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Lecture 16

Some tools for electronic-voting (and other things)

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 - Using a special purpose proof (**Chaum-Pederson**), rather than ZK for general NP statements

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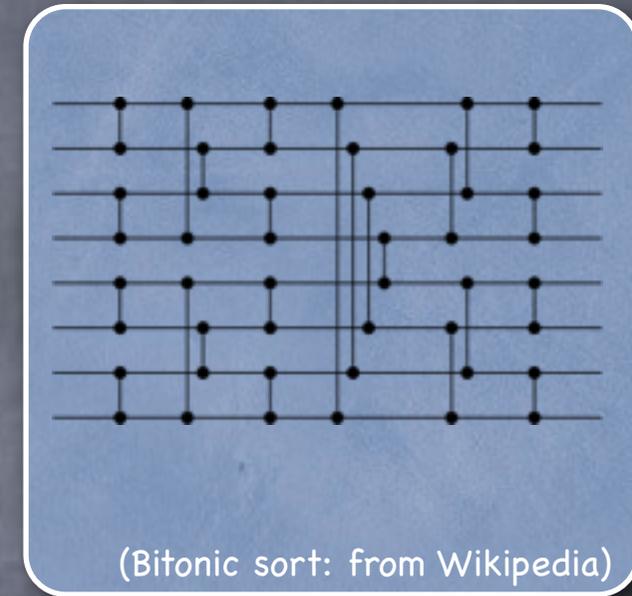
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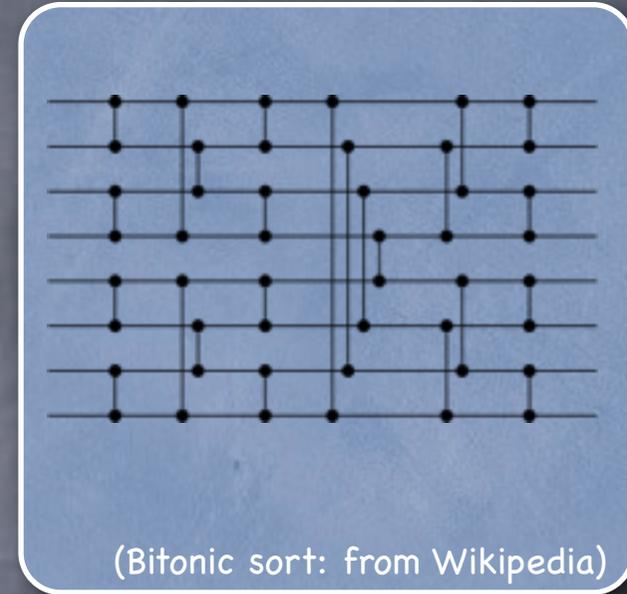
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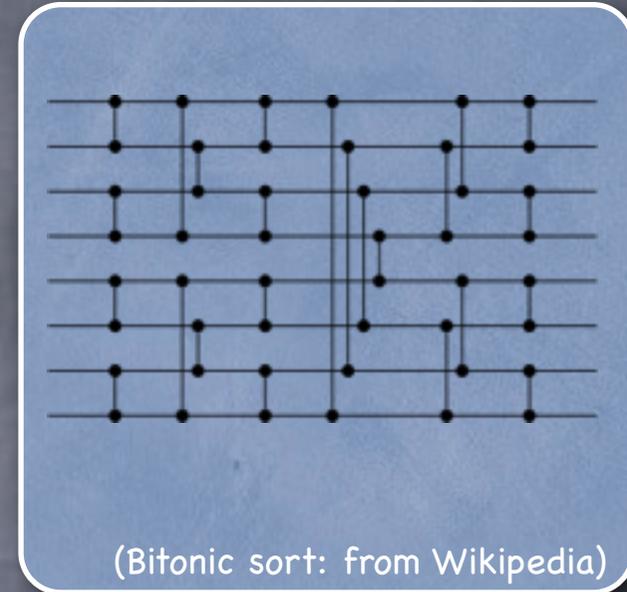
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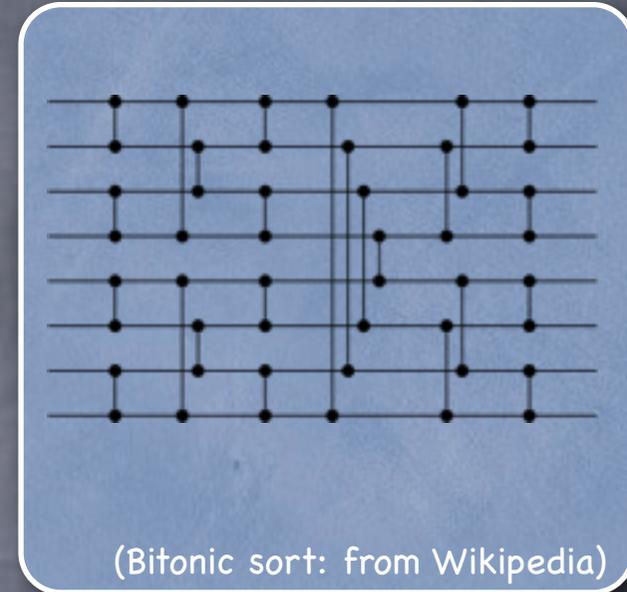
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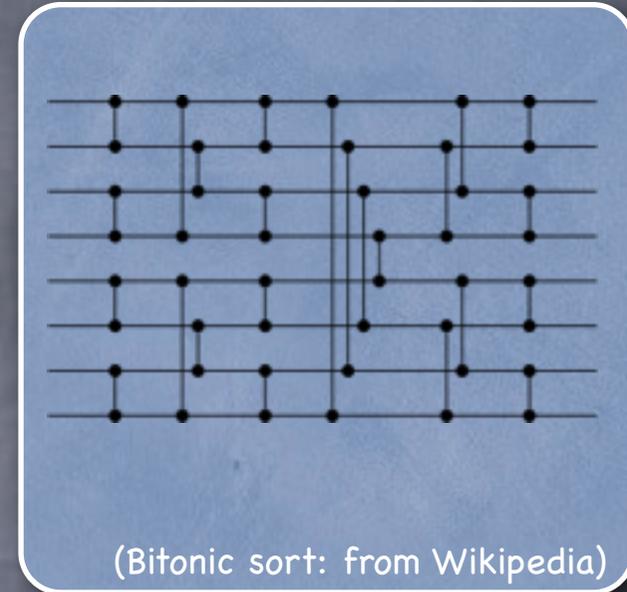
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