

ERROR CORRECTION

EX. $E(x_i) r_i - P_\alpha(x_i) E(x_i) = 0 \quad \forall x_i$ $\leftarrow n+2k$ equations
 $E(x) = x^n + b_{k-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_0$ k unknown b 's
 P_α is linear in α , E in b n unknown α 's
 Let $Q(x) = P_\alpha(x) E(x) \rightarrow d \leq n-1+k = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1+k} a_j x^j$
 $\hookrightarrow d \leq n-1 \hookrightarrow d \leq k$
 $E(x_i) r_i - Q(x_i) = 0 \quad \forall x_i$ $\hookrightarrow n+k$ e's
 \hookrightarrow linear in b \hookrightarrow linear in α $n+2k$ vars = $+k$ b 's \hookrightarrow

Can we solve this? Why is there no remainder in $P(x) = \frac{Q(x)}{E(x)}$?
 We can also use Lagrange Interpolation to recover $P_\alpha(x)$. On what?
 Need (x_i, y_i) pairs. P is of degree $\leq n-1$, so we need n pairs where $P(x_i) = y_i$.
 However, we only have (x_i, r_i) pairs, where some $r_i = P(x_i)$, but not all. Need n such pairs. Using $E(x)$, find n such points (where $E(x_i) = 1$).

The point is, you only have a few tools. Run down the list & see what works.

For a full example, see note 10 or Sahai's Demo. Make sure you understand the steps here too.

NOTE Sahai says erasure + corruption may appear together : "(He also says to try examples so you don't ask on StackOverflow, but instead answer.