

Digital Signature

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Question: How to **protect the integrity** of document?

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Hashing as checksum

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SHA-256 Hash Function

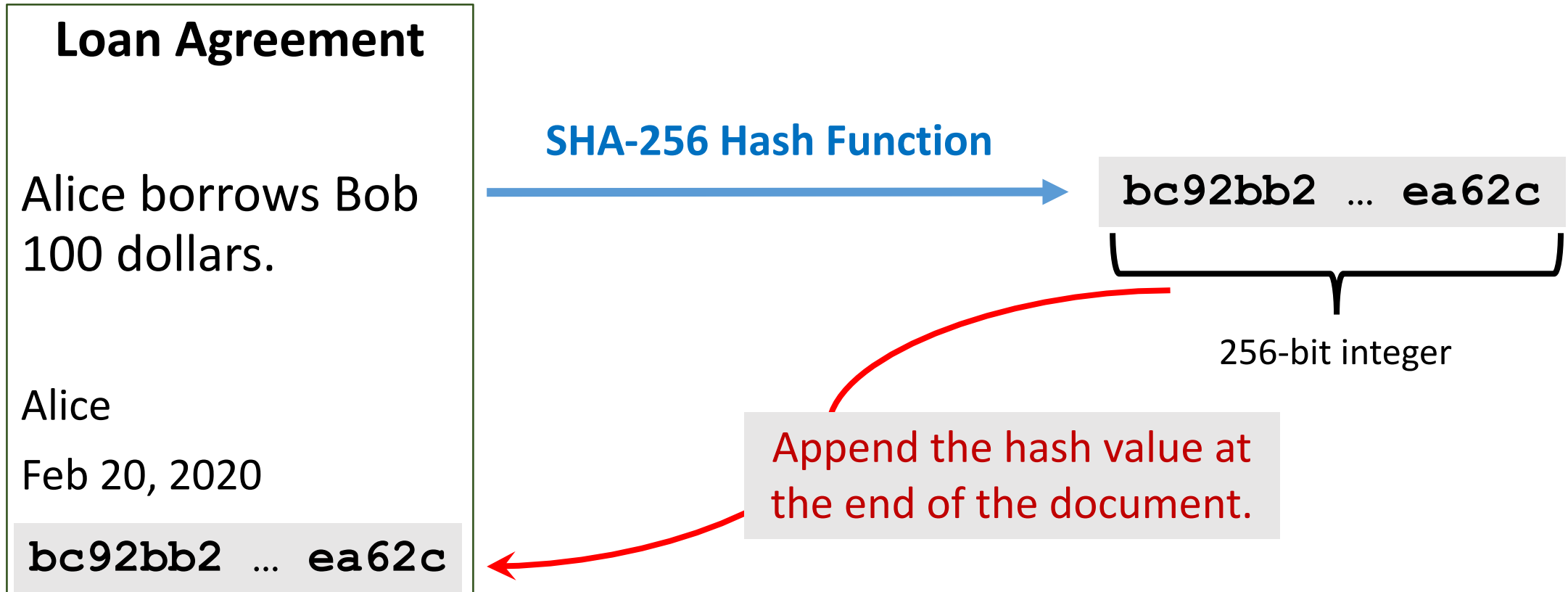


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256-bit integer

Hashing as checksum



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- If anything in the document is changed, then the hash values will not match.
- **Question:** Can Bob forge a loan agreement?

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Hashing as checksum

Hashing itself is not enough!

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Change the string

Re-compute the
hash value.

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Digital Signature: Hashing + Encryption

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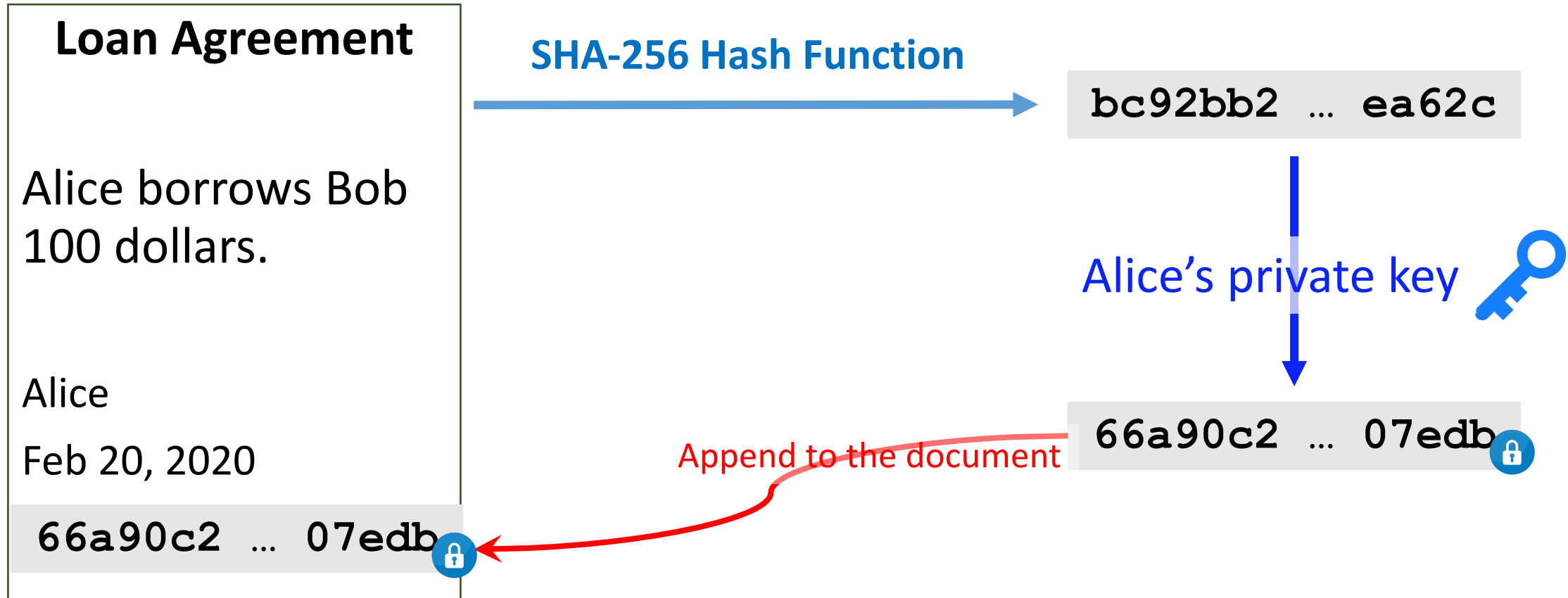
Alice's private key



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This is called digital signature.

Verity the authenticity

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- Alice has announced her public key.
- Everyone knows it.

Alice's public key



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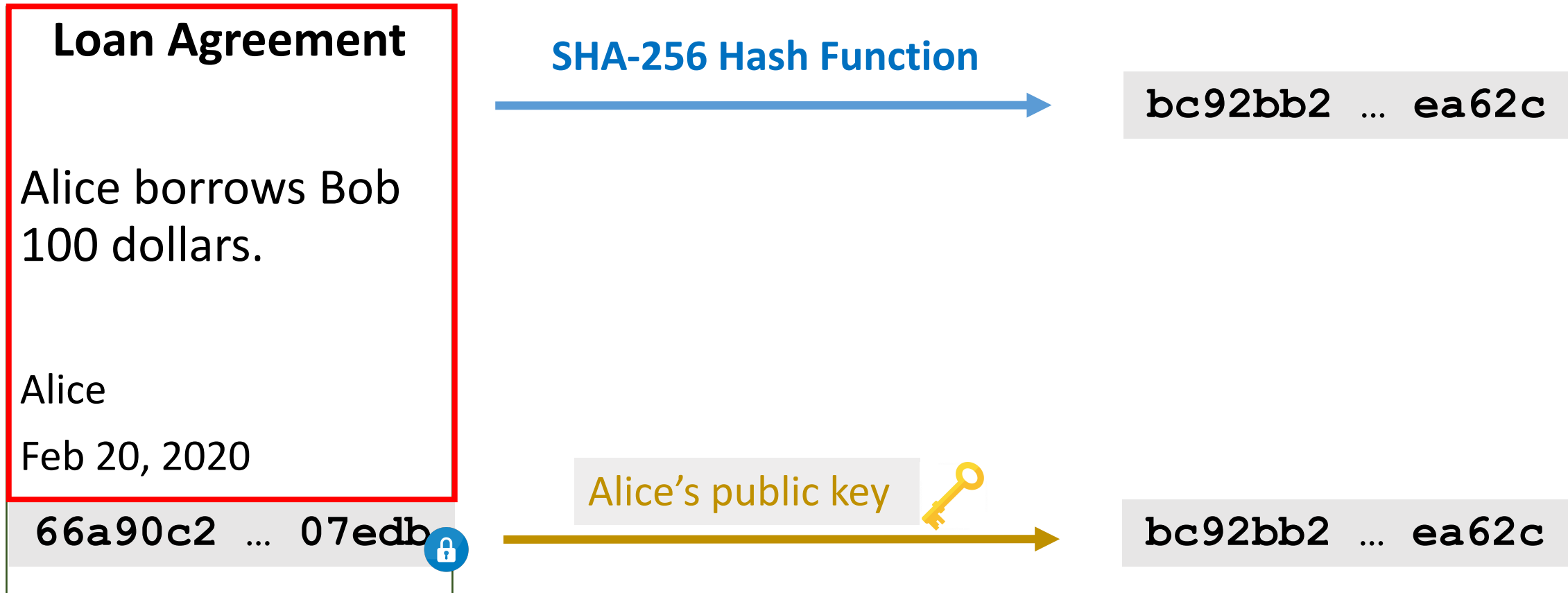
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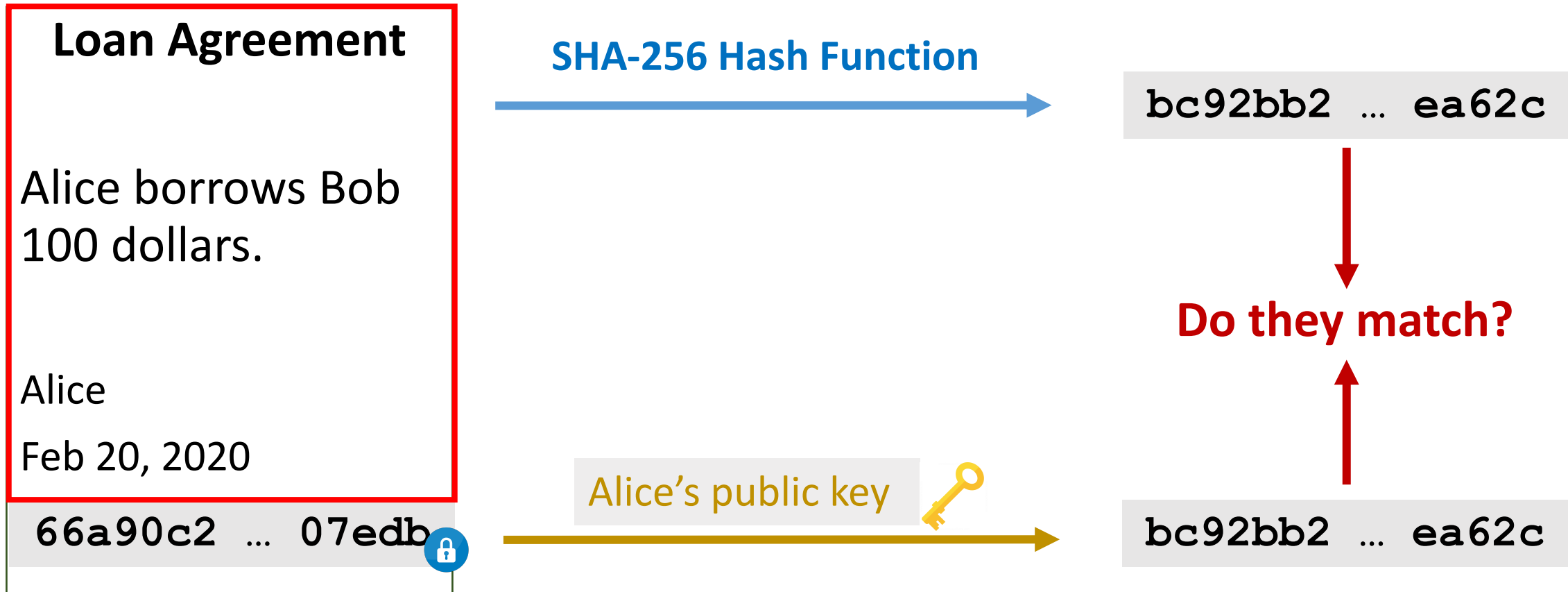
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The original hash value

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Verify the authenticity

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Do they match?

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Option 1: Modify the digital signature

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Option 2: Modify the file content

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- Changing anything in the document will cause hash value mismatch.
- Forging digital signature and creating hash collision are impractical.

Thank You!