

# Perfect structure on the edge of chaos

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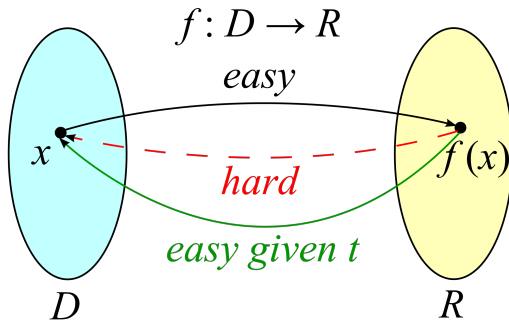
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## Why these results are interesting

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- **Minimizing assumptions** Ex: from BPR+GPS paper presented by Mark and Ashvin, we know that  $\text{iOWF} + \text{iO} \implies$  hardness of SVL  
Using the first result:  $\text{OWF} + \text{iO} \implies$  hardness of SVL
- Technique used to prove the second result relies on techniques developed in BRP to construct hard instance of SVL
- Perfect structure on the edge of chaos?
- Previous TDP candidates would all be broken if factoring is broken/in SZK  $\implies$  gives new direction to build TDP (assuming we can build iO)

# First result

$$\text{OWF} + \text{iO} \implies \text{iOWF}$$

Two steps:

- 1  $\text{OWF} \implies \text{SIOWF}$
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- 2 One-wayness over injective subdomain



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## Ingredients:

- $\text{iO}$  (for  $\text{P/poly}$ )
- $\text{PRF}$  a family of puncturable PRFs (*known from OWF*)
- $(\text{COM}_1, \text{COM}_2)$  a two message perfectly binding commitment scheme (*known from OWF*)

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- 2 Indistinguishability at punctured points:

$$|\mathbb{P}(D(x^*, S_{x^*}, f_S(x^*))) = 1) - \mathbb{P}(D(x^*, S_{x^*}, u) = 1)| \leq \text{negl}$$

where  $S \leftarrow \kappa(1^n)$  and  $u \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$

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$$\text{Cannot find } r_0, r_1 \text{ such that } C_{r_0}(x) = C_{r_1}(y)$$

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The 2 message commitment scheme that we will be using is perfectly binding (used to prove injectiveness) and computationally hiding (used to prove one-wayness)

Existence of such a scheme from PRG

We use 2 messages for the perfectly binding condition (see appendix).

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## The function family:

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- Key  $K = \tilde{C} \leftarrow \text{iO}(C_{M_1, S})$
- The function is given by  $\text{OWF}_K(x) = \tilde{C}(x)$

# Proof intuition

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If we had *VBB* obfuscation instead of *iO*  $\implies$  same as interacting with black-box version of *C* with true randomness.

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Let  $S_{x^*} = \text{Punc}(S, x^*)$

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By the iO guarantee:

$$\rho_1 = |\mathbb{P}(A(\tilde{C}, \tilde{C}(x^*)) = x^*) - \mathbb{P}(A(\tilde{C}_1, \tilde{C}_1(x^*)) = x^*)| \leq \text{negl}$$

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By pseudorandomness at punctured points:

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By the computational hiding of the commitment:

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By injectiveness of  $g_{K'}$  over  $I_{K'}$ ,

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We can boost it to standard OWF using known techniques.

# Results

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- ②  $\text{OWF} + \text{sub-exponential iO} \implies \text{TDP}$  (what we will show next)

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# Candidate permutation

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**Problem:** Not easy to sample random domain elements

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- ① Use result 1 to get iOWF and apply BPR construction
- ② Use BRP + add additional sampler to get TDP

## Definition

IOWF + iO  $\implies$  TDP

$TDP = \{f_{PK} : D_{PK} \rightarrow D_{PK}, PK \in \{0, 1\}^{k(n)}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$   
associated with efficient (probabilistic) key and domain  
samplers  $(\kappa, \zeta)$ , is a (standard) TDP if it satisfies:

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$$F_S((i, \text{PRF}_r(i))) = (i+1, \text{PRF}_r(i+1))$$


Given  $(i+1, \text{PRF}_r(i+1))$ , Find  $(i, \text{PRF}_r(i))$

Need  $j$  such that  $\text{PRG}(j) = i$

$\Rightarrow$  hard to find because  $\text{PRG}$  is a OWF

# Construction of TDP

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For  $S \leftarrow \kappa_{PRF}(1^n)$

- 1  $F_S(i, \sigma)$  : takes as input  $i \in \mathbb{Z}_T$  and  $\sigma \in \{0, 1\}^n$  and checks whether  $\sigma = PRF_S(i)$ . If so it returns  $(i + 1, PRFS(i + 1))$  where  $i + 1$  is computed modulo  $T$ . Otherwise it returns  $\perp$
- 2  $X_S(j)$  : takes as input a seed  $j \in \{0, 1\}^{\log(\sqrt{T})}$  and outputs  $(i, \sigma) = (PRG(j), PRF_S(PRNG(j)))$  where  $i$  is interpreted as a residue in  $\mathbb{Z}_T$ .

- $PK \leftarrow \tilde{F}_S = iO(F_S)$  and  $\tilde{X}_S = iO(X_S)$   
Trapdoor is  $S$
- $D_{PK} = (i \in \mathbb{Z}_T, \text{PRF}_S(i))$
- $\text{TDP}_{PK}(i, \sigma) = \tilde{F}_S(i, \sigma)$
- $\text{TDP}_{PK}^{-1}(i, \sigma) = (i - 1, \text{PRF}_S(i - 1))$
- $\zeta(PK; j) = \tilde{X}_S(j)$  ( $j$  is randomness  $\in \{0, 1\}^{\log(\sqrt{T})}$ )

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2 results:

①  $\text{OWF} + \text{iO} \implies \text{iOWF}$

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# Commitment scheme

<http://yuyu.hk/files/commitment.pdf> contain the description of the construction of (almost) perfect hiding from OWF

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