

Background

Hi all, we have been studying Proof of Solvency (PoSol) since last month for our centralized exchange (CEX), relying on ZK-SNARKs but not third party auditing. Inspired by the [nice post](#) written by [@vbuterin](#), we decided to refine it and draft a tentative instance of a customized IOP implementation of PoSol mentioned in the post.

hash(username, salt)

is an exclusive tag to each user, construct a vector filled with all users' tags and commit it, which means each user's position slot has been confirmed. Similarly we construct a balances vector, where all elements are listed in the order of tag vector. (We think separately committing is better than combining them into a single vector, as CEXs usually own millions of even billions of users, forcing us to minimize the vector's length to fit size of FFT domain).

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commitment

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After CEX has submitted a validated total balance

with Tag Commitment

and Balance Commitment

on blockchain, user can calculate and verify his own balance

by himself under a KZG polynomial commitment scheme. with given position value

, salt

, tag proof

and balance proof

from CEX.

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interaction

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Circuit

Consider \mathbb{F}

a finite field of prime order. For a given integer n

(n

should be greater than number of users), denote by $N = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

. Define the multiplicative subgroup $H = \{1, \omega, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{n-1}\}$

as the subgroup containing the n

roots of unity in \mathbb{F}

, where ω

is a n -th root of unity and a generator of H

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Define $T = \{t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{n-1}\}$

as users' tags vector of size n

. (use zeros to take up remaining slots). Define $B = \left\{ b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1} \right\}$

as users' balances vector of size n

. (use zeros to take up remaining slots).

Consider $S = \left\{ s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1} \right\}$

as an auxiliary vector. Shift left one unit for each element of S

in loop, we get $S' = \left\{ s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_0 \right\}$

. Define a constant vector $L_0 = \left\{ 1, 0, \dots, 0 \right\}$

. Note that if we force $S' - S = B - m \cdot L_0$

at the vector level, whatever elements in S

are, it must satisfy $m = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i$

, which is the balance sum that we want to declare.

Now we can construct an instance $S = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i, b_0, b_0 + b_1, \dots, \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} b_i \right\}$

, which satisfies $S' - S = B - m \cdot L_0$

. That's an endpoint for us to build a PoSol proving scheme.

Polynomial Format

Denote by $f(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq l}[X]$

that degree of polynomial $f(X)$

over \mathbb{F}

is no more than l

. Define the i -th Lagrange polynomial $L_i(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n}[X]$

, where $i \in \mathbb{N}$

. Define vanishing polynomial $Z_H(X) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (X - \omega^i) = X^n - 1$

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Transform T

, B

and S

to polynomials by inverse FFT over H

, we got $T(X)$

, $B(X)$

and $S(X)$

, and S'

corresponds to $S(\omega X)$

. Moreover, consider the first Lagrange polynomial $L_0(X)$

, which has the property of taking value 1

at $x=1$

while taking value 0

at any other elements in H

. According to the above discussion, we have a polynomial equation at all elements in H

:

$$S(\omega X) - S(X) = B(X) - m \cdot L_0(X), \quad \forall X \in H$$

We can write this more reasonably as a polynomial division format:

$$Z_H(X) \mid S(\omega X) - S(X) - B(X) + m \cdot L_0(X)$$

Range Constraint

The CEX could set remaining elements in B

negative (because no one can check these special padding balances) to reduce the declared balance sum m

and be evil. That's why Vitalik says there needs a non-negative proof. Hereby we give a brief introduction to an elegant solution for continuous ranges proposed in Plookup protocol.

Define $t = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

as a lookup-table vector. Suppose each balance is less than n

(If balance exceeds n

, we can split into multiple n

-decimal representations for repeating), then we just need to prove each element in B

can be found in t

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Let $V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{2n-1}\}$

be the vector that combines (B, t)

and sorted by t

. Denote by $h_1 = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}\}$

and $h_2 = \{v_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_{2n-1}\}$

. h_1

and h_2

can be constrained as following:

- Elements in both h_1

and h_2

must increase step by either 0

or 1

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- The first value in h_1

must be 0

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- The last value in h_1

must be $n-1$

.

- The first value in h_2

subtract the last value in h_1

must be either 0

or 1

.

Then we just need to prove all elements in B

and t

are completely as same as those in h_1

and h_2

, while using a permutation constraint mentioned in Plookup.

Protocol

With the above preparation work, we describe a similar protocol based on KZG commitment referred to the Plonk protocol creation process.

Common Referenced String

n

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$\backslash \text{left} \{ [1]_1, [X]_1, [X^2]_1, \dots, [X^{n+2}]_1 \right\}, [X]_2$

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$t = \text{left} \{ 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \}$

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$\backslash \text{left} [t(X)]_1$

Proving Process

We use transcript

for obtaining random challenges via Fiat-Shamir. Initialize transcript

with n

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Round 0

- Compute tags polynomial commitment $[T(X)]_1$

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- Compute balances sum of all users in field \mathbb{F}

, denote by $m \in \mathbb{F}$

as a public input. Append it into transcript

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Round 1

- Generate random blinding scalars $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_4 \in \mathbb{F}$

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- Compute blinded balance representation polynomial $B(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+1}[X]$, $i < k$

:

$$B(X) = (a_1 X + a_0) Z_H(X) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_{iL_i}(X)$$

- Compute blinded auxiliary polynomial $S(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

:

$$S(X) = (a_4 X^2 + a_3 X + a_2) Z_H(X) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s_{iL_i}(X)$$

- Compute $[B(X)]_1$

and $[S(X)]_1$

. Append them into transcript

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Round 2

- Generate random blinding scalars $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_5 \in \mathbb{F}$

. Compute blinded polynomials $h_1(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

, $h_2(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

:

$$h_1(X) = (c_2 X^2 + c_1 X + c_0) Z_H(X) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_{iL_i}(X)$$

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$$h_2(X) = (c_5 X^2 + c_4 X + c_3) Z_H(X) + \sum_{i=n}^{2n-1} v_{iL_i}(X)$$

- Compute $h_1(X)$

and $h_2(X)$

. Append them into transcript

.

Round 3

- Compute the permutation challenge $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}$

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$$\gamma = \text{Hash}(\text{transcript})$$

- Generate random blinding scalars $d_0, d_1, d_2 \in \mathbb{F}$

. Compute permutation polynomial $z(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

:

$\begin{aligned}$

$$z(X) = (d_2 X^2 + d_1 X + d_0) Z_H(X) + L_0(X)$$

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$$+ \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} L_{i+1}(X) \prod_{j=0}^i \frac{(\gamma + b_j)(\gamma + t_j)}{(\gamma + v_j)(\gamma + v_{n+j})}$$

$\end{aligned}$

- Compute $[z(X)]_1$

. Append it into transcript

.

Round 4

- Compute the quotient challenge $\delta \in \mathbb{F}$

$\delta = \text{Hash}(\text{transcript})$

- Combine all of the polynomial constrains and compute the quotient polynomial $q(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 2n+6}[X]$

:

$$q(X) = \frac{1}{Z_H(X)}$$

$\left($

$\begin{aligned}$

$$S(\omega X) - S(X) + mL_0(X) - B(X)$$

\backslash

$$+ z(X)(\gamma + B(X))(\gamma + t(X))\delta$$

\backslash

$$- z(\omega X)(\gamma + h_1(X))(\gamma + h_2(X))\delta$$

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$$+ \left(z(X) - 1\right)L_0(X)\delta^2$$

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$$+ \left(h_1(\omega X) - h_1(X)\right)\left(h_1(\omega X) - h_1(X) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(X) - 1)\delta^3$$

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$$+ \left(h_2(\omega X) - h_2(X)\right)\left(h_2(\omega X) - h_2(X) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(X) - 1)\delta^4$$

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$$+ \left(h_2(\omega X) - h_1(X)\right)\left(h_2(\omega X) - h_1(X) - 1\right)L_{n-1}(X)\delta^5$$

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$$+ h_1(X)L_0(X)\delta^6$$

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$$+ \left(h_2(X) - n + 1\right)L_{n-1}(X)\delta^7$$

$\end{aligned}$

$\right)$

- Split $q(X)$

into 2 polynomials $q_0'(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

, $q_1'(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+3}[X]$

, such that

$$q(X) = q_0'(X) + X^{n+3}q_1'(X)$$

- Generate random blinding scalars $e_0 \in \mathbb{F}$

. Computed blinded polynomials $q_0(X)$

, $q_1(X)$

:

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\begin{aligned}
q_0(X)&=q_0'(X)+e_0X^{n+3} \\
q_1(X)&=q_1'(X)-e_0 \\
\end{aligned}

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- Compute $[q_0(X)]_1$

and $[q_1(X)]_1$

. Append them into transcript

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Round 5

- Generate the evaluation challenge $z \in \mathbb{F}$

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$z = \text{Hash}(\text{transcript})$

- Compute the opening evaluations and append them into transcript

:

$B(z), t(z), h_1(z), h_2(z)$

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$S(\omega z), z(\omega z), h_1(\omega z), h_2(\omega z)$

Round 6

- Generate opening challenge $\eta \in \mathbb{F}$

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$\eta = \text{Hash}(\text{transcript})$

- Compute linearization polynomial $r(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+3}[X]$

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\begin{aligned}

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$r(X) = S(\omega z) - S(X) + mL_0(z) - B(X)$

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$+ z(X)(\gamma + B(z))(\gamma + t(z))\delta$

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$- z(\omega z)(\gamma + h_1(z))(\gamma + h_2(X))\delta$

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$+ \left(z(X) - 1\right)L_0(z)\delta^2$

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$+ \left(h_1(\omega z) - h_1(X)\right)\left(h_1(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(z) - 1)\delta^3$

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$+ \left(h_2(\omega z) - h_2(X)\right)\left(h_2(\omega z) - h_2(z) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(z) - 1)\delta^4$

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$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left(h_2(\omega z) - h_1(X) \right) \left(h_2(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1 \right) L_{n-1}(z) \delta^5 \\
& \backslash \\
& + h_1(X) L_0(z) \delta^6 \\
& \backslash \\
& + \left(h_2(X) - n + 1 \right) L_{n-1}(z) \delta^7 \\
& \backslash \\
& - Z_H(z) \left(q_0(X) + z^{n+3} q_1(X) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

- Compute the opening proof polynomial $W_z(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

$$\begin{aligned}
W_z(X) &= \frac{1}{X-z} \\
&\left(\begin{aligned}
&\begin{aligned}
&r(X) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta \left(B(X) - B(z) \right) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta^2 \left(t(X) - t(z) \right) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta^3 \left(h_1(X) - h_1(z) \right) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta^4 \left(h_2(X) - h_2(z) \right)
\end{aligned}
\end{aligned} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

- Compute the opening proof polynomial $W_{\omega z}(X) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq n+2}[X]$

$$\begin{aligned}
W_{\omega z}(X) &= \frac{1}{X - \omega z} \\
&\left(\begin{aligned}
&\begin{aligned}
&S(X) - S(\omega z) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta \left(z(X) - z(\omega z) \right) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta^2 \left(h_1(X) - h_1(\omega z) \right) \\
&\backslash \\
&+ \eta^3 \left(h_2(X) - h_2(\omega z) \right)
\end{aligned}
\end{aligned} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

- Compute $[W_z(X)]_1$

and $[W_{\{\omega z\}}(X)]_1$

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Now we have the complete proof:

$$\pi_{\{\text{PoSol}\}} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} [B(X)]_1, [S(X)]_1 \\ [z(X)]_1, [h_1(X)]_1, [h_2(X)]_1 \\ [q_0(X)]_1, [q_1(X)]_1 \\ [W_z(X)]_1, [W_{\{\omega z\}}(X)]_1 \\ B(z), t(z), h_1(z), h_2(z) \\ S(\omega z), z(\omega z), h_1(\omega z), h_2(\omega z) \end{matrix} \right\}$$

Send both the public input m

and the proof $\pi_{\{\text{PoSol}\}}$

to the verifier.

Verifying Process

Verify

- Validate m

and all elements in $\pi_{\{\text{PoSol}\}}$

are valid.

- Compute challenges $\delta, z, \eta \in \mathbb{F}$

via transcript

as in the prover's algorithm description, with m

and elements in $\pi_{\{\text{PoSol}\}}$

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- Compute the vanishing polynomial evaluation $Z_H(z) = z^{n-1}$

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- Compute the first Lagrange polynomial evaluation $L_0(z) = \frac{z^n - 1}{n(z - 1)}$

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- Compute the last Lagrange polynomial evaluation $L_{n-1}(z) = \frac{\omega^{n-1}(z^n - 1)}{n(z - \omega^{n-1})}$

.

- Compute the first evaluation p

$$\begin{aligned}
 &: \\
 &\backslash \text{begin{aligned}} \\
 &p = S(\omega z) + mL_0(z) - z(\omega z)(\gamma + h_1(z))\gamma \delta - L_0(z)\delta^2 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + h_1(\omega z)\left(h_1(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(z) - 1)\delta^3 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + h_2(\omega z)\left(h_2(\omega z) - h_2(z) - 1\right)(L_{n-1}(z) - 1)\delta^4 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + h_2(\omega z)\left(h_2(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1\right)L_{n-1}(z)\delta^5 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + (1-n)L_{n-1}(z)\delta^7 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad - \eta B(z) - \eta^2 t(z) - \eta^3 h_1(z) - \eta^4 h_2(z) \\
 &\backslash \text{end{aligned}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Compute the first commitments combination $[P]_1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &: \\
 &\backslash \text{begin{aligned}} \\
 &\backslash [P]_1 = S(X)_1 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + (\eta - 1) \cdot [B(X)]_1 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + \left((\gamma + B(z))(\gamma + t(z))\delta + L_0(z)\delta^2 \right) \cdot [z(X)]_1 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + \eta^2 \cdot [t(X)]_1 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + \left(\begin{aligned}
 &\backslash \text{begin{aligned}} \\
 &\quad - \left(h_1(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1 \right) (L_{n-1}(z) - 1) \delta^3 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad - \left(h_2(\omega z) - h_1(z) - 1 \right) L_{n-1}(z) \delta^5 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + L_0(z) \delta^6 \\
 &\backslash \\
 &\quad + \eta^3
 \end{aligned} \right. \\
 &\backslash \text{end{aligned}} \\
 &\quad \left. \right) \cdot [h_1(X)]_1
 \end{aligned}$$

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&+\left(
\begin{aligned}
&-z(\omega z)(\gamma + h_1(z))
\\
&-\left(h_2(\omega z)-h_2(z)-1\right)(L_{n-1}(z)-1)\delta^4
\\
&+L_{n-1}(z)\delta^7
\\
&+\eta^4
\end{aligned}
\right)\cdot[h_2(X)]_1
\\
&-Z_H(z)\cdot[q_0(X)]_1
\\
&-z^{n+3}Z_H(z)\cdot[q_1(X)]_1
\\
\end{aligned}

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- Compute the second evaluation u

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$$u = -S(\omega z) - z(\omega z)\eta - h_1(\omega z)\eta^2 - h_2(\omega z)\eta^3$$

- Compute the second commitments combination $[U]_1$

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$$[U]_1 = [S(X)]_1 + \eta \cdot [z(X)]_1 + \eta^2 \cdot [h_1(X)]_1 + \eta^3 \cdot [h_2(X)]_2$$

- Verify KZG opening proof by pairing engine $e([\bullet]_1, [\bullet]_2)$

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\begin{aligned}
&e([W_z(x)]_1, [x]_2) \overset{?}{=} e([P]_1 + p \cdot [1]_1 + z \cdot [W_z(x)]_1, [1]_2)
\\
&e([W_{\omega z}(x)]_1, [x]_2) \overset{?}{=} e([U]_1 + u \cdot [1]_1 + \omega z \cdot [W_{\omega z}(x)]_1, [1]_2)
\end{aligned}

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Remark

Confined to limitations of our understanding on cryptography and ZKSNARK, if there are any mistakes or defects, please point out or give us some suggestions.

If there are no bugs in the protocol, we will open source as soon as possible, thanks!