

Advanced Cryptography

(Provable Security)

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Block Ciphers (Pseudorandom Permutations)

- Even in the case of $in = out$, A function from $\{0, 1\}^{in}$ to $\{0, 1\}^{out}$ chosen at random is **unlikely** to **have an inverse**, therefore a PRF instantiated with a random key is **unlikely** to **have an inverse**.
- A pseudorandom permutation (PRP) — also called a **block cipher** — is essentially a PRF that is guaranteed to be **invertible** for **every choice of seed**.

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Let $F: \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times \{0, 1\}^{blen} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{blen}$ be a deterministic function. We refer to $blen$ as the blocklength of F and any element of $\{0, 1\}^{blen}$ as a block. We call F a secure pseudorandom permutation (PRP) (block cipher) if the following two conditions hold:

- **Invertible given k :** There is a function $F^{-1}: \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times \{0, 1\}^{blen} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{blen}$ satisfying $F^{-1}(k, F(k, x)) = x$, for all $k \in \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ and all $x \in \{0, 1\}^{blen}$.
- **Security:** $\mathcal{L}_{prp-real}^F \approx \mathcal{L}_{prp-rand}^F$, where:

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“ $T.\text{values}$ ” refers to $\{v \mid \exists x : T[x] = v\}$

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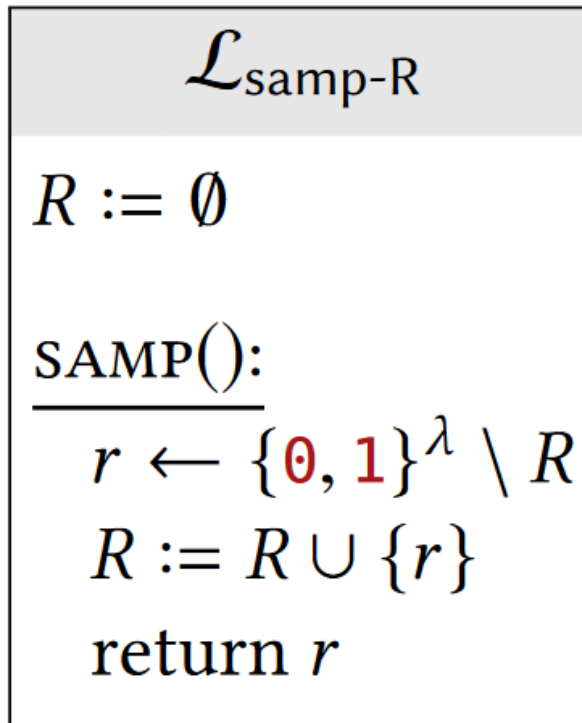
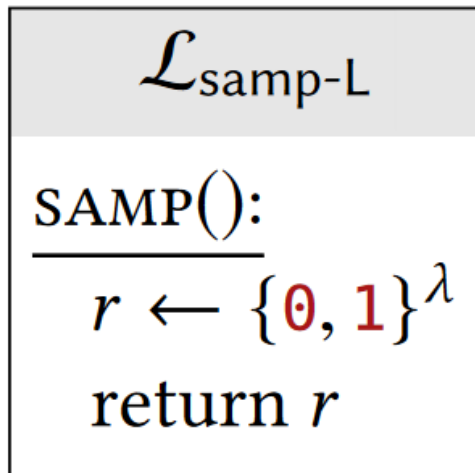
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Corollary Let $F: \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times \{0, 1\}^\lambda \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$ be a secure PRP (with $blen = \lambda$). Then F is also a secure PRF.

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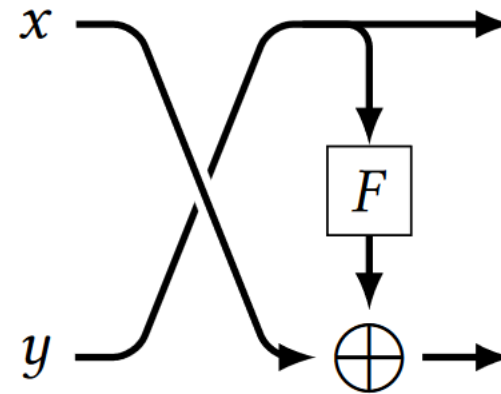
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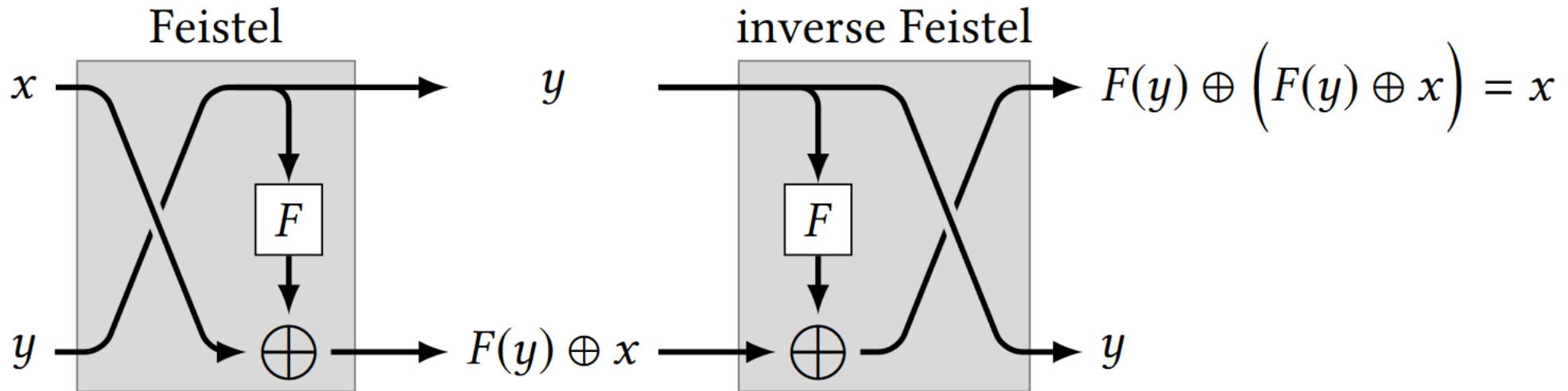
// each of x, y are n bits

return $y||(F(y) \oplus x)$



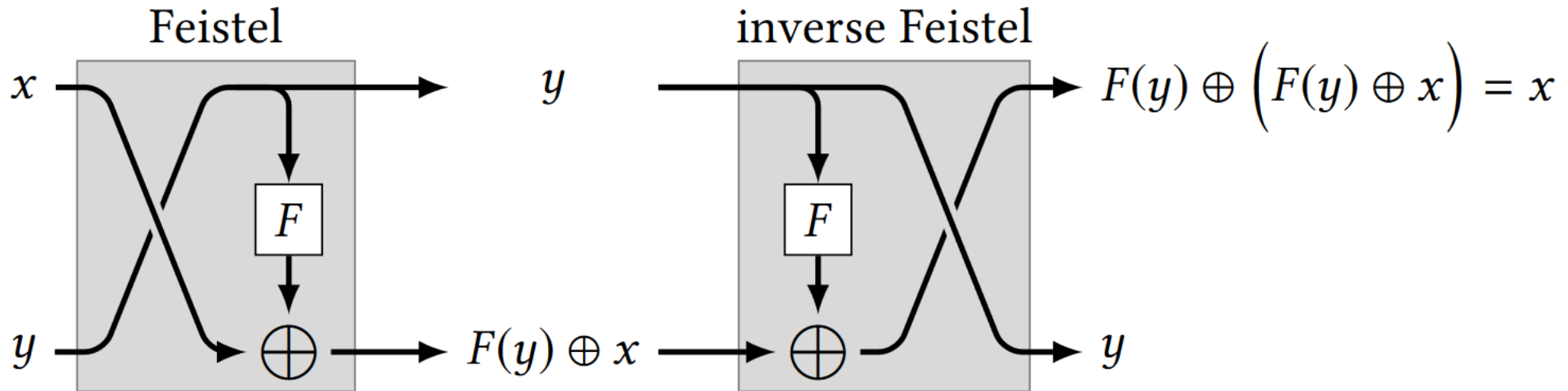
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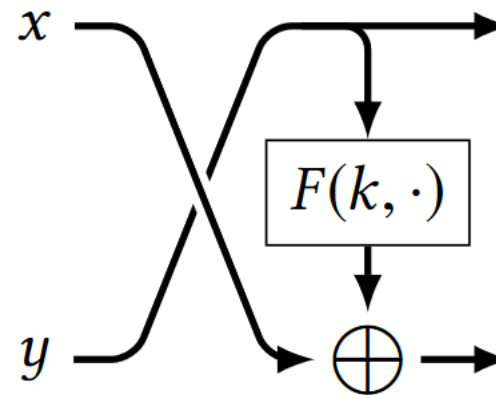
- If $F(y) = 0^n$, then $F^*(x\|y) = y\|(F(y) \oplus x) = y\|(0^n \oplus x) = y\|x$
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Feistel Cipher

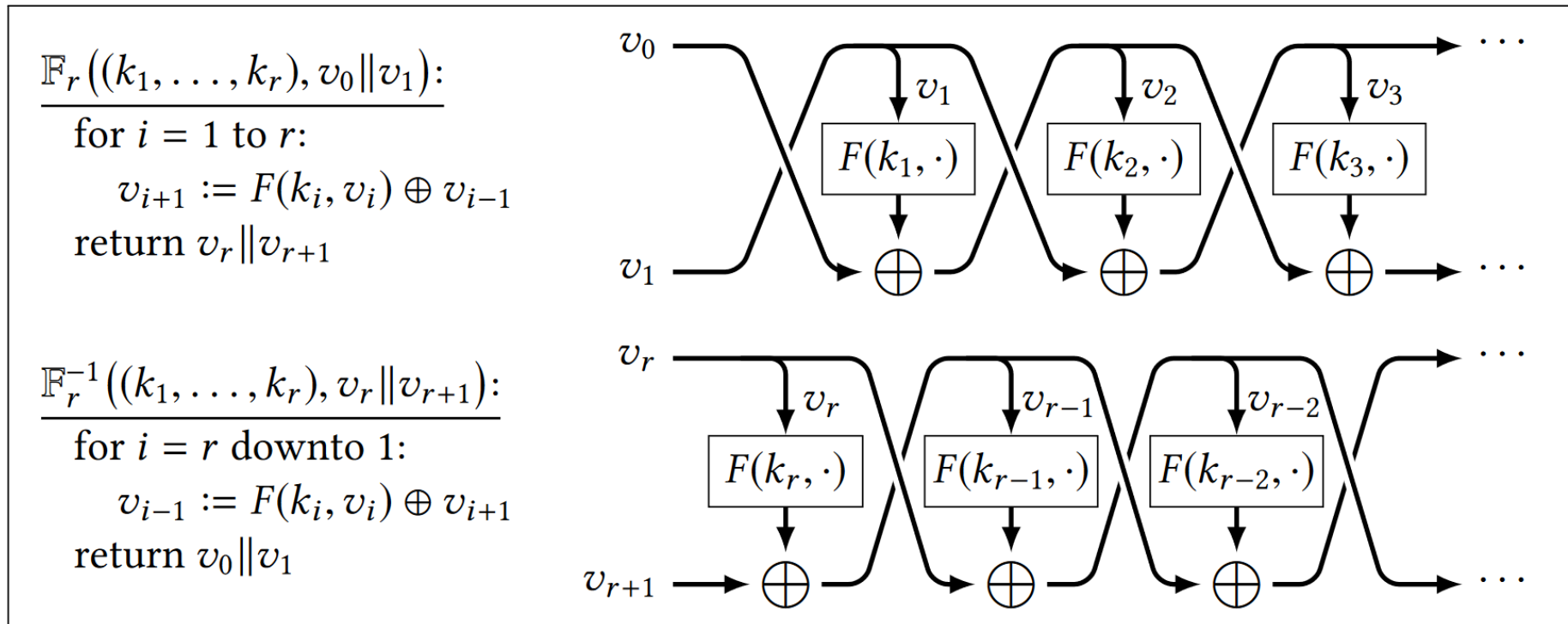
- The output of F^* contains **half of its input**, making it quite **trivial** to **break** the PRP-security of F^* .
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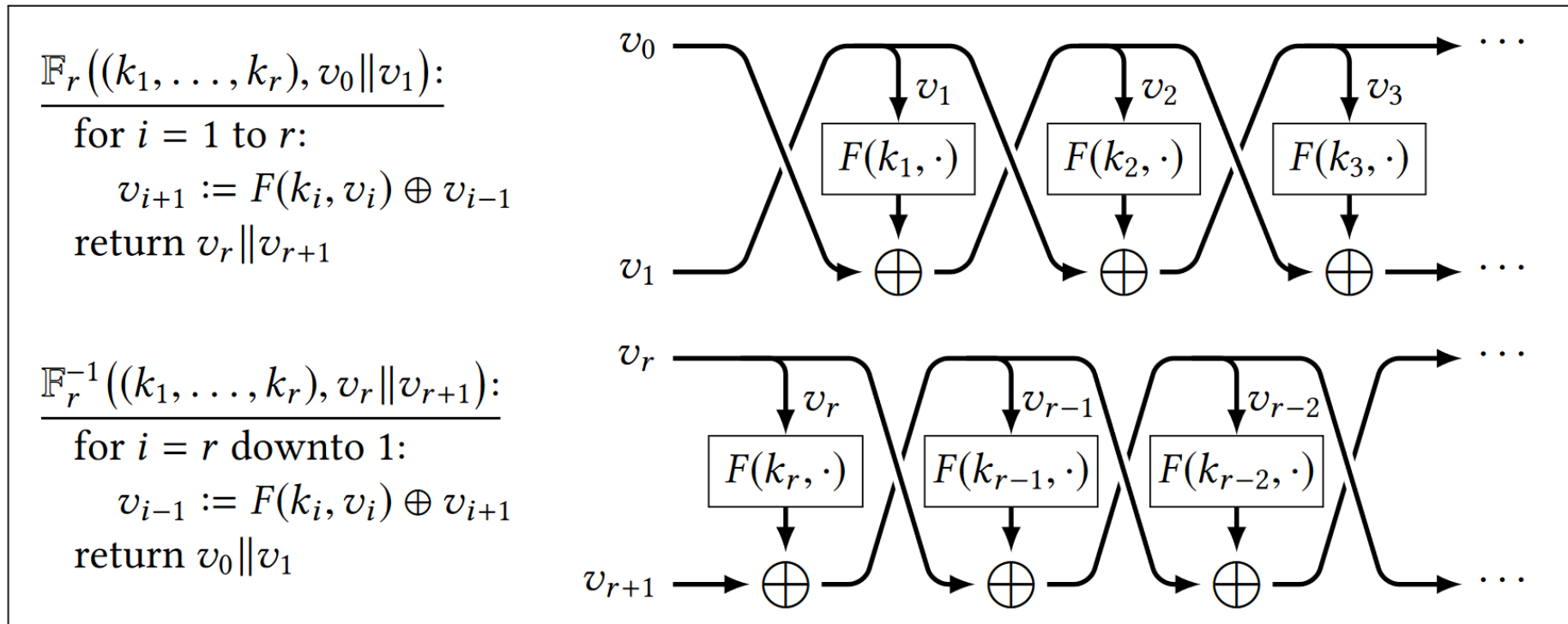
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PRFs and Block Ciphers in Practice

- We currently have **no proof** that **any secure PRP exists**.
- Advanced Encryption Standard (**AES**) block cipher demonstrates the cryptographic community's best efforts at instilling such confidence.
- As we have seen, once you have access to a **good block cipher**, it can be used directly also **as a secure PRF**, and it can be used to **construct a simple PRG**.
 - The PRF-security and PRG-security of these constructions is guaranteed to be **as good as the PRP-security of AES**.

Strong Pseudorandom Permutations

- The PRP security definition only guarantees a security property for F and **not its inverse**.
- It is **possible** to construct F which is a secure PRP, whose inverse F^{-1} is **not** a secure PRP!

$$E_k(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = k \\ \text{AES}_k(k) & \text{if } x = \text{AES}_k^{-1}(0) \\ \text{AES}_k(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Definition Let $F: \{0, 1\}^\lambda \times \{0, 1\}^{blen} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{blen}$ be a **deterministic** function. We say that F is a secure **strong** pseudorandom permutation (SPRP) if $\mathcal{L}_{\text{sprp-real}}^F \approx \mathcal{L}_{\text{sprp-rand}}^F$.

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Security Against Chosen Plaintext Attacks

CPA security

- Our previous security definitions for encryption capture the case where a key is used to encrypt **only one** plaintext. Clearly it would be more useful to have an encryption scheme that allows **many** plaintexts to be encrypted under the same key.

Definition Let Σ be an encryption scheme. We say that Σ has security against chosen-plaintext attacks (CPA security) if $\mathcal{L}_{\text{cpa-L}}^{\Sigma} \approx \mathcal{L}_{\text{cpa-R}}^{\Sigma}$, where:

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CPA security is often called “**IND-CPA**” security: indistinguishability of ciphertexts under chosen-plaintext attack

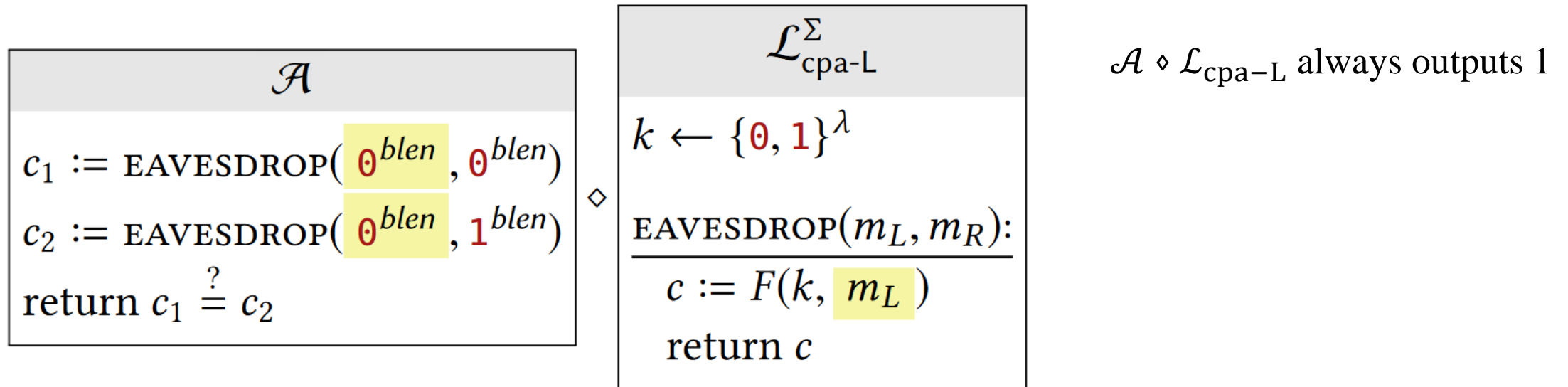
Limits of Deterministic Encryption

- For a block cipher, F corresponds to encryption, F^{-1} corresponds to decryption, and all outputs of F look **pseudorandom**. Use block cipher “as-is”, is it satisfy CPA security?
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$\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{cpa-L}}$ always outputs 1

$\mathcal{A} \diamond \mathcal{L}_{\text{cpa-R}}$ never outputs 1

This adversary has advantage 1 in distinguishing the libraries, so the bare block cipher F is **not** a CPA-secure encryption scheme.

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- The reason a bare block cipher does not provide CPA security is that it is **deterministic**. Calling $\text{Enc}(k, m)$ **twice** — with the **same** key and **same** plaintext — leads to the **same** ciphertext.
- Deterministic encryption can **never** be CPA-secure!
- It **leaks whether two ciphertexts encode the same plaintext**.

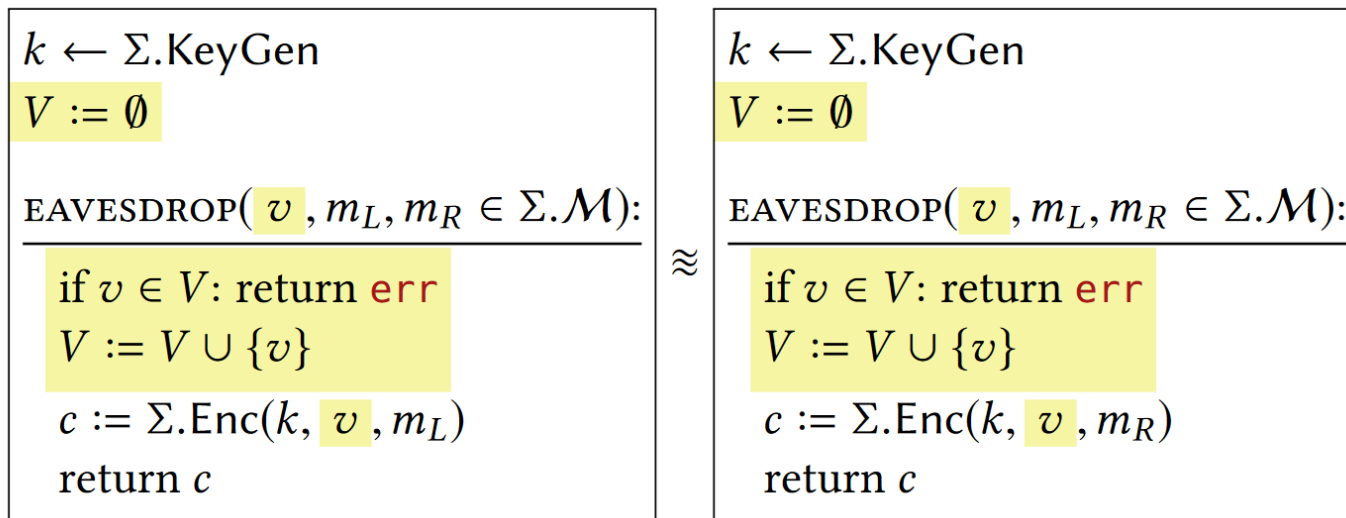
Avoiding Deterministic Encryption

We must design an Enc algorithm such that calling it **twice** with the **same** plaintext and key results in **different** ciphertexts.

- Encryption/decryption can be **stateful**, meaning that every call to Enc or Dec will actually **modify the value of k** . (symmetric ratchet construction)
- Encryption can be **randomized**. Each time a plaintext is encrypted, the Enc algorithm chooses **fresh, independent randomness** specific to that encryption.
- Encryption can be **nonce-based**. A “nonce” stands for “number used only once”.
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 - Nonce-based encryption **requires** a change to the interface of encryption, and therefore a change to the correctness & security definitions as well. The encryption/decryption algorithms syntax is updated to $\text{Enc}(k, v, m)$ and $\text{Dec}(k, v, c)$, where v is a nonce.
 - The correctness property is that $\text{Dec}(k, v, \text{Enc}(k, v, m)) = m$ for all k, v, m , so both encryption & decryption algorithms should use the same nonce.



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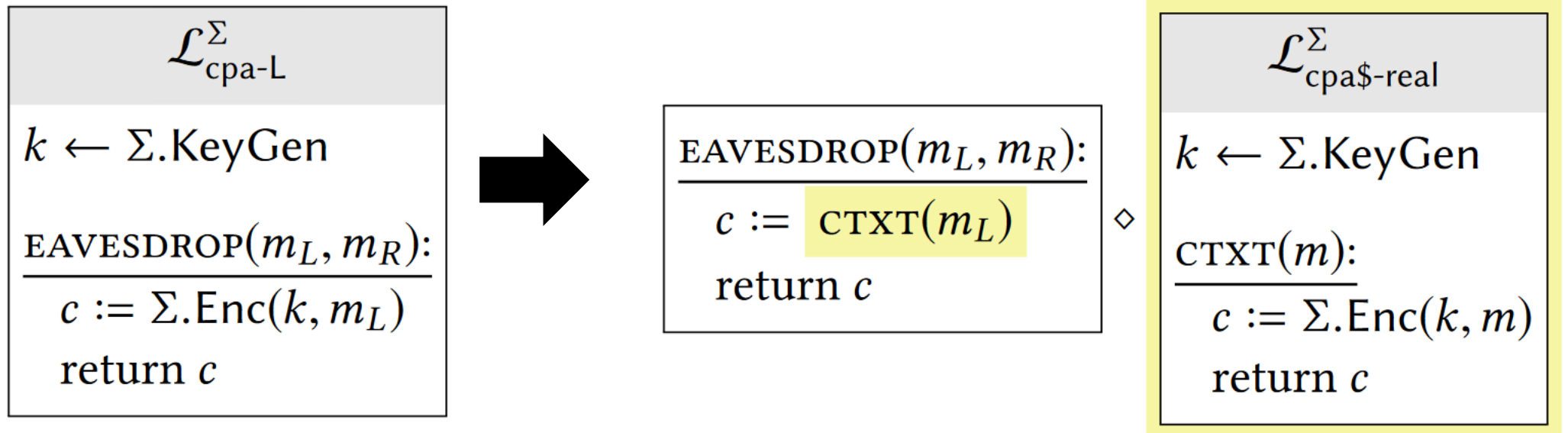
- It is **easier** to prove CPA\$ security than to prove CPA security.
- CPA\$ security **implies** CPA security.
- **Most** of the schemes we will consider achieve CPA\$ anyway.

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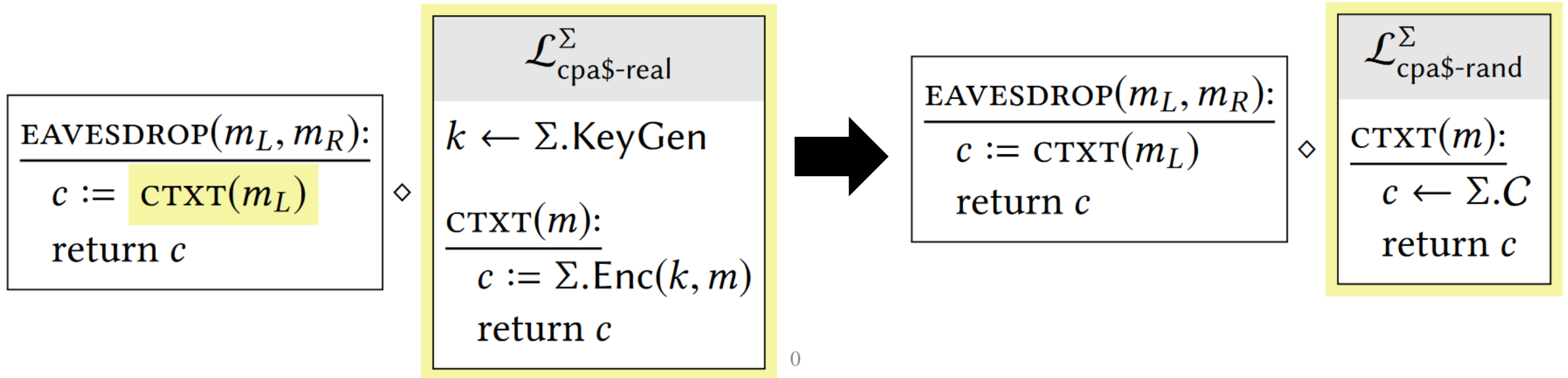


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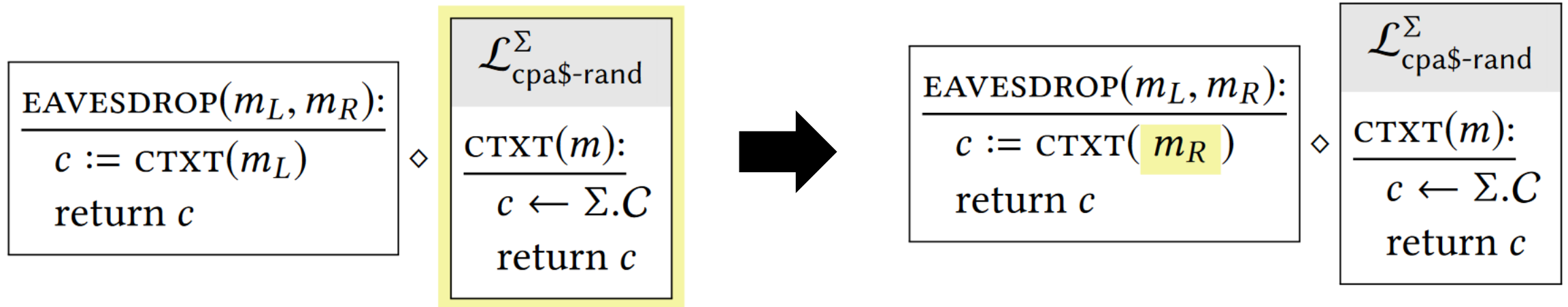


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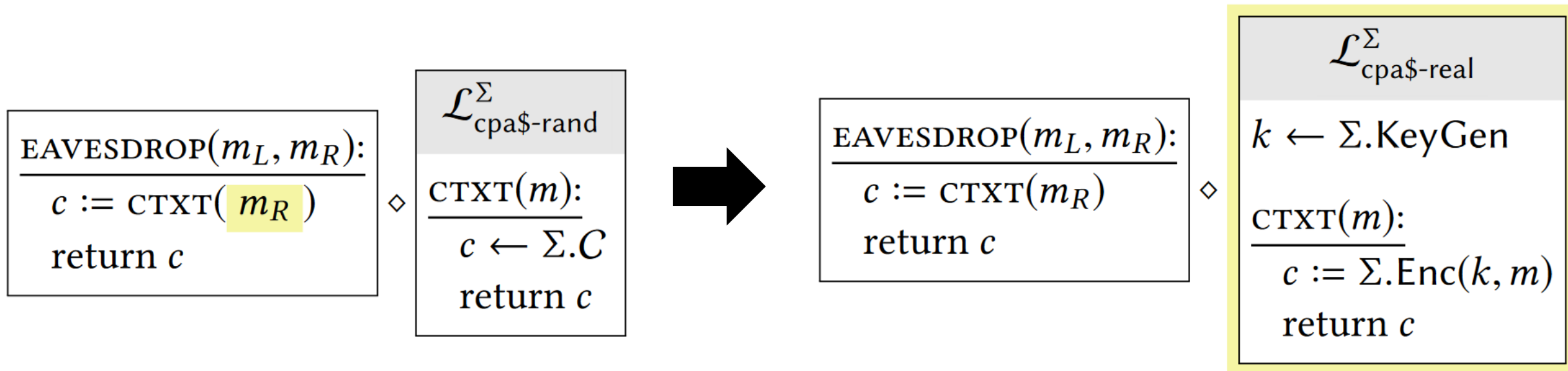


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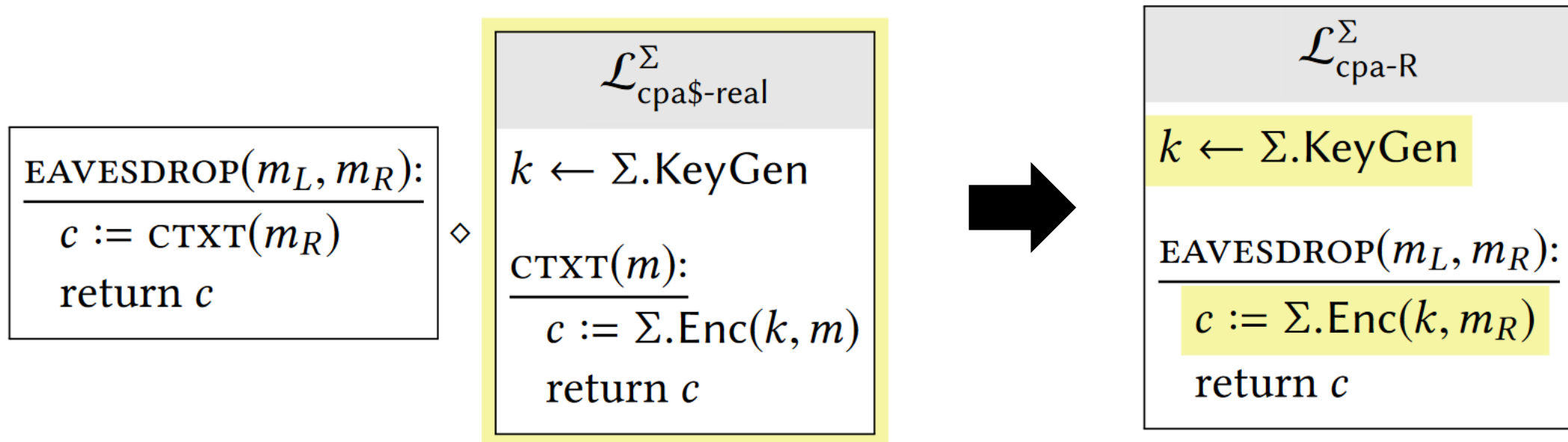


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CPA-Secure Encryption Based On PRFs

- On the one hand, we need an encryption method that is **randomized**, so that **each plaintext m is mapped to a large number of potential ciphertexts**.
- On the other hand, the decryption method must be able to **recognize all** of these various ciphertexts as being **encryptions of m** .
- If Alice and Bob share a **huge table T** initialized with uniform data, then Alice can encrypt a plaintext m to Bob by saying something like “this is encrypted with one-time pad, using key #674696273” and sending $T[674696273] \oplus m$. Seeing the number 674696273 doesn’t help the eavesdropper know what $T[674696273]$ is.
- Use PRF!

CPA-Secure Encryption Based On PRFs

Let F be a secure PRF with $in = \lambda$. Define the following encryption scheme based on F

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{K} &= \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^\lambda \\ \mathcal{M} &= \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^{out} \\ \mathcal{C} &= \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^\lambda \times \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^{out}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{KeyGen:} \\ \hline k \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^\lambda \\ \text{return } k \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Enc}(k, m): \\ \hline r \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^\lambda \\ x := F(k, r) \oplus m \\ \text{return } (r, x) \end{array}$$

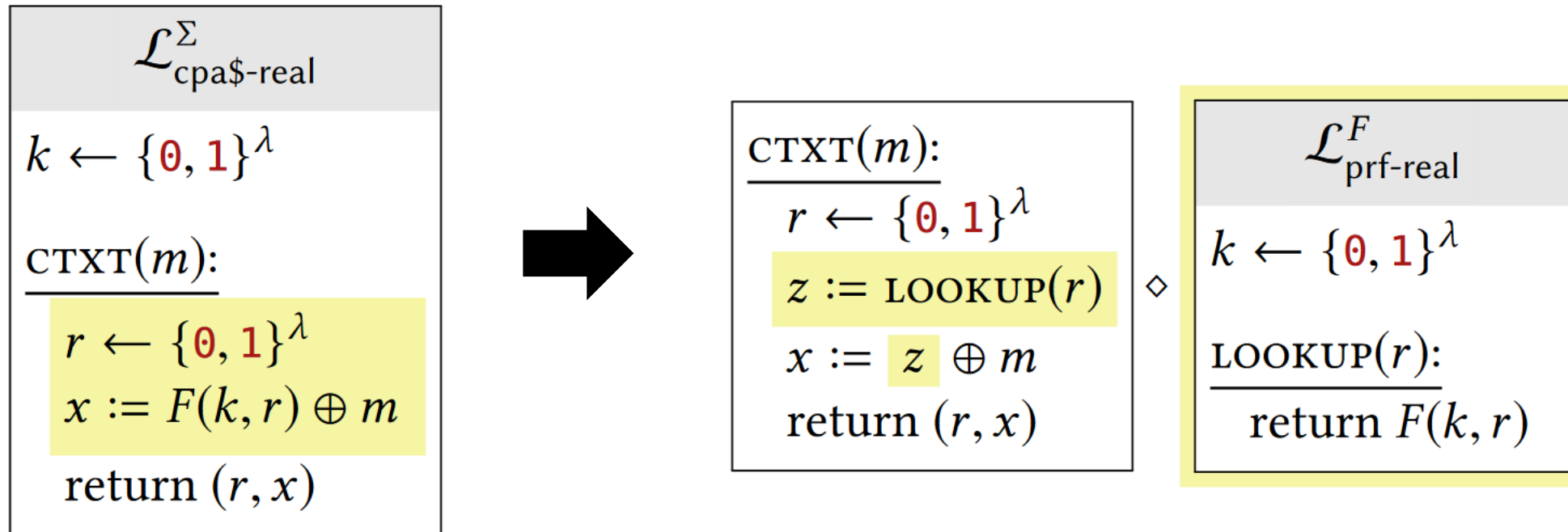
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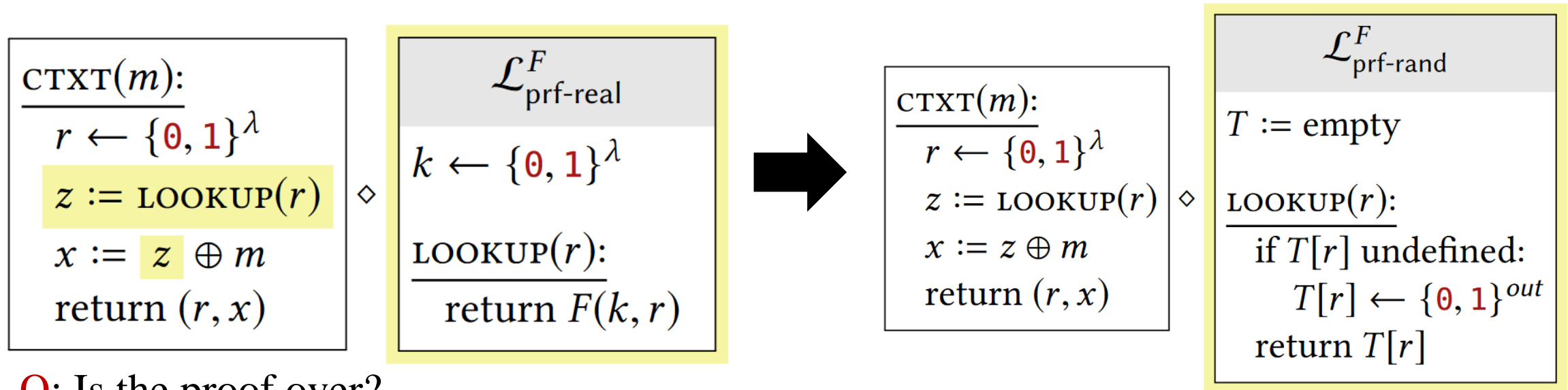
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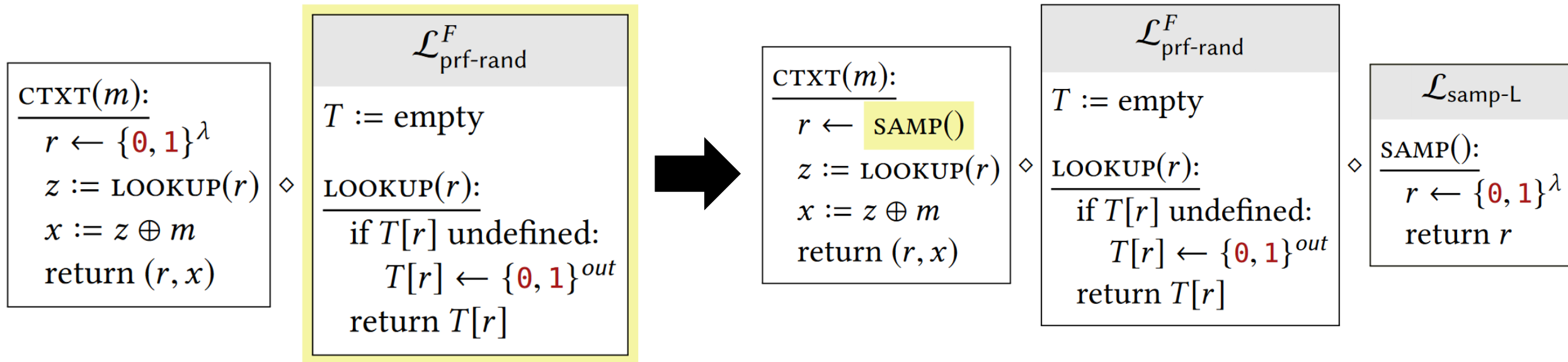
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r may be repeated! Our proof must explicitly contain reasoning about **why PRF inputs are unlikely to be repeated**.

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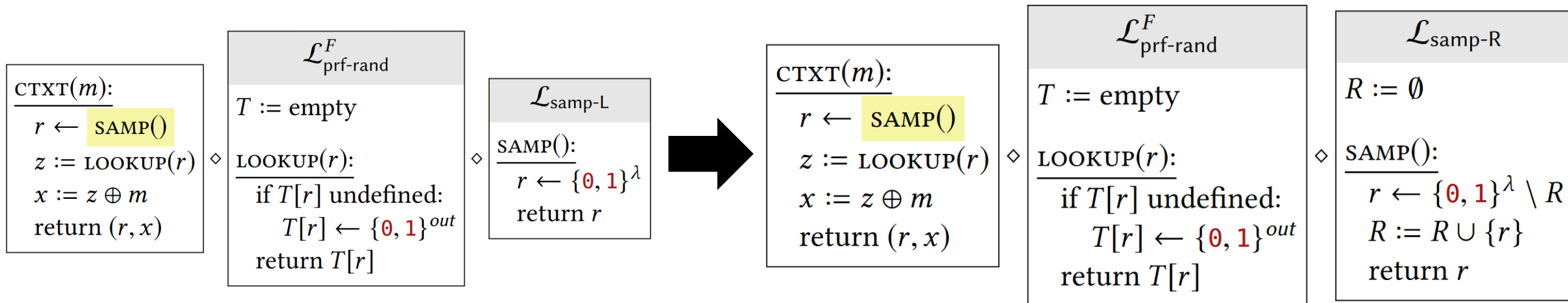
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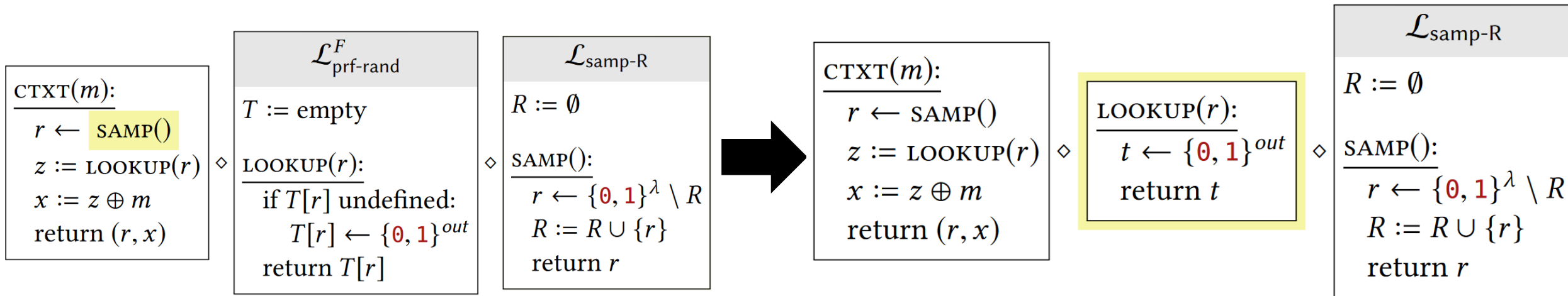
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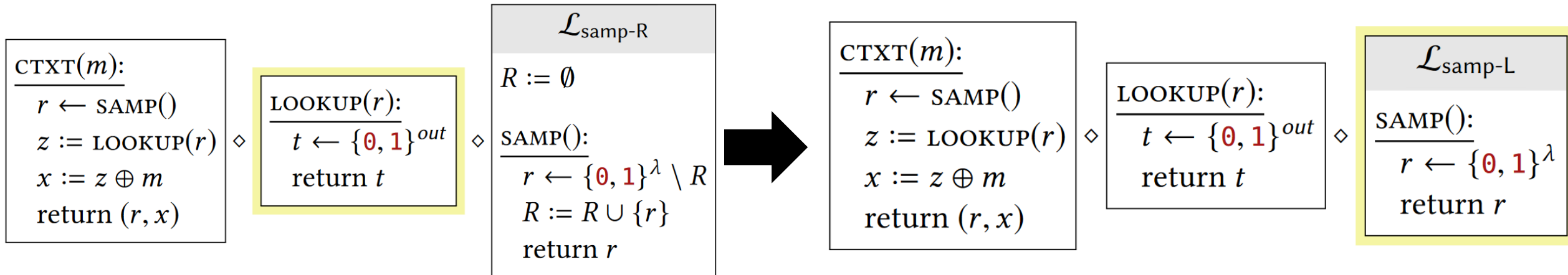


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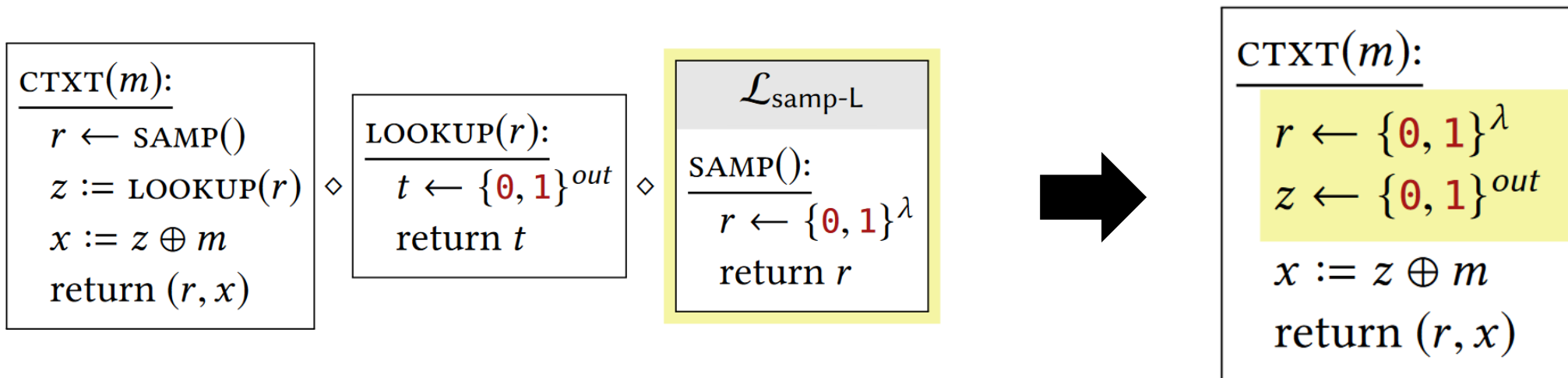
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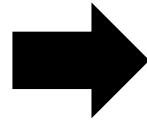


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- One of the drawbacks of the previous CPA-secure encryption scheme is that its ciphertexts are λ bits longer than its plaintexts.
- Is there any way to encrypt data (especially lots of it) without requiring such a significant overhead?
- $blen$ will denote the blocklength of a block cipher F . We'll write F_k as shorthand for $F(k, \cdot)$.
- When m is the plaintext, we will write $m = m_1 || m_2 || \cdots || m_\ell$, where each m_i is a single block

ECB: Electronic Codebook (**never never** use this! **Never!!**)

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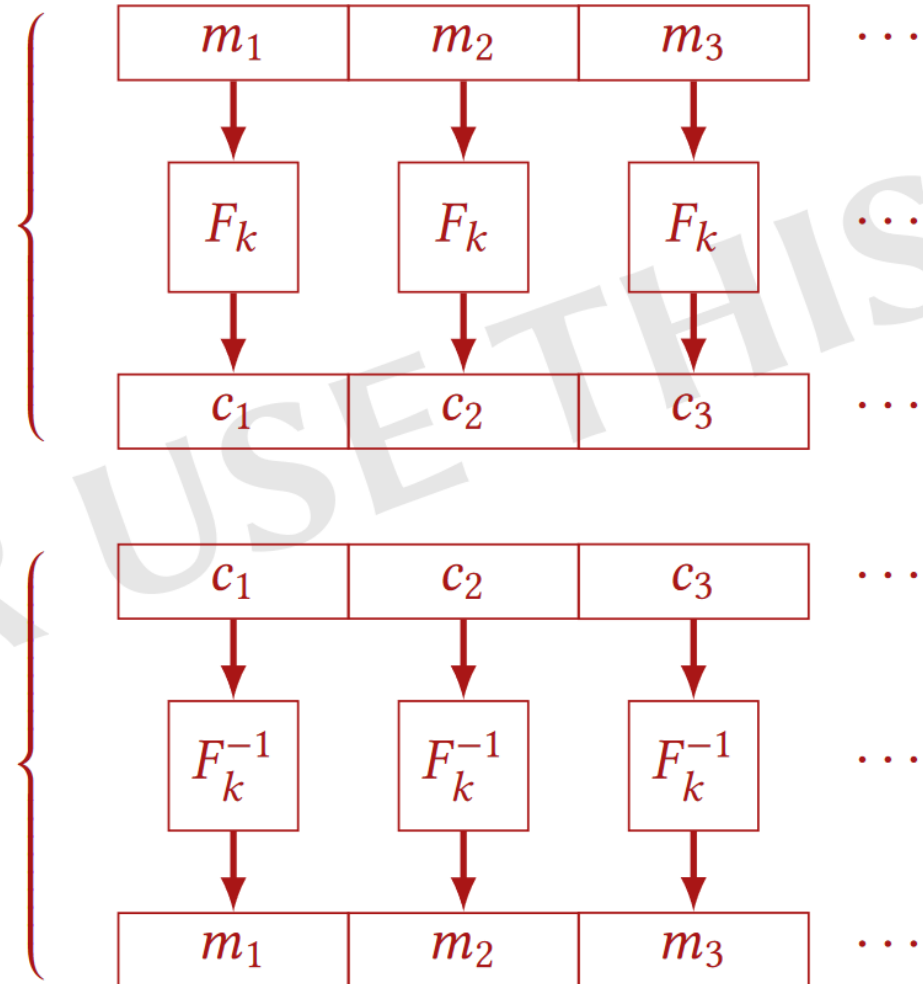
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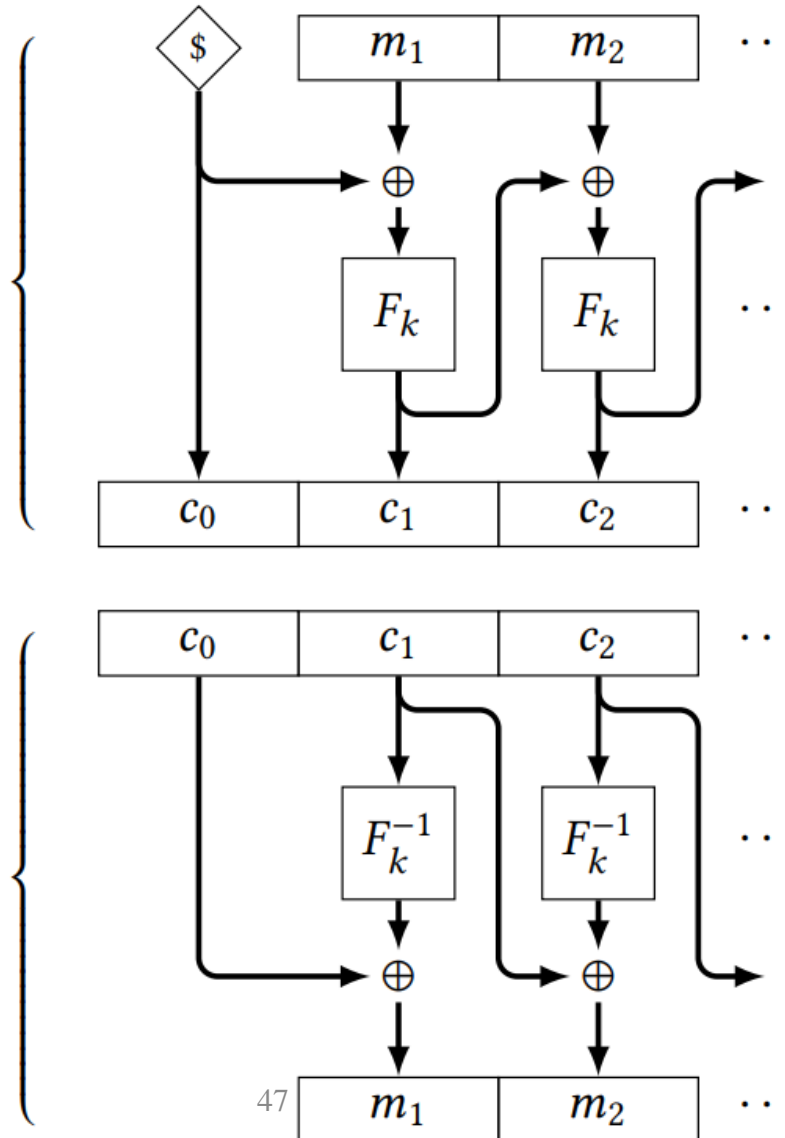
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CBC: Cipher Block Chaining

- The **most common** mode in practice.
- The CBC encryption of an ℓ -block plaintext is $\ell + 1$ blocks long.
- The first ciphertext block is called an **initialization vector (IV)**.
- Here we have described CBC mode as a **randomized** encryption, with the IV of each ciphertext being chosen **uniformly**.
- CBC mode provides **CPA security**.

CTR: Counter

- The next most common mode in practice is **counter mode**.
- Just like CBC mode, it involves an **additional IV block r** that is chosen **uniformly**. The idea is to then use the sequence

$$F(k, r); F(k, r + 1); F(k, r + 2); \dots$$

CTR: Counter

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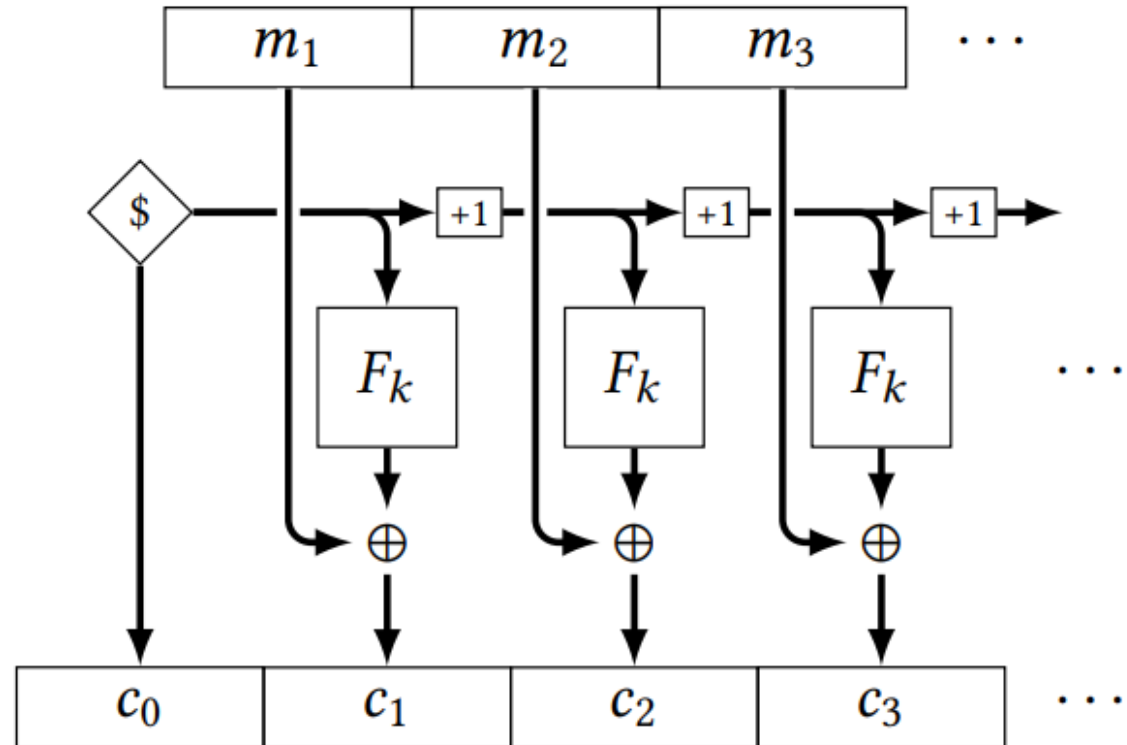
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$c_i := F(k, r) \oplus m_i$

$r := r + 1 \% 2^{blen}$

return $c_0 \| \dots \| c_\ell$



OFB: Output Feedback

- OFB (output feedback) mode is **rarely** used in practice. But it has the **easiest security proof**.

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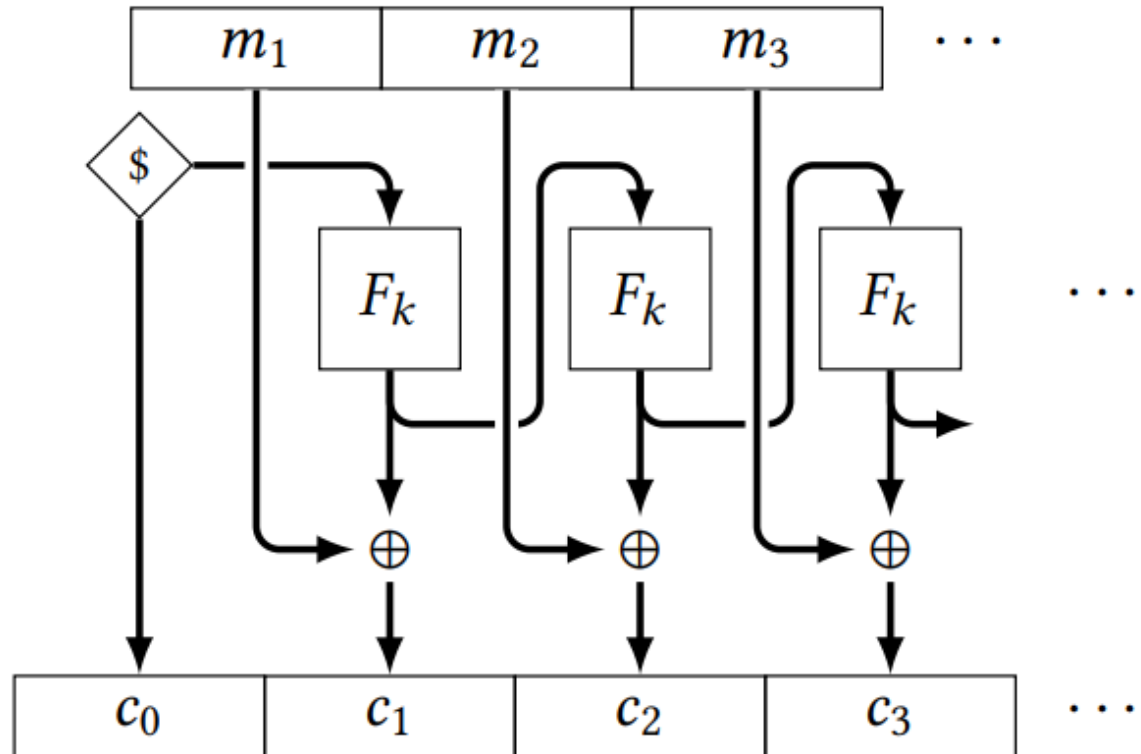
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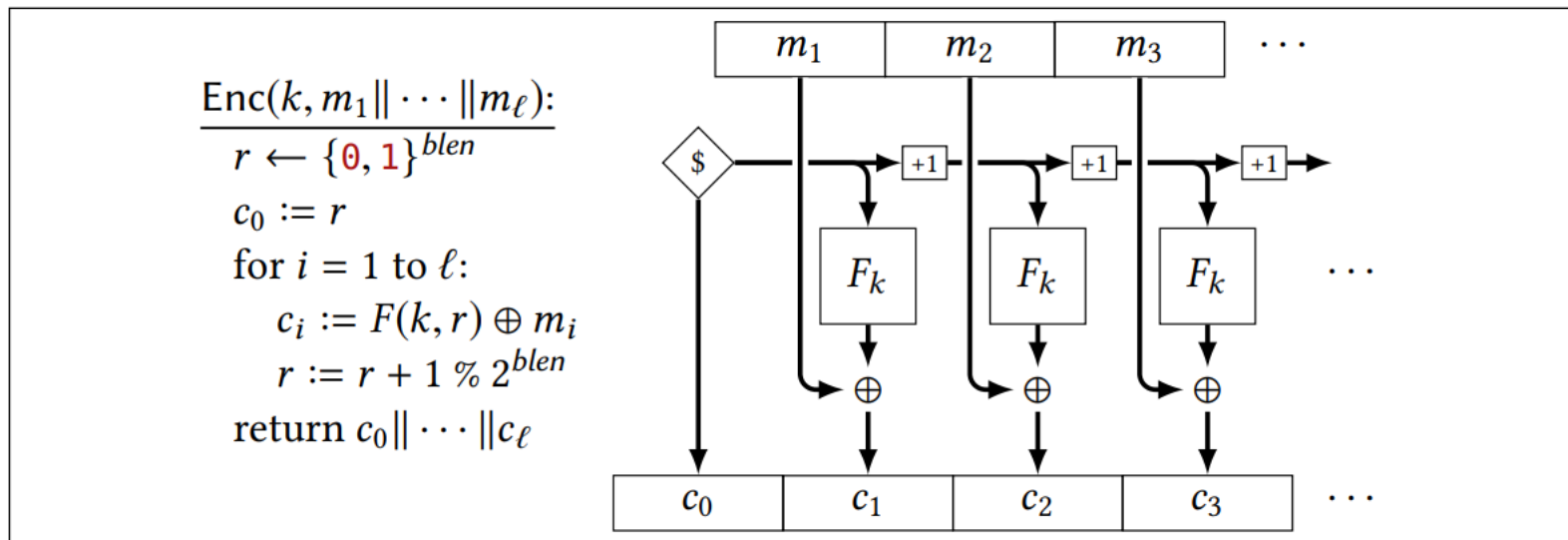
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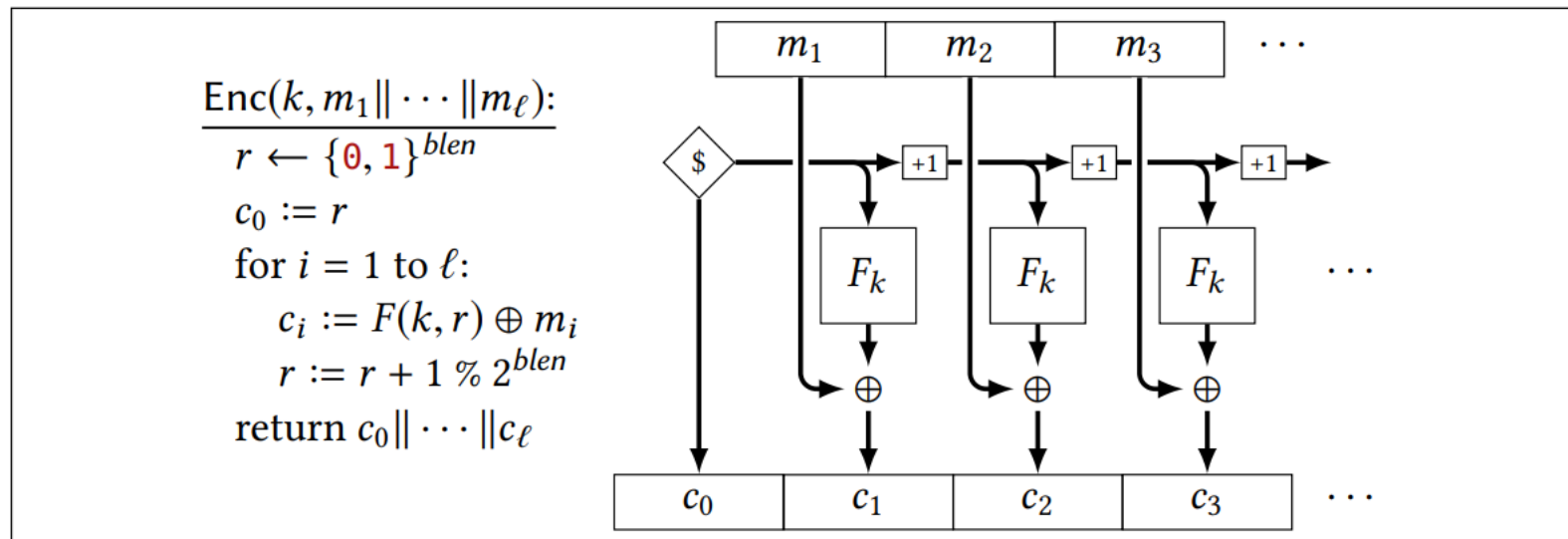
- CTR mode **does not** even use the block cipher's inverse F^{-1} . CTR mode can be instantiated from a **PRF**; it **doesn't need a PRP**. However, in practice it is rare to encounter an efficient PRF that is not a PRP.



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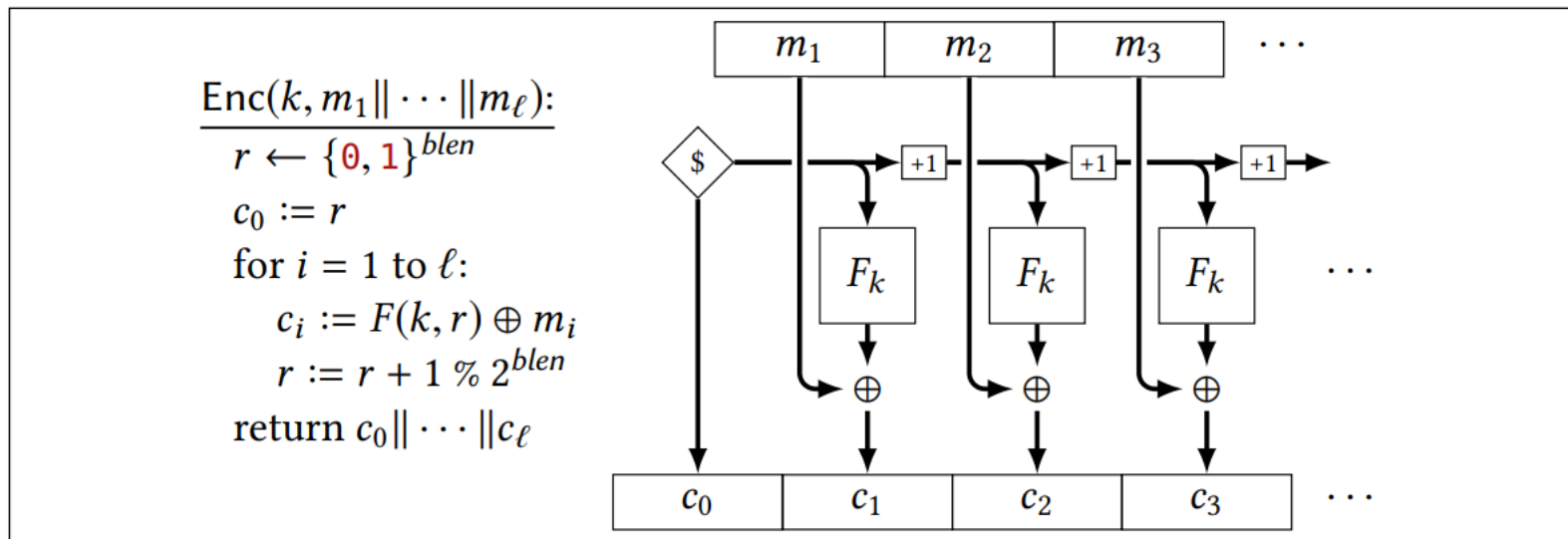
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- If calls to the block cipher are expensive, it might be desirable to **pre-compute and store** them before the plaintext is known. CTR mode can, CBC mode cannot.



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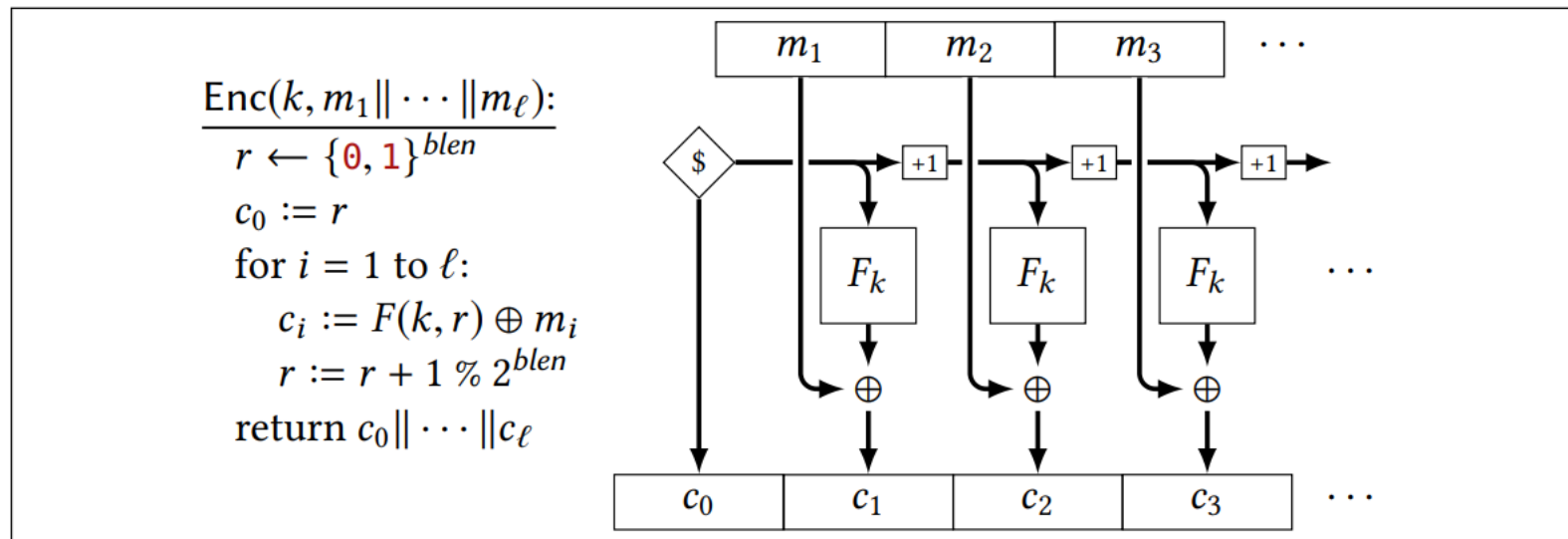
- It is relatively **easy** to modify CTR to support plaintexts that are **not** an **exact multiple of the blocklength**.



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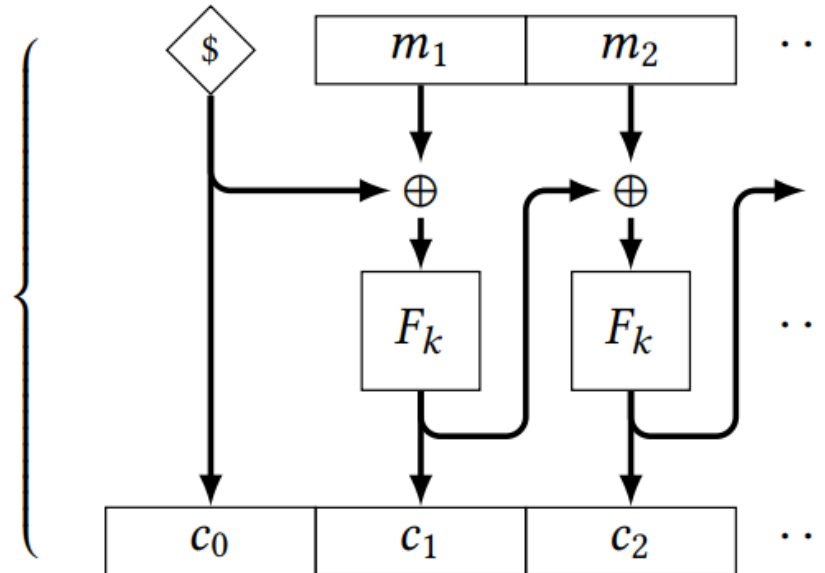
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- In CBC mode, a plaintext consisting of ℓ blocks is encrypted into a ciphertext of $\ell + 1$ blocks. In other words, **the ciphertext leaks the number of blocks in the plaintext**.
- Cannot achieve the CPA security we have defined.

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- Suppose we **don't** really **care about hiding the length of plaintexts**. Is there a way to make a security definition that says: *ciphertexts hide everything about the plaintext, except their length*?
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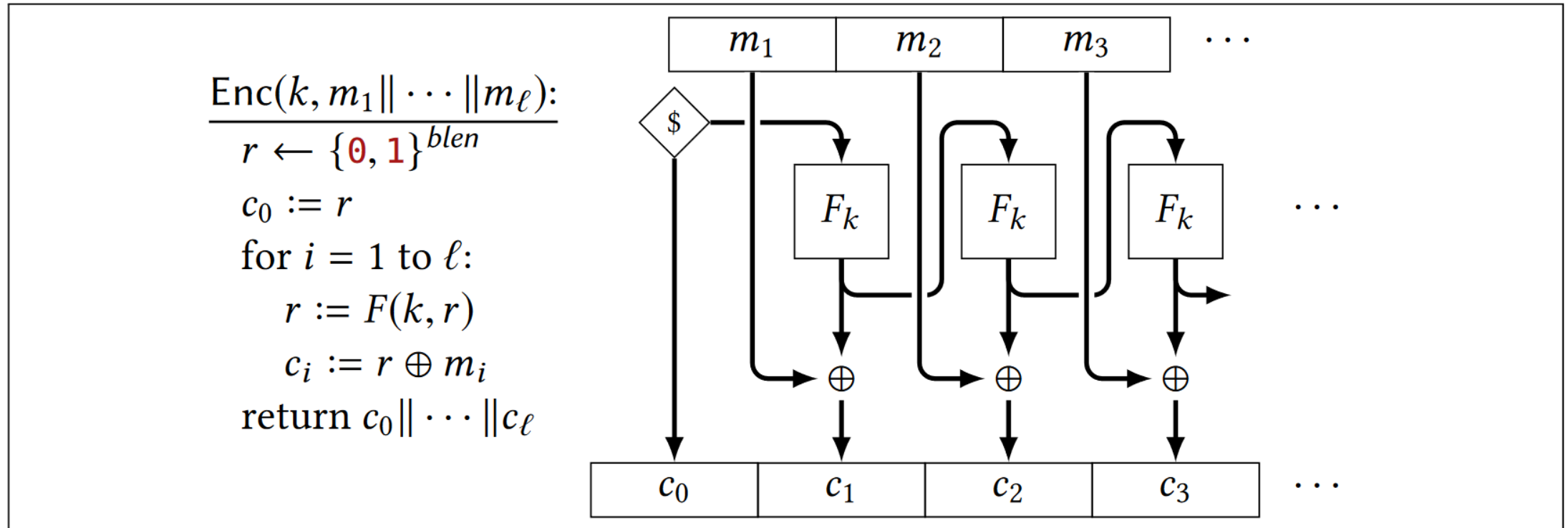
- With respect to these updated security definitions, **CPA\$ security implies CPA security** as before.

Don't Take Length-Leaking for Granted!

- We have just gone from requiring encryption to leak no partial information to casually **allowing some specific information to leak**.
- If we want to **truly support plaintexts of arbitrary length**, then leaking the length is in fact **unavoidable**.
- By observing only the length of encrypted network traffic, many serious attacks are **possible**.
 - Google maps
 - Variable-bit-rate (VBR) :the changes in bit rate are reflected as changes in packet length
 - Netflix, Youtube...
 - Voice chat programs (who was speaking, the language being spoken)

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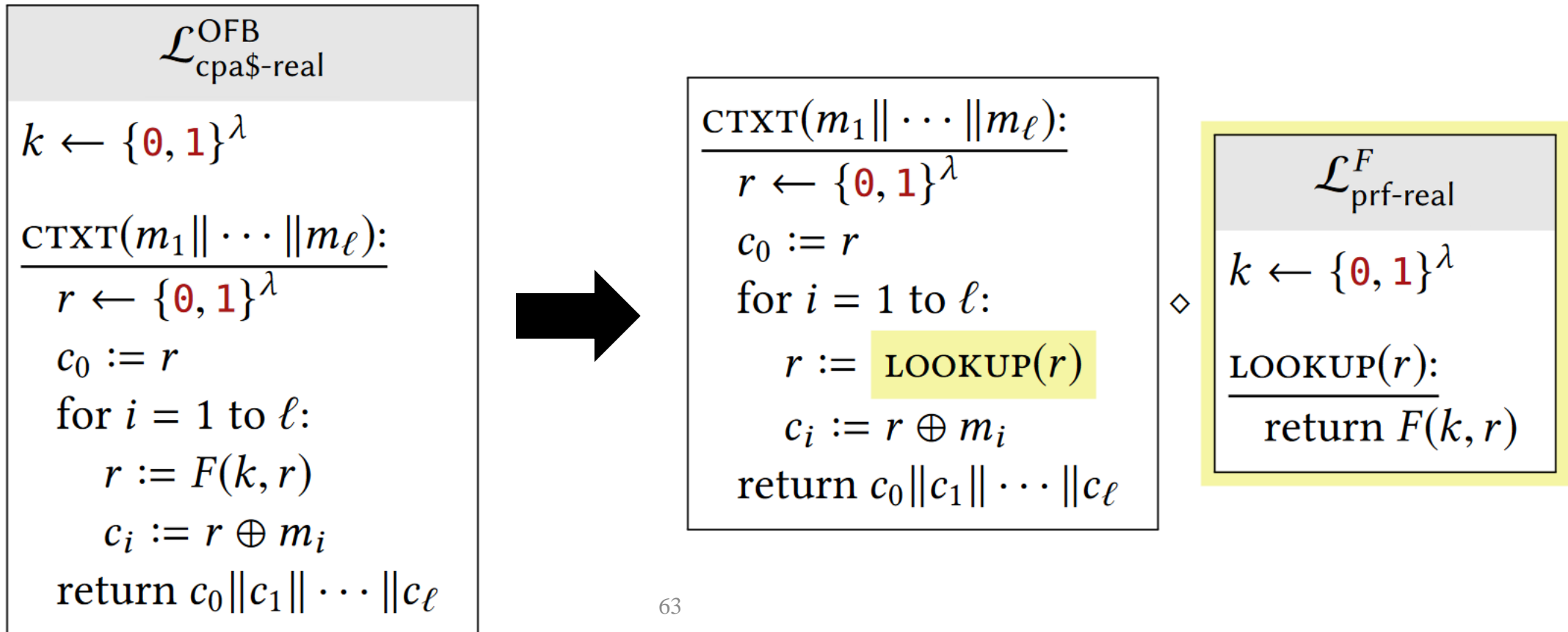
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- Each ciphertext block (apart from the IV) is computed as $c_i := r \oplus m_i$. By the one-time pad rule, it suffices to show that the r values are **independently pseudorandom**.
- Each r value is the result of a call to the PRF. These PRF outputs will be **independently pseudorandom only if all of the inputs to the PRF are distinct**.

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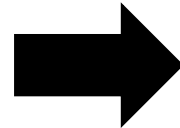
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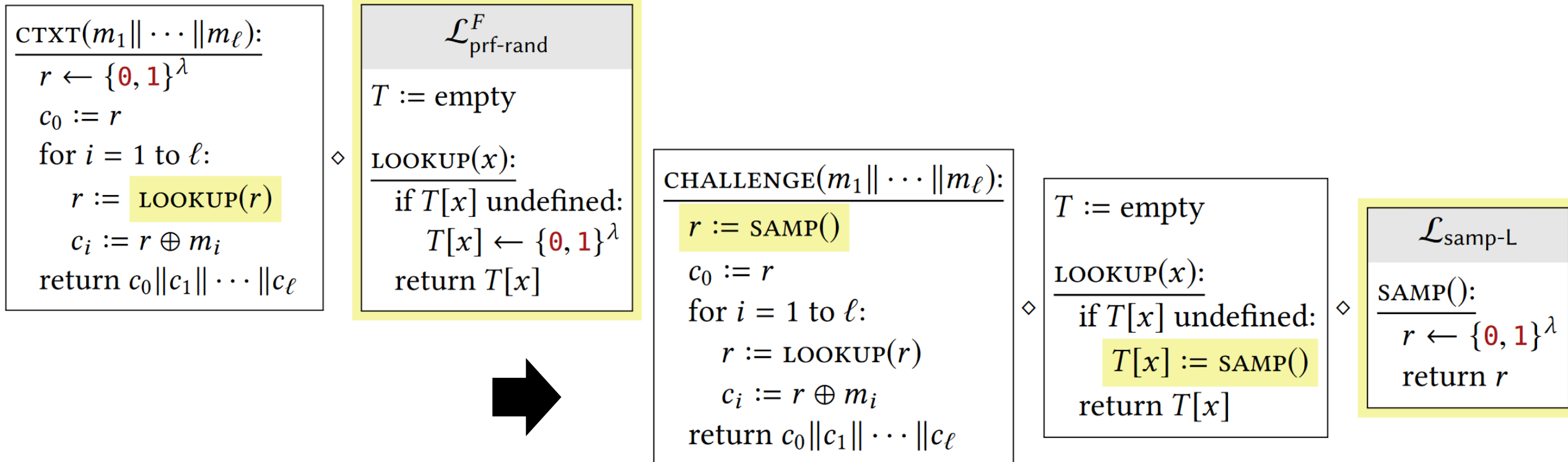
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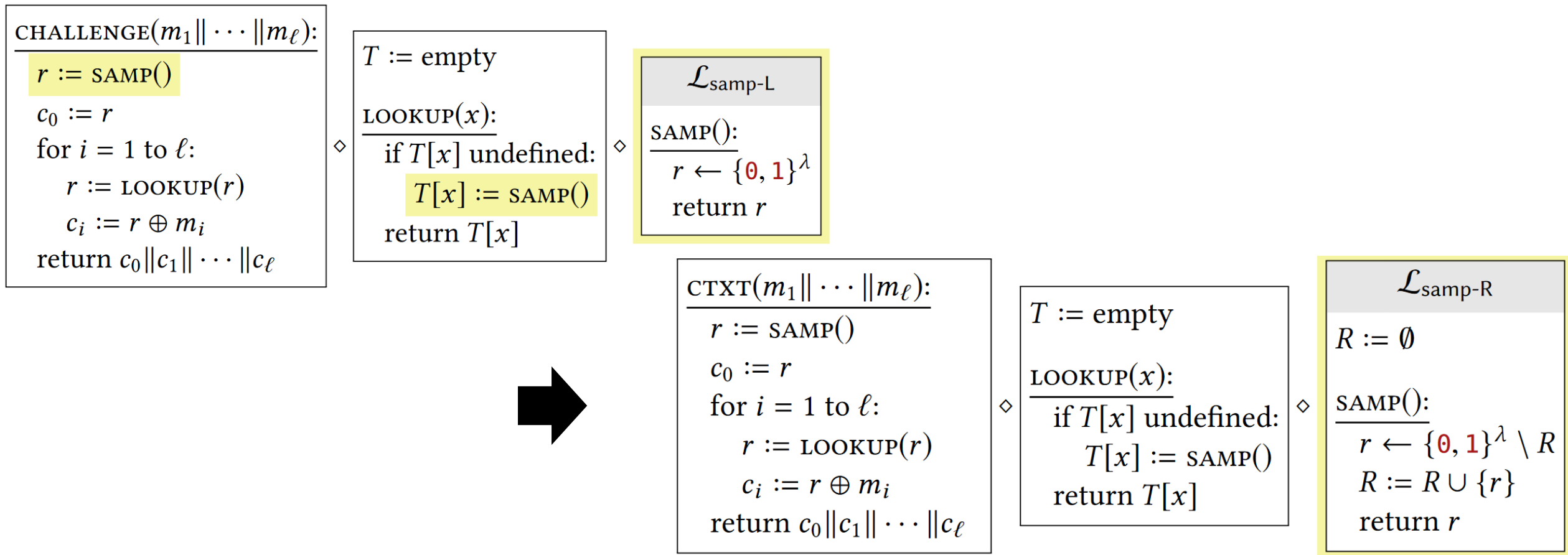
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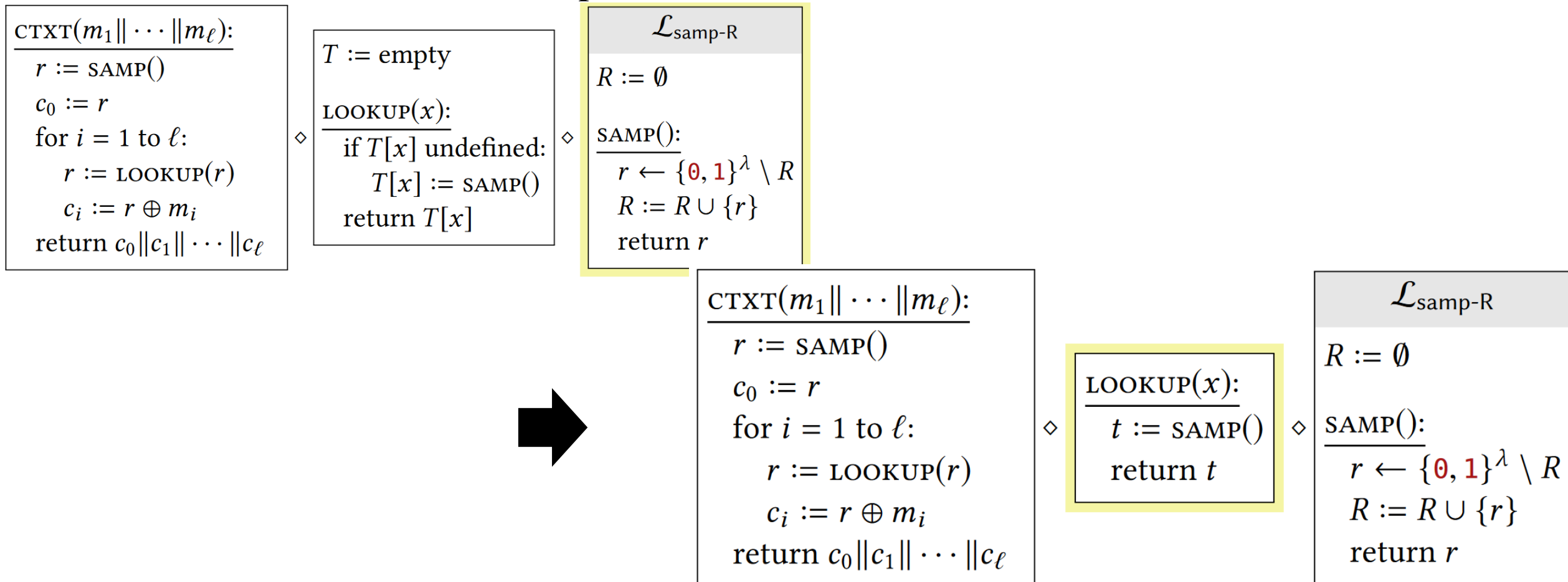
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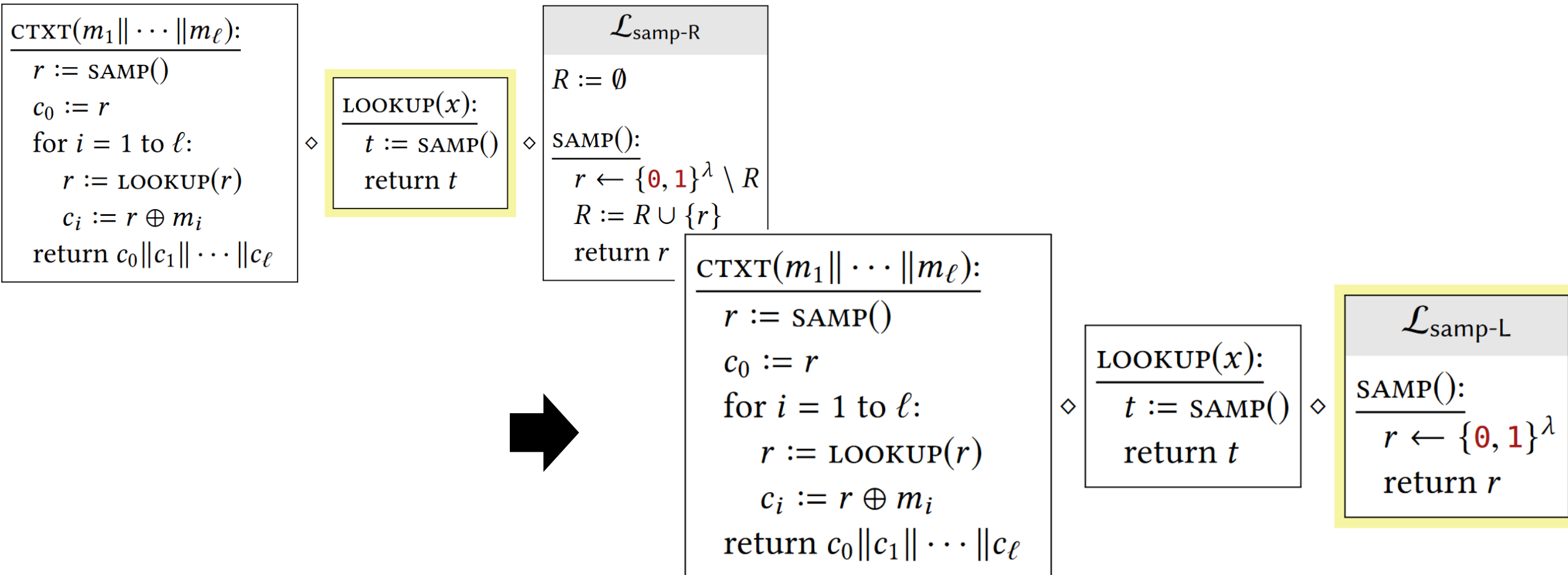
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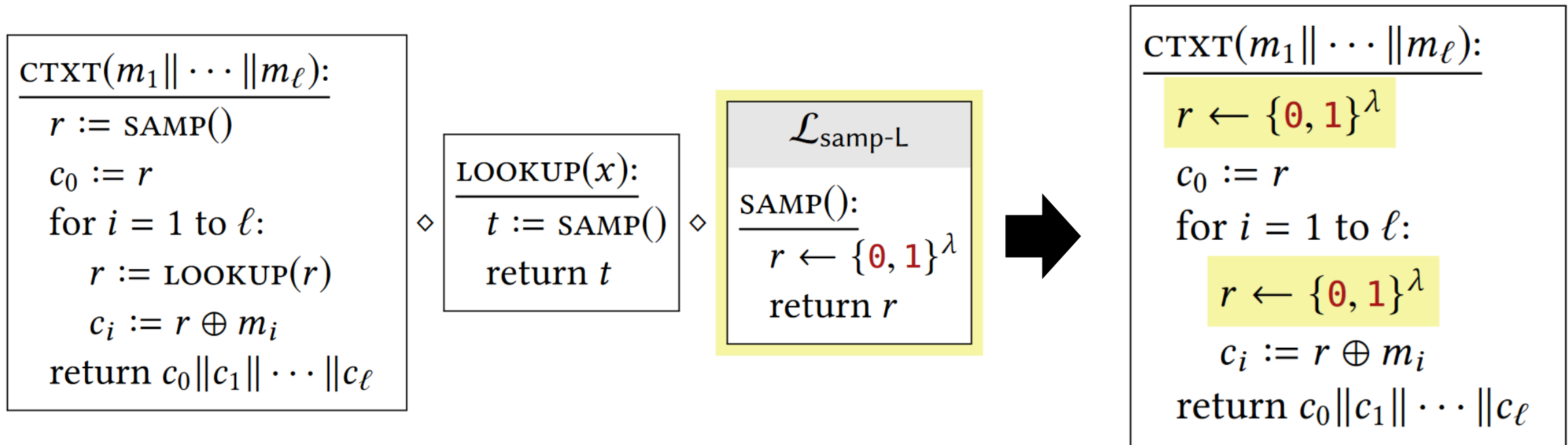
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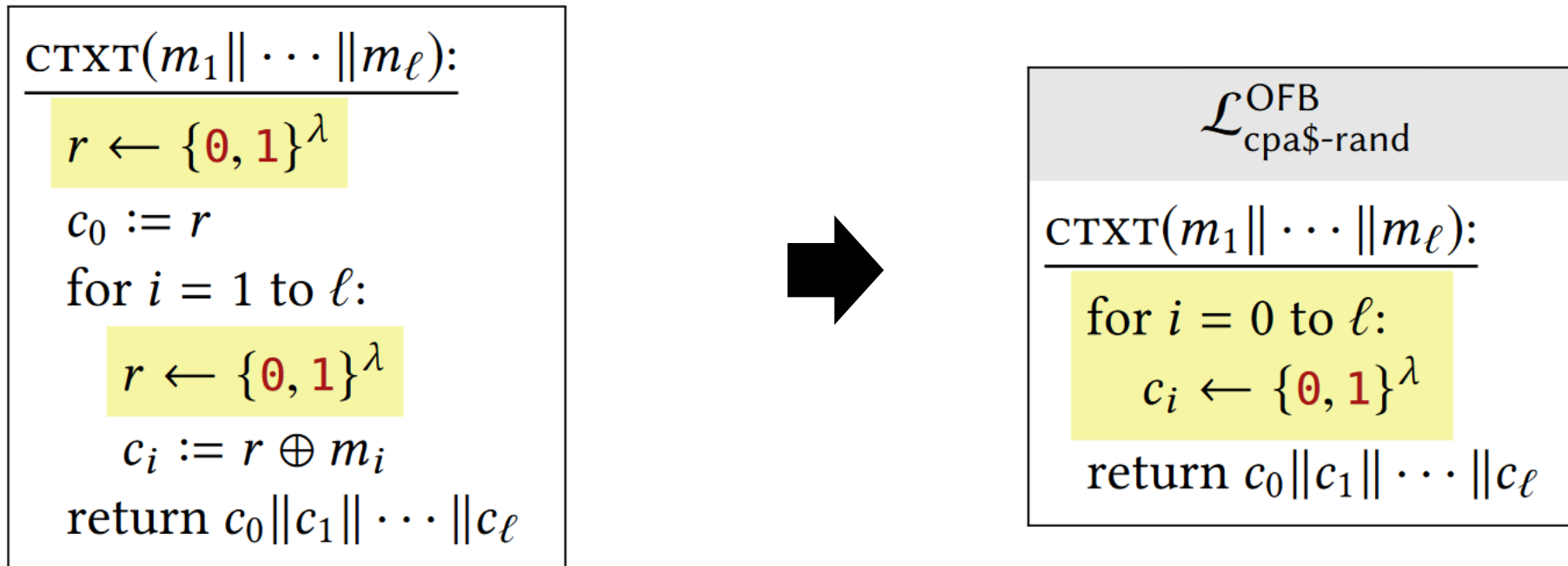
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Padding & Ciphertext Stealing

- So far we have assumed that all plaintexts are **exact multiples of the blocklength**.
- How are block ciphers used in practice with data that has **arbitrary length**?
- Padding
- Ciphertext Stealing

Padding

- Encode arbitrary-length data into data that is a **multiple of the blocklength**.
- A padding scheme should consist of two algorithms:
 - pad: takes as input a string of **any length**, and outputs a string whose length is a **multiple of the blocklength**
 - unpad: the inverse of pad. We require that $\text{unpad}(\text{pad}(x)) = x$ for all strings x .
- In the real world, data almost always comes in **bytes** and **not bits**
- Padding schemes are **not a security feature!**

Padding

- Null padding
 - Fill the final block with **null bytes** (00)
 - It is **not always reversible**
 - pad(31 41 59) and pad(31 41 59 00) will **give the same result**

Padding

- ANSI X.923 standard
 - Data is padded with **null bytes**, except for the last byte of padding which indicates **how many padding bytes there are**. (tell the receiver how many bytes to remove to recover the original message)
 - If the original unpadded data is already a multiple of the block length, then an **entire extra block of padding must be added**.

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5b 1c 01 41 5d 53 86 4e e4 94 13 e8 7a 89 c4 71 \Rightarrow *invalid*

d4 0d d8 7b 53 24 c6 d1 af 5f d6 f6 00 c0 00 04 \Rightarrow *invalid*

Padding

- PKCS#7 standard
 - If b bytes of padding are needed, then the data is padded **not** with null bytes but with **b** bytes.

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Padding

- ISO/IEC 7816-4 standard
 - The data is padded with a **80** byte followed by null bytes. To remove the padding, remove all trailing null bytes and ensure that the last byte is **80** (and then remove it too).
 - The significance of **80** is clearer when you write it in **binary** as 10000000

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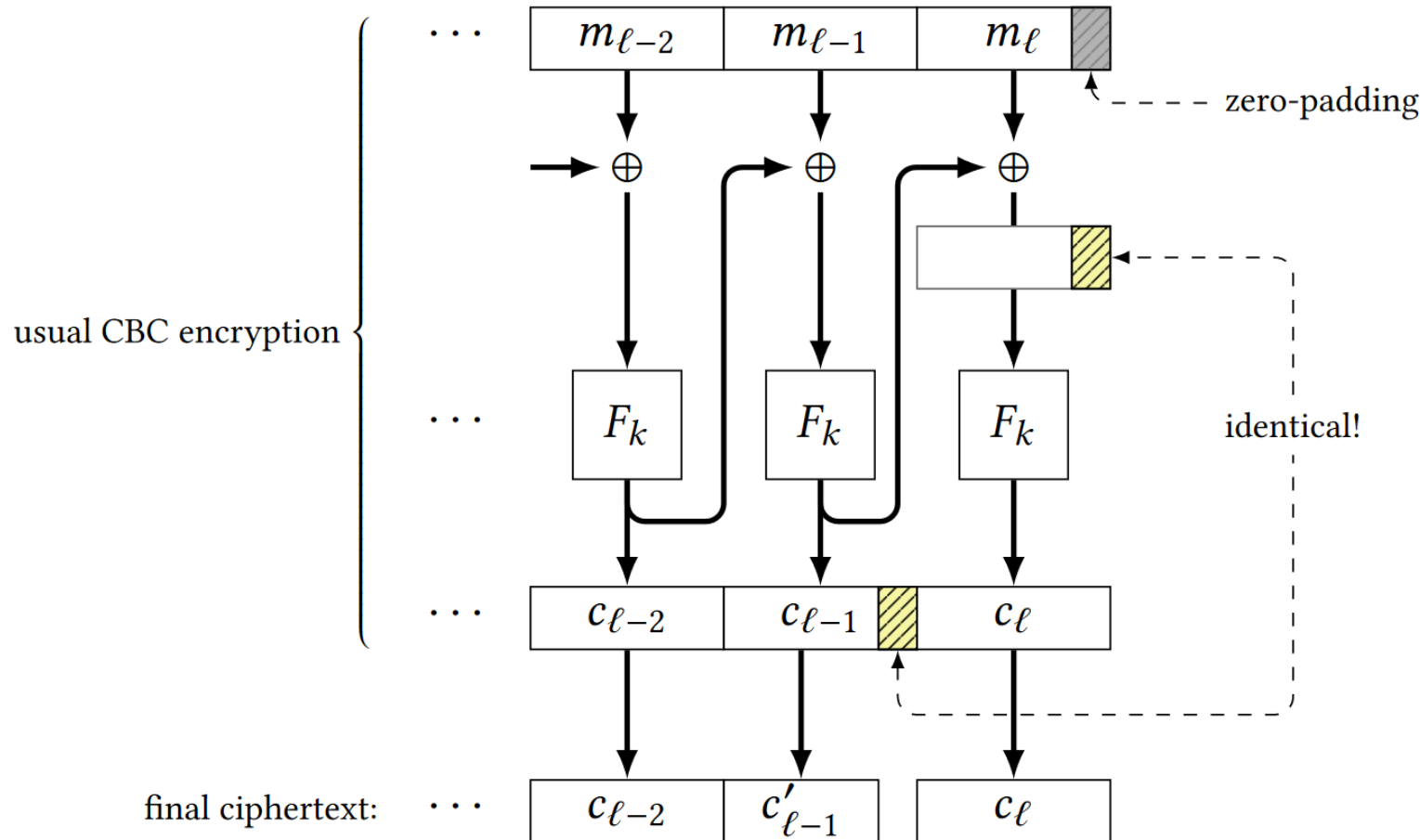
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Ciphertext Stealing

- The main idea behind ciphertext stealing is to use a standard block-cipher mode that **only supports full blocks (e.g., CBC mode)**, and then simply **throw away some bits of the ciphertext**, in such a way that decryption is still possible.

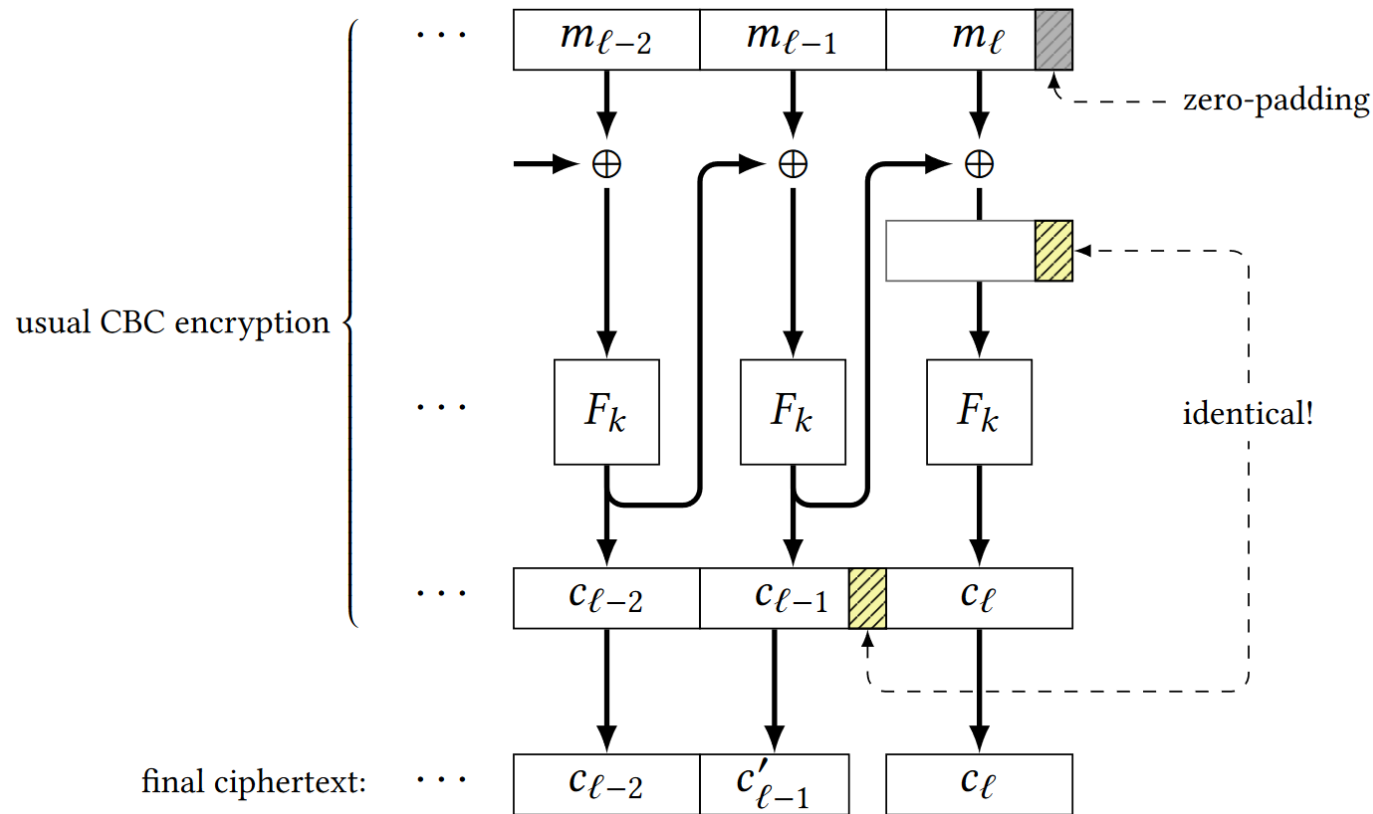
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- We start by extending m_ℓ with j zeroes and performing CBC as usual. Then **throw away the last j bits of $c_{\ell-1}$** (the next-to-last block of the CBC ciphertext).



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- For decryption: Those missing j bits were **redundant**, because there is another way to compute them. Let $x^* := c_{\ell-1} \oplus m_\ell$. Since the last j bits of m_ℓ are 0's, the last j bits of x^* are the last j bits of $c_{\ell-1}$ — the missing bits.



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- In practice, the last two blocks of the ciphertext are often **interchanged**.

Enc($k, m_1 \parallel \dots \parallel m_\ell$):

*// each m_i is $blen$ bits,
// except possibly m_ℓ*

$j := blen - |m_\ell|$

$m_\ell := m_\ell \parallel \mathbf{0}^j$

$c_0 \leftarrow \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}\}^{blen}$:

for $i = 1$ to ℓ :

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if $j \neq 0$:

remove final j bits of $c_{\ell-1}$

swap $c_{\ell-1}$ and c_ℓ

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The marked lines correspond to plain CBC mode.