

# Asmuth-Bloom Threshold Secret Sharing Scheme

Asmuth-Bloom scheme uses special sequences of integers. More exactly, a sequence of pairwise coprime positive integers  $p_0, p_1 < \dots < p_n$  is chosen such that

$$p_0 \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{k-2} p_{n-i} < \prod_{i=1}^k p_i.$$

Given a publicly known Asmuth-Bloom sequence, the scheme works as follows:

- The secret  $S$  is chosen as a random element of the set  $\mathbf{Z}_{p_0}$ ;
- The shares  $I_i$  are chosen as  $I_i = (S + \gamma \cdot p_0) \bmod p_i$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , where  $\gamma$  is an arbitrary integer such that  $S + \gamma \cdot p_0 \in \mathbf{Z}_{p_1 \dots p_k}$ ;
- Given  $k$  distinct shares  $I_{i_1}, \dots, I_{i_k}$ , the secret  $S$  can be obtained as  $S = x_0 \bmod p_0$ , where  $x_0$  is obtained, using the standard variant of the Chinese remainder theorem, as the unique solution modulo  $p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$  of the system

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv I_{i_1} \bmod p_{i_1} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv I_{i_k} \bmod p_{i_k} \end{cases}.$$