

Single-Server Private Information Retrieval With Side Information Under Arbitrary Popularity Profiles

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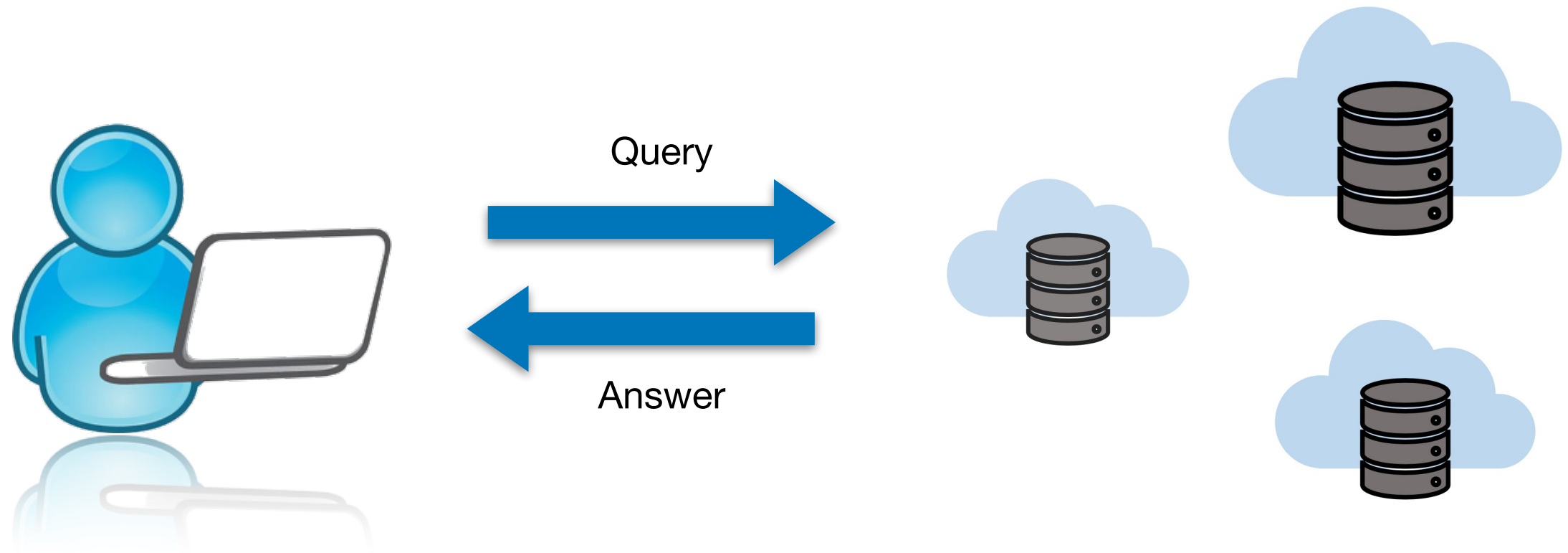
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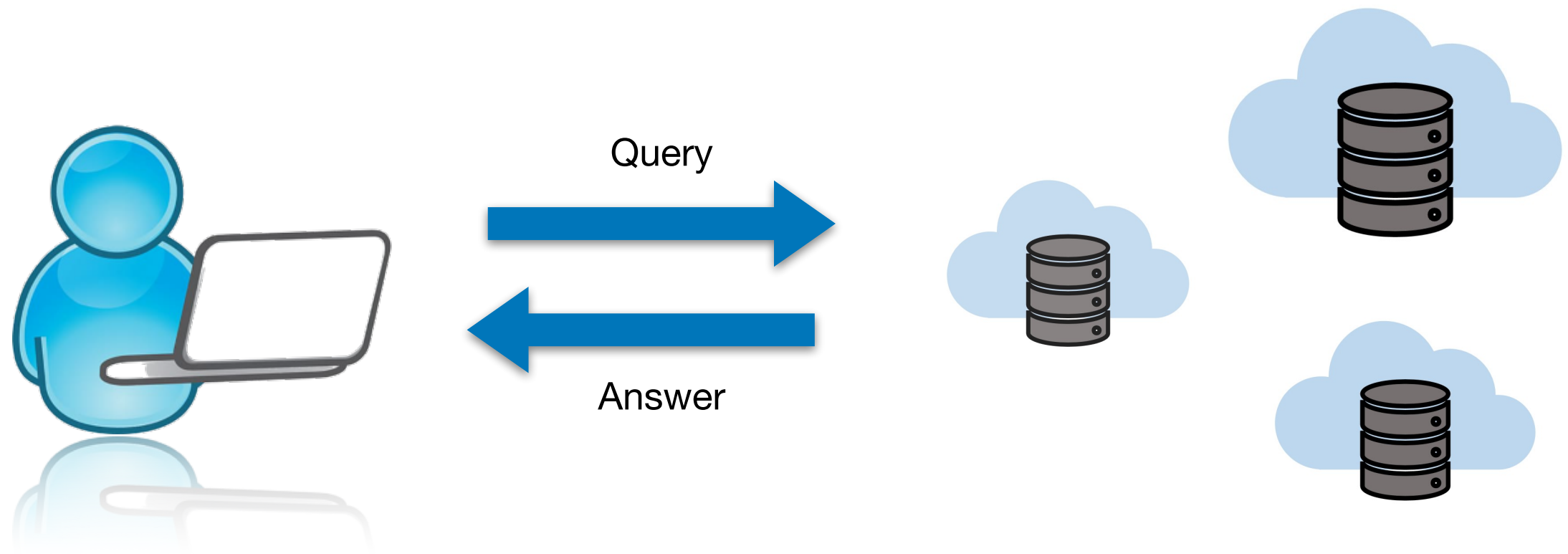
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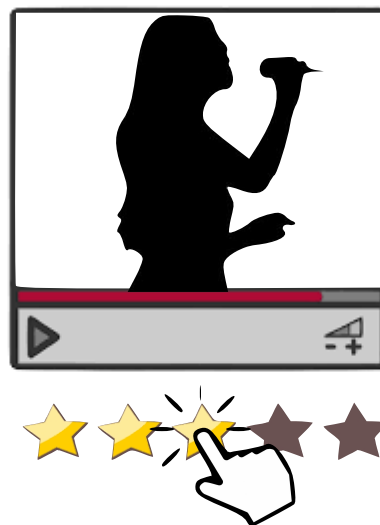


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Often, the PIR-SI formulations assume uniformly popular data.

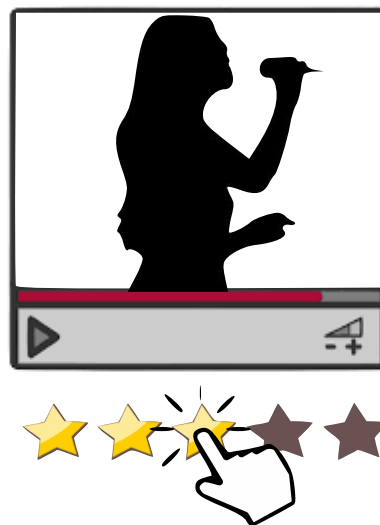
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This work focuses on extending PIR-SI techniques to this more general setting.

Related Work

	Data Popularity	# Servers	Side Info.
Sun-Jafar '17	No	Multiple	No
Banawan-Ulukus '17, '18	No	Multiple	No
Kadhe <i>et al.</i> '20	No	Multiple	Yes
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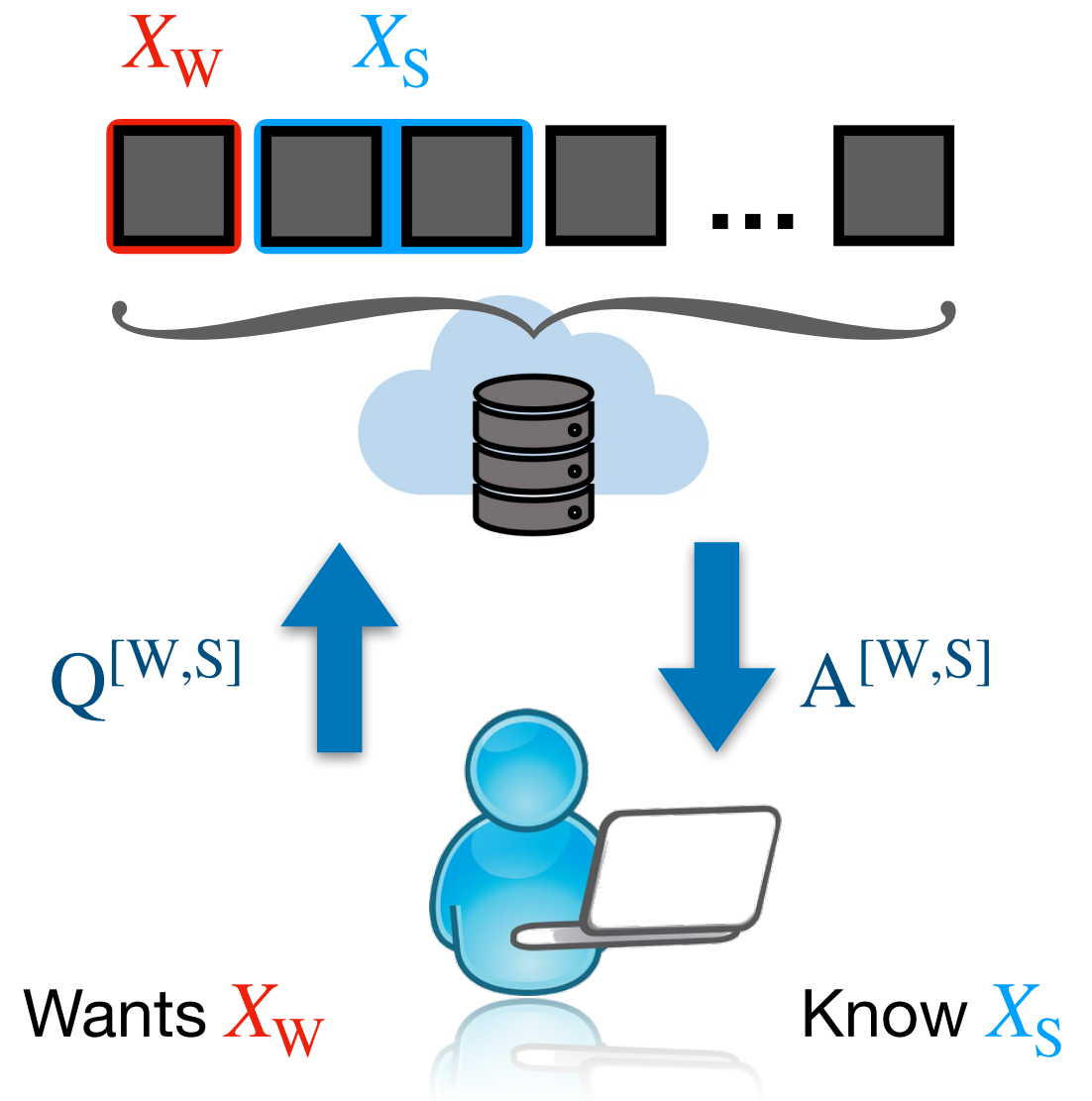
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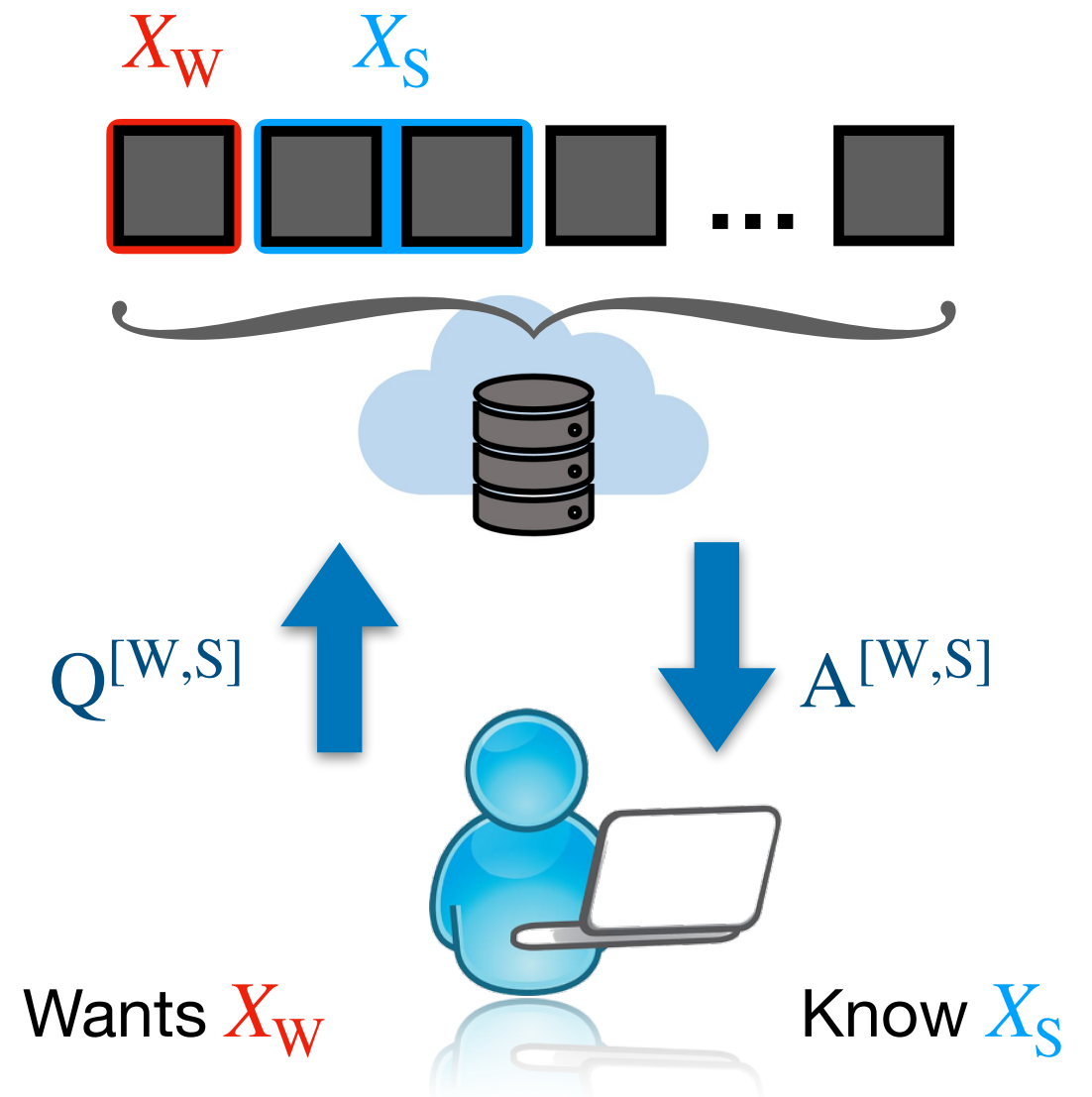
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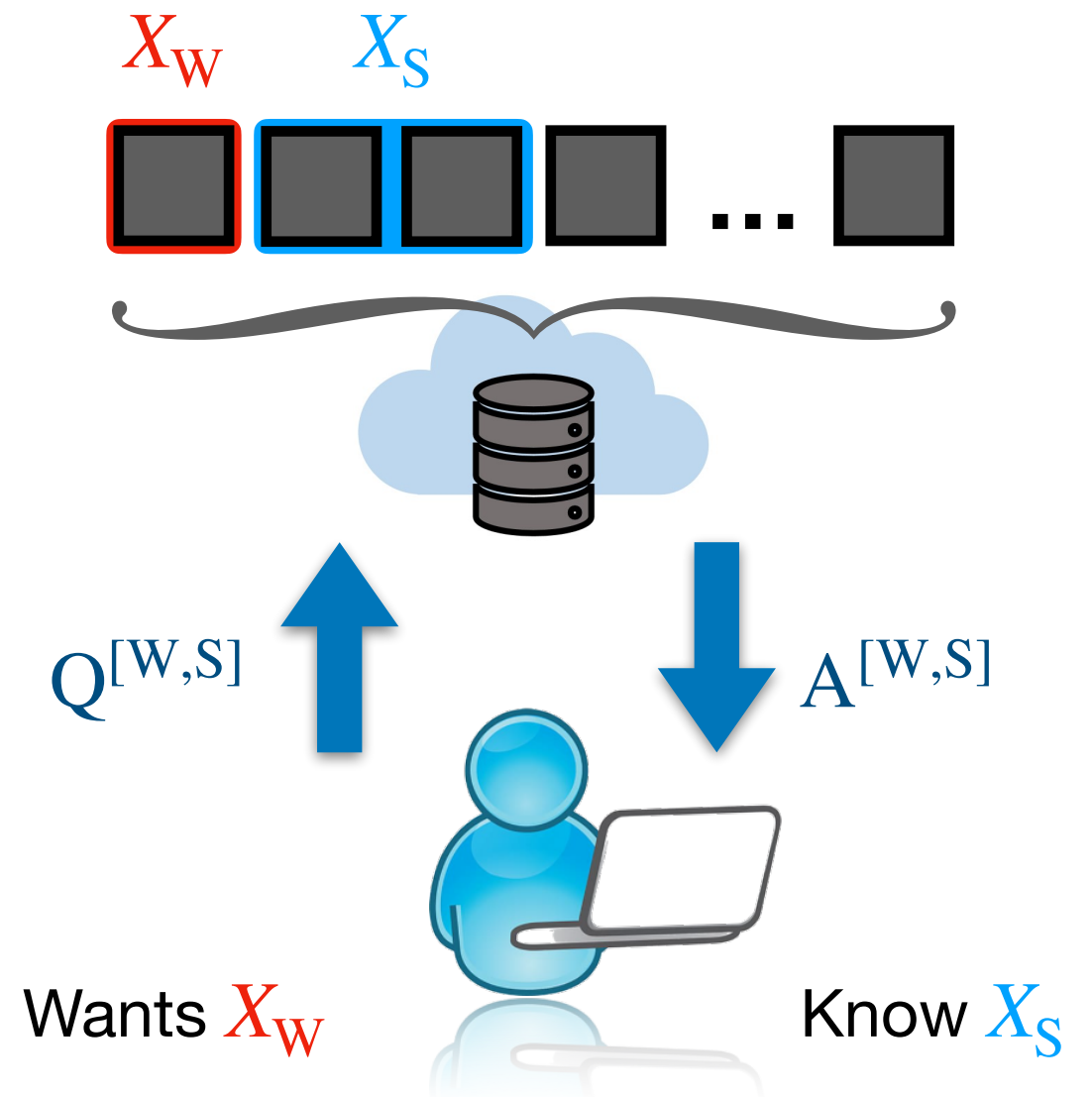
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- Message popularities

$$\lambda_i > 0 \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{K}$$

- Popularity Profile

$$\Lambda \triangleq (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_K)$$



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Characterizing Performance

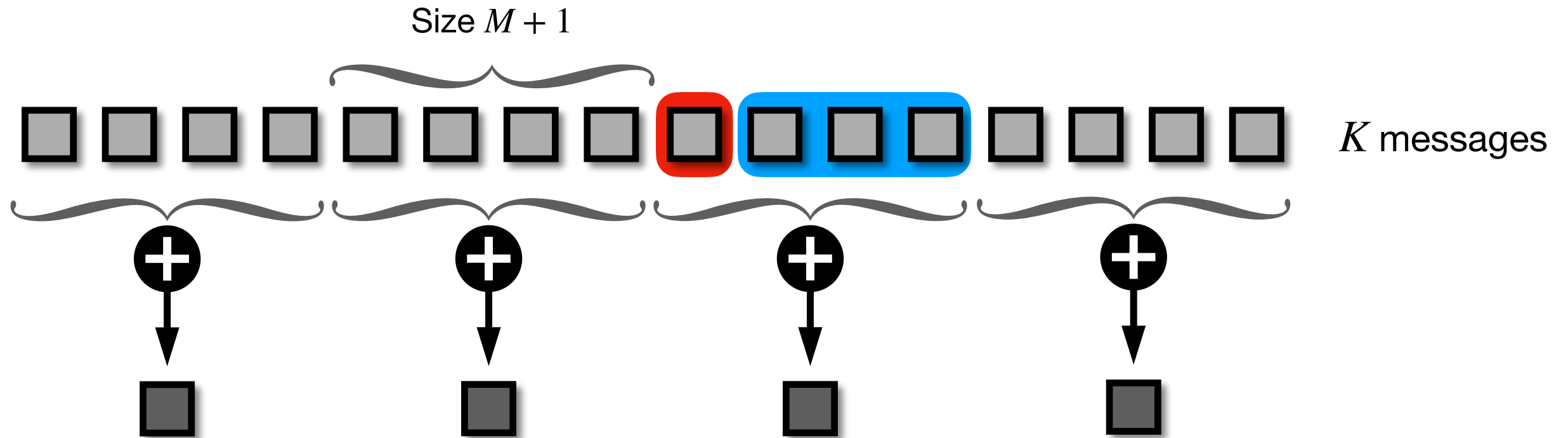
- In particular, interested in the most efficient protocols.

- The **rate** of a PA-PIR-SI protocol given by $\frac{\text{Amount of info. demanded}}{\text{Expected amount of info. downloaded}}$

$$= \frac{B}{\sum_{W^* \in \mathcal{K}} \sum_{S^* \in [\mathcal{K} \setminus W^*]^M} p_{W,S}(W^*, S^*) H(\mathbf{A}^{[W^*, S^*]})}$$

- The **capacity** is the supremum of rates over all PA-PIR-SI protocols for Λ .
- Goal: Derive tight bounds on the capacity of the PA-PIR-SI problem
 - Upper bound (converse)
 - Lower bound (achievability)

Partition-and-Code Scheme (Kadhe *et al.* '17)



1. Assign X_1, \dots, X_K to disjoint sets, each of size $M + 1$.
2. Assign the side info. messages and the demand message to one set.
3. Assign the rest of the messages to the remaining sets at random.
4. Query server for the sum of all messages in each set.

User decodes X_W by subtracting M side info. messages X_S off of the sum $\sum_{i \in W \cup S} X_i$

Download Rate $\frac{M + 1}{K}$

MDS Code Scheme (Kadhe *et al.*)

1. Choose distinct $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_K \in \mathbb{F}_q$
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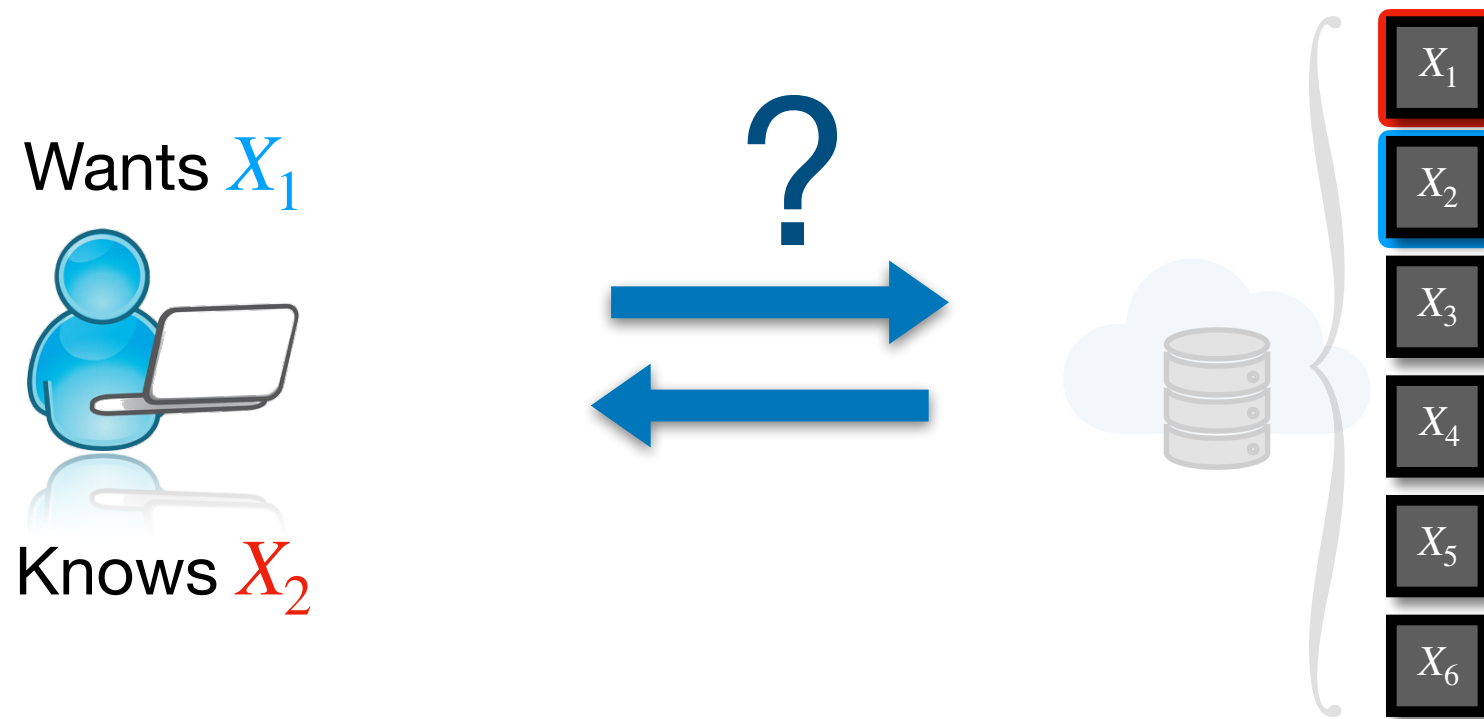
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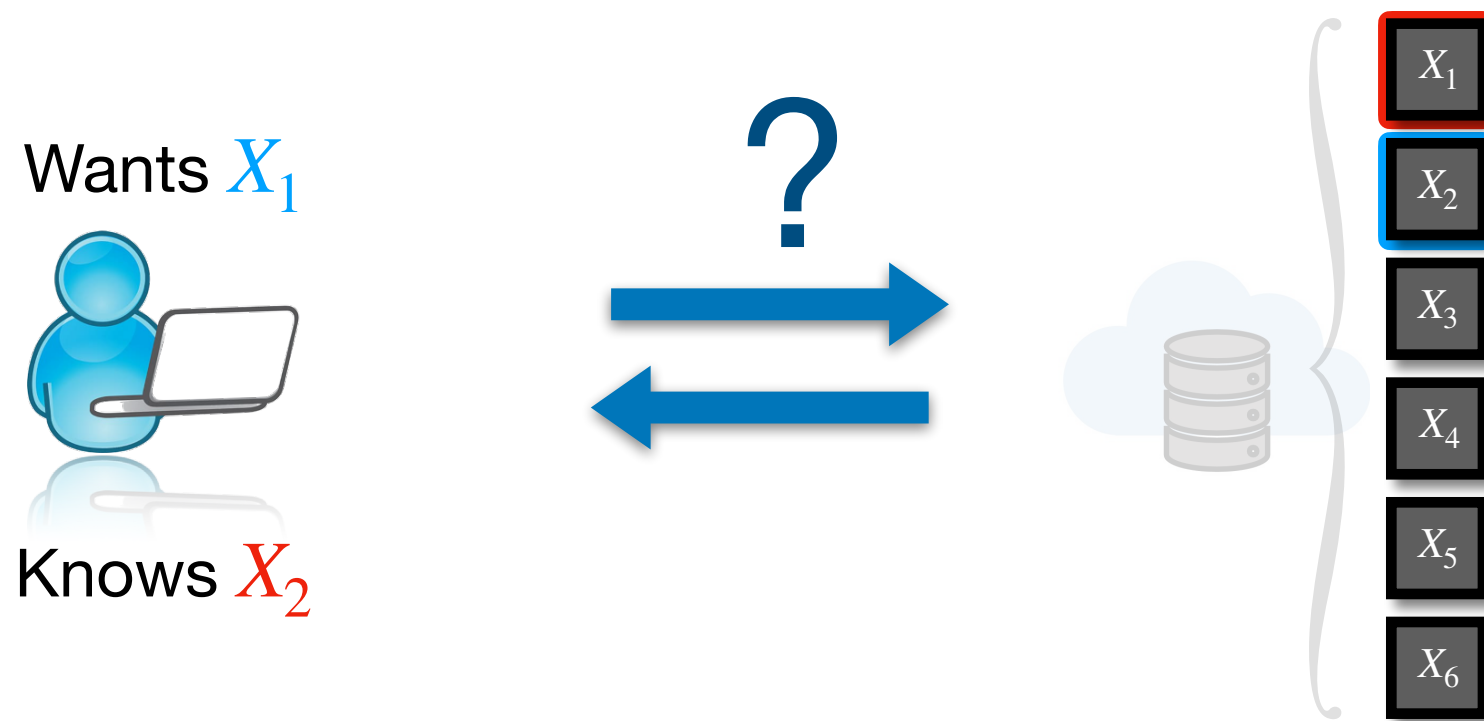
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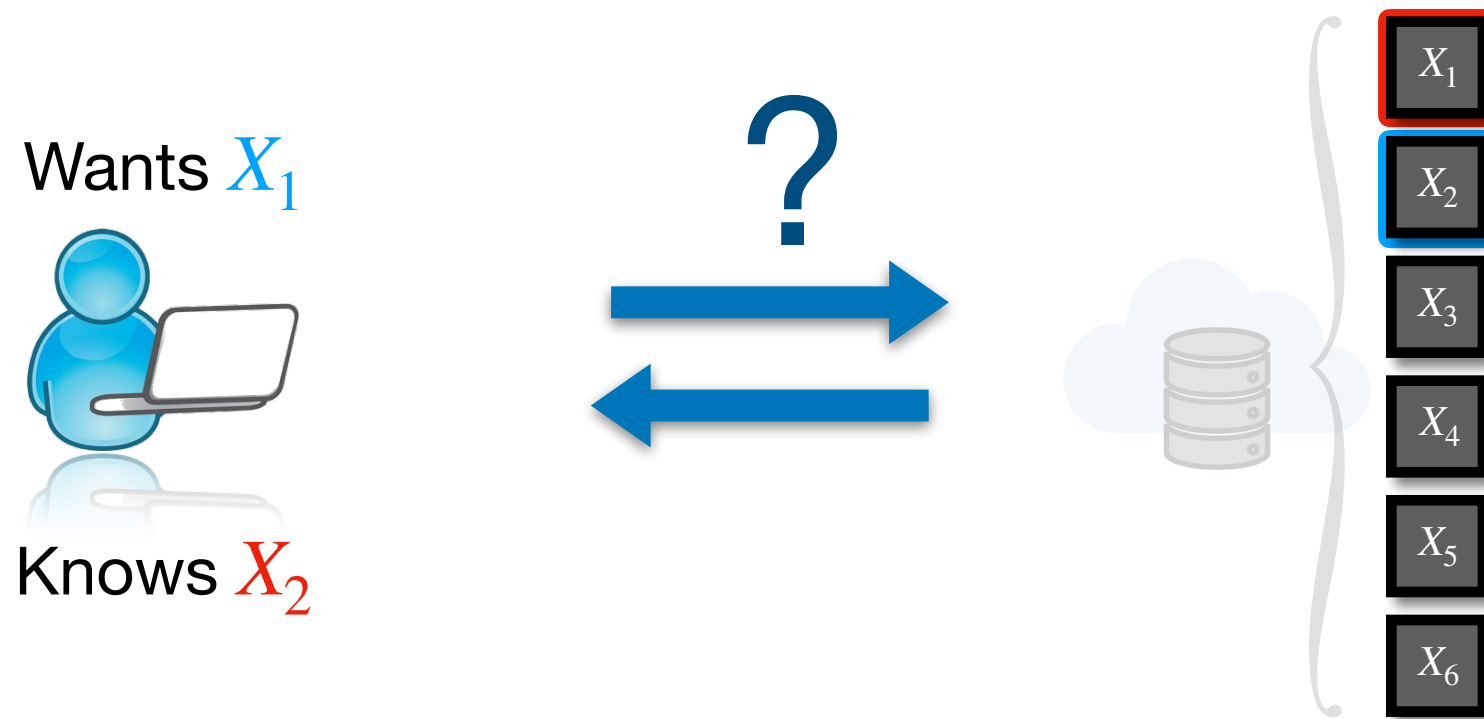
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Optimal scheme in this setting*

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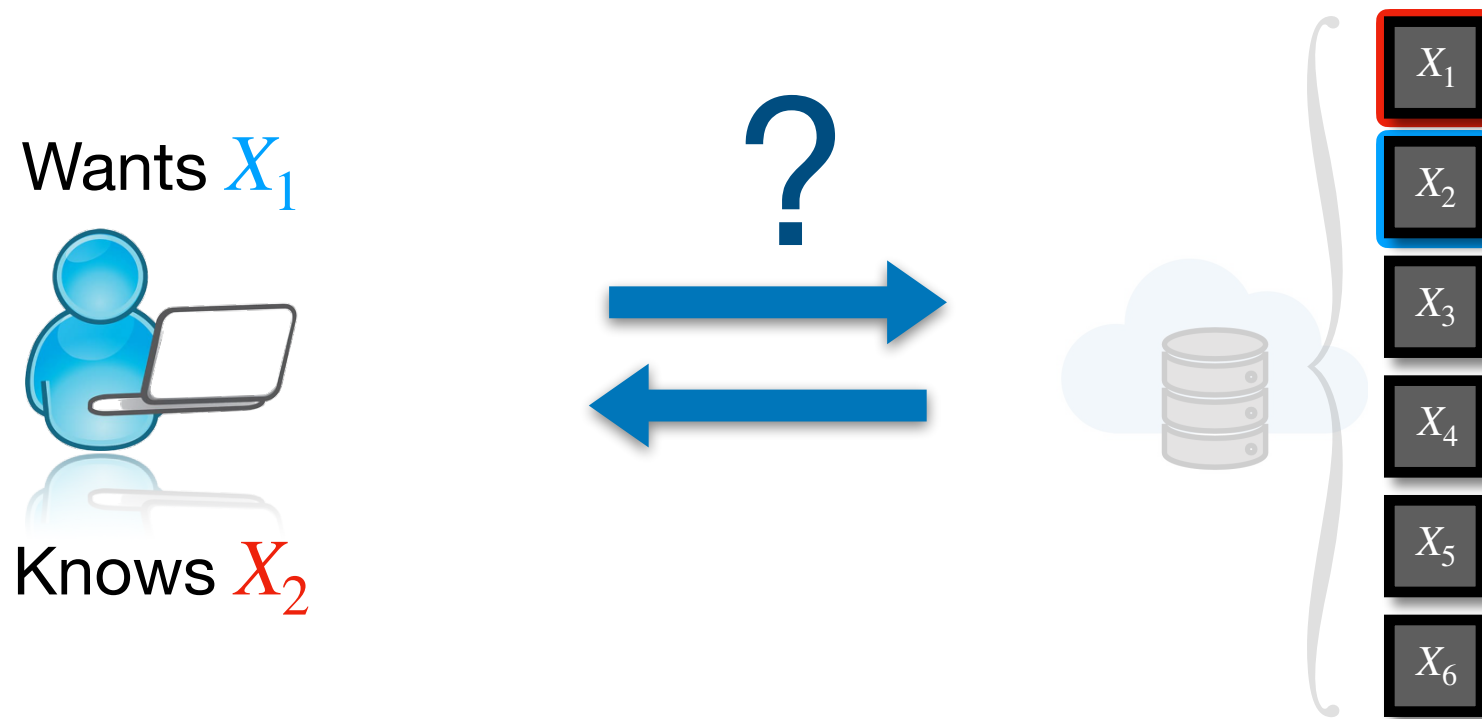
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- (Rate is immaterial).

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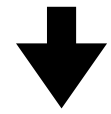
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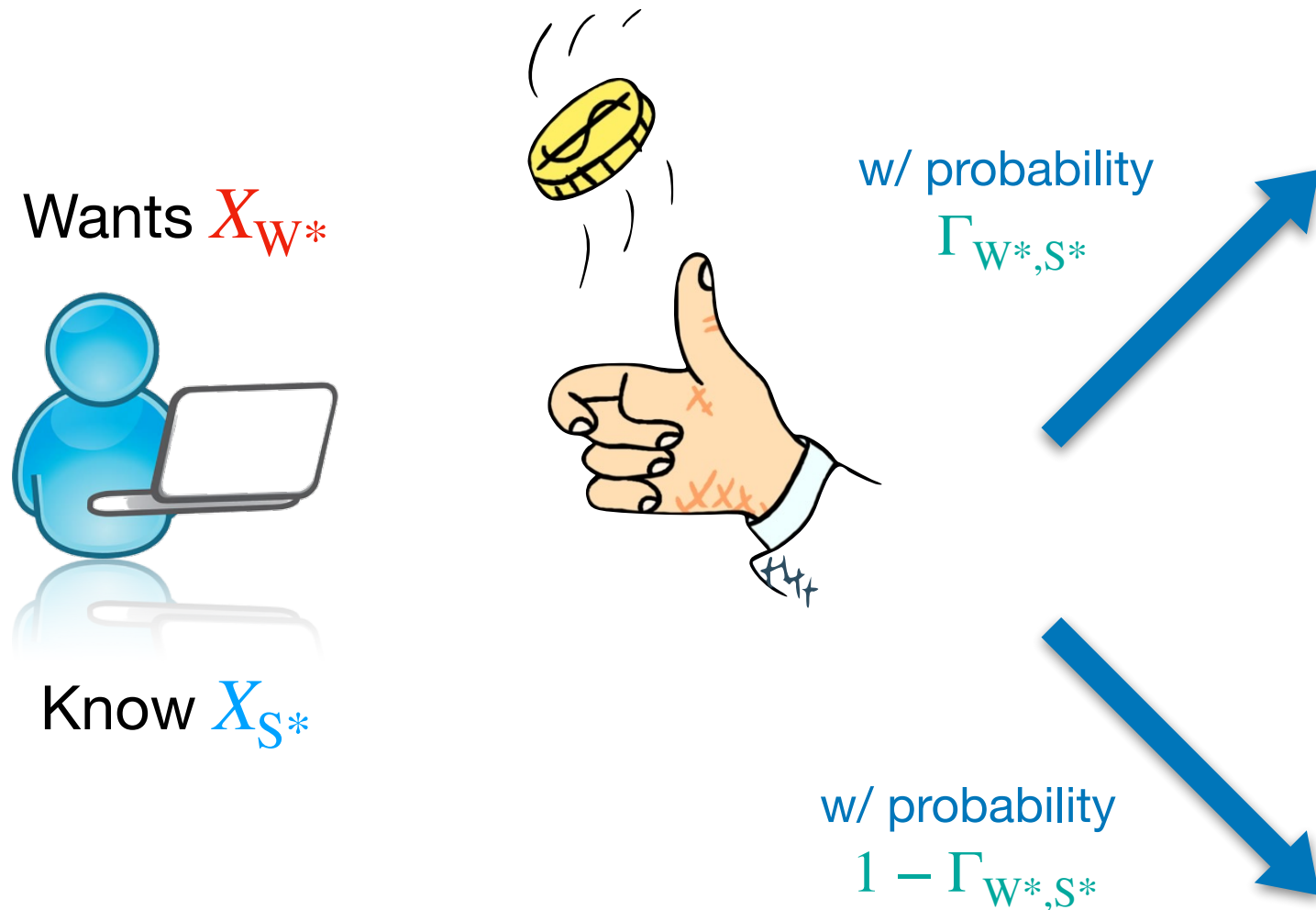
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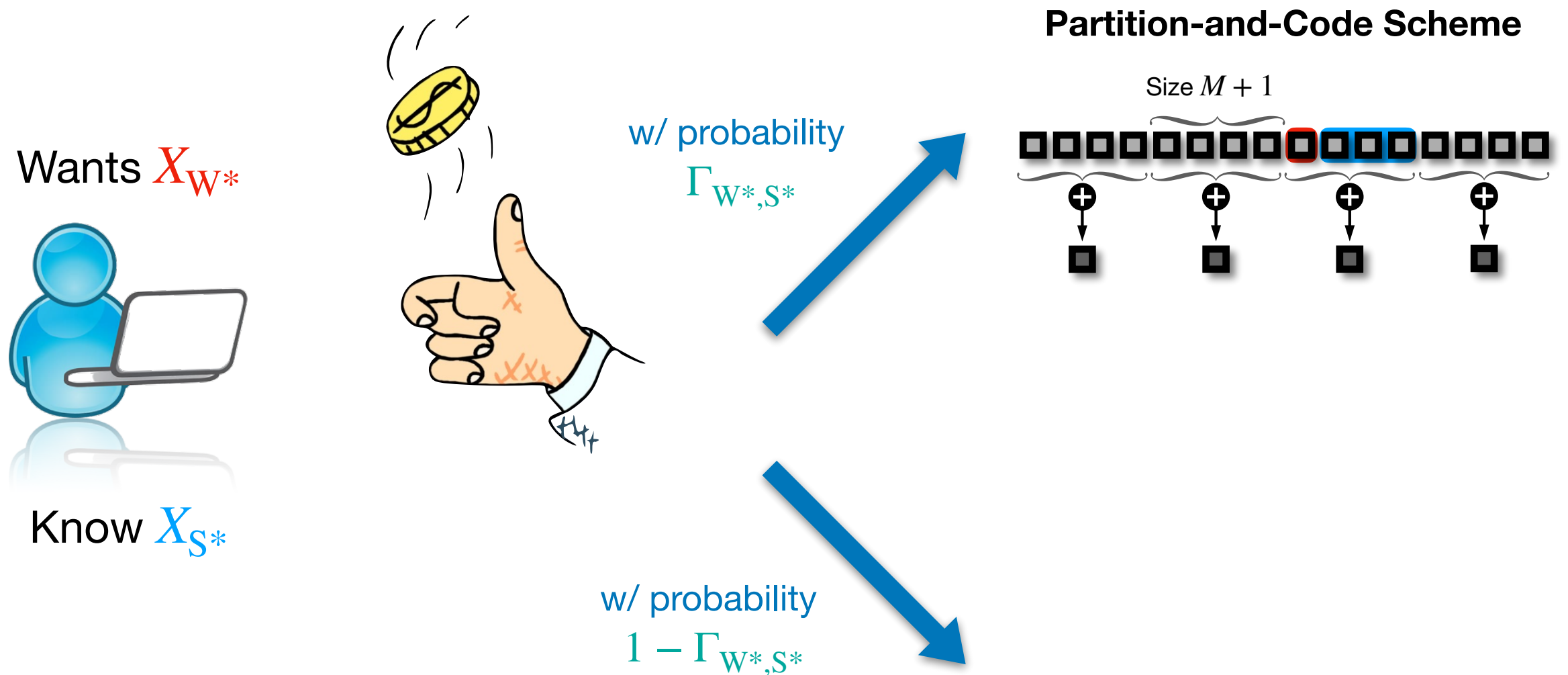


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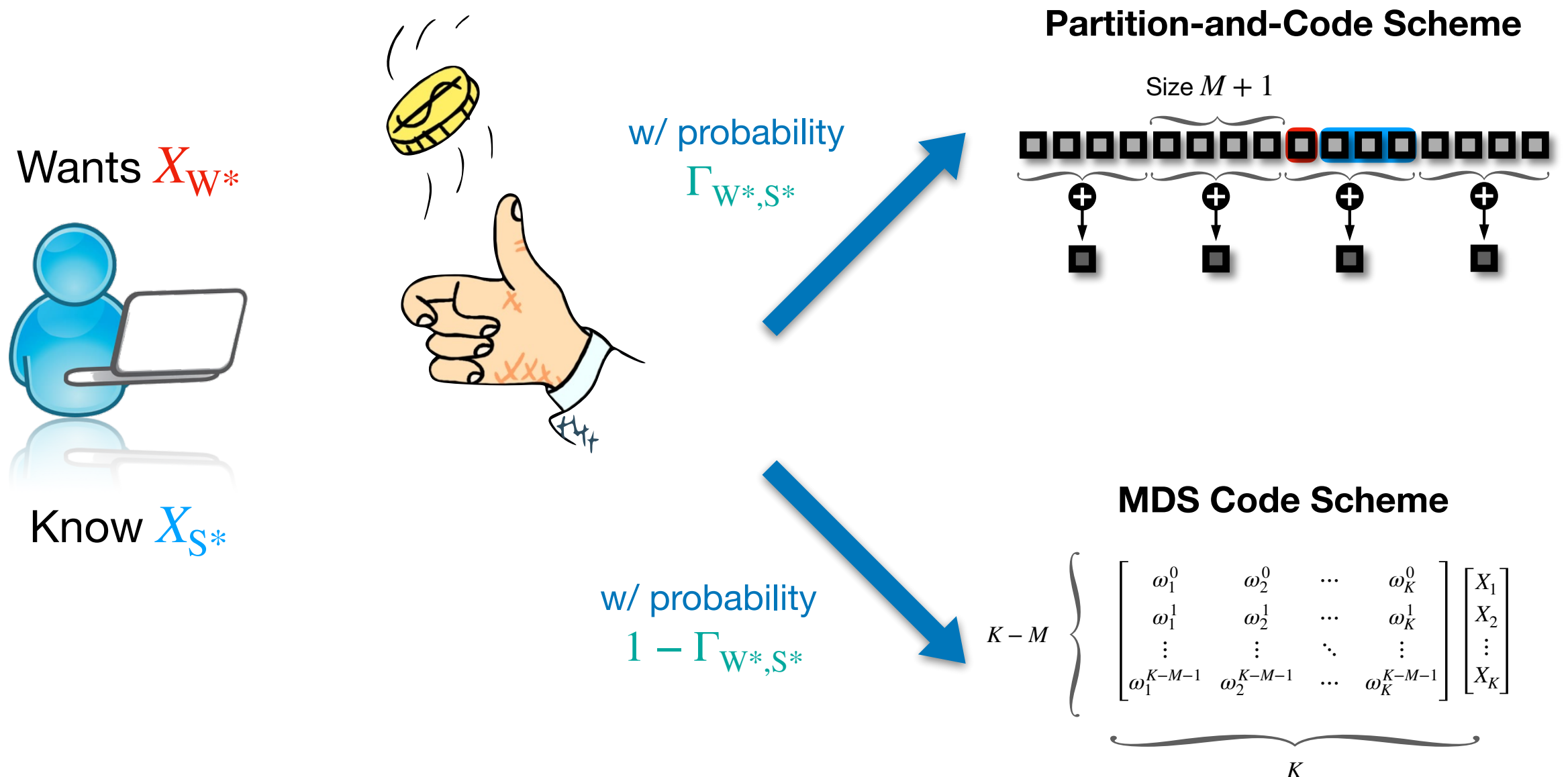


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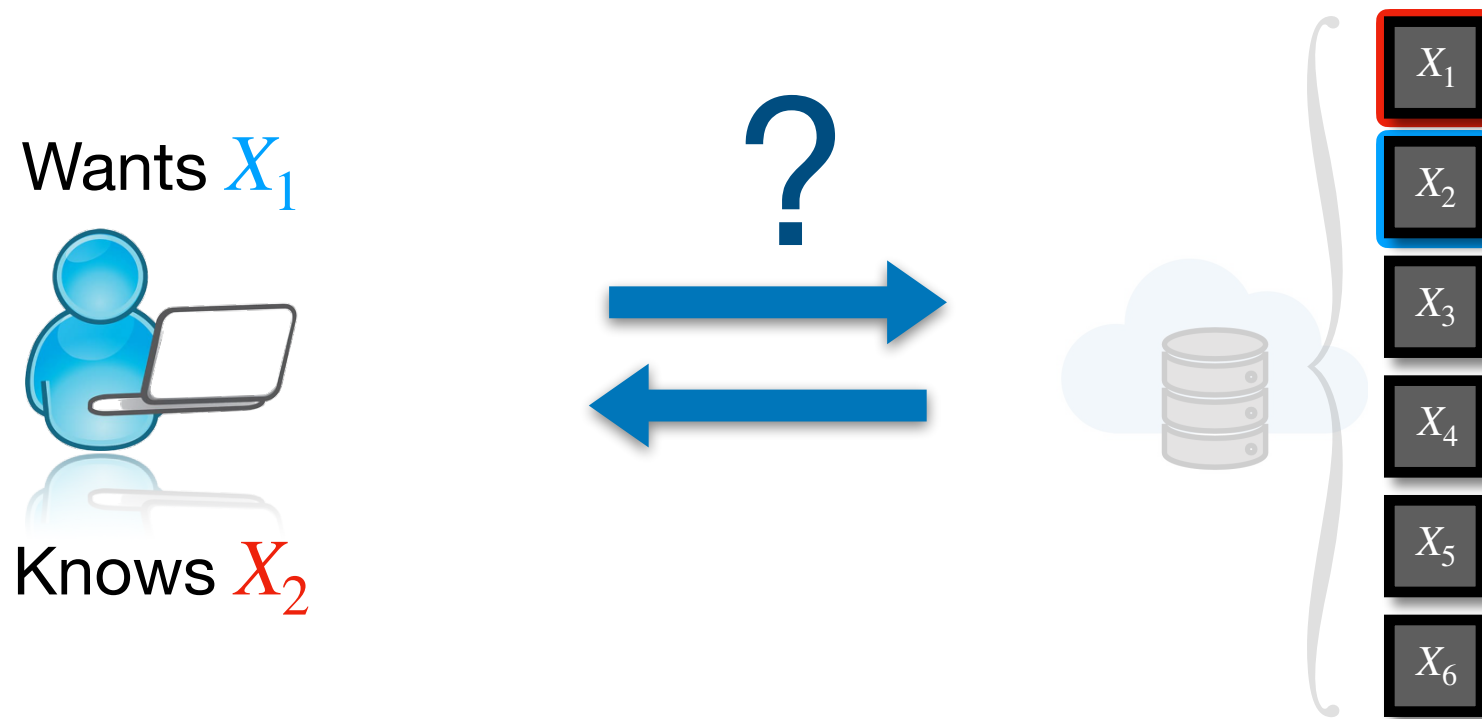
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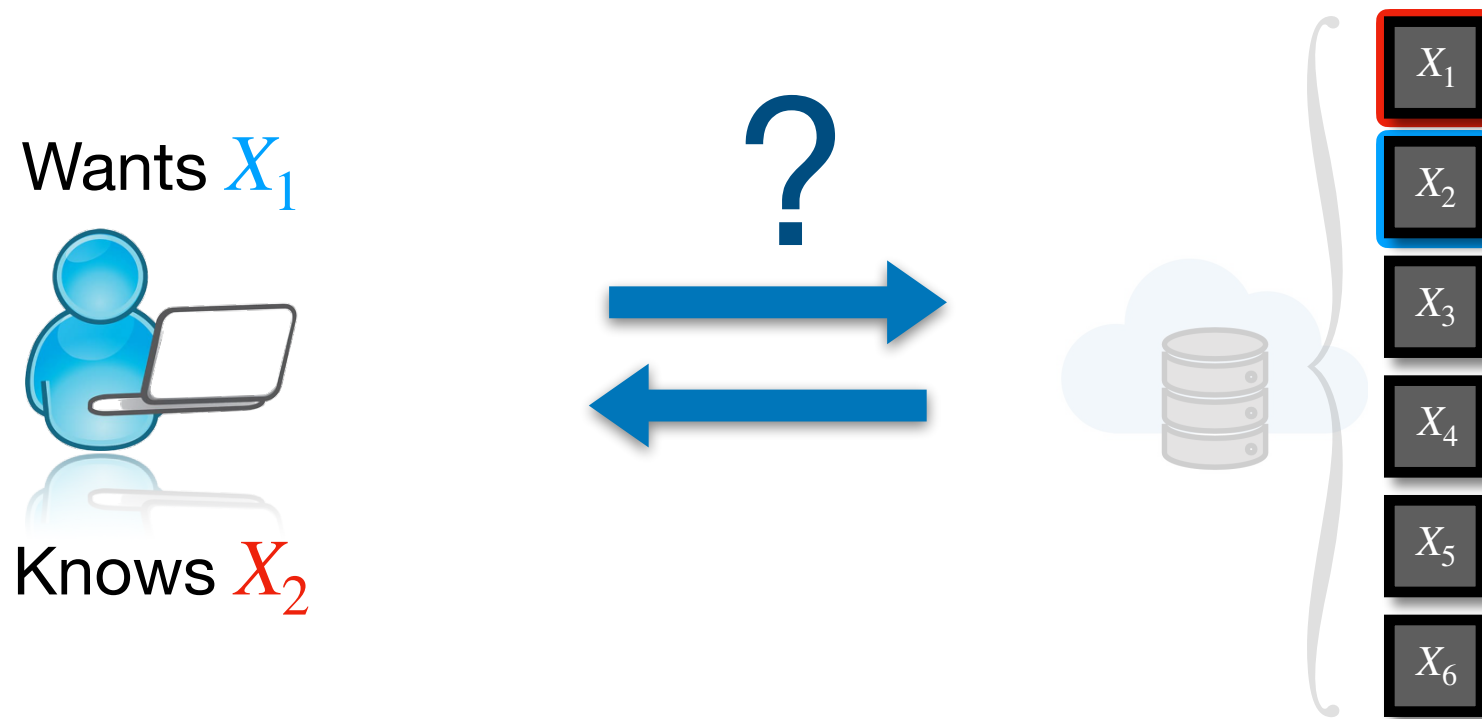
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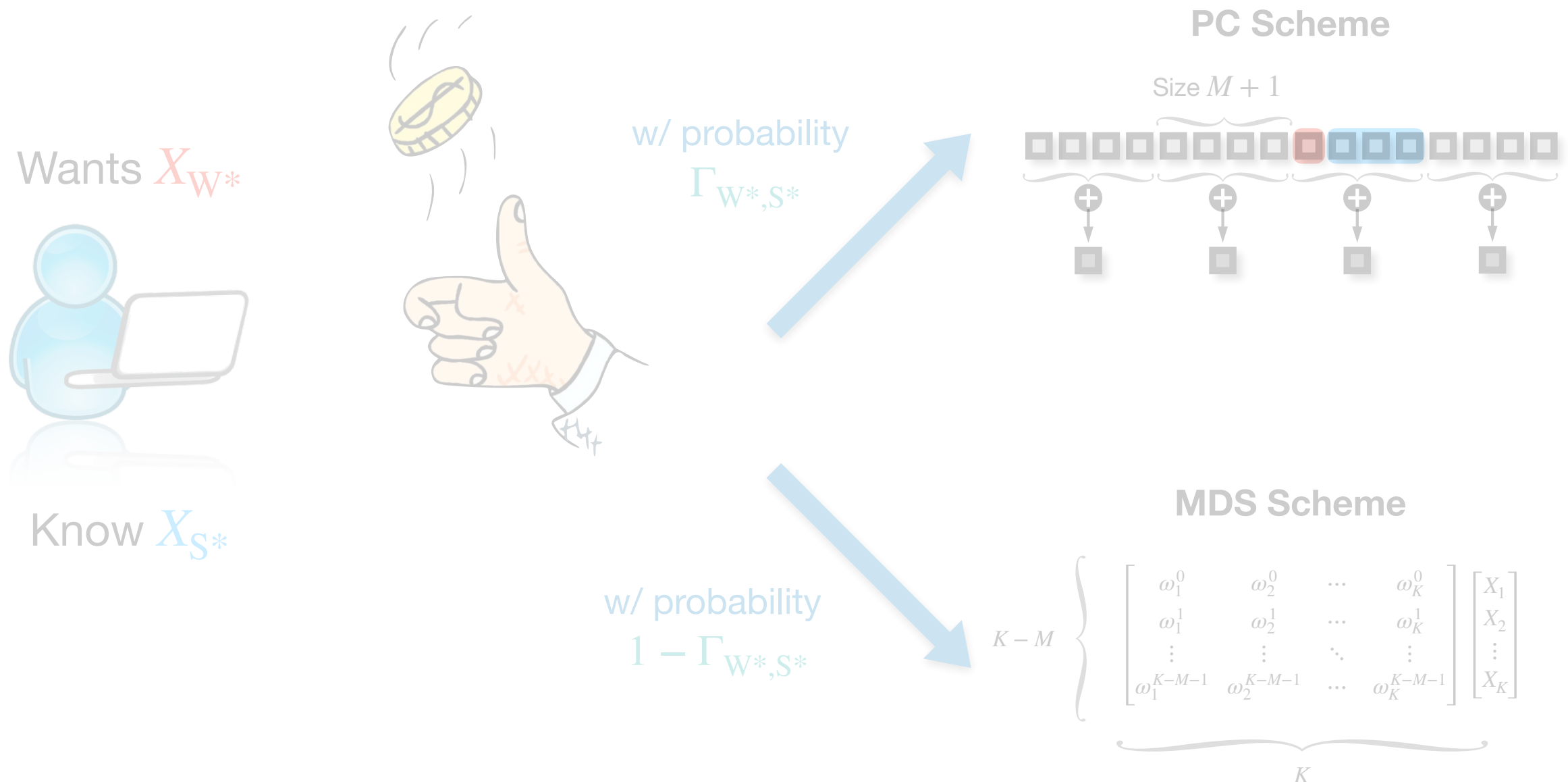
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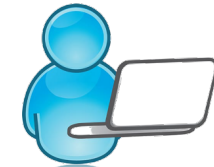
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Where does this choice come from?



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Wants X_i



Know X_j

- Consider parameters $\Gamma_{i,j}$ for each pair $(i,j) \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}, i \neq j$
- Given (i,j) , follow Partition-and-Code Scheme w.p. $\Gamma_{i,j}$ or MDS Scheme w.p. $1 - \Gamma_{i,j}$
- Want to maximize RCS rate ...

$$\mathbb{E}_{\sim(\mathbf{W},\mathbf{S})}[\cdot]$$

$$\left(\sum_{i,j \in \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{K}, i \neq j} p_{\mathbf{W},\mathbf{S}}(i,j) \times \left[\underbrace{\Gamma_{i,j} \left(\frac{K}{M+1} \right)}_{\text{1/rate of Partition-and-Code Scheme}} + \underbrace{(1 - \Gamma_{i,j})(K - M)}_{\text{1/rate of MDS}} \right] \right)^{-1}$$

... subject to privacy condition.

The $M = 1$ Case

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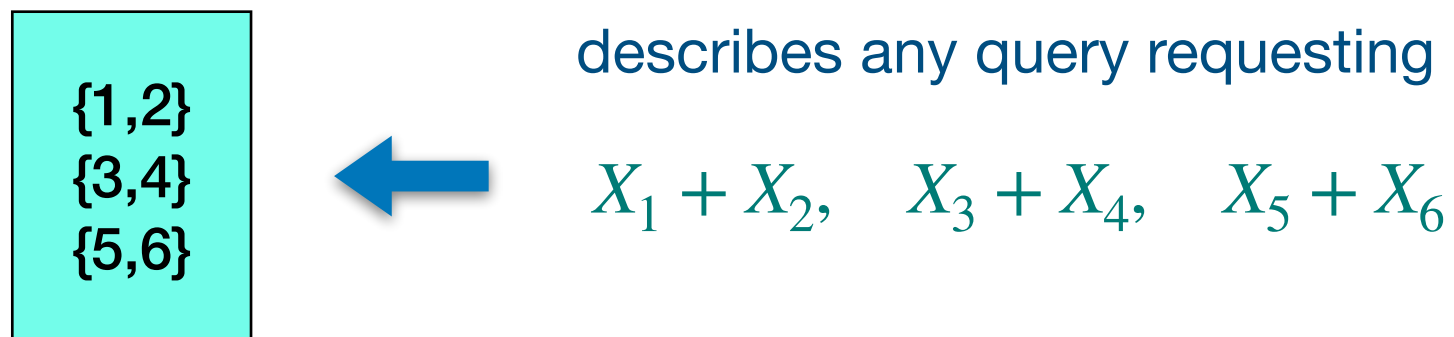
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No; the privacy condition allows us to reduce the problem to a single variable.

The $M = 1, K = 6$ Case, Enumerating Queries

- Recall MDS query is the same for all (W, S)
- Only Partition-and-Code Scheme queries have dependence on (W, S)
- We can represent each Partition-and-Code Scheme query as a partition.
- For example,



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All 15 possible queries

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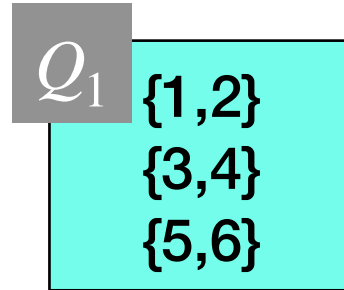
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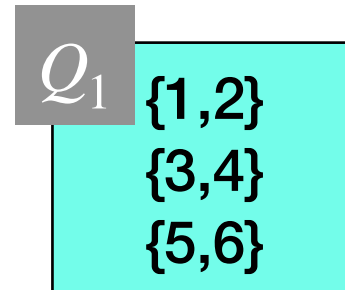
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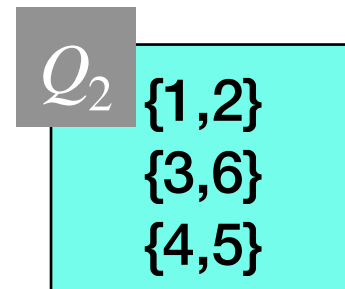


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$$\mathbb{E}_{\sim(\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{S})}[\cdot]$$

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s.t.

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Theorem 1. For PA-PIR-SI with K messages and M side info. messages such that $M + 1$ is a divisor of K and strictly less than \sqrt{K} , under any popularity profile Λ , the capacity is upper bounded by

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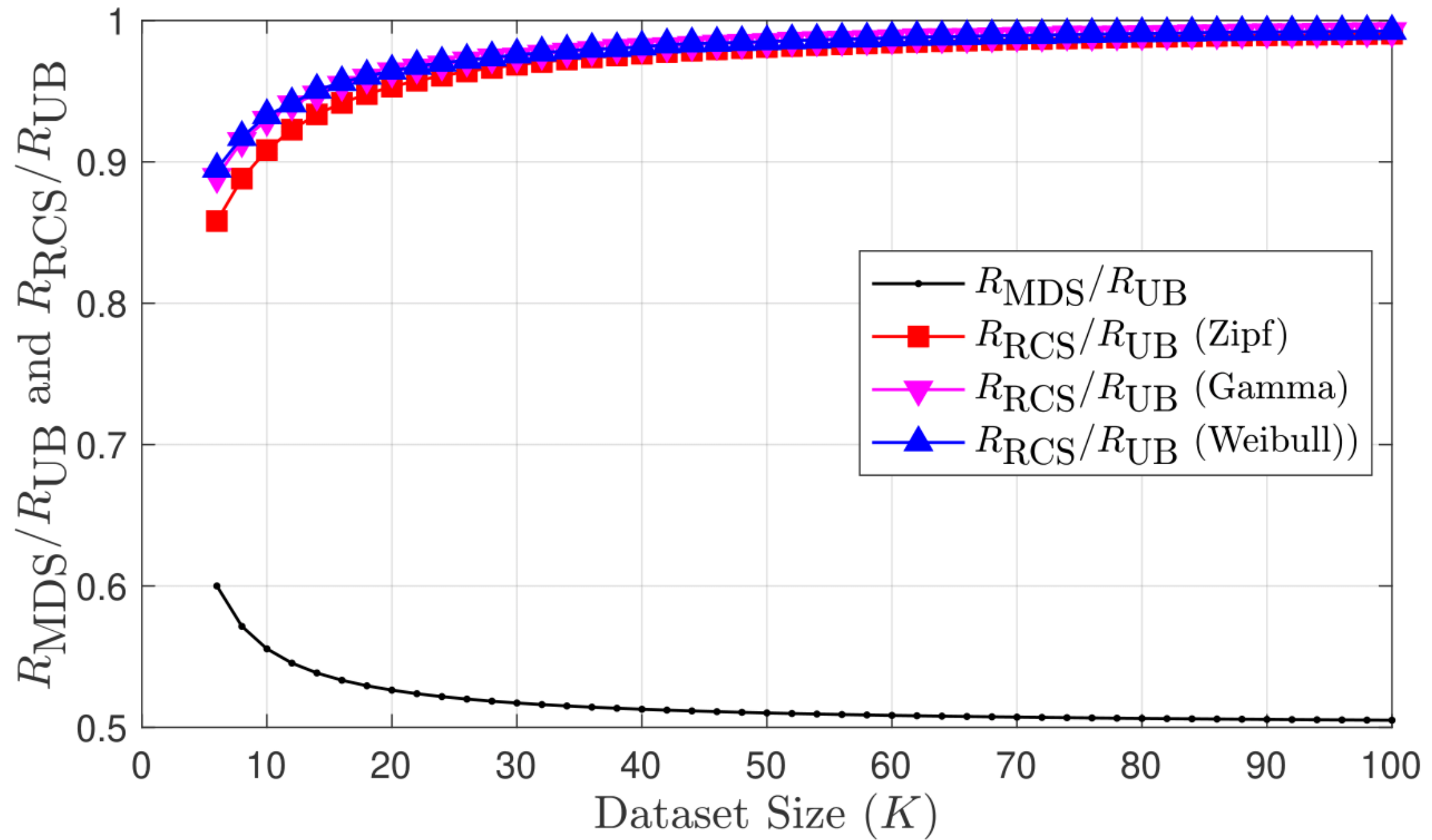
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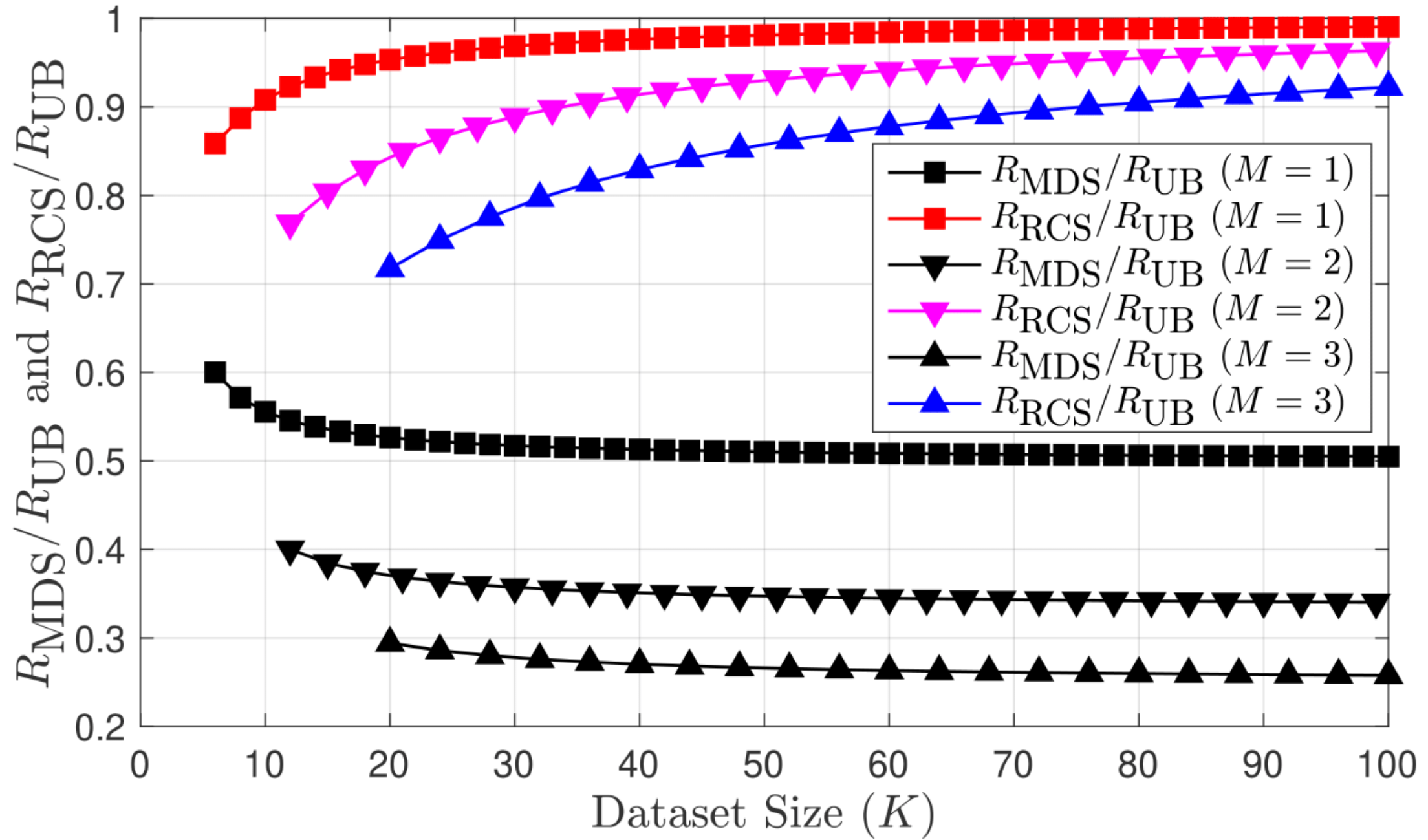
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