## Lattice-Based Non-Interactive Arugment Systems

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## Proof Systems and Argument Systems



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In this talk, will focus on language of Boolean circuit satisfiability:

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## Non-Interactive Proof Systems for NP

Zero-Knowledge: The proof reveals nothing more about the statement $x$ other than $x \in \mathcal{L}_{C}$ [GMR85]

- Fundamental primitive to modern cryptography
- Important building block in many protocols (e.g., identification schemes, digital signatures, multiparty computation)

Succinctness: The proof is significantly shorter than $|C|$ (and correspondingly, $|w|)$ [Kil92, Micoo, GW11]

- Natural complexity-theoretic question: what is the minimal communication complexity for proofs of NP statements?
- Numerous applications to delegating and verifying computations as well as privacypreserving cryptocurrencies

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Cryptography is the study of hardness

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Non-interactive zero-knowledge arguments from standard lattice assumptions in a preprocessing model [Kim-W; CRYPTO 2018]

## Which assumptions imply succinct non-interactive arguments?

Succinct non-interactive arguments (SNARGs) from lattice-based assumptions [Boneh-Ishai-Sahai-W; EUROCRYPT 2017]

First construction of a quasi-optimal SNARG from lattice-based assumptions [Boneh-Ishai-Sahai-W; EUROCRYPT 2018]

## Why Lattices?



Bilinear Maps


Lattices


Multilinear Maps
(Conjectured) post-quantum resilience
Diversifying cryptographic assumptions
Enable new properties (e.g., quasi-optimality)

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For general NP languages, succinct non-interactive arguments are unlikely to exist in the standard model [BP04, Wee05]

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How short can the proofs be?

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|\pi|=\Omega(\lambda)<\begin{aligned}
& \text { Even in the designated- } \\
& \text { verifier setting }
\end{aligned}
$$

How much work is needed to generate the proof?

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A SNARG (for Boolean circuit satisfiability) is quasi-optimal if it satisfies the following properties:

- Quasi-optimal succinctness:

$$
|\pi|=\lambda \cdot \operatorname{polylog}(\lambda,|C|)=\tilde{O}(\lambda)
$$

- Quasi-optimal prover complexity:

$$
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## Constructing (Quasi-Optimal) SNARGs

New framework for building preprocessing SNARGs (following [BCIOP13]):
Step 1 (information-theoretic):

- Identify useful information-theoretic building block (linear PCPs and linear MIPs)
Step 2 (cryptographic):
- Use cryptographic primitives to compile information-theoretic building block into a preprocessing SNARG

Instantiating our framework yields new lattice-based SNARG candidates

## Linear PCPs



## From Linear PCPs to SNARGs

Oblivious verifier can "commit" to its queries ahead of time


part of the CRS

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PCP $\pi$ from ( $x, w$ )


Prover computes responses to linear PCP queries

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- Differs from [BCIOP13] compiler which relies on additional consistency checks to build a preprocessing SNARG
- Using linear-only vector encryption allows for efficient instantiation from lattices (resulting SNARG satisfies quasioptimal succinctness)

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## Linear-Only Vector Encryption

$v_{1} \in \mathbb{F}^{k}$
$v_{2} \in \mathbb{F}^{k}$ :
$v_{m} \in \mathbb{F}^{k}$
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encryption scheme is semantically-secure and additively homomorphic

## Linear-Only Vector Encryption



For all adversaries, there is an efficient extractor such that if ct is valid, then the extractor is able to produce a vector of coefficients $\left(\alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{m}\right) \in \mathbb{F}^{m}$ and $b \in \mathbb{F}^{k}$ such that $\operatorname{Decrypt}($ sk, ct $)=\sum_{i \in[n]} \alpha_{i} v_{i}+b$

## From Linear PCPs to SNARGs



Linear-only vector encryption ensures that all prover
strategies can be explained by a linear function $\Rightarrow$ can appeal to soundness of underlying
linear PCP to argue soundness

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## Instantiating Linear-Only Vector Encryption

Conjecture: Regev encryption (specifically, variant of the [PVW08] scheme) based on lattices is a linear-only vector encryption scheme.

Linear PCPs for Boolean circuit satisfiability


## Preprocessing SNARG

## Complexity of the Construction

Evaluating inner product requires $\Omega(|C|)$ homomorphic operations; prover complexity:

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Proof consists of a constant number of ciphertexts: total length $O(\lambda)$ bits

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We pay $\Omega(\lambda)$ for each homomorphic operation. Can we


## Linear-Only Encryption over Rings

Consider encryption scheme over a polynomial ring $R_{p}=\mathbb{Z}_{p}[x] / \Phi_{\ell}(x) \cong \mathbb{F}_{p}^{\ell}$

| $x_{1}$ |
| :---: |
| $x_{2}$ |
| $x_{3}$ |
| $\vdots$ |
| $x_{l}$ |$\quad$| $x_{1}^{\prime}$ |
| :---: |
| $x_{2}^{\prime}$ |
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Homomorphic operations correspond to component-wise additions and scalar multiplications

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## Linear-Only Encryption over Rings



Given encrypted set of query vectors, prover can homomorphically apply independent linear functions to each slot

Key idea: Check multiple independent proofs in parallel

## Linear Multi-Prover Interactive Proofs (MIPs)



Verifier has oracle access to multiple linear proof oracles
[Proofs may be correlated]
Can convert linear MIP to preprocessing SNARG using linearonly (vector) encryption over rings


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## Quasi-Optimal Linear MIPs

This work: Construction of a quasi-optimal linear MIP for Boolean circuit satisfiability


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Robustness: If $x \notin \mathcal{L}$, then for all $w^{\prime}$, at most $2 / 3$ of $f_{i}\left(x^{\prime}, w^{\prime}\right)=1$

For false $x$, no single $w^{\prime}$ can simultaneously satisfy $f_{i}\left(x^{\prime},\right)$; however, all of the $f_{i}\left(x^{\prime}, \cdot\right)$ could individually be satisfiable

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Problematic however if prover uses different ( $x^{\prime}, w^{\prime}$ ) to construct proofs for different $f_{i}^{\prime}$ 's

## Consistency Checking

Require that linear PCPs are systematic: linear PCP $\pi$ contains a copy of the witness:

| $\pi_{1}$ | $w_{1}^{\prime}$ | $w_{3}^{\prime}$ | other components |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\pi_{2}$ | $w_{1}^{\prime}$ | $w_{2}^{\prime}$ | other components |
| $\pi_{3}$ | $w_{2}^{\prime}$ | $w_{3}^{\prime}$ | other components |

Goal: check that assignments to $w^{\prime}$ are consistent via linear queries to $\pi_{i}$

First few components of proof correspond to witness associated with the statement

Each proof induces an assignment to a few bits of the common witness $w^{\prime}$

## Quasi-Optimal Linear MIP

## Robust Decomposition <br> 

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Robust decomposition can be instantiated by combining "MPC-in-the-head" paradigm [IKOSO7] with a robust MPC protocol with polylogarithmic overhead [DIK10]

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- Check that consistent witness is used to prove satisfiability of each $f_{i}$
- Relies on pairwise consistency checks and permuting the entries to obtain a "nice" replication structure


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- Quasi-optimal succinctness: $|\pi|=\tilde{O}(\lambda)$
- Quasi-optimal prover complexity: $|P|=\tilde{O}(|C|)+\operatorname{poly}(\lambda, \log |C|)$

New framework for building SNARGs by combining linear PCPs (and linear MIPs) with linear-only vector encryption

Framework yields first quasi-optimal SNARG by combining quasi-optimal linear MIP with linear-only vector encryption

- Construction of a quasi-optimal linear MIP possible by combining robust decomposition and consistency check


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