

Advanced Proof-Systems - Problem Set 3

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1 *MIP* vs *PCP*

1.1

Denote the concatenation of m_1 and m_2 with $m_1 || m_2$.

Let $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ be a language with a k – prover, 2 – message *MIP*.

Since this protocol is a 2 – message *MIP*, we know the structure of communications: in the first round the verifier sends a message to all provers, and in the second round each prover sends a message to the verifier.

Let $x \in L$, in the run of the protocol on x , Denote the message sent by the V to P_i with $m_{q,i}$, denote the message sent by P_i to V with $m_{r,i}$.

The set of possible values of $m_{q,i}$ is bounded with it's maximal size. Each such value will yield an appropriate $m_{r,i}$ response, which is independent of any other $m_{q,j}$ 'queries' sent by the verifier.

Thus for each $i \in [n]$ we can define a function from query values to response values; for any query value we can define the response value to be 0. Thus we are left with a function $Resp_i : \{0, 1\}^{l_v} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{l_p}$, where $\forall m_{q,i} \forall, Resp_i(m_{q,i}) = m_{r,i}$.

For the purposes of accessing the correct response later we can also pad the response values with 0's so that all of them are exactly l_p in length.

Define the *PCP* proof of x as:

$$\begin{aligned} PCP_x &:= Resp_0(0) || Resp_0(1) || \dots || Resp_0(2^{l_v} - 1) \\ &\quad || Resp_1(0) || Resp_1(1) || \dots || Resp_1(2^{l_v} - 1) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad || Resp_{k-1}(0) || Resp_{k-1}(1) || \dots || Resp_{k-1}(2^{l_v} - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Note $|Resp_i(j)| = l_p$, thus each line in the definition of PCP_x is equal to $l_p \cdot 2^{l_v}$. And the whole size is equal to $k \cdot l_p \cdot 2^{l_v}$.

The *PCP* verifier V_p will be based on the *MIP* verifier V_m .

On the run of $V_p(x, PCP_x)$, V_p will first use V_m to ask it what queries to make. For each query $m_{q,i}$ to P_i made by V_m , V_p will look at:

$$PCP_x[l_p \cdot (2^{l_v} \cdot i + m_{q,i}) : l_p \cdot (2^{l_v} \cdot i + m_{q,i}) + l_p]$$

Or in other words, the bits corresponding to the response for $m_{q,i}$ in P_i 's section of PCP_x .

After the PCP verifier gets all these bits, it gives them back to V_m as the responses to the queries - and accepts iff V_m accepts.

- Completeness:

If $x \in L$ - our PCP_x is well defined. And for whatever query V_m makes - it receives the exact response it should get from P_i - thus since it will accept on P_i 's responses - it will accept on the messages sent by V_p , meaning V_p will accept on x .

- Soundness:

Let there be a set of PCP_x values (defined also on $x \notin L$). WLOG $\forall x, |PCP_x| = l_P$ - since it is easy for V to check if that is the case. Thus we can easily use this set of PCP_x 's to construct a set of 'malicious' provers P_0, \dots, P_{k-1} : Each P_i on query $m_{q,i}$ will response with:

$$PCP_x[l_P \cdot (2^{l_V} \cdot j + m_{q,i}) : l_P \cdot (2^{l_V} \cdot j + m_{q,i}) + l_P]$$

Now for each instance where $V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1$, we have $(V_m, P_0, \dots, P_{k-1})(x) = 1$ since the only way for V_p to accept is if V_m does - and it runs on the same inputs (including randomizations) in both cases. Thus:

$$\Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1] \leq \Pr[(V_m, P_0, \dots, P_{k-1})(x) = 1] \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

1.2

Let $L \in PCP$ as stated, let V_p be a PCP verifier. Define an MIP protocol as follows on an input x :

- There are q^2 provers, denoted $P_{i,j}$.
- The verifier V :

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Get queries  $R = \{r_i\}_{i=1}^q$  from  $V_p$ .
Sample  $b \leftarrow^{\$} \{0, 1\}$ .
if  $b = 0$  then
    Verify provers are consistent:
    Sample  $k \leftarrow^{\$} [q]$ .
    Verify  $\forall i, j \in [q] : P_{k,i}(R) = P_{k,j}(R)$ 
else
    end if

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1.3

Let $L \subseteq \{0, 1\}^*$ be a language with a *PCP* verifier V_p set of proofs bounded by in length m .

Define the following q - *prover MIP* for it:

The protocol on input x :

- Verifier V_m :
 1. sample $B \leftarrow^{\$} \{0, 1\}$.
 2. if $B = 0$ (verify *PCP*):
 - (a) Get the set of queries $Q = \{Q_i \mid i \in [q]\}$ from V_p on input x .
 - (b) For all $i \in [q]$, send Q_i to P_i .
 - (c) Denote the bit returned by P_i with b_i .
 - (d) Verify V_p 's acceptance on query results $\{b_i \mid i \in [q]\}$.
 3. if $B = 1$ (Verify consistency):
 - (a) Sample $r \leftarrow^{\$} [m]$.
 - (b) For all $i \in [q]$, send r to P_i .
 - (c) Denote the bit returned by P_i with b_i .
 - (d) Verify $b_i = b_j, \forall i, j \in [q]$.
- Prover P_i :
 1. Recive an index i from the verifier.
 2. Return $PCP_x[i]$.

Correctness:

- Complexity:
The integer representation of each query is of size $\log(m)$, thus it is the length of the messages sent by V_m .
- Completness:
Let $x \in L$. Denote with $PCP_x[Q]$ the set of bits corresponding to the queries Q in PCP_x .
In the standard usage of the *PCP* verifier V_p - it will recive $PCP_x[Q]$ as the responses to the queries Q - and since it has perfect completeness (WLOG as seen previously in the course), it will accept.
When V_m invokes V_p - it sends it the same $PCP_x[Q]$, thus V_p accepts here too - and so does V_m .
- Soundness:
Let $x \notin L$.
Let $\{P_i^* \mid i \in [q]\}$ be a set of (possibly mallicious) provers.

Now we use these provers to construct PCP_x :

PCP_x has a section corresponding to each prover P_i^* , and in each section

- the j 'th bit corresponds to the response of P_i^* on query j which is the most probable. If there is more than one most probable response select the minimal one.

As a shorthand denote P_1^*, \dots, P_q^* as PS^* .

Denote with $C_{i,j}$ the event that P_i returns the most probable response on query j and $c_{i,j} = \Pr[C_{i,j}]$. Since there are only two possible responses (1 and 0) - $c_{i,j} \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

In the event that $B = 0$:

Let $C := \bigwedge_{i \in [q]} C_{i,Q_i}$ - meaning the event that all provers were consistent with PCP_x . Let $c = \Pr[C]$.

Since we know the provers cannot communicate - the probabilities for their selections are independent. Hence $c = \mathbb{E}_Q[\prod_{i \in [q]} c_{i,Q_i}]$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0] \\
&= \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0 \wedge C] \Pr[C] + \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0 \wedge \neg C] \Pr[\neg C] \\
&= c \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0 \wedge C] + (1-c) \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0 \wedge \neg C] \\
&= c \Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1] + (1-c) \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0 \wedge \neg C] \\
&\leq c \Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1] + (1-c) \cdot 1 = 1 + c(\Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1] - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

In the event that $B = 1$:

Let $C := \bigwedge_{i \in [q]} C_{i,r}$ and $c' := \Pr[C]$.

Thus $c = \frac{1}{q} \sum_{r \in [q]} \prod_{i \in [q]} c_{i,r}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1] \\
&= \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1 \wedge C] \Pr[C] + \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1 \wedge \neg C] \Pr[\neg C] \\
&= c \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1 \wedge C] + (1-c) \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1 \wedge \neg C] \\
&= c \cdot 1 + (1-c) \cdot 0 = c
\end{aligned}$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1] &= \frac{1}{2} \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 0] + \frac{1}{2} \Pr[(V_m, PS^*)(x) = 1 \mid B = 1] \\
&\leq \frac{1 + c(\Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1] - 1)}{2} + \frac{c}{2} = \frac{1 + \Pr[V_p(x, PCP_x) = 1]}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence since V_p has constant soundness - V_m has constant soundness too.

2 Tensor Codes

2.1 A Characterization

$C_1 \otimes C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{M}$:

Let $\mathbb{M} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ be the set of matrices such that all rows are codewords of C_2 and all columns are codewords of C_1 .

As defined, we know that $C_i : \mathbb{F}^{k_i} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^{n_i}$. Furthermore, we know C_i is a linear function. This means that C_i can be represented as a matrix, or in other words, we can describe $C_i(v) = C_i \cdot v, \forall v \in \mathbb{F}^{k_i}$. Furthermore, if we have a matrix $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times X}$, applying C_2 to all of its columns is equivalent to multiplying A by C_2 as in $C_2 \cdot A$. If we want to do the equivalent operation for the rows, we can transpose A , then transpose the result after multiplication, meaning that for any matrix $A \in \mathbb{F}^{X \times n_2}$, applying $(C_1 \cdot (A^T))^T$ is equivalent to applying C_1 to all of A 's rows.

Finally, if we want to first apply C_2 to all columns, then apply C_1 to all rows of a matrix $A \in \mathbb{F}^{n_1 \times n_2}$ - we can describe this operation as: $C_1(C_2 A^T)^T$, meaning (*):

$$(C_1 \otimes C_2)(A) = C_1(C_2 A^T)^T = C_1(A C_2^T) = (C_1 A) C_2^T = (C_2(C_1 A)^T)^T$$

Let $B \in C_1 \otimes C_2$. By def. $\exists A : (C_1 \otimes C_2)(A) = B$. From (*), this means $B = C_1(A C_2^T)$, or in other words $\exists D = A C_2^T$, s.t. $B = C_1 D$ and so each column of B is the result of the C_1 on a column of D - meaning it is a legal codeword of C_1 .

Similarly, from (*) we know $\exists D = C_1 A$ s.t. $B = (C_2 D^T)^T$ - meaning every row is a legal codeword of C_2 .

Hence $B \in \mathbb{M}$. In other words; $C_1 \otimes C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{M}$.

$\mathbb{M} \subseteq C_1 \otimes C_2$:

$C_1 \otimes C_2 = \mathbb{M}$:

An anti-symmetric relation $R \subseteq A \times B$ is a relation that obeys:

$$\forall a \in A, \forall b \in B : (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R \Rightarrow a = b$$

Lemma: ' \subseteq ' is anti-symmetric:

Let A, B be two sets s.t. $A \subseteq B \wedge B \subseteq A$. By def. this means:

$$\forall a \in A, a \in B \wedge \forall b \in B, b \in A$$

Thus $\forall x : x \in A \iff x \in B$ and so $A = B$.

Hence, \subseteq is anti-symmetric.

Thus, since we have shown that $C_1 \otimes C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{M}$ and also $\mathbb{M} \subseteq C_1 \otimes C_2$, we can conclude that $C_1 \otimes C_2 = \mathbb{M}$.

But most importantly, we have shown we remember Matka!

2.2 Rate

We know the input size of $C_1 \otimes C_2$ is $k_1 \cdot k_2$ and the output size is $n_1 \cdot n_2$. Thus the rate is: $r = \frac{k_1 \cdot k_2}{n_1 \cdot n_2} = \frac{k_1}{n_1} \cdot \frac{k_2}{n_2} = r_1 \cdot r_2$

2.3 Distance

Let $A \in \mathbb{M}$.

By def. $hw(A) \geq \delta_1 n_2 n_1$, $hw(A) \geq \delta_2 n_1 n_2$. Thus:

$$hw(A) \geq \max(\delta_1 n_2 n_1, \delta_2 n_1 n_2) \Rightarrow hw(A) \geq \max(\delta_1, \delta_2) \cdot n_1 n_2 \Rightarrow \frac{hw(A)}{n_1 n_2} \geq \max(\delta_1, \delta_2) \geq \delta_1 \delta_2$$

Since $\delta = \frac{hw(A)}{n_1 n_2}$ we have $\delta \geq \delta_1 \delta_2$.

2.4 Tensor of Reed-Solomon

2.5 Sumcheck for Tensor Codes

Given an input c, α :

Define $w \in \mathbb{F}^n$ s.t. for all $\lambda \in S$,

$$w[\lambda] := \sum_{i_2, i_3, \dots, i_d \in S} c(\lambda, i_2, \dots, i_d)$$

Let $v := C_{base}^{-1}(w)$.

The protocol:

- Verifier:

1. Receive v as v' .
2. Compute $w' := C_{base}(v')$.
3. Verify $\sum_{\lambda \in S} w'[\lambda] = \alpha$.
4. If $d = 1$:
 - (a) Verify $w' = c$ (by reading c).
5. Otherwise:
 - (a) Sample $\lambda \leftarrow^{\$} [n]$.
 - (b) Verify $w'[\lambda] = w[\lambda]$, recursively with α being $w'[\lambda]$, c being $c(\lambda, :, \dots, :)$ (the left c is the parameter of the recursively invoked protocol and the right c is the parameter of the invoking protocol) and d being $d - 1$.

- Prover:

1. Send v .

2. Recursively follow the verifier's protocol.

Correctness:

- Complexity:

The base cases's complexity is $O(\log|\mathbb{F}| \cdot n)$.

Each recursive step also requires $O(n)$ operations, where each one is an operation in the field \mathbb{F} and thus can be done with complexity $\log|\mathbb{F}|$, so the total complexity of a step is $O(n \cdot \log|\mathbb{F}|)$ and the total complexity is $O(n \cdot d \cdot \log|\mathbb{F}|)$.

- Completeness:

The base case is immediate. And recursively:

If c, α satisfy the condition and P sends $v' = v$.

So $w' = w$. As we know w satisfies the formula and so does w' and the verifier passes step 2., with the inductive assumption for completeness - the verifier will also accept for $w'[\lambda]$ for any $\lambda \in [n]$ and the verifier passes 4.b.

- Soundness:

In the case $d = 1$ the checking is exhaustive, so the protocol is perfectly sound, so the soundness error is $1 \geq 1 - \delta$.

Let us assume a soundness error $1 - \delta^{d-1}$ for the protocol of order $d - 1$. Now consider an instance of protocol with order d on input c, α that do not satisfy the condition.

If $v' = v$, the verifier will disqualify the proof w.p. 1 at step 2 (*).

If $v' \neq v$:

1. Since $v' \neq v$, $w' \neq w$.
2. Since δ is the minimal relative distance of C_{base} :

$$\forall a, b \in C_{base} : a \neq b, \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [a(\lambda) \neq b(\lambda)] \geq \delta$$

3. Due to 1. and 2.:

$$\Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [w'(\lambda) \neq w(\lambda)] \geq \delta$$

4. If λ is sampled s.t. it satisfies the expression at 3., the verifier will thus disqualify the proof w.p. at-least $1 - \delta^{d-1}$ at step 4.b. due to the inductive assumption.
5. Thus the chance that the verifier will accept is no more than $\delta \cdot \delta^{d-1} = \delta^d$ (**).

Now consider the total probability of the verifier accepting the proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1] \\
&= x \cdot \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1 \mid v' = v] + (1-x) \cdot \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1 \mid v' \neq v] \\
&\leq \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1 \mid v' = v] + \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1 \mid v' \neq v] \\
&=_{(*)} 0 + \Pr_{\lambda \leftarrow [n]} [(V, P)(c, \alpha) = 1 \mid v' \neq v] \\
&\leq_{(**)} 1 - \delta^d
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have a soundness error of $1 - \delta^d$.