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## **Definitions**



Prover wants to prove the verifier that  $\langle a, b \rangle = y$ :

#### 2.4 Inner Product Arguments

Inner product arguments (IPA) allow a verifier to validate the inner product of a committed vector from the prover and a public vector. Our protocols use the inner product arguments recently proposed by Zhang et al. in [55] as a building block. The scheme is a Reed-Solomon encoded interactive oracle proof based on the work of Aurora[20], and does not require a trusted setup. Let  $y = \langle a, b \rangle$  be the inner product of two vectors. The scheme consists of the following algorithms:

- pp  $\leftarrow$  IPA.KeyGen(1 $^{\lambda}$ ),
- $com_a \leftarrow IPA.Commit(a, pp)$ ,
- $(y, \pi) \leftarrow IPA.Prove(a, b, pp),$
- $\{0,1\} \leftarrow \mathsf{IPA}.\mathsf{Verify}(\mathsf{pp}, y, \mathsf{com}_a, b, \pi)$



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THEOREM 2.6 ([55]). There exists an inner product argument scheme satisfying the following properties:



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• Completeness. For any private vector  $a \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , public vector  $b \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , pp  $\leftarrow$  IPA.KeyGen(1 $^{\lambda}$ ), com  $\leftarrow$  IPA.Commit(a, pp),  $\{y, \pi\} \leftarrow$  IPA.Prove(a, b, pp), it holds that

$$Pr[IPA.Verify(pp, y, com_a, b, \pi) = 1] = 1$$



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• **Soundness.** For any PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$ , pp  $\leftarrow$  IPA.KeyGen(1 $^{\lambda}$ ), the following probability is negligible in  $\lambda$ :

$$\Pr\begin{bmatrix} (a^*, \mathsf{com}^*, b, y^*, \pi^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{R}(1^\lambda, \mathsf{pp}) & \mathsf{com}^* = \mathsf{IPA.Commit}(a^*, \mathsf{pp}) \\ \mathsf{IPA.Verify}(\mathsf{pp}, y^*, \mathsf{com}^*, b, \pi^*) = 1 & \land \langle a^*, b \rangle \neq y^* \end{bmatrix}$$



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**Complexity.** Let the size of the vectors be n. The running time of Commit and Prove is  $O(n \log n)$  time for the prover, and the running time of Verify is O(n) for the verifier. The proof size is  $O(\log^2 n)$ .



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## Reed-Solomon Code Summary

We have a message  $m=(m_1,\ldots,m_k)\to \text{We find polynomial }p$  such that  $(p(\zeta_1),\ldots,p(\zeta_k))=(m_1,\ldots,m_k)\to \text{We define}$   $(p(\eta_1),\ldots,p(\eta_n))=(u_1,\ldots,u_n)=u$  as the encoded message of m



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#### Reed-Solomon Code

DEFINITION 4.1 (REED-SOLOMON CODE). For positive integers n, k, finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , and a vector  $\eta = (\eta_1, \ldots, \eta_n) \in \mathbb{F}^n$  of distinct field elements, the code  $\mathrm{RS}_{\mathbb{F}, n, k, \eta}$  is the [n, k, n-k+1] linear code over  $\mathbb{F}$  that consists of all n-tuples  $(p(\eta_1), \ldots, p(\eta_n))$  where p is a polynomial of degree < k over  $\mathbb{F}$ .



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#### Reed-Solomon Code

Let  $L = RS_{\mathbb{F},n,k,\eta}$  be an RS code and  $\zeta = (\zeta_1, \ldots, \zeta_k)$  be a sequence of distinct elements in  $\mathbb{F}$ .



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#### Reed-Solomon Code

For a codeword  $u \in L$ , we define the message  $\text{Dec}_{\zeta}(u)$  to be  $(p_u(\zeta_1), \ldots, p_u(\zeta_k))$ , where  $p_u$  is the polynomial (of degree < k) corresponding to u such that:

$$(p_u(\eta_1),\ldots,p_u(\eta_n))=(u_1,\ldots,u_n)$$



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#### Reed-Solomon Code Extended Version

For a codeword  $u \in L$ , we define the message  $\operatorname{Dec}_{\zeta}(u)$  to be  $(p_u(\zeta_1), \ldots, p_u(\zeta_k))$ , where  $p_u$  is the polynomial (of degree < k) corresponding to u. For  $U \in L^m$  with rows  $u_1, \ldots, u_m \in L$ , we let  $\operatorname{Dec}_{\zeta}(U)$  be the length-mk vector  $x = (x_{11}, \ldots, x_{1k}, \ldots, x_{m1}, \ldots, x_{mk})$  such that  $(x_{i1}, \ldots, x_{ik}) = \operatorname{Dec}(u^i)$ ,  $i \in [m]$ . Finally we say that U encodes x if  $x = \operatorname{Dec}_{\zeta}(U)$ , we use  $\operatorname{Dec}(U)$  when  $\zeta$  is clear from the context.



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## Reed-Solomon Code Complexity

In our protocol, we set  $\eta_i = \omega^i$  where  $\omega$  is a generator of a multiplicative group in field  $\mathbb{F}$ . We can evaluate  $(p(\eta_0), p(\eta_1), ..., p(\eta_{n-1}))$  using the fast Fourier transform (FFT), which takes  $O(n \log n)$  field operations. We use RS(a) to denote the RS encoding of message a.



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We have a matrix that has C elements. The dimension of this matrix is  $\sqrt{C} \times \sqrt{C}$ . The encoding of each row takes  $\sqrt{C} \log C$ . The overall encode time is  $\mathcal{O}(C \log C)$ . The communication time takes  $t \times ColumnSize + RowSize = \mathcal{O}((t+1) \times \sqrt{C})$  time



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- Oracle: A purported L<sup>m</sup>-codeword U. Depending on the context, we may view U either as a matrix in F<sup>m×n</sup> in which each row U<sub>i</sub> is a purported L-codeword, or as a sequence of n symbols (U[1],...,U[n]), U[j] ∈ F<sup>m</sup>.
- Interactive testing:
  - W picks a random linear combinations r ∈ F<sup>m</sup> and sends r to P.
  - (2)  $\mathcal{P}$  responds with  $w = r^T U \in \mathbb{F}^n$ .
  - (3) V queries a set Q ⊂ [n] of t random symbols U[j], j ∈ Q.
  - (4) V accepts iff w ∈ L and w is consistent with U<sub>Q</sub> and r. That is, for every j ∈ Q we have ∑<sub>i=1</sub><sup>m</sup> r<sub>j</sub> · U<sub>i,j</sub> = w<sub>j</sub>.
  - The following lemma follows directly from the linearity of L.

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PROTOCOL 1 (INTERLEAVED LINEAR CODE TEST).  $\mathbb{F}$  is a prime field and  $L \subset \mathbb{F}^n$  is a [n, k, d] RS code. Let  $U \in \mathbb{F}^{m \times n}$  be the matrix to be tested. pp ← KeyGen(1<sup>λ</sup>).

- Interleaved testing:
- (1) V generates a random vector  $r \in \mathbb{F}^m$  and sends it to  $\mathcal{P}$ .
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}$  computes  $w = r^T U \in \mathbb{F}^n$  and sends it to V.
- (3) V checks that w ∈ L.
- (4) V generates a random set  $Q \subseteq [n]$  and |Q| = t and sends it to P.
- (5) W checks the consistency of w. In particular, for  $j \in Q$ ,  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  invoke an IPA protocol on U[j] and r.  $\mathcal{V}$  accepts if all the checks pass, and rejects otherwise.

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**Complexity.** Let the size of the vectors be n. The running time of Commit and Prove is  $O(n \log n)$  time for the prover, and the running time of Verify is O(n) for the verifier. The proof size is  $O(\log^2 n)$ .



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We set the size of matrix as  $\frac{C}{polylog(C)} \times polylog(C)$ 



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**Complexity.** Let C be the size of matrix U. Then the prover time is  $O(C \log C)$ , the communication size is  $O(\operatorname{polylog} C)$  and the verifier time is O(C).



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Test-Linear-Constraints-IRS( $\mathbb{F}, L = RS_{\mathbb{F}, n, k, n}, m, t, \zeta, A, b; U$ )

- . Oracle: A purported Lm-codeword U that should encode a message  $x \in \mathbb{F}^{m\ell}$  satisfying Ax = b.
- Interactive testing:
  - (1) V picks a random vector  $r \in \mathbb{F}^{m\ell}$  and sends r to P.
  - (2) V and P compute

$$r^{T}A = (r_{11}, \dots, r_{1\ell}, \dots, r_{m1}, \dots, r_{m\ell})$$

and, for  $i \in [m]$ , let  $r_i(\cdot)$  be the unique polynomial of degree  $< \ell$  such that  $r_i(\zeta_c) = r_{ic}$  for every  $c \in [\ell]$ .

- (3)  $\mathcal{P}$  sends the  $k + \ell 1$  coefficients of the polynomial defined by  $q(\bullet) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_i(\bullet) \cdot p_i(\bullet)$ , where  $p_i$  is the polynomial of degree < k corresponding to row i of U.
- (4) V queries a set Q ⊂ [n] of t random symbols U[j], j ∈ Q.
- (5) V accepts if the following conditions hold:

(a) Σ<sub>c∈[ℓ]</sub> q(ζ<sub>c</sub>) = Σ<sub>i∈[m],c∈[ℓ]</sub> r<sub>ic</sub>b<sub>ic</sub>.
(b) For every j ∈ Q, Σ<sup>m</sup><sub>i=1</sub> r<sub>i</sub>(η<sub>j</sub>) · U<sub>i,j</sub> = q(η<sub>j</sub>).

We will analyze the test under the promise that the (possibly badly formed) U is close to  $L^m$ .

The following lemma easily follows by inspection.

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PROTOCOL 2 (TESTING LINEAR CONSTRAINTS OVER INTERLEAVED RS CODES). Let L[n, k, d] be an RS code and  $U \in L^m$  be an interleaved code that encodes the message x.  $A \in \mathbb{F}^{mC \times mt}$  is a public matrix such that Ax = 0.

- Run pp\_IPA.KeyGen(1<sup>λ</sup>).
- Interleaved testing:
- V picks a random value r ∈ F<sup>mℓ</sup> and sends r to P.
- (2) Both  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{V}$  computes  $a \leftarrow r \times A$  and calculates polynomials  $a_i(\cdot)$  such that  $a_i(\zeta_i) = a_{i\ell+i-1}$  for all  $i \in [m], j \in [\ell]$ .
- (3)  $\mathcal{P}$  computes polynomials  $p_i(\cdot)$  such that  $p_i(\eta_i) = U_{ij}$  for  $i \in [m]$ ,  $j \in [n]$ .  $\mathcal{P}$  constructs polynomial  $q(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i(x) \cdot p_i(x)$  and sends it to  $\mathcal{V}$ .
- (4) V checks that  $\sum_{j \in [\ell]} q(\zeta_j) = 0$ .
- (5) V generates a random set Q ⊆ [n] and |Q| = t and sends it to P.
- (6) Let b<sub>j</sub> denote the vector (a<sub>0</sub>(η<sub>j</sub>),..., a<sub>m-1</sub>(η<sub>j</sub>)). V checks the consistency for q(·). In particular, for j ∈ Q, P and V invoke an IPA protocol on U[j] and b<sub>j</sub>. V accepts if all the checks pass, and rejects otherwise.

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**Complexity.** Let C be the size of matrix U and assuming a can be computed in linear time. Then the prover time is  $O(C \log C)$ , the communication size is O(polylogC) and the verifier time is O(C).



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Test-Quadratic-Constraints-IRS( $\mathbb{F}, L = RS_{\mathbb{E}, n, k, n}, m, t, \zeta, a, b; U^x$ ,  $U^y, U^z)$ 

- Oracle: Purported Lm-codewords Ux, Uy, Uz that should encode messages  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}^{m\ell}$  satisfying  $x \odot y + a \odot z = b$ .
- · Interactive testing:
  - (1) Let  $U^a = \operatorname{Enc}_{\zeta}(a)$  and  $U^b = \operatorname{Enc}_{\zeta}(b)$ .
  - (2) V picks a random linear combinations r ∈ F<sup>m</sup> and sends r
  - (3)  $\mathcal{P}$  sends the 2k-1 coefficients of the polynomial  $p_0$  defined by  $p_0(\bullet) = \sum_{i=1}^m r_i \cdot p_i(\bullet)$ , where  $p_i(\bullet) = p_i^x(\bullet) \cdot p_i^y(\bullet) + p_i^a(\bullet)$  $p_i^z(\bullet) - p_i^b(\bullet)$ , and where  $p_i^x, p_i^y, p_i^z$  are the polynomials of degree < k corresponding to row i of  $U^x$ ,  $U^y$ ,  $U^z$ , and  $p_i^a$ ,  $p_i^b$ are the polynomials of degree  $< \ell$  corresponding to row i of  $U^a, U^b$ .
  - (4) V picks a random index set O ⊂ [n] of size t, and queries  $U^{x}[i], U^{y}[i], U^{z}[i], i \in O$ .
  - (5) V accepts if the following conditions hold: (a) p<sub>0</sub>(ζ<sub>c</sub>) = 0 for every c ∈ [ℓ].
    - (b) For every  $j \in Q$ , it holds that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} r_{i} \cdot \left[ U_{i,j}^{x} \cdot U_{i,j}^{y} + U_{i,j}^{a} \cdot U_{i,j}^{z} - U_{i,j}^{b} \right] = p_{0}(\eta_{j}).$$

The following lemma follows again directly from the description.

PROTOCOL 3 (TESTING QUADRATIC CONSTRAINTS OVER INTERLEAVED RS CODES). Let  $\lambda$  be the security parameter, F be a prime field. L[n,k,d] be the intended codeword space.  $U^x \in L^m$  encodes the message  $x,U^y \in L^m$  encodes the message  $x,U^y$ 

- Run pp ← IPA.KeyGen(1<sup>λ</sup>).
- Interleaved testing:
- (1) V picks a random value  $r \in \mathbb{F}^m$  and sends r to P.
- (2)  $\mathcal{P}$  construct polynomial  $q(\cdot)$  defined by  $q(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} r_i \cdot p_i(\cdot)$ , where  $p_i(\cdot) = p_i^{x}(\cdot)p_i^{y}(\cdot) p_i^{z}(\cdot)$  send the polynomial q to the verifier.
- (3) V checks that  $\forall i \in [\ell], q(\zeta_i) = 0$ .
- (4) V generates a random set Q ⊆ [n] and |Q| = t and sends it to P.
- (5) V checks the consistency for q(·). In particular, for j ∈ Q, P and V invoke an IPA protocol on U[j] and r where U[j] = U<sup>x</sup>[j] \* U<sup>y</sup>[j] − U<sup>z</sup>[j]. V accepts if all the checks pass, and rejects otherwise.

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**Complexity.** Let C be the size of matrix U and assuming a can be computed in linear time. Then the prover time is  $O(C \log C)$ , the communication size is O(polylogC) and the verifier time is O(C).



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