

# Short Leakage Resilient and Non-malleable Secret Sharing Schemes

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## Abstract

Leakage resilient secret sharing (LRSS) allows a dealer to share a secret amongst  $n$  parties such that any authorized subset of the parties can recover the secret from their shares, while an adversary that obtains shares of any unauthorized subset of parties along with bounded leakage from the other shares learns no information about the secret. Non-malleable secret sharing (NMSS) provides a guarantee that even shares that are tampered by an adversary will reconstruct to either the original message or something independent of it.

The most important parameter of LRSS and NMSS schemes is the size of each share. For LRSS, in the *local leakage model* (i.e., when the leakage functions on each share are independent of each other and bounded), Srinivasan and Vasudevan (CRYPTO 2019), gave a scheme for threshold access structures with share size of approximately  $(3 \cdot \text{message length} + \mu)$ , where  $\mu$  is the number of bits of leakage tolerated from every share. For the case of NMSS, the best known result (again due to the above work) has share size of  $(11 \cdot \text{message length})$ .

In this work, we build LRSS and NMSS schemes with much improved share size. Additionally, our LRSS scheme obtains optimal share and leakage size. In particular, we get the following results:

- We build an information-theoretic LRSS scheme for threshold access structures with a share size of  $(\text{message length} + \mu)$ .
- As an application of the above result, we obtain an NMSS with a share size of  $(4 \cdot \text{message length})$ . Further, for the special case of sharing random messages, we obtain a share size of  $(2 \cdot \text{message length})$ .

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# 1 Introduction

Secret sharing schemes [Sha79, Bla79] are fundamental cryptographic primitives that allow a dealer to distribute its secret  $m$  amongst  $n$  parties in such a way that any authorized subset of parties can recover  $m$  from their shares (*correctness*), and no unauthorized subset of parties get any information about  $m$  (*privacy*). For instance, in a  $t$ -out-of- $n$  ( $t \leq n$ ) threshold secret sharing scheme, any subset of  $t$  parties or more is an authorized set and can reconstruct the secret, while any subset of fewer than  $t$  parties is unauthorized. Secret sharing schemes have found several applications in literature, such as in multi-party computation [GMW87, BGW88, CCD88], leakage-resilient circuit compilers [ISW03, FRR<sup>+</sup>10, Rot12] and threshold cryptographic systems [DF89, Fra89, SDFY94]. An assumption that secret sharing schemes make is that the adversary, controlling an unauthorized set of parties, gets no information about the shares of the honest parties. However, a rich study on side-channel attacks called *leakage attacks* points to the fact that such an assumption is idealized and may not hold in practice. This has led to much work on *leakage resilient* cryptography [Koc96, BBR88, BBCM95, Riv97, DSS01, CDH<sup>+</sup>00, MR04, DP07, AGV09]. In the context of secret sharing, leakage attacks allow the adversary to additionally obtain some bounded leakage from the honest party shares, and such a leakage may help an adversary break privacy of the secret sharing<sup>1</sup>. To secure against such attacks, Dziembowski and Pietrzak [DP07] introduced the notion of leakage resilient secret sharing.

LEAKAGE RESILIENT/NON-MALLEABLE SECRET SHARING (LRSS/NMSS). Informally, an LRSS gives a guarantee that the adversary gets no information about the secret, given its shares from an unauthorized set, as well as leakage from the remaining honest shares. In particular, in the *local leakage model* [BDIR18, GK18, SV19, ADN<sup>+</sup>19], the adversary is allowed to make a non-adaptive query to obtain a complete unauthorized set of shares, along with independent (bounded) leakage on the remaining shares. Privacy is then required to hold against such an adversary. LRSS schemes tolerating local leakage have been shown to have applications to leakage-resilient MPC [BGK11, GIM<sup>+</sup>16, BDIR18, SV19], leakage-resilient non-malleable secret sharing [GK18, SV19, BS19], and more recently to zero knowledge PCPs [HVW21]. Non-malleable secret sharing (NMSS) was introduced by Goyal and Kumar in [GK18] and provides a guarantee that under a tampering attack by the adversary, the message recovered from the tampered shares will either be the same as the original message or will be independent of it.

SHARE SIZE OF LRSS/NMSS SCHEMES. The most important aspect of secret sharing schemes is their share size, which typically determines the efficiency of the application that relies on it. For example, in an application to MPC, the size of each share affects the overall communication complexity of the MPC protocol. For standard threshold secret sharing schemes, we know constructions [Sha79, LCG<sup>+</sup>19] with optimal share size (i.e., same as the message length). However, the picture is quite different in the presence of leakage and/or tampering. For a very special case<sup>2</sup>, Benhamouda, Degwekar, Ishai and Rabin [BDIR18] show that the Shamir secret sharing [Sha79] is leakage resilient with share size of approximately ( $\text{message length} + 4 \cdot \mu$ ), where  $\mu$  is the number of

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<sup>1</sup>In fact, Guruswami and Wooters [GW16] show that Shamir’s secret sharing scheme over a field of characteristic 2 is completely insecure when the adversary gets some  $t - 1$  shares and just one-bit of leakage from other shares. Further, Nielsen and Simkin [NS20] show that for larger characteristic fields and large  $n$ , Shamir’s secret sharing scheme is not leakage resilient for threshold  $t \leq cn / \log n$ , for constant  $0 < c < 1$ .

<sup>2</sup>where the underlying field is a large characteristic field, the number of parties  $n$  is large, the threshold  $t$  is at least  $n - o(\log n)$ , and the adversary can only obtain a constant number of full shares

bits of leakage from each share<sup>3</sup>. The work of Aggarwal, Damgard, Nielsen, Obremski, Purwanto, Ribeiro and Simkin [ADN<sup>+</sup>19] constructs – as a stepping stone towards constructing an NMSS – an LRSS scheme; however, this scheme suffers a polynomial (in  $n$ ) blowup in its share size and additionally obtains optimal leakage ( $\approx ((1 - o(1))\text{message length})$ ) only for the restricted case of constant number of parties. For the general case of arbitrary  $n$  and  $t$ , Srinivasan and Vasudevan [SV19] constructed an LRSS against the local leakage model with a share size of approximately  $(3 \cdot \text{message length} + \mu)$ , to tolerate  $\mu$  bits of leakage from each share. Most constructions of NMSS schemes implicitly require an LRSS and hence share size of LRSS schemes directly impact that of NMSS. The best known share size for an NMSS is  $(11 \cdot \text{message length})$ , achieved by the construction of [SV19] (through the [BS19] compiler).

We remark here that obtaining LRSS/NMSS with short share size while simultaneously tolerating high leakage rate is an important problem noted in several works (e.g.: In [ADN<sup>+</sup>19], the authors state: “*It would be interesting to give constructions of leakage-resilient schemes (even in the non-adaptive setting) with an improved tradeoff between leakage rate and share length*”).

## 1.1 Our Results

In this work, we construct the first information-theoretic LRSS scheme for threshold access structures against the local leakage model, with a share size of  $(\text{message length} + \mu)$ , tolerating  $\mu$  bits of leakage from each share. This result is obtained as a corollary of the following more general statement that we prove:

**Result 1.** *Given any secret sharing scheme<sup>4</sup> for general monotone access structure  $\mathcal{A}$  with share size  $\ell/R$ , where  $\ell$  is the message length and  $R \leq 1$ , one can construct an LRSS for the same access structure  $\mathcal{A}$ , against the local leakage model allowing  $\mu$  bits of leakage per share, with a share size of  $\ell/R + \mu + o(\ell/R + \mu)$ .*

Using our LRSS scheme from Result 1, along with the recent 1/3-rate non-malleable code of [AKO<sup>+</sup>22] in the [GK18] NMSS compiler, we obtain an NMSS with a share size of only  $(4 \cdot \text{message length})$ . Additionally, we also formalize a natural restriction of NMSS schemes to uniformly random secrets, called non-malleable randomness sharing (NMRS), and show how to construct this with a share size of  $(2 \cdot \text{message length})$ . NMRS is useful in many practical applications of secret sharing that only require uniformly random secrets (e.g., when the secret to be shared and protected against malleability is an encryption key or a digital signature signing key, whose distribution is (typically) uniform). In particular, we show:

**Result 2.** *There exists a non-malleable secret sharing scheme against the independent tampering model for the threshold access structure, that achieves a share size of  $4\ell$ , for messages of length  $\ell$ . There exists a non-malleable randomness sharing scheme against the independent tampering model for the threshold access structure that achieves a share size of  $2\ell$ , for messages of length  $\ell$ .*

<sup>3</sup>In [BDIR18], under the same restrictions (on  $n$ , the field and the number of full shares allowed), the authors also consider the setting with threshold  $t \leq \alpha n$ , for  $\alpha < 1$  for the Shamir secret sharing scheme, but this only allows constant bits of leakage per share. The work of Nielsen and Simkin [NS20] gives a lower bound for the share size of an LRSS in the local leakage model, which proves that the amount of leakage allowed on the Shamir scheme shown in [BDIR18] is the best possible. However, for the LRSS scheme of [SV19] or ours, their lower bound allows for leakage almost as large as the size of a single share.

<sup>4</sup>we require the secret sharing to satisfy an additional property of “local uniformity”, which requires every share to individually have (an almost) uniform distribution. We show later that such a property is already satisfied by many natural secret sharing schemes (e.g.: Shamir secret sharing).

## 1.2 Technical Overview

One of the initial ideas [ADN<sup>+</sup>19] to build an LRSS scheme against the local leakage model, was using linear invertible extractors in the following way: a) First, threshold secret share the message  $m$  into  $n$  shares  $m_1, \dots, m_n$ ; b) then invert each share  $m_i$  under an invertible extractor to get  $(w_i, s_i)$ ; c) Finally, the  $i$ -th share contains  $w_i$  and all  $s_j$ 's except for  $j = i$ . This scheme, even when instantiated with the best known linear extractors, has a share size of  $((n-1) \cdot \text{message length} + |w_i|)$ , which will not be optimal (even for a constant number of parties). This is because this construction mandates the size of the seeds  $s_j$ 's to be as long as the message  $m$  in order to get a negligible leakage error. Furthermore, this scheme allows a leakage of size  $((1 - o(1)) \cdot \text{message length})$  only for a constant number of parties.

In a subsequent work of [SV19], the authors once again rely on the use of randomness extractors, but use a single seed  $s$ , across all the shares to get a rate improvement. In particular, they do the following: a) First  $m$  is threshold secret shared into  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  (referred to as “simple shares”) using a threshold secret sharing scheme b) Next, each  $m_i$  is masked using an extractor output  $\text{Ext}(w_i, s)$  where  $s$  and  $w_i$ 's are uniformly chosen. Now, let  $sh_1, \dots, sh_n$  denote these masked shares c)  $r$  is uniformly chosen to additionally mask each  $sh_i$  d) Finally,  $r$  and  $s$  are together secret shared using a 2-out-of- $n$  secret sharing scheme into shares  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and the  $i^{\text{th}}$  share of the scheme is then set to be  $(w_i, sh_i \oplus r, a_i)$ . At a high level,  $m_i$  was “doubly masked” in order to cast the leakage on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  share as leakage on the extractor source  $w_i$ . In order to add leakage resilience on top of the simple shares, they needed to be masked twice, and thus, information of both these masks and the masked value (each roughly of size  $|m_i|$ ) is given as part of the final share, resulting in its length being approximately  $3|m_i|$ , and hence, giving a rate of  $1/3$ .

In our construction, we try to combine the best things from these two constructions, i.e., use of the invertibility of linear extractors with great parameters, and the use of a single seed across all shares to optimize the share size. Our techniques use linear extractors in such a way that we not only remove the dependence of the share size on the number of parties (which in itself is important), but also obtain an optimal rate of 1 while still allowing a leakage of size  $((1 - o(1)) \cdot \text{message length})$ . We now proceed to describe our approach.

**A SIMPLER PROBLEM.** Our goal is to compile simple shares  $m_i$  into leakage resilient shares in a share size-preserving manner (i.e., the size of the leakage resilient share needs to be about the same as  $|m_i|$ ). As a first step, we relax the problem in two ways a) consider an LRSS only for the  $(n, n)$  access structure (i.e., where the set of all  $n$  parties is the only authorized set); and b) require that the sharing scheme only works for uniformly random messages.

We first construct an LRSS scheme with the desired share size of  $\text{message length} + \mu$ , under these two relaxations. For this, we choose extractor sources  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and a seed  $s$  uniformly, secret share  $s$  as  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  and define  $share_i$  to be  $(w_i, s_i)$ . Now, define reconstruction of  $share_i$ 's as  $m = \bigoplus_{i \in [n]} \text{Ext}(w_i; s)$ , where  $s$  is obtained by reconstructing  $s_i$ 's. Now, first observe that, by extractor security, the reconstructed value  $m$  has (almost) uniform distribution. Also, each share supports local leakage resilience as  $s_i$  (a share) is devoid of information about  $s$  and hence any bounded leakage of the form  $f(w_i, s_i)$  is only dependent on  $w_i$  and is (almost) independent of the extractor output and hence  $m$  too. This scheme infact has a share size of  $|m| + \mu$  (for  $\mu$  bits of leakage per share) as there are explicit extractor constructions with good parameters such that  $|s| \ll |w_i| \approx |\text{Ext}(w_i, s)|$ .

**FINAL CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW.** Unfortunately, the above construction does not extend to ei-

ther support threshold access structures or for secret sharing a specific message  $m$ . In order to reconstruct to a message  $m$ , the extractor outputs  $\text{Ext}(w_i, s)$ 's ( $i \in [n]$ ) would have to be correlated. However, the fact that the extractor outputs  $\text{Ext}(w_i, s)$  are uncorrelated is what gives leakage resilience in the scheme above for sharing random messages. The main technical hurdle which we overcome in this work is to ensure correlation in the shares while retaining enough independence (via extractors) so that we can argue leakage resilience.

In our construction, we first generate simple shares of  $m$ , denoted  $(m_1, \dots, m_n)$  using a standard secret sharing scheme. Next, we aim to cast each of these simple shares  $m_i$  as an extractor output. This, however, has two challenges a) the distribution of  $m_i$  could be arbitrary and need not have any entropy; and b) it is not clear how to express  $m_i$ 's as the output of an extractor. To address (a), we observe that many natural secret sharing schemes (for example, the Shamir secret sharing scheme) satisfy the property that each share individually has (an almost) uniform distribution. We formalize this property as “local uniformity” of a secret sharing scheme and generate simple shares of  $m$  using such a locally uniform secret sharing scheme. To solve the challenge (b), we make use of seeded extractors that are linear functions - i.e., where the extractor function is guaranteed to be a linear map (over the source) for any fixed value of the seed, called linear seeded extractors [Tre99, Tre01, RRV02]. We show that such extractors provide an efficient way to find an (entropic sample of an) extractor source such that the extractor output on this source takes a given value under a given seed. With this useful property, each of our simple shares can indeed be expressed as extractor outputs<sup>5</sup>.

To summarize our construction, we a) secret share  $m$  into simple shares  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  using any locally uniform secret sharing scheme for the given general access structure; b) choose a seed  $s$  uniformly and generate its shares  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  such that  $s$  can be reconstructed from any two shares  $s_i$  and  $s_j$ ; c) for each  $m_i$ , sample  $w_i$  such that  $\text{Ext}(w_i, s) = m_i$ ; d) Finally, each share is set to be  $(w_i, s_i)$  for all  $i \in [n]$ . Leakage resilience of this scheme follows from a careful argument using extractor security and local uniformity. In this scheme, the length of each share  $(w_i, s_i)$  is only negligibly larger than the length of  $m_i$  as there are explicit constructions of linear extractors that extract out almost all the entropy from the source while only using very short seeds.

NON-MALLEABLE RANDOMNESS SHARING. We obtain a non-malleable secret sharing (NMSS) scheme with a share size of  $4(\text{message length})$  by instantiating the NMSS compiler from [GK18] with our rate-1 LRSS scheme, along with the recent rate-1/3 NMC from [AKO<sup>+</sup>22]. Hence, our focus in the main section will be in formalizing and building the NMRS scheme with a share size of  $2(\text{message length})$ . Our NMRS construction follows the same blueprint as [GK18], but uses a non-malleable randomness encoder (NMRE) (instead of using a non-malleable code) and our LRSS scheme with rate 1. NMREs [KOS18], outputs a random message along with its encoding  $L, R$ , with the guarantee that whenever an adversary tampers  $L, R$  (in a split-state manner, i.e., tamper  $L$  and  $R$  independent of each other), the original message looks uniformly random, even given this tampered message. Now, our NMRS construction outputs the random message  $m$  output by the NMRE, and to generate its shares: first secret share  $L$  using our LRSS scheme for the 2-out-of- $n$  threshold setting and then share  $R$  using a  $t$ -out-of- $n$  threshold secret sharing scheme.

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<sup>5</sup>A similar technique of using linear and invertible extractors to get rate optimality has been used in two prior settings before: information-theoretic privacy of communication data in the wiretap channel setting in [BT12, CDS12] and binary secret sharing schemes in [LCG<sup>+</sup>19]

### 1.3 Related Work

The problems of leakage resilient and non-malleable secret sharing has seen much research in recent times [DDV10, LL12, BDIR18, GK18, BS19, SV19, ADN<sup>+</sup>19], [FV19, BFV19, KMS19, LCG<sup>+</sup>19, CGG<sup>+</sup>20, BFO<sup>+</sup>20, CKOS21]. In the information -theoretic setting, majority of these works focus on improving the leakage model, such as allowing the adversary to obtain adaptive (leakage queries dependent on prior leakage responses) and joint (combined leakage from multiple shares) leakages, and such strong leakage models come at the expense of poor and sub-optimal share size (typically  $\omega(\text{message length})$ ). For the case where the adversary is restricted to be computationally bounded, the works of [BFO<sup>+</sup>20, FV19] show NMSS and LRSS schemes achieving optimal rate for strong adaptive and joint leakage and tampering models.

### 1.4 Organization of the Paper

We give the preliminary definitions and lemmata in Section 2. Then, we build our leakage resilient secret sharing scheme in Section 3. Finally, we define and build our non-malleable randomness sharing scheme in Section 4.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Notation

We begin by describing a few notations that we use. For any two sets  $S$  and  $S'$ ,  $S \setminus S'$  denotes the set of elements that are present in  $S$ , but not in  $S'$ . For any natural number  $n$ ,  $[n]$  denotes the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .  $x \leftarrow X$  denotes sampling from a probability distribution  $X$ .  $x||y$  represents concatenation of two binary strings  $x$  and  $y$ .  $|x|$  denotes length of binary string  $x$ .  $U_l$  denotes the uniform distribution on  $\{0, 1\}^l$ . All logarithms are base 2. If  $S$  is a subset of  $[n]$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are some variables or elements, then  $x_S$  denotes the set  $\{x_i \text{ such that } i \in S\}$ .  $\chi(a = b)$  indicates equality of the strings  $a$  and  $b$  (i.e  $\chi(a = b) = 1$  is an only if  $a$  is equal to  $b$ ). In this paper we assume natural one-to-one correspondence between the set  $\{0, 1\}^n$  and the field  $GF(2^n)$ .

We give standard definitions of statistical distance and entropy along with some preliminary lemmata of the same in Appendix A.

### 2.2 Randomness Extractors

Extractors (introduced by Nisan and Zuckerman [NZ96]) output an almost uniform string from a  $(\eta, \tau)$ -entropic source, using a short uniform string, called *seed*, as a catalyst. Average-case extractors are extractors whose output remains close to uniform, even given the seed and some auxiliary information about the source (but independent of the seed), whenever the source has enough average entropy given the auxiliary information. We formally define them as below.

**Definition 1.** [DORS08] Let  $\text{Ext} : \{0, 1\}^\eta \times \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^l$  be a polynomial time computable function. We say that  $\text{Ext}$  is an **efficient average-case**  $(\eta, \tau, d, l, \epsilon)$ -**strong extractor** if for all pairs of random variables  $(W, Z)$  such that  $W$  is a random variable over  $\eta$ -bit strings satisfying  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(W|Z) \geq \tau$ , we have

$$\text{Ext}(W; U_d), U_d, Z \approx_\epsilon U_l, U_d, Z$$

LINEAR EXTRACTORS. Further, the average-case strong extractor  $\text{Ext}$  is said to be linear if for every  $s \in \{0, 1\}^d$ ,  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)$  is a linear function.

In this paper, we instantiate linear extractors with extractors due to Raz et.al [RRV02], which extracts almost all the randomness and is an improvement of Trevisan's extractor [Tre99]. Particularly, we use the following instantiation of the same given in [LCG<sup>+</sup>19].

**Lemma 1.** [LCG<sup>+</sup>19, Lemma 6] *There is an explicit  $(\eta, \tau, d, l, \epsilon)$ -strong linear extractor with  $d = \mathcal{O}(\log^3(\frac{\eta}{\epsilon}))$  and  $l = \tau - \mathcal{O}(d)$ .*

In our application of linear extractors we will often require to uniformly sample an extractor source such that the extractor output on this source and a given seed  $s$  takes a given value  $y$ . Basically, given a seed  $s$  and some  $y \in \{0, 1\}^l$ , the inverting function needs to sample an element uniformly from the set  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)^{-1}(y)$  (which is  $\{w : \text{Ext}(w; s) = y\}$ ). We formalize this procedure<sup>6</sup> as  $\text{InvExt}$  and show that linear extractors allow such sampling in the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** *For every efficient linear extractor  $\text{Ext}$ , there exists an efficient randomized function  $\text{InvExt} : \{0, 1\}^l \times \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\eta \cup \{\perp\}$  (termed inverter) such that*

1.  $U_\eta, U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d) \equiv \text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d), U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)$
2. For each  $(s, y) \in \{0, 1\}^d \times \{0, 1\}^l$ ,
  - (a)  $\Pr[\text{InvExt}(y, s) = \perp] = 1$ , if and only if there exists no  $w \in \{0, 1\}^\eta$  such that  $\text{Ext}(w; s) = y$ .
  - (b)  $\Pr[\text{Ext}(\text{InvExt}(y, s); s) = y] = 1$ , if there exists some  $w \in \{0, 1\}^\eta$  such that  $\text{Ext}(w; s) = y$ .

*Proof.* Recall that for a linear extractor, for any seed  $s \in \{0, 1\}^d$ ,  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)$  is a linear map from the vector space  $\{0, 1\}^\eta$  to the vector space  $\{0, 1\}^l$ . Let  $\mathcal{I}_s$  and  $\mathcal{K}_s$  denote the image and kernel of this linear map  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)$ . We now define  $\text{InvExt}$  as follows. Fix any arbitrary input  $y, s$  to  $\text{InvExt}$ .

$\text{InvExt}(y, s)$ :

- If  $y \in \mathcal{I}_s$ 
  - Let  $w$  be such that  $\text{Ext}(w; s) = y$
  - Sample  $z$  uniformly from  $\mathcal{K}_s$
  - Output  $w + z$

Else output  $\perp$

$\text{InvExt}$  is efficient because the bases for the linear sub-spaces  $\mathcal{K}_s$ ,  $\mathcal{I}_s$  and the preimage space on the value  $y$  (corresponding to the linear map  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)$ ) can be determined efficiently. By the definition, it is easy to see that  $\text{InvExt}$  satisfies property (2) of the Lemma statement. We now proceed to prove property (1) about statistical distance. Consider the set  $\mathcal{S} = \{(w, s, y) : \text{Ext}(w; s) = y\}$ .

For any  $(w, s, y) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr[(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d), U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (w, s, y)] \\ &= \sum_{w' \in \{0, 1\}^\eta} \Pr[U_\eta = w', U_d = s] \cdot \Pr[\text{InvExt}(y, s) = w] \cdot \chi(\text{Ext}(w'; s) = y) \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>6</sup>In literature, invertible (seeded) extractors (see [CDS12] for an exposition on the same) are well-studied which allow efficient sampling of a source  $w$  and a seed  $s$  such that the extractor output on  $w$  and  $s$  equals a given value  $y$ . Note that our requirement to sample a source  $w$  given a seed  $s$  and a value  $y$  is stronger than the guarantee provided by invertible extractors. Hence we explicitly show that certain extractors allow such sampling.



Since  $\text{Ext}(w; s) = y$  by definition of  $\mathcal{S}$ , we know that  $w$  lies in the set of  $|\mathcal{K}_s|$  elements from which  $\text{InvExt}(y, s)$  chooses its output uniformly. Therefore  $\Pr[\text{InvExt}(y, s) = w] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{K}_s|}$ . Further, since  $\text{Ext}(\cdot; s)$  is a linear map and  $y \in \mathcal{I}_s$ , we know that there are exactly  $|\mathcal{K}_s|$  number of values  $w' \in \{0, 1\}^\eta$  such that  $\text{Ext}(w'; s) = y$ . With these observations, we conclude that

$$\Pr[(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d), U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (w, s, y)] = \frac{1}{2^{\eta+d}}$$

Also for any  $(w, s, y) \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\Pr[(U_\eta, U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (w, s, y)] = \frac{1}{2^{\eta+d}}$ .

For any  $(w, s, y) \notin \mathcal{S}$ , it holds that  $\text{Ext}(w; s) \neq y$ . With this we have

$$\Pr[(U_\eta, U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (w, s, y)] = 0$$

and

$$\Pr[(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d), U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (w, s, y)] = 0$$

The last equation is true because a) if  $y \in \mathcal{I}_s$ , then  $\Pr[\text{InvExt}(y, s) = w] = 0$  b) if  $y \notin \mathcal{I}_s$ , then  $\Pr[(U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d)) = (s, y)] = 0$ . Further note that  $\Pr[\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d) = \perp] = 0$  as  $\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d) \in \mathcal{I}_{U_d}$  with probability 1. Combining these observations, it follows that the statistical distance between the distributions  $(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d), U_d), U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d))$  and  $(U_\eta, U_d, \text{Ext}(U_\eta; U_d))$  is zero, which concludes the proof.  $\square$

### 2.3 Secret Sharing Schemes

Secret sharing schemes provide a mechanism to distribute a secret into shares such that only an authorized subset of shares can reconstruct the secret and any unauthorized subset of shares has “almost” no information about the secret. We now define secret sharing schemes formally.

**Definition 2.** Let  $[n]$  be a set of identities (indices) of  $n$  parties. A sharing function  $\text{Share} : \{0, 1\}^l \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^l)^n$  is an  $(n, \mathcal{A})$ - **secret sharing scheme** that is  $\epsilon_s$ -private with respect to a monotone access structure<sup>7</sup>  $\mathcal{A}$  if the following two properties hold:

1. **Correctness:** The secret can be reconstructed by any set of parties that are part of the access structure  $\mathcal{A}$ . That is, for any set  $T \in \mathcal{A}$ , there exists a deterministic reconstruction function  $\text{Rec} : (\{0, 1\}^l)^{|T|} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^l$  such that for every  $m \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\Pr[\text{Rec}(\text{Share}(m)_T) = m] = 1$$

where the probability is over the randomness of the  $\text{Share}$  function and if  $(sh_1, \dots, sh_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}(m)$ , then  $\text{Share}(m)_T$  denotes  $\{sh_i\}_{i \in T}$ . We will slightly abuse the notation and denote  $\text{Rec}$  as the reconstruction procedure that takes in  $T \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $\text{Share}(m)_T$  as input and outputs the secret.

2. **Statistical Privacy:** Any collusion of parties not part of the access structure should have “almost” no information about the underlying secret. More formally, for any unauthorized set  $U \notin \mathcal{A}$ , and for every pair of secrets  $m, m' \in \{0, 1\}^l$ ,

$$\Delta((\text{Share}(m))_U; (\text{Share}(m'))_U) \leq \epsilon_s$$

<sup>7</sup> $\mathcal{A}$  is a monotone access structure if for all  $A, B$  such that  $A \subset B \subseteq [n]$  and  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , it holds that  $B \in \mathcal{A}$ . Throughout this paper whenever we consider a general access structure, we mean a monotone access structure.

(Share, Rec) is said to be perfectly private if  $\epsilon_s = 0$ . An access structure  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be  $(n, t)$ -threshold if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  contains all subsets of  $[n]$  of size atleast  $t$ .

**Rate** of a secret sharing scheme is defined as  $\frac{\text{message size}}{\text{share size}}$  (which would be equal to  $l/l'$ ).

LEAKAGE RESILIENCE. A secret sharing scheme (Share, Rec) is said to be  $\epsilon_{lr}$ -leakage resilient against a leakage function family  $\mathcal{F}$  if for all messages  $m, m' \in \{0, 1\}^l$  and every function  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ,

$$f((\text{Share}(m))_{[n]}) \approx_{\epsilon_{lr}} f((\text{Share}(m'))_{[n]})$$

We use secret sharing schemes augmented with the following property as a building block to our leakage resilient secret sharing scheme.

LOCAL UNIFORMITY. We say a secret sharing scheme (Share, Rec) satisfies *local uniformity* if the distribution of each individual share given out by the Share function is  $\epsilon_u$ -statistically close to the uniform distribution in its share space. Formally, any sharing function  $\text{Share} : \{0, 1\}^l \rightarrow \{\{0, 1\}^{l'}\}^n$  is  $\epsilon_u$ -locally uniform if for each message  $m \in \{0, 1\}^l$  it holds that

$$\text{Share}(m)_{\{i\}} \approx_{\epsilon_u} U_{l'}, \forall i \in [n]$$

Note that Shamir secret sharing scheme [Sha79, Bla79] and Benaloh-Leichter secret sharing scheme [BL88] are instantiations of a locally uniform secret sharing schemes for threshold access structures and general monotone access structures respectively<sup>8</sup>.

CONSISTENT RESAMPLING. For any  $(n, \mathcal{A})$ -secret sharing scheme (Share, Rec) which is  $\epsilon_s$ -private, and for any message  $m$  and a subset  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq [n]$ , when we say “ $(sh_1, \dots, sh_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}(m|sh_{\mathcal{L}}^*)$ ” we mean the following procedure:

- Sample and output  $(sh_1, \dots, sh_n)$  uniformly from the distribution  $\text{Share}(m)$  conditioned on the event that  $sh_{\mathcal{L}} = sh_{\mathcal{L}}^*$
- If the above event is a zero probability event then output a string of all zeroes (of appropriate length).

Note that for any  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq [n]$ , the distributions  $\text{Share}(m)$  and  $\text{Share}(m|sh_{\mathcal{L}}^*)$  are identical when  $(sh_1^*, \dots, sh_n^*) \leftarrow \text{Share}(m)$ .

### 3 Leakage Resilient Secret Sharing Schemes

#### 3.1 Local Leakage Family

The local leakage family allows bounded leakage queries  $\{f_i : \{0, 1\}^{l'} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mu}\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}$ , on each share corresponding to an arbitrary set of indices  $\mathcal{K} (\subseteq [n])$ , and further allows full share queries corresponding to an unauthorised subset  $\mathcal{U}$ . Formally, for any access structure  $\mathcal{A}$  and leakage amount  $\mu > 0$ , we define this family as

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu} = \{(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}) : \mathcal{U} \notin \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{K} \subseteq [n] \text{ and } \forall i \in \mathcal{K}, f_i : \{0, 1\}^{l'} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\mu}\}$$

<sup>8</sup>This is formally proven in [CKOS21, Claim 2].

where for any secret sharing scheme  $(\text{Share}, \text{Rec})$ , the leakage response corresponding to a leakage query  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$  on any secret  $m$  is  $(sh_{\mathcal{U}}, \{f_i(sh_i)\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}})$  when  $(sh_1, \dots, sh_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}(m)$ .

**Remark 1.** Consider a leakage family which is the set of all functions  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$  such that  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{K} = \phi$ . Intuitively, this is the leakage query which doesn't ask to reveal a full share and also query bounded leakage on the same share. Though this may seem like a restriction on  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ , we would like to emphasize that leakage resilience against this weaker family guarantees leakage resilience against  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$  itself. This is because leakage response to any function  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$  can be simulated from leakage response to  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{U}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{U}}) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ , as  $\{f_i(sh_i)\}_{i \in \mathcal{K} \cap \mathcal{U}}$  can be trivially computed given  $sh_{\mathcal{U}}$  (which is part of the leakage response to  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{U}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K} \setminus \mathcal{U}})$ ).

## 3.2 Construction

### 3.2.1 Building Blocks

- $(\text{MShare}, \text{MRec})$  be any  $\epsilon_p$ -private and  $\epsilon_u$ -locally uniform secret sharing scheme for the message space  $\{0, 1\}^l$  and a monotone access structure  $(n, \mathcal{A})$ . Let  $l'$  denote the share size of  $\text{MShare}$  (that is  $\text{MShare} : \{0, 1\}^l \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^{l'})^n$ ).
- $(\text{SdShare}, \text{SdRec})$  be any  $\epsilon'_p$ -private secret sharing scheme for the message space  $\{0, 1\}^d$  and against the  $(2, n)$ -threshold access structure with share length  $d'$ .
- $\text{Ext}$  be an  $(\eta, \tau, d, l', \epsilon_{ext})$ -strong linear extractor.  $\text{InvExt}$  be the inverter function corresponding to  $\text{Ext}$  given by Lemma 2.

### 3.2.2 Construction Overview

We now build our LRSS scheme. Informally, to share a message  $m$ , we first share it using  $\text{MShare}$  to get  $m_1, \dots, m_n$ , pick a random extractor seed  $s$  and then use  $\text{InvExt}$  to get the source  $w_i$  corresponding to the extractor output  $m_i$  and seed  $s$ , for each  $i \in [n]$ . If any of the  $w_i$  is  $\perp$ , then we output each of the  $i$ -th share to be  $(\perp, m_i)$ . Else, we share  $s$  using  $\text{SdShare}$  to get  $s_1, \dots, s_n$ , and set the  $i$ -th share to be  $(w_i, s_i)$ . The reconstruction procedure either directly reconstructs using  $m_i$ 's (in case of  $\perp$ ), else reconstructs  $s$ , evaluates the extractor  $\text{Ext}$  on  $w_i$  and  $s$  to get the  $m_i$ 's and recovers  $m$ .

<p>LRShare(<math>m</math>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>(m_1, \dots, m_n) \leftarrow \text{MShare}(m)</math>.</li> <li>• Sample <math>s \in_R \{0, 1\}^d</math>.</li> <li>• <math>(s_1, \dots, s_n) \leftarrow \text{SdShare}(s)</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>i \in [n]</math>, <math>w_i \leftarrow \text{InvExt}(m_i, s)</math>.</li> <li>• If <math>w_j = \perp</math> for some <math>j \in [n]</math>, set <math>share_i = (\perp, m_i)</math> for each <math>i \in [n]</math>.</li> <li>• Else, for each <math>i \in [n]</math>, set <math>share_i = (w_i, s_i)</math>.</li> <li>• Output <math>(share_1, \dots, share_n)</math>.</li> </ul>	<p>LRRec(<math>share_T</math>) (where <math>T \in \mathcal{A}</math>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If for any <math>i \in T</math>, <math>share_i</math> is of the form <math>(\perp, m_i)</math>, then parse each <math>share_j</math> as <math>(\perp, m_j)</math> for each <math>j \in T</math></li> <li>• Else, for <math>i \in T</math>, parse <math>share_i</math> as <math>(w_i, s_i)</math> and do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <math>s \leftarrow \text{SdRec}(s_{i_1}, s_{i_2})</math>, where <math>i_1, i_2</math> are two indices from <math>T</math>.</li> <li>– For <math>i \in T</math>, set <math>m_i = \text{Ext}(w_i; s)</math>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Output <math>m \leftarrow \text{MRec}(m_T)</math>.</li> </ul>
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**Theorem 1.** *Let (MShare, MRec), (SdShare, SdRec) and (Ext, InvExt) be the secret sharing schemes and a strong linear extractor as given in Section 3.2.1. Then (LRShare, LRRec) is a leakage resilient secret sharing scheme for messages in  $\{0, 1\}^l$  against the access structure  $(n, \mathcal{A})$  which is  $\epsilon_p$ -private and  $(6n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u) + \epsilon_p)$ -leakage resilient against the local leakage family  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ .*

*Also, for every instantiation of (MShare, MRec) with rate  $R(l)$ <sup>9</sup> on secrets of size  $l$ , there exists an instantiation of (LRShare, LRRec) with a share size of approximately  $(l/R(l) + \mu)$ , for  $\mu$  bits of leakage per share. In particular, for  $\mu = o(l/R(l))$ , we get the same rate  $R(l)$  for our LRSS scheme.*

*Further, there exists an efficient instantiation of (LRShare, LRRec) for threshold access structures on secrets of size  $l$ , which has a share size of approximately  $(l + \mu)$ , for  $\mu$  bits of leakage (and in particular gives rate 1, when  $\mu = o(l)$ ), that is perfectly private and  $6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\sqrt[3]{(l/\log l)})}$ -leakage resilient against  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ .*

### 3.3 Security Proof

#### CORRECTNESS AND PRIVACY

Correctness of the scheme follows from the correctness of (MShare, MRec) in case any InvExt outputs  $\perp$ , else it follows from correctness of both (MShare, MRec), (SdShare, SdRec) and properties of InvExt (property 2(b) of Lemma 2). It is easy to see that (LRShare, LRRec) is  $\epsilon_p$ -private by  $\epsilon_p$ -privacy of (MShare, MRec).

#### LEAKAGE RESILIENCE AGAINST THE LOCAL LEAKAGE FAMILY

Choose an arbitrary leakage function  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}) \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ . Note that by Remark 1, it suffices to show leakage resilience against leakage functions such that  $\mathcal{U} \cap \mathcal{K} = \emptyset$ . For the sake of simplicity assume  $\mathcal{K} = \{1, 2, \dots, |\mathcal{K}|\}$ .

Our goal is to show that the distributions of leakage response to the query  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}})$  on shares of two distinct messages  $m$  and  $m'$  are statistically close. We denote the distribution of these leakage responses on  $m$  and  $m'$  by  $\text{Leak}_\mathcal{G}^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_\mathcal{G}^{m'}$  respectively.

In case either of the shares corresponding to  $m$  or  $m'$  contain  $\perp$ , then we do not get leakage resilience, however in Claim 1, we show that the shares corresponding to any message  $m$  contain

<sup>9</sup>Here, we let  $R$  denote the function that computes the rate to secret share  $l$ -size secrets.

$\perp$ , only with probability  $(n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u))$ .

**Claim 1.** For any message  $m$ ,  $\text{LRShare}(m) = ((\perp, m_1), \dots, (\perp, m_n))$  with probability  $\leq (n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u))$ .

*Proof.* Let  $M_i, W_i, S_i$  (for  $i \in [n]$ ) and  $S$  denote the distributions of the samples  $m_i, w_i, s_i$  (for  $i \in [n]$ ) and  $s$  respectively in the sharing procedure  $\text{LRShare}(m)$ . By definition of  $\text{LRShare}$ , for any  $m$ , the probability that  $\text{LRShare}(m) = ((\perp, m_1), \dots, (\perp, m_n))$  is  $= \Pr[\exists i \in [n] : W_i = \perp]$ . We now analyze this probability. Let  $\mathcal{I}_s$  denote the image of the linear map  $\text{Ext}(\cdot, s)$  for  $s \in \{0, 1\}^d$ . By Lemma 2, note that  $\text{InvExt}(m_i, s)$  outputs  $\perp$  if and only if  $m_i \notin \mathcal{I}_s$ . Therefore,

$$\Pr[\exists i \in [n] : W_i = \perp] \leq \sum_{i \in [n]} \Pr[M_i \notin \mathcal{I}_S]$$

Since  $\text{Ext}$  is a strong linear extractor, we know

$$\text{Ext}(U_\eta, S), S \approx_{\epsilon_{ext}} U_U, S.$$

By local uniformity of  $\text{MShare}$ , for each  $i \in [n]$  we have  $M_i \approx_{\epsilon_u} U_U$ . Since  $S$  is independent of  $M_i$  and  $U_U$  it follows that,

$$\forall i \in [n], \text{Ext}(U_\eta, S), S \approx_{\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u} M_i, S.$$

By the definition of statistical distance, for each  $i \in [n]$

$$\Pr[M_i \notin \mathcal{I}_S] \leq \epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u + \Pr[\text{Ext}(U_\eta, S) \notin \mathcal{I}_S] = \epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u.$$

The last implication follows because  $\text{Ext}(U_\eta, S) \in \mathcal{I}_S$  with probability 1. Therefore,

$$\Pr[\exists i \in [n] : W_i = \perp] \leq n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u).$$

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Thus, assuming this error of  $(2n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u))$ , we can consider all shares of  $m$  and  $m'$  to not contain  $\perp$ , and through a sequence of hybrids  $\text{Leak}_0^m, \text{Leak}_1^m, \dots, \text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^m$  we show that the responses to the leakage functions  $f_i$ 's are (almost) independent of the choice of  $m$  in Claim 2. A similar sequence of hybrids is followed for the message  $m'$ . Then, we show that the distributions of the shares of the messages  $m$  and  $m'$  corresponding to the set  $\mathcal{U}$  are statistically close in Claim 3. Together, these claims prove leakage resilience. We formally describe these hybrids below (recall we assume the non- $\perp$  case here).

$\text{Leak}_0^m$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>(m_1, \dots, m_n) \leftarrow \text{MShare}(m)</math>.</li> <li>• Sample <math>s \in_R \{0, 1\}^d</math>.</li> <li>• <math>(s_1, \dots, s_n) \leftarrow \text{SdShare}(s)</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>i \in [n]</math>, <math>w_i \leftarrow \text{InvExt}(m_i, s)</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>i \in [n]</math>, set <math>\text{share}_i = (w_i, s_i)</math>.</li> <li>• Output <math>(\{f_i(\text{share}_i)\}_{i \in [\mathcal{K}]}, \text{share}_U)</math></li> </ul>
	$\text{Leak}_j^m$ ( $j \in [ \mathcal{K} ]$ ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>(m_1, \dots, m_n) \leftarrow \text{MShare}(m)</math>.</li> <li>• Sample <math>s \in_R \{0, 1\}^d</math>.</li> <li>• <math>(s_1, \dots, s_n) \leftarrow \text{SdShare}(s)</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>1 \leq i \leq j</math>, <math>w_i \in_R \{0, 1\}^\eta</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>j &lt; i \leq n</math>, <math>w_i \leftarrow \text{InvExt}(m_i, s)</math>.</li> <li>• For <math>i \in [n]</math>, set <math>\text{share}_i = (w_i, s_i)</math>.</li> <li>• Output <math>(\{f_i(\text{share}_i)\}_{i \in [ \mathcal{K} ]}, \text{share}_U)</math></li> </ul>

$\text{Leak}_0^m$  captures the response to the leakage query  $(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{K}, \{f_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}})$  on message  $m$  corresponding to the sharing function  $\text{LRShare}$ . Particularly, in  $\text{Leak}_0^m$  all responses  $f_j(\text{share}_j)$  have dependence on  $m$  via  $w_j$  (as  $w_j$  is correlated to  $m_j$ , a share of  $m$ ). Informally, hybrids  $\text{Leak}_j^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  differ only in the computation of  $w_j$ , where  $w_j$  is chosen uniformly in  $\text{Leak}_j^m$  while it is sampled using  $\text{InvExt}$  in  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  (as in the actual leakage distribution  $\text{Leak}_0^m$ ). We now use the security guarantees provided by  $(\text{Ext}, \text{InvExt})$  and local uniformity of  $\text{MShare}$  to prove that the successive hybrids  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_j^m$  are statistically close, for each  $j \in [|\mathcal{K}|]$ .

**Claim 2.** *By  $\epsilon_u$ -local uniformity of  $\text{MShare}$ ,  $\epsilon'_p$ -privacy of  $(\text{SdShare}, \text{SdRec})$  and security of the strong linear extractor  $\text{Ext}$ , for each  $j \in [|\mathcal{K}|]$ ,  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m \approx_{2(\epsilon_{\text{ext}} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u)} \text{Leak}_j^m$ .*

*Proof.* For any  $j \in [|\mathcal{K}|]$ , the distributions  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_j^m$  only differ in computation of  $w_j$  (which in turn influences computation of  $\text{share}_j$  and  $f_j(\text{share}_j)$ ). Let  $W$  and  $S$  denote uniform distributions on  $\{0, 1\}^\eta$  and  $\{0, 1\}^d$  respectively. From Lemma 2 we have,

$$W, S, \text{Ext}(W; S) \equiv \text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(W; S), S), S, \text{Ext}(W; S)$$

Let  $\tilde{S}_j \equiv \text{SdShare}(0^d)_{\{j\}}$ . By Lemma 6 we have,

$$f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S) \equiv f_j(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(W; S), S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S)$$

Since  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(W | (f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j)) \geq \eta - \mu \geq \tau$  (by our setting of parameters), we invoke extractor security of  $\text{Ext}$  to get,

$$f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_V \approx_{\epsilon_{\text{ext}}} f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S)$$

By triangle inequality on the above two inequalities,

$$f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_V \approx_{\epsilon_{\text{ext}}} f_j(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(W; S), S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S) \quad (1)$$

Observe that RHS of the inequality 1 is a randomised function (with randomness being independent of the input) of  $(\tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S))$ . Let  $g_1$  denote this function. From Inequality 1 and Lemma 6 we have

$$g_1(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_V) \approx_{\epsilon_{\text{ext}}} g_1(\tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S))$$

Then, by definition of  $g_1$  we have

$$f_j(\text{InvExt}(U_{l'}, S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'} \approx_{\epsilon_{ext}} f_j(\text{InvExt}(\text{Ext}(W; S), S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, \text{Ext}(W; S) \quad (2)$$

Applying triangle inequality on inequalities 1 and 2 we have,

$$f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'} \approx_{2\epsilon_{ext}} f_j(\text{InvExt}(U_{l'}, S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'} \quad (3)$$

By privacy of SdShare, it holds that  $S_j, S \approx_{\epsilon'_p} \tilde{S}_j, S$ . Further, by local uniformity of MShare, it holds that  $U_{l'} \approx_{\epsilon_u} M_j$ . Since  $(S, S_j), U_{l'}$  and  $M_j$  are mutually independent we get

$$S_j, S, M_j \approx_{\epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u} \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'} \quad (4)$$

Note that the LHS and RHS of Inequality 3 can each be expressed as randomised functions of  $(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'})$ . Formally, there exists randomised functions (whose randomness is independent of the input)  $g_2$  and  $g_3$  such that  $g_2(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \equiv (f_j(W, \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'})$  and  $g_3(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \equiv (f_j(\text{InvExt}(U_{l'}, S), \tilde{S}_j), \tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'})$ . Now, by Lemma 6

$$g_2(\tilde{S}_j, S, M_j) \approx_{\epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u} g_2(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \quad (5)$$

$$g_3(\tilde{S}_j, S, M_j) \approx_{\epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u} g_3(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \quad (6)$$

From Inequality 3 we know,

$$g_2(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \approx_{2\epsilon_{ext}} g_3(\tilde{S}_j, S, U_{l'}) \quad (7)$$

Now, with applications of triangle inequality to inequalities 5, 7 and 6 and by definition of  $g_2$  and  $g_3$  we have

$$f_j(W, S_j), S_j, S, M_j \approx_{2(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u)} f_j(\text{InvExt}(M_j, S), S_j), S_j, S, M_j \quad (8)$$

Note that the distributions  $(S_j, S, M_j)$  are identical in both the distributions  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_j^m$ . The distribution  $W$  on the LHS of inequality 8 is identical to the distribution of  $w_j$  in  $\text{Leak}_j^m$ . The distribution  $\text{InvExt}(M_j, S)$  on the RHS of inequality 8 is identical to the distribution of  $w_j$  in  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$ . To compute the output of the distributions  $\text{Leak}_j^m$  and  $\text{Leak}_{j-1}^m$  we invoke the following function on the above LHS and RHS respectively.

$func(a, s_j, s, m_j)$

- $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \leftarrow \text{MShare}(m | m_{\{j\}})$
- Sample  $s \in_R \{0, 1\}^d$
- $(s_1, \dots, s_n) \leftarrow \text{SdShare}(s | s_{\{j\}})$
- For  $1 \leq i < j$ ,  $w_i \in_r \{0, 1\}^\eta$
- For  $j < i \leq n$ ,  $w_i \leftarrow \text{InvExt}(m_i, s)$
- For  $i \in [n] \setminus \{j\}$ , define  $(w_i, s_i)$  as  $share_i$  and  $a_i = f_i(share_i)$ .
- Set  $a_j = a$ .
- Output  $(\{a_i\}_{i \in [n]}, share_u)$

By application of Lemma 6 and by the definition of consistent resampling, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Leak}_j^m &\equiv \text{func}(f_j(W, S_j), S_j, S, M_j) \\ &\approx_{2(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u)} \text{func}(f_j(\text{InvExt}(M_j, S), S_j), S_j, S, M_j) \equiv \text{Leak}_{j-1}^m \end{aligned}$$

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□

**Claim 3.** By  $\epsilon_p$ -privacy of (MShare, MRec), for any two messages  $m \neq m'$ ,  $\text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^m \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^{m'}$ .

*Proof.* Note that for any message  $m$ , the distribution  $\text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^m$  only depends on shares of the unauthorised set  $\mathcal{U}$ . By privacy of MShare, for  $m, m'$

$$\text{MShare}(m)_{\mathcal{U}} \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{MShare}(m')_{\mathcal{U}}$$

Note that given  $\text{MShare}(m)_{\mathcal{U}}$ , the output of  $\text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^m$  can be computed by choosing  $\{w_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{K}}$  and  $s$  uniformly, generating shares of  $s$  and performing the remaining computation using  $f_i$ 's. Similar is the case for  $\text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^{m'}$  given  $\text{MShare}(m')_{\mathcal{U}}$ . Therefore, we have

$$\text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^m \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{Leak}_{|\mathcal{K}|}^{m'}$$

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Using Claims 1,2 and 3, with applications of triangle equality, we get

$$\text{Leak}_0^m \approx_{2n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon_u) + 4|\mathcal{K}|(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u) + \epsilon_p} \text{Leak}_0^{m'}$$

This gives the leakage error of at most  $6n(\epsilon_{ext} + \epsilon'_p + \epsilon_u) + \epsilon_p$ .

### 3.4 Parameters

Recall that  $\{0, 1\}^l$  is the message space.

- For an  $(n, t)$ -threshold access structure
  - We instantiate (MShare, MRec) with the  $(n, t)$ -Shamir secret sharing scheme for messages  $\{0, 1\}^l$ , which is perfectly private and perfectly locally uniform (that is  $\epsilon_p = \epsilon_u = 0$ ). With this instantiation  $|m_i| = l' = l$ .
  - We set  $\epsilon_{ext} = 2^{-\Omega(\sqrt[3]{\frac{l'}{\log l'}})}$  and instantiate the  $(\eta, \tau, d, l', \epsilon_{ext})$ -strong linear extractor Ext (as in Lemma 1) with  $\eta = l' + \mu + \mathcal{O}(\log^3(\frac{l'}{\epsilon_{ext}}))$ ,  $\tau = l' + \mathcal{O}(\log^3(\frac{\eta}{\epsilon_{ext}}))$  and  $d = \mathcal{O}(\log^3(\frac{\eta}{\epsilon_{ext}}))$ .
  - We instantiate (SdShare, SdRec) with the  $(n, 2)$ -Shamir secret sharing scheme for messages  $\{0, 1\}^d$ , which is perfectly private (that is  $\epsilon'_p = 0$ ). With this instantiation we have  $|s_i| = d$  (for all  $i \in [n]$ ).
  - With the above instantiations, the size of each share output by LRShare to support  $\mu$  bits leakage (for the leakage family  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ ) is  $\eta + d = l' + \mu + \mathcal{O}(\frac{l'}{\log l'} + \log^3 \mu) = l + \mu + o(l, \mu)$ . The scheme is perfectly private and  $6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\sqrt[3]{l/\log l})}$ -leakage resilient against  $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mu}$ . Therefore rate of the scheme is asymptotically 1 when  $\mu = o(l)$ .



- For general access structures
  - Suppose  $R$  is the function specifying the rate of the scheme (MShare, SdShare) on a given message length  $l$ . Then  $l' = \frac{l}{R(l)}$ . Instantiate Ext and (SdShare, SdRec) as done in the above for threshold access structures with  $l' = \frac{l}{R(l)}$ . With this, we get the share size of LRShare =  $l' + \mu + o(l', \mu)$  and hence results in rate  $R(l)$  whenever  $\mu = o(\frac{l}{R(l)})$ .

## 4 Non-malleable Secret Sharing Schemes

As we mentioned in the introduction, we can get the NMSS scheme with the improved rate of  $1/4$ , by directly instantiating the NMSS scheme of [GK18] with our LRSS scheme<sup>10</sup> and the rate- $1/3$  non-malleable code [AKO<sup>+</sup>22]. Hence, our focus in this section will be on formalizing and building non-malleable randomness sharing schemes with the further improved rate. We begin by defining non-malleable randomness sharing, which specially gives secret sharing and non-malleability guarantees for uniform random messages. The sharing procedure outputs a (uniform random) message  $m$  along with its shares. The privacy guarantee is that, given any unauthorized set of shares, the message  $m$  still looks random. The non-malleability guarantee is that, when the shares are tampered with respect to some tampering family  $\mathcal{F}$ , the original message  $m$  looks random, even given the recovered tampered message (using any authorized (adversarially mentioned) set for reconstruction).

**Definition 3** (Non-malleable Randomness Sharing). *Let RNMSHare be a function such that  $\text{RNMSHare} : \{0, 1\}^\alpha \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell \times (\{0, 1\}^{\ell'})^n$  is defined as  $\text{RNMSHare}(r) := (\text{RNMSHare}_1(r), \text{RNMSHare}_2(r)) = (m, (\text{Share}_1, \dots, \text{Share}_n))$ . We say that RNMSHare is a  $(t, n)$ -non-malleable randomness sharing with  $\epsilon_s$ -privacy and  $\epsilon_{nm}$ -non-malleability, message space  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ , shares from  $\{0, 1\}^{\ell'}$ , for the distribution  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\{0, 1\}^\alpha$ , and with respect to a tampering family  $\mathcal{F}$  if it satisfies the following properties.*

1. **Correctness.** For any  $T \subseteq [n]$  with  $|T| \geq t$ , there exists a deterministic reconstruction function  $\text{RNMRec} : (\{0, 1\}^{\ell'})^{|T|} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$  such that

$$\Pr_{r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}} [\text{RNMRec}(\text{RNMSHare}_2(r)_T) = \text{RNMSHare}_1(r)] = 1$$

2. **Statistical Privacy.** For any unauthorized set  $U \subseteq [n]$  such that  $|U| < t$ ,

$$(\text{RNMSHare}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U) \approx_{\epsilon_s} (U_\ell, \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U)$$

3. **Non-malleability.** For each  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  and every authorized set  $T \subseteq [n]$  containing  $t$  indices, there exists a simulator  $\text{Sim}_{f,T}$  over  $\{0, 1\}^\ell \cup \{\text{same}^*, \perp\}$ , such that

$$\text{Tamper}_{f,T} \approx_{\epsilon_{nm}} \text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f,T})$$

where  $\text{Tamper}_{f,T}$  denotes the distribution  $(\text{RNMSHare}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{RNMRec}(f(\text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R}))_T))$  and  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f,T})$  is defined as:

$$\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f,T}) := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u \leftarrow U_\ell; & \tilde{m} \leftarrow \text{Sim}_{f,T} \\ \text{Output: } (u, u), & \text{if } \tilde{m} = \text{same}^* \\ \text{Output: } (u, \tilde{m}), & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $\text{Sim}_{f,T}$  should be efficiently samplable given oracle access to  $f(\cdot)$ .

<sup>10</sup>Particularly we share the larger of the two states of the [AKO<sup>+</sup>22] encoding with our LRSS scheme.

The **rate** of this random secret sharing scheme is defined as  $\ell/\ell'$ .

We specifically consider the independent tampering family, first defined in [GK18], as given below.

INDEPENDENT TAMPERING FAMILY  $\mathcal{F}_{ind}$ . Specifically, we build non-malleable randomness sharing schemes for the independent tampering family, where each share is allowed to be tampered arbitrarily, but independent of each other. Let  $\text{RNMSHare}_2(r) = (\text{Share}_1, \dots, \text{Share}_n)$ . Formally,  $\mathcal{F}_{ind}$  consists of functions  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)$ , such that, for each  $i \in [n]$ ,  $f_i : \{0, 1\}^{\ell'} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\ell'}$  is an arbitrary tampering function that takes as input  $\text{Share}_i$  and outputs a tampered share.

Now we proceed to build such non-malleable randomness sharing schemes with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_{ind}$ , achieving rate  $1/2$ .

## 4.1 Building Blocks

We begin by looking at the building blocks needed for the construction. Besides our leakage resilient secret sharing scheme, and any threshold secret sharing scheme, we require non-malleable randomness encoders, defined below.

### 4.1.1 Non-malleable Randomness Encoders

Non-malleable randomness encoders (NMRE) were introduced in [KOS18] and give non-malleability guarantees for random messages, which we formally define below.

**Definition 4** (Non-malleable Randomness Encoders [KOS18]). *Let  $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$  be s.t.  $\text{NMREnc} : \{0, 1\}^\alpha \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell \times (\{0, 1\}^{\beta_1} \times \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2})$  is defined as  $\text{NMREnc}(r) = (\text{NMREnc}_1(r), \text{NMREnc}_2(r)) = (m, (L, R))$  and  $\text{NMRDec} : \{0, 1\}^{\beta_1} \times \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\ell$ . We say that  $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$  is an  $\epsilon$ -non-malleable randomness encoder with message space  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ , codeword space  $\{0, 1\}^{\beta_1} \times \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2}$ , for the distribution  $\mathcal{R}$  over  $\{0, 1\}^\alpha$ , and with respect to the 2-split-state tampering family  $\mathcal{F}_{split}$  (consisting of functions  $(f, g)$  such that  $f : \{0, 1\}^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\beta_1}$  and  $g : \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2}$  are arbitrary functions acting on  $L$  and  $R$  respectively), if it satisfies the following properties.*

1. **Correctness.**  $\Pr_{r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}}[\text{NMRDec}(\text{NMREnc}_2(r)) = \text{NMREnc}_1(r)] = 1.$

2. **Non-malleability.** For each  $(f, g) \in \mathcal{F}_{split}$ ,  $\exists$  a distribution  $\text{NMRSim}_{f,g}$  over  $\{0, 1\}^\ell \cup \{\text{same}^*, \perp\}$  such that

$$\text{NMRTamper}_{f,g} \approx_\epsilon \text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{NMRSim}_{f,g})$$

where  $\text{NMRTamper}_{f,g}$  denotes the distribution  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{NMRDec}((f, g)(\text{NMREnc}_2(\mathcal{R})))$  and  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{NMRSim}_{f,g})$  is defined as:

$$\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{NMRSim}_{f,g}) := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} u \leftarrow U_\ell; & \tilde{m} \leftarrow \text{NMRSim}_{f,g} \\ \text{Output: } (u, u), & \text{if } \tilde{m} = \text{same}^* \\ \text{Output: } (u, \tilde{m}), & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $\text{NMRSim}_{f,g}$  should be efficiently samplable given oracle access to  $(f, g)(\cdot)$ .

We also require the following secret sharing property of the NMRE, which states that the message of an NMRE looks random, even given one of the states.

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$  and an  $\epsilon$ -non-malleable randomness encoder over the message space  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ , using the distribution  $\mathcal{R}$ , and against the 2-split-state  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{split}}$ . Then,  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(\mathcal{R}), L) \approx_{3\epsilon} (U_\ell, L)$ , where  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(\mathcal{R})$ .*

The proof of this lemma is very similar to an analogous property satisfied of non-malleable codes, shown in [ADKO15, Lemma 6.1]. For completion, we give a full proof of the above lemma in Appendix B.

#### 4.1.2 Instantiations of our Building Blocks

Specifically, we can now list the building blocks required for our construction.

- $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$  be an  $\epsilon_{nmre}$ -non-malleable randomness encoder, outputting messages from  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$  and codewords from  $\{0, 1\}^{\beta_1} \times \{0, 1\}^{\beta_2}$ , using randomness from some distribution  $\mathcal{R}$ , and against the split-state family  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{split}}$ . Further, the NMRE satisfies  $\epsilon'_p$ -secret sharing property (Lemma 3) that  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(\mathcal{R}), L) \approx_{\epsilon'_p} (U_\ell, L)$ , where  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(\mathcal{R})$ .
- $(\text{LRShare}_n^2, \text{LRRec}_n^2)$  be a  $(n, 2)$ -leakage resilient secret sharing scheme with  $\epsilon_{lr}$ -leakage resilience against  $\mathcal{F}_{2, \mu}$  taking messages from  $\{0, 1\}^{\beta_1}$ , specifically for 2-threshold setting, i.e., the adversary can query independent leakage on  $n - 1$  shares, non-adaptively (upto  $\mu$  bits from each share) and get one full share.
- $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$  be any  $(n, t)$ -secret sharing scheme with  $\epsilon_p$ -privacy against the  $(n, t)$ -threshold access structure, taking messages from  $\{0, 1\}^{\beta_2}$ .

## 4.2 Our Construction

We now build a non-malleable randomness sharing scheme. Informally, we first use the non-malleable randomness encoder to generate a message  $m$  along with its encoding  $(L, R)$ . Then, we secret share  $L$  and  $R$  using the leakage resilient and threshold secret sharing schemes respectively, to get the shares  $(L_1, \dots, L_n)$  and  $(R_1, \dots, R_n)$ . Finally, we set the  $i$ -th share  $\text{Share}_i$  to be  $(L_i, R_i)$ . The reconstruction procedure first reconstructs  $L$  and  $R$ , and subsequently decodes it to recover  $m$ .

RNMShare( $r$ ):

1.  $(m, (L, R)) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}(r)$ .

2. We further secret share  $L$  and  $R$  as follows:

$$(L_1, \dots, L_n) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L)$$

$$(R_1, \dots, R_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R)$$

3. For each  $i \in [n]$ , set  $\text{Share}_i = (L_i, R_i)$ .

4. Output  $(m, (\text{Share}_1, \dots, \text{Share}_n))$ .

RNMRec(Share $_T$ ) : Parse  $T = \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$  and do the following:

1. For each  $j \in T$ , parse Share $_j$  as  $(L_j, R_j)$ .
2. Recover  $L$  and  $R$  as:

$$L \leftarrow \text{LRRec}_n^2(L_{i_1}, L_{i_2})$$

$$R \leftarrow \text{Rec}_n^t(R_{i_1}, \dots, R_{i_t})$$

3. Output  $m = \text{NMRDec}(L, R)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$ ,  $(\text{LRShare}_n^2, \text{LRRec}_n^2)$  and  $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$  be building blocks as in Section 4.1.2. Then, the construction above gives an  $(n, t)$ -non-malleable randomness sharing scheme with  $2\epsilon_p + \epsilon'_p$ -privacy and  $\epsilon_{nmre} + \epsilon_{lr} + \epsilon_p$ -non-malleability against  $\mathcal{F}_{ind}$ .

Further, we give an instantiation of the above construction in Section 4.3, which achieves an asymptotic rate of  $1/2$ , has a privacy error of  $2^{-\Omega(\ell/\log^{\rho+1}(\ell))}$ , and a non-malleability error of  $6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\ell/\log^{\rho+1}(\ell))}$ , for any  $\rho > 0$ , for messages of length  $\ell$ .

*Proof.* CORRECTNESS. The correctness of the scheme is straightforward from the correctness of the underlying non-malleable randomness encoder, the threshold secret sharing scheme and the leakage resilient secret sharing.

PRIVACY. We prove the statistical privacy using a hybrid argument. We wish to show that, for any unauthorized set  $U \subseteq [n]$  with  $|U| < t$ ,  $(\text{RNMShare}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{RNMShare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U) \approx_{2\epsilon_p + \epsilon'_p} (U_\ell, \text{RNMShare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U)$ . Let  $U$  be any arbitrary unauthorized set. Consider the following sequence of hybrids.

- **Hyb $_0$ :** This hybrid corresponds to the case where the NMRE encoder is used to generate the message  $m$ .  
Generate  $(m, (L, R)) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}(r)$ , for  $r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ . Further generate  $(L_1, \dots, L_n) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L)$  and  $(R_1, \dots, R_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R)$ . Set Share $_i = (L_i, R_i)$ , for each  $i \in U$  and output  $(m, \{\text{Share}_i\}_{i \in U})$ .
- **Hyb $_1$ :** Replace the shares of  $R$  in the set  $U$  with shares of an  $R'$  corresponding to a message  $m'$  output by the NMRE encoder.  
Generate  $(m, (L, R)) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}(r)$  and  $(L', R') \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r')$ , for  $r, r' \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ . Further generate  $(L_1, \dots, L_n) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L)$  and  $(R'_1, \dots, R'_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R')$ . Set Share $_i = (L_i, R'_i)$ , for each  $i \in U$  and output  $(m, \{\text{Share}_i\}_{i \in U})$ .
- **Hyb $_2$ :** Replace the  $m$  with a random message  $u$ , and use the  $L$  corresponding to  $m$ , as in Hyb $_1$ .  
Generate  $u \leftarrow U_\ell$ ,  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$  and  $(L', R') \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r')$ , for  $r, r' \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ . Further generate  $(L_1, \dots, L_n) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L)$  and  $(R'_1, \dots, R'_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R')$ . Set Share $_i = (L_i, R'_i)$ , for each  $i \in U$  and output  $(u, \{\text{Share}_i\}_{i \in U})$ .
- **Hyb $_3$ :** This final hybrid corresponds to the case where  $L$  and  $R$  are generated corresponding to some message  $m$ , but an independent uniform message  $u$  is output.  
Generate  $u \leftarrow U_\ell$ ,  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$ , for  $r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ . Further generate  $(L_1, \dots, L_n) \leftarrow$

$\text{LRShare}_n^2(L)$  and  $(R_1, \dots, R_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R)$ . Set  $\text{Share}_i = (L_i, R_i)$ , for each  $i \in U$  and output  $(u, \{\text{Share}_i\}_{i \in U})$ .

Clearly,  $\text{Hyb}_0 \equiv (\text{RNMSHare}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U)$  and  $\text{Hyb}_3 \equiv (U_\ell, \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U)$ . By statistical privacy of  $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$ , it follows that  $\text{Hyb}_0 \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{Hyb}_1$  and  $\text{Hyb}_2 \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{Hyb}_3$ . By the privacy property of NMRE, it follows that  $\text{Hyb}_1 \approx_{\epsilon'_p} \text{Hyb}_2$ . Hence,  $(\text{RNMSHare}_1(\mathcal{R}), \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U) \equiv \text{Hyb}_0 \approx_{2\epsilon_p + \epsilon'_p} \text{Hyb}_3 \equiv (U_\ell, \text{RNMSHare}_2(\mathcal{R})_U)$ .

NON-MALLEABILITY. We prove this using a hybrid argument. We begin by describing the simulator  $\text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ , for arbitrary tampering functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{F}_{ind}$  and reconstruction set  $T = \{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$ .

$\text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ :

1. Let  $(L^*, R^*) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$ , for  $r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ .
2.  $(L_1^*, \dots, L_n^*) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L^*)$   
 $(R_1^*, \dots, R_n^*) \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R^*)$
3. Set  $h = (R_{i_1}^*, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}^*, \widetilde{R}_{i_1}^*, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}^*, L_{i_t}^*)$ , where  $(\widetilde{L}_j^*, \widetilde{R}_j^*) = f_j(L_j^*, R_j^*)$ , for  $j = i_1, \dots, i_{t-1}$ . Define the tampering functions  $F_h$  and  $G_h$ , acting on inputs  $L$  and  $R$  respectively as:

$F_h(L)$ :

- Pick  $L_{i_1}, \dots, L_{i_{t-1}}$  such that the reconstruction using any two shares among  $L_{i_t}^*$  and  $L_{i_1}, \dots, L_{i_{t-1}}$  gives  $L$ .
- For each  $j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_{t-1}\}$ , evaluate  $(\widetilde{L}_j, \widetilde{R}_j) = f_j(L_j, R_j^*)$ . Then the sampling should be such that  $\widetilde{R}_j = \widetilde{R}_j^*$  for each  $j = i_1, \dots, i_{t-1}$ .
- If such a sampling is not possible then output  $\perp$ .  
Else output  $\widetilde{L} \leftarrow \text{LRRec}_n^2(\widetilde{L}_{i_1}, \widetilde{L}_{i_2})$ .

$G_h(R)$ :

- Pick  $R_{i_t}$  such that it is consistent with  $R_{i_1}^*, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}^*$  and  $R$ .
- If such a sampling is not possible, then output  $\perp$ .
- Else evaluate  $(\cdot, \widetilde{R}_{i_t}) = f_{i_t}(L_{i_t}^*, R_{i_t})$ .
- Output  $\widetilde{R} \leftarrow \text{Rec}_n^t(\widetilde{R}_{i_1}^*, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}^*, \widetilde{R}_{i_t})$ .

4. Output  $\tilde{m} \leftarrow \text{NMRSim}_{F_h, G_h}$ .

Now, we describe a sequence of hybrids to show that  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}) \approx_{\epsilon_{nmre} + \epsilon_{lr} + \epsilon_p} \text{Tamper}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

$\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ : This hybrid is the same as  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T})$ , except that we **change step 4**, using  $\text{NMRSim}_{F_h, G_h}$ , and use  $\text{NMRTamper}_{F_h, G_h}$  to output  $m, \tilde{m}$  instead of using  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{NMRSim}_{F_h, G_h})$ .

**Claim 4.** If  $(\text{NMREnc}, \text{NMRDec})$  is an  $\epsilon_{\text{nmre}}$ -NMRE against  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{split}}$ , using the distribution  $\mathcal{R}$ , then  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}) \approx_{\epsilon_{\text{nmre}}} \text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$

*Proof.* The proof of this claim is straightforward. Clearly,  $(F_h, G_h) \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{split}}$  and hence, by the non-malleability of the NMRE, we know that  $\text{NMRTamper}_{F_h, G_h} \approx_{\epsilon_{\text{nmre}}} \text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{NMRSim}_{F_h, G_h})$ . Thus, the reduction can generate  $h$  and forward the functions  $F_h, G_h$  to the NMRE challenger, and the response directly gives either the distribution  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T})$  or  $\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ . Hence, the proof of the claim follows.  $\square$

$\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ : In this hybrid, we generate  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$  for  $r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$  and use the same  $R$  to generate the shares  $R_1, \dots, R_n$ , used in  $h$  and as an input to the function  $G_h$  in  $\text{NMRTamper}_{F_h, G_h}$ . The remaining steps are exactly same as in  $\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

**Claim 5.** If  $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$  is an  $\epsilon_p$ -secure  $(t, n)$ -threshold secret sharing scheme, then  $\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T} \approx_{\epsilon_p} \text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that the statistical distance between  $\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  and  $\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  is greater than  $\epsilon_p$ . Then we describe a reduction below, to break the privacy of  $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$ :

1. The reduction generates  $(L^*, R^*) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$  and  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r')$ , for  $r, r' \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ .
2. Further, generate  $(L_1^*, \dots, L_n^*) \leftarrow \text{LRShare}_n^2(L^*)$ .
3. Now, the reduction sends  $R^*, R$  and receives  $t - 1$  shares  $R_{i_1}^b, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}^b$ , from the secret sharing challenger, which correspond to either  $R$  or  $R^*$ .
4. Now, set  $h = (R_{i_1}^b, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}^b, \widetilde{R}_{i_1}^b, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}^b, L_{i_t}^*)$ , where  $(\widetilde{L}_j^*, \widetilde{R}_j^b) = f_j(L_j^*, R_j^b)$ , for  $j = i_1, \dots, i_{t-1}$ .
5. Now, the reduction evaluates  $F_h(L) = \widetilde{L}$  and  $G_h(R) = \widetilde{R}$  and outputs  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(r'), \text{NMRDec}(\widetilde{L}, \widetilde{R}))$ .

Clearly, if  $R^*$  was used by the secret sharing challenger, then the reduction output is identical to  $\text{Hyb}_1^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  and if  $R$  was used, then it is identical to  $\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ . Hence, this breaks the privacy of  $(\text{Share}_n^t, \text{Rec}_n^t)$ .  $\square$

$\text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ : In this hybrid, all steps are exactly same as in  $\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ , except that, instead of  $G_h$  reverse sampling  $R_{i_t}$ , satisfying the consistency condition, we use the same share  $R_{i_t}$  generated while setting  $h$ .

**Claim 6.**  $\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T} \equiv \text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

*Proof.* The reverse sampling of  $R_{i_t}$  in  $\text{Hyb}_2^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  uses the same  $R$  as used in generating  $h$ . Hence,  $G_h$  doesn't output  $\perp$  and successfully samples  $R_{i_t}$ . This directly proves the claim.  $\square$

$\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ : In this hybrid, we generate  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$  for  $r \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$  and use the same  $L$  to generate the shares  $L_1, \dots, L_n$ , used in  $h$  and as an input to the function  $F_h$  in  $\text{NMRTamper}_{F_h, G_h}$ . The remaining steps are exactly same as in  $\text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

**Claim 7.** If  $(\text{LRShare}_n^2, \text{LRRec}_n^2)$  is an  $\epsilon_{lr}$ -LRSS against  $\mathcal{F}_{2, \mu}$ , then  $\text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T} \approx_{\epsilon_{lr}} \text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose for contradiction that the statistical distance between  $\text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  and  $\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  is greater than  $\epsilon_{lr}$ . Then we describe a reduction below, to break the leakage resilience of  $(\text{LRShare}_n^2, \text{LRRec}_n^2)$ :

1. The reduction generates  $(L^*, R^*) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r)$  and  $(L, R) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r')$ , for  $r, r' \leftarrow \mathcal{R}$ .
2. Generate  $R_1, \dots, R_n \leftarrow \text{Share}_n^t(R)$ .
3. Now, send  $L, L^*$  as the two challenge messages to the leakage resilience challenger. Query the  $i_t$ -th full share and the leakages  $g_{i_1}, \dots, g_{i_{t-1}}$ , each hardcoded with  $R_{i_1}, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}$  respectively, defined as below. For each  $j = i_1, \dots, i_{t-1}$ :  
 $g_j(L_j^b)$ : Evaluate  $(\cdot, \widetilde{R}_j) = f_j(L_j^b, R_j)$  and output  $\widetilde{R}_j$ .
4. On receiving  $L_{i_t}^b$  and  $\widetilde{R}_{i_1}, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}$  from the leakage resilience challenger, the reduction evaluates  $(\cdot, \widetilde{R}_{i_t}) = f_{i_t}(L_{i_t}^b, R_{i_t})$  and sets  $h = (R_{i_1}, \dots, R_{i_{t-1}}, \widetilde{R}_{i_1}, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}, L_{i_t}^b)$ .
5. Now, evaluate  $F_h(L) = \widetilde{L}$  and  $\widetilde{R} \leftarrow \text{Rec}_n^t(\widetilde{R}_{i_1}, \dots, \widetilde{R}_{i_{t-1}}, \widetilde{R}_{i_t})$ , and output  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(r'), \text{NMRDec}(\widetilde{L}, \widetilde{R}))$ .

Clearly, if the challenger picks  $L^*$ , the reduction output is identical to  $\text{Hyb}_3^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  and if it picks  $L$ , then it is identical to  $\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  and further, the reduction makes queries from  $\mathcal{F}_{2, \mu}$ , with  $\mu = |R_j|$ . Hence, this breaks the leakage resilience of  $(\text{LRShare}_n^2, \text{LRRec}_n^2)$ .  $\square$

$\text{Hyb}_5^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ : In this hybrid, all steps are exactly same as in  $\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ , except that, instead of  $\overline{F}_h$  reverse sampling  $L_{i_1}, \dots, L_{i_{t-1}}$ , satisfying the consistency condition, we use the same share  $L_j$ 's generated while setting  $h$ .

**Claim 8.**  $\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T} \equiv \text{Hyb}_5^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ .

*Proof.* The reverse sampling of  $L_{i_1}, \dots, L_{i_{t-1}}$  in  $\text{Hyb}_4^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$  uses the same  $L$  as used in generating  $h$ . Hence,  $F_h$  doesn't output  $\perp$ , which directly proves the claim.  $\square$

Note that  $\text{Hyb}_5^{f_1, \dots, f_n, T} \equiv \text{Tamper}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ . Hence, by Claims 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, using triangle inequality we get  $\text{Copy}(U_\ell, \text{Sim}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}) \approx_{\epsilon_{nmre} + \epsilon_p + \epsilon_{lr}} \text{Tamper}_{f_1, \dots, f_n, T}$ , which proves the non-malleability.  $\square$

### 4.3 Instantiation of our Scheme

We instantiate our scheme with the following primitives, where the NMRE message space is  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$ .

- We use the following rate-1/2 NMRE from [KOS18].

**Lemma 4** (Theorem 1, [KOS18]). *There exists an NMRE for uniform messages in the two-split-state model  $\mathcal{F}_{\text{split}}$ , achieving a constant rate  $1/(2 + \zeta)$ , for any  $\zeta > 0$  and an error of  $2^{-\Omega(\ell/\log^{\rho+1}(\ell))}$ , for any  $\rho > 0$ .*

Specifically, the above construction has codeword with each block of lengths:  $|L| = \beta_1 = \ell(2 + \zeta)$  and  $|R| = \beta_2 = o(\ell)$ .

- We instantiate the threshold secret sharing scheme with a perfectly private  $t$ -out-of- $n$  Shamir secret sharing scheme for messages from  $\{0, 1\}^\beta$ , which gives the shares of size  $|R_i| = |R| = \beta_2 = o(\ell)$ , for each  $i \in [n]$ .
- Further, we instantiate the LRSS (LRShare $_n^2$ , LRRec $_n^2$ ) against the leakage family  $\mathcal{F}_{2,\mu}$  with the scheme from Section 3, with  $\mu = |R_i| = \beta_2 = o(\ell)$ . This gives  $|L_i| = |L| + \mu + o(|L|, \mu) = \ell(2 + \zeta')$ , for a small  $\zeta' > 0$  (ignoring the small order terms). This instantiation has a leakage error  $\epsilon_{lr}$  of  $6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\sqrt[3]{(\beta_1/\log \beta_1)})} = 6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\sqrt[3]{(\ell/\log \ell)})}$ .

Combining these instantiations, we get a rate of  $1/(2+\zeta')$ , for any  $\zeta' > 0$ , a privacy error of  $2\epsilon_p + \epsilon'_p = 2^{-\Omega(\ell/\log^{\rho+1}(\ell))}$ , for any  $\rho > 0$  and non-malleability error of  $\epsilon_{nmre} + \epsilon_{lr} + \epsilon_p = 6n \cdot 2^{-\Omega(\ell/\log^{\rho+1}(\ell))}$ , for any  $\rho > 0$ .

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## A Statistical Distance and Entropy - Definitions and Lemmata

**Statistical distance.** Let  $X_1, X_2$  be two probability distributions over some set  $S$ . Their *statistical distance* is

$$\mathbf{SD}(X_1, X_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max_{T \subseteq S} \{\Pr[X_1 \in T] - \Pr[X_2 \in T]\} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s \in S} \left| \Pr_{X_1}[s] - \Pr_{X_2}[s] \right|$$

(they are said to be  $\varepsilon$ -close if  $\mathbf{SD}(X_1, X_2) \leq \varepsilon$  and denoted by  $X_1 \approx_\varepsilon X_2$ ).

For an event  $E$ ,  $\mathbf{SD}_E(A; B)$  denotes  $\mathbf{SD}(A|E; B|E)$ .

**Entropy.** The *min-entropy* of a random variable  $W$  is  $\mathbf{H}_\infty(W) = -\log(\max_w \Pr[W = w])$ . For a joint distribution  $(W, Z)$ , following [DORS08], we define the *(average) conditional min-entropy* of  $W$  given  $Z$  as

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(W | Z) = -\log(\mathbf{E}_{z \leftarrow Z}(2^{-\log(\max_w \Pr[W=w|Z=z])}))$$

(here the expectation is taken over  $z$  for which  $\Pr[Z = z]$  is nonzero).

For any two random variable  $W, Z$ ,  $(W|Z)$  is said to be an  $(n, t')$ -average source if  $W$  is over  $\{0, 1\}^n$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(W|Z) \geq t'$ .

We require some basic properties of entropy and statistical distance, which are given by the following lemmata and propositions.

**Lemma 5.** [DORS08] Let  $A, B, C$  be random variables. If  $B$  has at most  $2^\lambda$  possible values, then  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A | B) \geq \mathbf{H}_\infty(A, B) - \lambda \geq \mathbf{H}_\infty(A) - \lambda$ . and, more generally,  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A | B, C) \geq \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A, B | C) - \lambda \geq \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A | C) - \lambda$ .

**Proposition 1.** For any three random variables  $A, B$  and  $C$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A|B) \geq \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A|B, C)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $A, B, C$  be random variables over  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A|B) &= -\log(\mathbf{E}_{b \leftarrow B}(2^{-\mathbf{H}_\infty(A|B=b)})) \\ &= -\log \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \max_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \Pr[A = a, B = b] \\ &= -\log \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \max_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \Pr[A = a, B = b, C = c] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}}_\infty(A|B, C) = -\log \sum_{b \in \mathcal{B}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \max_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \Pr[A = a, B = b, C = c]$$

The proposition follows from the observation that for any  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ ,

$$\sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \max_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \Pr[A = a, B = b, C = c] \geq \max_{a \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \Pr[A = a, B = b, C = c]$$

□

**Lemma 6.** [Vad12] For any random variables  $A, B$ , if  $A \approx_\epsilon B$ , then for any function  $f$ ,  $f(A) \approx_\epsilon f(B)$ .

## B Proof of Lemma 3

We begin by observing that to prove the secret sharing property of (NMREnc, NMRDec), i.e.,  $(\text{NMREnc}_1(\mathcal{R}), L) \approx_{3\epsilon_{nmre}} (U_\ell, L)$ , it is sufficient to prove that  $(M_1, L_1) \approx_{2\epsilon_{nmre}} (M_1, L_2)$ , where  $M_1, (L_1, R_1) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}(r_1)$  and  $(L_2, R_2) \leftarrow \text{NMREnc}_2(r_2)$ , for  $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow \mathcal{R}^{11}$ . Further, non-malleability of (NMREnc, NMRDec) implies that there must exist codewords  $(X_0, Y)$  and  $(X_1, Y)$  such that  $\text{NMRDec}(X_0, Y) = m_0 \neq m_1 = \text{NMRDec}(X_1, Y)$ .

Now, suppose for contradiction that the statistical distance between  $(M_1, L_1)$  and  $(M_1, L_2)$  is greater than  $2\epsilon_{nmre}$ , with  $M_1, L_1, L_2$  as described above. Then, there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  (with output from  $\{0, 1\}$ ), such that

$$\Pr[\mathcal{A}(M_1, L_1) = 1] - \Pr[\mathcal{A}(M_1, L_2) = 1] > 2\epsilon_{nmre}$$

Then, we build split-state functions  $(f, g)$ , which break the  $\epsilon_{nmre}$ -non-malleability of (NMREnc, NMRDec).

Let  $g(r) = Y$  and  $f(l) = X_{\mathcal{A}(m_0, l)}$ . Then,  $\text{NMRDec}(f(X_0), g(Y)) = m_1$  with probability  $\Pr[\mathcal{A}(m_0, X_0) = 1]$  and  $\text{NMRDec}(f(X_1), g(Y)) = m_1$  with probability  $\Pr[\mathcal{A}(m_0, X_1) = 1]$ . Thus, by our assumption we get that  $\Pr[\text{NMRDec}(f(X_0), g(Y)) = m_1] - \Pr[\text{NMRDec}(f(X_1), g(Y)) = m_1] > 2\epsilon_{nmre}$ . But, the non-malleability of the NMRE directly implies that  $\text{NMRDec}((f(X_0), g(Y))) \approx_{\epsilon_{nmre}} \text{Sim}_{f, g} \approx_{\epsilon_{nmre}} \text{NMRDec}(f(X_1), g(Y))$ , which gives us the contradiction! Hence, the proof of the lemma is complete.

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<sup>11</sup>This is because if  $(M_1, L_1) \approx_{2\epsilon_{nmre}} (M_1, L_2)$ , then since  $(M_1, L_2) \approx_{\epsilon_{nmre}} (U_\ell, L_2) \equiv (U_\ell, L_1)$ , it follows that  $(M_1, L_1) \approx_{3\epsilon_{nmre}} (U_\ell, L_1)$ , which is exactly the secret sharing property.