

What is the Lightning Network?



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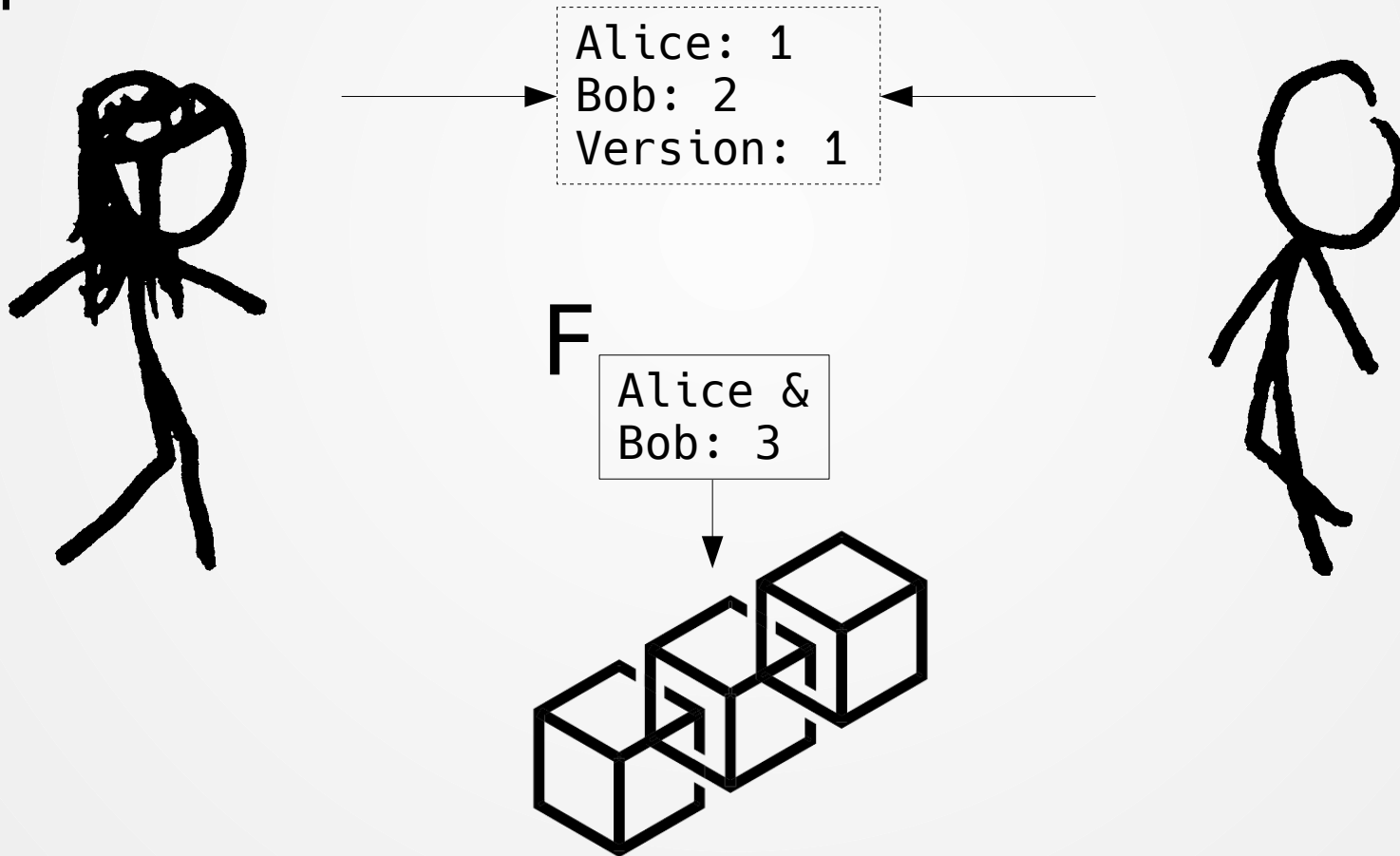
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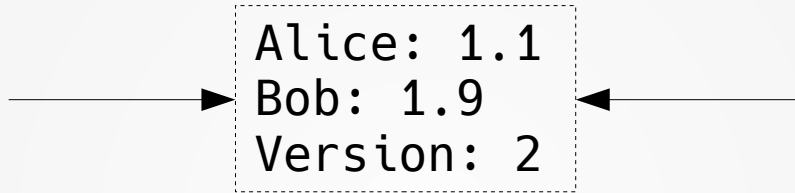
Solution

- Move most txs off-chain
- Resolve disputes on-chain

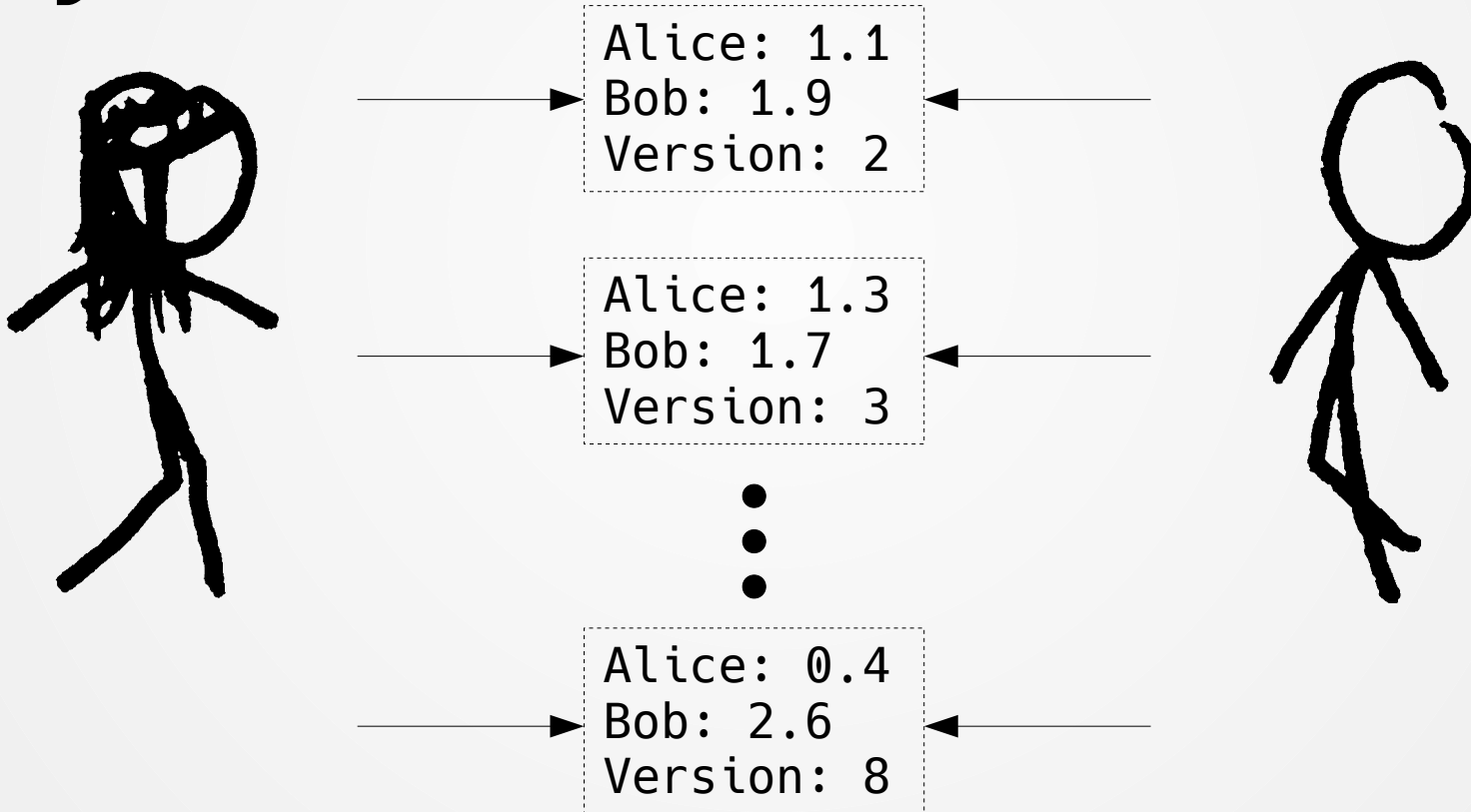
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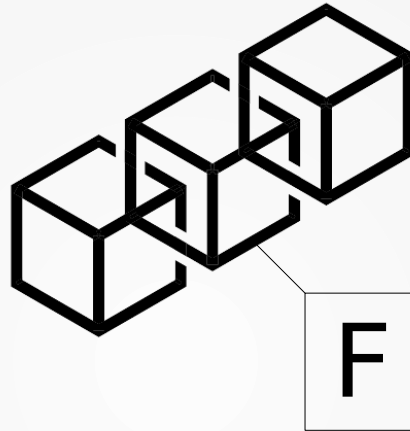
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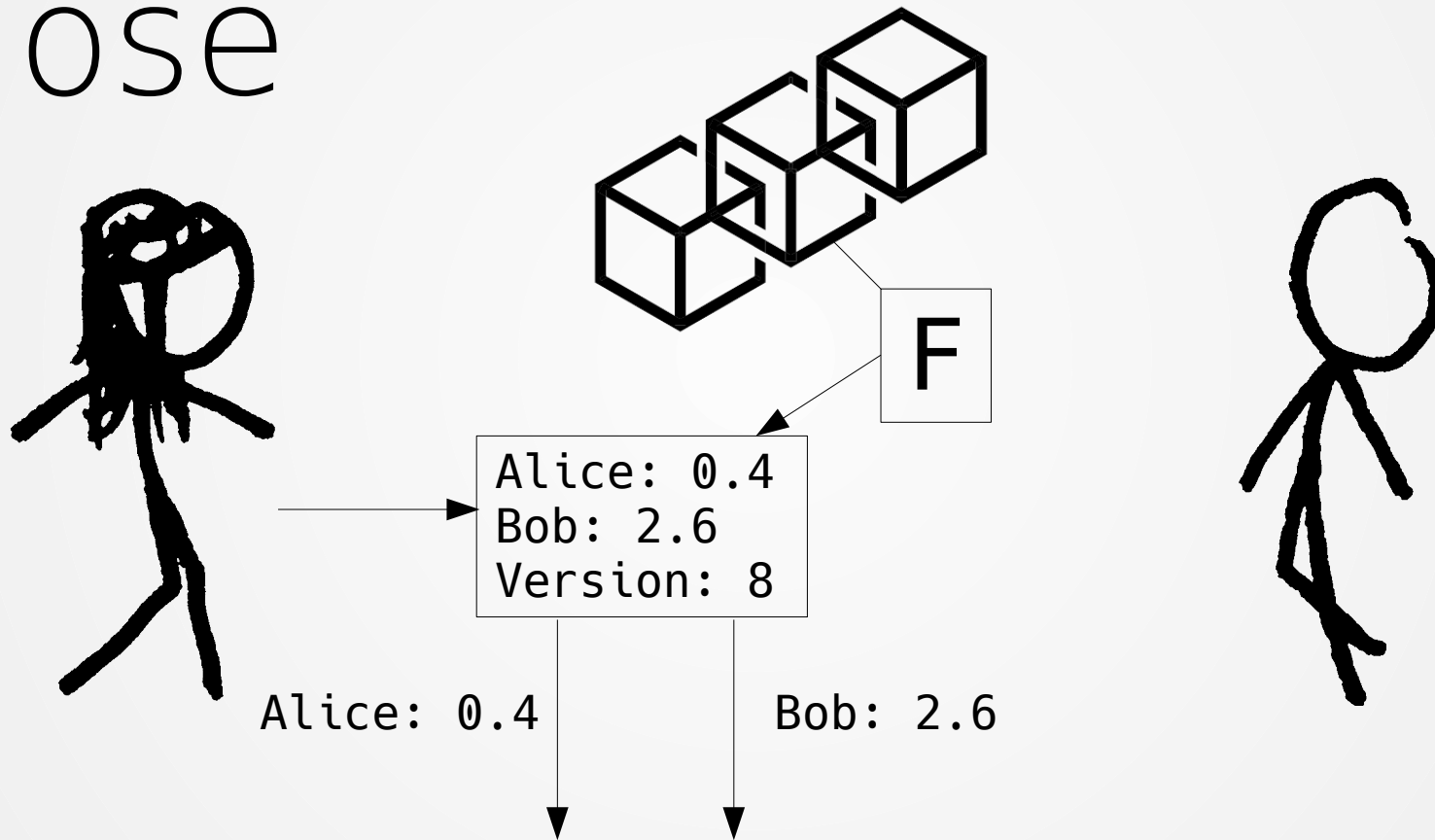
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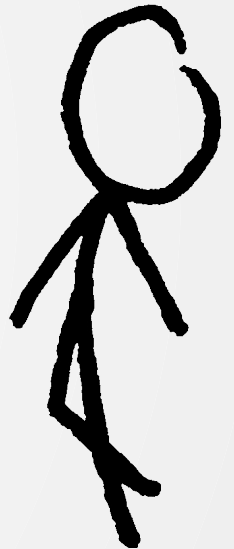


Alice
Charlie



Charlie

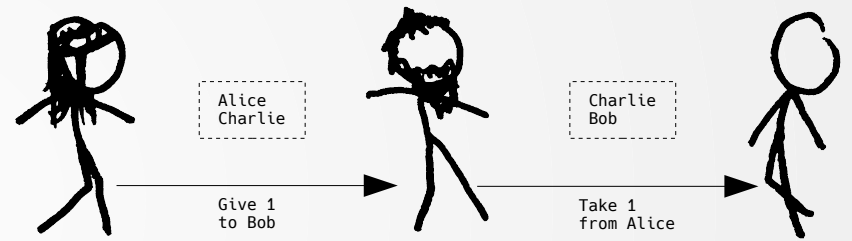
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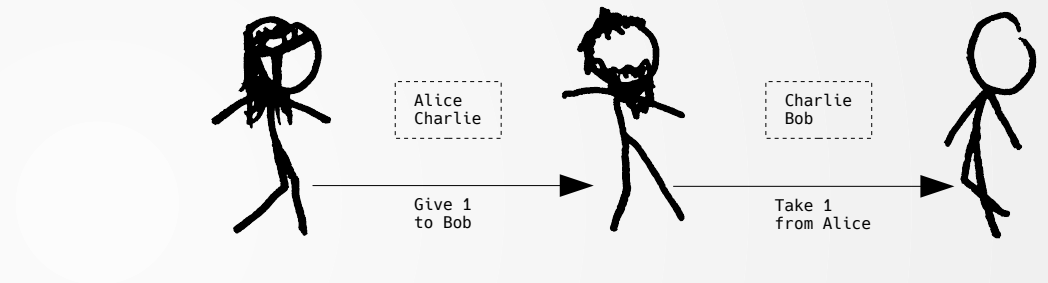


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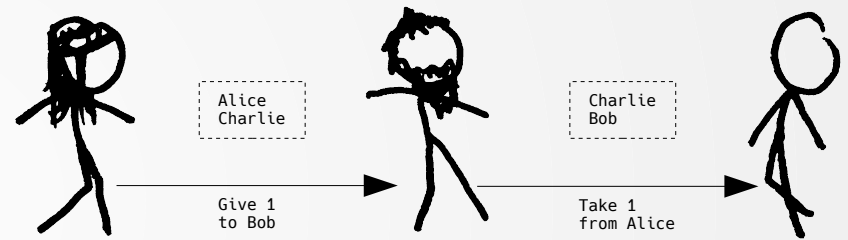


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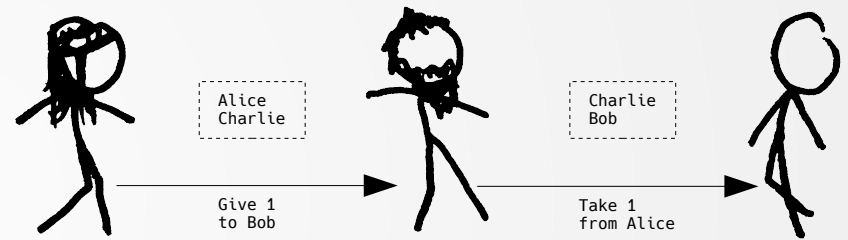


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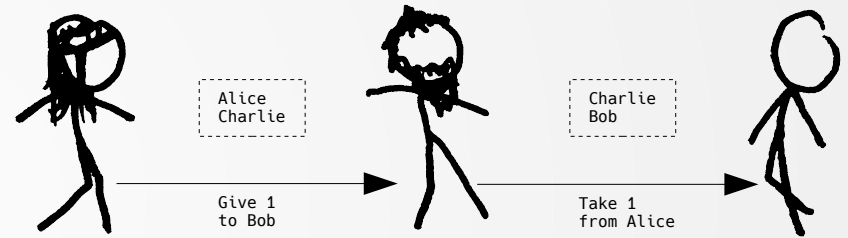


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- Bob reveals **R** to Charlie, gets 1
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Our contribution



We prove LN secure (using UC)

Thank you!