

# Half-duplex communication complexity with adversary can be less than the classical communication complexity

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## Abstract

Half-duplex communication complexity with adversary was defined in [Hoover, K., Impagliazzo, R., Mihajlin, I., Smal, A. V. Half-Duplex Communication Complexity, ISAAC 2018.] Half-duplex communication protocols generalize classical protocols defined by Andrew Yao in [Yao, A. C.-C. Some Complexity Questions Related to Distributive Computing (Preliminary Report), STOC 1979]. It has been unknown so far whether the communication complexities defined by these models are different or not. In the present paper we answer this question: we exhibit a function whose half-duplex communication complexity with adversary is strictly less than the classical communication complexity.

## 1 Introduction

In the classical model of communication complexity introduced by Andrew Yao in [6], we consider a game between two players, Alice and Bob, who want to compute  $f(x, y)$  for a given function  $f$ . Alice knows only  $x$  and Bob knows only  $y$ . To this end Alice and Bob can communicate sending to each other messages, one bit per round. An important property of this communication model is the following: in each round one player sends a bit message while the other player receives it.

This model was generalized in [1] to a model describing communication over the so called half-duplex channel. A well-known example of half-duplex communication is talking via walkie-talkie: one has to hold a “push-to-talk” button to speak to another person, and one has to release it to listen. If two persons try to speak simultaneously then they do not hear each other. We consider a communication model where players are allowed to speak simultaneously. In this case, however, both messages are lost. The communication over a half-duplex channel is also divided into rounds. To make such a division, we assume that

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the players have synchronized clocks. Every round each player chooses one of three actions: send 0, send 1, or receive. Thus we distinguish three types of rounds.

- If one player sends a bit and the other one receives, then we call this round *normal* or *classical*, in such a round the receiving player receives the sent bit.
- If both players send bits, then the round is called *spent*. Both bits are lost (such a situation occurs if both parties push “push-to-talk” buttons simultaneously).
- If both players receive, then the round is called *silent*. In such rounds players receive arbitrary bits that may be different.

One can show that half-duplex communication complexity is sandwiched between the classical complexity and a half of it [1].

More specifically, the described model is called the communication model with *adversary*. In [1] there were considered also two other models: the half-duplex model *with silence* (in a silent round both players receive a special symbol `silence` and hence know that a silent round occurred) and the half-duplex model *with zero* (in a silent round both players receive 0). In the present paper these two models are not considered. Thus in the sequel the half-duplex complexity with adversary is just called the *half-duplex complexity*.

The original motivation to study these kinds of communication models arose from the question of the complexity of Karchmer-Wigderson games [5] for multiplexers. A detailed exposition of this motivation can be found in [1, 5]. Here we will just present a toy example in which half-duplex complexity arises quite naturally. Assume that for each parameter  $a$  (ranging over a finite set) a function  $f_a : X \times Y \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given. Our goal is to prove that for some  $a$  the classical communication complexity of  $f_a$  is larger than a certain number  $c$ . Assume also that we can prove the same lower bound  $c$  for the classical communication complexity of the *multiplexer game* defined as follows: Alice gets a pair  $(x, a)$ , Bob gets a pair  $(y, b)$  and they want to compute  $f_a(x, y)$ , if  $a = b$ . Otherwise, if  $a \neq b$ , then their protocol may return any result. It may seem that from this we can deduce the sought lower bound for  $f_a$  for some  $a$ . Indeed, by way of contradiction, assume that for every  $a$  there is a classical communication protocol  $\Pi_a$  of depth less than  $c$  computing  $f_a$ . Then consider the following communication protocol of depth less than  $c$  for the multiplexer game: if Alice gets a pair  $(x, a)$  and Bob a pair  $(y, b)$ , then Alice finds the lex first protocol of depth less than  $c$  for  $f_a$  and Bob the lex first protocol of depth less than  $c$  for  $f_b$ . Then they run the found protocols. If  $a = b$ , then they run the same protocol, which outputs  $f_a(x, y)$ . Otherwise, if  $a \neq b$ , their protocols can output different results. This problem is easy to overcome: Alice sends her output to Bob, which costs only one extra bit of communication. However, there is a more complicated problem: protocols  $\Pi_a$  and  $\Pi_b$  may simultaneously receive or send bits. Thus actually the constructed protocol is a half-duplex and not classical communication protocol for multiplexer game. Thus we need a lower bound  $c$  for *half-duplex* communication complexity of the multiplexer game!

There are many examples of functions whose half-duplex complexity with silence and with zero is less than the classical communication complexity. However no examples of functions

for which half-duplex complexity with adversary is less than the classical complexity were known so far. Moreover, in [4, page 67] it was conjectured that these two complexities coincide. In this paper we exhibit a function  $f$  with a constant gap between these complexities (the half-duplex complexity is 5, and the classical complexity is 6), as well as a family of partial function  $g_n$  with a linear gap between these complexities: half-duplex complexity is at most  $n$ , and the classical complexity is at least  $2n$ .

Actually, for partial functions it seems more natural to consider a communication model in which the output of a player may depend not only on the transcript of the conversation but also on her/his input. Such a model is called *local*. For total functions the local communication complexity coincides with the global one, both in the classical and in the half-duplex models. However for partial functions the local complexity may be less than the global one. For our function  $g_n$  from the last paragraph, the local classical complexity is at least  $n + \log_2 n$ . Thus it provides a logarithmic gap between local classical and local half-duplex complexities.

To prove our lower bounds, that is, the bound 6 for the classical complexity of  $f$  and the bound  $n + \log_2 n$  for the local classical complexity of  $g_n$ , we use some novel techniques. The first bound cannot be proved via the common techniques that relates communication complexity to the minimal number of rectangles in every partition of the matrix of  $f$  into monochromatic rectangles. The reason for that is because that matrix *can* be partitioned into  $30 \leq 2^5$  monochromatic rectangles. However, we show that for every horizontal partition of the matrix into two sub-matrices  $V, W$  (some rows belong to  $V$  and the remaining rows belong to  $W$ ) one of  $V, W$  has a fooling set of size strictly larger than  $2^4$ . This is done using the following method: in the matrix of  $f$  we distinguish the so called “fooling” rectangles. They are pairwise disjoint and have the following feature: if we pick from every fooling rectangle any cell, then the resulting set of cells is a fooling set in the matrix. The number of fooling rectangles is 25, thus this implies only that the matrix has a fooling set of size  $25 \leq 2^5$ . We show however that for every horizontal partition of the matrix into two sub-matrices  $V, W$  one of  $V, W$  intersects more than  $2^4$  fooling rectangles. To show that, we consider the graph whose vertices are fooling rectangles and edges connect those rectangles  $R_1, R_2$  that share a row. Then we prove that that graph has certain expanding property. More specifically, every subset of  $25 - 2^4 = 9$  vertices in the graph has more than  $2^4$  neighbors. This implies the desired property. Indeed, let  $\mathcal{R}$  stand for the family of all fooling rectangles that share a row with  $V$ . If  $|\mathcal{R}| \leq 2^4$ , then its complement  $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$  has at least 9 rectangles and hence more than  $2^4$  neighbors and all them share a row with  $W$ !

Then we prove similar statement for vertical partitions.

To prove the lower bound  $n + \log_2 n$  for local communication complexity of  $g_n$ , we generalize the notion of a monochromatic rectangle to partial functions. This time we call a rectangle  $A \times B$  monochromatic if  $f$  is constant in each row and in each column of sub-matrix of  $A \times B$  (in the points where it is defined). Note that if  $f$  is not total then it may still be non-constant in the entire rectangle  $A \times B$ . However, for total functions this definition coincides with the classical definition of monochromatic rectangles. The matrix of our function  $g_n$  can be *covered* by  $2^n$  monochromatic rectangles. However, we show that every its *partition* into

monochromatic rectangles has at least  $n2^n$  rectangles.

The next section contains the main definitions. In Section 3 we study partial functions, and in Sections 4 and 5 we study total functions. Section 4 is a “warming up” section, we exhibit there an example of a total function with a gap between classical complexity and half-duplex complexity with the so called “weak” adversary (a weak adversary sends the same bits to both players in every silent round, those bits may depend on the round). In Section 5 we present our function  $f$  with a gap between classical and half-duplex complexities (6 vs. 5).

## 2 Preliminaries

*Definition 1* ([6]). A communication protocol to compute a partial function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a finite rooted tree  $T$  each of whose internal nodes has two children. Its leaves are labeled by elements of  $Z$ , and each internal node  $v$  is labeled either by letter **A** and by a function from  $X$  to  $\{0, 1\}$ , or by letter **B** and by a function from  $Y$  to  $\{0, 1\}$ . Besides, one outgoing edge from  $v$  is labeled by 0 and the other one is labeled by 1. The computations for the input pair  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  runs as follows. The players, Alice and Bob, place a token on the root of the tree and then move it along edges by the following rules. If the token is in an internal vertex  $u$  labeled by **A**,  $h$ , then the token moves along the edge labeled by  $h(x)$  (Alice sends  $h(x)$  to Bob). If the token is in an internal vertex  $u$  labeled by **B**,  $h$ , then the token moves along the edge labeled by  $h(y)$  (Bob sends  $h(y)$  to Alice). Finally, if the token comes to a leaf, then the label of that leaf is the result of the computation. The sequence of the sent bits (= the leaf to which the token comes) is called the *transcript* of the communication. A communication protocol computes a partial function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , if for all input pairs  $(x, y)$  from the domain of  $f$  the result of the computation is equal to  $f(x, y)$ . The minimal depth of a communication protocol to compute  $f$  is called the communication complexity of  $f$ .

In the sequel we use the following well known facts (see for example [3]) about communication protocols to compute total functions:

- Let  $\Pi$  be a communication protocol. For every leaf  $l$  of  $\Pi$  the set of the input pairs  $(x, y)$  such that the token comes to  $l$  is a (combinatorial) rectangle, that is, it has the form  $A_l \times B_l$ .
- If  $f$  is constant in a rectangle  $R$ , then  $R$  is called a *monochromatic rectangle for  $f$* .
- If a protocol  $\Pi$  computes a total function  $f$ , then the rectangle corresponding to any leaf of the protocol, is monochromatic for  $f$ . Hence to each protocol computing  $f$  we can assign a partition of  $X \times Y$  into monochromatic rectangles. That partition has at most  $2^{\text{depth of the protocol}}$  rectangles. Thus communication complexity is at list the binary logarithm of the minimal size of the partition of  $X \times Y$  into monochromatic rectangles.
- A set  $F \subset X \times Y$  is called a *fooling set* for function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$ , if for all different pairs  $(x, y), (u, v) \in F$  not all values  $f(x, y), f(u, v), f(x, v), f(u, y)$  are equal. In

this case every partition of  $X \times Y$  into monochromatic rectangles has at least  $|F|$  rectangles.

The definition of half-duplex communication protocols is more complicated.

*Definition 2* ([1]). A half-duplex communication protocol to compute a partial function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a pair of rooted trees  $T_B, T_A$ . Each internal node of both trees has 4 children. Each internal vertex  $v$  of  $T_B$  is labeled by a function from  $X$  into 3-element set consisting of *actions*, “send 0”, “send 1”, “receive”. Edges outgoing from  $v$  are labeled by *events* “sent 0”, “sent 1”, “received 0”, “received 1”. Similarly, each internal vertex of  $T_A$  is labeled by a function from  $Y$  into the set of actions, and outgoing edges are labeled by events. The leaves of both trees are labeled by elements of  $Z$ .

The computation for an input pair  $(x, y) \in X \times Y$  runs as follows. First we calculate for each internal vertex of both trees the action of the player applying the corresponding function to her/his input ( $x$  or  $y$ ). Second, each player puts a token on the root of her/his tree and moves it according to the following rules. If the tokens are in the vertices  $u, v$ , and the actions of the players in those nodes are  $a, b$ , respectively, then the tokens are moved as follows:

Action of Bob	Action of Alice	Bob’s token moves along the edge labeled by the event	Alice’s token moves along the edge labeled by the event
send $i$	receive	“sent $i$ ”	“received $i$ ”
receive	send $j$	“received $j$ ”	“sent $j$ ”
send $i$	send $j$	“sent $i$ ”	“sent $j$ ”
receive	receive	“received $j$ ”	“received $i$ ”

If both players chose to receive (the last row of the table) then the round is called “silent”. In this case the received values  $i, j$  are chosen by an adversary who decides where the tokens are moved to.

The computation stops when one of the token reaches a leaf. The result of the computation is defined as follows. If the other token is not in a leaf then the result is undefined. If both tokens reach leaves but their labels are different, then the result is undefined as well. Finally, if those labels coincide, than that label is the result of the computation.

*Definition 3.* A half-duplex protocol computes a function  $f$ , if for all pairs  $(x, y)$  in its domain and for all choices of the received bits in silent rounds (in different silent rounds different pairs  $(i, j)$  can be chosen) the computation ends with the result  $f(x, y)$ . If  $f(x, y)$  is undefined, then the computation can end with any result or without any result.

*Definition 4.* There is a natural variation of computation via a half-duplex protocol, in which the adversary send the same bits to Bob and Alice in each silent round (that bit may depend on the round). Such an adversary is called *weak*.

To distinguish normal communication protocols and complexity from half-duplex ones, we will call the former *classical*.

*Remark 1.* Classical protocols can be viewed as a particular case of half-duplex protocols. To convert a classical protocol into a half-duplex one, we first transform its tree  $T$  as follows. For each internal  $v$  vertex of  $T$  we make two copies of the tree with the root in the left child of  $v$  and two copies of the tree with the root in the right child of  $v$ . The edge going in the first copy of the left child is labeled by the event “sent 0”, and the edge going in the second copy of the left child is labeled by the event “received 0”, and similarly for the right child. This transformation should be applied to all internal nodes in any order. The trees  $T_A, T_B$  are equal to the resulting tree. If an internal node is labeled by  $A, h$  in  $T$ , then in the Alice’s tree  $T_A$  all copies of  $v$  are marked by the function that maps  $x$  to the action “send  $h(x)$ ”, and in Bob’s tree  $T_B$  — by the constant function “receive”. Similarly, if  $v$  is labeled by  $B, h$  in  $T$ , then in Bob’s tree all copies of  $v$  are labeled by the function mapping  $y$  to “send  $h(y)$ ”, and in Alice’s tree — by the constant function “receive”. By construction, in the resulting protocols, there are no silent and spent rounds.

Obviously, half-duplex complexity with the weak adversary is less than or equal to the half-duplex complexity with (strong) adversary, and the latter is less than or equal to the classical communication complexity. One can also show that half-duplex complexity with both adversaries is larger than or equal to the half of the classical complexity [1]<sup>1</sup>.

### 3 A separation of half-duplex and classical communication complexities for partial functions

#### 3.1 An example

**Lemma 1.** *There is a partial function  $g$  whose half-duplex complexity is 1 and classical complexity is at least 2.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = Y = \{0, 1, \mathbf{r}\}$ ,  $Z = \{0\mathbf{r}, 1\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}0, \mathbf{r}1\}$  and the partial function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is defined by the following table:

	0	1	$\mathbf{r}$
0			$0\mathbf{r}$
1			$1\mathbf{r}$
$\mathbf{r}$	$\mathbf{r}1$	$\mathbf{r}0$	

The classical complexity of  $g$  is at least 2: in any protocol of depth 1 either Alice sends a bit (and hence Alice outputs the same result for input pairs  $(\mathbf{r}, 0)$  and  $(\mathbf{r}, 1)$ ), or Bob sends a bit, and hence Bob outputs the same results for the input pairs  $(0, \mathbf{r})$  and  $(1, \mathbf{r})$ .

The half-duplex complexity of  $g$  is 1: Alice on the input 0 sends 0 and outputs  $0\mathbf{r}$ , and on the input 1, she sends 1 and outputs  $1\mathbf{r}$ . Finally, on the input  $\mathbf{r}$  she receives and after receiving  $z$  she outputs  $\mathbf{r}z$ . Bob acts in a similar way: on the input 0 he sends 0 and outputs  $\mathbf{r}0$ , on the input 1 he sends 1 and outputs  $\mathbf{r}1$ , and on the input  $\mathbf{r}$  he receives and after receiving  $z$  he outputs  $z\mathbf{r}$ .  $\square$

<sup>1</sup>Actually, in [1] this was shown for half-duplex complexity with zero in place of the half-duplex complexity with weak adversary. Obviously, the former one is at most the latter one.

Consider the following generalization of this function, which provides a linear gap between half-duplex and classical complexities. Let  $X = Y = \{0, 1, \mathbf{r}\}^n$ ,  $Z = \{0\mathbf{r}, 1\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}0, \mathbf{r}1\}^n$  and define  $g$  as follows:  $g(x, y)$  is defined if  $x_i = \mathbf{r} \wedge y_i \neq \mathbf{r}$  or  $x_i \neq \mathbf{r} \wedge y_i = \mathbf{r}$  for all  $i$ . In this case the  $i$ -th symbol of  $g(x, y)$  equals  $\mathbf{r}y_i$  in the first case and equals  $x_i\mathbf{r}$  in the second case. That is, if Alice's and Bob's inputs are "consistent" (in each position one party has  $\mathbf{r}$  and the other has 0 or 1), then the function is defined and otherwise it is not.

**Theorem 1.** (a) *The half-duplex complexity of  $g$  is at most  $n$ .* (b) *The classical complexity of  $g$  is at least  $2n$*

*Proof.* (a) In  $i$ th round each party receives if her/his  $i$ th symbol is  $\mathbf{r}$ , otherwise she/he sends  $i$ th symbol of the input.

As  $i$ th symbol of the output Alice takes  $x_i\mathbf{r}$  if in  $i$ th round she sent a bit (equal to  $x_i$ ), and  $\mathbf{r}y_i$  if she received  $y_i$ . Bob acts in a similar way. If their inputs are consistent, then they output the same thing, namely the value of the function  $g$ .

(b) Note that the function  $g$  has  $4^n$  possible values hence any classical communication protocol computing  $g$  must have at least  $4^n$  leaves. Thus its classical communication complexity is at least  $\log_2 4^n = 2n$ .  $\square$

## 3.2 Local communication complexity

There is a way to compute the function  $g$  from the previous section by communicating at most  $n + \lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$  bits. First Alice sends  $\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$  bits to let Bob know the number  $k$ , which equals the number of symbols  $\mathbf{r}$  in her input. She then sends  $(n - k)$  bits equal to symbols 0 and 1 in her input keeping their order.

Bob, after receiving the number  $k$ , halts with any result if the number of letters  $\mathbf{r}$  in his input is different from  $n - k$ . Otherwise Bob receives  $n - k$  bits and then sends  $k$  bits equal to symbols 0 and 1 in his input, keeping their order.

Alice, after receiving a string  $z$ , outputs the string  $a$  of length  $n$  defined as follows. If  $x_i \neq \mathbf{r}$ , then  $a_i = x_i\mathbf{r}$ . The remaining symbols of  $a$  have the form  $\mathbf{r}z_j$  where the bits of  $z$  are inserted into  $a$  in the same order in which they are arranged in  $z$ . Bob computes his output string in a similar way.

Why this protocol does not contradict to the lower bound  $2n$  for the communication complexity of the function  $g$ ? This is because this protocol is not a communication protocol according to the above definition. Indeed, Alice and Bob form their outputs based not only on the transcript of the computation but also on their inputs. As we will see later, for total functions, this possibility does not yield anything new. However, for partial functions this possibility can decrease communication complexity, as our example shows. A simpler example of this phenomenon will be given later. By this reason for partial functions a more adequate communication model should allow players to use their inputs when computing the output.

As far as we know such a communication model appeared quite recently in [2, page 58]. Let us define it more formally.

*Definition 5* ([2]). A local communication protocol for a function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  is a communication protocol in which each leaf is labeled by a pair of functions  $X \rightarrow Z$  and  $Y \rightarrow Z$ . If a computation on an input pair  $(x, y)$  has ended in a leaf labeled by a pair of functions  $(p, q)$ , then the result of computation is defined as  $p(x)$  provided  $p(x) = q(y)$ , and is undefined otherwise. A local communication protocol computes a partial function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  if for all input pairs  $(x, y)$  from its domain the protocol outputs  $f(x, y)$  (the result can be both defined and undefined for the pairs outside the domain of the function). Local communication complexity of a function is the minimal depth of a local communication protocol computing the function.

Local half-duplex communication protocols and local half-duplex communication complexity of partial functions are defined in a similar way. When we want to distinguish local protocols and complexity from normal ones, we call the latter ones *global*.

### 3.3 An example

Consider the partial function  $f : \{0, 1\}^n \times \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  defined as follows:

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x = y \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } x \neq y \end{cases}$$

Since  $f$  takes  $2^n$  different values, any global (classical) protocol for it has at least  $2^n$  leaves and hence its depth is at least  $n$ . Thus the global (classical) complexity of  $f$  is at least  $n$ . On the other hand the local (classical) complexity of  $f$  is 0: label the root of the tree with pair  $(h, h)$ , where  $h$  is the identity function  $h(x) = x$  (each player just outputs her/his input).

It is important in this example that the function is not total. For total functions there is no such example both in classical and half-duplex models.

### 3.4 Local and global complexity of total functions

**Lemma 2.** *For classical communication complexity: the local complexity of any total function is equal to its global complexity.*

*Proof.* Assume that a local (classical) communication protocol for  $f$  is given and let  $l$  be any its leaf. Let  $R_l = A_l \times B_l$  denote the rectangle consisting of all input pairs  $(x, y)$  for which the computation reaches  $l$ . Let also  $p_l, q_l$  denote the functions which label that leaf. Then for all  $x \in A_l, y \in B_l$  we have  $p_l(x) = q_l(y)$ , which implies that  $p_l, q_l$  are constant functions (unless  $R_l$  is empty). Hence any local protocol to compute any total function can be converted into a classical protocol of the same depth just by changing the label  $(p_l, q_l)$  to the constant value of both functions.  $\square$

A similar fact holds for half-duplex complexity.

**Lemma 3.** *For half-duplex communication complexity: the local complexity of any total function is equal to its global complexity.*



*Proof.* The proof is similar to the proof of the previous lemma. However for half-duplex protocols the connection between rectangles and leaves in the protocol trees is more complicated. Therefore we will not establish this connection explicitly. Instead we will use a direct argument.

Again we show that any local protocol to compute a total function is essentially global. More precisely, all computations ending in a leaf output the same result. Thus we can replace the function labeling each leaf in  $T_A$  by the constant it outputs and then we can make the same thing for  $T_B$ . In this way we transform a local protocol to the global one.

Consider a local communication protocol  $(T_A, T_B)$  to compute a total function  $f$ . Assume that for an input pair  $(x, y)$  the computation can end in the leaves  $(a, b)$ . Assume also that for another input pair  $(x', y')$  the computation of Alice can end in the same leaf  $a$ . Let us show that for the input pair  $(x', y)$  the computation can also end in leaves  $(a, b)$ .

Let  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  denote  $i$ th vertices on the paths from the roots to  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively. Since Alice's computation on both inputs  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  can end in the leaf  $a$ , for all  $i$  Alice's action in the vertex  $a_i$  for inputs  $x$  and  $x'$  is the same. Thus, if the adversary's action in the computation on the input pair  $(x', y)$  is identical to that on the input  $(x, y)$  when the computation ends in  $(a, b)$ , then both players in each round perform the same actions on inputs  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y)$  and all events are identical as well. Hence the computation on the input  $(x', y)$  can also end in the same leaves  $(a, b)$ .

Let the leaf  $a$  is labeled by the function  $p$  and the leaf  $b$  by the function  $q$ . Then  $p(x) = f(x, y) = q(y) = f(x', y) = p(x')$ . (It is important here that  $f$  is a total function, as otherwise  $f(x', y)$  can be undefined and hence  $q(y)$  may differ from  $p(x')$ .)

Thus each leaf of  $T_A$  is labeled by a function that is constant on all  $x$ 's for which the computation can end in that leaf for some  $y$ . □

### 3.5 Local classical complexity of the function $g$

The following theorem states that the local classical complexity of the function  $g$  is about  $n + \log_2 n$ . Recall that its half-duplex complexity is at most  $n$ .

**Theorem 2.** (a) *The local classical complexity of  $g$  is at most  $n + \lceil \log_2(n + 1) \rceil$ .*

(b) *The local classical complexity of  $g$  is at least  $n + \lceil \log_2 n \rceil - \log_2 3 + o(1)$ .*

*Proof.* (a) This statement was proved above. (b) This statement is more difficult to prove.

**Lemma 4.** *If the local classical complexity of a partial function  $g$  is at most  $c$ , then its matrix can be partitioned into at most  $2^c$  rectangles with the following property: if inputs  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  are in the same rectangle, and  $g$  is defined on both of them, then  $g(x, y) = g(x', y')$ , and similarly, if inputs  $(x, y)$  and  $(x, y')$  are in the same rectangle, and  $g$  is defined on both of them, then  $g(x, y) = g(x, y')$ . (Rectangles with this property will be called monochromatic.)*

*Proof.* Leaves of classical communication protocol define matrix partition into rectangles. Each of these rectangles has the mentioned property: if a function  $p$  is written in Alice's leaf, and  $g$  is defined on  $(x, y)$  and  $(x, y')$ , then we necessarily have  $g(x, y) = p(x) = g(x, y')$ . Similarly for Bob.

	0...0	...	1...1	r0...0	...	r1...1	rr0...0	...	rr1...1	...	r...r
r...r											
0r...r											
1r...r											
00r...r											
01r...r											
10r...r											
11r...r											
...											
0...0											
...											
1...1											

Figure 1: Part of matrix of function  $g$  consisting of simple inputs.

If the depth of the protocol is  $c$ , then the number of leaves is at most  $2^c$ , and its rectangles form the required partition.  $\square$

We will call any input of the form  $(\{0, 1\}^k \mathbf{r}^{n-k}, \mathbf{r}^m \{0, 1\}^{n-m})$  *simple*. We denote by  $[x]$  the total number of symbols 0 and 1 in  $x$ . We color in green all simple inputs  $(x, y)$  with  $[x] + [y] = n$ . The function  $g$  is defined on such inputs. We color in blue simple inputs  $(x, y)$  such that  $[x] + [y] < n$ . The function  $g$  is not defined on them (see Fig. 2). The number of green inputs is  $(n + 1) \cdot 2^n$ . The number of blue inputs is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-i-1} 2^{i+j} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i \cdot (2^{n-i} - 1) = n \cdot 2^n - (2^n - 1) = (n - 1) \cdot 2^n + 1$$

Assume classical complexity of  $g$  is at most  $c$ . Apply the above lemma to a half-duplex protocol of depth  $c$  to compute  $g$  and consider the corresponding partition into at most  $L = 2^c$  monochromatic rectangles.

Let  $(x, y)$  and  $(u, v)$  be green inputs with  $[x] = [u]$ . Then  $g$  is defined on both  $(x, v)$  and  $(u, y)$ , and, if additionally  $(x, y) \neq (u, v)$  then not all values  $g(x, y)$ ,  $g(x, v)$ ,  $g(u, y)$ ,  $g(u, v)$  are the same. Thus,  $(x, y)$  and  $(u, v)$  are in different rectangles of the partition.

Note that, if a rectangle contains  $a$  green inputs  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $[x_1] < [x_2] < \dots < [x_a]$ , then it also contains  $\frac{a \cdot (a-1)}{2}$  blue inputs  $(x_i, y_j)$ ,  $i < j$ . Let  $a_i$  be the number of green inputs in the  $i$ th rectangle, then  $i$ th rectangle also contains at least  $\frac{a_i \cdot (a_i-1)}{2}$  blue inputs. Then  $\sum_{i=1}^L a_i = (n + 1) \cdot 2^n$ . On the other hand,  $\sum_{i=1}^L \frac{a_i \cdot (a_i-1)}{2} \leq (n - 1) \cdot 2^n + 1$  as rectangles are disjoint.

Re-writing the second inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^L (a_i^2 - a_i) &\leq (2n - 2) \cdot 2^n + 2 \\ \sum_{i=1}^L a_i^2 &\leq (2n - 2) \cdot 2^n + 2 + (n + 1) \cdot 2^n \\ \sum_{i=1}^L a_i^2 &\leq (3n - 1) \cdot 2^n + 2. \end{aligned}$$

By Cauchy–Schwarz inequality,  $\left(\sum_{i=1}^L a_i\right)^2 \leq L \cdot \sum_{i=1}^L a_i^2$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (n + 1)^2 \cdot 2^{2n} &\leq L \cdot ((3n - 1) \cdot 2^n + 2) \Rightarrow \\ L &\geq \frac{(n + 1)^2 \cdot 2^{2n}}{(3n - 1) \cdot 2^n + 2} \Rightarrow \\ L &\geq \frac{n \cdot 2^n}{3} \cdot (1 + o(1)) \Rightarrow \\ c = \log_2 L &\geq n + \log_2 n - \log_2 3 + o(1) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

So, function  $g$  is an example of a partial function with a linear gap between global classical and half-duplex complexities, and with logarithmic gap between local classical and half-duplex complexities. We would also like to find an example of a total function with the same gap. As we saw, for total functions local and global complexities coincide, so we talk about a logarithmic gap. Unfortunately, we couldn't find any such example. In the rest of the paper we present an example of a total function with a constant gap — our function has half-duplex complexity 5 and local complexity 6. We will start with a simpler example of a constant gap between classical complexity and half-duplex complexity with weak adversary.

## 4 A separation of half-duplex complexity with weak adversary from classical complexity for total functions

**Theorem 3.** *There is a total function with classical complexity 4 and half-duplex complexity with weak adversary at most 3.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = Y = \{\mathbf{r}, 00, 01, 10, 11\}$  and  $Z = \{0, 1, 2\}$ . First we design a 3 round half-duplex protocol, computing a total function  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  (against weak adversary) and then we prove that its classical complexity is at least 4.

In that protocol only the first round is not classical. In that round both players depending on their inputs choose one of the three actions. That action is determined by the first symbol

of the input:  $r$  means “receive”, and 0,1 mean “send 0,1”, respectively. In the second round Bob sends a bit and Alice receives, and in the third round vice versa. In those two rounds the players send the bit that was received in the first round provided they chose to receive in the first round. Otherwise players send the second bits of their inputs.

The result of the protocol is a function of bits sent (and received) in the second and third rounds (we will call it *the 2–3-transcript* in the sequel). Since those rounds are classical, that guarantees that Alice and Bob output the same result, whatever happens in the first round. Let us see what is the 2–3-transcript equal to. If Bob’s input is  $r$  and Alice’s input is 0,1, then 2–3-transcript coincides with Alice’s input. Similarly, if Bob’s input is 0,1 and Alice’s input is  $r$ , then 2–3-transcript coincides with Bob’s input reversed. If both Alice’s and Bob’s inputs are 0,1, then 2–3-transcript is formed from the second bits of Bob and Alice. Finally, if both Alice’s and Bob’s inputs are equal to  $r$ , then 2–3-transcript consists of bits chosen by the adversary. Since we assume weak adversary, it is equal either to 00, or to 11. The 2–3-transcript is shown in the following table where Alice’s input indicates the row and Bob’s input the column:

	$r$	00	01	10	11
$r$	00 or 11	00	10	01	11
00	00	00	10	00	10
01	01	01	11	01	11
10	10	00	10	00	10
11	11	01	11	01	11

We can see that if the output function takes the same values on the arguments 00 and 11, then the protocol computes a total function. We will define the output function as the 2–3-transcript with identified 00 and 11. Let us represent 2–3-transcripts by natural numbers. In this way we get the following function:

	$r$	00	01	10	11
$r$	0	0	2	1	0
00	0	0	2	0	2
01	1	1	0	1	0
10	2	0	2	0	2
11	0	1	0	1	0

The key point is the following: since the adversary is weak, we need to identify only 00 and 11. For a strong adversary, we would need to identify all four 2–3-transcripts and the function would become constant.

To show that the classical complexity of the defined function is at least 4, we will find a fooling set of size  $2^3 + 1 = 9$ . The members of that set are colored magenta in the matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \square$$

## 5 A separation of half-duplex complexity with strong adversary from classical complexity for total functions

**Theorem 4.** *There is a total function with classical complexity 6 and half-duplex complexity at most 5.*

The proof of this theorem is similar to that of the previous one but is much more complicated. The proof is divided into two sections. In the first section we define a 5 round half-duplex protocol  $\Pi$  to compute a total function. In the second and second sections we prove that the classical complexity of the computed function is at least 6.

### 5.1 The half-duplex protocol

#### 5.1.1 A general protocol

Our general plan is the following. The first round of the protocol  $\Pi$  is not classical and all the remaining 4 rounds are classical, in those rounds the players send to each other bits in the following sequence: Bob, Alice, Bob, Alice. The result of the protocol is a function of bits sent in rounds 2–5 (we will call it 2–5-transcript). The inputs of the players consist of one or two symbols. The first symbol of player's input is  $\mathbf{r}$ , 0 or 1 and has the same meaning as before: it indicates what to do in the first round. The remaining symbol (if any) indicates how to act in the remaining 4 rounds.

More specifically, Bob's input is either  $\mathbf{r}$ , or has the form  $0\varphi$  or  $1\varphi$  where the range of  $\varphi$  will be defined later. Alice's input is either  $\mathbf{r}\eta$ , or has the form  $0\psi$  or  $1\psi$  where the ranges of  $\eta, \psi$  will be defined later. The protocol is the following:

1. If Bob's input is  $\mathbf{r}$ , then in the first round Bob receives (let  $m$  denote the received bit), then he sends  $m$  (the bit he just received), then receives again, then again he sends  $m$  and then again receives.
2. If Alice's input is  $\mathbf{r}\eta$ , then she receives in the first round (let  $m$  denote the received bit), then she receives again (let it be  $i$ ), then sends  $m$  (the bit from the first round), then again receives (let it be  $k$ ), then again sends  $m$  if  $i = k$  and otherwise (if  $i \neq k$ ) in the last round Alice sends a bit that depends on  $\eta, i, k$  (how that bits depends on them, will be defined later).
3. If Bob's input is  $i\varphi$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ , then Bob sends  $i$  in the first round, then he sends a bit that depends on  $\varphi$ , then receives (let it be  $j$ ), then sends a bit that depends on  $j, \varphi$ , then again receives a bit.
4. If Alice's input is  $j\psi$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ , then Alice sends  $j$  in the first round, then she receives (let it be  $i$ ), then sends a bit that depends on  $i, \psi$ , then receives (let be  $k$ ) and finally sends a bit that depends on  $i, k, \psi$ .

According to this protocol, on the input pair  $(\mathbf{r}\eta, \mathbf{r})$  the events of the players are the following (assuming that the adversary sends  $j$  to Alice and  $i$  to Bob):

Round	1	2	3	4	5
Bob's event	"received $i$ "	"sent $i$ "	"received $j$ "	"sent $i$ "	"received $j$ "
Alice's event	"received $j$ "	"received $i$ "	"sent $j$ "	"received $i$ "	"sent $j$ "

So far this is only a general plan of protocol's construction. We have yet to define the ranges of  $\eta, \varphi, \psi$  and to define the dependencies mentioned above. However we can already see that, if the first round happens to be silent, then the 2–5-transcript of the protocol is one of these four sequences: 0000, 0101, 1010 and 1111. We will define Alice's and Bob's output be 0, if the 2–5-transcript of the protocol is one of these four sequences, and to the 2–5-transcript otherwise. Such a definition guarantees that even for a strong adversary the computed function is total. We have identified only a quarter of 2–5-transcripts thus the computed function is non-trivial.

### 5.1.2 The first realization

The simplest realization of this plan is the following: let  $\eta \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $\varphi, \psi \in \{0, 1\}^2$  and the protocol runs as follows:

1. If Bob's input is  $\mathbf{r}$ , then in the first round Bob receives (let  $m$  denote the received bit), then he sends  $m$ , then receives again, then again he sends  $m$  and then again receives.
2. If Alice's input is  $\mathbf{r}\eta$ , then she receives in the first round (let  $m$  denote the received bit), then she receives again (let it be  $i$ ), then sends  $m$ , then again receives (let it be  $k$ ), then again sends  $m$ , if  $i = k$ , and  $\eta$  otherwise.
3. If Bob's input is  $i\varphi$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ , then Bob sends  $i$  in the first round, then he sends  $\varphi_1$ , then receives, then sends  $\varphi_2$ , then again receives.
4. If Alice's input is  $j\psi$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ , then Alice sends  $j$  in the first round, then she receives, then sends  $\psi_1$ , then receives and finally sends  $\psi_2$ .

As a result, Alice and Bob produce the following 2–5 transcript (each transcript is represented by a natural number using its binary expansion):

Bob's input →	r	000	001	010	100	100	101	110	111
Alice's input ↓									
r0	0, 5, 10, 15	0	2	8	10	5	6	12	15
r1	0, 5, 10, 15	0	3	9	10	5	7	13	15
000	0	0	2	8	10	0	2	8	10
001	1	1	3	9	11	1	3	9	11
010	4	4	6	12	14	4	6	12	14
011	5	5	7	13	15	5	7	13	15
100	10	0	2	8	10	0	2	8	10
101	11	1	3	9	11	1	3	9	11
110	14	4	6	12	14	4	6	12	14
111	15	5	7	13	15	5	7	13	15

Thus our protocol computes the function with the following matrix (zeros have colors indicating the respective 2–5 transcripts):

0	0	2	8	0	0	6	12	0
0	0	3	9	0	0	7	13	0
0	0	2	8	0	0	2	8	0
1	1	3	9	11	1	3	9	11
4	4	6	12	14	4	6	12	14
0	0	7	13	0	0	7	13	0
0	0	2	8	0	0	2	8	0
11	1	3	9	11	1	3	9	11
14	4	6	12	14	4	6	12	14
0	0	7	13	0	0	7	13	0

By construction the half-duplex complexity of this function is at most 5. Unfortunately, its classical complexity is also at most 5. To show this, let us first remove identical rows and columns (the 3rd row from above coincides with the 7th row, and the 6th row coincides with the 10th one, the 2nd column coincides with the 6th one and the 5th column with the 9th one). We get the following matrix:

0	2	8	0	0	6	12
0	3	9	0	0	7	13
1	3	9	11	1	3	9
4	6	12	14	4	6	12
0	2	8	0	0	2	8
11	3	9	11	1	3	9
14	6	12	14	4	6	12
0	7	13	0	0	7	13

Each column of this matrix, except the first one, has at most 4 different numbers. Therefore we can compute this function in 5 rounds using the following protocol. First Bob lets Alice know his input. If his input is not the first column, then he sends 3 bits, and otherwise he sends only 2 bits. In the first case Alice in two rounds sends Bob the value of the function. In the second case she does that in 3 rounds.

### 5.1.3 The second (and final) realization

To increase the classical complexity of this function, let us use most general dependencies in our general protocol. Namely, let  $\varphi$  range over all mappings that determine which bits sends Bob in the second and fourth rounds in all possible situations. In other words,  $\varphi$  is a function with the domain  $\{\Lambda, 0, 1\}$  and values 0,1 where  $\varphi(\Lambda)$  is a bit sent in the second round and  $\varphi(j)$  is a bit sent in the fourth round after receiving  $j$  in the third round. Thus Bob has  $1 + 2 \times 8 = 17$  different inputs.

Similarly,  $\eta$  ranges over all mappings that determine which bits sends Alice in all possible situations (assuming that she receives in the first round). The domain of  $\eta$  is the set  $\{j01, j10 \mid j = 0, 1\}$  where  $\eta(mik)$  is the bit which Alice sends in the fifth round provided she receives  $m, i, k$  in the first, second and fourth rounds, respectively.

The domain of  $\psi$  is  $\{0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11\}$  where  $\psi(i)$  is the bit Alice sends in the third round provided she received  $i$  in the second round and  $\psi(ik)$  is the bit Alice sends in the fifth round provided she received  $i, k$  in the second and fourth rounds, respectively. Thus Alice has  $2 \times 2^6 + 2^4 = 144$  different inputs.

Now our half-duplex protocol is well defined. By construction it computes a total function and we denote it by  $U$ . We can prove that the classical communication complexity of  $U$  is 6. However the matrix of  $U$  is very large, its size is  $144 \times 17$ , and therefore that proof cannot be visualized. Because of that, we tried to find a moderately small sub-function of  $U$  with the same classical complexity. By a sub-function here we mean a restriction of  $U$  on a set of the form  $X' \times Y'$  where  $X' \subset X, Y' \subset Y$ . In terms of the matrix of the function, this means deleting some rows and columns from the matrix. Note that restricting the function cannot increase its half-duplex complexity, thus the half-duplex complexity of any sub-function of  $U$  is at most 5.

### 5.1.4 Sub-functions of $U$ with communication complexity 6: the function $S$

The smallest sub-function of  $U$  with classical complexity 6 we managed to find has the matrix shown on Fig. 2. We denote this sub-function by  $S$ . Communication complexity of  $S$  was found on a computer in 4 minutes using the dynamic programming. Since this computation cannot be performed by hand, we continued to look for a sub-function of  $U$  with a moderately small domain and for which we can prove by hand the lower bound 6 for the classical complexity.

### 5.1.5 Sub-functions of $U$ with communication complexity 6: the function $M$

The matrix of the resulting function  $M$  is shown on Fig. 3. On Fig. 4 we indicated, on the



0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	7	7	12	12	0
0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	6	6	13	13	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
1	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
14	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
14	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
11	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
0	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0

Figure 2: The matrix of the function  $S$ . Its classical complexity is 6 and its half-duplex complexity is at most 5.

left and on the top, Alice’s and Bob’s inputs. Contemplating this matrix, we can imagine how the matrix of  $U$  looks like. The domain of  $M$  is the smallest sub-domain of  $U$  for which our method to prove the lower bound 6 works. Later we will explain this in more detail.

Looking at Fig. 4 one can verify that each entry in the matrix is indeed the result of the above described half-duplex protocol  $\Pi$  on the corresponding input pair. Also one can verify that matrices on Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 are identical. This implies that the function with the matrix shown on Fig. 4 is a sub-function of  $U$  and hence its half-duplex complexity is at most 5. However both verifications are quite time consuming and therefore we will explain in the next section how verify faster that its half-duplex complexity is at most 5.

### 5.1.6 How to verify faster that the half-duplex complexity of the function with matrix on Fig. 3 is at most 5?

An easier way is to partition the matrix from Fig. 3 into monochromatic rectangles corresponding to leaves of Alice’s and Bob’s trees (in the protocol  $\Pi$ ). Such a partition is shown on Fig. 5. The double lines partition the matrix according to events happening in the first round. For example, the bottom right rectangle consists of all input pairs for which both Alice and Bob send 1, the upper right rectangle consists of all input pairs for which Alice receives 1 from Bob and the upper left rectangle of all input pairs for which both parties receive in the first round. These rectangles will be denoted by  $P_{rr}, P_{r0}, P_{r1}, P_{0r}, P_{00}, P_{01}, P_{1r}, P_{10}, P_{11}$ .

In Fig. 5, we have restored the 2–5-transcripts, that is, 0, 5, 10 and 15 are not yet identified. The only exception is the rectangle  $P_{rr}$ , in which all 2–5-transcripts 0, 5, 10 and 15 can appear. The number in each cell indicates in which part (0-part or 1-part) the

0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	9	9	0	0	7	7	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	8	8	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	11	2	0	2	8	8	11	11
0	0	3	0	3	12	14	12	3	0	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	2	1	2	9	9	11	2	1	2	9	9	11	11
1	1	2	1	2	13	14	13	2	1	2	13	14	13	14
1	1	3	1	3	12	14	12	3	1	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	3	1	3	8	8	11	3	1	3	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	4	6	6	9	9	11	11
4	4	4	7	7	8	8	11	4	7	7	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	12	14	12	4	6	6	12	14	12	14
4	4	4	7	7	13	14	13	4	7	7	13	14	13	14
0	0	0	7	7	8	8	11	0	7	7	8	8	11	11
11	0	2	0	2	9	9	11	2	0	2	9	9	11	11
14	0	3	0	3	13	14	13	3	0	3	13	14	13	14
11	1	2	1	2	8	8	11	2	1	2	8	8	11	11
14	1	2	1	2	12	14	12	2	1	2	12	14	12	14
11	1	3	1	3	9	9	11	3	1	3	9	9	11	11
14	1	3	1	3	13	14	13	3	1	3	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	6	6	8	8	11	4	6	6	8	8	11	11
14	4	4	6	6	13	14	13	4	6	6	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	4	7	7	9	9	11	11
0	4	4	7	7	9	9	0	4	7	7	9	9	0	0
0	4	4	6	6	12	0	12	4	6	6	12	0	12	0
14	4	4	7	7	12	14	12	4	7	7	12	14	12	14

Figure 3: The matrix of the function  $M$ . Its classical communication complexity is 6, while its half-duplex complexity is at most 5.

						Arg. of func. $\varphi \downarrow$	The value of function $\varphi \downarrow$															
						$\Lambda$																
						0																
						1																
						Inp. A $\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{r}$	$0\varphi$					$1\varphi$									
A. $\eta$						Inp. B $\downarrow$																
V. $\eta$			001	010	101	110	$\mathbf{r}\eta$	0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
			0	0	0	1		0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	13	0	13	0
			0	1	1	0		0	0	2	0	2	9	9	0	0	7	7	12	0	12	0
			1	0	1	1		0	0	3	0	3	8	8	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
			1	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
			1	1	1	1		1	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
A. $\psi$	0	1	00	01	10	11																
V. $\psi$	0	0	0	0	0	1	$0\psi$	0	0	2	0	2	8	8	11	2	0	2	8	8	11	11
	0	1	0	1	0	0		0	0	3	0	3	12	14	12	3	0	3	12	14	12	14
	0	0	1	0	1	1		1	1	2	1	2	9	9	11	2	1	2	9	9	11	11
	0	1	1	0	1	0		1	1	2	1	2	13	14	13	2	1	2	13	14	13	14
	0	1	1	1	0	0		1	1	3	1	3	12	14	12	3	1	3	12	14	12	14
	0	0	1	1	0	1		1	1	3	1	3	8	8	11	3	1	3	8	8	11	11
	1	0	0	0	1	1		4	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	4	6	6	9	9	11	11
	1	0	0	1	0	1		4	4	4	7	7	8	8	11	4	7	7	8	8	11	11
	1	1	0	0	0	0		4	4	4	6	6	12	14	12	4	6	6	12	14	12	14
	1	1	0	1	1	0		4	4	4	7	7	13	14	13	4	7	7	13	14	13	14
1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	7	8	8	11	0	7	7	8	8	11	11		
V. $\psi$	0	0	0	0	1	1	$1\psi$	11	0	2	0	2	9	9	11	2	0	2	9	9	11	11
	0	1	0	1	1	0		14	0	3	0	3	13	14	13	3	0	3	13	14	13	14
	0	0	1	0	0	1		11	1	2	1	2	8	8	11	2	1	2	8	8	11	11
	0	1	1	0	0	0		14	1	2	1	2	12	14	12	2	1	2	12	14	12	14
	0	0	1	1	1	1		11	1	3	1	3	9	9	11	3	1	3	9	9	11	11
	0	1	1	1	1	0		14	1	3	1	3	13	14	13	3	1	3	13	14	13	14
	1	0	0	0	0	1		11	4	4	6	6	8	8	11	4	6	6	8	8	11	11
	1	1	0	0	1	0		14	4	4	6	6	13	14	13	4	6	6	13	14	13	14
	1	0	0	1	1	1		11	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	4	7	7	9	9	11	11
	1	0	0	1	1	0		0	4	4	7	7	9	9	0	4	7	7	9	9	0	0
1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	4	6	6	12	0	12	4	6	6	12	0	12	0		
1	1	0	1	0	0	14	4	4	7	7	12	14	12	4	7	7	12	14	12	14		

Figure 4: The matrix of function  $M$  with an indication of Alice’s and Bob’s inputs. “A.” means “Argument of”, “V.” means “Value of”, “Inp. A” means “Input of Alice” and “Inp. B” means “Input of Bob”.

respective cell falls in each round. Namely, its first bit is equal to the bit sent by Bob in the second round, the second bit is equal to the bit sent by Alice in the third round, and so on. In the second round all numbers are partitioned into small ones (less than 8) and large ones (larger than or equal to 8). This partition is indicated by vertical lines. In the third round the numbers are partitioned according to the second bit: red numbers have 0 and blue ones have 1. In the fourth round the numbers are partitioned according to the third bit, those with 1 as the third bit are shown in italic. Finally, in the fifth round the numbers are partitioned into even and odd ones. We have to verify the following.

- Partitions in the second and fourth rounds are vertical (they are made by Bob). Partitions in the third and fifth rounds are horizontal (they are made by Alice).
- The union  $P_{r0} \cup P_{00} \cup P_{10}$  of rectangles  $P_{r0}, P_{00}, P_{10}$ , which are indistinguishable by Bob, is (vertically) partitioned by Bob as the entire rectangle. The same applies to vertical partition of the rectangle  $P_{r1} \cup P_{01} \cup P_{11}$ . Similarly, rectangles  $P_{0r} \cup P_{00} \cup P_{01}$  and  $P_{1r} \cup P_{10} \cup P_{11}$  are horizontally partitioned as entire units.
- Each rectangle obtained after five partitions is monochromatic.
- The rectangle  $P_{0r}$  (in the first round Bob received 0 from Alice) in both vertical partitions is included in the 0-part (it consists of small upright numbers). The rectangle  $P_{1r}$  (Bob received 1 from Alice in the first round) in both vertical partitions is included in the 1-part (it consists of large slanted numbers).
- Similarly, the rectangle  $P_{r0}$  (Alice received 0 from Bob in the first round) in the first horizontal partition is included into 0-part (it consists of red numbers only), and in the second horizontal partition, its part consisting of small upright or large slanted numbers (Alice received the same bits in the second and fourth rounds) has only even numbers (Alice sends 0 in the fifth round). Similarly, the rectangle  $P_{r1}$  (Alice received 1 in the first round) consists of blue numbers, and its part consisting of small upright and large slanted numbers has only odd numbers (Alice sends 1 in the fifth round).

In the last item we have verified that Bob sends identical bits in the second and fourth rounds provided his input corresponds to the first column. Similarly, Alice sends identical bits in the third and fifth rounds provided her input corresponds to one of the upper rows of the matrix and Bob sends identical bits in the second and fourth rounds. Therefore, if the input pair falls into the rectangle  $P_{rr}$ , then depending on the adversary the 2–5-transcript equals one of the sequences 0000, 0101, 1010, 1111.

## 5.2 The lower bound of communication complexity of $U$ and $M$ .

It remains to prove that the classical complexity of functions  $U, M$  is at least 6. In the proof for  $M$  it will be easier to forget that  $M$  is a sub-function of  $U$  and instead define  $M$  as the function whose matrix is shown on Fig. 3.

0	0	2	0	2	8	8	10	5	6	6	12	15	12	15
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	10	5	6	6	13	15	13	15
0	0	2	0	2	9	9	10	5	7	7	12	15	12	15
0	0	3	0	3	8	8	10	5	7	7	13	15	13	15
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	10	5	6	6	12	15	12	15
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	10	5	7	7	13	15	13	15
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	11	2	0	2	8	8	11	11
0	0	3	0	3	12	14	12	3	0	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	2	1	2	9	9	11	2	1	2	9	9	11	11
1	1	2	1	2	13	14	13	2	1	2	13	14	13	14
1	1	3	1	3	12	14	12	3	1	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	3	1	3	8	8	11	3	1	3	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	4	6	6	9	9	11	11
4	4	4	7	7	8	8	11	4	7	7	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	12	14	12	4	6	6	12	14	12	14
4	4	4	7	7	13	14	13	4	7	7	13	14	13	14
5	5	5	7	7	8	8	11	5	7	7	8	8	11	11
11	0	2	0	2	9	9	11	2	0	2	9	9	11	11
14	0	3	0	3	13	14	13	3	0	3	13	14	13	14
11	1	2	1	2	8	8	11	2	1	2	8	8	11	11
14	1	2	1	2	12	14	12	2	1	2	12	14	12	14
11	1	3	1	3	9	9	11	3	1	3	9	9	11	11
14	1	3	1	3	13	14	13	3	1	3	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	6	6	8	8	11	4	6	6	8	8	11	11
14	4	4	6	6	13	14	13	4	6	6	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	4	7	7	9	9	11	11
10	4	4	7	7	9	9	10	4	7	7	9	9	10	10
15	4	4	6	6	12	15	12	4	6	6	12	15	12	15
14	4	4	7	7	12	14	12	4	7	7	12	14	12	14

Figure 5: Partition of the matrix of  $M$  into monochromatic rectangles by the protocol II.

0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	7	7	12	12	0
0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	6	6	13	13	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
1	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
14	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
14	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
11	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
0	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0

Figure 6: Partition of 1s and 2s in the matrix of  $S$  into two rectangles. Each rectangle has its own color.

**Theorem 5.** *The classical communication complexity of  $U, M$  is at least 6.*

Unfortunately, we cannot prove this using partitions into monochromatic rectangles, as both matrices can be partitioned into  $30 \leq 2^5$  monochromatic rectangles. These rectangles correspond to the leaves of classical protocols performed by Alice and Bob in 2–5 rounds. We have  $9 \times 16$  such leaves (9 events in the first rounds are multiplied by the number of leaves in a classical protocol of depth 4). However some of these rectangles can be joined together and after that we obtain 30 monochromatic rectangles. Let us show this partition for the matrix of the function  $S$  (for  $U, M$  the partition is similar). For any number  $i \neq 0$  the part of the matrix consisting of entries  $i$  can be partitioned into 2 rectangles. For  $i = 1$  and  $i = 2$  the partition is shown in Fig. 6. And 0s can be partitioned into 6 rectangles as shown in Fig. 7. This number (30) of monochromatic rectangles cannot be decreased, which can be shown by fooling sets.

The proofs for functions  $U$  and  $M$  are almost identical. More specifically, some lemmas that are proved analytically for  $U$  can be proved for  $M$  using pictures. More specifically, we will show that for every vertical partition of the matrix into two parts (that is, columns are divided into two parts) at least one part has a fooling set of size 17 (hence its communication complexity is at least 5), and the similar statement holds for horizontal partitions.

### 5.2.1 The proof for horizontal partitions

We distinguish in the matrix 25 rectangles denoted by

$$R_0, R_1, \dots, R_4, R_6, \dots, R_9, R_{11}, \dots, R_{14}, S_1, \dots, S_4, S_6, \dots, S_9, S_{11}, \dots, S_{14}$$

0	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	7	7	12	12	0
0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	6	6	13	13	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
0	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
4	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
1	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0
0	0	7	7	13	13	0	0	7	7	13	13	0
14	0	6	6	12	12	14	0	6	6	12	12	14
14	4	6	6	12	12	14	4	6	6	12	12	14
11	4	6	6	9	11	11	4	6	6	9	11	11
0	1	1	3	9	0	0	1	1	3	9	0	0
0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0

Figure 7: Partition of zeros in the matrix of  $S$  into 6 rectangles. Each rectangle has its own color.

( $R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}, S_0, S_5, S_{10}, S_{15}$  are skipped). Those rectangles are called *fooling rectangles*. All the entries of rectangles  $R_i, S_i$  are equal to  $i$ . Besides, for any two cells  $u, v$  from different rectangles the set  $\{u, v\}$  is a fooling set for the matrix, that is, no monochromatic rectangle includes  $\{u, v\}$ . In other words, if we pick any one cell from every fooling rectangle, the resulting set of cells is a fooling set. The existence of such a set of rectangles proves only that the matrix has a fooling set of size 25. However fooling rectangles have the following feature: *for every division of the columns into two parts, the columns of one of these parts intersect at least 17 fooling rectangles*. That part thus has a fooling set of size 17.

We will define now fooling rectangles. However, for the matrix of  $M$  the reader can skip the definition and look at Fig. 8 instead, where fooling rectangles are indicated by colors.

*Definition 6* (fooling rectangles). Recall that the value of the function is essentially equal to the 4-bit sequence  $abcd$  that is a 2–5-transcript of the computation. Therefore it is convenient, in the definition of  $R_i, S_i$ , to consider  $i$  as a 4-bit sequence. We first define rectangles  $R_i$ . If  $a \neq c$ , then

$$R_{abcd} = R_{ab\bar{a}d} = \{*\psi \mid \psi(a) = b, \psi(a\bar{a}) = d\} \times \{\bar{b}\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = \bar{a}\}.$$

Here  $*$  denotes any bit and  $\bar{b} = 1 - b$ . If  $a = c$  and  $b \neq d$ , then

$$R_{abcd} = R_{ab\bar{a}b} = \{\bar{a}\psi \mid \psi(a) = b, \psi(aa) = \bar{b}\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = a\}$$

Finally, if  $a = c, b = d$ , which happens only if  $a = c = b = d = 0$ , then

$$R_{abcd} = R_{0000} = R_0 = \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(00) = 0\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 0\}.$$

0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	9	9	0	0	7	7	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	8	8	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	11	2	0	2	8	8	11	11
0	0	3	0	3	12	14	12	3	0	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	2	1	2	9	9	11	2	1	2	9	9	11	11
1	1	2	1	2	13	14	13	2	1	2	13	14	13	14
1	1	3	1	3	12	14	12	3	1	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	3	1	3	8	8	11	3	1	3	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	4	6	6	9	9	11	11
4	4	4	7	7	8	8	11	4	7	7	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	12	14	12	4	6	6	12	14	12	14
4	4	4	7	7	13	14	13	4	7	7	13	14	13	11
0	0	0	7	7	8	8	11	0	7	7	8	8	11	11
11	0	2	0	2	9	9	11	2	0	2	9	9	11	11
14	0	3	0	3	13	14	13	3	0	3	13	14	13	14
11	1	2	1	2	8	8	11	2	1	2	8	8	11	11
14	1	2	1	2	12	14	12	2	1	2	12	14	12	14
11	1	3	1	3	9	9	11	3	1	3	9	9	11	11
14	1	3	1	3	13	14	13	3	1	3	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	6	6	8	8	11	4	6	6	8	8	11	11
14	4	4	6	6	13	14	13	4	6	6	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	4	7	7	9	9	11	11
0	4	4	7	7	9	9	0	4	7	7	9	9	0	0
0	4	4	6	6	12	0	12	4	6	6	12	0	12	0
14	4	4	7	7	12	14	12	4	7	7	12	14	12	14

Figure 8: Fooling rectangles for  $M$ . The rectangle  $R_i$  consists of red numbers  $i$ . The rectangle  $S_i$  consists of blue numbers  $i$ .



We now define rectangles  $S_i$ . If  $a \neq c$ , then

$$S_{abcd} = S_{ab\bar{a}d} = \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(bac) = d\} \times \{b\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = \bar{a}\}.$$

Otherwise, if  $a = c$ , then

$$S_{abcd} = S_{aba\bar{b}} = \{a\psi \mid \psi(a) = b, \psi(aa) = \bar{a}\} \times \{\mathbf{r}\}.$$

The first equality holds, since rectangles  $S_{0000}, S_{0101}, S_{1010}, S_{1111}$  are not defined. For reader's convenience, explicit definitions of fooling rectangles follow:

$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(00) = 0\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 0\} \\ R_1 &= \{1\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(00) = 1\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(0) = 0\} \\ R_4 &= \{1\psi \mid \psi(0) = 1, \psi(00) = 0\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(1) = 0\} \\ R_{11} &= \{0\psi \mid \psi(1) = 0, \psi(11) = 1\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(0) = 1\} \\ R_{14} &= \{0\psi \mid \psi(1) = 1, \psi(11) = 0\} \times \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(1) = 1\} \\ R_2 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(01) = 0\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 1\} \\ R_3 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(01) = 1\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 1\} \\ R_6 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 1, \psi(01) = 0\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1\} \\ R_7 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 1, \psi(01) = 1\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1\} \\ R_8 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 0, \psi(10) = 0\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(0) = 0\} \\ R_9 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 0, \psi(10) = 1\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(0) = 0\} \\ R_{12} &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 1, \psi(11) = 0\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(1) = 0\} \\ R_{13} &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 1, \psi(11) = 1\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(1) = 0\} \\ S_1 &= \{0\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(00) = 1\} \times \{\mathbf{r}\}, \\ S_4 &= \{0\psi \mid \psi(0) = 1, \psi(00) = 0\} \times \{\mathbf{r}\}, \\ S_{11} &= \{1\psi \mid \psi(1) = 0, \psi(11) = 1\} \times \{\mathbf{r}\}, \\ S_{14} &= \{1\psi \mid \psi(1) = 1, \psi(11) = 0\} \times \{\mathbf{r}\}, \\ S_2 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(001) = 0\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 1\}, \\ S_3 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(001) = 1\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 1\}, \\ S_6 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(011) = 0\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1\}, \\ S_7 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(011) = 1\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1\}, \\ S_8 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(100) = 0\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(0) = 0\}, \\ S_9 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(100) = 1\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(0) = 0\}, \\ S_{12} &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(110) = 0\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(1) = 0\}, \\ S_{13} &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(110) = 1\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(1) = 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.** (1) All cells of rectangles  $R_i, S_i$  include the number  $i$ .

(2) If  $u, v$  are any cells from different fooling rectangles, then the set  $\{u, v\}$  cannot be covered by a monochromatic rectangle (in particular,  $u \neq v$ , that is, fooling rectangles are pair wise disjoint).

*Proof.* For the function  $M$  this can be verified directly by examining Fig. 8. For the function  $U$  the proof is in the Appendix.  $\square$

We call two fooling rectangles *horizontally adjacent*, if their first projections intersect (there is a row that intersects both rectangles). Consider the non-oriented graph whose nodes are fooling rectangles and edges connect horizontally adjacent rectangles. We say that a vertex  $u$  is a *neighbor* of a vertex  $v$  if  $u, v$  are adjacent. In particular, each node is its own neighbor. It turns out that this graph has the following expansion property:

**Lemma 6.** *Every set of 9 vertices of the graph has at least 17 neighbors.*

Let us derive from this lemma the proof for horizontal partitions. Assume that rows of the matrix are partitioned in sets  $W$  and  $V$ . Let us denote by  $\mathcal{R}$  the set of all fooling rectangles which intersect some row from  $W$ . If there are at least 17 such rectangles, then we are done. Otherwise there are at least  $25 - 16 = 9$  rectangles outside  $\mathcal{R}$ . For those rectangles every row intersecting the rectangle belongs to  $V$ . Thus every neighbor  $y$  of every vertex  $x$  outside  $\mathcal{R}$  intersects a row in  $V$ . (Indeed there is a row  $s$  that intersects both  $x$  and  $y$ . That row is not in  $W$ , as otherwise  $x$  would be in  $\mathcal{R}$ . Hence  $s \in V$  and  $y$  intersects a row in  $V$ .) Since there are at least 9 rectangles outside  $\mathcal{R}$ , the lemma implies that there are at least 17 fooling rectangles intersecting a string in  $V$ .

*Proof of Lemma 6.* We need an explicit description of edges of the graph.

**Lemma 7.** *The graph of horizontally adjacent fooling rectangles is a union of the following graphs (see Fig. 9):*

1. the complete 4-partite graph whose first part is  $\{S_2, S_3\}$ , the second part is  $\{S_6, S_7\}$ , the third part is  $\{S_8, S_9\}$  and the fourth part is  $\{S_{12}, S_{13}\}$ .
2. the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_0, R_1, S_1\}$  and second part is  $\{R_2, R_3\}$
3. the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_4, S_4\}$  and second part is  $\{R_6, R_7\}$
4. the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_{11}, S_{11}\}$  and second part is  $\{R_8, R_9\}$
5. the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_{14}, S_{14}\}$  and second part is  $\{R_{12}, R_{13}\}$
6. the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_6, R_7, S_1, S_4\}$  and second part is  $\{R_8, R_9, R_{11}, R_{12}, R_{13}, R_{14}, S_{11}, S_{14}\}$ , except all edges of the complete bipartite graph whose first part is  $\{R_1, R_4, S_{11}, S_{14}\}$  and second part is  $\{R_{11}, R_{14}, S_1, S_4\}$ .

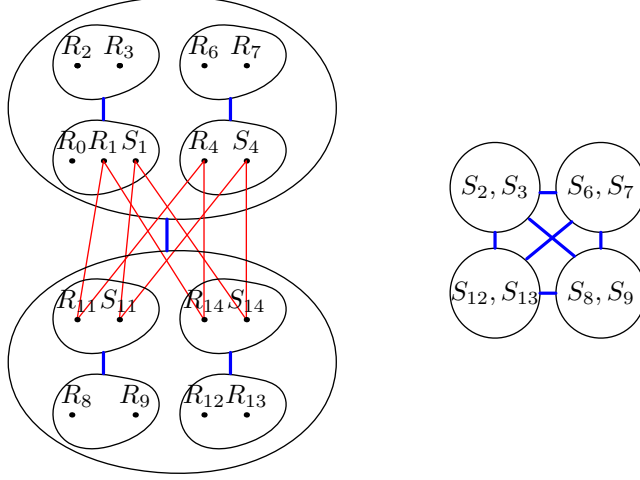


Figure 9: The graph of horizontally adjacent fooling rectangles. Each oval (circle) encircles vertices from one part of a bipartite or many-partite graph. Blue lines between ovals represent edges connecting nodes from different parts of those bipartite graphs. For instance, each blue line from the right represents 4 edges. Red lines represent edges that are excluded from the complete bipartite graph.

To prove the lemma, we only need to show that all listed above edges are indeed present in the graph. For the function  $M$  this can be verified by contemplating Fig. 8. For the function  $U$  the lemma is proved in Appendix.

Now we are able to explain how the set Alice’s inputs was reduced when we restricted the function  $U$  to get the function  $M$ . Each row in the matrix of  $U$  yields a clique in the graph, the set of edges of the graph is the union of those cliques. We have chosen a minimal set of cliques whose union covers all the edges of the graph and removed the rows corresponding to the remaining cliques.

Now we are able to prove Lemma 6 by considering several cases. The following sets of 9 vertices have minimal number of neighbors (17):

- The set of nodes in the top left oval. Only the vertices from both left ovals are their neighbors, 17 vertices in total.
- The set of nodes from four circles on the right (8 nodes) plus any node from the top left oval which is incident to a red edge (e.g.  $R_1$ ). The extra node has 9 neighbors thus we get 17 in total.

Let us show that this are indeed the worst case. Assume that a set  $A$  of vertices contains  $k$  vertices from the left component of connectivity and  $l$  vertices from the right component,  $k + l = 9$ . Since there are only 8 vertices in the right component, we know that  $k \geq 1$ . We distinguish three cases:  $l = 0$ ,  $l \geq 2$  and  $l = 1$ .

*Case  $l = 0, k = 9$ .* It is not difficult to verify that any vertex  $u$  from the left component has at least 9 neighbors. So the number of non-neighbors of  $u$  in the left component does not

exceed  $17 - 9 = 8$ . Therefore,  $u$  is a neighbor of any set of 9 vertices from the left component. Since this is true for any vertex  $u$ , every node from the 17 nodes of the left component is a neighbor of each set of 9 vertices from the left component, and we are done.

*Case  $l \geq 2$ .* Then one left vertex of  $A$  has 9 or more neighbors in the left component, and the two right vertices of  $A$  have 8 neighbors from the right component (if these vertices are from the same circle, then they are neighbors of themselves, otherwise they are neighbors of each other, and the remaining 6 vertices will be their neighbors, since they belong to another part comparing to one of these two vertices). In general, we get 17 neighbors.

*Case  $l = 1, k = 8$ .* One  $A$ 's vertex on the right has 7 neighbors and it is enough to verify that any set  $B$  of 8 vertices of the left component has at least 10 neighbors. Note that there are only four vertices in the left component that have 9 neighbors, all the other have at least ten neighbors. Therefore,  $B$  contains a vertex with 10 neighbors.

We have proved Lemma 6 and the case of horizontal partitions is completed.  $\square$

### 5.2.2 Proof for vertical partitions

Let us call two fooling rectangles *vertically adjacent* if their second projections intersect. Unfortunately, the analog of Lemma 6 is not true anymore. Indeed, the connected components of the vertical adjacency graph are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \{S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}\}, \\ & \{R_0, S_2, S_3, S_6, S_7, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_6, R_7\}, \\ & \{S_8, S_9, S_{12}, S_{13}, R_8, R_9, R_{11}, R_{12}, R_{13}, R_{14}\}. \end{aligned}$$

These components correspond to three sub-matrices into which the matrix  $M$  is divided by ordinary vertical lines in Fig. 5. Let us join the first and the second connected components. In this way we obtain a vertical partition of the matrix into two sub-matrices, where the first sub-matrix intersects 15 fooling rectangles, and the second one intersects 10 fooling rectangles.

This obstacle forces to increase the number of fooling rectangles. This can be done by adding rectangles with cells containing 0. To do this, we will reduce the rectangle  $R_0$  and add rectangles called  $R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}, S_0$ . Namely, let

$$\begin{aligned} R_{abab} &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(a) = \psi(aa) = b, \psi(\bar{a}) \neq \psi(\bar{a}\bar{a})\} \\ &\quad \times \{\bar{b}\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(b) = a, \varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a}\}, \text{ where } a, b = 0, 1, \\ S_0 &= \{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta \text{ arbitrary}\} \times \{i\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(i)\} \end{aligned}$$

Here are the explicit definitions of rectangles  $R_0, R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} R_0 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 0, \psi(00) = 0, \psi(1) \neq \psi(11)\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(0) = 0, \varphi(1) = 1\} \\ R_5 &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(0) = 1, \psi(00) = 1, \psi(1) \neq \psi(11)\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 0, \varphi(1) = 0, \varphi(0) = 1\}, \\ R_{10} &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 0, \psi(11) = 0, \psi(0) \neq \psi(00)\} \times \{1\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(0) = 1, \varphi(1) = 0\} \\ R_{15} &= \{*\psi \mid \psi(1) = 1, \psi(11) = 1, \psi(0) \neq \psi(00)\} \times \{0\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = 1, \varphi(1) = 1, \varphi(0) = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

In fact, for the function  $M$ , the new version of the rectangle  $R_0$  coincides with the old one, since the difference between them is due to those rows that were removed from the matrix of  $U$ . The fooling rectangles for the matrix of  $M$  are shown in Fig. 10.

We have to prove an analogue of the Lemma 5 for new fooling rectangles:

**Lemma 8.** (1) All cells of the rectangles  $R_0, R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}, S_0$  contain 0.

(2) Any two cells  $u, v$  from different rectangles from the list  $R_0, S_0, R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}$  cannot be covered by one monochrome rectangle (the cells of old fooling rectangles are marked with non-zeros, so they can also be added to this list).

For  $M$ , this lemma is verified directly by looking at Fig. 10. For  $U$ , the lemma is proved in Appendix.

To complete the proof of the theorem, we need an analog of Lemma 6 for the vertical adjacency graph. The number of fooling rectangles has increased to 29, so instead of 9 rectangles we now have  $29 - 16 = 13$ .

**Lemma 9.** Any set of 13 vertices of the vertical adjacency graph has at least 17 neighbors.

*Proof of Lemma 9.* Again, we need a more explicit description of edges of the graph.

**Lemma 10.** The vertical adjacency graph is equal to the graph shown in Fig. 11 (for both functions  $U, M$ ).

This lemma for  $M$  is verified directly by looking at the matrix of the function. For  $U$  the proof has been transferred to the Appendix. The graph in Fig. 11 consists of a complete graph on vertices  $S_1, S_{11}, S_4, S_{14}$  and two isomorphic graphs on 12 vertices together with the vertex  $S_0$  connecting them. In the sequel, we will call these two parts of the 12 vertices *the components* of the graph. The smallest set of neighbors of a set of 13 vertices is attained, for example, if we take all 12 vertices from the left component and the vertex  $R_0$  from the right component, or any 9 vertices from the left component and vertices  $S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ .

Let's prove that this is indeed the minimal neighborhood of any set of 13 nodes. To do this, we need the following auxiliary notion. Let  $A$  be an arbitrary set of vertices from one component of the graph. Denote by  $\Gamma(A)$  the set of all neighbors of  $A$ , and by  $\Gamma'(A)$  the set of all neighbors, not counting the vertex  $S_0$ , that is, the set of all neighbors inside that component. By  $\Gamma(n)$  we denote the minimum  $|\Gamma(A)|$  for all  $n$ -element sets inside one component.  $\Gamma'(n)$  is defined in a similar way. The values of these functions are given in Table 1, they were found by hand. In fact, we will need the values of these functions only for  $n = 1, 4, 6, 7, 9$ .

**Lemma 11.** (a)  $\Gamma(1) \geq 4$

(b)  $\Gamma(4) \geq 7$

(c)  $\Gamma(6) \geq 9$ ,

(d)  $\Gamma(7) \geq 10$ ,

(e)  $\Gamma(9) \geq 13$ .

0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	0	0	6	6	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	9	9	0	0	7	7	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	8	8	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	6	6	12	0	12	0
0	0	3	0	3	9	9	0	0	7	7	13	0	13	0
0	0	2	0	2	8	8	11	2	0	2	8	8	11	11
0	0	3	0	3	12	14	12	3	0	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	2	1	2	9	9	11	2	1	2	9	9	11	11
1	1	2	1	2	13	14	13	2	1	2	13	14	13	14
1	1	3	1	3	12	14	12	3	1	3	12	14	12	14
1	1	3	1	3	8	8	11	3	1	3	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	9	9	11	4	6	6	9	9	11	11
4	4	4	7	7	8	8	11	4	7	7	8	8	11	11
4	4	4	6	6	12	14	12	4	6	6	12	14	12	14
4	4	4	7	7	13	14	13	4	7	7	13	14	13	11
0	0	0	7	7	8	8	11	0	7	7	8	8	11	11
11	0	2	0	2	9	9	11	2	0	2	9	9	11	11
14	0	3	0	3	13	14	13	3	0	3	13	14	13	14
11	1	2	1	2	8	8	11	2	1	2	8	8	11	11
14	1	2	1	2	12	14	12	2	1	2	12	14	12	14
11	1	3	1	3	9	9	11	3	1	3	9	9	11	11
14	1	3	1	3	13	14	13	3	1	3	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	6	6	8	8	11	4	6	6	8	8	11	11
14	4	4	6	6	13	14	13	4	6	6	13	14	13	14
11	4	4	7	7	9	9	11	4	7	7	9	9	11	11
0	4	4	7	7	9	9	0	4	7	7	9	9	0	0
0	4	4	6	6	12	0	12	4	6	6	12	0	12	0
14	4	4	7	7	12	14	12	4	7	7	12	14	12	14

Figure 10: Fooling rectangles for vertical partitions for the matrix of  $M$ . The rectangle  $R_i$  for  $i \neq 10, 15, 20$  consists of red numbers  $i$ . The rectangle  $S_i$  for  $i \neq 0$  consists of blue numbers  $i$ . The rectangles  $R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}$  consist of only one cell each: yellow, cyan and green zeros. The rectangle  $S_0$  consists of magenta zeros.

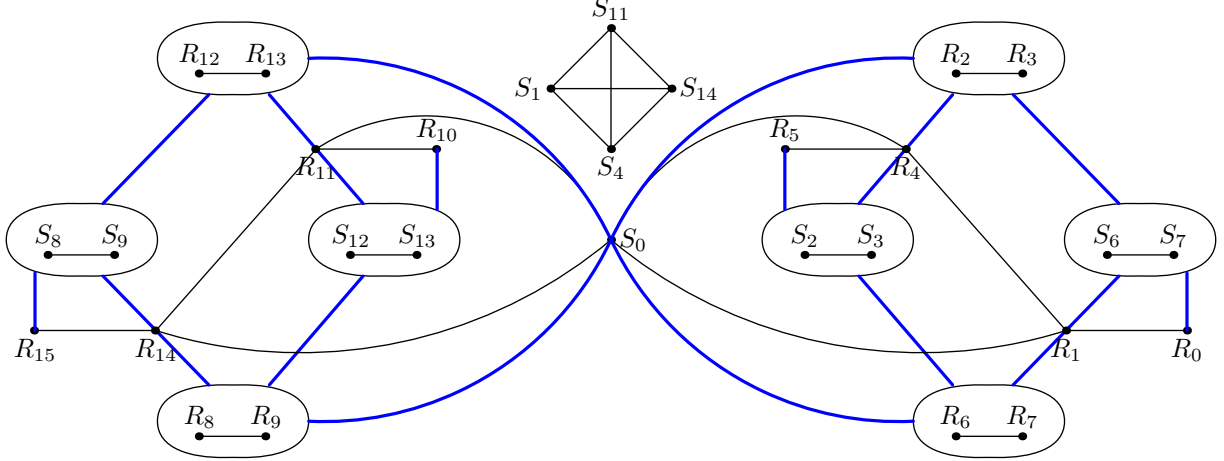


Figure 11: The graph of vertically adjacent fooling rectangles. Blue lines represent multiple edges.

Let us finish the proof of Lemma 9 assuming Lemma 11. Let a set  $A$  consist of 13 vertices of the adjacency graph. We need to prove that  $A$  has at least 17 neighbors. Let us consider two cases.

*Case 1:* the set  $A$  contains the vertex  $S_0$ . First, assume that the set  $A$  contains at least one of the vertices  $S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ . Then there must be at least  $13 - 1 - 4 = 8$  vertices in the left and right components together. Therefore, one of the components must contain at least  $8/2 = 4$  vertices. Thus the number of neighbors of  $A$  is not less than  $5 + \Gamma'(4) + 6 \geq 5 + 7 + 6 = 18$  neighbors (vertices  $S_0, S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$  plus all neighbors inside the component containing 4 vertices, plus the neighbors of vertex  $S_0$  inside the other component).

Otherwise the set  $A$  does not contain any of the vertices  $S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ . Then, there should be at least  $13 - 1 = 12$  vertices in the left and right components in total. If there are 6 vertices in both components, then  $A$  has at least  $1 + 2\Gamma'(6) \geq 1 + 2 \cdot 9 = 19$  neighbors. Otherwise, one of the components has at least  $12 - 5 = 7$  vertices, and the number of neighbors is not less  $1 + \Gamma'(7) + 6 \geq 1 + 10 + 6 = 17$  (the vertex  $S_0$  plus all the neighbors inside the component containing 7 vertices, plus the neighbors of  $S_0$  inside the other component).

*Case 2:*  $S_0 \notin A$ . Assume first that  $A$  has at least one of the vertices  $S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ . In total, both components have at least  $13 - 4 = 9$  vertices from the set  $A$ . If all these vertices are in one component, then the total number of  $A$ 's neighbors is at least  $\Gamma(9) + 4 \geq 13 + 4 = 17$  (neighbors of these 9 vertices plus vertices  $S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ ). If each component has at least one vertex from  $A$  and one of the components has at least 6 vertices from  $A$ , then the number of  $A$ 's neighbors is at least  $\Gamma(6) + \Gamma'(1) + 4 \geq \Gamma'(6) + \Gamma'(1) + 4 \geq 9 + 4 + 4 = 17$ . Otherwise, there are 5 vertices in one component, and 4 in the other, and the number of  $A$ 's neighbors is at least  $\Gamma(5) + \Gamma'(4) + 4 \geq \Gamma'(4) + \Gamma'(4) + 4 \geq 7 + 7 + 4 = 18$ .

It remains to consider the case when  $S_0, S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14} \notin A$ . Since there are only 12 vertices in each component, each component must have at least one vertex from  $A$ . If one of them has at least 9 vertices from  $A$ , then we get at least  $\Gamma(9) + \Gamma'(1) \geq 13 + 4 = 17$

$n$	$\Gamma'(n)$	$\Gamma(n)$
1	4	4
2	5	6
3	6	6
4	7	8
5	7	8
6	9	10
7	10	11
8	11	12
9	12	13
10	12	13
11	12	13
12	12	13

Table 1: The table of values of functions  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$  expressing the expansion properties of components of the vertical adjacency graph.

neighbors. Otherwise, the division of vertices between components is  $5 + 8$  or  $6 + 7$ . In both cases the number of neighbors is not less than  $\Gamma(5) + \Gamma'(7) \geq \Gamma'(4) + \Gamma'(7) \geq 7 + 10 = 17$ . Lemma 9 is proved (modulo Lemma 11).  $\square$

*Proof of Lemma 11.* (a) This can be directly verified by hand.

(b) Assume that there is a set  $A$  of 4 vertices of the right component that has less than 7 neighbors inside that component. We want to derive a contradiction.

Let us first assume that  $A$  does not contain any vertices from the ovals. Then  $A = \{R_0, R_1, R_4, R_5\}$  and has  $12 \geq 7$  neighbors inside the component. So  $A$  must contain a vertex from one of the ovals and without loss of generality another vertex from the same oval (indeed, adding this other vertex to  $A$  does not increase the number of neighbors, so it can replace any other vertex in  $A$ ). Identifying symmetric variants, we can consider only two cases:  $R_2, R_3 \in A$  and  $S_2, S_3 \in A$ .

*First case:*  $R_2, R_3 \in A$ . These two vertices together already have 5 neighbors  $R_2, R_3, R_4, S_6, S_7$ . It is easy to verify that adding to  $R_2, R_3$  any other vertex increases the number of neighbors by at least 2.

*The second case:*  $S_2, S_3 \in A$ . These two vertices together already have neighbors  $S_2, S_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7$ . It is easy to see that adding to  $S_2, S_3$  any vertex, except  $R_5$ , increases the number of neighbors. Since we need to add two vertices, we get a contradiction.

(c) To reduce the number of cases, we will consider the complements. Let us state this technique in general. We claim that the inequality  $\Gamma'(m) \geq n$  implies the inequality  $\Gamma'(13 - n) \geq 13 - m$ . Indeed, assume that  $\Gamma'(13 - n) < 13 - m$ . That is, there is a set  $A$  of cardinality  $13 - n$  having at most  $12 - m$  neighbors. Then consider the set  $B$  consisting of non-neighbors  $A$ ,  $|B| \geq 12 - (12 - m) = m$ . Then all the neighbors of  $B$  lie in the complement of  $A$ , so  $|\Gamma'(B)| \leq 12 - (13 - n) = n - 1$ . By removing  $|B| - m$  vertices from



$B$ , we get a set of  $B'$  of cardinality exactly  $m$  with  $|\Gamma'(B')| \leq n - 1$ .

It is worth to apply this technique when  $13 - n$  is closer to 6 than  $m$ , because in this case the number of  $(13 - n)$ -element subsets of a component is less than the number of its  $m$ -element subsets. For example, the statement (c) follows from statement (b), and we do not have to look over all 6-element subsets of a component.

(d) Using the same technique, it suffices to prove the inequality  $\Gamma'(3) \geq 6$ . Assume that there is a set  $A$  of 3 vertices of a component that has less than 6 neighbors inside that component. We want to derive a contradiction.

First, assume that  $A$  does not contain any vertices from the ovals. Identifying symmetric variants, there are only two such sets:  $\{R_0, R_1, R_4\}$  and  $\{R_0, R_1, R_5\}$ . In the first case, all vertices of the components are neighbors, and in the second case all vertices except  $R_2, R_3$ .

Now assume that  $A$  contains a vertex from an oval. Without loss of generality, we can assume that the other vertex of the oval also lies in  $A$ .

Identifying symmetrical cases, only two cases can be considered:  $A \ni R_2, R_3$  and  $A \ni S_2, S_3$ . In the first case, the vertices  $R_2, R_3$  already have in total 5 neighbors  $R_2, R_3, R_4, S_6, S_7$ , so the third vertex of  $A$  should be in this list and should not have neighbors out off the list. Be a simple search we can see that there are no such vertices. In the second case, the vertices  $S_2, S_3$  already have 6 neighbors in total.

(e) Using our technique, we can deduce from item (a) that  $\Gamma'(9) \geq 12$ . In addition, the vertex  $S_0$  is a neighbor of any set of  $12 - 6 + 1 = 7$  vertices inside one component, since it has 6 neighbors inside one component. Therefore, for all  $n$  starting from  $n = 7$ , we have  $\Gamma'(n) = \Gamma(n) + 1$ .

Lemmas 11, 9 and the theorem are proved. □

## 6 Open questions

1. Is there a partial function  $f$  on words of length  $n$  over a fixed alphabet with a super-logarithmic gap between the local half-duplex and the local classical complexities?
2. Is there a total function with values 0,1 for which the half-duplex complexity is strictly less than the classical complexity?
3. Is there a total function  $f$  on words of length  $n$  over a fixed alphabet with a super-constant gap between the half-duplex and the classical complexity?

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## A Appendix: proofs of lemmas for the function $U$

*Proof of Lemma 5 for  $U$ .* (1) This is verified directly. Let us perform this verification, say, for the rectangle  $R_6 = R_{0110}$ : in the first round, both players send bits that are lost and have no effect on the 2–5-transcript. In the second round Bob sends 0 (because  $\varphi(\Lambda) = 0$ ). Alice then sends 1 (since  $\psi(0) = 1$ ). Then Bob sends 1 (since  $\varphi(1) = 1$ ). Finally, in the last round Alice sends 0, since  $\psi(01) = 0$ . We get the 2–5-transcript 0110 = 6.

(2) Let  $u, v$  belong to different fooling rectangles.

*Case 1.* These rectangles have different subscripts. Then the cells  $u, v$  have different colors due to item (1).

*Case 2.* Rectangles containing  $u, v$  have the same subscript.

Assume first that  $u \in R_{abcd}$  and  $v \in S_{abcd}$  where  $a \neq c$ . Then  $u = (*\psi, \bar{b}\varphi)$ ,  $v = (\mathbf{r}\eta, b\varphi')$ . Consider the input pair  $(\mathbf{r}\eta, \bar{b}\varphi)$ . First, the 2–5-transcript  $t'$  for this pair is different from  $t = abcd$ . Indeed, since for this input pair in the first round Alice receives  $\bar{b}$  from Bob, she sends in the third round  $\bar{b}$ , and not  $b$ . Second, the values of the output function  $p$  on  $t$  and  $t'$  are different, since otherwise in both  $t, t'$  the first and third bits coincide, and the second and fourth bits coincide, which is not the case for  $t$ .

Assume now that  $u \in R_{abcd}$  and  $v \in S_{abcd}$  where  $a = c$  and  $b \neq d$ . Then  $u = (\bar{a}\psi, *\varphi)$ ,  $v = (a\psi', \mathbf{r})$ . Consider the input pair  $(\bar{a}\psi, \mathbf{r})$ . First, the transcript  $t'$  on this pair is different from  $abcd$ . Indeed, since in the first round Bob receives  $\bar{a}$  from Alice, he sends in the second round  $\bar{a}$ . Therefore,  $t'$  begins with  $\bar{a}$  and hence differs from  $t = abcd$ . And again the values of the output function on  $t$  and  $t'$  differ because  $b \neq d$ .  $\square$

*Proof of the Lemma 7 for the matrix  $U$ .* Recall that two rectangles are connected by an edge if their first projections intersect. We will call the second character of a word from the first projection of a rectangle its  $\psi$ - or  $\eta$ -projection.

In the first item, we listed all the fooling rectangles whose first projections contains words of the form  $\mathbf{r}*$ . Their first projections have the form  $\{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(bac) = d\}$ . Such a set does not intersect another set  $\{\mathbf{r}\eta \mid \eta(\tilde{b}\tilde{a}\tilde{c}) = \tilde{d}\}$  of this form only if  $a = \tilde{a}, b = \tilde{b}, c = \tilde{c}$ , but  $d \neq \tilde{d}$ . That is, among the rectangles  $S_2, S_3, S_6, S_7, S_8, S_9, S_{12}, S_{13}$  there are no edges only between pairs  $(S_{0010}, S_{0011}), (S_{0110}, S_{0111}), (S_{1000}, S_{1001}), (S_{1100}, S_{1101})$ .

The first projections of all the other fooling rectangles contain words of the form  $*\psi$ . Their first character, except for rectangles  $R_1, R_4, R_{11}, R_{14}, S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ , can be arbitrary. For these exceptional rectangles, the first character is 1 for rectangles  $R_1, R_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$  and is 0 for rectangles  $R_{11}, R_{14}, S_1, S_4$ . This explains the exclusion of edges in the sixth item. It is not hard to verify that, in items 2–5, no edges are excluded for this reason: in these items, in one of the parts, there are no rectangles from the list  $R_1, R_4, R_{11}, R_{14}, S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}$ . It remains to verify that in items 2–6  $\psi$ - or  $\eta$ -projections intersect.

The edges in items 2–5 connect the rectangles  $R_{abad}$  and  $S_{abad}$  with rectangles of the form  $R_{ab\bar{a}^*}$ . We need to prove that  $\psi$ -projections of rectangles  $R_{abad}$  and  $S_{abad}$  intersect with  $\psi$ -projections of rectangles of the form  $R_{ab\bar{a}^*}$ . Note that  $\psi$ -projections of  $R_{abad}$  and  $S_{abad}$  coincide and are equal to

$$A = \{\psi \mid \psi(a) = b, \psi(aa) = d\}.$$

On the other hand, the  $\psi$ -projection of  $R_{ab\bar{a}e}$  is equal to

$$C = C_e = \{\psi \mid \psi(a) = b, \psi(a\bar{a}) = e\}.$$

Therefore the intersection  $A \cap C$  includes all  $\psi$ , with  $\psi(a) = b, \psi(aa) = d, \psi(a\bar{a}) = e$ . It is easy to see that these requirements are compatible.

In the sixth item, the rectangles in the first part have the form  $R_{0bcd}, S_{0b0\bar{b}}$ , and in the second part rectangles have the same form, only 0 and 1 are swapped:  $R_{1b'c'd'}, S_{1b'1\bar{b}'}$ . Their  $\psi$ -projections are equal, respectively, to

$$\begin{aligned} &\{\psi \mid \psi(0) = b, \psi(0c) = d\}, \\ &\{\psi \mid \psi(0) = b, \psi(00) = \bar{b}\}, \\ &\{\psi \mid \psi(1) = b', \psi(1c') = d'\}, \\ &\{\psi \mid \psi(1) = b', \psi(11) = \bar{b}'\}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, the first and second sets intersect with the third and fourth sets.  $\square$

*Proof of the Lemma 8 for the function  $U$ .* (1) For rectangles  $R_i$ , this is verified directly. For the rectangle  $S_0$ : let the pair  $(r\eta, i\varphi)$  belong to  $S_0$ . Let  $j$  denote  $\varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(i)$ . In the first round, Alice receives  $i$  from Bob. Therefore, Alice sends in the third round  $i$ . Thus, the transcript in 2–4 rounds looks like this:  $jij$ . Finally, in the fifth round, Alice sends  $i$  again, since the bits she received in the second and fourth rounds coincide. We get the transcript  $jijj$  hence  $U(r\eta, i\varphi) = 0$ .

(2) Let  $u, v$  belong to different rectangles. First, let us assume that both rectangles have the form  $R_{abab}$ . Say the first one has the subscript  $abab$ , and the second the subscript  $a'b'a'b'$ . Let  $u = (*\psi, \bar{b}\varphi)$ ,  $v = (*\psi', \bar{b}'\varphi')$ . Then we know that

$$\psi(a) = \psi(aa) = b \tag{1}$$

$$\psi(\bar{a}) \neq \psi(\bar{a}\bar{a}) \tag{2}$$

$$\varphi'(\Lambda) = \varphi'(b') = a' \tag{3}$$

$$\varphi'(\bar{b}') \neq a'. \tag{4}$$

Consider the input pair  $(*\psi, \bar{b}'\varphi')$ . We claim that  $U(*\psi, \bar{b}'\varphi') \neq 0$ . For the sake of contradiction, assume that the 2–5-transcript on this input pair is a multiple of 5, that is, it has the form  $\alpha\beta\alpha\beta$ . Then we additionally know that

$$\psi(\alpha) = \psi(\alpha\alpha) = \beta \tag{5}$$

$$\varphi'(\Lambda) = \varphi'(\beta) = \alpha. \tag{6}$$

We claim that from (1)–(6) it follows that  $a = a' = \alpha$  and  $b = b' = \beta$ , and therefore the rectangles  $R_{abab}, R_{a'b'a'b'}$  coincide. From (5) and (2) it follows that  $\alpha \neq \bar{a}$ , that is,  $\alpha = a$ . On the other hand, it follows from (3) and (6) that  $\alpha = \varphi'(\Lambda) = a'$ . From (6) it follows that  $\varphi'(\beta) = \alpha = a$ . Now from (4) and (6) it follows that  $\varphi'(\bar{b}') \neq a' = \alpha = \varphi'(\beta)$ , which means that  $\bar{b}' \neq \beta$ , that is,  $\beta = b'$ . Finally, from (5) and (1) we conclude that  $\beta = \psi(\alpha) = \psi(a) = b$ .

It remains to consider the case when one rectangle is  $S_0$ , and the other one has the form  $R_{abab}$ . In this case we have  $u = (r\eta, i\varphi)$ ,  $v = (a'\psi', \bar{b}'\varphi')$  and we know the equalities (3) and (4). We want to prove that  $U(r\eta, \bar{b}'\varphi') \neq 0$ . For the sake of contradiction, assume that the 2–5-transcript for this input pair has the form  $\alpha\beta\alpha\beta$ . Then additionally we know (6), and besides  $\beta = \bar{b}'$ , since Alice sends the bit  $\bar{b}'$  received from Bob in the third round. From (6) we derive that  $\alpha = \varphi'(\beta) = \varphi'(\bar{b}')$ . And on the other hand, from (3) and (6) it follows that  $\alpha = \varphi'(\Lambda) = a'$ . Therefore,  $a' = \varphi'(\bar{b}')$ , which contradicts (4).  $\square$

*Proof of the Lemma 10 for the function  $U$ .* Let's write out the second projections of fooling rectangles:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_2 R_{ab\bar{a}d} &= \{\bar{b}\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = \bar{a}\} \\ \text{pr}_2 R_{aba\bar{b}} &= \{*\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = a\} \\ \text{pr}_2 R_{abab} &= \{\bar{b}\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = a, \varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a}\} \\ \text{pr}_2 S_{ab\bar{a}d} &= \{b\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = a, \varphi(b) = \bar{a}\} \\ \text{pr}_2 S_{aba\bar{b}} &= \{\mathbf{r}\} \\ \text{pr}_2 S_0 &= \{i\varphi \mid \varphi(\Lambda) = \varphi(i)\}. \end{aligned}$$

To prove the lemma, we will make several simple observations, immediately following from the definitions:

1. The graph splits into two connected components:  $\{S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}\}$  (their second projection contains only  $\mathbf{r}$ ) and all other vertices. The first component is a complete graph on vertices  $\{S_1, S_4, S_{11}, S_{14}\}$ .
2. Rectangle  $S_0$  is adjacent to all vertices  $R_i$ , except  $R_0, R_5, R_{10}, R_{15}$ .
3. If we remove the rectangle  $S_0$ , then the second component again splits into two connected components. One of them consists of all rectangles of the form  $R_{0bcd}, S_{0bcd}$ , and the other one of all rectangles of the form  $R_{1bcd}, S_{1bcd}$ . We will call these components *the second* and *the third* ones. The second and third components are isomorphic, they are obtained from each other by swapping zero and one. Therefore, it is sufficient to describe only the second component.
4. Second projections of rectangles  $R_{ab\bar{a}0}, R_{ab\bar{a}1}$  coincide. Therefore these rectangles are adjacent. Besides, from them the edges lead to the same vertices. The same applies to pairs of the form  $S_{ab\bar{a}0}, S_{ab\bar{a}1}$ . In particular, the second component contains the edges  $(R_0, R_1), (R_2, R_3), (S_2, S_3), (R_4, R_5), (R_6, R_7), (S_6, S_7)$ .
5. Finally, the second component contains all the edges of the complete bipartite graph with the first part  $R_0, R_1, R_2, R_3, S_2, S_3$  and the second part  $R_4, R_5, R_6, R_7, S_6, S_7$  with the exception of the edges  $(R_0, R_4), (R_0, R_5), (R_1, R_5)$  and all edges of a complete bipartite graph with the first part  $R_0, R_2, R_3, S_6, S_7$  and the second part  $R_5, R_6, R_7, S_2, S_3$ .

In the first part, we listed all rectangles  $R_{abcd}$  from the second component with  $a = b = 0$ . In the second part, those with  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ . Let us verify first that  $\varphi$ -projections of all the listed pairs intersect, that is, the corresponding conditions on  $\varphi$  are compatible. Let  $R(S)_{00cd}$  and  $R(S)_{01c'd'}$  be rectangles from the second component. Then requirements for  $\varphi(\Lambda)$  in  $\varphi$ -the projections for both rectangles coincide. And because the second bits in  $00cd$  and  $01c'd'$  are different, the conditions on  $\varphi(b)$  are compatible. Finally, if the first of these rectangles is  $R_{0000}$  or the second rectangle is  $R_{0101}$  (or both), then there is an additional requirement  $\varphi(\bar{b}) = \bar{a}$ . These conditions may be incompatible for rectangles  $R(S)_{00cd}$  and  $R(S)_{01c'd'}$ . It is not difficult to verify that this happens only for the pairs  $(R_0, R_4)$ ,  $(R_0, R_5)$ ,  $(R_1, R_5)$ . For this reason, these edges were excluded.

It remains to verify that the first symbols can also be the same. For rectangles of the form  $R_{ab\bar{a}\bar{b}}$ , the first characters can be arbitrary. For rectangles  $R_0, R_2, R_3, S_6, S_7$  the first symbol is equal to 1, and for rectangles  $R_5, R_6, R_7, S_2, S_3$  the first symbol is equal to 0. Because of this, edges between rectangles of the first and the second lists were excluded.

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