

Secret Sharing Progress

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Report

Perfect Secrecy:

1. Choose a prime p .
2. Choose randomly $a_1, \dots, a_{t-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p$
3. Form $f(x) = D + \sum_{i=1}^{t-1} a_i x^i \mod p$
4. Choose (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) uniformly and randomly from among all permutations of n distinct elements from $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$. Let $D_i = (x_i, d_i)$, where $d_i = f(x_i)$.

How step 4 is done:

Using our previous example $p=7$, thus we randomly choose possible permutations of $(1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6)$. The total permutations will be $6!$. Choosing:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= (1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6) \\x_2 &= (2\ 3\ 1\ 5\ 6\ 4) \\x_3 &= (3\ 2\ 5\ 6\ 4\ 1) \\x_4 &= (6\ 5\ 4\ 3\ 1\ 2)\end{aligned}$$

Using the first three participants:

$$P_1(1, 5), P_2(2, 5), P_3(3, 6)$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &\rightarrow P_1(1, 5), P_2(2, 5), P_3(3, 6) \\x_2 &\rightarrow P_1(1, 6), P_2(2, 6), P_3(3, 4) \\x_3 &\rightarrow P_1(1, 4), P_2(2, 4), P_3(3, 1) \\x_4 &\rightarrow P_1(1, 1), P_2(2, 1), P_3(3, 2)\end{aligned}$$

For example using x_4 we can see:

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(1) &= 6 \\ \alpha(2) &= 5 \\ \alpha(3) &= 4 \\ \alpha(4) &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(5) &= 1 \\ \alpha(6) &= 2\end{aligned}$$

Thus we replace for example $P_1(1, 5)$ with $P_1(1, 1)$ since $\alpha(5) = 1$

$$D_i = (x_i, f(x_i))$$

Calculating using interpolation formula we get:

$$\begin{aligned}D_1 &= 6 \\ D_2 &= 5 \\ D_3 &= 5 \\ D_4 &= 3\end{aligned}$$

Our set of possible secrets is $S = \{6, 5, 3\}$.

Recall our secret was 6. In case the three participants pool their secrets and the result $D_i \notin S$ then cheating occurred. However, it is possible to cheat and get $D_i \in S$. Thus there is a possibility of the cheater going undetected.