From Hidden-Bits Generator to NIZKs

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NIZKs in Hidden-bits Model

Definition

A pair of PPT $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$ is a non-adaptive NIZK proof system for a language $L \in \text{NP}$ in the "hidden-bits" model when followings hold:

① Completeness: For all $x \in L$ where |x| = k and its all witnesses w:

$$\Pr\left[b \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\operatorname{poly}(k)}; (\Pi,I) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(b,x,w) : \mathcal{V}\left(\{b_i\}_{i \in I}, I, x, \Pi\right) = 1\right] = 1.$$

② Soundness: \forall (unbounded) \mathcal{P}^* , the following is negligible:

$$\Pr\left[b \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\operatorname{poly}(k)}; (x,\Pi,I) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}^*(b) : \mathcal{V}\left(\{b_i\}_{i \in I}, I, x, \Pi\right) = 1 \land x \notin L\right].$$

③ Zero-knowledge: \exists PPT Sim such the following ensembles are computationally indistinguishable for any PPT A:

$$\left\{ (x, w) \leftarrow A\left(1^{k}\right); b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly }(k)}; (\Pi, I) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(b, x, w) : \left(\left\{b_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}, I, x, \Pi\right) \right\}$$
$$\left\{ (x, w) \leftarrow A\left(1^{k}\right); \left(\left\{b_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}, I, \Pi\right) \leftarrow \text{Sim}(x) : \left(\left\{b_{i}\right\}_{i \in I}, I, x, \Pi\right) \right\}$$

NIZKs in CRS Model

Definition

A pair of PPT $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$ is a non-adaptive NIZK proof system for a language $L \in \text{NP}$ in the CRS model if followings hold:

① Completeness: For all $x \in L$ where |x| = k and all witnesses w for x,

$$\Pr\left[r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\text{poly }(k)}; \Pi \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(r,x,w): \mathcal{V}(r,x,\Pi) = 1\right] = 1.$$

② Soundness: For any (unbounded) algorithm \mathcal{P}^* , the following is negligible:

$$\Pr\left[r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\operatorname{poly}(k)}; (x,\Pi) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}^*(r): \mathcal{V}(r,x,\Pi) = 1 \land x \notin L\right].$$

$$\begin{split} \left\{ \left(x, w \right) \leftarrow A\left(1^k \right); r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{\text{poly(k)}}; \Pi \leftarrow \mathcal{P}(r, x, w) : (r, x, \Pi) \right\} \\ \left\{ \left(x, w \right) \leftarrow A\left(1^k \right); (r, \Pi) \leftarrow \text{Sim}(x) : (r, x, \Pi) \right\} \end{split}$$

Feige-Lapidot-Shamir NIZK for NP

CRS: images of a one-way trapdoor permutation Hidden-bits string: hard-core bits of the respective pre-images.

$$\mathcal{P}\left(r = r_0| \cdots | r_{p(k)}, x, w\right), \quad r_i \in \{0, 1\}^k$$

$$\left(f, f^{-1}\right) \leftarrow \operatorname{Gen}\left(1^k\right);$$
For $i = 1$ to $p(k)$ do
$$b_i = r_0 \cdot f^{-1}\left(r_i\right);$$

$$\left(\Pi, I\right) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}'\left(b_1 \dots b_{p(k)}, x, w\right);$$
Output $\left(\Pi, I, \left\{f^{-1}\left(r_i\right)\right\}_{i \in I}, f\right)$

$$\mathcal{V}\left(r, x, \left(\Pi, I, \left\{z_i\right\}_{i \in I}, f\right)\right)$$
For all $i \in I$
If $f\left(z_i\right) = r_i$ then
$$\det b_i = r_0 \cdot z_i;$$

$$\operatorname{else stop and output } 0;$$
Output $\mathcal{V}'\left(\left\{b_i\right\}_{i \in I}, I, x, \Pi\right)$

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FLS: Sketch of Proof

- completeness: trivially from the completeness of \mathcal{P}' because \mathcal{P} runs \mathcal{P}' as a subroutine.
- ② The soundness of \mathcal{P}' is 2^{-2k} , but an unbounded malicious prover might use many trapdoor permutations to find a "bad" f for cheating. Because the generation of f, there are at most 2^k . Soundness bounded by 2^{-k} .
- ③ Construct a simulator \mathcal{SIM} from \mathcal{SIM}' . $(\{b_i\}_{i\in I}, I, \Pi) \leftarrow \mathcal{SIM}'$, so \mathcal{SIM} generate f to computes r_i , $i \in I$ and generates $r_j \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^k$ for $j \notin I$,output $(r = r_0 | \dots | r_{p(k)}, (\Pi, I, \{z_i\}_{i \in I}, f))$.

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Hidden-bits Generator

Definition

A Hidden-Bits Generator (HBG) is given by a set of PPT algorithms (Setup, GenBits, Verify) satisfying statistical binding and computationally hiding:

- Setup $(1^{\lambda}, 1^k)$: Outputs a common reference string crs.
- GenBits(crs): Outputs a triple (com, $r, \{\pi_i\}_{i \in [k]}$), where $r \in \{0, 1\}^k$.
- $Verify(crs, com, i, r_i, \pi_i)$: Outputs accept or reject, where $i \in [k]$.

Properties

Correctness: We require that for every polynomial $k = k(\lambda)$ and for all $i \in [k]$, we have:

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{Verify}(\mathsf{crs},\mathsf{com},i,r_i,\pi_i) = \mathsf{accept} \ : \ \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{crs} & \leftarrow \mathsf{Setup}(1^\lambda,1^k) \\ (\mathsf{com},r,\pi_{[k]}) & \leftarrow \mathsf{GenBits}(\mathsf{crs}) \end{array}\right] = 1.$$

Succinct Commitment: We require that there exists some set $\mathcal{COM}(\lambda)$ and some constant $\delta < 1$ such that $|\mathcal{COM}(\lambda)| \leq 2^{k^{\delta} \operatorname{poly}(\lambda)}$, and such that for all crs output by $\operatorname{Setup}\left(1^{\lambda}, 1^{k}\right)$ and all com output by $\operatorname{GenBits}(\operatorname{crs})$ we have $\operatorname{com} \in \mathcal{COM}(\lambda)$. Furthermore, we require that for all $\operatorname{com} \notin \mathcal{COM}(\lambda)$, $\operatorname{Verify}(\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{com}, \cdot, \cdot)$ always outputs reject.

Properties

Statistical Binding: ∃ (inefficient) deterministic algorithm Open s.t. for every polynomial $k = k(\lambda)$, on input 1^k , crs and com, Open outputs r such that for every (potentially unbounded) cheating prover $\widetilde{\mathcal{P}}$:

$$\Pr\left[\begin{array}{ccc} & r_i^* \neq r_i & \operatorname{crs} & \leftarrow \operatorname{Setup}(1^{\lambda}, 1^k) \\ \wedge & \operatorname{Verify}(\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{com}, i, r_i^*, \pi_i) = \operatorname{accept} & : & (\operatorname{com}, i, r_i^*, \pi_i) & \leftarrow \widetilde{\mathcal{P}}(\operatorname{crs}) \\ & r & \leftarrow \operatorname{Open}(1^k, \operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{com}) \end{array}\right] \leq \operatorname{negl}(\lambda).$$

Computationally Hiding: We require that for all polynomial $k = k(\lambda)$ and $I \subseteq [k]$, the two following distributions are computationally indistinguishable:

$$(\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{com}, I, r_I, \pi_I, r_{\bar{I}}) \overset{c}{\approx} \\ (\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{com}, I, r_I, \pi_I, r'_{\bar{I}}), \ r' \overset{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^k$$

Designated-Verifier Hidden-bits Generator

Definition

We define the Designated-Verifier version of a Hidden-Bits Generator (DV-HBG) similarly, but with the following differences:

- Setup $(1^{\lambda}, 1^k)$: outputs (crs, td), td trapdoor associated to crs;
- Verify (crs, td, com, i, r_i, π_i) takes the trapdoor td as an additional input, and outputs accept or reject as before;

Statistical Binding: the cheating prover \mathcal{P} can now make a polynomial number of oracle queries to Verify (crs, td, \cdots). $\forall \widetilde{P}$:

$$\Pr\left[\begin{array}{ccc} & r_i^* \neq r_i & (\mathsf{crs},\mathsf{td}) & \leftarrow \mathsf{Setup}(1^\lambda,1^k) \\ \wedge & \mathsf{Verify}(\mathsf{crs},\mathsf{td},\mathsf{com},i,r_i^*,\pi_i) = \mathsf{accept} \end{array}\right] \leq \mathsf{negl}(\lambda)$$

Computational Hiding: we require indistinguishability given associated td:

$$(\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{td}, \operatorname{com}, I, r_I, \pi_I, r_{\bar{I}}) \stackrel{\operatorname{c}}{\approx} (\operatorname{crs}, \operatorname{td}, \operatorname{com}, I, r_I, \pi_I, r'_{\bar{I}})$$

HBG implies public verifiable NIZK in CRS model

Theorem

Suppose there exists a Hidden-Bits Generator, then there exists a publicly verifiable NIZK.

Suppose there exists a designated-verifier Hidden-Bits Generator (DVHBG), then there exists a reusable designated-verifier NIZK (reusable DV-NIZK).

Construction

Consider the following candidate NIZK ($Setup^{ZK}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V}$) in the CRS model:

- $Setup^{ZK}\left(1^{\lambda}, 1^{n}\right)$: $crs^{BG} \leftarrow Setup^{BG}\left(1^{\lambda}, 1^{k}\right)$ $s \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^{k}$ output: $crs = \left(crs^{BG}, s\right)$
- $(com, r^{\mathrm{BG}}, \pi_{[k]}) \leftarrow GenBits (crs^{\mathrm{BG}})$ $r_i = r_i^{\mathrm{BG}} \oplus s_i \forall i \in [k]$ $\mathrm{invoke} \ (I \subseteq [k], \pi^{\mathrm{HB}}) \leftarrow \mathcal{P}^{\mathrm{HB}}(r, x, w)$ $\mathrm{output:} \ \Pi = (I, \pi^{\mathrm{HB}}, com, r_I, \pi_I)$
- **③** $V\left(crs, x, \Pi = ((I, \pi^{\text{HB}}, com, r_I, \pi_I))\right)$: $r_i^{\text{BG}} = r_i \oplus s_i, \forall i \in [k]$. Accept if $\forall i \in I, Verify\left(crs^{\text{BG}}, com, i, r_i^{\text{BG}}, \pi_i\right)$ accepts, and if $V^{\text{HB}}\left(I, r_I, x, \pi^{\text{HB}}\right)$ also accepts.

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LWE Trapdoor

- $D_{\mathbb{Z},\sigma}$ as discrete Gaussian distribution over \mathbb{Z} with parameter $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^+$.
- For a matrix $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$, and a vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$, $\mathbf{A}_{\sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{v})$ as a random variable $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z},\chi}^m$ conditioned on $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} \bmod q$.
- Gaussian Tail Bound: security parameter λ and $\sigma = \sigma(\lambda)$ be a Gaussian width parameter. Then for all polynomials $n = n(\lambda)$, there exists a negligible function $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$\Pr\left[\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\infty} > \sqrt{\lambda}\sigma : \mathbf{v} \leftarrow D_{\mathbb{Z},\sigma}^{m}\right] = \operatorname{negl}(\lambda).$$

- TrapGen $(1^n, q, m) \to (A, \operatorname{td}_A)$: the trapdoor-generation algorithm outputs a matrix $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ together with a trapdoor td_A .
- SamplePre $(A, td_A, \mathbf{v}, s) \to \mathbf{u}$: the preimage-sampling algorithm outputs a vector \mathbf{u} s.t. $Au = v \mod q$ and $u \leftarrow D^m_{\mathbb{Z}, \sigma}$.
- Trapdoor quality: The trapdoor td_A output by TrapGen $(1^n, q, m)$ is a τ -trapdoor where $\tau = O(\sqrt{n \log q \log n})$, meaning max norm of columns.

LWE HBG Construction: Setup

Setup $(1^{\lambda}, 1^k) \to \text{crs}$:

- **2** Choose random $\mathbf{U} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times L}$.
- **③** Sample $\mathbf{s}_i \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^n$, $\mathbf{e}_i \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \bar{D}_{\mathbb{Z},\sigma}^m$, $d_i \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q$ for all $i \in [k]$.
- $\bullet \text{ Compute } \mathbf{v}_i^\top = \mathbf{s}_i^\top \mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{e}_i^\top \text{ for all } i \in [k].$
- **③** Sample $\mathbf{W}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{R}}{\leftarrow}$ SamplePre(\mathbf{A}_i , td_i, \mathbf{U} , σ) for all $i \in [k]$.

LWE HBG Construction: Genbits

GenBits(crs) \rightarrow (com, \mathbf{r} , (π_1, \dots, π_k)):

- ② Compute $\pi_i = \mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{t}$ for all $i \in [k]$.
- $\bullet \text{ Set } r_i = \lfloor \mathbf{v}_i^\top \pi_i + d_i \rceil \text{ for all } i \in [k].$
- \bullet Set com = \mathbf{Ut} .
- **6**Output (com,**r** $, (<math>\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k$)).

LWE HBG Construction: Verify

Verify(crs, com, i, β, π) $\rightarrow b$:

- Check if $\|\pi\|_{\infty} \leq \text{TestBound}$; output 0 if this does not hold, where $\text{TestBound} = \sigma \sqrt{\lambda} \cdot L \cdot 2^{.5\lambda}$.
- ② Check if com $\stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{A}_i \pi$; output 0 if this does not hold.
- **3** Check if $\beta \stackrel{?}{=} [\mathbf{v}_i^{\top} \pi + d_i]$; output 0 if does not hold.
- Check if $\beta \stackrel{?}{=} [\mathbf{v}_i^{\top} \pi + d_i \pm \text{RoundingBound}]$; output 1 if both hold and 0 otherwise.

Here we set TestBound = $\sigma\sqrt{\lambda}\cdot L\cdot B$, RoundingBound = $\sigma\sqrt{\lambda}\cdot m\cdot$ TestBound.

Binding Security

We set TestBound = $\sigma\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot L \cdot B$, RoundingBound = $\sigma\sqrt{\lambda} \cdot m \cdot$ TestBound.

$$\begin{split} \tau &= O(\sqrt{n\log q\log n}) = O(\sqrt{n\lambda\log n}, \ \sigma \geq \tau \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log n}) \\ \therefore \mathbf{W}_i &\leq \sigma\sqrt{\lambda}, |\mathbf{t}| \leq B, \text{length } = L. \end{split}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_i^{\top} \pi_i + d_i = \left(\mathbf{s}_i^{\top} \mathbf{A}_i + \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \right) \pi_i + d_i = \mathbf{s}_i^{\top} \mathbf{A}_i \pi_i + \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \pi_i + d_i = \mathbf{s}_i^{\top} \operatorname{com} + \mathbf{e}_i^{\top} \pi_i + d_i$$

Checks if the output flips in the range of \pm RoundingBound. Correctness error is with negligible probability.

Single Bit Hiding

SetupHiding $(1^{\lambda}, 1^k) \to crs$:

- Run $(\mathbf{A}'_i, \operatorname{td}_i) \leftarrow \operatorname{TrapGen}(1^{n+1}, q, m)$ and parse $\mathbf{A}'_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_i \\ \mathbf{v}_i^{\top} \end{bmatrix}$ where $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ and \mathbf{v}_i is a vector for all $i \in [k]$.
- ② Choose random $\mathbf{U} \stackrel{\mathbf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times L}$.
- **③** Sample $\mathbf{u}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q^L$ for all $i \in [k]$ and $d_i \stackrel{\mathbf{R}}{\leftarrow} \mathbb{Z}_q$ for all $i \in [k]$.
- $\bullet \text{ Set } \mathbf{U}_i' = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U} \\ \mathbf{u}_i^\top \end{bmatrix} \text{ for all } i \in [k].$
- **③** Sample $\mathbf{W}_i \stackrel{\mathbf{R}}{\leftarrow}$ SamplePre $(\mathbf{A}_i', \operatorname{td}_i, \mathbf{U}_i', \sigma)$ for all $i \in [k]$.

Indistinguishability

The single hiding bit model setup can be proved indistinguishable with a sequence of games which each is negligibly close to the adjacent one.

Lemma

(Smudging Lemma) Let B_1, B_2 be two polynomials over the integers and let $D = \{D(\lambda)\}_{\lambda}$ be any B_1 -bounded distribution family. Let $U = \{U(\lambda)\}_{\lambda}$ and $U(\lambda)$ denote the uniform distribution over integers $[-B_2(\lambda), B_2(\lambda)]$. The family of distributions D and U is statistically indistinguishable, $D + U \approx_s U$, if there exists a negligible $negl(\cdot)$ such that for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}, B_1(\lambda)/B_2(\lambda) \leq negl(\lambda)$.

Hiding Security

Assume **c** s.t. $\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ for all $i \neq i^*$, but $\mathbf{u}_{i^*}^\top \mathbf{c} = \lfloor q/2 \rfloor$.

The challenger in the GenBits algorithm uses $\mathbf{t} + \delta \mathbf{c}$ instead of just \mathbf{t} as before, $\delta \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}$, $\mathbf{t} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \left[-2^{0.5\lambda}, 2^{0.5\lambda}\right]$ which are statistically close. $\delta = 0/1$? for $i \neq i^*$ the same, but the output value \mathbf{r}_{i^*} will either be flipped or not depending on whether δ is 0 or 1.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{i^*}^{\top} \pi_{i^*} + d_{i^*} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{i^*}^{\top} \mathbf{W}_{i^*} (\mathbf{t} + \delta \mathbf{c}) + d_{i^*} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{i^*}^{\top} (\mathbf{t} + \delta \mathbf{c}) + d_{i^*} \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{i^*}^{\top} \mathbf{t} + d_{i^*} + \delta \lfloor q/2 \rfloor \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_{i^*}^{\top} \mathbf{t} + d_{i^*} \end{bmatrix} \oplus \delta$$

The last equation holds with all but 1/q probability. Since δ does not appear anywhere else in the proof, the bit is hidden.

Estabilish c

There exists a sequence of vectors $\mathbf{h}_0, \mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{5\lambda} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}^L$ and unique indices ind 0, ind 1,..., ind $5\lambda \in [k]$ with the following properties:

- $\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i = \mathbf{0}$ for all $i \neq i^*$
- For all $i \in [0, 5\lambda]$ we have \mathbf{h}_i [ind $_i$] = 1
- For all $j, j' \in [0, 5\lambda]$ where j' > j we have $\mathbf{h}_{j'}[$ ind $_{i}] = 0$.
- The vectors $\mathbf{h}_0, \mathbf{h}_1, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{5\lambda}$ are linearly independent.

FindVectors
$$(\{\mathbf{W}_i\}_{i\neq i^*})$$

- Initialize set $S = \emptyset$.
- 2 For j=0 to 5λ
 - Let \mathbf{h}_i be the lexiographically first vector in $\{-1,0,1\}^L$ such that:
 - (1) $\mathbf{W}_i \mathbf{h}_i = \mathbf{0}$ for all $i \neq i^*$, (2) at least one entry of \mathbf{h}_i is 1 and (3) for all $z \in S$ we have $\mathbf{h}_i[z] = 0$.
 - Set ind, to be the smallest $z \in [L]$ such that $\mathbf{h}_i = 1$.
 - Add the index ind in i to the set S.
- **3** Output the sequence $\mathbf{h}_0, \dots, \mathbf{h}_{5\lambda}$ and $\operatorname{ind}_0, \dots, \operatorname{ind}_{5\lambda}$

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