# Wikström's Commitment-Consistent Proof of a Shuffle

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# **Motivation**

#### Proof of Re-Encryption Shuffle: given

- 1. Public key pk
- 2. Input encryptions  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$
- 3. Output encryptions  $u'_1, \ldots, u'_n$

prove knowledge of

- 1. Permutation  $\pi$
- 2. Randomizations  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$

such that  $u_i' = u_{\pi(i)} \cdot E_{pk}(1, r_{\pi(i)})$ 

# **Motivation**

Proof of Exponentiation Shuffle: given

- 1. Input values  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$
- 2. Output values  $u'_1, \ldots, u'_n$
- 3. Commitment  $c = C(\alpha, s)$

prove knowledge of

- 1. Permutation  $\pi$
- 2. Exponent  $\alpha$ , randomization s

such that  $c = C(\alpha, s)$  and  $u'_i = u^{lpha}_{\pi(i)}$ 

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General Proof Strategy
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The prover

- 1. Commits to a permutation matrix of  $\pi$
- 2. Proves that this commitment contains a permutation matrix
- 3. Proves that this permutation has been used in the shuffle

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# **Pedersen Commitment**

- Let g, h be independently chosen generators of  $G_q$ .
- Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ , then

$$C(m,s)=g^s\cdot h^m$$

is a Pedersen commitment of m for  $s \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$  is chosen uniformly at random

- Perfectly hiding, computationally binding
- Homomorphic

$$\rightarrow C(m_1, s_1) \cdot C(m_2, s_2) = C(m_1 + m_2, s_1 + s_2) \rightarrow C(m, s)^e = C(e \cdot m, e \cdot s)$$

### **Generalized Pedersen Commitment**

- Let  $g, h_1, \ldots, h_n$  be independently chosen generators of  $G_q$
- Let  $\overline{m} = (m_1, \ldots, m_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ , then

$$C(\overline{m},s)=g^s\cdot h_1^{m_1}\cdots h_n^{m_r}$$

- is a generalized Pedersen commitment of  $\overline{m}$ , where  $s \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$  is chosen uniformly at random
- Perfectly hiding, computationally binding
- Homomorphic

#### **Non-Interactive Basic Preimage Proof**

- Let (X, +, 0) and  $(Y, \cdot, 1)$  be groups of finite order
- Consider a one-way group homomorphism  $\phi: X \to Y$
- Let  $b = \phi(a)$  be publicly known
- The prover P proves knowledge of a using the Σ-protocol:
  - 1. Choose  $\omega \in_R X$  uniformly at random
  - 2. Compute  $t = \phi(\omega)$
  - 3. Compute  $c = H(b, t) \mod q$ , for  $q = 2^{L} \le |\text{image}(\phi)|$
  - 4. Compute  $s = \omega + c \cdot a$
  - 5. Publish  $\pi = (t, s)$

To verify π, the verifier V computes c = H(b, t) mod q and checks φ(s) <sup>?</sup> ± ⋅ b<sup>c</sup>

# Example 1: Discrete Logarithm (Schnorr)

- Let g be a generator of  $G_q$
- Let  $c = g^m$  be a publicly known commitment of  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
- ► P proves knowledge of m using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = m,$$
  
 $b = c,$   
 $\phi(x) = g^{x}$ 

where 
$$\phi: \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_q}_{X} \to \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_q}_{Y}$$

## **Example 2: Equality of Discrete Logarithms**

- Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be generators of  $G_q$
- ▶ Let  $c_1 = g_1^m$  and  $c_2 = g_2^m$  be public commitments of  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
- > P proves knowledge of m using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = m,$$
  
 $b = (c_1, c_2),$   
 $\phi(x) = (g_1^x, g_2^x),$ 

where 
$$\phi: \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_q}_X \to \underbrace{\mathcal{G}_q \times \mathcal{G}_q}_Y$$
  
Note that  $t = (t_1, t_2)$ 

### **Example 3: Pedersen Commitment Proof**

Let c = C(m, s) be a publicly known commitment of m ∈ Z<sub>q</sub>
 P proves knowledge of m and s using the Σ-protocol for:

$$a = (m, s),$$
  

$$b = c,$$
  

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = C(x_1, x_2) = g^{x_2} h^{x_1},$$
  
where  $\phi : \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_q}_X \to \underbrace{G_q}_Y$   
Note that  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$  and  $s = (s_1, s_2)$ 

# **Example 4: Commitment Multiplication Proof**

- ▶ Let  $c_1 = C(m_1, s_1)$ ,  $c_2 = C(m_2, s_2)$ , and  $c_3 = C(m_3, s_3)$  be publicly known commitments of  $m_1, m_2, m_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
- ► *P* proves knowledge of  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ , and  $m_3 = m_1m_2$  using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = (m_1, s_1, m_2, s_2, s_3 - m_1 s_2)$$
  

$$b = (c_1, c_2, c_3),$$
  

$$\phi(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) = (C(x_1, x_2), C(x_3, x_4), g^{x_5} c_2^{x_1})$$
  
where  $\phi : \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_q^5}_{X} \to \underbrace{\mathbb{G}_q^3}_{Y}$   

$$\bullet \text{ Note that } \omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_5), \ t = (t_1, \dots, t_3), \ s = (s_1, \dots, s_5)$$

#### **Composition of Preimage Proofs**

- Consider *n* one-way group homomorphism  $\phi_i : X_i \to Y_i$
- Let  $b_1, \ldots, b_n$  be publicly known, where  $b_i = \phi_i(a_i)$
- ► *P* proves knowledge of  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = (a_1, ..., a_n),$$
  

$$b = (b_1, ..., b_n),$$
  

$$\phi(x_1, ..., x_n) = (\phi_1(x_1), ..., \phi_n(x_n)),$$

where 
$$\phi: \underbrace{X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n}_{1 \times \cdots \times Y_n} \rightarrow \underbrace{Y_1 \times \cdots \times Y_n}_{1 \times \cdots \times Y_n}$$

Note that  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ ,  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_n)$ ,  $s = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ , which implies large proofs of size O(n)

### **Batch Preimage Proof**

- Consider a single one-way group homomorphisms  $\phi: X \to Y$
- Let  $b_1, \ldots, b_m$  be publicly known, where  $b_i = \phi(a_i)$
- *P* proves knowledge of  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  as follows:
  - $\rightarrow$  V chooses random seed z
  - $\rightarrow$  P computes  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$
  - $\rightarrow$  *P* computes  $b = \prod_i b_i^{e_i}$  using the fast algorithm from BGR98

$$b = \prod b_i^{e_i} = \prod \phi(a_i)^{e_i} = \prod \phi(e_i a_i) = \phi(\sum e_i a_i)$$

 $\rightarrow$  *P* computes basic preimage proof for  $b = \phi(a)$  and  $a = \sum_i e_i a_i$ 

- Implies small proofs of size O(1)
- ▶ Important: verification requires testing  $b_1, \ldots, b_m \in Y$

#### **Non-Interactive Batch Preimage Proof**

- Consider a single one-way group homomorphisms  $\phi: X \to Y$
- Let  $b_1, \ldots, b_m$  be publicly known, where  $b_i = \phi(a_i)$
- *P* proves knowledge of  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  as follows:
  - 1. Choose  $\omega \in_R X$  uniformly at random
  - 2. Compute  $t = \phi(\omega)$
  - 3. Compute  $e_i = H(b_i, t) \mod q$ , for  $q = 2^L \le |\text{image}(\phi)|$
  - 4. Compute  $a = \sum_{i} e_{i}a_{i}$  and  $b = \prod_{i} b_{i}^{e_{i}}$
  - 5. Compute  $c = H(b, t) \mod q$
  - 6. Compute  $s = \omega + c \cdot a$
  - 7. Publish  $\pi = (t, s)$

▶ To verify  $\pi$ , V computes  $e_i = H(b_i, t)$ ,  $b = \prod_i b_i^{e_i} \mod q$ , and  $c = H(b, t) \mod q$ , and checks  $b_i \in Y$  and  $\phi(s) = t \cdot b^c$ 

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### **Basic Re-Encryption Proof**

- Let u and  $u' = u \cdot E_{pk}(1, r)$  be publicly known encryptions
- Therefore,  $u' \cdot u^{-1}$  is an encryption of 1 with randomization r
- *P* proves knowledge of *r* using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = r,$$
  

$$b = u' \cdot u^{-1}$$
  

$$\phi(x) = E_{pk}(1, x),$$

► For ElGamal encryptions, we have  $\phi(x) = (g^x, pk^x)$ , where where  $\phi : \underbrace{\mathbb{Z}_q}_X \to \underbrace{G_q \times G_q}_Y$ 

#### **Batch Re-Encryption Proof**

- Let u<sub>1</sub>,..., u<sub>n</sub> and u'<sub>1</sub>,..., u'<sub>n</sub> be publicly known encryptions, where u'<sub>i</sub> = u<sub>i</sub> ⋅ E<sub>pk</sub>(1, r<sub>i</sub>)
- *P* proves knowledge of  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$  as follows:

→ V chooses random seed z  
→ P computes 
$$(e_1, ..., e_n) = PRG(z)$$
  
→ P computes  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$  and  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_i}$   
 $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_i} = \prod_i u_i^{e_i} \prod_i E_{pk}(1, r_i)^{e_i} = u \cdot E_{pk}(1, \sum_i e_i r_i)$ 

→ P creates basic re-encryption proof for u'·u<sup>-1</sup> = E<sub>pk</sub>(1, ∑<sub>i</sub> e<sub>i</sub>r<sub>i</sub>)
 Implies small proofs of size O(1)

#### **Batch Re-Encryption Proof under Permutation**

- Let  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  and  $u'_1, \ldots, u'_n$  be publicly known encryptions, where  $u'_i = u_{\pi(i)} \cdot E_{\rho k}(1, r_{\pi(i)})$
- *P* proves knowledge of  $\pi$  and  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$  as follows:

→ V chooses random seed z  
→ P computes 
$$(e_1, ..., e_n) = PRG(z)$$
  
→ P computes  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$  and  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$   
 $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}} = \prod_i u_{\pi(i)}^{e_{\pi(i)}} \prod_i E_{pk}(1, r_{\pi(i)})^{e_{\pi(i)}} = u \cdot E_{pk}(1, \sum_i e_i r_i)$ 

→ P creates basic re-encryption proof for u'·u<sup>-1</sup> = E<sub>pk</sub>(1, ∑<sub>i</sub> e<sub>i</sub>r<sub>i</sub>)
 Note that V can verify everything except u' = ∏<sub>i</sub>(u'<sub>i</sub>)<sup>e<sub>π(i)</sub>
</sup>

### **Basic Exponentiation Proof**

- Let  $c = C(\alpha, s)$  be publicly known
- Let u and  $u' = u^{\alpha}$  be publicly known values
- ► P proves knowledge of  $\alpha$  and s using the  $\Sigma$ -protocol for:

$$a = (\alpha, s),$$
  

$$b = (c, u'),$$
  

$$\phi(x_1, x_2) = (C(x_1, x_2), u^{x_1})$$

▶ Remark: since  $\alpha$  is no longer perfectly hidden for  $u' = u^{\alpha}$ , we could use  $c = g^{\alpha}$  to commit to  $\alpha$  (no randomization)

# **Batch Exponentiation Proof**

- Let  $c = C(\alpha, s)$  be publicly known
- ▶ Let  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  and  $u'_1, \ldots, u'_n$  be publicly known, for  $u'_i = u_i^{\alpha}$
- P proves knowledge of α and s as follows:
  - $\rightarrow$  V chooses random seed z
  - $\rightarrow$  *P* computes  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$
  - $\rightarrow$  P computes  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$  and  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_i}$

$$u'=\prod_i(u'_i)^{\mathbf{e}_i}=\prod_i(u^{lpha}_i)^{\mathbf{e}_i}=(\prod_iu^{\mathbf{e}_i}_i)^{lpha}=u^{\mathbf{e}_i}$$

ightarrow *P* creates basic exponentiation proof for  $u' = u^{lpha}$  and *c* 

• Implies small proofs of size O(1)

### **Batch Exponentiation Proof u. Permutation**

- Let  $c = C(\alpha, s)$  be publicly known
- ► Let  $u_1, \ldots, u_n$  and  $u'_1, \ldots, u'_n$  be publicly known, for  $u'_i = u^{\alpha}_{\pi(i)}$
- *P* proves knowledge of  $\pi$ ,  $\alpha$ , and *s* as follows:

$$\rightarrow$$
 P computes  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$ 

 $\rightarrow$  *P* computes  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$  and  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$ 

$$u' = \prod_{i} (u'_{i})^{e_{\pi(i)}} = \prod_{i} (u^{\alpha}_{\pi(i)})^{e_{\pi(i)}} = (\prod_{i} u^{e_{\pi(i)}}_{\pi(i)})^{\alpha} = u^{\alpha}$$

ightarrow *P* creates basic exponentiation proof for  $u' = u^{lpha}$  and *c* 

▶ Note that V can verify everything except  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$ 

### What Remains?

Great, batch proofs almost work under permutation for both re-encryptions and exponentiations, but how can P prove the correct form of

$$u'=\prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$$

without revealing any information about  $\pi$ ?

# **Necessity of Blinding** *u'*

- Suppose that  $u' = \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$  has been formed correctly
- V may then brute-force search for  $\pi$ , especially if n is small
- Let G be the group under consideration and {h<sub>1</sub>,..., h<sub>k</sub>} a generating set of G
  - → ElGamal Re-Encryption:  $\{(g, 1), (1, g)\}$  for  $G_q \times G_q$
  - $\rightarrow$  Exponentiation:  $\{g\}$  for  $G_q$
- ► *P* blinds *u*′ as follows:
  - 1. Choose random exponents  $\overline{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^k$
  - 2. Let  $b = \prod_i h_i^{t_i}$  be the blinding factor
  - 3. Compute  $u'' = b \cdot u' = \prod_i h_i^{t_i} \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$

#### **Blinded Batch Re-Encryption Proof**

- Compute  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$  for seed z
- Compute  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$
- ▶ Let  $b = (g, 1)^{t_1} \cdot (1, g)^{t_2} = (g^{t_1}, g^{t_2})$  for  $(t_1, t_2) \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q^2$
- Compute  $u'' = (g^{t_1}, g^{t_2}) \cdot \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$
- Create basic re-encryption proof for

$$u'' \cdot u^{-1} = (g^{t_1}, g^{t_2}) \cdot E_{\rho k}(1, \sum e_i r_i)$$

# **Blinded Batch Exponentiation Proof**

- Compute  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$  for seed z
- Compute  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$
- Let  $b = g^t$  for  $t \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$
- Compute  $u'' = g^t \cdot \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}}$
- Create basic exponentiation proof for  $u'' = g^t \cdot u^{\alpha}$  and c

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#### **Permutation Matrix**

- A permutation matrix is a square 0/1-matrix with exactly one 1 in each row and each column
- Let *M* be a permutation matrix and  $\overline{x} = (x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ , then

$$M \cdot \overline{x} = (x_{\pi(1)}, \ldots, x_{\pi(n)})$$

• Example:  $\pi(1) = 2, \pi(2) = 3, \pi(3) = 1$ 

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \overline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and therfore } M \cdot \overline{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### **Permutation Matrix Test**

• Let M be an arbitrary square matrix over  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ 

→  $\overline{m}_i = (m_{i,1}, ..., m_{i,n})$  denotes the *i*-th row vector of M→  $\langle \overline{m}_i, \overline{x} \rangle = \sum_i m_{ij} \cdot x_j$  denotes the inner product of  $\overline{m}_i$  and  $\overline{x}$ 

- $(m_i, x_i) = \sum_j m_j x_j$  denotes the inner product of  $m_j$  and
- ▶ Theorem 1: *M* is a permutation matrix if and only if

1. 
$$\prod_{i} \langle \overline{m}_{i}, \overline{x} \rangle = \prod_{i} x_{i}$$
  
2. 
$$M \cdot \overline{1} = \overline{1}$$

Counter-example: only the first condition holds

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ -x_1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ i.e., } \prod_i \langle \overline{m}_i, \overline{x} \rangle = x_1 \cdot x_2$$

#### Committed Permutation Matrix Test (1)

- Let  $\widehat{m}_i = (m_{1,i}, \ldots, m_{n,i})$  denote the *i*-th column vector of M
- P commits column-wise to M by computing

$$C(M,\overline{s}) = (C(\widehat{m}_1, s_1), \ldots, C(\widehat{m}_n, s_n)) = (c_1, \ldots, c_n)$$

• P performs a batch proof to prove knowledge of M and  $\overline{s}$ 

- 1. V chooses random seed z
- 2. *P* computes  $(e_1, \ldots, e_n) = PRG(z)$
- 3. *P* computes

$$c=\prod_i c_i^{e_i}=\dots=C(\overline{e}',\sum_i e_i s_i), ext{ for } \overline{e}'=(e_{\pi(1)},\dots,e_{\pi(n)})$$

4. *P* creates Pederson commitment proof for  $c = C(\overline{e}', \sum_i e_i s_i)$ 

# **Committed Permutation Matrix Test (2)**

To prove that M is a permutation matrix, Theorem 1 need to be demonstrated under the commitment  $C(M, \overline{s})$ 

- First condition: *P* proves  $\prod_i e'_i = \prod_i e_i$ 
  - 1. Compute commitments  $c'_i = C(e'_i, s'_i)$  for i = 2, ..., n
  - 2. Compute commitments  $c''_i = C(e'_1 \cdots e'_i, s''_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$
  - 3. Create commitment multiplication proofs for all  $(c''_{i-1}, c'_i, c''_i)$ (using a batch proof for i = 2, ..., n)
  - 4. Create Pedersen commitment proof for  $c''_n = C(\prod_i e_i, s''_n)$
- Second condition: *P* proves  $M \cdot \overline{1} = \overline{1}$ 
  - 1. Compute  $d = \prod_i c_i = \cdots = C(\overline{1}, \sum_i s_i)$
  - 2. Create Pedersen commitment proof for  $d = C(\overline{1}, \sum_{i} s_{i})$

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#### **Recapitulation:** Re-Encryption Shuffle (1)

- Common input:  $u_1, \ldots, u_n, u'_1, \ldots, u'_n, (c_1, \ldots, c_n) = C(M, \overline{s})$
- Private input:  $\pi$ ,  $r_1, \ldots, r_n$ ,  $\overline{s} = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)$
- V chooses random seed z
- P computes the following:

1. 
$$(e_1, ..., e_n) = PRG(z)$$
  
2.  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$   
3.  $u'' = (g^{t_1}, g^{t_2}) \cdot \prod_i (u_i')^{e_{\pi(i)}}$  for  $t_1, t_2 \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$   
4.  $c = \prod_i c_i^{e_i}$   
5.  $c_i' = C(e_i', s_i')$  for  $s_i' \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$  and  $i = 2, ..., n$   
6.  $c_i'' = C(e_1' \cdots e_i', s_i'')$  for  $s_i' \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$  and  $i = 1, ..., n$   
7.  $d = \prod_i c_i$ 

# **Recapitulation:** Re-Encryption Shuffle (2)

P creates the following composition of preimage proofs:

- 1. Blinded re-encryption:  $u'' \cdot u^{-1} = (g^{t_1}, g^{t_2}) \cdot E_{pk}(1, \sum_i e_i r_i)$
- 2. Generalized Pederson commitment:  $c = C(\overline{e}', \sum_{i} e_{i}s_{i})$
- Commitment multiplications: c<sup>"</sup><sub>i-1</sub>, c<sup>'</sup><sub>i</sub>, c<sup>"</sup><sub>i</sub> (using a batch proof for i = 2,..., n)
- 4. Pedersen commitment:  $c''_n = C(\prod_i e_i, s''_n)$
- 5. Generalized Pedersen commitment:  $d = C(\overline{1}, \sum_{i} s_{i})$
- Note that if n is given, everything except u, u", and the corresponding proof can be pre-computed in advance (offline)

# **Recapitulation:** Exponentiation Shuffle (1)

Common input:

 $u_1,\ldots,u_n,u_1',\ldots,u_n',c,(c_1,\ldots,c_n)=C(M,\overline{s})$ 

- Private input:  $\pi$ ,  $\alpha$ , s,  $\overline{s} = (s_1, \ldots, s_n)$
- V chooses random seed z
- P computes the following:

1. 
$$(e_1, ..., e_n) = PRG(z)$$
  
2.  $u = \prod_i u_i^{e_i}$   
3.  $u'' = g^t \cdot \prod_i (u'_i)^{e_{\pi(i)}} t \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q$   
4.  $c = \prod_i c_i^{e_i}$   
5.  $c'_i = C(e'_i, s'_i) \text{ for } s'_i \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q, i = 2, ..., n$   
6.  $c''_i = C(e'_1 \cdots e'_i, s''_i) \text{ for } s'_i \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q, i = 1, ..., n$   
7.  $d = \prod_i c_i$ 

, *n* 

# **Recapitulation: Exponentiation Shuffle (2)**

P creates the following composition of preimage proofs:

- 1. Pedersen commitment:  $c = C(\alpha, s)$
- 2. Generalized Pederson commitment:  $c_i = C(\hat{m}_i, s_i)$  (using batch proof for j = 1, ..., n)
- 3. Blinded exponentiation:  $u'' = g^t \cdot u^{\alpha}$
- 4. Generalized Pederson commitment:  $c = C(\overline{e}', \sum_{i} e_i s_i)$
- 5. Commitment multiplications:  $c''_{i-1}, c'_i, c''_i$ (batch proof for i = 2, ..., n)
- 6. Pedersen commitment:  $c''_n = C(\prod_i e_i, s''_n)$
- 7. Generalized Pedersen commitment:  $d = C(\overline{1}, \sum_{i} s_{i})$
- Note that if n is given, everything except u, u", and the corresponding proof can be pre-computed in advance (offline)

# **Open Quesions**

- Can we make the proof non-interactive?
  - → Using non-interactive batch proofs (Fiat-Shamir)
  - → How secure is this?
  - → Does it affect pre-computations?
- Can we skip some commitments?
  - → The paper contains a commitment to  $\overline{t}$ , but this seems not to be necessary (already skipped)
  - → In the chained commitment multiplication proof, the output of one proof is one of the inputs of the next proof

# Conclusion

- The proof is a composition of several basic preimage and batch preimage proofs
- The size of the proof is O(n)
- A large portion of the proof can be computed offline
  - $\rightarrow$  Ok, if *n* is known in advance
  - → If n is unknown, the pre-computation can be done for an upper bound N ≥ n, and when the input data arrives, it is "filled up" with trivial values
- The proof can be generalized to incorporate:
  - $\rightarrow$  Restrictions on  $\pi$  (e.g., that  $\pi$  is a rotation)
  - → Any "shuffle-friendly map" (re-encryptions, exponentiations, partial decryptions, or combinations thereof)
- Great job, Douglas!!!