

Review of How to Share a Quantum Secret

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Abstract

Secret sharing also known as secret splitting has been developed considerably ever since its invention in 1979. With the emerging of quantum computing, study of secret sharing protocols implemented by quantum physics becomes an active area filled with interest and intrigue due to the eccentric properties from quantum mechanics such as entanglement and interference between quantum states. In a k, n threshold scheme, a secret quantum state is distributed among n parties such that any k of them can reconstruct the secret, while any group of $k-1$ parties cannot. This is known as the "no-cloning theorem" solely that places the restriction on the existence of the threshold scheme k, n where $n \leq 2k$, along with the algorithms for constructing all of the threshold schemes belonging to this category efficiently. In addition, it also explains the reason why the shares distributed by a k, n threshold scheme with $k \leq n \leq 2k - 1$ must be in a global mixed state.

1 Introduction

Since the first time the concept of secret sharing was put forward independently by Adi Shamir and George Blakley in 1979, it has gained tremendous attention and Secret sharing also known as secret splitting is referred to as protocols or methods for secret distribution among a gathering of parties each of whom is provided with a share of the secret.