

Physical Zero-Knowledge Proofs for Akari, Takuzu, Kakuro and KenKen



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Zero-Knowledge proof of knowledge



Prover knows
a solution s of P



Verifier knows
the problem P

bla bla... →

← bla bla?

→ bla bla!

accept or reject
 s as a solution of P

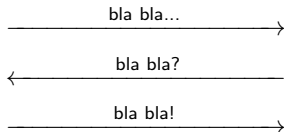
Completeness



Prover knows
a solution s of P



Verifier knows
the problem P



Hum, ok...

I'm convinced!

s is a solution of P

Soundness



Prover does not know
a solution s of P



Verifier knows
the problem P

→ bla bla...

← bla bla?

→ bla bla!

Hum, ...

I detect a problem!
 s is not a solution

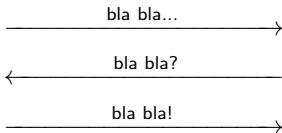
Zero-Knowledge



Prover knows
a solution s of P



Verifier knows
the problem P



I do not learn
anything about s

Origins of ZKP

- Introduced by S. Goldwasser, S. Micali, and C. Rackoff in 1985.



- O. Goldreich, S. Micali, and A. Wigderson 1991: Polynomial ZKP for every problem in NP under the existence of one-way functions.



Related Works

R. Gradwohl, M. Naor, B. Pinkas, and G. N. Rothblum (**FUN'07**)
Physical (using cards) ZKP for Sudoku.



Prover

5	3	4	7	5	9	1	2		
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8	
1	9	8	2	4	2	5	6	7	
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	5	
4	2	5	9	5	3	7	9	1	
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6	
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4	
2	8	7	4	1	5	6	3	5	
3	4	5	2	6	6	1	7	9	

Verifier

5	3		7						
6		1	9	5					
	9	8					6		
8			6					3	
4		9	3					1	
7			2						6
	6					2	8		
		4	1	9					5
			2				7	9	

→ bla bla bla...

← bla bla bla?

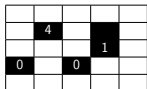
→ bla bla bla!

accept or reject

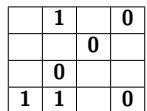
Contributions

Physical Zero-Knowledge Proofs for 4 NP-complete games:

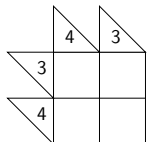
- Akari



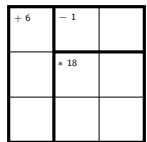
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- Kakuro



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Akari

GOAL: Place lights on the white cells on the grid such that 3 constraints are respected

	4			
			1	
0		0		



Akari

A light \bigcirc illuminates the whole row and column up to a black cell.

		\bigcirc		
	4			
			1	
0		0		



Constraints (1/3)

- Two lights cannot illuminate each other

	○		○	
○	4	○	■	
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

	○			
○	4	○	■	
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	



Constraints (2/3)

- All cells are illuminated !

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	



Constraints (3/3)

- Numbers in black cells = adjacent lights

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	
0		0		
○				

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	



Prover Commitment

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

	4			
			1	
0		0		

Prover commitment:

- use the empty grid, empty cards and ○ cards.



Prover Commitment

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

	4			
			1	
0		0		

Prover commitment:

- use the empty grid, empty cards and ○ cards.
- put a packet of **identical** cards on each white cell according to the solution.



Verification (1/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

Numbers in black cells = adjacent lights



Verification (1/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

Numbers in black cells = adjacent lights

For each black cell with number x :
pick one card in all adjacent white cells and shuffle them.



Verification (1/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

Numbers in black cells = adjacent lights

For each black cell with number x :
pick one card in all adjacent white cells and shuffle them.

✓ checks that there is exactly x ○ cards.



Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

No two lights see each other \Leftrightarrow At most one ○ by row/column.



Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

No two lights see each other \Leftrightarrow At most one ○ by row/column.
For each row/column, take one card per cell and shuffle them.



Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

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- **case 1**, empty cards: P adds a ○ card



Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

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Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

☞	☞	☞	☞	☞
☞	4	☞		☞
☞	☞	☞	1	☞
0	☞	0	☞	☞
☞	☞	☞	☞	☞

No two lights see each other \Leftrightarrow At most one ○ by row/column.
 For each row/column, take one card per cell and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, empty cards: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 1 ○
- **case 2**, one ○: P adds an empty card



Verification (2/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

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 For each row/column, take one card per cell and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, empty cards: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 1 ○
- **case 2**, one ○: P adds an empty card \rightarrow exactly 1 ○

V checks that there is exactly one ○ card.



Verification (3/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

□	□	□	□	□
□	4	□		□
□	□	□	1	□
0	□	0	□	□
□	□	□	□	□

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.



Verification (3/3)

	○			
○	4	○		
	○		1	○
0		0		
			○	

⌘	⌘	⌘	⌘	⌘
⌘	4	⌘		⌘
⌘	⌘	⌘	1	⌘
0	⌘	0	⌘	⌘
⌘	⌘	⌘	⌘	⌘

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.

For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.



Verification (3/3)

	○			■
○	4	○	■	■
	○		1	○
0		0	■	■
			○	■

■	■	■	■	■
■	4	■	■	■
■	■	■	1	■
0	■	0	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.

For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, one ○: P adds a ○ card



Verification (3/3)

	○			■
○	4	○	■	■
	○		1	○
0		0	■	■
			○	■

■	■	■	■	■
■	4	■	■	■
■	■	■	1	■
0	■	0	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.

For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, one ○: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○



Verification (3/3)

	○			■
○	4	○	■	■
	○		1	○
0		0		■
■	■	■	○	■

■	■	■	■	■
■	4	■	■	■
■	■	■	1	■
0	■	0	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.

For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, one ○: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○
- **case 2**, two ○: P adds an empty card



Verification (3/3)

	○			■
○	4	○	■	■
	○		1	○
0		0		■
■	■	■	○	■

■	■	■	■	■
■	4	■	■	■
■	■	■	1	■
0	■	0	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

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For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, one ○: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○
- **case 2**, two ○: P adds an empty card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○



Verification (3/3)

	○			■
○	4	○	■	■
	○		1	○
0		0		■
■	■	■	○	■

■	■	■	■	■
■	4	■	■	■
■	■	■	1	■
0	■	0	■	■
■	■	■	■	■

All cells are illuminated \Leftrightarrow For each cell, at least one ○ in its row and column.

For each cell, take one card per cell in the same row and column and shuffle them.

- **case 1**, one ○: P adds a ○ card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○
- **case 2**, two ○: P adds an empty card \rightarrow exactly 2 ○

V checks that there is exactly two ○ cards.

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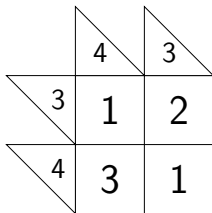
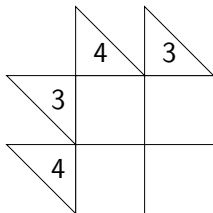
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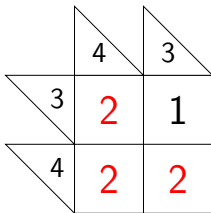
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Kakuro: Cross Sums



- Digits from 1 to 9.
- Triangular cell = sum of digits in the row/column
- A number can appear only once per row/column.





Digit Encoding

Using black and red cards.

To represent a number x put in an envelope:

- $9 - x$ black cards
- x red cards

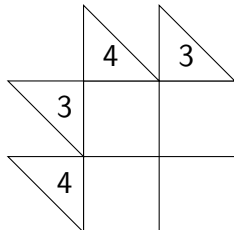
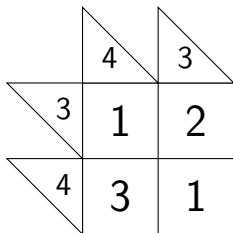
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Prover Commitment

- Draw an empty grid

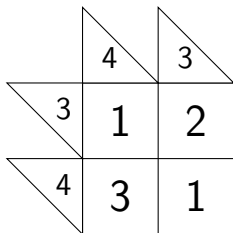
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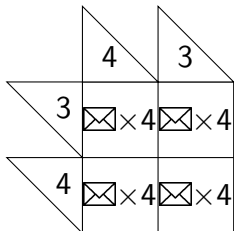


Prover Commitment

- **Draw an empty grid**
- **On each empty cell:** put 4 identical envelopes encoding the digit



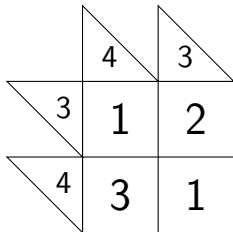
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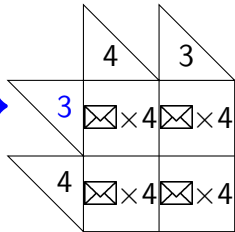
Prover Commitment

- **Draw an empty grid**
- **On each empty cell:** put 4 identical envelopes encoding the digit
- **On each triangular cell:** put envelopes encoding all missing digits in the row/column



Commitment:

 $\times 7$ for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 \longrightarrow

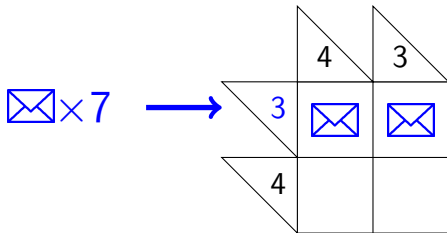




Verification (1/2)

A number appears only once per row/column

- For each row/column, pick an envelope per cell plus the envelopes on the triangular cell.

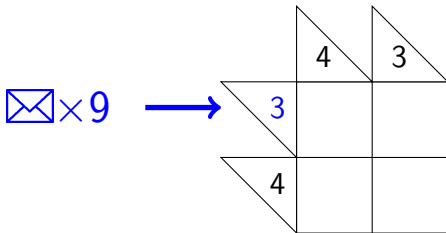




Verification (1/2)

A number appears only once per row/column

- For each row/column, pick an envelope per cell plus the envelopes on the triangular cell.
- Shuffle and open them.



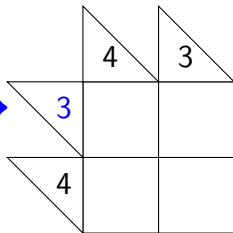


Verification (1/2)

A number appears only once per row/column

- For each row/column, pick an envelope per cell plus the envelopes on the triangular cell.
- Shuffle and open them.
- Verify that all numbers between 1 and 9 appear exactly once.

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 →

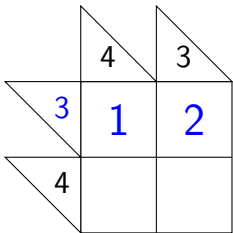




Verification (2/2)

The sum per row and per column corresponds to the number in the triangular cell

- Randomly picks one envelope per cell in the row/column.
- Opens (face down) the content of each envelope and shuffle it.
- Check that red cards corresponds to the number given in the triangular cell.





KenKen

+ 6	- 1	
	* 18	

+ 6 3	- 1 1	2
1	* 18 2	3
2	3	1

- **Addition:** similar to Kakuro.
- **Multiplication:** addition of the exponent of each prime factors.

$$9 \times 6 = (2^0 3^2) \times (2^1 3^1) = 2^{0+1} 3^{2+1} = 54$$

- **Substraction/division:** finding the maximum.

Conclusion

Physical Zero-Knowledge Proofs for:

- Akari

	4			
0		0	1	

- Takuzu

	1		0
		0	
	0		
1	1		0

- Kakuro

	4	3
3		
4		

- KenKen

+6	-1	
	+18	



More Games !

Conclusion

Physical zero-knowledge mechanisms for several constraints:

- At least/most one occurrence of a symbol in a row/column.
- Equality of the number of 1 and 0 per row/column.
- Result of the addition/subtraction of cells.
- Result of the multiplication/division of cells.
- Number of adjacent symbol.
- All rows/columns are different.
- No k consecutive identical symbols.

Thank you for your attention.

Questions?





Takuzu Rules: Binary Puzzle

Goal: fill the grid with 0's and 1's

	1		0
		0	
	0		
1	1		0

- Each row/column has exactly the same number of 1's and 0's
- Each row/column is unique
- In each row/column there can be no more than 2 identical numbers next to each other: **110010**, but **110001**

0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0