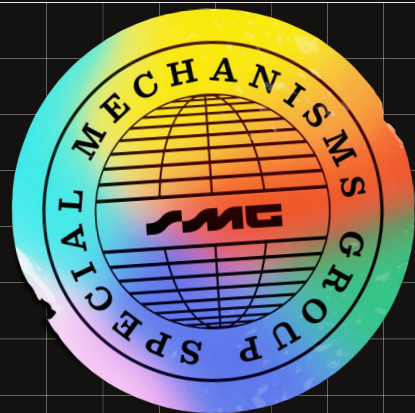


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Implementing Multiple Concurrent Proposers

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Towards a Definition of Censorship Resistance

Definition (Public Bulletin Board)

A Public Bulletin Board has two public functions:

1. $\text{write}(m, t)$ takes as input a message m and an inclusion tip t and returns 1 if the message is successfully written to the bulletin board and 0 otherwise.
2. $\text{read}()$ returns a list of all messages that have been written to the bulletin board over the period.

An Economic Definition of Censorship Resistance

Definition (Censorship Resistance of a Public Bulletin Board)

The censorship resistance of a public bulletin board \mathcal{D} is a mapping $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ that takes as input the tip t corresponding to the tip in the write operation $\text{write}(\cdot, t)$ and outputs the minimum cost that a motivated adversary would have to pay to make the write fail.

Theorem (Fox-Pai-Resnick 23)

With k concurrent proposers and conditional tipping, the censorship resistance of a conditional tip (t, T) is $\varphi(t, T) = kT$.

Intuition: With multiple proposers competing to get a transaction on-chain, can set up a prisoner's dilemma among them. Expensive to censor, cheap to include.

