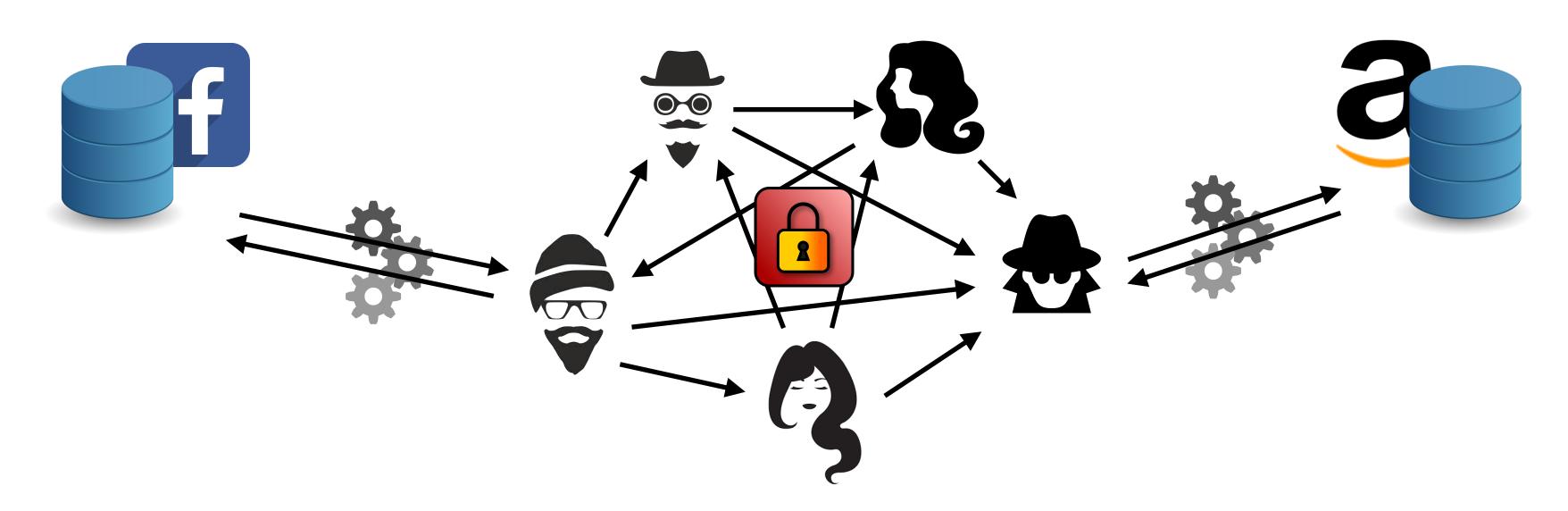
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In this course, we will introduce secure computation, an active research area in cryptography that aims at protecting private data even when they are used in computations.

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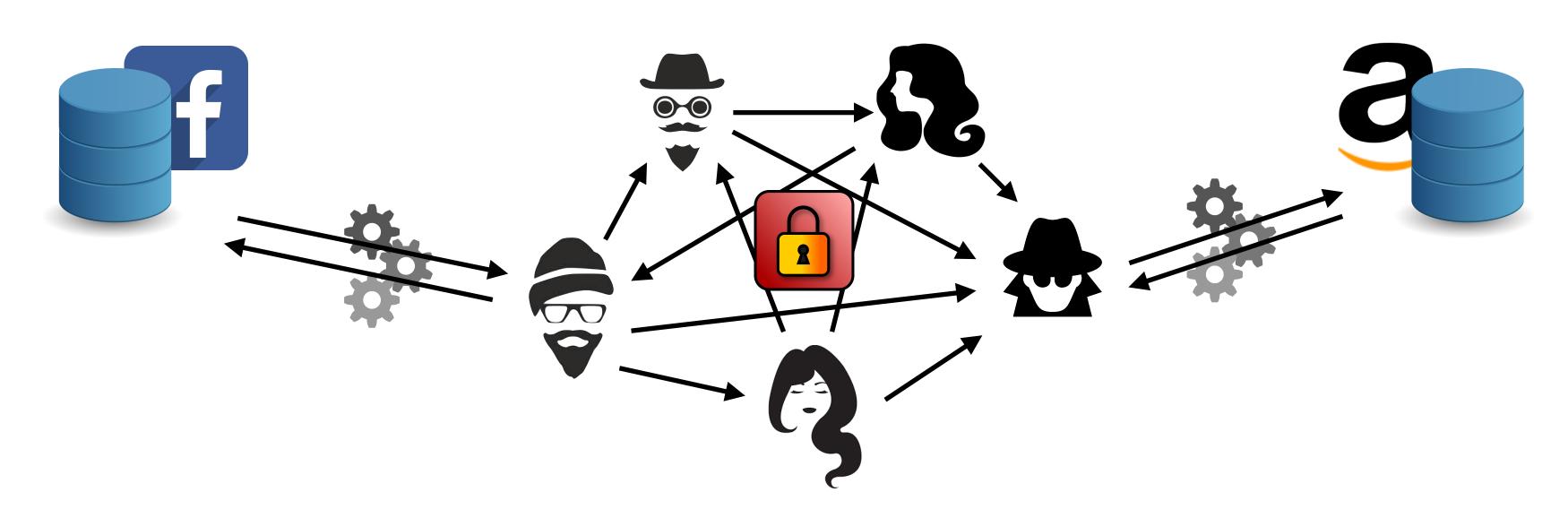
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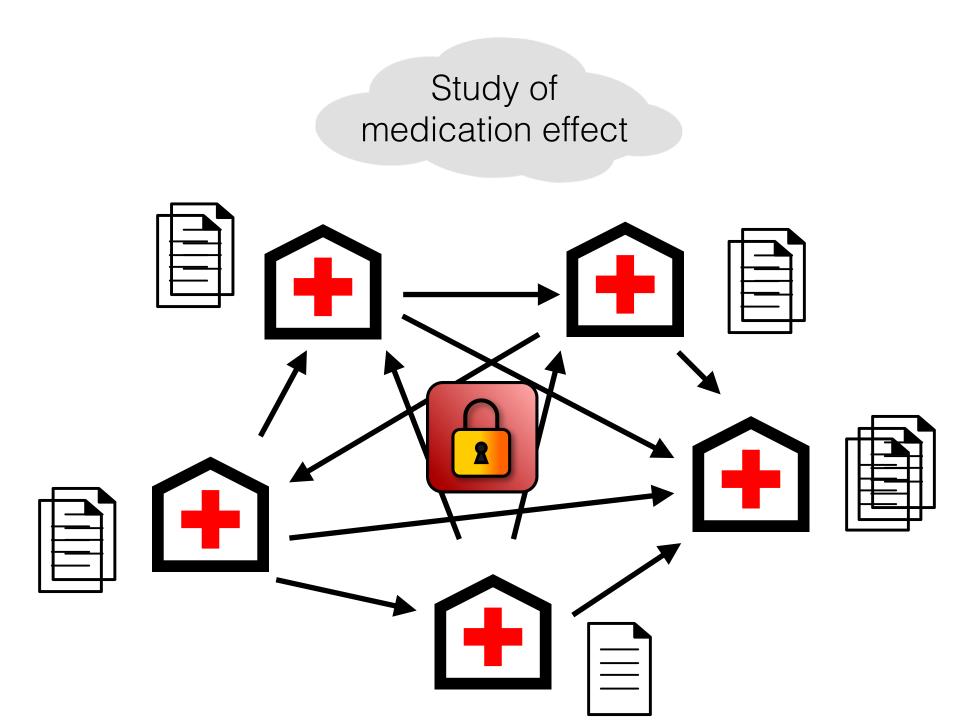
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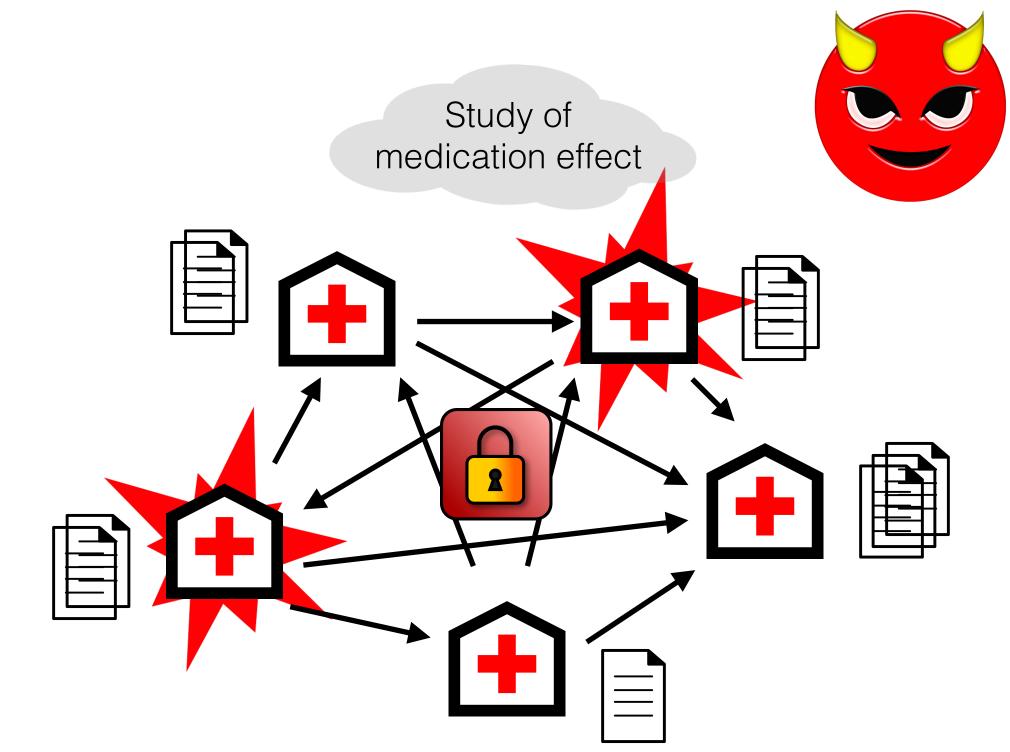
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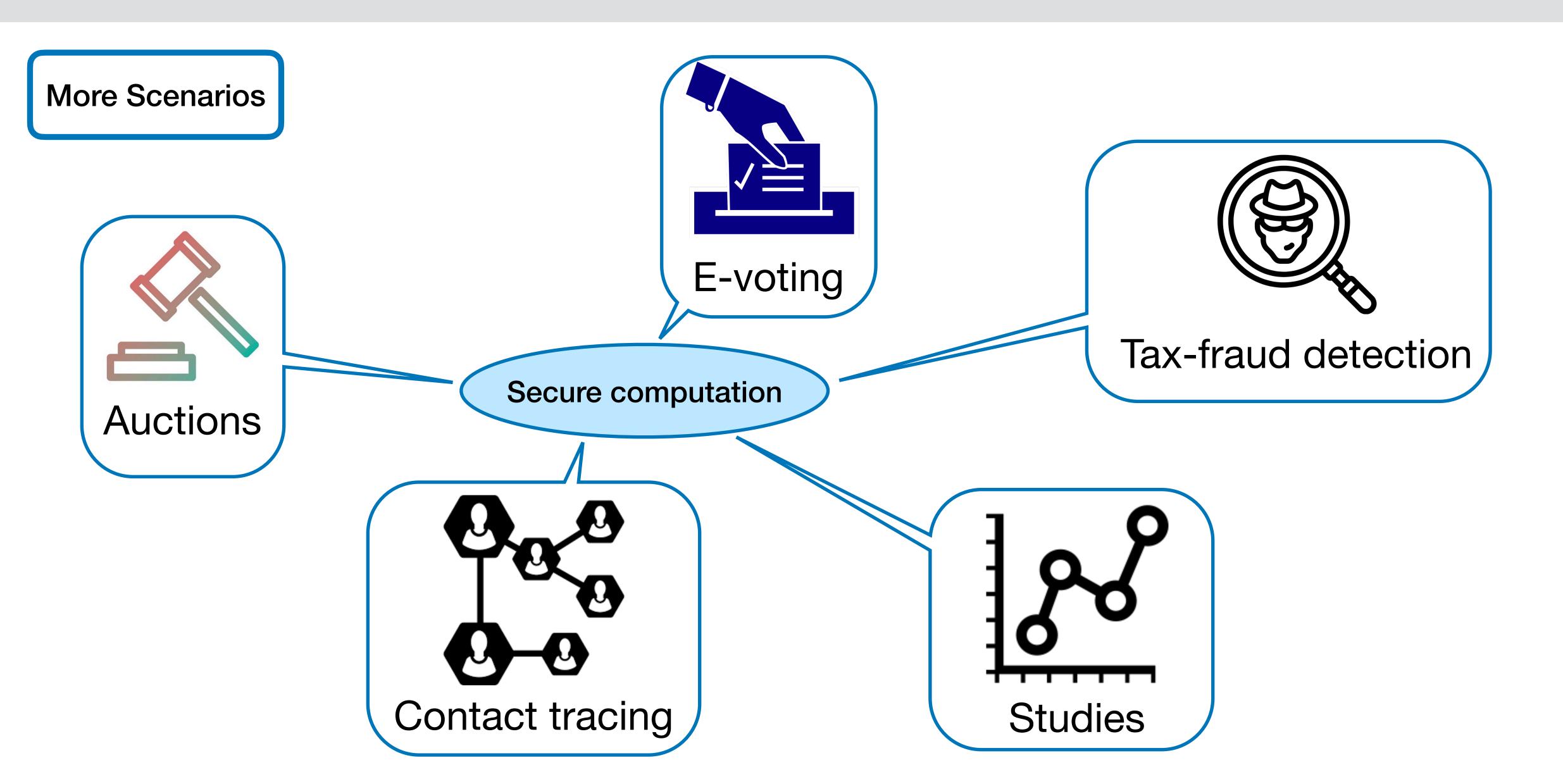
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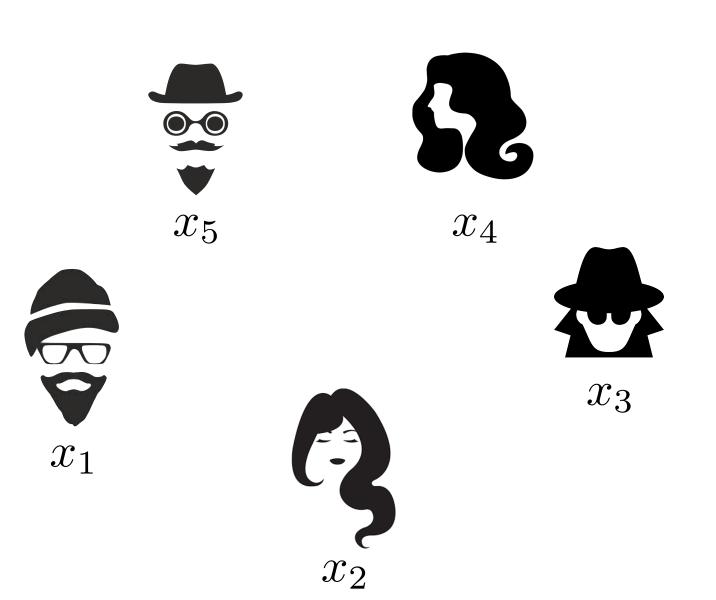
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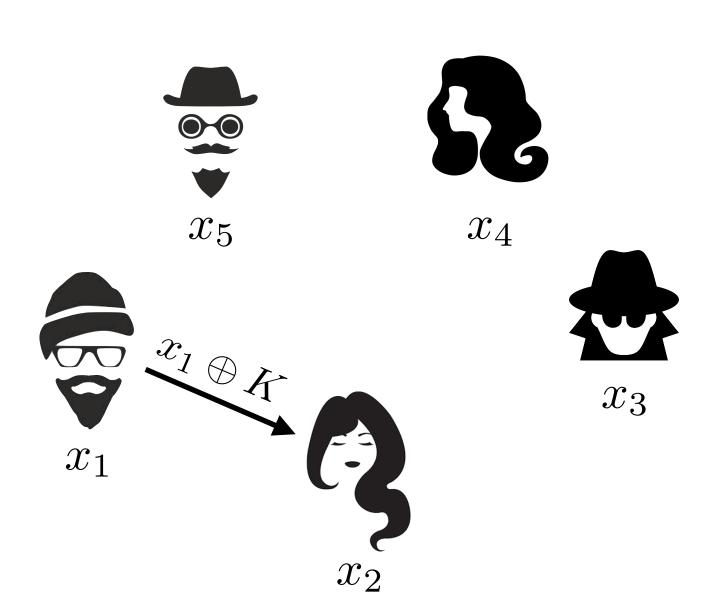
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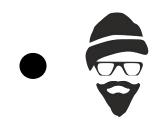
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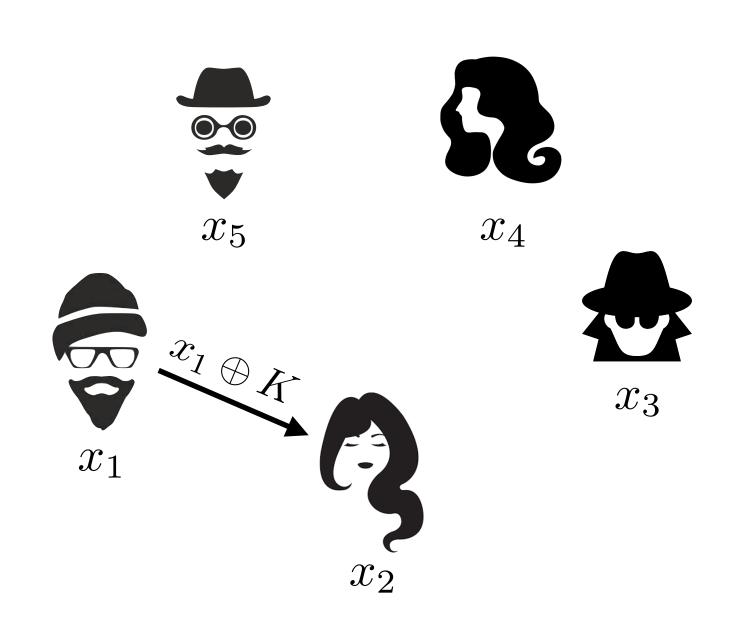
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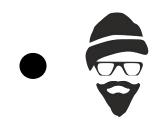
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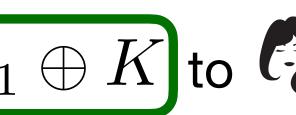
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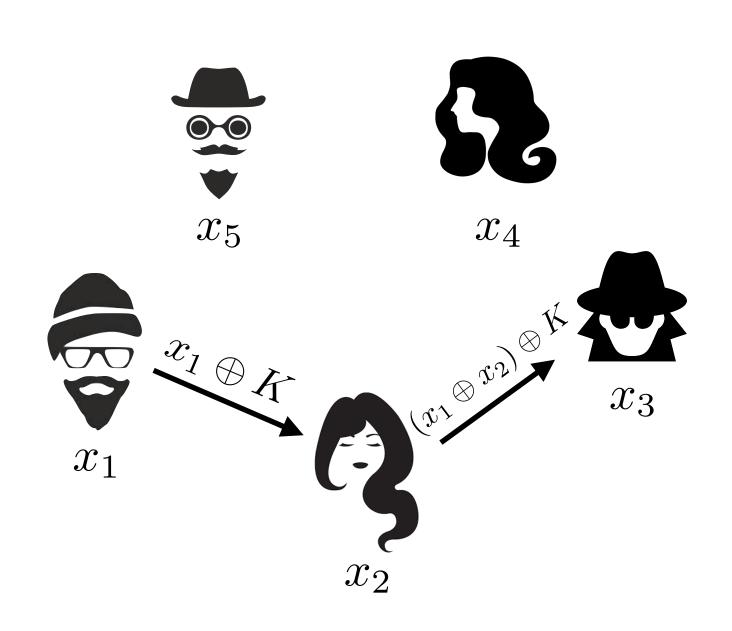
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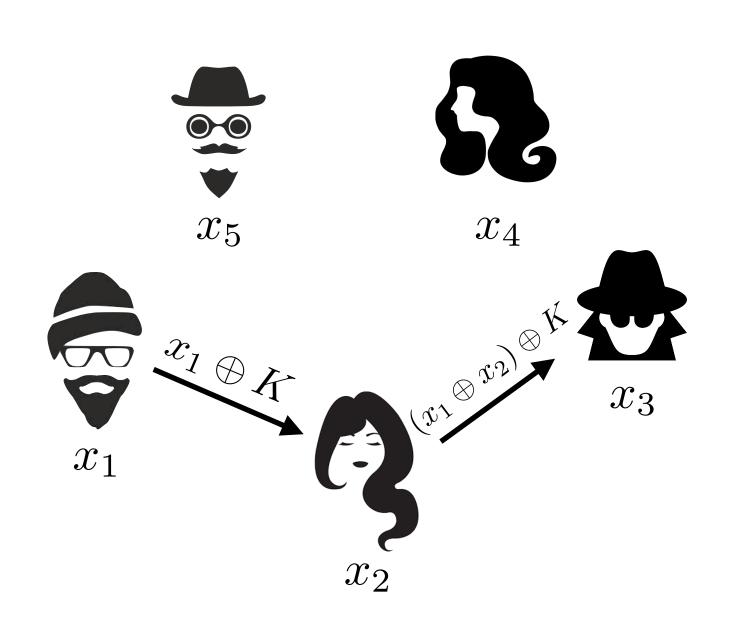
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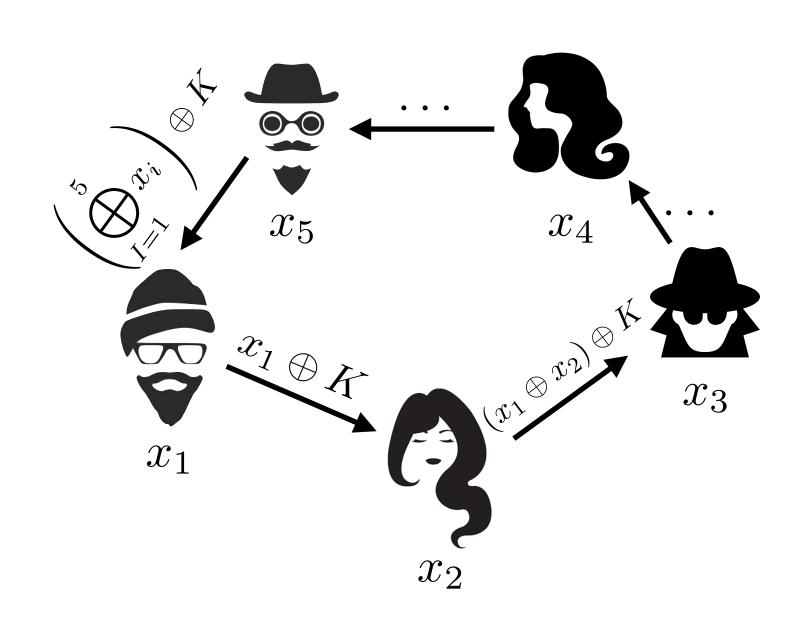
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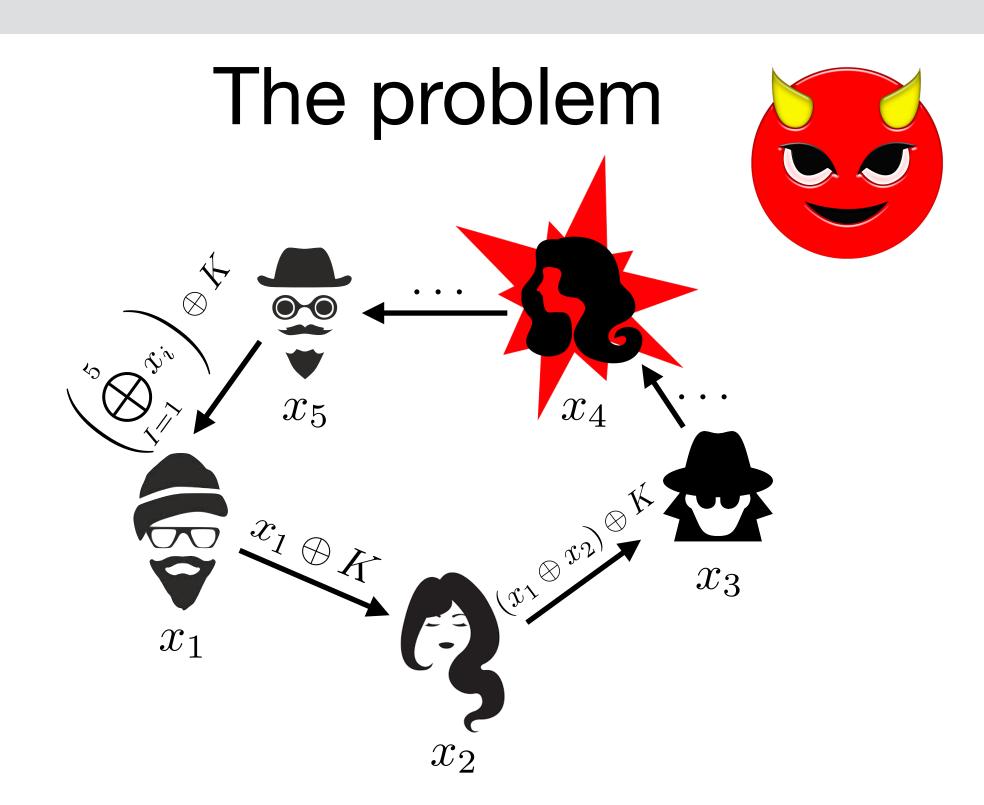


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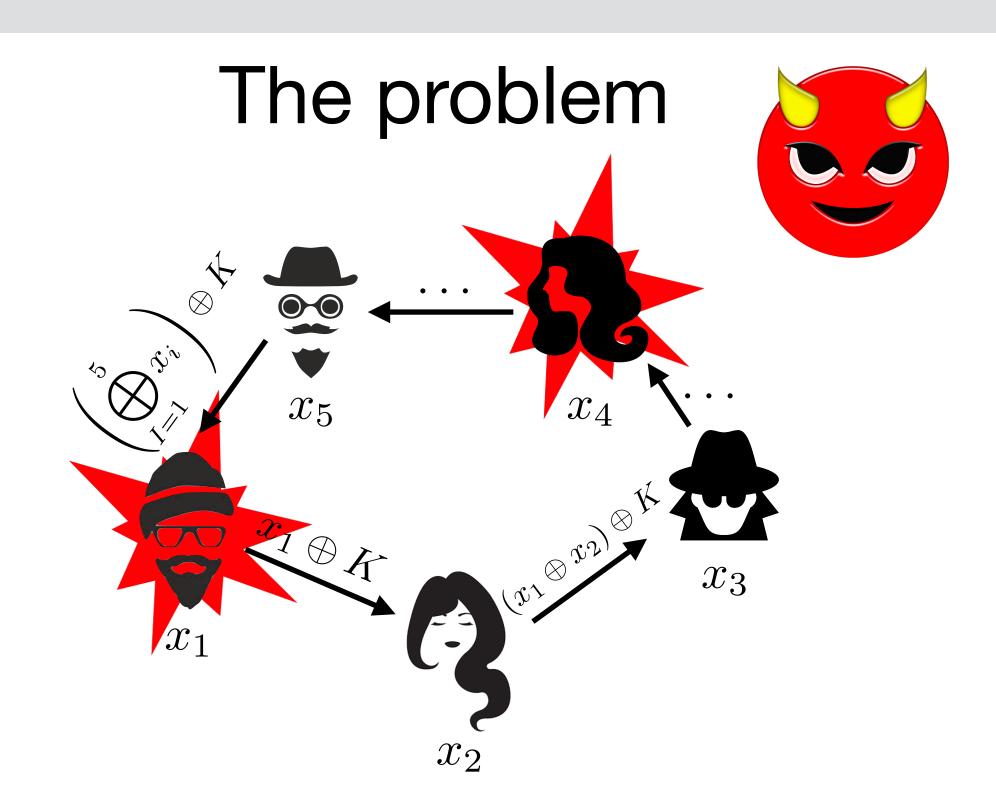


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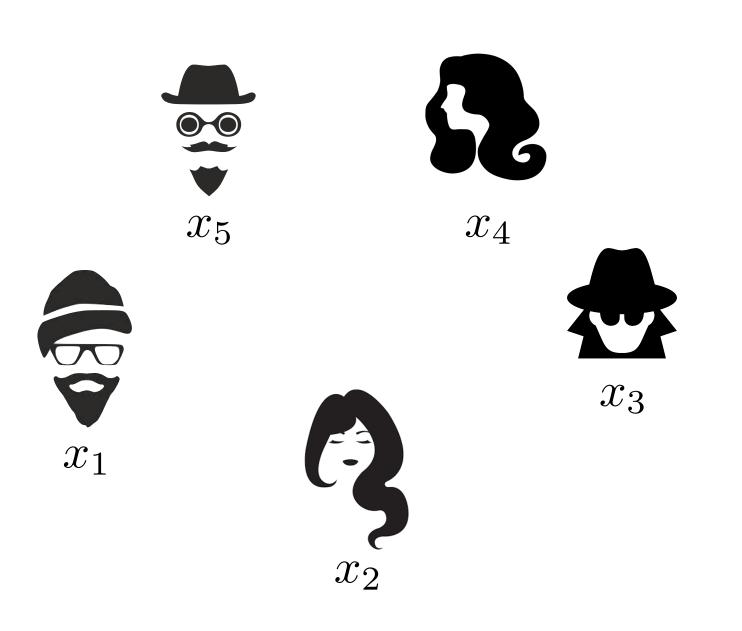
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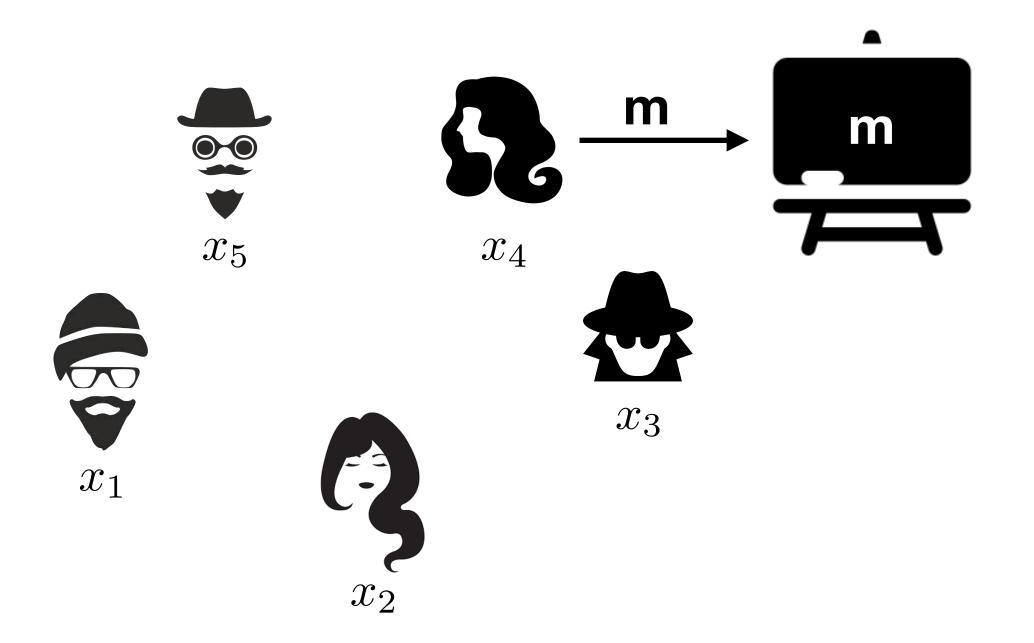
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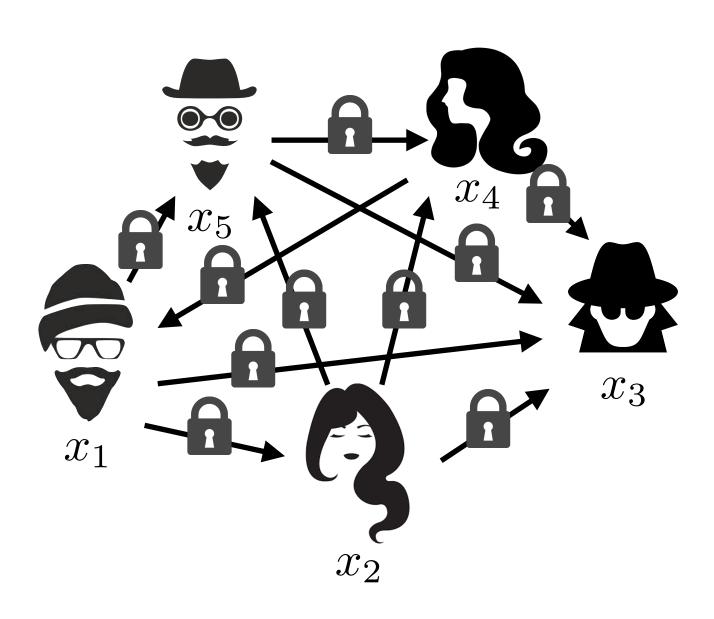
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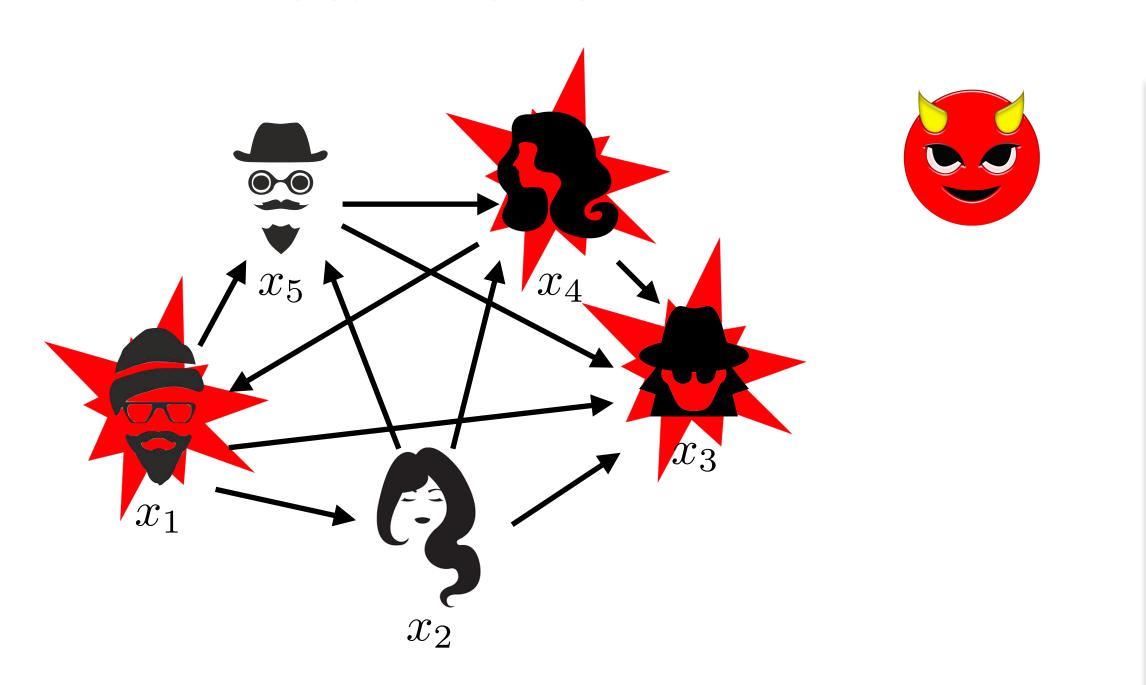
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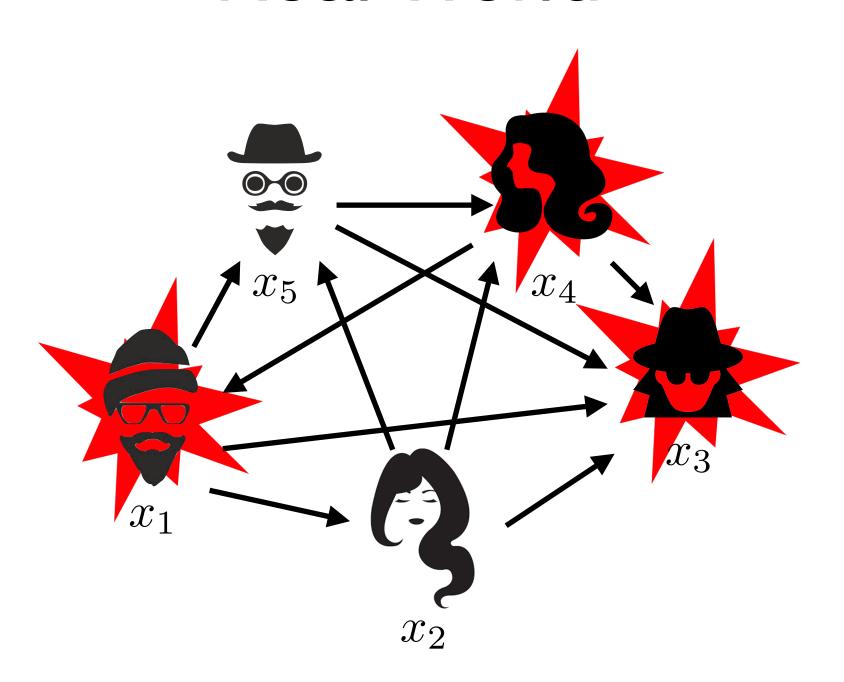


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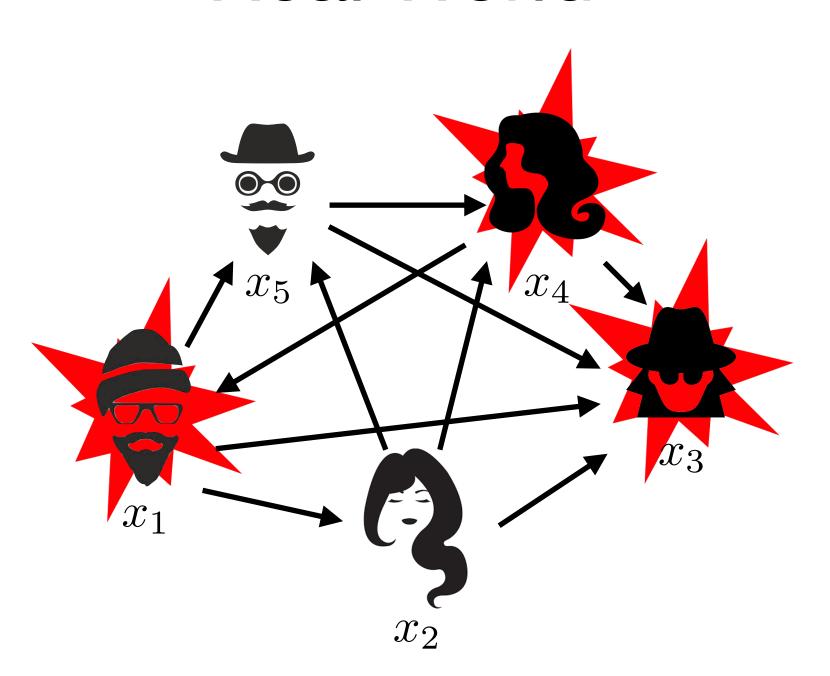
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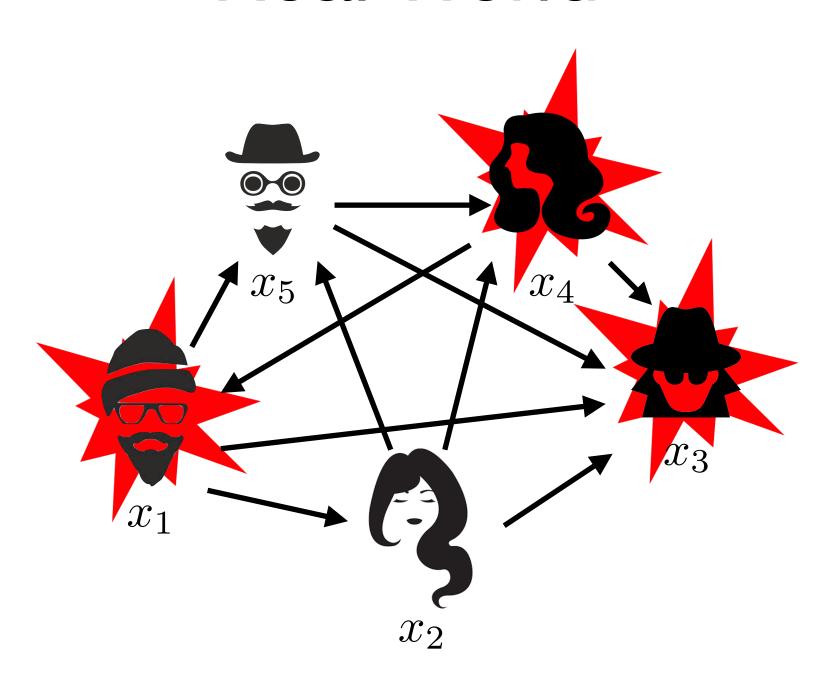
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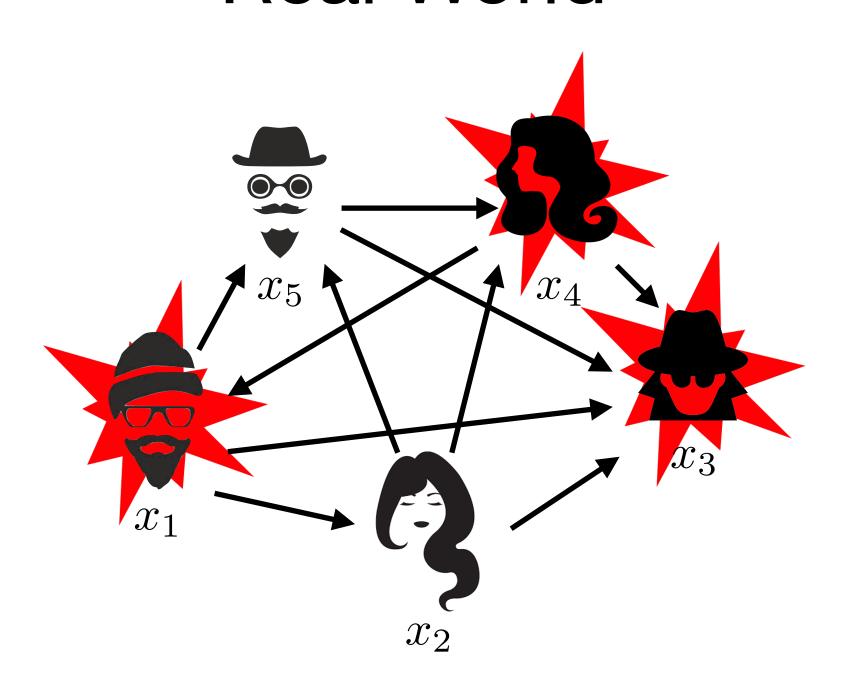
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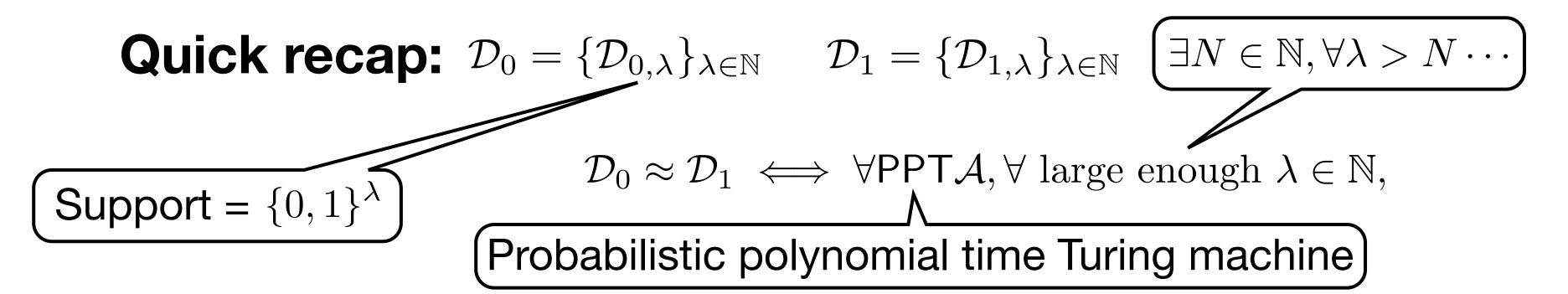
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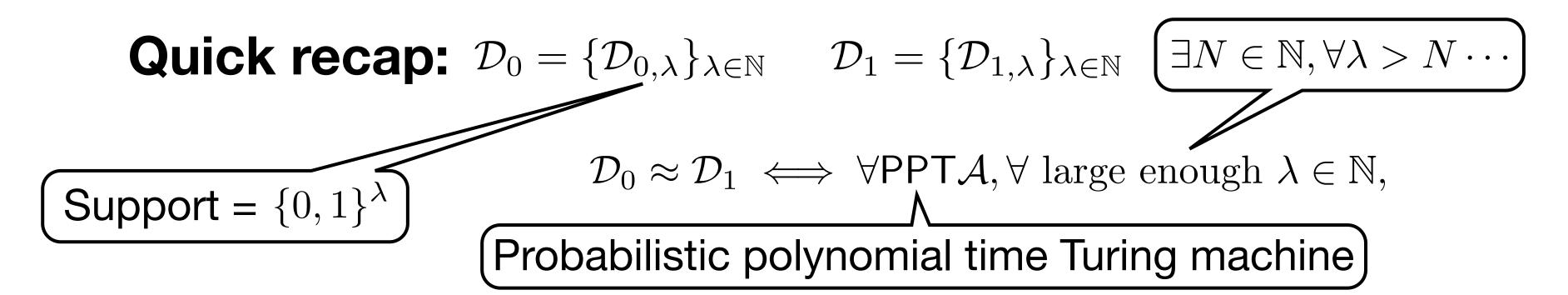


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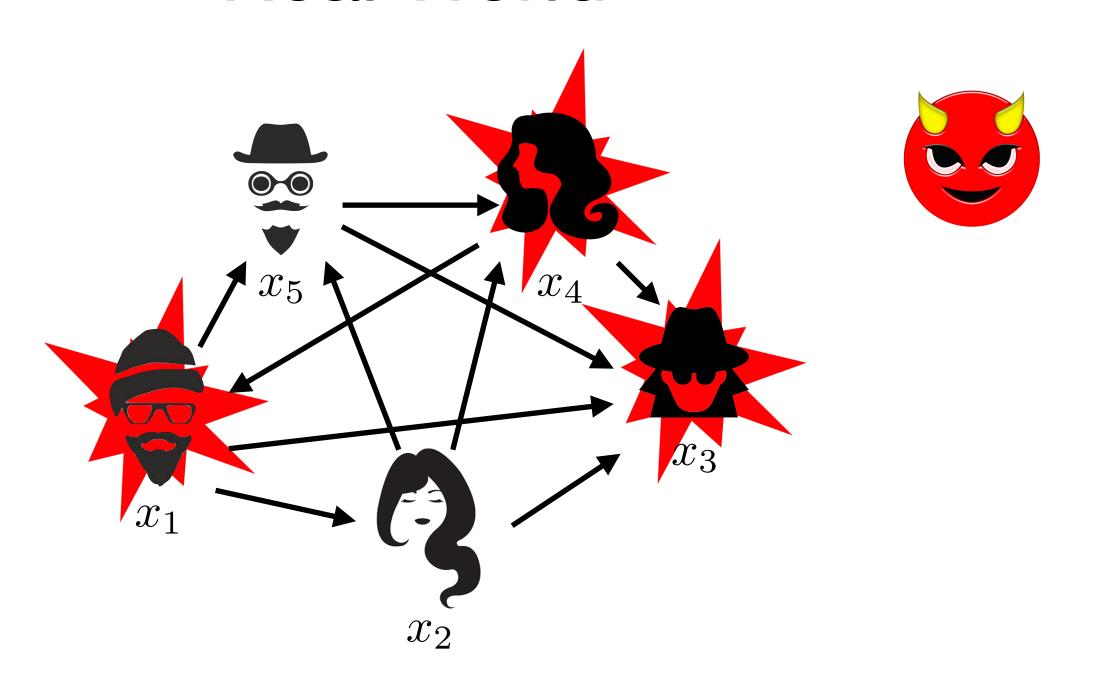
Computational Indistinguishability - Example

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(this is the Decisional Diffie-Hellman assumption)

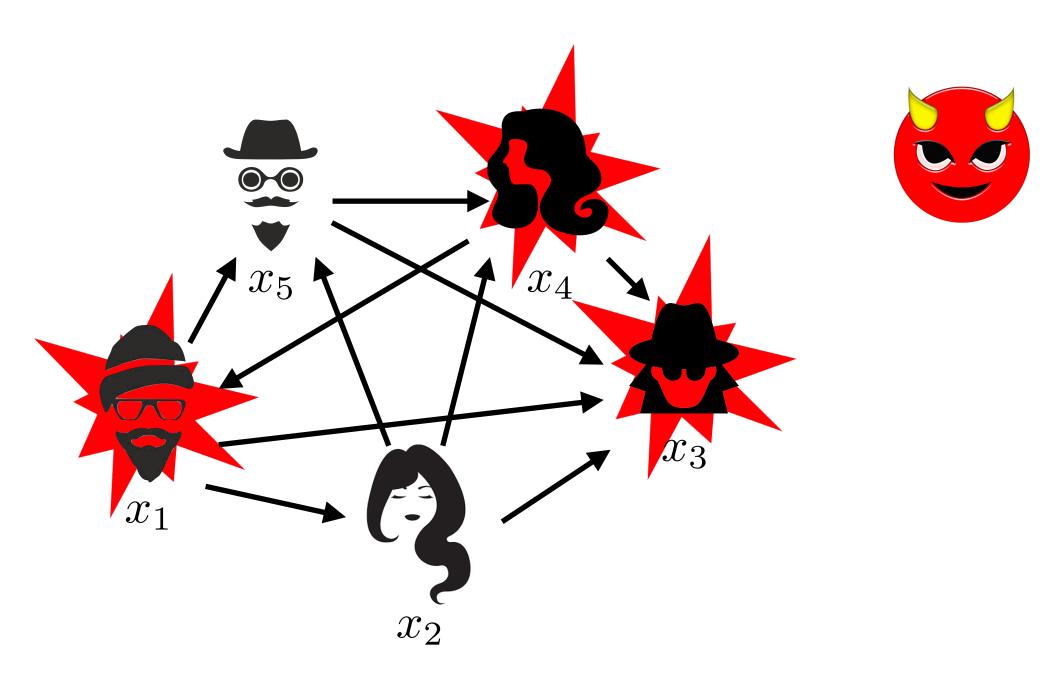
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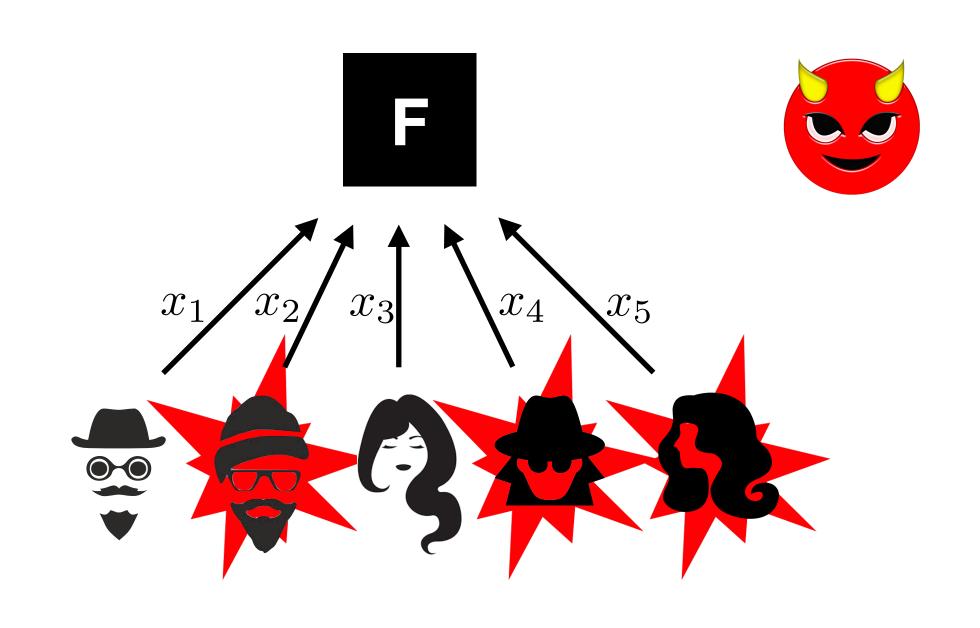
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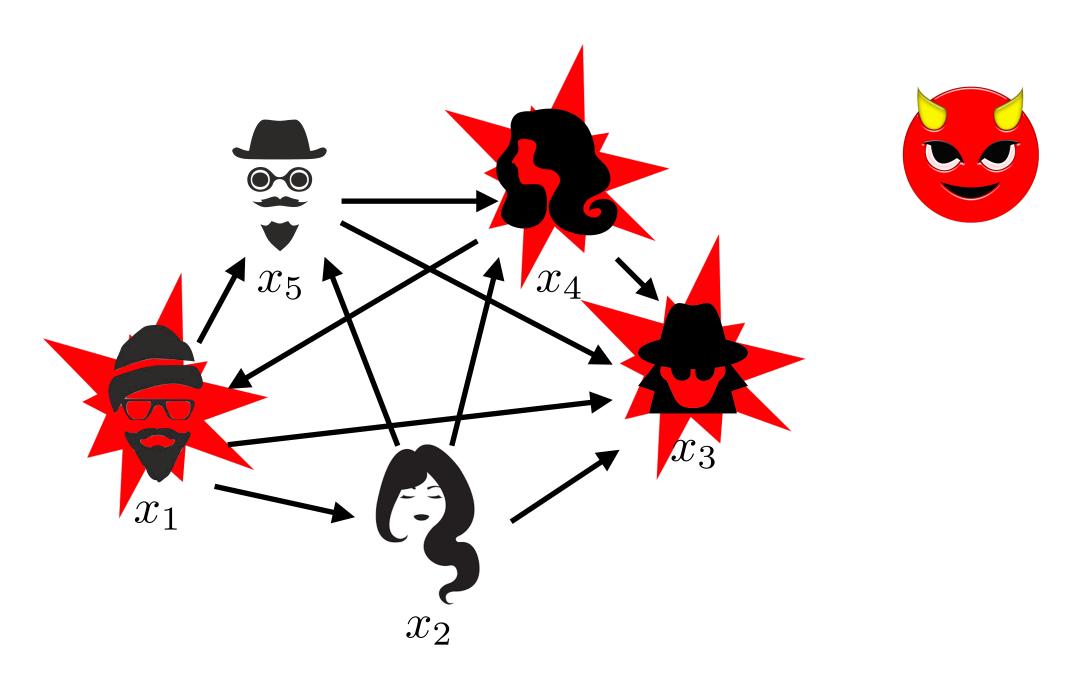
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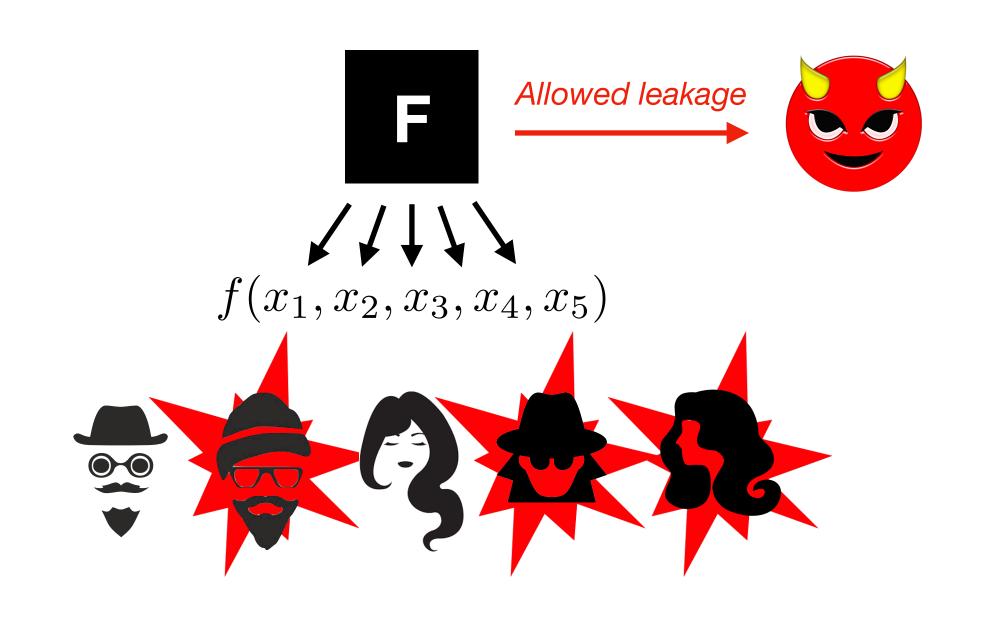
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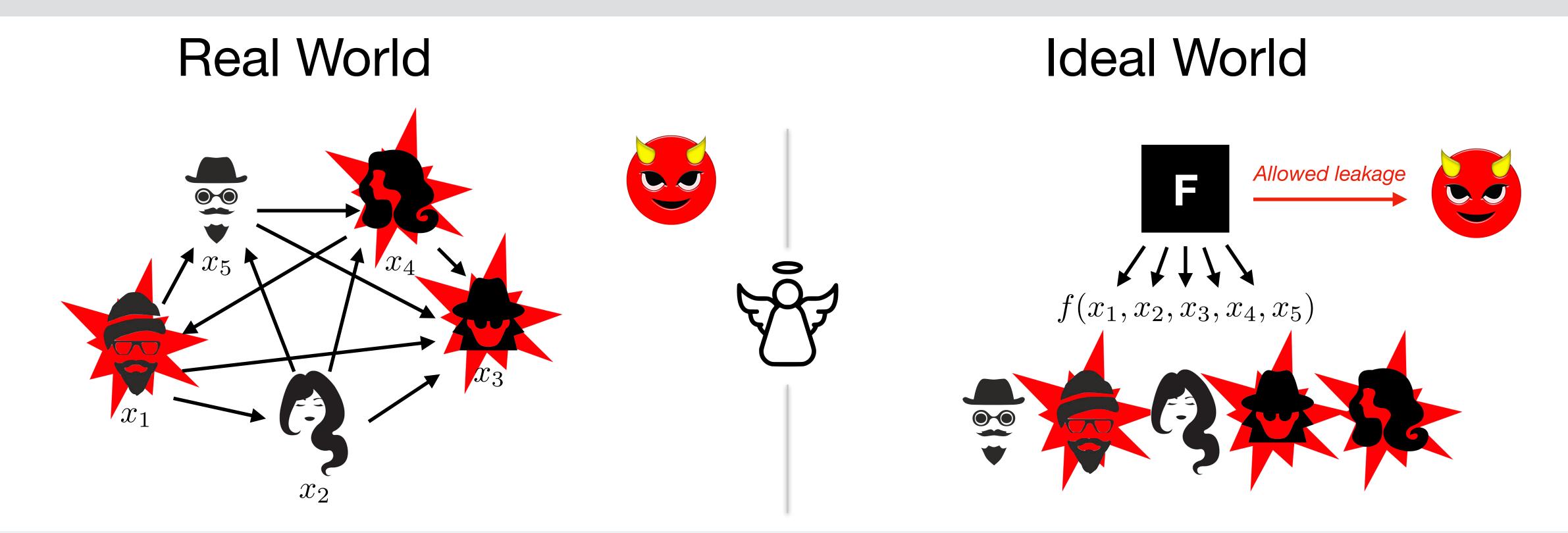
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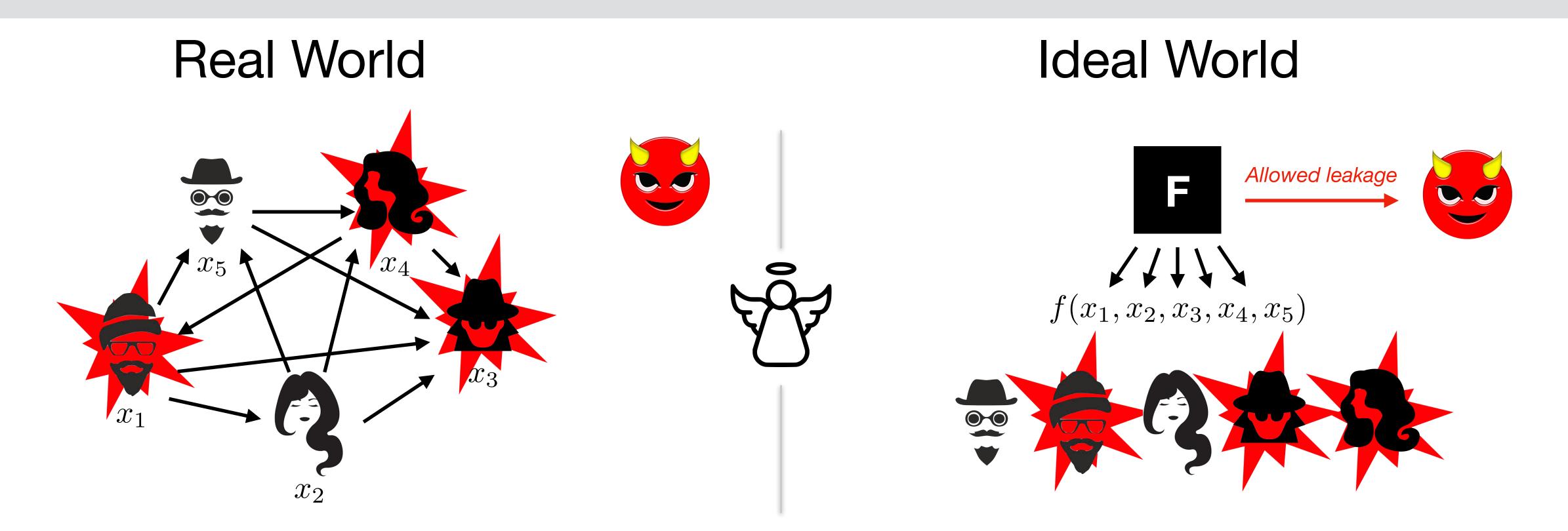
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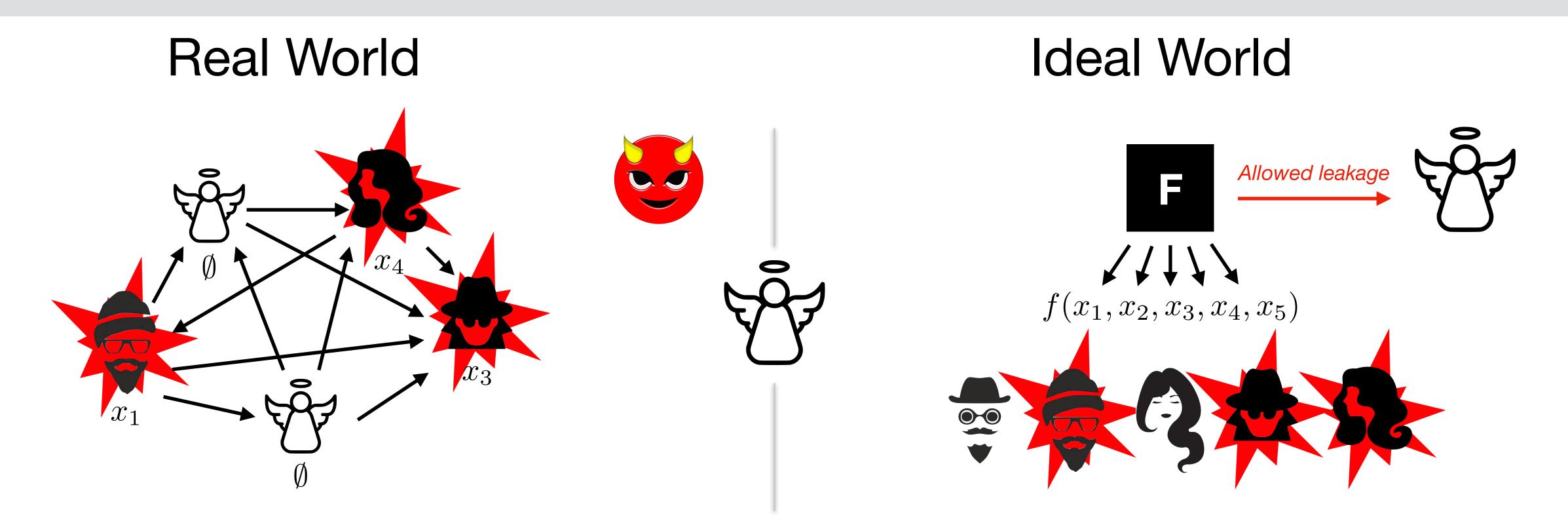


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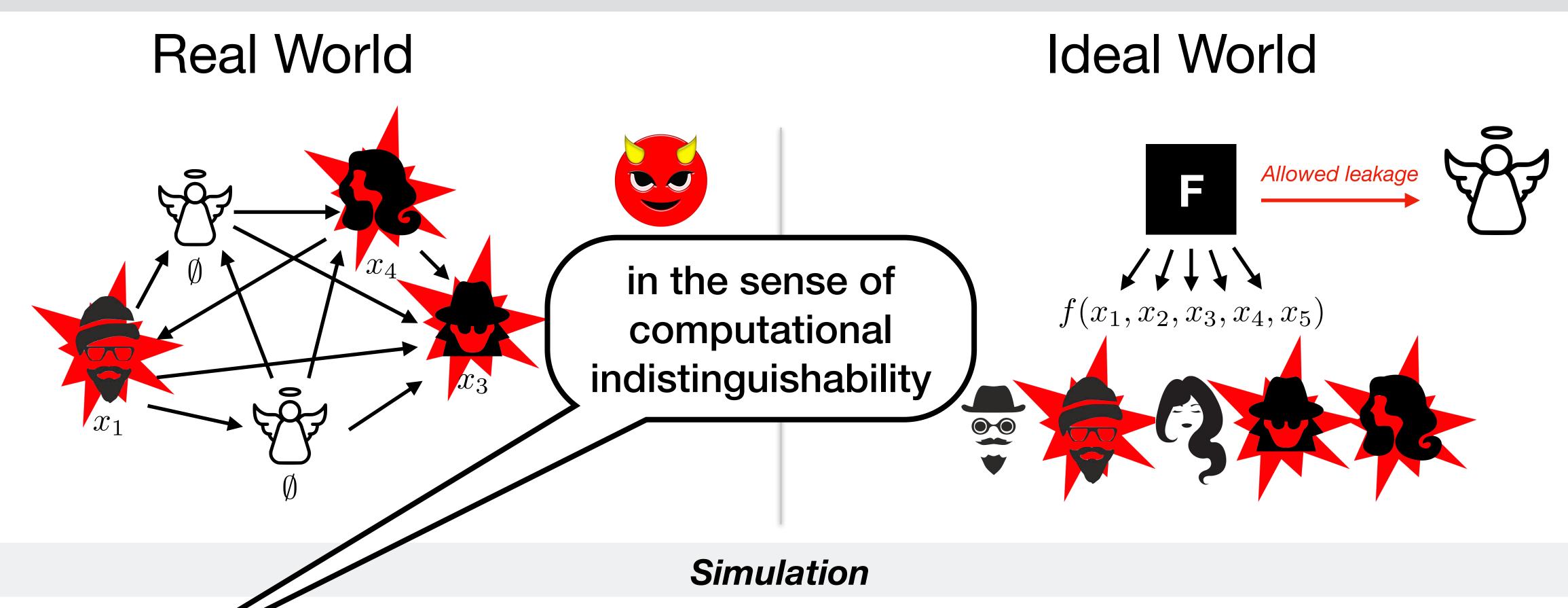
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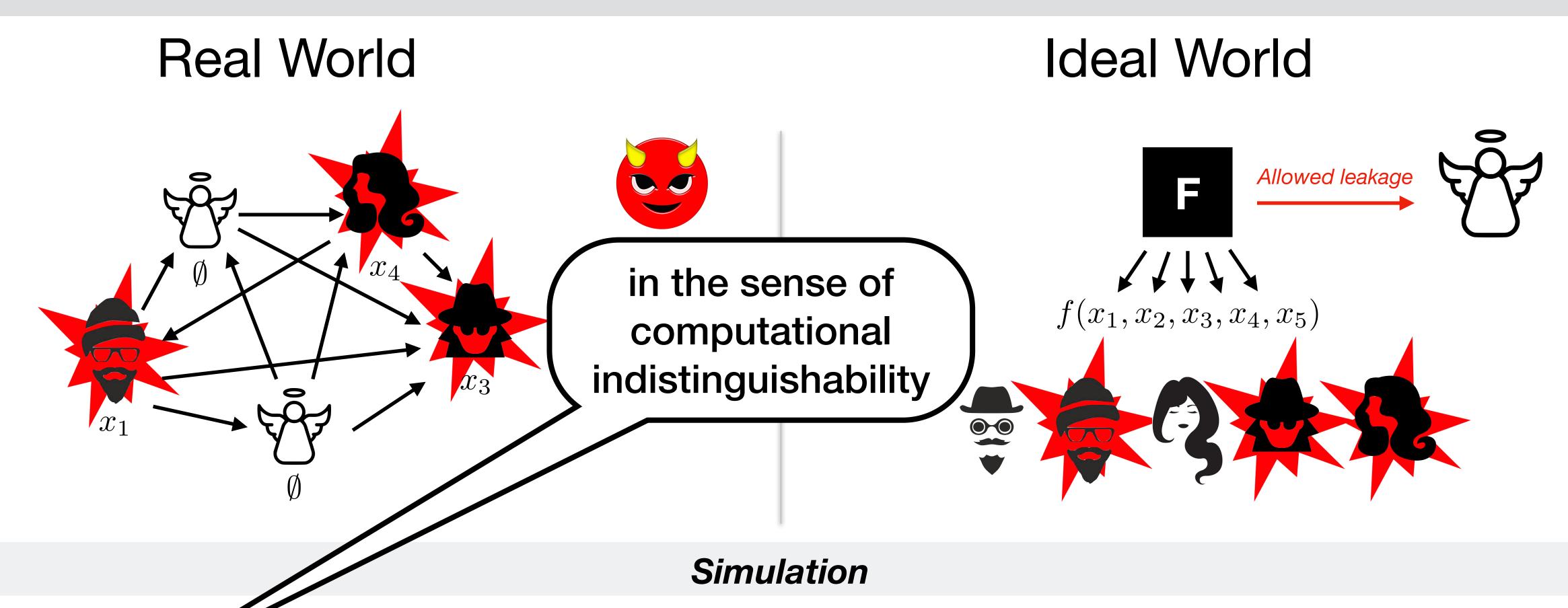


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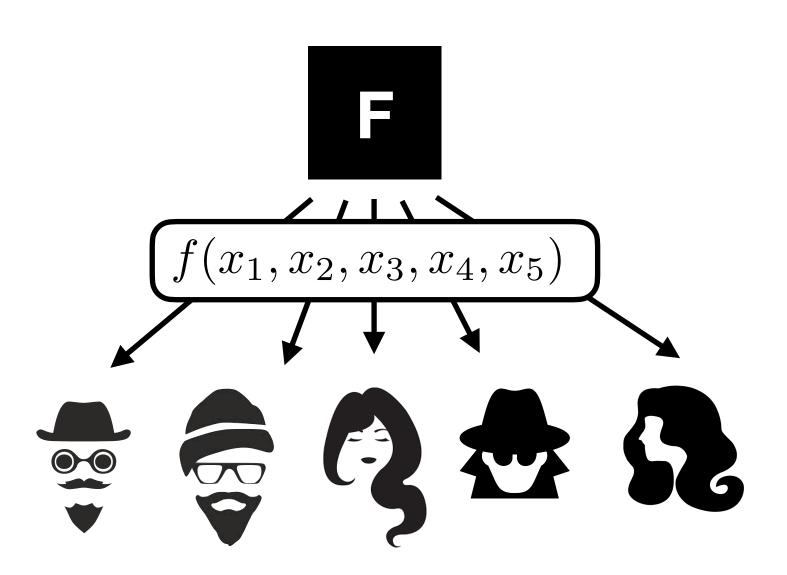
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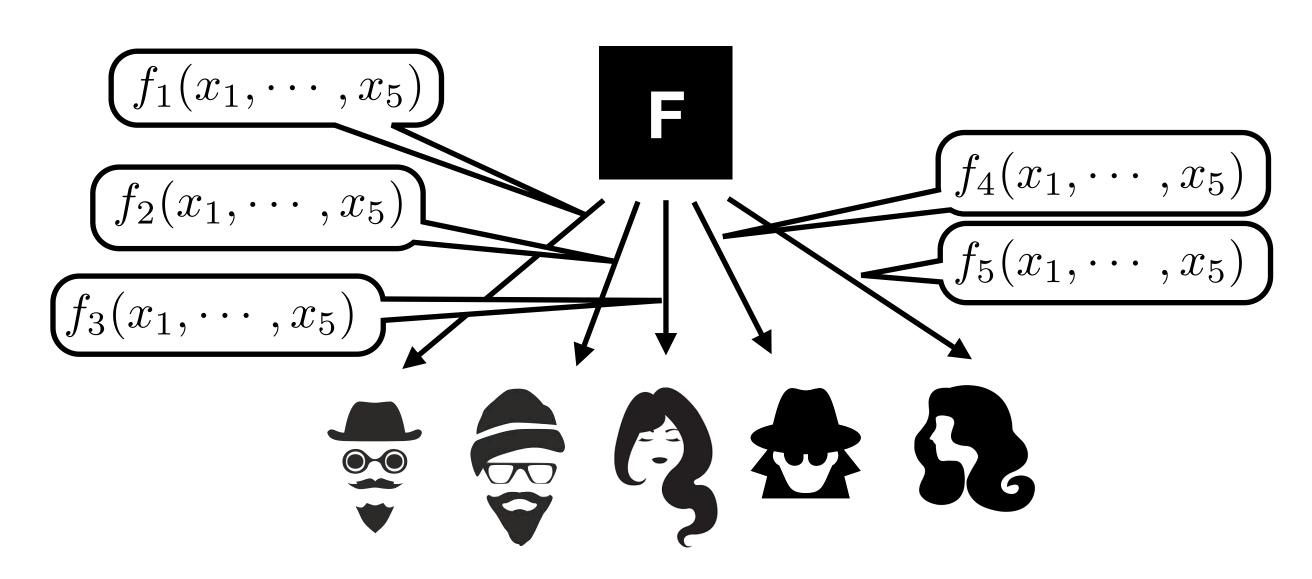
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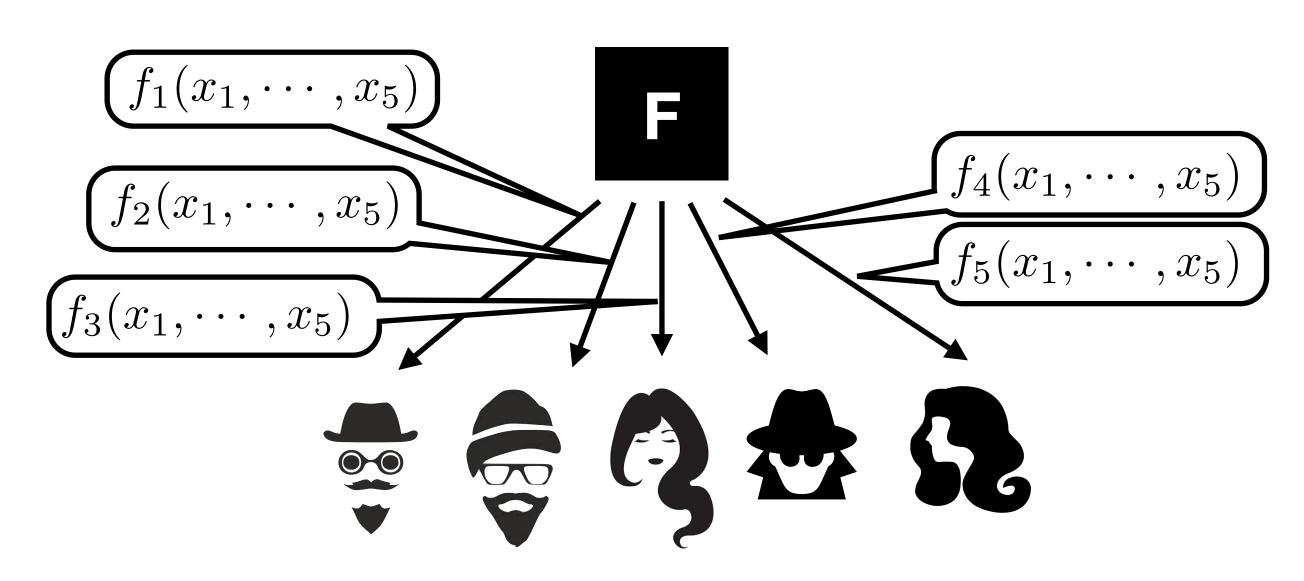
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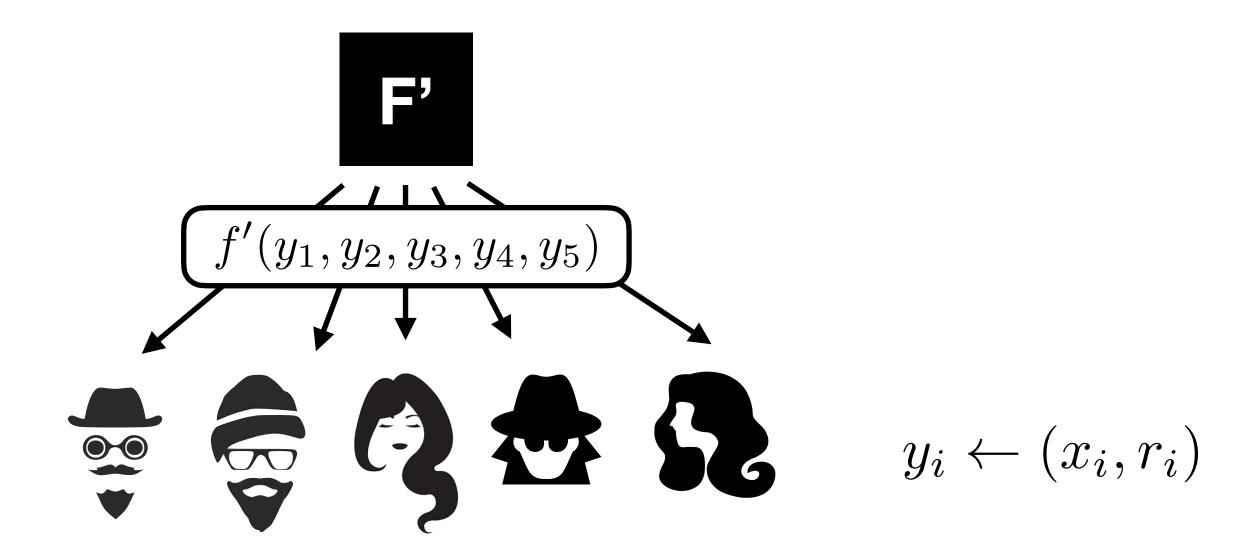
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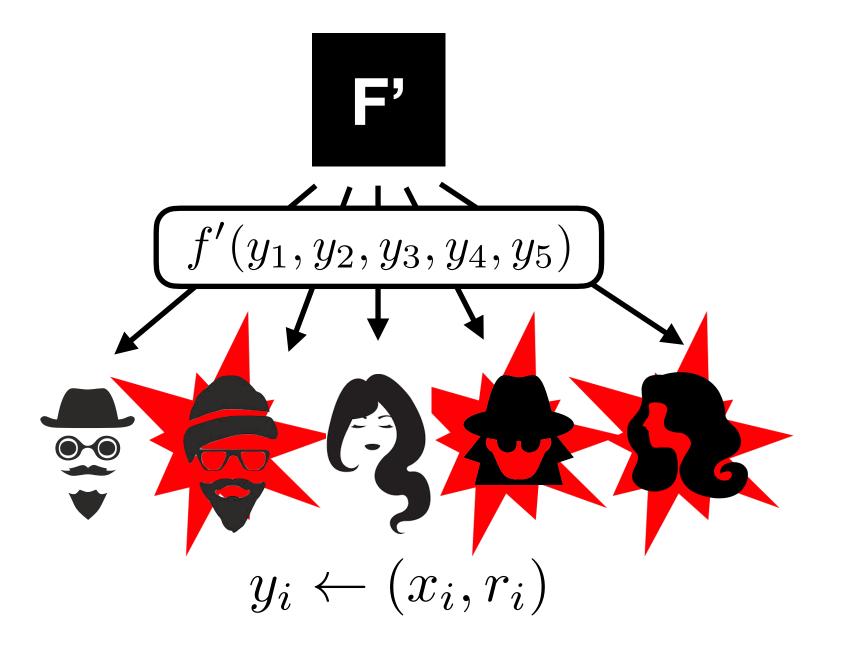
Define the following single output 5-party functionality F' which securely computes:

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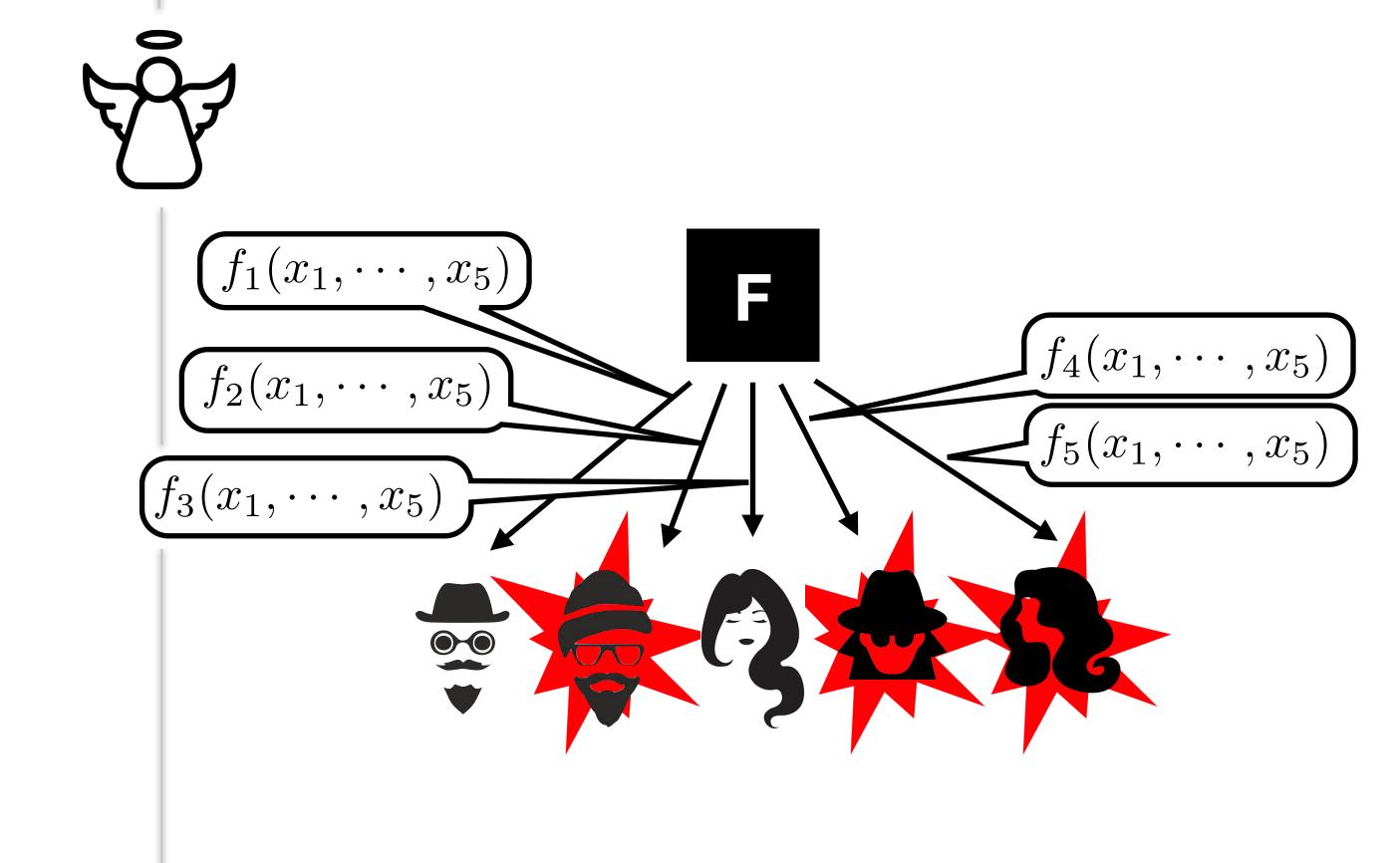
Reduction: each party with input x_i picks a uniformly random r_i . All parties emulate **F**'. **Security:** follows from the fact that r_i perfectly masks $f_i(x_1, \dots, x_5)$.



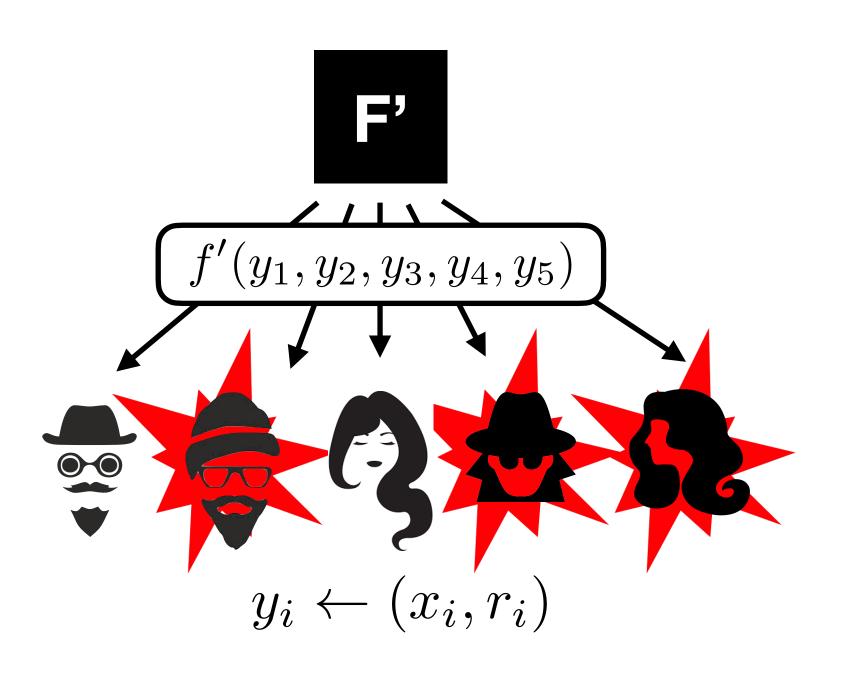
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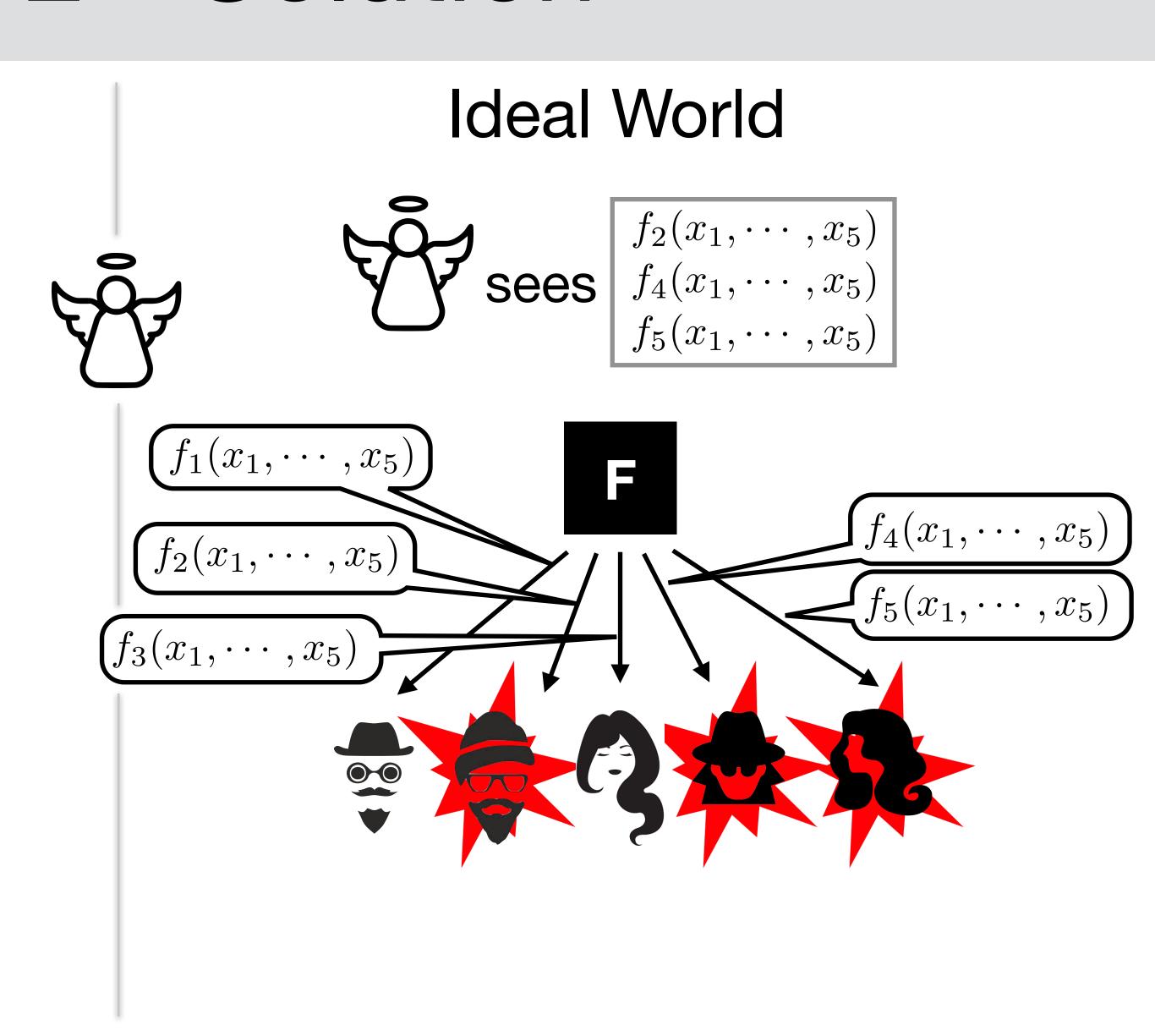


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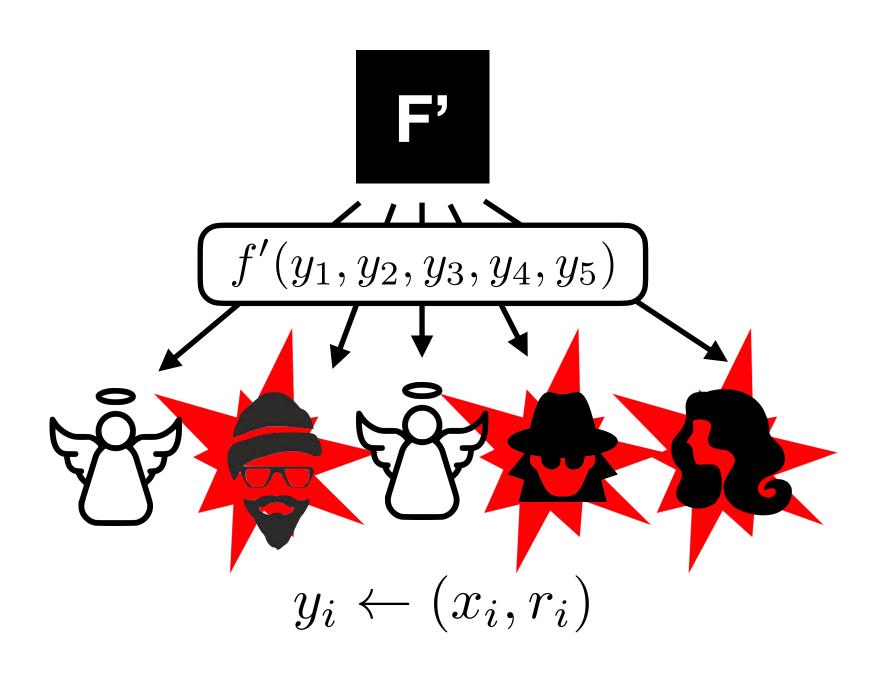
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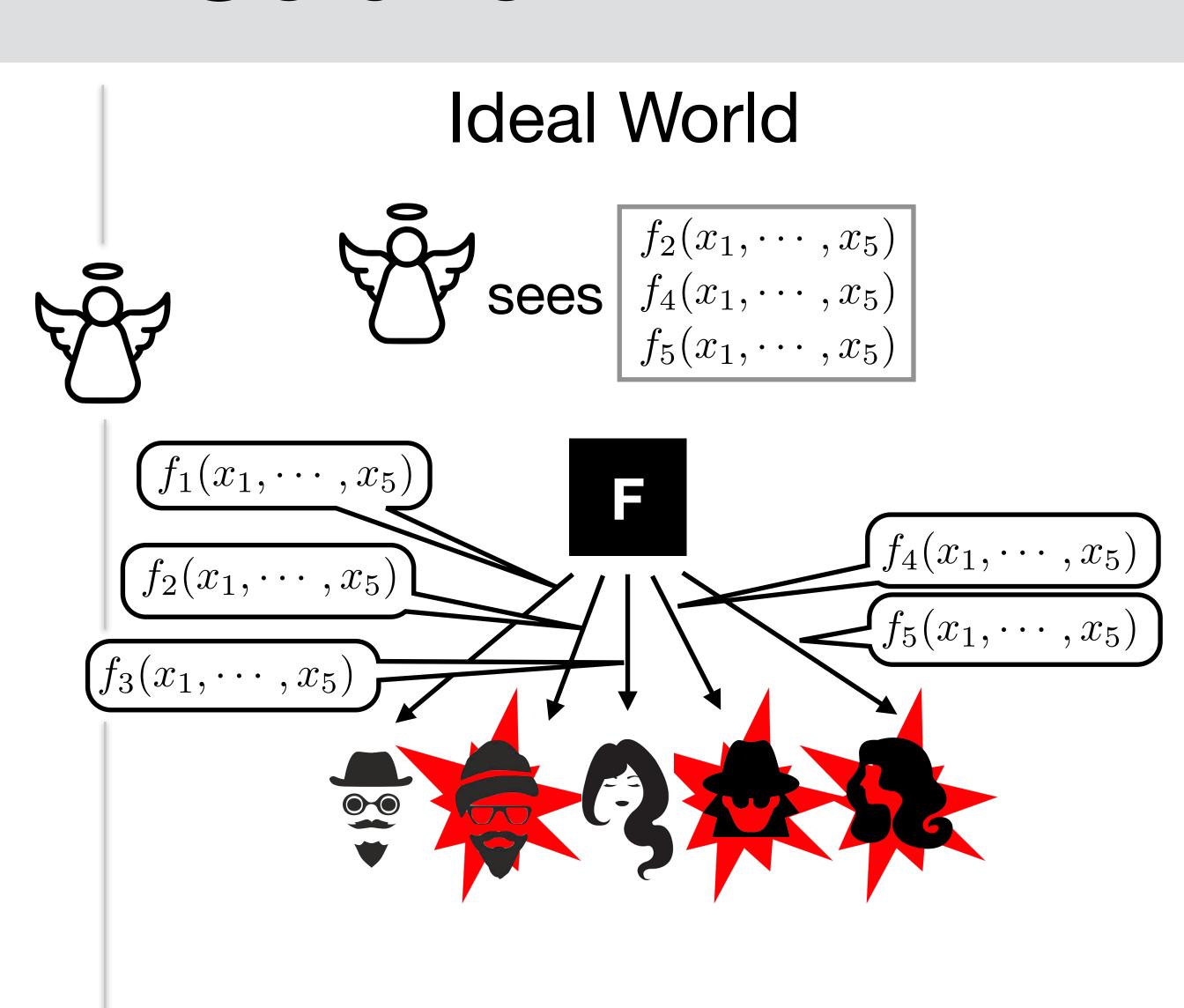




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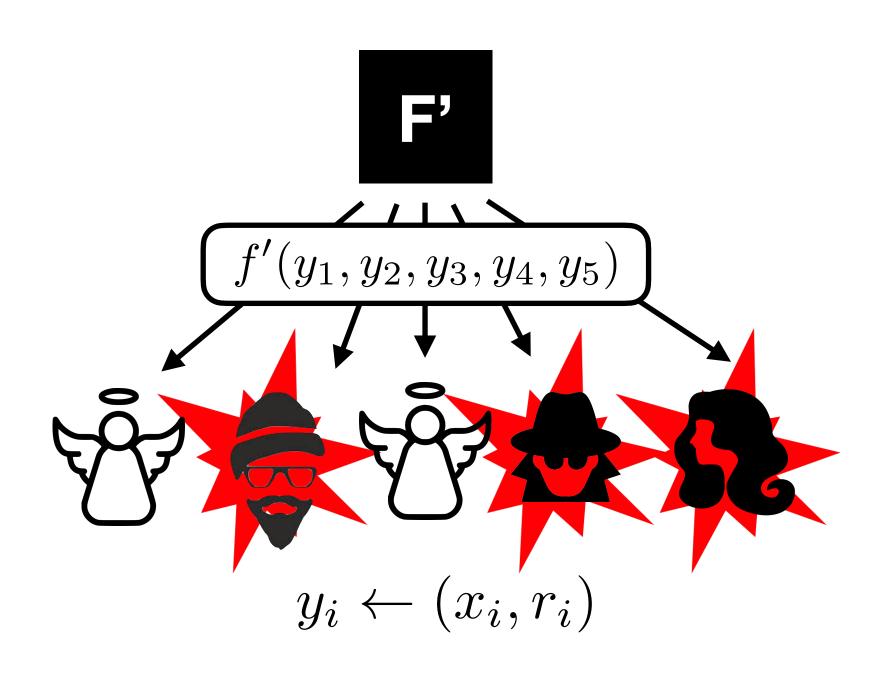
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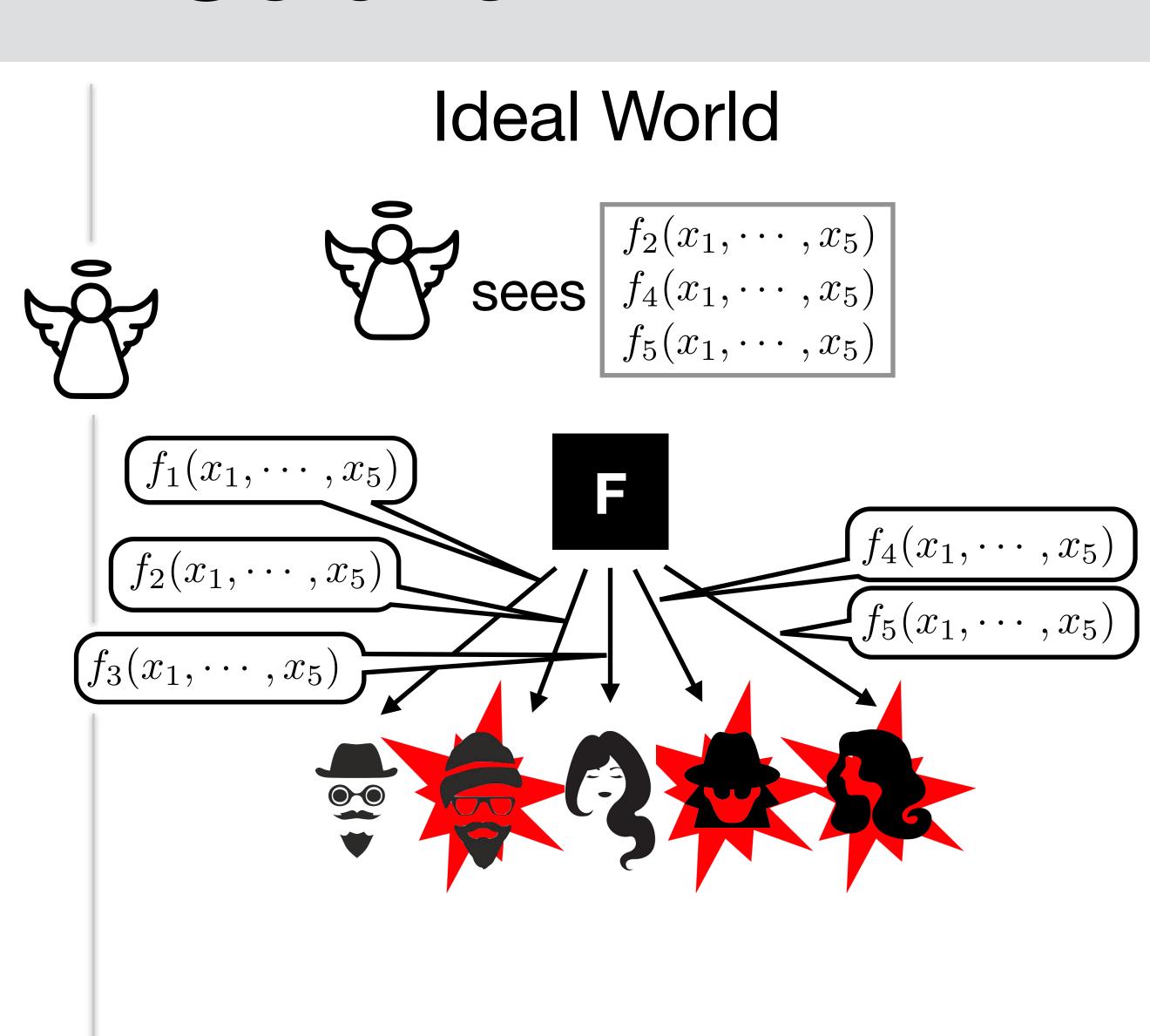




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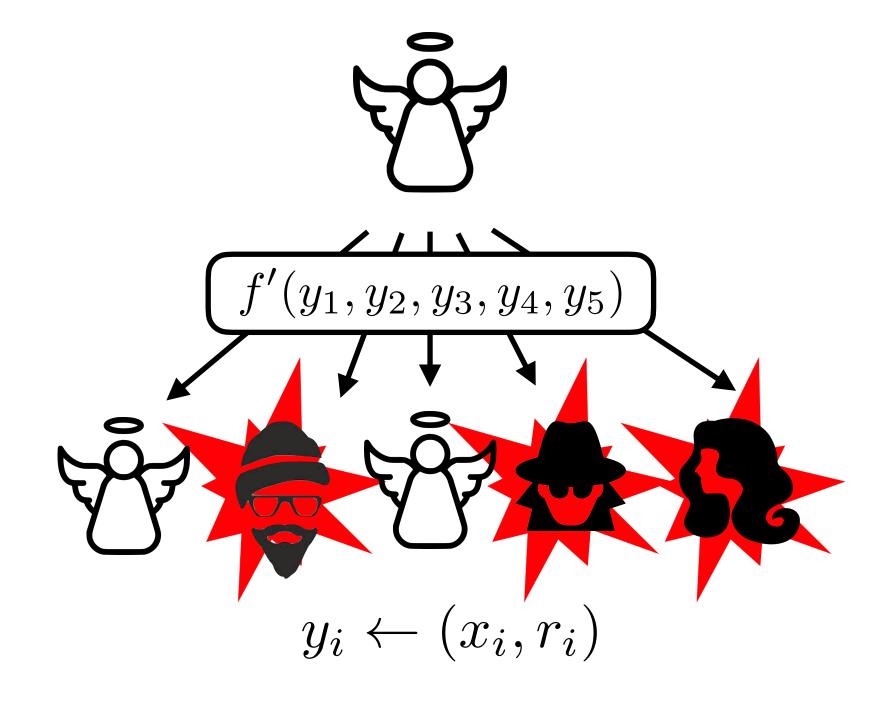


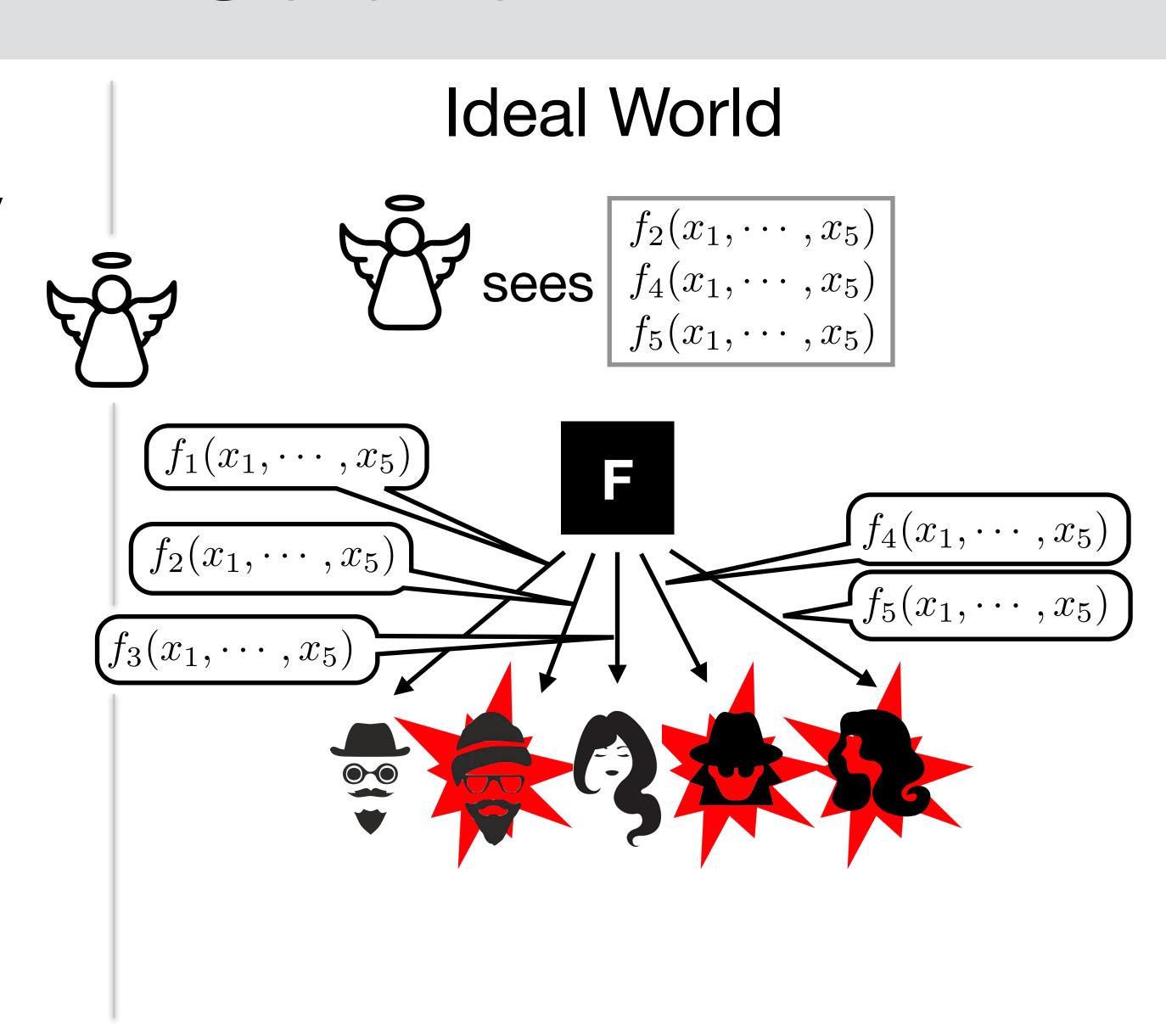


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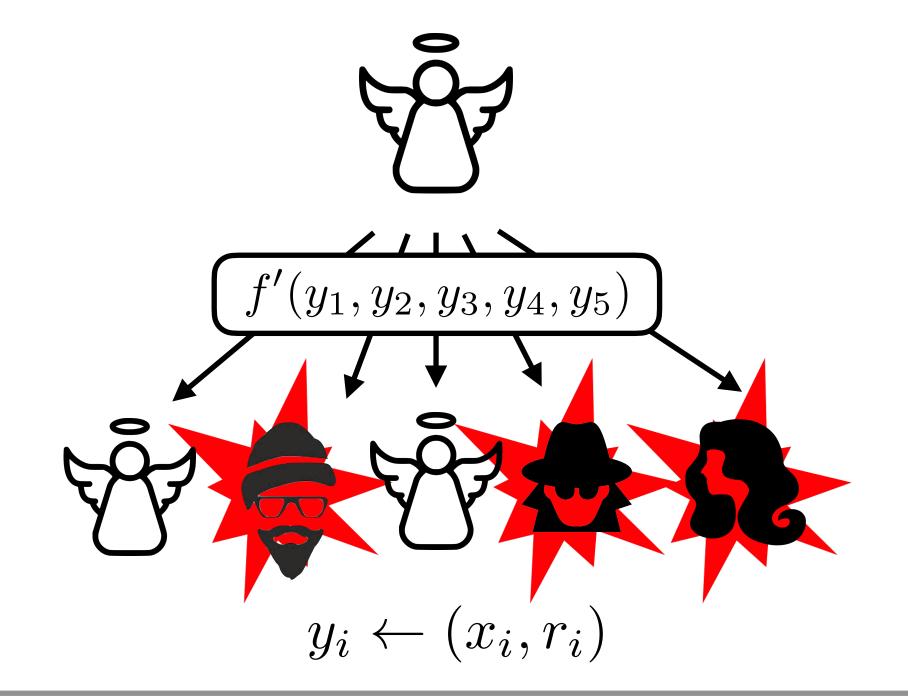




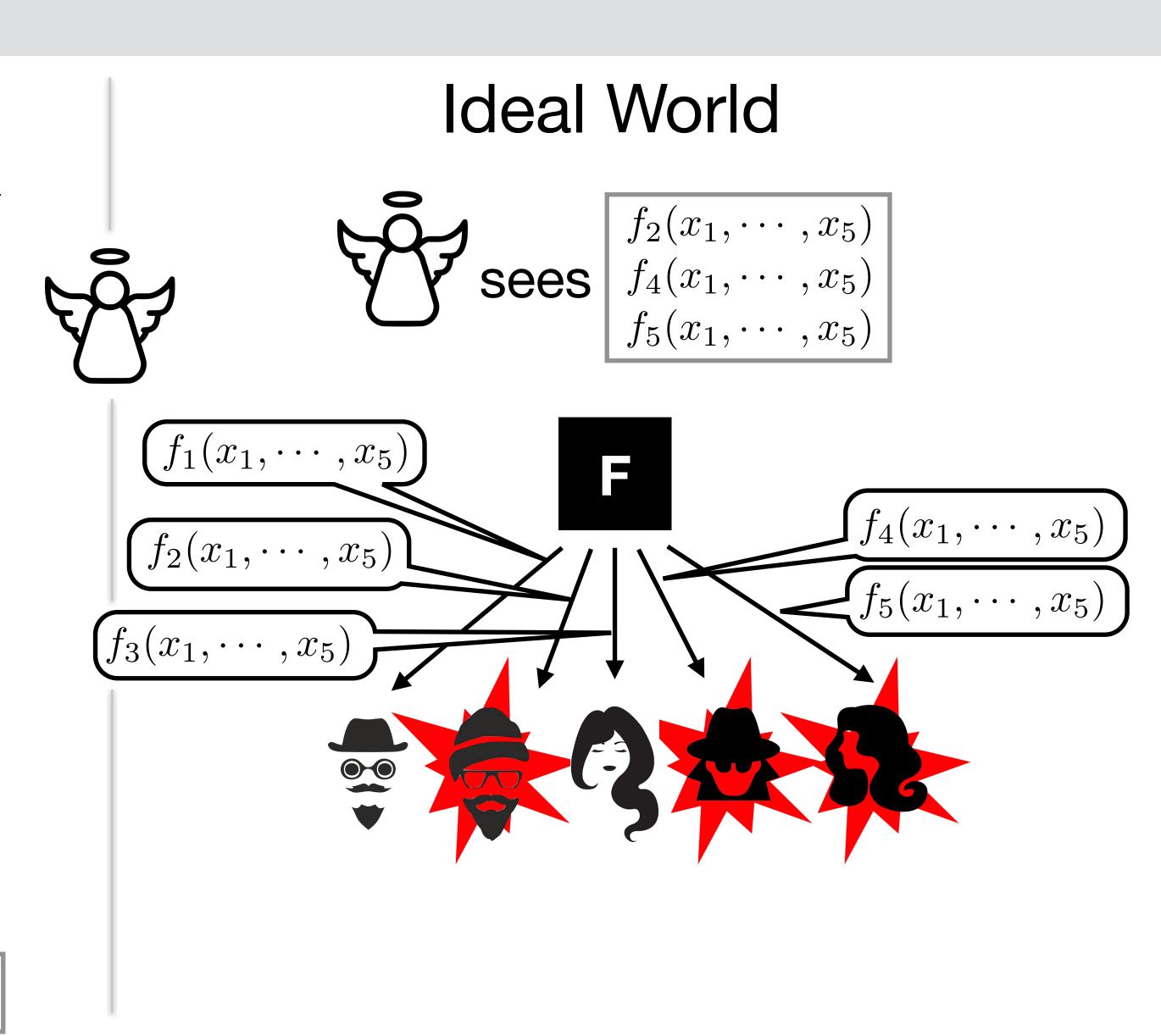
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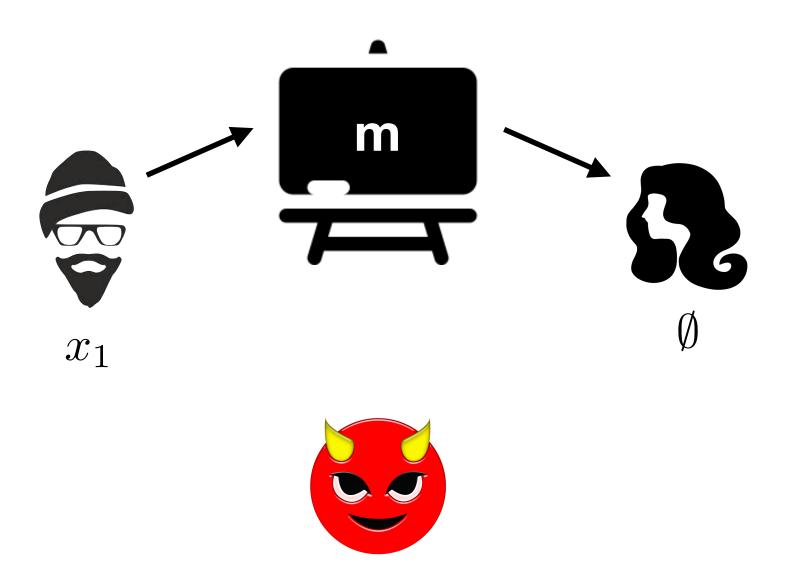
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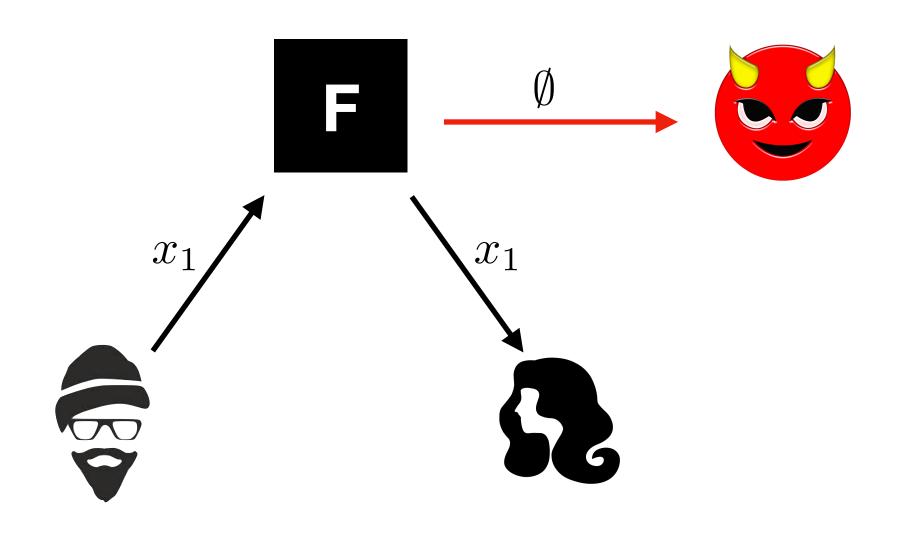
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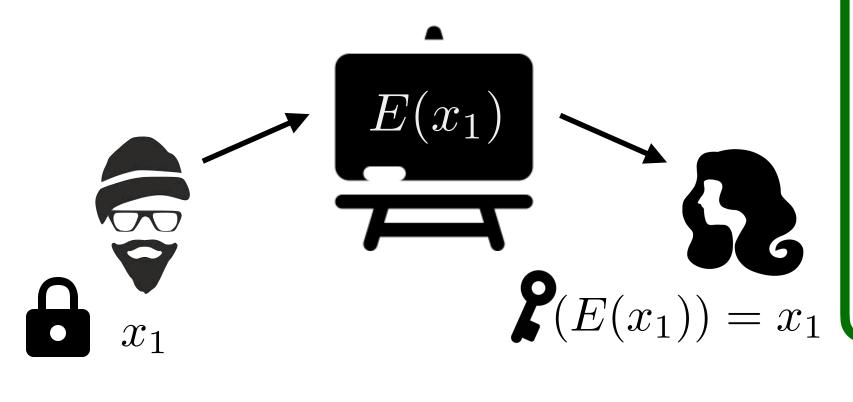
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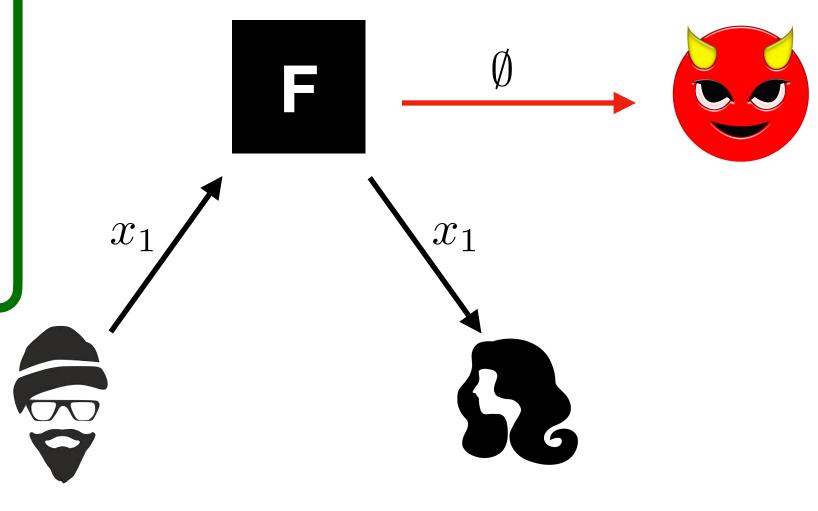
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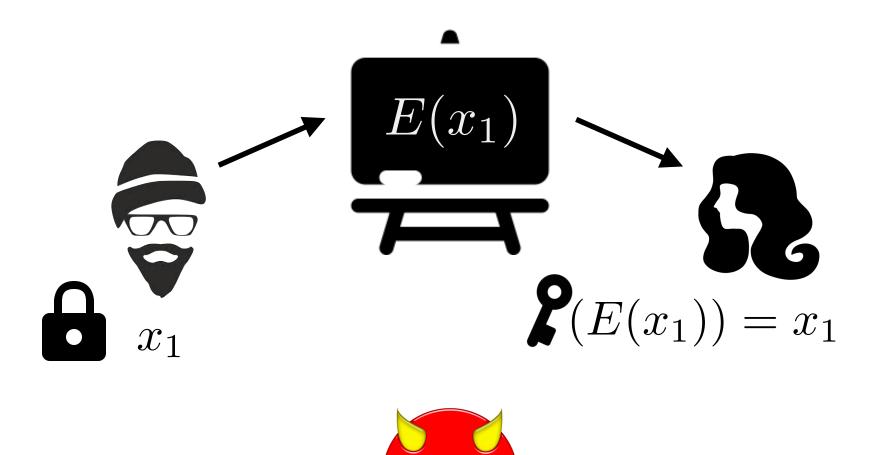
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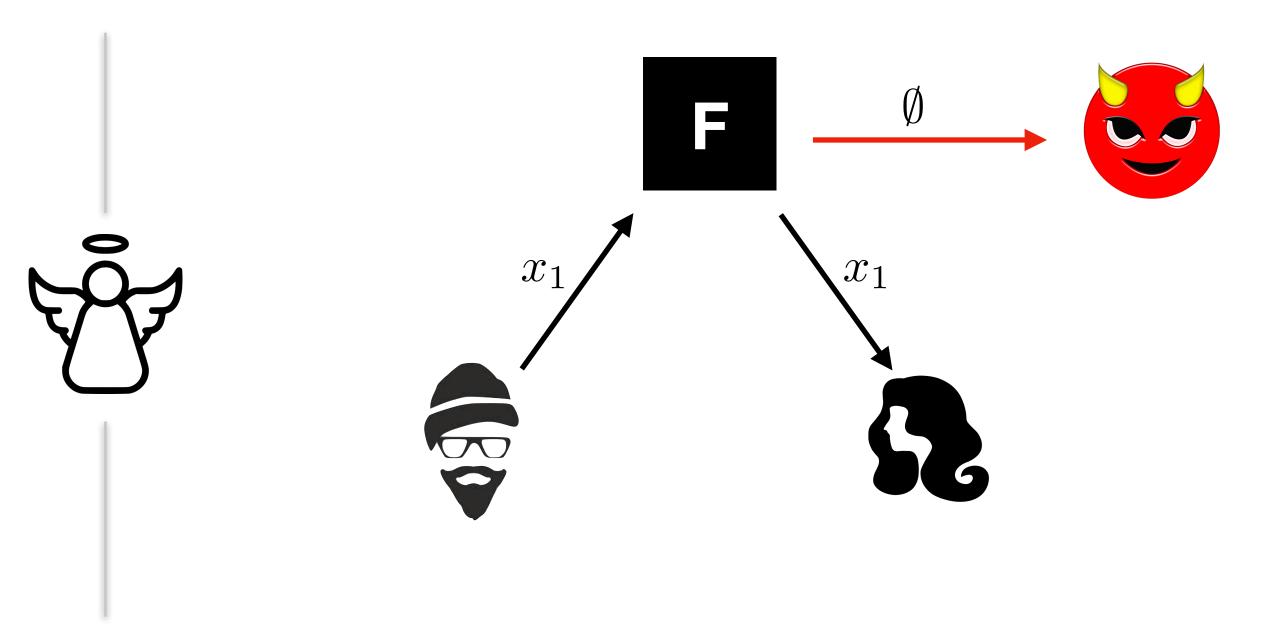
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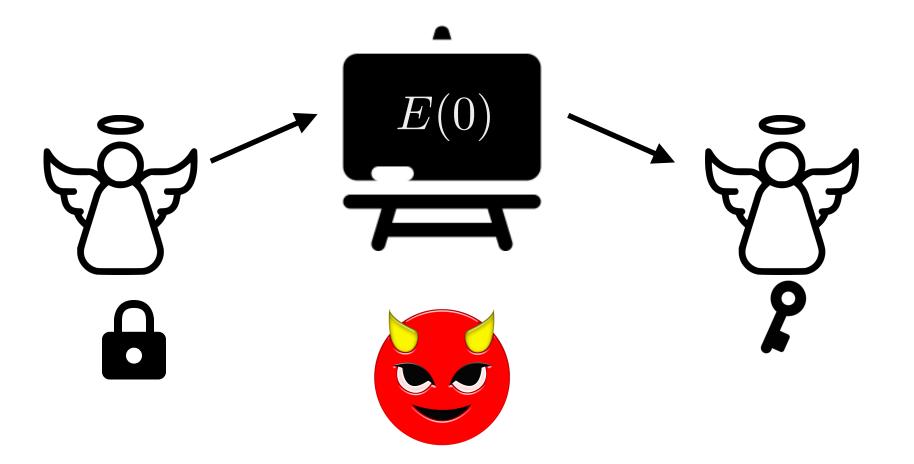
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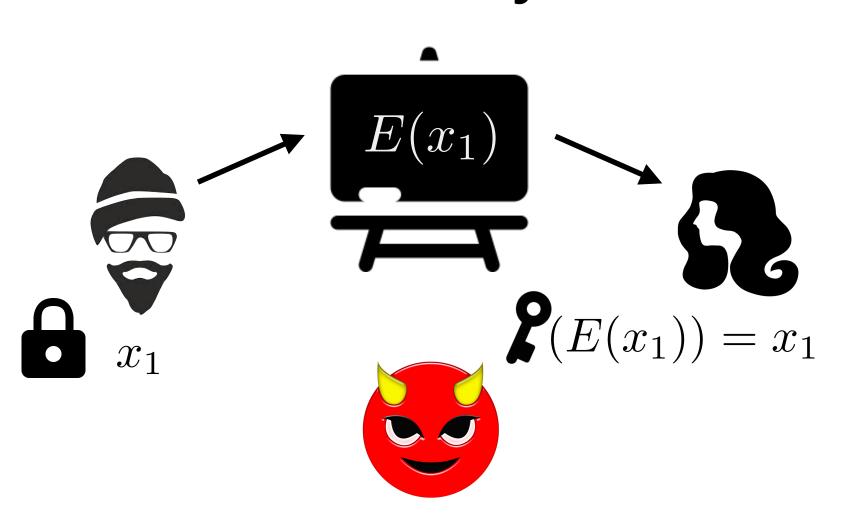
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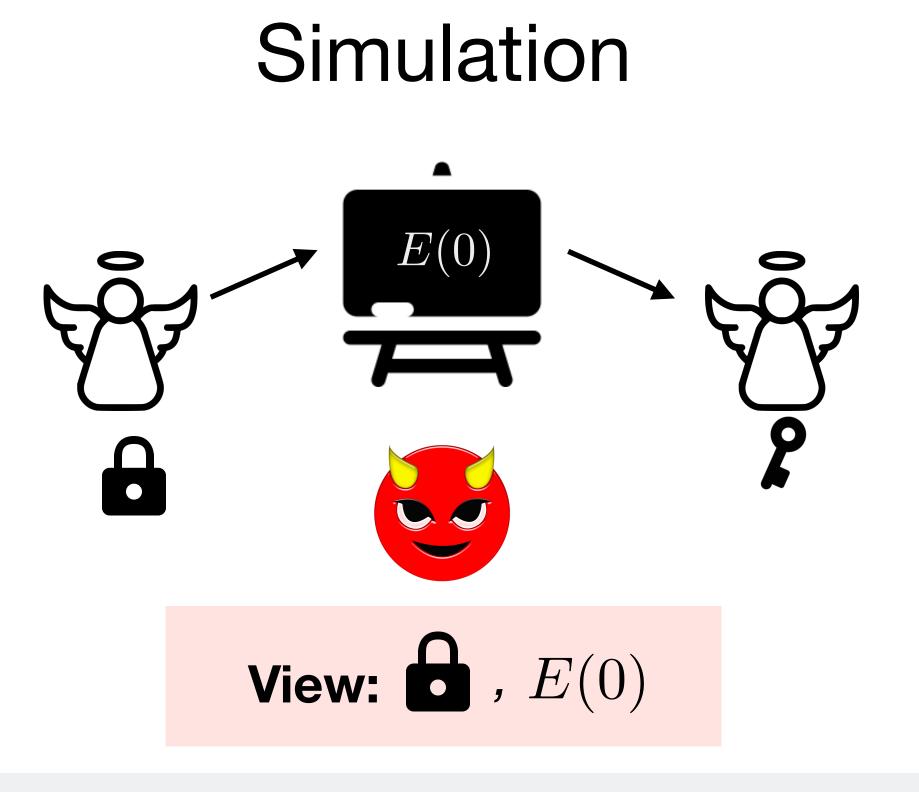


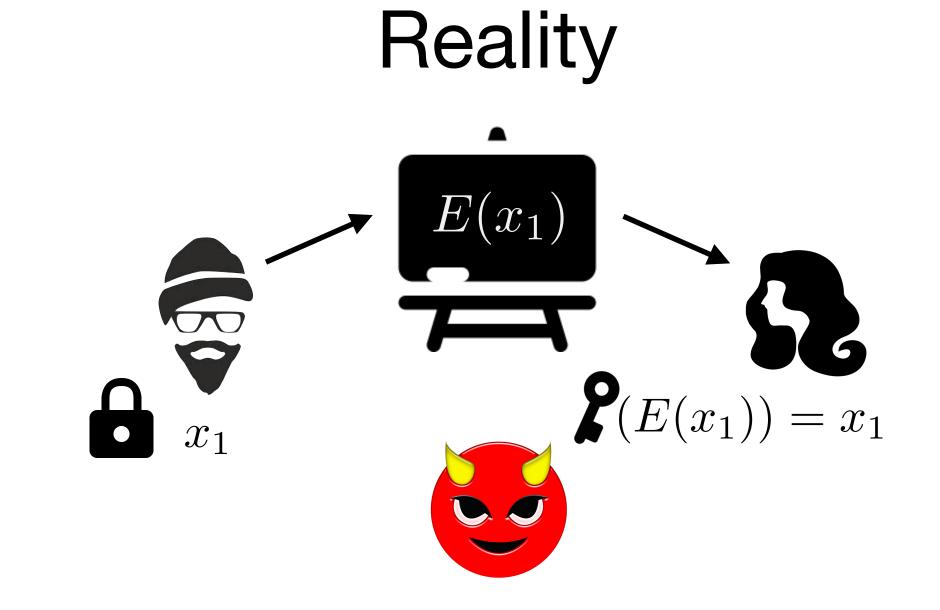
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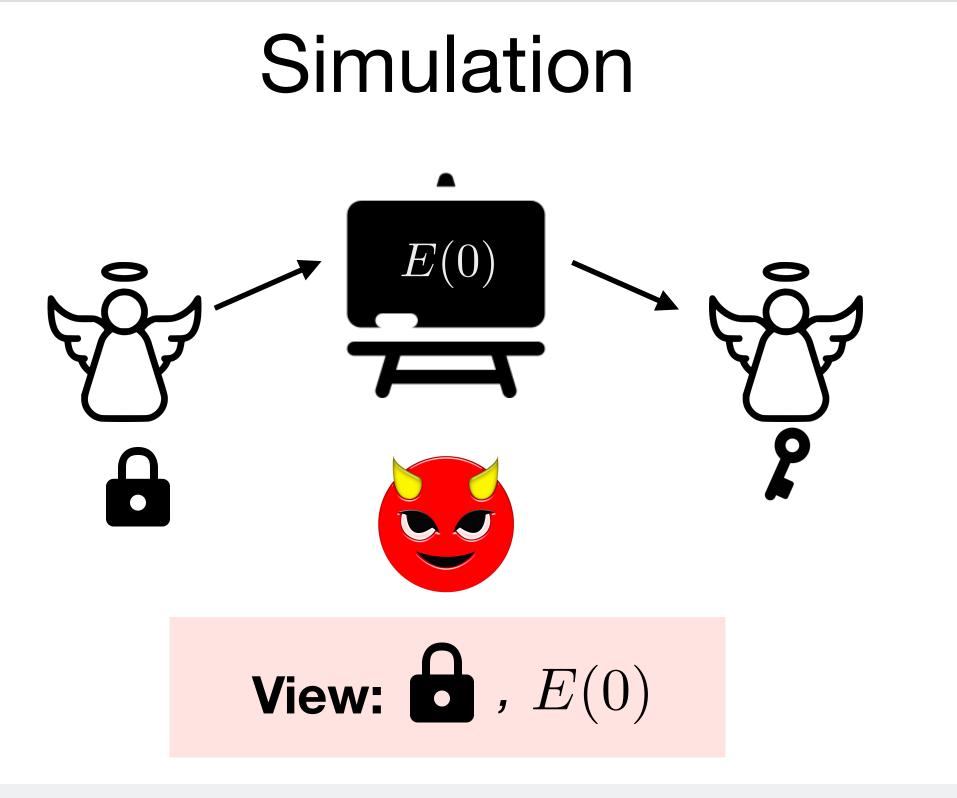
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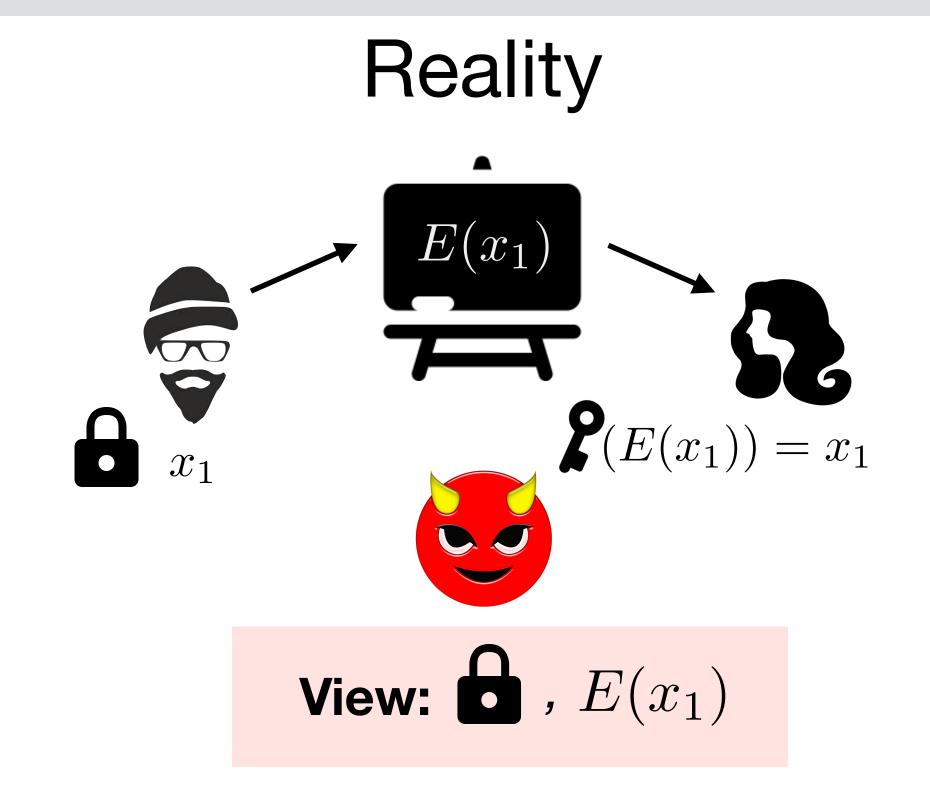




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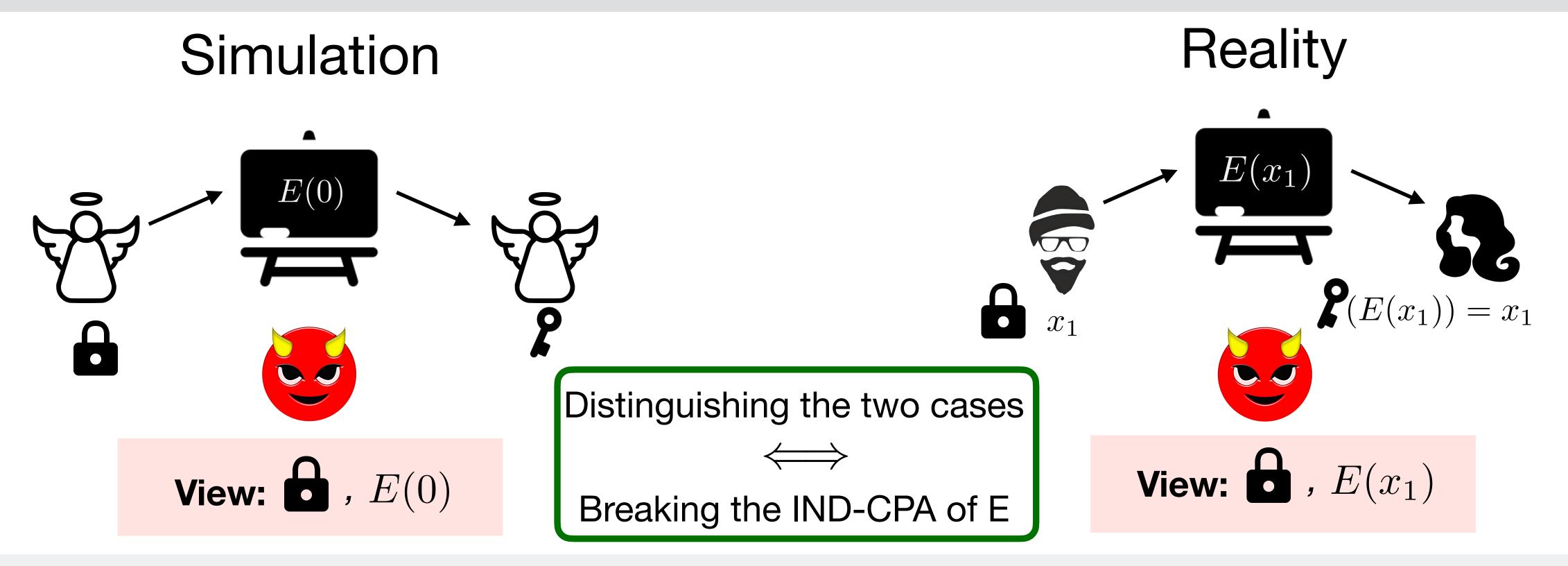
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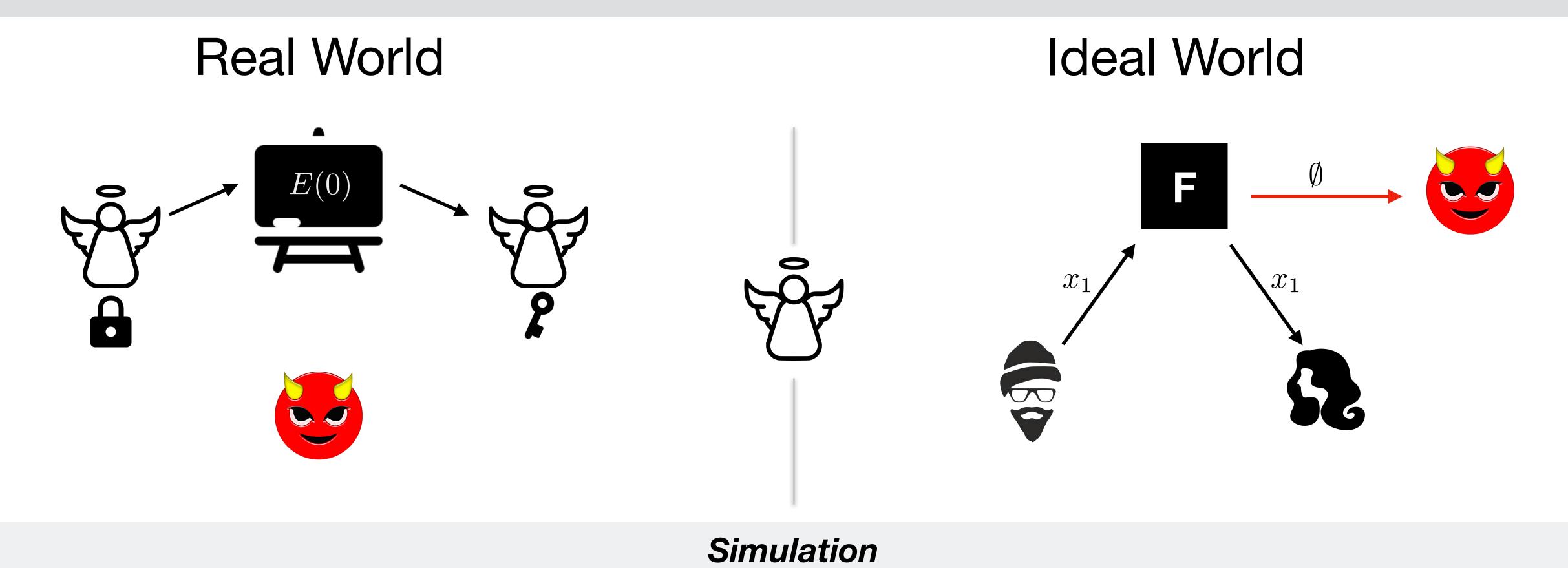
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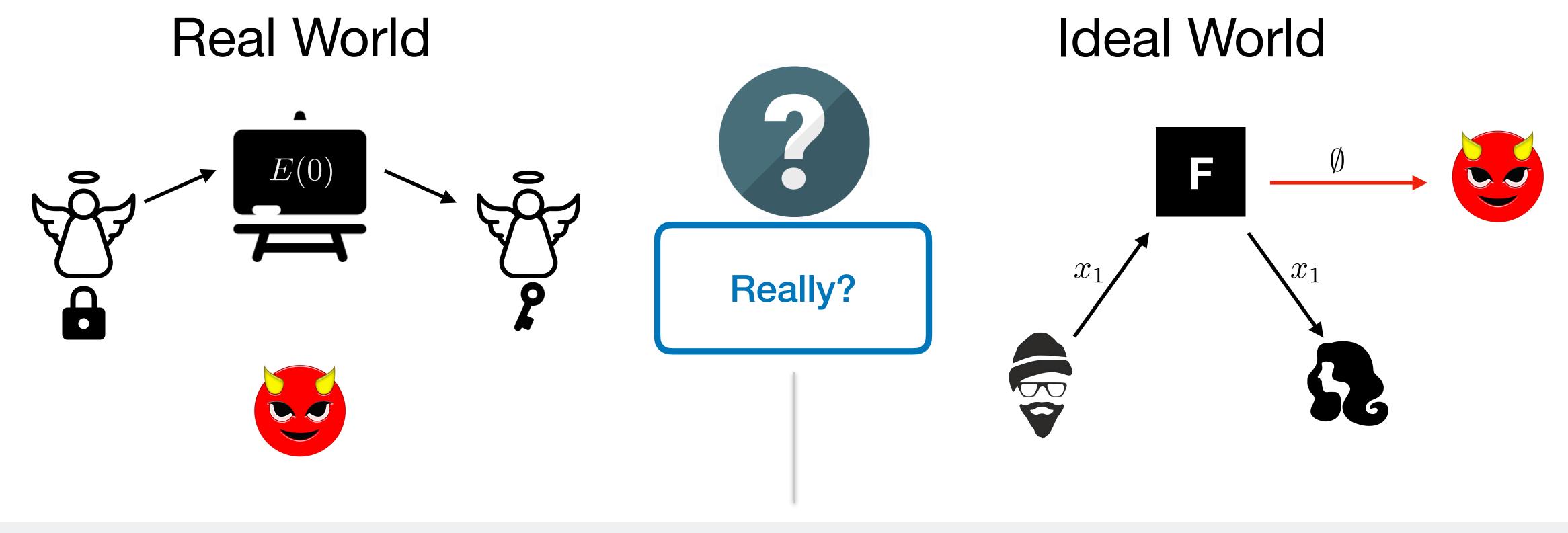


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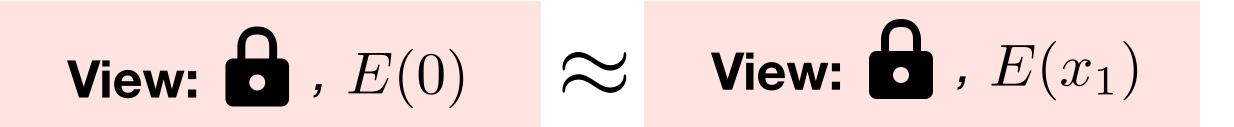
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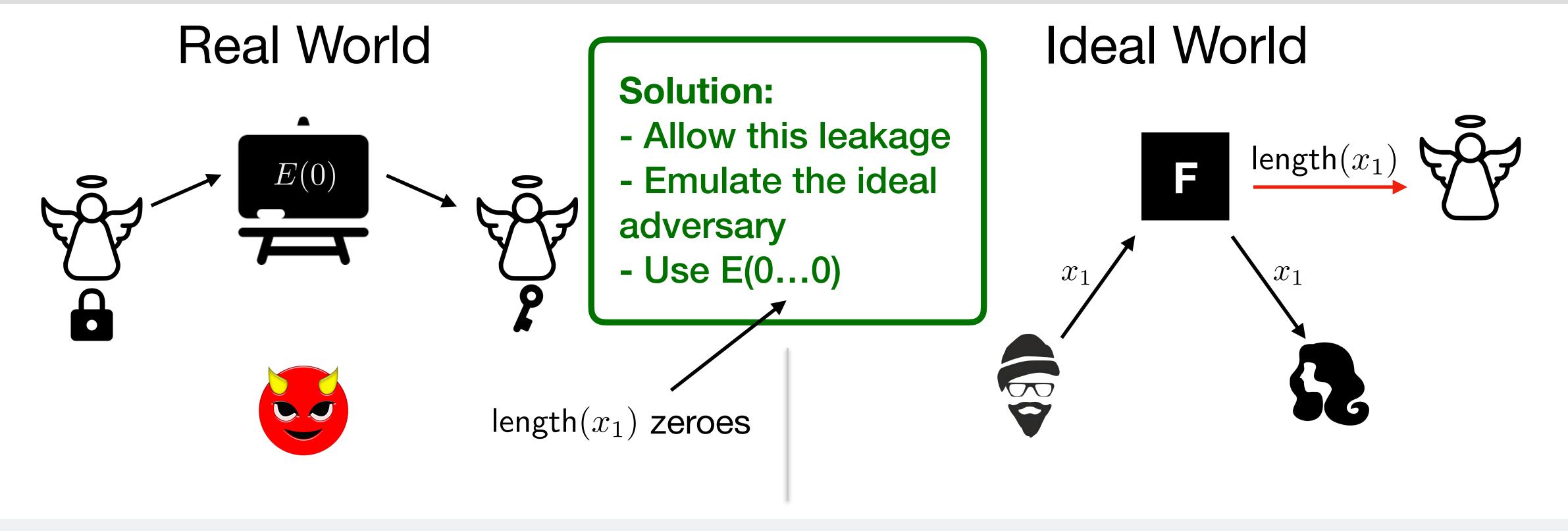


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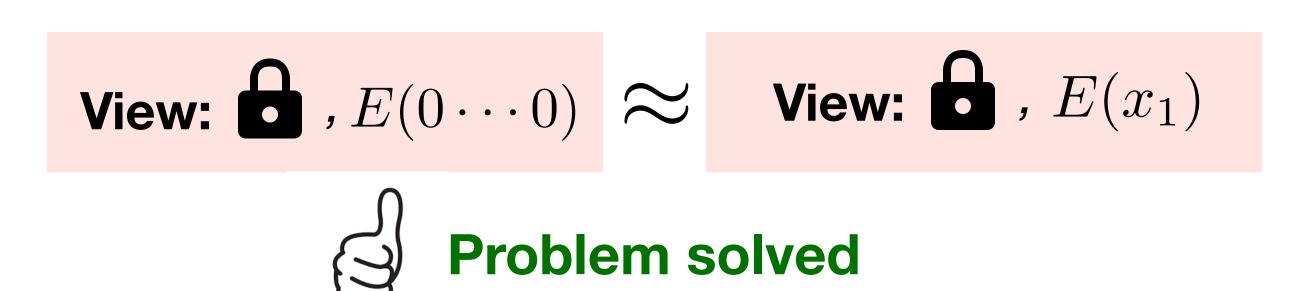




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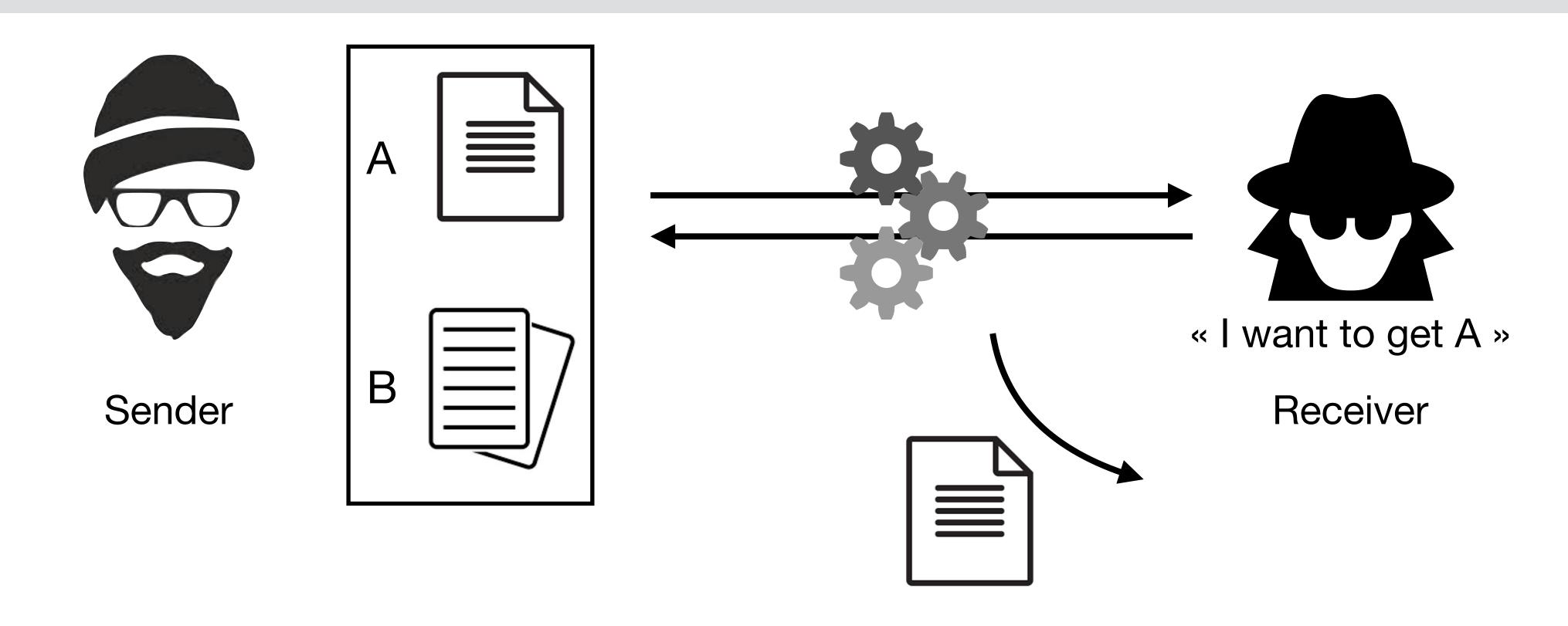
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Goal:

- The receiver learns S_b
- The sender learns nothing about b
- The receiver learns nothing about S_{1-b}



Receiver
Selection bit b



A (minimalistic) version of symmetrically private download from a database held by a server: the client wants to retrieve an item (but does not want to reveal which one), and the server wants to keep all other items private.



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Sender Receiver (s_0,s_1) We will: Selection bit b

- Provide a full construction of OT, starting from an IND-CPA encryption scheme satisfying additional special properties
- Formally prove that the construction is secure.

The following closely follows the lecture notes of Jonathan Kat:

https://www.cs.umd.edu/~jkatz/gradcrypto2/f13/lecture3.pdf

Reminder:

A public key encryption scheme \mathcal{E} consists of three probabilistic polynomial time algorithms (Gen, Enc, Dec) where

- Gen is the key generation algorithm that on input 1^n , where n is the security parameter, outputs the public key pk and the secret key sk,
- Enc is the encryption algorithm that on input a message m and the public key pk outputs a ciphertext $c \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}_{pk}(m)$,
- Dec is the decryption algorithm that on input a ciphertext c and secret key sk outputs the message $m = \mathsf{Dec}_{sk}(c)$.

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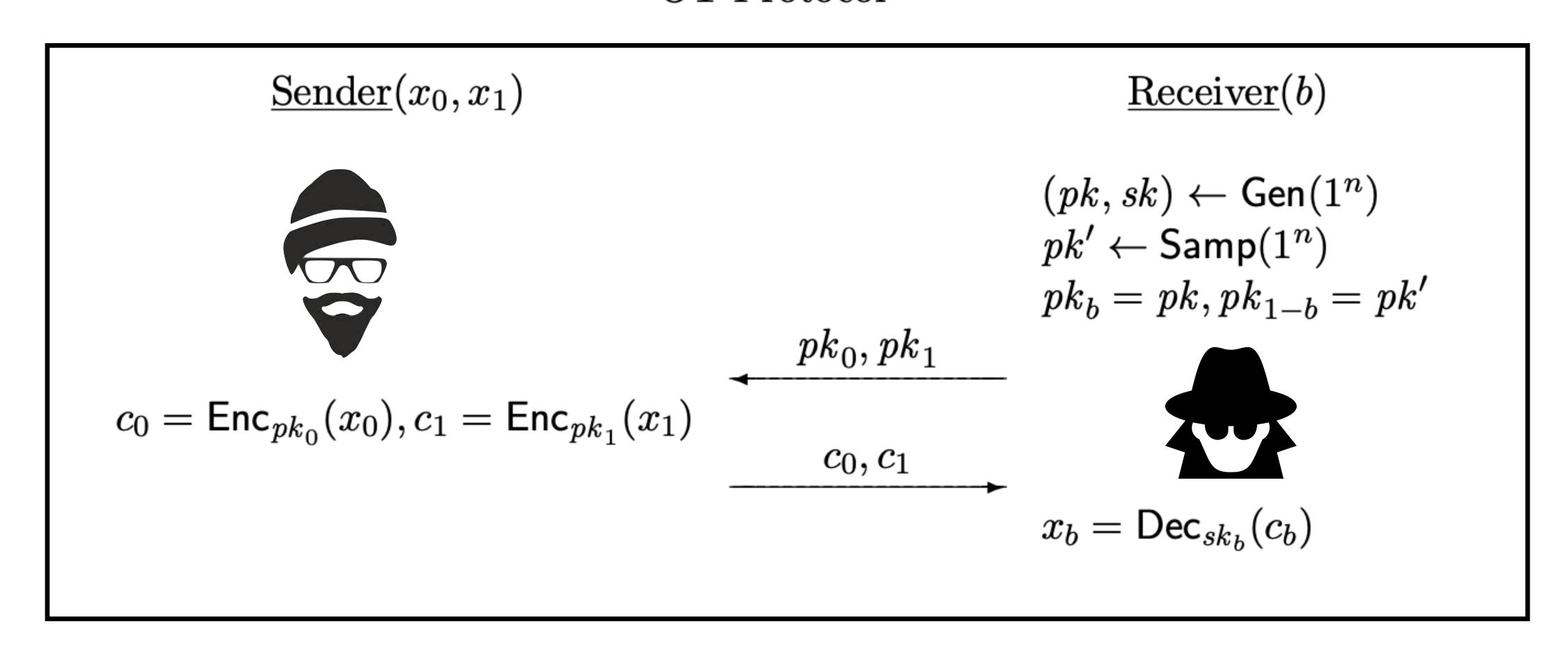
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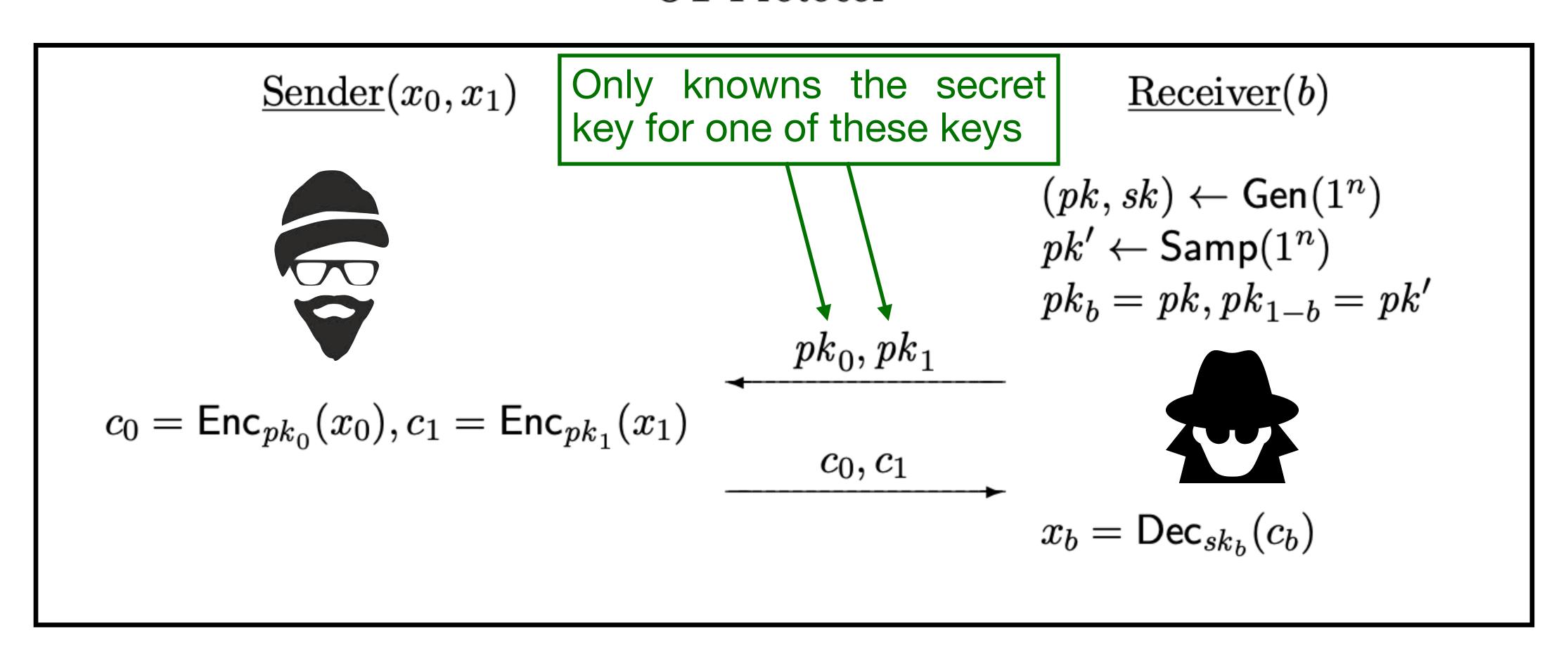
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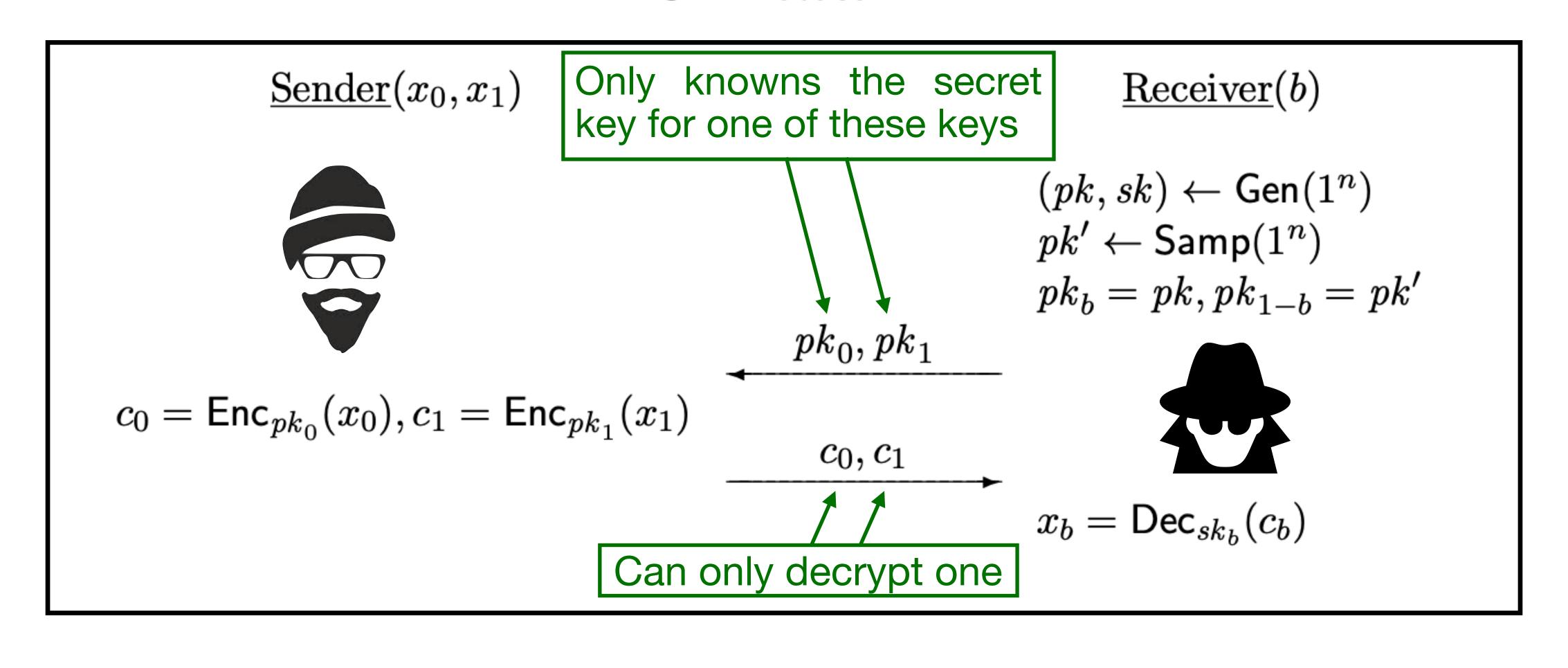
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By definition of the algorithm pkSim , the distributions $\mathrm{View}_{\mathrm{receiver}}^\pi(1^n, b)$ and $\mathrm{Hybrid}(1^n, b)$ are identical. For distributions $\mathrm{Hybrid}(1^n, b)$ and $\mathcal{S}(1^n, b, x_b)$, the difference is that we replaced the encryption of x_{1-b} with that of 0^n . The proof that these two distributions are computationally indistinguishable follows by reduction from the CPA security of the encryption scheme.

Home Exercise

Prove that ElGamal satisfies the obliviously samplable keys requirement

Reminder:

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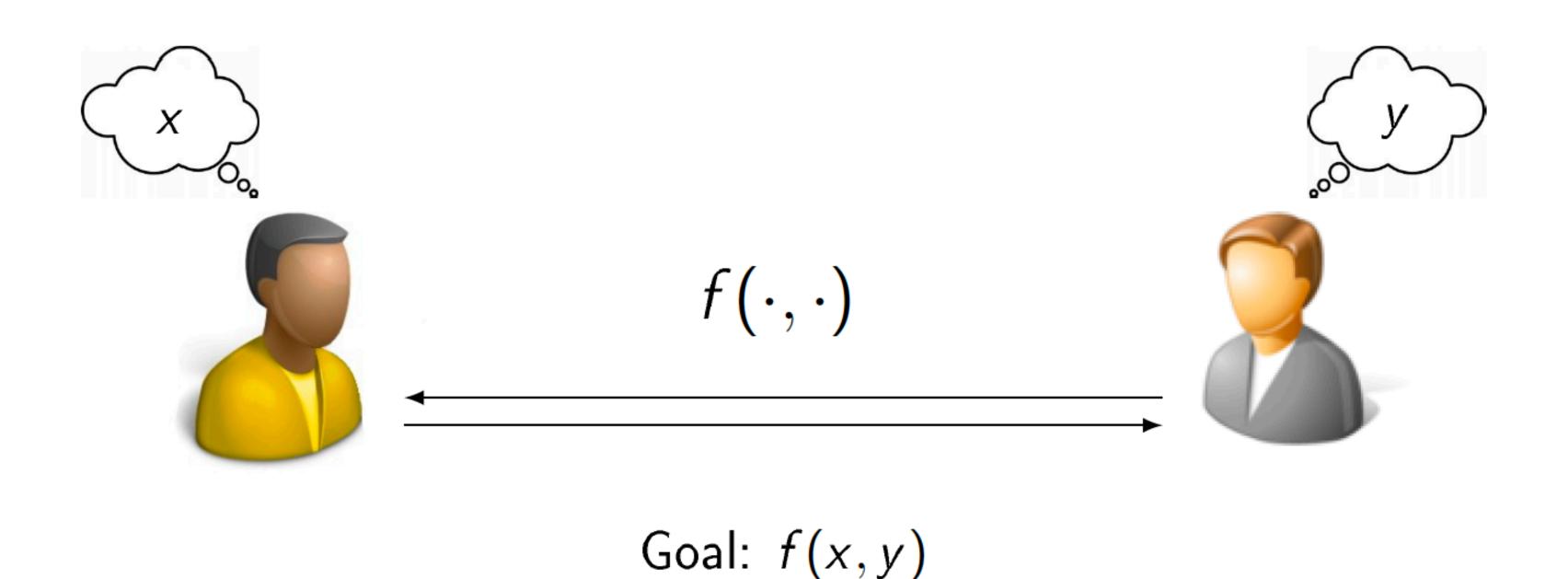
Two-Party Secure Computation for All Functions

Until now, we only addressed special cases of secure computation, for very specific, restricted (two party) functionalities: secure communication and oblivious transfer.

However, a beautiful result of Yao, from 1986, showed that the existence of (private-key) encryption schemes, together with a protocol for oblivious transfer, as we just constructed, suffices to securely compute *all functions* in the two-party setting.

In the following, we will prove this result.

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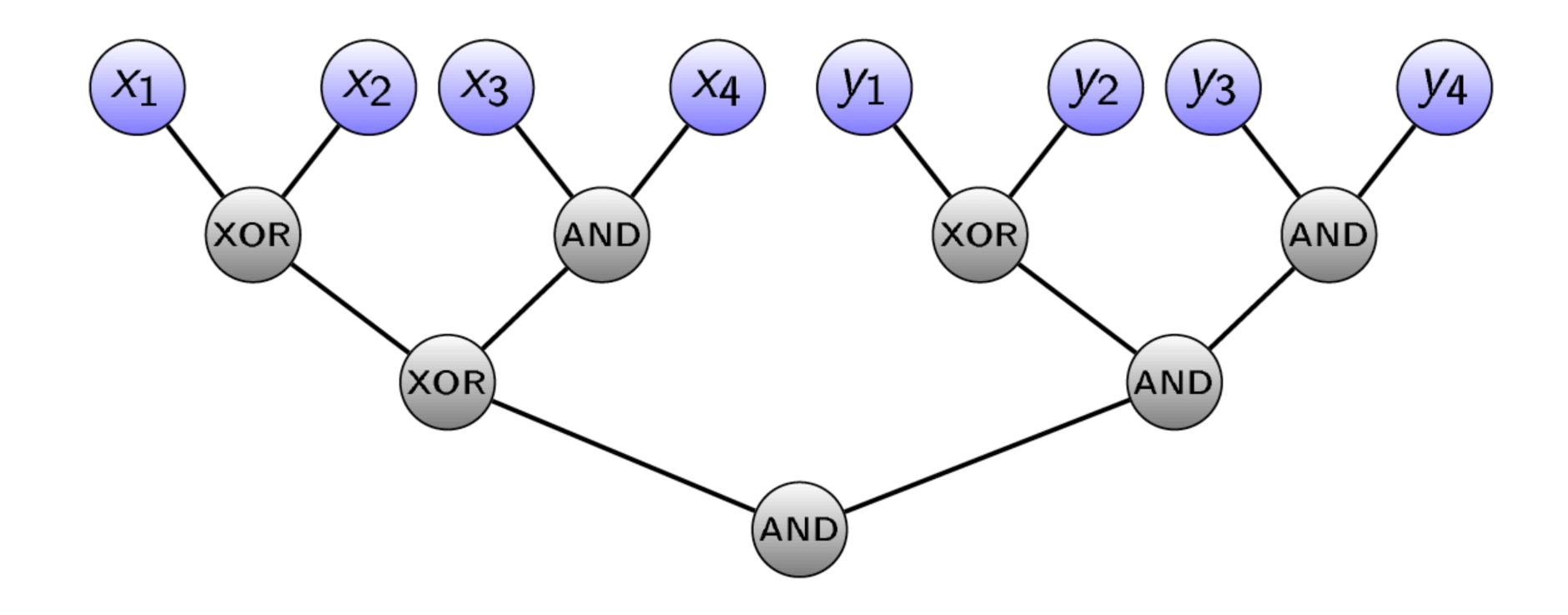


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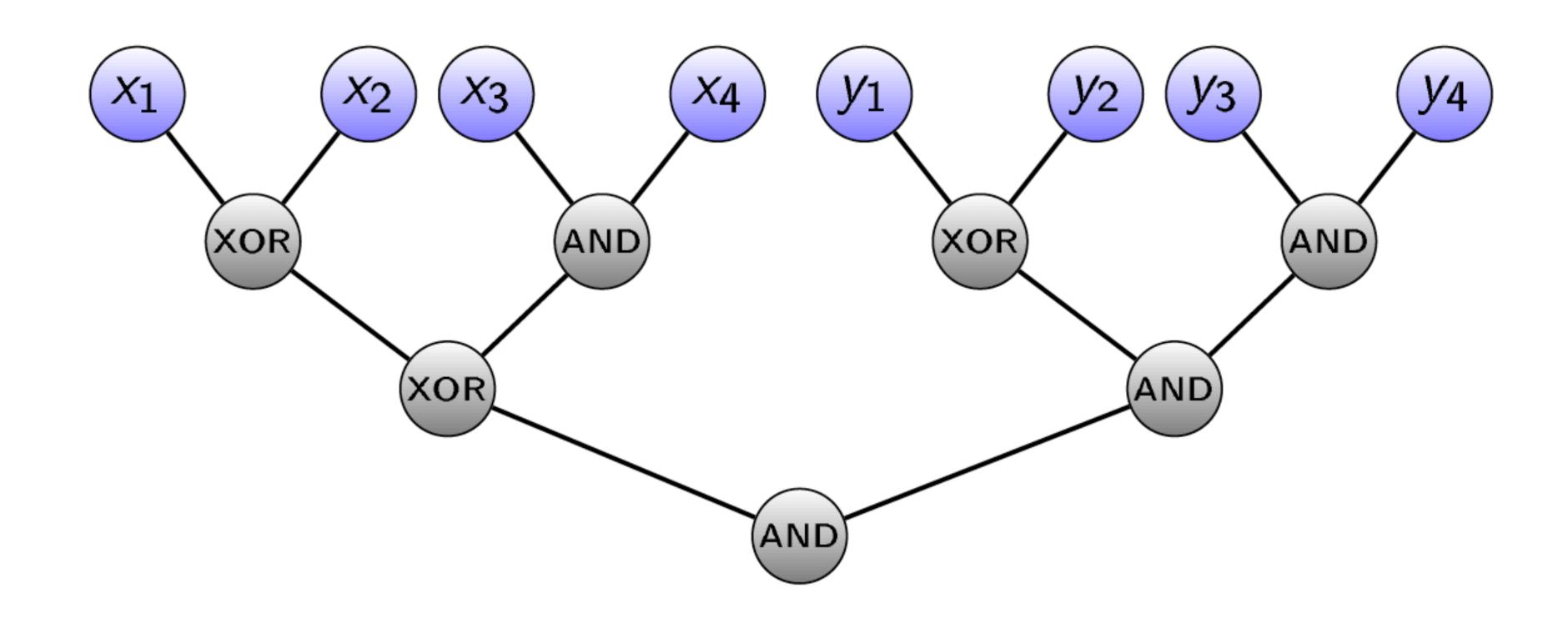
Claim: any polytime-computable function can be computed by a poly size boolean circuit over the {XOR, AND} bases.

Proof: that's how your computer does it.



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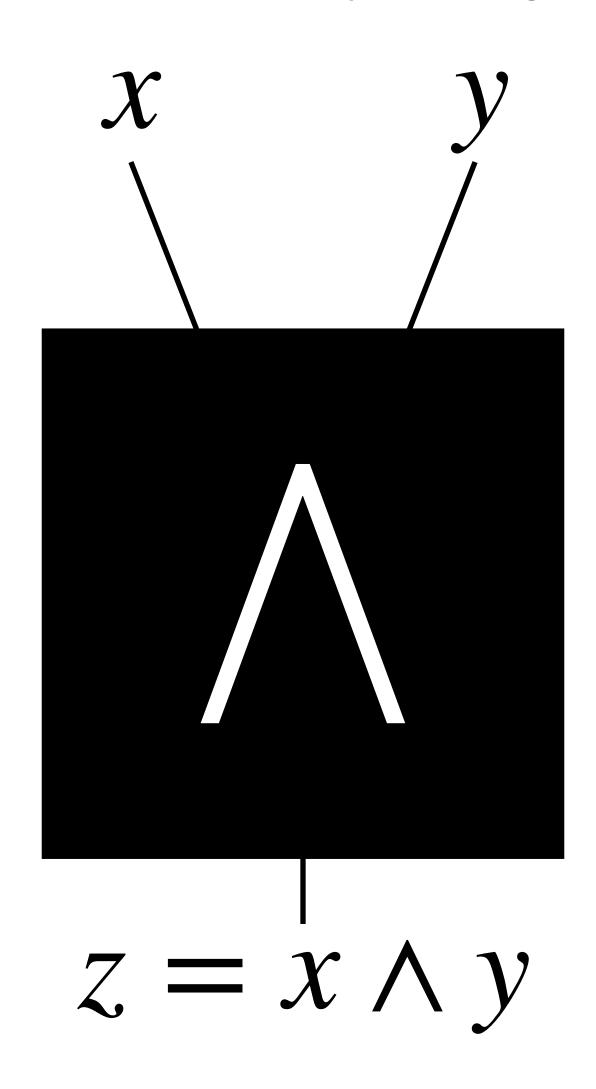
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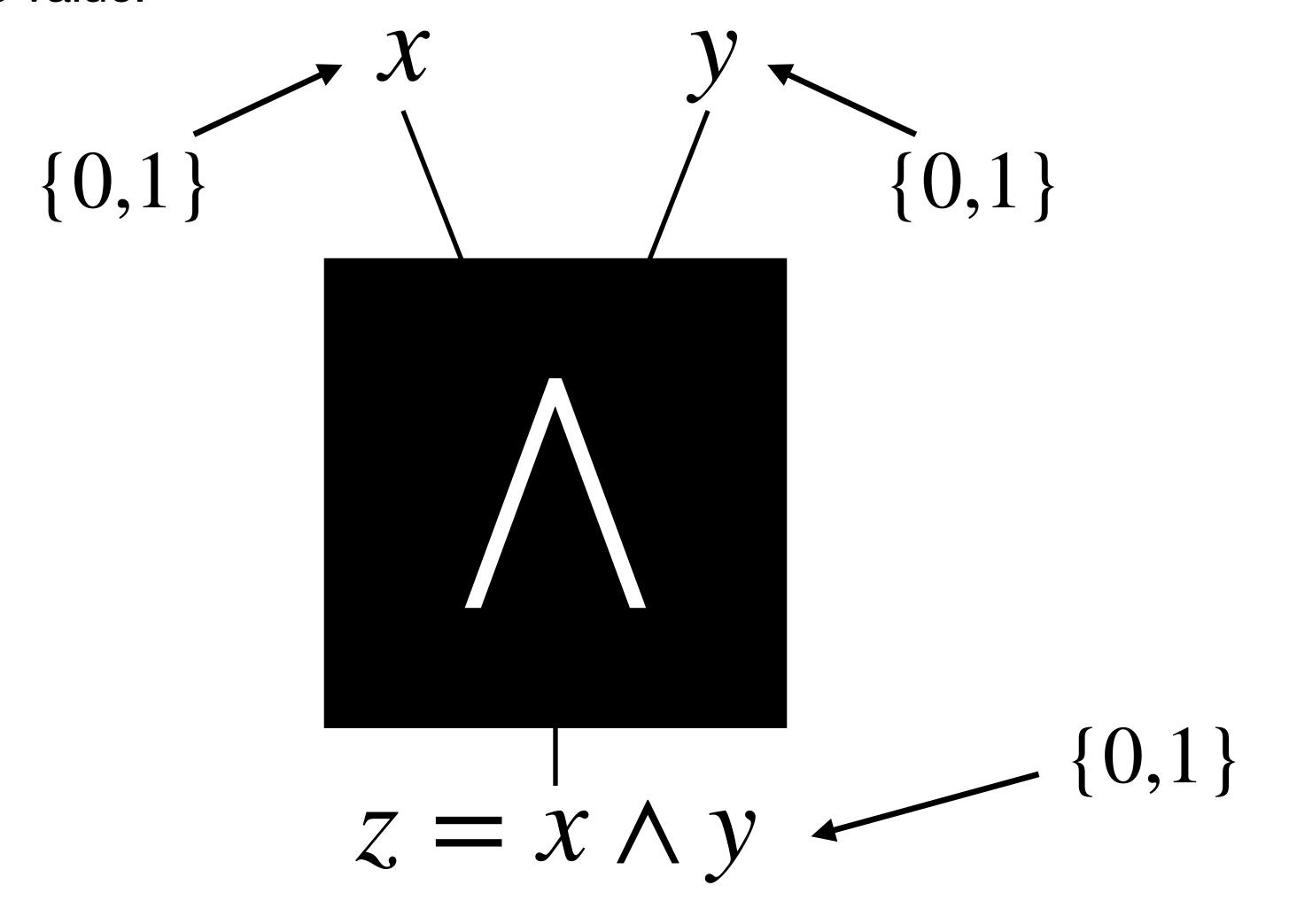
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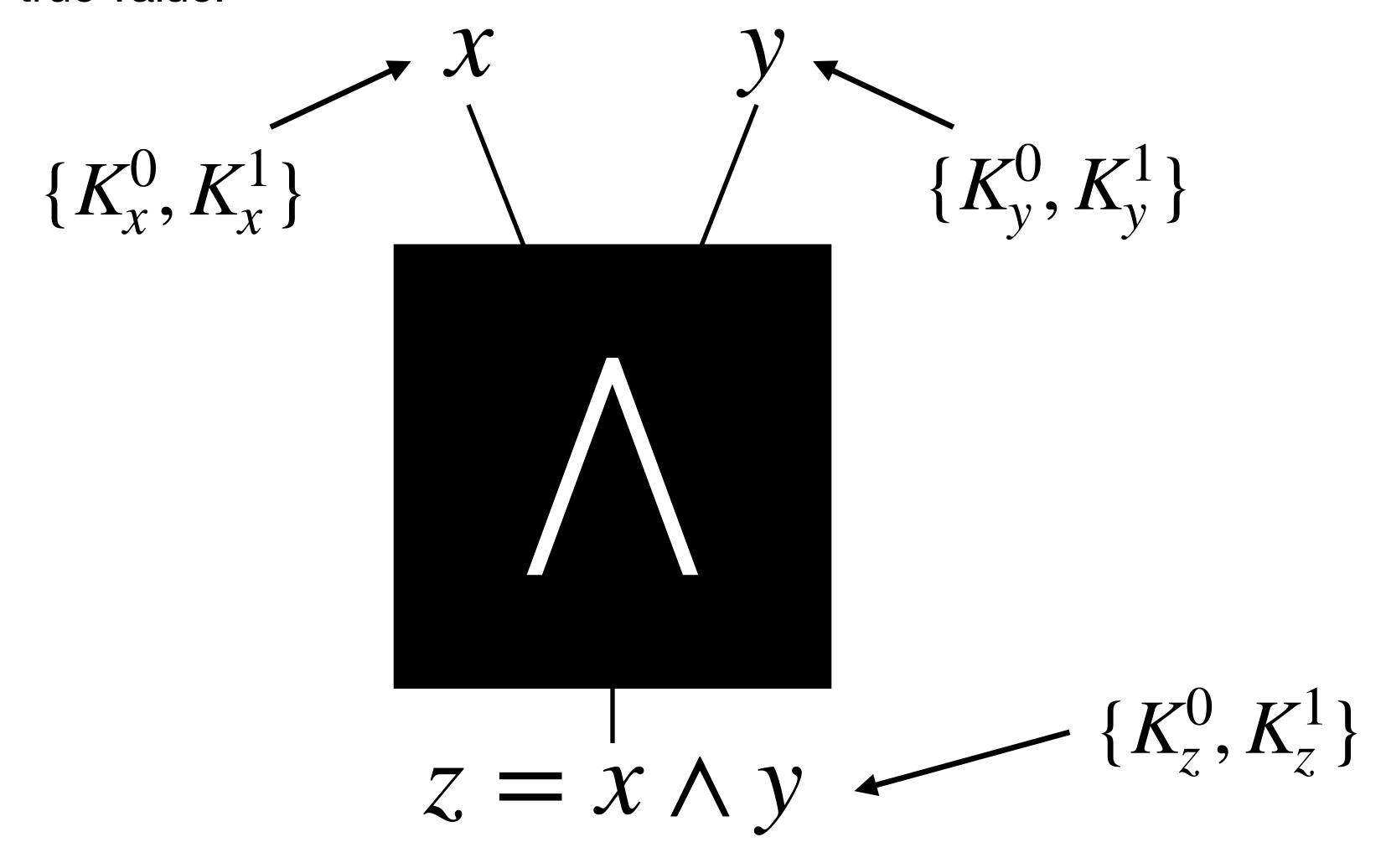
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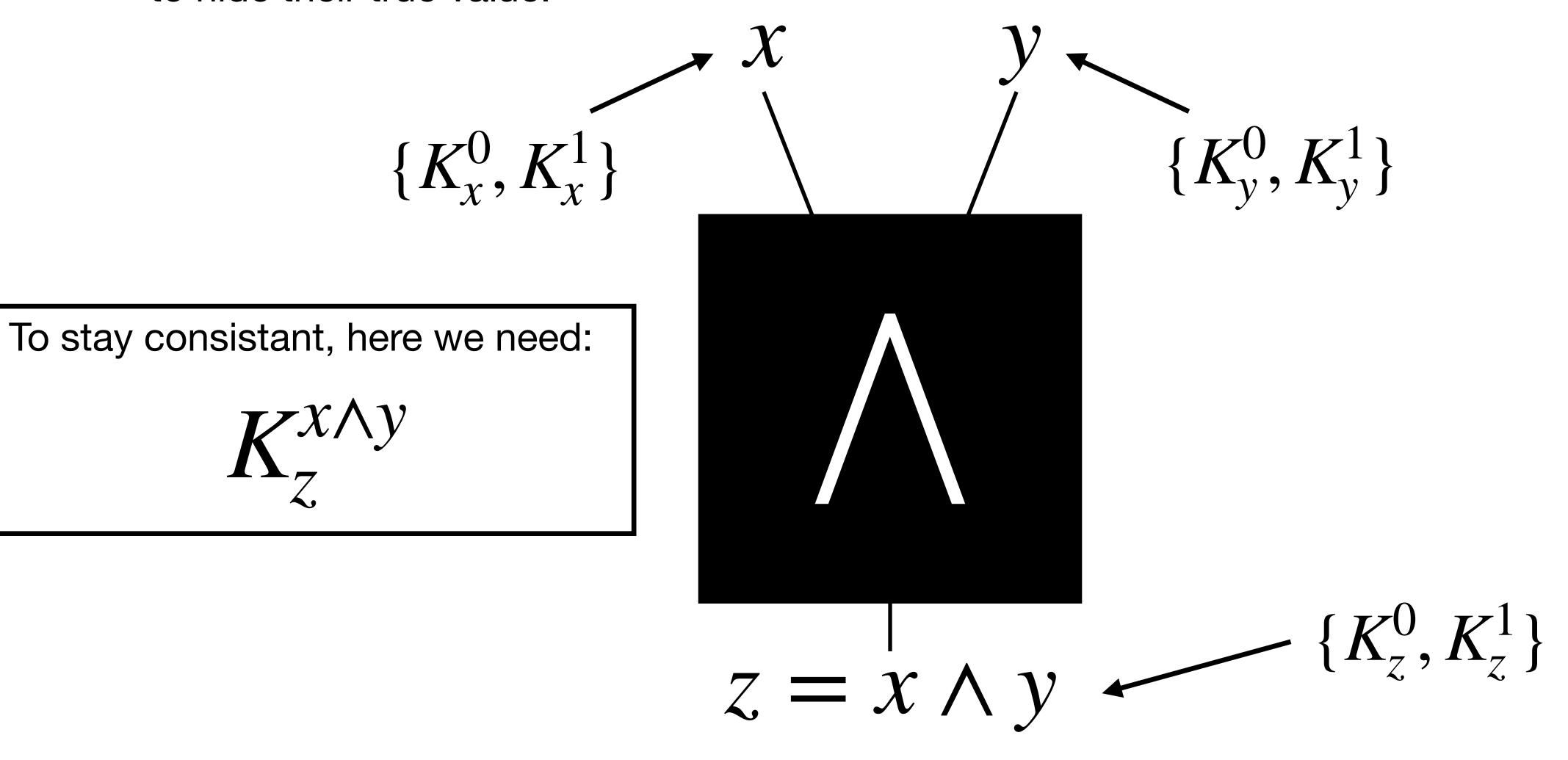
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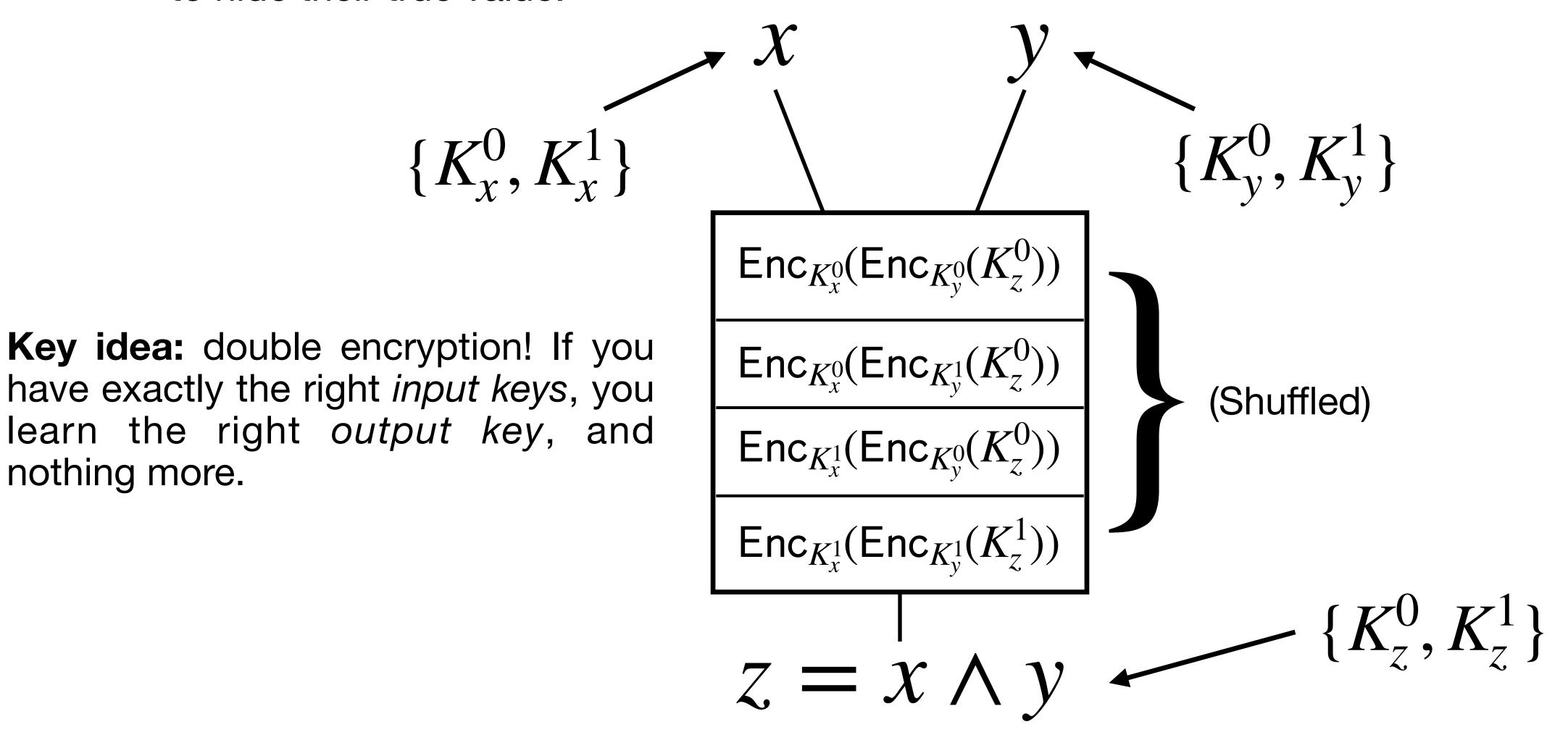
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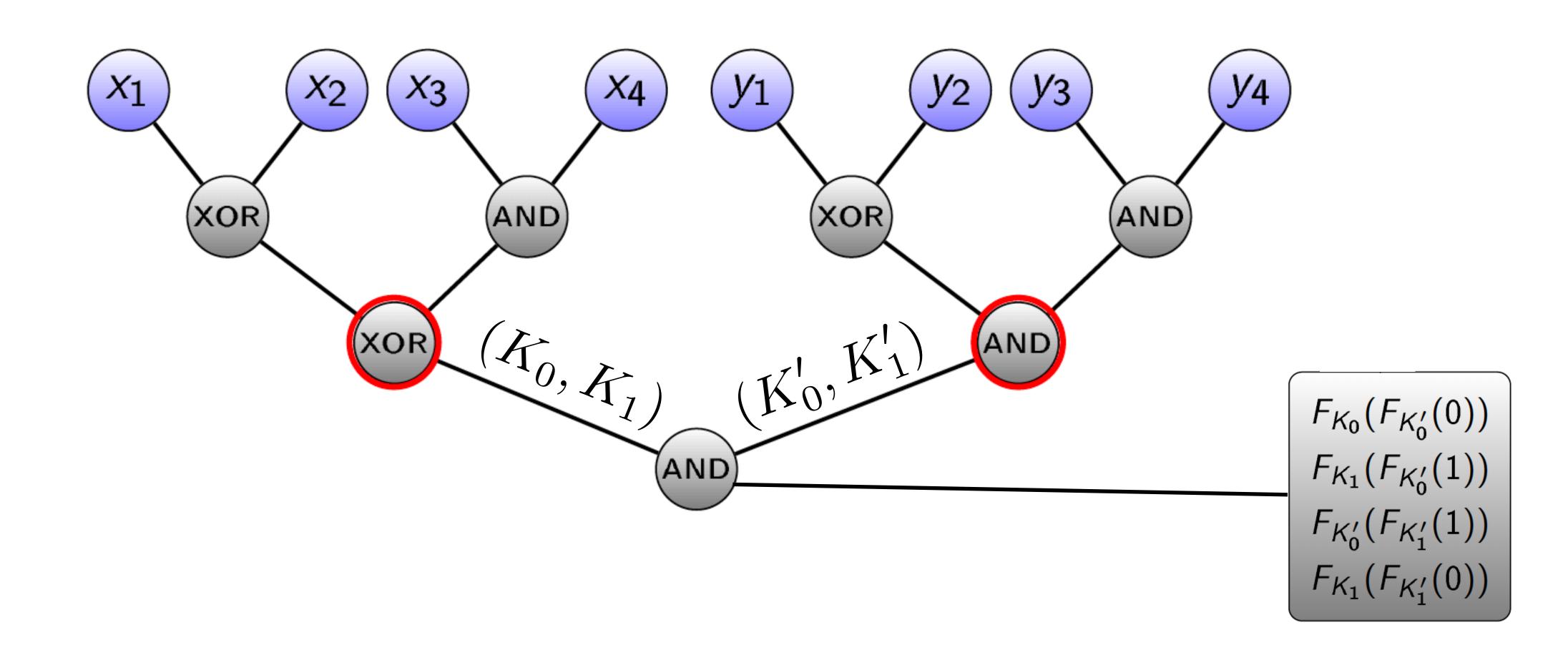
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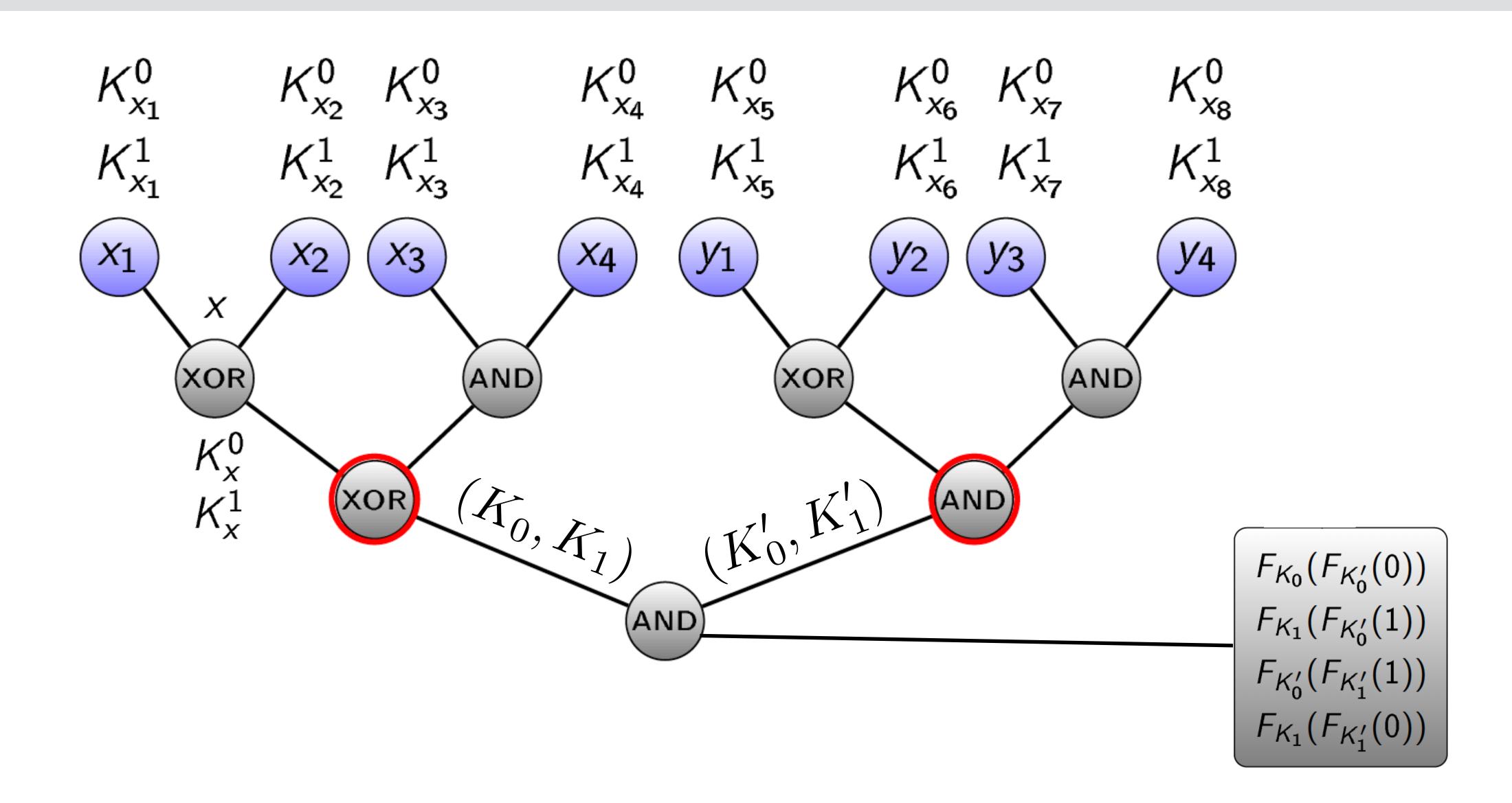


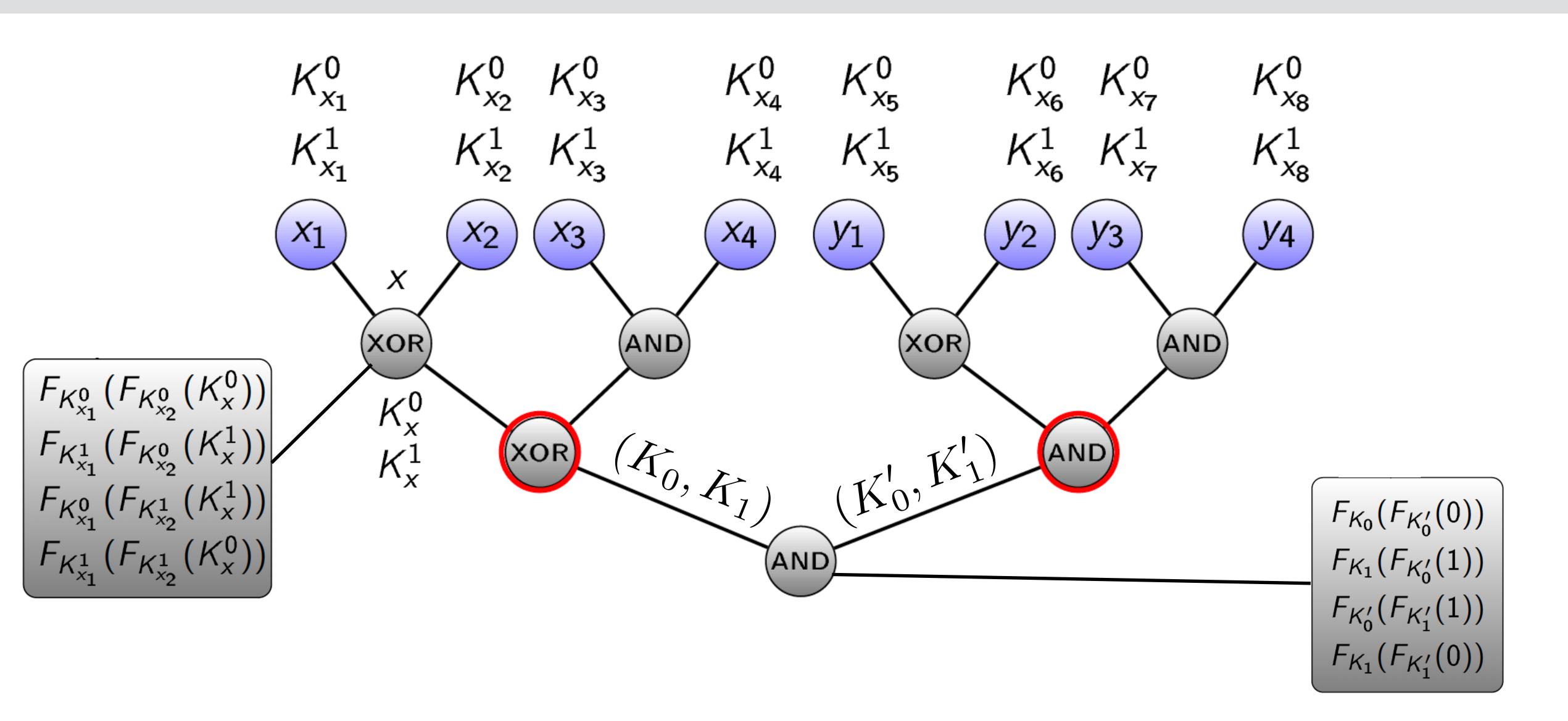
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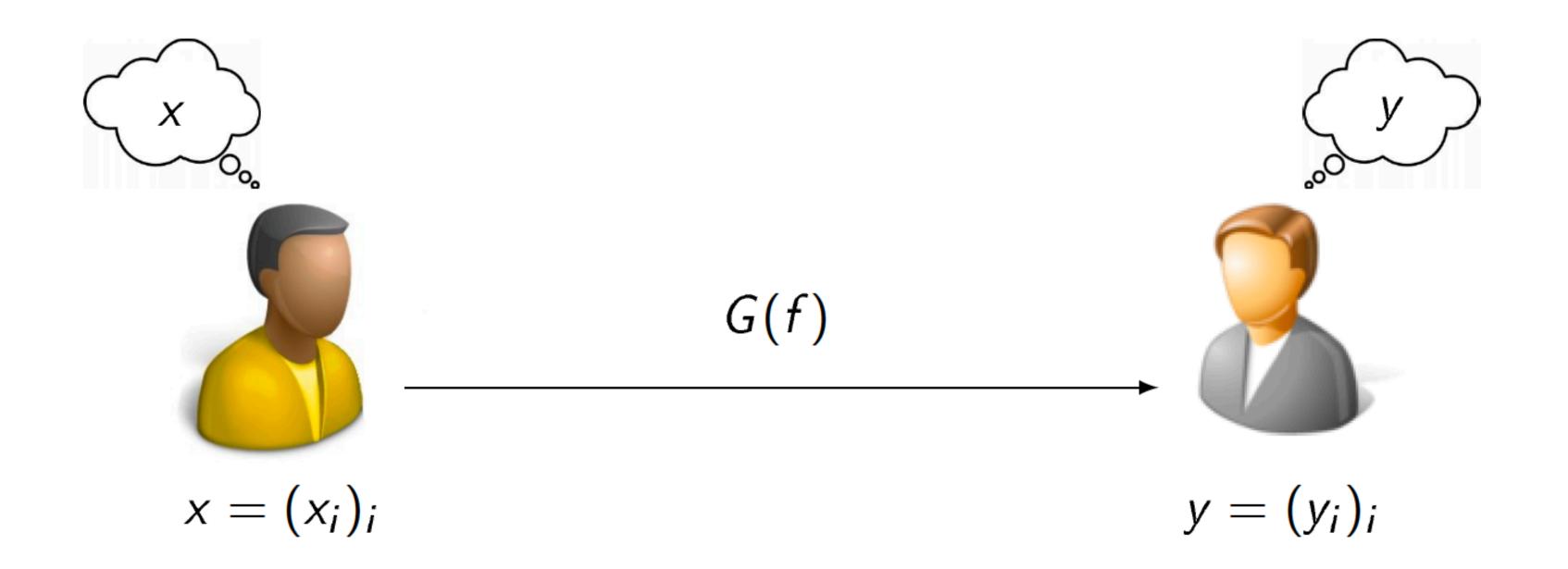
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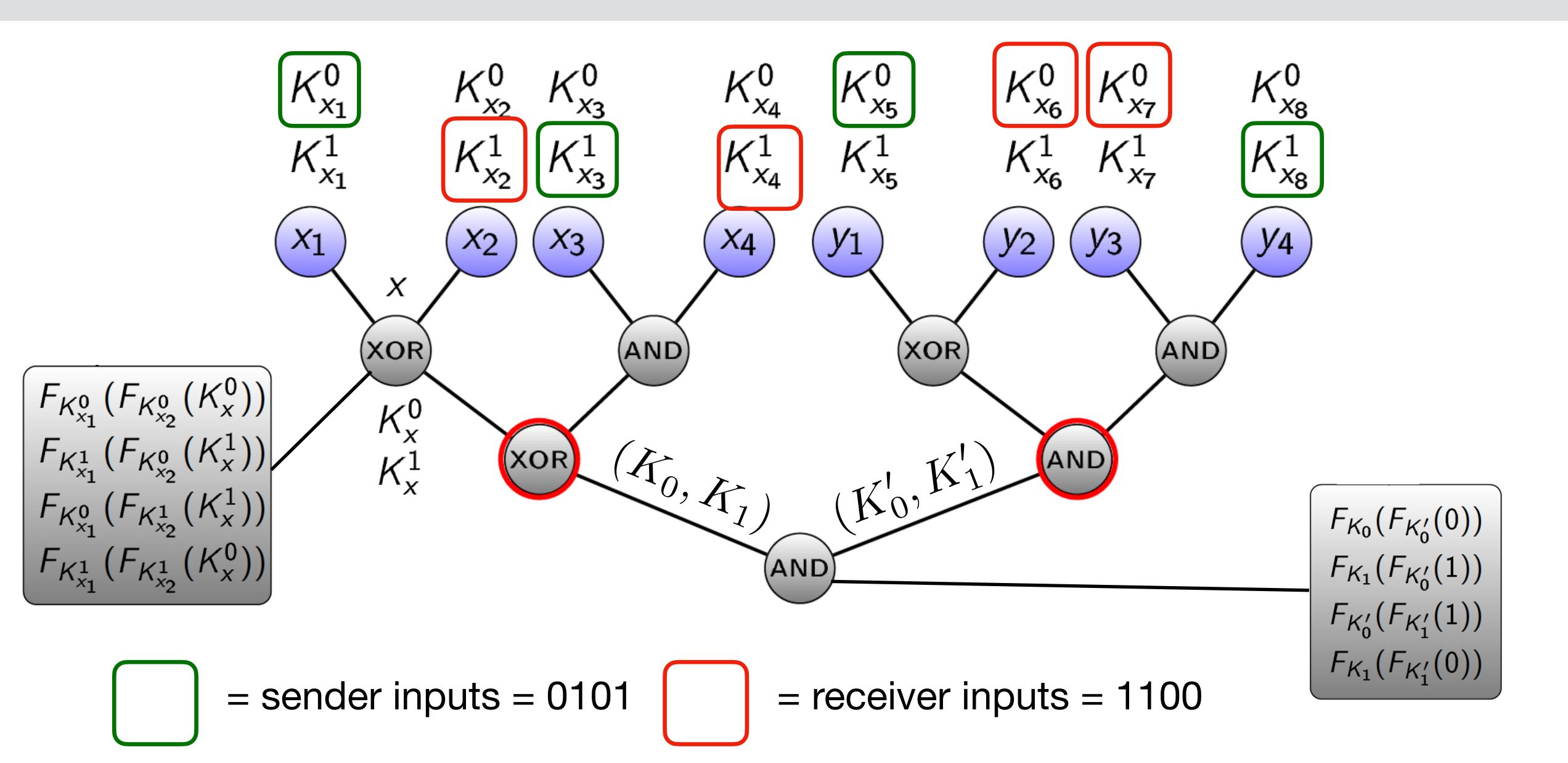


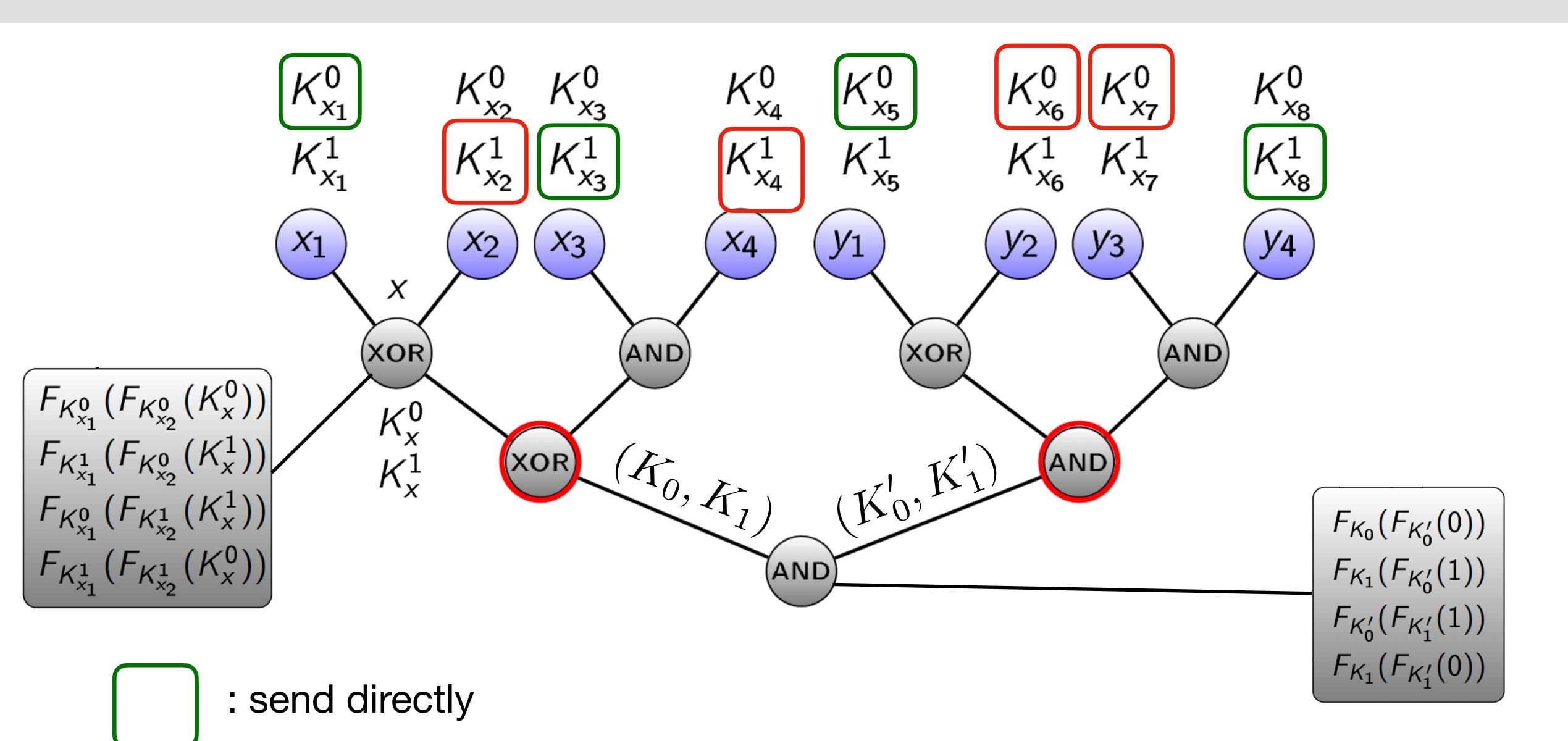


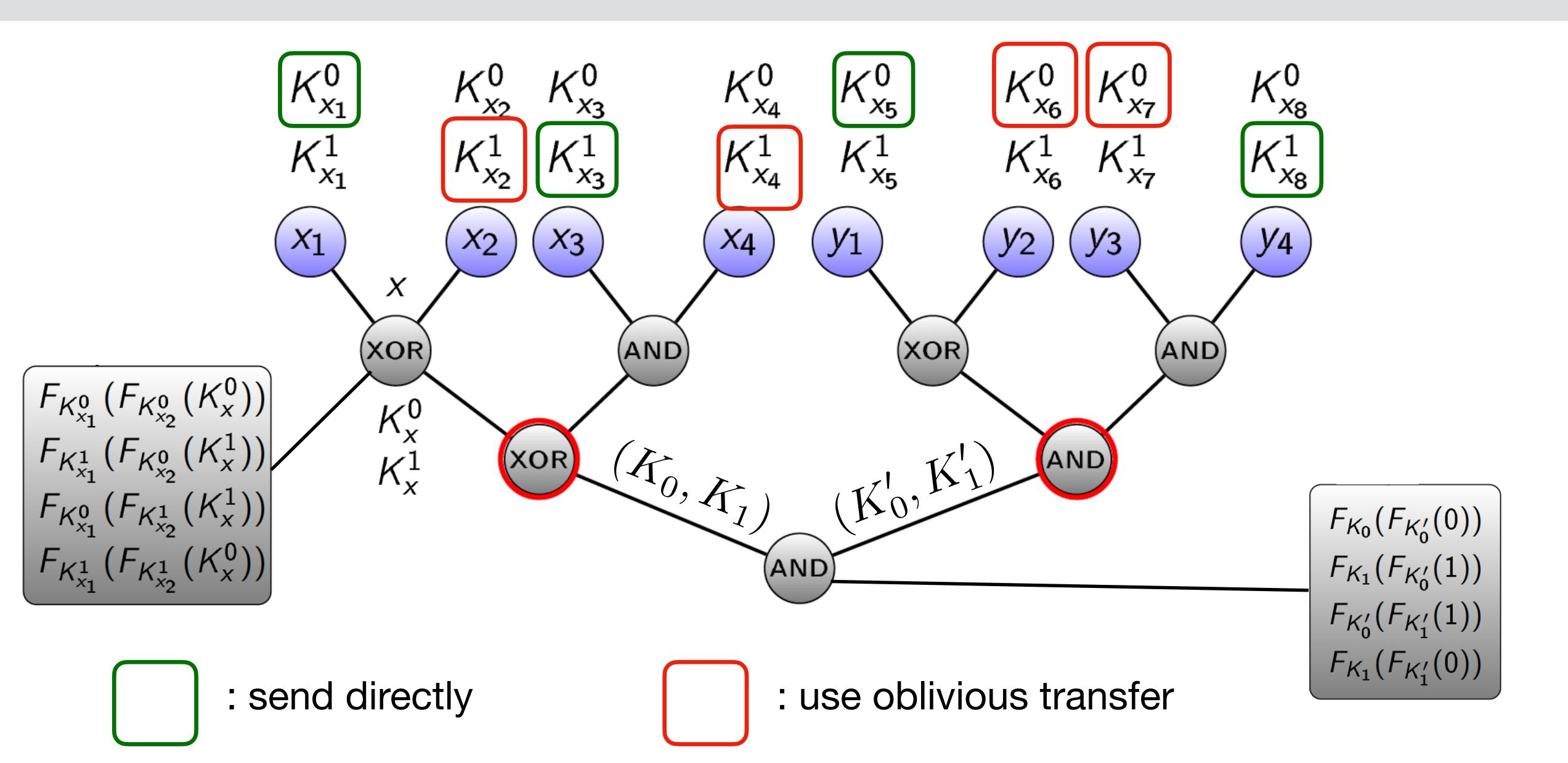
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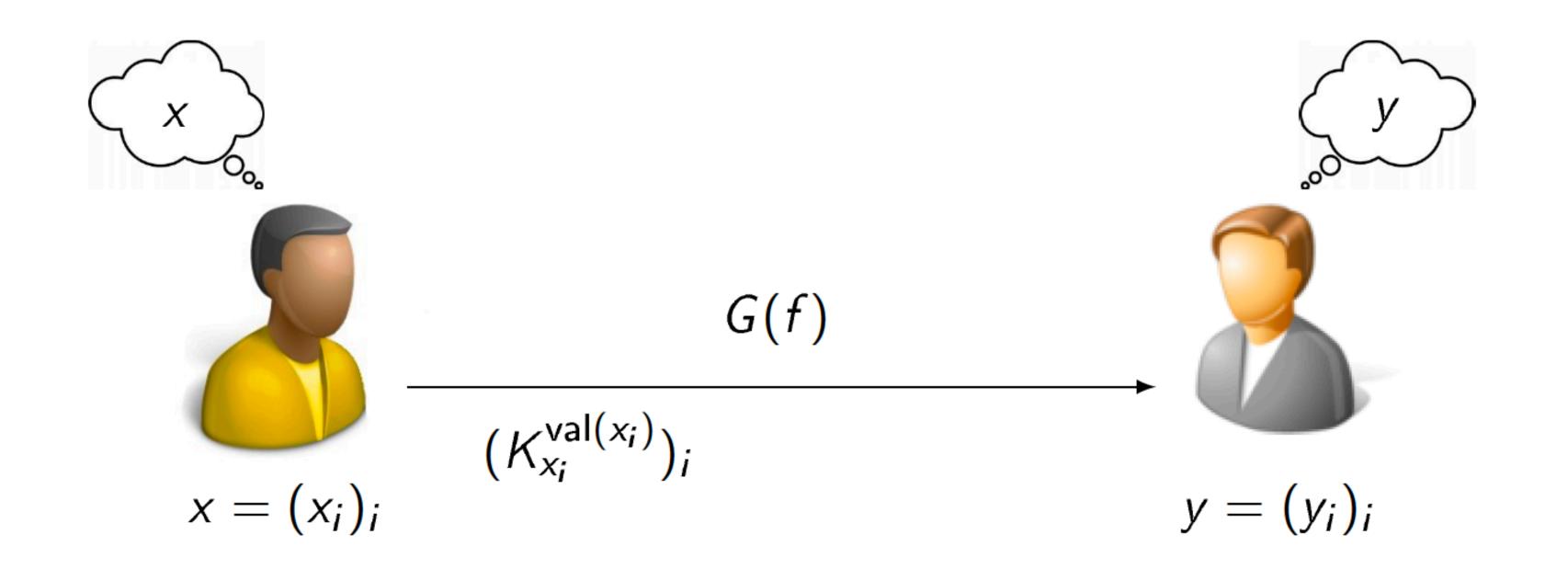
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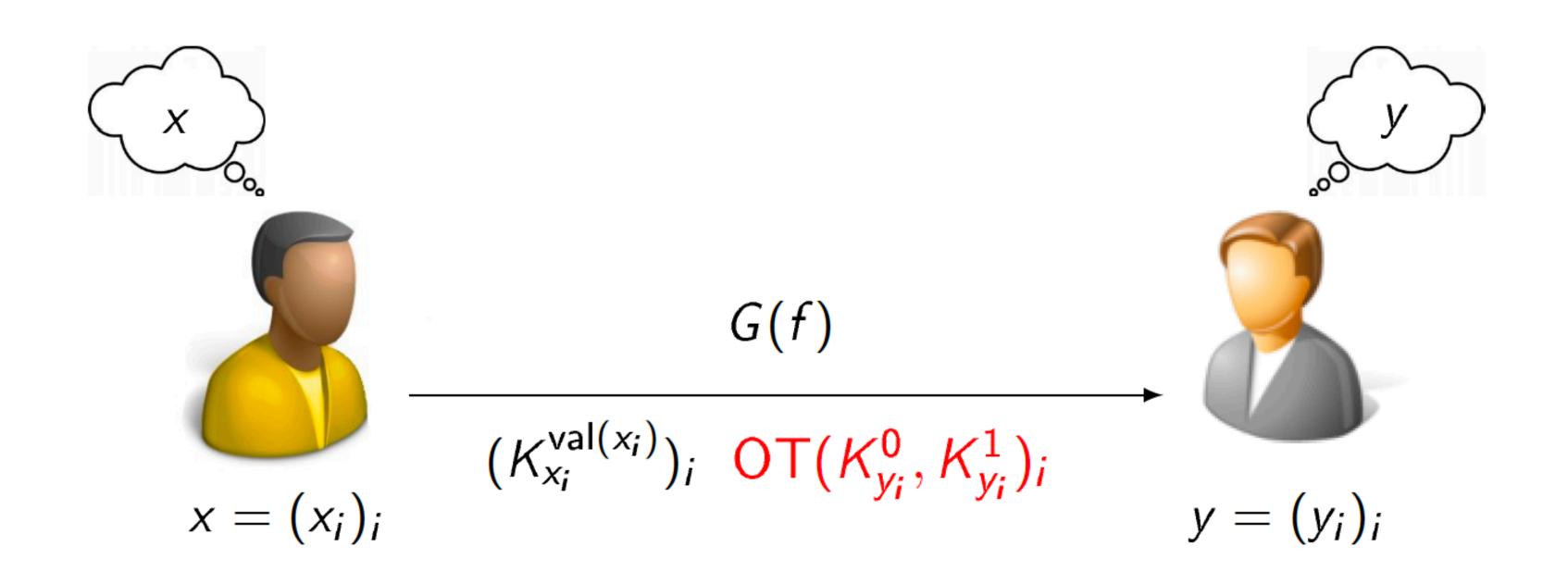




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