

PIR with Nearly Optimal Online Time and Bandwidth

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Oblivious DNS Deployed by Cloudflare and Apple



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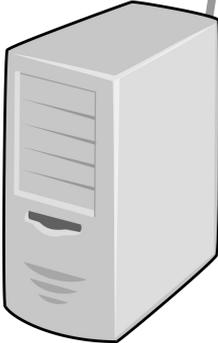


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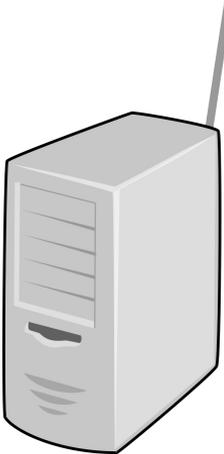
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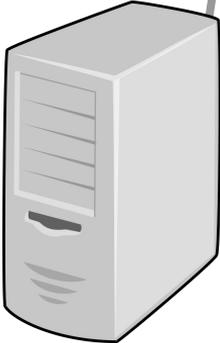
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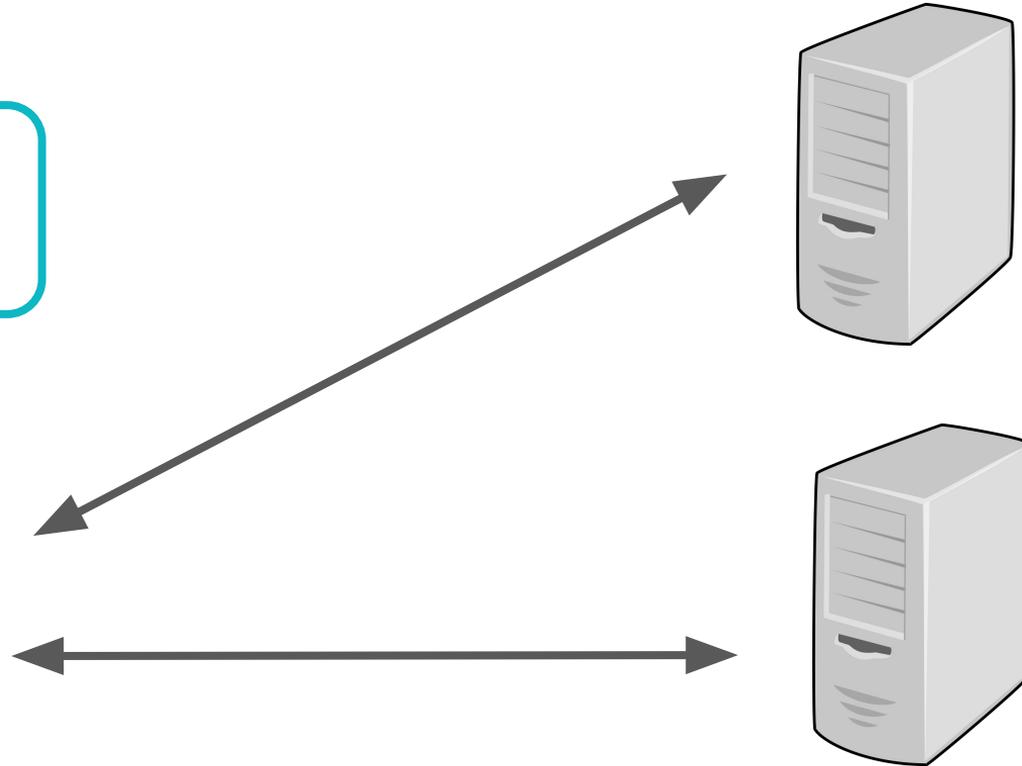
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PIR with **2 non-colluding servers**

"I want **DB[x]**"



Classical PIR

(no preprocessing)



Linear-time



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$O(\sqrt{n})$ -BW

[CK, Eurocrypt'19 best student paper]

Assume: $O(\sqrt{n})$ client storage, OWF

The best of both worlds?



Linear-time



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Our result: 2-server preprocessing PIR



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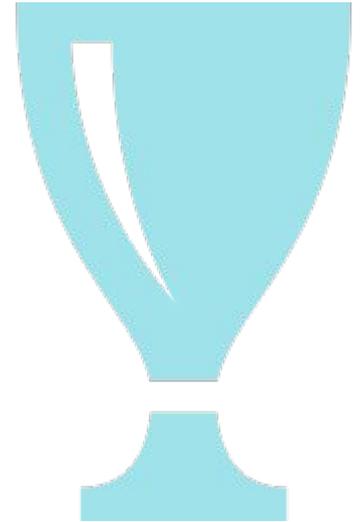
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Assume: hardness of LWE

$O(\sqrt{n})$ client storage

Open question:

A truly practical PIR scheme ?





Inefficient strawman

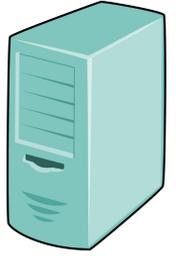
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Our scheme

Inspired by [CK19]



Preprocessing phase





Samples a set:
include each index w.p. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$





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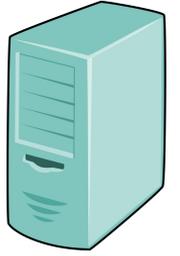


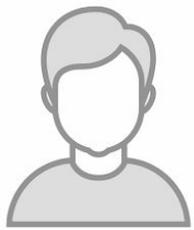
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 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\sqrt{n}}$





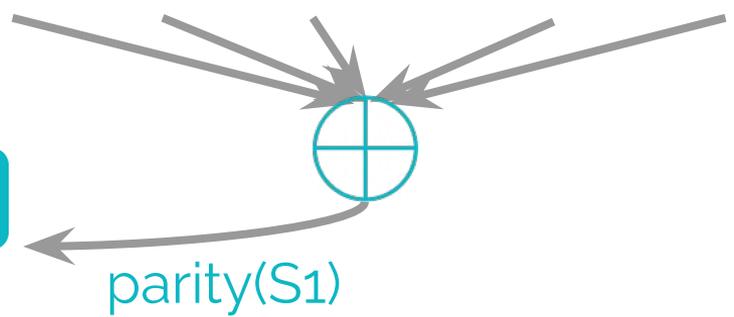
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S1: 1, 3, 5, 16, 18

1



parity(S1)

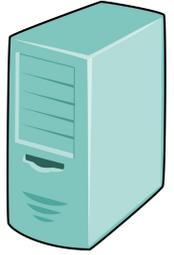


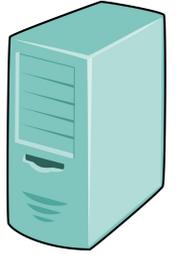
S_1 : 1, 3, 5, 16, 18

S_2 : 3, 6, 13, 19, 33

...

$S_{\sqrt{n} \log^2 n}$: 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10





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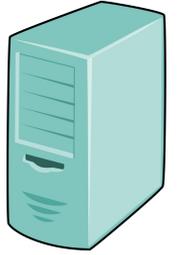
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Hint





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This requires $\tilde{O}(n)$ client space!



Online phase: want

6



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1

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0

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S2: 3, 6, 13, 19, 33 0



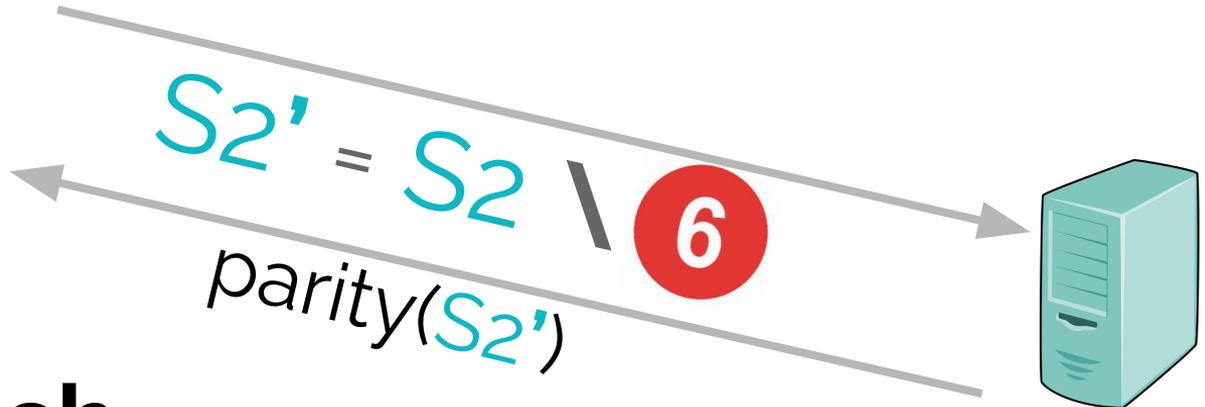


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Naive approach

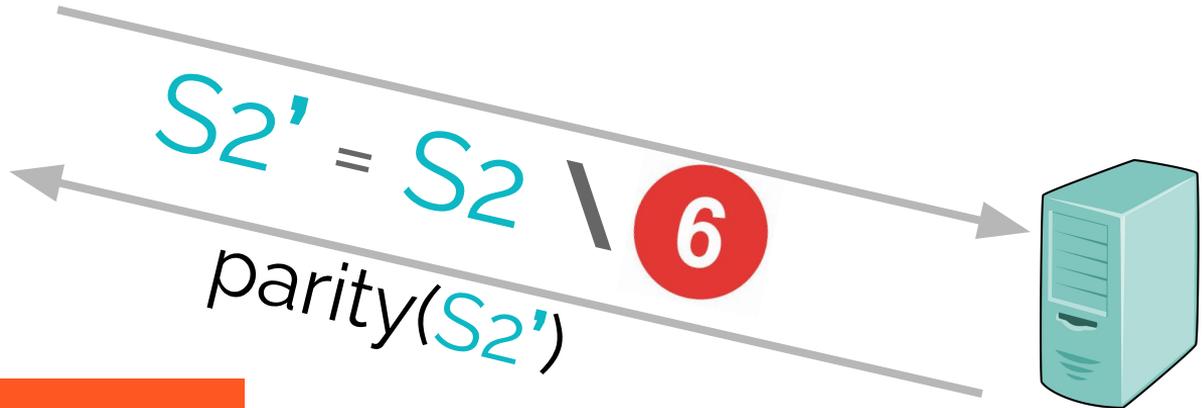


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S_2 : 3, 6, 13, 19, 33 0



This leaks information



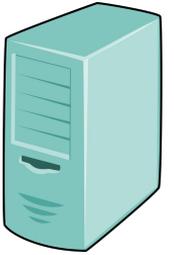
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6



S_2 : 3, 6, 13, 19, 33 0

$S_2' = S_2$ | resample 6





Online phase: want

6



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Online phase: want

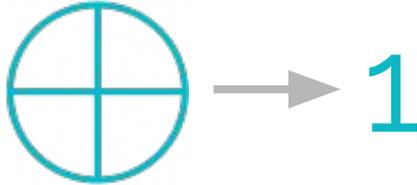
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parity(S2)

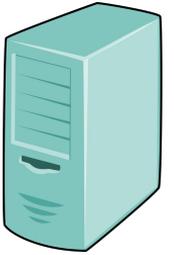
S2: 3, 6, 13, 19, 33

0



parity(S2')

1

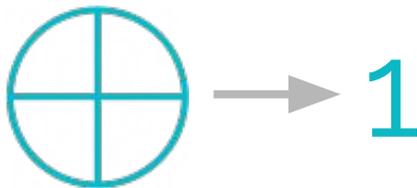


Correct if ($S_2' = S_2$ | **resample 6**) removes **6**

This happens w.h.p.

parity(S_2)

S_2 : 3, **6**, 13, 19, 33 0



parity(S_2')

1



k-fold repetition amplifies correctness

parity(S2)

S2: 3, 6, 13, 19, 33

0



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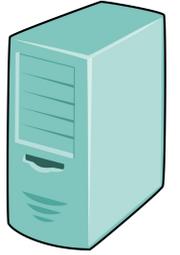
parity(S2')

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Online: refresh



~~S2: 3, 6, 13, 19, 33~~ 





Online: refresh

S: 5, 6, 11, 16, 32

~~S2: 3, 6, 13, 19, 33~~ 

$S' = S \mid \text{resample } 6$





Recap

client space $\tilde{O}(n)$

online BW $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$

online time $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$





What we want



client space	$\tilde{O}(n)$		$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$
online BW	$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$	→	$\tilde{O}(1)$
online time	$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$		$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$





Inefficient strawman

**Privately Puncturable
Pseudorandom Sets**

Our scheme

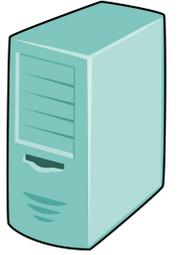


Preprocessing

S1: ~~1, 3, 5, 16, 18~~

Compressed to K1

K1





S1: ~~1, 3, 5, 16, 18~~
Compressed to K1

1

parity(S1)

S1 = Set(K1)





$K_1:$

1

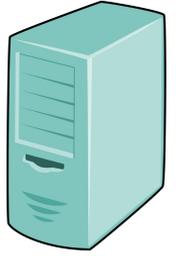
$K_2:$

0

...

$K_{\sqrt{n} \log^2 n}:$

0





Online phase: want

6

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1

K_2 :

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...

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...

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Online phase: want

6

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1

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0

...

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$K'_i = \text{Puncture}(K_i, 6)$



Online phase: want **6**

K1:

1

K2:

0

...

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$K'_i = \text{Puncture}(K_i, \mathbf{6})$

$K_{\sqrt{n} \log^2 n}$:

0

$\text{Set}(K'_i) = \text{Set}(K_i) \setminus \text{Resample}(\mathbf{6})$



Online phase: want

6



K1:

1

K2:

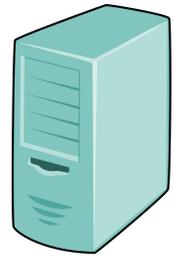
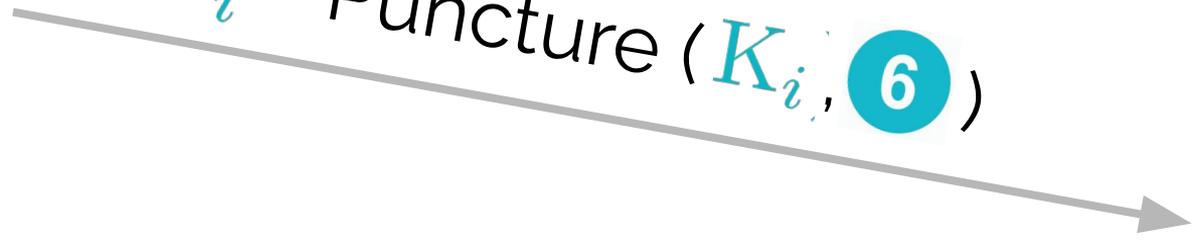
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Online phase: want

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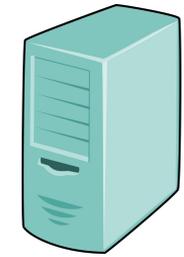
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$K_{\sqrt{n} \log^2 n}$:

0

$$K'_i = \text{Puncture}(K_i, 6)$$

$$\text{Parity}(\text{Set}(K'_i))$$



Puncturable Pseudorandom Set

- Sample a key K
- **Set(K)** enumerates the set
- **Puncture(K, x)** gives a key that resamples whether x is in the set

Desiderata: Puncturable Pseudorandom Set



Punctured key hide punctured point



sees punctured key

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Fast membership test : $\tilde{O}(1)$



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 Fast set enumeration : $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$



enumerates set with
punctured key

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■ Strawman using **Privately Puncturable PRF**

Ordinary PRF

$$K \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda)$$
$$y \leftarrow \text{Eval}(K, x)$$

Privately Puncturable PRF

$$\begin{array}{ll} K & \leftarrow \text{Gen}(1^\lambda) \\ y & \leftarrow \text{Eval}(K, x) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} K_x & \leftarrow \text{Puncture}(K, x) \\ y & \leftarrow \text{PEval}(K_x, x') \end{array}$$

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Privately Puncturable PRF: known from LWE

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Would this work?

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$\text{PRF.Puncture}(K, \textcircled{6})$ punctures ⑥

Set enumeration takes $O(n)$ time!

Other strawman attempts

$\text{PRF.Eval}(K, 1)$

$\text{PRF.Eval}(K, 2)$

...

$\text{PRF.Eval}(K, \sqrt{n})$



Set

x_1

x_2

$x_{\sqrt{n}}$

Slow membership test!

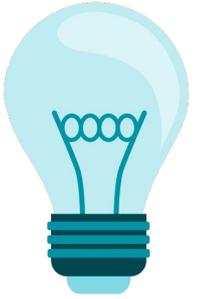


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Our scheme

Key Insight



Sample the set with a **carefully crafted distribution**



Fast membership test



Fast set enumeration



“**Breaks**” puncturing “**just a little**”

$$x = 38$$



X =

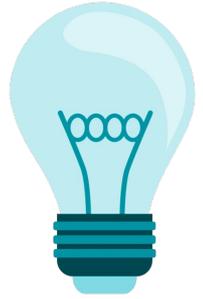
001010



X =

00001010

$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}$
 $2 \log \log n$



X =

00 001010 $H(010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$

$\frac{1}{2} \log n$



X =

00 001010

└──────────┘

$$H(010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

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$$H(1010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

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$$H(01010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

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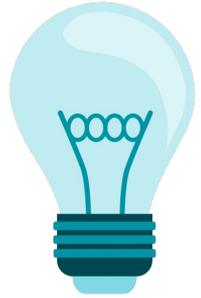
$$H(001010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

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$$H(0001010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

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$$H(00001010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$



X =

00 001010

_____ H(010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$

_____ H(1010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$

... ..

_____ H(00001010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$

To puncture a point $x = 00001010$:

Puncture all relevant suffixes from the PRF key

X =

00 001010

 H(010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$

 H(1010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$

... ..

 H(00001010) $\stackrel{?}{=} 1$



Set size $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$



Membership test $\tilde{O}(1)$



Set enumeration $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$

Set Enumeration

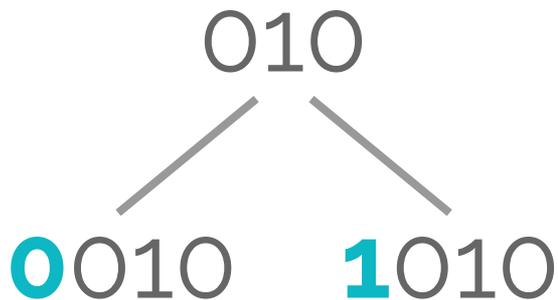
010

$$H(010) = 1$$

110

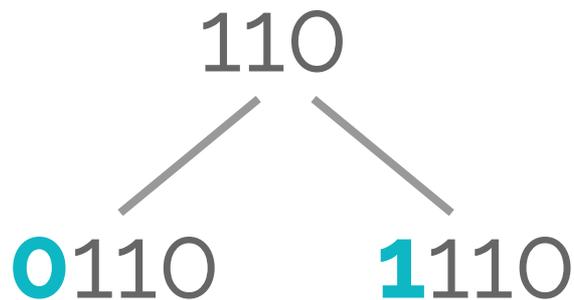
$$H(110) = 1$$

Set Enumeration



$$H(\mathbf{0}010) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

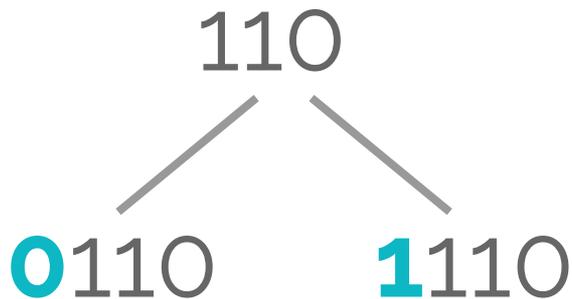
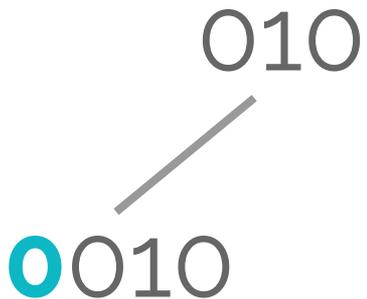
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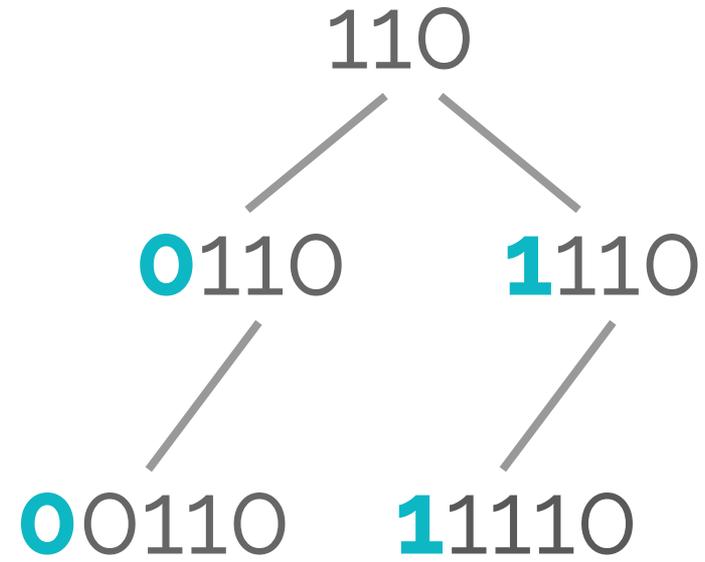
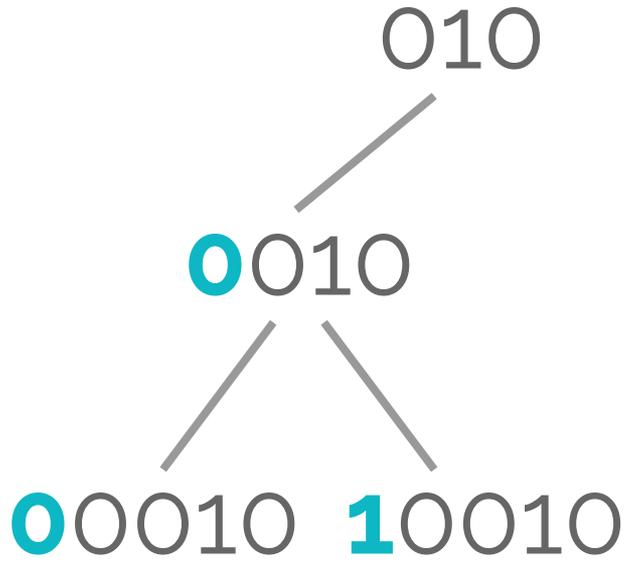
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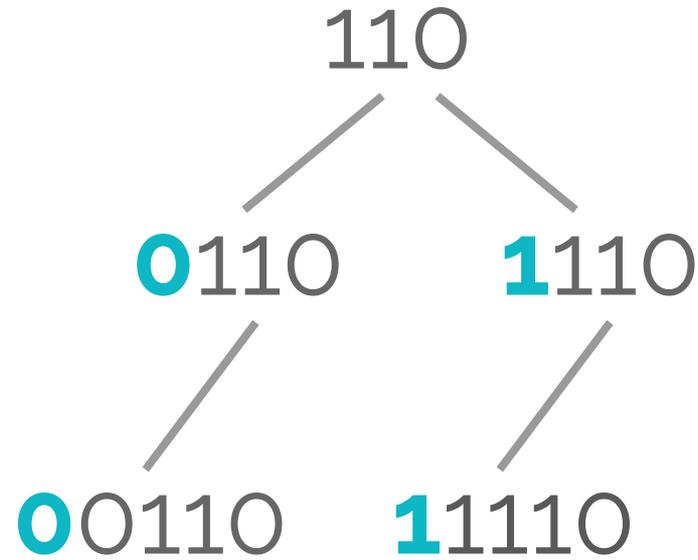
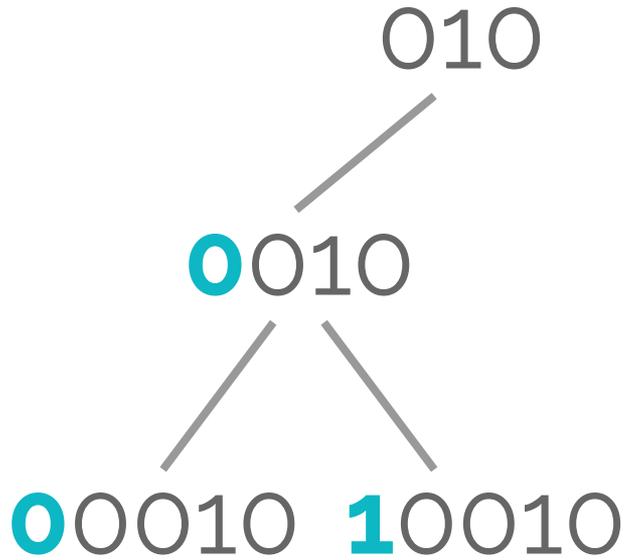
Set Enumeration



■ Set Enumeration



■ Each level has $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$ size in this tree
Set enumeration time: $\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})$



x = 00001010

y = 00111010

x included \Rightarrow y more likely included

$x = 00001010$

$y = 00111010$

x included \Rightarrow y more likely included

! Puncturing x removes y with small prob!

Summary: Our PIR scheme

- Key idea: a new puncturable PR Set
- Conceptually very simple construction
- Proofs are non-trivial
- Towards practicality: need a concretely efficient Privately puncturable PRF

■ See our paper for:

Detailed proofs

Correctness proof is actually tricky!

Trade off client space and online time

<https://eprint.iacr.org/2020/1592>

Open question:

A truly practical PIR scheme ?

Thank you !

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