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  - Passive, Active/Standalone or Active/UC
  - Information-theoretic (IT) or PPT
    - If PPT, also specify any computational assumptions used
- Will restrict to 2-party functionalities (mostly SFE)
  - In particular, omitting honest majority security



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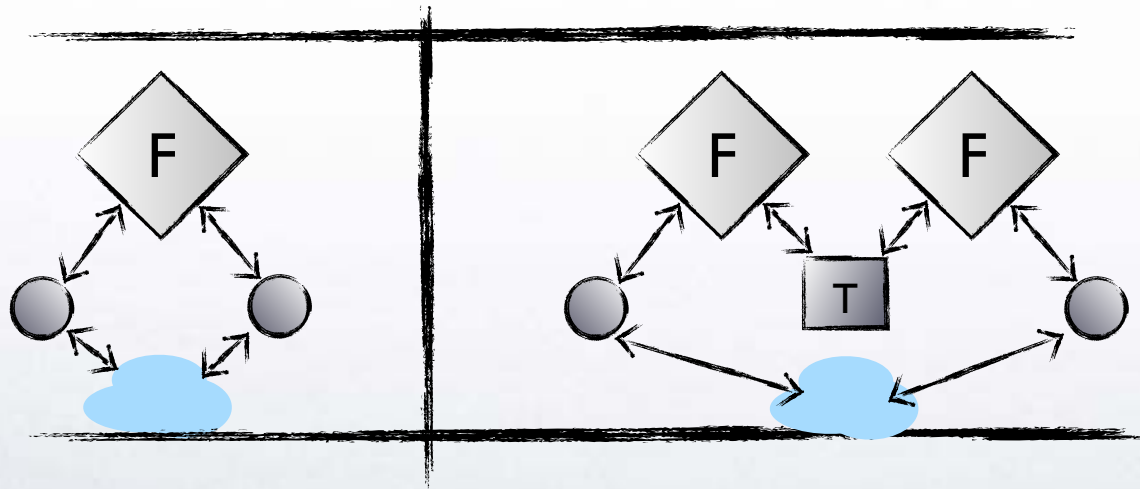
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# UC Triviality: Splittability

- UC-trivial: “Splittable” [CKL’03,PR’08]
  - Literally trivial ones!



- Extends to reactive, randomized functionalities, both PPT and IT

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(Zero-One-Law)

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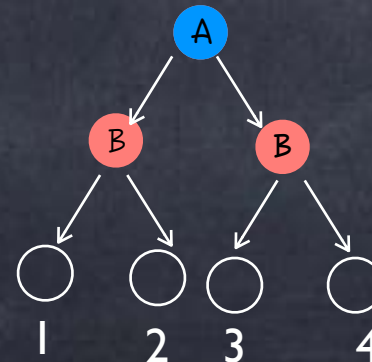
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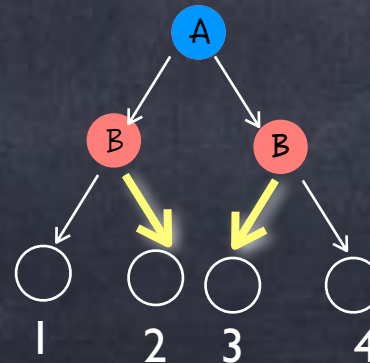
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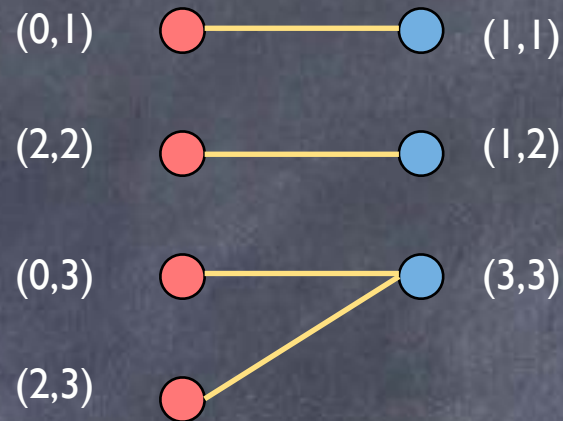


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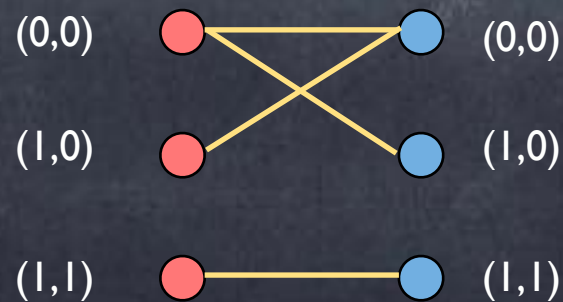
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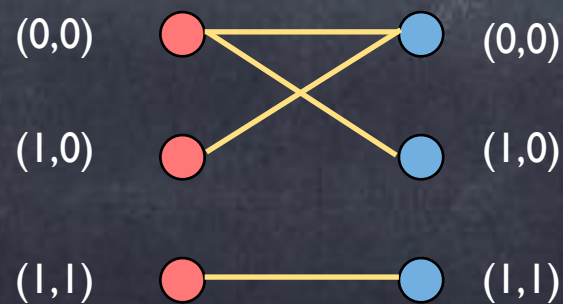
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    - Deterministic SFE: In the characteristic bipartite graph, each connected component is a biclique
    - More generally, using a weighted characteristic graph, with  $w(u,v) = \Pr[\text{outputs} \mid \text{inputs}]$ 
      - Simple:  $w(u,v) = w_A(u) \times w_B(v)$
    - "Isomorphic" to the "common information"

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- 2-Party:
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  - IT: Infinitely many complexity classes. Several open problems.
    - Computational assumptions related to collapse of classes in the PPT setting (so far OWF, shOT)
- m-Party ( $m > 2$ ):
  - Non-Honest-Majority: largely open

# Quantitative Complexity

- Qualitative question: Does  $F$  reduce to  $G$ ?
- Quantitative question: How many instances of  $G$  are needed to implement one instance of  $F$  (amortized)?
  - $G$ -complexity of  $F$
  - Upto constants,  $G$ -complexity remains the same for all complete  $G$
  - "Cryptographic Complexity" of  $F$
- Cryptographic Complexity is a lower bound on Circuit Complexity

# Conclusion

- A detailed picture of deterministic 2-party SFE, under various MPC reductions
  - Completeness characterised for randomised SFE too
  - But complexity questions largely open for randomised SFE,  $m$ -party SFE for  $m > 2$
- Computational hardness related to MPC reductions
  - We know that OWF is one of the "F reduces to G" assumptions, and sh-OT is the "maximal" assumption
  - Few Worlds Conjecture & Many Worlds Conjecture
- Quantitative Complexity
  - Crypto complexity is a lower bound on circuit complexity