Private Information Retrieval PIR

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$\mathsf{PIR} \text{ and } \mathsf{OT}$

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 - 4. Using the value of *i*, the coin flips, and the $ANS_j(q_j)$, Alice computes x_i

• The complexity of the PIR scheme is $\sum_{j=1}^{k} |q_j| + |ANS_j(q_j)|$.

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Theorem there is a 4 - DB, $O(\sqrt{n})$ -bit PIR scheme



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• Note that the number of bits sent is $8\sqrt{n} + 4$

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Assume that the quadratic residue problem is 'hard' for m the product of two primes and $|m| \ge n^{\delta}$. Then there exists a 1-DB, $O(n^{\frac{1}{2}+\delta})$ -bit PIR scheme

Thank you