

# Simulation and Zero-knowledge

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## Simulation Paradigm (Real-ideal Paradigm)

- Simulation Definition for Encryption:

Informal: Seeing ciphertext gives almost no information.

$$\{Enc_k(c)\} \approx Sim(\cdot) \rightarrow \{ct\}$$

Formally,

[Goldwasser, Micali 82].

Enc is "semantically secure" if:

$\exists$  ppt. Simulator  $S$ , (s.t.  $\forall$  ppt. Adv  $\exists$  negl.  $\epsilon$ .)

s.t.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\forall m \in M_n$  (message length)

$$\{Enc_k(m)\} \approx \{S(1^n, m)\}$$

For multiple msgs  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ .  $k = poly(n)$ .

$$\{Enc_k(m_1), \dots, Enc_k(m_k)\} \approx_c \{S(1^n, (m_1, \dots, m_k))\}$$

Example (from last lec)

$$M = K = \{0,1\}^n.$$

Gen  $\rightarrow k$  for a PRF:  $\{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$ .

$$Enc_k(m, r) = F_k(r) \oplus m, r$$

$$Dec(c) = F_k(c_2) \oplus c_1 = m.$$

Theorem This encryption scheme satisfies Semantic Secrecy

Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Construct such a simulator.  $S$

$S$ : tosses strings  $R \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$ ,  $r \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n$ .  
outputs  $(R, r)$

As for multiple msgs, use Hybrid Argument  $\sim$

Claim: Indistinguishable Enc = Semantic Enc

proof. Ind  $\Rightarrow$  Sem

$$S(1^n)_{k \leftarrow K} = Enc_k(0^n).$$

proof.  $\perp na \Rightarrow \text{sem}$

$$S(1^n)_{k \in K} = \text{Enc}_k(0^n).$$

$$\forall m \in M. \text{Enc}_k(m) \approx \text{Enc}_k(0^n)$$

Sem  $\Rightarrow$  Ind.

$$\text{Enc}_k(m_1, r) \approx S(1^n) \approx \text{Enc}_k(m_2, r)$$

## Interactive Proof

Prover  $\xrightarrow{\pi}$  Verifier

NP: Language  $L \in NP$  if.

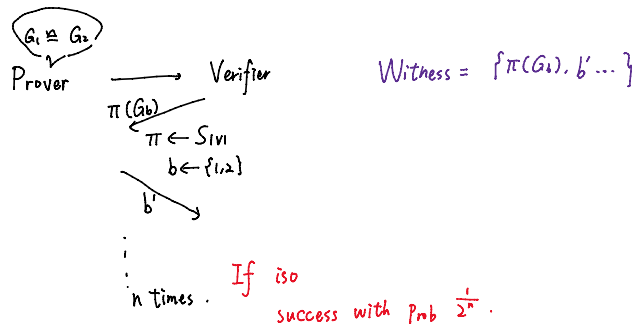
$$x \in L, \exists w. \text{ poly machine } A. \text{ s.t. } A(x, w) = 1$$

Graph (non)-Isomorphism

$$G_1(V_1, E_1) \quad G_2(V_2, E_2)$$

$$G_1 \cong G_2 \quad \text{if } \exists \pi: V \rightarrow V \text{ s.t. } \pi(V_1) = V_2$$

$$\text{and } E_2 = \{(\pi(u), \pi(v)) : v, u \in V_1\}$$



Interactive Proof  $\cdot L, x, (P, V)$   
 $\uparrow$  ppt.

Completeness if  $x \in L$

$$\Pr[\text{Prover}(x) \rightarrow p, \text{ s.t. } \text{Ver}(x, \pi) = 1] = 1$$

Soundness if  $x \notin L$ .

$$\Pr[\text{Prover}(x) \rightarrow p, \text{ s.t. } \text{Ver}(x, \pi) = 1] < \text{negl.}$$

( $p$  is all interaction)

## Zero-Knowledge

For honest  $V$ ,  $\exists$  ppt Simulator  $S$ , such that

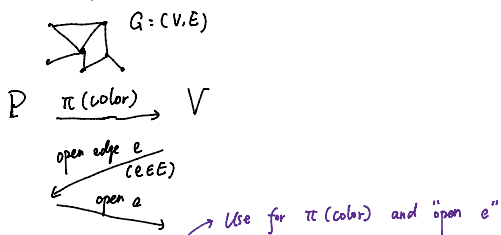
$$S(x) \approx_c \text{Witness}$$

$\uparrow$   
instance

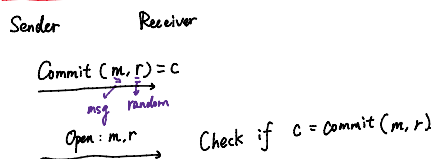
For malicious  $V$ .  $\exists$  ppt Simulator  $S$ . s.t.  
 $S(x, V) \approx_c \text{Witness}$

### Zero-Knowledge Proof for NPC

- 3-coloring



#### 1. Commitment



Property:

- Hiding:  $\forall m_0, m_1$   
 $\{\text{Commit}(m_0, r)\} \approx_c \{\text{Commit}(m_1, r)\}$
- Binding:  $\forall m_0, m_1 \in M, m_0 \neq m_1$  and  $\forall r_0, r_1$ .  
 $\text{Commit}(m_0, r_0) \neq \text{Commit}(m_1, r_1)$

One construction:

OWP  $f$ , hardcore bit  $b$   
 $m \in \{0,1\}^*$   
 $r \leftarrow U_n$

$$\text{Commit}(m, r) = f(r) \oplus b(r) \oplus m$$

#### 2. Proof for Zero-Knowledge.

Construct Sim:

- Commit (Random Coloring)
- Query  $V$ . if  $e$  works, output  $e$ . and then open  $e$ .  
 otherwise goto Commit

Then  $\text{Sim}(G, V) \approx_c \text{View}(P, V)$

(Proved by Hybrid Argument)

$\text{Commit}(m, r)$ .