Ranged Polynomial Protocols

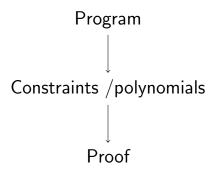
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(Based on work with Zachary J. Williamson)

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"traditional" approach (QAP/r1cs/..)
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Program
Constraints in some language
        Polynomials
           Proof
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Recently.. (similar in spirit to [..,BCGGHJ17,Arya,..]):



 $^{^{1}} https://ethresear.ch/t/using-polynomial-commitments-to-replace-state-roots/7095, plookup$

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- 2. At end, \mathcal{V} asks \mathbf{I} if some identity holds between $\{\mathbf{f}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{f}_\ell, \mathbf{g}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{g}_t\}$ on \mathbf{H} .

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proof sketch: Use [KZG] polynomial commitment scheme. \mathcal{P} commits to all polys and C/Z_H . \mathcal{V} checks identity at random challenge point.

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$$\{\mathbf{0}_{1}, \mathbf{0}_{2}, \mathbf{0}_{3}\} - \{\mathbf{u}_{1}, \mathbf{u}_{2}, \mathbf{u}_{3}\}$$

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Multiset equality check - polynomial version

Given f, $g \in \mathbb{F}_{< d}[X]$, want to check $\{f(x)\}_{x \in H} \stackrel{?}{=} \{g(x)\}_{x \in H}$ as multisets

Multiplicative subgroups:

$$H = \left\{\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^n = 1\right\}.$$

 L_i is i'th lagrange poly of H:

$$L_{i}(\alpha^{i}) = 1, L_{i}(\alpha^{j}) = 0, j \neq i$$

Reduces to:

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$$\mathcal{P} \text{ has sent } \mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{F}_{\!\!\!<\!\! \mathbf{n}}[\mathbf{X}].$$

Wants to prove:

$$\prod_{i \in [n]} f(\alpha^i) = \prod_{i \in [n]} g(\alpha^i)$$

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We get $\mathfrak{d}(P) = n + 2n - |H| = 2n$.

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$$(s(x \cdot \alpha) - s(x))^2 = s(x \cdot \alpha) - s(x)$$

We get $\mathfrak{d}(\mathbf{P}) = 3\mathbf{n}$

To remove assumption use preprocessed "table poly" t with $\{t(x)\}_{x\in H}=[1..M]$ increased $\mathfrak{d}(P)$ by 2M

Open question: get almost same complexity for larger range e.g. $[1..M^2]$