

**Definition** (loop). Suppose  $\mathbf{f}$  is a DPI with factored functionality space  $\mathbf{F}_1 \times \mathbf{R}$ :

$$\mathbf{f} = \langle \mathbf{F}_1 \times \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{I}, \langle \text{prov}_1, \text{prov}_2 \rangle, \text{req} \rangle.$$

Then we can define the DPI  $\text{loop}(\mathbf{f})$  as

$$\text{loop}(\mathbf{f}) := \langle \mathbf{F}_1, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{I}', \text{prov}_1, \text{req} \rangle,$$

where  $\mathbf{I}' \subseteq \mathbf{I}$  limits the implementations to those that respect the additional constraint  $\text{req}(i) \leq \text{prov}_2(i)$ :

$$\mathbf{I}' = \{i \in \mathbf{I} : \text{req}(i) \leq \text{prov}_2(i)\}.$$

This is equivalent to “closing a loop” around  $\mathbf{f}$  with the constraint  $f_2 \geq r$  (??).