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over time T(n) = 2B(n)T(n) < 2n/z # values for $x_0, \dots, x_{n_2-1} = 2^{n/2}$ 3 2 distinct xo, , xi, and xo, , , xi/z., that produce identical comm patterns. RHS of circuit con't distinguish => produces same values for xuz, ..., xu for both >> must operate wrong for one. Contradiction. 12

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