

# Dual Polynomial Commitment Schemes and Applications to Commit-and-Prove SNARKs

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**Abstract.** In this work, we introduce a primitive called a dual polynomial commitment scheme that allows linking together a witness committed to using a univariate polynomial commitment scheme with a witness inside a multilinear polynomial commitment scheme. This yields commit-and-prove (CP) SNARKs with the flexibility of going back and forth between univariate and multilinear encodings of witnesses. This is in contrast to existing CP frameworks that assume compatible polynomial commitment schemes between different components of the proof systems. In addition to application to CP, we also show that our notion yields a version of Spartan with better proof size and verification complexity, at the cost of a more expensive prover.

We achieve this via a combination of the following technical contributions: (i) we construct a new univariate commitment scheme in the updatable SRS setting that has better prover complexity than KZG (ii) we construct a new multilinear commitment scheme in the updatable setting that is compatible for linking with our univariate scheme (iii) we construct an argument of knowledge to prove a given linear relationship between two witnesses committed using a two-tiered commitment scheme (Pedersen+AFG) using Dory as a black-box. These constructions are of independent interest.

We implement our commitment schemes and report on performance. We also implement the version of Spartan with our dual polynomial commitment scheme and demonstrate that it outperforms Spartan in proof size and verification complexity.

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# 1 Introduction

Zero-knowledge proofs and argument systems (ZK) [GMR85] allow proving that a statement is valid without revealing any additional information. *Succinct Non-interactive Arguments of Knowledge* (zk-SNARKs), are ZK arguments with the additional property that the size of the proof and verifier work to check the proof is sublinear in the size of the statement. zk-SNARKs are a fundamental building block in modern cryptographic systems where it is crucial that the verification time does not scale with the size of the computation. A design principle for constructing SNARKs is to start from an information-theoretic proof system like Polynomial Interactive Oracle Proofs (PIOP)/ Algebraic Holographic Proofs (AHP) and compile them using a cryptographic compiler like a polynomial commitment scheme.

**Polynomial Commitment Scheme (PCS).** At a high level, a PCS enables a prover to initially commit to a polynomial  $f$  of bounded degree. Later, the prover can reveal evaluations of  $f$  at chosen points, accompanied by proofs verifying that the disclosed values align with the original commitment. A PCS is a central cryptographic tool used to obtain a SNARK in a modular way. A SNARK resulting from compiling an information-theoretic protocol inherits the complexity of the PCS; that is, the proof size depends on the commitment size and evaluation proof size of the PCS. PCSs (and SNARKs) are either in the Structured Reference String (SRS) model or in idealized models (like ROM,GGM,AGM) or both. If the SRS is produced using secret randomness (soundness depends on the this randomness being secret), the setup is called *trusted* setup. If the SRS is produced using only public coins, the setup is called *transparent*. An intermediate notion is that of *updatable* setup, where parties can continuously contribute to the randomness of the SRS, and an SRS is trusted as long as at least one of the updates is honest.

**Commit-and-prove SNARKs (CP-SNARKs).** An important family of SNARKs is one with a commit-and-prove extension, called a *commit-and-prove* SNARKs (CP-SNARKs) [CFQ19] where the inputs are separately committed to. A CP-SNARK allows verification of a proof through this commitment, that, crucially, can be reused across proofs. The presence of these commitments allow to glue together different proof systems that use parts of same witness. CP-SNARKs are useful in a variety of applications where one needs to prove composite statements using the most efficient tool for each part of the statement. CP-SNARKs allow modularity of proof systems thus providing *interoperability* with different protocols specialized for efficiently proving certain class of relations. For instance, consider a “mixed” computation that naturally presents different components, like Boolean/arithmetic circuit for a hash function, and algebraic representation for group operations. Using a general-purpose zkSNARK for such a computation requires one homogeneous intermediate representation of this computation. This incurs a high cost in performance; for example, writing a modular exponentiation as a circuit requires number of gates that grows with the size of the modulus. A CP-SNARK takes advantage of the native representation of different parts of the computation and does a mix-and-match of the best proof system for each component, e.g., SNARKs for an arithmetic circuit and a Sigma-protocol for an algebraic relation.

Existing CP-SNARK frameworks assume compatibility of the cryptographic compilers used in the different proof components. If one information theoretic proof component is compiled using a PCS, then the linking proofs are designed to be compatible with the representation of the polynomials (vectors of coefficients/ vectors of evaluations) used by the polynomial commitment scheme. That is, the linking that is essential for a CP-SNARK works as long as the PCS match up in how they interpret the polynomial (univariate vs multivariate, vector of coefficients vs vector of evaluations etc.). What if we want a CP-SNARK where one component uses a polynomial represented as a vector of coefficients and committed to using a univariate PCS (like KZG [KZG10]), and another component represents its polynomials as a vector of evaluations and are committed to using a multilinear scheme (like PST [PST13a] or Hyrax [WTS<sup>+</sup>18]) and these polynomials encode the same shared witness?

We put forth the notion of a *dual polynomial commitment scheme*, that links univariate and multilinear PCS. Specifically, a dual polynomial commitment scheme can be used to prove evaluations of a univariate and a multilinear polynomial derived from the *same* witness. Towards this, we construct an efficient linking proof for connecting a witness committed to using a univariate polynomial commitment scheme with a witness inside a multivariate polynomial commitment scheme. The dual polynomial commitment scheme allows one to go back and forth between univariate and multilinear encodings of witnesses. To further motivate the need for such flexibility, we now outline some example applications.

## 1.1 Applications

**Commit-and-prove Lookup.** There exist general compilers [CFF<sup>+</sup>21,ABC<sup>+</sup>22] that take an information-theoretic proof, like an Algebraic Holographic Proof (AHP) or Polynomial Interactive Oracle Proof (PIOP) and compile them into a CP-SNARK using a cryptographic compiler like a PCS. Concrete instantiations of these compilers yield frameworks that can glue together general purpose SNARKS for an arithmetic circuit/Rank 1 constraint system (R1CS), like Marlin/Sonic/Plonk with proof systems for algebraic statements, like Sigma protocols. However, the above works do not directly handle *lookup arguments*. They can be extended in a straightforward way to lookups, but they are not general since they are limited to lookup arguments that use the same PCS as the compiler or a “compatible” one. For example, the Lasso [STW24] lookup argument can be extended to give CP-lookup but can only be linked to Spartan [Set20]; and Plookup [GW20] can be extended to be CP-lookup linked to Plonk [GWC19]. We briefly discuss why lookup arguments are useful and it is desirable to have general CP-SNARKs that allow linking to lookups. A lookup argument, at a high level, allows a prover to convince a verifier that  $v_i = t_{u_i}$  for all  $i$  given committed vectors  $\vec{t}$ ,  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ . Circuit based representations are inefficient in expressing certain relations, like bit-decomposition. Lookups are used as custom gates in SNARKs (for instance plookup[GW20], Arya[BCG<sup>+</sup>18]) where “SNARK-unfriendly” operations like bit-decomposition, range proof etc. are performed via a table lookup instead of a circuit representation using addition/multiplication gates. This rich and growing body of work on lookup arguments culminated in the notion of lookup singularity[Whi] where SNARK front ends produce circuit representations consisting of *only* lookups. Lasso [STW24] and Jolt [AST24] together achieve this lookup singularity: (i) a circuit that executes an instruction at each step (SNARK-unfriendly gates like OR, XOR, AND etc) is modeled as a single lookup into a large lookup table (ii) efficient lookup into large tables via table decomposition. Jolt uses Lasso for step (ii) which uses sumcheck arguments and hence requires a multilinear PCS. Thus, while Lasso naturally admits commit-and-prove, this is restricted to SNARKs that encode the witness in a multivariate PCS to match the PCS used in the lookup argument of Lasso. In the spirit of commit-and-prove, our goal is to include lookup as a gadget in the toolbox of CP-SNARKs and modularly build complex schemes by mixing and matching lookup with other widely deployed circuit-based SNARKs. Via our dual polynomial commitment scheme, we can construct a CP-SNARK that combines general purpose SNARKs with lookup arguments, regardless of how the underlying PCS work (univariate/multilinear).

Let us consider the following scenario: The verifier would like to check that  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  which are certain intermediate values in a computation are all in a large range, like, in  $\{0, 1, \dots, 2^{32} - 1\}$ . Checking  $m$  values are in the range  $< 2^N$  requires  $O(mN)$  R1CS constraints on an  $O(mN)$  length witness. Using STARK, this incurs a cost of at least  $3m$  FFTs of length  $O(N)$  resulting in a prover complexity of  $O(mN \log N)$  field operations. This cost stems from expensive operations involving bit-decomposition due to the range checks inside the circuit. This cost is avoided by moving the range checks “outside” the SNARK circuit to lookups. Now, there is a need to “tie” the  $a_1, \dots, a_m$  that were used in the lookup to the intermediate values of the computation. That is, given commitments to  $a_1, \dots, a_m$ , the lookup argument proves each  $a_i$  is in the desired range, a general-purpose zkSNARK proves the computation, and this combination is sound only if the verifier is convinced that the each  $a_i$  used in the lookup argument is indeed the output of the sub-computation up to the range check and the input to the sub-computation after the range check. This gluing step is straightforward if the polynomial commitment scheme used in the lookup argument and the rest of the SNARK is the same (like Lasso [STW24] and Spartan [Set20], or Caulk [ZBK<sup>+</sup>22] and Plonk [GWC19]). This falls short of the goal of commit-and-prove which is generality: plug-and-play different gadgets for different sub-computations. In particular, if one were to use a SNARK like Groth16 (based on KZG, a univariate PCS) and a lookup argument like Lasso (based on multilinear PCS), then the approach described above will not work as-is. Our constructions overcome the technical difficulty in establishing consistency of witnesses used in the SNARK and the lookup argument encoded via a univariate PCS and a multilinear PCS respectively.

**Grand Product and Efficient Spartan.** We design a new special-purpose proof system for proving grand product relations that could be of independent interest. One concrete benefit of our grand product argument is that it yields an efficient version of Spartan obtained as a CP-SNARK using our dual polynomial commitment scheme. The polynomials that encode the intermediate computation states of the grand product computation are committed to using our univariate PCS KZG-FFT. This grand product argument can be put together with the rest of the Spartan proof that uses a multilinear PCS relying on the linking soundness guarantee of the dual PCS. The resulting SNARK, Spartan AIR, has concretely better proof complexity and verifier complexity, albeit at the cost of worse prover

No Of Constraints	Eval Prover (sec)		Eval Verifier (sec)		Proof size (KB)	
	Spartan	Spartan AIR	Spartan	Spartan AIR	Spartan	Spartan AIR
$2^{16}$	17.37	97.76	0.97	0.58	69.28	35.64
$2^{18}$	32.55	936.24	1.22	0.62	82.16	39.07

Table 1: Metrics comparing Spartan and Spartan-AIR. Spartan denotes Spartan with grand-product check using [GKR08,Tha13], and Spartan AIR denotes spartan with grand-product check using the AoK from Section 5.3. The ratio of sparsity to constraints in the R1CS matrices is maintained to one.

complexity (Table 1). We believe this is a worthwhile trade-off in some applications. One example is the use of a folding-based recursive proof system like Nova [KST22] on the blockchain. Here, most of the time, the system does folding based recursion, and a layer-1 verifier checks the final folded instances which are only infrequently proven after many folding steps. When Nova’s folding scheme is applied to Spartan, the large proof-sizes and verifier complexity requires wrapping the Spartan verifier of the relaxed instances inside a more verifier-friendly SNARK like Groth16 [Gro16]. While Groth16 is verifier efficient, it’s SRS is circuit dependent and not updatable. In contrast, using our approach, we can obtain better proof size and verifier complexity directly for the Spartan proof while retaining transparent SRS.

**zkRollups.** Combining lookups with other SNARKs is also relevant in the context of *rollups*. Blockchain rollups are a scaling solution that move expensive computation off-chain to layer two chains. Here, the network participants only need to verify succinct proofs attesting to the correctness of the off-chain computation. This approach allows verifying the L2 state resulting from several rolled up transactions as part of *one transaction* verified on the main chain. Commit-and-prove provides better rollup solutions by allowing signature verification to be done using suitable SNARKs and checking validity of transactions using table lookups. While this is an important general application of commit-and-prove lookup, we do not provide details of an end-to-end rollup solution in this work.

## 1.2 Our Contributions

1. We propose a univariate polynomial commitment scheme KZG-FFT where the prover need not perform expensive FFT operations. It is variant of the KZG scheme where we commit to the vector of evaluations over the FFT domain instead of the coefficient vector. Interpolating the witness vector to obtain evaluations is not done by the prover, instead the setup phase creates the SRS after applying the corresponding linear transformation. We then show how to make the SRS universal and updatable.
2. We propose a new multilinear polynomial commitment scheme KZG-FOURIER that is suited for linking with our univariate scheme KZG-FFT.
3. We define the notion of a *dual polynomial commitment scheme* (DualPCS) that allows committing to a witness both as a univariate and a multilinear polynomial. We provide two candidate instantiations of dual polynomial commitment scheme: one in the updatable SRS setting that uses KZG-FFT and KZG-FOURIER, and another in the transparent setting. We implement our schemes in Rust and show setup/prover/verifier time for growing witness sizes.
4. We present an argument of knowledge to prove a given linear relationship between two witnesses committed using a two-tiered commitment scheme (Pedersen+AFG) that uses Dory as a black-box. We use this argument in our instantiation of a transparent DualPCS. In our instantiation, we preprocess an FFT matrix that determines the linear relationship we need for our DualPCS.
5. We construct a new argument of knowledge for proving grand product relations. This is an instantiation of existing proof system using our KZG-FFT commitment scheme as the PCS. However, our DualPCS enables us to switch to multilinear representation and use the grand product argument with Spartan or Lasso yielding smaller proof sizes. We report implementation results of performance of the version of Spartan using our grand product argument.

## 1.3 Technical Overview

DUAL POLYNOMIAL COMMITMENT (DualPCS). We put forth the notion of a DualPCS that links a witness encoded in univariate and multilinear polynomial commitment schemes. Given a witness vector, the commit algorithm produces two commitments, obtained by viewing the witness as (i) the

evaluations of a univariate polynomial over the FFT domain, and (ii) a multilinear polynomial encoding over the boolean hypercube. The encoding and the choice of domains are motivated by existing PIOPs that interpret the witness in this way. Like in a regular PCS, there are evaluation protocols that allow opening each of these commitments to claimed evaluations of the underlying polynomial. In addition, a DualPCS comes with a linking proof that guarantees that the univariate and multilinear commitments refer to the *same witness*. The notion of DualPCS handles any external “linking” proof needed in general-purpose CP-SNARKs and solves the *challenge of native compatibility* articulated in [CFG24]. Our first DualPCS candidate KZG-FFT-FOURIER is in the updatable SRS setting. The protocol crucially relies on a linear isomorphism between the space of multilinear polynomials and univariate polynomials. The isomorphism maps the Lagrange bases of multilinear polynomials over the boolean hypercube to the Lagrange basis of univariate polynomials over the multiplicative subgroup generated by primitive roots of unity<sup>3</sup>. Leveraging this isomorphism makes an explicit linking proof unnecessary since given a witness vector, the commitments to encoding via (i) and encoding via (ii) are the *same*, resulting in no linking overhead. We now provide an overview of the univariate scheme KZG-FFT and the multilinear scheme KZG-FOURIER that make up the DualPCS KZG-FFT-FOURIER.

**Univariate scheme KZG-FFT.** We begin by outlining the ideas behind the KZG PCS [KZG10] which is our starting point. The KZG scheme works as follows: the commitment to a univariate polynomial  $f(Y)$  is the encoding of the evaluation of the polynomial at a secret point. The encoding used is exponentiation in a bilinear group, which makes the commitment one group element:  $C := g^{f(\tau)}$ . In order to enable the prover to compute this, the setup produces a structured reference string (**srs**) consisting of encodings of powers of the secret point  $\tau$ . The prover can use the additive homomorphism of the encoding to compute  $g^{f(\tau)}$  without knowing  $\tau$  using the coefficient vector of  $f$  and  $\text{srs} = \{g^{\tau^i}\}$ . This **srs** is also *updatable*: new randomness  $\tau_1$  can be sampled and  $\text{srs}' = \{g^{\tau'^i}\}$  can be computed where  $\tau' = \tau \cdot \tau_1$ , using **srs** and  $\tau_1$ . Now, to provably open the committed polynomial at a random point  $z$ , the prover produces a proof for the claim  $f(z) = v$  as follows. It computes the quotient polynomial  $q(Y) := (f(Y) - v)/Y - z$  and provides a commitment to  $q(Y)$  as the proof;  $\pi = g^{q(\tau)}$ . The verifier now checks the polynomial division by checking the above equation at the random point  $\tau$ . The verifier uses the bilinear map to check  $e(C \cdot g^{-v}, g) = e(\pi, g^\tau \cdot g^{-z})$ . Now, the way typical PIOPs (underlying SNARKs like Marlin/Plonk) encode the witness is by interpolating a polynomial  $f$  such that the witness vector agrees with  $f$  on a “nice domain”. That is, let  $w \in \mathbb{F}^n$  be the witness vector, then the prover first constructs a *witness-carrying polynomial*  $f(Y) = \sum_{i \in [n]} w_i L_i(Y)$  where the nice domain is typically the multiplicative subgroup generated by primitive root of unity,  $\mathbf{H}$ , and  $L_i(Y)$  are the Lagrange bases for  $\mathbf{H}$ . The univariate polynomial  $f(Y)$  is then committed to using a PCS like KZG where the commitment  $C_f = g^{\sum_{i \in [n]} a_i \tau^i} = \prod_i g_i^{a_i}$  where  $(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is the coefficient vector of  $f$ . Our starting point is to have the commitment  $C_f$  be a commitment *directly* to the evaluation vector  $w$ ; that is,  $C_f = \prod_i g_i^{w_i}$ . This is accomplished by having the setup produce  $\text{srs} = \{g_i = g^{\alpha_i}\}$  where  $\alpha = \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is related to the secret point of evaluation  $\tau$  via the FFT matrix. The commitment is still evaluation of the polynomial at a secret point (just like in KZG). The prover uses the witness vector  $w$  and commits to it as  $g^{f(\tau)}$  where  $f$  agrees with  $w$  without having to explicitly obtain the coefficients of  $f$ . In order to make the **srs** updatable, we let the commitment be  $g^{f(\tau)}$  for  $\tau = r^{2^n}$ , for a uniformly random  $r \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $2^n$  is the degree of  $f$ . The downside now is that the **srs** is not universal since it depends on the degree of the polynomial being committed to. In order to achieve universality, we let the commitment be  $g^{f(\tau)}$  for  $\tau = r^{2^{n-d}}$  where  $2^n$  is the bound on the universal **srs** and  $2^d$  is the degree bound claimed by the prover. The idea behind the evaluation protocol for the PCS remains the same as in KZG: commit to the quotient polynomial and check polynomial division at  $\tau$ . We show that this scheme satisfies extractability in the AGM assuming N-DLOG. This SRS is also *updatable* which is more desirable than a fully trusted setup.

As a stand-alone univariate commitment scheme, the prover in KZG-FFT is not required to perform expensive FFT operations in order to obtain the coefficient representation since this work has already been done apriori by setup. This improves prover performance compared to KZG.

**Multilinear scheme KZG-FOURIER.** Our new multilinear PCS relies on a new linear map and polynomial decomposition. The linear isomorphism  $\mathcal{U}_n : \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{< N}[Y]$  maps the Fourier basis of the space of multilinear polynomials in  $n$  variables to the FFT basis of the space of univariate

<sup>3</sup> We refer to the Lagrange bases of multilinear polynomials over the boolean hypercube as the Fourier basis; and the Lagrange bases of univariate polynomials over the multiplicative subgroup generated by primitive roots of unity as the FFT basis.

polynomials of degree at most  $2^n$ . The map is given by  $\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j \cdot i_j + (1 - X_j) \cdot (1 - i_j) \rightarrow L_i(Y)$ , for  $i \in [0, 2^n]$ , where  $i_j \in \{0, 1\}$  is the  $j$ th component of the bit decomposition of  $i$ , and  $L_i(Y)$  are the Lagrange bases over  $\mathbf{H}$ . The commit algorithm interprets the witness vector as evaluations of a multilinear polynomial  $f$  over the Fourier basis, and equivalently as the evaluations of a univariate polynomial  $f'$  over the FFT domain of size  $2^n$ . Committing to  $f$  is done by committing to  $f'$  using KZG-FFT. The evaluation protocol relies on polynomial decomposition that has been used in prior works as well [PST13a]. For an  $n$ -variate polynomial  $f$ , and  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , there exist polynomials  $q_i(\mathbf{X})$  such that,  $f(\mathbf{X}) - f(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{i \in [n]} (X_i - z_i) q_i(\mathbf{X})$ . The verifier in the evaluation protocol checks this polynomial identity underneath the linear map  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . That is, if the evaluation claim is  $f(\mathbf{z}) = y$ , then the protocol has the verifier check that  $\mathcal{U}_n(f(\mathbf{X})) - \mathcal{U}_n(y) = \sum_{i \in [n]} (\mathcal{U}_n(X_i \cdot q_i) - \mathcal{U}_n(z_i \cdot q_i))$ . We now note that the above check is a univariate identity which is checked at a randomly chosen point. Towards this, the prover aids the verifier by sending commitments and openings of certain univariate polynomials using KZG-FFT. For soundness, we use several properties of the linear map in order to enable checking the above equation, and finally rely on Schwartz-Zippel.

**TRANSPARENT DualPCS.** We construct another DualPCS candidate with transparent setup, **dory-link**, that uses the Dory proof system [Lee21]. The commit algorithm works as follows: given a witness vector  $w \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , the AFG commitment scheme is used to commit to two vectors  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{G}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{G}^n$  where  $\mathbf{a} = (g_1^{w_1}, \dots, g_n^{w_n})$  and  $\mathbf{f} = (g_1^{f_1}, \dots, g_n^{f_n})$ ,  $(f_1, \dots, f_n)$  is the coefficient vector of  $f \in \mathbb{F}[Y]$  that agrees with  $\mathbf{a}$  over domain  $\mathbf{H}$ . The evaluation protocols are simply Dory proofs of evaluation, since the commitments are already amenable to Dory. The linking proof needs to establish the linear relation between the representations  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f}$  of the same underlying witness  $w$ . This is done by preprocessing the FFT matrix that describes the linear relation and constructing a SNARK for the linking proof.

## 1.4 Related Work

*CP-SNARKs.* Recent works like Lunar [CFF<sup>+</sup>21] and Eclipse [ABC<sup>+</sup>22] present general compilers from information-theoretic objects to CP-SNARKs with a universal and updatable SRS. While the underlying information-theoretic objects can be compiled using any PCS, Eclipse assumes Pedersen vector commitments and Lunar assumes KZG commitments for the linking gadgets of the CP-SNARKs. Thus they are limited as a framework to only those proof systems that use compatible commitment schemes. These compilers can be extended to obtain commit-and-prove lookups, but will be limited to lookup arguments like Caulk [ZBK<sup>+</sup>22], Baloo [ZGK<sup>+</sup>22], CQ [EFG22] that are KZG-based.

*PCS.* Our multilinear PCS KZG-FOURIER is reminiscent of the techniques in [BCHO22] and [KT23] in that the central idea is to leverage a linear homomorphism from the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space of multilinear polynomials to the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space of univariate polynomials. The difference is the linear homomorphism itself: in [KT23], the Fourier basis of the multilinear polynomial is mapped to the monomial basis of the univariate polynomial. In [BCHO22], the monomial basis of the multilinear polynomial is mapped to the monomial basis of the univariate polynomial. In our scheme, the Fourier basis of the multilinear is mapped to the Fourier basis of the univariate polynomial. As a consequence, our multilinear PCS renders itself to be efficiently linked to our KZG-FFT scheme.

*Dual PCS.* Recent concurrent work [CFG24] constructs a compiler that, given any univariate-based lookup argument, converts it into a lookup argument compatible with MLE-based SNARKs. The compiler could be applied to univariate and multilinear PCS combinations (like KZG+Gemini, PST+Zeromorph) to yield DualPCS candidates. Such schemes require an additional linking proof; and this incurs prover and verifier costs for a sum-check protocol, and opening multilinear and the univariate polynomials at the end of the sum-check. The verifier complexity for the sum-check is logarithmic whereas additional evaluation proofs for KZG, Gemini, PST, and Zeromorph increases the number of pairings performed by the verifier. This is in contrast to our KZG-FFT-FOURIER scheme where there is no additional linking proof. We discuss the techniques of [CFG24] in relation to our work in Appendix A.

## 2 Preliminaries

*Notations and Facts.*  $\mathbb{F}$  denotes a prime field of order  $p$ , and  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of natural numbers. We denote by  $\lambda$  a security parameter, by  $\text{negl}$  a negligible function. For any integer  $c > 0$ , there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $\forall x > n$ ,  $\text{negl}(x) \leq 1/n^c$ , and if a function is not negligible then we call it non-negligible.

We denote vectors by boldface letters, and inner product between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  by  $\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle$ . If  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$ , then  $a_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th component of the vector for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . We use  $r \leftarrow_R \mathbb{F}$  to denote  $r$  sampled independently and uniformly at random from  $\mathbb{F}$ . Primitive root of unity of order  $N$  is denoted by  $\omega_N$ . We state a well-known fact regarding primitive roots of unity next.

**Fact 1** For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $N$  is divisible by 2 then  $\omega_{N/2} = \omega_N^2$ . Further,  $\omega_2$ , is unique and is equal to  $-1$ .

The  $N \times N$  Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) matrix whose  $(i, j)$ -th entry is  $\omega_N^{i \cdot j}$  for  $i, j \in [0, N-1]$  is denoted  $M_{\omega_N}$ . We note down a well-known fact regarding the FFT matrices.

**Fact 2** For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $M_{\omega_N}^T = M_{\omega_N}$ , and further if  $N$  is a power of 2 then  $M_{\omega_N}^{-1} = \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}}$ .

We use  $\mathbf{H}_N$  to denote the set  $\{\omega_N^0, \omega_N^1, \dots, \omega_N^{N-1}\}$ . We refer to  $\mathbf{H}_N$  as the FFT domain of size  $N$ . Similarly, let  $p' \in \mathbb{F}$  be such that  $p, p'$  are coprime integers. Then we refer to the set  $\{p' \cdot \omega_N^0, p' \cdot \omega_N^1, \dots, p' \cdot \omega_N^{N-1}\}$  as the offset of the FFT domain of size  $N$ .

$\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  denotes the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space of univariate polynomials with degree at most  $N$ , and  $\{Y^0, \dots, Y^{N-1}\}$  is its standard basis. Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ . Then  $f(\mathbf{H}_N) \in \mathbb{F}^N$  denotes the evaluation vector of  $f(Y)$  over  $\mathbf{H}_N$ , that is the  $i$ -th coordinate of  $f(\mathbf{H}_N)$ , denoted  $f(\mathbf{H}_N)_i = f(\omega_N^i)$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . If  $N$  is clear from the context then we drop  $N$  from the subscript and simply write  $f(\mathbf{H})$ . If  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  and  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  satisfies  $\mathbf{a} = f(\mathbf{H})$  then we say  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f$  over the FFT domain of size  $N$ . Let  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y^0, \dots, Y^{N-1})$  be an  $N$  length vector constituting of the standard basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ , and  $\mathbf{U}^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N} \cdot M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{Y}$ , where  $n = \log N$ . Since  $M_{\omega_N^{-1}}$  is invertible,  $\{U_i^{(n)}\}_{i \in [0, N-1]}$  is an  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ , where  $U_i$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{U}^{(n)}$ . We refer to  $\mathbf{U}^{(n)}$  as the FFT basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ . It is easy to see that the FFT basis is equal to the Lagrange basis with points from  $\mathbf{H}_N$ .

Similarly,  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  denotes the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space of multilinear polynomials in  $n$  variables, and  $\{L_0^{(n)}, \dots, L_{2^n-1}^{(n)}\}$  be the standard Fourier basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ . Specifically, if  $i \in [0, 2^n-1]$ , and  $i_j \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $j \in [0, n-1]$  is the  $j$ -th least significant bit of  $i$  (when  $i$  is viewed as an  $n$  bit number) then

$$L_i^{(n)} = \prod_{j=0}^{n-1} ((1 - X_j) \cdot (1 - i_j) + X_j \cdot i_j)$$

Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ , and  $f(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = \sum_{i \in [0, 2^n-1]} f_{L_i^{(n)}} \cdot L_i^{(n)}(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1})$ . Then  $\{f_{L_i^{(n)}} \in \mathbb{F}\}_{i \in [0, 2^n-1]}$  are referred to as the  $2^n$  Fourier coefficients of  $f$ . Let  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^{2^n}$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{F}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  defined as  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = \sum_{i \in [0, 2^n-1]} a_i \cdot L_i(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1})$  denotes the Multilinear Extension (MLE) of  $\mathbf{a}$ . It is easy to see that  $\tilde{\mathbf{a}}(i_0, \dots, i_{n-1}) = a_i$ , where again  $i_j \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $j \in [0, n-1]$  is the  $j$ -th least significant bit of  $i$ . We note the following well-known fact regarding multilinear polynomials (see [PST13a] for a proof).

**Fact 3** Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  and  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbb{F}$ . Then  $f(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) = y$  if and only if there exists  $q_k \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{k-1}]$  for  $k \in [1, n-1]$ , and  $q_0 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that

$$f(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) - y = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (X_k - x_k) \cdot q_k(X_0, \dots, X_{k-1})$$

Let  $\mathbb{G}$  be a group of order  $p$ . For  $\mathbf{g} = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in \mathbb{G}^n$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p^n$ , the multi-exponentiation  $\mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{x}}$  is defined by  $\mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{x}} = g_1^{x_1} \dots g_n^{x_n}$ .

**Bilinear Group.** A bilinear group is denoted by the tuple  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)$ , where  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$  and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  are groups of prime order  $p$ ,  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are generators of  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ , and  $e : \mathbb{G}_1 \times \mathbb{G}_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{G}_T$  is an efficiently computable non-degenerate bilinear map. We denote by  $\mathcal{G}$  a bilinear group generator that outputs these parameters:  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  where  $p$  is superpolynomial in  $\lambda$ . Let  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{G}_1^N, \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{G}_2^N$ . Then we use the  $(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{q})$  to denote the inner-pairing product  $\prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} e(h_i, q_i)$ . We remark here that notation  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is overloaded to mean both inner products over fields, and inner-pairing products between vectors from  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ , and is implicit from context.

**Algebraic Group Model.** The Algebraic Group Model (AGM) introduced in [FKL18] is an idealized model. An adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  is said to be algebraic if every group element output by  $\mathcal{A}$  is accompanied by its representation with respect to all the groups elements  $\mathcal{A}$  has seen so far. Let  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  be all the group



elements previously input and output by  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then, every group element  $y$  output by  $\mathcal{A}$ , is accompanied by its representation  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  such that  $y = \prod_{i=1}^k y_i^{x_i}$ .

**SRS model.** We describe our constructions as public-coin interactive protocols in the structured reference string (SRS) model where both the parties have access to a SRS. The SRS is universal and updatable, where the SRS can be used to prove statements about any computation, as opposed to a circuit-dependent setup required in preprocessing based SNARKs. This universal SRS is, in addition, *updatable*, meaning parties can continuously contribute to the randomness of the SRS, and an SRS is trusted as long as at least one of the updates was honest.

## 2.1 Assumptions

**Definition 1 (DDH Assumption)** For a group  $\mathbb{G}$ , the decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) assumption holds for  $\mathbb{G}$  if for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following probability is  $1/2 + \text{negl}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} b' = b \\ b' = \mathcal{A}(\text{pp}) \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} x, y, z \leftarrow_R \mathbb{F}, b \leftarrow_R \{0, 1\} \\ z' = xy \text{ if } b = 0, z' = z \text{ if } b = 1 \\ \text{pp} = (g, g^x, g^y, g^{z'}) \end{array} \right)$$

**Definition 2 (SXDH Assumption)** For  $(q, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, G, H) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$ , the Symmetric External Diffie-Hellman (SXDH) assumption states that the decisional Diffie-Hellman (DDH) assumption holds for both  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ .

**Definition 3 (N-DLOG Assumption)** The  $N$ -DLOG assumption with respect to  $\mathcal{G}$  holds if for all  $\lambda$ , for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following probability is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ :

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} \tau = \tau' \\ \tau' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{pp}, \mathbf{v}) \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda), \tau \leftarrow_R \mathbb{F} \\ \mathbf{v} := (g_1^\tau, g_1^{\tau^2}, \dots, g_1^{\tau^N}, g_2^\tau, g_2^{\tau^2}, \dots, g_2^{\tau^N}) \end{array} \right)$$

## 2.2 Commitment Schemes

*AFG Commitment Scheme [AFG<sup>+</sup>10]* The pairing based commitment AFG is defined as follows:

- $(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, q, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow \text{AFG.setup}(1^\lambda)$ : Outputs  $\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2$ , and  $\mathbb{G}_T$  of order  $p$  with  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  being generators for  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and  $\mathbb{G}_2$  and  $e$  is the bilinear map.
- $\text{ck} = (w_r, w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{N-1}) \leftarrow \text{AFG.KeyGen}(\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, q, e, g_1, g_2, N)$ : Outputs the commitment key  $\text{ck}$ . Here  $N$  is the number of group elements to be committed.
- $c = \text{AFG.com}_{\text{ck}}(\mathbf{m}, r) = e(w_r, r) \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} e(w_i, m_i)$ : Outputs the commitment of message  $\mathbf{m}$  where  $\mathbf{m} = (m_0, \dots, m_{N-1})$ .

The AFG commitment scheme is perfectly hiding and binding under the SXDH assumption (see Definition 2).

## 2.3 Interactive Arguments

We consider interactive arguments for relations, where a prover  $P$  convinces the verifier that it knows a witness  $w$  such that for a public statement  $x$ ,  $(x, w) \in \mathcal{R}$ . Given a pair of PPT interactive algorithms  $P, V$ , we denote by  $\langle P, V \rangle(x; w)$ , the output of  $V$  on interaction with  $P$ . Here,  $w$  is  $P$ 's private input and  $x$  is a common input. Let  $\mathcal{R} = \{(x, w)\}$ , be a relation and  $\mathcal{L}$  be the corresponding NP language.

**Definition 4 (Succinct Argument of knowledge)** An interactive argument of knowledge (AoK) for a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  consists of a PPT algorithm  $\text{setup}(1^\lambda)$  that takes a security parameter  $\lambda$  and outputs public parameters  $\text{srs}$ , and a pair of PPT interactive algorithms  $\langle P, V \rangle$ . The triple  $(\text{setup}, P, V)$  satisfy the following properties.

1. *Completeness.* For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $(x, w) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,

$$\Pr(\langle P, V \rangle(\text{srs}, x; w) = 1 : \text{srs} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda)) = 1.$$

2. *Knowledge Soundness*<sup>4</sup>. An argument system  $(P, V)$  for a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is knowledge sound if for any PPT  $\tilde{P} = (\tilde{P}_1, \tilde{P}_2)$ , there exists an expected polynomial time extractor  $\mathcal{E}$  such that the following probability is  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$ .

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} (x, w) \notin \mathcal{R} \wedge \\ \langle \tilde{P}_2, V \rangle(\text{srs}, x; \text{st}) = 1 \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} \text{srs} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda) \\ (x, \text{st}) \leftarrow \tilde{P}_1(1^\lambda, \text{srs}) \\ w \leftarrow \mathcal{E}^{\tilde{P}_2}(\text{srs}, x) \end{array} \right)$$

3. *Succinctness*. An argument system is succinct if the communication complexity between prover and verifier is sublinear in the size of the statement.

We do not focus on zero-knowledge in this work; we believe it is easily achievable via minor adaptations applying standard techniques to our constructions.

*Fiat-Shamir transform*. The protocols in this work are *public coin* interactive arguments where the verifier's messages are uniformly random strings. Public coin protocols can heuristically be compiled into non-interactive arguments by applying the Fiat-Shamir [FS87] transform (FS) in the Random Oracle Model (ROM).

## 2.4 Polynomial Commitment Scheme

A polynomial commitment scheme (PCS) allows the prover to open evaluations of the committed polynomial succinctly ([KZG10]). A PCS over  $\mathbb{F}$  is a tuple  $\text{PC} = (\text{setup}, \text{commit}, \text{open}, \text{eval})$  where:

- $\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda, n, N)$ . On input security parameter  $\lambda$ , number of variables  $n$ , an upper bound  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  on the number of distinct monomials in  $n$  variables,  $\text{setup}$  generates public parameters  $\text{pp}$ .
- $(C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, f, D)$ . On input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , an  $n$ -variate polynomial  $f(X) \in \mathbb{F}[X]$  with total monomials at most  $D \leq N$ ,  $\text{commit}$  outputs a commitment to the polynomial  $C$ , and additionally an opening hint  $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}$ .
- $b \leftarrow \text{open}(\text{pp}, f(X), d, C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}})$  On input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , the commitment  $C$  and the opening hint  $\tilde{\mathbf{c}}$ , a polynomial  $f(X)$  with number of monomials  $D \leq N$ ,  $\text{open}$  outputs a bit indicating accept or reject.
- $b \leftarrow \text{eval}(\text{pp}, C, D, \mathbf{x}, y; f(X))$ . A public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C, d, \mathbf{x}, y; f(X))$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier. The parties have as common input public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , commitment  $C$ , monomial bound  $D$ , evaluation point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ , and claimed evaluation  $y$ . The prover has, in addition, the opening  $f$  of  $C$  with number of monomials at most  $D$ . At the end of the protocol, the verifier outputs 1 indicating accepting the proof that  $f(\mathbf{x}) = y$ , or outputs 0 indicating rejecting the proof.

A polynomial commitment scheme must satisfy completeness, binding and knowledge soundness (KS).

**Definition 5 (Completeness)** For all polynomials  $f(X) \in \mathbb{F}[X]$  with number of monomials at most  $D \leq N$ , and for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^n$ ,

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda, N) \\ b = 1 : (C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, f(\mathbf{X}), D) \\ \quad \quad \quad y \leftarrow f(\mathbf{x}) \\ b \leftarrow \text{eval}(\text{pp}, C, D, \mathbf{x}, y; f(X)) \end{array} \right) = 1.$$

**Definition 6 (Binding)** A polynomial commitment scheme  $\text{PC}$  is binding if for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following probability is negligible in  $\lambda$ :

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{open}(\text{pp}, f_0, D, C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_0) = 1 \wedge \\ \text{open}(\text{pp}, f_1, D, C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_1) = 1 \wedge \\ f_0 \neq f_1 \end{array} : \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda, N) \\ (C, f_0, f_1, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_0, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}_1, D) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{pp}) \end{array} \right).$$

<sup>4</sup> We define KS without considering auxiliary inputs, for simplicity. For a stronger definition, the adversary and the extractor additionally receive an auxiliary input  $\text{aux}$  sampled from a distribution  $\mathcal{Z}(1^\lambda, \text{srs})$ . KS holds as long as  $\mathcal{Z}$  belongs to a certain class, called “benign” distributions.

**Definition 7 (Knowledge soundness)** *eval* is an AoK for the relation  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{eval}}$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{eval}} = \{((\text{pp}, C, \mathbf{x} \leftarrow_R \mathbb{F}^n, y \in \mathbb{F}); (f(X), \tilde{\mathbf{c}})) : (\text{open}(\text{pp}, f, D, C, \tilde{\mathbf{c}}) = 1) \wedge y = f(\mathbf{x})\}$$

Though in general, the *eval* protocol can be run on points  $\mathbf{x}$  chosen by the verifier, in applications to SNARKs, these are uniformly random. This is because when a PCS is used to compile a *public-coin* argument, the verifier samples the evaluation points uniformly at random. Therefore, we define knowledge soundness for random  $\mathbf{x}$ .

**Definition 8 (Succinctness)** We require the commitments and the evaluation proofs to be of size  $\text{poly}(\lambda) \cdot \log(D)$  where  $\pi$  is the transcript obtained by applying FS to *eval*. Additionally, the scheme is verifier succinct if *eval* runs in time  $\text{poly}(\lambda) \cdot \log(D)$  for the verifier. The prover is required to run in time  $\tilde{O}(D)$ .

For our univariate scheme, we achieve a strong notion of succinctness: the commitment and evaluation proofs are of size independent of the degree of the polynomial.

### 3 Univariate Polynomial Commitment Scheme

In this section, we introduce a variant of the KZG commitment scheme known as KZG-FFT. This variant commits directly to the evaluations of a polynomial over the FFT domain of an appropriate size, as opposed to using the coefficients of the corresponding polynomial. In many proof systems, the coefficients of the underlying univariate polynomial are derived through interpolation from a witness vector, which serves as the evaluations of the desired polynomial. By committing directly using these evaluations or witness values, the prover can circumvent the costly FFT operation. Moreover, employing multi-scalar multi-exponentiation (MSME) over the witness vector allows us to leverage the low bit representation of the witness values, resulting in computational advantages. It's worth noting that, in practice, witnesses typically possess low bit complexity despite being represented as elements of large prime fields (see, for instance, [STW24], [AST24]). In Section 3.1, we state the algorithm to generate the setup for KZG-FFT, and in Section 3.2 we state the details of the polynomial commitment scheme.

#### 3.1 Setup Generation

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**Algorithm 1** KZG-FFT.setup( $1^\lambda$ ): Setup Generation for KZG-FFT

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**Input:**  $\{1^\lambda, N\}$

**Output:**  $\{\text{srs} = (\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}), \pi\}$

- 1: Sample  $r \in_R \mathbb{F}$ , uniformly at random.
  - 2: Let  $\alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ , and  $n = \log N$ .
  - 3: Compute  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)} = g_1^{\alpha_i} \in \mathbb{G}_1 \mid i \in [0, N-1]\}$ ,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{h_{2,j} = g_2^{r^{2^j}} \in \mathbb{G}_2 \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ .
  - 4: Let  $\pi = (g_1^r, g_2^r)$ .
  - 5: Output  $\{\text{srs} = (\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}), \pi\}$ .
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We state the algorithm to generate the structured reference string (*srs*) in this section. We assume  $N$  is a power of 2, and  $\log N = n$ . Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  be a bilinear group. The *srs* has two disjoint parts  $(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}})$ :  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  is used by the prover and  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}$  is used by the verifier. The setup algorithm, stated in Algorithm 1 takes as input the security parameter  $\lambda$  and the degree bound  $N$ , and outputs *srs* and a proof  $\pi$ . The proof  $\pi$  attests to the correctness of the generated *srs*. We show in Appendix C.1, how the *srs* can be verified using  $\pi$ , and that the setup generated by KZG-FFT.setup is updatable as defined in [MBKM19]. Let  $r$  be as sampled at Step 1, and  $\alpha_i$  be as defined at Step 2 of Algorithm 1. Let  $\alpha, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  be vectors such that  $\alpha_i$  and  $r^i$  are the  $i$ -th component of  $\alpha$  and  $\mathbf{r}$  respectively for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . The following claim shows that  $\alpha$  is linearly related to  $\mathbf{r}$  via the FFT matrix  $M_{\omega_N^{-1}}$ .

*Claim 1.* Let  $\alpha, \mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  be as defined above. Then  $\alpha = \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ .

In Section 3.2, we present the commit algorithm for KZG-FFT, and as part of completeness in Lemma 1 argue the structure of the commitment in  $\mathbb{G}_1$ . The proof of the above claim is similar to the proof of Claim 2.

### 3.2 Protocol

**Protocol 1:** KZG-FFT polynomial commitment scheme

1.  $\{\text{srs}, \pi\} \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FFT.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ .
2.  $C_f \leftarrow \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, f(\mathbf{H}_D))$ , where

$$C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{a_i}$$

and  $\mathbf{h}^{(d)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^D$  is as defined in Equation 1

3. accept/reject  $\leftarrow \text{KZG-FFT.eval}(\text{srs}, C_f, D, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$ , where  $D \leq N$  is a one round public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{srs}, C_f, D, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier.
  - (a)  $P_{\text{eval}}$ : The prover computes the evaluations of  $q(X)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ , where  $q(X)$  satisfies  $f(X) - v = (X - u) \cdot q(X)$ . Commits to  $q(X)$  (denoted  $C_q$ ) using  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$ . Sends  $C_q$  to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (b)  $V_{\text{eval}}$ : Let  $d = \log D$ . Computes  $C_f \cdot g_1^{-v} \in \mathbb{G}_1$  and  $h_{2,n-d} \cdot g_2^{-u} \in \mathbb{G}_2$ , and accepts if  $e(C_f \cdot g_1^{-v}, g_2) = e(C_q, h_{2,n-d} \cdot g_2^{-u})$  and rejects otherwise.

The KZG-FFT polynomial commitment scheme is presented in Protocol 1. Let  $D = 2^d$ , and  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ , and  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  be such that  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f(\mathbf{H})$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ . KZG-FFT.setup is presented in Algorithm 1, Section 3.1. The KZG-FFT.commit algorithm takes as input  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$ , the degree bound  $D$ , and the evaluation vector  $\mathbf{a}$  of the polynomial  $f(Y)$ . To commit to polynomials of degree at most  $D = 2^d$  for  $d \in [0, n]$ , the commit algorithm folds the public parameters  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)}\}_{i \in [0, N-1]}$  recursively as follows:

$$h_{1,i}^{(k)} = h_{1,i}^{(k+1)} \cdot h_{1,i+2^k}^{(k+1)} \quad \forall i \in [0, 2^k - 1] \quad (1)$$

and outputs  $C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{a_i}$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f, \mathbf{a}, h_{1,i}^{(d)}$  for  $d \in [1, n]$  and  $C_f$  be as defined above. Then  $C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{a_i} = g_1^{f(r^{2^{n-d}})}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D = 2^d$  and  $f_i$  be the coefficient of  $Y^i$  in  $f$ , for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\mathbf{f} = (f_0, \dots, f_{D-1})$ . Then  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = f(\mathbf{H}_D) = \mathbf{a}$ , and hence, from Fact 2

$$\mathbf{f} = M_{\omega_D}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{a} = \left(\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}\right) \cdot \mathbf{a} \quad (2)$$

Let  $\alpha^{(d)}$  be such that  $g_1^{\alpha_i^{(d)}} = h_{1,i}^{(d)}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\mathbf{r}^{(d)} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  be such that  $r_i^{(d)} = r^{i \cdot 2^{n-d}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . To prove the lemma it is sufficient to show that  $f(r^{2^{n-d}}) = \langle \alpha^{(d)}, \mathbf{a} \rangle$ . We use the following claim to complete the proof (proof below).

*Claim 2.*  $(\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}) \cdot \mathbf{r}^{(d)} = \alpha^{(d)}$

From the above claim, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(r^{2^{n-d}}) &= (\mathbf{r}^{(d)})^T \cdot \mathbf{f} \\ &= (\mathbf{r}^{(d)})^T \cdot \left(\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}\right) \cdot \mathbf{a} && \text{from Equation 2} \\ &= (\alpha^{(d)})^T \cdot \mathbf{a} && \text{from Fact 2} \end{aligned}$$

*Proof (Proof of Claim 2).* For  $d = n$ , we have from the definition of  $\alpha_i^{(n)}$  in Algorithm 1 ( $\alpha_i$  is identified with  $\alpha_i^{(n)}$ ), for all  $i \in [0, N - 1]$

$$\alpha_i^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N} \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} r)^{2^j}) = \sum_{j \in [0, N-1]} (\omega_N^{-i} r)^j$$

Hence, we have  $\alpha^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{r}^{(n)}$ . To prove this for any  $d \in [1, n - 1]$ , we show  $\alpha^{(d)} = \frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{r}^{(d)}$  assuming  $\alpha^{(d+1)} = \frac{1}{2^{d+1}} M_{\omega_{2^D}^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{r}^{(d+1)}$ . In particular, we show that for all  $i \in [0, D - 1]$ ,

$$\alpha_i^{(d)} = \frac{1}{D} \prod_{j \in [0, d-1]} (1 + (\omega_D^{-i} r^{2^{n-d}})^{2^j})$$

assuming for all  $i \in [0, 2D - 1]$ ,

$$\alpha_i^{(d+1)} = \frac{1}{2D} \prod_{j \in [0, d]} (1 + (\omega_{2D}^{-i} r^{2^{n-d-1}})^{2^j})$$

By definition of  $\alpha_i^{(d)}$ , we have for all  $i \in [0, D - 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_i^{(d)} &= \alpha_i^{(d+1)} + \alpha_{i+D}^{(d+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2D} \left( \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d]} (1 + \omega_{2D}^{-i} r^{2^{n-d-1}})^{2^j} \right) + \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d]} (1 + \omega_{2D}^{-i-2^d} r^{2^{n-d-1}})^{2^j} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2D} \left( \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d]} (1 + \omega_{2D}^{-i} r^{2^{n-d-1}})^{2^j} \right) + \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d]} (1 - \omega_{2D}^{-i} r^{2^{n-d-1}})^{2^j} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2D} \cdot \left( \sum_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot r^{2^{n-d-1}})^j + \sum_{j \in [0, D-1]} -(\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot r^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2D} \cdot \left( \sum_{j=2\ell, \ell \in [0, D-1]} 2 \cdot (\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot r^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{D} \cdot \left( \sum_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^{-2i} \cdot r^{2^{n-d}})^j \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{D} \cdot \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d-1]} (1 + \omega_D^{-i} r^{2^{n-d}})^j \right) \end{aligned}$$

The last equality in the above sequence of equations follows from Fact 1.

$\text{KZG-FFT.eval}(\text{srs}, C_f, d, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$  is an argument of knowledge for the following relation

$$\{(\text{srs}, (C_f, D, u, v)); f(\mathbf{H}_D) \mid f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y], f(u) = v, \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, f(\mathbf{H}_D)) = C_f\}$$

The main idea behind the evaluation protocol, like in KZG, is to prove the following polynomial relation at a random point  $r^{2^{n-d}5}$ :

$$f(Y) - f(u) = (Y - u)q(Y)$$

To begin with, an honest prover computes  $f(u)$  from  $\mathbf{a}$  using Claim 3, the proof of which is similar to Claim 1, and Lemma 1. We note that to compute  $f(u)$ , an honest prover has to spend  $O(D \cdot d)$  field operations.

*Claim 3.* Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ , and  $\mathbf{a}$  agree with  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ . Then for any  $u \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$f(u) = \frac{\sum_{i \in [0, D-1]} a_i \cdot \left( \prod_{j \in [0, d-1]} (1 + (\omega_D^{-i} \cdot u)^{2^j}) \right)}{D}.$$

<sup>5</sup> In KZG the random point is  $r$  irrespective of the degree. In KZG-FFT this is required to make the srs universal.

In the evaluation protocol, the prover  $P_{\text{eval}}$  computes the evaluations of  $q(Y)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$  as follows: for  $i \in [0, D - 1]$   $q(\omega_D^i) = \frac{a_i - f(u)}{\omega_D^i - u}$ . We note that similar to  $C_f$ ,  $C_q$  can be computed from the evaluations of  $q(Y)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ . The verifier  $V_{\text{eval}}$  checks if  $e(C_f \cdot g_1^{-v}, g_2) = e(C_q, h_{2, n-d} \cdot g_2^{-u})$ . We show in Theorem 4 that this check ensures either  $f(r^{2^n-d}) - v = (r^{2^n-d} - u) \cdot q(r^{2^n-d})$  or there exists  $k \in [1, n-d]$  and  $q'(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  such that  $f(r) - v = (r^{2^k} - u) \cdot q'(r^k)$ . Since  $r$  is chosen independently and uniformly at random, and is not known to the prover, under the  $N$ -DLOG assumption the check passes with high probability if and only if either  $f(u) = v$  or  $Y^{2^k} - u$  divides  $f(Y) - v$ . For a given  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}$  there exists at most  $N/2$  such  $u$ 's, and hence if  $u$  is sampled uniformly at random from  $\mathbb{F}$ , with high probability  $u$  is such that  $(Y^{2^k} - u)$  does not divide  $f(Y) - v$ , and hence  $f(u) = v$ .

**On Updatability of the SRS.** The srs can be generated in an updatable fashion and update correctness can be verified using pairings. We show the update and verify-update algorithms in Appendix C.1. The proof of KS in Theorem 4 shows updatable knowledge-soundness for KZG-FFT in the AGM (as in Definition 1 in Appendix B). The work of [GKM<sup>+</sup>18] shows that for any updatable pairing-based SNARK where the srs consists of encoded polynomials, the prover will also know encodings of the monomials that make up the polynomial. For SNARKs where the encoded polynomial consist of secrets, soundness is broken if the prover learns the monomial encodings. If the srs only contains “monomial terms”, updatability of the srs follows from the framework of [GKM<sup>+</sup>18]. In our construction even though the srs does not contain only monomial terms, learning the encodings of the monomials of the encoded polynomial does the help the prover break soundness. We show updatable knowledge-soundness of KZG-FFT even though the srs consists of more encodings in  $r$  than just monomials.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  be a bilinear group. The protocol (KZG-FFT.setup, KZG-FFT.commit, KZG-FFT.eval) is a PCS for  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  in the AGM assuming  $N$ -DLOG holds with respect to  $\mathcal{G}$ .*

The proof of the above theorem is in Appendix C.2.

**Prover and Verifier Complexity:** The commit algorithm is cheaper than KZG as it does not have to interpolate the evaluations to obtain the coefficient vector. The evaluation prover performs  $O(D)$  field divisions to compute the evaluations of the quotient polynomial over the appropriate FFT domain, and an MSME of size  $D$  to commit to  $q(X)$ . We remark that computing the evaluations of the quotient polynomial can be parallelized across the FFT domain unlike the computation of its coefficients which is inherently serial. The verifier in the evaluation protocol performs 1 exponentiation and 1 group addition over  $\mathbb{G}_1$ , and  $\mathbb{G}_2$  respectively, and 1 pairing check, which is similar to the KZG verifier.

## 4 Multilinear Commitment Scheme

In this section, we introduce a novel multilinear commitment scheme denoted as KZG-FOURIER. Drawing inspiration from [BCHO22] and [KT23], our approach leverages a linear isomorphism (denoted  $\mathcal{U}_n$ ) from the  $F$ -linear space of multilinear polynomials to the  $\mathbb{F}$ -linear space of univariate polynomials. However, in our scheme,  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , diverges by mapping the Fourier basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  to the FFT basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  (see Section 2), where  $N = 2^n$ . Combining the univariate polynomial commitment scheme outlined in Section 3 with the multilinear commitment scheme presented here, we establish a dual polynomial commitment scheme, a concept elucidated in Section 5.<sup>6</sup> Section 4.1 is dedicated to defining and proving key properties of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , while the setup generation algorithm is elaborated in Section 4.2, and the multilinear polynomial commitment scheme itself is delineated in Section 4.3. Throughout this exposition, we maintain the assumptions that  $N = 2^n$ ,  $D = 2^d$ , and  $K = 2^k$ .

### 4.1 Technical Preliminaries

Readers are directed to Section 2 for pertinent notation. The proof of all the claims and lemmas in this section is deferred to Appendix D.1. Recall that  $U_i^{(n)}$  denotes the  $i$ -th component of the FFT basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ , and  $L_i^{(n)}$  denotes the  $i$ -th Fourier basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ . We commence by presenting the subsequent claim, akin to Claim 1.

<sup>6</sup> In [KT23], the Fourier basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  is mapped to the monomial basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ , whereas in [BCHO22], the monomial basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  is mapped to the monomial basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$ .

*Claim 5.*  $U_i^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot Y)^{2^j})$

The linear isomorphism  $\mathcal{U}_n$  between  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  and  $\mathbb{F}_{< N}[Y]$  is defined as follows

$$\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(n)}) = U_i^{(n)} \quad \text{for } i \in [0, N-1].$$

Below, we proceed to establish several properties of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ .

*Claim 6.*  $\mathcal{U}_n(1) = 1$

*Claim 7.*  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = \mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) + \mathcal{U}_n(L_{i+D}^{(d+1)})$  for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ .<sup>7</sup>

**Lemma 2.**  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = U_i^{(d)}(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ , holds for  $d \in [1, n]$ . Moreover, for  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$ ,  $\{f_{L_i^{(d)}} \in \mathbb{F}\}_{i \in [0, D-1]}$  represents the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  if and only if there exists a  $g \in \mathbb{F}_{< D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n(f) = g(Y^{2^{n-d}})$  and  $g(\omega_D^i) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$ .

**Lemma 3.** For  $d \in [1, n-1]$ ,  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  if and only if there exists  $\psi_f \in \mathbb{F}_{< D}[Y]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_n(X_d \cdot f) &= \psi_f(Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} - \omega_{2D}^j) \\ \mathcal{U}_n((1 - X_d) \cdot f) &= \psi_f(-Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} + \omega_{2D}^j) \end{aligned}$$

*Claim 8.* Let  $\psi \in \mathbb{F}_{< D}[Y]$ . Then there exists  $\psi_o, \psi_e \in \mathbb{F}_{< 2^{d-1}}[Y]$  such that  $\psi(Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) + Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ , and  $\psi(-Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) - Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ . Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_e(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) &= \frac{\psi(\omega_D^i) + \psi(-\omega_D^i)}{2} \quad \forall i \in [0, 2^{d-1} - 1] \\ \psi_o(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) &= \frac{\psi(\omega_D^i) - \psi(-\omega_D^i)}{2\omega_D^i} \quad \forall i \in [0, 2^{d-1} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

## 4.2 Setup Generation

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**Algorithm 2** KZG-FOURIER.setup( $1^\lambda$ ): Setup Generation for KZG-FOURIER

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**Input:**  $\{1^\lambda, N\}$

**Output:**  $\{\text{srs} = (\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}), \pi, \}$

1:  $(\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}}) \leftarrow \text{KZG-FFT.setup}(1^\lambda)$ .

2: Let  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)}\}_{i \in [0, N-1]}$ .

3: For  $d \in [0, n-1]$ , let  $\phi_d(Y) = \prod_{j=0}^{D-1} (Y - \omega_{2D}^j)$ , and compute the evaluations of  $\phi_d$  over the FFT domain of size  $2D$ . Compute  $C_{\phi_d} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, 2D, \phi_d(\mathbf{H}_{2D}))$  as the commitment to  $\phi_d$  for  $d \in [0, n-1]$ .

4: Let  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = (\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}}, \{C_{\phi_d}\}_{d \in [1, n-1]})$

5: Output  $\{\text{srs} = (\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}), \pi\}$ .

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Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  be a bilinear group. Algorithm 2 computes the setup for KZG-FOURIER. It takes the security parameter  $\lambda$  and the bound on the number of multilinear monomials  $N$  as input and produces  $\text{srs}$  along with a proof  $\pi$ . The  $\text{srs}$ , like in KZG-FFT, has two disjoint parts  $(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}})$ :  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  is used by the prover and  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}$  is used by the verifier. In Step 1, Algorithm 2 invokes KZG-FFT.setup, yielding  $\text{srs}'$ . It sets  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  identical to  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}$ . For the evaluation protocol of KZG-FOURIER, the verifier needs to evaluate  $\phi_d(Y) = \prod_{j=0}^{D-1} (Y - \omega_{2D}^j)$  at a randomly chosen point. Hence,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}}$  includes commitments to  $\phi_d(Y)$ , for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ , in addition to  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}}$ . Particularly in Step 3, the algorithm computes evaluations of the polynomial  $\phi_d(Y)$  over the FFT domain of size  $2D$ , for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ , and at Step 4, it commits to it using KZG-FFT.commit. It's worth noting that despite

<sup>7</sup> It is important to note that  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)})$  differs from  $\mathcal{U}_d(L_i^{(d)})$ .

the degree of  $\phi_d$  being at most  $D$ , Algorithm 2 commits to it as a polynomial of degree at most  $2D$ . This is required in batch evaluation check of all the univariate polynomials in `KZG-FOURIER.eval`. Additionally, even though  $\phi_d(\mathbf{H}_{2D})$  is of size  $2D$ , at least  $D$  of its components are 0 since  $\phi_d(\omega_{2D}^{2i}) = 0$ , for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Thus for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ , `KZG-FFT.commit` requires an MSME of length  $D$  (not  $2D$ ).

**Updatability.** The `srs` returned by `KZG-FOURIER.setup` can be updated using `KZG-FFT.update_setup` (Algorithm 3) and `KZG-FFT.verify_setup` (Algorithm 4). The `KZG-FOURIER.update_setup` algorithm additionally computes new commitments to the public polynomials  $\phi_d(Y)$  for  $d \in [1, n-1]$  using the updated SRS returned by `KZG-FFT.update_setup`. The `KZG-FOURIER.verify_setup` algorithm uses `KZG-FFT.verify_setup` to verify the first part of the SRS. Additionally, it verifies the commitments to  $\phi_d(Y)$  for  $d \in [1, n-1]$  by running the `KZG-FFT.eval` protocol: it evaluates  $\phi_d(Y)$  at a random point  $u \in_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{F}$ , computes a proof of  $\phi_d(u) = z$  and checks that the proof verifies.

### 4.3 Protocol

The `KZG-FOURIER` commitment scheme is detailed in Protocol 2. During Step 1, the setup is generated following Algorithm 2. Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  and  $f_{L_i^{(d)}} \in \mathbb{F}$  represent its  $D$  Fourier coefficients. Throughout this section, we associate  $f_i$  with  $f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Consider  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  such that the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{f}$  is  $f_i$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . The `KZG-FOURIER.commit` algorithm, in Step 2, accepts `srsP`,  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and  $D$  as input, and produces  $C_f = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{f})$  as output. From Lemma 2, it follows that there exists  $w_f \in \mathbb{F}_{< D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_d(f) = w_f(Y)$ , and  $w_f(\omega_D^i) = f_i$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . When  $f$  is evident from the context, we drop it from the subscript of  $w_f$ . The commit algorithm treats  $\mathbf{f}$  as the evaluations of  $w$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$  and commits to it using `KZG-FFT.commit`. From Lemma 1,

$$C_f = C_{w_f} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, w_f(\mathbf{H}_D)) = g_1^{w(r^{2^n-d})}.$$

We interchangeably use  $C_f$  and  $C_{w_f}$ , as they denote the same commitment. We denote  $(X_0, \dots, X_{d-1})$  as  $\mathbf{X}^{(d)}$ , and  $(x_0, \dots, x_{d-1})$  as  $\mathbf{x}^{(d)}$ , where  $x_i \in \mathbb{F}$  for  $i \in [0, d-1]$ . The `KZG-FOURIER.eval` algorithm at Step 3 is a ten round public coin protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{srs}, C_f, D, \mathbf{x}^{(d)}, y; \mathbf{f})$ . By Fact 3,  $f(\mathbf{x}^{(d)}) = y$  if and only if there exists  $q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}) \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[\mathbf{X}^{(k)}]$  for  $k \in [0, d-1]$  such that

$$f(\mathbf{X}^{(d)}) - y = \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (X_k - x_k) \cdot q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)}). \quad (3)$$

Hence, ensuring correctness of `KZG-FOURIER.eval` requires  $V_{\text{eval}}$  to only check the above polynomial relation. Further, as  $\mathcal{U}_n$  is a linear isomorphism, it suffices for  $V_{\text{eval}}$  to verify the aforementioned relation under  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . In essence, the primary concept behind the evaluation protocol is to empower the verifier to verify the following (univariate) polynomial relation evaluated at a random point  $z$ :

$$\mathcal{U}_d(f) - \mathcal{U}_d(y) = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{d-1} (\mathcal{U}_d(X_k \cdot q_k) - \mathcal{U}_d(x_k \cdot q_k)) \right) \quad (4)$$

At Step 3a,  $P_{\text{eval}}$  calculates the Fourier coefficients of such  $q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ . Let  $\psi_{q_k}$ ,  $\psi_{q_k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}$  correspond to  $q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  as described in Lemma 3 and Claim 8. As outlined in Claim 14, for each  $k \in [1, d-1]$ ,  $P_{\text{eval}}$  can determine the evaluations of  $\psi_{q_k,e}(Y)$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}(Y)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ .  $P_{\text{eval}}$  computes commitments to  $\psi_{q_k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}$ , for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  as follows:

$$C_{\psi_{q_k,e}} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \psi_{q_k,e}(\mathbf{H}_D)) \quad (5)$$

$$C_{\psi_{q_k,o}} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \psi_{q_k,o}(\mathbf{H}_D)) \quad (6)$$

The primary reason to use commitments to  $\psi_{q_k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}$  is that the evaluations of these polynomials can be used to derive the evaluations of  $\mathcal{U}_d(X_k \cdot q_k)$  and  $\mathcal{U}_d(q_k)$  in a sound manner. This is achieved through Equations 9 and 10 explained below which itself follows from Lemma 3. We note that even though the degrees of  $\psi_{q_k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}$  are at most  $K/2$ ,  $P_{\text{eval}}$  commits to them using their evaluations over FFT domain of size  $D$ . This helps in batch evaluation of all the univariate polynomials, and establishing degree bounds on them in the steps ahead.

At Step 3c,  $P_{\text{eval}}$  computes  $w(z)$ ,  $\psi_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}})$ , and  $\psi_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ , utilizing the evaluations of the respective polynomials over the FFT domains of size  $D$  (refer to Claim 3), and  $\phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  directly by evaluating its expression. At Step 3d,  $V_{\text{eval}}$  calculates  $\psi_{q_k}(z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  and



$\psi_{q_k}(-z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  using the following equations, derived from Claim 8:

$$\psi_{q_k}(z^{2^{d-k-1}}) = \psi_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}}) + z^{2^{d-k-1}} \cdot \psi_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}}) \quad (7)$$

$$\psi_{q_k}(-z^{2^{d-k-1}}) = \psi_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}}) - z^{2^{d-k-1}} \cdot \psi_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}}) \quad (8)$$

$V_{\text{eval}}$  computes  $\mathcal{U}_d(q_k)(z)$  and  $\mathcal{U}_d(X_k q_k)(z)$  using the following equations, for  $k \in [1, d-1]$

$$\mathcal{U}_d(q_k)(z) = \psi_{q_k}(z^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}}) \quad (9)$$

$$+ \psi_{q_k}(-z^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \frac{z^{2D \cdot 2^{d-k-1}} - 1}{\phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}})}$$

$$\mathcal{U}_d(X_k q_k)(z) = \psi_{q_k}(z^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}}) \quad (10)$$

Equation 10 follows directly from Lemma 3, whereas Equation 9 is derived from the linearity of  $\mathcal{U}_d$  and adding both equations in Lemma 3. Equation 9 additionally requires the following fact concerning the primitive root of unity

$$\prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{d-k-1}} - \omega_{2D}^j) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{d-k-1}} + \omega_{2D}^j) = (Y^{2^{d-k-1}})^{2D} - 1.$$

Additionally, from Claim 6, we have  $\mathcal{U}_n(x_0 q_0) = x_0 q_0$ . Moreover, according to Lemma 2,

$$\mathcal{U}_d(X_0 q_0) = \frac{(1 - Y^{2^{d-1}})q_0}{2}, \text{ and hence, } \mathcal{U}_d(X_0 q_0)(z) = \frac{(1 - z^{2^{d-1}})q_0}{2}.$$

### Protocol 2: KZG-FOURIER multilinear commitment scheme

1.  $\{\text{srs}, \pi\} \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FOURIER.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ , where  $\lambda$  is security parameter.
2.  $C_f \leftarrow \text{KZG-FOURIER.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{f})$ , where

$$C_f = C_{w_f} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, w_f(\mathbf{H}_D))$$

and  $\mathcal{U}_d(f) = w_f(Y)$ .

3.  $\text{accept/reject} \leftarrow \text{KZG-FOURIER.eval}(\text{srs}, C_f, D, \mathbf{x}^{(d)}, y; \mathbf{f})$  is a ten round public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{srs}, C_f, D, \mathbf{x}^{(d)}, y; \mathbf{f})$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier.
  - (a)  $P_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow V_{\text{eval}}$ : For  $k \in [1, d-1]$  - Compute the  $K$  Fourier coefficients of  $q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  and  $q_0 \in \mathbb{F}$ , satisfying Equation 3. Let  $\psi_{q_k}$  correspond to  $q_k(\mathbf{X}^{(k)})$  as described in Lemma 3; Compute the evaluations of  $\psi_{q_k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_k,o}$  (see Claim 8) over the FFT domain of size  $D$ , and commit to them as in Equations 5 and 6 respectively. Send these  $2(d-1)$  commitments and  $q_0 \in \mathbb{F}$  to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (b)  $V_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow P_{\text{eval}}$ : Sample  $z \in_r \mathbb{F}$  and send to  $P_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (c)  $P_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow V_{\text{eval}}$ : Send  $w_f(z)$ , and  $\psi_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\psi_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}})$  and  $\phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (d)  $V_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow P_{\text{eval}}$ : For  $k \in [1, d-1]$  - Compute  $\psi_{q_k}(z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  and  $\psi_{q_k}(-z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  using Equations 7 and 8, respectively. Then calculate  $\mathcal{U}_n(q_k)(z)$  and  $\mathcal{U}_n(X_k q_k)(z)$  using Equations 9 and 10, respectively. Use these values to check and continue if Equation 11 holds, else output reject. Sample  $\gamma_w \in_r \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\gamma_{k,e}, \gamma'_{k,e}, \gamma_{k,o}, \gamma'_{k,o}, \delta_k \in_r \mathbb{F}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ . Send these values to  $P_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (e)  $P_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow V_{\text{eval}}$ :  $\psi(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  is as defined in Equation 12. Compute the evaluations of  $\psi(Y)$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ , and commit to it as follows:  $C_\psi = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \psi(\mathbf{H}_D))$ . Send  $C_\psi$  to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (f)  $V_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow P_{\text{eval}}$ : Sample  $s \in_r \mathbb{F}$  and send it to  $P_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (g)  $P_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow V_{\text{eval}}$ : Send  $w(s)$ ,  $\psi_{k,e}(s)$ ,  $\psi_{k,o}(s)$ ,  $\phi_k(s)$  for all  $k \in [1, d-1]$  to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (h)  $V_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow P_{\text{eval}}$ : Sample  $\beta_w \in_r \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\beta_{k,e}, \beta_{k,o}, \kappa_k \in_r \mathbb{F}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  independently and uniformly at random from  $\mathbb{F}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ , and send it to  $P_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (i)  $P_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow V_{\text{eval}}$ : Let  $\eta(Y)$  be as defined in Equation 13. Compute the evaluations of  $\mu(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ , where  $\eta(Y) - \eta(s) = (Y - s)\mu(Y)$ . Compute the commit to  $\mu(Y)$ :  $C_\mu = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mu(\mathbf{H}_D))$ , and send it to  $V_{\text{eval}}$ .
  - (j)  $V_{\text{eval}} \rightarrow P_{\text{eval}}$ : Compute  $C_\eta$  using Equation 14 and  $\eta(s)$  using Equations 12, and 13, and check

$$e(C_\eta \cdot g_1^{-\eta(s)}, g_2) = e(C_\mu, h_{2,d} \cdot g_2^{-s})$$

$V_{\text{eval}}$  checks whether these values satisfy

$$\mathcal{U}_d(f)(z) - y = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathcal{U}_d(X_k \cdot q_k)(z) - x_k \cdot \mathcal{U}_d(q_k)(z) \quad (11)$$

Conditioned on values sent by  $P_{\text{eval}}$  corresponding to  $w(z)$ , and  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(z^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(z^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ , being correct, the above check ensures Equation 4 holds with high probability over the random choice of  $z$  (using Schwartz-Zippel). Hence, the protocol hereafter ensures the correctness of these values sent by  $P_{\text{eval}}$ . To this end, for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ , define  $\zeta_{q_{k,e}}, \zeta_{q_{k,o}} \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  as follows:

$$\zeta_{q_{k,e}}(Y) = Y^{2^d - 2^{k-1}} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y), \text{ and } \zeta_{q_{k,o}}(Y) = Y^{2^d - 2^{k-1}} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y)$$

The key concept in the upcoming steps is defining the polynomial  $\eta(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  (see Equations 12 & 13 below) and verifying its evaluation at a random point. The accurate evaluation of  $\eta(Y)$  at the specified random point confirms the correctness of the aforementioned values sent by  $P_{\text{eval}}$ . We elaborate upon these next steps below. At Step 3e,  $\psi(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(Y) = & \gamma_w \cdot \frac{w(Y) - w(z)}{Y - z} + \\ & \sum_{k \in [1, d-1]} \left( \frac{\delta_k \cdot (\phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) - \phi_k(z^{2^{d-k-1}}))}{Y^{2^{d-k-1}} - z} + \right. \\ & \frac{\gamma_{k,e} \cdot (\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y) - \psi_{q_{k,e}}(z^{2^{d-k}})) + \gamma'_{k,e} \cdot (\zeta_{q_{k,e}}(Y) - \zeta_{q_{k,e}}(z^{2^{d-k}}))}{Y - z^{2^{d-k}}} + \\ & \left. \frac{\gamma_{k,o} \cdot (\psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y) - \psi_{q_{k,o}}(z^{2^{d-k}})) + \gamma'_{k,o} \cdot (\zeta_{q_{k,o}}(Y) - \zeta_{q_{k,o}}(z^{2^{d-k}}))}{Y - z^{2^{d-k}}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

At Step 3i,  $\eta(Y)$  is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Y) = & \psi(Y) + \beta_w \cdot w(Y) + \sum_{k \in [1, d-1]} \left( \beta_{k,e} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y) + \right. \\ & \left. \beta_{k,o} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y) + \kappa_k \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

From Equation 13, and Lemma 1, it follows that  $V_{\text{eval}}$  at the last step can compute the commitment to  $\eta(Y)$  as follows:

$$C_\eta = C_\psi \cdot C_w^{\beta_w} \cdot \left( \prod_{k \in [1, d-1]} C_{\psi_{q_{k,e}}}^{\beta_{k,e}} \cdot C_{\psi_{q_{k,o}}}^{\beta_{k,o}} \cdot C_{\phi_k}^{\kappa_k} \right) \quad (14)$$

The check in Step 3j ensures the following: (i) the verifier has the correct values for  $w_f(s)$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(s^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(s^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\phi(s^{2^{d-k-1}})$ , and  $\psi(s)$ , and (ii)  $\psi(Y)$ ,  $w_f(Y)$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y^{2^{d-k}})$ , and  $\phi(Y^{2^{d-k-1}})$  are all low-degree polynomials. This check also ensures the correctness of values claimed by the prover at Step 3c as follows. Let  $v$ ,  $v_{k,e}$ ,  $v_{k,o}$ , and  $u_k$  be the claimed values of  $w_f(Y)$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^{d-k}})$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y^{2^{d-k}})$ , and  $\phi(Y^{2^{d-k-1}})$  at  $z$ . Since  $\psi(Y)$  is a low-degree polynomial and  $s$  is chosen randomly,  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y) - v_{k,e}$  and  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y) - v_{k,o}$  are divisible by  $Y - z^{2^{d-k}}$ . Similarly,  $w(Y) - v$  is divisible by  $Y - z$ , and  $\phi(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) - u_k$  is divisible by  $Y^{2^{d-k-1}} - z$ . This implies the claimed values are correct.

We show in Theorem 2 that (KZG-FOURIER.setup, KZG-FOURIER.commit, KZG-FOURIER.eval) specified in Protocol 2 forms a multilinear polynomial commitment scheme. Additionally, like in Theorem 4, we prove that the evaluation protocol KZG-FOURIER.eval is updatable knowledge sound. The proof is deferred to Appendix D.2.

**Theorem 9.** *The protocol (KZG-FOURIER.setup, KZG-FOURIER.commit, KZG-FOURIER.eval) forms a polynomial commitment scheme for  $\mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}]$  in the AGM model under the  $N$ -DLOG assumption.*

**Prover and Verifier Complexity:** The evaluation prover of KZG-FOURIER works in  $O(D \log^2 D)$  time, and concretely the prover spends a lot of time at Step 3a computing the evaluations of  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}$  and  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}$ . This step alone requires  $4 \log D - 4$  FFTs of appropriate sizes and  $O(D \log D)$  field multiplications and divisions. The evaluation verifier of KZG-FOURIER operates in  $O(\log D)$  time. The check performed by verifier at Step 3d requires  $O(\log D)$  field operations. The computation of  $C_\eta$  at Step 3j requires  $3 \log D - 1 \mathbb{G}_1$  exponentiations.

## 5 Dual Polynomial Commitments

In this section, we introduce the notion of a dual polynomial commitment scheme (DualPCS), that links univariate and multilinear polynomial commitment schemes. Specifically, a DualPCS can be used to prove evaluations of a univariate and multilinear polynomial derived from the same witness. Formally, a DualPCS over  $\mathbb{F}$  is a tuple  $\text{PC} = (\text{setup}, \text{commit}, \text{open}, \text{prove\_link}, \text{eval\_mult}, \text{eval\_uni})$  where:

- $\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ . On input security parameter  $\lambda$ , an upper bound  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  on the degree of the univariate polynomial (alternatively on the size of the Fourier basis in case of multilinear polynomials),  $\text{setup}$  generates public parameters  $\text{pp}$ .
- $(C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, \text{aux}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, D, \mathbf{a})$ . On input the public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , a vector  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , where  $D \leq N$ ,  $\text{commit}$  outputs auxiliary information  $\text{aux}$  and commitments to two polynomials: a)  $C_f$  is the commitment to the univariate polynomial  $f(Y)$  such that  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$  b)  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  is the commitment to the MLE  $\tilde{a}$  of  $\mathbf{a}$ .
- $b \leftarrow \text{open}(\text{pp}, \mathbf{a}, D, (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}), \text{aux})$ . On input public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , the commitments  $(C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}})$  and auxiliary information  $\text{aux}$ , a vector  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ ,  $\text{open}$  outputs a bit indicating accept or reject.
- $b \leftarrow \text{prove\_link}$ . A public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{link}}, V_{\text{link}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier. The parties have as common input public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , commitments  $C_f$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$ , degree  $D \leq N$ . The prover has, in addition, the witness vector  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  corresponding to  $C_f$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$ . At the end of the protocol, the verifier outputs 1/0 indicating accepting/rejecting the proof respectively.
- $b \leftarrow \text{eval\_mult}(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D, \mathbf{x}, y; \mathbf{a})$ . A public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval\_mult}}, V_{\text{eval\_mult}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D, \mathbf{x}, y; \mathbf{a})$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier. The parties have as common input public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , commitment  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$ , the bound on the number of monomials  $D$ , evaluation point  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^d$ , and claimed evaluation  $y$ . Here,  $D = 2^d$ . The prover has, in addition, the opening  $\mathbf{a}$  of  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$ , where  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  is the commitment to the MLE  $\tilde{a}$  of  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ . At the end of the protocol, the verifier outputs 1/0 indicating accepting/rejecting the proof respectively.
- $b \leftarrow \text{eval\_uni}(\text{pp}, C_f, D, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$ . A public coin interactive protocol  $\langle P_{\text{eval\_uni}}, V_{\text{eval\_uni}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_f, D, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$  between a PPT prover and a PPT verifier. The parties have as common input public parameters  $\text{pp}$ , commitment  $C_f$ , degree bound  $D$ , evaluation point  $u$ , and claimed evaluation  $v$ . The prover has, in addition, the polynomial  $f(Y)$  in evaluation-vector representation (given by  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$ ) bound to  $C_f$ , with degree of  $f$  at most  $D$ . At the end of the protocol, the verifier outputs 1/0 indicating accepting/rejecting the proof respectively.

A dual polynomial commitment scheme must satisfy completeness, binding, extractability, and linking soundness.

**Definition 9 (Completeness)** For all  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ ,  $D \leq N$ , and for all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^d$ ,  $u \in \mathbb{F}$ ,

$$\Pr \left( b = 1 : \begin{array}{l} \text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda, N) \\ (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, D, \mathbf{a}) \\ v \leftarrow f(u), \mathbf{a} \text{ agrees with } f(\mathbf{H}_D) \\ y \leftarrow \tilde{a}(\mathbf{x}) \\ b \leftarrow \text{eval\_mult}(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D, \mathbf{x}, y; \mathbf{a}) \\ \wedge \text{eval\_uni}(\text{pp}, C_f, D, u, v; f(Y)) \end{array} \right) = 1.$$

**Definition 10 (Binding)** A DualPCS is binding if for all PPT  $\mathcal{A}$ , the following probability is negligible in  $\lambda$ :

$$\Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{open}(\text{pp}, \mathbf{a}_0, D, C, \text{aux}_0) = 1 \wedge \\ \text{open}(\text{pp}, \mathbf{a}_1, D, C, \text{aux}_1) = 1 \wedge \\ \mathbf{a}_0 \neq \mathbf{a}_1 \end{array} : (C, \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1, \text{aux}_0, \text{aux}_1, D) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{pp}) \right) \text{ where } C = (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}})$$

**Definition 11 (Evaluation Knowledge soundness)**  $\text{eval\_mult}$  and  $\text{eval\_uni}$  are succinct AoKs for the relations  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{eval\_mult}}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{eval\_uni}}$  respectively defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_{\text{eval\_mult}} &= \{((\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^d, y \in \mathbb{F}); \mathbf{a}) : \\ &\quad (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, D, \mathbf{a}) \wedge y = \tilde{a}(\mathbf{x})\} \\ \mathcal{R}_{\text{eval\_uni}} &= \{((\text{pp}, C_f, u \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{F}); \mathbf{a}) : \\ &\quad (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, D, \mathbf{a}) \wedge v = f(u)\} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 12 (Linking Soundness)** `prove_link` is a succinct argument for the relation  $\mathcal{R}_{\text{link}}$  defined as follows:

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{link}} = \{(\text{pp}, C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}; \mathbf{a}) : (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}) \leftarrow \text{commit}(\text{pp}, D, \mathbf{a})\}$$

We note that the relation for linking soundness implicitly guarantees that  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f$  on domain  $\mathbf{H}_D$  as this is how the `commit` algorithm produces  $C_f$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  by definition. We give two dual polynomial commitment schemes. The first `DualPCS`, denoted `KZG-FFT-FOURIER`, is given in Section 5.1. It requires an updatable setup and leverages the univariate and multilinear polynomial commitment schemes presented in Sections 3 and 4 respectively. The second `DualPCS`, denoted `dory-link` is given in Section 5.2. It requires a transparent setup and uses Dory [Lee21] (also see Appendix G) to individually commit and prove evaluations of univariate and multilinear polynomials. Additionally, `dory-link` uses a novel argument system we present in Appendix E to prove linking soundness. The AoK in Appendix E uses Dory as a blackbox to prove a pre-determined linear relation between two witnesses committed using a two-tiered commitment scheme (Pederson + AFG). Finally, in Section 5.3, we present an application of `DualPCS`, where we integrate `KZG-FFT-FOURIER` with Spartan proof system [Set20]. We denote such an integration as `Spartan-AIR` and argue that it has reduced proof complexity and verifier runtime while trading of prover runtime compared to Spartan.

## 5.1 DualPCS with Updatable Setup

### Protocol 3: KZG-FFT-FOURIER

1.  $\{\text{srs}, \pi\} \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FFT-FOURIER.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ , where  $\lambda$  is security parameter.
2.  $C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}} \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a})$ . Here,  $C_f = C_{\mathbf{a}} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a})$ .
3. `accept/reject`  $\leftarrow \text{KZG-FFT-FOURIER.prove\_link}(C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$  is the trivial protocol  $\langle P_{\text{link}}, V_{\text{link}} \rangle(C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$  between  $P_{\text{link}}$  and  $V_{\text{link}}$ , where  $V_{\text{link}}$  checks  $C_f = C_{\mathbf{a}}$ .
4. `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_mult` = `KZG-FOURIER.eval` (`srs`, `Ca`, `D`, `x`, `y`; `a`).
5. `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_uni` = `KZG-FFT.eval`(`srs`, `Cf`, `D`, `u`, `v`; `a`)

`KZG-FFT-FOURIER` is presented in Protocol 3. Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  be a bilinear group. `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.setup` takes as input the security parameter  $\lambda$ , and  $N$  the degree bound on the set of univariate polynomials (or alternatively the bound on the number of multilinear monomials). The function internally calls `KZG-FOURIER.setup`( $1^\lambda, N$ ) and returns its output  $\{\text{srs}, \pi\}$ . It is important to note here that the `srs` returned by `KZG-FOURIER.setup`( $1^\lambda, n$ ) is a subset of the `srs` returned by `KZG-FFT.setup`( $1^\lambda, N$ ). Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be such that  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$ . `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit` takes as input `srsP`,  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and commits to  $f(Y)$  as  $C_f = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a})$ . It easily follows from the definition of `KZG-FOURIER.commit` that

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathbf{a}} &= \text{KZG-FOURIER.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}) \\ &= \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  is the commitment to the MLE  $\tilde{a}$  of  $\mathbf{a}$ . Hence, `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.prove\_link`(`Cf`, `Ca`, `D`; `a`) is the trivial protocol where the verifier just checks  $C_f = C_{\mathbf{a}}$ . `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_mult` is the evaluation protocol employed by `KZG-FOURIER`, whereas `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_uni` is the evaluation protocol employed by `KZG-FFT`. It is evident from Theorems 4 and 9 that `KZG-FFT-FOURIER` is a dual polynomial commitment scheme. We state this in Theorem 10 and defer the proof to Appendix F.1.

**Theorem 10.** *The protocol constituting of algorithms (`KZG-FFT-FOURIER.setup`, `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit`, `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.prove\_link`, `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_mult`, `KZG-FFT-FOURIER.eval\_uni`) forms a dual polynomial commitment scheme in the AGM under the  $N$ -DLOG assumption.*

## 5.2 DualPCS with Transparent Setup

### Protocol 4: dory-link

1.  $\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{dory-link.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ , where  $\lambda$  is security parameter.
2.  $C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}} \leftarrow_R \text{dory-link.commit}(\text{pk}, \mathbf{a}, D)$ , where

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}), \text{ and } C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i})$$

where  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  agrees with  $\mathbf{a}$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ .  $(f_1, \dots, f_D)$  is the coefficient vector of  $f$ .

3.  $\text{dory-link.prove\_link} = \langle P_{\text{lin}}, V_{\text{lin}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$ . Here  $\langle P_{\text{lin}}, V_{\text{lin}} \rangle$  execute the Linear-Rel AoK (see Protocol 6, Appendix E).
4.  $\text{dory-link.eval\_mult} = \langle P_{\text{dory\_eval}}, V_{\text{dory\_eval}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D, \mathbf{x}, y; \mathbf{a})$ . Here  $\langle P_{\text{dory\_eval}}, V_{\text{dory\_eval}} \rangle$  is the Dory evaluation protocol restated in Protocol 8 in Appendix G.3.
5.  $\text{dory-link.eval\_uni} = \langle P_{\text{dory\_eval}}, V_{\text{dory\_eval}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D, u, v; \mathbf{a})$ . Here  $\langle P_{\text{dory\_eval}}, V_{\text{dory\_eval}} \rangle$  is the Dory evaluation protocol restated in Protocol 8 in Appendix G.3.

Protocol 4 states **dory-link**, a DualPCS that uses a transparent setup. Before explaining the steps of the protocol we present the overarching idea of **dory-link**. It uses the Dory commitment scheme to commit and later evaluate both the univariate and multilinear polynomials. The proof that commitments to univariate and multilinear polynomials are derived from the same witness requires a novel AoK that establishes a pre-determined linear relationship between two witnesses. Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  be a bilinear group. Let  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be such that it agrees with  $\mathbf{a}$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ . We briefly describe the Dory commitment structure here, and refer the reader to Appendix G for a detailed description of the Dory commitment scheme. In Dory, commitments to  $f$  and  $\tilde{a}$  have a two-tiered structure defined as follows:

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) \quad (15)$$

$$C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i}) \quad (16)$$

Here,  $\tau_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1^D$  is a vector of arbitrary elements from  $\mathbb{G}_1$  and is part of public parameters generated in Step 1. Dory commitment scheme, as part of the evaluation protocol, enables the prover to prove the following relations:

$$\{C_{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{G}_T, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^d, y \in \mathbb{F} \mid \exists \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D \text{ such that } \tilde{a}(\mathbf{x}) = y\}$$

$$\{C_f \in \mathbb{G}_T, u \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{F} \mid \exists f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y] \text{ such that } f(u) = v\}$$

In Appendix E, we present a novel AoK, Linear-Rel (Protocol 6) for the following relation:

$$\{C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{G}_T \mid \exists \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D \text{ such that } M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}, \text{ and } C_{\mathbf{a}}, C_f \text{ are as defined in Equations 15 and 16}\}$$

In the above equation,  $M_{\omega_D}$  is  $D \times D$  FFT matrix, and  $\mathbf{f} = (f_0, \dots, f_{D-1})$  represents the coefficients of the univariate polynomial  $f(Y)$  corresponding to which the commitment  $C_f$  is computed. Linear-Rel also uses Dory as blackbox to prove a pre-determined linear relation between two witnesses  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$ . **dory-link** uses Linear-Rel to prove the link between univariate and multilinear commitments. Protocol 4, makes concrete the ideas above. In particular, **dory-link.setup** computes the public parameters **pp** required by the DualPCS. **dory-link.setup** internally calls the setup algorithm of Linear-Rel, which is specified in Algorithm 5, Appendix E. Here, we note that the public parameters thus generated, also contains the public parameters required for the Dory argument. The **dory-link.commit** algorithm computes  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  as defined in Equation 15. To compute  $C_f$ , the algorithm computes the coefficient representation of  $f$  such that  $\mathbf{a}$  agrees with  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$ , and computes  $C_f$  as in Equation 16. At Step 3, **dory-link.prove.link**( $C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a}$ ) runs the AoK Linear-Rel given in Appendix E.2. Specifically,  $P_{\text{link}}$  and  $V_{\text{link}}$  is the PPT prover and verifier respectively from Protocol 6. Here, we remark that it is sufficient to run only Step 2 of Protocol 6, as  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  would already be opened as part of **dory-link.eval.mult**. At Steps 4 and 5, to prove multilinear (resp. univariate) evaluations, Protocol 8 from Appendix G.3 is employed. We show in Theorem 11 that **dory-link** is a DualPCS (proof in Appendix F.2).

**Theorem 11.** *The protocol (dory-link.setup, dory-link.commit, dory-link.prove\_link, dory-link.eval\_mult, dory-link.eval\_uni) is a DualPCS assuming SXDH in the bilinear group  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)$ .*

### 5.3 Application: Spartan AIR

In this section, we present an application of our dual polynomial commitment scheme (PCS), KZG-FFT-FOURIER. We demonstrate how utilizing this scheme can reduce the proof complexity and verifier runtime of the Spartan proof system, albeit with a trade-off in prover runtime. This approach is particularly beneficial in scenarios where minimizing verifier runtime and proof complexity is crucial, even at the expense of increased prover computation.

Our starting point is the grand-product check relation defined as follows:

$$\text{GPR} = \{(q \in \mathbb{F}; \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N) \mid q = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} a_i\}$$

It is well-known how to perform grand-product checks using specialised GKR [GKR08,Tha13] for circuits consisting of only multiplication gates. Additionally, [SL20] introduced a dedicated sum-check based argument system to perform grand-product checks. The argument system from both the above approaches require the witness vector to be committed as a multilinear polynomial, that is, the witness vector is viewed as the evaluations of a multilinear polynomial over a boolean hypercube. Further, even though we employ verifier efficient commitment schemes with these proof systems the proof sizes and verifier run time are poly-logarithmic in the case of [GKR08,Tha13] and logarithmic in case of [SL20]. We present an AoK, called GPR-AIR for grand-product check in Protocol 5 that has  $O(1)$  proof complexity and verifier runtime but the witness is viewed as evaluations of an univariate polynomial. Grand-product checks are widely used in many argument systems to prove two vectors are permutations of each other. A special instance of this is how the Spartan proof system employs the grand-product check as part of offline memory check in sparse multilinear PCS. We elaborate upon this next.

A crucial component of Spartan involves evaluating a sparse multilinear extension (MLE)  $\tilde{A}$  of an  $N \times N$  matrix  $A$  at a random point. The MLE for an  $N \times N$  matrix is a multilinear polynomial in  $2 \log N$  variables, with the first  $\log N$  variables corresponding to the rows and the next  $\log N$  variables corresponding to the columns of the matrix. For  $u, v \in \{0, 1\}^{\log N}$ ,  $\tilde{A}(u, v)$  is defined as  $A[\text{value}(u), \text{value}(v)]$ , where  $\text{value}$  is a function that converts binary strings to their corresponding decimal values. The MLE  $\tilde{A}$  is sparse if it has  $K = O(N)$  non-zero evaluations over the boolean hypercube. Spartan introduced a sparse multilinear PCS. This reduces the problem of committing and evaluating a sparse multilinear polynomial in  $2 \log N$  variables with sparsity  $K = O(N)$ , to committing to and evaluating a constant number of  $\log K$  variate multilinear polynomials at a random point. This reduction comprises two key components: a) a sum-check protocol, and b) offline-memory check using grand-product checks. For a more detailed description of this reduction, refer to Section 3 of [STW24].

In the sum-check protocol at the end, the verifier needs to verify evaluations of the MLE of the witnesses at a random point. In Spartan, grand-product checks are executed using a specialised version of the GKR protocol, while in Quarks [SL20], a sum-check based argument is utilized. Both protocols for grand product check require the verifier to check evaluations of the MLE of the witnesses used in the protocol at a random point. In sum-check protocol the prover performs  $N \log N$  field operations, the verifier performs  $O(\log N)$  field operations, and the proof complexity is  $O(\log N)$ . The complexity of both the protocols from [GKR08,Tha13], and [SL20] was mentioned above.

It is important to note that the two protocols involved in the sparse multilinear polynomial commitment scheme—the sum-check and grand-product check protocols—share witnesses and therefore require consistent encoding of these witnesses. Specifically, since the sum-check protocol utilizes multilinear encoding, the grand-product check protocol must also use this same encoding. However, our dual polynomial commitment scheme eliminates this constraint. Our AoK, namely GPR-AIR, for the grand-product check can be combined with the sum-check protocol even though GPR-AIR employs univariate encoding for the witnesses. GPR-AIR presented in Protocol 5 uses a KZG-FFT univariate commitment scheme, and a seamless integration with Spartan is possible, when the sum-check protocol employs KZG-FOURIER as the underlying multilinear commitment scheme. Since GPR-AIR has proof complexity and verifier runtime  $O(1)$ , its use in Spartan for the grand-product check reduces the verifier runtime and proof complexity of Spartan. We call this new proof system Spartan-Air and concretely compare its performance with Spartan in Section 6.2.

Finally we remark that although GPR-AIR uses KZG-FFT, in principle, it could use any univariate commitment scheme. Hence, any DualPCS can be used for this integration, provided the sum-check

protocol and GPR-AIR in Protocol 5 utilize the corresponding multilinear and univariate PCS, respectively. We specifically chose KZG-FFT-FOURIER because it does not require additional commitments to witnesses, and the linking proof is trivial.

**AIR for Grand-Product.** We present a novel AoK, denoted GPR-AIR for the grand-product relation which checks if the product of the elements in two vectors is equal to the claimed value. The grand-product check is widely used as sub-components in bigger SNARKS to ensure that two distinct vectors are permutations of each other. A prominent example of this is the offline memory checking procedure in Spartan [Set20], Lasso [STW24]. We present a dedicated algebraic intermediate representation (AIR) for the same and employ our KZG-FFT commitment scheme to check the AIR at a random point. While this approach is simple, our DualPCS KZG-FFT-FOURIER enables us to combine it with Spartan or Lasso, and obtain smaller proof sizes and better verifier time while trading-off prover time (see Section 5.3). The grand-product relation is formally stated as follows:

$$\text{GPR} = \{(q \in \mathbb{F}; \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N) \mid q = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} a_i\}$$

Our protocol, GPR-AIR, is given in Protocol 5. We state the proof system using KZG-FFT commitment scheme but any univariate commitment scheme can be used. At Steps 1-2,  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  computes the vector  $\mathbf{a}' \in \mathbb{F}^D$  which iteratively computes  $q$ . It is easily seen that for an honest prover  $a'_{D-1} = q = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} a_i$ . The AIR enables the verifier to check  $\mathbf{a}'$  is well-formed, and that the last value of  $\mathbf{a}'$ ,  $a'_{D-1}$  is indeed the claimed product. Let  $f_{\mathbf{a}}, f_{\mathbf{a}'} \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}'$  agrees with  $f_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{H}_D), f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\mathbf{H}_D)$ . Further, define the constraint polynomials  $f_1, f_2, f_3$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1(Y) &= \frac{f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y) - f_{\mathbf{a}}(Y)}{Y - 1}, f_2(Y) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y) - q}{Y - \omega_D^{D-1}} \\ f_3(Y) &= \frac{(f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y) \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega_D \cdot Y) - f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\omega_D \cdot Y)) \cdot (Y - \omega_D^{D-1})}{Y^D - 1} \end{aligned}$$

The polynomials  $f_1(Y), f_2(Y)$ , and  $f_3(Y)$  ensure that  $\mathbf{a}'$  is well-formed. Specifically,  $f_1(Y), f_2(Y)$ , and  $f_3(Y)$  ensure that  $a'_0 = a_0$ ,  $a'_{D-1} = q$ , and  $a'_{i+1} = a_{i+1} \cdot a'_i$  for  $i \in [0, D-2]$  respectively. Protocol 5 requires  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  at Step 2 to commit to univariate polynomials  $f_{\mathbf{a}}, f_{\mathbf{a}'}$ , and then at Step 4 to commit to  $f$  defined as a random linear combination of  $f_1(Y), f_2(Y)$ , and  $f_3(Y)$  as follows:

$$f(Y) = \sum_{i \in [1, 3]} \gamma_i \cdot f_i(Y) \quad (17)$$

At the end of Step 4, it is easily seen that  $f(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  and  $f(Y)$  is as defined in Equation 17 if and only if  $\mathbf{a}'$  is well-formed. We remark here that in order to commit to  $f$ ,  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  has to compute  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$ , which is computationally intensive. This requires the prover to first compute  $f_{\mathbf{a}}(Y)$  and  $f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y)$  at the offset FFT domain of size  $D$ , and use it to compute  $f(Y)$  at the offset FFT domain, and then derive  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$  from it. The remaining steps of the protocol help  $V_{\text{GPR}}$  to check with high probability that  $f(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  and  $f(Y)$  is as defined in Equation 17. At Step 7,  $V_{\text{GPR}}$  checks

$$\begin{aligned} f(u) &= \gamma_1 \cdot \frac{f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u) - f_{\mathbf{a}}(u)}{u - 1} + \gamma_2 \cdot \frac{f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u) - q}{u - \omega_D^{D-1}} + \\ &\gamma_3 \cdot \frac{(f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u) \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega_D \cdot u) - f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\omega_D \cdot u)) \cdot (u - \omega_D^{D-1})}{u^D - 1} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Using Schwartz-Zippel, the above check ensures  $f(Y)$  satisfies Equation 17 with high probability over the random choice of  $u$ . At Steps 8-9  $V_{\text{GPR}}$  checks the claimed values sent by  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  at Step 6. This is done by batching checks corresponding to polynomials evaluated at the same point. To this end  $P_{\text{GPR}}, V_{\text{GPR}}$  run KZG-FFT.eval corresponding to polynomials  $h_1$ , and  $h_2$  defined as follows.

$$h_1(Y) = \delta_1 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y) + \delta_2 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(Y) + \delta_3 \cdot f(Y) \quad (19)$$

$$h_2(Y) = \delta_1 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}'}(Y) + \delta_2 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(Y) \quad (20)$$

$V_{\text{GPR}}$  can compute the commitments to  $h_1$ , and  $h_2$ , which follows from Lemma 1

$$C_{h_1} = C_{\mathbf{a}'}^{\delta_1} \cdot C_{\mathbf{a}}^{\delta_2} \cdot C_f^{\delta_3}, \quad C_{h_2} = C_{\mathbf{a}'}^{\delta_1} \cdot C_{\mathbf{a}}^{\delta_2}$$

$V_{\text{GPR}}$  can also compute the claimed values  $v_1$ , and  $v_2$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= h_1(u) = \delta_1 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u) + \delta_2 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(u) + \delta_3 \cdot f(u) \\ v_2 &= h_2(\omega_D \cdot u) = \delta_1 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\omega_D \cdot u) + \delta_2 \cdot f_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega_D \cdot u) \end{aligned}$$

Finally, from the proof of Theorem 4, we have that if  $V_{\text{GPR}}$  accepts at Steps 8, and 9 then with high probability  $f_{\mathbf{a}}, f_{\mathbf{a}'}, f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  and that their corresponding claimed values are correct.

**Protocol 5: GPR-AIR an AoK for GPR**

$\{\text{srs}, \pi\} \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FFT.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ , where  $\lambda$  is security parameter.  
 $(P_{\text{GPR}}, V_{\text{GPR}})(q; \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D, D \leq N)$

1.  $P_{\text{GPR}}$ :  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  computes a vector  $\mathbf{a}' \in F^D$  such that  $a'_0 = a_0$ , and  $a'_i = a'_{i-1} \cdot a_i$  for  $i \in [1, D-1]$ .
2.  $P_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow V_{\text{GPR}}$ :  $P_{\text{GPR}}$  computes  $C_{\mathbf{a}} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}, D, \mathbf{a})$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{a}'} = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}, D, \mathbf{a}')$ , and sends it to  $V_{\text{GPR}}$
3.  $V_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow P_{\text{GPR}}$ : Samples three values  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3 \in_r \mathbb{F}$  and sends it to  $P_{\text{GPR}}$ .
4.  $P_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow V_{\text{GPR}}$ : Compute the evaluations of constraint polynomials  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  (see Equation 17) over the FFT domain of size  $D$ . Commits to  $f$  with  $C_f = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}, D, f(\mathbf{H}_D))$ .
5.  $V_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow P_{\text{GPR}}$ : Samples  $u \in_R \mathbb{F}$ .
6.  $P_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow V_{\text{GPR}}$ : Send  $f(u), f_{\mathbf{a}}(u), f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u), f_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega_D \cdot u), f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\omega_D \cdot u)$  to  $V_{\text{GPR}}$ .
7.  $V_{\text{GPR}} \rightarrow P_{\text{GPR}}$ : Checks  $f(u), f_{\mathbf{a}}(u), f_{\mathbf{a}'}(u), f_{\mathbf{a}}(\omega_D \cdot u), f_{\mathbf{a}'}(\omega_D \cdot u)$  satisfy Equation 18. If yes then samples  $\delta_1, \delta_2, \delta_3 \in_R \mathbb{F}$ , and sends it to  $P_{\text{GPR}}$ .
8. Let  $h_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be as defined in Equation 19.  $P_{\text{GPR}}, V_{\text{GPR}}$  run  $\text{KZG-FFT.eval}(\text{srs}, C_{h_1}, D, u, v_1)$ , where  $v_1$  is claimed value of  $h_1$  at  $u$ .
9. Let  $h_2 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be as defined in Equation 20.  $P_{\text{GPR}}, V_{\text{GPR}}$  run  $\text{KZG-FFT.eval}(\text{srs}, C_{h_2}, D, \omega_D \cdot u, v_2)$ , where  $v_2$  is claimed value of  $h_2$  at  $\omega_D \cdot u$ .

## 6 Implementation

We discuss the concrete costs of our DualPCS in this section. We also compare the concrete performance of Spartan [Set20] with Spartan-AIR, which is derived by integrating GPR-AIR with Spartan using KZG-FFT-FOURIER (see Section 5.3). In Section 6.1, we present the relevant metrics of KZG-FFT-FOURIER and dory-link, and also compare it with other relevant commitment schemes. We provide a reference implementation of KZG-FFT-FOURIER, and dory-link in Rust. Our implementation is based on the BLS12-381 curve. In Section 6.2, we compare the performance of GPR-AIR (Protocol 5) with the grand-product check performed using the techniques in [GKR08,Tha13]. Finally, we integrate GPR-AIR with our implementation of Spartan for Extended-R1CS from [KST22] to obtain reduced proof complexity and verifier run-time for the same.

All measurements are taken on **QCT RACK Mount server** with **256GB RAM** and **46 cores**. Throughout we report numbers for verifier on single core, and for prover on multiple cores. Our code is available at the following link [https://github.com/arithmic/Dual\\_PCS.git](https://github.com/arithmic/Dual_PCS.git). We use the efficient bilinear group called BLS12-381 field. Specifically, the proof systems are simulated over the BLS12-381 Scalar field which is a 255 bit prime field, and SXDH is known to be at least 128 bits hard over this bilinear group.

### 6.1 Commitment Schemes

Tables 2 and 3 give the commitment times, proof sizes, evaluation prover and verifier times corresponding to KZG-FFT-FOURIER, and dory-link. Table 7 in Appendix H states the prover and verifier times, and the proof complexity for Linear-Rel, the AoK corresponding to linear relations (see Protocol 6 Appendix E). Linear-Rel is used to prove linking soundness in case of dory-link. We report the setup generation time and setup size for both KZG-FFT, KZG-FOURIER and dory-link in Tables 5, 6 and 8, Appendix H, where we compare them with KZG and multilinear KZG [PST13a]. We note here that for KZG-FFT-FOURIER the commitment is the same for both the univariate and multilinear polynomials (see Section 3 and Section 4). In particular, the total time to commit the witness in this case is equal to generating one of them and not their addition as in the case of dory-link. We also compare the performance of KZG-FFT with KZG, and KZG-FOURIER with multilinear KZG in Appendix H (see Tables 9 and 10). Here, we also compare the asymptotic performance of the evaluation protocols of KZG-FOURIER, Gemini, and Zeromorph (see Table 12).

KZG-FFT vs KZG: For polynomials of degree  $2^{20}$ , the commitment time of KZG-FFT is at least 1.5x



Witness size	Commit(s)	Eval Prover		Eval Verifier		Eval Proof size(KB)	
		Uni(s)	Mult(s)	Uni(ms)	Mult(ms)	Uni(KB)	Mult(KB)
$2^{15}$	0.26	0.29	7.21	19.83	60.21	0.12	5.56
$2^{16}$	0.45	0.55	21.75	19.89	79.46	0.12	5.93
$2^{17}$	0.60	0.79	73.99	19.91	96.10	0.12	6.31
$2^{18}$	1.08	1.32	282.35	19.88	125.38	0.12	6.68
$2^{19}$	2.33	3.06	1096.54	19.86	244.70	0.12	7.06
$2^{20}$	3.74	5.04	4616.05	19.86	387.71	0.12	7.43

Table 2: Performance of KZG-FFT-FOURIER

Witness size	Commit		Eval Prover		Eval Verifier		Eval Proof size(KB)	
	Uni(ms)	Mult(ms)	Uni(s)	Mult(s)	Uni(ms)	Mult(ms)	Uni	Mult
$2^9$	43.78	41.59	3.76	3.79	756.69	737.45	35.75	35.75
$2^{10}$	52.12	53.95	5.68	5.93	816.74	812.71	39.68	39.68
$2^{11}$	67.19	62.22	10.49	10.47	909.61	887.17	43.62	43.62
$2^{12}$	88.92	79.18	19.57	19.70	967.61	854.22	47.56	47.56
$2^{13}$	125.80	116.66	37.84	38.19	1046.92	842.04	51.50	51.50
$2^{14}$	171.43	178.84	74.00	74.31	1120.45	878.97	55.43	55.43
$2^{15}$	298.69	279.46	147.22	147.37	1187.06	902.49	59.37	59.37

Table 3: Performance of dory-link

better while having remaining parameters almost same. The setup time of KZG-FFT is mostly comparable to KZG but the setup size is 2x.

KZG-FOURIER vs multilinear KZG: performance of KZG-FOURIER with respect to prover run-time and proof complexity is worse compared to multilinear KZG but the verifier run-time of KZG-FOURIER is better. Additionally, the evaluation prover of KZG-FFT-FOURIER is extremely slow and is one of the bottlenecks of the scheme.

## 6.2 Spartan using Grand-Product AIR

No Of Constraints	Eval Prover(sec)		Eval Verifier(s)		Eval Proof size(KB)	
	Spartan	Spartan AIR	Spartan	Spartan AIR	Spartan	Spartan AIR
$2^{12}$	10.80	7.71	0.76	0.55	49.10	29.26
$2^{13}$	11.38	13.66	0.81	0.56	54.53	30.98
$2^{14}$	13.57	25.45	0.87	0.56	60.22	32.70
$2^{15}$	16.84	57.53	0.92	0.57	66.16	34.42
$2^{16}$	21.56	153.94	1.00	0.60	72.35	36.14
$2^{17}$	27.76	497.75	1.10	0.64	78.78	37.85

Table 4: Metrics comparing Spartan and Spartan-AIR. Spartan denotes spartan with grand-product check using [GKR08,Tha13], and Spartan AIR denotes spartan with grand-product check using the AoK from Appendix 5.3. The ratio of sparsity to constraints in the R1CS matrices is maintained to two.

We concretely compare the performance of our AoK, GPR-AIR for grand-product check (Protocol 5) with the proof system for grand-product check from [GKR08,Tha13] in Table 4, Appendix H. We employ multilinear KZG to commit to the witness in latter. For vectors of length  $2^{20}$ , the prover of GKR is 2.2x faster compared to GPR-AIR, whereas the verifier of GPR-AIR is 1.32x faster compared to GKR. As noted before the proof size of GKR grows poly-logarithmically and is 27 KB at vector lengths of  $2^{20}$ , whereas the proof size of GPR-AIR is a constant at 0.94 KB.

In Table 4, we compare the performance of Spartan with grand-product check done using GKR, and Spartan with grand-product check done using GPR-AIR. We call the latter version of Spartan, as Spartan-AIR (also see Section 5.3). The Extended R1CS instance for the simulation is generated similar to [Set20]. We remark that since GPR-AIR requires univariate commitments to the witness, such an integration is only possible with a DualPCS like KZG-FFT-FOURIER. For constraints equal to  $2^{17}$  Spartan-AIR trades off prover time to get 1.7x better verifier time and at least 2x improvement in proof size.

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## A General Approach to derive Linking Soundness

We borrow notation from Section 5. Specifically let  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that it agrees with  $\mathbf{a}$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ . Further, let  $C_f$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  be commitments to  $f(Y)$ , and  $\tilde{a}(\mathbf{X})$  respectively using some univariate and multilinear PCS respectively. In a concurrent work [CFG24], the authors propose a degree three sum-check protocol to establish the linear relationship between the witnesses underlying  $C_{\tilde{a}}$  and  $C_f$ . This gives a generic way to design DualPCS using any pair of univariate and multilinear commitment schemes where the above argument from [CFG24] can be used to provide the linking proof. It is important to note here that this linking proof requires at least one evaluation proof opening each for the underlying multilinear and univariate commitment schemes (three multilinear openings if batching is not allowed). The protocol additionally requires preprocessed commits to vectors  $\{\omega_i^j\}_{j \in [0, D-1]}$  for all  $i \in [0, D-1]$  and  $D < N$ . Here,  $D$  is a power of two less than  $N$ .

This approach is fundamentally similar to our dory-link DualPCS where we prove linear relations over AFG committed witnesses but is more general and is efficient owing to the use of sum-check protocol. The above technique though is significantly different from the techniques used in KZG-FFT-FOURIER, where there is no requirement for a linking proof, and the commitments to both the MLE and the univariate representation is the same, that is,  $C_{\mathbf{a}} = C_f$ . This reduces the verifier run-time and proof-complexity for the KZG-FFT-FOURIER DualPCS. In contrast, when a DualPCS is instantiated generically as stated above, the linking proof from [CFG24] additionally requires: prover-verifier costs for the above sum-check, and the prover-verifier costs for opening the multilinear and the univariate polynomials at the end of the sum-check protocol. The verifier complexity for the sum-check is  $O(\log D)$ , whereas additional evaluation proofs in the case of KZG, Gemini, PST, and Zeromorph increases the number of pairings performed by the verifier. A concrete implementation comparison between such a generic approach and KZG-FFT-Fourier is an interesting future work.

## B Updatable SRS Model

*Updatable SRS setting.* In the updatable setting, Setup consists of the following: PPT algorithms `setup`, `update_setup`, and `verify_setup`:

- $(\text{srs}, \rho) \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda)$  takes a security parameter  $\lambda$  and outputs a SRS `srs`, and a correctness proof  $\rho$ .
- $(\text{srs}', \rho') \leftarrow \text{update\_setup}(1^\lambda, \text{srs}, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$  takes as input the security parameter  $\lambda$ , a SRS `srs`, a list of update proofs and outputs an updated `srs` together with a proof of correct update.
- $b \leftarrow \text{verify\_setup}(1^\lambda, \text{srs}, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$  takes the security parameter  $\lambda$ , a SRS `srs`, a list of update proofs, and outputs a bit indicating acceptance or not.

Knowledge soundness of a non-interactive argument system  $(\text{setup}, \text{update\_setup}, \text{verify\_setup}, \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{V})$  in the updatable SRS setting is defined as follows.

**Definition 1 (Updatable knowledge soundness [MBKM19]).** *An argument system for a relation  $\mathcal{R}$  is updatable knowledge-sound if for all PPT algorithms  $\mathcal{A}$ , there exists an extractor  $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}$  such that the advantage  $\text{Adv}_{KS}$  is negligible in  $\lambda$ , where  $\text{Adv}_{KS} = \Pr(\text{UPD-KS}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}}(\lambda))$  denotes the advantage of  $\mathcal{A}$  in the game defined in Figure 1.*

## C Univariate PCS KZG-FFT

### C.1 Updatability of the SRS in KZG-FFT

In this section, we show that the setup of KZG-FFT is updatable as defined in Definition 3.3, [MBKM19]. To this end we state the `update_setup`, and `verify_setup` in Algorithms 3, and 4 respectively. `KZG-FFT.update_setup` in Algorithm 3, takes as input the bilinear group  $\{(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)\}$  and `srs`,  $\{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, \ell]}$ , and outputs a new structured reference string `srs'`, and appends a proof  $\pi_{\ell+1}$  to the list of existing proofs  $\{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, \ell]}$ . `KZG-FFT.verify_setup` in Algorithm 4, takes as input  $\{(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)\}$ , `srs`,  $\{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, \ell]}$  and outputs either `accept` or `reject` depending on whether the `srs` is correctly formed. We prove the correctness of the `update_setup`, and `verify_setup` algorithms in Lemmas 4, and 5 respectively.

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UPD-KS $_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}}(\lambda)$ 
srs  $\leftarrow \perp, \mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \emptyset$ 
 $(x, \pi) \xleftarrow{r} \mathcal{A}^{U-\mathcal{O}_s}(1^\lambda)$ 
 $w \leftarrow \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{A}}(\text{srs}, r)$ 
return  $\mathcal{V}(\text{srs}, x, \pi) \wedge (\text{srs}, x, w) \notin \mathcal{R}$ 

U- $\mathcal{O}_s(\text{intent}, \text{srs}_n, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ 
if  $\text{srs} \neq \perp$ : return  $\perp$ 
if (intent = setup):
 $(\text{srs}', \rho') \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda)$ 
 $\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{\rho'\}$ 
return  $(\text{srs}', \rho')$ 

if (intent = update):
 $b \leftarrow \text{verify\_setup}(1^\lambda, \text{srs}_n, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ 
if  $(b = 0)$ : return  $\perp$ 
 $(\text{srs}', \rho') \leftarrow \text{update\_setup}(1^\lambda, \text{srs}_n, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ 
 $\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{\rho'\}$ 
return  $(\text{srs}', \rho')$ 

if (intent = final):
 $b \leftarrow \text{verify\_setup}(1^\lambda, \text{srs}_n, \{\rho_i\}_{i=1}^n)$ 
if  $(b = 0) \vee \mathcal{Q} \cap \{\rho_i\}_i = \emptyset$  return  $\perp$ 
 $\text{srs} \leftarrow \text{srs}_n$ , return  $\text{srs}$ 

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Fig. 1: Updatable Knowledge Soundness

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**Algorithm 3** KZG-FFT.update\_setup: Updating Setup for KZG-FFT

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**Input:**  $\{(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)\text{srs}, \{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, r]}\}$   
**Output:**  $\{\text{srs}', \{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, \ell+1]}\}$

- 1: Read  $\pi_i$  as  $(u_{1,i}, u_{2,i}) \in (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2)$  for  $i \in [0, \ell]$ ,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)} \mid i \in [0, N-1]\}$ , and  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{h_{2,j} \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ .
- 2: Let  $\mathbf{h}_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1^N$  be such that the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{h}_1$  is  $h_{1,i}^{(n)}$ .
- 3: Compute  $\widehat{\mathbf{h}}_1 = M_{\omega_N} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1$ .
- 4: Sample  $r_{\ell+1} \in \mathbb{F}$ , uniformly at random.
- 5: **for**  $i \in [0, N-1]$  **do**
- 6:   Let  $\widetilde{h}_{1,i} = (\widehat{h}_{1,i})^{r_{\ell+1}}$
- 7: **end for**
- 8: Let  $\widetilde{\mathbf{h}}_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1^N$  be such that the  $i$ -th component of  $\widetilde{\mathbf{h}}_1$  is  $\widetilde{h}_{1,i}$ .
- 9: Let  $\mathbf{h}'_1 = \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \widetilde{\mathbf{h}}_1$ , and  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h'_{1,i} \mid i \in [0, N-1]\}$ . Here  $h'_{1,i}$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{h}'_1$ .
- 10: Let  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}} = \{h_{2,j}^{r_{\ell+1}} \in \mathbb{G}_2 \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ .
- 11:  $\pi_{\ell+1} = (g_1^{r_{\ell+1}}, u_{2,\ell+1})$
- 12: Output  $\{\text{srs}' = (\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}}), \{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, \ell+1]}\}$

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**Lemma 4.** *Let the inputs to `update_setup` be as in Algorithm 3. Let  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)}\}_{i \in [0, n-1]}$ ,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{h_{2,j}\}_{j \in [0, n]}$ , and  $\pi_i = (u_{1,i}, u_{2,i})$  for  $i \in [0, \ell]$ . Suppose there is an  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  such that a)  $h_{1,i}^{(n)} = g_1^{\alpha_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ , b)  $h_{2,j} = g_2^{r^{2^j}}$  for  $j \in [0, n]$ , and c)  $u_{2,\ell} = g_2^r$ . Then Algorithm 3, outputs  $\text{srs}'$  and  $\pi_{\ell+1}$  such that a)  $h'_{1,i} = g_1^{\alpha'_i}$ , where  $\alpha'_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r \cdot r_{\ell+1})^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ , b)  $h_{2,j} = g_2^{(r \cdot r_{\ell+1})^{2^j}}$  for  $j \in [0, n]$ , and c)  $u_{2,\ell} = g_2^{r \cdot r_{\ell+1}}$ .*

*Proof.* At Step 3, the  $i$ -th component of  $\widehat{\mathbf{h}}_1$ , denoted  $\widehat{h}_{1,i}$ , is equal to  $\prod_{j \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{\omega_N^{i \cdot j}}$ . From the supposition, Fact 2, and Claim 1, it follows that there exists  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $\widehat{h}_{1,i} = g_1^{(r \cdot r_{\ell+1})^i}$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . Hence, at Step 9,  $h'_{1,i} = g_1^{\alpha'_i}$ , where  $\alpha'_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r \cdot r_{\ell+1})^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . Points (b) and (c) follow easily from the construction.

We note that since  $M_{\omega_N}$  is the FFT matrix of size  $N$ , the recursive decomposition of the FFT matrix can be exploited to compute  $\widehat{\mathbf{h}}_1$  using  $N \log N$  group additions and  $N \log N$  group exponentiations. Similarly  $\mathbf{h}'_1$  can be computed at Step 9 using  $N \log N$  group additions and  $N \log N + N$  group exponentiations.

**Lemma 5.** *Let the inputs to `verify_setup` be as in Algorithm 4. Let  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{h_{1,i}^{(n)}\}_{i \in [0, n-1]}$ ,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{h_{2,j}\}_{j \in [0, n]}$ , and  $\pi_i = (u_{1,i}, u_{2,i})$  for  $i \in [0, \ell]$ . Then if `verify_setup` outputs accept then there is an  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  such that a)  $h_{1,i}^{(n)} = g_1^{\alpha_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ , b)  $h_{2,j} = g_2^{r^{2^j}}$  for  $j \in [0, n]$ , and c)  $u_{2,\ell} = g_2^r$ .*

*Proof.* At Step 3, if `verify_setup` accepts there is an  $r_0 \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $u_{1,0} = g_1^{r_0}$  and  $u_{2,0} = g_2^{r_0}$ . At Step 6, if `verify_setup` accepts there is an  $r_i \in \mathbb{F}_p$  such that  $u_{1,i} = g_1^{r_i}$  and  $u_{2,i} = g_2^{\prod_{j=0}^i r_j}$ , for  $i \in [1, \ell]$ . In particular, if `verify_setup` accepts at Step 6 for all  $i \in [1, \ell]$ , then  $u_{2,\ell} = g_2^{\prod_{j=0}^{\ell} r_j}$ . Let  $r = \prod_{j=0}^{\ell} r_j$ ,  $u_2 = g_2^r$ . At Step 13, if `verify_setup` accepts then for all  $i \in [0, N-1]$ ,  $h'_{1,i} = g_1^r$ . From Fact 2, and Claim 1, this implies  $h_{1,i}^{(n)} = g_1^{\alpha_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j})$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ . Similarly, if `verify_setup` accepts at Step 21, then  $h_{2,j} = g_2^{r^{2^j}}$  for  $j \in [0, n]$ .

## C.2 Proof of Theorem 4

Completeness follows from the discussion in Section 3.2. We first prove `KZG-FFT.commit` satisfies commitment binding, and then prove knowledge soundness.

**Commitment Binding:** Suppose `KZG-FFT.commit` does not satisfy commitment binding in the bilinear group  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$ . Then there exists an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that on input  $(\text{srs}) \leftarrow_R \text{KZG-FFT.setup}(\lambda)$ , outputs  $(f_0(\mathbf{H}_{D_0}), f_1(\mathbf{H}_{D_1}))$  with a probability non-negligible in  $\lambda$ , satisfying:

1.  $f_0 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D_0}[Y]$ ,  $f_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D_1}[Y]$  and  $f_0(Y) \neq f_1(Y)$ ,
2.  $C = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D_0, f_0(\mathbf{H}_{D_0})) = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D_1, f_1(\mathbf{H}_{D_1}))$ .

We show that in this case an adversary  $\mathcal{A}'$  can be constructed that when given input a)  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  and b)  $\text{srs}' = \{(\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}})\}$ , where  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}} = \{g_1^{r^i}\}_{i \in [0, N-1]}$  for some  $r \in_R \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{V}} = \{g_2^{r^{2^j}}\}_{j \in [0, n]}$ .  $\mathcal{A}'$  outputs the secret random value  $r$  with a probability non-negligible in  $\lambda$ , thereby breaking  $N$ -DLOG assumption. Here, we remark that  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}$  is different from  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$ , and is as in the  $N$ -DLOG challenge (see Definition 3).  $\mathcal{A}'$  first computes  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  (where  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  is as defined in Algorithm 1). From Claim 1, we have that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{r}$ . Hence, the  $i$ -th element of  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  can be computed by taking MSME with group base elements being  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}$  and the scalars being the  $i$ -th row of  $\frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}}$ . In particular,  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}$  can be computed from  $\text{srs}'_{\mathcal{P}}$  using at most  $N^2$  exponentiations and additions over the group  $\mathbb{G}_1$ .  $\mathcal{A}'$  lets  $\text{srs} = \{(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}})\}$ , and calls  $\mathcal{A}$  on input  $\{(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2), \text{srs}\}$ .  $\mathcal{A}$  outputs  $(f_0(\mathbf{H}_{D_0}), f_1(\mathbf{H}_{D_2}))$  satisfying the two properties stated above. Let  $D = \max(D_0, D_1)$ . By interpolating and evaluating the lower degree polynomial,  $\mathcal{A}'$  can compute  $f_0(\mathbf{H}_D), f_1(\mathbf{H}_D)$ . Let  $d = \log D$ , and let  $\mathbf{a}_0$  and  $\mathbf{a}_1$  agree with  $f_0(\mathbf{H}_D)$  and  $f_1(\mathbf{H}_D)$ . Since  $f_0(Y) \neq f_1(Y)$ , we have  $\mathbf{a}_0 \neq \mathbf{a}_1$ , and  $\mathbf{a}_0 - \mathbf{a}_1 \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,

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**Algorithm 4** KZG-FFT.verify\_setup: Verify Setup for KZG-FFT
 

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**Input:**  $\{(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2), \text{srs}, \{\pi_i\}_{i \in [0, r]}\}$   
**Output:**  $\{\text{accept/reject}\}$

- 1: Read  $\pi_i$  as  $(u_{1,i}, u_{2,i}) \in (\mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2)$  for  $i \in [0, \ell]$ .
- 2: **if**  $e(u_{1,0}, g_2) \neq e(g_1, u_{2,0})$  **then**
- 3:     Output reject
- 4: **end if**
- 5: **for**  $i \in [1, \ell]$  **do**
- 6:     **if**  $e(u_{1,i}, u_{2,i-1}) \neq e(g_1, u_{2,i})$  **then**
- 7:         Output reject
- 8:     **end if**
- 9: **end for**
- 10: Let  $\mathbf{h}_1 \in \mathbb{G}_1^N$  be such that the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{h}_1$  is  $h_{1,i}^{(n)}$ . Let  $\mathbf{h}'_1 = M_{\omega_N} \cdot \mathbf{h}_1$ .
- 11: Check  $h'_{1,0} = g_1$ .
- 12: **for**  $i \in [1, N-1]$  **do**
- 13:     **if**  $e(h'_{1,i}, g_2) \neq e(h'_{1,i-1}, u_{2,\ell})$  **then**
- 14:         Output reject
- 15:     **end if**
- 16: **end for**
- 17: **if**  $h_{2,0} \neq u_{2,\ell}$  **then**
- 18:     Output reject
- 19: **end if**
- 20: **for**  $j \in [0, n-1]$  **do**
- 21:     **if**  $e(h'_{1,2j}, h_{2,j}) \neq e(g_1, h_{2,j+1})$  **then**
- 22:         Output reject
- 23:     **end if**
- 24: **end for**
- 25: Output accept

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where  $\mathbf{0}$  is the zero vector in  $\mathbb{F}^D$ . Let  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}_0 - \mathbf{a}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{f}' = (\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}) \cdot \mathbf{b}$ , and  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be the polynomial whose coefficient corresponding to  $Y^i$  is  $f'_i$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . We show in Lemma 6 below that  $r^{2^{n-d}}$  is a root of  $f'(Y)$ .

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  be as defined above, and  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  be the random point used to generate  $\text{srs}'$ . Then  $f'(r^{2^{n-d}}) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* From the definition of KZG-FFT.commit we have

$$\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{a_{0,i}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{a_{1,i}}$$

Multiplying by the inverse (over  $\mathbb{G}_1$ ) of the RHS in the above equation on both sides we have

$$\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^{b_i} = \prod_{i \in [0, dD-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(d)})^0 \quad (21)$$

Let  $\alpha^{(d)}$  be such that  $g_1^{\alpha_i^{(d)}} = h_{1,i}^{(d)}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\mathbf{r}^{(d)} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  be such that  $r_i^{(d)} = r^{i \cdot 2^{n-d}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . From Equation 21,  $\langle \alpha^{(d)}, \mathbf{b} \rangle = 0$ . Further from Claim 2,  $(\mathbf{r}^{(d)})^T \cdot (\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}) = \alpha^{(d)}$ . This implies

$$(\mathbf{r}^{(d)})^T \cdot (\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0 \quad (22)$$

From the definition of  $\mathbf{f}'$ , we have

$$\mathbf{f}' = (\frac{1}{D} M_{\omega_D^{-1}}) \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

Since the coefficient of  $Y^i$  in  $f'(Y)$  is  $f'_i$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , from Equation 22, it follows that  $r^{2^{n-d}}$  is a root of  $f'$ .

It is well-known how to efficiently compute  $r$ , given a polynomial  $f'(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $r^{2^{n-d}}$  is a root of  $f'(Y)$ . We note this as a claim below, as we reuse it in knowledge soundness argument.

*Claim 12.* There is a  $D^{O(1)}$  time algorithm that takes as input the coefficients of a polynomial  $f'(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $r^{2^{n-d}}$  is a root of  $f'(Y)$ , and outputs  $r$ .

*Proof.* The algorithm employs root finding algorithm over  $\mathbb{F}$  to find  $r^{2^{n-d}}$ , and then employs square-root finding algorithm over  $\mathbb{F}$  recursively to find  $r$ .

**Knowledge Soundness.** We show that  $\text{KZG-FFT.eval}(\text{srs}, C_f, D, u, v; f(\mathbf{H}_D))$  is knowledge sound for the relation

$$\{(\text{srs}, (C_f, D, u, v)); f(\mathbf{H}_D) \mid f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y], f(u) = v, \\ \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, f(\mathbf{H}_D)) = C_f\}$$

where the  $\text{srs}$  is updatable by the adversary. Let  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  be the algebraic adversary that has access to an oracle as stated in Definition 3.3 [MBKM19]. Given input  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$  and an initial structured reference string  $\perp$  (corresponding to degree  $N$  polynomials), let  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  output  $(\text{srs}, C_f, D)$ , and an  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  satisfying a)  $C_f = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{a_i}$ , b)  $\text{In} \langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{srs}, C_f, d, u, v; \mathbf{a}_f)$ , where  $u \in_R \mathbb{F}$ ,  $V_{\text{eval}}$  accepts with probability  $\epsilon$  non-negligible in  $\lambda$ .

Here we note that  $\perp$  is the trivial string corresponding to  $r = 0$ , and  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  uses the oracle to update it to  $\text{srs}$ , and  $V_{\text{eval}}$  rejects if  $\text{srs} = \perp$ . The oracle ensures that  $\text{srs}$  is well-formed, that is, there is an  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{g_1^{\alpha_i} \mid \alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j})\}$  for  $i \in [0, N-1]$ , and  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{g_2^{r^{2^j}} \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the extractor with oracle access to an algebraic prover  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  invokes  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  to receive  $(\text{srs}, C_f, D, u, v)$ , and a representation  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  satisfying the above two conditions, where  $u \in_R \mathbb{F}$ . The extractor  $\mathcal{E}$  queries  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  at  $(\text{srs}, C_f, D, u, v)$  and with probability  $\epsilon$  obtains  $C_q$  and a representation  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  such that a)  $C_q = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{b_i}$ , and b)  $e(C_f \cdot g_1^{-v}, g_2) = e(C_q, h_2^{(d)} \cdot g_2^{-u})$ . We prove the following claim which helps us in proving degree bound on  $f$  and  $q$ .

*Claim 13.* Let  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  and  $C = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{a_i}$ . There exists  $k \in [0, n]$  such that  $a_i = a_{i+j \cdot 2^k}$  for  $i \in [0, 2^k - 1]$  and  $j \in [0, 2^{n-k} - 1]$  if and only if there exists  $f'_{<2^k}[Y]$  such that  $C = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, k, f(\mathbf{H}_{2^k}))$ .

*Proof.* Its follows from the definition of  $\text{KZG-FFT.commit}$ , that

$$C = \prod_{i \in [0, 2^k - 1]} \left( \prod_{j \in [0, 2^{n-k} - 1]} (h_{1, i+j \cdot 2^k}) \right)^{a_i} = \prod_{i \in [0, 2^k - 1]} (h_{1,i}^{(k)})^{a_i}$$

In the above equality, we have used that  $h_{1,i}^{(k)} = \prod_{j \in [0, 2^{n-k} - 1]} h_{1, i+j \cdot 2^k}$ . Let  $f(\mathbf{H}_{2^k})$  be such that  $f(\mathbf{H}_{2^k})_i = a_i$  for  $i \in [0, 2^k - 1]$ . It follows that  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^k}[Y]$  is such that  $C = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, k, f(\mathbf{H}_{2^k}))$ .

From the above claim and Lemma 1, it follows that there exists  $k_1, k_2 \in [0, n]$  such that  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_1}}[Y]$ ,  $q' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_2}}[Y]$   $C_f = g_1^{f'(r^{2^{n-k_1}})}$  and  $C_q = g_1^{q'(r^{2^{n-k_2}})}$ . Knowledge soundness of the protocol would follow from the following lemma.

**Lemma 7.** Suppose  $k_1, k_2 \in [0, n]$  such that  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_1}}[Y]$ ,  $q' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_2}}[Y]$ ,  $C_f = g_1^{f'(r^{2^{n-k_1}})}$  and  $C_q = g_1^{q'(r^{2^{n-k_2}})}$ . Then only one of the following holds:

1.  $2^{k_1} \leq D$  and there exists  $q'' \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) - v = (Y - u)q''(Y)$
2.  $N \geq 2^{k_1} > D$  and  $Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u$  divides  $f'(Y) - v$ .

*Proof.* We prove the lemma using a case analysis. In each of the case either  $f'(Y)$  and  $q'(Y)$  satisfy the statement of the lemma or  $r$  is a root of a polynomial known to  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$ . From Claim 12, it follows that if  $r$  is a root of a polynomial known to  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  then  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  can compute  $r$  efficiently, and hence break the  $N$ -DLOG assumption. Hence, in our analysis we assume  $r$  is not the root of the polynomial that arises in each of the cases.

*Case a:*  $2^{k_1} \leq D, 2^{k_2} \leq D$ . This implies  $n - k_1 \geq n - d$ , and  $n - k_2 \geq n - d$ . Assume  $n - k_1 \geq n - k_2$ ; the other case can be handled similarly. In this case it must be that either i)  $f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) - v = (Y - u) \cdot q'(Y^{2^{d-k_2}})$  or ii)  $r$  is a root of  $f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) - v - (Y - u) \cdot q'(Y^{2^{d-k_2}})$ . Letting  $q''(Y) = q'(Y^{2^{d-k_2}})$ , we have  $f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) - v = (Y - u)q''(Y)$ .



*Case b:*  $2^{k_1} \leq D, 2^{k_2} > D$ . In this case it must be that either i)  $f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v = (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y)$  or ii)  $r$  is a root of  $f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v - (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y)$ . If

$$f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v = (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y) \quad (23)$$

then we show that there exists  $q''(Y)$  such that  $q'(Y) = q''(Y^{2^{k_2-d}})$ . Let  $\gamma = k_2 - k_1$ , and  $\delta = k_2 - d$ , and note that  $\gamma - \delta = d - k_1 \geq 0$ . Using polynomial division, we know there exists  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  and  $q' \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  such that

$$f'(Y^{2^{\gamma-\delta}}) = (Y - u)q''(Y) + r \quad (24)$$

Since  $r \in \mathbb{F}$ , substituting  $Y$  as  $Y^{2^\delta}$  in the above equation, we have

$$f'(Y^{2^\gamma}) = (Y^{2^\delta} - u)q''(Y^{2^\delta}) + r \quad (25)$$

From Equations 23, and 25, we have  $(Y^{2^\delta} - u)q'(Y) = (Y^{2^\delta} - u)q''(Y^{2^\delta}) + r$ . This implies  $Y^{2^\delta} - u$  divides  $r$ , and as  $r = 0$ ,  $q'(Y) = q''(Y^{2^\delta})$ . Hence, Equation 23, can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} f'(Y^{2^{\gamma-\delta}}) - v &= (Y - u) \cdot q''(Y) \\ f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) - v &= (Y - u) \cdot q''(Y) \end{aligned}$$

*Case c:*  $2^{k_1} > D, 2^{k_1} \geq 2^{k_2}$ . In this case it must be that either i)  $f'(Y) - v = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y^{2^{k_1-k_2}})$  or ii)  $r$  is a root of  $f'(Y) - v = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y^{2^{k_1-k_2}})$ . This implies  $Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u$  divides  $f'(Y) - v$ .

*Case d:*  $2^{k_1} > D, 2^{k_1} < 2^{k_2}$ . In this case it must be that either i)  $f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v = (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y)$  or ii)  $r$  is a root of  $f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v - (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y)$ . If

$$f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v = (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q'(Y) \quad (26)$$

then we show that there exists  $q''(Y)$  such that  $q'(Y) = q''(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}})$ . Let  $\gamma = k_2 - k_1$ , and  $\delta = k_2 - d$ , and note that,  $\delta - \gamma = k_1 - d > 0$ . Using polynomial division, we know there exists  $r \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{\delta-\gamma}}$  and  $q'' \in \mathbb{F}_{<N}[Y]$  such that

$$f'(Y) = (Y^{2^{\delta-\gamma}} - u)q''(Y) + r(Y)$$

Substituting  $Y$  as  $Y^{2^\gamma}$  in the above equation, we have

$$f'(Y^{2^\gamma}) = (Y^{2^\delta} - u)q''(Y^{2^\gamma}) + r(Y^{2^\gamma}) \quad (27)$$

From Equations 26, and 27,

$$(Y^{2^\delta} - u) \cdot q'(Y) = (Y^{2^\delta} - u)q''(Y^{2^\gamma}) + r(Y^{2^\gamma})$$

This implies  $Y^{2^\delta} - u$  divides  $r(Y^{2^\gamma})$ . But  $r \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{\delta-\gamma}}$ , and hence degree of  $r(Y^{2^\gamma})$  is less than  $2^\delta$ . Hence,  $r(Y^{2^\gamma}) = 0$  implying  $r(Y) = 0$ , and  $q'(Y) = q''(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}})$ . Hence, Equation 26, can be rewritten as

$$f'(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}}) - v = (Y^{2^{k_2-d}} - u) \cdot q''(Y^{2^{k_2-k_1}})$$

Hence, we have  $f'(Y) = Y^{2^{k_1-d}} \cdot q''(Y)$ . This implies  $Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u$  divides  $f'(Y) - v$ .

In Lemma 7, if (a) holds then let  $f(Y) = f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}}) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ . This implies  $f(Y) - v = (Y - u) \cdot q'(Y)$ , and hence  $f(u) = v$ . In this case from Claim 13, it follows that  $a_i = a_{i+j \cdot 2^{k_1}}$  for  $i \in [0, 2^{k_1} - 1]$  and  $j \in [0, 2^{n-k_1} - 1]$ . Further  $\mathbf{a}_{[i:2^{k_1}]}$  agrees with  $f'(\mathbf{H}_{2^{k_1}})$  over the FFT domain of size  $2^{k_1}$ . Here  $\mathbf{a}_{[i:2^{k_1}]}$  denotes the first  $2^{k_1}$  components of  $\mathbf{a}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{E}$  computes the coefficient representation of  $f'(Y)$  from  $f'(\mathbf{H}_{2^{k_1}})$  using FFT. Since  $f(Y) = f'(Y^{2^{d-k_1}})$ ,  $\mathcal{E}$  computes the coefficient representation of  $f$  from the coefficients of  $f'$ , from which it computes  $f(\mathbf{H}_D)$  again using FFT. Now we show that case (b) in Lemma 7 holds with probability  $\frac{N}{2^{|\mathbb{F}|}}$  over the choice of  $u \in_R \mathbb{F}$ . Let  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_1}}$  be as in Case (b) of Lemma 7, and  $S = \{(u', v') \mid Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u' \text{ divides } f'(Y) - v'\}$ . We argue in Lemma 8 (stated below) that  $|S| \leq \frac{2^{k_1}}{2^{k_1-d}} = 2^d$ . Hence, given  $C_f$ , such that  $C_f = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, 2^{k_1}, f'(\mathbf{H}_{2^{k_1}}))$ , and  $u$  is sampled uniformly and independently at random from  $\mathbb{F}$  then with probability at least  $1 - \frac{D}{|\mathbb{F}|}$  case b does not hold. Hence, it follows that  $\mathcal{E}$  is able to compute a valid witness with probability  $\epsilon(1 - \frac{D}{|\mathbb{F}|})$ .

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $2^{k_1} > D$ ,  $f' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_1}}$ , and  $S = \{(u', v') \mid Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u' \text{ divides } f'(Y) - v'\}$ . Then  $|S| \leq \frac{2^{k_1}}{2^{k_1-d}} = 2^d$ .*

*Proof.* First, we argue that for each  $u' \in \mathbb{F}$  there exists at most one  $v' \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $(u', v') \in S$ . Suppose there exists  $(u', v'_1) \in S$  and  $(u', v'_2) \in S$ . This implies there exists  $q'_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  and  $q'_2 \in$

$\mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u') \cdot q'_1(Y) + v'_1 &= (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u') \cdot q'_2(Y) + v'_2 \\ (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u') \cdot q'_1(Y) &= (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u') \cdot q'_2(Y) + v'_2 - v'_1 \end{aligned}$$

We subtract  $v'_1$  from both sides to obtain the above equation. Since  $(Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u')$  divides LHS of the above equation, we have  $v'_1 = v'_2$ . Next, we argue for every  $(u'_1, v'_1) \in S$  and  $(u'_2, v'_2) \in S$ ,  $v'_1 = v'_2$ . If  $(u'_1, v'_1) \in S$  and  $(u'_2, v'_2) \in S$  then there exists  $q'_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  and  $q'_2 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that

$$(Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_1) \cdot q'_1(Y) + v'_1 = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot q'_2(Y) + v'_2 \quad (28)$$

If  $k_1 - d > d$  then by observing the degree of the polynomials on LHS and RHS in the above equation we have  $q'_1(Y) = q'_2(Y)$ ,  $u'_1 = u'_2$  and  $v'_1 = v'_2$ . In fact in this case  $|S| = 1$ . Suppose  $k_1 - d \leq d$ . Then from polynomial division there exists  $q''_2(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{d-(k_1-d)}}[Y]$  and  $r(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{k_1-d}}[Y]$  such that  $q'_2(Y) = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot q''_2(Y) + r(Y)$ . Substituting  $q'_2(Y)$  in Equation 28

$$(Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_1) \cdot (q'_1(Y) - (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot q''_2(Y)) + v'_1 = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot r(Y) + v'_2$$

Since degree  $r(Y)$  is less than  $2^{k_1-d}$ , again observing the degree of the polynomials on LHS and RHS in the above equation we have either a)  $r(Y) = 0$ ,  $q'_1(Y) = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot q''_2(Y)$ , and  $v'_1 = v'_2$ , or b)  $r(Y) = 0$ ,  $q'_1(Y) = (Y^{2^{k_1-d}} - u'_2) \cdot q''_2(Y)$ ,  $u'_1 = u'_2$  and  $v'_1 = v'_2$ . The argument above shows that all tuples in  $S$  have the same second element. Let  $S = \{(u_j, v)\}_{j \in [1, |S|]}$ . Then for all  $j \in [1, |S|]$ ,  $Y^{2^{d_1-k}} - u_j$  divides  $f'(Y) - v$ . Since degree of  $f'(Y)$  is at most  $2^k$ ,  $|S| \leq \frac{2^k}{2^{k_1-d}} = 2^d$ .

## D Multilinear PCS KZG-FOURIER

### D.1 Proofs of Claims and Lemma from Section 4.1

Before we proceed, we state a following well-known fact regarding FFT domain, and its offset.

**Fact 4** For  $z$  in the offset of the FFT domain of size  $N$ ,  $\prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (z - \omega_N^i) \neq 0$ .

Claim 5 (restated):  $U_i^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot Y)^{2^j})$

*Proof.* The  $i$ -th component of  $\frac{1}{N} \cdot M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot Y$  is equal to

$$\sum_{\ell=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{N} \cdot (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot Y)^\ell = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot Y)^{2^j})$$

In the above equation, we use the tensor structure of  $(1, Y, \dots, Y^{N-1}) = \otimes_{i \in [0, n-1]} (1, Y^{2^i})$ , where  $n = \log N$ .

Claim 6 (restated):  $\mathcal{U}_n(1) = 1$

*Proof.* Consider the summation  $\sum_{i \in [0, N-1]} L_i(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}) = 1$ . Consequently, we have  $\mathcal{U}_n(1) = \mathcal{U}_n(\sum_{i \in [0, N-1]} L_i(X_0, \dots, X_{n-1}))$ . By leveraging linearity and the definition of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , we establish  $\mathcal{U}_n(1) = \sum_{i \in [0, N-1]} U_i$ . Moving forward with the definition of  $\mathbf{U}^{(n)}$ , it ensues that:

$$\sum_{i \in [0, N-1]} U_i^{(n)} = \mathbf{1}^T \cdot \left( \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{Y} \right)$$

Here,  $\mathbf{1}$  denotes the vector of all ones. The claim is substantiated by observing:

$$\mathbf{1}^T \cdot \left( \frac{1}{N} M_{\omega_N^{-1}} \right) = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Claim 7 (restated):  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = \mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) + \mathcal{U}_n(L_{i+D}^{(d+1)})$  for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ .<sup>8</sup>

*Proof.* The proof relies on the linearity of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ , and the observation that  $L_i^{(d)} = L_i^{(d+1)} + L_{i+D}^{(d+1)}$ .

Lemma 2 (restated):  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = U_i^{(d)}(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ , holds for  $d \in [1, n]$ . Moreover, for  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$ ,  $\{f_{L_i^{(d)}} \in \mathbb{F}\}_{i \in [0, D-1]}$  represents the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  if and only if there exists a  $g \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n(f) = g(Y^{2^{n-d}})$  and  $g(\omega_D^i) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$ .

<sup>8</sup> It is important to note that  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)})$  differs from  $\mathcal{U}_d(L_i^{(d)})$ .

*Proof.* For  $d = n$ , the relationship follows directly from the definition of  $\mathcal{U}_n$ . To establish  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = U_i^{(d)}(Y^{2^{n-d}})$  we proceed by assuming  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) = U_i^{(d+1)}(Y^{2^{n-d-1}})$ , for  $d \in [1, n-1]$ . It follows from Claim 7 that  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = \mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) + \mathcal{U}_n(L_{i+D}^{(d+1)})$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Moreover, the definition of  $U_i^{(d+1)}$  imply Equations 29 and 30 for  $i \in [0, D-1]$

$$\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) = \frac{1}{2D} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{2D-1} (\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot Y^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \quad (29)$$

$$\mathcal{U}_n(L_{i+D}^{(d+1)}) = \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{j=0}^{2D-1} (\omega_{2D}^{-i-D} \cdot Y^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2D} \sum_{j=0}^{2D-1} (-\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot Y^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \quad (31)$$

$$(32)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2D} \left( \sum_{j=2k, k \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot Y^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \right. \quad (33)$$

$$\left. + \sum_{j=2k+1, k \in [0, D-1]} -(\omega_{2D}^{-i} \cdot Y^{2^{n-d-1}})^j \right)$$

Equation 31 above is inferred using  $\omega_{2D}^{-D} = -1$ . The equation below can be obtained by adding Equations 29, and 33

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d+1)}) + \mathcal{U}_n(L_{i+D}^{(d+1)}) &= \frac{1}{D} \sum_{k \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^{-2i} Y^{2^{n-d}})^k \\ &= \frac{1}{D} \sum_{k \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_D^{-i} Y^{2^{n-d}})^k \end{aligned}$$

This proves  $\mathcal{U}_n(L_i^{(d)}) = U_i^{(d)}(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ , for  $d \in [1, n]$ .

Suppose  $f(X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}) = \sum_{i \in [0, D-1]} f_{L_i^{(d)}} \cdot L_i^{(d)}$ . By the linearity of  $\mathcal{U}_n$  we can express  $\mathcal{U}_n(f) = \sum_{i \in [0, D-1]} f_{L_i^{(d)}} \cdot U_i^{(d)}(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ . Let  $g(Y) = \sum_{i \in [0, D-1]} f_{L_i^{(d)}} \cdot U_i^{(d)}(Y)$ . Then  $\mathcal{U}_n(f) = g(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ , where  $g(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ . Additionally, considering Claim 5, and recognizing that  $M_{\omega_D}$  and  $\frac{1}{D} \cdot M_{\omega_D^{-1}}$  are matrix inverses of each other, we deduce that  $g(\omega_D^i) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Conversely, given any  $g(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ , we can define an  $f \in \mathbb{F}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  such that its  $D$  Fourier coefficients are specified as follows:  $f_{L_i^{(d)}} = g(\omega_D^i)$ . Since  $g$  is uniquely determined by its evaluations  $g(\omega_D^i)_{i \in [0, D-1]}$ , we conclude using similar arguments as above that  $\mathcal{U}_n(f) = g(Y^{2^{n-d}})$ .

Lemma 3 (restated): For  $d \in [1, n-1]$ ,  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  if and only if there exists  $\psi_f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_n(X_d \cdot f) &= \psi_f(Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} - \omega_{2D}^j) \\ \mathcal{U}_n((1 - X_d) \cdot f) &= \psi_f(-Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} + \omega_{2D}^j) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let  $f_{L_i^{(d)}}$ ,  $i \in [0, D-1]$  represent the Fourier coefficients of  $f$ . Then the Fourier coefficient of  $X_d \cdot f$  corresponding to the basis  $L_i^{(d+1)}$  is 0 for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [D, 2D-1]$ . As established in Lemma 2, there exists  $\psi_1(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<2D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n(X_d \cdot f) = \psi_1(Y^{2^{n-d-1}})$ . Moreover,  $\psi_1(\omega_{2D}^i) = 0$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\psi_1(\omega_{2D}^{i+D}) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . This implies the existence of  $\psi_f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that

$$\psi_1(Y) = \psi_f(Y) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y - \omega_{2D}^j) \quad (34)$$

Similarly, the Fourier coefficient of  $(1 - X_d) \cdot f$  corresponding to the basis  $L_i^{(d+1)}$  is  $f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and 0 for  $i \in [D, 2D-1]$ . Hence, again as established in Lemma 2, there exists

$\psi_2(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<2D}[Y]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_n((1 - X_d) \cdot f) = \psi_2(Y^{2^{n-d-1}})$ . Further,  $\psi_2(\omega_{2D}^i) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\psi_2(\omega_{2D}^i) = 0$  for  $i \in [D, 2D-1]$ . This implies the existence of  $\psi'_f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_2(Y) &= \psi'_f(Y) \cdot \prod_{j \in [D, 2D-1]} (Y - \omega_{2D}^j) \\ &= \psi'_f(Y) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y + \omega_{2D}^j) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

To derive Equation 35, observe that  $\omega_{2D}^{j+D} = -\omega_{2D}^j$  for  $j \in [0, D-1]$ . Finally, we prove that  $\psi'_f(Y) = \psi_f(-Y)$ , which will complete the proof. Observe that  $\psi_1(\omega_{2D}^{i+D}) = \psi_1(-\omega_{2D}^i) = \psi_2(\omega_{2D}^i)$ , for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Substituting this in Equations 34 and 35 we have for  $i \in [0, D-1]$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_f(-\omega_{2D}^i) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (-\omega_{2D}^i - \omega_{2D}^j) &= \\ \psi'_f(\omega_{2D}^i) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^i + \omega_{2D}^j) & \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Since  $d \geq 1$ ,  $D$  is even and

$$\prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (-\omega_{2D}^i - \omega_{2D}^j) = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^i + \omega_{2D}^j)$$

Hence,  $\psi'_f(\omega_{2D}^i) = \psi_f(-\omega_{2D}^i)$  for  $i \in [D, 2D-1]$ . As  $\psi'_f$  and  $\psi_f$  are degree at most  $D$  univariate polynomials, it follows that  $\psi'_f(Y) = \psi_f(-Y)$ . The above argument also shows that corresponding to any  $\psi \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ , if  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  is defined such that

$$f_{L_i^{(d)}} = \psi(\omega_{2D}^{i+D}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\omega_{2D}^{i+D} - \omega_{2D}^j)$$

for  $i \in [0, D-1]$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_n(X_d \cdot f) &= \psi(Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} - \omega_{2D}^j) \\ \mathcal{U}_n((1 - X_d) \cdot f) &= \psi(-Y^{2^{n-d-1}}) \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (Y^{2^{n-d-1}} + \omega_{2D}^j) \end{aligned}$$

**Claim 8 (restated):** Let  $\psi \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ . Then there exists  $\psi_o, \psi_e \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{d-1}}[Y]$  such that  $\psi(Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) + Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ , and  $\psi(-Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) - Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ . Further,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_e(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) &= \frac{\psi(\omega_D^i) + \psi(-\omega_D^i)}{2} \quad \forall i \in [0, 2^{d-1} - 1] \\ \psi_o(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) &= \frac{\psi(\omega_D^i) - \psi(-\omega_D^i)}{2\omega_D^i} \quad \forall i \in [0, 2^{d-1} - 1] \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see that there exists  $\psi_o, \psi_e \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{d-1}}[Y]$  such that  $\psi(Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) + Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ , and  $\psi(-Y) = \psi_e(Y^2) - Y \cdot \psi_o(Y^2)$ . Hence, for  $i \in [0, 2^{d-1} - 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(\omega_D^i) &= \psi_e(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) + \omega_D^i \cdot \psi_o(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) \\ \psi(-\omega_D^i) &= \psi_e(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) - \omega_D^i \cdot \psi_o(\omega_{2^{d-1}}^i) \end{aligned}$$

In the above equations, we have used that  $\omega_D^{2^i} = \omega_{2^{d-1}}^i$ . Adding the above equations and dividing by 2, we have the expression for  $\psi_e$ . Similarly, subtracting the second equation from the first equation and dividing the expression by 2, we have the expression for  $\psi_o$ .

We make an additional claim here that notes down the computation required to compute the commits at Step 3a of Protocol 2.

*Claim 14.* Let  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$ ,  $\psi_f(Y)$  corresponds to  $f$  as in Lemma 3, and  $\psi_{f,e}(Y)$  and  $\psi_{f,o}(Y)$  correspond to  $\psi_f(Y)$  as in Claim 8. There is an algorithm that takes as input the  $D$  Fourier coefficients of  $f$ , and the evaluations of  $\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (Y - \omega_{2D}^i)$  over the offset FFT domain of size  $D$ , and outputs the evaluations of  $\psi_{f,e}(Y)$  and  $\psi_{f,o}(Y)$  over the FFT domain of size  $D$ . The algorithm performs  $O(D)$   $\mathbb{F}$ -divisions and additions and 6-FFT's of the following domain sizes: 1 of  $2D$ , 1 of  $D$ , 2 of  $D/2$ , and 2 of  $N$ .

*Proof.* Recall, from the proof of Lemma 3,  $\psi_1 \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $\psi_1(\omega_{2D}^i) = 0$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ , and  $\psi_1(\omega_{2D}^i) = f_{L_i^{(d)}}$  for  $i \in [D, 2D-1]$ . Hence, the  $D$  Fourier coefficients of  $f$  give the evaluations  $\psi_1$  over  $\mathbf{H}_{2D}$ . First, the algorithm computes the evaluations of  $\psi_1$  over the offset of FFT domain of size  $D$ . This can be done using two FFTs: one over size  $2D$ , and the other over size  $D$ . Next, the algorithm uses the evaluations of  $\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (Y - \omega_{2D}^i)$  to compute the evaluations of  $\psi_f$  over the offset of FFT domain of size  $D$ . This step requires  $D$  field divisions. Here, from Fact 4, it follows that all evaluations of  $\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (Y - \omega_{2D}^i)$  over the offset of FFT domain of size  $K$  are non-zero. The evaluations of  $\psi_f$  are used to compute evaluations of  $\psi_{f,e}$  and  $\psi_{f,0}$  over the offset of FFT domain of size  $D/2$ . This can be done using ideas similar to Claim 8. This step requires  $O(D)$  field additions and divisions. Finally, the evaluations of  $\psi_{f,e}$  and  $\psi_{f,0}$  are used to compute their evaluations over  $\mathbf{H}_N$ . This step requires two FFTs over domain of size  $D/2$ , and two FFTs over domain of size  $N$ .

## D.2 Proof of Theorem 9

Completeness stems from the discussion outlined in Section 4.3. Moreover, commitment binding is guaranteed by the proof of commitment binding presented in Theorem 4 (refer to Appendix C.2). Next, we proceed to establish knowledge soundness. Let  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  denote the algebraic adversary with access to an oracle, as described in Definition 3.3 of [MBKM19]. Given inputs  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$  and an initial structured reference string  $\perp$  (corresponding to degree  $N$  polynomials),  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  outputs  $(\text{srs}, C_f, D, \mathbf{x}^{(d)}, y)$  and a vector  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^N$  satisfying the following conditions: b) In  $\langle P_{\text{eval}}, V_{\text{eval}} \rangle(\text{srs}, C_f, D, (\mathbf{x}^{(d)}, y; \mathbf{a}))$ , where  $V_{\text{eval}}$  accepts with probability  $\epsilon$ , which is non-negligible in  $\lambda$ . Here,  $\perp$  denotes the trivial string corresponding to  $r = 0$ , and  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  employs the oracle to update it to  $\text{srs}$ .  $V_{\text{eval}}$  rejects if  $\text{srs} = \perp$ . The oracle ensures that  $\text{srs}$  is well-formed, meaning there exists an  $r \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{g_1^{\alpha_i} \mid \alpha_i = N^{-1} \cdot \prod_{j \in [0, n-1]} (1 + (\omega_N^{-i} \cdot r)^{2^j}) \text{ for } i \in [0, N-1]\}$ , and  $\text{srs}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{g_2^{2^j} \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ .

The extractor  $\mathcal{E}$  rewinds and executes  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$ , generating an acceptance transcript for  $\text{KZG-FOURIER.eval}$  with probability  $\epsilon$ . Below, we provide a brief description of such a transcript. Recall, we denote  $\mathcal{U}_d(f)$  as  $w_f(Y)$ , and

$$C_f = C_{w_f} = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{a_i}$$

is the claimed commitment to  $f$ . We omit  $f$  from the subscript of  $w_f$  in the proof below.

1. At Steps 3a and 3b, let  $C_{\psi_{q_{k,e}}}, C_{\psi_{q_{k,o}}} \in \mathbb{G}_1$  be the commitments claimed by  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  corresponding to  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y)$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ .  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  also returns  $q_0 \in \mathbb{F}$ , and  $\mathbf{b}^{(k,e)}, \mathbf{b}^{(k,o)} \in \mathbb{F}^N$ , such that

$$C_{\psi_{q_{k,e}}} = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{b_i^{(k,e)}},$$

$$C_{\psi_{q_{k,o}}} = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{b_i^{(k,o)}},$$

2.  $\mathcal{E}$  samples  $z \in_r \mathbb{F}$ , corresponding to which  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  at Step (3d) returns claimed evaluations of  $w(Y)$  at  $z$ ,  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y)$  and  $\psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y)$  at  $z^{2^{d-k}}$ , and  $\phi_k(Y)$  at  $z^{2^{d-k-1}}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ . Let  $v$  be the claimed value of  $w(Y)$  at  $z$ ,  $v_{k,e}$  and  $v_{k,o}$  be the claimed values of  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y)$  at  $z^{2^{d-k}}$  respectively, and  $u_k$  be the claimed value of  $\phi_k(Y)$  at  $z^{2^{d-k-1}}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ . Additionally, it satisfies the check made by  $V_{\text{eval}}$  at Step (3e) using Equation 37 below. In the following equations, the expressions for  $m_{k,1}, m_{k,2}, m_k, m'_k$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  follow from Equations 9 and 10.

$$m_{k,1} = v_{k,e} + z^{2^{d-k-1}} \cdot v_{k,o}$$

$$m_{k,2} = v_{k,e} - z^{2^{d-k-1}} \cdot v_{k,o}$$

$$m_k = m_{k,1} \cdot u_k$$

$$m'_k = m_{k,1} \cdot u_k + m_{k,2} \cdot \frac{z^{2D \cdot 2^{d-k-1}} - 1}{u_k}$$

$$v - y = \left( \sum_{k=1}^{d-1} (m_k - x_k \cdot m'_k) \right) + (z^{2^{d-1}} - x_0) \cdot q_0 \quad (37)$$

3. Corresponding to  $\gamma_w, \gamma_{k,e}, \gamma'_{k,e}, \gamma_{k,o}, \gamma'_{k,o}, \delta_k$  sampled uniformly, and independently at random by the extractor,  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  returns the claimed commitment  $C_\psi \in \mathbb{G}_1$  to  $\psi(Y)$ , and  $\mathbf{b}_\psi \in \mathbb{F}^N$  such that

$$C_\psi = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{b_{\psi,i}}$$

4. Corresponding to  $s$  sampled uniformly, and independently at random from  $\mathbb{F}$  by the extractor,  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  returns claimed evaluations of  $w(Y), \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y), \phi_k(Y)$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  at  $s$ . Let  $v'$  be the claimed value of  $w(Y)$  at  $s$ , and  $v'_{k,e}, v'_{k,o}, u'_k$  be the claimed values of  $\psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y), \phi_k(Y)$  at  $s$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ .  $\mathcal{E}$  samples  $\beta_w, \beta_{k,e}, \beta_{k,o}, \kappa_k$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  uniformly, and independently at random from  $\mathbb{F}$ . Using these values the claimed value of  $\eta(Y)$  at  $s$  can be computed using Equations 12 and 13. Denote this computed claimed value as  $t$ . Finally,  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  returns  $C_\mu$  the claimed commitment to  $\mu(Y)$ , and  $\mathbf{b}_\mu$  such that

$$C_\mu = \prod_{i \in [0, N-1]} (h_{1,i}^{(n)})^{b_{\mu,i}},$$

and the following check made by  $V_{\text{eval}}$  is satisfied at the last step

$$e(C_\eta \cdot g_1^{-t}, g_2) = e(C_\mu, h_2^{(d)} \cdot g_2^{-t}) \quad (38)$$

where  $C_\eta$  satisfies Equation 14.

From the proof of Theorem 4, it follows that if Equation 38 is satisfied then the  $\mathcal{E}$  can compute  $\eta \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  such that  $\eta(s) = t$ , and  $C_\eta = g_1^{\eta(r^{2^n-d})}$ . Moreover, from Claim 13, there exists  $\psi' \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{\ell_\psi}}[Y]$ ,  $w' \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{\ell_w}}[Y]$ ,  $\psi'_{q_{k,e}} \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{\ell_{k,e}}}[Y]$ ,  $\psi'_{q_{k,o}} \in \mathbb{F}_{<2^{\ell_{k,o}}}[Y]$ , for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} C_\psi &= g_1^{\psi'(r^{2^n-\ell_\psi})}, & C_w &= g_1^{w'(r^{2^n-\ell_w})}, \\ C_{\psi_{q_{k,e}}} &= g_1^{\psi'_{q_{k,e}}(r^{2^n-\ell_{k,e}})}, & C_{\psi_{q_{k,o}}} &= g_1^{\psi'_{q_{k,o}}(r^{2^n-\ell_{k,o}})} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the  $\mathcal{E}$  can efficiently compute the evaluations of such polynomials over appropriate FFT domains using  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}_\psi, \mathbf{b}_{k,e}, \mathbf{b}_{k,o}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  respectively. Also from construction of the setup in Section 4.2, we have

$$C_{\phi_k} = g_1^{\phi_k(r^{2^n-k-1})}$$

The construction of  $C_\eta$ , Claim 12, and the  $N$ -DLOG assumption implies

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Y^{2^n-d}) &= \psi'(Y^{2^n-\ell_\psi}) + \beta_w \cdot w'(Y^{2^n-\ell_w}) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k \in [1, d-1]} \left( \beta_{k,e} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^n-\ell_{k,e}}) + \beta_{k,o} \cdot \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y^{2^n-\ell_{k,o}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \kappa_k \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^n-k-1}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

In the following claim, we bound the degrees of  $\psi', w', \psi'_{k,e}, \psi'_{k,o}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ .

*Claim 15.* Let  $\eta, \psi', w', \psi'_{k,e}, \psi'_{k,o}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  be as defined above. Then the degree of all these polynomials is at most  $D$  with probability at least  $1 - \frac{1}{|F|}$  over the random choices of  $\beta_w$ , and  $\beta_{k,e}, \beta_{k,o}$ , and  $\kappa_k$ , for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ .

*Proof.* Since the degree of  $\eta(Y)$  is at most  $D = 2^d$ , the LHS of Equation 39 has monomials of the form  $Y^{i \cdot 2^{n-d}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Hence, by Schwartz-Zippel with probability at least  $\epsilon(1 - \frac{1}{|F|})$ , the monomials in each of the polynomials  $\psi'(Y^{2^n-\ell_\psi}), w'(Y^{2^n-\ell_w}), \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^n-\ell_{k,e}}), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y^{2^n-\ell_{k,o}}), \phi_k(Y^{2^n-k-1})$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  is of the form  $Y^{i \cdot 2^{n-d}}$  for  $i \in [0, D-1]$ . Now suppose  $2^{\ell_\psi} \geq D$ . Then this implies there exists  $j \neq j'$  such that  $j, j' \in [0, 2^{\ell_\psi} - 1]$  such that  $2^{n-d} \cdot i = 2^{n-\ell_\psi} \cdot j$ , and  $2^{n-d} \cdot i = 2^{n-\ell_\psi} \cdot j'$ . But this implies  $j = j'$ , a contradiction. Hence,  $2^{\ell_\psi} < D$ . A similar argument can be used to bound the degrees of all the remaining polynomials.

From Claim 15, we conclude that  $\psi'(Y), w'(Y), \psi'_{q_{k,e}}, \psi'_{q_{k,o}}$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  are at most degree  $D$  polynomials. Hence, there exists  $\psi(Y), w'(Y) \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$ ,  $\psi'_{q_{k,e}}, \psi'_{q_{k,o}} \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y]$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  such that  $\psi(Y^{2^n-d}) = \psi'(Y^{2^n-\ell_\psi}), w(Y^{2^n-d}) = w'(Y^{2^n-\ell_w}), \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^n-d}) = \psi_{q_{k,e}}(Y^{2^n-\ell_{q_{k,e}}}), \psi_{q_{k,o}}(Y^{2^n-d}) =$

$\psi_{q_k,o}(Y^{2^{n-\ell_{q_k,o}}})$ . For example, if  $\ell_w = d$  then let  $\psi(Y) = \psi'(Y)$ , and if  $\ell_w = d-1$  then let  $\psi(Y) = \psi(Y^2)$  and so on. Hence, we may rewrite Equation 39 as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(Y) &= \psi(Y) + \beta_w \cdot w(Y) + \\ &\quad \sum_{k \in [1, d-1]} \left( \beta_{k,e} \cdot \psi_{q_k,e}(Y) + \beta_{k,o} \cdot \psi_{q_k,o}(Y) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \kappa_k \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

Let  $E_1$  be the event that the above equation holds. Conditioned on that  $E_1$  holds, and since  $\eta(s) = t$  and  $t$  is computed using Equations 12 and 13 from the claimed values of  $w(Y)$ ,  $\psi_{q_k,e}$ ,  $\psi_{q_k,o}$ , and  $\phi_k$  at  $s$ , we have by Schwartz-Zippel with probability  $1 - \frac{D+1}{|\mathbb{F}|}$  over the random choices of  $s$ ,  $\beta_w$ ,  $\beta_{k,e}$ ,  $\beta_{k,o}$ , and  $\kappa_k$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} w(s) &= v', \quad \psi_{q_k,e}(s) = v'_{k,e}, \quad \text{and} \\ \psi_{q_k,o}(s) &= v'_{k,o}, \quad \psi_k(s^{2^{d-k-1}}) = u'_k \end{aligned}$$

and,  $\psi(Y)$  satisfies Equation 12.

Let  $E_2$  be the event that Equation 12 holds. Conditioned on  $E_2$ , with probability  $1 - \frac{1}{|\mathbb{F}|}$ , over the random choices of  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma_{k,e}$ ,  $\gamma_{k,o}$ , and  $\delta_k$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} w(z) &= v, \quad \psi_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}}) = v_{k,e}, \quad \psi_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}}) = v_{k,o} \\ \phi_k^{z^{2^{d-k-1}}} &= u_k, \quad \zeta_{q_k,e}(z^{2^{d-k}}) = z^{2^{2^{d-k}-2^d}} \cdot v_{k,e}, \\ \zeta_{q_k,o}(z^{2^{d-k}}) &= z^{2^{2^{d-k}-2^d}} \cdot v_{k,o} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $E_3$  be the event that the above relations hold. Conditioned on  $E_3$ , and since the check using Equation 37 passes, with probability  $1 - \frac{2D}{|\mathbb{F}|}$  the following hold:

1.  $\zeta_{q_k,e}(Y) = Y^{2^d-2^{k-1}} \cdot \psi_{k,e}(Y)$ , and  $\zeta_{q_k,o}(Y) = Y^{2^d-2^{k-1}} \cdot \psi_{k,o}(Y)$ .
2. Let  $\psi_{q_k}(Y) = \psi_{q_k,e}(Y^2) + Y \cdot \psi_{q_k,o}(Y^2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} w(Y) - v &= \sum_{k \in [1, d-1]} \left( \psi_{q_k}(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \right. \\ &\quad - x_k \cdot \left( (\psi_{q_k}(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \psi_{q_k}(-Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \frac{Y^{2^{d+1} \cdot 2^{d-k-1}}}{\phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}})}) \right) \right) \\ &\quad + (Y^{2^{d-1}} - x_0)q_0 \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Since degree of  $\psi(Y)$  is at most  $D$ , from Equation 12 it follows that degrees of  $\zeta_{q_k,e}(Y)$  and  $\zeta_{q_k,o}(Y)$  are at most  $D$ . This implies degree of  $\psi_{k,e}$ , and  $\psi_{k,o}$  is at most  $K/2$ , and hence degree of  $\psi_{q_k}(Y)$  is at most  $K$ . From Lemma 2 there exists  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[\mathbf{X}^{(d)}]$ , and  $q_k \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[\mathbf{X}^{(k)}]$  for  $k \in [1, d-1]$  such that  $\mathcal{U}_d(f) = w(Y)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_d(X_k \cdot q_k) &= \psi_{q_k}(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \\ \mathcal{U}_d(q_k) &= \psi_{q_k}(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) + \psi_{q_k}(-Y^{2^{d-k-1}}) \cdot \frac{Y^{2^{d+1} \cdot 2^{d-k-1}}}{\phi_k(Y^{2^{d-k-1}})} \end{aligned}$$

Further, it is easy to construct  $f$  from  $w$  using the evaluations of  $w$  over  $\mathbf{H}_D$ . Hence, we have from Equation 41,

$$\mathcal{U}_d(f) - v = \sum_{k \in [0, d-1]} \mathcal{U}_d(X_k \cdot q_k) - \mathcal{U}_d(x_k \cdot q_k)$$

Since  $\mathcal{U}_d$  is a linear isomorphism, we have

$$f(X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}) - v = \sum_{k \in [0, d-1]} (X_k - x_k) \cdot q_k(X_0, \dots, X_{k-1})$$

This implies if  $\mathcal{E}$  can construct an compute an accepting transcript using  $\tilde{P}_{\text{eval}}$  with probability  $\epsilon$ , then it can compute the  $D$  Fourier coefficients of an  $f \in \mathbb{F}_{\leq 1}[X_0, \dots, X_{d-1}]$  such that  $f(x_0, \dots, x_{d-1}) = v$  with probability at least  $\epsilon(1 - \frac{D}{|\mathbb{F}|})^4$ , which is non-negligible in  $\lambda$  assuming  $|\mathbb{F}| \gg \lambda$ .

## E Argument of Knowledge to Establish Linear Relations

In this section, we present `Linear-Rel`, an AoK that facilitates a prover to demonstrate a pre-defined linear relationship between two AFG committed witnesses. This helps in designing a succinct dual polynomial commitment scheme in Section 5.2 requiring only a transparent setup. Consider a bilinear group  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2) \leftarrow_R \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$ . Let  $d, n, D, N \in \mathbb{N}$  be such that  $2^d = D$ ,  $2^n = N$ , and  $D \leq N$ . Within this context, let  $\tau^{(1,d)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^D$ , and  $\tau^{(2,d)} \in \mathbb{G}_2^D$  be publicly known vectors (also refer to Appendix G.1). Furthermore, let  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  represent two vectors, and denote the commitments to  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$  as  $C_{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  respectively, defined as follows:

$$C_{\mathbf{f}} = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i}) \quad (42)$$

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) \quad (43)$$

Here  $a_i$ , and  $f_i$  represent the  $i$ -th component of  $\mathbf{a}$ , and  $\mathbf{f}$  respectively. We note that  $C_{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $C_{\mathbf{a}}$  is the AFG commitment to  $g_2^{\mathbf{f}}$  and  $g_2^{\mathbf{a}}$  (and therefore  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{a}$ ) with respect to commitment key  $\tau^{(1,d)}$ . The relation corresponding to which we present the argument of knowledge is as defined below:

$$\mathcal{R}_L = \{C_{\mathbf{f}}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D \mid \exists \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D \text{ such that } M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}, \\ \text{and } C_{\mathbf{f}}, C_{\mathbf{a}} \text{ satisfy Eq. 42, 43}\} \quad (44)$$

Recall,  $M_{\omega_D}$  is the FFT matrix of size  $D$ . We remark that, in the argument system, we can replace  $M_{\omega_D}$  with any matrix, but for convenience we work with FFT matrices. The argument of knowledge presented in this section requires a transparent setup, which we show how to generate in Appendix E.1. We state the protocol itself and its correctness in Appendix E.2.

### E.1 Transparent Setup for Linear Relation

The algorithm to generate the setup for the argument system is presented in Algorithm 5. `Linear-Rel` presented in Appendix E.2, runs two instances of Dory [Lee21] (also see Appendix G). Hence, `Linear-Rel` requires the dory setup denoted  $\text{pp}_{\text{dory}}$ . We refer the reader to Appendix G.1 for an exact description of  $\text{pp}_{\text{dory}}$ . At Steps 2-5, Algorithm 5 computes  $n$  commitments  $\{C_{\omega_D}\}_{d \in [1, n]}$  to matrices  $\{M_{\omega_D}\}_{d \in [1, n]}$  respectively, where  $C_{\omega_D} \in \mathbb{G}_T$  and is computed as in Steps 3 and 4. Here,  $\tau^{(2,d)}$  is part of  $\text{pp}_{\text{dory}}$ . Finally at Step 7, Algorithm 5, outputs the public parameters  $\text{pp} = (\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}})$ , where  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}} = \text{pp}_{\text{dory}, \mathcal{P}}$ , and  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{\text{pp}_{\text{dory}, \mathcal{V}}, \{C_{M_{\omega_D}}\}_{d \in [1, n]}\}$ .

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#### Algorithm 5 Setup Generation for Linear Relation

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**Input:**  $\{1^\lambda, n\}$   
**Output:**  $\text{pp} = (\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}})$

- 1:  $\text{pp}_{\text{dory}} \leftarrow \text{dory.setup}(1^\lambda)$ .
- 2: **for**  $d \in [1, n]$  **do**
- 3:   Let  $m_{D,j} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{\omega_D^{i \cdot j}}$
- 4:   Compute  $C_{M_{\omega_D}} = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{d,j}, \tau_j^{(2,d)})$
- 5: **end for**
- 6: Let  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}} = \text{pp}_{\text{dory}, \mathcal{P}}$ , and  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}} = \text{pp}_{\text{dory}, \mathcal{V}} \cup \{C_{M_{\omega_D}}\}_{d \in [1, n]}$
- 7: Output  $\text{pp} = (\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}})$ .

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### E.2 Proving Linear Relations

The argument system for  $\mathcal{R}_L$  from Equation 44 is presented in Protocol 6. The public parameters are as generated by Algorithm 5. The central idea of the protocol is to enable the verifier to check

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j}) = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) \quad (45)$$



Here,  $m_{D,j}$  is as defined in Step 4 of Algorithm 5. We argue as part of the completeness of the protocol that  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}$  implies the above equality. Hence, the linear relation can be established if the verifier is able to check the following two statements:

1.  $\exists \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  such that  $C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i})$ .
2.  $\exists \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  such that  $C_{\mathbf{f}} = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i})$ ,  $C_{M_{\omega_D}} = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, \tau_j^{(2,d)})$ , and  $C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j})$

At Step 1, Statement 1 above is proved using one instance of dory (Appendix G.2, Protocol 7):  $\langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, C_{\tau_d}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$ . Here,  $C_{\tau_d} = \langle \tau^{(1,d)}, \tau^{(2,d)} \rangle$ , and is part of  $\text{pp}_{\text{dory}}$  (see Section G.1). Also, we remark that although as per Protocol 7 the private input to the prover at Step 1  $g_2^{\mathbf{a}}$  respectively, we use  $\mathbf{a}$  for clarity as  $g_2^{\mathbf{a}}$  can be computed from  $\mathbf{a}$ . At Step 2, Statement 2 above is proved using an instance of dory:  $\langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, C_{M_{\omega_D}}, C_{\mathbf{f}}, D; \mathbf{f})$ . Here, the private input to the prover are  $(m_{D,0}, \dots, m_{D,D-1})$  and  $g_2^{\mathbf{f}}$ , which can be computed from  $M_{\omega_D}$  and  $\mathbf{f}$ . We argue the correctness of Protocol 6 in Theorem 16.

**Theorem 16.** *Assuming SXDH in the bilinear group  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)$ , Protocol 6 is an argument of knowledge for relation  $\mathcal{R}_L$  stated in Equation 44.*

**Protocol 6: Linear-Rel an AoK for Linear Relations**

$\text{pp} \leftarrow \text{setup}(1^\lambda)$

$\langle P_{\text{lin}}, V_{\text{lin}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{f}}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$ :

1.  $P_{\text{lin}}, V_{\text{lin}}$  execute  $\langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, C_{\tau_d}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, D; \mathbf{a})$ . Here  $C_{\tau_d} = \langle \tau^{(1,d)}, \tau^{(2,d)} \rangle$  is part of  $\text{pp}$ .
2.  $P_{\text{lin}}, V_{\text{lin}}$  execute  $\langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_{\mathbf{a}}, C_{M_{\omega_D}}, C_{\mathbf{f}}, D; M_{\omega_D}, \mathbf{f})$ . Here  $C_{M_{\omega_D}}$  is as explained in Section E.1 and is part of  $\text{pp}$ .
3.  $V_{\text{lin}}$  accepts if and only if the verifier accepts in all the above steps.

### E.3 Proof of Theorem 16

**Completeness:** First we argue that if  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}$  then

$$\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j}),$$

where  $m_{D,j}$  is as computed in Step 4 of Algorithm 5. Since  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}$ , for all  $i \in [0, D-1]$

$$a_i = \sum_{j \in [0, D-1]} \omega_D^{i \cdot j} \cdot f_j \quad (46)$$

Now we have the following sequence of equations.

$$\prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j}) = \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}^{f_j}, g_2) \quad (47)$$

$$= \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e\left(\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} ((\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{\omega_D^{i \cdot j}})^{f_j}, g_2\right)$$

$$= \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e\left(\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} (\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{f_j \cdot \omega_D^{i \cdot j}}, g_2\right)$$

$$= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e((\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{f_j \cdot \omega_D^{i \cdot j}}, g_2)$$

$$= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e\left(\prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} (\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{f_j \cdot \omega_D^{i \cdot j}}, g_2\right)$$

$$= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e((\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{\sum_{j \in [0, D-1]} f_j \cdot \omega_D^{i \cdot j}}, g_2)$$

(48)

$$= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e((\tau_i^{(1,d)})^{a_i}, g_2) \quad (49)$$

$$= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e((\tau_i^{(1,d)}), g_2^{a_i}) \quad (50)$$

Equations 47 and 50 above follows from bi-linearity of  $e$ , and Equation 49 follows from Equation 46. Hence, it follows from the completeness of dory that in this case  $V_{\text{dory}}$  always accepts at Steps 2-4, and hence  $V_{\text{lin}}$  accepts at Step 5.

**Knowledge Soundness:** Suppose  $\tilde{P}_{\text{lin}}$  outputs  $C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}}$  such that  $V_{\text{lin}}$  accepts with non-negligible probability in  $\lambda$ . This implies  $V_{\text{dory}}$  accepts at Steps 2-4. By knowledge soundness of Dory, there exists an extractor that can rewind  $\tilde{P}_{\text{lin}}$  and compute  $\mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{F}^D$ , and  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D$  such that the following hold:

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\mathbf{f}} &= \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i}) \\ C_{\mathbf{a}} &= \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) \\ \prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j}) &= \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

Hence, it suffices to argue that  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{a}$  in this case. Suppose  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} \neq \mathbf{a}$ , and  $M_{\omega_D} \cdot \mathbf{f} = \mathbf{b}$ . In the above sequence of Equations (from Equation 47 to Equation 50) replacing  $\mathbf{a}$  with  $\mathbf{b}$ , it follows that

$$\prod_{j \in [0, D-1]} e(m_{D,j}, g_2^{f_j}) = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{b_i})$$

Hence, from Equation 51, we have

$$\prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}) = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{b_i})$$

Since  $\mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{b}$ , this implies  $\mathcal{E}$  can efficiently compute two distinct vectors with the same AFG commitment under commitment key  $\tau^{(1,d)}$ . This contradicts SXDH with respect to bilinear group generator  $\mathcal{G}$ .

## F Proof of Theorems from Section 5

### F.1 Proof of Theorem 10

**Completeness and Evaluation Knowledge Soundness:** This follows from the completeness, and evaluation knowledge soundness of KZG-FFT, and KZG-FOURIER proved as part of Theorems 4, and 9 respectively.

**Binding:** Suppose for contradiction there exists an  $\mathcal{A}$  that with probability non-negligible in  $\lambda$  takes as input  $\text{pp}$  computed by KZG-FFT-FOURIER.setup and returns  $(C, \mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1, \text{aux}_0, \text{aux}_1, D)$  such that a)  $\mathbf{a}_0 \neq \mathbf{a}_1$ , b)  $C = (C_f, C_{\mathbf{a}})$ , where  $C_f = C_{\mathbf{a}}$ , and c)  $\text{KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}_0) = \text{KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}_1) = C_f$ . But KZG-FFT-FOURIER.commit internally calls KZG-FFT.commit, and hence, we have  $\text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}_0) = \text{KZG-FFT.commit}(\text{srs}_{\mathcal{P}}, D, \mathbf{a}_1) = C_f$ . This contradicts the binding property of KZG-FFT we proved as part of Theorem 4.

**Linking Soundness:** Follows trivially, since the verifier checks  $C_f = C_{\mathbf{a}}$ .

### F.2 Proof of Theorem 11

Completeness, binding, and evaluation knowledge-soundness follows from dory PCS, whereas linking soundness follows from Theorem 16.

## G Succinct Argument of Knowledge for Inner-Pairing Products

In this section we revisit the Dory argument system from [Lee21] that allows the prover to give a succinct proof corresponding to an inner pairing product. In particular, the prover proves there exists a vector  $\mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{G}_1^D$ , a vector  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{G}_2^D$  such that  $C = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(h_i, s_i)$ . The Dory proof system

enables the prover to iteratively prove the knowledge of  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{s}$  such that  $C = \prod_{i \in [n]} e(h_i, s_i)$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{h}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(h_i, \tau_{2,i})$ , and  $C_{\mathbf{s}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_{1,i}, s_i)$ , where  $\tau_1$ , and  $\tau_2$  are publicly known elements. Additionally, as a special case the Dory proof system can also be used to succinctly prove the knowledge of opening for an AFG commitment.

In Section G.1, we begin by specifying the required public parameters for the Dory proof system, and in Section G.2, we state the Dory argument system. Finally, in Section G.3, we give state how to use Dory argument to prove evaluations for an univariate or a multilinear polynomial.

## G.1 Public Parameters

Let  $(p, \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbb{G}_2, \mathbb{G}_T, e, g_1, g_2)$ , be a bilinear group. Let  $n = \log N$ , and  $\tau^{(1,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^{N/2^{n-j}}$  and  $\tau^{(2,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_2^{N/2^{n-j}}$  for  $j \in [0, n]$  be publicly known vectors chosen independently and uniformly at random from  $\mathbb{G}_1$ , and  $\mathbb{G}_2$ . Let  $C_{\tau_j} = \langle \tau^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \rangle$ , for  $j \in [0, n]$ , and  $\tau_L^{(1,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^{N/2^{n-(j+1)}}$ ,  $\tau_R^{(1,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^{N/2^{n-(j+1)}}$  denote the left and the right halves of the vector  $\tau^{(1,j)}$ , for  $j \in [0, n-1]$ . Similarly, let  $\tau_L^{(2,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_2^{N/2^{n-(j+1)}}$ ,  $\tau_R^{(2,j)} \in \mathbb{G}_2^{N/2^{n-(j+1)}}$  denote the left and the right halves of the vector  $\tau^{(2,j)}$ , for  $j \in [0, n-1]$ . Further, let  $\Delta_L^{(1,j)} = \langle \tau_L^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j+1)} \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_R^{(1,j)} = \langle \tau_R^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j+1)} \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_L^{(2,j)} = \langle \tau^{(1,j+1)}, \tau_L^{(2,j)} \rangle$ ,  $\Delta_R^{(2,j)} = \langle \tau^{(1,j+1)}, \tau_R^{(2,j)} \rangle$ . For  $j \in [0, n-1]$ , the quantities  $\Delta_L^{(1,j)}$ ,  $\Delta_R^{(1,j)}$ ,  $\Delta_L^{(2,j)}$ ,  $\Delta_R^{(2,j)}$  are pre-computed and are part of the public parameters.

Let  $\text{pp} \leftarrow_R \text{dory.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$ , where  $\lambda$  is security parameter, and  $N$  is the vector size-bound on  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{s}$ . Here the public parameters  $\text{pp} = (\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}}, \text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}})$ ,  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{P}} = \{\tau^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \mid j \in [0, n]\}$ , and  $\text{pp}_{\mathcal{V}} = \{C_{\tau_j}, \Delta_L^{(1,j)}, \Delta_R^{(1,j)}, \Delta_L^{(2,j)}, \Delta_R^{(2,j)} \mid j \in [0, n-1]\}$ .

## G.2 Dory Protocol

The Dory argument system is given in Protocol 7.  $\text{pp}$  is generated as described in Section G.1. It is an argument of knowledge for the following relation

$$\{C, C_{\mathbf{h}}, C_{\mathbf{s}}, D \leq N \mid \exists \mathbf{h} \in \mathbb{G}_1^D, \mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{G}_2^D, \text{ such that}$$

$$C = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(h_i, s_i), \quad C_{\mathbf{h}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(h_i, \tau_i^{(2,d)}),$$

$$C_{\mathbf{s}} = \prod_{i \in [0, D-1]} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, s_i)\}$$

The Dory protocol proceeds in  $d$  rounds (for loop at Step 2 corresponds to the  $d$  rounds), and at each round the size of the instance is reduced by half. At the end of  $d$  rounds the size of instance is one and can be checked trivially by the verifier (Steps 10-11). We describe one round of the argument system (that is Steps 2-9), where the instance size is reduced by half.

**Round  $j$ :** At the beginning of round  $j$  the verifier has knowledge of  $C_1^{(j+1)}, C_2^{(j+1)}, C_3^{(j+1)}$  defined as follows:

$$C_1^{(j+1)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j+1)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j+1)} \rangle, \quad C_2^{(j+1)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j+1)}, \tau^{(2,j+1)} \rangle,$$

$$C_3^{(j+1)} = \langle \tau^{(1,j+1)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j+1)} \rangle$$

Here, for  $j \in [0, d-1]$ ,  $\tau^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j)}$  are as defined in Section G.1, and  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)} \in \mathbb{G}_1^{D/2^{d-j}}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \in \mathbb{G}_2^{D/2^{d-j}}$ . Additionally, for round  $j = d-1$ :  $\mathbf{h}^{(d)} = \mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}^{(d)} = \mathbf{s}$ , and hence,  $C_1^{(d)} = C, C_2^{(d)} = C_{\mathbf{h}}, C_3^{(d)} = C_{\mathbf{s}}$ .

### Protocol 7: Dory Argument System

$\text{pp} \leftarrow_R \text{dory.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$   
 $\text{accept/reject} \leftarrow \langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C, C_{\mathbf{h}}, C_{\mathbf{s}}, D; \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{s})$

1: Let  $C_1^{(d)} = C, C_2^{(d)} = C_{\mathbf{h}}, C_3^{(d)} = C_{\mathbf{s}}, \mathbf{h}^{(d)} = \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{s}^{(d)} = \mathbf{s}$

2: **for**  $j = d-1$  to  $j = 0$ ;  $j$ - **do**

3:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $D_{1,L}, D_{1,R}, D_{2,L}, D_{2,R}$  as given in Equation 52 and send it to  $V_{\text{dory}}$ .

- 4:  $V_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow P_{\text{dory}}$ : Sample  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{F}$  and send to  $P_{\text{dory}}$ .  
5:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $s_L$ , and  $s_R$  as in Equation 53 and send it to  $V_{\text{dory}}$   
6:  $V_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow P_{\text{dory}}$ : Sample  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and send to  $P_{\text{dory}}$ .  
7:  $P_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{s}^{(j)}$  as given in Equation 54.  
8:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  as given in Equation 55.  
9: **end for**  
10:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ :  $\mathbf{h}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbf{s}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{G}_2$   
11:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Accept if the following are true

$$C_1^{(0)} = e(\mathbf{h}^{(0)}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)}), C_2^{(0)} = e(\mathbf{h}^{(0)}, \tau^{(2,0)})$$

$$C_3^{(0)} = e(\tau^{(1,0)}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)})$$

In round  $j$ , the prover and verifier exchange messages to enable the verifier to compute  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  corresponding to vectors  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)}, \tau^{(1,j)}, \tau^{(2,j)}$  using the received messages such that if the prover knows  $\mathbf{h}^{(j+1)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j+1)}, \tau^{(1,j+1)}, \tau^{(2,j+1)}$  then it can (efficiently) compute  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)}$  such that

$$C_1^{(j)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \rangle, C_2^{(j)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \rangle, C_3^{(j)} = \langle \tau^{(1,j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \rangle$$

At Step 3,  $P_{\text{dory}}$  computes  $D_{1,L}, D_{1,R}, D_{2,L}, D_{2,R}$  as follows:

$$D_{1,L} = \langle \mathbf{h}_L^{(j+1)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \rangle$$

$$D_{1,R} = \langle \mathbf{h}_R^{(j+1)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \rangle$$

$$D_{2,L} = \langle \tau^{(1,j)}, \mathbf{s}_L^{(j+1)} \rangle$$

$$D_{2,R} = \langle \tau^{(1,j)}, \mathbf{s}_R^{(j+1)} \rangle \quad (52)$$

Let  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{h}^{(j+1)} + \alpha_j \cdot \tau^{(1,j+1)}$ ,  $\mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{s}^{(j+1)} + \alpha_j^{-1} \cdot \tau^{(2,j+1)}$ . At Step 5,  $P_{\text{dory}}$  computes  $s_L$ , and  $s_R$  as follows:

$$s_L = \langle \mathbf{w}_{1,L}, \mathbf{w}_{2,R} \rangle$$

$$s_R = \langle \mathbf{w}_{1,R}, \mathbf{w}_{2,L} \rangle \quad (53)$$

At Step 7,  $P_{\text{dory}}$  computes  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{s}^{(j)}$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{h}^{(j)} = \mathbf{w}_{1,L}^{\beta_j} \cdot \mathbf{w}_{1,R}^{\beta_j^{-1}}$$

$$\mathbf{s}^{(j)} = \mathbf{w}_{2,L}^{\beta_j^{-1}} \cdot \mathbf{w}_{2,R}^{\beta_j} \quad (54)$$

To compute  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  at Step 8,  $V_{\text{dory}}$  first computes  $\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle$

$$\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle = C_1^{(j+1)} \cdot (C_3^{(j+1)})^{\alpha_j} \cdot (C_2^{(j+1)})^{\alpha_j^{-1}} \cdot (\langle \tau^{(1,j+1)}, \tau^{(2,j+1)} \rangle)$$

Finally at Step 8,  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  is computed as follows:

$$C_1^{(j)} = (\langle \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2 \rangle) \cdot s_L^{\beta_j^2} \cdot s_R^{\beta_j^{-2}}$$

$$C_2^{(j)} = D_{1,L}^{\beta_j} \cdot (\Delta_{1,L}^{(j)})^{\beta_j \alpha_j} \cdot D_{1,R}^{\beta_j^{-1}} \cdot (\Delta_{1,R}^{(j)})^{\beta_j^{-1} \alpha_j}$$

$$C_3^{(j)} = D_{1,L}^{\beta_j^{-1}} \cdot (\Delta_{2,L}^{(j)})^{\beta_j^{-1} \alpha_j^{-1}} \cdot D_{1,R}^{\beta_j} \cdot (\Delta_{2,R}^{(j)})^{\beta_j \alpha_j^{-1}} \quad (55)$$

It can be easily verified that  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}$ , and  $\mathbf{s}^{(j)}$  as defined at Step 5, and  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  as defined at Step 6 satisfy

$$C_1^{(j)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \rangle, C_2^{(j)} = \langle \mathbf{h}^{(j)}, \tau^{(2,j)} \rangle, C_3^{(j)} = \langle \tau^{(1,j)}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \rangle$$

### Protocol 8: Evaluation Proof using Dory

$\text{pp} \leftarrow_R \text{dory.setup}(1^\lambda, N)$   
 $\text{accept/reject} \leftarrow \langle P_{\text{dory\_eval}}, V_{\text{dory\_eval}} \rangle(\text{pp}, C_f, D, u, v; \mathbf{f})$

- 1: Let  $C_1^{(d)} = C_f$ ,  $C_2^{(d)} = \langle \tau^{1,d}, \tau^{2,d} \rangle$ ,  $C_3^{(d)} = \langle \tau^{1,d}, \tau^{2,d} \rangle$ ,  $\mathbf{h}^{(d)} = \tau^{(1,d)}$ ,  $\mathbf{s}^{(d)} = g_2^{\mathbf{f}}$
- 2:  $P_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\mathbf{z}^{(d)} = \otimes_{j \in [0, d-1]} (1, u^{2^j})$
- 3:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $q^{(d)} = g_T^y$

4: **for**  $j = d - 1$  to  $j = 0$ ;  $j$ - **do**  
5:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\theta_L, \theta_R, \delta_L, \delta_R$  as given in Equations 56-57, and send it to  $V_{\text{dory}}$ .  
6:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $D_{1,L}, D_{1,R}, D_{2,L}, D_{2,R}$  as given in Equation 52 and send it to  $V_{\text{dory}}$ .  
7:  $V_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow P_{\text{dory}}$ : Sample  $\alpha_j \in \mathbb{F}$  and send to  $P_{\text{dory}}$ .  
8:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $s_L$ , and  $s_R$  as in Equation 53 and send it to  $V_{\text{dory}}$ .  
9:  $V_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow P_{\text{dory}}$ : Sample  $\beta_j \in \mathbb{F}_p$  and send to  $P_{\text{dory}}$ .  
10:  $P_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\mathbf{h}^{(j)}$  and  $\mathbf{s}^{(j)}$  as given in Equation 54.  
11:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $C_1^{(j)}, C_2^{(j)}, C_3^{(j)}$  as given in Equation 55.  
12:  $P_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\mathbf{z}^{(j)} = \beta_j \cdot \mathbf{z}_L^{(j+1)} + \beta_j^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{z}_R^{(j+1)}$   
13:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $q^{(j)}$  as in Equation 59.  
14: **end for**  
15:  $P_{\text{dory}} \rightarrow V_{\text{dory}}$ :  $\mathbf{h}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{G}_1, \mathbf{s}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{G}_2$   
16:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Compute  $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \prod_{i \in [0, d-1]} (\beta_{d-1-j} + \beta_{d-1-j}^{-1} \cdot u^{2^i})$   
17:  $V_{\text{dory}}$ : Accept if the following are true

$$C_1^{(0)} = e(\mathbf{h}^{(0)}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)}), C_2^{(0)} = e(\mathbf{h}^{(0)}, \tau^{(2,0)})$$

$$C_3^{(0)} = e(\tau^{(1,0)}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)})$$

$$e(g_1^{\mathbf{z}^{(0)}}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)}) = q^{(0)}$$

### G.3 Evaluation Proofs using Dory

For completeness, in this section, we also state how Dory can be used to evaluate univariate (or multilinear) polynomial at a given point in Protocol 8. The (Fourier) coefficients of the (resp. multilinear) univariate polynomial are committed to using the AFG commitment. In particular, Protocol 8 can be used to prove the following relations for the univariate and multilinear evaluations respectively:

$\{C_f \in \mathbb{G}_T, D \leq N, u \in \mathbb{F}, v \in \mathbb{F} \mid \exists f \in \mathbb{F}_{<D}[Y] \text{ such that}$

$$C_f = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{f_i}), \text{ and } \langle f(u) = v \rangle$$

$\{C_{\mathbf{a}} \in \mathbb{G}_T, d \leq n, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}^d, y \in \mathbb{F} \mid \exists \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}^D \text{ such that}$

$$C_{\mathbf{a}} = \prod_{i=0}^{D-1} e(\tau_i^{(1,d)}, g_2^{a_i}), \text{ and } \langle \tilde{a}(\mathbf{x}) = y \rangle$$

We explain the protocol for univariate commitment scheme, and the same can be adapted for the multilinear case.

Protocol 8 is similar to Protocol 7, in the sense that it is internally running  $\langle P_{\text{dory}}, V_{\text{dory}} \rangle$  for  $C = C_{\mathbf{f}}$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{h}} = \langle \tau^{1,d}, \tau^{2,d} \rangle$ ,  $C_{\mathbf{s}} = C_{\mathbf{f}}$ , where  $\mathbf{h} = \tau^{(1,d)}$ ,  $\mathbf{s} = g_2^{\mathbf{f}}$ , to open the commitment to  $\mathbf{f}$ . Hence,  $C_1^{(0)}, C_2^{(0)}, C_3^{(0)}$  is set accordingly at Step 1. Most of the steps in Protocol 8 are similar to Protocol 7 and we refer to Section G.2 for its description. The protocol involves additional steps to check  $f(u) = v$ , which is equivalent to checking  $\langle \mathbf{z}^{(d)}, \mathbf{f} \rangle = v$ , where  $\mathbf{z}^{(d)} = \otimes_{j \in [0, d-1]} (1, u^{2^j})$  and  $\otimes$  denote the tensor product. We explain the additional Steps 2-3, 5, 12-13, 16, and the final check at Step 17. At Step 5,  $P_{\text{dory}}$  computes  $\theta_L, \theta_R, \delta_L, \delta_R$  as follows:

$$\theta_L = \langle g_1^{\mathbf{z}_L^{(j)}}, \mathbf{s}_R^{(j)} \rangle \quad (56)$$

$$\theta_R = \langle g_1^{\mathbf{z}_R^{(j)}}, \mathbf{s}_L^{(j)} \rangle \quad (57)$$

$$\delta_L = \langle g_1^{\mathbf{z}_L^{(j)}}, \tau_R^{(2,j)} \rangle \quad (58)$$

$$\delta_R = \langle g_1^{\mathbf{z}_R^{(j)}}, \tau_L^{(2,j)} \rangle \quad (59)$$

At Step 13,  $V_{\text{dory}}$  computes  $\mathbf{q}^{(j)}$  as follows

$$\mathbf{q}^{(j)} = q^{(j+1)} \cdot \theta_L^{\beta_j^2} \cdot \theta_R^{\beta_j^{-2}} \cdot \delta_L^{\alpha_j^{-1} \beta_j^{-2}} \cdot \delta_R^{\alpha_j^{-1} \beta_j^2} \quad (60)$$

It is easy to check that for  $\theta_L, \theta_R, \delta_L, \delta_R$ , and  $\mathbf{q}^{(j)}$  as defined for an honest prover we have  $\langle g_1^{\mathbf{z}^{(j)}}, \mathbf{s}^{(j)} \rangle = q^{(j)}$ , for  $j \in [0, d-1]$ . Also, the tensor structure of the evaluation point is exploited by  $V_{\text{dory}}$  to succinctly compute  $\mathbf{z}^{(0)} = \prod_{i \in [0, d-1]} (\beta_{d-1-j} + \beta_{d-1-j}^{-1} \cdot u^{2^j})$  at Step 16. Hence, the verifier is succinctly able to check  $e(g_1^{\mathbf{z}^{(0)}}, \mathbf{s}^{(0)}) = q^{(0)}$  at Step 17.

## H Additional Results from Implementation

Degree	Setup time(s)		Setup size(MB)	
	KZG-FFT	KZG	KZG-FFT	KZG
$2^{15}$	0.74	0.62	6	3
$2^{16}$	1.42	1.19	12	6
$2^{17}$	2.60	2.36	24	12
$2^{18}$	4.83	4.38	48	24
$2^{19}$	9.47	8.51	96	48
$2^{20}$	18.94	16.80	192	96

Table 5: Setup Generation of KZG and KZG-FFT

Degree	Setup time(s)		Setup size(MB)	
	mult-KZG	KZG-FOURIER	mult-KZG	KZG-FOURIER
$2^{15}$	0.64	1.72	3	6
$2^{16}$	1.20	4.20	6	12
$2^{17}$	2.39	12.81	12	24
$2^{18}$	4.42	44.78	24	48
$2^{19}$	8.62	167.81	48	96
$2^{20}$	17.04	643.42	96	192

Table 6: Setup Generation of multilinear KZG [PST13b] and KZG-FOURIER.

Witness size	Prover time(s)	Verifier time(sec)	Proof size(KB)
$2^9$	4.55	1.05	46.12
$2^{10}$	7.26	1.18	51.18
$2^{11}$	12.52	1.27	56.25
$2^{12}$	23.54	1.38	61.31
$2^{13}$	45.59	1.48	66.37
$2^{14}$	89.29	1.59	71.43
$2^{15}$	177.43	1.68	76.50

Table 7: Performance of the AoK for Linear Relations

Degree Bound	Setup time(sec)	Setup size(MB)
$2^9$	3.06	0.24
$2^{10}$	6.81	0.48
$2^{11}$	17.95	0.95
$2^{12}$	53.68	1.89
$2^{13}$	175.98	3.76
$2^{14}$	618.40	7.51
$2^{15}$	2227.39	15.02

Table 8: dory-link setup time and setup size

We report additional results corresponding to our commitment schemes and the AoK for grand-product check in this section. Table 5 compares the setup time and setup size of KZG-FFT with KZG. Table 6 compares the setup time and setup size of KZG-FOURIER with multilinear KZG. Here multilinear KZG is an extension of KZG using the factorization from Fact 3 in Section 2. Table 8 reports the setup time and setup size of dory-link. Table 7 report the performance of the AoK for linear relation from Appendix E. Table 9 compares the performance of KZG-FFT and KZG. Table 10 compares the performance of KZG-FOURIER and multilinear KZG. Table 11 compares the performance of our AoK for grand-product check from Appendix 5.3 with the proof system for grand-product check from [GKR08, Tha13]. We employ multilinear KZG to commit to the witness in latter. Finally, in Table 12 we compare the number of operations performed by the prover and the verifier, and the number of field and group elements in the proof of the evaluation protocols of Gemini, Zeromorph, and KZG-FOURIER.

Witness size	Commitment time(s)		Prover time(s)		Verifier time(ms)		Proof size(KB)	
	KZG-FFT	KZG	KZG-FFT	KZG	KZG-FFT	KZG	KZG-FFT	KZG
$2^{15}$	0.26	0.29	0.31	0.25	19.83	19.51	0.12	0.12
$2^{16}$	0.45	0.55	0.51	0.37	19.89	19.66	0.12	0.12
$2^{17}$	0.60	0.79	0.87	0.71	19.91	19.71	0.12	0.12
$2^{18}$	1.08	1.32	1.35	1.30	19.88	19.69	0.12	0.12
$2^{19}$	2.33	3.06	2.97	2.86	19.86	19.59	0.12	0.12
$2^{20}$	3.74	5.04	5.15	4.61	19.86	19.67	0.12	0.12

Table 9: Comparison of KZG vs KZG-FFT

Witness size	Commitment time(s)		Prover time(s)		Verifier time(ms)		Proof size(KB)	
	KZG	KZG-FOURIER	KZG	KZG-FOURIER	KZG	KZG-FOURIER	KZG	KZG-FOURIER
$2^{15}$	0.26	0.25	0.42	7.21	182.66	44.48	1.43	5.56
$2^{16}$	0.41	0.39	0.72	21.75	276.40	47.77	1.53	5.93
$2^{17}$	0.92	0.60	1.24	73.99	300.46	68.63	1.62	6.31
$2^{18}$	1.21	1.73	2.00	282.35	299.43	93.42	1.71	6.68
$2^{19}$	2.51	2.77	2.91	1096.54	308.66	152.23	1.81	7.06
$2^{20}$	4.23	4.65	4.23	4616.05	317.92	243.04	1.90	7.43

Table 10: Comparison of multilinear KZG vs KZG-FOURIER

Witness size	Eval Prover(sec)		Eval Verifier(ms)		Eval Proof size(KB)	
	GKR	AIR	GKR	AIR	GKR	AIR
$2^{15}$	1.59	2.83	262.84	155.19	15.59	0.94
$2^{16}$	2.64	5.03	275.49	158.72	17.62	0.94
$2^{17}$	3.70	6.80	285.88	164.91	19.78	0.94
$2^{18}$	6.33	14.29	301.04	198.31	22.06	0.94
$2^{19}$	12.47	32.59	306.60	285.91	24.46	0.94
$2^{20}$	22.22	48.68	320.98	428.31	27.00	0.94

Table 11: Metrics corresponding to Grand Product. GKR denotes Grand product using techniques from [GKR08,Tha13],and AIR denotes grand-product check using AoK from Appendix 5.3

	Proof Size	Prover	Verifier
Gemini	$\geq (d+4)\mathbb{G}_1 + (d+1)\mathbb{F}$	$\geq (3D+D)\mathbb{G}_1 + O(D)\mathbb{F}$	$(2d+2)\mathbb{G}_1 + 2\mathbb{G}_2 + 3e$
Zeromorph	$(d+3)\mathbb{G}_1$	$(\frac{5D}{2} - 3 + \log D + 5)\mathbb{G}_1 + O(D)\mathbb{F}$	$(2d+2)\mathbb{G}_1 + 2\mathbb{G}_2 + 3e$
KZG-FOURIER	$4d\mathbb{F} + (2d+1)\mathbb{G}_1$	$\geq O(D \log^2 D)\mathbb{F} + O(D \log D)\mathbb{G}_1$	$(5d+3)\mathbb{G}_1 + 2\mathbb{G}_2 + 2e$

Table 12: Comparison of Gemini, Zeromorph and KZG-FOURIER for multilinear polynomial. Here  $D = 2^d$  where  $d$  is the number of variables in the multilinear polynomial, and  $e$  is a pairing operation.