

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 $\pi \in \{0,1\}^l$. The algorithm $P(\pi)$ 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, r) such that $\Gamma_V(q, r) = 1$, when it has not previously asked for a hint query on this q .

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

Solving a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle

Oracle: Problem poser for a single instance of DWVP $P^{(g)}$, a solver circuit D .

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

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

Run $D^{(\cdot)(\cdot)}(x)$ with oracle access to Γ_V and Γ_H

Let (\tilde{q}, y) be the first verification query of $D^{\Gamma_H, \Gamma_V}(x)$ such that $\Gamma_V(\tilde{q}, y) = 1$

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

If $q \notin Q_{Hint}$

return 1

else

return 0

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

Let $g : \{0,1\}^k \rightarrow \{0,1\}$ denote a monotone function, and $P^{(1)}$ an algorithm used to generate an instance of DWVP. A k -wise direct product of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles is defined by an algorithm $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$, where $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0,1\}^{kl}$ are chosen uniformly at random. The algorithm $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ 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

$$\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q, r_1, \dots, r_k) := g(\Gamma_V^{(1)}(q, r_1), \dots, \Gamma_V^{(k)}(q, r_k)),$$

a hint circuit

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

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

Experiment $A^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot)(\cdot)}}(\pi^{(k)})$

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

Oracle: Problem poser for k-wise direct product $P^{(g)}$, a solver circuit $C^{(\cdot)(\cdot)}$ with oracle access to hint and verification circuits.

Input: Random bitstring $\pi^{(k)} \in \{0,1\}^{lk}$.

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 $(x^{(k)}, \Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}) := P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$ 
Run  $C^{(\cdot)(\cdot)}$  with oracle access to  $\Gamma_V$  and  $\Gamma_H$ 
  Let  $(\tilde{q}, y)$  be the first verification query of  $C^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x)$  such that  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(\tilde{q}, y_1, \dots, y_k) = 1$ 
  Define  $Q_{Hint} := \{q : D^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}}(x^{(k)}) \text{ asked a hint query on } q\}$ 
If  $q \notin Q_{Hint}$ 
  return 1
else
  return 0

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Theorem 1.3 Security amplification of a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.

Fix a problem poser $P^{(1)}$. There exists an algorithm $Gen(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h)$ 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 $Size(D) \leq Size(C) \frac{6k}{\varepsilon}$ and $Time(Gen) = poly(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$.

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

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

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

return 1

else

return 0

Lemma 1.4 Success probability with respect to hash function.

Fix $P^{(1)}$ and let C be a circuit that succeeds in solving the k -wise direct product of DWVP produced by $P^{(1)}$ with probability ε making h hint and v verification queries. Then 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 set P_{Hash} is at least $\frac{\varepsilon}{8(h+v)}$.

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 $\text{Gen}(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h, \text{Hash})$, which takes as input a circuit C , a monotone function g , a function $\text{Hash} : Q \rightarrow \{0, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$, 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

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

then D satisfies almost surely

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

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

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

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

return 1

else

return 0

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

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

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

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 $\text{Hash}(q) = 0$ **then**

return \perp

else

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

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If  $C$  asks verification query  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  then
  If  $\text{hash}(q) = 0$  then
    return  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$ 
  else
    answer verification query with 0 return  $\perp$ 

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Lemma 1.6

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

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

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

Oracle: \tilde{C}, g

Input: ε, δ, n

Output: A circuit D

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

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EvaluateSurplus (π^*, b)

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

return  $\frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}^i$ 

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

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 $(x^k, \Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}) := P^{(g)}(\pi^*, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$ 
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  $(c_1, \dots, c_k)$ 

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

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

For $i := 1$ to $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$
 $\pi^k \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^k$
 $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := \text{EvaluatePuzzles}(\pi, \pi^{(k)})$
 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