

(Fully) Homomorphic Encryption and their Applications

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A simple client-server HE scenario

Can we delegate the **processing** of data, without giving away **access** to it?

Solution: Homomorphic Encryption!

Application: Cloud Computing

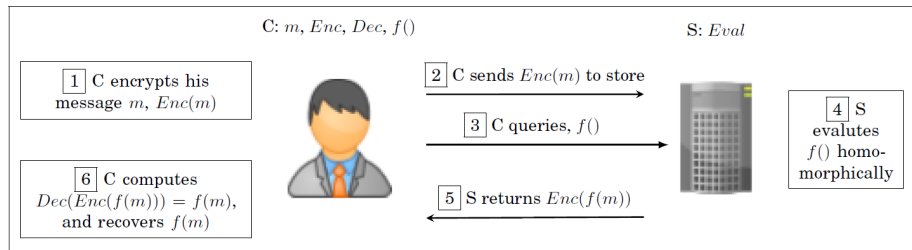
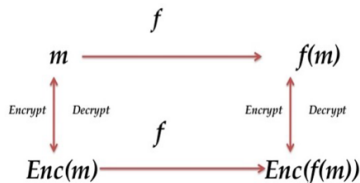


Figure: A simple client-server HE scenario [Abbas17]

(Fully) Homomorphic Encryption



A homomorphic encryption(HE) scheme allows computations on the ciphertext **without knowing the secret key**, meanwhile ensures that the decryption of the resulting ciphertext is exactly **the same as** the computations over the plaintext.

(Fully) Homomorphic Encryption Scheme

A homomorphic encryption scheme is a tuple (HE.KeyGen, HE.Enc, HE.Dec, HE.Eval) of **probabilistic polynomial time (PPT)** algorithms.

- $(sk, pk, evk) \leftarrow HE.KeyGen(1^\lambda)$
- $c \leftarrow HE.Enc(pk, m)$
- $m \leftarrow HE.Dec(sk, c)$
- $c_f \leftarrow HE.Eval(pk, f, evk, c_1, \dots, c_l)$

Definition (Correctness)

We say that a homomorphic encryption correctly evaluates a circuit family \mathcal{F} if for all $f \in \mathcal{F}$ and for all $m_1, \dots, m_l \in \mathcal{M}$ it holds that if $(sk, pk) \leftarrow HE.KeyGen(1^\lambda)$, $c_i = HE.Enc_{pk}(m_i)$ for all i , and $c_f = HE.Eval_{pk, evk}(f, c_1, \dots, c_l)$,

$$\Pr[HE.Dec_{sk}(c_f) \neq f(m_1, \dots, m_l)] = \text{negl}(\lambda),$$

where the probability is taken over all the randomness in the experiment.

Definition (Security)

A homomorphic scheme is secure if any polynomial time adversary that first gets a properly generated pk , then specifies $m_0, m_1 \in \mathcal{M}$ and finally gets $HE.Enc_{pk}(m_b)$ for a random b , cannot guess the value of b with probability $> 1/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda)$.

In other words, $(pk, HE.Enc_{pk}(m_0)) \stackrel{c}{\approx} (pk, HE.Enc_{pk}(m_1))$ for any $m_0 \neq m_1$.

IND-CPA secure \checkmark

IND-CCA1 secure \checkmark [CS98]

IND-CCA2 secure \times

Development of FHE

- Idea about privacy homomorphism was proposed [RAD78]
- Partially Homomorphic Encryption Schemes [RSA78] [Paillier99]
- 1st generation FHE based on ideal lattice (bootstrapping) [Gen09b]
- 2nd generation FHE based on RLWE (key/modulus switch) [BV11b][BGV12]
- 3rd generation FHE based on LWE (approximate eigenvector) [GSW13]

Partially Homomorphic

[RSA78]

- **KeyGen:** $pk = (e, N), N = pq, \gcd(e, \phi(n)) = 1$
- **Enc:** $Enc(m) = m^e \bmod N$
- **Multiplicative Homomorphism:**
 $Enc(m_1) \cdot Enc(m_2) = (m_1 m_2)^e \bmod N = Enc(m_1 m_2)$

[Paillier99]

- **KeyGen:** $pk = (n, g)$
- **Enc:** $Enc(m) = g^m \cdot r^n \bmod n^2$
- **Additive Homomorphism:**
 $Enc(m_1) \cdot Enc(m_2) = g^{m_1+m_2} \cdot (r_1 r_2)^n \bmod n^2 = Enc(m_1 + m_2)$

[DGHV10] Integer version (Approximate GCD Problem)

- **KeyGen:** $sk = p$, p is a large odd integer
- **Enc:** randomness r , $|r| \ll p$, message $m \in \{0, 1\}$, $c = pq + 2r + m$
- **Dec:** $m = (c \bmod p) \bmod 2$
- **Homomorphic Evaluation:**
 - $c^+ = (q_1 + q_2)p + 2(r_1 + r_2) + (m_1 + m_2)$
 - $c^\times = (q_1c_2 + q_2c_1 - pq_1q_2)p + 2(m_1r_2 + r_1m_2 + 2r_1r_2) + m_1m_2$
- the above is a somewhat homomorphic encryption scheme

Bootstrapping

SWHE + Bootstrapping \rightarrow (leveled) FHE

Bootstrapping: "refreshes" a ciphertext by running the decryption function on it homomorphically, resulting in a **reduced noise**.

c_1 under key s_1 with noise $e_1 \xrightarrow{\text{refresh}} c_2$ under key s_2 with noise e_2
 $\text{Dec}(c_1, s_1) = \text{Dec}(c_2, s_2)$ and $|e_2| < |e_1|$

Theorem

Suppose \mathcal{E} is a HE scheme

- that can evaluate arithmetic circuits of depth d
- whose decryption algorithm is a circuit of depth $d - 1$

then we call \mathcal{E} a "bootstrappable" HE scheme.

[BV11b][BGV12]

Definition (Leveled FHE)

A family of homomorphic encryption schemes $\{\mathcal{E}^L : L \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$ is leveled fully homomorphic if

- they all use the same decryption circuit,
- \mathcal{E}^L compactly evaluates all circuits of depth at most L ,
- the computational complexity of \mathcal{E}^L 's algorithms is polynomial in the security parameter, L , and the size of the circuit.

[Regev09]

Definition (Ring-LWE)

For security parameter λ , let $f(x) = x^d + 1$ where $d = d(\lambda)$ is a power of 2. Let $q = q(\lambda) \geq 2$ be an integer. Let $R = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(f(x))$ and let $R_q = R/qR$. Let $\chi = \chi(\lambda)$ be a distribution over R . The $RLWE_{d,q,\chi}$ problem is to distinguish the following two distributions:

- In the first distribution, one samples (a_i, b_i) uniformly from R_q^2 .
- In the second distribution, one first draws $s \leftarrow R_q$ uniformly and then samples $(a_i, b_i) \in R_q^2$ by sampling $a_i \leftarrow R_q$ uniformly, $e_i \leftarrow \chi$, and setting $b_i = a_i \cdot s + e_i$.

The $RLWE_{d,q,\chi}$ assumption is that the $RLWE_{d,q,\chi}$ problem is infeasible.

[BV11b][BGV12]

- **KeyGen:** $\mathbf{t} \leftarrow \chi^n$, $\mathbf{s} = (1, \mathbf{t}) \in R_q^{n+1}$, $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow R_q^{N \times n}$, $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \chi^N$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{t} + 2\mathbf{e}$, where $N = n \lceil \log q \rceil$, set $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{b} \parallel -\mathbf{C}) \in R_q^{N \times (n+1)}$. Observe that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = 2\mathbf{e}$.
- **Enc:** message $m \in R_2$, $\mathbf{m} = (m, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \in R_2^{n+1}$, sample $\mathbf{r} \in R_2^N$ and output $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{r} \in R_q^{n+1}$
- **Dec:** $[[\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q]_2$, decryption works correctly because $[[\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q]_2 = [[(\mathbf{m}^T + \mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{A}) \cdot \mathbf{s}]_q]_2 = [[m + 2\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{e}]_q]_2 = [m + 2\mathbf{r}^T \mathbf{e}]_2 = m$

Definition (B-bounded distributions)

A distribution χ , supported over the integers, is called B -bounded if

$$\Pr_{e \leftarrow \chi}[|e| > B] = \text{negl}(n)$$

[BV11b][BGV12]

- $[\langle \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q = m_1 + 2e_1, [\langle \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q = m_2 + 2e_2$

- **Fact.** $\langle \mathbf{c}_1 \otimes \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s} \otimes \mathbf{s} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{s} \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s} \rangle$

- **Homomorphic Addition:**

$$\mathbf{c}^+ = \mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_2 = \mathbf{A}^T (\mathbf{r}_1 + \mathbf{r}_2) + (\mathbf{m}_1 + \mathbf{m}_2),$$
$$[[\langle \mathbf{c}^+, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q]_2 = [2(\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2) + (m_1 + m_2)]_2 = m_1 + m_2$$

- **Homomorphic Multiplication:**

$$\text{tensor product } \mathbf{c}_3^\times = \mathbf{c}_1 \otimes \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s}^\times = \mathbf{s} \otimes \mathbf{s},$$
$$[[\langle \mathbf{c}_3^\times, \mathbf{s}^\times \rangle]_q]_2 = [[(2e_1 + m_1)(2e_2 + m_2)]_q]_2 =$$
$$[2(2e_1 e_2 + m_1 e_2 + m_2 e_1) + m_1 m_2]_2 = m_1 m_2$$

2nd generation FHE (Key Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

- The dimension of the resulting multiplication ciphertext \mathbf{c}_3^\times is $(n + 1)^2$ instead of the original ciphertext dimension $(n + 1)$.
- Question: How can we avoid **ciphertext expansion**?
- Solution: **Key Switch!**
- Convert $(n + 1)^2$ -dimension \mathbf{c}_3 under key \mathbf{s}_3 to $(n + 1)$ -dimension \mathbf{c}'_3 under key \mathbf{s}'_3 while preserving correctness.

Useful Subroutines (Key Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

- **BitDecomp**: $\mathbf{x} \in R_q^n$, $\text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{x}_0, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{l-1}) \in R_2^{nl}$ such that $\mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} 2^i \mathbf{x}_i$; where $l = \lfloor \log q \rfloor + 1$
- **Powerof2**: $\mathbf{y} \in R_q^n$, $\text{Powerof2}(\mathbf{y}) = (\mathbf{y}, 2\mathbf{y}, \dots, 2^{l-1} \cdot \mathbf{y}) \in R_q^{nl}$

Lemma

$$\langle \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{x}), \text{Powerof2}(\mathbf{y}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{x}), \text{Powerof2}(\mathbf{y}) \rangle &= \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \langle \mathbf{x}_i, 2^i \cdot \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \langle 2^i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \sum_{i=0}^{l-1} 2^i \cdot \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y} \rangle \\ &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

2nd generation FHE (Key Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

- **SwitchKeyGen**($\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, n_1, n_2, q$): $\mathbf{t}_2 \leftarrow R_q^{n_2}$, $\mathbf{s}_2 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{t}_2) \in R_q^{n_2+1}$, $\mathbf{C} \leftarrow R_q^{N \times n_2}$, $\mathbf{e}_2 \leftarrow \chi^N$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{t}_2 + 2\mathbf{e}_2$, where $N = n_1 \lceil \log q \rceil$, set $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{b} | -\mathbf{C}) \in R_q^{N \times (n_2+1)}$. Observe that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}_2 = 2\mathbf{e}_2 \in R_q^N$, add *powerof2*(\mathbf{s}_1) to \mathbf{A} 's first column to get matrix $\tau_{\mathbf{s}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{s}_2} = \mathbf{B}$.
- **SwitchKey**($\tau_{\mathbf{s}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{s}_2}, \mathbf{c}_1, n_1, n_2, q$): For $\mathbf{c}_1 \in R_2^{n_1+1}$, the algorithm output $\mathbf{c}_2 = \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1)^T \mathbf{B} \in R_q^{n_2+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s}_2 \rangle &= \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1)^T \cdot \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2 \\ &= \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1)^T \cdot (2\mathbf{e}_2 + \text{Powerof2}(\mathbf{s}_1)) \\ &= 2\langle \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1), \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle + \langle \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1), \text{Powerof2}(\mathbf{s}_1) \rangle \\ &= 2\langle \text{BitDecomp}(\mathbf{c}_1), \mathbf{e}_2 \rangle + \langle \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{s}_1 \rangle \\ &= 2e + m_1 m_2\end{aligned}$$

2nd generation FHE (Modulus Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

- The noise of the resulting ciphertext after multiplication is increasing dramatically.
- Question: How can we manage the noise amplification?
- Solution: **Modulus Switch!**
- Modulus Switch can transform a ciphertext \mathbf{c} modulo q into a different ciphertext \mathbf{c}' modulo p while preserving correctness, namely,

$$[\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p = [\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q \bmod 2, \text{ and } \|\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle\|_p < \|\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle\|_q$$

Noise Management (Modulus Switch)

Noise Amplification

Suppose $q \approx B^k$, fresh ciphertext with noise of magnitude B

Noise increasing:

$$B \xrightarrow{1} B^2 \xrightarrow{2} B^4 \xrightarrow{3} \dots \xrightarrow{\log k} B^k$$

Modulus decreasing:

$$q \xrightarrow{1} q \xrightarrow{2} q \xrightarrow{3} \dots \xrightarrow{\log k} q$$

Can do $\log k$ levels of multiplication

Choose a ladder of gradually decreasing moduli $\{q_i \approx q/B^i\}$ for $i < k$

Noise increasing:

$$B \xrightarrow{1} B^2 \xrightarrow{\text{switch}} B \xrightarrow{2} B^2 \xrightarrow{\text{switch}} B \xrightarrow{3} \dots \xrightarrow{k} B^2 \xrightarrow{\text{switch}} B$$

Modulus decreasing:

$$q \xrightarrow{1} q/B \xrightarrow{2} q/B^2 \xrightarrow{3} \dots \xrightarrow{k} q/B^k$$

Can do k levels of multiplication

2nd generation FHE (Modulus Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

Definition (Scale)

For integer vector \mathbf{x} and integers $q > p$, we define $\mathbf{x}' \leftarrow \text{Scale}(\mathbf{x}, q, p, r)$ to be the R -vector closest to $(p/q) \cdot \mathbf{x}$ that satisfies $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x} \pmod{r}$.

Lemma

Let d be the degree of the ring. Let $q > p > r$ be positive integers satisfying $q = p = 1 \pmod{r}$. Let $\mathbf{c} \in R^n$ and $\mathbf{c}' \leftarrow \text{Scale}(\mathbf{c}, q, p, r)$. Then for any $\mathbf{s} \in R^n$ with $\|[\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q\| < q/2 - (q/p) \cdot \gamma_R \cdot (r/2) \cdot \sqrt{d} \cdot l_1^{(R)}(\mathbf{s})$, we have

- $[\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p = [\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q \pmod{r}$ (Correctness)
- $\|[\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p\| < (p/q) \cdot \|[\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q\| + \gamma_R \cdot (r/2) \cdot \sqrt{d} \cdot l_1^{(R)}(\mathbf{s})$ (Reduced Noise)

where $l_1^{(R)}(\mathbf{s}) = \sum_i \|s[i]\|$ for $\mathbf{s} \in R^n$.

2nd generation FHE (Modulus Switch)

[BV11b][BGV12]

Proof.

For some integer k , we have $[\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle - kq$.

For the same k , let $e_p = \langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle - kp \in R$.

Note that $e_p = [\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p \bmod p$. We claim that $\|e_p\|$ is so small that $e_p = [\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_p\| &= \| -kp + \langle (p/q) \cdot \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{c}' - (p/q) \cdot \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \| \\ &\leq \| -kp + \langle (p/q) \cdot \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \| + \| \langle \mathbf{c}' - (p/q) \cdot \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \| \\ &\leq (p/q) \cdot \| [\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q \| + \gamma_R \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n \| \mathbf{c}'[j] - (p/q) \cdot \mathbf{c}[j] \| \cdot \| \mathbf{s}[j] \| \\ &\leq (p/q) \cdot \| [\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q \| + \gamma_R \cdot (r/2) \cdot \sqrt{d} \cdot l_1^{(R)}(\mathbf{s}) \\ &< p/2 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, we have $[\langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle]_p = e_p = \langle \mathbf{c}', \mathbf{s} \rangle - kp = \langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle - kq = [\langle \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{s} \rangle]_q \bmod r$

2nd generation FHE

[BV11b][BGV12]

SWHE + Key Switch + Modulus Switch \rightarrow (leveled) FHE

- **Key Switch**: reduce the dimension of the ciphertext, transform a ciphertext \mathbf{c}_1 to another ciphertext \mathbf{c}_2 s.t. $m = Dec(\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{s}_1) = Dec(\mathbf{c}_2, \mathbf{s}_2)$.
- **Modulus Switch**: keep the noise level essentially constant, sacrifice modulus size and sacrifice the remaining homomorphic capacity.

(leveled) FHE + Circular Security \rightarrow (pure) FHE

- **Circular Security**: It is "safe" to encrypt the leveled FHE secret key under its own public key.

2nd generation FHE (Optimization)

[BV11b][BGV12]

- **Batching**: By **packing multiple plaintexts** into each ciphertext, allowing to evaluate a function f homomorphically **in parallel** on multiple blocks of encrypted data. (**Chinese Remainder Theorem**)
 - single ciphertext operation
 - many component-wise plaintext operation
- **Batching the bootstrapping function**: By running the decryption function homomorphically **on multiple ciphertexts** that need to be refreshed.
 - for circuits of large width

The above methods help to reduce the per-gate computation overhead.

[GSW13]

- **KeyGen:** $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n-1}$, private key $\mathbf{t} = (1, -\mathbf{s})$, $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{(n-1) \times nl}$, $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow \chi^{nl}$, public key $\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{s}^T \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{e} \\ \mathbf{A} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times nl}$
- **Enc:** $\mathbf{R} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{nl \times nl}$, ciphertext $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{PR} + m\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times nl}$
- **Dec:** $\mathbf{tC} = m\mathbf{tG} + \mathbf{e}'$
- **Homomorphic Evaluation:**
 - $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{C}_1 + \mathbf{C}_2) = (m_1 + m_2)\mathbf{tG} + (\mathbf{e}_1 + \mathbf{e}_2)$
 - $\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{C}_1 \cdot \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{C}_2)) = (m_1\mathbf{tG} + \mathbf{e}_1) \cdot \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{C}_2) = m_1 m_2 \mathbf{tG} + (\mathbf{e}_1 \mathbf{G}^{-1}(\mathbf{C}_2) + m_1 \mathbf{e}_2)$
- $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} g & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & g \end{pmatrix}$ where $g = (1, 2, 4, \dots, 2^l)^T$, note that for any $\mathbf{C} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times nl}$, we have $\mathbf{GG}^{-1}(\mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{C}$.

Applications of FHE

Domain	Genomics	Health	National Security	Education	Social Security	Business Analytics	Cloud
Sample Topics	<i>GWAS</i>	<i>billing and reporting</i>	<i>smart grid</i>	<i>school dropouts</i>	<i>credit history</i>	<i>prediction</i>	<i>storage, sharing</i>
Data Owner	<i>medical institutions</i>	<i>clinics and hospitals</i>	<i>nodes and network</i>	<i>schools, welfare</i>	<i>government</i>	<i>business owners</i>	<i>clients</i>
Why HE?	<i>HIPAA</i>	<i>cyber insurance</i>	<i>privacy</i>	<i>FERPA</i>	<i>cyber crimes</i>	<i>data are valuable</i>	<i>untrusted server</i>
Who pays?	<i>health insurance</i>	<i>hospital</i>	<i>energy company</i>	<i>DoE</i>	<i>government</i>	<i>business owners</i>	<i>clients</i>

Figure: Business Models and Application Domains [Tutorial]

Other Secure Computing Approaches

	HE	MPC	SGX
Performance	Compute-bound	Network-bound	
Privacy	Encryption	Encryption / Non-collusion	Trusted Hardware
Non-interactive	✓	✗	✓
Cryptographic security	✓	✓	✗ (known attacks)

Figure: How HE is different from MPC and SGX [[Tutorial](#)]

Library Matrix

Library/Scheme	FHEW	TFHE	BGV	BFV	CKKS
cuFHE		✓			
FHEW	✓				
FV-NFLlib				✓	
HEAAN					✓
HElib			✓		(✓)
PALISADE			✓	✓	(✓)
SEAL				✓	✓
TFHE(-Chimera)	✓	✓		(✓)	(✓)

Figure: Library Matrix [\[Tutorial\]](#)

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