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Secret Sharing Schemes through Structured Matrices

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Abstract Secret sharing schemes through matrices of special structure are presented. The secret S , formulated by a matrix, is shared among n participants in such a way that the i th participant receives from the dealer a part of the secret S encrypted as a convolution of several matrices:

$$M_i = S * \prod_j P_j, \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n,$$

where \prod indicates matrix convolution and P_i represents the secret matrix of the i th participant which is also known to the dealer. The secret S can be derived through numerical linear algebra techniques and more precisely through matrix factorization. The usage of well known and widely used methods such as the LU factorization with partial pivoting can guarantee the stability of the procedure. We show that a specific group of participants are in a position to construct a block banded matrix, by properly shearing their own information and by applying the LU factorization with partial pivoting, they can retrieve and extract the secret S . \square

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