

Secret sharing protocols based on the Closest Vector Theorem and Nielsen transformation

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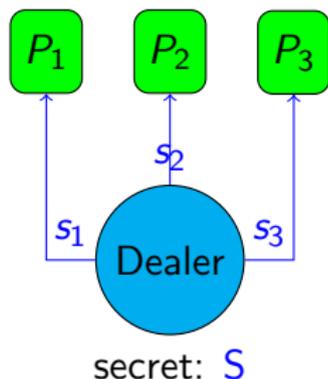
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(n,t) secret sharing protocol

n : Number of participants

t : Threshold

Example: $(3,2)$ secret sharing



An (n, t) **secret sharing protocol** (or (n, t) threshold scheme), with $n, t \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \leq n$, is a method to distribute a secret among a group of n participants in such a way that it can be recovered only if at least t of them combine their shares.

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Proof:



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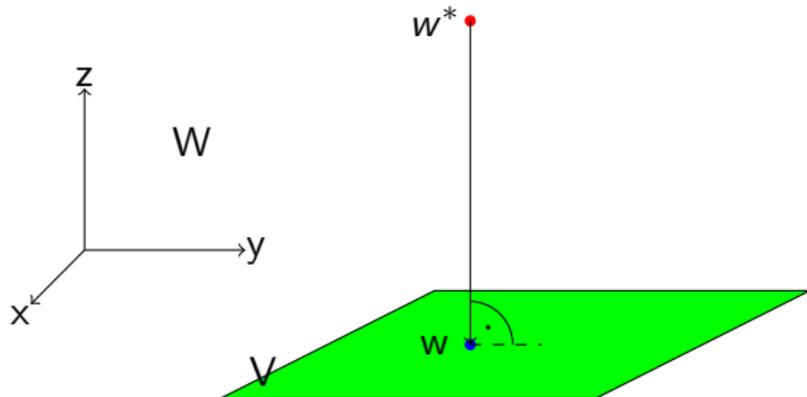
(5, 2) secret sharing

Real inner product space:

$$W := \mathbb{R}^3$$

Subspace V with $\dim(V) = 2$

$$\dim(W) > \dim(V)$$



Secret $w \in V$ is the closest vector to $w^* \in W \setminus V$.

Closest vector theorem:

$$\sum_{i=1}^t \langle w^*, e_i \rangle e_i = w$$

$t := \dim(V)$

$\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_t\}$ orthonormal basis of V

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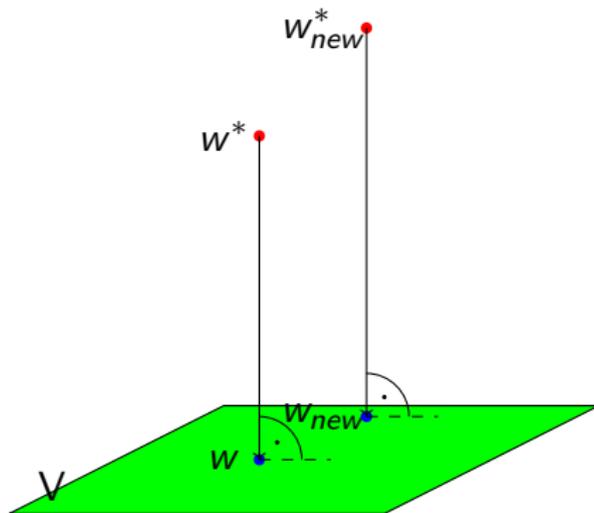
Less than t participants come together:

- Generate a subspace U with $\dim(U) < t$.
- W : Infinitely many extensions with dimension t to a subspaces which contains the subspace U .
- The probability to determine V from U is negligible.
- Secret $w \in V$ cannot be reconstructed, because any point in W is a possible secret.

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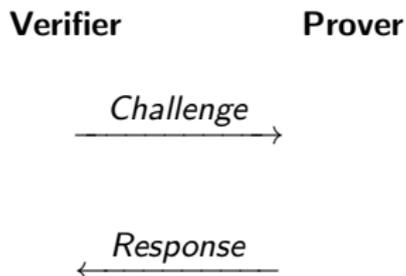
A valuable property: new secret property

It is easy to generate a new secret without changing the shares from the participants.



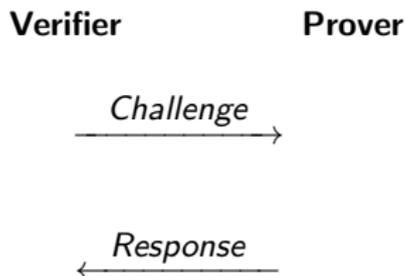
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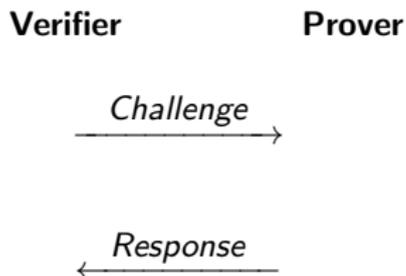
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Challenge:

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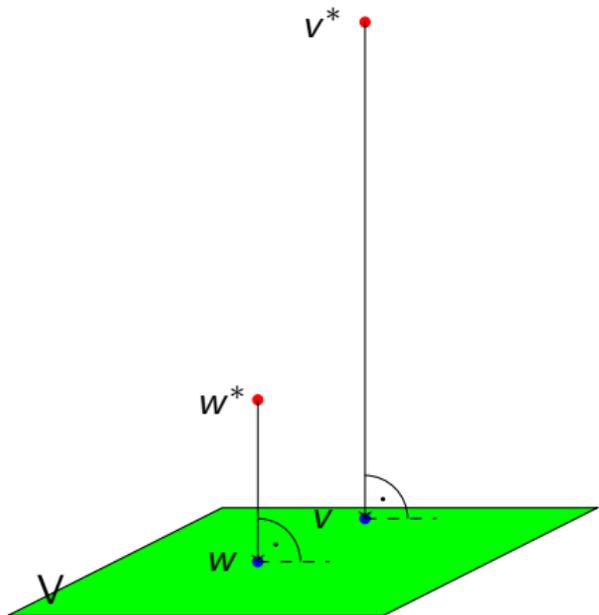
Note:

- $\|v^* - w^*\| \neq \|v - w\|$.

Two way authentication:

Prover: Distance in a special
interval.

Verifier: Only if he knows V he
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Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation V

Do with both sets U and N D. Panagopoulos method to distribute shares (R_i, S_i) to the participant P_i .

$R_i \subset U$ and $S_i \subset N$;

t out of n **participants** get the sets U and N .

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Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation VII



J. Lehner:

Discontinuous Groups and Automorphic Function.

American Mathematical Society, Mathematical Surveys Number VIII, 1964.

Example (In general)

Free group F with countable number of generators x_1, x_2, \dots

Corresponding to x_j define

$$M_j = \begin{pmatrix} -r_j & -1 + r_j^2 \\ 1 & -r_j \end{pmatrix}$$

with $r_j \in \mathbb{Q}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} r_{j+1} - r_j &\geq 3 \\ r_1 &\geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Lehner: G^* generated by $\{M_1, M_2, \dots\}$ is isomorphic to F .

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Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation IX

Dealer: Simultaneous regular Nielsen transformation **NT**

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Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation X

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$(T1)_3$	$(x_3x_4^2)^{-1}, x_4x_1x_2\}$	
$(T2)_{41}$		
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
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Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XII

$$N := \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$$

$$N_1 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ c_1 & d_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad N_2 = \begin{pmatrix} a_2 & b_2 \\ c_2 & d_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$a_1 := \frac{665425964279561878285821966811999177576276873}{524288}$$

$$b_1 := -\frac{7140686598826606434552873787092386902748912043}{1048576}$$

$$c_1 := -\frac{2853270865183114296500013723359238554463352269}{4194304}$$

$$d_1 := \frac{30618452124714071336436267510627140548281900727}{8388608}$$

$$a_2 := -\frac{1200231440541196696282428781047241429934830789229664300138373164373042322250637795602133}{562949953421312}$$

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$$d_2 := -\frac{3012251292535035397614756767324041716696327418018486874077592680911203058443053924346731}{562949953421312}$$

Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XIII

$$N_3 = \begin{pmatrix} a_3 & b_3 \\ c_3 & d_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad N_4 = \begin{pmatrix} a_4 & b_4 \\ c_4 & d_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} a_4 &:= - \frac{102303031641708426816114320037645}{32768} \\ b_4 &:= - \frac{254667523147409477390369802167441}{8192} \\ c_4 &:= - \frac{9533410063129335801682019025887}{16384} \\ d_4 &:= - \frac{23731945074987538082296716533451}{4096} \end{aligned}$$

Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XIV

D. Panagopoulos: Get the share (R_i, S_i) for the participant P_i with $R_i \subset U$ and $S_i \subset N$ as follow:

- 1 It is $m = \binom{n}{t-1} = \binom{4}{1} = 4$.
- 2 The dealer has the elements a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 .
 - The four subsets with size 1 of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ are

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- In this example he gets the sets

$$R_1 = \{u_2, u_3, u_4\}, \quad S_1 = \{N_2, N_3, N_4\},$$

$$R_2 = \{u_1, u_3, u_4\}, \quad S_2 = \{N_1, N_3, N_4\},$$

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$$R_4 = \{u_1, u_2, u_3\}, \quad S_4 = \{N_1, N_2, N_3\}.$$

Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XV

t Participants : Simultaneous regular Nielsen transformation NT

$$u_1 := x_1 x_2 (x_4 x_1 x_2)^3 (x_3 x_4^2 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_2^{-1})^4 x_4 x_1 x_2,$$

$$u_2 := x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1} ((x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1})^3 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1})^5 x_4 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2,$$

$$u_3 := ((x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1})^3 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1})^5 x_4 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2,$$

$$u_4 := x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1} (x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1})^4.$$

NT	theoretical set	explicit set
	$U := \{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$	$N := \{N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4\}$
$(T1)_3$	$\{x_1 x_2 (x_4 x_1 x_2)^3 (x_3 x_4^2 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_2^{-1})^4 x_4 x_1 x_2,$ $x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1} ((x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1})^3 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1})^5 x_4 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2,$ $(((x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1})^3 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1})^5 x_4 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2)^{-1},$ $x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1} (x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1})^4\}$	$\{N_1, N_2, N_3^{-1}, N_4\}$

Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XVI

t Participants : Simultaneous regular Nielsen transformation **NT**

NT	theoretical set	explicit set
$(T2)_{14}$ $(T2)_{23}$	$\{x_1 x_2 (x_4 x_1 x_2)^3,$ $x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1},$ $\left. \left((x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1})^3 x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} \right)^5 x_4 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4^2 \right)^{-1},$ $x_2^{-1} x_1^{-1} x_4^{-1} (x_2 x_1 x_2 x_4^{-2} x_3^{-1})^4 \}$	$\{N_1 N_4, N_2 N_3^{-1}, N_3^{-1}, N_4\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
	$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$	$M = \{M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4\}$

Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation XVII

$$M = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 3 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{11}{2} & \frac{117}{4} \\ 1 & -\frac{11}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -10 & 99 \\ 1 & -10 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{27}{2} & \frac{725}{4} \\ 1 & -\frac{27}{2} \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

Secret:

$$\begin{aligned} S &:= \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{|a_j|} \in \mathbb{Q}^+ && \text{with } \text{tr}(M_j) = a_j \in \mathbb{Q} \\ &= \frac{1}{|-4|} + \frac{1}{|-11|} + \frac{1}{|-20|} + \frac{1}{|-27|} \\ &= \frac{1271}{2970} \end{aligned}$$

- ① Secret sharing using Closest Vector Theorem
 - ① modification to a challenge and response system
- ② Combinatorial (n,t) secret sharing
- ③ **Secret sharing using Nielsen transformation**
 - ① with $SL(2, \mathbb{Q})$
 - ② **in general free group of rank m**

In general: Free matrix group F of rank m

Simultaneous regular Nielsen transformation

abstract:

$$X := \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$$

regular Nielsen
transformation



$$U := \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$$

u_i words in elements from X

explicit with matrices:

$$M := \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m\}$$

regular Nielsen
transformation



$$N := \{N_1, N_2, \dots, N_m\}$$

N_i words in elements from M , i.e.
 $N_i \in SL(2, \mathbb{C})$

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Thank you!

① Secret sharing using Closest Vector Theorem



② Nielsen transformation



① Collaboration-Protocol



② Special secret



◀ Appendix

(n, t) Collaboration-Protocol

$m = \binom{n}{t-1}$, free group F of rank m

Team 1:

n participants P_i

Team 2:

n participants \tilde{P}_i

theoretical set

$X := \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m\}$

explicit set

$M := \{M_1, M_2, \dots, M_m\}$

regular Nielsen
transformation



$U := \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m\}$

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(n, t) Collaboration-Protocol

D. Panagopoulos: share distribution

set $R_i \subset U$

P_i gets R_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$

set $S_i \subset N$

\tilde{P}_i gets S_i , $1 \leq i \leq n$

t shares and t shares \rightsquigarrow secret

- only red/green participants (dose not matter how many) cannot reconstruct the secret
- need collaboration of both teams $\rightsquigarrow t$ green and t red shares.

◀ Appendix Nielsen transformation

If the Dealer needs a special secret $\tilde{S} \in \mathbb{Q}$ he can give every participant one more element $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ in every R_i . It is

$$x := \frac{\tilde{S}}{S}.$$

If the participants multiply the secret S with x they get the special secret \tilde{S} .

◀ Appendix Nielsen transformation

① Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing



② Modification to a private key cryptosystem



③ About the set M



④ Example for an $(5, 2)$ CFRZ secret sharing



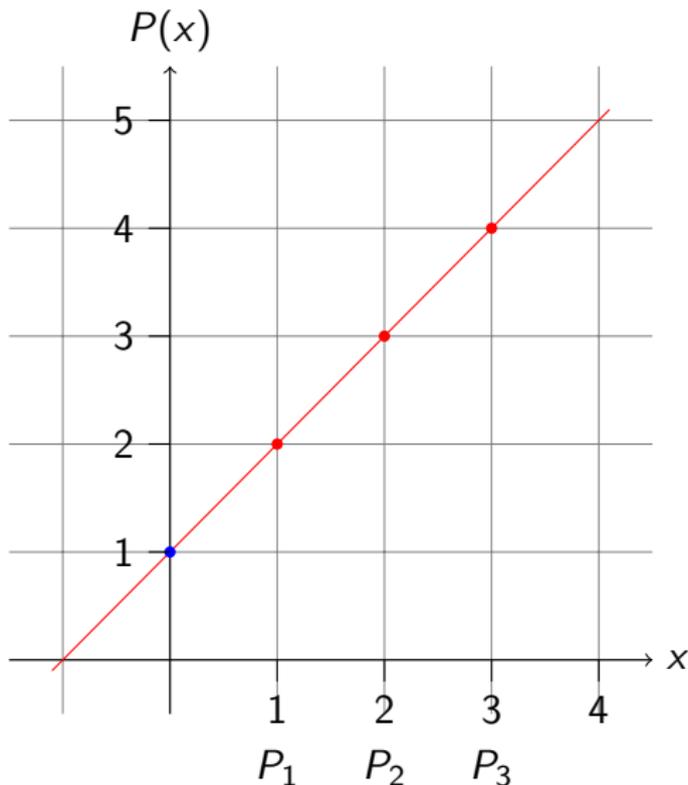
B. Fine, A. I. S. Moldenhauer, G. Rosenberger

A secret sharing scheme based on the Closest Vector Theorem and a modification to a private key cryptosystem.

Groups Complex. Cryptol. 5 (2013), 223-238.

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

Example: Shamir's $(3,2)$ secret sharing



Theorem

Let F be any field and x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n be $n + 1$ distinct elements of F and y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n any element of F . Then there exists a **unique** polynomial of degree smaller or equal than n that interpolates the $n + 1$ points $(x_i, y_i), i = 0, 1, \dots, n$.



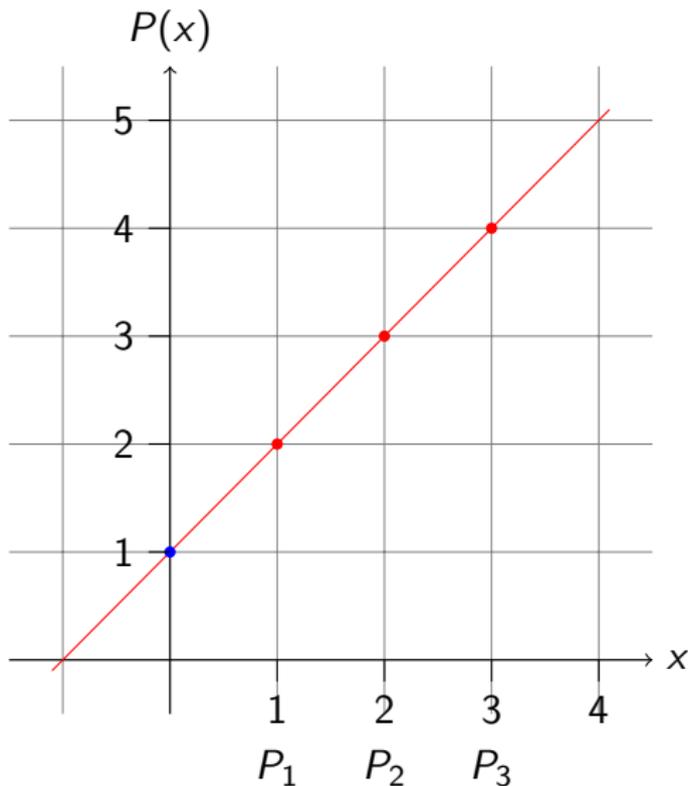
K. Atkinson.

An Introduction to Numerical Analysis.

Wiley, second edition, 1989.

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Example: Shamir's $(3,2)$ secret sharing



Field: $F = \mathbb{R}$

Dealer: $P(x) = x + 1$

Shares: $P_1: P(1) = 2$

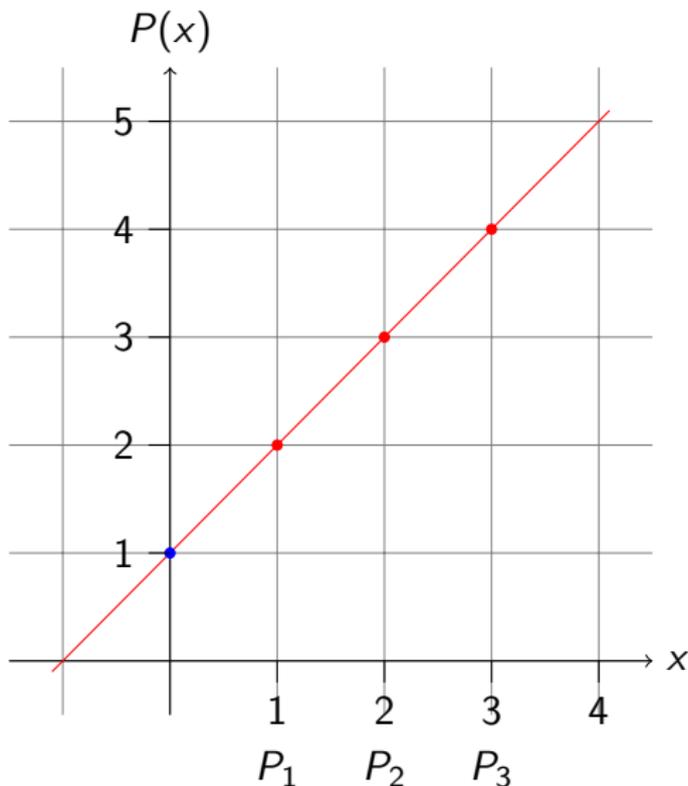
$P_2: P(2) = 3$

$P_3: P(3) = 4$

Secret: $P(0) = 1$

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

Example: Shamir's $(3,2)$ secret sharing



t out of n participants:
Polynomial interpolation e. g.
Lagrange interpolation

$$S = P(0) = \sum_{i=0}^{t-1} y_i \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^{t-1} \frac{x_j}{x_j - x_i}.$$

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

Shamir suggested using a finite field $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, p a large prime.
He lists the following properties:



A. Shamir

How to share a secret.

Communications of the AMS, 22(11):612-613, 1979.

- Size of each share does not exceed the size of the secret.

CFRZ

Secret: Vector $w \in V \subset W$

Shares: Basis vector of $V \subset W$

\rightsquigarrow CFRZ \checkmark

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

- Fixed number t : shares can be dynamically added or deleted without affecting the other shares.

CFRZ

Pay attention, that every possible combination of t shares form a basis for the subspace V .

\rightsquigarrow CFRZ \checkmark

- Easy to change shares without changing the secret.

CFRZ

Need only another subspace $U \neq V$, with $w \in U$ and $\dim(U) = t$. Calculate new shares, with the desired property: every t of them form a basis for U .

Construct a new public vector w^* as above.

\rightsquigarrow CFRZ \checkmark

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

- Asymmetric system is possible.

CFRZ

Generally: Every (n, t) secret sharing scheme can be converted into an asymmetric secret sharing protocol.

- (n, t) secret sharing scheme: Every share is equivalent.
- Asymmetric secret sharing protocol: Every participant gets a different number of shares.
- Depending: Importance of the participant.

Example (modify $(8,4)$ secret sharing into an asymmetric)

$$D_1 := (v_1, v_2),$$

$$D_2 := (v_3, v_4),$$

$$V_1 := (v_5), V_2 := (v_6),$$

$$V_3 := (v_7) \text{ and } V_4 := (v_8).$$

Reconstruct the secret if:

- two presidents (D_i) or
- four vice-presidents (V_i) or
- one president and two vice-presidents.

\rightsquigarrow CFRZ \checkmark

Shamir's (n,t) secret sharing \leftrightarrow CFRZ (n,t) secret sharing

Note: CFRZ scheme has all properties Shamir's has.

Running time for the participants:

Shamir: $\mathcal{O}(t^2)$

CFRZ: $\mathcal{O}(t^2 m)$ with $m := \dim(W)$ and $m > t$

Probability to guess the right secret:

Shamir: $\frac{1}{p}$ with p a prime

CFRZ: negligible

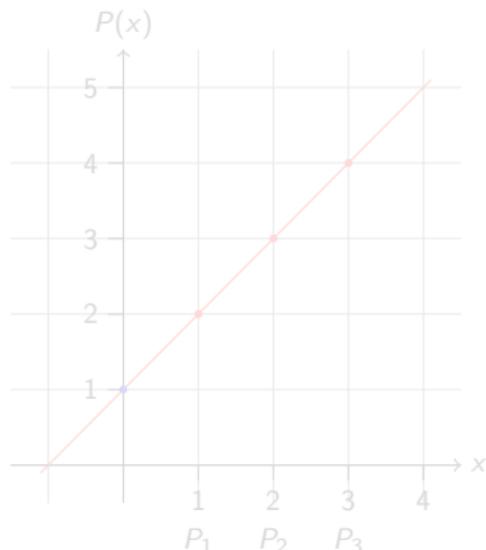
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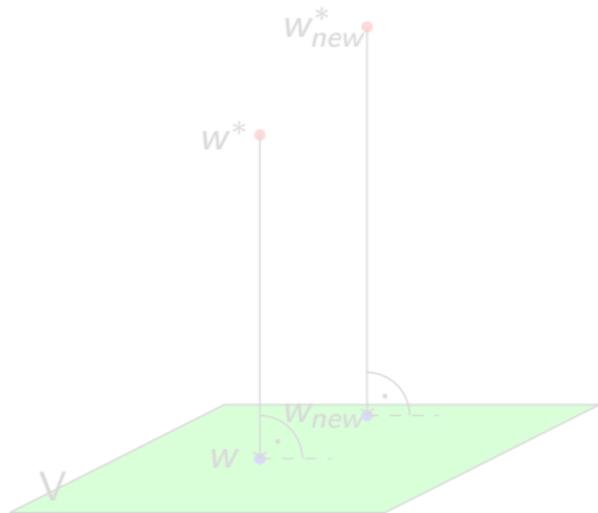
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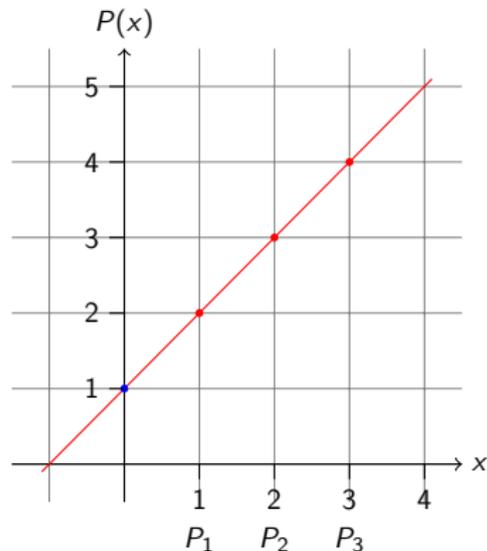


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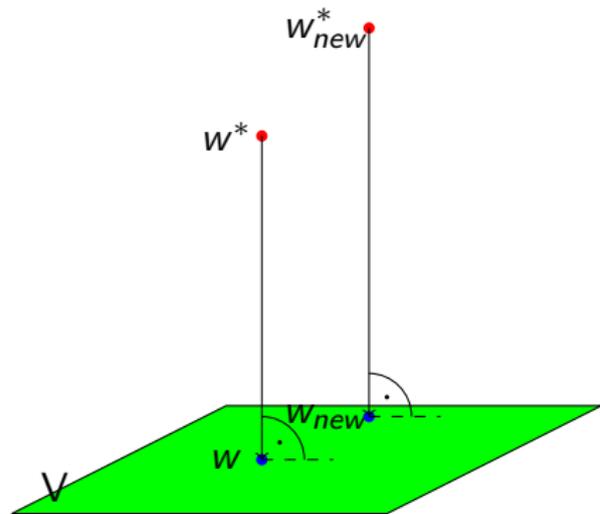
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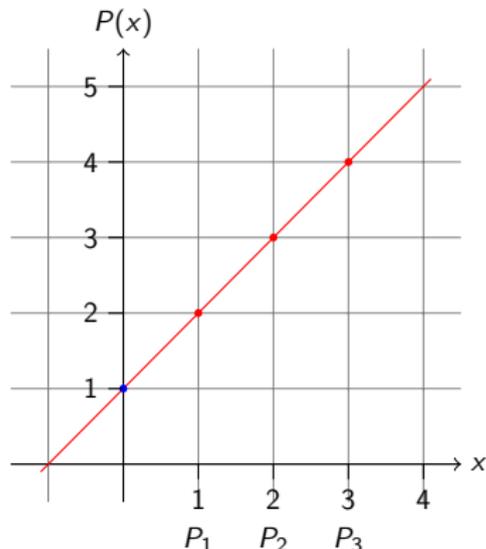


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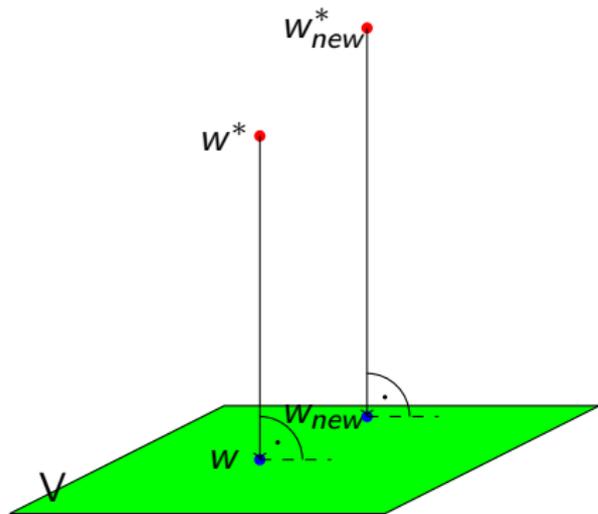
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private key cryptosystem based on CFRZ Scheme

$$\begin{aligned} \dim(V) &= t \\ \dim(W) &= m \end{aligned}$$

Private key: Basis for subspace $V \subset W$

Bob

Encryption:

$$\xrightarrow{m=(w^*, v)}$$

- Need arbitrary basis of V
 $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\}$.
- Compute B^\perp basis of V^\perp
 $\{v_1^\perp, v_2^\perp, \dots, v_{m-t}^\perp\}$.
- Plain text: $p \in W$
Compute $v := w - p$,
with $w \in V$ random.
- $w^* = w + \sum_{i=1}^{m-t} \alpha_i v_i^\perp$
at least one $\alpha_i \neq 0$.

Alice

Decryption:

- Need orthonormal basis of V
 $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_t\}$.
- Compute $w = \sum_{i=1}^t \langle w^*, e_i \rangle e_i$.
- Calculate $p = w - v$.

Why the form $m = (w^*, v)$

Plain text: $p \in W$.

We have two possibilities: $p \notin V$ or $p \in V$.

Observation:

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Because: Clothes vector theorem works in the subspace V .

Calculate: w^* .

To receive the plain text, the vector w^* is send with the vector $v := w - p$.

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$m, n, t \in \mathbb{N}$, $t \leq n$, $W = \mathbb{R}^m$, $V \subset W$ with $\dim(V) = t \Rightarrow V \cong \mathbb{R}^t$

It gives a set M composed of n vectors $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^t$, s. t. each random subset of size t defines a basis for \mathbb{R}^t .

Notation:

$$[n] := \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$H_{k_1} := \text{Span} \{v_i \mid i \in [t] \setminus \{k_1\}\} \quad \text{with } k_1 \in [t] \text{ and } v_i \in B.$$

Note: It gives infinity many different hyperplanes in the \mathbb{R}^t .

Existence of M :

$B := \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\}$ basis for \mathbb{R}^t . New vector

$$v_{t+1} \notin \bigcup_{k_1 \in [t]} H_{k_1} \quad (\text{union over all possible hyperplanes})$$

$$M_1 := B \cup \{v_{t+1}\}$$

Move on with this procedure:

Notation at step p :

$$H_{k_1, \dots, k_p} := \text{Span} \{v_i \mid i \in [t + p - 1] \setminus \{k_1, \dots, k_p\}\}$$

pairwise different $k_1, \dots, k_p \in [t + p - 1]$ and $v_i \in M_{p-1}$ with

$$M_{p-1} := M_{p-2} \cup \{v_{t+p-1}\} = B \cup \{v_{t+1}, \dots, v_{t+p-1}\},$$

At the step p : pick v_{t+p} with the property

$$v_{t+p} \in \left(\mathbb{R}^t \setminus \bigcup_{k_1, \dots, k_p \in [t+p-1]} H_{k_1, \dots, k_p} \right) \neq \emptyset.$$

Because we take $\binom{t+p-1}{t-1}$ hyperplanes out of the \mathbb{R}^t .

We get the set $M_p := M_{p-1} \cup \{v_{t+p}\}$ with the desired property.

We perform this $(n - t)$ times to get the desired set

$$M := M_{n-t} = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t, v_{t+1}, \dots, v_n\}.$$

Generate M:

Lemma (Exchange Lemma)

Be B a basis for the space V with dimension k and $w \in V$ arbitrary. If $w \neq 0$ then there exists a vector $b \in B$ so that

$$B' := (B \setminus \{b\}) \cup \{w\}$$

is also a basis for V .

Addition:

We can choose every vector b_j from the basis B for the vector b , which has a nonzero coefficient α_j in the linear combination

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i b_i.$$

If every coefficients $\alpha_i \neq 0$: Every vector b_i can be replaced from the basis B (of \mathbb{R}^t) by the vector

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i b_i.$$

Get $M := B \cup \{v_{t+1}, v_{t+2}, \dots, v_n\}$: Calculate the new vectors as

$$v_{j+1} = \sum_{i=1}^t p_{ij} b_i \quad \text{for } t \leq j \leq n-1.$$

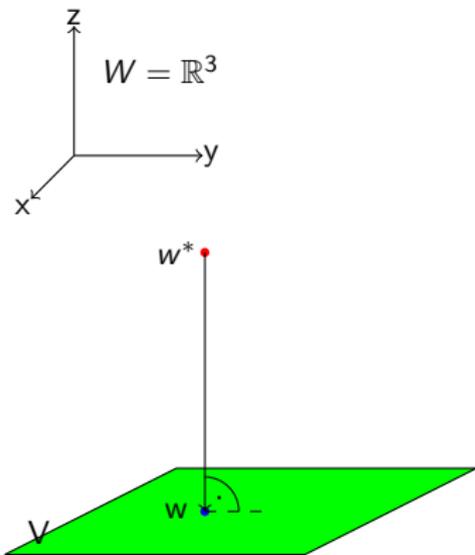
p_{ij} : pairwise distinct prime numbers ($\forall i$ and j).

Check that every t distinct vectors from M form a basis of \mathbb{R}^t :

- Write all $\binom{n}{t}$ combinations of the vectors in a matrix and proof the rank of the matrix.
- If the rank is at all times t : Get the desired property.
- If not, we have to test other coefficients.

Example for an $(5, 2)$ CFRZ secret sharing I

Secret: $w \in \mathbb{R}^3$
 $\dim(V) = t = 2$
 $w \in V$



Example for an $(5, 2)$ CFRZ secret sharing II

Classic Worksheet Maple 13

Step 1 and 2:

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> with(LinearAlgebra):  
> m:= 3:      t:=2:      n:=5:  
> w:=Transpose(<1,2,12>):
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Dealer:

1. $m := \dim(W)$,
 $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $m > t$.
2. Secret: $w \in W$.
3. Choose $V \subset W$,
s. t. $\dim(V)=t$ and
 $w \in V$.

Step 3:

```
> B:=Matrix([[w],[RandomMatrix(t-1,m)]]);
```

$$B := \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 12 \\ 92 & -31 & 67 \end{bmatrix}$$

```
> Rank(B);
```

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Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing III

Step 4:

```
> M:=Matrix(n,m):  
> M[1]:=B[2]:  
> M[2]:=31*B[1]+23*B[2]:  
> M[3]:=7*B[1]+13*B[2]:  
> M[4]:=5*B[1]-19*B[2]:  
> M[5]:=17*B[1]-3*B[2]:  
> M;
```

Dealer:

4. Determine

$$M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\},$$

$v_i \in V.$

Property: Any

subset of M of size
 t defines a basis of
 $V.$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 92 & -31 & 67 \\ 2147 & -651 & 1913 \\ 1203 & -389 & 955 \\ -1743 & 599 & -1213 \\ -259 & 127 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing IV

Step 4:

```
> for i from 1 to 4 do
>   for j from i+1 to 5 do
>     N:=Matrix([[M[i]], [M[j]]]):
>     R:=Rank(N):
>     print(R):
>   end:
> end:
```

Dealer:

4. Determine

$$M = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\},$$
$$v_i \in V.$$

Property: Any

subset of M of size

t defines a basis of

V .

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Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing V

Dealer:

Step 5:

a):

> N:=Matrix([[M[1]], [M[2]]]);

5. Closest vector $w^* \in W \setminus V$
to $w \in V$:

a) Choose basis $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t\}$
of V , compute the
orthogonal complement V^\perp .

$$N := \begin{bmatrix} 92 & -31 & 67 \\ 2147 & -651 & 1913 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) $B^\perp = \{b_1^\perp, b_2^\perp, \dots, b_{m-t}^\perp\}$
basis of V^\perp ,

> kern:=NullSpace(N);

$w^* =$

$$\underbrace{w}_{\in V} + \underbrace{(\alpha_1 b_1^\perp + \alpha_2 b_2^\perp + \dots + \alpha_{m-t} b_{m-t}^\perp)}_{:= v^\perp \in V^\perp}$$

$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$, at least one $\alpha_i \neq 0$.

$$\text{kern} := \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -506 \\ 215 \\ -1037 \\ 215 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing VI

Dealer:

5. Closest vector $w^* \in W \setminus V$
to $w \in V$:

a) Choose basis $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t\}$
of V , compute the
orthogonal complement V^\perp .

b) $B^\perp = \{b_1^\perp, b_2^\perp, \dots, b_{m-t}^\perp\}$
basis of V^\perp ,

$$w^* = \underbrace{w}_{\in V} + \underbrace{(\alpha_1 b_1^\perp + \alpha_2 b_2^\perp + \dots + \alpha_{m-t} b_{m-t}^\perp)}_{:= v^\perp \in V^\perp}$$

$\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$, at least one $\alpha_i \neq 0$.

Step 5:

b):

> $r := m - t$:

> $R := \text{RandomVector}(r)$:

> while Equal($R, \text{Vector}(r)$) do

> $R := \text{RandomVector}(r)$:

> end:

> R ;

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Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing VII

Dealer:

5. Closest vector $w^* \in W \setminus V$
to $w \in V$:

a) Choose basis $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t\}$
of V , compute the
orthogonal complement V^\perp .

b) $B^\perp = \{b_1^\perp, b_2^\perp, \dots, b_{m-t}^\perp\}$
basis of V^\perp ,

$w^* =$

$$\underbrace{w}_{\in V} + \underbrace{(\alpha_1 b_1^\perp + \alpha_2 b_2^\perp + \dots + \alpha_{m-t} b_{m-t}^\perp)}_{:= v^\perp \in V^\perp}$$

$\alpha_j \in \mathbb{R}$, at least one $\alpha_j \neq 0$.

Step 5:

b):

> $vv := \text{Vector}(m)$:

> for k from 1 to r do

> $vv := vv + \text{kern}[k] * R[k]$:

> end:

> $w^* := \text{Transpose}(w) + vv$;

$$w^* := \begin{bmatrix} -22049 \\ \hline 215 \\ -45198 \\ \hline 215 \\ 56 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing VIII

Participants:

P_2 and P_5 reconstruct w :

1. Gram-Schmidt procedure: t vectors from $M \rightsquigarrow$ orthonormal basis $G = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_t\}$ of V .

```
> C:=Matrix([[M[2]], [M[5]]]);
```

$$C := \begin{bmatrix} 2147 & -651 & 1913 \\ -259 & 127 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Step 1:

```
> L:= [seq(C[j], j=1..t)]:
```

```
> G:=GramSchmidt(L, normalized);
```

$$G := \begin{bmatrix} \left[\frac{2147 \sqrt{8692979}}{8692979}, -\frac{651 \sqrt{8692979}}{8692979}, \frac{1913 \sqrt{8692979}}{8692979} \right], \\ \left[-\frac{921908 \sqrt{1330634295530}}{1995951443295}, \frac{1429583 \sqrt{1330634295530}}{3991902886590}, \right. \\ \left. \frac{511169 \sqrt{1330634295530}}{798380577318} \right] \end{bmatrix}$$

Example for an (5, 2) CFRZ secret sharing IX

Participant:

2. Reconstruct the secret w :
Public w^* and closest
vector theorem:

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^t \langle w^*, e_i \rangle e_i$$

Step 2:

```
> v := Transpose(Vector(m)) :  
> for k from 1 to t do  
>   v := v + DotProduct(w*, G[k]) * G[k] :  
> end :  
> V := Transpose(v) ;
```

$$V := \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$