

Converses for Information Theoretic Cryptography

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Marriage of Cryptography and Computation

Behind every successful secure transmission
there is a (computational) cryptography primitive



Matchmakers of early 80s

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Cryptographers seldom sleep well([M]). Their careers are frequently based on very precise complexity-theoretic assumptions, which could be shattered the next morning. A polynomial time

Kilian 1988, “Founding cryptography on oblivious transfer”

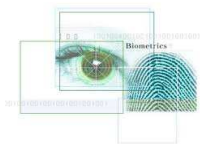
Information Theoretic Cryptography

... is provably secure and efficiently implementable
provided we have some shared correlative randomness:

e.g. noisy channels, correlated randomness, quantum observations



Inherent randomness in
the wireless medium



Randomness in physical data



Concerns for Information Theoretic Cryptography

- ▶ Engineering problem:
 - How does one make correlated randomness available?
physically unclonable functions, biometrics,
secret keys from channel fades, quantum key distribution, ...
 - How can we model eavesdropper's side information?
timing attack, side channel attack, wormhole attack, ...
- ▶ Analysis often relies on simplifying assumptions on statistics:
 - Universal protocols?
constructions based on hash families and error correcting codes
 - Nonasymptotic performance?
converses based on reduction arguments

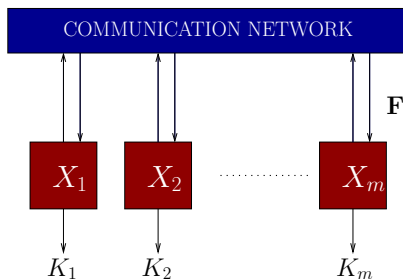
Outline

1. Secret key generation
 - ▶ Secret keys from correlated observations
 - ▶ Upper bound for secret key length
2. Oblivious transfer
 - ▶ Oblivious transfer via erasure channel
 - ▶ Converse result for oblivious transfer
3. Bit commitment

Secret Key Agreement

Multiparty Secret Key Agreement

[Maurer 93] [Ahlsvede-Csiszár 93] [Csiszár-Narayan 04]



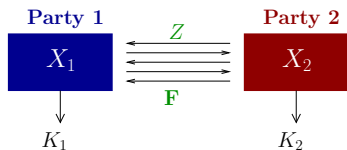
Party i computes $K_i(X_i, \mathbf{F}) \in \mathcal{K}$; Eavesdropper observes \mathbf{F}, Z

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Two-party Secret Key Agreement



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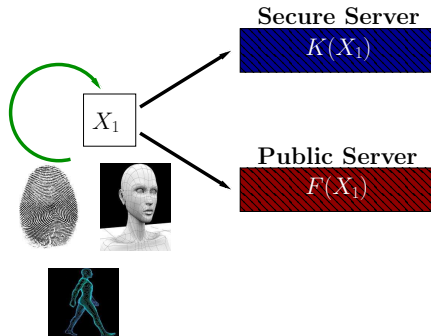
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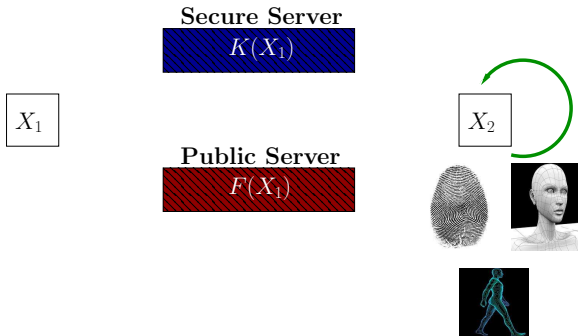
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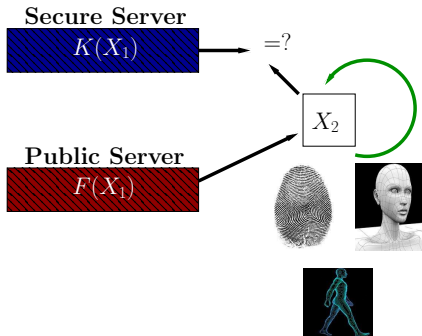
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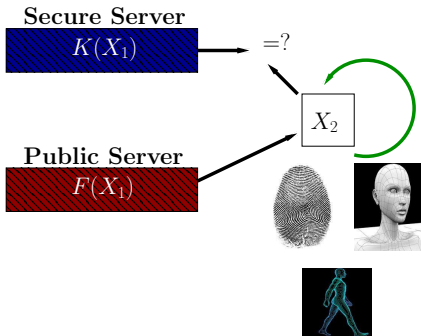
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Similar approach can be applied for [physically uncloneable functions](#)

Efficient Secret Key Construction

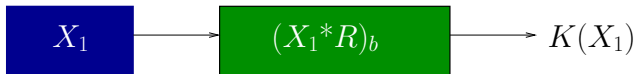
[Dodis-Ostrovsky-Reyzin-Smith 04]

X_1 and X_2 are n -length binary vectors with Hamming distance d

1. Error correcting code with minimum distance $2d + 1$



2. 2-universal hash family: Multiplication over $GF(2^n)$



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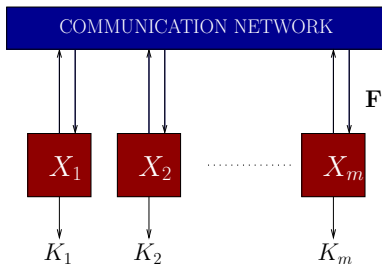
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Lemma

(ϵ, δ) -SK \Rightarrow $(\epsilon + \delta)$ -SK, and conversely, ϵ -SK \Rightarrow (ϵ, ϵ) -SK.

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Definition

$S_\epsilon(X_1, \dots, X_m | Z) \triangleq$ maximum length of an ϵ -secret key

Upper bound for $S_\epsilon(X_1, \dots, X_m | Z)$

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Bound $S_\epsilon(X_1, \dots, X_m|Z)$ in terms of “how far” is $P_{X_1, \dots, X_m|Z}$
is from a conditionally independent distribution

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Data processing. For every stochastic matrix $W : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

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Let $W_{K_1 \dots K_m \mathbf{F} | X_1 \dots X_m Z}$ represent the protocol.

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Likelihood ratio test with $P_{K_1, \dots, K_m | \mathbf{F}, Z}$ replaced by $P_{\text{unif},m}$

- recall: $\frac{1}{2} \| P_{K_1, K_2, \dots, K_m, \mathbf{F}, Z} - P_{\text{unif},m} \times P_{\mathbf{F}, Z} \|_1 \leq \epsilon$

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Connections to meta-converse of Polyanskiy, Poor, and Verdú

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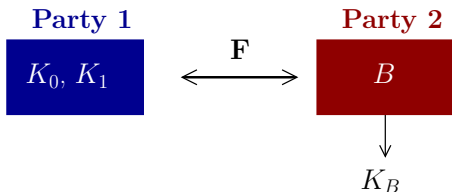
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Example: Any noisy communication channel!

One-of-Two Oblivious Transfer

[Even, Goldreich, Lempel 85]



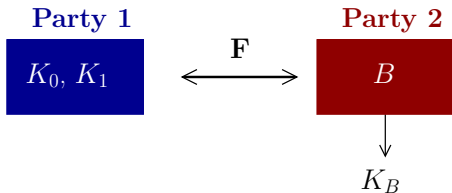
An instance of *Private Information Retrieval*

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Information Theoretically Secure OT

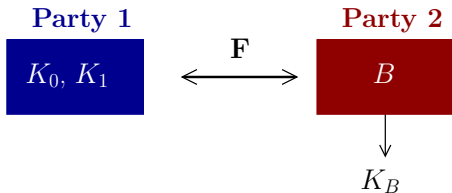


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Making IT Secure OT Possible

Additional Resources:

1. Noisy channels: [Crépeau-Kilian 88], [Crépeau 97], ...



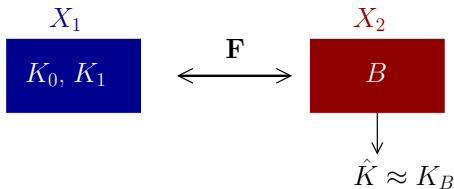
DMC W used n times

2. Correlated randomness: ..., [Nascimento-Winter 08]



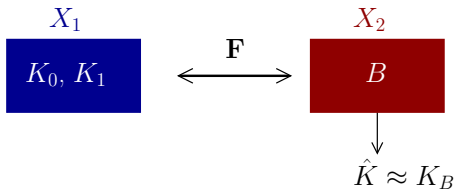
n independent samples from $P_{X_1 X_2}$

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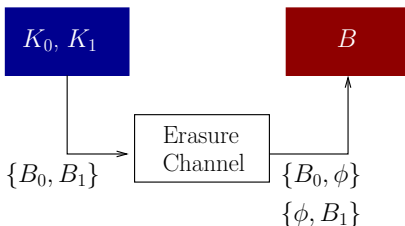
How large can the length l of OT be?

Oblivious Transfer Using Erasure Channel

[Crépeau 97, Nascimento-Winter 08]

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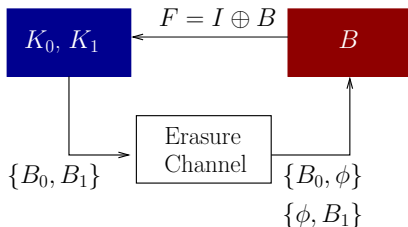
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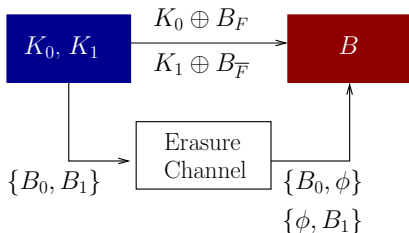
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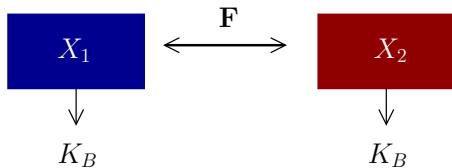
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Converse for oblivious transfer

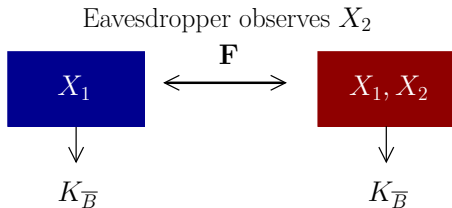
Reduction of SK Agreement to OT

We bound the length of OT by reducing it to SK

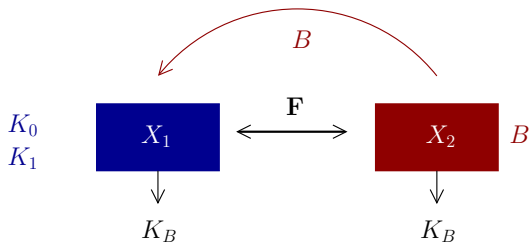
Reduction 1:



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Reduction 1 of SK Agreement to OT

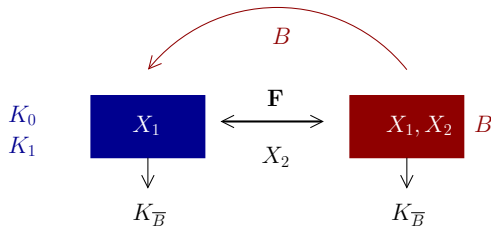


$(\epsilon, \delta_1, \delta_2)$ -OT of length l yields $(\epsilon + \delta_1 + 2\delta_2)$ -OT of length l

Using the conditional independence testing bound:

$$l \leq S_{\epsilon + \delta_1 + 2\delta_2}(X_1, X_2) \lesssim -\log \beta_{\epsilon + \delta_1 + 2\delta_2}(P_{X_1 X_2}, P_{X_1} P_{X_2})$$

Reduction 2 of SK Agreement to OT



1. Party 2 simulates \tilde{X}_2 pretending that it observed \bar{B}
2. It estimates \hat{K} from (\tilde{X}_2, \bar{B}) instead of (X_2, B)

$(\epsilon, \delta_1, \delta_2)$ -OT of length l yields $(\epsilon + \delta_1 + 4\delta_2)$ -OT of length l

$$l \leq S_{\epsilon + \delta_1 + 4\delta_2}(X_1, (X_1, X_2) | X_2)$$

$$\lesssim -\log \beta_{\epsilon + \delta_1 + 4\delta_2}(\mathbb{P}_{X_1 X_1 X_2}, \mathbb{P}_{X_1 | X_2} \mathbb{P}_{X_1 | X_2} \mathbb{P}_{X_2})$$

Bounds on the Efficiency of OT

Theorem

For an $(\epsilon, \delta_1, \delta_2)$ -OT of length l

$$l \lesssim -\log \beta_{\epsilon+\delta_1+2\delta_2} (\mathbb{P}_{X_1 X_2}, \mathbb{P}_{X_1} \mathbb{P}_{X_2})$$

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OT Capacity (for IID observations):

Maximum rate (l/n) of OT length (with $\delta_{1n}, \delta_{2n} \rightarrow 0$)

$$C_\epsilon(X_1, X_2) \leq \min\{I(X_1 \wedge X_2), H(X_1 | X_2)\}$$

“Strong” version of the Ahlswede-Csiszár upper bound

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Chess Players' Dilemma

[Blum 82], ..., [Nascimento-Winters-Imai 03]



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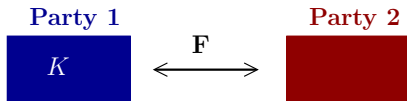
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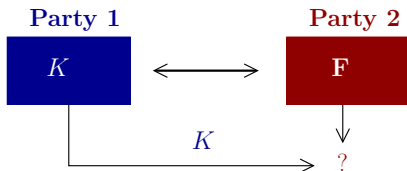


Party 1 has an l -bit message K
 K must remain concealed from party 2

Bit Commitment

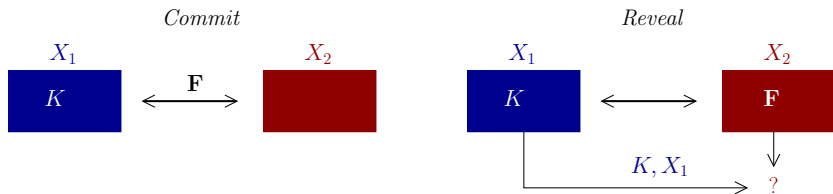
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Reveal Phase



K must be reliably recoverable
Party 1 should not be able to cheat

Information Theoretic Bit Commitment



Party 2 constructs a test T for the hypothesis: "Secret is k "

Recovery: $P(T(K, X_1, X_2, \mathbf{F}) = 1) \leq \epsilon$

Security: $\frac{1}{2} \|P_{KX_2\mathbf{F}} - P_K \times P_{X_2\mathbf{F}}\|_1 \leq \delta_1$

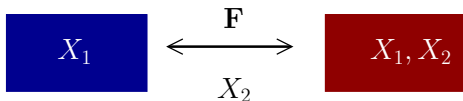
Binding: $P(T(K', X'_1, X_2, \mathbf{F}) = 0, K' \neq K) \leq \delta_2$

Converse for bit commitment

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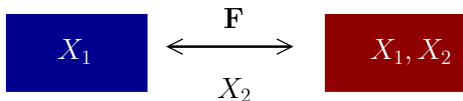
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Example: Constructing BC from n -length OT

$$l \leq n + O(\log(1 - \epsilon - \delta_1 - \delta_2))$$

In Closing ...

Our converse results give us a tool to evaluating the performance of various information theoretic cryptography primitives

For other implications:

H. Tyagi and S. Watanabe, "A bound for multiparty secret key agreement and implications for a problem of secure computing," EUROCRYPT, 2014

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How close to optimal can we get with efficient schemes?