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- Building block of zkSNARK: R1CS circuits
- ▶ Recall: Is a sequence of groups of three vectors

$$((a_1, b_1, c_1), (a_2, b_2, c_2), \dots, (a_m, b_m, c_m))$$

whose solution is a vector s s.t. $(a \cdot s) \cdot (b \cdot s) - (c \cdot s) = 0$.

A, B, C matrices

Keeps track of the values that each variable assumes during the computation.

Binds the relationships among these variables.

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- Specifically designed languages are needed: ZoKrates
- Libraries for python and C: PySNARK, Pequin

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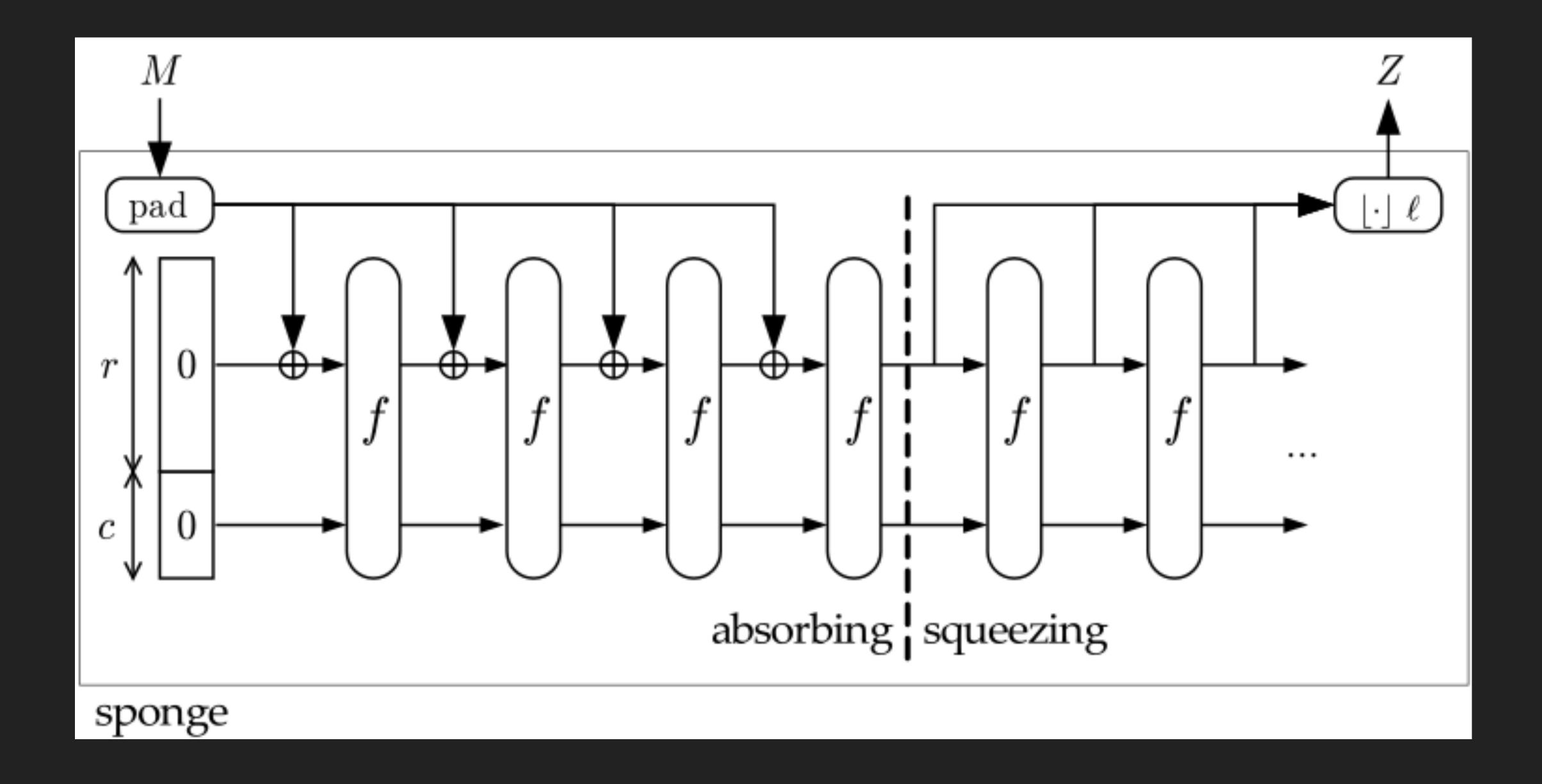
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- ZoKrates does not have Keccak hash functions by default (yet)



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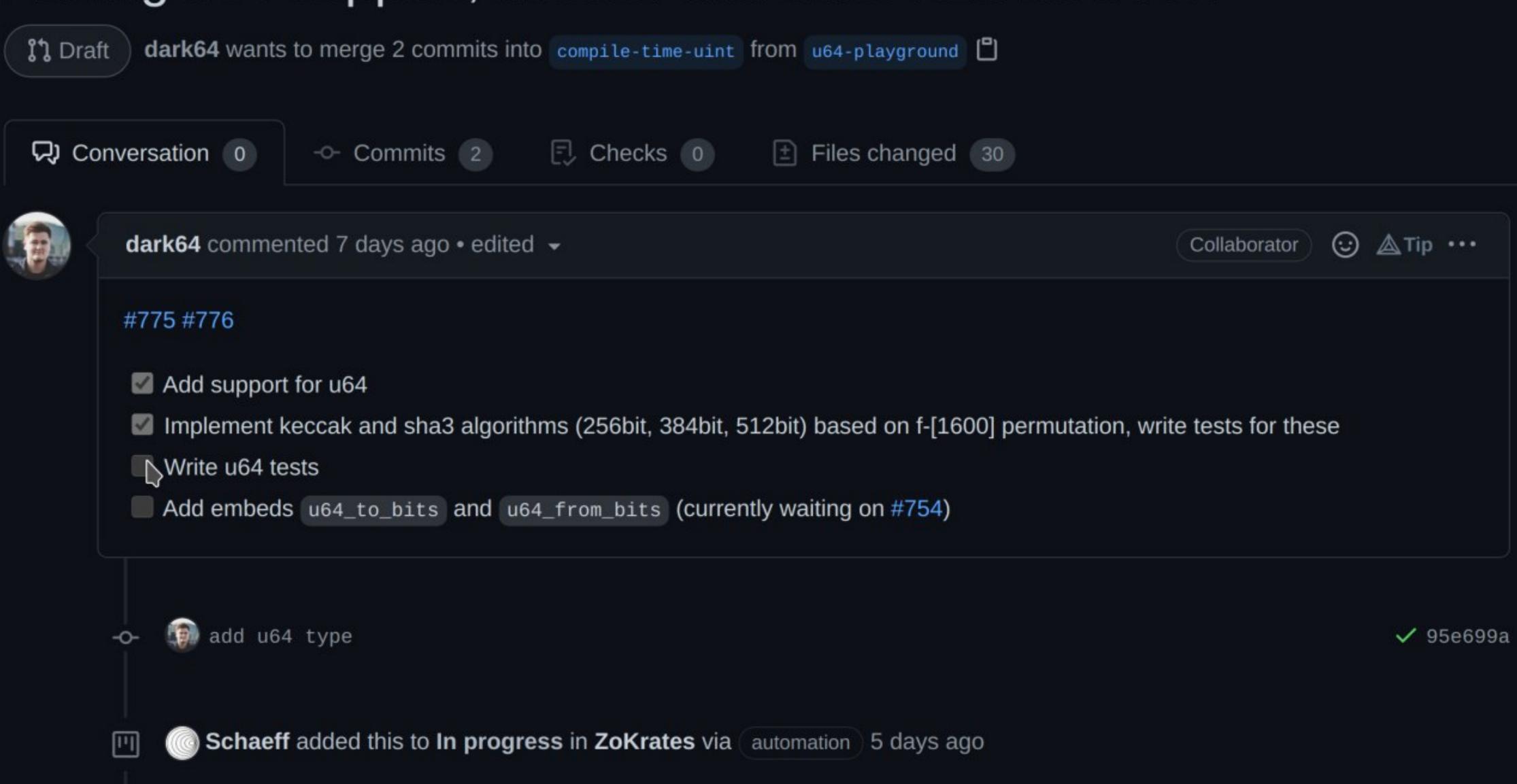
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 - Construction customised for evaluating Ethash and no inputs of arbitrary size?

A new hope

Adding u64 support, keccak and sha3 hashes #772



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Structure of Keccak

Keccak is a family of hash functions that is based on the sponge construction, and hence is a sponge function family. In Keccak, the underlying function is a permutation chosen in a set of seven Keccak-f permutations, denoted Keccak-f[b], where $b \in \{25, 50, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600\}$ is the width of the permutation. The width of the permutation is also the width of the state in the sponge construction.

The state is organized as an array of 5×5 lanes, each of length $w \in \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64\}$ and b = 25w. When implemented on a 64-bit processor, a lane of Keccak-f[1600] can be represented as a 64-bit CPU word.

We obtain the Keccak[r, c] sponge function, with parameters capacity c and bitrate r, if we apply the sponge construction to Keccak[r, c] and by applying a specific padding to the message input.

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