

# ★ Threshold Decrease Example

Original Polynomial:  $f(x) = 5 + 2x + 3x^2 \rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 5} \quad t=3$   
 Original Shares:  $P_1(1, 10) \quad P_2(2, 8) \quad P_3(3, 12) \quad P_4(4, 9)$

① Players select an ID (not in use)  $\rightarrow \boxed{j=8}$   
 Select  $t$  players from set of players:  $P_1, P_2, P_4$

Compute Lagrange Constants:  $V_i = \prod_{\substack{k \neq i \\ 1 \leq k \leq t}} \frac{j-k}{i-k}$

$$V_1 = \left( \frac{8-2}{1-2} \right) \left( \frac{8-4}{1-4} \right) = \frac{6}{-1} \cdot \frac{4}{-3} = \boxed{8}$$

$$V_2 = \left( \frac{8-1}{2-1} \right) \left( \frac{8-4}{2-4} \right) = \frac{7}{1} \cdot \frac{4}{-2} = -14 \equiv_{13} \boxed{12}$$

$$V_4 = \left( \frac{8-1}{4-1} \right) \left( \frac{8-2}{4-2} \right) = \frac{7}{3} \cdot \frac{6}{2} = \boxed{7}$$

② Each player multiplies his share by his constant, and splits:

$$b_1 \rightarrow P_1: 10 \cdot 8 = 80 \equiv_{13} 2 \xrightarrow{\text{split}} 0 + 1 + 1$$

$$b_2 \rightarrow P_2: 8 \cdot 12 = 96 \equiv_{13} 5 \longrightarrow 2 + 1 + 2$$

$$b_4 \rightarrow P_4: 9 \cdot 7 = 63 \equiv_{13} 11 \longrightarrow 6 + 3 + 2$$

8	5	5
$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_4$

(Step 3)  
ADD

④ Players add the values to compute the public share:  $f(j) = \sum_{k=1}^t b_k$

$$f(j) = 8 + 5 + 5 = 18 \equiv_{13} 5$$

$$\boxed{f(j) = 5}$$

$$f(8) = 5$$

⑤ Combine phase: each player combines their private share  $f(i)$  with the public share  $f(j)$ :

$$\hat{f}(i) = f(j) - j \left( \frac{f(i) - f(j)}{i - j} \right)$$

Original  
Shares  $f(i)$ 

$$P_1: (1, 10)$$

$$P_2: (2, 8)$$

$$P_3: (3, 12)$$

$$P_4: (4, 9)$$

$$j=8$$

$$f(j)=5$$

$$P_1: \hat{f}(1) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{10-5}{1-8} \right) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{5}{-7} \right) = 5 + 8 (5 \cdot 7^{-1} \pmod{13})$$

$$= 5 + 8 (5 \cdot 2) = 85 \equiv 7$$

$$P_2: \hat{f}(2) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{8-5}{2-8} \right) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{3}{-6} \right) = 5 + 4 = 9$$

$$P_3: \hat{f}(3) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{12-5}{3-8} \right) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{7}{-5} \right) = 5 + 8 (7 \cdot 5^{-1} \pmod{13})$$

$$= 5 + 8 (7 \cdot 8) \equiv 11$$

$$P_4: \hat{f}(4) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{9-5}{4-8} \right) = 5 - 8 \left( \frac{4}{-4} \right) = 5 + 8 = 13 \equiv 0$$

⑥ Shares  $\hat{f}(i)$  are on a new polynomial with  $t=2$   
 where  $\hat{f}(0) = f(0)$

$$P_1(1, 7)$$

$$P_2(2, 9)$$

$$P_3(3, 11)$$

$$P_4(4, 0)$$

Interpolationneed  $t$  players to recover polynomial  $(P_1 + P_2)$ 

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^t \left( \prod_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq t \\ j \neq i}} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \cdot \hat{f}(i) \right)$$

$$P_1(1, 7)$$

$$P_2(2, 9)$$

$$f(x) = \underbrace{\left( \frac{x-2}{1-2} \cdot 7 \right)}_{i=1} + \underbrace{\left( \frac{x-1}{2-1} \cdot 9 \right)}_{i=2} = \frac{7x-14}{-1} + \frac{9x-9}{1} = 2x+5$$

$$\checkmark \alpha' = 5$$

$$f(0) = \left( \frac{0-2}{1-2} \cdot 7 \right) + \left( \frac{0-1}{2-1} \cdot 9 \right) = 14 - 9 = 5$$

⊛⊛ Increase threshold  $t \rightarrow t'$ ,  $t' > t$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}[x]$  [3]

$t=3$ ,  $t'=4$  Players  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4$

$$f(x) = (9) + 4x + 12x^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(1) &= 12 & f(3) &= 12 \\ f(2) &= 0 & f(4) &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(1, 12) & & P_3(3, 12) \\ P_2(2, 0) & & P_4(4, 9) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_1 = 1 + 2x + 3x^2$$

$$P_2 = 2 + 3x + 4x^2$$

$$P_3 = 3 + 4x + 5x^2$$

$$P_4 = 4 + 5x + 6x^2$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} P_1(1, 6) & P_1(2, 4) & P_1(3, 8) & P_1(4, 5) \\ P_2(1, 9) & P_2(2, 11) & P_2(3, 8) & P_2(4, 0) \\ P_3(1, 12) & P_3(2, 5) & P_3(3, 8) & P_3(4, 8) \\ P_4(1, 2) & P_4(2, 12) & P_4(3, 8) & P_4(4, 3) \end{bmatrix}$$

Shares of  $g(x)$   
of degree 3

Shares of  $\hat{g}(x) = x \cdot g(x)$   
constant of 0  
degree 3  $\rightarrow 1 \times 3 = 3 \quad 2 \times 6 = 12 \quad 3 \times 6 = 5 \quad 4 \times 3 = 12$

$$P_1 \Rightarrow 12 + 3 = 15$$

$$P_2 \Rightarrow 0 + 12 = 12$$

$$P_3 \Rightarrow 12 + 5 = 17$$

$$P_4 \Rightarrow 9 + 12 = 21$$

Shares of a degree 3 poly.  
of threshold 4 with original  
Secret of 9

$$\left(\frac{2}{2-1}\right)\left(\frac{3}{3-1}\right)\left(\frac{4}{4-1}\right)(2) +$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-2}\right)\left(\frac{3}{3-2}\right)\left(\frac{4}{4-2}\right)(12) +$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{2-3}\right)\left(\frac{4}{4-3}\right)(4) +$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-4}\right)\left(\frac{2}{2-4}\right)\left(\frac{3}{3-4}\right)(8) =$$

$$8 - 72 + 16 - 8 = -56 \pmod{13}$$

$$= 9$$

Three shares return an incorrect secret

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{2}{2-1} \right) \left( \frac{3}{3-1} \right) (2) + \\ \left( \frac{1}{1-2} \right) \left( \frac{3}{3-2} \right) (12) + \\ \left( \frac{1}{1-3} \right) \left( \frac{2}{2-3} \right) (4) = 6 + 3 + 4 = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

→ because the threshold now is  $t=4$  & we need at least four shares in order to be able to recover secret  $\alpha=9$ .

# Threshold Modification: Vandermonde Matrix

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$$f(x) = 4 + 2x + x^2 \quad t=3 \quad \mathbb{Z}_{13}$$

$$f(1) = 7$$

$$f(2) = 12$$

$$f(3) = 6$$

$$f(4) = 2$$

$$(i.) \quad \begin{aligned} g_1(x) &= \boxed{7} + x + x^2 + x^3 \\ g_2(x) &= \boxed{12} + 2x + x^2 + x^3 \\ g_3(x) &= \boxed{6} + x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 \\ g_4(x) &= \boxed{2} + 3x + x^2 + x^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} P_1 \xrightarrow{\text{generates}} \\ P_2 \rightarrow \end{array} \left( \begin{array}{ccc} g_1(1) & g_1(2) & \dots \\ g_2(1) & & \\ \vdots & & \end{array} \right)$$

receives

$\downarrow$   
 $P_1$

$\downarrow$   
 $P_2$

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 8 & 7 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 9 \\ 12 & 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 7 & 7 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{share exchange matrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & 9 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 & 4 & 12 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 & 4 \\ 8 & 9 & 10 & 12 \\ 2 & 7 & 6 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

(iii.)  $\phi_j = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i * g_i(j)$  Shares of  $P_i$

$$\phi_1 = [4 \ 7 \ 4 \ 12] \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = 40 + 21 + 48 + 84 \stackrel{13}{\equiv} 11$$

$$\phi_2 = [4 \ 7 \ 4 \ 12] \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = 32 + 14 + 4 + 84 = 134 \stackrel{13}{\equiv} 4$$

$$\phi_3 = [4 \ 7 \ 4 \ 12] \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = 28 + 14 + 16 + 96 \stackrel{13}{\equiv} 11$$

$$\phi_4 = [4 \ 7 \ 4 \ 12] \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 9 \\ 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 0 + 63 + 0 + 36 = 99 \stackrel{13}{\equiv} 8$$

$$\phi_1 = 11$$

$$\phi_2 = 4$$

$$\phi_3 = 11$$

$$\phi_4 = 8$$

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### Secret Recovery

$$\alpha = \frac{(0-2)(0-3)(0-4)}{(1-2)(1-3)(1-4)} \overset{\phi_1}{\left( \begin{matrix} 11 \end{matrix} \right)} + \frac{(0-1)(0-3)(0-4)}{(2-1)(2-3)(2-4)} (4) \\ + \frac{(0-1)(0-2)(0-4)}{(3-1)(3-2)(3-4)} \left( \begin{matrix} 11 \end{matrix} \right) + \frac{(0-1)(0-2)(0-3)}{(4-1)(4-2)(4-3)} (8)$$

$$= 44 - 24 + 44 - 8$$

$$= 56$$

$$\stackrel{13}{\equiv} \underbrace{4} \rightarrow \text{Secret}$$

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# Threshold Modification: Lagrange Method

$$f(x) = -\frac{17}{12}x^4 + 18x^3 - \frac{955}{12}x^2 + 140x - 75$$

$$f(x) \stackrel{13}{=} 4x^4 + 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 0 \cdot x + \boxed{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} -17 \cdot 12^{-1} \pmod{13} \\ \equiv 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$t=5 \rightarrow t'=4, \text{ i.e. } t' < t$$

$n=5$  (#players)

Each player  $P_i$  selects a random poly.  $g_i(x)$  of degree at most  $t'-1 = 4-1 = 3$  such that  $\underline{g_i(0) = f(i)}$ ,  
reshare his share.

$$P_1 \rightarrow g_1(x) = 2 + 3x + 2x^2 + x^3$$

$$g_1(0) = f(1) = 2$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow g_2(x) = 8 + 9x^2$$

$$g_2(0) = f(2) = 8$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow g_3(x) = x - x^3$$

$$g_3(0) = f(3) = 0$$

$$P_4 \rightarrow g_4(x) = 1 + x + x^2$$

$$g_4(0) = f(4) = 1$$

$$P_5 \rightarrow g_5(x) = 4x$$

$$g_5(0) = f(5) = 0$$

He then gives  $g_i(j)$  of  $f_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$

$$E_{n \times n} = E_{5 \times 5} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(1) & g_1(2) & \dots & g_1(5) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_5(1) & g_5(2) & \dots & g_5(5) \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow P_1 \text{ generates}$$

$\downarrow$  received by  $P_1$                        $\downarrow$  received by  $P_5$



$$= \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 24 & 56 & 110 & 192 \\ 17 & 44 & 89 & 152 & 233 \\ 0 & -6 & -24 & -60 & -120 \\ 3 & 7 & 13 & 21 & 31 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & 16 & 20 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\stackrel{13}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 11 & 4 & 6 & 10 \\ 4 & 5 & 11 & 9 & 12 \\ 0 & 7 & 2 & 5 & 10 \\ 3 & 7 & 0 & 8 & 5 \\ 4 & 8 & 12 & 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

The set  $\Delta$  consists of identifiers of "t" elected players. The public constants are.

$$\gamma_i^\Delta = \prod_{\substack{j \in \Delta \\ j \neq i}} \frac{j}{j-i} \quad \text{where } 1 \leq i, j \leq 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1^\Delta &= \prod_{\substack{j \in \Delta \\ j \neq 1}} \frac{j}{j-1} = \frac{2}{2-1} \cdot \frac{3}{3-1} \cdot \frac{4}{4-1} \cdot \frac{5}{5-1} \\ &= \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gamma_2^\Delta = \frac{1}{1-2} \cdot \frac{3}{3-2} \cdot \frac{4}{4-2} \cdot \frac{5}{5-2} = -10 \stackrel{13}{=} 3$$

$$\gamma_3^\Delta = \frac{1}{1-3} \cdot \frac{2}{2-3} \cdot \frac{4}{4-3} \cdot \frac{5}{5-3} = 10$$

$$\gamma_4^\Delta = \frac{1}{1-4} \cdot \frac{2}{2-4} \cdot \frac{3}{3-4} \cdot \frac{5}{5-4} = -5$$

$$\gamma_5^\Delta = \frac{1}{1-5} \cdot \frac{2}{2-5} \cdot \frac{3}{3-5} \cdot \frac{4}{4-5} = 1$$

Each player  $P_j$  erases his old share and combine the auxiliary shares he has received from the other players to compute his new share as follows:

$$f_j = \sum_{i \in \Delta} (r_i^\Delta * g_i(j))$$

$$f_1 = r_1^\Delta * g_1(1) + r_2^\Delta * g_2(1) + r_3^\Delta * g_3(1) + r_4^\Delta * g_4(1) + r_5^\Delta * g_5(1)$$

$$= 5 * 8 + (-10) * 4 + 10 * 0 + (-5) * 3 + 1 * 4$$

$$= -11 \pmod{13}$$

$$\equiv 2$$

(1, 2) ✓

$$f_2 = 5 * 11 + (-10) * 5 + 10 * 7 + (-5) * 7 + 1 * 8$$

$$= 48 \equiv^3 9$$

(2, 9) ✓

$$f_3 = 5 * 4 + (-10) * 11 + 10 * 2 + (-5) * 0 + 1 * 12$$

$$= -58 \equiv^3 7$$

(3, 7) ✓

$$f_4 = 5 * 6 + (-10) * 9 + 10 * 5 + (-5) * 8 + 1 * 3$$

$$= -47 \equiv^3 5$$

(4, 5) ✓

$$f_5 = 5 * 10 + (-10) * 12 + 10 * 10 + (-5) * 5 + 1 * 7$$

$$= 12$$

(5, 12) ✓

$$(1, 2), (2, 9), (4, 5), (5, 12)$$

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$$P(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-4)(x-5)}{(1-2)(1-4)(1-5)} * 2 + \frac{(x-1)(x-4)(x-5)}{(2-1)(2-4)(2-5)} * 9$$

$$+ \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-5)}{(4-1)(4-2)(4-5)} * 5 + \frac{(x-1)(x-2)(x-4)}{(5-1)(5-2)(5-4)} * 12$$

$$= \frac{3}{2}x^3 - \frac{27}{2}x^2 + 37x - 23$$

$$\stackrel{13}{\equiv} 8x^3 + 6x^2 + 11x + \boxed{3}$$

This poly. is different than the original poly.  
but they have the same constant term.