Hiding Access Patterns Obliviousness and Differential Privacy

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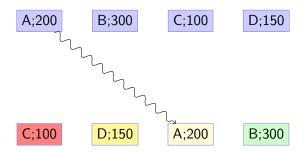
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Security

Can \mathcal{M} link the first record in the starting configuration to its position in the last configuration?



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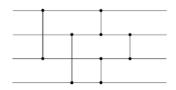
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Chosen-Ciphertext Security: Standard notion of security for encryption guarantee that \mathcal{M} is unable to deduce if a swap has happened.

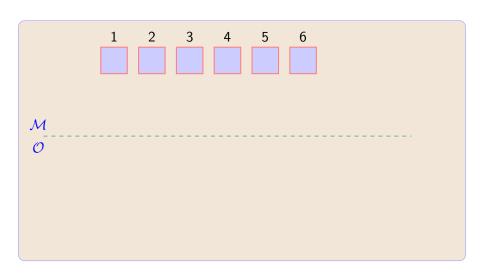
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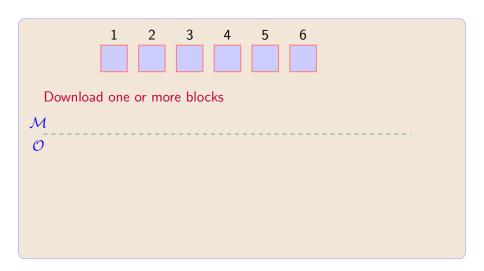
Definition (Weak Obliviousness)

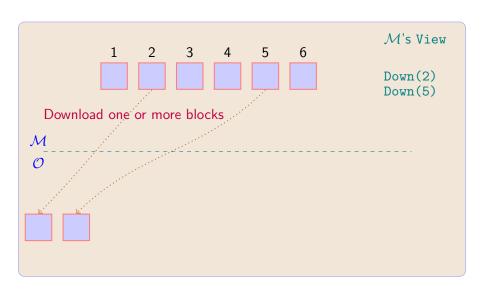
An algorithm is *weakly oblivious* if the *access pattern* to data is the same for all possible inputs of the same length.

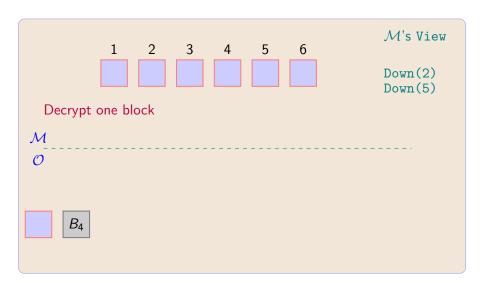


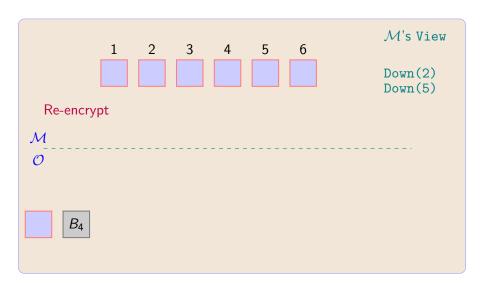
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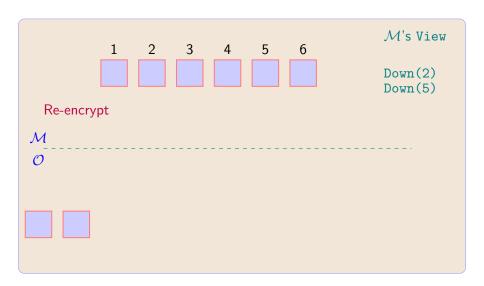


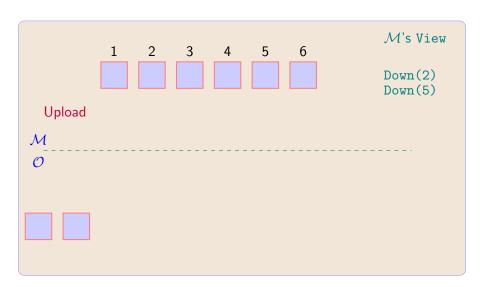


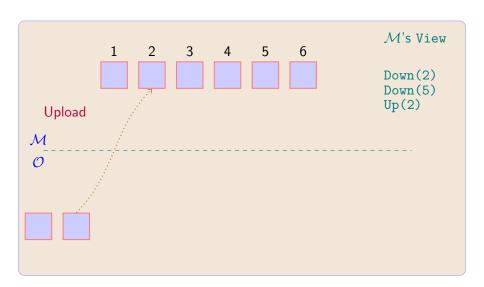












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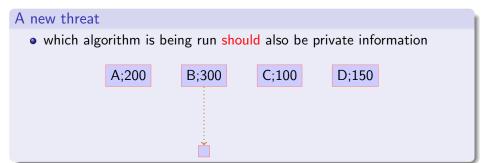
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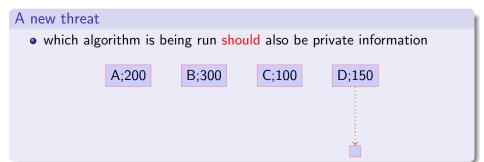
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For every predicate A

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{Prob}[\mathtt{view} \leftarrow \mathtt{View}(I,\mathbb{B}) : A(\mathtt{view}) = 1] \\ &\leq e^0 \cdot \operatorname{Prob}[\mathtt{view} \leftarrow \mathtt{View}(J,\mathbb{C}) : A(\mathtt{view}) = 1] + \mathsf{negl}(n) \end{split}$$

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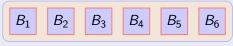
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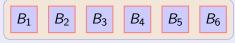
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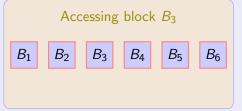


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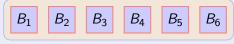


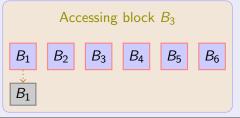


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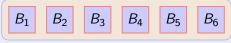




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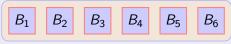


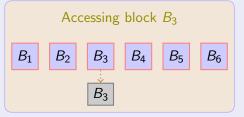


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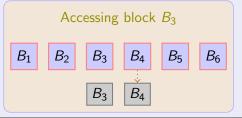


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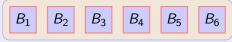
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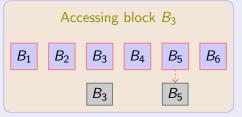


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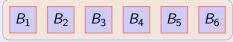


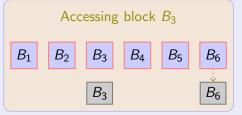


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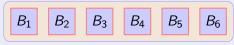




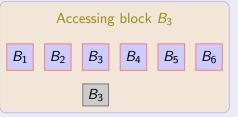
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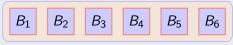


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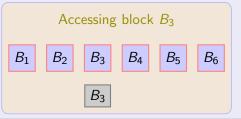
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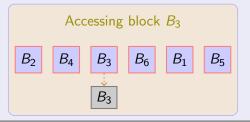
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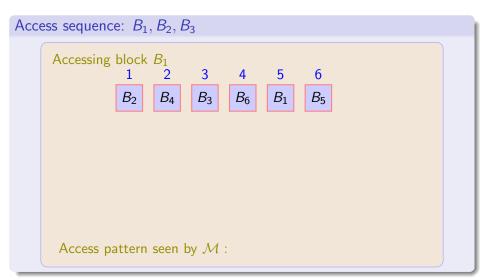
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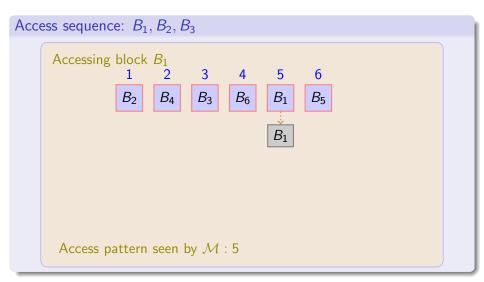
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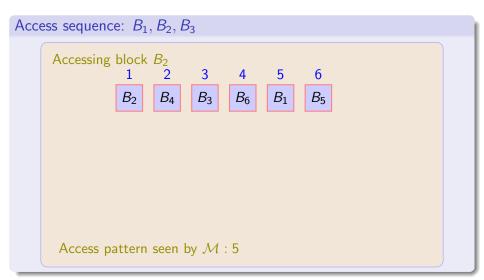
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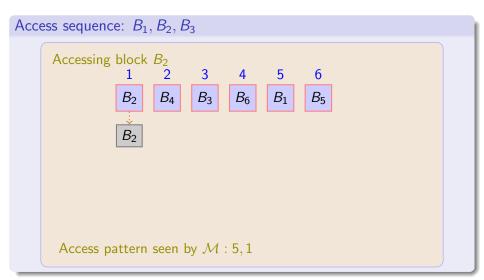
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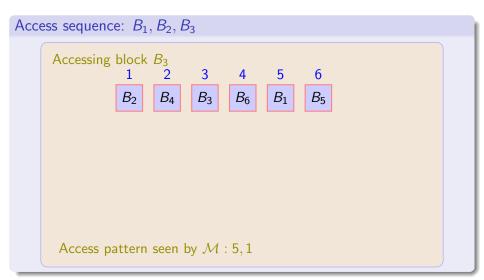


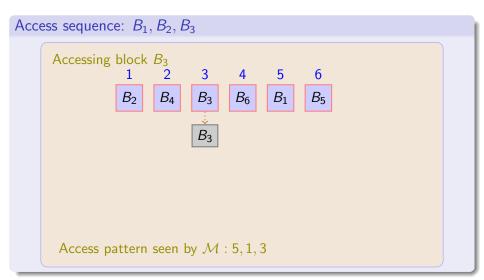


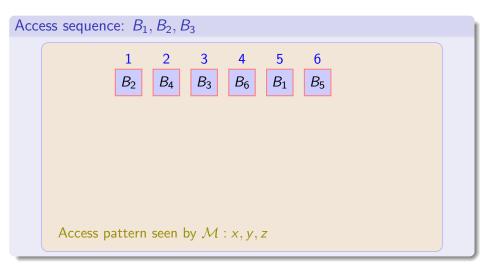


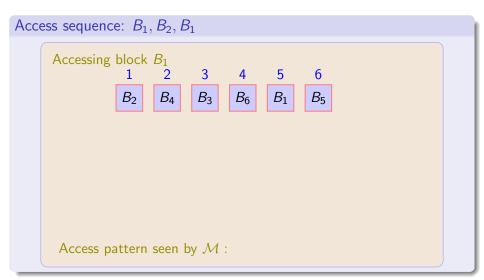


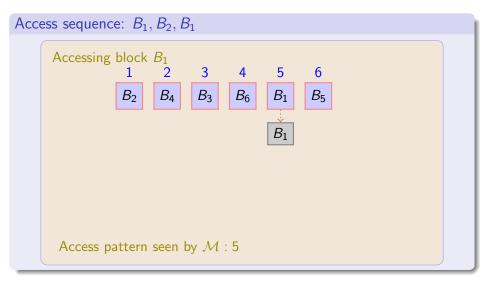


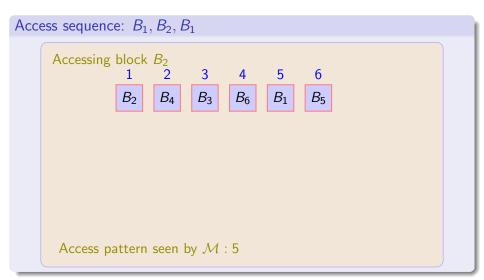


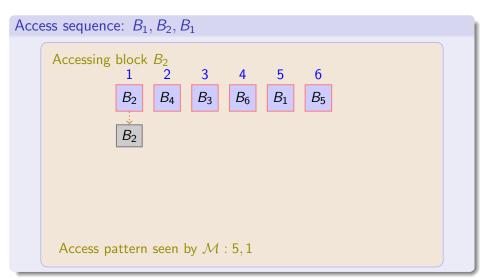


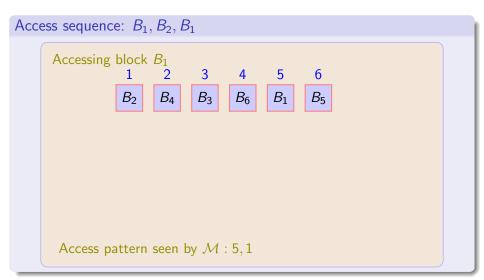




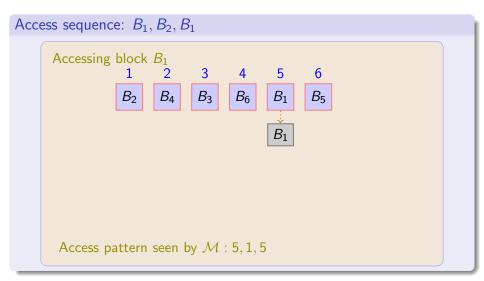




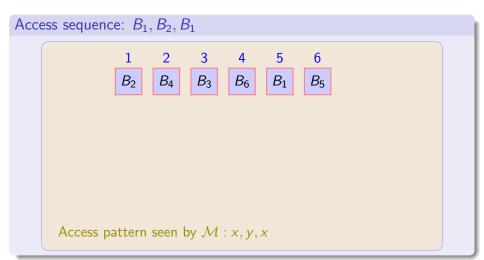




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Oblivious for Non-repeating sequences

- $k_1 \neq k_2$ implies $i_{k_1}^1 \neq i_{k_2}^1$ and $i_{k_1}^2 \neq i_{k_2}^1$;
- \mathcal{M} sees requests for l different randomly chosen blocks both for O_1 and for O_2 .

Repetition Pattern is leaked

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If the same block is requested twice by $\mathcal O$ then $\mathcal M$ sees the same position accessed twice.

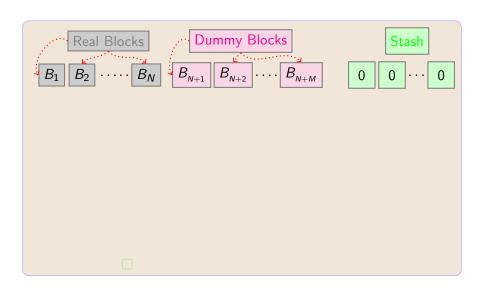
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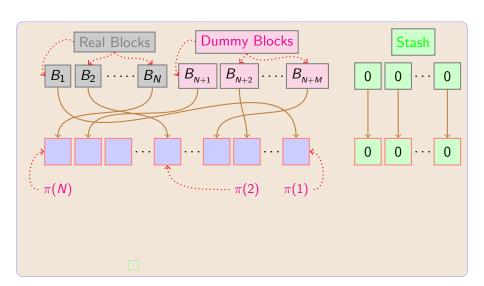
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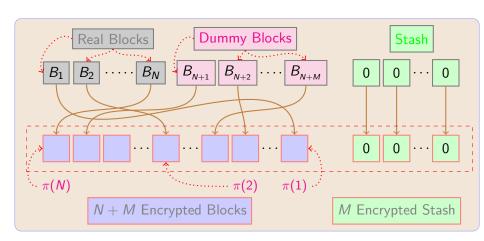
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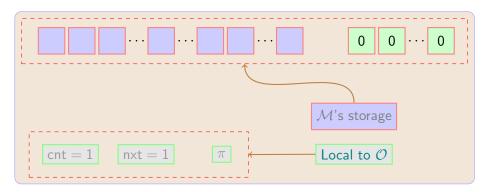
Initialization for N blocks

- N real blocks B_1, \ldots, B_N ;
- 2 create M dummy blocks B_{N+1}, \ldots, B_{N+M} ;
- 3 create M stash blocks S_1, \ldots, S_M initialized to 0;
- pick a random permutation π over [N + M];
- permute *real* and *dummy* blocks according to permutation π an encryption of B_i is uploaded in position $\pi(i)$;
- upload all stash blocks in encrypted form;
- \bullet initialize nxt = 1, cnt = 1;
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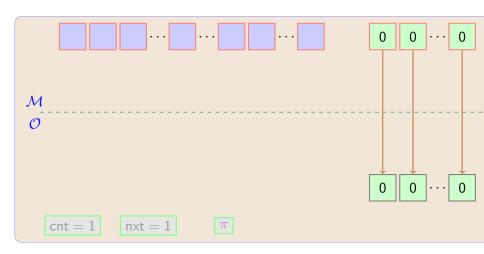
Reading Block B_i

- **1** download and decrypt all *M* blocks in the Stash;
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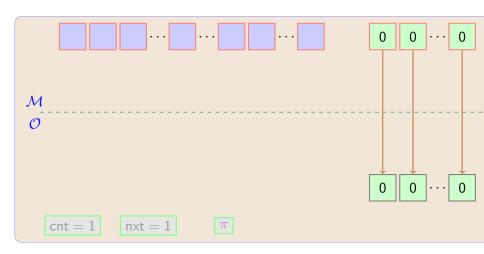
else

- ▶ download encrypted real block in position $\pi(i)$;
- decrypt and obtain real block B_i;
- ▶ set next available Stash block $S_{nxt} = B_i$;
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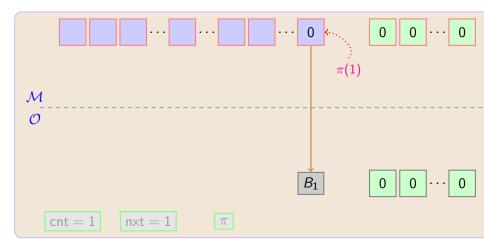


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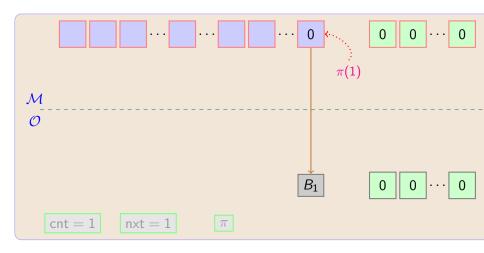


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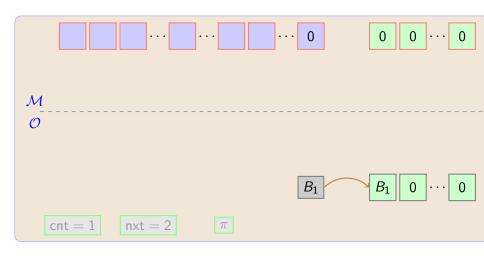


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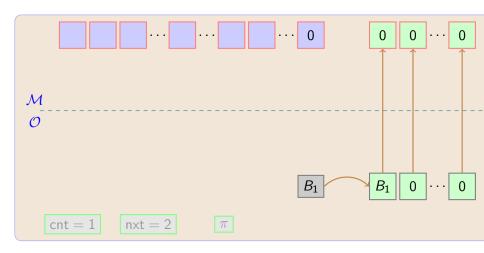


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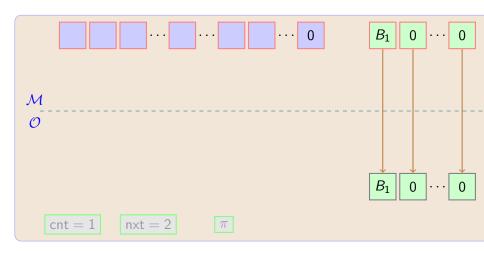


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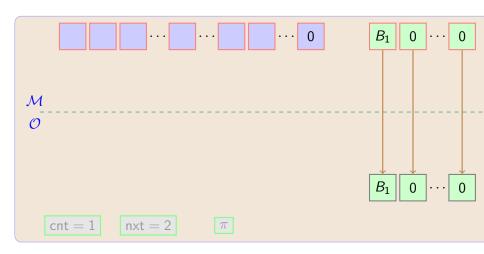


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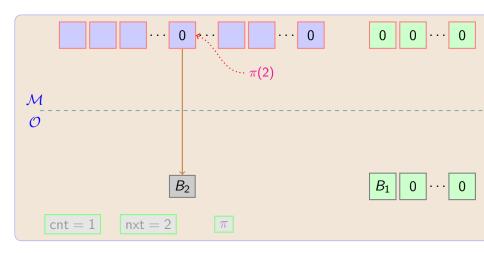


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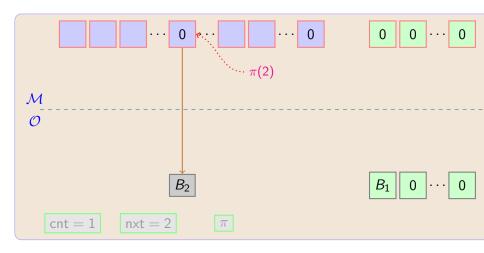


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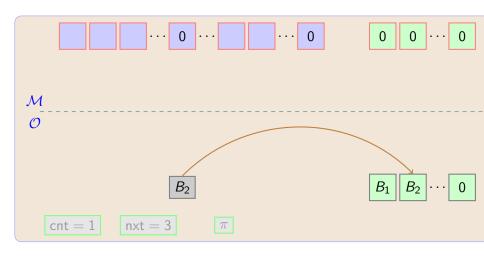


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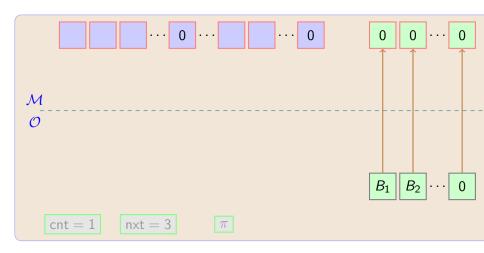


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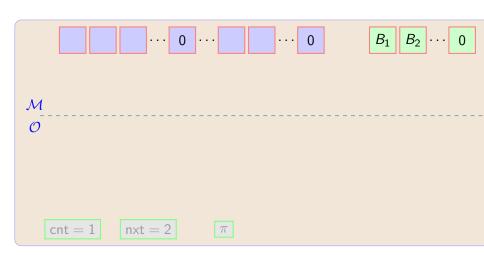
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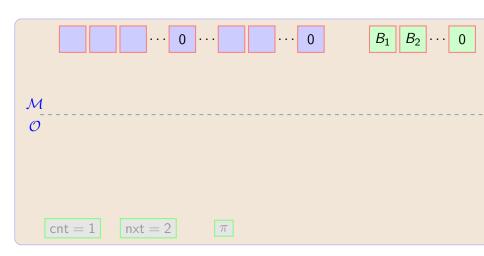
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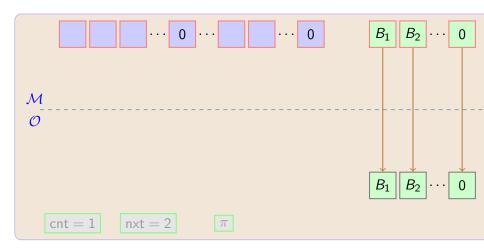
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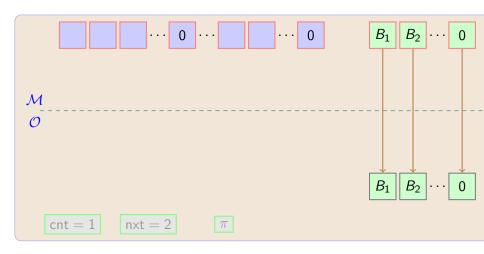
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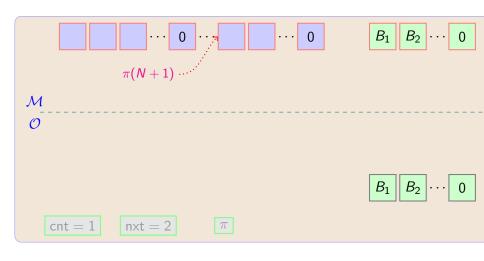
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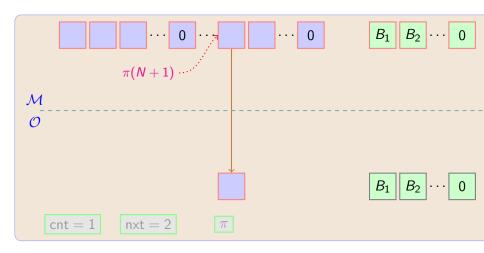
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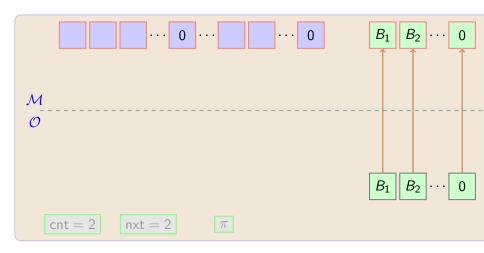
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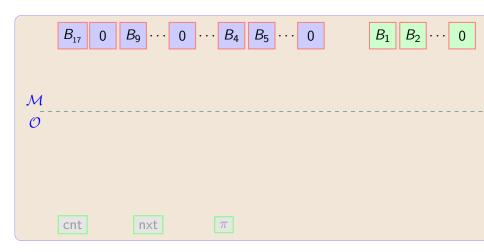
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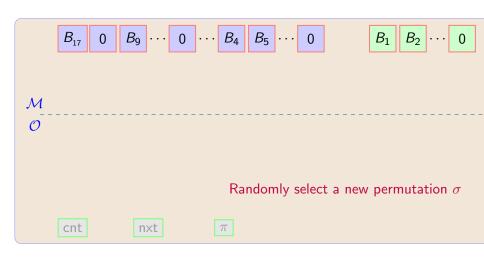
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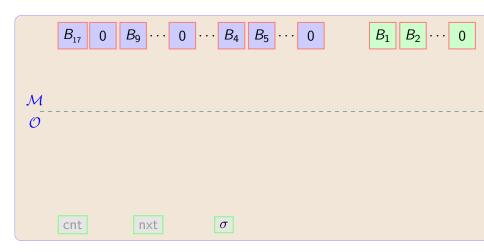
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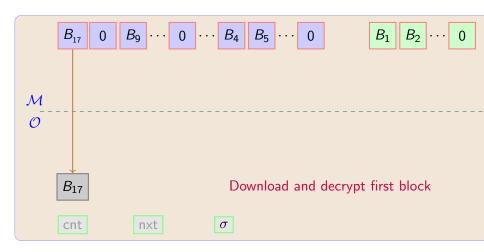


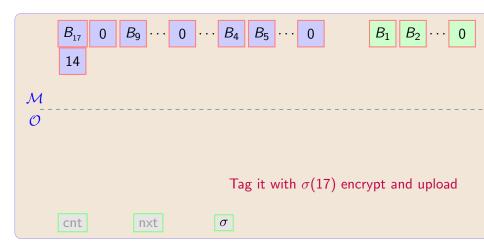
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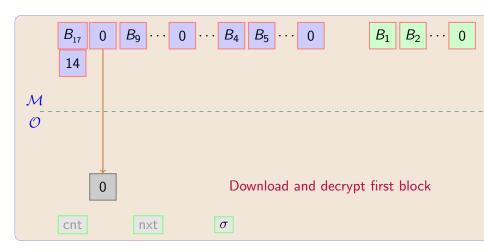


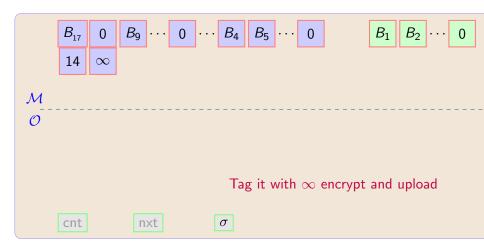
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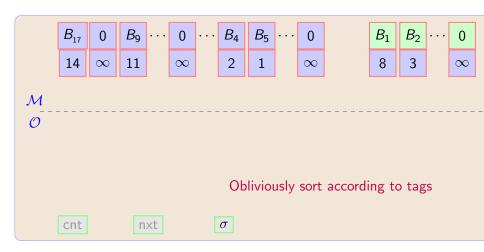


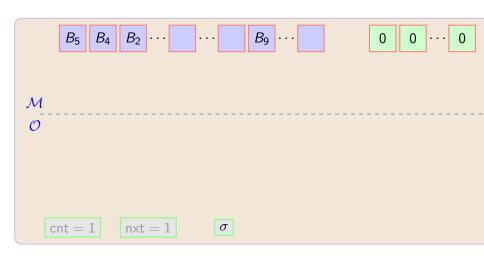












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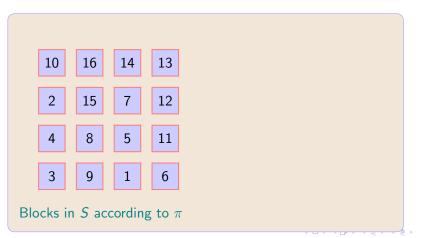
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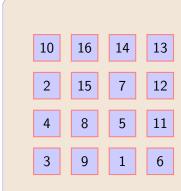
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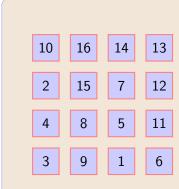


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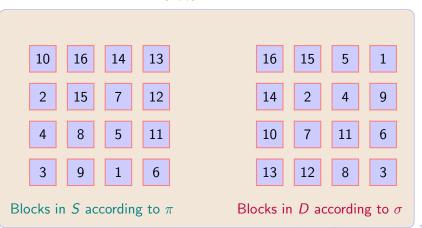
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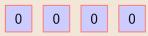
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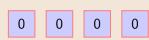
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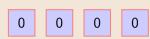
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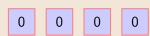


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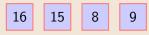
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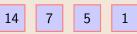
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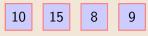
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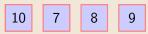
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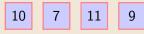
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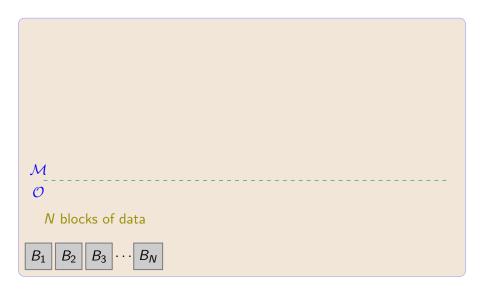
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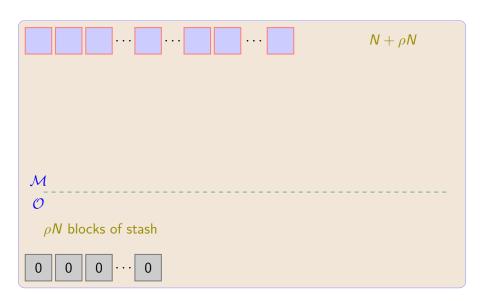
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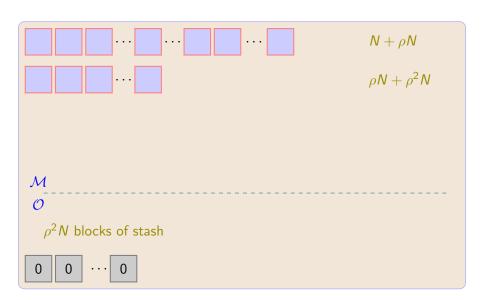
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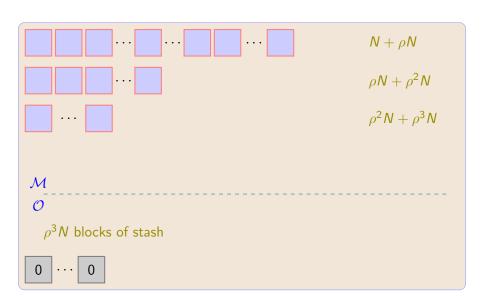
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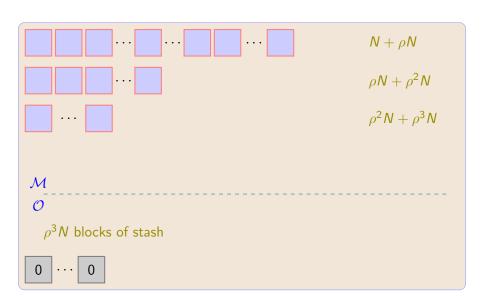
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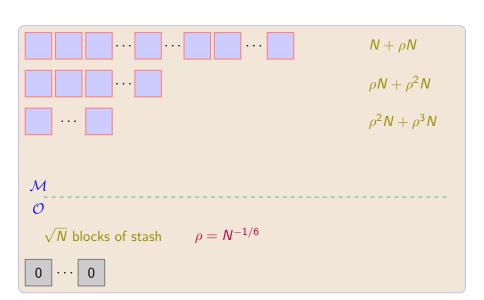


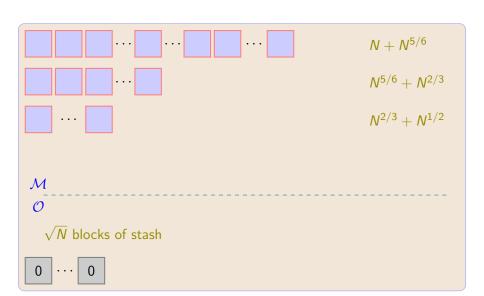


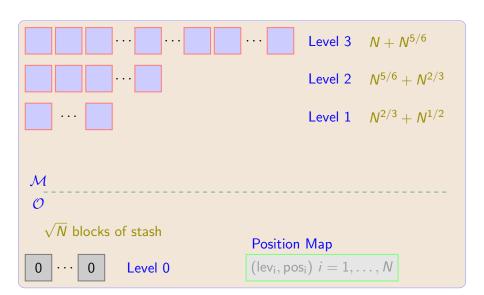












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- using key $\mathcal{F}(K, (I, pos))$
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Some Theory

A Taxonomy

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- BallsAndBins
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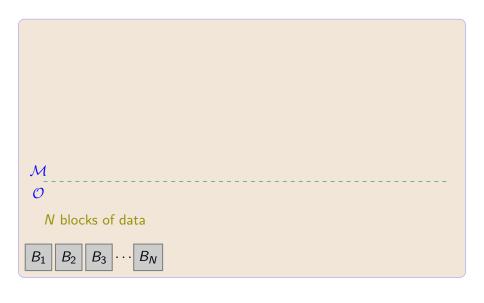
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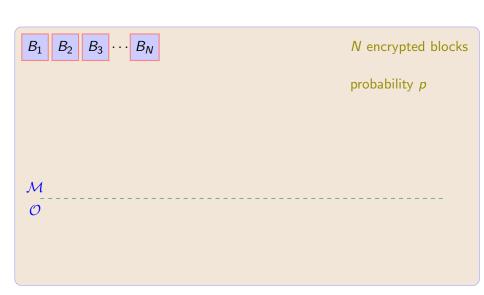
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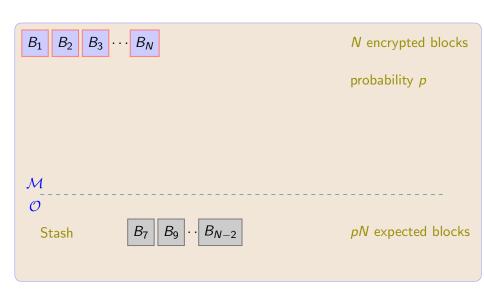
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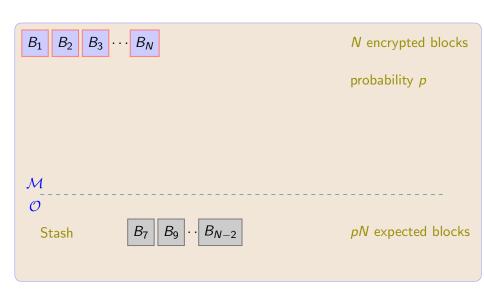
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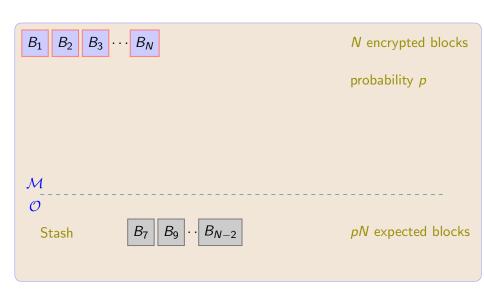
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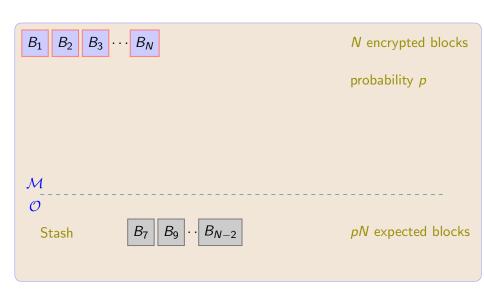












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