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### EFFICIENT DYNAMIC DATA AND INDIRECT MUTUAL TRUST FOR CLOUD STORAGE SECURITY SYSTEM

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#### ABSTRACT

Storage-as-a-Service offered by cloud service providers (CSPs) is a paid facility that enables organizations to outsource their sensitive data to be stored on remote servers. For the effective utilization of sensitive data from CSP, we propose cloud-based storage scheme that allows the data owner to encrypt the sensitive data before outsourcing to the cloud server, and perform full block-level dynamic operations (modification, insertion, deletion, and append) on the outsourced data with great efficiency and minimal management overhead. To protect data in cloud, data privacy is the challenging task. In order to address this problem, the proposed scheme uses efficient data security system by using strong cryptographic techniques. The proposed scheme enables indirect mutual trust between data owner and CSP to detect the dishonest parties. Also it ensures the authorized users receive the latest version of the outsourced. Finally, we justify system performance through theoretical analysis to evaluate and reduce storage, communication, and computation overheads. The result shows that the proposed scheme is more efficient than the existing systems.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing is a form of computing which enables ubiquitous, on-demand network access, convenient, to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, applications, services storage, servers) that can be rapidly provisioned with minimal management effort or service provider interaction (NIST). In cloud computing, data is stored in remote massively scalable data centers where compute resources can be dynamically shared to achieve significant economies of scale. The storage capacity needs to scale with compute resources to effectively manage and gain maximum cloud benefits. Since the data owner physically releases sensitive data to a remote CSP, there are some concerns regarding confidentiality, integrity, and access control of the data. The confidentiality feature can be guaranteed by the owner via encrypting the data before outsourcing to remote servers. For verifying data integrity over cloud servers, researchers have proposed provable data possession technique to validate the intactness of data stored on remote sites, such as PDP protocols (Ayad Barsoum, 2012). Normally, traditional access control techniques assume the existence of the data owner and the

storage servers in the same trust domain. This assumption, however, no longer holds when the data is outsourced to a remote CSP, which takes the full charge of the outsourced data management, and resides outside the trust domain of the data owner. A possible resolution can be obtained to allow the owner to implement right to use control of the data stored on a remote untrusted CSP. Through this solution, the data is encrypted under a certain key, which is shared only with the authorized users. The unauthorized users, including the CSP, are unable to access the data since they do not have the decryption key. This general solution has been widely incorporated into existing schemes (di Vimercati et al., 2007), which aim at providing data storage security on untrusted remote servers. Another class of solutions utilizes attribute-based encryption to achieve fine-grained access control (Yu et al., 2010). In this paper, we suggest a design that deals with important concerns associated to outsourcing the storage space of data, namely dynamic data, newness, mutual trust, and access control. The remotely stored data can be updated and scaled by the owner. After updating, authorized users should receive the latest version of the data (newness property). Mutual trust between the data owner and the CSP is introduced to determine the dishonest party, misbehavior. The access control is measured, which permits the owner to revoke or grant rights of access to the outsourced

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data. Finally, we have analyzed the proposed scheme in terms of storage, communication and computational overheads. The result shows that the proposed security system is more efficient than the existing security system.

## Paper Organization

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 discusses the literature review. Section 3 provides a description of architecture for model. Section 4 discusses the preliminaries of proposed system. Section 5 discusses the procedural steps of the proposed scheme in detail. Section 6 provides performance analysis for our system. Section 7 concludes our research and future work.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

To ensure the data integrity of a file consisting of a finite ordered set of data blocks  $F = \{b_j\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ , in cloud server, there are several solutions defined by Qian Wang et al., in (Cong Wang, Kui Ren et al., 2010). The first and straight forward solution to ensure the data integrity is, the data owner pre-compute the MACs for the entire file with a set of secret keys, before outsourcing data to cloud server. During auditing process, for each time the data owner reveals the secret key to the cloud server and ask for new MAC for verification. This method takes the huge number of communication overhead for verification of entire file, which effect on the system efficiency. Another straight forward solution to overcome the drawback of previous method is to generate the signatures for every block instead of MACs to obtain the public audit-ability. This method again results in large communication overhead and effect the system efficiency. The above solutions are supports only static data and none of them can deal with the dynamic data updates.

## Remark

In this straightforward solution using authentication tags (digital signatures) to detect cheating from any side (data owner or CSP). For each file  $F = \{b_j\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ , the owner attaches digital signature  $OWN_{\sigma_j}$  with each block before outsourcing to the CSP. The CSP first checked digital signature of owner before storing data on cloud. In case of failed verification, the CSP rejects to store the data blocks and asks the owner to re-send the correct tags. If the tags are valid, both the blocks and the tags are stored on the cloud servers. When an authoritative user (or the owner) requests to retrieve the data file, he CSP sends file, owner's signature, and CSP's signature  $\{b_j, OWN_{\sigma_j}, CSP_{\sigma_j}\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ . The user first verifies the tags  $\{CSP_{\sigma_j}\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ . In case of failed verification, the user asks the CSP to re-perform the transmission process. If  $\{CSP_{\sigma_j}\} 1 \leq j \leq m$  are valid tags, the user then verifies the owner's tag  $OWN_{\sigma_j}$  on the block  $b_j \forall j$ . If any tag  $OWN_{\sigma_j}$  is not verified, this indicates the dishonesty of data more than the cloud servers. The CSP cannot reject such dishonesty for the owner's tags  $\{OWN_{\sigma_j}\} 1 \leq j \leq m$  are previously verified and stored by the CSP along with the data blocks. Since the CSP's signatures  $\{CSP_{\sigma_j}\} 1 \leq j \leq m$  are attached with the received data, a dishonest owner cannot falsely accuse the CSP regarding data integrity. Although the previous straightforward solution can detect cheating from either side, it cannot guarantee the newness property of the outsourced data. The above solution

increases the storage overhead on the cloud servers. Moreover, there is an increased computation overhead on different system components; for a file  $F$  containing  $m$  blocks, it requires  $2m$  signature generations and  $3m$  signature verifications, which may be computationally a challenging task for large data files.

**For example:** if a file size 1GB with 4KB block size, then the number of blocks is  $2^{18}$ , and the file requires  $2 \times 2^{18}$  signature generations and  $3 \times 2^{18}$  signature verifications. Note. We need large storage overhead on CSP, and large communication overhead, so that is effect on the system efficiency.

Qian Wang et al., in (Wang et al., 2009) designed an efficient solution to support the public audit-ability without retrieving the data blocks from server. The design of dynamic data operations is a challenging task for cloud storage system. (Junbeom Hur, 2013) explains the cryptographic based solution for data sharing using cipher-text policy attribute-based encryption (CP-ABE) to improve the security of the data. The major drawback of this method is the unauthorized users can access the key to decrypt the encrypted data. Dubey et al. in 2012 developed a system using RSA and MD5 algorithms for avoiding unauthorized users to access data from cloud server. The main drawback of this method is that the CSP has also an equal control of data as the data owner and the computation load for CSP is proportional to the degree of connectivity so that the performance of the system can degrade.

## MODEL / ARCHITECTURE

### Background

The block diagram of cloud computing storage system is defined in the Fig 1. It contains there are four functional blocks for data storage and accessing data from data centers in public cloud servers such as, data owner, Cloud Service Provider (CSP), authorized users, and Trusted Third Party (TTP) (Prakash, 2014). The functions of these functional blocks are as follows:

**Data owner:** The data owner that can be any organization for generating outsourcing and sensitive data to be stored in data center of public cloud model for the external use on the demand of the authorized users on the basis of pay per usage.

**Cloud Service Provider (CSP):** Who manage the cloud servers and data centers in the public cloud and provide the storage infrastructure to the data owner for storage of outsourced data in data center on the payment based on the requested storage capacity. It coordinates the trusted third party to verify the authorized users and to retrieve the data from cloud server to make them available for authorized user on demand (Ayad Barsoum and Anwar Hasan, 2012).

**Users:** the set of authorized users to access the remote data stored in cloud server through trusted third party and cloud service provider, all the users are the clients of the data owner.

**Trusted Third Party:** an entity who is trusted by all other entities of the system such as CSP, data owner and users. The functions of TTP is to verify whether the requested user is authorized or not, updating the block status table of file and calculate the hash value for file and block status table (Kuyoro et al., 2011).

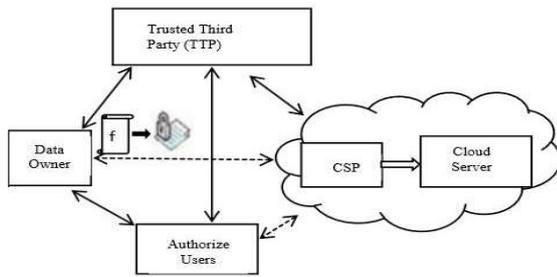


Fig. 1. Cloud computing data storage system model.

## Assumptions

The following assumptions are considered to evaluate the data privacy of the proposed system:

- The data owner and users have mutual distrust relation with cloud service provider,
- Trusted third party helps to make the indirect mutual trust between authorized user and data owner with cloud service provider,
- Public cloud model is considered for storage of outsourced data in data centers

The data owner has a file (F) consisting of  $m$  blocks of equal size. Since the data is storing on remote data center, for confidentiality all the blocks are encrypted using symmetric data encryption algorithm before sending to the cloud server.

## Security Requirements

**Confidentiality:** outsourced data must be protected from the TTP, the CSP, and users that are not granted access.

**Integrity:** outsourced data is required to remain intact on cloud servers. The data owner and authorized users must be enabled to recognize data corruption over the CSP side.

**Newness:** receiving the most recent version of the outsourced data file is an imperative requirement of cloud-based storage systems. There must be a detection mechanism if the CSP ignores any data-update requests issued by the owner.

**Access control:** only authorized users are allowed to access the outsourced data. Revoked users can read unmodified data, however, they must not be able to read updated/new blocks.

**CSP's defence:** the CSP must be safeguarded against false accusations that may be claimed by dishonest owner/users, and such a malicious behavior is required to be revealed.

## Objectives

The objectives of our proposed security system are summarized as follows.

- Design an efficient data privacy algorithm using cryptographic techniques.
- Design an efficient data integrity using public trusted party auditing.
- Reduce the computational overheads of CSP, while introducing TTP. And reduce the storage overheads,
- Access the out sourced data, even if data owner is in off-line.

- Detect the dishonest party using combined hash values verification.

## System Preliminaries

### Overview

For enforcing privacy and access control of the outsourced data, the proposed system utilizes and combines four cryptographic techniques: lazy revocation, key rotation, and Broadcast Encryption, AES Encryption. And for efficient dynamic operation, the proposed system used a small part of the owner's work delegating to the TTP to reduce both the storage and computation overheads.

### Lazy Revocation

In this work we allow the data owner to cancel the right of some users for accessing the outsourced data. In lazy revocation, it is suitable for users to read (decrypt) unchanged data blocks. However, modernized or new blocks must not be accessed by such revoked users. The idea is that allowing cancelled users to read unchanged information blocks is not a important loss in security. This is corresponding to accessing the blocks from cached copies. Restructured or new blocks following a revocation are encrypted underneath latest keys. Lazy revocation trades re-encryption and data access charge for a degree of protection. However, it causes destruction of encryption keys, which is data blocks could have more than one key (Popa *et al.*, 2011).

### Key Rotation

Key rotation is a technique in which a sequence of keys can be generated from an initial key and a master secret key (Kallahalla, *et al.*, 2003). The progression of keys has two main properties:

- only the owner of the master secret key is able to generate the next key in the sequence from the current key, and
- Any authorized user knowing a key in the sequence is able to generate all previous versions of that key.

In other words, given the  $i$ -th key  $K_i$  in the sequence, it is computationally infeasible to compute keys  $\{K_l\}$  for  $l > i$  without having the master secret key, but it is easy to compute keys  $\{K_j\}$  for  $j < i$ . The proposed scheme in this work utilizes the key rotation technique (Boneh *et al.*, 2005). Let  $N = pq$  denote the RSA modulus ( $p$  &  $q$  are prime numbers), a public key  $= (N, e)$ , and a master top secret key  $d$ . The key  $d$  is known only to the data owner, and  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ . Whenever a user's access is revoked, the data owner generates a new key in the sequence (*rotating forward*). Let  $ctr$  indicate the index/version number of the current key in the keys sequence. The owner generates the next key as  $K_{ctr+1} = K_{ctr}^d \pmod N$ . Authorized users can recursively generate older versions of the current key as  $K_{ctr-1} = K_{ctr}^{e_{ctr}} \pmod N$  (*rotating backward*) (Ayad Barsoum and Anwar Hasan, 2012).

### Broadcast Encryption

Broadcast encryption (bENC) allows a presenter to encrypt a message for an chance subset of a collection of users. The

users in the subset are only acceptable to decrypt the message. However, even if all users outside the subset scheme they cannot access the encrypted message. Such systems have the agreement struggling property, and are used in lots of practical applications as well as TV contribution services and DVD content protection. The proposed method in this work uses bENC to implement access control in outsourced data (Boneh et al., 2005). The bENC is composed of three algorithms: SETUP, ENCRYPT, and DECRYPT.

### 1. Setup

This algorithm takes as contribution the number of system users  $n$ . It defines a bilinear group  $G$  of major order  $p$  with a generator  $g$ , a repeated multiplicative group  $GT$ , and a bilinear map  $\hat{e} : G \times G \rightarrow GT$ , which has the properties of bilinearity, computability, and no degeneracy (Amol B., Shekhar, 2014). The algorithm picks a unsystematic  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , computes  $g_i = g(\alpha^i) \in G$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n+2, \dots, 2n$ , and sets  $v = g\beta \in G$  for  $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . The outputs are a public key  $PK = (g, g_1, \dots, g_n, g_{n+2}, \dots, g_{2n}, v) \in G^{2n+1}$ , also  $n$  private keys  $\{d_i\} 1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $d_i = g_i \beta \in G$ .

### 2. Encrypt

This algorithm takes as input a subset  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , and a public key  $PK$ . It outputs a pair  $(Hdr, K)$ , where  $Hdr$  is called the header (broadcast ciphertext), and  $K$  is a message encryption key.  $Hdr = (C_0, C_1) \in G^2$ , where for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $C_0 = g^{t\alpha}$  and  $C_1 = (v \cdot \prod_{j \in S} g_{n+1-j})^t$ . The key  $K = \hat{e}(g_{n+1}, g)^t$  is used to encrypt a message  $M$  (symmetric encryption) to be broadcast to the subset  $S$ .

### 3. Decrypt

This algorithm takes as contribution a subset  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , a user-ID  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , the private key  $d_i$  for user  $i$ , the header  $Hdr = (C_0, C_1)$ , and the public key  $PK$ . If  $i \in S$ , the algorithm outputs the key  $K = \hat{e}(g_i, C_1) / \hat{e}(d_i, \prod_{j \in S, j \neq i} g_{n+1-j}, C_0)$ , which can be used to decrypt the encrypted description of  $M$ . In the above structure of the bENC, a private key contains only one factor of  $G$ , and the broadcast cipher text ( $Hdr$ ) consists of two factors of  $G$ . On the further hand, the public key  $PK$  is comprised of  $2n + 1$  factors of  $G$ . A second structure, which is a simplification of the first one, was accessible in to trade the  $PK$  size for the  $Hdr$  size. The main idea is to run several parallel instances of the first structure, where each instance can broadcast to at most  $B$  users. Setting  $B = \lceil \sqrt{n} \rceil$  results in a system with  $(O\sqrt{n})$  factors of  $G$  for each of  $PK$  and  $Hdr$ . The private key is at a standstill just one factor.

### Block Status Table

The proposed system used a small part of the owner's work delegating to the TTP to reduce both the storage and computation overheads. The Block Status Table (BST) is a small dynamic data structure used to access the outsourced encrypted file from the cloud service provider. It consists of three columns: serial number ( $SN$ ), block number ( $BN$ ), and key version ( $KV$ ).  $SN$  is an indexing to the file blocks. It indicates the physical position of each block in the data file.  $BN$  is a counter used to make a logical numbering/indexing to the file blocks.  $KV$  indicates the version of the key that is used

to encrypt each block in the data file. The BST is implemented as a linked list to simplify the insertion and deletion of table entries. During implementation,  $SN$  is not needed to be stored in the table;  $SN$  is considered to be the entry/table index. Thus, each table entry contains just two integers  $BN$  and  $KV$  (8 bytes), i.e., the total table size is  $8m$  bytes, where  $m$  is the number of file blocks. When a data file is initially created, the owner initializes both  $ctr$  and  $KV$  of each block to 1. If block modification or insertion operations are to be performed following a revocation,  $ctr$  is incremented by 1 and  $KV$  of that modified/new block is set to be equal to  $ctr$  (Ayad Barsoum and Anwar Hasan, 2012).

Ctr = 1		
SN	BN	KV
1	1	1
2	2	1
3	3	1
4	4	1
5	5	1
6	6	1
7	7	1
8	8	1

Table 1. Structure of Block Status Table

## Procedural steps of the proposed scheme

### Setup and File Preparation

The proposed system consists of a three functional roles to setup file  $F$ ; data owner, trusted third party and cloud service provider. Fig. 2 describes the role of each system component (owner, CSP, and TTP) during setup and File Preparation,

### Owner Role

The data owner initializes  $ctr$  to 1, and generates an initial secret key  $K_{ctr}$  is  $K_1$ .  $K_{ctr}$  can be rotated forward following user revocations, to generate the new key for next block data encryption, and rotated backward for previous block encryption to enable authorized users to access blocks that are encrypted under older versions of  $K_{ctr}$ . For a file  $F = \{b_j\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ , the owner generates a BST with  $SN_j = BN_j = j$  and  $KV_j = ctr$ . To achieve privacy-preserving, the owner creates an encrypted file version  $F' = \{b'_j\} 1 \leq j \leq m$ , where  $b'_j = E_{K_{ctr}}(BN_j || b_j)$ . Moreover, the owner creates a rotator  $Rot = (ctr, \text{bENC}(K_{ctr}))$ , where bENC enables only authorized users to decrypt  $K_{ctr}$  and access the outsourced file. The owner sends  $\{F', \text{BST}, \text{Rot}\}$  to the TTP, and deletes the data file from its local storage. Embedding  $BN_j$  with the block  $b_j$  during the encryption process supports in reconstructing the file blocks in the correct order (more details will be explained later). The owner keeps and stores a local copy of the BST, to validate each time the data owner wants to issue a dynamic request. This help to avoid such communication and computation overheads,

### Notations

- $F = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$  is a data file.
- $h$  is a cryptographic hash function.
- $E_{K_{ctr}}$  is a symmetric encryption algorithm under  $K_{ctr}$ , e.g., AES encryption.

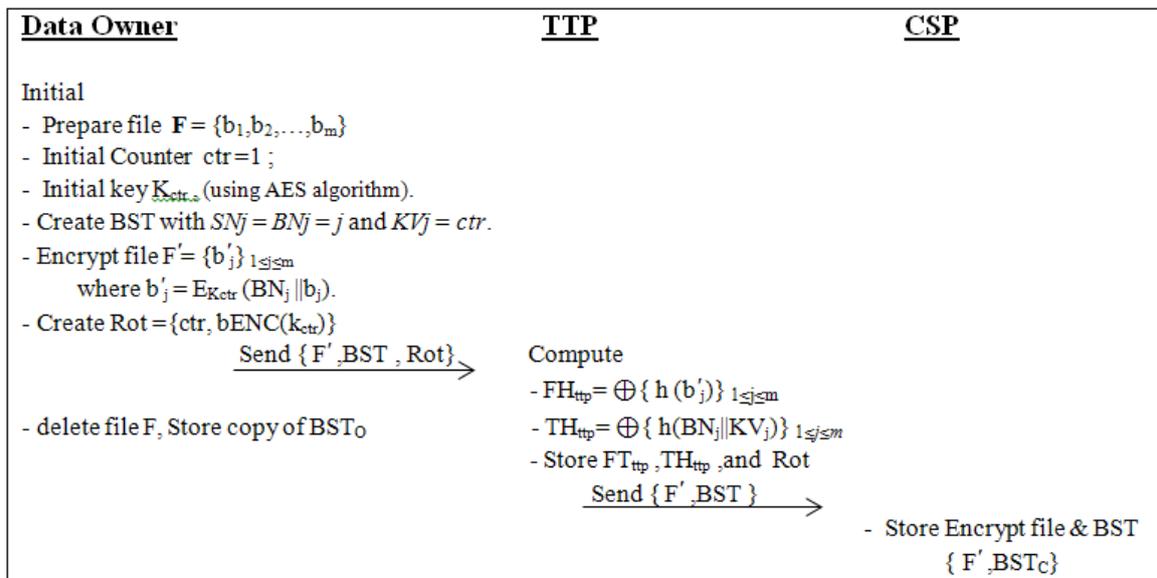


Fig. 2. Setup and File Preparation procedure in the proposed scheme

- $FH_{tpp}$  is a combined hash value for  $F'$ , and is computed and stored by the TTP.
- $TH_{tpp}$  is a combined hash value for the BST, and is computed and stored by the TTP
- $ctr$  is a counter kept by the data owner to indicate the version of the most recent key
- $BST$  is a Block Status Table.
- $BST_0$  is block status table at owner, and  $BST_C$  is it at CSP.
- $\oplus$  is an XOR operator .
- Rot = (ctr, bENC( $K_{ctr}$ )) is a rotator, where bENC( $K_{ctr}$ ) is a broadcast encryption of  $K_{ctr}$

**TTP Role:** The TTP receives the  $\{F', BST, Rot\}$  from data owner, then resolve disputes that may arise regarding data integrity/newness, the TTP computes combined hash values for the encrypted file F and BST using the following formula.

$$FH_{TTP} = h(b_1 \oplus b_2 \oplus \dots \oplus b_m) = \bigoplus \{h(b_j)\}_{1 \leq j \leq m} \dots (1)$$

$$TH_{TTP} = h((BN_1 || KV_1) \oplus (BN_2 || KV_2) \oplus \dots \oplus (BN_m || KV_m)) = \bigoplus \{h(BN_j || KV_j)\}_{1 \leq j \leq m} \dots (2)$$

Then sends  $\{F', BST\}$  to the CSP. The TTP keeps only  $FH_{TTP}$  and  $TH_{TTP}$  on its local storage.

**CSP Role**

The CSP receives the  $\{F', BST\}$  from TTP and stores a copy of the BST along with the outsourced data file. When a user requests to access the data, the CSP responds by sending both the  $BST_C$  and the encrypted file  $F'$ .

Table 2. The data stored by each component in the system

Owner	TTP	CSP
$Ctr, K_{ctr}, BST_0$	$Rot, FH_{TTP}, TH_{TTP}$	$F, BSP_C$

**Dynamic Operations on the Outsourced Data**

The BST is implemented as a connected list to make things easier the insertion, deletion and modification of table entries. If block alteration or addition operations are to perform following a revocation, ctr is incremented by 1 and KV of that customized/new block is set to be equal to ctr. Fig. 3: change in BST Due to Different active Operation on a File  $F = \{b_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq 8}$  When a data file is initially created, the data owner initializes both ctr and KV of each block to 1. If block alteration or placing operations are to be performed following a revocation, ctr is incremented by 1 and KV of that customized/new block is set to be equal to ctr. Figure shows some examples representing the changes in the BST due to dynamic operations on a data file  $F = \{b_j\}_{1 \leq j \leq 8}$ . When the file blocks are initially formed (Fig.(a)) ctr is initialized to 1,  $SN_j = BN_j = j$ , and  $KV_j = 1: 1 \leq j \leq 8$ . Fig. (b) Shows no modify for update the block at location 5 since no revocation is performed. To add a new block after location 3 in the file F. Fig (c) shows that a new entry  $\{4,9,1\}$  is added in the BST after  $SN_3$ , where 4 is the physical location of the newly added block, 9 is the new logical block number compute by incrementing the maximum of all previous logical block numbers, and 1 is the version of the key used for encryption.

A first revocation in the scheme increments ctr by 1 (ctr = 2). Modifying the block at position 5 following a revocation (Fig.(d)) answers in setting  $KV_5 = ctr$ . Thus, the table entries at location 5 become  $\{5, 4, 2\}$ . (Fig. (e)) shows that a new block is to be added after position 6 following a second revocation, which Increments ctr to be 3. In Fig. (e), a new table entry  $\{7, 10, 3\}$  is insert after  $SN_6$ , where  $KV_7$  is set to be equal to ctr (the Most recent key version). Deleting a block at position 2 from the Data file requires deleting the table entry at  $SN_2$  and shifting all Ensuing entries one position up. Note that during all Dynamic operations, SN indicates the real physical positions of the information blocks in F.

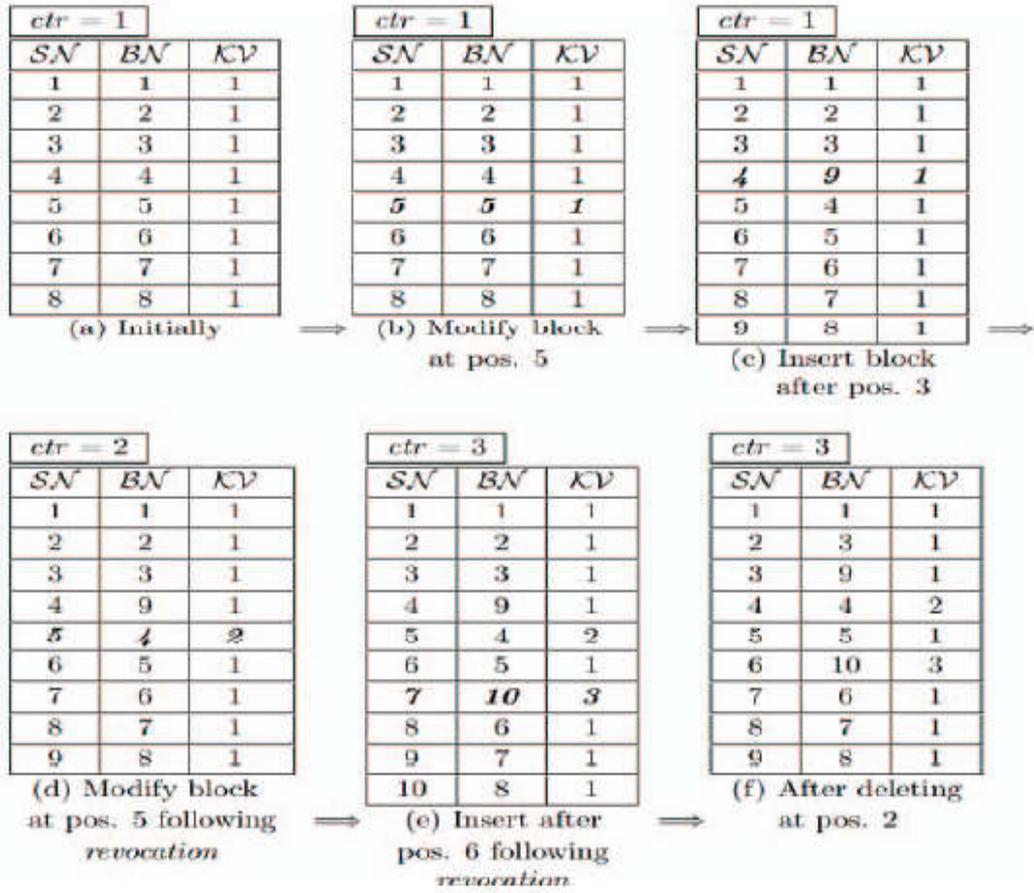
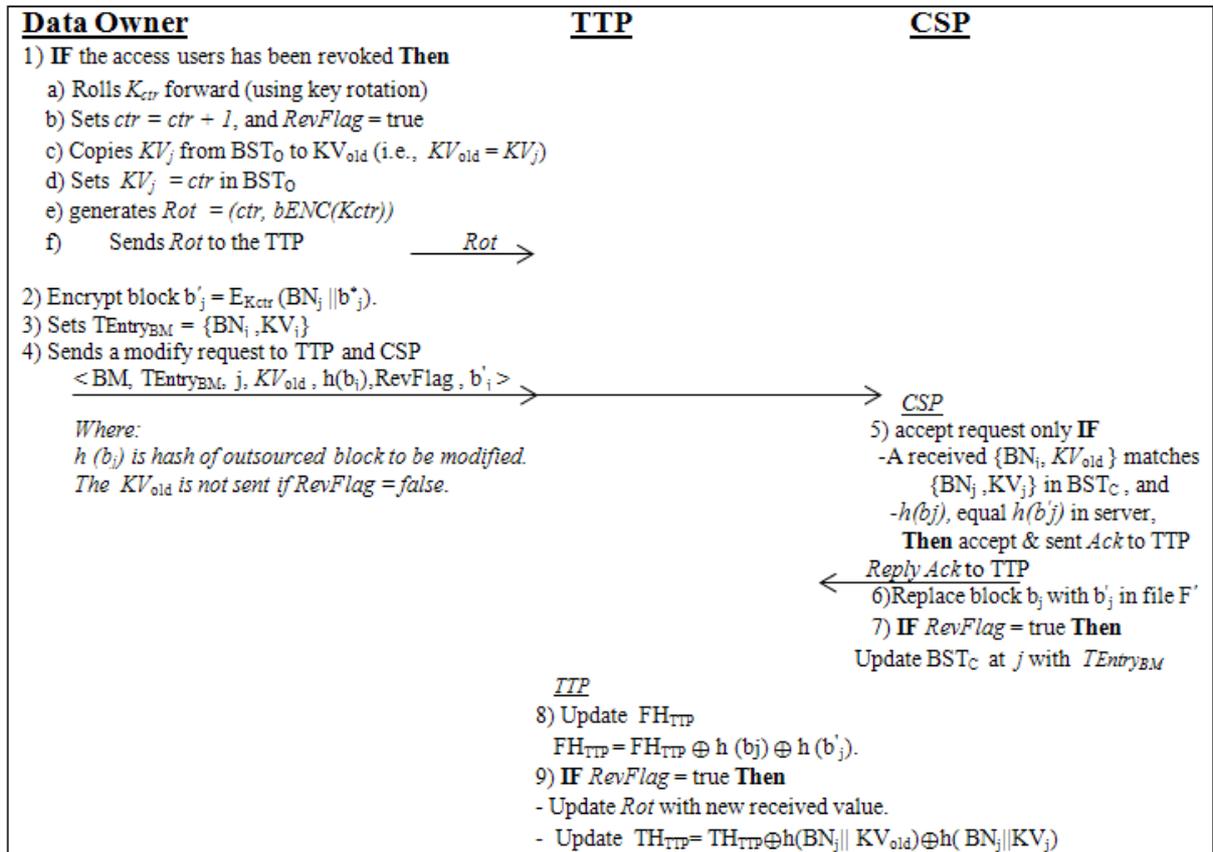
Fig. 3. Changes in the BST due to different dynamic operations on a file  $F = \{b_j\} 1 \leq j \leq 8$ 

Fig. 4. The Steps of Block Modification in the proposed scheme

**Block Modification Operation**

The dynamic operations in the proposed scheme are performed at the block level via a request in the general form ( $BlockOp, TEntry_{BlockOp}, j, KV_j, h(b'_j), RevFlag, b^*$ )

Where:

$BlockOp$  corresponds to blockmodification (denoted by BM), block insertion (denotedby BI), or block deletion (denoted by BD).  $TEntry_{BlockOp}$  indicates an entry in  $BST_O$  corresponding to the issued dynamic request. The parameter  $j$  indicates the block index, on which the dynamic operation is to be performed.  $KV_j$  is the value of the key version at index  $j$  of  $BST_O$  before running a modification operation.  $h(b'_j)$  is the hash value of the block at index  $j$  before modification/deletion. The  $RevFlag$  is a 1-bit flag (true/false and is initialized to false) to indicate whether a revocation has been performed, and  $b^*$  is the new block value. For a file  $F = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$ , suppose the owner wants to modify a block  $b_j$  with a block  $b^*_j$ . Fig. 4 describes the steps performed by each system component (owner, CSP, and TTP) during blockmodification. The owner send the modify request to both the CSP and the TTP. The TTP updates the combined hash value  $FH_{TTP}$  for  $F'$  which simultaneously replaces the hash of the old block  $h(b_j)$  with the new one  $h(b'_j)$ , through the step  $FH_{TTP} = FH_{TTP} \oplus h(b_j) \oplus h(b'_j)$ . This is possible due to the basic properties of the  $\oplus$  operator. The same idea is used when  $RevFlag = true$  to update the value  $TH_{TTP}$ .

**Block Insertion Operation**

In a block insertion operation, the owner wants to insert a new block  $b'$  after index  $j$  in a file  $F = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m\}$ , the newly constructed file.  $F' = \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j, b', \dots, b_{m+1}\}$ , where  $b_{j+1} = b'$ . Fig. 5 describes the steps performed by each system component (owner, CSP, and TTP) during block insertion.

**Block Deletion Operation**

When one block is deleted all subsequent blocks are moved one step forward. Fig. 6 describes the steps performed by each system component (owner, CSP, and TTP) during block deletion. The step  $FH_{TTP} = FH_{TTP} \oplus h(b'_j)$  is used to delete the hash value of  $b'_j$  from the combined hash  $FH_{TTP}$ . The same idea is used with the  $TH_{TTP}$  value.

**Data Access and Cheating Detection**

The authorized user sends a request to both the CSP and TTP to access the outsourced file from the cloud server for retrieve the data file. For achieving non-repudiation, the CSP generate two signatures  $\sigma_F$  and  $\sigma_T$  for  $F'$  and  $BST_C$ , respectively. After receiving  $\{F', BST_C, \sigma_F, \sigma_T\}$  from the CSP, and  $\{FH_{TTP}, TH_{TTP}, Rot\}$  from the TTP. The authorized user verifies the signatures, and proceeds with the data access procedure only if both signatures are valid. the user verifies the contents of  $BST_C$  entries by computing the combined hash values of  $BST_C$  using the following equation.

$$TH_{User} = h((BN1||KV1) \oplus (BN2||KV2) \oplus \dots \oplus (BNm||KVm)) = \oplus \{h(BN_j||KV_j) \mid 1 \leq j \leq m\} \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

The user compares the  $TH_{TTP}$  received from TTP and  $TH_{User}$ . If  $(TH_{User} \neq TH_{TTP})$ , then issue a dishonest party report to the TTP and data owner. In case of  $(TH_{User} = TH_{TTP})$  the user verifies the contents of the encrypted file  $F$  by calculating the  $FH_{User}$  using the following equation and comparing with  $FH_{TTP}$ .

$$FH_{User} = h(b'_1 \oplus b'_2 \oplus \dots \oplus b'_m) = \oplus \{h(b'_j) \mid 1 \leq j \leq m\} \dots \dots (4)$$

If  $(FH_{User} \neq FH_{TTP})$ , then informs to the TTP to resolve such a conflict. For the authorized user to access the encrypted file  $F' = \{b'_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq m\}$ ,  $BST_C$  and  $Rot$  are used to generate the key  $K_{ctr}$  that decrypts the block  $b'_j$ . The component  $bENC(K_{ctr})$  of  $Rot$  is decrypted to get the most recent key  $K_{ctr}$ . Using the key rotation technique, the user rotates  $K_{ctr}$  backward with each block until it reaches the version that is used to decrypt the blocks  $b'_j$  using the AES decryption algorithm. Both  $ctr$  and the key version  $KV_j$  can determine how many rotation steps for  $K_{ctr}$  with each block  $b'_j$ . Decrypting the block  $b'_j$  returns  $(BN_j || b_j)$ . The  $BN_j$  and  $BST_C$  are utilized to reconstruct the original source file ( $F$ ).

**Performance analysis**

**Overview**

We evaluate the performance of the proposed cloud security scheme by analyzing the storage, communication and computation overhead, the data file  $F$  used in our performance analysis is of size 1GB with different block size (4KB, 8KB, and 16KB) to reduce overheads, and optimize efficient of the system. We assume that the desired security level is 128-bit, and we utilize a cryptographic hash  $h$  of size 256 bits (32 bytes), an elliptic curve used to implement  $bENC$  can be represented by 256 bits ( $\approx 32$  bytes), and BLS (Boneh-Lynn-Shacham) signature of size 256 bits (32 bytes) used to compute  $\sigma_F$  and  $\sigma_T$ .

**Storage Overhead**

It is the additional storage space required to store the necessary information for data security, other than the stored file  $F$ . The overhead on the data owner is due to store  $BST_O$  in its local storage, where the size of the  $BST_O$  is calculated based on the number of data blocks  $m$ . The  $BST_O$  contains two columns  $BN, KV$  both are integer it occupies total 8 bytes of memory space for single data block, therefore the total storage space of  $BST_O$  is  $8xm$  bytes, where  $m$  is the number of data blocks. Like the owner, the storage overhead on the CSP side comes from the storage of  $BST_C$  is  $8xm$  bytes. To resolve disputes that may arise regarding data integrity or newness property, the TTP stores  $FH_{TTP}$  and  $TH_{TTP}$  (hash values of the file and  $BST$  is 64 bytes) each of size 32 bytes. Besides, the TTP stores  $Rot = \{ctr, bENC(K_{ctr})\}$  that enables the data owner to enforce access control for the outsourced data. The  $ctr$  is 4 bytes, and  $bENC$  is (32 bytes). The  $bENC$  has storage complexity  $O(\sqrt{n})$ , where  $n$  denote the total number of system users. The total storage overhead of the proposed security system is the sum of the storage overhead at data owner, TTP and CSP side. The overall storage overhead is calculated using the following equation.

$$\begin{aligned} Overhead_{storage} &= overhead_{(Owner)} + overhead_{(CSP)} + overhead_{(TTP)} \\ &= BST_O + BST_C + (FH_{TTP} + TH_{TTP} + Rot) \\ &= \{(8 \times m) + (8 \times m) + (68 + 32(\sqrt{n}))\} \text{ bytes} \end{aligned}$$

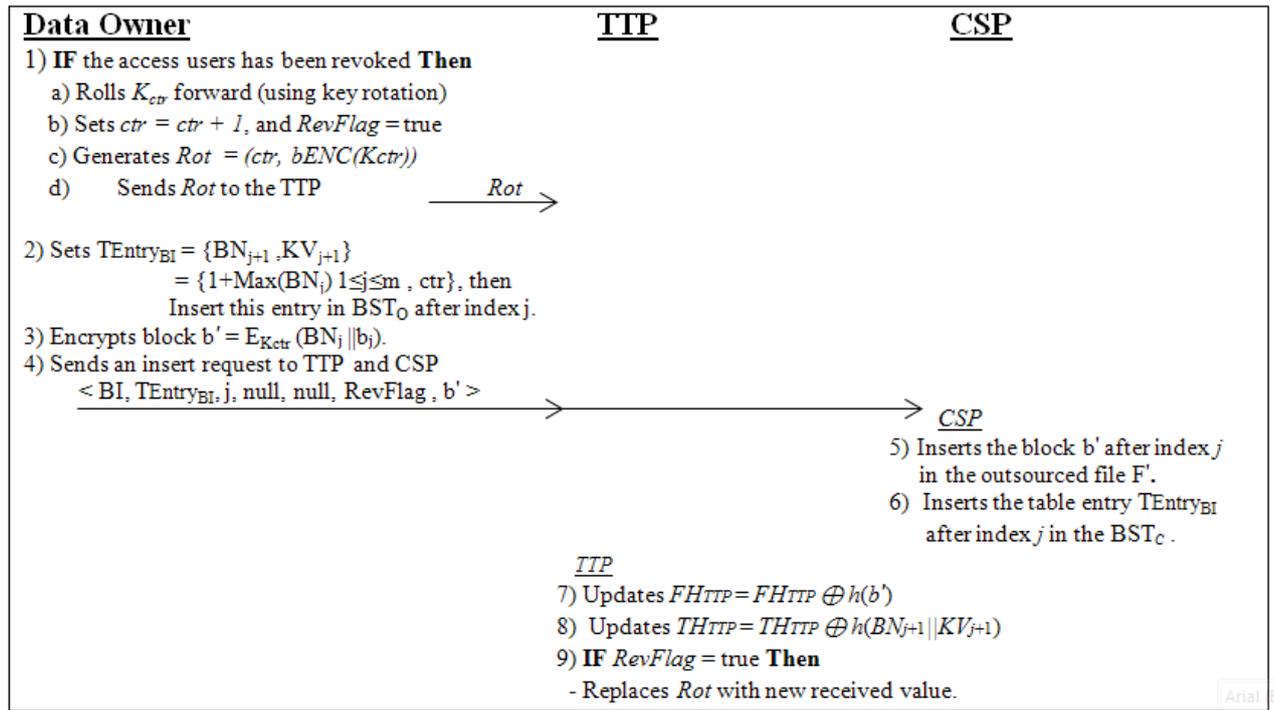


Fig. 5. The Steps of Block Insertion Operation. (Insert block  $b'$  after index  $j$  in the outsourced file)

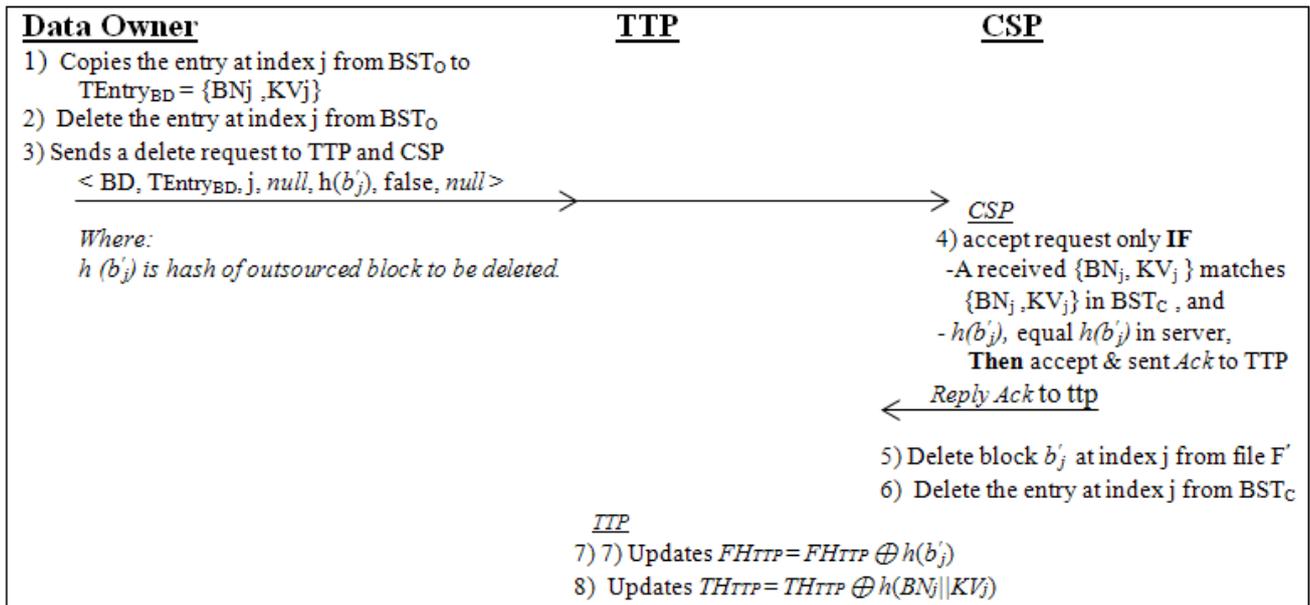


Fig. 6. The Steps of Block Deletion in the proposed scheme

For our data file  $F$  (1GB with 4KB block size) and  $n = 100,000$  authorized users. The  $BST_O$  for the file  $F$  is only 2MB (0.2% of  $F$ ), also the  $BST_C$  is only 2MB (0.2% of  $F$ ). Therefore, the storage overhead on the TTP side is close to 10KB. Overall, the storage overhead for the file  $F$  is less than 4.01MB ( $\approx 0.4\%$  of  $F$ ). While increasing the data block size still we can reduce the  $BST$  storage overhead, to reduce the total storage overhead, and optimize the efficient of the system. So, if our data file  $F$  (1GB with 8KB block size). Then the  $BST_O$  is 1MB (0.1% of  $F$ ), and the  $BST_C$  is 1MB (0.1% of  $F$ ). The total storage overhead for the file  $F$  is less than 2.01MB ( $\approx 0.2\%$  of  $F$ ). If data file  $F$  (1GB with 16KB block size). The  $BST_O$  is 0.5MB, and the  $BST_C$  is 0.5MB, the total storage overhead is less than 1MB ( $\approx 0.1\%$  of  $F$ ) and thus.

### Communication Overhead

It is the additional information sent along with the outsourced data blocks whether during dynamic operations or during data access. During dynamic operations, the communication overhead on the owner side comes from the transmission general formula of a block operations  $\{BlockOp, TEntry_{BlockOp}, j, KV_j, h(b'_j)\} = \{1 + 8 + 4 + 4 + 32\}$  bytes, sent to TTP, and the owner also sends  $Rot$  ( $4 + 32\sqrt{n}$  bytes) to the TTP. The  $Rot$  represents the major factor in the communication overhead, and thus the overhead is 49 bytes if block modification/deletion with revocations, and is only 45 bytes without revocations (only 13 bytes for insertion operations).

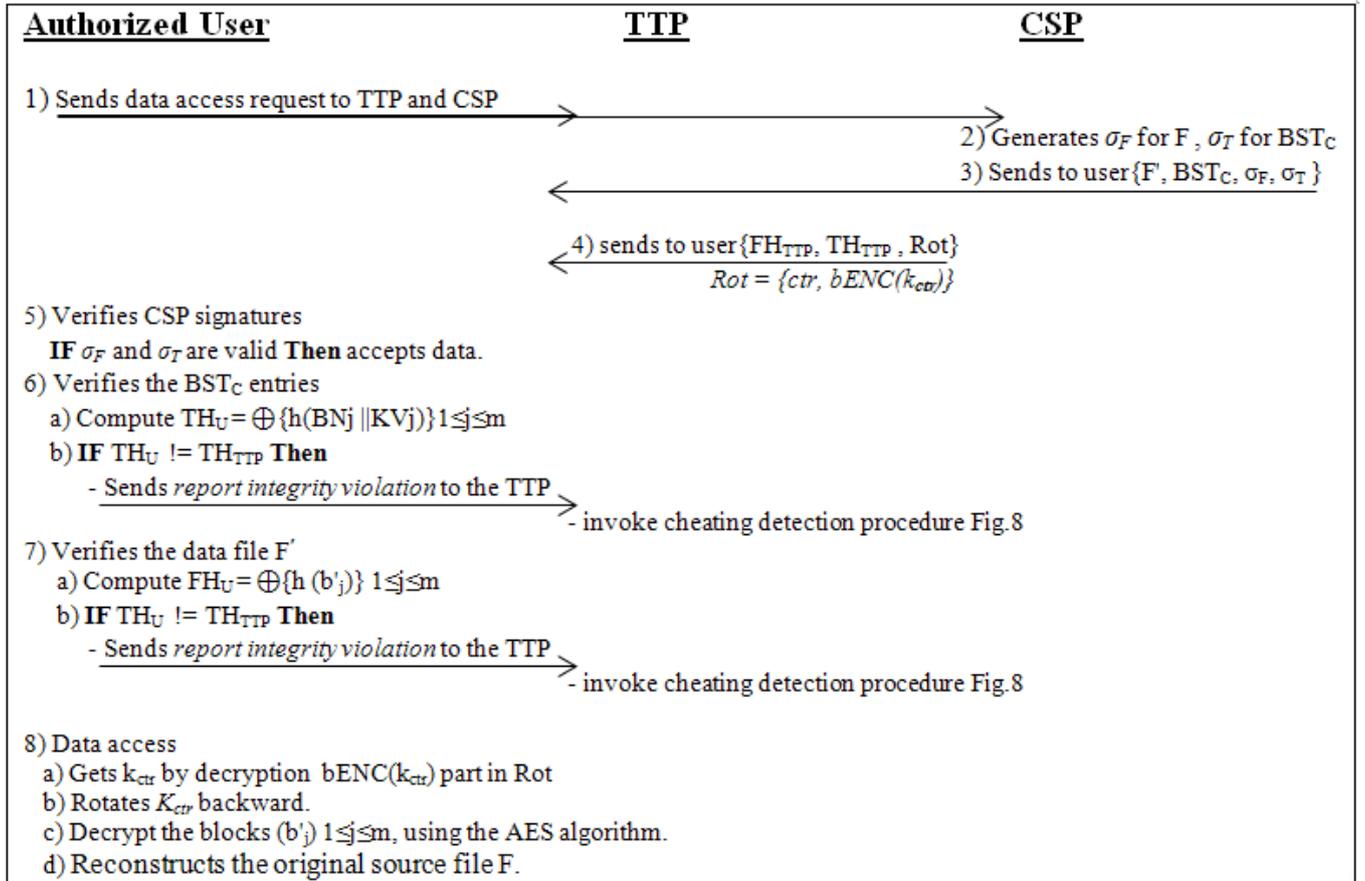


Fig. 7. Data access procedure in the proposed scheme

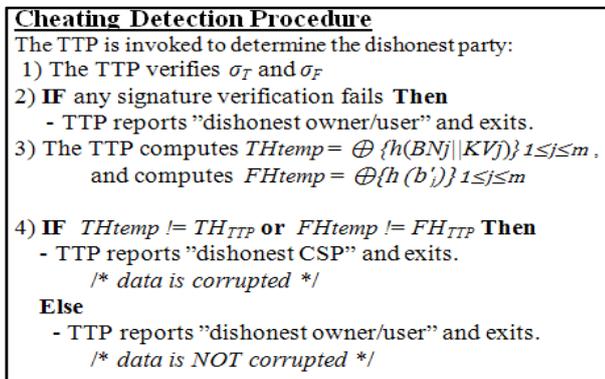


Fig. 8. Cheating detection procedure in the proposed scheme

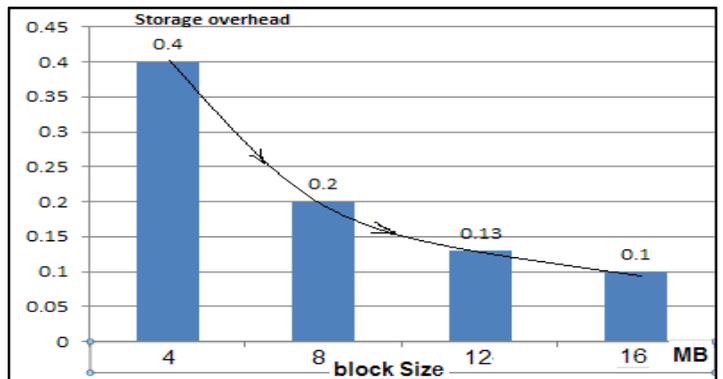


Fig. 9. Reduce storage overhead due to dynamic operations

Therefore, in the worst case scenario (i.e., block modifications following revocations), the owner's overhead is less than 10KB. Hence, the communication overhead due to dynamic changes on the data is about 1% of the block size (the block is 4KB in our analysis). As a response to *access the outsourced data*, the CSP sends the file along with  $\sigma_F$  (32 bytes),  $\sigma_T$  (32 bytes), and  $BST_C$  (8m bytes). Moreover, the TTP sends  $FH_{TTP}$  (32 bytes),  $TH_{TTP}$  (32 bytes), and  $Rot$ . Thus, the communication overhead due to data access is 64 + 8m bytes on the CSP side, and 68 + 32√n bytes on the TTP side. Overall, to access the file  $F$  (1GB with 4KB block size), the proposed scheme has communication overhead close to 2.01MB ( $\approx 0.2\%$  of  $F$ ). For getting the more efficient system, we can reduce the communication overhead, by increasing the data block size.

The total communication overhead for the system is the sum of the communication overheads between the *owner*, *user*, *CSP* and *TTP*. The overall communication overhead is calculated using the following equation.

$$\text{Overhead}_{\text{Commn}} = \text{overhead}_{(\text{Owner}, \text{TTP})} + \text{overhead}_{(\text{User}, \text{CSP})} + \text{overhead}_{(\text{User}, \text{TTP})}$$

$$= \{(45 + [8 + 32\sqrt{n}]) + (64 + 8m) + (68 + 32\sqrt{n})\} \text{ bytes}$$

### Computation Overhead

For confidentiality requirement the static data in the cloud storage system has the computational cost for data access from the CSP. The computation cost is the cost of the time required

to perform the data encryption, data decryption. For the proposed scheme, the computation overhead on the owner side due to dynamic operations (modification/insertion), the overhead is one encryption operations for block, forward rotation, and bENC to generate the *Rot*. Hence, the computation overhead on the owner side for the dynamic operations is  $E_{K_{ctr}} + FR + bENC$  (worst case scenario). And the computation overhead on the TTP side for updating values of both  $FH_{TTP}$  and  $TH_{TTP}$  is  $4h$  maximum at revocation or ( $2h$  at no revocation). The total computation overhead for *data access* is the sum of the cost of the four verifications (2 signatures, CSP<sub>C</sub>, and file F), key rotation backward, and broadcast decryption  $\{2V\sigma + 2mh + BR + bENC^{-1}\}$  on the owner side, and 2 generate signature  $\{2S\sigma\}$  on the CSP side. The maximum computation overhead required for detecting the unauthorized user on the TTP side is  $\{2V\sigma + 2mh\}$ . The overall computation overhead is calculated using the following equation.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost}_{\text{Computation}} &= \text{Cost}_{\text{Dynamic\_operation}} + \text{Cost}_{\text{Data\_access}} + \text{Cost}_{\text{Detection\_cheating}} \\ &= (E_{K_{ctr}} + FR + bENC + 4h) + (2V\sigma + 2mh + BR + bENC^{-1} + 2S\sigma) + (2V\sigma + 2mh) \\ &= E_{K_{ctr}} + FR + BR + bENC + bENC^{-1} + 2S\sigma + 4h + 4mh + 4V\sigma \end{aligned}$$

## Conclusion and future work

In this paper, we discuss the problem of data security in cloud storage system. To control the outsourced data and provide the quality of the cloud storage service for the users, we proposed a cloud-based storage scheme that provides a higher security and privacy to our data by maintaining encryption and decryption standards. Our data is provided with better security, data integrity, privacy, and access control of the outsourced data. Our proposed scheme supports outsourcing of dynamic data, where the owner is capable of not only archiving and accessing the data stored by the CSP, but also updating and scaling this data on the remote servers. And it enables the authorized users to ensure that they are receiving the most recent version of the outsourced data. To detect the dishonest party (owner/users or Cloud Service Provider), we implemented the verification techniques using hash function at TTP. The data owner enforces access control for the outsourced data by combining three cryptographic techniques: broadcast encryption, lazy revocation, and key rotation.

We have investigated the computation overhead, communication overhead and storage overhead for the outsourced data. We try to optimize the system overheads and enhanced efficient the system by using different blocks size. Such as the storage overhead is 0.4% of the outsourced data file, reduced to 0.1%, and thus. In the future work, we are focusing on the efficient authorized auditing to control of dynamic fine-grained data updates, when the verification is done by trusted third party.

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