

# CS6222 Cryptography

Topic: Zero Knowledge Proofs

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## 1 3 Coloring

If you have 3-coloring on this graph, you can permute the colors. In the given example of 6 vertices forming four triangles, there are 6 permutations of coloring. However, if you have a 4 vertex, complete graph, it would not be colorable unless we were to remove one of the edges.

**Formal Definition** Formally,  $x$  denotes a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $E$  edges:  $x = ([n], E)$ . The statement we are showing is  $x \in L_{3-col}$ . Other constraints are  $w = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$ ,  $b_i \in \{R, B, G\}$ ,  $\forall (u, v) \in E$ ,  $b_u \neq b_v$  if  $w$  is witness of  $x \in L$ .

**Witness Addition** Proving  $x \in L$  can be difficult as 3-coloring is a NP complete problem. Let's say the prover is provided with the graph,  $x$  and a witness,  $w$ , that has a legitimate coloring of  $x$  and is selected from the set of all colorings for the graph, which is denoted by  $w \in R_L(x)$  since each  $w$  may not be unique for a given  $x$ .

**Interactive Proofs** PPT ITM  $(P, V)$  is Zero Knowledge Proof (ZKP) for  $L$  if  $\forall$  auxiliary  $z \in \{0, 1\}^*$ .

*Complete:*  $\forall x \in L, \exists w \in \{0, 1\}^*, \Pr[out_v[P(x, w) \leftrightarrow V(x, z)] = 1] = ACC$

*Soundness:*  $\exists \text{negl } \epsilon(\cdot), \forall x \notin L, \forall \text{adversarial } P^*, \forall z, \Pr[out_v[P^*(x) \leftrightarrow V(x, z)] = Acc] \leq \epsilon(n) \forall n$   
If the graph is not 3 colorable, there is no way to come up with any arbitrary algorithm,  $P^*$  that can prove the problem.

*Zero-Knowledge:*  $\exists$  PPT simulator  $S$  such that  $\forall x \in L, w \in R_L(x), \forall z,$   
 $\{view_v[P(x, w) \leftrightarrow V(x, z)]\}_n \approx \{S(x, z)\}_n$  The view is something you can create without knowing  $w$  where the view represents all transactions and messages sent between  $P$  and  $V$ .

This definition of zero-knowledge essentially means that the simulator does not need the witness, so the view with witness  $w$  is close to a simulation that does not know  $w$ . If the language is easy enough that  $V$  can solve the verify the statement in poly time without  $P$ , then it is zero-knowledge.

**Sealed Envelope**  $\forall i \in [n], \pi \leftarrow \text{Perm}(3)$ , meaning  $\pi$  is a permutation mapping to the 3 colors,  $\{R, G, B\} \rightarrow \{R, G, B\}$ .  $c_i = \text{Com}(\pi(b_i); r_i)$ . There is a sealed envelope that can only be opened by the seal,  $r_i$ . It has two purposes, hiding and binding. Prover sends this envelope storing a color for every vertex  $i$  to the verifier. The verifier then picks a uniformly random edge,  $(u, v) \leftarrow E$ , which is sent to the prover who opens the corresponding envelope. Given  $(\pi(b_u); r_u)$  and  $(\pi(b_v); r_v)$ , the verifier receives  $c_u = \text{Com}(\pi(b_u); r_u)$  and  $c_v = \text{Com}(\pi(b_v); r_v)$ . To verify the opening is correct, the verifier will recompute the commitment and check that the permuted color  $b_u \neq b_v$ , else it will reject. The commitment function,  $\text{Com}$ , is a function computable in polynomial time.

If a graph is not 3-colorable, there must exist two adjacent edges that are the same color.  
*Soundness:*  $\exists(u^*, v^*) \in E$  s.t.  $c_{u^*}, c_{v^*}$  are some color.

**Soundness Cont.** If  $(u, v) = (u^*, v^*)$ , then  $V$  is rejected by binding of Com.  $\Pr[out_v[\dots] = Acc] \leq 1 - \frac{1}{|E|}$ . Repeat this protocol for  $n * |E|$  times.  $|Pr[]| \leq (1 - \frac{1}{|E|})^{n * |E|} = e^{-n}$ . This is negligible, so we have shown that this protocol fulfills the soundness requirement

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## References