

Beyond Set Disjointness: The Communication Complexity of Finding the Intersection

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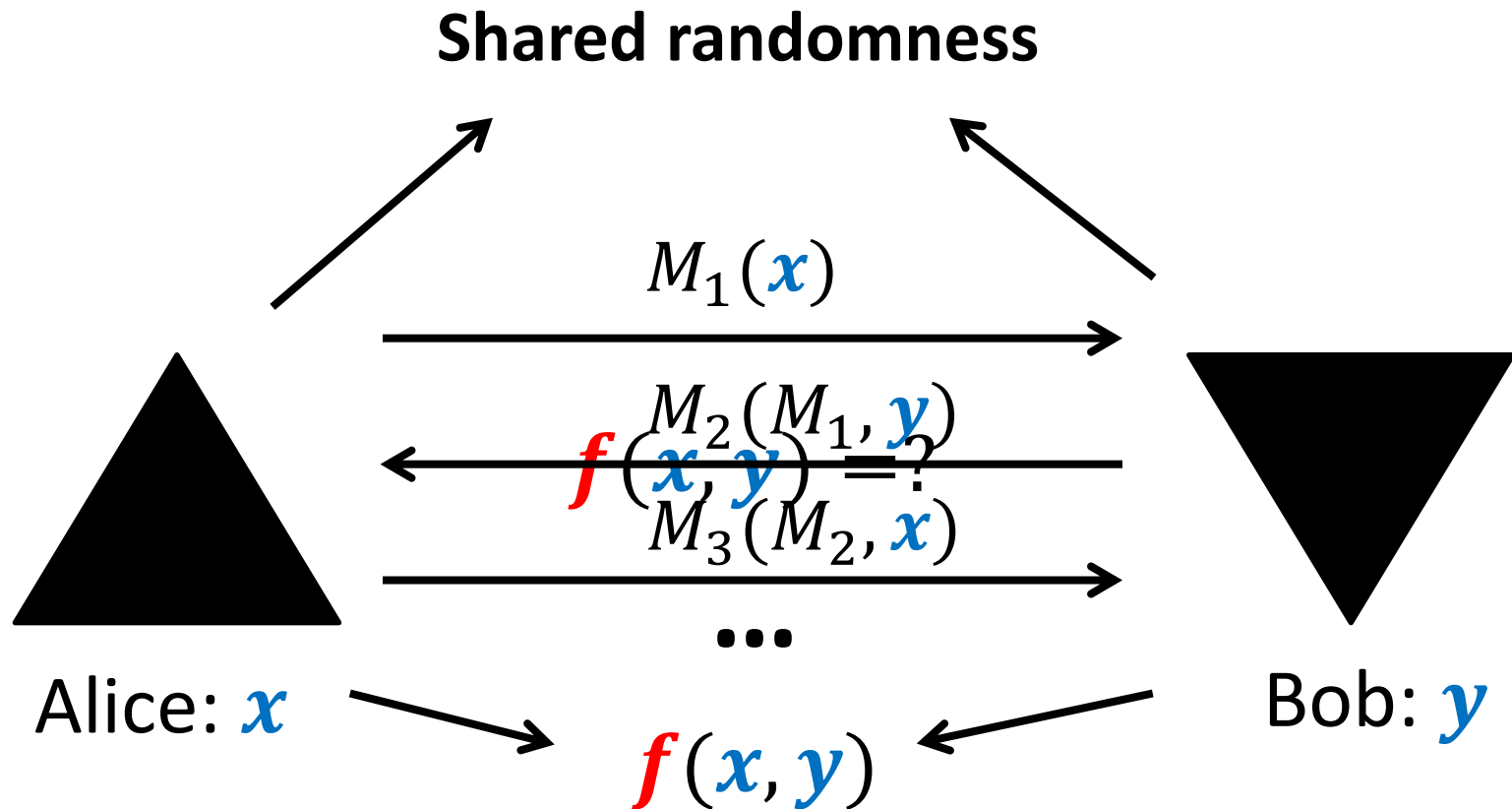
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Joint with Brody, Chakrabarti, Kondapally and Woodruff

Communication Complexity [Yao'79]



- $R(\mathbf{f}) = \min.$ communication (error $1/3$)
- $R^k(\mathbf{f}) = \min.$ k -round communication (error $1/3$)

Set Intersection

- $x = S, y = T, f(x, y) = S \cap T$



$$S \subseteq [n], |S| \leq k$$



$$T \subseteq [n], |T| \leq k$$

$$S \cap T = ?$$



$$R^r(k\text{-Intersection}) = ?$$

This talk

Let $ilog^r k = \log \underbrace{\log \dots \log}_r k$

- $R^r(\textcolor{blue}{k}\text{-Intersection}) = O(\textcolor{blue}{k} ilog^{\textcolor{red}{r}} \textcolor{blue}{k})$

[Brody, Chakrabarti, Kondapally, Woodruff, Y.; PODC'14]

- $R^r(\textcolor{blue}{k}\text{-Intersection}) = \Omega(\textcolor{blue}{k} ilog^r \textcolor{blue}{k})$

[Saglam-Tardos FOCS'13; Brody, Chakrabarti, Kondapally, Woodruff, Y.'13]

$$R^r(\textcolor{blue}{k}\text{-Intersection}) = \Theta(\textcolor{blue}{k}) \text{ for } r = O(\log^* \textcolor{blue}{k})$$

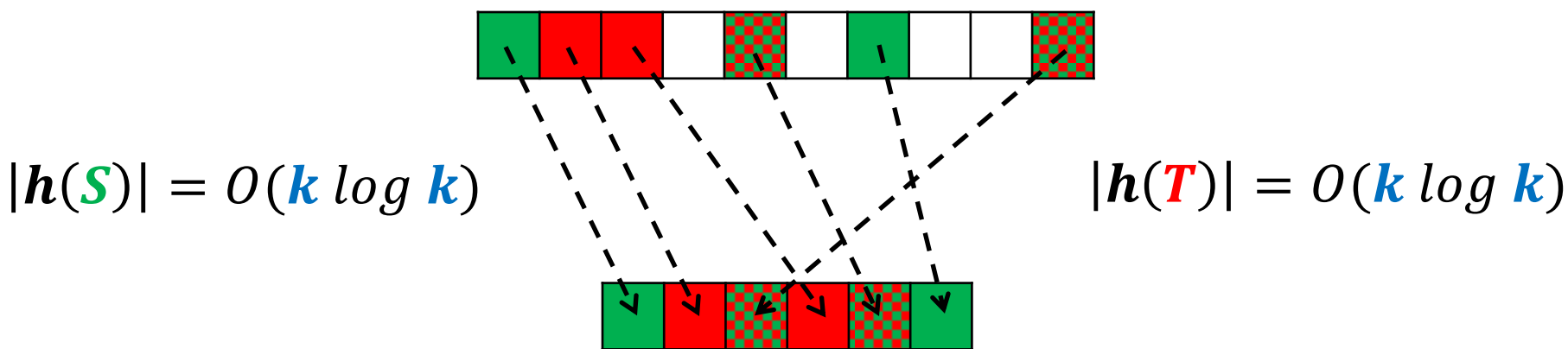
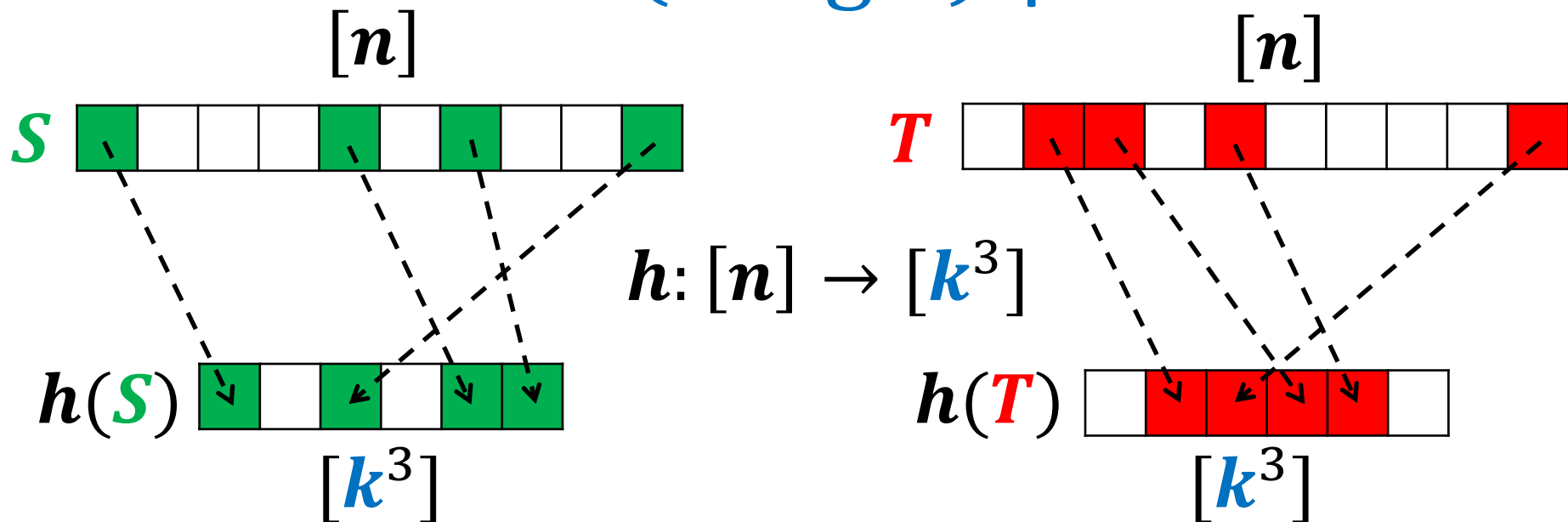
k -Disjointness

- $f(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}) = 1$, iff $|\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{T}| = 0$
- $R(k\text{-Disjointness}) = \Theta(k)$ [Razborov'92; Hastad-Wigderson'96]
- $R^1(k\text{-Disjointness}) = \Theta(k \log k)$
[Folklore + Dasgupta, Kumar, Sivakumar; Buhrman'12, Garcia-Soriano, Matsliah, De Wolf'12]
- $R^r(k\text{-Disjointness}) = \Theta(k \operatorname{ilog}^r k)$ [Saglam, Tardos'13]
- $R(k\text{-Disjointness}) = \alpha k + o(k)$ [Braverman, Garg, Pankratov, Weinstein'13]

Applications

- $J(\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{T}) = \frac{|\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{T}|}{|\mathbf{S} \cup \mathbf{T}|}$: exact Jaccard index
(for $(1 \pm \epsilon)$ -approximate use MinHash [Broder'98; Li-Konig'11; Path-Strokel-Woodruff'14])
- Rarity, distinct elements, joins,...
- Multi-party set intersection (later)
- Contrast: $R(\mathbf{S} \cup \mathbf{T}) = R(\mathbf{S} \Delta \mathbf{T}) = \Theta(k \log \frac{n}{k})$

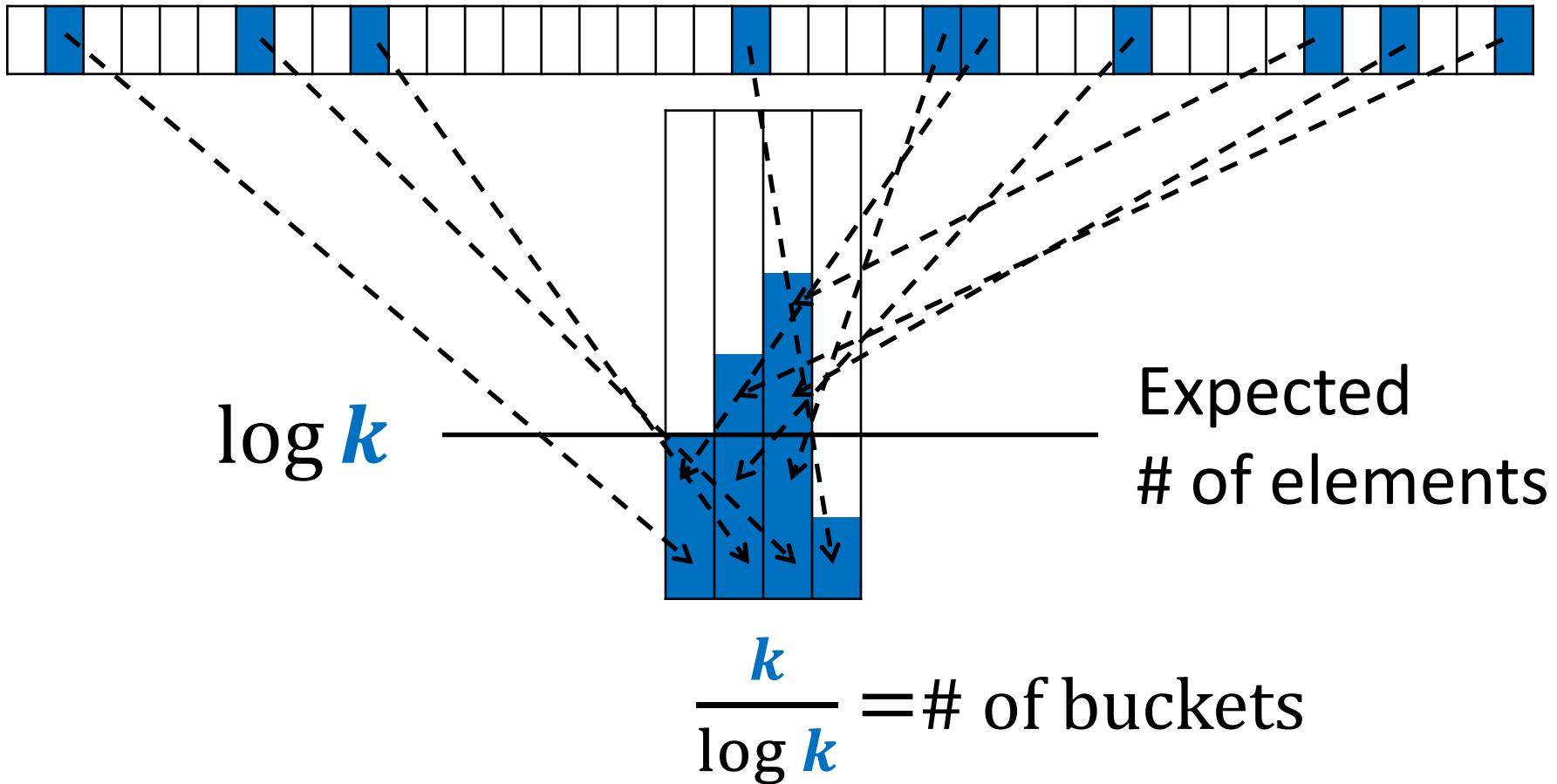
1-round $O(k \log k)$ -protocol



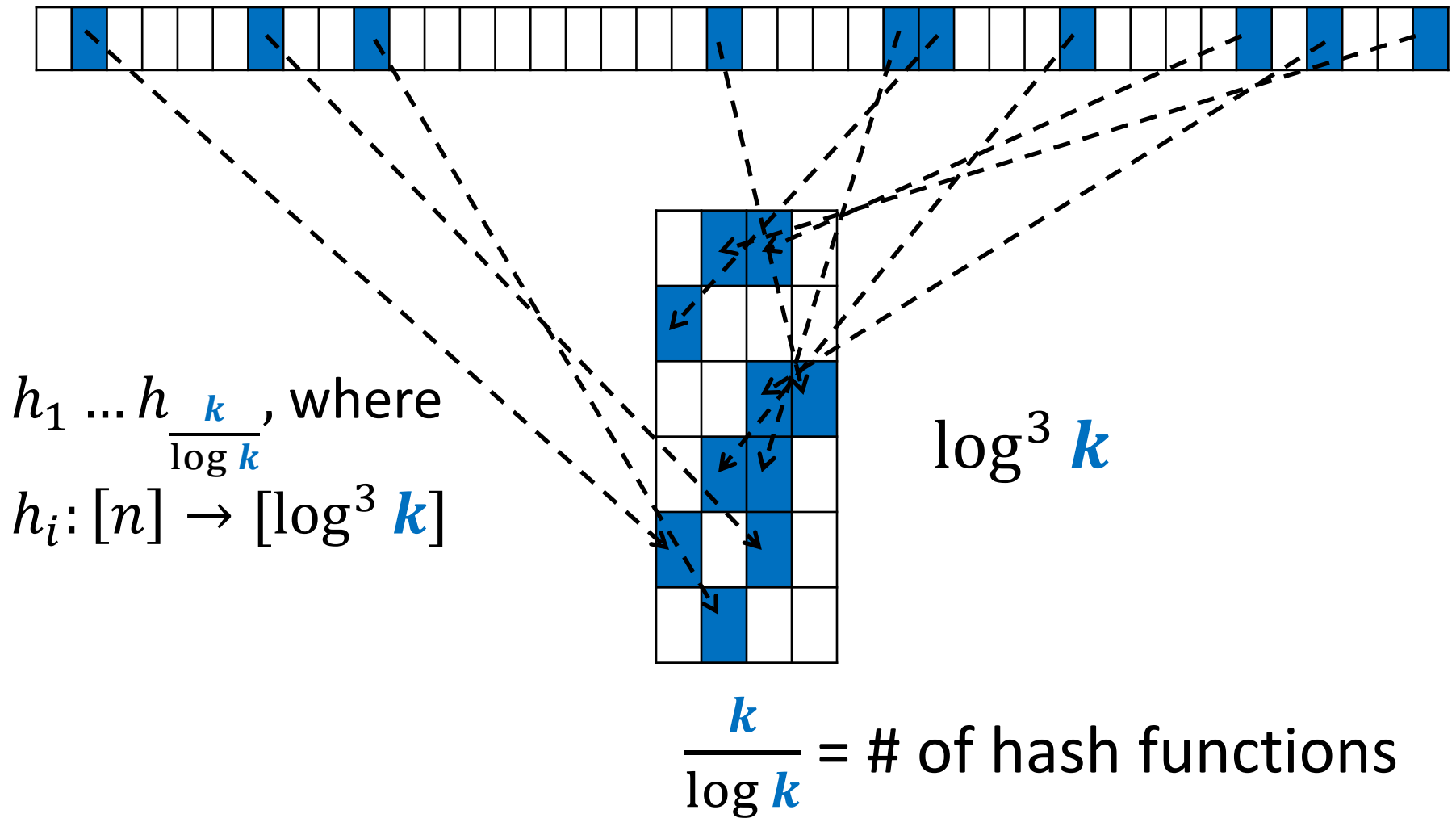
$$S \cap T = S \cap h^{-1}(h(T)) = h^{-1}(h(S)) \cap T$$

Hashing

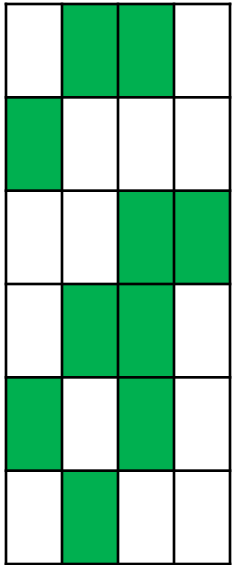
$$h: [n] \rightarrow [k/\log k]$$



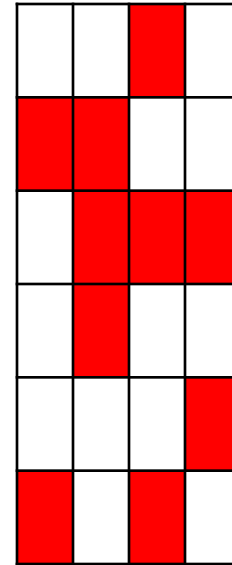
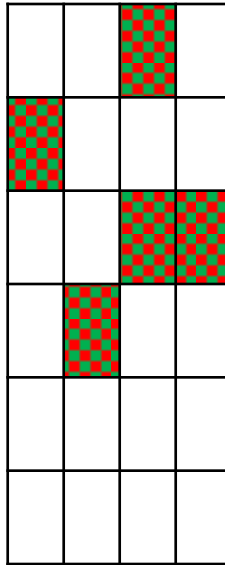
Secondary Hashing



2-Round $O(k \log \log k)$ -protocol



$\log^3 k$



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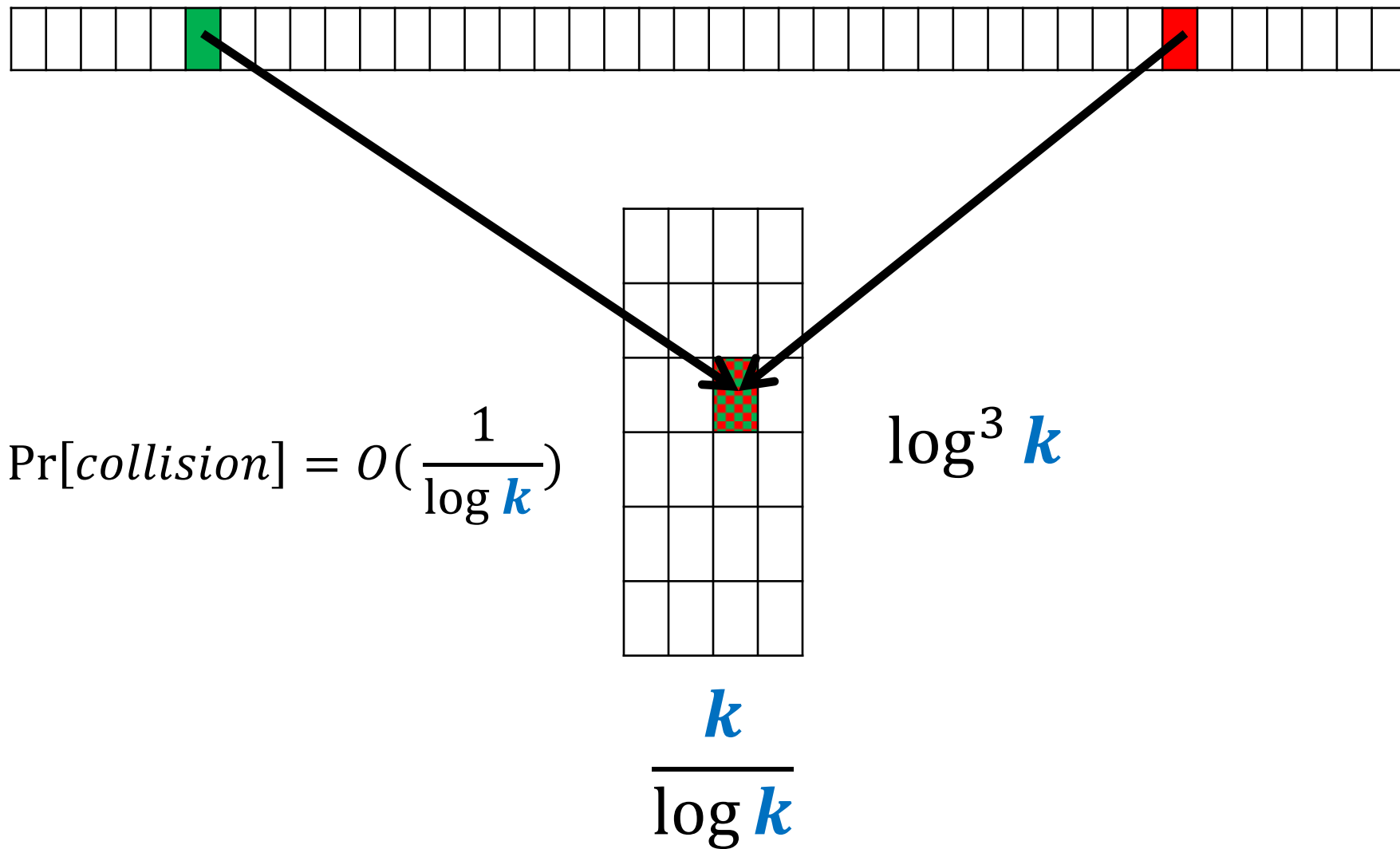
$$\frac{k}{\log k}$$

$$|h_i(\mathbf{S})| = |h_i(\mathbf{T})| = O(\log k \log \log k)$$

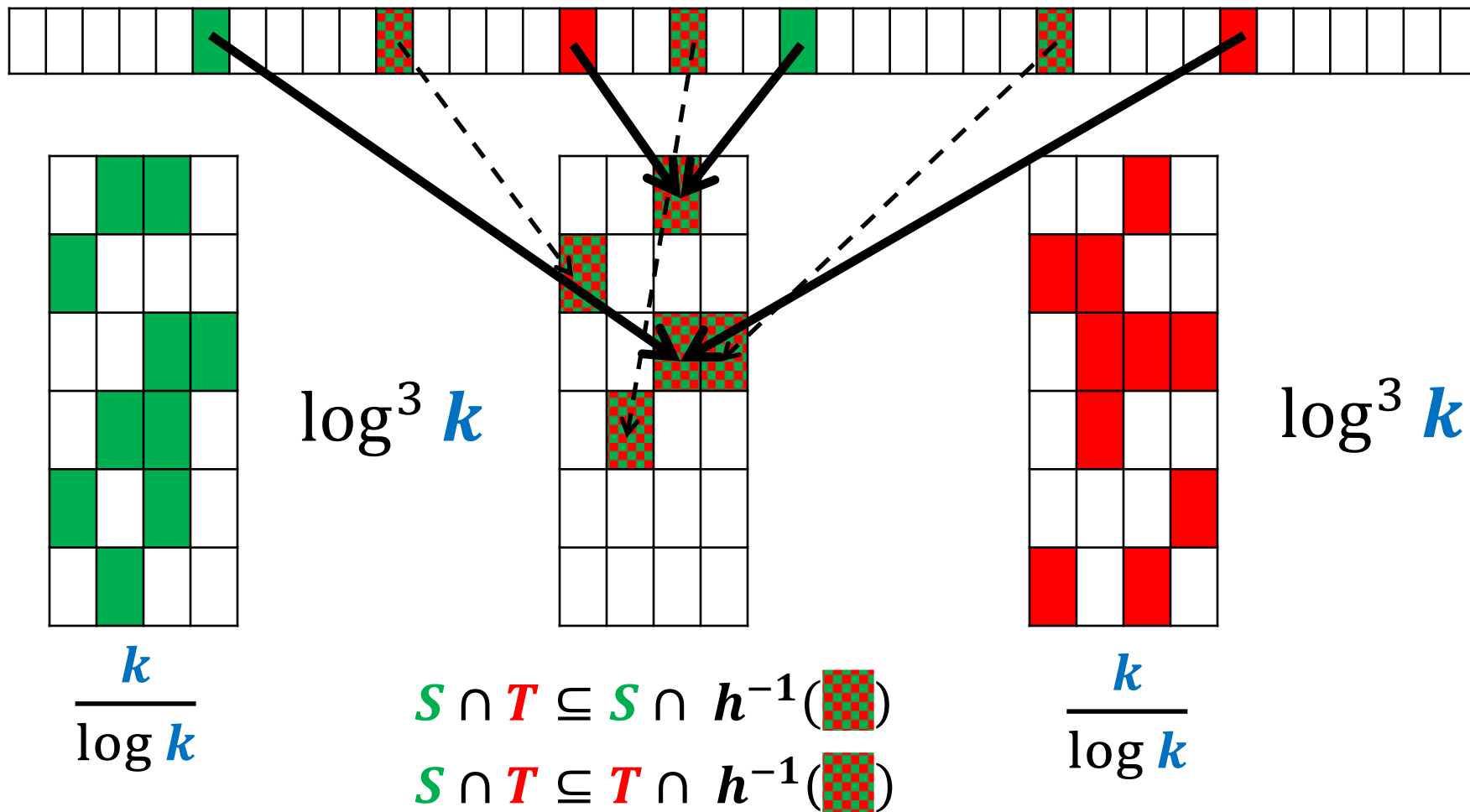
$$\frac{k}{\log k}$$

$$\text{Total communication} = \frac{k}{\log k} O(\log k \log \log k) = O(k \log \log k)$$

Collisions



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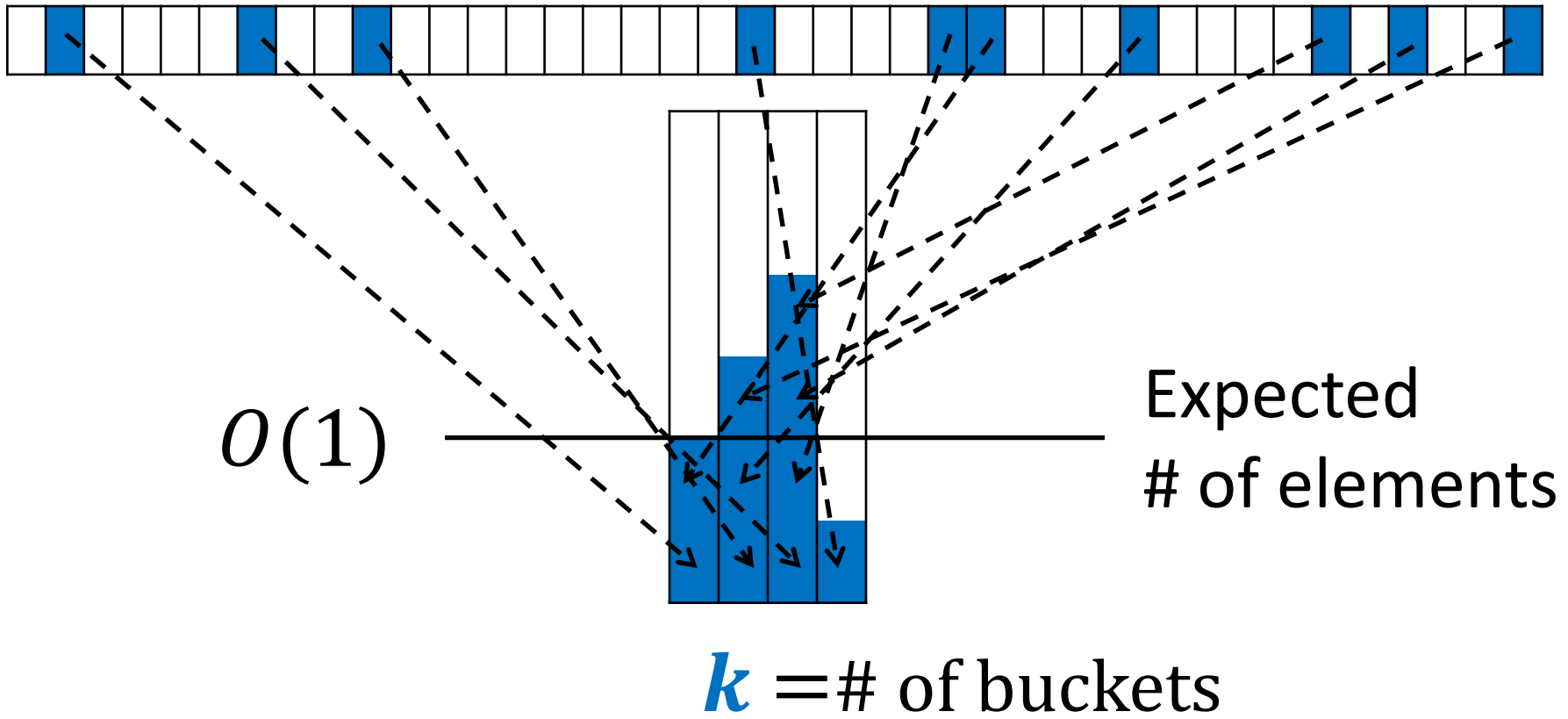


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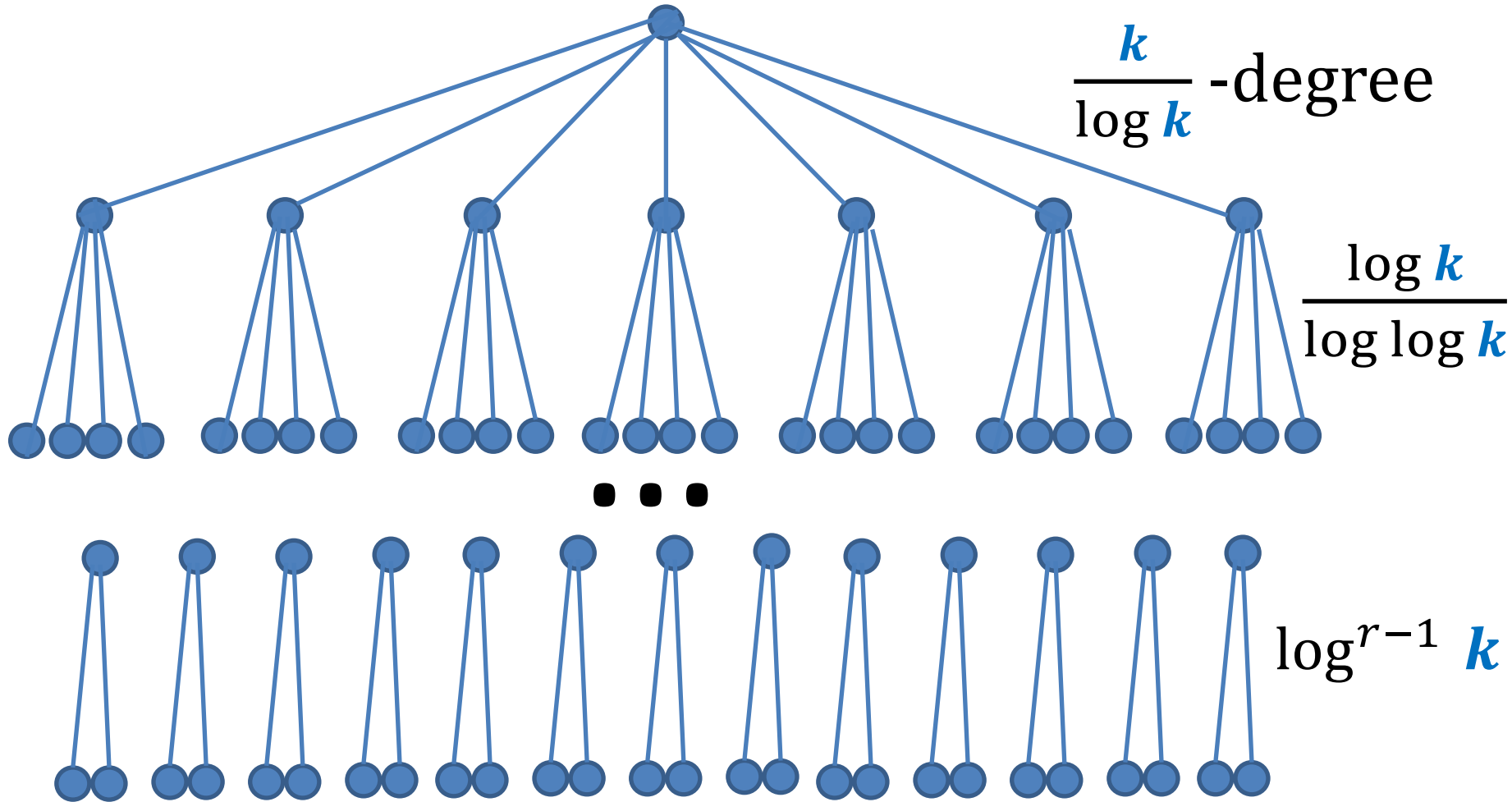
- Second round:
 - For each bucket send $O(\log k)$ -bit equality check (total $O(k)$ -communication)
 - Correct intersection computed in buckets i where
$$\mathbf{S} \cap \mathbf{h}_i^{-1}(\text{grid}) = \mathbf{T} \cap \mathbf{h}_i^{-1}(\text{grid})$$
 - Expected # of items in incorrect buckets $O(k / \log k)$
 - Use 1-round protocol for incorrect buckets
 - Total communication $O(k \log \log k)$

Main protocol

$$h: [n] \rightarrow [k]$$

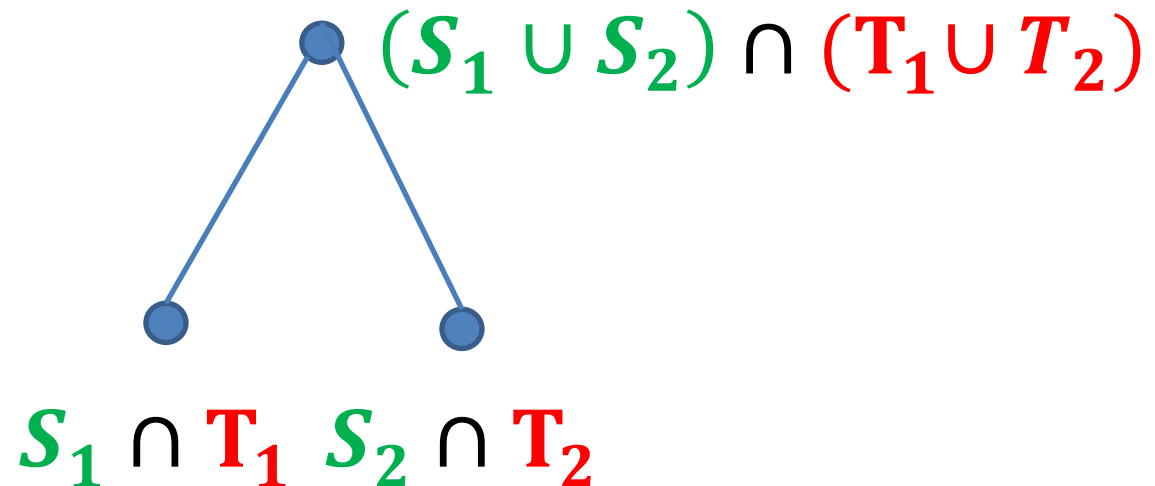
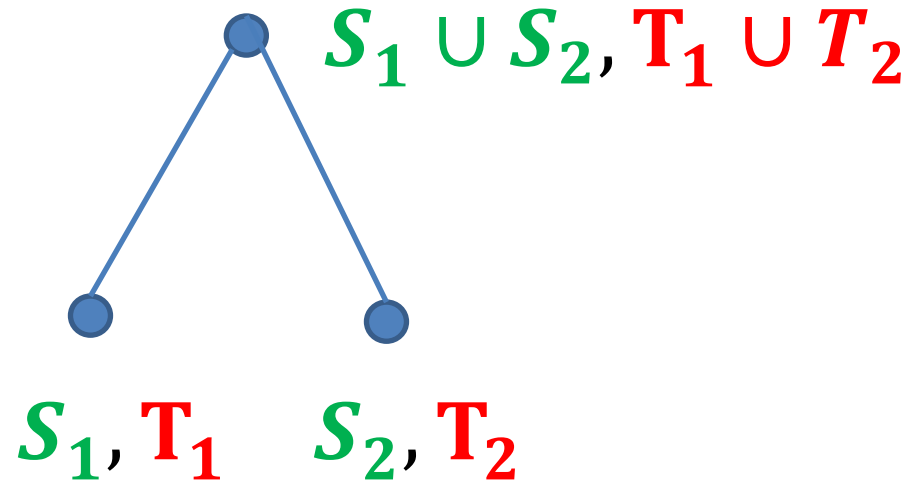


Verification tree

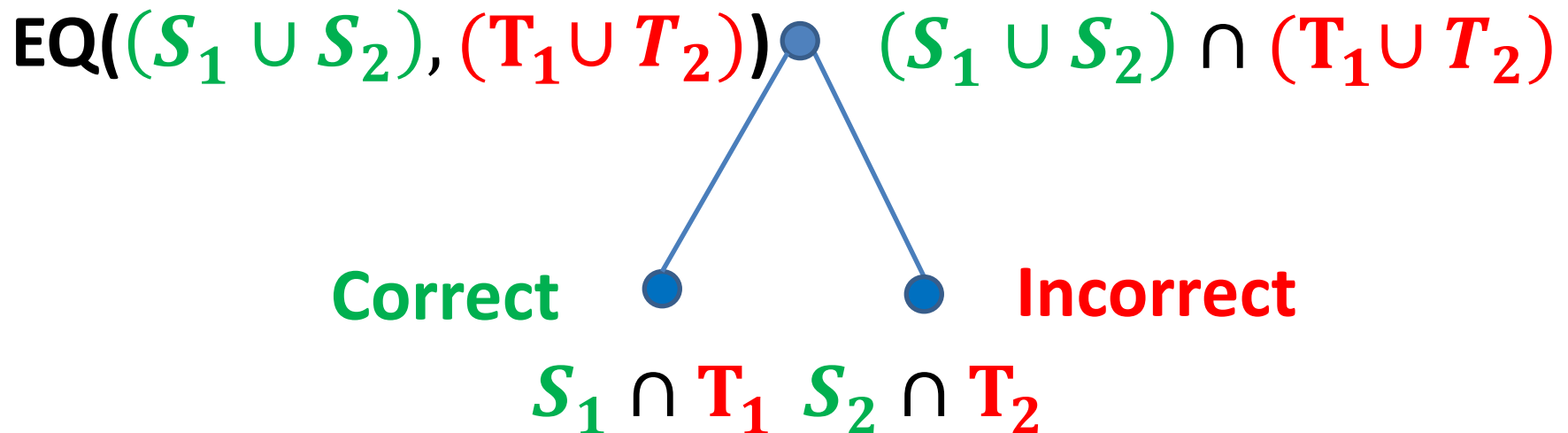
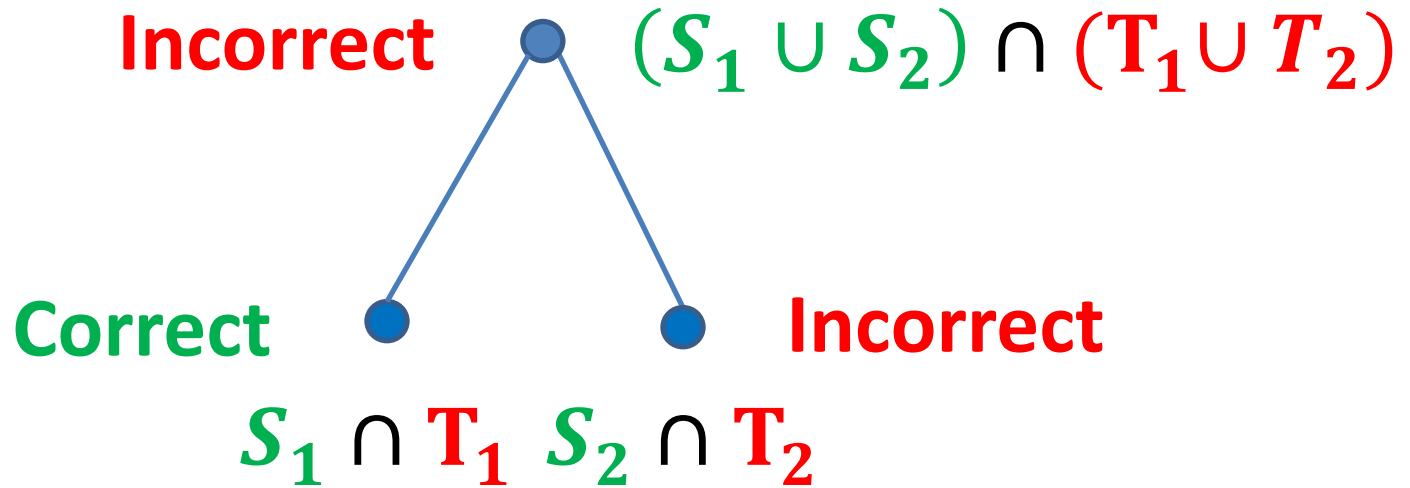


k buckets = leaves of the verification tree

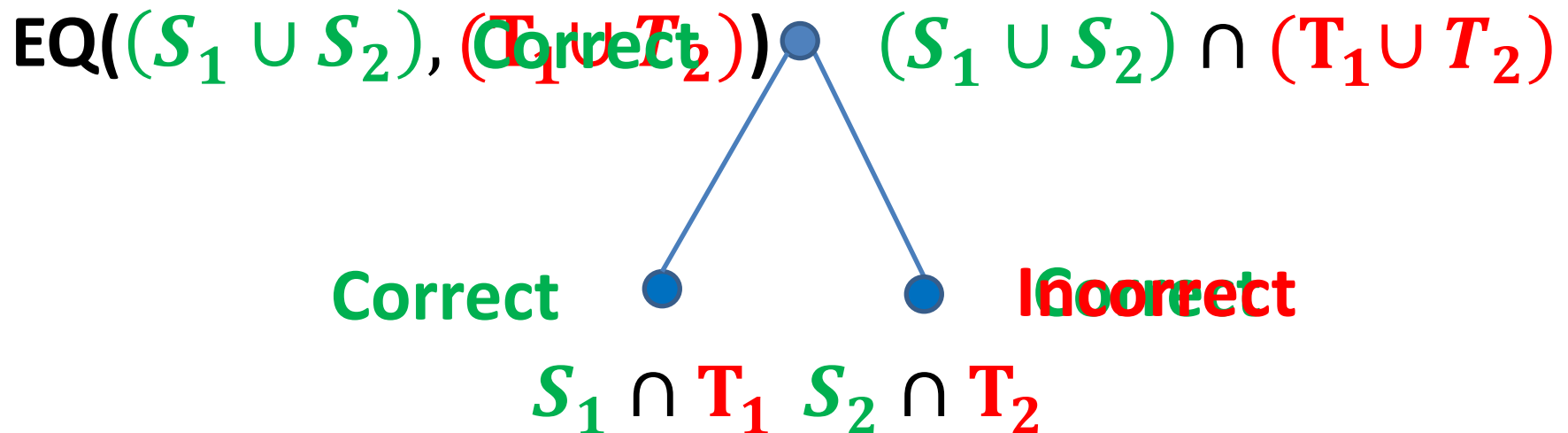
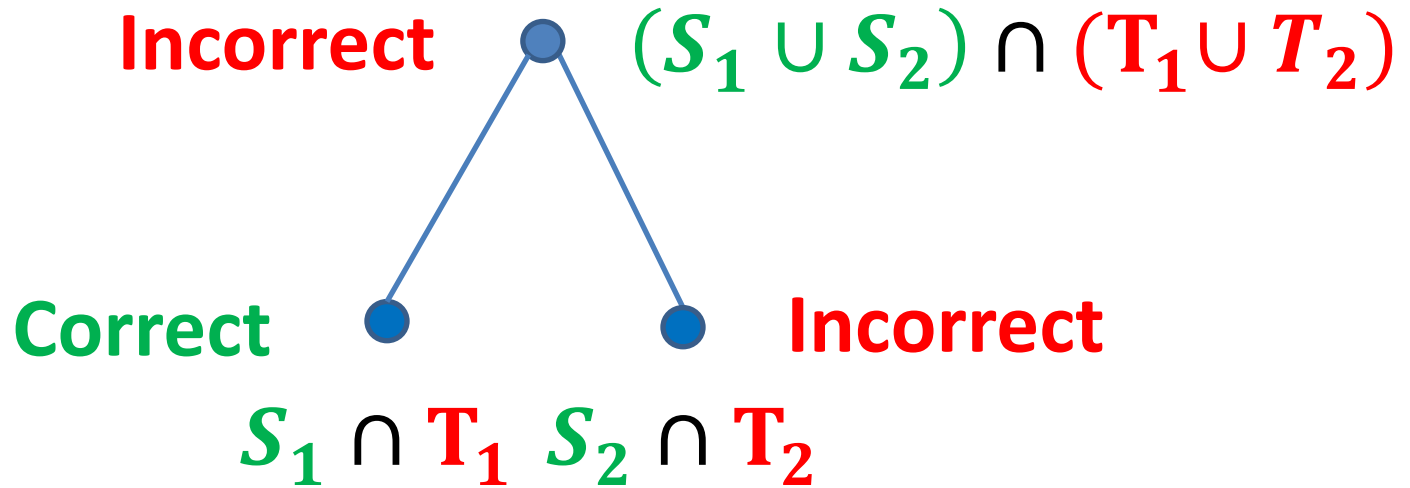
Verification bottom-up



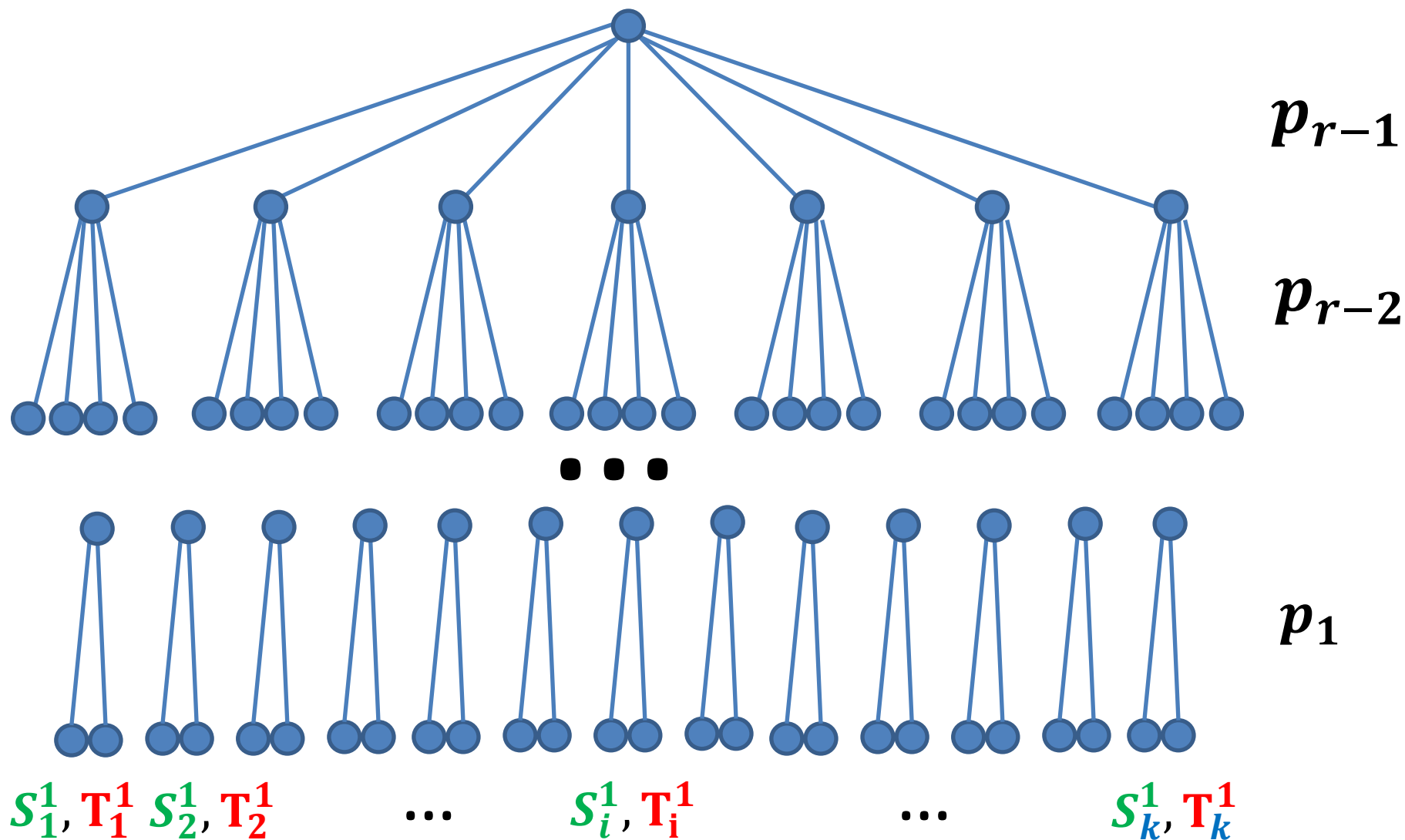
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Analysis of Stage i

- $p_i = \Pr[\text{node at stage } i \text{ computed correctly}]$
- Set $p_i = 1 - \frac{1}{(\log^{r-i-1} k)^4}$
 - Run equality checks and basic intersection protocols with success probability p_i
 - **Key lemma:** $\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ of restarts per leaf}] = O(1)$
 - Cost of Equality = $O(k \log^r k)$
 - Cost of Intersection in leafs = $O(k)$
- $p_{r-1} = \Pr[\text{protocol succeeds}] = 1 - 1/k^4$

Lower Bound

- $R^r(\textcolor{blue}{k}\text{-Intersection}) = \Omega(\textcolor{blue}{k} \log^r \textcolor{blue}{k})$

[Brody, Chakrabarti, Kondapally, Woodruff, Y.'13]

- $EQ_m(\textcolor{blue}{x}, \textcolor{blue}{y}) = 1$ iff $\textcolor{blue}{x} = \textcolor{blue}{y}$, where $\textcolor{blue}{x}, \textcolor{blue}{y} \in \{0,1\}^m$
- $EQ_m^{\textcolor{blue}{k}}$ = solving $\textcolor{blue}{k}$ independent instances of EQ_m
- $EQ_m^{\textcolor{blue}{k}}$ reduces to $\textcolor{blue}{k}$ -Intersection:
 - Given $(x_1, \dots, x_{\textcolor{blue}{k}})$ and $(y_1, \dots, y_{\textcolor{blue}{k}})$
 - Construct sets with elements $(1, x_1), \dots, (\textcolor{blue}{k}, x_{\textcolor{blue}{k}})$ and $(1, y_1), \dots, (\textcolor{blue}{k}, y_{\textcolor{blue}{k}})$

Communication Direct Sums

“Solving m copies of a communication problem requires m times more communication”:

$$R^r(f^m) = \Omega(m)R^r(f)$$

- For arbitrary f [... Braverman, Rao 10; Barak Braverman, Chen, Rao 11,]
- In general, can't go beyond

$$R(EQ_m) = O(1)$$

$$R(EQ_{m,m}^m) = O(m)$$

Specialized Communication Direct Sums

Information cost \leq Communication complexity

- $R(\text{Disjointness}) = \Omega(n)$ [Bar Yossef, Jayram, Kumar, Sivakumar'01]

$$\text{Disjointness}(x, y) = \bigwedge_i (\neg x_i \vee \neg y_i)$$

- Stronger direct sum for bounded-round complexity of Equality-type problems (a.k.a. “union bound is optimal”) [Molinaro, Woodruff, Y.'13]

$$R^1(EQ^k) = \Omega(k \log k) R(EQ)$$
$$R^r(EQ^k) = \Omega(k \log^r k) R(EQ)$$

Extensions

- Multi-party: m players, S_1, \dots, S_m , where $|S_i| \leq k$
 - $S = S_1 \cap \dots \cap S_m = ?$
 - Boost error probability to $1 - 1/2^k$
 - Average per player (using coordinator):
 $O(k \log^r k)$ in $O\left(r \max\left(1, \frac{\log m}{k}\right)\right)$ rounds
 - Worst-case per player (using a tournament)
 $O\left(k^2 \log^r k \max\left(1, \frac{\log m}{k}\right)\right)$ in $O\left(rk \max\left(1, \frac{\log m}{k}\right)\right)$ rounds

Open Problems

- $R^r(\textcolor{blue}{k}\text{-Intersection}) = O(\textcolor{blue}{k} \log^r \textcolor{blue}{k})$?
- Better protocols for the multi-party setting