

# Revocation for Delegatable Anonymous Credentials

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**Abstract.** This paper introduces and formalizes *homomorphic proofs* that allow ‘adding’ proofs and proof statements to get a new proof of the ‘sum’ statement. Additionally, we introduce a construction of homomorphic proofs, and show an *accumulator scheme with delegatable non-membership proofs* (ADNMP) as one of its applications with provable security. Finally, the proposed accumulator method extends the BC-CKLS scheme [1] to create a new provably secure *revocable delegatable anonymous credential* (RDAC) system. Intuitively, the new accumulator’s delegatable non-membership (NM) proofs enable user A, without revealing her identity, to delegate to user B the ability to prove that A’s identity is not included in a blacklist that can later be updated. The delegation is redelegatable, unlinkable, and verifiable.

## 1 Introduction

*Proof systems* play important roles in many cryptographic systems, such as signature, authentication, encryption, anonymous credential and mix-net. In a proof system between a prover and a verifier, an honest prover with a *witness* can convince a verifier about the truth of a *statement* but an adversary cannot convince a verifier of a false statement. Groth and Sahai [2] proposed a novel class of non-interactive proof systems (GS) with a number of desirable properties which are not available in previous ones. They are efficient and general. They do not require the random oracle assumption [3]. They can be randomized, i.e. one can generate a new proof from an existing proof of the same statement without knowing the witness. In this paper, we unveil another valuable feature of GS proofs: homomorphism.

Proof systems are used to construct *accumulators* [4–8]. An accumulator allows aggregation of a large set of elements into one constant-size *accumulator value*. The ‘membership’ proof system proves that an element is accumulated. An accumulator is *universal* if it has ‘non-membership’ proof system to prove that a given element is not accumulated in the accumulator value [9, 10]. An

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accumulator is *dynamic* if the costs of adding and deleting elements and updating the accumulator value and proof systems' witnesses do not depend on the number of elements aggregated. Applications of accumulators include space-efficient time stamping, ad-hoc anonymous authentication, ring signatures, ID-Based systems, and membership *revocation* for identity escrow, group signatures and *anonymous credentials* [6].

In *anonymous credential* systems, a user can prove some credentials without revealing any other private information such as her identity. There have been several proposals [11, 12, 1]; applications such as in direct anonymous attestation (DAA) [13] and anonymous electronic identity (eID) token [14, 15]; and implementations such as U-prove [15], Idemix [14] and java cards [16]. An anonymous credential system is *delegatable* [1] if its credential can be delegated from one user to another user so that a user can anonymously prove a credential which is delegated some levels away from the original issuer. Delegation is important for efficient credential management in organizations, as a person typically delegates certain authorities to colleagues to execute tasks on her behalf. *Revocation* is indispensable in credential systems in practice, as dispute, compromise, abuse, mistake, identity change, hacking and insecurity can make any credential become invalid before its expiration. The anonymity and delegation properties make revocation more challenging: the user must prove anonymously that her whole credential chain is not revoked. The primary revocation methods are based on accumulators [17, 10], offering a constant cost for an unrevoked proof. However, the current schemes do not work for delegated anonymous credentials.

**Contributions.** We present three contributions in this paper, incrementally building on each other: *(i)* formal definition of homomorphic proofs and a construction based on GS proofs, *(ii)* dynamic universal accumulators with delegatable non-membership proof (ADNMP), and *(iii)* a revocable delegatable anonymous credential system (RDAC).

We first introduce and formally define the new notion of *homomorphic proofs*, which means there is an operation that 'adds' proofs, their statements and witnesses to produce a new proof of the 'sum' statement and the 'sum' witness. We present and prove a construction for homomorphic proofs from GS proofs [2]. The general nature of GS proofs partly explains the reason behind its numerous applications: group signatures, ring signatures, mix-nets, anonymous credentials, and oblivious transfers. Our homomorphic construction uses the most general form of GS proofs to maximize the range of possible applications.

Homomorphic proofs can be applied to homomorphic signatures [18], homomorphic authentication [19], that found applications in provable cloud storage [19], network coding [20, 21], digital photography [22] and undeniable signatures [23]. Another possible application area is homomorphic encryption and commitment schemes that are used in mix-nets [24], voting [25], anonymous credentials [1] and other multi-party computation systems. Gentry's recent results on fully homomorphic encryption [26] allow computing any generic function of encrypted data without decryption and can be applied to cloud computing and searchable encryption.

Section 3.3 compares this work to the DHLW homomorphic NIZK (Non Interactive Zero Knowledge) recently proposed in [27]. While the DHLW scheme takes the traditional homomorphism approach, we employ Abelian groups and introduce a more general definition where proof systems satisfying the DHLW definition are a subset of the new proof systems. We note that DHLW’s homomorphic NIZK definition and construction do not cover the new homomorphic proofs to build ADNMP and RDAC. From an application point of view, DHLW homomorphic NIZK targets leakage-resilient cryptography, and the new homomorphic proofs target accumulators and revocation.

Secondly, we introduce and build an *accumulator with delegatable non-membership proof* (ADNMP) scheme based on homomorphic proofs. We define security requirements for ADNMP, and give security proofs for the ADNMP scheme. The constructions in the SXDH (Symmetric External Diffie Hellman) or SDLIN (Symmetric Decisional Linear) instantiations of GS proofs allow the use of the most efficient curves for pairings in the new accumulator scheme [28].

To our knowledge, this is the first accumulator with a *delegatable* non-membership proof. Previously, there were only two accumulators with non-membership proofs, i.e. universal accumulators LLX [9] and ATSM [10]; both are not delegatable. Delegability allows us to construct delegatable revocation for delegatable anonymous credentials. Our accumulator uses GS proofs without random oracles where LLX and ATSM rely on the random oracle assumption for non-interactive proofs. LLX is based on the Strong RSA assumption and defined in composite-order groups, and ATSM is based on the Strong DH assumption and defined in prime-order bilinear pairing groups. Our scheme is also built in prime-order bilinear pairing groups that require storage much smaller than RSA composite-order groups. The new non-membership prover requires no pairing compared to ATSM’s four pairings.

The main challenge in blacklisting delegatable anonymous credentials that can further be delegated is to create accumulators satisfying the following requirements. First, user A, without revealing private information, can delegate the ability to prove that her identity is not accumulated in any blacklist to user B so that such proofs generated by A and B are indistinguishable and the blacklist may change anytime. Second, the delegation must be unlinkable, i.e. it must be hard to tell if two such delegations come from the same delegator A. Third, user B is able to redelegate the ability to prove that A’s credential is not blacklisted to user C, such that the information C obtains from the re delegation is indistinguishable from the information one obtains from A’s delegation. Finally, any delegation information must be verifiable for correctness. The new ADNMP scheme satisfies these requirements.

By employing the ADNMP approach, our final contribution is to create the first *delegatable anonymous credential system with delegatable revocation* capability; an RDAC system. Traditionally, blacklisting of anonymous credentials relies on accumulators [8]. The identities of revoked credentials are accumulated in a blacklist, and verification of the accumulator’s NM proof determines the credential’s revocation status. A natural rule in a revoked delegatable creden-

tial, that our scheme also follows, is to consider all delegated descendants of the credential revoked. Applying that rule to delegatable anonymous credentials, a user must anonymously prove that all ancestor credentials are not revoked, even when the blacklist changes.

Homomorphic proofs bring delegability of proofs to another level. A proof’s *statement* often consists of *commitments* of variables (witnesses) and *conditions*. Randomizable and malleable proofs introduced in [1] allows generation of a new proof and randomization of the statement’s commitments without knowing the witness, but the statement’s conditions always stay the same. Homomorphic proofs allow generating a new proof for a new statement containing new conditions, without any witness. A user can delegate her proving capability to another user by revealing some homomorphic proofs. A linear combination of these proofs and their statements allows the delegatee to generate new proofs for other statements with different conditions (e.g., an updated blacklist in ADNMP). In short, the BCKLS paper [1] deals with delegating proofs of the same statements’ conditions, whereas this paper deals with delegating proofs of changing statements’ conditions.

## 2 Background

Appendix 8 provides more details of existing cryptographic primitives: Bilinear Map Modules,  $\mathcal{R}$ -module, Bilinear pairings, SXDH, Composable zero-knowledge (ZK), Randomizing proofs and commitments, Partial extractability, Accumulator, and Delegatable anonymous credentials.

NOTATION. PPT stands for Probabilistic Polynomial Time; CRS for Common Reference String; Pr for Probability; NM for non-membership; ADNMP for Accumulator with Delegatable NM Proofs; RDAC for Revocable Delegatable Anonymous Credential; and  $\leftarrow$  for random output. For a group  $\mathbb{G}$  with identity  $\mathcal{O}$ , let  $\mathbb{G}^* := \mathbb{G} \setminus \{\mathcal{O}\}$ .  $Mat_{m \times n}(\mathcal{R})$  is the set of matrices with size  $m \times n$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ . For a matrix  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma[i, j]$  is the value in  $i^{th}$  row and  $j^{th}$  column. A vector  $\vec{z}$  of  $l$  elements can be viewed as a matrix of  $l$  rows and 1 column. For a vector  $\vec{z}$ ,  $z[i]$  is the  $i^{th}$  element. For a function  $\nu : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\nu$  is *negligible* if  $|\nu(k)| < k^{-\alpha}$ ,  $\forall \alpha > 0$ ,  $\forall k > k_0$ ,  $\exists k_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

PROOF SYSTEM. Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be an efficiently computable relation of  $(Para, Sta, Wit)$  with setup parameters  $Para$ , a statement  $Sta$ , and a witness  $Wit$ . A non-interactive proof system for  $\mathbf{R}$  consists of 3 PPT algorithms: a Setup, a prover Prove, and a verifier Verify. A non-interactive proof system (Setup, Prove, Verify) must be complete and sound. **Completeness** means that for every PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $|\Pr[Para \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Sta, Wit) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para); Proof \leftarrow \text{Prove}(Para, Sta, Wit) : \text{Verify}(Para, Sta, Proof) = 1 \text{ if } (Para, Sta, Wit) \in \mathbf{R}] - 1|$  is negligible. **Soundness** means that for every PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $|\Pr[Para \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Sta, Proof) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para) : \text{Verify}(Para, Sta, Proof) = 0 \text{ if } (Para, Sta, Wit) \notin \mathbf{R}, \forall Wit] - 1|$  is negligible.

GS PROOFS. Appendix 8.2 provides a comprehensive summary of GS proofs and its instantiation in SXDH. Briefly, the GS *setup* algorithm generates  $Gk$

and CRS  $\sigma$ .  $Gk$  contains  $L$  tuples, each of which has the form  $(A_1, A_2, A_T, f)$  where  $A_1, A_2, A_T$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules with map  $f : A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow A_T$ .  $L$  is also the number of equations in a statement to be proved. CRS  $\sigma$  contains  $L$  corresponding tuples of  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules and maps  $(B_1, B_2, B_T, \iota_1, \iota_2, \iota_T)$ , where  $\iota_j : A_j \rightarrow B_j$ . A GS *statement* is a set of  $L$  corresponding tuples  $(\vec{a} \in A_1^n, \vec{b} \in A_2^m, \Gamma \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathcal{R}), t \in A_T)$  satisfying  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{x} \cdot \Gamma \vec{y} = t$ ; where  $(\vec{x} \in A_1^m, \vec{y} \in A_2^n)$  is the corresponding witness (there are  $L$  witness tuples), and denote  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_{j=1}^n f(a[j], y[j])$ . The *proof* of the statement includes  $L$  corresponding tuples, each of which consists of commitments  $\vec{c} \in B_1^m$  of  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{d} \in B_2^n$  of  $\vec{y}$  with values  $\vec{\pi}$  and  $\vec{\psi}$ . In the SXDH instantiation of GS proofs,  $Para$  includes bilinear pairing setup  $Gk = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  and CRS  $\sigma = (B_1, B_2, B_T, F, \iota_1, p_1, \iota_2, p_2, \iota'_1, p'_1, \iota'_2, p'_2, \iota_T, p_T, \vec{u}, \vec{v})$  where  $B_1 = \mathbb{G}_1^2$ ,  $B_2 = \mathbb{G}_2^2$  and  $B_T := \mathbb{G}_T^4$ . The maps are  $\iota_j : A_j \rightarrow B_j$ ,  $p_j : B_j \rightarrow A_j$ ,  $\iota'_j : \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow B_j$  and  $p'_j : B_j \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Vectors  $\vec{u}$  of  $u_1, u_2 \in B_1$  and  $\vec{v}$  of  $v_1, v_2 \in B_2$  are commitment keys for  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .

### 3 Homomorphic Proofs

#### 3.1 Formalization

Recall that an Abelian group must satisfy 5 requirements: Closure, Associativity, Commutativity, Identity Element and Inverse Element.

**Definition 1.** Let  $(\text{Setup}, \text{Prove}, \text{Verify})$  be a proof system for a relation  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $Para \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k)$ . Consider a subset  $\Pi$  of all  $(\text{Sta}, \text{Wit}, \text{Proof})$  such that  $(Para, \text{Sta}, \text{Wit}) \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\text{Verify}(Para, \text{Sta}, \text{Proof}) = 1$ , and an operation  $+_\Pi : \Pi \times \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$ .  $\Pi$  is a set of **homomorphic** proofs if  $(\Pi, +_\Pi)$  satisfies the 3 requirements: Closure, Associativity and Commutativity.

Consider an  $I_\Pi := (\text{Sta}_0, \text{Wit}_0, \text{Proof}_0) \in \Pi$ .  $\Pi$  is a set of **strongly homomorphic** proofs if  $(\Pi, +_\Pi, I_\Pi)$  forms an Abelian group where  $I_\Pi$  is the identity element.

Note that if  $\Pi$  is strongly homomorphic, then  $\Pi$  is also homomorphic. If  $+_\Pi ((\text{Sta}_1, \text{Wit}_1, \text{Proof}_1), (\text{Sta}_2, \text{Wit}_2, \text{Proof}_2)) \mapsto (\text{Sta}, \text{Wit}, \text{Proof})$ , we have the following notations:

$(\text{Sta}, \text{Wit}, \text{Proof}) \leftarrow (\text{Sta}_1, \text{Wit}_1, \text{Proof}_1) +_\Pi (\text{Sta}_2, \text{Wit}_2, \text{Proof}_2)$ ,  $\text{Sta} \leftarrow \text{Sta}_1 +_\Pi \text{Sta}_2$ ,  $\text{Wit} \leftarrow \text{Wit}_1 +_\Pi \text{Wit}_2$ , and  $\text{Proof} \leftarrow \text{Proof}_1 +_\Pi \text{Proof}_2$ .

We also use the multiplicative notation  $n(\text{Sta}, \text{Wit}, \text{Proof})$  for the self addition for  $n$  times of  $(\text{Sta}, \text{Wit}, \text{Proof})$ . Similarly, we also use  $\sum_i n_i (\text{Sta}_i, \text{Wit}_i, \text{Proof}_i)$  to represent linear combination of statements, witnesses and proofs. These homomorphic properties are particularly useful for randomizable proofs: one can randomize a proof computed from the homomorphic operation to get another proof, which is indistinguishable from a proof generated by Prove.

### 3.2 GS Homomorphic Proofs

Consider a GS proof system (**Setup, Prove, Verify**) of  $L$  equations. Each map  $\iota_i : A_i \rightarrow B_i$  satisfies  $\iota_i(x_1 + x_2) = \iota_i(x_1) + \iota_i(x_2)$ ,  $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A_1$  and  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ .

We first define the **identity**  $I_{GS} = (Sta_0, Wit_0, Proof_0)$ .  $Sta_0$  consists of  $L$  GS equations  $(\vec{a}_0, \vec{b}_0, \Gamma_0, t_0)$ ,  $Wit_0$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS variables  $(\vec{x}_0, \vec{y}_0)$ ,  $Proof_0$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS proofs  $(\vec{c}_0, \vec{d}_0, \vec{\pi}_0, \vec{\psi}_0)$ , and there are  $L$  tuples of corresponding maps  $(\iota_1, \iota_2)$ . They satisfy:

- ◇ Let  $m$  be the dimension of  $\vec{b}_0, \vec{x}_0$  and  $\vec{c}_0$ .  $\exists M \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$  such that  $\forall i \in M$ ,  $b_0[i] = 0$ ;  $\forall j \in \bar{M}$ ,  $x_0[j] = 0$  and  $c_0[j] = \iota_1(0)$ , where  $\bar{M} := \{1, \dots, m\} \setminus M$ .
- ◇ Let  $n$  be the dimension of  $\vec{a}_0, \vec{y}_0$  and  $\vec{d}_0$ .  $\exists N \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\forall i \in N$ ,  $a_0[i] = 0$ ;  $\forall j \in \bar{N}$ ,  $y_0[j] = 0$  and  $d_0[j] = \iota_2(0)$ , where  $\bar{N} := \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus N$ .
- ◇ For both  $(\forall i \in \bar{M}, \forall j \in \bar{N})$  and  $(\forall i \in M, \forall j \in N)$ :  $\Gamma_0[i, j] = 0$ .
- ◇  $t_0 = 0$ ,  $\vec{\pi}_0 = 0$ , and  $\vec{\psi}_0 = 0$ .

We next define a **set**  $\Pi_{GS}$  of tuples  $(Sta, Wit, Proof)$  from the identity  $I_{GS}$ .  $Sta$  consists of  $L$  GS equations  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \Gamma, t)$  (corresponding to  $Sta_0$ 's  $(\vec{a}_0, \vec{b}_0, \Gamma_0, t_0)$  with  $m, n, M, N$ );  $Wit$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS variables  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ ;  $Proof$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS proofs  $(\vec{c}, \vec{d}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\psi})$ ; satisfying:

- ◇  $\forall i \in M$ ,  $x[i] = x_0[i]$  and  $c[i] = c_0[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{M}$ ,  $b[j] = b_0[j]$ .
- ◇  $\forall i \in N$ ,  $y[i] = y_0[i]$  and  $d[i] = d_0[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{N}$ ,  $a[j] = a_0[j]$ .
- ◇ If  $(i \in \bar{M}) \vee (j \in \bar{N})$ , then  $\Gamma[i, j] = \Gamma_0[i, j]$ . That means  $\forall i \in \bar{M}, \forall j \in \bar{N}$  :  $\Gamma[i, j] = 0$ .

We finally define **operation**  $+_{GS} : \Pi_{GS} \times \Pi_{GS} \rightarrow \Pi_{GS}$ . For  $i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $(Sta_i, Wit_i, Proof_i) \in \Pi_{GS}$ ,  $Sta_i$  consists of  $L$  GS equations  $(\vec{a}_i, \vec{b}_i, \Gamma_i, t_i)$  corresponding to  $Sta_0$ 's  $(\vec{a}_0, \vec{b}_0, \Gamma_0, t_0)$ ,  $Wit_i$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS variables  $(\vec{x}_i, \vec{y}_i)$ , and  $Proof_i$  consists of  $L$  corresponding GS proofs  $(\vec{c}_i, \vec{d}_i, \vec{\pi}_i, \vec{\psi}_i)$ . We compute  $(Sta, Wit, Proof) \leftarrow (Sta_1, Wit_1, Proof_1) +_{GS} (Sta_2, Wit_2, Proof_2)$  of corresponding  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \Gamma, t)$ ,  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$  and  $(\vec{c}, \vec{d}, \vec{\pi}, \vec{\psi})$  as follows.

- ◇  $\forall i \in M$ :  $x[i] := x_1[i]; c[i] := c_1[i]; b[i] := b_1[i] + b_2[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{M}$ :  $b[j] := b_1[j]; x[j] := x_1[j] + x_2[j]; c[j] := c_1[j] + c_2[j]$ .
- ◇  $\forall i \in N$ :  $y[i] := y_1[i]; d[i] := d_1[i]; a[i] := a_1[i] + a_2[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{N}$ :  $a[j] := a_1[j]; y[j] := y_1[j] + y_2[j]; d[j] := d_1[j] + d_2[j]$ .
- ◇ If  $(i \in \bar{M}) \vee (j \in \bar{N})$ , then  $\Gamma[i, j] := \Gamma_1[i, j]$ . Otherwise,  $\Gamma[i, j] := \Gamma_1[i, j] + \Gamma_2[i, j]$ .
- ◇  $t = t_1 + t_2$ ,  $\vec{\pi} = \vec{\pi}_1 + \vec{\pi}_2$ , and  $\vec{\psi} = \vec{\psi}_1 + \vec{\psi}_2$ .

**Theorem 1.** *In the definitions above,  $\Pi_{GS}$  is a set of strongly homomorphic proofs with operation  $+_{GS}$  and the identity element  $I_{GS}$ .*

Proof of theorem 1 can be found in Appendix 9.

### 3.3 Comparison with the DHLW homomorphic NIZK

We compare our homomorphic proof approach with the independently proposed DHLW homomorphic NIZK [27]. Intuitively, DHLW defines that a NIZK proof system is homomorphic if for any  $(Para, Sta_1, Wit_1), (Para, Sta_2, Wit_2) \in \mathbf{R}$ :  $\text{Prove}(Para, Sta_1, Wit_1)_{Rand_1} + \text{Prove}(Para, Sta_2, Wit_2)_{Rand_2} = \text{Prove}(Para, Sta_1 + Sta_2, Wit_1 + Wit_2)_{Rand_1 + Rand_2}$ , where  $\text{Prove}(\dots)_{Rand}$  is the output of  $\text{Prove}()$  with randomness  $Rand$ . The new definition in this paper requires homomorphism for a subset of proofs generated by  $\text{Prove}$ , and differs from DHLW's homomorphism requirement for all such proofs, covering more proof systems.

The DHLW's homomorphic NIZK construction is a special case of our construction above. It is for statements of 'one-sided' GS equations  $\{\vec{x}_k \cdot \vec{b}_k = t_k\}_{k=1}^L$  whereas our construction generalizes to statements of 'full' GS equations  $\{\vec{a}_k \cdot \vec{y}_k + \vec{x}_k \cdot \vec{b}_k + \vec{x}_k \cdot \Gamma \vec{y}_k = t_k\}_{k=1}^L$ . As shown later, the ADNMP and RDAC are based on a GS homomorphic proof system of 'full' equations  $\{(y_1 + y_2)X_{j1} + y_{j3}A_1 = T_{j1} \wedge X_{j3} - y_{j3}A_2 = 0 \wedge y_{j3}X_{j2} = T_{j2}\}_{j=1}^m$ .

## 4 Accumulator with Delegatable NM Proofs - ADNMP

We refer to a universal accumulator as  $(\text{Setup}, \text{ProveNM}, \text{VerifyNM}, \text{CompNMWit}, \text{Accu})$ , that consists of only algorithms for setup; generating, verifying and computing witnesses for **non-membership** proofs; and accumulating, respectively. This paper does not deal with membership proofs. Appendix 8.3 provides more details on accumulators.

The delegating ability to prove statements allows another user to prove the statements on one's behalf without revealing the witness, even if the statements' conditions change over time. For privacy reasons, adversaries should not be able to distinguish different delegations from different users. The delegatee can verify a delegation and unlinkably redelegate the proving ability further to other users. Thus, delegating an accumulator's NM proofs should meet 4 conditions formalized in Definition 2. *Delegability* means that an element  $Ele$ 's owner can delegate her ability to prove that  $Ele$  is not accumulated without trivially revealing  $Ele$ . Even if the set of accumulated elements change overtime, the delegatee does not need to contact the delegator again to generate the proof. The owner gives the delegatee a key  $De$  generated from  $Ele$ . The proof generated from  $De$  by  $\text{CompNMProof}$  is indistinguishable from a proof generated by  $\text{ProveNM}$ . *Unlinkability* means that a delegatee should not be able to distinguish whether or not two delegating keys originate from the same element. It implies that it is computationally hard to find an element from its delegating keys. *Redelegability* means that the delegatee can redelegate  $De$  as  $De'$  to other users, and still maintains indistinguishability of  $De$  and  $De'$ . *Verifiability* means that one is able to validate that a delegating key  $De$  is correctly built.

**Definition 2.** *A universal accumulator  $(\text{Setup}, \text{ProveNM}, \text{VerifyNM}, \text{CompNMWit}, \text{Accu})$  is a secure ADNMP (Accumulator with Delegatable NM Proofs) if there exist PPT algorithms*

- *Dele*: takes public parameters  $Para$  and an element  $Ele$  and returns its delegating key  $De$ ;
- *Rede*: takes  $Para$  and a delegating key  $De$  and returns another delegating key  $De'$ ;
- *Vali*: takes  $Para$  and a delegating key  $De$  and returns 1 if  $De$  is valid or 0 otherwise;
- *CompNMProof*: takes  $Para$ ,  $De$ , an accumulator set  $AcSet$  and its accumulator value  $AcVal$  and returns an NM proof that the element  $Ele$  corresponding to  $De$  is not accumulated in  $AcSet$ ;

satisfying:

- *Delegability*: For every PPT algorithm  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $|Pr[(Para, Aux) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Ele, AcSet, state) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(Para); AcVal \leftarrow \text{Accu}(Para, AcSet); Wit \leftarrow \text{CompNMWit}(Para, Ele, AcSet, AcVal); Proof_0 \leftarrow \text{ProveNM}(Para, AcVal, Wit); De \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele); Proof_1 \leftarrow \text{CompNMProof}(Para, De, AcSet, AcVal); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2(state, AcVal, Wit, De, Proof_0) : (Ele \notin AcSet) \wedge b = b'] - 1/2|$  is negligible.
- *Unlinkability*: For every PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $|Pr[(Para, Aux) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Ele_0, Ele_1) \leftarrow \text{Dom}_{Para}; De \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele_0); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; De_b \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele_b); b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para, De, De_b) : b = b'] - 1/2|$  is negligible.
- *Redelegability*: For every PPT algorithms  $(\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $|Pr[(Para, Aux) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Ele, state) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(Para); De \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele); De_0 \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele); De_1 \leftarrow \text{Rede}(Para, De); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}; b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2(state, De, De_b) : b = b'] - 1/2|$  is negligible.
- *Verifiability*: For every PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $|Pr[(Para, Aux) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); Ele \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para); De \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele) : \text{Vali}(Para, De) = 1 \text{ if } Ele \in \text{Dom}_{Para} - 1|$  and  $|Pr[(Para, Aux) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); De' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para) : \text{Vali}(Para, De') = 0 \text{ if } De' \notin \{De | De \leftarrow \text{Dele}(Para, Ele') ; Ele' \in \text{Dom}_{Para}\}] - 1|$  are negligible.

Unlinkability combined with Redelegability generalizes the Unlinkability definition allowing an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  access an oracle  $\mathcal{O}(Para, De)$  that returns another delegating key  $De'$  of the same element corresponding to  $De$ . That means  $\mathcal{A}$  can get several delegating keys of  $Ele_0$  and of  $Ele_b$  using  $\mathcal{O}$ . Rede can be used for such an oracle.

For any ADNMP, given an element  $Ele$  and a delegating key  $De$ , one can tell if  $De$  is generated by  $Ele$  as follows. First, she does not accumulate  $Ele$  and uses  $De$  to prove that  $De$ 's element is not accumulated. Then she accumulates  $Ele$  and tries to prove again that  $De$ 's element is not accumulated. If she cannot prove that anymore, she can conclude that  $Ele$  is  $De$ 's element. Due to this restriction, in ADNMP's applications,  $Ele$  should be a secret that only its owner knows. This is related to the discussion in Appendix 10.4 about the general conflict between delegability and anonymity.



## 5 An ADNMP Scheme

We propose a dynamic universal ADNMP. Its `Setup`, `Accu` and `UpdateVal` are generalized from [7, 10].

- ◇ **Setup:** We need GS instantiations where GS proofs of this accumulator are composable ZK. We can use either the SXDH or SDLIN (Symmetric DLIN) [28] instantiations. We use SXDH as an example. Generate parameters  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  and CRS  $\sigma$  with perfectly binding keys for the SXDH instantiation of GS proofs (Sections 2), and auxiliary information  $Aux = \delta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . For the proof, generate  $A \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\tau := \iota_2'(\delta)$ . For efficient accumulating without  $Aux$ , a tuple  $\varsigma = (P_1, \delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{q+1} P_1)$  is needed, where  $q \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . The domain for elements to be accumulated is  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{Z}_p^* \setminus \{-\delta\}$ . We have  $Para = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2, A, \sigma, \varsigma, \tau)$ .
- ◇ **Accu:** On input  $AcSet = \{a_1, \dots, a_Q\} \subset \mathbb{D}$ , compute  $m = \lceil Q/q \rceil$ . If  $Aux = \delta$  is available, the output  $AcVal$  is a set of  $m$  component accumulator values  $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^m$  computed as  $V_j = \prod_{i=(j-1)q+1; i < Q}^{j \cdot q} (\delta + a_i) \delta P_1$ . If  $Aux$  is not available,  $AcVal$  is efficiently computable from  $\varsigma$  and  $AcSet$ .
- ◇ **UpdateVal:** In case  $a' \in \mathbb{D}$  is being accumulated; from 1 to  $m$ , find the first  $V_j$  that hasn't accumulated  $q$  elements, and update  $V_j' = (\delta + a')V_j$ ; if such  $V_j$  isn't found, add  $V_{m+1} = (\delta + a')\delta P_1$ . In case  $a'$  is removed from  $AcVal$ , find  $V_j$  which contains  $a'$  and update  $V_j' = 1/(\delta + a')V_j$ .

In previous accumulators [7, 10], the accumulator value is a single value  $V = \prod_{a_i \in AcSet} (\delta + a_i) \delta P_1$  and they require that  $q$  of  $\varsigma$  is the upper bound on the number of elements to be accumulated, i.e.  $m = 1$ . The above generalization, where the accumulator value is a set of  $V$  instead, relaxes this requirement and allows the ADNMP scheme to work even when  $q$  is less than the number of accumulated elements. It also allows smaller  $q$  at setup.

### 5.1 NM Proof

We need to prove that an element  $y_2 \in \mathbb{D}$  is not in any component accumulator value  $V_j$  of  $AcVal$   $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^m$ . Suppose  $V_j$  accumulates  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  where  $k \leq q$ , denote  $Poly(\delta) := \prod_{i=1}^k (\delta + a_i) \delta$ , then  $V_j = Poly(\delta) P_1$ . Let  $y_{j3}$  be the remainder of polynomial division  $Poly(\delta) \bmod (\delta + y_2)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , and  $X_{j1}$  be scalar product of the quotient and  $P_1$ . Similar to [10], the idea for constructing NM proofs is that  $y_2$  is not a member of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  if and only if  $y_{j3} \neq 0$ . We have the following equation between  $\delta$ ,  $y_2$ ,  $y_{j3}$  and  $X_{j1}$ :  $(\delta + y_2)X_{j1} + y_{j3}P_1 = V_j$ . Proving this equation by itself does not guarantee that  $y_{j3}$  is the remainder of the polynomial division above. It also needs to prove the knowledge of  $(y_{j3}P_2, y_{j3}A)$  and the following Extended Strong DH (ESDH) assumption. It is a variation of the Hidden Strong DH (HSDH) assumption [30], though it is not clear which assumption is stronger. It is in the extended uber-assumption family [31] and can be proved in generic groups, similar to HSDH.

**DEFINITION.  $q$ -ESDH:** Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  be bilinear parameters,  $A \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$  and  $\delta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . Given  $P_1, \delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{q+1} P_1, A, P_2, \delta P_2$ , it is computationally hard to output  $(\frac{y_3}{\delta+y_2} P_1, y_2, y_3 P_2, y_3 A)$  where  $y_3 \neq 0$ .

We will show later that if one can prove the knowledge of  $(y_{j3} P_2, y_{j3} A)$  satisfying  $(\delta + y_2) X_{j1} + y_{j3} P_1 = V_j$  and  $y_2$  is accumulated in  $V_j$  but  $y_{j3} \neq 0$ , then she can break the assumption. To prove the knowledge of  $(y_{j3} P_2, y_{j3} A)$ , we need equation  $X_{j3} - y_{j3} A = 0$ . To verify  $y_{j3} \neq 0$ , we need equation  $T_j = y_{j3} X_{j2}$  and the verifier checks  $T_j \neq 0$ . We now present the NM proof and its security in theorem 2. Proof of theorem 2 can be found in Appendix 9.

- ◊ **CompNMWit** takes  $y_2$ , and for each component accumulator value  $V_j$  of  $AcVal$   $\{V_j\}_{j=1}^m$ , computes remainder  $y_{j3}$  of  $Poly(\delta) \bmod (\delta + y_2)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  which is efficiently computable from  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  and  $y_2$ . It then computes  $X_{j1} = (Poly(\delta) - y_{j3}) / (\delta + y_2) P_1$ , which is efficiently computable from  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ ,  $y_2$  and  $\varsigma$ . The witness includes  $y_2$  and  $\{(X_{j1}, X_{j3} = y_{j3} A, y_{j3})\}_{j=1}^m$ . **UpdateNMWit** is for one  $V_j$  at a time and similar to [10] with the extra task of updating  $X_{j3} = y_{j3} A$ .
- ◊ **ProveNM** generates  $X_{j2} \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$  and outputs  $T_j = y_{j3} X_{j2}$  for each  $V_j$  and a GS proof for the following equations of variables  $y_1 = \delta, y_2, \{(X_{j1}, X_{j3}, X_{j2}, y_{j3})\}_{j=1}^m$ .  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((y_1 + y_2) X_{j1} + y_{j3} P_1 = V_j \wedge X_{j3} - y_{j3} A = 0 \wedge y_{j3} X_{j2} = T_j)$ . Note that the prover does not need to know  $y_1$ . From  $\tau$ , it is efficient to generate a commitment of  $\delta$  and the proof.
- ◊ **VerifyNM** verifies the proof generated by **ProveNM** and checks that  $T_j \neq 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ . It accepts if both of them pass or rejects otherwise.

**Theorem 2.** *The proof system proves that an element is not accumulated. Its soundness depends on the ESDH assumption. Its composable ZK depends on the assumption underlying the GS instantiation (SXDH or SDLIN).*

## 5.2 NM Proofs are Strongly Homomorphic

We can see that for the same constant  $A$ , the same variables  $\delta, y_2$  and  $X_{j2}$  with the same commitments, the set of NM proofs has the form of strongly homomorphic GS proofs constructed in Section 3. For constructing delegatable NM proofs, we just need them to be homomorphic. More specifically, 'adding' 2 proofs of 2 sets of equations (with the same commitments for  $\delta, y_2$  and  $X_{j2}$ )

$\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((\delta + y_2) X_{j1}^{(1)} + y_{j3}^{(1)} P_1 = V_j^{(1)} \wedge X_{j3}^{(1)} - y_{j3}^{(1)} A = 0 \wedge y_{j3}^{(1)} X_{j2} = T_j^{(1)})$  and  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((\delta + y_2) X_{j1}^{(2)} + y_{j3}^{(2)} P_1 = V_j^{(2)} \wedge X_{j3}^{(2)} - y_{j3}^{(2)} A = 0 \wedge y_{j3}^{(2)} X_{j2} = T_j^{(2)})$  form a proof of equations

$\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((\delta + y_2) X_{j1} + y_{j3} P_1 = V_j \wedge X_{j3} - y_{j3} A = 0 \wedge y_{j3} X_{j2} = T_j)$

where  $X_{j1} = X_{j1}^{(1)} + X_{j1}^{(2)}, X_{j3} = X_{j3}^{(1)} + X_{j3}^{(2)}, y_{j3} = y_{j3}^{(1)} + y_{j3}^{(2)}, V_j = V_j^{(1)} + V_j^{(2)}$  and  $T_j = T_j^{(1)} + T_j^{(2)}$ .

## 5.3 Delegating NM Proof

We first explain the idea behind the accumulator's delegatable NM proof construction. We write the component accumulator value  $V = \prod_{i=1}^k (\delta + a_i) \delta P_1$  as

$V = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i \delta^{k+1-i} P_1$  where  $b_0 = 1$  and  $b_i = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_i \leq k} \prod_{l=1}^i a_{j_l}$ . Thus,  $V$  can be written as a linear combination of  $\delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{k+1} P_1$  in  $\varsigma$ .

Next, we construct homomorphic proofs for  $(\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)}$  where  $i \in \{1, \dots, k+1\}$ . Using the same linear combination of  $\delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{k+1} P_1$  for  $V$ , we linearly combine these proofs to get a proof for  $(\delta + y_2)X_1 + y_3 P_1 = V \wedge X_3 - y_3 A = 0 \wedge y_3 X_2 = T$ , where  $X_1 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i X_1^{(k+1-i)}$ ,  $X_3 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i X_3^{(k+1-i)}$ ,  $y_3 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i y_3^{(k+1-i)}$  and  $T = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i T^{(k+1-i)}$ . This is the same as the NM proof for each of the component accumulator value provided above.

We now provide the algorithms for delegating NM proofs and its security theorem. We also add `UpdateProof` to be used in place of `CompNMProof` when possible for efficiency.

- ◇ `Dele(Para, Ele)`. For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ , compute remainder  $y_3^{(i)}$  of  $\delta^i \bmod (\delta + y_2)$  in  $Z_p$ , and  $X_1^{(i)} = (\delta^i - y_3^{(i)})/(\delta + y_2)P_1$ , which are efficiently computable from  $y_2$  and  $\varsigma$ . In fact, we have  $y_3^{(i)} = (-1)^i y_2^i$  and  $X_1^{(i+1)} = \sum_{j=0}^i (-1)^j y_2^j \delta^{i-j} P_1 = \delta^i P_1 - y_2 X_1^{(i)}$  (so the cost of computing all  $X_1^{(i)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$  is about  $q$  scalar products). Generate  $X_2 \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$ , the delegation key  $De$  includes  $\{T^{(i)} = y_3^{(i)} X_2\}_{i=1}^{q+1}$  and a GS proof of equations  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{q+1} ((\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)})$ .
- ◇ `Rede(Para, De)`. For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ , extract proof  $Proof_i$  of  $y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)}$  in  $De$ . In each  $Proof_i$ , for the same  $y_3^{(i)}$  and its commitment,  $Proof_i$  is of homomorphic form. So generate  $r \leftarrow Z_p^*$  and compute  $Proof'_i = rProof_i$  which is a proof of  $y_3^{(i)}X'_2 = T'^{(i)}$ , where  $X'_2 = rX_2$  and  $T'^{(i)} = rT^{(i)}$ . Note that commitments of  $y_3^{(i)}$  stay the same. For every  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ , replace  $T^{(i)}$  by  $T'^{(i)}$  and  $Proof_i$  by  $Proof'_i$  in  $De$  to get a new GS proof, which is then randomized to get the output  $De'$ .
- ◇ `Vali(Para, De)`. A simple option is to verify the GS proof  $De$ . An alternative way is to use batch verification: Divide  $De$  into proofs  $NMProof_i$  of  $(\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ . Generate  $q+1$  random numbers to linearly combine  $NMProof_i$ s and their statements and verify the combined proof and statement.
- ◇ `CompNMProof(Para, De, AcSet, AcVal)`. Divide  $De$  into proofs  $NMProof_i$  as in `Vali`. For each component accumulator value  $V$  of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ , compute  $b_i$  for  $i \in \{0, \dots, k\}$  as above.  $NMProof_i$ s belong to a set of homomorphic proofs, so compute  $NMProof = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i NMProof_{k+1-i}$ , which is a proof of  $(\delta + y_2)X_1 + y_3 P_1 = V \wedge X_3 - y_3 A = 0 \wedge y_3 X_2 = T$  where  $X_1, X_3, y_3, T$  and  $V$  are as explained above. Extract proof  $SubProof$  of  $y_3 X_2 = T$  in  $NMProof$ . For the same  $y_3$  and its commitment,  $SubProof$  is of homomorphic form. So generate  $r \leftarrow Z_p^*$  and compute  $SubProof' = rSubProof$  which is a proof of  $y_3 X'_2 = T'$ , where  $X'_2 = rX_2$  and  $T' = rT$ . Note that  $y_3$ 's commitment stays the same. Replace  $T$  by  $T'$  and  $SubProof$  by  $SubProof'$  in  $NMProof$  to get a new proof

$NMProof'$ .

Concatenate those  $NMProof'$  of all  $V$  in  $AcVal$  and output a randomization of the concatenation.

- ◊ **UpdateProof**( $Para, De, AcSet, AcVal, Proof, Opens$ ).  $Proof$  is the proof to be updated and  $Opens$  contains openings for randomizing commitments of  $y_1 = \delta$  and  $y_2$  from  $De$  to  $Proof$ . Suppose there is a change in accumulated elements of a component value  $V$ , we just compute  $NMProof'$  for the updated  $V$  as in **CompNMProof**. Randomize  $NMProof'$  so that its commitments of  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are the same as those in  $Proof$  and put it in  $Proof$  in place of its old part. Output a randomization of the result.

To prove that this construction provides an ADNMP, we need the following Decisional Strong Diffie Hellman (DSDH) assumption, which is not in the uber-assumption family [31], but can be proved in generic groups similarly to the PowerDDH assumption [32]. Proof of theorem 3 is in Appendix 9.

**DEFINITION.**  $q$ -**DSDH**: Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  be bilinear parameters,  $B_0, B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$ ,  $x_0, x_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  and  $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ . Given  $B_0, x_0 B_0, \dots, x_0^q B_0, B_1, x_b B_1, \dots, x_b^q B_1$ , no PPT algorithm can output  $b' = b$  with a probability non-negligibly better than a random guess.

**Theorem 3.** *The accumulator is a secure ADNMP, based on ESDH, DSDH and the assumption underlying the GS instantiation (SXDH or SDLIN).*

## 6 Revocable Delegatable Anonymous Credentials - RDAC

### 6.1 Model

This is a model of RDAC systems, extended from BCKLS [1] which is briefly described in 10. Participants include users and a Blacklist Authority (BA) owning a blacklist  $BL$ . For each credential proof, a user picks a new nym indistinguishable from her other nyms. We need another type of nym for revocation, called  $r$ -nym, to distinguish between two types of nyms. When an  $r$ -nym is revoked, its owner cannot prove credentials anymore. The PPT algorithms are:

- **Setup**( $1^k$ ) outputs public parameters  $Para_{DC}$ , BA's secret key  $Sk_{BA}$ , and an initially empty blacklist  $BL$ . Denote  $BL_e$  an empty blacklist.
- **KeyGen**( $Para_{DC}$ ) outputs a secret key  $Sk$  and a secret  $r$ -nym  $Rn$  for a user.
- **NymGen**( $Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn$ ) outputs a new nym  $Nym$  with an auxiliary key  $Aux(Nym)$ . A user  $O$  can become a root credential issuer by publishing a nym  $Nym_O$  and a proof that her  $r$ -nym  $Rn_O$  is not revoked that  $O$  has to update when  $BL$  changes.
- **Issue**( $Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), Cred, DeInf, Nym_U, BL, L$ )  $\leftrightarrow$  **Obtain**( $Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U), Nym_I, BL, L$ ) lets user  $I$  issue a level  $L + 1$  credential to user  $U$ .  $Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I$  and  $Cred$  are the secret key,  $r$ -nym, nym and level  $L$  credential rooted at

$Nym_O$  of issuer  $I$ .  $Sk_U$ ,  $Rn_U$  and  $Nym_U$  are the secret key, r-nym and nym of user  $U$ .  $I$  gets no output and  $U$  gets a credential  $Cred_U$ .

Delegation information  $DeInf$  is optional. When it is included,  $U$  also gets delegation information  $DeInf_U$  to later prove that r-nyms of all delegators in her chain are not revoked. If  $L = 0$  then  $Cred$  is omitted and  $DeInf = 1$  is optionally included.

- $Revoke(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, Rn, BL)$  updates  $BL$  so that a revoked user  $Rn$  can no longer prove, delegate or receive credentials. Denote  $Rn \in BL$  or  $Rn \notin BL$  that  $Rn$  is blacklisted or not, respectively.
- $CredProve(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  takes a level  $L$  credential  $Cred$ ,  $Sk$ ,  $Rn$  and optionally  $DeInf$  to output  $CredProof$ , which proves that: (i) a credential level  $L$  is issued to  $Nym$ 's owner. (ii)  $Nym$ 's  $Rn$  is not revoked. (iii)(optional, when  $DeInf$  is included) all r-nyms on the credential's chain are not revoked.
- $CredVerify(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, CredProof, Nym, BL, L)$  verifies if  $CredProof$  is a valid proof of the above statements.

The differences with the model for delegatable anonymous credentials without revocation [1] are the introductions of BA with  $Sk_{BA}$  and  $BL$ ; r-nyms; delegation information  $DeInf$ ;  $Revoke$ ; and the two  $CredProof$ 's conditions (ii) and (iii). Note that  $DeInf$ 's inclusion in the algorithms is optional and allows a user the choice to either just prove that she is not blacklisted or fully prove and delegate that all users on her credential chain are not blacklisted. We can use one of traditional methods for BA to obtain r-nyms to revoke (Appendix 11).

Appendix 10 formally defines RDAC security. Briefly, there are 3 requirements extended from the security definition of delegatable anonymous credentials [1]: Correctness, Anonymity and Unforgeability. Appendix 10.4 discusses the trade offs between delegability and anonymity.

## 7 An RDAC scheme

### 7.1 Overview

We first describe intuitions of the BCCKLS delegatable anonymous credential scheme in [1], and then show how ADNMP extends it to provide revocation.

BCCKLS uses an  $F$ -Unforgeable certification secure authentication scheme  $\mathcal{AU}$  of PPT algorithms  $AtSetup$ ,  $AuthKg$ ,  $Authen$ ,  $VerifyAuth$ .  $AtSetup(1^k)$  returns public parameters  $Para_{At}$ ,  $AuthKg(Para_{At})$  generates a key  $Sk$ ,  $Authen(Para_{At}, Sk, \vec{m})$  produces an authenticator  $Auth$  authenticating a vector of messages  $\vec{m}$ , and  $VerifyAuth(Para_{At}, Sk, \vec{m}, Auth)$  accepts if and only if  $Auth$  validly authenticates  $\vec{m}$  under  $Sk$ . The scheme's *security* requirements include  $F$ -*Unforgeability* [12] for a bijective function  $F$ , which means  $(F(\vec{m}), Auth)$  is unforgeable without obtaining an authenticator on  $\vec{m}$ ; and *certification security*, which means no PPT adversary, even after obtaining an authenticator by the challenge secret key, can forge another authenticator. An adversary can also have access to two oracles.  $\mathcal{O}_{Authen}(Para_{At}, Sk, \vec{m})$  returns  $Authen(Para_{At}, Sk, \vec{m})$  and

$\mathcal{O}_{Certify}(Para_{At}, Sk^*, (Sk, m_2, \dots, m_n))$  returns  $Authn(Para_{At}, Sk^*, (Sk, m_2, \dots, m_n))$ . BCCKLS also uses a secure two party computation protocol (**AuthPro**) to obtain a NIZKPK of an authenticator on  $\vec{m}$  without revealing anything about  $\vec{m}$ .

In BCCKLS, a user  $U$  can generate a secret key  $Sk \leftarrow AuthKg(Para_{At})$ , and many nym  $Nym = Com(Sk, Open)$  by choosing different values  $Open$ . Suppose  $U$  has a level  $L+1$  credential from  $O$ , let  $(Sk_0 = Sk_O, Sk_1, \dots, Sk_L, Sk_{L+1} = Sk)$  be the keys such that  $Sk_i$ 's owner delegated the credential to  $Sk_{i+1}$ , and let  $H : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow Z_p$  be a collision resistant hash function.  $r_i = H(Nym_O, attributes, i)$  is computed for a set of attributes for that level's credential.  $U$  generates a proof of her delegated credential as

$$\begin{aligned} CredProof &\leftarrow NIZKPK[Sk_O \text{ in } Nym_O, Sk \text{ in } Nym] \\ &\{(F(Sk_O), F(Sk_1), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Sk), auth_1, \dots, auth_{L+1}) : \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_O, (Sk_1, r_1), auth_1) \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_1, (Sk_2, r_2), auth_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_{L-1}, (Sk_L, r_L), auth_L) \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_L, (Sk, r_{L+1}), auth_{L+1})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show how ADNMP extends BCCKLS to provide revocation. Using ADNMP, BA's blacklist  $BL$  includes an accumulated set of revoked  $Rns$  and its accumulator value. Beside a secret key  $Sk$ , user  $U$  has a secret r-nym  $Rn$  in the accumulator's domain, and generates nym  $Nym = (Com(Sk, Open_{Sk}), Com(Rn, Open_{Rn}))$ . ADNMP allows delegation and redelegation of a proof that an  $Rn$  is not accumulated in a blacklist  $Rn \notin BL$ .  $U$  generates a proof of her delegated credential and validity of the credential's chain as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} CredProof &\leftarrow NIZKPK[Sk_O \text{ in } Nym_O[1], Sk \text{ in } Nym[1], Rn \text{ in } Nym[2]] \\ &\{(F(Sk_O), F(Sk_1), F(Rn_1), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L), F(Sk), F(Rn), \\ &auth_1, \dots, auth_L, auth_{L+1}) : \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_O, (Sk_1, Rn_1, r_1), auth_1) \wedge (Rn_1 \notin BL) \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_1, (Sk_2, Rn_2, r_2), auth_2) \wedge (Rn_2 \notin BL) \wedge \dots \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_{L-1}, (Sk_L, Rn_L, r_L), auth_L) \wedge (Rn_L \notin BL) \wedge \\ &VerifyAuth(Sk_L, (Sk, Rn, r_{L+1}), auth_{L+1}) \wedge (Rn \notin BL)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Delegability allows a user, on behalf of the user's delegators without any witness, to prove that the user's ancestor delegators are not included in a changing blacklist. The proofs a user and a delegator generates are indistinguishable from each other. Redelegability allows a user to redelegate those proofs on the delegators to the user's delegates. Unlinkability prevents colluding users to link delegations of the same delegator. Verifiability allows a user to validate the correctness of a delegation token.

## 7.2 Description

The RDAC scheme has several building blocks. (i) An ADNMP with a malleable NM proof system (NMPS) of  $AcSetup$ ,  $ProveNM$ ,  $VerifyNM$ ,  $CompNMWit$ ,  $Accu$ ,

Dele, Rede, Vali, CompNMProof, with commitment ComNM. (ii) Those from BCKLS, including  $\mathcal{AU}$ ; AuthPro;  $H$ ; and a malleable NIPK credential proof system (CredPS) of PKSetup, PKProve, PKVerify, RandProof, with commitment Com. (iii) A malleable proof system (EQPS), with PKSetup and AcSetup in setup, to prove that two commitments Com and ComNM commit to the same value.

Assume that a delegating key  $De$  contains a commitment of element  $Ele$ . CompNMProof and Rede randomize the commitment in  $De$  and generate  $Ele$ 's commitment. Elements of the accumulator domain and the authenticator's key space can be committed by Com. The following algorithm inputs are the same as in the model and omitted.

- **Setup**: Use PKSetup( $1^k$ ), AtSetup( $1^k$ ) and AcSetup( $1^k$ ) to generate  $Para_{PK}$ ,  $Para_{At}$ , and  $(Para_{Ac}, Aux_{Ac})$ . The blacklist includes an accumulated set of revoked r-nyms and its accumulator value. Output an initial blacklist  $BL$  with an empty accumulator set and its initial accumulator value,  $Para_{DC} = (Para_{PK}, Para_{At}, Para_{Ac}, H)$ , and  $Sk_{BA} = Aux_{Ac}$ .
- **KeyGen**: Run AuthKg( $Para_{At}$ ) to output a secret key  $Sk$ . Output a random r-nym  $Rn$  from the accumulator's domain.
- **NymGen**: Generate random  $Open_{Sk}$  and  $Open_{Rn}$ , and output nym  $Nym = (Com(Sk, Open_{Sk}), Com(Rn, Open_{Rn}))$  and  $Aux(Nym) = (Open_{Sk}, Open_{Rn})$ .
- The credential originator  $O$  publishes a  $Nym_O$  and a proof  $NMProof_O$  that  $Rn_O$  is not revoked.  $O$  updates the proof when  $BL$  changes.
- **Issue**  $\leftrightarrow$  **Obtain**: If  $L = 0$  and  $Nym_O \neq Nym_I$ , aborts. Issue aborts if  $Nym_I \neq (Com(Sk_I, Open_{Sk_I}), Com(Rn_I, Open_{Rn_I}))$  or PKVerify( $Para_{PK}$ ,  $(Nym_0, (Com(Sk_I, 0), Com(Rn_I, 0))), Cred$ ) rejects, or  $Rn_I \in BL$ , or  $Nym_U$  is invalid. Obtain aborts if  $Nym_U \neq (Com(Sk_U, Open_{Sk_U}), Com(Rn_U, Open_{Rn_U}))$  or  $Rn_U \in BL$ . Otherwise, each of Issue and Obtain generates a proof and verifies each other's proofs that  $Rn_I \notin BL$  and  $Rn_U \notin BL$  using (ProveNM, VerifyNM) with EQPS (to prove that Com( $Rn_I$ ) in  $Nym_I$  and ComNM( $Rn_I$ ) generated by ProveNM commit to the same value  $Rn_I$ , and similarly for  $Rn_U$ ). They then both compute  $r_{L+1} = H(Nym_O, attributes, L+1)$  for a set of attributes for that level's credential. They run AuthPro for the user  $U$  to receive:  $Proof_U \leftarrow \text{NIZKPK}[Sk_I \text{ in } Nym_I[1], Sk_U \text{ in } Com(Sk_U, 0), Rn_U \text{ in } Com(Rn_U, 0)] \{(F(Sk_I), F(Sk_U), F(Rn_U), auth) : \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_I, (Sk_U, Rn_U, r_{L+1}), auth)\}$ .  $U$ 's output is  $Cred_U = Proof_U$  when  $L = 0$ . Otherwise, suppose the users on the issuer  $I$ 's chain from the root are 0 (same as  $O$ ), 1, 2, ...,  $L$  (same as  $I$ ).  $I$  randomizes  $Cred$  to get a proof  $CredProof_I$  (containing the same  $Nym_I$ ) that for every  $Nym_j$  on  $I$ 's chain ( $j \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ ),  $Sk_j$  and  $Rn_j$  are authenticated by  $Sk_{j-1}$  (with  $r_j$ ).  $U$  verifies that PKVerify( $Para_{PK}$ ,  $(Nym_0, Nym_I), CredProof_I$ ) accepts, then concatenates  $Proof_U$  and  $CredProof_I$  and projects  $Nym_I$  from statement to proof to get  $Cred_U$ .

The optional  $DeInf$  includes a list of delegating keys  $De_j$ s generated by the accumulator's Dele to prove that each  $Rn_j$  is not accumulated in the blacklist, and a list of  $EQProof_j$  for proving that two commitments of  $Rn_j$  in  $Cred$  and  $De_j$  commit to the same value  $Rn_j$ , for  $j \in \{1, \dots, L-1\}$ . Verifying  $DeInf$  involves checking Vali( $Para_{Ac}, De_j$ ) and  $EQProof_j$ , for  $j \in$

$\{1, \dots, L-1\}$ . When  $DeInf$  is in the input,  $I$  would abort without interacting with  $Obtain$  if verifying  $DeInf$  fails. Otherwise, it uses  $CompNMProof$  to generate a proof  $NMChainProof$  that each  $Rn_j$ 's on  $I$ 's chain of delegators is not accumulated in the blacklist.  $U$  aborts if its verification on  $NMChainProof$  fails. Otherwise,  $I$  Redes these delegating keys, randomizes  $EQProof_j$  to match commitments in the new delegating keys and  $Cred_U$ , and adds a new delegating key  $De_I$  to prove that  $Rn_I$  is not revoked and a proof  $EQProof_I$  that two commitments of  $Rn_I$  in  $Nym_I[2]$  and  $De_I$  commit to the same value. The result  $DeInf_U$  is sent to and verified by  $U$ .

- Revoke: Add  $Rn$  to the accumulated set and update the accumulator value.
- CredProve: Abort if  $Nym \neq (\text{Com}(Sk, \text{Open}_{Sk}), \text{Com}(Rn, \text{Open}_{Rn}))$ , or  $\text{PKVerify}(\text{Para}_{PK}, (Nym_0, (\text{Com}(Sk, 0), \text{Com}(Rn, 0))), Cred)$  rejects, or verifying  $DeInf$  fails. Otherwise, use  $ProveNM$  to generate a proof  $NMProof$  that  $Rn$  is not blacklisted. Generate  $EQProof'_L$  that  $Rn$ 's commitments in  $NMProof$  and in  $Nym[2]$  both commit to the same value. Randomize  $Cred$  to get a proof which contains  $Nym$ . Concatenate this proof with  $NMProof$  and  $EQProof'_L$  to get  $CredProof'$ . If the optional  $DeInf$  is omitted, just output  $CredProof'$ .

Otherwise, use  $CompNMProof$  to generate a proof  $NMChainProof$  that each  $Rn_j$ 's on the user's chain of delegators is not accumulated in the blacklist. For  $j \in \{1, \dots, L-1\}$ , update and randomize  $EQProof_j$  of  $DeInf$  to get  $EQProof'_j$  which proves  $Rn_j$ 's commitments in  $NMChainProof$  and  $CredProof'$  both commit to the same value. Concatenate  $NMChainProof$ ,  $CredProof'$  and  $EQProof'_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, L-1\}$  to output  $CredProof'$  as described in (1).

- CredVerify runs  $\text{PKVerify}$  on the randomization of  $Cred$ ,  $\text{VerifyNM}$  on  $NMProof$  and  $NMChainProof$ , and verifies  $EQProof'_j$  for  $j \in \{1, \dots, L\}$  to output accept or reject.

**Theorem 4.** *If the authentication scheme is  $F$ -unforgeable and certification-secure; the ADNMP is secure; CredPS, NMPS and EQPS are randomizable and composable ZK; CredPS is also partially extractable; and  $H$  is collision resistant, then this construction is a secure revocable delegatable anonymous credential system.*

Proof of theorem 4 is given in Appendix 12. Instantiation of the building blocks are given in Appendix 11. Briefly, a secure ADNMP is presented in Section 5; the BCCKLS building blocks can be instantiated as in [1]; and an EQPS can be constructed from [12, 1].

## 8 Background

**BILINEAR PAIRINGS.** Let  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$  be cyclic additive groups of order prime  $p$  generated by  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively, and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  be a cyclic multiplicative group



of order  $p$ . An efficiently computable bilinear pairing  $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  satisfies  $e(aP, bQ) = e(P, Q)^{ab}$ ,  $\forall P \in \mathbb{G}_1, Q \in \mathbb{G}_2, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ; and  $e(P_1, P_2)$  generates  $\mathbb{G}_T$ .

SXDH [2]. For bilinear setup  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  with prime  $p$ , eXternal Diffie-Hellman (XDH) assumes that the Decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problem is computationally hard in one of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  or  $\mathbb{G}_2$ . Symmetric XDH (SXDH) assumes that DDH is hard in both  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .

## 8.1 Non-Interactive Proof System

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be an efficiently computable relation of  $(Para, Sta, Wit)$  with setup parameters  $Para$ , a statement  $Sta$ , and a witness  $Wit$ . A non-interactive proof system for  $\mathbf{R}$  consists of 3 PPT algorithms: a Setup, a prover Prove, and a verifier Verify. A non-interactive proof system (Setup, Prove, Verify) must be complete and sound.

**Completeness** means that for every PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Pr[Para \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Sta, Wit) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para); Proof \leftarrow \text{Prove}(Para, Sta, Wit) : \text{Verify}(Para, Sta, Proof) = 1 \text{ if } (Para, Sta, Wit) \in \mathbf{R}]$  is overwhelming.

**Soundness** means that for every PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\Pr[Para \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); (Sta, Proof) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para) : \text{Verify}(Para, Sta, Proof) = 0 \text{ if } (Para, Sta, Wit) \notin \mathbf{R}, \forall Wit]$  is overwhelming.

**Zero-Knowledge.** A non-interactive proof system is *Zero-Knowledge (ZK)*, if the proof does not reveal any information except proving that the statement is true.

*Witness Indistinguishability (WI)* requires that the verifier can not determine which witness was used in the proof.

A non-interactive proof system is *composable ZK* [2] if there exists a PPT simulation algorithm outputting a trapdoor and parameters indistinguishable from Setup's output, and under the simulated parameters, ZK holds even when the adversary knows the trapdoor. Composable ZK implies the standard ZK.

**Randomizing proofs and commitments.** A *randomizable* non-interactive proof system [1] has another PPT algorithm **RandProof**, that takes as input  $(Para, Sta, Proof)$  and outputs another valid proof  $Proof'$ , which is indistinguishable from a proof produced by **Prove**.

A PPT *commitment* algorithm **Com** binds and hides a value  $x$  with a random *opening*  $r$ . Informally, a commitment scheme is *randomizable* [1] if there exists a PPT algorithm **ReCom** such that  $\text{ReCom}(\text{Com}(x, r), r') = \text{Com}(x, r + r')$ .  $Sta$  and  $Proof$  may contain commitments of variables.

A non-interactive proof system is *malleable* [1] if it is efficient to randomize the proof and its statement's commitments to get a new proof which is valid for the new statement. When possible, *concatenation* of two proofs is a proof that merges setup parameters and all commitments and proves the combination of conditions. From a proof  $Proof$ , a *projected* proof is obtained by moving some commitments from the statement to  $Proof$ .

**Partial Extractability.** A non-interactive proof of knowledge (NIPK) system ( $\text{Setup}$ ,  $\text{Prove}$ ,  $\text{Verify}$ ) is  $F$ -extractable [12] for a bijection  $F$  if there is a PPT extractor ( $\text{ExtSetup}$ ,  $\text{ExtWitness}$ ) such that  $\text{ExtSetup}$ 's output  $Para$  is distributed identically to  $\text{Setup}$ 's output, and for every PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ ,

$\Pr[(Para, td) \leftarrow \text{ExtSetup}(1^k); (Sta, Proof) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(Para); Ext \leftarrow \text{ExtWitness}(td, Sta, Proof) : \text{Verify}(Para, Sta, Proof) = 1 \wedge (Para, Sta, F^{-1}(Ext)) \notin \mathbf{R}]$  is negligible.

As in [12], we use the following notations NIPK or NIZKPK (ZK for zero knowledge) for a statement consisting of commitments  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  of witness' variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  and some  $Condition: Proof \leftarrow \text{NIPK}[x_1 \text{ in } C_1, \dots, x_k \text{ in } C_k] \{F(Para, Wit) : Condition(Para, Wit)\}$ .

## 8.2 Groth-Sahai (GS) Proofs

This general description of GS proofs is based on the GS full version paper [2] which is updated and free from previous errors [28].

**BILINEAR MAP MODULES.** Given a finite commutative ring  $(\mathcal{R}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$ , an abelian group  $(A, +, 0)$  is an  $\mathcal{R}$ -module if  $\forall r, s \in \mathcal{R}, \forall x, y \in A: (r + s)x = rx + sx \wedge r(x + y) = rx + ry \wedge r(sx) = (rs)x \wedge 1x = x$ . Let  $A_1, A_2, A_T$  be  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules with a bilinear map  $f : A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow A_T$ . Let  $B_1, B_2, B_T$  be  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules with a bilinear map  $F : B_1 \times B_2 \rightarrow B_T$  and efficiently computable maps  $\iota_1 : A_1 \rightarrow B_1$ ,  $\iota_2 : A_2 \rightarrow B_2$  and  $\iota_T : A_T \rightarrow B_T$ . Maps  $p_1 : B_1 \rightarrow A_1$ ,  $p_2 : B_2 \rightarrow A_2$  and  $p_T : B_T \rightarrow A_T$  are hard to compute and satisfy the commutative properties:  $F(\iota_1(x), \iota_2(y)) = \iota_T(f(x, y))$  and  $f(p_1(x), p_2(y)) = p_T(F(x, y))$ . For  $\vec{x} \in A_1^n$  and  $\vec{y} \in A_2^n$ , denote  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} = \sum_{i=1}^n f(x[i], y[i])$ . For  $\vec{c} \in B_1^n$  and  $\vec{d} \in B_2^n$ , denote  $\vec{c} \bullet \vec{d} = \sum_{i=1}^n F(c[i], d[i])$ .

**SETUP.** GS parameters  $Para$  includes setup  $Gk$  and CRS  $\sigma$ .  $Gk := (\mathcal{R}, \{A_1^{(i)}, A_2^{(i)}, A_T^{(i)}, f^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^L)$  where  $A_1^{(i)}, A_2^{(i)}, A_T^{(i)}$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules with map  $f^{(i)} : A_1^{(i)} \times A_2^{(i)} \rightarrow A_T^{(i)}$ .  $L$  is the number of equations in a statement to be proved.  $\sigma := (\{B_1^{(i)}, B_2^{(i)}, B_T^{(i)}, F^{(i)}, \iota_1^{(i)}, p_1^{(i)}, \iota_2^{(i)}, p_2^{(i)}, \iota_T^{(i)}, p_T^{(i)}, \vec{u}_1^{(i)}, \vec{u}_2^{(i)}, H_1^{(i)}, \dots, H_{\eta_i}^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^L)$  where  $B_1^{(i)}, B_2^{(i)}, B_T^{(i)}, F^{(i)}, \iota_1^{(i)}, p_1^{(i)}, \iota_2^{(i)}, p_2^{(i)}, \iota_T^{(i)}, p_T^{(i)}$  are described above.  $\vec{u}_1^{(i)}$  consists of  $\hat{m}^{(i)}$  elements in  $B_1^{(i)}$  and  $\vec{u}_2^{(i)}$  consists of  $\hat{n}^{(i)}$  elements in  $B_2^{(i)}$ . They are commitment keys for  $A_1^{(i)}$  and  $A_2^{(i)}$  respectively, as we will discuss more later. Matrices  $H_1^{(i)}, \dots, H_{\eta_i}^{(i)} \in \text{Mat}_{\hat{m}^{(i)} \times \hat{n}^{(i)}}(\mathcal{R})$  generate all matrices  $H^{(i)}$  satisfying  $\vec{u}_1^{(i)} \bullet H^{(i)} \vec{u}_2^{(i)} = 0$ . It may happens that  $A_k^{(i)} \equiv A_l^{(j)}$  for some  $k, l \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, L\}$ . In that case, it is required that  $(B_k^{(i)}, \iota_k^{(i)}, p_k^{(i)}, \vec{u}_k^{(i)}) \equiv (B_l^{(j)}, \iota_l^{(j)}, p_l^{(j)}, \vec{u}_l^{(j)})$ .

**STATEMENT.** A GS statement is a set of  $L$  equations. Each equation is over  $\mathcal{R}$ -modules  $A_1, A_2, A_T$  with map  $f : A_1 \times A_2 \rightarrow A_T$  as follows

$$\sum_{j=1}^n f(a_j, y_j) + \sum_{i=1}^m f(x_i, b_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_{ij} f(x_i, y_j) = t$$

with variables  $x_1, \dots, x_m \in A_1$  and  $y_1, \dots, y_n \in A_2$  and coefficients  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A_1$ ,  $b_1, \dots, b_m \in A_2$ ,  $\gamma_{ij} \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $t \in A_T$ .

Let  $\vec{a}$  be the vector of  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ ; let  $\vec{b}$  be the vector of  $(b_1, \dots, b_m)$ ; let  $\vec{x}$  be the vector of  $(x_1, \dots, x_m)$ ; let  $\vec{y}$  be the vector of  $(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ ; and let  $\Gamma \in \text{Mat}_{m \times n}(\mathcal{R})$  be the matrix of  $(\gamma_{ij})$ . We have  $\vec{x} \cdot \Gamma \vec{y} = \Gamma^\top \vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$  and  $\vec{x} \bullet \Gamma \vec{y} = \Gamma^\top \vec{x} \bullet \vec{y}$ . So each equation can be written as  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{x} \cdot \Gamma \vec{y} = t$ .

A GS statement can be viewed as a set  $\{(\vec{a}_i, \vec{b}_i, \Gamma_i, t_i)\}_{i=1}^L$  over the corresponding set of bilinear groups  $\{A_1^{(i)}, A_2^{(i)}, A_T^{(i)}, f^{(i)}\}_{i=1}^L$  satisfying equations  $\vec{a}_i \cdot \vec{y}_i + \vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{b}_i + \vec{x}_i \cdot \Gamma_i \vec{y}_i = t_i$ . The witness is the set of corresponding variables  $\{\vec{x}_i, \vec{y}_i\}_{i=1}^L$ .

COMMITMENT. Given keys  $\vec{u}_1 \in B_1^{\hat{n}}$  and  $\vec{u}_2 \in B_2^{\hat{n}}$ , commitments of  $\vec{x} \in A_1^n$  and  $\vec{y} \in A_2^n$  are respectively computed as  $\vec{c} := \iota_1(\vec{x}) + R\vec{u}_1$  and  $\vec{d} := \iota_2(\vec{y}) + S\vec{u}_2$ , where  $R \leftarrow \text{Mat}_{m \times \hat{m}}(\mathcal{R})$  and  $S \leftarrow \text{Mat}_{n \times \hat{n}}(\mathcal{R})$ . We see that  $\vec{c} \in B_1^m$  and  $\vec{d} \in B_2^n$ . The commitment keys can be one of two types. *Hiding* keys satisfy  $\iota(A_1) \subseteq \langle \vec{u}_1 \rangle$  and  $\iota(A_2) \subseteq \langle \vec{u}_2 \rangle$ . So the commitments are perfectly hiding. *Binding* keys satisfy  $p_1(\vec{u}_1) = \vec{0}$  and  $p_2(\vec{u}_2) = \vec{0}$ , and the maps  $\iota_1 \circ p_1$  and  $\iota_2 \circ p_2$  are non-trivial. If they are identity maps, then the commitments are perfectly binding.

PROOF. For a statement consisting of several  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \Gamma, t)$  and a witness of corresponding variables  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ , the proof includes commitments  $(\vec{c}, \vec{d})$  of the variables and corresponding pairs  $(\vec{\pi}, \vec{\psi})$ , computed as follows. Generate  $R \leftarrow \text{Mat}_{m \times \hat{m}}(\mathcal{R})$ ,  $S \leftarrow \text{Mat}_{n \times \hat{n}}(\mathcal{R})$ ,  $T \leftarrow \text{Mat}_{\hat{n} \times \hat{m}}(\mathcal{R})$  and  $r_1, \dots, r_\eta \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ . Compute  $\vec{c} := \iota_1(\vec{x}) + R\vec{u}_1$ ;  $\vec{d} := \iota_2(\vec{y}) + S\vec{u}_2$ ;  $\vec{\pi} := R^\top \iota_2(\vec{b}) + R^\top \Gamma \iota_2(\vec{y}) + R^\top \Gamma S \vec{u}_2 - T^\top \vec{u}_2 + \sum_{i=1}^\eta r_i H_i \vec{u}_2$ ; and  $\vec{\psi} := S^\top \iota_1(\vec{a}) + S^\top \Gamma^\top \iota_1(\vec{x}) + T \vec{u}_1$ . Dimension of  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{x}$  and  $\vec{c}$  is  $m$ , dimension of  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{y}$  and  $\vec{d}$  is  $n$ , dimension of  $\vec{\pi}$  is  $\hat{m}$ , and dimension of  $\vec{\psi}$  is  $\hat{n}$ . To show that a variable of one equation is the same as another variable of the same or another equation, the same commitment is used for the variables. Verification for each equation's proof is to check  $\iota_1(\vec{a}) \bullet \vec{d} + \vec{c} \bullet \iota_2(\vec{b}) + \vec{c} \bullet \Gamma \vec{d} = \iota_T(t) + \vec{u}_1 \bullet \vec{\pi} + \vec{\psi} \bullet \vec{u}_2$ .

SXDH INSTANTIATION. Bilinear pairing modules  $Z_p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  and map  $e$  are sufficient to specify all equations in a statement. So *Para* includes setup  $Gk = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  and CRS  $\sigma = (B_1, B_2, B_T, F, \iota_1, p_1, \iota_2, p_2, \iota'_1, p'_1, \iota'_2, p'_2, \iota_T, p_T, \vec{u}, \vec{v})$  where  $B_1 = \mathbb{G}_1^2$ ,  $B_2 = \mathbb{G}_2^2$  and  $B_T := \mathbb{G}_T^4$  with entry-wise group operations.  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  can be viewed as  $Z_p$ -modules with map  $e$ . Matrices  $H_1, \dots, H_\eta$  are not needed. Vectors  $\vec{u}$  of  $u_1, u_2 \in B_1$  and  $\vec{v}$  of  $v_1, v_2 \in B_2$  are commitment keys for  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ . More descriptions of  $(\iota_1, p_1, \iota_2, p_2, \iota'_1, p'_1, \iota'_2, p'_2, \iota_T, p_T)$  are shown below.

There are 4 types of equations in statements. For *pairing product*,  $A_1 = \mathbb{G}_1$ ,  $A_2 = \mathbb{G}_2$ ,  $A_T = \mathbb{G}_T$ ,  $f(X, Y) = e(X, Y)$ , and equations are  $(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{Y})(\vec{X} \cdot \vec{B})(\vec{X} \cdot \Gamma \vec{Y}) = t_T$ . For *multi-scalar multiplication* in  $\mathbb{G}_1$ ,  $A_1 = \mathbb{G}_1$ ,  $A_2 = Z_p$ ,  $A_T = \mathbb{G}_1$ ,  $f(X, y) = yX$ , and equations are  $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{X} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{X} \cdot \Gamma \vec{y} = T_1$ . For *multi-scalar multiplication* in  $\mathbb{G}_2$ ,  $A_1 = Z_p$ ,  $A_2 = \mathbb{G}_2$ ,  $A_T = \mathbb{G}_2$ ,  $f(x, Y) = xY$ , and equations are  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{Y} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{B} + \vec{x} \cdot \Gamma \vec{Y} = T_2$ . For *quadratic* equations,  $A_1 = Z_p$ ,  $A_2 = Z_p$ ,  $A_T = Z_p$ ,  $f(x, y) = xy \bmod p$  and equations are  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{x} \cdot \vec{b} + \vec{x} \cdot \Gamma \vec{y} = t$ .

The commitment key  $\vec{u}$  contains  $u_1 := (P, Q)$ , where  $Q = \alpha P$  with  $\alpha \leftarrow Z_p^*$ , and  $u_2 := (U, V)$  which can be computed in one of two ways. Compute  $u_2 := tu_1$

for a perfectly binding key, or compute  $u_2 := tu_1 - (O, P)$  for a perfectly hiding key, with  $t \leftarrow Z_p^*$ . Under DDH, these two types of keys are computationally indistinguishable. To commit  $X \in \mathbb{G}_1$ , define  $\iota_1(X) := (O, X)$  and compute the commitment  $c := \iota_1(X) + r_1u_1 + r_2u_2$  with  $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow Z_p$ . Define  $p_1 : (C_1, C_2) \mapsto C_2 - \alpha C_1$ , then the commitment is perfectly binding for the binding key, and the commitment is perfectly hiding for the hiding key. To commit  $x \in Z_p$  in  $\mathbb{G}_1$ , define  $u = u_2 + (O, P)$ ,  $\iota'_1(x) := xu$  and  $p'_1(c_1P, c_2P) := c_2 - \alpha c_1$ , and compute the commitment  $c' := \iota'_1(x) + r'u_1$  with  $r' \leftarrow Z_p$ . Committing  $Y \in \mathbb{G}_2$  and  $y \in Z_p$  in  $\mathbb{G}_2$  is similarly defined with  $\vec{v}$  and maps  $\iota_2, p_2, \iota'_2, p'_2$ .

A proof and its verification can then be done as specified in the general GS proofs. GS proofs are WI and in some cases ZK. As shown in [2], in the SXDH and Decisional Linear (DLIN) [28] instantiations, for statements consisting of only multi-scalar multiplication and quadratic equations, GS proofs are composable ZK.

### 8.3 Accumulator

An *universal accumulator* [9, 10] consists of the following PPT algorithms.

- **Setup** takes in  $1^l$  and outputs  $(Para, Aux)$ , where  $Para$  is setup parameters containing a domain  $Dom_{Para}$  of elements to be accumulated and  $Aux$  is some *auxiliary information*.
- **Accu** takes in  $Para$  and a set of elements  $AcSet$  and returns an accumulator value  $AcVal$ . In some cases, **Accu** may also take in  $Aux$  to compute  $AcVal$  more efficiently. The input as a set, where order makes no difference, instead of a sequence implies the quasi commutativity property defined in previous papers [6, 7].
- A membership proof system (**Setup**, **ProveMem**, **VerifyMem**) proves that an element  $Ele$  is accumulated in  $AcVal$ . Note that  $AcSet$  is not an input. There is a PPT algorithm **CompMemWit** to compute a *membership witness* for this proof from  $Para, Ele, AcSet$  and  $AcVal$ .
- An **non-membership (NM)** proof system (**Setup**, **ProveNM**, **VerifyNM**) proves that an element  $Ele$  is **not** accumulated in  $AcVal$ . Note that  $AcSet$  is not an input. There is a PPT algorithm **CompNMWit** to compute an *NM witness* for this proof from  $Para, Ele, AcSet$  and  $AcVal$ .

An accumulator is *dynamic* if there exist the following 3 PPT algorithms, whose costs should not depend on  $AcSet$ 's size, for adding or removing an accumulated element  $Ele$ . **UpdateVal**, whose input includes  $Para, Ele$ , the current accumulator value  $AcVal$  and  $Aux$ , updates the accumulator value. **UpdateMemWit**, whose input includes  $Para, Ele$ , the current witness  $Wit$  and  $AcVal$ , updates membership witnesses. For universal accumulators, **UpdateNMWit**, whose input includes  $Para, Ele$ , the current witness  $Wit$  and  $AcVal$ , updates NM witnesses.

*Security* of accumulators is implied by completeness and soundness of the 2 proof systems.

Note that this paper will ignore membership proofs and only focus on non-membership proofs.

#### 8.4 BCCKLS Delegatable Anonymous Credentials without Delegatable Revocation

In a delegatable anonymous credential system [1], each user  $U$  has a secret key  $Sk_U$ . For each transaction with another user  $V$ ,  $U$  uses a new pseudonym  $Nym_U^{(V)}$ , which is generated from  $Sk_U$  but reveals nothing about  $Sk_U$ . A user can become a root authority of credentials by publishing one of her pseudonyms. A user can prove to a verifier that she possesses a valid credential which is delegated through a sequence of users starting from the root authority. That sequence is the user's *chain of delegators*.

A delegatable anonymous credential system consists of the following algorithms. **Setup** generates the public setup parameters. **KeyGen** outputs a secret key for a user. **NymGen** produces a new pseudonym with some auxiliary information. Protocol **Issue**  $\leftrightarrow$  **Obtain** allows an issuer to issue a credential, which is delegated through a number of levels from a root authority, to a user. **CredProve** produces a proof of possessing such a credential. **CredVerify** verifies if the credential proof is valid.

An delegatable anonymous credential system has three security requirements. **Correctness** means that an honest user always gets a valid credential from a honest issuer and can use it to generate a valid credential proof, which is always accepted by a verifier. **Anonymity** means that no adversary can obtain or link any information about an honest user's identity and credential delegation from interacting with the system's algorithms. **Unforgeability** means that no adversary can forge a proof of possessing a credential which is delegated through a chain of honest users.

## 9 Security Proofs for the Homomorphic Proof and ADNMP constructions

### 9.1 Proof of theorem 1

We need to prove that  $(\Pi_{GS}, +_{GS}, I_{GS})$  satisfies the 5 conditions of an abelian group.

**Closure:** We can see that  $(Sta, Wit, Proof) \leftarrow (Sta_1, Wit_1, Proof_1) +_{GS} (Sta_2, Wit_2, Proof_2)$  (as in the description) satisfies the requirements for an element in  $\Pi_{GS}$  as follows.  $\forall i \in M: x[i] = x_1[i] = x_0[i]$  and  $c[i] = c_1[i] = c_0[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{M}: b[j] = b_1[j] = b_0[j]$ .  $\forall i \in N: y[i] = y_1[i] = y_0[i]$  and  $d[i] = d_1[i] = d_0[i]$ .  $\forall j \in \bar{N}: a[j] = a_1[j] = a_0[j]$ . If  $(i \in M) \vee (j \in \bar{N})$ , then  $\Gamma[i, j] = \Gamma_1[i, j] = \Gamma_0[i, j]$ . We now need to prove that  $Proof$  is the valid proof of  $Sta$  and  $Wit$ . Suppose for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ ,  $\vec{c}_i := \iota_1(\vec{x}_i) + R_i \vec{u}_1$ ,  $\vec{d}_i := \iota_2(\vec{y}_i) + S_i \vec{u}_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\pi}_i &:= R_i^\top \iota_2(\vec{b}_i) + R_i^\top \Gamma_i \iota_2(\vec{y}_i) + R_i^\top \Gamma_i S_i \vec{u}_2 \\ &\quad - T_i^\top \vec{u}_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} r_j^{(i)} H_j \vec{u}_2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\vec{\psi}_i := S_i^\top \iota_1(\vec{a}_i) + S_i^\top \Gamma_i^\top \iota_1(\vec{x}_i) + T_i \vec{u}_1 \quad (2)$$

Without losing generality, for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , we can write

$$\bar{x}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X} \\ \tilde{X}_i \end{pmatrix}, \bar{b}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{B}_i \\ \tilde{B} \end{pmatrix}, R_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R} \\ \tilde{R}_i \end{pmatrix}, \bar{c}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C} \\ \tilde{C}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\hat{X}$  consists of  $x[j]$  with  $j \in M$  and  $\tilde{X}_i$  consists of  $x_i[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$ ;  $\hat{B}_i$  consists of  $b_i[j]$  with  $j \in M$  and  $\tilde{B}$  consists of  $b[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$ ; and  $\hat{R}$  consists of rows  $j$  of  $R_i$  with  $j \in M$  and  $\tilde{R}_i$  consists of rows  $j$  of  $R_i$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$ ; and  $\hat{C}$  consists of  $c[j]$  with  $j \in M$  and  $\tilde{C}_i$  consists of  $C_i[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X} \\ \tilde{X}_1 + \tilde{X}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{b} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{B}_1 + \hat{B}_2 \\ \tilde{B} \end{pmatrix}, R = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{R} \\ \tilde{R}_1 + \tilde{R}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \bar{c} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{C} \\ \tilde{C}_1 + \tilde{C}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \iota_1(\hat{X}) + \hat{R}u_1 \\ \iota_1(\tilde{X}_1) + \tilde{R}_1u_1 + \iota_1(\tilde{X}_2) + \tilde{R}_2u_1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \iota_1(\hat{X}) + \hat{R}u_1 \\ \iota_1(\tilde{X}_1 + \tilde{X}_2) + (\tilde{R}_1 + \tilde{R}_2)u_1 \end{pmatrix} = \iota_1(\bar{x}) + Ru_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

which is how commitment  $\bar{c}$  should be generated from  $\bar{x}$  and  $R$  for the proof. In the same way, without losing generality, for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , we can write

$$\bar{y}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y} \\ \tilde{Y}_i \end{pmatrix}, \bar{a}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_i \\ \tilde{A} \end{pmatrix}, S_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S} \\ \tilde{S}_i \end{pmatrix}, \bar{d}_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{D} \\ \tilde{D}_i \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\hat{Y}$  consists of  $y[j]$  with  $j \in N$  and  $\tilde{Y}_i$  consists of  $y_i[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{N}$ ;  $\hat{A}_i$  consists of  $a_i[j]$  with  $j \in N$  and  $\tilde{A}$  consists of  $a[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{N}$ ;  $\hat{S}$  consists of rows  $j$  of  $S_i$  with  $j \in N$  and  $\tilde{S}_i$  consists of rows  $j$  of  $S_i$  with  $j \in \bar{N}$ ; and  $\hat{D}$  consists of  $d[j]$  with  $j \in N$  and  $\tilde{D}_i$  consists of  $D_i[j]$  with  $j \in \bar{N}$ . Now we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y} \\ \tilde{Y}_1 + \tilde{Y}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \bar{a} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{A}_1 + \hat{A}_2 \\ \tilde{A} \end{pmatrix}, S = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S} \\ \tilde{S}_1 + \tilde{S}_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ \bar{d} &= \begin{pmatrix} \hat{D} \\ \tilde{D}_1 + \tilde{D}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \iota_2(\bar{y}) + Su_2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

showing how commitment  $\bar{d}$  is generated from  $\bar{y}$  and  $S$  for the proof. Besides, we have for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$

$$\Gamma_i := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_i & \tilde{\Gamma} \\ \tilde{\Gamma} & O \end{pmatrix}, \Gamma := \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_1 + \hat{\Gamma}_2 & \tilde{\Gamma} \\ \tilde{\Gamma} & O \end{pmatrix} \quad (5)$$

where  $\hat{\Gamma}_i$  consists of  $\Gamma[j, k]$  with  $j \in M$  and  $k \in N$ ,  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  consists of  $\Gamma[j, k]$  with  $j \in M$  and  $k \in \bar{N}$ ,  $\tilde{\Gamma}$  consists of  $\Gamma[j, k]$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$  and  $k \in N$ , and a zero matrix of  $\Gamma[j, k]$  with  $j \in \bar{M}$  and  $k \in \bar{N}$ . Substituting (3) and (5) in (1) and (2),

we write  $\pi = \pi_1 + \pi_2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\pi} &= \left( (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_1^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{B}_1) \\ \iota_2(\tilde{B}) \end{pmatrix} + (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_2^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{B}_2) \\ \iota_2(\tilde{B}) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_1^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \check{\Gamma} \\ \check{\Gamma} O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{Y}) \\ \iota_2(\check{Y}_1) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_2^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_2 \check{\Gamma} \\ \check{\Gamma} O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{Y}) \\ \iota_2(\check{Y}_2) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_1^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \check{\Gamma} \\ \check{\Gamma} O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S} \\ \tilde{S}_1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top \tilde{R}_2^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_2 \check{\Gamma} \\ \check{\Gamma} O \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S} \\ \tilde{S}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \vec{u}_2 \\
&- (T_1^\top + T_2^\top) \vec{u}_2 + \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} r_j^{(1)} H_j + \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} r_j^{(2)} H_j \right) \vec{u}_2
\end{aligned}$$

Multiplying matrices and regrouping with (3) and (5) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{\pi} &= \left( (\hat{R}^\top (\tilde{R}_1 + \tilde{R}_2)^\top) \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{B}_1 + \hat{B}_2) \\ \iota_2(\tilde{B}) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top (\hat{\Gamma}_1 + \hat{\Gamma}_2) + (\tilde{R}_1 + \tilde{R}_2)^\top \check{\Gamma} \hat{R}^\top \check{\Gamma}) \begin{pmatrix} \iota_2(\hat{Y}) \\ \iota_2(\check{Y}_1 + \check{Y}_2) \end{pmatrix} \right) \\
&+ \left( (\hat{R}^\top (\hat{\Gamma}_1 + \hat{\Gamma}_2) + (\tilde{R}_1 + \tilde{R}_2)^\top \check{\Gamma} \hat{R}^\top \check{\Gamma}) \begin{pmatrix} \hat{S} \\ \tilde{S}_1 + \tilde{S}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right) \vec{u}_2 \\
&- T^\top \vec{u}_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} r_j H_j \vec{u}_2
\end{aligned}$$

Replacing  $\vec{b}$  and  $R$  from (3) and  $\vec{y}$  and  $S$  from (4), we have

$$\vec{\pi} = R^\top \iota_2(\vec{b}) + R^\top \Gamma \iota_2(\vec{y}) + R^\top \Gamma S \vec{u}_2 - T^\top \vec{u}_2 + \sum_{j=1}^{\eta} r_j H_j \vec{u}_2$$

Similarly, we can show that  $\vec{\psi} := S^\top \iota_1(\vec{a}) + S^\top \Gamma^\top \iota_1(\vec{x}) + T \vec{u}_1$ . So  $\vec{c}$ ,  $\vec{d}$ ,  $\vec{\pi}$ , and  $\vec{\psi}$  are generated according to the formula for a GS proof of  $(\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \Gamma, t)$  and  $(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ . Therefore, *Proof* is a valid proof of *Sta* and *Wit*.

It is straightforward to validate the other 4 conditions **Associativity**, **Commutativity**, **Identity element** and **Inverse element** of abelian groups. So the theorem holds.

## 9.2 Proof of theorem 2

We provide the theorem proof in the GS SXDH instantiation. The theorem proof in the GS SDLIN (Symmetric DLIN) [28] instantiation is similar.

The proof system's *completeness* comes from completeness of the GS proof system and the fact that  $y_2 \notin \text{AcSet}$  and  $X_{j_2} \neq 0$  means  $T_j \neq 0, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

The proof system's GS statement consists of only multi-scalar equations. So as explained in appendix 8.2, if we use the GS SXDH instantiation, the NM proof system for this accumulator is *composable ZK*. As described in [2], we can simulate a setup and a proof which are respectively computationally indistinguishable from a real setup and a real proof generated from the simulated setup.

Now we prove *soundness* of the NM proof system. Suppose a PPT adversary  $Adv$  can forge an NM proof that  $\text{VerifyNM}$  accepts for equations  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((y_1 + y_2)X_{j_1} + y_{j_3}P_1 = V_j \wedge X_{j_3} - y_{j_3}A = 0 \wedge y_{j_3}X_{j_2} = T_j)$  where  $T_j \neq 0$  but  $y_2$  is accumulated in one of  $V_j$ s with non-negligible probability. We show how to use it to break ESDH.

Suppose we are given the assumption challenge  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, \delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{q+1}P_1, A, P_2, \delta P_2)$ . As the commitment keys are perfectly binding, we are able to simulate the accumulator's setup parameter  $Para_{sim}$  with extracting trapdoor so that from a commitment in  $\mathbb{G}_2$  of  $y \in Z_p$  and a commitment of  $X \in \mathbb{G}_1$ , we can respectively extract  $yP_2$  and  $X$ , as follows.

Simulated  $Para_{sim}$  includes setup  $Gk = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2), A, \text{CRS}$   $\sigma = (B_1, B_2, B_T, F, \iota_1, p_1, \iota_2, p_2, \iota'_1, p'_1, \iota'_2, p'_2, \iota_T, p_T, \vec{u}, \vec{v}), \varsigma = (P_1, \delta P_1, \dots, \delta^{q+1}P_1)$  and  $\tau = (B_1, B_2, B_T, F, \iota_1, p_1, \iota_2, p_2, \iota'_1, p'_1, \iota'_2, p'_2, \iota_T, p_T)$  is defined as in the normal SXDH instantiation. Choose  $P_u \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\alpha_u, t_u \leftarrow Z_p^*$ , compute  $Q_u = \alpha_u P_u$ ,  $u_1 := (P_u, Q_u)$  and  $u_2 := t_u u_1$ , and simulate  $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2)$ . Choose  $\alpha_v, \beta_v, t_v \leftarrow Z_p^*$ , compute  $P_v = \beta_v P_2$ ,  $Q_v = \alpha_v P_v$ ,  $v_1 := (P_v, Q_v)$  and  $v_2 := t_v v_1$ , and simulate  $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2)$ . The trapdoor is  $(\alpha_u, t_u, \alpha_v, \beta_v, t_v)$ . With the trapdoor and  $\delta P_2$ , we can compute  $\tau = \iota'_2(\delta) = \delta(v_2 + (0, P_v))$ . So we have simulated the accumulator's setup parameter which is indistinguishable from a real setup parameter.

Furthermore, with the knowledge of  $\alpha_u, t_u$ , given a commitment  $c = (C_1, C_2) = (O, X) + r_1 u_1 + r_2 u_2$  of  $X \in \mathbb{G}_1$ , we can extract  $X = C_2 - \alpha_u C_1$ . With the knowledge of  $\alpha_v, \beta_v, t_v$ , given a  $\mathbb{G}_2$  commitment  $c = (C_1, C_2) = y(v_2 + (0, P_v)) + r' v_1$  of  $y \in Z_p$ , we can extract  $yP_2 = (C_2 - \alpha_v C_1)^{1/\beta_v}$ .

Now we provide the PPT adversary  $Adv$  the simulated  $Para_{sim}$ , and  $Adv$  can forge the NM proof with non-negligible probability. The soundness of GS proof system ensures that the GS equations hold  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((y_1 + y_2)X_{j_1} + y_{j_3}P_1 = V_j \wedge X_{j_3} - y_{j_3}A = 0 \wedge y_{j_3}X_{j_2} = T_j)$ .

The forged proof contains commitments of  $X_{j_1}, X_{j_3}, X_{j_2}$  and of  $y_1 = \delta, y_2, y_{j_3}$  in  $\mathbb{G}_2$ . So we can extract  $X_{j_1}, X_{j_3}, X_{j_2}$  and  $y_2 P_2, y_{j_3} P_2$  and know  $y_{j_3} \neq 0$ . As  $y_2$  is in  $\text{AcSet}$ , we can find  $y_2$ . Suppose  $y_2$  is accumulated in  $V_l$  which accumulates  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ . As  $X_{l_3} = y_{l_3} A$ , we can extract  $X_{l_1}, y_2$  and  $(y_{l_3} P_2, y_{l_3} A)$ . We have  $(y_1 + y_2)X_{l_1} + y_{l_3} P_1 = \prod_{i=1}^k (y_1 + a_i) y_1 P_1$  and  $y_2 \in \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ , so we can compute  $\frac{y_{l_3}}{y_1 + y_2} P_1$  from  $X_{l_1}, \{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$  and  $\varsigma$ . So now, we can find  $(\frac{y_{l_3}}{\delta + y_2} P_1, y_2, y_{l_3} P_2, y_{l_3} A)$  and break the ESDH assumption.



### 9.3 Proof of theorem 3

**Proving Delegability.** In  $\text{CompNMPProof}(Para, De, AcSet, AcVal)$ , after dividing  $De$  into proofs  $NMProof_i$  of  $(\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ ,  $NMProof_i$ s form to a set of homomorphic proofs. For each component accumulator value  $V = \prod_{i=1}^k (\delta + a_i)\delta P_1$  of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_k\}$ , let  $b_0 = 1$  and  $b_i = \sum_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_i \leq k} \prod_{l=1}^i a_{j_l}$ , for  $i \in \{0, \dots, k\}$ . So the computed  $NMProof = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i NMProof_{k+1-i}$  is a proof of  $(\delta + y_2)X_1 + y_3 P_1 = V \wedge X_3 - y_3 A = 0 \wedge y_3 X_2 = T$ , where  $X_1 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i X_1^{(k+1-i)}$ ,  $X_3 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i X_3^{(k+1-i)}$ ,  $y_3 = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i y_3^{(k+1-i)}$  and  $T = \sum_{i=0}^k b_i T^{(k+1-i)}$ . This is a non-membership proof that  $y_2$  is not accumulated in the component accumulator value  $V$ .

Replacing  $T$  by  $T'$  and  $SubProof$  by  $SubProof'$  in  $NMProof$  results in a new proof  $NMProof'$  of  $(\delta + y_2)X_1 + y_3 P_1 = V \wedge X_3 - y_3 A = 0 \wedge y_3 X_2' = T'$ , which is also a non-membership proof that  $y_2$  is not accumulated in the component accumulator value  $V$ .

Concatenating these  $NMProof'$  of all  $V_j$  in  $AcVal$  and randomizing the concatenation produce a randomized proof of equations  $\bigwedge_{j=1}^m ((y_1 + y_2)X_{j1} + y_{j3}P_1 = V_j \wedge X_{j3} - y_{j3}A = 0 \wedge y_{j3}X_{j2} = T_j)$  which are the same as equations for the proof outputted by ProveNM. Due to GS proofs' randomizability, these  $\text{CompNMPProof}$ 's and ProveNM's outputs have the same distribution, which means Delegability.

**Proving Unlinkability.** We prove that if an adversary can break the accumulator's Unlinkability, then we can break either  $q$ -DSDH or GS's underlying assumption (SXDH or SDLIN). There are 2 cases.

If the adversary can distinguish between a GS proof  $De$  and its simulated proof both in a simulated setup with non-negligible probability, then due to the GS proof system's composable ZK, we can break the underlying assumption.

Otherwise, we can break  $q$ -DSDH as follows. Suppose we are given a  $q$ -DSDH challenge  $p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2, B_0, x_0 B_0, \dots, x_0^q B_0, B_1, x_b B_1, \dots, x_b^q B_1$ . Generate a CRS for GS proofs from the GS setup  $Gk = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  as in the normal GS setup algorithm. Using the same simulation for GS proofs [2], simulate a proof  $De$  for  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{q+1} ((\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = (-1)^i x_0^{i-1} B_0)$ , and a proof  $De_b$  for  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{q+1} ((\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = (-1)^i x_b^{i-1} B_1)$ . We then give the adversary  $De$  and  $De_b$ . As the adversary can not distinguish between a delegating key and a simulated one with non-negligible probability, and he can break Unlinkability, he can tell with non-negligible advantage over a random guess if  $b$  is 0 or 1. That breaks  $q$ -DSDH.

**Proving Redelegability.** In  $\text{Rede}(Para, De)$ , for each proof  $Proof_i$  of  $y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)}$  in  $De$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ ), compute  $Proof'_i = rProof_i$  which is a proof of

$y_3^{(i)} X_2' = T'^{(i)}$ , where  $r \leftarrow Z_p^*$ ,  $X_2' = rX_2$  and  $T'^{(i)} = rT^{(i)}$ . We see that for the same  $y_2$ , the output  $T'^{(i)}$  of Rede has the same distribution as the output  $T^{(i)}$  of Dele, for  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ .

Additionally, for the same  $T^{(i)}$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, q+1\}$ , Rede's output is a randomization of the GS proof that Dele can produce for GS equations  $\bigwedge_{i=1}^{q+1} ((\delta + y_2)X_1^{(i)} + y_3^{(i)}P_1 = \delta^i P_1 \wedge X_3^{(i)} - y_3^{(i)}A = 0 \wedge y_3^{(i)}X_2 = T^{(i)})$ . Therefore, Dele and Rede output the same distribution that leads to Redelegability.

**Proving Verifiability.** Verifiability comes from the completeness and soundness of GS proofs, as *De* is a GS proof.

## 10 RDAC Security Definitions

This section presents how to extend the security definitions of delegatable anonymous credentials [1] to provide security definitions of Revocable Delegatable Anonymous Credential systems. We provide the definitions in the more general case, where a user must prove that her credential and all of its ancestors are not revoked. The other case, where a user only has to prove that her credential is not revoked, is simpler and can be derived from this.

A pair of credential *Cred* and delegation information *DeInf* is a ‘proper level *L*’ pair for *Nym<sub>O</sub>* with respect to  $(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn)$  and a blacklist *BL* if and only if proofs, that are generated from the pair input to *CredProve*, are always accepted for all nyms with ancestors not blacklisted in *BL*. Formally, the pair  $(Cred, DeInf)$  satisfies the following.

$$\begin{aligned} Pr[(Nym, Aux(Nym)) \leftarrow NymGen(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn); \\ CredProof \leftarrow CredProve(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, \\ Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); \\ CredVerify(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, CredProof, Nym, BL, L) = accept] = 1. \end{aligned}$$

The pair predicate, denoted by  $properPair(Para_{DC}, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym_O, BL, L)$ , is *true* if only if *Cred* and *DeInf* form a ‘proper level *L*’ pair. Similarly, we let  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym))$  denote a predicate for a valid  $(Nym, Aux(Nym))$  with respect to  $(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn)$ , and let  $Check(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L) = validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym)) \wedge properPair(Para_{DC}, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym_O, BL, L)$ .

### 10.1 Correctness

Intuitively, suppose all participants are honest. A user always gets valid credentials from issuers. If the user is not revoked, she can always generate a credential proof, which is always accepted by a verifier who does not require the user's

whole credential chain not revoked. If the user's whole credential chain is not revoked, she can always generate a credential proof, which is always accepted.

The correctness requirements include:

1. If  $(Nym, Aux(Nym)) \leftarrow \text{NymGen}(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn)$ , then  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym))$  is always *true*.
2. If  $properPair(Para_{DC}, Cred, DeInf, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_O, BL, L) = false$ , or if  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym_I, Sk_I, Rn_I, Aux(Nym_I)) = false$ , or if  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym_U, Sk_U, Rn_U, Aux(Nym_U)) = false \forall (Sk_U, Rn_U, Aux(Nym_U))$ ; then  $\text{Issue}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), Cred, DeInf, Nym_U, BL, L)$  aborts without interacting with **Obtain**.
3. **Obtain** always either aborts or outputs a credential and delegation information, which form a 'proper level  $L + 1$ ' pair with regard to a blacklist  $BL$ .
4. Users with 'improper' pairs will abort whereas users with a 'proper level  $L$ ' pair can delegate 'proper level  $L + 1$ ' pairs.
5. If  $properPair(Para_{DC}, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym_O, BL, L) = false$ , or if  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym)) = false$ ; then  $\text{CredProve}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  aborts.

## 10.2 Anonymity

It means an adversary, who could collude some participants in the system, can not gain any information about honest participants. The anonymity definition requires that the adversary's interaction with honest parties is indistinguishable from interaction with a simulator, whose algorithms include **SimSetup**, **SimProve**, **SimObtain** and **SimIssue**. The additions to the definition in [1] include the followings.  $Nym$  reveals no information about its r-nym. New entities r-nyms, blacklist and delegation information could be generated as part of challenges by the adversary to the simulator.

Formally, it requires that there exists a simulator **SimSetup**, **SimProve**, **SimObtain**, **SimIssue** such that, for a user  $Nym$  with corresponding  $(Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym))$ , the simulator without any knowledge of  $(Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym))$  can simulate the user's execution of the system's protocols, and the simulation is indistinguishable from the real execution. Formally, the simulator must satisfy the following conditions.

1. The output of **SimSetup** is indistinguishable from those generated by **Setup**.  $|Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e) \leftarrow \text{Setup}(1^k); b \leftarrow A(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}) : b = 1] - Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); b \leftarrow A(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}) : b = 1]|$  is negligible.
2. Consider  $(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k)$ ;  $(Sk, Rn) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(Para_{DC})$ ; and  $(Nym, Aux(Nym)) \leftarrow \text{NymGen}(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn)$ . Then from  $(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim, Nym)$ , a PPT adversary gains no information about  $(Sk, Rn)$ .

3. **SimProve** can simulate a credential proof indistinguishable from a real one, even without knowledge of  $Sk, Rn, Cred$  and  $DeInf$ , which are chosen by the adversary. That means  $\forall$  PPT adversaries  $A = (A_1, A_2)$ :  $|Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); CredProof \leftarrow \text{CredProve}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); b \leftarrow A_2(state, CredProof) : b = 1] - Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); flag \leftarrow \text{Check}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); CredProof \leftarrow \text{SimProve}(Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, BL, L, flag); b \leftarrow A_2(state, CredProof) : b = 1]|$  is negligible.
4. **SimObtain** can simulate interactions indistinguishable from interactions by **Obtain**. That means  $\forall$  PPT adversaries  $A = (A_1, A_2)$ :  $|Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L, Nym_A, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); b \leftarrow A_2(state) \leftrightarrow \text{Obtain}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), Nym_A, BL, L) : b = 1] - Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L, Nym_A, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); flag \leftarrow (\text{validAux}(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym)) \wedge (Rn \notin BL)); b \leftarrow A_2(state) \leftrightarrow \text{SimObtain}(Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, Nym_A, BL, L, flag) : b = 1]|$  is negligible.
5. One major difference with the anonymity definition in [1] is this property. It requires that **SimIssue** can simulate interactions indistinguishable from interactions by **Issue**. However, r-nyms on the chain of issuer's credentials are randomly generated and not revealed to the adversary, because as discussed before, a user and BA can tell if a given r-nym belongs to one of the delegators on her chain. Formally,  $\forall$  PPT adversaries  $A = (A_1, A_2)$ :  $|Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), Cred, BL, L, Nym_A, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); (Rn, DeInf) \leftarrow S_{DI}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); \text{Issue}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), Cred, DeInf, Nym_A, BL, L) \leftrightarrow A_2(state) \rightarrow b : b = 1] - Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, sim) \leftarrow \text{SimSetup}(1^k); (Nym_O, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), Cred, BL, L, Nym_A, state) \leftarrow A_1(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, sim); (Rn, DeInf) \leftarrow S_{DI}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); flag \leftarrow \text{Check}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L); \text{SimIssue}(Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, Nym_A, BL, L, flag) \leftrightarrow A_2(state) \rightarrow b : b = 1]|$  is negligible.  
Denote  $S_{DI}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  the distribution of  $(Rn, DeInf)$  such that  $\text{Check}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  outputs *true*. If  $S_{DI}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, Sk, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  is empty, then  $\forall (Rn, DeInf)$ ,  $\text{Check}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  returns *false*.

### 10.3 Unforgeability

Briefly, it means that an adversary, who could interact with the system in many ways, could not forge a valid credential proof for a challenge Nym of an r-nym

and a secret key, which are in one of rogue conditions. It also assumes complete binding of Nyms, so that exactly one r-nyms and one key could be extracted from a Nym. The adversary's interaction with the system is modelled by an Oracle, who could perform several tasks based on the adversary's request. The additions to the definition in [1] include the followings. Apart from the condition that there is no chain of honest users who delegate the challenge Nym, another rogue condition is that the challenge r-nyms is blacklisted by an honest BA. If a credential proof is required to prove that all users on its chain are not revoked, another rogue condition is that a user on the challenge Nym's credential chain is blacklisted by an honest BA.

Formally, similar to [1], assume  $F$  is an efficiently computable bijection, it requires the existence of an extractor ( $\text{ExtSetup}, \text{Extract}$ ) satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $\text{ExtSetup}$ 's output includes parameters, which are distributed identically to  $\text{Setup}$ 's output, and a trapdoor  $td$ .
2. The pseudonyms  $Nym$  are perfectly binding to  $Sk$  and  $Rn$  under parameters generated by  $\text{ExtSetup}$ . Formally,  $\forall (Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, td) \leftarrow \text{ExtSetup}(1^k); \forall Nym$ , if  $\exists (Aux(Nym), Aux(Nym)')$  satisfying  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym)) = true$  and  $validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk', Rn', Aux(Nym)) = true$ , then  $Sk' = Sk$  and  $Rn' = Rn$ .
3. From a level  $L$  credential proof  $CredProof$  honestly produced,  $\text{Extract}$  can always extract the corresponding  $(F(Sk_O), F(Rn_O), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L)) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, L)$  of secret keys and r-nyms forming the credential's chain. In the special case for  $L = 0$ , from any valid  $Nym$ ,  $\text{Extract}$  will output its corresponding  $(F(Sk), F(Rn)) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, \perp, Nym, Nym, 0)$ .
4. From a level  $L$  credential proof generated by an adversary,  $\text{Extract}$  always outputs the correct values for  $F(Sk_O), F(Rn_O), F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L)$ , or aborts. That means:  
 $Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, td) \leftarrow \text{ExtSetup}(1^k); (CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, L) \leftarrow A(Para_{DC}, td); (f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, L): (f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \neq \perp \wedge ((\exists Sk^*, \exists Rn^*, \exists Aux(Nym)^*: validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym, Sk^*, Rn^*, Aux(Nym)^*) = true \wedge (F(Sk^*) \neq f_L \vee F(Rn^*) \neq f'_L)) \vee (\exists Sk_O^*, \exists Rn_O^*, \exists Aux(Nym_O)^*: validAux(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_O^*, Rn_O^*, Aux(Nym_O)^*) = true \wedge (F(Sk_O^*) \neq f_0 \vee F(Rn_O^*) \neq f'_0)))]$  is negligible.
5. The probability that an adversary can forge a valid credential proof from which  $\text{Extract}$  returns a chain of identities that is unauthorized or contains a blacklisted identity is negligible.  
 $Pr[(Para_{DC}, Sk_{BA}, BL_e, td) \leftarrow \text{ExtSetup}(1^k); (CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, BL, L) \leftarrow A^{\mathcal{O}(Para_{DC}, command, input)}(Para_{DC}, td); (f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, L) : \text{CredVerify}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, CredProof, Nym, BL, L) = accept \wedge (\exists i \text{ such that } ((f_0, f'_0, i, f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}, f_i, f'_i) \notin ValidCredentialChains \wedge (f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}) \in HonestUsers) \vee (F^{-1}(f'_i) \in BL))]$  is negligible.

where the oracle  $\mathcal{O}$  can take the following commands:

- *AddUser*:  $\mathcal{O}$  performs  $(Sk, Rn) \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}(Para_{DC})$ , saves  $(Sk, Rn, F(Sk), F(Rn))$  in the user database, stores  $(F(Sk), F(Rn))$  in the set *HonestUsers*, and returns  $(F(Sk), F(Rn))$  to the adversary.
- *FormNym* $(f, f')$ :  $\mathcal{O}$  looks for  $(Sk, Rn, f, f')$  in the user database and aborts if it is not there. It generates  $(Nym, Aux(Nym)) \leftarrow \text{NymGen}(Para_{DC}, Sk, Rn)$ , saves  $(Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym))$  in its pseudonym database, and outputs *Nym* to the adversary.
- *Issue* $(Nym_I, Nym_U, Cred_I, DeInf_I, BL, L, Nym_O)$ :  $\mathcal{O}$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I))$  or  $(Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, it generates  $CredProof_I \leftarrow \text{CredProve}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred_I, DeInf_I, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), BL, L)$ , and extracts  $(f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof_I, Nym_I, Nym_O, L)$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  executes  $\text{Issue}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), Cred_I, DeInf_I, Nym_U, BL, L) \leftrightarrow \text{Obtain}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U), Nym_I, BL, L)$  to obtain  $(Cred_U, DeInf_U)$ . It saves  $(f_0, f'_0, L+1, f_L, f'_L, F(Sk_U), F(Rn_U))$  in *ValidCredentialChains* and gives the adversary  $(Cred_U, DeInf_U)$ .
- *IssueToAdv* $(Nym_I, Cred_I, DeInf_I, Nym, BL, L, Nym_O)$ :  $\mathcal{O}$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, it generates  $CredProof_I \leftarrow \text{CredProve}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred_I, DeInf_I, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), BL, L)$ , and extracts  $(f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof_I, Nym_I, Nym_O, L)$  and  $(f_{L+1}, f'_{L+1}) \leftarrow \text{Extract}(Para_{DC}, td, \perp, Nym, Nym, 0)$ .  $\mathcal{O}$  then runs  $\text{Issue}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I), Cred_I, DeInf_I, Nym, BL, L)$  to interact with the adversary and saves  $(f_0, f'_0, L+1, f_L, f'_L, f_{L+1}, f'_{L+1})$  in *ValidCredentialChains* if the protocol ends successfully.
- *ObtainFromAdv* $(Nym, Nym_U, Nym_O, BL, L)$ :  $\mathcal{O}$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, it executes  $\text{Obtain}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U), Nym, BL, L)$  to interact with the adversary to return  $(Cred_U, DeInf_U)$ .
- *Prove* $(Nym, Cred, DeInf, Nym_O, BL, L)$ :  $\mathcal{O}$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, it executes  $\text{CredProve}(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, Cred, DeInf, Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym), BL, L)$  and returns the output.
- *Revoke* $(Sk, Rn, BL)$ : The oracle aborts if it cannot find  $(F(Sk), F(Rn))$  in the set *HonestUsers*. Otherwise, it recomputes *BL* to blacklist *Rn*.

#### 10.4 Delegability and Anonymity

Delegability and anonymity do not always go together, such as in this case. Suppose user *I* delegates to user *U* the ability to prove that *I* is not revoked in *BL*, and *U* knows *I* by *Nym<sub>I</sub>*. Then, in any construction, given an r-nym *Rn*, *U* and BA can collude to tell if *Rn* belongs to *Nym<sub>I</sub>* or not by blacklisting *Rn* and checking if *U* can still prove that *I* is not revoked. So it is important that

a user keeps her r-nym *secret* and she should know that such delegation could compromise her anonymity when issuing, as explained. It is still her right to or not to delegate that proving ability (by issuing *DeInf* or not).

Even then, we emphasize that in worst cases, the only privacy lost is that a collision of BA and the delegatee could learn if an r-nym belongs to a delegator from *Issue*  $\leftrightarrow$  *Obtain*. Other privacy properties, such as anonymity of *CredProof*, *Nym* and the delegatee, are still maintained.

This limitation is related to the restriction on ADNMP mentioned in section 4. When a *BL* is implemented by using ADNMP to accumulate revoked *Rns*, given an *Rn'* and an ADNMP delegating key *De*, a user can collude with BA to tell if *De* is generated by *Rn'*. This limitation is also reflected in the Anonymity definition in Appendix 10. For the case that *DeInf* is included, when interacting with *SimIssue*, r-nyms on the chain of issuer's credentials are randomly generated and not revealed to the adversary, because as discussed above, a user and BA can tell if a given r-nym belongs to one of the delegators on her chain.

## 11 Extra Details on the RDAC System

### 11.1 Instantiation of Building Blocks

We could use the SXDH instantiation of a *secure* ADNMP presented in section 5, though the SDLIN instantiation is also possible. *AcSetup* generates  $Para_{Ac} = (p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2, A, \sigma, \varsigma, \tau)$  and  $Sk_{BA} = Aux_{Ac} = \delta \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . The accumulator domain is  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{Z}_p^* \setminus \{-\delta\}$ .

Its NMPS (*AcSetup*, *ProveNM*, *VerifyNM*) is a GS proof system, which is *randomizable*, *composable ZK* and delegatable using (*Dele*, *Rede*, *Vali*, *CompNMProof*). *ComNM* is the normal GS commitment *ComGS* in the SXDH instantiation. So a delegating key *De* contains a commitment of its element *Ele*. And *CompNMProof* and *Rede* generate *Ele*'s commitment in their outputs by randomizing the commitment in *De*.

Regarding BCKLS's CredPS (*PKSetup*, *PKProve*, *PKVerify*, *RandProof*), *PKSetup*'s output is  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2, \sigma)$ , which is generated by *AcSetup*. This is a GS proof system in the SXDH instantiation, *randomizable*, *composable ZK* and *partially extractable* for  $(F(Sk_O), F(Rn_0), F(Sk_1), F(Rn_1), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L))$  of a credential proof level *L*. A *collision resistant H*, an *F-unforgeable and certification-secure AU* and its secure *AuthPro* could be instantiated the same as in [1]. They all share the same bilinear pairing parameters, so elements *Rn* of the accumulator domain and the authenticator's keys *Sk* are in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  and committable by *Com*.

An EQPS instantiation can be constructed based on [12, 1]. In [12], BCKL propose an *NIZK<sub>GS</sub>* to prove that two given GS commitments are committed to the same value. In BCKLS's CredPS, commitment *Com(y)* of a variable *y* consists of two GS commitments  $comGS_{yA} \leftarrow ComGS(yA)$  of *yA* and  $ComGS(yB)$  of *yB*, where public parameters  $A \in \mathbb{G}_1$  and  $B \in \mathbb{G}_2$ , and an *NIZK<sub>GS</sub>* that these are commitments to the same value *y*. EQPS proves that *y* is also committed

in an NMPS commitment  $comNM_y \leftarrow \text{ComNM}(y)$ , which is also  $\text{ComGS}(y)$ , as follows. It generates and concatenates: a GS proof of equation  $X - yA = 0$  using new GS commitments  $comGS_y$  of  $y$  and  $comGS_X$  of  $X$ ; a BCKL  $NIZK_{GS}$  that  $comGS_{yA}$  and  $comGS_X$  commit to the same value; and a BCKL  $NIZK_{GS}$  that  $comNM_y$  and  $comGS_y$  commit to the same value.

EQPS is *randomizable* and *composable* ZK. Given commitments  $\text{Com}(y)$  and  $\text{ComNM}(y)$  of  $y$ , the simulator picks a random  $y'$  and computes  $X' = y'A$ . It generates and outputs a concatenation of: a GS proof of equation  $X' - y'A = 0$  using new GS commitments  $comGS_{y'}$  of  $y'$  and  $comGS_{X'}$  of  $X'$ ; a simulation of BCKL  $NIZK_{GS}$  that  $comGS_{yA}$  of  $\text{Com}(y)$  and  $comGS_{X'}$  commit to the same value; and a simulation of BCKL  $NIZK_{GS}$  that  $\text{ComNM}(y)$  and  $comGS_{y'}$  commit to the same value. The simulation is indistinguishable from the a real proof due to the BCKL  $NIZK_{GS}$  is composable ZK and  $\text{ComGS}$  is hiding.

## 11.2 Exposing R-nyms

We can use the following methods for BA to obtain r-nyms to revoke.

- There is a Issuing Authority (IA) who issues user r-nyms and makes requests to BA to revoke r-nyms. An r-nym  $Rn$  is not generated for an user by  $\text{KeyGen}$ . Instead, there is a protocol

$\text{IssueRnym}(Para_{DC}, Sk_{IA}) \leftrightarrow \text{ObtainRnym}(Para_{DC}, Sk)$  between IA with a secret key  $Sk_{IA}$  and the user with a secret key  $Sk$ , by which the user obtains a revocation nym  $Rn$  and a proof that  $Rn$  and  $Sk$  are authenticated by IA and IA gets and stores  $Rn$  in a database  $DB_{Rn}$ .  $Rn$  is then a secret known only to the user and IA. IA can send some r-nyms to BA to revoke.  $\text{CredProve}$  also needs to prove that R-nyms and secret keys of all users on the chain are authenticated by IA. IA just needs to be trusted only for Anonymity, not for Unforgeability and Correctness.

An IA can be added to the RDAC construction as follows.  $\text{Setup}$  also generates a secret key  $Sk_{IA}$  of the authentication scheme  $\mathcal{AU}$  and a public key  $Pk_{IA} \leftarrow \text{Com}(Sk_{IA})$  for IA.

In the protocol  $\text{IssueRnym} \leftrightarrow \text{ObtainRnym}$ , IA generates a new r-nym  $Rn$  and run  $\text{AuthPro}$  for the user with secret key  $Sk$  to get  $Rn$  and an  $NIZKPK$  that  $Rn$  and  $Sk$  are authenticated by IA

$RnProof \leftarrow NIZKPK[Sk_{IA} \text{ in } Pk_{IA}, Sk \text{ in } \text{Com}(Sk, 0), Rn \text{ in } \text{Com}(Rn, 0)]$   
 $\{(F(Sk_{IA}), F(Sk), F(Rn), auth) : \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{IA}, (Sk, Rn), auth)\}$ .  $\text{CredProve}$  needs to concatenate randomizations of these proofs to extend its output proof (1) as

$CredProof \leftarrow NIZKPK[Sk_O \text{ in } Nym_O[1], Sk \text{ in } Nym[1], Rn \text{ in } Nym[2], Sk_{IA} \text{ in } Pk_{IA}]$   
 $\{(F(Sk_O), F(Sk_1), F(Rn_1), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L), F(Sk), F(Rn), F(Sk_{IA}),$   
 $auth_1, \dots, auth_L, auth_{L+1}, auth'_1, \dots, auth'_L, auth'_{L+1}) :$   
 $\text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_O, (Sk_1, Rn_1, r_1), auth_1) \wedge (Rn_1 \notin BL) \wedge \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{IA}, (Sk_1,$   
 $Rn_1), auth'_1) \wedge$   
 $\text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_1, (Sk_2, Rn_2, r_2), auth_2) \wedge (Rn_2 \notin BL) \wedge \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{IA}, (Sk_2,$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & Rn_2), auth'_2) \wedge \dots \wedge \\
 & \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{L-1}, (Sk_L, Rn_L, r_L), auth_L) \wedge (Rn_L \notin BL) \wedge \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{IA}, \\
 & (Sk_L, Rn_L), auth'_L) \wedge \\
 & \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_L, (Sk, Rn, r_{L+1}), auth_{L+1}) \wedge (Rn \notin BL) \wedge \text{VerifyAuth}(Sk_{IA}, \\
 & (Sk, Rn), auth'_{L+1}) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

- This is a method adopted from group signatures [?]. There is a Managing Authority (MA), who can *open* any credential proof of a misbehaved or disputed prover to find its r-nym for BA to revoke, and also plays as the IA above. There is another algorithm

$\text{OpenRnym}(Para_{DC}, Sk_{MA}, DB_{Rn}, CredProof)$  that takes MA's secret key  $Sk_{MA}$ , r-nym database  $DB_{Rn}$  and a credential proof  $CredProof$  and outputs the credential prover's r-nym. MA just needs to be trusted only for Anonymity, not for Unforgeability and Correctness.

In the RDAC instantiation above, the IA could be extended to be an MA by using the Linear Encryption (LE) scheme [?], which is semantically secure against a chosen plaintext attack based on DLIN, as follow. It extends the public bilinear pairing parameters  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, P_1, P_2)$  with the LE public key consisting of  $U, V, H, G \leftarrow \mathbb{G}_1$  such that there are  $k, l \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  satisfying  $kU = lV = H$ . MA's private key now also includes  $k, l$ .

Each time generating a credential proof, the prover with r-nym  $y$  also returns an LE encryption  $(T_1 = rU, T_2 = sV, T_3 = yG + (r + s)H)$ , where  $r, s \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ , and concatenates a GS proof of these equations with variables  $r, s, y$  to its output proof.

When MA needs to open a credential proof, it decrypts the LE ciphertext to get  $yG = T_3 - kT_1 - lT_2$ , which is used to look up  $DB_{Rn}$  to find r-nym  $y$ .

- There could be an authority who could force any user to reveal his r-nym to BA and prove his ownership of the r-nym by using  $\text{CredProve}$  and showing openings of his r-nym's commitment. For example, users may be required to give deposits to the authority when entering the system. If an user does not follow the enforcement, he loses his deposit.

## 12 Security Proofs for the RDAC System

This section presents security proofs for the proposed Revocable Delegatable Anonymous Credential system, based on security proofs for the BCKLS delegatable anonymous credential scheme [1]. The proofs are provided for the more general case, where a user must prove that her credential and all of its ancestors are not revoked. The other case, where a user only has to prove that her credential is not revoked, is simpler and can be derived from this.

### 12.1 Correctness

The scheme meets the Correctness requirements as follows.

1. This requirement holds based on the definitions of  $validAux$  and  $NymGen$ .

2. The verifications by the issuer on  $Nym_I, Cred, DeInf, Sk_I, Rn_I$  and  $Nym_U$  at the beginning of **Issue**  $\leftrightarrow$  **Obtain** make sure that **Issue** aborts if one of the predicates *properPair* and *validAuxs* fails.
3. **Obtain** terminates unsuccessfully if  $Nym_U$  is not correctly computed from  $Sk_U, Rn_U$  and  $Aux(Nym_U)$ , or if **AuthPro** fails, or if **PKVerify** on  $CredProof_I$  rejects, or if one of r-nyms on the chain is blacklisted, or if verifying  $DeInf_U$ , which verifies the validity of its delegating keys by using **Vali** and the correctness of the relationship between  $Cred_U$  and  $DeInf_U$  by checking  $EQProof_j$ , fails. And  $Cred_U$  is formed from **AuthPro**'s output and  $CredProof_I$ . So if **Obtain** ends successfully, its output is a proper pair.
4. As indicated above, either **Issue** or **Obtain** aborts if their inputs are invalid. If their inputs are 'proper' and they execute honestly, **Obtain** outputs a proper pair, based on Completeness of CredPS, NMPS, EQPS and  $\mathcal{AU}$ , and Delegability and Redelegability of the accumulator.
5. **CredProve** first verifies validity of  $Nym, Cred$  and  $DeInf$  with regard to  $Sk, Rn, Aux(Nym)$  and  $Nym_O$ . It also cannot generate a proof if  $Rn$  or one of  $Rn_j$  is blacklisted, due to Delegability and Redelegability of the accumulator. So if  $Cred$  and  $DeInf$  is not 'proper' or  $Nym$  is invalid, **CredProve** will abort. Otherwise, it should generate a proof accepted by **CredVerify**, as in the definition of *properPair*.

## 12.2 Anonymity

We prove that the proposed RDAC scheme provides Anonymity if the building blocks are secure. The simulator algorithms are defined as follows:

- **SimSetup**( $1^k$ ): As CredPS, NMPS and EQPS are composable ZK and EQPS's setup consists of **PKSetup** of CredPS and **AcSetup** of NMPS, there is a simulation setup algorithm **SimConSetup** for the combination of **PKSetup** and **AcSetup**. **SimSetup** first uses **AtSetup**( $1^k$ ) to generate  $Para_{At}$  for an F-unforgeable certification secure authentication scheme; then uses **SimConSetup** to generate corresponding  $Para_{PK}, Para_{Ac}, Aux_{Ac}$  and trapdoor  $sim$ . Let  $H$  be a collision resistant hash function whose output range is the authentication scheme's message space. The output includes an empty  $BL_e$ ,  $Para_{DC} = (Para_{PK}, Para_{At}, Para_{Ac}, H)$ ,  $Sk_{BA} = Aux_{Ac}$  and  $sim$ .
- **SimProve**( $Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, BL, L, flag$ ): Abort if  $flag = false$ . Otherwise, generate random  $Sk_1, \dots, Sk_{L-1}$  and  $Rn_1, \dots, Rn_{L-1} \notin BL$  and their nym  $Nym_1, \dots, Nym_{L-1}$ ; let  $Nym_0 = Nym_O$  and  $Nym_L = Nym$ ; and get  $r_1, \dots, r_L$  where  $r_i = H(Nym_O, attributes, i)$ . Run the NIZKPK simulators with the trapdoor  $sim$  for the composable ZK CredPS, NMPS and EQPS to output simulated proofs  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_L$  as follows
 
$$\pi_i \leftarrow SimNIZKPK[Sk_{i-1} \text{ in } Nym_{i-1}[1], Sk_i \text{ in } Nym_i[1], Rn_i \text{ in } Nym_i[2]]$$

$$\{(F(Sk_{i-1}), F(Sk_i), F(Rn_i), auth_i) :$$

$$VerifyAuth(Sk_{i-1}, (Sk_i, Rn_i, r_i), auth_i) \wedge (Rn_i \notin BL)\}$$
 Concatenate  $\pi_1 \circ \dots \circ \pi_L$  and return  $Nym_0, \dots, Nym_L$  with the concatenation.

- **SimObtain**( $Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, Nym_A, BL, L, flag$ ): Abort if  $flag = false$ .  
 Otherwise, given  $CredProof_I$ ,  $NMChainProof$  and the proof that  $Rn_A \notin BL$  from the adversary, verify that  $PKVerify(Para_{PK}, (Nym_0, Nym_A), CredProof_I)$  accepts and the other two proofs pass. Compute  $r_L = H(Nym_O, attributes, L)$  and simulate the two party computation protocol **AuthPro** with the adversary to obtain a proof of knowledge of an authentication tag for  $(Sk, Rn, r_L)$ . Compute  $Cred_U$  as in **Obtain** and also receive  $DeInf$  which is totally generated by  $A_2$ .
- **SimIssue**( $Para_{DC}, sim, Nym_O, Nym, Nym_A, BL, L, flag$ ): Abort if  $flag = false$ . Otherwise, generate random r-nyms  $Rn_1, \dots, Rn_L \notin BL$  and random  $Sk_1, \dots, Sk_{L-1}$ ; compute their  $L$  delegating keys  $De_i \leftarrow Dele(Para_{Ac}, Rn_i)$  and their nyms  $Nym_1, \dots, Nym_{L-1}$ ; let  $Nym_0 = Nym_O$ ,  $Nym_L = Nym$  and  $Nym_{L+1} = Nym_A$ ; and get  $r_1, \dots, r_{L+1}$  where  $r_i = H(Nym_O, attributes, i)$ . Run the NIZKPK simulators with the trapdoor  $sim$  for the composable ZK CredPS and EQPS to simulate proofs  $Proof_1, \dots, Proof_{L+1}$ ,  $EQProof_1, \dots, EQProof_L$  as follows  
 $Proof_i \leftarrow SimNIZKPK_{CredPS}[Sk_{i-1} \text{ in } Nym_{i-1}[1], Sk_i \text{ in } Nym_i[1], Rn_i \text{ in } Nym_i[2]]$   
 $\{(F(Sk_{i-1}), F(Sk_i), F(Rn_i), auth_i) : VerifyAuth(Sk_{i-1}, (Sk_i, Rn_i, r_i), auth_i)\}$  and  
 $EQProof_i \leftarrow SimNIZKPK_{EQPS}[Rn_i \text{ in } Nym_i[2], Rn'_i \text{ in } De_i]$   
 $\{(F(Rn_i), F(Rn'_i)) : Rn_i = Rn'_i\}$   
 It sends the adversary  $Nym_0, \dots, Nym_L$ , and  $CredProof_I = Proof_1 \circ \dots \circ Proof_L$ , and  $DeInf_U$  including  $De_1, \dots, De_L$  and  $EQProof_1 \circ \dots \circ EQProof_L$ , and simulates the two party computation protocol **AuthPro** to give  $Proof_{L+1}$  to the adversary.

We see that the accumulator's 4 delegation properties still hold under parameters generated by **SimSetup**, otherwise an adversary breaking one of the properties could distinguish **SimSetup** and **Setup**. The followings show that these algorithms satisfy the required properties, using similar arguments from [1].

1. It holds as CredPS, NMPS and EQPS are composable ZK.
2. It holds as the commitment schemes are hiding.
3. Under the strong computational hiding property of the commitment schemes, the distribution of the Nym commitments generated by **SimProve** is indistinguishable from the honest Nym commitments generated by **CredProve**. Due to Delegability and Redelegability of the ADNMP scheme, the NMPS proofs generated using **CompNMProof** with  $DeInf$  have the same distribution as those generated using **ProveNM** with r-nyms. Additionally, the proof systems are composable ZK, so the simulated proofs generated by  $SimNIZKPK$  are indistinguishable from those generated by **CredProve**.
4. The difference between behaviors of **SimObtain** and **Obtain** is that **SimObtain** performs the **AuthPro** protocol using its simulation. That is indistinguishable from an honest **Obtain**'s **AuthPro** performance, due to **AuthPro**'s security.

5. The 5 differences between *SimIssue* and *Issue* are as follows. First, *SimIssue*'s delegating keys  $De_i$  are generated by r-nyms, which could be different from those to generate *Issue*'s delegating keys. Second, *SimIssue*'s  $EQProof_i$  are generated by  $SimNIZKPK_{EQPS}$  instead of, as in *Issue*, rerandomizing the EQ proofs in the issuer's  $DeInf$  or generating  $EQProof_L$ . Third, *SimIssue*'s  $CredProof_I$  is formed using  $SimNIZKPK_{CredPS}$  instead of by rerandomizing a real  $Cred$ . Next, *SimIssue* simulates the *AuthPro* protocol. Finally, *SimIssue*'s  $Proof_{L+1}$  is generated by  $SimNIZKPK_{CredPS}$  whereas *Issue* uses the *AuthPro* protocol. *SimIssue* and *Issue* are indistinguishable, despite of those differences, due to the following reasons:
  - Based on the accumulator's Unlinkability, Delegability and Redelegability, the adversary can not distinguish the delegating key lists generated by *SimIssue* and *Issue*, as r-nyms of input  $DeInf$  are randomly generated and not revealed to the adversary.
  - Outputs of  $NIZKPK_{EQPS}$  and  $SimNIZKPK_{EQPS}$  are indistinguishable.
  - Outputs of  $NIZKPK_{CredPS}$  and  $SimNIZKPK_{CredPS}$  are indistinguishable.
  - The *AuthPro* protocol is secured, so its real and simulated executions are indistinguishable.

### 12.3 Unforgeability

The unforgeability proof is similar to the one in [1], based on F-unforgeability and certification-security of the authentication scheme, partial extractability of CredPS, and soundness of NMPS and EQPS. *ExtSetup* is constructed identically to *Setup* except that the extraction setup of the partially extractable CredPS is used to generate  $Para_{PK}$ ,  $Para_{Ac}$  and  $td$ . *Extract* is CredPS's witness extractor. We show that the requirements are satisfied as follows.

1. It holds as the output of CredPS's extraction setup, without  $td$ , is indistinguishable from the output of its real setup.
2. A pseudonym is computed as the commitment of  $Sk$  and  $Rn$  using a perfectly binding commitment scheme, so the pseudonyms are perfectly binding to  $Sk$  and  $Rn$ .
3. CredPS is partly a proof of knowledge of  $(F(Sk_O), F(Rn_O), \dots, F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L))$  for a level  $L$  credential proof. So *Extract* can extract these values from an honest credential proof. In case  $L = 0$ , it can extract  $(F(Sk_O), F(Rn_O))$  from its valid commitment  $Nym_O$ .
4. Similarly, if an adversary generates a *CredProof* accepted by *CredVerify*, then *Extract* can extract  $(F(Sk_O), F(Rn_O), F(Sk_L), F(Rn_L))$ . Otherwise, it aborts.
5. Suppose an adversary can win the real game  $G$  defined in this requirement, that means it can forge a credential proof level  $L$  accepted by *CredVerify* such that either of the following cases happens.

- Case 1: The probability that there exists  $i \leq L$  satisfying  $(f_0, f'_0, i, f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}, f_i, f'_i) \notin \text{ValidCredentialChains} \wedge (f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}) \in \text{HonestUsers}$  is non negligible.
- Case 2: The probability that there exists  $i \leq L$  satisfying  $F^{-1}(f'_i) \in BL$  is non negligible.

We show that in Case 1, the adversary can be used to break the authentication scheme's security, and in Case 2, the adversary can be used to break soundness of NMPS or EQPS.

Case1: Similar to [1], we let the adversary play the following game  $G'$ , which is indistinguishable from the real game  $G$ . We then show that if an adversary can win this game, it can break the authentication scheme's security. In  $G'$ , choose a random user  $u$  who is given  $(Sk^*, Rn^*)$  by the *AddUser* query.  $G'$  then proceeds the same as  $G$ , except that for queries *IssueToAdv* and *ObtainFromAdv* on user  $u$ , the simulator of the *AuthPro* protocol is used instead of the real one. That means when receiving *IssueToAdv* $(Nym, Cred, DeInf, Nym_A, BL, L, Nym_O)$  or *ObtainFromAdv* $(Nym_A, Nym, Nym_O, BL, L)$ , if  $\mathcal{O}$  can find  $(Sk, Rn, Nym, Aux(Nym))$  in its pseudonym database and  $(Sk, Rn) = (Sk^*, Rn^*)$ , it uses *AuthPro*'s simulator to simulate the interaction. Then due to *AuthPro*'s security,  $G'$  is computationally indistinguishable from  $G$ . Now assume that a PPT adversary  $A$  can win in  $G'$ , we show that  $A$  can be used to build a PPT adversary  $B$  which can break the authentication scheme  $\mathcal{AU}$ 's security. Suppose  $B$  is given  $\mathcal{AU}$ 's challenge  $Para_{At}$ ,  $f^* = F(Sk^*)$  and oracles  $\mathcal{O}_{Authen}(Para_{At}, Sk^*, \cdot)$  and  $\mathcal{O}_{Certify}(Para_{At}, \cdot, (Sk^*, \dots))$  where the secret key  $Sk^*$  is not known to  $B$ .  $B$  uses  $Para_{At}$  as part of and creates other parameters in  $Para_{DC}$  and a trapdoor  $td$ .  $B$  gives  $Para_{DC}$  and  $td$  to  $A$  and responds to  $A$ 's oracle queries as follows.

- (a) *AddUser*:  $B$  randomly chooses a query where its answer to  $A$  is  $(F(Sk^*), F(Rn^*))$  for some  $Rn^*$  and it saves  $(\square, Rn^*, F(Sk^*), F(Rn^*))$  in the user database and  $F(Sk^*), F(Rn^*)$  in the *HonestUsers* set (' $\square$ ' indicates the unknown challenge key  $Sk^*$ ). For other queries, it runs as a normal *AddUser*.
- (b) *FormNym* $(f, f')$ : If  $f \neq f^*$ ,  $B$  runs as the defined *FormNym*. Otherwise it generates a random  $Aux(Nym)$  to compute  $Nym$ , saves  $(\square, Rn^*, Nym, Aux(Nym))$  in its pseudonym database and returns  $Nym$  to  $A$ .
- (c) *Issue* $(Nym_I, Nym_U, Cred_I, DeInf_I, BL, L, Nym_O)$ :  $B$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U))$  and  $(Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I))$  in pseudonym database or  $Sk_U = Sk_I$ . Otherwise, if  $F(Sk_U) \neq f^*$  and  $F(Sk_I) \neq f^*$ ,  $B$  runs as the defined oracle. In the two cases  $F(Sk_I) = f^*$  or  $F(Sk_U) = f^*$ , it executes as defined except that it uses  $\mathcal{O}_{Authen}(Para_{At}, Sk^*, (Sk_U, Rn_U, H(Nym_O, attributes, L)))$  or  $\mathcal{O}_{Certify}(Para_{At}, Sk_I, (Sk^*, Rn^*, H(Nym_O, attributes, L)))$ , respectively, to compute the credential proof.
- (d) *IssueToAdv* $(Nym_I, Cred_I, DeInf_I, Nym, BL, L, Nym_O)$ :  $B$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_I, Rn_I, Nym_I, Aux(Nym_I))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, if  $F(Sk_I) \neq f^*$ ,  $B$  runs as the defined oracle. In the case

- $F(Sk_I) = f^*$ , it executes as defined except that it simulates the AuthPro protocol and uses  $\mathcal{O}_{Authen}$ .
- (e) *ObtainFromAdv*( $Nym, Nym_U, Nym_O, BL, L$ ):  $B$  aborts if it cannot find  $(Sk_U, Rn_U, Nym_U, Aux(Nym_U))$  in its pseudonym database. Otherwise, if  $F(Sk_U) \neq f^*$ ,  $B$  runs as the defined oracle. In the case  $F(Sk_U) = f^*$ , it executes as defined except that it simulates the AuthPro protocol and uses  $\mathcal{O}_{Certify}$ .
  - (f) *Prove*( $Nym, Cred, DeInf, Nym_O, BL, L$ ):  $B$  does not need  $Sk^*$  for this query, so it can execute and output as the defined oracle.
  - (g) *Revoke*( $Sk, Rn, BL$ ): Again,  $B$  does not need  $Sk^*$  for this query, so it can execute and output as the defined oracle.

So  $B$  can respond to all queries from  $A$ . Thus,  $A$  can output with non-negligibility  $(CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, BL, L)$  such that  $CredVerify(Para_{DC}, Nym_O, CredProof, Nym, BL, L) = accept$  and  $\exists i$  such that  $(f_0, f'_0, i, f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}, f_i, f'_i) \notin ValidCredentialChains \wedge (f_{i-1}, f'_{i-1}) \in HonestUsers$ , where  $(f_0, f'_0, \dots, f_L, f'_L) \leftarrow Extract(Para_{DC}, td, CredProof, Nym, Nym_O, L)$ . As the number of *AddUser*'s queries is bound, and  $A$  has no knowledge about  $B$ 's randomly chosen *AddUser* query for injecting  $F(Sk^*)$ , the probability  $f_{i-1} = f^*$  is non-negligible. In such case,  $B$  can extract  $auth_i$  such that  $VerifyAuth(Sk^*, (Sk_i, Rn_i, H(Nym_O, attributes, i)), auth_i)$  accepts. That forgery shows that  $B$  has broken  $\mathcal{AU}$ 's security.

**Case2:** Similarly, we show that from an adversary  $A$  of this case, we can construct an adversary  $B$  to break the soundness of NMPS or EQPS.  $B$  can perfectly simulate answers to  $A$ 's oracle queries *AddUser*, *FormNym*, *Issue*, *IssueToAdv*, *ObtainFromAdv*, *Prove* and *Revoke*, as the only secret  $B$  does not know is  $Sk_{BA} = Aux_{Ac}$ , which is not required to answer any of these queries.

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