This spec captures the behaviour of commitment transactions on the two sides of a Lightning channel.

We model the various kinds of outputs a commitment transactions will have over its lifetime.

The state of the commitment transaction changes in reponse to the various actions like supersede, publish, etc are taken by parties.

We also do not deal with the communication protocol between nodes for creating and updating commitment transactions. This spec will only focus on the various commitment transaction and their lifecycle in response to interaction between parties and the blockchain.

We ignore the details of how transactions are signed and just mark transactions as signed. This lets us focus on the specifying the behaviour of the commitment transactions without dealing with lower level complexities.

The model defines the intial balance from *alice* to bob. TLA+ will handle situations where channels are balanced and when all the balance is on the other side.

TODO: Add actions for closing channels. Currenly we only have support for breach tx and the corresponding breach remedy txs.

TODO: Add HTLCs.

EXTENDS Integers,

TLC, Sequences,

FiniteSets

CONSTANTS

CSV, Initial Balance

The csv value to use in contracts Initial balances for alice and bob

Current channel contracts only ever have two parties

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Party \triangleq \{ \text{"alice"}, \text{"bob"} \}
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For the first revocation we only need two keys per party

 $NumKey \stackrel{\triangle}{=} 2$ 

Set of all keys

 $Key \triangleq \{\langle p, k \rangle : p \in Party, k \in 0 ... NumKey\}$ 

Value to capture missing CSV in output

 $\overline{NoCSV} \triangleq \text{Choose } c: c \notin 0 \dots CSV$ 

Abstract out all outputs as meant to be spent by a party, is it signed by party and other party.

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 \begin{aligned} Output & \triangleq & [type: \{\text{``multisig''}, \text{``p2wkh''}\}, \\ & party: Party, \\ & csv: \{CSV\} \cup \{NoCSV\}, \end{aligned}
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amount: 0 ... Initial Balance * 2 All the balance can be on one side
CreateRSMCOutput(party, amount) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    [type \mapsto "multisig",
     party \mapsto party,
     csv \mapsto CSV,
     amount \mapsto amount
CreatePKOutput(party, amount) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    [type \mapsto \text{"p2wkh"},
     party \mapsto party,
     csv \mapsto NoCSV,
     amount \mapsto amount
NoSpendHeight \stackrel{\triangle}{=} -1
Transaction record.
TODO: Track output being spent.
Tx \triangleq [party : Party,
         index: Int,
         height: Int,
         outputs: Seq(Output),
         party_signed: BOOLEAN,
         other_party_signed : BOOLEAN ]
VARIABLES
    alice\_cts,
                        Commitment tx for alice
    bob\_cts,
                         Commitment tx for bob
    alice\_brs,
                        Breach remedy transactions for alice
    bob\_brs,
                        Breach remedy transactions for bob
    mempool,
                        The CT txs that have been broadcasted.
    published,
                        The CT that has been included in a block and confirmed.
    index,
    chain\_height
vars \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \langle alice\_cts, bob\_cts, alice\_brs, bob\_brs, mempool, published,
           chain\_height, index \rangle
Helper function to get other party
OtherParty(party) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} CHOOSE \ p \in Party : p \neq party
Create a commitment transaction given the party, index and key to use.
CreateCT(party, i, key\_num, amount, other\_amount) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
            [party \mapsto party,
             index \mapsto i,
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height \mapsto NoSpendHeight,
             outputs \mapsto \langle CreateRSMCOutput(party, amount),
                             CreatePKOutput(OtherParty(party), other\_amount),
             party\_signed \mapsto FALSE,
             other\_party\_signed \mapsto TRUE
Breach remedy transactions are handled as presigned transactions instead of by passing private
keys around. This is different from the LN paper.
CreateBR(party, i, amount) \triangleq
            [party \mapsto party,
             index \mapsto i,
             height \mapsto NoSpendHeight,
             outputs \mapsto \langle CreatePKOutput(OtherParty(party), amount) \rangle,
             party\_signed \mapsto \text{True},
             other\_party\_signed \mapsto FALSE
Init \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
      Balanced channel to start with
     \land alice\_cts = \{CreateCT("alice", 0, 0, InitialBalance, 0)\}
     \land bob\_cts = \{CreateCT("bob", 0, 0, 0, InitialBalance)\}
     \land \ alice\_brs = \{\mathit{CreateBR}(\text{``alice''}, \, 0, \, \mathit{InitialBalance})\}
     \land bob\_brs = \{CreateBR("bob", 0, InitialBalance)\}
     \land mempool = \{\}
     \land published = \{\}
     \wedge index = 1
     \land chain\_height = 1 The genesis block is the FT
TypeInvariant \triangleq
     \land index \in Nat
     \land alice\_cts \in \text{SUBSET } Tx
     \land bob\_cts \in \text{Subset } Tx
     \land alice\_brs \in \text{SUBSET } Tx
     \land bob\_brs \in \text{Subset } Tx
     \land mempool \in SUBSET Tx
     \land published \in \text{SUBSET } Tx
LastCT(party\_cts) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    CHOOSE ct \in party\_cts : \forall y \in party\_cts : ct.index \ge y.index
MaxIndex(party\_cts) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}
    (LastCT(party\_cts)).index
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 $AnyCT \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (CHOOSE \ ct \in alice\_cts \cup bob\_cts : TRUE)$ 

Create commitment transaction as well as the corresponding beach remedy txs.

Breach remedy transactions are pre-signed transactions instead of they private key being sent over to the other party.

delta is the balance going from alice to bob. We allow negative balances to enable payments in other other direction.

Parties are free to keep creating CT even if FT is spent. They will not be usable, but the protocol does not disallow this.

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SupersedeCommitmentTx(delta) \stackrel{\Delta}{=}
    \wedge
        LET
             key\_index \stackrel{\triangle}{=} 1 TODO, manage key numbers
             last\_alice\_ct \triangleq \overline{LastCT(alice\_cts)}
             last\_bob\_ct \triangleq LastCT(bob\_cts)
        IN
              Create CTs till channel is not closed
             \land published = \{\}
             \land last\_alice\_ct.outputs[1].amount - delta > 0
             \land last\_alice\_ct.outputs[2].amount + delta \leq InitialBalance
             \land alice\_cts' = alice\_cts \cup
                     { CreateCT("alice", index, key_index,
                          last\_alice\_ct.outputs[1].amount - delta,
                          last\_alice\_ct.outputs[2].amount + delta)
             \land bob\_cts' = bob\_cts \cup
                     { CreateCT("bob", index, key_index,
                          last\_bob\_ct.outputs[1].amount + delta,
                          last\_bob\_ct.outputs[2].amount - delta)
             \land alice\_brs' = alice\_brs \cup
                          { CreateBR("alice", index, last_alice_ct.outputs[1].amount)}
             \land bob\_brs' = bob\_brs \cup
                         { CreateBR("bob", index, last_alice_ct.outputs[1].amount)}
             \wedge index' = index + 1
    ∧ UNCHANGED ⟨mempool, published, chain_height⟩
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Broadcast a commitment transaction to the blockchain. The commitment is first signed. The protocol allows all commitments to be broadcast, what happens next depends on the status of the commitment transaction.

If the tx is the latest commitment transaction it can be spent later.

If not, it gives the other party a chance to spend the breach remedy tx.

TODO: We only spec CSV (self) commitment transaction. We need to handle the non-CSV output being published and co-op closes.

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BroadcastCommitment(party) \triangleq \\ \land alice\_cts \neq \{\} \\ \land bob\_cts \neq \{\} \\ \land
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LET key\_index \triangleq 1 \quad TODO, \text{ manage key numbers} cts \triangleq \text{ If } party = \text{``alice''} \text{ THEN } alice\_cts \text{ ELSE } bob\_cts ct \triangleq \text{ CHOOSE } ct \in cts : \text{ TRUE} IN  \text{The commitment is not already in } mempool \\  \land ct \notin mempool \\  \text{No commitment has already been confirmed} \\  \land published = \{\} \\  \land mempool' = mempool \cup \{ct\} \\  \land \text{ UNCHANGED } \langle alice\_cts, bob\_cts, alice\_brs, bob\_brs, \\  published, index, chain\_height \rangle
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Publish any transaction from mempool — this indeed is sparta. Any mempool tx can be confirmed. So we model just that. The only rule is to make sure the CSV has expired, and that is handled at the time of inserting the tx into mempool

Publish a breach remedy transaction in response to a commitment transaction.

party is publishing the breach remedy tx when it is on index CT, and the chain is on height.

This tx is immediately published on chain.

TODO: We skip the BR going through the mempool and confirm it immediately. This can be improved too.

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BroadcastBR(party) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \\ \land \\ LET \\ cts \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ IF } party = \text{"alice" THEN } alice\_cts \text{ ELSE } bob\_cts \\ brs \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{ IF } party = \text{"alice" THEN } bob\_brs \text{ ELSE } alice\_brs \\ \text{IN} \\ \exists in\_mempool \in mempool : \\ CT \text{ was broadcast by the other party} \\ \land in\_mempool.outputs[1].party = OtherParty(party) \\ \text{Revoked } CT \text{ was broadcast} \\ \land in\_mempool.index < MaxIndex(cts) \\ \text{This party already signed the } ct \text{ as local sig} \\ \land in\_mempool.other\_party\_signed = \text{TRUE} \\ CSV \text{ hasn't expired - given } FT \text{ is at height 1} \\ \land chain\_height < CSV \\ \end{aligned}
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