We write  $u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k$  to denote a tuple u of length k which each element is an independent Bernoullidistributed random variable with the parameter  $\delta$ . The protocol execution between probabilistic algorithms A and B is denoted by  $\langle A, B \rangle_A$ . Additionally, the output of A in such a protocol execution is denoted by  $\langle A, B \rangle_A$ , and a transcript of communication by  $\langle A, B \rangle_{\text{trans}}$ .

**Definition 1.1 (Dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.)** A dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle (DWVP) is defined by a probabilistic algorithm P called a problem poser. A problem solver  $S := (S_1, S_2)$  for P is a probabilistic two phase algorithm. We write  $P(\pi)$  to denote the execution of P with the randomness fixed to  $\pi \in \{0,1\}^n$ , and  $(S_1, S_2)(\rho)$  to denote the execution of both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  with the randomness fixed to  $\rho \in \{0,1\}^*$ .

The poser  $P(\pi)$  and the solver  $S_1(\rho)$  interact. As the result of the interaction  $P(\pi)$  outputs a verification circuit  $\Gamma_V$  and a hint circuit  $\Gamma_H$ . The algorithm  $S_1(\rho)$  produces no output. The circuit  $\Gamma_V$  takes as input  $q \in Q$ , an answer  $y \in \{0,1\}^*$ , and outputs a bit. An answer (q,y) is a correct solution if and only if  $\Gamma_V(q,y) = 1$ . The circuit  $\Gamma_H$  on input  $q \in Q$  outputs a hint such that  $\Gamma_V(q,\Gamma_H(q)) = 1$ .

In the second phase  $S_2$  takes as input  $x := \langle P(\pi), S_1(\rho) \rangle_{trans}$ , and has oracle access to  $\Gamma_V$  and  $\Gamma_H$ . The execution of  $S_2$  with the input x and the randomness fixed to  $\rho$  is denoted by  $S_2(x,\rho)$ . The queries of  $S_2$  to  $\Gamma_V$  are called verification queries, and to  $\Gamma_H$  hint queries. The algorithm  $S_2$  can ask at most h hint queries, v verification queries, and succeeds if and only if it makes a verification query (q,y) such that  $\Gamma_V(q,y) = 1$ , and it has not previously asked for a hint query on q.

**Definition 1.2 (k-wise direct-product of DWVPs.)** Let  $g:\{0,1\}^k \to \{0,1\}$  be a monotone function and  $P^{(1)}$  a problem poser as in Definition 1.1. The k-wise direct product of  $P^{(1)}$  is a DWVP defined by a probabilistic algorithm  $P^{(g)}$ . We write  $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$  to denote the execution of  $P^{(g)}$  with the randomness fixed to  $\pi^{(k)} := (\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k)$ . Let  $(S_1, S_2)(\rho)$  be a solver for  $P^{(g)}$  as in Definition 1.1. The algorithm  $S_1(\rho)$  sequentially interacts in k rounds with  $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$ . In the i-th round  $S_1(\rho)$  interacts with  $P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$ , and as the result  $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$  generates circuits  $\Gamma^i_V, \Gamma^i_H$ . Finally, after k rounds  $P^{(g)}$  outputs a verification circuit

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

and a hint circuit

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

Let C be a random circuit that corresponds to a solver S as in Definition 1.1. Similarly as for two phase algorithm, we write  $C(\pi) := (C_1, C_2)(\pi)$  to denote that the randomness used by C is fixed to  $\pi$ , and  $C(\pi)$  in the first phase uses  $C_1(\pi)$  and in the second phase  $C_2(\pi)$ . A verification query (q, y) of C for which a hint query on this q has been asked before can not be a successfully verification query. Therefore, without loss of generality, we make an assumption that C does not ask verification queries on q, for which a hint query has been asked before.

Experiment  $Success^{P,C^{(\cdot,\cdot)}}(\pi,\rho)$ 

**Oracle:** A problem poser P, a solver circuit  $C^{(\cdot,\cdot)}$ .

Input: Bitstrings  $\pi$ ,  $\rho$ . Output: A bit  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ .

Run  $\langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle$ Let  $(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H) := \langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle_P$ Let  $x := \langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}$ 

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Run C_2^{\Gamma_V,\Gamma_H}(x,\rho)

if C_2^{\Gamma_V,\Gamma_H} asks a verification query (q,y) such that \Gamma_V(q,y)=1 then return 1

return 0
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The success probability of C in solving a puzzle defined by P in the experiment Success is

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}[Success^{P,C^{(\cdot,\cdot)}}(\pi,\rho)=1]. \tag{0.0.1}$$

Theorem 1.3 (Security amplification for a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.) Let  $P^{(1)}$  be a fixed problem poser as in Definition 1.1, and  $P^{(g)}$  be a poser for the k-wise direct product of  $P^{(1)}$ . There exists a probabilistic algorithm  $Gen(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h)$  which takes as input: a solver circuit C for  $P^{(g)}$ , a monotone function  $g: \{0,1\}^k \to \{0,1\}$ , parameters  $\varepsilon, \delta, n$ , the number of verification queries v, and hint queries h asked by C, and outputs a random circuit D such that the following holds:

If C is such that

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho} \left[ Success^{P^{(g)},C}(\pi^{(k)},\rho) = 1 \right] \ge 8(h+v) \left( \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k} \left[ g(u) = 1 \right] + \varepsilon \right)$$

then D satisfies almost surely

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho} \left[ Success^{P^{(1)},D}(\pi,\rho) = 1 \right] \geq (\delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}).$$

Additionally, Gen and D require oracle access to g,  $P^{(1)}$ , C. Furthermore, D requires also oracle access to  $\Gamma_V$   $\Gamma_H$ , and asks at most  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}\log\left(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}\right)h$  hint queries and one verification query. Finally,  $Size(D) \leq Size(C) \cdot \frac{6k}{\varepsilon}$  and  $Time(Gen) = poly(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$ .

The Theorem 1.3 implies that if there is no good solver for a puzzle defined by  $P^{(1)}$ , then a good solver for a k-wise direct product of  $P^{(1)}$  does not exist.

The idea of the algorithm Gen is to output a circuit D that solves the input puzzle often. We know that C has good success probability for a k-wise product of  $P^{(1)}$ . The algorithm Gen tries to find a puzzle such that when C runs with this puzzle fixed on the first position, and disregards whether this puzzle is correctly solved then the assumptions of Theorem 1.3 are true for a k-1-wise direct product. If it is possible to find such a puzzle then Gen could recurse and solve a smaller problem. In the optimistic case we can reach k=1, which means that we found a good circuit for solving a single puzzle by just fixing the initial puzzles of C.

Otherwise, when the first position is disregarded then the success probability of C is not substantially better. This is remarkable, as we know that C performs good for k-wise product, it means that the first position is important, in the sense that C solves the puzzle on that position unusually often. Therefore, it is reasonable to construct the circuit D using C by placing the input puzzle of D on that position, and then finding remaining k-1 puzzles. These k-1 remaining puzzles are generated by the circuit D, hence it is possible to check whether they are correctly solved by the circuit C. We know that circuit C has good success probability, and the puzzle on the first position is important. Therefore, if we are able to find a k-1 puzzles such that the fact whether the k-wise direct product is correctly solved depends on whether the puzzle on the first position is correctly solved then we can assume that C is often correct on this first position.

There are some problems with this approach, first we have to ensure that we can make a decision when the algorithm *Gen* should recurse and when not correctly with high probability.

Then, we have to show that it is possible to find a puzzles such that C is often correct on the first position. Finally, we also have to be sure that we do not ask a hint query, on the final verification query to the oracle. To satisfy the last requirement we split Q.

Let  $hash: Q \to \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v)-1\}$ , then a set  $P_{hash} \subseteq Q$ , defined with respect to hash, is the set of preimages of 0 for hash. The idea is that  $P_{hash}$  contains  $q \in Q$  on which C is not allowed to ask hint queries, and the first successful verification query (q, y) of C is such that  $q \in P_{hash}$ . Therefore, if C makes a verification query (q, y) such that  $q \in P_{hash}$ , then we know that no hint query is ever asked on this q. In the experiment CanonicalSuccess a circuit C succeeds if and only if it asks a successful verification query (q, y) such that  $q \in P_{hash}$ , and no hint query is asked on  $q \in P_{hash}$ .

In the following experiment Canonical Success we denote the *i*-th query of C by  $q_i$  if it is a hint query, and by  $(q_i, y_i)$  if it is a verification query.

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Experiment CanonicalSuccess^{P,C^{(\cdot,\cdot)},hash}(\pi,\rho)

Oracle: A problem poser P, a solver circuit C^{(\cdot,\cdot)}.

A function hash: Q \to \{0,\dots,2(h+v)-1\}.

Input: Bitstrings: \pi, \rho.

Output: A bit b \in \{0,1\}.

Run \langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle

(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H) := \langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle_P

x := \langle P(\pi), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}

Run C_2^{\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H}(x,\rho)

(q_j, y_j) be the first verification query such that C_2^{\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H}(q_j, y_j) = 1, or an arbitrary verification query if C_2 does not succeed.

If (\forall i < j: q_i \notin P_{hash}) and q_j \in P_{hash} and \Gamma_V(q_j, y_j) = 1 then return 1 else return 0
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Similarly as for the experiment Success, we define the success probability of a solver C for P with respect to a function hash in the experiment CanonicalSuccess as

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P,C^{(\cdot,\cdot)},hash}(\pi,\rho)=1]. \tag{0.0.2}$$

For fixed hash and  $P^{(g)}$  a canonical success of C for  $\pi^{(k)}, \rho$  is a situation when  $CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(g)},C^{(\cdot,\cdot)},hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)=1.$ 

We show that if for a fixed  $P^{(1)}$  a solver circuit C often succeeds in the experiment Success for  $P^{(g)}$ , then it also often successful in the experiment CanonicalSuccess for  $P^{(g)}$ .

Lemma 1.4 (Success probability in solving a k-wise direct product of  $P^{(1)}$  with respect to a function hash.) For fixed  $P^{(g)}$  let C succeed in the experiment Success for  $P^{(g)}$  with probability  $\gamma$ , asking at most h hint queries and v verification queries. There exists a probabilistic algorithm **FindHash** that takes as input: parameters  $\gamma$ , n, the number of verification queries v and hint queries h, and has oracle access to C and  $P^{(g)}$ . Furthermore, **FindHash** runs in time  $O((h+v)^4/\gamma^4)$ , and with high probability outputs a function hash  $\in \mathcal{H}$  such that success probability of C with respect to  $P_{hash}$  in the experiment CanonicalSuccess is at least  $\frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}$ .

**Proof.** We fix  $P^{(g)}$  and a solver C for  $P^{(h)}$  in the whole proof of Lemma 1.4. Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of pairwise independent hash functions  $Q \to \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v)-1\}$ . For all  $i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, (h+v)\}$ and  $k, l \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$  by pairwise independence property of  $\mathcal{H}$ , we have

$$\forall q_i, q_j \in Q : \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[hash(q_i) = k \mid hash(q_j) = l] = \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[hash(q_i) = k] = \frac{1}{2(h+v)}. \quad (0.0.3)$$

Let  $\pi^{(k)}$ ,  $\rho$  be fixed. We consider the experiment Canonical Success for  $P^{(g)}$  and C in which we define a binary random variable X for the event that  $hash(q_j) = 0$ , and for every query  $q_i$ asked before  $q_i$  we have  $hash(q_i) \neq 0$ . Conditioned on the event  $hash(q_i) = 0$ , we get

$$\Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X = 1] = \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[hash(q_j) = 0 \land (\forall i < j : hash(q_i) \neq 0)]$$

$$= \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\forall i < j : hash(q_i) \neq 0 \mid hash(q_j) = 0] \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[hash(q_j) = 0].$$

Now we use (0.0.3) twice and obtain

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

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

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

Let  $\mathcal{P}_{Success}$  be the set of all  $(\pi^{(k)}, \rho)$  for which C succeeds in the random experiment Success for  $P^{(g)}$ . Furthermore, we denote the set of those  $(\pi^{(k)}, \rho)$  for which  $CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(g)}, C(\cdot, \cdot), hash}(\pi^{(k)}) =$ 1 by  $\mathcal{P}_{Canonical}$ . For fixed  $\pi^{(k)}$  and  $\rho$  if C succeeds canonically, then it also succeeds in the experiment Success for  $P^{(g)}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{P}_{Canonical} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{Success}$ , and we conclude

$$\Pr_{\substack{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H} \\ \pi^{(k)}, \rho}} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1 \right] = \mathbb{E}_{(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) \in \mathcal{P}_{Success}} \left[ \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X = 1] \right] \\
\geq \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}. \tag{0.0.4}$$

Algorithm: FindHash $(h, v, \gamma, n)$ 

**Oracle:** A solver circuit  $C^{(\cdot,\cdot)}$  for the k-wise direct product of  $P^{(1)}$ .

**Input:** Parameters  $h, v, \gamma, n$ 

**Output:** A function  $hash: Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}.$ 

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of pairwise independent hash functions  $Q \to \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$ for i = 1 to  $32(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$  do:

 $hash \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{H}$ 

count := 0

for j := 1 to  $32(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$  do:  $\pi^{(k)} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^{kn}$ 

if  $CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(g)},C^{(\cdot,\cdot)},hash}(\pi^{(k)})=1$  then

 $\begin{array}{c} count := count + 1 \\ \textbf{if} \ \ \frac{\gamma^2}{32(h+v)^2} count \geq \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)} \ \textbf{then} \end{array}$ 

## return $\perp$

We show that **FindHash** chooses hash such that the canonical success probability of C with respect to  $P_{hash}$  is at least  $\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$  almost surely. Let  $\mathcal{H}_{Good}$  denote a family of functions  $hash \in \mathcal{H}$ 

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1 \right] \ge \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)},$$

and  $\mathcal{H}_{Bad}$  be the family of functions  $hash \in \mathcal{H}$  such that

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1 \right] \le \frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}.$$

Additionally, for a fixed hash, we define binary random variables  $X_1, \ldots, X_N$  such that

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if in the $i$-th iteration variable } count \text{ is increased} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \ . \end{cases}$$

We first show that it is unlikely that **FindHash** returns  $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$ . For  $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$  we have  $\mathbb{E}_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[X_i] < \frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}$ . Therefore, for any fixed  $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$  using the Chernoff bound we

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i \ge \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)} \right] \le \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i \ge (1 + \frac{1}{3}) \mathbb{E}[X_i] \right] \le e^{-\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}N/27}.$$

The probability that  $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Good}$ , when picked, is not returned amounts

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i \le \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)} \right] \le \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} X_i \le (1 - \frac{1}{3}) \mathbb{E}[X_i] \right] \le e^{-\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} N/27}.$$

Finally, we show that **FindHash** picks in one of its iteration  $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Good}$  almost surely. Let  $Y_i$  be a binary random variable such that

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if in the } i\text{-th iteration } hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Good} \text{ is picked} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

From equation (0.0.4) we know that  $\Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[Y_i = 1] = \mathbb{E}[Y_i] \ge \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$ , almost surely. Thus, we get

$$\Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{K} Y_i = 0 \right] \le \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} \right)^K \le e^{-\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}K}.$$

The bound stated in the Lemma 1.4 is achieved for  $K = N = 32(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$ . 

We define the following circuit  $C_2$ :

$$\textbf{Circuit}\ \, \widetilde{C}_{2}^{\Gamma_{V}^{(g)},\Gamma_{H}^{(g)},C_{2},hash}(x,\rho)$$

Oracle:  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}, hash, C_2$ Input: A transcript x, a bitstring  $\rho$ . **Output:** A tuple  $(q, y_1, \ldots, y_k)$  or  $\perp$ .

Run 
$$C_2^{\Gamma_V^{(g)},\Gamma_H^{(k)}}(x,\rho)$$

if  $C_2$  asks a hint query on q then

We define a new solver circuit  $\widetilde{C} = (C_1, \widetilde{C}_2)$  that in the first phase uses the circuit  $C_1$  and in the second phase the circuit  $\widetilde{C}_2$ .

**Lemma 1.5** For fixed  $P^{(g)}$ , C and hash the following statement is true

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)=1] \leq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},\widetilde{C},hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)=1]$$

**Proof.** For some  $\pi^{(k)}$ ,  $\rho$  if C succeeds canonically then also  $\widetilde{C}$  succeeds canonically. Using this observation, we conclude that

$$\begin{split} \Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho) = 1 \right] \\ &= \underset{\pi^{(k)},\rho}{\mathbb{E}} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho) = 1 \right] \\ &\leq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},\widetilde{C},hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho) = 1 \right] \end{split}$$

From a circuit C we can build a circuit  $\widetilde{C}$  that asks at most one verification query  $(q, y_1, \ldots, y_k)$  such that  $q \in P_{hash}$ , and every hint query on q is such that  $q \notin P_{hash}$ . Furthermore, we write  $(q, y_1, \ldots, y_k) := \widetilde{C}_2(x, \rho)$  to denote the verification query  $(q, y_1, \ldots, y_k)$  asked by  $\widetilde{C}_2$ . If  $\widetilde{C}_2$  does not ask a verification query we write  $\bot := \widetilde{C}_2(x, \rho)$ .

Lemma 1.6 (Security amplification of a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle with respect to  $P_{hash}$ .) For fixed  $P^{(1)}$  there exists an algorithm Gen, with oracle access to:  $P^{(1)}$ , a monotone function  $g: \{0,1\}^{(k)} \to \{0,1\}$ , a solver circuit C for  $P^{(g)}$  and a function hash:  $Q \to \{0,\ldots,2(h+v)-1\}$ . Additionally, Gen takes as input parameters  $\varepsilon,\delta,n$ , the number of verification queries v and hint queries v as a solver circuit v for v for v for v as in Definition 1.1 such that the following holds: If v is such that

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}\left[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)=1\right] \geq \Pr_{\mu \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[g(\mu)=1] + \varepsilon,$$

then D satisfies almost surely

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}\left[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi,\rho)=1\right] \geq (\delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}).$$

Additionally, D requires oracle access to g,  $P^{(1)}$ , C, Furthermore, D asks at most  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}\log\left(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}\right)h$  hint queries and at most one verification query. Finally,  $Size(D) \leq Size(C)\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}$  and  $Time(Gen) = poly(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$ .

**Proof.** First we define the following procedure that takes as input  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , and returns an estimate for  $\Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k-1}}[g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k)].$ 

## EstimateFunctionProbability $^g(b, \varepsilon, \delta)$

**Oracle:** A function g.

**Input:** A bit  $b \in \{0,1\}$ , parameters  $k, \varepsilon$ 

**Output:** An estimate  $\widetilde{g} \in [0, 1]$ .

For 
$$i := 1$$
 to  $\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)$  do:  
 $(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{(k-1)}$   
 $g_i := g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k)$  then  
return  $\frac{\varepsilon^2}{16k^2 \log(n)} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)} g_i$ 

Lemma 1.7 (Estimate for the function g.) The procedure EstimateFunctionProbability<sup>g</sup>(b) outputs an estimate  $\widetilde{g}$  for the function  $g: \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}$  with the first bit fixed to  $b \in \{0,1\}$  such that  $|\widetilde{g} - \Pr_{(u_2,\dots,u_k) \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[g(b,u_2,\dots,u_k) = 1]| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4k}$  almost surely.

**Proof.** We define binary random variable  $K_i$  for the event  $g_i = 1$ . By Chernoff bound we get

$$\Pr\left[\left|\frac{\varepsilon^2 \log(n)}{16k^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)} \widetilde{g}_i - \mathbb{E}[K_i]\right| \ge \frac{\varepsilon}{4k}\right] \le 2 \cdot e^{\log(n)/3} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot n. \quad \Box$$

Next we define a procedure **EvalutePuzzles**<sup> $C,P^{(1)},hash$ </sup> ( $\pi^{(k)},\rho$ ). All puzzles used by the procedure are generated internally. Therefore, it is possible to answer all hint and verification queries without calls to hint and verification oracles.

## EvaluatePuzzles $^{P^{(1)},P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)$

**Oracle:** A circuit C, posers  $P^{(1)}$ ,  $P^{(g)}$ , a function hash.

**Input:** Bitstrings  $\pi^{(k)}$ ,  $\rho$ .

**return**  $(c_1,\ldots,c_k)$ 

**Output**: A tuple  $(c_1, \ldots, c_k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{Run} \ \langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle \\ & (\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}) := \langle P(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{P^{(g)}} \\ & x := \langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \widetilde{C}_2^{\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H}(x, \rho)$$

$$\text{for } i := 1 \text{ to } k \text{ do:} \qquad //\text{simulate } k \text{ rounds of sequential interaction}$$

$$(\Gamma_V^i, \Gamma_H^i) := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi_i), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{P^{(1)}}$$

$$\text{for } i := 1 \text{ to } k \text{ do:}$$

$$c_i := \Gamma_v^i(q, y_i)$$

For fixed  $\pi^{(k)}$ ,  $\rho$  let  $(\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}) := \langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{P^{(g)}}$  and  $x := \langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans.}}$  Additionally, we denote by  $(\Gamma_V^i, \Gamma_H^i)$  the verification and hint circuits generated in the *i*-th

round of the interaction between  $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$  and  $C_1(\rho)$ . Finally, for  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \widetilde{C}_2(x^{(k)}, \rho)$  we denote the output of  $\Gamma_V^i(q, y_i)$  by  $c_i$ . For  $b \in \{0, 1\}$  we define the surplus

$$S_{\pi^*,b} = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho} \left[ g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \right] - \Pr_{(u_2,\dots,u_k) \leftarrow \mu^{(k)}} \left[ g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1 \right]$$
(0.0.5)

The surplus  $S_{\pi^*,b}$  tells us how good  $\widetilde{C}$  performs when the bitstring  $\pi_1$  is fixed to  $\pi^*$ , and the fact whether  $\widetilde{C}$  succeeds in solving the first puzzle defined by  $P^{(1)}(\pi_1)$  is neglected. Instead, the bit b is used as the input on the first position of the function g.

The procedure **EstimateSurplus** returns an estimate  $S_{\pi^*,b}$  for  $S_{\pi^*,b}$ .

## EstimateSurplus $P^{(1)},C,hash(\pi^*,b)$

**Oracle:** An algorithm  $P^{(1)}$ , a circuit C, a function hash, a function g.

**Input:** A bistring  $\pi^*$ , a bit b, an integer k.

Output: A circuit D.

 $\widetilde{g}_b := \mathbf{EvaluteFunctionProbability}^g(b, \varepsilon, \delta)$ 

For i := 1 to  $\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)$  do:

$$(\pi_2, \dots, \pi_k) \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^{(k-1)n}$$
$$\rho \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0, 1\}^*$$

$$(c_1,\ldots,c_k) := \mathbf{EvalutePuzzles}^{P^{(1)},C,hash}(\pi^*,\pi_2,\ldots,\pi_k,
ho)$$

 $\widetilde{s}_{\pi^*,b}^i := g(b,c_2,\ldots,c_k)$ 

return  $\frac{\varepsilon^2 \log(n)}{16k^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2}} \log(n) \widetilde{s}_{\pi^*,b}^i - \widetilde{g}_b$ 

**Lemma 1.8** The estimate  $\widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,b}$  returned by **EstimateSurplus** differs from  $S_{\pi^*,b}$  by at most  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2k}$  almost surely.

**Proof.** We use union bound and similar argument as in Lemma 1.7 which yields that  $\frac{\varepsilon^2 \log(n)}{16k^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2}} \log^{(n)} \widetilde{s}_{\pi^*,b}^i$  differs from  $\mathbb{E}[g(b,c_2,\ldots,c_k)]$  by at most  $\frac{\varepsilon}{4k}$  almost surely. Together, with Lemma 1.7 we conclude that the surplus estimate returned by **EstimateSurplus** differs from  $S_{\pi^*,b}$  by at most  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2k}$  almost surely.

From Lemma 1.8 we conclude that if  $\widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$ , then  $S_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{1}{k})\varepsilon$  almost surely.

Circuit  $D = (D_1, D_2)(\sigma)$ 

Phase I  $D_1^C(\sigma)$ 

Oracle: A circuit C.

**Input:** A bitstring  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .

Interact with the problem poser  $P^{(1)}$  using  $C_1(\rho)$ .

Let  $x^*$  be the transcript of any internal simulations of  $C_1$  and the interaction with the problem poser.

Let  $\Gamma_V^*, \Gamma_H^*$  be the verification and hint circuits output by the problem poser.

Phase II  $D_2^{P^{(1)},C}(x^*,\sigma)$ 

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Oracle: P^{(1)}, C, hash, g, \Gamma_V^*, \Gamma_H^*.

Input: A transcript x^*, a bitstring \sigma \in \{0,1\}^*.

Output: A verification query (q,y^*).

for at most \frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}) iterations do:
\pi^{(k-1)} \leftarrow \operatorname{read}(k-1) \cdot n \text{ bits from } \sigma
for i := 2 to k do: // Finish remaining k-1 interactions.
Simulate \langle P^{(1)}(\pi_i), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\operatorname{trans}}
(\Gamma_i^i, \Gamma_H^i) := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi_i), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{P^{(1)}}
\Gamma_V^{(g)} := g(\Gamma_V^*, \Gamma_V^2, \dots, \Gamma_V^k)
\Gamma_H^{(k)} := (\Gamma_H^*, \Gamma_H^2, \dots, \Gamma_H^k)
(q, y^*, y_2, \dots, y_k) := \widetilde{C}^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}, C, hash}((x^*, x_2, \dots, x_k), \rho)
(c^*, c_2, \dots, c_k) := (\Gamma_V^*(q, y^*), \Gamma_V^2(q, y_2), \dots, \Gamma_V^k(q, y_k))
if g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \land g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 then

Make a verification query (q, y^*)
return \bot
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Algorithm Gen^{C,P^{(1)},g,hash}(\varepsilon,\delta,n,v,h,k)
Oracle: P^{(1)}, C, g, hash
Input: \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h, k
Output: D
for i := 1 to \frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(n) do:
       \pi^* \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0,1\}^n
       \widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,0} := \mathbf{EstimateSurplus}^{P^{(1)},C,hash}(\pi^*,0)
       \widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,1} := \mathbf{EstimateSurplus}^{P^{(1)},C,hash}(\pi^*,1)
       if \exists b \in \{0,1\} : \widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon then
              Let C'_1 be as C_1 except the first round of interaction between C_1 and P^{(g)} which
              is simulated internally by using P^{(1)}(\pi^*)
              Let C'_2 be as C_2 except the solution for the first puzzle which is discarded.
              C' := (C'_1, C'_2)
             g'(b_2,\ldots,b_k) := g(b,b_2,\ldots,b_k)

return Gen^{C',P^{(1)},g',hash}(\varepsilon,\delta,n,v,h,k-1)
// all estimates are lower than (1-\frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon
return D^C
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For k=1 the function  $g:\{0,1\}\to\{0,1\}$  is either the identity or a constant function. If g is the identity function then the success probability of C in the random experiment CanonicalSuccess is as least  $\delta+\varepsilon$ , and D simply uses the circuit  $\widetilde{C}$ . In case g is a constant function the statement is vacuously true.

In case Gen manages to find an estimate that satisfies  $\widetilde{S}_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$  we define a monotone function  $g'(b_2, \ldots, b_k) := g(b, b_2, \ldots, b_k)$ , and a circuit  $\widetilde{C}' = (C_1', C_2')$ , where  $C_1'$  first internally simulates the interaction between  $C_1$  and  $P^{(1)}(\pi^*)$ , and then interacts with  $P^{(g')}$ . The circuit  $C_2'$  is defined as  $C_2$  with the solution for the first puzzle discarded. The surplus estimate is greater than  $1 - \frac{3}{4k}\varepsilon$ . Therefore, the canonical success probability for the (k-1)-wise direct

product of puzzles is at least  $\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k-1}}[g'(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})] + \varepsilon$ . Hence, the circuit C' satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.6 for k-1 puzzles and we recurse using g' and C'.

If all estimates are less than  $(1-\frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$ , then intuitively C does not perform much better on the remaining k-1 puzzles than an algorithm that solves each puzzle independent with probability  $\delta$ . However, from the assumption we know that on all k puzzles  $\widetilde{C}$  has higher success probability. Therefore, it is likely that the first puzzle is correctly solved with the probability higher than  $\delta$ . We now show that this intuition is indeed correct. For a fixed  $\pi^*$  using (0.0.5), we get

$$\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[g(1, u_{2}, \dots, u_{k}) = 1] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[g(0, u_{2}, \dots, u_{k}) = 1] =$$

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[g(1, c_{2}, \dots, c_{k}) = 1 \mid \pi_{1} = \pi^{*}] - \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[g(0, c_{2}, \dots, c_{k}) = 1 \mid \pi_{1} = \pi^{*}] - (S_{\pi^{*}, 1} - S_{\pi^{*}, 0}).$$
(0.0.6)

Let  $\mathcal{G}_b := \{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k : g(b, b_2, \dots, b_k) = 1\}$ . From the monotonicity of g we know that  $\mathcal{G}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_1$ . Using  $\mathcal{G}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{G}_1$  and (0.0.6) we obtain:

$$\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}} [u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0}] = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0} \mid \pi_{1} = \pi^{*}] - (S_{\pi^{*}, 1} - S_{\pi^{*}, 0}). \tag{0.0.7}$$

From (0.0.7) fixing  $\pi_1 = \pi^*$  we obtain

$$\Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho)=1] = \frac{\Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho)=1] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_2]}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} - \frac{\Pr_{\sigma}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho)=1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0})}{\Pr_{\sigma}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]}$$

$$(0.0.8)$$

We make use of the fact that the event  $G_{\pi}$  implies  $D(x^*, r) \neq \bot$ , and write the first summand of (0.0.8) as

$$\Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P(1),D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] = \\ \Pr_{\rho}[D_2(x^*,\rho) \neq \bot] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ x^* = \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{trans}$$

$$(0.0.9)$$

Now we consider two cases: if  $\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}$  then

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \le \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}, \tag{0.0.10}$$

for  $\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}[c\in\mathcal{G}_1\setminus\mathcal{G}_0] > \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}$  the circuit  $D_2$  outputs  $\bot$  if and only if it fails in all  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}\log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$  iterations to find  $\pi^{(k)}$  such that  $g(1,c_2,\ldots,c_k)=1 \land g(0,c_2,\ldots,c_k)=0$  (i.e. in none of the iterations  $c\in\mathcal{G}_1\setminus\mathcal{G}_0$ ) which happens with probability

$$\Pr_{\rho} \left[ D_2(x^*, \rho) = \bot \right] \le \left( 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \right)^{\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{\varepsilon}{6k})} \le \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \tag{0.0.11}$$

$$x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}$$

We conclude that in both cases:

$$\Pr_{\substack{\rho \\ x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}}} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \bot] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\
\geq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}} [c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \tag{0.0.12}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\Pr_{\substack{x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}}} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \bot] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\
\geq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c_1 = 1 \land c \in \mathcal{G}_0 \setminus \mathcal{G}_1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \\
= \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \land g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \\
= \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k},$$

and finally by (0.0.5)

$$\Pr_{x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \bot] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] 
= \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\varepsilon}^{(k)}} [u \in \mathcal{G}_0] - S_{\pi^*, 0} - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}.$$
(0.0.13)

Inserting this result into the equation (0.0.8) yields

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}] = \\
= \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[ \frac{\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_0] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \right] \\
- \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[ \frac{S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0})}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \right]$$

$$(0.0.14)$$

For the second summand we show that if we do not recurse, then almost surely majority of estimates is low. Let assume

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}\left[\left(S_{\pi,0} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon\right) \land \left(S_{\pi,1} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon\right)\right] < 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k},\tag{0.0.15}$$

then the algorithm recurses almost surely. Therefore, under the assumption that Gen does not recurse, we have almost surely

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho} \left[ \left( S_{\pi,0} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left( S_{\pi,1} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right] \ge 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \tag{0.0.16}$$

Let us define a set

$$W = \left\{ \pi : \left( S_{\pi,0} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \land \left( S_{\pi,1} \le (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right\}$$
 (0.0.17)

and use  $\mathcal{W}^c$  to denote the complement of  $\mathcal{W}$ . We bound the second summand in (0.0.14)

$$\mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}^c} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right]$$

$$+ \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}^c} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi^*,\rho) = 1]((1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right]$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2k} = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{3k}$$

$$(0.0.18)$$

Finally, we insert this result into equation (0.0.14) and make use of the fact

$$\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[g(u) = 1] = \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_{0} \lor (u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0} \land u_{1} = 1)]$$
$$= \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_{0}] + \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0}] \Pr[u_{1} = 1]$$

which yields

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}] \geq \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[ \frac{\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu^k_{\delta}}[u \in G_0] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu^k_{\delta}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \right]$$

Using the assumptions of Lemma 1.6, we get

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash} = 1] \ge \frac{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[g(u) = 1] + \varepsilon + \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_{0}] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0}]}$$

$$\ge \frac{\varepsilon + \delta \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0}] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_{1} \setminus \mathcal{G}_{0}]} \ge \delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}$$

$$(0.0.19)$$

**Proof (Theorem 1.3).** We show that Theorem 1.3 follows by Lemma 1.4 and Lemma 1.6. First given a solver circuit C such that

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho}\left[Success^{P^{(g)},C}(\pi^{(k)},\rho)=1\right] \geq 8(h+v)\left(\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{k}}\left[g(u)=1\right]+\varepsilon\right)$$

by Lemma 1.4 we can find a function hash such that

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)},\rho} \left[ Canonical Success^{P^{(g)},C,hash}(\pi^{(k)},\rho) = 1 \right] \geq \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k} \left[ g(u) = 1 \right] + \varepsilon.$$

We can apply Lemma 1.6 with the function hash and the circuit C to obtain a circuit D such that

$$\Pr_{\pi,\rho}\left[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(1)},D,hash}(\pi,\rho)=1\right] \geq \delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}.$$

If D succeeds in the experiment CanonicalSuccess then it also succeeds in the experiment Succees.