

UltraGroth: Interactive Groth16

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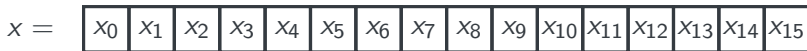
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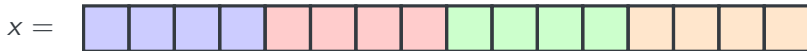
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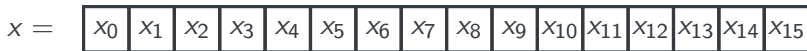
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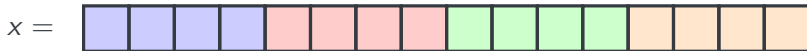
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- And surely, zero-knowledge Machine Learning — Bionetta.

| Framework | Metric | Model 1 | Model 2 | Model 3 | Model 4 | Model 5 | Model 6 | ResNet | MobileNet |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|
| Bionetta (UltraGroth) | Constraints # | 68.4K | 66.7K | 106.8K | 126.8K | 108.4K | 187.7K | 1.03M | 2.50M |
| | Proof Size (KB) | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 |
| | PK (MB) | 48.40 | 50.60 | 80.60 | 106.30 | 81.90 | 156.20 | 0.95GB | 1.90GB |
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| | PK (MB) | 21.30 | 10.20 | 396.20 | 560.20 | 409.30 | 1.2GB | ≈9.0GB | ≈23.8GB |
| | VK (KB) | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.65 | 3.65 | ≈4.0 | ≈4.0 |
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Up to x12.7 boost in # of constraints!

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High-level idea: We can: (1) compute $\{\mu_i\}_{i \in [v]}$ off-circuit, (2) write circuit in $n + 2v$ constraints, **given γ signal is passed randomly.**

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One important consequence

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