

# Research Presentation 1

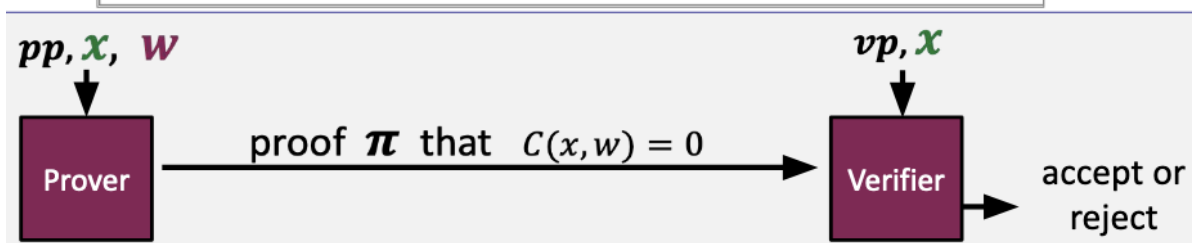
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Public arithmetic circuit:  $C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$

public statement in  $\mathbb{F}^n$

secret witness in  $\mathbb{F}^m$

Preprocessing (setup):  $S(C) \rightarrow$  public parameters  $(pp, vp)$



We have three constraints :

- Complete

$$\forall \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}: C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 0 \Rightarrow \Pr[ V(vp, \mathbf{x}, P(pp, \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})) = \text{accept} ] = 1$$

- Knowledge soundness

$$V \text{ accepts} \Rightarrow P \text{ "knows" } \mathbf{w} \text{ s.t. } C(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) = 0$$

- Zero Knowledge

$$(C, pp, vp, \mathbf{x}, \pi) \text{ "reveal nothing new" about } \mathbf{w}$$

SNARK : Succinct ARgument of Knowledge :

- Prover: Short proof :  $\text{len}(\pi) = \text{sublinear}(|W|)$
- Verifier: fast to verify

## Definitions: knowledge soundness

**Formally:**  $(S, P, V)$  is (adaptively) **knowledge sound** for a circuit  $C$  if for every poly. time adversary  $A = (A_0, A_1)$  such that

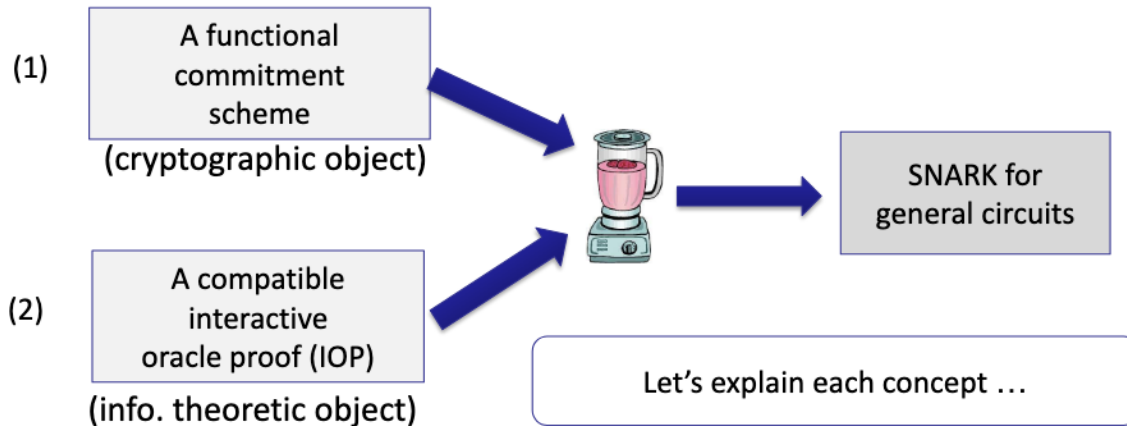
$$gp \leftarrow S_{\text{init}}(), \quad (C, x, st) \leftarrow A_0(gp), \quad (pp, vp) \leftarrow S_{\text{index}}(C), \quad \pi \leftarrow A_1(pp, x, st):$$
$$\Pr[V(vp, x, \pi) = \text{accept}] > 1/10^6 \quad (\text{non-negligible})$$

there is an efficient **extractor**  $E$  (that uses  $A$ ) s.t.

$$gp \leftarrow S_{\text{init}}(), \quad (C, x, st) \leftarrow A_0(gp), \quad w \leftarrow E(gp, C, x):$$
$$\Pr[C(x, w) = 0] > 1/10^6 - \epsilon \quad (\text{for a negligible } \epsilon)$$

# General paradigm: two steps

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I know about the first part but the second part is still vague for me.

## Review: commitments

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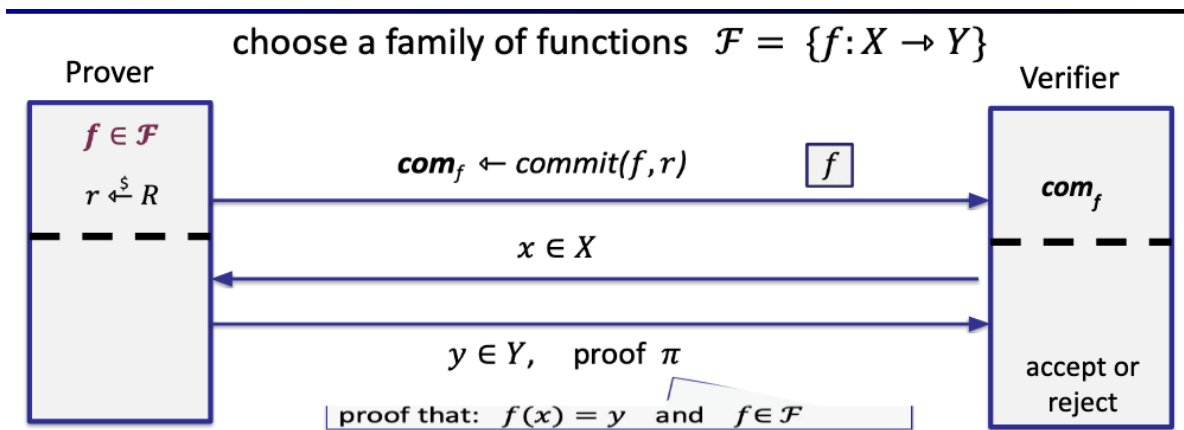
Two algorithms:

- $\text{commit}(m, r) \rightarrow \text{com}$  ( $r$  chosen at random)
- $\text{verify}(m, \text{com}, r) \rightarrow \text{accept or reject}$

Properties: (informal)

- **binding:** cannot produce **com** and two valid openings for **com**
- **hiding:** **com** reveals nothing about committed data

We can use hash functions for constructing a standard commitment.



Four important functional commitments :

- Polynomial commitment.
- Multi linear commitment.
- Vector Commitment(Merkle Trees)
- Inner Product commitments.

## Polynomial Commitment:

prover commits to a poly  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$

evaluation : for public  $u, v$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  prover can convince the verifier that the committed poly satisfies  $f(u) = v$  and  $\deg(f) \leq d$

## The trivial commitment scheme is not a polynomial commitment

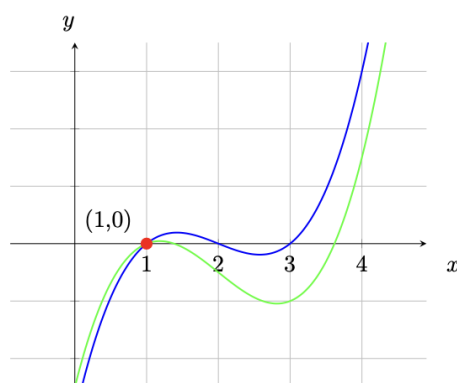
- $\text{commit}(f = \sum_{i=0}^d a_i X^i, r)$ : output  $\text{com}_f \leftarrow H((a_0, \dots, a_d), r)$
- $\text{eval}$ : prover sends  $\pi = ((a_0, \dots, a_d), r)$  to verifier;  
verifier accepts if  $f(u) = v$  and  $H((a_0, \dots, a_d), r) = \text{com}_f$

**The problem:** the proof  $\pi$  is not succinct.

Proof size and verification time are linear in  $d$

Simple Protocol for the proof

- Downside of such a proving protocol is that one must do the number of checks proportionate to the number of elements.



lets take blue curve as  $P(x)$  and the green one as  $Q(x)$ . if we have two non-equal polynomials of degree at most  $d$ , they can intersect at no more than  $d$  points!

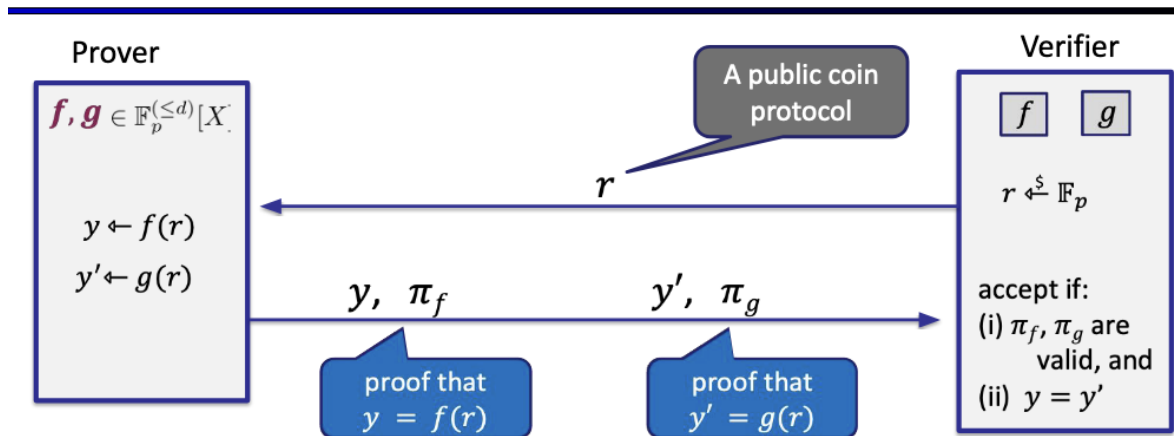
suppose that we have  $f(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$  (with degree  $d$ ). we know that the domain of  $f(x)$  is  $p$  (cause we chose the polynomial from finite field  $P$ ) so the probability to guess the right root is  $d/p$

Suppose  $p = 2^{256}$  and  $d \leq 2^{40} \rightarrow d/p$  is negligible

So we can say for random  $r$  if  $f(r) = 0$  then the  $f$  is identically zero with high probability. Therefore, if we want to examine the equality of two polynomials  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  :

$$P(x) = Q(x) \longrightarrow P(x) - Q(x) = 0$$

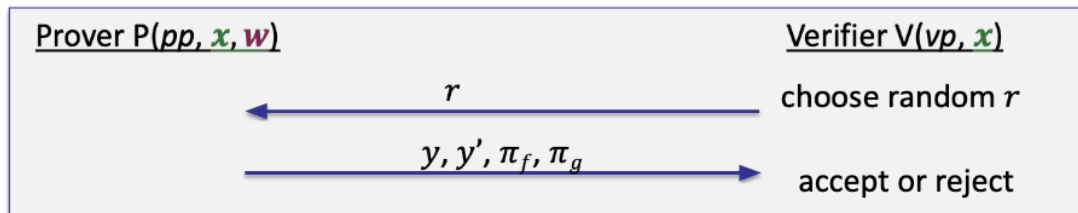
## Let's look at the equality test protocol



# Making it a SNARK (non-interactive)

## The Fiat-Shamir transform:

- public-coin interactive protocol  $\Rightarrow$  non-interactive protocol  
[public coin: all verifier randomness is public]



- Fiat-Shamir is not secure all the time.

## Homomorphic Enc / Modular arithmetic

That is exactly what homomorphic encryption is designed for. Namely, it allows to encrypt a value and be able to apply arithmetic operations on such encryption. There are multiple ways to achieve homomorphic properties of encryption, and we will briefly introduce a simple one. The general idea is that we choose a base natural number  $g$  (say 5) and to encrypt a value we exponentiate  $g$  to the power of that value.

- Verifier
  - samples a random value  $s$ , i.e., secret
  - calculates encryptions of  $s$  for all powers  $i$  in  $0, 1, \dots, d$ , i.e.:  $E(s^i) = g^{s^i}$
  - evaluates unencrypted *target polynomial* with  $s$ :  $t(s)$
  - encrypted powers of  $s$  are provided to the prover:  $E(s^0), E(s^1), \dots, E(s^d)$
- Prover
  - calculates polynomial  $h(x) = \frac{p(x)}{t(x)}$
  - using encrypted powers  $g^{s^0}, g^{s^1}, \dots, g^{s^d}$  and coefficients  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_n$  evaluates  $E(p(s)) = g^{p(s)} = (g^{s^d})^{c_d} \dots (g^{s^1})^{c_1} \cdot (g^{s^0})^{c_0}$  and similarly  $E(h(s)) = g^{h(s)}$
  - the resulting  $g^p$  and  $g^h$  are provided to the verifier
- Verifier
  - The last step for the verifier is to check that  $p = t(s) \cdot h$  in encrypted space:  

$$g^p = (g^h)^{t(s)} \Rightarrow g^p = g^{t(s) \cdot h}$$

## Knowledge of Exponent Assumption (KEA)

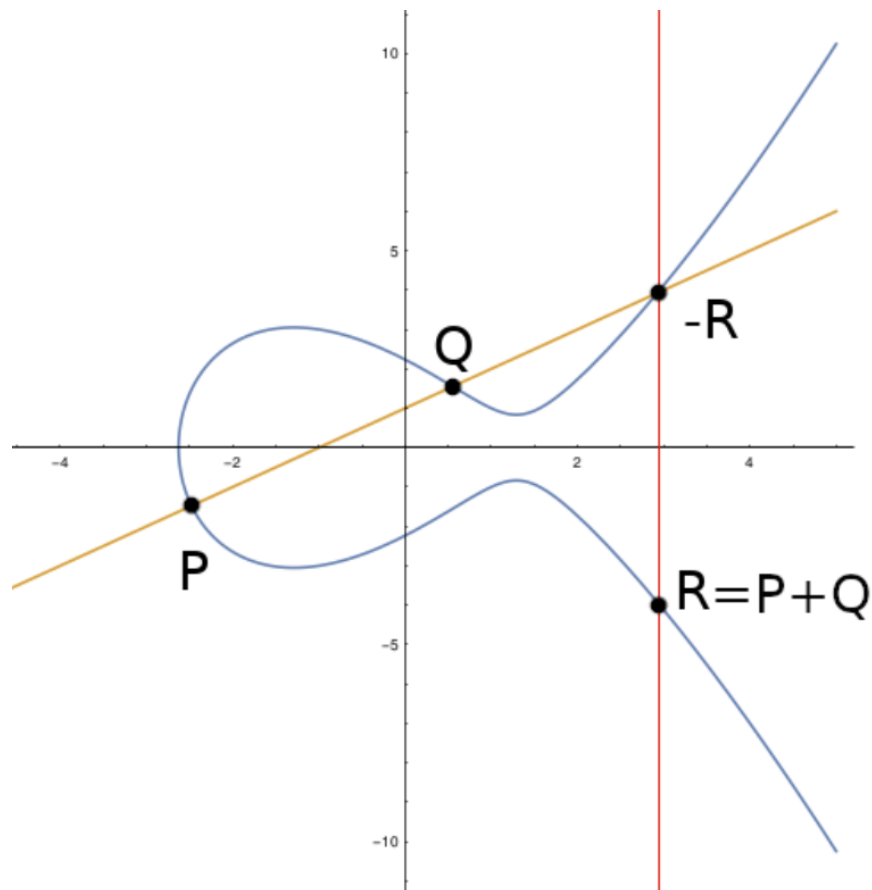
- Verifier chooses random  $s, \alpha$  and provides evaluation for  $x = s$  for power 1 and its “shift”:  $(g^s, g^{\alpha \cdot s})$
- Prover applies the coefficient  $c$ :  $((g^s)^c, (g^{\alpha \cdot s})^c) = (g^{c \cdot s}, g^{\alpha \cdot c \cdot s})$
- Verifier checks:  $(g^{c \cdot s})^\alpha = g^{\alpha \cdot c \cdot s}$

## Elliptic Curve



$$Y^2 = X^3 + ax + b$$

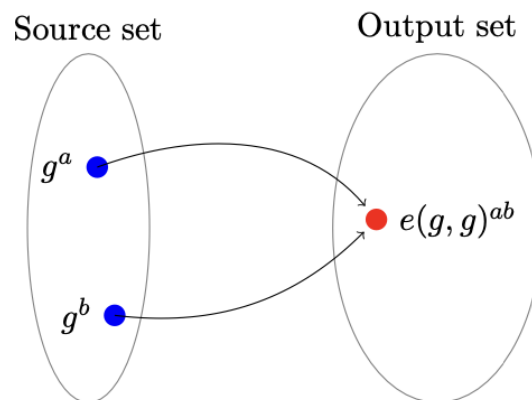
$$4a^3 + 27b^2 \neq 0$$



- How to calculate  $2P$  ? I know how but how determine the slope the line ?
- Discrete Log in E.C
  - $K * G = G + G + \dots + G$
  - Given  $G$  and  $K * G$  it is hard to calculate  $K$
- Encryption in E.C.
  
- Alice chooses a random  $k$ .

- Bob chooses a random  $b$  and keep it secret
  - Bob creates  $bG$  and send it as  $B$  to Alice.
  - Alice send tuple  $(KG, M + KB)$
  - Bob will calculate  $M + KB - bKG = M$
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## Pairing in Cryptography



$G$  : source group (Points of an elliptic curve)

$G_t$ : Target group (an element in a finite field)

$$e(g^a, g^b) = e(g^b, g^a) = e(g^{ab}, g^1) = e(g^1, g^{ab}) = e(g^1, g^a)^b = e(g^1, g^1)^{ab} = \dots$$

why these pairings are useful in cryptography ?

$$e(g^a, g^b) = e(g^b, g^a)$$

one for encrypting and the another one for decrypting can be used.

## Consequence of Pairing

DDH in G is easy :

- input :  $g, g^x, g^y, g^z$  in G
- to test if :  $e(g, g^z) \stackrel{?}{=} e(g^x, g^y)$