Today.

Polynomials.

Secret Sharing.

Correcting for loss or even corruption.
Secret Sharing.

Share secret among $n$ people.

**Secrecy:** Any $k - 1$ knows nothing.

**Roubustness:** Any $k$ knows secret.

**Efficient:** minimize storage.

The idea of the day.

- Two points make a line.
- Lots of lines go through one point.
A polynomial

\[ P(x) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} \cdots + a_0. \]

is specified by coefficients \( a_d, \ldots, a_0 \).

\( P(x) \) contains point \((a, b)\) if \( b = P(a) \).

Polynomials over reals: \( a_1, \ldots, a_d \in \mathbb{R} \), use \( x \in \mathbb{R} \).

Polynomials \( P(x) \) with arithmetic modulo \( p \): \(^1\) \( a_i \in \{0, \ldots, p - 1\} \) and

\[ P(x) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} \cdots + a_0 \pmod{p}, \]

for \( x \in \{0, \ldots, p - 1\} \).

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\(^1\) A field is a set of elements with addition and multiplication operations, with inverses. \( GF(p) = (\{0, \ldots, p - 1\}, + \pmod{p}, \times \pmod{p}) \).
Polynomial: \( P(x) = a_d x^4 + \cdots + a_0 \)

Line: \( P(x) = a_1 x + a_0 = mx + b \)

Parabola: \( P(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = ax^2 + bx + c \)
Polynomial: \( P(x) = a_d x^4 + \cdots + a_0 \pmod{p} \)

Finding an intersection.
\[ x + 2 \equiv 3x + 1 \pmod{5} \]
\[ \implies 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \implies x \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \]
3 is multiplicative inverse of 2 modulo 5.
Good when modulus is prime!!
Two points make a line.

**Fact:** Exactly 1 degree $\leq d$ polynomial contains $d + 1$ points. \(^2\)

Two points specify a line. Three points specify a parabola.

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree $\leq d$ polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime $p$ contains $d + 1$ pts.

\(^2\)Points with different $x$ values.
Poll.

Two points determine a line. What facts below tell you this?

Say points are \((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)\).

(A) Line is \(y = mx + b\).
(B) Plug in a point gives an equation: \(y_1 = mx_1 + b\)
(C) The unknowns are \(m\) and \(b\).
(D) If equations have unique solution, done.

All true.
Why solution? Why unique?

(A) Solution cuz: $m = (y_2 - y_1)/(x_2 - x_1), b = y_1 - m(x_1)$
(B) Unique cuz, only one line goes through two points.
(C) Try: $(m'x + b') - (mx + b) = (m' - m)x + (b - b') = ax + c \neq 0$.
(D) Either $ax_1 + c \neq 0$ or $ax_2 + c \neq 0$.
(E) Contradiction.

Flow poll. (All true. (B) is not a proof, it is restatement.)
Polynomial: $a_nx^n + \cdots + a_0$.

Consider line: $mx + b$

(A) $a_1 = m$
(B) $a_1 = b$
(C) $a_0 = m$
(D) $a_0 = b$.

(A) and (D)
3 points determine a parabola.

Fact: Exactly 1 degree $\leq d$ polynomial contains $d + 1$ points. \(^3\)

\(^3\)Points with different $x$ values.
2 points not enough.

There is $P(x)$ contains blue points and any $(0, y)$!
Modular Arithmetic Fact and Secrets

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree \( \leq d \) polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime \( p \) contains \( d + 1 \) pts.

**Shamir’s \( k \) out of \( n \) Scheme:**
Secret \( s \in \{0, \ldots, p-1\} \)

1. Choose \( a_0 = s \), and random \( a_1, \ldots, a_{k-1} \).
2. Let \( P(x) = a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + a_{k-2}x^{k-2} + \cdots + a_0 \) with \( a_0 = s \).
3. Share \( i \) is point \((i, P(i) \mod p)\).

**Roublustness:** Any \( k \) shares gives secret.
Knowing \( k \) pts \( \implies \) only one \( P(x) \implies \) evaluate \( P(0) \).

**Secrecy:** Any \( k - 1 \) shares give nothing.
Knowing \( \leq k - 1 \) pts \( \implies \) any \( P(0) \) is possible.
The polynomial from the scheme: \( P(x) = 2x^2 + 1x + 3 \pmod{5} \).

What is true for the secret sharing scheme using \( P(x) \)?

(A) The secret is “2”.
(B) The secret is “3”.
(C) A share could be \((1, 5)\) cuz \( P(1) = 5 \)
(D) A share could be \((2, 4)\)
(E) A share could be \((0, 3)\)
From $d + 1$ points to degree $d$ polynomial?

For a line, $a_1 x + a_0 = mx + b$ contains points $(1,3)$ and $(2,4)$.

\[
P(1) = m(1) + b \equiv m + b \equiv 3 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
P(2) = m(2) + b \equiv 2m + b \equiv 4 \pmod{5}
\]

Subtract first from second..

\[
m + b \equiv 3 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
m \equiv 1 \pmod{5}
\]

Backsolve: $b \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$. Secret is 2.

And the line is...

\[
x + 2 \mod 5.
\]
Quadratic

For a quadratic polynomial, $a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$ hits $(1,2); (2,4); (3,0)$. Plug in points to find equations.

\[
P(1) = a_2 + a_1 + a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
P(2) = 4a_2 + 2a_1 + a_0 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
P(3) = 4a_2 + 3a_1 + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}
\]

\[
a_2 + a_1 + a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
3a_1 + 2a_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
4a_1 + 2a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}
\]

Subtracting 2nd from 3rd yields: $a_1 = 1$.

\[
a_0 = (2 - 4(a_1))2^{-1} = (-2)(2^{-1}) = (3)(3) = 9 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}
\]
\[
a_2 = 2 - 1 - 4 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}.
\]

So polynomial is $2x^2 + 1x + 4 \pmod{5}$.
In general..

Given points: \((x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_k, y_k)\).

Solve...

\[
\begin{align*}
  a_{k-1}x_1^{k-1} + \cdots + a_0 & \equiv y_1 \pmod{p} \\
  a_{k-1}x_2^{k-1} + \cdots + a_0 & \equiv y_2 \pmod{p} \\
  \vdots & \\
  a_{k-1}x_k^{k-1} + \cdots + a_0 & \equiv y_k \pmod{p}
\end{align*}
\]

Will this always work?

As long as solution \textbf{exists} and it is \textbf{unique}! And...

\textbf{Modular Arithmetic Fact:} Exactly 1 degree \( \leq d \) polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime \( p \) contains \( d + 1 \) pts.
Another Construction: Interpolation!

For a quadratic, \( a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 \) hits \((1,2);(2,4);(3,0)\).
Find \( \Delta_1(x) \) polynomial contains \((1,1);(2,0);(3,0)\).
Try \((x - 2)(x - 3) \pmod{5}\).
Value is 0 at 2 and 3. Value is 2 at 1. Not 1! Doh!!
So “Divide by 2” or multiply by 3.
\( \Delta_1(x) = (x - 2)(x - 3)(3) \pmod{5} \) contains \((1,1);(2,0);(3,0)\).
\( \Delta_2(x) = (x - 1)(x - 3)(4) \pmod{5} \) contains \((1,0);(2,1);(3,0)\).
\( \Delta_3(x) = (x - 1)(x - 2)(3) \pmod{5} \) contains \((1,0);(2,0);(3,1)\).
But wanted to hit \((1,2);(2,4);(3,0)!\)
\( P(x) = 2\Delta_1(x) + 4\Delta_2(x) + 0\Delta_3(x) \) works.
Same as before?
...after a lot of calculations... \( P(x) = 2x^2 + 1x + 4 \pmod{5} \).
The same as before!
Flowers, and grass, oh so nice.

Set and two commutative operations: addition and multiplication with additive/multiplicative identities and inverses expect for additive identity has no multiplicative inverse.

E.g., Reals, rationals, complex numbers.
Not E.g., the integers, matrices.

We will work with polynomials with arithmetic modulo $p$.

Addition is cool. Inherited from integers and integer division (remainders).
Multiplicative inverses due to $gcd(x, p) = 1$, for all $x \in \{1, \ldots, p-1\}$
Delta Polynomials: Concept.

For set of $x$-values, $x_1, \ldots, x_{d+1}$.

$$\Delta_i(x) = \begin{cases} 
1, & \text{if } x = x_i. \\
0, & \text{if } x = x_j \text{ for } j \neq i. \\
?, & \text{otherwise.}
\end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Given $d + 1$ points, use $\Delta_i$ functions to go through points? $(x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})$.

Will $y_1 \Delta_1(x)$ contain $(x_1, y_1)$?

Will $y_2 \Delta_2(x)$ contain $(x_2, y_2)$?

Does $y_1 \Delta_1(x) + y_2 \Delta_2(x)$ contain $(x_1, y_1)$? and $(x_2, y_2)$?

See the idea? Function that contains all points?

$$P(x) = y_1 \Delta_1(x) + y_2 \Delta_2(x) + \cdots + y_{d+1} \Delta_{d+1}(x).$$
There exists a polynomial...

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree \( \leq d \) polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime \( p \) contains \( d + 1 \) pts.

**Proof of at least one polynomial:**
Given points: \((x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})\).

\[
\Delta_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)} = \prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j) \prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)^{-1}
\]

Numerator is 0 at \( x_j \neq x_i \).

“Denominator” makes it 1 at \( x_i \).

And..

\[
P(x) = y_1 \Delta_1(x) + y_2 \Delta_2(x) + \cdots + y_{d+1} \Delta_{d+1}(x).
\]

hits points \((x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})\). Degree \( d \) polynomial!

Construction proves the existence of a polynomial!
Mark what’s true.

(A) $\Delta_1(x_1) = y_1$
(B) $\Delta_1(x_1) = 1$
(C) $\Delta_1(x_2) = 0$
(D) $\Delta_1(x_3) = 1$
(E) $\Delta_2(x_2) = 1$
(F) $\Delta_2(x_1) = 0$

(B), (C), and (E)
Example.

\[ \Delta_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x-x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i-x_j)}. \]

Degree 1 polynomial, \( P(x) \), that contains (1,3) and (3,4)? Work modulo 5.

\( \Delta_1(x) \) contains (1,1) and (3,0).

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta_1(x) & = \frac{(x-3)}{1-3} = \frac{x-3}{-2} = (x-3)(-2)^{-1} \\
\Delta_1(x) & = (x-3)(1-3)^{-1} = (x-3)(-2)^{-1} \\
& = 2(x-3) = 2x - 6 = 2x + 4 \pmod{5}.
\end{align*}
\]

For a quadratic, \( a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 \) hits (1,3); (2,4); (3,0).

Work modulo 5.

Find \( \Delta_1(x) \) polynomial contains (1,1); (2,0); (3,0).

\[
\begin{align*}
\Delta_1(x) & = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(1-2)(1-3)} = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{2} = (2)^{-1}(x-2)(x-3) = 3(x-2)(x-3) \\
& = 3x^2 + 3 \pmod{5}
\end{align*}
\]

Put the delta functions together.
In general.

Given points: \((x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_k, y_k)\).

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And..

\[
P(x) = y_1 \Delta_1(x) + y_2 \Delta_2(x) + \cdots + y_k \Delta_k(x).
\]

hits points \((x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_k, y_k)\).

Construction proves the existence of the polynomial!
Uniqueness.

**Uniqueness Fact.** At most one degree $d$ polynomial hits $d + 1$ points.

**Roots fact:** Any nontrivial degree $d$ polynomial has at most $d$ roots.

Non-zero line (degree 1 polynomial) can intersect $y = 0$ at only one $x$.
A parabola (degree 2), can intersect $y = 0$ at only two $x$’s.

**Proof:**
Assume two different polynomials $Q(x)$ and $P(x)$ hit the points.

$R(x) = Q(x) - P(x)$ has $d + 1$ roots and is degree $d$.
Contradiction.

Must prove **Roots fact.**
Polynomial Division.

Divide $4x^2 - 3x + 2$ by $(x - 3)$ modulo 5.

\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
4 & x & + & 4 & r & 4 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]
\[
\begin{array}{cccc}
x & - & 3 & )
\end{array}
\]
\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
4x^2 & - & 3x & + & 2 \\
\hline
4x^2 & - & 2x \\
\hline
4x & + & 2 \\
\hline
4x & - & 2 \\
\hline
4
\end{array}
\]

\[4x^2 - 3x + 2 \equiv (x - 3)(4x + 4) + 4 \pmod{5}\]

In general, divide $P(x)$ by $(x - a)$ gives $Q(x)$ and remainder $r$.

That is, $P(x) = (x - a)Q(x) + r$
Only $d$ roots.

**Lemma 1:** $P(x)$ has root $a$ iff $P(x)/(x - a)$ has remainder 0: $P(x) = (x - a)Q(x)$.

**Proof:** $P(x) = (x - a)Q(x) + r$.

Plugin $a$: $P(a) = r$.

It is a root if and only if $r = 0$.

**Lemma 2:** $P(x)$ has $d$ roots; $r_1, \ldots, r_d$ then $P(x) = c(x - r_1)(x - r_2) \cdots (x - r_d)$.

**Proof Sketch:** By induction.

Induction Step: $P(x) = (x - r_1)Q(x)$ by Lemma 1. $Q(x)$ has smaller degree so use the induction hypothesis.

$d + 1$ roots implies degree is at least $d + 1$.

**Roots fact:** Any degree $d$ polynomial has at most $d$ roots.
Proof works for reals, rationals, and complex numbers.

..but not for integers, since no multiplicative inverses.

Arithmetic modulo a prime $p$ has multiplicative inverses.

..and has only a finite number of elements.

Good for computer science.

Arithmetic modulo a prime $m$ is a **finite field** denoted by $F_m$ or $GF(m)$.

Intuitively, a field is a set with operations corresponding to addition, multiplication, and division.
Secret Sharing

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly one polynomial degree $\leq d$ over $GF(p)$, $P(x)$, that hits $d + 1$ points.

**Shamir’s $k$ out of $n$ Scheme:**
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Knowing $k$ pts, only one $P(x)$, evaluate $P(0)$.

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Knowing $\leq k - 1$ pts, any $P(0)$ is possible.
Minimality.

Need $p > n$ to hand out $n$ shares: $P(1) \ldots P(n)$.

For $b$-bit secret, must choose a prime $p > 2^b$.

**Theorem:** There is always a prime between $n$ and $2n$.

*Chebyshev said it,*

*And I say it again,*

*There is always a prime*

*Between $n$ and $2n$.

Working over numbers within 1 bit of secret size. **Minimality.**

With $k$ shares, reconstruct polynomial, $P(x)$.

With $k - 1$ shares, any of $p$ values possible for $P(0)$!

(Almost) any $b$-bit string possible!

(Almost) the same as what is missing: one $P(i)$. 
Runtime: polynomial in $k$, $n$, and $\log p$.

1. Evaluate degree $k - 1$ polynomial $n$ times using $\log p$-bit numbers.

2. Reconstruct secret by solving system of $k$ equations using $\log p$-bit arithmetic.
A bit more counting.

What is the number of degree $d$ polynomials over $GF(m)$?

- $m^{d+1}$: $d + 1$ coefficients from $\{0, \ldots, m-1\}$.
- $m^{d+1}$: $d + 1$ points with $y$-values from $\{0, \ldots, m-1\}$

Infinite number for reals, rationals, complex numbers!
Two points make a line.

Compute solution: \( m, b \).

Unique:
Assume two solutions, show they are the same.

Today: \( d + 1 \) points make a unique degree \( d \) polynomial.

Cuz:
Solution: lagrange interpolation.

Unique:
Roots fact: Factoring sez \( (x - r) \) is root.

Induction, says only \( d \) roots.

Apply: \( P(x), Q(x) \) degree \( d \).

\[ P(x) - Q(x) \text{ is degree } d \implies d \text{ roots.} \]

\[ P(x) = Q(x) \text{ on } d + 1 \text{ points } \implies P(x) = Q(x). \]

Secret Sharing:
\( k \) points on degree \( k - 1 \) polynomial is great!
Can hand out \( n \) points on polynomial as shares.