

Secure Multi-Party Computation & Cryptographic Complexity

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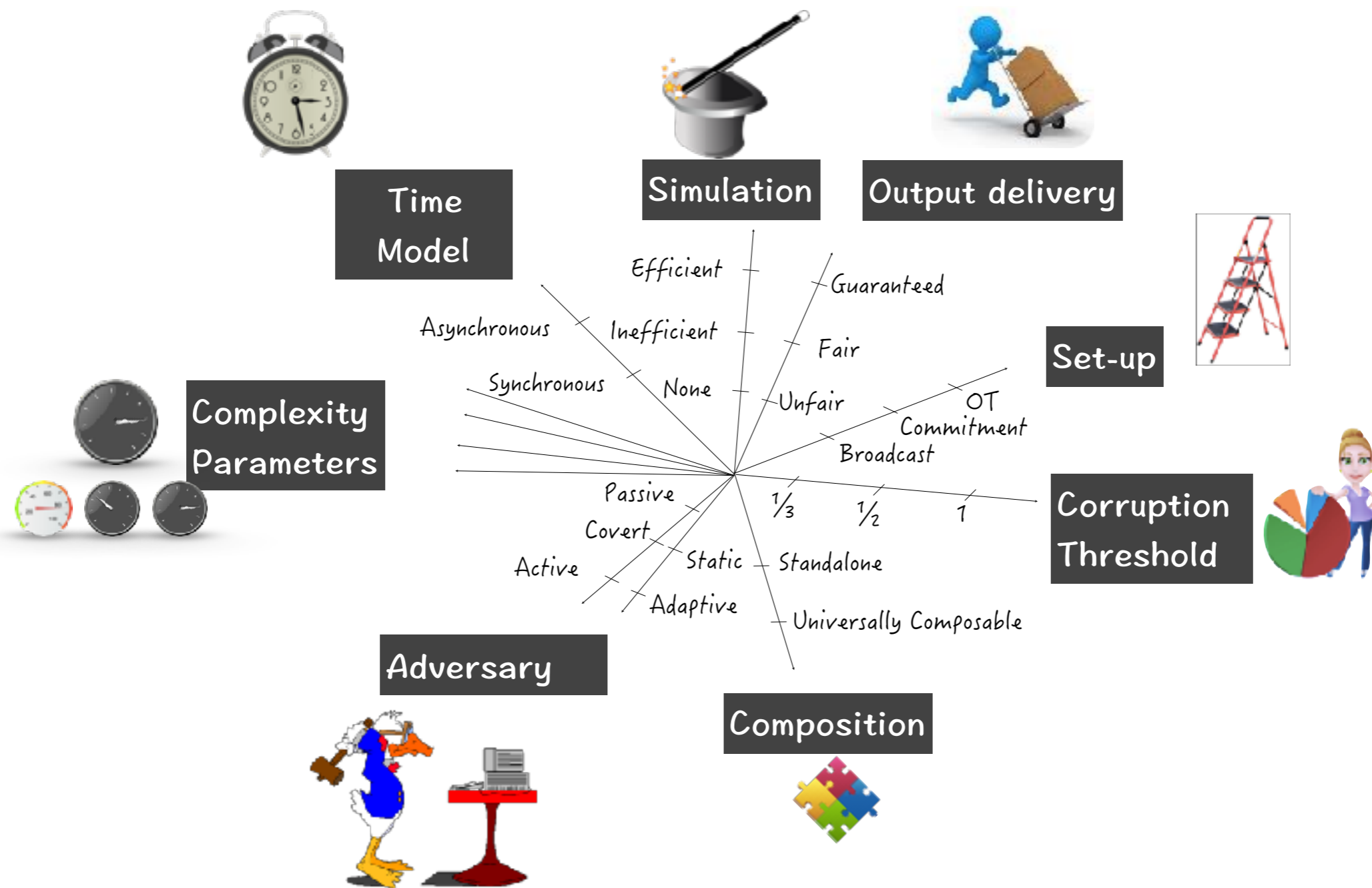
MPC: Emulating Trusted Computation

- Encryption/Authentication allow us to emulate a trusted channel
- Secure Multi-Party Computation (MPC): to emulate a source of trusted computation
- Trusted means it will not “leak” a party’s information to others
 - And it will not cheat in the computation
- Emulate: there is no trusted party!

Cryptographic Complexity

- How hard is to securely compute a (multi-party, finite) function?
- cf., Computability, Computational Complexity, Communication Complexity
- Lowest level of complexity: "Trivial" functions
 - Those which can be securely computed
 - cf. decidable languages

MPC Dimensions



Plan

- Lowest level of complexity for 2-party functions
 - Passive, Active Standalone, UC security
(only information-theoretic security today)
- Defining higher levels of complexity
- Highest level for 2-party functions
- Looking briefly into intermediate levels
- Some open problems
- Part 2: Quantitative Cryptographic Complexity

Passive Security

- Information-theoretic condition for security (inputs X, Y ; desired outputs A, B). For all distributions of X, Y :

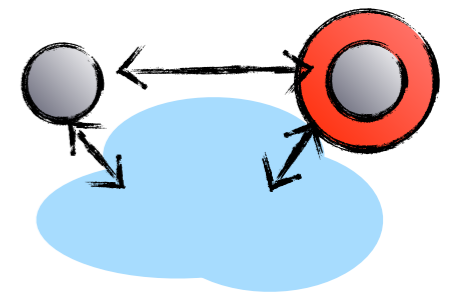
- $(\text{Output}_{\text{Alice}}, \text{Output}_{\text{Bob}} \mid X, Y) \equiv (A, B \mid X, Y)$

- $\text{View}_{\text{Alice}} \longleftrightarrow X, A \longleftrightarrow Y, B$

$$X, A \longleftrightarrow Y, B \longleftrightarrow \text{View}_{\text{Bob}}$$

- Statistical security: Allow “negligible” error in these conditions

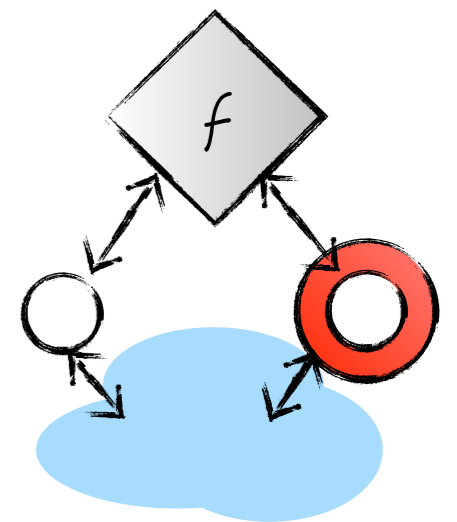
- Negligible: as a function of security parameter κ . Think $2^{-\kappa}$.



$P_{X,A,Y,B,\text{View}(\text{Bob})}$

REAL

IDEAL



$P_{X,A,Y,B}$
 $\times P_{\text{View}(\text{Bob}) \mid Y,B}$

Quiz

- What's the complexity of the following 3 functions (defined over say $[0,100] \times [0,100]$), w.r.t, passive secure MPC?
 - $\max(x,y)$
 - $[x < y]$
 - $(\max(x,y), [x < y])$

Passive Trivial Functions

- e.g., $\max(x,y)$, where x even, y odd

- Dutch flower auction

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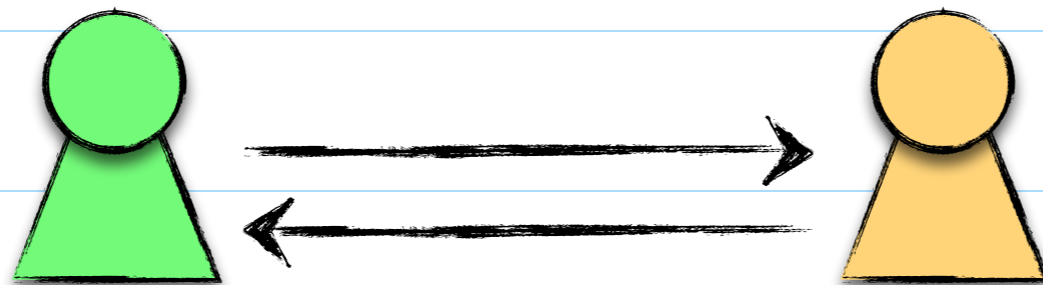
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- Suppose f is not decomposable.
 - Then it has a sub-function g which is not decomposable at the top-level.
 - If f passive trivial, so is g
 - So, enough to prove that g not passive trivial
 - Suppose g has a passive secure protocol

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- Protocol



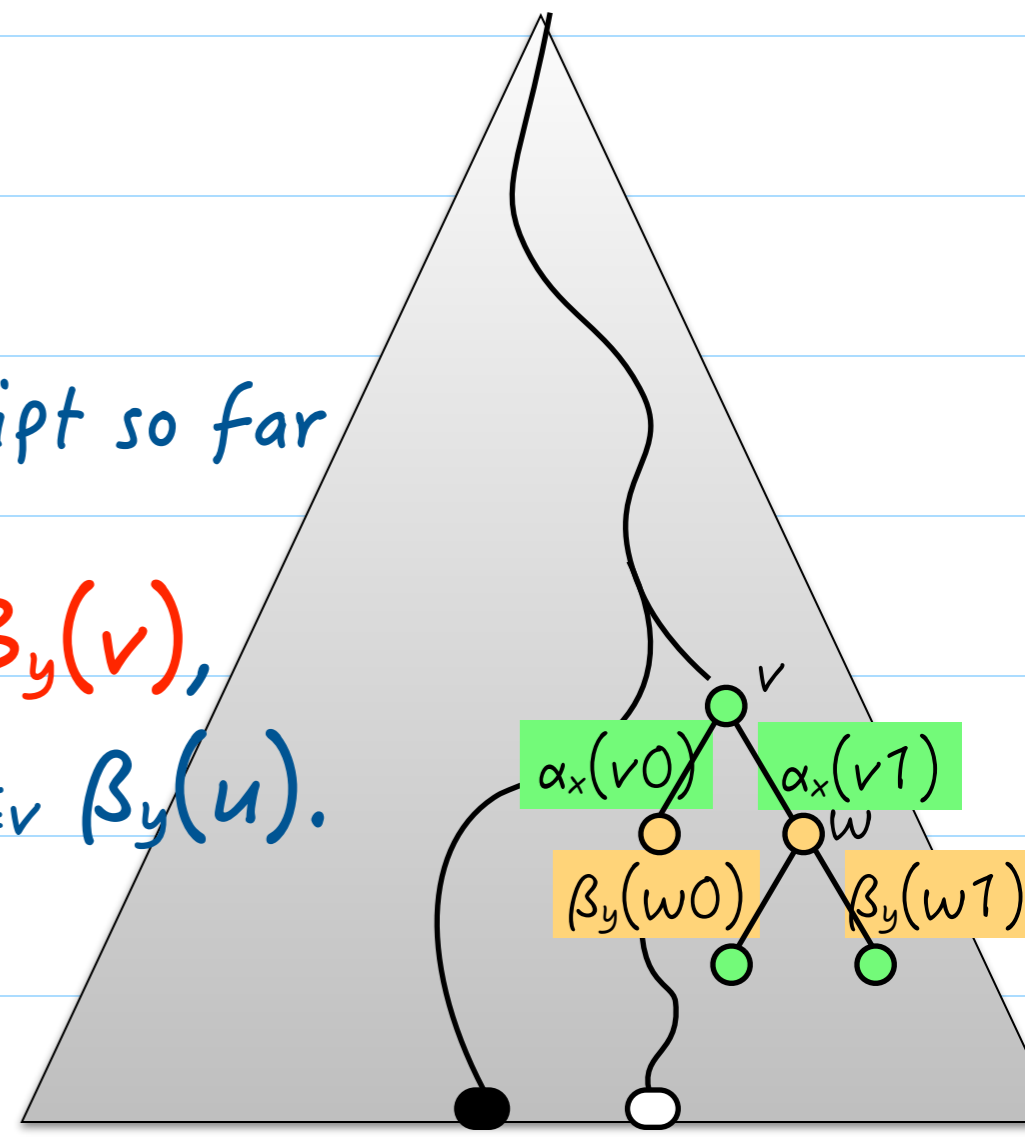
- Normal form:

Repeat: { Exchange a bit each. }

Output: part of transcript

Stateless: Next bit based on input & transcript so far

- For any node v $\Pr[v | x, y] = A_x(v) \cdot B_y(v)$,
where $A_x(v) = \prod_{u \leq v} \alpha_x(u)$, $B_y(v) = \prod_{u \leq v} \beta_y(u)$.



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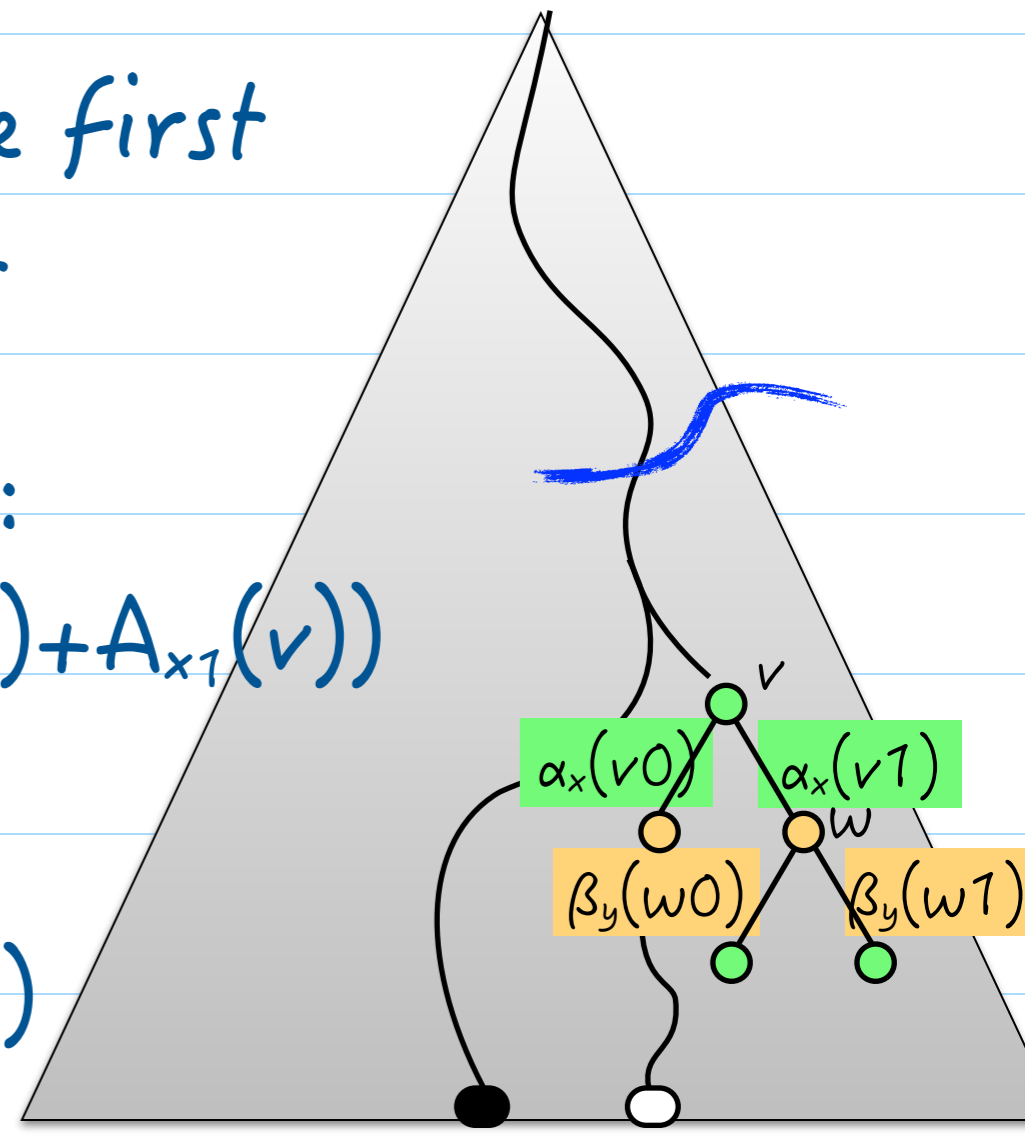
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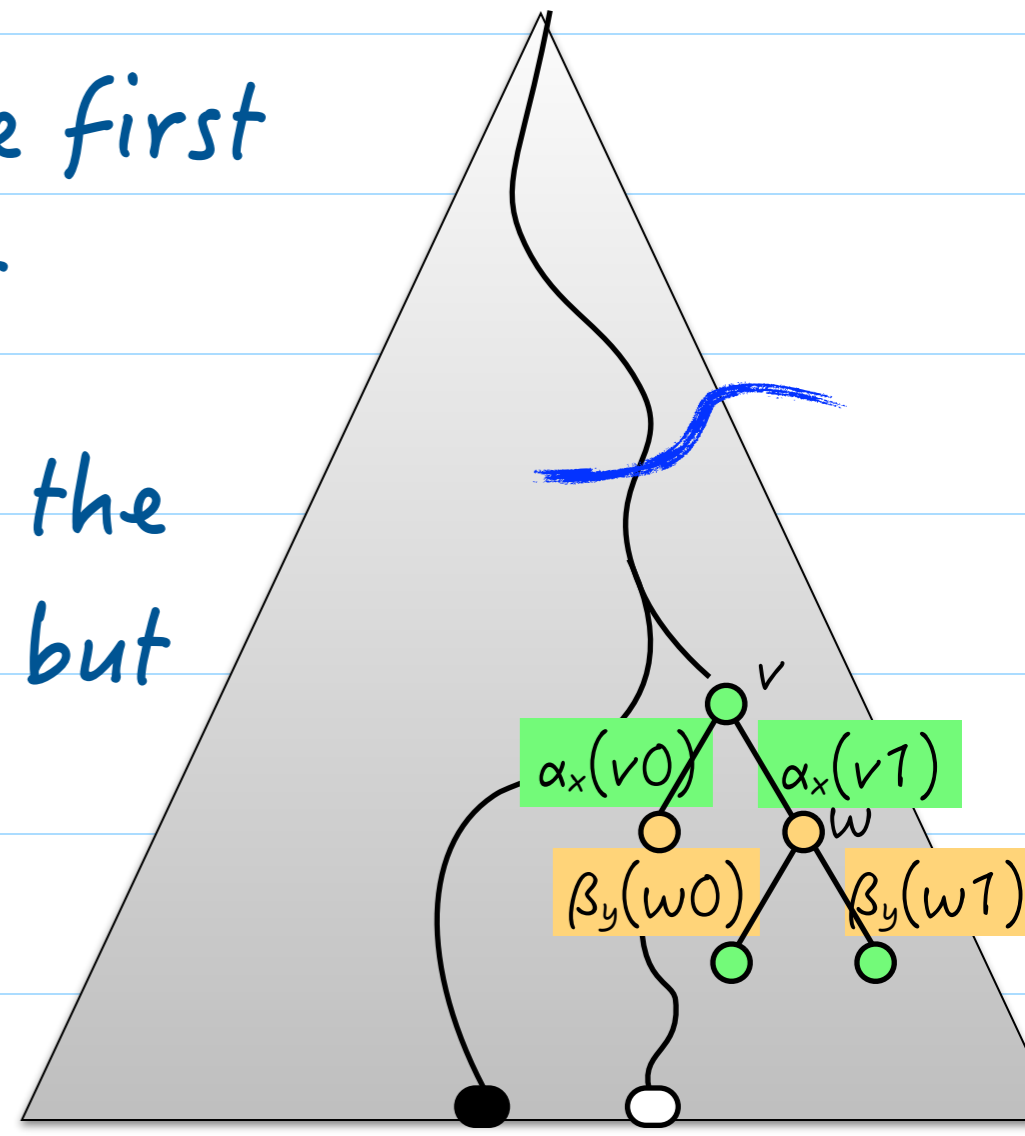
$$D_A(x_0, x_1 | v) = |A_{x_0}(v) - A_{x_1}(v)| / (A_{x_0}(v) + A_{x_1}(v))$$

- $F =$ set of nodes v where $\exists x_0, x_1$
s.t. $D_A(x_0, x_1 | v) > \varepsilon$ (for a suitable $\varepsilon > 0$)



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- F has significant weight because at the leaves some x 's are differentiated, but at root none are



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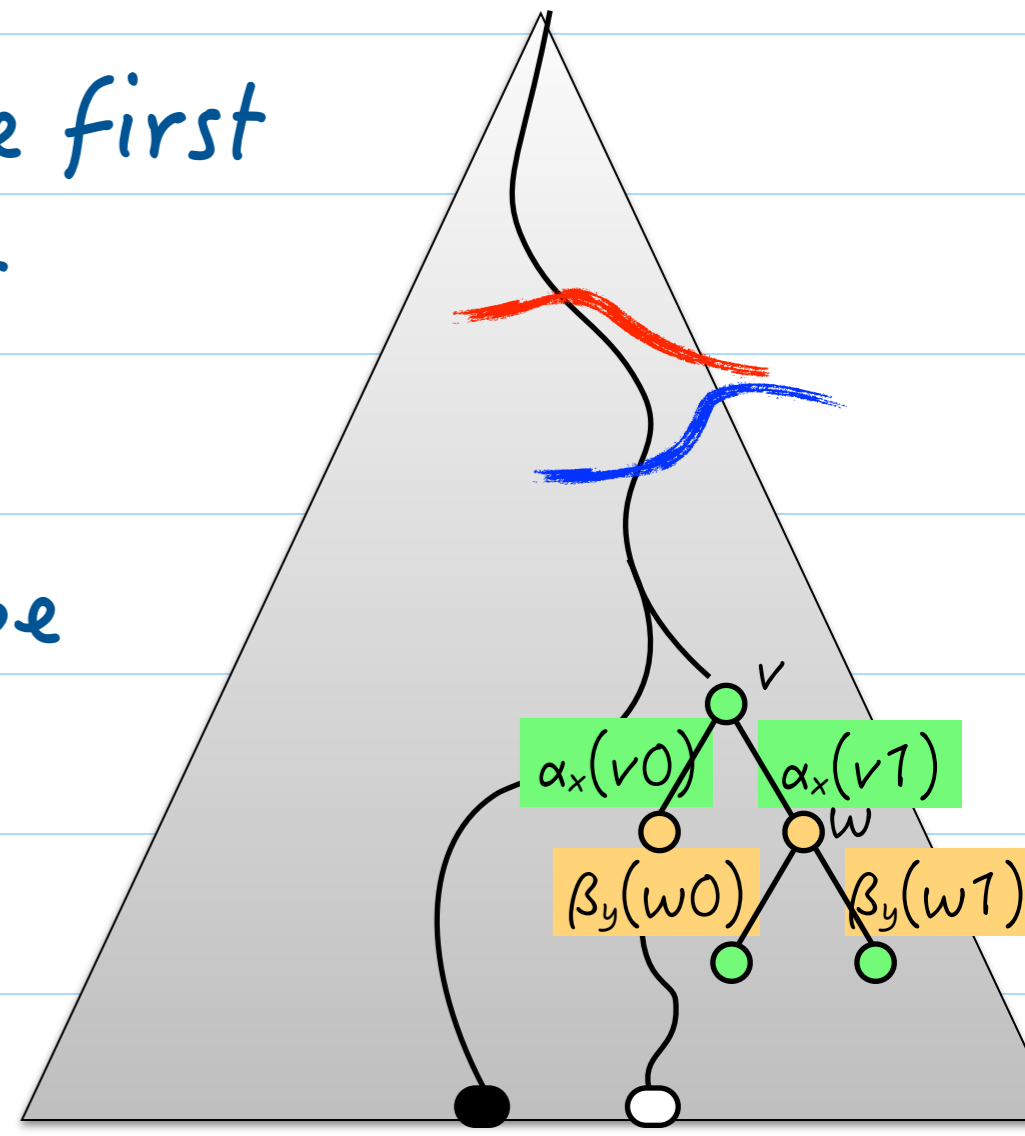
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- Now, $\exists y$ s.t. $g(x_0, y) = g(x_1, y)$

- Probability of reaching F should be negligible if Bob's input = y

- So Bob must have revealed information (strictly) above F

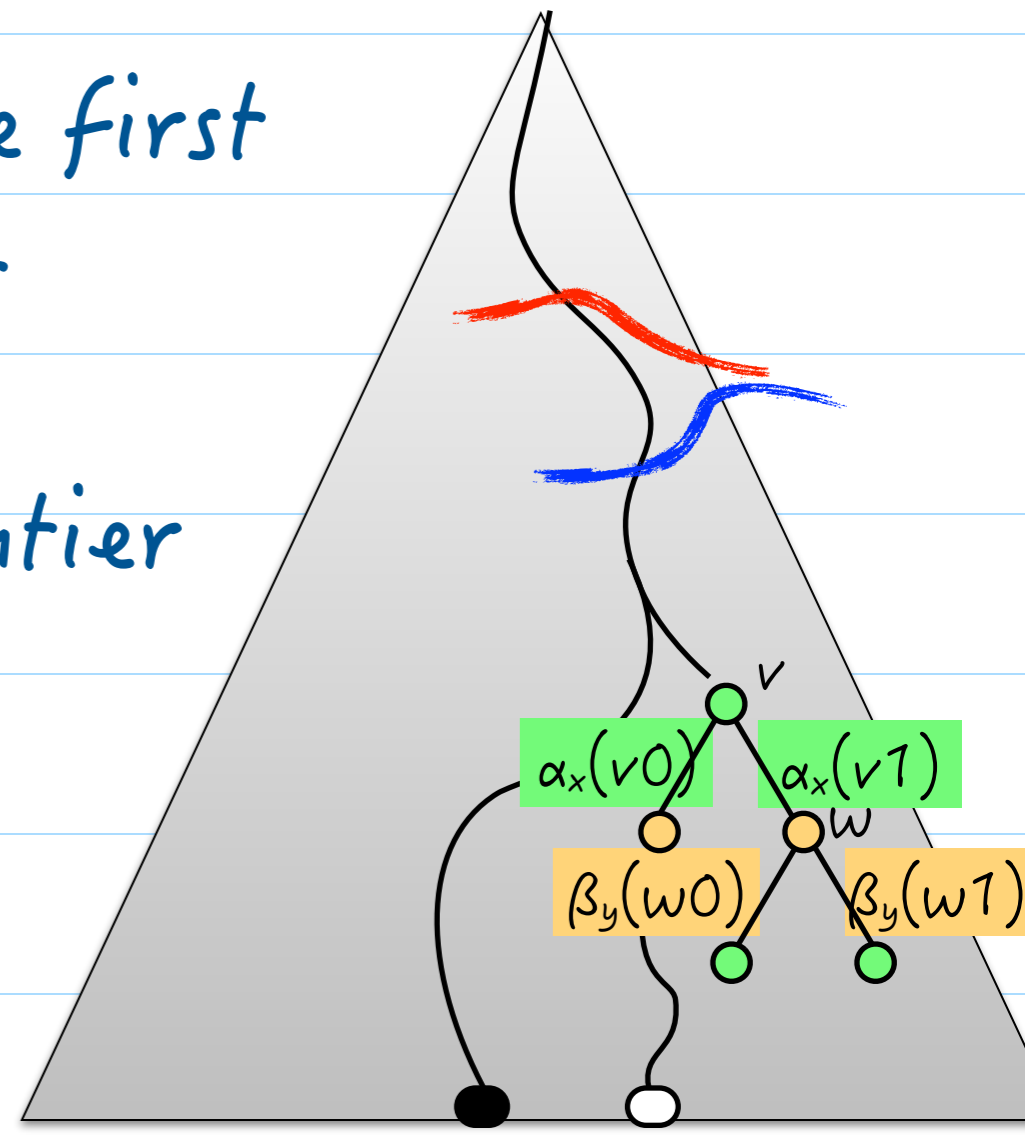


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- F must be strictly below Bob's frontier
- Contradiction by repeating the argument for Bob's frontier



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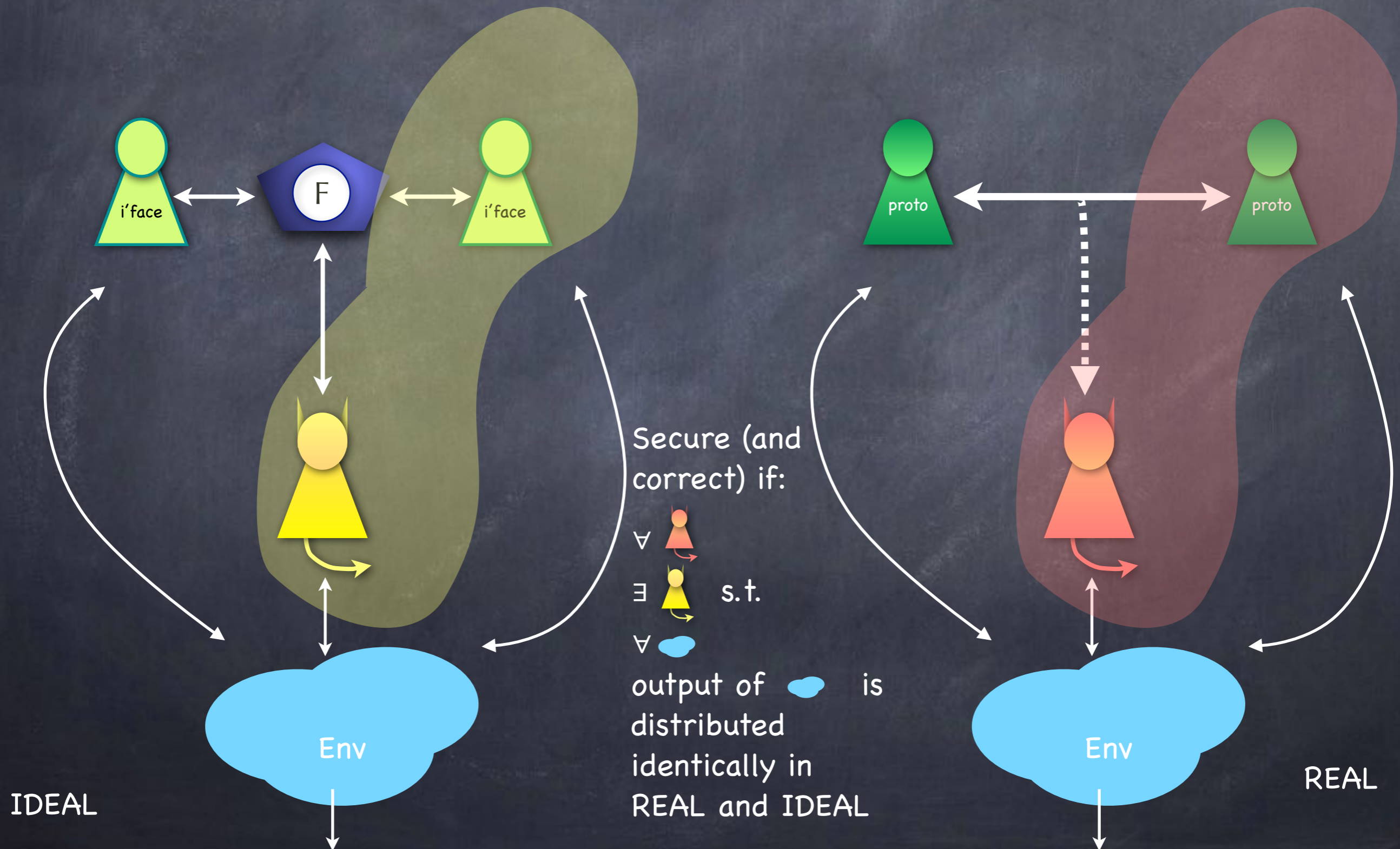
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Open Problem: What about randomised functions?

Active Security

- Security against active adversary
- Corrupt party may deviate from the protocol
- Same security definition?
 - $\text{View}_{\text{Alice}} \longleftrightarrow X, A \longleftrightarrow Y, B$
 $X, A \longleftrightarrow Y, B \longleftrightarrow \text{View}_{\text{Bob}}$
- But no well-defined input!

Simulation-Based Security



Standalone (Active) Security

- Simulation based security definition where:
- Environment interacts with the parties and the adversary only before and after (not during) the protocol execution

Standalone Trivial Functions

- Standalone trivial \Leftrightarrow uniquely decomposable & saturated

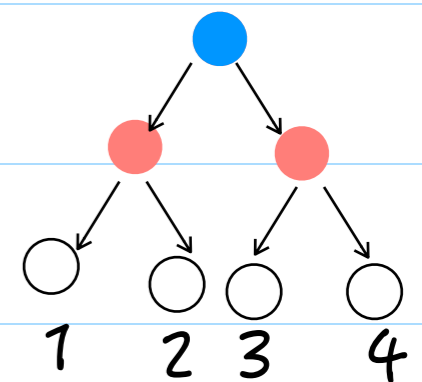
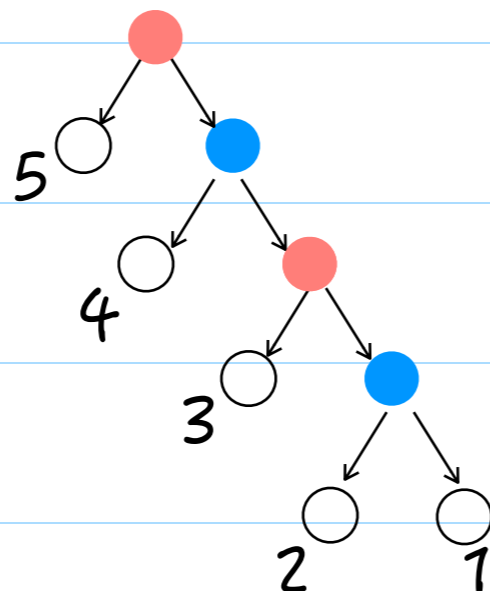
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Not uniquely
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No active-secure protocol!



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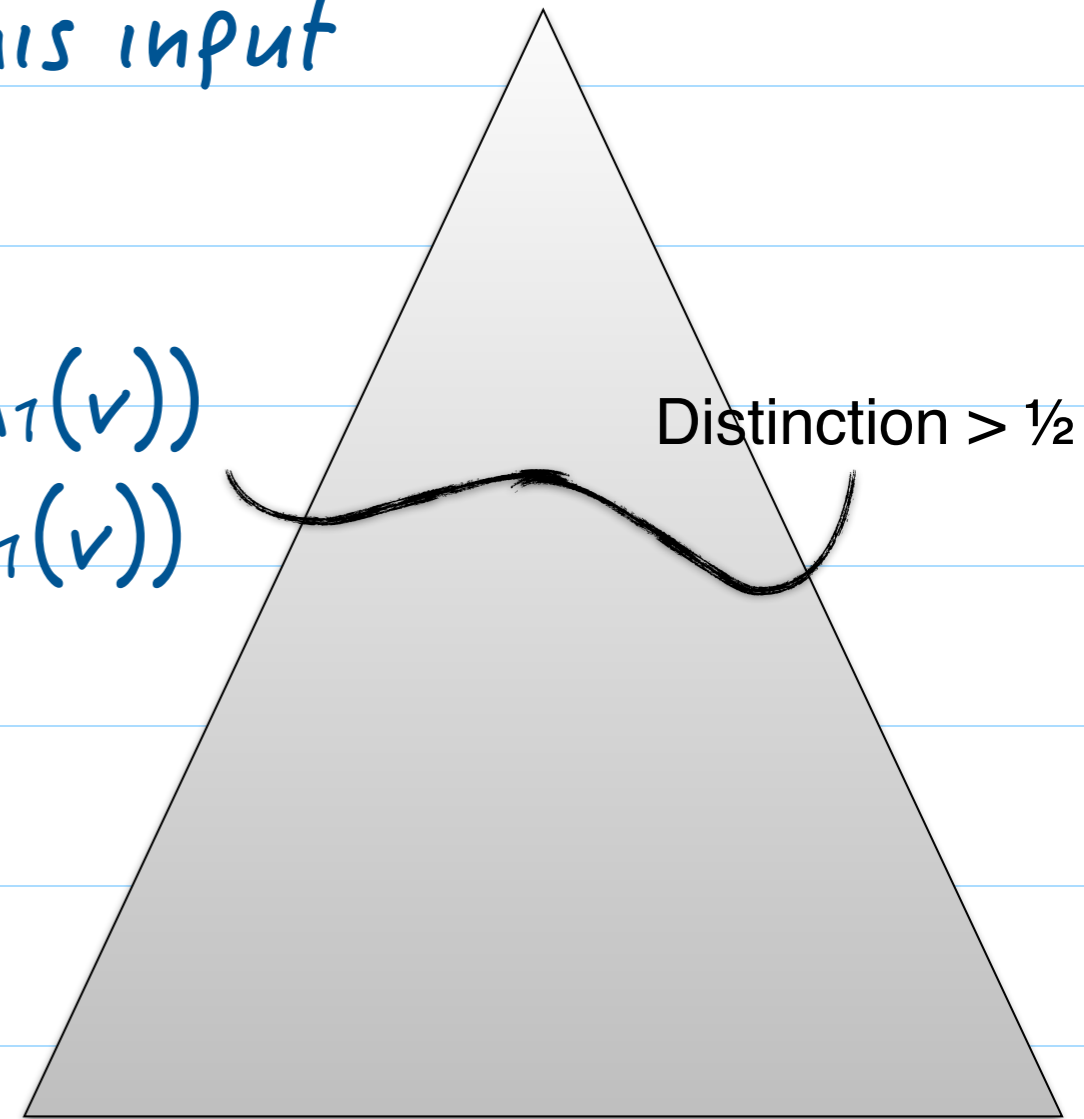
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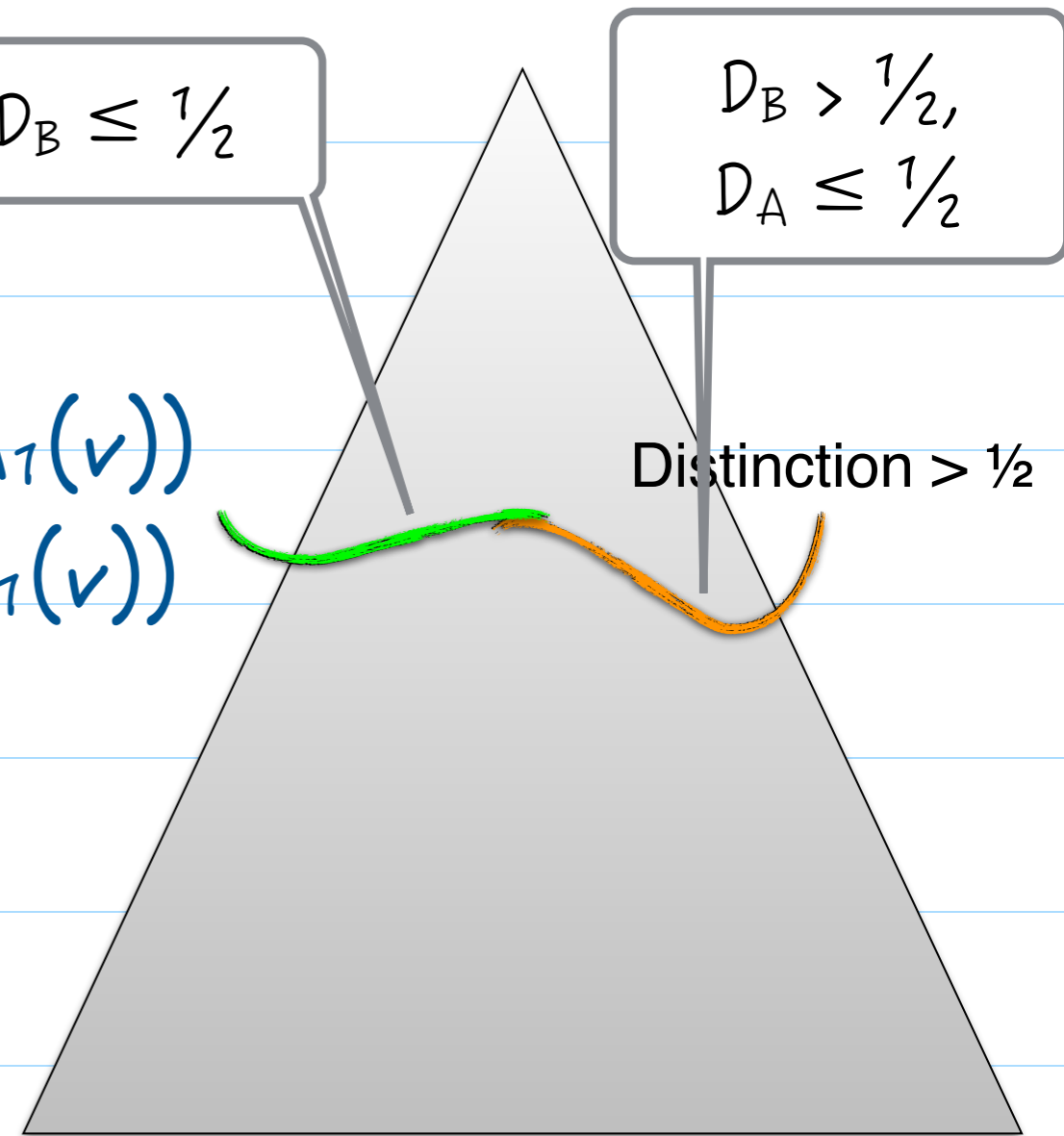
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- $F = F_A \cup F_B$



Active Attack on XOR

- Suppose more weight on F_A than F_B .

- Then Bob attacks:

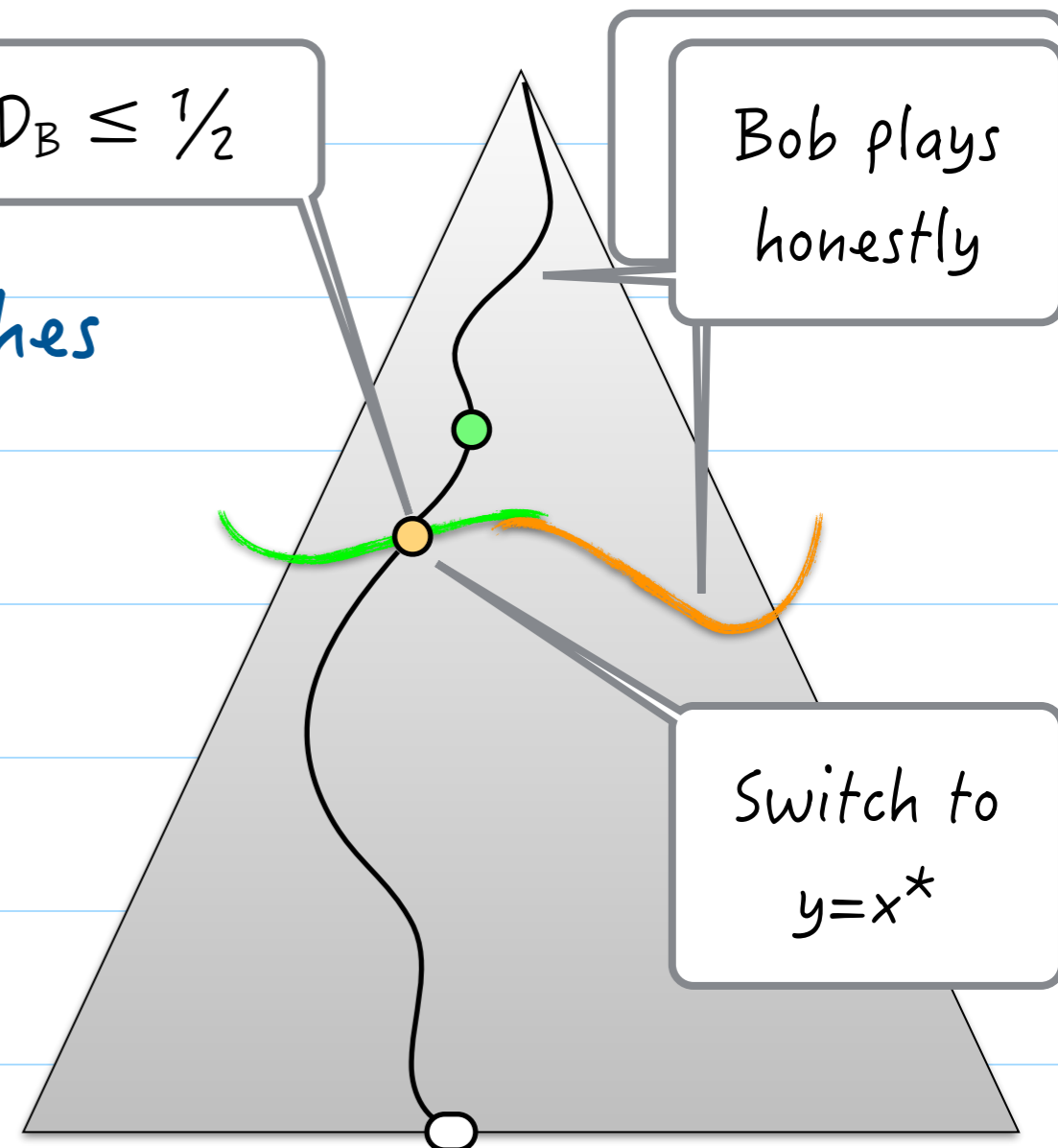
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- If transcript hits F_A , then Bob switches y to x^* , the more likely value for Alice's input

- $D_B \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ Bob hasn't fully revealed his input. So switching "legitimate"

- $D_A \gg 0 \Rightarrow$ Outcome biased towards 0

- Valid attack: Cannot force this in the ideal setting if Alice's input is random



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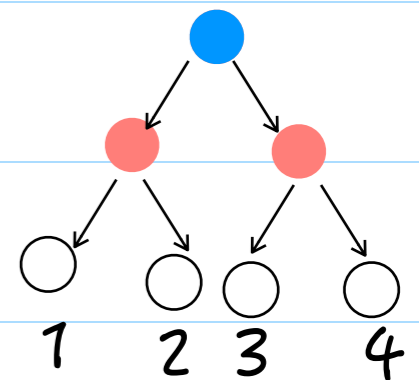
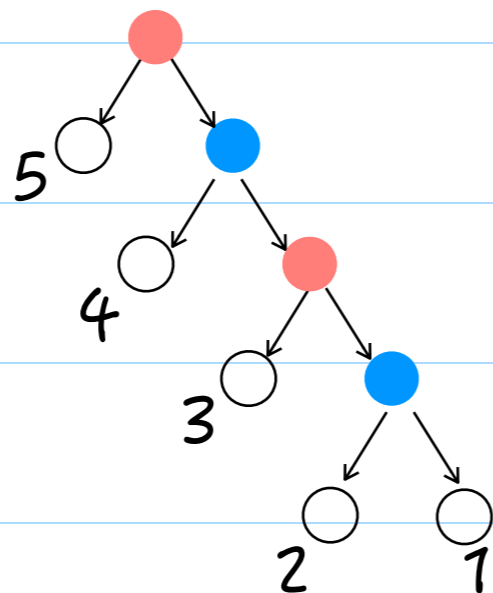
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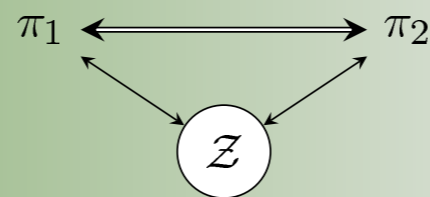
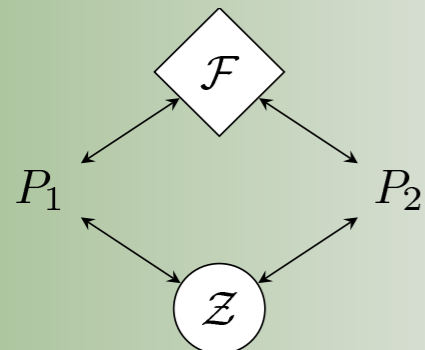
UC (Active) Security

- Active security with a “live” environment
- Adversary can interact with the environment throughout the protocol
- In particular, adversary can be under the control of the environment

Impossibility of UC Security



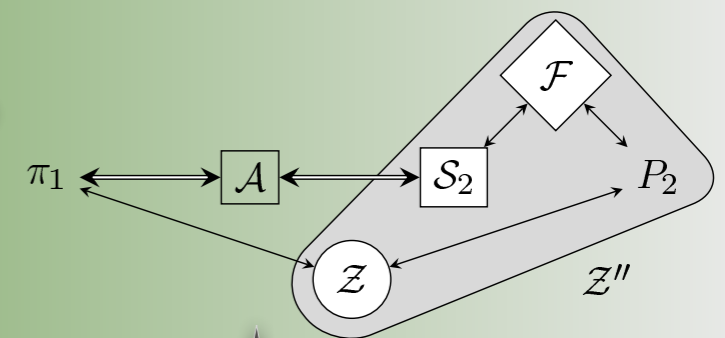
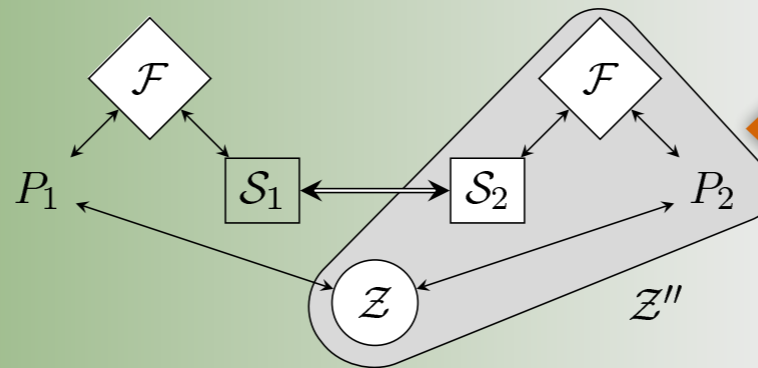
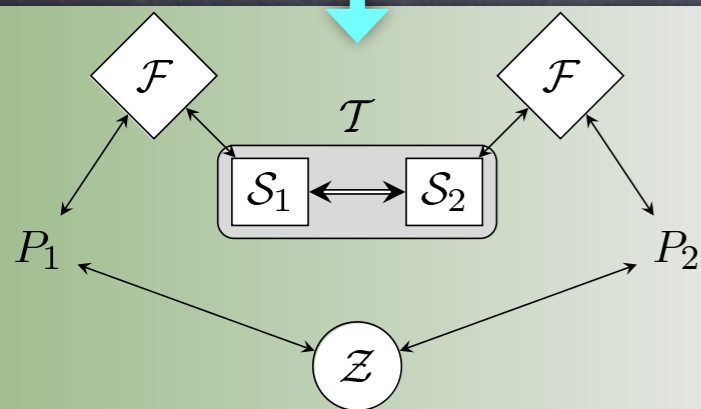
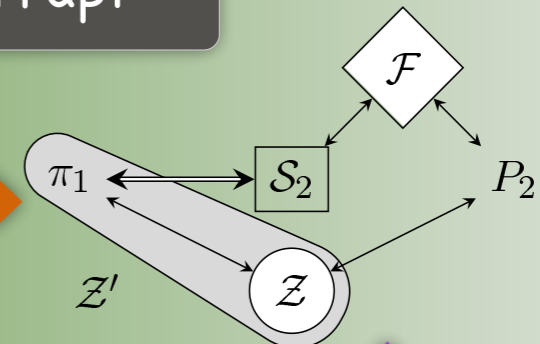
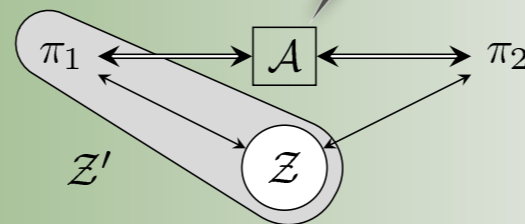
Indist. by security
Identical systems



No corruption

F has a UC-secure protocol
only if F is "splittable"
Very few are splittable!

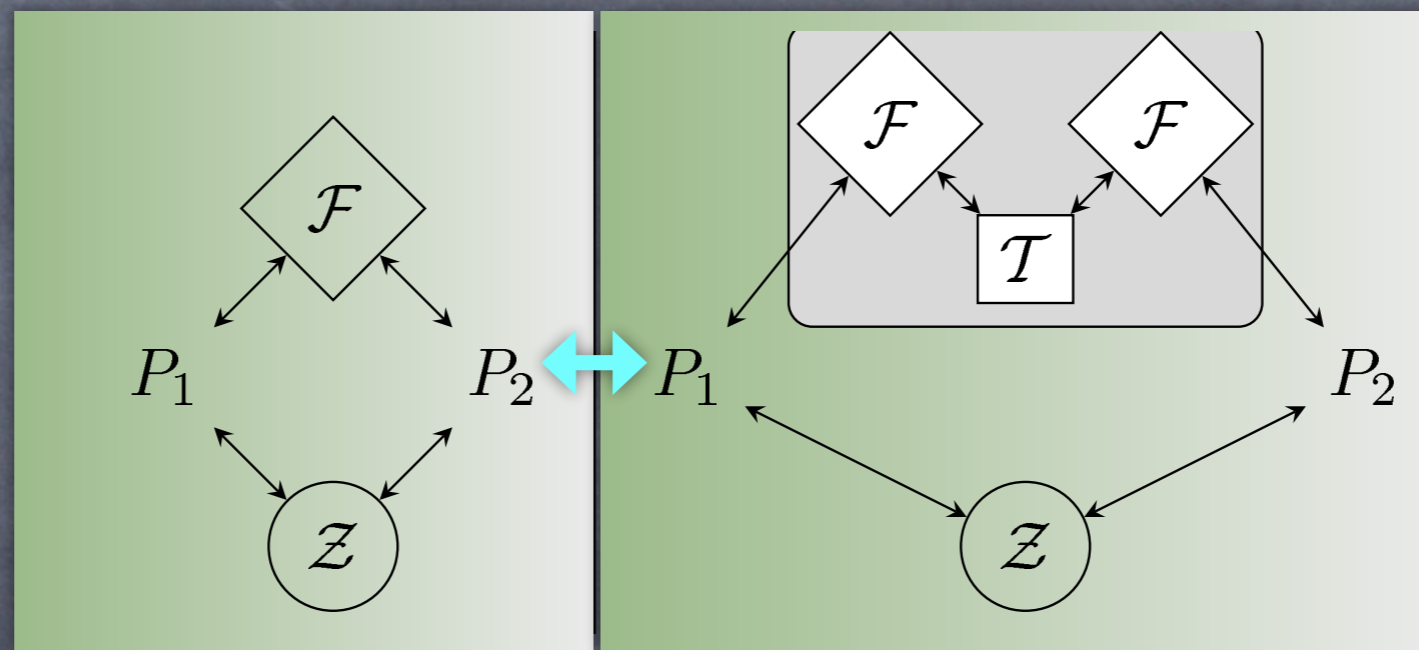
Party 1 corrupt



Party 2 corrupt

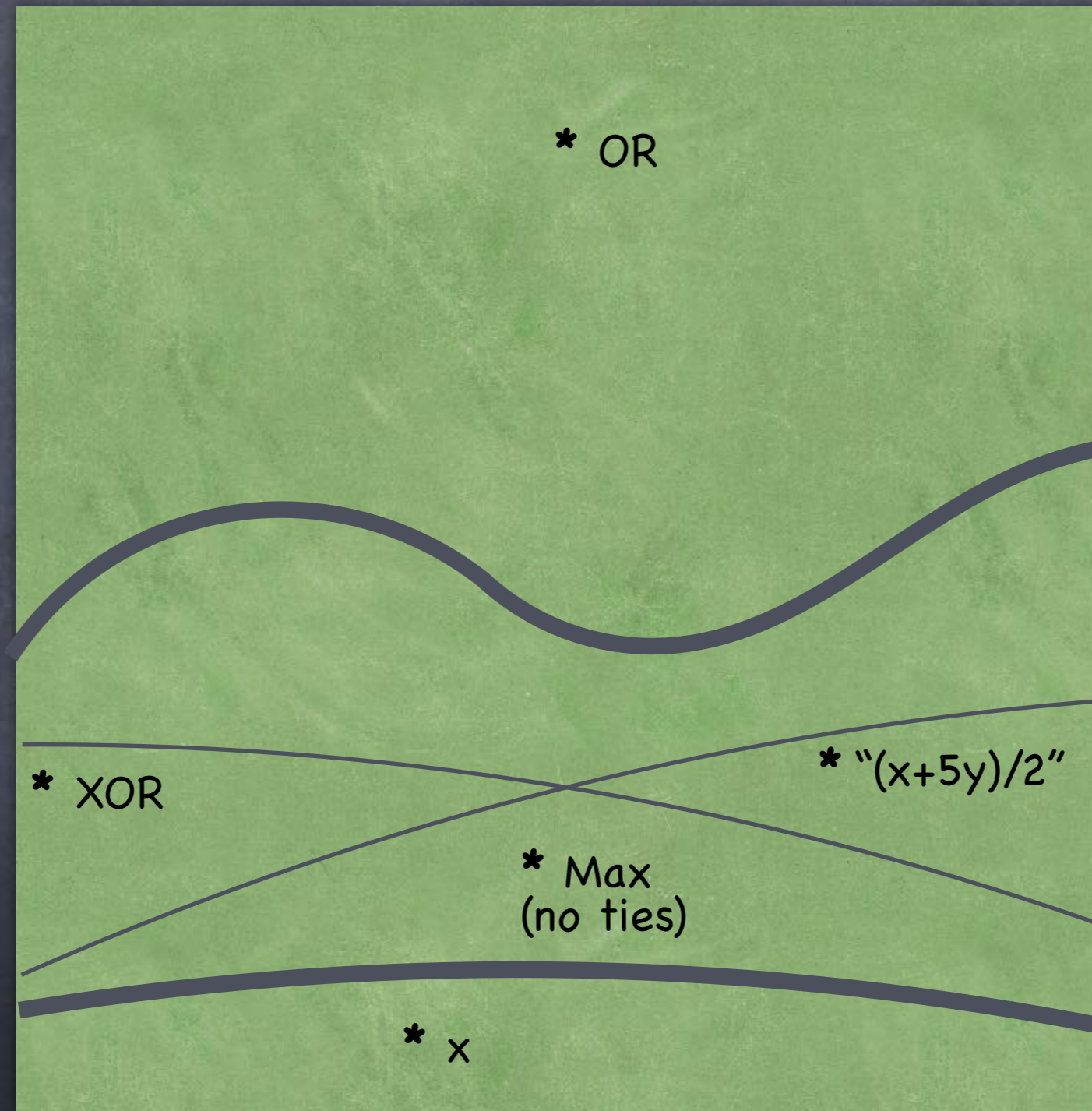
Splittable Functionalities

- F splittable if $\exists T \forall Z$ the outputs of Z in the following two experiments are negligibly far from each other:



- Splittable functionality essentially involve only communication and local computation. All splittable functionalities have UC-secure protocols.
- Most interesting functionalities are unsplittable. E.g., coin-tossing, commitment, XOR, OT, decomposable functions with depth > 1 , ...

A Map of 2-Party Functions



Decomposable

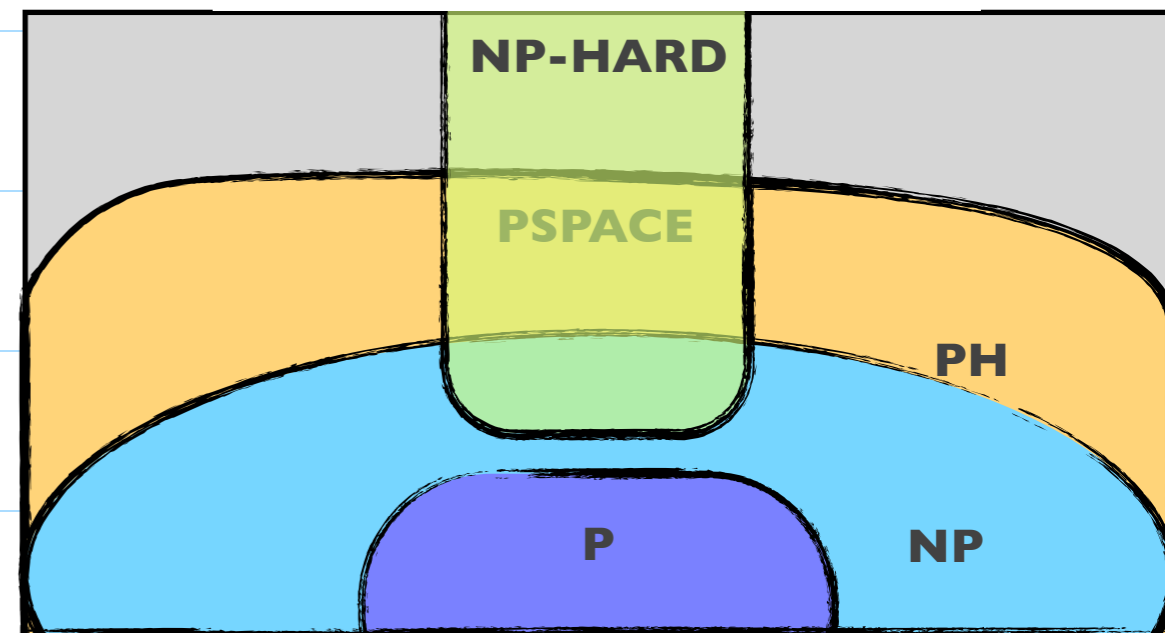
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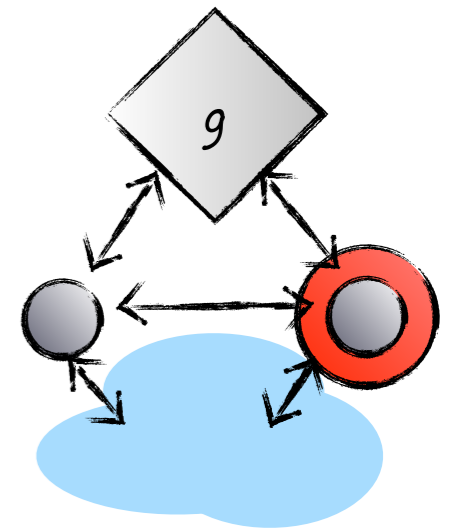
Cryptographic Complexity

- How hard is to securely compute a (multi-party) function?
- cf. Computational complexity
- Hard a la NP-hard?
- In terms of reductions



Secure Reduction

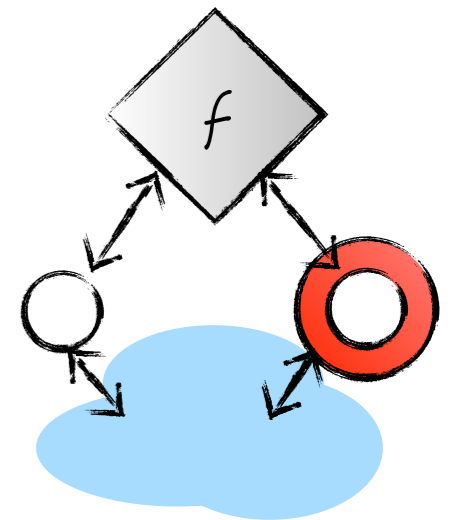
- Reducing functionality f to functionality g
 - A protocol for f , given access to g
- Parties can adaptively decide on what inputs to send to g (and even in which rounds to access g)
- $\text{View}_{\text{Alice}}$ and View_{Bob} involve their side of the input/output with g



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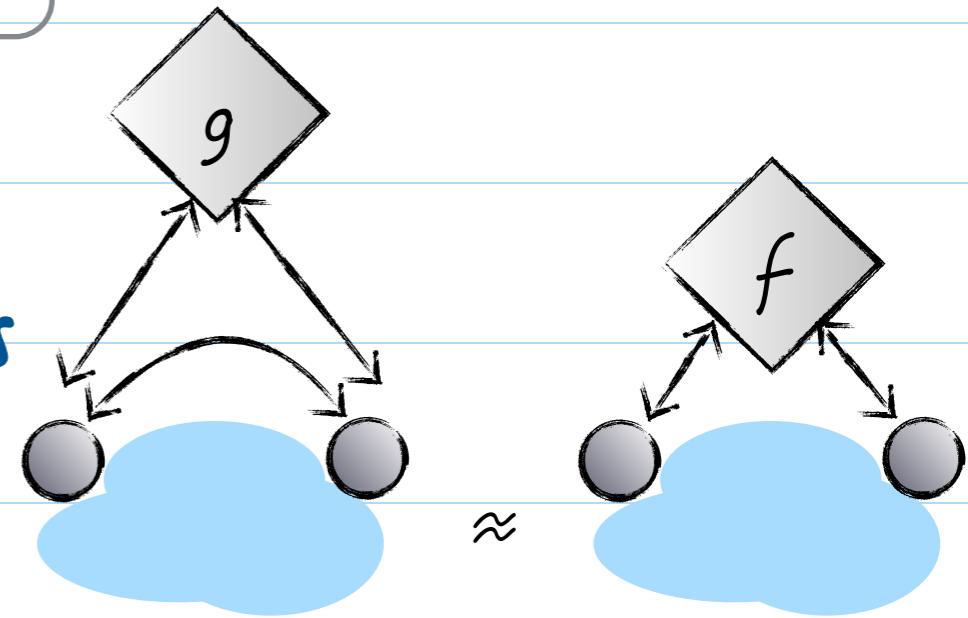


$P_{X,A,Y,B}$
 $\times P_{\text{View}(\text{Bob})} \mid Y,B$

Secure Reduction

for various notions
of security

- f **reduces to** g if there is a protocol that securely realizes f using g



- g is **Complete** if everything reduces to g
- f is **Trivial** if f reduces to everything

Complete Functions

- Is there any complete function at all?
- e.g., Oblivious Transfer [Wie.'70, Rab.'81]
- n -choose-1 OT: $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, $Y = i$, $OT_A(X, Y) = \perp$, $OT_B(X, Y) = X_i$
- Passive protocol for arbitrary f : Alice with input x sends $X_i = f(x, y_i)$, and Bob with input y_i sends i to OT.
- Here n = size of Bob's input alphabet
- Can reduce n -choose-1 OT to 2-choose-1 OT easily

Complete Functions

- Characteristic bipartite graph of a functionality:

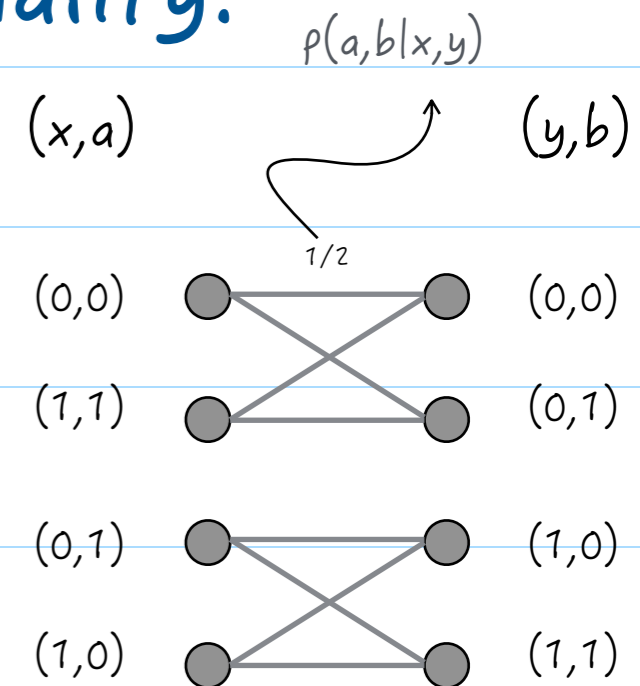
- Node sets $X \times A$ and $Y \times B$

- $\text{Weight}((x,a),(y,b)) = \Pr[a,b|x,y]$

- Simple:** Each connected component in the characteristic bipartite graph has edge weight \propto product of node weights

- Alternately: "isomorphic" to "common information" functionality

- Passive Complete iff not simple** [Ki'00,MPR'12]

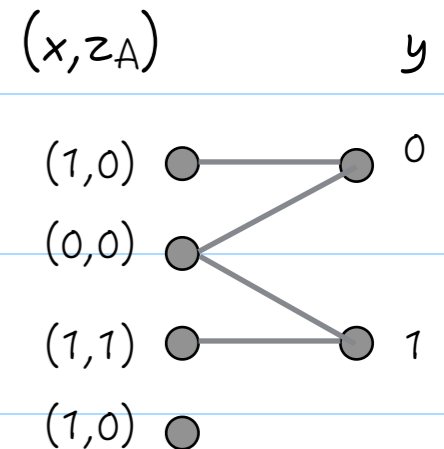


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- e.g. f gives $x \wedge y$ to Alice only

- Is this complete for active corruption?



- If Alice is actively corrupt, she can use (even in ideal model) input 1 and learn Bob's input

- Bob may as well send her his input: secure protocol!

- Function not complete (in fact, trivial) for active corruption!

Complete Functions

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 - e.g. f gives $x \wedge y$ to Alice only
 - $x=0$ is a redundant input (for active adversaries)
 - First (iteratively) remove all redundant inputs and outputs \rightarrow core
- Active Complete iff core is not simple [KMPS'14,KKMPS'16]

Intermediate Levels

- Between trivial and complete:

- For passive security:

- Nothing in between for input-less (sampling) functions:

Characterizations for trivial/complete are complementary

- Otherwise, examples known:

- For active (UC or standalone) security:

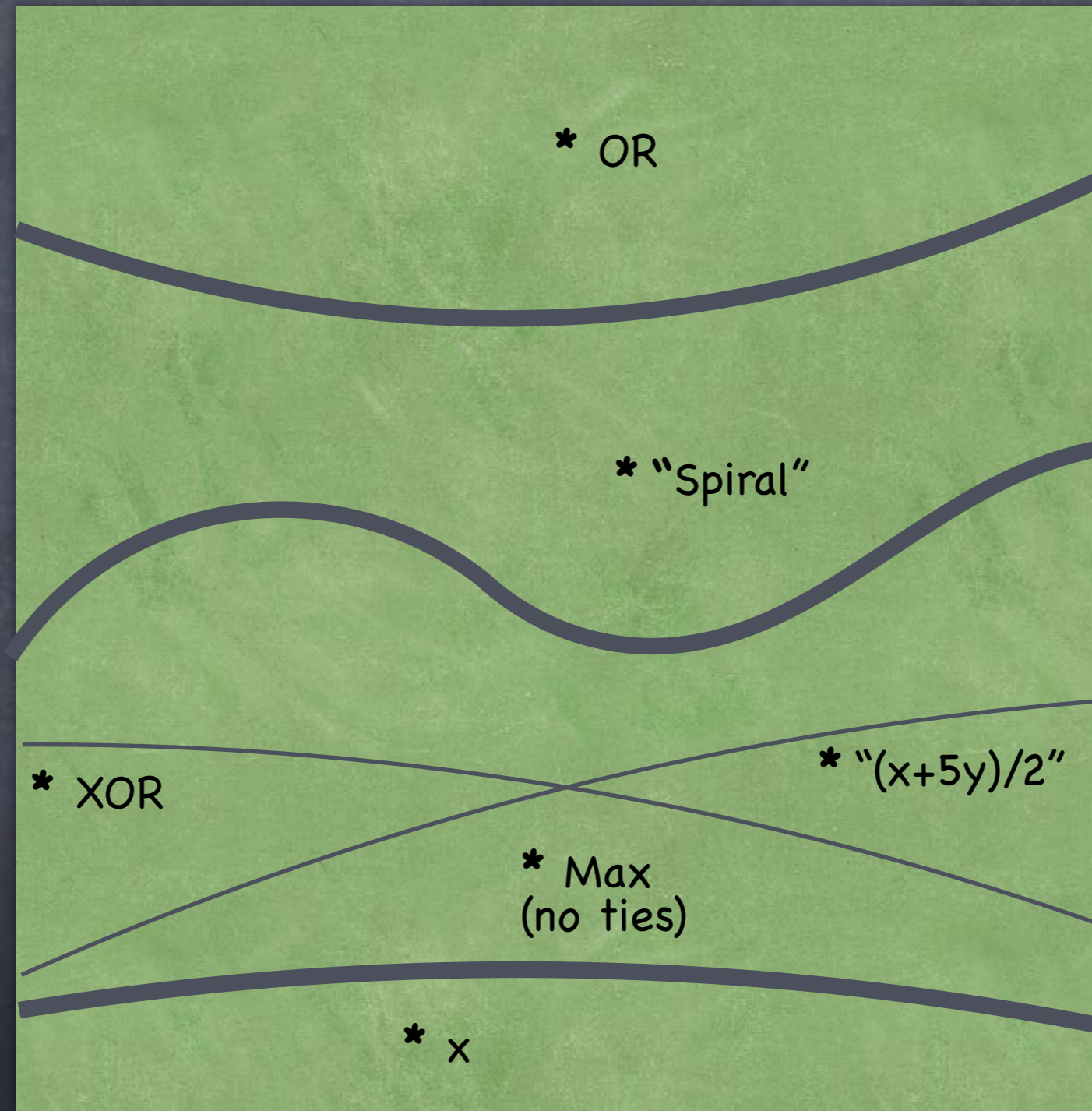
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- Infinitely many levels!

- e.g. n -bit XOR doesn't reduce to $(n-1)$ -bit XOR [MPR'09]

- Further XOR doesn't reduce to Coin [MOPR'11]

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Non-Simple

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Summary

- For 2-party functions, we have full characterization of:
 - **Complete** functions under all security notions (UC, standalone, passive) [GV'87, Kilian'88, ..., MPR'12, KMPS'14, KKMPS'16]
 - **Trivial** functions under:
 - UC security [CKL'03, PR'08]
 - Standalone & passive security, restricted to deterministic functions [Kus.'89, Bea.'89, KMR'09, MPR'09]
 - **Open:** Randomized functions

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Complete

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Trivial
(Passive and
Standalone/Active)

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Randomized 2-Party Functions

- Functionality defined by $P_{A,B|X,Y}$
 - e.g., Secure Function Evaluation: $A=f_A(X,Y)$ and $B=f_B(X,Y)$
 - e.g., Secure Sampling: when X, Y are empty
- e.g., Oblivious Transfer [Wie.'70, Rab.'81]
 - SFE variant: $X=(S_0, S_1), Y \in \{0, 1\}, A = \perp, B = S_Y$
 - Sampling variant: $A=(S_0, S_1), B=(C, S_C)$
 - Fact: The two are "isomorphic" to each other

e.g., String-OT
or Bit-OT

Binary Erasure Channel,
a.k.a. Rabin-OT

Bit OT

- Reducing BEC to Bit OT (Alice's input be w , Bob's output z)
 - Alice & Bob invoke Bit OT, with Alice's inputs $(w, 0)$ and Bob's input a random bit b . Bob outputs erasure if $b=1$, else outputs w .
- Reducing Bit OT to BEC
 - Alice sends k bits w_1, \dots, w_k to Bob over BEC
 - Bob sends back two random indices i_0, i_1 such that i_0 was not erased and i_1 was
 - Alice sends $x_0 \oplus w_{i_0}$ and $x_1 \oplus w_{i_1}$. Bob decodes and outputs x_b .

amortizes : n bit OTs
from $\approx 2n$ BEC uses

f-Capacity of g

- Supremum over all protocols $\Pi_{n,\kappa}$ (optionally "uniform")
 - that implement n copies of f
 - with error a negligible function of κ (for every n)
 - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n / \max \# \text{ copies of } g \text{ used by } \Pi_{n,\kappa} \text{ (as a function of } \kappa)$
 - cf. Channel capacity for communication: κ identified with n
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- **Capacity*** for functions with a size parameter : Considers protocols $\Pi_{n,\kappa}$ that securely implement **one copy of f of size n**
 - e.g., String-OT Capacity* of BEC

Secret/Private-Key Capacity

- Functionality f involving 3 parties
(or $m+1$ parties for the m -terminal version)
 - No inputs
 - Outputs are (K, K, \perp) , where K is uniform over n -bit strings
- Functionality g : no input, and outputs (X, Y, Z)
- Private-Key Capacity: f -Capacity* of g , for passive security
- Secret-Key Capacity: Restrict to protocols in which the 3rd party can only listen

String-OT from BEC

- Passive secure protocol

$$m \approx n \cdot \min(p, 1-p)$$

Send n uniform bits x_0, \dots, x_n

\Rightarrow

Receive y_0, \dots, y_n

Derive one-time pads, $\text{pad}_0 = x_{J_0}$
and $\text{pad}_1 = x_{J_1}$ respectively

\leftarrow

Random $J_0, J_1 \subseteq [n]$, $|J_0|=|J_1|$, s.t
 $y_{J_b} = x_{J_b}$ and $y_{J_1-b} = \perp$

$$c_0 = s_0 \oplus \text{pad}_0$$

$$c_1 = s_1 \oplus \text{pad}_1$$

\rightarrow

Output $s_b = c_b \oplus y_{J_b}$

- String-OT Capacity* of BEC $\geq \min(p, 1-p)$

- Is this tight? Yes!

- Intuition: Needs to keep m bits of Sender's input
hidden, but potentially revealed

$\Rightarrow m$ erasures & m non-erasures needed

OT Capacity of String-OT

- (How) does it depend on the length of the string?
- Answer: it doesn't! Only one bit-OT per string-OT!
 - Intuition: Even in string-OT only one bit of Bob's input is hidden from Alice
- What about Symmetrized-String-OT?
 $X=(S_0, S_1, c)$, $Y=(T_0, T_1, b)$, $A=T_c$, $B=S_b$
- Answer: Still capacity = 1! (i.e., Only 1 pair of bit-OTs per pair of Symm-String-OT)

How do we know?

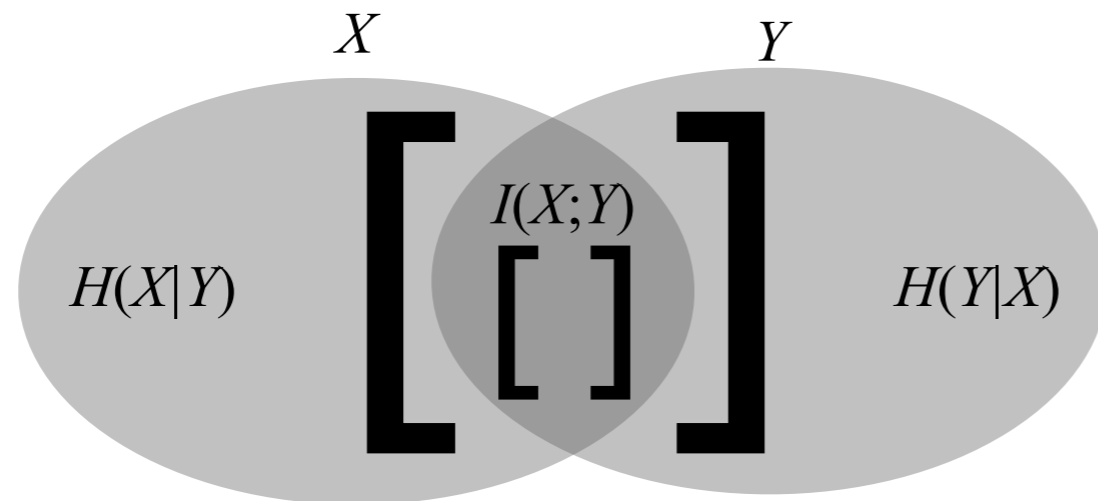
Sources

- Source: input-less functionality
- Source "corresponding to" a functionality:
 - $A'=(X,A)$, $B'=(Y,B)$, where A,B according to functionality and X,Y independent (say uniform)
- Functionality can always be used to passive-securely implement the corresponding source at rate 1
- In many cases, the source can be used to securely implement the functionality too at rate 1
 - e.g., OT, BEC, BSC, ...

Monotones

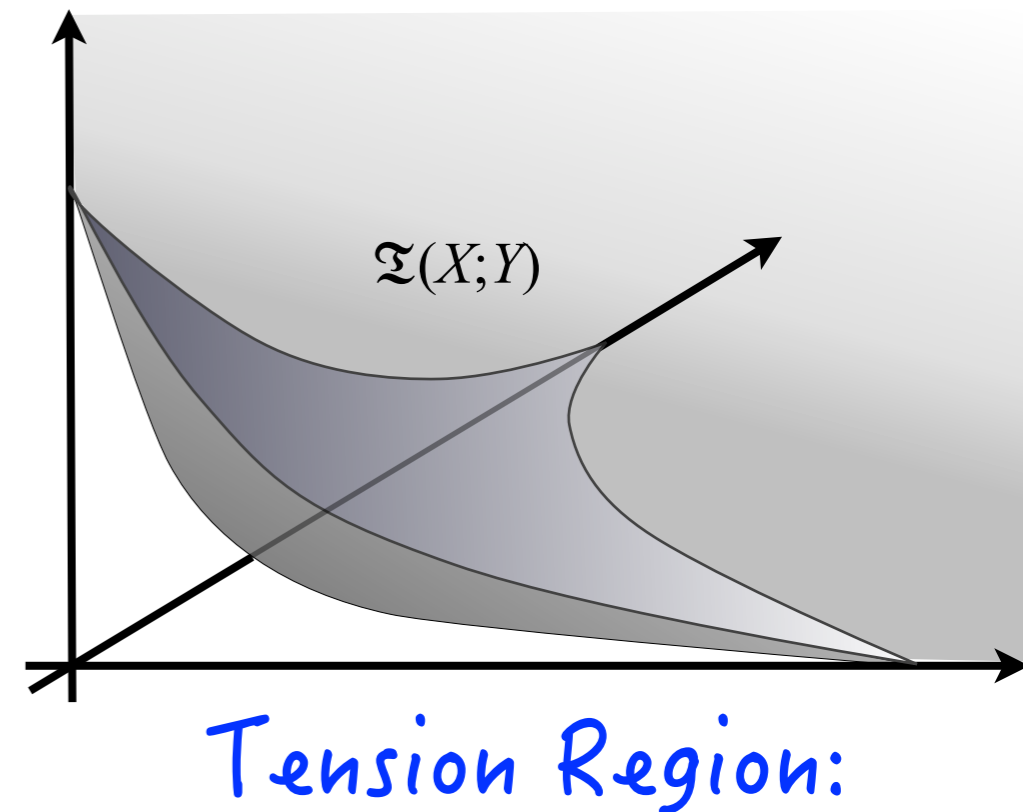
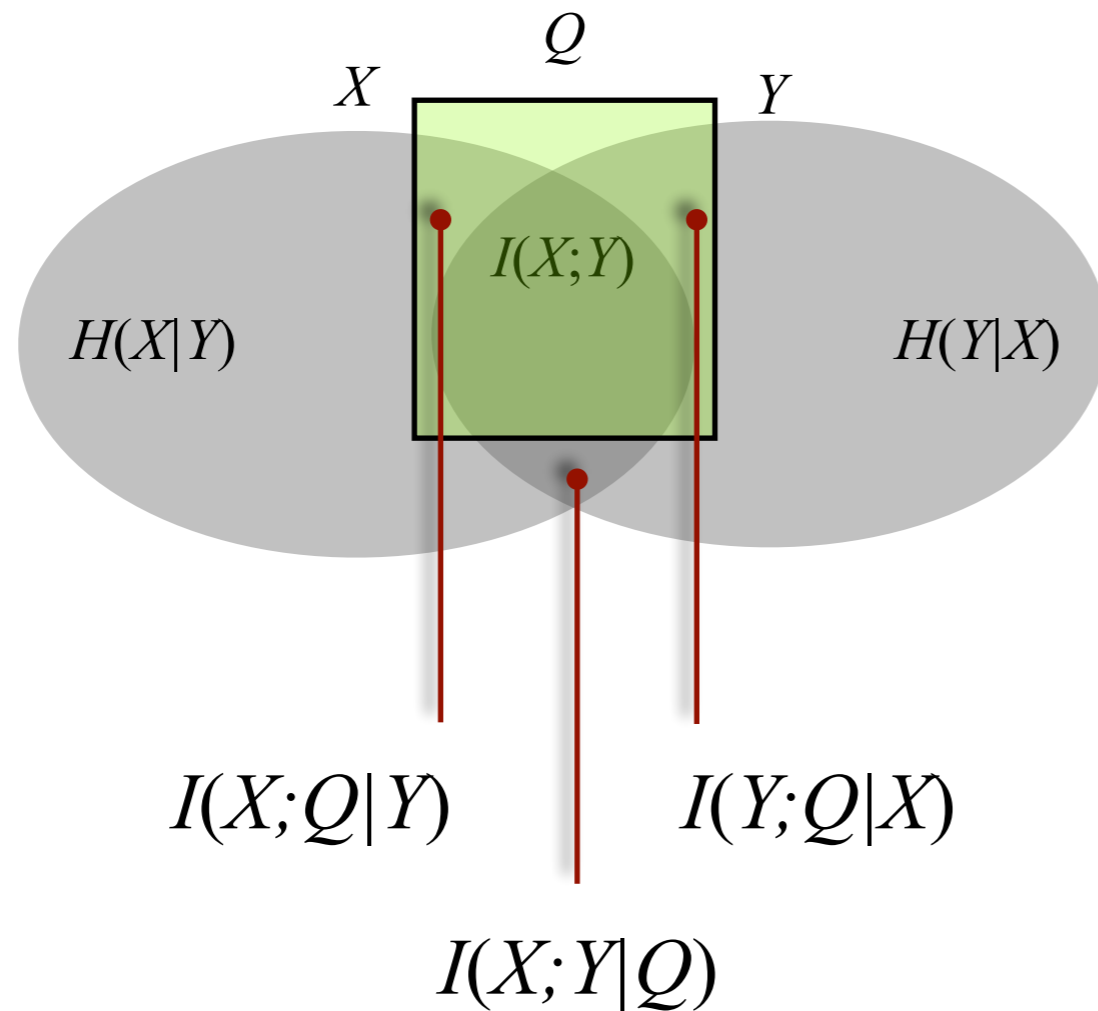
- Goal: Measure non-trivial “cryptographic content” of a source $(X;Y)$
 - Non-trivial: cannot be generated/increased by discussion
 - Comparing the amount at the beginning of a protocol and at the end gives an upper bound on the rate
- Monotone: a quantity that can only decrease during the course of a protocol
 - e.g., Gap between mutual information & common information of the views of the two parties

Understanding Correlation



- “Trivial” correlation: independent (P, Q, R) and $X=PQ$, $Y=QR$
 - Q exactly captures all the correlation
- In general, there maybe no such random variable. Then, it is a cryptographically “non-trivial” correlation
- Common Information: Random variable that best captures correlation

Understanding Correlation



$$\mathfrak{T}(X,Y) = \{ (a,b,c) : \exists Q \text{ jointly dist. with } X,Y \text{ s.t.} \\ a \geq I(X;Q|Y), \\ b \geq I(Y;Q|X) \\ c \geq I(X;Y|Q) \} \}$$

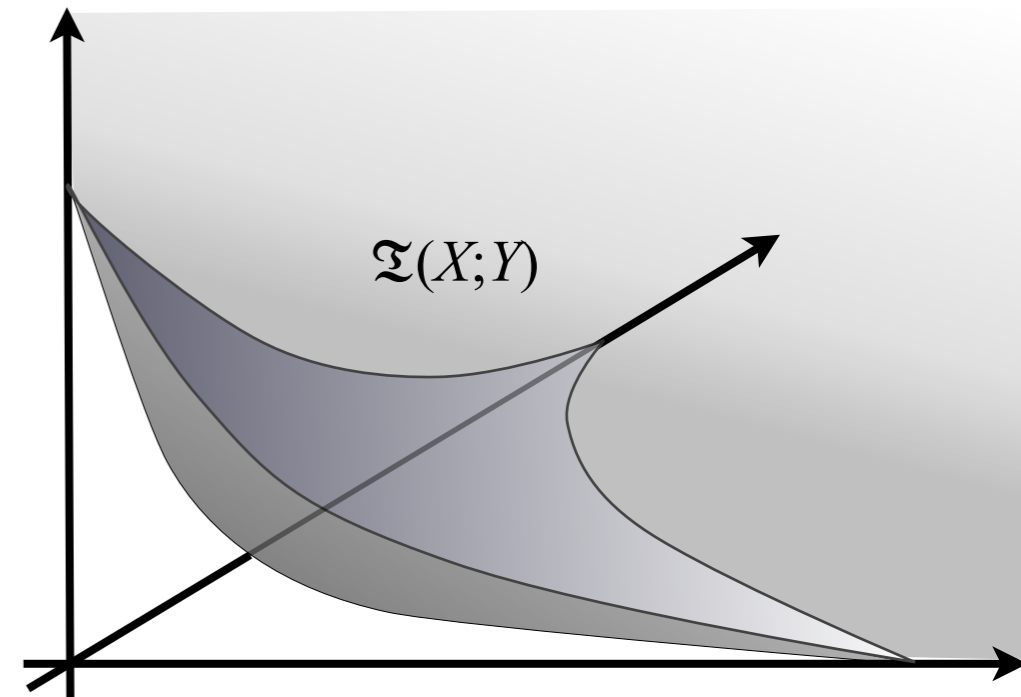
- Theorem: cannot increase tension (shrink this region) by a secure protocol that derives $(A^m; B^m)$ from $(U^n; V^n)$:
- $\mathfrak{T}(U^n; V^n) \subseteq \mathfrak{T}(\text{View}_1; \text{View}_2) \subseteq \mathfrak{T}(A^m; B^m)$

- \mathfrak{T} for independent copies add up (Minkowski sum). In particular:

$$\mathfrak{T}(X^n; Y^n) = n \cdot \mathfrak{T}(X; Y)$$

- Corollary: If $(A; B)$ can be derived from $(U; V)$ at rate r , then

$$\mathfrak{T}(U; V) \subseteq r \cdot \mathfrak{T}(A; B)$$



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Tension Region

- Generalizes monotones of [WW'05]

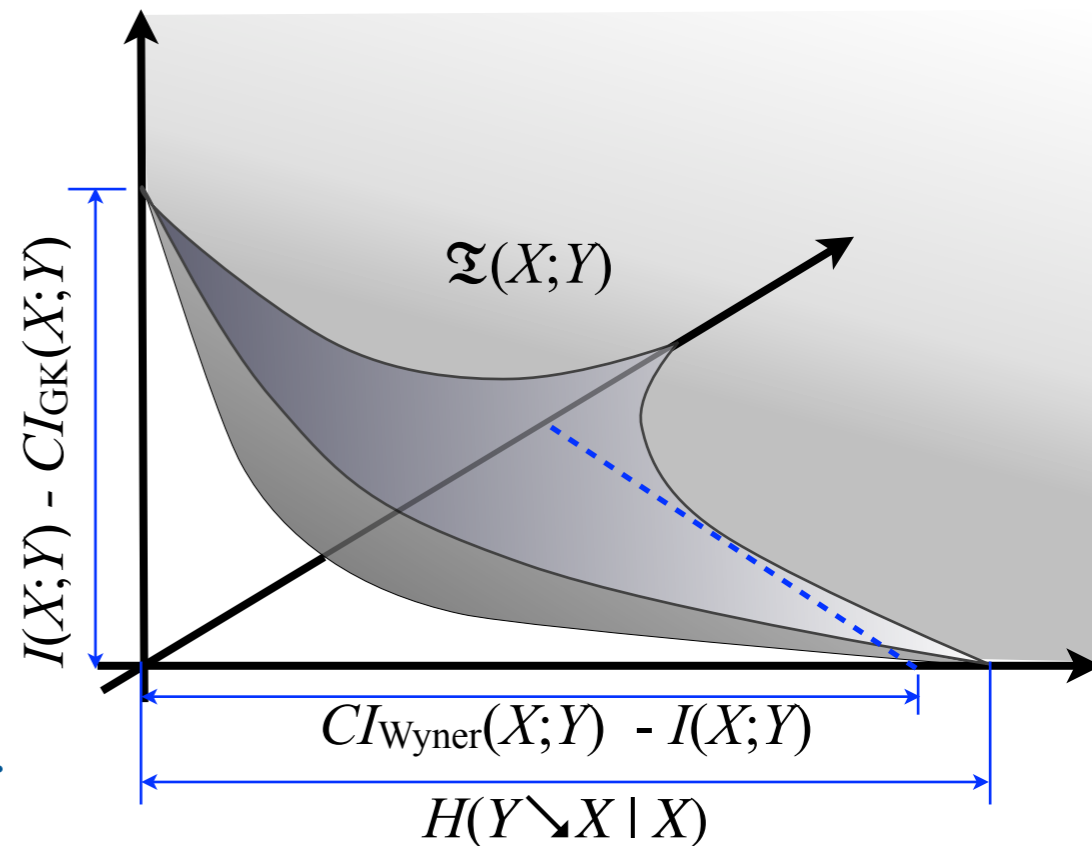
$$I(X;Y|X \wedge Y) = \min_{Q: H(Q|X) = H(Q|Y) = 0} I(X;Y|Q)$$

$$H(Y \searrow X | X) = \min_{Q: H(Q|Y) = I(X;Y|Q) = 0} H(Q|X)$$

$$H(X \searrow Y | Y) = \min_{Q: H(Q|X) = I(X;Y|Q) = 0} H(Q|Y)$$

- Generalizes bounds used in [AC'07] (take $Q=\text{const}$, $Q=Y$, $Q=X$ resp.)

- Gives a new monotone of interest:
gap between Wyner common information
and mutual information



$$\mathfrak{T}(X;Y) = \{ (a,b,c) : \exists Q$$

jointly dist. with X, Y s.t.

$$a \geq I(X;Q|Y),$$

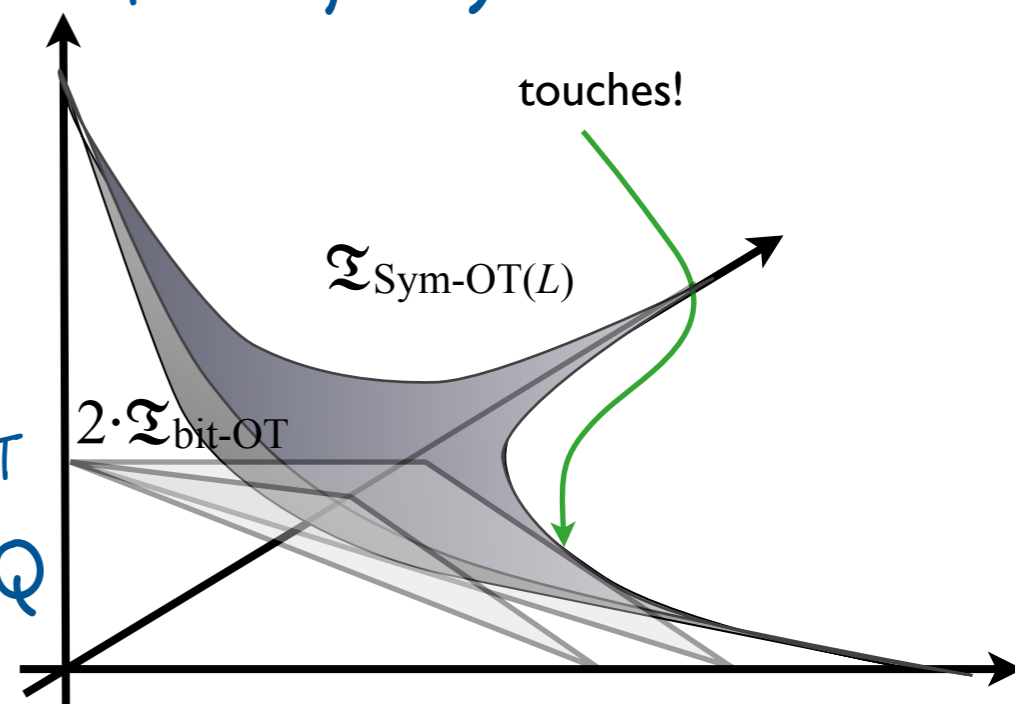
$$b \geq I(Y;Q|X)$$

$$c \geq I(X;Y|Q)) \}$$

OT Capacity of Sym-OT(L)

- We bound $\mathfrak{Z}_{\text{Bit-OT}}$ away from the origin, and show $\mathfrak{Z}_{\text{Sym-OT}(L)}$ has a point close enough to the origin

$I(S_0, S_1, c, T_c ; b, S_b, c, T_c \mid T_0, T_1, b, S_b) = H(c) = 1$
- For $\mathfrak{Z}_{\text{Sym-OT}(L)}$, $Q=(b, S_b, c, T_c)$ gives $I(X; Y|Q)=0$, $I(X; Q|Y) = I(X; Q|Y) = 1$ (independent of L !)
- Can get only one pair of bit-OTs from per pair of Sym-OT(L)!
- Main computation involved: to bound $\mathfrak{Z}_{\text{bit-OT}}$ away from the origin, need to consider all Q
- We consider the plane $I(X; Y|Q)=0$ so that we can restrict to a small class of joint distributions for (X, Y, Q)



ExTensions

- Behaviour of tension, when using a functionality (not a source)
- Partial result (i.e., for channel functionalities) in [RP'14]
- Multi-Party Tension
 - Preliminary proposals in [PP'12] (+ unpublished notes)
 - Enough to characterise trivial functionalities in the broadcast channel model
 - Enough to subsume [RW'03] bound for Secret-Key Capacity
 - Can also reproduce [GA'10] bound, but using a different (somewhat ad hoc) monotone
- Applications to communication complexity of MPC [DPP'14]

Active-Security

- *Stand-alone security*
 - Original definition from the 80's [GMR'85,GMW'87]
 - Assumes a closed system with the parties executing a single instance of the protocol
 - i.e., adversary doesn't communicate with the environment during the protocol execution (only a priori and a posteriori)
- *Universally Composable (UC) security* [Can.'01]
 - Adversary & environment can interact arbitrarily

String-OT from BEC

- Passive secure protocol

$$m \approx n \cdot \min(p, 1-p)$$

Send n uniform bits x_0, \dots, x_n

\Rightarrow

Receive y_0, \dots, y_n

Derive one-time pads, $\text{pad}_0 = x_{J_0}$
and $\text{pad}_1 = x_{J_1}$ respectively

\leftarrow

Random $J_0, J_1 \subseteq [n]$, $|J_0| = |J_1|$, s.t
 $y_{J_b} = x_{J_b}$ and $y_{J_{1-b}} = \perp$

$$c_0 = s_0 \oplus \text{pad}_0$$

$$c_1 = s_1 \oplus \text{pad}_1$$

\rightarrow

Output $s_b = c_b \oplus y_{J_b}$

- Problem with an active adversary: Corrupt Bob may choose J_0 and J_1 to contain unerased positions, and learn parts of both s_0 and s_1

$$\text{rate} = \min(p, 1-p)/2$$

- Solution: $\text{pad}_i = \text{Extract}(x_{J_i})$, of length $m/2$, since there must be $\geq m/2$ erased positions in at least one set!

String-OT from BEC

- Can we get rate $\min(p, 1-p)$?
Using an info-theoretic definition by Crepeau-Wullschleger'08
- For *stand-alone security*, yes! [CS'06, PDMN'11]
- By enforcing that Bob knows x_i for (almost) all i in at least one of the two sets J_0, J_1
- Alice will challenge Bob on k indices in each set
- Indices to challenge in the two sets selected using "*Interactive Hashing*" [OVY'91]
- Lets Bob plant one of two values, but the other will be significantly influenced by Alice's choices

More Results

- (UC-secure) OT from BSC at constant rate [IKOPSW'11]
- Constant rate reductions from any (finite) f to any (finite) g , as long as g is "complete" [KMPS'14]
 - Also explicit characterization of complete functions
- Getting constant rate relies on (extensions of) techniques from [IPS'08] which in turn resembles those of [HIKN'07]
- Exact OT-capacities remain open for BSC (even passive security) and even BEC for UC-security