



# Exponential Separation of Quantum and Classical One-Way Communication Complexity

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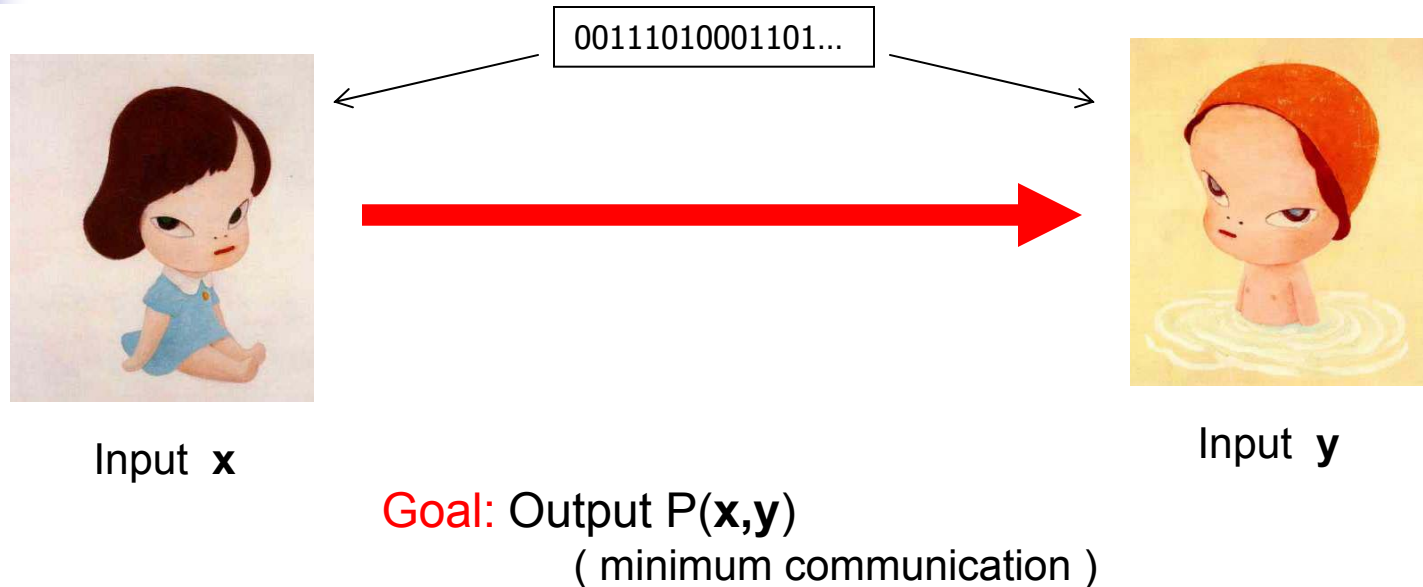
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Are the images the same?

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- Applications of Communication Complexity  
VLSI design, Boolean circuits, Data structures, Automata, Formulae size, Data streams, ...
- Encoding/Compression scheme  $C(x)$ , such that  $P(x,y)=g(C(x),y)$

# Quantum one-way communication complexity



Input  $x$



Input  $y$

**Goal:** Output  $P(x,y)$   
( minimum communication )

**Main question:**

What is the relation between classical and quantum one-way communication?



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## Our result:

The first exponential separation of classical and quantum one-way communication complexity.



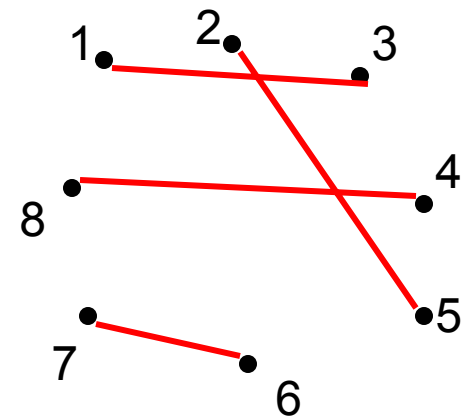
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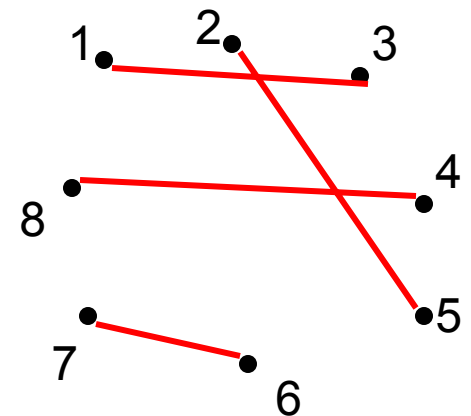
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# Complexity of $HM_n$



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# Quantum algorithm for $HM_n$

Let  $M = \{(i_1, i_2), (i_3, i_4), \dots, (i_{n-1}, i_n)\}$  be Bob's matching.

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$$B = \{|i_1\rangle \pm |i_2\rangle, |i_3\rangle \pm |i_4\rangle, \dots, |i_{n-1}\rangle \pm |i_n\rangle\}$$

and outputs  $\begin{cases} ((j,k), 0) & \text{if he measures } |j\rangle + |k\rangle \\ ((j,k), 1) & \text{if he measures } |j\rangle - |k\rangle \end{cases}$

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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{x_i} |i\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} (((-1)^{x_{i_1}} |i_1\rangle + (-1)^{x_{i_2}} |i_2\rangle) + \dots + ((-1)^{x_{i_{n-1}}} |i_{n-1}\rangle + (-1)^{x_{i_n}} |i_n\rangle))$$

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- $Prob[\text{outcome is } |j\rangle + |k\rangle] = \frac{1}{2n} ((-1)^{x_j} + (-1)^{x_k})^2$

$$Prob[\text{outcome is } |j\rangle - |k\rangle] = \frac{1}{2n} ((-1)^{x_j} - (-1)^{x_k})^2$$

- Bob can compute the XOR of a pair of the matching with prob. 1



# $HM_n$ and Other problems

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## Locally Decodable Codes

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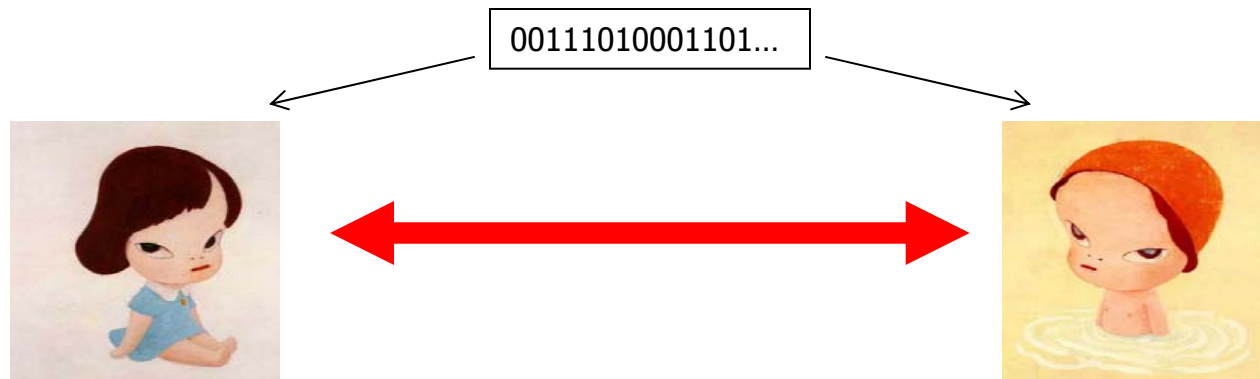
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## Complete Problems

- We can define a variant of Kremer's problem which is complete for **non-boolean** promise problems of logarithmic on-way quantum communication complexity.
- Our bounds extend to this problem.

# Other models of communication complexity

- Two-way communication



- [Raz99] proved an exponential separation.
- The quantum protocol needs two rounds.



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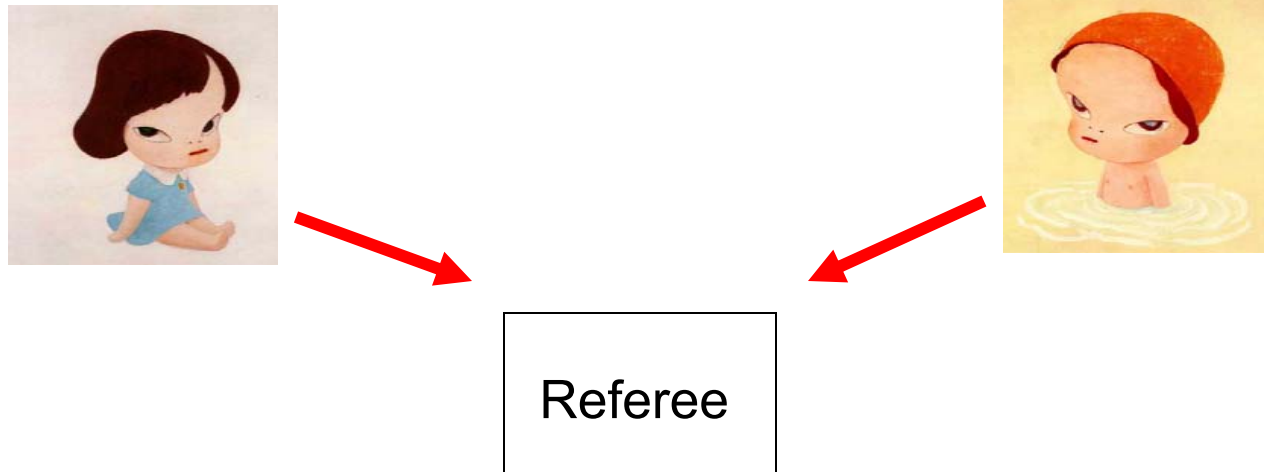
- Sampling model



- [ASTVW98] proved an exponential separation.
- The separation **does not** hold with public coins.

# Other models of communication complexity

- Simultaneous Messages



- Quantum fingerprints [BCWdW01]  
The separation **does not** hold with shared public coins

Our problem provides the first exponential separation in the model of Simultaneous Messages with public coins.



# Neat application [Harry Buhrman]

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## Hidden matching Problem as a non-locality game

- Using EPR pairs and **NO** communication, we can create correlations for which we need exponential classical communication even to approximate them!

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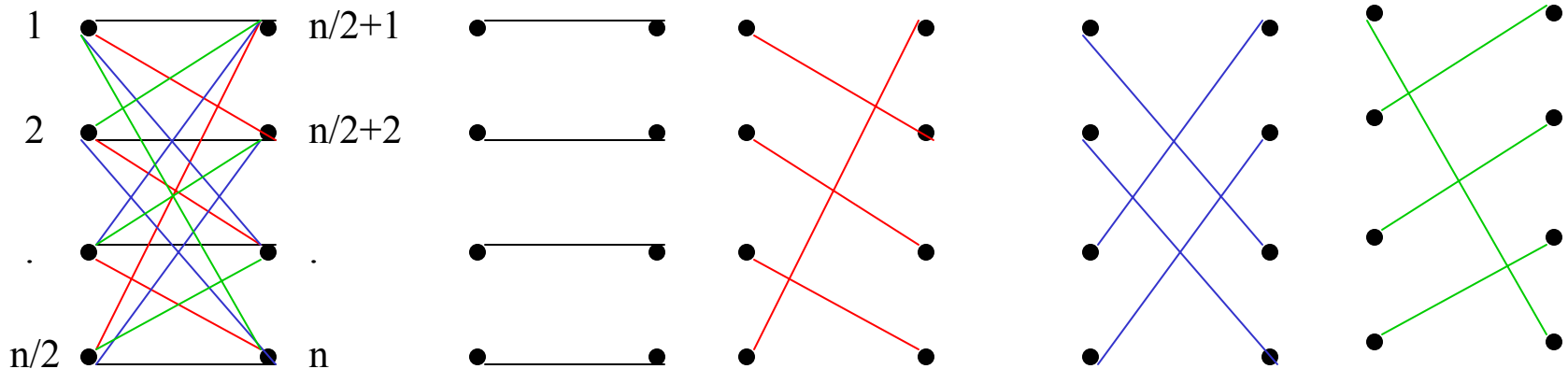
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- Distribution of Alice's input:  $x \in_R \{0,1\}^n$

- Distribution of Bob's input:  $M \in_R M_n$

$M_n$  is any set of  $\Omega(n)$  pairwise edge-disjoint matchings.





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## Idea of Proof :

We prove that Alice cannot send the same message for too many inputs  $x$ .

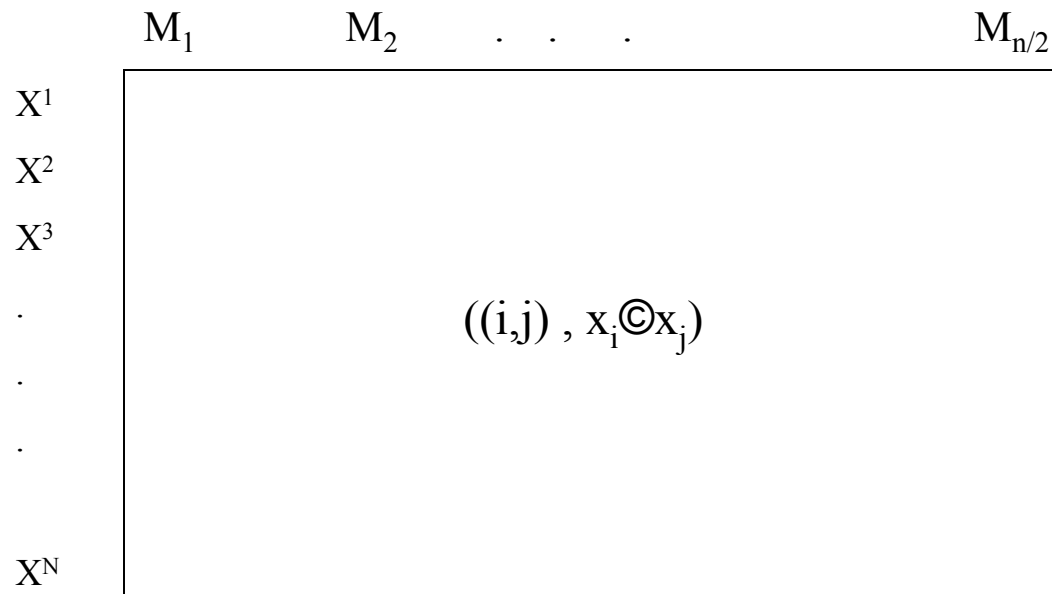
Every matching imposes a linear constraint on  $x$ . (e.g.  $x_1 \odot x_2 = 0, \dots$ )

There are at least  $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$  linearly independent constraints, hence only  $2^{n - \Omega(\sqrt{n})}$   $x$ 's can be mapped to the same message.

We need to take care of errors!!!



# Lower bound for $HM_n$



The Matrix

- At least a  $(1-\delta)$  fraction of the entries are correct.
  - At least half the columns are  $(1-2\delta)$ -”good”.
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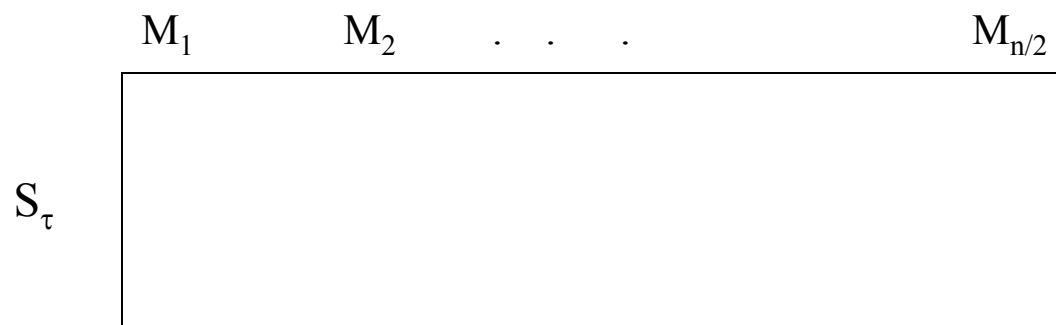
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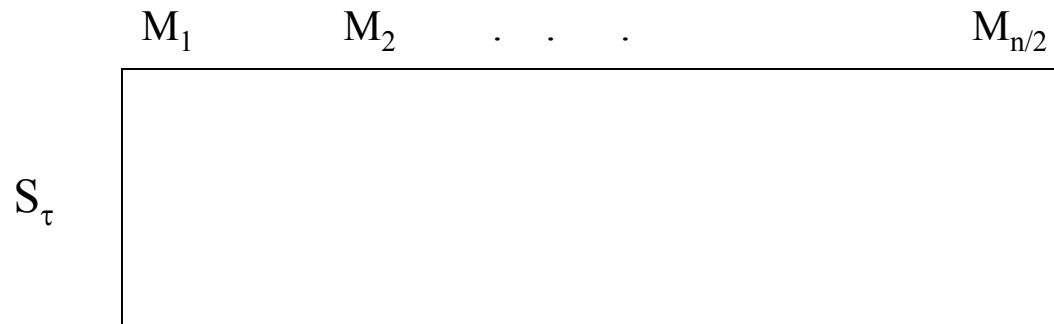
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- Let  $S_\tau$  be the set of  $x$ 's that correspond to the most "popular" message  $\tau$ .
- Number of Alice's distinct message  $\leq 2^n / |S_\tau|$
- I need to bound the size of  $|S_\tau|$  !

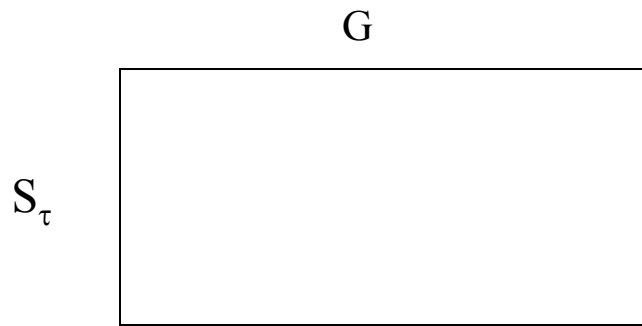
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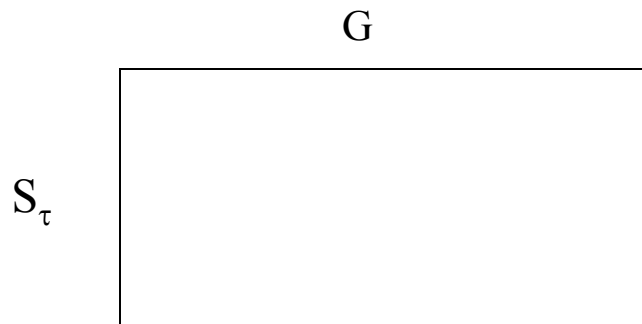
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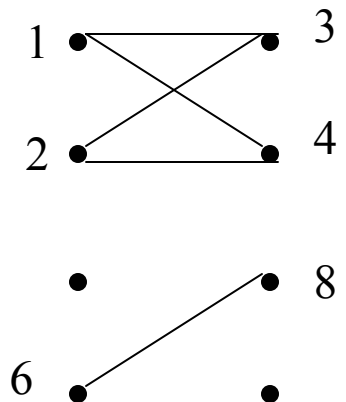
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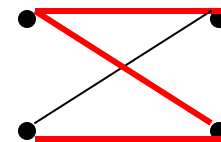


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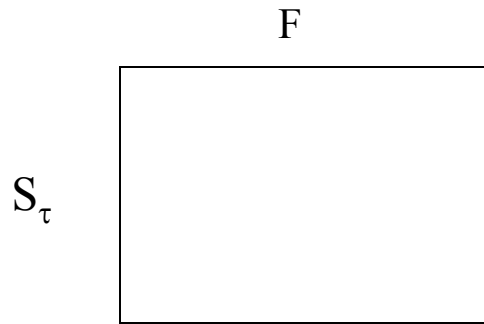


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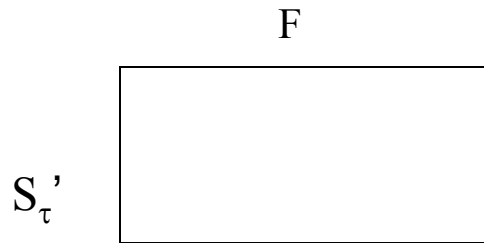
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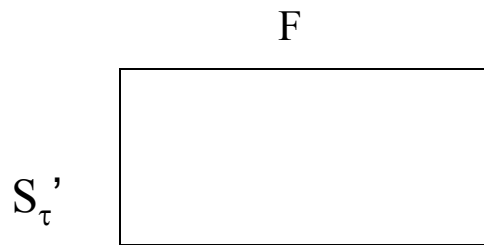
## Pick "good" rows again!

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- The columns in  $F$  are independent and  $|F| = \Omega(\sqrt{n})$
- Each row is  $(1-8\delta)$ -“good”

# Lower bound for $HM_n$



- The rows correspond to inputs mapped to the same message.
- The columns correspond to independent edges,  $|F| = \Omega(\sqrt{n})$
- In each row,  $(1 - 8\delta)$  fraction of the entries are correct.

# Lower bound for $HM_n$

- How many  $x$ 's can be mapped to the same message?
- $n$  variables and a set  $F$  of  $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$  independent linear constraints.
  - There are  $2^{n-\Omega(\sqrt{n})}$  solutions.
- We also need to count all  $x$ 's that satisfy a set of constraints which agrees with  $F$  on at least a  $(1-8\delta)$  fraction.
  - There are  $2^{H_2(8\delta)\Omega(\sqrt{n})}$  such sets of constraints.
- Total number of  $x$ 's mapped to the same message:

$$|S_\tau| \cdot 2^{n-(1-H_2(8\delta))\Omega(\sqrt{n})}$$

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- Total number of  $x$ 's mapped to the same message:

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- Size of Alice's message =  $\log ( 2^n / |S_\tau| ) = \Omega(\sqrt{n})$

## Theorem:

The one-way randomized communication complexity of  $HM_n$  is  $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

Upper bound: It's sufficient for Alice to send  $O(\sqrt{n})$  random bits of  $x$ .

# Boolean Hidden Matching Problem



Input:  $x \in \{0,1\}^n$

Output:  
 $\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w \text{ is correct} \\ 1 & \text{if } w \text{ is wrong} \end{cases}$

Input: a matching  $M$  on  $[n]$ ,  
 $w \in \{0,1\}^{n/2}$

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- There exists a quantum algorithm with complexity  $O(\log n)$
- Any **linear** randomized algorithm with public coins has complexity  $\Omega(n^{1/3})$



# Open problems

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- Work in progress
  - Boolean  $HM_n$  : extend the lower bound to general randomised protocols.
  - Provide a separation between quantum one-way and classical two-way communication.
- Open problems
  - One-way communication complexity of **total functions**
  - Simultaneous Messages
  - Quantum advice:  $BQP/poly$  vs.  $BQP/qpoly$
  - Quantum proofs:  $QMA$  vs.  $QCMA$