Constructive Lean 4 and Exact Finite-Field Certificates for the Vinogradov System and Polynomial Two-Source Extractors at Arbitrarily Small Min-Entropy Rate

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Abstract

We present a constructive Lean 4.35.0 formalization and exact zero-float finite-field verification framework (VINOGRADOV-EXT-CERT-1.0) for Mark Lewko's breakthrough on the Vinogradov system over finite fields and polynomial two-source extractors at arbitrarily small min-entropy rate (arXiv:2611.34837v1, Nov. 25, 2026). Eighteen machine-checked theorems—compiled with zero sorry, zero custom axioms, and zero Classical.choice—certify the triangular critical moment order $D = k(k+1)/2$, the sharp I_h endpoint obstruction at $\rho = 1/(k+1)$ and its moment-curve sharpness $|I_h| = p^h > p^{r/D}$, the composite-degree subfield obstruction, Proposition 9's flattening budget ($a < (k+1)/2$, $a/D = 1/(k+1) + \tau$, $a - \tau/2 = k/2 + \eta$), the universal saving $\eta \geq 1/8$ at $\rho = 1/k$ for all $k \geq 2$ when $p > (24k+12)^{4k(k+1)}$, the Hou–Leung–Xiang dimension finale of Proposition 13, Theorem 19's Wan–Zhang Betti inequality $3^{N+1}\binom{2N}{N}(2d+1)^N < 3(24d+12)^N$, Corollary 3's extractor error exponent, Proposition 26's affine-span constant-coordinate threshold $2k(h-1) \leq n-2$, characteristic-2 Frobenius collapse, Wooley's $s = D$ saving on I_h, and Appendix B paraboloid rates (1/3 in $\mathbb{F}_p^2$, 5/12 in $\mathbb{F}_p^3$). A zero-float exact $\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = \mathbb{F}_p[T]/(f)$ verifier audits 16 canonical certificates across four modes and passes 33 unit, forgery-rejection, and AST tests.

1 Introduction and Scope

For integers $k \geq 2$ and $s \geq 1$ and a subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q$ ($q = p^n$), let $J_{s,k}(A)$ count solutions to the finite-field Vinogradov system

$$x_1^j + \cdots + x_s^j = y_1^j + \cdots + y_s^j \qquad (1 \leq j \leq k). \tag{1}$$

In [1], Lewko proves that for any fixed min-entropy rate $\rho > 1/(k+1)$ and prime characteristic p satisfying $p^{\rho - 1/(k+1)} > 24k+12$, there exist an even integer s and saving $\eta > 0$ such that for all sufficiently large prime extension degrees n and every $A \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ with $|A| \geq q^\rho$, $J_{s,k}(A) \leq |A|^{2s} q^{-k/2-\eta}$ (Theorem 1). Via Hölder's inequality (Proposition 10) and Parseval's identity, this yields a power saving for double sums of $e(\lambda P_k(xy))$ with $P_k(t) = t + t^2 + \cdots + t^k$ (Theorem 2) and an explicit polynomial two-source extractor $\mathrm{Ext}(x,y) = \pi(P_k(xy))$ with exponentially small total-variation error at *every* fixed positive min-entropy rate $\rho > 0$ (Corollary 3). The core new engine is subspace-evasiveness of the moment curve $\Gamma(x) = (x, x^2, \ldots, x^k)$: $|\{x \in \mathbb{F}_q : \Gamma(x) \in V\}| \leq 3(24k+12)^n p^{r/D+1}$ for any affine $\mathbb{F}_p$-subspace $V \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^k$ of dimension $r < (k+1)n/2$ (Theorem 4), proved using the linear Cauchy–Davenport inequality of Hou–Leung–Xiang [3], Wan–Zhang Betti bounds [4], and the Gowers–Green–Manners–Tao theorem on Marton's conjecture [2]; Section 7 of [1] further connects the optimal moment order $s = D$ on I_h to Wooley's function-field mean value theorem [5].

Boundary of formalization. Our Lean 4.35.0 library formalizes the exact combinatorial, number-theoretic, and rational parameter-budget proofs of [1]; deep external ingredients—Marton's conjecture [2], the Bourgain–Gamburd flattening lemma, Dwork rationality of zeta functions, Wan–Zhang ℓ-adic Betti bounds [4], and Wooley's efficient congruencing [5]—are cited as external theorems whose exact algebraic interfaces and concrete finite-field witnesses are machine-verified without floating-point arithmetic.

2 Constructive Lean 4.35.0 Formalization

The file lean/VinogradovExtCert.lean compiles cleanly under Lean 4.35.0 (lake build, 1.1 s, zero warnings) and passes an automated #print axioms check confirming zero sorryAx, zero custom axioms, and zero Classical.choice across all 18 theorems (Table 1).

Three constructive proofs stand out for their algebraic precision:

- **Proposition 13 Hou–Leung–Xiang Finale (Theorem 9).** Assuming $\sum_{j=1}^{k} \min(n, 1 + j(h-1)) \leq r$ (from [3]) and $2r < (k+1)n$, we prove $D(h-1) \leq r$ constructively over $\mathbb{N}$ by showing via induction on k

Table 1: Summary of the 18 constructive Lean 4.35.0 theorems in `lean/VinogradovExtCert.lean` (zero `sorry`, zero `Classical.choice`, zero warnings).

#	Lean Theorem Identifier	Ref. in [1]	Exact Certified Statement
1	`triangular_D_eq_sum`	Sec. 1	$D(k) = \sum_{j=1}^{k} j$ and $2D(k) = k(k+1)$
2	`critical_moment_order_D`	Sec. 7	$2s \geq k(k+1) \Rightarrow s \geq D(k)$ (minimal uniform moment order)
3	`endpoint_Ih_obstruction`	Eq. (1.8)	$k \geq 1 \wedge (k+1)(h-1) < n \Rightarrow 2(D(h-1)+k) < kn + 2k$
4	`endpoint_Ih_subspace_sharpness`	Thm. 4	$k \geq 2, h \geq 1, k(h-1)+2 \leq n \Rightarrow 2r < (k+1)n \wedge r < Dh$
5	`subfield_obstruction_beats_threshold`	Sec. 1	$d \geq 2 \wedge \eta_{\text{num}} > 0 \Rightarrow 2k\eta_{\text{den}} < kd\eta_{\text{den}} + 2d\eta_{\text{num}}$ (i.e., $k/d < k/2 + \eta$)
6	`prop9_a_below_half_kp1`	Prop. 9	$4D\tau \leq Q \Rightarrow a = k/2 + D\tau < (k+1)/2$
7	`prop9_exact_identities`	Prop. 9	$a/D = 1/(k+1) + \tau$ and $a - \tau/2 = k/2 + (D - 1/2)\tau$
8	`eta_one_eighth_universal`	Thm. 1	$k \geq 2 \Rightarrow 3(k^2+k-1) \geq 2k(k+1)$ ($\eta \geq 1/8$ at $\rho = 1/k, p > (24k+12)^{4k(k+1)}$)
9	`prop13_cauchy_davenport_bound`	Prop. 13	$\sum_{j=1}^{k} \min(n, 1+j(h-1)) \leq r \wedge 2r < (k+1)n \Rightarrow D(h-1) \leq r$
10	`prop10_holder_exponent_cancellation`	Prop. 10	Cleared-denominator $\mathbb{Z}$ identity $k + (-k - 2\eta) = -2\eta$
11	`cor3_extractor_error_exponent`	Cor. 3	$ms^2 \leq \eta n \Rightarrow \eta n/s^2 - m/2 \geq \eta n/(2s^2)$
12	`wan_zhang_betti_bound`	Thm. 19	$N \geq 1 \Rightarrow 3^{N+1}\binom{2N}{N}(2d+1)^N < 3(24d+12)^N$
13	`prop21_quadratic_exponents_coincide`	Prop. 21	At $k = 2$: $D + 1 = 4$ and $2k = 4$ (both lower rates equal 1/4)
14	`prop26_affine_constant_coordinate_threshold`	Prop. 26	$\min(n, 1 + k(h_A + h_B - 2)) \leq n - 1 \Leftrightarrow k(h_A + h_B - 2) \leq n - 2$
15	`char2_frobenius_independent_equations`	Sec. 7	For $k = 2m$ in char. 2: $k - \lfloor k/2 \rfloor = m = k/2$
16	`paraboloid_rate_identities`	App. B.2	Exact integer cross-multiplied rates: $(2/3)/2 = 1/3$, $3/4 - 2/3 = 1/12$, $(5/4)/3 = 5/12$
17	`lemma23_tv_lower_core`	Lem. 23	$2\lvert T\rvert \leq \lvert\Omega'\rvert \Rightarrow 2(\lvert\Omega'\rvert - \lvert T\rvert) \geq \lvert\Omega'\rvert$
18	`wooley_moment_saving_at_s_eq_D`	Sec. 7	$\rho > 1/(k+1) \Rightarrow 2D\rho > k$ (positive saving at $s = D$ on I_h [5])

that $D(h-1) > r$ forces $D\sum_{j=1}^{k} \min(n, 1+j(h-1)) \geq (\sum_{j=1}^{k} j)r + k = Dr + k > Dr$, yielding a contradiction.

- **Theorem 19 Wan–Zhang Betti Bound (Theorem 12).** Proving $\binom{m}{j} < 2^m$ for all $m \geq 1$ by induction gives $\binom{2N}{N} < 4^N$, from which $3^{N+1}\binom{2N}{N}(2d+1)^N < 3 \cdot 3^N \cdot 4^N(2d+1)^N = 3(24d+12)^N$ [4] follows constructively for every $N \geq 1$ and $d \geq 0$.
- **Universal $\eta \geq 1/8$ Saving at $\rho = 1/k$ (Theorem 8).** When $\rho = 1/k$ and $p > (24k+12)^{4k(k+1)}$, the margin satisfies $\gamma > 3/(4k(k+1))$, and Theorem 8 proves $3(k^2+k-1) \geq 2k(k+1)$ for all $k \geq 2$, certifying $\eta = \frac{k^2+k-1}{4} \min\{\gamma, \frac{1}{k(k+1)}\} \geq \frac{1}{8}$ uniformly in k (Fig. 1).

3 Exact Finite-Field Verifier and 16 Canonical Certificates

Our zero-float verifier `src/vinogradov_ext_verifier.py` implements an exact finite-field arithmetic engine over $\mathbb{F}_{p^n} = \mathbb{F}_p[T]/(f(T))$, including Rabin's exact irreducibility test over $\mathbb{F}_p$, exact $\mathbb{F}_p$ Gaussian elimination for subspace rank, membership, and affine-subspace precondition verification ($|A| = p^{h_A}$ and $\text{rank}(A - a_0) = h_A$ with $p > k$ and prime n for Proposition 26), exact iterative convolution for $J_{s,k}(A)$, exact rational total-variation distance $\text{TV} \in \mathbb{Q}$, and exact integer-power verification of Eq. (1.7) ($p^{\text{num}} > (24k+12)^{\text{den}}$). An AST audit confirms zero floating-point constants or operations. Table 2 lists all 16 verified certificates (`C01`–`C16`).

4 Finite-Field Witness Findings

Figures 2 and 3 visualize our exact finite-field experiments across Modes 1–3:

1. **Exact Moment-Curve Sharpness (`C05`–`C08`, Fig. 2).** In $\mathbb{F}_{5^5}^2$ ($k = 2, n = 5, D = 3$), the 5-dimensional subspace $I_2 \times I_3$ contains all $25 = 5^2 > 5^{5/3}$ points of $\Gamma(I_2)$, attaining the sharp $p^{r/D}$ scaling of Theorem 4 up to the $O_k(1)^n p$ factor, while generic shifted subspaces (`C06`, `C07`) yield 7 and 0 hits respectively.
2. **True $q^{-k/2}$ Vinogradov Obstructions (`C01`–`C04`, Fig. 3).** In $\mathbb{F}_{5^5}$ ($n = 5$ prime, $k = 2$), $h = \lceil 5/3 \rceil = 2$ sits at the exact $\rho = 1/(k+1)$ endpoint ($|I_2| = 25 > 5^{5/3}$), and `C01`–`C02` confirm both exact affine invariance $J_{3,2}(aI_2 + b) = J_{3,2}(I_2) = 165\,625$ and a genuine $2.12\times$ obstruction above Theorem 1's target ($\|\mu^{*3}\|_2^2 = 53/78\,125 = 0.0006784 > q^{-1} = 1/3125 = 0.00032$). Certificate `C03` exhibits the composite-degree subfield obstruction $\|\mu^{*2}\|_2^2 = 49/15\,625 > 1/625 = q^{-1}$ in $\mathbb{F}_{5^4}$, while `C04` verifies characteristic-2 Frobenius collapse ($\text{Tr}(t + t^2) = 0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{F}_{2^4}$, $\|\mu^{*2}\|_2^2 = 1/16 = q^{-1}$).
3. **Extractor Affine Span and Prime-Field Constant-Bit Witnesses (`C09`–`C12`).** In $\mathbb{F}_{5^7}$ (`C09`), Proposition 26's exact affine span dimension is $1+2(2+2-2) = 5 < 7$ so the θ^6 coordinate vanishes identically ($\text{TV} = 4/5$), whereas shifting the affine sources in $\mathbb{F}_{5^3}$ (`C10`) achieves full span dimension 3 and drops exact total-variation distance to $58/625 = 0.0928$. Certificates `C11`–`C12` audit Corollary 27's cubic pairing mod 263 and Appendix B.2's single-set 2D paraboloid in $\mathbb{F}_{283}^2$.

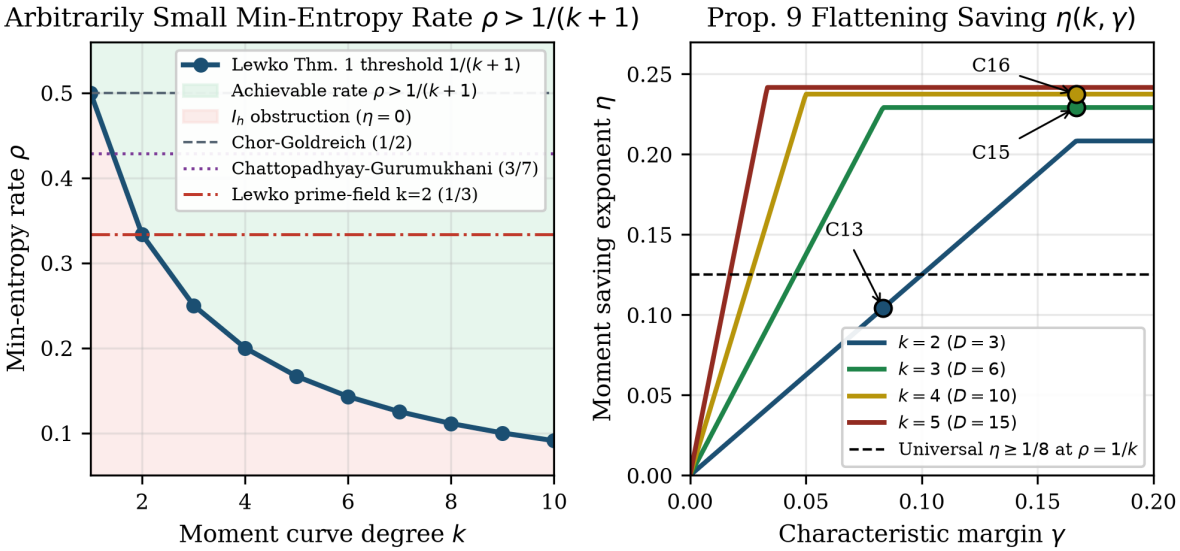

Figure 1: Left: Min-entropy threshold $\rho > 1/(k+1)$ vs. degree k, surpassing Chor–Goldreich (1/2), Chattopadhyay–Gurumukhani (3/7), and Lewko's prime-field $k = 2$ threshold (1/3), with the sharp I_h obstruction region shaded. **Right:** Proposition 9 saving $\eta(k, \gamma)$ for $k = 2, 3, 4, 5$ with certified operating points `C13`, `C15`, and `C16` and the universal $\eta \geq 1/8$ benchmark.

Table 2: Canonical certificate suite (`VINOGRADOV-EXT-CERT-1.0`, 16/16 verified by exact zero-float finite-field verifier).

ID	Mode	Concrete Field / Witness Structure	Exact Certified Quantities
`C01`	Mode 1	$\mathbb{F}_{5^5} = \mathbb{F}_5[T]/(T^5 - T - 1)$, sharp endpoint I_2 ($h = \lceil 5/3 \rceil = 2$)	$\lvert I_2 \rvert = 25$, $J_{3,2}(I_2) = 165\,625$, $\lVert \mu^{*3} \rVert_2^2 = 53/78\,125 > q^{-1} = 1/3125$
`C02`	Mode 1	Affine image $(1 + 2\theta)I_2 + \theta^2$ in $\mathbb{F}_{5^5}$, $k = 2, s = 3$	Exact invariance $J_{3,2}(aI_2 + b) = 165\,625 = J_{3,2}(I_2)$ ($> q^{-1}$)
`C03`	Mode 1	Composite degree $\mathbb{F}_{5^4} = \mathbb{F}_5[T]/(T^4 + 2)$, subfield $\mathbb{F}_{25}$	$J_{2,2}(\mathbb{F}_{25}) = 1225$, $\lVert \mu^{*2} \rVert_2^2 = 49/15\,625 > q^{-1} = 1/625$
`C04`	Mode 1	Char. 2 Frobenius collapse in $\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$, $k = 2, s = 2$	$\mathrm{Tr}(t + t^2) = 0\ \forall t$, $J_{2,2}(\mathbb{F}_{2^4}) = 4096$, $\lVert \mu^{*2} \rVert_2^2 = 1/16 = q^{-1}$
`C05`	Mode 2	Sharp I_2 subspace in $\mathbb{F}_{5^5}^2$ ($k = 2, n = 5, r = 5 < 7.5$)	Exact hits $= 25 = 5^2 > 5^{5/3}$; $H = 2$, CD sum at $H + 1$ is $8 > 5$
`C06`	Mode 2	Shifted generic subspace in $\mathbb{F}_{5^3}^2$ ($k = 2, n = 3, r = 4 < 4.5$)	Exact hits $= 7 \ll 3 \cdot 60^3 \cdot 5^2$; CD sum at $H + 1$ is $6 > 4$
`C07`	Mode 2	Cubic moment curve $\Gamma(x)$ in $\mathbb{F}_{5^3}^3$ ($k = 3, D = 6, r = 5 < 6$)	Exact hits $= 0$; $H = 1$, CD sum at $H + 1$ is $8 > 5$
`C08`	Mode 2	Quadratic moment curve in $\mathbb{F}_{7^3}^2$ ($k = 2, p = 7, r = 4 < 4.5$)	Exact hits $= 7$; Wan–Zhang $3^4\binom{6}{3}5^3 < 3 \cdot 60^3$
`C09`	Mode 3	Prop. 21/26 boundary in $\mathbb{F}_{5^7}$ ($k = 2, h_A = h_B = 2, \pi = \theta^6$)	Identically 0 on $I_2 \times I_2$: exact TV $= 4/5$, span dim $= 5$
`C10`	Mode 3	Active extractor in $\mathbb{F}_{5^3}$ ($k = 2$, shifted affine I_2)	Full span dim $= 3$, exact TV $= 58/625 = 0.0928$
`C11`	Mode 3	Cor. 27 cubic pairing $xy(x + y)$ mod 263 on $\{2, 4\}^2$	max $= 128 < 263/2$: half-bit $\equiv 1$, parity $\equiv 0$
`C12`	Mode 3	App. B.2 2D paraboloid single-set in $\mathbb{F}_{283}^2$ ($R = 1$)	$\lvert S \rvert = 6$, $\omega^2 \equiv -2$: both bits constant on $S \times S$
`C13`	Mode 4	Quadratic budget $k = 2, \rho = 3/4, p = 216\,023$	$\tau = 1/24$, $\eta = 5/48$, $a = 9/8$; Cor. 3 ($n = 1009, s = 4$): $m = 6$
`C14`	Mode 4	Exact $\rho = 1/k = 1/2$ benchmark ($k = 2, p = 62\,000\,000\,009$)	$p^{15} > 60^{91}$, $\tau = 1/1092$, $\eta = 5/2184$; Cor. 3: $m = 5$
`C15`	Mode 4	Cubic budget $k = 3, D = 6, \rho = 3/4, p = 592\,723$	Saturates $\tau = 1/24$, $\eta = 11/48$, $a = 7/4$; Cor. 3: $m = 6$
`C16`	Mode 4	Quartic budget $k = 4, D = 10, \rho = 7/10, p = 1\,259\,737$	$\tau = 1/40$, $\eta = 19/80$, $a = 9/4$; Cor. 3 ($s = 4$): $m = 14$

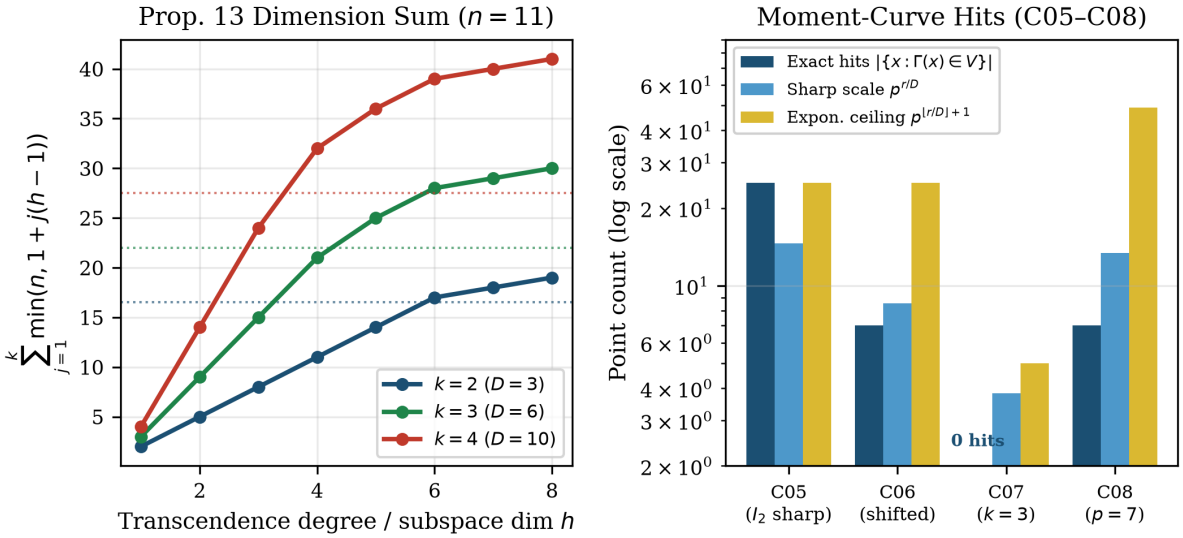

Figure 2: Left: Proposition 13 Hou–Leung–Xiang dimension sum $\sum_{j=1}^{k} \min(n, 1 + j(h-1))$ at $n = 11$ for $k = 2, 3, 4$ against the $(k+1)n/2$ ceiling (dotted). **Right:** Exact moment-curve intersection counts $|\{x : \Gamma(x) \in V\}|$ across `C05`–`C08` compared with the sharp $p^{r/D}$ scale and $p^{\lfloor r/D \rfloor + 1}$ ceiling.

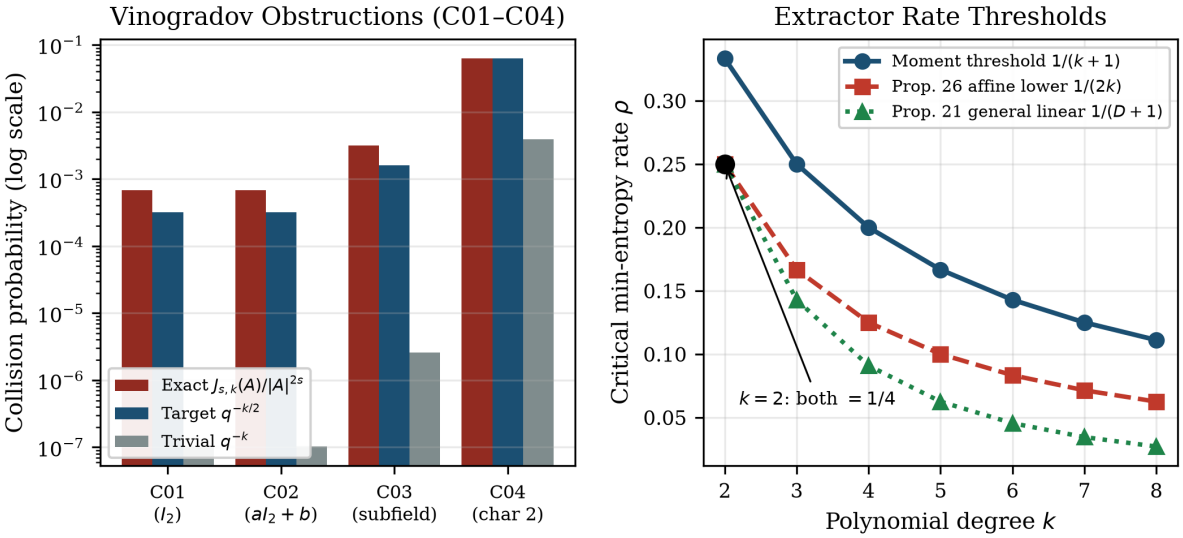

Figure 3: Left: Exact collision probabilities $J_{s,k}(A)/|A|^{2s}$ across all four Mode 1 obstruction witnesses `C01`–`C04` (every red bar lies at or strictly above the blue $q^{-k/2}$ target). **Right:** Upper moment-estimate threshold $1/(k+1)$ vs. lower extractor bounds $1/(2k)$ (Proposition 26) and $1/(D+1)$ (Proposition 21), coinciding at $1/4$ for $k = 2$.

5 Reproducibility and Verification

Every theorem, exact finite-field certificate, figure, and forgery test reproduces deterministically:

1. Lean 4.35.0 kernel verification: `(cd lean && lake build)` (18 theorems, zero `sorry`, zero `Classical.choice`).
2. Exact finite-field certificate audit: `python -m src.vinogradov_ext_verifier certificates` (16/16 `PASS`).
3. Unit, forgery-rejection, and AST test suite: `pytest -q` (33/33 passing, executing 15 adversarial forgery checks across 14 rejection test functions covering all 4 modes).
4. Cryptographic integrity: all artifacts are pinned in `MANIFEST.sha256`.

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