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# A ciphertext-policy attribute-based proxy re-encryption scheme for data sharing in public clouds

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#### SUMMARY

Ciphertext-policy attribute-based proxy re-encryption (CP-ABPRE) extends the traditional Proxy Re-Encryption (PRE) by allowing a semi-trusted proxy to transform a ciphertext under an access policy to another ciphertext with the same plaintext under a new access policy (i.e., *attribute-based re-encryption*). The proxy, however, learns nothing about the underlying plaintext. CP-ABPRE has many real world applications, such as fine-grained access control in cloud storage systems and medical records sharing among different hospitals. All the existing CP-ABPRE schemes are leaving chosen-ciphertext attack (CCA) security as an interesting open problem. This paper, for the first time, proposes a new CP-ABPRE scheme to tackle the problem. The new scheme supports attribute-based re-encryption with any monotonic access structures. Despite being constructed in the random oracle model, our scheme can be proven CCA secure under the decisional *q*-parallel bilinear Diffie–Hellman exponent assumption. Copyright © 2014 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Introduced by Sahai and Waters [1], attribute-based encryption (ABE), which is a generalization of identity-based encryption (IBE), is able to effectively increase the flexibility of data sharing such that only users satisfying specific policy are allowed to access the data. ABE is applicable to many network applications, such as targeted broadcast and audit log applications [2]. In the literature, ABE mainly comes in two flavors: one is the key-policy ABE (KP-ABE), and the other is the ciphertext-policy ABE (CP-ABE). In the former, ciphertexts are labeled with attribute sets, and private keys are associated with access structures specifying which kinds of ciphertexts the receiver is able to decrypt. In the latter, however, the case is complementary. That is, ciphertexts are related to access structures, and attribute sets are assigned to private keys.

In what follows, we use medical data sharing as an example to illustrate the usage of CP-ABE and motivate our work as well. Consider the following scenario. A heart-disease patient Alice would like to find a clinic for regular medical examination via an on-line medical service agent (e.g.,

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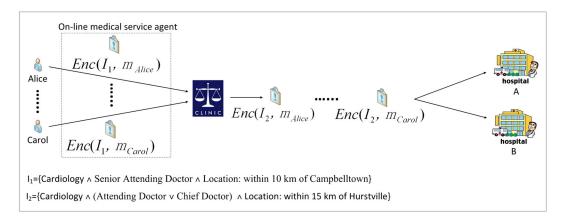


Figure 1. Traditional attribute-based encryption data sharing.

healthgrades<sup>‡</sup>). The clinic must be located within 10 km of Campbelltown, and the doctors (assigned for her treatment) of the clinic must be the senior attending doctors and be expert at cardiology. For simplicity, we denote Alice's requirements as  $I_1 = \{Cardiology \land Senior Attending Doctor \land$ *Location* : within 10 km of Campbelltown. To protect the confidentiality of her record, Alice prefers to encrypt the record under  $I_1$  (i.e.,  $Enc_{I_1}(m_{Alice})$ ) before sending to the on-line medical service agent ('the Agent'). The Agent (that knows  $I_1$ ) then searches candidates satisfying  $I_1$  in its database. Suppose there is a clinic matching  $I_1$ . The Agent then forwards Alice's ciphertext to the clinic. Note that the Agent cannot access Alice's data without knowledge of the private key (where the key is associated with an attribute set satisfying  $I_1$ ).

Upon receiving Alice's ciphertext, the clinic satisfying  $I_1$  is able to decrypt the ciphertext by using its private key so as to access the medical record. To keep trace of the medical record, the clinic may back up the ciphertext locally. When some cooperation is needed in the process of the treatment, Alice's medical record has to be sent to the cooperative hospitals. Suppose the hospitals should have the following requirements. They should be located within 15 km of Hurstville, and the doctors (assigned to the cooperation) of the hospitals should be the attending or chief doctors and must be expert at cardiology as well. We here denote the aforementioned requirements as  $I_2 = \{Cardiology \land (Attending Doctor \lor Chief Doctor) \land Location :$  $within 15 km of Hurstville\}$ , and suppose there are two hospitals, say hospital A and hospital B satisfying  $I_2$ .

In traditional data sharing, sharing Alice's medical record with A and B (without losing confidentiality), the clinic has to first recover  $m_{Alice}$  (from  $Enc(I_1, m_{Alice})$  stored in the local server) and further encrypt the record under  $I_2$  (i.e.,  $Enc(I_2, m_{Alice})$ ) before sending to hospitals A and B. However, if there are N patients who need to be cooperatively treated among the clinic, A and B, then the clinic will suffer from N pairs of encryption and decryption for their patients' records (Figure 1). This might be undesirable in practice because of high computational complexity.

To make data sharing be more efficient, proxy re-encryption (PRE) is proposed. Introduced by Mambo and Okamoto [3] and further defined by Blaze, Bleumer and Strauss [4], PRE extends the traditional public key encryption (PKE) to support the delegation of decryption rights. It allows a semi-trusted party called *proxy* to transform a ciphertext intended for Alice into another ciphertext of the same plaintext intended for Bob. The proxy, however, learns neither the decryption keys nor the underlying plaintext.

The PRE is a useful cryptographic primitive and has many applications, such as secure distributed files systems [5, 6], cloud data sharing [7], and email forwarding [4].

To date, PRE has been extended to adapt to different cryptographic settings. To achieve more flexibility on decryption rights delegation, many variants of PRE have been proposed, such as conditional PRE [8], identity-based PRE [9], and attribute-based PRE (ABPRE) [10]. This paper deals

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>‡</sup>http://www.healthgrades.com/.

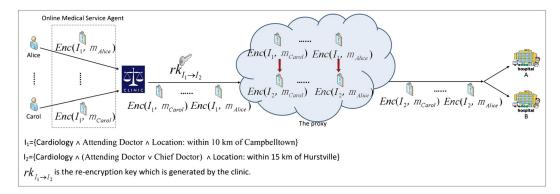


Figure 2. Ciphertext-policy attribute-based proxy re-encryption.

with the case of ABPRE. Employing PRE in the context of ABE, Liang *et al.* [10] defined the notion of CP attribute-based proxy re-encryption (CP-ABPRE), and proposed the first concrete scheme, in which a proxy is allowed to transform a ciphertext under a specified access policy into the one under another access policy (i.e., *attribute-based re-encryption*).

Using the technology of CP-ABPRE, the medical data sharing discussed previously can be efficiently fulfilled as follows (Figure 2). The clinic, acting as a delegator, notifies a cloud (storage) server (acting as the proxy) that the hospitals satisfying  $I_2$  (i.e., delegatees) should be granted the decryption rights of the data. The server then transforms the ciphertexts of the data under  $I_1$  to the ones under  $I_2$  by using a re-encryption key (e.g.,  $rk_{I_1 \rightarrow I_2}$ , which is given by the clinic), such that A and B (satisfying  $I_2$ ) can access the data. Note that the server does not learn the contents (of the data).

# 1.1. Applications of CP-ABPRE

We argue that CP-ABPRE explores the applications of PRE and has many real world applications, such as fine-grained data sharing in on-line medical service systems (e.g., Healthgrades<sup>§</sup>) and online payment systems (e.g., [11]). For example, in an on-line medical service system, a couple (living at Sydney) would like to find doctors with the following requirements to cure their child's bronchitis. Suppose the requirements are described as  $I_3 = \{Paediatrician \land Bronchitis \land$ (Consultant  $\lor$  Registrar)  $\land$  Location : Downtown of Sydney}. The parent may encrypt the child's medical data under  $I_3$  before uploading to the system. Note that because the system has no valid private key related to  $I_3$ , it cannot access the data. The system then forwards the ciphertext to the doctors satisfying  $I_3$ . Nevertheless, when one of the doctors goes out for medical trip, it is necessary to find some trustworthy substitutes to check the medical record. By employing CP-ABPRE, a doctor can first specify a new access policy, such as  $I_4 = \{Paediatrician \land Bronchitis \land (Senior Registrar \lor Registrar)\}$ , and then generates a re-encryption key (which can transform the ciphertext under  $I_3$  into the one under  $I_4$ ) for his or her proxy. When the doctor is absent, the proxy can convert the ciphertext of the data to the one that can be only decrypted by other doctors satisfying  $I_4$ .

The CP-ABPRE is also applicable to social network applications. For instance, a social network (e.g., LinkedIn<sup>¶</sup>) user, say Alice, might prefer to share her profile (e.g., educational details) with other system users under a specified access policy. Suppose the profile is encrypted under  $P_1 = (`Region : United State' and `Occupation : student' and `Age : from 16 to 25'), and the encryption is already stored in the cloud such that the users satisfying <math>P_1$  can read the profile. Nonetheless, when Alice tries to 'link' herself with some companies for job applications, she might add a new access policy, like  $P_2 = (`Region : all countries' and `People : HR or related of ficials' and `Field : software development')$ , so as to additionally

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup>http://www.healthgrades.com/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>¶</sup>http://www.linkedin.com/.

enable the users matching  $P_2$  to read the profile. Thus, a new encryption under  $P_2$  is desirable. A naive solution for Alice to generate such an encryption is to download the ciphertext under  $P_1$  from the cloud (if she does not store her profile locally), and next re-encrypt the profile under  $P_2$  before uploading to the cloud. But Alice's workload here is increased, namely for each new policy, she has to manage the corresponding encryption(and decryption). Furthermore, if Alice is using some resource-limited devices, for example, mobile devices, which cannot afford the computational cost (incurred by the encryption and decryption), she cannot immediately share the profile with others unless some powerful devices (e.g., personal computer) are reachable.

However, Alice can efficiently share her profile with others by employing the technology of CP-ABPRE. Suppose the profile is encrypted under  $P_1$  and stored in the cloud already. When Alice shares it with some human resource officials, she only needs to construct a re-encryption key from a set x of attributes to a new policy  $P_2$ , and next upload the key to the cloud, where x matches  $P_1$ . The cloud then re-encrypts the encryption under  $P_1$  to another encryption under  $P_2$  such that the officials satisfying  $P_2$  can read the profile.

## 1.2. Open problems

Although CP-ABPRE is applicable to some network applications, it still leaves us interesting open problems in terms of security and functionality. All the existing CP-ABPRE schemes are only secure against *chosen-plaintext attacks* (CPA). The existence of CP-ABPRE with *chosen-ciphertext security* has been elusive. We argue that CPA security might be not sufficient enough in general protocol settings as it only achieves the very basic requirement from an encryption scheme, that is, secrecy against 'passive' eavesdroppers. When CP-ABPRE is implemented within a large protocol or system, which will be executed in an open network setting, a much wider array of attacks could be encountered with. For example, the adversary may control over the ciphertexts in the communication channel so as to either affect the decryption values or learn some partial information of the decryption results.

Chosen-ciphertext attack (CCA) security, however, allows the adversary to access the decryption oracle, that is, achieving the ability to read the underlying plaintexts related to the ciphertexts of its choice. This is able to preclude insider attacks. For example, a legitimate doctor of some hospital is able to acquire pairs of CP-ABPRE ciphertexts and plaintexts as previous knowledge. But the CCA security guarantees that he or she cannot gain any useful knowledge of the underlying plaintext of the challenge ciphertext after his or her retirement.

The CCA security also guarantees that if the adversary modifies given ciphertexts, then the modification for ciphertexts (affecting decryption results) can be detected. That is, even if the ciphertexts are modified and re-transferred to other receivers (whom are not the recipients specified by original sender), this misbehavior can be told by public verification. Therefore, it is desirable to propose a CCA-secure CP-ABPRE scheme in practice.

Another open problem left by the existing CP-ABPRE schemes is how to support more expressive access policy. As far as we know, all existing CP-ABPRE systems only support AND gates over attributes. However, an access policy might consist of AND, OR gates, and negative attributes in practice. Accordingly, it is desirable to design a CP-ABPRE scheme supporting expressive and flexible realization for access policy.

### 1.3. Our contributions

1.3.1. Difficulty of converting a CPA-secure CP-ABPRE to achieve CCA security. As stated in [10, 12], converting a CPA-secure CP-ABPRE (or PRE in general) scheme to obtain CCA security is a challenging open problem. One might think that some cryptographic primitives might be employed in the conversion, such as the CHK transformation [13]. The well-known CHK transformation can be used to convert a CPA-secure PKE scheme to be secure against CCA. The transformation, however, cannot be trivially employed in a CPA-secure PRE scheme to achieve CCA security. This is so because the CHK transformation is used to guarantee the integrity of

ciphertexts, but at the same time, the transformation among ciphertexts in the PRE setting might affect the integrity. Trivially employing the CHK transformation in the context of PRE often yields a Replayable CCA [14] secure system, such as [15–17].

We here use an example to make a specific explanation. Suppose there is a CPA-secure CP-ABPRE scheme constructed in the standard model, and its original ciphertext is (A, B, C). In reencryption, suppose the proxy generates (at least) a new component A', and outputs (A', B, C) as the re-encrypted ciphertext such that the valid delegate can recover the plaintext from (A', B, C)by using his or her private key. Using the CHK transformation, the encryptor may make a signature D for (A, B, C) and output  $(K_v, A, B, C, D)$  as the original ciphertext, where  $K_v$  is the verification key corresponding to D. To validate D, the proxy has to keep A as an auxiliary output, that is, outputting  $(K_v, A, A', B, C, D)$ . Despite the integrity of (A, B, C) can be verified by  $K_v$  and D, A' can be arbitrarily mutated by adversary. Note that the verification key  $K_v$  must be 'sealed' in ciphertext components such that an adversary cannot simply choose a new signing and verification key pair  $(K'_v, K'_s)$  and further make a new signature D' for (A, B, C). On the other hand, if only Band C are bound by D, then A's integrity cannot be guaranteed.

One might realize that the proxy might choose to sign A' in the CHK transformation as well such that the re-encrypted result is bound by signature. Nevertheless, this approach seems to be insensible. Suppose the proxy makes a signature D' for A' using a new signing key  $K'_s$ , and outputs  $(K_v, A, B, C, D, K'_v, A', D')$  as the re-encrypted ciphertext, where  $K'_v$  is the verification key related to D'. An adversary may launch the following attacks: it first mutates A' as A'', next chooses  $(K''_s, K''_v)$ , and then signs A'' in D''. The adversary finally outputs  $(K_v, A, B, C, D, K''_v, A'', D'')$ . Here, the verification for D'' will be passed, but the re-encryption result is mutated. The reason is that A' as a single component is loosely related to the original ciphertext and  $K'_v$ .

A naive solution for the problem is to request the proxy to not only encrypt A' under a new access policy, which associates with the delegatees' attributes, but also sign the new ciphertext in the CHK transformation. Nonetheless, this approach comes at a price that the communication bandwidth and the decryption complexity are both increased. Furthermore, it is possible for the proxy to suffer from either malicious attacks or invasion by an adversary in an open network such that the adversary might control the re-encryption and signature. Thus, this solution might be undesirable in terms of efficiency and security. In some privacy-preserving setting, that is, the proxy is not allowed to know the attributes of the corresponding delegatees; the solution is inappropriate as well.

Therefore, using the CHK transformation as a black box to turn the existing CPA-secure CP-ABPRE schemes to be secure against CCA is not trivial. In Section 4, we introduce an efficient solution to achieve CCA security in the context of CP-ABPRE.

In this work, we formalize the *selective access structure and chosen-ciphertext* (IND-sAS-CCA) security notion for CP-ABPRE systems. We state that it is the first time to define chosen-ciphertext security model for CP-ABPRE in the literature; and meanwhile, the notion discussed previously can be easily extended to the *adaptive access structure and chosen-ciphertext* (IND-aAS-CCA) security (note that we will show the details in Section 2.2). We consider the IND-sAS-CCA game into two different aspects: one is to allow the adversary to achieve an original ciphertext as the challenge ciphertext; the other is to allow the adversary to obtain a re-encrypted ciphertext as challenge. We refer to the security of the former and the latter as *IND-sAS-CCA security at original ciphertext* (i.e., IND-sAS-CCA-Or) and *IND-sAS-CCA security at re-encrypted ciphertext* (i.e., IND-sAS-CCA-Re), respectively. In this paper, we also show that the IND-sAS-CCA-Or security implies *selective collusion resistance*. Note that in [18], selective collusion resistance is also called as *selective master key security*.

The construction of a CP-ABPRE scheme with CCA security is an interesting open problem in the literature. This paper proposes the first single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE system to tackle the problem. It is also worth mentioning that all the existing CP-ABPRE schemes *only* support AND gates on (multi-valued) positive and negative attributes, while our scheme allows ciphertexts to be associated with any monotonic access formula. Although our scheme is constructed in the random oracle model, it can be proved that IND-sAS-CCA secure under the decisional *q*-parallel bilinear Diffie–Hellman exponent (*q*-parallel BDHE) assumption.

### 1.4. Related work

In 2005, Sahai and Waters [1] introduced the concept of ABE. There are two categories of ABE, KP-ABE, and CP-ABE. Goyal et al. [2] proposed the first KP-ABE, in which a ciphertext is related to a set of attributes, and each private key corresponds to an access policy over the attributes. The decryption can be fulfilled correctly if and only if the attribute set of the ciphertext satisfies the access policy on the decryptor's private key. Reversely, Bethencourt et al. [19] proposed CP-ABE where the ciphertext is associated with an access policy and the private key is related to an attribute set. Note that we here mainly focus on the review of CP-ABE. Later on, Cheung and Newport [20] proposed a provably secure CP-ABE scheme, which only supports AND gates over attributes. Goyal et al. [21] constructed a CP-ABE scheme but with large key size. Waters [22] designed efficient and expressive CP-ABE systems supporting any monotonic access structure. To convert one of the CP-ABE systems proposed in [22] to achieve fully security, Lewko et al. [23] adapted the dual system encryption technology to the ABE cryptographic setting. But their conversion yields some loss of expressiveness. Later, Lewko and Waters [24] introduced a new method to capture full security without jeopardizing the expressiveness by employing the selective proof technique into the dual system encryption technology. Attrapadung et al. [25] proposed an efficient CP-ABE for threshold access policy with constant-size ciphertexts. Later on, Waters [26] proposed the first deterministic finite automata-based functional encryption system in which access policy can be expressed by arbitrary-size regular language. Some variants of CP-ABE have been proposed in the literature, such as [27].

Following the introduction of decryption rights delegation by Mambo and Okamoto [3], Blaze *et al.* [4] formalized PRE and proposed a seminal bidirectional PRE scheme. After that, Ivan and Dodis [28] formalized the definitions of bidirectional and unidirectional proxy functions. In 2005, Ateniese *et al.* [5] proposed three unidirectional PRE schemes with CPA security. Later on, many classic PRE schemes (e.g., [15, 29–31]) have been proposed.

To employ PRE technology in the ABE cryptographic setting, Liang *et al.* [10] first defined CP-ABPRE, and further extended [20] to support PRE. This seminal CP-ABPRE system provides *AND* gates over positive and negative attributes. Later on, Luo *et al.* [18] proposed an extension of [10], in which their scheme supports policy with *AND* gates on multi-valued and negative attributes. To combine ABE with IBE by using PRE technique, Mizuno and Doi [32] proposed a special type of CP-ABPRE scheme. In this system, encryptions generated in the context of ABE can be converted to the ones being decrypted in the IBE cryptographic setting. The previously introduced systems, however, are CPA secure, and their access policies lack expressiveness because of supporting *AND* gates over attributes only. Thus, a CCA-secure CP-ABPRE scheme with more expressive access policy remains open. Recently, Liang *et al.* [33] proposed a system to solve the problem. This paper is a full version of [33], in which we explore some practical applications for the CP-ABPRE system with CCA security, revise the definition, security model and construction of the system, and present technical roadmap and full security proof.

We here compare our scheme with previous CP-ABPRE schemes, and summarize the comparison in terms of public/private key size, ciphertext/re-encryption key size, re-encryption cost, and properties, in Table I. We let f be the size of an access formula, A be the number of attributes on a user's private key, U be the number of all attributes defined in the system, mv be multi-valued attribute, + be positive attribute and – be negative attribute. Besides, we use  $c_e$  and  $c_p$  to denote the computational cost of an exponentiation and a bilinear pairing. To the best of our knowledge, our scheme is the first of its kind to achieve CCA security and to support any monotonic access formula (over attributes).

#### 2. DEFINITIONS AND SECURITY MODELS

In this section, we concentrate on formulating the definition of CP-ABPRE systems. Before proceeding, we first review some notations used in our definition.

Schemes	Public/private key size	Ciphertext/ ReKey size	Re-encryption cost	Selective model /CCA security	Attributes expression
[10]	$\mathcal{O}(U)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(U)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(U)c_p$	√ /X	AND:+ and –
[18]	$\mathcal{O}(U^2)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(U)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(U)c_p$	√ /X	AND: $mv$ and $-$
[32]	$\mathcal{O}(U)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(U)/\mathcal{O}(U)$	$\mathcal{O}(1)c_e + \mathcal{O}(U)c_p$	√ /X	AND:+ and -
Ours	$\mathcal{O}(1)/\mathcal{O}(A)$	$\mathcal{O}(f)/\mathcal{O}(A)$	$\mathcal{O}(A)c_e + \mathcal{O}(A)c_p$	$\sqrt{1}$	Any monotonic

Table I. Comparison with [10, 18, 32].

# Definition 1

Access Structure [34]. Let  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$  be a set of parties. A collection  $\mathbb{AS} \subseteq 2^{\mathcal{P}}$  is monotone if  $\forall B, C$ : if  $B \in \mathbb{AS}$  and  $B \subseteq C$ , then  $C \in \mathbb{AS}$ . An access structure (resp., monotonic access structure) is a collection (resp., monotone collection)  $\mathbb{AS}$  of non-empty subsets of  $\mathcal{P}$ , that is,  $\mathbb{AS} \subseteq 2^{\mathcal{P}} \setminus \{\emptyset\}$ . The sets in  $\mathbb{AS}$  are called the authorized sets, and the sets not in  $\mathbb{AS}$  are called the unauthorized sets.

In the context of ABE, the role of the parties is taken by the attributes. The access structure  $\mathbb{AS}$  contains all authorized sets of attributes. In this paper, we work on monotone access structures. As shown in [34], any monotone access structure can be represented by a linear secret sharing scheme.

#### **Definition** 2

*Linear Secret Sharing Schemes (LSSS)* [22]. A secret sharing scheme  $\Pi$  over a set of parties  $\mathcal{P}$  is called linear (over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ) if

- The shares for each party form a vector over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .
- There exists a matrix M with l rows and n columns called the share-generating matrix for  $\Pi$ . For all i = 1, ..., l, the *i*th row of M is labeled by a party  $\rho(i)$ , where  $\rho$  is a function from  $\{1, ..., l\}$  to  $\mathcal{P}$ . When we consider the column vector  $v = (s, r_2, ..., r_n)$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  is the secret to be shared, and  $r_2, ..., r_n \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  are randomly chosen, then  $M \cdot v$  is the vector of l shares of the secret s according to  $\Pi$ . The share  $(M \cdot v)_i$  belongs to party  $\rho(i)$ . For any unauthorized set, no such constants exist. We use LSSS matrix  $(M, \rho)$  to represent an access policy in this paper.

Note that every LSSS according to the previous definition achieves the *linear reconstruction* property [34]. Suppose  $\Pi$  is an LSSS for the access structure AS. Let  $S \in AS$  (that is, S satisfies the access structure; we also denote this case as  $S \models (M, \rho)$ ) be any authorized set, and let  $I \subseteq \{1, 2, ..., l\}$  be defined as  $I = \{i : \rho(i) \in S\}$ . There will exist constants  $\{w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}_{i \in I}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \cdot \lambda_i = s$  if  $\{\lambda_i\}$  are valid shares of any secret s according to  $\Pi$ . Note that as shown in [34],  $\{w_i\}$  can be found (with knowledge of M and I) in time polynomial in the size of the share-generating matrix M.

## 2.1. Definition of CP-ABPRE

We review the definition of CP-ABPRE [10, 18] as follows.

## Definition 3

A single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE scheme consists of the following seven algorithms:

- (1)  $(param, msk) \leftarrow Setup(1^k, \mathcal{U})$ : on input a security parameter  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and an attribute universe  $\mathcal{U}$ , output the public parameters *param* and a master secret key *msk*.
- (2)  $sk_S \leftarrow KeyGen(param, msk, S)$ : on input param, msk and an attribute set S that describes the key, output a private key  $sk_S$  for S.
- (3)  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')} \leftarrow ReKeyGen(param, sk_S, S, (M', \rho'))$ : on input *param*, a private key  $sk_S$ and the corresponding attribute set S, and an access structure  $(M', \rho')$  for attributes over  $\mathcal{U}$ , output a re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  that can be used to transform a ciphertext under

 $(M, \rho)$  to another ciphertext under  $(M', \rho')$ , where  $S \models (M, \rho)$ . Note  $(M, \rho)$  and  $(M', \rho')$  are disjoint. Suppose  $(M, \rho)$  and  $(M', \rho')$  are two access structures, for any attribute x satisfies  $(M, \rho)$ , x does not satisfy  $(M', \rho')$ . For this case, from now on, we say that  $(M, \rho)$  and  $(M', \rho')$  are disjoint.

- (4)  $C_{(M,\rho)} \leftarrow Enc(param, (M, \rho), m)$ : on input *param*, an access structure  $(M, \rho)$  for attributes over  $\mathcal{U}$ , and a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^k$ , output an original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$ , which can be further re-encrypted. We assume the access structure is implicitly included in the ciphertext.
- (5)  $C^{R}_{(M',\rho')} \leftarrow ReEnc(param, rk_{S \to (M',\rho')}, C_{(M,\rho)})$ : on input *param*, a re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M',\rho')}$ , and an original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$ , output a re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^{R}_{(M',\rho')}$  if  $S \models (M,\rho)$  or a symbol  $\perp$  indicating either  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is invalid or  $S \nvDash (M,\rho)$ . Note that  $C^{R}_{(M',\rho')}$  cannot be further re-encrypted.
- (6)  $m \leftarrow Dec(param, S, sk_S, C_{(M,\rho)})$ : on input *param*, an attribute set S and its corresponding private key  $sk_S$ , and an original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$ , output a message m if  $S \models (M, \rho)$  or a symbol  $\perp$  indicating either  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is invalid or  $S \nvDash (M, \rho)$ .
- symbol  $\perp$  indicating either  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is invalid or  $S \nvDash (M,\rho)$ . (7)  $m \leftarrow Dec_R(param, S', sk_{S'}, C^R_{(M',\rho')})$ : on input *param*, an attribute set S' and its corresponding private key  $sk_{S'}$ , and a re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$ , output a message m if  $S' \models (M', \rho')$  or a symbol  $\perp$  indicating either  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$  is invalid or  $S' \nvDash (M', \rho')$ .

For simplicity, we omit *param* in the expression of the algorithm inputs in the rest of the paper. *Correctness:* For any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , any attribute set S ( $S \subseteq U$ ) with its cardinality polynomial to k, any access structure  $(M, \rho)$  for attributes over U and any message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^k$ , if  $(param, msk) \leftarrow$  $Setup(1^k, U), sk_S \leftarrow KeyGen(msk, S)$ , for all S used in the system, we have

$$Dec(S, sk_S, Enc((M, \rho), m)) = m;$$
  
$$Dec_R(S', sk_{S'}, ReEnc(ReKeyGen(sk_S, S, (M', \rho')), Enc((M, \rho), m))) = m,$$

where  $S \models (M, \rho)$  and  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ .

#### 2.2. Security models

In the following discussion, we define the security notions for CP-ABPRE systems. All existing notions for CP-ABPRE systems are only considered in the IND-sAS-CPA security model; later, we define a complete IND-sAS-CCA security game.

## Definition 4

A single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE scheme is IND-sAS-CCA secure at original ciphertext if no Probabilistic Polynomial Time (PPT) adversary A can win the game later with non-negligible advantage. In the game, C is the game challenger, k and U are the security parameter and attribute universe.

- (1) *Initialization*. A outputs a challenge access structure  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  to C.
- (2) Setup. C runs  $Setup(1^k, U)$  and sends param to A.
- (3) Phase 1. A is given access to the following oracles.
  - (a) Private key extraction oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S)$ : on input an attribute set  $S, \mathcal{C}$  runs  $sk_S \leftarrow KeyGen(msk, S)$  and returns  $sk_S$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .
  - (b) Re-encryption key extraction oracle O<sub>rk</sub>(S, (M', ρ')): on input an attribute set S, and an access structure (M', ρ'), C returns rk<sub>S→(M',ρ')</sub> ← ReKeyGen(sk<sub>S</sub>, S, (M', ρ')) to A, where sk<sub>S</sub> ← KeyGen(msk, S).
  - (c) Re-encryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{re}(S, (M', \rho'), C_{(M,\rho)})$ : on input an attribute set S, an access structure  $(M', \rho')$ , and an original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$ , C returns  $C^R_{(M',\rho')} \leftarrow ReEnc(rk_{S \to (M',\rho')}, C_{(M,\rho)})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $rk_{S \to (M',\rho')} \leftarrow ReKeyGen(sk_S, S, (M', \rho')), sk_S \leftarrow KeyGen(msk, S)$  and  $S \models (M, \rho)$ .
  - (d) Original ciphertext decryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}(S, C_{(M,\rho)})$ : on input an attribute set S and an original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$ , C returns  $m \leftarrow Dec(S, sk_S, C_{(M,\rho)})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $sk_S \leftarrow KeyGen(msk, S)$  and  $S \models (M, \rho)$ .

(e) Re-encrypted ciphertext decryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}(S', C^R_{(M',\rho')})$ : on input an attribute set S' and a re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$ , C returns  $m \leftarrow Dec_R(S', sk_{S'}, C^R_{(M',\rho')})$ , where  $sk_{S'} \leftarrow KeyGen(msk, S')$  and  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ .

Note if the ciphertexts issued to oracles  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}$  are invalid,  $\mathcal{C}$  simply outputs  $\perp$ . In this phase, the following queries are forbidden to issue:

- *O*<sub>sk</sub>(S) for any S ⊨ (M<sup>\*</sup>, ρ<sup>\*</sup>); and *O*<sub>rk</sub>(S, (M', ρ')) for any S ⊨ (M<sup>\*</sup>, ρ<sup>\*</sup>), and *O*<sub>sk</sub>(S') for any S' ⊨ (M', ρ').
- (4) *Challenge*. A outputs two equal length messages  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  to C.
  - $\mathcal{C}$  returns  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)} = Enc((M^*,\rho^*),m_b)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $b \in_R \{0,1\}$ .
- (5) *Phase 2. A* continues making queries as in Phase 1 except the following:
  - (a)  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S)$  for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ ;
  - (b)  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}(S, (M', \rho'))$  for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S')$  for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ ;
  - (c)  $\mathcal{O}_{re}\left(S, (M', \rho'), C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)}\right)$  for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S')$  for any  $S' \models$
  - (d)  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}\left(S, C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)}\right)$  for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ ; and
  - (e)  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}\left(S', C^R_{(M',\rho')}\right)$  for any  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$ ,  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ , where  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$  is a derivative of  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$ . As of [30], the derivative of  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$  is defined as follows.
    - (i)  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$  is a derivative of itself.
    - (ii) If  $\mathcal{A}'$  has issued a re-encryption key query on  $(S, (M', \rho'))$  to obtain the re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$ , and achieved  $C^R_{(M', \rho')} \leftarrow$  $ReEnc\left(rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)}\right)$ , then  $C^R_{(M', \rho')}$  is a derivative of  $C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)}$ , where  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ .
    - (iii) If A has issued a re-encryption query on  $(S, (M', \rho'), C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)})$  and obtained the re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^{R}_{(M',\rho')}$ , then  $C^{R}_{(M',\rho')}$  is a derivative of  $C^{*}_{(M^{*},\rho^{*})}$ , where  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ .

(6) Guess. A outputs a guess bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$ . If b' = b, A wins.

The advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  is defined as  $\epsilon_1 = Adv_{CP-ABPRE,\mathcal{A}}^{IND-sAS-CCA-Or}(1^k,\mathcal{U}) = |Pr[b'=b] - \frac{1}{2}|.$ 

# Remarks

The previous model can be extended to the IND-aAS-CCA-Or game by allowing A to output the challenge access structure  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  in the challenge phase. Meanwhile, there is no restriction for  $\mathcal{A}$  in Phase 1. In addition,  $\mathcal{C}$  will output the challenge ciphertext if the forbidden queries defined in Phase 1 of the previous game are never made.

The definition of IND-sAS-CCA-Re security is defined in an orthogonal manner as follows.

## **Definition** 5

A single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE scheme is IND-sAS-CCA secure at re-encrypted ciphertext if the advantage  $\epsilon_2 = Adv_{CP-ABPRE,A}^{IND-sAS-CCA-Re}(1^k, U)$  is negligible for any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in the following experiment. Set  $\mathcal{O} = \{\mathcal{O}_{sk}, \mathcal{O}_{rk}, \mathcal{O}_{re}, \mathcal{O}_{d2}, \mathcal{O}_{d1}\}$ .

$$\begin{split} \epsilon_{2} = & \left| Pr \Big[ b' = b: \big( (M^{*}, \rho^{*}), State_{1} \big) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(1^{k}); (param, msk). \\ & \leftarrow Setup(1^{k}, \mathcal{U}); (m_{0}, m_{1}, (M, \rho), \\ State_{2}) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}}(param, State_{1}); b \in_{R} \{0, 1\}; C^{R*}_{(M^{*}, \rho^{*})} \leftarrow ReEnc \big( rk_{S \rightarrow (M^{*}, \rho^{*})}, C_{(M, \rho)} \big); \\ & b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{O}} \left( C^{R*}_{(M^{*}, \rho^{*})}, State_{2} \right) \Big] - \frac{1}{2} \Big|, \end{split}$$

where  $State_1$  and  $State_2$  are the state information,  $(M, \rho)$  and  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  are disjoint,  $(M^*, \rho^*)$ is the challenge access structure,  $S \models (M, \rho)$ ,  $rk_{S \to (M^*, \rho^*)} \leftarrow ReKeyGen(sk_S, S, (M^*, \rho^*))$ ,  $C_{(M,\rho)} \leftarrow Enc((M, \rho), m_b)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}, \mathcal{O}_{rk}, \mathcal{O}_{re}, \mathcal{O}_{d2}, \mathcal{O}_{d1}$  are the oracles defined in Definition 4. However, these oracles are restricted by the following constraints. For  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}$ , the query on S is forbidden to issue for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ . For  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ , it works as in the IND-sAS-CCA-Or game.  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ will output  $\perp$  if  $\mathcal{A}$  queries any invalid original ciphertext or any re-encrypted ciphertext. There is no restriction for  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}$  except that the oracle will reject any invalid original ciphertext. If  $\mathcal{A}$ queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}$  on  $\left(S, C_{(M^*, \rho^*)}^{R*}\right)$  or invalid any re-encrypted ciphertext, the oracle outputs  $\perp$ , where  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ .

#### Remarks

In Definition 5,  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$  must follow the constraints defined in Definition 4. This is necessary because in selective access structure model, the challenger cannot construct a valid private key for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$ . Thus, the re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  has to be randomly generated, where  $\mathcal{A}$ is allowed to query  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S')$  for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ . If this re-encryption key is given to  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $\mathcal{A}$ can distinguish the simulation from the real attack. This is so because  $\mathcal{A}$  can verify whether such a re-encryption key is valid or not as follows:  $\mathcal{A}$  first generates a ciphertext of a chosen message m under  $(M^*, \rho^*)$ , re-encrypts the ciphertext using the re-encryption key, and then decrypts the re-encrypted ciphertext by using  $sk_{S'}$ . If the decryption outputs m, then the re-encryption key is valid. Thus, this kind of re-encryption key cannot be sent to  $\mathcal{A}$ . As a result, to generate the corresponding re-encrypted ciphertext,  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$  must be provided for  $\mathcal{A}$ . Note that Definition 5 can be regarded as a weaker notion when compared with the (adaptive) re-encrypted ciphertext security model (e.g., [12]).

The previous model can be also extended to the IND-aAS-CCA-Re security game by allowing  $\mathcal{A}$  to output  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  in the challenge phase. Thus, there is no restriction for  $\mathcal{A}$  to query  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$  such that  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$  is unnecessary.

We now proceed to the *selective* collusion resistance for CP-ABPRE systems. Like collusion resistance defined in traditional PRE, this security notion also guarantees that a dishonest proxy cannot compromise the entire private key of the delegator when colluding with the corresponding delegatee. However, it requires an adversary to output an attribute set that it wishes to attack before the setup phase. The selective collusion resistance model can be defined in an identical way introduced in [10, 18]; we hence omit the details here. Instead, we prefer to show that the IND-sAS-CCA-Or security already implies the selective collusion resistance.

#### Theorem 1

Suppose a single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE scheme is IND-sAS-CCA-Or secure, then it is selective collusion resistant as well.

#### Proof

In the IND-sAS-CCA-Or security game,  $\mathcal{A}$  can achieve the following re-encryption keys from  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ :  $rk_{S \to (M',\rho')}$  and  $rk_{S' \to (M'',\rho'')}$ , where  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$  and  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ . Following the restrictions defined in the game,  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot query the private key  $sk_{S'}$  for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$  (recall that  $\mathcal{A}$  is forbidden to query any private key  $sk_S$  for any  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*)$  as well) but the private key  $sk_{S''}$  for any  $S'' \models (M'', \rho'')$ .

Suppose an IND-sAS-CCA-Or secure CP-ABPRE scheme is not selective collusion resistant. Then  $\mathcal{A}$  is able to compromise the private key  $sk_{S'}$  with knowledge of  $rk_{S'\to(M',\rho')}$  and  $sk_{S''}$ . Using  $rk_{S\to(M',\rho')}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  can re-encrypt the challenge ciphertext  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$  to  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  then decrypts the re-encrypted ciphertext by using  $sk_{S'}$  such that it can output the value of the bit b. This contradicts the IND-sAS-CCA-Or security.

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

#### 3. PRELIMINARIES

We first give a brief review of bilinear maps and the decisional *q*-parallel BDHE assumption, and next introduce the target collision resistance hash function.

Bilinear Maps. Let BSetup denote an algorithm that, on input the security parameter  $1^k$ , outputs the parameters for a bilinear map as  $(p, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e)$ , where  $\mathbb{G}$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  are two multiplicative cyclic groups with prime order  $p \in \Theta(2^k)$  and g is a generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ . The efficient mapping  $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \to$  $\mathbb{G}_T$  has three properties: (1) bilinearity: for all  $g \in \mathbb{G}$  and  $a, b \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab}$ ; (2) non-degeneracy:  $e(g, g) \neq 1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$ , where  $1_{\mathbb{G}_T}$  is the unit of  $\mathbb{G}_T$ ; and (3) computability: e can be efficiently computed.

Definition 6

Decisional q-parallel BDHE Assumption [22]. Given a tuple y=

$$g, g^{s}, g^{a}, \dots, g^{a^{q}}, g^{a^{q+2}}, \dots, g^{a^{2q}} \forall_{1 \le j \le q} g^{s \cdot b_{j}}, g^{a/b_{j}}, \dots, g^{a^{q}/b_{j}}, g^{a^{q+2}/b_{j}}, \dots, g^{a^{2q}/b_{j}} \\ \forall_{1 \le j,k \le q,k \ne j} g^{a \cdot s \cdot b_{k}/b_{j}}, \dots, g^{a^{q} \cdot s \cdot b_{k}/b_{j}},$$

and  $T \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , the decisional q-parallel BDHE problem is to decide whether  $T = e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$ , where  $a, s, b_1, \ldots, b_q \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p$  and g is a generator of  $\mathbb{G}$ . Define  $Adv_A^{D-q-parallelBDHE} = |Pr[\mathcal{A}(y, e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}) = 0] - Pr[\mathcal{A}(y, T) = 0]|$  as the advantage of adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in winning the decisional q-parallel BDHE problem. We say that the decisional q-parallel BDHE assumption holds in  $(\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T)$  if no PPT algorithm has non-negligible advantage.

Target Collision Resistant Hash Function. Target Collision Resistant (TCR) hash function was introduced by Cramer and Shoup [35]. A TCR hash function H guarantees that given a random element x, which is from the valid domain of H, a PPT adversary A cannot find  $y \neq x$  such that H(x) = H(y). We let  $Adv_{H,A}^{TCR} = Pr[(x, y) \leftarrow A(1^k) : H(x) = H(y), x \neq y, x, y \in DH]$  be the advantage of A in successfully finding collisions from a TCR hash function H, where DH is the valid input domain of H, k is the security parameter. If a hash function is chosen from a TCR hash function family,  $Adv_{H,A}^{TCR}$  is negligible.

#### 4. A NEW CP-ABPRE SCHEME WITH CCA SECURITY

In this section, we construct a new CP-ABPRE scheme in the random oracle model with CCA security. Prior to proposing the scheme, we first introduce some intuition behind our construction.

#### 4.1. Intuition of our construction

We choose Waters ABE (the most efficient construction proposed in [22]) as a basic building block of our scheme with the following reasons. The construction of Waters ABE scheme enables us to convert the scheme to be an ABE Key Encapsulation in the random oracle model. Specifically, in our construction, a content key that is asymmetrically encrypted under an access policy is used to hide a message in a symmetric way. Furthermore, Waters ABE scheme leverages LSSS to support any monotonic access formula for data sharing. It is a desirable property for CP-ABPRE systems when being implemented in practice. In addition, Waters ABE scheme limits the size of ciphertext to be linear in the size of formula that helps us relieve the communication cost incurred by the delivery of re-encrypted ciphertext and re-encryption key.

Achieve CCA Security. As discussed in Section 1.3, the biggest challenge is how to achieve CCA security while not jeopardizing the properties of attribute-based re-encryption, unidirectionality, and collusion resistance. In our construction, we use a technique, which is somewhat identical to the FO [36] conversion, to capture CCA security. Specifically, in the construction of ciphertext we leverage a TCR hash function to 'sign' the ciphertext's components as well as the description of LSSS; and meanwhile, we generate a 'verification key' to check the validity of the 'signature'. Note that the definition of the variables used later can be found in our scheme. In algorithm Enc, it can be seen that D

is the 'signature' and  $A_3$  is the verification key such that the validity of ciphertext can be checked by  $e(A_2, g_1) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g, A_3)$  and  $e(A_3, H_4(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho))) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g_1, D)$ . In algorithm ReEnc, the proxy can first check the previous equations so as to guarantee the re-encryption to intake valid input. In addition, the well-formness of the components  $\{(B_i, C_i)|1 \le i \le l\}$  should be verified as they are the input of re-encryption as well. To capture this verification, we let the proxy check  $e(\prod_{i \in I} B_i^{w_i}, g) \stackrel{?}{=} e(A_2, g^a) \cdot \prod_{i \in I} (e(C_i^{-1}, H_3(\rho(i))^{w_i}))$ . After finishing the re-encryption, the proxy will output the re-encrypted ciphertext  $(S, (M, \rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), D, A_4,$  $rk_4$ ). For a legitimate delegatee, he or she is able to check the validity of the re-encrypted ciphertext as  $(M, \rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l)$  are 'signed' in D and S is 'signed' in D', one of the components of  $rk_4$  (which will be further elaborated later). Besides,  $A_4$  is tightly related to the original ciphertext's components  $A_1$  and  $A_3$  in the sense that  $A_3 \stackrel{?}{=} g_1^{H_1(m,\beta)}$  is able to tell whether  $A_4$  is mutated or not.

As to the generation of re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  from an attribute set S to a new access policy  $(M', \rho')$ , it can be seen that S and  $(M', \rho')$  are 'signed' in D', and the signature can be checked by  $A'_2$ ,  $rk_1$ ,  $rk_3$ ,  $R_x$  are tightly related to  $rk_4$  via  $\delta$ , and  $rk_1$  is bound with  $rk_2$  with  $\theta$ , where  $rk_4$  is the encryption of  $\delta$  under  $(M', \rho')$  with CCA security. Here if  $rk_1, rk_2, rk_3$  and  $R_x$  are mutated by an adversary, the re-encryption then will yield an invalid result, which reveals no information of the underlying plaintext; on the other hand, if the description of S and  $(M', \rho')$ , and  $rk_4$  are mutated, the proxy can tell by checking  $e(A'_2, H_6(A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'))) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g, D')$ . Thus, the construction of re-encryption key precludes an adversary from constructing a new and valid re-encryption key either  $rk_{S' \to (M', \rho')}$  or  $rk_{S \to (M'', \rho'')}$  with knowledge of  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$ .

Taking a close look at the algorithm *ReKeyGen*, we can see that the private key of the delegator is the only secret information required to be the input of the re-encryption key generation. Accordingly, our scheme is non-interactive in the generation of re-encryption key (which saves the bandwidth of communication) and unidirectional. Due to the subtle construction of  $rk_1$  and  $rk_2$  an adversary cannot compromise the entire private key of the delegator without knowledge of  $\theta$  even if colluding with the corresponding delegatee. This captures collusion resistance. As to the single-hop property, it can be achieved as follows. Algorithm ReEnc shows that  $A_3$  (i.e.,  $g_1^s$ ) is a necessary component for re-encryption. Nevertheless, such a component is excluded in  $rk_4$  such that  $rk_4$ cannot be further re-encrypted. Thus, our scheme is single-hop.

#### 4.2. Construction

The description of our new CP-ABPRE scheme with CCA security is as follows.

(1) Setup(1<sup>k</sup>,  $\mathcal{U}$ ). Given a security parameter k and  $\mathcal{U}$ , run  $(p, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow BSetup(1^k)$ . Choose two random values  $a, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , a random generator  $g_1 \in \mathbb{G}$ , and the following TCR hash functions  $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^{2k} \to \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $H_2 : \mathbb{G}_T \to \{0, 1\}^{2k}$ ,  $H_3 : \{0, 1\}^* \to \mathbb{G}$ ,  $H_4 : \{0, 1\}^* \to \mathbb{G}$ ,  $H_5 : \{0, 1\}^k \to \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $H_6 : \{0, 1\}^* \to \mathbb{G}$ . The public parameters are  $param = (p, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g^a, e(g, g)^{\alpha}, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, H_5, H_6)$ , and the master secret key is  $msk = g^{\alpha}$ . Key Gen(msk, S). Given msk and an attribute set S, choose  $t \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , and set  $sk_S$  as (2)

$$KeyGen(msk, S)$$
. Given  $msk$  and an attribute set S, choose  $t \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and set  $sk_S$  as

$$K = g^{a \cdot t} g^{\alpha}, L = g^t, \forall x \in S \ K_x = H_3(x)^t$$

- (3)  $Enc((M, \rho), m)$ . Taking an LSSS access structure  $(M, \rho)$  (M is an  $l \times n$  matrix, and the function  $\rho$  associates rows of M to attributes) and a message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^k$  as input, the encryption algorithm works as follows.
  - (a) Choose  $\beta \in \{0,1\}^k$ , set  $s = H_1(m,\beta)$  and a random vector  $v = (s, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ , where  $y_2, \ldots, y_n \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .
  - (b) For i = 1 to l, set  $\lambda_i = vM_i$ , where  $M_i$  is the vector corresponding to the *i*th row of Μ.
  - (c) Choose  $r_1, \ldots, r_l \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , set the original ciphertext as

$$A_1 = (m||\beta) \oplus H_2(e(g,g)^{\alpha \cdot s}), A_2 = g^s, A_3 = g_1^s, B_1 = (g^a)^{\lambda_1} H_3(\rho(1))^{-r_1}, C_1 = g^{r_1}, \dots, B_l = (g^a)^{\lambda_l} H_3(\rho(l))^{-r_l}, C_l = g^{r_l}, D = H_4(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho))^s,$$

 $i \leq l$  are the attributes used in the access structure  $(M, \rho)$ . Like [22], we allow an attribute to be associated with multiple rows of matrix M, that is, the function  $\rho$  is not injective.

- (4)  $ReKeyGen(sk_S, S, (M', \rho'))$ . Given a private key  $sk_S = (K, L, \forall x \in S, K_x)$ , the attribute set S, and an LSSS access structure  $(M', \rho')$ , the re-encryption key is generated as follows, where M' is an  $l' \times n'$  matrix, and the function  $\rho'$  associates rows of M' to attributes.
  - The delegator generates the following encryption:
  - (a) Choose  $\beta', \delta \in_R \{0, 1\}^k$ , set  $s' = H_1(\delta, \beta')$  and a random vector  $v' = (s', y'_2, \dots, y'_{n'})$ , where  $y'_2, \dots, y'_{n'} \in_R$  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .
  - (b) For i = 1 to l', set  $\lambda'_i = v'M'_i$ , where  $M'_i$  is the vector corresponding to the *i*th row of M'.
  - (c) Choose  $r'_1, \ldots, r'_{l'} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , compute  $A'_1 = (\delta || \beta') \oplus H_2(e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s'}), A'_2 = g^{s'}, B'_1 = g^{s'}$  $(g^a)^{\lambda'_1}H_3(\rho'(1))^{-r'_1}, C'_1 = g^{r'_1}, \dots, B'_{l'} = (g^a)^{\lambda'_{l'}}H_3(\rho'(l'))^{-r'_{l'}}, C'_{l'} = g^{r'_{l'}}, D' =$  $H_6(A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'))^{s'}, \text{ and set } C_{(M', \rho')} = ((M', \rho'), A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), D').$
  - The delegator chooses  $\theta \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , and sets  $rk_1 = K^{H_5(\delta)}g_1^{\theta}, rk_2 = g^{\theta}, rk_3 = L^{H_5(\delta)}, \forall x \in S \ R_x = K_x^{H_5(\delta)}, rk_4 = C_{(M',\rho')}$ , and outputs the re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M',\rho')} = (S, rk_1, rk_2, rk_3, rk_4, \forall x \in S \ R_x)$ .
- (5)  $ReEnc(rk_{S\to(M',\rho')}, C_{(M,\rho)})$ . Parse the original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  as  $((M,\rho), A_1, C_{(M,\rho)})$  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$ ,  $(B_1, C_1)$ , ...,  $(B_l, C_l)$ , D), and the re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  as  $(S, rk_1, rk_2, rk_3, rk_4, \forall x \in S \ R_x)$ . Let  $I \subseteq \{1, ..., l\}$  be defined as  $I = \{i : \rho(i) \in S\}$ ,  $\{w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}_{i \in I}$  be a set of constants such that  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \lambda_i = s$  if  $\{\lambda_i\}$  are valid shares of any secret s according to M and S  $\models$  (M,  $\rho$ ). As stated in [22, 34], one can find the values  $w_i$ satisfying  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \lambda_i = s$  with knowledge of M and I.
  - (a) Verify whether the re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  contains valid S and  $(M', \rho')$  or not

$$e\left(A'_{2}, H_{6}\left(A'_{1}, A'_{2}, \left(B'_{1}, C'_{1}\right), \dots, \left(B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}\right), S, \left(M', \rho'\right)\right)\right) \stackrel{?}{=} e\left(g, D'\right).$$

(b) Check the validity of the original ciphertext

$$e(A_{2},g_{1}) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g,A_{3}), e(A_{3},H_{4}(A_{1},A_{3},(B_{1},C_{1}),\dots,(B_{l},C_{l}),(M,\rho))) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g_{1},D),$$

$$e\left(\prod_{i\in I} B_{i}^{w_{i}},g\right) \stackrel{?}{=} e(A_{2},g^{a}) \prod_{i\in I} \left(e(C_{i}^{-1},H_{3}(\rho(i))^{w_{i}})\right), S \stackrel{?}{\models} (M,\rho).$$
(1)

If Equation (1) does not hold, output  $\perp$ . Otherwise, proceed.

- (c) Compute  $A_4 = \frac{e(A_2, rk_1)/e(A_3, rk_2)}{(\prod_{i \in I} (e(B_i, rk_3) \cdot e(C_i, R_{\rho(i)}))^{w_i})}$ , and output the re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^R_{(M', \rho')} = (S, (M, \rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), D, A_4, rk_4).$
- (6)  $Dec(S, sk_S, C_{(M,\rho)})$ . Parse the original ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  as  $((M, \rho), A_1, A_2, A_3, (B_1, C_1), C_1)$ ...,  $(B_l, C_l)$ , D), and the private key  $sk_S$  as  $(K, L, \forall x \in S \ K_x)$ . Let  $I \subseteq \{1, \ldots, l\}$  be defined as  $I = \{i : \rho(i) \in S\}, \{w_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}_{i \in I}$  be a set of constants such that  $\sum_{i \in I} w_i \lambda_i = s$ .
  - (1) Verify Equation (1). If Equation (1) does not hold, output  $\perp$ . Otherwise, proceed.
  - (2) Compute  $Z = e(A_2, K) / (\prod_{i \in I} (e(B_i, L) \cdot e(C_i, K_{\rho(i)}))^{w_i})$  and  $m || \beta = H_2(Z) \oplus A_1$ , output *m* if  $A_3 = g_1^{H_1(m,\beta)}$ , and output  $\perp$  otherwise.
- (7)  $Dec_R(S', sk_{S'}, C^R_{(M',\rho')})$ . Parse the re-encrypted ciphertext  $C^R_{(M',\rho')}$  as  $(S, (M, \rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \ldots, (B_l, C_l), D, A_4, rk_4)$ , and the private key  $sk_{S'}$  as  $(K', L', \forall x \in S' K'_x)$ .

- (a) Recover  $\delta || \beta'$  as follows. Let  $I' \subseteq \{1, \ldots, l'\}$  be defined as  $I' = \{i : \rho'(i) \in S'\}, \{w'_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}_{i \in I'}$  be a set of constants such that  $\sum_{i \in I'} w'_i \lambda'_i = s'$  if  $\{\lambda'_i\}$  are valid shares of any secret s' according to M' and  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ .
- (i) Verify

$$e(A'_{2}, H_{6}(A'_{1}, A'_{2}, (B'_{1}, C'_{1}), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'))) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g, D'), S' \stackrel{?}{\models} (M', \rho').$$
(2)

If Equation (2) does not hold, output  $\perp$ . Otherwise, proceed.

- (ii) Compute  $Z' = e(A'_2, K') / \left( \prod_{i \in I'} \left( e\left(B'_i, L'\right) \cdot e\left(C'_i, K'_{\rho'(i)}\right) \right)^{w'_i} \right)$  and  $\delta ||\beta'| = H_2(Z') \oplus A'_1$ , proceed if  $A'_2 = g^{H_1(\delta, \beta')}$ , and output  $\perp$  otherwise.
- (b) Compute  $m ||\beta = H_2(A_4^{\frac{1}{H_5(\delta)}}) \oplus A_1$ , output *m* if  $A_3 = g_1^{H_1(m,\beta)}$ ,  $D = H_4(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho))^{H_1(m,\beta)}$  and  $S \models (M, \rho)$ , and output  $\bot$  otherwise.
- Correctness for original ciphertext.

$$Z = e(A_2, K) / \left( \prod_{i \in I} \left( e(B_i, L) \cdot e(C_i, K_{\rho(i)}) \right)^{w_i} \right)$$
  
$$= \frac{e(g^s, g^{a \cdot t} \cdot g^{\alpha})}{\left( \prod_{i \in I} \left( e(g^{a \cdot \lambda_i} \cdot H_3(\rho(i))^{-r_i}, g^t) \cdot e(g^{r_i}, H_3(\rho(i))^t) \right)^{w_i} \right)}$$
  
$$= \frac{e(g^s, g^{a \cdot t} \cdot g^{\alpha})}{e(g, g^{a \cdot t}) \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i \cdot w_i} = e(g^s, g^{\alpha}),$$

we have  $H_2(Z) \oplus A_1 = H_2(e(g^s, g^{\alpha})) \oplus (m||\beta) \oplus H_2(e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}) = m||\beta$ .

• Correctness for re-encrypted ciphertext.

$$\begin{split} A_{4} &= \frac{e(A_{2}, rk_{1})/e(A_{3}, rk_{2})}{\left(\prod_{i \in I} (e(B_{i}, rk_{3}) \cdot e(C_{i}, R_{\rho(i)}))^{w_{i}}\right)} \\ &= \frac{e(g^{s}, (g^{a \cdot t} \cdot g^{\alpha})^{H_{5}(\delta)} \cdot g_{1}^{\theta})/e(g_{1}^{s}, g^{\theta})}{\prod_{i \in I} (e((g^{a})^{\lambda_{i}} \cdot H_{3}(\rho(i))^{-r_{i}}, (g^{t})^{H_{5}(\delta)}) \cdot e(g^{r_{i}}, H_{3}(\rho(i))^{t \cdot H_{5}(\delta)}))^{w_{i}}} \\ &= \frac{e(g^{s}, g^{\alpha \cdot H_{5}(\delta)}) \cdot e(g^{s}, g^{a \cdot t \cdot H_{5}(\delta)})}{e(g, g^{a \cdot t \cdot H_{5}(\delta)})^{\sum_{i \in I} \lambda_{i} \cdot w_{i}}} = e\left(g^{s}, g^{\alpha \cdot H_{5}(\delta)}\right), \\ Z' &= e(A'_{2}, K') / \left(\prod_{i \in I'} \left(e\left(B'_{i}, L'\right) \cdot e\left(C'_{i}, K'_{\rho'(i)}\right)\right)^{w'_{i}}\right) \\ &= \frac{e(g^{s'}, g^{a \cdot t} \cdot g^{\alpha})}{(\prod_{i \in I'} (e(g^{a \cdot \lambda'_{i}} \cdot H_{3}(\rho'(i))^{-r'_{i}}, g^{t}) \cdot e(g^{r'_{i}}, H_{3}(\rho'(i))^{t}))^{w'_{i}})} \\ &= \frac{e(g^{s'}, g^{a \cdot t} \cdot g^{\alpha})}{e(g, g^{a \cdot t})^{\sum_{i \in I'} \lambda'_{i} \cdot w'_{i}}} = e(g^{s'}, g^{\alpha}), \end{split}$$

we have  $H_2(Z') \oplus A'_1 = H_2(e(g^{s'}, g^{\alpha})) \oplus (\delta || \beta') \oplus H_2(e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s'}) = \delta || \beta'$ , and  $H_2(A_4^{\frac{1}{H_5(\delta)}}) \oplus A_1 = H_2(e(g, g)^{\alpha s H_5(\delta)})^{\frac{1}{H_5(\delta)}} \oplus (m || \beta) \oplus H_2(e(g, g)^{\alpha s}) = m || \beta.$ 

# 4.3. Security analysis

Before giving the formal security analysis, we first give some intuition as to why our CP-ABPRE scheme is secure against CCA. For the security of original ciphertext, let  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)} = ((M^*,\rho^*), A^*_1, A^*_2, A^*_3, (B^*_1, C^*_1), \dots, (B^*_l, C^*_l), D^*)$  be the challenge original ciphertext of  $m_b$ . Suppose an

adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  following the constraints given in Definition 4 will try to take additional advantage in guessing the value of the bit *b* by leveraging the responses of  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}$ . Specifically,  $\mathcal{A}$  might mutate  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$ , and issue the resulting ciphertext to  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}$ . From Equation (1), the mutation can be noticeable with non-negligible probability. This is so because  $A^*_1$ ,  $A^*_3$ ,  $(B^*_1, C^*_1), \ldots$ ,  $(B^*_l, C^*_l)$  are bound by *D* as well as the description of  $(M^*, \rho^*)$ . Note that *D* can be viewed as a signature for the previous components. Besides, the integrity of  $A^*_2$  is bound by  $A^*_3$ . If the challenge ciphertext is mutated, Equation (1) will not hold. Therefore, no extra advantage in guessing *b* leaks to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

For the security of re-encrypted ciphertext, let  $C_{(M^*,\rho^*)}^{R*} = (S, (M, \rho), A_1^*, A_3^*, (B_1^*, C_1^*), \dots, (B_l^*, C_l^*), D^*, A_4^*, rk_4^*)$  be the challenge re-encrypted ciphertext of  $m_b$ . Following Definition 5,  $\mathcal{A}$  will try to obtain additional advantage in winning the game with the help of  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}$ . Before proceeding, we show that the re-encrypted ciphertext cannot be re-encrypted, that is, given  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot achieve extra advantage. It is not difficult to see that  $rk_4^*$  cannot be re-encrypted without  $A'_3$  (i.e.,  $g_1^{s'}$ ), which is a crucial component for re-encryption. Furthermore,  $A_2^*$  that is needed in re-encryption and the verification in Equation (1) is excluded in the re-encrypted ciphertext as well.

Accordingly, the re-encryption query for any re-encrypted ciphertext will be rejected. Given  $C_{(M^*,\rho^*)}^{R*}$   $\mathcal{A}$  cannot mutate the ciphertext and issue the resulting ciphertext to  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}$  such that the oracle outputs a valid decryption result without any rejection. The reason is that  $A_1^*$ ,  $A_3^*$ ,  $(B_1^*, C_1^*)$ , ...,  $(B_l^*, C_l^*)$  are still bound by  $D^*$  as well as the description of  $(M, \rho)$ ; meanwhile, S and the description of  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  are bound by D', a component of  $rk_4^*$ . Note that  $rk_4^*$  is secure against CCA. D' can be regarded as a signature for all the components contained in  $rk_4^*$  (except D' itself) and S, and  $A'_2$  can be seen as the verification key. Here the only consideration left is the integrity of  $A_4^*$ . We state that if  $A_4^*$  is mutated by  $\mathcal{A}$ , the challenger can tell the change with non-negligible probability. Please refer to our formal security proof for the details. Hence,  $\mathcal{A}$  cannot acquire additional advantage in winning the game by using  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}$ .

Therefore, we have the following theorem.

# Theorem 2

Suppose the decisional q-parallel BDHE assumption holds in ( $\mathbb{G}$ ,  $\mathbb{G}_T$ ), and  $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $H_4$ ,  $H_5$ ,  $H_6$  are the TCR hash functions, our CP-ABPRE scheme is IND-sAS-CCA secure in the random oracle model.

#### Proof

#### IND-sAS-CCA-Or Security.

Suppose there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  who can break the IND-sAS-CCA-Or security of our scheme. We then construct a reduction algorithm  $\mathcal{C}$  to decide whether  $T = e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$  or  $T \in_R \mathbb{G}_T$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  plays the IND-sAS-CCA-Or game with  $\mathcal{A}$  as follows.

 $\mathcal{C}$  takes in  $(p, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow BSetup(1^k)$  and a *q*-parallel BDHE instance *y* and  $T \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , where *T* is either equal to  $e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$  or equal to  $T' \in \mathbb{G}_T$ .

- (1) Initialization. A outputs  $(M^*, \rho^*)$  to C, where  $M^*$  is an  $l^* \times n^*$  matrix, and  $l^*, n^* \leq q$ .
- (2) Setup. C chooses α', γ ∈<sub>R</sub> Z<sup>\*</sup><sub>p</sub> and sets g<sub>1</sub> = g<sup>γ</sup>, e(g, g)<sup>α</sup> = e(g<sup>a</sup>, g<sup>a<sup>q</sup></sup>) · e(g, g<sup>α'</sup>). It implicitly sets α = α' + a<sup>q+1</sup> (which cannot be computed by C). Then C chooses the TCR hash functions as in the real scheme, and sends the public parameters param = (p, g, G, G<sub>T</sub>, e, g<sub>1</sub>, g<sup>a</sup>, e(g, g)<sup>α</sup>, H<sub>1</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>5</sub>, H<sub>6</sub>) to A. From the point of view of A, the public parameters are identical to those of the real scheme. At any time, A can adaptively query the random oracles H<sub>j</sub> (j ∈ {1,...,6}), which are controlled by C. C maintains the lists H<sup>List</sup><sub>j</sub> (j ∈ {1,...,6}), which are initially empty, and answers the queries to the random oracles as follows.
  - (a)  $H_1$ : on receipt of an  $H_1$  query on  $(m, \beta)$ , if there is a tuple  $(m, \beta, s)$  in  $H_1^{List}$ , C forwards the predefined value *s* to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . Otherwise, C sets  $H_1(m, \beta) = s$ , responds *s* to  $\mathcal{A}$  and adds the tuple  $(m, \beta, s)$  to  $H_1^{List}$ , where  $s \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .

- (b)  $H_2$ : on receipt of an  $H_2$  query on  $R \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , if there is a tuple  $(R, \delta_1)$  in  $H_2^{List}$ , C forwards the predefined value  $\delta_1$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\delta_1 \in \{0, 1\}^{2k}$ . Otherwise, C sets  $H_2(R) = \delta_1$ , responds  $\delta_1$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and adds the tuple  $(R, \delta_1)$  to  $H_2^{List}$ , where  $\delta_1 \in R \{0, 1\}^{2k}$ .
- (c)  $H_3$ : on receipt of an  $H_3$  query on  $x \in \mathcal{U}$ , if there is a tuple  $(x, z_x, \delta_{2,x})$  in  $H_3^{List}$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  forwards the predefined value  $\delta_{2,x}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $z_x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ,  $\delta_{2,x} \in \mathbb{G}$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$ constructs  $\delta_{2,x}$  as follows. Let X denote the set of indices i such that  $\rho^*(i) = x$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq l^*$ . Namely, X contains the indices of rows of matrix  $M^*$  that corresponds to the same attribute x.  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses  $z_x \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and sets  $\delta_{2,x} = g^{z_x} \cdot \prod_{q \in M} g^{a \cdot M_{i,1}^*/B_i + a^2 \cdot M_{i,2}^*/b_i + \cdots + a^{n^*} \cdot M_{i,n^*}^*/b_i}$ . If  $X = \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  sets  $\delta_{2,x} = g^{\mathbb{Z}X}$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  responds  $\delta_{2,x}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and adds the tuple  $(x, z_x, \delta_{2,x})$ to  $H_3^{List}$ .
- (d)  $H_4$ : on receipt of an  $H_4$  query on  $(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho))$ , if there is a tuple  $(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho), \xi_1, \delta_3)$  in  $H_4^{List}$ , C forwards the predefined value  $\delta_3$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\xi_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \delta_3 \in \mathbb{G}$ . Otherwise, C sets  $\delta_3 = g^{\xi_1}$ , responds  $\delta_3$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and adds the tuple  $(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho), \xi_1, \delta_3)$  to  $H_4^{List}$ , where  $\xi_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .
- (e) H<sub>5</sub>: on receipt of an H<sub>5</sub> query on δ ∈ {0, 1}<sup>k</sup>, if there is a tuple (δ, ξ<sub>2</sub>) in H<sub>5</sub><sup>List</sup>, C forwards the predefined value ξ<sub>2</sub> to A, where ξ<sub>2</sub> ∈ Z<sub>p</sub><sup>\*</sup>. Otherwise, C sets H<sub>5</sub>(δ) = ξ<sub>2</sub>, responds ξ<sub>2</sub> to A and adds the tuple (δ, ξ<sub>2</sub>) to H<sub>5</sub><sup>List</sup>, where ξ<sub>2</sub> ∈ R Z<sub>p</sub><sup>\*</sup>.
- (f)  $H_6$ : on receipt of an  $H_6$  query on  $(A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'))$ , if there is a tuple  $(A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'), \xi_3, \delta_4)$  in  $H_6^{List}$ , C forwards the predefined value  $\delta_4$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , where  $\xi_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \delta_4 \in \mathbb{G}$ . Otherwise, C sets  $\delta_4 = g^{\xi_3}$ , responds  $\delta_4$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and adds the tuple  $(A'_1, A'_2, (B'_1, C'_1), \dots, (B'_{l'}, C'_{l'}), S, (M', \rho'), \xi_3, \delta_4)$  to  $H_6^{List}$ , where  $\xi_3 \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .

In addition, C also maintains the following lists, which are initially empty.

- (a)  $SK^{List}$  records the tuples  $(S, sk_S)$ , which are the responses of the queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{sk}(S)$ .
- (b)  $RK^{List}$  records the tuples  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, tag_1, tag_2, tag_3)$ , which are the responses of the queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}(S, (M', \rho'))$ , where  $tag_1, tag_2, tag_3$  denote that the re-encryption key is randomly chosen, generated in  $\mathcal{O}_{re}$  or in  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}$ , respectively.
- (c)  $RE^{List}$  records the tuples  $(S, (M', \rho'), C^R_{(M',\rho')}, tag_1, tag_2, tag_3)$ , which are the responses of the queries to  $\mathcal{O}_{re}(S, (M', \rho'), C_{(M,\rho)})$ , where  $tag_1, tag_2, tag_3$  denote that the re-encrypted ciphertext is generated under a valid re-encryption key, under a randomly chosen re-encryption key or generated without any re-encryption key.
- (3) Phase 1. A issues a series of queries to which C responds as follows.
  - (a) Private key extraction oracle O<sub>sk</sub>(S): C constructs the private key sk<sub>S</sub> as follows. If S ⊨ (M\*, ρ\*), C then outputs ⊥. Otherwise, that is S ⊭ (M\*, ρ\*), C chooses r ∈<sub>R</sub> Z<sup>\*</sup><sub>p</sub>, w = (w<sub>1</sub>,..., w<sub>n\*</sub>) ∈<sub>R</sub> Z<sup>\*n\*</sup><sub>p</sub> such that w<sub>1</sub> = −1 and ∀i ρ\*(i) ∈ S we have w ⋅ M<sup>\*</sup><sub>i</sub> = 0. Note that this vector w must exist by the convention of an LSSS, as stated in [22]. C then sets L = g<sup>r</sup> ⋅ Π<sub>i=1,...,n\*</sub> g<sup>a<sup>q+1-i</sup>⋅w<sub>i</sub></sup> = g<sup>t</sup>. Here t is implicitly defined as t = r + w<sub>1</sub> ⋅ a<sup>q</sup> + ··· + w<sub>n</sub> ⋅ a<sup>q-n\*+1</sup>. C further constructs K as K = g<sup>α'</sup> ⋅ g<sup>a·r</sup> ⋅ Π<sub>i=2,...,n\*</sub> g<sup>a<sup>q+2-i</sup>⋅w<sub>i</sub></sup>. One can verify that K is valid

$$K = g^{\alpha'} \cdot g^{a \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{i=2,\dots,n^*} g^{a^{q+2-i} \cdot w_i} = g^{\alpha'} \cdot g^{a^{q+1}} \cdot g^{-a^{q+1}} \cdot g^{a \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{i=2,\dots,n^*} g^{a^{q+2-i} \cdot w_i}$$
$$= g^{\alpha} \cdot (g^r \cdot \prod_{i=1,\dots,n^*} g^{a^{q+1-i} \cdot w_i})^a = g^{\alpha} \cdot L^a = g^{\alpha} \cdot g^{a \cdot t}.$$

If  $x \in S$  but  $\rho^*(i) \neq x$  for any  $i \in \{1, \dots, l^*\}$ , C then sets  $K_x = L^{z_x}$ . It is easy to see that  $K_x = L^{z_x} = (g^t)^{z_x} = \delta_{2,x}^t = H_3(x)^t$ . Otherwise, C constructs  $K_x$ as  $K_x = L^{z_x} \cdot \prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^*} (g^{(a^j/b_i) \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{k=1,\dots,n^*, k \neq j} (g^{a^{q+1+j-k}/b_i})^{w_k})^{M_{i,j}^*}$ . It can be seen that  $K_x$  is valid

$$\begin{split} K_{x} &= L^{z_{x}} \cdot \prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{(a^{j}/b_{i}) \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{k=1,\dots,n^{*}, k \neq j} \left( g^{a^{q+1+j-k}/b_{i}} \right)^{w_{k}} \right)^{M_{i,j}^{*}} \\ &= L^{z_{x}} \cdot \prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{(a^{j}/b_{i}) \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{k=1,\dots,n^{*}, k \neq j} \left( g^{a^{q+1+j-k}/b_{i}} \right)^{w_{k}} \right)^{M_{i,j}^{*}} \\ &\quad \cdot \prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a^{q+1/b_{i}}} \right)^{w_{j} \cdot M_{i,j}^{*}} \\ &= \left( g^{r} \cdot \prod_{i=1,\dots,n^{*}} g^{a^{q+1-i} \cdot w_{i}} \right)^{z_{x}} \cdot \prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \\ &\left( g^{(a^{j}/b_{i}) \cdot r} \cdot \prod_{k=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a^{q+1+j-k}/b_{i}} \right)^{w_{k}} \right)^{M_{i,j}^{*}} \\ &= \left( g^{z_{x}} \cdot \prod_{i \in X} g^{a \cdot M_{i,1}^{*}/b_{i} + a^{2} \cdot M_{i,2}^{*}/b_{i} + \dots + a^{n^{*}} \cdot M_{i,n^{*}}^{*}/b_{i}} \right)^{(r+w_{1} \cdot a^{q} + \dots + w_{n^{*}} \cdot a^{q-n^{*}+1})} \\ &= \delta_{2,x}^{(r+w_{1} \cdot a^{q} + \dots + w_{n^{*}} \cdot a^{q-n^{*}+1})} = \delta_{2,x}^{t} = H_{3}(x)^{t}, \end{split}$$

where X is the set of all i such that  $\rho^*(i) = x$ . Recall that if  $S \nvDash (M^*, \rho^*)$ , we then have  $w \cdot M_i^* = 0$ . Thus, we have  $\prod_{i \in X} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^*} (g^{a^{q+1}/b_i})^{w_j \cdot M_{i,j}^*} =$  $g^{a^{q+1} \cdot (\sum_{i \in X} \sum_{j=1,\dots,n^*} w_j \cdot M^*_{i,j}/b_i)} = g^0 = 1$ . Finally,  $\mathcal{C}$  adds the tuple  $(S, sk_S)$  to  $SK^{List}$  and returns  $sk_S$  to A.

- (b) Re-encryption key extraction oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{rk}(S, (M', \rho'))$ : if  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', \beta')$  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, *, 0, 1) \in RK^{List}, C$  returns  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ . Otherwise, C proceeds.

  - If  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*) \land (S', sk_{S'}) \in SK^{List}$  (for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ ), C outputs  $\bot$ . If  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*) \land (S', sk_{S'}) \notin SK^{List}$  (for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ ), C checks whether  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, 1, 1, 0) \in RK^{List}$ . If yes, C returns  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$  and resets  $tag_2 = 0, tag_3 = 1$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  first chooses  $\theta, \sigma \in_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{Z}_p^*, \beta', \delta \in_{\mathbb{R}} \{0, 1\}^k, \ \bar{K} \in_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{G}$ .  $\mathcal{C}$  then sets  $rk_1 = \bar{K} \cdot g_1^{\theta}, rk_2 = g^{\theta}$ ,  $rk_3 = g^{\sigma}, R_x = \delta_{2,x}^{\sigma},$

and constructs  $rk_4$  as in the real scheme, where  $\delta_{2,x}$  is the output of issuing x to  $H_3, x \in S$ .

Finally, C returns  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')} = (S, rk_1, rk_2, rk_3, rk_4, R_x)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and adds  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, 1, 0, 1)$  to  $RK^{List}$ .

- Otherwise, if  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, 0, 1, 0) \in RK^{List}, C$  returns  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and resets  $tag_2 = 0, tag_3 = 1$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  first constructs the private key  $sk_S$  as in step (a). C further generates  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}$  as in the real scheme, returns the re-encryption key to A and adds (S,  $(M', \rho'), \delta, \beta'$ ,  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, 0, 0, 1)$  to  $RK^{List}$ .
- (c) Re-encryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{re}(S, (M', \rho'), C_{(M,\rho)})$ :  $\mathcal{C}$  verifies whether Equation (1) holds. If not (i.e., indicating that either the ciphertext  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is invalid or  $S \nvDash (M, \rho)$ ), C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C proceeds.
  - If  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*) \land (S', sk_{S'}) \in SK^{List}$  (for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ ) does not hold,
    - (i) If  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*) \land (S', sk_{S'}) \notin SK^{List}$ , C first constructs the reencryption key as in the second case of step (b), further re-encrypts  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and finally adds  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M', \rho')}, 1, 1, 0),$  $(S, (M', \rho'), C^R_{(M', \rho')}, 0, 1, 0)$  to  $RK^{List}, RE^{List}$ , respectively.

- (ii) Otherwise, C first constructs the re-encryption key as in the third case of step (b), further re-encrypts  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ , and finally adds  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', rk_{S \to (M',\rho')}, 0, 1, 0), (S, (M', \rho'), C^{R}_{(M',\rho')}, 1, 0, 0)$  to  $RK^{List}$ , RE<sup>List</sup>, respectively.
- Otherwise, if  $S \models (M^*, \rho^*) \land (S', sk_{S'}) \in SK^{List}$  (for any  $S' \models (M', \rho')$ ) and  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is the challenge ciphertext, C outputs  $\perp$ . Else, C checks whether  $(m, \beta, s) \in H_1^{List}$  such that  $A_3 = g_1^s$ . If no such tuple exists,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C checks whether  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', \bot, \bot, 1, \bot) \in RK^{List}$ , where  $S \models$  $(M^*, \rho^*)$ . If no,  $\mathcal{C}$  chooses  $\beta', \delta \in_R \{0, 1\}^k$ , generates  $rk_4 = C_{(M', \rho')}$  (to hide  $\delta$  and  $\beta'$ ) as in the real scheme, and constructs  $A_4 = (e(g^a, g^{a^q}) \cdot e(g, g^{a'}))^{s \cdot \xi_2}$ , where  $\xi_2 = H_5(\delta)$ . Finally, C returns  $C_{(M',\rho')}^R = (S, (M,\rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), D, A_4, rk_4)$  to A, and adds  $(S, (M', \rho'), \delta, \beta', \bot, \bot, 1, \bot), (S, (M', \rho'), C_{(M',\rho')}^R, 0, 0, 1)$  to  $RK^{List}, RE^{List}$ , respectively.
- (d) Original ciphertext decryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{d2}(S, C_{(M,\rho)})$ : C verifies whether Equation (1) holds. If not (i.e., indicating either the ciphertext is invalid or  $S \not\models$  $(M, \rho)$ ), C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C proceeds.
  - If  $(S, sk_S) \in SK^{List}$  (for any  $S \models (M, \rho)$ ), C recovers m as in the real scheme by using  $sk_s$ .
  - Otherwise, if  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is the challenge ciphertext,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\perp$ . Else,  $\mathcal{C}$  checks whether  $(m, \beta, s) \in H_1^{List}$  and  $(R, \delta_1) \in H_2^{List}$  such that  $A_3 = g_1^s, A_1 =$  $(m||\beta) \oplus \delta_1$  and  $R = e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$ . C outputs  $\perp$  if no such tuples exist, and outputs *m* otherwise.
- (e) Re-encrypted ciphertext decryption oracle  $\mathcal{O}_{d1}(S', C^R_{(M',\rho')})$ : C first checks whether there are tuples  $(\delta, \beta', s')$  and  $(m, \beta, s)$  in  $H_1^{List}$  such that  $A'_2 = g^{s'}$  and  $A_3 = g_1^s$ . If not, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C verifies whether Equation (2) holds. If not (i.e., indicating either  $rk_4$  is invalid or  $S' \nvDash (M', \rho')$ ),  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$ proceeds.
- If C<sup>R</sup><sub>(M',ρ')</sub> is a derivative of the challenge ciphertext, C outputs ⊥.
  If (S, (M', ρ'), δ, β', rk<sub>S→(M',ρ')</sub>, 1, 0, 1) ∈ RK<sup>List</sup> ∨ (S, (M', ρ'), C<sup>R</sup><sub>(M',ρ')</sub>, 0, 1, 0)  $\in RE^{List}, C$  checks

$$e\left(\prod_{i\in I'} B_i'^{w_i'}, g\right) \stackrel{?}{=} e\left(A_2', g^a\right) \cdot \prod_{i\in I'} \left(e\left(C_i'^{-1}, H_3(\rho'(i))^{w_i'}\right)\right),\tag{3}$$

where with knowledge of M' and I' ( $I' \subseteq \{1, \ldots, l'\}$  and  $I' = \{i : \rho'(i) \in S'\}$ ), C can find  $\{w'_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*\}_{i \in I'}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in I'} w'_i \cdot \lambda'_i = s'$ . If Equation (3) does not hold, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C reconstructs  $A_2 = g^s$  with knowledge of s and then verifies Equation (1). If the equation does not hold, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C recovers the random re-encryption key  $rk_{S \to (M', \rho')} = (S, rk_1, rk_2, rk_3, rk_4, R_x)$  from  $RK^{List}$ , and checks the validity of  $A_4$  as  $A_4 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{e(A_2, rk_1)/e(A_3, rk_2)}{(\prod_{i \in I} (e(B_i, rk_3) \cdot e(C_i, R_{\rho(i)}))^{w_i})}$ , where I and  $w_i$  are already defined in algorithm ReEnc. If the previous equation does not hold, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C checks whether  $(R, \delta_1) \in H_2^{List}$  such that  $A_1 = (m||\beta) \oplus \delta_1$  and  $R = e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$ . If no such tuple exists, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C returns m to A. Here it is worth mentioning that C can tell the derivatives of the challenge ciphertext via the previous verification approach.

- Otherwise,
  - (i) If  $(S', sk_{S'}) \in SK^{List}$ , C recovers m as in the real scheme by using  $sk_{S'}$ .
- (ii) Otherwise, C checks whether Equation (3) holds. If not, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, Cchecks whether  $(R, \delta_1) \in H_2^{List}$  such that  $A_1 = (m||\beta) \oplus \delta_1, R = e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$ , verifies

whether  $A_4 = e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s \cdot \xi_2}$  and  $D = H_4(A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), (M, \rho))^s$ hold, where  $\xi_2 = H_5(\delta)$ . If no such tuple exists and the equations do not hold, C outputs  $\perp$ . Otherwise, C outputs m.

- (4) *Challenge*. A outputs  $m_0, m_1$  to C. C chooses  $b \in R \{0, 1\}$  and responds as follows.
  - (a) For each row *i* of  $M^*$ , set  $x^* = \rho^*(i)$ , and issue an  $H_3$  query on  $x^*$  to obtain the tuple  $(x^*, z_{x^*}, \delta_{2,x^*})$ . Like [22] (the challenger is able to choose the secret splitting), choose  $y'_2, \ldots, y'_{n^*}$  and share the secret using the vector  $v = (s, s \cdot a + y'_2, s \cdot a^2 + y'_3, \ldots, s \cdot a^{n-1} + y'_{n^*}) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^{n^*}$ . Choose  $r'_1, \ldots, r'_{l^*} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, l^*\}$ , denote  $R_i$  as the set of all  $i \neq k$  such that  $\rho^*(i) = \rho^*(k)$ . Set

$$B_i^* = \delta_{2,x^*}^{-r_i'} \cdot \left(\prod_{j=2,\dots,n^*} g^{a \cdot M_{i,j}^* \cdot y_j'}\right) \cdot g^{b_i \cdot s \cdot (-z_{x^*})} \cdot \left(\prod_{k \in R_i} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^*} \left(g^{a^j \cdot s \cdot (b_i/b_k)}\right)^{M_{k,j}^*}\right)^{-1},$$
$$C_i^* = g^{r_i' + s \cdot b_i}.$$

- (b) Choose  $\beta^* \in_R \{0, 1\}^k$ ,  $A_1^* \in_R \{0, 1\}^{2k}$ , implicitly define  $H_2(T \cdot e(g^s, g^{\alpha'})) = A_1^* \oplus (m_b || \beta^*)$ , and set  $A_2^* = g^s$ ,  $A_3^* = (g^s)^{\gamma}$ .
- (c) Issue an  $H_4$  query on  $(A_1^*, A_3^*, (B_1^*, C_1^*), \dots, (B_{l^*}^*, C_{l^*}^*), (M^*, \rho^*))$  to obtain the tuple  $(A_1^*, A_3^*, (B_1^*, C_1^*), \dots, (B_{l^*}^*, C_{l^*}^*), (M^*, \rho^*), \xi_1^*, \delta_3^*)$ , and define  $D^* = (g^s)^{\xi_1^*}$ .
- (d) Output the challenge original ciphertext  $C^*_{(M^*,\rho^*)} = ((M^*,\rho^*), A^*_1, A^*_2, A^*_3, (B^*_1, C^*_1), \dots, (B^*_{l^*}, C^*_{l^*}), D^*)$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

If  $T = e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$ ,  $C^*_{(M^*, \rho^*)}$  is a valid ciphertext. Implicitly letting  $H_1(m_b, \beta^*) = s$  and  $r_i = r'_i + s \cdot b_i$ , one can verify that

$$\begin{split} A_{1}^{*} &= A_{1}^{*} \oplus (m_{b} ||\beta^{*}) \oplus (m_{b} ||\beta^{*}) \\ &= H_{2} \left( T \cdot e \left( g^{s}, g^{\alpha'} \right) \right) \oplus (m_{b} ||\beta^{*}) = H_{2} \left( e \left( g, g \right)^{\alpha \cdot s} \right) \oplus (m_{b} ||\beta^{*}) , \\ A_{2}^{*} &= g^{s}, A_{3}^{*} = \left( g^{s} \right)^{y} = \left( g^{\gamma} \right)^{s} = g_{1}^{s} , \\ D^{*} &= \left( g^{s} \right)^{\xi_{1}^{*}} = \left( g^{\xi_{1}^{*}} \right)^{s} = H_{4} \left( A_{1}^{*}, A_{3}^{*}, \left( B_{1}^{*}, C_{1}^{*} \right), \dots, \left( B_{l^{*}}^{*}, C_{l^{*}}^{*} \right), \left( M^{*}, \rho^{*} \right) \right)^{s} , \\ B_{i}^{*} &= \delta_{2,x^{*}}^{-r_{i}'} \left( \prod_{j=2,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a} \right)^{M_{i,j}^{*} \cdot y_{j}'} \right) \left( g^{b_{l} \cdot s} \right)^{-z_{x^{*}}} \left( \prod_{k \in R_{i}} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a^{j} \cdot s \cdot (b_{i}/b_{k})} \right)^{M_{k,j}^{*}} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \delta_{2,x^{*}}^{-r_{i}'} \left( \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a^{j} \cdot s \cdot (b_{i}/b_{k})} \right)^{M_{k,j}^{*}} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \delta_{2,x^{*}}^{-r_{i}'} g^{a\lambda_{i}} \left( \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} g^{a^{j} \cdot s \cdot M_{i,j}^{*}} \right)^{-1} \left( g^{b_{l} \cdot s} \right)^{-z_{x^{*}}} \left( \prod_{k \in R_{i}} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}} \left( g^{a^{j} \cdot s \cdot (b_{i}/b_{k})} \right)^{M_{k,j}^{*}} \right)^{-1} \end{split}$$

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$$= g^{a\lambda_{i}}g^{z_{x^{*}}\cdot(-r_{i}')}g^{b_{i}\cdot s\cdot(-z_{x^{*}})}\left(\prod_{i\in X}g^{a\cdot M_{i,1}^{*}/b_{i}+a^{2}\cdot M_{i,2}^{*}/b_{i}+\dots+a^{n^{*}}\cdot M_{i,n^{*}}^{*}/b_{i}}\right)^{-r_{i}'}$$

$$\cdot\left(\prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}}g^{a^{j}\cdot s\cdot M_{i,j}^{*}}\right)^{-1}\left(\prod_{k\in R_{i}}\prod_{j=1,\dots,n^{*}}\left(g^{a^{j}\cdot s\cdot(b_{i}/b_{k})}\right)^{M_{k,j}^{*}}\right)^{-1}$$

$$= g^{a\lambda_{i}}\delta_{2,x^{*}}^{-r_{i}'-s\cdot b_{i}} = g^{a\lambda_{i}}\delta_{2,x^{*}}^{-r_{i}} = g^{a\lambda_{i}}H_{3}\left(x^{*}\right)^{-r_{i}} = g^{a\lambda_{i}}H_{3}\left(\rho^{*}\left(i\right)\right)^{-r_{i}}, C_{i}^{*}$$

$$= g^{r_{i}'+s\cdot b_{i}} = g^{r_{i}}.$$

However, if  $T \in_R \mathbb{G}_T$ , the challenge ciphertext is independent of the bit *b* in the view of  $\mathcal{A}$ . (5) *Phase 2.* Same as Phase 1.

(6) Guess. A outputs a guess bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$ . If b' = b, C outputs 1 (i.e., deciding  $T = e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$ ); otherwise, C outputs 0 (i.e., deciding  $T \in \mathbb{R} \mathbb{G}_T$ ).

This completes the simulations. In what follows, we present the probability analysis. We first analyze the simulations of the random oracles. The simulations of the oracles are perfect except  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . Let  $H_1^*$  and  $H_2^*$  be the events that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $(m_b, \beta^*)$  to  $H_1$  and  $R^* = e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$  to  $H_2$  before the challenge phase, respectively, where  $b \in \{0, 1\}, \beta^*$  are chosen by  $\mathcal{C}$  in the challenge phase. Except for the aforementioned cases, the simulations of  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are perfect. We denote by  $Adv_{H_1^*,\mathcal{A}}^{TCR}$  the probability of  $\mathcal{A}$  in querying  $(m_b, \beta^*)$  from  $H_1$  before the challenge phase. Similarly, we have  $Adv_{H_2^*,\mathcal{A}}^{TCR}$ .

In the simulation of the private key extraction, the responses to  $\mathcal{A}$  are perfect. As to the simulation of the re-encryption key extraction, the responses to  $\mathcal{A}$  are also perfect except for the case where the re-encryption key is randomly generated. It can be seen that  $rk_1$ ,  $rk_2$ ,  $rk_3$  and  $R_x$  (which are generated by  $\mathcal{C}$ ) can take the form of the corresponding components of the valid re-encryption key, respectively. Hence, the indistinguishability between the random re-encryption key and the valid one depends on the indistinguishability between the encryption generated by  $\mathcal{C}$  and the one constructed in the real scheme. If  $\mathcal{A}$  can distinguish the previous encryptions,  $\mathcal{C}$  can break the decisional qparallel BDHE problem by using  $\mathcal{A}$ .

As for the simulation given in the challenge phase, it is perfect as well.

In the simulation of the re-encryption, the responses to  $\mathcal{A}$  are perfect with the exception that  $\mathcal{A}$  submits a valid original ciphertext, which is generated without issuing the query to  $H_1$ . We denote by Pr[ReEncErr] the probability of the previous exception. Then, we have  $Pr[ReEncErr] \leq \frac{q_{re}}{p}$ , where  $q_{re}$  is the total number of re-encryption queries.

In the simulation of the decryption, it might be possible that C cannot provide a decryption for a valid ciphertext. Suppose A can generate a valid ciphertext without querying  $e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$  to  $H_2$ , where  $s = H_1(m, \beta)$ . Let *valid* be the event that the original ciphertext or the re-encrypted ciphertext is valid,  $QueryH_1$  be the event that A has queried  $(m, \beta)$  to  $H_1$ , and  $QueryH_2$  be the event that A has queried  $e(g, g)^{\alpha \cdot s}$  to  $H_2$ . From the simulation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[valid | \neg QueryH_2] &\leq \Pr[QueryH_1 | \neg QueryH_2] + \Pr[valid | \neg QueryH_1 \land \neg QueryH_2] \\ &\leq \frac{q_{H_1}}{2^{2k}} + \frac{1}{p}, \end{aligned}$$

and similarly, we have  $Pr[valid | \neg QueryH_1] \leq \frac{q_{H_2}}{2^{2k}} + \frac{1}{p}$ , where  $q_{H_1}$  and  $q_{H_2}$  are the maximum number of random oracle queries to  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ . Let Pr[DecErr] be the probability that the event  $valid | (\neg QueryH_1 \lor \neg QueryH_2)$  occurs, then we have  $Pr[DecErr] \leq (\frac{q_{H_1}+q_{H_2}}{2^{2k}} + \frac{2}{p}) \cdot (q_{d_1} + q_{d_2})$ , where  $q_{d_2}$  and  $q_{d_1}$  denote the total numbers of original ciphertext decryption queries and re-encrypted ciphertexts decryption queries.

Let *Bad* denote the event that  $(H_1^*|\neg H_2^*) \lor H_2^* \lor ReEncErr \lor DecErr$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_1 &= |Pr[b'=b] - \frac{1}{2}| \le \frac{1}{2} Pr[Bad] = \frac{1}{2} Pr[(H_1^*|\neg H_2^*) \lor H_2^* \lor ReEncErr \lor DecErr] \\ &\le \frac{1}{2} (Adv_{H_2^*,A}^{TCR} + \frac{q_{H_1} + (q_{H_1} + q_{H_2}) \cdot (q_{d_1} + q_{d_2})}{2^{2k}} + \frac{2(q_{d_1} + q_{d_2}) + q_{re}}{p}). \end{aligned}$$

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Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{D-q-parallelBDHE} &\geq \frac{1}{q_{H_2}} (Adv_{H_2^*,A}^{TCR}) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{q_{H_2}} (2\epsilon_1 - \frac{q_{H_1} + (q_{H_1} + q_{H_2}) \cdot (q_{d_1} + q_{d_2})}{2^{2k}} - \frac{2(q_{d_1} + q_{d_2}) + q_{re}}{p}). \end{aligned}$$

From the simulation, the running time of C is bound by

$$t' \leq t + O(1)(q_{H_1} + q_{H_2} + q_{H_3} + q_{H_4} + q_{H_5} + q_{H_6} + q_{sk} + q_{rk} + q_{re} + q_{d2} + q_{d1}) + t_e(q_{sk}O(n^{*2}) + (q_{rk} + q_{re})O(f) + (q_{d2} + q_{d1})O(l) + q_{H_1}(q_{re} + q_{d2} + q_{d1})O(1)) + t_p((q_{re} + q_{d2} + q_{d1})O(l)),$$

where  $q_{H_i}$  denotes the total number of random oracle queries to  $H_i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ),  $q_{sk}$ and  $q_{rk}$  denote the total numbers of private key extraction queries and re-encryption key extraction queries,  $t_e$  denotes the running time of an exponentiation in group  $\mathbb{G}$ ,  $t_p$  denotes the running time of a pairing in group  $\mathbb{G}_T$ , t is the running time of  $\mathcal{A}$ , and l is the number of rows of matrix.

IND-sAS-CCA-Re Security.

Suppose there exists an adversary A who can break the IND-sAS-CCA-Re security of our scheme. We then construct a reduction algorithm C to play the decisional q-parallel BDHE problem.

C takes in  $(p, g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_T, e) \leftarrow BSetup(1^k)$  and a *q*-parallel BDHE instance y and  $T \in \mathbb{G}_T$ , where T is either equal to  $e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$  or to  $T' \in_R \mathbb{G}_T$ .

- (1) Initialization. The same as the previous proof.
- (2) Setup. The same as the previous proof.
- (3) *Phase 1.* The same as the previous proof but with constraints defined in Definition 5.
- (4) *Challenge*. A outputs  $(M, \rho)$ ,  $m_0$  and  $m_1$  to C. C chooses  $b \in_R \{0, 1\}$  and responds as follows.
  - (a) Run  $C_{(M,\rho)} \leftarrow Enc((M,\rho), m_b)$  as in the real scheme, and keep  $((M,\rho), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \ldots, (B_l, C_l), D)$ . Here the component  $A_2$  is excluded. Note that M is an  $l \times n$  matrix.
  - (b) Find an attribute set S such that S ⊨ (M, ρ) (note that it is possible that S can be found in SK<sup>List</sup>), and choose β'\*, δ\* ∈<sub>R</sub> {0,1}<sup>k</sup>. Issue an H<sub>5</sub> query on δ\* to obtain ξ<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>. Note that in step (a), the query (m<sub>b</sub>, β) must be issued to H<sub>1</sub> such that the tuple (m<sub>b</sub>, β, s') is already stored in H<sub>1</sub><sup>List</sup>, where β ∈ {0,1}<sup>k</sup>, s' ∈ Z<sub>p</sub><sup>\*</sup>. Then recover (m<sub>b</sub>, β, s') from H<sub>1</sub><sup>List</sup>, and set A<sub>4</sub><sup>\*</sup> = (e(g<sup>a</sup>, g<sup>a<sup>q</sup></sup>) · e(g, g<sup>α'</sup>))<sup>s'.ξ<sub>2</sub><sup>\*</sup>.</sup>
  - (c) For each row i of  $M^*$  (an  $l^* \times n^*$  matrix), set  $x^* = \rho^*(i)$ , issue an  $H_3$  query on  $x^*$  to obtain the tuple  $(x^*, z_{x^*}, \delta_{2,x^*})$ . Choose  $y'_2, \ldots, y'_{n^*}, r'_1, \ldots, r'_{l^*} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , for all  $i \in \{1, \ldots, l^*\}$ , denote  $R_i$  as the set of all  $i \neq k$  such that  $\rho^*(i) = \rho^*(k)$ . Set

$$\begin{split} B_i'^* &= \delta_{2,x^*}^{-r_i'} \cdot \left(\prod_{j=2,\dots,n^*} g^{a \cdot M_{i,j}^* \cdot y_j'}\right) \cdot g^{b_i \cdot s \cdot (-z_{x^*})} \cdot \\ & \left(\prod_{k \in R_i} \prod_{j=1,\dots,n^*} \left(g^{a^j \cdot s \cdot (b_i/b_k)}\right)^{M_{k,j}^*}\right)^{-1} \\ C_i'^* &= g^{r_i' + s \cdot b_i} \,. \end{split}$$

- (d) Choose  $A_1^{\prime *} \in_R \{0, 1\}^{2k}$ , implicitly define  $H_2(T \cdot e(g^s, g^{\alpha'})) = A_1^{\prime *} \oplus (\delta^* || \beta^{\prime *})$ , and set  $A_2^{\prime *} = g^s$ .
- (e) Issue an  $H_6$  query on  $(A_1'^*, A_2'^*, (B_1'^*, C_1'^*), \dots, (B_{l^*}, C_{l^*}), S, (M^*, \rho^*))$  to obtain the tuple  $(A_1'^*, A_2'^*, (B_1'^*, C_1'^*), \dots, (B_{l^*}, C_{l^*}'), S, (M^*, \rho^*), \xi_3^*, \delta_4^*)$ , and define  $D'^* = (g^s)^{\xi_3^*}$ .
- (f) Output the challenge re-encrypted ciphertext  $C_{(M^*,\rho^*)}^{R*} = (S, (M, \rho), (M^*, \rho^*), A_1, A_3, (B_1, C_1), \dots, (B_l, C_l), D, A_4^*, A_1^{\prime*}, A_2^{\prime*}, (B_1^{\prime*}, C_1^{\prime*}), \dots, (B_{l^*}^{\prime*}, C_{l^*}^{\prime*}), D^{\prime*})$  to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

If  $T = e(g,g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$ ,  $C^{R*}_{(M^*,\rho^*)}$  is a valid ciphertext. The components corresponding to  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  are valid. Because  $C_{(M,\rho)}$  is re-encrypted to  $C_{(M^*,\rho^*)}^{R*}$  under a valid re-encryption key  $rk_{S\to(M^*,\rho^*)}$  ( $S \models (M,\rho)$ ), the re-encryption must be valid, that is, the construction of  $A_4^*$  is valid. With the same analysis technique given in the previous proof, it is not difficult to see that the rest of components are valid as well. If  $T \in_R \mathbb{G}_T$ , the challenge ciphertext is independent of the bit b in the view of A.

- (5) Phase 2. The same as Phase 1.
- (6) Guess. A outputs a guess bit  $b' \in \{0, 1\}$ . If b' = b, C outputs 1 (i.e., deciding T = $e(g, g)^{a^{q+1} \cdot s}$ ; otherwise,  $\mathcal{C}$  outputs 0 (i.e., deciding  $T \in_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{G}_T$ ).

The probability analysis is identical to that of the previous proof except that we should take the even  $H_5^*$  into account when analyzing the event Bad, where  $H_5^*$  denotes the event that  $\mathcal{A}$  has queried  $\delta^*$  to  $H_5$  before the challenge phase. From the simulation, we have  $Adv_{\mathcal{A}}^{D-q-parallelBDHE} \geq \frac{1}{q_{H_2}}(Adv_{H_2^*,\mathcal{A}}^{TCR}) \geq \frac{1}{q_{H_2}}(2\epsilon_2 - \frac{q_{H_1} + (q_{H_1} + q_{H_2}) \cdot (q_{d_1} + q_{d_2})}{2^{2k}} - \frac{q_{H_5}}{2^k} - 2\epsilon_2$  $\frac{2(q_{d_1}+q_{d_2})+q_{re}}{n}$ ). The running time of C is identical to that of the previous proof.

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we proposed a new single-hop unidirectional CP-ABPRE scheme, which supports attribute-based re-encryption with any monotonic access structure, to tackle the open problem left by the existing CP-ABPRE schemes. We also showed that our scheme can be proved IND-sAS-CCA secure in the random oracle model under the decisional *q*-parallel BDHE assumption.

*Removing the ROM.* The technique introduced in [37] might be a possible approach to remove random oracles.

We leave this as our future work.

This paper also motivates some interesting open problems, for example, how to construct a CCAsecure CP-ABPRE scheme in the adaptive access structure model, that is, achieving IND-aAS-CCA security.

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