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# A Simplified version of Bitcoin, implemented in Agda

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## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Context

In 1983, David Chaum created ecash (Panurach, 1996) an anonymous cryptographic eletronic money. This cryptocurrency use RSA blind signatures (Chaum, 1983) to spend transactions. Later, in 1989, David Chaum found an eletronic money corporation called DigiCash Inc. It was declared bankruptcy in 1998.

Adam Back developed a proof-of-work (PoW) scheme for spam control, Hashcash (Back et al., 2002). To send an email, the hash of the content of this email plus a nonce has to have a numerically value smaller than a defined target. So, to create a valide email, the sender (miner) has to spend a considerable CPU resource on it. Because, hash functions produces pratically random values, so the miner has to guess a lot of nonce values before find some nonce that make the hash of the email less than the target value. This idea is used in Bitcoin proof of work, because each block has a nonce guessed by the miner and the hash of the block has to be less than the target value.

Wei Dai propose b-money (Dai, 1998) for the first proposal for distributed digital scarcity. And Hal Finney created Bit Gold (Wallace, 2011), a reusable proof of work for hashcash for its algorithm of proof of work.

In 31 October 2008, Satoshi Nakamoto registered the website “bitcoin.org” and put a link for his paper (Nakamoto et al., 2008) in a cryptography mailing list. In January 2009, Nakamoto released the Bitcoin software as open-source code. The identity of Satoshi Nakamoto is still unknown. Since that time, the total market of Bitcoin came to 330 billions dollars in 17 of December of 2018 when its value reached the historic peak of 20 thousands dollars.

Other cryptocurrencies like Ethereum (Wood et al., 2014), Monero (Noether, 2015) and ZCash (Hopwood, Bowe, Hornby, & Wilcox, 2016) were created after Bitcoin, but Bitcoin is still the cryptocurrency with the biggest market value.

Ethereum is a cryptocurrency that uses account model instead of UTXO used in Bitcoin for its transaction data structure. It uses Solidity as its programming language for smart contracts which resembles Javascript, so it is easier to program in it than in the stack machine programming language of Bitcoin. Ethereum is now transitioning from proof of work (used in Bitcoin) to proof of stake which will be the default proof mechanism of Ethereum 2.0 and will be released in 3 of January of 2020.

Monero and ZCash are both cryptocurrencies that focus on fungibility, privacy and decentralization. Monero uses an obfuscated public ledger, so anyone can send transactions, but nobody can tell the source, amount or destination. Zcash uses the concept of zero-knowledge proof called zk-SNARKs, which guarantee privacy for its users.

## 2 Objectives

### 2.1 History

Cryptocurrencies are used as money and used in smart contracts in a decentralized way. Because of that, it is not possible to revert a transaction or undo the creation of the smart contract. There is no legal framework or agent to solve a problem in case of the existence of a bug. Because of that, it is necessary formal proofs in the cryptocurrency protocol. So it can avoid big financial loss.

In the case of Bitcoin, if there is some problem in the source code, it is possible to fix it using soft or hard forks. In soft fork, there is an upgrade in the software that is compatible with the old software. So it is possible the existence of old and new nodes in the same Bitcoin network. In hard forks, all the nodes should be upgraded at same time. Because the newer version is not compatible with the older one. So it is very dangerous to do this kind of fork. Therefore in Bitcoin, this kind of fork never happened.

For example, in Bitcoin, the uniqueness of transactions IDs were not guaranteed. To fix this problem, it should put the block number in the coinbase transaction. This kind of change was solved in a soft fork named SegWit.

In Ethereum, there was a bug in DAO smart contract. Because of that, malicious

users exploited a vulnerability in it. The total loss of this exploit was 150 million dollars in this day. There was a hard fork to undo most of transactions that exploited this contract. This kind of hard fork violate the principle that smart contracts should be ruled just by algorithms without any human intervention. Because of that, the Ethereum blockchain that has not done the fork become the Ethereum classic. It is the version of Ethereum that has never done a hard fork before.

## 2.2 Proposes

The objective of this work is to give a formal definition of what a cryptocurrency should be. There are some different definitions of a cryptocurrency in this work, but there are some formal proofs that they are the same.

In this work, it is possible to generate proofs transactions from transactions without proofs. This mean that a user can send a simple transaction without he worried to have to proof that the transaction is right to put in the blockchain. In Bitcoin, it happened in the same way. Because the node that has to verifies the transactions.

## 3 Relevant Background

### 3.1 Literature Review

Before this work, there were some research in this field. Beukema (?, ?) was one of the first to try to define a formal specification of Bitcoin. In this work, he defines functions interfaces of Bitcoin and what they should do. Most of these functions define how Bitcoin Network protocol should be. In his work, he does not utilize any programming language with dependent types like Agda or CoQ. He uses mCRL2, a specification programming language.

Orestis Melkonian (Melkonian, 2019) in his masters has done the formal specification of BitML (smart contract language) in Agda. This language can be compiled to Script, the smart contract language of Bitcoin.

Antom Setzel (Setzer, 2018) also contributed for modeling Bitcoin. He coded in Agda the definitions of transactions and transactions tree of Bitcoin. Orestis Melkonian start to formalize Bitcoin Script.

My work tries to extend Antom Setzel model and makes it possible to use Bitcoin protocol from inputs and outputs from plain text. For example, the user send a

transaction in plain text to the software and it validates if it is correct. To use the Antom Setzel model, the user has to send the data and the proof that are both valid.

## 3.2 Agda Introduction

Agda is a dependently typed functional language developed by Norell at Chalmers University of Technology as his PhD Thesis. The current version of Agda is Agda 2.

### 3.2.1 Syntax

In Agda, *Set* is equal to type. In dependent type languages, it is possible to create a function that return a type.

```
bool→Set : (b : Bool) → Set
bool→Set b = if b then ℕ else Bool
```

After the function name, it is two colon (`:`) and the arguments of the function. It is closed by *(name\_of\_argument : type\_of\_argument)*. After all, there is one arrow and the type of the result of the function. This “if, then, else” is not a function built-in in Agda. It is a function defined this way *if\_then\_else\_*.

So it is possible to use this function in the default way.

```
bool→Set-und : Bool → Set
bool→Set-und b = if_then_else_ b ℕ Bool
```

Or use the arguments inside the underscore.

```
bool→Set' : Bool → Set
bool→Set' b = if b then ℕ else Bool
```

The same notation can be done using just arrows without naming the arguments.

Because of dependent types, it is possible to have a type that depend on the input.

It is possible in Agda to do pattern match. So it breaks the input in their possible cases.

```
boolean→Set : (b : Boolean) → Set
boolean→Set true = ℕ
boolean→Set false = Bool
```

To create a new type with different pattern match, it is used data constructor.

```
data Boolean : Set where
  true  : Boolean
  false : Boolean
```

This is another example of *Data Set*, but it depend on the argument.

```
data Vec : ℕ → Set where
  [] : Vec zero
  _::_ : {size : ℕ} → ℕ → Vec size → Vec (suc size)

nil : Vec zero
nil = []

vec-one : Vec (suc zero)
vec-one = zero :: nil
```

*Vector zero* is a type of a vector of size zero, so the only option to construct it is the empty vector. It is constructed from the first constructor. Other types of vectors like *Vector 1* (vector of size one), *Vector 2*, ... can only be constructed by the second constructor. It takes as argument a natural number and a vector and return a vector with size of the last vector plus one.

Records are data types with just one case of pattern match.

```
record Person : Set where
  constructor person
  field
    name : String
    age  : ℕ

agePerson : (person : Person) → ℕ
agePerson (person name age) = age
```

The constructor is the name of data constructor.

Implicits terms are elements that the compiler is smart enough to deduce it. So it is not necessary to put it as argument of the function.

```
id : {A : Set} (x : A) → A
id x = x
```

Implicits arguments are inside  $\{\}$ . In this example, the name of the Set ( $A$ ) can not be omitted (like the second function version of boolean to set), because it is used to say that  $x$  is of type  $A$ .

In case of the function  $id$ , the type of the input can be deduced by the compiler. For example, the only type that  $zero$  can be is Natural.

```
zeroℕ : ℕ
zeroℕ = id zero
```

Functions in Agda can be defined in two ways

```
id-nat : ℕ → ℕ
id-nat x = x

id-nat' : ℕ → ℕ
id-nat' = λ x → x
```

In the first case, the arguments are before equal sign ( $=$ ). In the second way, it is used the lambda abstraction that mean the same thing.

### 3.2.2 Lambda Calculus

Lambda Calculus is a minimalist turing complete programming language with the concept of abstraction, application using binding and substitution. For example,  $x$  is a variable,  $(\lambda x.M)$  is an Abstraction and  $(M N)$  is an Application.

In Lambda Calculus, there are two types of conversions  $\alpha$ -conversion and  $\beta$ -reduction. In  $\alpha$ -conversion,  $(\lambda x.M[x]) \rightarrow (\lambda y.M[y])$ . So in every free variable in  $M$  will be renamed from  $x$  to  $y$ . For  $M[x] = x$ , an  $\alpha$ -conversion is  $(\lambda x.x) \rightarrow (\lambda y.y)$

A free variable is every variable that is not bind outside. For example,  $((\lambda x.\text{blue } x)\text{red } x)$ . The **blue**  $x$  is binded for the **green**  $x$ , but the **red**  $x$  is not binded for any function. So the **red**  $x$  is a free variable.

In  $\beta$ -reduction, it replaces the all free for the expression in the application. The  $\beta$ -reduction of this expression  $((\lambda x.M)N) \rightarrow (M[x := N])$ . So if  $M = x$ , the  $\beta$ -reduction will be  $((\lambda x.x)N) \rightarrow N$ . If  $M = (\lambda x.x)x$ , the  $\beta$ -reduction will be  $(\lambda x.((\lambda x.x)x))N \rightarrow (\lambda x.x)N$ .

Agda uses typed lambda calculus. So in an application  $(M N)$ ,  $M$  has to be of type  $A \Rightarrow B$  and  $N$  has to be of type  $A$ .  $(\lambda(x : A).x)$  is of type  $A \Rightarrow A$ , because  $x$  is of type  $A$ .



```

id : {A : Set} → A → A
id = λ x → x

```

The simplest function is the identity function made in Agda.

```

id' : {A : Set} → A → A
id' x = x

```

This is another way of writing the same function.

```

true : {A : Set} → A → A → A
true x y = x

```

```

false : {A : Set} → A → A → A
false x y = y

```

This is how true and false are encoded in lambda calculus.

```

zero : {A : Set} → (A → A) → A → A
zero suc z = z

```

```

one : {A : Set} → (A → A) → A → A
one suc z = suc z

```

```

two : {A : Set} → (A → A) → A → A
two suc z = suc (suc z)

```

This is how natural numbers are defined in lambda calculus. Look that the definition of zero looks like the definition of false.

```

isZero : {A : Set} → ((A → A) → A → A) → (A → A → A)
isZero n true false = n (λ _ → false) true

```

```

isZero-zero : {A : Set} → Result (isZero {A} zero)
isZero-zero = res (λ true false → true)

```

```

isZero-two : {A : Set} → Result (isZero {A} two)
isZero-two = res (λ true false → false)

```

Defining natural numbers in this way, it is possible to say if a natural number is zero or not.

```

plus : {A : Set} → ((A → A) → A → A)
plus → ((A → A) → A → A)

```

$$\rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)$$

$$\text{plus } n \ m = \lambda \text{ suc } z \rightarrow n \ \text{suc} \ (m \ \text{suc} \ z)$$

$$\_+_\_ : \{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)$$

$$\rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)$$

$$\rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)$$

$$\_+_\_ \ n \ m \ \text{suc} \ z = n \ \text{suc} \ (m \ \text{suc} \ z)$$

Plus is defined this way using lambda calculus.

$$\text{one+one} : \{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result} \ (\_+_\_ \ \{A\} \ \text{one} \ \text{one})$$

$$\text{one+one} = \text{res} \ (\lambda \text{ suc } z \rightarrow \text{suc} \ (\text{suc} \ z))$$

This is one example of the calculation of one plus one in Lambda Calculus.

$$\text{emptyList} : \{A \ \text{List} : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}) \rightarrow \text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}$$

$$\text{emptyList} \ \_ :: \_ \ \text{nil} = \text{nil}$$

$$\text{natList} : \{A \ \text{List} : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}) \rightarrow \text{List} \rightarrow \text{List}$$

$$\text{natList} \ \_ :: \_ \ \text{nil} = \text{one} :: (\text{two} :: \text{nil})$$

This is how lists are defined in Lambda Calculus.

$$\text{sumList} : \{A \ \text{List} : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result} \ (\text{natList} \ \{A\} \ \{(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A\} \ \_+_\_ \ \text{zero})$$

$$\text{sumList} = \text{res} \ (\lambda \text{ suc } z \rightarrow \text{suc} \ (\text{suc} \ (\text{suc} \ z)))$$

Substituting the cons operation of list per plus and nil list to zero, it is possible to calculate the sum of the list.

$$\text{left} : \{A \ B \ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$$

$$\text{left} \ x \ f \ g = f \ x$$

$$\text{right} : \{A \ B \ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$$

$$\text{right} \ x \ f \ g = g \ x$$

In this way, it is possible to define *Either*. It is one way to create a type that can be a Natural or a Boolean.

$$\text{zero-left} : \{A \ B \ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$$

$$\text{zero-left} = \text{left} \ \text{zero}$$

$$\text{one-left} : \{A \ B \ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$$

$$\text{one-left} = \text{left} \ \text{one}$$

`false-right` :  $\{A\ B\ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \rightarrow ((B \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$   
`false-right` = `right false`

`true-right` :  $\{A\ B\ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow C) \rightarrow ((B \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$   
`true-right` = `right true`

In these examples, it is defined zero, one in left and false, true in right.

`zero-isZero` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result } (\text{zero-left } \{A\} \text{ isZero id})$   
`zero-isZero` = `res` ( $\lambda \text{ true false} \rightarrow \text{true}$ )

`one-isZero` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result } (\text{one-left } \{A\} \text{ isZero id})$   
`one-isZero` = `res` ( $\lambda \text{ true false} \rightarrow \text{false}$ )

`false-id` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result } (\text{false-right } \{(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A\} \text{ isZero id})$   
`false-id` = `res` ( $\lambda \text{ true false} \rightarrow \text{false}$ )

`true-id` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result } (\text{true-right } \{(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A\} \text{ isZero id})$   
`true-id` = `res` ( $\lambda \text{ true false} \rightarrow \text{true}$ )

*Either* is useful when defining one function that works for left and another that works for the right. The function chosen for left was if a natural number is zero and the function chosen for right was if the identity function.

`tuple` :  $\{A\ B\ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$   
`tuple`  $x\ y\ f = f\ x\ y$

This way is how tuple is defined in Lambda Calculus.

`zero-false` :  $\{A\ B\ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$   
`zero-false` = `tuple zero false`

`one-true` :  $\{A\ B\ C : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow C) \rightarrow C$   
`one-true` = `tuple one true`

This is how is defined the tuple zero false and the tuple one true.

`add-true` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A)$   
`add-true`  $n\ b\ \text{suc}\ z = b\ (\text{suc } (n\ \text{suc } z))\ (n\ \text{suc } z)$

`add-zero-false` :  $\{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Result } (\text{zero-false } \{(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \rightarrow A\} \text{ add-true})$

```

add-zero-false = res (λ suc z → z)

add-one-true : {A : Set} → Result (one-true {(A → A) → A → A} add-true)
add-one-true = res (λ suc z → suc (suc z))

```

This is one way of defining a function that add one if the first element of tuple is true.

### 3.2.3 Martin-Löf type theory

Agda also provides a proof assistance based on intentional Martin-Löf type theory.

In Martin-Löf type theory, there are 3 finite types and 5 constructors types. The 0 type contain 0 terms, it is called empty type and it is written bot.

```

data ⊥ : Set where

⊥-elim : {A : Set} (bot : ⊥) → A
⊥-elim ()

```

The 1 type is the type with just 1 canonical term and it represents existence. It is called unit type and it is written top.

```

data ⊤ : Set where
  tt : ⊤

```

The 2 type contains 2 canonical terms. It represents a choice between two values.

```

data Either {l : Level} (A : Set l) (B : Set l) : Set l where
  left : (l : A) → Either A B
  right : (r : B) → Either A B

Either-elim : {l l2 : Level} {A B : Set l} {motive : (eab : Either A B) → Set l2}
  (target : Either A B)
  (on-left : (l : A) → (motive (left l)))
  (on-right : (r : B) → (motive (right r)))
  -----
  → motive target
Either-elim (left l) onleft onright = onleft l
Either-elim (right r) onleft onright = onright r

```

The Boolean Type is defined using the Trivial type and the Either type.

```
Bool : Set
Bool = Either ⊤ ⊤
```

If statement is defined using booleans.

```
if _ then _ else _ : {l : Level} {A : Set} l (b : Bool) (tRes fRes : A) → A
if b then tRes else fRes = Either-elim b (λ _ → tRes) λ _ → fRes
```

### 3.2.4 Types Constructors

The sum-types contain an ordered pair. The second type can depend on the first type. It has the same meaning of exist.

```
data ∑ (A : Set) (B : A → Set) : Set where
  ⟨_,_⟩ : (x : A) → B x → ∑ A B

∑-elim : ∀ {A : Set} {B : A → Set} {C : Set}
  → (∀ x → B x → C)
  → ∑ A B
  -----
  → C
∑-elim f ⟨ x , y ⟩ = f x y
```

The  $\pi$ -types contain functions. So given an input type, it will return an output type. It has the same meaning of a function:

```
∀-elim : ∀ {A : Set} {B : A → Set}
  (L : ∀ (x : A) → B x)
  (M : A)
  -----
  → B M
∀-elim L M = L M
```

In Inductive types, it is a self-referential type. Naturals numbers are examples of that:

```
data ℕ : Set where
  zero : ℕ
  suc : ℕ → ℕ
```

Other data structs like linked list of natural numbers, trees, graphs are inductive types too.

Proofs in inductive types are made by induction.

```

N-elim : (target : ℕ) (motive : (ℕ → Set)) (base : motive zero)
  (step : (n : ℕ) → motive n → motive (suc n) ) → motive target
N-elim zero motive base step = base
N-elim (suc target) motive base step = step target (N-elim target motive base step)

```

Universe types are created to allow proofs written in all types. For example, the type of *Nat* is *U0*.

It looks like CoQ, but does not have tactics. Agda is a total language, so it is guaranteed that the code always terminates and covers all inputs. Agda needs it to be a consistent language.

Agda has inductive data types that are similar to algebraic data types in non-dependently typed programming language. The definition of Peano numbers in Agda is:

```

data ℕ : Set where
  zero : ℕ
  suc : ℕ → ℕ

```

Definitions in Agda are done using induction. For example, the sum of two numbers in Agda:

```

_+_ : ℕ → ℕ → ℕ
zero +' m = m
suc n +' m = suc (n + m)

```

In Agda, because of dependent types, it is possible to make some restrictions in types that is not possible in other language. For example, get the first element of a vector. For it, it is necessary to specify in the type that the vector should have at size greater or equal than that one.

```

head : {A : Set} {n : ℕ} (vec : Vector A (suc n)) → A
head (x :: vec) = x

```

Another good example is that in sum of two matrices, they should have the same dimensions.

```

_+m_ : {m n : ℕ} (P Q : Matrix ℕ m n) → Matrix ℕ m n
[] +m [] = []
(vx :: P) +m (vy :: Q) = (vx +v vy) :: (P +m Q)

```

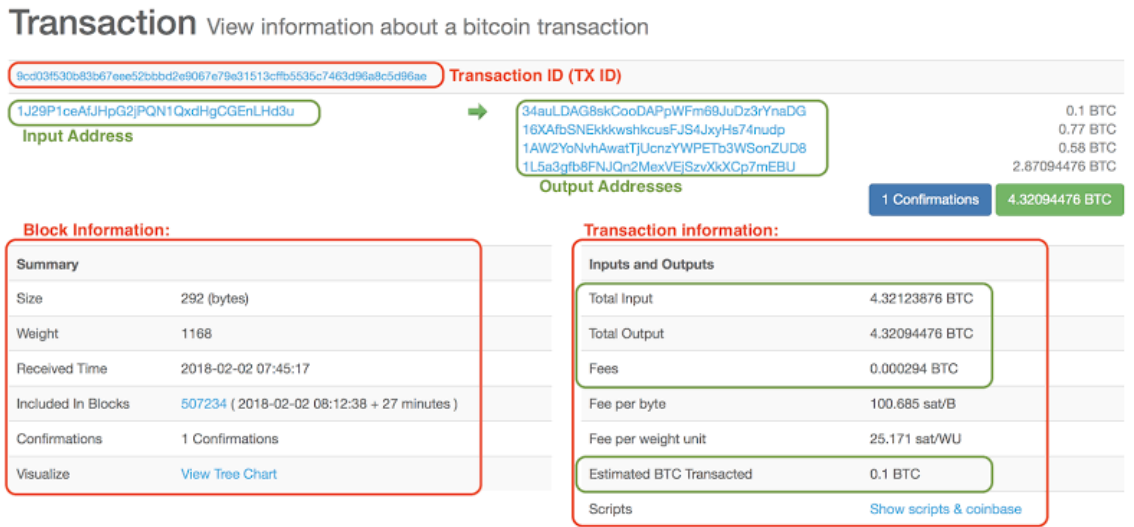


Figure 1: transactions1

### 3.3 Bitcoin

The Bitcoin was made to be a peer to peer eletronic cash. It was made in one way that users can save and verify transactions without the need of a trusted party. Because of that no authority or government can block the Bitcoin.

Transactions in Bitcoins (like in FIG1) are an array of input of previous transactions and an array of outputs. Each input and output is an address, each address is made from public key that is made from a private key.

A private key is a big number. It is so big that it is almost impossible to generate two identicals private key.

The public key is generated from private key (like in FIG2 where account number is  $f(p)$ ), but a private key can not be generate from a public key.

The mining transaction does require an input. For each input of the transaction, it is necessary a signature signed with a private key (like in FIG2 where signature is  $f(p,t)$ ) to prove the ownership of the Bitcoins. With the message and the signature, it is possible to know that the owner of the private key that generates the public key signed this message.

With the signature and the public key, it is not possible to know the private key. In FIG2, the checker is a  $f(t,s,a)$ . So because of that, the owner of the private key can sign several messages without anyone knows his private key.

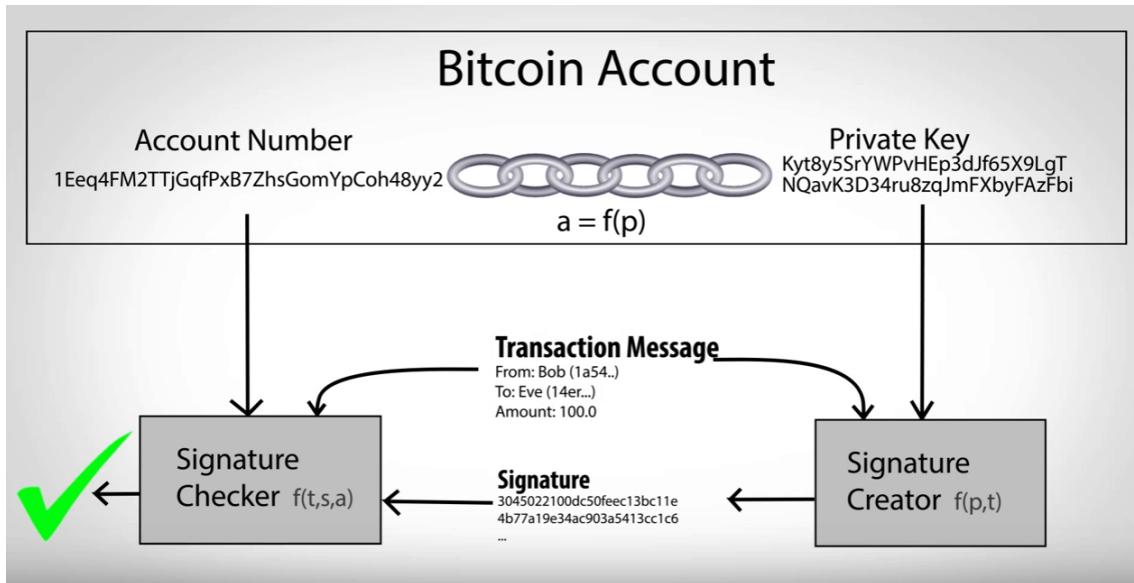


Figure 2: privatekey

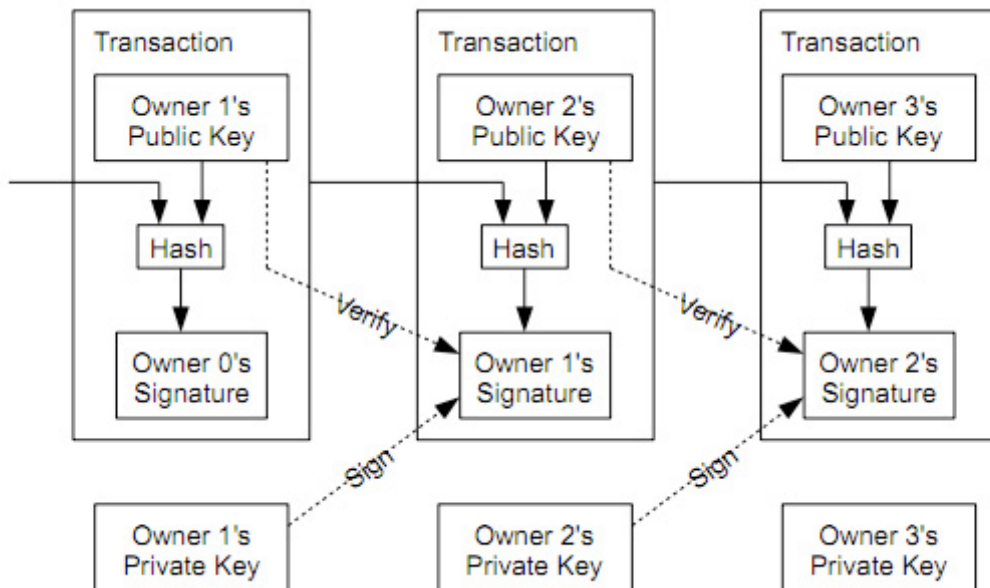


Figure 3: transactions2



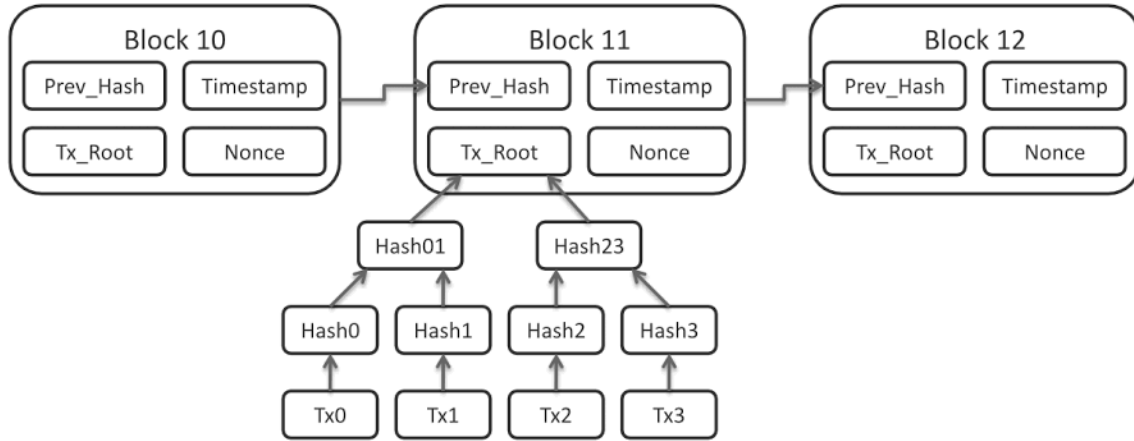


Figure 4: blockchain

Transactions (shown in FIG3) are grouped in a block (shown in FIG4). Each block contains in its header the timestamp of its creation, the hash of the block, the previous hash and a nonce. A nonce is an arbitrary value that the miner has to choose to make the hash of the block respect some specific characteristics.

Each block has a size limit of 1 MB. Because of that, Bitcoin forms a blockchain (an chain of blocks). Each block should be created in an average of 10 minutes. This time was chosen because 10 minutes is enough to propagate the block throughout the world. To make the blockchain tamper-proof, there is a concept called proof of work in Bitcoin. So the miner has to choose a random value as nonce that makes the hash of the block less than a certain value. This value is chosen in a way that each block should be generated in 10 minutes in average. If the value is too low, miners will take more time to find a nonce that makes the hash block less than the target. If it is too high, it will be easier to find a nonce and they will find it faster.

When two blocks are mined in nearly the same time, there are two valid blockchains. It is because the last block in both blockchains is valid but different. Because of this problem, in Bitcoin protocol, the largest chain is always the right chain. While two valid chains have the same size, it is not possible to know which chain is the right. This situation is called fork and when it happens, it is necessary to wait to see in which chain the new block will be.

In Bitcoin, there is a possibility of 51% attack. It happens when some miner, with more power than all network, mines secretly the blocks. So if the main network has 50 blocks, the miner could produce hidden blocks from 46 to 55 and he would have 10 hidden blocks from the network. When he shows their hidden blocks, his chain becomes the valid chain, because it is bigger. So all transactions from previous

blockchain from 46 to 50 blocks become invalid. Because of that, when someone make a big transaction in the blockchain, it is a good idea to wait more time. So it is becoming harder and harder to make a 51% with more time. Bitcoin has the highest market value nowadays, so attacking the Bitcoin network is very expensive. Nowadays, this kind of attack is more common in new altcoins.

Wallet (shown in 6) is a software that track all transactions that the users received and sent. It also make new transactions from previous received transactions.

### 3.4 Ethereum

Ethereum differs from Bitcoin in having an Ethereum Virtual Machine (EVM) to run script code. EVM is a stack machine and turing complete while Bitcoin Script is not (it is impossible to do loops and recursion in Bitcoin).

Transactions in Bitcoin are all stored in blockchain. In Ethereum, just the hash of it is stored in it. So it is saved in off chain database. Because of that, it is possible to save more information in Ethereum Blockchain.

In Bitcoin, the creator of the contract as to pay the amount proportional to its size. In Ethereum, it is different, there is a concept of gas. Each smart contract in Ethereum is made by a serie of instructions. Each instruction consume different computational effort. Because of that, in Ethereum, there is a concept of gas, that measure how much computational effort each instruction needs. So in each smart contract, it is well know how much computational effort will be necessary to run it and it is measured in gas. Because computational effort is a scarce resource, to execute the smart contract, it is necessary to pay an amount in Ether for each gas to the miner run it. Smart contracts that pay more ether per gas run first, because the miner will want to have the best profit and they will pick them. If the amount of ether per gas payed is not high enough, the contract will not be executed, because there are some other contracts that pay more that will be executed instead of this one.

Because Ethereum has its own EVM with more instructions than Bitcoin and it is Turing Complete, its considered less secure. Ethereum has its own high level programming language called Solidity that looks like Javascript.

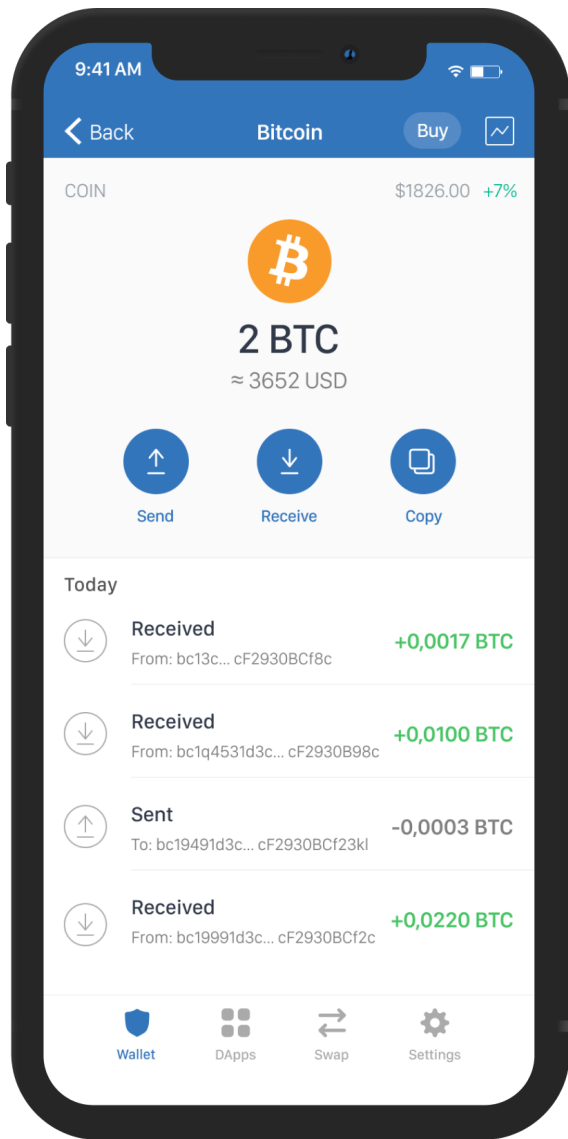


Figure 5: wallet



Figure 6: account

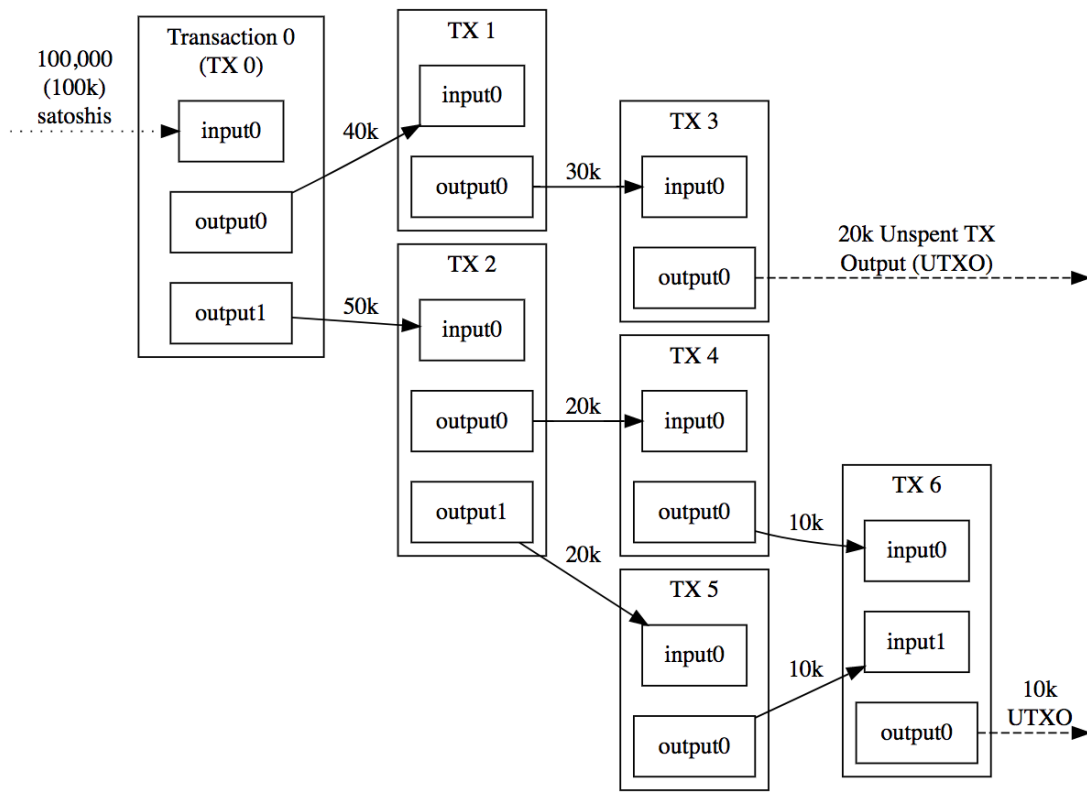
## 4 Bitcoin UTXO

The UTXO model used in Bitcoin and the account model used in Ethereum are the two most used kinds of data structures to model accounts records and savings states.

In account model, it is saved the address and the balance of each address (like in FIG6). For example, the data structure will look like this [(0xabc01, 1.01), (0xabc02, 2.02)]. So the address 0xabc01 has 1.01a of balance and the address 0xabc02 has 2.02 of balance. In this way, it is possible to easily know how much of balance each address has, but it is not possible to know how they got in this state.

In UTXO model (shown in FIG7), each transaction is saved in the transaction tree. Every transaction is composed of multiples inputs and multiples outputs. But all inputs have to never been spent before.

Because of that, in UTXO model, it is easy to make a new transaction from previous one, but it is harder to know how much each one has. The wallet that calculate how much balance each address has.



Triple-Entry Bookkeeping (Transaction-To-Transaction Payments) As Used By Bitcoin

Figure 7: utxo

In account model, there could be one kind of vulnerability that is less probable to happen in UTXO model. Because there is an undesirable intermediary state that there is some address without balance while another has not already received his money.

For example:

**bobBalance -= 1**

**Intermediary State**

**aliceBalance += 1**

In account model, it is straight forward to know how much balance each address has. In UTXO model, this calculation is made offchain. It can be a good thing, because each user has more privacy.

## 5 Cripto Functions

The first thing that we define are the crypto functions that will be needed to make the cryptocurrency. Messages can be defined in multiple ways, one array of bytes, one string or a natural number. Messages in this context means some data.

Private key is a number, a secret that someone has. In Bitcoin, the private key is a 256-bit number. Private key is used to signed messages.

Public key is generated from private key. But getting private key from public key is impossible. To verify who signed a message with a private key, he has to show the public key.

Hash is an injection function (the probability of collision is very low). The function is used from a big domain to a small domain. For example, a hash of big file (some GBs) is an integer of just some bytes. It is very useful to prove for example that 2 files are equal. If the hash of two files are equal, so the files are equal. It is used in torrents clients, so it is safe to download a program to untrusted peers, just have to verify if the hash of the file is equal to the hash of the file wanted.

These functions can be defined, but it is not the purpose of this theses. So they will be just postulates.

```

postulate _priv≡pub_ : PrivateKey → PublicKey → Set
postulate publicKey2Address : PublicKey → Address
postulate Signed : Msg → PublicKey → Signature → Set
postulate Signed? : (msg : Msg) (pk : PublicKey) (sig : Signature)
                    → Dec $ Signed msg pk sig

```

```

postulate hashMsg : Msg → Hashed
postulate hash-inj : ∀ m n → hashMsg m ≡ hashMsg n → m ≡ n

record SignedWithSigPbk (msg : Msg)(address : Address) : Set where
  field
    publicKey    : PublicKey
    pbkCorrect   : publicKey2Address publicKey ≡ address
    signature    : Signature
    signed       : Signed msg publicKey signature

```

## 6 Transactions

In Bitcoin, there are some transactions. In each transactions, there are multiple inputs and outputs. Each input is named `TXFieldWithId`. The input of one transaction is the output of another transaction. Firsts outputs are generated from coinbase transaction (there is just one of this transaction at each block). Coinbase transactions are the miner reward.

```

data VectorOutput : (time : Time) (size : Nat) (amount : Amount) → Set where
  el : ∀ {time : Time}
    (tx : TXFieldWithId)
    (sameId : TXFieldWithId.time tx ≡ time)
    (elStart : TXFieldWithId.position tx ≡ zero)
    → VectorOutput time 1 (TXFieldWithId.amount tx)

cons : ∀ {time : Time} {size : Nat} {amount : Amount}
  (listOutput : VectorOutput time size amount)
  (tx : TXFieldWithId)
  (sameId : TXFieldWithId.time tx ≡ time)
  (elStart : TXFieldWithId.position tx ≡ size)
  → VectorOutput time (suc size) (amount + TXFieldWithId.amount tx)

```

Vector output is the vector of outputs transactions. It is a non empty vector. In its representation, it is possible to know in what time it was created (time is the position of they in all transactions), what is his size (quantity of outputs fields) and the total amount spend in this transaction,

`elStart` is a proof that the position of `TXFieldWithId` is the last one. It is used after to specify wich input is in the transaction.

```

record TXSigned
  {time    : Time}
  {outSize : Nat}
  {outAmount : Amount}
  (inputs  : List TXFieldWithId)
  (outputs : VectorOutput time outSize outAmount) : Set where
  constructor txsig
  field
    nonEmpty : NonNil inputs
    signed    : All
      (λ input →
        SignedWithSigPbk (txEls→MsgVecOut input outputs)
          (TXFieldWithId.address input))
      inputs
    in≥out : txFieldList→TotalAmount inputs ≥ outAmount

```

A signed transaction is composed of a non empty list of inputs and outputs. For each input, there is a signature that confirms that he accepted every output in the list of outputs. And in the transaction, there is a proof that the total amount of money in all inputs are bigger than the total amount of outputs. The remainder will be used by the miner.

## 7 Transaction Tree

Transaction tree is one of most important data structures in Bitcoin. In the transaction tree, there are all unspent transaction outputs (UTXO). In every new transaction, the UTXOs used as input is removed from transaction tree.

```

mutual
  data TXTree : (time : Time) (block : Nat)
    (outputs : List TXFieldWithId)
    (totalFees : Amount)
    (qtTransactions : tQtTxs) → Set where

  genesisTree : TXTree (nat zero) zero [] zero zero
  txtree :
    {block : Nat} {time : Time}
    {outSize : Nat} {amount : Amount}
    {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}

```



```

    {outputTX : VectorOutput time outSize amount}
    {totalFees : Amount} {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
    (tree : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions)
    (tx : TX {time} {block} {inputs} {outSize} tree outputTX)
    (proofLessQtTX :
      Either
        (IsTrue (lessNat (finToNat qtTransactions) totalQtSub1))
        (isCoinbase tx))
  → TXTree (sucTime time)
    (nextBlock tx)
    (inputsTX tx ++ VectorOutput→List outputTX)
    (incFees tx) (incQtTx tx proofLessQtTX)

```

In this implementation, time is the number of the transactions in TXTree. Block is related in which block the transaction tree is. After every new coinbase transaction (the miner transaction), the block size increment in one quantity. Total fees are how much the miner will have in fee of transactions if he makes a block with these transactions. Quantity of transactions is how many transactions there are in the current block. The type is tQtTxs instead of a natural number, because in this implementation, each block can has a number maximum of transactions. In Bitcoin, it is different, each block has a limit size in space of 1 MB.

Genesis tree is the first case. It is when the crypto currency was created. txtree is created from another tree. proofLessQtTX is a proof that the last transaction tree has its block size less than the maximum block size minus one or it is a coinbase transaction. It is because, it is necessary to verify the size of the last txtree so it will not have the size greater than the maximum.

```

data TX {time : Time} {block : Nat} {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}
  {outSize : Nat} {outAmount : Amount}
  {totalFees : Nat} {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
: (tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions)
  (outputs : VectorOutput time outSize outAmount) → Set where
normalTX :
  (tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions)
  (SubInputs : SubList inputs)
  (outputs : VectorOutput time outSize outAmount)
  (txSigned : TXSigned (sub→list SubInputs) outputs)
  → TX tr outputs
coinbase :
  (tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions)

```

```

(outputs : VectorOutput time outSize outAmount)
(pAmountFee : outAmount out≡Fee totalFees +RewardBlock block)
→ TX tr outputs

```

TX is related to the transaction done in the crypto currency. There are two kinds of transaction. Coinbase transaction is the transaction done by the miner. In coinbase, they have just outputs and do not have any input. pAmountFee is a proof that the output of coinbase transaction is equal to the total fees plus a block reward.

Another kind of transaction is the normalTX, a regular transaction. SubInputs are a sub list of all unspent transaction outputs of the previous transaction tree. Outputs are the new unspent transaction from this transaction. So who receive the amount from this transaction can spend it after. TxSigned is the signature that proves that every owner of each input approve this transaction. In TxSigned, there is a proof that the output amount is greater than the input amount too.

```

isCoinbase : ∀ {block : Nat} {time : Time}
  {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}
  {outSize : Nat} {amount : Amount}
  {totalFees : Nat} {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
  {tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions}
  {outputs : VectorOutput time outSize amount}
  (tx : TX {time} {block} {inputs} {outSize} tr outputs)
→ Set
isCoinbase (normalTX _ _ _ _) = ⊥
isCoinbase (coinbase _ _ _) = ⊤

```

This function just return trivial type if coinbase and bot type if not.

```

nextBlock : ∀ {block : Nat} {time : Time}
  {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}
  {outSize : Nat} {amount : Amount}
  {totalFees : Nat} {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
  {tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions}
  {outputs : VectorOutput time outSize amount}
  (tx : TX {time} {block} {inputs} {outSize} tr outputs)
→ Nat
nextBlock (normalTX genesisTree _ _ _) = zero
nextBlock {block} (normalTX (txtree _ (normalTX _ _ _ _)) _ _ _) = block
nextBlock {block} (normalTX (txtree _ (coinbase _ _ _)) _ _ _) = suc block
nextBlock (coinbase genesisTree _ _) = zero

```

```

nextBlock {block} (coinbase (txtree _ (normalTX _ _ _ _) _) _ _) = block
nextBlock {block} (coinbase (txtree _ (coinbase _ _ _ _) _) _ _) = suc block

```

If it is a normal transaction, the block continue the same. If it is a coinbase transaction, the next transaction will be in a new block.

```

incQtTx : ∀ {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
  {block : Nat} {time : Time}
  {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}
  {outSize : Nat} {amount : Amount}
  {totalFees : Nat}
  {tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions}
  {outputs : VectorOutput time outSize amount}
  (tx : TX {time} {block} {inputs} {outSize} tr outputs)
  (proofLessQtTX :
    Either
      (IsTrue (lessNat (finToNat qtTransactions) totalQtSub1))
      (isCoinbase tx))
  → tQtTxs
incQtTx {qt} (normalTX _ _ _ _) (left pLess) =
  natToFin (suc (finToNat qt)) {{pLess}}
incQtTx {qt} (normalTX _ _ _ _) (right ())
incQtTx (coinbase _ _ _ _) _ = zero

```

This function is to increment the quantity of transaction in the block. It has to receive a proof that the quantity of transaction that was before this new transaction was less than then maximum quantity of transaction allowed. So it is guaranteed that the quantity of transactions will never be greater than the maximum allowed. If it is a coinbase transaction, it will be a new block. So the quantity of transactions start being zero.

```

incFees : ∀ {block : Nat} {time : Time}
  {inputs : List TXFieldWithId}
  {outSize : Nat} {amount : Amount}
  {totalFees : Amount} {qtTransactions : tQtTxs}
  {tr : TXTree time block inputs totalFees qtTransactions}
  {outputs : VectorOutput time outSize amount}
  (tx : TX {time} {block} {inputs} {outSize} tr outputs)
  → Amount
incFees {__} {__} {__} {__} {amount} {totalFees}
  (normalTX _ SubInputs _ (txsig _ _ in ≥ out)) =

```

```

txFieldList→TotalAmount (sub→list SubInputs)
- amount p ≥ in ≥ out
+ totalFees
incFees (coinbase tr outputs _) = zero

```

IncFee is a function that increment how much fee the miner will receive. If it is a coinbase transaction, the fee will be received by the miner, so the next miner will not receive this previous fee. Because of that, the new fee will start from zero. If it is a normal transaction, the newest fee will be the amount of input of the transaction minus the output of this trasaction plus the last fee of previous transactions.

```

_out≡Fee_+RewardBlock_ : (amount : Amount)
  (totalFees : Amount)
  (block : Nat) → Set
amount out≡Fee totalFees +RewardBlock block =
  amount ≡ totalFees + blockReward block

```

outFee+RewardBlock is a proof that the amount of output transactions is equal to total fees of others transactions plus the block reward.

## 8 Blockchain

Block is a chain of transaction that is added in Bitcoin blockchain in every ten minutes. Each block consist of serveral transactions and a miner transaction. This is how block in defined in this work:

```

record Block
  {block1 : Nat}
  {time1 : Time}
  {outputs1 : List TXFieldWithId}
  {totalFees1 : Amount}
  {qtTransactions1 : tQtTxs}
  (txTree1 : TXTree time1 block1 outputs1 totalFees1 qtTransactions1)

  {time2 : Time}
  {outputs2 : List TXFieldWithId}
  {totalFees2 : Amount}
  {qtTransactions2 : tQtTxs}
  (txTree2 : TXTree time2 block1 outputs2 totalFees2 qtTransactions2)

```

```

: Set where
constructor blockc
field
  nxTree : nextTXTree txTree1 txTree2
  fstBlock : firstTreesInBlock txTree1
  sndBlockCoinbase : coinbaseTree txTree2

```

nextTXTree assure that the second transaction tree is from the first transaction tree. firstTreesInBlock guarantee that the last transaction in the first transaction tree is the first in the block. coinbaseTree assure that the last transaction in the second transaction tree is a coinbase transaction.

Blockchain is a chain of valid blocks. Every new block must be a continuation of the previous one. Here is the definition of the blockchain:

```

data Blockchain :
  {block1 : Nat}
  {time1 : Time}
  {outputs1 : List TXFieldWithId}
  {totalFees1 : Amount}
  {qtTransactions1 : tQtTxs}
  {txTree1 : TXTree time1 block1 outputs1 totalFees1 qtTransactions1}

  {time2 : Time}
  {outputs2 : List TXFieldWithId}
  {totalFees2 : Amount}
  {qtTransactions2 : tQtTxs}
  {txTree2 : TXTree time2 block1 outputs2 totalFees2 qtTransactions2}
  (block : Block txTree1 txTree2)
→ Set where
  fstBlock :
    {block1 : Nat}
    {time1 : Time}
    {outputs1 : List TXFieldWithId}
    {totalFees1 : Amount}
    {qtTransactions1 : tQtTxs}
    {txTree1 : TXTree time1 block1 outputs1 totalFees1 qtTransactions1}

    {time2 : Time}
    {outputs2 : List TXFieldWithId}
    {totalFees2 : Amount}

```

```

{qtTransactions2 : tQtTxs}
{txTree2 : TXTree time2 block1 outputs2 totalFees2 qtTransactions2}
(block : Block txTree1 txTree2)
→ Blockchain block

addBlock :
{block-p1 : Nat}
{time-p1 : Time}
{outputs-p1 : List TXFieldWithId}
{totalFees-p1 : Amount}
{qtTransactions-p1 : tQtTxs}
{txTree-p1 : TXTree time-p1 block-p1 outputs-p1 totalFees-p1 qtTransactions-p1}

{time-p2 : Time}
{outputs-p2 : List TXFieldWithId}
{totalFees-p2 : Amount}
{qtTransactions-p2 : tQtTxs}
{txTree-p2 : TXTree time-p2 block-p1 outputs-p2 totalFees-p2 qtTransactions-p2}
{block-p : Block txTree-p1 txTree-p2}
(blockchain : Blockchain block-p)

{outSize : Nat}
{amount : Amount}
{outputTX : VectorOutput time-p2 outSize amount}
{tx : TX {time-p2} {block-p1} {outputs-p2} {outSize} txTree-p2 outputTX}
{proofLessQtTX :
  Either
    (IsTrue (lessNat (finToNat qtTransactions-p2) totalQtSub1))
    (isCoinbase tx)}

{time2 : Time}
{outputs2 : List TXFieldWithId}
{totalFees2 : Amount}
{qtTransactions2 : tQtTxs}
{txTree2 : TXTree time2 (nextBlock tx) outputs2 totalFees2 qtTransactions2}
(block : Block (txtree txTree-p2 tx proofLessQtTX) txTree2)
→ Blockchain block

```

In the first case, blockchain just has one block, called `fstBlock`. In the second case, the blockchain is an addition of a valid block from a previous blockchain.

## 9 Conclusion

This text has showed the definition of Bitcoin protocol. Definitions of transactions, transactions tree, block and blockchain. In this work, it was also made the code that transform raw transactions in a possible valid transaction, to incorporate it in the transaction tree.

### 9.1 Future work

In this work, there was a code that transform a raw transaction in a possible valid transaction. It is not a decidable function, because there is no definition of what it is an invalid transaction. From future work, it should have a definition of what is an invalid raw transaction. So it will avoid that valid transaction will be discarded.

There is no definition of crypto functions like SHA-256 and elliptic curves in this work. One thing that can be done is importing these functions from some Agda or Haskell packages.

This work does not have any IO operation. So it is not possible to add transactions in the blockchain from command line or from the network.

The cryptocurrency of this work does not have any smart contract. It would be good to define some of them in it.

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