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Introduction

We have learned about the classic secret sharing scheme due to Shamir [1]. We also learned about the bilinear pairing-based threshold signature scheme due to Boldyreva [2], which is the threshold variant of the pairing-based signature scheme due to Boneh, Lynn, and Sacham [3]. Here on, we will refer to it as the BLS threshold signature scheme.

In this homework, you will implement the BLS threshold signature in a modular way using the python programming language. We recommend using python version 3.6 or higher.

NOTE: In this homework, you will only implement only the cryptographic operations of the BLS threshold signature scheme. You are **not required** to do any network programming to finish this homework.

Setup Instructions

This library depends on numpy and py_ecc. You can install it with

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

You can also manually install the dependencies.

The finitefield module is taken from https://github.com/initc3/babySNARK You can look at the original repository for examples on how to use it.

How to use py_ecc: https://github.com/ethereum/py_ecc

You can test your setup by running

```
python main.py
```

Code structure:

```
-- finitefields/
-- bls.py
-- bls_ths.py
-- requirements.txt
-- shamir.py
-- main.py
-- utils.py
```

The finitefields folder consists of files that implements the field operations that will help you add, subtract, multiply and compute multiplicative inverses of the field elements.

The bls.py implements the bls signature (non-threshold variant) scheme. You can use this as a reference to implement the threshold variant of the protocol.

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The main.py is the entry point of this library. We are currently using the main.py to test the implementation of the bls signature scheme.

The utils.py import and defines some basic functionalities which will be useful to implement the

Homework Requirements

You will be changing the shamir.py and bls_ths.py files. Specifically, you will implement the following functions. Refer to the specific file for more details on the requirements.

In shamir.py you will implement:

```
-- gen_share(...)
-- interpolate_at_0(...)
-- interpolate_at_j(...)
-- interpolate_at_g0(...)
-- interpolate_at_gj(...)
```

In bls_ths.py you will implement:

```
-- generate_bls_ths_keys(...)
-- partial_sign(...)
-- aggregate_signature(...)
-- verify(...)
```

References

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