Oblivious-Transfer Complexity of Noisy Coin-Toss via Secure Zero Communication Reductions

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- Circuit complexity of sampling f_{p-coin} is Θ(log(1/p)) (need that many bits as randomness)
- By basic GMW protocol [GMW87] $|f_{p-\text{coin}}|_{\text{OT}} = O(\log 1/p)$
- Can we securely compute f_{p-coin} with fewer OTs?

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Remarks on the construction:

- Comes with a lower bound on the acceptance probability
- Generalizes to correlations beyond OT
- Can avoid the need for common randomness

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Evaluation Graph

For a function $f: X \times Y \rightarrow A \times B$, we define the evaluation graph G_f as:

- Bipartite graph on $(X \times A), (Y \times B)$
- Weight of edge ((x, a), (y, b)) = Pr[f(x, y) = (a, b)]



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SZCR as a graph embedding



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Balanced Embedding Complexity

The balanced embedding complexity of f, $|f|_{emb}$ is the smallest m such that G_f has a balanced embedding into $H_{\Phi_{OT}^m}$. By construction, we conclude: $|f|_{emb} \leq |f|_{szcr}$

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• We find that $2^m \ge \frac{1-p}{p}$

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Open: Super-linear balanced-embedding complexity for deterministic functions

- For explicit functions, this faces circuit complexity barriers
- Immediate question: Do such functions exist?