

Quick Review

- Polynomials can be represented two ways
 - ↳ Coefficients: e.g. $x^2 + 2x + 1$
 - ↳ Pointwise: P has degree 2, $P(0) = 1$, $P(1) = 4$, $P(-1) = 0$.
- Coefficients \rightarrow Pointwise: Plug in numbers.
- Pointwise \rightarrow Coefficients: Interpolation
 - ↳ Write P as a linear combination of basis polynomials
- Polynomials over Finite Fields (i.e. $GF(p)$)
 - ↳ All coefficients are integers between 0 and $p-1$.
 - ↳ Interpolation still works (use inverses instead of division though)
 - ↳ Degree of a polynomial is bounded by $p-1$ (consequence of FLT).
- Can take advantage of coefficient / pointwise representation to do secret-sharing
 - ↳ Make P a secret.
 - ↳ Give each person $\deg(P)$ and $P(i)$
 - ↳ Only have the polynomial when $\deg(P)$ people come together.