

COMP-649

Quantum Cryptography

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Description: (4 credits, 3 hours). Review of the basic notions of cryptography and quantum information theory. Quantum key distribution and its proof of security. Quantum encryption, error-correcting codes and authentication. Quantum bit commitment, zero-knowledge and oblivious transfer. Multiparty quantum computations.

Evaluation: There will be 5 homework assignments worth 20% of your final grade each.

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Topics

01. Short - number theory / finite field - background : class notes COMP-547
02. Classical error correcting codes : Madhu Sudan
03. Quantum error correcting codes : Gottesman
04. Classical information theory : BBCM
 - Shannon, Renyi and Min-entropies
 - Generalized Privacy Amplification - leftover hash Lemma
05. BB84 QKD
05. Shor-Prekill proof
05. Amount of tolerable errors (a survey)
06. Quantum teleportation, Quantum Vernam Cipher, density matrix / operators
06. Quantum public-key crypto
07. 2 bits/qubit lower bound - MTW00
07. ~ 1 bit/qubit upper bound - HLSW03
08. Quantum authentication - BCGST
09. Uncloneable encryption - Gottesman
10. Known plaintext attack & Key recycling - DPS04
11. Quantum Oblivious Transfer – Crépeau-Kilian/BBCS
 - without errors
 - with errors
 - from bit commitment
12. Quantum Bit Commitment
 - proposals – Brassard-Crépeau et Al
 - impossibility proof – Mayers / Lo-Chau
13. two-prover Bit Commitment – Crépeau-Simard-Tapp
14. Classical and Quantum Zero-knowledge – B-C-van de Graaf- Smith
15. Classical and Quantum Secret Sharing – Cleve-Gottesman-Lo
16. VQSS – Crépeau-Gottesman-Smith
17. Approximate QECC – Crépeau-Gottesman-Smith.