

Public-Key Encryption with Fuzzy Keyword Search withstanding Keyword Guessing Attacks

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Abstract—With tremendous interests having been attracted, public-key encryption with keyword search (PEKS) achieves the searchability of public-key encrypted keywords. However, nearly all existing PEKS schemes and the expansions obtain their provable security under an implicit condition that the size of the keyword space is beyond the polynomial level, which shows inefficiency in practice. Hence, these existing schemes are insecure under keyword guessing attacks in applications. As we observe, the key to defend such attacks is to avoid the availability of the exact keyword trapdoor to adversaries. Accordingly, we compromise the exactness of keyword trapdoor by mapping at least two different keywords into a common fuzzy keyword trapdoor.

In this paper, we propose a novel concept called public-key encryption with fuzzy keyword search (PEFKS), by which searchers only obtain the fuzzy keyword trapdoor instead of the exact keyword trapdoor. Subsequently, for the keyword space with and without uniform entropy, we respectively present two universal transformations from anonymous identity-based encryption (IBE) to PEFKS. Moreover, their provable security are presented respectively under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks and keyword guessing attacks. As far as we know, PEFKS is the first and promising scheme against keyword guessing attacks under the practical condition that the keyword space is not more than the polynomial level.

Index Terms—Public-key encryption with keyword search, keyword guessing attacks, public-key encryption with fuzzy keyword search, anonymous identity-based encryption



1 INTRODUCTION

PUBLIC-KEY encryption with keyword search (PEKS) [1] is a novel cryptographic approach to keep the privacy of keyword by public-key encryption, as well as to guarantee the efficient keyword search in ciphertexts. Even before PEKS was first proposed by Boneh et al. in 2004 [1], tremendous efforts had been devoted to explore efficiently searching encrypted datum already, since the significance of supporting the privacy and searchability of datum is conspicuous in incredible databases. Hence, several appreciable works were made in the recent decade. In 2000, Song et al. proposed a practical and provably secure techniques for searching encrypted data [2]. With regard to the performance of search, Agrawal et al. proposed an order preserving encryption [3]. Based on the work of Song et al.'s, Curtmola et al. proposed an advanced scheme for an enhanced performance [4]. Referring to these works, we found that the encryption and searchability of datum should rely on sharing secrets between sends and receivers. Consequently, these works, except PEKS, will be seriously doubted in practice with difficulties on establishing and managing these shared secrets. In contrast, PEKS

is exceedingly convenient in practice without sharing secrets.

As Boneh et al. first proposed PEKS, he also proposed a universal transformation from anonymous identity-based encryption (IBE) ¹ [5, 6, 7, 8] to PEKS [1]. Hereafter, PEKS has been given tremendous attention. Furthermore, Abdalla et al., who completed the foundations of PEKS, presented an improved universal transformation from anonymous IBE to PEKS and a novel expansion of PEKS that public-key encryption with temporary keyword search (PETKS) in 2005. To achieve combinable multi-keyword search, two schemes on public-key encryption with conjunctive keyword search (PECKS) [9, 10] were respectively proposed in 2004 and 2007. Conclusively, the aforementioned schemes have a common character that they only succeeded on the equality search, rather than achieved range search and so on. Hence, Bethencourt et al. succeeded on public-key encryption with conjunctive keyword range search [11] by anonymous hierarchical IBE (HIBE) [6] in 2006, and further updated their work in 2007 [12]. In TCC'2007, Boneh

1. The first anonymous IBE scheme was proposed by Boneh et al. in 2001 and proved the security in the random oracle (RO) model [5]. In 2006, Boyen et al. proposed an anonymous IBE scheme [6], which for the first time obtain the provable security in the standard model. In the same year, Gentry proposed the most efficient anonymous IBE scheme in literature [7]. Ducas proposed an anonymous IBE scheme first based on the asymmetric bilinear map in 2010 [8].

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et al. proposed a novel technique called hidden vector encryption (HVE) to achieve conjunctive, range and subset searches [13]. In addition, an improved trapdoor generation of keywords was proposed by Camenisch et al. [14], who employed the committed two-part computation protocol and achieved the invisibility of keyword to generator. The corresponding scheme was called public-key encryption with oblivious keyword search (PEOKS). Although several efficiently conjunctive keyword search over encrypted datum were proposed [15, 16], they need to share a secret between senders and receivers. Hence, they were troublesome in application. Conclusively, all researches on PEKS focused on the various functions of search in recent years rather than its practical security.

So far, all of proposed PEKS schemes and the expansions proved their security in some sense. However, their provable security were commonly based on an implicit condition that the size of keyword space must be beyond the polynomial level. Therefore any adversary bounded by the computational ability can not efficiently and exhaustively search the keyword space to successfully guess keywords in PEKS. Nevertheless, we confirm that the implicit condition is obviously unreasonable in practice from two sides:

- In practice, keywords would be semantical and indexed in a dictionary. Moreover, somebody would like to use the common keywords, such as 'Urgency'. Hence, keywords may be non-uniformly employed. In addition, the keyword space should be carefully determined when establishing a cryptosystem [17]. Otherwise, for the keywords having the same meaning, such as 'urgent' and 'imperative', different people may employ different keywords. It induces that searchers need several search trapdoors for the same meaning, and the time cost of search will be multiplied. Hence, when we need to initially determine the keyword space, the necessity is that its size is not more than the polynomial level.
- In theory, it is unreasonable to assume that the size of keyword space is the exponential level. Providing a counter example that assuming the size of keyword space is 2^k , and \mathcal{E}_{K^i} bits is the entropy of keyword K^i , we trivially have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2^k} 2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} = 1 \quad (1)$$

Let $Poly()$ denote any polynomial. If all keywords have $2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} \geq Poly(k)$, it obviously has $\sum_{i=1}^{2^k} 2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} \gg 1$, which is contrary with Equation 1. Hence, in the keyword space, there exists keywords satisfying $2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} < Poly(k)$. Moreover, the number of keywords satisfying $2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} > Poly(k)$ is not more than $Poly(k)$. In other words, the number of keywords having a practical probability to be employed is not more than $Poly(k)$, even

if the keyword space is the exponential level.

Under the practical condition that the size of keyword space is not more than the polynomial level, Byun et al. first proposed keyword guessing attacks [11] and attacks a PEKS scheme and a PECKS scheme [9] successfully in 2006. Under the same condition Jeong et al. proved that any PEKS scheme satisfying at least computationally indistinguishable consistency implies successful keyword guessing attacks [18] necessarily. Moreover, since it is necessary to satisfy at least computationally indistinguishable consistency is necessary for any efficient PEKS, to defend keyword guessing attacks seems impossible under the practical condition.

1.1 the Motivation

Referring to PEKS, we notice that to complete keyword guessing attacks, an adversary needs a trapdoor of the keyword first, then successfully guess this keyword by a brute force way. Hence, the key of defending keyword guessing attacks is to avoid adversaries knowing the trapdoor of the exact keyword.

We heuristically conceived a passive scheme that public-key encryption without keyword search (called Passive-PEKS). Obviously, no search trapdoor of keyword is needed in the passive scheme. Moreover, keywords are encrypted by using the existing cryptosystem to keep the privacy. Hence, no adversary can successfully attack the scheme. However, assuming we want to provide the keyword searchability in Passive-PEKS, we need to provide the search trapdoor of keywords. Subsequently, when providing the trapdoor of the exact keyword, Passive-PEKS appropriately functions as PEKS such that the content of keywords is leaked under keyword guessing attacks. In conclusion, we either achieve the keyword searchability, or maintain the security of keywords. Hence, we were motivated to propose a method or a scheme to tradeoff the searchability and security, such that the searchability can be achieved as well as possible without losing the security of keywords.

Consequently, we were motivated to propose a fuzzy keyword search, which is the first solution to defend keyword guessing attacks in PEKS as far as we know. In the fuzzy keyword search, adversaries only know the fuzzy trapdoor of keywords. Hence, they can not deterministically guess keywords. Moreover, taking advantage of the entropy of the keyword space, we will further reduce the biased advantage of successful guess in the best effort.

1.2 Our Contributions

According to the motivation, public-Key encryption with fuzzy keyword search (PEFKS) will be novelly define in our paper. Furthermore, we will make two universal transformations from anonymous IBE to PEFKS respectively under different conditions and prove

their security under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks and keyword guessing attacks. Specifically, we will present a universal and provably secure transformation from anonymous IBE to PEFKS for the keyword space with uniform entropy (called PEFKS-UE), which is the first time in literature. Moreover, based on the anonymous IBE scheme proposed by Boneh in 2001 [5], we will propose a provably secure instance of PEFKS-UE. Secondly, we will present a universal and provably secure transformation from anonymous IBE to PEFKS for the keyword space with non-uniform entropy (called PEFKS-NE). In addition, we will illuminate that the biased advantage in keyword guessing attacks has been reduced as much as possible in PEFKS-NE.

1.3 Organization

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, some preliminary definitions and our definition of PEFKS will be given. In Section 3, it presents the universal transformation PEFKS-UE and an instance of it, then prove their security. Section 4 presents the universal transformation PEFKS-NE, its provable security and an important analysis. Section 5 presents conclusion.

2 PRELIMINARIES

In this section, several definitions will be presented for simplifying the description of our contributions. Throughout this paper we employ $Poly()$ to denote any polynomial. (Note that unless stated otherwise, all symbols have the same meaning as when they first appear in this paper.)

2.1 Anonymous IBE

We redefine the previous work on IBE [5] and anonymous IBE [6] as follows.

Definition 1 (IBE). *IBE consists of following polynomial time algorithms:*

- $Setup(k, r_1)$: Take as input a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , then generate a pair of public-and-private system parameters Pub_{IBE} and Pri_{IBE} . Moreover, Pub_{IBE} includes the message space \mathcal{M} , the ciphertext space \mathcal{C} and the identity space \mathcal{ID} .
- $Extract(Pri_{IBE}, r_2, ID)$: Take as input a private system parameter Pri_{IBE} , an identity $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$ and a random tape r_2 , then generate the private key $PriK_{ID}$ of ID .
- $Encrypt(Pub_{IBE}, r_3, ID, M)$: Take as input a public system parameters Pub_{IBE} , a receiver's identity $ID \in \mathcal{ID}$, a random tape r_3 and a message $M \in \mathcal{M}$, then generate a ciphertext $C \in \mathcal{C}$.
- $Decrypt(Pub_{IBE}, PriK_{ID}, C)$: Take as input a public system parameters Pub_{IBE} , the receiver's private key $PriK_{ID}$ and a ciphertext $C \in \mathcal{C}$, then return the decryption result of C .

Moreover, it satisfies the consistency that for any ciphertext $C = Encrypt(Pub_{IBE}, r_3, ID', M)$, $M = Decrypt(Pub_{IBE}, PriK_{ID}, C)$ holds if and only if $ID = ID'$, where ID is randomly chosen in \mathcal{ID} .

Definition 2 (Anonymous IBE). *An anonymous IBE is a kind of IBE that given any valid ciphertext, no probabilistically polynomial time adversary has non-negligible advantage to decide which identity was used to generate the ciphertext.*

2.2 PEKS and its Keyword Guessing Attacks

We also redefine PEKS [1] and its keyword guessing attacks [19] as follows.

Definition 3 (PEKS). *PEKS consists of following polynomial time algorithms:*

- $SysG(k, r_1)$: Take as input a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , then generate a pair of public-and-private system parameters Pub_{PEKS} and Pri_{PEKS} . Moreover, Pub_{PEKS} includes the keyword space \mathcal{K} .
- $Trapdoor(Pri_{PEKS}, r_2, K)$: Take as input a private system parameter Pri_{PEKS} , a random tape r_2 and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then generate a search trapdoor T_K .
- $CipherG(Pub_{PEKS}, r_3, K)$: Take as input a public system parameters Pub_{PEKS} , a random tape r_3 and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then generate a searchable ciphertext of K .
- $ExactTest(Pub_{PEKS}, T_K, C)$: Take as input a public system parameters Pub_{PEKS} , a search trapdoor T_K and a searchable ciphertext $C = CipherG(Pub_{PEKS}, K')$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } K' = K; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Moreover, it satisfies the consistency that for any keyword searchable ciphertext $C' = CipherG(Pub_{PEKS}, K')$, $ExactTest(Pub_{PEKS}, T_K, C')$ returns '1' if and only if $K = K'$, where K is randomly chosen in \mathcal{K} .

Definition 4 (Keyword Guessing Attacks on PEKS).

Given a public system parameters Pub_{PEKS} and a valid trapdoor T_K , the adversary indexes all keywords in the keyword space \mathcal{K} as $\{K^1, K^2, \dots, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}$ and implements keyword guessing attacks as follows:

- 1) Let $i = 1$.
- 2) Generate a keyword searchable ciphertext C of K^i , where $C = CipherG(Pub_{PEKS}, r_3, K^i)$.
- 3) If $ExactTest(Pub_{PEKS}, T_K, C) = 1$, return K^i ;
- 4) If $i \neq |\mathcal{K}|$, compute $i = i + 1$ and go to step 2; otherwise it returns ' \perp ' (it means the abortion).

According to the consistency of PEKS², the adversary's output K^i equals to K with at most negligible error probability. Specifically, once adversary had a valid trapdoor, according to the consistency of PEKS,

2. The consistency is computationally indistinguishable at least[20].

he can exhaustively search all keywords and deterministically guess the keyword that is used to generate the trapdoor. Moreover, this process is efficient under the practical condition that $|\mathcal{K}| \leq \text{Ploy}(k)$.

2.3 PEFKS and its Keyword Guessing Attacks

Definition 5 (PEFKS). *PEFKS consists of following polynomial time algorithms:*

- $\text{SysG}(k, r_1)$: Take as input a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , then generate a pair of public-and-private system parameters $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$ and $\text{Pri}_{\text{PEFKS}}$. Moreover, $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$ includes the keyword space \mathcal{K} and a deterministic function $\text{Fuz}(K, \mathcal{K})$, which takes as input a keyword K and the keyword space \mathcal{K} , then deterministically returns a fuzzy value such that there are at least two different keywords have the same fuzzy value.
- $\text{DTrapdoor}(\text{Pri}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_2, r'_2, K)$: Take as input a private system parameter $\text{Pri}_{\text{PEFKS}}$, two random tapes r_2 and r'_2 , and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then compute fuzzy value $FK = \text{Fuz}(K, \mathcal{K})$, finally return a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K for FK and an exact search trapdoor ET_K for K . Note that, on one hand keywords with the same fuzzy value necessarily have the same fuzzy search trapdoor; on the other hand, all distinct keywords have the same exact search trapdoor with at most the negligible probability.
- $\text{CipherG}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_3, K)$: Take as input a public system parameters $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$, a random tape r_3 and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then generate a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext of K .
- $\text{FuzzTest}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, \text{FT}_K, C)$: Take as input a public system parameters $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$, a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K and a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $C = \text{CipherG}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_3, K')$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \text{Fuz}(K', \mathcal{K}) = \text{Fuz}(K, \mathcal{K}); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$
- $\text{ExactTest}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, \text{ET}_K, C)$: Take as input a public system parameters $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$, an exact search trapdoor ET_K and a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $C = \text{CipherG}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_3, K')$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } K' = K; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Moreover, it satisfies the consistency that for any fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $C' = \text{CipherG}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_3, K')$, algorithm $\text{FuzzTest}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, \text{FT}_K, C')$ returns '1' if and only if $\text{Fuz}(K', \mathcal{K}) = \text{Fuz}(K, \mathcal{K})$; algorithm $\text{ExactTest}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, \text{ET}_K, C')$ returns '1' if and only if $K = K'$, where K and K' are randomly chosen in \mathcal{K} .

Referring to the definition of PEFKS, the principal difference between PEFKS and PEKS is the fuzzy

test/search algorithm FuzzTest , which was not included in PEKS. In practice, the server, who stores the encrypted datum, implements the exact test/search in PEKS. However, in PEFKS the server only receives a fuzzy search trapdoor of the keyword from a receiver at first; secondly, it implements the fuzzy test/search; at last, it sends back all of satisfying ciphertexts to the receiver. Specially, the exact test/search algorithm ExactTest only be implemented by the receiver to decide which ciphertext contains the exact keyword. Based on the fact that nobody except the receiver knows the exact search trapdoors in PEFKS, we adaptively define keyword guessing attacks on PEFKS as follows.

Definition 6 (Keyword Guessing Attacks on PEFKS). *Given a public system parameters $\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}$ and a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K , the adversary indexes all keywords in the keyword space \mathcal{K} as $\{K^1, K^2, \dots, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}$ and implements keyword guessing attacks as follows:*

- 1) Let $i = 1$.
- 2) Generate a keyword searchable ciphertext C of K^i , where $C = \text{CipherG}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, r_3, K^i)$.
- 3) If $\text{FuzzTest}(\text{Pub}_{\text{PEFKS}}, \text{FT}_K, C) = 1$, output K^i .
- 4) If $i \neq |\mathcal{K}|$, compute $i = i + 1$ and go to step 2; otherwise it returns ' \perp '.

Referring to Definition 6, since at least two different keywords have the same fuzzy value, to implement keyword guessing attacks on PEFKS, the adversary gets at least two different keywords. Hence, he fails to deterministically decide which keyword is the exact one that was used to generate the fuzzy search trapdoor. Furthermore, since nobody except the receiver knows the exact trapdoors of keywords, the adversary also fails to implement the keyword guessing attacks, which is analogous with Definition 4. Conclusively, our intuition is that PEFKS can defend keyword guessing attacks.

3 PEFKS-UE

Let k be a security parameter, Σ be an alphabet and the keyword space $\mathcal{K} = \Sigma^n$, where $|\mathcal{K}| \leq \text{Ploy}(k)$. Moreover, \mathcal{K} has the uniform entropy such that each symbol of Σ has the identical or computationally indistinguishable probability to be used. In PEFKS-UE, the function $\text{Fuz}(K, \mathcal{K})$ is redefined as follows:

- 1) Take as input a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then parse K as $K = K_1 || \dots || K_n$ where $K_i \in \Sigma$ for $i \in [1, n]$.
- 2) Finally return $FK = K_1 || \dots || K_{(n-1)}$.

The complete description of PEFKS-UE is as follows.

3.1 A Universal Transformation

Let $\text{UIBE} = (\text{Setup}, \text{Extract}, \text{Encrypt}, \text{Decrypt})$ be a universal anonymous IBE defined in Definition 1. Let $H_1 : \mathcal{FK} \wedge \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{ID}$ be a collision resistant function. PEFKS-UE consists of following algorithms:

- $SysG(k, r_1)$: Take as input a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , then run algorithm $Setup(k, r_1)$ of $UIBE$ to generate a pair of public-and-private system parameters that

$$\begin{aligned} Pub_{PEFKS-UE} &= \langle Pub_{UIBE}, Fuz, H_1, \mathcal{K} \rangle \\ Pri_{PEFKS-UE} &= Pri_{UIBE} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

- $DTrapdoor(Pri_{PEFKS-UE}, r_2, r'_2, K)$: Take as input a private system parameter $Pri_{PEFKS-UE} = Pri_{UIBE}$, two random tapes r_2 and r'_2 , and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then generate a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K and an exact search trapdoor ET_K , where

$$\begin{aligned} FT_K &= Extract(Pri_{UIBE}, r'_2, H_1(Fuz(K, \mathcal{K}))) \\ ET_K &= Extract(Pri_{UIBE}, r_2, H_1(K)) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

- $CipherG(Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, r_3, r'_3, K)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, two random tapes r_3 and r'_3 , and a keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, then randomly choose a message $M \in \mathcal{M}$, finally generate a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_F, C_E \rangle$, where

$$\begin{aligned} C_F &= Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r_3, H_1(Fuz(K, \mathcal{K})), M) \\ C_E &= Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r'_3, H_1(K), M) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

- $FuzzTest(Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, FT_K, \langle M, C_F \rangle)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K and a searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_F \rangle$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = Decrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, FT_K, C_F); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

- $ExactTest(Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, ET_K, \langle M, C_E \rangle)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, an exact search trapdoor ET_K and a searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_E \rangle$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = Decrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, ET_K, C_E); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

The consistency of PEFKS-UE. According to Theorem 4.2 in [20], we easily find that the aforementioned PEFKS-UE is consistent, when the anonymous IBE scheme $UIBE$ satisfies the semantic security.

3.2 An Instance of PEFKS-UE

Based on the anonymous IBE scheme proposed by Boneh et al. [5] (called BF01 scheme in this paper),

we construct an instance of PEFKS-UE according to the universal transformation PEFKS-UE as follows:

Let \mathbb{G} and \mathbb{G}_t denote two multiplicative groups of prime order q and g be a generator of \mathbb{G} . Let the bilinear map $e : \mathbb{G} \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_t$ [5, 21, 22] be an efficiently computable and non-degenerate function with the bilinearity that $e(g^a, g^b) = e(g, g)^{ab}$, where a and b are randomly chosen in \mathbb{Z}_q^* and $e(g, g)$ is the generator of \mathbb{G}_t . Let the bilinear map generator $BGen(1^k)$ be an efficient algorithm that given a security parameter k , it returns $\langle q, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_t, g, e \rangle$. In addition, let the symbol $\stackrel{R}{\leftarrow}$ denote randomly choosing an element (or elements) at the left side from the field at the right side.

- $SysG(k, r_1)$: Given a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , this algorithm works as follows:

- 1) Run $BGen(1^k)$ to generate $\langle q, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_t, g, e \rangle$.
- 2) Set $g_{pub} = g^s$, where $s \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^*$.
- 3) Choose a collision resistance function $H_1 : \sum^{n-1} \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{G}$.
- 4) Choose a cryptographic hash function $H_2 : \mathbb{G}_t \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$.

The keyword space is $\mathcal{K} = \sum^n$. The message space is $\mathcal{M} = \{0, 1\}^{k_1}$. The public system parameters and the private system parameter are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Pub_{PEFKS-UE} &= \langle q, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_t, g, e, g_{pub}, Fuz \\ &H_1, H_2, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{M} \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$Pri_{PEFKS-UE} = s$$

- $DTrapdoor(Pri_{PEFKS-UE}, K)$: Given a private system parameter $Pri_{PEFKS-UE}$ and a keyword K , this algorithm works as follows:

- 1) Compute $g_{FK} = H_1(Fuz(K, \mathcal{K})) \in \mathbb{G}$, then output the fuzzy search trapdoor $FT_K = g_{FK}^s$.
- 2) Compute $g_{EK} = H_1(K) \in \mathbb{G}$, then return the exact search trapdoor $ET_K = g_{EK}^s$.

- $CipherG(Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, r_3, r'_3, K)$: Given a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, two random tapes r_3 and r'_3 and a keyword K , this algorithm works as follows:

- 1) Randomly choose a message $M \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{M}$ and two numbers $\langle t, t' \rangle \stackrel{R}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^*$.
- 2) Compute $g_{FK} = H_1(Fuz(K, \mathcal{K}))$ and $g_{EK} = H_1(K)$.
- 3) Return a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_F, C_E \rangle$, where

$$\begin{aligned} C_F &= \langle g^{t'}, H_2(e(g_{FK}, g_{pub})^{t'}) \oplus M \rangle \\ C_E &= \langle g^t, H_2(e(g_{EK}, g_{pub})^t) \oplus M \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

- $FuzzTest(Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, FT_K, \langle M, C_F \rangle)$: Given a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_K and a part of a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext that $\langle M, C_F \rangle$, then

parse C_F as $\langle C_{F1}, C_{F2} \rangle$, finally return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = C_{F2} \oplus H_2(e(FT_K, C_{F1})); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

- *ExactTest*($Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, ET_K, \langle M, C_E \rangle$): Given a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$, an exact search trapdoor ET_K and a part of the searchable ciphertext that $\langle M, C_E \rangle$, then parse C_E as $\langle C_{E1}, C_{E2} \rangle$, finally return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = C_{E2} \oplus H_2(e(ET_K, C_{E1})); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

On one hand, according to the IND-ID-CPA (indistinguishability of ciphertexts under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks) security of the BF01 scheme, it is easily to implies that the instance of PEFKS-UE has the computationally indistinguishable consistency. On the other hand, in the instance we avoided constructing it rigidly according to the universal transformation PEFKS-UE, whereas some tricks were employed to improve the performance. For example, the fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext has the shorter size.

3.3 Security proofs

Under the practical condition that $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$, we respectively prove the security of previous instance of PEFKS-UE and the universal transformation PEFKS-UE. Specially, their security under keyword guessing attacks is further considered. The proofs are as follows:

- *The security of the instance of PEFKS-UE.* On one hand, we proved that the instance of PEFKS-UE inherits the Anon-ID-CPA [23, 6] (anonymity of ciphertext under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks) security of the BF01 scheme *IBE* by the reduction proof in Table 1. Hence, for any keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, anybody without the exact search trapdoor of K can not know its content from the fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext, which was generated by algorithm *CipherG*($Pub_{PEFKS-UE}, r_3, K$). Specifically, the reduction proof in Table 1 proved that for any keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$ with the parse $Fuz(K, \mathcal{K})||K_n$, the fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext referring to K never leaks K_n under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks. On the other hand, to implement keyword guessing attacks, any adversary fails to successfully guess K_n with the non-negligibly biased advantage, since the keyword space $\mathcal{K} = \sum^n$ has the uniform entropy such that each symbol of \sum has the same or indistinguishable probability to be used. Conclusively, when the keyword space \mathcal{K} has the uniform entropy and $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$, any adversary, who implements adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks

and keyword guessing attacks, fails to successfully guess the exact keyword K with the non-negligibly biased advantage in the instance of PEFKS-UE.

- *The security of the universal transformation PEFKS-UE.* Without loss of generality, we assumed the universal anonymous IBE *UIBE* has the Anon-ID-CPA security, since there is not any substantial difference among security proofs when the universal anonymous IBE *UIBE* has the anonymity under different attacks (e.g., chosen plaintext attacks and chosen ciphertext attacks [24]). On one hand, we proved that the universal transformation PEFKS-UE inherits the anonymity of *UIBE* by the reduction proof in Table 2. Hence, the fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext, generated by algorithm *CipherG*, keeps the privacy of K_n of any keyword $K = Fuz(K, \mathcal{K})||K_n$ under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks. On the other hand, since the keyword space \mathcal{K} has the uniform entropy, any adversary, who implements keyword guessing attacks without the exact trapdoor of any keyword, fails to successfully guess the exact keyword with non-negligibly biased advantage even under the condition that $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$. Conclusively, when the keyword space has uniform entropy, the universal transformation PEFKS-UE, based on the universal anonymous IBE, keeps the privacy of K_n for any keyword $K = Fuz(K, \mathcal{K})||K_n$ under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks and keyword guessing attacks, even with the condition that $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$.

In this section, under the conditions that the keyword space \mathcal{K} has uniform entropy and $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$, we constructed a universal transformation from anonymous IBE to PEFKS-UE, then proposed an instance of PEFKS-UE based on the anonymous IBE scheme proposed by Boneh et al. [5], finally proved their security under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks and keyword guessing attacks. In next section, we further weaken the condition such that the keyword space has non-uniform entropy and construct the universal transformation PEFKS-NE.

4 PEFKS-NE

Let k be a security parameter. Let \mathcal{E}_K bits denote the entropy of the keyword $K \in \mathcal{K}$, where $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$. We partition all keywords into several subsets as follows:

- 1) Sort all keywords in ascending order of their entropy and index all keywords as $\{K^1, K^2, \dots, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}$.

	Adversary A	Simulator/Challenger S	BF01 scheme IBE
Setup Phase	3) Receive $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$.	2) Send $Pub_{PEFKS-UE} = \langle Pub_{IBE}, Fuz, H_1, \mathcal{K} \rangle$ to A .	1) Generate $Pub_{IBE} = \langle g, \mathbb{G}, \mathbb{G}_t, g, e, g_{pub}, H_1, H_2, \mathcal{M} \rangle$ and $Pri_{IBE} = s$ of BF01 scheme, then send Pub_{IBE} to S except H_2 , which will be taken as a random oracle machine.
Query Phase	1) Query S for $\langle Or, X \rangle$, where $Or \in \{H_2, DTrapdoor\}$.	2) If $Or = DTrapdoor$, query IBE for $\langle Extract, Fuz(X, \mathcal{K}) \rangle$ and $\langle Extract, X \rangle$, otherwise query IBE for $\langle Or, X \rangle$.	3) Respond queries of oracles H_2 and $Extract$.
	6) Receive the responses and execute the query many times.	5) Send the responses from IBE to A .	4) Send the responses to S .
Challenge Phase	1) Choose two different challenge keywords K^0 and K^1 under the following constraints: $\langle DTrapdoor, K^0 \rangle$ and $\langle DTrapdoor, K^1 \rangle$ were not queried; $Fuz(K^0, \mathcal{K}) = Fuz(K^1, \mathcal{K})$. Finally send $\langle K^0, K^1 \rangle$ to S .	2) Randomly choose a plaintext $M \in \mathcal{M}$, then send $\langle M, K^0, K^1 \rangle$ to IBE .	3) Randomly choose $b \xleftarrow{R} 0,1$ and set $C_E^* = Encrypt(Pub_{IBE}, r_3, K^b, M)$.
	6) Receive the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$.	5) Send the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$ to A , where $C_F^* = Encrypt(Pub_{IBE}, r'_3, ID_F^0, M)$ and $ID_F^0 = Fuz(K^0, \mathcal{K})$.	4) Send C_E^* to S .
Query Phase	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase except querying S for $\langle Dtrapdoor, K^0 \rangle$ and $\langle Dtrapdoor, K^1 \rangle$.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)
Final Phase	1) Send the guess b' on b to S .	2) Send the received b' to IBE .	3) Receive b' .

TABLE 1

Proof of the Predication that the instance of PEFKS-UE transformed from BF01 scheme inherits the Anon-ID-CPA security.

	Adversary A	Simulator/Challenger S	Universal Anonymous IBE $UIBE$
Setup Phase	3) Receive $Pub_{PEFKS-UE}$.	2) Send $Pub_{PEFKS-UE} = \langle Pub_{UIBE}, Fuz, H_1, \mathcal{K} \rangle$ to A .	1) Generate Pub_{UIBE} and Pri_{UIBE} of $UIBE$, then send Pub_{UIBE} to S .
Query Phase	1) Query S for $\langle X \rangle$, where $X \in \mathcal{K}$.	2) Query $UIBE$ for $\langle H_1(Fuz(X, \mathcal{K})) \rangle$ and $\langle H_1(X) \rangle$.	3) Respond queries of oracle $Extract$.
	6) Receive the responses and execute the query many times.	5) Send the responses from $UIBE$ to A .	4) Send the responses to S .
Challenge Phase	1) Choose two different challenge keywords K^0 and K^1 under the following constraints: $\langle K^0 \rangle$ and $\langle K^1 \rangle$ were not queried by A ; $Fuz(K^0, \mathcal{K}) = Fuz(K^1, \mathcal{K})$. Finally send the $\langle K^0, K^1 \rangle$ to S .	2) Randomly choose a plaintext $M \in \mathcal{M}$, then send $\langle M, H_1(K^0), H_1(K^1) \rangle$ to $UIBE$.	3) Randomly choose $b \xleftarrow{R} 0,1$, then set $C_E^* = Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r_3, ID^b, M)$, where $ID^b = H_1(K^b)$.
	6) Receive the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$.	5) Send the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$ to A , where $C_F^* = Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r'_3, ID_F^0, M)$ and $ID_F^0 = H_1(Fuz(K^0, \mathcal{K}))$.	4) Send C_E^* to S .
Query Phase	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase except querying S for $\langle K^0 \rangle$ and $\langle K^1 \rangle$.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)
Final Phase	1) Send the guess b' on b to S .	2) Send the received b' to $UIBE$.	3) Receive b' .

TABLE 2

Proof of the Predication that the universal transformation PEFKS-UE Inherits the Anonymity.

2) Partition $\{K^1, K^2, \dots, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}$ as P , where $P =$

$$\begin{cases} \{\{K^1, K^2\}, \{K^3, K^4\}, \dots, \{K^{|\mathcal{K}|-1}, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}\} \\ \quad \text{if } |\mathcal{K}| \text{ is even;} \\ \{\{K^1, K^2\}, \dots, \{K^{|\mathcal{K}|-4}, K^{|\mathcal{K}|-3}\}, \{K^{|\mathcal{K}|-2}, K^{|\mathcal{K}|-1}, K^{|\mathcal{K}|}\}\} \\ \quad \text{if } |\mathcal{K}| \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

Let $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{k_2}$ be a collision resistance function. In PEFKS-NE, the function $Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K})$ is adaptively redefined as follows:

1) If $|\mathcal{K}|$ is even, then return

$$\begin{cases} H_1(K^{i-1} || K^i) & \text{if } i \text{ is even;} \\ H_1(K^i || K^{i+1}) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

2) Otherwise, return

$$\begin{cases} H_1(K^{|\mathcal{K}|-2} || K^{|\mathcal{K}|-1} || K^{|\mathcal{K}|}) & \text{if } i \geq |\mathcal{K}| - 2; \\ H_1(K^{i-1} || K^i) & \text{if } i \text{ is even;} \\ H_1(K^i || K^{i+1}) & \text{if } i \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

Referring to the function Fuz , we can easily verify following properties:

- For any subset in P , the keywords belonging to the same subset have the same output of Fuz . (Formally, for any subset $\{K^i, K^{i+1}\} \in P$, $Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K}) = Fuz(K^{i+1}, \mathcal{K})$ holds.)
- Furthermore, for any two different subsets in P , they have different outputs of Fuz . (Formally, for any two subsets $\{K^i, K^{i+1}\}$ and $\{K^j, K^{j+1}\} \in P$, where $i \neq j$, $Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K}) \neq Fuz(K^j, \mathcal{K})$ holds as the collision resistance of H_1 .)

We construct a universal transformation from anonymous IBE to PEFKS-NE in next subsection.

4.1 A Universal Transformation

Let $UIBE = (Setup, Extract, Encrypt, Decrypt)$ be a universal anonymous IBE defined in Definition 1. Let $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^{k_2} \vee \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{ID}$ be a collision resistant function. PEFKS-NE consists of following polynomial time algorithms:

- $SysG(k, r_1)$: Take as input a security parameter k and a random tape r_1 , then run algorithm $Setup(k, r_1)$ of $UIBE$ to generate a pair of public-and-private system parameters that

$$\begin{aligned} Pub_{PEFKS-NE} &= \langle Pub_{UIBE}, Fuz, H_1, H_2, \mathcal{K} \rangle \\ Pri_{PEFKS-NE} &= Pri_{UIBE} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

- $DTrapdoor(Pri_{PEFKS-NE}, r_2, r'_2, K^i)$: Take as input a private system parameter $Pri_{PEFKS-NE}$, two random tapes r_2 and r'_2 , and a keyword

$K^i \in \mathcal{K}$, then generate a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_{K^i} and an exact search trapdoor ET_{K^i} , where

$$\begin{aligned} FT_{K^i} &= Extract(Pri_{UIBE}, r'_2, H_2(Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K}))) \\ ET_{K^i} &= Extract(Pri_{UIBE}, r_2, H_2(K^i)) \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

- $CipherG(Pub_{PEFKS-NE}, r_3, r'_3, K^i)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-NE}$, two random tapes r_3 and r'_3 and a keyword $K^i \in \mathcal{K}$, then randomly choose a message $M \in \mathcal{M}$, finally generate a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_F, C_E \rangle$, where

$$\begin{aligned} C_F &= Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r_3, H_2(Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K})), M) \\ C_E &= Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r'_3, H_2(K^i), M) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

- $FuzzTest(Pub_{PEFKS-NE}, FT_{K^i}, \langle M, C_F \rangle)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-NE}$, a fuzzy search trapdoor FT_{K^i} and a searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_F \rangle$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = Decrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, FT_{K^i}, C_F); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

- $ExactTest(Pub_{PEFKS-NE}, ET_{K^i}, \langle M, C_E \rangle)$: Take as input a public system parameters $Pub_{PEFKS-NE}$, an exact search trapdoor ET_{K^i} and a searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_E \rangle$, then return B , where

$$B = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M = Decrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, ET_{K^i}, C_E); \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

The consistency of PEFKS-NE. According to Theorem 4.2 in [20], we easily find that PEFKS-NE has the consistency, when the anonymous IBE scheme $UIBE$ satisfies the semantic security.

4.2 Security Proofs

Without loss of generality, we also assume the universal anonymous IBE $UIBE$ satisfied the Anon-ID-CPA security. On one hand, the reduction proof in Table 3 proved that PEFKS-NE inherits the Anon-ID-CPA security of $UIBE$. Hence, for any keyword $K^i \in \mathcal{K}$ used to generate a fuzzy keyword searchable ciphertext $\langle M, C_E, C_F \rangle$ by algorithm $CipherG$, no adversary knows K^i from C_F under adaptive-ID and chosen plaintext attacks. On the other hand, no adversary knows the exact trapdoor of any keyword in PEFKS-NE. Hence, they fail to deterministically guess the exact keyword by implementing keyword guessing attacks even under the condition that $|\mathcal{K}| \leq Poly(k)$. However, in PEFKS-NE, an adversary may have the

	Adversary A	Simulator/Challenger S	Universal Anonymous IBE $UIBE$
Setup Phase	3) Receive $Pub_{PEFKS-NE}$.	2) Send $Pub_{PEFKS-NE} = \langle Pub_{UIBE}, Fuz, H_1, H_2, \mathcal{K} \rangle$ to A .	1) Generate Pub_{UIBE} and Pri_{UIBE} of $UIBE$, then send Pub_{UIBE} to S .
Query Phase	1) Query S for $\langle K^i \rangle$, where $K^i \in \mathcal{K}$.	2) Query $UIBE$ for $\langle Extract, H_2(Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K})) \rangle$ and $\langle Extract, H_2(K^i) \rangle$.	3) Respond queries of oracle $Extract$.
	6) Receive the responses and execute the query many times.	5) Send the responses from $UIBE$ to A .	4) Send the responses to S .
Challenge Phase	1) Choose two different challenge keywords K^i and K^j (assuming $i < j$ without loss of generality) under the following constraints: $\langle K^i \rangle$ and $\langle K^j \rangle$ were not queried by A ; $Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K}) = Fuz(K^j, \mathcal{K})$. Finally send $\langle K^i, K^j \rangle$ to S .	2) Choose a plaintext $M \in \mathcal{M}$ and send $\langle M, ID^0, ID^1 \rangle$ to $UIBE$, where $ID^0 = H_2(K^i)$ and $ID^1 = H_2(K^j)$.	3) Randomly choose $b \xleftarrow{R} 0, 1$ and set $C_E^* = Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r_3, ID^b, M)$.
	6) Receive the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$.	5) Send the challenge ciphertext $\langle M, C_F^*, C_E^* \rangle$ to A , where $C_F^* = Encrypt(Pub_{UIBE}, r'_3, ID_F^0, M)$, where $ID_F^0 = H_2(Fuz(K^i, \mathcal{K}))$.	4) Send C_E^* to S .
Query Phase	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase except querying S for $\langle K^i \rangle$ and $\langle K^j \rangle$.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)	(It is the same as the aforementioned query phase.)
Final Phase	1) Send the guess i' on $\{i, j\}$ to S .	2) Send $b' = 0$ to $UIBE$ if $i' = i$, otherwise send $b' = 1$ to $UIBE$.	3) Receive the guess b' .

TABLE 3

Proof of the Predication that the universal transformation PEFKS-NE Inherits the Anonymity.

non-negligibly biased advantage to successfully guess the exact keyword. Moreover, we believe that the non-negligibly biased advantage can not be absolutely avoided.

Specifically, without loss of generality we assume an adversary known the fuzzy search trapdoor $FT_{K^i/K^{i+1}}$ of the subset $\{K^i, K^{i+1}\} \in P$. To implement keyword guessing attacks on PEFKS-NE, the adversary can efficiently find out the subset $\{K^i, K^{i+1}\}$. Furthermore, according to the partition of \mathcal{K} at the beginning of this section, he has a biased advantage $|2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} - 2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^{i+1}}}|$ to decide which one between K^i and K^{i+1} has the higher probability to be used to generate $FT_{K^i/K^{i+1}}$. The further analysis should be divided into two cases:

- Case 1: $|2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} - 2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^{i+1}}}| < \frac{1}{Poly(k)}$. In this case, the adversary has the negligibly biased advantage. Hence, he fails to efficiently decide which one has the higher probability to be used. Formally speaking, let $Pr(K^i|FT_{K^i})$ denote the posterior probability of the event that K^i is employed under the condition that FT_{K^i} is given. We have $Pr(K^i|FT_{K^i}) \approx Pr(K^{i+1}|FT_{K^i})$. It means that the keywords K^i and K^{i+1} almost have the maximum "posterior entropy".
- Case 2: $|2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^i}} - 2^{-\mathcal{E}_{K^{i+1}}}| \geq \frac{1}{Poly(k)}$. In this case, the adversary has the non-negligibly biased advantage. However, we have reduced the advantage as much as possible. We also justify that the

biased advantage can not be avoid. Providing an extreme example, $\mathcal{K} = \{K^1, K^2\}$ and $\mathcal{E}_{K^1} \ll \mathcal{E}_{K^2}$. It induces that the adversary has enough confidence to decide that K^1 was used to generate the searchable ciphertext, even without considering the cryptosystem you employed. Consequently, since the biased advantage is a natural character of keywords, nobody can absolutely avoid it. Fortunately we have reduced the biased advantage as much as possible.

4.3 Insecurity of the Further Reduction

At the end of Subsection 4.2, we stated that we have reduced the biased advantage as much as possible. For justifying it, we will propose a method, which is the only one method that can further reduce the biased advantage, then illuminate the insecurity of the method.

Referring to the partition of \mathcal{K} at the beginning of this section, we sorted \mathcal{K} in ascending order of keyword entropy and sequentially partition keywords. Hence, in the partition phase, we did not consider the difference between the entropy of neighboring keywords. However, when considering it, this method is provably insecure. For example, let $\mathcal{K} = \{K^1, K^2, K^3, K^4\}$ be sorted keywords in ascending order of their entropy. We sequentially combine a keyword with one of its neighboring keywords, according to which neighboring keywords has the min-

imum entropy difference between the chosen keyword and the neighboring keyword. Hence, assuming $|\mathcal{E}_{K^2} - \mathcal{E}_{K^3}| < |\mathcal{E}_{K^1} - \mathcal{E}_{K^2}|$, we result the partition $\{\{K^1, K^2\}, \{K^2, K^3\}, \{K^3, K^4\}\}$. Consequently, if an adversary has the fuzzy search trapdoor FT_{K^1/K^2} , he can easily find out $\{K^1, K^2\}$ by implementing keyword guessing attacks on PEFKS. In addition, he can deterministically guess K^1 rather than with any biased advantage. Since if the fuzzy search trapdoor FT_{K^1/K^2} was generated from K^2 , the adversary should find out $\{K^2, K^3\}$ rather than $\{K^1, K^2\}$ according to $|\mathcal{E}_{K^2} - \mathcal{E}_{K^3}| < |\mathcal{E}_{K^1} - \mathcal{E}_{K^2}|$. Hence, if the adversary find out $\{K^1, K^2\}$, he can deterministically decide that the fuzzy search trapdoor was generated from K^1 rather than K^2 .

5 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In PEKS, the sever, which receives search trapdoors from the receiver to search the public-key encrypted keywords, can deterministically know the content of keywords by implementing keyword guessing attacks. Moreover, it is efficient under the practical condition that the size of the keyword space is not more than the polynomial level. In order to withstand keyword guessing attacks, we first proposed a novel concept that public-key encryption with fuzzy keyword search. Furthermore, under two different conditions that keyword space have uniform and non-uniform entropy, we presented two universal transformations from anonymous IBE to PEFKS, which were respectively called PEFKS-UE and PEFKS-NE. Their provable securities are also given under adaptiv-ID and chosen plaintext attacks and keyword guessing attacks. Although in PEFKS-NE we failed to absolutely avoid the biased advantage in keyword guessing attacks, we have reduced the advantage as much as possible. Moreover, we proved that the biased advantage is caused by the natural character of keywords and no cryptosystem can absolutely avoid it. Frankly speaking, merely considering the security, our solution is not perfect. However, it is presented as the state of the art and absolutely securer than PEKS in practice.

The future work. Both in PEKS and PEFKS, the encrypted keywords are searched one by one. Hence it is a crucial performance problem that how to build the index for these ciphertexts having the same keyword without leaking the content. In this way, the ciphertexts generated from the same keyword can be searched in only one step. Although this problem is easy to be solved in the RO model, our future challenge is to explore a solution in the standard model.

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