

Notes On GGH13 Without Ideals

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Also:

“Can we build better security models for analysing indistinguishability obfuscation candidates?”

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Multilinear Jigsaw Puzzles (MJPs)

A key component for building indistinguishability obfuscation (IO)

- $\text{MJP} \subset \text{MMAP}$
- No low-level encodings of zero
 \hookrightarrow Not vulnerable to ‘zeroizing’
- IO does not need low-level zero encodings \implies can use MJPs

We will focus on the GGH13 candidate¹

¹Sanjam Garg, Craig Gentry, and Shai Halevi. “Candidate Multilinear Maps from Ideal Lattices”. In: 2013, pp. 1–17. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-642-38348-9_1.

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\Leftrightarrow if $\alpha = 0$ then $\delta = hr \Rightarrow$ ‘small’

\Leftrightarrow else δ is uniform in \mathcal{R}_q

Vulnerabilities

Numerous attacks on GGH13 scheme:

↔ Using low-level zero encodings \implies ‘zeroizing’² *

↔ Using top-level zero encodings \implies ‘annihilation’³ *, **

↔ No zero encodings \implies ‘subfield lattice’⁴

* acquire knowledge of $\langle g \rangle$

** work against obfuscation candidates

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Find ‘annihilating’ polynomial⁵ P such that $P(\{\gamma_{1,i}\}_i) = 0$

\hookrightarrow then $P(\{\delta_i\}_i) \in \langle \mathbf{g} \rangle \implies$ can form basis of $\langle \mathbf{g} \rangle$ (heuristically)

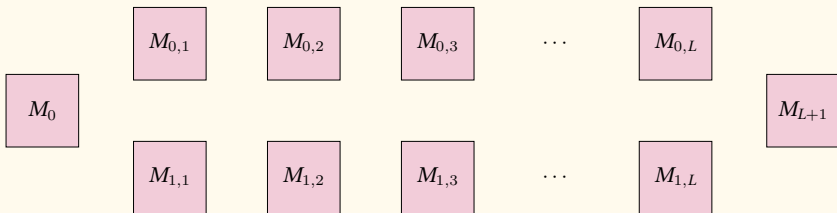
\hookrightarrow use $\langle \mathbf{g} \rangle$ in IO security model to distinguish obfuscated circuits

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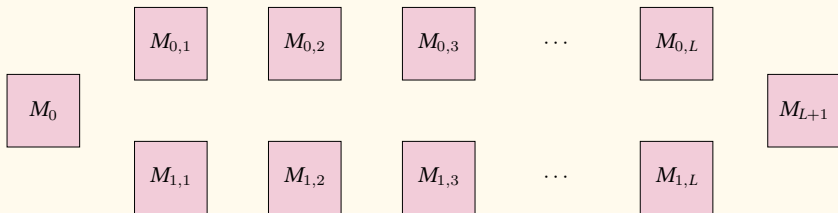


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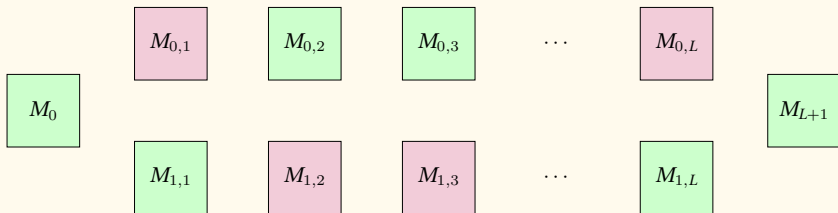
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Example: $\text{inp}(i) = i \pmod{\nu}, L = 0 \pmod{\nu}, x = 100 \dots 1$

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Input-mixing scalars

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\hookrightarrow use zero-test to learn output of obfuscated circuit

GGH13 without ideals

Encodings and operations

Intuition: GGH13 in MSB

Encoding at level ℓ :

$$[\alpha]_\ell = (\alpha + r/\beta_\ell)/z_\ell \pmod{q}$$

- $\beta_\ell \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_q$ such that $\|\beta_\ell\|_\infty \leq \sqrt[q]{q}$ (using canonical embeddings)
- $[\alpha_0]_\ell + [\alpha_1]_\ell = [\alpha_0 + \alpha_1]_\ell$
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Parameter: $ztk = \prod_{\ell=1}^{\kappa} \beta_{\ell} \cdot z_{\ell}$

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\hookrightarrow **No longer any ideals to use in attacks**

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Adversary has oracle access to actual **MJP**

IND- \mathbf{OBF} is sufficient for GGH13 attack

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Indistinguishability (I)

Branching programs (**IND**- \mathcal{M})

Game **IND**- $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda)$:

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2. $(\text{st}, \mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_0(\kappa, \text{prms})$
3. $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$
4. $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}_b \leftarrow \text{Encode}(\text{sp}, \text{prms}, \{\mathcal{S}_i\}_{i \in [\kappa]}, \mathcal{M}_b)$
5. $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1^{\text{Ozt}}(\text{st})$
6. output ($b' = b$)

Oracle $\mathcal{O}_{\text{zt}}(x)$:

1. **if** init, $q \leftarrow 0$; **else**, $q \leftarrow q + 1$
2. **if** $q > \mathcal{Q}$, $\delta \leftarrow \perp$
3. **else**:
4. $[\mu_x]_{\mathcal{U}} \leftarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}_b(x)$
5. $\delta_x \leftarrow \text{ZeroTest}(\text{ztk}, [\mu_x]_{\mathcal{U}})$
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Obfuscated branching programs (**IND-OBF**)

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We can embed any IO candidate as the oracle iO

\hookrightarrow analyse security when this is a BGK-style obfuscator

Attacks

Attack in IND- \mathcal{M}

Encoding of zero:

$$\delta_x = \beta^{(\kappa-1)}\gamma_{1,x} + \dots + \beta^{(1)}\gamma_{\kappa-1,x} + \gamma_{\kappa,x} \pmod{q}$$

- $\gamma_{1,x}$ is almost the same as before (linear in unknown $\{r_i\}_i$)
- Stratified into κ different monomials of degree $\kappa - 1$ in β_ℓ
- We aim to annihilate this term in a similar way
- Notice: β_ℓ terms can be ignored

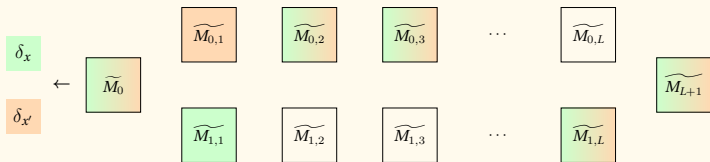
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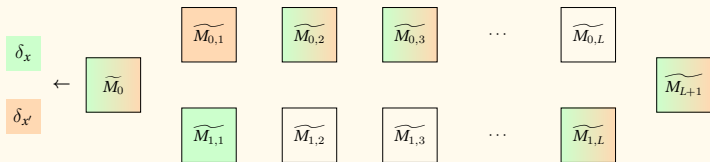
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$c_{i,j,l}^{x_{\text{inp}}(l)}$, $c_{i,j,l}^{x'_{\text{inp}}(l)}$ are the known coefficients of each $r_{i,j,l}$

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After: $\delta' = \beta^{(\kappa-2)} \gamma'_{2,x} + \dots + \beta^{(1)} \gamma'_{\kappa-1,x} + \gamma'_{\kappa,x} \pmod{q}$

↪ noticeably smaller than δ_{x^*} for any input x^*

$$\|\delta_{x^*}\|_{\infty} \geq q^{(\kappa-2)/\kappa} \geq \|\delta'\|_{\infty}$$

Distinguishes $\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_1$ for equivalent functionalities

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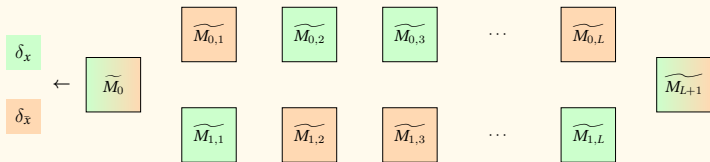
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↔ Use multiple inputs that include all scalars

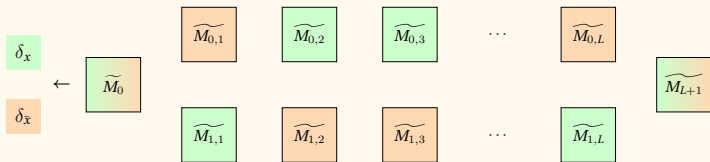
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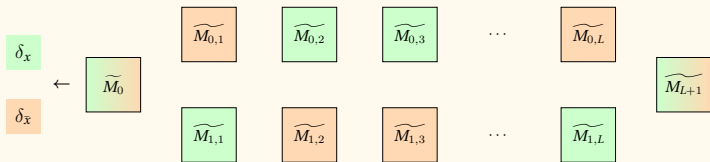
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- $\delta^* = \delta_x \cdot \delta_{\bar{x}} = \epsilon^* \cdot p_x(\{r_{i,j,l}, r_{i',j',l'}\}) + \text{smaller terms} \pmod{q}$
 - $\hookrightarrow p_x$ is a linear function of $(50(\kappa - 1) + 10)^2$ unknowns
 - \hookrightarrow Attack proceeds as in IND- \mathcal{M}

Concluding remarks

Structural faults in GGH13

- Appears algebraic structure of GGH13 encodings is weak
- Unrelated to the presence of ideals
- Introduce similar encoding scheme
 - ↪ Zero-testing explicitly based on magnitude
- Scheme is vulnerable to adaptations of previous attacks
- Any cases where two schemes differ?

Security models

- **IND- \mathcal{M}** and **IND- \mathbf{OBF}** are sufficient game-based models
- Allow adversary greater access to MJP scheme
- Seems preferable to use instead of weakened GEM
 - ↪ Attacks such as CGH17⁸ exploit unmodelled characteristics⁹
 - ↪ e.g. single-input vs dual-input obfuscation

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