

**Definition 1.1** *Dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle*

A dynamic weakly verifiable puzzle (DWVP) is defined by a protocol between probabilistic algorithms  $P(\pi)$  and  $S(\rho)$ . The algorithm  $P$ , called a problem poser, takes as input chosen uniformly at random bitstring  $\pi$ . The problem solver  $S$  takes as input a uniform random bitstring  $\rho$ . As the result of the protocols execution between  $P$  and  $S$ ,  $P$  produces circuits  $\Gamma_V$ ,  $\Gamma_H$  and a puzzle  $x \in \{0,1\}^*$ ,  $S$  produces no output. 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 solver  $S$  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 is defined by a protocol between a probabilistic algorithms  $P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)})$  and  $S(\rho)$ , where  $\pi^{(k)} := (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k) \in \{0,1\}^{kl}$  and  $\rho$  are chosen uniformly at random. The protocol execution  $\langle P^{(g)}(\pi^{(k)}), S(\rho^{(k)}) \rangle$  generates sequentially  $k$  independent instances of dynamic weakly verifiable puzzles, where the  $i$ -th instance  $(x_i, \Gamma_V^i, \Gamma_H^i)$  is produced by  $S(\rho)$  interacting with  $P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$ . 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 solver  $S$ , has oracle access to  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}, \Gamma_H^{(k)}$ , and 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  $\Gamma_V^{(g)}(q, y^{(k)}) = 1$ , and has not previously asked for a hint query on this  $q$ .

**TODO:** We abuse notation slightly, by denoting (in the execution of the protocol between) the input of  $C$  as  $C(\rho)$ , in the second phase the  $C$  gets as input  $C(x^{(k)}, \rho)$

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

Solving a  $k$ -wise direct product of DWVP

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**return** 1

**else**

**return 0**

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

For a fixed problem poser  $P^{(1)}$  there exists a probabilistic algorithm  $\text{Gen}(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h)$  which takes as input a solver circuit  $C$  for a  $k$ -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

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

then  $D$  satisfies almost surely

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

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

**Experiment**  $E^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, \text{hash}}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**return 1**

**else**

**return 0**

**Algorithm: FindHash**

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

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

**Input:** A set  $\mathcal{H}$ .

For  $i = 1$  to  $32(h + v)^2/\gamma^2$

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

$\text{count} := 0$

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

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

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 $\rho \xleftarrow{\$} \{0,1\}^*$ 
If  $E^{P^{(g)}, C^{(\cdot, \cdot)}, hash}(\pi^{(k)}, \rho) = 1$  then
     $count := count + 1$ 
If  $\frac{\gamma^2}{32(h+v)^2} count \geq \frac{\gamma}{6(h+v)}$ 
    return  $hash$ 
return  $\perp$ 

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**Algorithm**  $Gen(C, g, \varepsilon, \delta, n, v, h, hash)$

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

**EvalutePuzzles** $(\pi^{(k)})$

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

**Circuit**  $D^{\tilde{C}, P^{(1)}}$

**Oracle:** A circuit  $\tilde{C}$  with the first  $n$  puzzles fixed,  $P^{(1)}$

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

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For  $i := 1$  to  $\frac{6k}{\varepsilon} \log(\frac{6k}{\varepsilon})$ 
   $\pi^{(k)} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{(k-n-1)l}$  //read bits from  $r$ 
   $(c_1, \dots, c_{k-n-1}) := \text{EvaluatePuzzles}(\pi^{(k-n-1)})$ 
  If  $g(1, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 1 \wedge g(0, c_2, \dots, c_k) = 0$ 
    For  $i := 1$  to  $k - n - 1$ 
       $(x_i, \Gamma_V^i, \Gamma_H^i) := P^{(1)}(\pi_i)$ 
       $(q, y_1, \dots, y_{k-n-1}) := \tilde{C}(x^*, x_2, \dots, x_{k-n-1})$ 
    return  $y_1$ 
return  $\perp$ 

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