


# Pairing-Based SNARKs. Pinocchio And Groth16

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Thus

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i w_i \right) \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^n b_j w_j \right) = \sum_{k=1}^n c_k w_k$$

That is, actually, a quadratic equation with multiple variables.

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Consider the simplest program:

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def example(a: F, b: F, c: F) -> F:  
    if a:  
        return b * c  
    else:  
        return b + c
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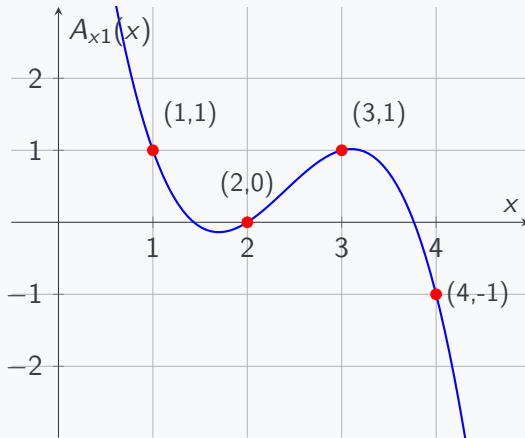
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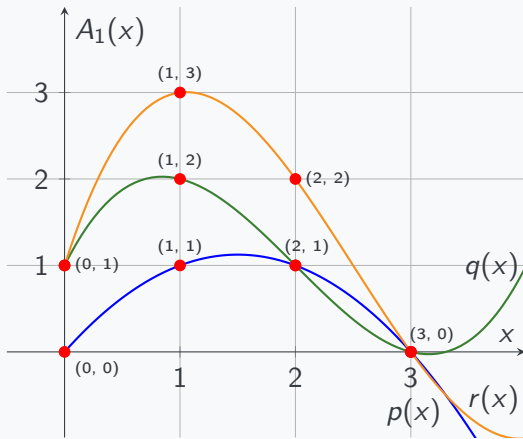
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**Illustration:** The Lagrange interpolation polynomial for points  $\{(1, 1), (2, 0), (3, 1), (4, -1)\}$  visualized over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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**Figure:** Addition of two polynomials



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Or written more concisely:

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It means, that  $M(X)$  can be divided by **vanishing polynomial**  $Z_\Omega(X)$  without a remainder!

$$Z_\Omega(X) = \prod_{i=1}^m (X - i), \quad H(X) = \frac{M(X)}{Z_\Omega(X)} \text{ is a polynomial}$$

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This way, we can find the KZG commitment for each polynomial.  
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Now, we can calculate:

$$g^{L(\tau)}, g^{R(\tau)}, g^{O(\tau)}, g^{H(\tau)}, g^{Z(\tau)}$$

But how can we verify  $H(x)Z(x) = L(x)R(x) - O(x)$  in the encrypted space?

Well, first notice that the check is equivalent to:

$$L(\tau)R(\tau) = Z(\tau)H(\tau) + O(\tau).$$

So, we can check this equality as follows:

$$e(\text{com}(L), \text{com}(R)) = e(\text{com}(Z), \text{com}(H)) \cdot e(\text{com}(O), g),$$

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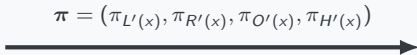
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# Thank you for your attention



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