# Homomorphic Signatures for Polynomial Functions

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Specifically, we construct secure, length-efficient,

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# **Related Concepts**

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- Linear fit can be computed using degree 3 polynomials.

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- Evaluate(f, ( $\sigma_1$ ,..., $\sigma_k$ )) =  $f(\sigma_1$ ,..., $\sigma_k$ ) for linear f. If  $\sigma_i$  = Sign( $m_i$ ), output authenticates  $f(m_1,...,m_k)$ .

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- Length of signature vector grows with polynomial degree
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