

We write μ_δ to denote a Bernoulli distribution, where outcome 1 occurs with probability δ and 0 with probability $1-\delta$ where $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$. We denote by μ_δ^k a probability distribution over k -tuples, where each bit of a k -tuple is drawn independently according to μ_δ . Finally, let $u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k$ denote that a k -tuple u is chosen according to μ_δ^k .

The protocol execution between two probabilistic algorithms A and B is denoted by $\langle A, B \rangle$. The output of A in such a protocol execution is denoted by $\langle A, B \rangle_A$ and of B by $\langle A, B \rangle_B$. Finally, let $\langle A, B \rangle_{\text{trans}}$ denote the transcript of communication between $\langle A, B \rangle_{\text{trans}}$.

We define a *two phase algorithm* $A := (A_1, A_2)$ as an algorithm where in the execution first A_1 is used and then A_2 .

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 $\rho \in \{0, 1\}^*$.

In the first phase, the poser $P(\pi)$ and the solver $S_1(\rho)$ interact. As the result of the interaction $P(\pi)$ outputs a verification circuit Γ_V and a hint circuit Γ_H . The algorithm $S_1(\rho)$ produces no output. The circuit Γ_V takes as input $q \in Q$, an answer $y \in \{0, 1\}^*$, and outputs a bit. We say an answer (q, y) is a correct solution if and only if $\Gamma_V(q, y) = 1$. The circuit Γ_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 $x := \langle P(\pi), S_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}$, and has oracle access to Γ_V and Γ_H . The execution of S_2 with the input x and the randomness fixed to ρ is denoted by $S_2(x, \rho)$. The queries of S_2 to Γ_V and Γ_H are called *verification queries* and *hint queries* respectively. The algorithm S_2 asks 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 $g : \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ 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 $\pi^{(k)} := (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ where each $\pi_i \in \{0, 1\}^n$. 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 Γ_V^i, Γ_H^i . Finally, after k rounds $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$ 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

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

A verification query (q, y) of a solver S for which a hint query on this q has been asked before can not be a successful verification query. Therefore, without loss of generality, we make the assumption that S does not ask verification queries on q for which a hint query has been asked before. Furthermore, we assume that once S asked a successful verification query, it does not ask any further hint or verification queries.

Let C be a circuit that corresponds to a solver S as in Definition 1.1. Similarly as for a two phase algorithm, we write $C(\rho) := (C_1, C_2)(\rho)$ to denote that C in the first phase uses a circuit C_1 and in the second phase a circuit C_2 . Additionally, the randomness in both phases is fixed to ρ .

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

Oracle: A problem poser P , a solver circuit $C = (C_1, C_2)$.

Input: Bitstrings $\pi \in \{0, 1\}^n$, $\rho \in \{0, 1\}^*$.

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

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

We define the *success probability* of C in solving a puzzle defined by P as

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

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 with oracle access to: a solver circuit C for $P^{(g)}$, a monotone function $g : \{0, 1\}^k \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ and $P^{(1)}$. Additionally, Gen takes as input parameters ε, δ , the value n being the length of the input bitstring to $P^{(1)}$, the number of verification queries v and hint queries h asked by C , and outputs a solver circuit D for $P^{(1)}$ as in Definition 1.1 such that the following holds:
If C is such that*

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

then D satisfies almost surely

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

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

Let $hash : Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h + v) - 1\}$, 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 experiment *CanonicalSuccess* 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.

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

Oracle: A problem poser P , a solver circuit $C = (C_1, C_2)$.

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

Input: Bitstrings $\pi \in \{0, 1\}^n$ and $\rho \in \{0, 1\}^*$.

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

Let (q_j, y_j) be the first verification query of C_2 such that $\Gamma_v(q_j, y_j) = 1$.

If C_2 does not succeed let (q_j, y_j) be an arbitrary verification query.

If $(\forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) = 0)$ **and** $(\text{hash}(q_j) = 1)$ **and** $(\Gamma_V(q_j, y_j) = 1)$ **then**

return 1

else

return 0

We define the *canonical success probability* of a solver C for P with respect to a function hash as

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

For fixed hash and a problem poser P a *canonical success* of C for π, ρ is a situation where $\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P,C,\text{hash}}(\pi, \rho) = 1$.

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

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 be a solver for $P^{(g)}$ with success probability at least γ , asking at most h hint queries and v verification queries. There exists a probabilistic algorithm **FindHash** that takes as input: parameters γ, n, k , 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 $\text{hash} \in \mathcal{H}$ such that the canonical success probability of C with respect to hash is at least $\frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}$.

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

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

Let $\pi^{(k)}, \rho$ be fixed. We choose $\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}$ and consider the experiment $\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(g)}, C, \text{hash}}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho)$. Let X be a random variable for the event $\text{hash}(q_j) = 0$ and for every query q_i asked before q_j

$\text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0$. We get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[X = 1] &= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_j) = 0 \wedge (\forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0)] \\
&= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0 \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \\
&\stackrel{(0.0.3)}{=} \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\exists i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) = 0 \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \right) \\
&\stackrel{(0.0.3)}{=} \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\exists i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) = 0] \right) \\
&\stackrel{(\text{u.b.})}{\geq} \frac{1}{2(h+v)} \left(1 - \sum_{i < j} \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}}[\text{hash}(q_i) = 0] \right) \\
&\stackrel{(0.0.3)}{\geq} \frac{1}{4(h+v)}.
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

Algorithm: FindHash(h, v, γ, n, k)

Oracle: A problem poser $P^{(g)}$, a solver circuit C for $P^{(g)}$.

Input: Parameters h, v, γ, n, k

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

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

$\text{hash} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{H}$

$\text{count} := 0$

for $j := 1$ **to** $32(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$ **do:**

$\pi^{(k)} \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{kn}$

$\rho \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^*$

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

$\text{count} := \text{count} + 1$

if $\frac{\gamma^2}{32(h+v)^2} \text{count} \geq \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)}$ **then**

return hash

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 $\mathcal{H}_{\text{Good}}$ denote a family of functions $\text{hash} \in \mathcal{H}$ for which

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(g)}, C, \text{hash}}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1] \geq \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}, \tag{0.0.5}$$

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

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[CanonicalSuccess^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1 \right] \leq \frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}. \quad (0.0.6)$$

Let $N := 32(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$ be the number of iterations of the inner loop of **FindHash**. For a fixed $hash$, we define binary random variables X_1, \dots, X_N such that

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

We show now that **FindHash** is unlikely to return $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$. For $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$ by (0.0.6) we have $\mathbb{E}_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[X_i] \leq \frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}$. Therefore, for any fixed $hash \in \mathcal{H}_{Bad}$ using the Chernoff bound we get

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \geq \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)} \right] \leq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \geq (1 + \frac{1}{3}) \mathbb{E}[X_i] \right] \leq e^{-\frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)} N/27} = e^{-\frac{4}{27} \frac{(h+v)}{\gamma}}.$$

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

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \leq \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)} \right] \leq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \leq (1 - \frac{1}{3}) \mathbb{E}[X_i] \right] \leq e^{-\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} N/18} = e^{-\frac{4}{9} \frac{(h+v)}{\gamma}}.$$

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

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

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

$$\Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} \left[\sum_{i=1}^K Y_i = 0 \right] \leq \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} \right)^K \leq e^{-\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} K} = e^{-\frac{8(h+v)}{\gamma}}. \quad \square$$

We define the following circuit \tilde{C}_2 :

Circuit $\tilde{C}_2^{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}, C_2, hash}(x, \rho)$

Oracle: $\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}, hash, C_2$

Input: A transcript x , a bitstring ρ .

Output: A tuple (q, y_1, \dots, 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**

if $q \in P_{hash}$ **then**

return \perp

else

 answer the query using $\Gamma_H^{(k)}(q)$

if C_2 asks a verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k) **then**

if $q \in P_{hash}$ **then**

 ask a verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k)

return (q, y_1, \dots, y_k)

else answer the verification query with 0 return \perp
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We define a new solver circuit $\tilde{C} = (C_1, \tilde{C}_2)$ that in the first phase uses C_1 and in the second phase \tilde{C}_2 . From a circuit C we can build a circuit \tilde{C} that asks at most one verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k) such that $q \in P_{hash}$, and every hint query on q is such that $q \notin P_{hash}$. Furthermore, we write $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \tilde{C}_2(x, \rho)$ to denote the verification query (q, y_1, \dots, y_k) asked by \tilde{C}_2 . If \tilde{C}_2 does not ask a verification query we write $\perp := \tilde{C}_2(x, \rho)$.

Lemma 1.5 (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 $g : \{0, 1\}^{(k)} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, a solver circuit C for $P^{(g)}$ and a function $hash : Q \rightarrow \{0, \dots, 2(h + v) - 1\}$. Additionally, Gen takes as input parameters ε, δ, n , the number of verification queries v and hint queries h asked by C , the number of puzzles to solve k , and outputs a solver circuit D for $P^{(1)}$ as in Definition 1.1 such that the following holds:
If C is such that*

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

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 $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon}) h$ 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 $\Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu_\delta^{k-1}} [g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1]$.

EstimateFunctionProbability ^{g} (b, ε, δ)
Oracle: A function g . Input: A bit $b \in \{0, 1\}$, parameters k, ε Output: An estimate $\tilde{g} \in [0, 1]$.
For $i := 1$ to $\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)$ do: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> $(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu_\delta^{(k-1)}$ $g_i := g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k)$ </div> return $\frac{\varepsilon^2}{16k^2 \log(n)} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)} g_i$

Lemma 1.6 (Estimate for the function g .) *The procedure **EstimateFunctionProbability** ^{g} (b) outputs an estimate \tilde{g} for the function $g : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ with the first bit fixed to $b \in \{0, 1\}$ such that $|\tilde{g} - \Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1]| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4k}$ almost surely.*

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

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

Next we define a procedure **EvalutePuzzles** ^{$C, P^{(1)}, hash(\pi^{(k)}, \rho)$} .

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

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

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

Output: A tuple (c_1, \dots, c_k) .

Run $\langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle$

$(\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}) := \langle P(\pi^{(k)}), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{P^{(g)}}$

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

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

for $i := 1$ **to** k **do:** //simulate k rounds of sequential interaction

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

for $i := 1$ **to** k **do:**

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

return (c_1, \dots, c_k)

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. 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 (Γ_V^i, Γ_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 $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \tilde{C}_2(x^{(k)}, \rho)$ we denote the output of $\Gamma_V^i(q, y_i)$ by c_i . For $b \in \{0, 1\}$ we define the surplus

$$S_{\pi^*, b} = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k) \leftarrow \mu^{(k)}} [g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1] \quad (0.0.7)$$

The surplus $S_{\pi^*, b}$ tells us how good \tilde{C} performs when the bitstring π_1 is fixed to π^* , and the fact whether \tilde{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 $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}$ 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 π^* , a bit b , an integer k .

Output: A circuit D .

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

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

$(\pi_2, \dots, \pi_k) \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{(k-1)n}$

$\rho \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^*$

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 $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := \mathbf{EvaluatePuzzles}^{P^{(1)}, C, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k, \rho)$ 
 $\tilde{s}_{\pi^*, b}^i := g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k)$ 
return  $\frac{\varepsilon^2 \log(n)}{16k^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)} \tilde{s}_{\pi^*, b}^i - \tilde{g}_b$ 

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Lemma 1.7 *The estimate $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}$ 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 1.6 which yields that $\frac{\varepsilon^2 \log(n)}{16k^2} \sum_{i=1}^{\frac{16k^2}{\varepsilon^2} \log(n)} \tilde{s}_{\pi^*, b}^i$ differs from $\mathbb{E}[g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k)]$ by at most $\frac{\varepsilon}{4k}$ almost surely. Together, with Lemma 1.6 we conclude that the surplus estimate returned by **EstimateSurplus** differs from $S_{\pi^*, b}$ by at most $\frac{\varepsilon}{2k}$ almost surely. \square

From Lemma 1.7 we conclude that if $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$, 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 $P^{(1)}$.

Let Γ_V^*, Γ_H^* be the verification and hint circuits output by the problem poser $P^{(1)}$.

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

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

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:**

$\pi^{(k-1)} \leftarrow \text{read } (k-1) \cdot n \text{ bits from } \sigma$

for $i := 2$ **to** k **do:** // Finish remaining $k-1$ interactions.

Simulate $\langle P^{(1)}(\pi_i), C_1(\rho) \rangle$

$x_i := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi_i), C_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}}$

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

$\Gamma_V^{(g)} := g(\Gamma_V^*, \Gamma_V^2, \dots, \Gamma_V^k)$

$\Gamma_H^{(k)} := (\Gamma_H^*, \Gamma_H^2, \dots, \Gamma_H^k)$

$(q, y^*, y_2, \dots, y_k) := \tilde{C}_{\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}, C, \text{hash}}((x^*, x_2, \dots, x_k), \rho)$

$(c^*, c_2, \dots, c_k) := (\Gamma_V^*(q, y^*), \Gamma_V^2(q, y_2), \dots, \Gamma_V^k(q, y_k))$

if $g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0$ **then**

Make a verification query (q, y^*)

return (q, y^*)

return \perp

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:**

$\pi^* \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$

$\tilde{S}_{\pi^*,0} := \text{EstimateSurplus}^{P^{(1)},C,hash}(\pi^*, 0)$

$\tilde{S}_{\pi^*,1} := \text{EstimateSurplus}^{P^{(1)},C,hash}(\pi^*, 1)$

if $\exists b \in \{0, 1\} : \tilde{S}_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$ **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.

$C' := (C'_1, C'_2)$

$g'(b_2, \dots, b_k) := g(b, b_2, \dots, b_k)$

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

For $k = 1$ the function $g : \{0, 1\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ 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 at least $\delta + \varepsilon$, and D simply uses the circuit \tilde{C} . In case g is a constant function the statement is vacuously true.

In case Gen manages to find an estimate that satisfies $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*,b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$ we define a monotone function $g'(b_2, \dots, b_k) := g(b, b_2, \dots, b_k)$, and a circuit $\tilde{C}' = (C'_1, C'_2)$, 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 $\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g'(u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})] + \varepsilon$. Hence, the circuit C' satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.5 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 independently with probability δ . However, from the assumption we know that on all k puzzles \tilde{C} has higher success probability. Therefore, it is likely that the first puzzle is correctly solved with the probability higher than δ . We now show that this intuition is indeed correct. For a fixed π^* using (0.0.7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(1, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(0, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1] = \\ & \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - (S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}). \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.8)$$

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 (0.0.8) we get:

$$\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0] = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho} [c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - (S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}). \quad (0.0.9)$$

From (0.0.9) fixing $\pi_1 = \pi^*$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P(1),D,hash}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1] = \\ \frac{\Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P(1),D,hash}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_2]}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \\ - \frac{\Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P(1),D,hash}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0})}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.10)$$

We make use of the fact that the event $c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0$ implies $D(x^*, r) \neq \perp$, and write the first summand of (0.0.10) as

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P(1),D,hash}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] = \\ \Pr_{\rho} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \perp] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}} \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.11)$$

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

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}, \quad (0.0.12)$$

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

$$\Pr_{\rho} [D_2(x^*, \rho) = \perp] \leq (1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k})^{\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \quad (0.0.13)$$

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

We conclude that in both cases:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\rho} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \perp] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}} \\ \geq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.14)$$

Therefore, we have

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

and finally by (0.0.7)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\rho} [D_2(x^*, \rho) \neq \perp] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c_1 = 1 \mid c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[c \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ x^* := \langle P^{(1)}(\pi^*), D_1(\rho) \rangle_{\text{trans}} \\ = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}, \rho}[g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_{\delta}^{(k)}}[u \in \mathcal{G}_0] - S_{\pi^*,0} - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.15)$$

Inserting this result into the equation (0.0.10) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr_{\pi, \rho}[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}] = \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[\frac{\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_0] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \right] \\
& - \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[\frac{S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_\rho[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*, 1} - S_{\pi^*, 0})}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \right]
\end{aligned} \tag{0.0.16}$$

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

$$\Pr_{\pi, \rho} \left[\left(S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left(S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right] < 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}, \tag{0.0.17}$$

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

$$\Pr_{\pi, \rho} \left[\left(S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left(S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right] \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \tag{0.0.18}$$

Let us define a set

$$\mathcal{W} = \left\{ \pi : \left(S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left(S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right\} \tag{0.0.19}$$

and use \mathcal{W}^c to denote the complement of \mathcal{W} . We bound the second summand in (0.0.16)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}_{\pi^*} \left[S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_\rho[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*, 1} - S_{\pi^*, 0}) \right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}^c} \left[S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_\rho[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*, 1} - S_{\pi^*, 0}) \right] \\
& + \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}} \left[S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_\rho[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1](S_{\pi^*, 1} - S_{\pi^*, 0}) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + \mathbb{E}_{\pi^* \in \mathcal{W}^c} \left[S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_\rho[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}}(\pi^*, \rho) = 1]((1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon - S_{\pi^*, 0}) \right] \\
&\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2k} = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{3k}
\end{aligned} \tag{0.0.20}$$

Finally, we insert this result into equation (0.0.16) and make use of the fact

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(u) = 1] = \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_0 \vee (u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0 \wedge u_1 = 1)] \\
&= \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_0] + \Pr[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0] \Pr[u_1 = 1]
\end{aligned}$$

which yields

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

Using the assumptions of Lemma 1.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr_{\pi, \rho}[\text{CanonicalSuccess}^{P^{(1)}, D, \text{hash}} = 1] &\geq \frac{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[g(u) = 1] + \varepsilon + \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_0] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \\
&\geq \frac{\varepsilon + \delta \Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{u \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k}[u \in \mathcal{G}_1 \setminus \mathcal{G}_0]} \geq \delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}
\end{aligned} \tag{0.0.21}$$

□

Lemma 1.8 For fixed P, C and $hash$ the following statement is true

$$\Pr_{\pi, \rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P, C, hash}(\pi, \rho) = 1] \leq \Pr_{\pi, \rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P, \tilde{C}, hash}(\pi, \rho) = 1]$$

Proof. For some π, ρ if C succeeds canonically then also \tilde{C} succeeds canonically. Using this observation, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\pi, \rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P, C, hash}(\pi, \rho) = 1] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\pi, \rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P, C, hash}(\pi, \rho) = 1] \\ &\leq \Pr_{\pi, \rho}[CanonicalSuccess^{P, \tilde{C}, hash}(\pi, \rho) = 1] \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof (Theorem 1.3). We show that Theorem 1.3 follows by Lemmas: 1.5, 1.4, 1.8. First given a solver circuit C such that

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

by Lemma 1.4 we can find a function $hash$ such that

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

By Lemma 1.8 we know that we can find a circuit \tilde{C} such that

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

Finally, we apply Lemma 1.5 with the function $hash$ and the circuit \tilde{C} to obtain a circuit D such that

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

If D succeeds in the experiment $CanonicalSuccess$ then it also succeeds in the experiment $Succeeds$. □