

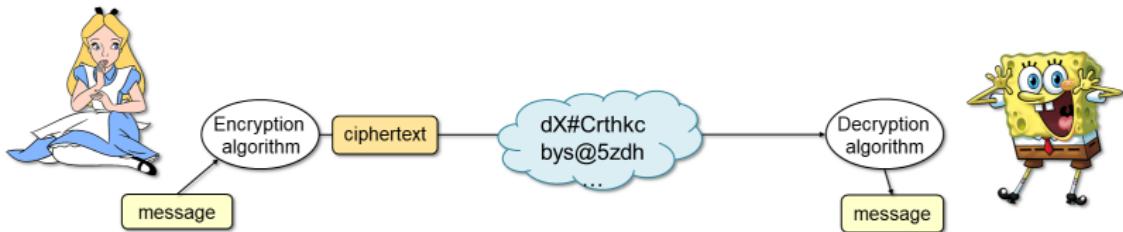
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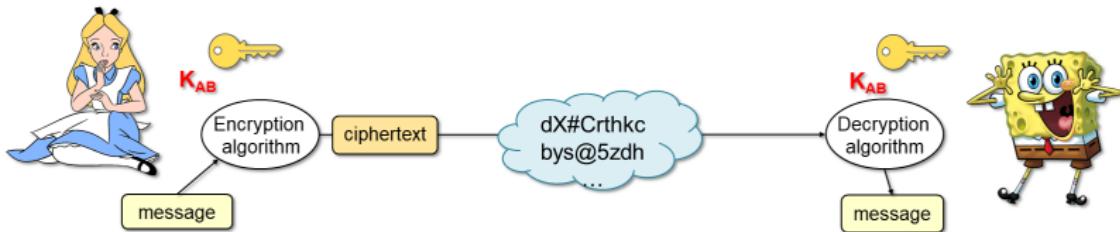
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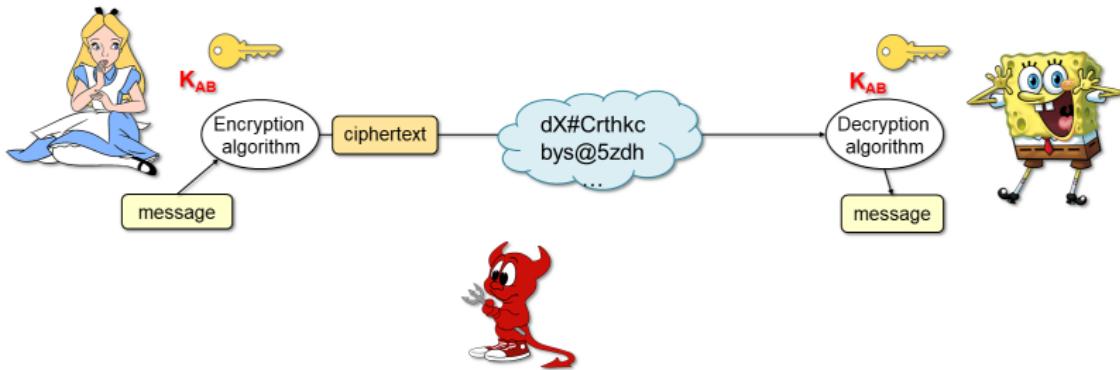
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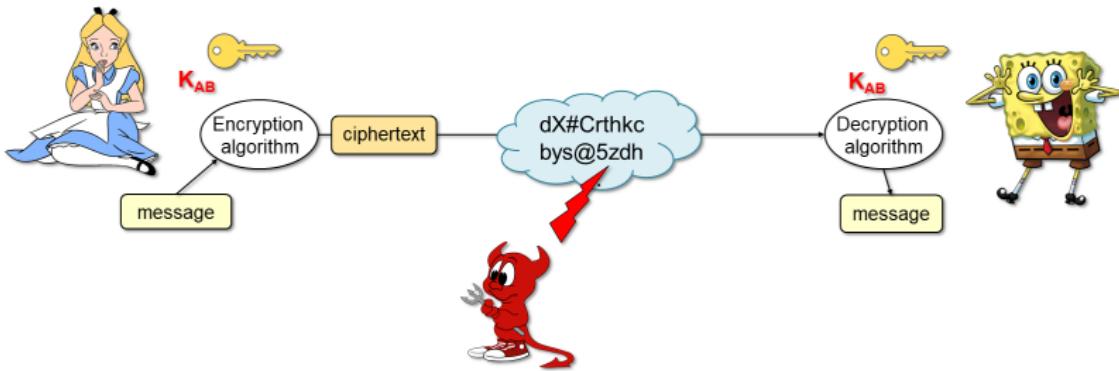
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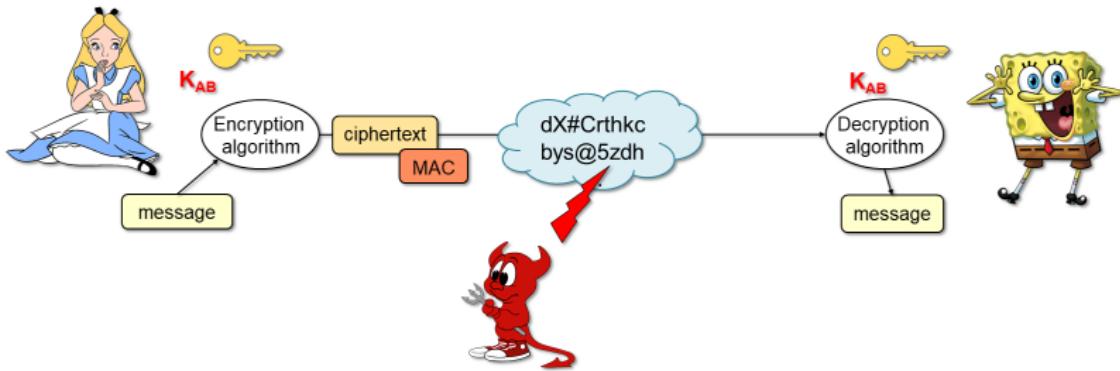
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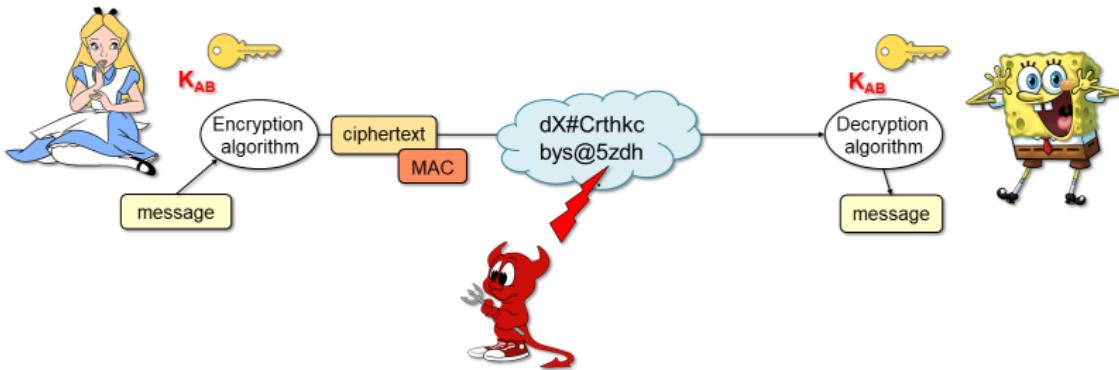
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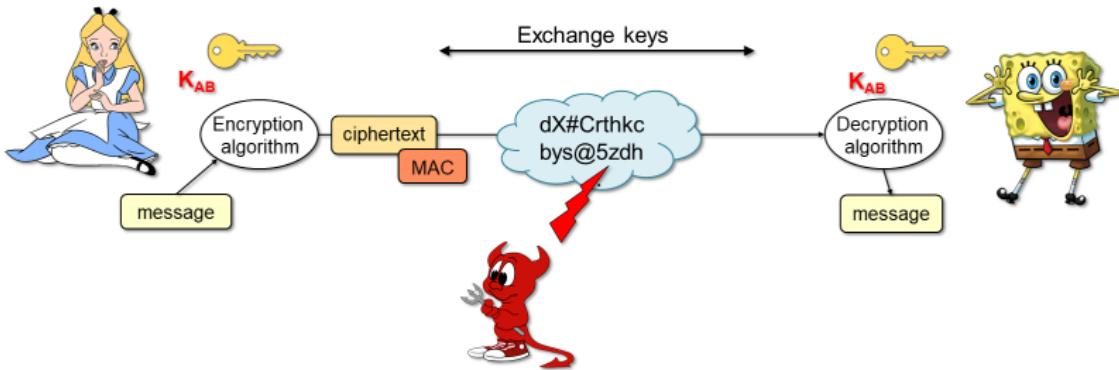
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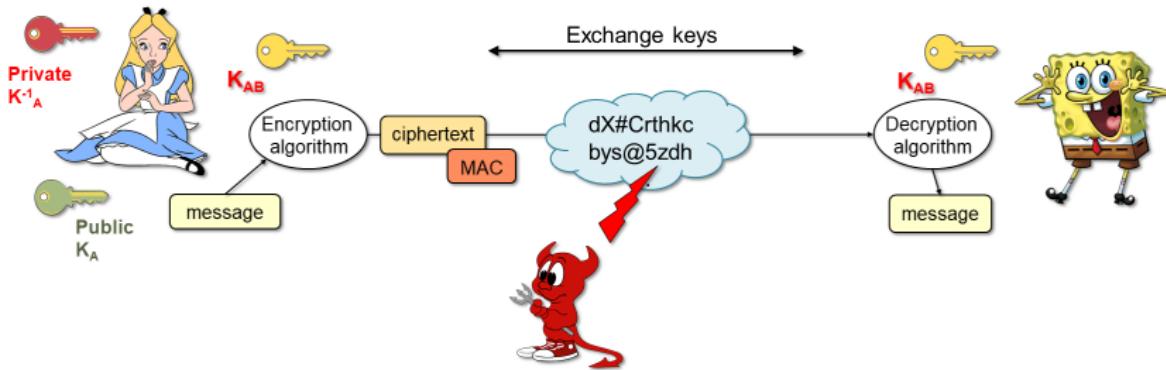
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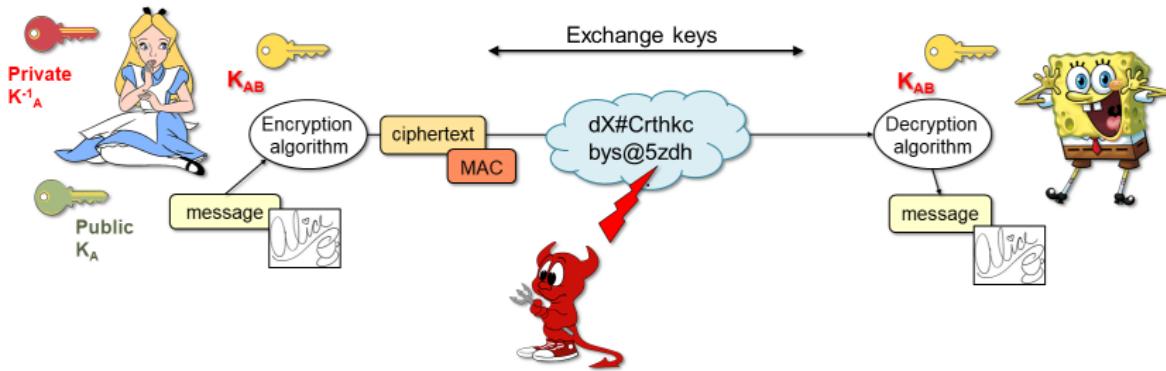
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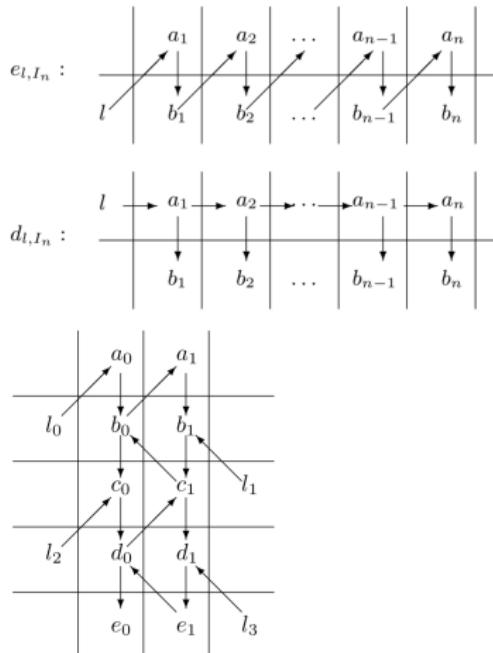
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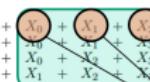
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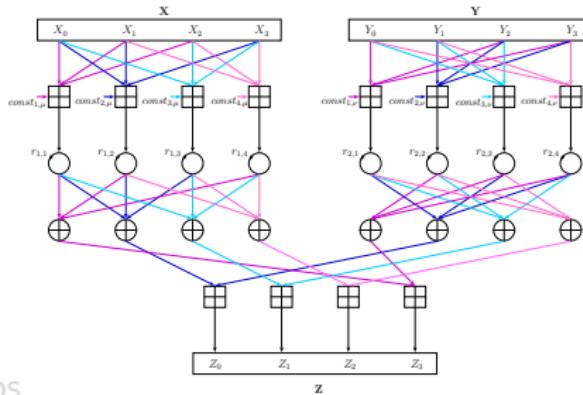
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$$q = (q^{(1)}, q^{(2)}, q^{(3)}) : \mathbb{F}_2^6 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^3$$

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Security from ideal primitives + Cryptanalysis of real constructions

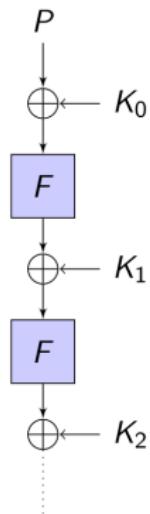


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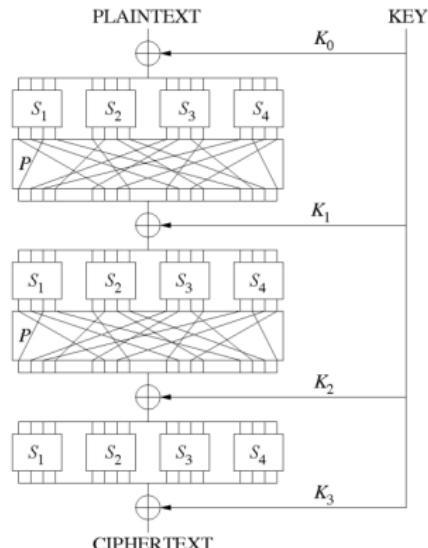


Figure: Classical SPN

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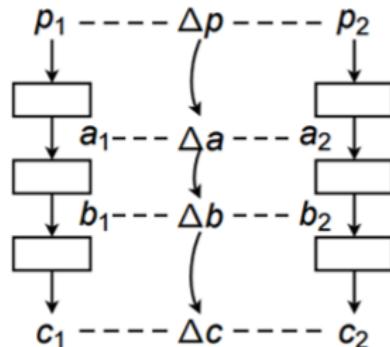
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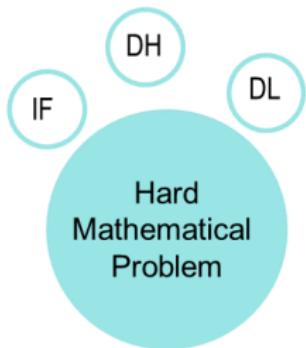
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- ▶ Invented by Biham and Shamir, late '80s
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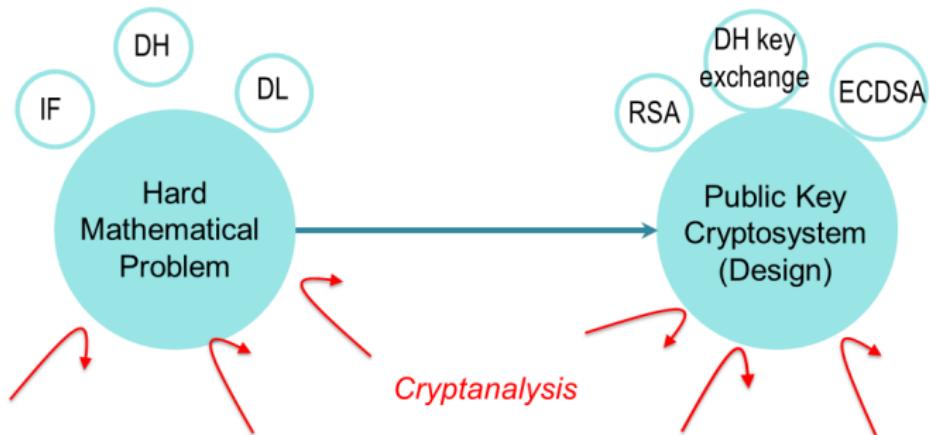
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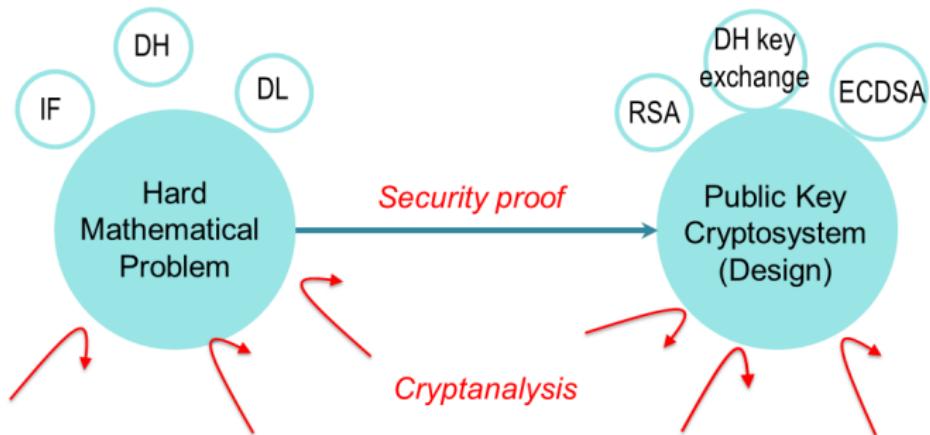
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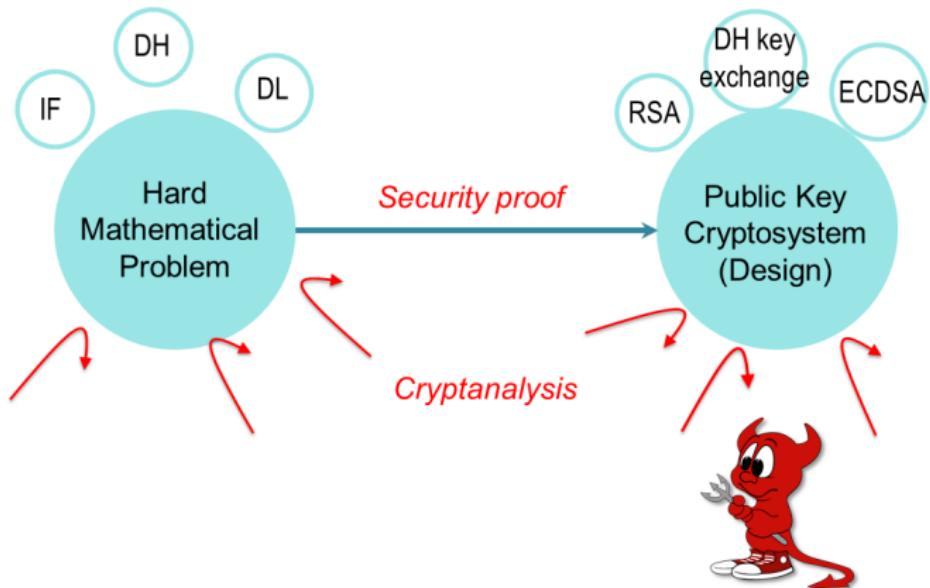
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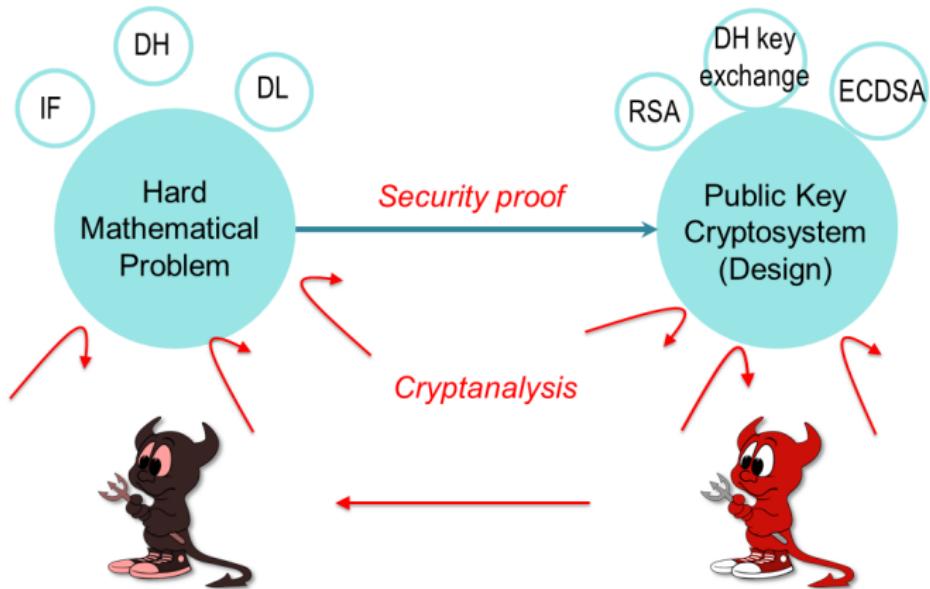
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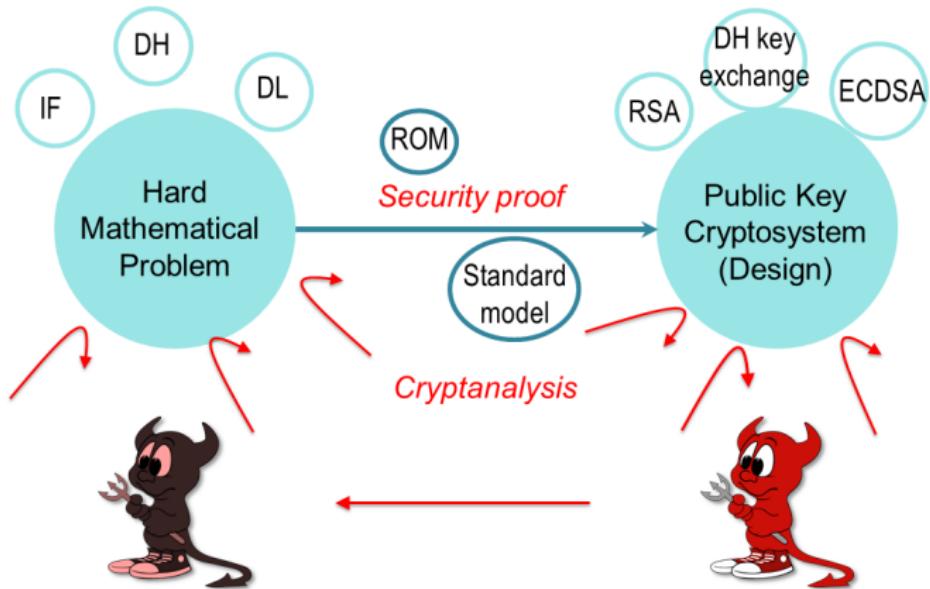
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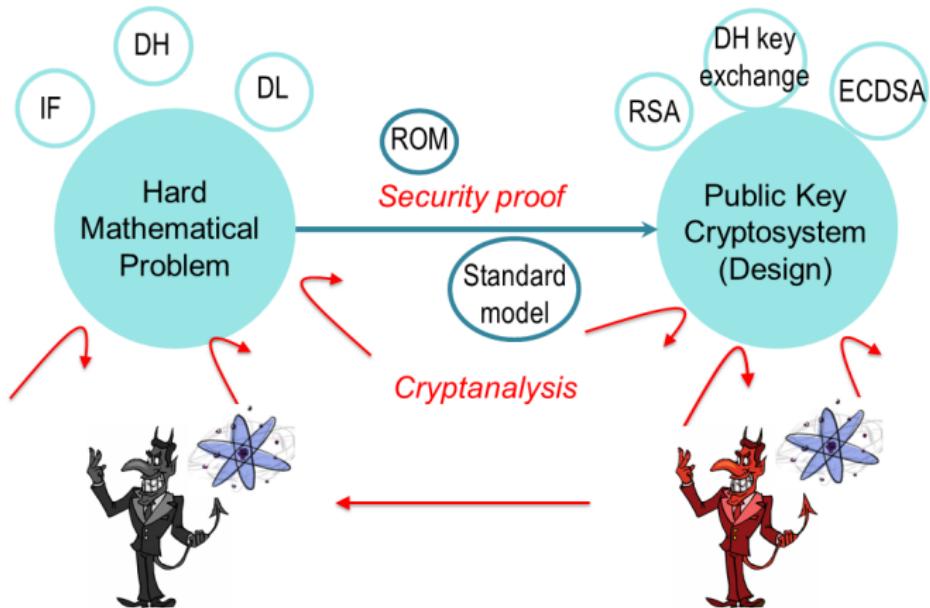
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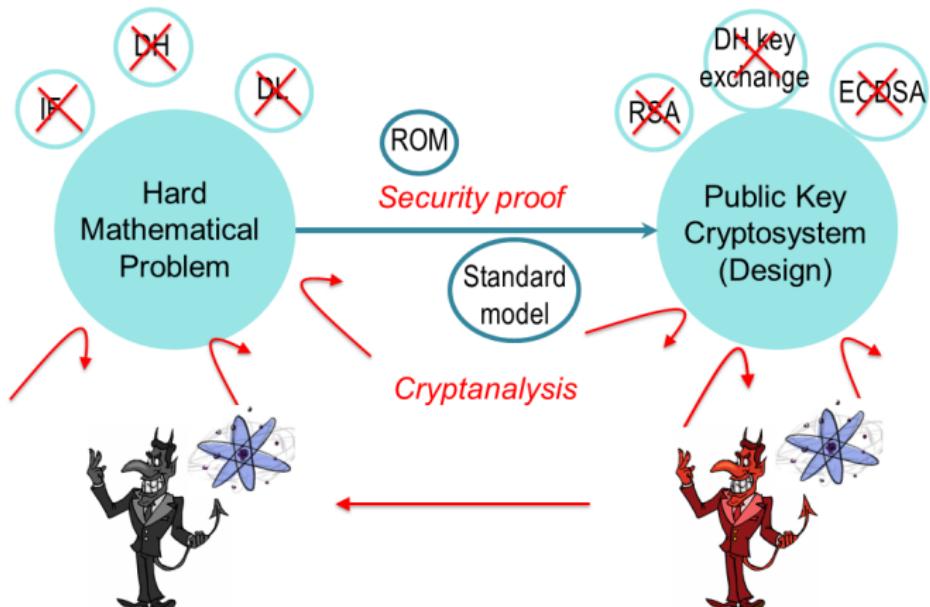
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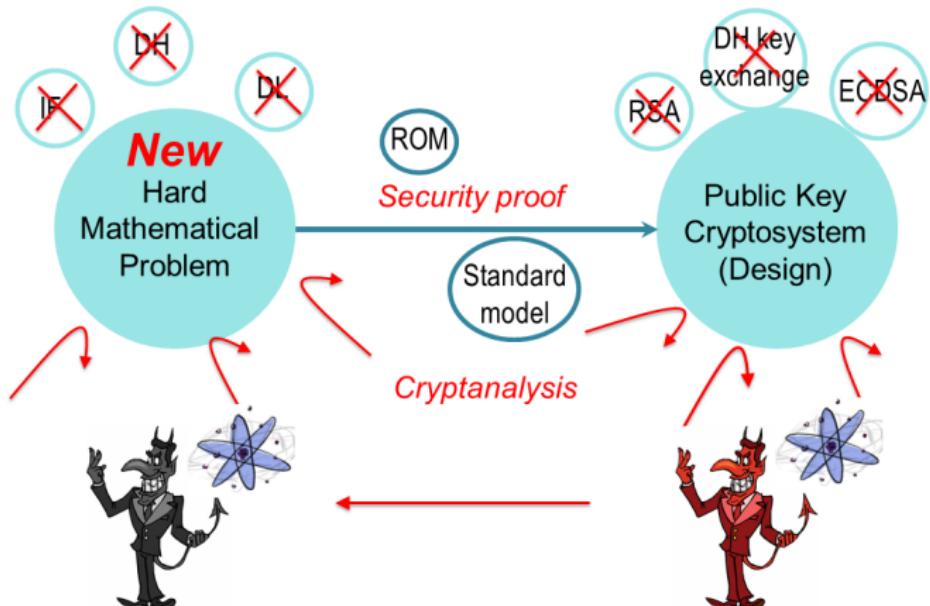
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- ▶ **Almost bent (AB) functions** -  $\text{Rank}(\mathfrak{F}_v) = n - 1$ , odd  $n = m$ .

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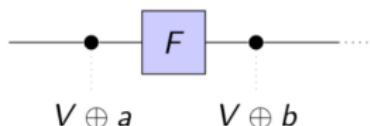
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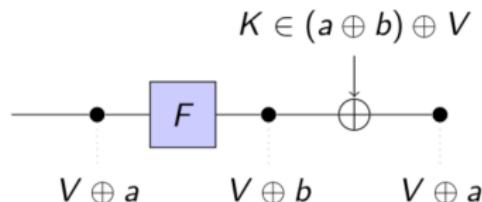
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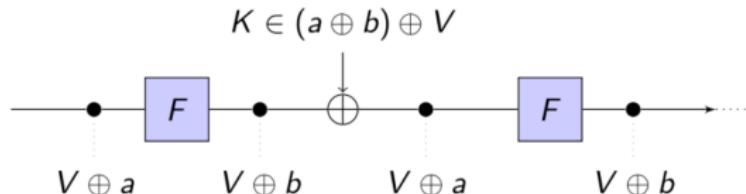
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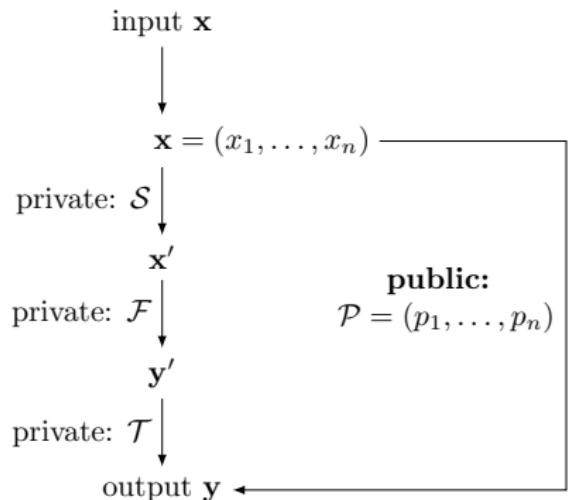


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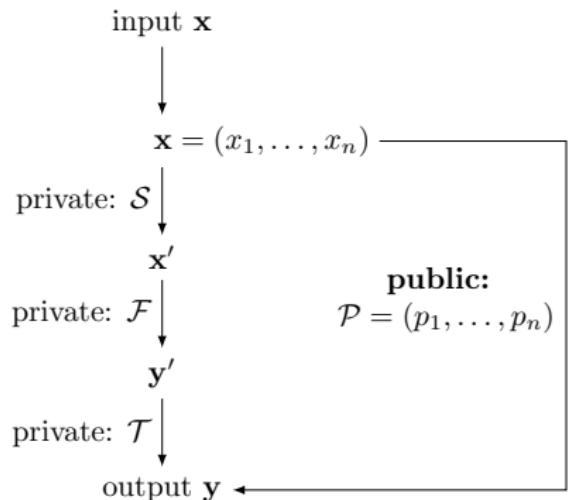
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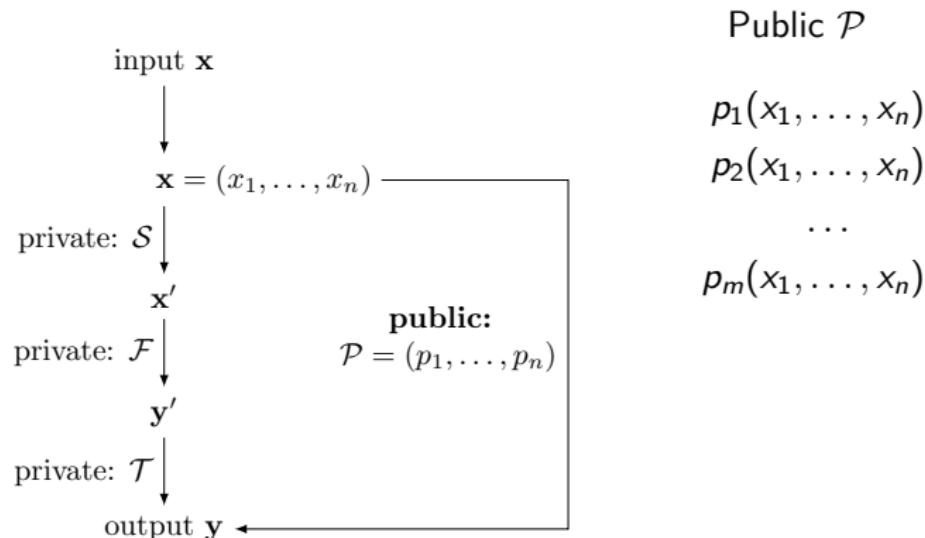
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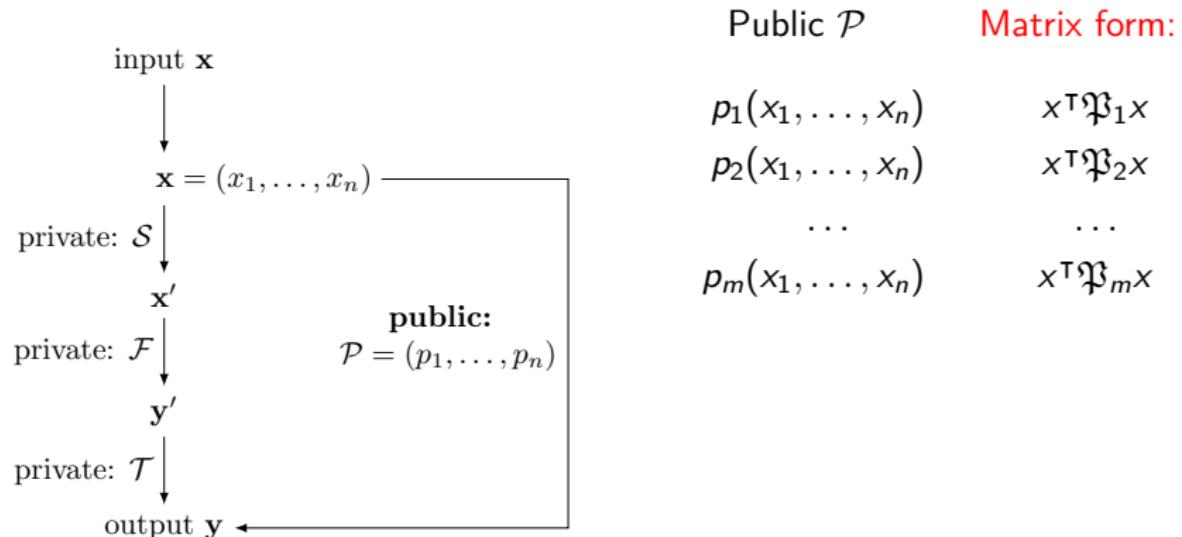
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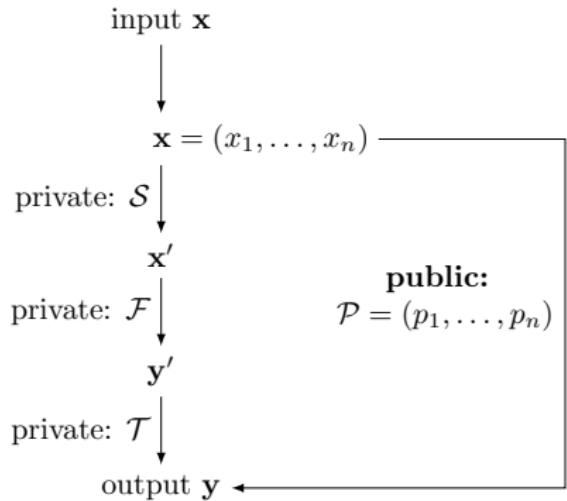
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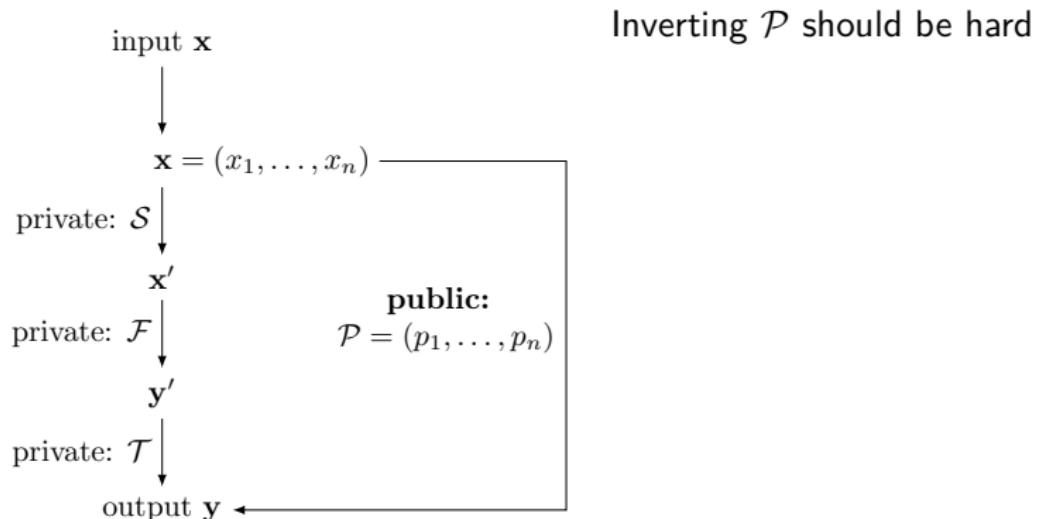
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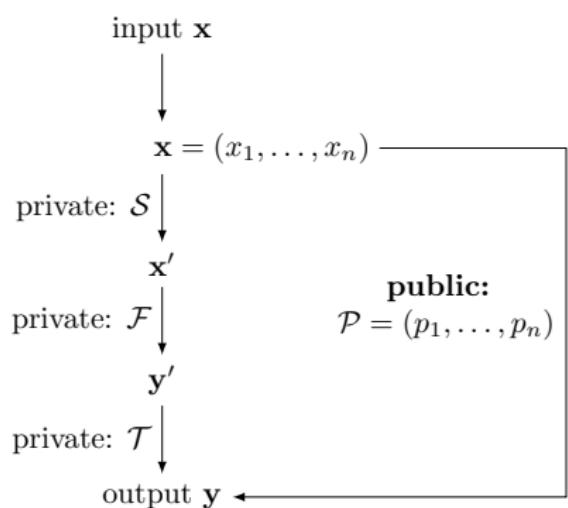
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Underlying NP-complete problem

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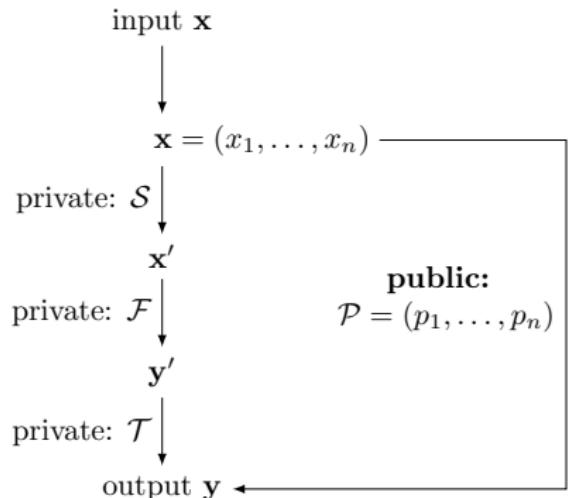
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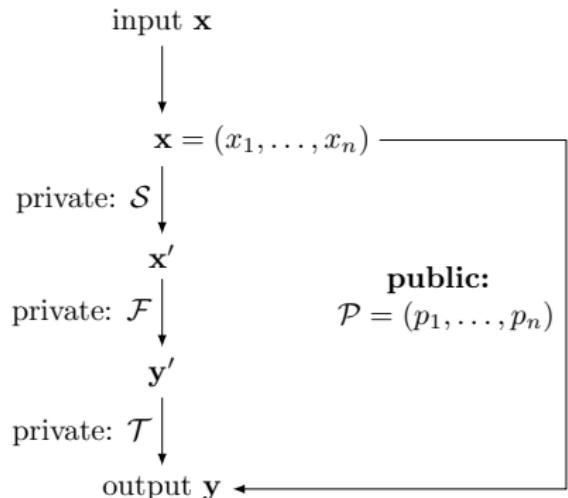
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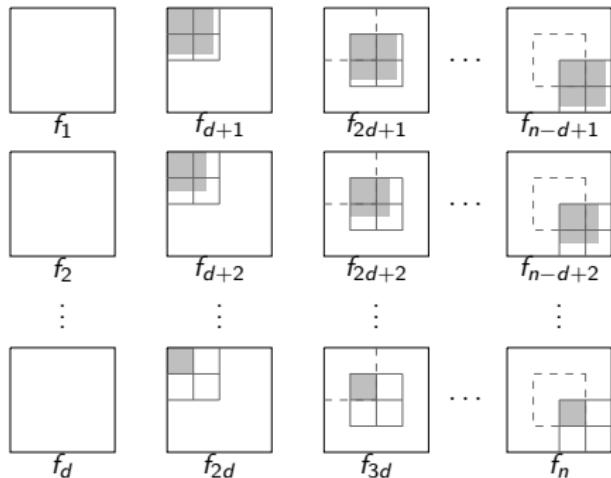
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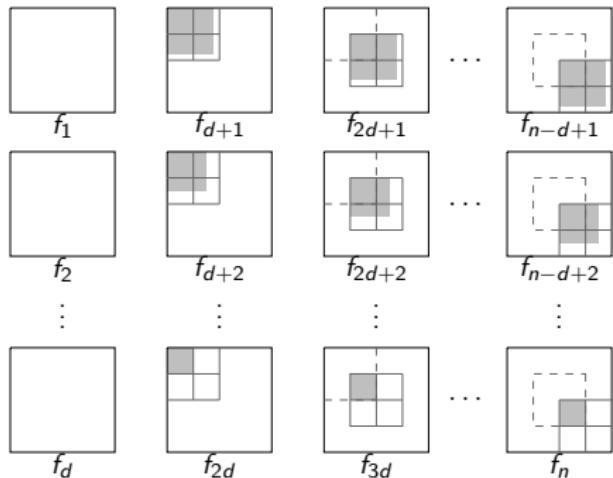
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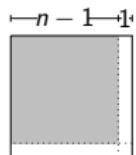
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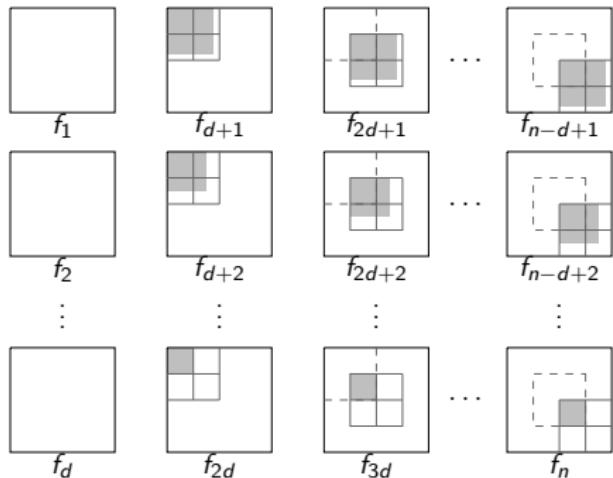
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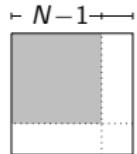
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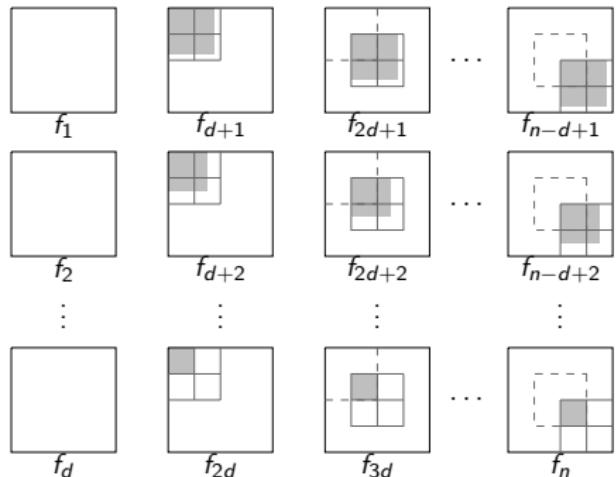
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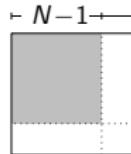
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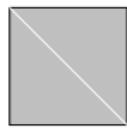
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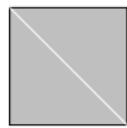
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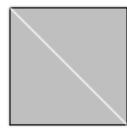
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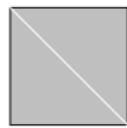


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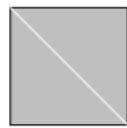


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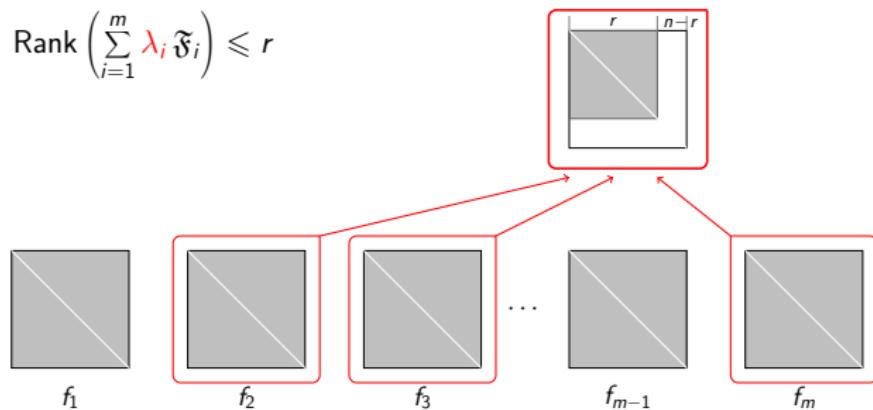
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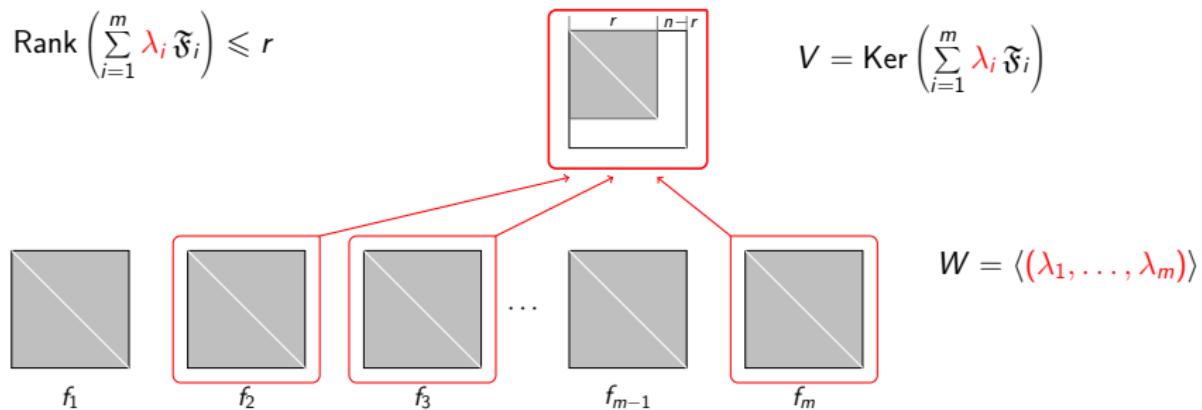


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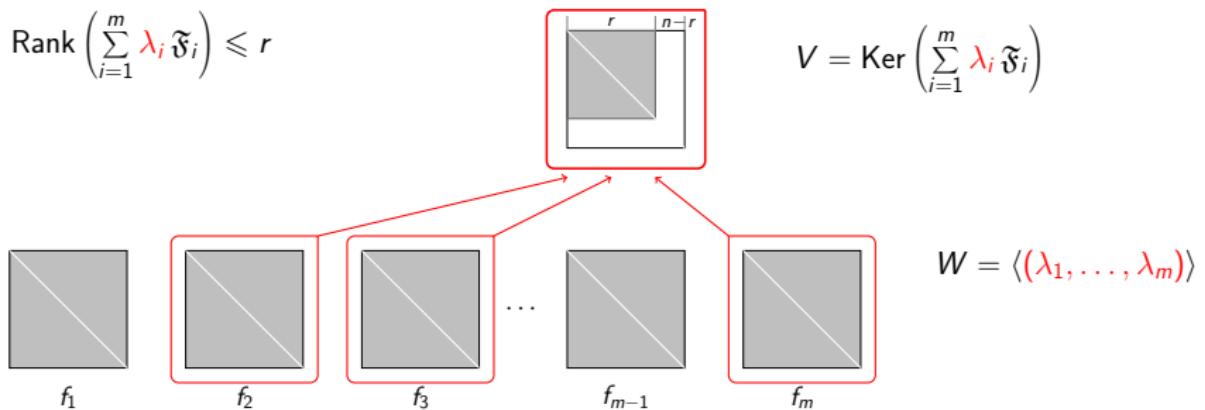
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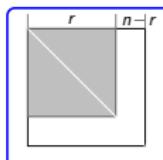
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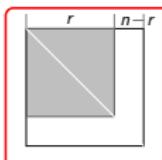
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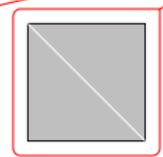
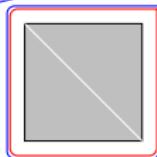
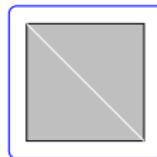


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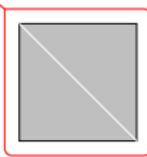
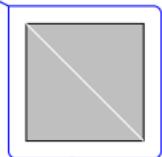
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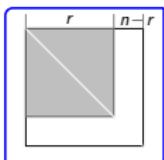


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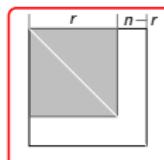
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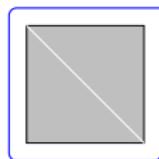


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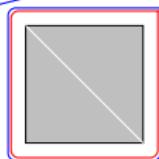


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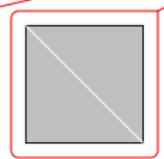
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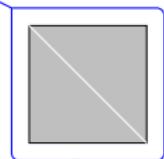


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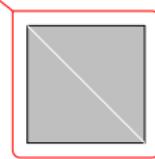


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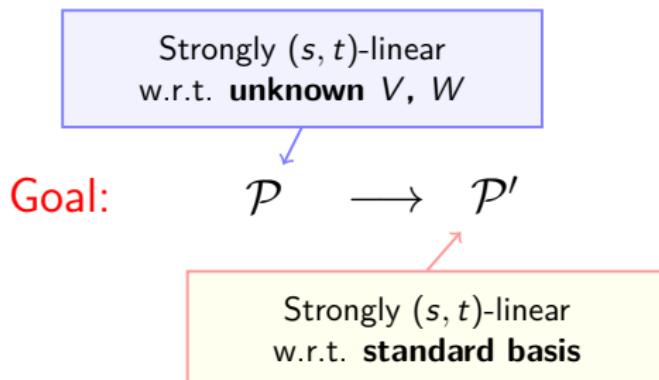
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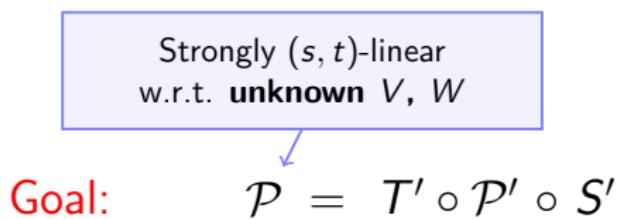
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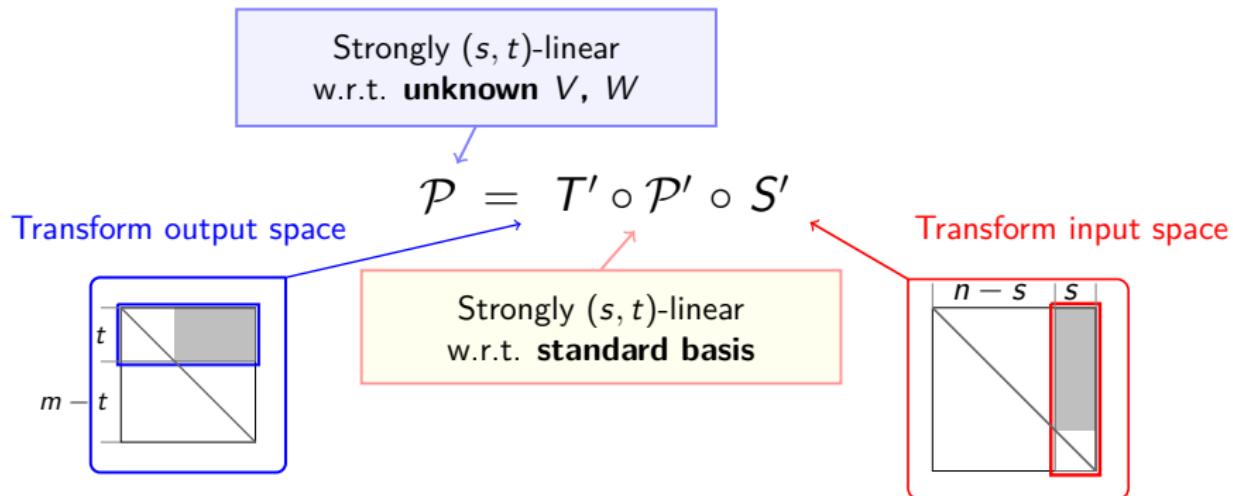
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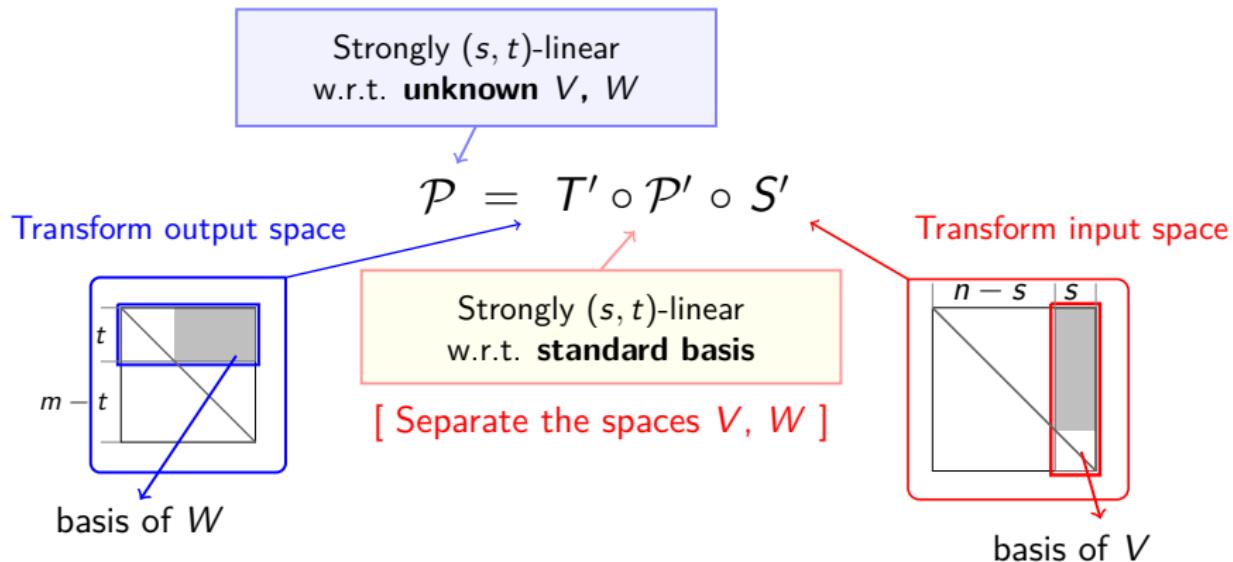
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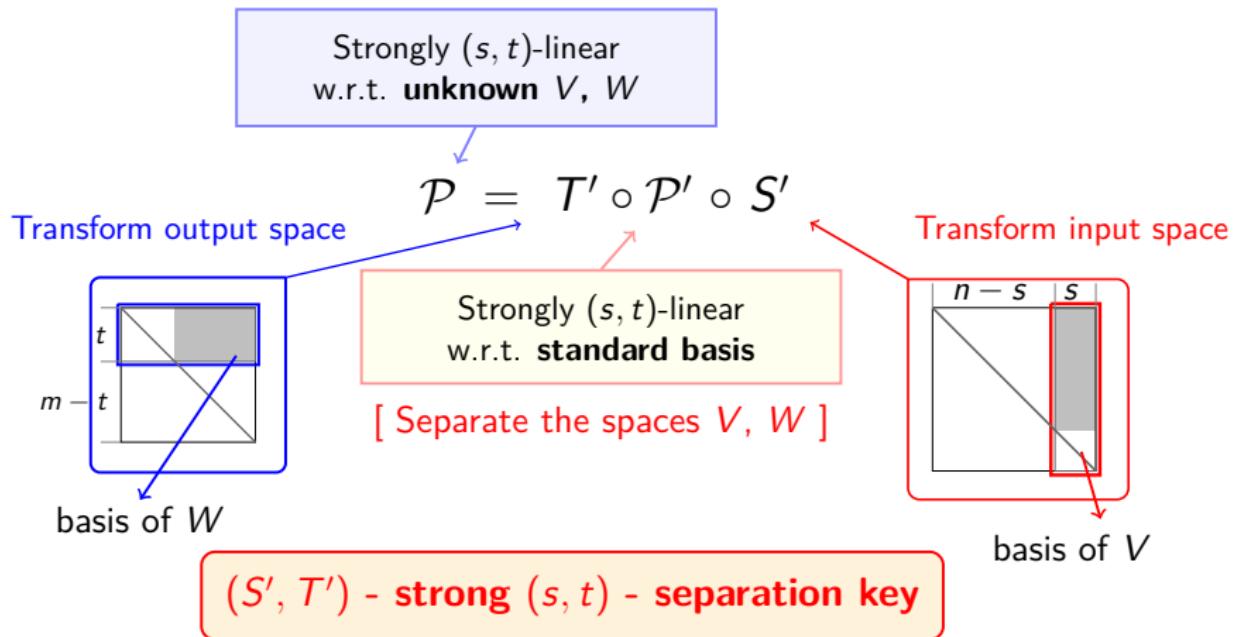
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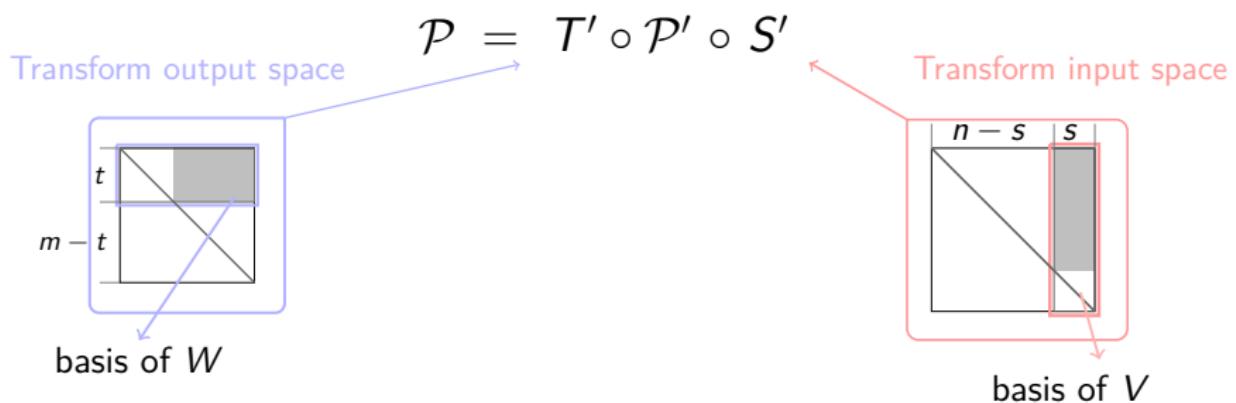
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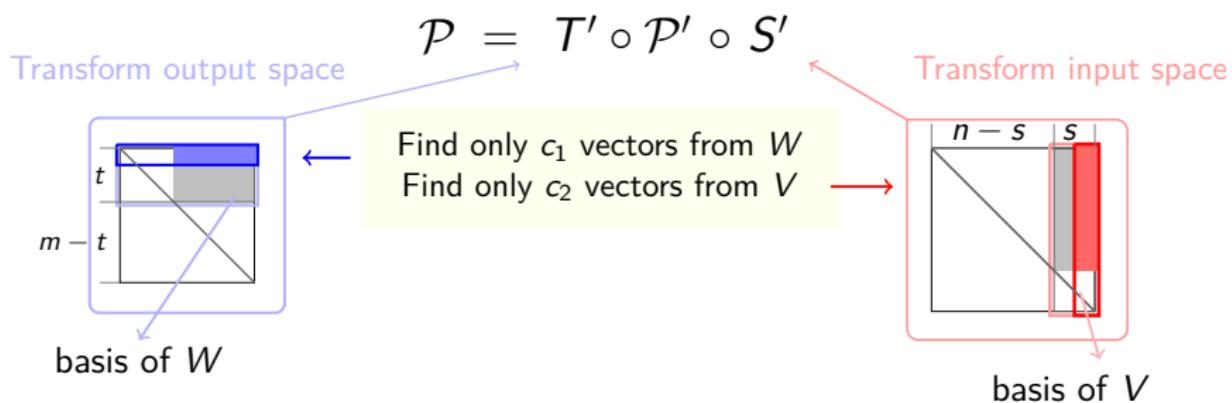
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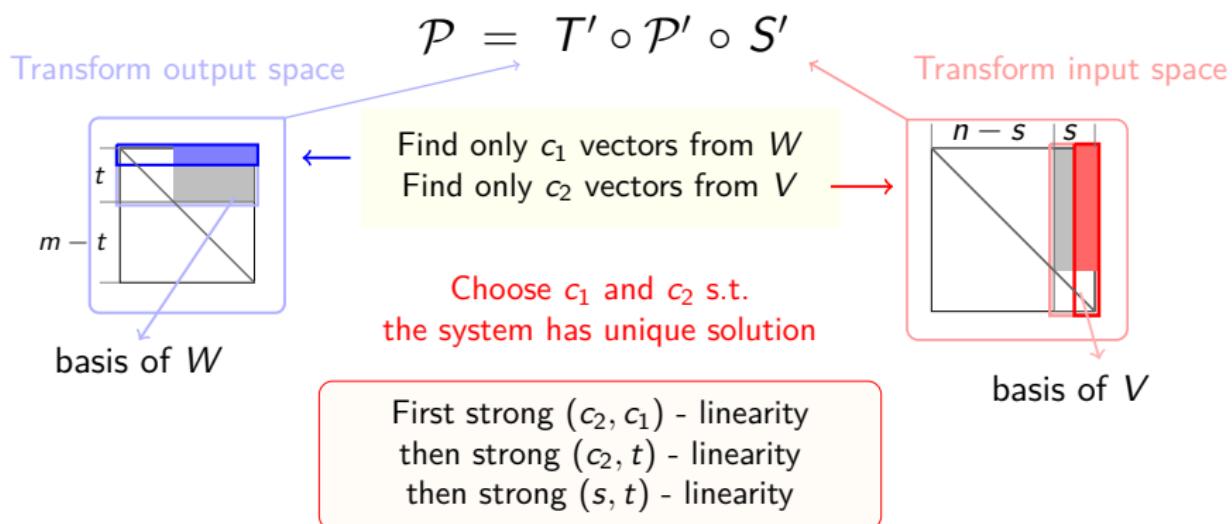
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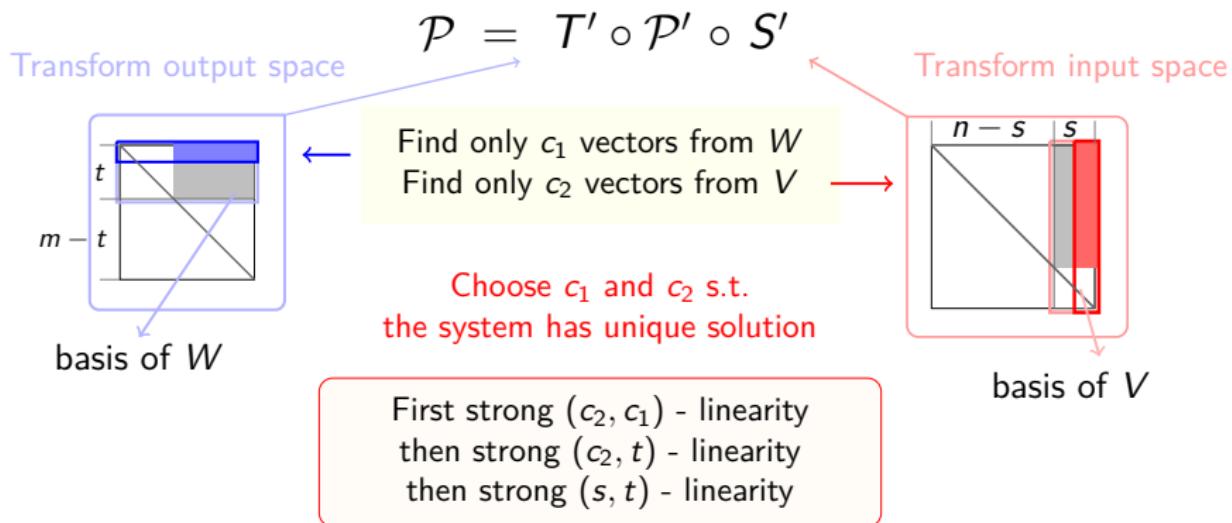
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Type of **good key** [Thomae-Wolf '12]  
with “good enough” structure



## Recall: $(s, t)$ -linearity of quadratic $(n, m)$ function $f$

Boura and Canteaut FSE13:

$f$  is said to be  **$(s, t)$ -linear** if there exist linear subspaces  $V \subset \mathbb{F}_q^n$  with  $\text{Dim}(V) = s$ ,  $W \subset \mathbb{F}_q^m$  with  $\text{Dim}(W) = t$ , s.t.

$$\forall w \in W, \quad w^\top \cdot f \text{ is linear on all cosets of } V.$$

- ▶  $f_W$  corresponding to all  $w^\top \cdot f$ ,  $w \in W$  can be written as

$$f_W(x, y) = M(x) \cdot y + G(x)$$

where  $\mathbb{F}_q^n = U \oplus V$ ,  $G : U \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^t$  and  $M(x)$  is a  $t \times s$  matrix with rows - components of linear functions over  $U$ .

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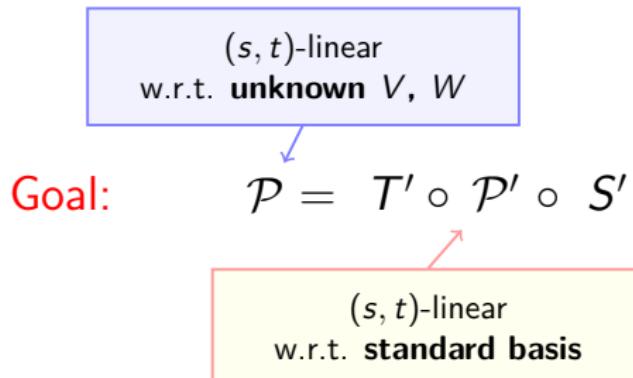
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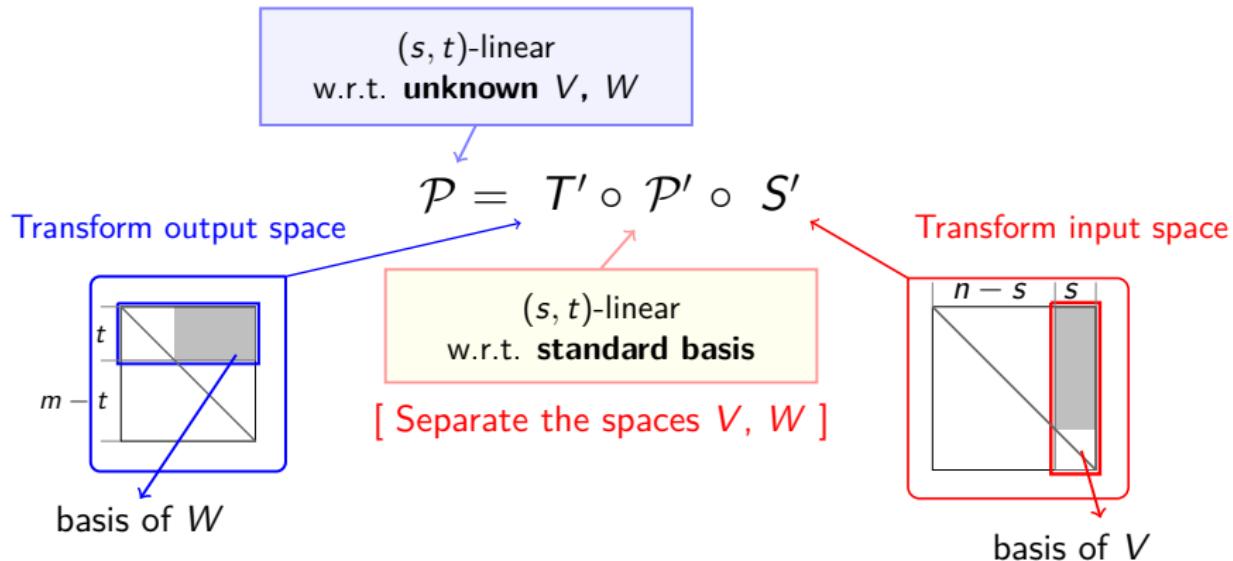
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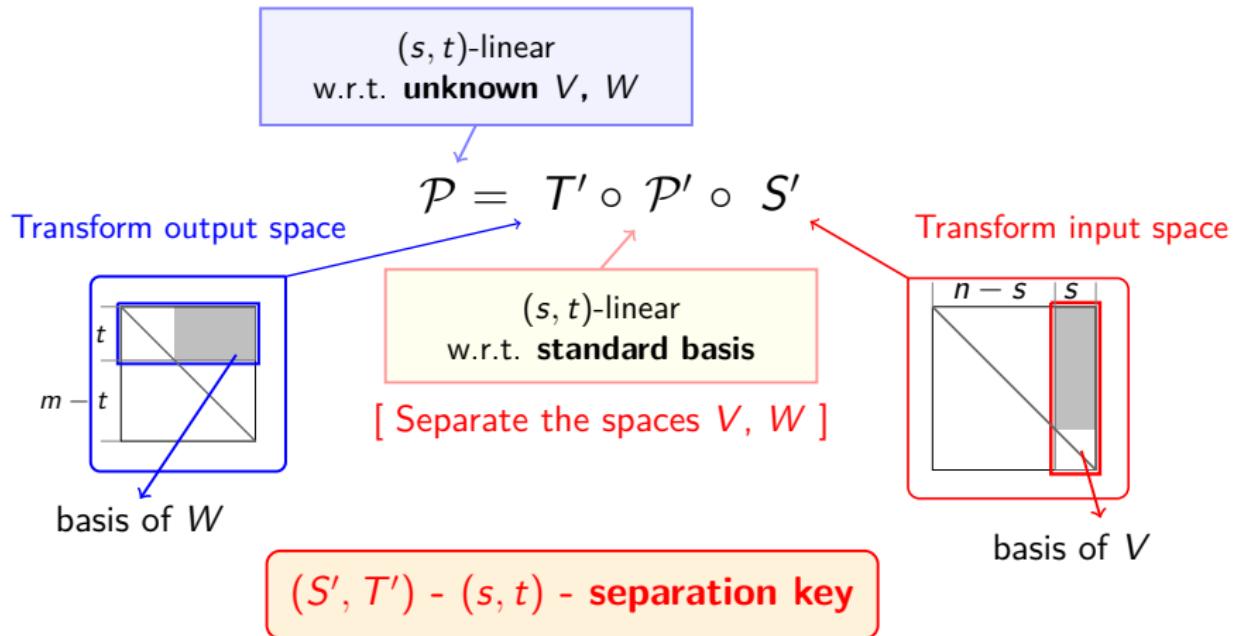
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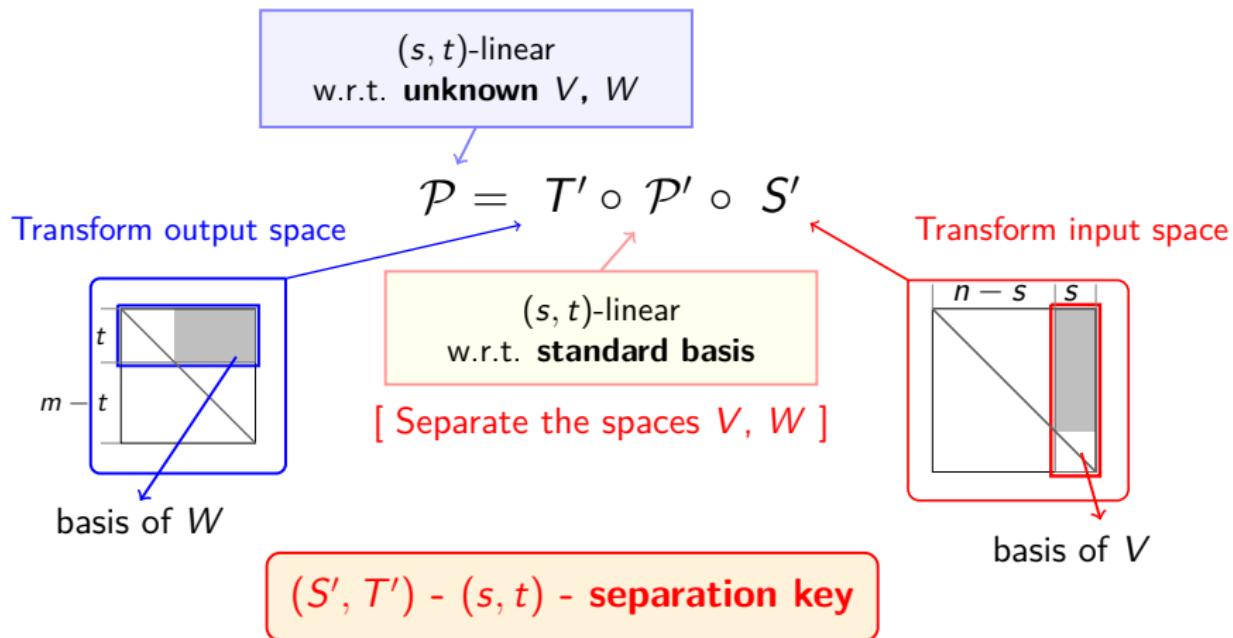


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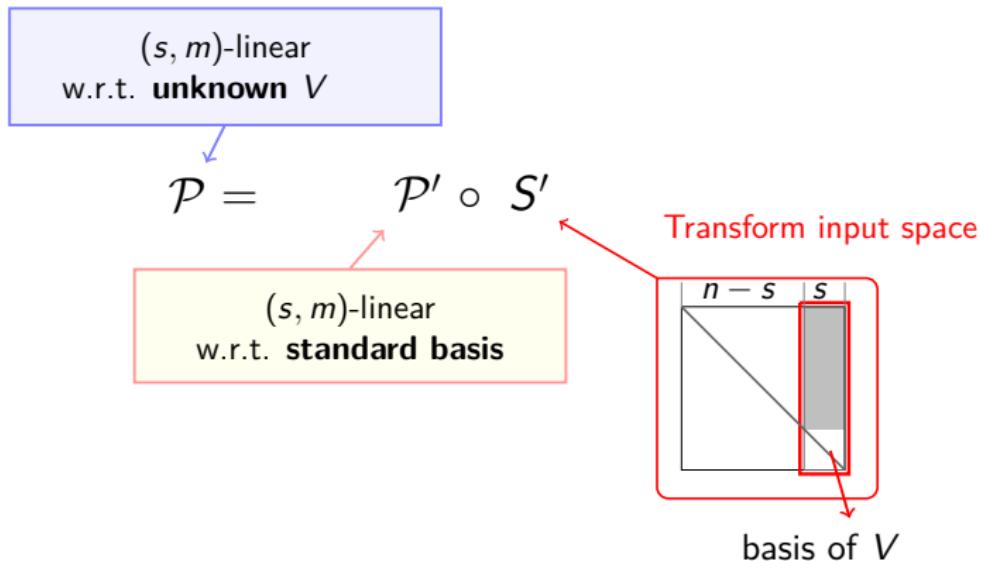


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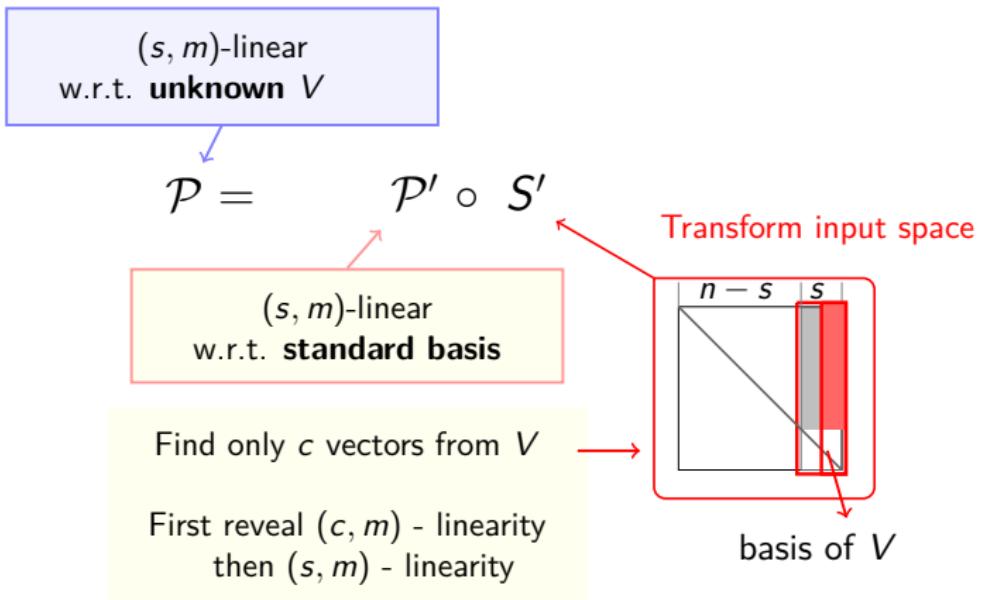
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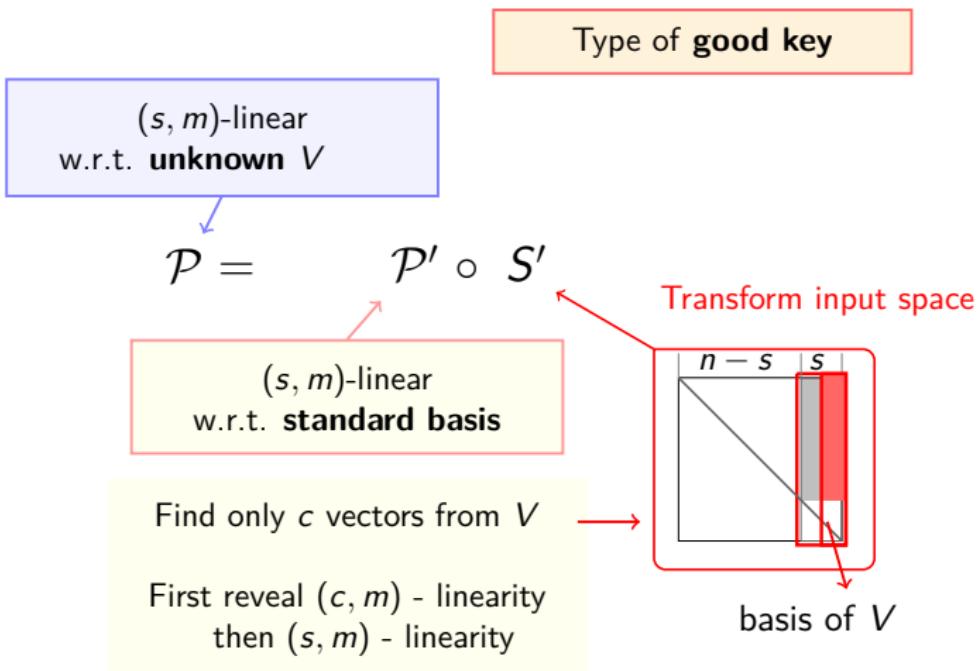
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$$f_s(x) = \sum_{i \in V, j \in V} \gamma_{ij}^{(s)} x_i x_j + \sum_{i \in V, j \in O} \gamma_{ij}^{(s)} x_i x_j,$$

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Good Keys for UOV

## Combining strong $(s, t)$ -linearity and $(s, t)$ -linearity

# Rainbow

$$+18+12+12+$$

		0
	0	0
0	0	0

$$\mathfrak{F}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}^{(12)}$$

$$+18 +12 +12 +$$

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$$\mathfrak{F}^{(13)}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}^{(24)}$$

$$\leftarrow 18 + 12 + 12 \leftarrow$$

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and

$$\vdash 18 + 12 + 12 \dashv$$

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$$-18 + 12 + 12 -$$

and

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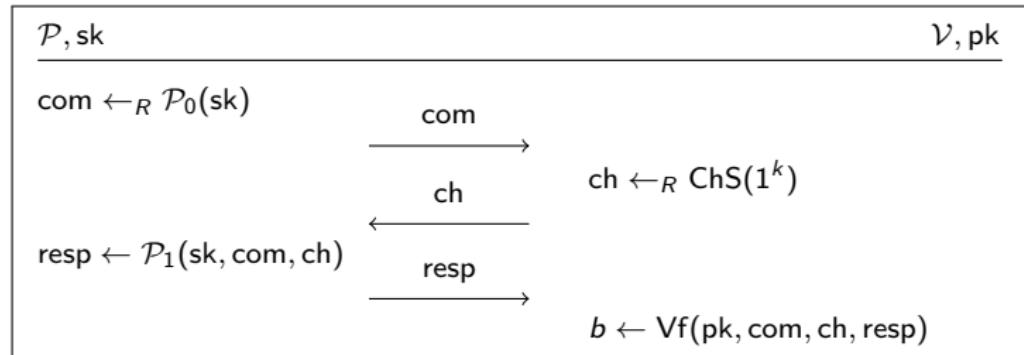
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$$\mathfrak{F}'^{(1)}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}'^{(11)}, \\ \mathfrak{F}'^{(13)}, \dots, \mathfrak{F}'^{(24)}$$

We can choose  $c_1 = c_2 = c = 1$

**A challenge:**  
Post-Quantum Cryptography  
from hard problems in Quasigroup theory

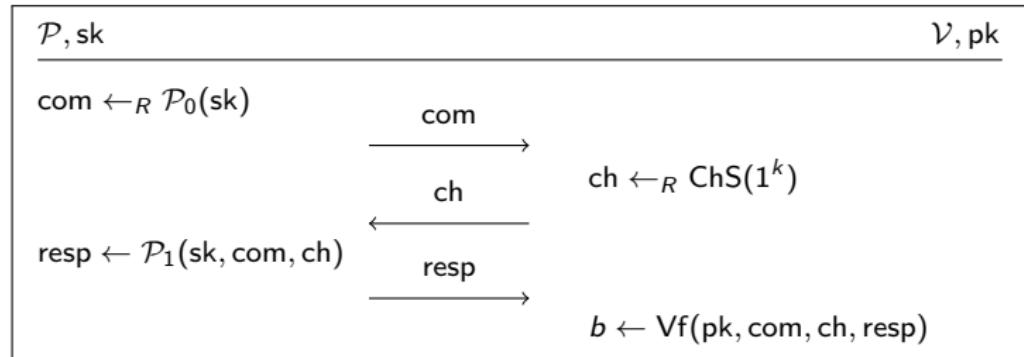
# Canonical Identification Schemes



Informally:

1. Prover commits to some (randomized) value derived from  $sk$
2. Verifier picks a challenge 'ch'
3. Prover computes response 'resp'
4. Verifier checks if response matches challenge

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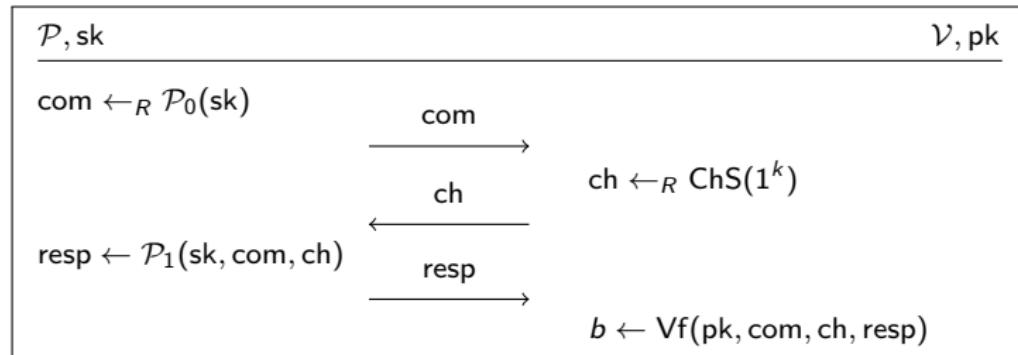


## Soundness (with soundness error $\kappa$ )

Probability that a PPT adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  gets verified is  $\kappa + \text{negl}(k)$

- ▶  $r$  rounds until  $\kappa' = \text{negl}(k)$
- ▶ guarantees negligible success of cheating Prover

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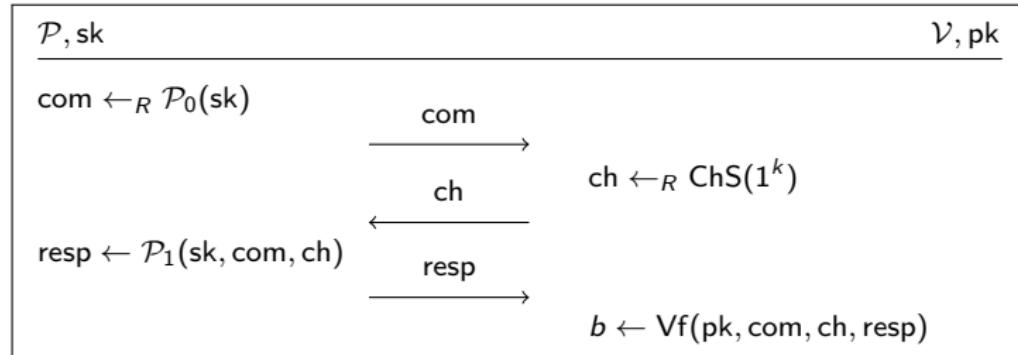
There exists PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{K}$  - knowledge extractor s.t. given two accepting transcripts:

$$\text{trans} = (\text{com}, \text{ch}, \text{resp}), \quad \text{trans}' = (\text{com}, \text{ch}', \text{resp}'), \quad \text{ch} \neq \text{ch}',$$

extracts the secret  $\text{sk}$  with non-negligible probability

- ▶ random challenges can be answered only if Prover knows a witness
- ▶ implies soundness and knowledge

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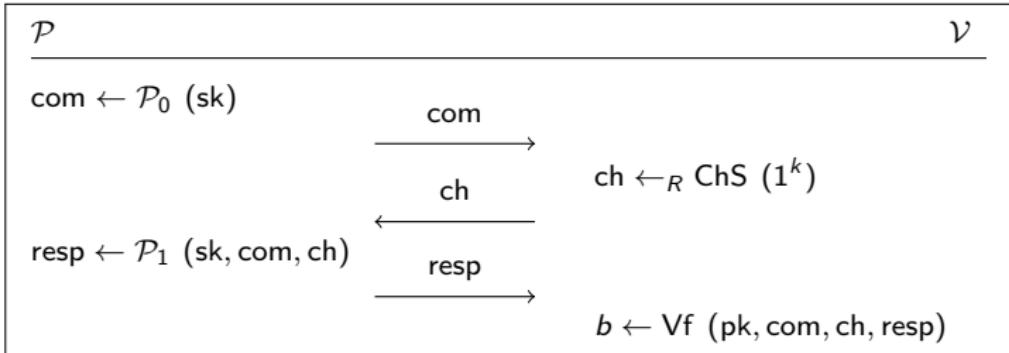
## (statistical) Honest-Verifier Zero-Knowledge

There exists a PPT algorithm  $\mathcal{S}$ , called the simulator, such that the statistical distance between the real transcript and the simulated transcript is negligible in  $k$ .

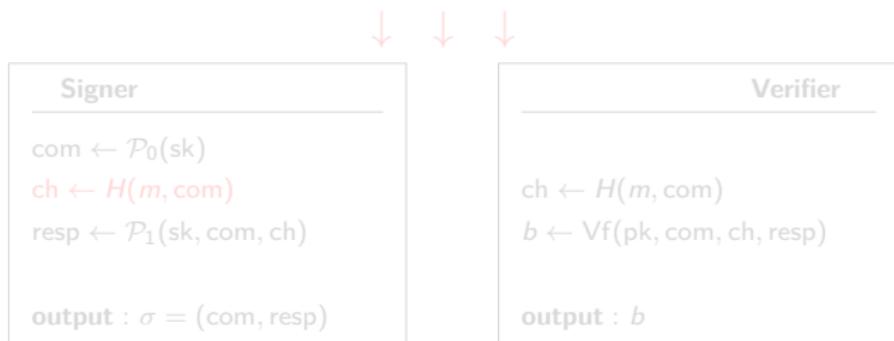
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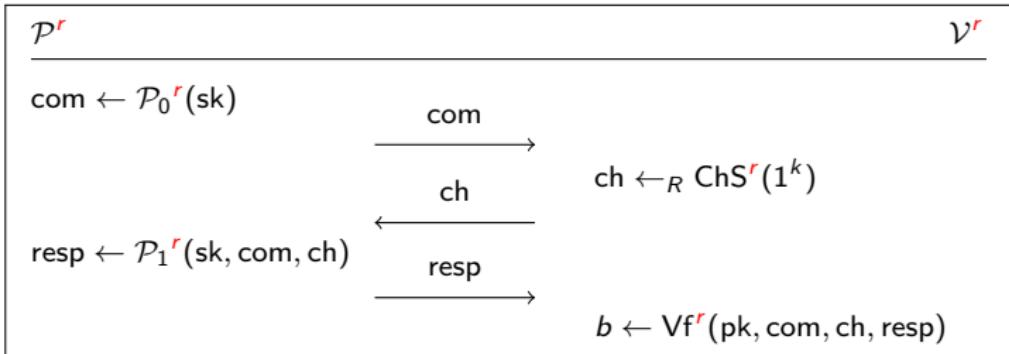


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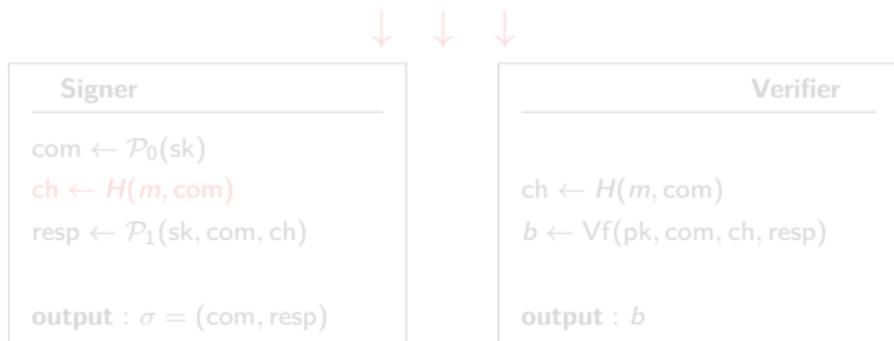


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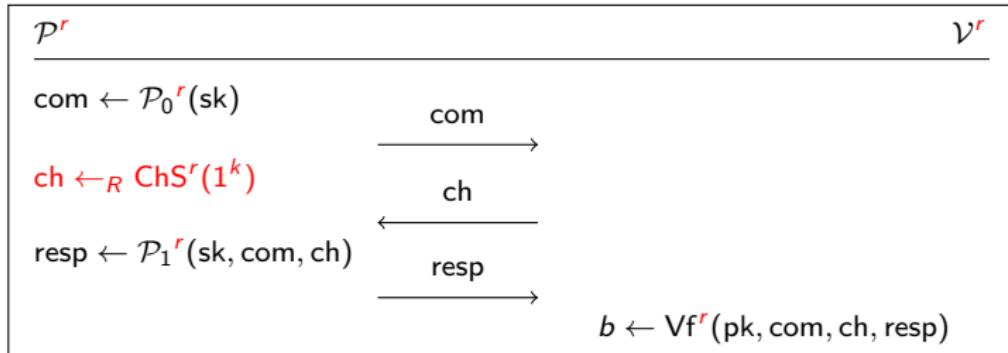


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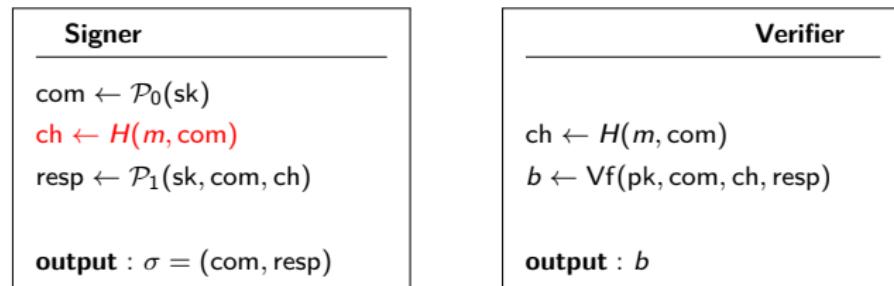


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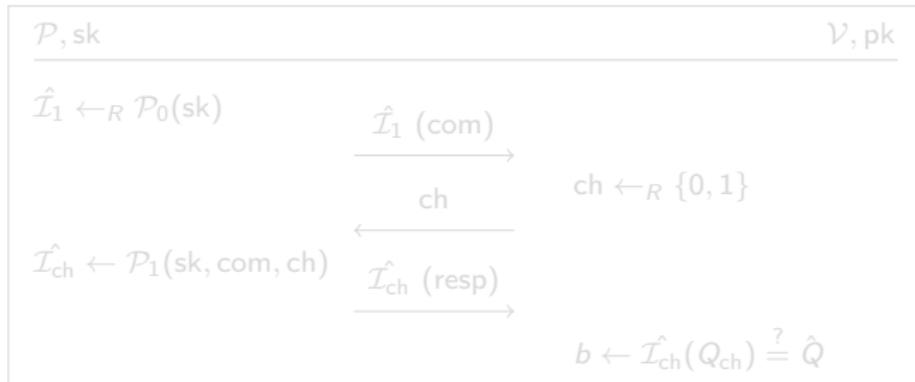
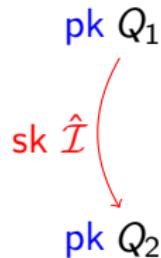
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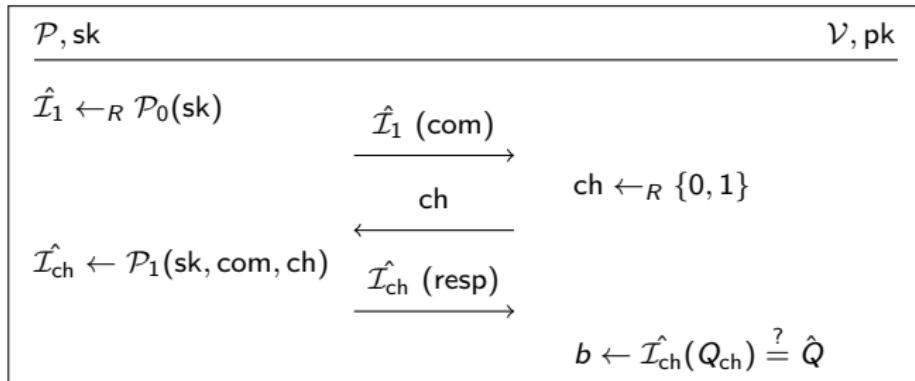
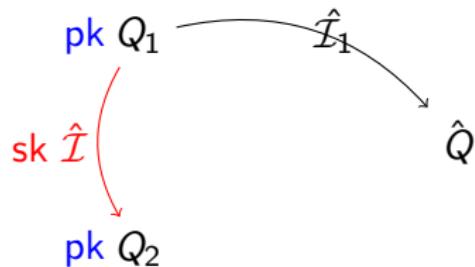
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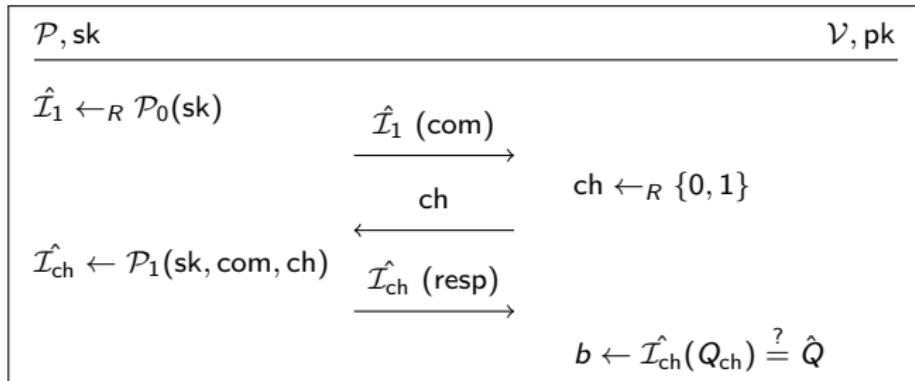
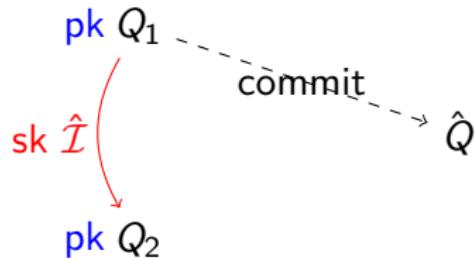
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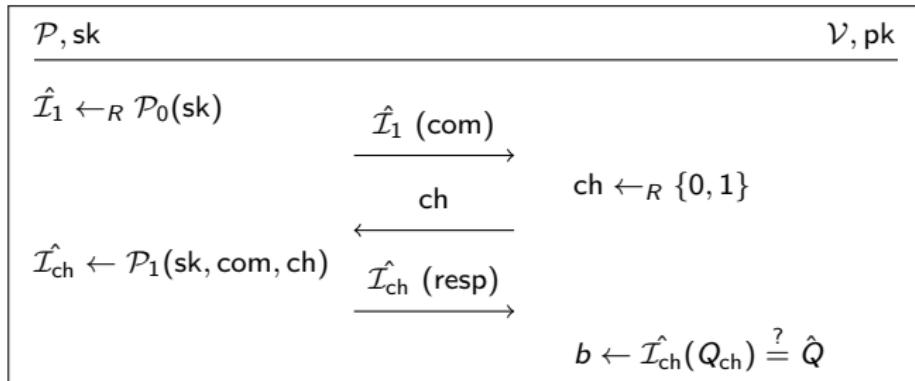
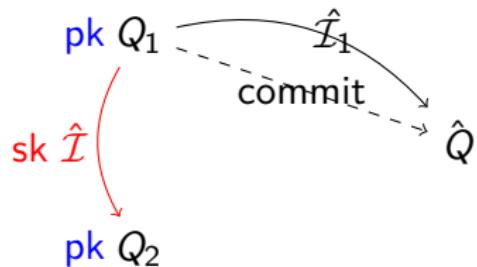
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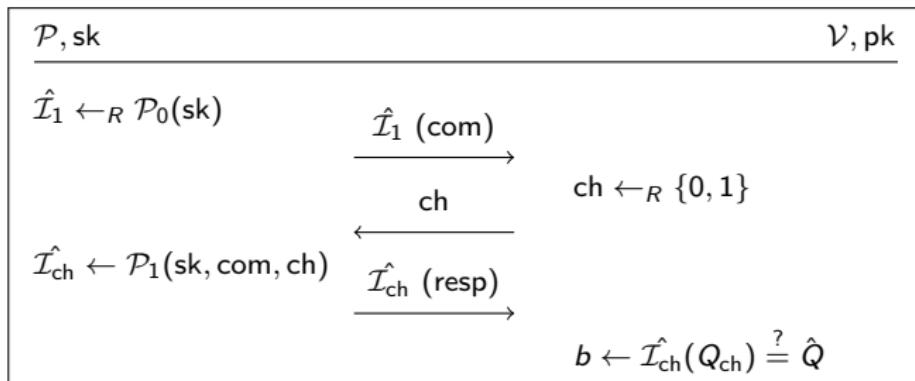
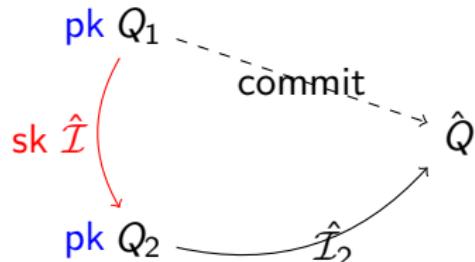
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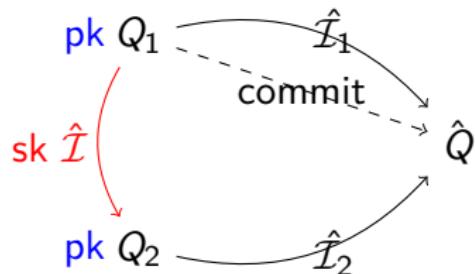
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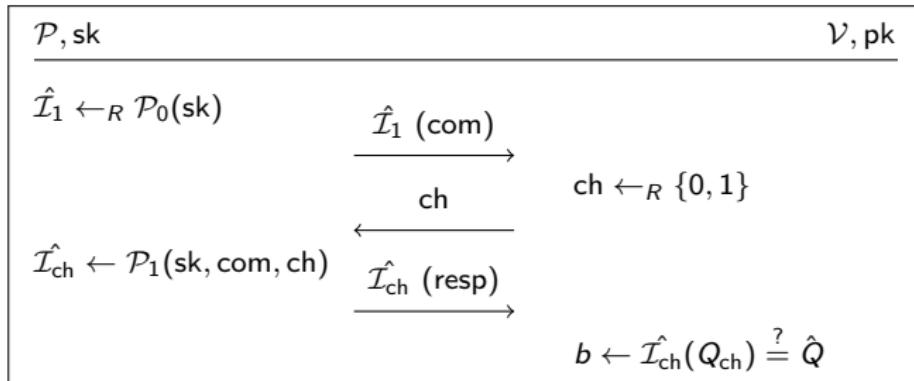
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  - ▶ no use of quasigroup structure



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5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8				6		
8			6				3	
4		8	3				1	
7			2			6		
	6				2	8		
		4	1	9			5	
		8		7	9			

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6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
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7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
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		4	1	9			5	
		8		7	9			

An arrow points from this partial state to the right, where a completed 9x9 Latin square is shown:

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
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