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1 Introduction

With the rapid development in availability of cloud services, the techniques for securely outsourcing the prohibitively expensive computations to untrusted servers are getting more and more attentions in the scientific community. In the outsourcing computation paradigm, the resource-constrained devices can enjoy the unlimited computation resources in a pay-per-use manner, which avoids large capital outlays in hardware/software deployment and maintenance.

Despite the tremendous benefits, outsourcing computation also inevitably introduces some new security concerns and challenges. Firstly, the computation tasks often contain some sensitive information that should not be exposed to the untrusted cloud servers. Therefore, the first security challenge is the *secrecy* of the outsourcing computation: the cloud servers should not learn anything about the data (including the *secret* inputs and the outputs). We argue that the encryption can only provide a partial solution to this problem since it is very difficult to perform meaningful computations over the encrypted data. Note that fully homomorphic encryption could be a potential solution, but the

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existing schemes are impractical. Secondly, the semi-trusted cloud servers may return an invalid result. For example, the servers might contain a software bug that will fail on a constant number of invocations. Moreover, the servers might decrease the amount of the computation due to financial incentives and then return a computationally indistinguishable (invalid) result. Therefore, the second security challenge is the *checkability* of the outsourcing computation: the outsourcer should have the ability to detect any failures if the cloud servers misbehave. Trivially, the test procedure should never need to perform other complicated computations since the computationally limited devices such as RFID tags or smartcard may be incapable to accomplish the test. At the very least, it must be *far more* efficient than accomplishing the computation task itself (recall the motivation for outsourcing computations).

In the last decade, the bilinear pairings, especially the Weil pairing and Tate pairing of algebraic curves, have initiated some completely new fields in cryptography, making it possible to realize cryptographic primitives that were previously unknown or impractical [11,15,34]. Trivially, implementing the pairing-based cryptographic protocols is dependent on the fast computation of pairings, and thus plenty of research work has been done to implement this workload efficiently [10,13,15,33,36,42].

The computation of bilinear pairings has been considered the prohibitive expensive operation in embedded devices such as the RFID tag or smartcard (note that we even assume that the modular exponentiation is too expensive to be carried out on such devices). Chevallier-Mames et al. [20] presented the first algorithm for secure delegation of elliptic-curve pairings based on an untrusted server model. Besides, the outsourcer could detect any failures with probability 1 if the server misbehaves. However, an obvious disadvantage of

43 the algorithm is that the outsourcer should carry out some other expensive op-
 44 erations such as point multiplications and exponentiations. More precisely, on
 45 the one hand, we argue that these expensive operations might be too resource
 46 consuming to be carried out on a computationally limited device. On the other
 47 hand, the computation of point multiplications is even comparable to that of
 48 bilinear pairings in some scenarios [25,42]¹. Therefore, it is meaningless if the
 49 client must perform point multiplications in order to outsource pairings since
 50 this contradicts with the aim of outsourcing computation. Therefore, the al-
 51 gorithm is meaningless for real-world applications in this sense. To the best
 52 of our knowledge, it seems that all of the following works on delegation of
 53 bilinear pairings [17,35,44] also suffer from the same problems.

54 **Our Contribution.** In this paper, we propose the first efficient and se-
 55 cure outsourcing algorithm of bilinear pairings in the one-malicious version
 56 of two untrusted program model [32]. Compared with the state-of-the-art al-
 57 gorithm in [20], a distinguishing property of our proposed algorithm is that
 58 the (resource-constrained) outsourcer never needs to perform any expensive
 59 operations such as point multiplications and exponentiations. Hence, our pro-
 60 posed algorithm is very practical. Furthermore, we also utilize this algorithm
 61 as a subroutine to achieve outsource-secure Boneh-Franklin identity-based en-
 62 cryptions and Cha-Cheon identity-based signatures.

¹ As pointed out in [25,42], when the supersingular elliptic curve is defined over a
 512-bit finite field with embedding degree 2, the computational overhead of a point
 multiplication is almost the same as that of a standard Tate pairing.

64 Abadi et al. [2] proved the impossibility of secure outsourcing an exponential
65 computation while locally doing only polynomial time work. Therefore, it is
66 meaningful only to consider outsourcing expensive polynomial time computa-
67 tions. The theoretical computer science community has devoted considerable
68 attention to the problem of how to securely outsource different kinds of expen-
69 sive computations. Atallah et al. [3] presented a framework for secure outsourc-
70 ing of scientific computations such as matrix multiplications and quadrature.
71 However, the solution used the disguise technique and thus allowed leakage of
72 private information. Atallah and Li [4] investigated the problem of computing
73 the edit distance between two sequences and presented an efficient protocol
74 to securely outsource sequence comparisons to two servers. Recently, Blan-
75 ton et al. proposed a more efficient scheme for secure outsourcing sequence
76 comparisons [9]. Blanton and Aliasgari [6,7] proposed an efficient scheme for
77 secure outsourcing DNA computations and biometric comparisons. Benjamin
78 and Atallah [5] addressed the problem of secure outsourcing for widely appli-
79 cable linear algebra computations. However, the proposed protocols required
80 the expensive operations of homomorphic encryptions. Atallah and Frikken
81 [1] further studied this problem and gave improved protocols based on the
82 so-called weak secret hiding assumption. Recently, Wang et al. [45] presented
83 efficient mechanisms for secure outsourcing of linear programming computa-
84 tions.

85 The problem of securely outsourcing expensive computations has been well
86 studied in the cryptography community. In 1992, Chaum and Pedersen [21]
87 firstly introduced the notion of wallets with observers, a piece of secure hard-

88 were installed on the client’s computer to perform some expensive computa-
89 tions. Hohenberger and Lysyanskaya [32] proposed the first outsource-secure
90 algorithm for modular exponentiations based on the two previous approaches
91 of precomputation [16,41] and server-aided computation [29,39]. Very recently,
92 Chen et al. [19] proposed more efficient outsource-secure algorithms for (si-
93 multaneously) modular exponentiation in the two untrusted program model.

94 Since the servers (or workers) are not trusted by the outsourcers, Golle and
95 Mironov [31] first introduced the concept of ringers to solve the trust prob-
96 lem of verifying computation completion. The following works focused on the
97 other trust problem of retrieving payments [8,23,24,43]. Besides, Gennaro et
98 al. [27] first formalized the notion of verifiable computation to solve the prob-
99 lem of verifiably outsourcing the computation of an arbitrary functions, which
100 has attracted the attention of plenty of researchers [14,28,30,37,38]. Gennaro
101 et al. [27] also proposed a protocol that allowed the outsourcer to efficiently
102 verify the outputs of the computations with a computationally sound, *non-*
103 *interactive* proof (instead of interactive ones). Benabbas et al. [12] presented
104 the first practical verifiable computation scheme for high degree polynomial
105 functions. In 2011, Green et al. [26] proposed new methods for efficiently
106 and securely outsourcing decryption of attribute-based encryption (ABE) ci-
107 phertexts. Based on this work, Parno et al. [40] showed a construction of a
108 multi-function verifiable computation scheme.

109 1.2 Organization

110 The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Some background and prelim-
111 inaries that will be required throughout this paper are presented in Section

112 2. The security definitions for outsourcing computation are provided in Sec-
 113 tion 3. The proposed new outsource-secure bilinear pairings algorithm and its
 114 security analysis are presented in Section 4. The proposed outsource-secure
 115 identity-based encryptions and signatures are given in Section 5. Finally, Sec-
 116 tion 6 concludes the paper.

117 2 Preliminaries

118 In this section, we will briefly describe the basic definition and properties of
 119 bilinear pairings [11,15,18,25] and then overview the algorithm for delegation
 120 of pairings [20].

121 2.1 Bilinear Pairings

122 Let \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 be two cyclic additive groups generated by \mathcal{P}_1 and \mathcal{P}_2 , respec-
 123 tively. The order of \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 is a large prime order q . Define \mathbb{G}_T to be a
 124 cyclic multiplicative group of the same order q . A bilinear pairing is a map
 125 $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ with the following properties:

- 126 (1) Bilinear: $e(aR, bQ) = e(R, Q)^{ab}$ for all $R \in \mathbb{G}_1$, $Q \in \mathbb{G}_2$, and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$.
- 127 (2) Non-degenerate: There exists $R \in \mathbb{G}_1$ and $Q \in \mathbb{G}_2$ such that $e(R, Q) \neq 1$.
- 128 (3) Computable: There is an efficient algorithm to compute $e(R, Q)$ for all
 129 $R, Q \in \mathbb{G}_1$.

130 The examples of such groups can be found in supersingular elliptic curves or
 131 hyperelliptic curves over finite fields, and the bilinear pairings can be derived
 132 from the Weil or Tate pairings. For more details, see [11,15,18,25].

133 For the ease of simplicity, we use the above notations throughout this paper.

134 2.2 Algorithm for Delegation of Elliptic-Curve Pairings

135 The input of Chevallier-Mames et al.'s algorithm [20] is two random points
 136 $A \in \mathbb{G}_1$, $B \in \mathbb{G}_2$, and the output is $e(A, B)$. Assume that the outsourcer T
 137 has been given the value of $e(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2)$.

- (1) The outsourcer T generates two random elements $g_1, g_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, and queries the following pairings to the server U :

$$\alpha_1 = e(A + g_1\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2), \alpha_2 = e(\mathcal{P}_1, B + g_2\mathcal{P}_2), \alpha_3 = e(A + g_1\mathcal{P}_1, B + g_2\mathcal{P}_2).$$

- 138 (2) The outsourcer T verifies that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{G}_T$, by checking $\alpha_i^q = 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$.

139 Otherwise, T outputs \perp and halts.

- 140 (3) The outsourcer T computes $e(A, B) = \alpha_1^{-g_2} \alpha_2^{-g_1} \alpha_3 e(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2)^{g_1 g_2}$.

- 141 (4) The outsourcer T generates four random elements $a_1, r_1, a_2, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$, and
 142 queries the following pairing to the server U :

$$\alpha_4 = e(a_1 A + r_1 \mathcal{P}_1, a_2 B + r_2 \mathcal{P}_2).$$

- 143 (5) The outsourcer T computes

$$\alpha'_4 = e(A, B)^{a_1 a_2} \alpha_1^{a_1 r_2} \alpha_2^{a_2 r_1} e(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{P}_2)^{r_1 r_2 - a_1 g_1 r_2 - a_2 g_2 r_1}.$$

144 T outputs $e(A, B)$ if and only if $\alpha'_4 = \alpha_4$.

145 **Remark 1.** We argue that the outsourcer T should perform some expensive
 146 operations such as point multiplications and exponentiations. In some cases,
 147 this contradicts with the motivation of the outsourcing computations.

148 3 Formal Security Definitions

149 In this section, we introduce some definitions for secure outsourcing of a cryp-
150 tographic algorithm [32].

151 Informally, we say that an honest but resources-constrained component T
152 securely outsources some expensive work to an untrusted component U , and
153 (T, U) is an *outsource-secure* implementation of a cryptographic algorithm Alg
154 if (1) T and U implement Alg , i.e., $\text{Alg} = T^U$ and (2) suppose that T is given
155 oracle access to a malicious U' (instead of U) that records all of its computation
156 over time and tries to act maliciously, U' cannot learn anything interesting
157 about the input and output of $T^{U'}$. Besides, another part of the adversary
158 \mathcal{A} is the adversarial environment E that submits adversatively chosen inputs
159 to Alg , i.e., $\mathcal{A} = (E, U')$. One fundamental assumption is that E and U' will
160 not have a direct communication channel after they begin interacting with
161 T (although E and U' may develop a joint strategy beforehand). That is, E
162 and U' can only communicate with each other by passing messages through
163 T . In the real world, a malicious manufacturer E might program its software
164 U' to behave in an adversarial fashion. However, once U' has been installed
165 behind the firewall of T , E is no longer able to send instructions to U' . This
166 implies that E may know something about the protected inputs to Alg that
167 U' does not. For example, E can see all of its own adversarial inputs to Alg ,
168 while T might hide some of these from U' . Otherwise, if U' could see any
169 values chosen by E , then E and U' still can agree on a joint strategy that
170 causes U' to terminate its tasks upon receiving some predefined message from
171 E . As a result, no security guarantee can be provided. We illustrate this with
172 the proposed outsourcing algorithm [19], if E could capture all of network

173 traffic of T , then E can know which are the test queries (note that T must
 174 invoke the subroutine *Rand* and store all the results in its hard disk). As a
 175 result, U' can also know the facts by communicating with E . Consequently,
 176 when T sends the queries to U' , U' only honestly computes the results for
 177 the test queries. For the remaining queries, U' terminates and just returns a
 178 random value. Therefore, U' can always cheat T without being detected and
 179 no security guarantees can be obtained.

180 The inputs to **Alg** can be categorized into three logical divisions: (1) Secret:
 181 information is only available to T (e.g., a secret key or a plaintext) and re-
 182 mains hidden from E and U' ; (2) Protected: information is only available to
 183 T and E (e.g., a public key or a ciphertext) while remains hidden from U' ; (3)
 184 Unprotected: information is available to T , E and U' (e.g, the time-stamp).
 185 similarly, **Alg** has secret, protected, and unprotected outputs. Moreover, the
 186 divisions for inputs can be further categorized based on whether the inputs
 187 are generated honestly or adversarially except the case of adversarial, secret
 188 inputs (note that E cannot generate secret inputs which are only available to
 189 T). Therefore, **Alg** will take five types of inputs and produce three types of
 190 outputs.

191 The formal definition of an algorithm with outsource-input/output is given as
 192 follows:

193 **Definition 1** (*Algorithm with outsource-I/O*) An algorithm *Alg* obeys
 194 the outsource input/output specification if it takes five inputs, and produces
 195 three outputs. The first three inputs are generated by an honest party, and are
 196 classified by how much the adversary $\mathcal{A} = (E, U')$ knows about them, where
 197 E is the adversarial environment that submits adversarially chosen inputs to

198 *Alg*, and U' is the adversarial software operating in place of oracle U . The first
 199 input is called the honest, secret input, which is unknown to both E and U' ; the
 200 second is called the honest, protected input, which may be known by E , but is
 201 protected from U' ; and the third is called the honest, unprotected input, which
 202 may be known by both E and U . In addition, there are two adversarially-chosen
 203 inputs generated by the environment E : the adversarial, protected input, which
 204 is known to E , but protected from U' ; and the adversarial, unprotected input,
 205 which may be known by E and U ². Similarly, the first output called secret is
 206 unknown to both E and U' ; the second is protected, which may be known to E ,
 207 but not U' ; and the third is unprotected, which may be known by both parties
 208 of \mathcal{A} .

209 The following definition of outsource-security means that if a malicious U'
 210 can learn something secret or protected about the inputs to T^U from being
 211 T 's oracle instead of U , it can also learn without that. That is, there exists a
 212 simulator S that, when told that $T^U(x)$ was invoked, simulates the view of U'
 213 without access to the secret or protected inputs of x . Similarly, the definition
 214 also ensures that the malicious environment E cannot gain any knowledge of
 215 the secret inputs and outputs of T^U , even if T uses the malicious software U'
 216 written by E . Also, there exists a simulator S' that, when told that $T^U(x)$ was
 217 invoked, can simulate the view of E without access to the secret inputs of x .

218 **Definition 2 (*Outsource-security*)** Let Alg be an algorithm with outsource
 219 I/O . A pair of algorithms (T, U) is said to be an outsource-secure implemen-

² For any outsource-secure implementation in the real applications, the adversarial, unprotected input must be empty. Even if it contains a single bit, then a covert channel may be created from E and U' . Then, a k bits of shared information can be obtained after interacting k rounds.

220 *tation of Alg if:*

221 (1) *Correctness:* T^U is a correct implementation of Alg.

222 (2) *Security:* For all probabilistic polynomial-time adversaries $\mathcal{A} = (E, U')$,
 223 there exist probabilistic expected polynomial-time simulators (S_1, S_2) such
 224 that the following pairs of random variables are computationally indistin-
 225 guishable.

226 • *Pair One.* $\text{EVIEW}_{\text{real}} \sim \text{EVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}$.

227 • *The view that the adversarial environment E obtains by par-*
 228 *ticipating in the following real process:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{EVIEW}_{\text{real}}^i &= \{(\text{istate}^i, x_{hs}^i, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i) \leftarrow I(1^k, \text{istate}^{i-1}); \\
 (\text{estate}^i, j^i, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i, \text{stop}^i) &\leftarrow E(1^k, \text{EVIEW}_{\text{real}}^{i-1}, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i); \\
 (\text{tstate}^i, \text{ustate}^i, y_p^i, y_u^i) &\leftarrow \\
 T^{U'}(\text{ustate}^{i-1})(\text{tstate}^{i-1}, x_{hs}^{j^i}, x_{hp}^{j^i}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i) : \\
 (\text{estate}^i, y_p^i, y_u^i)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{EVIEW}_{\text{real}} = \text{EVIEW}_{\text{real}}^i \text{ if } \text{stop}^i = \text{TRUE}.$$

235 *The real process proceeds in rounds. In round i, the honest (secret,*
 236 *protected, and unprotected) inputs $(x_{hs}^i, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i)$ are picked using an*
 237 *honest, stateful process I to which the environment E does not have*
 238 *access. Then E, based on its view from the last round, chooses (0)*
 239 *the value of its estate_i variable as a way of remembering what it did*
 240 *next time it is invoked; (1) which previously generated honest inputs*
 241 *$(x_{hs}^i, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i)$ to give to $T^{U'}$ (note that E can specify the index j^i of*
 242 *these inputs, but not their values); (2) the adversarial, protected input*
 243 *x_{ap}^i ; (3) the adversarial, unprotected input x_{au}^i ; (4) the Boolean variable*
 244 *stop^i that determines whether round i is the last round in this process.*
 245 *Next, the algorithm $T^{U'}$ is run on the inputs $(\text{tstate}^{i-1}, x_{hs}^{j^i}, x_{hp}^{j^i}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i)$,*

where tstate^{i-1} is T 's previously saved state, and produces a new state tstate^i for T , as well as the secret y_s^i , protected y_p^i and unprotected y_u^i outputs. The oracle U' is given its previously saved state, ustate^{i-1} , as input, and the current state of U' is saved in the variable ustate^i . The view of the real process in round i consists of estate^i , and the values y_p^i and y_u^i . The overall view of E in the real process is just its view in the last round (i.e., i for which $\text{stop}^i = \text{TRUE}$).

• The ideal process:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{EVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}^i &= \{(\text{istate}^i, x_{hs}^i, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i) \leftarrow I(1^k, \text{istate}^{i-1}); \\ &(\text{estate}^i, j^i, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i, \text{stop}^i) \leftarrow E(1^k, \text{EVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}^{i-1}, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i); \\ &(\text{astate}^i, y_s^i, y_p^i, y_u^i) \leftarrow \text{Alg}(\text{astate}^{i-1}, x_{hs}^{j^i}, x_{hp}^{j^i}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i); \\ &(\text{sstate}^i, \text{ustate}^i, Y_p^i, Y_u^i, \text{rep}^i) \leftarrow S_1^{U'}(\text{ustate}^{i-1}) \\ &(\text{sstate}^{i-1}, \dots, x_{hp}^{j^i}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i, y_p^i, y_u^i); \\ &(z_p^i, z_u^i) = \text{rep}^i(Y_p^i, Y_u^i) + (1 - \text{rep}^i)(y_p^i, y_u^i) : \\ &(\text{estate}^i, z_p^i, z_u^i)\} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{EVIEW}_{\text{ideal}} = \text{EVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}^i$ if $\text{stop}^i = \text{TRUE}$.

The ideal process also proceeds in rounds. In the ideal process, we have a stateful simulator S_1 who, shielded from the secret input x_{hs}^i , but given the non-secret outputs that Alg produces when run all the inputs for round i , decides to either output the values (y_p^i, y_u^i) generated by Alg , or replace them with some other values (Y_p^i, Y_u^i) . Note that this is captured by having the indicator variable rep^i be a bit that determines whether y_p^i will be replaced with Y_p^i . In doing so, it is allowed to query oracle U' ; moreover, U' saves its state as in the real experiment.

• Pair Two. $\text{UVIEW}_{\text{real}} \sim \text{UVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}$:

• The view that the untrusted software U' obtains by participating in

272 the real process described in Pair One. $\text{UVIEW}_{\text{real}} = (\text{ustate}^i, y_u^i)$
 273 if $\text{stop}^i = \text{TRUE}$.

274 • The ideal process:

275 $\text{UVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}^i = \{(\text{istate}^i, x_{hs}^i, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i) \leftarrow I(1^k, \text{istate}^{i-1});$
 276 $(\text{estate}^i, j^i, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i, \text{stop}^i) \leftarrow E(1^k, \text{estate}^{i-1}, x_{hp}^i, x_{hu}^i, y_p^{i-1}, y_u^{i-1});$
 277 $(\text{astate}^i, y_s^i, y_p^i, y_u^i) \leftarrow \text{Alg}(\text{astate}^{i-1}, x_{hs}^{j^i}, x_{hp}^{j^i}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{ap}^i, x_{au}^i);$
 278 $(\text{sstate}^i, \text{ustate}^i) \leftarrow S_2^{U'(\text{ustate}^{i-1})}(\text{sstate}^{i-1}, x_{hu}^{j^i}, x_{au}^i, y_u^i) :$
 279 $(\text{ustate}^i, y_u^i)\}$

280 $\text{UVIEW}_{\text{ideal}} = \text{UVIEW}_{\text{ideal}}^i$ if $\text{stop}^i = \text{TRUE}$.

281 In the ideal process, we have a stateful simulator S_2 who, equipped
 282 with only the unprotected inputs/outputs $(x_{hu}^i, x_{au}^i, y_u^i)$, queries U' . As
 283 before, U' may maintain state.

284 Given an outsource-secure implementation of a cryptographic algorithm $\text{Alg} =$
 285 T^U , we should compare the overhead of T with that for the fastest known
 286 implementation of Alg . Besides, if the algorithm Alg could not provide 100
 287 percent checkability, we should evaluate the probability that T could detect
 288 the misbehavior of U .

289 **Definition 3** (*α -efficient, secure outsourcing*) A pair of algorithms (T, U)
 290 is said to be an α -efficient implementation of Alg if (1) T^U is a correct imple-
 291 mentation of Alg and (2) \forall inputs x , the running time of T is no more than
 292 an α -multiplicative factor of the running time of Alg .

293 **Definition 4** (*β -checkable, secure outsourcing*) A pair of algorithms
 294 (T, U) is said to be an β -checkable implementation of Alg if (1) T^U is a correct
 295 implementation of Alg and (2) \forall inputs x , if U' deviates from its advertised
 296 functionality during the execution of $T^{U'}(x)$, T will detect the error with prob-

297 ability no less than β .

298 **Definition 5** ((α, β) -*outsourcing-security*) A pair of algorithms (T, U) is
299 said to be an (α, β) -outsourcing-secure implementation of *Alg* if it is both α -
300 efficient and β -checkable.

301 4 New Outsourcing-Secure Algorithm of Bilinear Pairings

302 4.1 Security Model

303 Hohenberger and Lysyanskaya [32] first presented the so-called *two untrusted*
304 *program model* for outsourcing cryptographic computations. In the two un-
305 trusted program model, the adversarial environment E writes the code for
306 two (potentially different) programs $U' = (U'_1, U'_2)$. E then gives this software
307 to T , advertising a functionality that U'_1 and U'_2 may or may not accurately
308 compute, and T installs this software in a manner such that all subsequent
309 communication between any two of E , U'_1 and U'_2 must pass through T . The
310 new adversary attacking T is $\mathcal{A} = (E, U'_1, U'_2)$. Moreover, we assume that at
311 most one of the programs U'_1 and U'_2 deviates from its advertised functionality
312 on a non-negligible fraction of the inputs, while we cannot know which one
313 and security means that there is a simulator \mathcal{S} for both. This is named as the
314 one-malicious version of two untrusted program model (i.e., “one-malicious
315 model” for the simplicity)³. In the real-world applications, it is equivalent to

³ Canetti, Riva, and Rothblum [22] introduced the refereed delegation of computation model, where the outsourcer delegates the computation to several servers under the assumption that at least one of the servers is honest. Trivially, one-malicious model can be viewed as a special case of refereed delegation of computation model.

316 buy the two copies of the advertised software from two different vendors and
 317 achieve the security as long as one of them is honest.

318 Similar to [32], we also use a subroutine named *Rand* in order to speed up the
 319 computations. The inputs for *Rand* are the groups \mathbb{G}_1 and \mathbb{G}_2 with prime
 320 order q , the bilinear pairing e , and possibly some other (random) values,
 321 and the outputs for each invocation are a random, independent six-tuple
 322 $(V_1, V_2, v_1 V_1, v_2 V_1, v_2 V_2, e(v_1 V_1, v_2 V_2))$, where $v_1, v_2 \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q^*$, $V_1 \in_R \mathbb{G}_1$, and
 323 $V_2 \in_R \mathbb{G}_2$. A naive approach to implement this functionality is for a trusted
 324 server to compute a table of random, independent six-tuple in advance and
 325 then load it into the memory of T . For each invocation of *Rand*, T just retrieves
 326 a new six-tuple in the table (the table-lookup method).

327 4.2 Outsourcing Algorithm

328 In this section, we propose a new secure outsourcing algorithm **Pair** for bi-
 329 linear pairings in the one-malicious model. In **Pair**, T outsources its pairing
 330 computations to U_1 and U_2 by invoking the subroutine *Rand*. A requirement
 331 for **Pair** is that the adversary \mathcal{A} cannot know any useful information about
 332 the inputs and outputs of **Pair**.

333 The input of **Pair** is two random points $A \in \mathbb{G}_1$, $B \in \mathbb{G}_2$, and the output
 334 of **Pair** is $e(A, B)$. Note that A and B may be secret or (honest/adversarial)
 335 protected and $e(A, B)$ is always secret or protected. Moreover, both A and
 336 B are computationally blinded to U_1 and U_2 . We let $U_i(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2) \rightarrow e(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2)$
 337 denote that U_i takes as inputs (Λ_1, Λ_2) and outputs $e(\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2)$, where $i = 1, 2$.
 338 The proposed outsourcing algorithm **Pair** consists of the following steps:

339 (1) To implement this functionality using U_1 and U_2 , T firstly runs *Rand*
 340 to create a blinding six-tuple $(V_1, V_2, v_1V_1, v_2V_1, v_2V_2, e(v_1V_1, v_2V_2))$. We
 341 denote $\lambda = e(v_1V_1, v_2V_2)$.

342 (2) The main trick of **Pair** is to logically split A and B into random looking
 343 pieces that can be computed by U_1 and U_2 . Without loss of generality, let
 344 $\alpha_1 = e(A + v_1V_1, B + v_2V_2)$, $\alpha_2 = e(A + V_1, v_2V_2)$, and $\alpha_3 = e(v_1V_1, B + V_2)$.
 345 Note that

$$\alpha_1 = e(A, B)e(A, v_2V_2)e(v_1V_1, B)e(v_1V_1, v_2V_2),$$

$$\alpha_2 = e(A, v_2V_2)e(V_1, v_2V_2),$$

$$\alpha_3 = e(v_1V_1, B)e(v_1V_1, V_2),$$

346 Therefore, $e(A, B) = \alpha_1\alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_3^{-1}\lambda^{-1}e(V_1, V_2)^{v_1+v_2}$.

(3) T then runs *Rand* to obtain two new six-tuple

$$(X_1, X_2, x_1X_1, x_2X_1, x_2X_2, e(x_1X_1, x_2X_2))$$

and

$$(Y_1, Y_2, y_1Y_1, y_2Y_1, y_2Y_2, e(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2)).$$

347 (4) T queries U_1 in random order as

348 $U_1(A + v_1V_1, B + v_2V_2) \rightarrow e(A + v_1V_1, B + v_2V_2) = \alpha_1;$

349 $U_1(v_1V_1 + v_2V_1, V_2) \rightarrow e(V_1, V_2)^{v_1+v_2};$

350 $U_1(x_1X_1, x_2X_2) \rightarrow e(x_1X_1, x_2X_2);$

351 $U_1(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2) \rightarrow e(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2);$

352 Similarly, T queries U_2 in random order as

353 $U_2(A + V_1, v_2V_2) \rightarrow e(A + V_1, v_2V_2) = \alpha_2;$

354 $U_2(v_1V_1, B + V_2) \rightarrow e(v_1V_1, B + V_2) = \alpha_3;$

355 $U_2(x_1X_1, x_2X_2) \rightarrow e(x_1X_1, x_2X_2);$

$$U_2(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2) \rightarrow e(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2);$$

(5) Finally, T checks that both U_1 and U_2 produce the correct outputs, i.e.,
 $e(x_1X_1, x_2X_2)$ and $e(y_1Y_1, y_2Y_2)$ for the test queries. If not, T outputs
“error”; otherwise, T can compute $e(A, B) = \alpha_1\alpha_2^{-1}\alpha_3^{-1}\lambda^{-1}e(V_1, V_2)^{v_1+v_2}$.

Remark 2. Given a random point P in \mathbb{G}_1 (or \mathbb{G}_2), T can compute the inverse point $-P$ easily. Therefore, T can query $U_2(A + V_1, -v_2V_2) \rightarrow e(A + V_1, -v_2V_2) = \alpha_2^{-1}$ and $U_2(-v_1V_1, B + V_2) \rightarrow e(-v_1V_1, B + V_2) = \alpha_3^{-1}$. Similarly, we can define the outputs of $Rand$ be

$$(V_1, V_2, v_1V_1, v_2V_1, v_2V_2, e(v_1V_1, v_2V_2)^{-1}).$$

Therefore, T needs not to perform the inverse computation in \mathbb{G}_T .

4.3 Security Analysis

Theorem 1 *In the one-malicious model, the algorithms $(T, (U_1, U_2))$ are an outsource-secure implementation of **Pair**, where the input (A, B) may be honest, secret; or honest, protected; or adversarial, protected.*

Proof. The proof is similar to [32]. The correctness is trivial and we only focus on security. Let $\mathcal{A} = (E, U'_1, U'_2)$ be a PPT adversary that interacts with a PPT algorithm T in the one-malicious model.

Firstly, we prove Pair One $EVIEW_{real} \sim EVIEW_{ideal}$:

Note that we only consider three types of input (A, B) : honest, secret; or honest, protected; or adversarial, protected. If the input (A, B) is anything other than honest, secret (this means that the input (A, B) is either honest, protected or adversarial, protected. Obviously, neither types of input (A, B)

373 is secret), then the simulation is trivial. That is, the simulator S_1 behaves the
 374 same way as in the real execution. Trivially, S_1 never requires to access the
 375 secret input since neither types of input (A, B) is secret.

376 If (A, B) is an honest, secret input, then the simulator S_1 behaves as follows:
 377 On receiving the input on round i , S_1 ignores it and instead makes four ran-
 378 dom queries of the form (P_j, Q_j) to both U'_1 and U'_2 . S_1 randomly tests two
 379 outputs (i.e., $e(P_j, Q_j)$) from each program. If an error is detected, S_1 saves
 380 all states and outputs $Y_p^i = \text{"error"}$, $Y_u^i = \emptyset$, $rep^i = 1$ (i.e., the output for ideal
 381 process is $(estate^i, \text{"error"}, \emptyset)$). If no error is detected, S_1 checks the remain-
 382 ing two outputs. If all checks pass, S_1 outputs $Y_p^i = \emptyset$, $Y_u^i = \emptyset$, $rep^i = 0$ (i.e., the
 383 output for ideal process is $(estate^i, y_p^i, y_u^i)$); otherwise, S_1 selects a random el-
 384 ement r and outputs $Y_p^i = r$, $Y_u^i = \emptyset$, $rep^i = 1$ (i.e., the output for ideal process
 385 is $(estate^i, r, \emptyset)$). In either case, S_1 saves the appropriate states.

386 The input distributions to (U'_1, U'_2) in the real and ideal experiments are com-
 387 putationally indistinguishable. In the ideal experiment, the inputs are chosen
 388 uniformly at random. In the real experiment, each part of all queries that
 389 T makes to any one program in the step (4) of **Pair** is independently re-
 390 randomized and the re-randomization factors are also truly randomly gener-
 391 ated by using naive table-lookup method⁴. We consider the following three
 392 possible cases:

393 Firstly, if (U'_1, U'_2) behave honest in the round i , then $EVIEW_{real}^i \sim EVIEW_{ideal}^i$
 394 (this is because $T^{(U'_1, U'_2)}$ perfectly executes **Pair** in the real experiment and

⁴ We argue that if v_1 , v_2 , V_1 , and V_2 are random elements in \mathbb{Z}_q^* , \mathbb{Z}_q^* , \mathbb{G}_1 , and \mathbb{G}_2 , respectively, then the output of *Rand* is also a random, independent six-tuple $(V_1, V_2, v_1 V_1, v_2 V_1, v_2 V_2, e(v_1 V_1, v_2 V_2))$.

395 S_1 simulates with the same outputs in the ideal experiment, i.e., $rep^i=0$.
 396 Secondly, if one of (U'_1, U'_2) is dishonest in the round i and it has been detected
 397 by both T and S_1 (with probability $\frac{1}{2}$), then it will result in an output of
 398 “error”. Finally, we consider the case that the output of **Pair** is corrupted,
 399 i.e., one of (U'_1, U'_2) is dishonest in the round i while it is undetected (with
 400 probability $\frac{1}{2}$) by T . In the real experiment, the four outputs generated by
 401 (U'_1, U'_2) are multiplied together along with a random value λ^{-1} (see the step
 402 (5) of our algorithm **Pair**). Thus, the output of **Pair** looks random to the
 403 environment E . In the ideal experiment, S_1 also simulates with a random
 404 value $r \in \mathbb{G}_T$ as the output. Thus, $EVIEW_{real}^i \sim EVIEW_{ideal}^i$ even when one
 405 of (U'_1, U'_2) is dishonest. By the hybrid argument, we conclude that $EVIEW_{real}$
 406 $\sim EVIEW_{ideal}$.

407 Secondly, we prove Pair Two $UVIEW_{real} \sim UVIEW_{ideal}$:

408 The simulator S_2 always behaves as follows: On receiving the input on round
 409 i , S_2 ignores it and instead makes four random queries of the form (P_j, Q_j) to
 410 both U'_1 and U'_2 . Then S_2 saves its states and the states of (U'_1, U'_2) . E can easily
 411 distinguish between these real and ideal experiments (note that the output in
 412 the ideal experiment is never corrupted). However, E cannot communicate this
 413 information to (U'_1, U'_2) . This is because in the round i of the real experiment, T
 414 always re-randomizes its inputs to (U'_1, U'_2) . In the ideal experiment, S_2 always
 415 generates random, independent queries for (U'_1, U'_2) . Thus, for each round i we
 416 have $UVIEW_{real}^i \sim UVIEW_{ideal}^i$. By the hybrid argument, we conclude that
 417 $UVIEW_{real} \sim UVIEW_{ideal}$. ■

418 **Theorem 2** *In the one-malicious model, the algorithms $(T, (U_1, U_2))$ are an*
 419 *$(O(\frac{1}{n}), \frac{1}{2})$ -outsource-secure implementation of **Pair**, where n is the bit length*

420 of the order q of bilinear groups.

421 **Proof.** The proposed algorithm **Pair** makes 3 calls to *Rand* plus 5 point
422 addition in \mathbb{G}_1 (or \mathbb{G}_2), and 4 multiplication in \mathbb{G}_T in order to compute $e(A, B)$.
423 Also, the computation for *Rand* is negligible when using the table-lookup
424 method. On the other hand, it takes roughly $O(n)$ multiplications in resulting
425 finite field to compute the bilinear pairing⁵. Thus, the algorithms $(T, (U_1, U_2))$
426 are an $O(\frac{1}{n})$ -efficient implementation of **Pair**.

427 On the other hand, U_1 (resp. U_2) cannot distinguish the two test queries from
428 the two real queries that T makes. If U_1 (resp. U_2) fails during any execution
429 of **Pair**, it will be detected with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. ■

430 4.4 Comparison

431 We compare the proposed algorithm with the algorithm in [20]. We denote
432 by PA a point addition in \mathbb{G}_1 (or \mathbb{G}_2), by SM a point multiplication in \mathbb{G}_1
433 (or \mathbb{G}_2), by M a multiplication in \mathbb{G}_T , by Inv an inverse in \mathbb{G}_T , by Exp an
434 exponentiation in \mathbb{G}_T , and P a computation of the bilinear pairing. We omit

⁵ The computation of bilinear pairings is closely related to the security parameters (that determines the security levels), the kinds of curves (supersingular curves, ordinary curves, or hyperelliptic curves), the kinds of bilinear pairings (the Weil pairing, the Tate pairing, or the Eta pairing), the finite field (the characteristic is 2, 3 or p) and embedding degree *etc.* Koblitz and Menezes [36] presented some examples of the pairings evaluation under the various parameters. For example, it takes roughly $22n$ multiplications in finite field $\mathbb{GF}(p)$ to compute the Tate pairing $e(A, B)$ when \mathbb{E} is a supersingular elliptic curve defined over $\mathbb{GF}(p)$ with embedding degree $k = 2$, where p is a 512-bit prime in order to achieve 80-bit security level.

other operations such as modular additions in \mathbb{Z}_q .

Table 1. Comparison of the two algorithms

	Algorithm [20]	Algorithm Pair
T	10 Exp + 2 Inv + 6 SM + 4 PA + 6 M	5 PA + 4 M
U	4 P (U)	4 P (U_1) + 4 P (U_2)

Table 1 presents the comparison of the efficiency between algorithm [20] and our proposed algorithm **Pair**. Compared with the algorithm [20], the proposed algorithm **Pair** is much superior in efficiency. More precisely, the outsourcer T does not require the prohibitively expensive operations SM and Exp in our algorithm **Pair** (note that a computationally limited device may be incapable to perform such operations at all). Moreover, the computation of SM (or Exp) is comparable to that of a pairing in some cases, and this will violate the motivation of the outsourcing computations.

On the other hand, it takes the servers U to perform 8P in our algorithm **Pair** (4P for each server U_i). Besides, the computation for $Rand$ is about $3P + 3Exp + 9SM$, while it is negligible due to the table-lookup method. Therefore, the proposed algorithm **Pair** requires more computation load in the server side compared with [20]. However, note that the server is much more computationally powerful, and thus the efficiency of our algorithm will not be affected in this sense.

451 5 Secure Outsourcing Algorithms for Identity-based Encryptions 452 and Signatures

453 In this section, we utilize the proposed subroutine **Pair** to give two secure
454 outsourcing algorithms for Boneh-Franklin identity-based encryption scheme
455 [11] and Cha-Cheon identity-based signature scheme [18], where a special case
456 of bilinear pairing $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$ is used (i.e., $\mathbb{G}_1 = \mathbb{G}_2$).

457 Note that the outsourcer T is assumed to be a computationally limited de-
458 vice that cannot carry out the prohibitively expensive computations such as
459 bilinear pairings, point multiplications, modular exponentiations, and so on,
460 thus the proposed two algorithms requires an additional subroutine **SM** [19]
461 for outsourcing the computations of point multiplications in \mathbb{G}_1 .

462 5.1 Outsource-secure Boneh-Franklin Identity-based Encryptions

463 The proposed outsource-secure Boneh-Franklin encryption scheme consists of
464 the following efficient algorithms:

- **Setup:** Chooses a random $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and sets $P_{pub} = sP$. Define four cryptographic hash functions $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_1^*$, $H_2 : \mathbb{G}_T \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ for some n , $H_3 : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and $H_4 : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$. The public parameters of the system are

$$params = \{\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_T, e, q, P, P_{pub}, H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4\}.$$

465 The master key is s .

- **Extract:** On input an identity ID , run the extract algorithm to obtain the
466 secret key $S_{ID} = sH_1(ID)$.
467

468 • **Encryption:** On input the public key ID and a message $m \in \{0, 1\}^n$, the
469 outsourcer T runs the subroutine **Pair** and **SM** to generate the ciphertext
470 C as follows:

- 471 (1) T chooses a random $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and computes $r = H_3(\sigma, m)$.
- 472 (2) T runs **SM** to obtain $C_1 = rP$ and $R = rH_1(ID)$.
- 473 (3) T runs **Pair** to obtain $\text{Pair}(R, P_{pub}) \rightarrow \varphi$.
- 474 (4) T computes $C_2 = \sigma \oplus H_2(\varphi)$ and $C_3 = m \oplus H_4(\sigma)$.
- 475 (5) T outputs the ciphertext $C = (C_1, C_2, C_3)$.

476 • **Decryption:** On input the secret key S_{ID} , and the ciphertext $C = (C_1, C_2, C_3)$,
477 the outsourcer T' runs the subroutine **Pair** and **SM** to compute the message
478 m as follows:

- 479 (1) T' runs **Pair** to obtain $\text{Pair}(S_{ID}, C_1) \rightarrow \varphi$.
- 480 (2) T' computes $\sigma = C_2 \oplus H_2(\varphi)$.
- 481 (3) T' computes $m = C_3 \oplus H_4(\sigma)$.
- 482 (4) T' computes $r = H_3(\sigma, m)$ and then runs **SM** to obtain rP .
- 483 (5) T' outputs m if and only if $C_1 = rP$.

484 **Remark 3.** Note that the outsourcer only needs to perform 6 hash and 4
485 bitwise operations (instead of 2 pairings and 3 point multiplications) in the
486 above encryption scheme.

487 5.2 Outsource-secure Cha-Cheon Identity-based Signatures

488 The proposed outsource-secure Cha-Cheon signature scheme consists of the
489 following efficient algorithms:

490 • **Setup:** Chooses a random $s \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and sets $P_{pub} = sP$. Define two cryptographic hash functions $H_1 : \{0, 1\}^* \times \mathbb{G}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$, $H_2 : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_1$. The public parameters of the system are $params = \{\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_T, e, q, P, P_{pub}, H_1, H_2\}$.
 493 The master key is s .

494 • **Extract:** On input an identity ID , run the extract algorithm to obtain the signing key $S_{ID} = sH_2(ID)$.
 495

496 • **Sign:** On input the signing key S_{ID} and a message m , the outsourcer T runs the subroutine **SM** to generate the signature σ as follows:
 497

498 (1) T chooses a random $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ and runs **SM** to obtain $U = rH_2(ID)$.

499 (2) T computes $h = H_1(m, U)$.

500 (3) T runs **SM** to obtain $V = (r + h)S_{ID}$. The signature is $\sigma = (U, V)$.

501 • **Verify:** On input the verification key ID , the message m , and the signature $\sigma = (U, V)$, the outsourcer T' runs the subroutine **Pair** and **SM** to verify the signature σ as follows:
 502
 503

504 (1) T' computes $h = H_1(m, U)$.

505 (2) T' runs **SM** to obtain $hH_2(ID)$ and computes $T = U + hH_2(ID)$.

506 (3) T' runs **Pair** to obtain $\mathbf{Pair}(P, V) \rightarrow \beta_1$ and $\mathbf{Pair}(P_{pub}, T) \rightarrow \beta_2$.

507 (4) T' outputs 1 if and only if $\beta_1 = \beta_2$.

508 **Remark 4.** Note that the outsourcer only needs to perform 2 hash and 1
 509 point addition operations (instead of 2 pairings and 3 point multiplications)
 510 in the above signature scheme.

511 6 Conclusions

512 In this paper, we first proposed an efficient and secure outsourcing algorithm
 513 for bilinear pairings in the two untrusted program model. A distinguishing

514 property of our proposed algorithm is that the (resources-limited) outsourcer
515 never requires to accomplish some expensive operations such as point multi-
516 plications and exponentiations.

517 The security model of our outsourcing algorithm requires the outsourcer to
518 interact with *two* untrusted while non-colluding cloud servers (the same as
519 [32]). Therefore, an interesting open problem is whether there is an efficient
520 algorithm for securely outsourcing bilinear pairings using only one untrusted
521 cloud server.

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