

# Verifiable Secret Sharing

- Chi mi assicura che i voti di un docente siano nel range corretto? ( $0 \leq \text{voto} \leq 5$ , e uno voto ``i'', come lo capisco?)
- Come prevengo il *Cheating*?

# Limitations, so far

## → Everybody must be honest!

⇒ Dealer, Parties

• attaccante che segue le regole ma viola il protocollo

⇒ Honest-but-curious model ⇒ attaccante non usa **cheat** (non è attive attack!)

Se attaccante **usa** cheats?

## → No way to check that protocol rules are followed

⇒ i.e., detect/block cheaters

→ sono i dealer, possono dare shares non validi (danno più shares)  
→ sono i player, possono esporre un fake share!

## → Need for secret sharing protocols where:

⇒ Party can verify whether dealied share is consistent

→ Detect malicious dealer

⇒ Parties can verify whether revealed share is consistent

→ Detect cheating parties

QUANDO lo verifico??

# Verifiable Secret Sharing

(verifico qualcosa che non è possibile dire!)

## →VSS

⇒ First (non interactive) scheme proposed in 1987

    → Feldman VSS scheme

    → Several improvements since then

## → Frequently used as basis for distributed schemes

⇒ More later on this ☺

## → Basic approach presented next

⇒ Special case of Feldman VSS (using discrete logs)

⇒ Security limitations

# Feldman scheme: dealer

→ Start with an ordinary Shamir scheme

⇒ Generate random  $p(x)$  with degree  $(t-1)^*$ , with  $P(0)=s$

$$p(x) = s + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{t-2}x^{t-2} + a_{t-1}x^{t-1}$$

⇒ Distribute one share to each of the n parties

$$(x_i, y_i) \quad y_i = p(x_i) \quad \text{In practice, it is convenient to use } x_i=i$$

→ Further step

⇒ For each coefficient of the polynomial as well as secret, further broadcast (pubblicare in chiaro) → li "committ", e quindi non posso cambiare  
· leak info?  
con large prime, e s,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots$  → s'(anche se segreto, se non cambio tutto!)

$$c_0 = g^s; c_1 = g^{a_1}; \cdots; c_{t-1} = g^{a_{t-1}} \mod p$$

⇒ These are special type of "commitments" (Non CAMBIABILI, scelti attentamente!)

→ Discrete log: hard to compute exponent

Ho creato dealer che fa bind <shares, pubblica commitments> ma non rileva i coeff. del polinomio!

# What is a commitment?

**COMMIT**  
phase

voglio dare  
segreto senza  
mostrarlo subito!



a

COMM = Commit(a)



"in un box"

↑  
non posso  
cambiarlo



proprietà #1

**Hiding:**

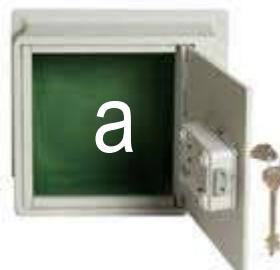
Receiver should NOT learn anything about "a"

**REVEAL**  
phase

CANNOT cheat  
"I sent a' ≠ a"



OPEN = verification key



(può essere il valore stesso!)

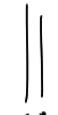


proprietà #2

**Binding:**

Commitment CAN ONLY open to the value "a", no way for sender to cheat

Verification algorithm:  
 $\text{VERIF}(\text{COMM}, \text{OPEN}, a) = \text{YES/NO}$



va bene SOLO SE il  
segreto è preso da uno  
spazio grande, non deve  
essere ristretto!

; per copiare: se ho pw super cifrato, ma era e' "123456" NON SONO SICURO.

# $c=g^x \text{ is a commitment}$

$\mod p$

spazio segreti piccolo

## →(computationally) Hiding:

⇒ Given  $c=g^x \mod p$ , computationally bounded receiver **cannot know  $x$**

- $C = H(x)$  realizza **hiding** ( $H^{-1}$  difficile) ma solo **computazionalmente** (piccolo range, posso provarli!)  
il **binding?** solo **computazionale**! (posso trovare collisione:  $H(x')=H(x)$ ).  $\Rightarrow g^x$  e' meglio?

## →(perfectly) Binding:

⇒ Sender cannot find any other  $x'$  such that  $g^{x'} = c$

→ Note:  $x'$  cannot be greater than group order

→ otherwise trivial (why? ☺)

$g, p$  properly chosen

( $\leftarrow$  poche)

Se ho  $g^x \mod p = 100441$  con  $g=3, x=2345, p=104729$ , riesco a trovare altri valori che lo generano? SI  
ma  $\phi(104729)=104728$ ,  $\sim 3^{2345+104728 \cdot 2} \mod 104729 = 100441$ , l'esponente = 211801 è valore committabile  $\Leftrightarrow x$  nel range  $(1, p-1)$

Con Perfect Binding non trovo  $1 < x' < p-1$

# Feldman scheme: verifier

$p(x_i)$

→ Party i receives share  $(x_i, \overset{||}{y_i})$

⇒ Other parties can do this, when party i reveals its share

⇒ Check that party i is honest

$\langle x_{GB}, y_{GB} \rangle$

GB

Verifier: (IDEA)

- prendo  $x_{GB}$ , faccio all'esponente homomorphic computation di  $p(x_{GB})$
- vedo  $y_{GB}$ , è uguale a  $g^{p(x_{GB})}$ ?

Non vedo l'addizione

→ Verifies that share is valid (hence dealer honest) *uso "x<sub>i</sub>" per computare.*

⇒ by computing  $(\text{mod } p)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underbrace{c_0 \cdot c_1^{x_i} \cdot c_2^{x_i^2} \cdot c_3^{x_i^3} \cdots \cdots c_{t-1}^{x_i^{t-1}}}_{\text{mod}_p} = \\
 & = (g^s) \cdot (g^{a_1})^{x_i} \cdot (g^{a_2})^{x_i^2} \cdot (g^{a_3})^{x_i^3} \cdots \cdots (g^{a_{t-1}})^{x_i^{t-1}} = \\
 & = g^s \cdot g^{a_1 x_i} \cdot g^{a_2 x_i^2} \cdot g^{a_3 x_i^3} \cdots \cdots g^{a_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}} = \\
 & = g^{s + a_1 x_i + a_2 x_i^2 + a_3 x_i^3 + \dots + a_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}} = g^{p(x_i)} \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{computato da Me, confrontato con} \\ \text{lo share comunicato.} \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ And checks that this is equal to  $g^{y_i}$

→ Where  $y_i$  is the party's share

# Caveats

(in realtà NON funziona sempre!)

## → See exercise for

- ⇒ Proper moduli ( $p, q$ )
- ⇒  $C_0$  may leak info about secret (Legendre Symbol)

## → Aftermath:

- ⇒ use  $p = 2q + 1$
- ⇒ Use subgroup order  $q$

# An annoying issue...

→ Shamir Scheme is unconditionally secure

$$\rightarrow g^x \bmod p$$

→ But Feldman's VSS is “only” computationally secure (per via del binding)

→ What does this practically means?

⇒  $c_0 = g^s$  leaks information about secret s!!

⇒ If s is small (e.g. in [1...1000]) trivial “dictionary” attack (enumeration attack)

→ For  $x: 1 \dots 1000$  repeat  $g^x$  until  $g^x = c_0 \rightarrow s$  known!

→ Can we have perfectly hiding scheme?

NON  $\exists$   $\left[ \begin{matrix} \text{binding perfect} \\ \text{hiding perfect} \end{matrix} \right]$ , but  $\exists$  commitment che fa perfect hiding e computational binding (Pedersen)  
enumeration attack non funziona

# Pedersen commitment

→ Feldman approach works because:

⇒  $g^a \text{ mod } p$  is a Commit(a)

⇒ And it is homomorphic:

$$\rightarrow \text{Commit}(a+b) = \text{Commit}(a) \cdot \text{Commit}(b)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Indeed: } g^{a+b} = g^a \cdot g^b \text{ mod } p$$

≈ linear  
ma NON è lineare,  
e' più flessibile

→ We need a perfectly hiding commitment scheme which is homomorphic...

⇒ Found by Pedersen, 1991 - given g and h (public):

⇒  $\text{Commit}(a; r) = g^a \cdot h^r \text{ mod } p$ , funzione di 'a' (segreto) ne' 'r'

double DLOG  
Construction

truly random  
di solito  
basi NOTE

$$\xrightarrow{\text{homomorphic}} \text{Commit}(a+b; r_a + r_b) = g^{a+b} h^{r_a + r_b} =$$

perfectly hiding  
A 'o' trovo 'r': trovo c, il pair e' facile se conosco legame(g,h),  
sempre e' hard → parametri large prime → computational binding, se ho tempo/conosco legame(g,h) lo rompo in termini di binding

$$= g^a h^{r_a} \cdot g^b h^{r_b} = \text{Commit}(a, r_a) \cdot \text{Commit}(b, r_b)$$

# Pedersen commitment

## → (perfectly) Hiding:

⇒  $c = g^a h^r \text{ mod } p$  may be a commitment for **any possible value!**

→ Formally, for any  $a' \neq a$ , we can find unique  $r'$  such that

$$\text{commit}(a'; r') = g^{a'} h^{r'} = g^a h^r = \text{commit}(a; r)$$

## → (computationally) Binding:

⇒ Sender should NOT be able to find such an  $a'$  (and related  $r'$ )!

⇒ Which is the case if sender does **NOT** know  $\log_g h$

→ a trapdoor commitment scheme!

↳ finché è difficile calcolare  $w = \log_g h$   
allora è robusto, se lo trovi rompi tutto!

## → What about a perfectly hiding + perfectly binding commitment?

⇒ Impossible, you may have either one or another, **not both**

Se voglio PRIVACY non uso hash ma commitment, che è meglio!!

→ dove contenere tutto il  
range iniziale

Esempio:  
 $a = \text{KKK}$        $a' = \text{QQA}$   
 $r = 34$        $r' = 137$   
 $g^a \cdot h^r = 1345 = g^{a'} \cdot h^{r'}$   
↑  
se vedo lui,  
non so se m'ascolta  
KKK o QQA!

# Proof (base of)

let  $h = g^w$  i.e.  $w = \log_g h$ , non lo conosco, MA deve esserci!

we know  $a, r$ , we are given  $a'$ , and we look for  $r'$  s.t.

$$\begin{aligned} g^a h^r = g^{a'} h^{r'} &\Rightarrow g^a g^{wr} = g^{a'} g^{wr'} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow g^{a+wr} = g^{a'+wr'} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow a + wr \equiv a' + wr' \pmod{q} \quad \text{(group order, primes.t. } 2q + 1 = p\text{)} \xrightarrow{\text{SKIP}} \\ &\Rightarrow r' \equiv w^{-1} (a - a' + wr) \pmod{q} \end{aligned}$$

i.e., given  $w$ , we can compute ANY “colliding” commitment,  
hence we would not commit to anything!! (no binding)

# Pedersen VSS - dealer

(Feldmann Scheme)

commitment ( $s, r$ )

→ Generate TWO random polynomials

- Uno per hide segreto  $f(x) = s + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{t-2}x^{t-2} + a_{t-1}x^{t-1}$
  - Uno per hide key commitment  $f'(x) = r + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_{t-2}x^{t-2} + b_{t-1}x^{t-1}$
- Give party i “double” share  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$

Shamir Share  $y_i = f(x_i) = \underbrace{s}_{\text{coordinate}} + a_1x_i + a_2x_i^2 + \dots + a_{t-1}x_i^{t-1}$

Shore random Key commitment  $z_i = f'(x_i) = \underbrace{r}_{\text{constant}} + b_1x_i + b_2x_i^2 + \dots + b_{t-1}x_i^{t-1}$

→ Publish commitments

non devo conoscere relazione  $g, h$ , ma non devono per forza essere grandi!

$h = g^{(W)}$  non devo rivelarlo

$$c_0 = g^s h^r \leftarrow \text{Pedersen commitment}$$

$$c_1 = g^{a_1} h^{b_1}$$

...

$$c_{t-1} = g^{a_{t-1}} h^{b_{t-1}}$$

•  $(f, h)$ ,  $s$  secret,  
•  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$  random  
•  $s$  può essere small, altri no!  
• uso LARGE MODULUS



anche per lui uso p strong prime = 29 - 1

e per  $f(x)$  e  $f'(x) \bmod q$ ,  
con  $g, h$  elementi subgroup

# Pedersen VSS - verifier

→ Party i receives share  $(x_i, y_i, z_i)$

→ Verifies (mod p) that:

$$c_0 \cdot c_1^{x_i} \cdot c_2^{x_i^2} \cdot \dots \cdot c_{t-1}^{x_i^{t-1}} = \text{come Feltmann} !! \quad (\text{homomorphic property})$$

$$= (g^s h^r) \cdot (g^{a_1} h^{b_1})^{x_i} \cdot (g^{a_2} h^{b_2})^{x_i^2} \cdot \dots \cdot (g^{a_{t-1}} h^{b_{t-1}})^{x_i^{t-1}} =$$

$$= g^s \cdot g^{a_1 x_i} \cdot g^{a_2 x_i^2} \cdot \dots \cdot g^{a_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}} \cdot h^r \cdot h^{b_1 x_i} \cdot h^{b_2 x_i^2} \cdot \dots \cdot h^{b_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}} =$$

$$= g^{\underbrace{s + a_1 x_i + a_2 x_i^2 + \dots + a_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}}_{\text{polynomial per } x_i}} \cdot h^{\underbrace{r + b_1 x_i + b_2 x_i^2 + \dots + b_{t-1} x_i^{t-1}}_{\text{polynomial per } x_i}} =$$

$$= g^{y_i} h^{z_i} \quad (\text{calcolati})$$

$$\stackrel{!!}{=} y_i z_i \quad (\text{dati all'inizio})$$

# Esempio

$$P = 83, \quad g = 5$$

generator of the group

$$\cdot 5^X \bmod 83 = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots, 79, 80, 81, 82\} \leftarrow \text{SPAWN di tutti i voloza!}$$

- definisco  $s=16, \alpha_1=23, \alpha_2=13 \rightarrow f(x) = [s + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2] \bmod 83$
- $f(15)=49, f(16)=60, f(17)=14$  dove  $15, 16, 17$  sono i **partecipanti** (non per forza  $1, 2, 3$ !)
- calcolo  $\Lambda$  coefficient  $\Lambda_{15}=53, \Lambda_{16}=77, \Lambda_{17}=37$ , ovviamente  $(\Lambda_{15} \cdot y(15) + \Lambda_{16} \cdot y(16) + \Lambda_{17} \cdot y(17)) \bmod 83 = s$

• calcolo i **commitments**:

$$c_0 = g^s \bmod p = 65; \quad c_1 = g^{\alpha_1} \bmod p = 19; \quad c_2 = g^{\alpha_2} \bmod p = 47$$

- per  $x=15, y=49 \rightarrow g^{49} \bmod p$ , verifica se è corretto!

$$(c_0 \cdot c_1^x \cdot c_2^{x^2}) \bmod p \rightarrow 21, \text{ come è possibile? è diverso da } 49.$$

Feldman Verifier rotto!?

## Spiegazione

Nella slide "Feldman Verifier" noto che:

$c_0 \cdot c_1^x \cdots e g^{\frac{f(x)}{p}}$  è  $\bmod p$ , mentre la ricontrollazione  $g^{s+ax_1+\dots+a^2x_2^2} \bmod p$ , bensì  $\bmod \phi(p)$  (come RSA!).

homomorphic computation

## Prime for dummies

- group  $(G, \circ) =$  set di elementi (anche numeri) con " $\circ$ " gruppo di operazioni, essa ha 4 proprietà:
  - chiusa:  $g_1, g_2 \in G \Rightarrow g_1 \circ g_2 \in G$
  - identità:  $\exists 'I': g_i \circ I = g_i \forall g_i$
  - inverso:  $\forall g \exists g^{-1}: g \circ g^{-1} = I$ ; se commutativa
  - associativa:  $(g_1 \circ g_2) \circ g_3 = g_1 \circ (g_2 \circ g_3)$

# The $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ group

multiplicative group (NO +, NO -)

$\mathbb{Z}_p^*$   
integer mod p

- elementi:  $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$ , sono  $p-1$ , escluso (no inverso), gruppo finito
- proprietà:
  - chiusura: ✓ (ha modulo p)
  - associatività: ✓
  - identity: ✓ (ha  $1$ )
  - commutativa: ✓
  - inverso:  $x$  ha inverso  $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(x, p) = 1$ , allora  $\exists x^{-1}: x \cdot x^{-1} \pmod{p} = 1$   
(COPRIMI)
  - se  $p$  prime  $\rightarrow$  tutti hanno inverso

Esempio:  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ , 11 prime, #elementi =  $10 = p-1$   $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

• ho inversi:  $1 \rightarrow 1$     $2 \rightarrow 6$     $3 \rightarrow 9$     $4 \rightarrow 3$  . . .    $10 \rightarrow 10 \Leftrightarrow (p-1)(p-1) \pmod{p} = 1$

• per gruppi ampi *extended euclidean algorithm*

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Nota bene:  $x^y = \underbrace{x \circ x \circ x \circ x \dots}_{y \text{ volte}}$ , allora ho anche *exponentiation*. Posso generare il gruppo con questa operazione?

$\exists g: \{g^0, g^1, g^2, \dots, g^{m-1}\}$ ? Se  $m = \text{prime}$ , ogni membro è generatore (tranne l'identità)

Problema:  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  e  $p$  PRIME  $\rightarrow |\mathbb{Z}_p^*| = p-1$  NON PRIME, non è il nostro caso!

Esempio: in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$  ho generatori:  $g=2 \quad \{2, 4, 8, 5, 10, 9, 7, 3, 6, 1\} \checkmark$     $g=3 \quad \{3, 9, 5, 4, 1, 10, 8, 5, 4, 1\} \times$  (ordine 5)  
 $g=10$  ha sottogruppo ordine 2!  $\times$  #attenzione:  $10 = 5 \cdot 2$ , cioè ordini 2 o 5, NO 3 o 4!

Ogni  $g$  è un generatore, ma può generare un sottogruppo di cardinalità = fattore di  $|G|$ . Tutti sottogruppi sono CICLICI

## STRONG PRIMES

Se  $p = 101$     $\#\mathbb{Z}_{101}^* = 100 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$ , dipende da  $g$  !! Non STRONG PRIME:  $p = 2q+1$ :  $p$  è prime,  $q$  anche;  $p-1 = 2q$  PARI

Esempio:  $p = 83$ ,  $p-1 = 82 = 2 \cdot 41$ , 41 è prime, 83 anche . . . anche  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$  era STRONG!

Con STRONG prime:  $\forall x \in G$  tranne "1" e " $p-1$ " genera l'intero gruppo o sottogruppo ordine " $g$ ".

Se  $p, q$  large  $\Rightarrow$  gruppi LARGE (ne uno solo large  $p \rightarrow p-1$  fattorizzabile in piccoli numeri)

# Quadratic residue subgroup

Se  $j \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ , posso scrivere come  $x \cdot x = j \pmod{p}$ ? Se  $p=11$  No:  $2 \cdot 2 = 4, 3 \cdot 3 = 9, 4 \cdot 4 = 16 \dots$  i valori esprimibili come  $xx$  creano Sottogruppi!

Esempio  $2 \cdot 2 = 4 \rightarrow j=4$  genera  $\{4, 5, 9, 3, 1, 4, 5, 9, 3, 1\}$  sottogruppo ordine 5, 4 fa parte di **Quadratic residue subgroup**

In questo gruppo vengono le proprietà dei gruppi, di ordine  $\frac{p-1}{2} = 5$  (mapping  $2 \rightarrow 1$ ), cioè è **Prime order group**

Per sapere se  $j \in QR$  vedo se  $j^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} = 1$ , se  $j \notin QR$   $j^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} = -1$ .

Esempio:  $p=11$ ,  $\frac{p-1}{2} = 5$ ,  $j=5 \in QR?$   $5^5 \pmod{11} = 1$ !  $j=5$  genera  $\{5, 3, 4, 9, 1, 5, 3, \dots\}$

$j=2 \in QR?$   $2^5 \pmod{11} = 10$  NO!  $j=2$  genera:  $\{2, 4, 8, 5, 10, \dots\}$

### Quadratic residue subgroup

→  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a quadratic residue if it admits square root in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$   
 ⇒ i.e., there exists  $a$  such that  $a^2 \pmod{p} = x$

→ QR form subgroup of order  $\frac{p-1}{2}$   
 ⇒ 2 → 1 mapping:  $\begin{array}{ccc} x & \rightarrow & x^2 \\ p-x & \rightarrow & x^2 \end{array}$  Indeed,  $(p-x)^2 \pmod{p} = p^2 - 2px + x^2 \pmod{p} = x^2$

→ QR test: legendre symbol  
 ⇒  $a \in QR$  if  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} = 1$  (otherwise -1)

→ Example for  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ :  $QR_{11} = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 9\}$   
 ⇒ If  $p$  strong prime,  $QR_p$  has prime order  $q$ !

— Giuseppe Bianchi —

Riprendo l'esempio con  $p=83$  (**STRONG PRIME**) e  $j=5$  (**generator?**) PROVATO:  
 $5^{\frac{83-1}{2}} \pmod{83} = 82 = -1 \rightarrow$  GENERATOR. Se faccio  $(5^2)^{\frac{83-1}{2}} \pmod{83}$  genera QRG (poiché  $25=5 \cdot 5$ ), la cardinalità del sottogruppo è PRIME NUMBER.  
 Se  $j$  è quadratic residue (come 5) ⇒ ordine subgroup è PRIME.

Nell'esempio di Feldman: cosa uso come modulo?  $p$  primo,  $q = \frac{p-1}{2}$  primo, ma modulo  $q$  (rispetto all'esponente), alla base ho modulo  $p$   
 ma invece di prendere  $G$  e generator group,  $G \in QR$  (sottogruppo) ⇒ nell'esempio:  $p=83$ ,  $q=41$  entrambi primi →  $f(x) = [s + a_1 x + a_2 x^2] \pmod{q}$  tranne 40

$$f[7] = 35, \quad f[18] = 21, \quad f[22] = 8 \quad \text{shares } (\pmod{q})$$

• calcolo i coefficienti  $\lambda_7 = 21, \lambda_{18} = 35, \lambda_{22} = 23$ , ovviamente  $(\lambda_7 \cdot y(7) + \lambda_{18} \cdot y(18) + \lambda_{22} \cdot y(22)) \pmod{41} = s$

• calcolo i Commitments: (un po' square  $j=5$  OK, ma  $j=25$ :  $25 \pmod{p}=1$  crea 'sottogruppo', più preciso!, il range riparte ad un certo punto)

$$c_0 = j^s \pmod{p} = 65; \quad c_1 = j^{a_1} \pmod{p} = 29; \quad c_2 = j^{a_2} \pmod{p} = 51$$

$$\text{esigo } [c_0 \cdot c_1^x \cdot c_2^{x^2}] \pmod{p}$$

$x=7 \rightarrow 16 = 25^{f(7)} \pmod{p}$   
 $x=18 \rightarrow 78 = 25^{f(18)} \pmod{p}$   
 $x=22 \rightarrow 65 = 25^{f(22)} = 25^8 \pmod{p}$

ora va bene !!

Sappiamo che Pedersen of finche' non e' muto  $w$ , infatti  $g^w = h \rightarrow w = \log_g(h)$   
•] schemi con Public Key =  $g^x$ , SK =  $x$ ,  $\exists$  così in cui 'x' segreta ma deve essere **ricostruibile**, con  $g, h$  NOTI,  $w$  NON NOTA ma ricostruibile.

Come lo risolvo?



# Distributed Key Generation

by Pedersen

# Question

## → Dlog-based cryptosystems

⇒ Private key:  $x$ ; Public key:  $g^x$

⇒ Many important cases: El Gamal, Identity Based Encryption, ...

## → Can we generate $(\text{Pub}_K, \text{Priv}_K)$ pair s.t. all know $\text{Pub}_K$ but NOBODY knows $\text{Priv}_K$ ?

## → Useful when:

⇒  $\text{Priv}_K$  to be revealed later on, when needed

→ E.g. encrypt message than noone can open, unless special conditions occur

⇒  $\text{Priv}_K$  NEVER revealed, but functions of it are needed

→ This is extremely important in IBE (more later)

## → Other scenarios

⇒ e.g. generate  $h=g^w$  in pedersen VSS

⇒ And many and many other creative constructions

# **Answer: yes!**

## **→ Schemes called DKG**

- ⇒ Distributed Key Generation
- ⇒ Fully distributed, NO authority or TTP

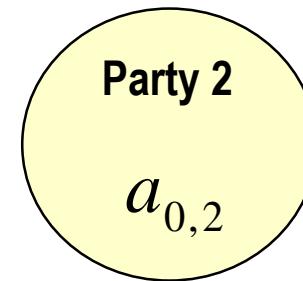
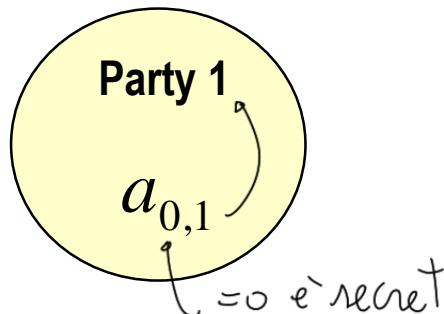
## **→ Basic one: Pedersen DKG**

- ⇒ 1991
  - “simple” application of what we saw so far
- ⇒ improved and made more secure when cheating parties
  - Gennaro++ (various works from 1999 to 2007)
- ⇒ We stick to basic approach
  - Limitations are quite subtle even with cheating parties
  - Pedersen DKG still OK in several practical applications

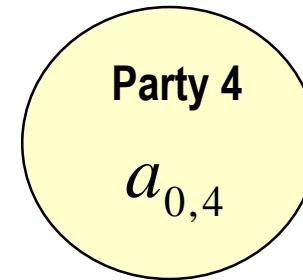
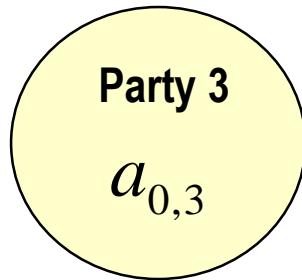
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# Best seen by example (3,4)

Step 1: each party independently generates random secret  $a_{0,i}$



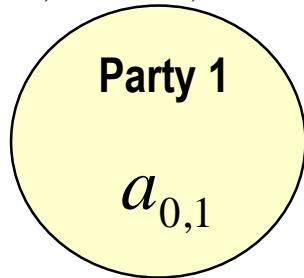
- 5 persone,  
• Voglio  $(x, g^x)$   
public  
confidential finché  
3 su 4 persone  
Vogliamo ricostruirlo  
• No dealer !!



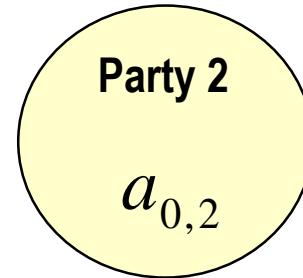
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Step 2: generates random polynomial of degree (t-1) with known term  $a_{0,i}$

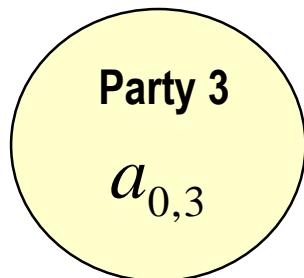
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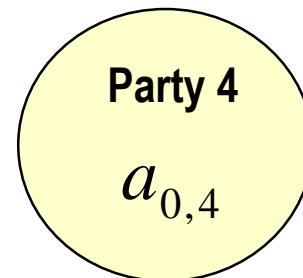
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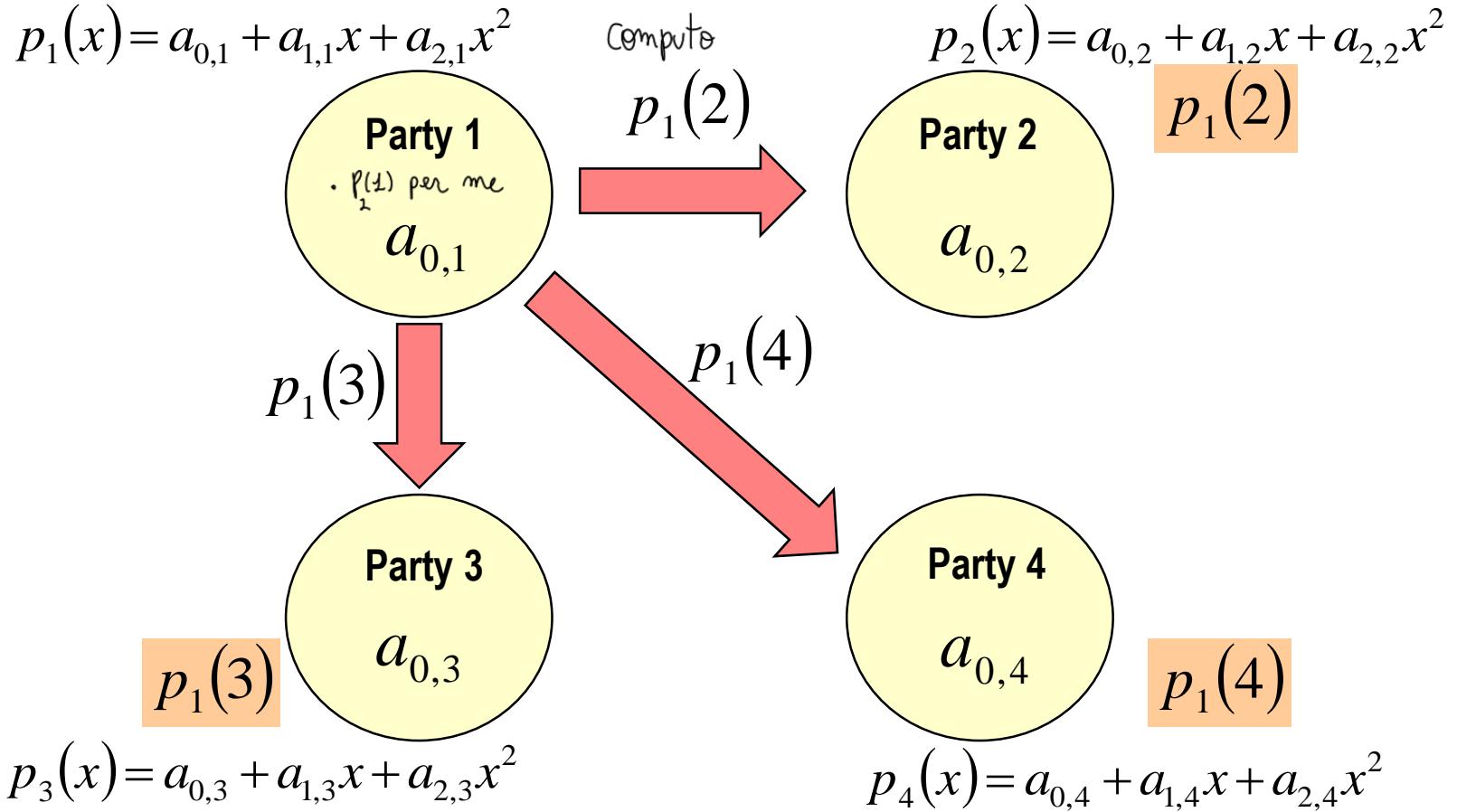


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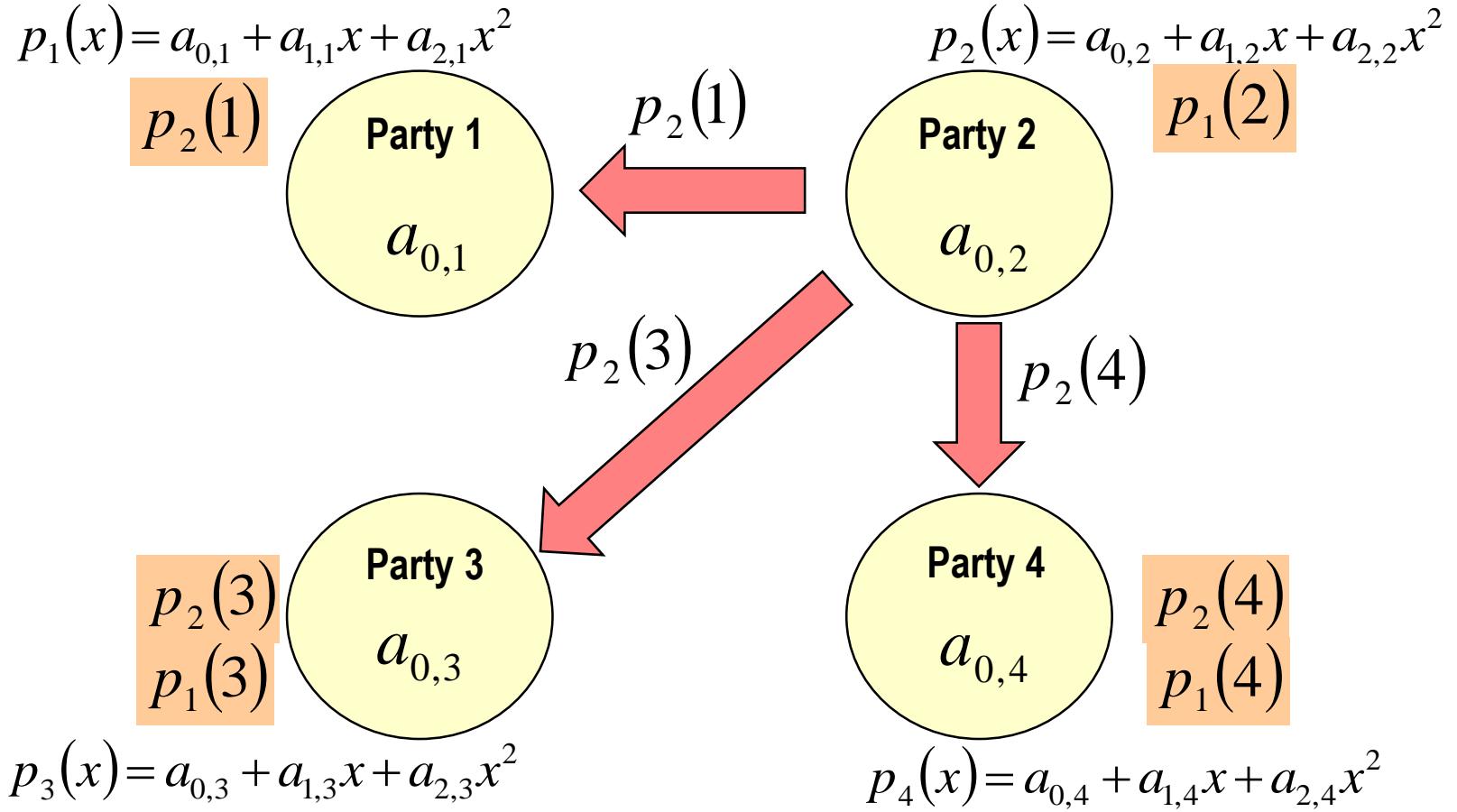
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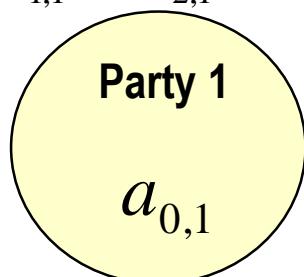


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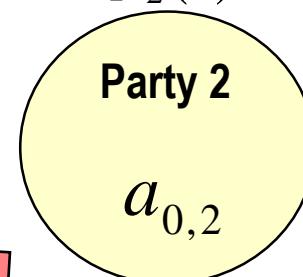
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$$p_3(1)$$

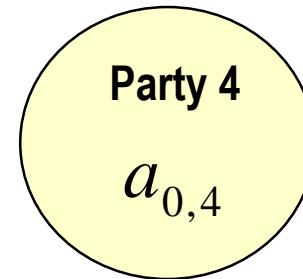
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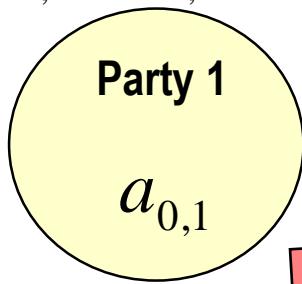
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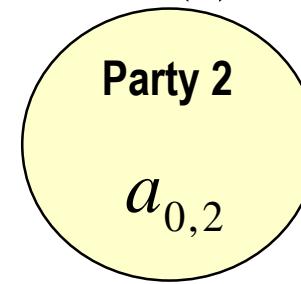
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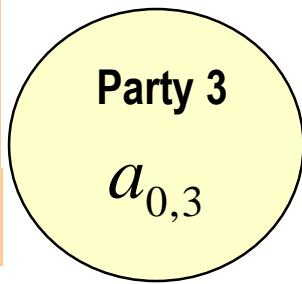
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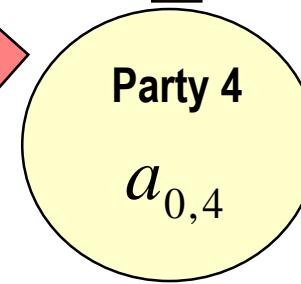
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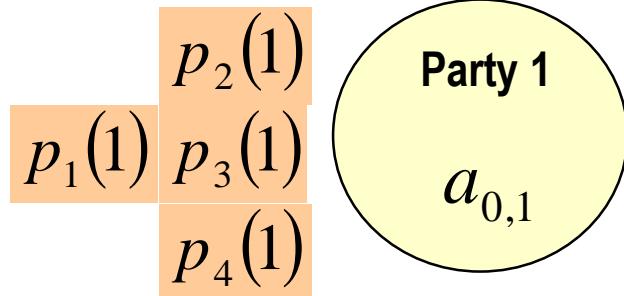
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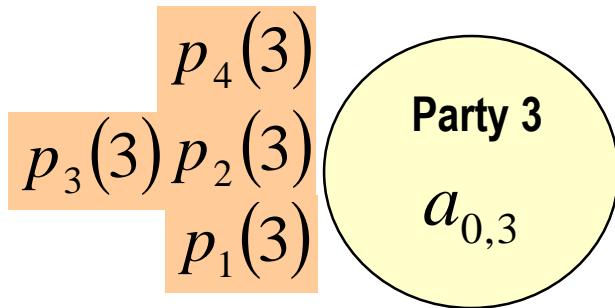
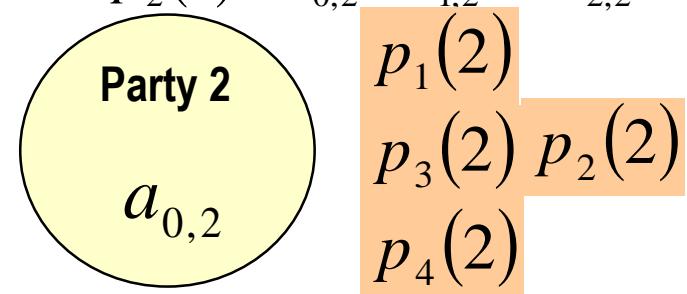
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Step 4: each party computes “self” share

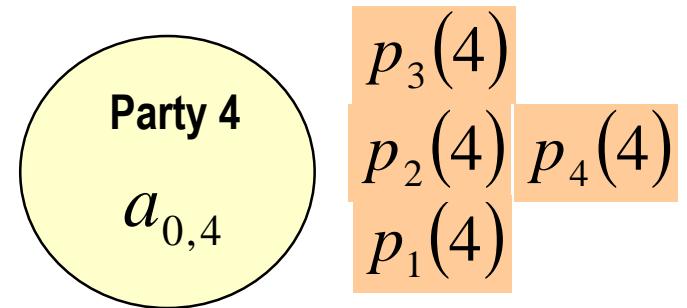
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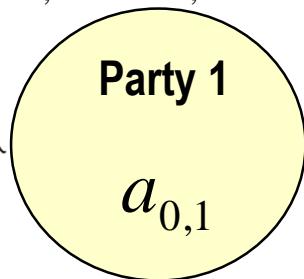
share of the sum dei sub-secret  
 $a_{01} + a_{02} + a_{03} + a_{04}$   
 (che NON concorda)

Step 5: each party computes “full” share (and keeps it)

$$y_1 = p_1(1) + p_2(1) + p_3(1) + p_4(1)$$

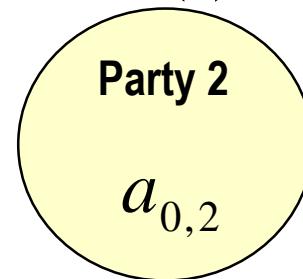
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(homomorphic property)  
 sum of shares = shares of the sum



$$y_2 = p_1(2) + p_2(2) + p_3(2) + p_4(2)$$

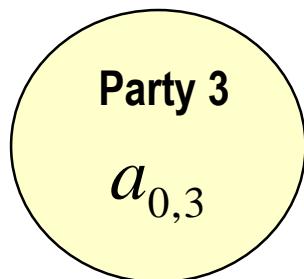
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chiama  $S = a_{01} + a_{02} + a_{03} + a_{04}$

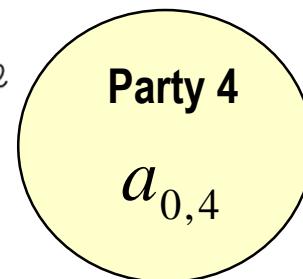
$y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  sono shares di  $S$

Con 3  $y_i$  faccio  
 interpolazione Lagrange  
 etc...



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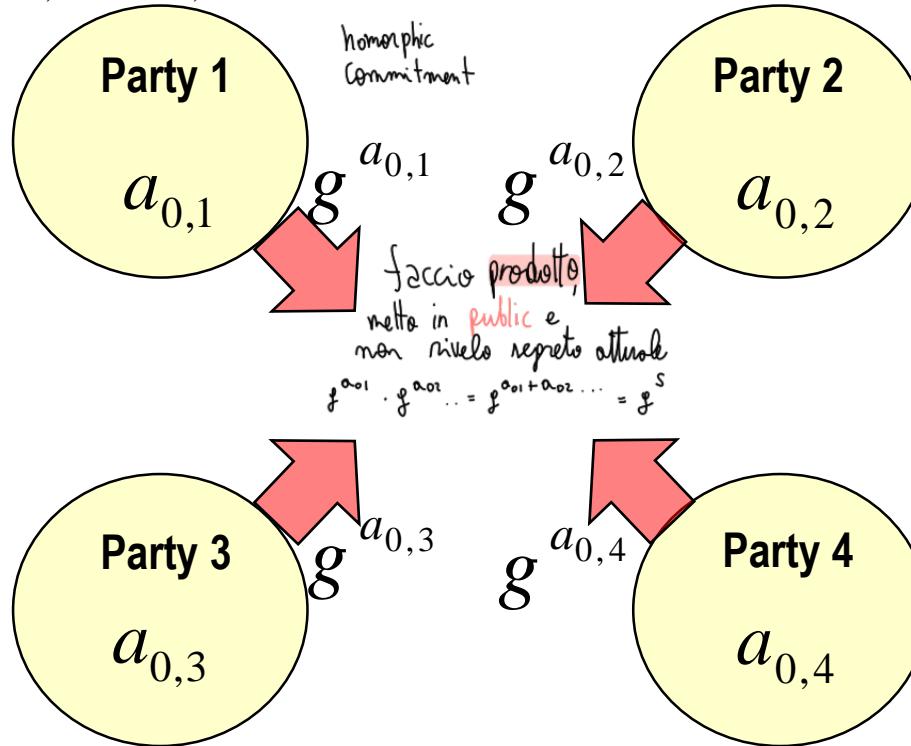
Posso fare  $g^s$ ? voglio ( $s$  nascosto,  $g^s$  pubblico)

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Step 6: ...and broadcasts commitment for  $a_{0,i}$  (if all commitments, full Feldman VSS scheme)

$$y_1 = p_1(1) + p_2(1) + p_3(1) + p_4(1)$$

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Wrap up: what we have accomplished so far?

We have distributively built a random polynomial  $P(x)$  where a random  $S$  is unknown to ALL...

generating  
diverse  
player

$$\sum \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1(x) = a_{0,1} + a_{1,1}x + a_{2,1}x^2 \\ p_2(x) = a_{0,2} + a_{1,2}x + a_{2,2}x^2 \\ p_3(x) = a_{0,3} + a_{1,3}x + a_{2,3}x^2 \\ p_4(x) = a_{0,4} + a_{1,4}x + a_{2,4}x^2 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} s = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{0,i} \\ \text{Being: } \alpha_1 = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{1,i} \\ \alpha_2 = \sum_{i=1}^4 a_{2,i} \end{array}$$

$$P(x) = s + \underbrace{\alpha_1 x}_{\text{non necessario, basta shares}} + \underbrace{\alpha_2 x^2}_{\text{non necessario, basta shares}}$$

... but where each party has a valid SHARE of such random secret  $S$ ...

$$y_i = p_1(i) + p_2(i) + p_3(i) + p_4(i) = P(i)$$

... and (our target!) where each party can compute  $g^S$  using the broadcast commitments!

$$g^{a_{0,1}} \cdot g^{a_{0,2}} \cdot g^{a_{0,3}} \cdot g^{a_{0,4}} = g^{a_{0,1} + a_{0,2} + a_{0,3} + a_{0,4}} = g^s$$