

Recent Advances in MPCitH-based Post-Quantum Signatures

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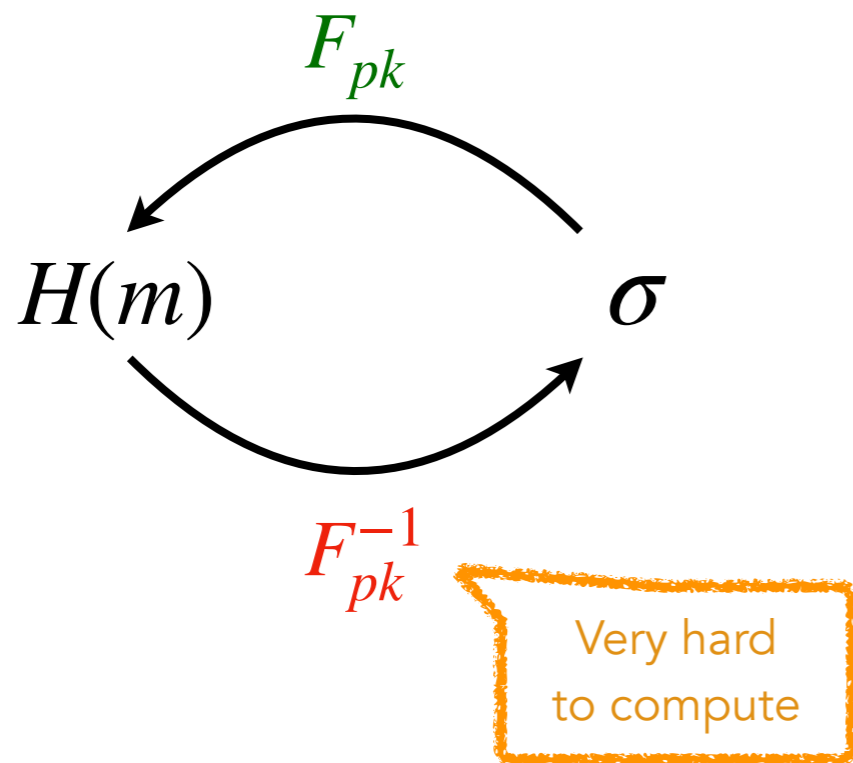
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Introduction

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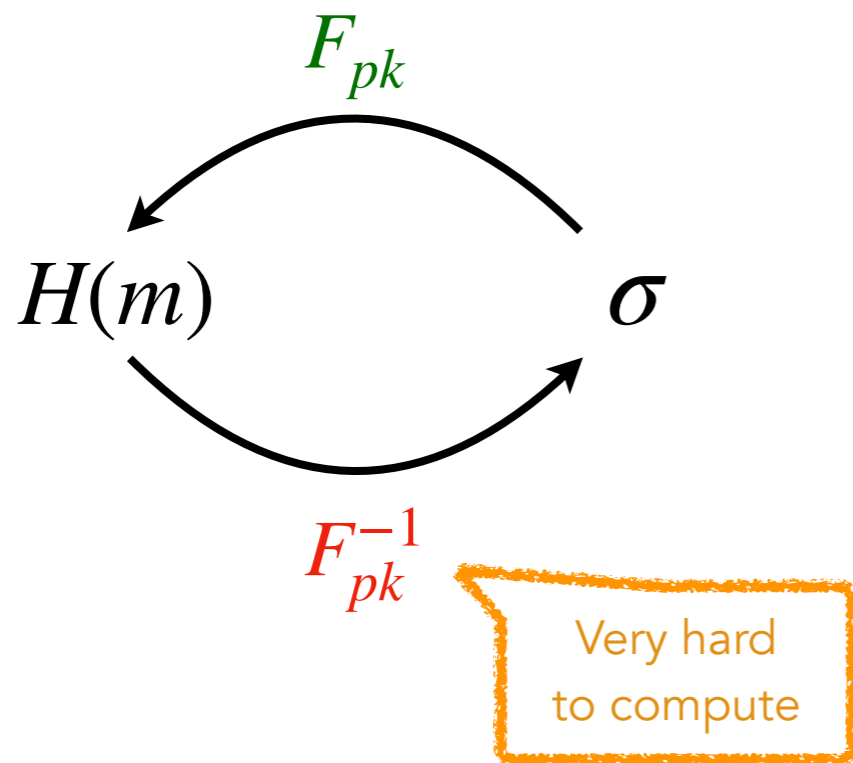
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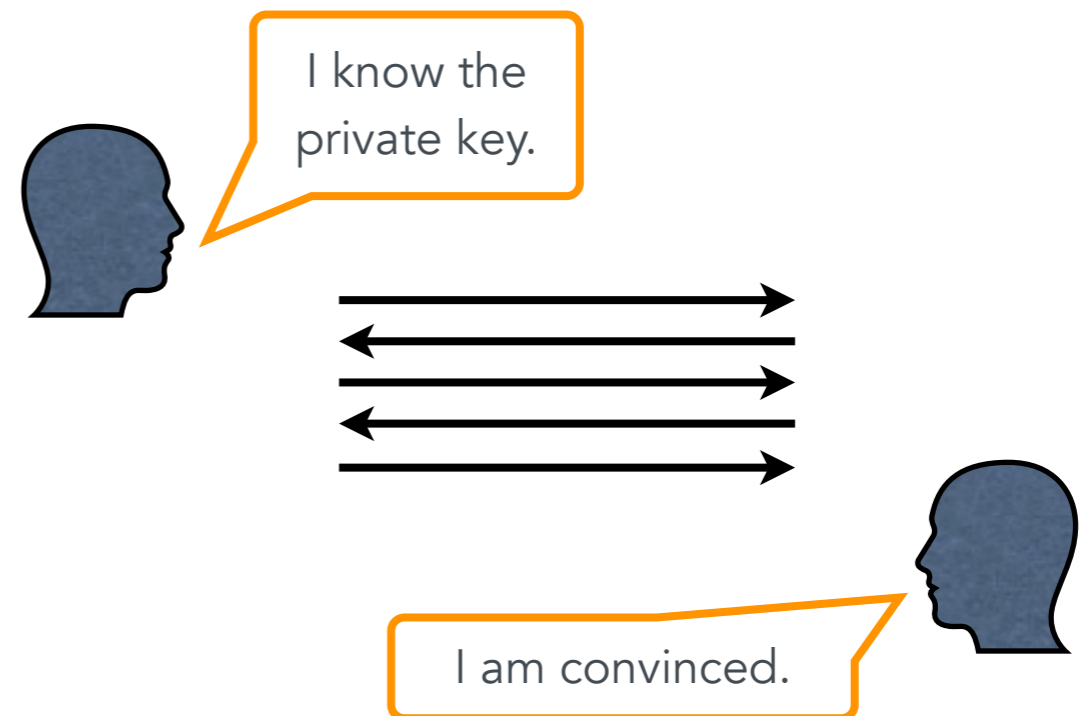
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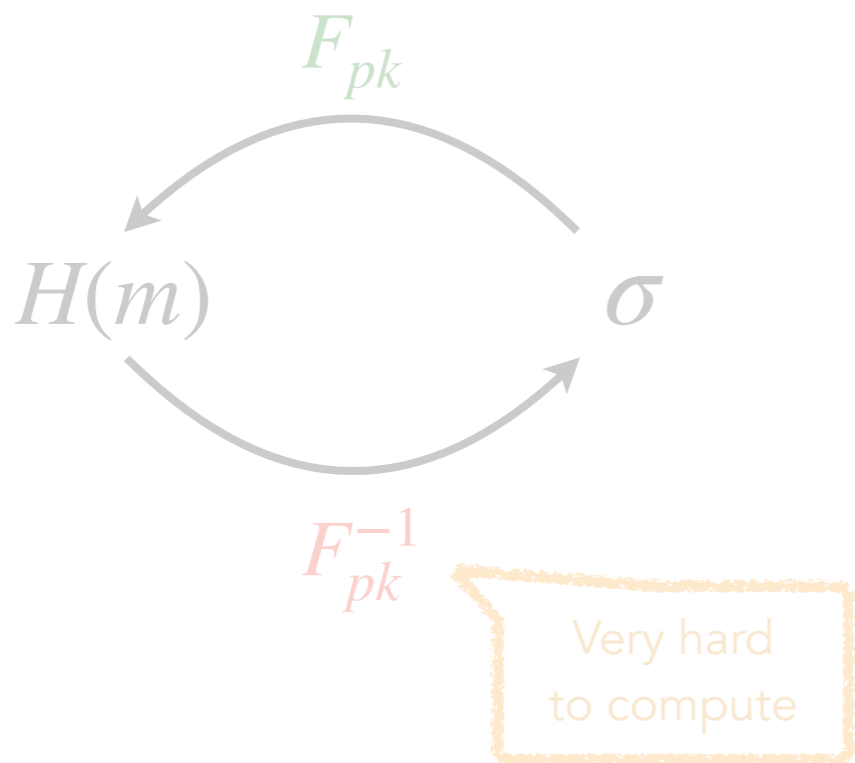
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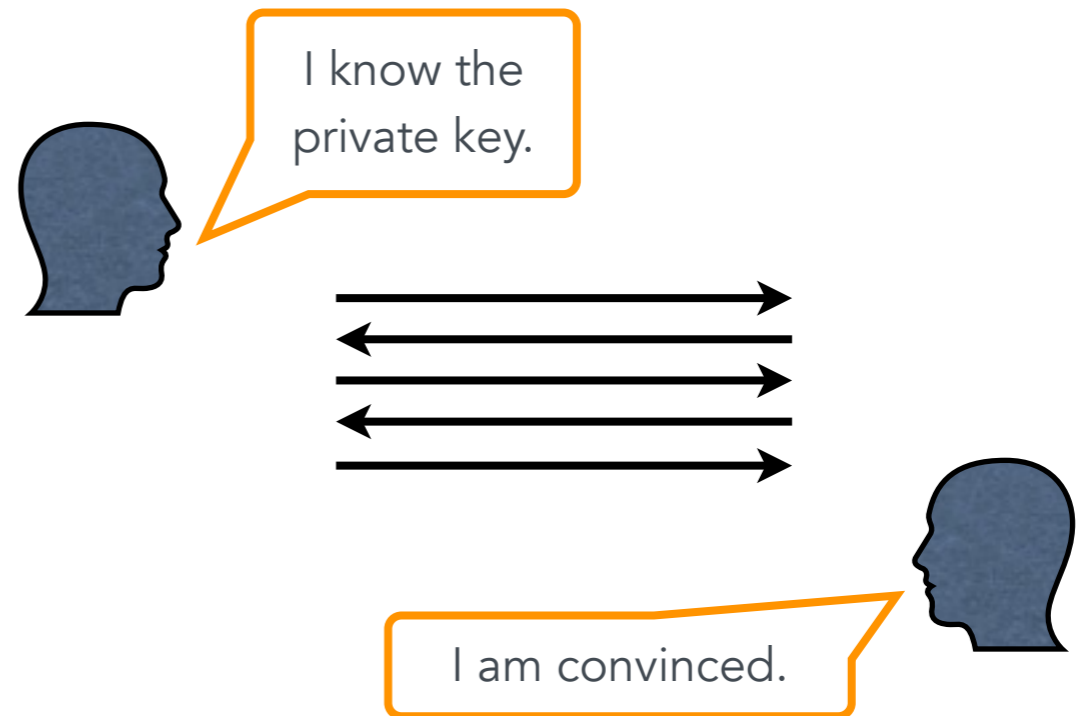
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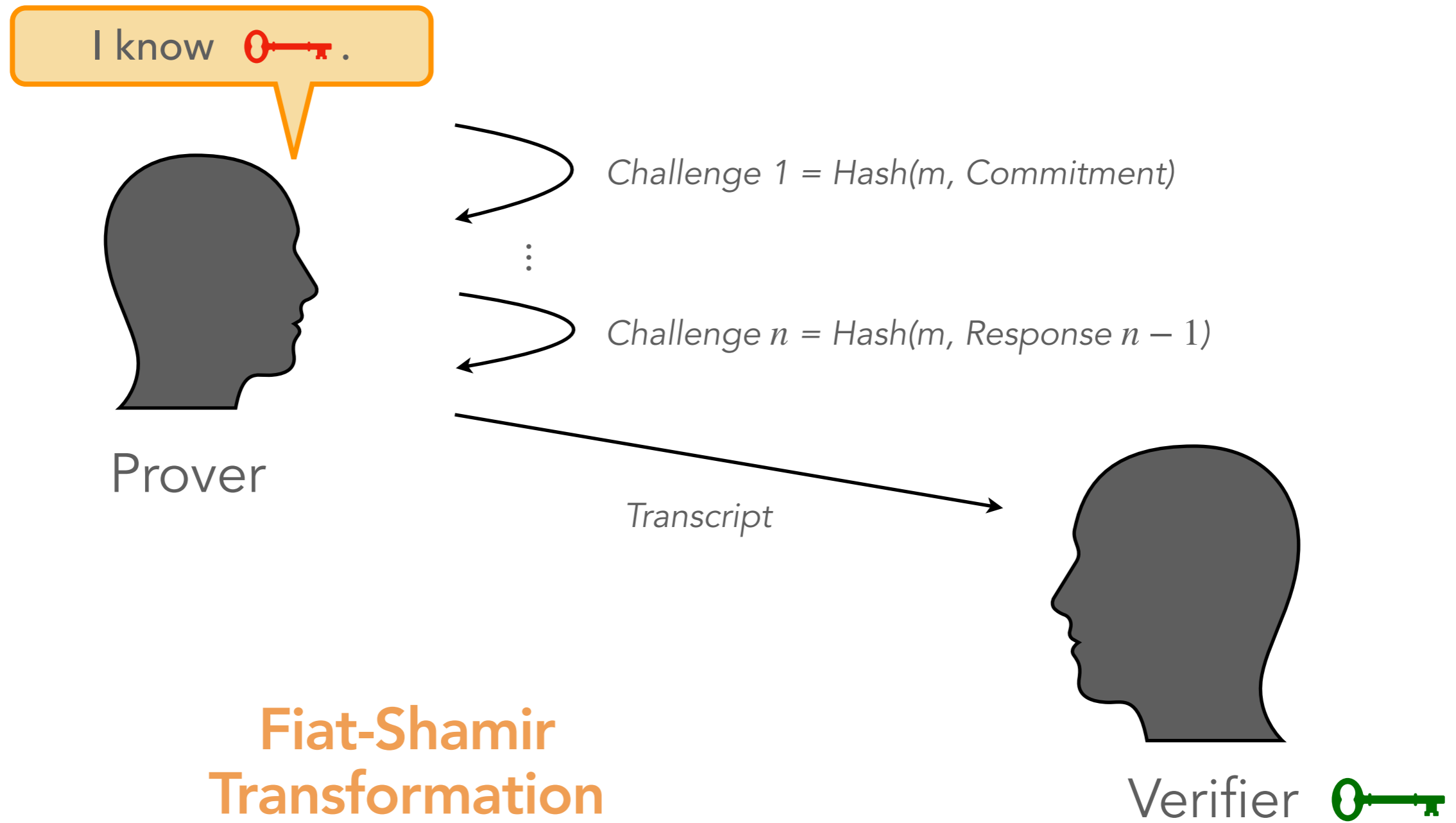
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Identification Scheme



- **Completeness:** $\Pr[\text{verif } \checkmark \mid \text{honest prover}] = 1$
- **Soundness:** $\Pr[\text{verif } \checkmark \mid \text{malicious prover}] \leq \varepsilon$ (e.g. 2^{-128})
- **Zero-knowledge:** verifier learns nothing on [red key].

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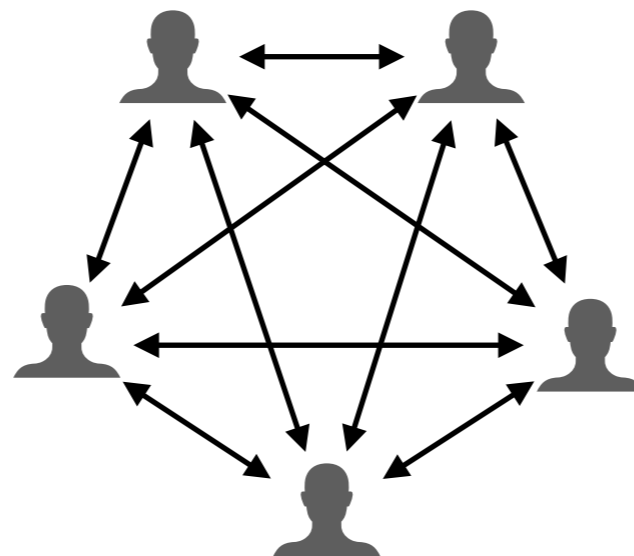


Fiat-Shamir Transformation

m : message to sign

MPC in the Head

- **[IKOS07]** Yuval Ishai, Eyal Kushilevitz, Rafail Ostrovsky, Amit Sahai: "Zero-knowledge from secure multiparty computation" (STOC 2007)
- Turn a *multiparty computation* (MPC) into an identification scheme



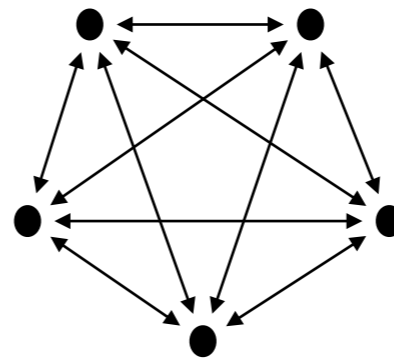
- **Generic:** can be apply to any cryptographic problem

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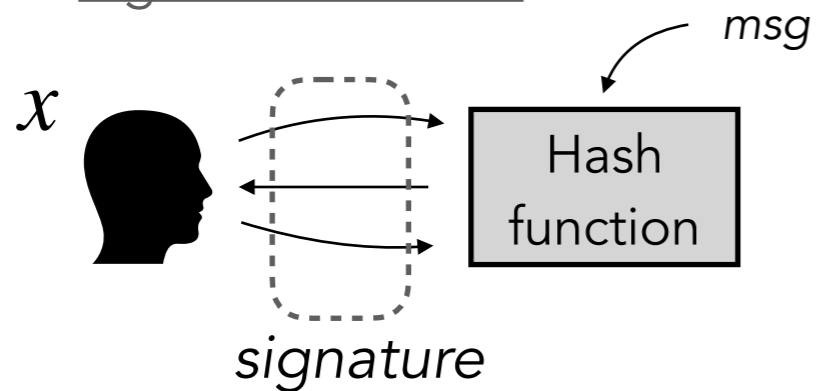
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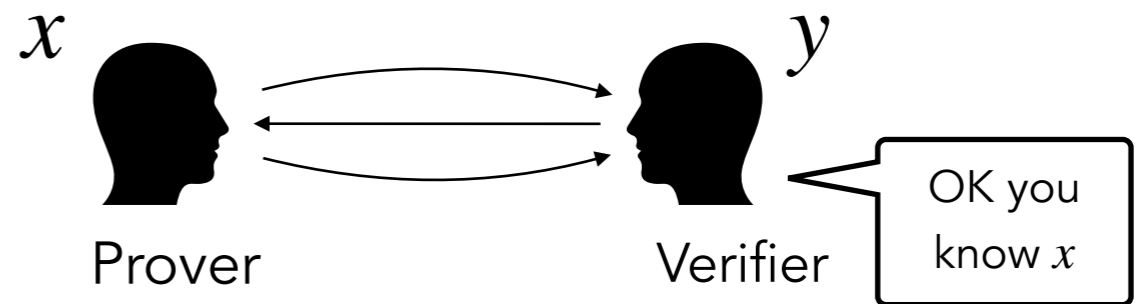
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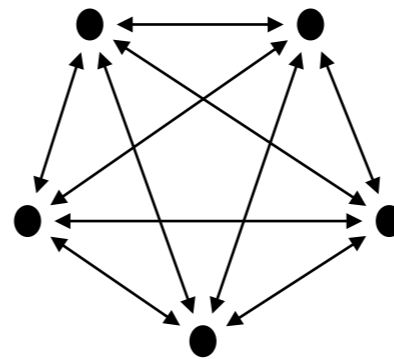


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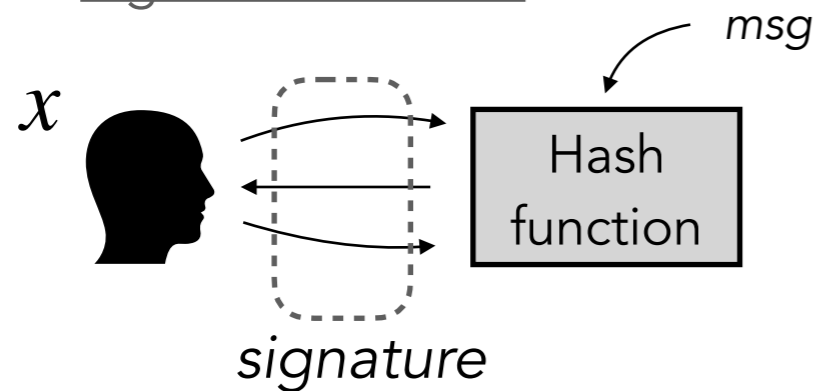
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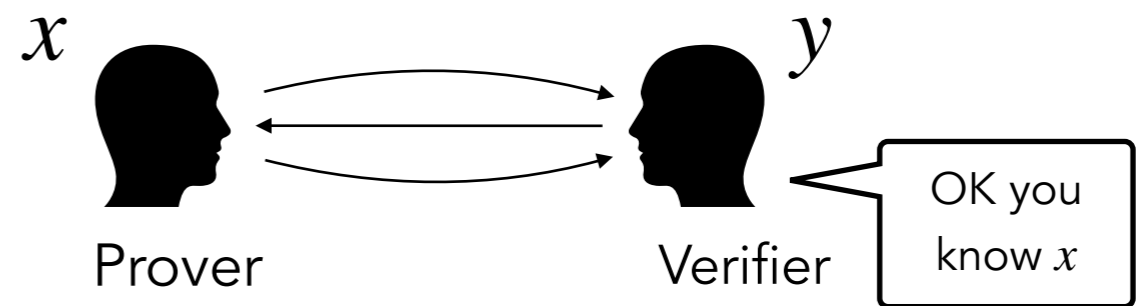
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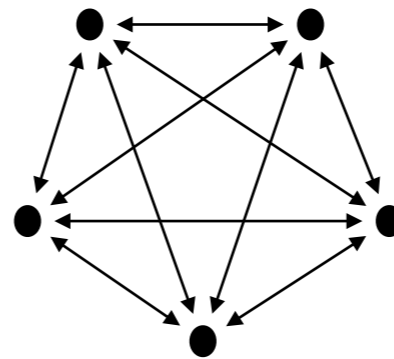


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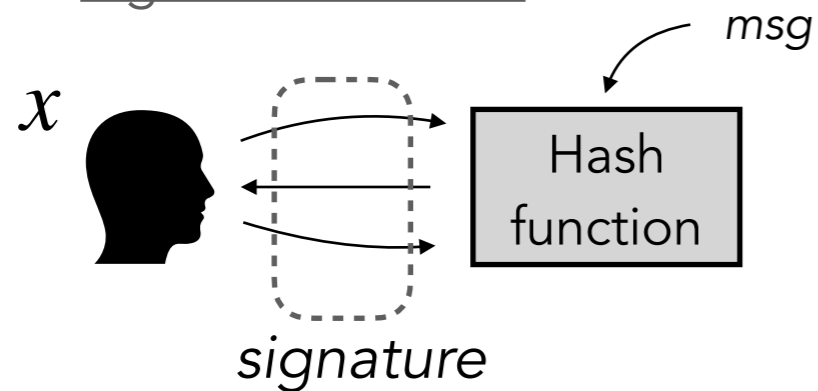
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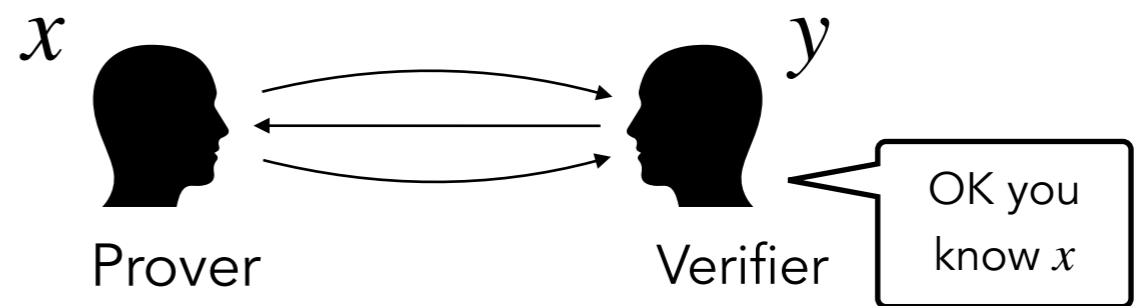
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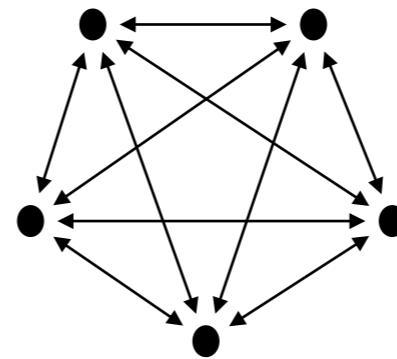


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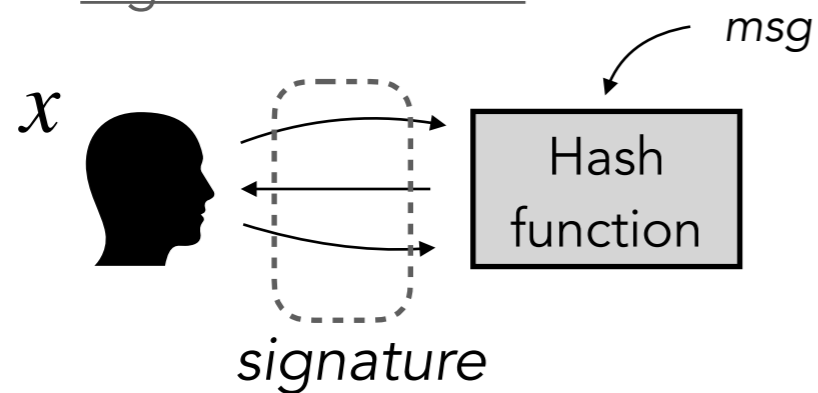
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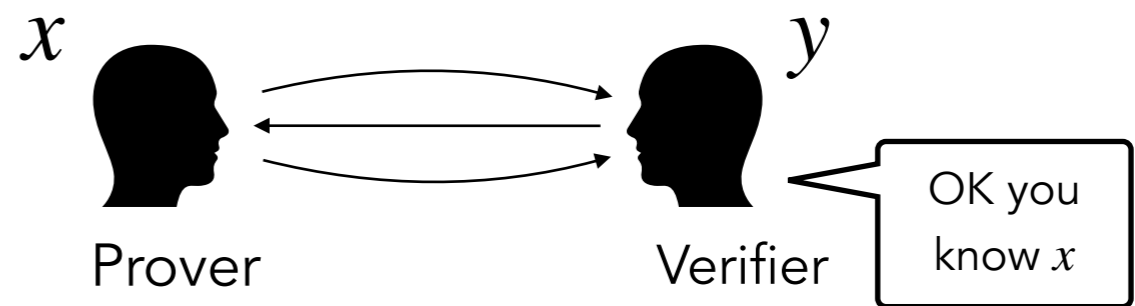
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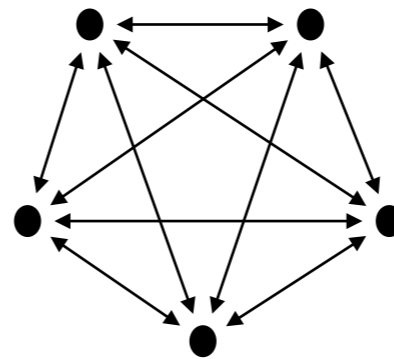


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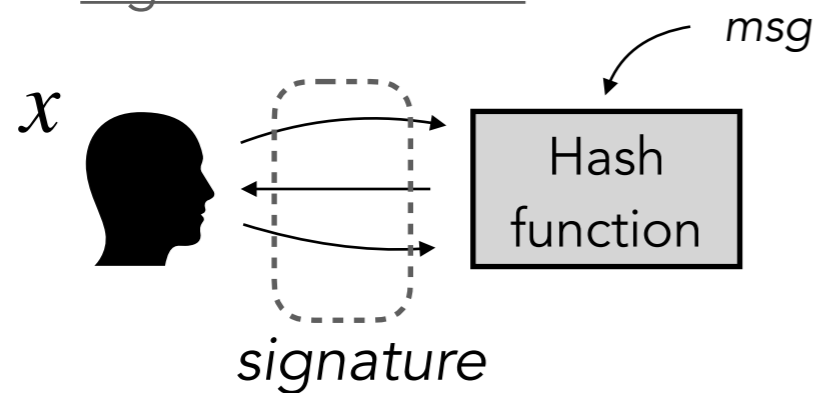
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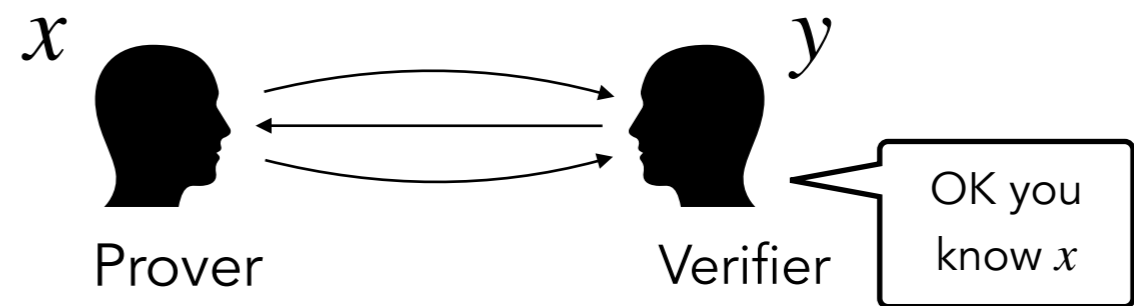
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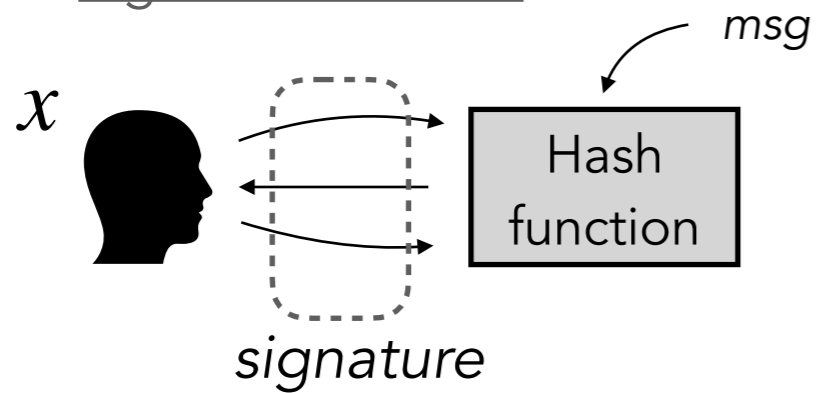


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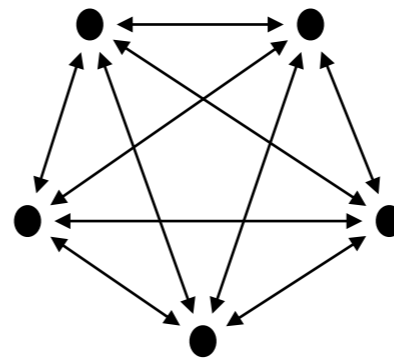
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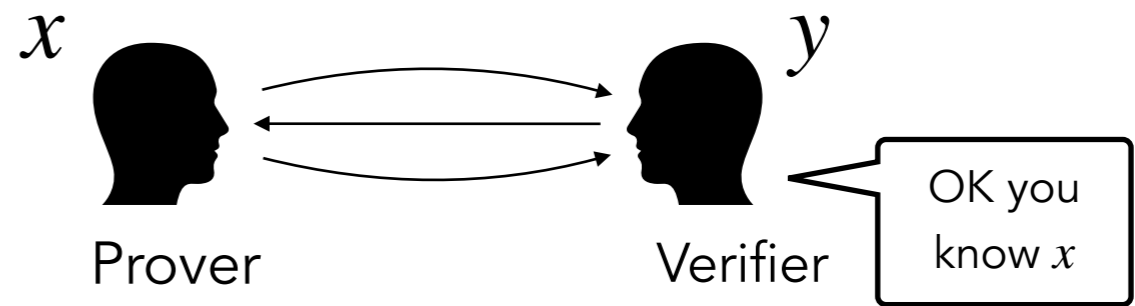


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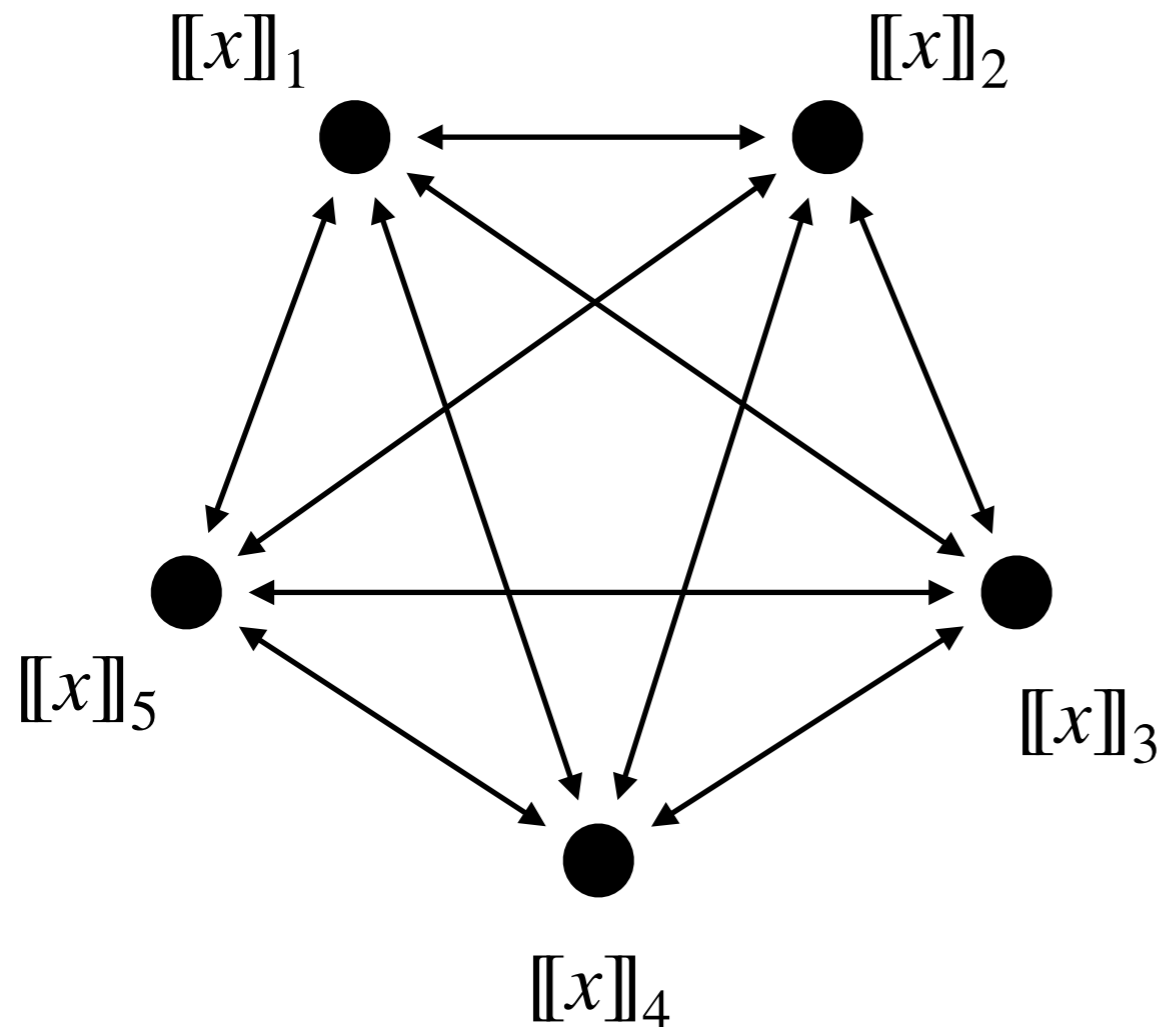
MPC-in-the-Head transform

Zero-knowledge proof



MPCitH: general principle

MPC model



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Additive sharing:

$$x = [[x]]_1 + [[x]]_2 + \dots + [[x]]_N$$

Shamir's sharing:

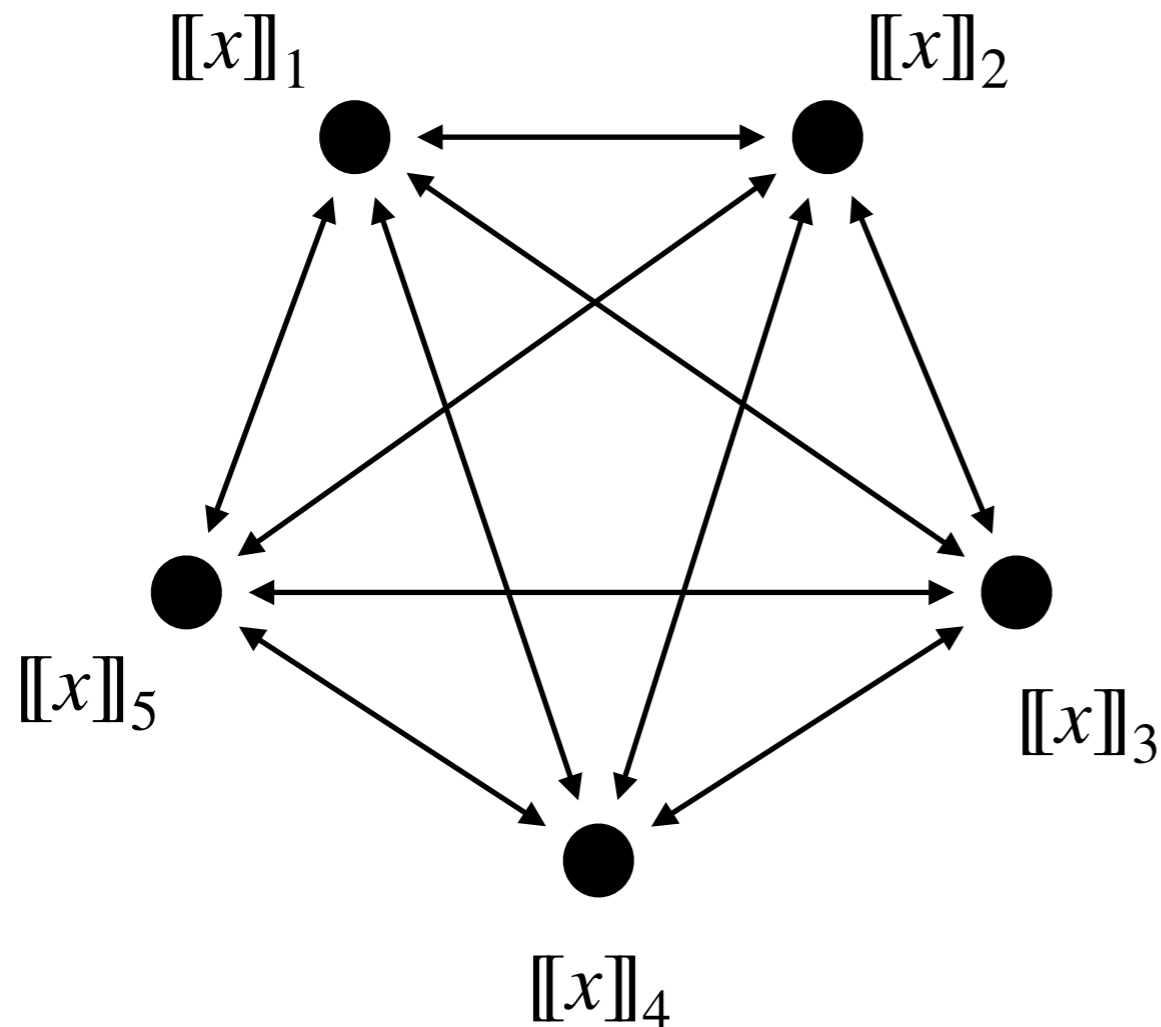
Let us build the degree- ℓ polynomial P such that

$$\begin{aligned} P(0) &= x \\ P(e_1) &\leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{F} \\ P(e_2) &\leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{F} \\ &\dots \\ P(e_\ell) &\leftarrow_{\$} \mathbb{F}. \end{aligned}$$

The shares are defined as

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}, \quad [[x]]_i = P(e_i).$$

MPC model



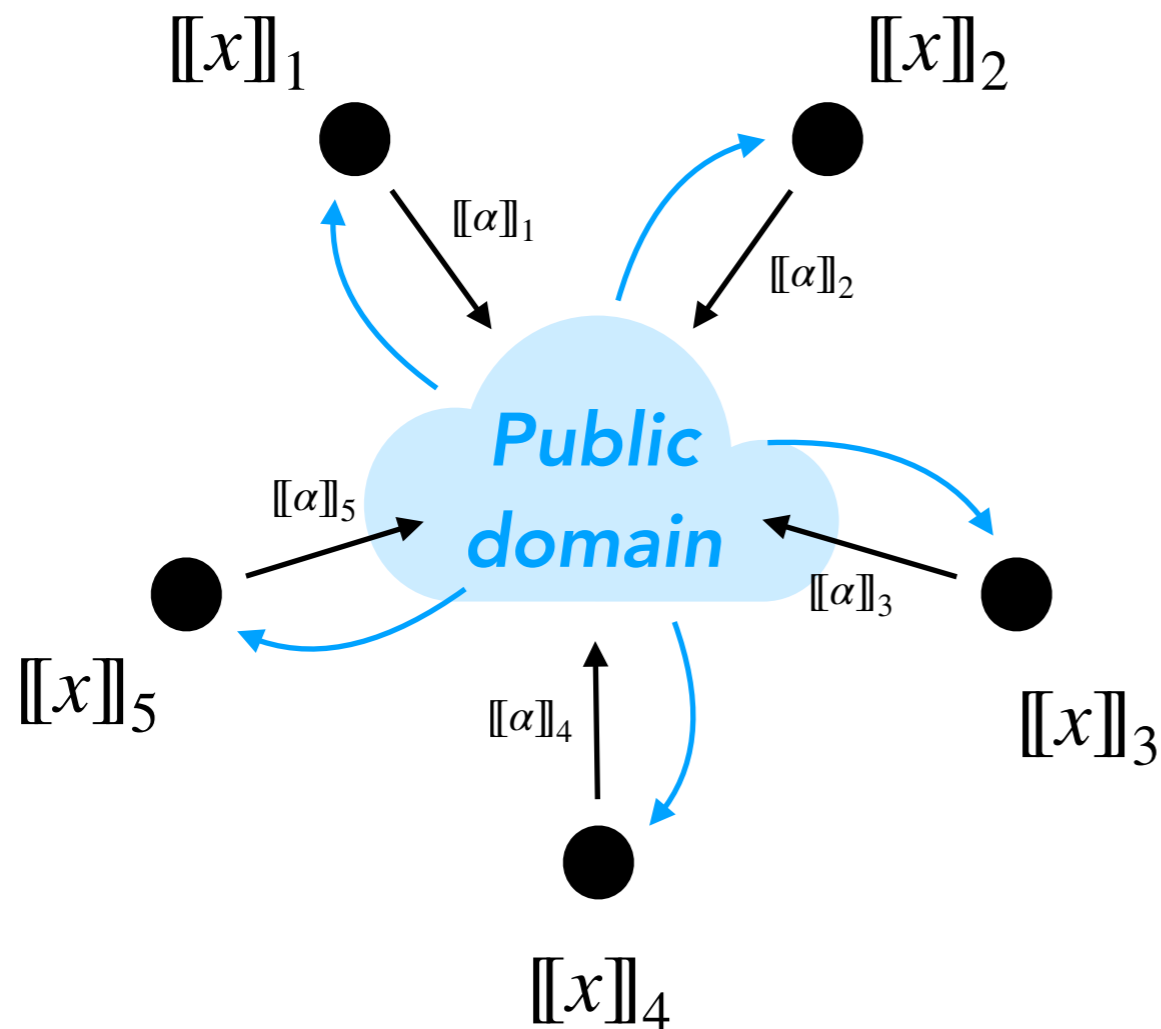
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- **Broadcast model**
 - ▶ Parties locally compute on their shares $[[x]] \mapsto [[\alpha]]$
 - ▶ Parties broadcast $[[\alpha]]$ and recompute α
 - ▶ Parties start again (now knowing α)

MPCitH transform

Prover

Verifier

MPCitH transform

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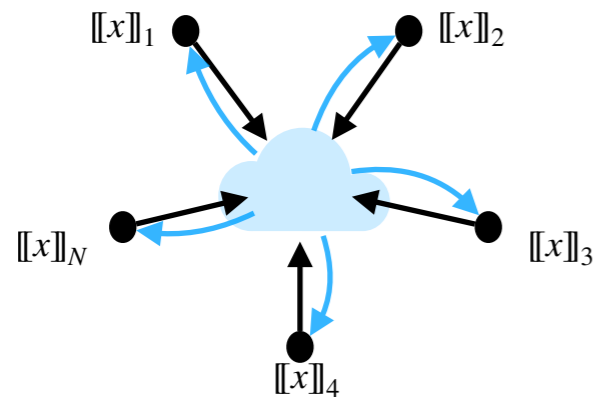
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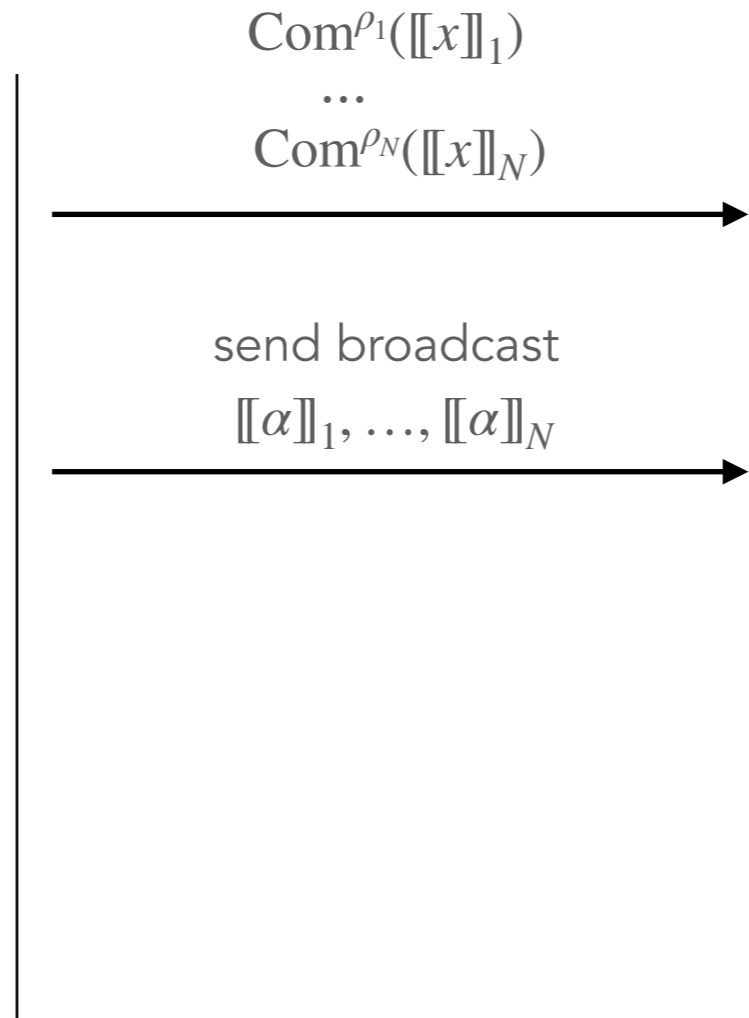
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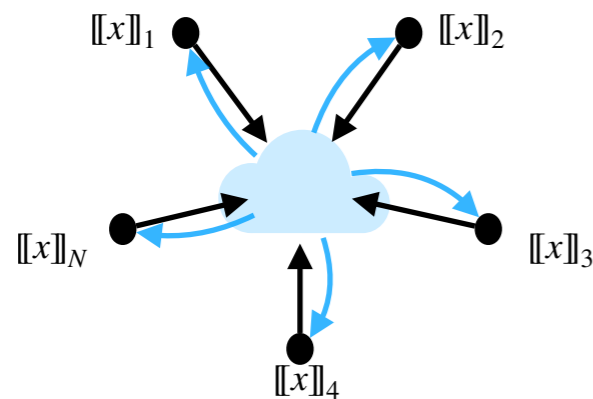


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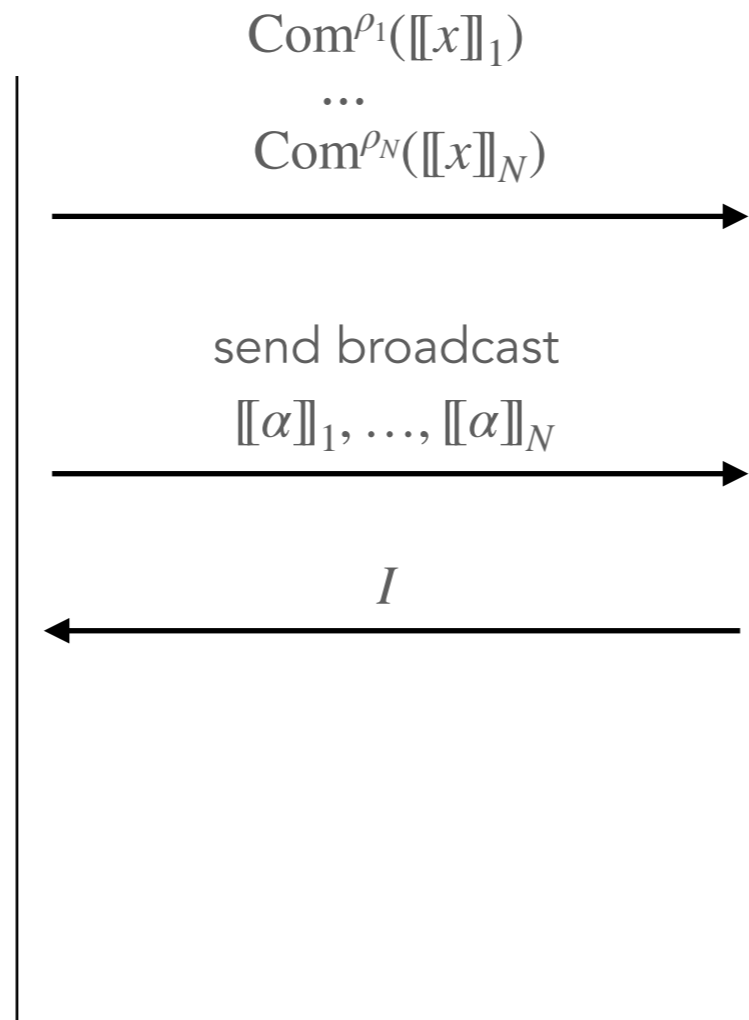
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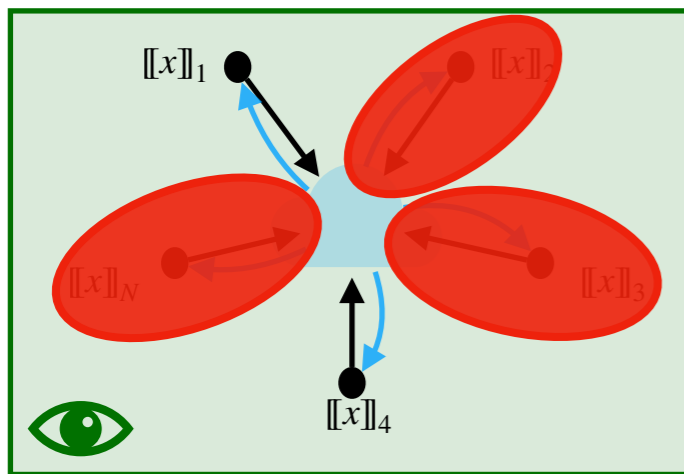
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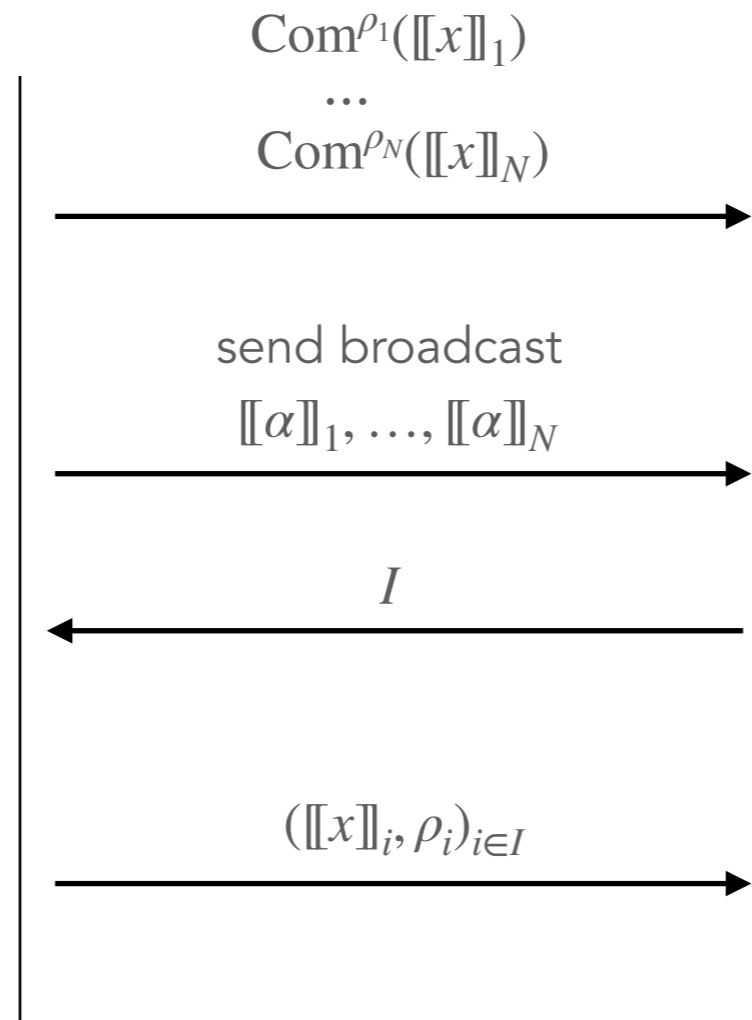
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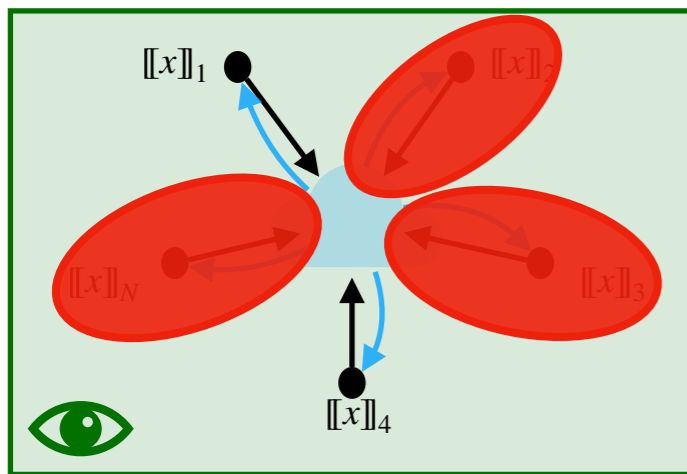
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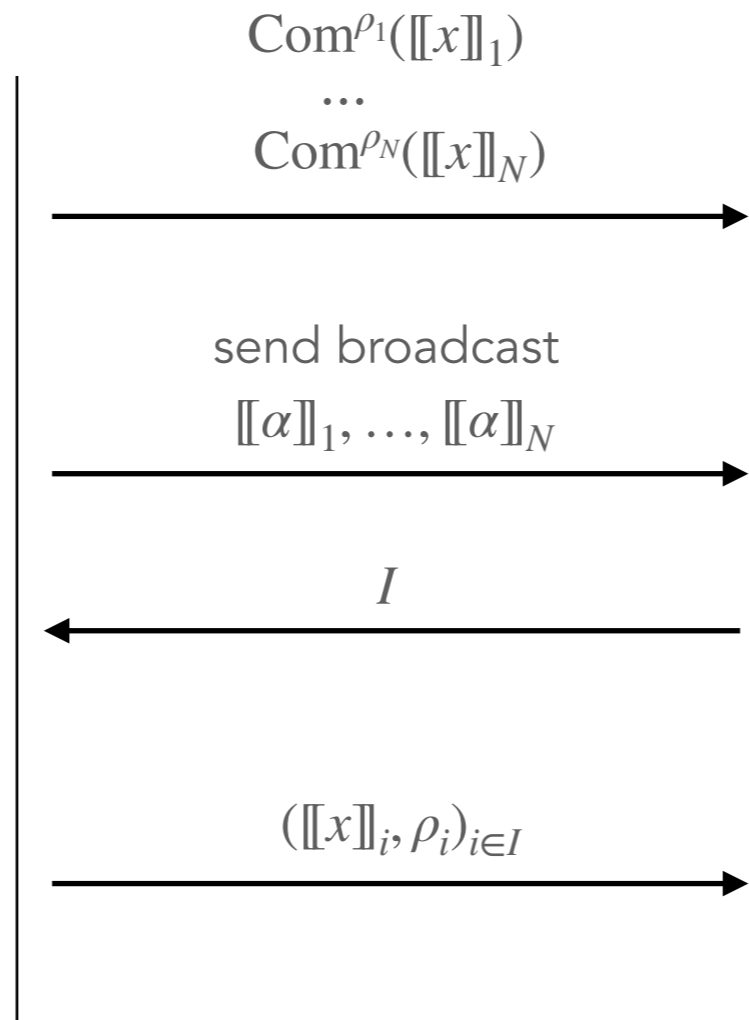
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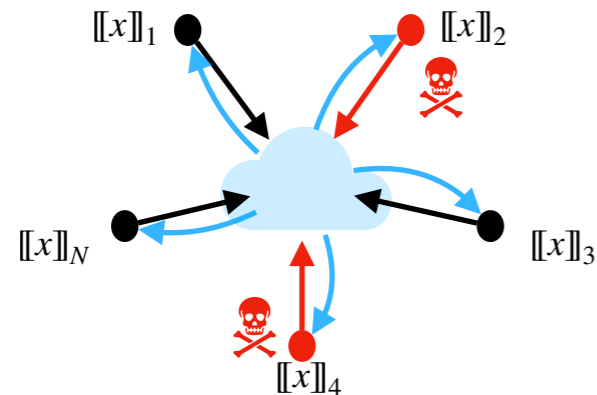
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send broadcast
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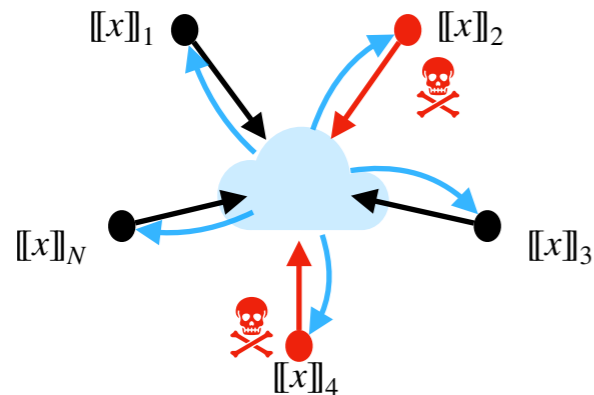
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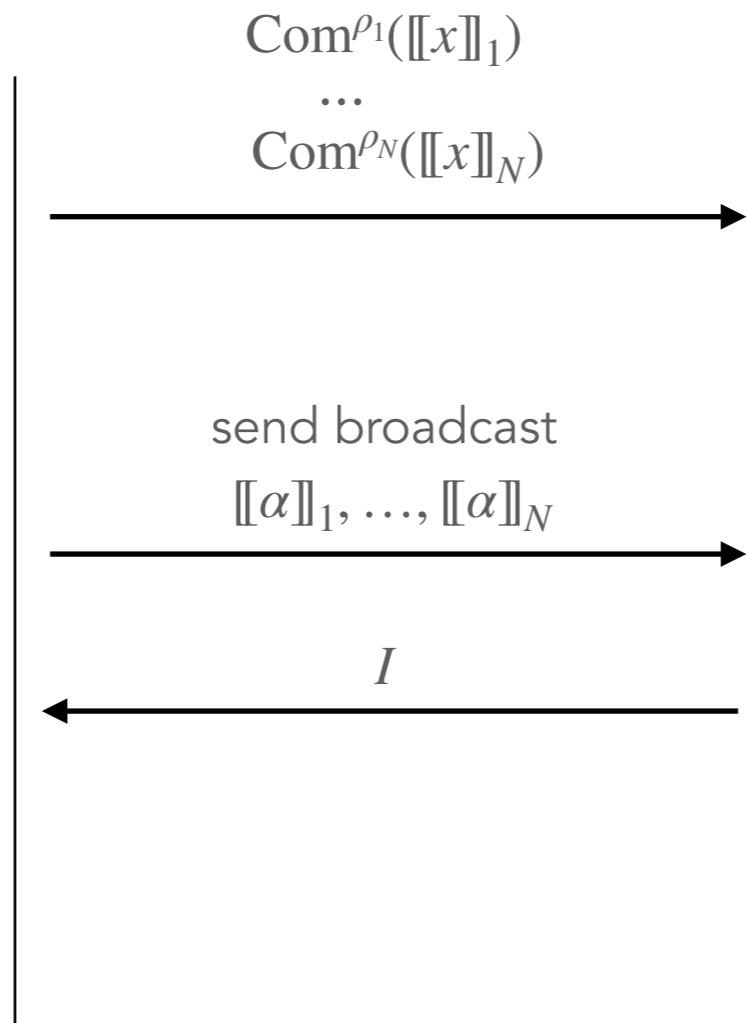
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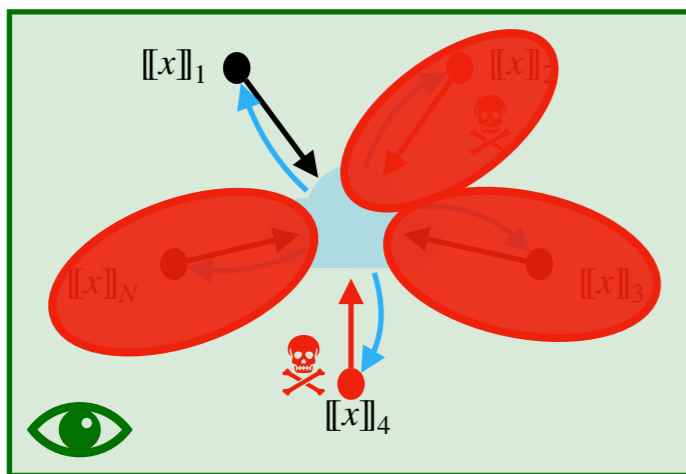
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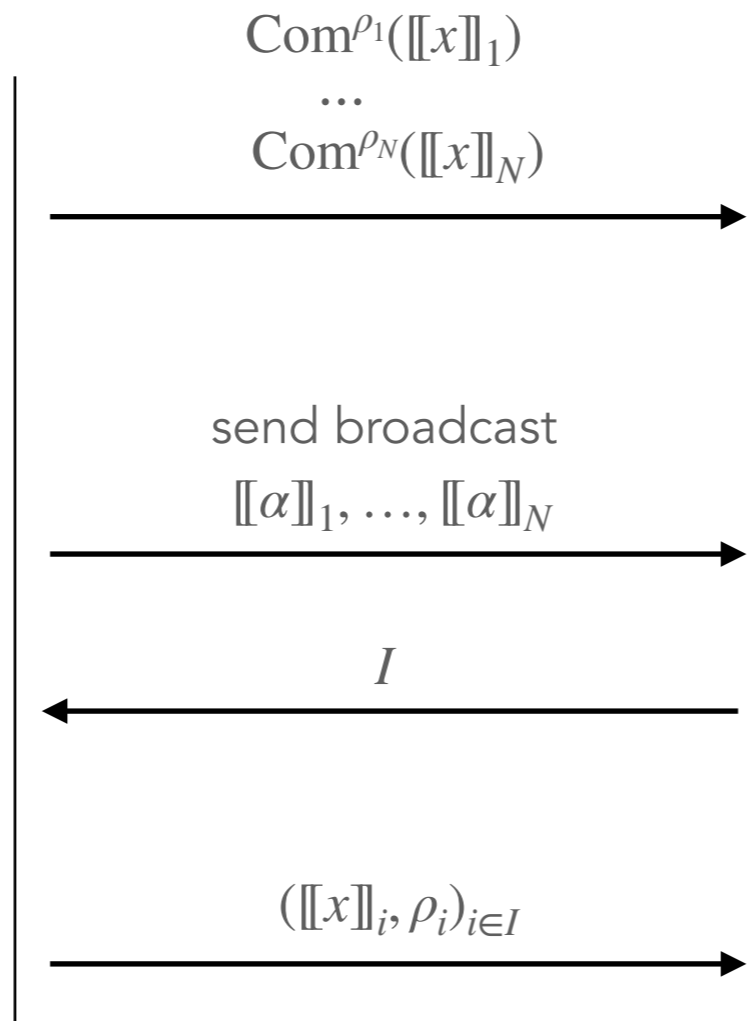
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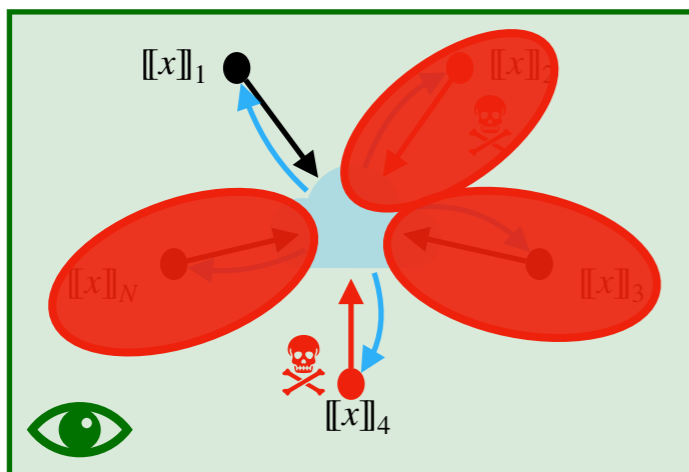
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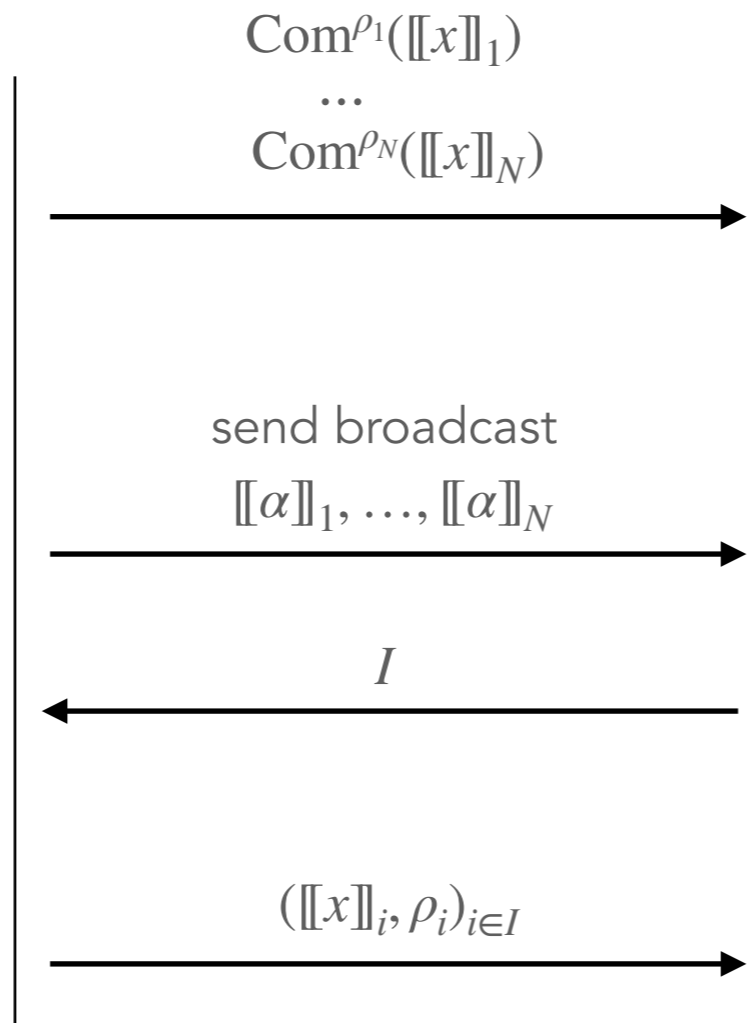
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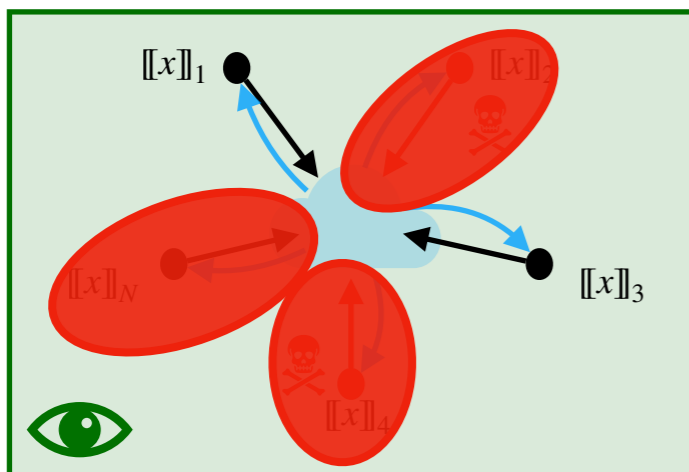
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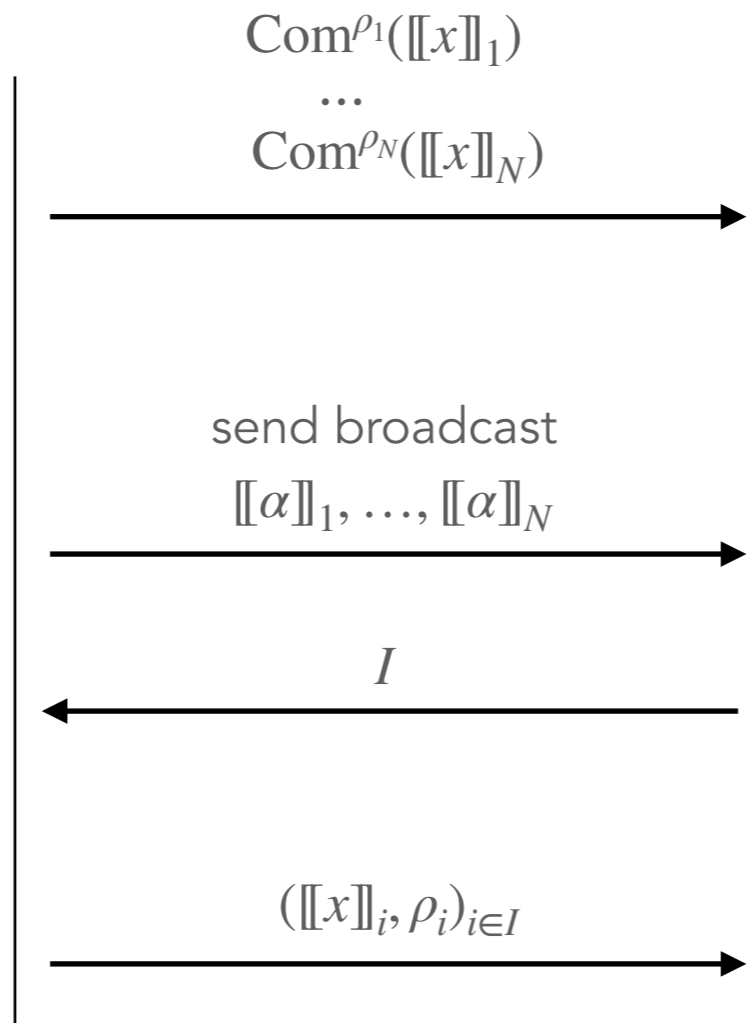
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$$= \frac{\binom{N - \#e}{\ell}}{\binom{N}{\ell}}$$

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for which the corrupted parties
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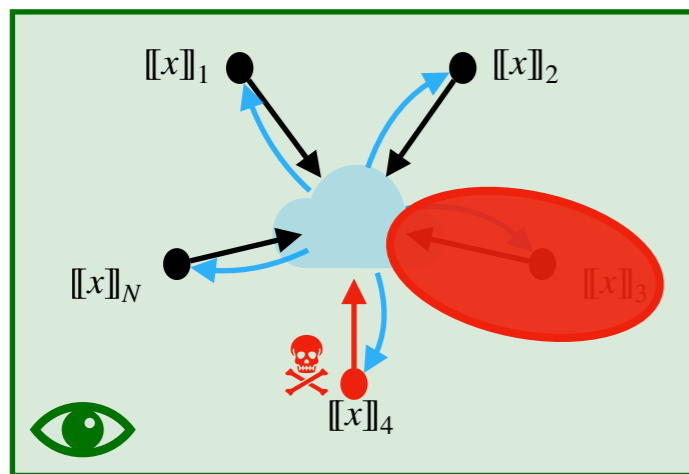
Number of possible challenges

where $\#e$ is the smallest number of corrupted parties that enables a malicious prover to corrupt the MPC output.

MPCitH transform (using additive sharings)

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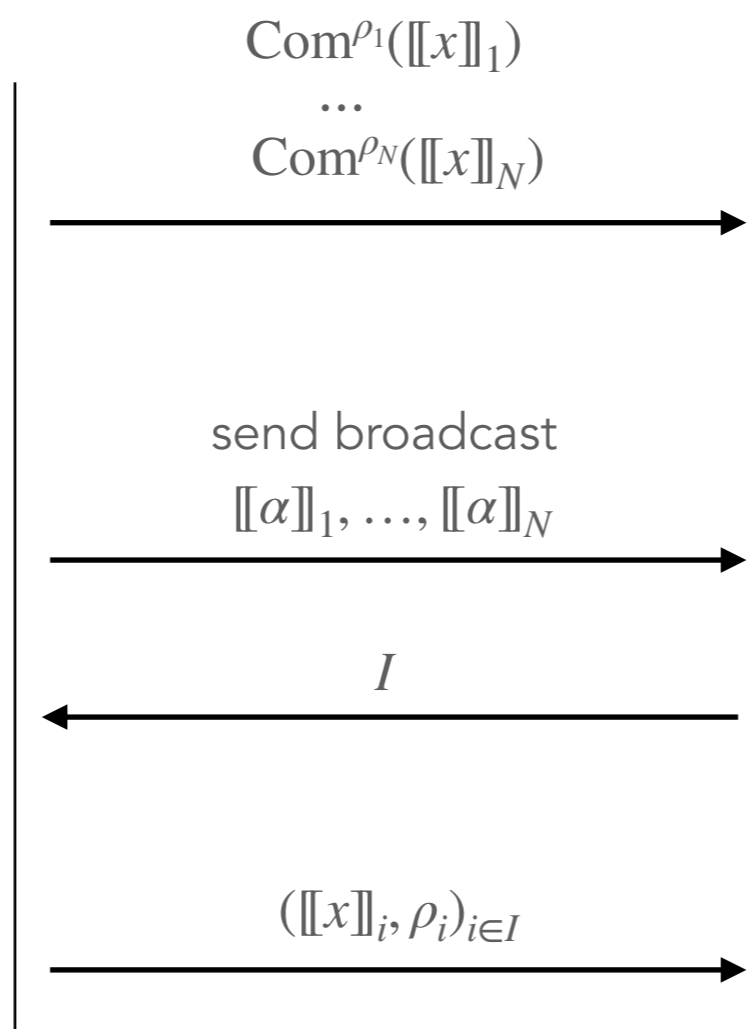
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Malicious Prover

The malicious prover needs to cheat for a least one party (i.e. $\#e := 1$)



The verifier asks to reveal the views of all the parties except one (i.e. $\ell := N - 1$)

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 - ▶ Using the hypercube technique [AGH+23] to save computation

[AGH+23] Aguilar-Melchor, Gama, Howe, Hülsing, Joseph, Yue: "The Return of the SDitH" (Eurocrypt 2023)

MPCitH-based NIST Candidates

| | Assumption | Size (in KB) |
|---------|--|--------------|
| AIMer | AIM (MPC-friendly one-way function) | 4.2 |
| Biscuit | Structured MQ problem (PowAff2) | 4.7 |
| MIRA | MinRank problem | 5.6 |
| MiRitH | MinRank problem | 5.7 |
| RYDE | Syndrome decoding problem in rank metric | 6.0 |
| MQOM | Unstructured MQ problem | 6.3 |
| SDitH | Syndrome decoding problem in Hamming | 8.2 |

- **Short public keys:** less than 200 bytes
- **Running times:** between 1 ~ 20 ms to sign / verify

MPCitH transform



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[FR23a] Feneuil, Rivain: "Threshold Linear Secret Sharing to the Rescue of MPC-in-the-Head" (Asiacrypt 2023)

[FR23b] Feneuil, Rivain: "Threshold Computation in the Head: Improved Framework for Post-Quantum Signatures and Zero-Knowledge Arguments" (Eprint 2023/1573)

Threshold-Computation-in-the-Head
(TCitH) Framework

TCitH transform

- **Zero-knowledge** \iff MPC protocol is ℓ -private
- **Soundness:** if the committed sharing is valid

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(\text{malicious prover convinces the verifier}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(\text{all corrupted parties remain hidden}) \\ &= \frac{\binom{d \cdot \ell}{\ell}}{\binom{N}{\ell}} \end{aligned}$$

d is the degree of the computation performed by the MPC protocol

- ▶ When considering linear MPC protocol and when $\ell = 1$:
the soundness error is $\frac{1}{N}$.

How to commit Shamir's secret sharing?

Let us consider $\ell = 1$.

$x = (42, 134, 235)$ over \mathbb{F}_{251}

| | $[[\cdot]]_1$ | $[[\cdot]]_2$ | ... | ... | $[[\cdot]]_N$ | | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|
| $[[x_1]]$ | 124 | 206 | 37 | 119 | 201 | 32 | 114 | 196 | 27 | 109 | 191 | $P_1(X) = 82 \cdot X + x_1$ |
| $[[x_2]]$ | 80 | 26 | 223 | 169 | 115 | 61 | 7 | 204 | 150 | 96 | 42 | $P_2(X) = 197 \cdot X + x_2$ |
| $[[x_3]]$ | 133 | 31 | 180 | 78 | 227 | 125 | 23 | 172 | 70 | 219 | 117 | $P_3(X) = 149 \cdot X + x_3$ |

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| $[[x_1]]$ | 103 | 138 | 166 | 187 | 201 | 208 | 208 | 201 | 187 | 166 | 138 | $122 \cdot X^2 + 171 \cdot X + 61$ |
| $[[x_2]]$ | 241 | 152 | 185 | 89 | 115 | 12 | 31 | 172 | 184 | 67 | 72 | $61 \cdot X^2 + 230 \cdot X + 201$ |
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TCitH-GGM: Using a GGM tree

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TCitH-MT: Using a Merkle tree

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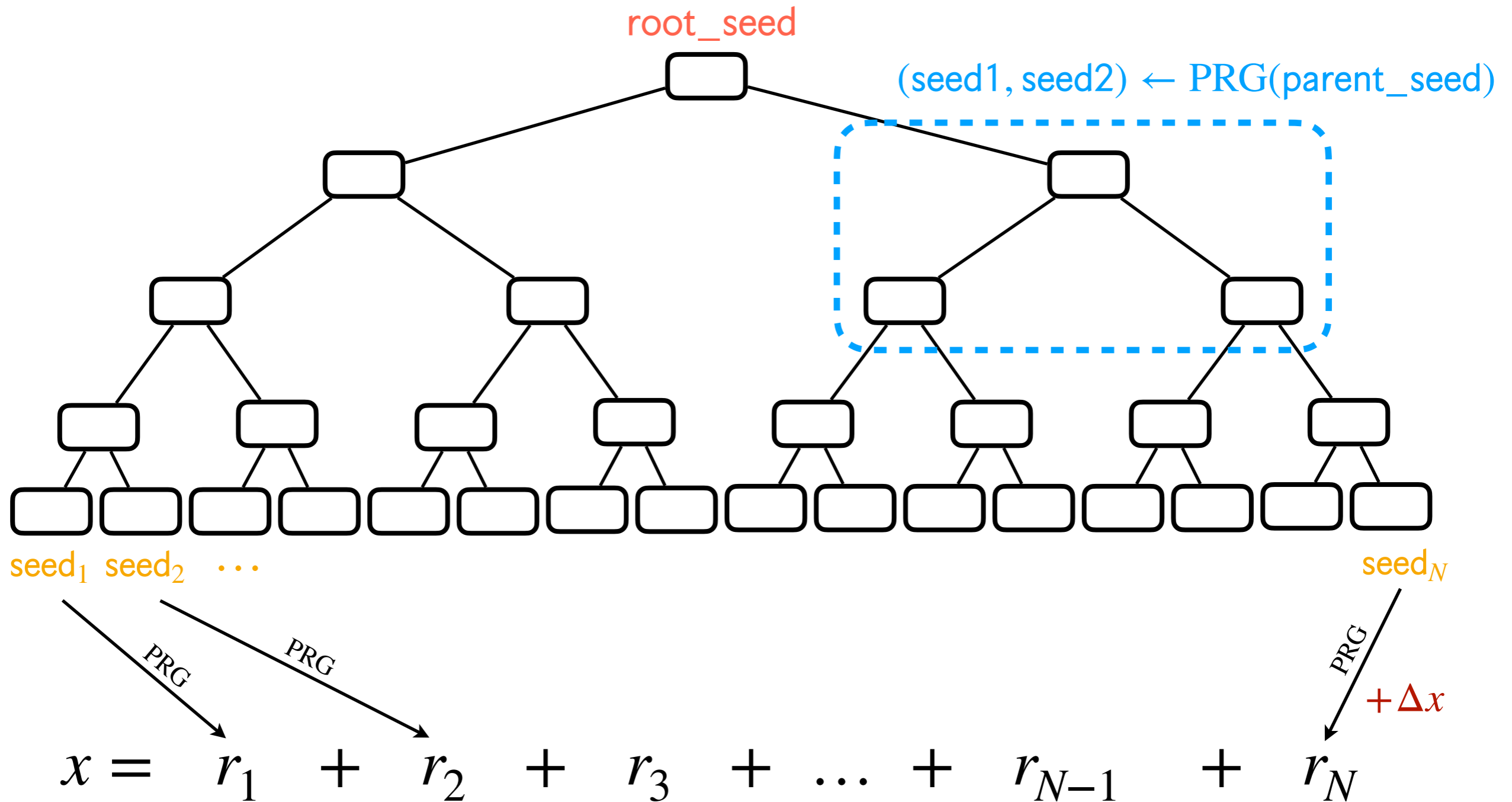
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Diagram illustrating the generation of a commitment x using a seed tree. The commitment is the sum of random values $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots, r_{N-1}, r_N$. Each r_i is generated by applying a Pseudorandom Generator (PRG) to a seed seed_i . The final seed seed_N is associated with a red $+\Delta x$.

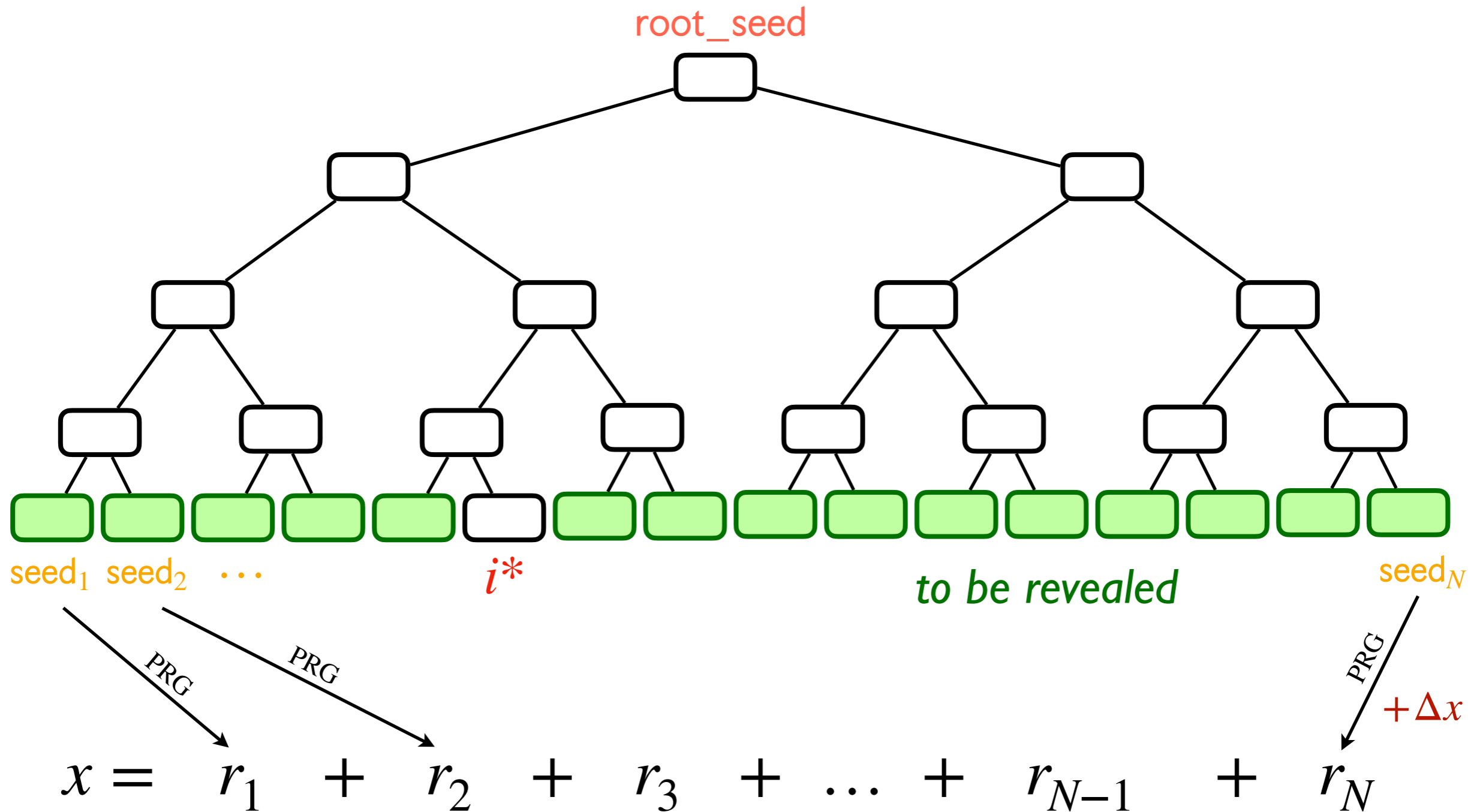
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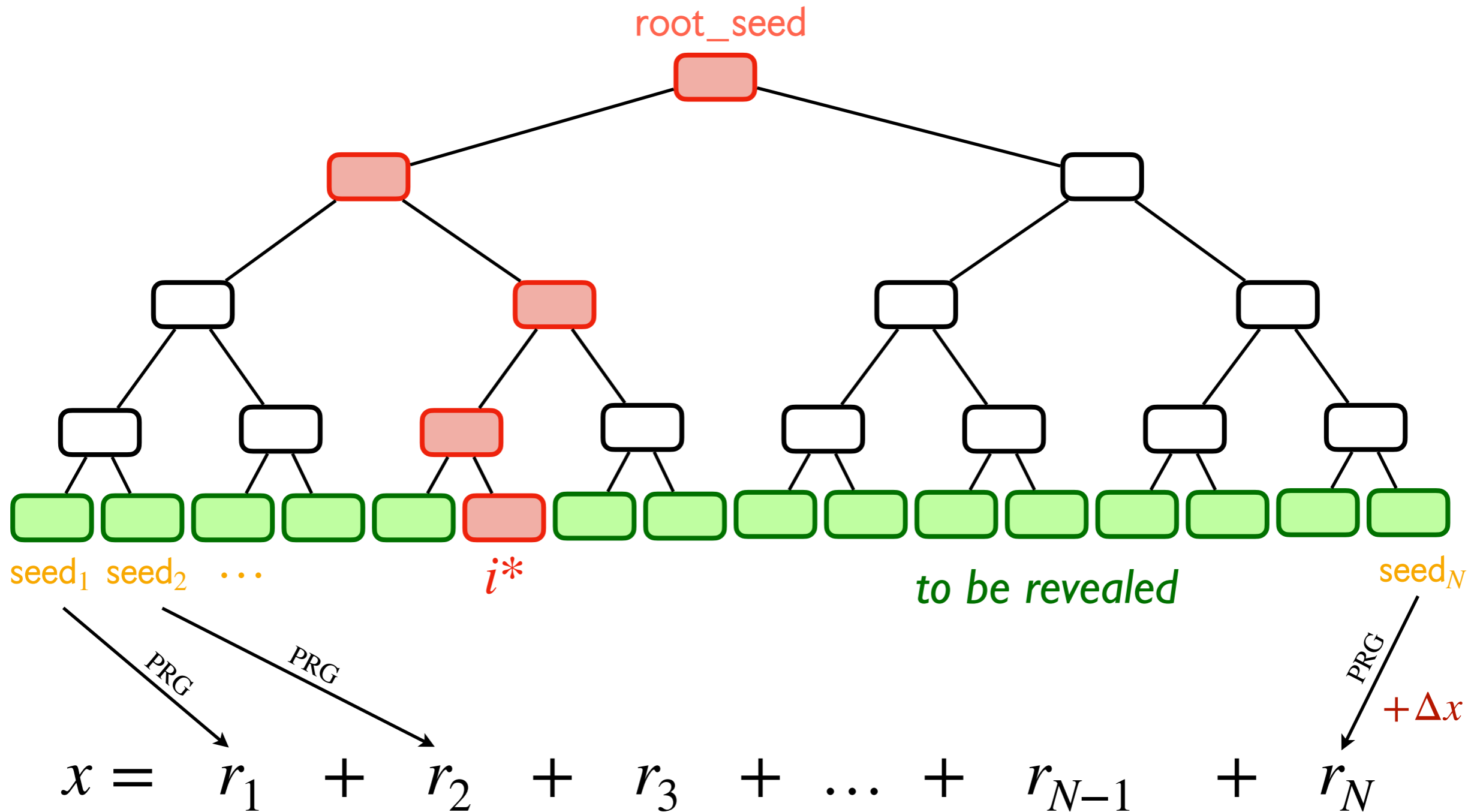
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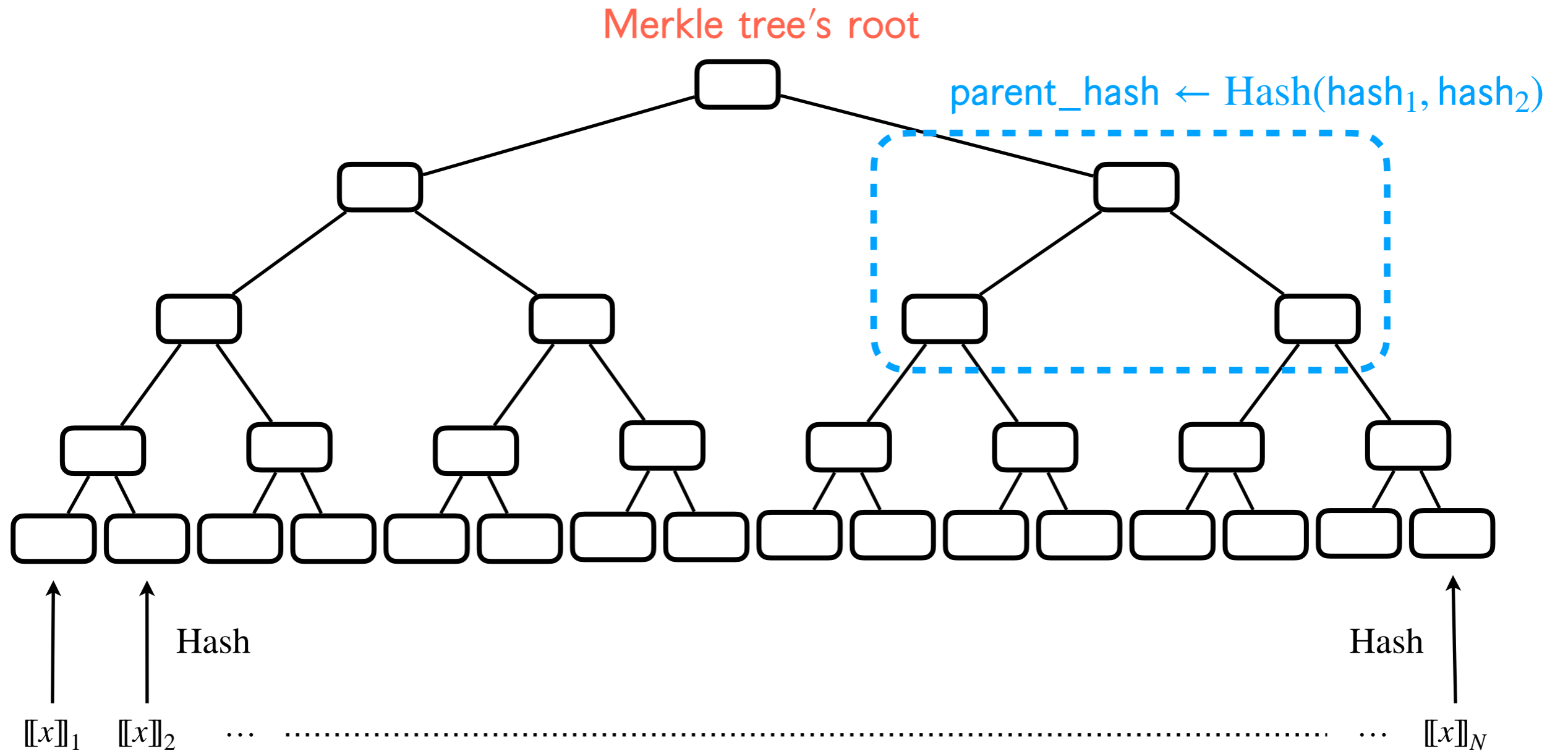
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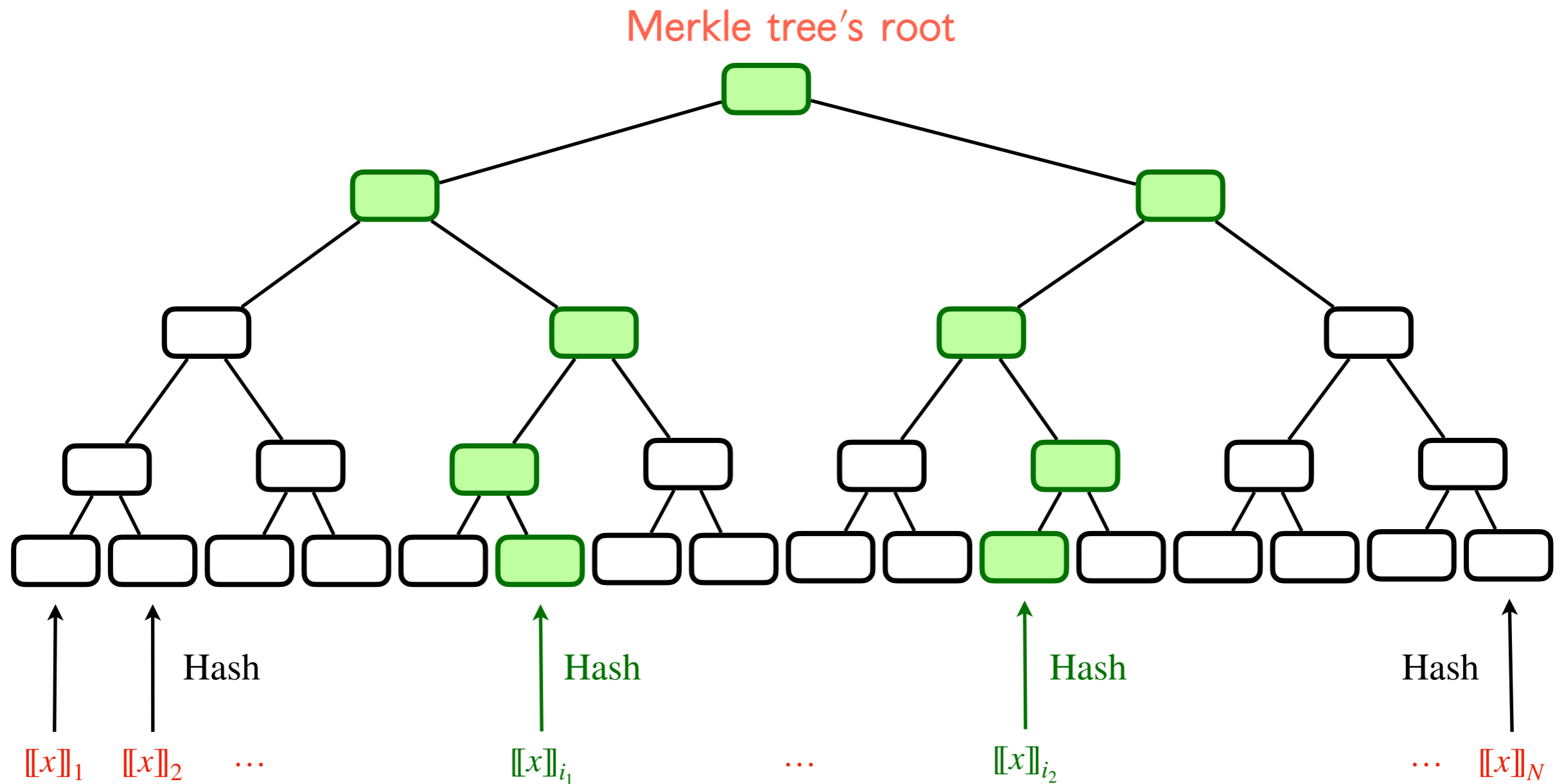


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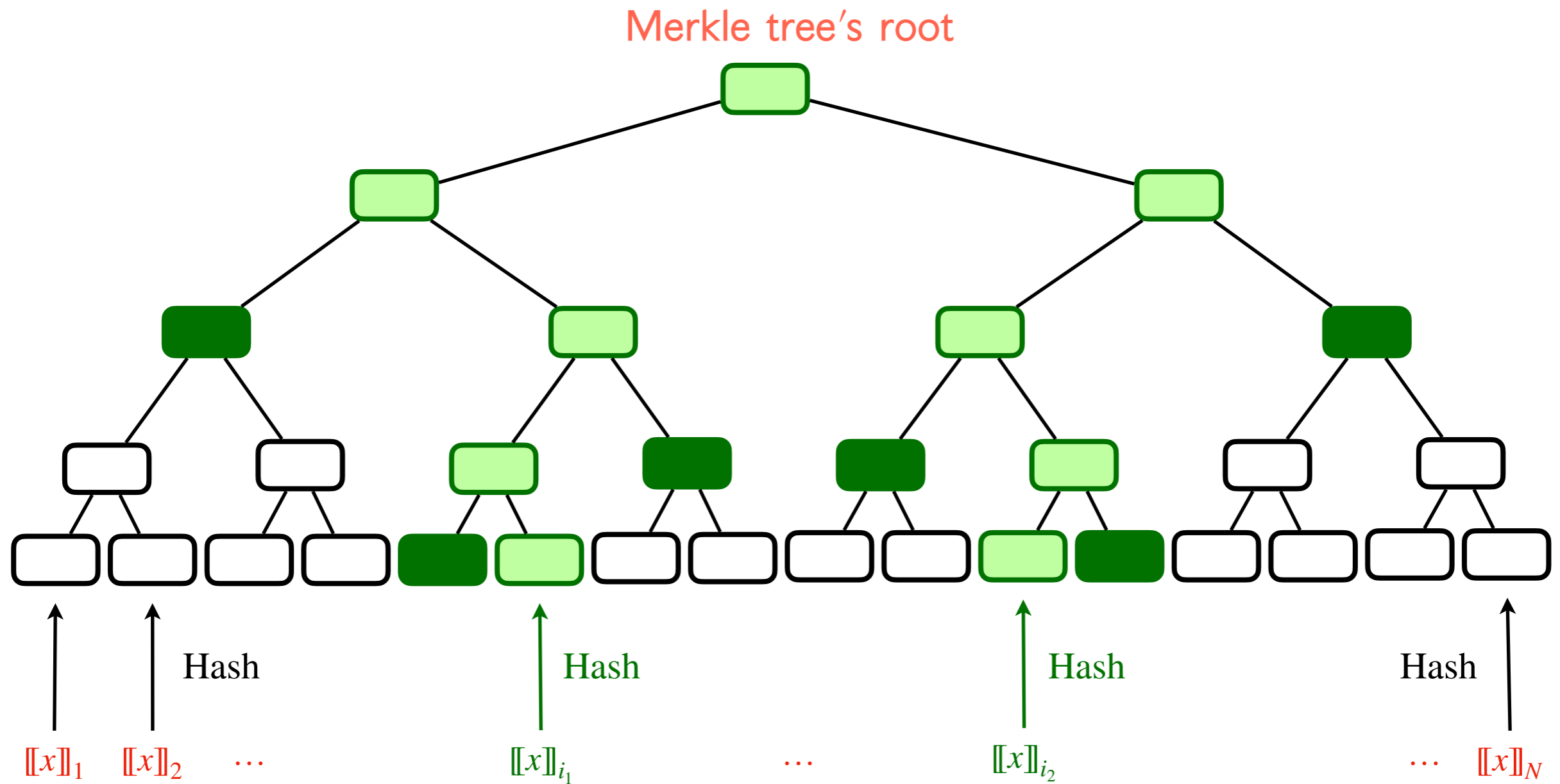
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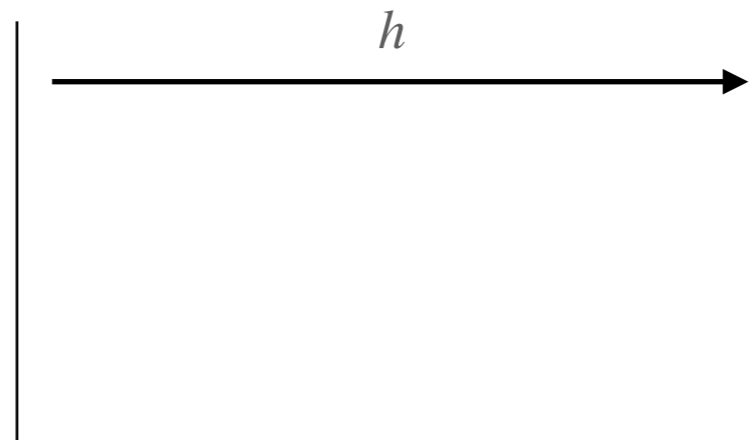
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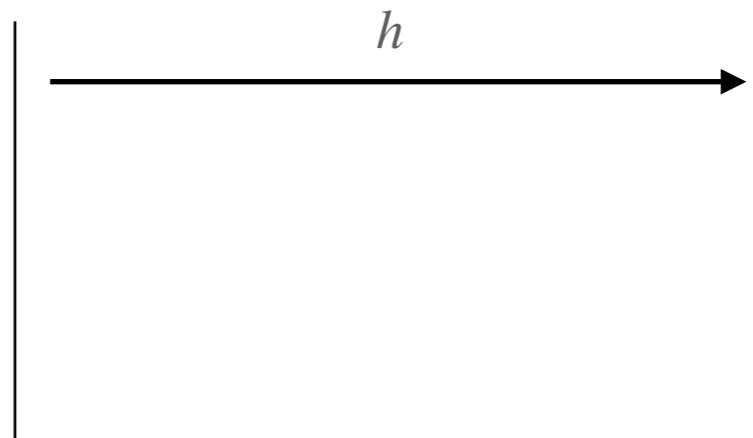
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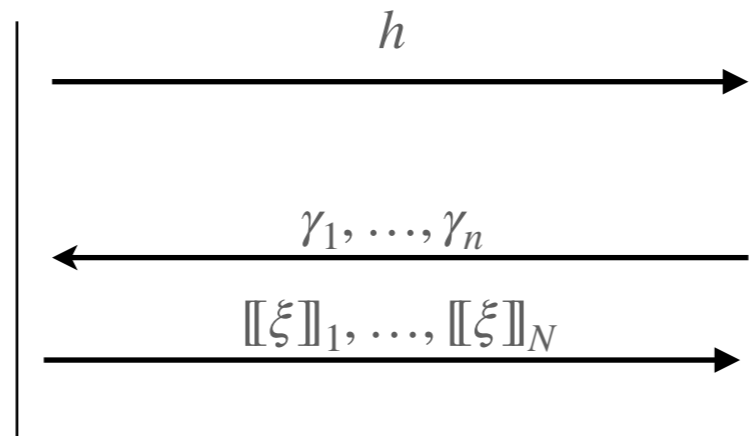
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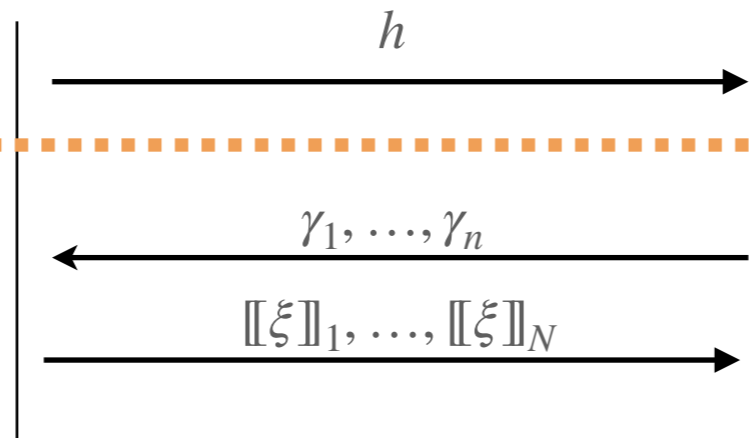
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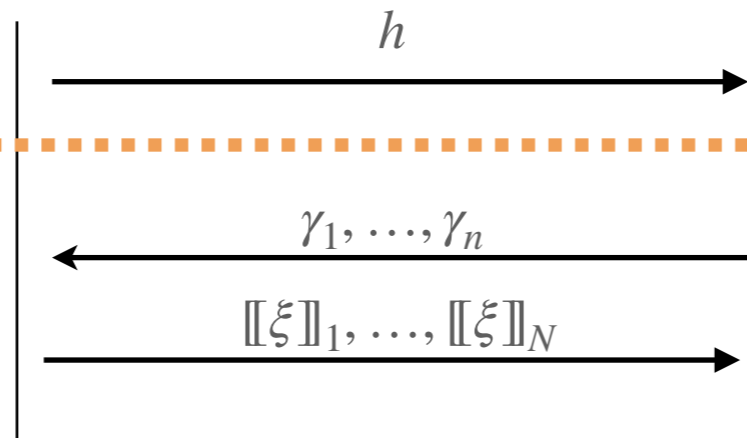
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$$\llbracket \xi \rrbracket_i \neq \sum_j \gamma_j \cdot \llbracket x_j \rrbracket_i$$

Impossible to open!

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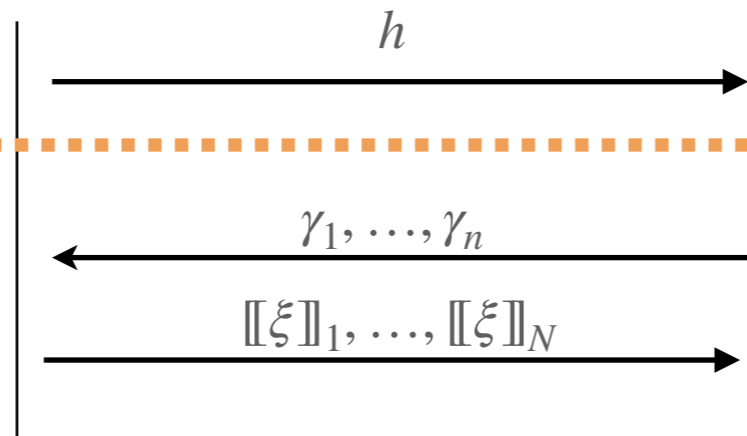
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We can prove that

$$\text{Prob} \left[\{ \llbracket x \rrbracket_i \}_{i \in E} \text{ does not form a valid sharing} \right] \leq \frac{\binom{N}{\ell+1}^2}{|\mathbb{F}|^\eta}$$

where $E = \{i : \llbracket \xi \rrbracket_i = \sum_j \gamma_j \cdot \llbracket x_j \rrbracket_i \text{ for all repetitions}\}$.

Applications of the TCitH Framework

MPCitH-based NIST Candidates

Can rely on the TCitH Framework using the same MPC protocol:

- Number of opened parties: $\ell = 1$
- Linear MPC protocol: $d_\alpha = d_w = \ell$
- Rely on seed trees



Same soundness error
Same communication cost

MPCitH-based NIST Candidates

| | Size (in KB) | Additive MPCitH | | TCitH (GGM tree) | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|--------|
| | | Traditional | Hypercube | Threshold | Saving |
| AlMer | 4.2 | 4.53 | 3.22 | 3.22 | -0 % |
| Biscuit | 4.8 | 17.71 | 4.65 | 4.24 | -16 % |
| MIRA | 5.6 | 384.26 | 20.11 | 9.89 | -51 % |
| MiRitH-Ia | 5.7 | 54.15 | 6.60 | 5.42 | -18 % |
| MiRitH-Ib | 6.3 | 89.50 | 8.66 | 6.66 | -23 % |
| MQOM-31 | 6.3 | 96.41 | 11.27 | 8.74 | -21 % |
| MQOM-251 | 6.6 | 44.11 | 7.56 | 5.97 | -21 % |
| RYDE | 6.0 | 12.41 | 4.65 | 4.65 | -0 % |
| SDitH-256 | 8.2 | 78.37 | 7.23 | 5.31 | -27 % |
| SDitH-251 | 8.2 | 19.15 | 7.53 | 6.44 | -14 % |

Party Emulations (per repetition): N $1 + \log_2 N$ $1 + \left\lceil \frac{\log_2 N}{\log_2 |\mathbb{F}|} \right\rceil$

Shorter MPCitH-based Signatures

Rely on the TCitH Framework using share-wise multiplication:

- Number of opened parties: $\ell = 1$
- Quadratic (or higher degree) MPC protocol: $d_\alpha > d_w = \ell$
- Rely on seed trees

To compute $[[a \cdot b]]$ from $[[a]]$ and $[[b]]$:

$$\forall i, [[a \cdot b]]_i \leftarrow [[a]]_i \cdot [[b]]_i$$

(no need for communication between parties)

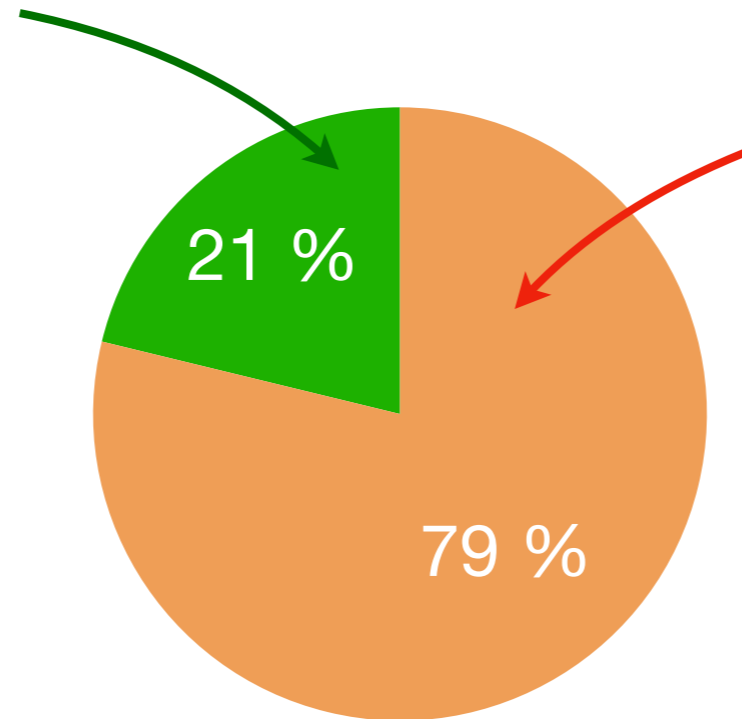
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| | <i>Original Size</i> | <i>Our Variant</i> | <i>Saving</i> |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Biscuit | 4 758 B | 4 048 B | -15 % |
| MIRA | 5 640 B | 5 340 B | -5 % |
| MiRitH-Ia | 5 665 B | 4 694 B | -17 % |
| MiRitH-Ib | 6 298 B | 5 245 B | -17 % |
| MQOM-31 | 6 328 B | 4 027 B | -37 % |
| MQOM-251 | 6 575 B | 4 257 B | -35 % |
| RYDE | 5 956 B | 5 281 B | -11 % |
| SDitH | 8 241 B | 7 335 B | -27 % |

| | <i>Former Size</i> | <i>TCitH-GGM</i> | <i>Saving</i> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|
| MQ over GF(4) | 8 609 B | 3 858 B | -55 % |
| SD over GF(2) | 11 160 B | 7 354 B | -34 % |
| 6-split SD over GF(2) | 12 066 B | 6 974 B | -42 % |

Shorter MPCitH-based Signatures

Due to the MPC protocol
(818 bytes)



Due to the sharing
commitment (with GGM trees)
(3040 bytes)

Lower bound: ≥ 2048 bytes

Size of the signature
relying on MQ over \mathbb{F}_4 , with 256 parties.

Efficient Ring Signatures...

... from any one-way function



| #users | | 2^3 | 2^6 | 2^8 | 2^{10} | 2^{12} | 2^{20} | Assumption | Security |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Our scheme | 2023 | 4.41 | 4.60 | 4.90 | 5.48 | 5.82 | 8.19 | MQ over \mathbb{F}_{251} | NIST I |
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| Our scheme | 2023 | 7.87 | 7.90 | 7.94 | 8.02 | 8.18 | 9.39 | AES128 | NIST I |
| Our scheme | 2023 | 6.81 | 6.84 | 6.88 | 6.96 | 7.12 | 8.27 | AES128-EM | NIST I |
| KKW [KKW18] | 2018 | - | 250 | - | - | 456 | - | LowMC | NIST V |
| GGHK [GGHAK22] | 2021 | - | - | - | 56 | - | - | LowMC | NIST V |
| Raptor [LAZ19] | 2019 | 10 | 81 | 333 | 1290 | 5161 | - | MSIS / MLWE | 100 bit |
| EZSLL [EZS ⁺ 19] | 2019 | 19 | 31 | - | - | 148 | - | MSIS / MLWE | NIST II |
| Falaf [BKP20] | 2020 | 30 | 32 | - | - | 35 | - | MSIS / MLWE | NIST I |
| Calamari [BKP20] | 2020 | 5 | 8 | - | - | 14 | - | CSIDH | 128 bit |
| LESS [BBN ⁺ 22] | 2022 | 11 | 14 | - | - | 20 | - | Code Equiv. | 128 bit |
| MRr-DSS [BESV22] | 2022 | 27 | 36 | 64 | 145 | 422 | - | MinRank | NIST I |

Other applications

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Can rely on packed secret sharings.
- Exact zero-knowledge arguments for lattices
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- ...

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