construction is proven secure under standard \( k \)-Linear (\( k \)-LIN) assumption. When instantiating with \( k = 2 \) (i.e., DLIN assumption), it enjoys shorter master public key and secret keys under weaker assumption than Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE, but we have slightly larger ciphertexts. With parameter \( k = 1 \) (i.e., SXDH assumption), we can also achieve shorter ciphertexts but at the cost of basing the security on a stronger assumption.

\(^4\) The construction is originally based on the decisional linear assumption in symmetric prime-order bilinear group. In this paper, we will work with asymmetric bilinear group where their proof will be translated into a proof based on the external decisional linear assumption. Note that XDLIN assumption is stronger than DLIN assumption.
Our second construction is proven secure under the XDLIN assumption, which is stronger than DLIN assumption. This gives another balance point between (space) efficiency and assumption. Now we can get better efficiency than Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE in terms of master public key, ciphertext and secret keys without sacrificing anything — Okamoto and Takashima also worked with XDLIN.

A detailed comparison is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Comparison among our two IPE schemes and Okamoto and Takashima’s IPE [27]. All schemes are built on an asymmetric prime-order bilinear group \( (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T) \). In the table, \(|G_1|, |G_2|, |G_T|\) denote the sizes of group elements in \(G_1, G_2, G_T\).

| scheme          | |mpk|   | |ct|   | |sk|   | assumption     |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| OT12 [27]       | \((12n + 16)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | \((5n + 1)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | 11|G_2|  | XDLIN          |
| Sec. 3.4        | \((10n + 16)|G_1| + 2|G_T|\) | \((5n + 3)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | 8|G_2|  | DLIN           |
| (3n + 5)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | \((3n + 2)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | 5|G_2|  | SXDH          |
| Sec. 4.4        | \((8n + 14)|G_1| + 2|G_T|\) | \((4n + 3)|G_1| + |G_T|\) | 7|G_2|  | XDLIN          |

1.2 Our Technique in Composite-Order Groups

As a warm-up, we present a scheme in asymmetric composite-order bilinear groups. Here, we will rely on composite-order groups whose order is the product of four primes; this is different from the settings of adaptively secure ABE schemes and selectively secure full attribute-hiding inner product encryption where it suffices to use two primes.

The scheme. Assume an asymmetric composite-order bilinear group \( \mathbb{G} = (N, G_N, H_N, G_T, e : G_N \times H_N \rightarrow G_T) \) where \( N = p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 \). Let \( g_1, h_{14} \) be respective random generators of subgroups \( G_{p_1}, H_{p_1 p_4} \). Pick \( \alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_N \). We describe an IPE scheme for \( n \) dimensional space over \( \mathbb{Z}_N \) as follows.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{mpk} & : g_1, g_1^\alpha, g_1^{u_1 w_1}, \ldots, g_1^{u_n w_n}, e(g_1, h_{14})^\alpha \\
\text{sk}_y & : h_{14}^{\alpha + (y_1 u_1 + \cdots + y_n u_n)r}, h_{14}^r \\
\text{ct}_x & : g_1^x, g_1^{s(u \cdot x + u_1)}, \ldots, g_1^{s(u \cdot x_n + u_n)}, H(e(g_1, h_{14})^{\alpha x}) \cdot m
\end{align*}
\]

where \( x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_N^n \) and \( y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_N^n \). The construction is adapted from Chen et al. IPE [11] (without attribute-hiding feature) by embedding it into groups with four subgroups. This allows us to carry out the proof strategy introduced by Okamoto and Takashima [27], which involves a non-trivial extension of the standard dual system method [32]. We only give a high-level sketch for the proof below but show the complete game sequence in Fig 1 for reference.

As is the case for adaptively secure ABE [32, 35], we will rely on the following private-key one-ciphertext one-key fully attribute-hiding inner product encryption scheme in the proof of security. Here, \( g_3, h_3 \) denote the respective generators for the
subgroups of order $p_3$.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{ct}_X & : g_3^{u_{x_1} + w_1}, \ldots, g_3^{u_{x_n} + w_n}, g_3^m \\
\text{sk}_Y & : h_3^{y_1 + y_1 w_1 + \cdots + y_n w_n}
\end{align*}
\] (2)

Note that the scheme satisfies (simulation-based) information-theoretic security in the selective setting, which immediately yields (indistinguishability-based) adaptive security via complexity leveraging.

In the proof of security (outlined in Fig 1), we will first switch the ciphertext to having just a $p_2p_3p_4$-component via the subgroup decision decision assumption. At the beginning of the proof, all the secret keys will have a $p_4$-component, and at the end, all the secret keys will have a $p_2$-component; throughout, the secret keys will also always have a $p_1$-component but no $p_3$-components at the beginning or the end. To carry out the change in the secret keys from $p_4$-components to $p_2$-components, we will switch the keys one by one. For the switch, we will introduce a $p_3$-component into one secret key and then invoke security of the above private-key one-ciphertext one-key scheme in the $p_3$-subgroup. It is important here that throughout the hybrids, at most one secret key has a $p_3$-component.

| Game | ct | $\kappa$th sk: $H_{p_1} \times ?$ | Remark |
|------|----|-------------------------------|--------|
| 0 | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_4}$ | Real game |
| 1 | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_4}$ |
| $2.j \rightarrow 1$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_2} | H_{p_4}$ |
| $2.j \rightarrow 1.1$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_2} | H_{p_3} | H_{p_4}$ | $p_4 \rightarrow p_3$ in $H$ |
| $2.j \rightarrow 1.2$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_2} | H_{p_3} | H_{p_4}$ | private key scheme in $p_3$ |
| $2.j \rightarrow 1.3$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,b}$ | $H_{p_2} | H_{p_3} | H_{p_4}$ | $p_3 \rightarrow p_2$ in $H$ |
| 3 | $x_{i,0}$ | $x_{i,0}$ | $H_{p_2}$ | statistical in $p_3, p_4$ |

Fig. 1. Game sequence for composite-order IPE. In the table, $x_0 = (x_{1,0}, \ldots, x_{n,0})$ and $x_1 = (x_{1,1}, \ldots, x_{n,1})$ are the challenge vectors; $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is the secret bit we hope to hide against the adversary. The gray background highlights the difference between adjacent games. The column “ct” shows the structure of the challenge ciphertext on four subgroups whose generators are $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4$, while the next column gives the subgroup where every secret keys lie in. In the last column, the notation “$p_1 \rightarrow p_2p_3p_4$ in $G$” is indicating the subgroup decision assumption stating that $G_{p_1} \approx G_{p_2p_3p_4}$.

1.3 Our Technique in Prime-Order Groups

Assume a prime-order bilinear group $G = (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T)$ and let $[\cdot]_1, [\cdot]_2, [\cdot]_T$ denote the entry-wise exponentiation on $G_1, G_2, G_T$, respectively. Naively, we simulate a composite-order group whose order is the product of four primes using vectors of dimension $4k$ “in the exponent” under $k$-LIN assumption. That is, we
replace
\[ g_1, h_{14} \mapsto [A_1]_1, [B_{14}]_2 \]
where \( A_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{4k \times k}, B_{14} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{4k \times 2k} \). However, the resulting IPE scheme is less efficient than Okamoto and Takashima’s scheme [27]. Instead, we will show that it suffices to use
\[ A_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1) \times k}, B_{14} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(2k+1) \times k} \] (3)
Then, with the correspondence by Chen et al. [11, 16, 13]:
\[ \alpha \mapsto k \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}, \quad u_i, w_i \mapsto U, W_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1) \times (2k+1)} \quad \forall i \in [n] \]
\[ \sigma \mapsto [s^T A_1^T]_1, \quad h_{14} \mapsto [B_{14}]_2 \]
we have the following prime-order IPE scheme:
\[ \text{mpk} : [A_1^T]_1, [A_1^TU]_1, [A_1^T W_i]_1, \ldots, [A_1^T W_n]_1, [A_1^T k]_T \]
\[ \text{sky} : [k + (y_1 \cdot W_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot W_n)B_{14}]_2, [B_{14}]_2 \]
\[ \text{ct}_x : [s^T A_1^T W_i]_1, [s^T A_1^T (x_1 \cdot U + W_1)]_1, \ldots, [s^T A_1^T (x_n \cdot U + W_n)]_1, [c^T k]_T \cdot m \] (5)
Note that, with matrices \( A_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1) \times k} \) and \( B \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{(2k+1) \times k} \), we only simulate two and three subgroups, respectively, rather than four subgroups; meanwhile some of them are simulated as low-dimension subspaces. Although it has become a common optimization technique to adjust dimensions of subspaces, it is not direct to justify that we can work with less subspaces. In fact, these optimizations are based on elaborate investigations of the proof strategy sketched in Section 1.2. In the rest of this section, we explain our method leading to the optimized parameter shown in (3).

Our Translation. We start from an IPE scheme in a very restricted setting and then gradually upgrade it to our full-fledged IPE scheme in the prime-order group. In particular, we follow the roadmap

private-key one-key IPE \[ \xrightarrow{\text{Step 1}} \] private-key IPE \[ \xrightarrow{\text{Step 2}} \] public-key IPE

The private key one-key IPE corresponds to scheme (2) over \( p_3 \)-subgroup (cf. Game\(_{2,0}^{2,j-1,2} \) in Fig 1). In Step 1, we move from one-key to multi-key model using the technique from [13], which is related to the argument just after we change ciphertext in proof of scheme (1) (cf. Game\(_{2,0}^{2,j-1} \) to Game\(_{2,q}^{2,j} \) and Game\(_{3}^{2} \) in Fig 1). In Step 2, we move from private-key to public-key setting with the compiler in [36], which is related to the change of ciphertext at the beginning of the proof (cf. Game\(_{1}^{1,1} \) in Fig 1). By handling these proof techniques underlying the proof sketched in Section 1.2 (cf. Fig 1) one by one as above, we are able to integrate Chen et al.’s framework [11] with recent new techniques [36, 13] in an optimized way.
Private-key IPE in One-key Setting. We start from a private-key IPE where the ciphertext is created from msk rather than mpk. We also consider a weaker one-key model where the adversary can get only one secret key. Pick $\alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow r \mathbb{Z}_p$ and let message $m \in \mathbb{Z}_p$. We give the following private-key IPE over $\mathbb{Z}_p$:

$$
\text{msk} : \alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \\
\text{sk}_y : \alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n) \\
\text{ct}_x : x_1 \cdot u + w_1, \ldots, x_n \cdot u + w_n, \alpha \cdot m
$$

(6)

Analogous to scheme (2), the scheme satisfies (simulation-based) information-theoretic security in the selective setting (cf. [36]). By the implication from simulation-based security to indistinguishability-based security and standard complexity leveraging technique, we have the following statement: For adaptively chosen security to indistinguishability-based security and standard complexity leveraging technique, we have the following statement: For adaptively chosen $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$, $x_1 = (x_{1,1}, \ldots, x_{1,n}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ and $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ satisfying either $\langle x_0, y \rangle \neq 0$ or $\langle x_1, y \rangle = 0$ and all $b \in \{0, 1\}$, we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\{ x_{1,b} & : u + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,b} \cdot u + w_n, y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n \} \\
\equiv \{ x_{1,1-b} & : u + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,1-b} \cdot u + w_n, y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n \}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that the statement here is different from that used in Fig 1 (where $x_{i,0}$ is in the place of $x_{i,1-b}$). Looking ahead, this choice is made to employ the “change of basis” technique when moving from one-key to multi-key model (see the next paragraph).

Private-key IPE in Multi-key Setting. To handle multiple keys revealed to the adversary, we employ Chen et al.’s prime-order generic framework\(^5\) [11] based on the dual system method [32] to scheme (6). The framework works with prime-order finite cyclic group $G$ on which the $k$-LIN assumption holds. Let $[\cdot]$ denote the entry-wise exponentiation on $G$. In order to avoid collusion of multiple secret keys, we will re-randomize each secret key [8, 34, 31] using fresh vector $d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1)$ where $B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1) \times k}$, which supports standard dual system method [32] with a hidden subspace $B_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$. For this purpose, we need to do the following “scalar to vector” substitutions:

$$
u \in \mathbb{Z}_p \mapsto u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times (k+1)} \quad \text{and} \quad w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p \mapsto w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times (k+1)} \quad \forall i \in [n].$$

Then the re-randomization is done by multiplying $u$ and each $w_i$ in secret keys by $d$ and moving them from $\mathbb{Z}_p$ to $G$. This yields the following private-key IPE:

$$
\text{msk} : \alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \\
\text{sk}_y : [\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n) d], [d] \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1) \\
\text{ct}_x : x_1 \cdot u + w_1, \ldots, x_n \cdot u + w_n, [\alpha] \cdot m
$$

(8)

\(^5\) Note that, with their framework, we can work out a public key IPE directly, but we focus on the technique handling multiple secret keys at the moment.
To carry out the non-trivial extension by Okamoto and Takashima [27] which involves three subgroups of $H_N$ (cf. game sequence from $\text{Game}_{2,0}$ to $\text{Game}_{2,q}$), we increase the dimension of vectors $u, w_1, \ldots, w_n, d$ in secret keys by $k$ (i.e., from $k + 1$ to $2k + 1$) as in [13] such that the support of $d$ can accommodate three subspaces defined by

$$(B_1, B_2, B_3) \leftarrow Z_p^{(2k+1)\times k} \times Z_p^{2k+1} \times Z_p^{(2k+1)\times k}$$

where $B_1, B_2, B_3$ play the roles similar to $p_4, p_2, p_3$-subgroup respectively. Following the proof strategy in [13] and statement (7) for the one-key scheme (6), we can change secret keys and the challenge ciphertext revealed to the adversary into the form:

$$\text{sk}_Y : [\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)d], [d] \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2)$$

$$\text{ct}^* : \{x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + \left[ x_{1,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + x_{1,b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_i \right] \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha] \cdot m$$

where $u^{(1)}$ (resp. $u^{(2)}, u^{(3)}$) is a random vector orthogonal to $\text{span}(B_2, B_3)$ (resp. $\text{span}(B_1, B_2)$, $\text{span}(B_1, B_3)$). Finally, by the “change of basis” commonly appeared in the proof with dual pairing vector space [23, 27] (and a simple statistical argument), we claim that $\text{ct}^*$ has the same distribution as

$$\left[ x_{1,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{1,1} \cdot u_1 \right] + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{n,1} \cdot u_1 + w_n, [\alpha] \cdot m$$

where $u_0, u_1 \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$. This means that $\text{ct}^*$ hides $b$ and scheme (8) is fully attribute-hiding.

Note that the support of randomness $d$ (after the change) is $\text{span}(B_1, B_2)$ rather than $\text{span}(B_2)$, which simulates $p_2$-subgroup in the composite-order scheme (1). This is crucial to derive more efficient IPE scheme but slightly complicates the final argument above where “change of basis” technique has to be used to deal with $x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(1)}$ interplaying with $B_1$-component in $\text{sk}_Y$.

\textbf{(Public-key IPE scheme).} To upgrade our private-key IPE to public-key IPE, we will employ the “private-key to public-key” compiler in [36]. The compiler relies on bilinear groups $(p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T)$ in which the $k$-LIN assumption holds. In detail, we do the following “vector to matrix”/”scalar to vector” substitution for entries in msk and secret keys:

$$u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \in Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)} \mapsto U, W_1, \ldots, W_n \in Z_p^{(k+1) \times (2k+1)}$$

$$\alpha \in Z_p \mapsto k \in Z_p^{k+1}$$

and publish them as parts of mpk in the form of

$$[A^\top U], [A^\top W_1], \ldots, [A^\top W_n], [A^\top k]_{\mathbb{T}} \quad \text{where} \quad A \leftarrow Z_p^{(k+1)\times k}.$$ 

In the ciphertext, we translate $u, w_1, \ldots, w_n$ into $[c^\top U], [c^\top W_1], \ldots, [c^\top W_n]$ where $c \leftarrow \text{span}(A)$ and translate $[\alpha]_2$ into $[c^\top k]_{\mathbb{T}}$. Finally, secret keys are now moved
to group $G_2$. This results in the following IPE scheme:

$$
\begin{align*}
\text{mpk} & : [A]_1, [A^\top U]_1, [A^\top W_1]_1, \ldots, [A^\top W_n]_1, [A^\top k]_T \\
\text{sk}_Y & : [k + (y_1 \cdot W_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot W_n)]d_2, [d]_2 \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1) \\
\text{ct}_c & : [c^\top]_1, [x_1 \cdot c^\top U + c^\top W_1]_1, \ldots, [x_n \cdot c^\top U + c^\top W_n]_1, [c^\top k]_T \cdot m \\
\text{where} \quad c & \leftarrow \text{span}(A)
\end{align*}
$$

(9)

Note that the translation does not involve $(B_1, B_2, B_3)$ we just introduced.

To prove the security of the resulting public-key IPE scheme, we first show that we can change the support of $c$ from $\text{span}(A)$ to $\mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$ by the following statement implied by the $k$-LIN assumption:

$$( [A]_1, [c \leftarrow \text{span}(A)]_1 ) \approx_c ( [A]_1, [c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}]_1 ).$$

Since $(A | c)$ is full-rank with overwhelming probability, we can see that

$$\tilde{\text{msk}} = (A^\top U, A^\top W_1, \ldots, A^\top W_n, A^\top k)$$

and

$$\text{msk}^* = (c^\top U, c^\top W_1, \ldots, c^\top W_n, c^\top k)$$

are distributed independently. Then the security of scheme (9) can be reduced to that of private-key scheme (8) by observations: (i) $\tilde{\text{msk}}$ is necessary for generating $\text{mpk}$ in scheme (9); (ii) we can view a ciphertext in scheme (9) as a ciphertext of our private-key IPE scheme under master secret key $\text{msk}^*$; (iii) a secret key in scheme (9) can be produced from a secret key of private-key IPE scheme (8) under master secret key $\text{msk}^*$ with the help of $\tilde{\text{msk}}$.

How to Shorten the Ciphertext. The ciphertext size of our IPE scheme (9) mainly depends on the width of matrix $U$ and $W_i$, which is further determined by the dimensions of subspaces defined by $B_1, B_2, B_3$. Therefore, in order to reduce the ciphertext size, we employ the “dimension compress” technique used in [16]. The basic idea is to let $B_1$ and $B_3$ “share some dimensions” and finally decrease the width of $U$ and $W_i$, the cost is that we have to use the XDLIN assumption. Compared with our first scheme, a qualitative difference is that the private-key variant now works with bilinear maps. This is not needed when we work with the $k$-LIN assumption in the first scheme.

Organization. The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we review some basic notions. The next two sections, Section 3 and Section 4, will be devoted to our two IPE schemes, respectively. In both sections, we will first develop a private-key scheme and then transform it to the public-key version as [36].

2 Preliminaries

Notation. Let $A$ be a matrix over $\mathbb{Z}_p$. We use $\text{span}(A)$ to denote the column span of $A$, use $\text{basis}(A)$ to denote a basis of $\text{span}(A)$, and use $(A_1 | A_2)$ to denote the
Correctness. For all vectors $y$ concatenation of matrices $A_1, A_2$. By $\text{span}(A^\top)$, we are indicating the row span of $A^\top$. We let $I_n$ be the $n$-by-$n$ identity matrix and $0$ be a zero matrix of proper size. Given an invertible matrix $B$, we use $B^*$ to denote its dual satisfying $B^\top B^* = I$.

2.1 Inner-product encryption

**Algorithms.** An inner-product encryption (IPE) scheme consists of four algorithms $(\text{Setup}, \text{KeyGen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$:

$\text{Setup}(1^\lambda, n) \to (\text{mpk}, \text{msk})$. The setup algorithm gets as input the security parameter $\lambda$ and the dimension $n$ of the vector space. It outputs the master public key $\text{mpk}$ and the master key $\text{msk}$.

$\text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, y) \to \text{sk}_y$. The key generation algorithm gets as input $\text{msk}$ and a vector $y$. It outputs a secret key $\text{sk}_y$ for vector $y$.

$\text{Enc}(\text{mpk}, x, m) \to \text{ct}_x$. The encryption algorithm gets as input $\text{mpk}$, a vector $x$ and a message $m$. It outputs a ciphertext $\text{ct}_x$ for vector $x$.

$\text{Dec}(\text{ct}_x, \text{sk}_y) \to m$. The decryption algorithm gets as a ciphertext $\text{ct}_x$ for a vector $x$ and a secret key $\text{sk}_y$ for vector $y$ satisfying $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$. It outputs message $m$.

**Correctness.** For all vectors $x, y$ satisfying $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ and all $m$, it holds that

$$\Pr[\text{Dec}(\text{ct}_x, \text{sk}_y) = m] = 1,$$

where $(\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda, n)$, $\text{ct}_x \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{mpk}, x, m)$, $\text{sk}_y \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, y)$.

**Security.** For a stateful adversary $A$, we define the advantage function

$$\text{Adv}_A^{\text{IPE}}(\lambda) := \Pr \left[ b = b' : \begin{array}{l} (\text{mpk}, \text{msk}) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^\lambda, n); \\
(x_0, x_1, m_0, m_1) \leftarrow A^\text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, \cdot)(\text{mpk}); \\
b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; \text{ct}^* \leftarrow \text{Enc}(\text{mpk}, x_0, m_b); \\
b' \leftarrow A^\text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, \cdot)(\text{ct}^*) \end{array} \right] - \frac{1}{2}$$

with the following restrictions on all queries $y$ that $A$ submitted to $\text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, \cdot)$:

- if $m_0 \neq m_1$, we require that $\langle x_0, y \rangle \neq 0 \land \langle x_1, y \rangle \neq 0$;
- if $m_0 = m_1$, we require that either $\langle x_0, y \rangle \neq 0 \lor \langle x_1, y \rangle \neq 0$ or $\langle x_0, y \rangle = \langle x_1, y \rangle = 0$.

An IPE scheme is *adaptively secure* and *fully attribute-hiding* if for all PPT adversaries $A$, the advantage $\text{Adv}_A^{\text{IPE}}(\lambda)$ is a negligible function in $\lambda$.

**Private-key IPE.** In a private-key IPE, the Setup algorithm does not output mpk; and the Enc algorithm takes msk instead of mpk as input. The adaptive security and full attribute-hiding can be defined analogously except that $A$ only gets $\text{ct}^*$ and has access to $\text{KeyGen}(\text{msk}, \cdot)$. The advantage function is denoted by $\text{Adv}_A^{\text{IEP}}(\lambda)$. Accordingly, we may call the standard IPE *public-key IPE*. 

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2.2 Prime-order groups and matrix Diffie-Hellman assumptions

A group generator $G$ takes as input security parameter $\lambda$ and outputs group description $G = (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e)$, where $p$ is a prime of $\Theta(\lambda)$ bits, $G_1$, $G_2$ and $G_T$ are cyclic groups of order $p$, and $e : G_1 \times G_2 \rightarrow G_T$ is a non-degenerate bilinear map. We require that group operations in $G_1, G_2$ and $G_T$ as well the bilinear map $e$ are computable in deterministic polynomial time with respect to $\lambda$. Let $g_1 \in G_1, g_2 \in G_2$ and $g_T = e(g_1, g_2) \in G_T$ be the respective generators. We employ the implicit representation of group elements: for a matrix $M$ over $\mathbb{Z}_p$, we define $[M]_1 = g_1^M$, $[M]_2 = g_2^M$, $[M]_T = g_T^M$, where exponentiations are carried out component-wise. Given $A$ and $[B]_2$, we let $A \odot [B]_2 = [AB]_2$; for $[A]_1$ and $[B]_2$, we let $e([A]_1, [B]_2) = [AB]_T$.

We review the matrix Diffie-Hellman (MDDH) assumption on $G_1$ [14]. The MDDH$_{k,\ell}$ assumption on $G_2$ can be defined analogously and it is known that $k$-LIN $\Rightarrow$ MDDH$_{k,\ell}$ [14].

Assumption 1 (MDDH$_{k,\ell}$ Assumption) Let $\ell > k \geq 1$. We say that the MDDH$_{k,\ell}$ assumption holds with respect to $G$ if for all PPT adversaries $A$, the following advantage function is negligible in $\lambda$.

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{MDDH}_{k,\ell}}_A(\lambda) := | \Pr[A(G, [M]_1, [Ms]_1) = 1] - \Pr[A(G, [M]_1, [u]_1) = 1] |$$

where $G \triangleleft G(1^\lambda)$, $M \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times k}$, $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell}$ and $u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$.

We also use the external decisional linear (XDLIN) assumption on $G_2$ [1]:

Assumption 2 (XDLIN Assumption) We say that the XDLIN assumption holds with respect to $G$ if for all PPT adversaries $A$, the following advantage function is negligible in $\lambda$.

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{XDLIN}}_A(\lambda) := | \Pr[A(G, D, T_0 = [a_3(s_1 + s_2)z_2]_2) = 1] - \Pr[A(G, D, T_1 \leftarrow G_2) = 1] |$$

where $G \triangleleft G(1^\lambda)$ and $D = ([a_1, a_2, a_3, a_1s_1, a_2s_2]_2, [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_1s_1, a_2s_2]_2)$ with $a_1, a_2, a_3, s_1, s_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.

3 Construction from $k$-LIN assumption

3.1 Preparation

Fix parameters $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3 \geq 1$ and let $\ell := \ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3$. We use basis

$$B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_1}, B_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_2}, B_3 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_3},$$

and its dual basis $(B_1^\top, B_2^\top, B_3^\top)$ such that $B_1^\top B_1^\top = I$ (known as non-degeneracy) and $B_i^\top B_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$ (known as orthogonality), as depicted in Fig 2.

Assumption. We review the $\text{SD}_{B_1, B_2}$ assumption [15, 17, 13] as follows. By symmetry, one may permute the indices for subspaces.
In the paper, we use notation $F_{\beta}$ where described above) along with base basis($B_3^\parallel$) and basis($B_1^\parallel, B_2^\parallel$) (of arbitrary choice) such that the following advantage function is negligible in $\lambda$.

$$\operatorname{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{SDH}_{B_1, B_2}}(\lambda) := \left| \Pr[\mathcal{A}(G, D, [t_0]_1) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(G, D, [t_1]_1) = 1] \right|$$

where

$$D := ([B_1]_{1_2}, [B_2]_{2_2}, [B_3]_{3_2}, \text{basis}(B_1^\parallel, B_2^\parallel), \text{basis}(B_3^\parallel))$$

$$t_0 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1), t_1 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2).$$

**Facts.** With basis ($B_1, B_2, B_3$), we can uniquely decompose $w \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times \ell}$ as

$$w = \sum_{\beta \in [3]} w^{(\beta)} \quad \text{where} \quad w^{(\beta)} \in \text{span}(B_\beta^T).$$

In the paper, we use notation $w^{(\beta)}$ to denote the projection of $w$ onto $\text{span}(B_\beta^T)$ and define $w^{(\beta_1, \beta_2)} = w^{(\beta_1)} + w^{(\beta_2)}$ for $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in [3]$. Furthermore, we highlight two facts:

1. For $\beta \in [3]$, it holds that $wB_\beta = w^{(\beta)}B_\beta$.
2. For all $\beta^* \in [3]$, it holds that

$$\{w^{(\beta)}, \{w^{(\beta)}\}_{\beta \neq \beta^*}\} = \{w^*, \{w^{(\beta)}\}_{\beta \neq \beta^*}\}$$

when $w \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times \ell}$ and $w^* \leftarrow \text{span}(B_\beta^T)$.

### 3.2 Step One: A Private-key IPE in Prime-order Groups

Our first prime-order private-key IPE is described as follows. We use the basis described in Section 3.1 with $(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) = (k, 1, k)$. As mentioned in Section 1.2, we do not need bilinear map for this private-key IPE. However, for our future use in Section 3.4, we describe the IPE in bilinear groups and note that only one of source groups is used.

- **Setup($1^\lambda, n$):** Run $G = (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$. Sample $B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(2k+1) \times k}$ and pick $u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$, $\alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Output

  $$\text{msk} = (G, \alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n, B_1).$$

- **KeyGen(msk, y):** Let $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$. Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k$ and output

  $$\text{sk}_y = (K_0 = [\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)B_1 r]_2, K_1 = [B_1 r]_2)$$
Following \[35, 11\], we can reduce the case Section 3.2 is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding (cf. Section 2.1).

Theorem 1. Under the We will prove the following theorem.

3.3 Security of Private-key IPE

We will prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Under the \(k\)-LIN assumption, the private-key IPE scheme described in Section 3.2 is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding (cf. Section 2.1).

Following \[35, 11\], we can reduce the case \(m_0 \neq m_1\) to the case \(m_0 = m_1\) by arguing that an encryption for \(m_b\) is indistinguishable with an encryption for \(m_0\). Therefore it is sufficient to prove the following lemma for \(m_0 = m_1\).

Lemma 2. For any adversary \(A\) that makes at most \(Q\) key queries and outputs \(m_0 = m_1\), there exists adversaries \(B_1, B_2, B_3\) such that

\[
\text{Adv}^{\text{IPE}}_A(\lambda) \leq Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_1}^{G_2^{G_1}}(\lambda) + Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_2}^{G_2^{G_1}}(\lambda) + Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_3}^{G_2^{G_1}}(\lambda)
\]

and \(\text{Time}(B_1), \text{Time}(B_2), \text{Time}(B_3) \approx \text{Time}(A)\).

Game sequence. We prove Lemma 2 via the following game sequence, which is summarized in Fig 3.

- Game_0 is the real game in which the challenge ciphertext for \(x_b = (x_{1,b}, \ldots, x_{n,b})\)
  is of the form

\[
x_{1,b} \cdot u + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,b} \cdot u + w_n, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0.
\]

Here \(b \in \{0, 1\}\) is a secret bit.

- Game_1 is identical to Game_0 except that the challenge ciphertext is

\[
x_{1,b} \cdot u^{(13)} + \left[ x_{1,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} \right] + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,b} \cdot u^{(13)} + \left[ x_{n,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} \right] + w_n, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0.
\]

We claim that Game_1 \(\equiv\) Game_0. This follows from facts that (1) secret keys will not reveal \(w_1^{(2)}, \ldots, w_n^{(2)}\), (2) for all \(x_0, x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n\) and \(u^{(2)} \in \text{span}(B_2^T)\), it holds

\[
\left\{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \right\}_{i \in [n]} \equiv \left\{ x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \right\}_{i \in [n]}
\]

when \(w_1^{(2)}, \ldots, w_n^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2^T)\). See Lemma 4 for more details.
| Game | ct | $\kappa$-th sk ($\{ d \leftarrow \text{span}(?) \}$) | Remark |
|------|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 0    | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $\gamma^{(1)} + w_i^{(1)}$, $\gamma^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)}$, $\gamma^{(3)} + w_i^{(3)}$, $\kappa < j$, $\kappa = j$, $\kappa > j$ | Real game |
| 1    | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | statistical argument: $\{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \}_{i \in [n]} \equiv \{ x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \}_{i \in [n]}$ |
| $2.j-1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | Game$_{2.0} = $ Game$_1$, Game$_{2,j} = $ Game$_{2,j-1.5}$ |
| $2.j-1.1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$ given by $\text{span}(B_1)_2 \approx_c [\text{span}(B_1, B_3)]_2$ given $\text{basis}(B_3^e)$, $\text{basis}(B_1^e, B_3^e)$ |
| $2.j-1.2$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ statistical argument: $\{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_i^{(3)} \}_{i \in [n]} \equiv \{ x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_i^{(3)} \}_{i \in [n]}$ given $y_1 \cdot w_i^{(3)} + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_i^{(3)}$ |
| $2.j-1.3$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ Statistical argument: analogous to Game$_{2,j-1.2}$ |
| $2.j-1.4$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ Statistical argument: analogous to Game$_{2,j-1.1}$ |
| $2.j-1.5$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ | $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$, $B_1$ Statistical argument: analogous to Game$_{2,j-1.1}$ |
| 3    | $x_{i,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{i,1} \cdot u_1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$ | $u_0, u_1 \leftarrow\mathbb{Z}_p^{2k+1}$; statistical argument: change of basis w.r.t. span($B_1, B_2$) |
| 4    | $x_{i,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{i,1} \cdot u_1$ | $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_1$, $B_2$ | Statistical argument: analogous to Game$_{2,j-1}$ |

Fig. 3. Game sequence for private-key IPE based on $k$-LIN assumption. The gray background highlights the difference between adjacent games. Here, $B_1$, $B_2$, $B_3$ play a role similar to the $p_4$, $p_2$, $p_3$-subgroups in Fig 1.
– **Game**$_2, j$ for $j \in [0, q]$ is identical to Game$_1$ except that the first $j$ secret keys are

$$[\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)]_2, \ [d]_2 \text{ where } d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2).$$

We claim that Game$_{2, j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2, j}$ for $j \in [q]$ and give a proof sketch later.

– Game$_3$ is identical to Game$_{2, q}$ except that the challenge ciphertext is

$$\{ x_{i, 0} \cdot u_0^{(12)} + x_{i, 1} \cdot u_1^{(12)} + x_{i, b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n], [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0}.$$

where $u_0, u_1 \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$. We claim that Game$_{2, q} \equiv$ Game$_3$. This follows from the “change of basis” technique used in dual pairing vector spaces [23, 28]. In particular, we argue that

$$\left( u^{(1)}, u^{(2)} \right) \equiv \left( u_0^{(12)}, u_1^{(12)} \right)$$

when $u, u_0, u_1$ and basis $B_1, B_2$ are chosen at random. Here we use the fact that randomness $d$ in secret keys reveals no information about the basis of span$(B_1, B_2)$. See Lemma 5 for more details.

– Game$_4$ is identical to Game$_{3}$ except that the challenge ciphertext is

$$\{ x_{1, 0} \cdot u_0 + x_{1, 1} \cdot u_1 + w_1, \ldots, x_{n, 0} \cdot u_0 + x_{n, 1} \cdot u_1 + w_n, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0$$

in which the adversary has no advantage in guessing $b$. We claim that Game$_3 \equiv$ Game$_4$. The proof is similar to that for Game$_1 \equiv$ Game$_0$. See Lemma 6 for details.

**Proving Game$_{2, j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2, j}$.** We now prove Game$_{2, j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2, j}$ and thus complete the proof for Lemma 2. For all $j \in [q]$, we employ the following game sequence, which has been included in Fig 3.

– Game$_{2, j-1, 1}$ is identical to Game$_{2, j-1}$ except that the $j$th secret key is

$$[\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)]_2, \ [d]_2 \text{ where } d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_3).$$

We claim that Game$_{2, j-1, 1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2, j}$. This follows from the $SD_{B_3 \rightarrow B_1, B_3}$ assumption: given $[B_1]_2$, $[B_2]_2$, $[B_3]_2$, basis$(B_2)$, basis$(B_1, B_3)$, it holds that

$$[t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1)]_2 \approx_c [t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_3)]_2.$$

In the reduction, we sample $\alpha \leftarrow Z_p, w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$ and pick

$$u^{(13)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1 \| B_3^\perp) \text{ and } u^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2^\perp)$$

using basis$(B_1 \| B_3)$ and basis$(B_2^\perp)$, respectively. The challenge ciphertext is generated using

$$\{ x_{i, b} \cdot u^{(13)} + x_{i, 1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n]};$$

the $j$th secret key is created from $w_1, \ldots, w_n$ and $[t]_2$ while the remaining keys can be generated using $[B_1]_2$ and $[B_2]_2$ along with $\alpha, w_1, \ldots, w_n$. See Lemma 7 for more details.
- Game$_{2,j-1,2}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,1}$ except that the challenge ciphertext is

\[ \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + \left[ x_{i,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} \right] + w_i \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0. \]

We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,2} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$. This follows from facts that: (1) $\mathbf{u}^{(3)}$ and $w_i^{(3)}$ are only revealed from the challenge ciphertext and the $j$th secret key; (2) for all $x_0, x_1$ and $y$ with the restriction that (a) $\langle x_0, y \rangle = \langle x_1, y \rangle = 0$; or (b) $\langle x_0, y \rangle \neq 0 \land \langle x_1, y \rangle \neq 0$, it holds that

\[ \langle x_{1,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} + w_1^{(3)}, \ldots, x_{n,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} + w_n^{(3)} \rangle \equiv \langle x_{1,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} + w_1^{(3)}, \ldots, x_{n,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} + w_n^{(3)} \rangle. \]

See Lemma 8 for more details.

- Game$_{2,j-1,3}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,2}$ except that the $j$th secret key is

\[ [\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)]_2, [d]_2 \] where $d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2, B_3)$. We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,3} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,2}$. This follows from the $\text{SD}^{G_2}_{B_3 \rightarrow B_2, B_2}$ assumption: given $[B_1]_2, [B_2]_2, [B_3]_2, \text{basis}(B_1), \text{basis}(B_2, B_3)$, it holds that

\[ [t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_3)]_2 \approx_c [t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2, B_3)]_2. \]

In the reduction, we sample $\alpha \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p, w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$ and pick

\[ u^{(1)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1^\top) \] and \[ u^{(23)} \leftarrow \text{span}((B_2^b B_3^b)^\top) \]

using $\text{basis}(B_1)$ and $\text{basis}(B_2, B_3)$, respectively. The challenge ciphertext is generated using

\[ \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(23)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n]} \]

the $j$th secret key is created from $\alpha, w_1, \ldots, w_n$ and $[B_1], [t]_2$ while the remaining keys can be generated using $[B_1, B_2]_2$ along with $\alpha, w_1, \ldots, w_n$. See Lemma 9 for more details.

- Game$_{2,j-1,4}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,3}$ except that the challenge ciphertext is

\[ \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + \left[ x_{i,1-b} \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(3)} \right] + w_i \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0. \]

We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,4} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,3}$. The proof is identical to that for Game$_{2,j-1,2} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$. See Lemma 10 for more details.

- Game$_{2,j-1,5}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,4}$ except that the $j$th secret key is

\[ [\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)]_2, [d]_2 \] where $d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2)$. We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,5} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,4}$. The proof is identical to that for Game$_{2,j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$. See Lemma 11 for more details. Note that Game$_{2,j-1,5} = $ Game$_{2,j}$. 

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3.4 Step Two: From private-key to public-key

We describe our prime-order full-fledged IPE, which is derived from our private-key IPE in Section 3.2 via the “private-key to public-key” compiler [36].

- **Setup**(1^λ, n): Run \( G = (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, e) \) \( \leftarrow G(1^λ) \). Sample \( A \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1)×k} \), \( B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(2k+1)×k} \) and pick \( U, W_1, \ldots, W_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1)×(2k+1)} \) and \( k \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1} \).

Output

\[
\text{mpk} = (G, [A^T]_1, [A^T] U_1, [A^T W_1], \ldots, [A^T W_n], [A^T k]_T)
\]

\[
\text{msk} = (k, W_1, \ldots, W_n, B_1).
\]

- **KeyGen**(msk, y): Let \( y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \) \( \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \). Sample \( r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k \) and output

\[
\text{sk}_y = (K_0 = [k + (y_1 \cdot W_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot W_n)B_1r]_2, K_1 = [B_1r]_2)
\]

- **Enc**(mpk, x, m): Let \( x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \) \( \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n \) and \( \in G_T \). Sample \( s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k \) and output

\[
\text{ct}_x = (C_0 = [s^T A]_1, \{C_i = [s^T (A^T x_i U + W_i)]_1\}_{i \in [n]}, C = [s^T A^T k]_T · m)
\]

- **Dec**(ct\(_x\), sk\(_y\)): Parse \( \text{ct}_x = (C_0, C_1, \ldots, C_n, C) \) and \( \text{sk}_y = (K_0, K_1) \) for \( y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \). Output

\[
m' = C \cdot e(y_1 \odot C_1 \cdots y_n \odot C_n, K_1) \cdot e(C_0, K_0)^{-1}.
\]

The correctness is straightforward.

**Security.** We will prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Under the k-LIN assumption, the IPE scheme described above is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding (cf. Section 2.1).

For the same reason as in Section 3.3, we prove the lemma for the \( m_0 = m_1 \), which shows that the security of the IPE described above is implied by that of our private-key IPE in Section 3.2 and the MDDH\(_k\) assumption.

**Lemma 3.** For any adversary \( A \) that makes at most \( Q \) key queries and outputs \( m_0 = m_1 \), there exists adversaries \( B_0, B \) such that

\[
\text{Adv}^{\text{IPE}}_A(\lambda) \leq \text{Adv}^{\text{MDDH}_k}(\lambda) + \text{Adv}^{\text{IPE}^*}_B(\lambda)
\]

and \( \text{Time}(B_0), \text{Time}(B) \approx \text{Time}(A) \).

We prove Lemma 3 via the following game sequence.

- **Game\(_0\)** is the real game in which the challenge ciphertext for \( x_b = (x_{1,b}, \ldots, x_{n,b}) \) is of the form

\[
[c^T]_1, [c^T (x_{1,b} \cdot U + W_1)]_1, \ldots, [c^T (x_{n,b} \cdot U + W_n)]_1, e([c^T]_1, [k]_2) \cdot m_0
\]

where \( c \leftarrow \text{span}(A) \). Here \( b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \) is a secret bit.
Game\textsubscript{1} is identical to Game\textsubscript{0} except that we pick \( c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1} \) when generating the challenge ciphertext. We claim that Game\textsubscript{1} \( \approx \) Game\textsubscript{0}. This follows from the MDDH\(_k\) assumption:

\[
[c \leftarrow \text{span}(A)] \approx [c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}] \quad \text{given} \quad [A]_1.
\]

In the reduction, we sample \( k, U, W_1, \ldots, W_n \) and \( B_1 \). The master public key \( \text{mpk} \) and the challenge ciphertext are simulated using \( k, U, W_1, \ldots, W_n \) along with \([A]_1, [c]_1\); all secret keys can be created honestly. See Lemma 12 for details.

It remains to show that the advantage in guessing \( b \in \{0, 1\} \) in Game\textsubscript{1} is negligible. This follows from the security of our private-key IPE in Section 3.2. For \( A \) and \( c \), define

\[
A^\top U = \tilde{U} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k \times (2k+1)} \quad A^\top W_i = \tilde{W}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k \times (2k+1)} \quad A^\top k = \tilde{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^k
\]

\[
c^\top U = u \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k \times (2k+1)} \quad c^\top W_i = w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{k \times (2k+1)} \quad c^\top k = \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p
\]

We can then rewrite \( \text{mpk} \) as

\[
[A^\top]_1, [\tilde{U}]_1, [\tilde{W}_1]_1, \ldots, [\tilde{W}_n]_1, [\tilde{k}]_T;
\]

the challenge ciphertext (in Game\textsubscript{1}) becomes

\[
[c^\top]_1, [x_1 \cdot u + w_1]_1, \ldots, [x_n \cdot u + w_n]_1, c([1]_1, [\alpha]_2) \cdot m_0.
\]

Assume that \((A|c)\) is full-rank which occurs with high probability and define \( T = \left( c^\top \right)^{-1} \), we have \( W_i = T \cdot \left( \frac{\tilde{W}_i}{w_i} \right) \) and \( k = T \cdot \left( \frac{\tilde{k}}{\alpha} \right) \), a secret key can be rewritten as

\[
T \odot \left[ \left( k + (y_1 \cdot \tilde{W}_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot \tilde{W}_n) \cdot d \right)_2, \left( \alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n) \cdot d \right)_2 \right], \quad [d]_2.
\]

Observe that the underlined parts are exactly the ciphertext and secret keys of our private-key IPE in Section 3.2; and \((\tilde{U}, \tilde{W}_i, \tilde{k}), (u, w_i, \alpha)\) are distributed uniformly and independently. This means we can simulate \( \text{mpk} \) honestly and transform a ciphertext/secret key from our private-key IPE to its public-key counterpart using \( A, c, \tilde{U}, \tilde{W}_i, \tilde{k} \). This is sufficient for the reduction from the public-key IPE to private-key IPE. See Lemma 13 for more details.

### 3.5 Lemmas for Private-key IPE

Let \( \text{Adv}_x \) be the advantage function with respect to \( A \) in Game\textsubscript{x}. We prove the following lemma for the game sequence in Section 3.3.

**Lemma 4** (Game\textsubscript{0} \( \equiv \) Game\textsubscript{1}). \( \text{Adv}_0(\lambda) = \text{Adv}_1(\lambda) \).
Proof. It is sufficient to prove that, for all \( u \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)} \), it holds that
\[
\begin{align*}
\text{ct}^\sk \in (w_1B_1, \ldots, w_nB_1, \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(13)} + \b{x_{i,b}} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n]}) \\
\equiv (w_1B_1, \ldots, w_nB_1, \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(13)} + \b{x_{i,1-b}} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n]})
\end{align*}
\]
when \( w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)} \). By the facts shown in Section 3.1, it is implied by the statement that, for all \( u^{(2)} \in \text{span}(B_2^T) \), it holds that
\[
\{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \}_{i \in [n]} \\
\equiv \{ w_i^{(2)} \}_{i \in [n]} \\
\equiv \{ x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_i^{(2)} \}_{i \in [n]}
\]
when \( w_1^{(2)}, \ldots, w_n^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2^T) \). This completes the proof. \( \square \)

**Lemma 5** (Game2,q \( \equiv \) Game3). \( \text{Adv}_{2,q}(\lambda) = \text{Adv}_3(\lambda) \).

**Proof.** We simulate Game2,q as follows:

**Setup.** We alternatively prepare basis \( (B_1, B_2, B_3) \) as follows: Sample \( \tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2 \leftarrow Z_p^{(2k+1) \times k} \), \( \tilde{B}_3 \leftarrow Z_p^{2k+1} \) and compute dual basis \( \tilde{B}_1^T, \tilde{B}_2^T, \tilde{B}_3^T \) as usual. Pick \( R \leftarrow \text{GL}_{k+1}(Z_p) \) and define
\[
(B_1 | B_2) = (\tilde{B}_1 | \tilde{B}_2)R \quad \text{and} \quad (B_1^\| | B_2^\|) = (\tilde{B}_1^\| | \tilde{B}_2^\|)R^*.
\]

This does not change the distribution of basis. We then sample \( \alpha, u, w_1, \ldots, w_n \) honestly.

**Key queries.** On input \( y_1 = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \), output
\[
[\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n)]d_2, [d_2] \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(\tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2).
\]

Although we sample \( d \) using \( \tilde{B}_1, \tilde{B}_2 \), the vector is uniformly distributed over \( \text{span}(B_1, B_2) \) as required and our simulation is perfect.

**Ciphertext.** On input \( (x_0, x_1, m_0, m_1) \) with \( m_0 = m_1 \), we create the challenge ciphertext honestly using \( (B_1^\|, B_2^\|, B_3^\|) \). That is, we pick \( b \leftarrow \{0, 1\} \) and output
\[
\{ x_{i,b} \cdot v_0 + x_{i,1-b} \cdot v_1 + x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_i \}_{i \in [n]}, \ [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0
\]
where \( u^{(3)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_3^T) \) and
\[
v_0 = u^{(1)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1^T) \quad \text{and} \quad v_1 = u^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2^T).
\]

Observe that, we have a 2-by-(\( k + 1 \)) matrix \( V \) of rank 2 such that
\[
\begin{bmatrix}
v_0 \\ v_1
\end{bmatrix} = V(B_1^\| | B_2^\|)^T = \underbrace{VR^{-1}}_{\text{uniformly over } Z_p^{2 \times (k+1)}} (\tilde{B}_1^\| | \tilde{B}_2^\|)^T.
\]

Since \( R \) is independent of other part of simulation, \( VR^{-1} \) are uniformly distributed over \( Z_p^{2 \times (k+1)} \) and thus it is equivalent to sample \( v_0, v_1 \leftarrow \text{span}((B_1^\| | B_2^\|)^T) \) when
creating the challenge ciphertext. This leads to the simulation of Game$_3$ (with respect to $B_1, B_2, B_3$).

**Lemma 6** (Game$_3 \equiv$ Game$_4$). $\text{Adv}_3(\lambda) = \text{Adv}_4(\lambda)$.

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that for Lemma 4, except that we work with $u^{(3)}$, $u_0^{(3)}$, $u_1^{(3)}$, $w_i^{(3)}$ instead.

**Lemma 7** (Game$_{2,j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$). There exists adversary $B_1$ with $\text{Time}(B_1) \approx \text{Time}(A)$ such that

$$|\text{Adv}_{2,j-1}(\lambda) - \text{Adv}_{2,j-1}(\lambda)| \leq \text{Adv}^{\text{SD}_{B_1 \rightarrow B_1, B_3}}_{\text{B}_1}(\lambda).$$

*Proof.* This follows from the $\text{SD}_{B_1 

1 \mapsto 1}$ assumption stating that, given $[B_1]_2$, $[B_2]_2$, $[B_3]_2$, basis($B_2^\perp$), basis($B_1^\perp$, $B_3^\perp$), it holds that

$$[t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1)]_2 \approx_c [t \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_3)]_2.$$ 

On input $[B_1]_2$, $[B_2]_2$, $[B_3]_2$, basis($B_2^\perp$), basis($B_1^\perp$, $B_3^\perp$) and $[t]_2$, the adversary $B_1$ works as follows:

**Setup.** Sample $\alpha \leftarrow Z_p$, $w_1, \ldots, w_n \leftarrow Z_p^{1 \times (2k+1)}$. Implicitly sample $u$ by picking

$$u^{(1)} \leftarrow \text{span}([B_1^\perp | [B_3^\perp]^\top]) \quad \text{and} \quad u^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2^\perp)$$

using basis$([B_1^\perp, B_3^\perp])$ and basis$([B_2^\perp])$, respectively.

**Key Queries.** On the $k$th query $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n)$, output

$$[\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n) d]_2, [d]_2 \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{span}(B_1, B_2) & \kappa < j; \\
\text{span}(B_1) & \kappa = j; \\
\text{span}(B_1) & \kappa > j; \end{cases}$$

using $[B_1]_2$, $[B_2]_2$ and $[t]_2$.

**Ciphertext.** On input $(x_0, x_1, m_0, m_1)$ with $m_0 = m_1$, pick $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ and output

$$x_{1,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + x_{1,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_1, \ldots, x_{n,b} \cdot u^{(1)} + x_{n,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_n, [\alpha]_2 \cdot m_0.$$ 

Observe that, when $t$ is uniformly distributed over span$(B_1)$, the simulation is identical to Game$_{2,j-1}$; otherwise, when $t$ is uniformly distributed over span$(B_1, B_3)$, the simulation is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,1}$. This proves the lemma.

**Lemma 8** (Game$_{2,j-1,1} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,2}$). $\text{Adv}_{2,j-1,1} = \text{Adv}_{2,j-1,2}$.

*Proof.* By complexity leveraging and the facts shown in Section 3.1, it is sufficient to prove the following statement: for all $x_0, x_1$ and $y$ (corresponding to the $j$th key query) satisfying that (a) $\langle x_0, y \rangle = \langle x_1, y \rangle = 0$; or (b) $\langle x_0, y \rangle \neq 0 \land \langle x_1, y \rangle \neq 0$, it holds that

$$\begin{align*}
\text{ct} & \equiv (x_{1,b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_1^{(3)} + \cdots + x_{n,b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_n^{(3)}) \\
\text{sk} & \equiv (x_{1,1-b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_1^{(3)} + \cdots + x_{n,1-b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_n^{(3)})
\end{align*}$$
Lemma 11 \( \text{GameAdv} \), \( 3.6 \) Lemmas for Public-key IPE

Let \( \lambda \) be the advantage function with respect to \( \mathcal{A} \) in \( \text{Game}_x \). We prove the following lemma for the game sequence in Section 3.4.

Lemma 12 \( \text{Game}_0 \equiv \text{Game}_1 \), \( \text{Game}_0 \equiv \text{Game}_1 \). There exists adversary \( \mathcal{B}_0 \) with \( \text{Time}(\mathcal{B}_0) \approx \text{Time}(\mathcal{A}) \) such that

\[
|\text{Adv}_0(\lambda) - \text{Adv}_0(\lambda)| \leq \text{Adv}_{\mathcal{B}_0}^{\mathcal{B}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_0}(\lambda).
\]

Proof. The proof is direct, we omit it here and refer the reader to the full paper. \( \square \)
Lemma 13 (Advantage in Game\textsubscript{1}). There exists adversary \( B \) with \( \text{Time}(B) \approx \text{Time}(A) \) such that
\[
\text{Adv}_1(\lambda) \leq \text{Adv}^{-\text{IPE}}_B(\lambda).
\]

Proof. We construct the adversary \( B \) as below:

Setup. Sample \((A, c) \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{(k+1) \times k} \times \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}\) and compute \( T = \begin{bmatrix} A^T \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \). Since \((A \mid c)\) is full-rank which occurs with high probability, \( T \) is well-defined. Pick \( \widetilde{U}, \widetilde{W}_1, \ldots, \widetilde{W}_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k \times (2k+1)} \) and \( \widetilde{k} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^k \) and output
\[
mpk = (\begin{bmatrix} A^T \end{bmatrix}_1, \widetilde{U}_1, \widetilde{W}_1, \ldots, \widetilde{W}_n, \widetilde{k}).
\]

Key Queries. On input \( y \), adversary \( B \) forwards the query to its environment and receives \((K_0, K_1)\). Compute
\[
\widetilde{K}_0 = [\widetilde{k}]_2 \cdot ((y_1 \cdot \widetilde{W}_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot \widetilde{W}_n) \odot K_0)
\]
and output
\[
\text{sk}_y = (T \odot \begin{bmatrix} \widetilde{K}_0 \\ K_0 \end{bmatrix}, K_1).
\]

Ciphertext. On input \((x_0, x_1, m_0, m_1)\), adversary \( B \) sends query \((x_0, x_1, 1, 1)\) to its environment and receives \((C_1, \ldots, C_n, C)\). Create the challenge ciphertext as
\[
[\begin{bmatrix} c \end{bmatrix}_1, [C_1]_1, \ldots, [C_n]_1, \epsilon([1]_1, C) \cdot m_0].
\]
The adversary \( B \) outputs \( A \)'s guess bit. By the observation in Section 3.4, mpk is simulated perfectly; if \((K_0, K_1)\) is a private-key IPE secret key, secret keys we computed is for our public-key IPE; if \((C_1, \ldots, C_n, C)\) is a private-key IPE ciphertext for \( b = 0 \), the ciphertext we created is a public-key IPE ciphertext for \( b = 0 \); this also holds for \( b = 1 \). This readily proves the lemma. \( \Box \)

4 Construction from XDLIN assumption

In this section, we improve the IPE scheme presented in Section 3 by the optimization technique in [16]. As in Section 3, we will first develop a private-key IPE from that in Section 3.2 and then compile it into the public-key setting.

4.1 Correspondence

Applying the technique in [16] to our private-key IPE in Section 3.2, we basically overlap \( \text{span}(B_1) \) and \( \text{span}(B_3) \) so that the total dimension decreases. Technically, we work with basis
\[
B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_1}, B_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_2}, B_3 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_3}, B_4 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{\ell \times \ell_4}
\]
where \(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4 \geq 1\) and \(\ell := \ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3 + \ell_4\), and follow the correspondence:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Sec 3.1} & \quad \text{this section} \\
B_1 & \quad \mapsto (B_1 \mid B_4) \\
B_2 & \quad \mapsto B_2 \\
B_3 & \quad \mapsto (B_3 \mid B_4)
\end{align*}
\]

saying that \(B_1\) and \(B_3\) used in Section 3 are replaced by \((B_1 \mid B_4)\) and \((B_3 \mid B_4)\), respectively, whose spans interact at \(\text{span}(B_4)\). Analogous to Section 3.1, we can define its dual basis \((B_1^\parallel, B_2^\parallel, B_3^\parallel, B_4^\parallel)\) and decompose \(w \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{1 \times \ell}\) as \(w^{(1)} + w^{(2)} + w^{(3)} + w^{(4)}\).

**Assumptions.** With the correspondence (10), the assumption \(SD_{B_1 \rightarrow B_3}^{G_2}\) used in Section 3.3 will be replaced by \(SD_{B_1, B_4 \rightarrow B_1, B_3, B_4}^{G_2}\) defined as follows.

**Lemma 14 (MDDH_{\ell_1+\ell_2+\ell_3+\ell_4} \Rightarrow SD_{B_1, B_4 \rightarrow B_1, B_3, B_4}^{G_2})** Under \(\text{MDDH}_{\ell_1+\ell_2+\ell_3+\ell_4}\) assumption in \(G_2\), there exists an efficient sampler outputting random \((B_1^1, B_1^2, B_2^1, B_2^2, B_3^1, B_3^2, B_3^3, B_3^4, B_4^1)\) along with base basis \((B_2^1)\) and basis \((B_1^1, B_2^2, B_3^1, B_4^1)\) (of arbitrary choice) such that the following advantage function is negligible in \(\lambda\):

\[
\text{Adv}_{A}^{SD_{B_1, B_4 \rightarrow B_1, B_3, B_4}^{G_2}}(\lambda) := |\Pr[A(G, D, [t_0]_1) = 1] - \Pr[A(G, D, [t_1]_1) = 1]|
\]

where

\[
D := (B_1^1, B_2^2, B_3^1, B_3^2, \text{basis}(B_2^1), \text{basis}(B_1^1, B_2^2, B_3^1, B_4^1)),
\]

\[
t_0 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_4), \quad t_1 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_3, B_4).
\]

The proof is analogous to that for Lemma 1 (cf. [13]).

Also, we replace \(SD_{B_3 \rightarrow B_2}^{G_2}\) assumption in Section 3.3 with **external subspace decision assumption** \(XSD_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_3, B_4}^{G_2}\) defined as below.

**Assumption 3 (XSD_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_3, B_4}^{G_2})** We say that \(XSD_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_3, B_4}^{G_2}\) assumption holds if there exists an efficient sampler outputting random \((B_1^1, B_2^2, B_3^2, B_3^2, B_4^1)\) along with base basis \((B_2^1)\), basis \((B_1^1, B_2^1)\) and basis \((B_2^2, B_3^2)\) (of arbitrary choice) such that the following advantage function is negligible in \(\lambda\):

\[
\text{Adv}_{A}^{XSD_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_3, B_4}^{G_2}}(\lambda) := |\Pr[A(G, D, [t_0]_1) = 1] - \Pr[A(G, D, [t_1]_1) = 1]|
\]

where

\[
D := (B_1^1, B_2^2, B_3^1, B_4^2, \text{basis}(B_1^1), \text{basis}(B_2^2, B_3^2)),
\]

\[
t_0 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_3, B_4), \quad t_1 \leftarrow \text{span}(B_2, B_3, B_4).
\]

We note that we do not give out basis \((B_2^2, B_3^2, B_4^2)\) as usual; instead, basis \((B_2^2)\) on \(\mathbb{Z}_p\) and \((\text{basis}(B_2^2, B_3^2))\) on \(G_1\) are provided. We then prove the following lemma saying that, for a specific set of parameters, the assumption is implied by XDLIN assumption.
Lemma 15 (XDLIN $\Rightarrow$ XSD$^G_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_4}$). Under the external decisional linear assumption (XDLIN) [1] (cf. Section 2.2), the XSD$^G_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_4}$ assumption holds for parameter $\ell_3 = \ell_4 = 1$.

Proof. For any PPT adversary $A$, we construct an algorithm $B$ with $\text{Time}(B) \approx \text{Time}(A)$ such that

$$\text{Adv}^\text{XSD}_{B_3, B_4 \rightarrow B_2, B_4}(\lambda) \leq \text{Adv}^\text{XDLIN}(\lambda).$$

On input $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_1 s_1, a_2 s_2, [a_1, a_2, a_3, a_1 s_1, a_2 s_2, T])$ where $a_1, a_2, a_3, s_1, s_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, and $T$ is either $[a_3(s_1 + s_2)]_2$ or uniformly distributed over $G_2$, algorithm $B$ works as follows:

Programming $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ and $B^1, B^2, B^3, B^4$. Sample $\tilde{B} \leftarrow \text{GL}_{3 + \ell_1}(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ and define

$$(B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4) = \tilde{B} \begin{pmatrix} I_{\ell_1} & 1 & a_3 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_1 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$(B^1, B^2, B^3, B^4) = \tilde{B}^* \begin{pmatrix} I_{\ell_1} & 1 & -a_3 a_2^{-1} & a_2^{-1} \\ -a_3 a_1^{-1} & a_1^{-1} \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

Algorithm $B$ can simulate $(B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4)_2$ using $[a_1, a_2, a_3]_2$.

Simulating basis$(B^1_1)$, basis$(B^2_1)$. We define

$$\text{basis}(B^1_1) = \tilde{B}^* \begin{pmatrix} I_{\ell_1} \\ 0 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\text{basis}(B^2_1) = \tilde{B}^*(a_1^{-1} e_{3 + \ell_1}) a_1 = \tilde{B}^* e_{3 + \ell_1},$$

both of which can be simulated using $\tilde{B}^*$. 

Simulating $[\text{basis}(B^1_2), B^3_1]_1$. We define

$$\text{basis}(B^2_2, B^3_1) = \tilde{B}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -a_3 a_2^{-1} & a_2^{-1} \\ -a_3 a_1^{-1} & a_1^{-1} \\ \end{pmatrix} (a_1 a_3 a_2) = \tilde{B}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_1 \\ a_1 & -a_3 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

such that $[\text{basis}(B^2_2, B^3_1)]_1$ (over $G_1$) can be simulated using $\tilde{B}^*$ and $[a_1, a_3]_1$.

Simulating the challenge. Output the challenge

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ T \\ a_2 s_2 \\ a_1 s_1 \\ \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

Observe that if $T = [a_1(s_1 + s_2)]_2$, the output challenge is uniformly distributed over $[\text{span}(B_3, B_4)]_2$; if $T$ is uniformly distributed over $G_2$, the output challenge is then uniformly distributed over $[\text{span}(B_2, B_3, B_4)]_2$. This readily proves the lemma. $\Box$

4.2 Step One: A Private-key IPE from XDLIN Assumption

Our second private-key IPE is described as follows, which is translated from the private-key IPE in Section 3.2 with the correspondence (10). Here we employ the basis defined in Section 4.1 with parameter $(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3, \ell_4) = (1, 1, 1, 1)$.  

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As before, we only need to prove the following lemma for $m$ when $k \ell$
decryption procedure. However the total dimension

\begin{align*}
\text{Theorem 3.} \quad & \text{Under the} \ XDLIN \ \text{assumption, the private-key IPE scheme described in} \ Section \ 4.2 \ \text{is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding (cf. Section 2.1).}
\end{align*}

As before, we only need to prove the following lemma for $m_0 = m_1$.

\begin{lemma}
For any adversary $A$ that makes at most $Q$ key queries and outputs $m_0 = m_1$, there exists adversaries $B_1, B_2, B_3$ such that
\begin{align*}
\text{Adv}_{XPE}^A(\lambda) \leq Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_1}^{SD_{B_1}^{G_2}}(\lambda) + Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_2}^{SD_{B_2}^{G_2}}(\lambda) + Q \cdot \text{Adv}_{B_3}^{SD_{B_3}^{G_2}}(\lambda) \\
\text{and Time}(B_1), \text{Time}(B_2), \text{Time}(B_3) \approx \text{Time}(A).
\end{align*}
\end{lemma}

\textbf{Game sequence.} With the correspondence in Section 4.1, the proof for lemma 16 is almost the same as that for Lemma 2 presented in Section 3. Here we only give the game sequence, summarized in Fig 4.

- Game$_0$ is the real game in which the challenge ciphertext for $x_b = (x_1, b, \ldots, x_n)$
is of the form

\[ [x_1, b \cdot u + w_1], \ldots, [x_n, b \cdot u + w_n], [\alpha] \cdot m_0. \]

Here $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is a secret bit.
| Game | ct | $\kappa$-th sk $(d \leftarrow \text{span}(\ ?))$ | Remark |
|------|-----|--------------------------------|--------|
| 0    | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_4$ | real game |
| 1    | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_4$ | statistical argument: analogous to Fig 3 |
| 2. $j-1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | $\text{Game}_{2,0} = \text{Game}_{1}, \text{Game}_{2,j} = \text{Game}_{2,j-1.5}$ |
| 2. $j-1.1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_3, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | given basis($B_1$), basis($B_2$), basis($B_4$), $|\text{span}(B_1, B_4)|_2 \approx c \cdot |\text{span}(B_1, B_3, B_4)|_2$ |
| 2. $j-1.2$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_3, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | statistical argument: analogous to Fig 3 |
| 2. $j-1.3$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | $\text{XSD}_{B_1,B_2,B_4}^{G_2}$; given $|\text{basis}(B_1)|_1$, $|\text{basis}(B_2)|_1$, $|\text{basis}(B_4)|_1$, $|\text{span}(B_1, B_4, B_4)|_2 \approx c \cdot |\text{span}(B_2, B_3, B_4)|_2$ |
| 2. $j-1.4$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_2, B_3, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | statistical argument: analogous to Game$_{2,j-1.2}$ |
| 2. $j-1.5$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,1-b} \cdot u$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $B_1, B_4$ | $\text{XSD}_{B_1,B_2,B_4}^{G_2}$; analogous to Game$_{2,j-1.1}$ |
| 3    | $x_{i,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{i,1} \cdot u_1$ | $x_{i,b} \cdot u$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | $u_0, u_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{2k+1}$; change of basis |
| 4    | $x_{i,0} \cdot u_0 + x_{i,1} \cdot u_1$ | $B_1, B_2, B_4$ | statistical argument: analogous to Game$_1$ |

**Fig. 4.** Game sequence for Private-key IPE based on XDLIN. The gray background highlights the difference between adjacent games.
game1 is identical to game0 except that the challenge ciphertext is
\[ \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u \cdot u^{(14)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + w_{i,1} \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha]_{T} \cdot m_{0}. \]
We claim that game1 = game0. The proof is analogous to that for game1 = game0 in section 3.3.
- game2,j for j ∈ [0, q] is identical to game1 except that the first j secret keys are
\[ [\alpha + (y_{1} \cdot w_{1} + \cdots + y_{n} \cdot w_{n})d_{2}, [d]_{2} \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_{1}, B_{2}, B_{4})] \]
We claim that game2,j-1 ≈c game2,j for j ∈ [q] and give a proof sketch later.
- game3 is identical to game2,q except that the challenge ciphertext is
\[ \{ x_{i,0} \cdot u_{0}^{(124)} + x_{i,1} \cdot u_{1}^{(124)} + x_{i,b} \cdot u_{b}^{(3)} + w_{i,1} \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha]_{T} \cdot m_{0}. \]
where \( u_{0}, u_{1} \leftarrow Z_{p}^{1 \times (k+1)} \). We claim that game2,q = game3. The proof is analogous to that for game2,q = game3 in section 3.3 using “change of basis” technique [23, 28], except that we now work with subspace \( \text{span}(B_{1}, B_{2}, B_{4}) \) corresponding to \( \text{span}(B_{1}, B_{2}) \) there (cf. section 4.1).
- game4 is identical to game3 except that the challenge ciphertext is
\[ x_{1,0} \cdot u_{0} + x_{1,1} \cdot u_{1} + w_{1,1}, \ldots, x_{n,0} \cdot u_{0} + x_{n,1} \cdot u_{1} + w_{n,1}, [\alpha]_{T} \cdot m_{0} \]
We claim that game3 = game4 and the adversary has no advantage in guessing \( b \) in game4. The proof for the former claim is similar to that for game1 = game0.

proving game2,j-1 ≈c game2,j. We now proves game2,j-1 ≈c game2,j which completes the proof for lemma 16. For all j ∈ [q], we employ the following game sequence, which has been included in fig 4.
- game2,j-1 is identical to game2,j-1 except that the jth secret key is
\[ [\alpha + (y_{1} \cdot w_{1} + \cdots + y_{n} \cdot w_{n})d_{2}, [d]_{2} \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_{1}, B_{3}, B_{4})] \]
We claim that game2,j-1 ≈c game2,j-1. This follows from the sd\(_{B_{1}, B_{4}}\) assumption with a reduction analogous to that for game2,j-1 ≈c game2,j-1 in section 3.3.
- game2,j-1,2 is identical to game2,j-1 except that the challenge ciphertext is
\[ \{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(14)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(3)} + w_{i,1} \}_{i \in [n]}, [\alpha]_{T} \cdot m_{0}. \]
We claim that game2,j-1,2 = game2,j-1,1. The proof is analogous to that for game2,j-1,2 = game2,j-1,1 in section 3.3.
- game2,j-1,3 is identical to game2,j-1,2 except that the jth secret key is
\[ [\alpha + (y_{1} \cdot w_{1} + \cdots + y_{n} \cdot w_{n})d_{2}, [d]_{2} \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_{1}, B_{2}, B_{3}, B_{4})] \]
We claim that game2,j-1,3 = game2,j-1,2. This follows from xsd\(_{B_{1}, B_{4}}\) assumption. The proof is analogous to that for game2,j-1,3 = game2,j-1,2 in
Section 3.3. Note that, in the reduction, we simulate the challenge ciphertext over $G_1$ using $[\text{basis}(B_2^\parallel, B_{14}^\parallel)]_1$.

- Game$_{2,j-1,4}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,3}$ except that the challenge ciphertext is

$$\left\{ x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(14)} + x_{i,1-b} \cdot u^{(2)} + \left( x_{i,b} \cdot u^{(3)} \right) + w_i \right\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}, \left\lceil n \right\rceil_T \cdot m_0.$$  

We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,4} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,3}$. The proof is identical to that for Game$_{2,j-1,2} \equiv$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$.

- Game$_{2,j-1,5}$ is identical to Game$_{2,j-1,4}$ except that the $j$th secret key is

$$[\alpha + (y_1 \cdot w_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot w_n) d]_2, [d]_2 \quad \text{where} \quad d \leftarrow \text{span}(B_1, B_2, B_4).$$

We claim that Game$_{2,j-1,5} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,4}$. The proof is identical to that for Game$_{2,j-1} \approx_c$ Game$_{2,j-1,1}$. Note that Game$_{2,j-1,5} = $ Game$_{2,j}$.

### 4.4 Step Two: From private-key to public-key

Following the “private-key to public-key” compiler [36], we transform the private-key IPE in Section 4.2 to the following public-key IPE:

- Setup$(1^\lambda, n)$: Run $G = (p, G_1, G_2, G_T, c) \leftarrow G(1^\lambda)$. Sample $A \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{3 \times 2}$, $B_{14} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{4 \times 2}$ and pick

$$U, W_1, \ldots, W_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{3 \times 4} \quad \text{and} \quad k \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^3.$$  

Output

$$\text{mpk} = (G, [A^T]_1, [A^T U]_1, [A^T W_1]_1, \ldots, [A^T W_n]_1, [A^T k]_T)$$

$$\text{msk} = (k, W_1, \ldots, W_n, B_{14}).$$

- KeyGen$(\text{msk}, y)$: Let $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$. Sample $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ and output

$$\text{sk}_y = (K_0 = [k + (y_1 \cdot W_1 + \cdots + y_n \cdot W_n)B_{14} r]_2, K_1 = [B_{14} r]_2)$$

- Enc$(\text{mpk}, x, m)$: Let $x = (x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ and $m \in G_T$. Sample $s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^2$ and output

$$\text{ct}_x = (C_0 = [s^T A^T]_1, \{C_i = [s^T A^T (x_i \cdot U + W_i)]_{1 \leq i \leq n}, C = [s^T A^T k]_T \cdot m\})$$

- Dec$(\text{ct}_x, \text{sk}_y)$: Parse $\text{ct}_x = (C_0, C_1, \ldots, C_n, C)$ and $\text{sk}_y = (K_0, K_1)$ for $y = (y_1, \ldots, y_n)$. Output

$$m' = C \cdot e(y_1 \odot C_1 \cdots y_n \odot C_n, K_1) \cdot e(C_0, K_0)^{-1}.$$  

The correctness is straightforward.

**Security.** We will prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** Under the XDLIN assumption, the IPE scheme described above is adaptively secure and fully attribute-hiding (cf. Section 2.1).
Concretely, we prove the following lemma, showing that the security of the above IPE is implied by that of our private-key IPE in Section 4.2 and the MDDH$_2$ assumption.

**Lemma 17.** For any adversary $A$ that makes at most $Q$ key queries, there exists adversaries $B_0, B$ such that

$$\text{Adv}^{\text{IPE}}_A(\lambda) \leq \text{Adv}^{\text{MDDH}_2}_B(\lambda) + \text{Adv}^{\text{IPE}*}_{B}(\lambda)$$

and $\text{Time}(B_0), \text{Time}(B) \approx \text{Time}(A)$.

We prove Lemma 17 via the following game sequence, as in Section 3.4.

- **Game$_0$** is the real game in which the challenge ciphertext for $x_b = (x_{1,b}, \ldots, x_{n,b})$ is of the form

  $$[c^T]_1, [c^T (x_{1,b} \cdot U + W_1)]_1, \ldots, [c^T (x_{n,b} \cdot U + W_n)]_1, e([c^T]_1, [k]_2) \cdot m_b$$

  where $c \leftarrow \text{span}(A)$. Here $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ is a secret bit.

- **Game$_1$** is identical to Game$_0$ except that we sample $c \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{k+1}$ when generating the challenge ciphertext. We claim that Game$_1 \approx_{c} \text{Game}_0$. This follows from MDDH$_2$ assumption and the proof is analogous to that for Game$_1 \approx_{c} \text{Game}_0$ in Section 3.4.

Analogous to Section 3.4 and Section 3.6, we can prove that adversary’s advantage in Game$_1$ is bounded by that against our private-key IPE in Section 4.2.

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