

The Round Complexity of Verifiable Secret Sharing Re-Visited

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Verifiable Secret Sharing (VSS)

- Fundamental building block in secure distributed computing
- Two phase (sharing and reconstruction) protocol
 - Carried out among n parties of which at most t parties could be actively corrupted
 - Sharing phase : a secret s is shared among n parties
 - Reconstruction phase : s is uniquely reconstructed

Round Complexity of VSS

- Studied in [GIKR01]
 - Assumed that protocols are error-free (perfect)
 - Lower bound : perfect VSS with 3 rounds of sharing is possible iff $n \geq 3t + 1$
(1 round of reconstruction)
- Our Result:
 - Existing lower bound can be circumvented by allowing a negligible error probability
 - Statistical VSS with 2 rounds of sharing is possible iff $n \geq 3t + 1$
(2 rounds of reconstruction)
 - 1 round of reconstruction if A_+ is non-rushing

Verifiable Secret Sharing (VSS) [CGMA85]

- Extends **Secret Sharing** [Sha79, Bla79] to the case of **active corruption**
- n parties $P = \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}$, dealer D (e.g., $D = P_1$)
- t **corrupted parties** (possibly including D) $\rightarrow A_+$
- **Sharing Phase**
 - D initially holds secret s and each party P_i finally holds some **private information** v_i --- **share of s**
 - A_+ gets no information about s from the private information of corrupted parties
- **Reconstruction Phase**
 - **Reconstruction function** is applied to obtain $s = \text{Rec}(v_1, \dots, v_n)$

VSS Requirements

- **Secrecy**
 - If **D is honest**, then A_+ has no information about secret s during the **Sharing phase**
- **Correctness**
 - If **D is honest**, then secret s will be **correctly reconstructed** during reconstruction phase
- **Strong Commitment**
 - If **D is corrupted**, then at the end of sharing phase, **there exists a unique s^*** , such that s^* will be reconstructed in reconstruction phase, **irrespective of the behavior of corrupted parties**

Types of VSS

- Perfect
 - Without any error
- Statistical
 - Negligible error probability of $\epsilon = 2^{-\Omega(k)}$ in Correctness and Strong Commitment
 - No compromise in Secrecy

Communication Model and Definitions

- Synchronous, fully connected network of pair-wise secure channels + broadcast channel
- Rushing and adaptive active adversary A_{\dagger}
- All computation and communication done over a finite field $F = GF(2^k)$, where k is security parameter
- Without loss of generality, $k = \text{poly}(n)$
- **Round complexity:** Number of communication rounds in the Sharing phase [GIKR01, FGGPS06, KKK08]
- **Efficiency:** Total computation and communication is polynomial in n , k and size of the secret.

Our Results vs [GIKR01, FGGPS06]

Summary of existing results for perfect VSS

# Rounds	Characterization	Efficient?	Optimal Rounds?	Optimal Fault Tolerance?
1	$t = 1; n \geq 5$ No protocol for $t > 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	$n \geq 4t + 1, t \geq 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	$n \geq 3t + 1, t \geq 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes

Summary of our results for statistical VSS

# Rounds	Characterization	Efficient?	Optimal Rounds?	Optimal Fault Tolerance?
1	$t = 1; n \geq 4$ No protocol for $t > 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	$n \geq 3t + 1, t \geq 1$	Yes	Yes	Yes

- Conclusion: the existing lower bounds can be circumvented by allowing negligible error probability

Overview of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical VSS

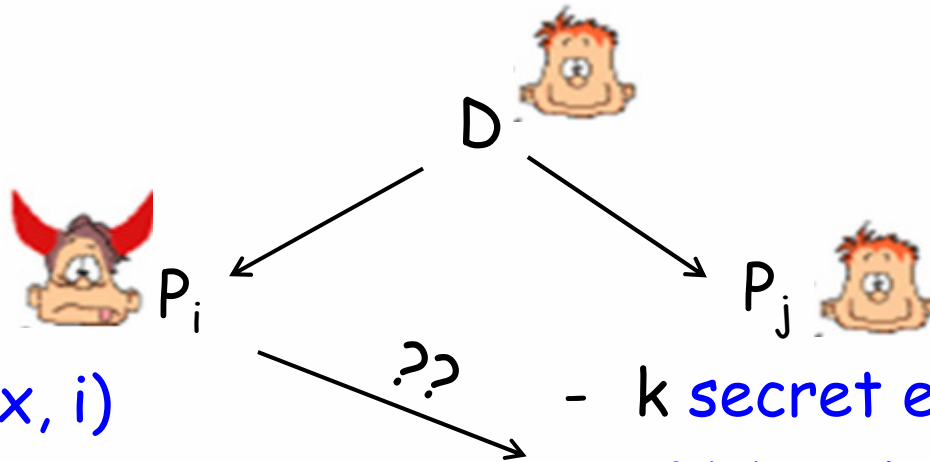
- We follow the structure of the VSS protocols of [RB89, FGGPS06, KKK08]
 - We first design a 2 round $(3t + 1, t)$ statistical WSS
 - Our 2 round $(3t + 1, t)$ statistical WSS is used as a black-box to design our 2 round $(3t + 1, t)$ statistical VSS
- Novelty of our protocol : specific design of the WSS component and the way we use it for VSS

Weak Secret Sharing (WSS) [RB89]

- Used as a **black-box** in our VSS
- **Secrecy** and **Correctness** : **same** as in VSS
- Instead of **Strong Commitment**, satisfies **Weak Commitment**
 - **Weak Commitment**
 - If **D is corrupted**, then at the end of sharing phase, **there exists a unique s^*** , such that during reconstruction phase **either s^* or NULL** will be reconstructed
 - **Perfect WSS** : no error
 - **Statistical WSS** : negligible error of $2^{-\Omega(k)}$ in **correctness and weak commitment**

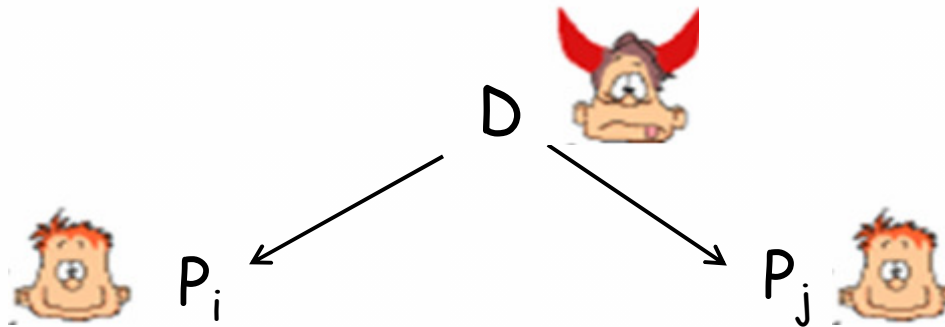
Idea of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical WSS

- D selects $F(x, y)$, $\text{degree}(x) = nk + 1$, $\text{degree}(y) = t$, $F(0, 0) = s$
 - Note the **asymmetry** in $\text{degree}(x)$ and $\text{degree}(y)$



- $f_i(x) = F(x, i)$
- $\text{degree}(x) = nk + 1$
- k **secret evaluation points**
- $f_i(x)$ evaluated at these points
- **Corrupted P_i** revealing $f'_i(x) \neq f_i(x)$ will be caught by honest P_j with high probability
- $f'_i(x) \neq f_i(x)$ will match at one of the evaluation points of P_j with probability $(nk + 1) / |F| \approx 2^{-\Omega(k)}$

Idea of Our 2 Round ($3t + 1, t$) Statistical WSS Contd...



- $f_i(x)$

- $f'_i(x) \neq f_i(x)$ evaluated
k points

- P_i and P_j interact i
check the consist

Only two rounds of sharing d-choose to
is allowed

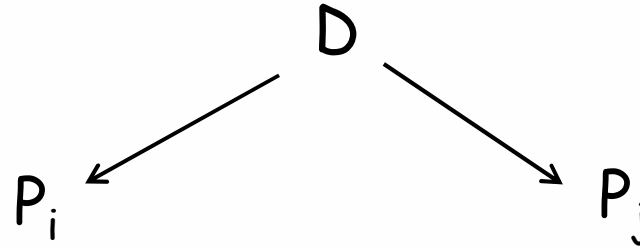
- **Challenges** in cut-and-cho

➤ Should take only **ONE** round

➤ **Adversary** should not get **additional information** about s if **D is honest**

Idea of 2 Round Statistical WSS Contd.

- **D's distribution before Cut-and-choose:**



- $f_i(x)$ and $r_i(x)$
- $\text{degree}(x) = nk + 1$
- $r_i(x)$: blinding polynomial

- k secret evaluation points
- $f_i(x)$ and $r_i(x)$ evaluated at these points

- **Cut-and-choose:**

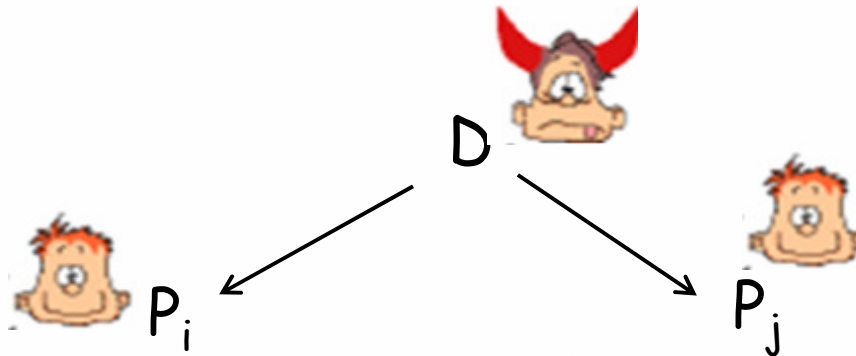
- **P_i BROADCASTS:**

- random $c_i \neq 0$
- $g_i(x) = f_i(x) + c_i r_i(x)$

- **P_j BROADCASTS:**

- random $k/2$ evaluation points out of k
- evaluation of $f_i(x)$ and $r_i(x)$ at these $k/2$ points

Idea of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical WSS Contd...



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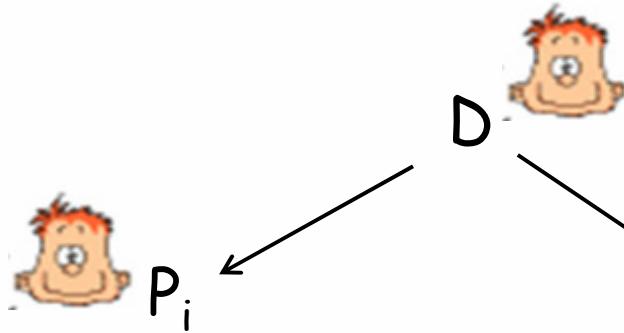
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- If the $k/2$ values exposed by P_j satisfies $g_i(x)$, then except with probability $1/C(k, k/2) \approx 2^{-\Omega(k)}$, at least one of the remaining $k/2$ values of $f_i(x)$ possessed by P_j indeed lie on $f_i(x)$

➤ P_j randomly selects $k/2$ evaluations points for exposing

Idea of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical WSS Contd...



▪ P_i Broadcasts:

- random $c_i \neq 0$
- $g_i(x) = f_i(x) + c_i r_i(x)$

▪ P_j Broadcasts:

- random $k/2$ evaluation points out of k
- evaluation of $f_i(x)$ and $r_i(x)$ at these $k/2$ points

- Adversary will have **no** information about $f_i(0) = F(0, i)$

➤ $\text{degree}(f_i(x)) = nk + 1 = (3t + 1)k + 1$

➤ Total number of points on $f_i(x)$ known by adversary is
 $[kt + (2t + 1) k/2] < (nk + 1)$

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, 2 Round Reconstruction, $n = 3t + 1$

Overall Idea

- Almost follows the same idea as [FGGPS06, KKK08]
 - D selects a **symmetric** bivariate polynomial $F(x, y)$ of **degree t in x, y** with $F(0, 0) = s$ and sends **$f_i(y) = F(i, y)$** to P_i
 - P_i executes sharing phase of **2 Round WSS** to share a **random degree- t polynomial $g_i(y)$** --- **WSS P_i**
 - Parties perform pair-wise consistency checking of their **common values on $F(x, y)$** using **$g_i(y)$ polynomials for masking**
 - Though there is **no third round** to resolve conflict as in [FGGPS06, KKK08], our VSS achieve all the properties of **statistic VSS**.

Statistical VSS with Only 1 Round of Broadcast

- We can modify the VSS protocol so that it uses **broadcast channel in ONLY ONE ROUND** throughout the protocol
 - **Minimum number of rounds** in which **broadcast channel** is used --- [KKK08]
 - **Idea:** To modify the **underlying WSS** such that it does **only private communication** during **reconstruction phase**

Statistical VSS --- 1 Round of Reconstruction

- If the **adversary is non-rushing**, then two rounds of reconstruction can be merged into single round
 - If the **adversary is non-rushing**, then the reconstruction of underlying WSS can be done in one round.
 - The reconstruction phase of the VSS is simply the execution of reconstruction phase of underlying WSS

Our Other Results

(To Appear in Full Version of Paper)

- 3-Round efficient statistical **WSS** with $n = 2t + 1$
- 3-Round efficient statistical **VSS** with $n = 3$ and $t = 1$
- 4-Round **in-efficient** statistical VSS with $n = 2t + 1$
- 5-Round **efficient** statistical VSS with $n = 2t + 1$
- The **current best** statistical VSS with $n = 2t + 1$ is due to [CDD+99], which takes **more than 5 rounds**

Open Problems

- [GIKR01, FGGPS06, KKK08] --- perfect VSS with 3 Rounds of sharing and 1 round of reconstruction with $n = 3t + 1$
- This Paper --- Total = 4 rounds sharing and 2 rounds of reconstruction with $n = 3t + 1$
- **Open Problem I:** what is the total round complexity (sharing + reconstruction) of VSS with $n = 3t + 1$
- This Paper --- error probability only in correctness and strong commitment
- **Open Problem II:** What is the effect on the round complexity of VSS considering error probability in secrecy as well

Thank You

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Another View of Computation in 2 Round WSS

- We can view the **computation done by D** during sharing phase as follows:
 - D shares a **degree- t polynomial $g(y)$** using WSS
 - For this, D selects a **random bi-variate $F(x,y)$** as in WSS protocol, such that **$F(0, y) = g(y)$**
 - The polynomial $g(y)$ is the degree- t polynomial used by D to share **$s = g(0) = F(0, 0)$**
 - The polynomial **$g(y)$ is not completely random**, but **preserves the secrecy of only its constant term**

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Sharing Phase, 2 Rounds

▪ Round 1:

- D selects a **symmetric** bivariate polynomial $F(x, y)$ of **degree t in x, y** with $F(0, 0) = s$ and sends $f_i(y) = F(i, y)$ to P_i
- P_i executes **Round 1** of sharing phase of **2 Round WSS** to share a **random degree- t polynomial $g_i(y)$** --- **WSS P_i**

▪ Round 2:

- Party P_i broadcasts
 - $h_i(y) = f_i(y) + g_i(y)$
 - $a_{ji} = f_j(i) + g_j(i) = f_i(j) + g_j(i)$
- The parties execute **Round 2** of sharing phase of each **WSS P_i** . Let **WSS-SH $_i$** denote the **SH** created in **WSS P_i** .

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Sharing Phase, 2 Rounds

Local Computation (by Each Party) :

➤ P_i **accepted** by P_j if $h_i(j) = a_{ij}$

➤ **Accept** ■ Protocol is similar to the 3 round perfect VSS of [FGGPR06, KKK08]

➤ **VSS-SH** ■ Instead of doing verification point-wise, we do verification on polynomials

➤ For $P_i \in \text{VSS-SH}$ ■ No third round to resolve conflicts

➤ If final $|\text{VSS-SH}| \leq 2t$ then discard D

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Properties of VSS-SH for Honest D

▪ Recall --- Local Computation (by Each Party) :

- P_i is said to be accepted by P_j if $h_i(j) = a_{ij}$
 - Accept_i = set of all parties that accepted party P_i
 - $\text{VSS-SH} \leftarrow P_i$ if $|\text{Accept}_i| \geq 2t + 1$
 - For $P_i \in \text{VSS-SH}$, if $|\text{VSS-SH} \cap \text{WSS-SH}_i \cap \text{Accept}_i| \leq 2t$ then remove P_i from VSS-SH
 - If final $|\text{VSS-SH}| \leq 2t$ then discard D
- All honest parties will be present in VSS-SH and so an honest D will not be discarded during sharing phase
- If a corrupted $P_i \in \text{VSS-SH}$ then $h_i(y) - g_i(y) = f_i(y) = F(i, y)$
- There are at least $(t + 1)$ honest parties in $(\text{WSS-SH}_i \cap \text{Accept}_i)$ who uniquely define $g_i(y)$ and $f_i(y)$

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

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 - If final $|\text{VSS-SH}| \leq 2t$ then discard D
- If honest parties in VSS-SH are not pair-wise consistent, then committed secret $s^* = \text{NULL}$
 - If honest parties in VSS-SH are pair-wise consistent and defines $F^H(x, y)$, then committed secret is $s^* = F^H(0, 0)$
 - If corrupted $P_i \in \text{VSS-SH}$ then $h_i(y) - g_i(y) = F^H(i, y)$ as there are $(t + 1)$ honest parties in $(\text{WSS-SH}_i \cap \text{Accept}_i)$

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Reconstruction Phase, 2 Rounds

▪ Round 1 and Round 2 :

➤ For each $P_i \in VSS-SH$, run reconstruction phase of WSS^{P_i}

▪ Local Computation (By Each Party) :

➤ Initialize VS ▪ $h_i(y)$ publicly known during sharing phase

➤ $VSS-REC = V$ ▪ $g_i(y)$ publicly reconstructed in WSS^{P_i}

➤ For $P_i \in VSS-REC$, define its share as $f_i(0) = h_i(0) - g_i(0)$

➤ If shares of the parties in $VSS-REC$ interpolate a degree- t polynomial $f(x)$, then output $s = f(0)$. Else output **NULL**

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Properties of VSS-REC

- An honest $P_i \in VSS-SH$ will be present in VSS-REC with high probability
 - $WSS^{P_i} \neq \text{NULL}$ with very high probability
- From the properties of VSS-SH and VSS-REC, the protocol satisfies $(1 - \epsilon)$ -correctness and $(1 - \epsilon)$ -strong commitment

Statistical VSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Perfect Secrecy of the Protocol

- If P_i is honest then $h_i(y) = f_i(y) + g_i(y)$ does not reveal any information about $f(0)$

Follows from the secrecy property of 2 Round WSS

- Both $f_i(y)$ and $g_i(y)$
- WSS^{P_i} does not reveal any information about $g_i(0)$
- Secrecy now follows from the properties of bivariate polynomial of degree- t in x and y

Statistical VSS --- 1 Round of Reconstruction

- If the **adversary is non-rushing**, then **two rounds of reconstruction can be collapsed into single round**
 - The reconstruction phase of the VSS is simply the execution of reconstruction phase of underlying WSS
 - If the adversary is non-rushing, then the reconstruction of underlying WSS and hence overall VSS can be done in one round

Statistical VSS with Only 1 Round of Broadcast

- We can modify the VSS protocol so that it uses **broadcast channel in ONLY ONE ROUND** throughout the protocol
 - Idea of modifying **WSS** with the one which **Minimum number of rounds** for reconstruction phase in which broadcast is used [KKK08]
 - At the end of WSS^{P_i} , all honest parties will locally output **SAME $g_i(y)$**
 - If a **corrupted $P_i \in VSS-SH$** , then at the end of WSS^{P_i} , each honest party will locally output **either $g_i(y)$ or NULL**, but **nothing other than $g_i(y)$**
- The resultant protocol will satisfy the properties of statistical VSS

Outline of the Talk

- Definition of VSS and WSS
- Existing Results and Outline of Our Results
- 2 Round $(3t+1, t)$ Statistical WSS
- 2 Round $(3t+1, t)$ Statistical VSS
- Open Problems

Verifiable Secret Sharing (VSS) [CGMA85]

- Extends secret sharing to the case of *active corruptions*
- A_t may *actively corrupt* at most t parties (possibly including the dealer D)
- Corrupted parties, incl. D may *behave arbitrarily* during the protocol

Statistical WSS and VSS

■ Statistical WSS

- Satisfies **Correctness** and **Weak Commitment** with probability $(1 - \epsilon)$
- $\epsilon = 2^{-\Omega(k)}$ and $k =$ security parameter
- **No compromise in Secrecy**

■ Statistical VSS

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Existing results on Perfect VSS

- Perfect VSS (without any error) is (efficiently) achievable iff $n > 3t$ [BGW88 DDWY90]

- Optimal fault tolerance --- $(n = 3t + 1)$
- Optimal number of sharing rounds --- 3
- Optimal number of rounds in which broadcast channel is used --- 1

- 3 Round

- [KKKO
broadcast

▪ Reconstruction phase of perfect VSS requires ONLY one round

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Tolerance?

Yes

Yes

Yes

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Our Results

- Statistical VSS possible iff $n > 2t$ and broadcast channel is available [RB89] ---- nothing known about round complexity
- We the study of round complexity of statistical VSS

# Rounds	Characterization	Efficient?	Optimal	Optimal Fault Tolerance?
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconstruction phase of perfect VSS requires ONLY one round 			es
2				es

- Our protocol requires TWO rounds of reconstruction
- If A_t is non-
 - Same as in [KKK08] tion can be done in SINGLE round
- Our protocols use broadcast channel in ONLY ONE round

Statistical WSS --- 1 Round of Reconstruction

- If the adversary is **non-rushing**, then **two rounds of reconstruction** can be collapsed into one round
 - Ensures **CORRECTNESS** property
- Two rounds are required **to force the rushing adversary to commit the $f_i(x)$ polynomials of corrupted parties** before seeing the **evaluation points of honest parties**
- If the adversary is **non-rushing**, then the task of both the rounds can be **merged** into a **single round**

Statistical WSS with 1 Round of Broadcast

- We can modify the protocol so that it uses broadcast channel in **ONLY ONE ROUND** throughout the protocol

- **Idea** to reduce the communication
Minimum number of rounds in construction phase
in which broadcast is used
[KKK08]
- The protocol is **privately revealing** and **perfectly correct**
A corrupted P_i may reveal different $f_i(x)$'s to each honest party
- The resultant protocol is **not** a **commitment** but **will not break**
- **Some honest party(ies) may output committed secret s^* while some may output NULL**

Idea of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical WSS

- D selects $F(x, y)$, $\text{degree}(x) = nk + 1$, $\text{degree}(y) = t$, $F(0, 0) = s$

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All this is done in only 2 rounds of sharing

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$f_i(x)$

➤ P_i and r_i ... knowledge using car and choose
to check consistency of $f_i(x)$ and evaluation of $f_i(x)$

- Nowhere we need to reconstruct $f_i(x)$ polynomials.

Proof of the Properties of 2 Round WSS

■ CORRECTNESS: (D is honest)

■ If D is honest then all honest parties will accept as well as re-accept each other

- All honest parties (at least $2t$)
 - An honest D is not discarded
- All honest parties will also be present in REC
- If D is honest then with very high probability no corrupted party will be present in REC
 - A corrupted P_i broadcasts $f'_i(x) \neq f_i(x)$ in Round 1 of reconstruction phase --- no information about evaluation points of honest parties
 - Honest parties reveal their secret evaluation points and values ONLY in Round 2 of reconstruction phase
 - With high probability no honest party will re-accept P_i

Proof of the Properties of 2 Round WSS

- **SECURITY: (D is honest)**

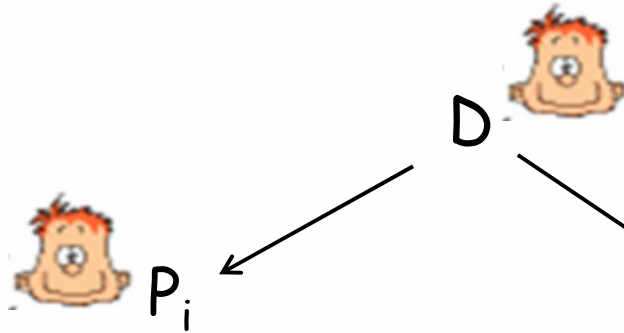
- Let P_1, \dots, P_t be under the control of A_t
- During Round 1 of sharing phase, A_t learns the following:
 - Polynomials $f_1(x), \dots, f_t(x)$ and $r_1(x), \dots, r_t(x)$
 - kt points on $f_{t+1}(x), \dots, f_n(x)$ and $r_{t+1}(x), \dots, r_n(x)$
- During Round 2 of sharing phase, A_t learns the following:
 - $\frac{k}{2}(2t+1)$ more points on $f_{t+1}(x), \dots, f_n(x)$ and $r_{t+1}(x), \dots, r_n(x)$
- In total, A_t will learn $kt + \frac{k}{2}(2t+1)$ points on $f_{t+1}(x), \dots, f_n(x)$ and $r_{t+1}(x), \dots, r_n(x)$
 - A_t cannot interpolate back $F(x, y)$
- Degree of $f_{t+1}(x), \dots, f_n(x)$ is $(nk + 1) > kt + \frac{k}{2}(2t+1)$
- So $s = f_0(0)$ will be secure

Proof of the Properties of 2 Round WSS

- **WEAK COMMITMENT:** (D is Corrupted and $|SH| \geq 2t+1$)
 - Committed s^* is constant term of the degree- t polynomial interpolated by the shares of HONEST parties in SH
 - $s^* = \text{NULL}$ if the shares of HONEST parties in SH does not interpolate a degree- t polynomial
- With very high probability, all HONEST parties in SH will be also present in REC
- In order that an HONEST P_i was present in SH but not present in REC, the following conditions must hold:
 - At least one HONEST P_j did not re-accepted P_i
 - $2t+1$ parties accepted P_i during sharing phase, but only t parties re-accepted P_i during reconstruction phase

From the properties of cut-and-choose, this can happen with negligible probability

Idea of Our 2 Round $(3t + 1, t)$ Statistical WSS Contd...



▪ P_i Broadcasts:

- random $c_i \neq 0$
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▪ P_j Broadcasts:

- random $k/2$ evaluation points out of k
- evaluation of $f_i(x)$ and $r_i(x)$ at these $k/2$ points

- Adversary will have **no** information about $f_i(0) = F(0, i)$

➤ $\text{degree}(f_i(x)) = nk + 1 = (3t + 1)k + 1$

➤ **Total** number of points on $f_i(x)$ known by **adversary** is $kt + (2t + 1)k/2$



Statistical WSS, 2 Round Sharing, $n = 3t + 1$

Sharing Phase : 2 Rounds

Round 1:

• D selects the following:

- $F(x, y)$ --- degree of $x = nk + 1$, degree of $y = t$, $F(0, 0) = s$
- $r_1(x), \dots, r_n(x)$ --- degree $nk + 1$, independent of $F(x, y)$
- nk random, distinct, non-zero secret evaluation points denoted as $\alpha_{i,1}, \dots, \alpha_{i,k} : 1 \leq i \leq n$

• D sends to party i :

➤ $f_i(x) = F(x, i)$

➤ $a_{j,i,l} = f_j(\alpha_{i,l})$

➤ $f_i(0)$ --- i^{th} share of s

• If D is honest, then $f_i(0)$'s of honest parties lie on degree- t polynomial $g(y) = F(0, y)$.

• In the reconstruction phase, s will be obtained by reconstructing $g(y)$.

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Sharing Phase

Round 2:

- Party P_i **broadcasts** the following:

- A **random, non-zero** value c_i

- Polynomial $g_i(x) = f_i(x) + c_i r_i(x)$

- A **random subset of $k/2$ secret evaluation points**

$\alpha_{i,l_1}, \dots, \alpha_{i,l_{k/2}}$ and the values $a_{j,i,l_1}, \dots, a_{j,i,l_{k/2}}$ and $b_{j,i,l_1}, \dots, b_{j,i,l_{k/2}}$

Parties interact in **zero knowledge fashion using cut-and-choose** to find the consistency of $f_i(x)$ and evaluations of $f_i(x)$

Local Computation by Each Party:

- P_j **accepts** P_i if $g_i(\alpha_{j,l}) = a_{i,j,l} + c_i b_{i,j,l}$ for all l in the set of $k / 2$ **secret points** broadcasted by P_j in Round 2

- $SH \leftarrow P_i$ if P_i is accepted by at least $2t + 1$ parties

- If $|SH| \leq 2t$ then discard D

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Reconstruction Phase, 2 Rounds

- **Round 1:**
 - Each $P_i \in SH$ broadcasts $f_i(x)$
- **Round 2:**
 - P_j broadcasts $\alpha_{j,l}$'s which were not broadcasted during sharing phase and $a_{i,j,l}$'s corresponding to these indices
- **Local Computation by Each Party:**
 - P_j re-accepts P_i if $f_i(\alpha_{j,l}) = a_{i,j,l}$ for any of the newly revealed secret evaluation points
 - $REC \leftarrow P_i$ if P_i is re-accepted by at least $t + 1$ parties
 - If the shares of the parties in REC interpolate a degree- t polynomial $g(y)$ then output $s = g(0)$. Else output **NULL**