# Attribute-Based Encryption for Circuits [GVW13] 

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The scheme from [GVW13] works as follows:
$(\mathbf{p p}, \mathbf{m s k}) \leftarrow \operatorname{Setup}(\$)$ for $\ell$-bit input $x^{\prime}$ 'es, depth $d$ circuits: (Note that for this scheme we need a bound on depth of circuit, because at input the error expands as we get to output. Thus to get a bound on the error, we need a bound on the depth.)

We need to generate two matrices for each input wire and a matrix for the output wire. For the input wires we use the lattice-trapdoor-sampling procedure TGen (that returns a nearly matrix $A \in \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m}$ together with a trapdoor $t$ for $A$ ), for the putput wire we just choose the matrix at random:

- For $i=1,2, \ldots, \ell$ and $b \in\{0,1\}$, set $\left(A_{i, b}, t_{i, b}\right) \leftarrow \operatorname{TGen}(n, q, m$, error distrib).
- For the output wire, choose a random matrix, $A_{o u t, 1} \in_{R} \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m}$.

The public parameters are $p p=\left\{A_{i, b}, A_{\text {out }, 1}\right\}_{i \in[\ell], b=0,1}$, and the master secret key is $m s k=$ $\left\{t_{i, b}\right\}_{i \in[\ell], b=0,1}$.
$\underline{\mathbf{C T}_{\mathbf{x}} \leftarrow \operatorname{Encrypt}\left(\vec{M} \in\{0,1\}^{m} ; p p, x \in\{0,1\}^{\ell}\right)}:$

- Choose at random $\vec{s} \in \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n}$.
- Choose $\overrightarrow{e_{1}}, \ldots, \overrightarrow{e_{\ell}}, \vec{e}_{\text {out }} \longleftarrow$ error distribution
- Set $\overrightarrow{v_{i}}=\vec{s} A_{i, x_{i}}+\overrightarrow{e_{i}}$ for $i=1, \ldots, \ell$ and $\vec{c}=\vec{s} A_{\text {out }, 1}+\vec{e}_{\text {out }}+\left\lfloor\frac{q}{2}\right\rfloor \vec{M}$
- $C T_{x}=\left(x,\left\{v_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \vec{c}\right)$.

Note that we are only trying to hide $\vec{M}$, not $x$.
$\mathbf{s k}_{\mathbf{P}} \leftarrow \operatorname{KeyGenerator}(P, \mathrm{msk})$ : Let $C$ be a circuit computing the predicate $P$, with input wires $\overline{1, \ldots, \ell \text {, intermediate wires } \ell+1}, \ldots, N-1$ and output wire $N$.

Note that in the delegation scheme in the last lecture we could generate parameters specifically for a given circuit. However, in this construction we don't know anything about the circuit when we generate the parameters, so we have somehow "stitch" the new matrices that we generate for $C$ to the matrices $A_{i, b}$ and $A_{\text {out }, 1}$ from the public key, using the trapdoors that we have in the mastersecret key. We will again use TGen to choose all the matrices that we need, and will use the trapdoors to generates the $R$ 's.

- for $i=\ell+1, \ldots, N-1, b \in\{0,1\}$, set $\left(A_{i, b}, t_{i, b}\right) \longleftarrow \operatorname{TGen}(n, q, m$, error distrib. $)$
- $A_{N, 0} \in_{R} \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m}$
- For every gate $G$ with input wires $u, v$ and output wire $w$, use the trapdoors for $A_{u, *}, A_{v, *}$ to sample the $R$ matrices such that $A_{u, b} R_{b c}+A_{v, c} R_{b c}^{\prime}=A_{w, G(b c)}$ and $R$ 's small. We do this using the same method as the delegation scheme in last lecture:

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- \text { Choose } R[G]_{b c}^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{m \times n}, \sigma}
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- Set $\Delta=A_{w, G(b c)}-A_{v c} R[G]_{b c}^{\prime}$, denote the columns of $\Delta$ by $\Delta=\left(\vec{\delta}_{1}|\ldots| \vec{\delta}_{m}\right)$.
- The $i^{\text {th }}$ row of $R$ is drawn from the discrete Gaussian distribution $\vec{r}_{i} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\hat{\delta}_{i}}\left(A_{u, b}\right), \sigma}$. Thus $\vec{r}_{i}$ is Gaussian such that $A_{u, b} \vec{r}_{i}=\vec{\delta}_{i}$.
- Set $R[G]_{b c}=\left(\vec{r}_{1}|\ldots| \vec{r}_{m}\right)$.
- The secret key is $s k_{P}=\left\{\left(R[G]_{b c}, R[G]_{b c}^{\prime}\right) \mid G\right.$ is a gate; $b, c$ are bits $\}$.
$\mathbf{M} / \perp \leftarrow \mathbf{D e c r y p t}\left(\mathbf{C T}_{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{s k}_{\mathbf{P}}\right)$ : Evaluate the circtuit $C_{P}(x)$ and remember the bits on all the wires. If $C_{P}(x)=0$ then output $\perp$.

If $C_{P}(x)=1$ then go over the circuit $C_{P}$ in a bottom-up fashion. For every gate with input wires $u, v$ and output wire $w$, input bits $b, c$ and output bit $d$, and input vectors $\vec{u}_{b}, \vec{v}_{c}$, compute:

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\vec{w}_{d}=\vec{u}_{b} R_{b c}+\vec{v}_{c} R_{b c}^{\prime}
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Denote the output vector by $\vec{w}_{\text {out }}$ and let $\vec{\delta}_{\text {out }}=\vec{c}-\vec{w}_{\text {out }}$ (where $\vec{c}$ is the "output vector" in the ciphertext $C T_{x}$ ). Then output the vector $\vec{M}$ where for all $i=1, \ldots, m$

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M_{i}=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
0 \text { if }\left|\vec{\delta}_{i}\right|<\frac{q}{4} \\
1 \text { if }\left|\vec{\delta}_{i}\right| \geq \frac{q}{4}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Correctness

If $p(x)=1$, then $\vec{w}_{\text {out }}=\vec{s} A_{\text {out }, 1}+\vec{e}$ for some small $\vec{e}_{0}$. Also $\vec{c}$ is of the same form, except with $\left\lfloor\frac{q}{2}\right\rfloor \vec{M}$ added. Hence $\vec{\delta}=\vec{s} A_{\text {out }, 1}+\vec{e}+\lfloor q / 2\rfloor \cdot \vec{M}$ for a small $\vec{e}$, and correctness follows.

## Security

Recall the interaction between scheme and attacker in our security model:


Will reduce security to the hardness of decision LWE. Namely, we show that if D-LWE is hard for params ( $n, m^{\prime}=m(\ell+1), q$, error distrib.), then the scheme outlined above is secure. (We note that this proof is slightly different than the one presented in GVW's paper.)

Assume an adversary $\mathcal{A}$ that breaks the scheme with success probability $\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon$. We build an LWE-distinguisher $\mathcal{B}$ using $\mathcal{A}$. The distinguisher $\mathcal{B}$ gets as input an instance of D-LWE, namely $\left(A^{*}, \vec{v}^{*}\right)$, which we parse as follows:


Figure 1: An illustration of one gate in the circuit $C$

- $A^{*}=\left(A_{1}\left|A_{2}\right| \ldots\left|A_{\ell}\right| A_{\text {out }}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m^{\prime}}$, for $\ell+1$ matrices $A_{i}, A_{\text {out }} \in \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m}$.
- $\vec{v}^{*}=\left(\overrightarrow{v_{1}}\left|\overrightarrow{v_{2}}\right| \ldots\left|\overrightarrow{v_{l}}\right| \vec{v}_{\text {out }}\right)$, for $\ell+1$ vectors $\vec{v}_{i}, \vec{v}_{\text {out }} \in \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{m}$.
$\mathcal{B}$ runs $\mathcal{A}$ to get the "challenge pattern" $x^{*} \in\{0,1\}^{\ell}$, then proceeds as follows:
- For $i=1,2, \ldots, \ell$, let $A_{i, x_{i}^{*}}:=A_{i}$, and also set $A_{\text {out }, 1}:=A_{\text {out }}$.
- Also choose the matrices $A_{i, \overline{x_{i}^{*}}}$ together with trapdoors, $\left(A_{i, \overline{x_{i}^{*}}}, t_{i, \overline{x_{i}^{*}}}\right) \leftarrow \operatorname{TDGen}(q, m, n, .$.

The public params that we give to $\mathcal{A}$ are $A_{\text {out, } 1}$ and all the $\left\{A_{i, b}\right\}_{i=1, \ldots, \ell, b=0,1}$. When the attacker asks for a secret key $s k_{P}$, with $C$ being the circuit for $P$, then $\mathcal{B}$ does the following:

- For every wire $i=1,2, \ldots N$, denote by $x_{i}^{*}$ the bit on the $i$ 'th wire when evaluating the circuit $C\left(x^{*}\right)$. (Hence the input wires are labeled just as before, and for the internal wires we now have the "active bit" on that wire $x_{i}^{*}$ and the "inactive bit" $\overline{x_{i}^{*}}$.)
- $\mathcal{B}$ chooses the $A$ and $R$ matrices for the $s k_{P}$ so that on every wire $i$, we know a trapdoor for $A_{i, \bar{x}_{i}^{*}}$ but not for $A_{i, x_{i}^{*} .}$. (And also we don't know either of the trapdoors for the output wire.) Specifically, fora gate $G$ with input wires $u, v$ and output wire $w \mathcal{B}$ does the following (see illustration in Figure 1):
- For the bits $x_{u}^{*}, x_{v}^{*}$, choose random small matrices from the discrete Gaussian distribution over the integers, $R_{x_{u}^{*}, x_{v}^{*}}, R_{x_{u}^{*}, x_{v}^{*}}^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^{m \times m}, \sigma}$.
- Then $\mathcal{B}$ sets $A_{w, x_{w}^{*}}=A_{u, x_{u}^{*}} R_{x_{u}^{*} x_{v}^{*}}+A_{v, x_{v}^{*}} R_{x_{u}^{*} x_{v}^{*}}^{\prime}$. That is, $\mathcal{B}$ computes the matrix $A_{w, x_{w}^{*}}$ in the "forward direction" (first compute the $R$ 's then $A$ ), and it does not know a trapdoor for it.
- For each of the other three pairs $(b, c) \neq\left(x_{u}^{*}, x_{v}^{*}\right), \mathcal{B}$ uses the trapdoor that it knows for $b$ or $c$. First it chooses $A_{w, x_{w}^{*}}$ with a trapdoor, $\left(A_{w, \bar{x}_{w}^{*}}, t_{w, \bar{x}_{w}^{*}}\right) \leftarrow \operatorname{TDGen}(\ldots)$. Then it uses the same procedure as in the scheme itself to compute the relevant $R$ 's.

When $\mathcal{A}$ sends the challenge messages $\left(\vec{M}_{1}, \vec{M}_{2}\right), \mathcal{B}$ does the following:

- Use $\vec{v}_{i}^{*}$ from the input of $B$ as the $i^{\text {th }}$ input vector, corresponding to input wire $i$.
- Use $\vec{c}=\vec{v}_{\text {out }}+\left\lfloor\frac{q}{2}\right\rfloor \vec{M}_{j}$ for a random $j \in\{1,2\}$.

When $\mathcal{A}$ guesses $j^{\prime}$, then $B$ output "LWE" if $j^{\prime}=j$ and "random" otherwise.
Analysis of the distinguisher $\mathcal{B}$. Observe that if the input to $B$ is LWE instance then:

- All the vectors in the ciphertext $C T_{x^{*}}$ that $\mathcal{B}$ generates have the correct distribution asin the actual scheme.
- The matrices in all the secret keys $s k_{P}$ have nearly the right distribution. This is because setting $R, R^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \sigma}$ and $A_{w}:=A_{u} R+A_{v} R^{\prime}$ (as $\mathcal{B}$ does) yields nearly the same distribution as choosing at random $A_{w} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_{q}^{n \times m}$ and $R^{\prime} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \sigma}$ and using the trapdoor to sample $R \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\frac{1}{\delta}}(A), \sigma}$ (as done in the scheme).
Therefore in the case that the input to $\mathcal{B}$ was indeed an LWE instance, $\mathcal{A}$ will guess $j$ with probability $\geq \frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon-n e g l$.

On the other hand, if the input to $\mathcal{B}$ is random then in particular $\vec{v}_{\text {out }}$ is random, so $\vec{c}$ is random, independent of $\vec{M}_{1}, \vec{M}_{2}$, so $\mathcal{A}$ guesses $j$ with probability $\leq \frac{1}{2}$.

## References

[GVW13] Sergey Gorbunov, Vinod Vaikuntanathan, and Hoeteck Wee, Predicate encryption for circuits, STOC, 2013.

