

Beyond Birthday-Bound Security

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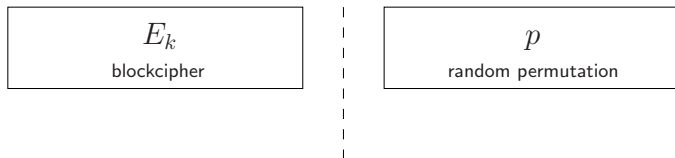
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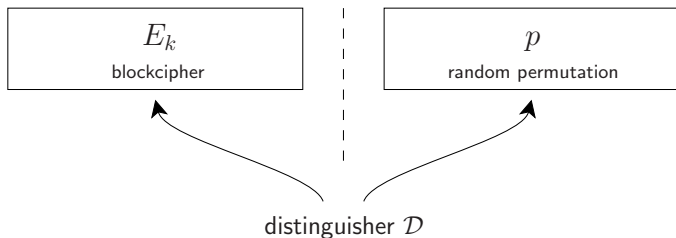
- Important phenomenon in cryptography

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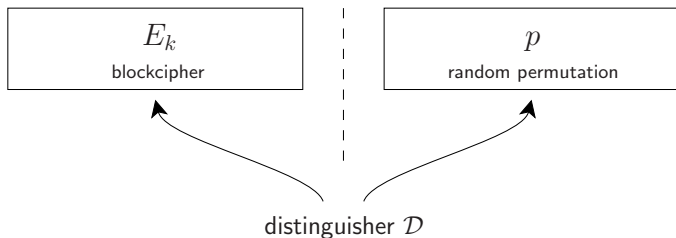
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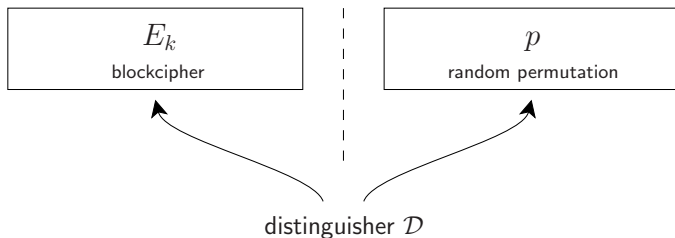
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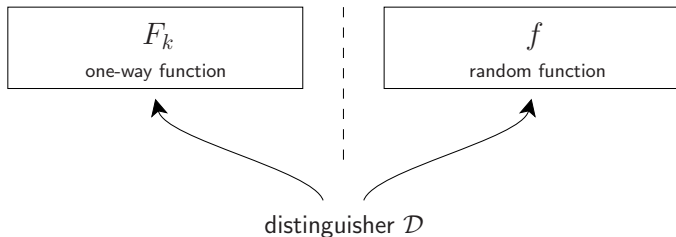
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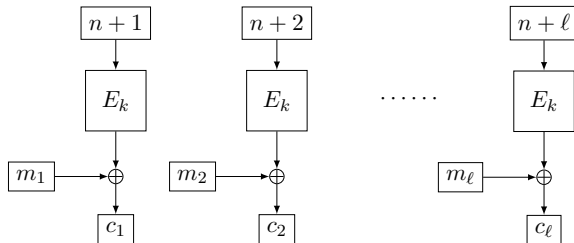
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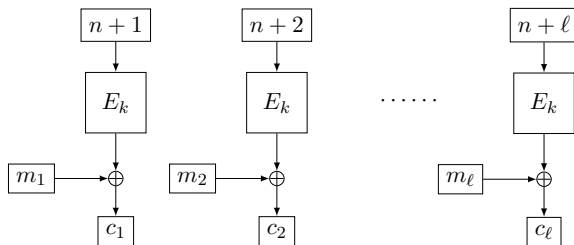
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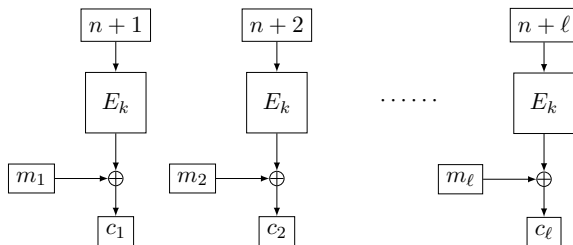
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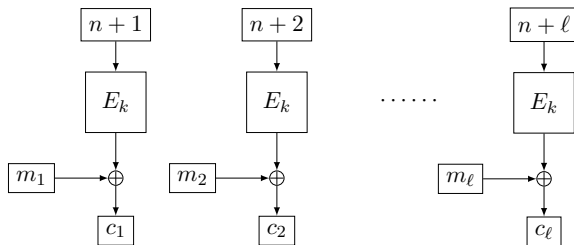


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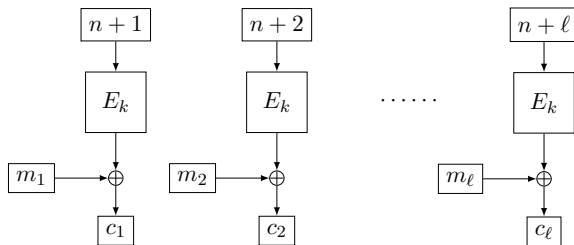
- $\text{CTR}[E]$ is secure as long as:
 - E_k is a secure PRP
 - Number of encrypted blocks $\sigma \ll 2^{n/2}$

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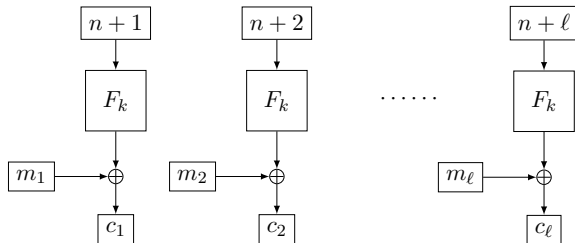
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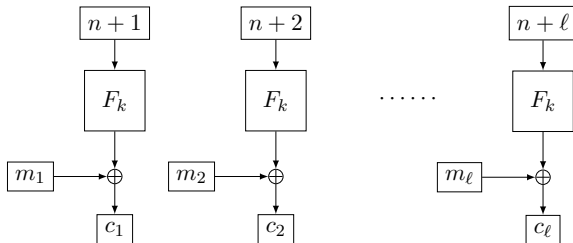
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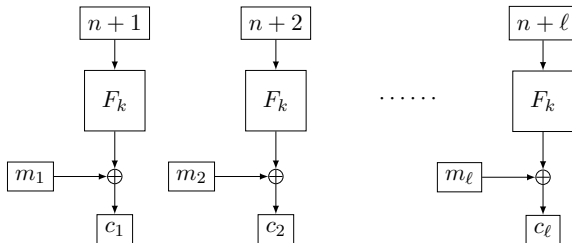
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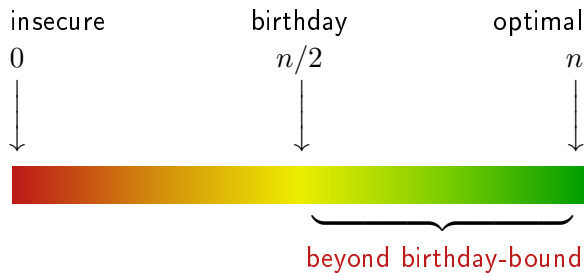


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Sweet32 Attack

On the Practical (In-)Security of 64-bit Block Ciphers: Collision Attacks on HTTP over TLS and OpenVPN

Bhargavan, Leurent, ACM CCS 2016



- TLS supported Triple-DES
- OpenVPN used Blowfish
- Both Blowfish and Triple-DES have 64-bit state
- Practical birthday-bound attack on encryption mode

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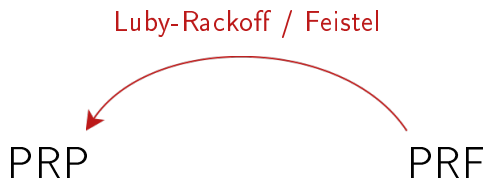
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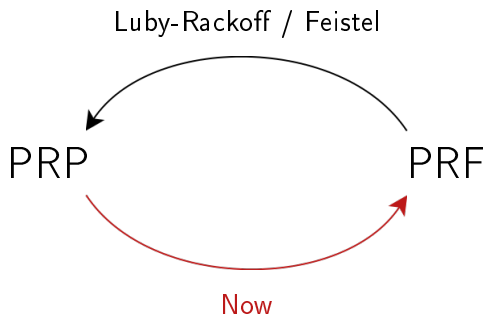
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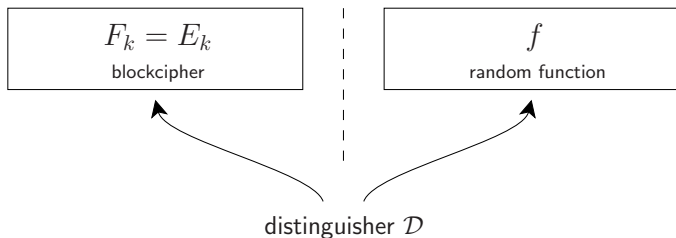
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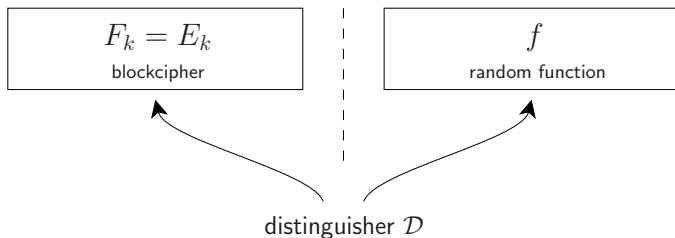
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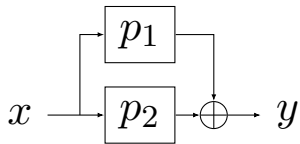


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- E_k can be distinguished from f in $\approx 2^{n/2}$ queries

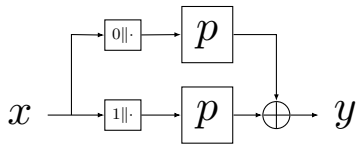
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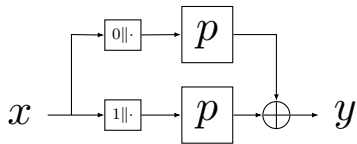
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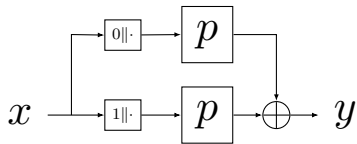
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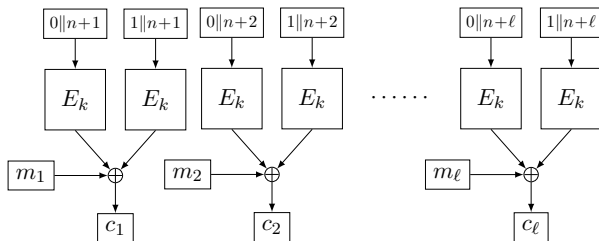
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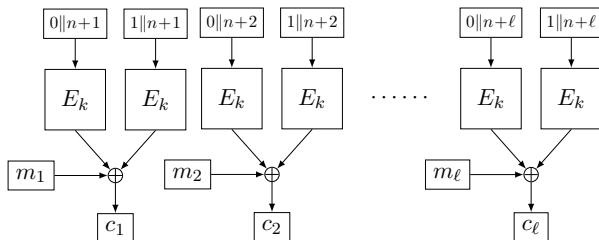
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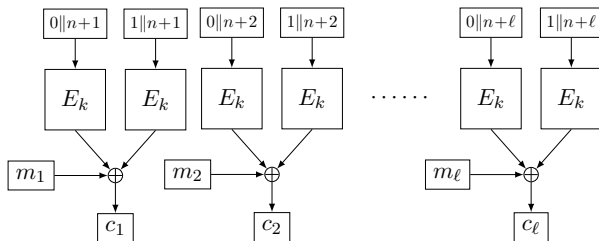
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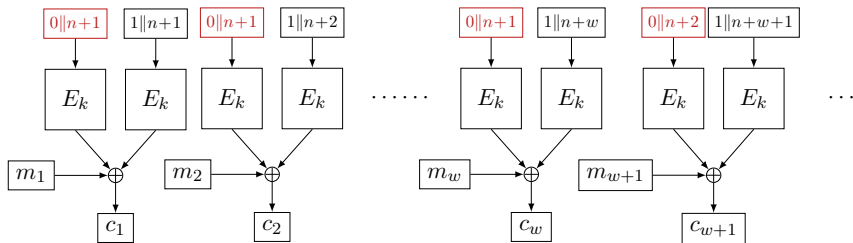


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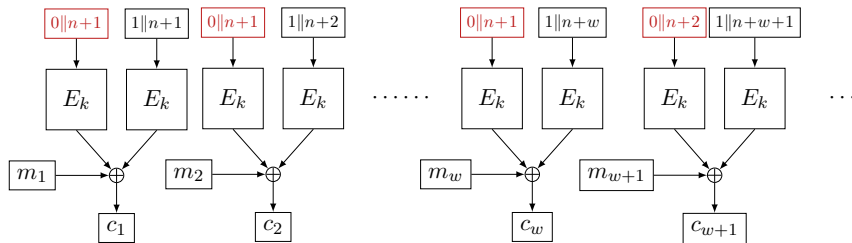
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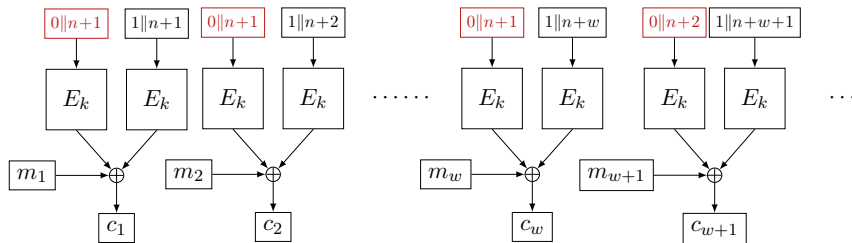
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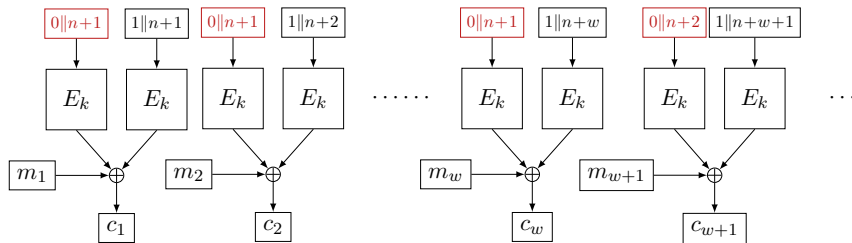
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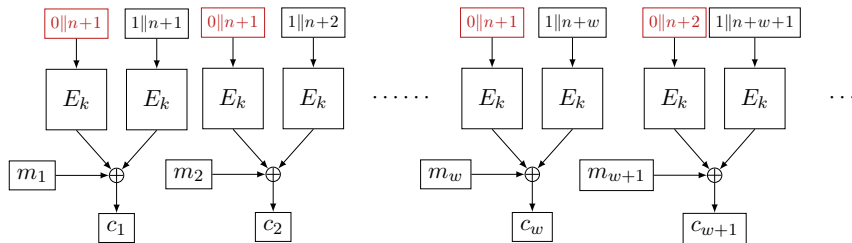
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 - Immediate consequence of **mirror theory** from 2005

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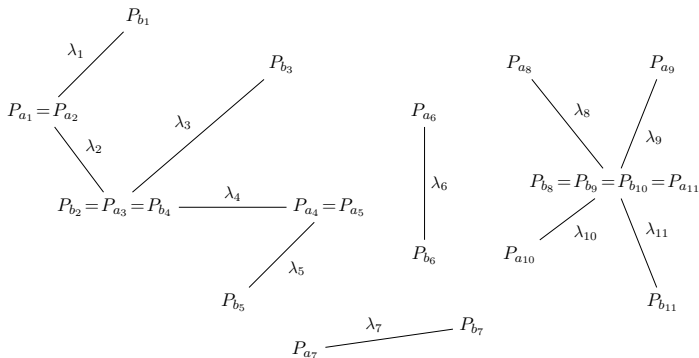
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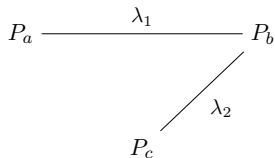


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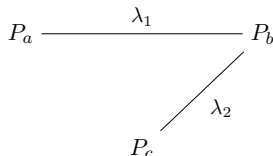


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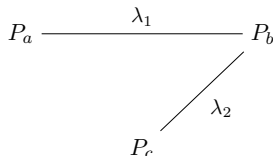
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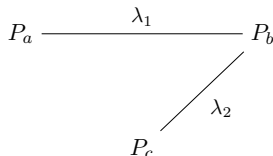
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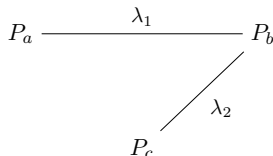
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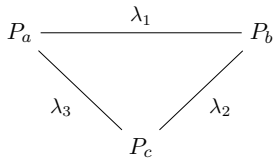
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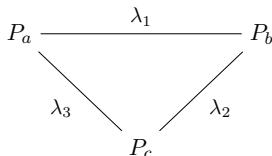
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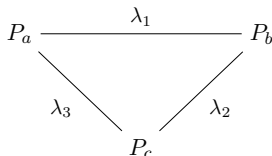
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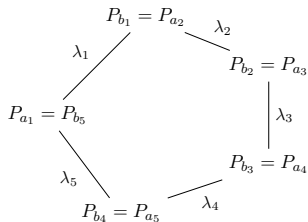
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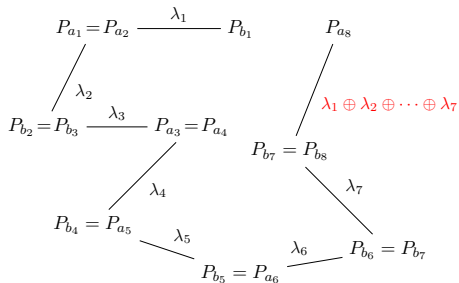
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Mirror Theory: Two Problematic Cases

Circle



Degeneracy



Mirror Theory: Main Result

System of Equations

- r distinct unknowns $\mathcal{P} = \{P_1, \dots, P_r\}$
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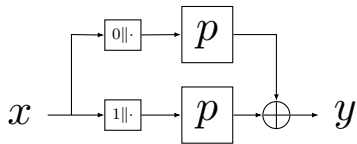
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If the system of equations is **circle-free** and **non-degenerate**, the number of solutions to \mathcal{P} such that $P_a \neq P_b$ for all distinct $a, b \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ is at least

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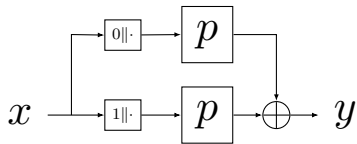
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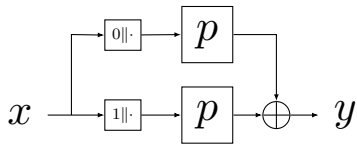
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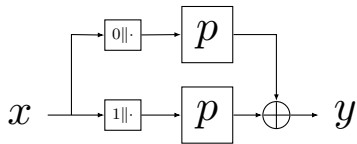
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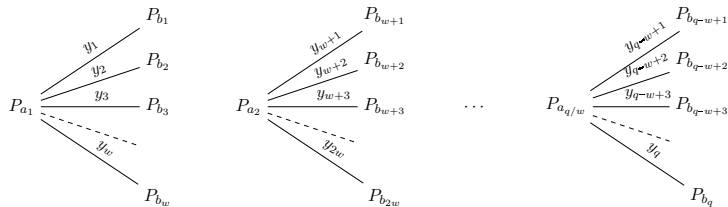
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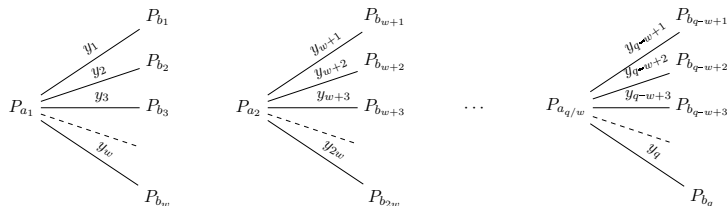
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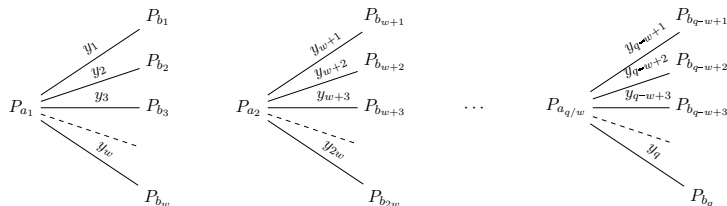
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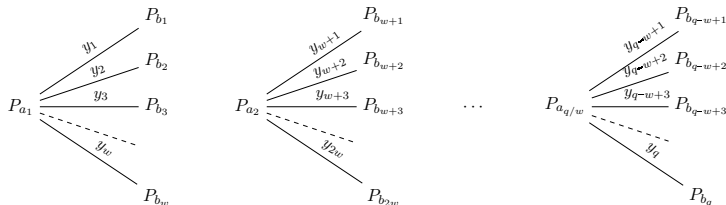
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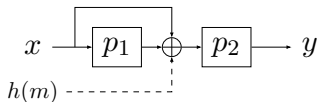
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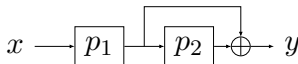
Mennink, Neves, CRYPTO 2017

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EDMD



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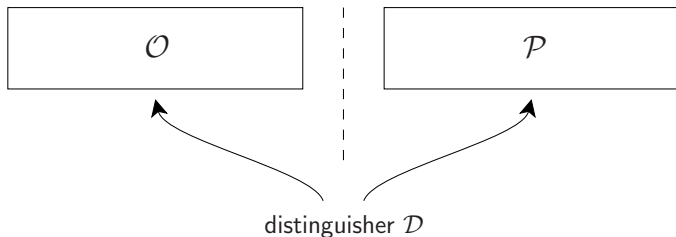
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SUPPORTING SLIDES

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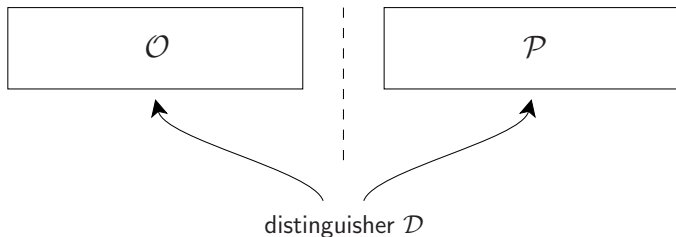
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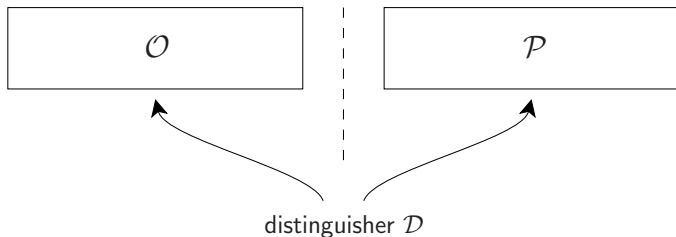


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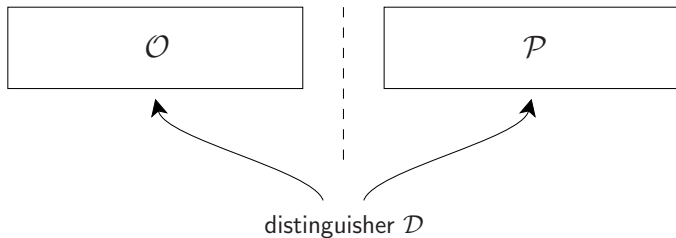
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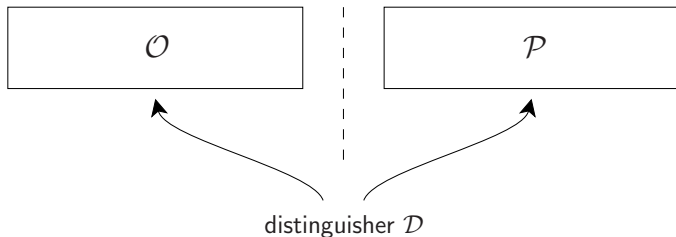
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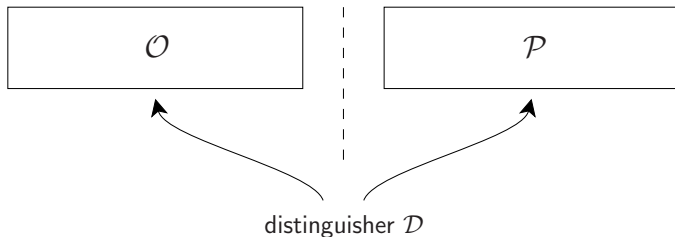
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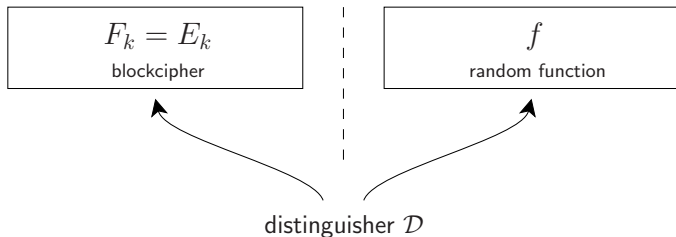
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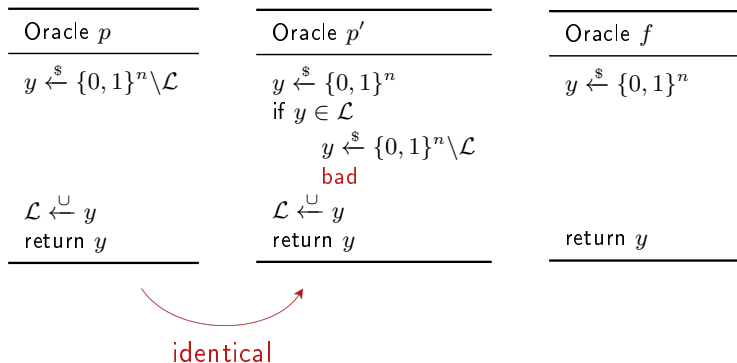
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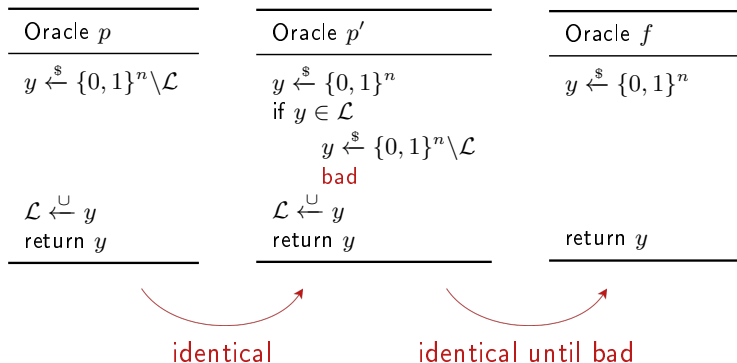
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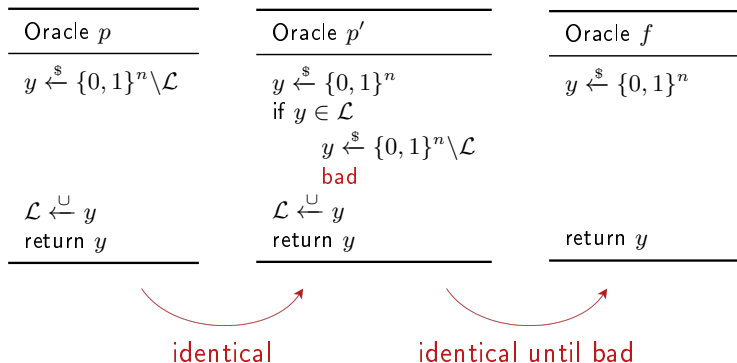
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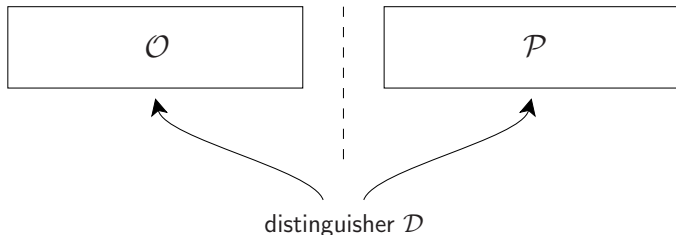
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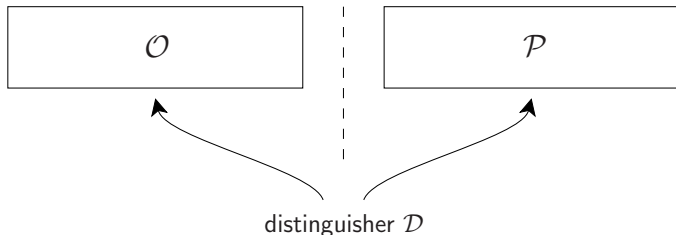
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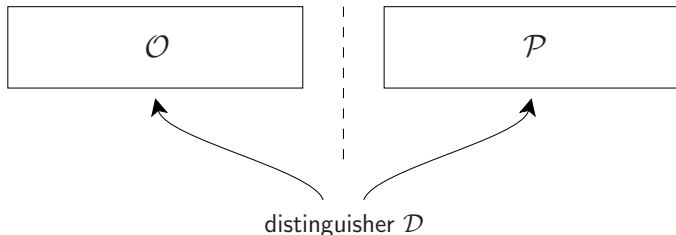
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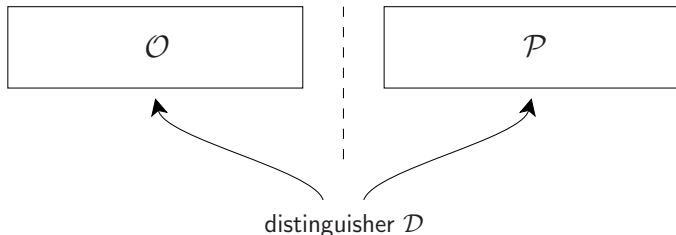
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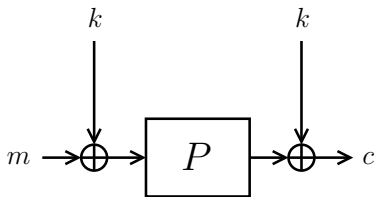
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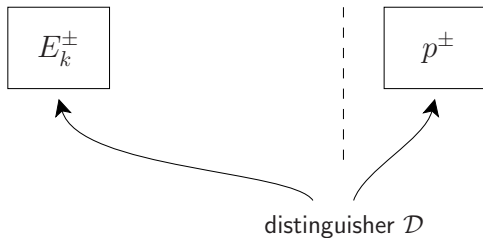
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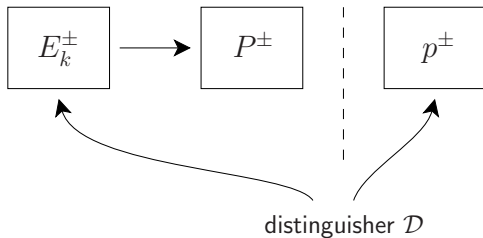
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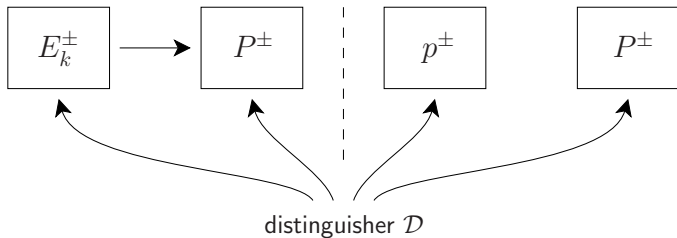
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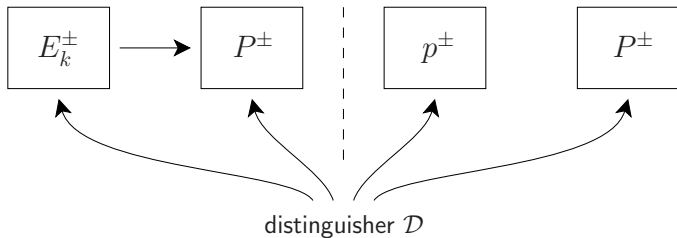
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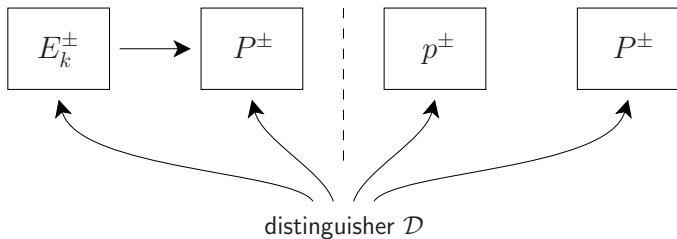
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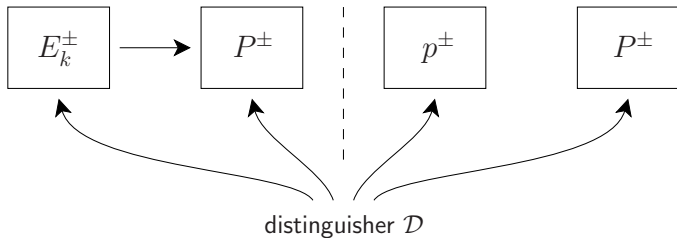
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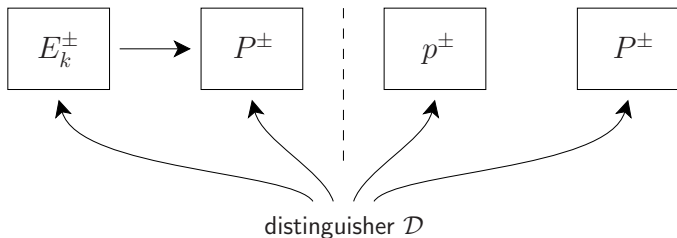
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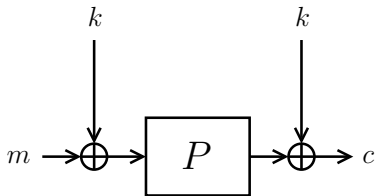
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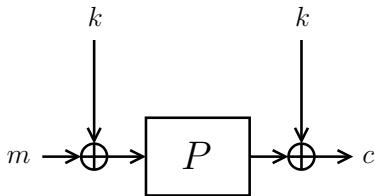
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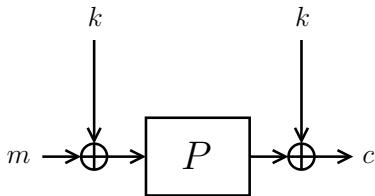
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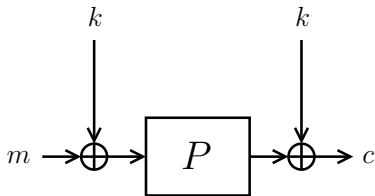
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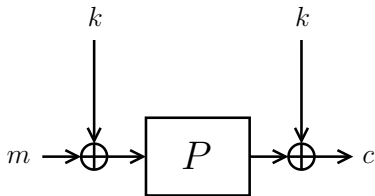


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