

Multi-Party Computation in the Head: Techniques and Applications

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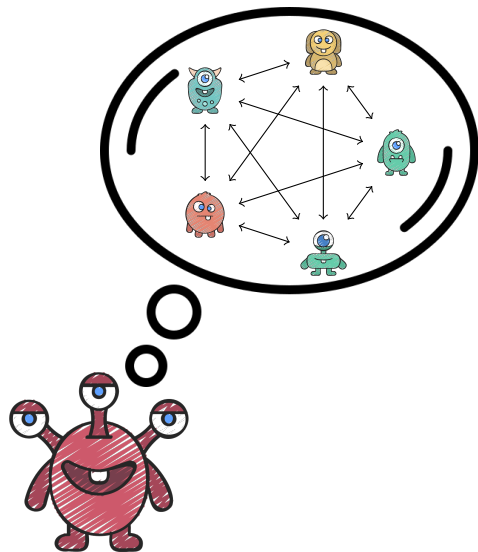
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Outline



MPC-in-the-Head

MPC protocol



ZK proof

Generic technique

Optimizations

Applications

Main Application: Digital Signatures

- consider some **one-way function** F
- picks uniformly at random sk in F 's domain
- sets and publishes $pk = F(sk)$

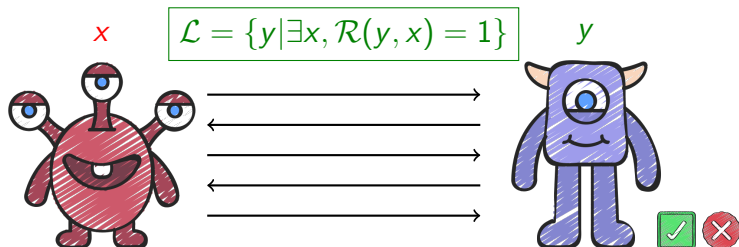
- to sign m , Alice proves
 - in zero-knowledge
 - **non-interactively** (using Fiat-Shamir heuristic using m)that she knows sk such that $pk = F(sk)$

- F one-way against quantum computers
 \rightsquigarrow **“post-quantum”** signatures
 (7-9 submission to the recent NIST call for signatures)

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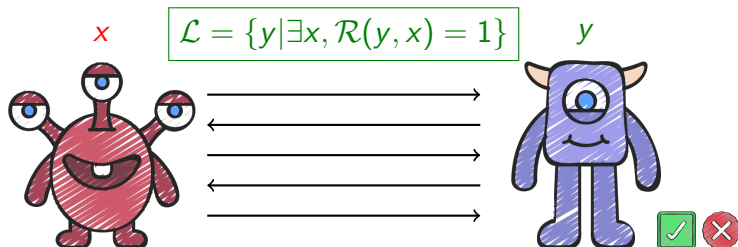
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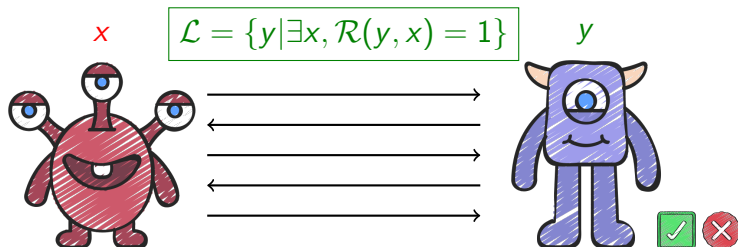


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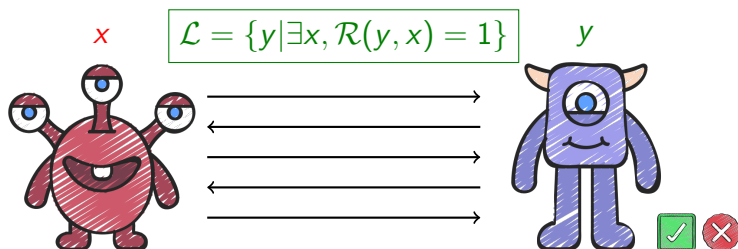
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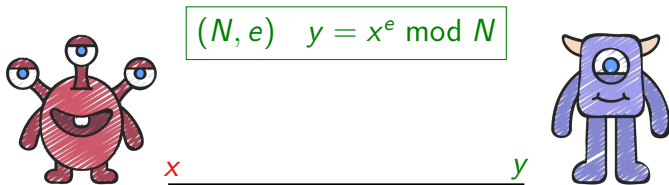


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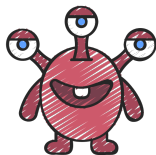
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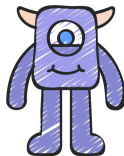
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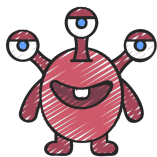
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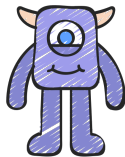
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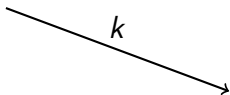
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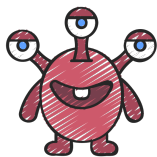
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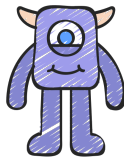


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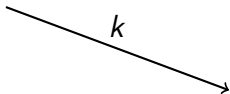
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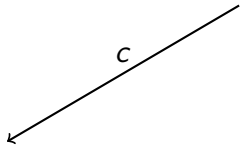
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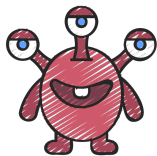


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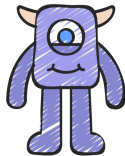


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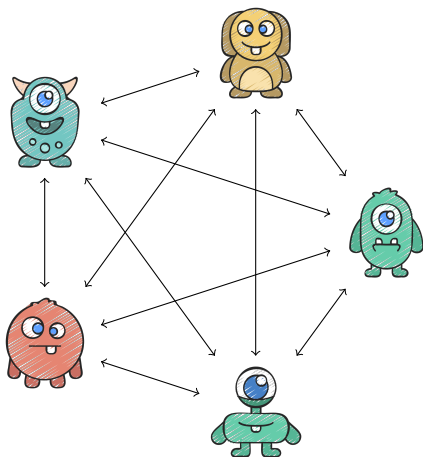


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Multi-Party Computation



- computation between parties who do not trust each other
- preserve the **privacy** of each player's inputs
- guarantee the **correctness** of the computation

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- For any f , there exist a t -private protocol (for $t < n/2$) with **unconditional** semi-honest security

Ben-Or, Goldwasser, Wigderson – STOC 1988

n -out-of- n Secret Sharing

- Let x be a secret from a group (\mathbb{G}, \boxplus) .
- Dealer chooses random x_1, \dots, x_{n-1} in \mathbb{G} and computes

$$x_n = x \boxminus (x_1 \boxplus \dots \boxplus x_{n-1})$$

The **shares** are $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xleftarrow{\text{SHARE}(x)}$

- Given (x_1, \dots, x_n) , one can successfully recover

$$x = x_1 \boxplus \dots \boxplus x_n = \text{RECONSTRUCT}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

- Given all but one x_i 's \rightsquigarrow **no information** about x

MPC-in-the-Head

Ishai, Kushilevitz, Ostrovsky, Sahai – STOC 2007

- Given a public y , Alice wants to prove that she knows x s.t.

$$F(x) = y$$

- Alice uses a n -party secret-sharing (`SHARE`, `RECONSTRUCT`):

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xleftarrow{\text{SHARE}} \text{SHARE}(x)$$

- Consider an n -party computation:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) := F(\text{RECONSTRUCT}(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

- Alice simulates (in her head) a secure MPC protocol for f with
 - 2-privacy in the semi-honest model
 - perfect correctness

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- view of P_i denoted V_i is
 - its input w_i
 - its random coins r_i
 - all the messages **received** by P_i (in particular, $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$)
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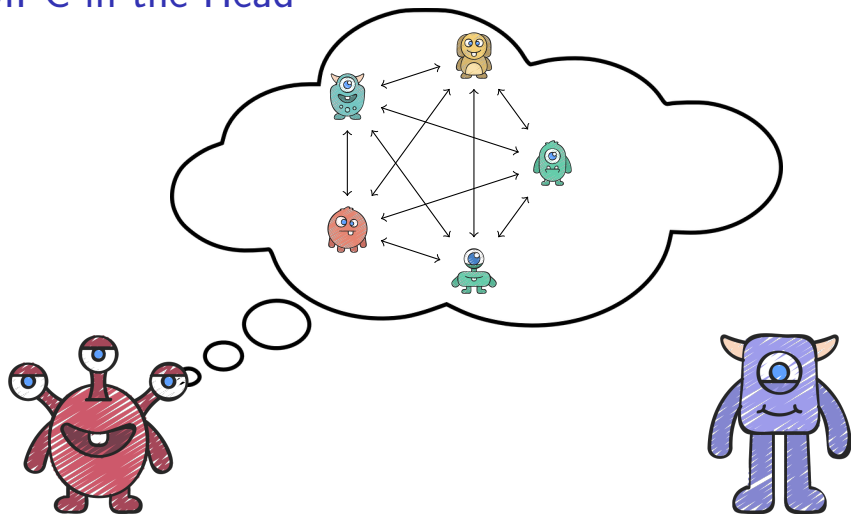
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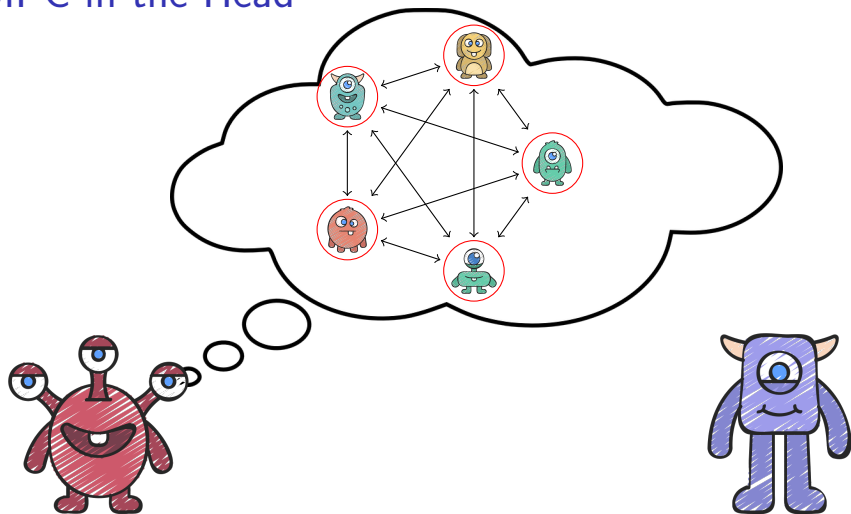
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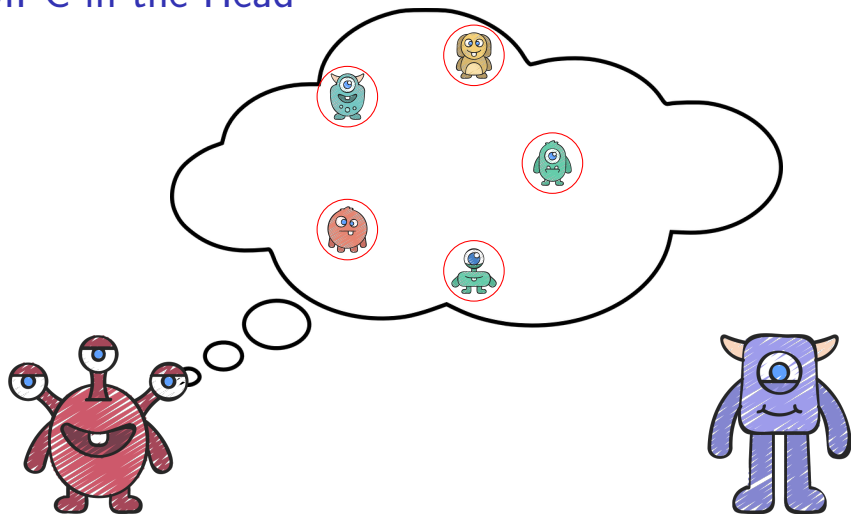
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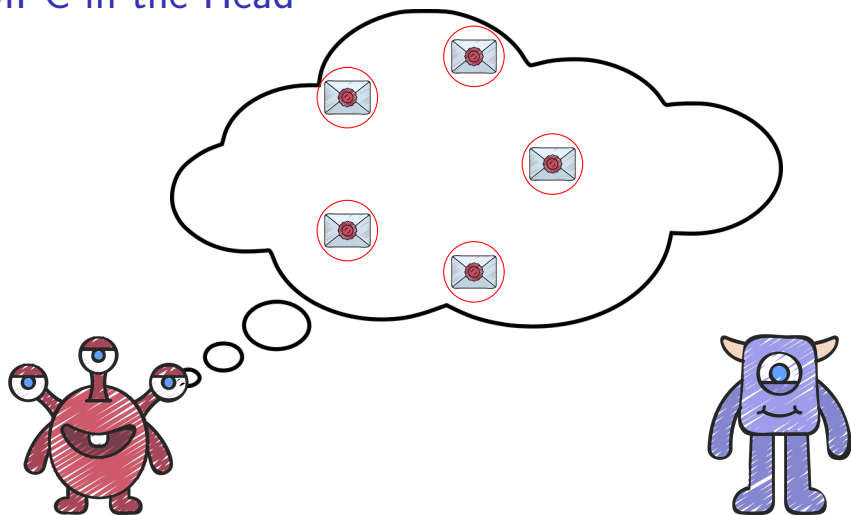
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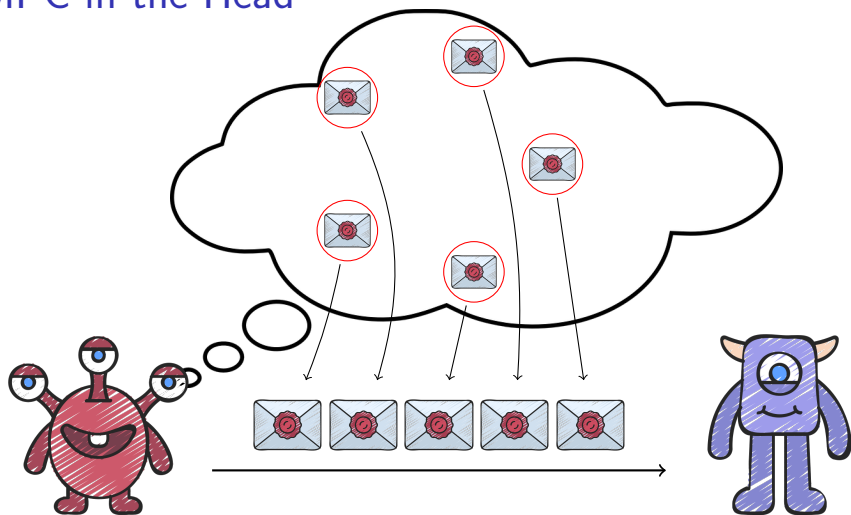
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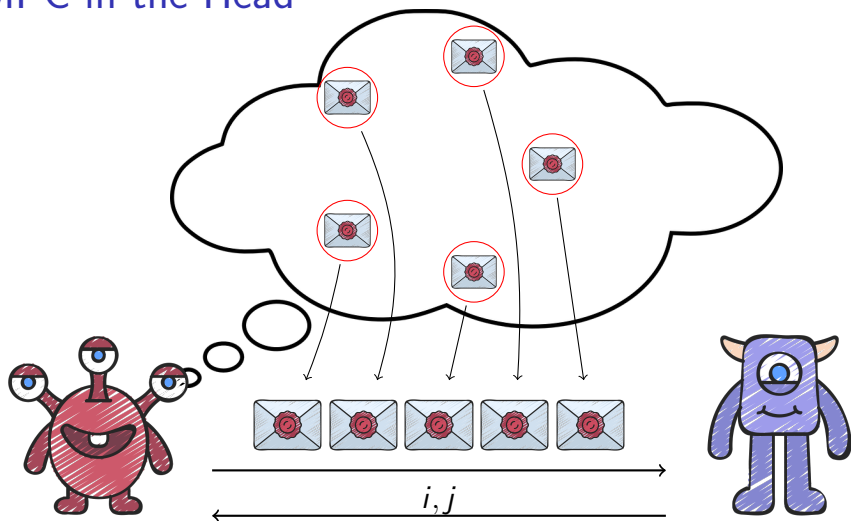
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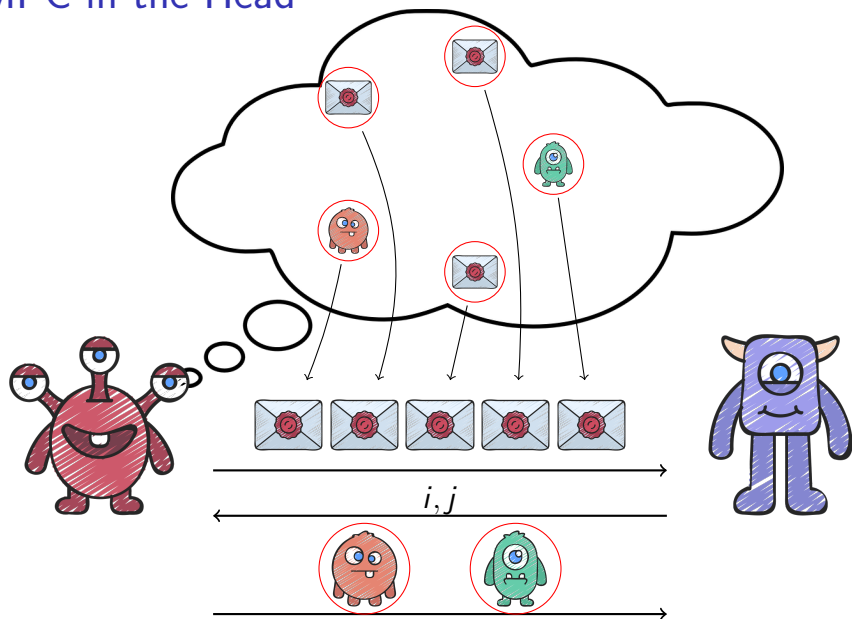
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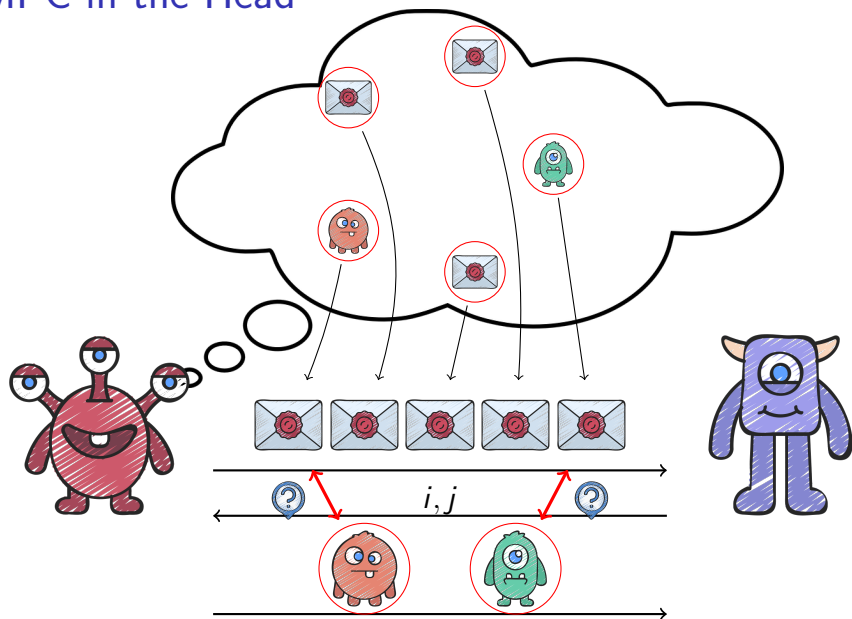
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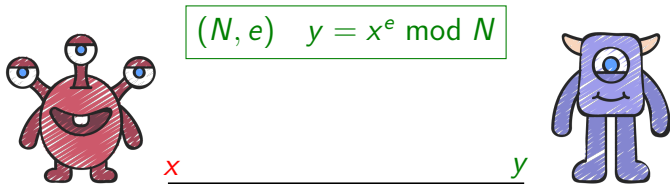
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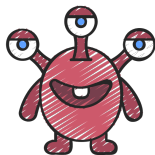
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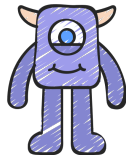
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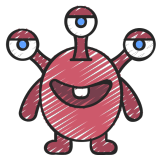
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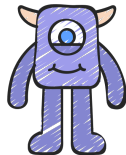
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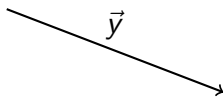
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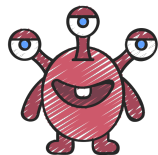
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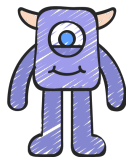
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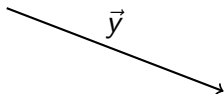
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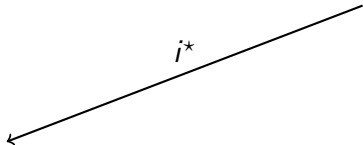
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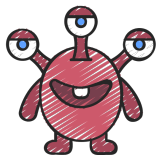
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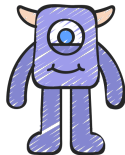


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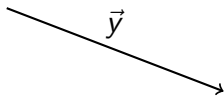
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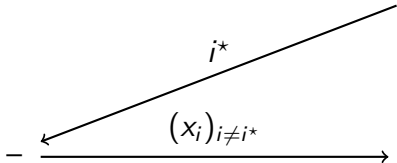
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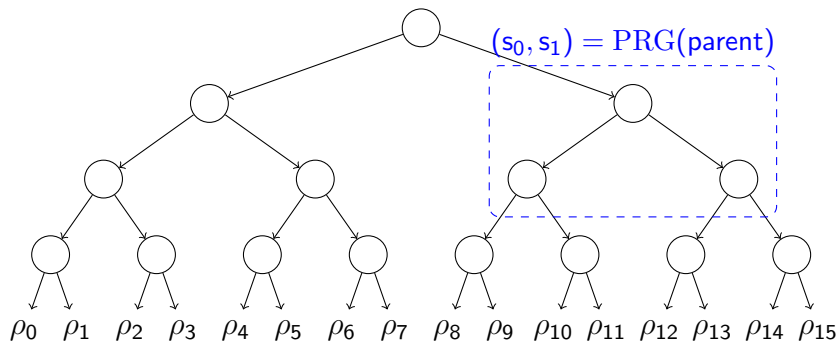
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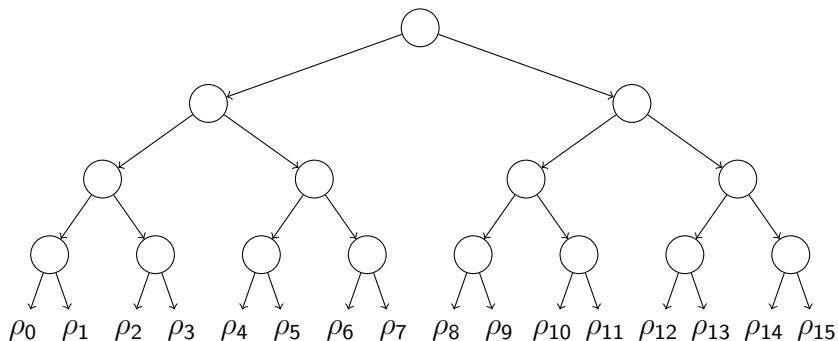
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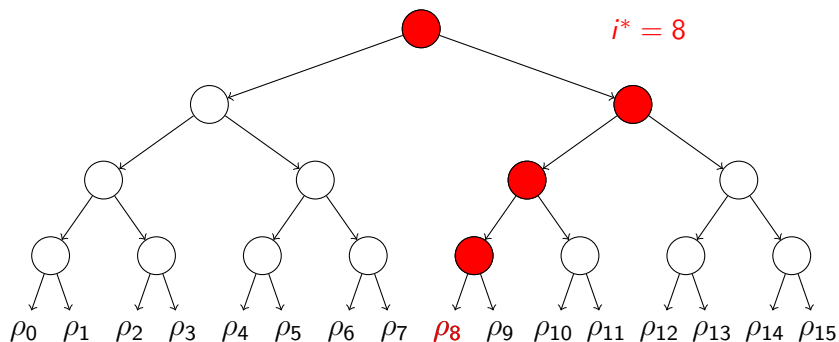
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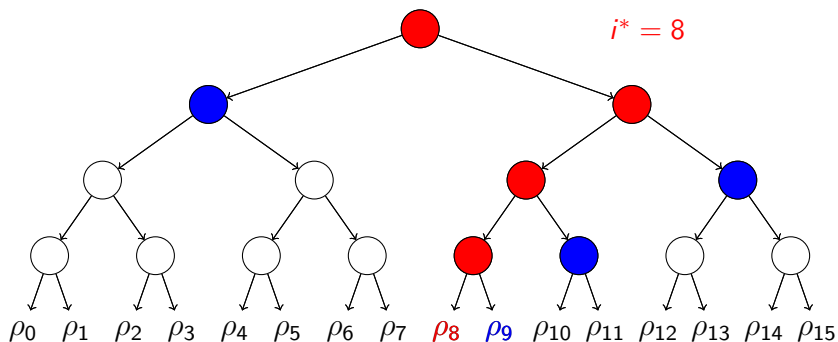
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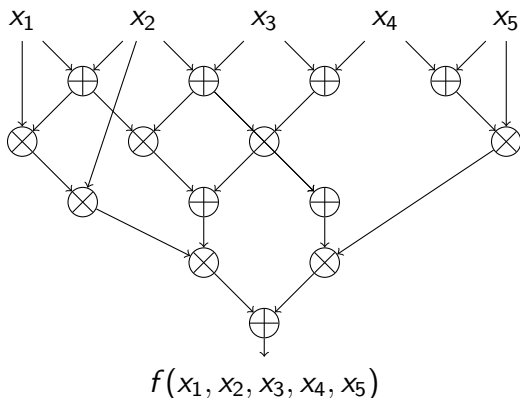
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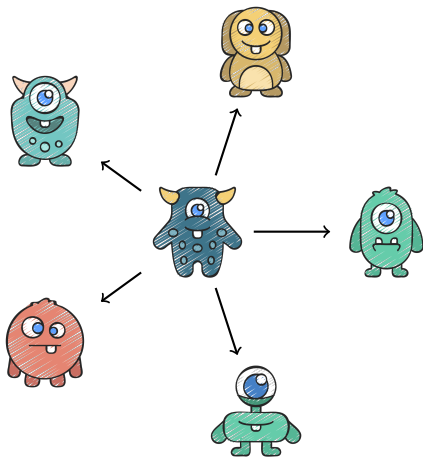
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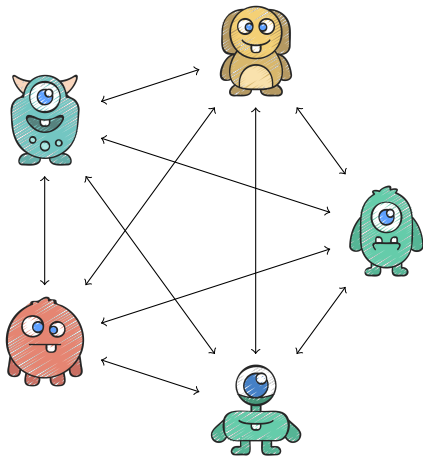
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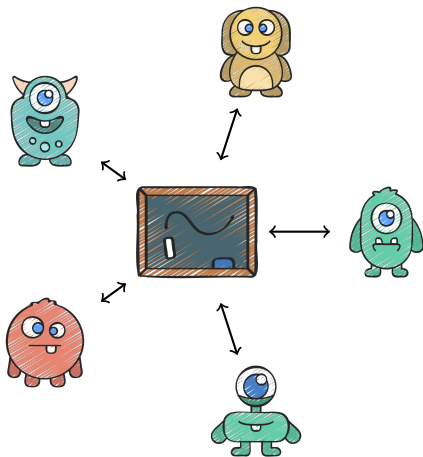
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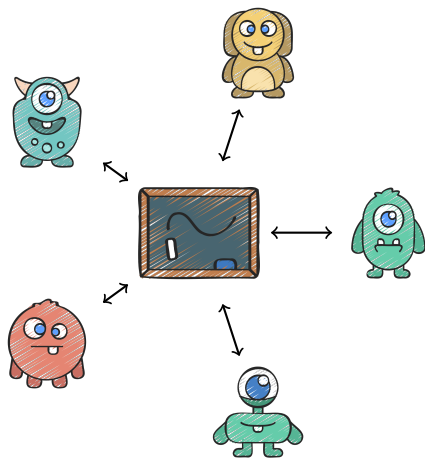
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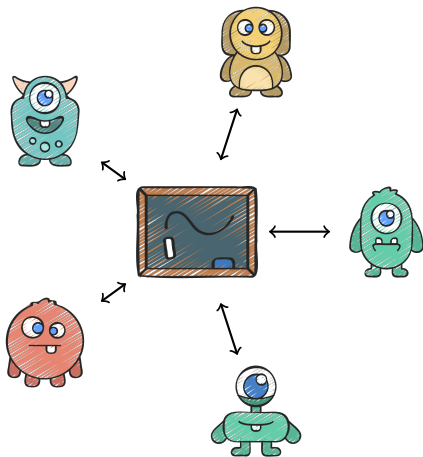
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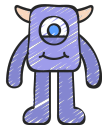
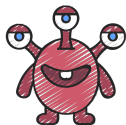
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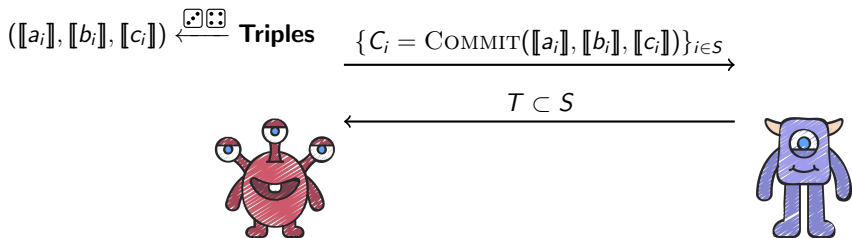
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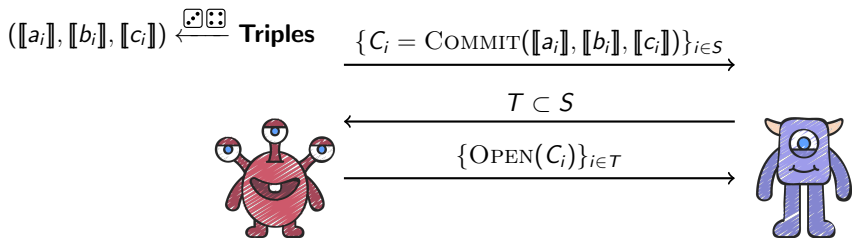
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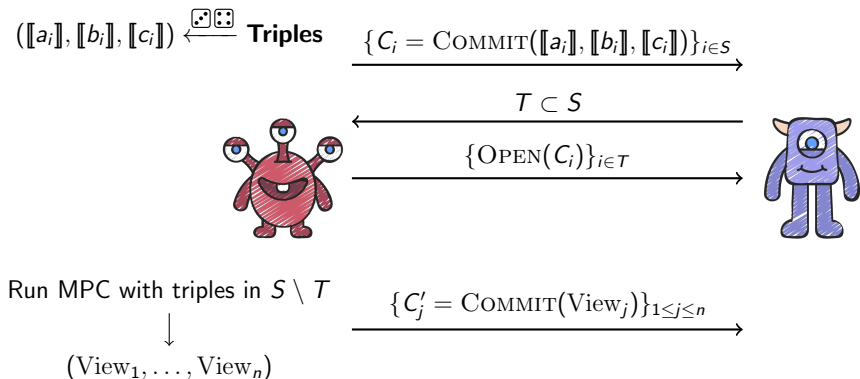
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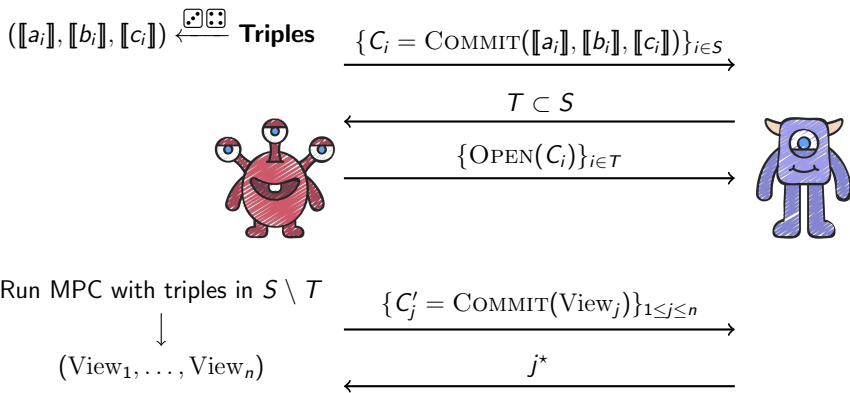
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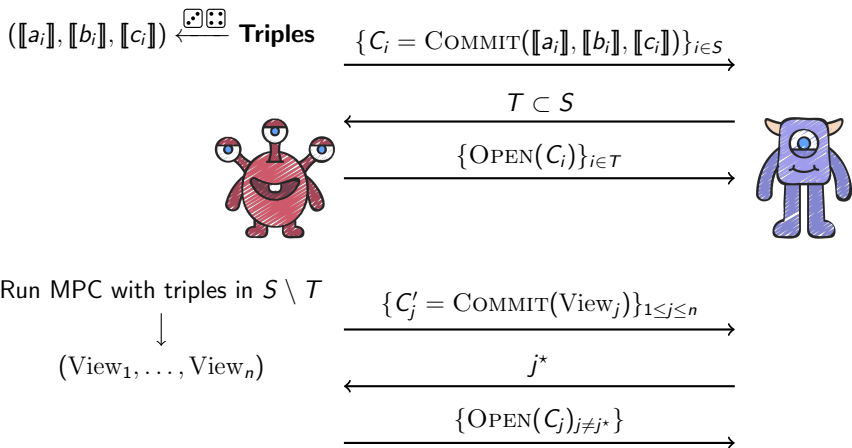
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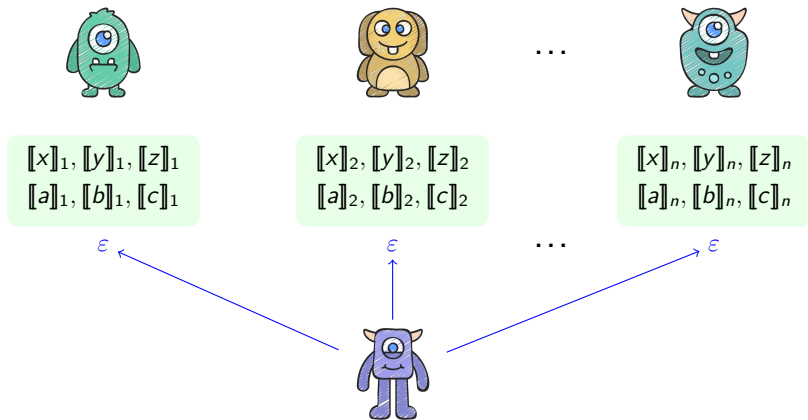
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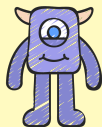
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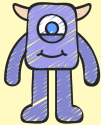
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