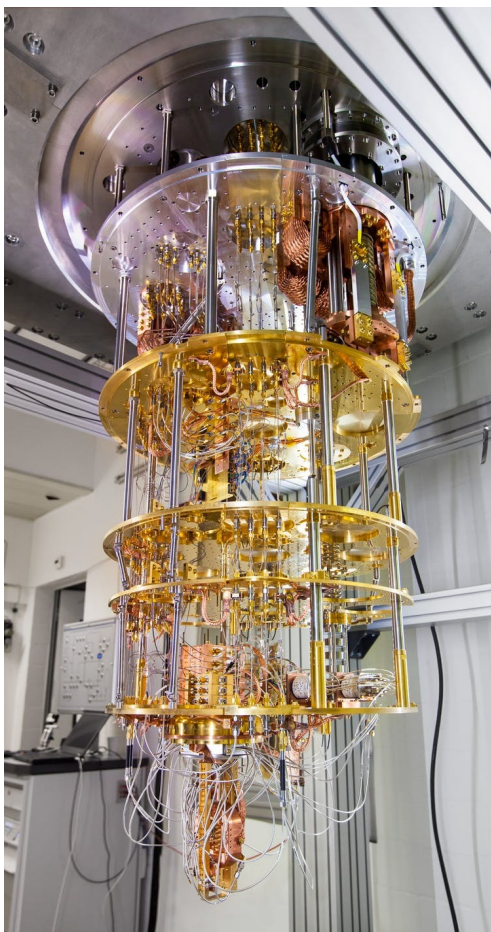




Problem 6. «A promise»

Young cryptographers, Alice, Bob and Carol, are interested in quantum computing and really want to buy a quantum computer. A millionaire gave them a certain amount of money (say, X_A for Alice, X_B for Bob, and X_C for Carol). He also made them promise that they would not tell anyone, including each other, how much money everyone of them had received.

- Could you help the cryptographers to invent an algorithm how to find out (without breaking the promise) whether the total amount of money they have, $X_A + X_B + X_C$, is enough to buy a quantum computer?
- What weaknesses does your algorithm have (if someone breaks the promise)? Does it always protect the secret of the honest participants from the dishonest ones?



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