Weak Coin Flipping beyond bias 1/6

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Problem Statement

QKD: Two trusting parties protect against adversaries. Two party secure: Two distrustful parties wish to collaborate. E.g. MS wants to use IBM's QC.

Coin Flipping (CF): Establish a random bit among two mutually distrustful, physically separated players without a trusted third party.



Weak CF: Preferences are known. E.g. A and B both want the car. Strong CF: Preferences are unknown.

 $pr(A wins) = P_A pr(B wins) = P_B$ Both honest Scenarios: One honest $\operatorname{pr}(\mathsf{A}\ \mathsf{wins}) = P_{\mathsf{A}}^* \quad \operatorname{pr}(\mathsf{B}\ \mathsf{wins}) = P_{\mathsf{B}}^*$ other cheats Both cheat (independent of the protocol)

Bias: Smallest ϵ s.t. $P_A^*, P_B^* \leq \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$. NB: $0 \le \epsilon \le \frac{1}{2}$.

Prior Art

Classically: $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ viz. at least one player can always cheat and win.

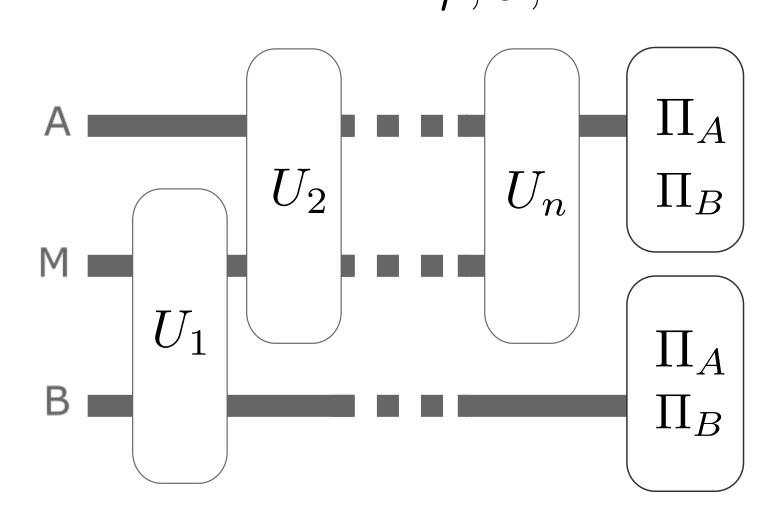
Quantumly: Strong CF: $\epsilon \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2}$, best known $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4}$. Weak CF: $\epsilon \to 0$, best known $\epsilon = \frac{1}{6}$.

Kitaev's Frameworks

e.g. Flip and declare protocol $P_A=P_B=rac{1}{2}$

$$P_A^* = 1, P_B^* = \frac{1}{2} \implies \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}.$$

General Protocol: ρ, U, Z



 P_A^* is an SDP in ho_B :

$$\max P_A^* = \operatorname{tr}[\Pi_A \rho_B]$$

s.t. the honest player (Bob) follows the protocol.

Similarly for P_B^* .

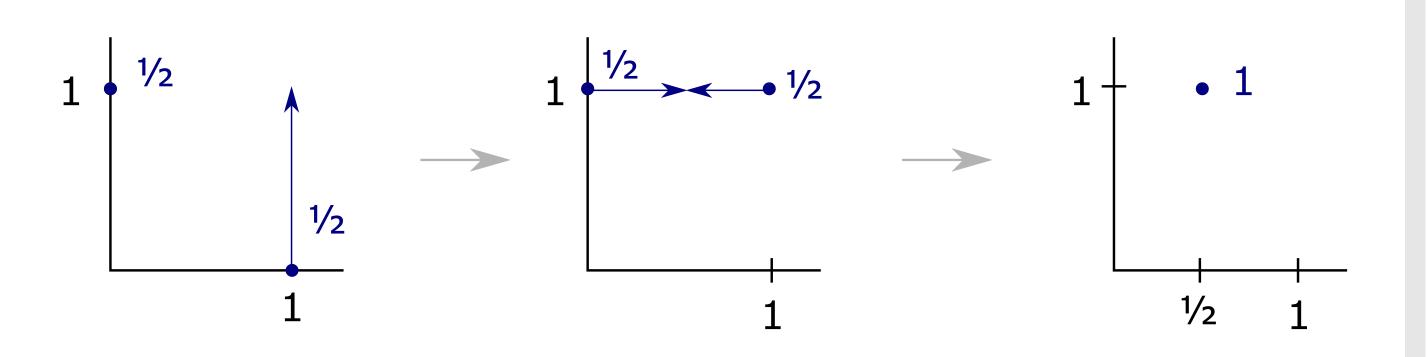
Dual: $\rho \leftrightarrow Z$, max \leftrightarrow min, $P^* = \max \leftrightarrow P^* \leq$ certificate

Time Dependent Point Game (TDPG):

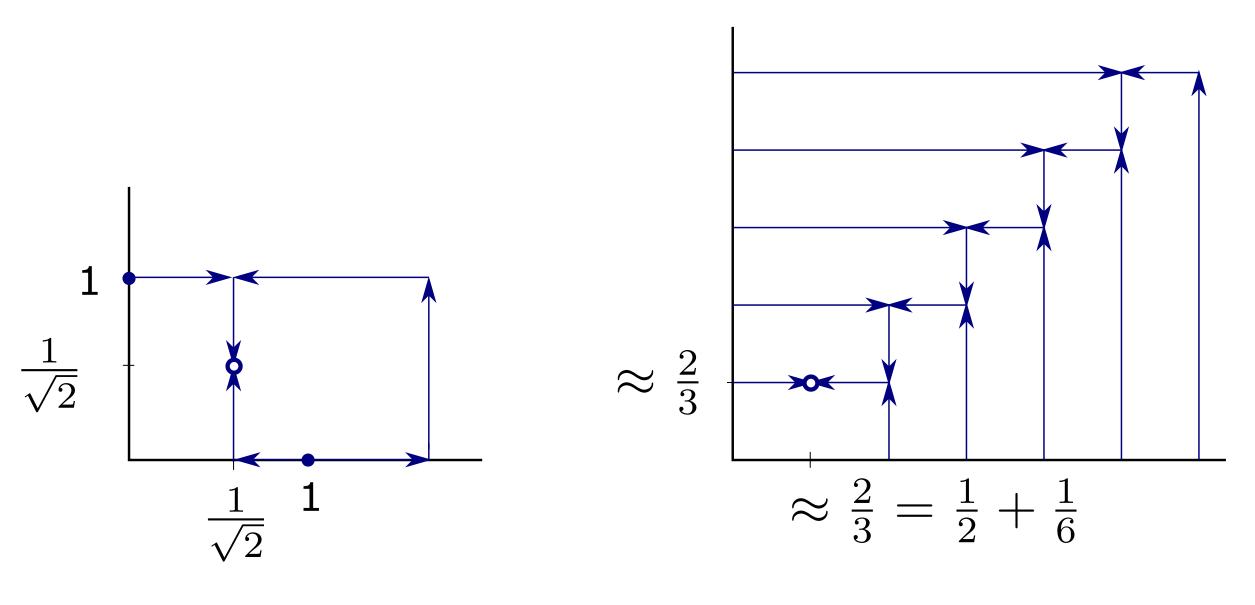
Sequence of frames (frame = points on a plane) s.t.

- 1. Start and end frames are fixed.
- 2. Consecutive: $\sum_{z} \frac{\lambda z}{\lambda + z} p_z \leq \sum_{z} \frac{\lambda z'}{\lambda + z'} p_z'$ along a line.

 $(\forall \lambda \geq 0)$ e.g. merge: weighted average; raise split: harmonic average



Protocols Re-expressed

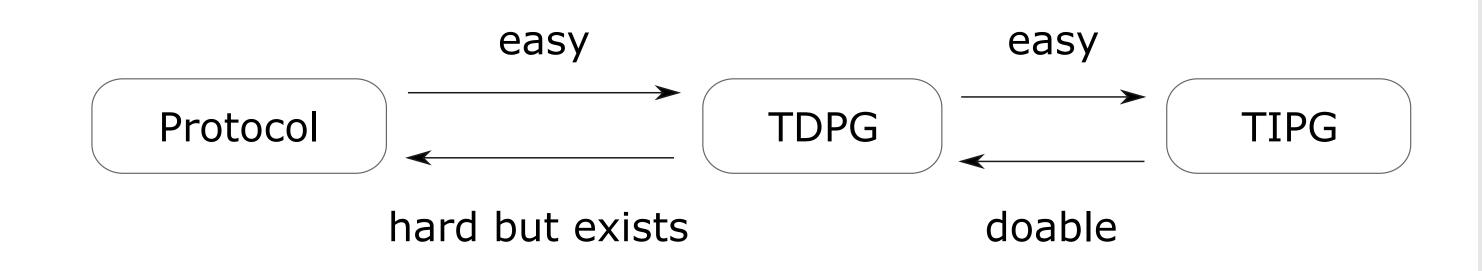


Time Independent Point Game (TIPG):

Weight can be negative; h(x, y), v(x, y) s.t. h+v= final - initial frame; h,v satisfy a similar eqn.

Mochon's Breakthrough

Family of TIPGs yield $\epsilon = \frac{1}{4k+2}$ 2k = # points (non-trivial step).



Contribution

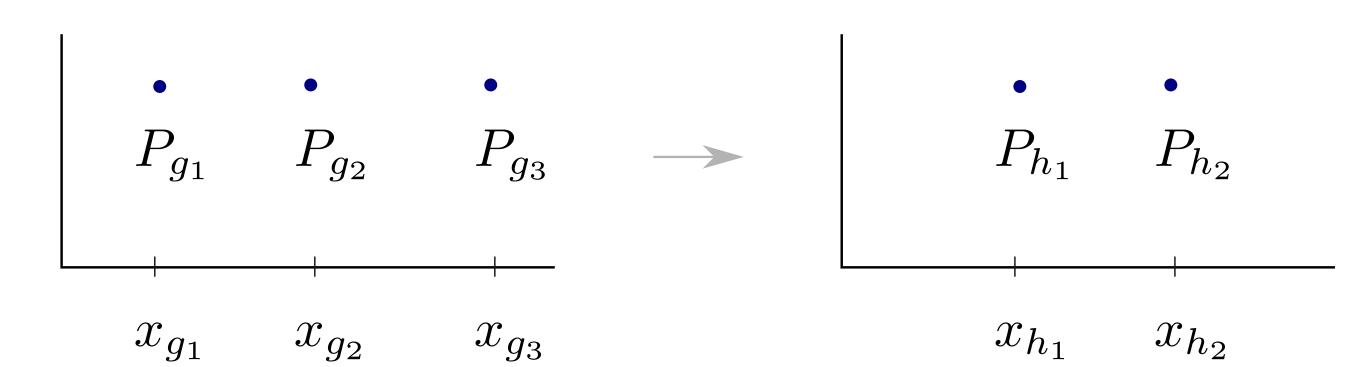
Framework: A TDPG \rightarrow Protocol if

for each "TDPG move" one can construct a U s.t.

$$\sum x_{h_i} |h_i\rangle \langle h_i| - \sum x_{g_i} E_h U |g_i\rangle \langle g_i| U^{\dagger} E_h \ge 0$$

and

$$U \sum_{|v\rangle} \sqrt{P_{g_i}} |g_i\rangle = \sum_{|w\rangle} \sqrt{P_{h_i}} |h_i\rangle.$$



E.g.: For the 1/6 protocol, U to implement the following are needed:

(a) split: $1 \rightarrow n$

(b) merge: $n \rightarrow 1$

Claim: $U_{\rm blink} = |w\rangle \langle v| + |v\rangle \langle w| + 1_{\rm else}$ can perform both.

E.g.: For the 1/10 protocol, U to implement the following are needed in addition to the split and merge:

(a) $3 \to 2$ (b) $2 \to 2$

Claim: $U_{3\rightarrow 2}$ and $U_{2\rightarrow 2}$ constructed (not pretty).

NB: Better than the current best.

Future: Construct a systematic scheme for constructing $U_{
m S}$.

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