Workshop on pseudorandom unitaries

Fermi Ma

Definition [JLS18]: a **PRU** is a family of efficient *n*-qubit unitaries $\{U_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ such that no poly(*n*)-time algorithm *A* can distinguish:

Definition [JLS18]: a **PRU** is a family of efficient *n*-qubit unitaries $\{U_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ such that no poly(*n*)-time algorithm *A* can distinguish:

• $U = U_k$ for random $k \leftarrow [K]$, or

Definition [JLS18]: a **PRU** is a family of efficient *n*-qubit unitaries $\{U_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ such that no poly(*n*)-time algorithm *A* can distinguish:

- $U = U_k$ for random $k \leftarrow [K]$, or
- U = Haar-random unitary

Definition [JLS18]: a **PRU** is a family of efficient *n*-qubit unitaries $\{U_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ such that no poly(*n*)-time algorithm *A* can distinguish:

- $U = U_k$ for random $k \leftarrow [K]$, or
- U = Haar-random unitary

given oracle access to U.

Definition [JLS18]: a **PRU** is a family of efficient *n*-qubit unitaries $\{U_k\}_{k \in [K]}$ such that no poly(*n*)-time algorithm *A* can distinguish:

- $U = U_k$ for random $k \leftarrow [K]$, or
- U = Haar-random unitary

given oracle access to U.

In [JLS18], this means:



Cryptography: PRUs → commitments, uncloneable crypto, ...
 [CM22,GJMZ23,LQSYZ23,...]

- Cryptography: PRUs → commitments, uncloneable crypto, ... [CM22,GJMZ23,LQSYZ23,...]
- Quantum gravity: model black-hole dynamics as a PRU [KP23,EFLVY24,YE24]

- Cryptography: PRUs → commitments, uncloneable crypto, ... [CM22,GJMZ23,LQSYZ23,...]
- Quantum gravity: model black-hole dynamics as a PRU [KP23,EFLVY24,YE24]
- Learning: low-depth PRUs \rightarrow hardness of quantum learning

- Cryptography: PRUs → commitments, uncloneable crypto, ... [CM22,GJMZ23,LQSYZ23,...]
- Quantum gravity: model black-hole dynamics as a PRU [KP23,EFLVY24,YE24]
- Learning: low-depth PRUs \rightarrow hardness of quantum learning
- Algorithms: low-depth PRUs \rightarrow faster quantum algorithms

Prior work: PRUs secure against **restricted** adversaries

Prior work: PRUs secure against **restricted** adversaries

• [LQSYZ23,AGKL23,BM24]: non-adaptive + restricted input states

Prior work: PRUs secure against **restricted** adversaries

• [LQSYZ23,AGKL23,BM24]: non-adaptive + restricted input states





non-adaptive

adaptive

Prior work: PRUs secure against **restricted** adversaries

- [LQSYZ23,AGKL23,BM24]: non-adaptive + restricted input states
- [MPSY24]: adaptive + restricted input states





non-adaptive

adaptive

Prior work: PRUs secure against **restricted** adversaries

- [LQSYZ23,AGKL23,BM24]: non-adaptive + restricted input states
- [MPSY24]: adaptive + restricted input states
- [MPSY24,CBBDHX24]: non-adaptive





non-adaptive

adaptive

Why has it been so hard to build a PRU?

Readings in Mathematics

William Fulton Joe Harris

Representation Theory

A First Course

Readings in Mathematics

William Fulton Joe Harris

Representation Theory

A First Course

⑧ PST ★☆☆☆☆ VERY difficult





(just kidding, most of the reviews are very positive)



(just kidding, most of the reviews are very positive)

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$$
permutation function Clifford

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$$
permutation function Clifford

2) low-depth PRUs [SSH24]+ simple analysis of [MH24]

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$$
permutation function Clifford

2) low-depth PRUs [SSH24]+ simple analysis of [MH24]

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} v & v & v \\ v & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \omega(\log n) \\ \text{depth PRU} \end{array}$$

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$$
permutation function Clifford

2) low-depth PRUs [SSH24]+ simple analysis of [MH24]

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} v & v & v \\ v & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \omega(\log n) \\ \text{depth PRU} \end{array}$$

3) adaptive PRUs + inverse security [MH24]

1) adaptive PRUs [MH24]

$$U = P \cdot F \cdot C \quad [MPSY24]$$
permutation function Clifford

2) low-depth PRUs [SSH24] + simple analysis of [MH24]

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} v & v & v \\ v & v \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} \omega(\log n) \\ \text{depth PRU} \end{array}$$

3) adaptive PRUs + inverse security [MH24]

$$U = C^{\dagger} \cdot P \cdot F \cdot C$$

We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$

We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$



We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$

The high-level idea:

1) write down a purification of $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle \langle \psi_{f}|$.

We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$

The high-level idea:

- 1) write down a purification of $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle \langle \psi_{f}|$.
- 2) find a nice basis for the purifying register.

We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$

The high-level idea:

- 1) write down a purification of $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle \langle \psi_{f}|$.
- 2) find a nice basis for the purifying register.
- 3) use 2) to prove closeness to $\mathbb{E}_{\psi \leftarrow \text{Haar}} |\psi\rangle \langle \psi |$.

We'll prove pseudorandomness of a random binary phase state

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f(x)} |x\rangle$$

The high-level idea:

- 1) write down a purification of $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle \langle \psi_{f}|$.
- 2) find a nice basis for the purifying register.
- 3) use 2) to prove closeness to $\mathbb{E}_{\psi \leftarrow \text{Haar}} |\psi\rangle \langle \psi |$.

Recap of whiteboard proof



Recap of whiteboard proof

$$\sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle = \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle$$

$\begin{aligned} \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle &= \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t} \rangle \end{aligned}$

(see whiteboard)

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \displaystyle \operatorname{Recap} \ of \ whiteboard \ proof \\ \displaystyle \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} \ |f\rangle &= \displaystyle \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} \ |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \displaystyle \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \ |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \\ \begin{array}{l} \text{(after} \\ \text{isometry)} \end{array} &\approx \displaystyle \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \displaystyle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \end{array} \quad (\text{see whiteboard}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Recap of whiteboard proof} \\ & \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle = \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ & \equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \\ & \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ & \text{(after isometry)} \quad \approx \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \end{aligned}$$
(see whiteboard)

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{Recap of whiteboard proof} \\ \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} |\psi_{f}\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle &= \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_{x}} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \ldots, x_{t}\rangle |e_{x_{1}} \oplus \cdots \oplus e_{x_{t}}\rangle \\ (\text{see whiteboard}) \\ (\text{after} \\ \text{isometry}) &\approx \sum_{x_{1}, \ldots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \ldots, x_{t}\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{t}} R_{\pi} |x_{1}, \ldots, x_{t}\rangle \end{array}$$
(see whiteboard)

$$\sum_{x_1,\dots,x_t \in [N]} \boldsymbol{U}^{\otimes t} | x_1,\dots,x_t \rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} | x_1,\dots,x_t \rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{l} & \operatorname{Recap} \text{ of whiteboard proof} \\ & \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle = \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ & \equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \qquad (\text{see whiteboard}) \\ & (\text{after} \\ \text{isometry}) \qquad \approx \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \qquad (\text{see whiteboard}) \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{x_1,\dots,x_t\in[N]} U^{\otimes t}|x_1,\dots,x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi\in S_t} R_{\pi}|x_1,\dots,x_t\rangle = \sum_{x_1,\dots,x_t\in[N]} |x_1\rangle\cdots|x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi\in R_{\pi}} R_{\pi}\cdot U^{\top,\otimes t}|x_1,\dots,x_t\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \operatorname{Recap of whiteboard proof} \\ \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} |\psi_{f}\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle &= \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_{x}} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle |e_{x_{1}} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_{t}}\rangle \\ (\text{after} \\ \text{isometry}) &\approx \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{t}} R_{\pi} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle \end{array}$$
(see whiteboard)

$$\sum_{x_1,\dots,x_t \in [N]} U^{\otimes t} | x_1,\dots,x_t \rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} | x_1,\dots,x_t \rangle = \sum_{x_1,\dots,x_t \in [N]} | x_1 \rangle \cdots | x_t \rangle \sum_{\pi \in R_{\pi}} R_{\pi} \cdot U^{\top,\otimes t} | x_1,\dots,x_t \rangle$$
$$\operatorname{using} \sum_{x \in [N]} U | x \rangle | x \rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} | x \rangle U^{\top} | x \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Recap} \text{ of whiteboard proof} \\ & \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle = \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ & \equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ & \text{(after isometry)} \approx \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ & \text{For any unitary } U: \qquad \text{(by applying } \overline{U}^{\otimes t}) \\ & \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} U^{\otimes t} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1\rangle \dots |x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in R_{\pi}} R_{\pi} \cdot \overline{U}^{\mathsf{T} \otimes \mathsf{T}} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \\ & \text{ using } \sum_{x \in [N]} U |x\rangle |x\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} |x\rangle U^{\mathsf{T}} |x\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Recap} \text{ of whiteboard proof} \\ & \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} |\psi_{f}\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle = \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^{N}} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_{x}} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ & \equiv \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle |e_{x_{1}} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_{t}}\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ & \text{(after isometry)} \approx \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_{t}} R_{\pi} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \end{aligned}$$
For any unitary U :
 $& \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} U^{\otimes t} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_{t}} R_{\pi} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle = \sum_{x_{1}, \dots, x_{t} \in [N]} |x_{1}\rangle \dots |x_{t}\rangle \sum_{\pi \in R_{\pi}} R_{\pi} \cdot U^{\infty} e^{t} |x_{1}, \dots, x_{t}\rangle$
This implies:

 $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle \langle \psi_{f}|^{\otimes t}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recap of whiteboard proof} \\ \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle &= \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ \text{(after isometry)} &\approx \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_\pi |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ \text{For any unitary } U: \qquad \text{(by applying } \overline{U}^{\otimes t}) \\ \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} U^{\otimes t} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_\pi |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1\rangle \dots |x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in R_\pi} R_\pi \cdot U^{\mathsf{T} \bigotimes t} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \\ \text{This implies:} \qquad \text{Using } \sum_{x \in [N]} U |x\rangle |x\rangle = \sum_{x \in [N]} |x\rangle U^{\mathsf{T}} |x\rangle \\ \end{array}$$

 $\mathbb{E}_{f} |\psi_{f}\rangle\langle\psi_{f}|^{\otimes t} \approx \mathbb{E}_{U \leftarrow \text{Haar}} \mathbb{E}_{f} (U|\psi_{f}\rangle\langle\psi_{f}|U^{\dagger})^{\otimes}$ (true for any U)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recap of whiteboard proof} \\ \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} |\psi_f\rangle^{\otimes t} |f\rangle &= \sum_{f \in \{0,1\}^N} \left(\sum_{x \in [N]} (-1)^{f \cdot e_x} |x\rangle \right)^{\otimes t} |f\rangle \\ &\equiv \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle |e_{x_1} \oplus \dots \oplus e_{x_t}\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \\ \text{(after isometry)} &\approx \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \frac{1}{\sqrt{t!}} \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \qquad \text{(see whiteboard)} \end{aligned}$$
For any unitary U : (by applying $\overline{U}^{\otimes t}$)
$$\sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} U^{\otimes t} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in S_t} R_{\pi} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle = \sum_{x_1, \dots, x_t \in [N]} |x_1\rangle \dots |x_t\rangle \sum_{\pi \in R_{\pi}} R_{\pi} \cdot \bigcup^{T \otimes T} |x_1, \dots, x_t\rangle \end{aligned}$$
This implies:
$$\mathbb{E}_f |\psi_f\rangle \langle \psi_f|^{\otimes t} \approx \mathbb{E}_{U \leftarrow \text{Haar}} \mathbb{E}_f (U |\psi_f\rangle \langle \psi_f | U^{\dagger})^{\otimes t} = \mathbb{E}_{[\psi_t \leftarrow \text{Haar}} |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|^{\otimes t} \end{aligned}$$

(true for any U)

(true for any *U*) (invariance of Haar measure)