### Breaking the Circuit-Size Barrier in Secret Sharing

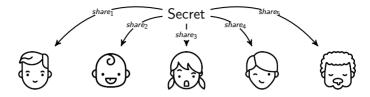
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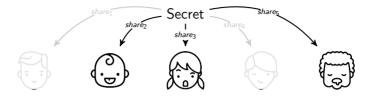
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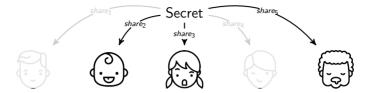
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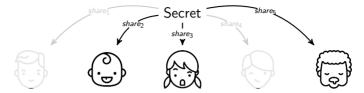




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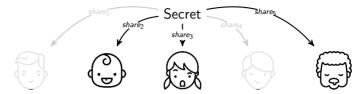
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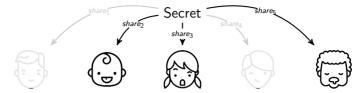


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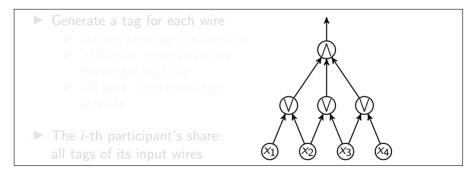
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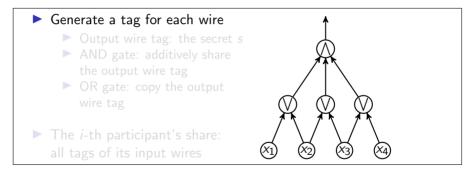
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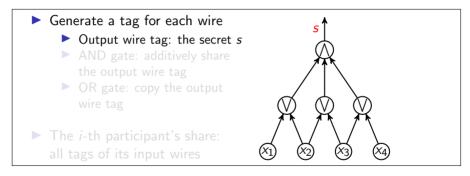


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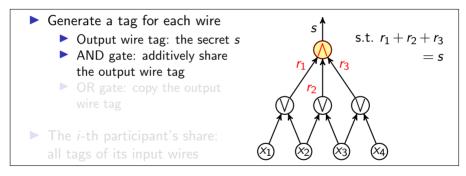
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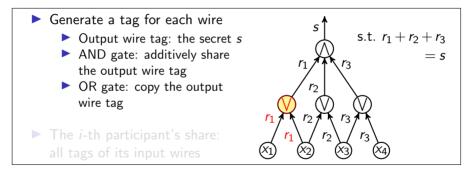
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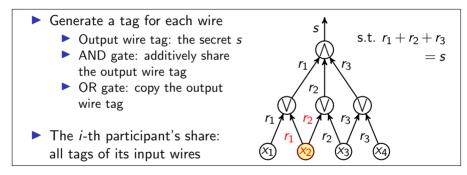
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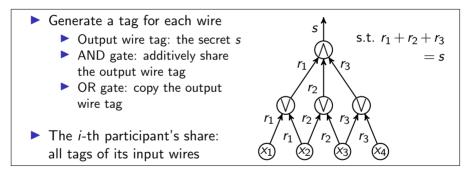
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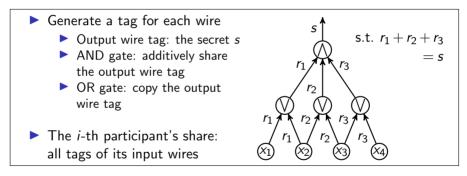
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30<sup>+</sup>-year-old open problem

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Corollary

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#### Base gates [Liu-Vaikuntanathan-Wee'18]

We define **slice functions**, there are  $2^{\binom{n}{n/2}}$  of them and they have secret scharing scheme with share size  $2^{\tilde{O}(\sqrt{n})}$ .

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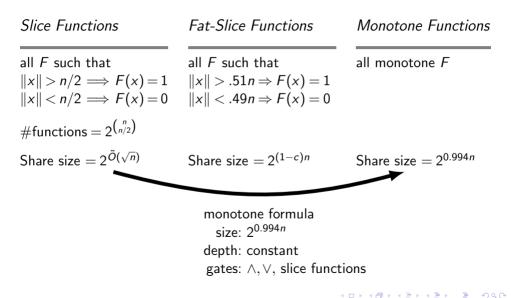
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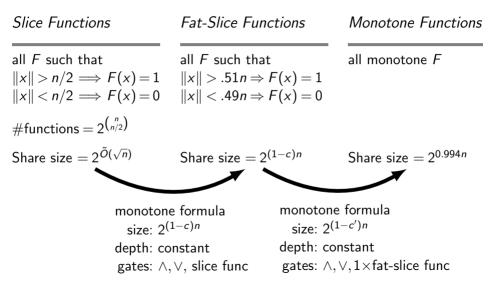
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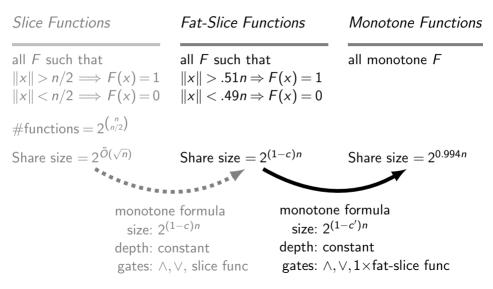
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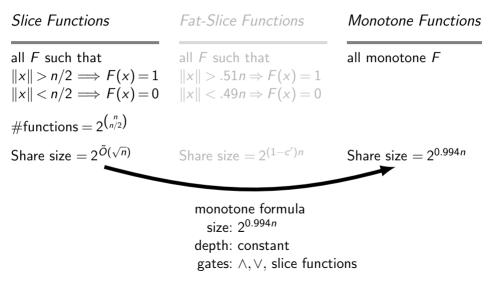
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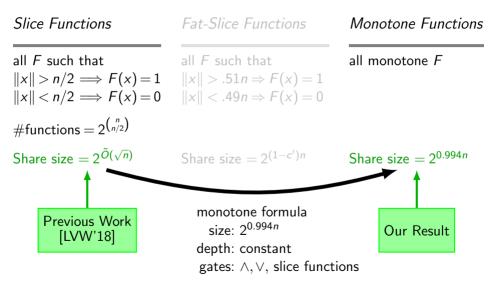
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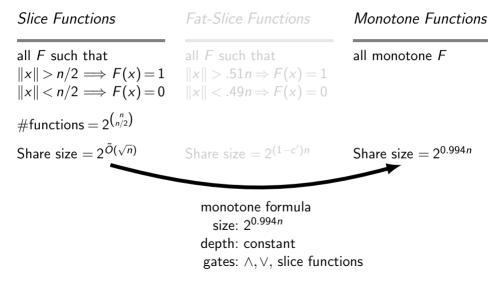
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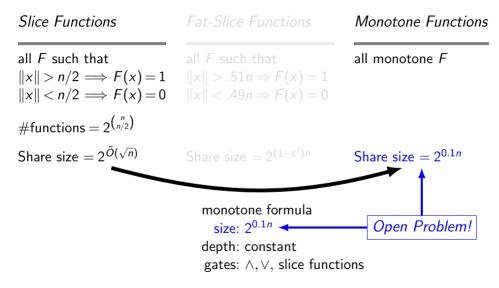
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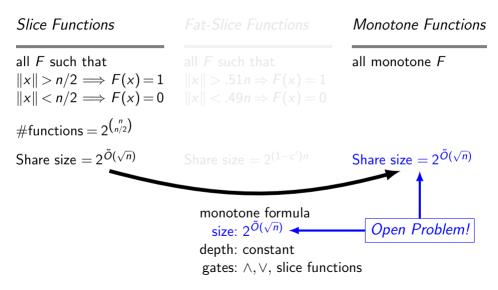
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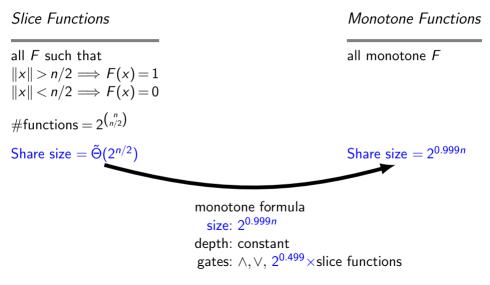




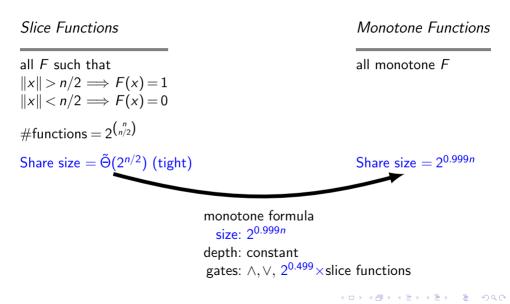


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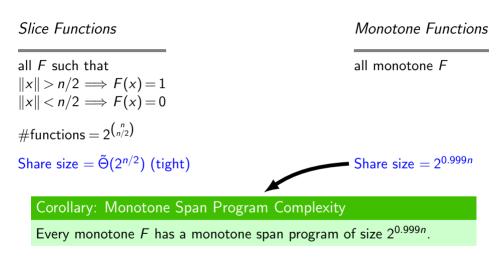
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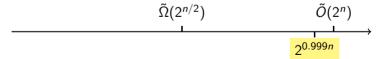
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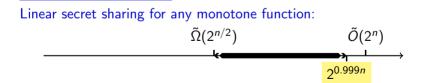


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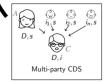
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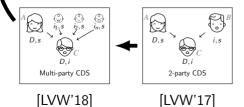


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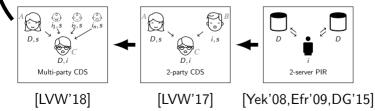


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