

Ranged Polynomial Protocols

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Outline

- ▶ A few slides of motivation and context
- ▶ Polynomial Protocols - defs, results + open question.

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KZG give us PCS with commitments and openings are practically 32 bytes.

Notation: $[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{x}}$ where \mathbf{g} generator of elliptic curve group.

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$$\mathbf{verify}(\mathbf{cm}, \pi, \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{i}) :$$

$$e(\mathbf{cm} - [\mathbf{z}], [\mathbf{1}]) \stackrel{?}{=} e(\pi, [\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{i}])$$

Idealized Polynomials Protocols

Preprocessing/inputs: : \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{V} agree in advance on $g_1, \dots, g_t \in \mathbb{F}_{<d}[\mathbf{X}]$.

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proof sketch: Use [KZG] polynomial commitment scheme. \mathcal{P} commits to all polys. \mathcal{V} checks identity at random challenge point.

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$$\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{H}}(\mathbf{X}) := \prod_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{H}} (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{a}).$$

($\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{H}}$ will be a preprocessed polynomial).

\mathbf{H} -ranged protocol using polynomial protocol:

Motivates - for \mathbf{H} -ranged protocol \mathbf{P} define

$$\mathfrak{d}(\mathbf{P}) := \left(\sum_{i \in [\ell]} \mathbf{deg}(f_i) + \mathbf{1} \right) + \mathbf{D} - |\mathbf{H}|.$$

$\mathbf{D} :=$ max degree of identity \mathbf{C} checked in exec with honest \mathcal{P} .

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 $\{\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})\}_{\mathbf{x} \in H} \stackrel{?}{=} \{\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})\}_{\mathbf{x} \in H}$ as multisets

Reduces to:

$$\mathbf{H} = \{ \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n \}.$$

\mathcal{P} has sent $f', g' \in \mathbb{F}_{\langle n \rangle}[\mathbf{X}]$.

Wants to prove:

$$\prod_{i \in [n]} f(\alpha^i) = \prod_{i \in [n]} g(\alpha^i)$$

$$f := f' + \gamma, g := g' + \gamma$$

Multiplicative subgroups:

$$H = \{ \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n = \mathbf{1} \}.$$

L_i is i 'th lagrange poly of H :

$$L_i(\alpha^i) = \mathbf{1}, L_i(\alpha^j) = \mathbf{0}, j \neq i$$

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(most?) common SNARK operation: SNARK recursion requires simulating one field using another

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To remove assumption use preprocessed "table
poly" \mathbf{t} with $\{\mathbf{t}(\mathbf{x})\}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{H}} = [\mathbf{1}..\mathbf{M}]$
(details on next slide)

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We get

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Given integer d decomposing each element to d elements in range $[1..M^{1/d}]$ can give us

$$\mathfrak{d}(P) = 4dn + 4M^{1/d}$$

(by sending an auxiliary polynomial of degree $< dn$ with the decomposition of each element and then running the $M^{1/d}$ size range proof on this polynomial).

Question: can we do better?