

Shamir's Secret Sharing - Lagrange Interpolation

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1 Degree-3 polynomial using normal numbers instead of a finite field

Given: $f(5) = 3$; $f(7) = 12$; $f(12) = 6$; $f(30) = 15$

Deltas:

$\delta_5(x)$ if $x == 5$ then 3, else 0

$\delta_7(x)$ if $x == 7$ then 2, else 0

$\delta_{12}(x)$ if $x == 12$ then 6, else 0

$\delta_{30}(x)$ if $x == 30$ then 15, else 0

$$f(x) = \delta_5(x) + \delta_7(x) + \delta_{12}(x) + \delta_{30}(x)$$

Abstraction 1: Multiply deltas by their desired value such that they return 1 or 0

$\delta_5(x)$ if $x == 5$ then 1, else 0

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$$f(x) = 5 \cdot \delta_5(x) + 2 \cdot \delta_7(x) + 6 \cdot \delta_{12}(x) + 15 \cdot \delta_{30}(x)$$

Abstraction 2: let C be the set of all y points such that $f(x)$ becomes a polynomial

$$C = \{5, 7, 12, 30\}$$

$\delta_i(x) =$ if $x \in C$ $x == i$ then 1, if $x \in C$ $x \neq i$ then 0

then:

$$\delta_5(x) = \frac{x-7}{5-7} \cdot \frac{x-12}{5-12} \cdot \frac{x-30}{5-30}$$

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so

$$\delta_i(x) = \prod_{j \in C, j \neq i} \left(\frac{x-j}{i-j} \right)$$

such that

$$f(x) = \sum (f(i) \delta_i(x)) \text{ for } i \in C$$