Oblivious Transfer from Zero-Knowledge Proofs

or How to Achieve Round-Optimal Quantum Oblivious Transfer and Zero-Knowledge
Proofs on Quantum States

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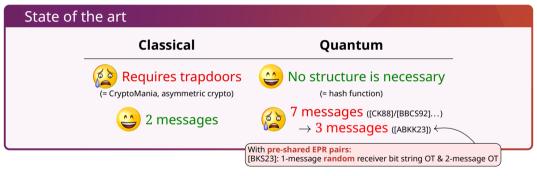






OT: state of the art

Oblivious Transfer (OT): studied a lot ([Rab81], [EGL85], [PVW08], [BD18], [GLSV22], [BCKM21]...)



[Agarwal, Bartusek, Khurana, Kumar 23] raises the question:

? Is there an OT protocol in 2-messages (optimal) without structure?

Our contributions

Yes!

Theorem 1 (informal)

There exists a 2-message (optimal) quantum OT protocol secure in the Random Oracle Model (i.e. no structure) assuming the existence of a hiding collision-resistant hash function.

Our approach



No structure is necessary



2 messages

Methods

Remove cut-and-choose: classical Zero-Knowledge proofs + quantum protocol

= prove a statement on a quantum state nondestructively.

















Our contributions

We can prove that a received quantum state belongs to a fixed set of quantum state:

Theorem 2 (informal)

For any arbitrary predicate P, there exists a protocol such that:

- ullet The prover chooses a secret subset S of qubits such that $\mathcal{P}(S) = op$
- At the end of the protocol, the verifier ends up with a quantum state such that qubits in S are collapsed (measured in computational basis), even if the prover is malicious
- S stays unknown to the verifier

(\mathcal{P} allows us to get string-OT, k-out-of-n OT...)

Complexity theory:

⇒ generalize ZK proofs to quantum languages (ZKstatesQMA)

(we do not characterize ZK states QMA/ZK states QIP completely, but we define them and show they are not trivial) and the properties of the properties of













New contributions

Theorem 3 (ZK \Rightarrow quantum OT, informal)

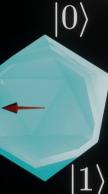
Assuming the existence of a collision-resistant hidding function, there exists a protocol turning any n-message, post-quantum Zero-Knowledge (ZK) proof of knowledge into an (n+1)-message quantum OT protocol assuming a Common Random String model or n+2 without further setup assumptions.

The security properties (statistical security, etc.) and assumptions (setup, computational assumptions, etc.) of the ZK protocol are mostly preserved.

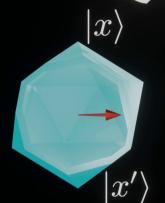
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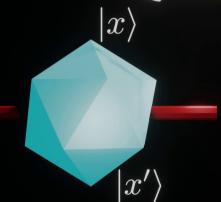
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Qubits



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Qubits

 $|x\rangle$

 $|x'\rangle$

Superposition

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 $a_x |x\rangle + a_{x'} |x'\rangle$

































Construction

This is not secure!

Problem of naive construction

Problem: Alice can cheat by sending two $|+\rangle$ states instead of one $|0/1\rangle$ and one $|\pm\rangle$.

































Generalizable in a non-interactive way to NP problems.



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Alice(b \in \{0, 1\})
                                                                                                            Bob((m_0, m_1) \in \{0, 1\}^2)
\forall d \in \{0,1\}, w_d^{(b)} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{0\} \times \{0,1\}^n
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                                                           If the ZK proof is interactive.
w_{i}^{(1-b)} \notin \{0\} \times \{0,1\}^{n}
                                                           then we actually run the ZK
w_{1}^{(1-b)} \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \{1\} \times \{0,1\}^n
                                                           protocol (before sending the
                                                           quantum state) instead of
\forall (c,d) \in \{0,1\}^2, h_d^{(c)} := h(d||w_d^{(c)}|)
                                                           sending the proof (of course
\pi := (NI)ZK proof that:
                                                           this adds additional rounds
   \exists (w_d^{(c)})_{c,d}, \forall c, d, h_d^{(c)} = h(d||w_d^{(c)}|)
                                                           of communication).
       and \exists c. d \text{ s.t. } \mathbf{w}_{\cdot}^{(c)}[1] = 1.
r^{(b)} 
eqrev{\$} {0, 1}
|\psi^{(b)}\rangle := |0\rangle |w_0^{(b)}\rangle + (-1)^{r^{(b)}} |1\rangle |w_1^{(b)}\rangle
                                                                 \forall (c,d): h_d^{(c)}, \pi, |\psi^{(0)}\rangle, |\psi^{(1)}\rangle
|\psi^{(1-b)}\rangle := |I\rangle |\psi^{(1-b)}\rangle
                                                                                                            Check (or run if interactive proof) \pi.
                                                                                                            \forall c, apply on |\psi^{(c)}\rangle |0\rangle the unitary:
                                                                                                                x, w \mapsto w[1] \neq 1 \land \exists d, h(x||w) = h_d^{(c)}
                                                                                                                measure the last (output) register
                                                                                                                and check that the outcome is 1.
                                                 At that step, |\psi^{(b)}\rangle = |0\rangle \pm |1\rangle
                                                 and |\psi^{(1-b)}\rangle = |I\rangle, but Bob
                                                                                                            \forall c, measure the second register of |\psi^{(c)}\rangle
                                                  does not know b (NIZKoOS).
                                                                                                               in the Hadamard basis (with outcome s^{(c)}).
                                                                            End of NIZKoOS
                                                                                                            \forall c, apply Z^{m_c} on |\psi^{(c)}\rangle and measure it
                                                                                                                in the Hadamard basis (with outcome z^{(c)}).
                                                                              \forall c, s^{(c)}. z^{(c)}
Compute \alpha \coloneqq r^{(b)} \oplus \bigoplus s^{(b)}[i](w_0^{(b)} \oplus w_1^{(b)})[i]
return \alpha \oplus Z^{(b)} / Should be m_b
                                                                        OT from ZK | 8
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Security Proof

Security

Composable security (informal)

The protocol quantum-standalone realizes the OT functionality, assuming that:

- h is collision resistant (security against malicious Alice),
- h is $hiding^1$ (i.e. no information leaks on x given h(x||r), security against malicious Bob).
- There exists a ZK proof of knowledge

Moreover, it is secure against **statistically unbounded parties** if the ZK protocol is secure in that setting and if the corresponding assumptions statistically hold (e.g. injective h for unbounded Alice, lossy h for unbounded Bob).

¹ Note that we can get an even weaker assumption (*h* is one-way) by using hardcore bits and the Goldreich-Levin construction, but we leave the formalization of this proof for future work.



























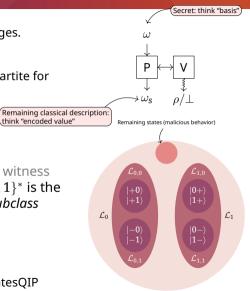
Quantum language and ZK on quantum state

Quantum language and ZKoQS

Quantum language = generalization of classical languages.

Properties of ZK on Quantum States (informal):

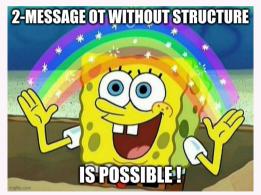
- Soundness: $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}} =$ subset of quantum states (bipartite for the adversary).
 - Classically $x \in \mathcal{L}$ if V accepts
 - Quantumly $\rho \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}}$ if V accepts
- Correctness:
 - Classically: $x \in \mathcal{L}_w \subset \mathcal{L}$, $w \in \{0,1\}^*$ is the witness
 - Quantumly: $\rho \in \mathcal{L}_{\omega,\omega_s} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\omega} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{Q}}$, $\omega \in \{0,1\}^*$ is the witness or *class*, and $\omega_s \in \{0,1\}^*$ is the *subclass*
- Zero-Knowledge:
 - Classically: Bob can't learn info on w
 - Quantumly: Bob can't learn info on ω
- ⇒ We introduce complexity classes ZKstatesQMA/ZKstatesQIP



 \mathcal{L}_{Ω} (at least one qubit in $|0\rangle$ or $|1\rangle$)

Conclusion

Take-home message



(and Zero-Knowledge proofs on quantum states)

Open questions and ongoing works

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Characterize ZKstatesQMA

What are the other ZKoQS properties that can(not) be verified? Under which assumption?

• Role of entanglement

Prove (im)possibility of similar ZKoQS with only **single-qubit** operations? (entanglement seems important)

Other applications?

Quantum money, reducing communication complexity in other protocol...

• ...





Supplementary materials

Comparison with existing works

Article	Classical	Setup	Messages	MiniQCrypt	Composable	Statistical
[PVW08]	Yes	CRS	2	No (LWE)	Yes	Either
[BD18]	Yes	Plain M.	2	No (LWE)	Sender	Receiver
[CK88] + later works	No	Depends	7	Yes	Yes [DFL+09],[Unr10]	Either
[GLSV21]	No	Plain M./ CRS	$\begin{array}{c} \text{poly/} \\ \text{cte} \geq 7 \end{array}$	Yes	Yes	No
[BCKM21]	No	Plain M./ CRS	$\begin{array}{c} \text{poly/} \\ \text{cte} \geq 7 \end{array}$	Yes	Yes	Sender
[ABKK23]	No	RO	3	Yes	Yes	No
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