

Light ~~Lightweight~~ Cryptography



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A hooded figure, possibly a Sith or Jedi, stands in the center of the frame. They are holding two lightsabers: one in their right hand pointing towards the top-left corner, and another in their left hand pointing towards the bottom-right corner. The blades are illuminated, with the top-left blade showing a blue-to-purple gradient and the bottom-right blade showing a red-to-orange gradient. The figure is wearing a dark, hooded robe. The background is dark and atmospheric, featuring a crescent moon on the left side. The word "darkside" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font in the lower-left quadrant.

darkside



25% **Actively Disengaged**
life gives people many
reasons to do this

20% **Trying**
Only understand
a % of what
they've heard

5%
**Already
know**

10% **Listening**
but scared to ask
for clarification



25% **Passively Disengaged**
Looking at teacher and even
requesting lectures so to have
unchallenging chill-time

10% **Confident**
& calm and keeping
up with teacher



THE CLASS A TEACHER TALKS TO

Based on over 2000 high school student responses to how they felt with each of their teachers

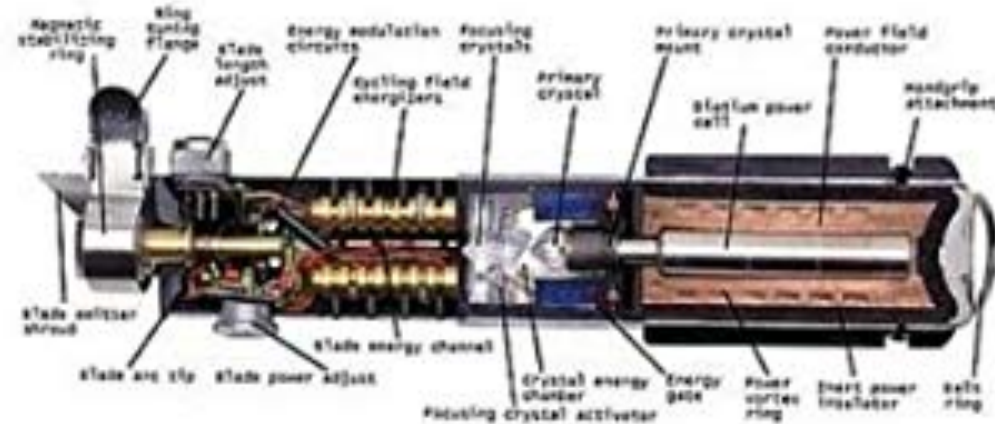
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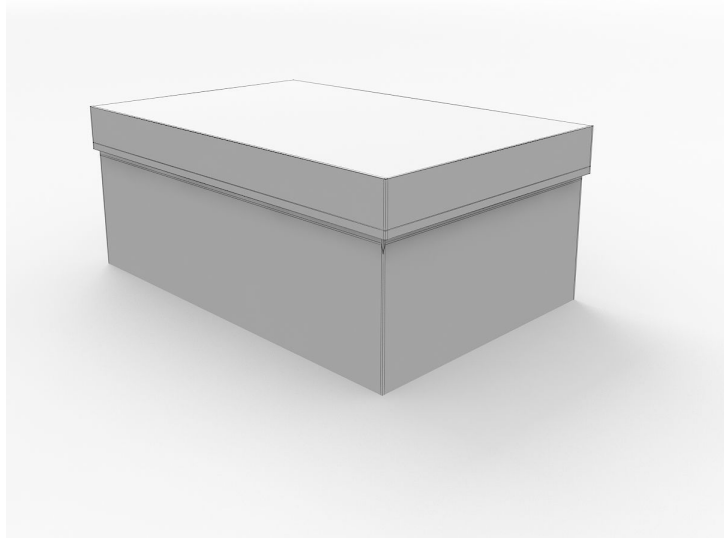
LIGHTSABER



The lightsaber's blade cuts through most substances without resistance. It leaves cauterized wounds in flesh, but can be deflected by another lightsaber's blade, or by energy shields. Some exotic saber-proof materials have been introduced in the Expanded Universe. An active lightsaber gives off a distinctive hum, which rises in pitch and volume as the blade is moved rapidly through the air. Bringing the blade into contact with an object or another lightsaber's blade produces a loud crackle.



Material



Agenda

1. Introduction

- Physical cryptography
- Related works

2. Light cryptography

- Model
- Set-Intersection protocol
- Min/Max protocol
- Addition protocol

3. Conclusion

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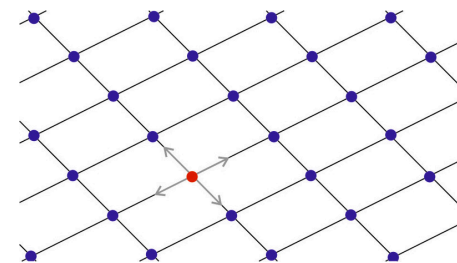
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2. Light cryptography

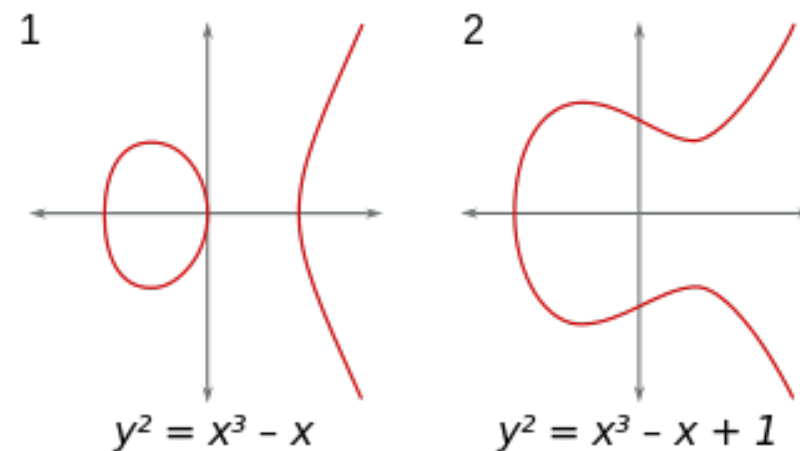
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Background



- Modern cryptography is more and more used and complex
- Teaching cryptography is hard
 - Complex algorithm
 - Security
 - Deep mathematics
 - Not visualized



OUR GOAL : a good educational tool for cryptography

Physical cryptography

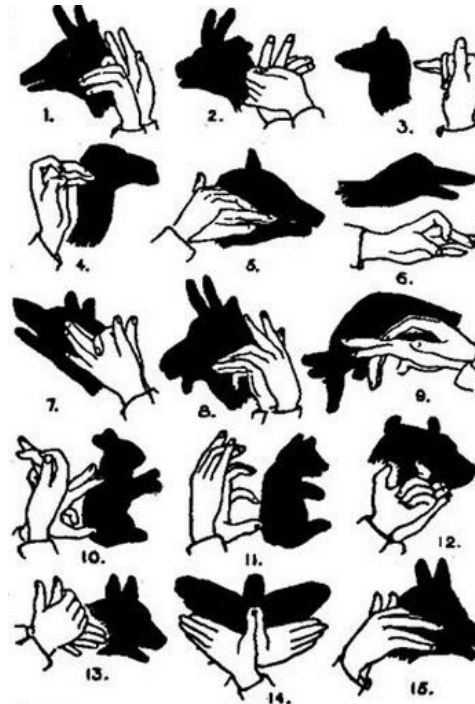
- Cryptography using physical objects (e.g. playing cards)
- Suitable for education
 - Good visualization
 - Concrete
 - Introduction to cryptographic concepts
 - No need of mathematics knowledge



Light cryptography

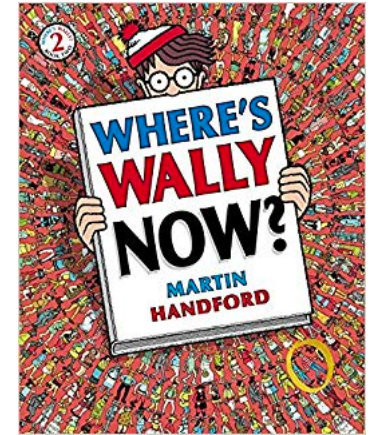
New model of physical cryptography

- Computation based on light and shadows
- Easy to understand
- Secure



Related works

- Zero-knowledge proof for “Where’s Wally” [1]
 - Proof that “I know Wally’s position” without revealing the position
- Visual secret sharing [2]
 - Secret image is reconstructed by stacking two transparent sheets
- Card-based protocols [3]
 - Secure computation protocol using a deck of cards (like playing cards)



share 1



share 2



[1] Naor, Naor, and Reingold, “Applied Kid Cryptography or How To Convince Your Children You Are Not Cheating”, EUROCRYPT 1999.

[2] Naor and Shamir, “Visual Cryptography”, EUROCRYPT 1994.

[3] den Boer, “More Efficient Match-Making and Satisfiability The Five Card Trick”, EUROCRYPT 1989.

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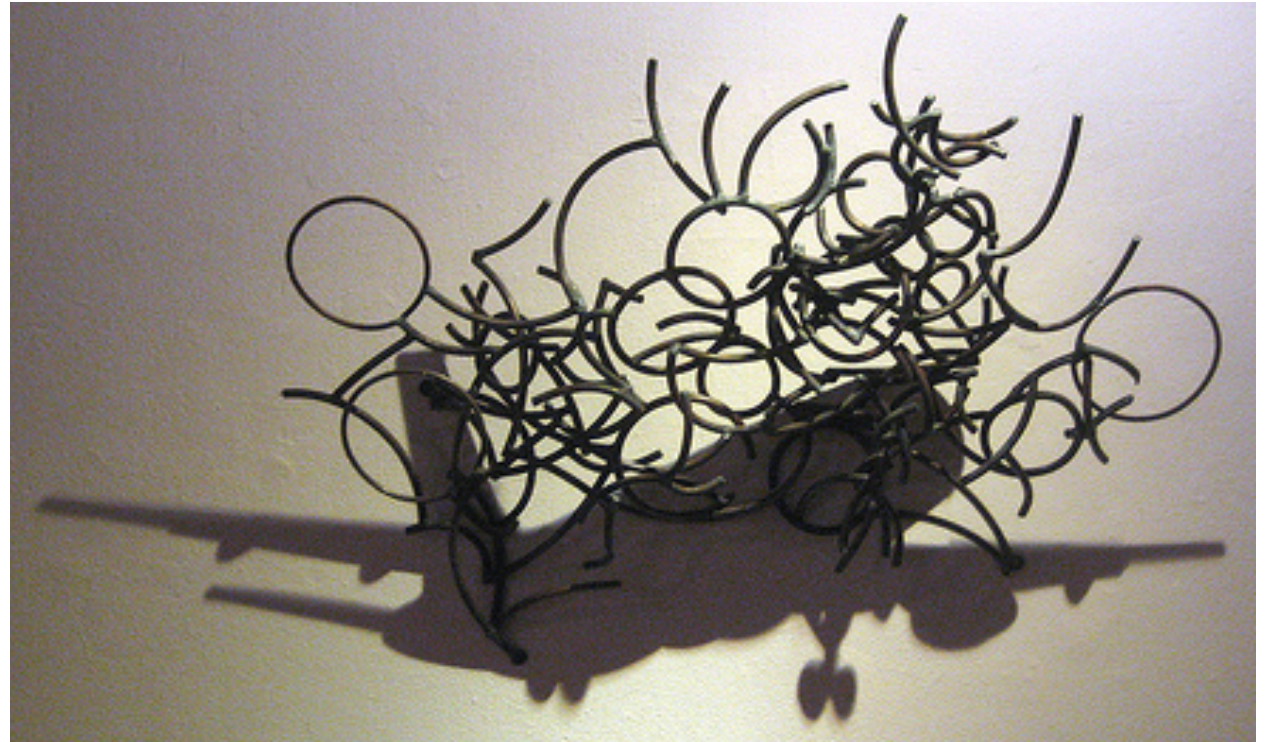
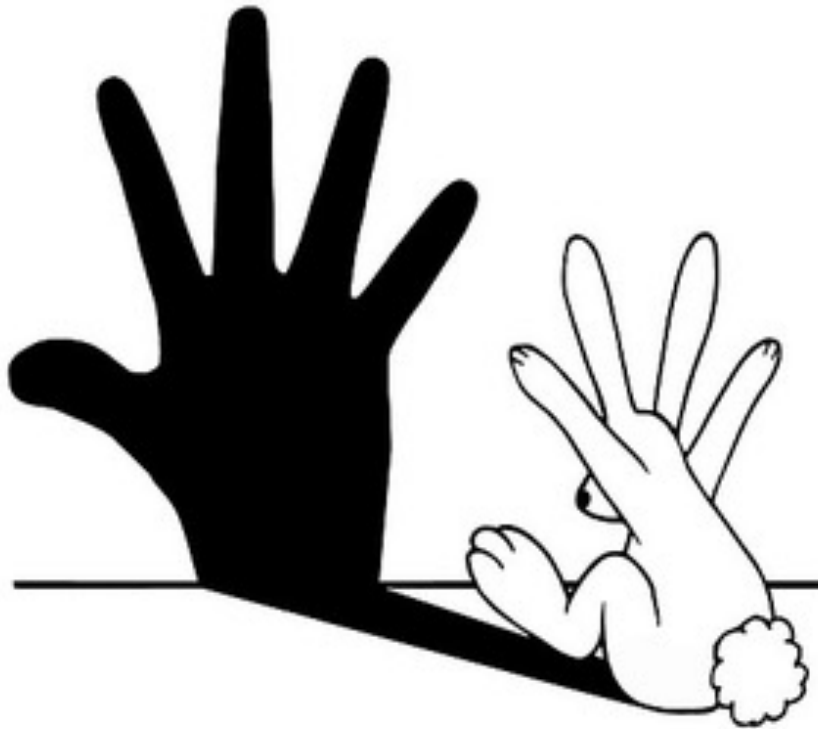
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Properties of shadows

- It is sometimes hard to imagine its original shape from shadows



Who knows what evils lurk in the hearts of men?

THE SHADOW KNOWS

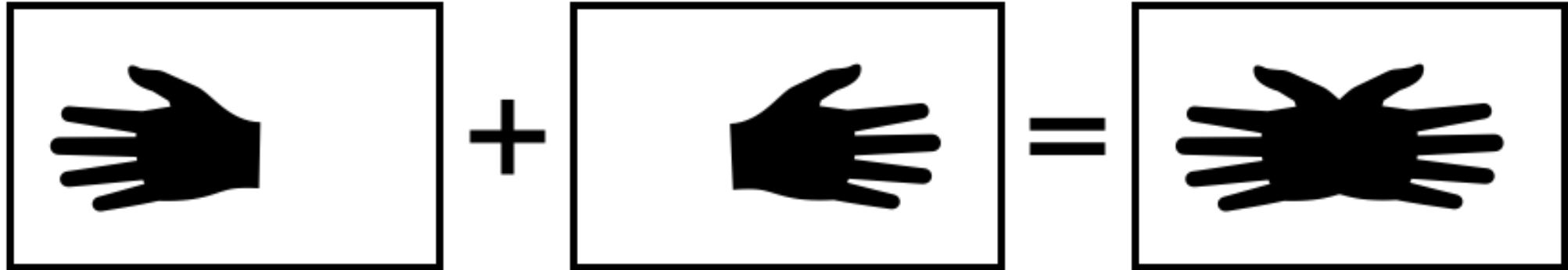


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Properties of shadows



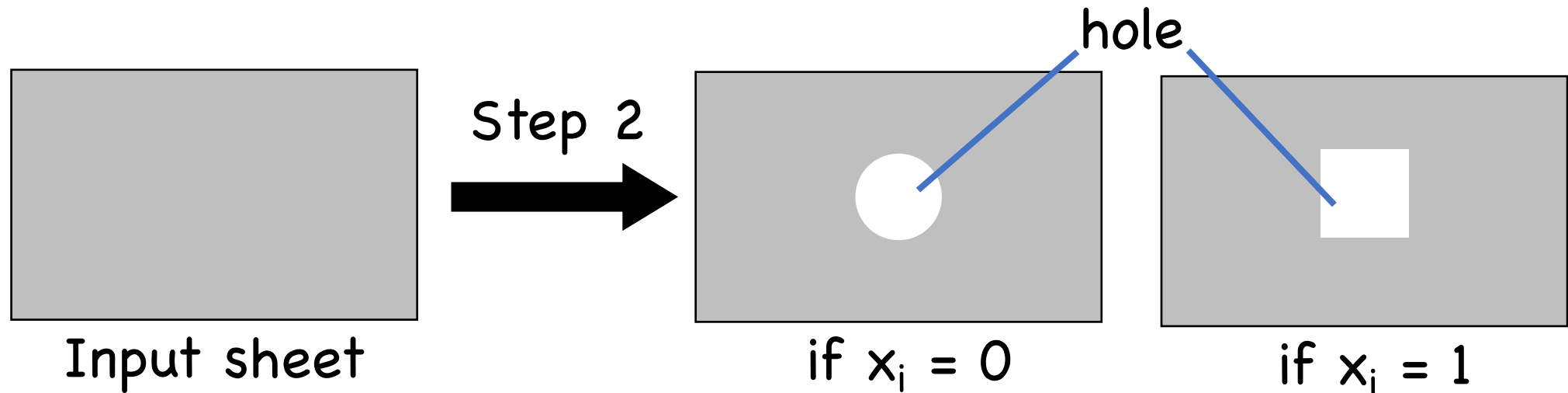
The resulting shadow is the union of shadows



Shadow addition

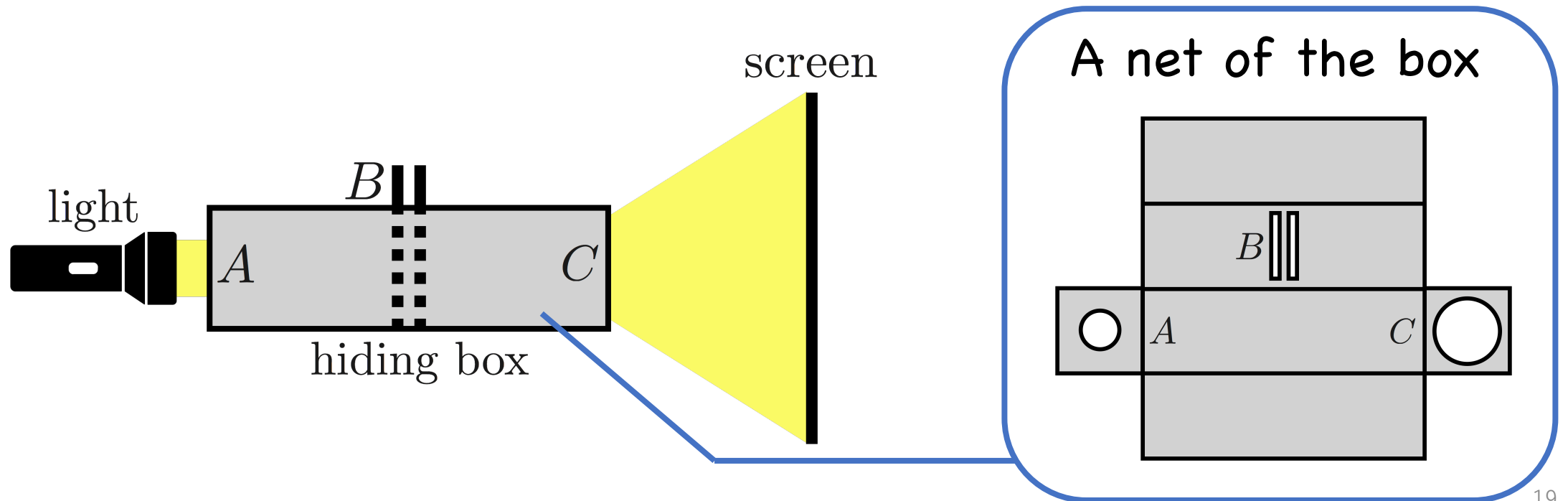
Protocols of Light Cryptography

- Start: Each party has a secret input x_i
 - Goal: Compute a joint function $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ with hiding secrets
1. Each party has an input sheet
 2. Depending on own input, each party makes holes in the sheet



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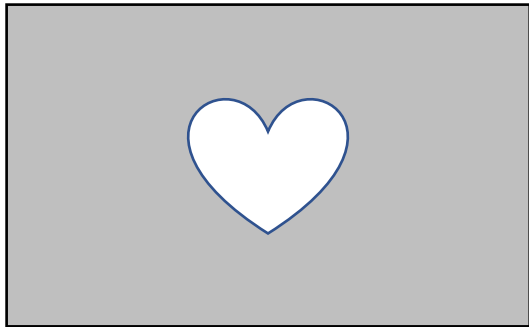
3. Each party inserts own input sheet in the hiding box (B)
4. (A) is illuminating by the light
5. The result image is printed on the screen



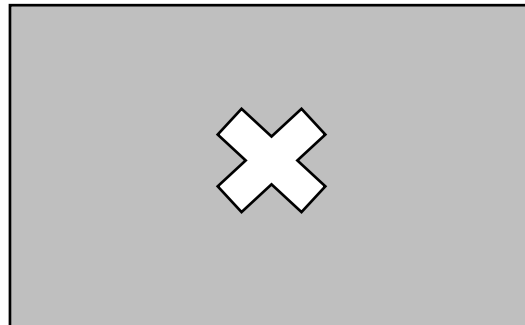
How to “securely” have an agreement

Alice	Bob	
Yes	Yes	→ agreement
Yes	No	} → disagreement
No	Yes	
No	No	

Determine the current situation without revealing inputs directly



if Yes



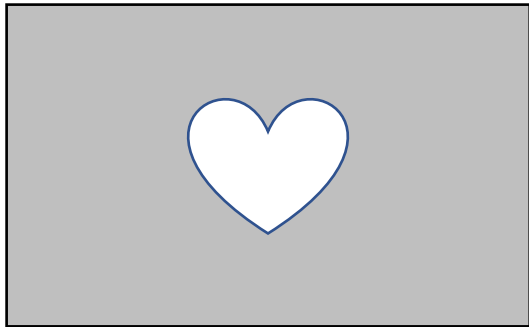
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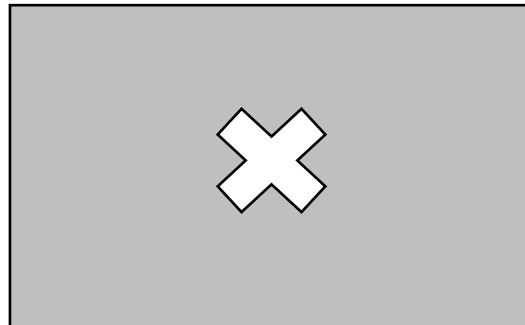
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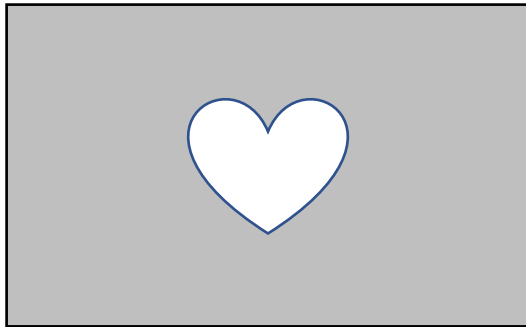
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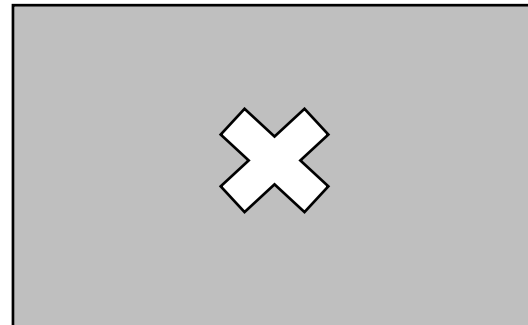
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NOBODY LEARNS OTHER CHOICE

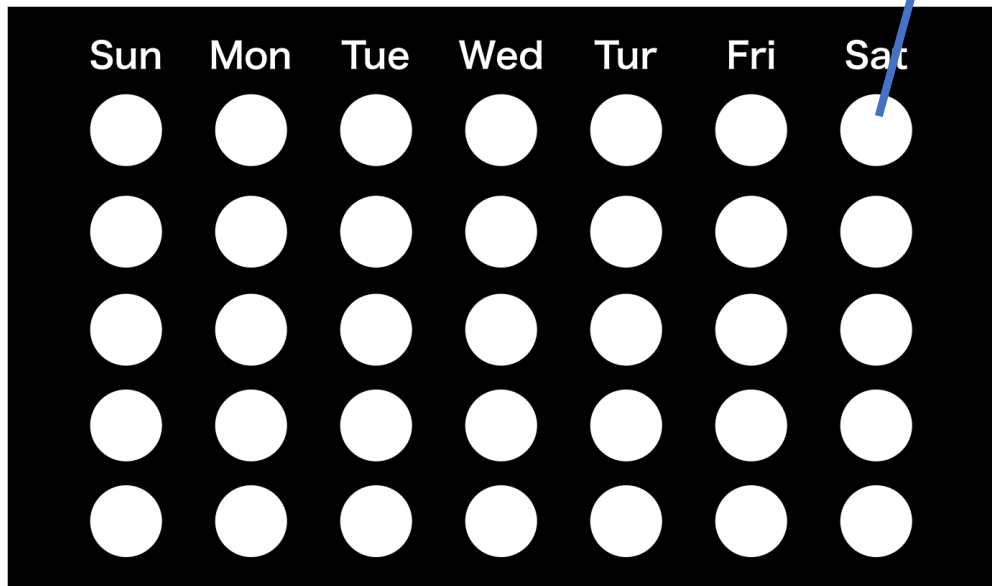
Schedule a meeting for next month?

**What
would
YOU
DO**

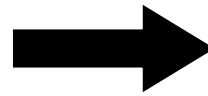
Transparent sheets

- Input sheets also can be implemented by transparent sheets
- Each party fills it by a black pen or a black-colored seals

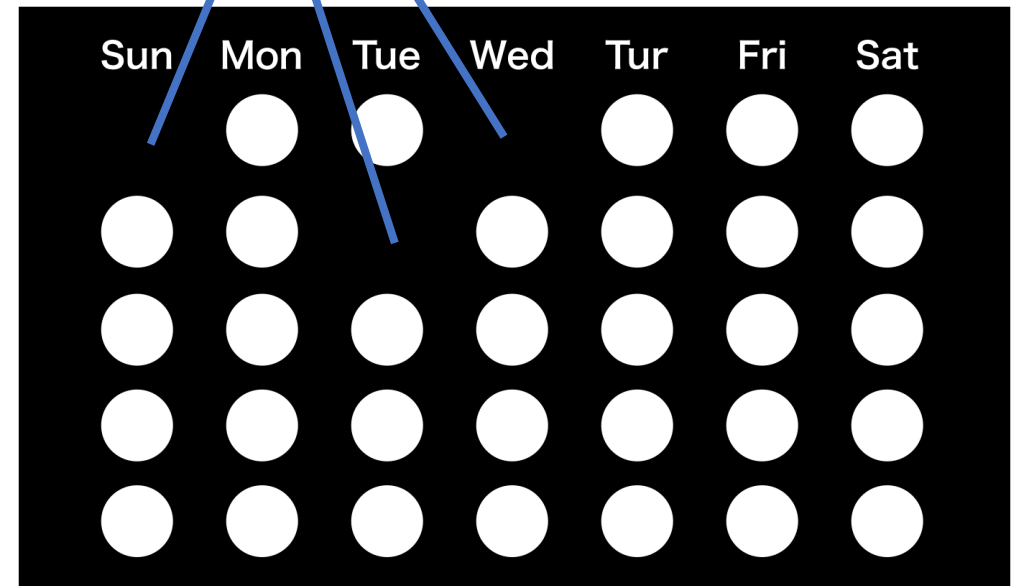
transparent



The black image is printed on transparent sheets



black pen



Depending on input, some circles are filled by a black pen

Scheduling (set-intersection)

Input sheet

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Tur	Fri	Sat
●	●	●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Alice's
schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Tur	Fri	Sat
●	●	●	●			●
●	●	●			●	●
●	●			●	●	●
●			●	●	●	●
		●	●	●	●	●

Bob's
schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Tur	Fri	Sat
●		●	●	●	●	●
●	●		●	●	●	●
●	●	●			●	●
●	●	●	●			●

result

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Tur	Fri	Sat
		●	●			●
●					●	●
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Compute the maximum of salaries ?

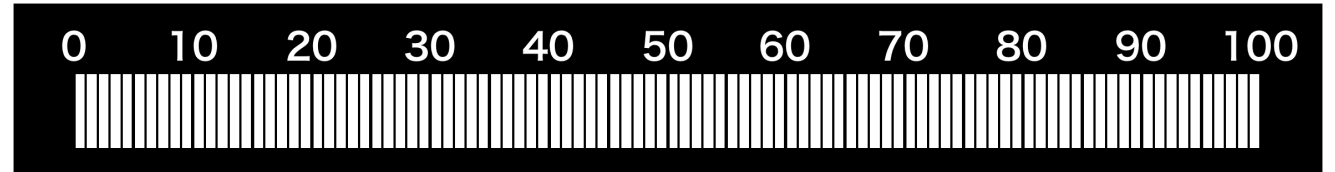


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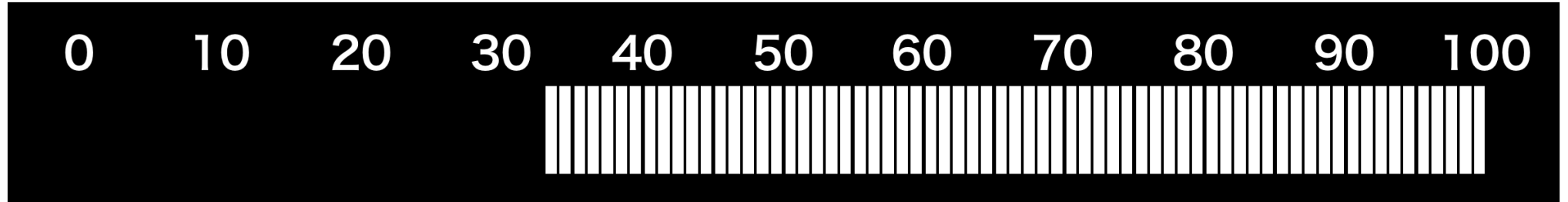


Max protocol

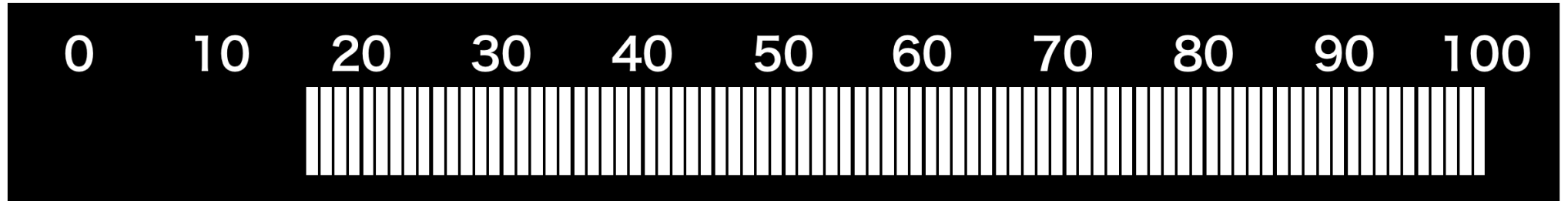
Input sheet



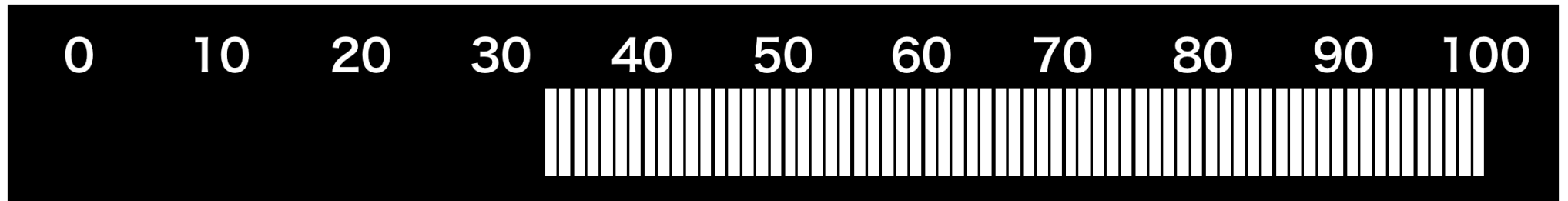
Alice's
input = 33



Bob's
input = 16



result = 33



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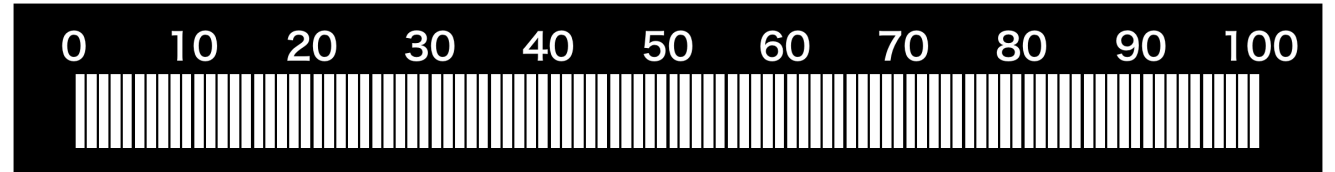
Compute the minimum of salaries ?



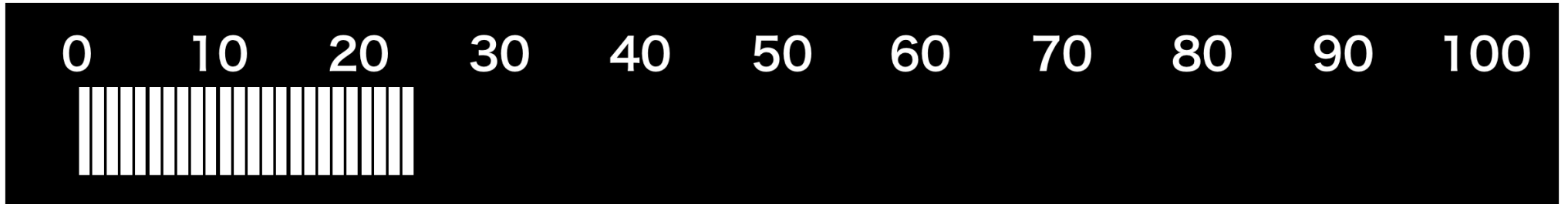
**What
would
YOU
Do**

Min protocol

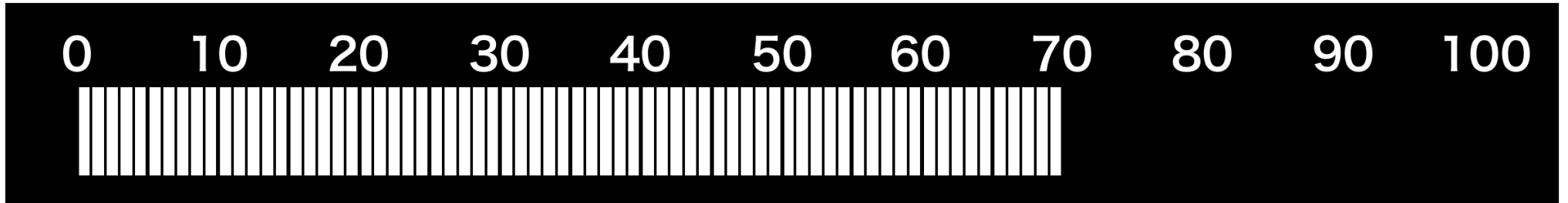
Input sheet



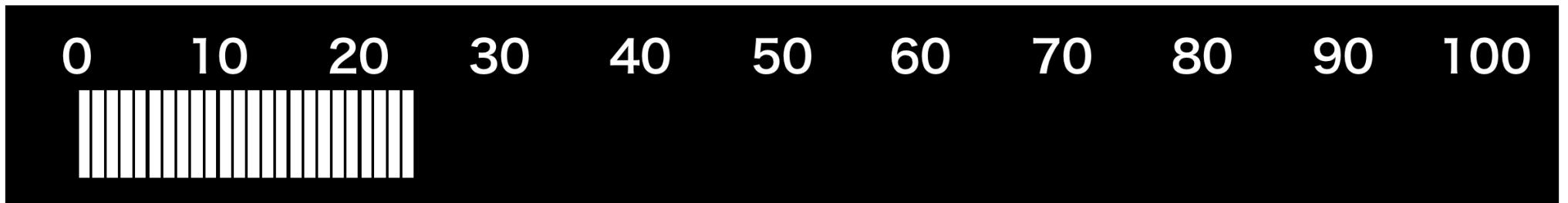
Alice's
input = 24



Bob's
input = 70



result = 24



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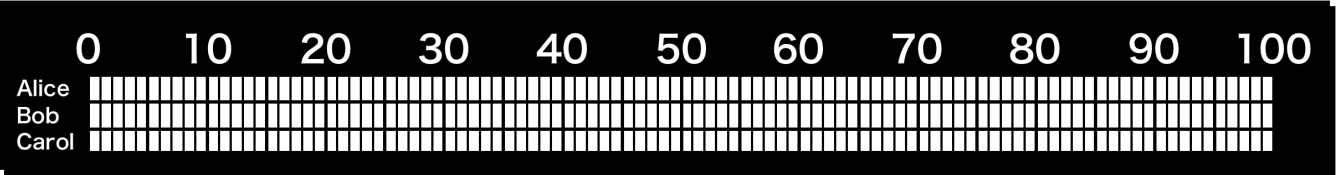
Compute who is the millionaire?



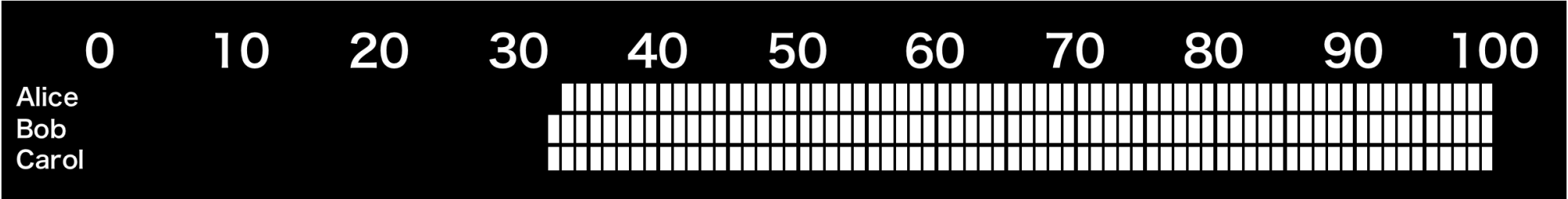
**What
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YOU
Do**

Max with name

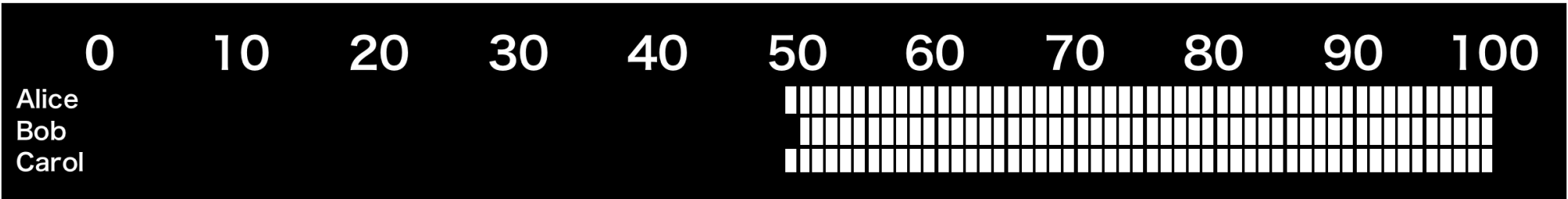
Input sheet



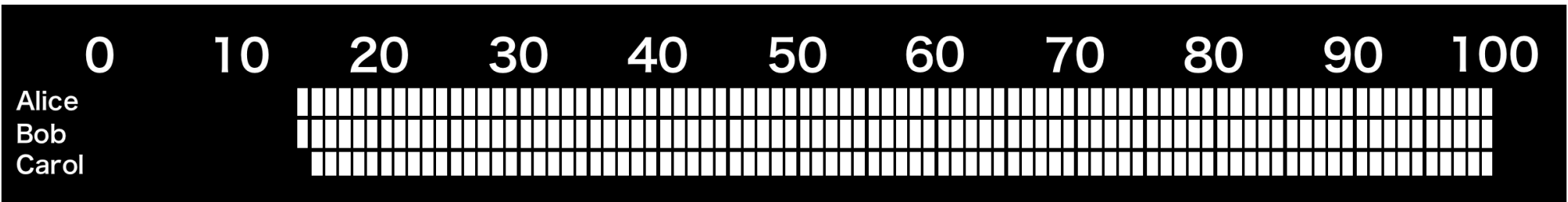
Alice's
input = 33



Bob's
input = 50



Carol's
input = 50



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Compute the sum of numbers ?

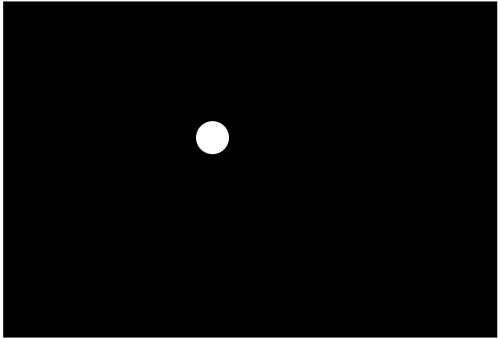
**What
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Do**

Addition protocol 0

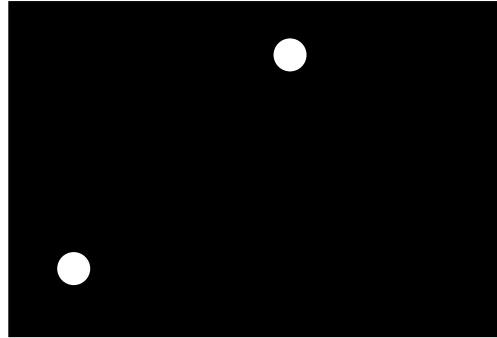
Input sheet:



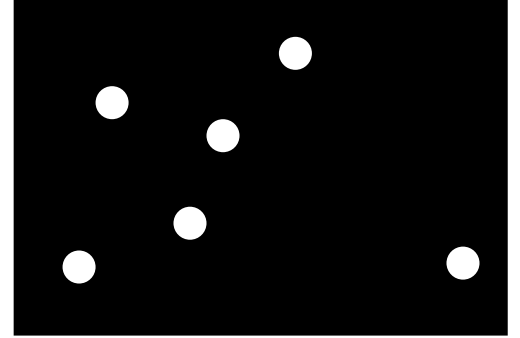
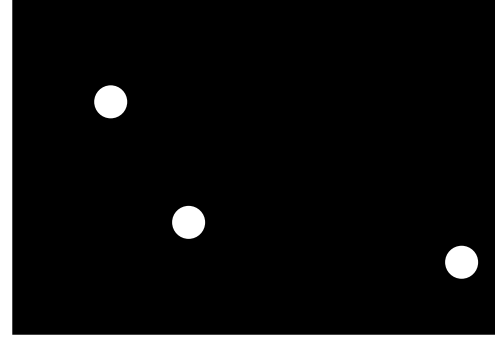
Alice's
input = 1



Bob's
input = 2



Carol's
input = 3



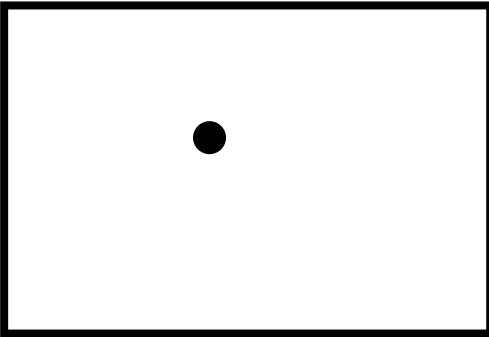
- The output image is randomized
- If two circles are collude, the output is not correct

Addition protocol 1

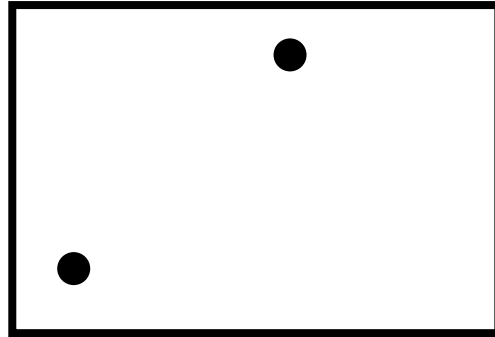
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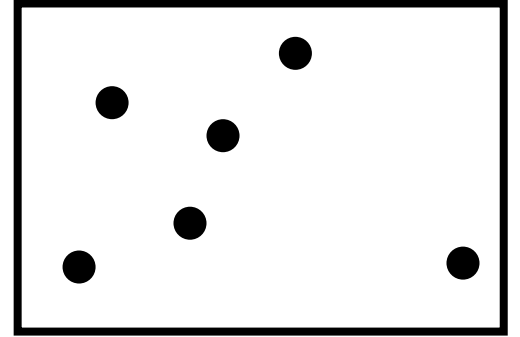
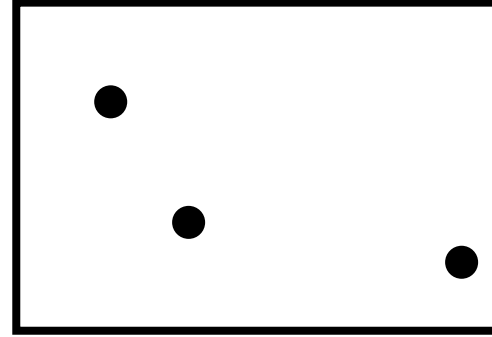
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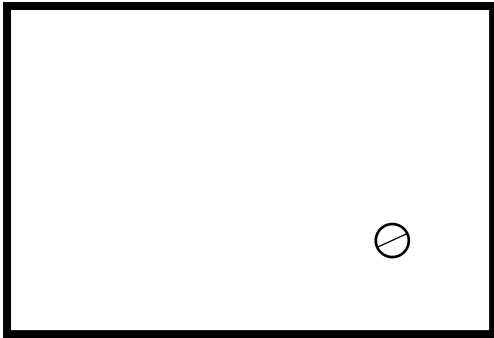
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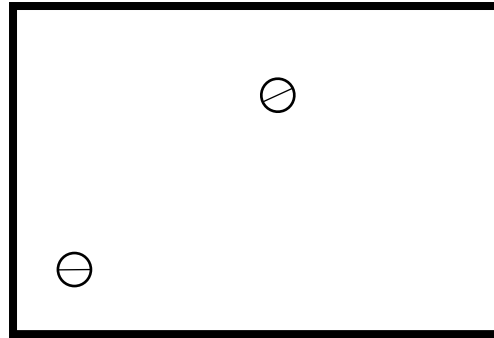
Input sheet:



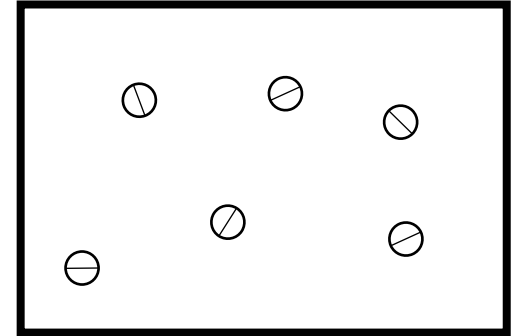
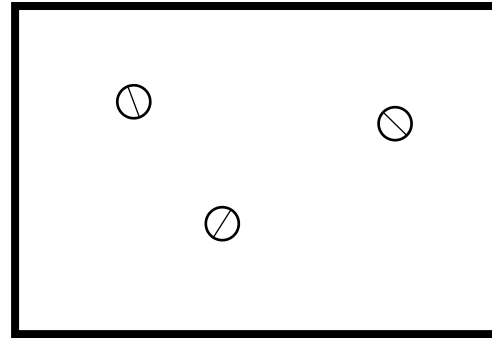
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Carol's
input = 3



- Use \ominus instead of \bullet
- The collision probability is reduced

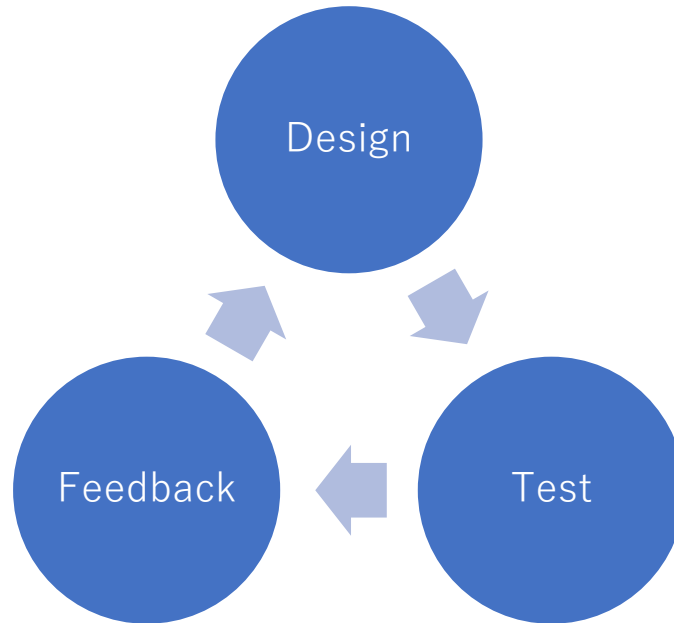
Conclusion

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- Light cryptography is a new model of physical cryptography
- Secure computation based on light and shadows :
 - Max/Minimum
 - Addition
 - Schedule

Future directions

- Use it in cryptography courses



- Design more protocols : Subtraction ? Multiplication ?
- Study more about physical cryptography

Questions ?

