

# Symphony

## Scalable SNARKs from High-Arity Lattice Folding Schemes

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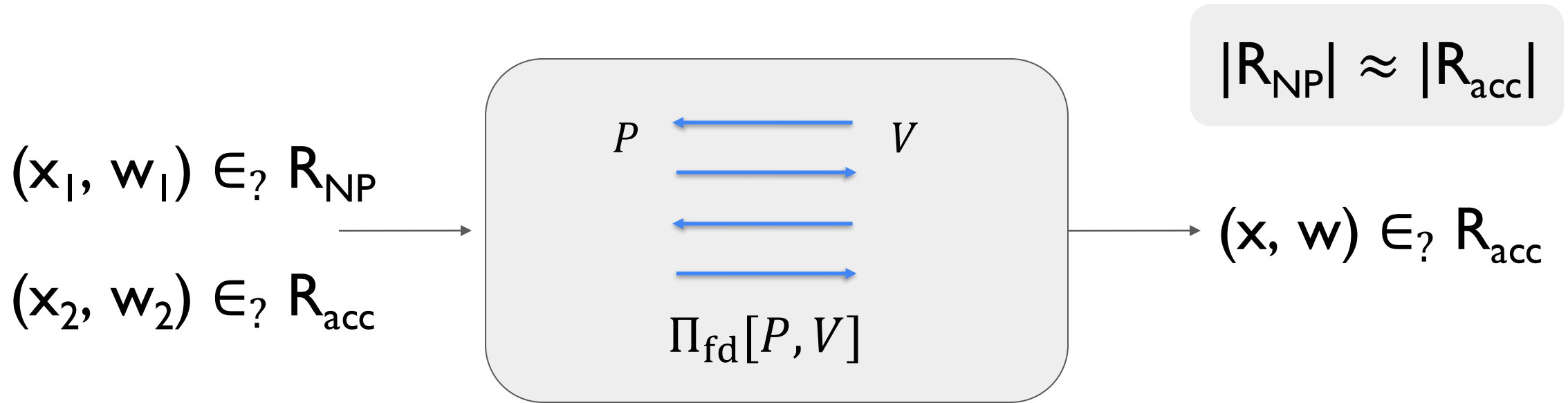
Speed + Memory + Streaming

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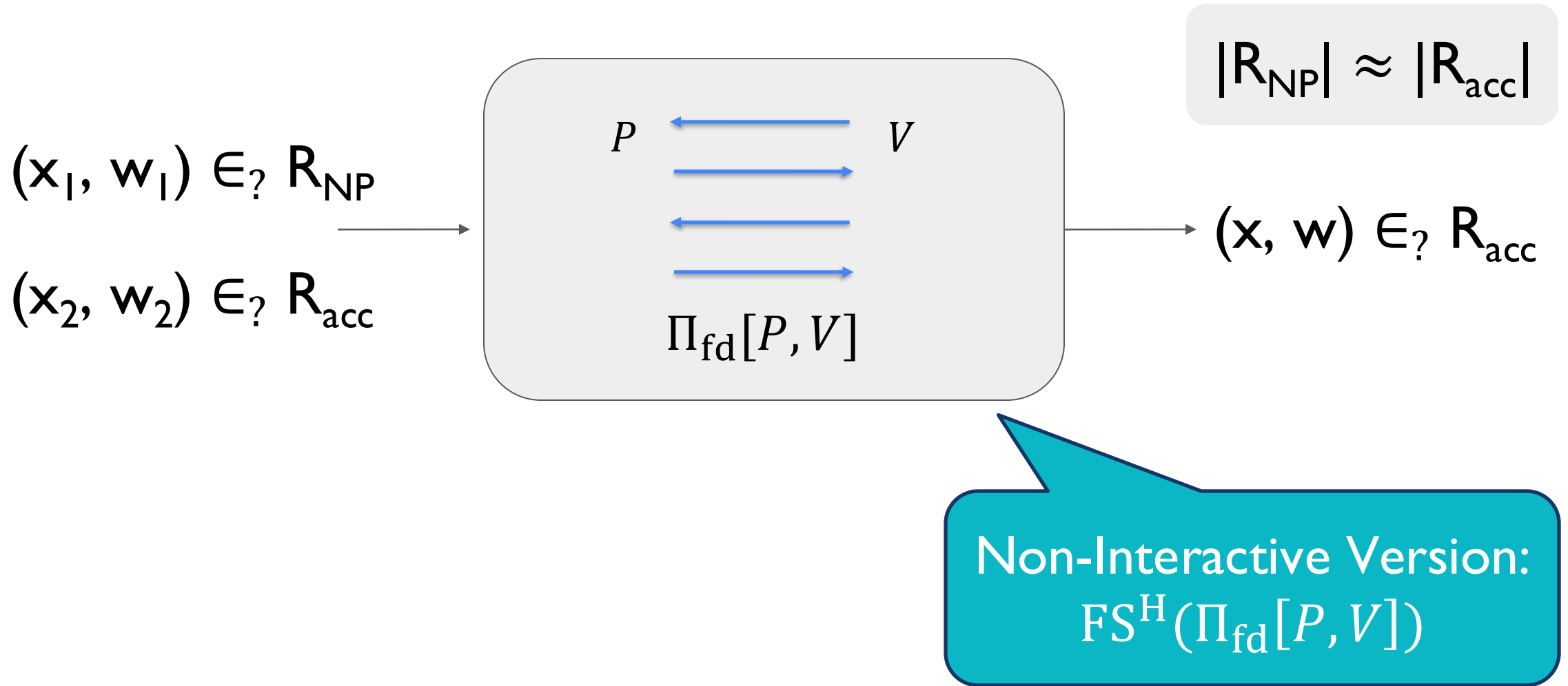
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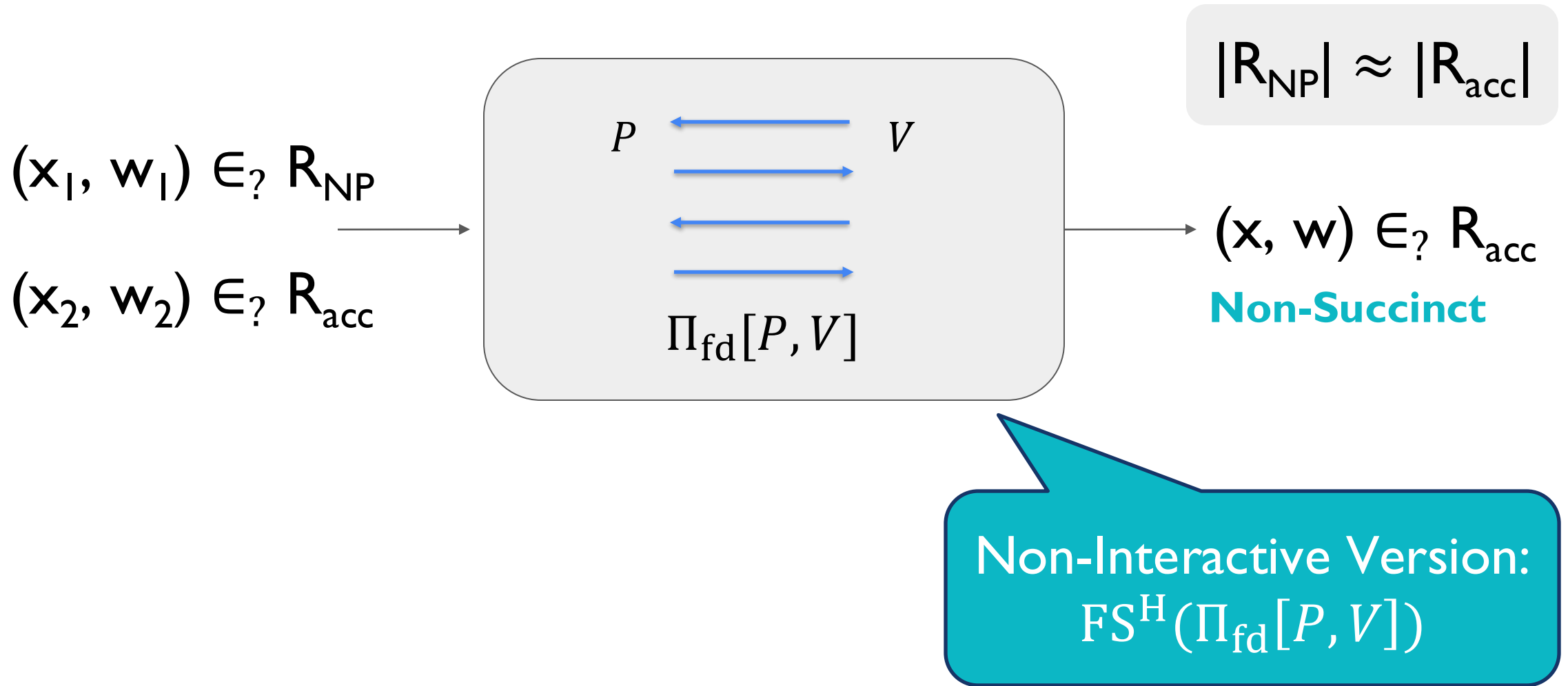


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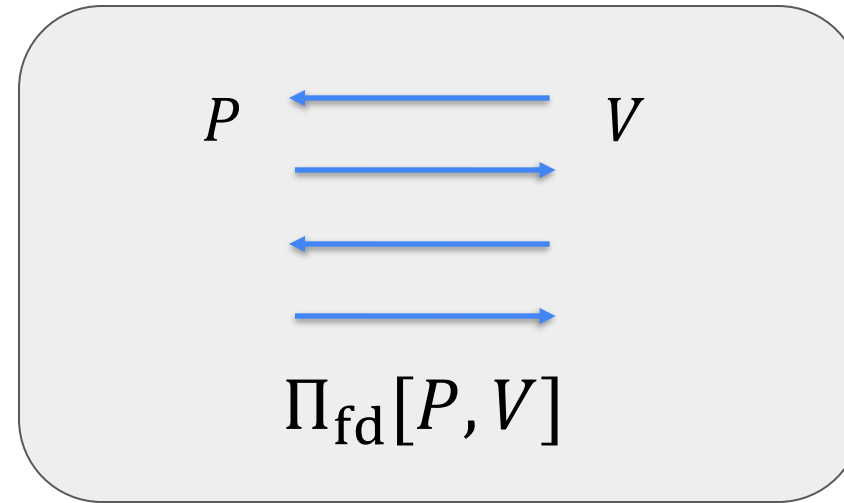
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**Non-Succinct**

## Advantages:

- Much faster than SNARKs
- Boost SNARK efficiency

Non-Interactive Version:  
 $FS^H(\Pi_{fd}[P, V])$



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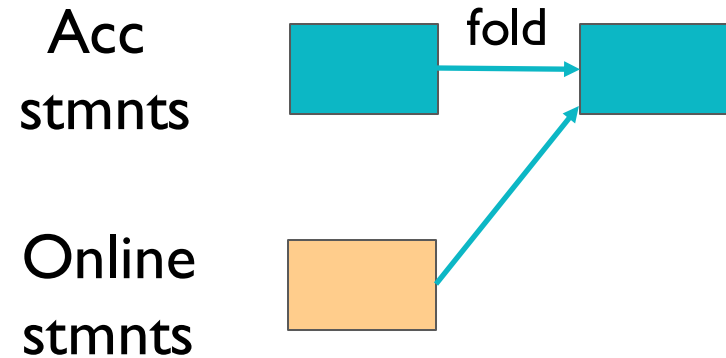
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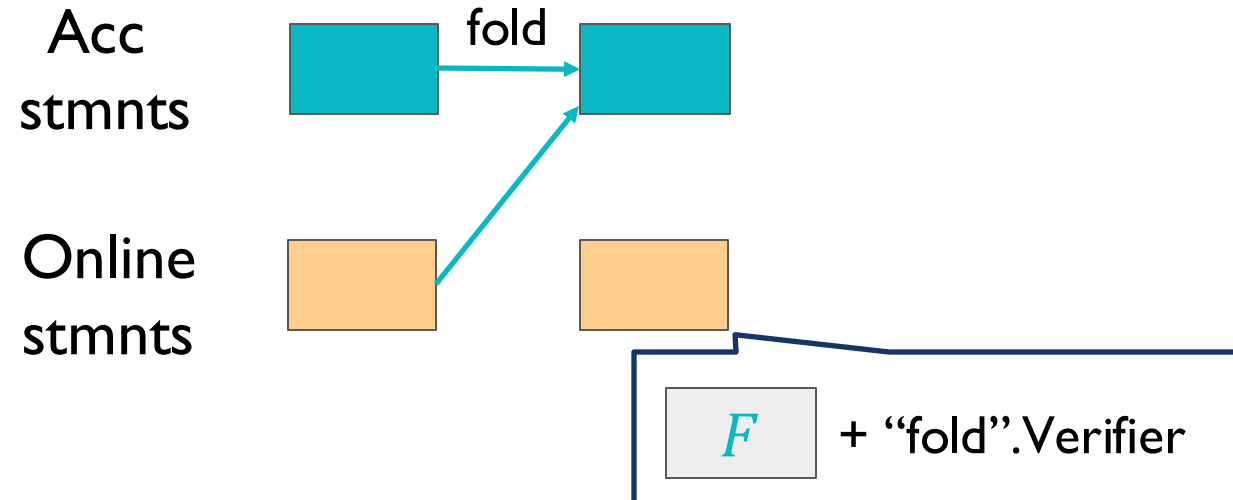


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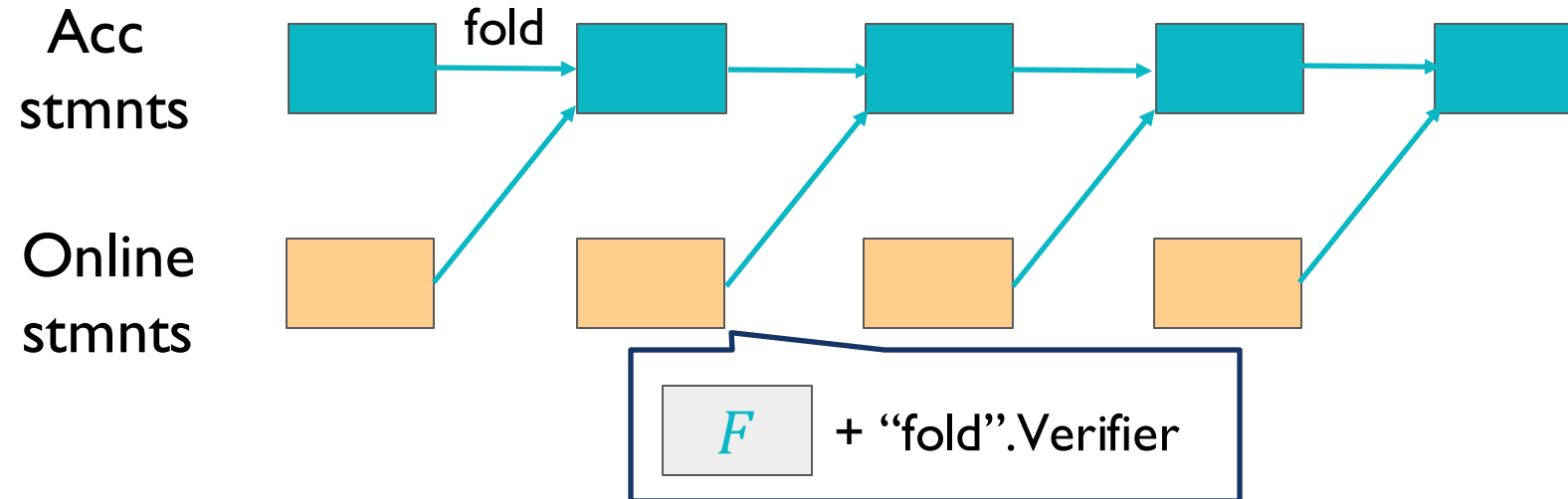


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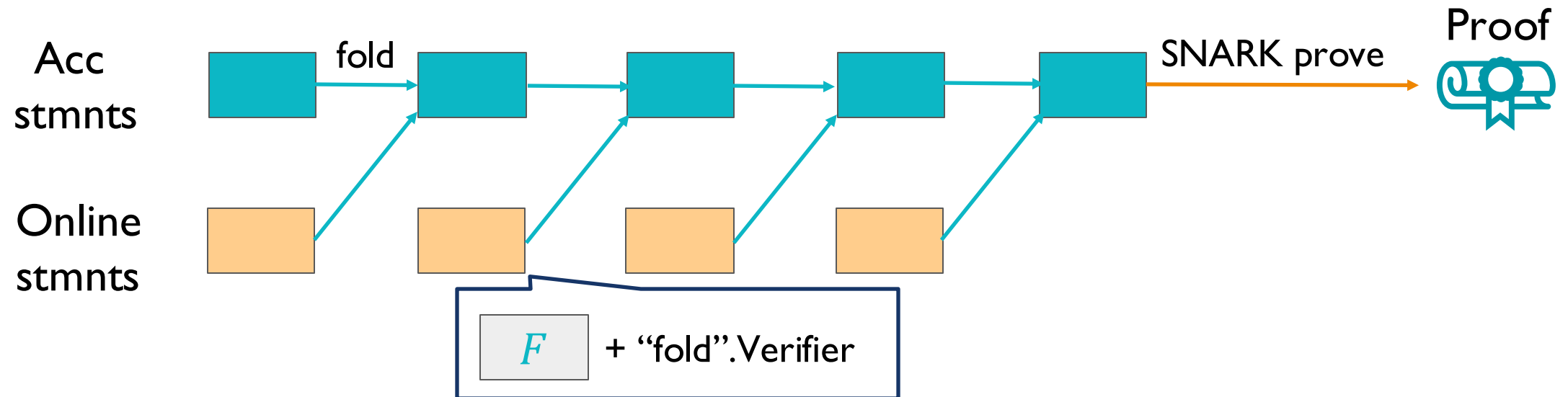


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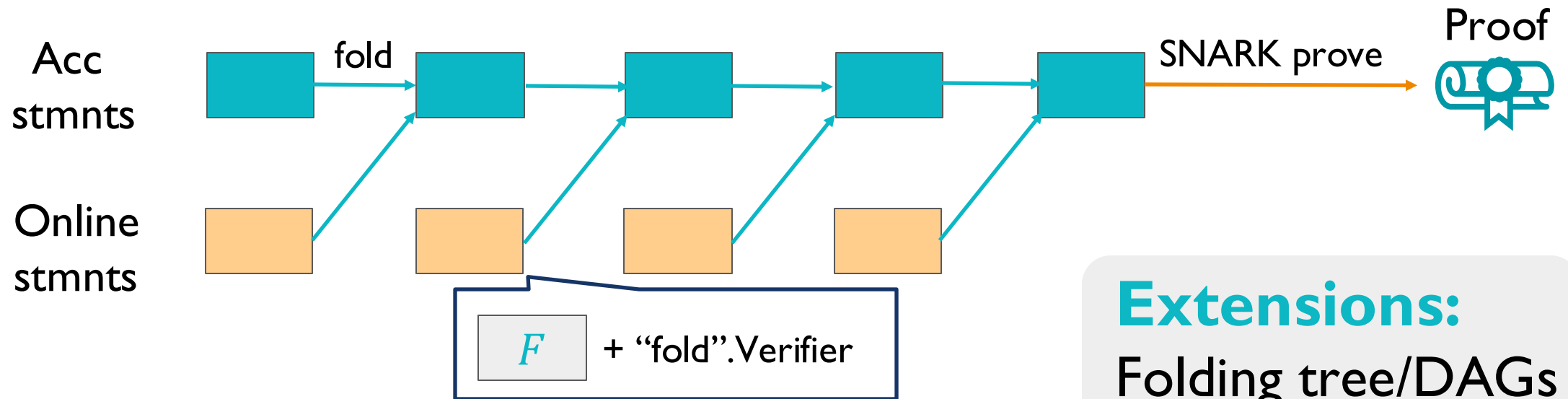
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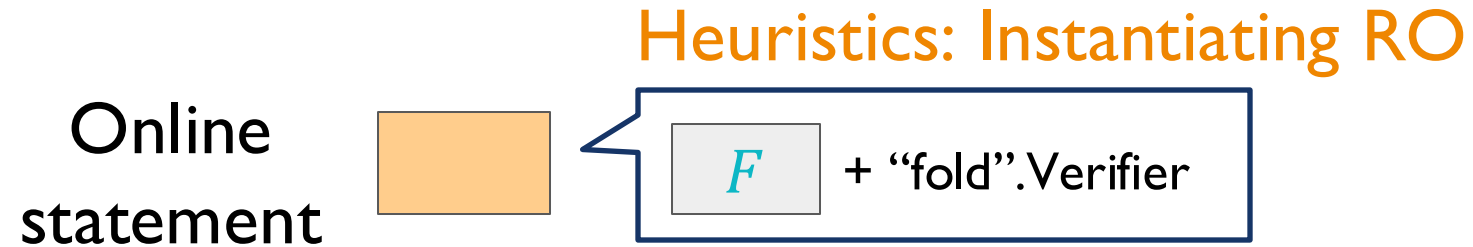
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Folding tree/DAGs



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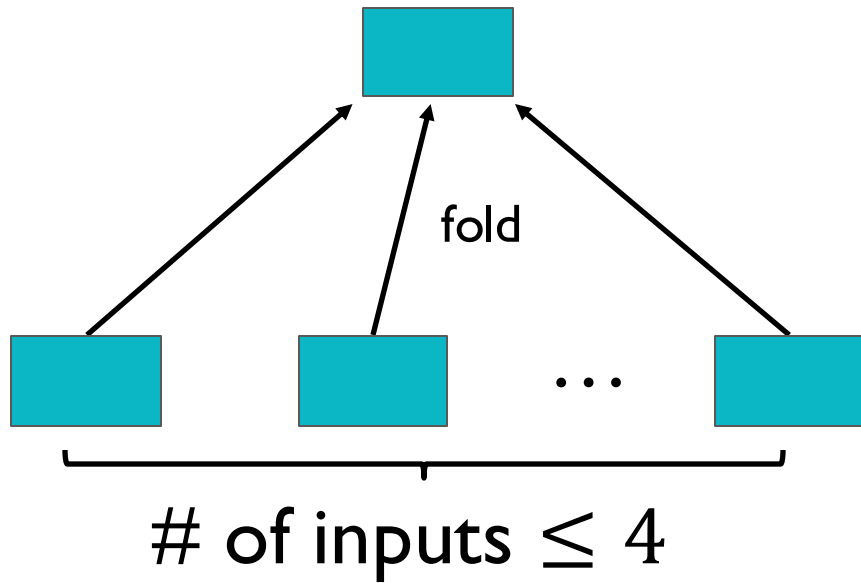
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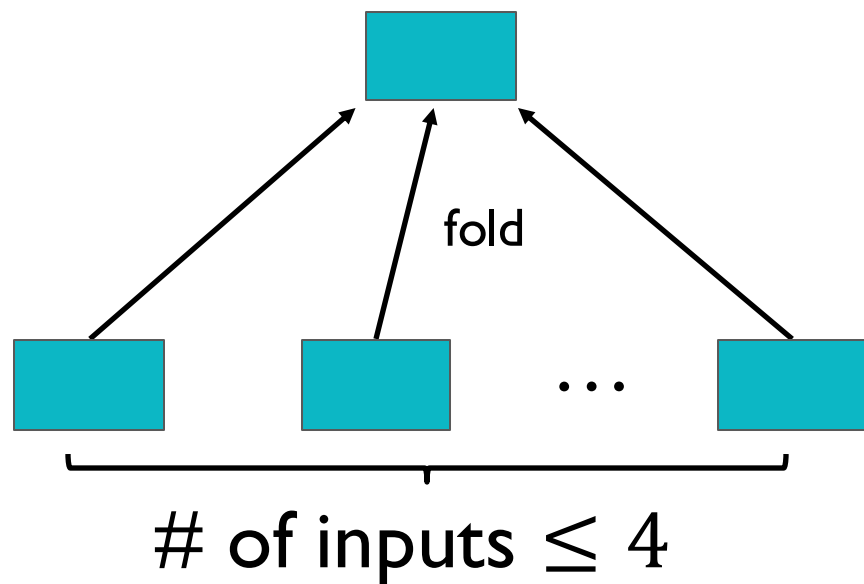
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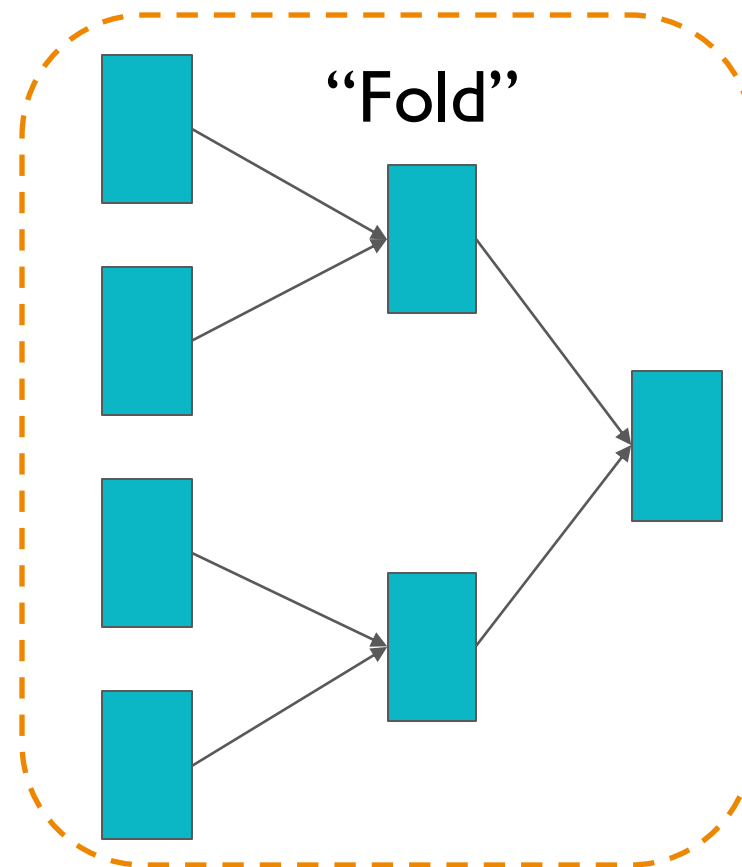
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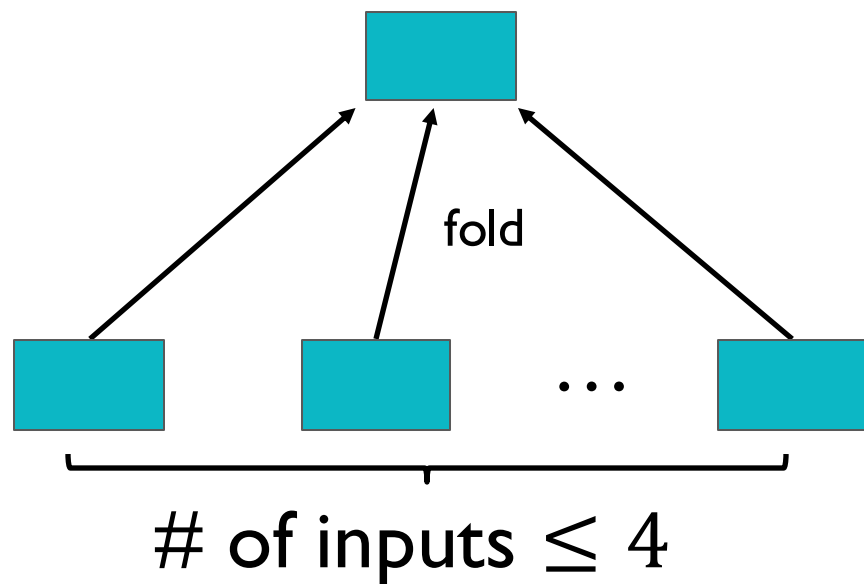


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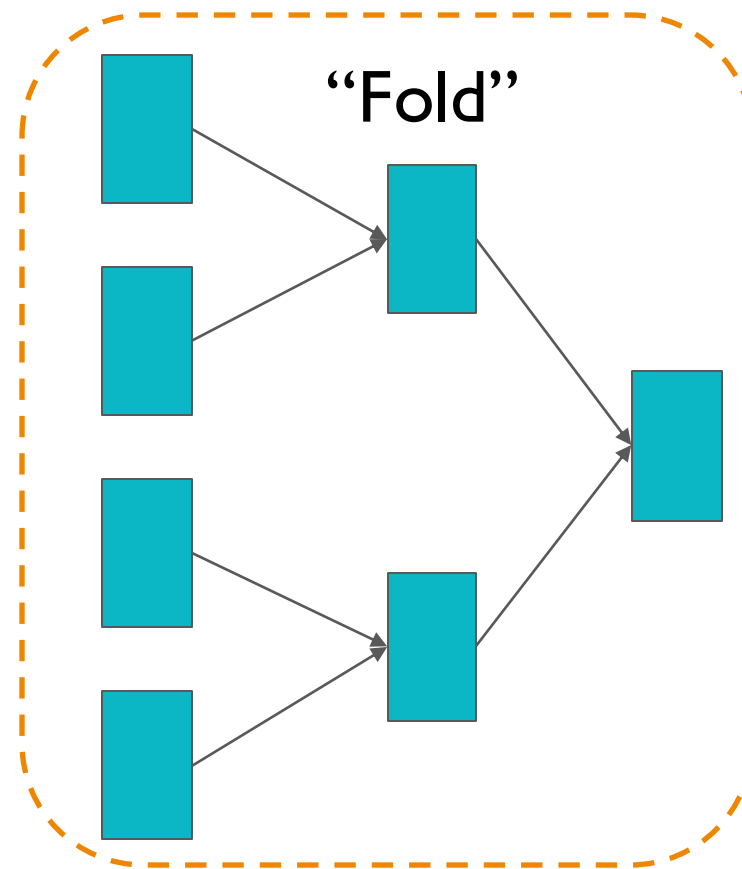


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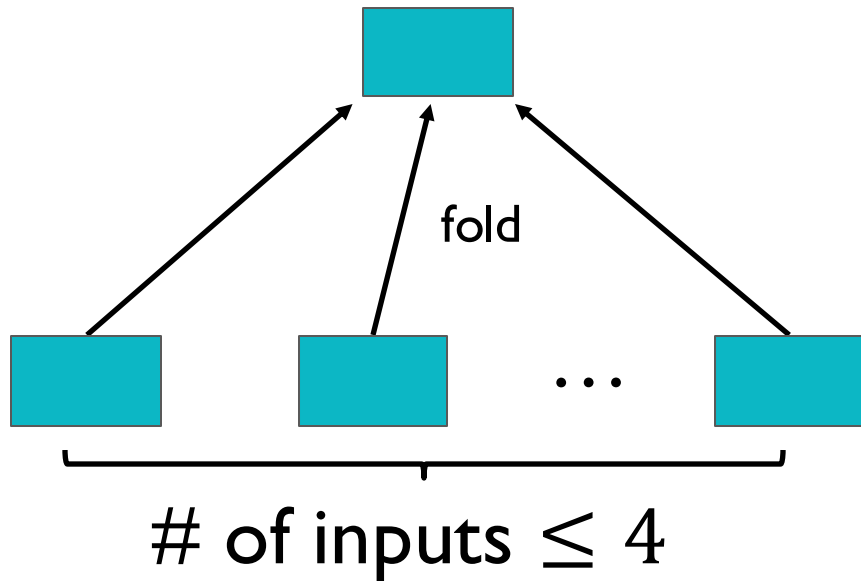


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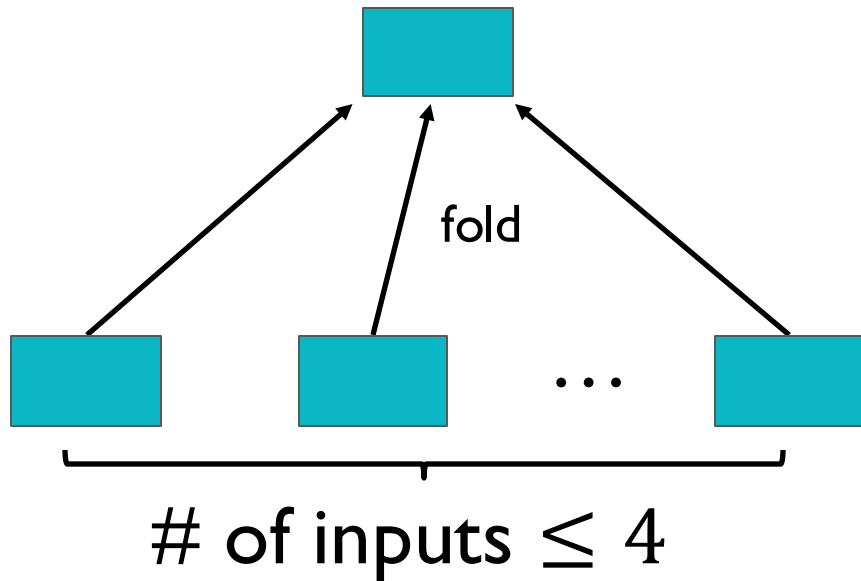


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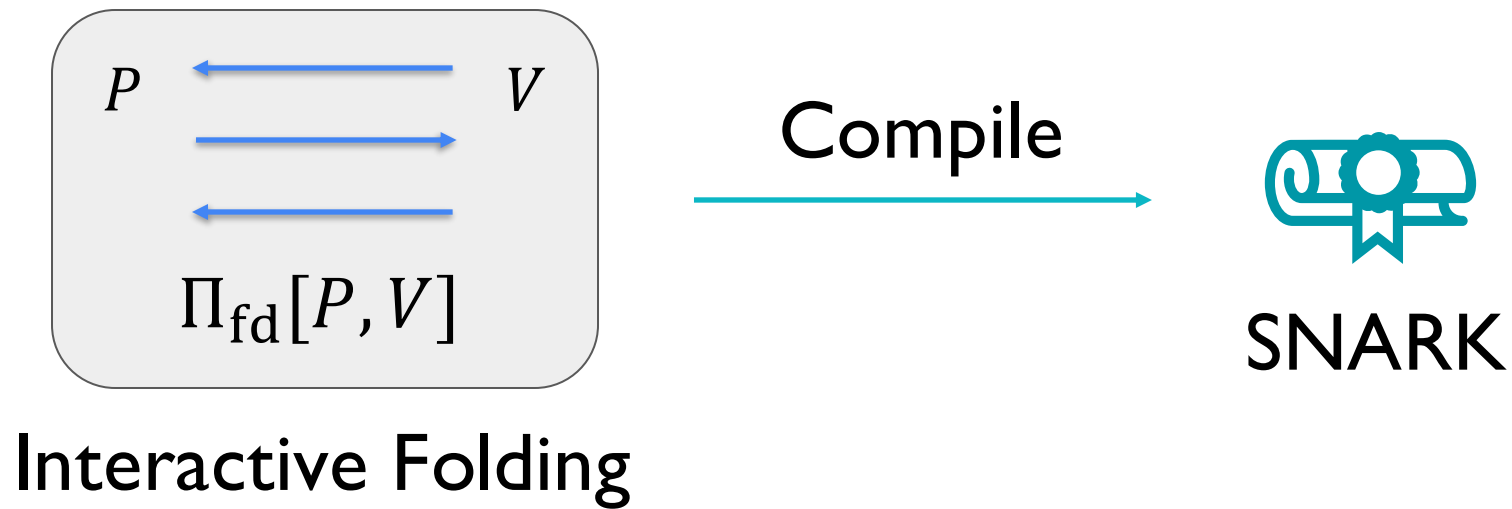
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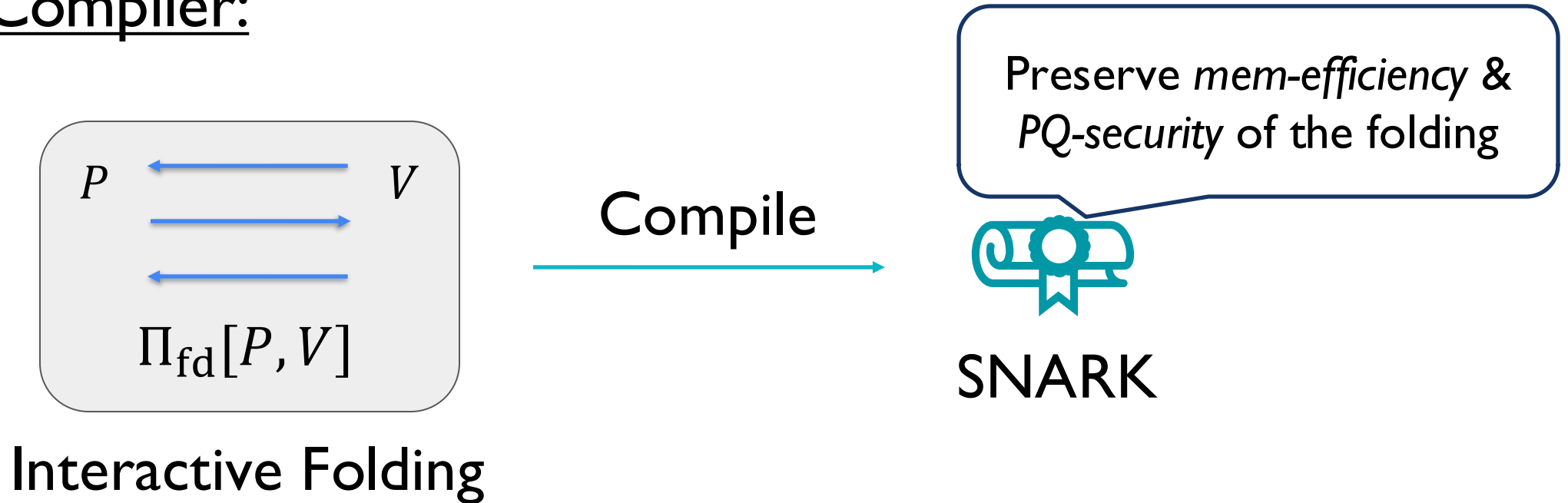


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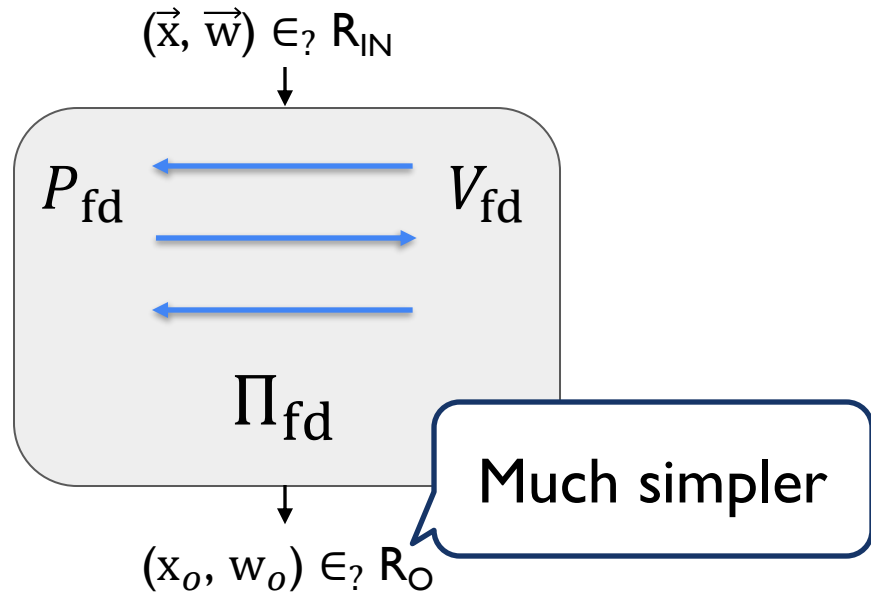


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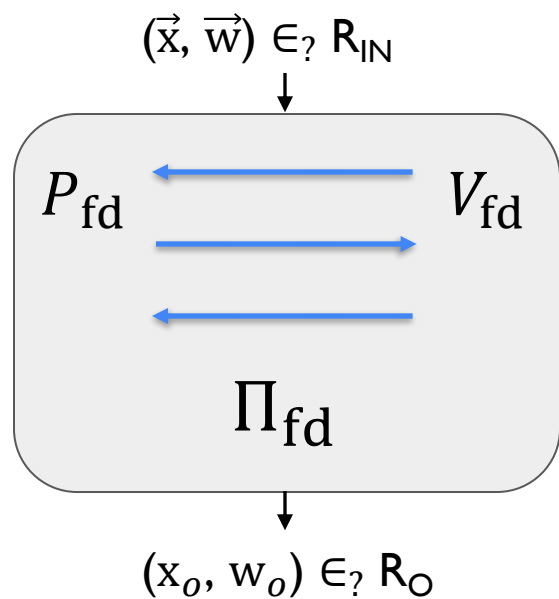


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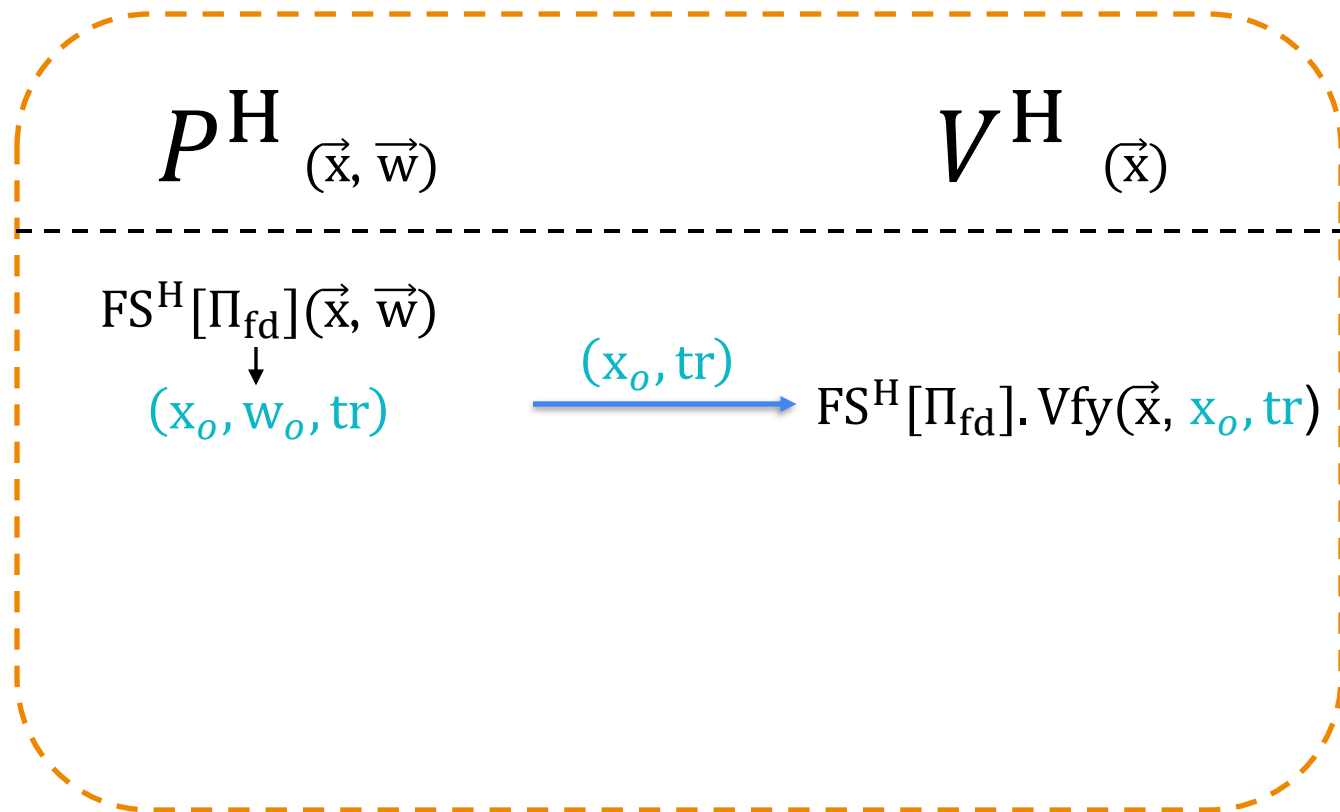


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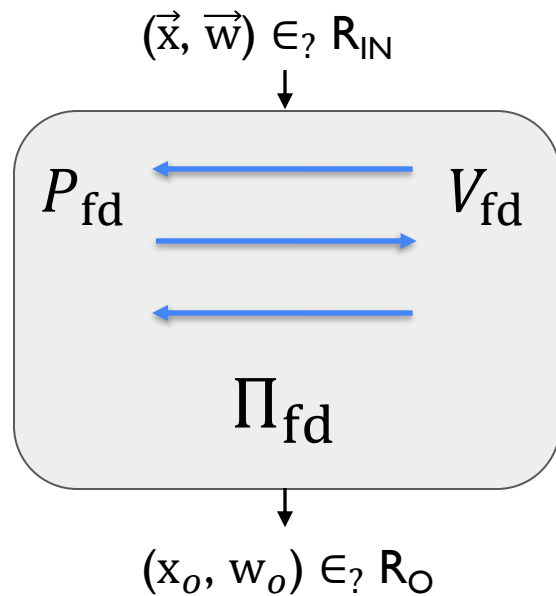


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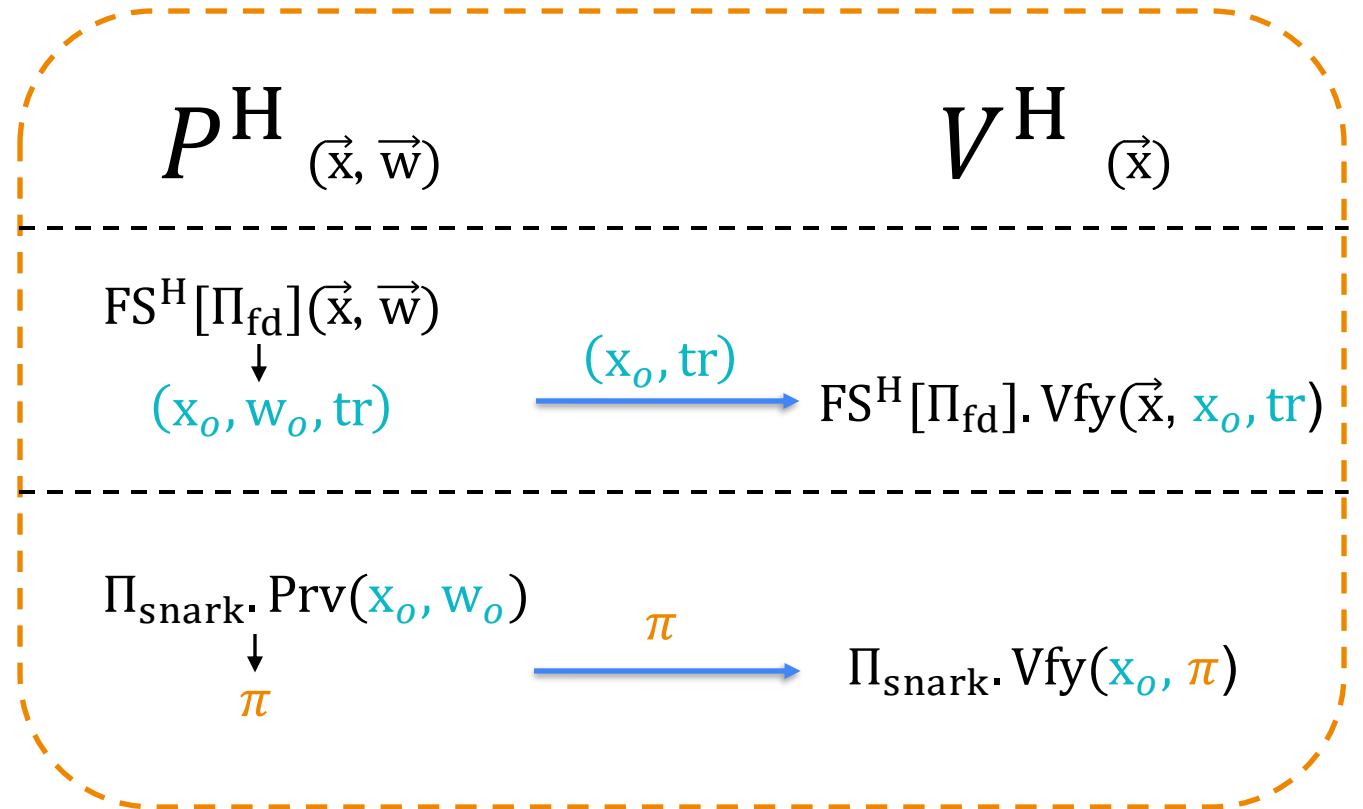


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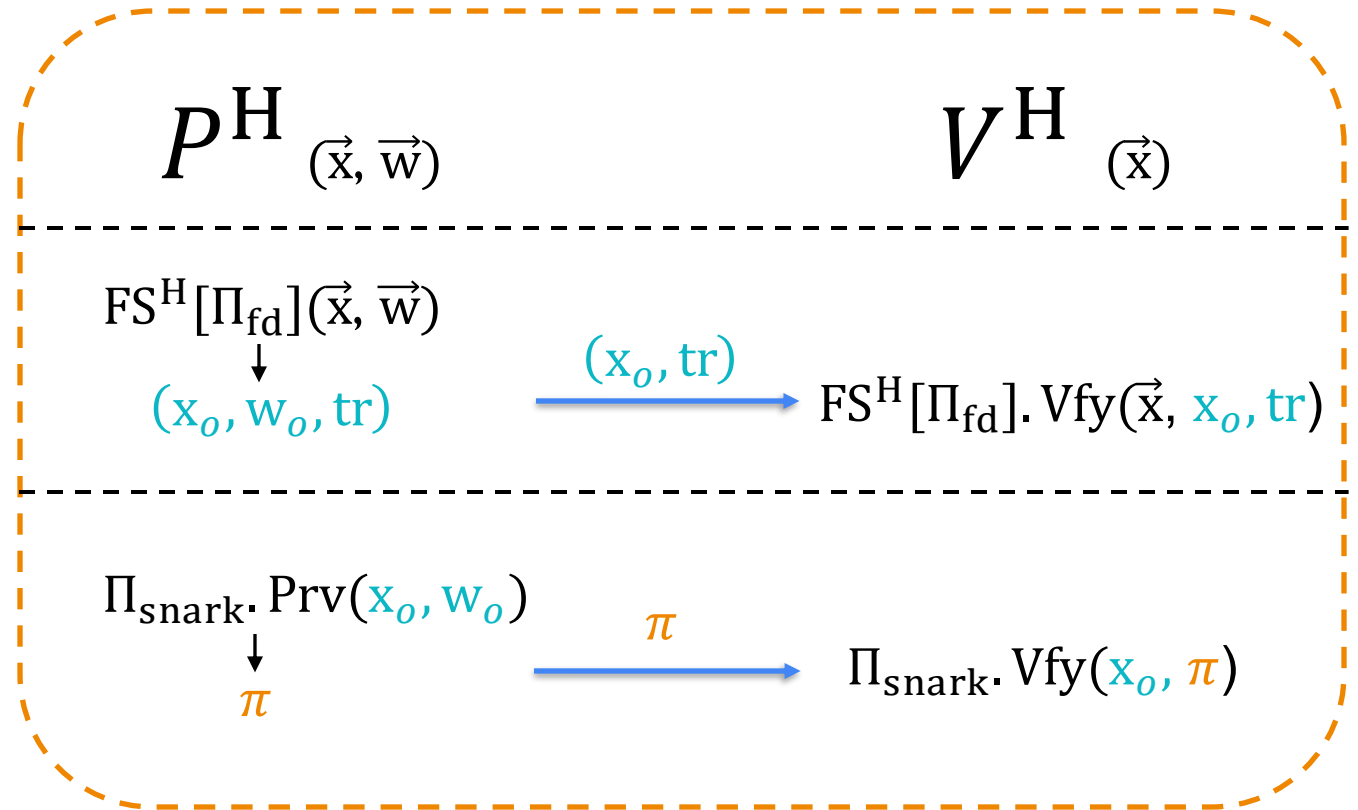
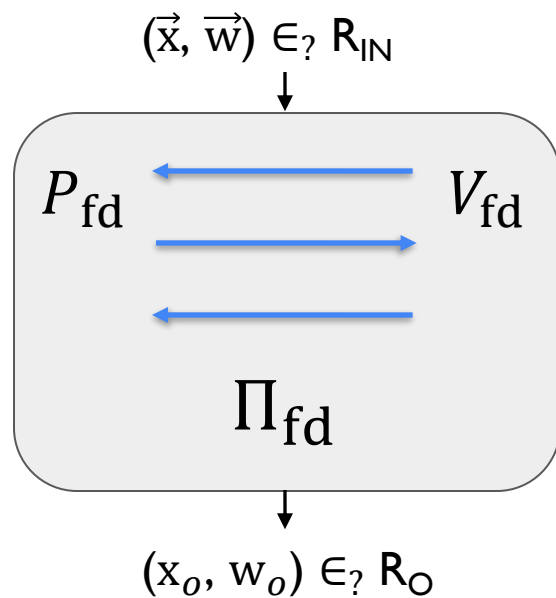


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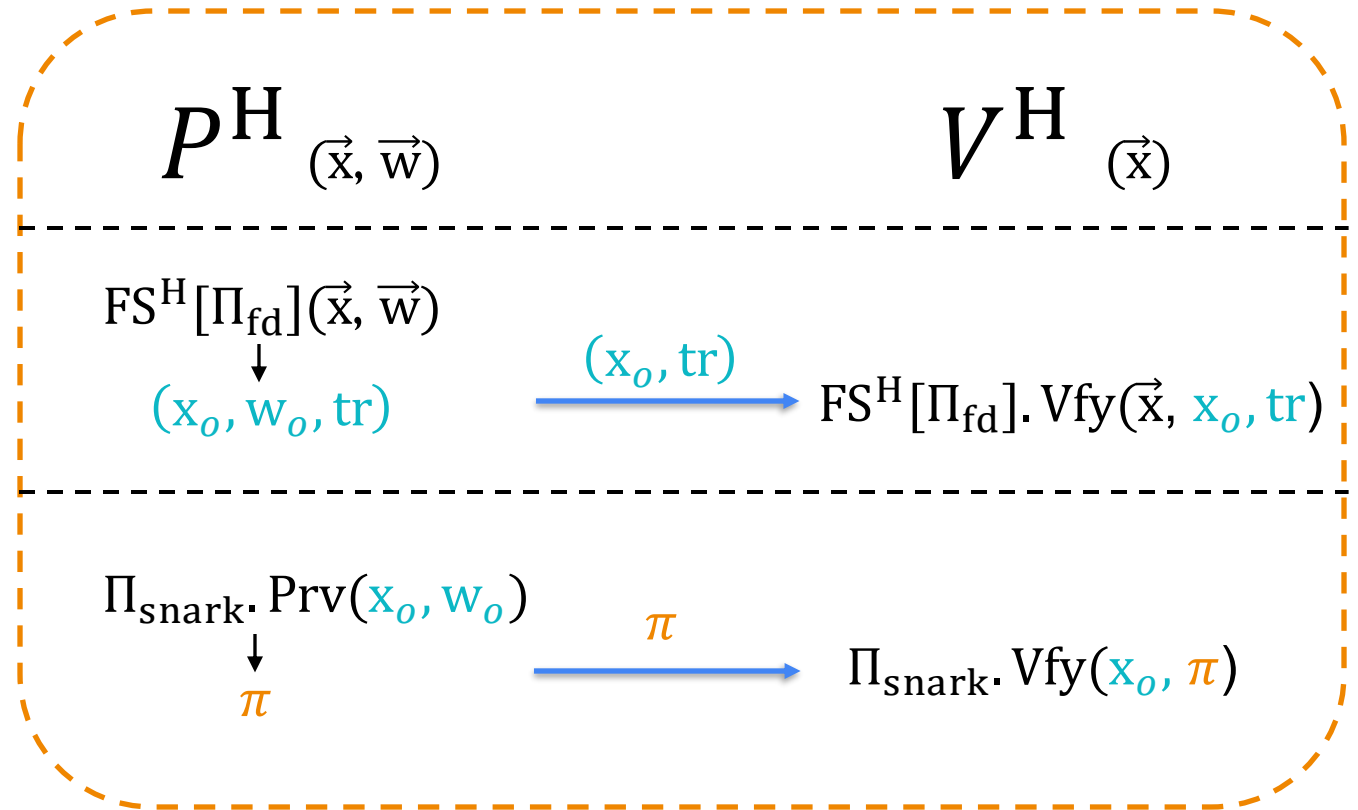
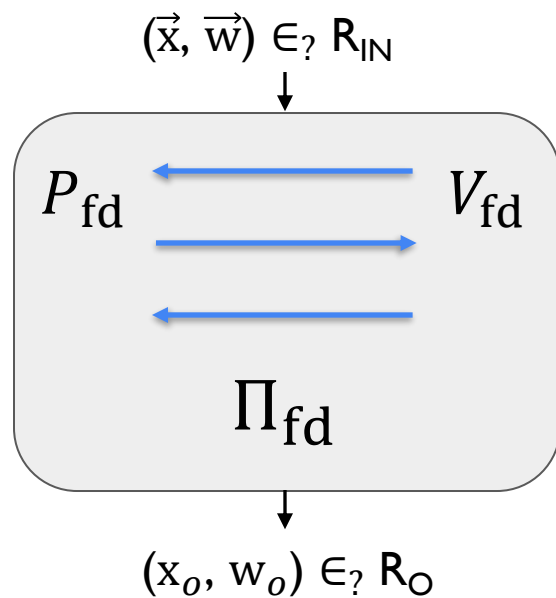


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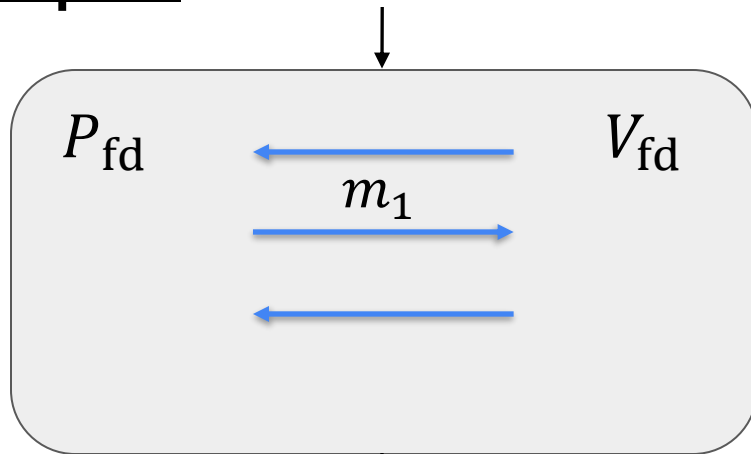
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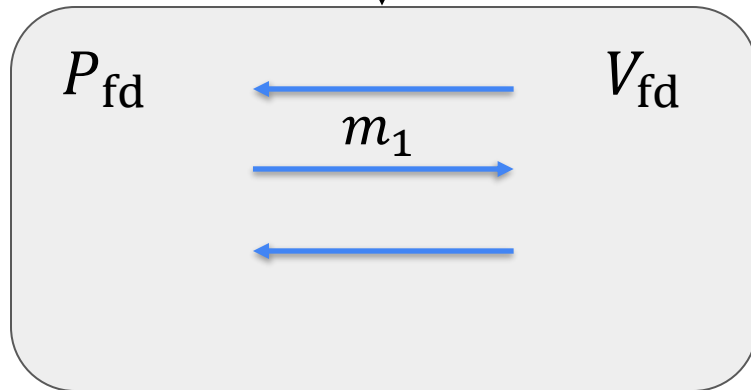
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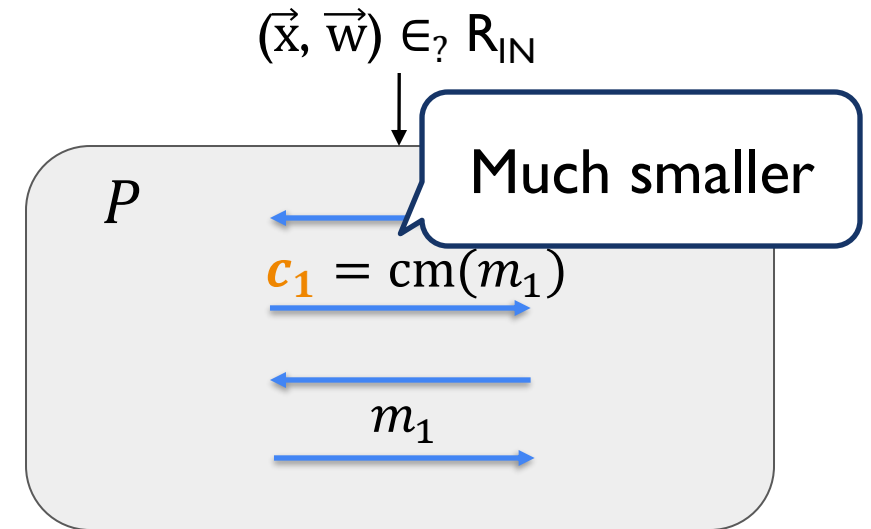
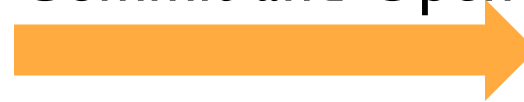
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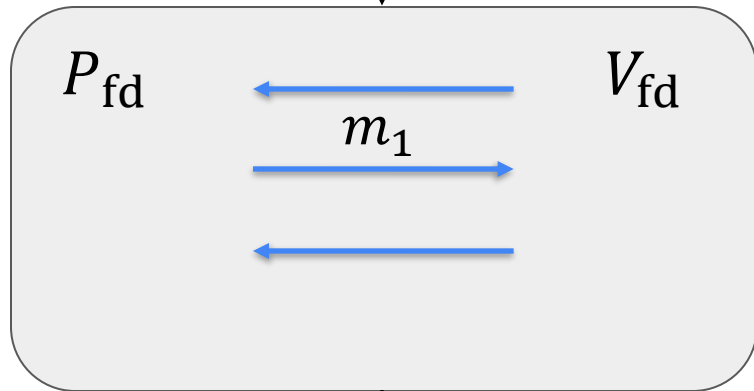
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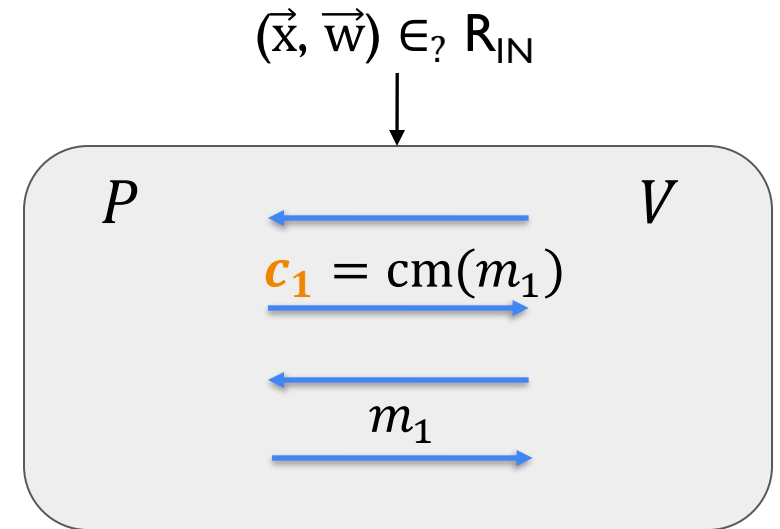
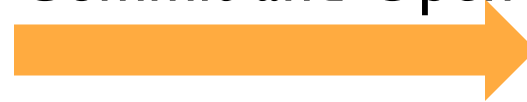
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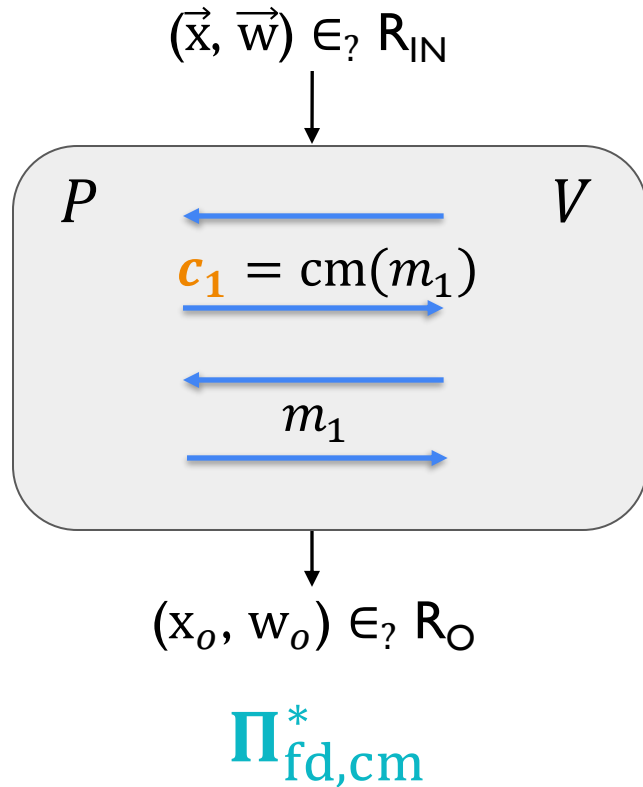
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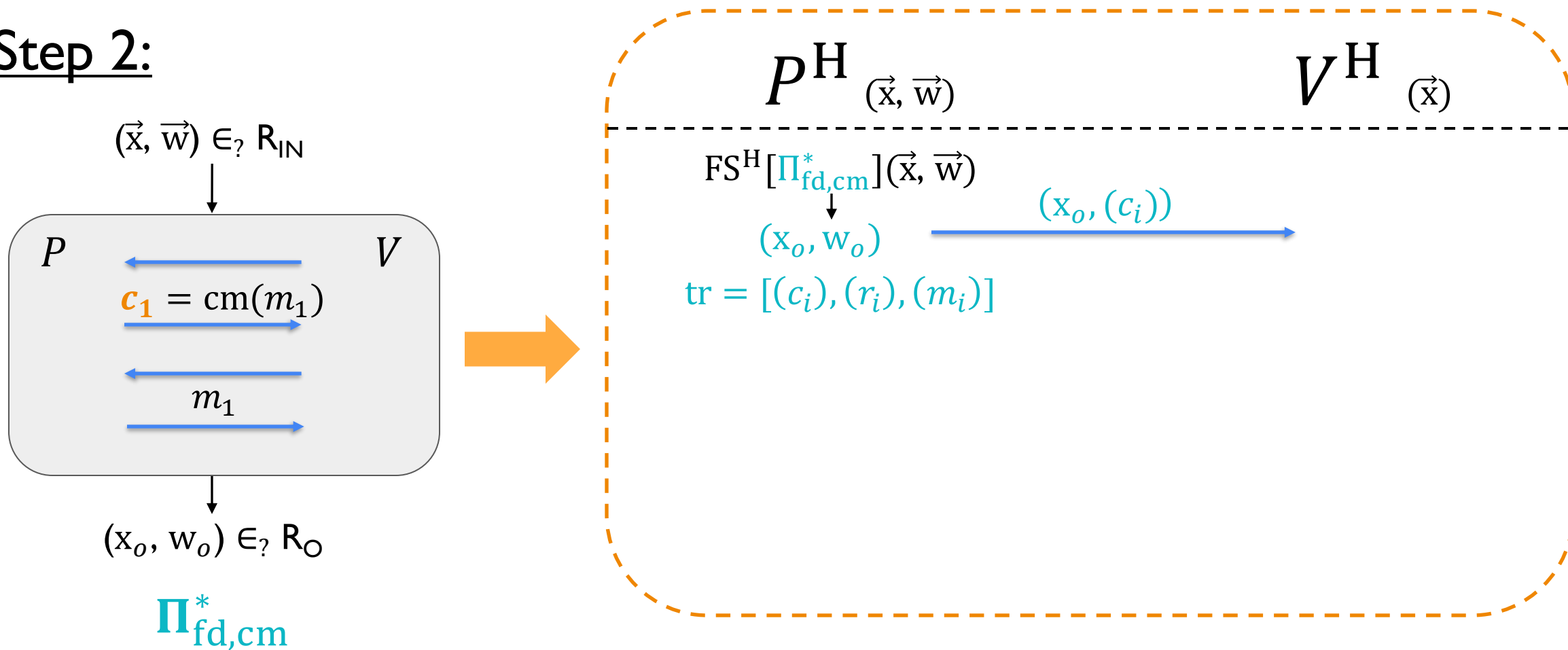
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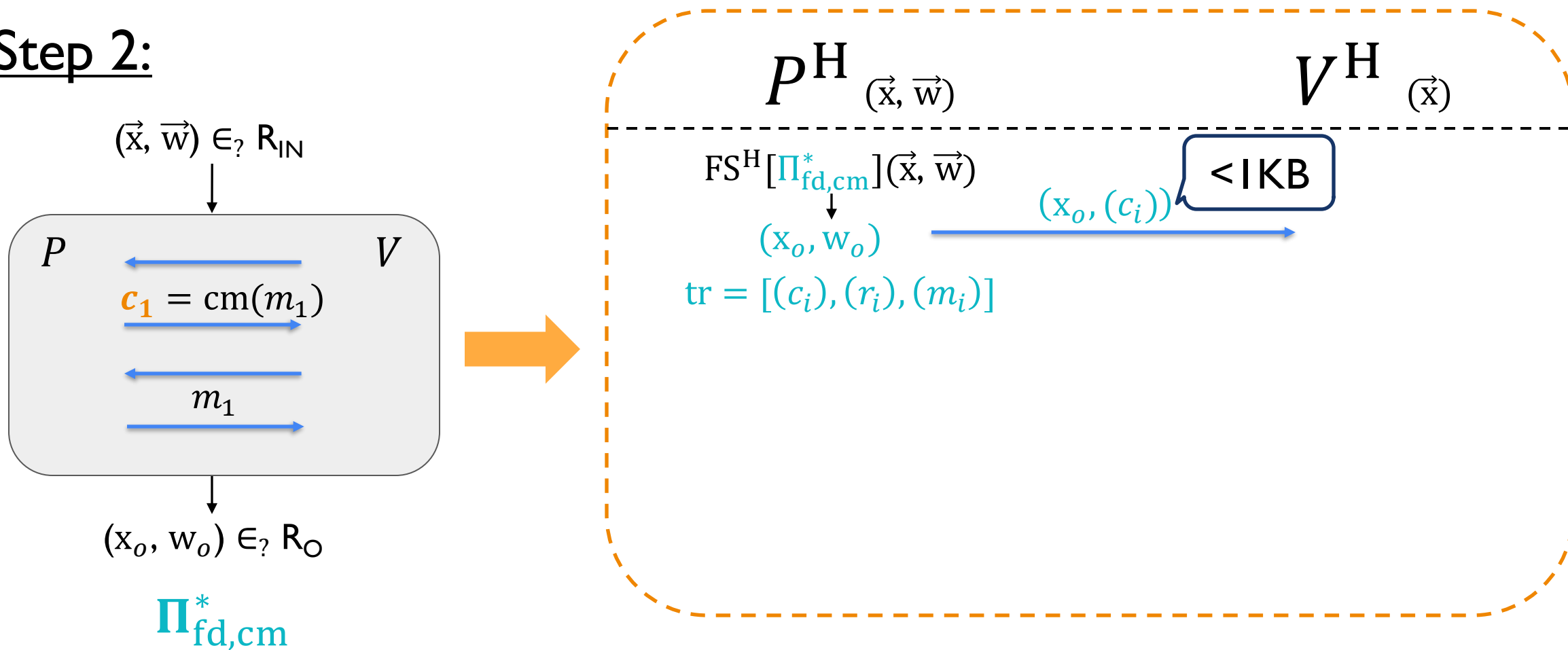
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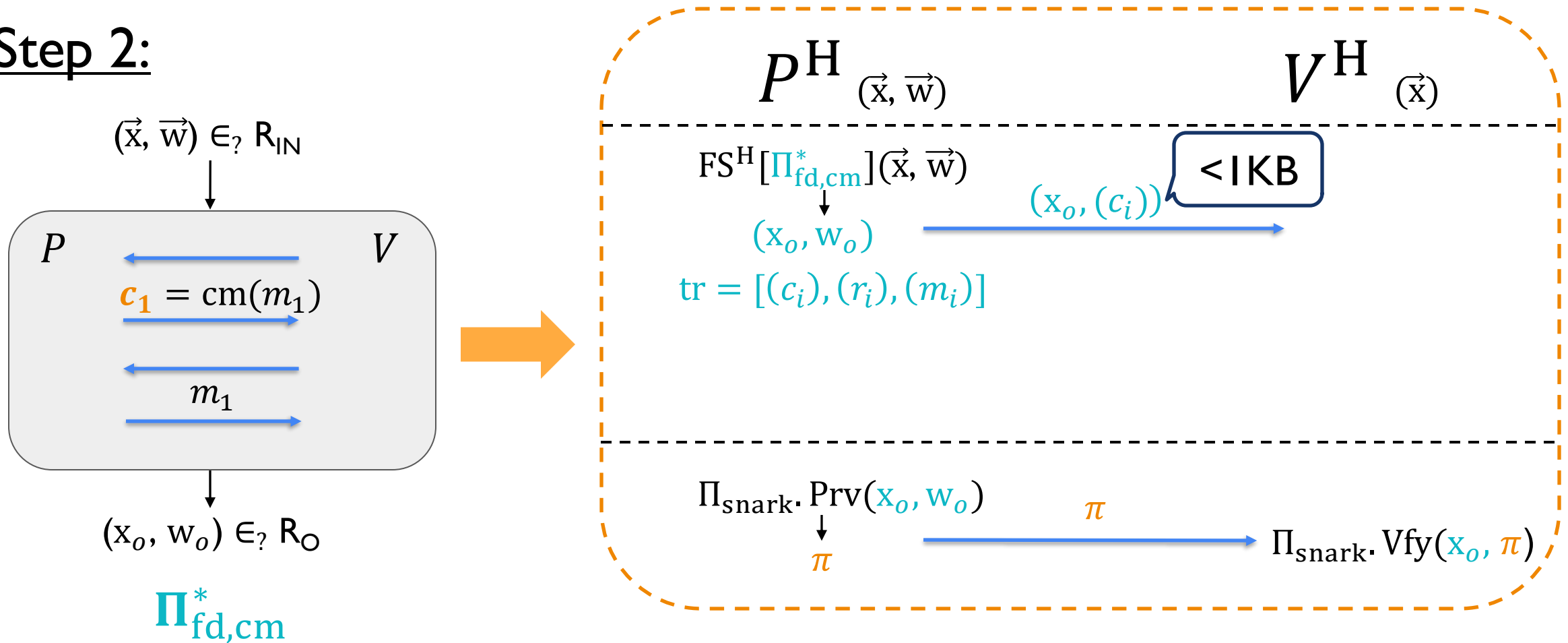
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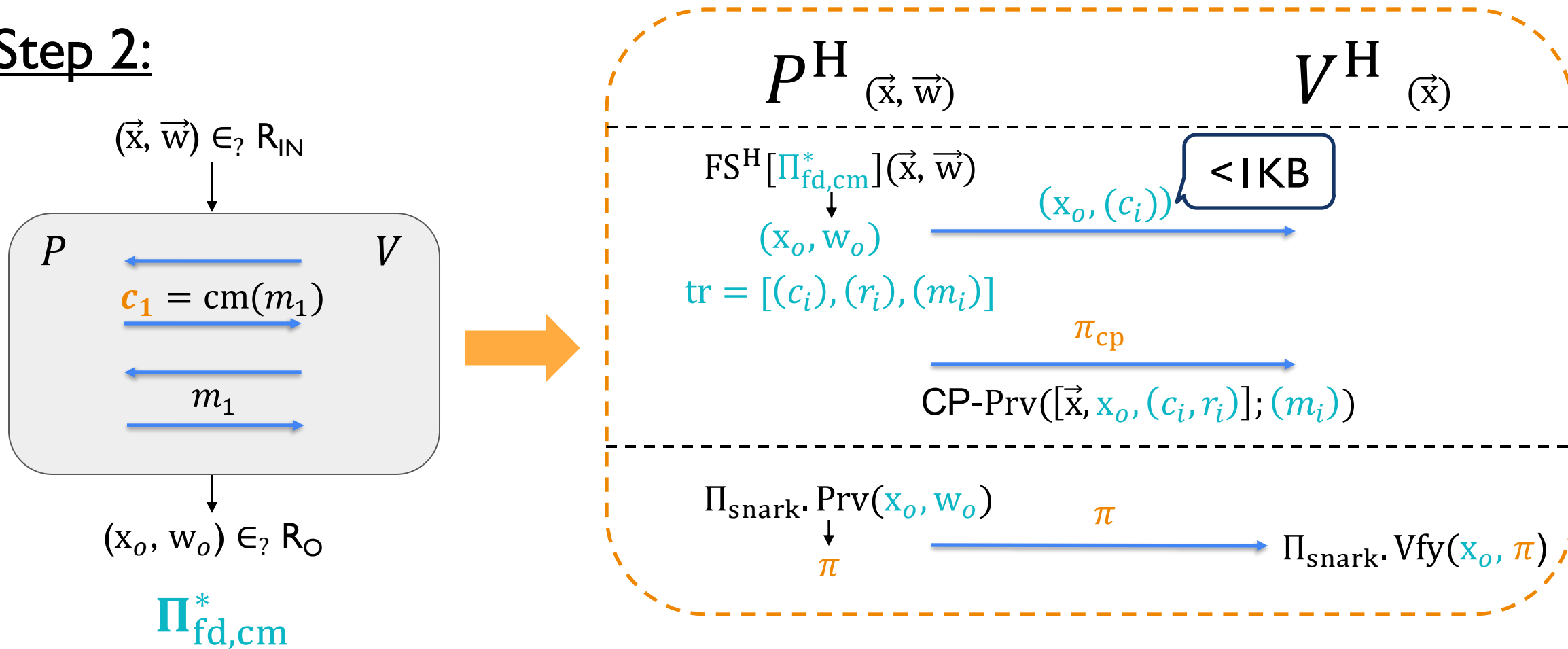
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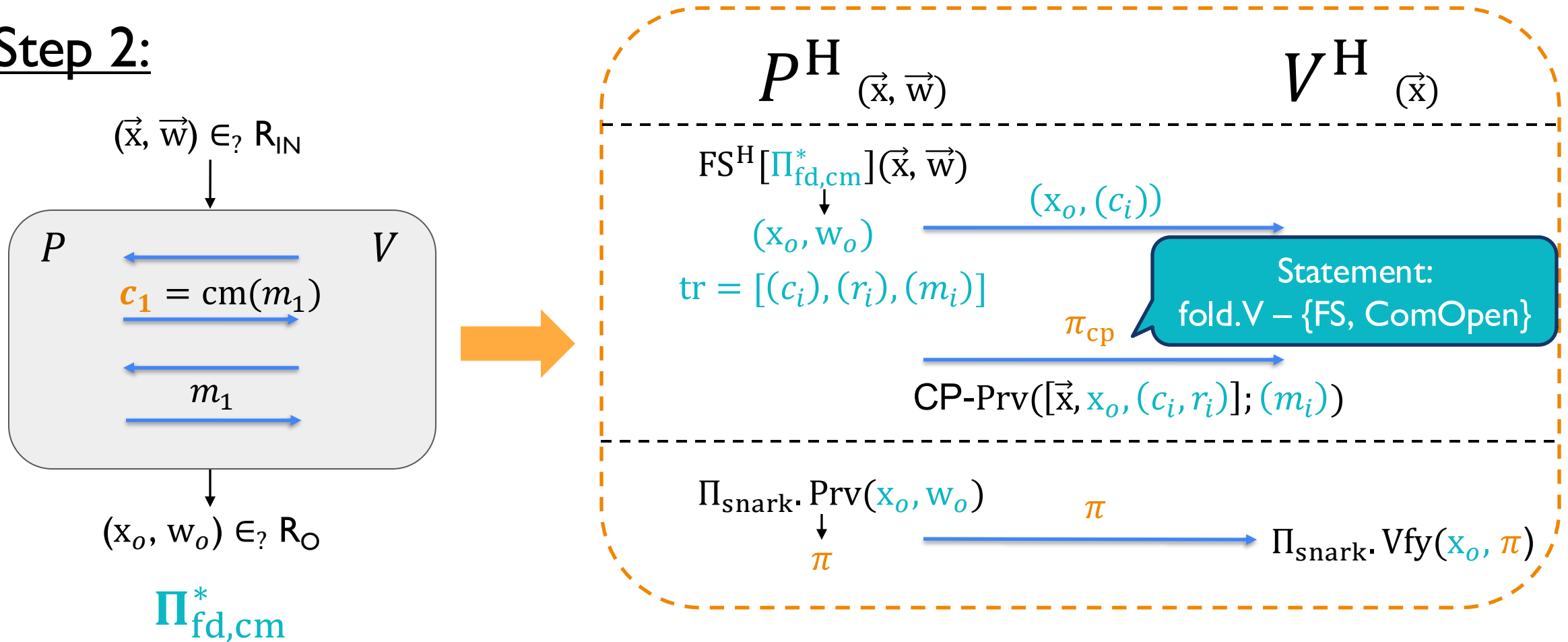
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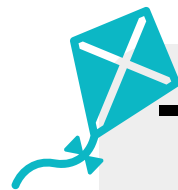
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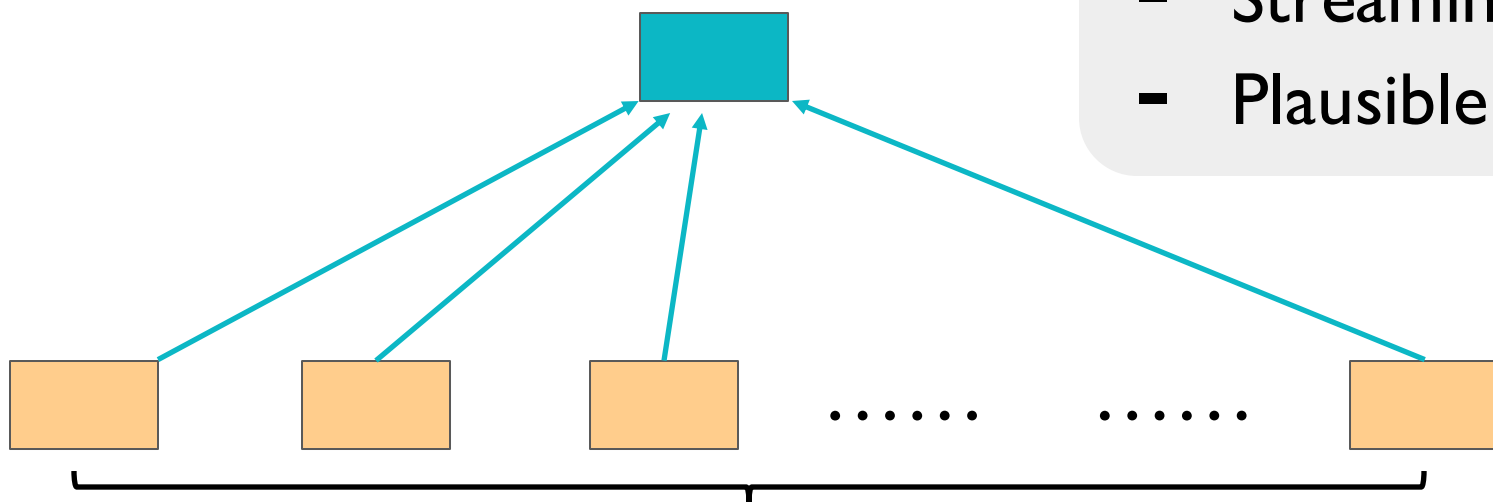
### New Design Requirements

- Efficient prover for **high-arity** setting
- Minimize  $|\text{fold.V} - \text{Fiat-Shamir}|$

# ■ Lattice-based High-Arity Folding Scheme



- Memory efficient
- Streaming friendly
- Plausible post-quantum security



$\ell \geq 2^{10}$  stmnts (each w/ witness length  $n$ )

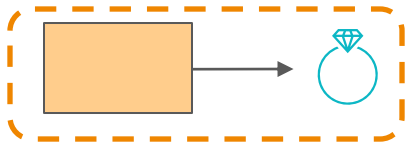
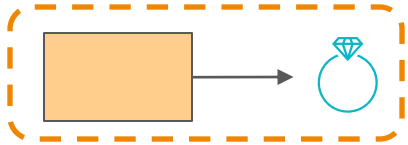
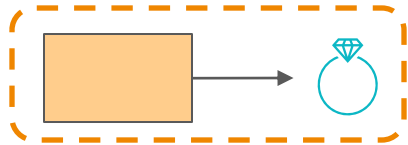
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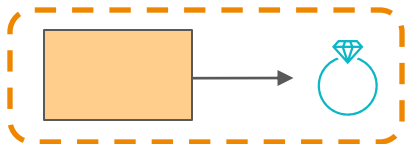
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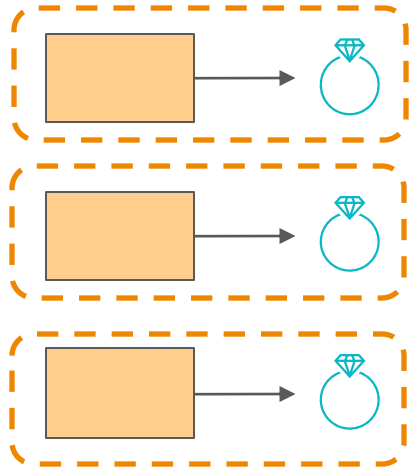
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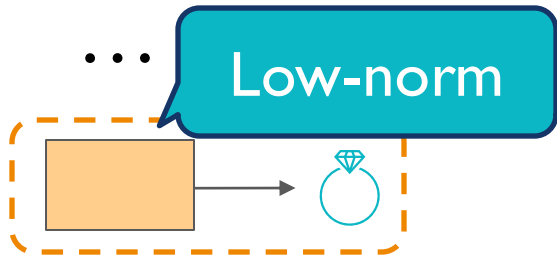
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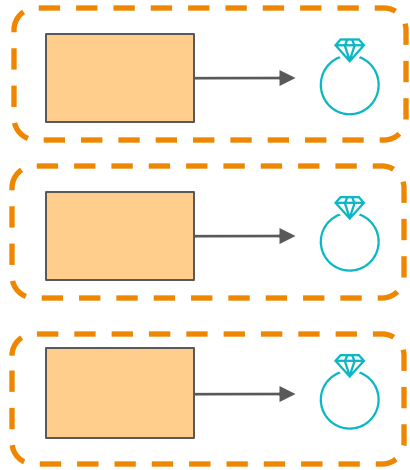
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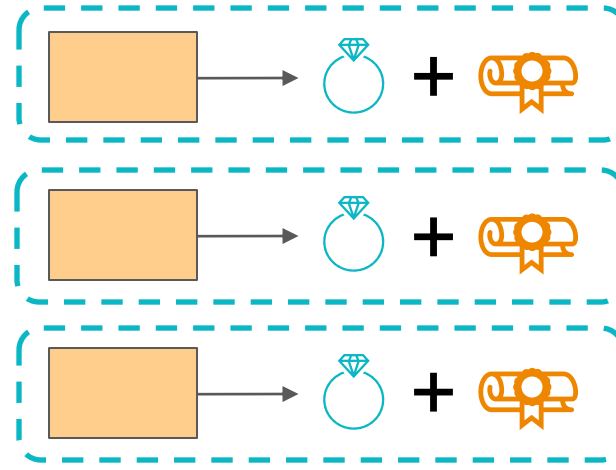
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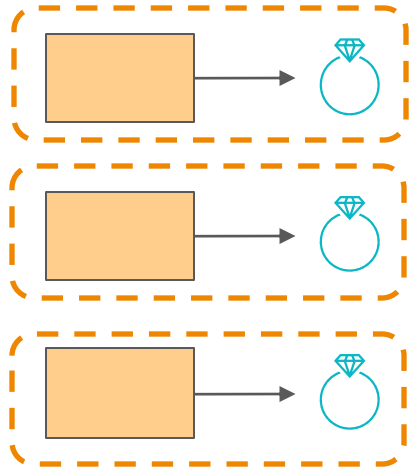
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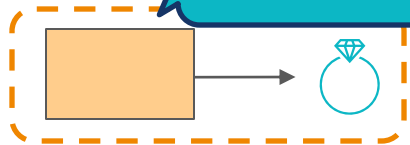
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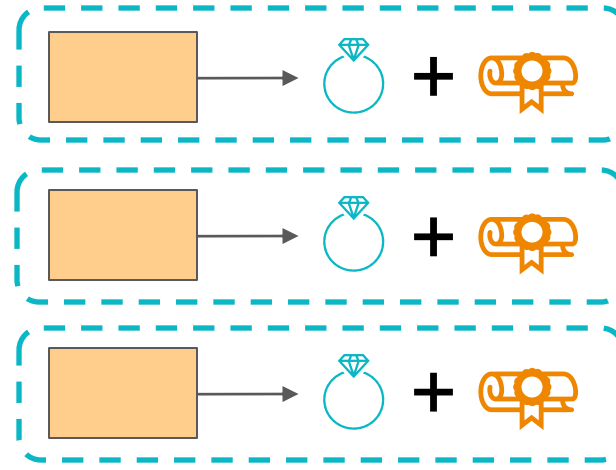
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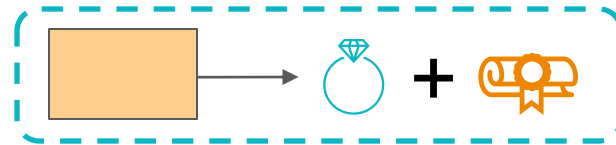
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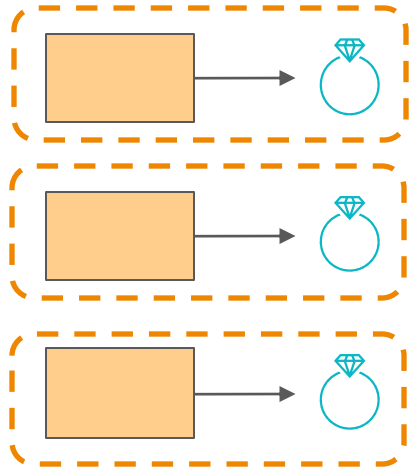
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[dashed box] = linear relation



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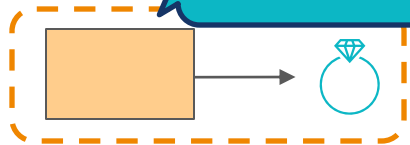
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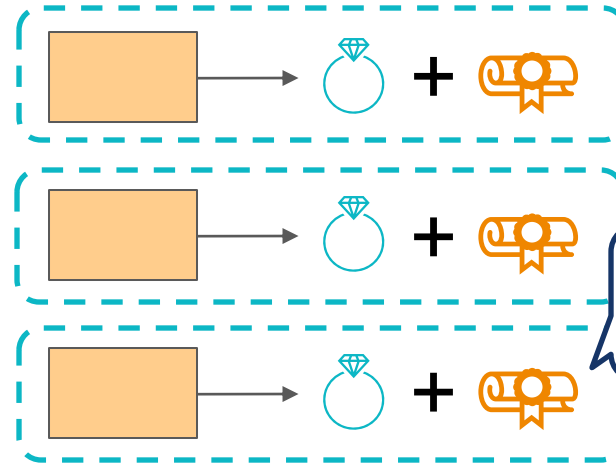
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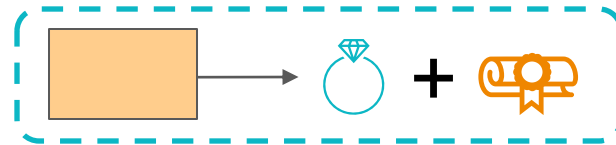
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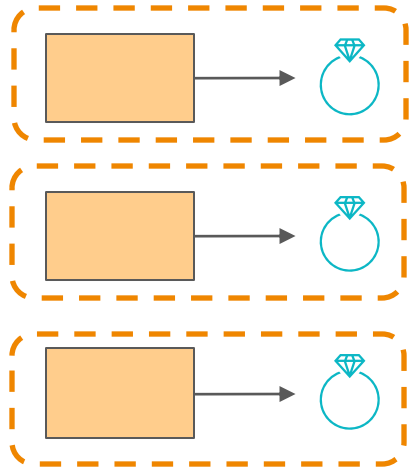
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norm-check →  
evaluation

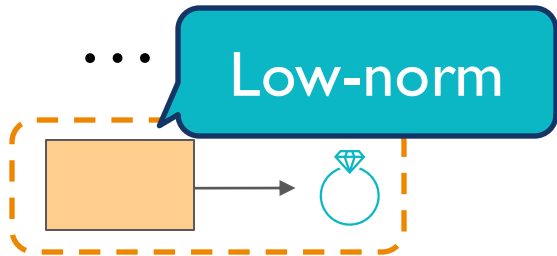
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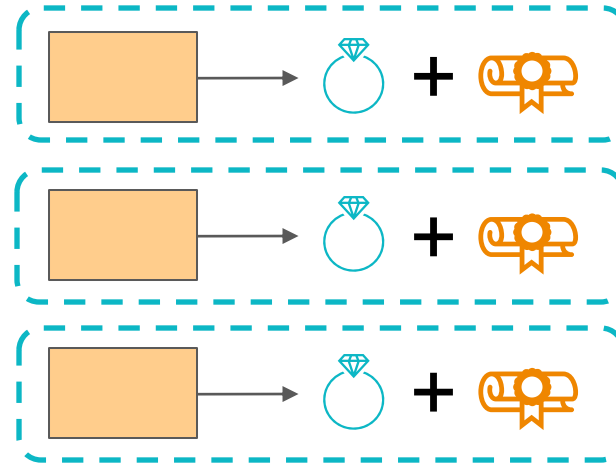
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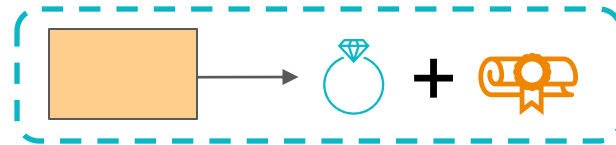
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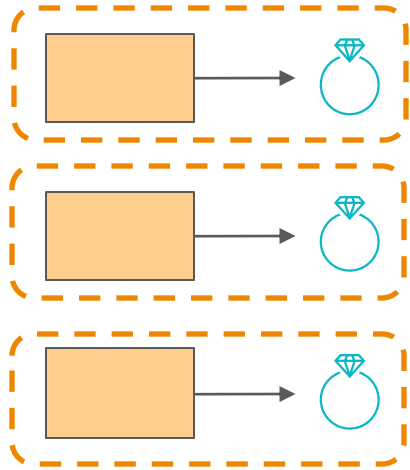
  
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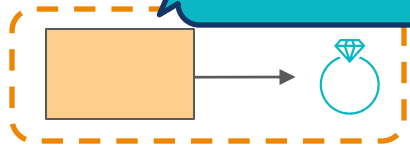
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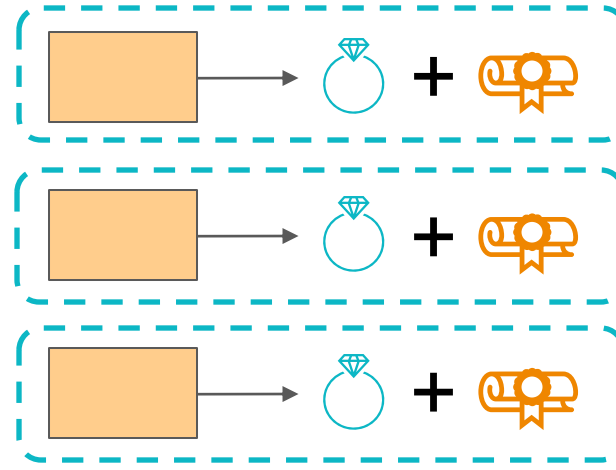
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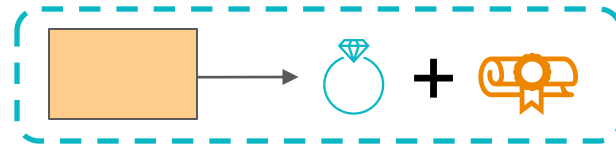
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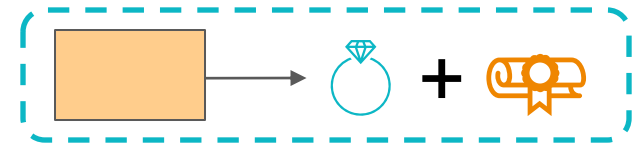
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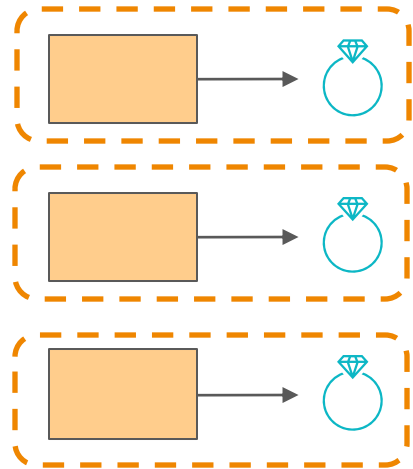
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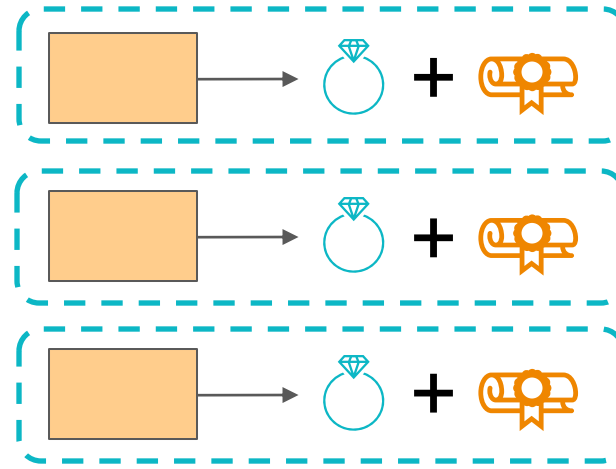
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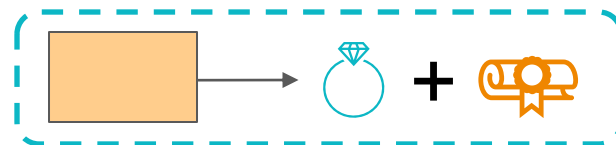
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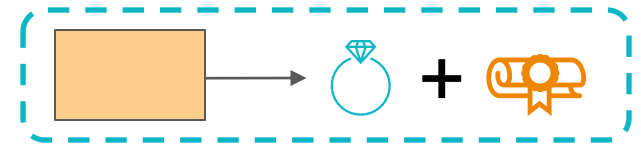
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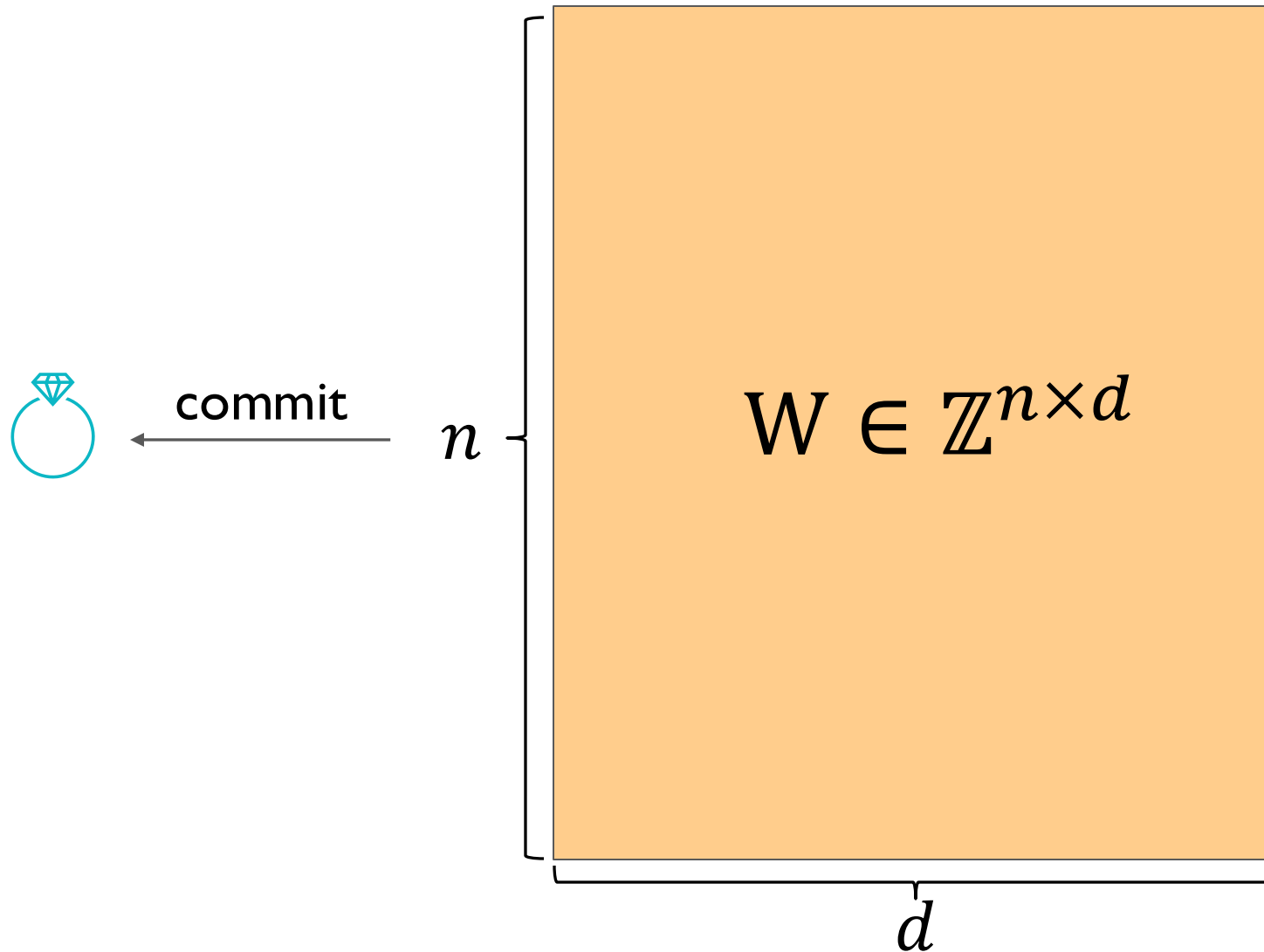
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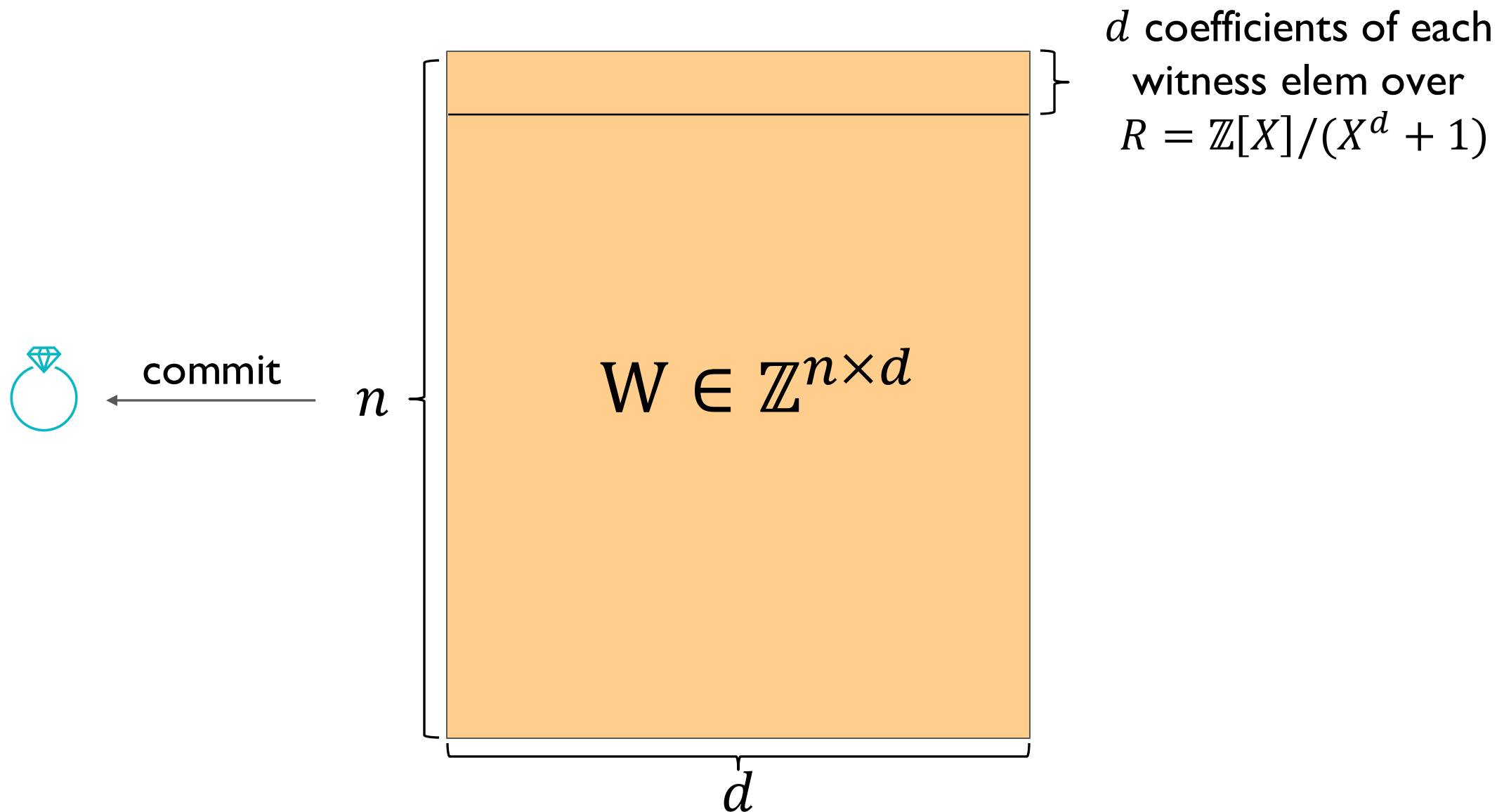
**Challenge:**  
Lattice range-check

**Idea: Approximate range-proof is enough in the high-arity setting!**

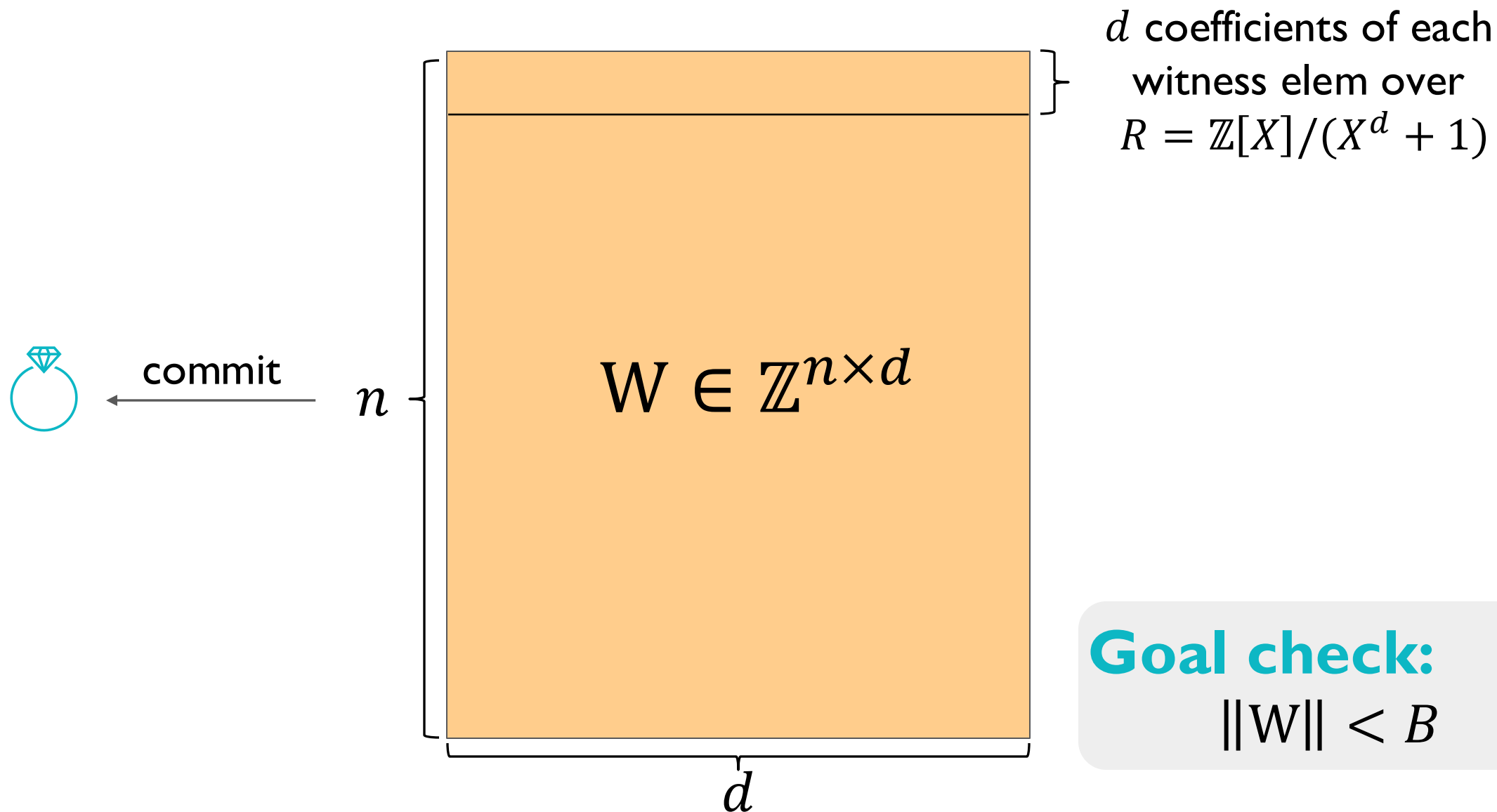
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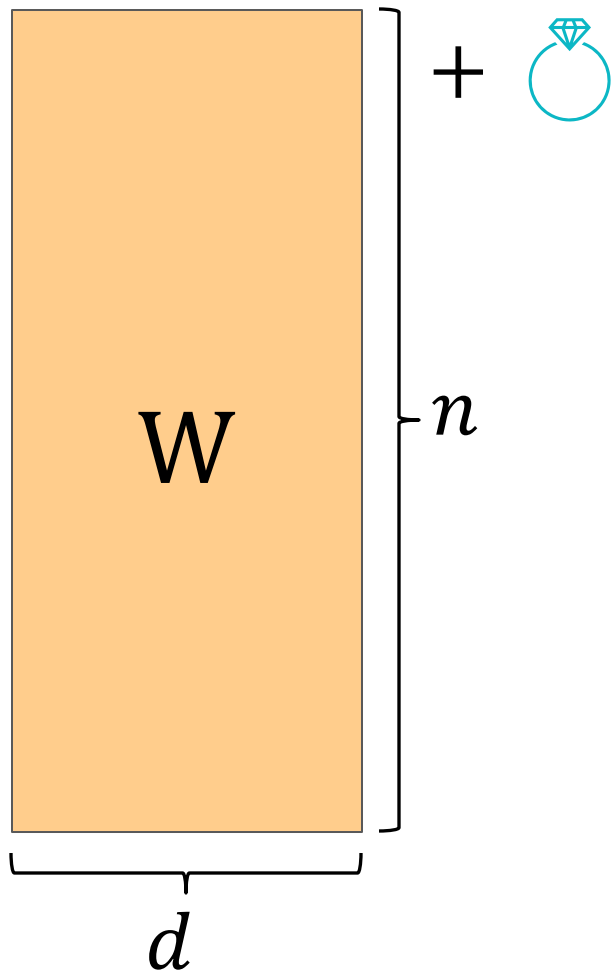
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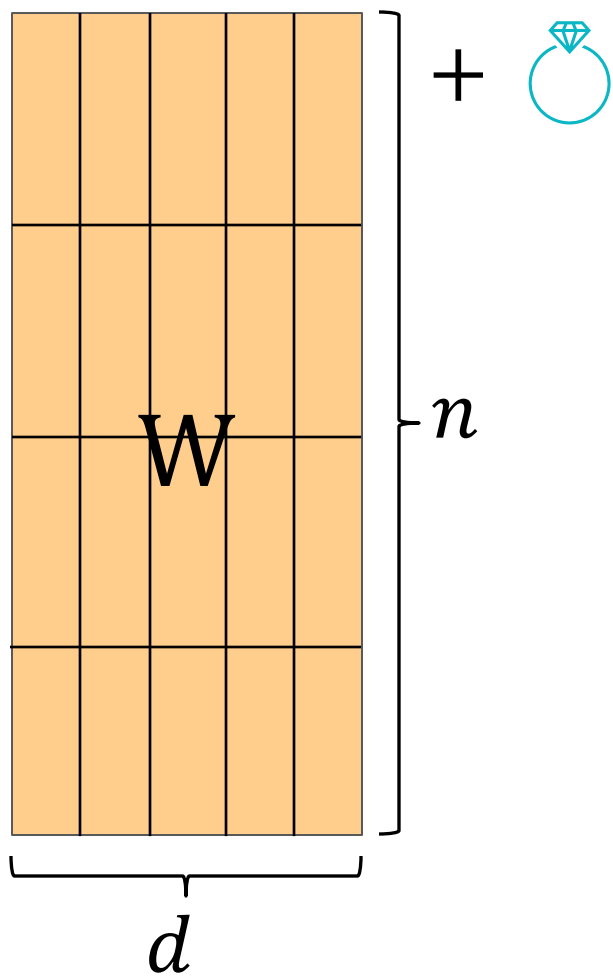
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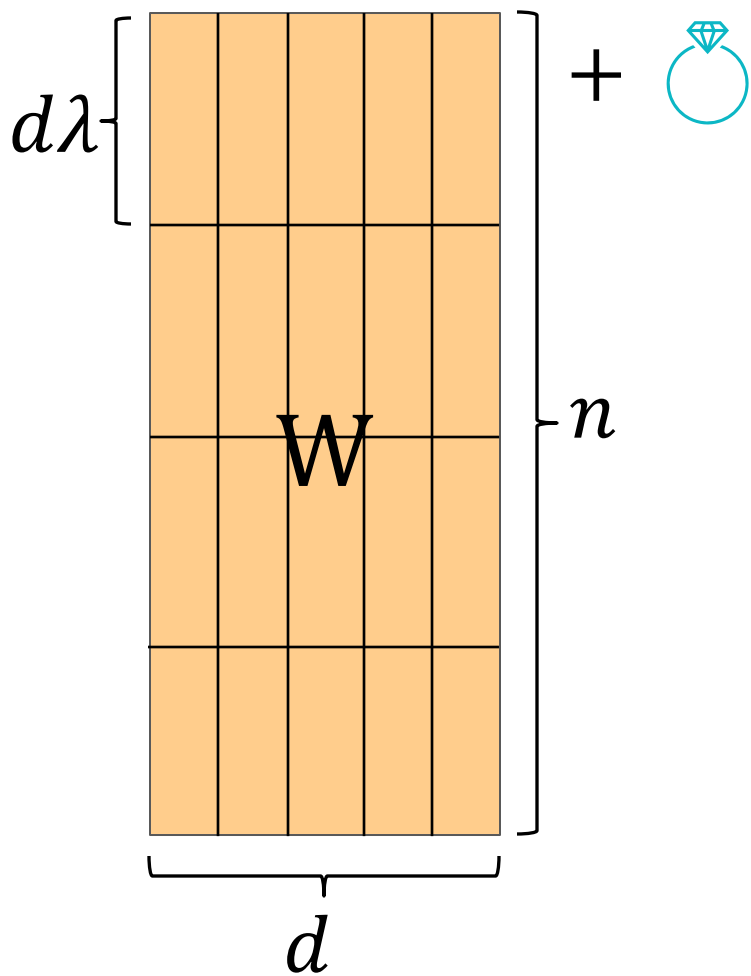


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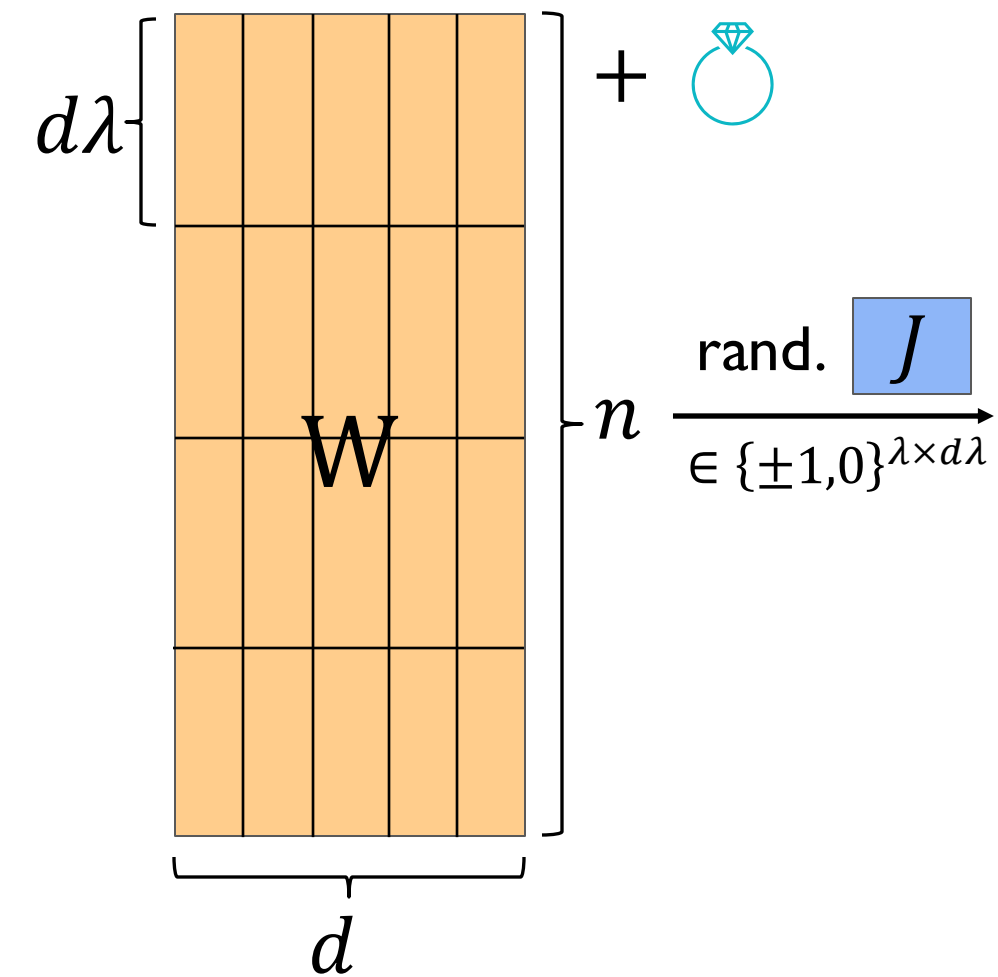




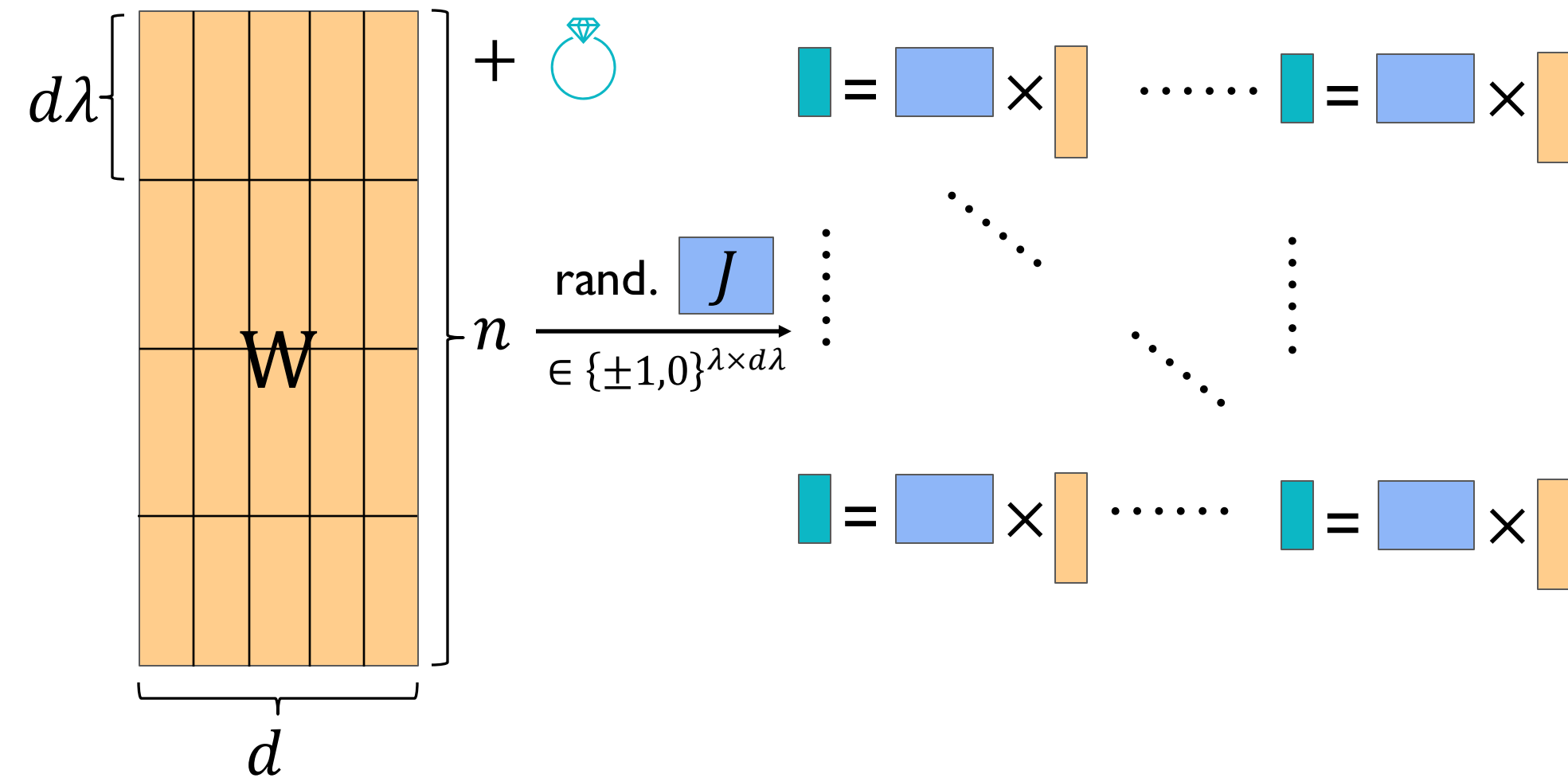
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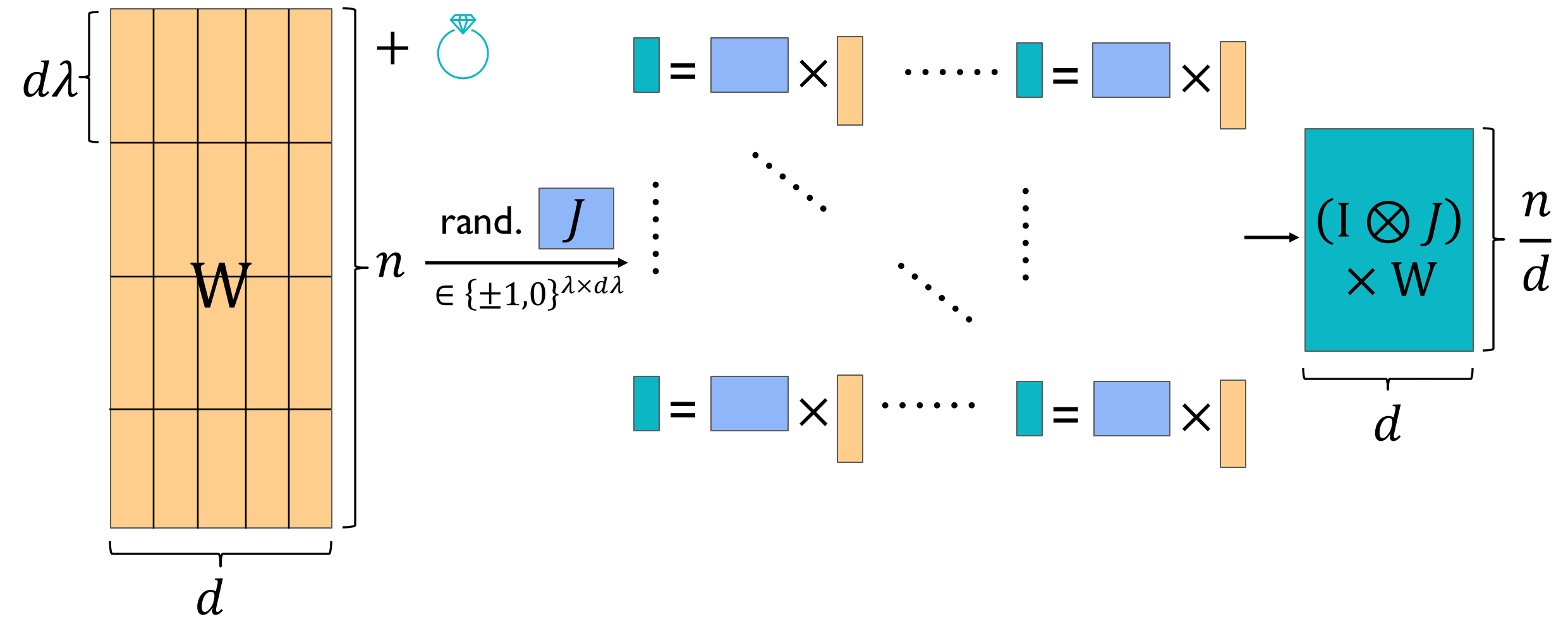
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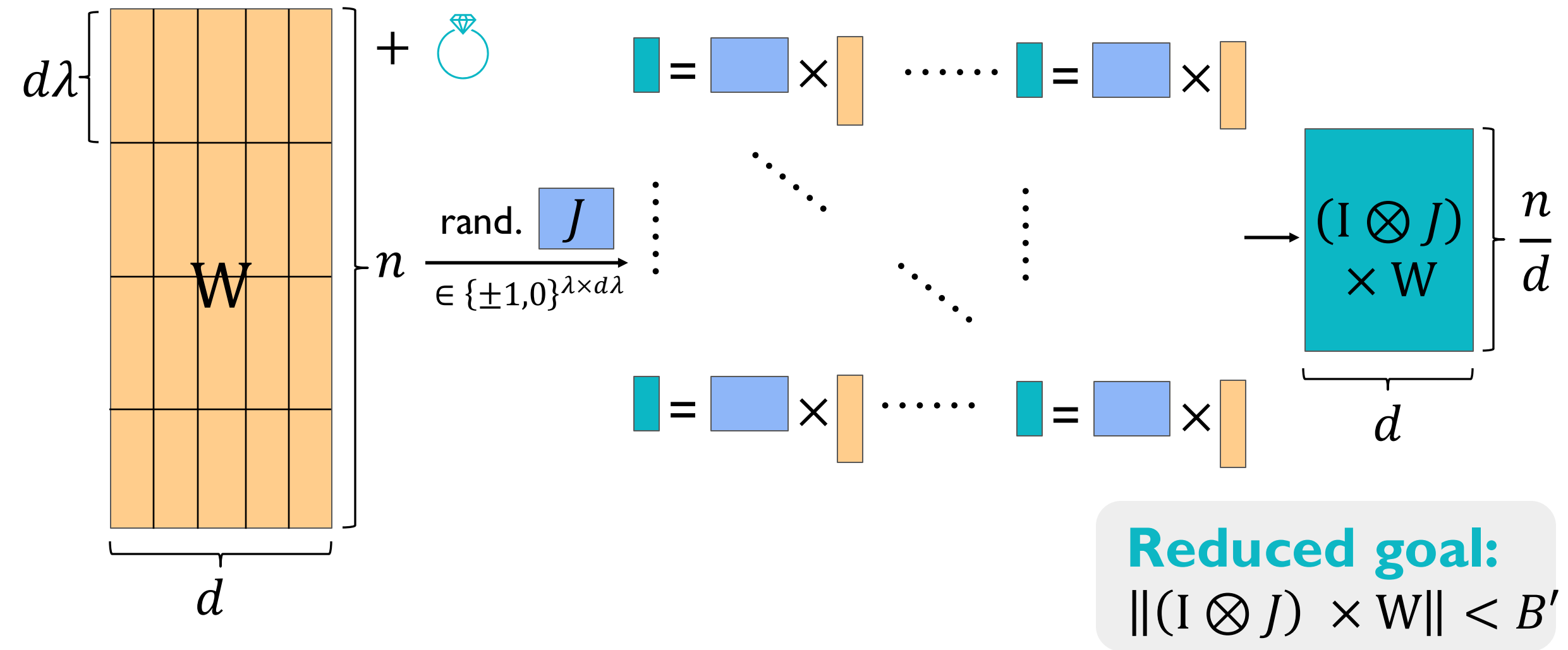
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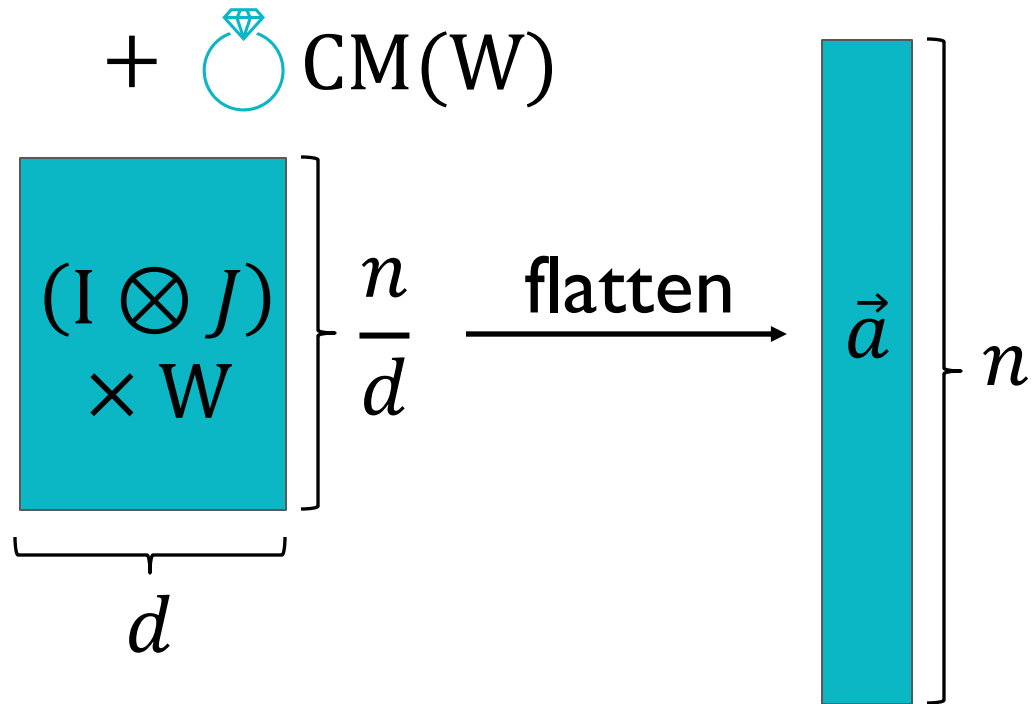


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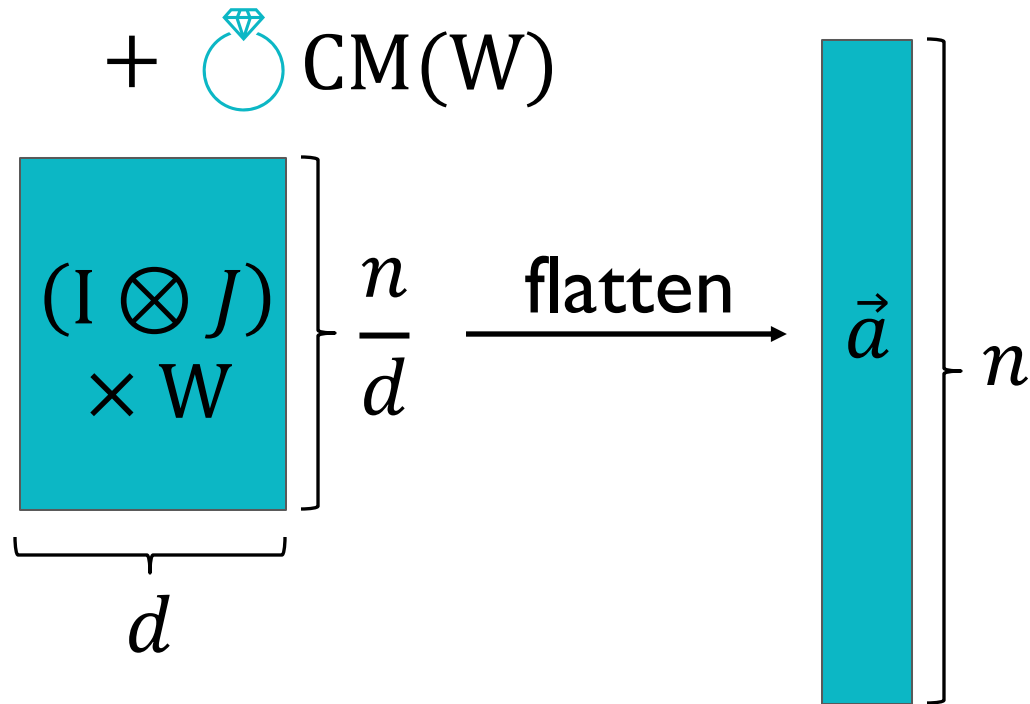
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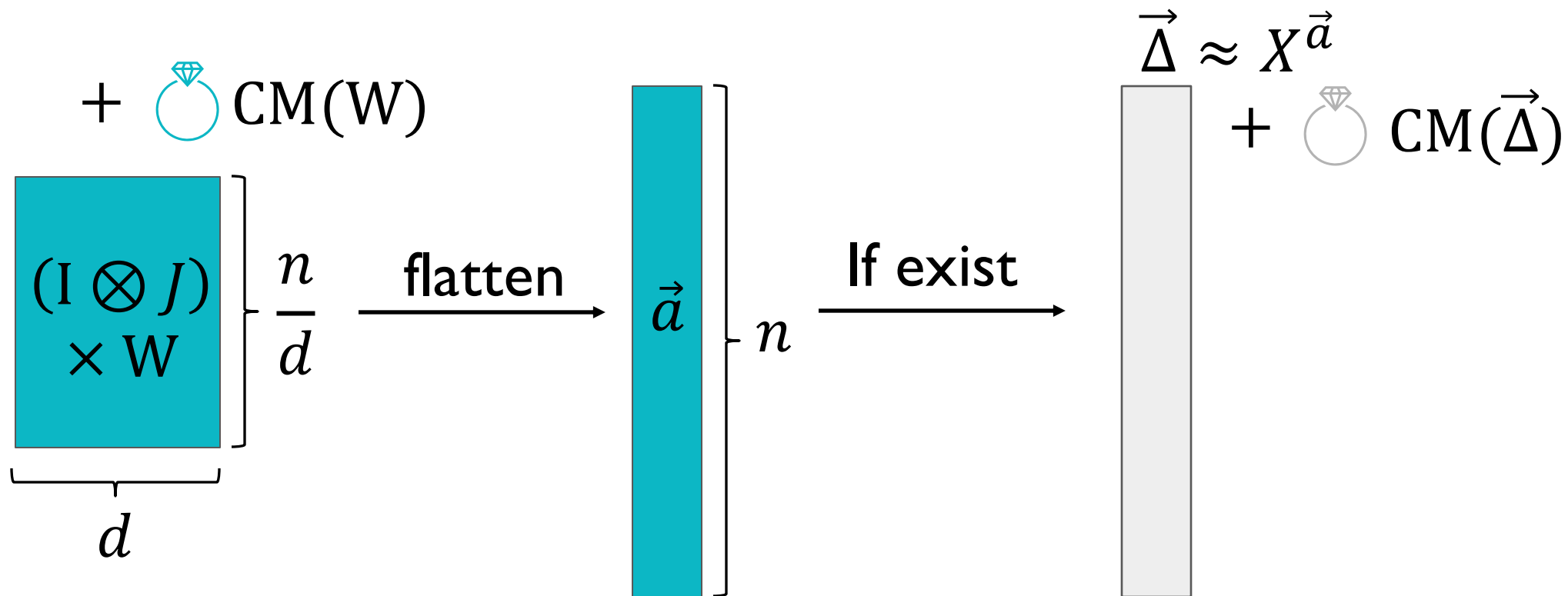


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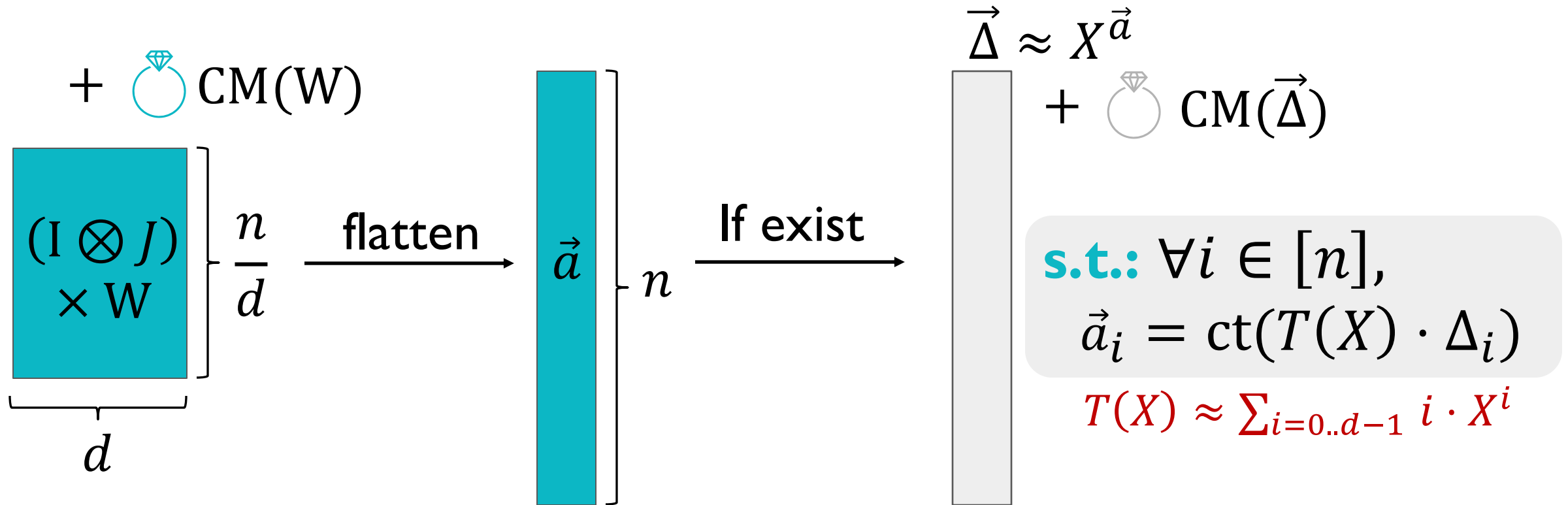
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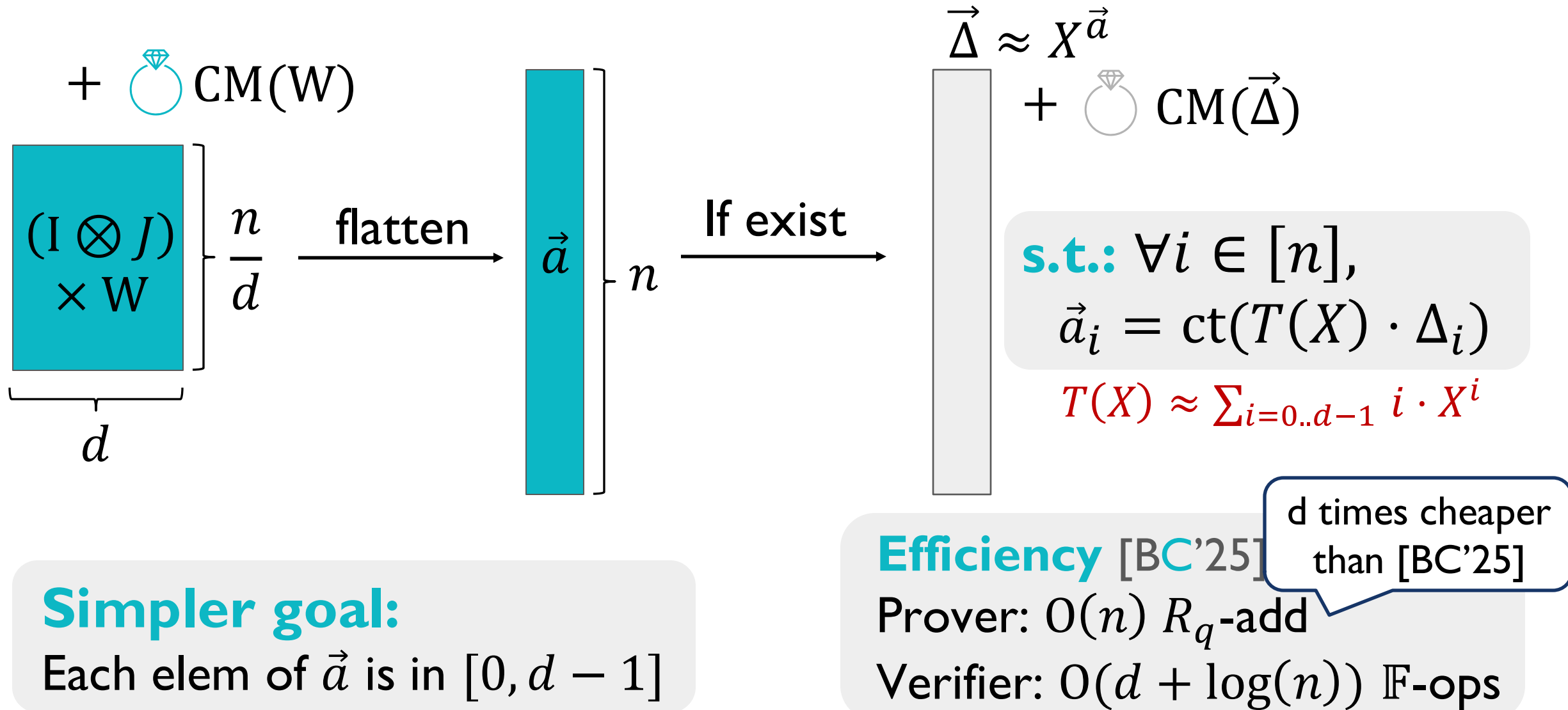
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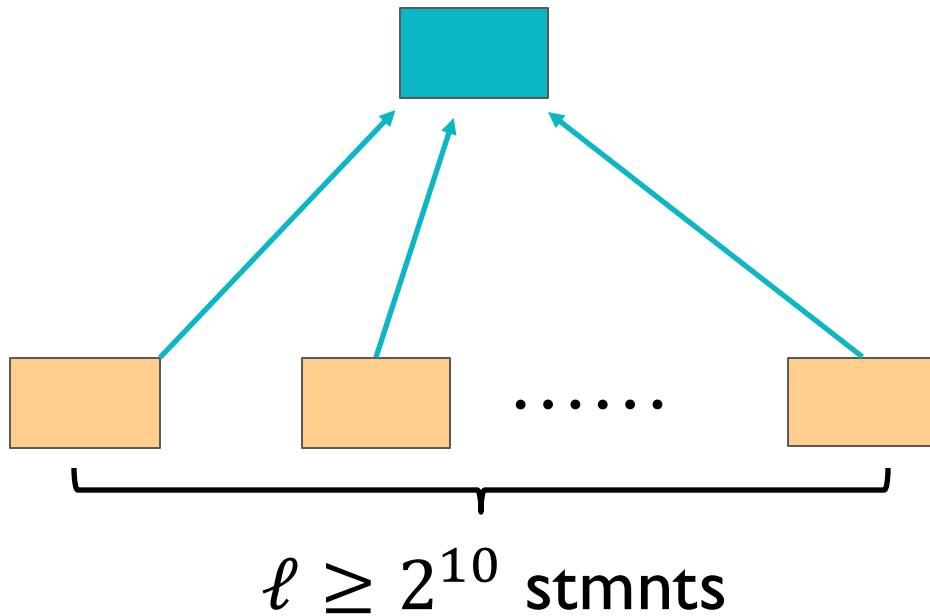
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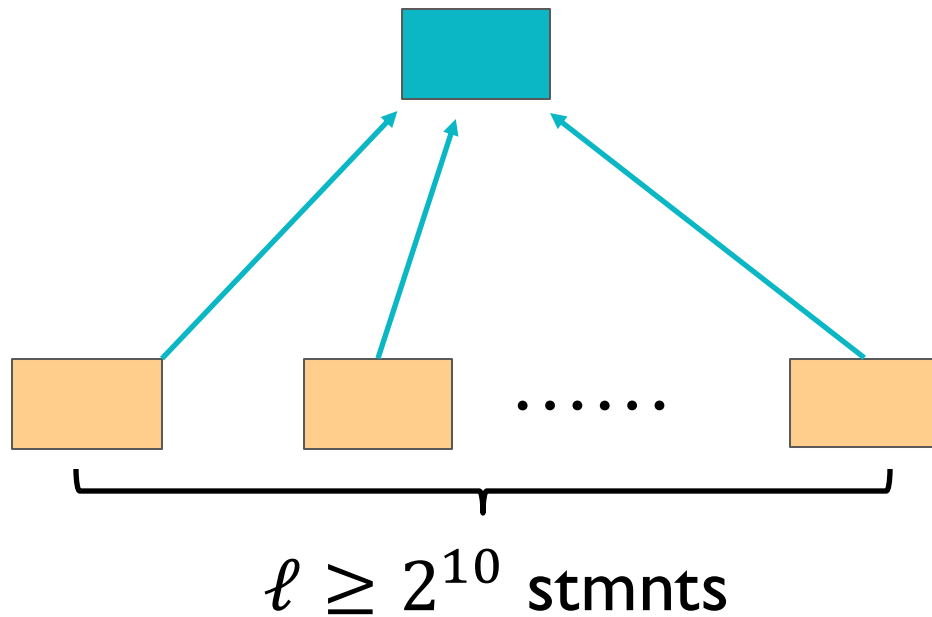
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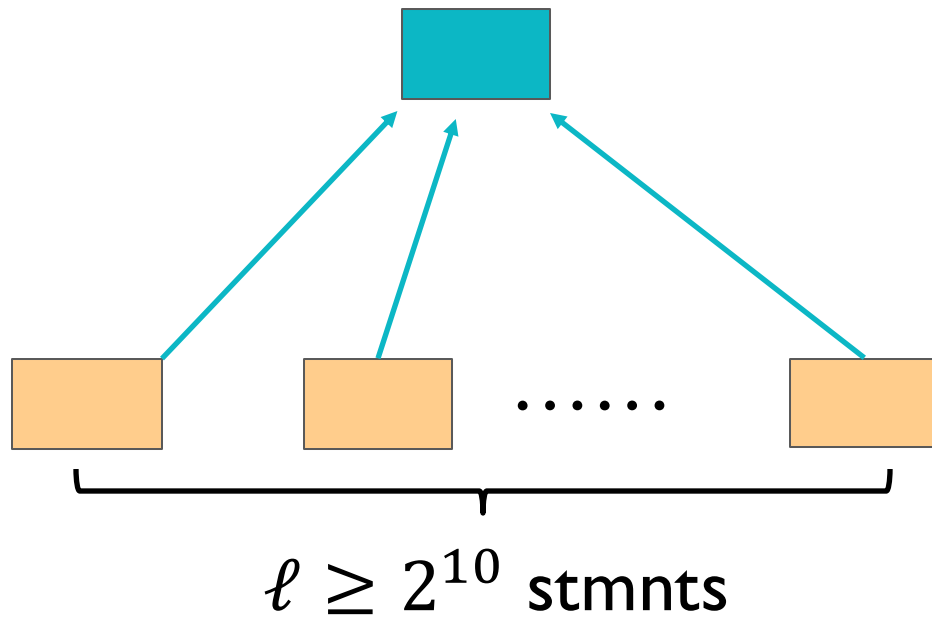


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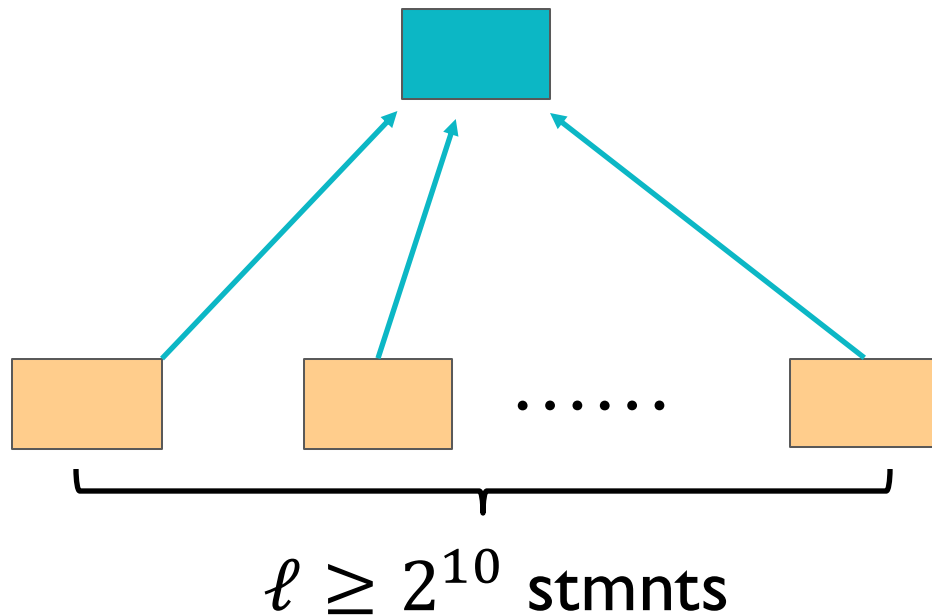
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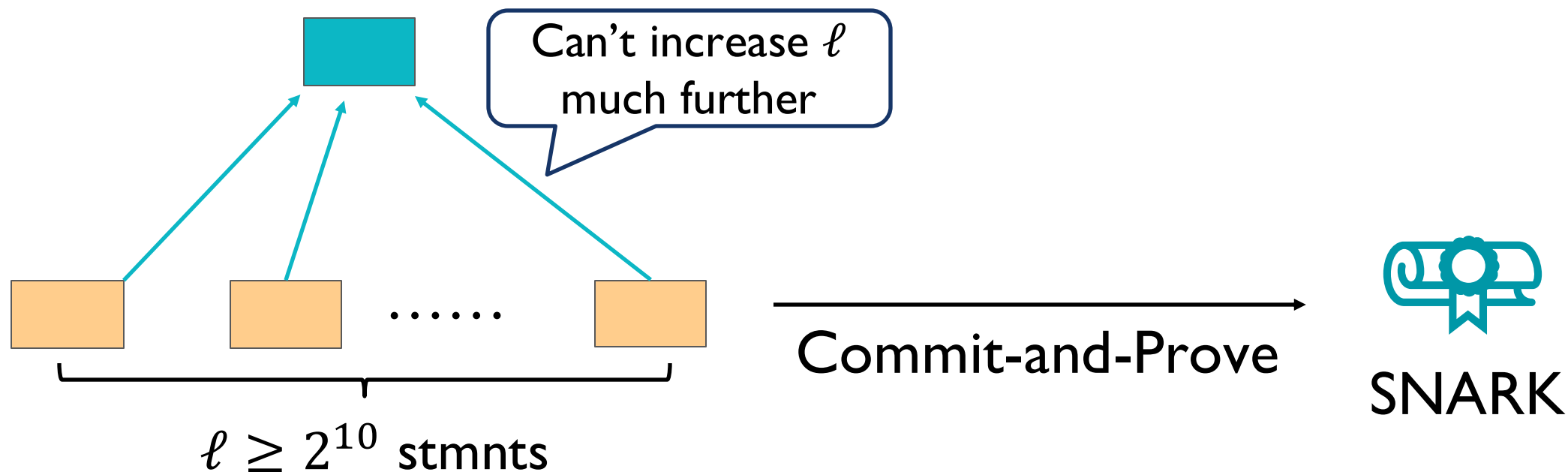


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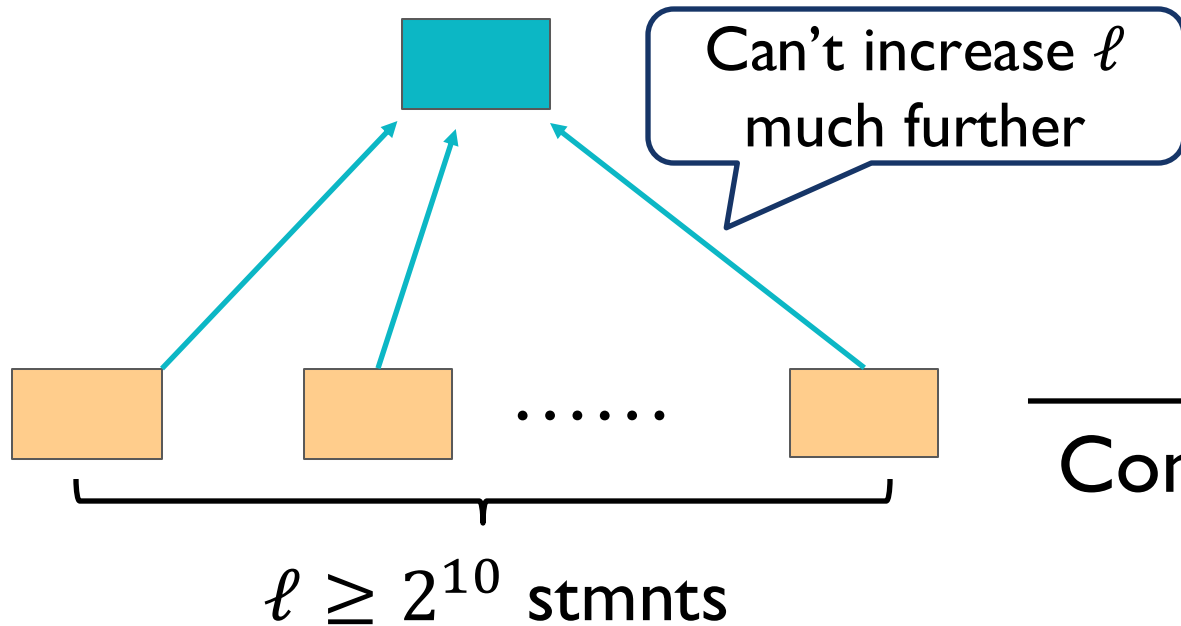
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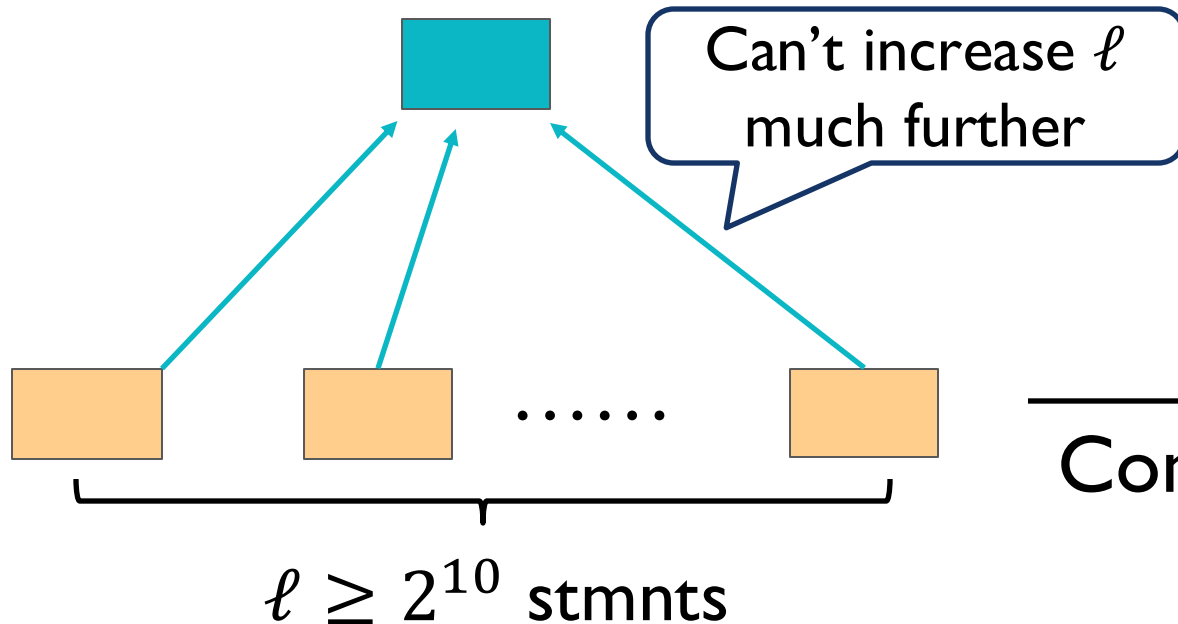
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# Open Problems

Symphony:  $2 + \log\log(n)$  passes

One-pass small-memory prover without recursion

Arity boosting based on standard MSIS assumption

Folding verifier w/  $o(\ell)$ -complexity

QROM analysis?

# THANK YOU

