# A Graphical Framework for Cryptographic Games

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#### **Abstract**

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# 3.1 Stacks

#### **Definition 3.1: Stacks**

A stack S consists of:

- a set  $O \subseteq [n]$ ,
- types  $T_1, ..., T_n$ ,
- types =  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, ..., \sigma_{n+1} = \emptyset$ ,
- functions  $f_1, ..., f_n$ , each of which is:
  - of type  $f_i:\sigma_i\to\sigma_{i+1}\times T_i$  when  $i\in O$ ,
  - of type  $f_i:\sigma_i\times T_i\to\sigma_{i+1}$ , when  $i\notin O$ .

#### **Definition 3.2: Games**

A *game G* consists of:

- a list of stacks  $S_1, ..., S_m$ ,
- a set *W*,
- a function  $\varphi:\bigsqcup_{i\in[m]}[n_i]^1\to W^?$  whose restriction to  $\bigsqcup_{i\in[m]}O_i\to W$  is injective.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ By this, we mean that the domain of  $\varphi$  is the *disjoint* union of the individual index sets.

#### **Definition 3.3: Literal Game Equality**

Two games A,B are said to be *literally equal*, written  $A\equiv B$ , when  $m_A=m_B$ , and there exist bijections  $\pi:[m]\leftrightarrow [m]$  and  $\psi:W_A\leftrightarrow W_B$  such that  $\varphi_A(i,x)=\psi(\varphi_B(\pi(i),x))^2$ .

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Implicitly,  $\psi(\bot) := \bot$  here.