

Exercise Sheet 13

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Due: 2023-05-22

1 Zero-knowledge and discrete logarithm

Fix a group G of prime order q with generator g . (G , q , and g may depend on some implicit security parameter but are considered publicly known.) Let $R := \{(x, w) : g^w = x, w \in \{0, \dots, q-1\}\}$.

Consider the following proof system for R (Schnorr's proof system for discrete logarithms):

- The prover P gets input $(x, w) \in R$.
- The verifier V gets input $x \in R$.
- The prover P chooses $b \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, \dots, q-1\}$ and sends $a := g^b$ to the verifier V .
- The verifier chooses $r \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, \dots, q-1\}$ and sends r to the prover P .
- The prover P computes $s := b + rw \pmod q$ and sends s to the verifier V .
- The verifier V checks whether $x, a \in G$ and $g^s = ax^r$.

This proof system is well-known to be a proof system. However, in the classical setting, it is unknown whether this proof system is zero-knowledge!¹

(a)	Knowlets:	ProofSys	ProblemID: ZKDlogSound
	Time:		
	Difficulty:		

Show that (P, V) is a proof system with soundness-error $1/q$.

(b)	Knowlets:	QZK, DlogAlgo	ProblemID: ZKDlogShor
	Time:		
	Difficulty:		

Show that (P, V) is statistical quantum zero-knowledge.

Hint: This has nothing to do with rewinding! It has a lot to do with Shor's algorithm. Think of what information the simulator is missing for making everything easy, and how to get it.

¹It is however "honest-verifier zero-knowledge". This is a weaker notion where the verifier is considered to behave honestly.