What Security Can We Achieve In 4-Rounds?

Carmit Hazay^{*} Muthuramakrishnan Venkitasubramaniam[†]

Abstract

In this paper we study the question of what security is achievable for stand-alone two-party computation in four rounds. Our starting point point is the Katz-Ostrovsky lower bound [KO04] which determines that the exact round complexity of achieving secure two-party computation with black-box simulation is five. To get around this lower bound we consider two relaxations of the standard simulation-based security definition, where each relaxation implies a different security guarantee.

Specifically, we analyze our four-round protocols in the presence of malicious non-aborting adversaries (i.e. which do not abort prematurely) for which we obtain full simulation security and malicious aborting adversaries for which we obtain 1/p security (which implies that the simulation fails with probability at most 1/p+negl) while guaranteeing full privacy against both parties. We realize the coin-tossing and oblivious transfer functionalities under these relaxations, and present protocols with different security guarantees. We also provide a tight characterization of when 1/p security is achievable where full privacy is expected.

Keywords: Secure Computation, Coin-Tossing, Oblivious Transfer, Round Complexity

1 Introduction

Secure two-party computation enables two parties to mutually run a protocol that computes some function f on their private inputs, while preserving a number of security properties. Two of the most important properties are privacy and correctness. The former implies data confidentiality, namely, nothing leaks by the protocol execution but the computed output. The latter requirement implies that the protocol enforces the integrity of the computations made by the parties, namely, honest parties learn the correct output. Feasibility results are well established [Yao86, GMW87, MR91, Bea91], proving that any efficient functionality can be securely computed under full simulation-based definitions (following the ideal/real paradigm). Security is typically proven with respect to two adversarial models: the semi-honest model (where the adversary follows the instructions of the protocol but tries to learn more than it should from the protocol transcript), and the malicious model (where the adversary follows an arbitrary polynomial-time strategy), and feasibility holds in the presence of both types of attacks.

An important complexity measure of secure computation that has been extensively studied in literature, is the *round-complexity* of secure protocols. In the *stand-alone* setting, Yao [Yao86] presented the first constant-round secure two-party computation protocol in the semi-honest model. In contrast, Goldreich, Micali and Wigderson [GMW87] showed how to obtain protocols that tolerate malicious adversaries which requires non-constant number of rounds, followed by Lindell [Lin01] who gave the first constant-round secure two-party protocol tolerating such attacks. In an important characterization, Katz and Ostrovsky [KO04] determined that the exact round complexity of achieving a secure two-party computation protocol is five (and four if only one of the parties receives an output). More precisely, they constructed a five-round

^{*}Faculty of Engineering, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. Email: carmit.hazay@biu.ac.il.

[†]University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14611, NY. Email: muthuv@cs.rochester.edu.

protocol to securely compute arbitrary functionalities and showed that there cannot exist any four-round construction that securely realizes the coin-tossing functionality with black-box simulation. More recently, Ostrovsky, Richelson and Scafuro [ORS15] strengthened this construction by demonstrating a five-round protocol where the underlying cryptographic primitives are used only in a "black-box" way. Both the results also provide a four-round protocol for single-output functionalities. While these results only consider the stand-alone model, assuming some trusted-setup such as a common reference string (CRS), it is possible to construct round-optimal (i.e. two-round) secure two-party protocols; see [IKO $^+11$] for a recent example.

A fundamental cryptographic primitive used in the construction of secure computation protocols is zeroknowledge proofs systems [GMR89] for which its round complexity has been widely studied, starting with the work of Goldreich and Oren [GO94] who showed that two-round (auxiliary-input) computational zeroknowledge proofs and arguments¹ are impossible for languages outside BPP. Under non-standard complexity assumptions, Barak, Lindell and Vadhan in [BLV06] ruled out two-round zero-knowledge proofs (with perfect completeness). Goldreich and Krawczyk [GK96] extended the impossibility result of [GO94] to three-round protocols that are black-box zero-knowledge, whereas Katz [Kat12] showed that only languages in MA admit four-round zero-knowledge proofs. On the positive side, Feige and Shamir [FS90] demonstrated how to achieve four-round zero-knowledge *arguments* for any language in NP. More recently, the work of Chung et al. [COP⁺14] showed how to achieve the stronger notion of *resettably-sound* zero-knowledge arguments in four-rounds.

Unfortunately, no significant progress has been made in constructing three-round zero-knowledge proofs or arguments (while relying on non-black-box techniques) or ruling them out (even in the case of resettablysound zero-knowledge). Towards getting around this, relaxed notions of zero-knowledge have been considered. The closely related notion of *witness-indistinguishable* proofs only requires that no malicious verifier be able to distinguish which witness is used in the proof. For this relaxed notion, Feige and Shamir [FS90] showed how to construct three-round protocols. Dwork and Naor [DN07] showed that starting from a non-interactive zero-knowledge proofs (that have been constructed in the CRS model) it is possible to construct a two-round witness-indistinguishable proofs (or ZAPs) for any NP language. Moreover, noninteractive witness-indistinguishable proofs were constructed based on non-standard assumptions by Barak et al. [BOV07] and under pairing assumptions by Groth et al. [GOS06].

Motivated by the line of works in zero-knowledge proofs, the main question we address in this work is:

What security is achievable for stand-alone two-party computation in less than five rounds, or less than four rounds when only one-party receives the output?

Relevant to this question, the work of Ishai et al. in $[IKO^{+11}]$ shows how to construct a two-round secure two-party computation protocol in the OT-hybrid (where the parties are assumed access to an ideal functionality implementing oblivious- transfer). In essence, their work shows that improving the round complexity of secure computation is closely related to constructing round-efficient oblivious transfer protocols. When assuming setup, the work of Peikert, Vaikuntanathan and Waters [PVW08] shows how to construct highly efficient two-round protocols for the oblivious-transfer functionality in the CRS model. In the Random Oracle Model, Naor and Pinkas [NP01] developed a two-round OT protocol that obtains one-sided simulation (w.r.t the sender), whereas only privacy is guaranteed against a malicious receiver, where *receiver privacy* requires that no malicious sender be able to distinguish the cases when the receiver's input is 0 or 1 (for instance, the standard OT protocol of [EGL85] satisfies this notion). In [HK12], it was shown how to construct two-round protocols for oblivious transfer where only privacy is guaranteed against both the sender and receiver, where *sender privacy* requires that for every malicious receiver and sender on input (s_0, s_1) there exists some input b for which the receiver cannot distinguish an execution where s_{1-b} is set

¹Loosely speaking, an argument is an interactive proof system where the soundness property is only required to hold against efficient adversaries.

to the correct value from an execution where s_{1-b} is sampled uniformly at random. Combining these works with [IKO⁺11] gives two-round secure computation protocols (where only one party receives the output) with meaningful security guarantees.

1.1 Our Results

Protocols with relaxed security. Motivated by our question, we investigate the possibility of constructing three-round OT protocols (that implies four-round secure computation protocols for two-output functionalities). Towards this, we begin with the observation that the security model considered in [KO04] for proving their lower bound, rules out four-round secure protocols for the coin-tossing functionality with black-box simulation. An important artifact of this lower bound is that Katz and Ostrovsky only considered simulators that are allowed to make a fixed polynomial number of oracle queries to the adversary, which, in particular, cannot depend on the adversary's behavior (e.g., running time or abort probability). Combining the works of [KO04] and [IKO⁺11], it follows that constructing three-round OT protocols with full simulation guarantees against both the sender and receiver (using black-box techniques) is impossible unless some sort of setup is assumed. On the other hand, the work of [HK12] shows that if we are satisfied with a simple privacy guarantee (as discussed in the previous section) then two rounds are sufficient. We therefore consider two relaxations of the standard security definition which guarantee some simulation-based security.

The first relaxation we consider is to weaken the indistinguishability requirement. Namely, in the real/ideal paradigm definition when comparing an ideal simulated execution to the real execution, this relaxation implies that the ideal execution is defined as in the original definition yet the simulation notion is relaxed. More concretely, the two executions are now required to be distinguishable with probability at most $\frac{1}{p}$ + negl, where $p(\cdot)$ is some specified polynomial. This relaxation has been considered in the past in the context of achieving coin-tossing [Cle86, MNS09] and fairness for arbitrary functionalities [GK10]. Then, in case of malicious (possibly aborting) adversaries we require that our protocol admits 1/p security. Our first result concerns with the coin-tossing functionality where we show how to achieve this notion. More precisely, we prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1.1 (Informal) Assuming the discrete logarithm problem is hard, there exists a four-round protocol that securely realizes the coin-tossing functionality with 1/p security.

We remark that if we allow our simulator to run in expected polynomial-time, we actually obtain perfect simulation against one of the parties and 1/p security against the other (even against aborting adversaries). On the other hand, if we require strict polynomial-time simulation, where this polynomial is independent of the adversary's running time, our protocol achieves 1/p security relative to both corruption cases. We further provide an abstraction for this protocol using a two-round cryptographic primitive denoted by homomorphic trapdoor commitment scheme, where the commitment transcript, as well as the trapdoor are homomorphic. This abstraction captures additional commitment schemes with security under a larger class of hardness assumptions such as RSA and factoring. In addition, our protocol achieves standard full security against non-aborting adversaries, i.e. adversaries that do not abort prematurely. In the following we will explicitly refer to the standard model of malicious adversaries as aborting adversaries.

Next, we explore the possibility of extending this idea to realize the oblivious-transfer functionality. As a second relaxation we analyze our protocols against non-aborting adversaries, i.e. adversaries who are guaranteed to not abort in the middle of the execution. Security against non-aborting strategies implies that if an adversary deviates from the protocol it will be detected (either because of an ill-formed message or because of an abort). This notion is therefore stronger than honest-but-curious security where malicious behavior can go undetected. Our first OT protocol will consider both non-aborting and aborting adversaries and provides different guarantees. More precisely, we prove the following theorem:

Theorem 1.2 (Informal) Assuming the decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard, there exists a four-round oblivious-transfer protocol, where the receiver learns the output in three rounds, that is (fully-)secure in the presence non-aborting adversaries. Furthermore, our protocol achieves 1/p security in the presence of aborting senders.

By combining our oblivious-transfer protocol with the two-round secure computation protocol of [IKO⁺11] it is possible to obtain a four-round secure computation protocol with analogous security guarantees. More precisely, we obtain the following corollary:

Corollary 1.3 (Informal) Assuming the Decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard, there exists a fourround two-party secure computation protocol for any functionality that achieves $\frac{1}{p}$ security against the party sending the first message and security in the presence non-aborting adversaries corrupting either party.

While these protocols achieve 1/p-simulation against corrupted senders, it is unsatisfactory in that it only achieves security against non-aborting receivers. Finally, in our third protocol we demonstrate the feasibility of achieving 1/p security against aborting senders while guaranteeing privacy against aborting senders and aborting receivers (with the later guarantee analogous to [HK12]), based on claw-free trapdoor permutations. As in our prior protocol, this protocol achieves full security against non-aborting adversaries.

Theorem 1.4 (Informal) Assuming the existence of claw-free permutations, there exists a four-round oblivioustransfer protocol, where the receiver learns the output in three rounds, that is (fully-)secure in the presence non-aborting adversaries. Furthermore, our protocol achieves 1/p security in the presence of aborting senders and full privacy in the presence of aborting receivers and senders.

We remark that 1/p security and privacy are incomparable. While privacy always guarantees some form of input-indistinguishable security, 1/p-secure protocols could lose complete security with probability 1/p. It is possible to combine this protocol with the secure computation protocol of [IKO⁺11] just as with our first OT protocol, and we leave it as future work to extend the notion of privacy to general functionalities to capture the security of this combined protocol. We remark that it is tempting to consider input-indistinguishable security [MPR06], however, as we explain later in this section, such a notion requires the transcript to be "input-binding" and all our protocols statistically hide the input of at least one party and therefore cannot achieve input-indistinguishability as defined in [MPR06].

Lower bounds. We complement our positive results with two lower bounds, where we show that achieving 1/p security against aborting receivers is impossible under black-box simulation. Our first result is:

Theorem 1.5 (Informal) Assuming $NP \not\subseteq BPP$, there exists no three-round secure computation protocol for arbitrary functionalities with black-box simulation, with 1/p security against the receiver (of the output) and correctness with probability 1.

Our proof follows by extending the [GK96] lower bound, to show that three-round black-box zero-knowledge proofs (or arguments) with negligible soundness and 1/p security exist only for languages in BPP. Indeed, it is possible to construct zero-knowledge proofs with 1/p soundness and 1/p zero-knowledge security (for instance by repeating the Blum's Hamiltonicity proof [Blu] log p times).

Our second lower bound is:

Theorem 1.6 (Informal) There exists no three-round oblivious transfer protocol that achieves privacy against malicious senders and 1/p security against malicious receivers for p > 2.

We remark that privacy against both parties is in some sense the minimal requirement of any secure computation protocol. Our lower bound shows that under this minimal requirement if we want to additionally achieve 1/p simulation in three-rounds, it can be achieved *only* against a malicious sender, which matches our upper bound, thus establishing its optimality.

Discussion. We next discuss the motivation underlying the choices of our relaxations.

Our first notion of 1/p security is meaningful and sufficient for many practical scenarios and certain values of 1/p. It is related to the notion of covert security, introduced by Aumann and Lindell in [AL10]. This notion models adversaries that may deviate arbitrarily from the protocol specification in an attempt to cheat, but do not wish to get caught doing so. In one of their variants, the simulator is allowed to fail, as long as it is guaranteed that the real and ideal output distributions are distinguishable with a probability that is related to the probability of detecting cheating. We note that our security notion directly implies covert security as the simulator may only fail in case the adversary aborts, which is always detected as cheating.

The notion of sender and receiver privacy as used in [HK12] which is considered in this work is related to the notion of input-indistinguishable computation, introduced by Micali et al. in [MPR06]. Inputindistinguishable computation considers a weaker security notion for two-party computation which requires that no party should be able to distinguish two views generated based on distinct set of inputs for the other party but yield the same output. Their main motivation was to develop a meaningful notion of security that supports the design of protocols that can be proven secure in a concurrent setting in the plain model (i.e. assuming no trusted setup). This notion can be viewed as a generalization of witness indistinguishability to secure computation. We remark that the notion of sender and receiver privacy for the OT functionality is stronger than input indistinguishability as the latter requires that the inputs be (statistically)-bound to the transcript.² Another related notion is that of super-polynomial time simulation [Pas03, PS04, BS05] which allows the simulator to run in super-polynomial (potentially exponential) time. In the context of zeroknowledge proofs, exponential time simulation is equivalent to witness indistinguishability. However, more generally, for secure computation it seems that the implication is only one-way where exponential time simulation implies privacy. Concretely, the protocols in [EGL85, HK12] and some of our protocols guarantee statistical privacy against at least one party and hence cannot admit exponential time simulation.

Finally, we also analyze our protocols in the presence of a non-aborting adversary which is a nonstandard model. In such a scenario full security could be violated if the adversary aborts (as is the case in our first OT protocol). Nevertheless, we argue that it does provide stronger guarantees than the *honest but curious* setting. First, in protocols where the parties have no inputs, such as coin-tossing, security against non-aborting adversaries still provide meaningful guarantees. Second, in most cases malicious behavior cannot be detected in a semi-honest setting. However, in our model, a cheating adversary will always be detected via aborting (where aborting in the middle of the protocol will be considered cheating). Finally, our protocols imply defensible privacy with respect to malicious parties [HIK⁺11] (where typically, boosting semi-honest security into defensible privacy additionally requires coin-tossing that could potentially add more rounds of interaction).

Related to the question of non-aborting adversaries is the issue of fairness where parties interacting in a protocol can abort soon after learning the output, thereby denying other parties from learning it. Recently, the work of [BK14] has shown how to rely on external mechanisms, such as bitcoins to ensure fairness. A recent long series of works demonstrated the usefulness of the bitcoin system for implementing secure protocols due to its attractive properties; see [ADMM14b, ADMM14a] for just a couple of examples. Jutla in [Jut15] argues that relying on secure computation protocols to determine the clearing price in stock-market auctions results in a better equilibrium. In such scenarios, bitcoins (or other monetary means) can be used to compensate for the loss in case the adversary aborts (and, thus, making it irrational to abort). Namely, if one party aborts the protocol after learning the output then the other party gets a financial compensation (in bitcoins). Another line of works, considers "optimistic" fairness where a trusted party can be used to

²Formally, they require an "implicit input" function that can, from a transcript of the interaction, specify the input of a particular party. Our protocols provide statistical privacy guarantees and such a security guarantee cannot be input-indistinguishable.

compensate the loss of information due to aborting adversaries [Mic03, ASW00]. In such a setting it is reasonable assumption to develop and analyze security in the presence of non-aborting adversaries.

1.2 Our Techniques

Coin tossing. We briefly sketch the technical details of our constructions, beginning with our coin tossing protocol. In this protocol we make use of an extension variant of of Pedersen's trapdoor commitment scheme [Ped91]. Basically, party P_1 generates a set of generators for P_2 's commitment scheme using pairs of shares, and then reveals the discrete logarithm of half of the shares by responding to a random challenge given by P_2 . Looking ahead, this allows to construct a simulator that extracts a trapdoor for this commitment scheme using rewinding which, in turn, allows the equivocation of the committed message. Forcing a particular outcome when P_2 is corrupted is carried out by first observing the decommitted value of P_2 and then rewinding, where in the second execution the simulator programs its input according to the outcome it received from the trusted party. Note that this commitment scheme is captured under our abstraction for trapdoor commitment schemes.

Oblivious transfer. As a warmup, our first OT protocol employs a common paradigm for securely realizing this functionality. Namely, the receiver picks two public keys for which it knows only one of the corresponding secret keys, and sends them to the sender. The sender using these keys encrypts its OT inputs. If indeed the receiver knows only one of the secret keys, then it will not be able to decrypt both inputs. Thus, the main challenge in designing OT protocols with security in the presence of malicious adversaries is a mechanism to enforce the receiver to choose its public keys correctly. In this work we enforce that by asking the public key for the unknown secret key to take a particular form, for which the receiver does not know the trapdoor associated with it (concretely, this trapdoor is a discrete logarithm of some generator picked by the sender). Enforcing this choice is carried out by a witness-indistinguishable proof-of-knowledge (WI-PoK), that further allows to extract the bit *b* for which the receiver indeed knows the corresponding secret key (which implies input extraction of the receiver's input).

On a very high-level, our security guarantee against malicious receivers is achieved by first obtaining a three-round protocol that is defensibly private with respect to malicious receivers [HIK⁺11] and then combining it with a zero-knowledge proof-of-knowledge (ZK-PoK) protocol in order to achieve full security against malicious (non-aborting) adversaries. Loosely speaking, an OT protocol is said to be defensiblyprivate with respect to the receiver if no adversarial receiver can distinguish the sender's input corresponding to input 1 - b from a random input, while outputting a valid defense, i.e. random coins τ that are consistent with the view for input b. Given a defensibly-private OT protocol, obtaining a protocol that guarantees full security against a malicious non-aborting receiver is obtained by combining it with a ZK-PoK protocol where the receiver proves the knowledge of a valid defense. (We stress that in our actual protocol, a witnessindistinguishability proof as opposed to a ZK proof will be sufficient).

In case the sender aborts then we can only ensure privacy with respect to the receiver's inputs. This is because the sender cannot learn anything about the receiver's input, as the simulation is perfect. In order to enhance the security guarantee with respect to the malicious sender we construct another OT protocol, relying on the recent protocol from [ORS15]. More concretely, our first observation is that the previous protocol is already 1/p secure for $p = 1 + \frac{1}{3}$. To see this, we first mention that in our warmup protocol the sender picks two trapdoors and the receiver is allowed to choose one of them to be opened by the sender. Specifically, security against malicious receivers still holds since one of the trapdoors. In case of abort, it is not guaranteed that the simulator can extract both the trapdoors. Nevertheless, we can achieve $1/p = \frac{3}{4}$ security with respect to malicious (possibly aborting) senders. Namely, suppose that for some trapdoor the sender aborts with probability at most $\frac{1}{2}$ when it is asked to reveal it, then in expectation the

simulator needs to rewind the sender just 2 times in order to extract that trapdoor. If both trapdoors satisfy this condition then the simulator can easily extract both of them.

Now, suppose this is not the case, then it would have to be the case that the sender aborts with probability at least $\frac{1}{2}$ when it is asked to open one of the trapdoors. Then, the overall probability with which the sender aborts is $\frac{1}{4}$ (as each trapdoor is requested to be revealed with probability $\frac{1}{2}$). In order to achieve $\frac{3}{4}$ security, it suffices to output a distribution that is $\frac{3}{4}$ -close to the real distribution. As the sender aborts with probability at least $\frac{1}{4}$ a simulator that simply outputs all the views on which the sender aborts already achieves $\frac{3}{4}$ security. With this observation, we show that in order to get $\frac{1}{p}$ security for an arbitrary polynomial p, we amplify the indistinguishability via parallel repetition. More precisely, by repeating the basic protocol $O(\kappa p)$ times, where κ is the security parameter, we can show, using a careful application of Yao-type amplification, that if the adversary does not abort with probability at least $O(\frac{1}{p})$, then the simulation can extract most of the trapdoors. This idea is used in conjunction with the combiner of Ostrovsky, Richelson and Scafuro [ORS15] to ensure that the simulator extracts the sender's inputs if and only if the receiver successfully extracts it, or in other words, prevents any form of input dependent attacks.

We conclude with our third OT protocol which demonstrates the feasibility of 1/p sender security and privacy against aborting receivers, which is the best security we achieve in three rounds. We begin with a basic protocol that only achieves receiver privacy and then amplify it security to get $\frac{1}{p}$ sender simulation. Implicit in our first OT protocol is a strategy to amplify the security of a protocol that achieves privacy against malicious senders to one that is 1/p secure whenever there exists a trapdoor, that given the first message of the sender can be used to generate a receiver message that will allow extraction. Our basic protocol based on claw-free trapdoor permutations is simple: The sender samples a pair of functions f_0, f_1 from a claw-free family and provides the description to the receiver. The receiver samples $y = f_b(x)$ for a random x and returns y to the sender. The sender with inputs (s_0, s_1) using the trapdoors for f_0 and f_1 obtains $x_b = f_b^{-1}(x)$ and masks s_0 with the Goldreich-Levin hard-core predicate of x_b . To prove receiver privacy, we need to show it is impossible for the receiver to distinguish both the games where the sender's input are sampled according to (s_0, U) and (U, s_1) from the real-game (where U is the uniform distribution over $\{0,1\}$). We argue that if such a receiver exists, then using the list-decodable extractor guaranteed by the Goldreich-Levin Theorem we can extract x_0 and x_1 , thus finding a claw, i.e. x_0 and x_1 such that $f_0(x_0) = f_1(x_1)$. This reduction is subtle as creating a predictor to run the list-decodable extractor requires being able to sample a view of the receiver by supplying sender's messages without knowledge of the trapdoors. Nevertheless, by using a careful averaging argument we show this is possible. Finally, we amplify this protocol to achieve 1/p sender simulation. As mentioned above, we just need to produce a trapdoor that will allow generating the receiver message in a way that will help to extract the sender's input. The trapdoor is simply one of the trapdoors corresponding to the functions f_0 and f_1 , as with this trapdoor it is possible to sample a random claw. Our protocol can be implemented based on the RSA claw-free collection of functions.

Open problems. In this paper, we characterize when 1/p-simulation is achievable in three-rounds conditioned on guaranteeing privacy with respect to both parties. For the case of oblivious-transfer functionality which is necessary for secure computation, we demonstrate that 1/p-simulation is achievable against a malicious sender but not against a malicious receiver. On the other hand, for coin-tossing, we are able to achieve 1/p security with respect to both parties. Another exception is zero-knowledge where, again, it is possible to achieve 1/p-soundness and 1/p-indistinguishability. We leave it as an open problem to characterize which functionalities admit 1/p-simulation against both parties.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Basic Notations

We denote the security parameter by n. We say that a function $\mu : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ is *negligible* if for every positive polynomial $p(\cdot)$ and all sufficiently large n it holds that $\mu(n) < \frac{1}{p(n)}$. We use the abbreviation PPT to denote probabilistic polynomial-time. We further denote by $a \leftarrow A$ the random sampling of a from a distribution A, and by [n] the set of elements $\{1, \ldots, n\}$.

Computational indistinguishability. We specify the definitions of computational indistinguishability and computational $\frac{1}{n}$ -indistinguishability.

Definition 2.1 Let $X = \{X(a,n)\}_{a \in \{0,1\}^*, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $Y = \{Y(a,n)\}_{a \in \{0,1\}^*, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be two distribution ensembles. We say that X and Y are computationally indistinguishable, denoted $X \stackrel{c}{\approx} Y$, if for every PPT distinguisher D there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ such that for every $a \in \{0,1\}^*$ and all sufficiently large n

$$\left|\Pr\left[D(X(a,n),1^n)=1\right]-\Pr\left[D(Y(a,n),1^n)=1\right]\right|<\frac{1}{\mu(n)}.$$

Definition 2.2 Let $X = \{X(a, n)\}_{a \in \{0,1\}^*, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $Y = \{Y(a, n)\}_{a \in \{0,1\}^*, n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be two distribution ensem-

bles. We say that X and Y are computationally $\frac{1}{p}$ -indistinguishable, denoted $X \approx^{1/p} Y$, if for every PPT distinguisher D there exists a negligible function $\mu(\cdot)$ such that for every $a \in \{0,1\}^*$ and all sufficiently large n

$$\left|\Pr\left[D(X(a,n),1^n)=1\right] - \Pr\left[D(Y(a,n),1^n)=1\right]\right| < \frac{1}{p(n)} + \frac{1}{\mu(n)}.$$

Statistical distance. Next we specify the distance measure of statistical closeness.

Definition 2.3 Let X_n and Y_n be random variables accepting values taken from a finite domain $\Omega \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$. The statistical distance between X_n and Y_n is

$$SD(X_n, Y_n) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} |\Pr[X_n = \omega] - \Pr[Y_n = \omega]|.$$

We say that X_n and Y_n are ε -close if their statistical distance is at most $SD(X_n, Y_n) \leq \varepsilon(n)$. We say that X_n and Y_n are statistically close, denoted $X_n \approx_s Y_n$, if $\varepsilon(n)$ is negligible in n.

2.2 Hardness Assumptions

Our constructions rely on the following hardness assumptions.

Discrete logarithm. The classic discrete logarithm assumption is stated as follows.

Definition 2.4 (DL) We say that the discrete logarithm (DL) problem is hard relative to \mathcal{G} , if for any PPT adversary A there exists a negligible function negl such that

$$\Pr\left[x \leftarrow A(\mathbb{G}, p, g, g^x)\right] \le \mathsf{negl}(n),$$

where $(\mathbb{G}, p, g) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^n)$ and the probability is taken over the choice of $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.

Decisional Diffie-Hellman. The decisional Diffie-Hellman assumption is stated as follows.

Definition 2.5 (DDH) We say that the decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) problem is hard relative to \mathcal{G} , if for any PPT distinguisher D there exists a negligible function negl such that

 $\Big| \Pr\left[D(\mathbb{G},p,g,g^x,g^y,g^z) = 1 \right] - \Pr\left[D(\mathbb{G},p,g,g^x,g^y,g^{xy}) = 1 \right] \Big| \leq \mathsf{negl}(n),$

where $(\mathbb{G}, p, g) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^n)$ and the probabilities are taken over the choices of $x, y, z \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.

2.3 Commitment Schemes

Statistically hiding commitment schemes maintain two important security properties of hiding and biding, where the flavour of the hiding property is statistical. More formally,

Definition 2.6 A commitment scheme is a pair of probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms, denoted (Sen, Rec) (for sender and receiver), satisfying the following:

- Inputs: The common input is a security parameter 1^n . The sender has a secret input $m \in \mathcal{M}_n$.
- Hiding: For every probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms Rec^{*} interacting with Sen and every two messages m, m' ∈ M_n, the random variables describing the output of Rec^{*} in the two cases, namely (Sen(m), Rec^{*})(1ⁿ) and (Sen(m'), Rec^{*})(1ⁿ), are statistically close.
- **Binding:** A receiver's view of an interaction with the sender, denoted (r, \bar{m}) , consists of the random coins used by the receiver (namely, r) and the sequence of messages received from the receiver (namely, \bar{m}).

Let $m, m' \in \mathcal{M}_n$. We say that the receiver's view (of such interaction), (r, \bar{m}) , is a possible *m*-commitment if there exists a string s such that \bar{m} describes the messages received by Rec when Rec uses local coins r and interacts with Sen which uses local coins s and has input $(1^n, m)$. We denote \bar{m} by $\operatorname{View}_{(\operatorname{Sen}(m), \operatorname{Rec})(1^n)}$.

We say that the receiver's view (r, \overline{m}) is ambiguous if is it both a possible *m*-commitment and a possible *m*'-commitment.

The binding property asserts that, for all but a negligible fraction of the coins toss of the receiver, there exists no sequence of messages (from the sender) which together with these coin toss forms an ambiguous receiver view. Namely, that for all but a negligible function of the $r \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathsf{poly}n}$ there is no \bar{m} such that (r, \bar{m}) is ambiguous.

2.3.1 Trapdoor Commitment Schemes

Loosely speaking, a trapdoor commitment scheme is a commitment scheme that meets the classic binding and hiding security properties specified in Definition 2.6, yet it allows to decommit a commitment into any value from the message space given some trapdoor information. In this paper we view the commit phase of the trapdoor commitment schemes as a two-round protocol $\pi_{\text{COM}} = (\pi_{\text{Rec}}, \pi_{\text{Sen}})$ where the receiver sends the message π_{Rec} and the sender responds with message π_{Sen} (that is, the receiver knows the trapdoor, where in the simulation, the simulator extracts this trapdoor from the receiver in order to equivocate its commitment). Formally stating,

Definition 2.7 A two-round trapdoor commitment scheme is a pair of probabilistic polynomial-time algorithms, denoted (Sen, Rec) (for sender and receiver), satisfying the following:

• Inputs: The common input is a security parameter 1^n . The sender has a secret input $m \in \mathcal{M}_n$.

- (Sen, Rec) is a commitment scheme in the sense of Definition 2.6 with perfect hiding.
- For any probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm Rec^* there exists a polynomial-time algorithm $S = (S_1, S_2)$ such that for any sequence of messages $\{m_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ where $m_n \in \mathcal{M}_n$ for all n, the following holds:

On input 1^n simulator S_1 (playing the receiver) outputs π_{Rec} and a trapdoor td. Simulator S_2 is defined as follows:

- First, on input 1^n and randomness R, S outputs π_{Sen}^S in response to π_{Rec} such that the distributions of $\{\pi_{\text{Sen}}^S\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $\{\pi_{\text{Sen}}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ are identical.
- Next, on input td, message m_n and randomness R, simulator S_2 outputs coins s such that $\pi_{\text{Sen}}^{S} = \text{Sen}(1^n, \pi_{\text{Rec}}, m_n; s).$

Homomorphic trapdoor commitment schemes. We consider trapdoor commitments that are homomorphic in the sense that given two receiver's messages π_{Rec}^1 and π_{Rec}^2 that are defined relative to some group \mathbb{G} , it is possible to combine them into a single receiver's message $\pi_{\text{Rec}} = \pi_{\text{Rec}}^1 \cdot \pi_{\text{Rec}}^2$. Moreover, the trapdoor can be homomorphically updated as well. One such example is Pedersen's commitment scheme that is based on the hardness of Discrete logarithm [Ped91]. Loosely speaking, given a group description \mathbb{G} of prime order p, and two generators g, h, a commitment of $m \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ is computed by $c = g^m h^r$ for a random $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Moreover, the knowledge of $\log_g h$ enables to open c into any message in \mathbb{Z}_p . Note that given two generators h_0 and h_1 one can assemble a new generator h_0h_1 for which the trapdoor will be $\log_q h_0 + \log_q h_1$.

Two additional trapdoor commitment schemes that fit to our framework are number-theoretic based constructions in composite order groups. Concretely, we consider two constructions in \mathbb{Z}_N^* for RSA composite N with security based on the RSA and factoring hardness assumptions. Notably, the trapdoor information of these constructions does not require the knowledge of the factorization of N, thus N can be part of the group description handed to the parties at the onset of the protocol (similarly to the group description \mathbb{G} in the prior example). Loosely speaking, a commitment to a message $m \in \mathbb{Z}_e$ in the RSA-based construction is computed by $g^m r^e \mod N$, where r is picked at random from \mathbb{Z}_N^* , $g = x^e \mod N$ and (N, e) can be considered as the public parameters (such that e is relatively prime to $\varphi(N)$). Moreover, the trapdoor picked by the receiver is x. Clearly, given $g_1 = x_1^e \mod N$ and $g_2 = x_2^e \mod N$, then $g_1g_2 = (x_1x_2)^e \mod N$.

An additional factoring-based trapdoor construction implies a commitment to a message $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^t}$ by $g^m r^{2^{\tau+t}} \mod N$ for a random r, such that $g = x^{2^{\tau+t}} \mod N$ and (N, τ, t) can be considered as the public parameters. Moreover, the trapdoor picked by the receiver is x. The detailed descriptions of these commitment schemes are found in [Fis01].

2.4 Witness Indistinguishability

A proof system between a prove and a verifier is witness indistinguishable if the proof does not leak information about which witness the prover is using, even if the verifier is malicious. In the following, we let $\langle \mathcal{P}(y), \mathcal{V}(z)(x) \rangle$ denote the view of verifier \mathcal{V} when interacting with prover \mathcal{P} on common input x, when \mathcal{P} has auxiliary input y and \mathcal{V} has auxiliary input z.

Definition 2.8 [FS90] Let $L \in NP$ and let $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$ be an interactive proof system for L with perfect completeness. We say that $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$ is witness-indistinguishable (WI) if for every PPT algorithm \mathcal{V}^* and every two sequences $\{w_x^1\}_{x \in L}$ and $\{w_x^2\}_{x \in L}$ such that w_x^1 and w_x^2 are both witnesses for $x \in L$, the following ensembles are computationally indistinguishable:

- 1. $\{\langle \mathcal{P}(w_x^1), \mathcal{V}(z) \rangle(x)\}_{x \in L, z \in \{0,1\}}.$
- 2. $\{\langle \mathcal{P}(w_x^2), \mathcal{V}(z) \rangle(x)\}_{x \in L, z \in \{0,1\}}.$

2.5 Secret-Sharing

A secret-sharing scheme allows distribution of a secret among a group of n players, each of whom in a *sharing phase* receive a share (or piece) of the secret. In its simplest form, the goal of secret-sharing is to allow only subsets of players of size at least t + 1 to reconstruct the secret. More formally a t + 1-out-of-n secret sharing scheme comes with a sharing algorithm that on input a secret s outputs n shares s_1, \ldots, s_n and a reconstruction algorithm that takes as input $(s_i)_{i \in S}$, S where |S| > t and outputs either a secret s' or \bot . In this work, we will use the Shamir's secret sharing scheme [Sha79] with secrets in $\mathbb{F} = GF(2^n)$. We present the sharing and reconstruction algorithms below:

- **Sharing algorithm:** For any input $s \in \mathbb{F}$, pick a random polynomial $f(\cdot)$ of degree t in the polynomial-field $\mathbb{F}[x]$ with the condition that f(0) = s and output $f(1), \ldots, f(n)$.
- **Reconstruction algorithm:** For any input $(s'_i)_{i \in S}$ where none of the s'_i are \perp and |S| > t, compute a polynomial g(x) such that $g(i) = s'_i$ for every $i \in S$. This is possible using Lagrange interpolation where g is given by

$$g(x) = \sum_{i \in S} s'_i \prod_{j \in S/\{i\}} \frac{x-j}{i-j}$$

Finally the reconstruction algorithm outputs g(0).

We will additionally rely on a property of this secret-sharing scheme that has been observed by Ostrovsky, Richelson and Scafuro in [ORS15]. Towards that, we view the Shamir secret-sharing scheme as a linear code generated by the following $n \times (t + 1)$ Vandermonde matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1^2 & \cdots & 1^t \\ 1 & 2^2 & \cdots & 2^t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & n^2 & \cdots & n^t \end{pmatrix}$$

More formally, the shares of a secret s that are obtained via a polynomial f in the Shamir scheme, can be obtained by computing Ac where c is the vector containing the coefficients of f. Next, we recall that for any linear code A, there exists a parity check matrix H of dimension $(n - t - 1) \times n$ which satisfies the equation $HA = \mathbf{0}_{(n-t-1)\times(t+1)}$, i.e. the all 0's matrix. We thus define the linear operator $\phi(v) = Hv$ for any vector v. Then it holds that any set of shares s is valid if and only if it satisfies the equation $\phi(s) = \mathbf{0}_{n-t-1}$.

2.6 Hardcore Predicates

Definition 2.9 (Hardcore predicate) Let $f : \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^*$ and $H : \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$ be a polynomialtime computable functions. We say H is a hardcore predicate of f, if for every PPT machine A, there exists a negligible function $negl(\cdot)$ such that

$$\Pr[x \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n; y = f(x) : A(1^n, y) = \mathsf{H}(x)] \le \frac{1}{2} + \mathsf{negl}(n).$$

An important theorem by Goldreich and Levin [GL89] states that if f is a one-way function over $\{0, 1\}^n$ then the one-way function f' over $\{0, 1\}^{2n}$, defined by f'(x, r) = (f(x), r), admits the following hardcore predicate $b(x, r) = \langle x, r \rangle = \Sigma x_i r_i \mod 2$, where x_i, r_i is the *i*th bit of x, r respectively. In the following, we refer to this predicate as the GL bit of f. We will use the following theorem that establishes the list-decoding property of the GL bit.

Theorem 2.10 ([GL89]) There exists a PPT oracle machine lnv that on input (n, ε) and oracle access to a predictor PPT *B*, runs in time $poly(n, \frac{1}{\varepsilon})$, makes at most $O(\frac{n^2}{\varepsilon^2})$ queries to *B* and outputs a list *L* with $|L| \leq \frac{4n}{\varepsilon^2}$ such that if

then

$$\Pr[r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n : B(r) = \langle x,r \rangle] \ge \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$
$$\Pr[L \leftarrow \mathsf{Inv}^B(n,\varepsilon) : x \in L] \ge \frac{1}{2}.$$

2.7 Private Oblivious Transfer

We consider a privacy definition in the presence of malicious receivers and senders, extending the two-round OT definition from [HK12]. Recall first that the OT functionality is defined by $\mathcal{F}_{OT} : (b, (s_0, s_1) \mapsto (-, s_b))$. Then, let $\langle \text{Sen}(s_0, s_1), \text{Rec}^*(b) \rangle (1^n)$ denote the random variable describing the corrupted receiver's output when interacting with Sen that is invoked on inputs (s_0, s_1) , whereas $\langle \text{Sen}^*(s_0, s_1), \text{Rec}(b) \rangle (1^n)$ denote the random variable describing the corrupted receiver's output when interacting with Sen that is invoked on inputs (s_0, s_1) , whereas $\langle \text{Sen}^*(s_0, s_1), \text{Rec}(b) \rangle (1^n)$ denote the random variable describing the corrupted sender's output when interacting with Rec that is invoked on inputs b. Then define privacy as follows,

Definition 2.11 (Sender's privacy) A protocol π that realizes the \mathcal{F}_{OT} functionality is private with respect to the receiver if for any PPT adversary Rec^{*} corrupting Rec there exists a negligible function negl(·) and a PPT distinguisher D such that for all n's large enough it holds that

$$\left| \Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}(s_0, s_1), \operatorname{Rec}^*(b) \rangle(1^n)) = 1] - \Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}(s_0, \tilde{s}), \operatorname{Rec}^*(b) \rangle(1^n)) = 1] \right| \le \mathsf{negl}(n), \text{ or } n \ge 1$$

$$\left|\Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}(s_0, s_1), \operatorname{Rec}^*(b) \rangle(1^n)) = 1] - \Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}(\tilde{s}, s_1), \operatorname{Rec}^*(b) \rangle(1^n)) = 1]\right| \le \mathsf{negl}(n)$$

where the probability is taken over the choice of \tilde{s} and the randomness of the parties.

Definition 2.12 (Receiver's privacy) A protocol π that realizes the \mathcal{F}_{OT} functionality is private with respect to the sender if for any PPT adversary Sen^{*} corrupting Sen there exists a negligible function negl(·) and a PPT distinguisher D such that for all n's large enough it holds that

$$\left|\Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}^{*}(s_{0}, s_{1}), \operatorname{Rec}(0) \rangle(1^{n})) = 1] - \Pr[D(\langle \operatorname{Sen}^{*}(s_{0}, s_{1}), \operatorname{Rec}(1) \rangle(1^{n})) = 1]\right| \le \mathsf{negl}(n)$$

where the probability is taken over the randomness of the parties.

3 A 4-Round Coin Tossing Protocol from Discrete Logarithm

In this section we present a four-round coin tossing protocol that is based on the hardness of the discrete logarithm problem. Namely, the parties use an extension of Pedersen's trapdoor commitment scheme [Ped91] that is based on n generators. Basically, party P_1 generates the generators for P_2 's commitment scheme using pairs of shares, and then reveals the discrete logarithm of half of the shares by responding to a random challenge given by P_2 . Looking ahead, this allows to construct a simulator that extracts a trapdoor for this commitment scheme using rewinding which, in turn, allows the equivocation of the committed message. Forcing a particular outcome when P_2 is corrupted is carried out by first observing the decommitted value of P_2 and then rewinding, where in the second execution the simulator programs its input according to the outcome it received from the trusted party. We note that for both corruption cases, we construct *universal* simulators (namely, simulators that do not depend on the code of the adversary), that run in *strict* polynomial-time and induce 1/p security. The simulator for a corrupted P_1 can be modified into an expected time simulator with full security as in the usual sense. The security of P_2 cannot be further enhanced as it learns the coin tossing outcome after in the third round, and may choose to abort right after. Essentially, the problem in acute when the adversary's non-aborting probability in the last message is negligible, as it prevents from generating a view that is consistent with the coin-tossing outcome even using rewinding. Conditioned on this event, we prove that the difference between the simulated and real views is at most 1/p(n).

We are now ready to present our protocol in details.

Protocol 1 (Protocol π_{COIN})

Public parameters: *The description of a group* \mathbb{G} *of prime order* p *and a generator* g*.*

The protocol:

- 1. $\mathbf{P_1} \to \mathbf{P_2}$: Pick random elements $r_0^1, r_1^1, \ldots, r_0^n, r_1^n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and sends P_2 the pairs $(h_0^1, h_1^1), \ldots, (h_0^n, h_1^n)$, where $h_b^i = g^{r_0^i}$ for all $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $i \in [n]$.
- 2. $\mathbf{P_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{P_1}$: Pick random elements $m, s_1, \dots, s_n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and compute

$$\sigma = g^m (h_0^1 h_1^1)^{s_1} \cdots (h_0^n h_1^n)^{s_n}$$

Select random bits e_1, \ldots, e_n and send σ, e_1, \ldots, e_n to P_1 .

- 3. $\mathbf{P_1} \rightarrow \mathbf{P_2}$: Pick a random $m' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and send $m', r_{e_1}^1, \ldots, r_{e_n}^n$ to P_2 .
- 4. $\mathbf{P_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{P_1}$: Compute the coin tossing outcome as $m + m' \mod p$ and send m, s_1, \ldots, s_n to P_1 .

Theorem 3.1 Assume that the discrete logarithm assumption holds in \mathbb{G} . Then Protocol 2 securely computes \mathcal{F}_{COIN} in the presence of static malicious adversaries (in the sense of Definition A.4 with 1/p security).

Proof: We consider each corruption case separately.

 P_1 is corrupted. On a high-level, in order to simulate P_1 we construct a simulator S that extracts the trapdoor for one of the pairs h_0^i , h_1^i sent in the first message, namely, the discrete logarithm of both elements in the pair with respect to g, and then uses that to equivocate P_2 's commitment in the last message. More precisely, for any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary A controlling P_1 we define a simulator S that is given an input m_o from $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}$ and proceeds as follows:

- 1. S internally invokes A. Upon receiving the first message from A, it feeds A with a second message generated using the honest P_2 's strategy. Let σ, e_1, \ldots, e_n be the message fed to A and m, s_1, \ldots, s_n be the randomness used to generate the forth message (which is determined by the second message).
- 2. If A aborts before providing the third message, S halts outputting ⊥. If A provides a third message, then S stalls the main execution and proceeds to rewind A. Specifically, S rewinds A to the second message and supplies a different second message by sampling uniformly random coins for the honest P₂'s strategy. Let e₁,..., e_n be the bits sent within the rewinded second message. If A responds, then S finds an index j such that e_j ≠ e_j. Note that such an index j implies that S now has t₀ and t₁ such that h^j₀ = g^{t₀} and hⁱ₁ = g^{t₁}. Else, if A aborts then S rewinds A to the second message and tries another freshly generated second message. S repeats this procedure np(n) times and outputs fail if (1) the challenges e₁,..., e_n are identical to e₁,..., e_n in any of the attempts or, (2) in case all the attempts were unsuccessful.

3. Finally, S proceeds to complete the main execution conditioned on not outputting fail. Let m' be part of the third message supplied by A and let σ be the message fed to A as part of the second message. S computes

$$\tilde{s}_j = (m - m_o + m' + (t_0 + t_1)s_j)/(t_0 + t_1) \mod p$$

and for all other $i, \tilde{s}_i = s_i$. As the final message S feeds A with $(m_o - m'), \tilde{s}_1, \ldots, \tilde{s}_n$.

We first argue for the correctness of the simulation. This follows from the ability to equivocate the commitment employed by P_2 once the discrete logarithm of one of the $h_0^i h_1^i$ elements is known to the simulator. More formally, let j be as in the simulation for which the simulator obtains t_0 and t_1 such that $h_0^j = g^{t_0}$ and $h_1^i = g^{t_1}$. Moreover, let $\sigma = g^m (h_0^1 h_1^1)^{s_1} \cdots (h_0^n h_1^n)^{s_n}$ as computed by the simulator in the second message of the simulation (note that σ is fixed once for the entire simulation and is never modified). We focus our attention on the product $g^m (h_0^j h_1^j)^{s_j}$, where s_j is the randomness revealed by the simulator in the third message. An important observation here is that it is sufficient to equivocate this product in order to equivocate the entire commitment. Namely, if the simulator can come up with two distinct pairs (m, s_j) and (\tilde{m}, \tilde{s}_j) such that $g^m (h_0^j h_1^j)^{s_j} = g^{\tilde{m}} (h_0^j h_1^j)^{\tilde{s}_j}$, then it is possible to conclude two distinct openings with respect to the commitment used by P_2 by reusing the same $\{s_i\}_{i\neq j}$. Finally, since the simulator obtains t_0 and t_1 as above, it can conclude the discrete logarithm of $h_0^j h_1^j$ h_1^{s_j} into the message $m_o - m'$ (which will imply that the two shares yield m_o), by computing \tilde{s}_j as follows. Consider the linear equation implied in the exponent of ℓ which equals $m + (t_0 + t_1)s_j$, then $m + (t_0 + t_1)s_j = m_o - m' + (t_0 + t_1)\tilde{s}_j$, which implies that $\tilde{s}_j = (m - m_o + m' + (t_0 + t_1)s_j)/(t_0 + t_1) \mod p$. Next we prove that,

Claim 3.1 There exists a negligible function $negl(\cdot)$ for which S outputs fail with probability at most $\frac{1}{p(n)} + negl(n)$.

Proof: First, we consider a hybrid simulator \tilde{S} that instead of rewinding only np(n) times, repeatedly rewinds until it successfully obtains two responses from \mathcal{A} relative to the third message. Moreover, \tilde{S} does not abort if the same challenge message occurs for a second time. We will next argue that the expected running time of \tilde{S} is polynomial. Let ε denote the probability that \mathcal{A} answers correctly on the third message. We consider two cases: (1) \mathcal{A} aborts in the first simulated run (which occurs with probability $1 - \varepsilon$). In this case the simulator outputs \bot . (2) \mathcal{A} does not abort in the first simulated run (which occurs with probability ε). In this case the expected number of rewinding attempts \tilde{S} performs before \mathcal{A} provides another valid third message is $\frac{1}{\varepsilon}$. Therefore, the expected number of times of \tilde{S} rewinds \mathcal{A} is

$$(1-\varepsilon) + \varepsilon \frac{1}{\varepsilon} = O(1).$$

Next, we bound the probability of the strict simulator S outputting fail by computing the probability that it outputs fail in each of the cases. (1) The probability that A does not provide a third message within the np(n) attempts can be bounded using the Markov inequality, as the probability that \tilde{S} carries out more than np(n) rewinding attempts is at most $\frac{O(1)}{np(n)} < \frac{1}{2p(n)}$. (2) Next, the probability that S fails due to the event that the same challenge occurred twice can be bounded using a union bound argument which yields a value bounded by $np(n) \times \frac{1}{2^n}$. We conclude that the overall probability that S outputs fail is bounded by $\frac{1}{2p(n)} + \frac{np(n)}{2^n} < \frac{1}{p(n)}$.

Claim 3.2 The following two distribution ensembles are computationally $\frac{1}{p(n)}$ -indistinguishable,

$$\left\{\operatorname{View}_{\pi_{\operatorname{COIN}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},z\in\{0,1\}^*} \stackrel{1/p}{\approx} \left\{\operatorname{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\operatorname{COIN}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},z\in\{0,1\}^*}$$

Proof: Finally, we wish to claim that the adversary's view in both real and simulated executions is identically distributed conditioned on the event that S does not output fail or abort. Note that the adversary's view is comprised from σ, e_1, \ldots, e_n in the second message, and $m_o - m', s_1, \ldots, s_{j-1}, \tilde{s}_j, s_{j+1}, \ldots, s_n$ in the fourth message. Moreover, the second message is generated as in the real execution (and thus is distributed identically to the corresponding message in the real execution), whereas the fourth message is generated by first producing a real execution message and then equivocating the outcome commitment. We claim that the fourth simulated message is identically distributed to the fourth real message. On a high-level, this is due to the fact that m_o and m' are picked uniformly at random by $\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}}$ and S, respectively, and so $m_o - m'$ is a uniformly distributed element in \mathbb{Z}_p . Moreover, \tilde{s}_j depends on the distribution of s_j which is uniformly random in \mathbb{Z}_p as well.

More formally, our construction implies that the real and simulated views are indistinguishable relative to the partial views where the adversary aborts before sending the third message. It is therefore suffices to show that the adversary's views are indistinguishable conditioned on not aborting in the simulation. More precisely, we prove that the distribution of $m_o - m', \tilde{s}_1, \ldots, \tilde{s}_n$ in the simulated view is identically distributed to the real view conditioned on m_o being the outcome of the coin tossing functionality, m' being the adversary's share, σ being the second message and the adversary not aborting in the third message. It follows from our simulation that the distributions of \tilde{s}_i for $i \neq j$ are identical as in both executions these values are sampled uniformly. Now, given that these values are already fixed, there exist unique values mand \tilde{s}_j that can be sent as part of the fourth message, which yield a consistent view with m_o . Hence, the views are identically distributed.

From Claim 3.1 we know that the probability S aborts is at most $\frac{1}{p(n)} + \operatorname{negl}(n)$. Therefore,

$$\Pr[\mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n) \neq \bot] \ge 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)} - \mathsf{negl}(n).$$

Combining this claim with the fact that the simulated non-aborted view is identical to the real view, we obtain for every PPT distinguisher D there exists a negligible function $negl(\cdot)$ such that for all sufficiently large n

$$\left|\Pr\left[D(\mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\text{COIN}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n))=1\right]-\Pr\left[D(\mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\text{COIN}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n))=1\right]\right| < \frac{1}{p(n)} + \frac{1}{\mathsf{negl}(n)}.$$

 P_2 is corrupted. Informally, in case P_2 is corrupted the simulator extracts the committed message from \mathcal{A} and then provides a share in the third message that is consistent with m_o and \mathcal{A} 's share. More precisely, for any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary \mathcal{A} controlling P_2 we define a simulator \mathcal{S} that is given an input m_o from \mathcal{F}_{COIN} and proceeds as follows:

- 1. S internally invokes A and computes the first message of the protocol as would have computed by the honest P_1 . Namely, S picks random elements $r_0^1, r_1^1, \ldots, r_0^n, r_1^n \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and sends A the pairs $(h_0^1, h_1^1), \ldots, (h_0^n, h_1^n)$, where $h_b^i = g^{r_0^i}$ for every $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $i \in [n]$. Let σ, e_1, \ldots, e_n be the message replied by A.
- 2. Next, S performs the following np(n) times:
 - S picks a random $m' \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and sends $m', r_{e_1}^1, \ldots, r_{e_n}^n$ to P_2 .

If at any iteration \mathcal{A} provides a valid fourth message m, s_1, \ldots, s_n , then \mathcal{S} rewinds \mathcal{A} to the third message. Next, upon receiving m_o from the ideal functionality, \mathcal{S} supplies \mathcal{A} with a third message $m_o - m, r_{e_1}^1, \ldots, r_{e_n}^n$ and completes the execution. If \mathcal{A} aborts in all the np(n) attempts, \mathcal{S} simply outputs the transcript from the first iteration.

We first prove that if the discrete logarithm assumption is hard in \mathbb{G} then \mathcal{A} cannot open σ in two different valid ways as it violates this hardness assumption.

Claim 3.3 Assume that the discrete logarithm assumption holds in \mathbb{G} . Then, except with negligible probability, \mathcal{A} cannot provide two tuples $m_1, s_1^1, \ldots, s_n^1$ and $m_2, s_1^2, \ldots, s_n^2$ for which $m_1 \neq m_2$, that correspond to valid openings of σ .

Proof: Assume for contradiction that there exists an adversary \mathcal{A} that can provide two valid distinct decommitments in the fourth round of the protocol with non-negligible probability. We show how to construct an adversary \mathcal{B} that violates the discrete logarithm assumption relative to \mathbb{G} . On a high-level, upon given input (g', h'), \mathcal{B} sets g = g' and picks all (h_0^i, h_1^i) pairs honestly with the exception that $h_b^j = h'$ for a randomly chosen $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $j \in [n]$. Next, given two openings $m_1, s_1^1, \ldots, s_n^1$ and $m_2, s_1^2, \ldots, s_n^2$, \mathcal{B} computes the discrete logarithm of h' with respect to g = g'. More precisely, denote by t_b^i the discrete logarithm of h_b^i with respect to g for all $b \in \{0, 1\}$ and $i \in [n]$, i.e., $h_b^i = g^{t_b^i}$. Then it must hold that

$$m_1 + (t_0^1 + t_1^1)s_1^1 + \ldots + (t_0^n + t_1^n)s_n^1 = m_2 + (t_0^1 + t_1^1)s_1^2 + \ldots + (t_0^n + t_1^n)s_n^2$$

as \mathcal{A} provides two openings to the same commitment σ . Therefore, it is simple to compute

$$t_b^j = \left[m_1 - m_2 + \sum_{i \neq j} (t_0^i + t_1^i)(s_i^1 - s_i^2) + t_{1-b}^j(s_j^1 - s_j^2)\right] / (s_j^2 - s_j^1)$$

which implies that \mathcal{B} violates the discrete logarithm assumption relative to \mathbb{G} .

Claim 3.4 The following two distribution ensembles are computationally $\frac{1}{p}$ -indistinguishable,

$$\left\{\operatorname{View}_{\pi_{\operatorname{COIN}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},z\in\{0,1\}^*} \stackrel{1/\mathrm{p}}{\approx} \left\{\operatorname{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\operatorname{COIN}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},z\in\{0,1\}^*}.$$

Proof: Let q be the probability of which \mathcal{A} sends the fourth message. We consider two cases:

- **Case** $q > \frac{1}{p(n)}$: In this case, the probability that S fails to extract m within the np(n) trials is negligible in n. Moreover, it is easy to argue that whenever S extracts m, then the distribution generated by S is identically distributed to the real view conditioned on the adversary not equivocating. Specifically, as this event only occurs with negligible probability (as shown in Claim 3.3), the real and ideal views are statistically close.
- **Case** $q < \frac{1}{p(n)}$: In this case, let t be the probability that S fails to extract m within the np(n) trials. Let D_a be the distribution of the real view of the adversary conditioned on it aborting in the fourth step, and let D_b be the real view conditioned on the adversary not aborting. Then we can express the distribution of \mathcal{A} 's real view as a mixture of distributions as follows:³

$$(1-q)D_a + qD_b.$$

The simulator on the other hand will generate a distribution as follows:

$$(1-t)D_a + t((1-q)D_a + qD_b)$$

Then the statistical distance between the two distributions can be computed as the difference

$$||(q - tq)D_a + (tq - q)D_b||_1 = q(1 - t)||(D_a - D_b)||_1$$

which is bounded from above by $q < \frac{1}{p(n)}$. Hence the real and simulated view are $\frac{1}{p}$ -indistinguishable.

³More precisely, the real view can be obtained by first selecting D_a with probability q and D_b otherwise, and then the selecting a random view in the particular distribution.

3.1 An Abstraction Using Homomorphic Trapdoor Commitment Schemes

We further demonstrate how to abstract the protocol from Section 3 based on an homomorphic two-round trapdoor commitment scheme (cf. Section 2.3.1), denoted by $\pi_{\text{COM}} = (\pi_{\text{Sen}}, \pi_{\text{Rec}})$.

Protocol 2 (Protocol π_{COIN})

The protocol:

- 1. P_1 (playing the role of the receiver) generates 2n pairs of instances of the first message in π_{COM} denoted by $((\pi^0_{\text{Rec}_1}, \pi^1_{\text{Rec}_1}), \dots, (\pi^0_{\text{Rec}_n}, \pi^1_{\text{Rec}_n}))$ (with independent fresh randomness), and sends these pairs to P_2 .
- 2. For all $j \in [n]$, P_2 first combines each pair $(\pi_{\text{Rec}_j}^0, \pi_{\text{Rec}_j}^1)$ into a single instance $\tilde{\pi}_{\text{Rec}_j}$ (relying on the homomorphic property of π_{COM}). Next, it shares its coin tossing share m_2 into n shares m_2^1, \ldots, m_2^n and commits to these shares by computing the response to $\tilde{\pi}_{\text{Rec}_j}$, denote these responses by $(\pi_{\text{Sen}_1}, \ldots, \pi_{\text{Sen}_n})$. P_2 additionally sends a random challenge $e \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$.
- 3. Let $e = (e_1, \ldots, e_n)$. Then P_1 reveals the randomness it used for computing $\pi_{\text{Rec}_j}^{e_j}$ for all $j \in [n]$, and further sends its coin tossing share m_1 .
- 4. P_2 verifies that P_1 generated the first message correctly with respect to challenge e. If all the verifications are accepting P_2 opens its commitments from Step 2 and P_1 verifies the validity of this opening. If all the verifications are accepting the parties output $m_1 + m_2$ (where addition is computed in the corresponding group). Otherwise, P_1 aborts.

Intuitively speaking, Protocol 2 is proven similarly to the proof of Protocol 1. Namely, when P_1 is corrupted the simulator extracts one of the trapdoor pairs of the commitment scheme that enables to equivocate the corresponding receiver's share. On the other hand, when P_2 is corrupted, then the simulator behaves identically to the simulator of P_2 for Protocol 1. That is, the simulator extracts the committed message from the adversary and then rewinds it, providing a new third message that is consistent with m_o . It is simple to verify that the proof follows as for Protocol 1, described above in Section 3. Two additional constructions with security under the RSA and the factoring hardness assumptions are captured by our abstraction as well; see Section 2.3.1 for more details.

4 A Warmup: 4-Round 2-Party Computation Against Non-Aborting Adversaries

In this section we present our protocol that securely computes functionality \mathcal{F}_{OT} : $((s_0, s_1), b) \mapsto (-, s_b)$ in the plain model in the presence of malicious attacks. Our construction implies a four-round oblivious transfer protocol that further induces a four-round two-party protocol with the following security guarantee. Namely, the receiver learns its output already at the third round and the last round is needed in order to extract its input. Namely, in case either party does not abort then we can realize \mathcal{F}_{OT} under the standard simulation based security. On the other hand, in case the sender aborts, it cannot deduce any information about b since the receiver's input is information theoretically hidden. Finally, in case the receiver aborts, our guarantee is a defensible private OT with respect to malicious receivers ([HIK⁺11]). We begin by introducing our OT protocol and then explain how to extend it into general two-party computation.

4.1 Building Blocks

Our protocol relies on the following cryptographic building blocks:

Proof of validity. The receiver in our protocol uses a standard Σ -protocol WI-PoK for proving the knowledge of the discrete logarithm of one of the public keys it forwards the sender. The protocol ensures that there is at least one public key for which the receiver knows the discrete logarithm relative to some generator (where this corresponds to the public key for which the receiver does not know the secret key). Concretely, we consider a Σ -protocol π_{DL}^{WI} for the following language [CEvdG87],

 $\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{DL}} = \{ (g, h, \mathbb{G}, p) | \exists u \in \mathbb{Z}_p \text{ such that } h = g^u \}.$

We note that this proof is given for compound statements. Namely, the parties hold two statements for which the prover only knows one of the witnesses, but not both. It is a common technique by now to combine two Σ -protocols (even distinct ones) in a way that ensures that the prover knows at least one of the witnesses [CDS94]. We note that the compound proof implies a perfect WI-PoK (namely, the view that is produced with respect to one witness is identical to a view that is produced with respect to the other witness). Consequently, even an unbounded verifier cannot tell which witness is used by the prover for proving the compound statement.

The El-Gamal PKE [Gam85] (see Appendix A.1.1). Intuitively speaking, the receiver chooses group elements that will be later viewed by the sender as El Gamal public keys. The key point is that the receiver must pick these elements in two distinct ways, which will be verified by the sender using the WI-PoK π_{DL}^{WI} . If indeed the receiver completes this proof correctly, then we can prove that there exists a public key for which the receiver does not know the trapdoor secret key. This will allow us to claim the privacy of one of the sender's inputs. On the other hand, if the receiver cheats then it may learn both of the sender's inputs. Nevertheless, in this case it will always be caught.

4.2 Our OT Protocol

We are now ready to describe our protocol for secure computation. We construct a four-round OT protocol that guarantees full security assuming that the adversary does not abort. Next, we show how to combine our OT protocol with the [IKO⁺11] protocol that requires two rounds of communication in the \mathcal{F}_{OT} -hybrid model. That would imply secure two-party computation in four-round with full security in the plain model whenever the adversary does not abort.

Protocol 3 (Protocol π_{OT})

Public parameters: *The description of a group* \mathbb{G} *of prime order* p*.*

Inputs: The sender Sen holds s_0 , s_1 and the receiver Rec holds a bit b.

The protocol:

- *1.* Sen \rightarrow Rec :
 - (a) Sen picks a random generator $g \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ and computes $h_0 = g^{r_0}$ and $h_1 = g^{r_1}$ where $r_0, r_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.
 - (b) Sen sends g, h_0, h_1 to Rec.
- 2. Rec \rightarrow Sen :
 - (a) Rec generates two public-keys according to the El Gamal PKE as follows: $PK_b = g^m$ and $PK_{1-b} = (h_0h_1)^{\tilde{m}}$ where $m, \tilde{m} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Rec sets SK = m.
 - (b) Rec sends PK_0 , PK_1 to Sen.
 - (c) Rec sends the first message of the WI-PoK for proving the knowledge of the discrete logarithms of either PK_0 or PK_1 with respect to (h_0h_1) (namely, Rec sends the first message with respect to π_{DL}^{W1} for the compound statement with PK_0 and PK_1 being the statements).
 - (d) Rec sends a challenge bit β .
- 3. Sen \rightarrow Rec :

- (a) Sen computes ciphertexts c_0, c_1 as follows: $c_0 = (g^{u_0}, \mathsf{PK}_0^{u_0} \cdot s_0)$ and $c_1 = (g^{u_1}, \mathsf{PK}_1^{u_1} \cdot s_1)$ where $u_0, u_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.
- (b) Sen sends c_0, c_1 to Rec
- (c) Sen sends the second message e_{Sen} for the WI-PoK protocol $\pi_{\text{DL}}^{\text{WI}}$ given by the receiver (recall that this message is a random challenge).
- (d) Sen sends $r_{\beta} = \log_q(h_{\beta})$
- 4. Rec \rightarrow Sen :
 - (a) Upon receiving the sender's ciphertexts $c_0 = \langle c_0[1], c_0[2] \rangle$ and $c_1 = \langle c_1[1], c_1[2] \rangle$, Rec computes s_b by decrypting c_b under SK_b. More precisely, it computes $s_b = c_b[2]/(c_b[1])^{SK}$.
 - (b) Rec sends the last message for the WI-PoK protocol π_{DL}^{WI} .

Theorem 4.1 Assume that the Decisional Diffie-Hellman assumption holds in \mathbb{G} and that π_{DL}^{WI} is as above. *Then, Protocol 3 securely realizes* \mathcal{F}_{OT} *in the presence of non-aborting static malicious adversaries.*

Proof overview. First, in case the sender is corrupted the simulator plays the role of the honest receiver with input b = 0 and extracts both r_0 and r_1 . Next, the simulator uses these values in order to equivocate the public keys it sends to the adversary in the second message. Namely, upon extracting the discrete logarithms of both h_0 and h_1 the simulator knows the secret keys for both public keys and can decrypt both ciphertexts.

On the other hand, in case the receiver is corrupted, security is proven via a reduction to the IND-CPA security game of the El Gamal PKE. Namely, the simulator first extracts the receiver's secret exponent \tilde{m} and the bit *b* (from the WI-PoK π_{DL}^{WI}), and uses that information to complete the IND-CPA reduction by plugging in an external public key instead of $(h_0h_1)^{\tilde{m}}$ and a ciphertext that either encrypts s_{1-b} or a random independent message.

Correctness. On a high-level, correctness follows from the correctness of the El Gamal PKE. Namely, given that the receiver knows the secret key m for PK_b, it can decrypt ciphertext c_b .

Proof: We consider each corruption case separately.

Sen is corrupted. Recall that when the sender is corrupted we need to prove that it cannot learn anything about the bit b while extracting both s_0 and s_1 . More precisely, consider any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary \mathcal{A} controlling Sen. We define a simulator \mathcal{S} that proceeds as follows:

- 1. S invokes A on its input and randomness of appropriate length.
- 2. Upon receiving from A the first message, S computes the second message honestly with input b = 0.
- Upon receiving A's third message, S records r_β. Next, it stalls the main execution and proceeds to rewind A. Specifically, S rewinds A to the second message and supplies a bit 1 β. Upon receiving r_{1-β}, S completes the main execution honestly using b = 0 and decrypts both ciphertexts as follows. S uses SK₀ = SK to decrypt c₀ as the honest receiver would do. Moreover, S fixes SK₁ = (r₀+r₁)m̃ and uses SK₁ to decrypt c₁.
- 4. Finally, S forwards (s_0, s_1) to \mathcal{F}_{OT} and halts, outputting whatever \mathcal{A} does.

Clearly, S runs in strict polynomial-time. We first prove the correctness of simulation. Specifically, we need to prove that the simulator correctly extracts s_1 . Recall that for b = 1 the honest receiver computes $s_1 = c_1[2]/(c_1[1])^{SK}$. Then we claim that this is equivalent to the computation carried out by the simulator, as SK amounts in this case to the discrete logarithm of PK₁ relative to generator g. Next, we prove that,

Claim 4.1 The following two distribution ensembles are identical,

$$\left\{\mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_0,s_1,b,z\in\{0,1\}^*} \equiv \left\{\mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_0,s_1,b,z\in\{0,1\}^*}$$

Proof: The proof follows due to the fact that the receiver's bit *b* is information theoretically hidden given PK_0 , PK_1 and the WI-PoK transcript of π_{DL}^{WI} . More concretely, given any pair (PK_0, PK_1) there always exist m^0, \tilde{m}^0 and m^1, \tilde{m}^1 for which $PK_0 = g^{m_0} = (h_0h_1)^{\tilde{m}_0}$ and $PK_1 = g^{m_1} = (h_0h_1)^{\tilde{m}_1}$. Moreover, the WI-PoK π_{DL}^{WI} is a perfect witness indistinguishable proof, which implies that even an unbounded verifier cannot extract *b* (as discussed above, this is the issue even for the compound proof, since the receiver proves that it knows a discrete logarithm relative to either PK_0 or PK_1).

Rec is corrupted. In this case we need to prove that the corrupted receiver cannot learn anything about the sender's other input s_{1-b} while extracting b. More precisely, for any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary A controlling Sen we define a simulator S that proceeds as follows:

- 1. S invokes A on its input and randomness of the appropriate length.
- 2. S plays the role of the honest sender with arbitrary inputs (s'₀, s'₁). Upon completing the execution successfully, S stalls the main execution and proceeds to rewind A. Specifically, S rewinds A to the third message and supplies a different second message for π^{ZK}_{DL} by sampling uniformly random new challenge e'_{Sen}. If e_{Sen} = e'_{Sen}, i.e., the challenge is identical, then S aborts. Otherwise, it feeds the challenge to A as part of the second message. Finally, S runs the extractor for the WI-PoK π^{WI}_{DL} and extracts the bit b and the discrete logarithm of PK_{1-b}.

Specifically, let γ be such that the simulator extracts \widetilde{m} with respect to PK_{γ} . Then S fixes the bit $b = 1 - \gamma$.

- 3. S submits b to \mathcal{F}_{OT} , receiving back s_b .
- 4. S rewinds A to the third message and computes it based on s_b and random s_{1-b} .
- 5. S halts, outputting whatever A does.

Note first that the simulator runs in polynomial-time and that the probability it aborts is negligible. Moreover, we prove that the simulated and real views are computationally indistinguishable via a reduction to the security of the El Gamal PKE. Namely, we prove the following claim,

Claim 4.2 The following two distribution ensembles are computationally indistinguishable,

$$\left\{\mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_{0},s_{1},b,z\in\{0,1\}^{*}} \stackrel{\mathrm{c}}{\approx} \left\{\mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_{0},s_{1},b,z\in\{0,1\}^{*}}.$$

Proof: Assume by contradiction that these two views are distinguishable by a PPT distinguisher D. We construct an adversary \mathcal{A}' that breaks the security of the El Gamal PKE as follows. Recall that \mathcal{A}' externally communicates with a challenger that provides to it a public key $PK = \langle g, h \rangle$ and a challenge ciphertext. Upon receiving PK and (s_0, s_1) as the auxiliary input, \mathcal{A}' picks a random bit β' and sets $h_{\beta'} = g^x$ for some random $x \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. In addition, \mathcal{A}' sets $h_{1-\beta'} = h/h_{\beta'}$. \mathcal{A}' invokes \mathcal{A} internally and forwards it the first message of the protocol g, h_0, h_1 . Upon receiving \mathcal{A} 's second message, \mathcal{A}' aborts if $\beta' \neq \beta$. Else, \mathcal{A}' completes the execution using arbitrary (s_0, s_1) . Upon completing the execution successfully, \mathcal{A}' extracts b and the discrete logarithm of PK_{1-b} exactly as done in the simulation. Finally, \mathcal{A}' submits to its challenger the two messages $s_{1-b}^{\tilde{m}-1}$ and t for $t \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$, receiving back a challenge ciphertext $c = \langle c'_0, c'_1 \rangle$ that encrypts one of these plaintexts at random. \mathcal{A}' computes $\langle (c'_0)^{\tilde{m}}, (c'_1)^{\tilde{m}} \rangle$ (and rerandomizes the ciphertext by multiplying the outcome with a random encryption of zero), and plugs the outcome instead of the ciphertext

that encrypts s_{1-b} and halts. Finally, \mathcal{A}' invokes D on the joint distribution of (s_0, s_1) and the adversary's output and outputs whatever D does.

We now consider two cases:

- 1. In the first case the challenge c' is an encryption of $s_{1-b}^{\tilde{m}^{-1}}$. We claim that in this case the adversary's view is distributed as in the real execution. This is because the challenge ciphertext $\langle (c'_0)^{\tilde{m}}, (c'_1)^{\tilde{m}} \rangle$ corresponds to a random ciphertext that encrypts the plaintext s_{1-b} relative to PK_{1-b} .
- 2. On the other hand, in case the challenge c' is an encryption of a random element t, then the adversary's view is distributed as in the simulation, as the simulator does not know s_{1-b} and hence uses a random input instead of the real value.

In both cases, the first message of the reduction is identically distributed to the first message in the corresponding execution. Moreover, the distribution of the first message for $\beta' = 0$ is identical to the distribution for the case that $\beta' = 1$.

More formally, assume that

$$\left|\Pr[D(\mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b))=1]-\Pr[D(\mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b))=1]\right| \ge \varepsilon(n)$$

Then, it holds that

$$\Pr[\operatorname{ADV}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}'}(n) = 1] \ge \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon(n)}{2}$$

condition on the event for which $\beta' = \beta$. This is proven as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\operatorname{ADV}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}'}(n) &= 1] &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\Pr[\operatorname{ADV}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}'}(n) = 1 | b = 0] + \Pr[\operatorname{ADV}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}'}(n) = 1 | b = 1] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\pi_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 0] + \Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 1] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\pi_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 1] + \Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 1] \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left| \Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 1] - \Pr[D(\operatorname{View}_{\pi_{\operatorname{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b)) = 1] \right| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon(n)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

4.3 Obtaining Secure Two-Party Computation

First we observe that we can repeat our OT protocol in parallel guaranteeing the same security. Then, obtaining general secure two-party computation is carried out by embedding the two-round protocol of [IKO⁺11] within our second/third messages of our OT protocol. Namely, upon receiving the third message, the receiver computes the OT outcome and uses this to compute the outcome of the [IKO⁺11] protocol. It then sends this outcome together with the OT last message to the sender, that concludes the outcome of the general computation upon verifying the OT message correctly. We remark that we obtain a secure two-party protocol with the same security guarantees, namely, security against malicious non-aborting senders and malicious non-aborting receivers.

In more details, in order to achieve simulation when the sender is corrupted, we observe that, upon extracting the trapdoors, it is possible to set up the OT part in the second message from the receiver in

such a way that the sender's inputs to the OT can be extracted with perfect simulation. Then relying on the simulation of the [IKO⁺11] simulator in the \mathcal{F}_{OT} -hybrid we carry out the rest of the simulation. To achieve simulation when the receiver is corrupted, we consider a simulator that honestly generates the sender's messages with arbitrary inputs for the functionality being computed and then extracts the receiver's inputs to the OT by rewinding the WI-PoK. Using the inputs to the OT, we then rely on the simulation of the malicious receiver in the \mathcal{F}_{OT} -hybrid in the [IKO⁺11] protocol. Thus, we obtain the following theorem:

Theorem 4.2 Assuming the Decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard, there exists a four-round two-party protocol for any functionality that is secure in the presence non-aborting static malicious adversaries.

5 4-Round Two-Party Computation with 1/p Sender Security

In this section we extend our protocol from Section 4 and demonstrate how to achieve 1/p-simulation with respect to corrupted aborting senders. Our protocol is inspired by the recent result of Ostrovsky, Richelson and Scafuro [ORS15] and relies on the following additional building blocks: let (1) Commit be a statistically binding commitment scheme, (2) let (Share, Rec) be a (M + 1)-out-of-2M Shamir secret-sharing scheme over \mathbb{Z}_q , together with a linear map $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_q^{2M} \to \mathbb{Z}_q^{M-1}$ such that $\phi(v) = 0$ iff v is a valid sharing of some secret. We further note that the WI-PoK $\pi_{\text{DL}}^{\text{WI}}$ that is given by Rec in Protocol 3, is extended here to handle the parallel case. Namely, the receiver proves the validity of one of the public keys it generates within each pair, in parallel. On a high-level, we modify Protocol 3 as follows.

- We repeat Protocol 3 in parallel 3M times to obtain 3M oblivious transfer parallel executions. We divide this set of executions into two sets of M and 2M executions.
- The sender chooses first two random inputs x₀, x₁ ∈ Z_q and secret shares them using the Shamir secret-sharing scheme to obtain shares [x₀] and [x₁]. Next, for b ∈ {0,1} it picks M pairs of vectors that add up to [x_b]. It is instructive to view them as matrices A₀, B₀, A₁, B₁ ∈ Z_q^{M×2M} where for every row i ∈ [M] and b ∈ {0,1}, it holds that A_b[i, ·] ⊕ B_b[i, ·] = [x_b]. Next, the sender commits to each entry of each matrix separately in the third message of the protocol. To check the validity of the shares the sender additionally sends matrices Z₀, Z₁ in the clear, such that the row Z_b[i, ·] is set to φ(A_b[i, ·]), along with the third message of the protocol where it commits to the entries of A₀, A₁, B₀ and B₁. Finally, it sends C₀ = x₀ + s₀ and C₁ = x₁ + s₁.
- In the first set of M OT executions, the sender's input to the *i*th execution is the decommitment information of the entire *i*th row

$$((A_0[i,\cdot], A_1[i,\cdot]), (B_0[i,\cdot], B_1[i,\cdot])),$$

whereas the receiver sets its input to these executions as c_1, \ldots, c_M at random. Upon receiving its output for the OT, the receiver proceeds as follows: If $c_i = 0$, then the receiver checks whether $\phi(A_b[i, \cdot]) = [z_i^b]$, and if $c_i = 1$ it checks whether $\phi(B_b[i, \cdot]) + Z_b[i, \cdot] = 0$. This is referred to as the shares validity check.

• In the second set of 2M OT executions, the sender's input to the *j*th OT execution is the decommitment information of the entire *j*th column

$$((A_0[\cdot, j], B_0[\cdot, j]), (A_1[\cdot, j], B_1[\cdot, j])).$$

Looking ahead, if the receiver's input is b, then upon receiving its output for a particular column j it checks that for all i, $A_b[i, j] \oplus B_b[i, j]$ agree on the same value. We refer to this as the *shares* consistency check.

- In the second set of OTs, the receiver sets its input as follows. It selects a random subset T_{1−b} ⊆ [2M] of size M/2 and defines T_b = [2M]/T_{1−b}. Then, for every j ∈ [2M], Rec sets b_j = β if j ∈ T_β. The b_j values serve as the inputs to the OT for the next 2M executions.
- Finally, the receiver first checks if all the rows obtained from the first set of OT executions pass the shares validity check. Next, it checks if all the columns in T_{1-b} and a random subset of size M/2 from T_b pass the shares consistency check. If so, it finds M + 1 columns in T_b that pass the shares consistency check, extracts the share that corresponds to each such column and then uses these M + 1 shares to reconstruct x_b . Finally, the receiver uses x_b and C_b to compute s_b .
- Additionally, we modify the WI-PoK to a proof for a statement that captures all parallel executions simultaneously, i.e. the statements of all OT executions are combined using the logical AND.

The security guarantees of this protocol are 1/p-simulation against malicious senders and full security against non-aborting malicious receivers. We remark that the receiver's simulation essentially follows a similar approach as in the simulation of Protocol 3, where it rewinds the WI-PoK protocol in order to extract the receiver's inputs to all the parallel OT executions and then setting the input that the receiver cannot obtain to a random string (one at a time), concluding that there will not be enough information for any receiver to extract s_{1-b} . On the other hand, the sender simulation needs to achieve 1/p-simulation. The high-level idea is to apply techniques from the simulation in [ORS15], given that the simulator extracts sufficiently enough shares of the sender's inputs to the parallel OTs. The core of our argument and the main technical part of this protocol is to show that if an adversarial sender does not abort before sending the third message too often (i.e. $< 1 - \frac{1}{p}$) then the simulator can extract the trapdoor by rewinding sufficiently many times. Namely, in this case, we show that the simulator can extract the discrete logarithm of both h_0 and h_1 with respect to g in at least $1 - \frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of the OT executions. Then we can show that the simulator succeeds in extracting the sender's inputs s_0, s_1 with very high-probability.

5.1 Our OT Protocol

We are now ready to describe our protocol for secure computation. We construct a four-round OT protocol with the stronger guarantee of 1/p security in the presence of (possibly aborting) malicious senders.

Protocol 4 (Protocol π_{OT})

Public parameters: *The description of a group* \mathbb{G} *of prime order p.*

Inputs: The sender Sen holds s_0 , s_1 and the receiver Rec holds a bit b.

The protocol:

- 1. Sen \rightarrow Rec :
 - (a) Let N = 3M. Then, for $i \in [N]$, Sen picks random generator $g_i \leftarrow \mathbb{G}$ and computes $h_{i,0} = g^{r_{i,0}}$ and $h_{i,1} = g_i^{r_{i,1}}$ where $r_{i,0}, r_{i,1} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$.
 - (b) Sen sends the N tuples $\{g_i, h_{i,0}, h_{i,1}\}_{i \in [N]}$ to Rec.
- 2. Rec \rightarrow Sen :
 - (a) Rec samples uniformly at random $c_1, \ldots, c_M \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$. The c_i values serve as the input to the first M *OT executions.*
 - (b) Rec selects a random subset $T_{1-b} \subseteq [2M]$ of size M/2. Define $T_b = [2M]/T_{1-b}$. For every $j \in [2M]$, Rec sets $b_j = \alpha$ if $j \in T_{\alpha}$. The b_j values serve as the inputs to the OT for the next 2M executions.
 - (c) According to its input for the 3M OT executions, Rec generates N = 3M pairs of El Gamal PKE's as follows:

- For every $i \in [M]$, $\mathsf{PK}_{i,c_i} = g_i^{m_i}$ and $\mathsf{PK}_{i,1-c_i} = (h_{i,0}h_{i,1})^{\widetilde{m}_i}$ where $m_i, \widetilde{m}_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Rec sets $\mathsf{SK}_i = m_i$.
- For every $j \in [2M]$, $\operatorname{PK}_{M+j,b_j} = g_{M+j}^{m_{M+j}}$ and $\operatorname{PK}_{M+j,1-b_j} = (h_{M+j,0}h_{M+j,1})^{\widetilde{m}_{M+j}}$ where $m_{M+j}, \widetilde{m}_{M+j} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$. Rec sets $\operatorname{SK}_{M+j} = m_{M+j}$.
- (d) Rec sends $\{PK_{i,0}, PK_{i,1}\}_{i \in [N]}$ to Sen.
- (e) Rec sends the first message of the WI-PoK for proving the knowledge for every $i \in [N]$ of the discrete logarithms of either PK_0^i or PK_1^i with respect to $(h_{i,0}h_{i,1})$.
- (f) Rec sends a challenge string $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_N)$.
- (g) Rec sends the first message for the statistically-binding commitment scheme com.
- 3. Sen \rightarrow Rec :
 - (a) Sen picks two random strings $x_0, x_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$ and secret shares them using the Shamir's secret-sharing scheme. In particular, Sen computes $[x_b] = (x_b^1, \ldots, x_b^{2M}) \leftarrow \text{Share}(x_b)$ for $b \in \{0, 1\}$. Sen commits to the shares $[x_0], [x_1]$ as follows. It picks random matrices $A_0, B_0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{M \times 2M}$ and $A_1, B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{M \times 2M}$ such that $\forall i \in [M]$:

 $A_0[i,\cdot] + B_0[i,\cdot] = [x_0], \ A_1[i,\cdot] + B_1[i,\cdot] = [x_1].$

Sen computes two matrices $Z_0, Z_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{M \times M-1}$ and sends them in the clear such that:

$$Z_0[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_0[i, \cdot]), Z_1[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_1[i, \cdot]).$$

- (b) Sen sends the committed matrices $(com_{A_0}, com_{B_0}, com_{A_1}, com_{B_1})$ to Rec where each element of each matrix is individually committed using com.
- (c) For $i \in [M]$, Sen computes ciphertexts $c_{i,0}, c_{i,1}$ where $c_{i,0}$ is an encryption of the decommitment of the rows $A_0[i, \cdot]$ and $A_1[i, \cdot]$ under public key $PK_{i,0}$ and $c_{i,1}$ is an encryption of the decommitment of the rows $B_0[i, \cdot]$ and $B_1[i, \cdot]$ under public key $PK_{i,1}$. Sen sends $\{c_{i,0}, c_{i,1}\}_{i \in [M]}$ to Rec.
- (d) For $j \in [2M]$, Sen computes ciphertexts $\tilde{c}_{j,0}, \tilde{c}_{j,1}$, where $\tilde{c}_{j,b}$ is an encryption of the decommitment of the columns $A_b[\cdot, j], B_b[\cdot, j]$ under public key $\mathsf{PK}_{M+j,b}$. Sen sends $\{\tilde{c}_{j,0}, \tilde{c}_{j,1}\}_{j \in [2M]}$ to Rec.
- (e) Sen sends the second message e_{Sen} for the WI-PoK protocol $\pi_{\text{DL}}^{\text{WI}}$ given by the receiver (recall that this message is a random challenge).
- (f) Sen sends $r_{\beta_i} = \log_{q_i}(h_{i,\beta})$ for all $i \in [N]$.
- (g) Sen sends $C_0 = s_0 \oplus x_0$ and $C_1 = s_1 \oplus x_1$ to Rec.
- 4. Rec \rightarrow Sen :
 - (a) **Decryption Phase:** Upon receiving the all the sender's ciphertexts the receiver decrypts them to obtain the OT outputs. These include decommitments to $A_0[i, \cdot], A_1[i, \cdot]$ for every $i \in [M]$ when $c_i = 0$ and decommitments to $B_0[i, \cdot], B_1[i, \cdot]$ when $c_i = 1$. They also include columns $A_{b_j}[\cdot, j], B_{b_j}[\cdot, j]$ for every $j \in [2M]$.
 - (b) Shares Validity Check Phase: For i = 1, ..., M, if $c_i = 0$ check that $Z_0[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_0[i, \cdot])$ and $Z_1[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_1[i, \cdot])$. Otherwise, if $c_i = 1$ check that $\phi(B_0[i, \cdot]) + Z_0[i, \cdot] = 0$ and $\phi(B_1[i, \cdot]) + Z_1[i, \cdot] = 0$. If the tokens do not abort and all the checks pass, the receiver proceeds to the next phase.
 - (c) Shares Consistency Check Phase: For each $b \in \{0, 1\}$, Rec randomly chooses a set T_b for which $b_j = b$ at M/2 coordinates. For each $j \in T_b$, Rec checks that there exists a unique x_b^i such that $A_b[i, j] + B_b[i, j] = x_b^j$ for all $i \in [M]$. If so, x_b^j is marked as consistent. If all shares obtained in this phase are consistent, Rec proceeds to the reconstruction phase. Else it aborts.
 - (d) **Reconstruction Phase:** For $j \in [2M]/T_{1-b}$, if there exists a unique x_b^j such that $A_b[i, j] + B_b[i, j] = x_b^j$, Rec marks share j as a consistent column. If R obtains less than M + 1 consistent columns, it aborts. Otherwise, let $x_b^{j_1}, \ldots, x_b^{j_{M+1}}$ be any set of M+1 shares obtained from consistent columns. Rec computes $x_b \leftarrow \text{Reconstruct}(x_b^{j_1}, \ldots, x_b^{j_{M+1}})$ and outputs $s_b = C_b \oplus x_b$.
 - (e) Rec sends the last message for the WI-PoK protocol $\pi_{\text{DL}}^{\text{WI}}$.

Theorem 5.1 Assume that the Decisional Diffie-Hellman assumption holds in \mathbb{G} and that π_{DL}^{WI} is as above. Then, Protocol 4 securely realizes \mathcal{F}_{OT} in the presence of non-aborting static malicious receivers and aborting static malicious senders (in the sense of Definition A.4 with $\frac{1}{n}$ security).

Proof: We consider each corruption case separately.

Sen **is corrupted.** Recall that when the sender is corrupted we need to prove 1/p-indistinguishability. More precisely, we need to define a simulator that produces a view of the malicious sender \mathcal{A} while extracting both s_0 and s_1 , where the view and the value learned by the honest receiver is 1/p-indistinguishable from the sender's real view and the receiver's output in a real execution. More precisely, for any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary \mathcal{A} controlling Sen we define a simulator \mathcal{S} that proceeds as follows:

- 1. S invokes A on its input and randomness of appropriate length.
- 2. Upon receiving from A the first message, S computes the second message honestly with input b = 0. If A aborts before sending the third message then S outputs the view of A and halts.
- 3. Otherwise, upon receiving \mathcal{A} 's third message, \mathcal{S} records the set $\{r_{\beta_i}\}_{i \in [N]}$. Next, it stalls the main execution and proceeds to rewind \mathcal{A} . Specifically, \mathcal{S} rewinds \mathcal{A} to the second message and proceeds as follows:
 - For every i ∈ [N] and γ ∈ {0,1}, S rewinds A for T = N⁴p attempts, where in each such attempt S supplies a uniformly random second message according to the receiver's strategy with input b = 0, where β_i = γ. In each rewinding, S collects the correct discrete logarithms within A's reply.
- 4. If upon concluding the rewinding phase S does not obtain the discrete logarithm of both $h_{i,0}$ and $h_{i,1}$ for at least 1 1/3p fraction of $i \in [N]$, then it halts outputting fail.
- 5. Otherwise, let I ⊆ {1,..., M} and J ⊆ {M+1,..., 3M} be the sets of indices for which it extracts both the discrete logarithms. We remark that S does not try to extract the sender's inputs in the first M executions, namely, for indices in I. Next, S rewinds A back to the second message and for every j ∈ J generates public keys so that it can extract both the sender's inputs. For all other executions, it follows the honest receiver's strategy corresponding to the input b = 0. S completes the execution by using the witness corresponding to b = 0 for the receiver in the WI-PoK.⁴ Upon completion, it performs the share consistency check and the share validity check as the honest receiver would and if either of them fail, then the simulator halts outputting the view of A.
- 6. Otherwise, it decrypts all ciphertexts for which it knows the corresponding secret keys. For each b ∈ {0,1} and j ∈ J, if there exists a unique x^j_b such that A_b[i, j] + A_b[i, j] = x^j_b, S marks column j M as consistent. If it obtains at least M + 1 shares for x_b from consistent columns it reconstructs x_b, and then obtains s_b from x_b and C_b. If not, it sets s_b = ⊥.
- 7. Finally, S forwards (s_0, s_1) to \mathcal{F}_{OT} and halts, outputting whatever \mathcal{A} does.

Clearly, S runs in strict polynomial-time. We next prove the correctness of simulation. On a high-level, the second message in all the rewinding attempts is generated identically to the second message of the real execution, and is independent of the bit b that the receiver enters. This follows by repeating Protocol 3 in parallel, for which the indistinguishability argument is similar. Let $s \in \omega(\log n)$. Two cases arise:

⁴This is possible because for indices outside J it has the correct witness, and for indices in J it has witnesses corresponding to both inputs of the receiver.

- 1. The abort probability of the sender is higher than $1 \frac{1}{Np}$. In this case, 1/p-indistinguishability is achieved directly as the simulation outputs views on which the sender aborts with at least the same probability as such views occur in the real view. Now, since this accounts for a probability mass of at least $1 \frac{1}{Np} > 1 \frac{1}{p}$, 1/p-indistinguishability follows.
- 2. The abort probability of the sender is at most $1 \frac{1}{Np}$. In this case by setting M > sp, for s being some superlogarithmic function in n, we argue that except with negligible probability (roughly, $2^{-O(s)}$), the simulator will be able to obtain the discrete logarithms of both $h_{i,0}$ and $h_{i,1}$, i.e., the trapdoors, for at least $1 \frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of the indices $i \in [3M]$ via rewinding. This is formally proven in Claim 5.1. Just as in the previous protocol, we have that for every index in $\{M + 1, \ldots, 3M\}$ that the simulator obtains a trapdoor, it will be able to extract both of the sender's inputs. Specifically, as M > sp, we can conclude that the simulator fails to obtain the trapdoor of at most $\frac{1}{3p} \times 3M = s$ indices. This means that among the indices in $\{M + 1, \ldots, 3M\}$ it obtains trapdoors for at least 2M s indices.

Next, from the shares consistency check we can conclude that with very high probability all but s columns contain shares that are consistent. From the shares validity check we can conclude that with very high probability there is a single row i_b corresponding to each $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $A_b[i, \cdot] + B_b[i, \cdot]$ contains valid shares of some secret. Combining these checks, we can conclude that there are at least 2M - s columns that are consistent, i.e., the shared value in each row is the same and therefore must equal $A_b[i_b, \cdot] + B_b[i_b, \cdot]$. Furthermore, from the statistically binding property of the commitment scheme Commit we can conclude that for any one of these consistent columns, there can be only one value for the shares that can be extracted by both the receiver and the simulator.

In this case, we can now conclude that, using the trapdoors, the simulator obtains at least 2M - s - s shares for both inputs among the consistent columns. Since M > sp we have that 2M - 2s > M + 1 (for p > 2) and from M + 1 valid shares it can extract s_b for each $b \in \{0, 1\}$.

Claim 5.1 We say that $i \in [N]$ is extractable, if S manages to extract the discrete logarithms of both $h_{i,0}$ and $h_{i,1}$ with respect to g_i . If the adversary A does not abort before sending the third message with probability at least $\frac{1}{Np}$, then except with negligible probability, at least $1 - \frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of the indices are extractable.

Proof: On a high-level we follow a Yao-type amplification argument [Yao82]. First, we observe that the distribution of the second message fed to \mathcal{A} in any rewinding attempt is perfectly distributed to the real distribution. Next, suppose that \mathcal{A} does not abort with probability at least $\frac{1}{N^3p}$ both when its view is conditioned on $\beta_i = 0$ and when it is conditioned on $\beta_i = 1$, for some index *i*. Then we show that *i* is extractable except with negligible probability. This is because for every *i* and every value of β_i the simulator makes N^4p rewinding attempts, thus the probability that it fails to find a successful execution where the adversary \mathcal{A} responds is at most $\left(1 - \frac{1}{N^3p}\right)^{N^4p} = O(e^{-s})$. Therefore, it suffices to show that this condition holds for more than $1 - \frac{1}{3p}$ indices *i* for which \mathcal{A} does not abort with probability at least $\frac{1}{N^3p}$ both when its view is conditioned on $\beta_i = 0$ and when it is conditioned on $\beta_i = 1$. This is because using the preceding argument, we can conclude that at least $1 - \frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of indices are extractable and the proof of the claim follows.

Suppose for contradiction that there are more than $\frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of indices for which the condition does not hold. This means that for a set of $\frac{1}{3p}N = s$ indices, denoted by S, and values $\{\gamma_j\}_{j\in S}$ such that for every $j \in S$, when conditioned on $\beta_j = \gamma_j$, the probability that the adversary aborts is greater than $1 - \frac{1}{N^3 p}$. We now estimate the overall probability that \mathcal{A} does not abort.

$$\begin{split} \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ does not abort }] &= \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ does not abort } | \; \exists \; j \in S \; \text{s.t.} \; \beta_j = \gamma_j] \Pr[\; \exists \; j \in S \; \text{s.t.} \; \beta_j = \gamma_j] \\ &+ \Pr[\mathcal{A} \text{ does not abort } | \; \forall \; j \in S, \beta_j \neq \gamma_j] \Pr[\; \forall \; j \in S, \beta_i \neq \gamma_i] \end{split}$$

$$\leq \frac{N}{N^3 p} \times \Pr[\exists j \in S \text{ s.t. } \beta_j = \gamma_j] + 1 \times \Pr[\forall j \in S, \beta_j \neq \gamma_j]$$

$$\leq \frac{N}{N^3 p} + \frac{1}{2^s}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2N^2 p}.$$

This is a contradiction since we assumed that \mathcal{A} does not abort with probability at least $\frac{1}{Np}$. Finally, to argue 1/p-indistinguishability, we consider two cases:

Case: non-aborting probability of A is greater than $\frac{1}{pN}$. First, we observe that the sender's view in the simulation is statistically close to the real view. This follows using an argument analogous to our previous protocol as the public-keys in the second message (even those generated by the simulation using the trapdoors) and the perfect WI-PoK perfectly hide the receiver's input. It therefore suffices to argue that the receiver's messages can be generated while extracting the sender's input. Using the preceding argument, we have that the simulation will always succeed in extracting the trapdoors of at least $1 - \frac{1}{3p}$ fraction of the parallel OT executions. Since M > sp, we can conclude that the simulator fails to obtain the trapdoor of at most $\frac{1}{3p} \times 3M = s$ indices. This means that among the indices in $\{M + 1, \ldots, 3M\}$ it obtains trapdoors for at least 2M - s indices. Recall that, after extraction, the simulator rewinds the sender to the second message and generates the receiver's message by setting up the public-keys as follows: for every index in J the simulator uses the trapdoor and sets the public-keys so that it can extract both of the sender's inputs. For the rest of the indices, it simply sets the receiver's input bit to 0.

Next, from the shares consistency check we can conclude that with very high probability all but s columns contain shares that are consistent. Moreover, the share validity check makes the receiver check if $Z_b[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_b[i, \cdot])$ holds or $Z_b[i, \cdot] + \phi(B_b[i, \cdot]) = 0$ holds. If for a row both conditions hold, then we have the $\phi(A_b[i, \cdot]) + \phi(B_b[i, \cdot]) = 0$ and $A_b[i, \cdot] + B_b[i, \cdot]$ must contain a valid vector of shares. Now even if one of these two conditions fail to hold for more than s rows, the sender will be caught with probability $1 - 2^{-s}$. Therefore, there are at least M - s rows for which $\phi(A_b[i, \cdot]) + \phi(B_b[i, \cdot]) = 0$. For our argument, it suffices to have just one row i_b corresponding to each $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $A_b[i, \cdot] + B_b[i, \cdot]$ contains valid shares of some secret. Combining these checks, we can conclude that there are at least 2M - s columns that are consistent, i.e., the shared value in each row is the same and must equal $A_b[i_b, \cdot] + B_b[i_b, \cdot]$. Furthermore, from the statistically binding property of the commitment scheme Commit we can conclude that for any one of these consistent columns, there can be only one value for the shares that can be extracted by both the receiver and the simulator.

In this case, we can now conclude that, using the trapdoors, the simulator obtains at least 2M - s - s shares for both inputs among the consistent columns. Since M > sp we have that 2M - 2s > M + 1 (for p > 2) and from M + 1 valid shares it can extract s_b for each $b \in \{0, 1\}$. Furthermore, the sender's input extracted by the honest receiver while holding the input b and the input extracted by the simulator have to be the same as both of them have to correspond to the shares in the row i_b .

Case: non-aborting probability of A **is at most** $\frac{1}{pN}$. From the first step of the simulation we know that all views on which A aborts are simulated at least with the same probability as in the real view. Now, if

the non-aborting probability is smaller than $\frac{1}{pN}$ then the probability mass of aborting views is at least $1 - \frac{1}{pN} > 1 - \frac{1}{p}$ and we achieve 1/p-indistinguishability.

Thus, we have the following claim.

Claim 5.2 The following two distribution ensembles are identical,

$$\big\{ \mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b) \big\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}, s_0, s_1, b, z \in \{0,1\}^*} \stackrel{1/\mathrm{p}}{\approx} \big\{ \mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_0,s_1),b) \big\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}, s_0, s_1, b, z \in \{0,1\}^*}.$$

Proof: The proof follows essentially using the same ideas from the previous protocol.

Rec is corrupted. In this case we need to prove that any **non aborting** corrupted receiver cannot learn anything about the sender's other input s_{1-b} while extracting b. More precisely, for any probabilistic polynomial-time adversary A controlling Rec we define a simulator S that proceeds as follows:

- 1. S invokes A on its input and randomness of the appropriate length.
- 2. S plays the role of the honest sender with arbitrary inputs (s'₀, s'₁). Upon completing the execution successfully, S stalls the main execution and proceeds to rewind A. Specifically, S rewinds A to the third message and supplies a different second message for π^{ZK}_{DL} by sampling uniformly random new challenge e'_{Sen}. If e_{Sen} = e'_{Sen}, i.e., the challenge is identical, then S aborts. Otherwise, it feeds the challenge to A as part of the second message. Finally, S runs the extractor for the WI-PoK π^{WI}_{DL} and extracts the inputs to all the OT executions along with the discrete logarithm of the corresponding key.
- 3. Among the executions $M + 1, \ldots, 3M$, S finds that bit b that occurs at least M + 1 times and submits b to \mathcal{F}_{OT} , receiving back s_b . Recall that since the receiver is a non-aborting adversary, it completes the protocol without allowing the honest sender to abort. In other words, it convinces the sender in the WI-PoK with probability 1. Therefore, since a witness will be extracted from the proof-of-knowledge, the inputs of the receiver in the parallel OTs are well defined. Specifically, S extracts the adversary's inputs to these OT executions as in the simulation for Protocol 3.
- 4. S rewinds A to the third message and computes it based on s_b and random s_{1-b} .
- 5. S halts, outputting whatever A does.

Note first that the simulator runs in polynomial-time and that the probability it aborts is negligible. Moreover, we prove that the simulated and real views are computationally indistinguishable via a reduction to the security of the El Gamal PKE. We provide a brief proof sketch below:

• From the proof of Protocol 3, using the privacy argument of the El Gamal PKE, we know that if for a particular OT execution the sender (played by the simulator) extracted the receiver's input as *γ*, then the sender's input that corresponds to the bit 1 − *γ* can be replaced by a random value. We consider a sequence of hybrids where we replace at least one input in each of the 3*M* executions with a random input. More formally, for every *j* ∈ {1,...,*M*}, depending on what value is extracted for each of the *c_i*, and every *b* ∈ {0,1}, we replace the sender's input containing the decommitment of *A_b*[*i*, ·] with random or that containing the decommitment of *B_b*[*i*, ·] with random. Next, for *j* ∈ {*M*+1,...,2*M*} depending on the value extracted as *b_i* for the receiver, we replace the input containing the decommitment of (*A*₀[·, *j*−*M*], *B*₀[·, *j*−*M*]) random or the other input containing the decommitment of (*A*₁[·, *j* − *M*], *B*₁[·, *j* − *M*]) random. Next, in another sequence of hybrids, for every value that is set to random we also replace the corresponding commitment to a random value.

Next, we argue that at least M shares of x_{1-b} (out of the 2M shares) are hidden, where b is the adversary's input as extracted in the simulation. To this end, for any column j and row i such that b_j ≠ 1 − b, only one of the entries A_{1-b}[i, j] or B_{1-b}[i, j] is revealed (while the other entry is set to random, depending on the choice of c_i). This is because when b_j = b, the information regarding the 1 − bth matrices is available only from the rows being revealed. Next, note that A_{1-b}[i, j], B_{1-b}[i, j] are individually distributed uniform at random, therefore A_{1-b}[i, j] + B_{1-b}[i, j] is hidden. Now, since b_j ≠ 1 − b for at least M values of j we conclude that at least M shares of x_{1-b} are hidden. Therefore, at most M shares can be recovered but M shares information theoretically hide x_{1-b}.

Therefore, we conclude that

Claim 5.3 The following two distribution ensembles are computationally indistinguishable,

$$\left\{ \mathbf{View}_{\pi_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b) \right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_{0},s_{1},b,z\in\{0,1\}^{*}} \stackrel{\mathrm{c}}{\approx} \left\{ \mathbf{View}_{\mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{OT}},\mathcal{S}(z)}(n,(s_{0},s_{1}),b) \right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},s_{0},s_{1},b,z\in\{0,1\}^{*}}.$$

5.2 Obtaining Secure Two-Party Computation with 1/p-Security

Obtaining general secure two-party computation is carried out analogous to Protocol 3 by embedding the two-round protocol of $[IKO^+11]$ within our second/third messages of our OT protocol. It follows just as before that we obtain a two-party computation protocol secure against malicious non-aborting adversaries.

Recall that, in our previous protocol, to achieve simulation when the receiver is corrupted, we consider a simulator that honestly generates the sender's messages with arbitrary inputs for the functionality being computed and then extracts the receiver's inputs to the OT by rewinding the WI-PoK. By relying on precisely the same strategy, we can obtain the receiver's inputs in this protocol and then complete the simulation by relying on the simulator for the malicious receiver in [IKO⁺11] protocol.

To achieve simulation when the sender is corrupted, we combine the following two observations:

- First, using the approach from our previous protocol, it follows that whenever the simulator extracts the required trapdoor, it is possible to generate the OT part in the second message from the receiver in a way that it is identically distributed to the real receiver's message while at the same time extracting the sender's inputs to the OT. Furthermore, whenever the extraction of the sender's inputs is successful, we can rely on the simulation of the [IKO⁺11] simulator in the \mathcal{F}_{OT} -hybrid to complete the rest of the simulation.
- Second, we observe that, if the sender aborts before sending the third message, no extraction needs to be carried out since no inputs need to be feed to the \mathcal{F}_{OT} -functionality.

We can now conclude that our simulation achieves 1/p security against malicious senders, by using the same two cases as we considered for the OT protocol based on the abort probability of the sender. More precisely,

- **Case: non-aborting probability of** \mathcal{A} is greater than $\frac{1}{pN}$. In this case, we know that except with probability $O(\frac{1}{p})$ the simulator extracts the required trapdoors and we achieve perfect simulation with probability at least $1 O(\frac{1}{p})$.
- **Case: non-aborting probability of** A is at most $\frac{1}{pN}$. If the non-aborting probability is smaller than $\frac{1}{pN}$ then the probability mass of aborting views is at least $1 \frac{1}{pN} > 1 \frac{1}{p}$ and since no extraction needs to be carried out we achieve 1/p-indistinguishability.

Therefore, we have the following theorem:

Theorem 5.2 Assuming the Decisional Diffie-Hellman problem is hard, there exists a four-round two-party protocol for any functionality that achieves security in the presence non-aborting static malicious adversaries for both parties and $\frac{1}{n}$ security against the party sending the first message.

6 Obtaining Receiver Privacy with 1/p Sender Security for OT

In this section, we construct a protocol that achieves receiver privacy while maintaining 1/p security against malicious senders. We rely on claw-free (trapdoor) permutations instead of the discrete-logarithm assumption. We begin with a description of a basic protocol that only provides receiver privacy and then, relying on the techniques from Section 5, we discuss how to achieve 1/p sender security against aborting adversaries and full security against non-aborting adversaries. Finally, to get full security against non-aborting receivers we simply add a witness-indistinguishable proof in parallel.

First, we recall the definition of claw-free trapdoor permutations. Our definition is slightly more restrictive in that we require both functions in every pair to be permutations and invertible with a trapdoor. We note that the RSA-based claw-free permutations collection satisfies this definition.

Definition 6.1 A collection of functions $\{(f_i^0 : D_i \to D_i, f_i^1 : D_i \to D_i)\}_{i \in I}$ for an index set $I \subset \{0, 1\}^*$ is a family of claw-free permutations if the following holds:

- There exists a PPT algorithm Gen that on input 1^n outputs a random index $i \in I \cap \{0,1\}^n$ and a trapdoor information tk^0, tk^1 .
- There exists efficient sampling algorithms which, on input *i*, outputs a random element $x \in D_i$.
- Each function f_i^0 and f_i^1 are efficiently computable given *i* and input $x \in D_i$.
- For every *i*, f_i^b is a permutation and is efficiently invertible given the trapdoor information tk^b .
- For any PPT algorithm B, there exists a negligible function $\epsilon(\cdot)$ such that

 $\forall n, \Pr[(i, \mathsf{tk}^0, \mathsf{tk}^1) \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}(1^n); (x_0, x_1) \leftarrow B(i) : f_i^0(x_0) = f_i^1(x_1)] \le \epsilon(n).$

Next, we describe our basic protocol:

Protocol 5 (Protocol π_{OT})

Inputs: The sender Sen holds s_0, s_1 and the receiver Rec holds a bit b.

The protocol:

- 1. Sen \rightarrow Rec : Sen samples $(i, \mathsf{tk}^0, \mathsf{tk}^1) \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}(1^n)$ and sends i to the receiver Rec.
- 2. **Rec** \rightarrow **Sen** : Rec samples $x \leftarrow D_i$ and sends $y = f_i^b(x)$.
- 3. Sen \rightarrow Rec : Upon receiving y, Sen computes $x_{\beta} = (f_i^{\beta})^{-1}(y)$ for all $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$, and sends $(\langle x_0, r_0 \rangle \oplus s_0, r_0)$ and $(\langle x_1, r_1 \rangle \oplus s_1, r_1)$ for random r_0, r_1 .⁵

Theorem 6.2 Assume the existence of claw-free trapdoor permutations. Then, Protocol 5 realizes \mathcal{F}_{OT} with privacy in the presence of aborting static malicious receivers (in the sense of Definition 2.11).

⁵We can consider some canonical representation of elements in D_i in $\{0, 1\}^*$.

Proof sketch. We first argue how this protocol guarantees privacy against a malicious receiver. Denote the real world interaction between the sender with inputs s_0 , s_1 and a malicious receiver Rec^* by $\text{Game}_{\text{REAL}}$. Let Game_b denote the game where the sender's inputs is the same as before with the exception that s_b is replaced with a random bit. We can now show that there exists no receiver Rec^* that can distinguish both $\text{Game}_{\text{REAL}}$ from Game_0 and $\text{Game}_{\text{REAL}}$ from Game_1 with 1/poly(n) probability. On a high-level, the idea is that if a malicious receiver distinguishes $\text{Game}_{\text{REAL}}$ from Game_b , then using the Goldreich-Levin theorem, it is possible to extract the value x_b . Then if we can obtain both x_0 and x_1 we can extract a claw out of the malicious receiver Rec^* . A subtle point to carry out this reduction arises as to violate the security of the claw-free permutation, it is important that we be able to simulate the sender's messages in the games without knowledge of the trapdoors.

In more detail, assume for contradiction that there exists a malicious receiver Rec^{*}, distinguisher D and polynomial q such that D distinguishes the view of Rec^{*} in $Game_{REAL}$ and $Game_b$ with probability 1/q for both b = 0 and b = 1. We construct using Rec^{*} and D an adversary \mathcal{A}^* that violates the claw-freeness of the function family and thus arrive at a contradiction. Consider \mathcal{A}^* that on input an index i in the family proceeds as follows:

- It starts the emulation against Rec* by supplying *i* as the first message of the sender. Next, it stalls the execution after Rec* produces *y*. Let the state of Rec* be *σ*. In the rest of the reduction, running Rec* entails providing the third message where Rec* is executed from state *σ*. In other words, we fix the partial transcript of the interaction to (*i*, *y*).
- Fix b∈ {0,1}. Consider A* that samples random values for r_{1-b} and ⟨x_{1-b}, r_{1-b}⟩. A* creates a predictor algorithm P^{*}_b that on input r_b tries to predict the value of ⟨x_b, r_b⟩ where x_b = (f^b_i)⁻¹(y). More precisely, P^{*}_b internally emulates Rec* and generates the sender messages as follows: It sets ⟨x_b, r_b⟩ to a random bit u and runs the distinguisher D on the view of Rec* generated in this experiment. If D outputs 1,⁶ then P^{*}_b outputs u, otherwise it outputs 1 u.
- For b = 0 and b = 1, \mathcal{A}^* next runs the Goldreich-Levin extractor algorithm on $P_b^*(i, y, \cdot)$. If the extractor algorithm outputs a valid x_b such that $f_i^b(x_b) = y$ for both values of b, then \mathcal{A}^* outputs x_0, x_1 and halts. Otherwise it aborts.

We now analyze the success probability of \mathcal{A}^* . We show that with probability $\frac{1}{\operatorname{poly}(q,n)}$ it extracts both x_0 and x_1 . Recall that Rec^{*} distinguishes experiments $\operatorname{Game}_{REAL}$ and Game_b with probability $\frac{1}{q}$. Using an averaging argument, we can conclude that with probability at least $\frac{1}{2q}$ over the value y output by Rec^{*} and the value sampled for r_{1-b} , D distinguishes $\operatorname{Game}_{REAL}$ and Game_b with probability $\frac{1}{2q}$. We now analyze the success probability conditioned on \mathcal{A}^* choosing a good value for r_{1-b} . For such a chosen r_{1-b} , the value of $\langle x_{1-b}, r_{1-b} \rangle$ is either 0 or 1. This means by picking it at random the probability \mathcal{A}^* chooses the correct value is at least $\frac{1}{2}$. Therefore, we can conclude that in the event \mathcal{A}^* picks correct values for r_{1-b} and the inner product, D is still guaranteed to distinguish $\operatorname{Game}_{REAL}$ and Game_b with probability at least $\frac{1}{4q}$. We assume without loss of generality that D outputs 1 with higher probability on input a sample from Game_b in the indistinguishability game. By a standard argument, we know that if D distinguishes the experiments then it can also predict with probability at least $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8q}$.⁷ By another standard argument, we know that if D predicts the experiments where $\langle x_b, r_b \rangle$ is set to random versus it being set to the correct value, then P^* identifies $\langle x_b, r_b \rangle$ with probability at least $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8q}$. Since q is polynomial in n, we know that the extractor algorithm guaranteed by the Goldreich-Levin theorem ensures that we can extract x_b with probability at

⁶We assume without loss of generality that D outputs 1 with higher probability in the game Game_b.

⁷This is because D can also distinguish $Game_b$ from $\overline{Game_b}$ with probability $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8q}$ where $\overline{Game_b}$ is identical to $Game_b$ with the exception that the value $\langle x_b, r_b \rangle$ is flipped.

least $\frac{1}{\mathsf{poly}(n,q)}$. Since \mathcal{A}^* can extract both x_0 and x_1 with non-negligible probability we conclude that \mathcal{A}^* violates the claw-freeness of the function family.

Next note that Protocol 6 information theoretically hides the receiver's input from the malicious sender as y is uniformly distributed over D_i . While this guarantees perfect privacy against malicious senders, it is not simulatable. We make the observation that to achieve sender simulation, we need a mechanism to extract the sender's input while maintaining the receiver's message distribution. This can be achieved if the simulator knows tk^b for at least one value of b. With tk^b, the simulator can sample x_{1-b} at random and compute $x_b = (f_i^b)^{-1}(y)$ using tk^b where $y = f_i^{1-b}(x_{1-b})$. Now, the simulator supplies this y as the input and using both x_0 and x_1 extracts both s_0 and s_1 . Since y is distributed identically as the real distribution we achieve simulation. Hence, there is a trapdoor information that allows simulation which is committed to by the sender in the first message via the function index i.

To achieve 1/p simulation against an aborting sender, we repeat our basic protocol in parallel analogous to Protocol 4 and make the sender reveal the trapdoors for a random subset of parallel executions requested by the receiver. We modify the sender algorithm analogously to also commit to its input by appropriately secret-sharing its input in the remaining unopened parallel executions. To argue receiver privacy, we observe that receiver privacy composes in parallel just as witness indistinguishability does and therefore the receiver will not be able to learn at least one of the two inputs in all parallel executions. Privacy then holds from following an argument analogous to our previous protocol where we show that receiver can learn sufficiently many shares for only one of the two sender's inputs. Achieveing 1/p Sender simulation, on the other hand, follows using a standard cut-and-choose argument to establish that, through rewinding, a simulator can extract sufficiently many trapdoors as long as the sender does not abort too often. This protocol additionally achieves full simulation against non-aborting senders. A complete proof will be provided in the full version.

Protocol 6 (Protocol π_{OT})

Inputs: The sender Sen holds s_0 , s_1 and the receiver Rec holds a bit b.

The protocol:

- 1. Sen \rightarrow Rec : Let N = 6M. Then, for $j \in [N]$, Sen samples $(i_j, \mathsf{tk}_j^0, \mathsf{tk}_j^1) \leftarrow \mathsf{Gen}(1^n)$ and sends i_1, \ldots, i_j to the receiver Rec.
- 2. Rec \rightarrow Sen : Rec picks a subset $T \subset [N]$ of size N/2, samples $x_j \leftarrow D_{i_j}$ for all $j \notin T$, and sends $y_j = f_{i_j}^b(x_j)$.
- 3. Sen \rightarrow Rec : Upon receiving T and $y_1, \ldots, y_{N/2}$, Sen sends tk⁰_j for all $j \in T$.
- 4. Sen picks two random strings t_0, t_1 and secret shares them using the Shamir's secret-sharing scheme. In particular, Sen computes $[t_b] = (t_b^1, \ldots, t_b^{2M}) \leftarrow \text{Share}(t_b)$ for $b \in \{0, 1\}$. Sen commits to the shares $[t_0], [t_1]$ as follows. It picks random matrices $A_0, B_0 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{M \times 2M}$ and $A_1, B_1 \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{M \times 2M}$ such that $\forall i \in [M]$:

$$A_0[i,\cdot] + B_0[i,\cdot] = [t_0], \ A_1[i,\cdot] + B_1[i,\cdot] = [t_1],$$

Sen computes two matrices $Z_0, Z_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_a^{M \times M-1}$ and sends them in the clear such that:

$$Z_0[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_0[i, \cdot]), Z_1[i, \cdot] = \phi(A_1[i, \cdot]).$$

- 5. Sen sends the committed matrices $(com_{A_0}, com_{B_0}, com_{A_1}, com_{B_1})$ to Rec where each element of each matrix *is individually committed using* com.
- 6. Sen picks a subset $T' \subset [N]$ of size M that is disjoint to T (namely, $T \cap T' = \phi$) and computes $x_{\beta}^{k} = (f_{i_{k}}^{\beta})^{-1}(y_{k})$ for all $\beta \in \{0,1\}$ and $k \in T'$, and sends $(\langle x_{0}^{k}, r_{0}^{k} \rangle \oplus t_{0}^{k}, r_{0}^{k})$ and $(\langle x_{1}^{k}, r_{1}^{k} \rangle \oplus t_{1}^{k}, r_{1}^{k})$ for random r_{0}^{k}, r_{1}^{k} .

- 7. For all $j \in [N]/T \cup T'$, Sen computes $x_{\beta}^k = (f_{i_k}^{\beta})^{-1}(y_k)$ for all $\beta \in \{0, 1\}$ and $k \in T'$, and sends $(\langle x_0^k, r_0^k \rangle \oplus (A_0[\cdot, j], B_0[\cdot, j]), r_0^k)$ and $(\langle x_1^k, r_1^k \rangle \oplus (A_1[\cdot, j], B_1[\cdot, j]), r_1^k)$ for random r_0^k, r_1^k .
- 8. Sen sends $C_0 = s_0 \oplus t_0$ and $C_1 = s_1 \oplus t_1$ to Rec.

Finally, to obtain full simulation against non-aborting receivers we simply add a witness indistinguishable proof of knowledge in parallel where the receiver proves the knowledge of x^b (which boils down to proving a knowledge of x given x^e). We conclude with the following theorem.

Theorem 6.3 Assume the existence of claw-free trapdoor permutations. Then, Protocol 6 realizes \mathcal{F}_{OT} with privacy in the presence of aborting static malicious receivers and aborting static malicious senders (in the sense of Definition A.4 with $\frac{1}{p}$ security). Furthermore, it is private in the presence of aborting receivers (in the sense of Definition 2.11) using WI-PoK.

7 On the Impossibility of Black-Box 3-Round 2PC with 1/p Security

In this section, using ideas from 3-round lower bound of Goldreich and Krawczyk [GK96], we show that achieving 1/p security against receivers is impossible.

First, we define a notion of robustness analogous to one presented in [IKOS09] in the context of multiparty computation. Robustness is a weaker requirement than correctness and, informally, requires that no honest party outputs a value not in the range of the function. For simplicity, we define robustness only for boolean functions.

Definition 7.1 We say that a two-party secure-computation $\langle P_1, P_2 \rangle$ protocol computing a function $f : \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ is robust against a malicious P_1 if every PPT adversary \mathcal{A} controlling party P_1 in an interaction with P_2 cannot make P_2 on input y output b with more than negligible probability, if there exists no x such that f(x,y) = b.

In this section, we prove two lower bounds:

- 1. Assuming NP $\not\subseteq$ BPP, there exists no 3-round black-box construction of a secure two-party computation protocol that is robust against malicious senders and achieves 1/p security against malicious receivers.
- 2. There exists no 3-round black-box construction of an oblivious-transfer protocol that achieves privacy against malicious senders and 1/p security against malicious receivers.

The first result shows that constructing correct protocols with 1/p-simulation of receivers is impossible using black-box techniques and will essentially follow using a generalization of the [GK96] result. The second result shows that achieving 1/p security against malicious receivers is impossible if we want privacy against malicious senders. In essence, this proves that our protocol from Section 6 is tight if we require privacy against both parties.

More formally, our first lower bound result is the following.

Theorem 7.2 Unless $NP \subseteq BPP$, there exists no 3-round black-box construction of a secure two-party computation protocol with 1/p security against malicious receivers and privacy against malicious senders to realize arbitrary polynomial-time computable functionalities.

Proof: We rely on the following lemma, that follows from the three-round lower bound for zero-knowledge (ZK) interactive proofs of Goldreich and Krawczyk [GK96].

Lemma 7.1 Unless $NP \subseteq BPP$, there exists no black-box 3-round zero-knowledge interactive proofs for all of NP with 1/p security.

Given the proof of Lemma 7.1, the theorem follows as a corollary. Consider an arbitrary NP-language L with witness relation R_L . Then, for any $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ consider the functionality $f_x : \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}$ that on input w from P_1 outputs $R_L(x,w)$ to party P_2 . In essence, a secure computation protocol for this functionality yields a zero-knowledge interactive proof. Moreover, it follows from the simulation-based definition of the 1/p security that if the original secure computation protocol is only 1/p-secure, we get a zero-knowledge proof that is 1/p-secure.

We now provide a brief overview of why Lemma 7.1 holds. We first recall the lower bound of Goldreich and Krawczyk. Suppose that there exists a 3-round ZK proof for an arbitrary NP language L. Consider a pseudo-random function family $F = \{f_n\}_{n \in \{0,1\}^*}$.⁸ Then define a malicious verifier V_n^* that incorporates a function f_n from the PRF family F, and generates its second message of the ZK protocol by first generating randomness τ by applying f_n to the prover's first message and the running the honest verifier's code \mathcal{V} with random tape set to τ . Consider the simulator S that simulates this family of malicious verifiers \mathcal{V}_n^* . The main idea here is that using the simulation S and \mathcal{V}_n^* we can show that either $L \in BPP$ or the interactive proof is not sound (which is the analogue notion to robustness in zero-knowledge protocols). On a high-level, from the pseudorandomness of the family F it follows that the real view generated by \mathcal{V}_n^* is indistinguishable from the view that is generated by the real verifier \mathcal{V} . Hence, given input $x \in L$, $S^{\mathcal{V}_n^*}$ produces a convincing view for the verifier with probability q negligibly close to 1. Moreover, on input $x \notin L$, $S^{\mathcal{V}_n^*}$ either produces a convincing view or not. Concretely,

- If it does not produce a view with probability close to q for any x ∉ L, then we can use S^{V^{*}_n} as a BPP-decider for the language L by simply estimating the probability with which S^{V^{*}_n}(x) outputs a convincing view.
- If it does produce a view with some probability close to q for some $x \notin L$, then we can construct a malicious prover \mathcal{P}^* that convinces the honest verifier \mathcal{V} of the statement x with non-negligible probability, which contradicts the soundness of the interactive proof. First, we observe that the view output by $\mathcal{S}^{\mathcal{V}_n^*}$ is indistinguishable from the output of $\mathcal{S}^{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}$ where $\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}$ uses a truly random function instead of a PRF function f_n to generate the randomness. Specifically, given input x, \mathcal{P}^* internally simulates $\mathcal{S}^{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(x)$ by emulating the random function queries.⁹ It then randomly chooses a session from the internal emulation and forwards the messages exchanged between \mathcal{S} and $\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}$ to the external honest verifier. It follows that the view generated internally by \mathcal{P} is identically distributed to the view generated by $\mathcal{S}^{\widetilde{\mathcal{V}}}(x)$. Furthermore, if the view output by \mathcal{S} is the session forwarded externally to the honest verifier, then it implies that the external verifier essentially accepts.¹⁰ Finally, suppose that the simulation runs in time T, then it follows that \mathcal{P}^* guesses the correct session to forward outside with probability $\frac{q}{T}$. Therefore, it convinces the external verifier with probability close to $\frac{q}{T}$. Now, since Tis some polynomial, it follows that \mathcal{P}^* convinces \mathcal{V} on an input $x \notin L$ with non-negligible probability and this violates soundness.

We now conclude the proof of the lemma by making the observation that even if the simulation was only 1/p-indistinguishable, then $q = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$ and the success probability of \mathcal{P}^* is still non-negligible.

⁸For simplicity, we present the proof with PRF's. However, to get an unconditional result as stated in the lemma, we can rely on *m*-wise independent hash-function family where *m* is polynomially related to the expected running time of the simulator S.

⁹Namely, on any input query to the random function, \mathcal{P}^* checks if the query has already been asked and produces the same answer in this case. Otherwise, it samples and feeds a uniform output and records the query/answer pair.

¹⁰This is not entirely accurate as \mathcal{P}^* does not know the actual randomness used by the external verifier since this is a private-coin protocol. Nevertheless, it is possible to formally prove that conditioned on \mathcal{P}^* guessing correctly, \mathcal{P}^* convinces the external verifier with probability equal to the probability \mathcal{S} outputs a convincing view in the internal emulation, i.e. close to q.

For the second lower bound result we prove that:

Theorem 7.3 For $\frac{1}{p} < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{poly(n)}$, there exists no 3-round oblivious-transfer protocol that achieves privacy against malicious senders and 1/p-(black-box) simulation against malicious receivers.

Proof Sketch: We follow a similar approach as in our previous construction. Suppose we have a 3-round oblivious-transfer protocol that achieves 1/p-simulation against malicious receivers. We show that such a protocol cannot be private against malicious senders. More formally, we can construct a malicious sender Sen^{*} and distinguisher D that can distinguish the sender's view when the receiver's input is 0 and 1 with non-negligible probability and this violates privacy against malicious senders.

From the 1/p-simulation property we know there exists a black-box simulation S that can simulate arbitrary malicious receivers. Analogous to [GK96], we construct a malicious receiver Rec_b that on input b, samples its random tape by applying a PRF to the sender's first message and completes the execution. It is now guaranteed that S can simulate Rec_b and will extract the value b, and upon receiving s_b from the ideal functionality produces a view of Rec_b with 1/p indistinguishability. As in the previous proof we can emulate a modified version of Rec_b , denoted by Rec_b^* , that does not use a PRF to sample the random tape for every session but simply picks a fresh random tape for every session the simulation starts.

Assume that S runs in T time.¹¹ This means that S can open at most T sessions with Rec_b^* . We now consider a sequence of hybrid experiments where we emulate a malicious receiver to S starting from Rec_0^* and ending in Rec_1^* : In hybrid experiment H_i : we emulate the receiver's message according to Rec_1^* 's strategy in the first *i* sessions and Rec_0^* in the remaining sessions. Observe that H_0 is identical to the game with Rec_0^* and H_T is the same as the game with Rec_1^* . Furthermore, we know that the games with Rec_0^* and Rec_1^* must be distinguishable with probability at least 1 - 2/p since the simulator requests 0 to the ideal functionality with Rec_0^* with probability at least 1 - 1/p and 1 with Rec_1^* with probability 1 - 1/p. This means that there exists an *i* such that the experiments H_{i-1} and H_i can be distinguished with probability at least $\frac{1}{T}(1-2/p)$ which is non-negligible since $\frac{1}{p} < 1/2 - 1/p$ old T is polynomial. Notice that the only difference between hybrids H_{i-1} and H_i is in the distibution of the receiver's message in the *i*th session. This means that we can now use *i*, experiments H_{i-1} and H_i to distinguish the receiver's message when its input is 0 and input 1 by constructing a malicious sender that emulates the experiment H_i internally and feeds the message received from outside internally in the *i*th session. This violates the privacy requirement against malicious senders.

References

| [ADMM14a] | Marcin Andrychowicz, Stefan Dziembowski, Daniel Malinowski, and Lukasz Mazurek. Fair two-party computations via bitcoin deposits. In <i>FC</i> , pages 105–121, 2014. |
|-----------|--|
| [ADMM14b] | Marcin Andrychowicz, Stefan Dziembowski, Daniel Malinowski, and Lukasz Mazurek. Se- cure multiparty computations on bitcoin. In <i>SP</i> , pages 443–458, 2014. |
| [AL10] | Yonatan Aumann and Yehuda Lindell. Security against covert adversaries: Efficient protocols for realistic adversaries. <i>J. Cryptology</i> , 23(2):281–343, 2010. |
| [ASW00] | N. Asokan, Victor Shoup, and Michael Waidner. Optimistic fair exchange of digital signatures. <i>IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications</i> , 18(4):593–610, 2000. |
| [Bea91] | Donald Beaver. Foundations of secure interactive computing. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 377–391, 1991. |

¹¹It is possible to extend this argument to expected polynomial-time simulators by using a Markov argument.

| [BK14] | Iddo Bentov and Ranjit Kumaresan. How to use bitcoin to design fair protocols. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 421–439, 2014. |
|-----------------------|--|
| [Blu] | Manuel Blum. How to prove a theorem so no one else can claim it. In Proceedings of the International Congress of Mathematicians, USA, page 14441451. |
| [BLV06] | Boaz Barak, Yehuda Lindell, and Salil P. Vadhan. Lower bounds for non-black-box zero knowledge. <i>J. Comput. Syst. Sci.</i> , 72(2):321–391, 2006. |
| [BOV07] | Boaz Barak, Shien Jin Ong, and Salil P. Vadhan. Derandomization in cryptography. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 37(2):380–400, 2007. |
| [BS05] | Boaz Barak and Amit Sahai. How to play almost any mental game over the net - concurrent composition via super-polynomial simulation. <i>IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive</i> , 2005:106, 2005. |
| [Can00] | Ran Canetti. Security and composition of multiparty cryptographic protocols. <i>J. Cryptology</i> , 13(1):143–202, 2000. |
| [CDS94] | Ronald Cramer, Ivan Damgård, and Berry Schoenmakers. Proofs of partial knowledge and simplified design of witness hiding protocols. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 174–187, 1994. |
| [CEvdG87] | David Chaum, Jan-Hendrik Evertse, and Jeroen van de Graaf. An improved protocol for demonstrating possession of discrete logarithms and some generalizations. In <i>EUROCRYPT</i> , pages 127–141, 1987. |
| [Cle86] | Richard Cleve. Limits on the security of coin flips when half the processors are faulty (extended abstract). In <i>STOC</i> , pages 364–369, 1986. |
| [COP ⁺ 14] | Kai-Min Chung, Rafail Ostrovsky, Rafael Pass, Muthuramakrishnan Venkitasubramaniam, and Ivan Visconti. 4-round resettably-sound zero knowledge. In <i>TCC</i> , pages 192–216, 2014. |
| [DN07] | Cynthia Dwork and Moni Naor. Zaps and their applications. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 36(6):1513–1543, 2007. |
| [EGL85] | Shimon Even, Oded Goldreich, and Abraham Lempel. A randomized protocol for signing contracts. <i>Commun. ACM</i> , 28(6):637–647, 1985. |
| [Fis01] | Marc Fischlin. Trapdoor commitment schemes and their applications. Ph.D. Thesis, 2001. |
| [FS90] | Uriel Feige and Adi Shamir. Witness indistinguishable and witness hiding protocols. In <i>STOC</i> , pages 416–426, 1990. |
| [Gam85] | Taher El Gamal. A public key cryptosystem and a signature scheme based on discrete logarithms. <i>IEEE Transactions on Information Theory</i> , 31(4):469–472, 1985. |
| [GK96] | Oded Goldreich and Hugo Krawczyk. On the composition of zero-knowledge proof systems. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 25(1):169–192, 1996. |
| [GK10] | S. Dov Gordon and Jonathan Katz. Partial fairness in secure two-party computation. In <i>EUROCRYPT</i> , pages 157–176, 2010. |
| [GL89] | Oded Goldreich and Leonid A. Levin. A hard-core predicate for all one-way functions. In <i>STOC</i> , pages 25–32, 1989. |

| [GMR89] | Shafi Goldwasser, Silvio Micali, and Charles Rackoff. The knowledge complexity of inter- active proof systems. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 18(1):186–208, 1989. |
|-----------------------|---|
| [GMW87] | Oded Goldreich, Silvio Micali, and Avi Wigderson. How to play any mental game or a completeness theorem for protocols with honest majority. In <i>STOC</i> , pages 218–229, 1987. |
| [GO94] | Oded Goldreich and Yair Oren. Definitions and properties of zero-knowledge proof systems. <i>J. Cryptology</i> , 7(1):1–32, 1994. |
| [Gol04] | Oded Goldreich. Foundations of Cryptography: Volume 2, Basic Applications. Cambridge University Press, New York, NY, USA, 2004. |
| [GOS06] | Jens Groth, Rafail Ostrovsky, and Amit Sahai. Non-interactive zaps and new techniques for NIZK. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 97–111, 2006. |
| [HIK ⁺ 11] | Iftach Haitner, Yuval Ishai, Eyal Kushilevitz, Yehuda Lindell, and Erez Petrank. Black-box constructions of protocols for secure computation. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 40(2):225–266, 2011. |
| [HK12] | Shai Halevi and Yael Tauman Kalai. Smooth projective hashing and two-message oblivious transfer. <i>J. Cryptology</i> , 25(1):158–193, 2012. |
| [IKO ⁺ 11] | Yuval Ishai, Eyal Kushilevitz, Rafail Ostrovsky, Manoj Prabhakaran, and Amit Sahai. Efficient non-interactive secure computation. In <i>EUROCRYPT</i> , pages 406–425, 2011. |
| [IKOS09] | Yuval Ishai, Eyal Kushilevitz, Rafail Ostrovsky, and Amit Sahai. Zero-knowledge proofs from secure multiparty computation. <i>SIAM J. Comput.</i> , 39(3):1121–1152, 2009. |
| [Jut15] | Charanjit S. Jutla. Upending stock market structure using secure multi-party computation. <i>IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive</i> , 2015:550, 2015. |
| [Kat12] | Jonathan Katz. Which languages have 4-round zero-knowledge proofs? J. Cryptology, 25(1):41–56, 2012. |
| [KO04] | Jonathan Katz and Rafail Ostrovsky. Round-optimal secure two-party computation. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 335–354, 2004. |
| [Lin01] | Yehuda Lindell. Parallel coin-tossing and constant-round secure two-party computation. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 171–189, 2001. |
| [Mic03] | Silvio Micali. Simple and fast optimistic protocols for fair electronic exchange. In <i>PODC</i> , pages 12–19, 2003. |
| [MNS09] | Tal Moran, Moni Naor, and Gil Segev. An optimally fair coin toss. In <i>TCC</i> , pages 1–18, 2009. |
| [MPR06] | Silvio Micali, Rafael Pass, and Alon Rosen. Input-indistinguishable computation. In FOCS, pages 367–378, 2006. |
| [MR91] | Silvio Micali and Phillip Rogaway. Secure computation (abstract). In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 392–404, 1991. |
| [NP01] | Moni Naor and Benny Pinkas. Efficient oblivious transfer protocols. In SODA, pages 448–457, 2001. |
| | |

| [ORS15] | Rafail Ostrovsky, Silas Richelson, and Alessandra Scafuro. Round-optimal black-box two- party computation. <i>IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive</i> , 2015:553, 2015. |
|---------|---|
| [Pas03] | Rafael Pass. Simulation in quasi-polynomial time, and its application to protocol compo- sition. In Advances in Cryptology - EUROCRYPT 2003, International Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques, Warsaw, Poland, May 4-8, 2003, Pro- ceedings, pages 160–176, 2003. |
| [Ped91] | Torben P. Pedersen. Non-interactive and information-theoretic secure verifiable secret sharing. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 129–140, 1991. |
| [PS04] | Manoj Prabhakaran and Amit Sahai. New notions of security: achieving universal compos- ability without trusted setup. In <i>Proceedings of the 36th Annual ACM Symposium on Theory</i> <i>of Computing, Chicago, IL, USA, June 13-16, 2004</i> , pages 242–251, 2004. |
| [PVW08] | Chris Peikert, Vinod Vaikuntanathan, and Brent Waters. A framework for efficient and composable oblivious transfer. In <i>CRYPTO</i> , pages 554–571, 2008. |
| [Sha79] | Adi Shamir. How to share a secret. Commun. ACM, 22(11):612-613, 1979. |
| [Yao82] | Andrew Chi-Chih Yao. Theory and applications of trapdoor functions (extended abstract). In <i>FOCS</i> , pages 80–91, 1982. |
| [Yao86] | Andrew Chi-Chih Yao. How to generate and exchange secrets (extended abstract). In <i>FOCS</i> , pages 162–167, 1986. |

A Preliminaries – Appendix

A.1 Public Key Encryption Schemes (PKE)

We specify the definitions of public key encryption and IND-CPA.

Definition A.1 (PKE) We say that $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ is a public key encryption scheme if Gen, Enc, Dec are polynomial-time algorithms specified as follows:

- Gen, given a security parameter n (in unary), outputs keys (PK, SK), where PK is a public key and SK is a secret key. We denote this by (PK, SK) ← Gen(1ⁿ).
- Enc, given the public key PK and a plaintext message m, outputs a ciphertext c encrypting m. We denote this by $c \leftarrow Enc_{PK}(m)$; and when emphasizing the randomness r used for encryption, we denote this by $c \leftarrow Enc_{PK}(m; r)$.
- Dec, given the public key PK, secret key SK and a ciphertext c, outputs a plaintext message m s.t. there exists randomness r for which $c = Enc_{PK}(m; r)$ (or \perp if no such message exists). We denote this by $m \leftarrow Dec_{PK,SK}(c)$.

For a public key encryption scheme $\Pi = (\text{Gen}, \text{Enc}, \text{Dec})$ and a PPT adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$, we consider the following *IND-CPA game* denoted by $\text{ADV}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}}(n)$:

$$(PK, SK) \leftarrow Gen(1^n).$$

 $(m_0, m_1, history) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_1(PK), \text{ s.t. } |m_0| = |m_1|.$
 $c \leftarrow Enc_{PK}(m_b), \text{ where } b \leftarrow_R \{0, 1\}.$
 $b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}_2(c, history).$
Return 1 if $b' = b$, and 0 otherwise.

Definition A.2 (IND-CPA) A public key encryption scheme $\Pi = (\text{Gen, Enc, Dec})$ has indistinguishable encryptions under chosen plaintext attacks (*IND-CPA*), if for every PPT adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ there exists a negligible function negl such that

$$\Pr[\operatorname{Adv}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}}(n) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2} + \mathsf{negl}(n)$$

where the probability is taken over the random coins used by A, as well as the random coins used in the experiment.

A.1.1 The El Gamal PKE

A useful implementation of homomorphic PKE is the El Gamal [Gam85] scheme that is multiplicatively homomorphic. In this paper we exploit the additive variation. Let \mathbb{G} be a group of prime order p in which DDH is hard. Then the public key is a tuple PK = $\langle \mathbb{G}, p, g, h \rangle$ and the corresponding secret key is SK = s, s.t. $g^s = h$. Encryption is performed by choosing $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ and computing $\text{Enc}_{PK}(m; r) = \langle g^r, h^r \cdot m \rangle$. Decryption of a ciphertext $C = \langle \alpha, \beta \rangle$ is performed by computing $m = \beta \cdot \alpha^{-s}$ and then finding m by running an exhaustive search.

A.2 Knowledge Extraction

In this paper we are interested in witness indistinguishable and zero-knowledge proofs that are proofs of knowledge (PoK) which imply the existence of a knowledge extractor that extracts the witness w used by the prover.

Definition A.3 Let R be a binary relation and $\kappa \to [0, 1]$. We say that an interactive function \mathcal{V} is a knowledge verifier for the language L with knowledge error κ if the following two conditions hold:

Non-triviality: There exists an interactive machine \mathcal{P} such that for every (x, w) such that w is a witness for $x \in L$, all possible interactions of \mathcal{V} with \mathcal{P} on common input x and auxiliary input w are accepting.

Validity (with error κ): There exists a polynomial $q(\cdot)$ and a probabilistic oracle machine K such that for every interactive function \mathcal{P} , every $x \in L$, and every machine K satisfies the following condition:

Denote by p(x, y, r) the probability that the interactive machine \mathcal{V} accepts, on input x, when interacting with the prover specified by $\mathcal{P}_{x,y,r}$ that uses randomness r (where the probability is taken over the coins of \mathcal{V}). If $p(x, y, r) > \kappa(|x|)$, then, on input x and with access to oracle $\mathcal{P}_{x,y,r}$, machine K outputs a witness s for $x \in L$ within an expected number of steps bounded by

$$\frac{q(|x|)}{p(x,y,r) - \kappa(|x|)}$$

The oracle machine K is called a universal knowledge extractor.

It is known that any Σ -protocol is a WI-PoK. One such example is the protocol for proving the knowledge of Hamiltonian cycle in a graph, which is an NP-complete problem.

A.3 Secure Two-Party Computation

We briefly present the standard definition for secure multiparty computation and refer to [Gol04, Chapter 7] for more details and motivating discussions. A two-party protocol problem is cast by specifying a random process that maps pairs of inputs to pairs of outputs (one for each party). We refer to such a process as a

functionality and denote it $f : \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^*$, where $f = (f_1, f_2)$. That is, for every pair of inputs (x, y), the output-vector is a random variable $(f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y))$ ranging over pairs of strings where P_1 receives $f_1(x, y)$ and P_2 receives $f_2(x, y)$. We use the notation $(x, y) \mapsto (f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y))$ to describe a functionality. We prove the security of our protocols in the settings of *malicious* computationally bounded adversaries. Security is analyzed by comparing what an adversary can do in a *real* protocol execution to what it can do in an *ideal* scenario. In the ideal scenario, the computation involves an incorruptible *trusted third party* to whom the parties send their inputs. The trusted party computes the functionality on the inputs and returns to each party its respective output. Informally, the protocol is secure if any adversary interacting in the real protocol (i.e., where no trusted third party exists) can do no more harm than what it could do in the ideal scenario. In this paper we follow the $\frac{1}{p}$ -secure computation definition from [GK10] which presented a simulation based definition for which the difference between the real and the simulated distributions differ within $\frac{1}{n}$.

Execution in the ideal model. In an ideal execution, the parties submit inputs to a trusted party, that computes the output. An honest party receives its input for the computation and just directs it to the trusted party, whereas a corrupted party can replace its input with any other value of the same length. Since we do not consider fairness, the trusted party first sends the outputs of the corrupted parties to the adversary, and the adversary then decides whether the honest parties would receive their outputs from the trusted party or an *abort* symbol \perp . Let f be a two-party functionality where $f = (f_1, f_2)$, let \mathcal{A} be a PPT algorithm, and let $I \subset [2]$ be the set of corrupted parties (either P_1 is corrupted or P_2 is corrupted or neither). Then, the *ideal execution of* f on inputs (x, y), auxiliary input z to \mathcal{A} and security parameter n, denoted **IDEAL**_{$f,\mathcal{A}(z),I}(n, x, y)$, is defined as the output pair of the honest party and the adversary \mathcal{A} from the above ideal execution.</sub>

Execution in the real model. In the real model there is no trusted third party and the parties interact directly. The adversary A sends all messages in place of the corrupted party, and may follow an arbitrary polynomial-time strategy. The honest parties follow the instructions of the specified protocol π .

Let f be as above and let π be a two-party protocol for computing f. Furthermore, let \mathcal{A} be a PPT algorithm and let I be the set of corrupted parties. Then, the *real execution of* π on inputs (x, y), auxiliary input z to \mathcal{A} and security parameter n, denoted $\mathbf{REAL}_{\pi,\mathcal{A}(z),I}(n, x, y)$, is defined as the output vector of the honest parties and the adversary \mathcal{A} from the real execution of π .

Security as emulation of a real execution in the ideal model. Having defined the ideal and real models, we can now define security of protocols. Loosely speaking, the definition asserts that a secure party protocol (in the real model) emulates the ideal model (in which a trusted party exists). This is formulated by saying that adversaries in the ideal model are able to simulate executions of the real-model protocol.

Definition A.4 Let f and π be as above. Protocol π is said to securely compute f with abort in the presence of malicious adversaries if for every PPT adversary A for the real model, there exists a PPT adversary S for the ideal model, such that for every $I \subset [2]$,

$$\left\{\mathbf{IDEAL}_{f,\mathcal{S}(z),I}(n,x,y)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},x,y,z\in\{0,1\}^*} \stackrel{1/p}{\approx} \left\{\mathbf{REAL}_{\pi,\mathcal{A}(z),I}(n,x,y)\right\}_{n\in\mathbb{N},x,y,z\in\{0,1\}^*}$$

where *n* is the security parameter.

The \mathcal{F} -hybrid model. In order to construct some of our protocols, we will use secure two-party protocols as subprotocols. The standard way of doing this is to work in a "hybrid model" where parties both interact with each other (as in the real model) and use trusted help (as in the ideal model). Specifically, when constructing a protocol π that uses a subprotocol for securely computing some functionality \mathcal{F} , we consider

the case that the parties run π and use "ideal calls" to a trusted party for computing \mathcal{F} . Upon receiving the inputs from the parties, the trusted party computes \mathcal{F} and sends all parties their output. Then, after receiving these outputs back from the trusted party the protocol π continues. Let \mathcal{F} be a functionality and let π be a two-party protocol that uses ideal calls to a trusted party computing \mathcal{F} . Furthermore, let \mathcal{A} be a non-uniform probabilistic polynomial-time algorithm. Then, the \mathcal{F} -hybrid execution of π on inputs (x, y), auxiliary input z to \mathcal{A} and security parameter n, denoted hyb $_{\pi^{\mathcal{F}},\mathcal{A}(z)}(n, x, y)$, is defined as the output vector of the honest parties and the adversary \mathcal{A} from the hybrid execution of π with a trusted party computing \mathcal{F} . By the composition theorem of [Can00] any protocol that securely implements \mathcal{F} can replace the ideal calls to \mathcal{F} .