

Lecture 15

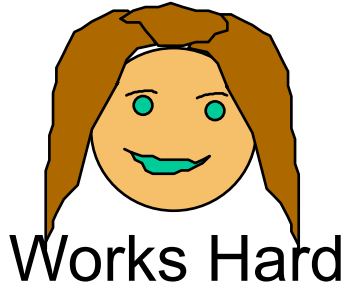
Zero Knowledge li

Class NP

Prover

$x \in L?$

Verifier



w



Iff $V(x,w)=1$
Then accept

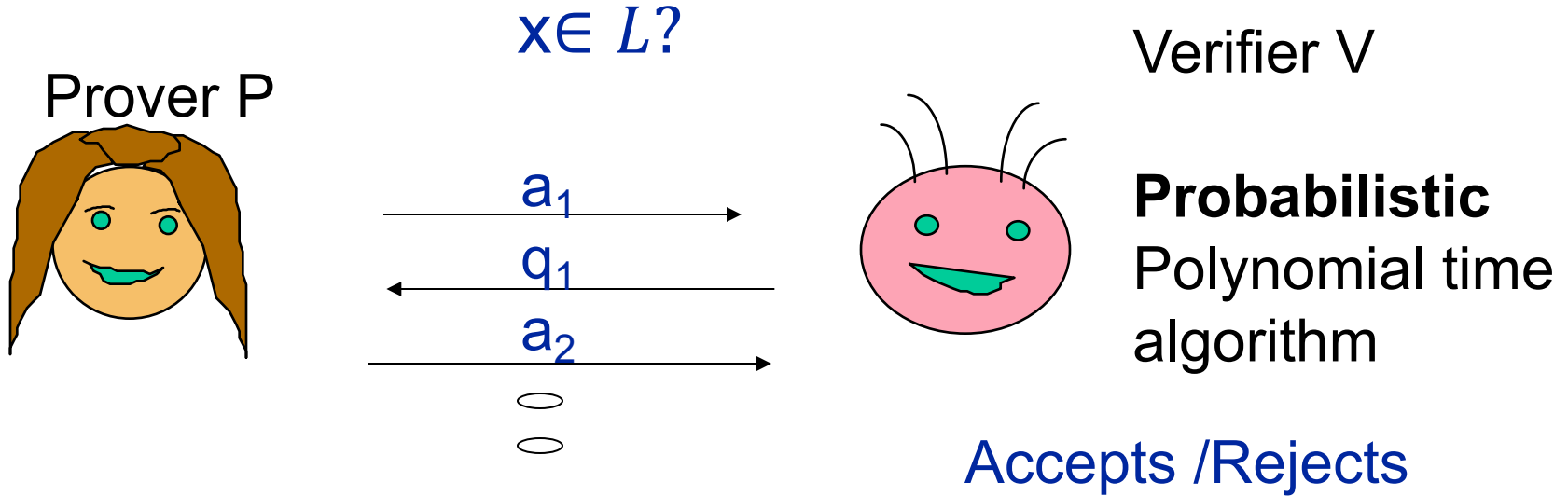
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Polynomial Time

$NP = \{D \text{ s.t. } \exists \text{ polynomial time } V \text{ s.t.}$
 $x \in D \text{ iff } \exists w \text{ of polynomial size s.t. } V(x,w)=1\}$

Any statement which have
Efficiently Verifiable Classical Proofs

Class IP



IP = $\{L \text{ s.t. } \exists (P, V) \text{ s.t.}$
if $x \in L$, then $\text{prob}((P, V)[x] = \text{accepts}) \geq 2/3$
if $x \notin L$, then $\text{prob}((P, V)[x] = \text{accepts}) < 1/3$

Perfect Zero-Knowledge

For a given P and V on input x , define probability space $\text{View}_{(P,V)}(x) = \{(q_1, a_1, q_2, a_2, \dots, \text{coins})\}$ (over coins of V and P)

(P, V) is **honest verifier perfect zero-knowledge** for L if:
 \exists SIM an expected polynomial time randomized algorithm s.t. $\forall x$ in L , $\text{View}_{(P,V)}(x) = \text{SIM}(x)$

(P, V) is **perfect zero-knowledge** for L if : \forall PPT V^*
 \exists SIM an expected polynomial time randomized algorithm s.t. $\forall x$ in L , $\text{View}_{(P,V^*)}(x) = \text{SIM}(x)$

Statistical Zero-Knowledge

(P, V) is **statistical zero-knowledge** for L if : $\forall V^*$

\exists SIM expected polynomial time randomized algorithm
s.t. $\forall x \in L$

$$\left| \sum_v |\text{prob}[v \in \text{View}_{(P, V^*)}(x)] - \text{prob}[v \in \text{SIM}(x)]| < \text{neg}(|x|) \right.$$

Today

- Computational Zero Knowledge
- Every problem in NP has a Computational Zero Knowledge Interactive Proofs
- Is IP greater than NP?
 - Today: examples unknown to be in NP
 - Complexity class $IP=PSPACE$
- Applications

Computational Zero-Knowledge

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Relax to “indistinguishable” by any observer who runs
In probabilistic polynomial time

(P, V) is **computational**

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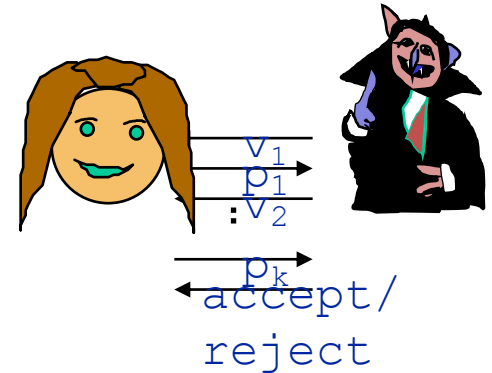
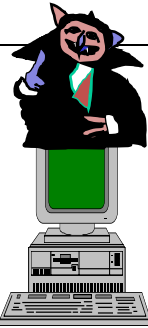
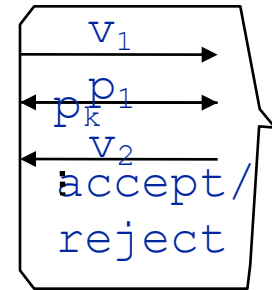
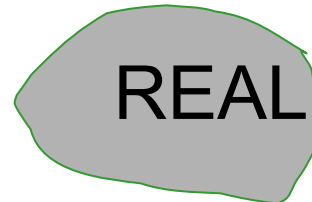
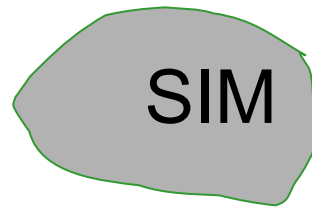
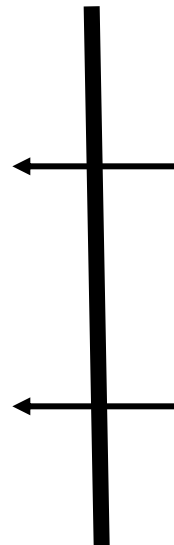
Notation: $\text{View}_{V^*}(x) \approx_c \text{SIM}(x)$

Prover Gives Perfect Zero Knowledge

- If: we can efficiently simulate the view of any verifier s.t. 'Simulated views' 'real verifier' are indistinguishable by any PPT distinguisher



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The observer

Any Probabilistic Poly Time Algorithm

Zero Knowledge for all of NP

Theorem: If one-way permutations exist, then every problem in NP has a computational zero knowledge interactive proofs

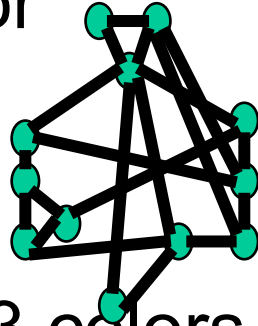
- The assumption can be relaxed to one-way **functions**

Building Block: One Way Functions imply
Commitments schemes

- To prove the theorem, should we construct ZK proof for every **NP** language? Not efficient!

How can you prove something so general?

Idea: Show a zero knowledge interactive proof for **Complete Problem** for NP.



3COLOR = all graphs which can be colored with 3 colors
s.t for for all edges (u,v) $\text{color}(u) \neq \text{color}(v)$

NP Completeness [Cook-Levin-Karp]: Given L in NP.

Instances x is polynomial time reducible to G_x

$x \in L \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_x$ is 3 colorable

$x \notin L \quad \longrightarrow \quad G_x$ is not 3 colorable

Show a
Zero-knowledge
Proof for 3-coloring

Physical Intuition for Protocol

On common input graph $G=(V,E)$ and

Provers private input coloring $\pi: V \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$

- P picks a random permutation σ of the coloring π & color the graph with coloring $\alpha=\sigma(\pi)$. It hides the color $\alpha(u)$ of each vertex inside a locked box
- V Select a random edge (u,v)
- P opens boxes corresponding to u and v
- V accepts if and only if $\alpha(u) \neq \alpha(v)$
[colors are different]

Intuition for Completeness and Soundness

- **Completeness:** if prover uses a proper 3-coloring, the verifier will accept.

- **Soundness:** Let $k = |E|^2$

If G is not 3-colorable, then for all P^*

$$\text{Prob}[(P^*, V)(G) \text{ accepts}] < 1 - 1/|E|$$

Repeat k times.

Soundness $\text{Prob}[(P^*, V)(G) \text{ accepts}] <$

$$(1 - 1/|E|)^k < 1/e^{|E|}$$

From Intuition to a Proof

To “digitize” the above proof, we need to implement locked boxes

Need two properties from digital locked boxes:

- **Hiding:** V should not be able to see the content inside a locked box
- **Binding:** P should not be able to modify the content inside a box once its locked

Commitment Scheme

(Digital analogue of locked boxes)

- An efficient two-stage protocol between a sender S and receiver R on input (1^k) s.t.:
- **commit stage:** S has private input $b \in \{0, 1\}$;
At the end of the commit stage
 - both parties hold output **com** (called the commitment)
 - S holds a private output **dec** (called the de-commitment)
- **reveal stage:** S sends the pair **(dec , b)** to R .
 R accepts or rejects

Properties of a Commitment Scheme

Completeness: R always accepts in an honest execution of S.

Hiding: $\forall R^*, b \neq b' \in \{0,1\}$, In commit stage

$$\{\text{View}(S(b), R^*)(1^k)\} \approx_c \{\text{View}(S(b'), R^*)(1^k)\}.$$

Binding: Let *com* be output of commit stage $\forall S$

* $\text{Prob}[S^* \text{ can reveal two pairs } (dec, b) \ \& \ (dec', b')$

$$\text{s.t. } R(\text{com}, dec, b) =$$

$$R(\text{com}, dec', b') = \text{Accept}] < \text{neg}(k)$$

Ex: $c \in \text{Enc}(r, b)$ for semantically secure PK enc.

Comm=c, Dec={r,b}

Commitment Schemes: Remarks

The previous definition only guarantees hiding for one **bit** and one commitment

Claim: One-bit commitment implies multiple string commitment (using hybrid argument as in encryption)

Commitment Schemes

Can be implemented using interactive protocols, but we will consider non-interactive case. Both commit and reveal phases will consist of single messages

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One- Way function based commitments require 2 rounds of interaction in commit stage

Construction of Bit Commitments

Construction: Let f be a OWP, B be the hard core predicate for f

Commit phase(b): Sender chooses r , sends $\text{Comm} = f(r), b \oplus B(r)$

Reveal phase: Sender reveals (b, r) . Receiver accepts if $\text{Comm} = (f(r), b \oplus B(r))$, and rejects otherwise

Security:

Binding follows from construction since f is a permutation

Hiding follows in the same manner as IND-CPA security

ZK interactive proof for G3COL

On common input graph $G=(V,E)$ and private prover input coloring $\pi: V \rightarrow \{0,1,2\}$

- $P \rightarrow V$: Pick a random permutation σ of the coloring & color the graph with coloring $\alpha(\pi)=\sigma(\pi(v))$. Send commitments $Enc(r_v, \alpha(v)) \forall$ vertex v .
- $V \rightarrow P$: Select a random edge (u,v) and send it
- $P \rightarrow V$: reveal colors of u and v committed in $Enc(r_u, \alpha(u))$ and $Enc(r_v, \alpha(v))$ by releasing r_u and r_v
- If $\alpha(v) \neq \alpha(u)$ V rejects, otherwise repeat and V accepts after k iterations.

Honest Verifier Computational ZK

Simulator S in input $G=(V,E)$: guess in advance the challenge (a,b) of the honest verifier V .

- Choose random edge (a,b) in G
- Choose a_a, a_b in $\{0,1,2\}$ s.t $a_a \neq a_b$ at random and for all $v \neq a,b$ set $a_a = 2$.
- Output $SIM =$
 $(Enc(r_v, a_v), (a, b), r_a, r_b)$

Claim: $SIM \approx_c View_{(P,V)}(G)$

Computational ZK: Simulation for any Verifier V^*

Simulator SIM on input G and verifier V^* :

Fix random tape ω for V^*

For $i = 1$ to $|E|^2$:

- Choose random edge (a, b) and generate vector $\text{com} = \text{Enc}(r_v, a_v)$ as in honest verifier simulation.
- Run $V^*(\text{com}; \omega)$ to obtain challenge (a^*, b^*) ;
if $(a^*, b^*) = (a, b)$, then output transcript as
in honest verifier case , $\text{transcript} = \text{Enc}(r_v, a_v), (a, b), r_a, r_b$)

If all iterations fail, output \perp .

Theorem: If Enc is semantically secure with respect to non-uniform adversaries, then

Claim 1: $\forall G, \pi$ (a true coloring) : $\text{prob}[\perp \text{ output}] = \text{neg}(|E|)$

Claim 2 :if \perp is not output, then simulated-view \approx_c real-view

Simulation for any Verifier V^*

Claim 1 : $\forall G, \pi$ (a true coloring) : $\text{prob}[\perp \text{ output}] = \text{neg}(|E|)$

Proof: By Hybrid argument.

Hybrid 1 (G): Fix random tape ω for V^*

For $i = 1$ to $|E|^2$:

1. Choose random edge (a, b)
2. Let com = vector of encrypted colored vertices s.t all vertices v are colored by $\alpha(v)$ each with randomness $r_\alpha(v)$ [as prover does in real protocol] .
3. Run $V^*(\text{com}) = (a^*, b^*)$. If $(a^*, b^*) = (a, b)$,
output transcript $(\text{com}, (a^*, b^*), r_a, r_b)$
If all iterations fail, output \perp .

Lemma1: Hybrid 1 and $\text{View}_{(P, V^*)}(G)$ are statistically close (chance of \perp is negligible)

Lemma2: Hybrid 1 and $\text{SIM}(G, V^*)$ are computationally indistinguishable if Enc is semantically secure

Examples of NP-assertions

- graph G is 3-colorable
- graph G has a traveling salesman tour of cost C ,
- ...
- NP=Given encrypted inputs $E(x)$ and program $PROG$, $y=PROG(x)$

Many, Many Applications:

- Can prove properties about m without ever revealing m , only $E(m)$
- Can prove relationships between m_1 and m_2 never revealing either one, only $E(m_1)$ and $E(m_2)$.

For example: $L = \{(C_1, C_2): \text{there exists } r_1, r_2, M \text{ s.t. } C_1 = E_1(r_1, M) \text{ and } C_2 = E_2(r_2, M)\}$ is in NP

Generally: A tool to enforce honest behavior without forcing to reveal information.

General Cryptographic Importance

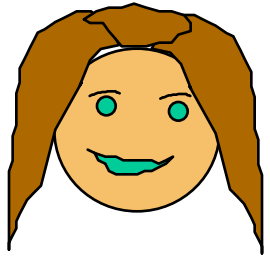
- **Proving correctness** of protocols is complex even if users are honest; If users deviate from protocol in arbitrary ways, almost impossible in a case-by-case manner, need tools and framework to prove correctness.
- Proof of proper behavior is fundamental tool for design of secure protocols
- **Zero Knowledge Proofs** enable automatic conversion of any protocol proven secure against honest-but-curious adversaries to protocol secure against deviating adversaries

Today

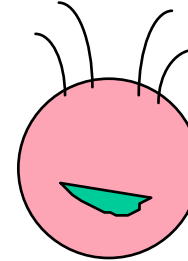
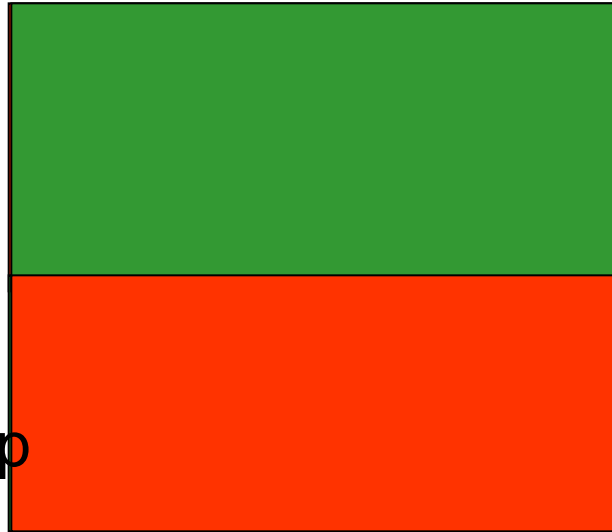
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Zero Knowledge Proof

Prove to color blind bob that colors exist



Claim: there are 2 colors on this page, red top



Bob color blind



Bob tosses coin

If Heads keep red on top.

Tails flip to green on top.

Bob sends resulting page



Alice names color on top



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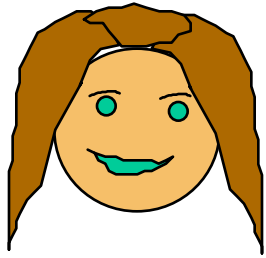


if Alice is wrong,
Reject the claim
Do it Again

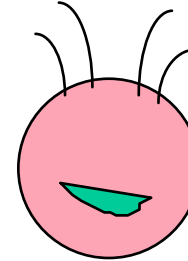
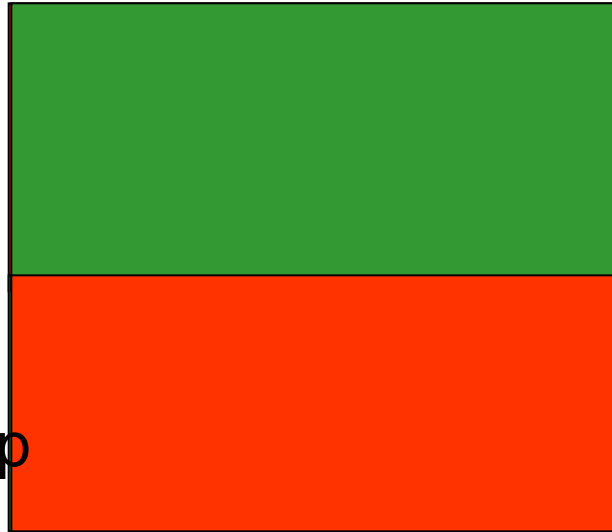
Chance that
If Alice is correct
Alice lucky
 $\frac{1}{2}$ chance that
twice = $\frac{1}{4}$
its just luck

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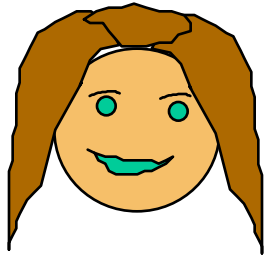
Completeness: if there are 2 colors, Bob will always accept

Soundness: if there is only 1 color, then

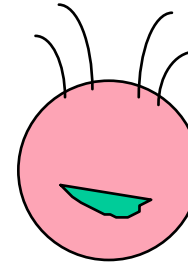
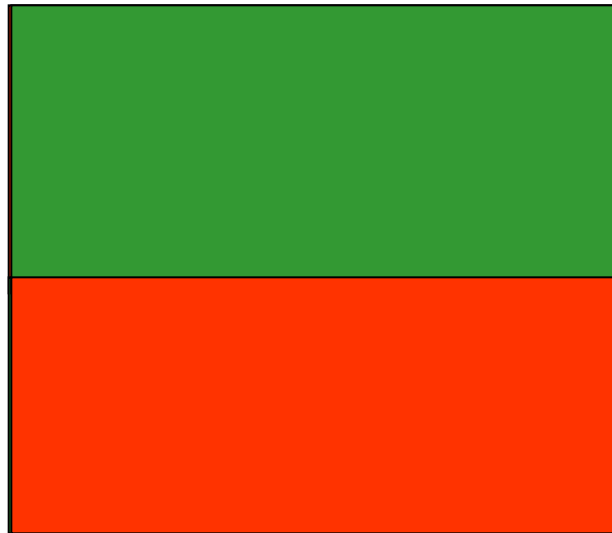
Probability that after 100 iterations Bob will reject $> 1 - 1/2^{100}$

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Claims there are 2 colors on this page



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Bob tosses coin to decide if to flip page:
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Alice names color on top= coin_1



Bob send resulting page

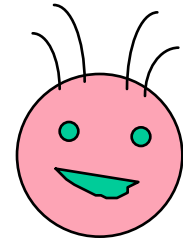
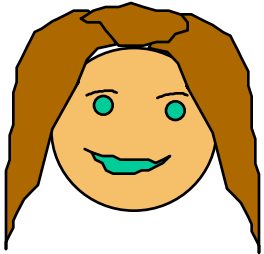
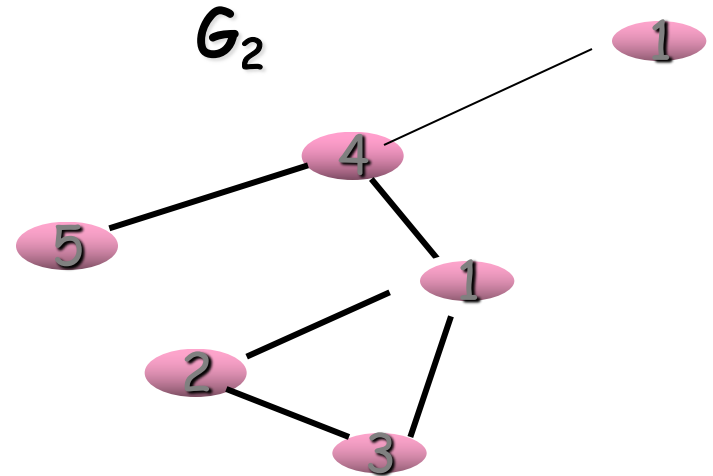
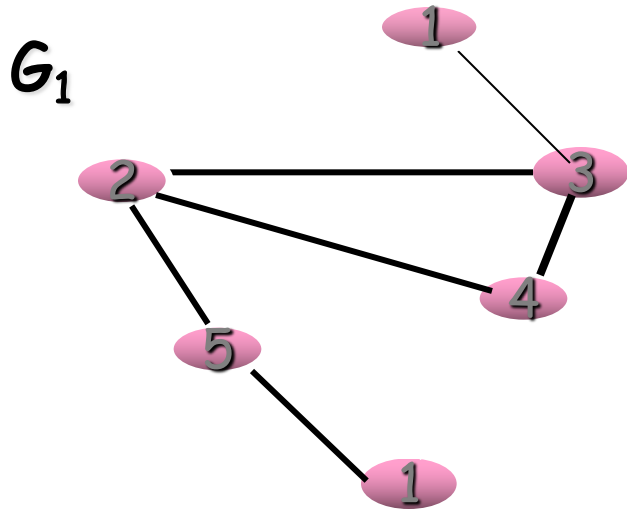


Alice names color on top= coin_2



View of Bob=
 $\{(\text{Page}, \text{coin})\}$

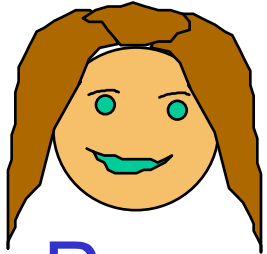
Example: G_1 is NOT isomorphic to G_2



Shortest classical proof:
 \approx exponential $n!$

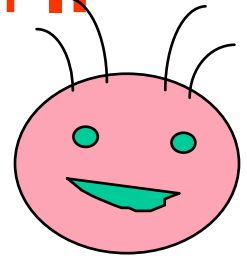
But can convince with an efficient
interactive proof

Graph Non-Isomorphism (Non-ISO) in IP



Prover

input: (G_0, G_1)



Verifier

$H = \gamma(G_c)$

if H isomorphic

to G_0

then $b = 0$, else

$b = 1$

b

flip coin $c \in \{0, 1\}$; pick random γ

Output ACCEPT

iff $b = c$

Completeness: if $(G_0, G_1) \in \text{Non-ISO}$, then

$\text{Prob}[(P, V)[(G_0, G_1)] = \text{accept}] = 1$

Soundness: if $(G_0, G_1) \in \text{ISO}$,

$\text{Prob}[(P, V)[(G_0, G_1)] = \text{accept}] \leq 1/2$

GNI Interactive Proof

- **completeness:**
 - if G_0 not isomorphic to G_1 then H is isomorphic to exactly one of (G_0, G_1)
 - prover will choose correct $b=c$
- **soundness:**

if G_0 is isomorphic to G_1 then prover sees same distribution on H for $c = 0, c = 1$
which no information on $c \Rightarrow$
 $\text{Prob}[\text{prover } P^* \text{ outputs } b=c] \leq 1/2$

Honest Verifier Zero Knowledge

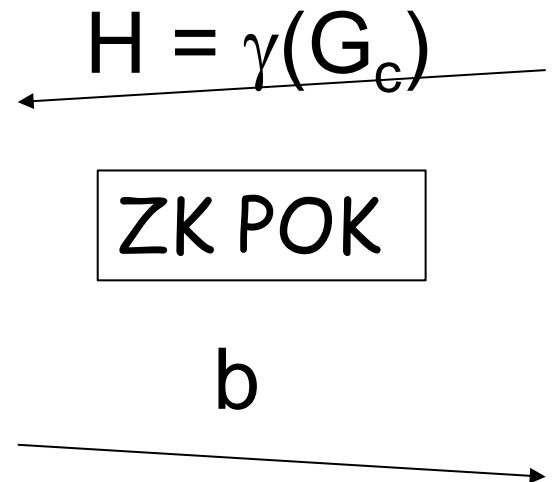
This is obviously honest verifier zero-knowledge (when the graphs are isomorphic):

--All the verifier gets is the coin c he tossed.

But, is it zero-knowledge for all verifiers?

-No. V can use P to find out if H is isomorphic to G_0 or isomorphic to G_1 .

-Instead, the Verifier proves in ZK that he knows γ s.t either $H=\gamma(G_0)$ or $H=\gamma(G_1)$



Applications

- ✓ Preventing Identity Theft
- Secure Protocols
- Proving properties of secrets:
 - Commit + prove

Recent Uses of Zero Knowledge Proofs

2014 Zero Knowledge and Nuclear Disarmament: projects at Princeton and MIT [Barak et al]

2015 Zero Knowledge and Forensics [Naor et al]

Zero Cash, crypto currency which protects the privacy of transactions [BenSasson, Chiesa, Tromer et al]

2017 Proof of "compliance" of FISA with secret laws



Recent Uses of Zero Knowledge Proofs

2014 Zero Knowledge Proof Standardization projects

ZERO KNOWLEDGE PROOF STANDARDIZATION
An Open Industry / Academic Initiative

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The 1st ZKProof Standards Workshop 10-11th May, 2018

ZKProof
Zero Knowledge Proofs are a cutting edge cryptographic tool that is starting to see adoption. This breakthrough technology forms the basis of several cryptographic applications, improving the trade-offs between data privacy and integrity. Zero Knowledge Proofs allow a prover to convince a verifier that some computational statement is correct without revealing any information except the veracity of the statement.

ZKProof.org is an open initiative of industry and academia to standardize the use of zero knowledge proofs. We are planning several workshops to standardize the security, implementation, applications and all other related aspects of this technology. The first workshop will take place in Boston in mid May and will bring together for the first time academic and industry experts in the field.

2015 Zero Knowledge Proof Standardization projects

Zero Knowledge Proofs
the privacy of data

Tromer et al.
2017 Privacy laws

Statement:

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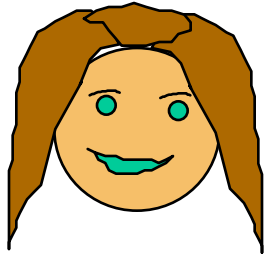


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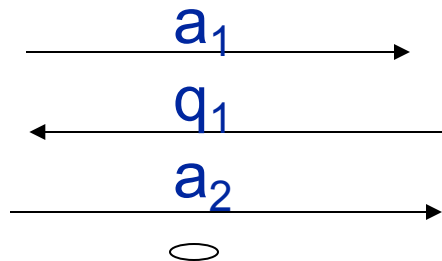


ZK Arguments

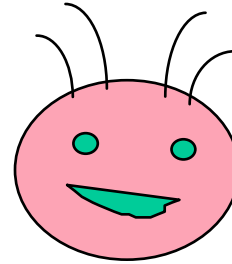
Prover P
PPT



$x \in L?$



Verifier V



Probabilistic
Polynomial time
algorithm

Completeness: there exists P *Accepts /Rejects*
if $x \in L$, then $\text{prob}((P,V)[x] = \text{accepts}) \geq 2/3$

Soundness': if $x \notin L$, then for all probabilistic
polynomial time provers P^* $\text{Prob}((P,V)[x] = \text{accepts}) < 1/3$

Theorem: Perfect ZK Arguments exist for all NP if
one way functions exist [OWF used for soundness']

Basic Questions about Zero Knowledge(I)

- Q1: Sequential Compositions
- Q2: Parallel Compositions?
 - Not always (artificial counter example)
 - Known natural examples cannot be proved using black box simulation
 - A: Weaken definition of ZK to Witness Hiding [FeSh87]