# A Set Reconciliation Algorithm

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#### Abstract

This entry formally verifies the set reconciliation algorithm with nearly optimal communication complexity, due to Y. Minsky *et al.* [1]. The algorithm allows two communication partners, who have a similar pair of sets to reconcile them while using messages of nearly optimal size, proportional to a bound on the maximum symmetric difference between the sets.

The formalization also introduces an optimization, which reduces the communication complexity even further compared to the original publication.

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# 1 Preliminary Results

```
theory Poly-Lemmas
 imports
   HOL-Computational-Algebra. Polynomial
   Polynomial-Interpolation. Missing-Polynomial
begin
    Taken from Budan-Fourier.BF-Misc
lemma order-linear[simp]: order x : [-y, 1:] = (if x=y then 1 else 0)
  \langle proof \rangle
1.1
       On Polynomial Roots
lemma proots-empty: proots p = \{\#\} \longleftrightarrow p = 0 \lor (\forall x. poly p x \neq 0)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma proots-element: x \in \# proots p \lor p = 0 \longleftrightarrow poly p \ x = 0
lemma proots-diff:
 assumes p \neq 0 q \neq 0
 shows set-mset (proots\ p-proots\ q)=\{x.\ order\ x\ p>order\ x\ q\}\ (is\ ?L=?R)
\langle proof \rangle
1.2
        On rsquarefree
The following fact is an improved version of [rsquarefree ?p; poly ?p ?z =
0; p \neq 0 \implies order ?z ?p = 1, which does not require the assumption
that p \neq 0.
lemma rsquarefree-root-order': rsquarefree p \Longrightarrow poly \ p \ x = 0 \Longrightarrow order \ x \ p = 1
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma rsquarefree-single-root[simp]: rsquarefree [:-<math>x,1:]
\langle proof \rangle
lemma rsquarefree-mul:
 assumes rsquarefree\ p\ rsquarefree\ q
   \forall x. poly p x \neq 0 \lor poly q x \neq 0
 shows rsquarefree(p * q)
\langle proof \rangle
```

### 1.3 On Symmetric Differences

```
lemma card-sym-diff-finite:

assumes finite A finite B

shows card (sym-diff A B) = card (A-B) + card (B-A)

\langle proof \rangle
```

```
lemma card-add-diff-finite:
  assumes finite A finite B
 shows card A + card (B-A) = card B + card (A-B)
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma card-sub-int-diff-finite:
  assumes finite A finite B
  shows int (card\ A) - card\ B = int\ (card\ (A-B)) - card\ (B-A)
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma card-sub-int-diff-finite-real:
  assumes finite A finite B
 shows real (card\ A) - card\ B = real\ (card\ (A-B)) - card\ (B-A)
  \langle proof \rangle
1.4
        Characteristic Polynomial
The characteristic polynomial associated to a set:
definition set-to-poly :: 'a::finite-field set \Rightarrow 'a poly where
  set-to-poly A \equiv \prod a \in A. [:-a,1:]
lemma set-to-poly-correct: \{x. \ poly \ (set-to-poly \ A) \ x = 0\} = A
\langle proof \rangle
lemma in-set-to-poly: poly (set-to-poly A) x = 0 \longleftrightarrow x \in A
lemma set-to-poly-not0[simp]: set-to-poly A \neq 0
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma set-to-poly-empty[simp]: set-to-poly \{\} = 1
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma set-to-poly-inj: inj set-to-poly
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma rsquarefree-set-to-poly: rsquarefree (set-to-poly A)
\langle proof \rangle
{f lemma} set	ent-to	ent-poly-insert:
 assumes x \notin A
  shows set-to-poly (insert x A) = set-to-poly A * [:-x,1:]
  \langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma} \ \textit{set-to-poly-mult:} \ \textit{set-to-poly} \ X \ * \ \textit{set-to-poly} \ Y \ = \ \textit{set-to-poly} \ (X \ \cup \ Y) \ *
set-to-poly (X \cap Y)
  \langle proof \rangle
```

**lemma** set-to-poly-mult-distinct:

```
assumes X \cap Y = \{\}
 shows set-to-poly X * set-to-poly Y = set-to-poly (X \cup Y)
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma set-to-poly-degree:
  degree (set-to-poly A) = card A
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{set-to-poly-order}\colon
  order x (set-to-poly A) = (if x \in A then 1 else 0)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma set-to-poly-lead-coeff: lead-coeff (set-to-poly A) = 1
\langle proof \rangle
lemma degree-sub-lead-coeff:
  assumes degree p > 0
 shows degree (p - monom (lead-coeff p) (degree p)) < degree p
lemma remove-lead-from-monic:
  fixes p \ q :: 'a :: field \ poly
 assumes monic p
  assumes degree p > 0
 shows degree (p - monom 1 (degree p)) < degree p
  \langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ poly\text{-}eqI\text{-}degree\text{-}monic\text{:}
  fixes p \ q :: 'a :: field \ poly
 assumes degree p = degree q
 assumes degree p \leq card A
 assumes monic p monic q
 assumes \bigwedge x. x \in A \Longrightarrow poly \ p \ x = poly \ q \ x
 shows p = q
\langle proof \rangle
end
```

# 2 Rational Function Interpolation

```
theory Rational-Function-Interpolation
imports
    Poly-Lemmas
    Gauss-Jordan.System-Of-Equations
    Polynomial-Interpolation.Missing-Polynomial
begin
```

#### 2.1 Definitions

General condition for rational functions interpolation

```
definition interpolated-rational-function where
  interpolated-rational-function p_A p_B E f_A f_B d_A d_B \equiv
    (\forall e \in E. f_A e * poly p_B e = f_B e * poly p_A e) \land
    degree \ p_A \leq (d_A::real) \land degree \ p_B \leq (d_B::real) \land
    p_A \neq 0 \land p_B \neq 0
     Interpolation condition with given exact degrees
{\bf definition}\ monic-interpolated-rational-function\ {\bf where}
 \textit{monic-interpolated-rational-function} \ p_A \ p_B \ E \, f_A \, f_B \ d_A \ d_B \ \equiv
    (\forall e \in E. f_A e * poly p_B e = f_B e * poly p_A e) \land
    degree \ p_A = \lfloor d_A :: real \rfloor \land degree \ p_B = \lfloor d_B :: real \rfloor \land
    monic p_A \wedge monic p_B
lemma monic0: \neg monic (0::'a::zero-neq-one poly)
  \langle proof \rangle
{\bf lemma}\ monic-interpolated-rational-function-interpolated-rational-function:
  monic-interpolated-rational-function p_A p_B E f_A f_B d_A d_B
     \implies interpolated-rational-function p_A p_B E f_A f_B d_A d_B \lor \neg (p_A \neq 0 \land p_B \neq
  \langle proof \rangle
definition rfi-coefficient-matrix :: 'a::field list \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat
    \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a  where
  rfi-coefficient-matrix E f d_A d_B i j = (
    if j < d_A then
      (E ! i) \hat{j}
    else if j < d_A + d_B then
      -f(E!i)*(E!i)^{(j-d_A)}
    else 0
definition rfi-constant-vector :: 'a::field list \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow (nat \Rightarrow
'a) where
   rfi-constant-vector E f d_A d_B = (\lambda i. f (E!i) * (E!i) ^d_B - (E!i) ^d_A)
definition rational-function-interpolation :: 'a::field list \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'a) \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow nat
    \Rightarrow 'm::mod-type itself \Rightarrow ('a,'m) vec where
  rational-function-interpolation E f d_A d_B m =
    (let \ solved = solve
      (\chi \ (i::'m) \ (j::'m). \ rfi\text{--}coefficient-matrix} \ E \ f \ d_A \ d_B \ (to\text{-nat} \ i) \ (to\text{-nat} \ j))
      (\chi \ (i::'m). \ rfi\text{-}constant\text{-}vector \ E \ f \ d_A \ d_B \ (to\text{-}nat \ i))
    in fst (the solved))
definition solution-to-poly :: ('a::finite-field, 'n::mod-type) vec \Rightarrow
    nat \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow 'a \ poly \times 'a \ poly \ \mathbf{where}
```

```
solution-to-poly S \ d_A \ d_B = (let
    p = Abs\text{-poly }(\lambda i. \text{ if } i < d_A \text{ then } S \$ \text{ (from-nat } i) \text{ else } 0) + monom 1 d_A;
     q = Abs\text{-poly }(\lambda i. \text{ if } i < d_B \text{ then } S \$ \text{ (from-nat } (i+d_A)) \text{ else } 0) + monom 1
d_B in
    (p, q)
definition interpolate-rat-fun where
  interpolate-rat-fun E f d_A d_B m =
  solution-to-poly (rational-function-interpolation E f d_A d_B m) d_A d_B
2.2
         Preliminary Results
lemma consecutive-sum-combine:
  assumes m \geq n
  shows (\sum i = \theta..n. f i) + (\sum i = Suc \ n ..m. f i) = (\sum i = \theta..m. f i)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma poly-altdef-Abs-poly-le:
  fixes x :: 'a::\{comm-semiring-0, semiring-1\}
  shows poly (Abs-poly (\lambda i. if i \leq n then f i else \theta)) x = (\sum i = \theta ... n. f i * x \hat{i})
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{poly-altdef-Abs-poly-l}\colon
  fixes x :: 'a :: \{ comm\text{-}semiring\text{-}0, semiring\text{-}1 \}
  shows poly (Abs-poly (\lambda i. if i < n then f i else \theta)) x = (\sum i < n. f i * x \hat{i})
\langle proof \rangle
lemma degree-Abs-poly-If-l:
  assumes n \neq 0
  shows degree (Abs-poly (\lambda i. if i < n then f i else \theta)) < n
\langle proof \rangle
lemma nth-less-length-in-set-eq:
  \mathbf{shows} \ (\forall \ i < \mathit{length} \ E. \ f \ (E \ ! \ i) = g \ (E \ ! \ i)) \longleftrightarrow (\forall \ e \in \mathit{set} \ E. \ f \ e = g \ e)
\langle proof \rangle
lemma nat-leq-real-floor: real (i::nat) \leq (d::real) \longleftrightarrow real \ i \leq |d| \ (is \ ?l = ?r)
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \textit{mod-type-less-function-eq}:
  fixes i :: 'a :: mod-type
  assumes \forall i < CARD('a) \cdot f i = g i
  shows f(to\text{-}nat i) = g(to\text{-}nat i)
  \langle proof \rangle
         On solution-to-poly
2.3
{f lemma}\ fst	ext{-}solution	ext{-}to	ext{-}poly	ext{-}nz:
  fst \ (solution-to-poly \ S \ d_A \ d_B) \neq 0
\langle proof \rangle
```

```
\mathbf{lemma}\ snd\text{-}solution\text{-}to\text{-}poly\text{-}nz:
  snd (solution-to-poly S d_A d_B) \neq 0
\langle proof \rangle
lemma degree-Abs0p1: degree (Abs-poly (\lambda i. \ \theta) + 1) = \theta
    \langle proof \rangle
lemma degree-solution-to-poly-fst:
  degree (fst (solution-to-poly S d_A d_B)) = d_A
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ degree-solution\text{-}to\text{-}poly\text{-}snd:
  degree (snd (solution-to-poly S d_A d_B)) = d_B
\langle proof \rangle
lemma monic-solution-to-poly-snd:
  monic (snd (solution-to-poly S d_A d_B))
\langle proof \rangle
lemma monic-solution-to-poly-fst:
  monic (fst (solution-to-poly S d_A d_B))
\langle proof \rangle
         Correctness
```

#### 2.4

assumes

Needs the assumption that the system is consistent, because a solution exists.

```
{\bf lemma}\ rational \hbox{-} function\hbox{-} interpolation\hbox{-} correct\hbox{-} poly:
```

```
assumes
    \forall x \in set \ E. \ fx = f_A \ x \ / \ f_B \ x \ \forall x \in set \ E. \ f_B \ x \neq 0
    d_A + d_B \le length E
     CARD('m::mod\text{-}type) = length E
     consistent (\chi (i::'m) (j::'m). rfi-coefficient-matrix E f d_A d_B (to-nat i) (to-nat
j))
                   (\chi \ (i::'m). \ rfi\text{-}constant\text{-}vector \ E \ f \ d_A \ d_B \ (to\text{-}nat \ i))
    S = rational-function-interpolation E f d_A d_B TYPE('m)
    p_A = fst \ (solution-to-poly \ S \ d_A \ d_B)
    p_B = snd \ (solution-to-poly \ S \ d_A \ d_B)
  shows
    \forall e \in set \ E. \ f_A \ e * poly \ p_B \ e = f_B \ e * poly \ p_A \ e
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \mathit{poly-lead-coeff-extract} \colon
  poly p \ x = (\sum i < degree \ p. \ coeff \ p \ i * x \ \widehat{\ } i) + lead\text{-}coeff \ p * x \ \widehat{\ } degree \ p
    for x :: 'a :: \{ comm\text{-}semiring\text{-}0, semiring\text{-}1 \}
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma d_A-d_B-helper:
```

```
int d_A = \lfloor (real (length E) + card A - card B)/2 \rfloor
    int d_B = |(real (length E) + card B - card A)/2|
    card (sym-diff A B) \leq length E
  shows
    d_A + d_B \le length E
    card\ (A-B) \leq d_A\ card\ (B-A) \leq d_B
    d_B - card (B - A) = d_A - card (A - B)
\langle proof \rangle
    Insert the solution we know that must exist to show it's consistent
{\bf lemma}\ rational \hbox{-} function\hbox{-} interpolation\hbox{-} consistent:
  fixes A B :: 'a::finite-field set
  assumes
    \forall x \in (set E). f x = f_A x / f_B x
    CARD('m::mod\text{-}type) = length E
    d_A + d_B \le length E
    card\ (A-B) \leq d_A
    card\ (B-A) \leq d_B
    d_B - card (B - A) = d_A - card (A - B)
   \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin A \ \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin B
    f_A = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-to-poly} \ A) \ x)
    f_B = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-to-poly} \ B) \ x)
  shows
    consistent (\chi (i::'m) (j::'m). rfi-coefficient-matrix E f d_A d_B (to-nat i) (to-nat
j))
                (\chi \ (i::'m). \ rfi\text{-}constant\text{-}vector \ E \ f \ d_A \ d_B \ (to\text{-}nat \ i))
\langle proof \rangle
2.5
        Main lemma
lemma rational-function-interpolation-correct:
  assumes
    int d_A = |(real (length E) + card A - card B)/2|
    int d_B = \lfloor (real (length E) + card B - card A)/2 \rfloor
    card (sym-diff A B) \leq length E
    \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin A \ \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin B
    f_A = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set-to-poly \ A) \ x)
    f_B = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-to-poly } B) \ x)
    CARD('m::mod\text{-}type) = length E
```

**lemma** interpolated-rational-function-floor-eg:

defines

shows

 $d_B TYPE('m)) d_A d_B$ 

finite A finite B

 $sol \equiv solution$ -to-poly (rational-function-interpolation E ( $\lambda e. f_A e / f_B e$ )  $d_A$ 

monic-interpolated-rational-function (fst sol) (snd sol) (set E)  $f_A$   $f_B$   $d_A$   $d_B$ 

```
interpolated-rational-function p_A p_B E f_A f_B d_A d_B \longleftrightarrow
  interpolated-rational-function p_A p_B Ef_Af_B \lfloor d_A \rfloor \lfloor d_B \rfloor
  \langle proof \rangle
lemma sym-diff-bound-div2-qe\theta:
  fixes A B :: 'a :: finite set
 assumes card (sym\text{-}diff A B) \leq length E
  shows (real\ (length\ E) + card\ A - card\ B)/2 \ge 0
\langle proof \rangle
    If the degrees are reals we take the floor first
{\bf lemma}\ rational \hbox{-} function\hbox{-} interpolation\hbox{-} correct\hbox{-} real:
  fixes d'_A d'_B:: real
  assumes
    card (sym\text{-}diff A B) \leq length E
   \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin A \ \forall x \in set \ E. \ x \notin B
   f_A = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set-to-poly \ A) \ x)
   f_B = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-to-poly} \ B) \ x)
    CARD('m::mod\text{-}type) = length E
  defines d'_A \equiv (real \ (length \ E) + card \ A - card \ B)/2
  defines d'_B \equiv (real \ (length \ E) + card \ B - card \ A)/2
  defines d_A \equiv nat \lfloor d'_A \rfloor
  defines d_B \equiv nat \mid d'_B \mid
  defines sol-poly \equiv interpolate-rat-fun E (\lambda e. f_A e / f_B e) d_A d_B TYPE('m)
    monic-interpolated-rational-function (fst sol-poly) (snd sol-poly) (set E) f_A f_B
d'_A d'_B
\langle proof \rangle
end
3
      Factorisation of Polynomials
theory Factorisation
 imports
    Berlekamp-Zassenhaus.Finite-Field
    Berlekamp\hbox{-}Zassenhaus. Finite\hbox{-}Field\hbox{-}Factorization
    Elimination-Of-Repeated-Factors. ERF-Perfect-Field-Factorization\\
    Elimination-Of-Repeated-Factors. ERF-Algorithm
begin
hide-const (open) Coset.order
hide-const (open) module.smult
hide-const (open) UnivPoly.coeff
hide-const (open) Formal-Power-Series.radical
lemma proots-finite-field-factorization:
  assumes
   square-free f
```

```
finite-field-factorization f = (c, us)
 shows proots f = sum\text{-}list (map proots us)
\langle proof \rangle
    The following fact is an improved version of ?x \neq 0 \implies squarefree ?x
= square-free ?x, which does not require the assumtion that p \neq 0.
lemma squarefree-square-free':
 fixes p :: 'a:: field poly
 shows squarefree p = square-free p
  \langle proof \rangle
    This function returns the roots of an irreducible polynomial:
fun extract-root :: 'a::prime-card mod-ring poly ⇒ 'a mod-ring multiset where
  extract-root p = (if \ degree \ p = 1 \ then \ \{\# - \ coeff \ p \ 0 \ \#\} \ else \ \{\#\})
lemma degree1-monic:
 assumes degree p = 1
 assumes monic p
 obtains c where p = [:c,1:]
\langle proof \rangle
lemma extract-root:
 assumes monic p irreducible p
 shows extract-root p = proots p
\langle proof \rangle
fun extract-roots: 'a::prime-card mod-ring poly list \Rightarrow 'a mod-ring multiset where
  extract-roots [] = \{\#\}
| extract{-roots} (p\#ps) = extract{-root} p + extract{-roots} ps
lemma extract-roots:
 \forall p \in set \ ps. \ monic \ p \land irreducible \ p \Longrightarrow
   sum-list (map proots ps) = extract-roots ps
\langle proof \rangle
lemma proots-extract-roots-factorized:
 assumes squarefree p
 shows proots p = extract-roots (snd (finite-field-factorization p))
\langle proof \rangle
```

### 3.1 Elimination of Repeated Factors

Wrapper around the ERF algorithm, which returns each factor with multiplicity in the input polynomial

```
function ERF' where
ERF' \ p = (
if \ degree \ p = 0 \ then \ [] \ else
let \ factors = ERF \ p \ in
ERF' \ (p \ div \ (prod\text{-}list \ factors)) \ @ \ factors)
```

```
\langle proof \rangle
\mathbf{lemma}\ \textit{degree-zero-iff-no-factors}\colon
      fixes p :: 'a :: \{factorial\text{-}ring\text{-}gcd, semiring\text{-}gcd\text{-}mult\text{-}normalize, field}\} poly
      assumes p \neq 0
      shows prime-factors p = \{\} \longleftrightarrow degree \ p = 0
\langle proof \rangle
lemma ERF'-termination:
      assumes degree p > 0
      shows degree (p \ div \ prod\text{-}list \ (ERF \ p)) < degree \ p
\langle proof \rangle
termination
       \langle proof \rangle
lemma ERF'-squarefree:
      assumes x \in set (ERF' p)
      shows squarefree \ x \ \langle proof \rangle
lemma ERF-not\theta: p \neq \theta \implies \theta \notin set (ERF p)
       \langle proof \rangle
lemma ERF'-not0: 0 \notin set (ERF' p)
       \langle proof \rangle
lemma ERF'-proots: proots (\prod x \leftarrow ERF' p. x) = proots p
\langle proof \rangle
3.2
                          Executable version of proots
fun proots-eff :: 'a::prime-card mod-ring poly \Rightarrow 'a mod-ring multiset where
    \textit{proots-eff } p = \textit{sum-list} \; (\textit{map} \; (\textit{extract-roots} \circ \textit{snd} \circ \textit{finite-field-factorization}) \; (\textit{ERF'} \; (\textit{extract-roots} \circ \textit{extract-roots} \circ \textit{extract-roots}) \; (\textit{extract-roots} \circ \textit{extract-roots}) \; (\textit{extract-roots}
lemma proots-eff-correct [code-unfold]: proots p = proots-eff p
\langle proof \rangle
                          Executable version of order
3.3
fun order-eff :: 'a mod-ring \Rightarrow 'a::prime-card mod-ring poly \Rightarrow nat where
       order-eff x p = count (proots-eff p) x
lemma order-eff-code [code-unfold]: p \neq 0 \Longrightarrow order \ x \ p = order-eff \ x \ p
       \langle proof \rangle
end
```

# 4 Set Reconciliation Algorithm

```
\begin{tabular}{l}{\bf theory} & Set-Reconciliation\\ & {\bf imports}\\ & HOL-Library.FuncSet\\ & HOL-Computational-Algebra.Polynomial\\ & Factorisation\\ & Rational-Function-Interpolation\\ & {\bf begin}\\ \end{tabular}
```

```
hide-const (open) up-ring.monom
```

The following locale introduces the context for the reconciliation algorithm. It fixes parameters that are assumed to be known in advance, in particular:

- a bound m on the symmetric difference: represented using the type variable  ${}'m$
- the finite field used to represent the elements of the sets: represented using the type variable  ${}'a$
- the evaluation points used (which must be choosen outside of the domain used to represent the elements of the sets): represented using the variable E

To preserve generality as much as possible, we only present an interaction protocol that allows one party Alice to send a message to the second party Bob, who can reconstruct the set Alice has, assuming Bob holds a set himself, whose symmetric difference does not exceed m.

Note that using this primitive, it is possible for Bob to compute the union of the sets, and of course the algorithm can also be used to send a message from Bob to Alice, such that Alice can do so as well. However, the primitive we describe can be used in many other scenarios.

```
locale set-reconciliation-algorithm = fixes E :: 'a :: prime-card mod-ring list fixes phantom-m :: 'm :: mod-type itself assumes type-m :: phantom-m = TYPE('m) assumes distinct-E :: distinct E assumes card-m :: CARD('m) = length E begin
```

The algorithm—or, more precisely the protocol—is represented using a pair of algorithms. The first is the encoding function which Alice used to create the message she sends. The second is the decoding algorithm, which Bob can use to reconstruct the set Alice has.

```
definition encode where encode A = (card \ A, \ \lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly (set-to-poly \ A) \ x)
```

#### definition decode where

```
decode B R = (let (n, f_A) = R; f_B = (\lambda \ x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ B) \ x); d_A = nat \ \lfloor (real \ (length \ E) + n - card \ B) \ / \ 2 \rfloor; d_B = nat \ \lfloor (real \ (length \ E) + card \ B - n) \ / \ 2 \rfloor; (p_A, p_B) = interpolate\text{-}rat\text{-}fun \ E \ (\lambda x. \ f_A \ x \ / \ f_B \ x) \ d_A \ d_B \ phantom-m; r_A = proots\text{-}eff \ p_A; r_B = proots\text{-}eff \ p_B in set\text{-}mset \ (r_A - r_B) \cup (B - (set\text{-}mset \ (r_B - r_A))))
```

### 4.1 Informal Description of the Algorithm

The protocol works as follows:

We association with each set A a polynomial  $\chi_A(x) := \prod_{s \in A} (x - s)$  in the finite field F. As mentioned before we reserve a set of m evaluation points E, which can be arbitrary prearranged points, as long as they are field elements not used to represent set elements.

Then Alice sends the size of its set |A| and the evaluation of its characteristic polynomial on E.

Bob computes

$$d_A := \left\lfloor \frac{|E| + |A| - |B|}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$d_B := \left\lfloor \frac{|E| + |B| - |A|}{2} \right\rfloor$$

Then Bob finds monic polynomials  $p_A$ ,  $p_B$  of degree  $d_A$  and  $d_B$  fulfilling the condition:

$$p_A(x)\chi_B(x) = p_B(x)\chi_A(X) \text{ for all } x \in E$$
 (1)

The above results in a system of linear equations, which can be solved using Gaussian elimination. It is easy to show that the system is solvable since:

$$p_A := \chi_{A-B}(x)x^r$$

$$p_B := \chi_{B-A}(x)x^r$$

is a solution, where  $r := d_A - |A - B| = d_B - |B - A|$ .

The equation (Eq. 1) implies also:

$$p_A(x)\chi_{B-A}(x) = p_B(x)\chi_{A-B}(x) \text{ for all } x \in E$$
 (2)

since  $\chi_A(x) = \chi_{A-B}(x)\chi_{A\cap B}(x)$ ,  $\chi_B(x) = \chi_{B-A}(x)\chi_{A\cap B}(x)$ , and  $\chi_{A\cap B}(x) \neq 0$ , because of our constraint that E is outside of the universe of the set elements. Btw. in general

 $\chi_{U \cup V} = \chi_U \chi_V$  for any disjoint U, V.

Because the polynomials on both sides of Eq. 2 are monic polynomials of the same degree m', where  $m' \leq m$ , and agree on m points, they must be equal.

This implies in particular, that for the order of any root x (denoted by  $\operatorname{ord}_x$ ), we have:

$$\operatorname{ord}_x(p_A \chi_{B-A}) = \operatorname{ord}_x(p_B \chi_{A-B})$$

which implies:

$$\operatorname{ord}_x(p_A) - \operatorname{ord}_x(p_B) = \operatorname{ord}_x(\chi_{B-A}) - \operatorname{ord}_x(\chi_{A-B}).$$

Note that by definition the right hand side is equal to +1 if  $x \in B - A$ , -1 if  $x \in A - B$  and 0 otherwise. Thus Bob can compute A using

$$A := \{x | \operatorname{ord}_x(p_A) - \operatorname{ord}_x(p_B) > 0\} \cup (B - \{x | \operatorname{ord}_x(p_A) - \operatorname{ord}_x(p_B) < 0\}).$$

### 4.2 Lemmas

This is no longer used, but it will be needed if you implement decode using an interpolation algorithm that does not return monic polynomials.

 ${\bf lemma}\ interpolated\text{-}rational\text{-}function\text{-}eq:$ 

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assumes
```

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\forall x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ A) \ x * poly \ p_B \ x = poly \ (set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ B) \ x * poly \ p_A \ x
degree \ p_A \le (real \ (length \ E) + card \ A - card \ B)/2
degree \ p_B \le (real \ (length \ E) + card \ B - card \ A)/2
card \ (sym\text{-}diff \ A \ B) < length \ E
set \ E \cap A = \{\} \ set \ E \cap B = \{\}
shows \ set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ (A-B) * p_B = set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ (B-A) * p_A
\langle proof \rangle
```

This is a specialized version of interpolated-rational-function-eq. Here the interpolated function are monic with exact degrees.

 ${\bf lemma}\ monic\ -interpolated\ -rational\ -function\ -eq:$ 

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assumes
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\forall x \in set \ E. \ poly \ (set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ A) \ x * poly \ p_B \ x = poly \ (set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ B) \ x * poly \ p_A \ x
degree \ p_A = \lfloor (real \ (length \ E) + card \ A - card \ B)/2 \rfloor
degree \ p_B = \lfloor (real \ (length \ E) + card \ B - card \ A)/2 \rfloor
card \ (sym\text{-}diff \ A \ B) \leq length \ E
set \ E \cap A = \{\} \ set \ E \cap B = \{\}
monic \ p_A \ monic \ p_B
\mathbf{shows} \ set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ (A-B) * p_B = set\text{-}to\text{-}poly \ (B-A) * p_A \ (\mathbf{is} \ ?lhs = ?rhs)
\langle proof \rangle
```

### 4.3 Main Result

This is the main result of the entry. We show that the decoding algorithm, Bob uses, can reconstruct the set Alice has, if she has encoded with the encoding algorithm. Assuming the symmetric difference between the sets does not exceed the given bound.

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theorem decode\text{-}encode\text{-}correct:
assumes
card\ (sym\text{-}diff\ A\ B) \leq length\ E
set\ E\cap A=\{\}\ set\ E\cap B=\{\}
shows decode\ B\ (encode\ A)=A
\langle proof \rangle
end
```

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