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## Abstract

Most of the secret sharing schemes are based on algebraic calculations in their realizations. But there are some different realizations from ordinal secret sharing schemes. Visual cryptography is one such secret sharing scheme. In visual cryptography, the problem is to encrypt some written material (handwritten notes, printed text, pictures, etc.) in a perfectly secure way in such a manner that the decoding may be done visually, without any cryptographic computations. The concept of visual cryptography was first proposed by Naor and Shamir in 1994. Visual cryptographic scheme for a set  $P$  of  $n$  participants is a cryptographic paradigm that enables a secret image to be split into  $n$  shadow images called shares, where each participant in  $P$  receives one share. Certain qualified subsets of participants can “visually” recover the secret image with some loss of contrast, but other forbidden sets of participants have no information about the secret image. In this talk, we shall explore how linear algebra and statistical design theory play an important role in constructing visual cryptographic schemes. We further emphasize on some of the open problems related to visual cryptographic schemes for both  $(k, n)$ -threshold and general access structures.

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# Secret Sharing for General Access Structure?



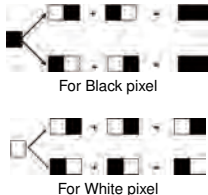
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# Example of (2, 2)-VCS

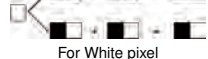


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# (2, 2)-VCS




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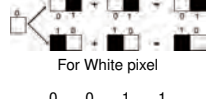
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# (2, 2)-VCS



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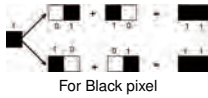


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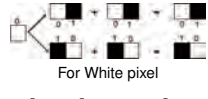
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# (2, 2)-VCS



For Black pixel



For White pixel

$$S^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } S^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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### Example of (2, 2)-VCS

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### Relative contrast

Let us consider a  $(2, n)$ -VCS on a set  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of  $n$  participants with basis matrices  $S^0$  and  $S^1$  and having pixel expansion  $m$ . Then the **relative contrast** for the participants corresponding to  $X$ ,  $X \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ , is denoted by  $\alpha_X(m)$  and is defined as

$$\frac{w(S_X^1) - w(S_X^0)}{m}$$

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### Secret Sharing for General Access Structure?

- Secret sharing refers to method for distributing a **secret**, say  $K$ , amongst a set  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$  of  $n$  participants, each of which is allocated a **share** of the secret in such a way that certain qualified set of participants can reconstruct the secret by combining their shares while certain set of participants gets no information about the secret even when they combine their shares.
- The set of participants who are qualified to reconstruct the share is called **qualified set** of participants, while the set of participants who are not qualified to reconstruct the secret is known as **forbidden set** of participants.
- The collection of all qualified sets of participants is denoted by  $\Gamma_{Qual}$  while the set of all forbidden sets of participants are known as  $\Gamma_{Forb}$ .  $\Gamma_0$  denotes the set of minimal qualified sets of participants.
- $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  is known as an access structure on the set of participants  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$ .

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### Basis Matrix

**Definition**

Let  $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  be an access structure on a set  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $n$  participants. A  $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb}, m)$ -VCS with relative difference  $\alpha(m)$  and a set of thresholds  $\{t_X\}_{X \in \Gamma_{Qual}}$  is realized using the  $n \times m$  basis matrices  $S^0$  and  $S^1$  if the following two conditions hold:

- If  $X = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p\} \in \Gamma_{Qual}$ , then  $S_X^0$ , the "or" of the rows  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p$  of  $S^0$ , satisfies  $w(S_X^0) \leq t_X - \alpha(m) \cdot m$ ; whereas, for  $S^1$  it results in  $w(S_X^1) \geq t_X$ .
- If  $X = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p\} \in \Gamma_{Forb}$ , the two  $p \times m$  matrices obtained by restricting  $S^0$  and  $S^1$  to rows  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_p$  are equal up to a column permutation.

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### (2, n)-VCS by Naor and Shamir

$$S^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad S^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Here the **relative contrast** for any two participants is  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the **pixel expansion** is 4.

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### Linear Algebraic Techniques to construct VCS for General Access Structures

- $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  with  $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ .
- $\{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}\}$  and  $\{\{1, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ .
- $\left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (1) \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ x_1 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (2)$
- $\left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_4 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} (3) \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_4 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 + x_4 = 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (4)$

$$S_1^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, S_1^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S_2^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, S_2^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Linear Algebraic Techniques to construct VCS for General Access Structures

- $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  with  $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}\}$ .
- $S^0 = S_1^0 || S_2^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- $S^1 = S_1^1 || S_2^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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## Main Theorem

### Theorem

For any given strong access structure  $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  on a set  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of  $n$  participants with  $\Gamma_0 = \{B_1, B_2, \dots, B_k\}$  where  $B_i \subseteq \mathcal{P}, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, k$  and for any permutation  $\sigma \in S_k$ , the symmetric group of degree  $k$ , there exists a strong visual cryptographic scheme  $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb}, m)$  on  $\mathcal{P}$  with  $m = m_\sigma$ , where  $m_\sigma$  is given as follows:

$$m_\sigma = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^l 2^{|\mathcal{B}_{\sigma(2l-1)} \cup \mathcal{B}_{\sigma(2l)}| - 2} & \text{if } k = 2l, l \geq 1 \\ \sum_{i=1}^l 2^{|\mathcal{B}_{\sigma(2l-1)} \cup \mathcal{B}_{\sigma(2l)}| - 2} + 2^{|\mathcal{B}_{\sigma(2l+1)}| - 1} & \text{if } k = 2l + 1, l \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

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## Construction of Basis Matrices

- Suppose we want to construct a scheme on a set of 6 participants  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  in which the minimal qualified set is  $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{1, 2, 5\}, \{1, 3, 6\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \{3, 4, 5\}\}$ .
- Note that  $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 5\}, \{2, 4, 3\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{1, 3, 6\}\}$
- Let us start with  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $\{1, 2, 5\}$ . Consider the following two associated system of linear equations over the binary field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 0 & x_1 + x_2 + x_3 &= 1 \\ x_1 + x_2 + x_5 &= 0 & x_1 + x_2 + x_5 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3) \quad (4)$$

$$G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\begin{matrix} \leftarrow 1 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow 2 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow 3 \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow 5 \rightarrow \end{matrix}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = G_1$$

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## Important Observations

- $\{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 5\}, \{2, 4, 3\}, \{2, 4, 6\}, \{2, 4, 5\}, \{3, 4, 5\}, \{1, 3, 6\}\}$
- $G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

**Open Problem:** Find a suitable permutation to get minimum pixel expansion

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## $(k, n)$ -Threshold Scheme: as a particular case

### Theorem

Let  $(\Gamma_{Qual}, \Gamma_{Forb})$  be an access structure on a set  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of  $n$  participants with  $\Gamma_0 = \{A \subseteq \mathcal{P} : |A| = k, 2 \leq k \leq n\}$ . Then there exists a strong  $(k, n)$ -VCS with

$$m_{our} = \begin{cases} l \cdot 2^{k-2}, & \text{if } l = \binom{n}{k} \text{ is even} \\ (l+1) \cdot 2^{k-2}, & \text{if } l = \binom{n}{k} \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

and relative contrast  $\alpha(m) = \frac{1}{m_{our}}$ .

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## $(4, 5)$ -Threshold Scheme: An Efficient Construction

Let us consider the  $(4, 5)$ -VCS with  $\{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 5\}, \{1, 2, 4, 5\}, \{1, 3, 4, 5\}, \{2, 3, 4, 5\}\}$ .

$$S^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Open Problem:** For a future problem, one may think of finding exact number of common columns in  $S^0$  and  $S^1$ .

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### Open Problems

- $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 4\}\}$ .
- $$\left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 = 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_4 = 0 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (5) \text{ and } \left. \begin{matrix} x_1 + x_2 = 1 \\ x_2 + x_3 = 1 \\ x_3 + x_4 = 1 \end{matrix} \right\} \dots (6).$$
- $S^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $S^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Open Problem:** Characterize a given access structure on which we can take 3 equations together to get less pixel expansion.

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### Introduction



- Secret Sharing Schemes,
- DNA Computing,
- Mathematics.


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### Aim of Our Work

Suppose we want to distribute a **secret binary string** to a set  $\{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$  of  $n$  participants in such a way that certain designated set of participants can reveal the secret by pulling their shares, but no forbidden set of participants has **any information** about the secret binary string.

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### Why DNA?



- The very small size,
- The huge storage capacity,
- Easy to carry or hide,
- Made up of A, T, G, C,
- Huge parallel computing,
- Stable as a DNA double strand,
- High longevity,
- Easy to get synthesized DNA


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### DNA encoding of binary strings

- a binary string can be represented as a set of integers that corresponds the positions where the bits are 1 from left to right.
- 1011 can be represented as a set  $\{1, 3, 4\}$ ,
- each integer  $i$  can be represented in a DNA double strand notation as follows  $ds_i = \uparrow (GAATT)'$ .
- if  $\alpha = 1011$ , the DNA double strand representation of  $\alpha$  is the test tube  $T[\alpha] = \{ds_1, ds_3, ds_4\}$ .

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### Mixing operation




- Take the content of two test tubes.
- Mixing can be done by dehydrating the tube contents (if not already in solution) and then combining the fluids together into a new tube, by pouring and pumping.

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## Bio-mathematical operations



- Boolean "or" operation between two binary strings
- if  $\alpha = 1011$  and  $\beta = 1001$ ,
- the binary "or" of two strings will be 1011.
- $T[\alpha]$  ( $T[\beta]$ ) the test tube corresponding to the binary string  $\alpha$  ( $\beta$ ).
- pore the contents of the two test tubes to get binary "or".

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## Automated DNA Sequencing

- To read the DNA double strands in the test tube we need the process called DNA sequencing.

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DNA Secret Sharing Proposed DNA Secret Sharing Scheme

## Outlay of our scheme

- Consider the secret sharing scheme on  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  of 4 participants, where  $\Gamma_0 = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{1, 4\}\}$ .
- $\Gamma_{Qual} = \{Y \subseteq \mathcal{P} : X \subseteq Y \text{ for some } X \in \Gamma_0\}$  and  $\Gamma_{Forb} = 2^{\mathcal{P}} \setminus \Gamma_{Qual}$ .
- let the secret binary string be  $x = x_1x_2x_3 = 011$ .
- Assume that the DNA encoding, the mixing process are public.

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DNA Secret Sharing Proposed DNA Secret Sharing Scheme

## Share Distribution

- The dealer chooses two Boolean matrices

$$G_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Since  $x_1 = 0$ , the dealer considers the matrix  $G_0$  and apply a random permutation to the columns of  $G_0$  and produces a matrix  $M_1$ .
- Similarly, for  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  on  $G_1$  to produce matrices  $M_2$  and  $M_3$ .
- Assume that the DNA encoding, the mixing process are public.

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DNA Secret Sharing Proposed DNA Secret Sharing Scheme

## Share Distribution

- Let  $M = M_1 || M_2 || M_3$ .
- first row of  $M$  is  $\alpha_1 = 010110101010$ . Similarly  $\alpha_2 = 010101100110$ ,  $\alpha_3 = 010010001000$  and  $\alpha_4 = 000100010001$ .
- dealer converts the binary strings to DNA representations to get the test tubes
 
$$\begin{aligned} T[\alpha_1] &= \{ds_2, ds_4, ds_5, ds_7, ds_9, ds_{11}\}, \\ T[\alpha_2] &= \{ds_2, ds_4, ds_6, ds_7, ds_{10}, ds_{11}\}, \\ T[\alpha_3] &= \{ds_2, ds_4, ds_5, ds_9\}, \\ T[\alpha_4] &= \{ds_4, ds_8, ds_{12}\}, \end{aligned}$$

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## Share Distribution

- $T[\alpha_i]$  is given to the participants  $P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  through a secret channel.
- Also the values  $m = 4$  and  $k = 3$  are given to the participants even through an insecure channel.

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Decryption by the Qualified participants

- Let  $P_1, P_2$  come together.
- They use mixing procedure with test tubes  $T[\alpha_1]$  and  $T[\alpha_2]$  to get  $T[\alpha_1] \cup T[\alpha_2] = \{ds_2, ds_4, ds_5, ds_6, ds_7, ds_9, ds_{10}, ds_{11}\}$ .
- Execute automated DNA sequencing method to read the DNA double strands.
- With the knowledge of decoding the DNA representation to the binary string, the values of  $k = 3$  and  $m = 4$ , the participants  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  can convert the DNA representation to the binary string  $y = 01011101110$ .

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Decryption by the Qualified participants

- Since, the value of  $m$  is known to the participants,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  can break  $y$  as  $y = (0101)(1110)(1110)$ .
- Next they will find the value of  $w$  as 3 and then they will compute  $z = 011$ , as  $BW(0101) < 3$ ,  $BW(1110) = 3$ . Thus  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  can recover the secret 011.

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Forbidden set of participants

- Let  $Y = \{P_3, P_4\}$  come together.
- They use mixing procedure with test tubes  $T[\alpha_3]$  and  $T[\alpha_4]$  to get  $T[\alpha_1] \cup T[\alpha_2] = \{ds_2, ds_4, ds_5, ds_8, ds_9, ds_{12}\}$ .
- they will convert the DNA representation to the binary string  $y = (0101)(1001)(1001)$ .
- Thus looking at those it is not possible to predict whether they correspond to 0 or 1.

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DNA Microarray



- Affymetrix chips has more than 3,50,000 oligos per chip
- Around 48,000 different DNA spots can fit on a glass of this array.
- Statistical data analysis using computers gives less error.

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