

**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  $\Gamma_V, \Gamma_H$  and a puzzle  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ . The circuit  $\Gamma_V$  takes as input  $q \in Q$  and an answer  $y \in \{0,1\}^*$ . If  $\Gamma_V(q, y) = 1$  then  $y$  is a correct solution of a puzzle  $x$  for  $q$ . The circuit  $\Gamma_H$  on input  $q$  provides a hint such that  $\Gamma_V(q, \Gamma_H(q)) = 1$ . The probabilistic algorithm  $S$ , called a solver, has oracle access to  $\Gamma_V$  and  $\Gamma_H$ . The calls of  $S$  to  $\Gamma_V$  are verification queries and to  $\Gamma_H$  are hint queries. The solver  $S$  can ask at most  $h$  hint queries,  $v$  verification queries, and successfully solves 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 problem poser used to generate an instance of DWVP. A  $k$ -wise direct product of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles ( $DWVP^k$ ) is defined by a probabilistic algorithm  $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ , where  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0,1\}^{k \cdot l}$  is chosen uniformly at random. The algorithm  $P^{(g)}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$  generates  $k$  independent instances of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles, where the  $i$ -th instance  $(x_i, \Gamma_V^{(i)}, \Gamma_H^{(i)})$  is produced by executing  $P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$ . 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  $(q, y^{(k)}) := (q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  such that  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) = 1$ , and it has not previously asked for a hint query on this  $q$ .

A dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle is special case of  $k$ -wise direct product, when  $k$  equals one and  $g$  is identity function  $g$ . Therefore, we can consider following random experiment in which a  $k$ -wise direct product of DWVP (or for  $k$  equal one a single DWVP) defined by  $P^{(k)}$  is solved by a circuit  $C$  that takes as input puzzles and possibly a random bitstring.

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

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

**Input:** Bitstrings  $\pi^{(\cdot)}$  and  $r$ .

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

Run  $C^{\Gamma_V^{(\cdot)}, \Gamma_H^{(\cdot)}}(x^{(\cdot)}, r)$

Let  $Q_{Solved} := \{q : C^{\Gamma_V^{(\cdot)}, \Gamma_V^{(\cdot)}} \text{ asked a verification query } (q, y^{(\cdot)}) \text{ and } \Gamma_V^{(\cdot)}(q, y^{(\cdot)}) = 1\}$

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

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

**return** 1

**else**

**return** 0

**TODO:** Bound size of a circuit  $C$

**Theorem 1.3 Security amplification for a dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle.**

For a fixed problem poser  $P^{(1)}$  there exists an algorithm  $\text{Gen}(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h)$  which takes as input a solver circuit  $C$  for  $k$ -wise direct product of DWVP, a monotone function  $g$ , parameters  $\varepsilon, \delta, n$ , the 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

$$\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0,1\}^{kl}} [A^{P^{(g)}, C}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k, r) = 1] \geq \frac{(h+v)}{8} \left( \Pr_{\mu \leftarrow \mu_\delta^k} [g(\mu) = 1] + \varepsilon \right)$$

then  $D$  satisfies almost surely

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

Additionally,  $D$  and  $\text{Gen}$  require only oracle access to  $g$  and  $C$ . Furthermore,  $D$  asks at most  $h$  hint queries,  $v$  verification queries and  $\text{Size}(D) \leq \text{Size}(C) \cdot \Theta(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$  and  $\text{Time}(\text{Gen}) = \text{poly}(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$ .

Let  $\text{hash} : Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$ , then a set  $P_{\text{hash}} \subseteq Q$ , defined with respect to  $\text{hash}$ , is a preimage of 0 for function  $\text{hash}$ .

**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  $\gamma$  making  $h$  hint and  $v$  verification queries. There exists a probabilistic algorithm, with oracle access to  $C$ , that runs in time  $O((h+v)^4/\gamma^4)$  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  $P_{\text{hash}}$  is at least  $\frac{\gamma}{8(h+v)}$ .

**Proof** Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a family of pairwise independent hash functions  $Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h+v) - 1\}$ . By a 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

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

For a fixed  $P^{(g)}$  and  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$  in the random experiment  $A$  we define a binary random variable  $X$  for the event that  $\text{hash}(q_j) = 0$ , and for every query  $q_i$  asked before  $q_j$   $\text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0$ . By definition of conditional probability

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} [X = 1] &= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} [\text{hash}(q_j) = 0 \wedge \forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0] \\ &= \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} [\forall i < j : \text{hash}(q_i) \neq 0 \mid \text{hash}(q_j) = 0] \Pr_{\text{hash} \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} [\text{hash}(q_j) = 0]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we use (0.0.1) and obtain

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

Using pairwise independence property we conclude

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

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

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

Let  $G$  denote the set of all  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$  for which  $C$  succeeds in the random experiment  $A$ . Then

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

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**Algorithm: FindHash**

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**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  $Q \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 2(h + v) - 1\}$

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For  $i = 1$  to  $16(h + v)^2/\gamma^2$

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

$count := 0$

**For**  $j := 1$  to  $16(h + v)^2/\gamma^2$

$(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{kl}$

Run  $A^{P(g), C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}}(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$

Let  $(\tilde{q}, y^{(k)})$  be the first successful verification query.

Let  $G$  be a set of all  $q$  used in hint or verification queries asked before  $(\tilde{q}, y^{(k)})$ .

**If**  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(\tilde{q}, y^{(k)}) = 1 \wedge G \subseteq P_{hash}$

$count := count + 1$

**If**  $count \geq 4(h + v)/\gamma$

**return**  $hash$

**return**  $\perp$

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We show that the algorithm **FindHash** chooses a hash function such that almost surly the success probability of  $C$  in random experiment  $E$  with respect to set  $P_{hash}$  is at least  $\frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{H}_{Good}$  denote the family of hash functions for which  $\Pr_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[X] \geq \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$  and  $X_1, \dots, X_i$  be binary random variables such that for a fixed hash function

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

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  $\mathbb{E}_{(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}[X_i] < \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$ . We use Chernoff inequality and obtain

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

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

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

Finally, we show that almost surely **FindHash** picks in one of its iteration a hash function that is in  $\mathcal{H}_{Good}$ . From the fact that the random variable  $X$  is binary distributed we have

$$\mathbb{E}_{\substack{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H} \\ (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)}}[X] \geq \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$$

Let  $Y_i$  be a binary random variable

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

We make use of the fact that if a function from  $\mathcal{H}_{Good}$  is picked, then it is returned almost surely. Therefore,  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] \geq \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)}$  and we can use Chernoff bound to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K Y_i = 0 \right] &\leq \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K Y_i \leq (1-\delta) \frac{\gamma}{4(h+v)} \right] \\ &\leq \Pr_{hash \leftarrow \mathcal{H}} \left[ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i=1}^K Y_i \leq (1-\delta) \mathbb{E}[Y_i] \right] \leq e^{-\delta^2 K \mathbb{E}[Y_i]/2} \end{aligned}$$

We see that the bound stated in the lemma 1.4 is achieved for valid for  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $K = N = 16(h+v)^2/\gamma^2$   $\square$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**If**  $(\forall i < j : q_i \notin P_{hash})$  and  $q_j \in P_{hash}$  and  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q_j, y_j^{(k)}) = 1$

**return** 1

**else**

**return** 0

A canonical success is a situation when a solver  $C$  for fixed  $hash$  and  $P^{(1)}$  succeeds in a random experiment  $E$ .

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

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

**Oracle:** A dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle  $P^{(1)}$

A solver circuit for a single DWVP  $D$

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

**Input:** Random bitstring  $\pi \in \{0, 1\}^l$

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

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**  $(\forall i < j : q_i \notin P_{hash})$  and  $q_j \in P_{hash}$  and  $\Gamma_v(q_j) = 1$  **then**

**return** 1

**else**

**return** 0

**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  $\varepsilon, \delta, n$ , 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

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

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  $Time(Gen) = poly(k, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}, n, v, h)$ .

**TODO:** The circuit should return the solutions to puzzles. Then we just need to call circuit  $\Gamma_v$  to eval. it. But there should be an assumption that the circuit always returns a tuple in  $P_{hash}$  and does not ask hint or verification queries on this tuple.

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

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

**Oracle:**  $\Gamma_v^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(g)}, hash, C$

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

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

**If**  $C$  asks a hint query  $q$  **then**

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

**return**  $\perp$

**else**

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

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

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

            ask the verification query  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$

**stop the execution**

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    else
        answer verification query with 0
    return  $\perp$ 

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The key difference between circuits  $C$  and  $\tilde{C}$  is that if  $\tilde{C}$  asks a verification query  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  then  $q \in P_{hash}$ . This means that if  $\tilde{C}$  succeeds then it also succeeds canonically.

**Lemma 1.6** *For fixed  $P^{(g)}$  it is true that*

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

**Proof** We fix the randomness  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$  used in the random experiment  $E$ . Let  $x^{(k)} = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$  be a set of puzzles generated in the random experiment  $E$  for the randomness  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ . If  $C$  succeeds canonically for the set of puzzles  $x^{(k)}$ , then also circuit  $\tilde{C}$  that runs  $C$  on the same set of puzzles succeeds. Using the definition of conditional expectation, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[E^{P^{(g)}, C, hash}(\pi^{(k)}) = 1] &= \sum_{\pi^{(k)} \in \{0,1\}^{kl}} \Pr[E^{P^{(g)}, C, hash}(\tilde{\pi}^{(k)}) = 1 | \pi^{(k)} = \tilde{\pi}^{(k)}] \Pr[\pi^{(k)} = \tilde{\pi}^{(k)}] \\ &\leq \sum_{\pi^{(k)} \in \{0,1\}^{kl}} \Pr[E^{P^{(g)}, \tilde{C}, hash}(\tilde{\pi}^{(k)}) = 1 | \pi^{(k)} = \tilde{\pi}^{(k)}] \Pr[\pi^{(k)} = \tilde{\pi}^{(k)}] \\ &= \Pr[E^{P^{(g)}, \tilde{C}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}) = 1] \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

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

**Oracle:**  $\tilde{C}, g$

**Input:**  $\varepsilon, \delta, n$

**Output:** A circuit  $D$

**If** the number of puzzles to solve equals one **then**  
**return**  $\tilde{C}$

**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  $\pi^*$   
**return**  $Gen(\tilde{C}', g, \varepsilon, \delta, n)$   
 // all estimates are lower than  $(1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$   
**return**  $D^{\tilde{C}}$

**EvaluateSurplus** $(\pi^*, b)$

**For**  $i := 1$  to  $N_k$   
 $(\pi_2, \dots, \pi_k) \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^{(k-1)l}$   
 $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := EvaluatePuzzles(\pi^*, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k)$   
 $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}^i := g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k) - \Pr_{(u_2, \dots, u_k)} [g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1]$   
**return**  $\frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{i=1}^{N_k} \tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}^i$

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

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**TODO:** Circuit  $\tilde{C}$  gets as input puzzle find a nice way to generate the puzzles as it is used in many places in the code. Also make EvaluatePuzzles more general maybe it should take  $\tilde{C}$  as input?

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

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

**Input:** puzzle  $x^*$ , a random bitstring  $r \in \{0, 1\}^*$

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For  $i := 1$  to  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$ 
   $\pi^{(k)} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{kl}$  // read  $k \cdot l$  bits from  $r$ 
   $(c_1, \dots, c_k) := \text{EvaluatePuzzles}(\pi^{(k)})$ 
  If  $g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1$  and  $g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0$ 
     $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k) := \tilde{C}(x^*, x_2, \dots, x_k)$ 
    return  $y_1$ 
return  $\perp$ 

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For  $k = 1$  function  $g(b)$  is either identity or a constant function. If  $g$  is identity then the success probability of  $\tilde{C}$  is at least  $\delta + \varepsilon$  and  $\tilde{C}$  can be directly used to solve a puzzle. If the function  $g$  is constant the statement is vacuously true.

Let  $(q, y_1, \dots, y_k)$  denote the output of  $\tilde{C}$ . Additionally, let us denote by  $c_i = \Gamma_V(q, y_i)$  whether  $(q, y_i)$  is a correct solution for a single puzzle. We define surplus as the following quantity:

$$S_{\pi^*, b} = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(b, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1] - \Pr_{\mu^{(k)}}[g(b, u_2, \dots, u_k) = 1] \quad (0.0.2)$$

The surplus  $S_{\pi^*, b}$  tells us how good the algorithm  $\tilde{C}$  performs when the first puzzle is fixed, and value of  $c_1$  is neglected. The procedure **EvaluateSurplus** returns the estimate for  $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}$ . All puzzles used during obtaining the estimate are generated by **EvaluatePuzzles**. Therefore, it is possible to provide answers for all hint and verification queries. The returned estimate  $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b}$  that differs from  $S_{\pi^*, b}$  by at most  $\frac{\varepsilon}{4k}$  almost surely. Therefore, if  $\tilde{S}_{\pi^*, b} \geq (1 - \frac{3}{4k})\varepsilon$  then with high probability  $S_{\pi^*, b} \geq (1 - \frac{1}{k})\varepsilon$ . In this case we use a new monotone binary function  $g'(b_2, \dots, b_k) := g(b, b_2, \dots, b_k)$ , and fix the first puzzle of  $\tilde{C}$  for the one generated by using the randomness  $\pi^*$ . The new circuit satisfies the conditions of Lemma 1.5 which means that we can use algorithm *Gen* for the new circuit  $\tilde{C}$  and monotone function  $g'$ .

If all estimates are less than  $(1 - \frac{1}{4k})\varepsilon$ , then intuitively  $\tilde{C}$  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  $\tilde{C}$  has high success

probability. It means that in this case the first puzzle has to be correctly solved with substantial probability.

**TODO:** Explain the intuition why it may happen that we still can fail in the case of circuit  $\tilde{D}$ .

We have to show that the success probability when  $Gen$  does not recurse is substantial. We fix a randomness  $\pi^*$  and thus also a puzzle  $x^*$ . For this fixed puzzle using (0.0.2) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[g(1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1] - \Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1] = \\ & \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - (S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.3)$$

**TODO:** Better explain why we can write  $\Pr(g() = 1 \wedge g() = 0)$  as the equivalence for the difference.

From the monotonicity of  $g$  we know that for any set of tuples  $(b_1, \dots, b_k)$  and sets  $G_0 = \{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k) : g(0, b_2, \dots, b_k) = 1\}$ ,  $G_1 = \{(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k) : g(1, b_2, \dots, b_k) = 1\}$  we have  $G_0 \subseteq G_1$ . Hence, we can write (0.0.3):

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[g(1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0] = \\ & \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - (S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}). \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.4)$$

Let  $G_{\mu^{(k)}}$  denote the event  $g(1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0$ , and correspondingly  $G_{\pi^{(k)}} := g(1, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, \pi_2, \dots, \pi_k) = 0$ . Then multiplying and dividing  $\Pr[\Gamma_v^{(g)}(D(x^*, \pi^{(k)})) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*]$  by (0.0.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] &= \frac{\Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*]}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \\ &\quad - \frac{\Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] (S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0})}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.5)$$

If output of circuit  $D(x^*, r) \neq \perp$  then we denote  $c_i := \Gamma_V^i(q, y_i)$ . We can write the first summand of (0.0.5) as

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] = \\ & \Pr_r[D(x^*, r) \neq \perp \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.6)$$

where we make use of the fact that the event  $G_\pi$  implies  $D(x^*, r) \neq \perp$ . We consider two cases. If  $\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}$  then also

$$\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \quad (0.0.7)$$



and in the case when  $\Pr_{\pi^k}[g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0] > \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}$  then circuit  $D$  outputs  $\perp$  only if it fails in all  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$  iterations to find  $\pi^{(k)}$  such that  $g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0$  which happens with probability

$$\Pr_r[D(x^*, r) = \perp \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \leq (1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k})^{\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \quad (0.0.8)$$

We conclude that in both cases we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_r[D(x^*, r) \neq \perp \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ & \geq \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.9)$$

Using definition of conditional probability we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_r[D(x^*, r) \neq \perp \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ & = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \wedge g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \\ & = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \\ & = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \end{aligned}$$

and finally by (0.0.2)

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_r[D(x^*, r) \neq \perp \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[c_1 = 1 \mid G_\pi, \pi_1 = \pi^*] \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[G_\pi \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] \\ & = \Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - S_{\pi^*, 0} - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.10)$$

We insert this result into equation (0.0.5) to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr_{r, \pi}[D(x, r) = 1] = \mathbb{E}_\pi[\Pr_r[D(x, r) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*]] \\ & = \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[ \frac{\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \right] \\ & \quad - \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[ \frac{S_{\pi^*, 0} + \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*](S_{\pi^*, 1} - S_{\pi^*, 0})}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.11)$$

For the second summand we want to show first that almost all estimates all low if we do not recurse. Let assume that

$$\Pr_\pi \left[ \left( S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left( S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right] < 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}, \quad (0.0.12)$$

then the algorithm would recurse almost surely. Therefore, under the assumption that we do not recurse, we have almost surely

$$\Pr_\pi \left[ \left( S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left( S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right] \geq 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{6k}. \quad (0.0.13)$$

Let us define a set

$$\mathbb{X} = \left\{ \pi : \left( S_{\pi, 0} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \wedge \left( S_{\pi, 1} \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon \right) \right\} \quad (0.0.14)$$

and the complement of this set  $\mathbb{X}^c$ . We bound the second summand in (0.0.11)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right] \\ = \mathbb{E}_{\pi \in \mathbb{X}^c} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi = \pi^*](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right] \\ + \mathbb{E}_{\pi \in \mathbb{X}} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi = \pi^*](S_{\pi^*,1} - S_{\pi^*,0}) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (0.0.15)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + \mathbb{E}_{\pi \in \mathbb{X}^c} \left[ S_{\pi^*,0} + \Pr_r[\Gamma_V^{(g)}(D(x^*, r)) = 1 \mid \pi = \pi^*]\left((1 - \frac{1}{2k})\varepsilon - S_{\pi^*,0}\right) \right] \quad (0.0.16)$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} + 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2k} = 1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{3k} \quad (0.0.17)$$

Finally, we insert this result into equation (0.0.11) and make use of the fact

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[g(u) = 1] &= \Pr[(g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1) \vee (g(1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0 \wedge \mu_1 = 1)] \\ &= \Pr[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1] + \Pr[g(1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0] \Pr[\mu_1 = 1] \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\Pr_{r,\pi}[D(x, r) = 1] \geq \mathbb{E}_\pi \left[ \frac{\Pr_{\pi^{(k)}}[g(c) = 1 \mid \pi_1 = \pi^*] - \Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \right]$$

Using the assumptions of Lemma 1.5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_{r,\pi}[D(x, r) = 1] &\geq \frac{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[g(\mu) = 1] + \varepsilon + \Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[g(0, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_k) = 0] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \\ &\geq \frac{\varepsilon + \delta \Pr_{\mu_\delta^{(k)}}[G_\mu] - (1 - \frac{1}{6k})\varepsilon}{\Pr_{\mu_\delta^k}[G_\mu]} \geq \delta + \frac{\varepsilon}{6k} \end{aligned}$$