

Definition 1.1 Dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle (non interactive version)

A dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle (DWVP) is defined by a probabilistic algorithm $P(\pi)$, called a problem poser, that takes as input chosen uniformly at random bitstring $\pi \in \{0,1\}^l$, and produces circuits Γ_V , Γ_H and a puzzle $x \in \{0,1\}^*$. The circuit Γ_V takes as its input $q \in Q$ and an answer y . If $\Gamma_V(q, y) = 1$ then y is a correct solution of puzzle x for q . The circuit Γ_H on input q provides a hint such that $\Gamma_V(q, \Gamma_H(q)) = 1$. The algorithm S , called a solver, has oracle access to Γ_V and Γ_H . The calls of S to Γ_V are called verification queries and the calls to Γ_H are hint queries. The solver S can ask at most h hint queries, v verification queries, and successfully solves a DWVP if and only if it makes a verification query (q, y) such that $\Gamma_V(q, y) = 1$, when it has not previously asked for a hint query on this q .

Definition 1.2 k -wise direct product of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles

Let $g : \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ be a monotone function, and $P^{(1)}$ a probabilistic algorithm used to generate an instance of DWVP. A k -wise direct product of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles is defined by a probabilistic algorithm $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$, where $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0,1\}^{k \cdot l}$ are chosen uniformly at random. $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ sequentially generates k independent instances of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles, where in the i -th round $P^{(g)}$ runs $P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$ and obtains $(x_i, \Gamma_V^{(i)}, \Gamma_H^{(i)})$. Finally, $P^{(g)}$ outputs a verification circuit

$$\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := g(\Gamma_V^{(1)}(q, y_1), \dots, \Gamma_V^{(k)}(q, y_k)),$$

a hint circuit

$$\Gamma_H^{(k)}(q) := (\Gamma_H^{(1)}(q), \dots, \Gamma_H^{(k)}(q)),$$

and a puzzle $x^{(k)} := (x_1, \dots, x_k)$.

The probabilistic algorithm S , called a solver, has oracle access to $\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}$. The solver S can ask at most v verification queries to $\Gamma_V^{(g)}$, h hint queries to $\Gamma_H^{(k)}$ and successfully solves the puzzle $x^{(k)}$ if and only if it asks a verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k) such that $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) = 1$, and it has not previously asked for a hint query on this q .

Experiment $A^{P^{(1)}, D}(\pi)$

Solving a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.

Oracle: A problem poser P for DWVP.

A solver circuit $D^{(\cdot, \cdot)}$ for DWVP.

Input: A bitstring $\pi \in \{0,1\}^l$.

$(x, \Gamma_V, \Gamma_H) := P^{(1)}(\pi)$

Run $D^{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H)}(x)$

Let $Q_{Solved} := \{q : D^{\Gamma_H, \Gamma_V}(x) \text{ asked a verification query on } (q, y) \text{ and } \Gamma_V(q, y) = 1\}$

Let $Q_{Hint} := \{q : D^{\Gamma_H, \Gamma_V}(x) \text{ asked a hint query on } q\}$

If $\exists q \in Q_{Solved} : q \notin Q_{Hint}$

return 1

else

return 0

Experiment $B^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$

Solving k -wise direct product of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles.

Oracle: A problem poser for k -wise direct product $P^{(g)}$.

A solver circuit for k -wise direct product $C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}$.

Input: Random bitstring $\{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k\} \in \{0, 1\}^{kl}$.

$(x^{(k)}, \Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}) := P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$

Run $C^{(\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)})}(x^{(k)})$

Let $Q_{Solved} := \{q : D^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x^{(k)}) \text{ asked a verification query on } (q, y^{(k)}) \text{ and } \Gamma_V(q, y^{(k)}) = 1\}$

Let $Q_{Hint} := \{q : D^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x^{(k)}) \text{ asked a hint query on } q\}$

If $q \notin Q_{Hint}$

return 1

else

return 0

Theorem 1.3 Security amplification of a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.

Fix a problem poser $P^{(1)}$. There exists an algorithm $\text{Gen}(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h)$ which takes as input a circuit C , a monotone function g , parameters ε, δ , a security parameter n , number of verification v , and hint h queries asked by C , and outputs a circuit D such that following holds:

If C is such that

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0, 1\}^{lk}} [A^{P^{(g)}, C}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) = 1] \geq \Pr_{\mu \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(\mu) = 1] + \varepsilon$$

then D satisfies almost surely

$$\Pr_{\pi \in \{0, 1\}^l} [B^{P^{(1)}, D}(\pi) = 1] \geq (\delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k})$$

and $\text{Size}(D) \leq \text{Size}(C) \frac{6k}{\varepsilon}$ and $\text{Time}(\text{Gen}) = \text{poly}(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$.

Experiment $E^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, \text{Hash}}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$

Solving k -wise direct product with respect to the set P_{hash}

Oracle: Problem poser for k -wise direct product $P^{(g)}$

Solver circuit $C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}$ with oracle access to hint and verification circuits

Function $\text{Hash} : Q \leftarrow \{0, \dots, 2(h + v) - 1\}$

Input: Random bitstring $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0, 1\}^{lk}$

$\pi^{(k)} := (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$

$(x^k, \Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}) := P^{(g)}(\pi^k)$

Run $C^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x^{(k)})$

Let $(q_j, y_j^{(k)})$ be the first successful verification query if $C^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}$ succeeds or an arbitrary verification query when it fails.

If $(\forall i < j : \text{Hash}(q_i) \neq 0) \text{ and } (\text{Hash}(q_j) = 1 \wedge \Gamma_V^{(g)}(q_j, y_j^{(k)}) = 1)$

return 1

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else
    return 0

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Lemma 1.4 Success probability with respect to hash function.

For a fixed $P^{(g)}$ let C succeed in solving the k -wise direct product of DWVP produced by $P^{(g)}$ with probability ε making h hint and v verification queries. There exists a probabilistic algorithm, with oracle access to C , that runs in time $O((h+v)^4/\varepsilon^4)$ and with high probability outputs a function $\text{Hash} : Q \rightarrow \{0, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$ such that success probability of C in random experiment E with respect to the set P_{Hash} is at least $\frac{\varepsilon}{8(h+v)}$.

Proof Let \mathcal{H} be a family of pairwise independent hash functions $\text{hash} : Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$. By pairwise independence property of \mathcal{H} we know that for all $i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, (h+v)\}$ and $k, l \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$ we have the following property

$$\forall q_i, q_j \in Q : \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_i) = k \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = l] = \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_i) = k] = \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \quad (0.0.1)$$

For a fixed (π_1, \dots, π_k) we define an event, denoted by X , that $\text{hash}(q_j) = 0$ and for every query q_i asked before j $\text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X] &= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_j) = 0 \wedge \forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0] \\ &= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0 \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \end{aligned}$$

Now we use (0.0.1) and obtain

$$\Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X] = \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\exists i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) = 0 \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \right)$$

Using once more the property (0.0.1)

$$\Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X] = \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\exists i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) = 0] \right).$$

Finally, we use union bound and the fact $j \leq (h+v)$ to get

$$\Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X] \geq \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \sum_{i < j} \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_i) = 0] \right) \geq \frac{1}{4(h+v)}$$

Let G denote the set of all (π_1, \dots, π_k) for which C succeeds in the random experiment A . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\substack{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H} \\ (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}}[X] &= \sum_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in G} \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X \mid (\tilde{\pi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\pi}_k)] \cdot \Pr_{(\tilde{\pi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\pi}_k)}[(\tilde{\pi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\pi}_k) = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)] \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4(h+v)} \sum_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in G} \Pr_{(\tilde{\pi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\pi}_k)}[(\tilde{\pi}_1, \dots, \tilde{\pi}_k) = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)] = \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)} \end{aligned}$$

Algorithm: FindHash

Pick a hash function with high canonical success probability

Oracle: A solver circuit for k -wise direct product of DWVP $C^{(\cdot), (\cdot)}$ with oracle access to hint and verification oracle.

Input: \mathcal{H} a family of pairwise independent hash functions $\text{hash} : Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$

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1  For  $i = 1$  to  $64(h+v)^2/\varepsilon^2$ 
2       $hash \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{H}$ 
3       $count := 0$ 
4      For  $j := 1$  to  $64(h+v)^2/\varepsilon^2$ 
5           $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{kl}$ 
6           $result := A^{P(g), C^{(\cdot), (\cdot)}}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ 
7          If  $result = 1$ 
8               $count := count + 1$ 
9      If  $count \geq 4(h+v)/\varepsilon$ 
10         return  $hash$ 
11 return  $\perp$ 

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We now show that the algorithm **FindHash** chooses a hash function such that almost surely the success probability of C in random experiment E with respect to set P_{hash} is at least $\frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)}$. From the fact that the random variable X is binary distributed we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X] \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)}$$

Let \mathcal{H}_{Good} denote the family of hash function for which $\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[X] \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)}$. and X_i be a binary random variable such that

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if in } i\text{th iteration } A^{P(g), C^{(\cdot), (\cdot)}} = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise .} \end{cases}$$

We first show that it is unlikely that the algorithm **FindHash** returns $hash \notin \mathcal{H}_{Good}$. For $hash \notin \mathcal{H}_{Good}$ we have $\mathbb{E}_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[X] < \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)}$. We use Chernoff inequality and obtain

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)} \left[\frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{i=1}^{N_i} X_i \geq (1 + \delta) \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)} \right] \leq \Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)} \left[\frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{i=1}^{N_i} X_i \geq (1 + \delta) \mathbb{E}[X] \right] \leq e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)} N_i \delta^2 / 3}$$

The probability that $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Good}$ is not returned by the algorithm is

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)} \left[\frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{i=1}^{N_i} X_i \leq (1 - \delta) \frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)} \right] \leq \Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)} \left[\frac{1}{N_i} \sum_{i=1}^{N_i} X_i \leq (1 - \delta) \mathbb{E}[X] \right] \leq e^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{4(h+v)} N_i \delta^2 / 3}$$

Finally, we can similarly show that **FindHash** picks with high probability with one of its iteration a hash function that is in \mathcal{H}_{Good} . \square

Lemma 1.5 *Security amplification of a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle with respect to set P_{hash} .*

For a fixed dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle $P^{(1)}$ there exists an algorithm $Gen(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h, Hash)$, which takes as input a circuit C , a monotone function g , a function $Hash : Q \rightarrow \{0, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$, parameters ε, δ, n , number of verification v , and hint h queries asked by C , and outputs a circuit D such that following holds:
If C is such that

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)} [E^{P(g), C, Hash}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)] \geq \Pr_{\mu \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(\mu) = 1] + \varepsilon$$

then D satisfies almost surely

$$\Pr_{\pi}[F^{P^{(1)},D,Hash}(\pi) = 1] \geq (\delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k})$$

and $Size(D) \leq Size(C) \frac{6k}{\varepsilon}$ and $Time(Gen) = poly(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$.

Random experiment $F^{P^{(1)},D,Hash}(\pi)$

Solving a single DWVP with respect to the set P_{hash}

Oracle: A circuit D , a function $Hash$, a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle $P^{(1)}$

Input: Random bitstring π

$(x, \Gamma_v, \Gamma_H) := P^{(1)}(\pi)$

Run $D^{\Gamma_v, \Gamma_H}(x)$

Let $(\tilde{q}_j, \tilde{r}_j)$ be the first successful verification query if $D^{\Gamma_v, \Gamma_H}(x)$ succeeds or an arbitrary verification query when it fails.

If $(\forall i < j : Hash(q_i) \neq 0)$ and $Hash(q_j) = 1$

return 1

else

return 0

Circuit $\tilde{C}^{\Gamma_v^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}, Hash}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$

Circuit \tilde{C} has good canonical success probability.

Oracle: $\Gamma_v^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}, Hash$

Input: k -wise direct product of puzzles (x_1, \dots, x_k)

Run $C^{(\cdot), (\cdot)}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$

If C asks hint query q **then**

If $Hash(q) = 0$ **then**

return \perp

else

answer with $\Gamma_H^{(g)}(q)$

If C asks verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k) **then**

If $hash(q) = 0$ **then**

return (q, y_1, \dots, y_k)

else

answer verification query with 0 **return** \perp

Lemma 1.6

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[E^{P^{(g)}, C, Hash}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) = 1] \leq \Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(\tilde{C}^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}, Hash}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)) = 1]$$

Proof If $E^{P^{(g)}, C, Hash}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) = 1$ then circuit $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(\tilde{C}^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}, Hash}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)) = 1$. \square

Algorithm $Gen(\tilde{C}, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n)$

Oracle: \tilde{C}, g

Input: ε, δ, n

Output: A circuit D

For $i := 1$ to $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(n)$
 $\pi^* \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^l$
 $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, 0} := EvaluateSurplus(\pi^*, 0)$
 $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, 1} := EvaluateSurplus(\pi^*, 1)$
If $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, 0} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$ or $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, 1} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$
 $\tilde{C}' := \tilde{C}$ with the first input fixed on π^*
return $Gen(\tilde{C}', g, \varepsilon, \delta, n)$
// all estimates are lower than $(1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$
 $SolvePuzzle(\pi, \tilde{C})$

EvaluateSurplus (π^*, b)

For $i := 1$ to N_k
 $\pi^{(k)} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{lk}$
 $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := EvaluatePuzzles(\pi^*, \pi^{(k)})$
 $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}^i := g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k) - \Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k)}[b, u_2, \dots, u_k]$
return $\frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}^i$

EvaluatePuzzles $(\pi^*, \pi^{(k)})$

$(x^k, \Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}) := P^{(g)}(\pi^*, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$
For $i = 2$ to k
 $(x_1, \Gamma_v^{(i)}, \Gamma_H^{(i)}) := P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$
 $(q, y^k) := \tilde{C}^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x^*, x_2, \dots, x_k)$
For $i = 1$ to k
 $c_i := \Gamma_v^i(q, y_i)$
return (c_1, \dots, c_k)

Circuit $D^{\tilde{C}}$

Oracle: $\tilde{C}, P^{(1)}$

For $i := 1$ to $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$
 $\pi^k \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^k$
 $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := EvaluatePuzzles(\pi, \pi^{(k)})$
If $g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1$ and $g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0$
 $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \tilde{C}(\pi^*, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$
return y_1
return \perp