

# Intro to PLONKish/halo2

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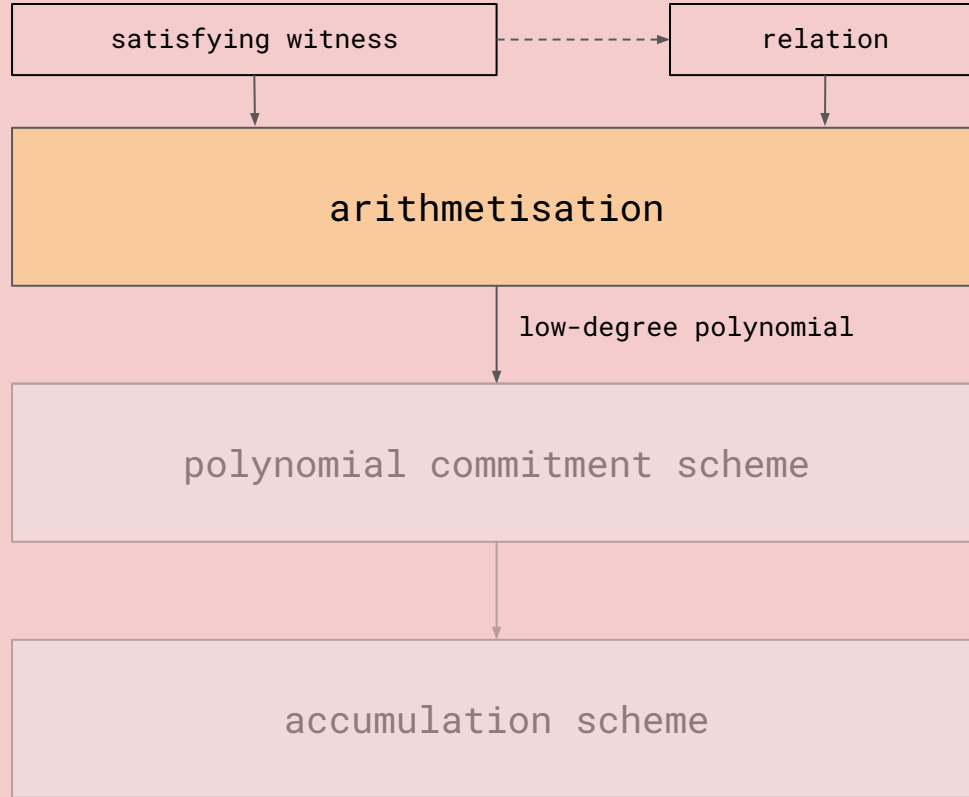
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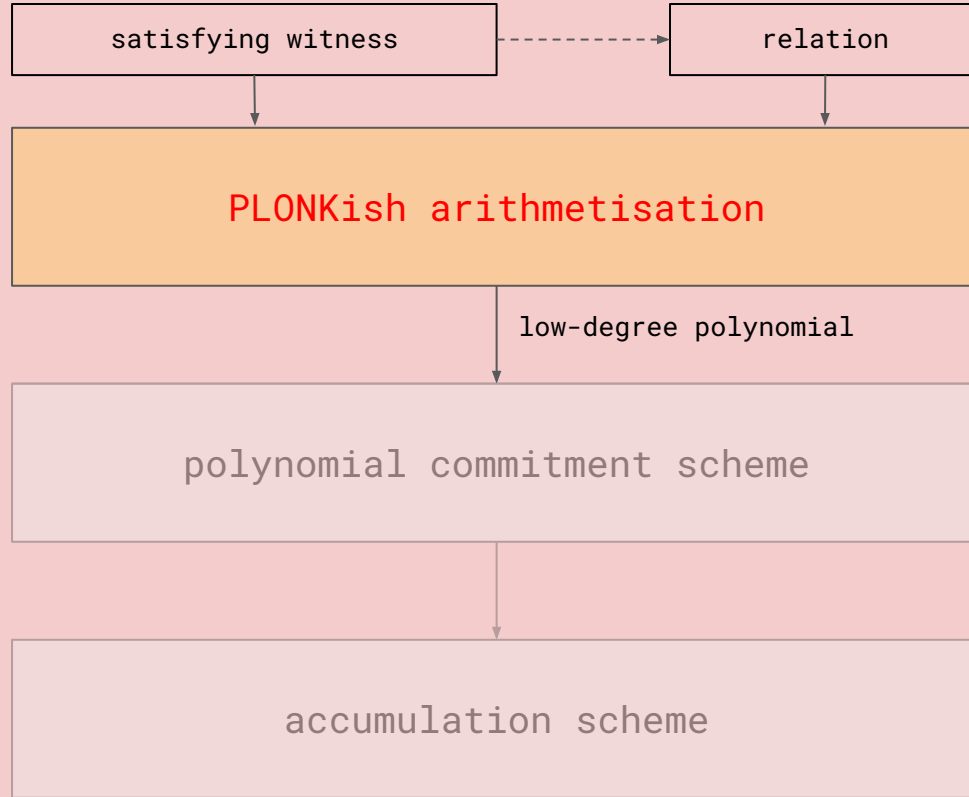


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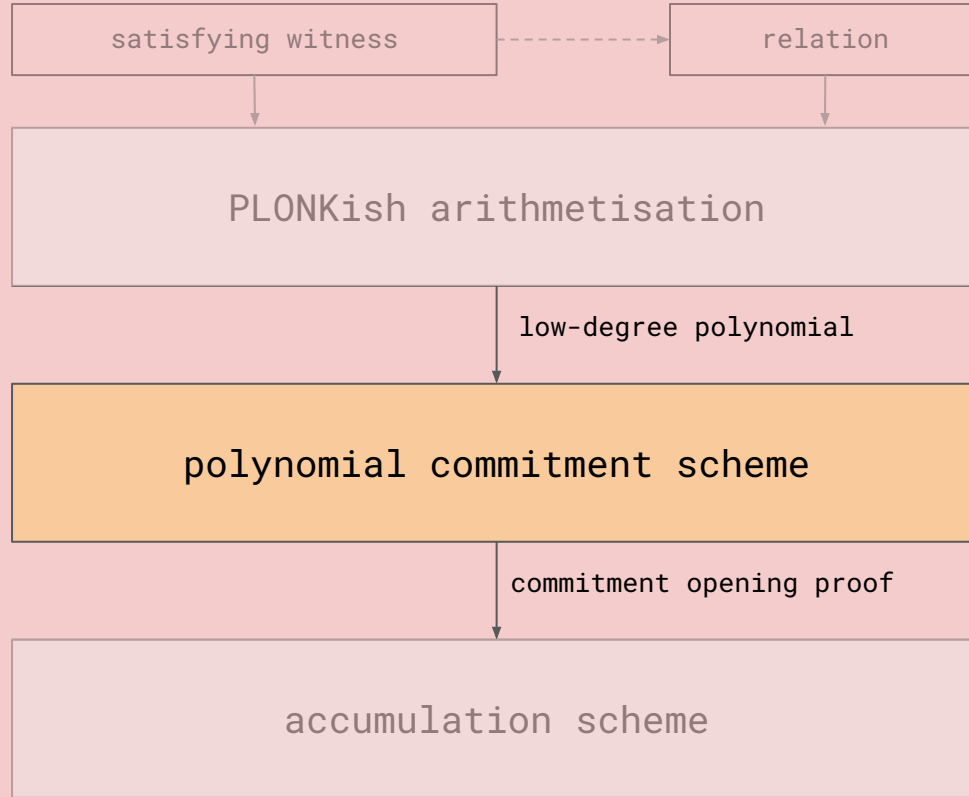


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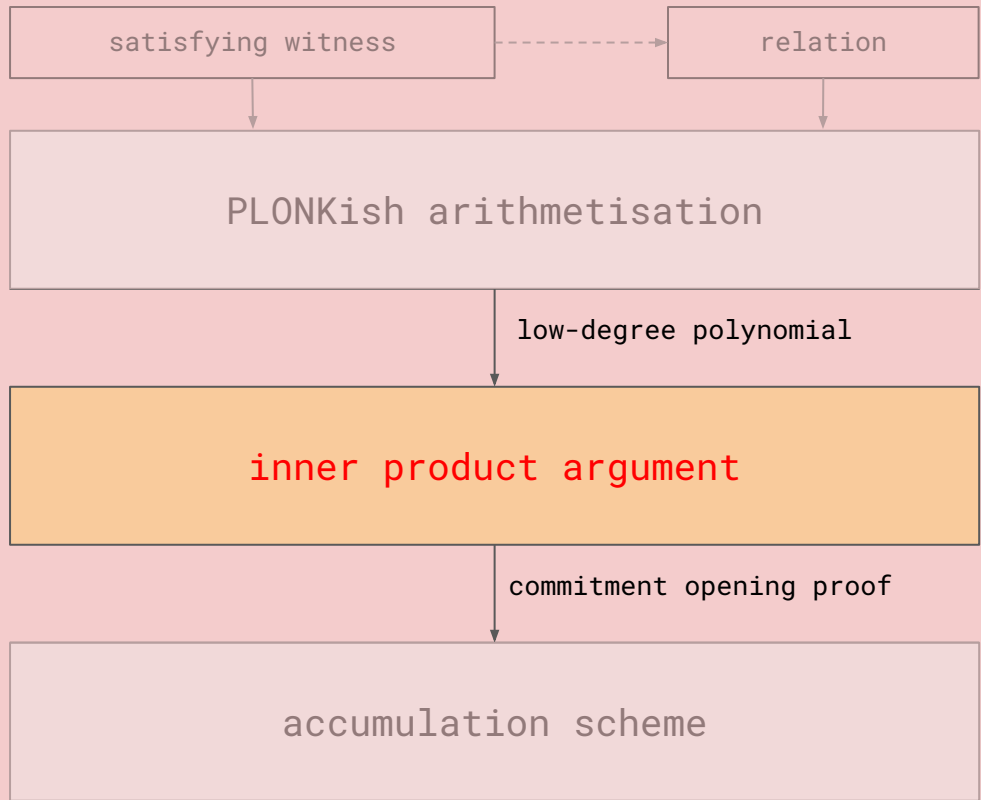




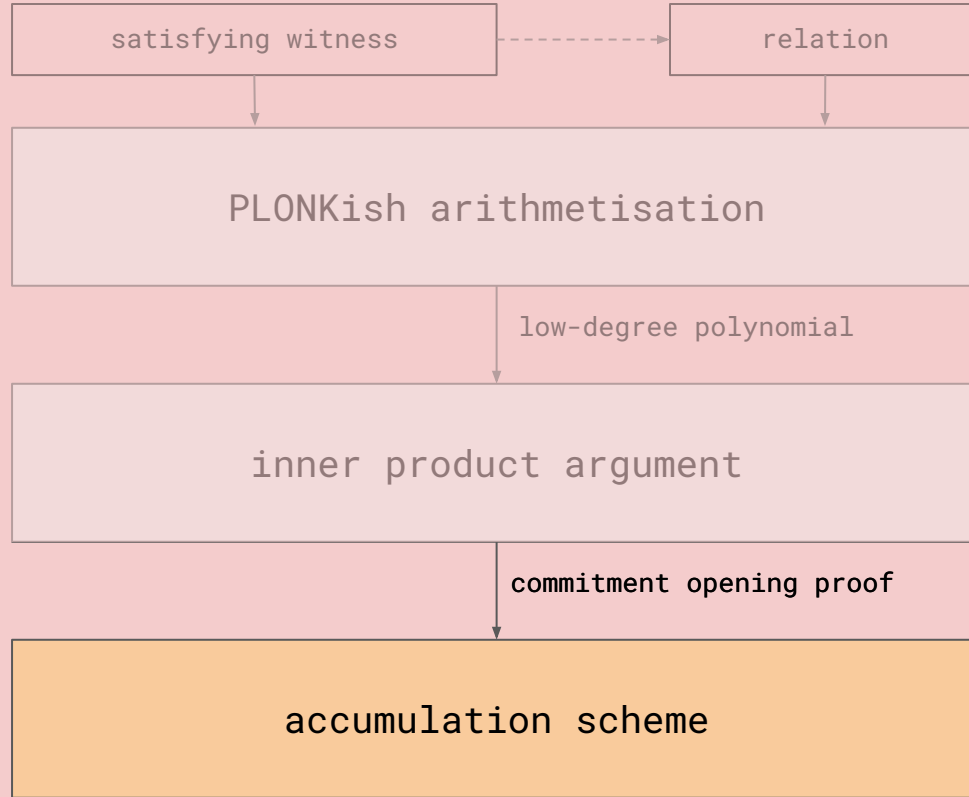
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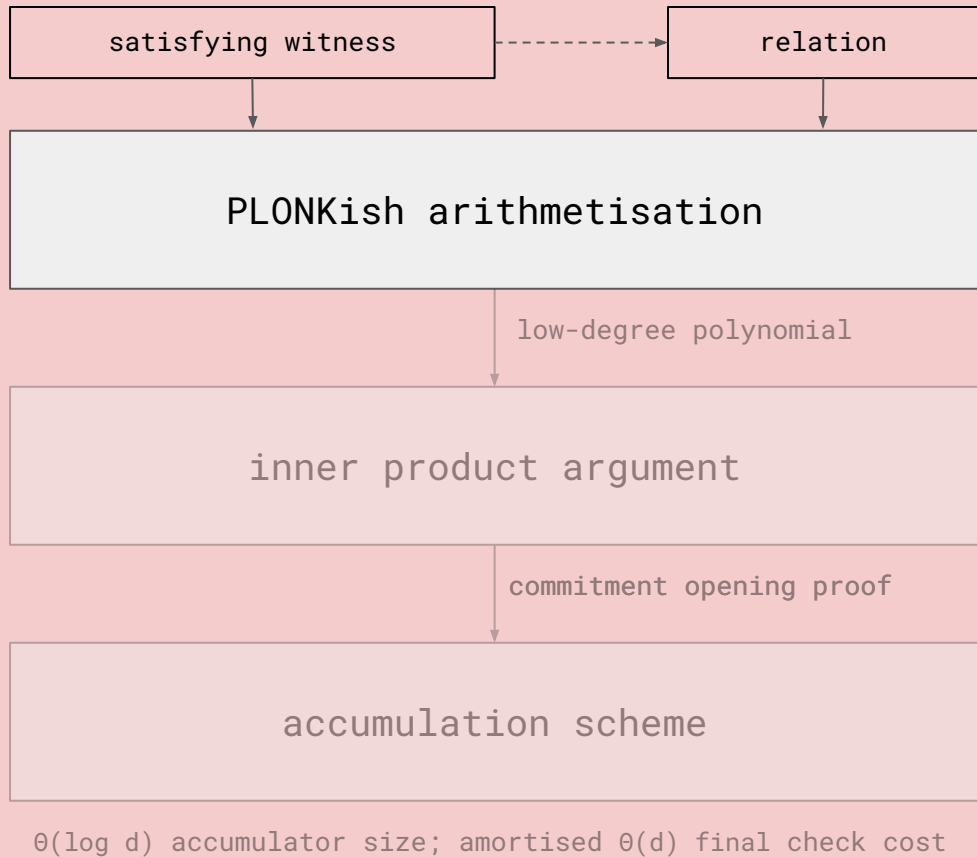
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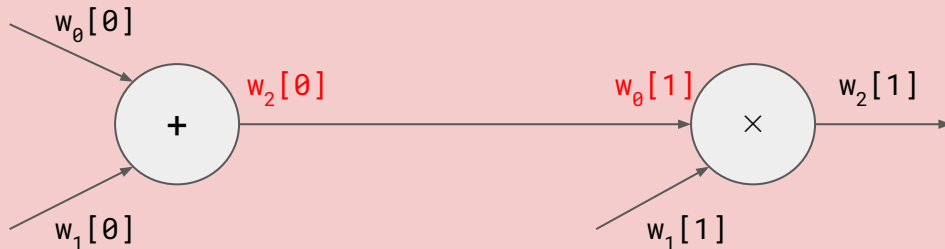
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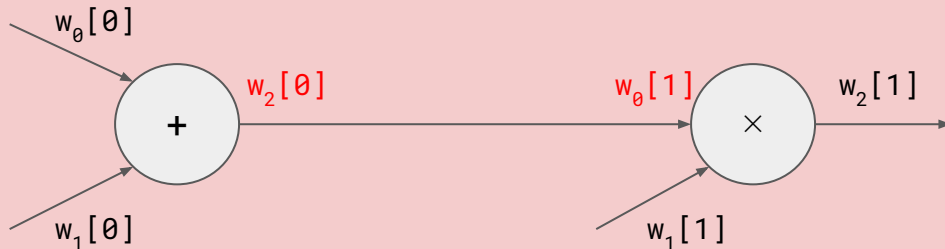


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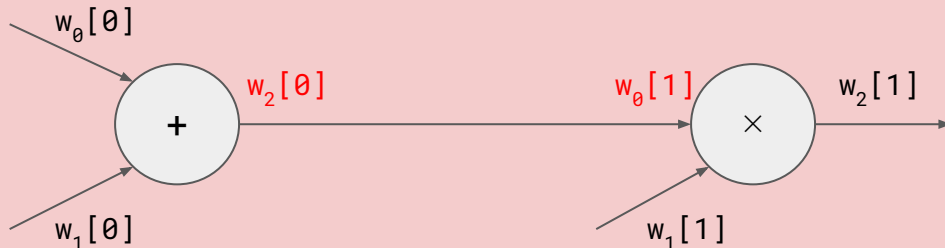
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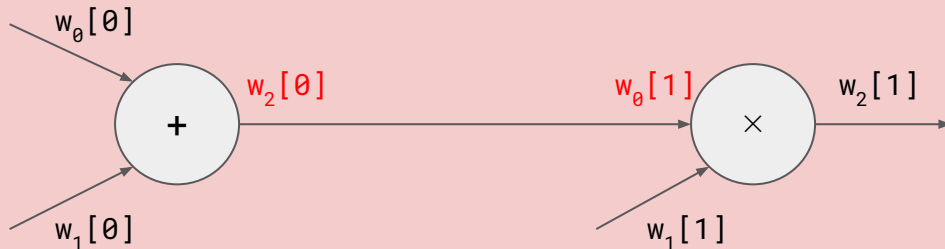
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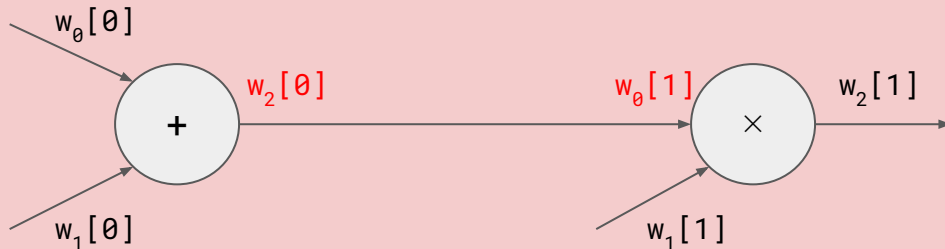
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verifier challenge to keep gates linearly independent

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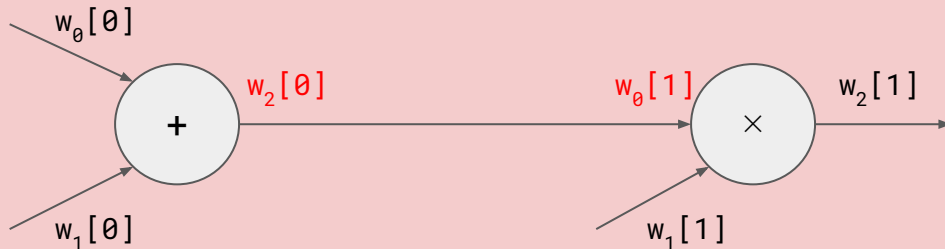
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"global" consistency check: do the wires correctly join the gates together?

\* in Groth16, routing is baked into the trusted setup; we can't do this for universal SNARKs

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to enforce equality of wires, use **permutation argument (deep-dive)**;  
show that swapping  $w_2(\omega^0)$  with  $w_0(\omega^1)$  doesn't change the polynomials.

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problem: SHA is expensive to do in-circuit



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solution: load precomputed SHA (e.g. for 8-bit values) as lookup table

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lookup default value when  $q_{\text{lookup}}$  is not enabled,  
so that lookup argument passes on every row

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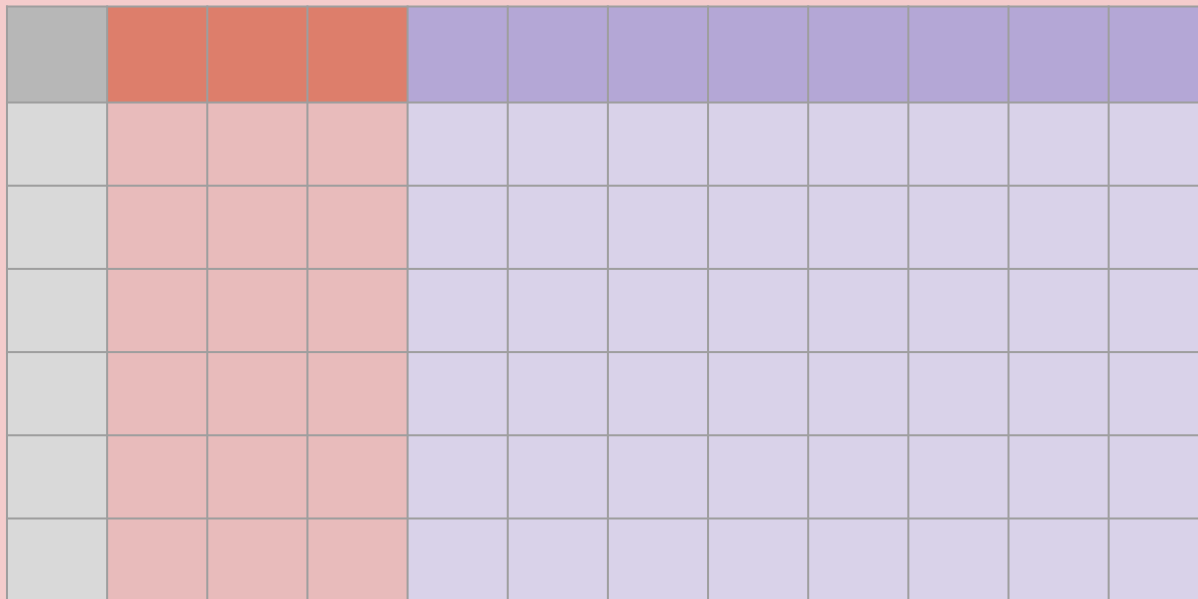
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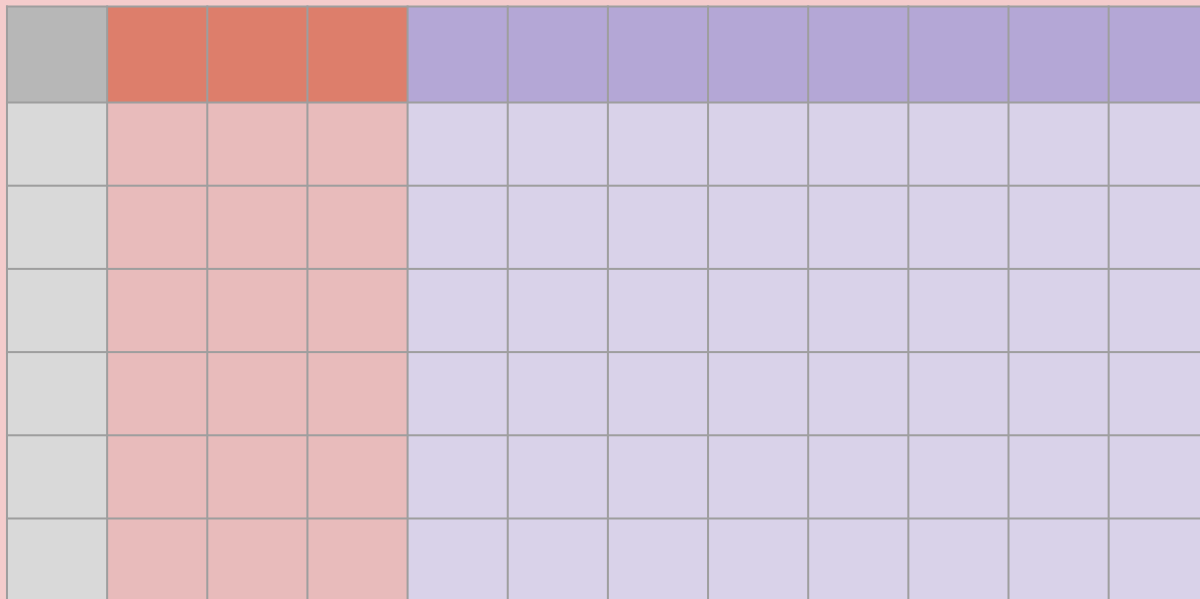
more on this in the deep-dive!

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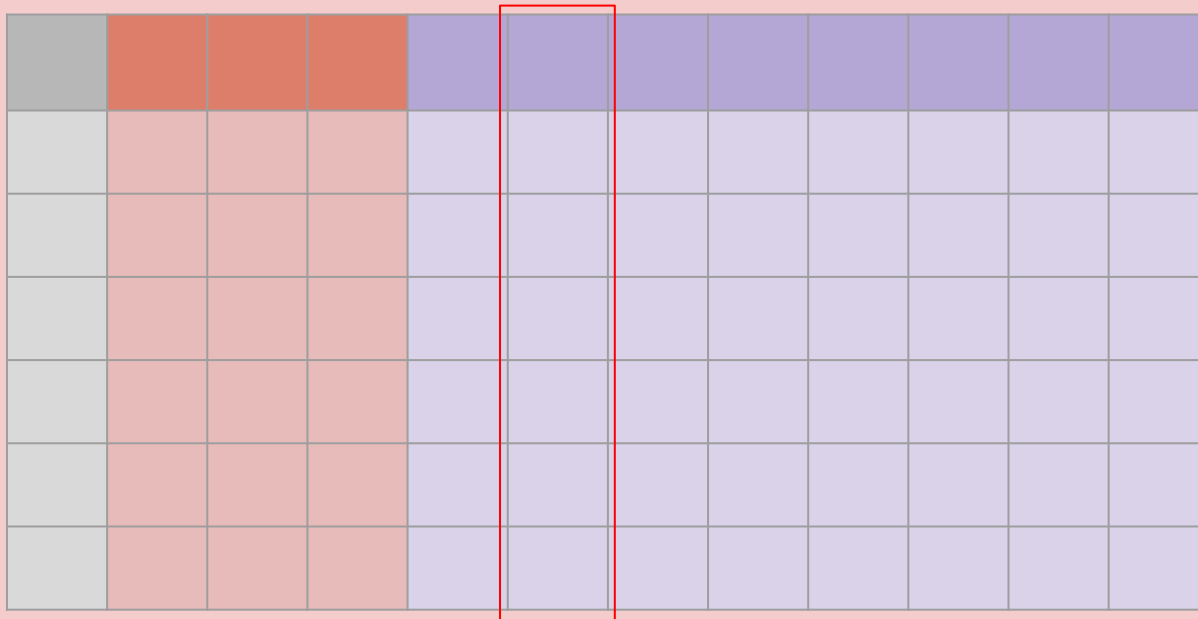
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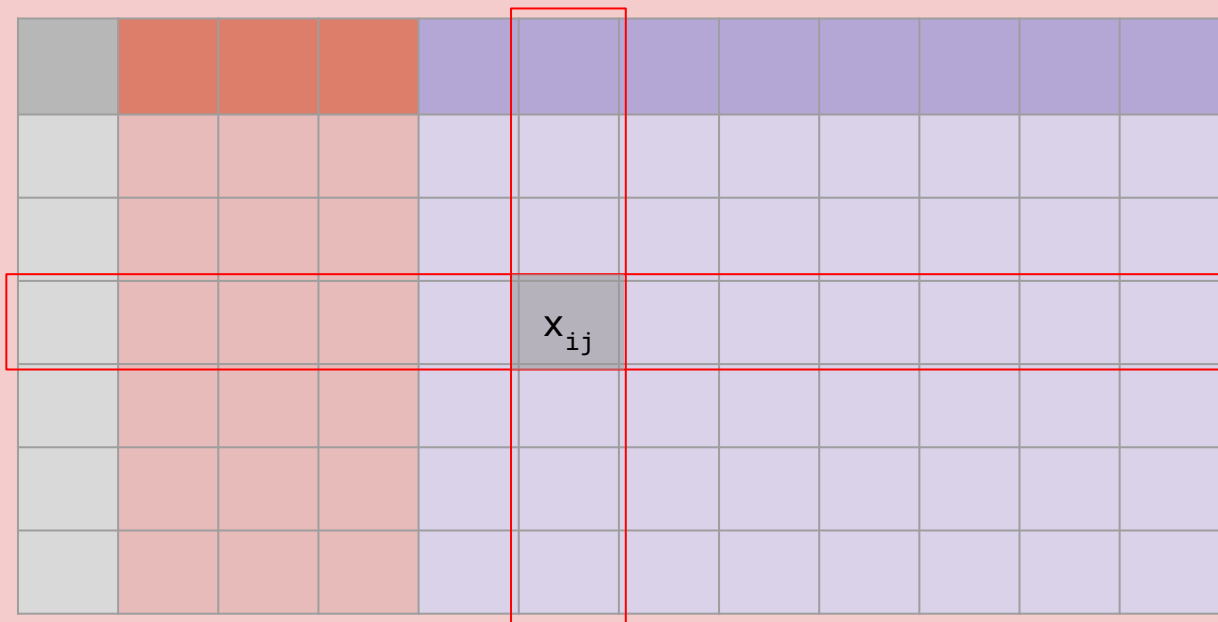
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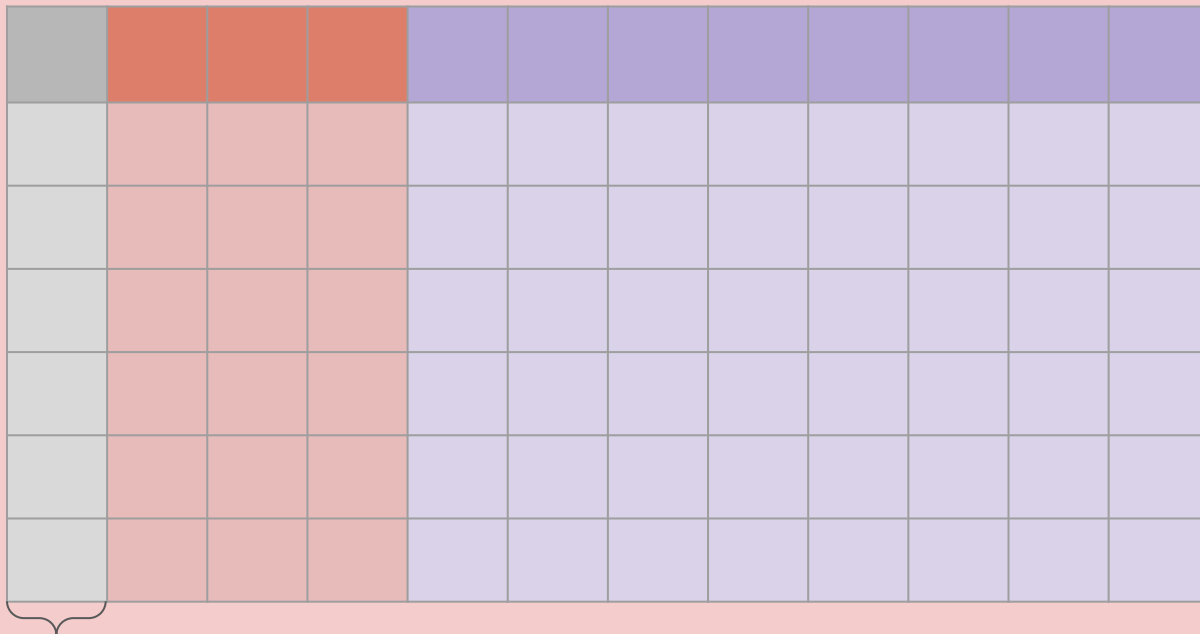


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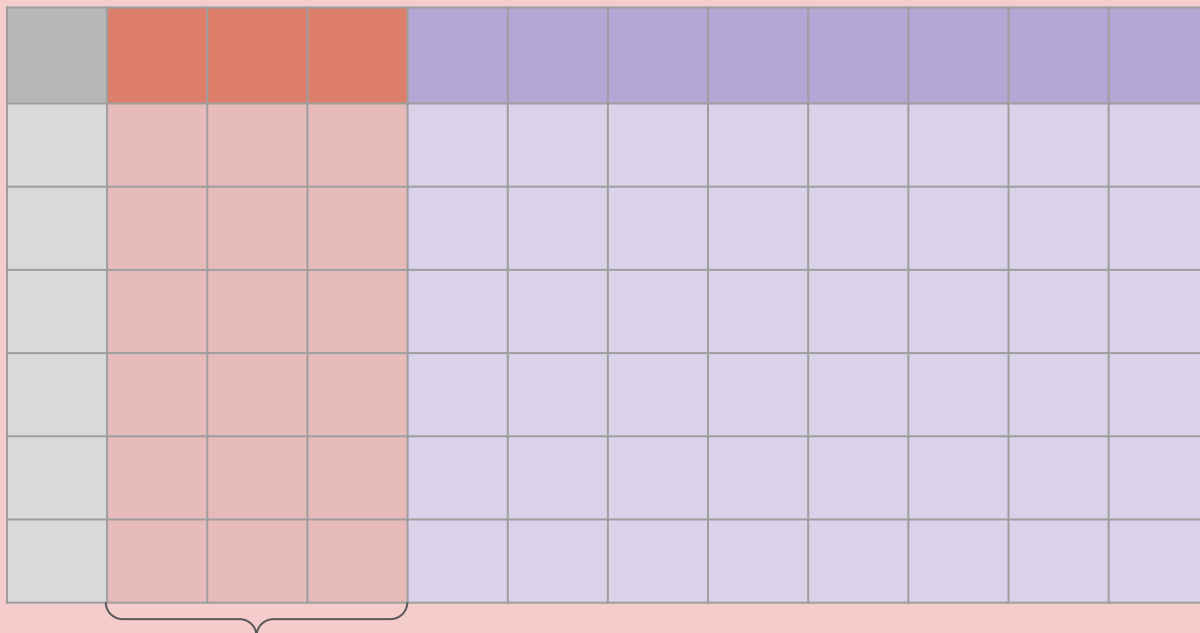
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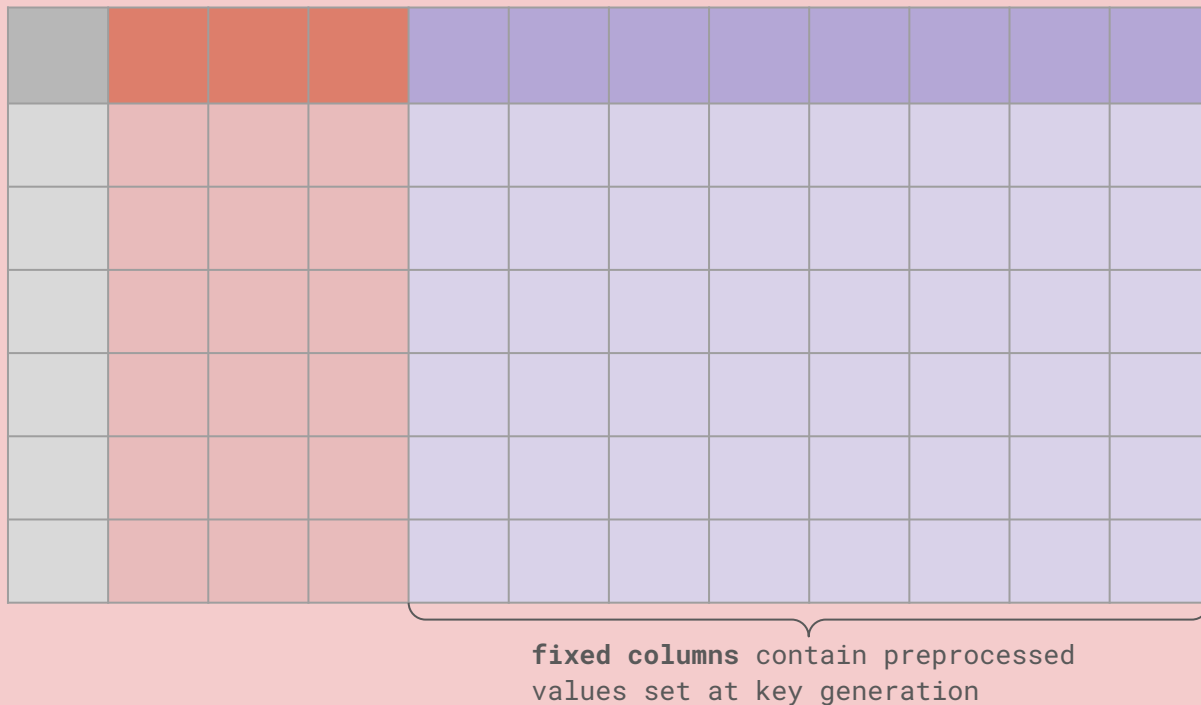
**instance columns** contain inputs **shared**  
between prover/verifier (e.g. public inputs)

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**advice columns** contain private  
values witnessed by the prover

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write this in tomorrow's session!

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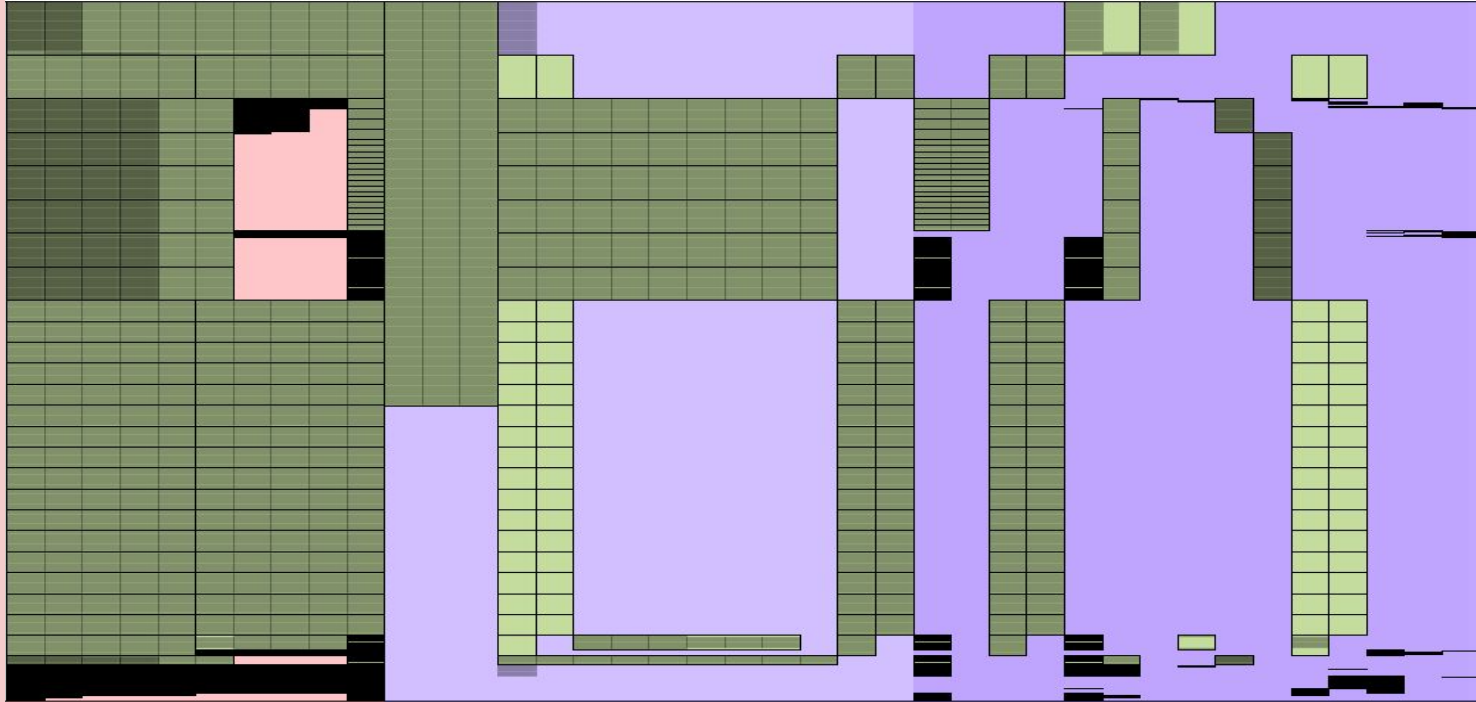
- $i_0[0] = a_0[0]$  // initialisation
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how do we optimise **global** layout while reasoning about **local** offsets?

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regions!

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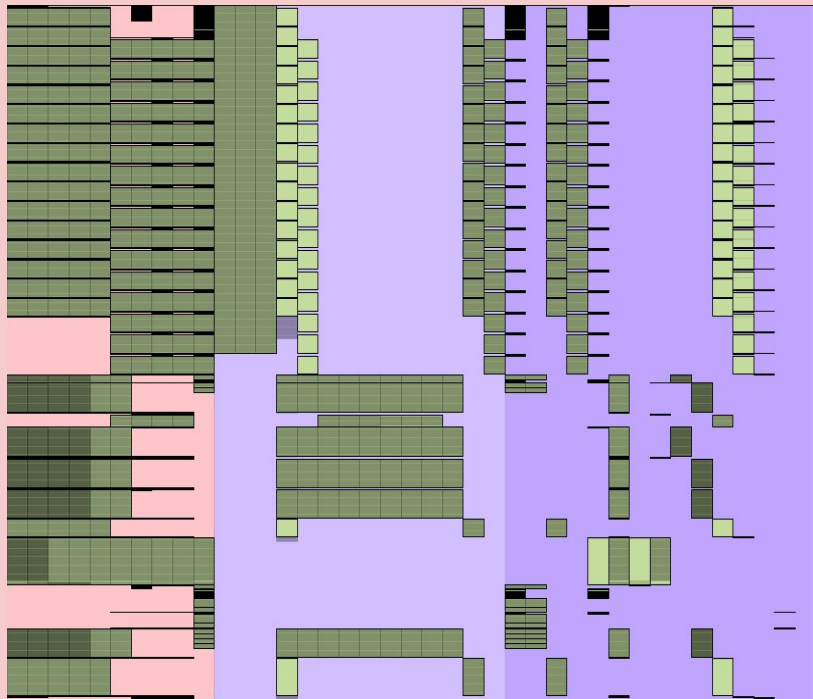
"**regions**" are the boundary between **gates** and the global circuit **layouter**

- a block of assignments preserving **relative offsets**: easy to reason about how gates apply within the region
- not affected by offsets in other regions: can be **freely rearranged** to optimise global space usage



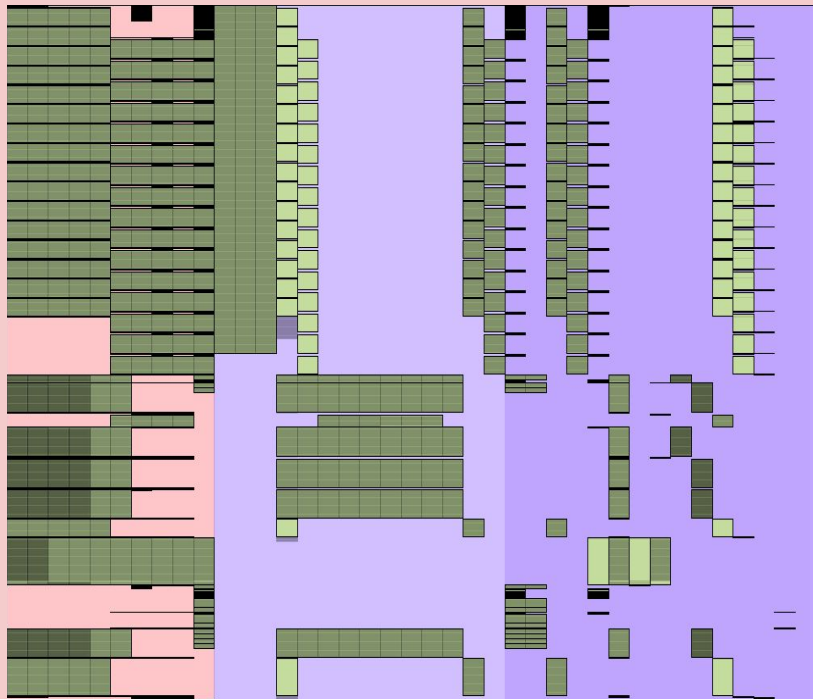
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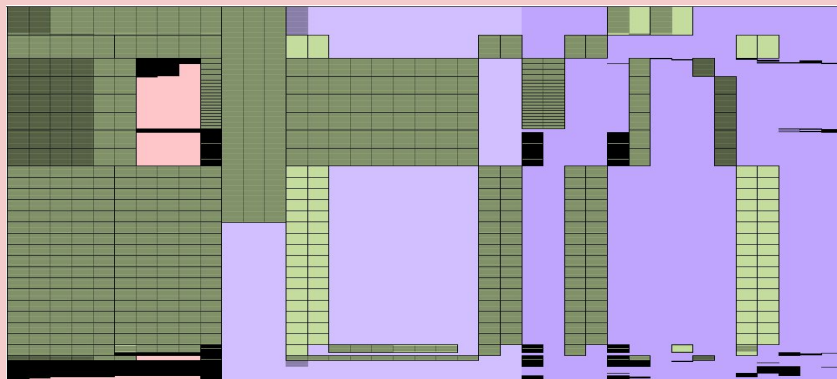


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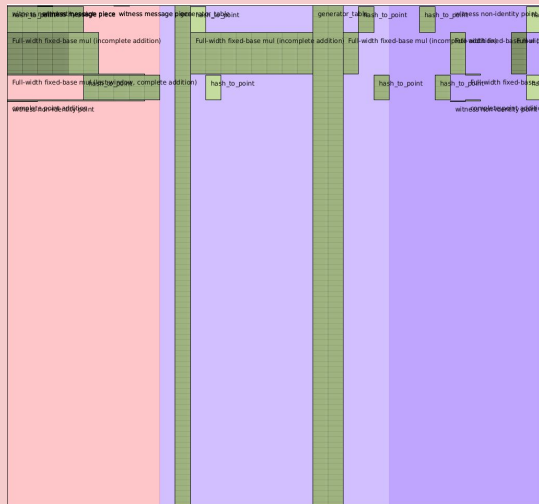
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# halo2\_gadgets

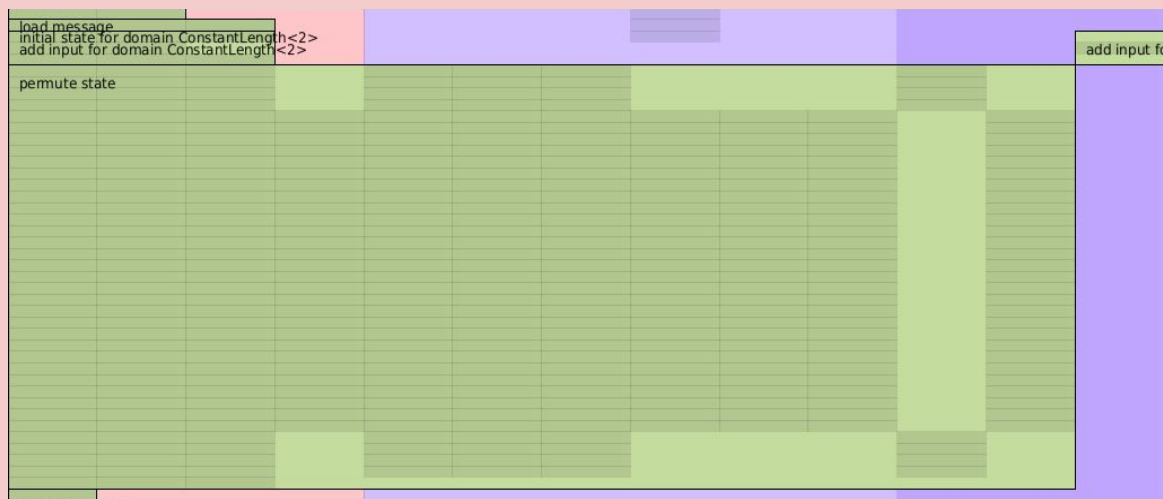
## Sinsemilla



$2^{10}$  lookup table of indexed  
Sinsemilla generators:

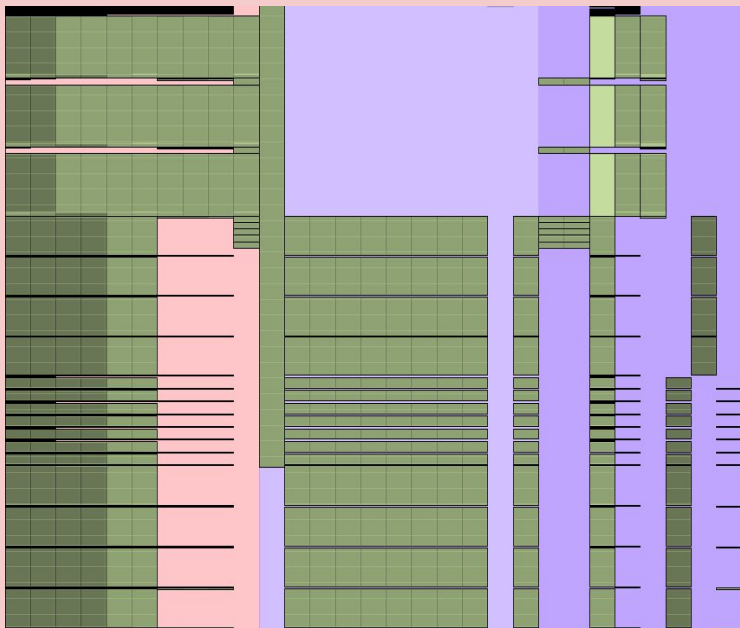
$$(i, P[i]_x, P[i]_y)$$

## Poseidon



# halo2\_gadgets

ECC



SHA256 (experimental)



# open problems / wishlist

- DSL / intermediate representation
  - add an API to construct a Halo 2 circuit from a set of constraints ([halo2#550](#))
  - improve connection between gate configuration and assignment ([halo2#365](#))
- multi-phase prover ([halo2#593](#))
- dynamic lookup tables ([halo2#534](#))
- what other features would you like to see?

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where  $i = [0..n]$ , and  $G_i$ 's are commitments to the Lagrange basis polynomials

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advice polys

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fixed polys

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where  $t(X)$  is the vanishing polynomial on the domain  $\{\omega^0, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$ ; in other words,  $t(X) = X^n - 1$

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# multipoint opening argument

- a. group commitments by the **sets of points** at which they were queried:

$$\begin{array}{cc} \{x\} & \{x, \omega x\} \\ A_0 & A_2 \\ A_1 & A_3 \end{array}$$

- b. construct polynomials to accumulate polynomials at each point set; sample  $x_1$  to keep them linearly independent:

$$\begin{aligned} q_0(X) &= A_0(X) + x_1 \cdot A_1(X) \\ q_1(X) &= A_2(X) + x_1 \cdot A_3(X) \end{aligned}$$

- c. evaluate the  $q_i$ 's at their respective points:  $q_0(x)$ ,  $q_1(x)$ ,  $q_1(\omega x)$

# multipoint opening argument

d. at each query point, interpolate the relevant  $q_i$  evaluations:

$$r_0(X) \text{ s.t. } r_0(x) = A_0(x) + x_1 \cdot A_1(x);$$

$$r_1(x) = A_2(x) + x_1 \cdot A_3(x)$$

$$r_1(X) \text{ s.t. } r_1(\omega x) = A_2(\omega x) + x_1 \cdot A_3(\omega x)$$

e. construct polynomials to check the correctness of  $q_i$  polynomials

$$f_0(X) = \frac{q_0(X) - r_0(X)}{X - x}$$

$$f_1(X) = \frac{q_1(X) - r_1(X)}{(X - x)(X - \omega x)}$$

f. construct  $f(X) = f_0(X) + x_2 \cdot f_1(X)$ , with random  $x_2$  to keep  $f_i$  polynomials linearly independent

# multipoint opening argument

g. construct

$$\text{final\_poly}(X) = f(X) + x_4 \cdot q_0(X) + x_4^2 \cdot q_1(X),$$

with random  $x_4$  challenge to keep polynomials linearly independent.

this checks that all evaluations are consistent with their respective commitments.

# polynomial commitment scheme

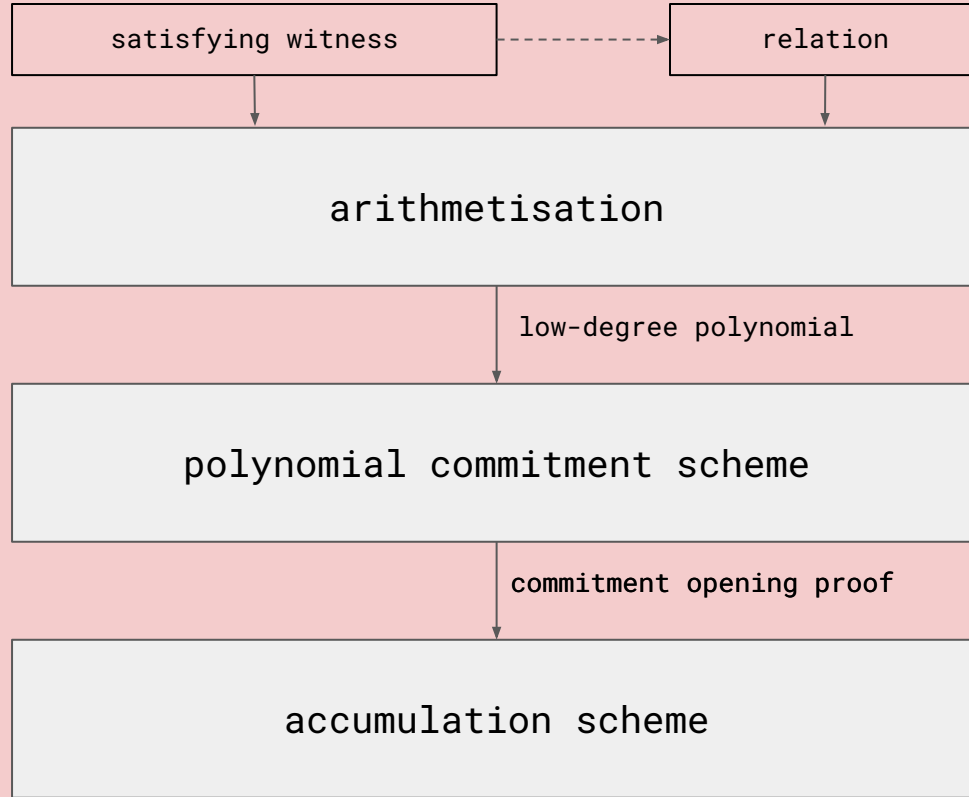
**Setup()**: generates a setup  $pk$

**Commit**( $pk, P$ ): creates a commitment  $c$  to  $P$

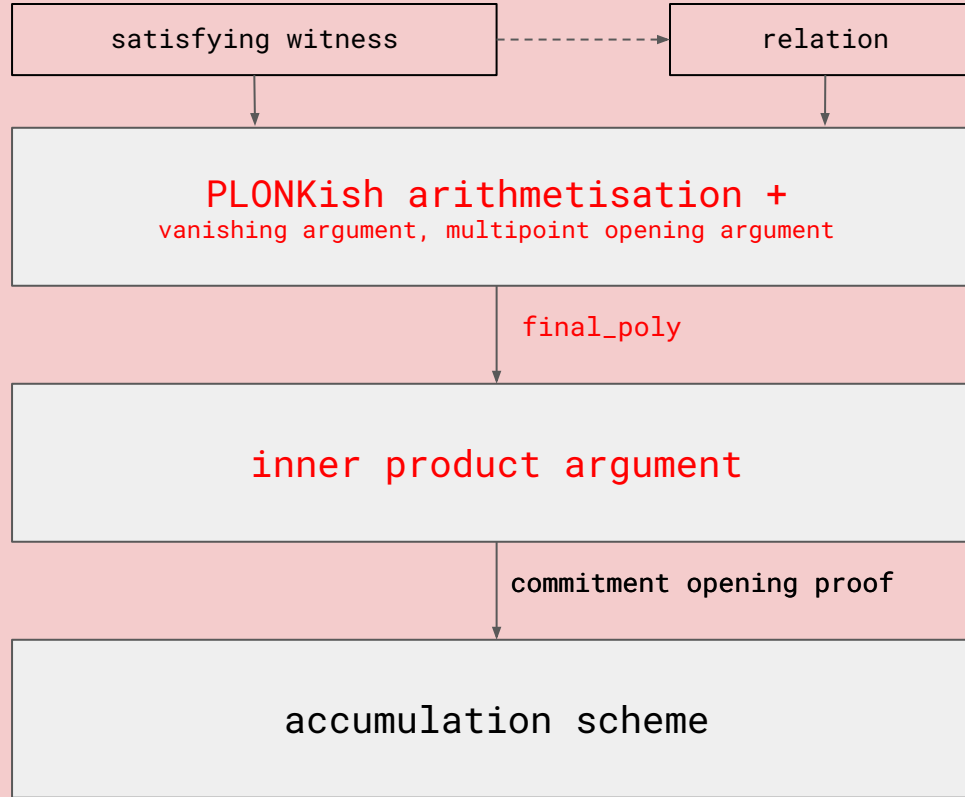
**VerifyPoly**( $pk, c, P$ ): checks  $c$  is a valid commitment to  $P$

**Open**( $pk, P, x$ ): generates an opening proof  $\pi$

**VerifyOpen**( $pk, c, x, y, \pi$ ): checks if  $y = P(x)$  using  $\pi$



$\theta(\log d)$  accumulator size; amortised  $\theta(d)$  final check cost



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# inner product argument

**Setup**( $1^\lambda, d$ ) produces a crs  $\sigma = (\mathbb{G}, \mathbb{F}_p, \mathbf{G}, H)$  for group  $\mathbb{G}$  of prime order  $p$ , with random  $\mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{G}^d$  and  $H \in \mathbb{G}$ . NOT trusted!

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# inner product argument

(originally from [Bootle et al, 2016])



$\mathbf{a}^{(k)}$

$\mathbf{b}^{(k)}$

we have vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  each of length  $d = 2^k$ . we want to prove that a given inner product  $c$  and a commitment  $P$  are related as:

$$y = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle$$

$$P = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{G} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{H} \rangle$$

where  $\mathbf{G}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  are length- $n$  vectors of random group elements.

we can combine this into a single commitment  $P_k$  using a random group element  $U$ :

$$P_k = P + [y]U = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{G} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{H} \rangle + [\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle]U$$

the naive solution would be to send the verifier  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  – but this requires sending  $2d$  scalars. instead, the inner product argument uses  $O(\log(d)) = O(k)$  communication cost.

# modified inner product argument



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we have vectors  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$  each of length  $d = 2^k$ .

fix  $\mathbf{b} = (1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{d-1})$  for a chosen evaluation point  $x$ , known to both prover and verifier. since  $\mathbf{b}$  is known, no random vector  $\mathbf{H}$  is needed.

we want to prove that  $v$ , which is an evaluation of  $\mathbf{a}$  at  $x$ , and a commitment  $P$  are related as:

$$v = \langle \mathbf{a}, (1, x, x^2, \dots, x^{d-1}) \rangle$$

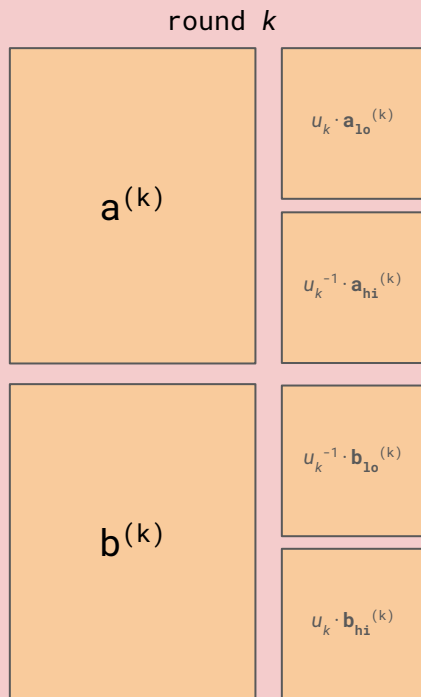
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we start at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  round, where we split  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$  into **lo** and **hi** halves. we introduce a random challenge  $u_k$  and compress the vectors by adding the left and the right halves separated by  $u_k$ :

$$\mathbf{a}^{(k-1)} = u_k \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\text{lo}}^{(k)} + u_k^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a}_{\text{hi}}^{(k)}$$

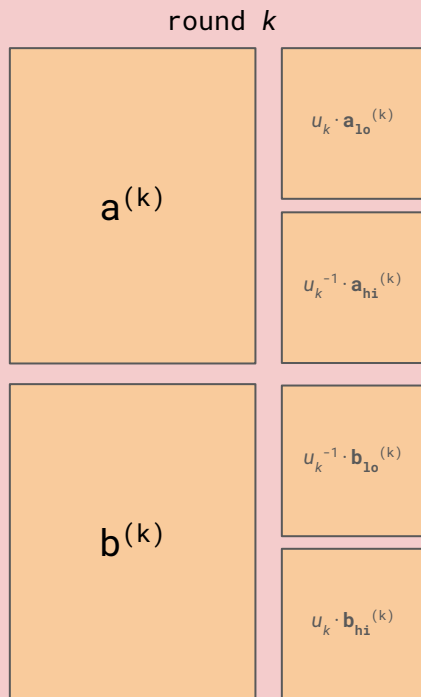
$$\mathbf{b}^{(k-1)} = u_k^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\text{lo}}^{(k)} + u_k \cdot \mathbf{b}_{\text{hi}}^{(k)}$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{(k-1)} = u_k^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{G}_{\text{lo}}^{(k)} + u_k \cdot \mathbf{G}_{\text{hi}}^{(k)}$$

now, we can write a commitment  $P_{k-1}$  (of the same form as  $P_k$ ) using the compressed vectors:

$$P_{k-1} = \langle \mathbf{a}^{(k-1)}, \mathbf{G}^{(k-1)} \rangle + [\langle \mathbf{a}^{(k-1)}, \mathbf{b}^{(k-1)} \rangle] U$$

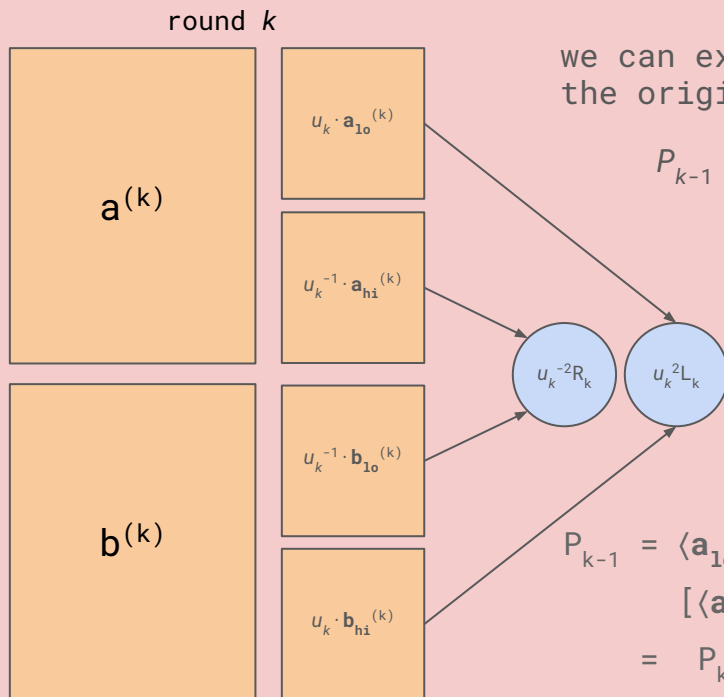
# modified inner product argument



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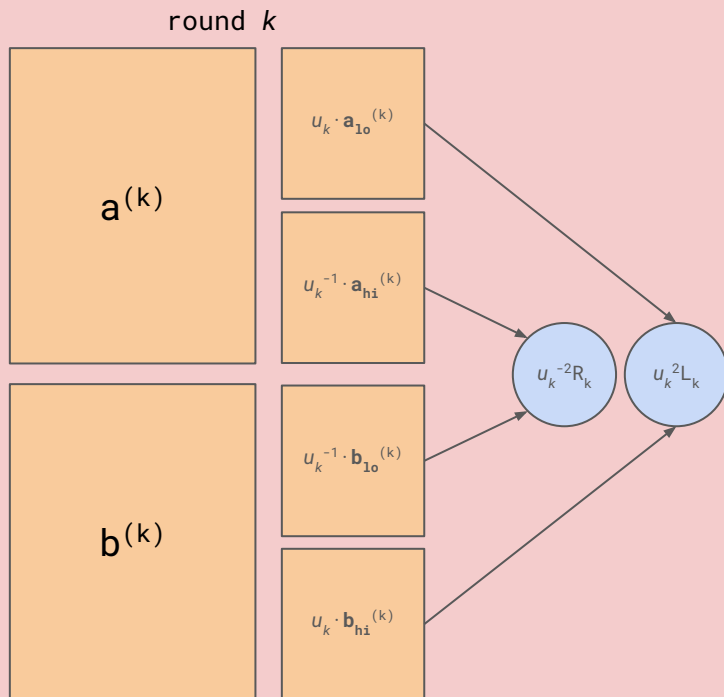


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 &\quad [\langle \mathbf{a}_{10}, \mathbf{b}_{10} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{a}_{hi}, \mathbf{b}_{hi} \rangle] U + [u_k^2 \langle \mathbf{a}_{10}, \mathbf{b}_{hi} \rangle + u_k^{-2} \langle \mathbf{a}_{hi}, \mathbf{b}_{10} \rangle] U \\
 &= P_k + [u_k^2] L_k + [u_k^{-2}] R_k
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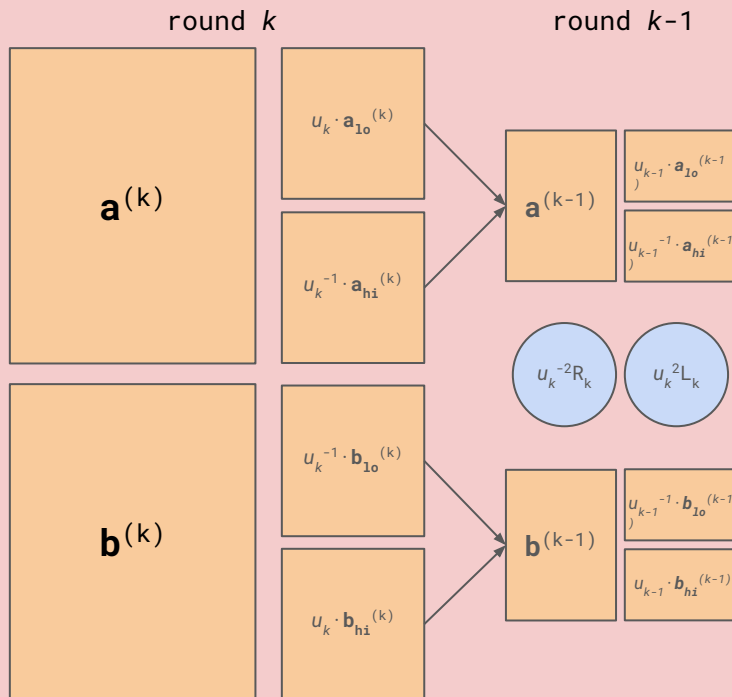
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$$P_{k-1} = P_k + [u_k^2]L_k + [u_k^{-2}]R_k$$

$P_{k-1}$  is the sum of  $P_k$  and the cross-terms  $L_k, R_k$  (with coefficients from the round challenge  $u_k$ )

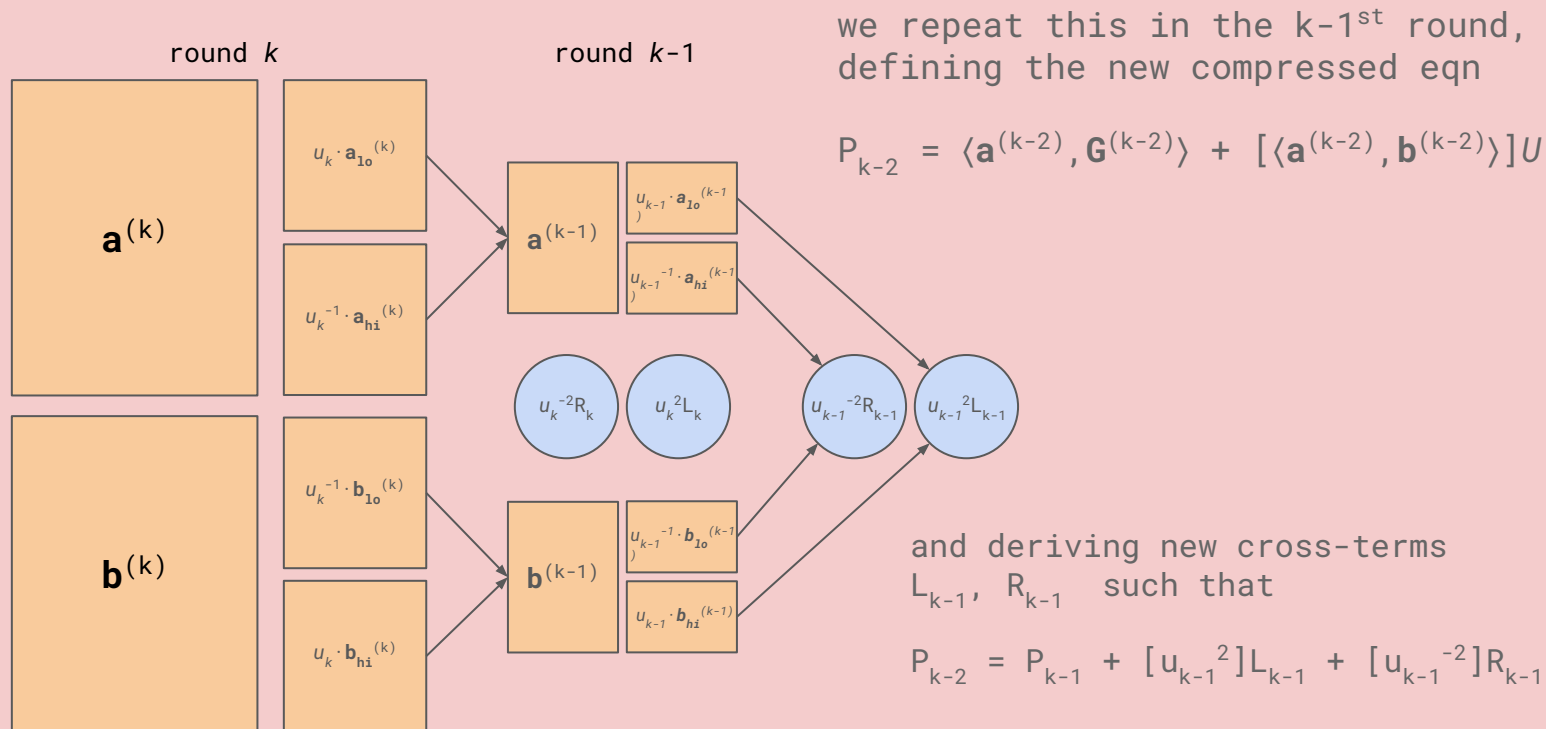
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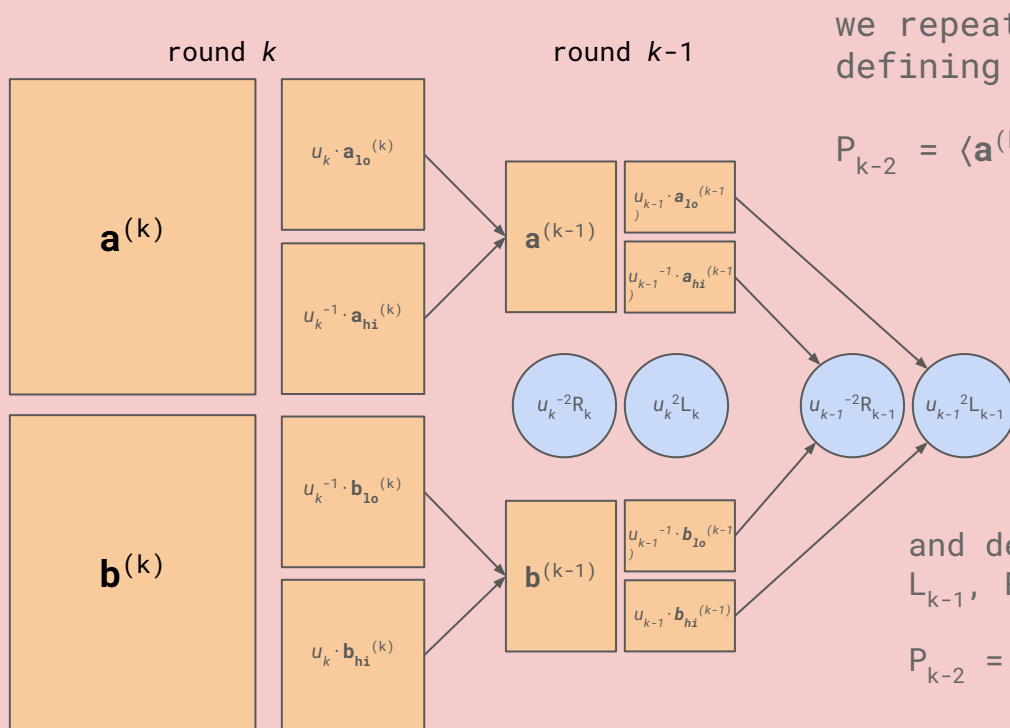
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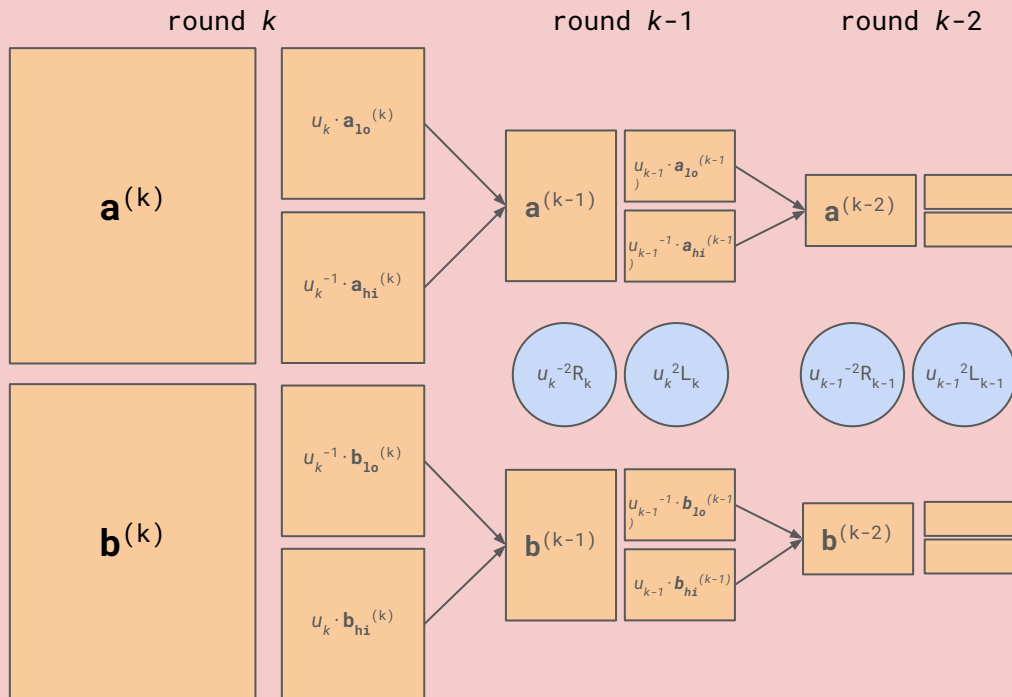
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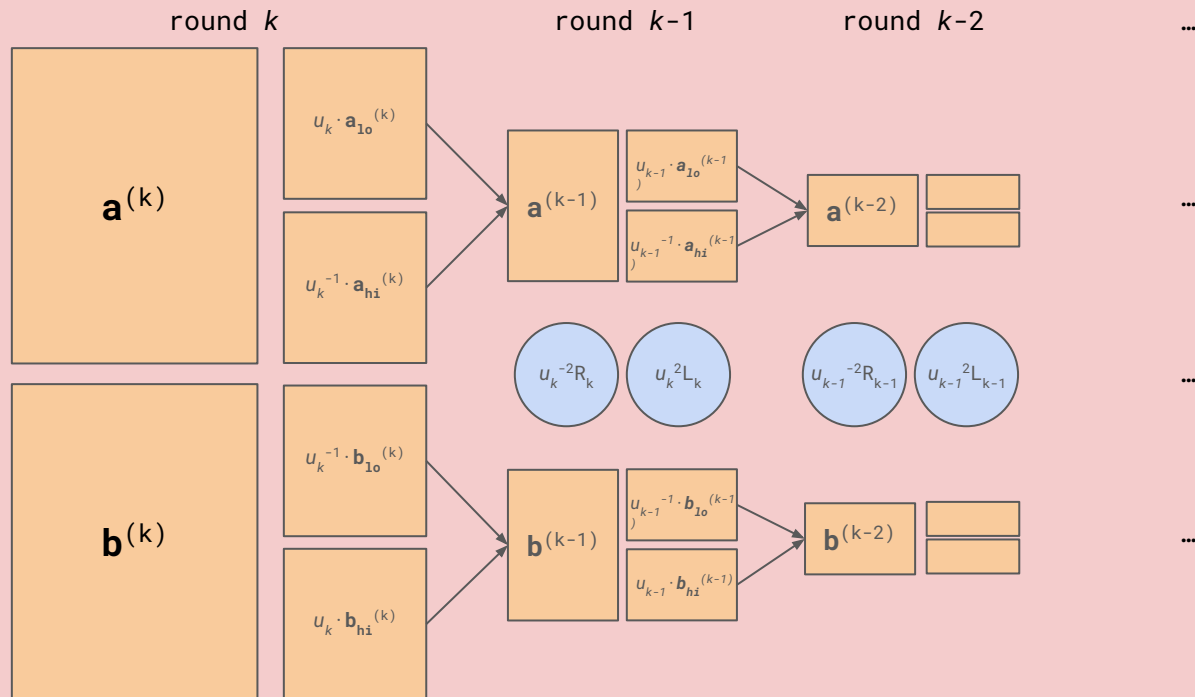
and deriving new cross-terms  
 $L_{k-1}, R_{k-1}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} P_{k-2} &= P_{k-1} + [u_{k-1}^2] L_{k-1} + [u_{k-1}^{-2}] R_{k-1} \\ &= P_k + [u_k^2] L_k + [u_k^{-2}] R_k \\ &\quad + [u_{k-1}^2] L_{k-1} + [u_{k-1}^{-2}] R_{k-1} \end{aligned}$$

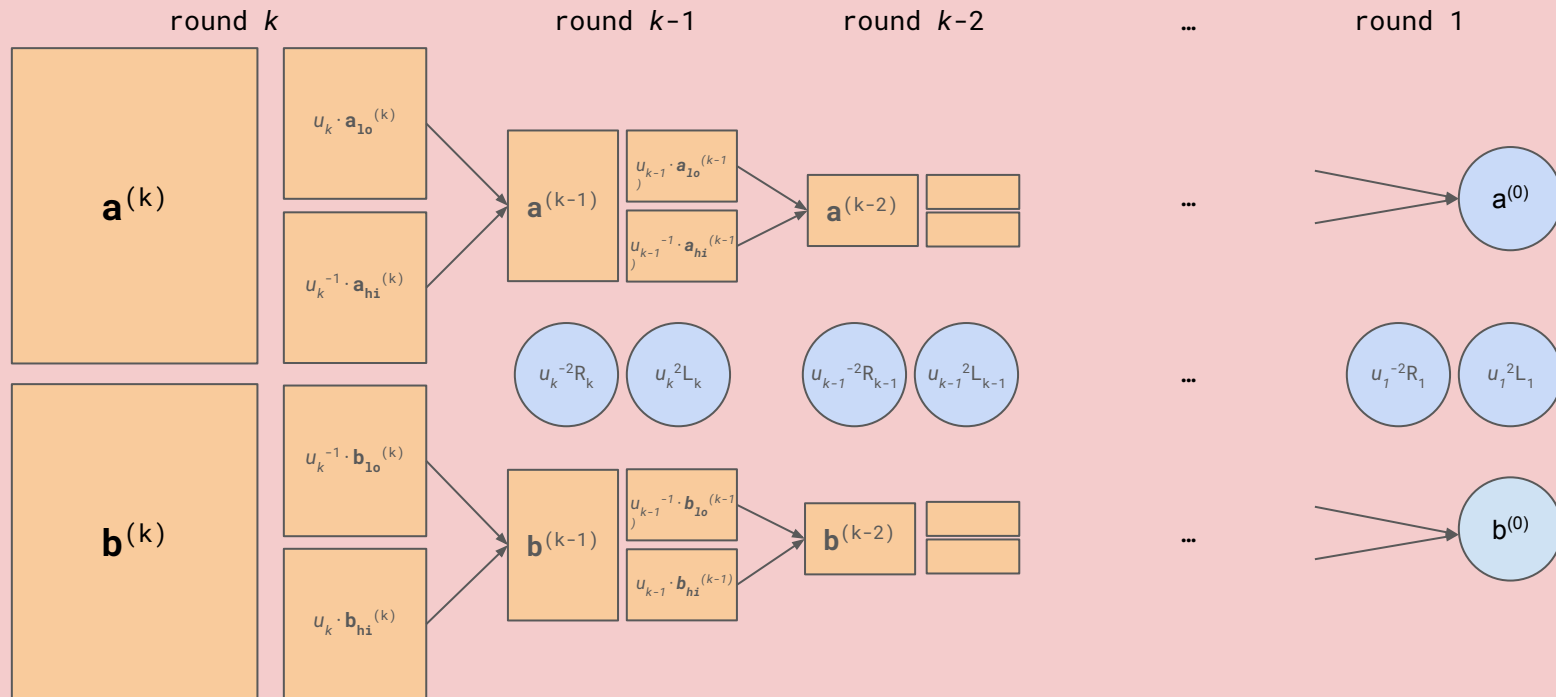
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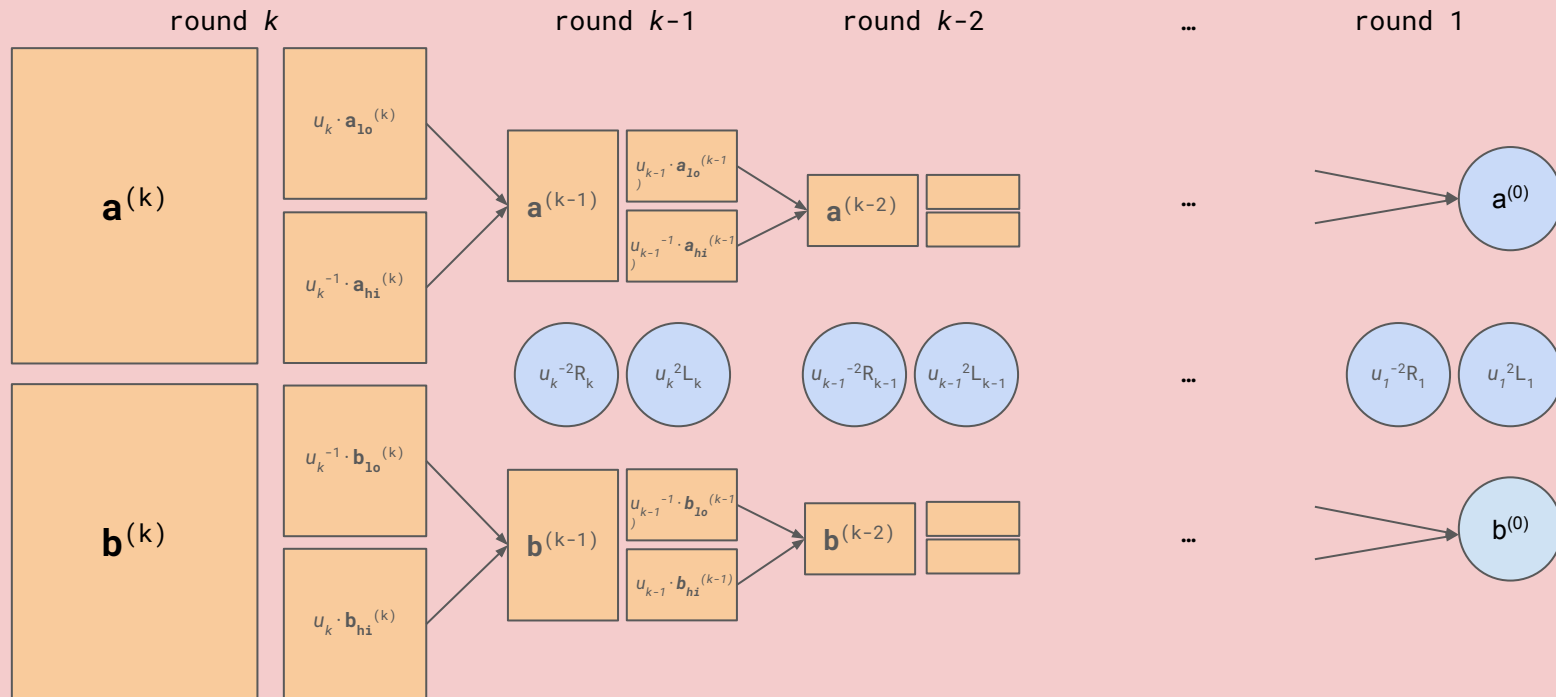
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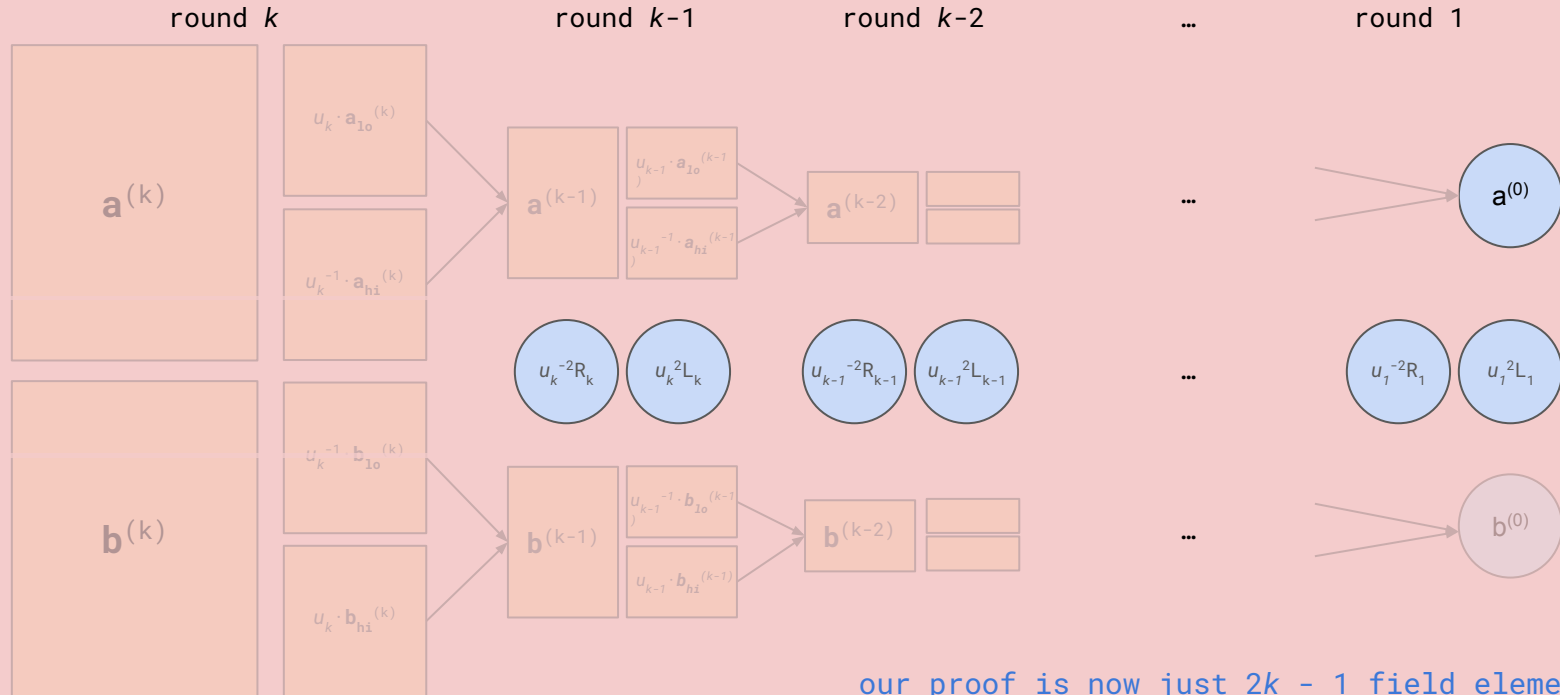
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our proof is now just  $2k - 1$  field elements!

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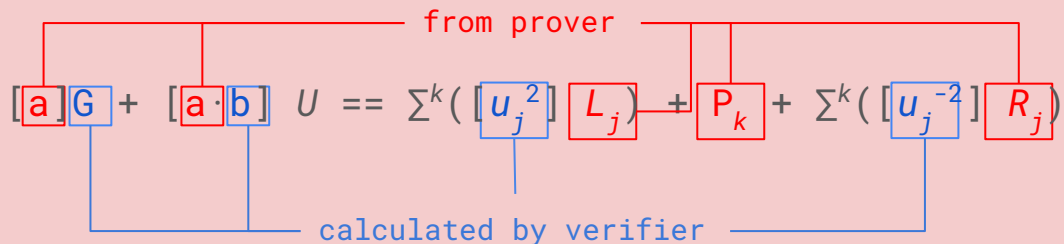


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$$\langle \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{s} \rangle \quad \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle = g(x, u_1, \dots, u_k)$$

$$\text{where } g(X, u_1, \dots, u_k) = \prod^k (u_i + u_i^{-1} X^2)$$

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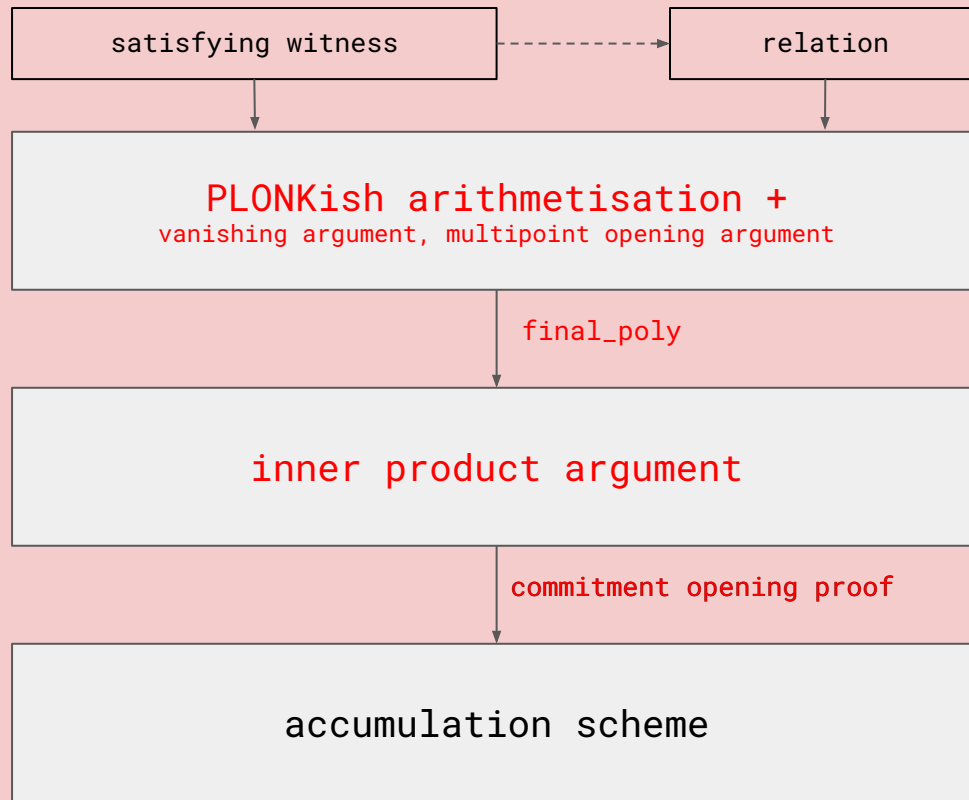
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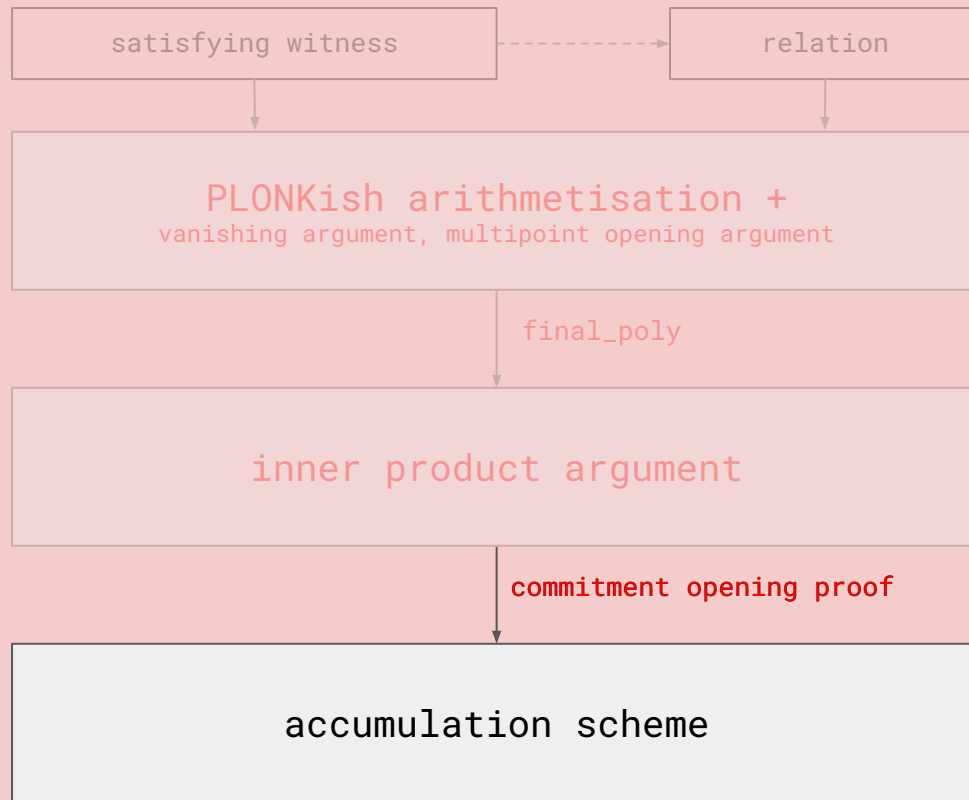
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$\langle \mathbf{G}, \mathbf{s} \rangle$  needs a **linear-time multi-scalar multiplication**.  
this is a problem for recursive proof composition: a  
linear-size verification circuit will yield fixed-depth  
recursion at best.

instead, we use an **accumulation scheme** to amortise this  
linear cost across a batch of proof instances.



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which means we can invoke an inner product argument for  $G$ .

# accumulation scheme

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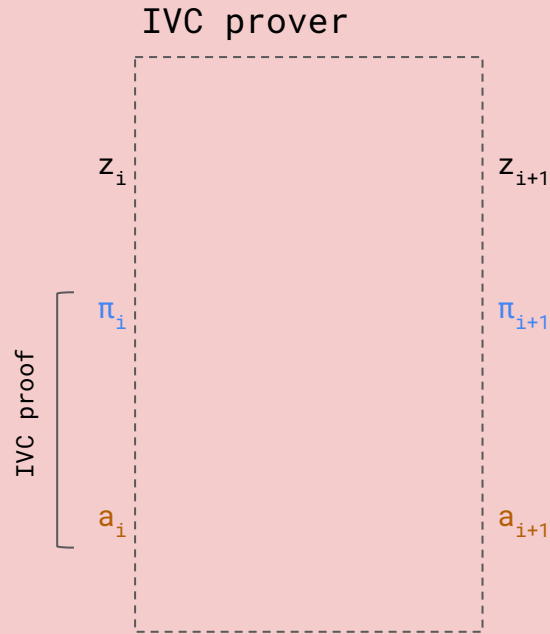
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instead of trying to compute  $G = \langle \mathbf{s}, G \rangle$  in the circuit, the verifier instead asks the prover to supply the purported  $G$  as part of their witness.

the recursive verifier then checks (in  $O(\log(d))$  field operations) that  $G$  opens at some random point to the expected value for the given challenges  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ .

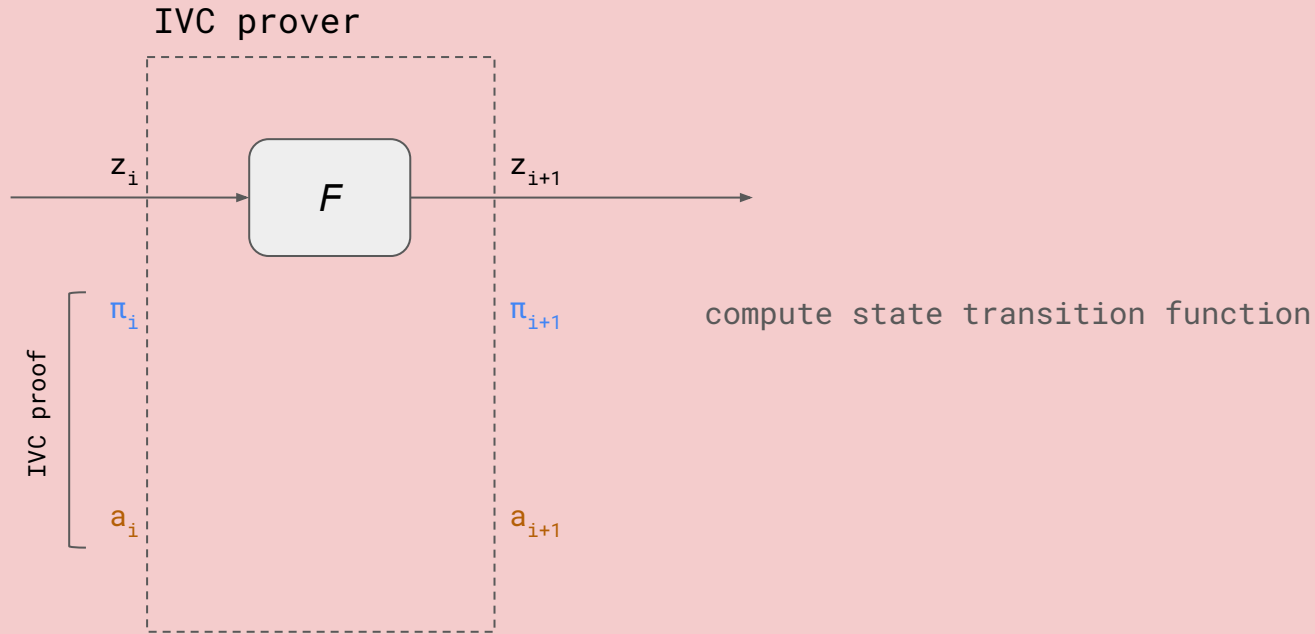
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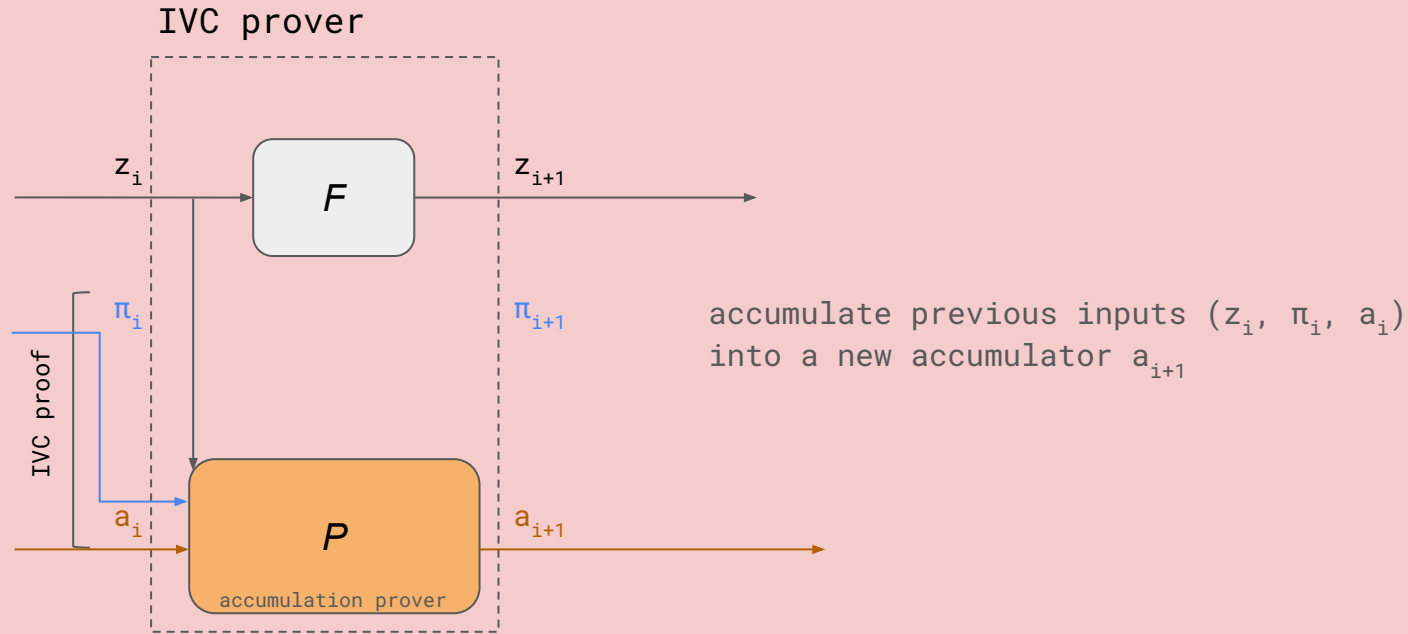
IVC proof consists of:

- SNARK proof  $\pi_i$ ,
- accumulator  $a_i$

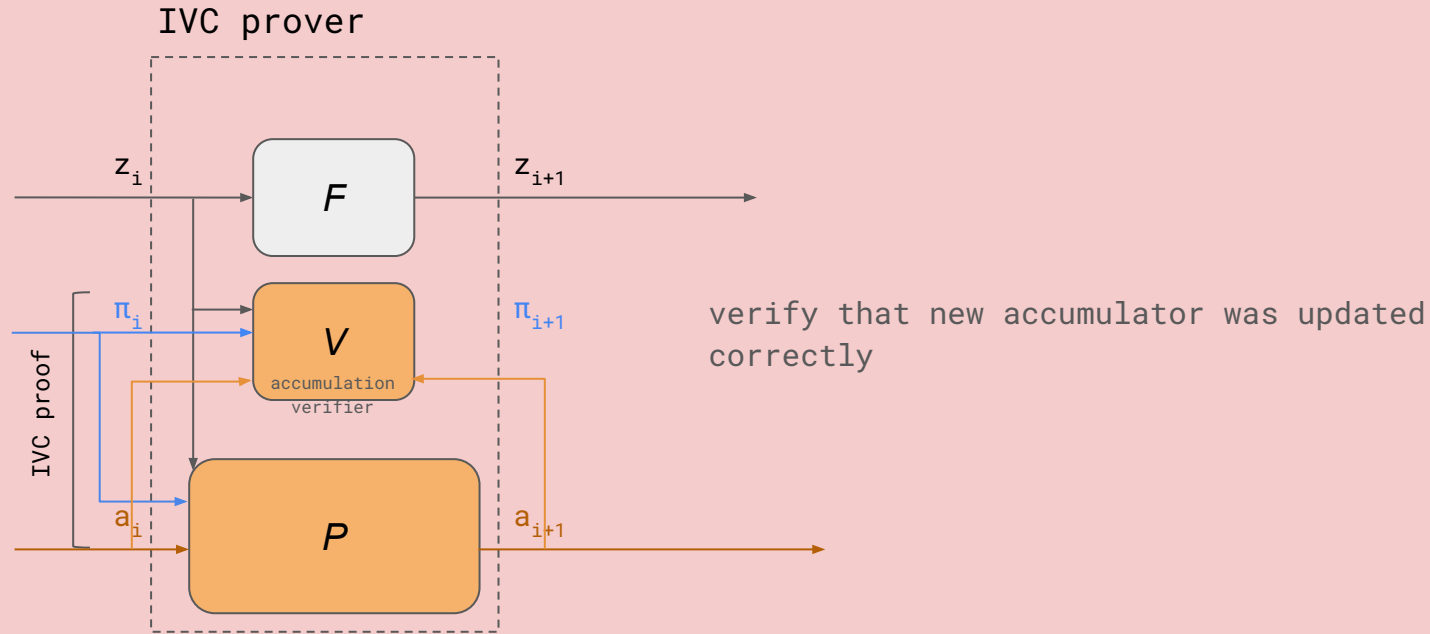
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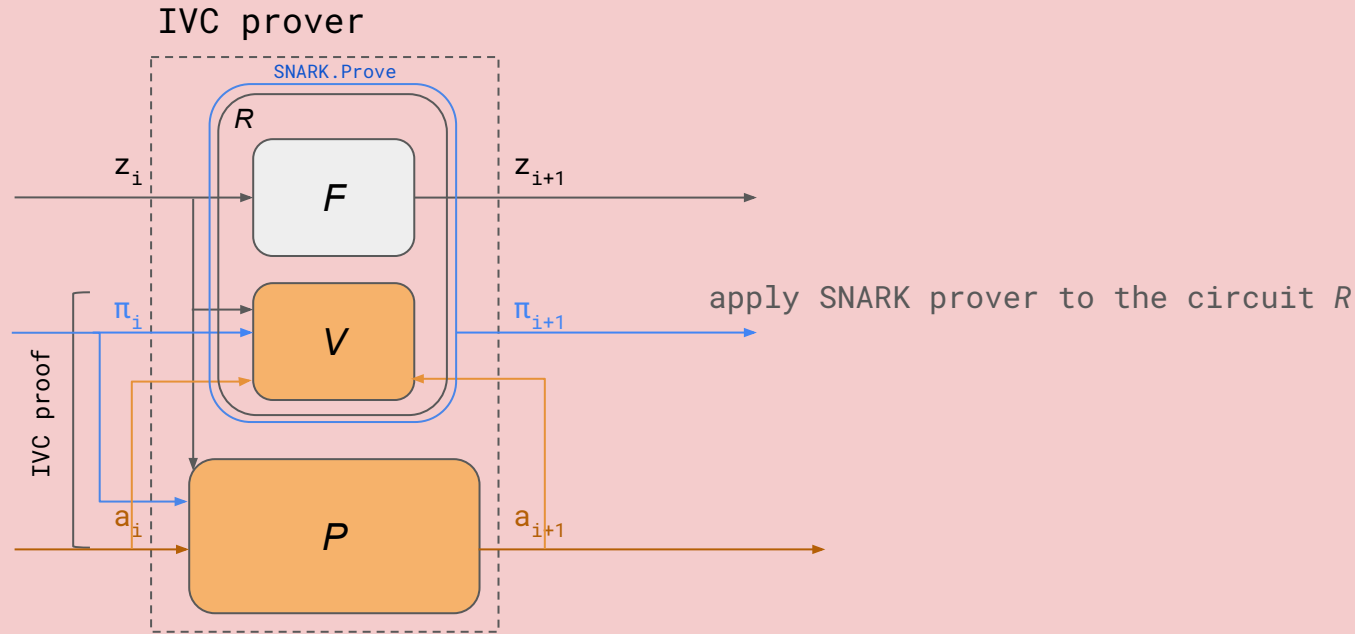
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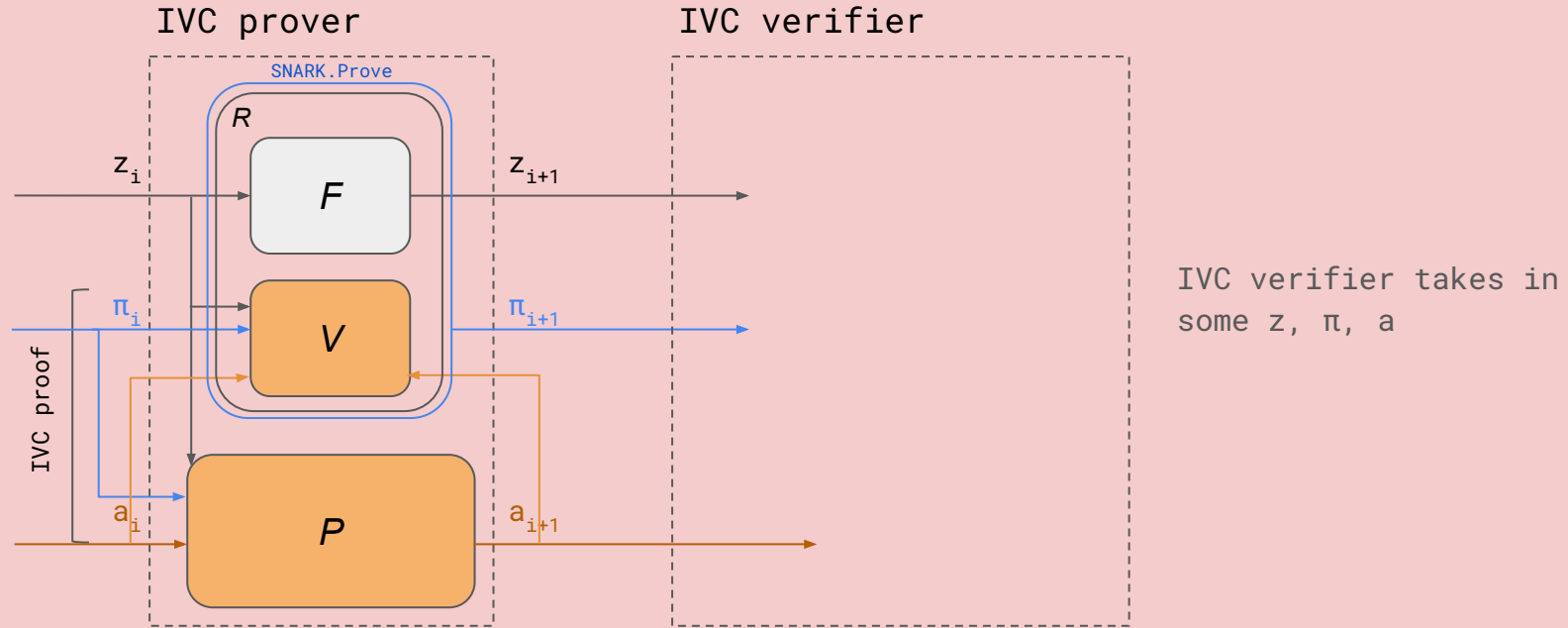
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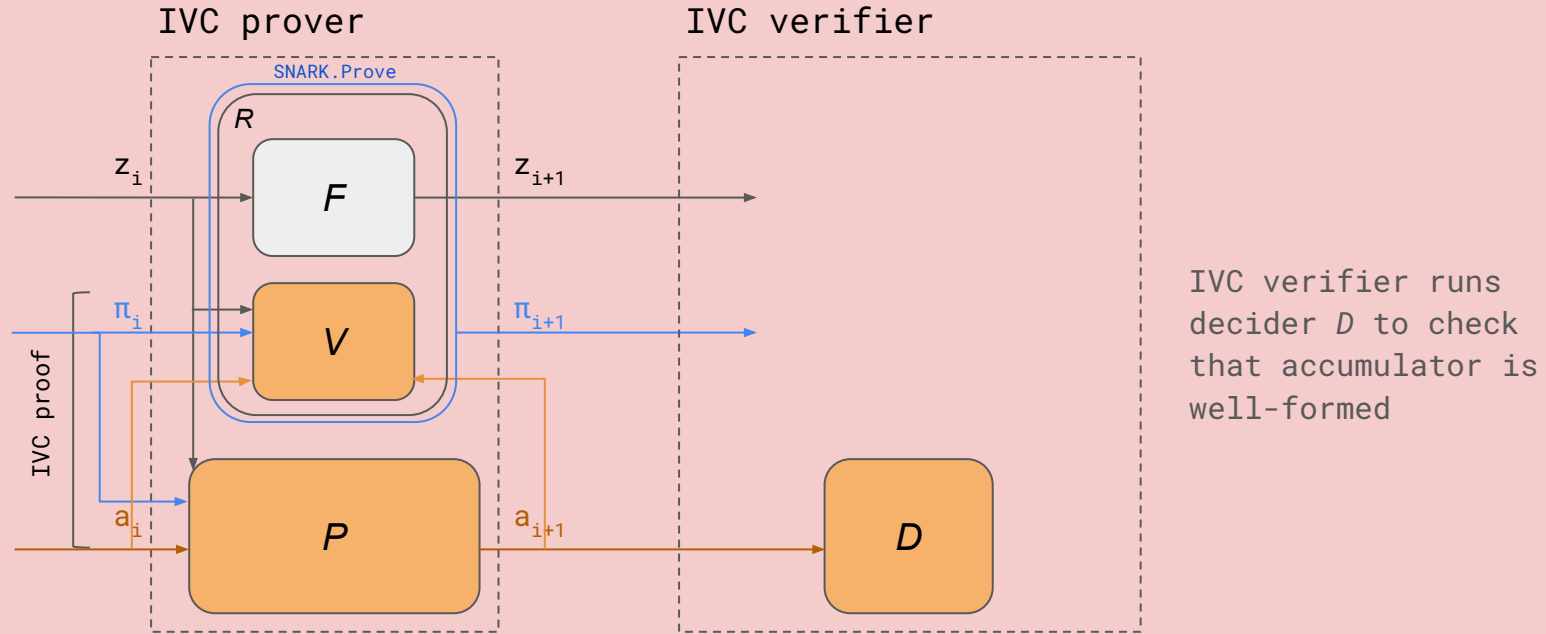
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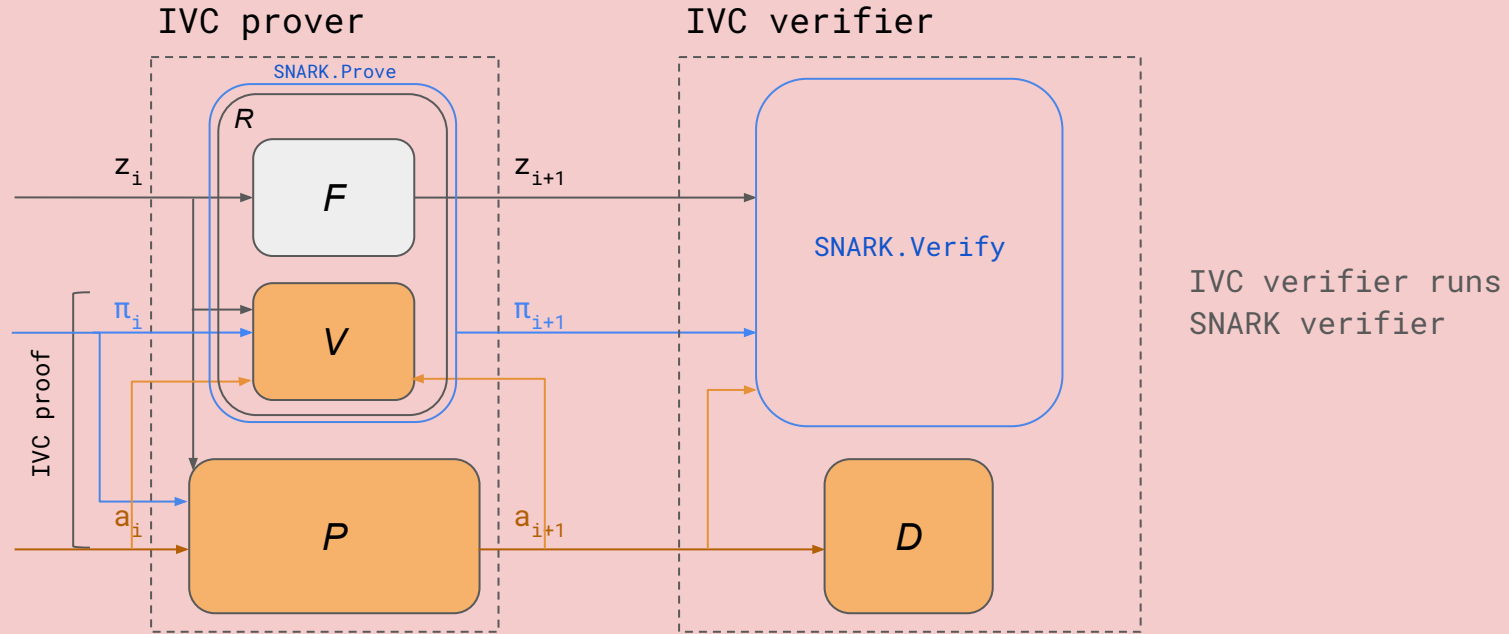


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thank you!

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