

# Oblivious Transfer Protocol

*with discrete variables*

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# 1-out-of-2 OT Protocol: starting conditions

- Alice has two messages  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  and Bob wants to know one of them,  $m_b$ , without Alice knowing which one, i.e. without Alice knowing  $b$ , and Alice wants to keep the other message private, i.e. without Bob knowing  $m_{\bar{b}}$ .
- First of all, Alice and Bob must know two parameters: message length  $s$  and the expansion factor  $k$ .
- Two basis are required: '+' rectilinear basis and 'x' diagonal basis.
- For rectilinear basis we defined as a binary 0 the polarization of  $0^\circ$  and a binary 1 the polarization of  $90^\circ$ .
- For diagonal basis we defined as a binary 0 the polarization of  $-45^\circ$  and a binary 1 the polarization of  $45^\circ$ .

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Bit	Basis	Degrees	Polarization
0	+		$\longrightarrow$
0	$\times$	$-45^\circ$	$\searrow$
1	+	$90^\circ$	$\uparrow$
1	$\times$	$45^\circ$	$\nearrow$



- Alice has two messages to send to Bob:  $m_0 = \{0011\}$  and  $m_1 = \{0001\}$ .
- Lets assume that in this example Alice and Bob knows two start parameters: the message's size  $s = 4$  and a expansion factor  $k = 2$ .

# 1-out-of-2 OT Protocol: Description

**Step 1** Alice randomly generates two bit sequences, with  $ks$  length:

$S_{A1}$	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	<b>Basis</b>
	+	×	×	+	+	×	+	×	

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$S_{A2}$	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>Keys</b>
	↑	↗	↘	→	→	↗	→	↘	

**Step 2** Alice sends to Bob throughout a quantum channel  $ks$  photons encrypted using the basis defined in  $S_{A1}$  and according to the keys defined in  $S_{A2}$ .

$$S_{AB} = \{\uparrow, \nearrow, \searrow, \rightarrow, \rightarrow, \nearrow, \rightarrow, \searrow\}$$



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**Step 3** Bob also randomly generates  $ks$  bits. Lets assume:

$$S_{B1} = \{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1\}.$$

When Bob receives photons from Alice, he measures them using the basis defined in  $S_{B1}$ :

$$\{+, \times, +, \times, +, \times, \times, \times\}$$

Bob will get  $ks$  results:

$$S_{B1'} = \{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0\}$$

**Step 4** Bob sends to Alice an Hash Function value HASH1, which will do Bob's commitment with the measurements done.



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**Step 5** When Alice receives HASH1, she sends throughout a classical channel the basis she used to encode the photons. In this case, we have assumed:


$$S_{A1} = \{0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1\}$$

**Step 6** In order to know if he measured the photons correctly, Bob does the operation  $S_{B2} = S_{B1} \oplus S_{A1}$ .

$S_{B1}$		0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
$S_{A1}$		0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
$\oplus$		1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1

The values '1' correspond to the values he measured correctly and '0' to the values he just guessed. Thus,  $S_{B2} = \{1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1\}$ .

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**Step 6 (cont)** Bob sends to Alice, through a classical channel,  $n = \min(\#0, \#1) = 3$ , where  $\#0$  represents the number of zeros in  $S_{B2}$  and  $\#1$  the number of ones in  $S_{B2}$ . 

**Step 7** If  $n < s$ , Alice and Bob will repeat the steps from 1 to 7. In this case,  $n = 3$  which is smaller than  $s = 4$ . Therefore, Alice and Bob repeat the steps from 1 to 7 in order to enlarge Bob's sets  $S_{B1}$  and  $S_{B2}$  as well as Alice's sets  $S_{A1}$  and  $S_{A2}$ .

**Step 8** Lets assume :

$$S_{B1} = \{1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1\},$$

$$S_{A1} = \{0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0\},$$

$$S_{A2} = \{1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1\}.$$

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**Step 8 (cont)** Finally, for  $S_{B2} = S_{B1} \oplus S_{A1}$ :

$$S_{B2} = \{1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1\}.$$

Note that the sets were enlarge in the second iteration.

**Step 9** At this time, Bob sends again to Alice, through a classical channel,  $n = \min(\#0, \#1) = 7$ .

**Step 10** Alice checks if  $n > s$  and acknowledge to Bob that she already knows that  $n > s$ . In this case,  $n = 7$  and  $s = 4$  being  $n > s$  a valid condition.



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**Step 11** Bob defines two new sub-sets,  $I_0$  and  $I_1$ . In this example, Bob defines two sub-sets with size  $s = 4$ :

$$I_0 = \{3, 4, 7, 11\}, I_1 = \{2, 5, 6, 13\}.$$

Bob sends to Alice the set  $S_b$ . If Bob wants to know  $m_0$  he must send to Alice throughout a classical channel the set  $S_0 = \{I_1, I_0\}$ , otherwise if he wants to know  $m_1$  he must send to Alice throughout a classical channel the set  $S_1 = \{I_0, I_1\}$ .

**Step 12** With both the received set  $S_b$  and the hash function value HASH1, Alice must be able to prove that Bob has being honest. ~~HOW???~~

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**Step 13** Lets assume Bob sent  $S_0 = \{I_1, I_0\}$ . Alice defines two encryption keys  $K_0$  and  $K_1$  using the values in positions defined by Bob in the set sent by him. In this example, lets assume:

$$K_0 = \{1, 0, 1, 0\} \text{ and } K_1 = \{0, 0, 0, 1\}.$$

Alice does the operation  $m = \{m_0 \oplus K_0, m_1 \oplus K_1\}$ .

$m_0$	0	0	1	1
$K_0$	1	0	1	0
$\oplus$	1	0	0	1

$m_1$	0	0	0	1
$K_1$	0	0	0	1
$\oplus$	0	0	0	0

Adding the two results, Alice will send to Bob the encoded message  $m = \{1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0\}$ .

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**Step 14** When Bob receives the message  $m$ , in the same way as Alice, Bob uses  $S_{B1'}$  values of positions given by  $I_1$  and  $I_0$  and does the decrypted operation:

$m$	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
$\oplus$	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0

The first four bits corresponds to message 1 and he received  $\{0, 0, 1, 1\}$ , which is the right message  $m_0$  and  $\{0, 1, 1, 0\}$  which is a wrong message for  $m_1$ .

# 1-out-of-2 OT Protocol: Open Issues

**Steps 4 and 12 are not fully defined.**

1. In step 4 Bob may say to Alice that he has already measured the photon and it could be a lie. In order to prevent this a Hash Function must be used.
2. In step 12 Bob may use some values in a dishonest way, i.e Bob can pick values from  $I_1$  which he knows they are correct and send them in  $I_0$  in order to know correct information about message  $m_{\bar{b}}$ .

This problem can hopefully be solved using *Bit Commitment* through *Hash Functions*.



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