

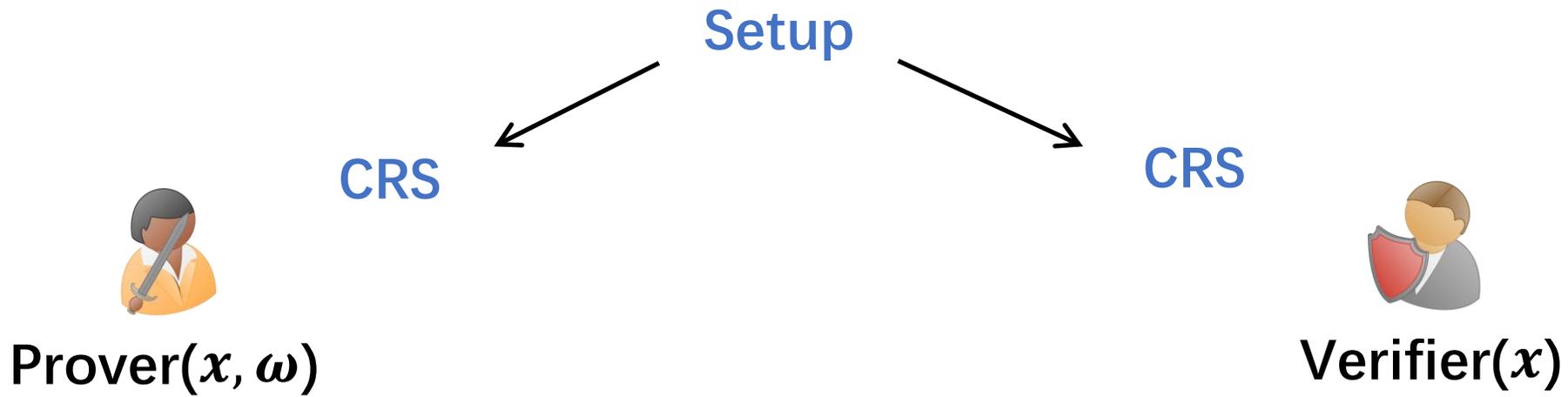
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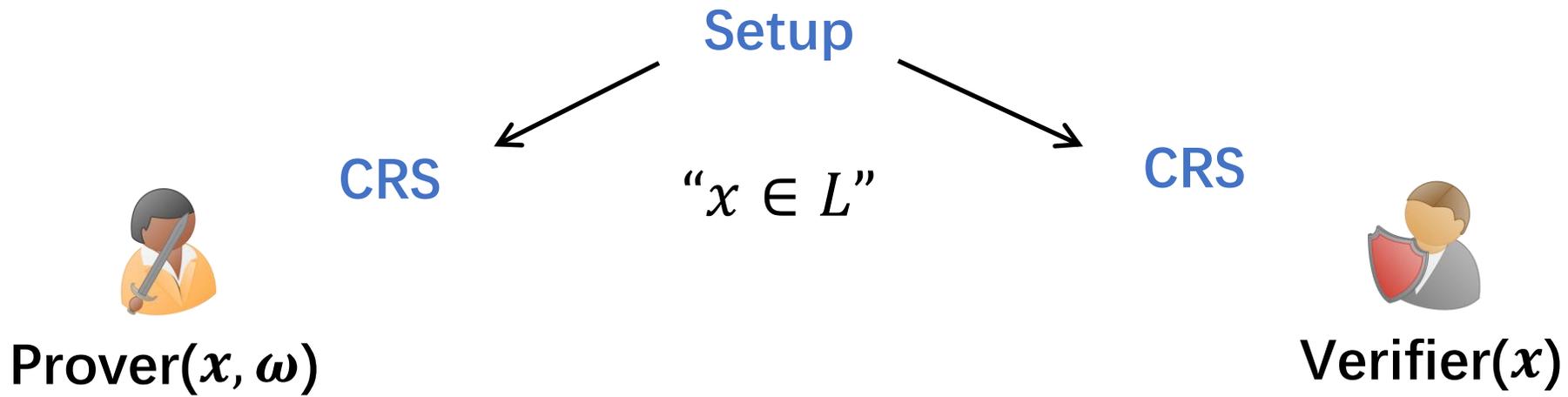
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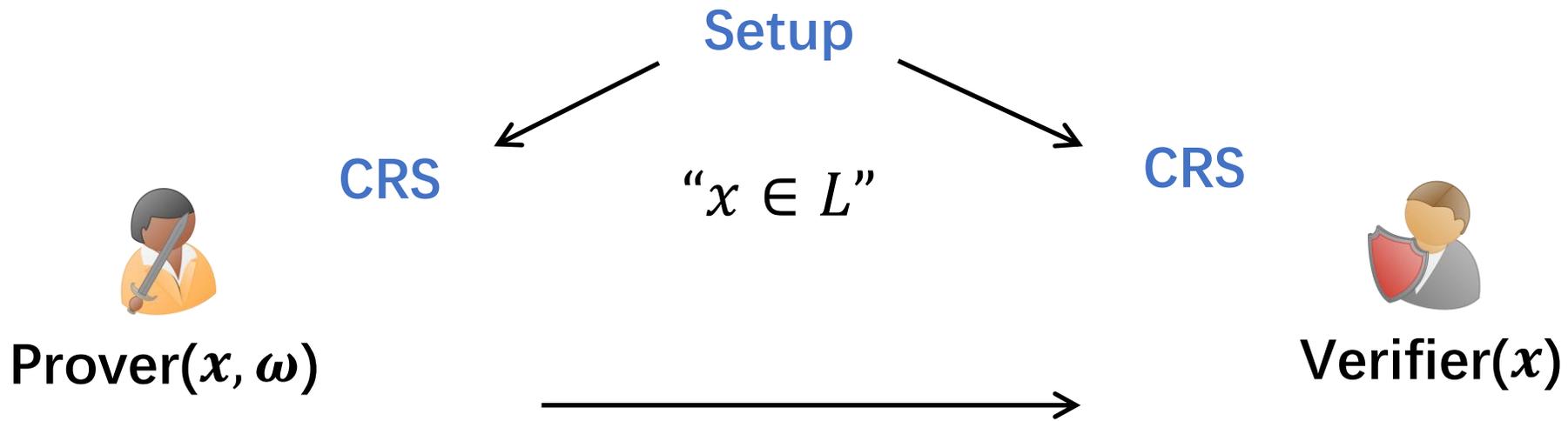
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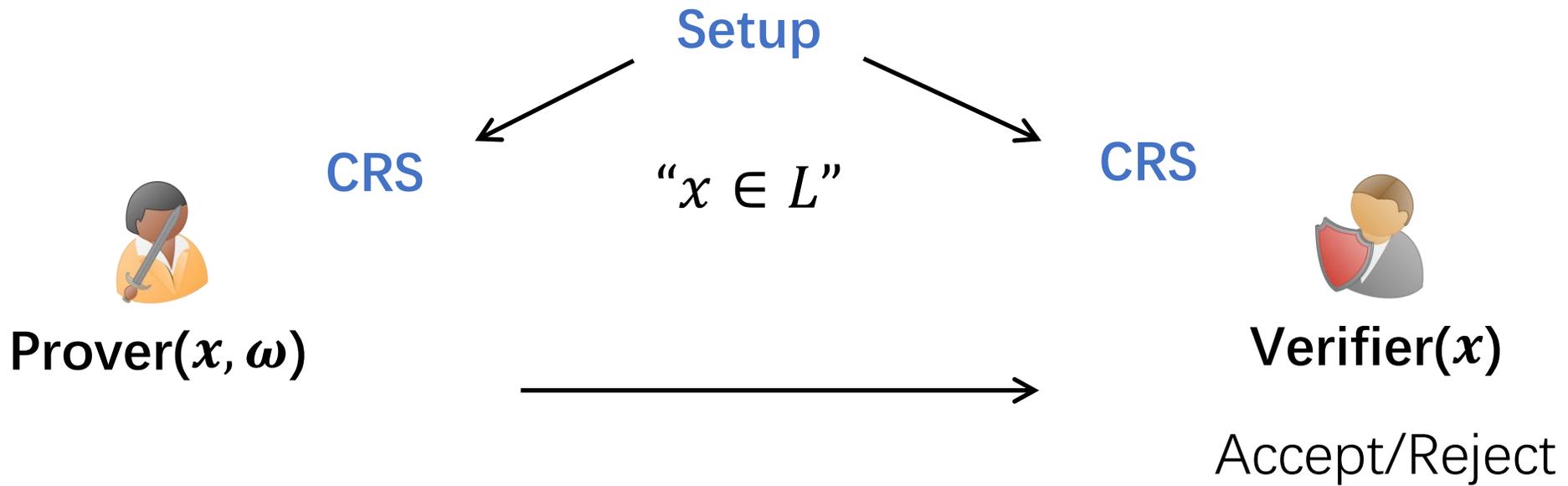
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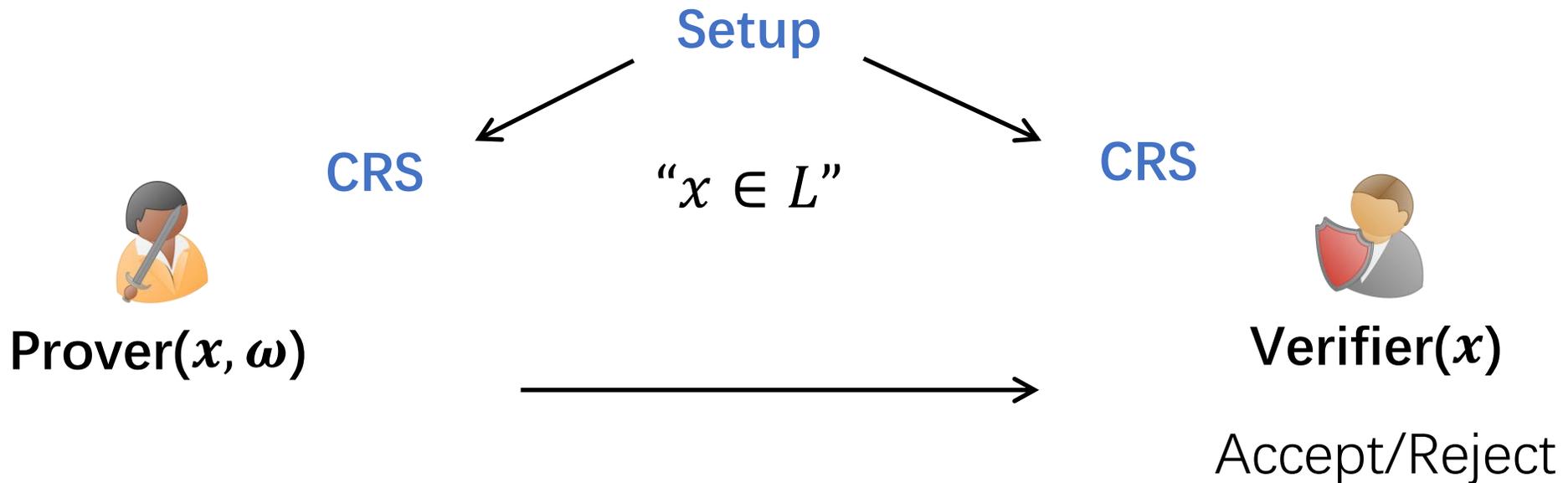
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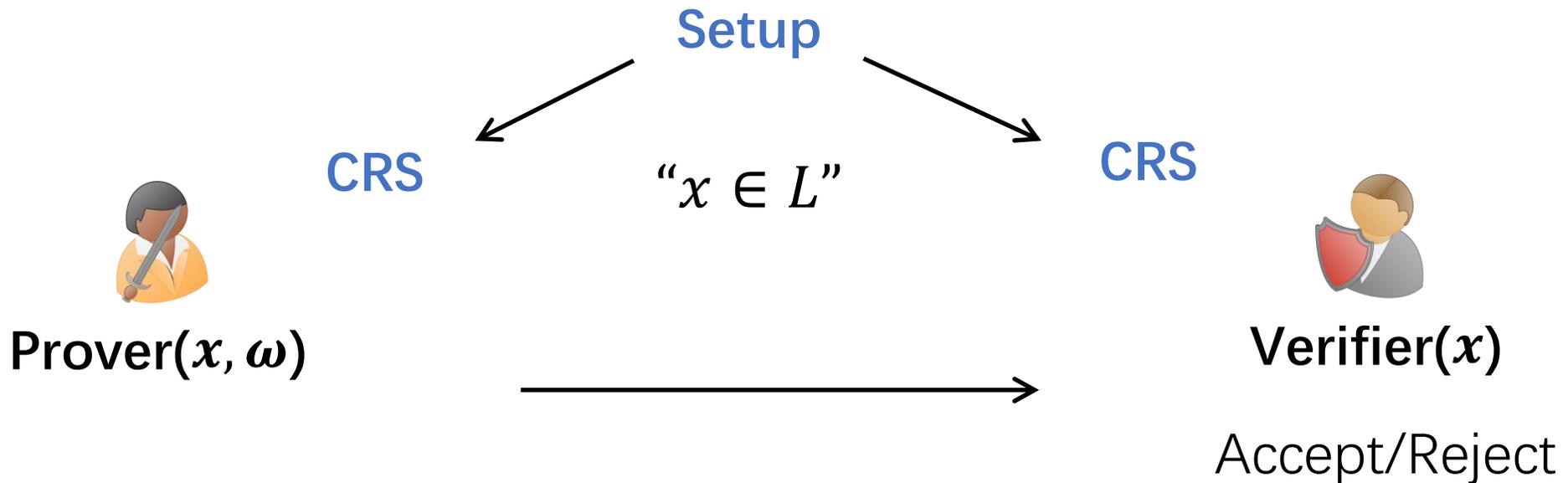


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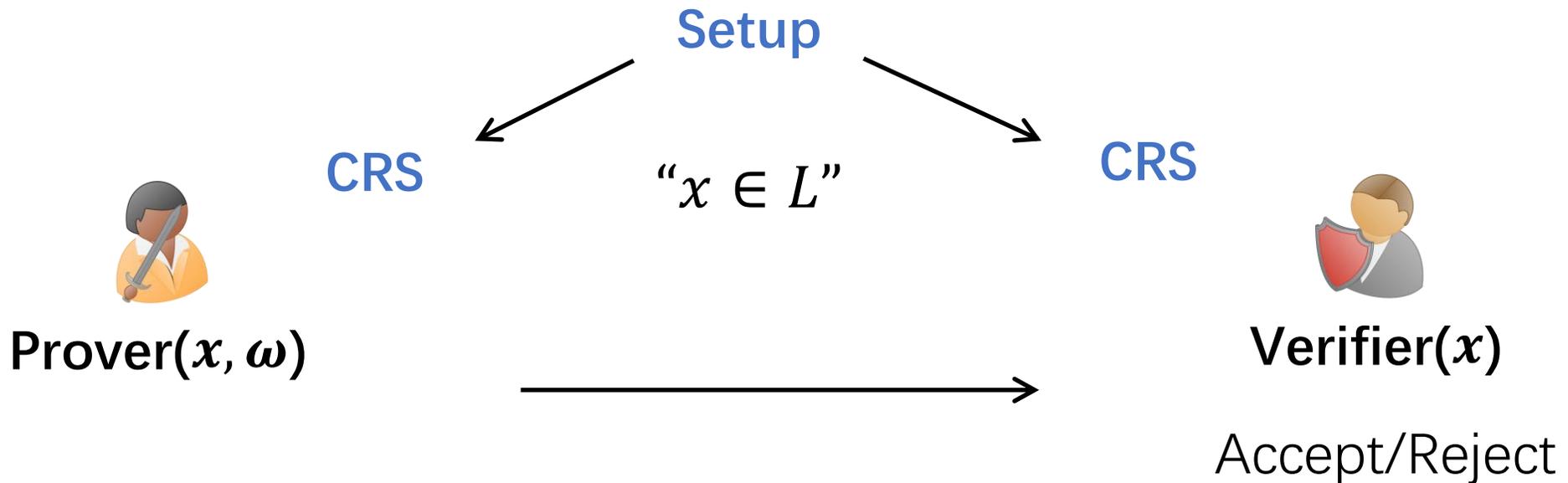
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Question (1): Do there exist NIZKs from DDH?

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# Sub-exponential DDH

- $\exists 0 < c < 1, \forall$  **non-uniform PPT adversary**  $D, \forall$  sufficiently large  $\lambda,$

$$|\Pr[D(1^\lambda, g, g^a, g^b, g^{ab}) = 1] - \Pr[D(1^\lambda, g, g^a, g^b, g^c) = 1]| < \mathbf{2^{-\lambda^c}}$$

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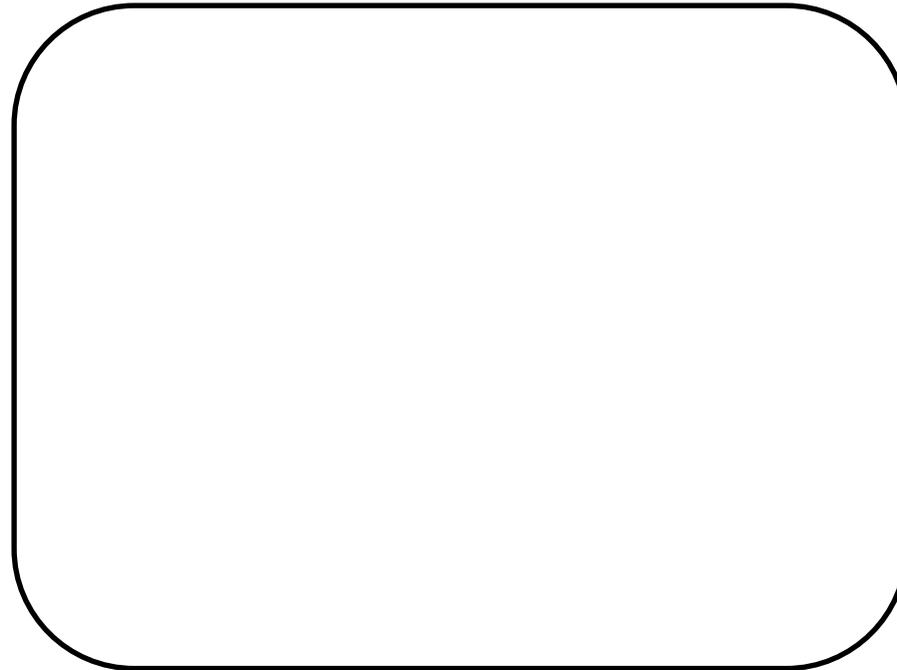
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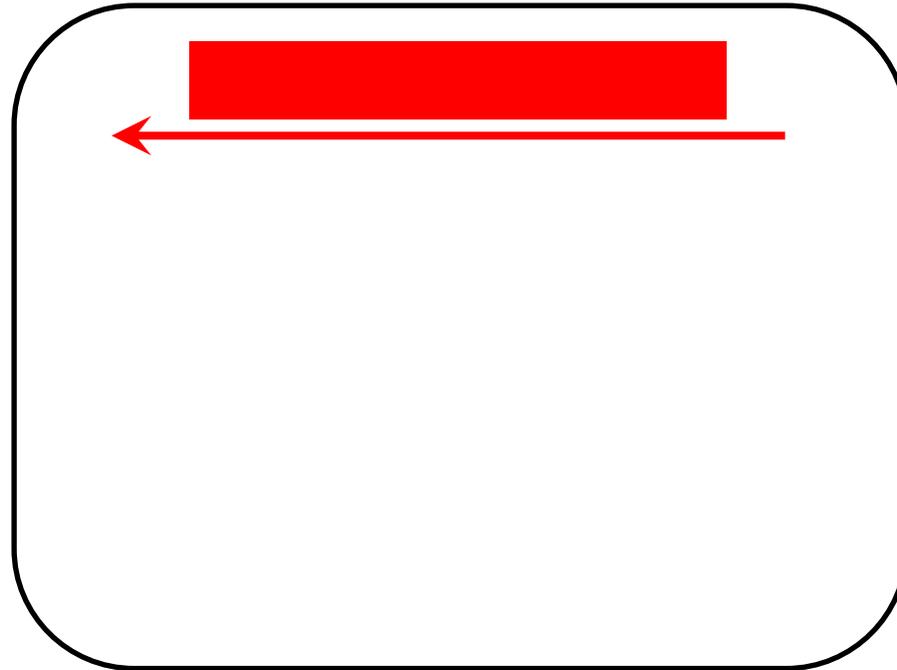
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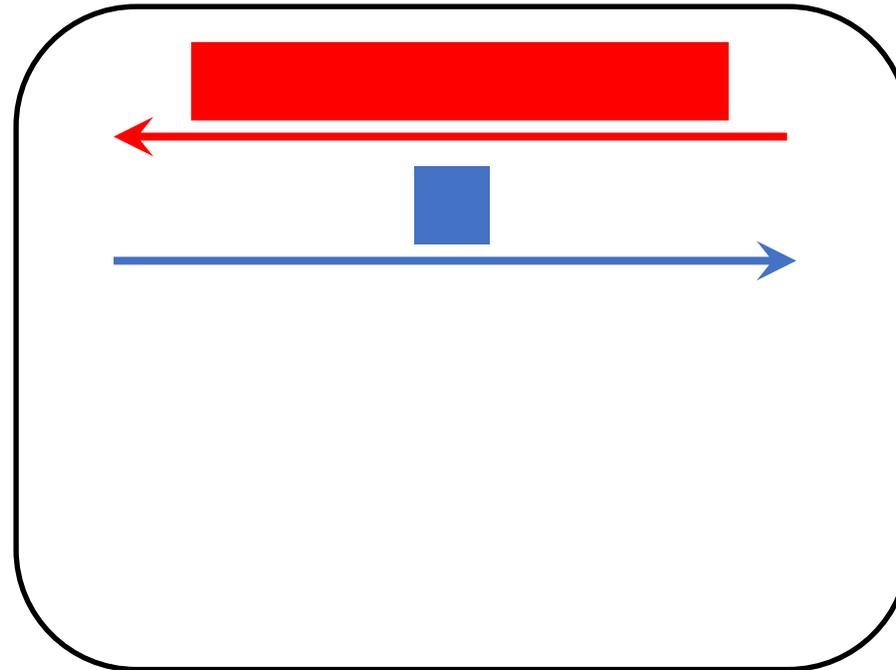
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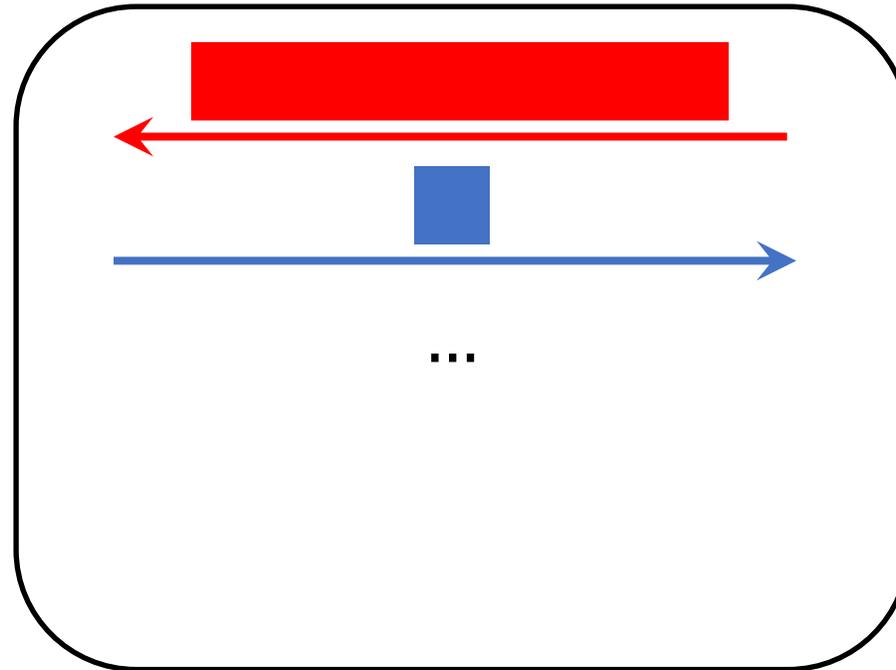
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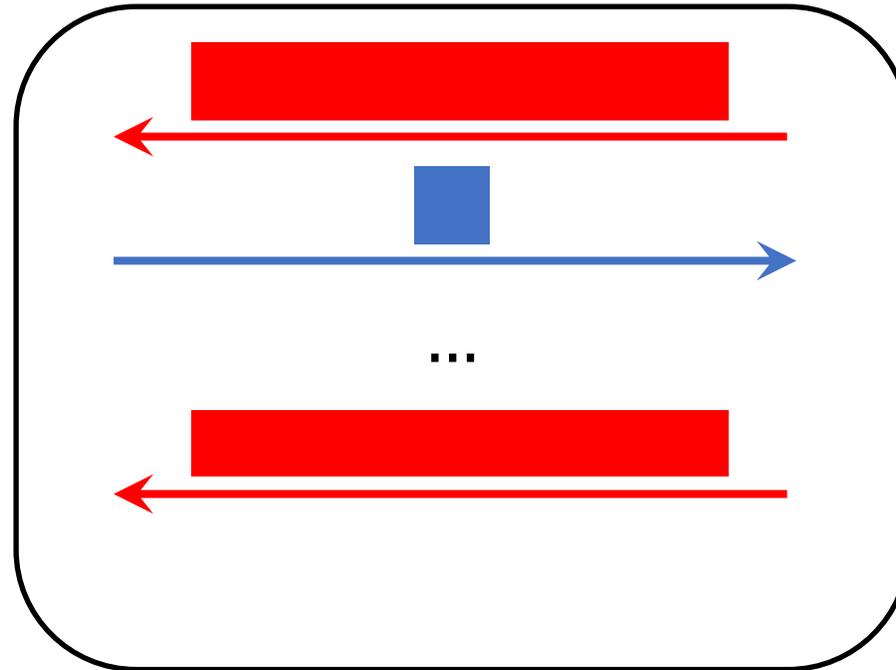
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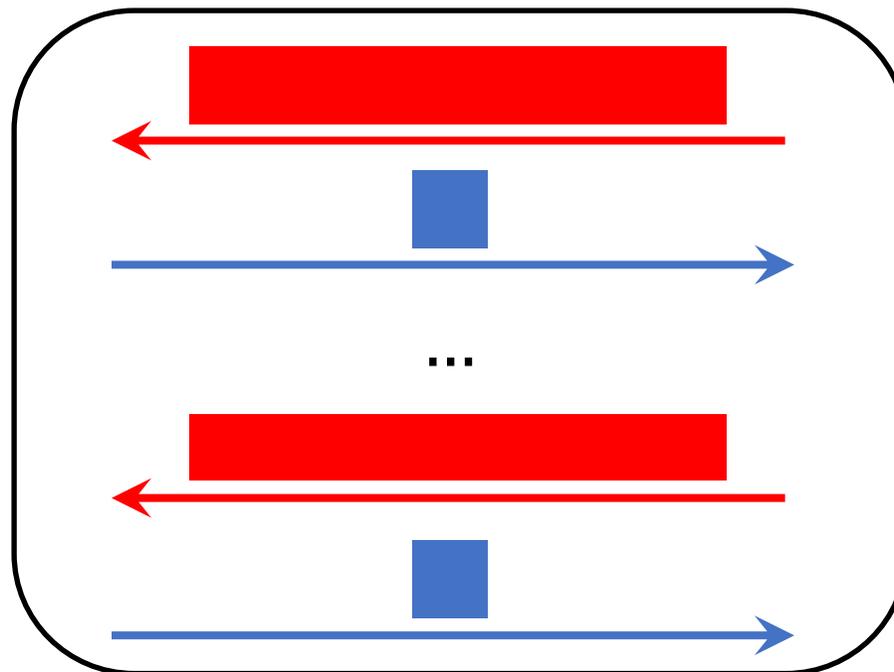
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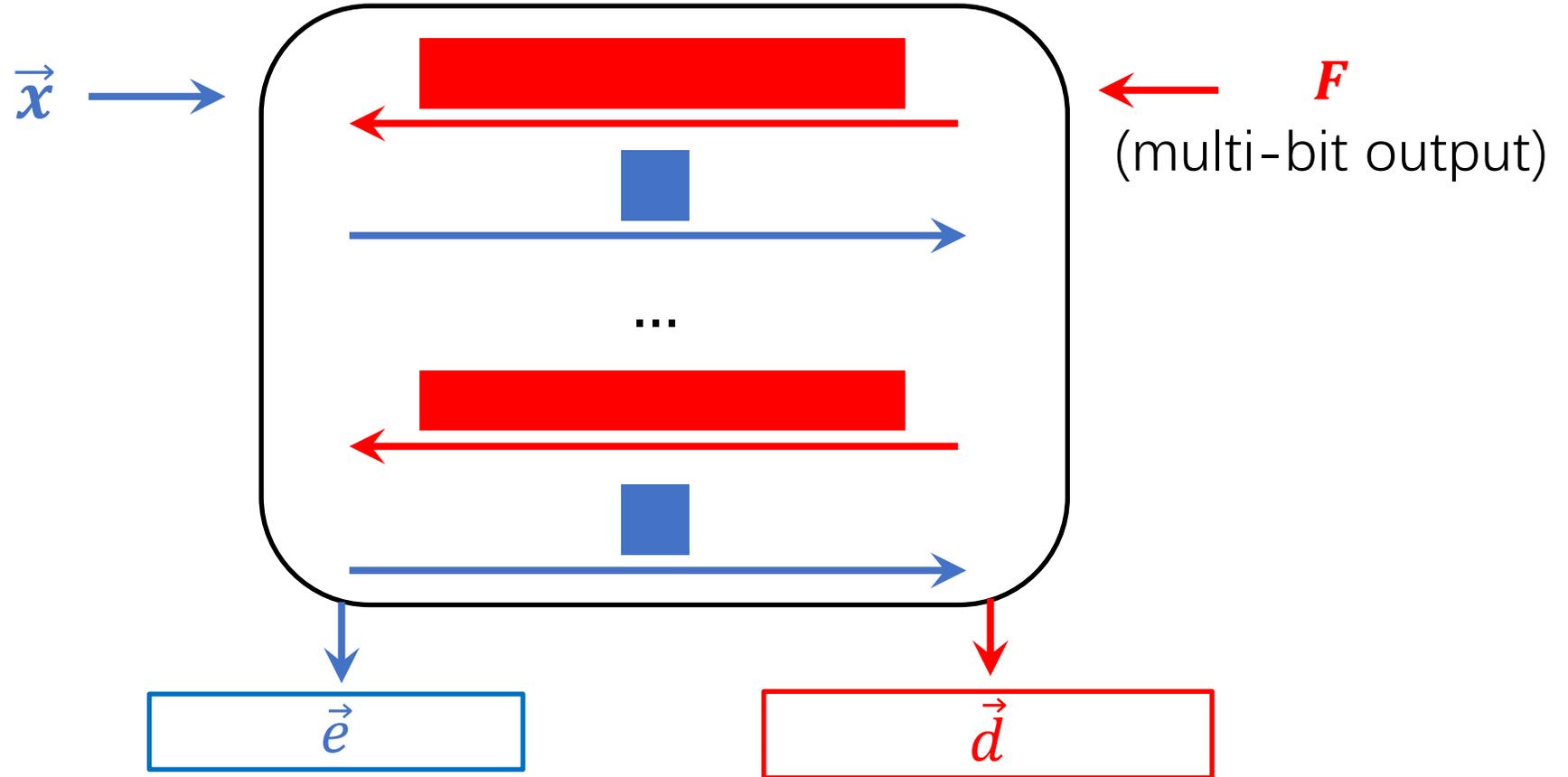


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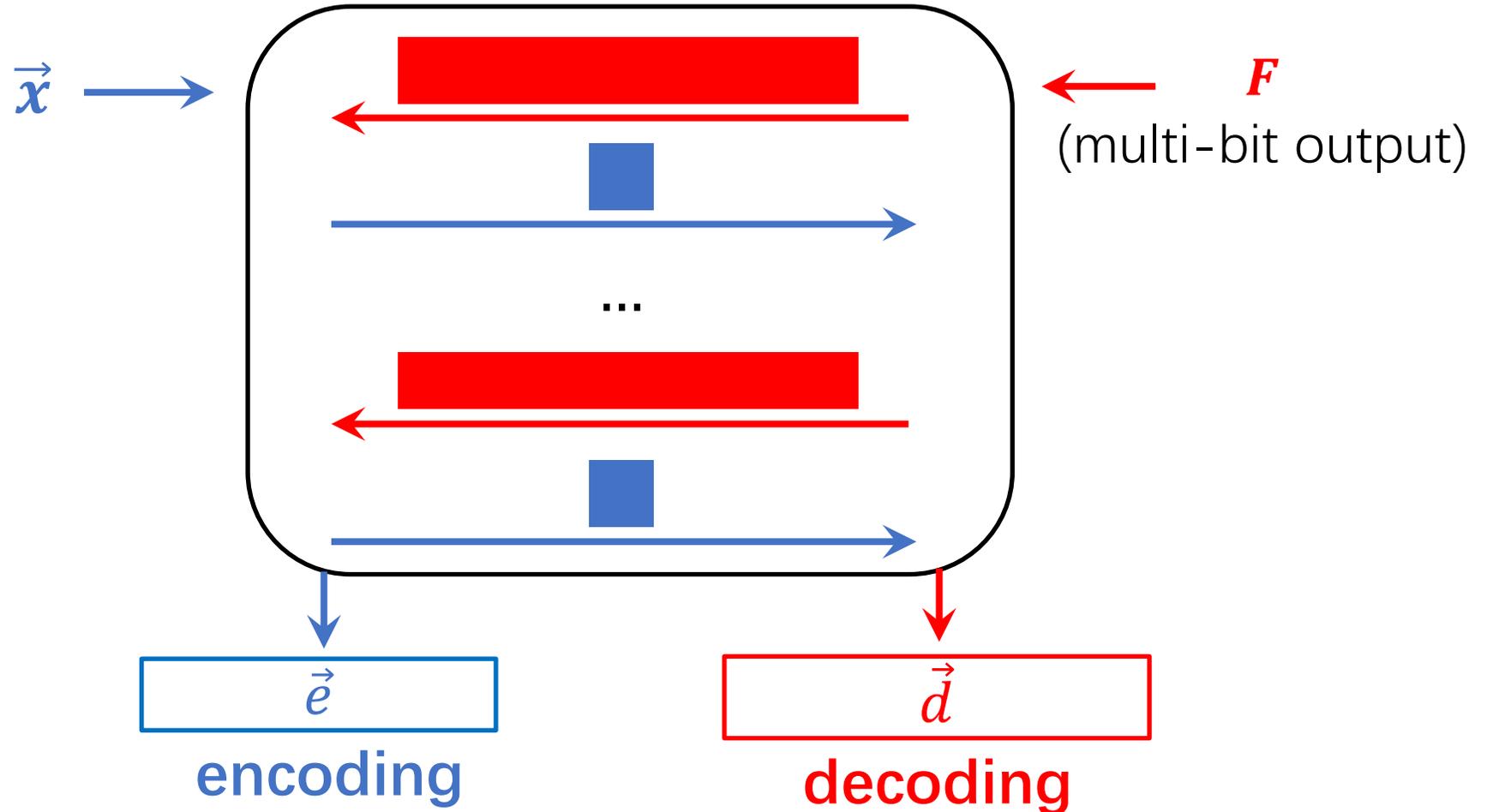
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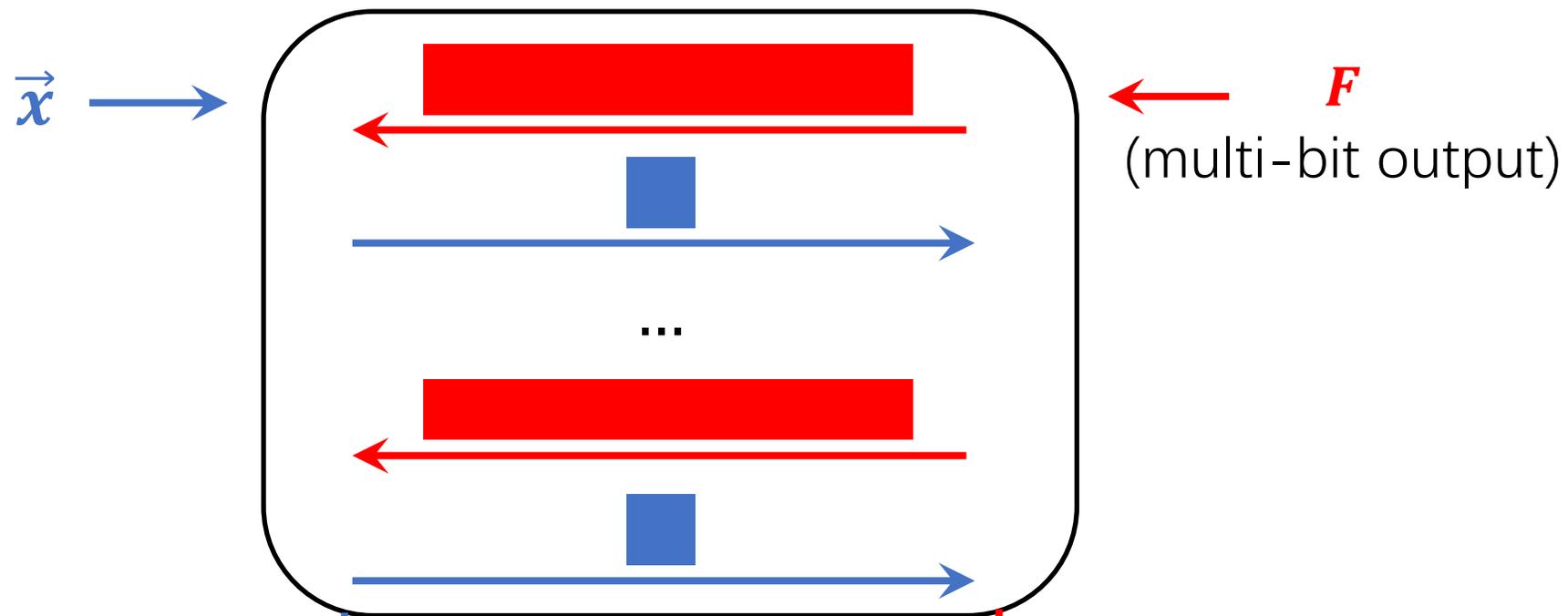
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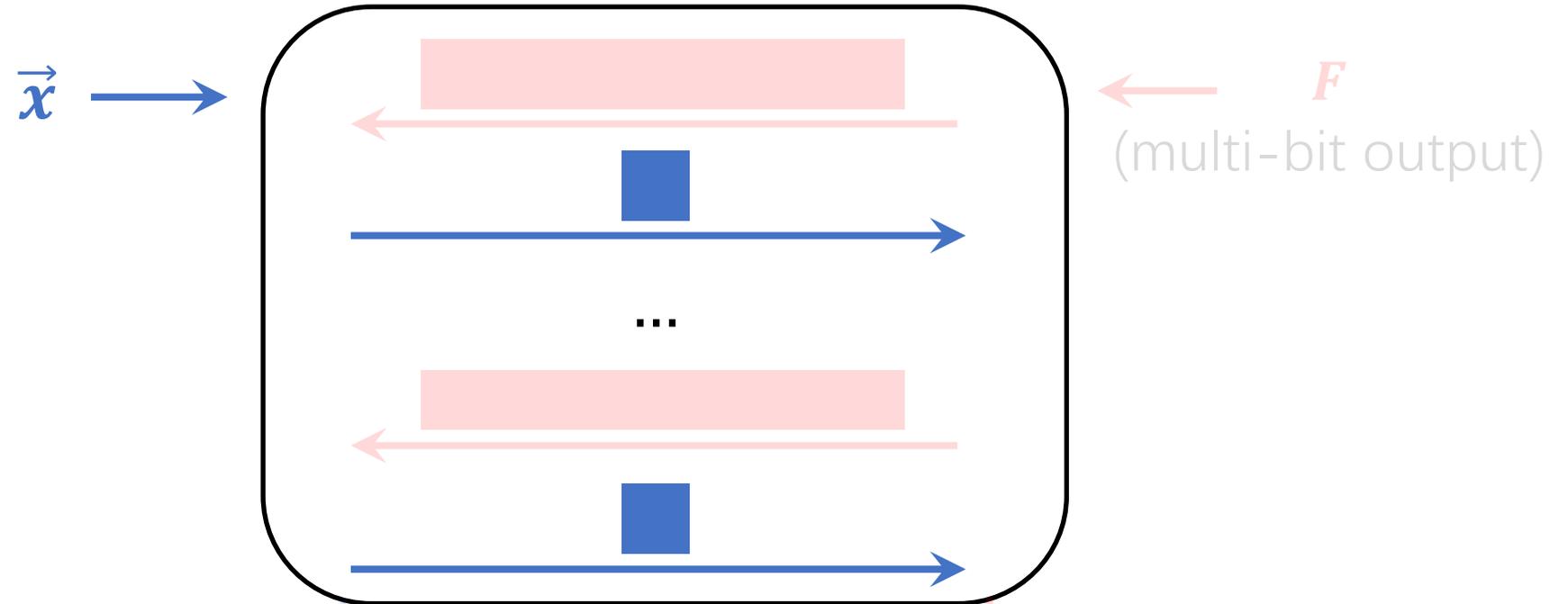


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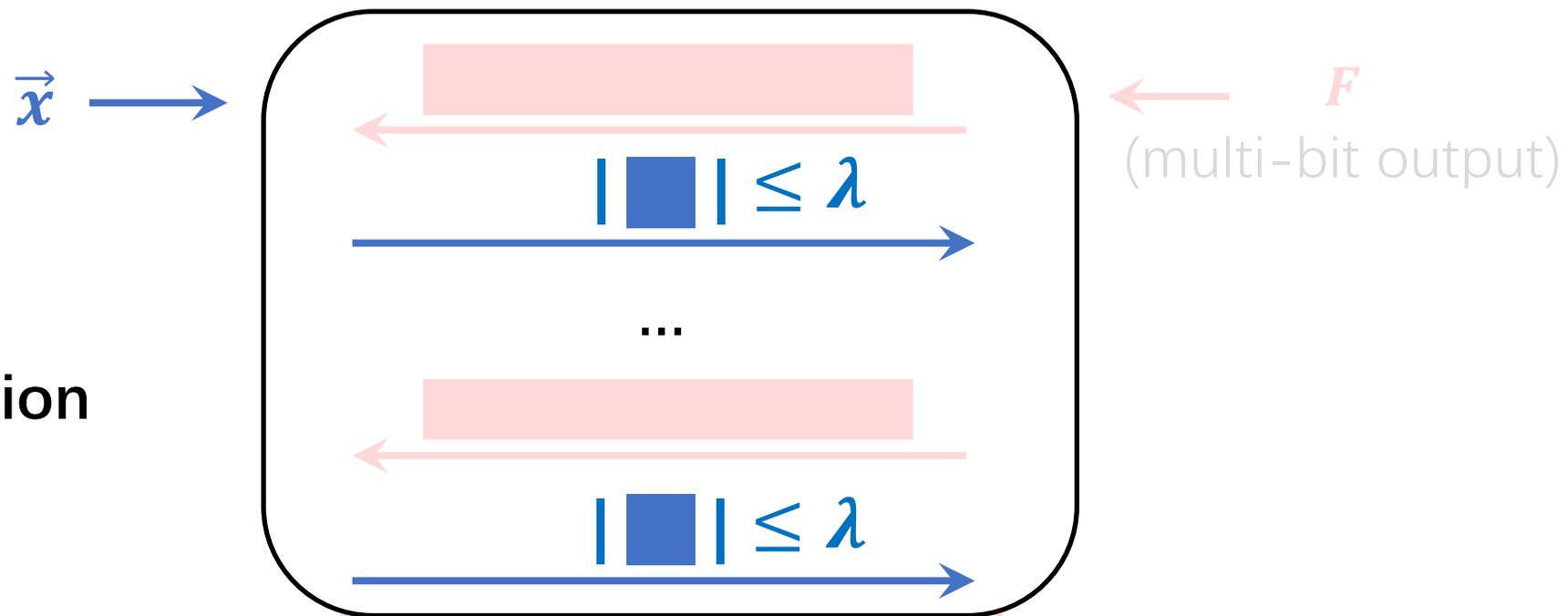


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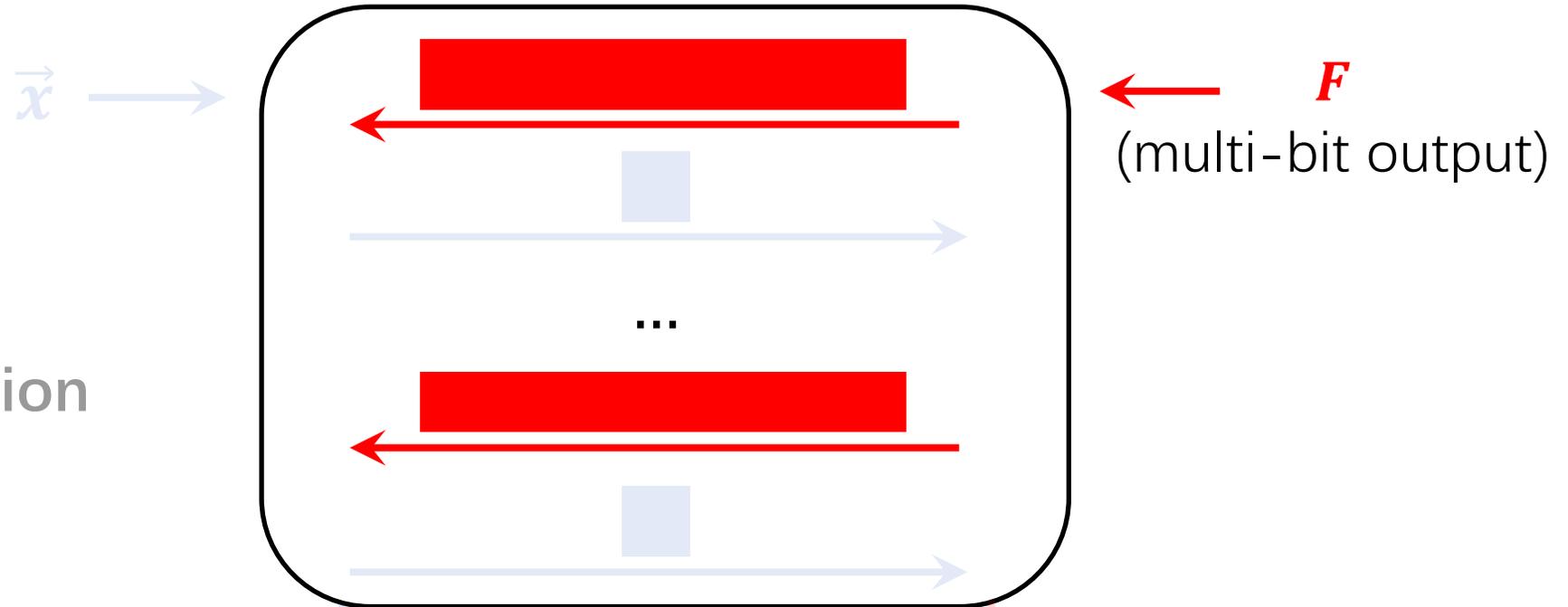
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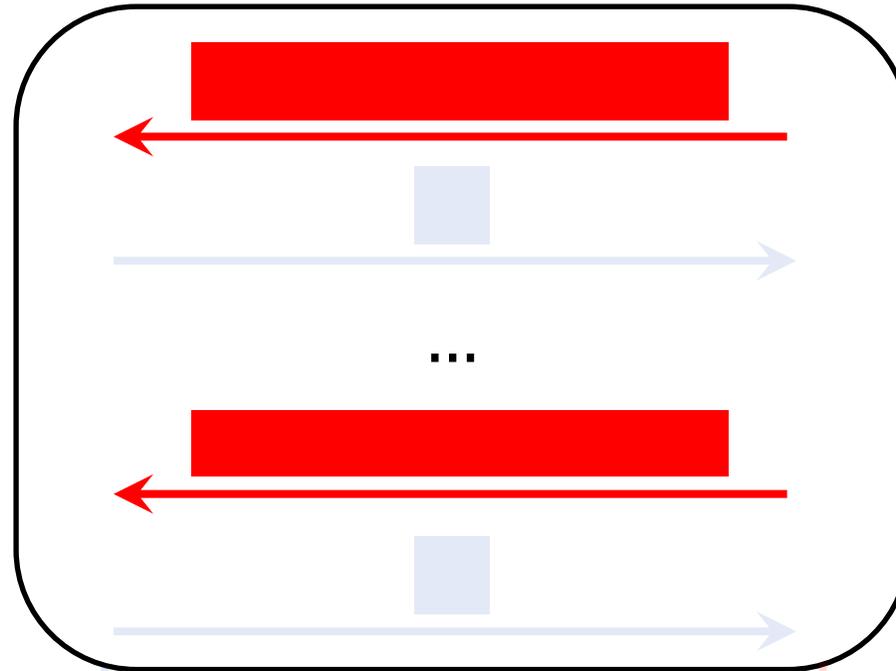
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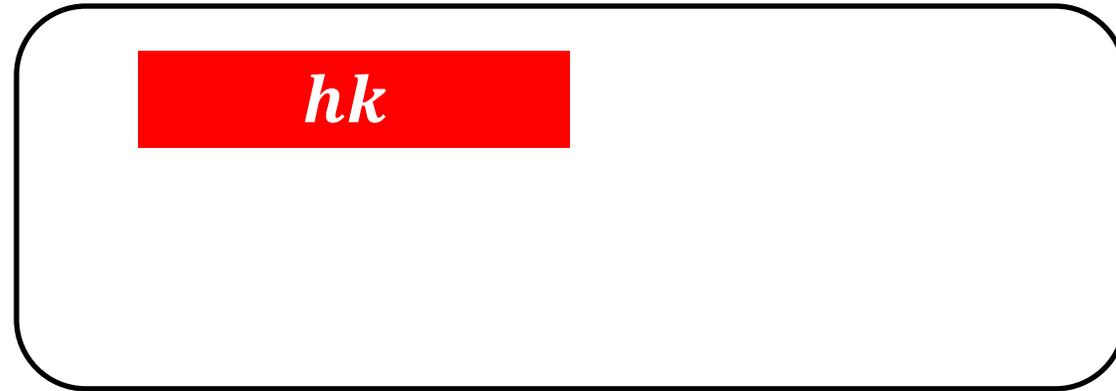


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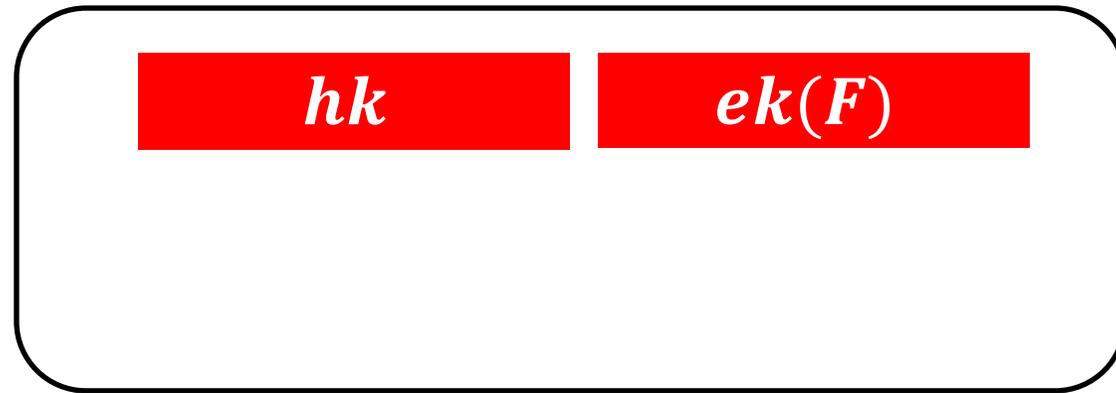
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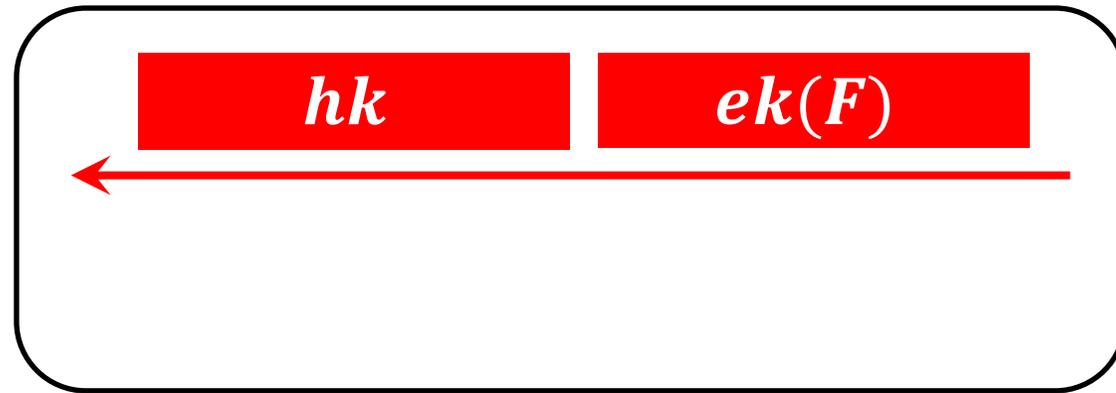


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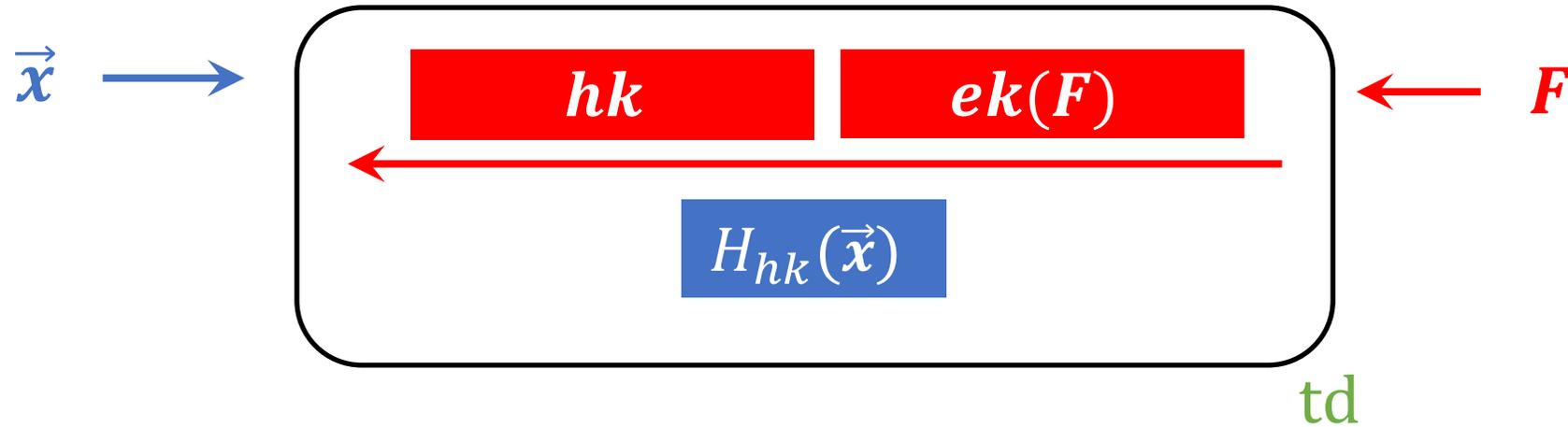


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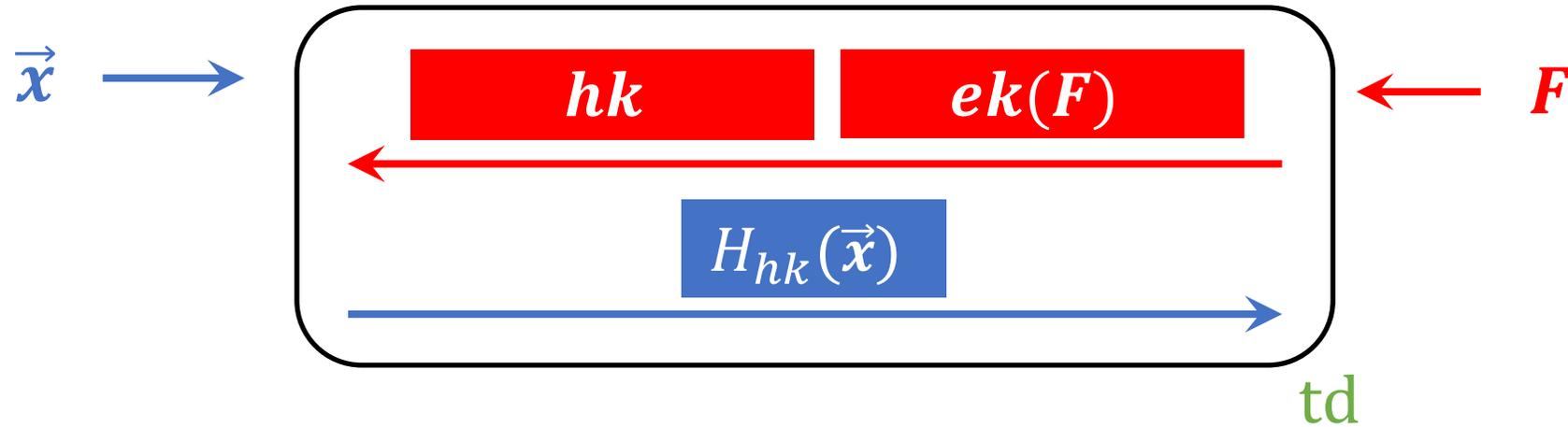
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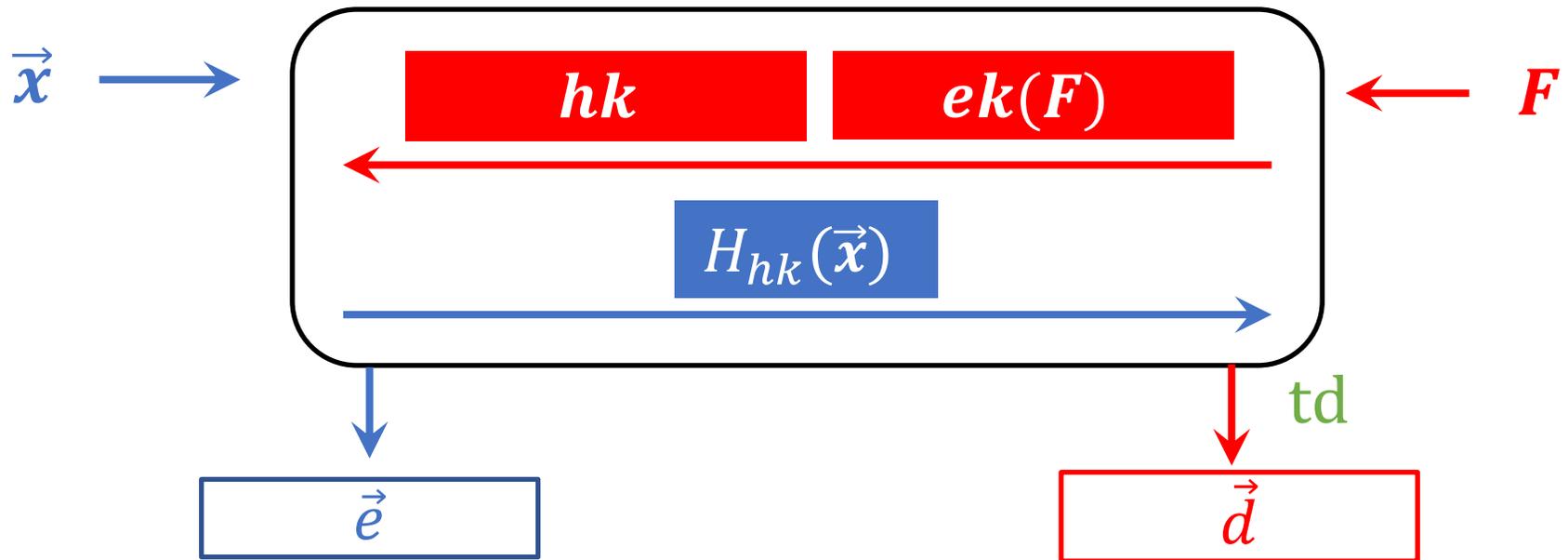
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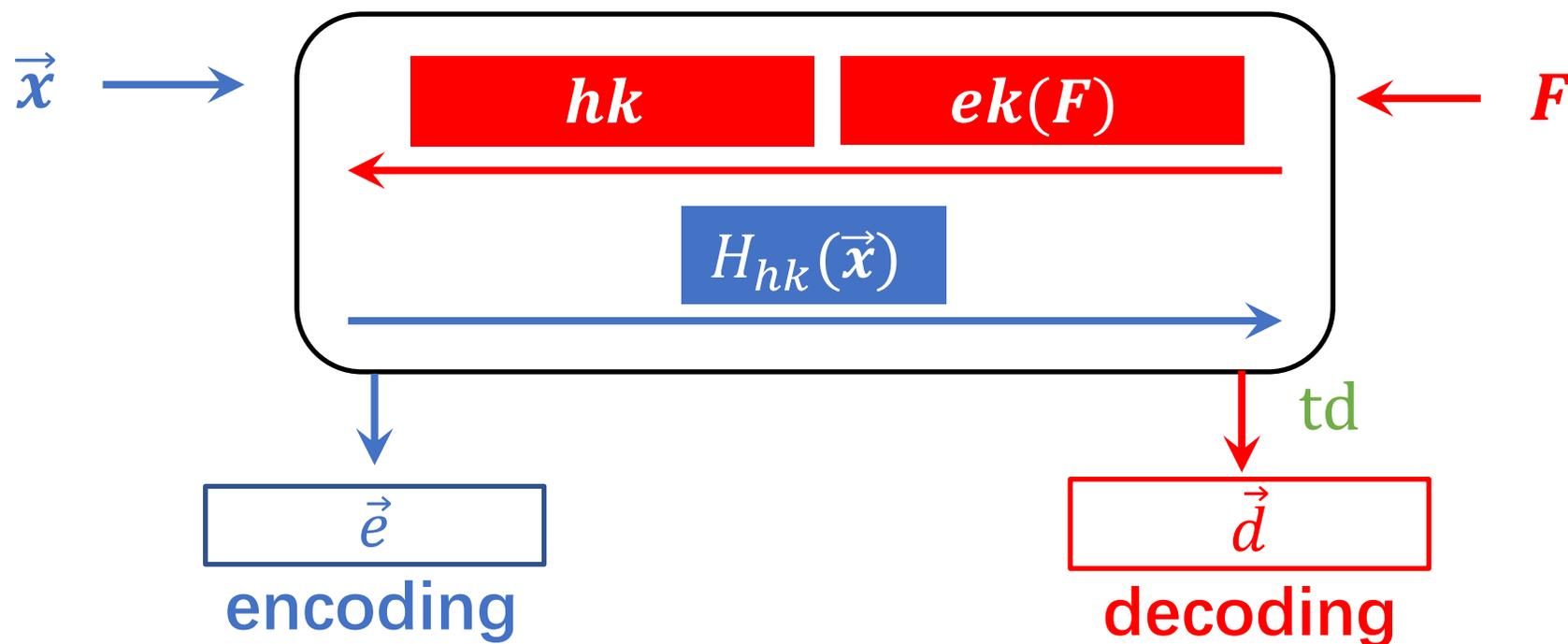
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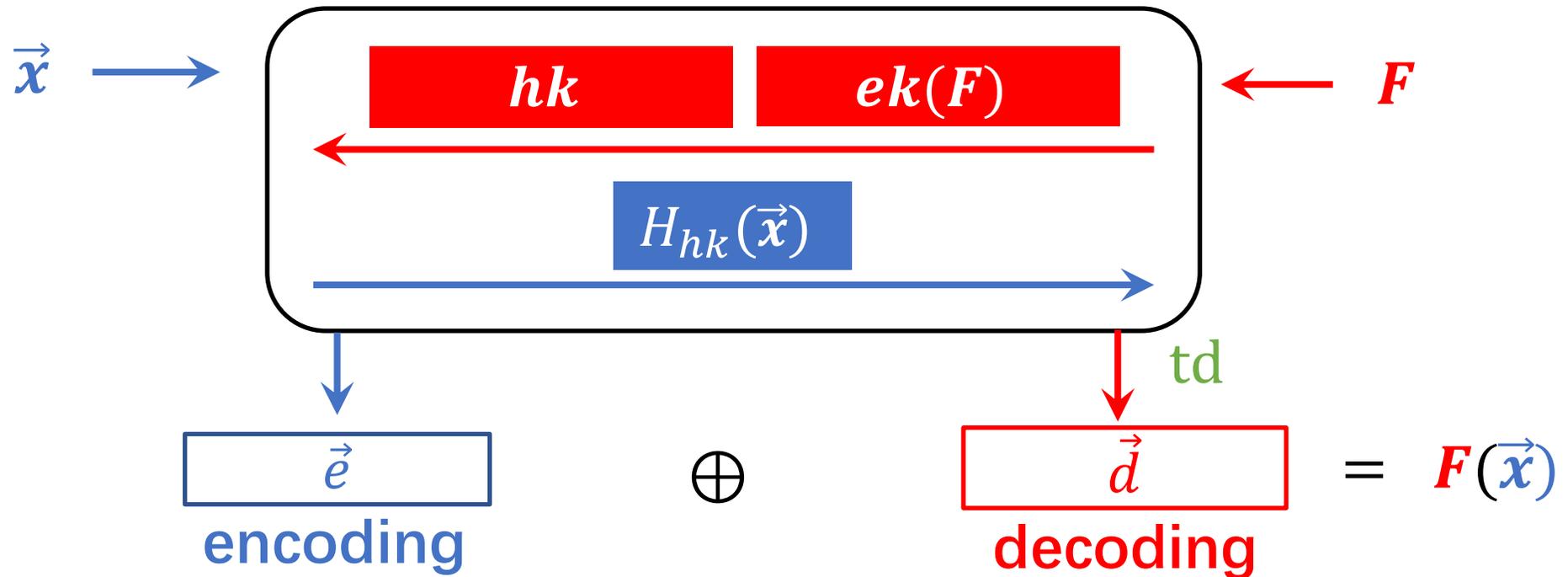
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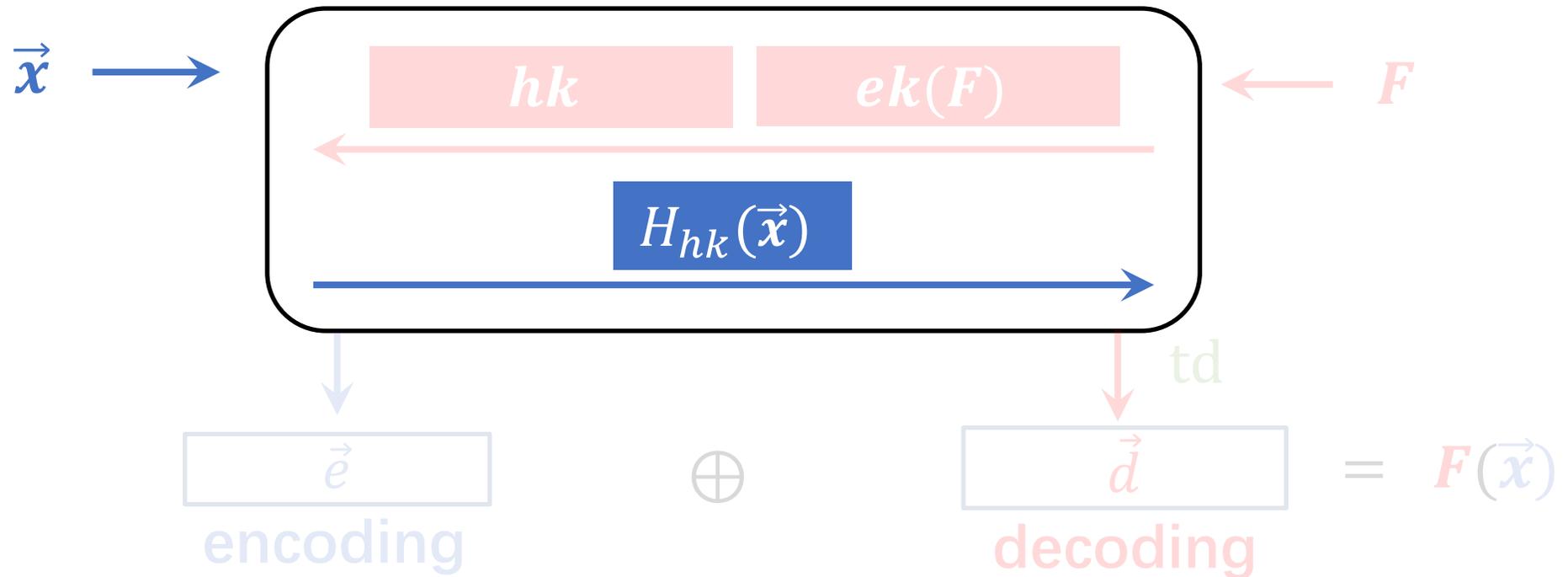
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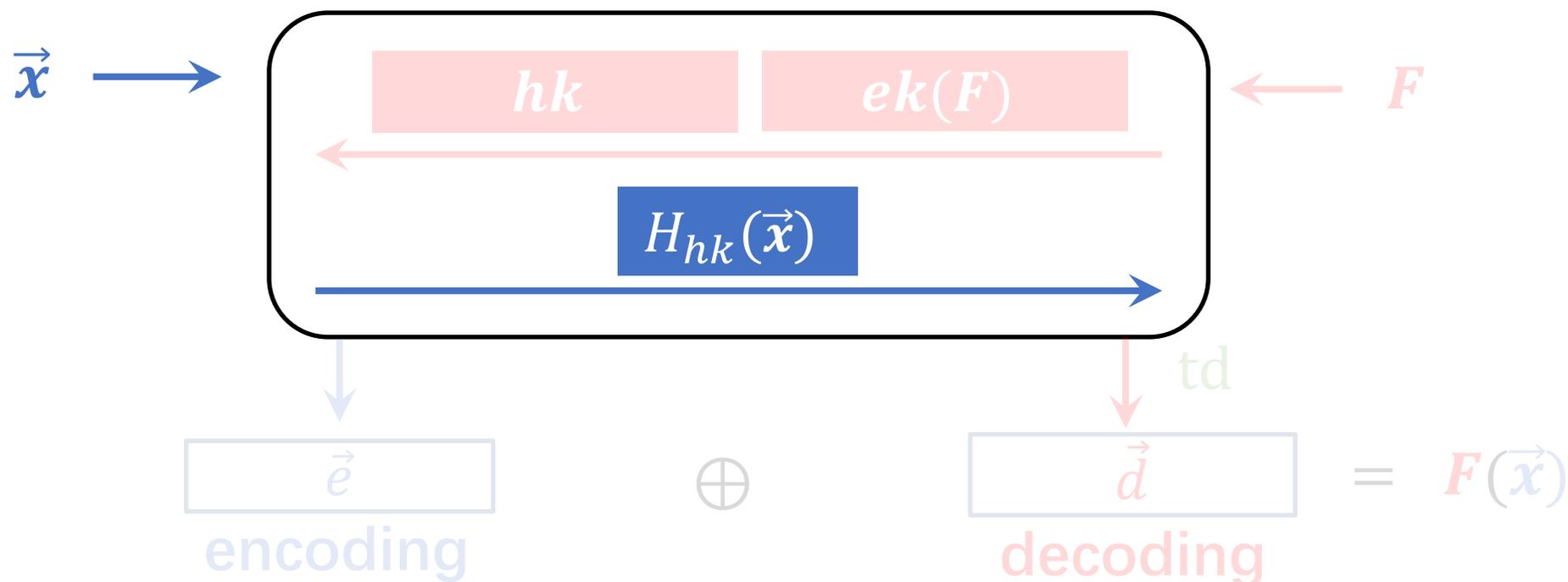
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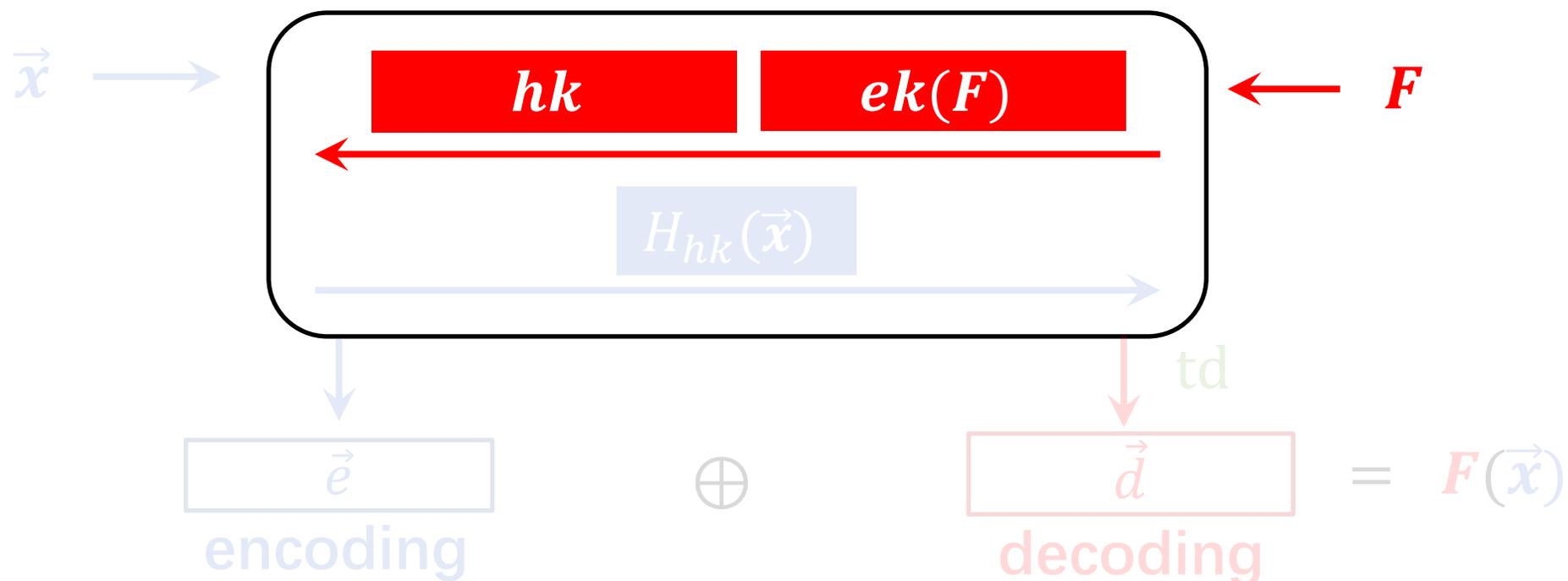


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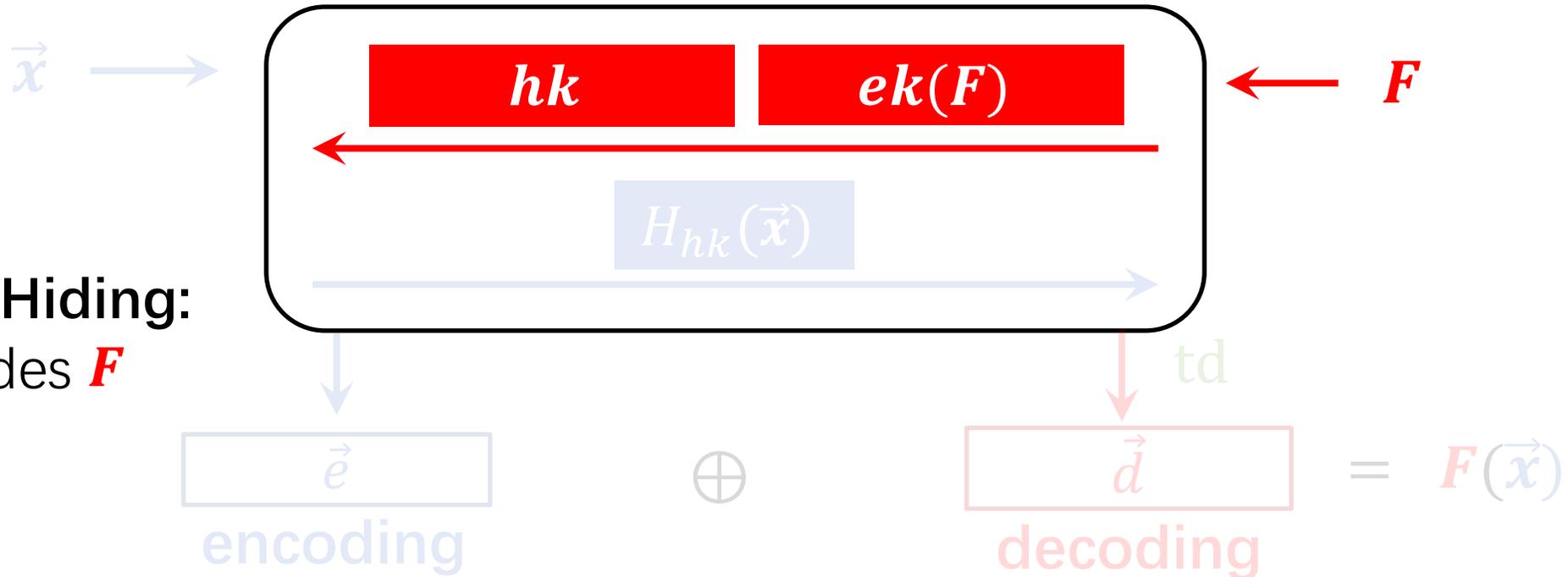


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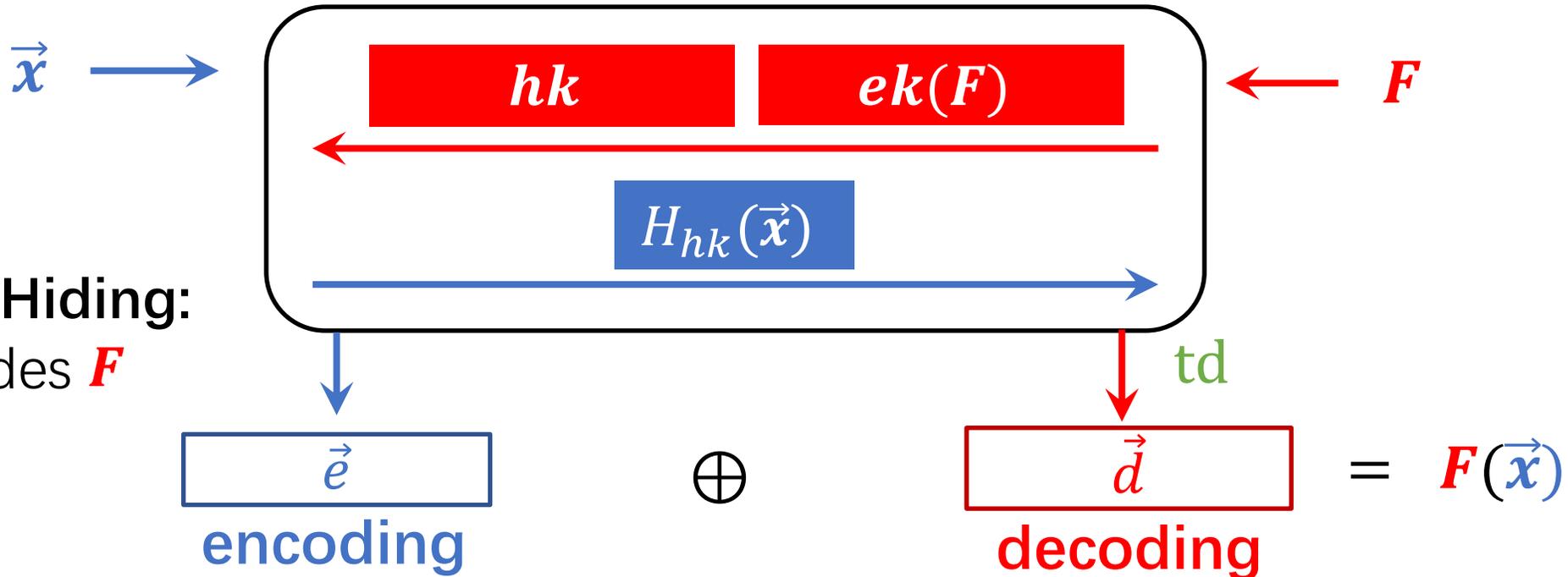
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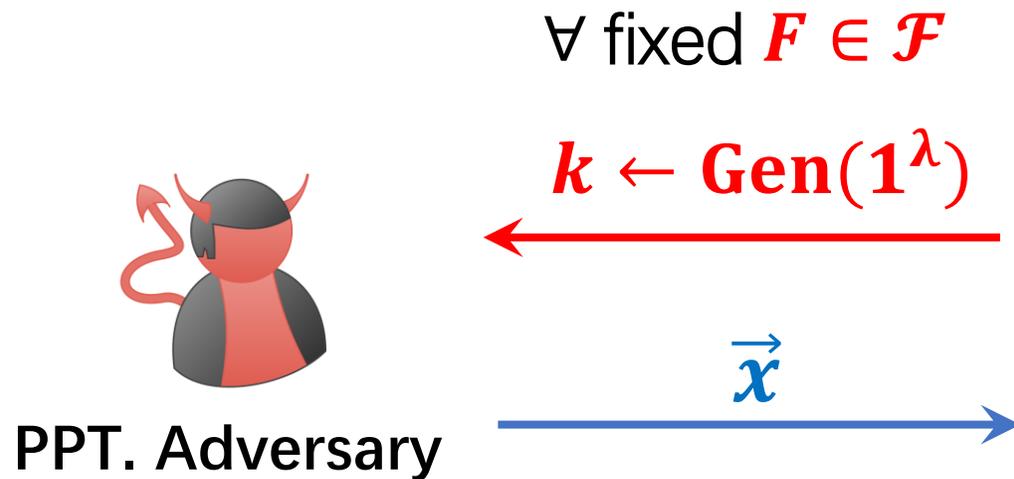
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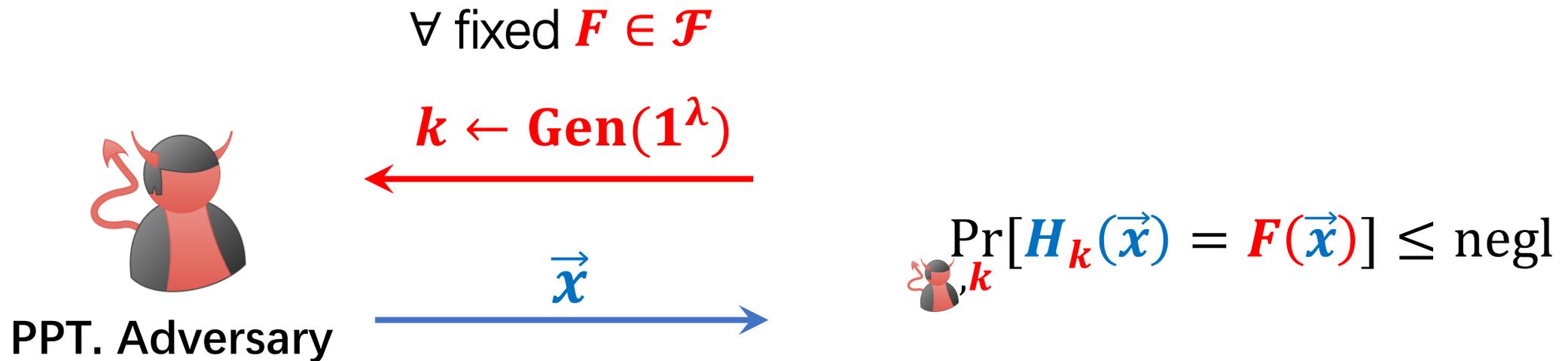


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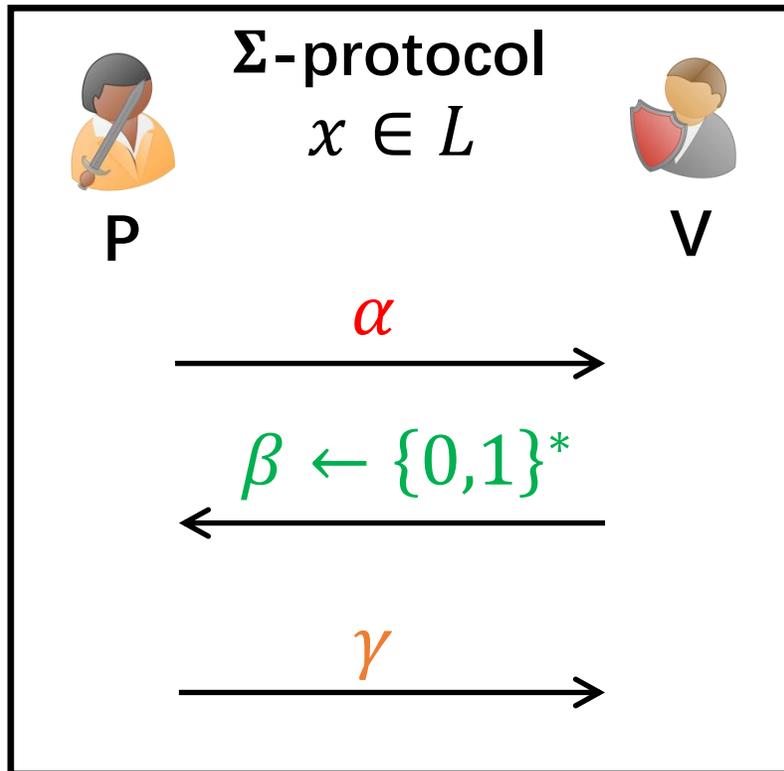
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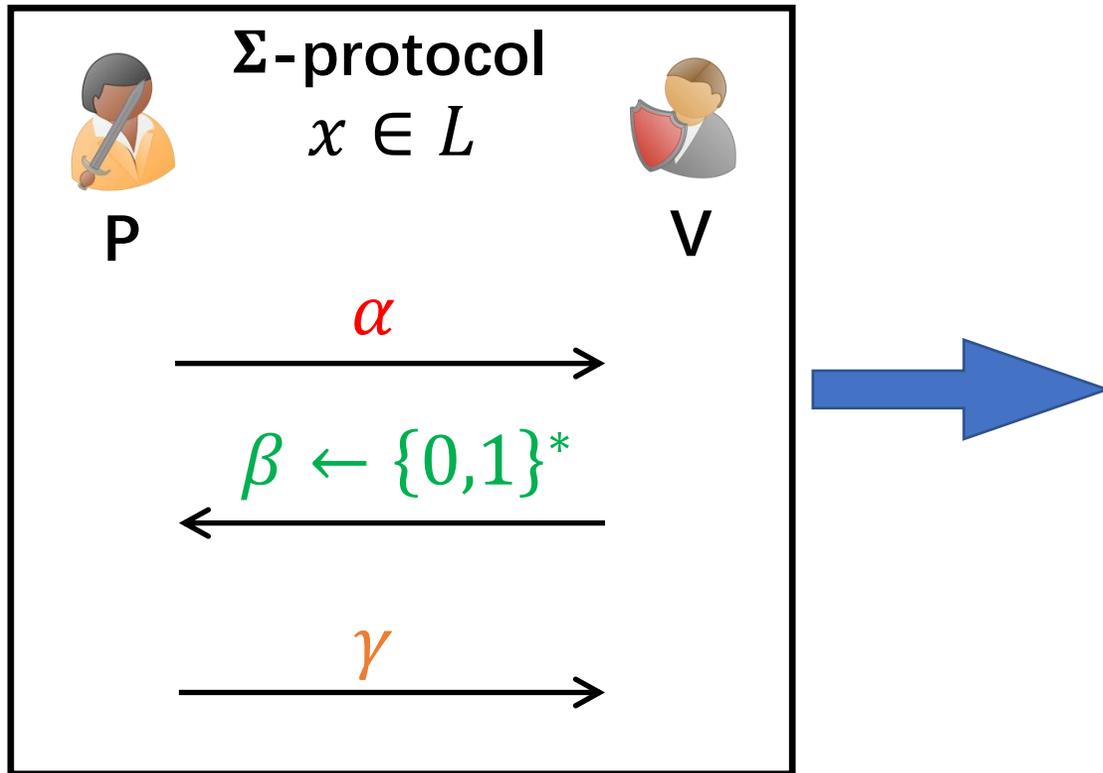
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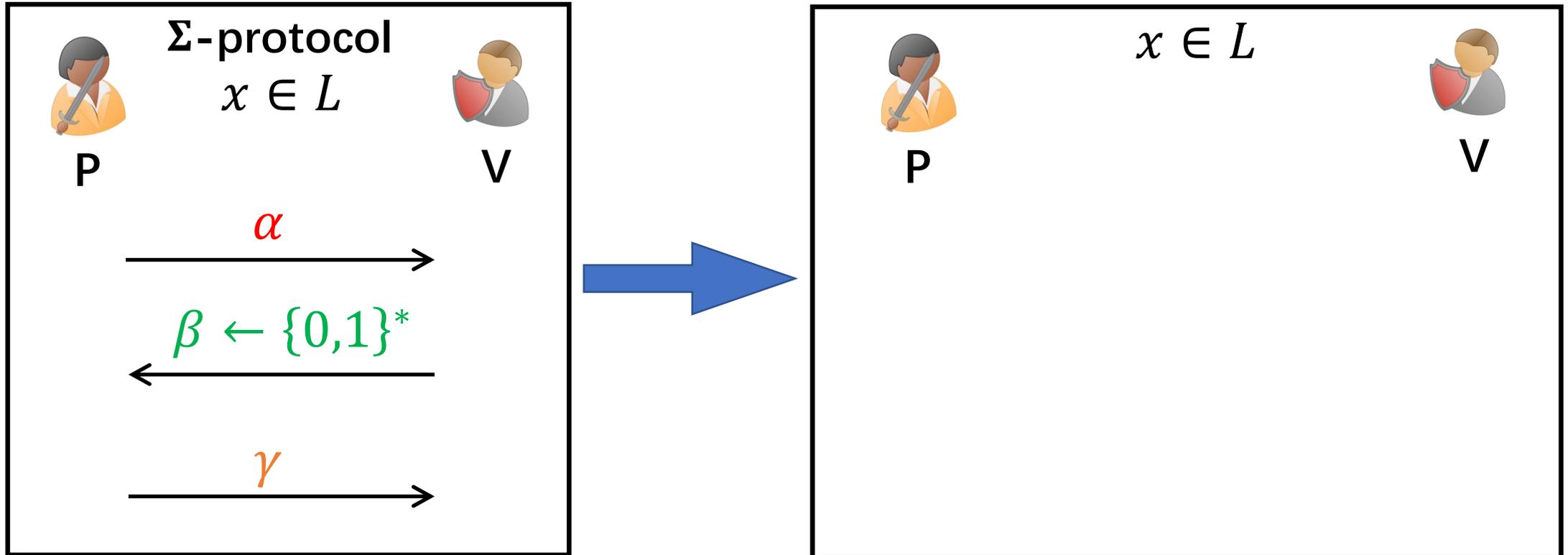
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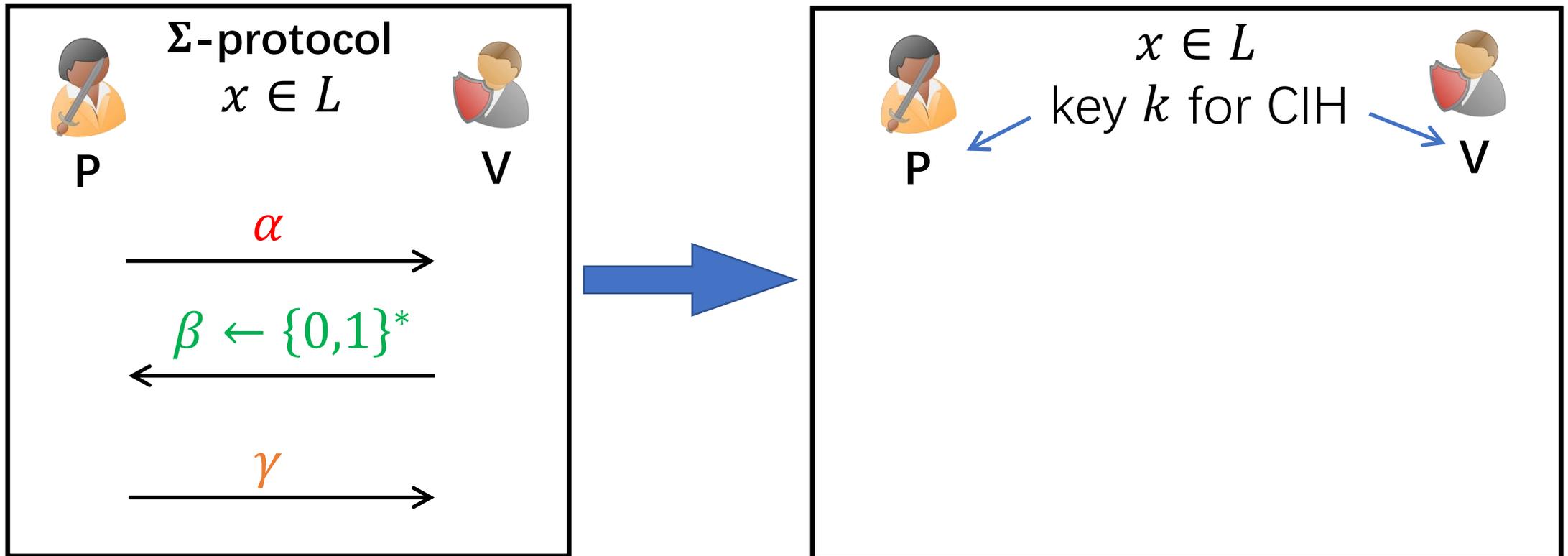
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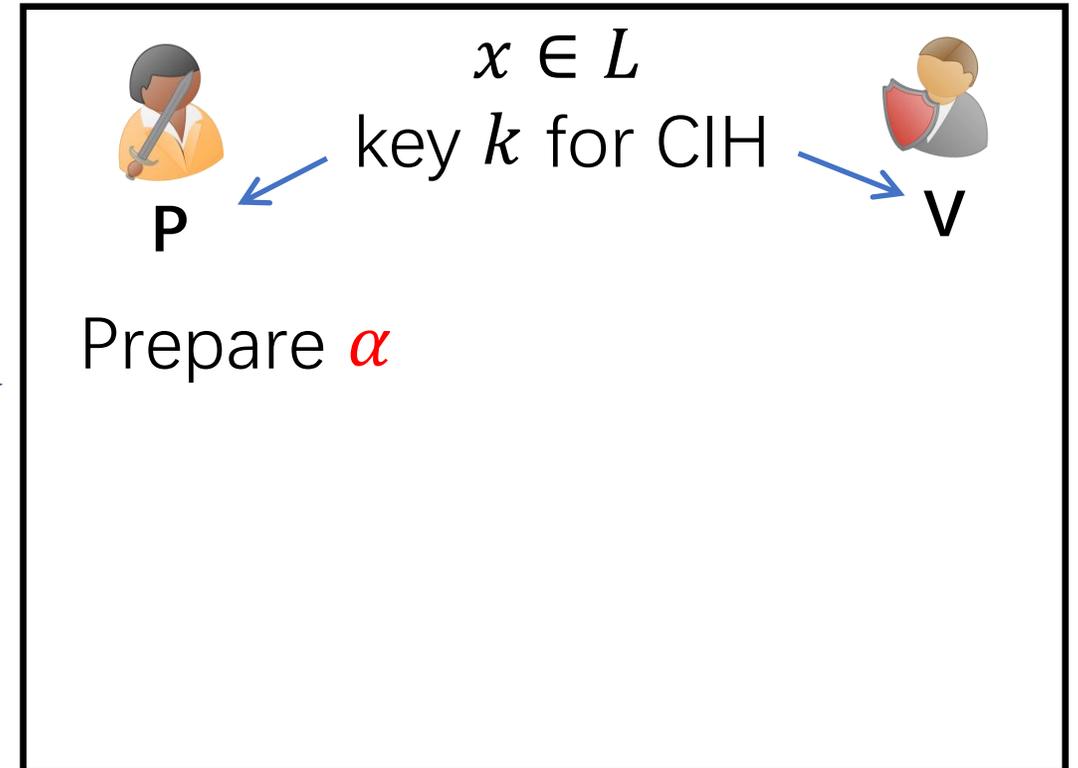
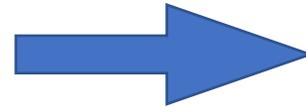
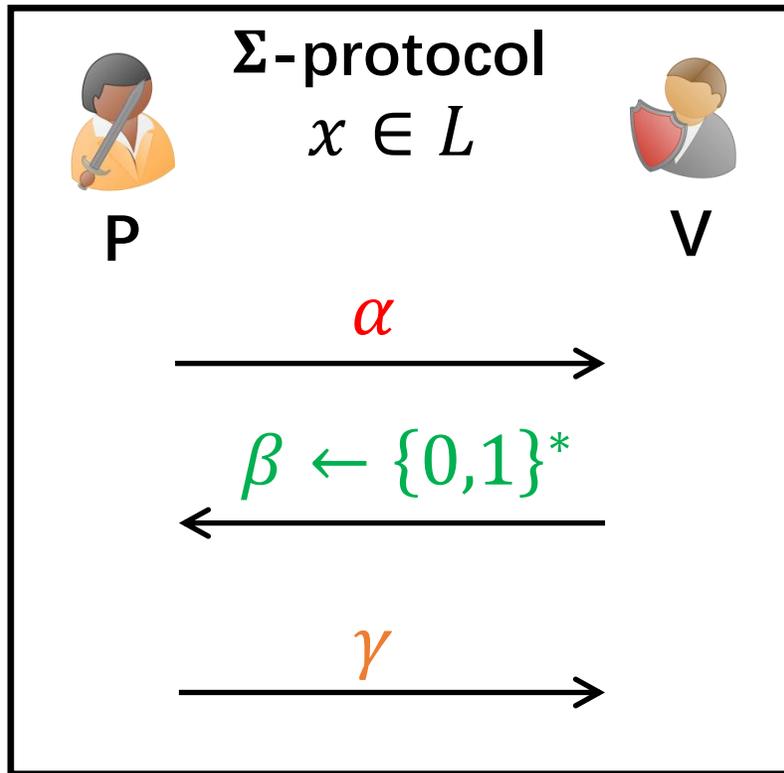
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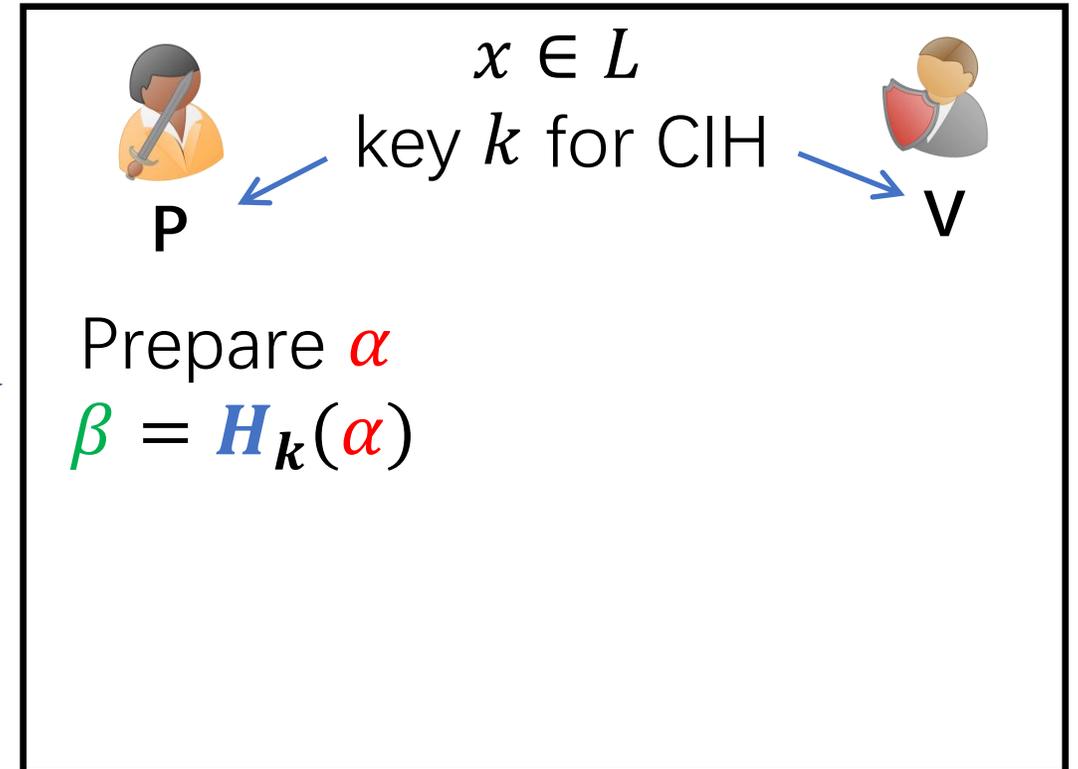
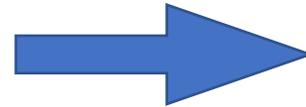
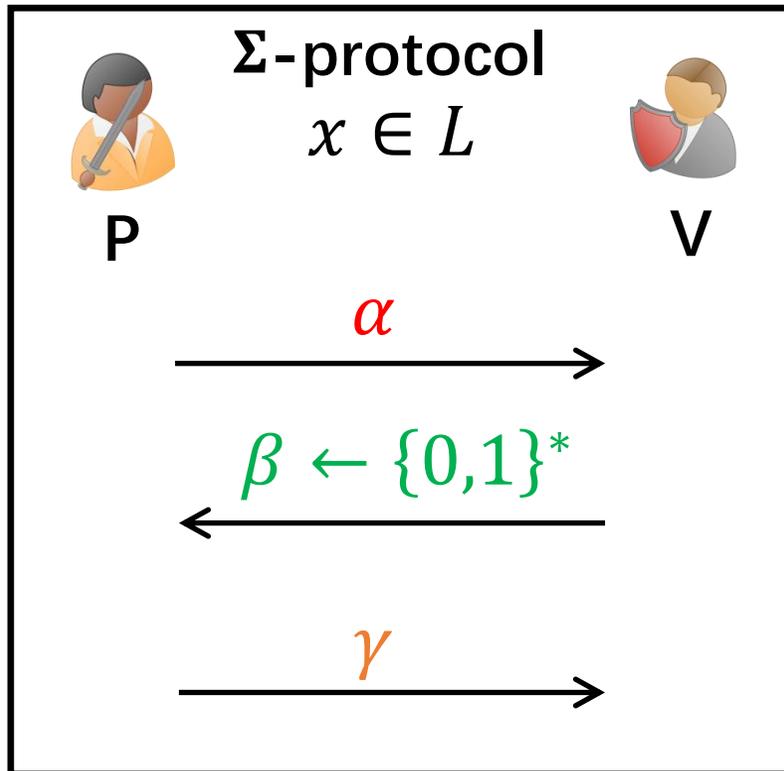
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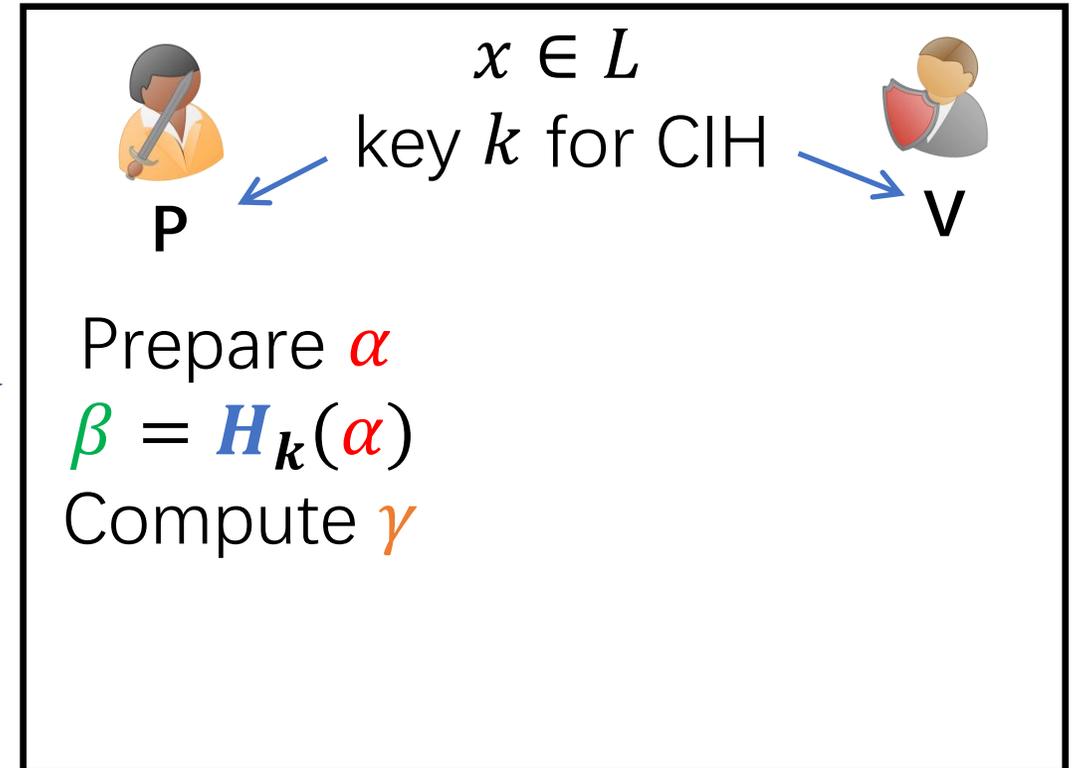
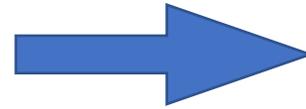
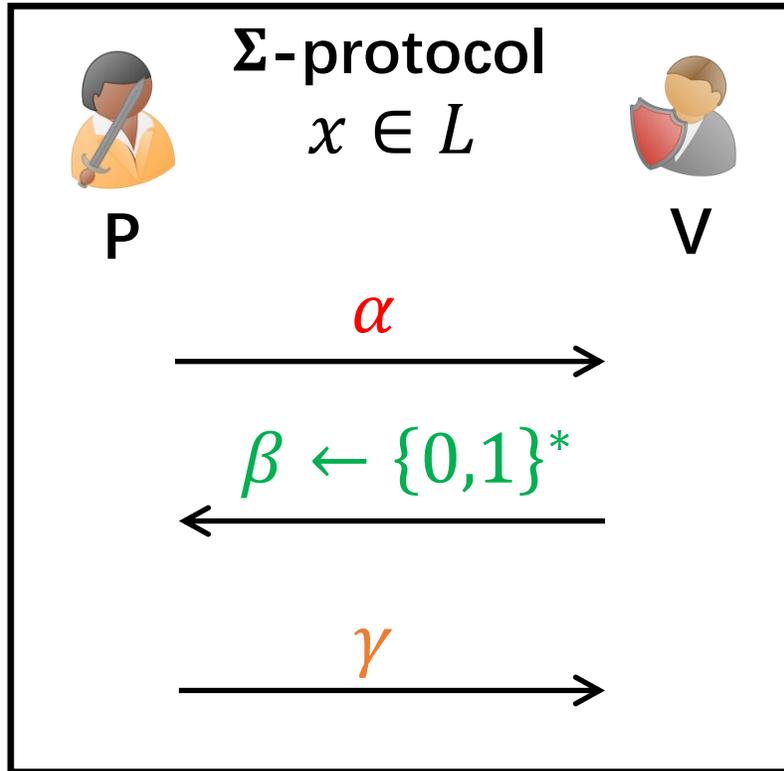
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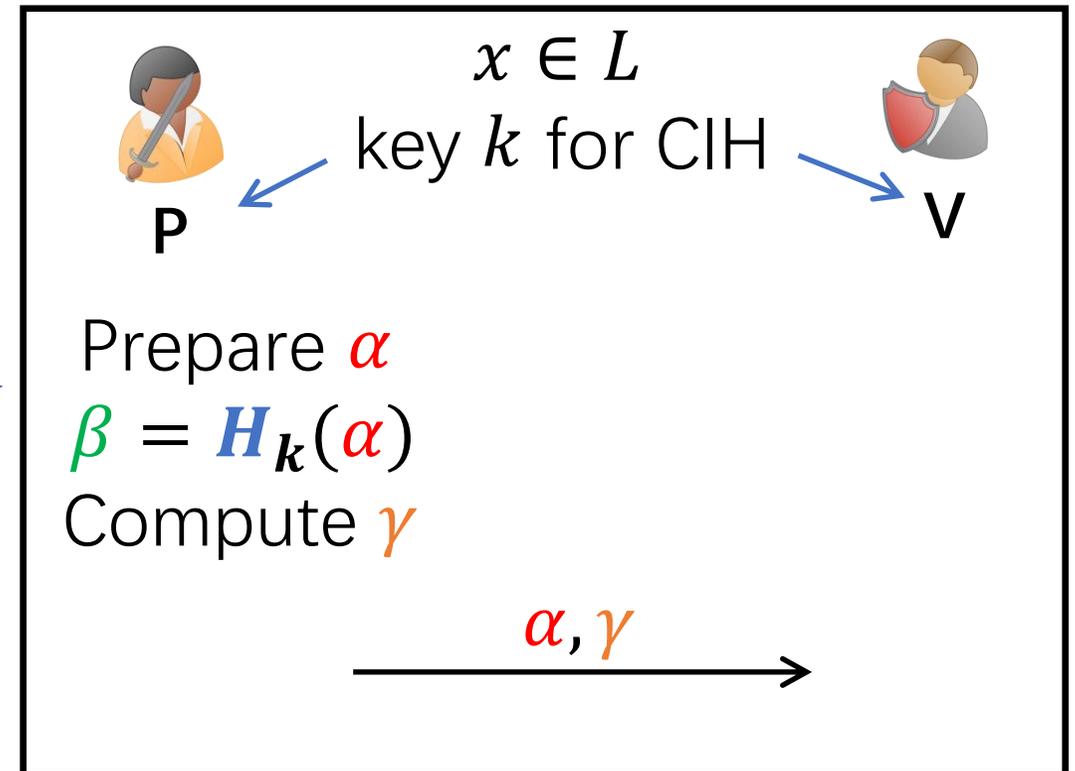
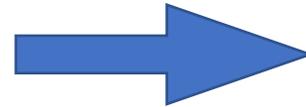
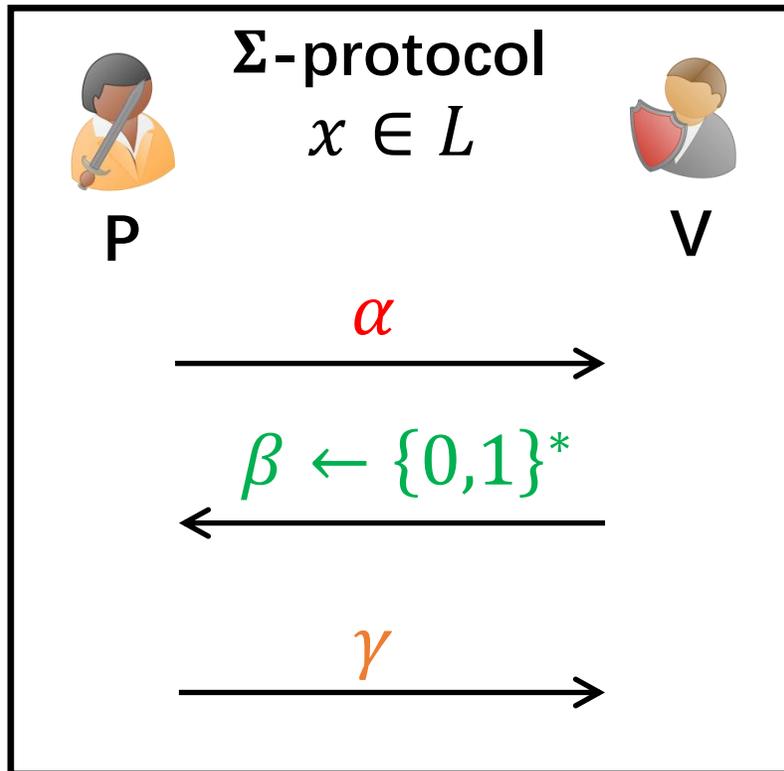
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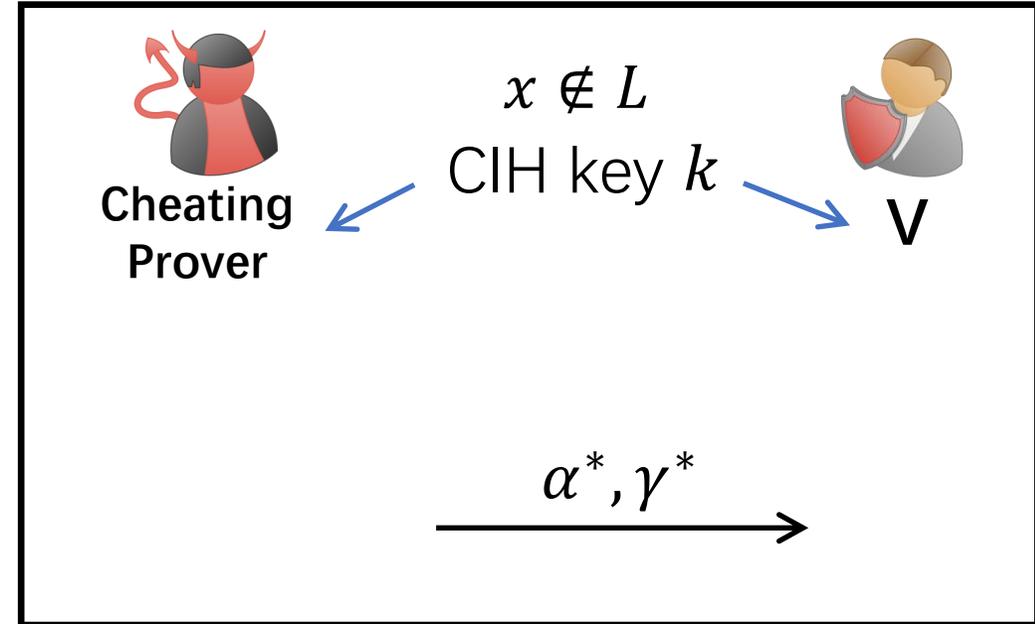
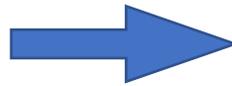
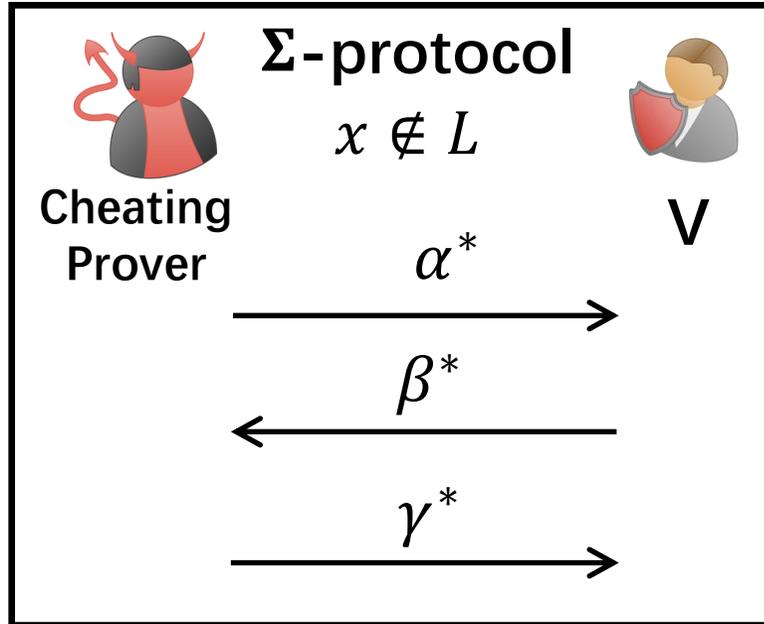


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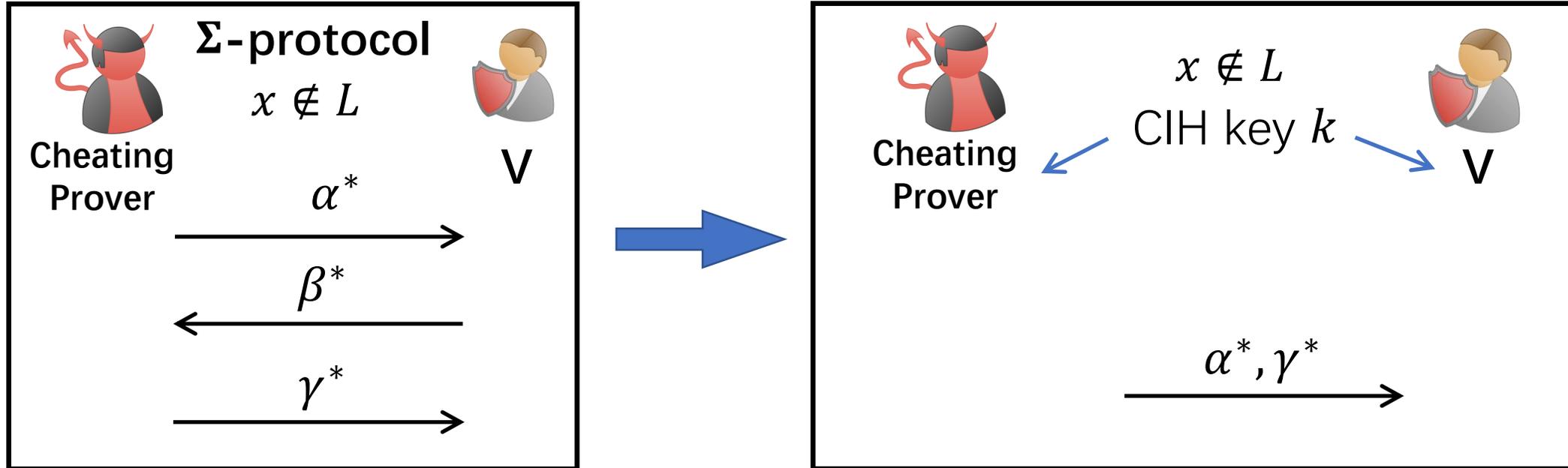
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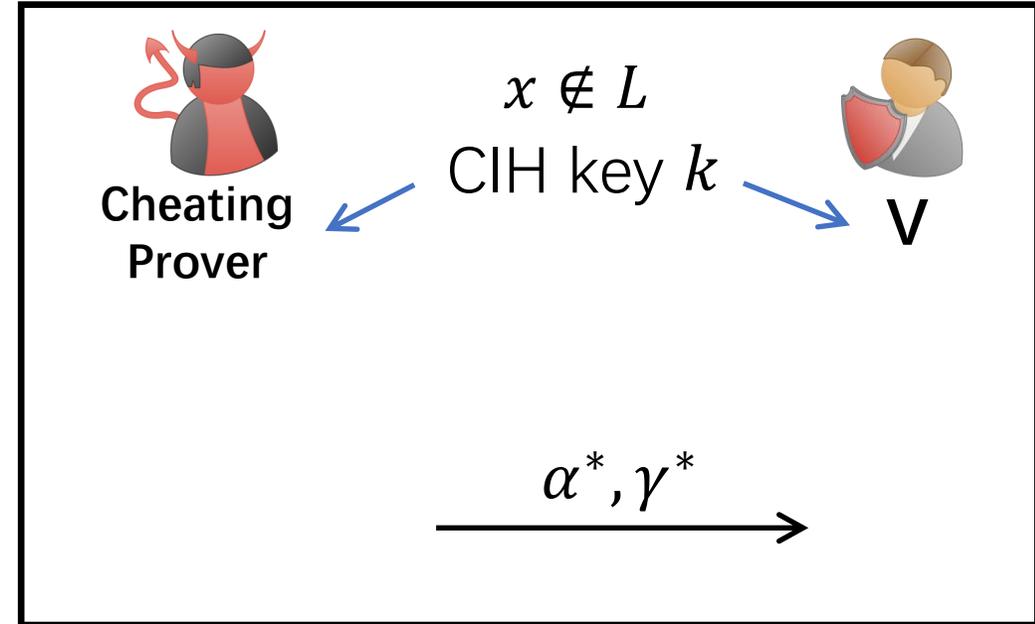
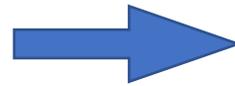
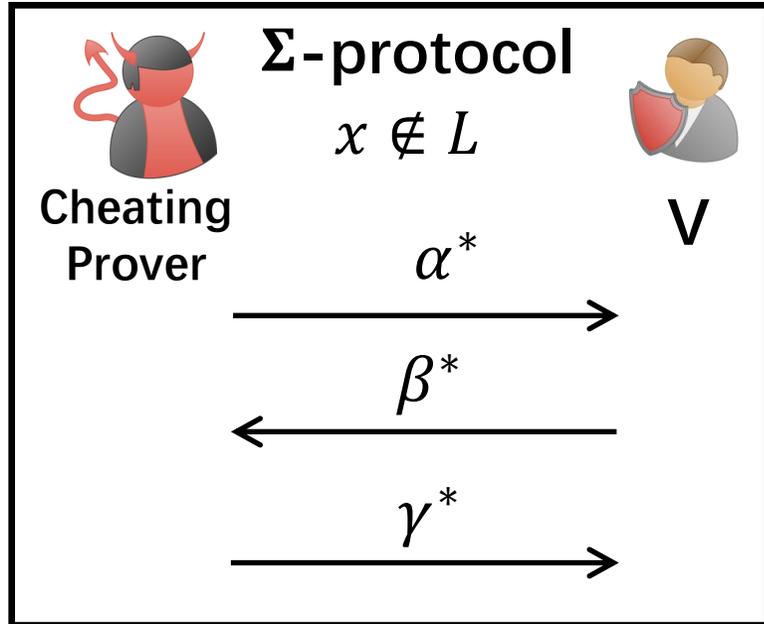


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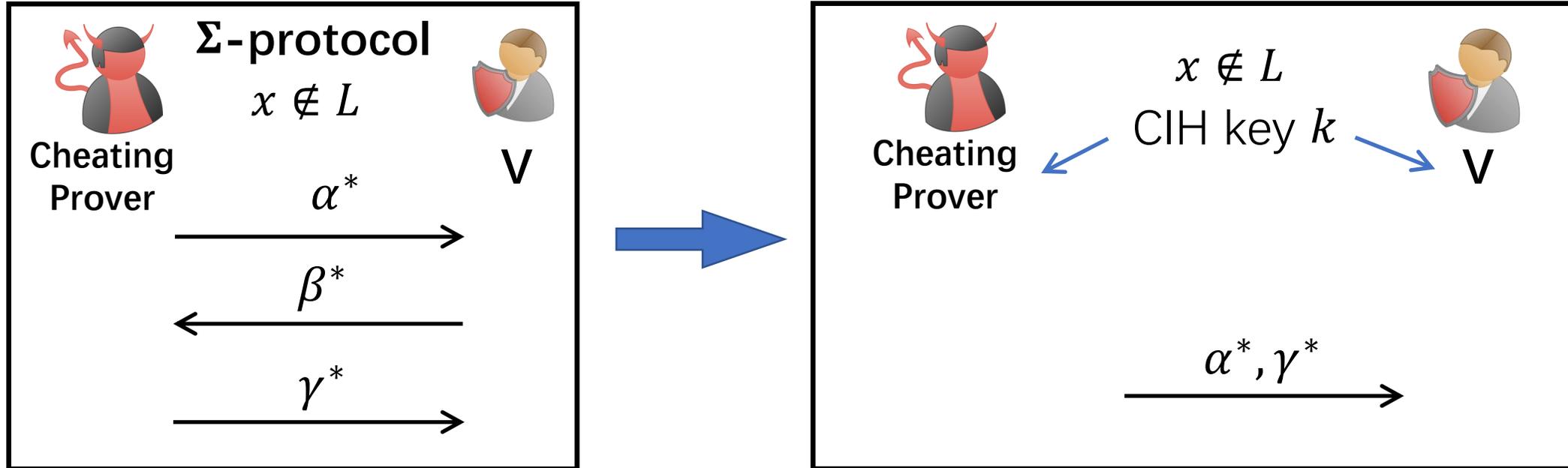
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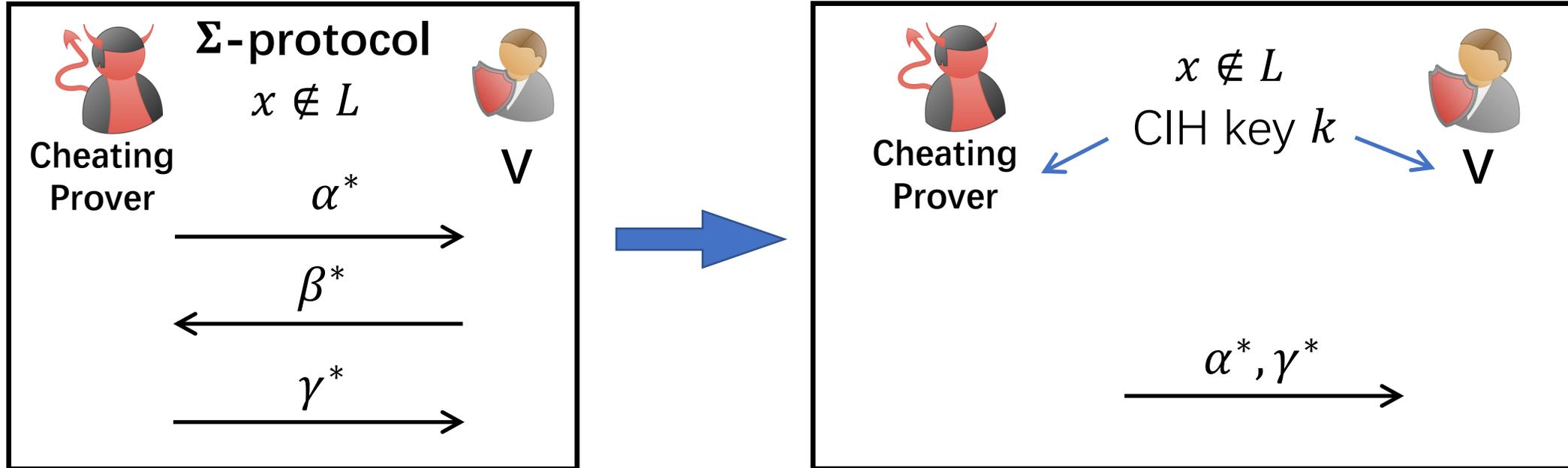


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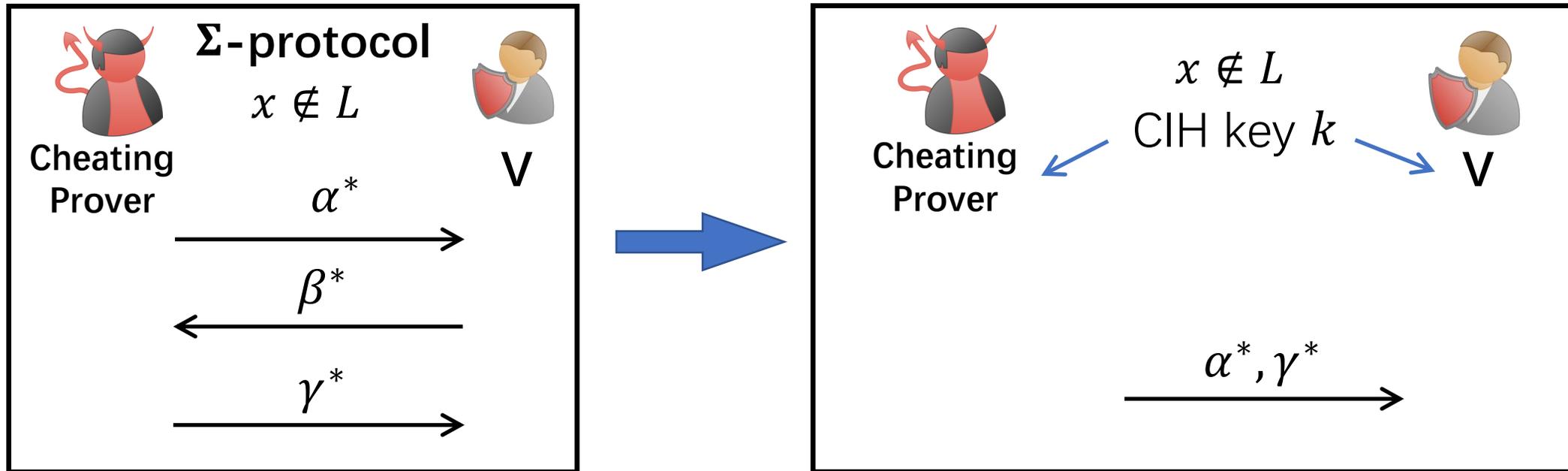
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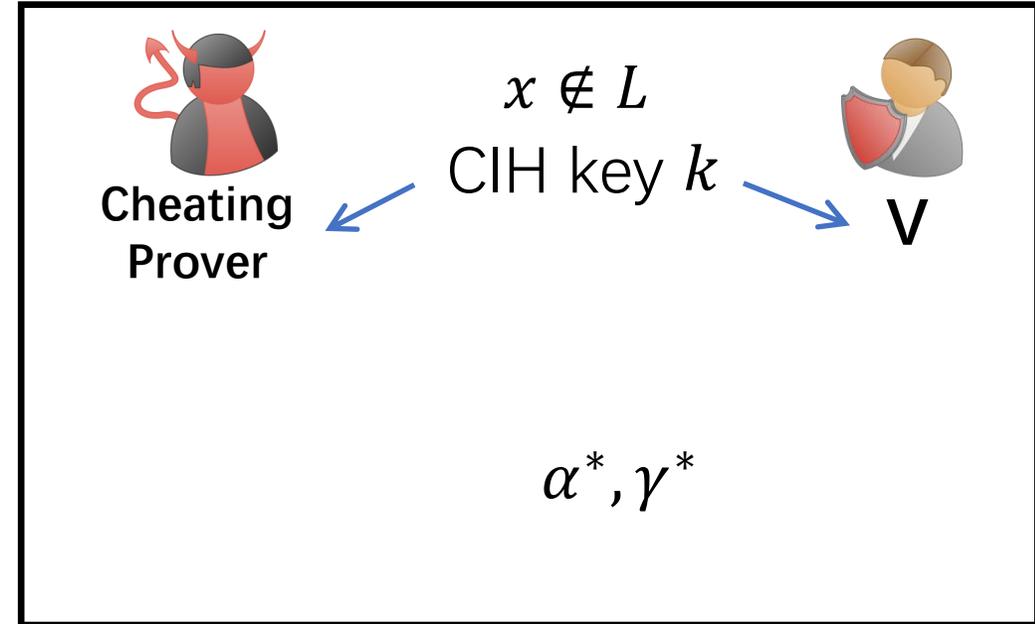
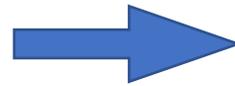
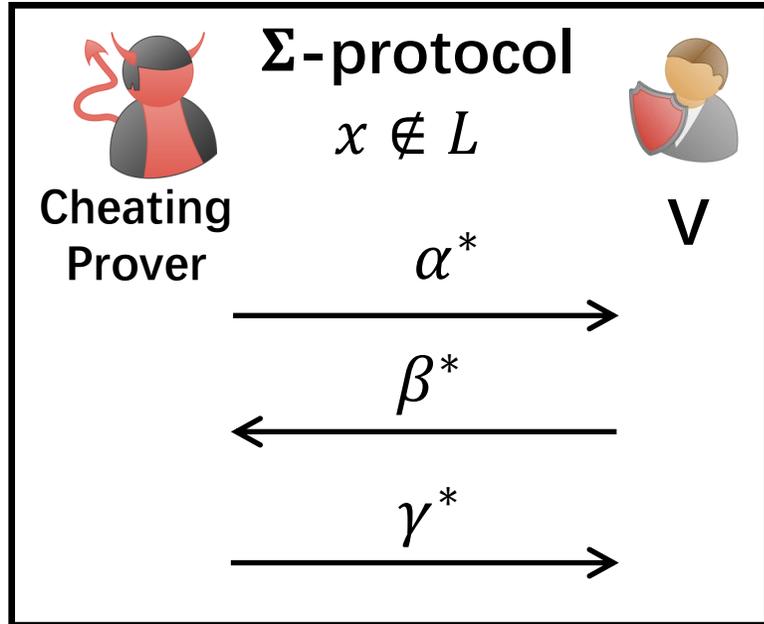
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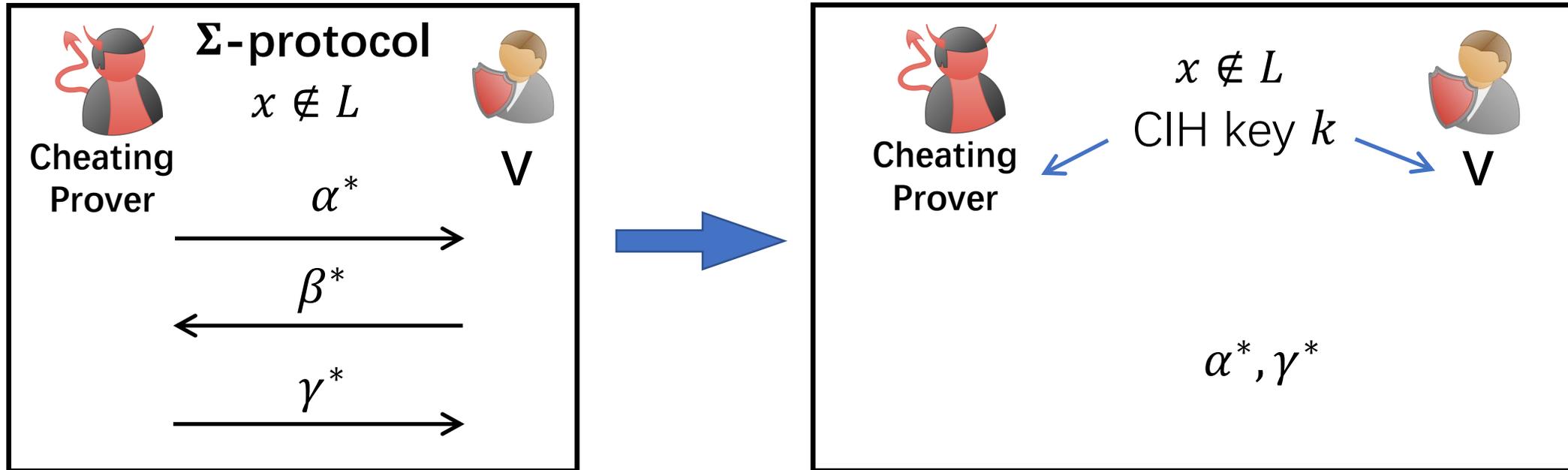
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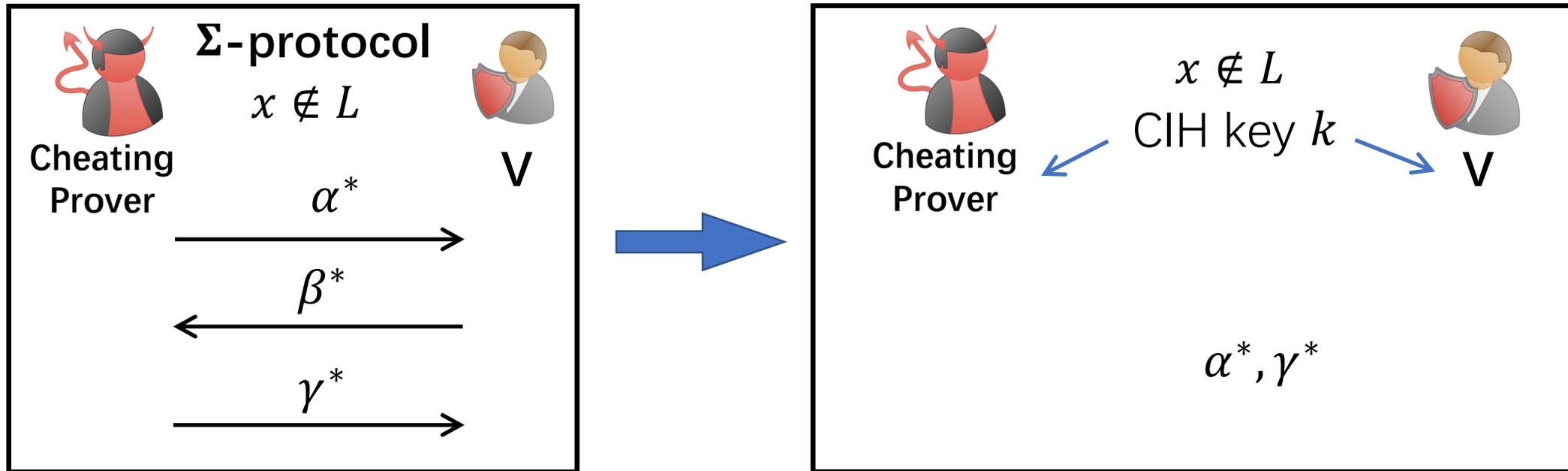
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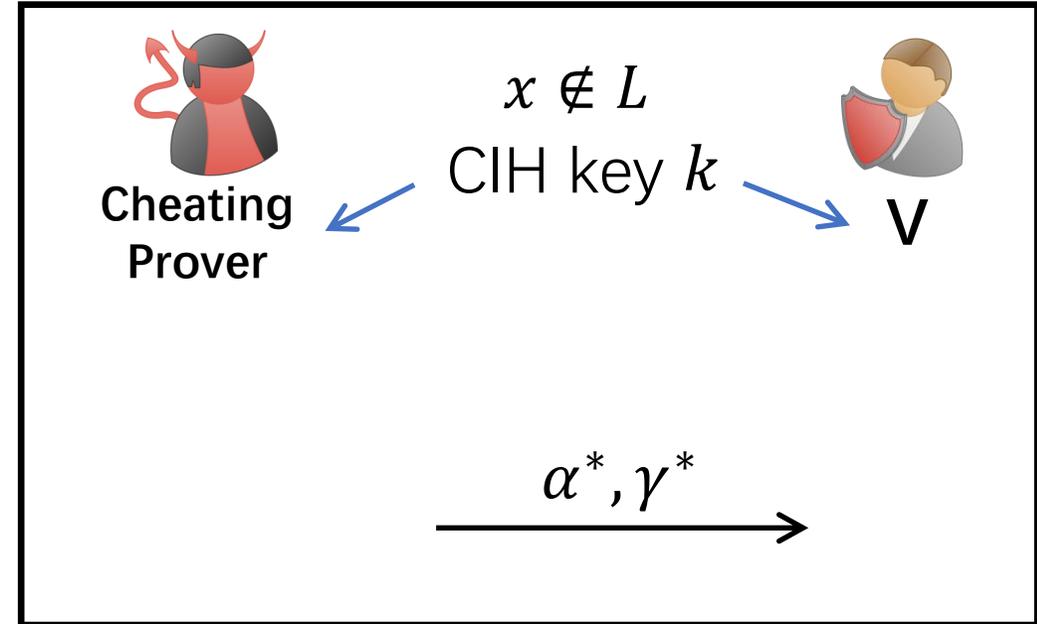
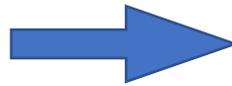
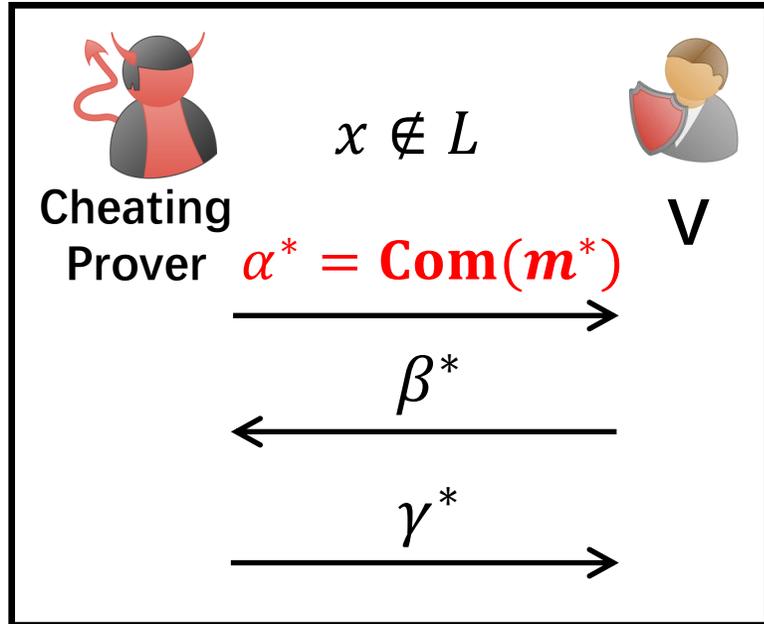


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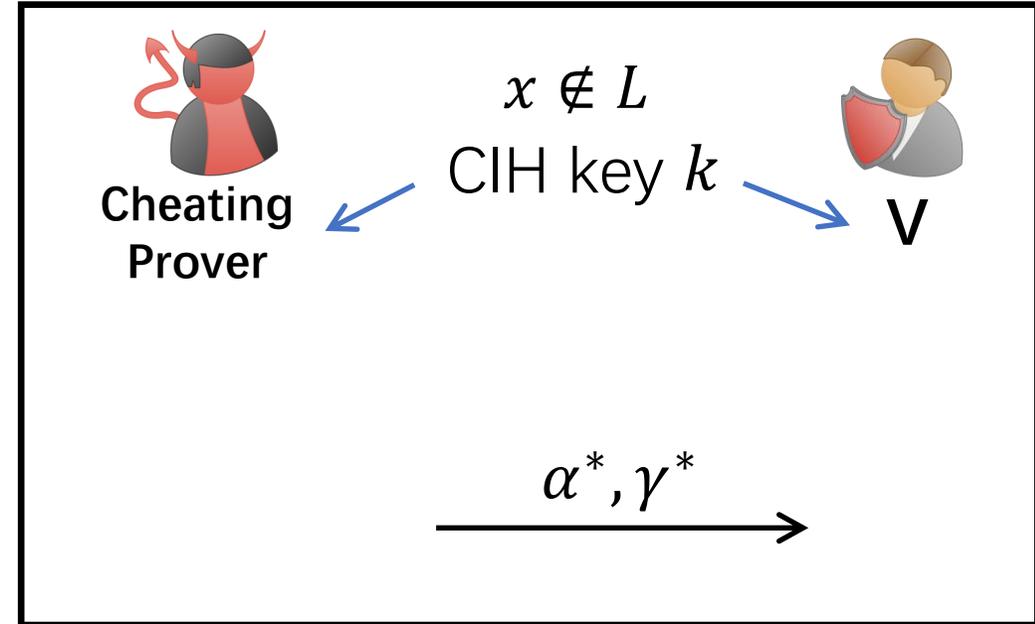
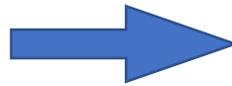
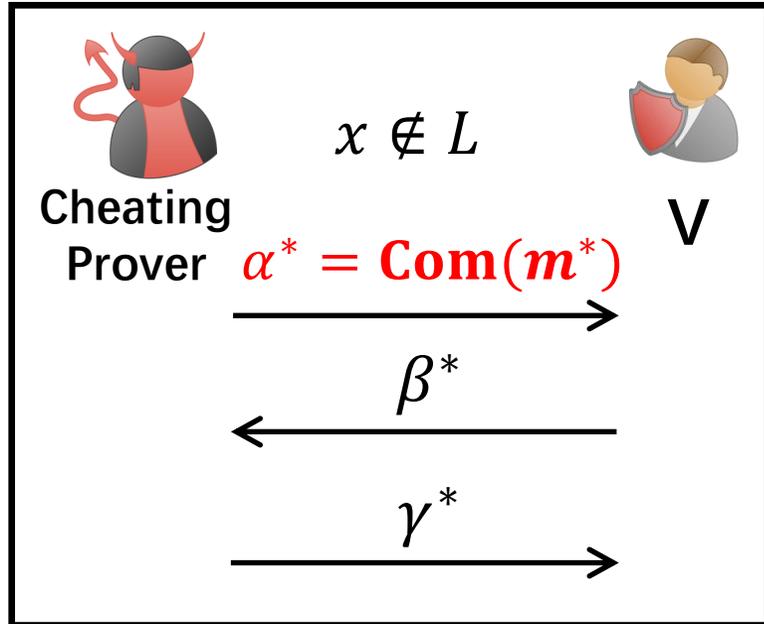
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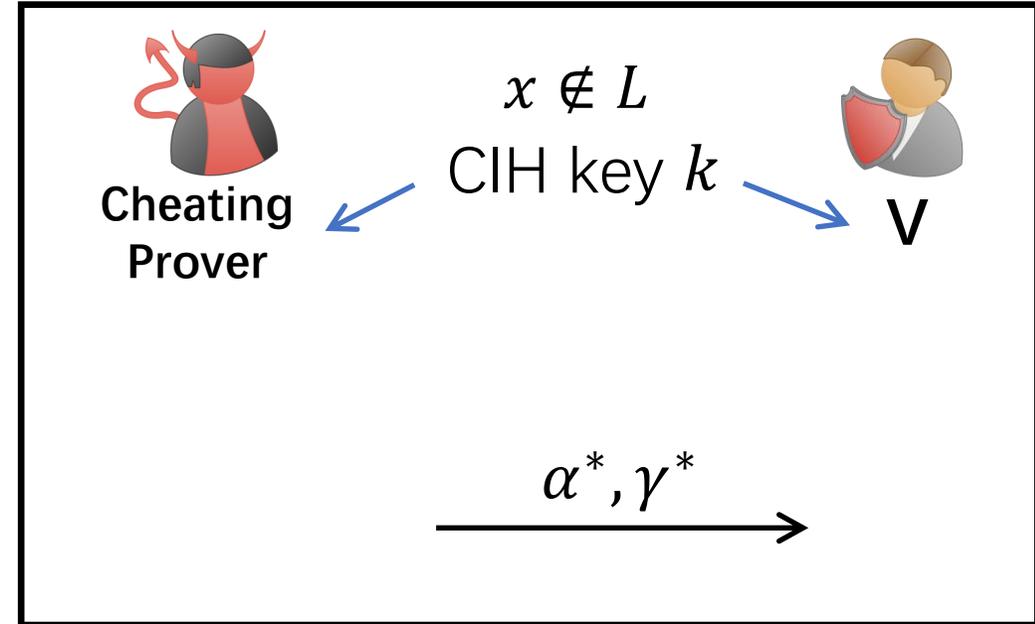
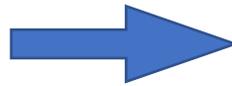
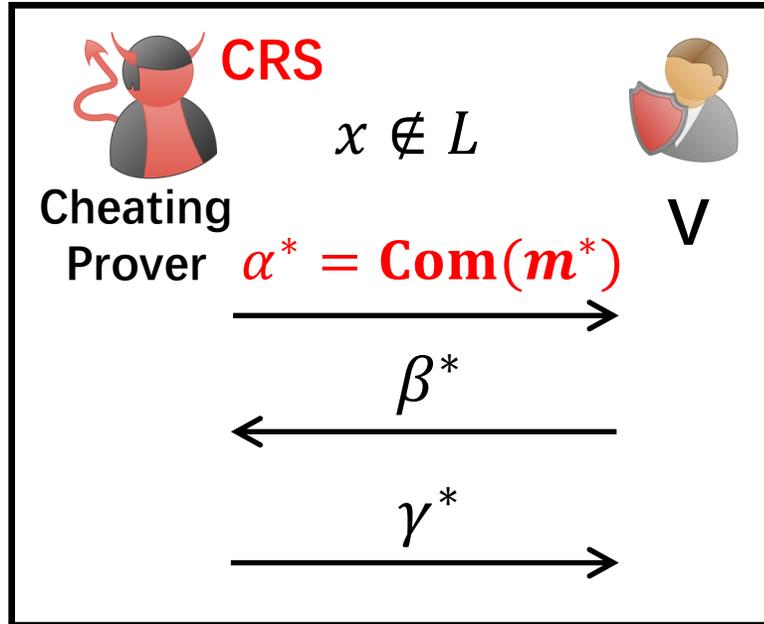
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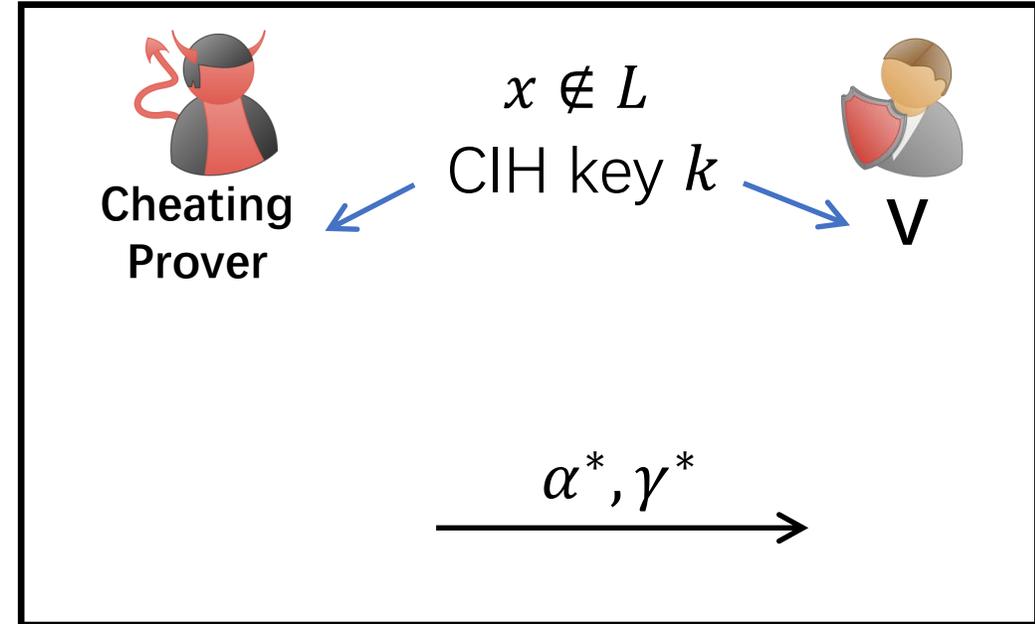
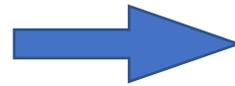
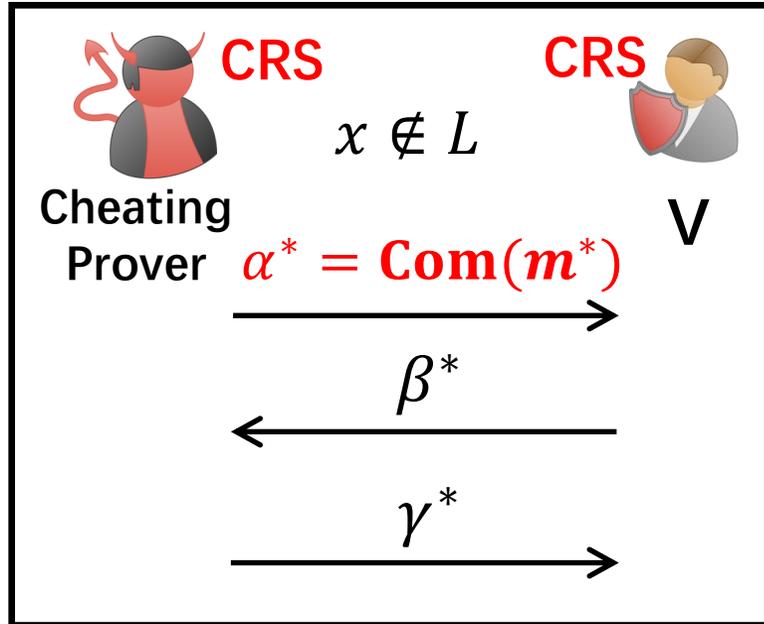
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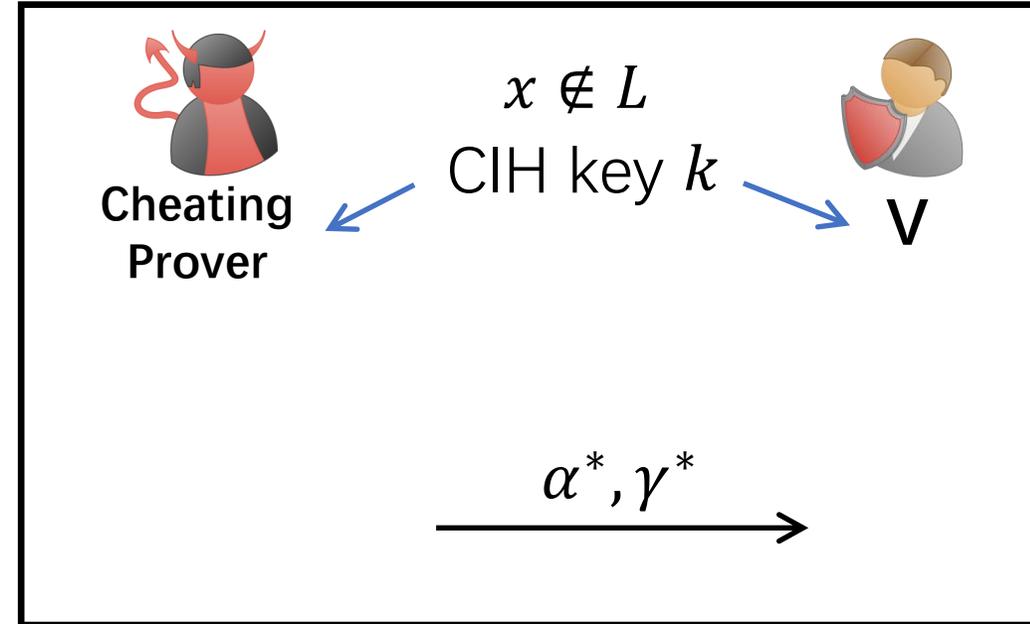
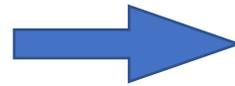
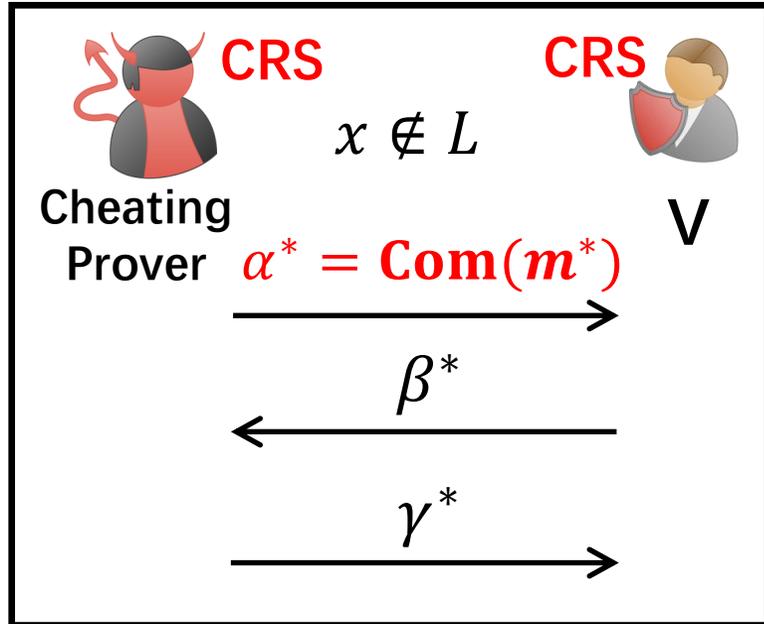
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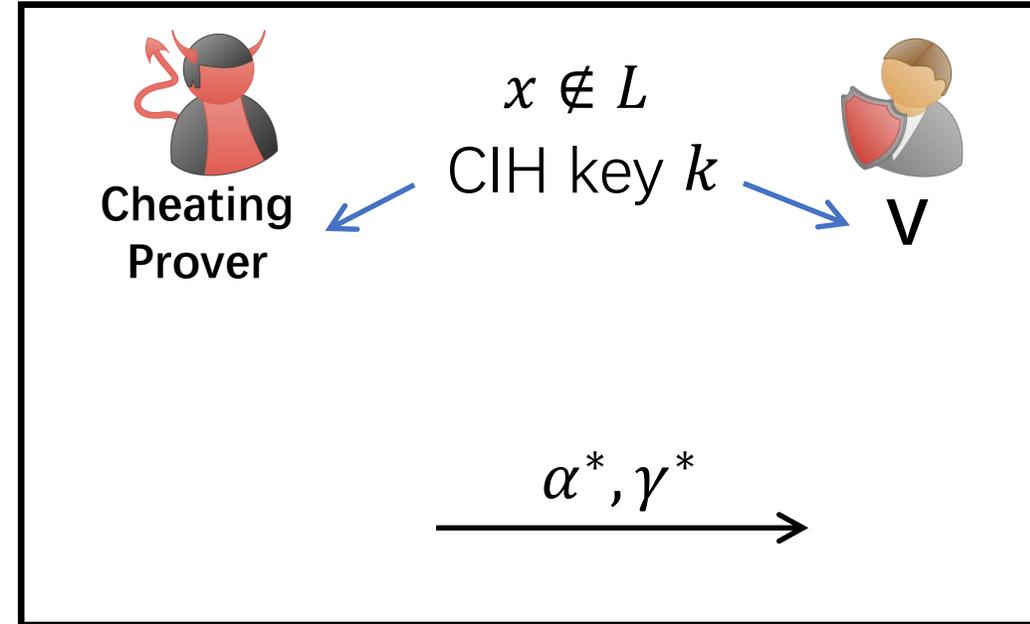
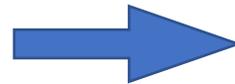
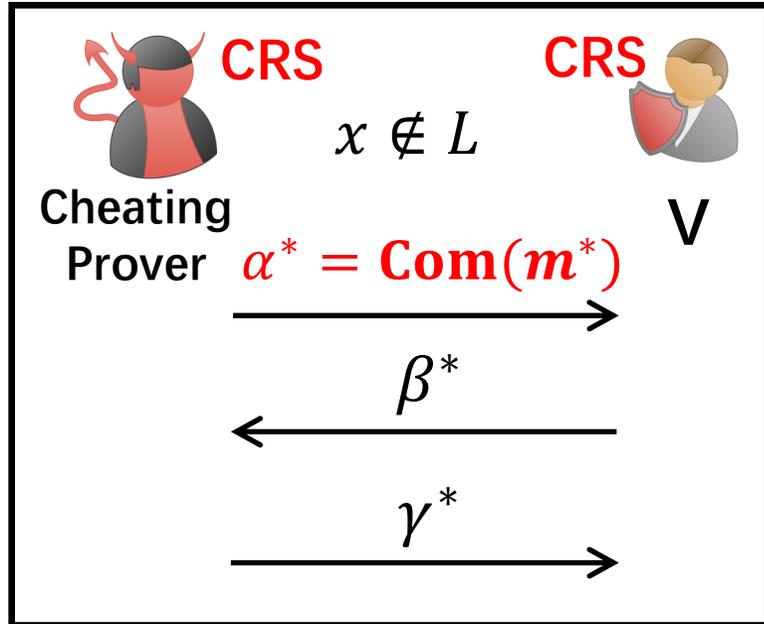
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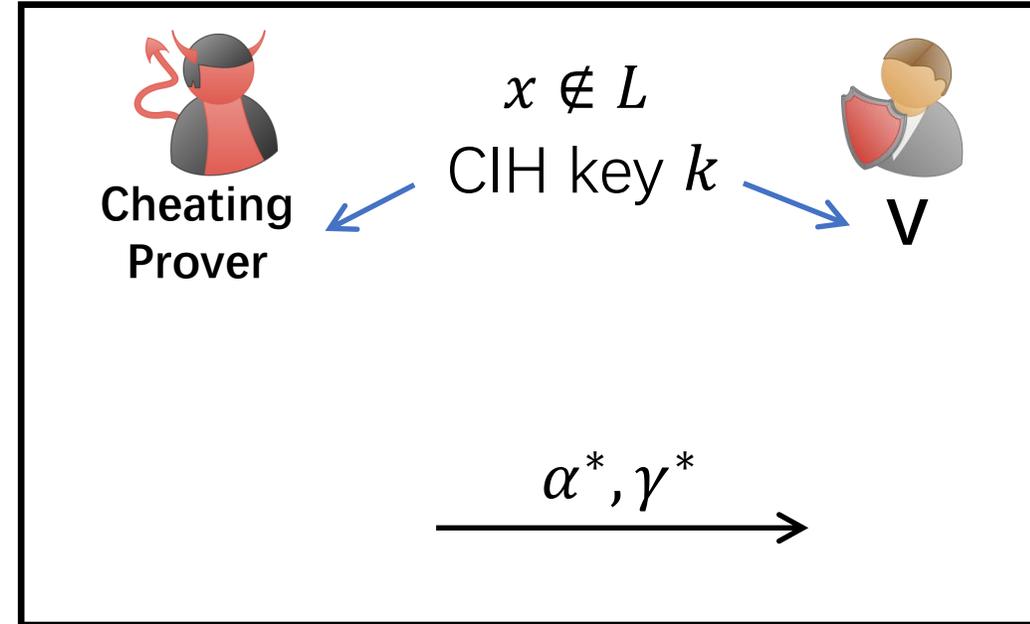
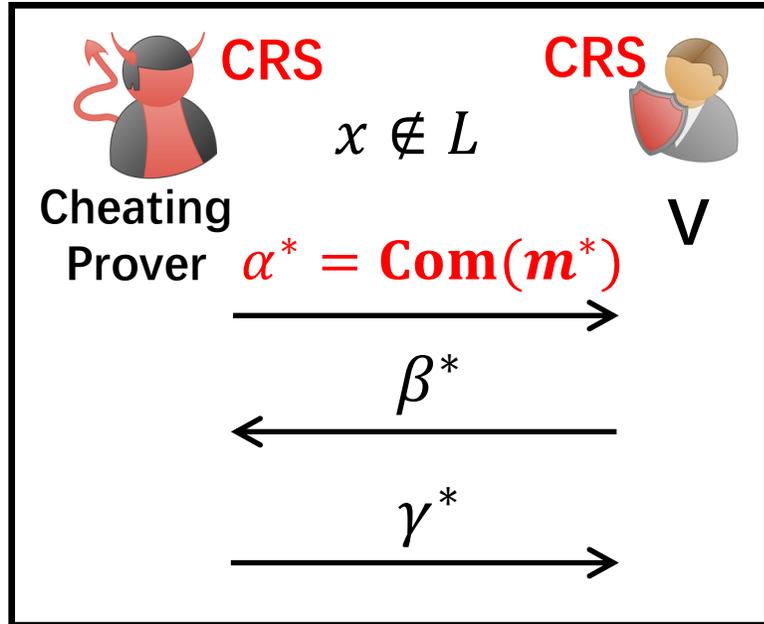
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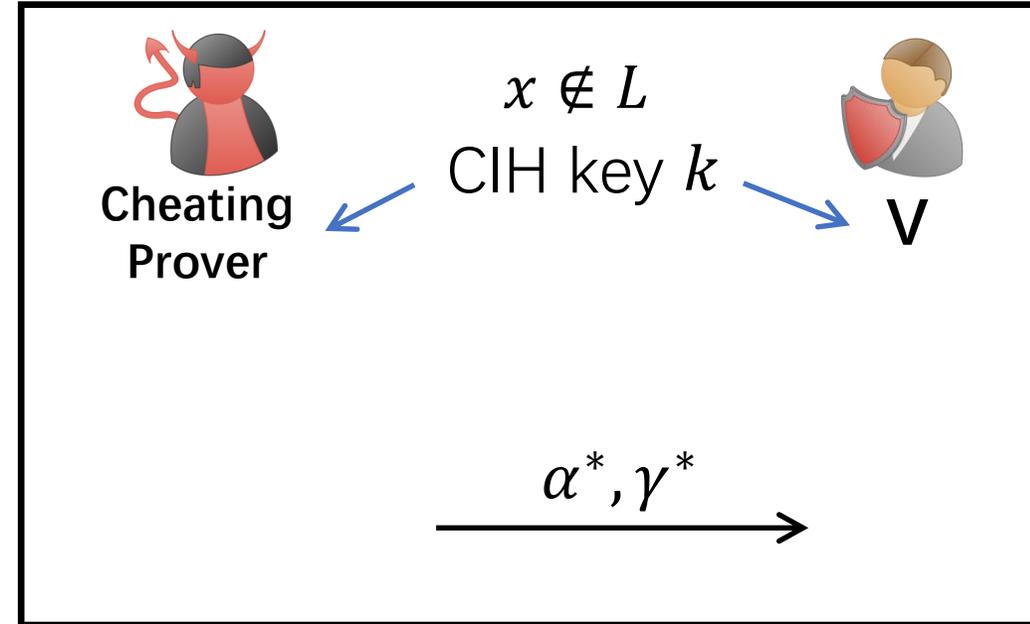
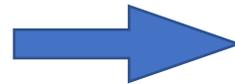
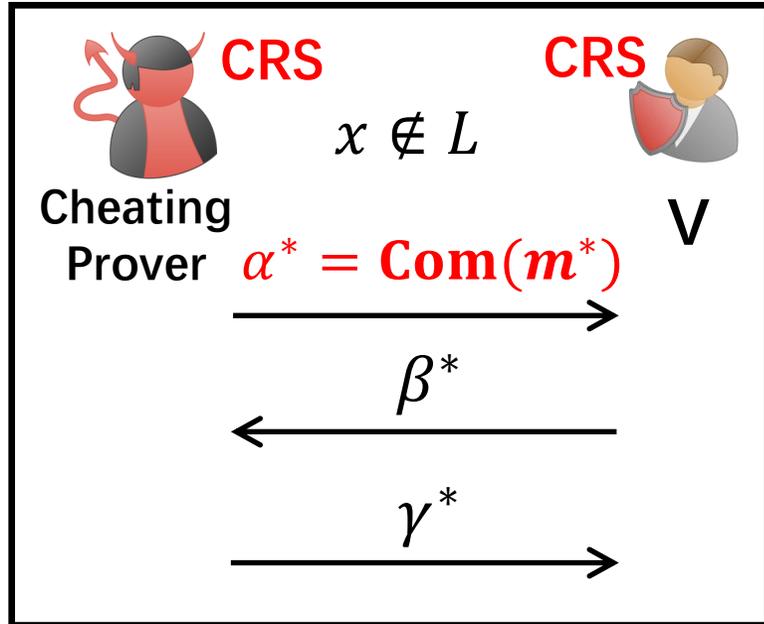
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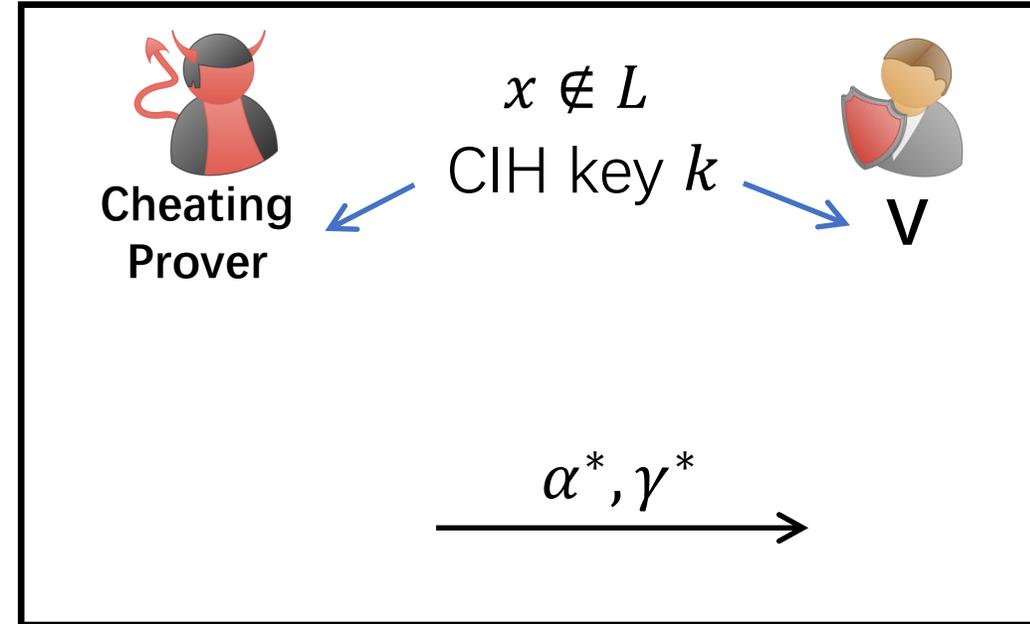
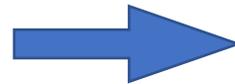
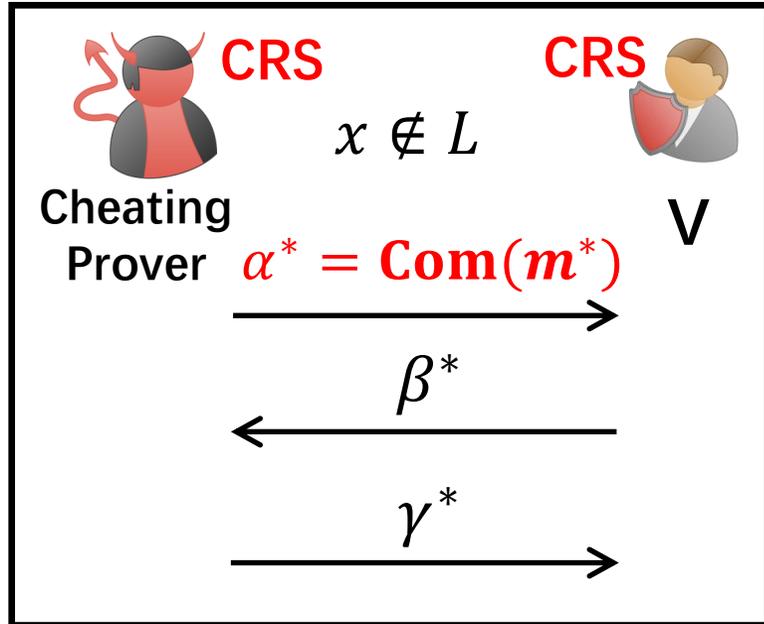
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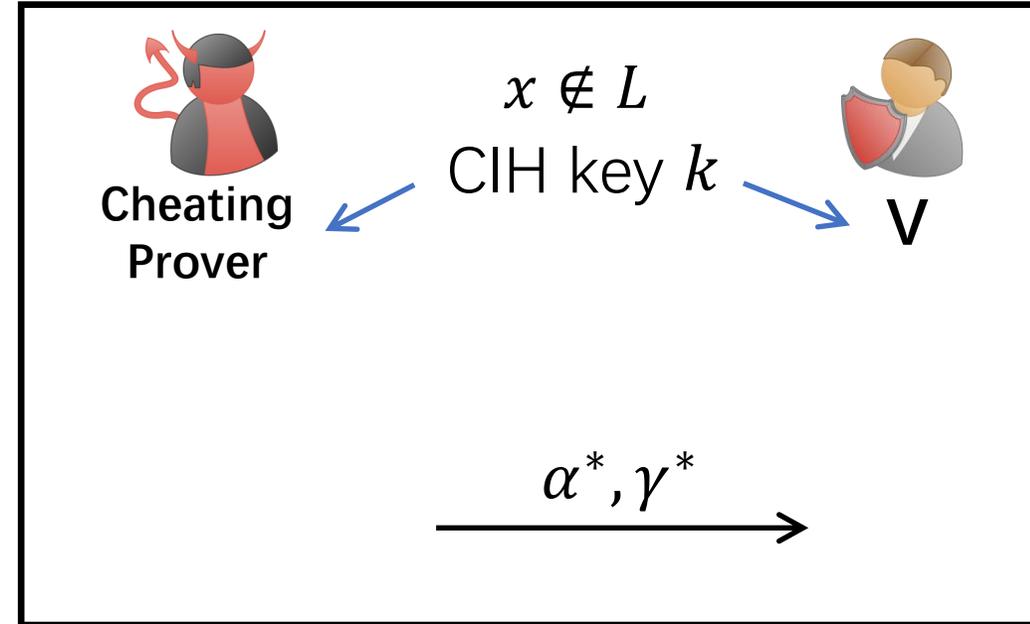
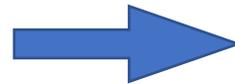
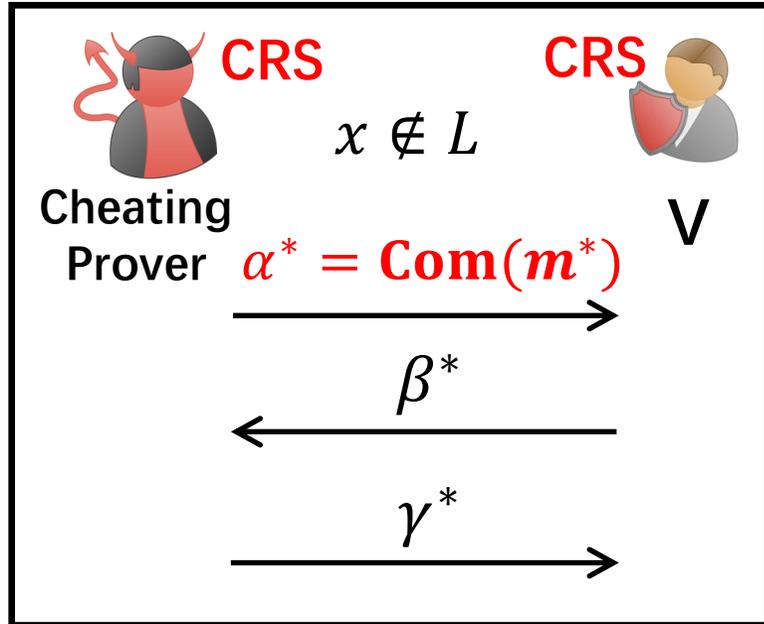
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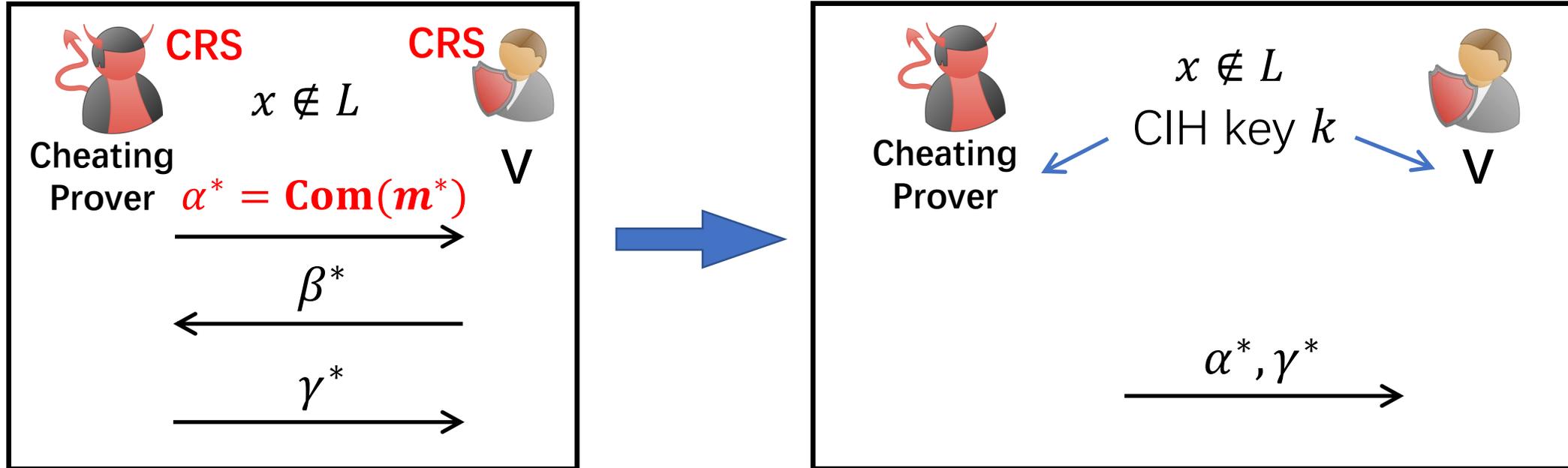
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# Fiat-Shamir: Soundness [CGH98, KRR17, CCRR18, HL18, CCHLRRW19, PS19, BKM20]

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# Towards Instantiation from DDH: Main Challenges

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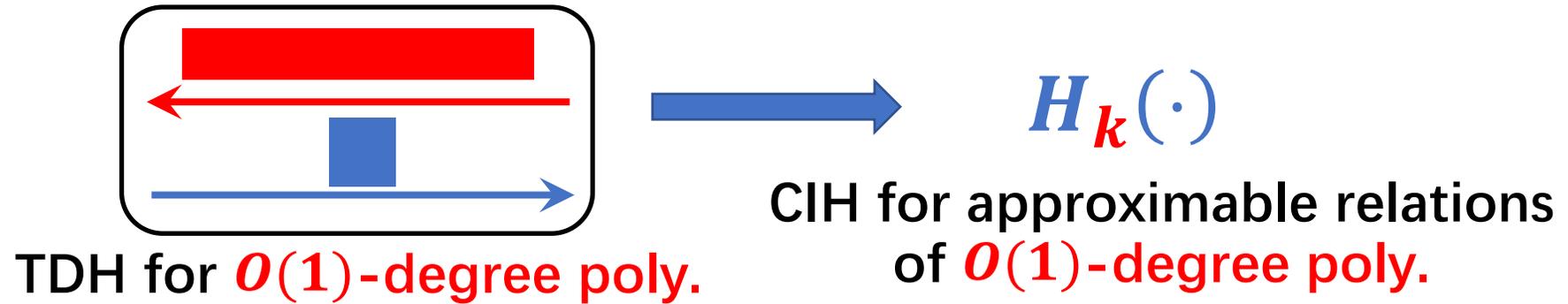
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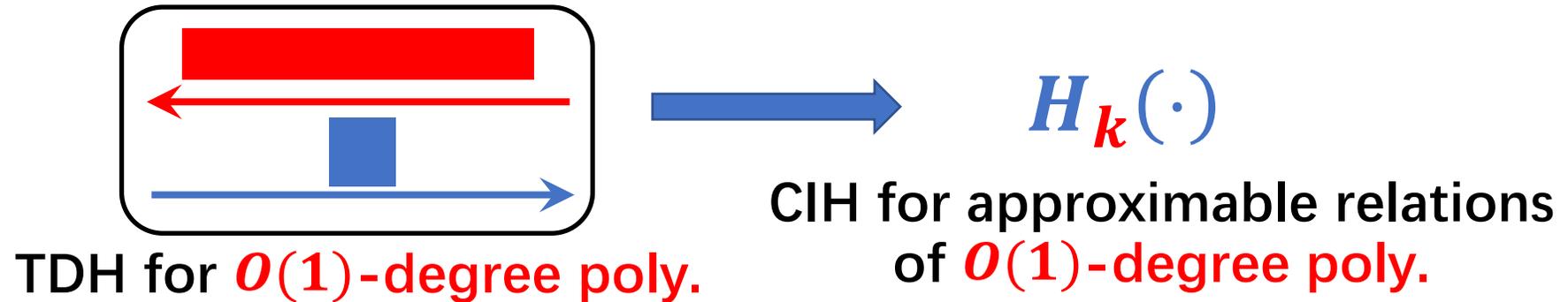
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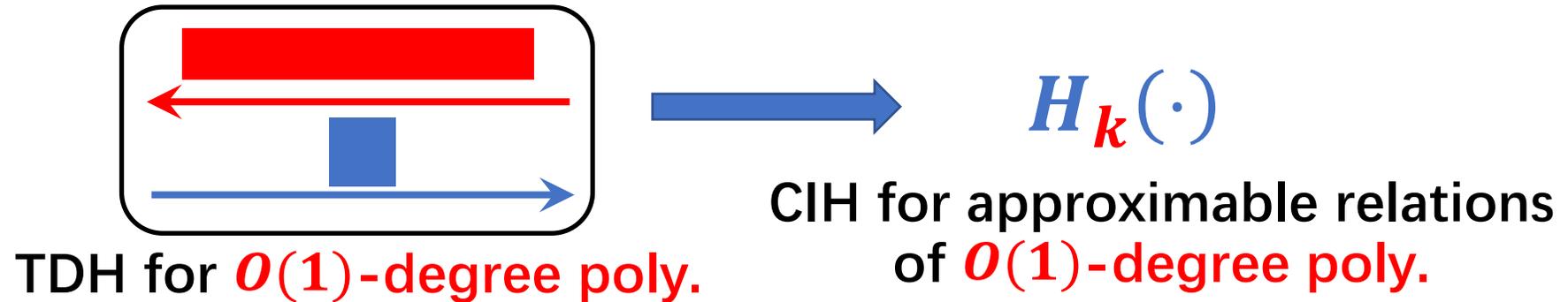


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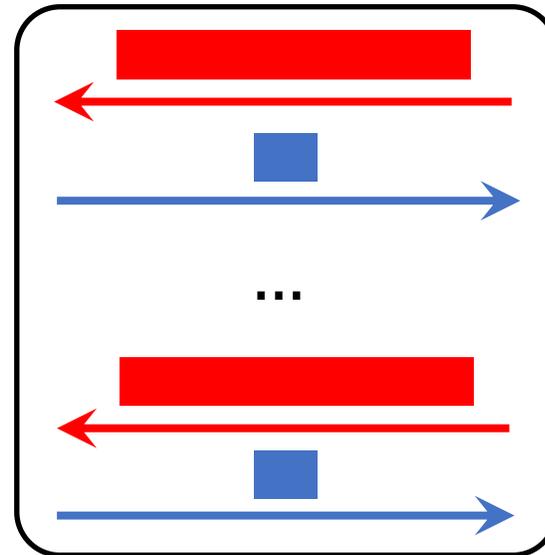
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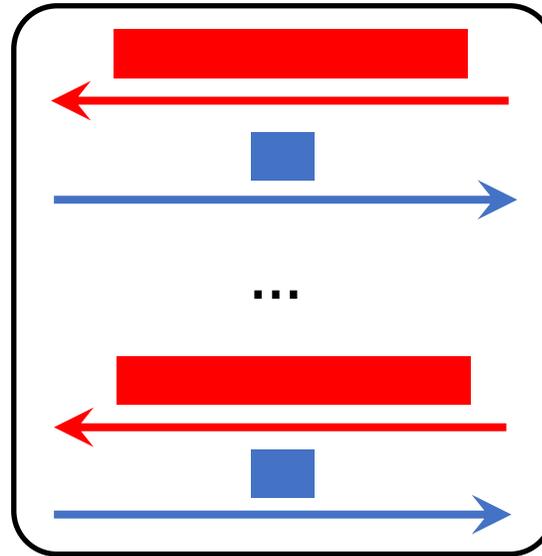


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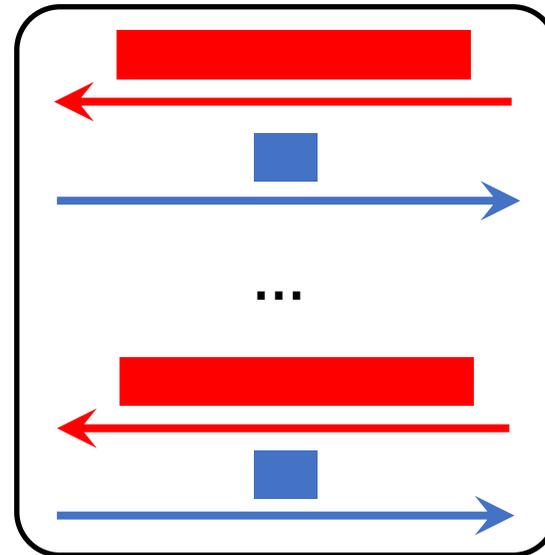
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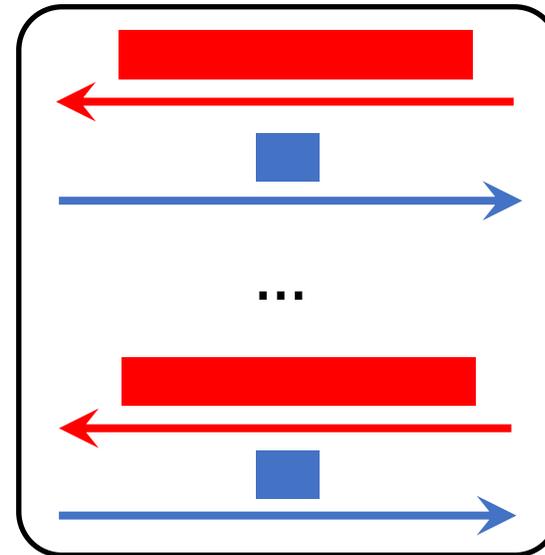
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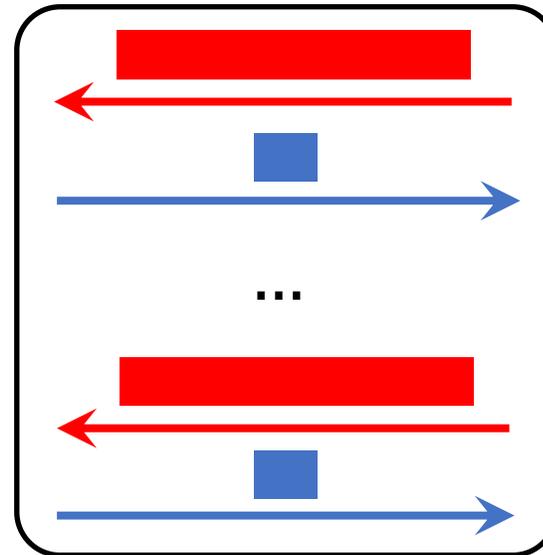
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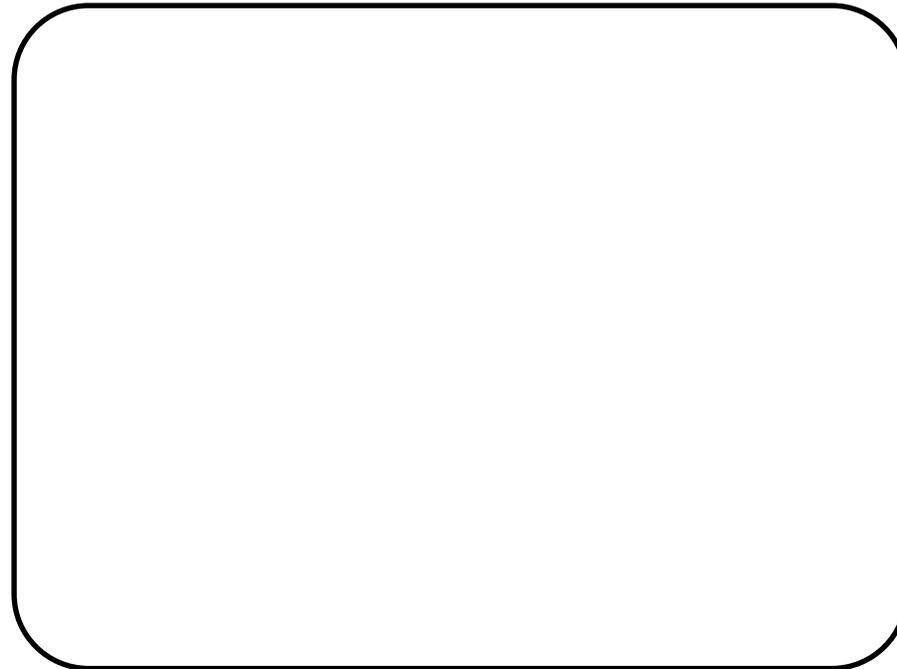
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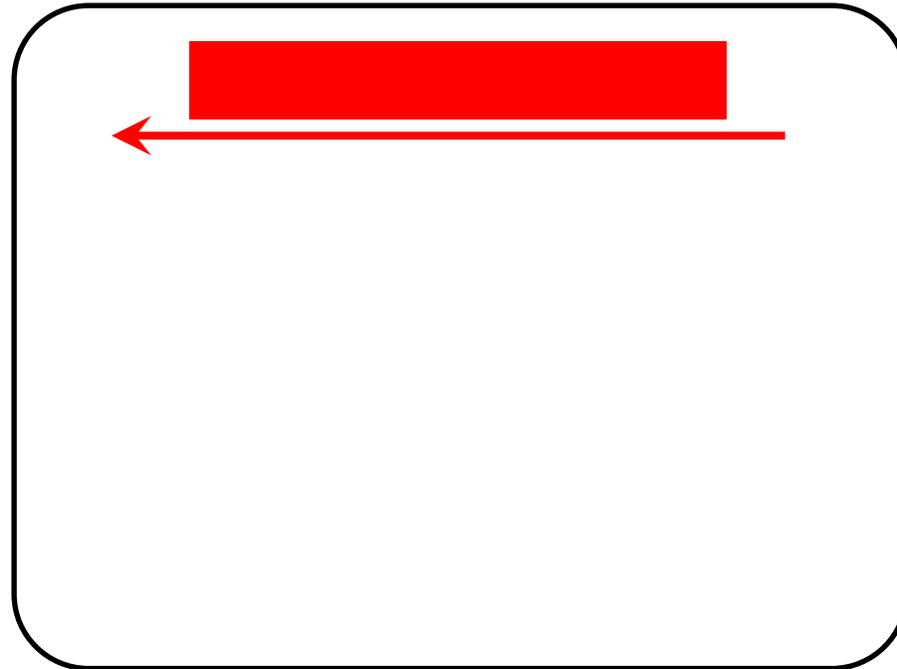
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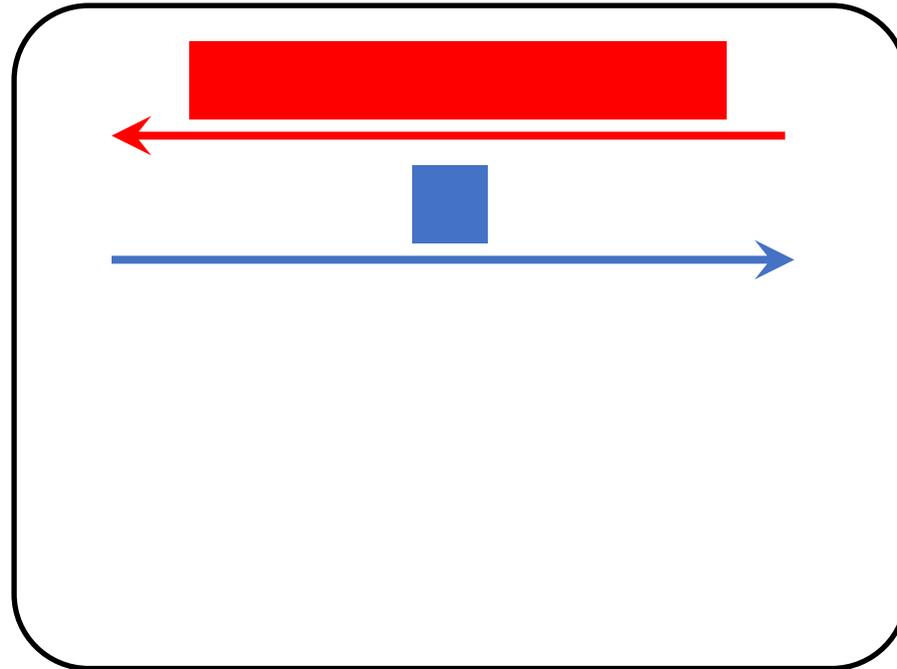
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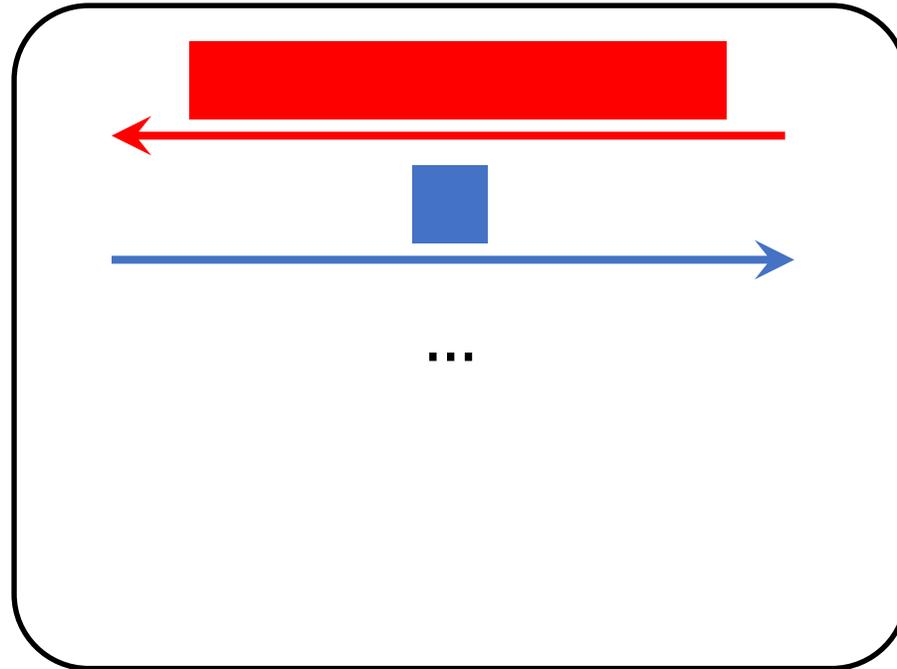
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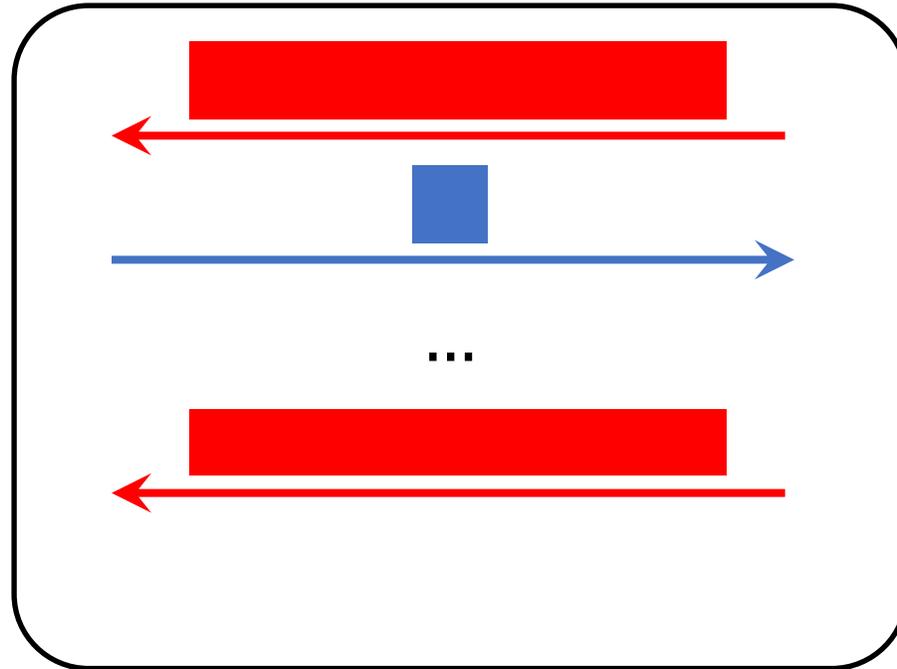
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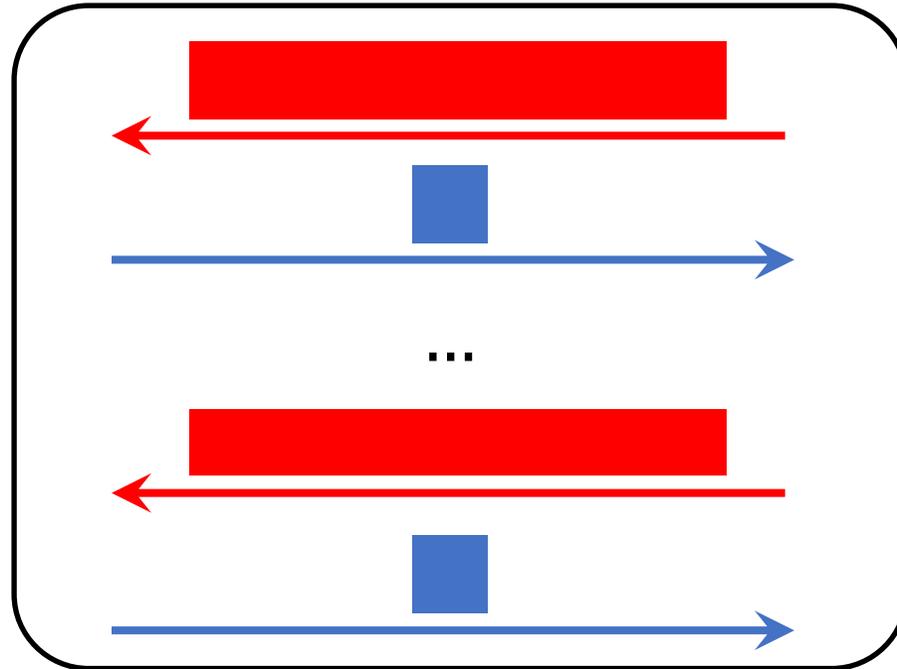
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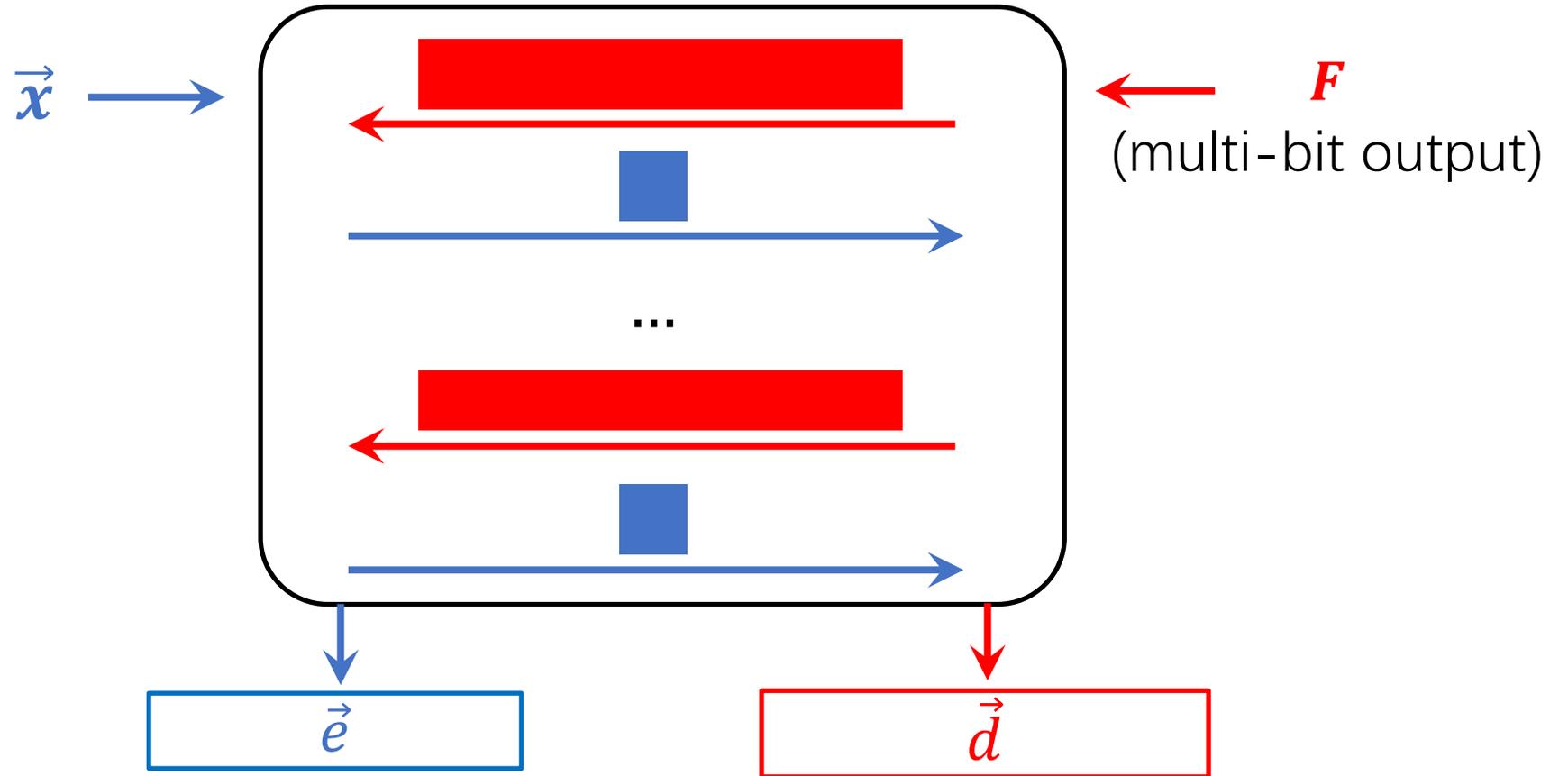


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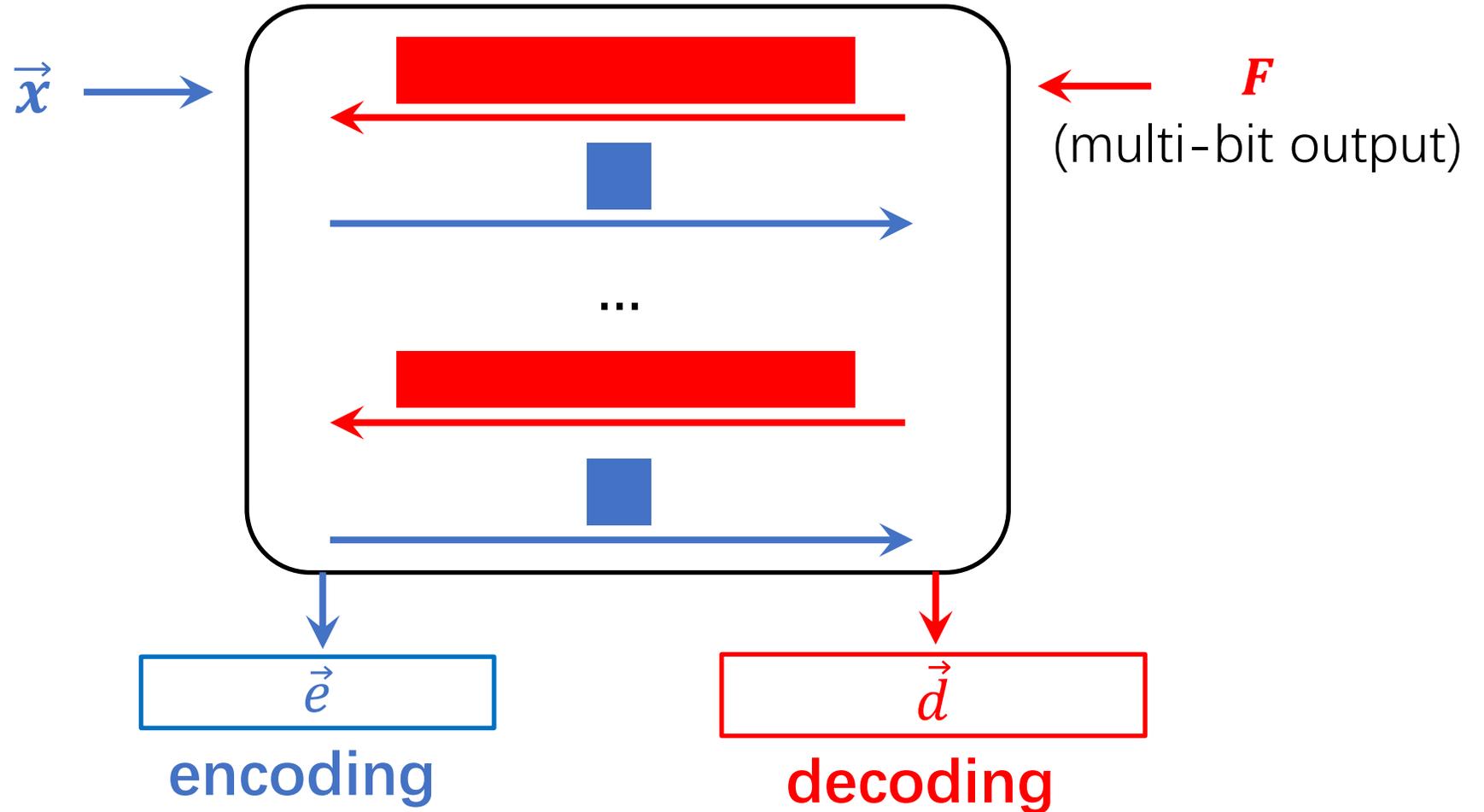
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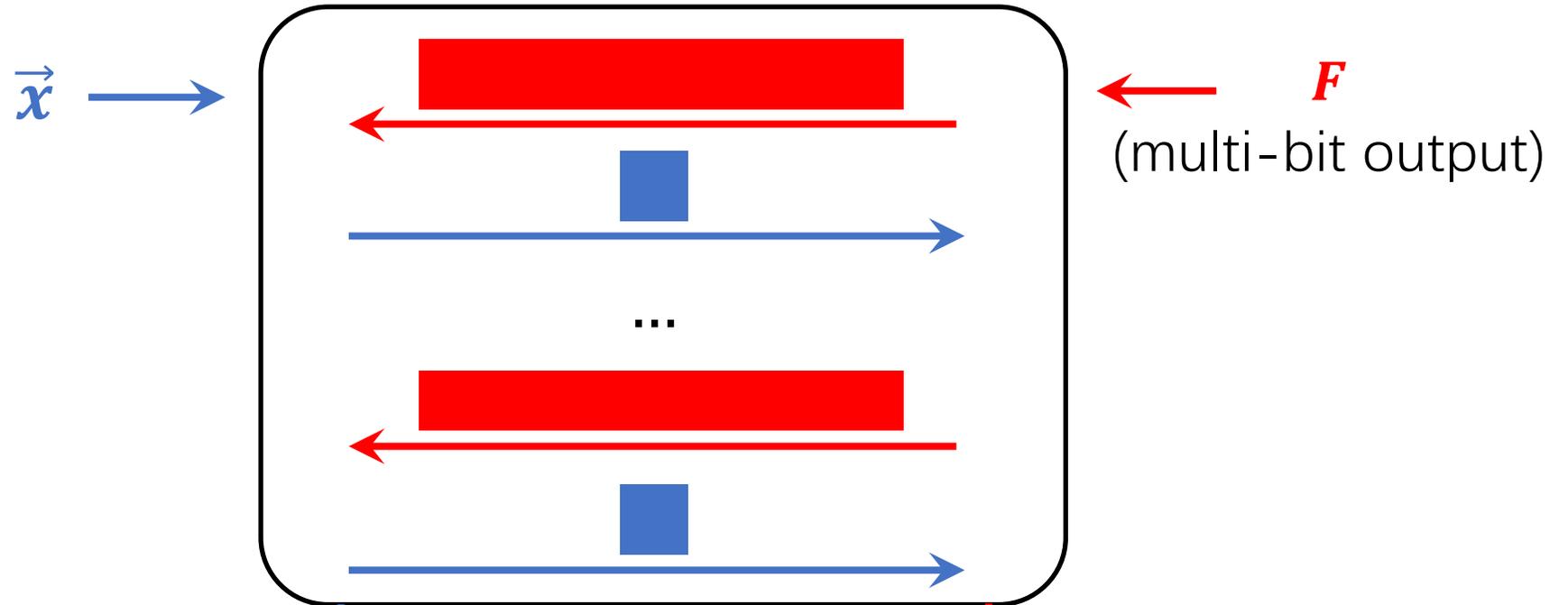
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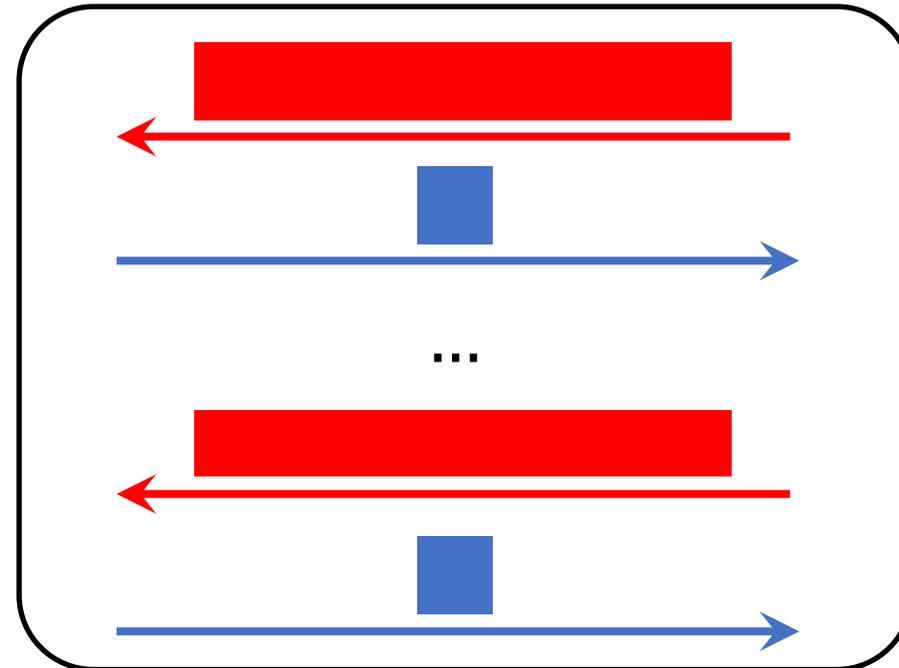
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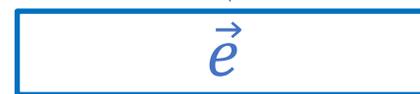


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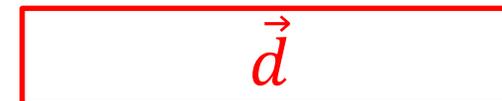
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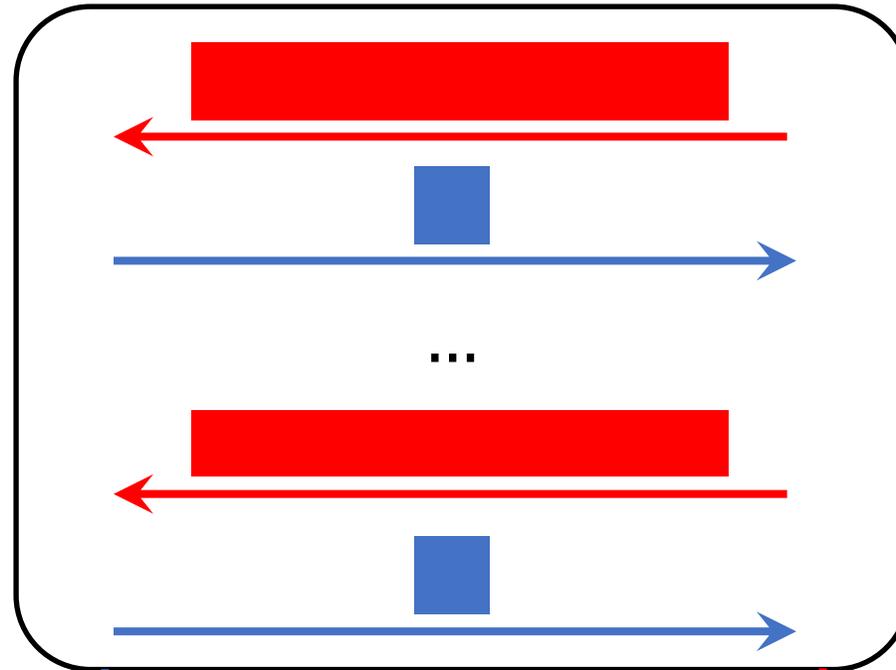
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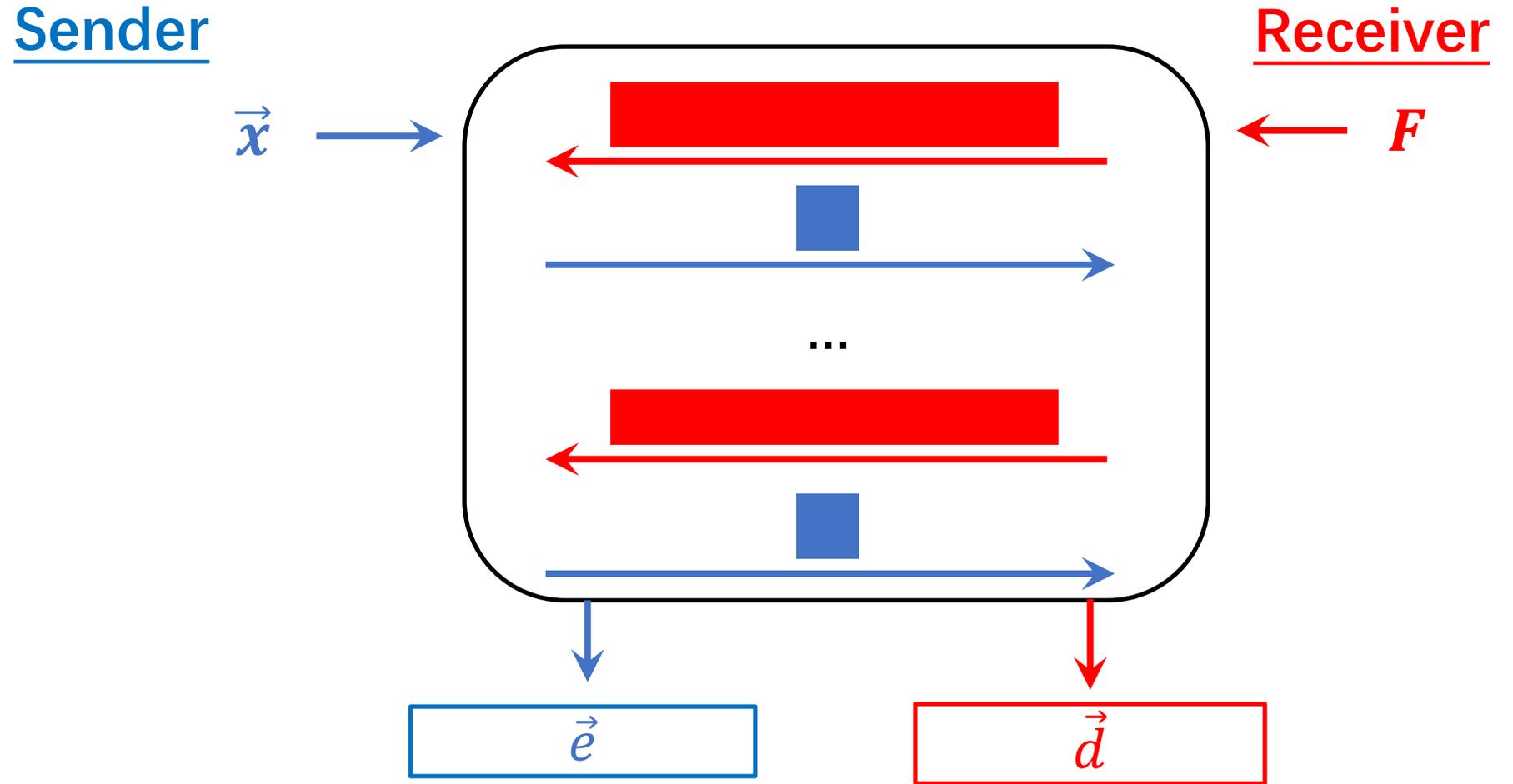
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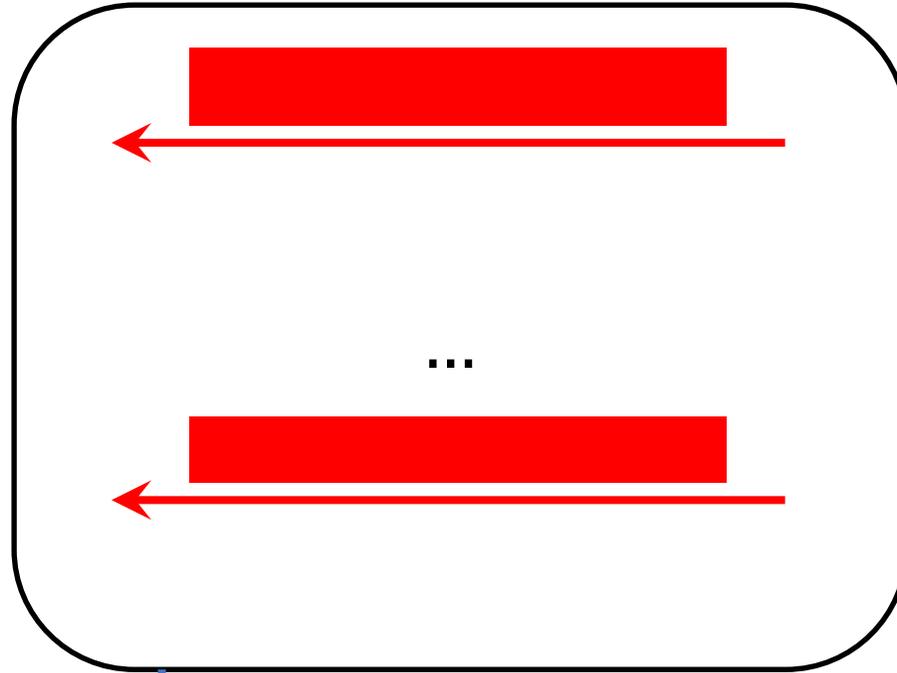


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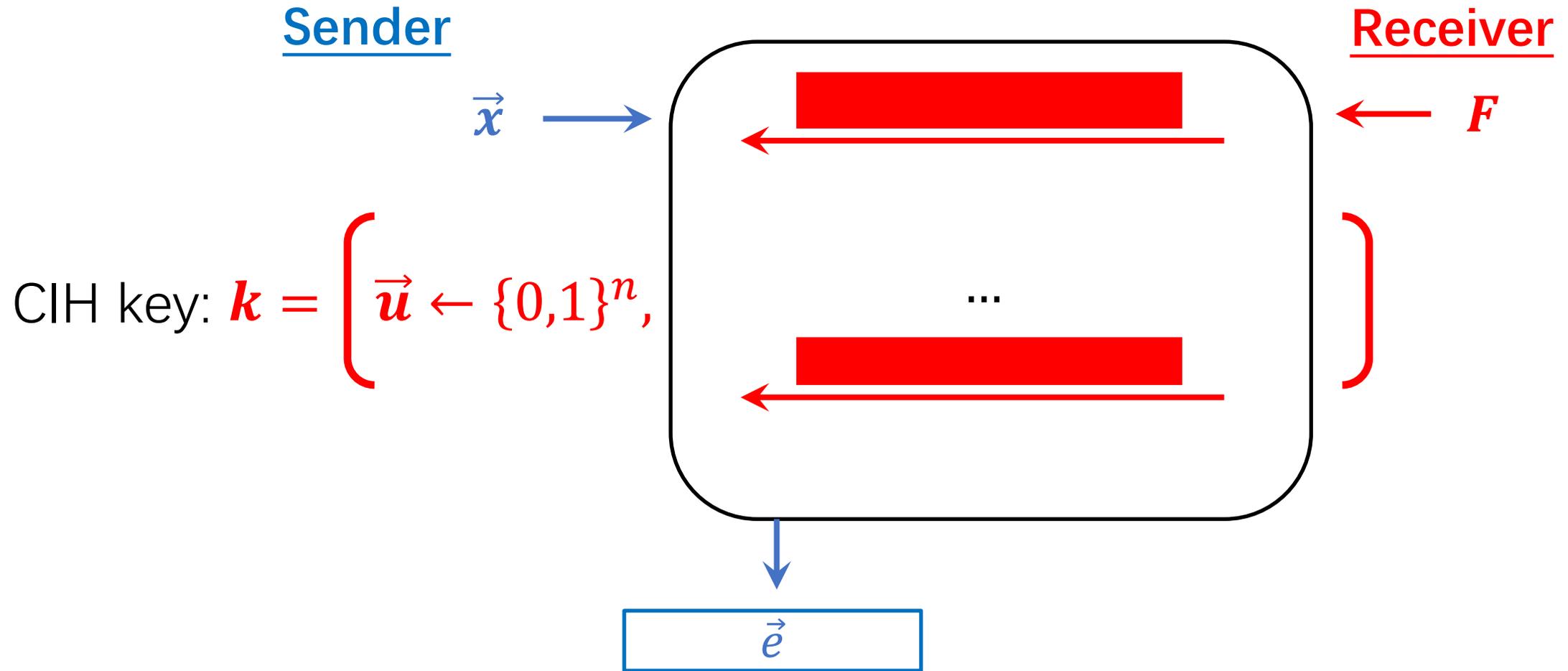


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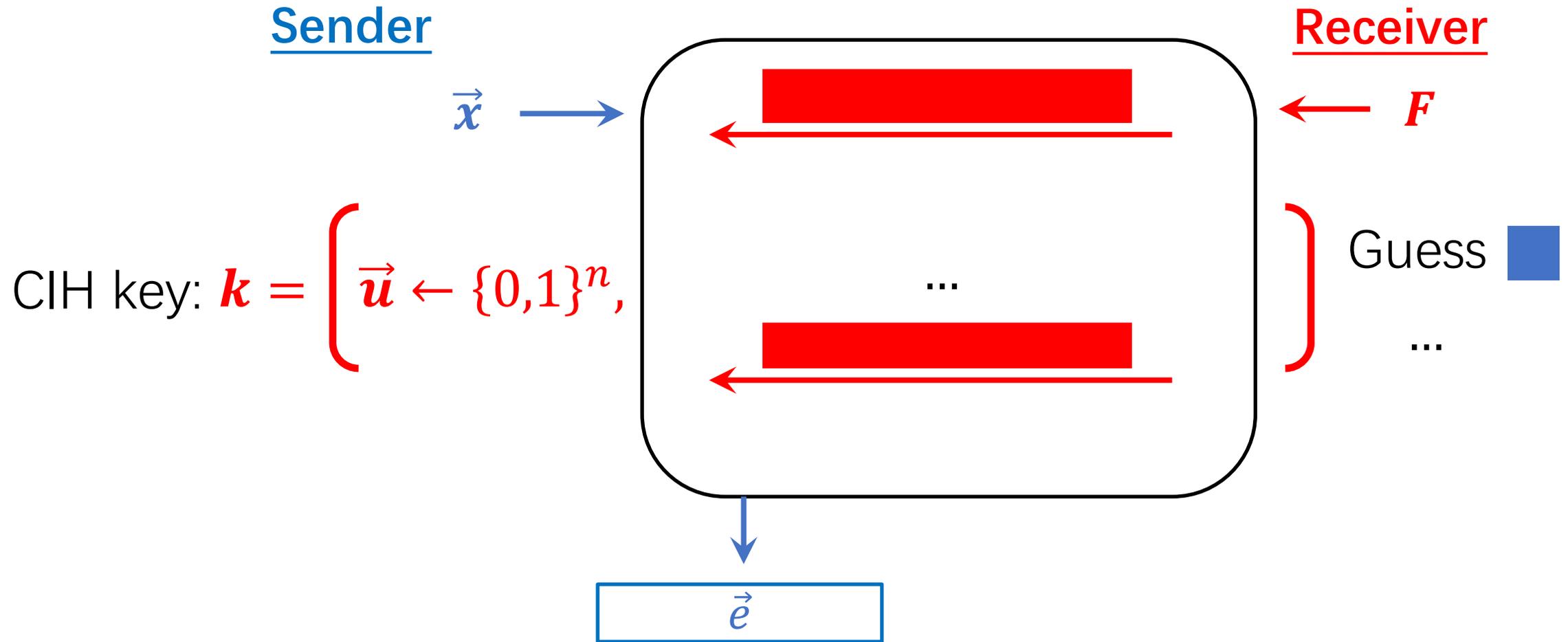


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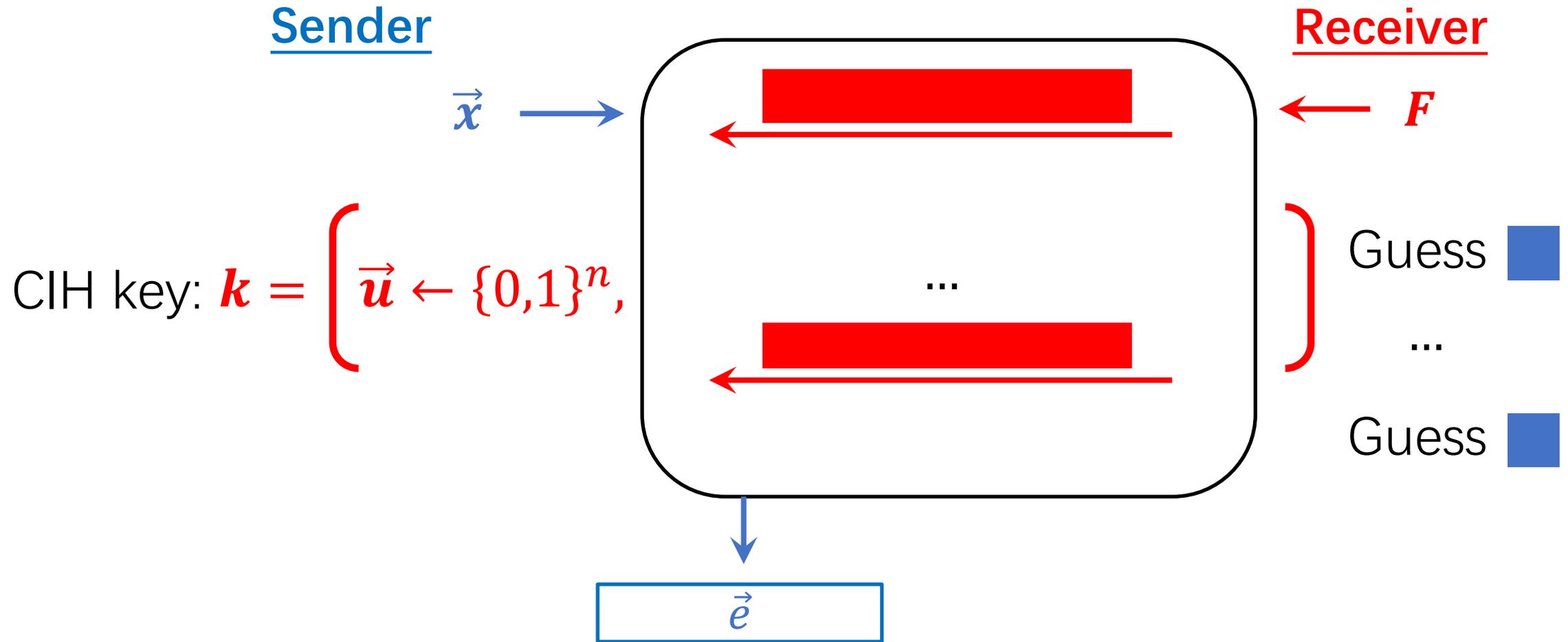
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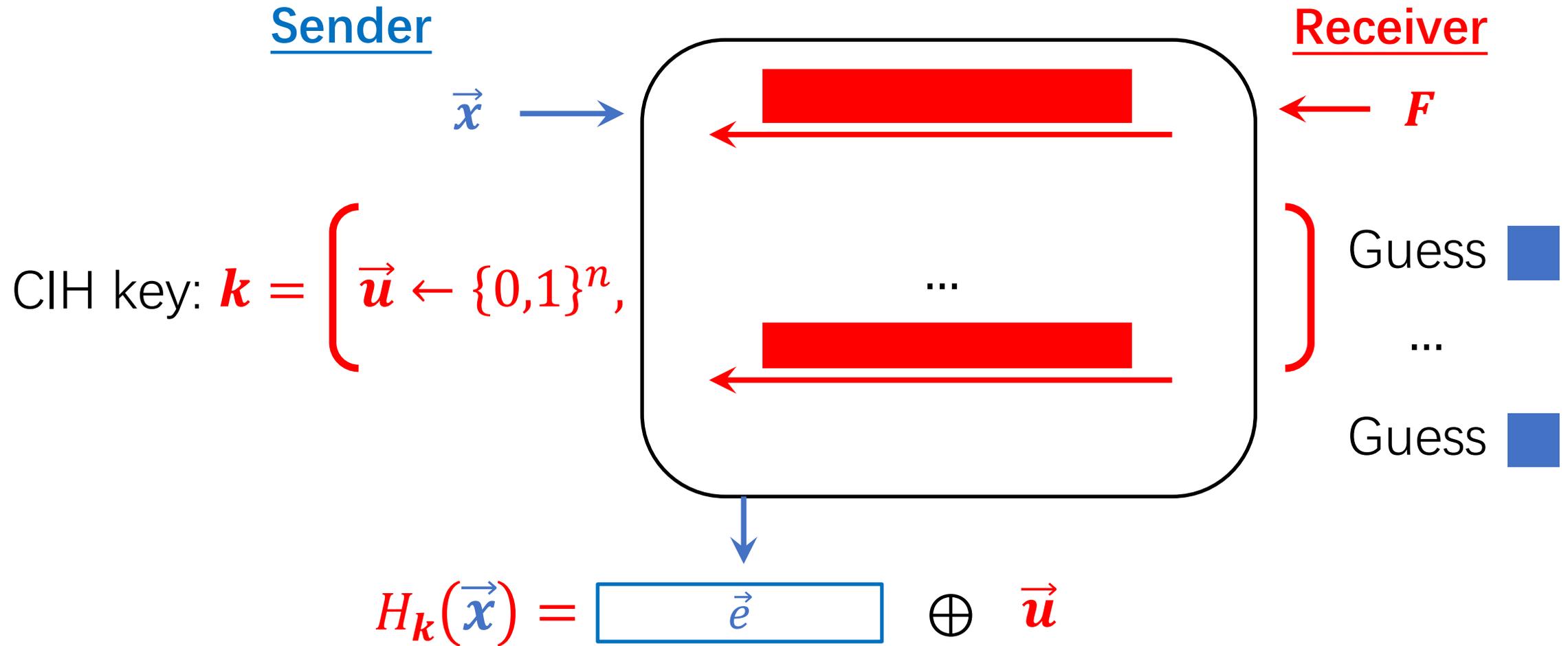
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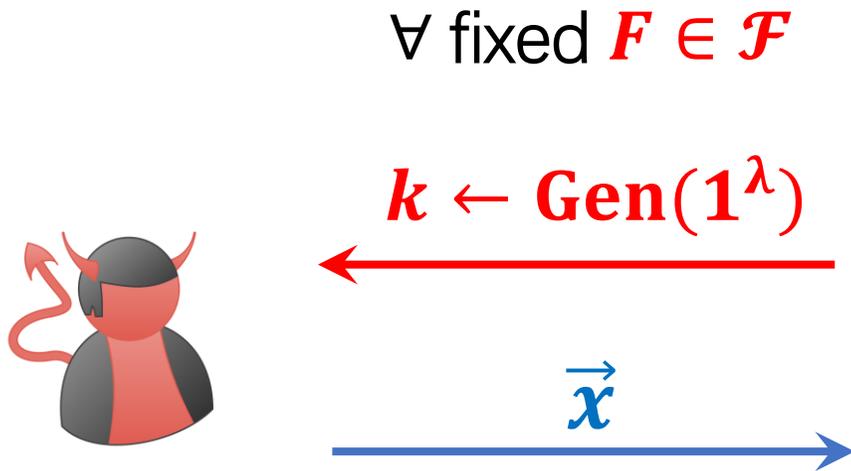
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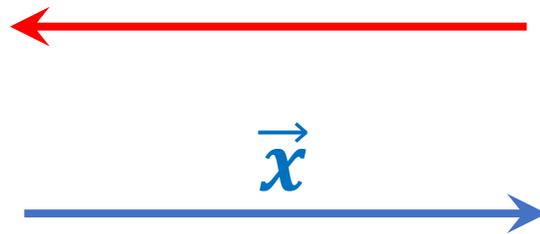
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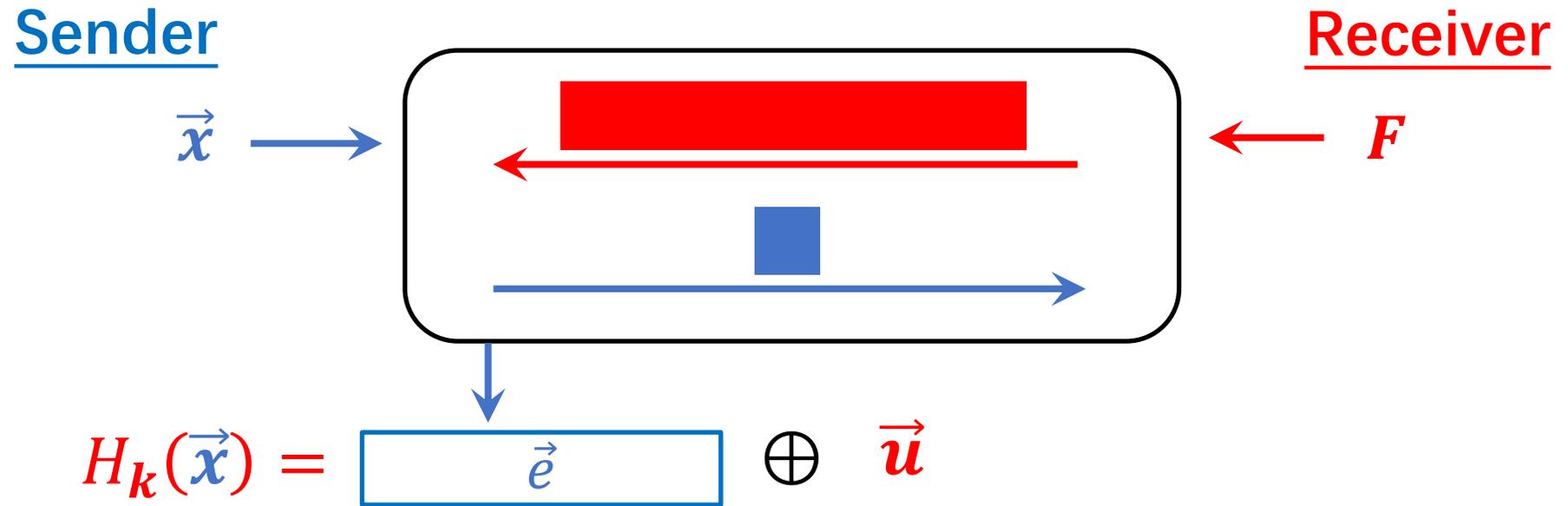
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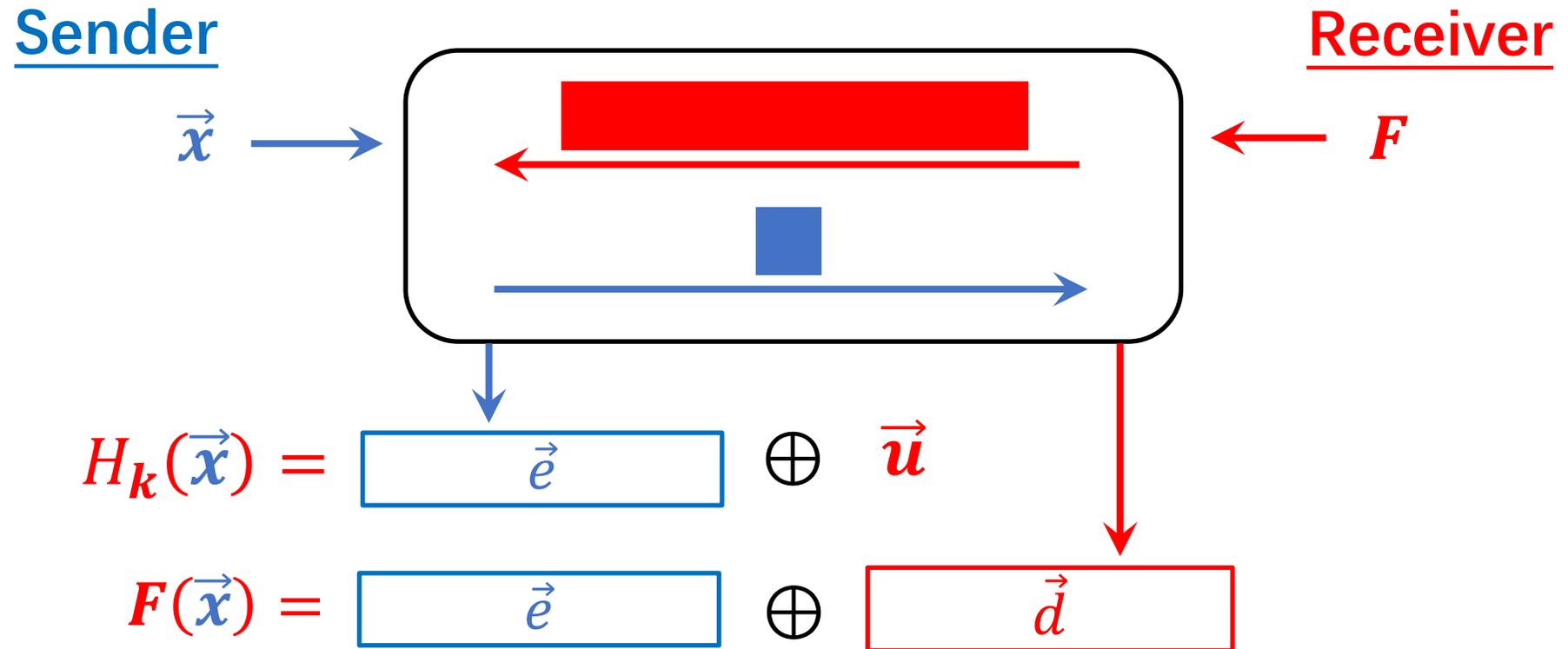


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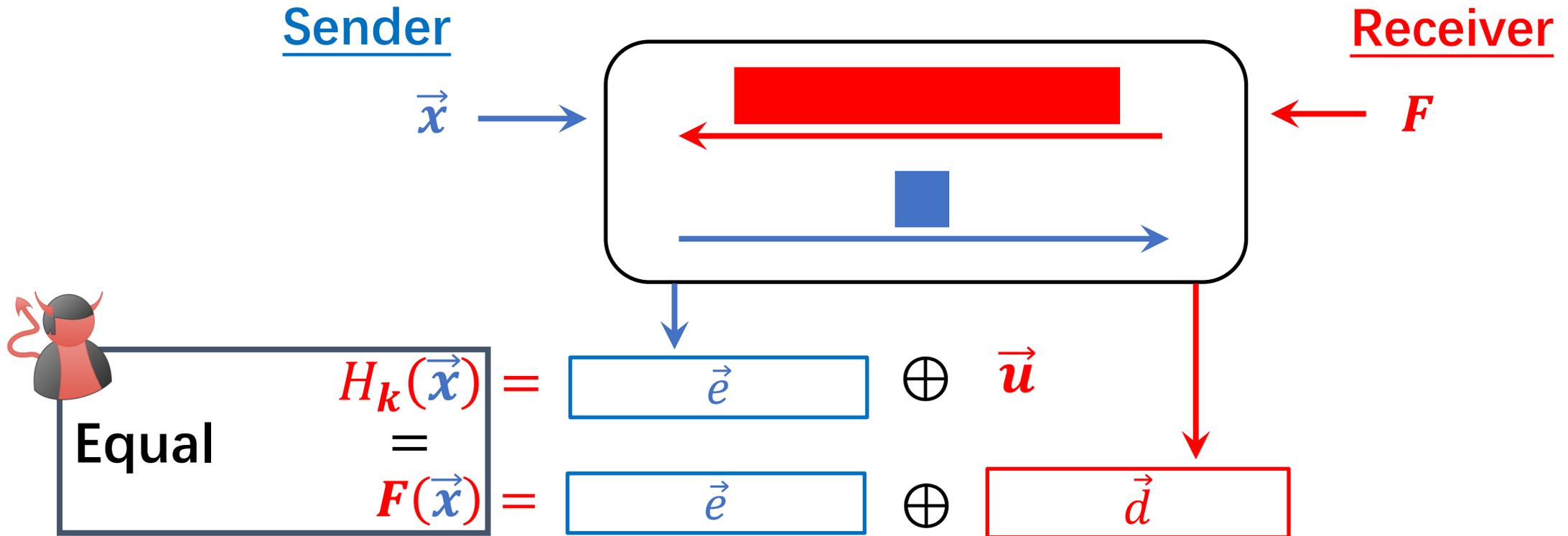
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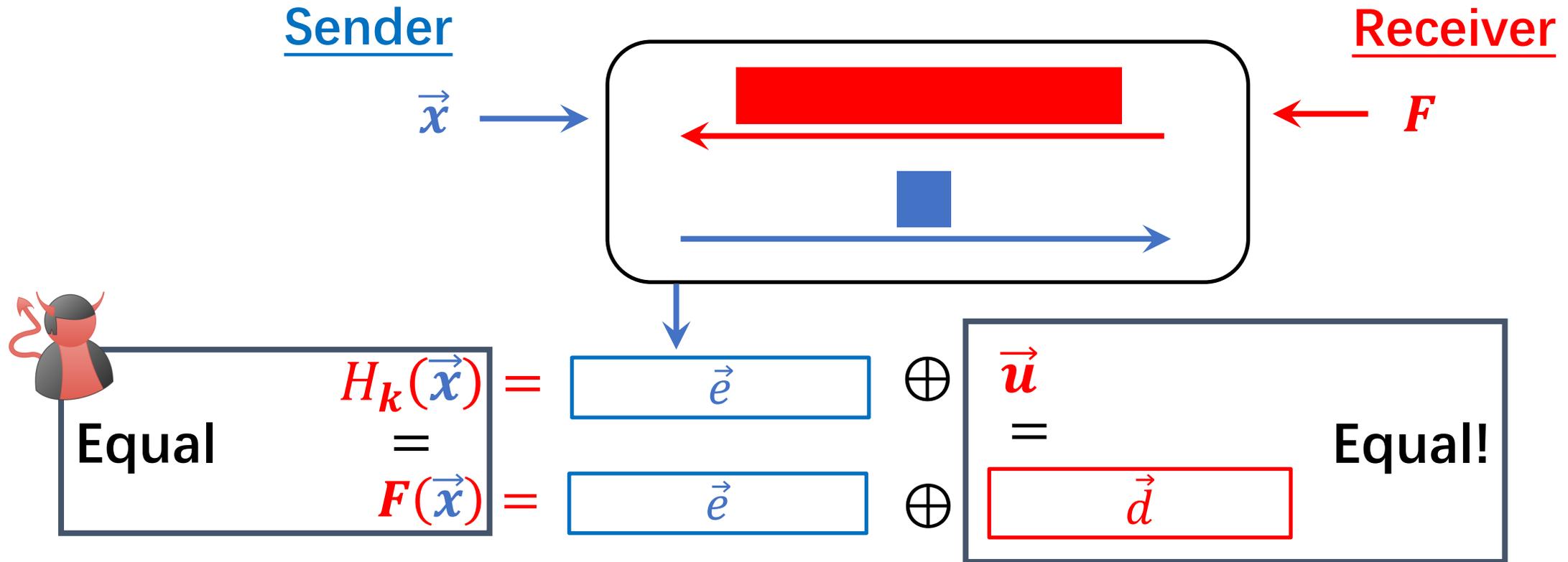
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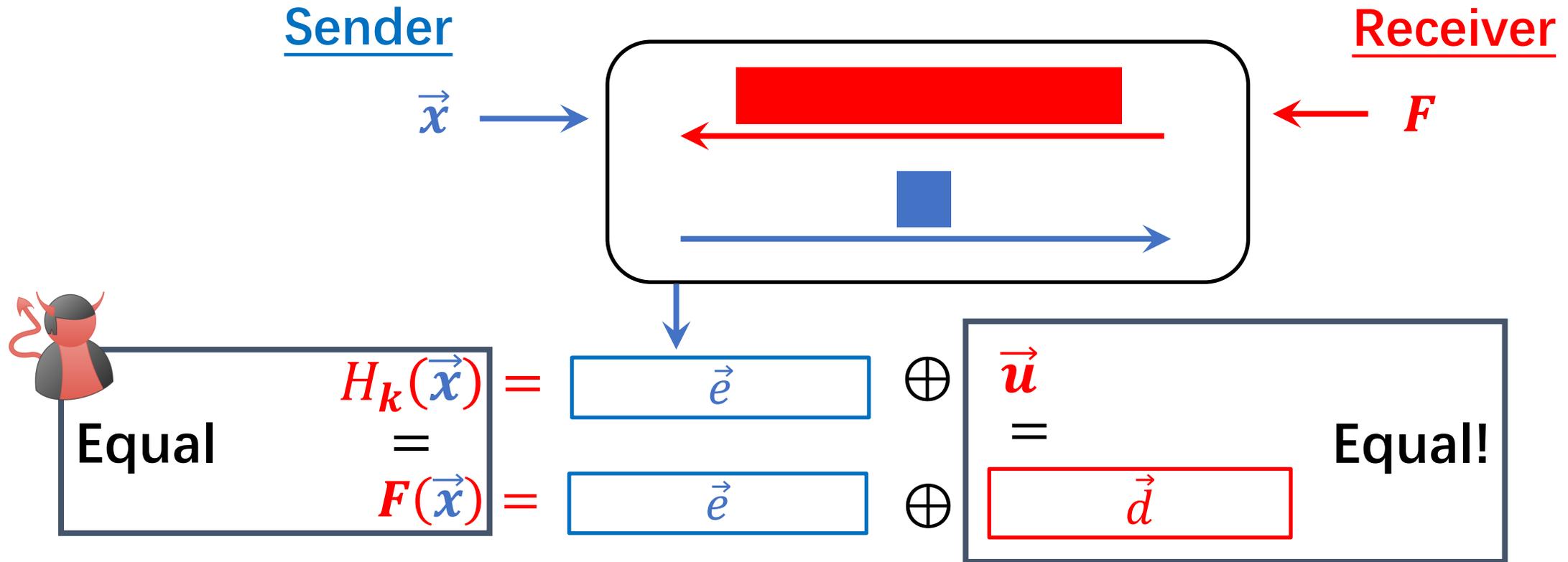
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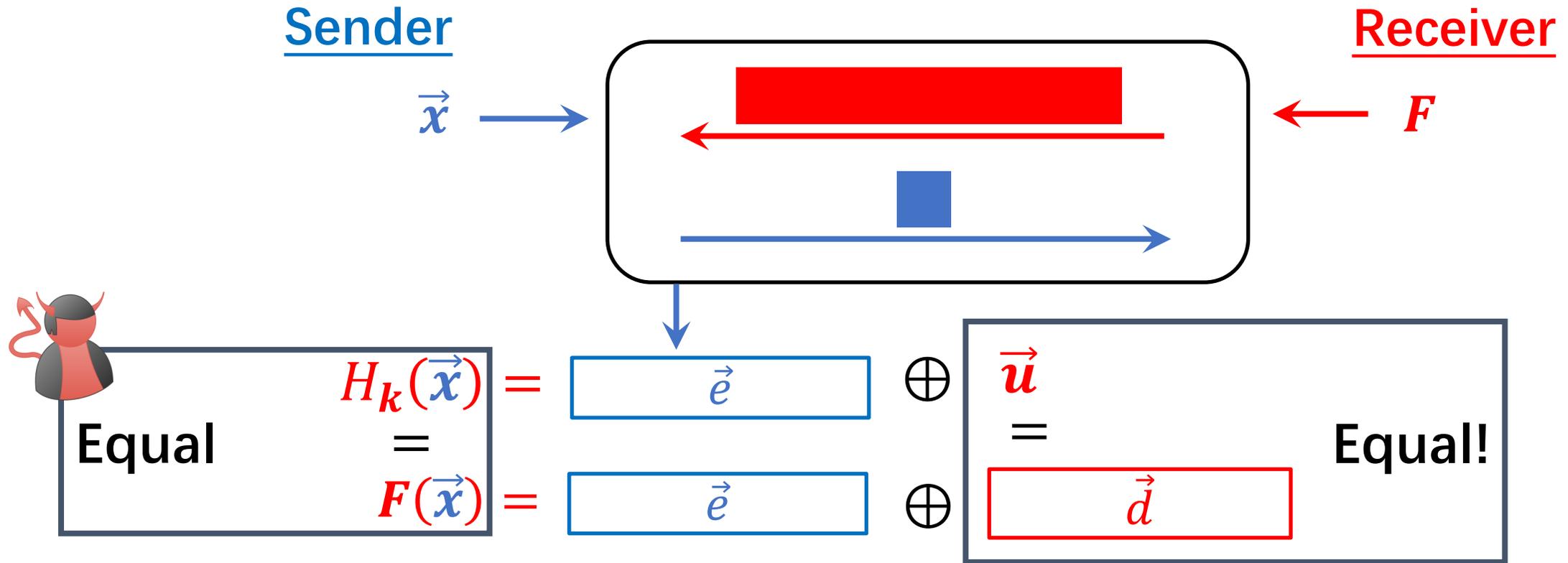
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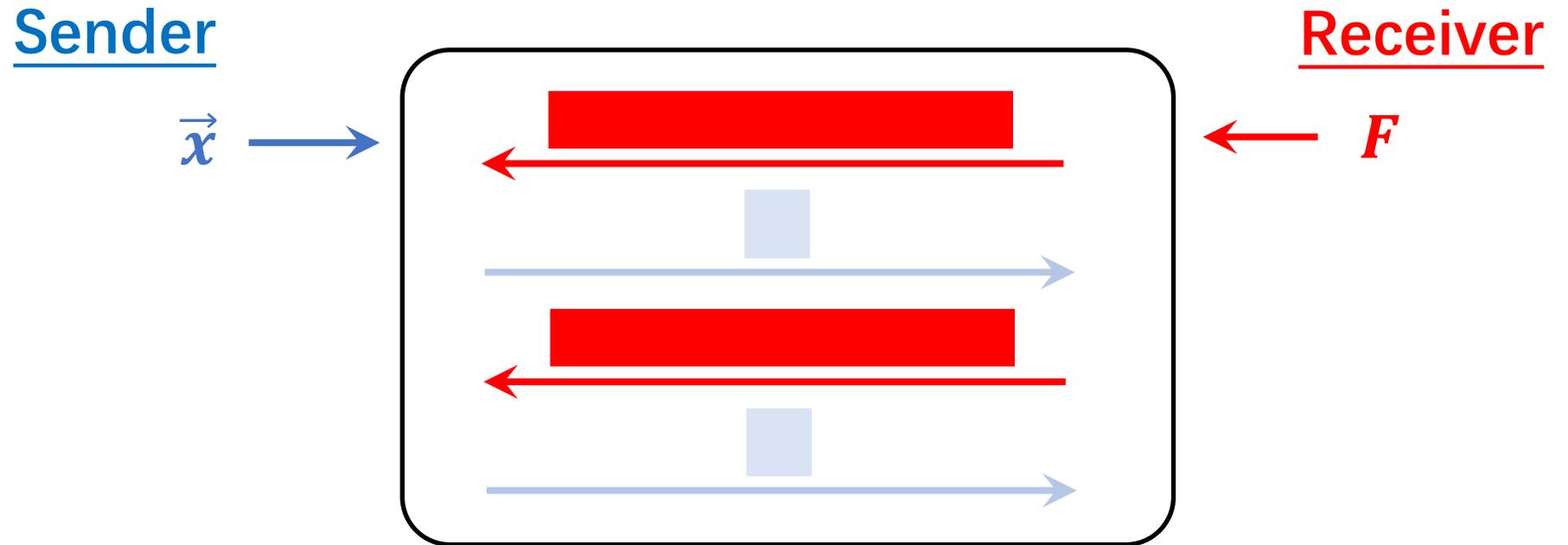
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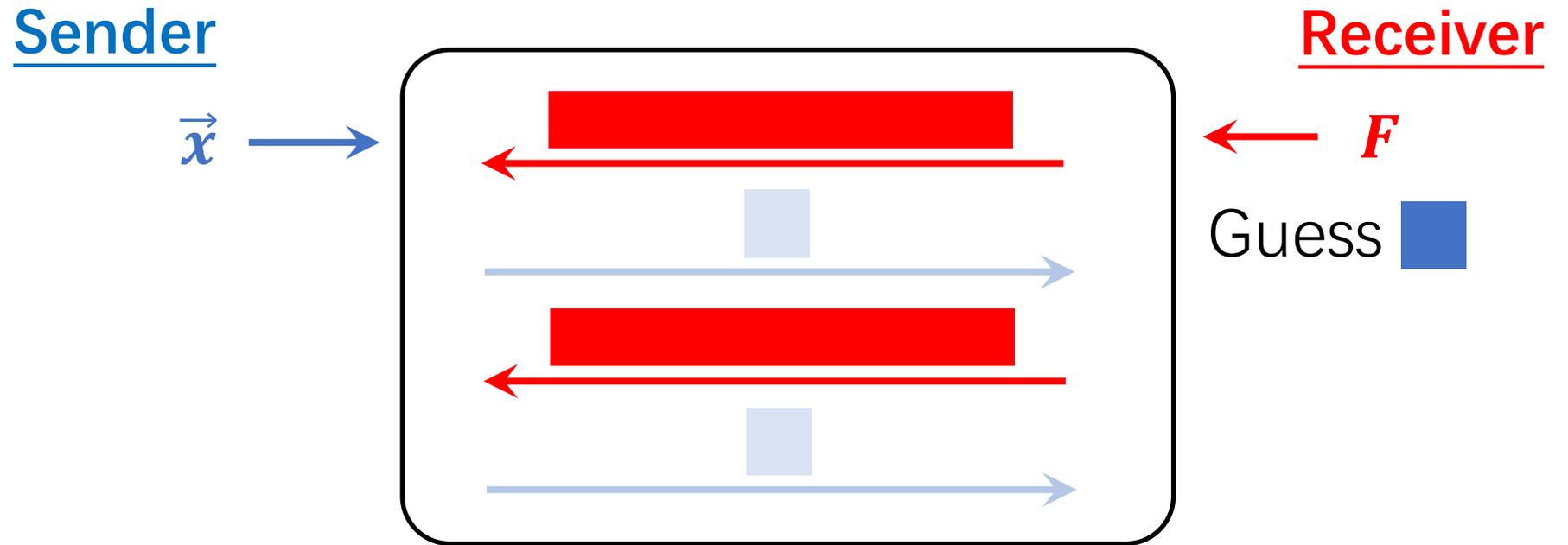
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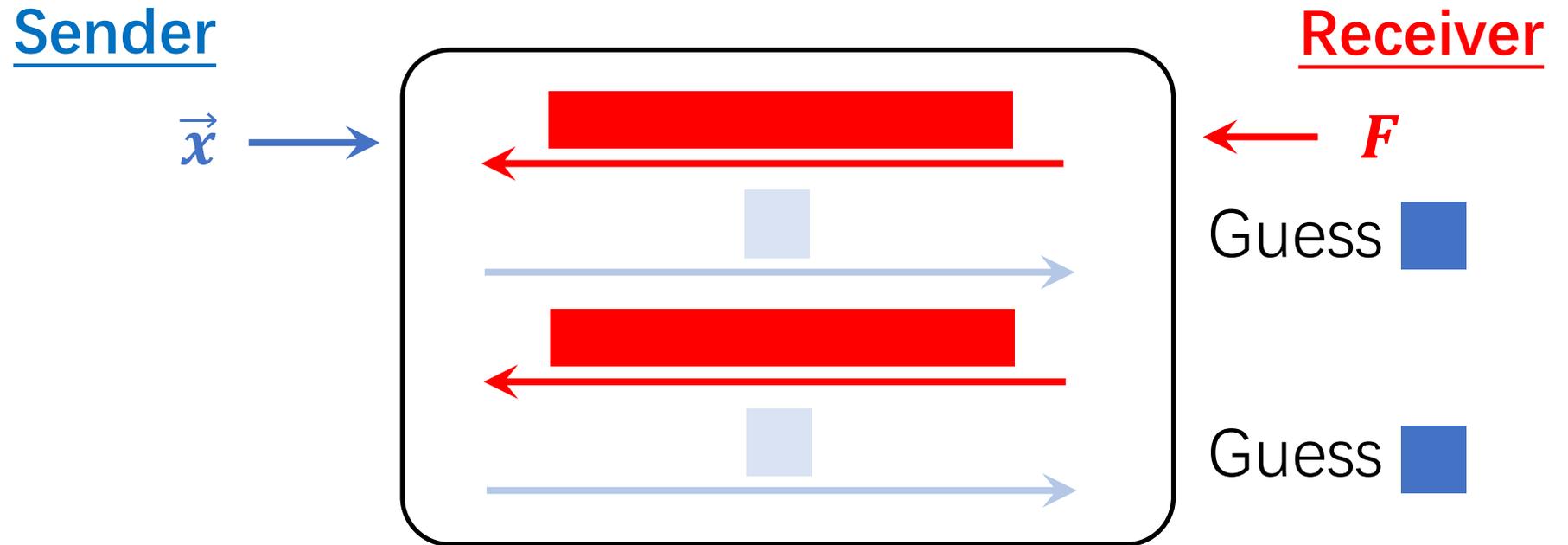
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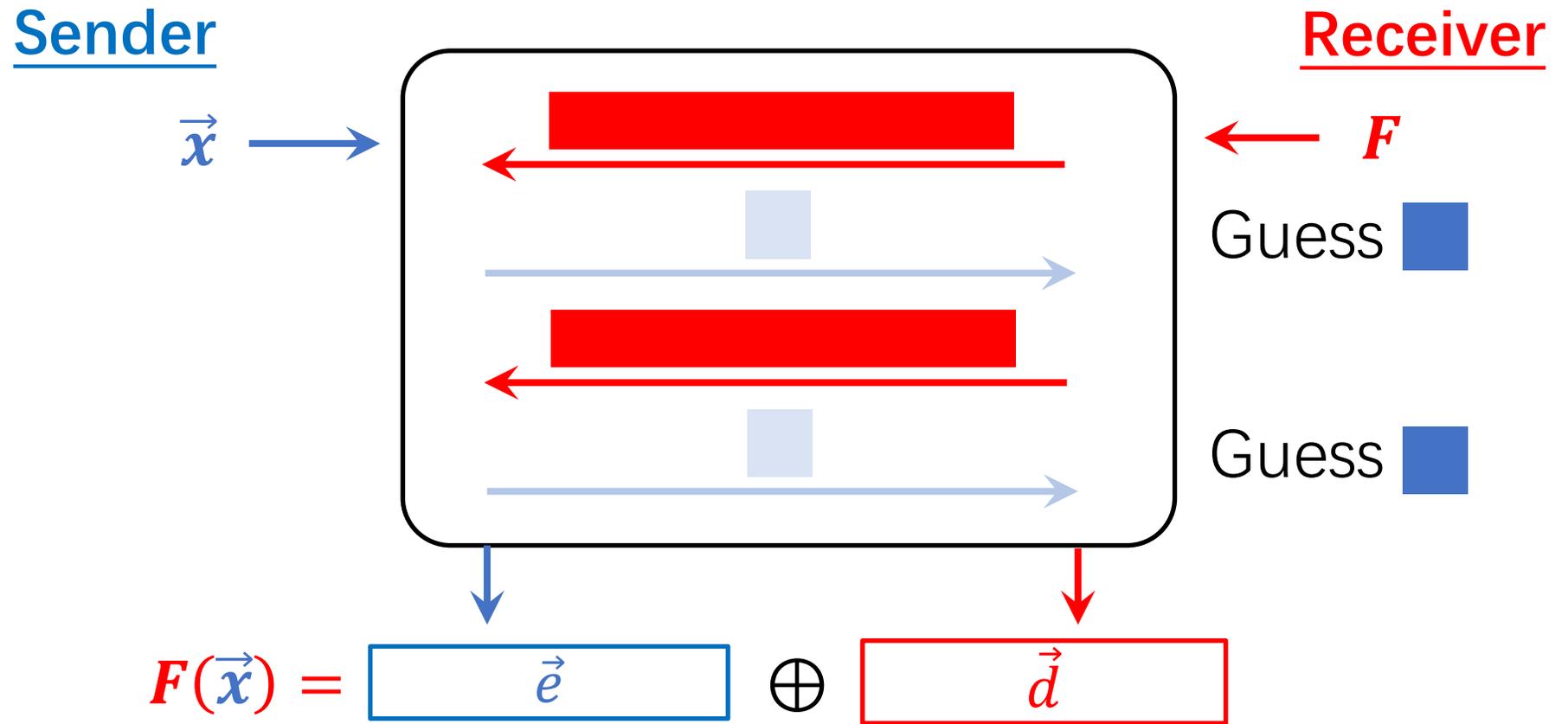
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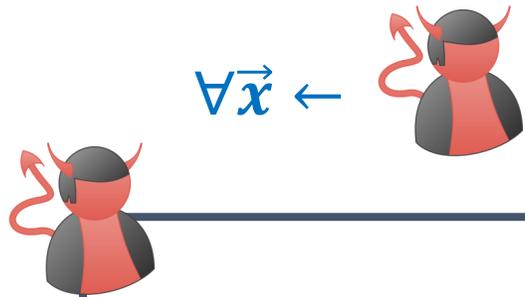
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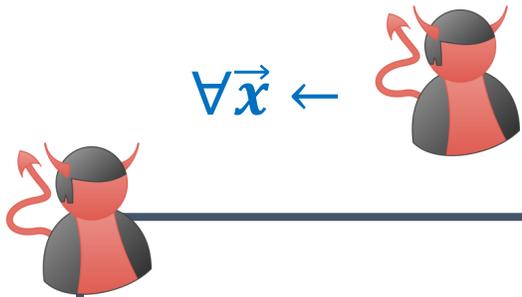
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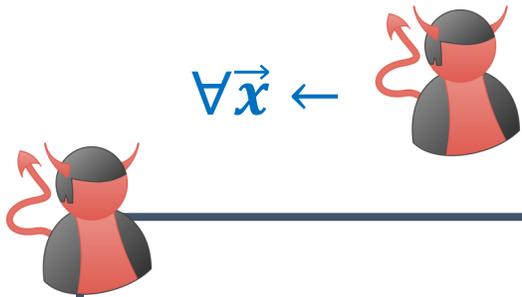
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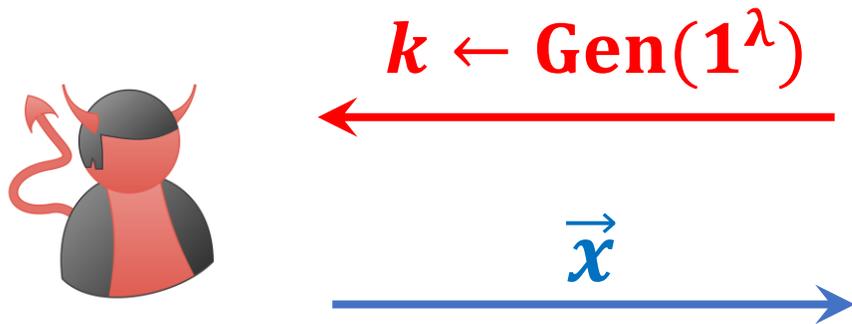
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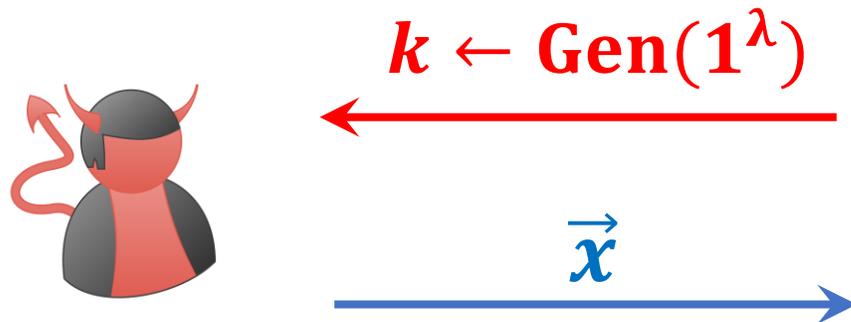
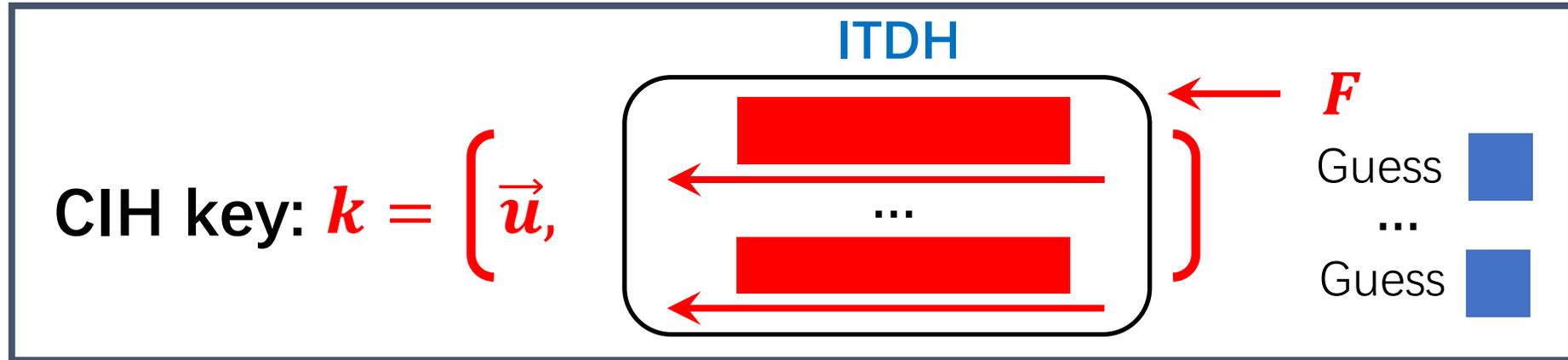
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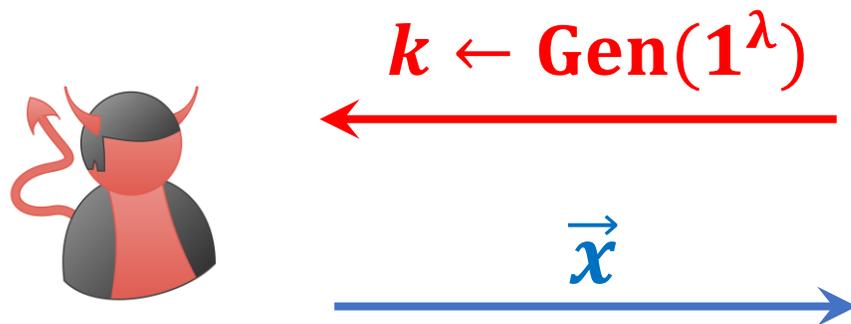
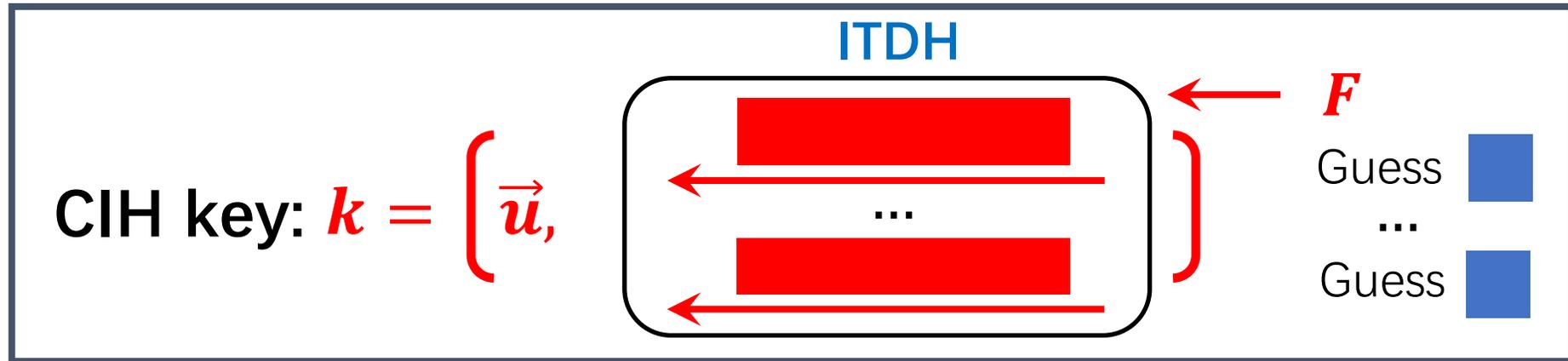

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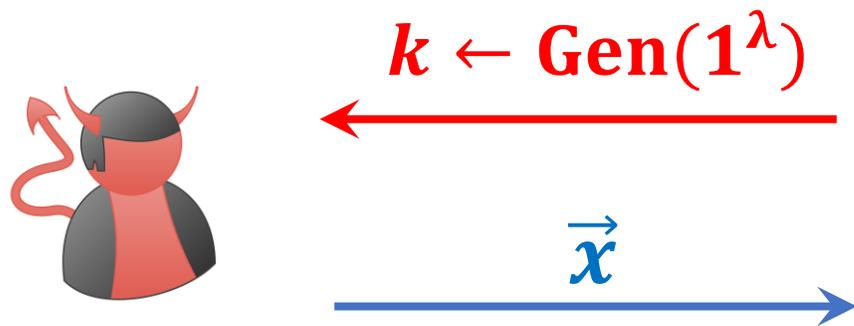
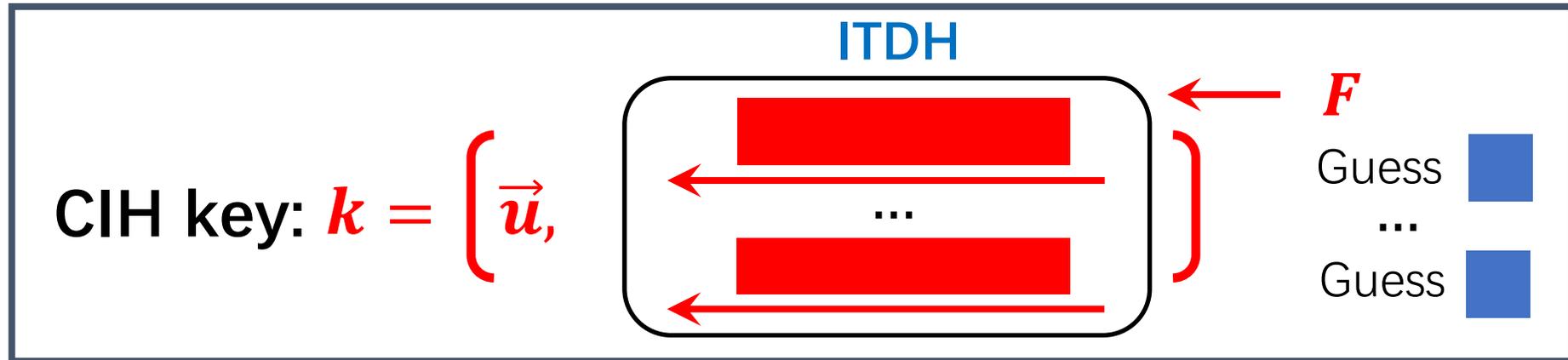
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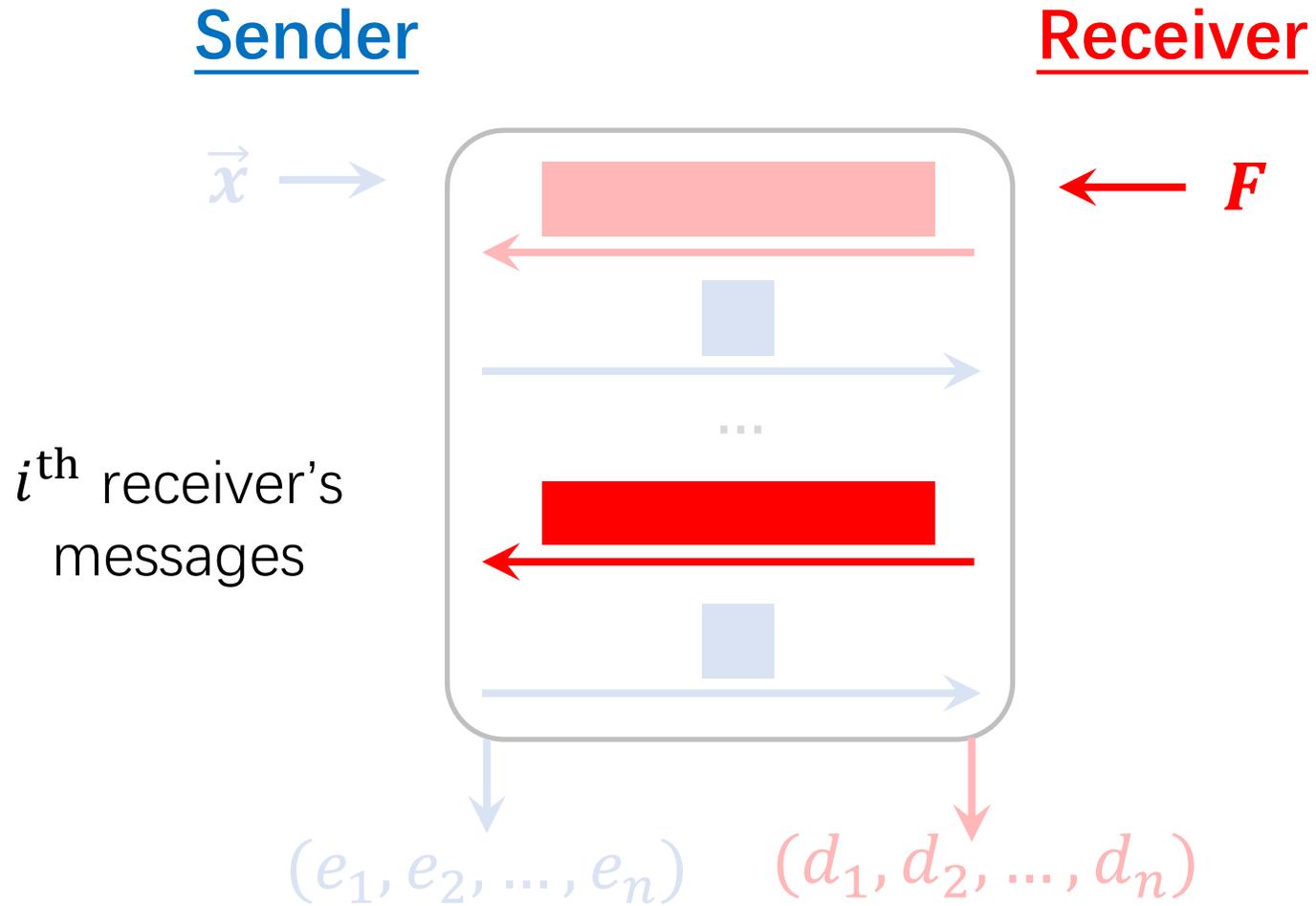
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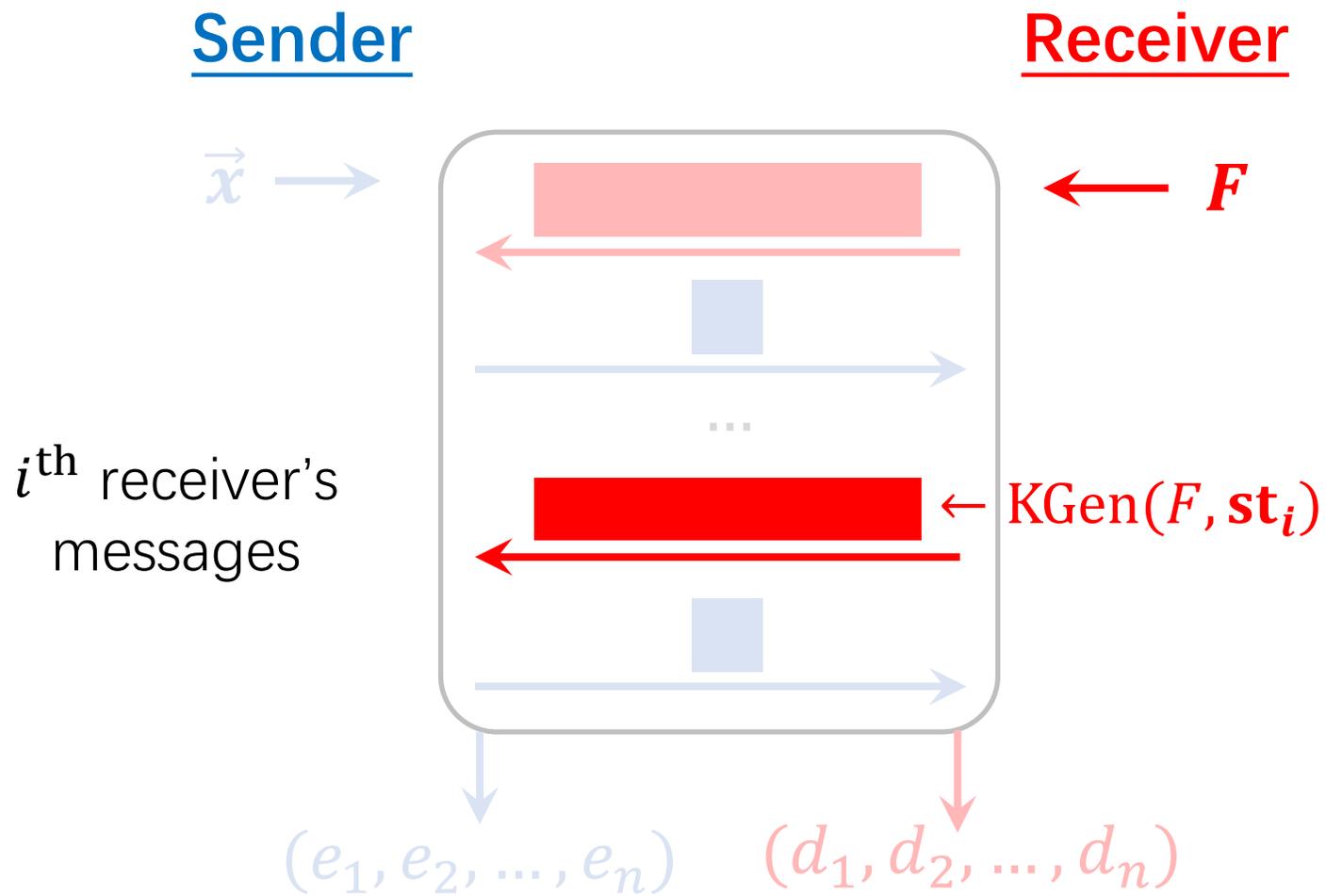
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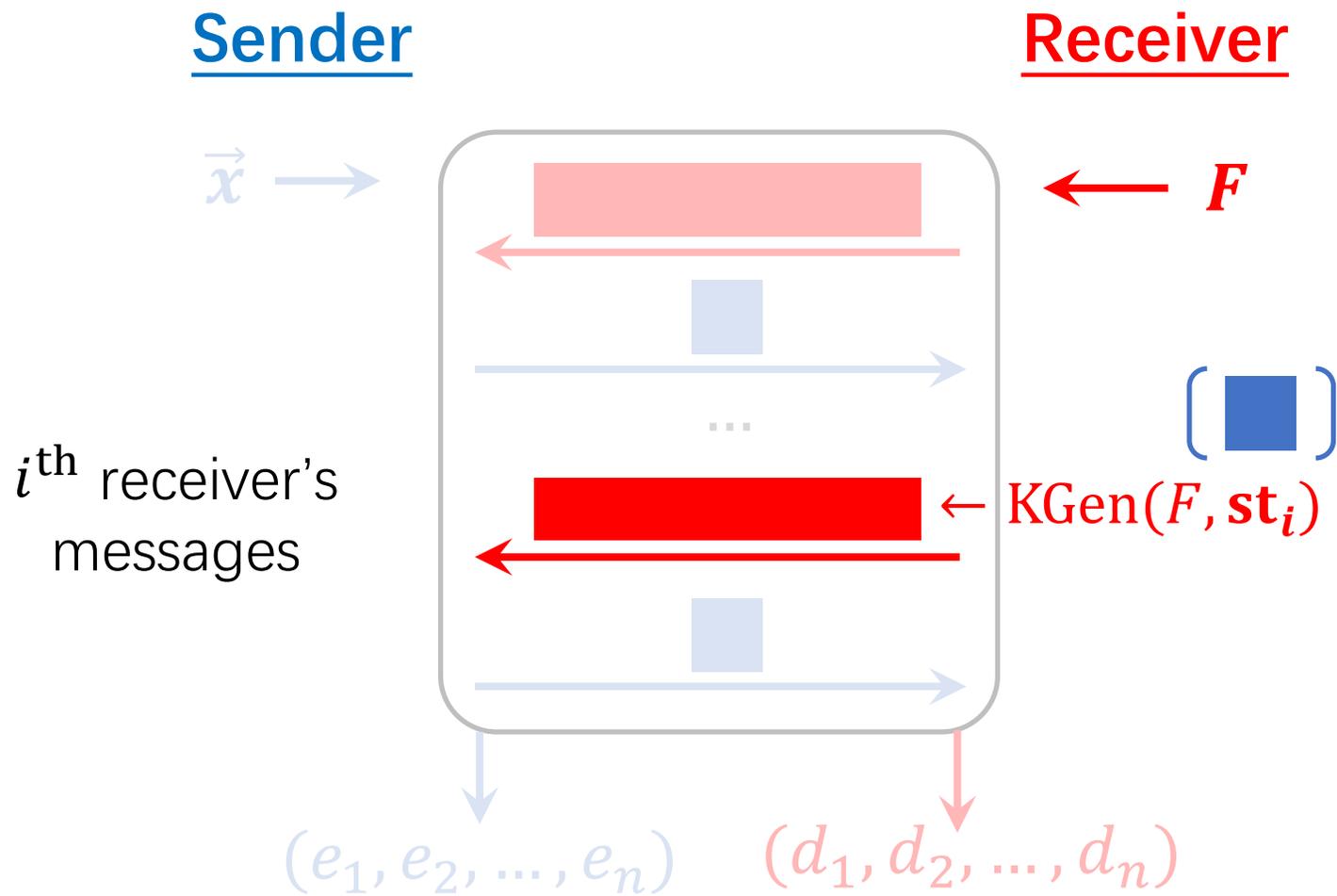
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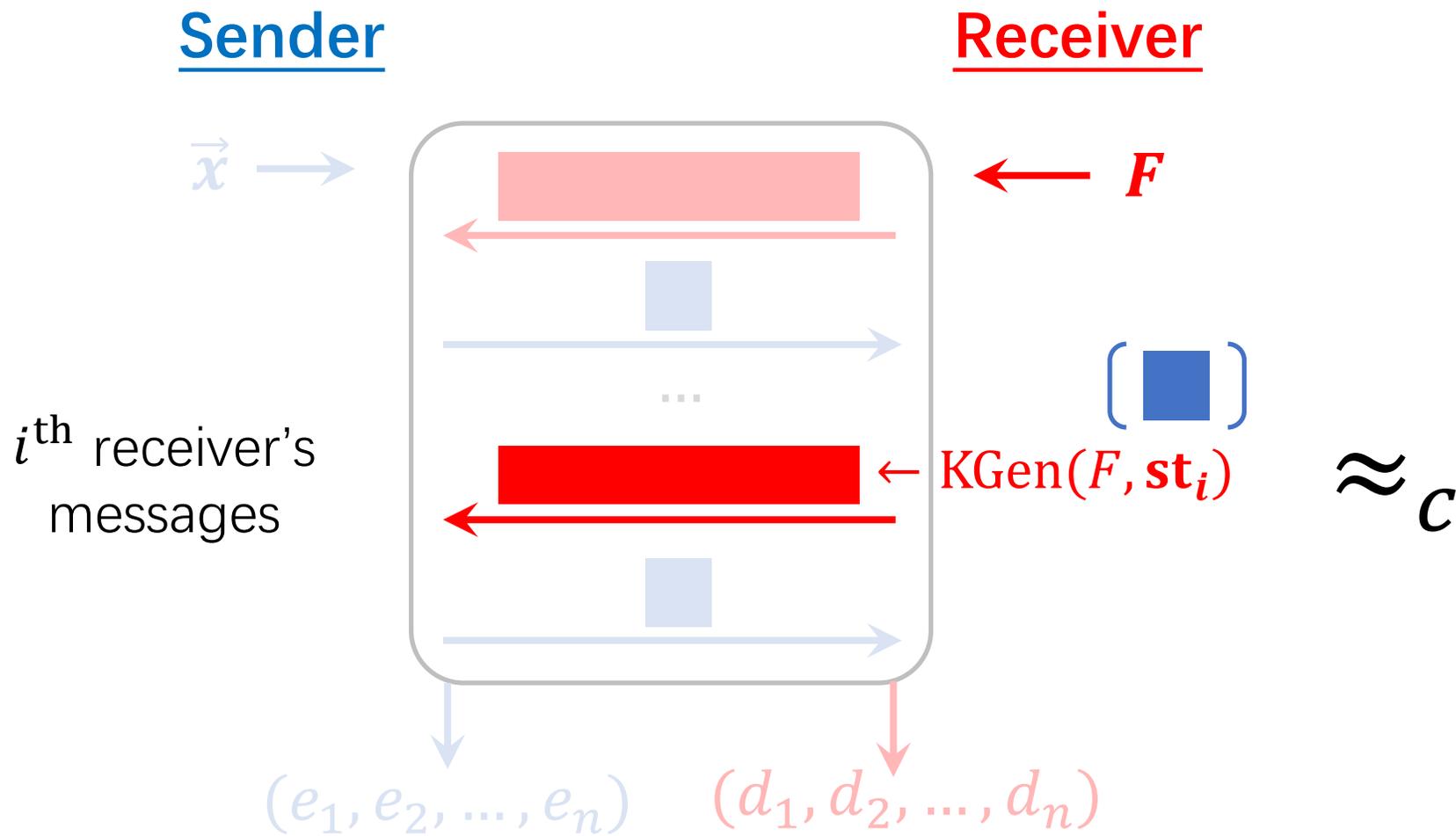
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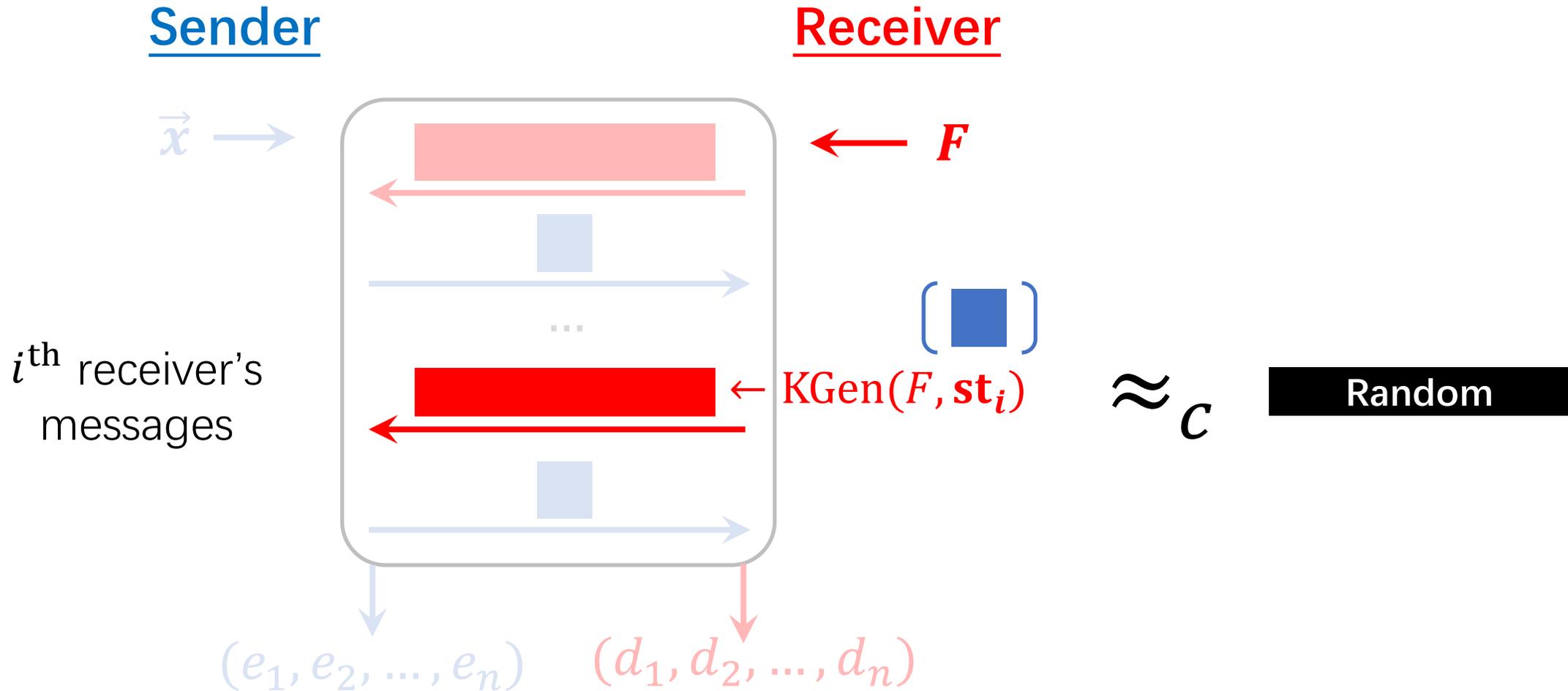
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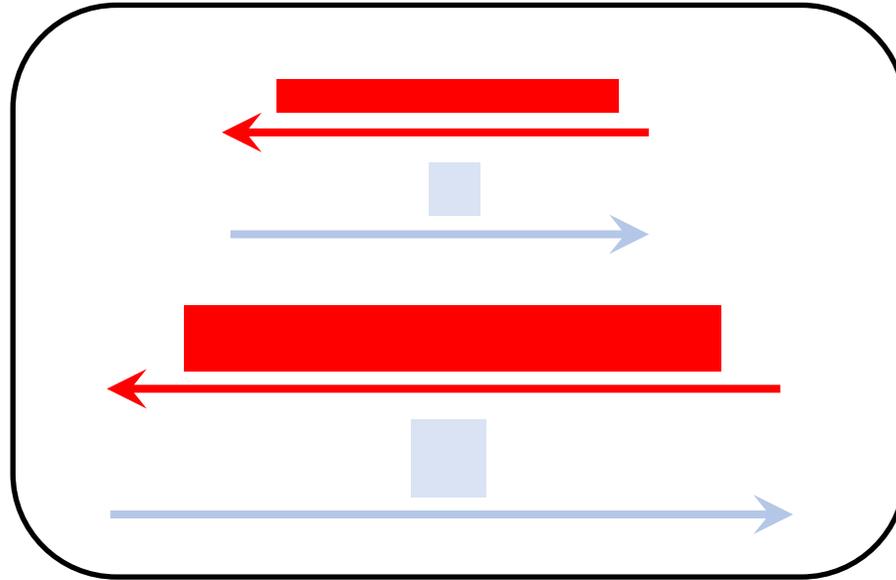
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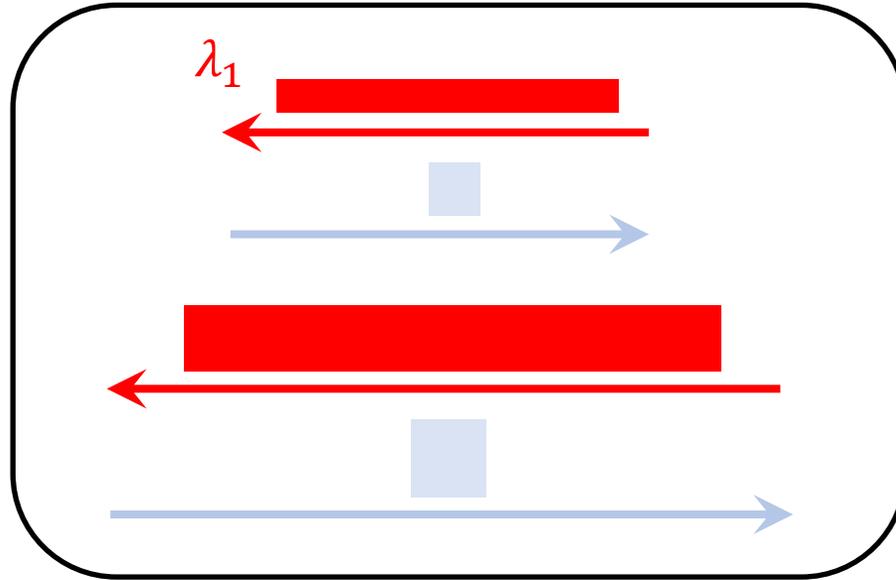
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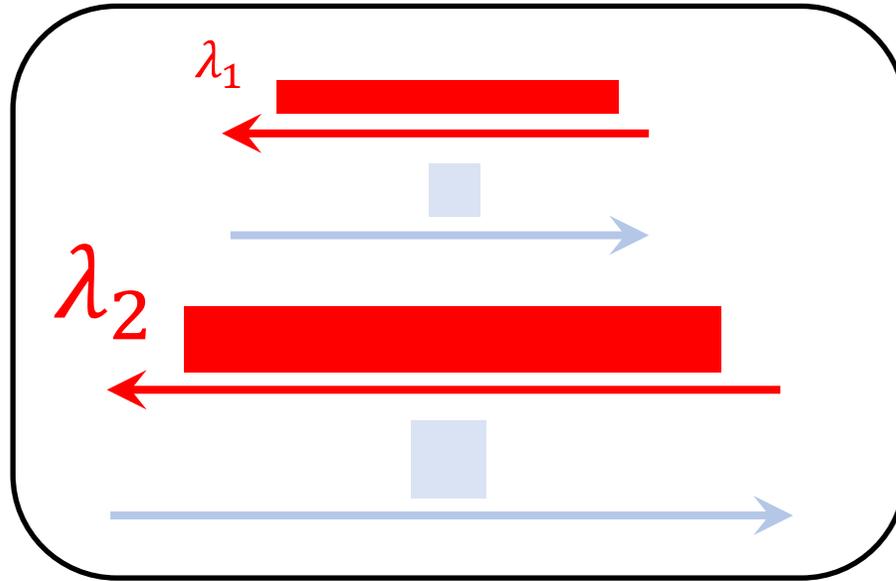
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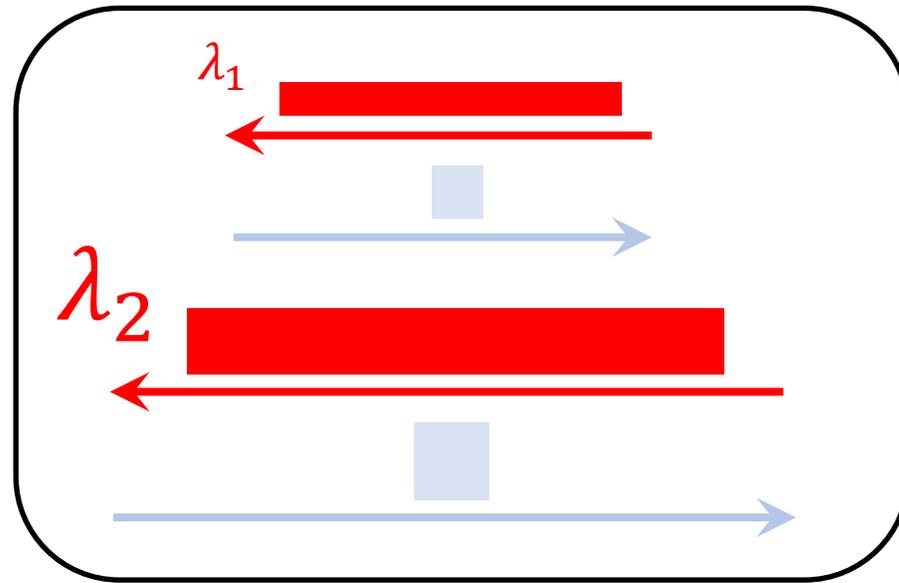
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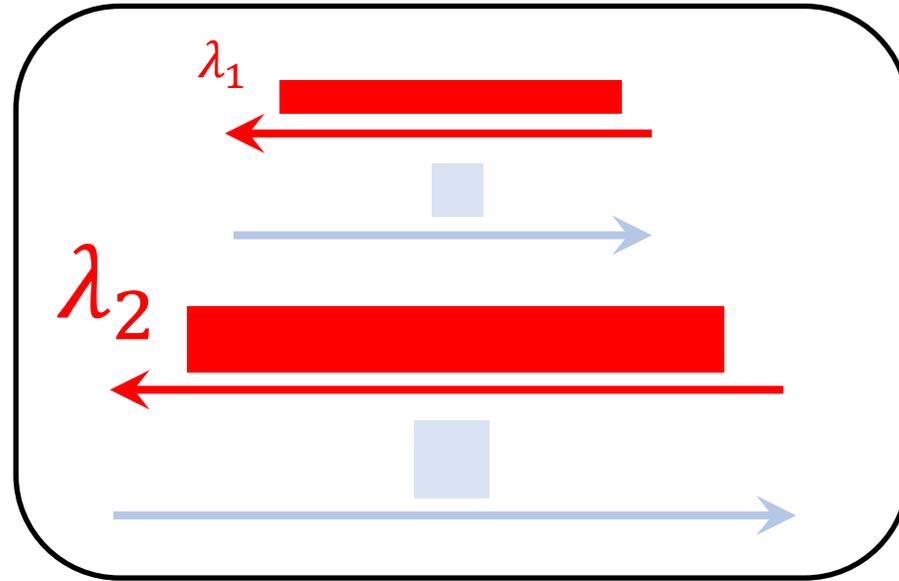
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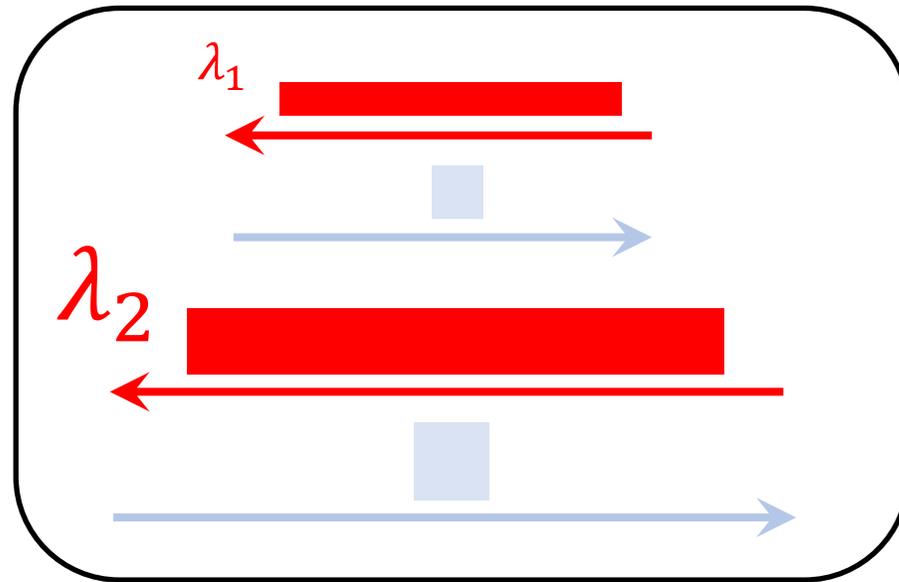
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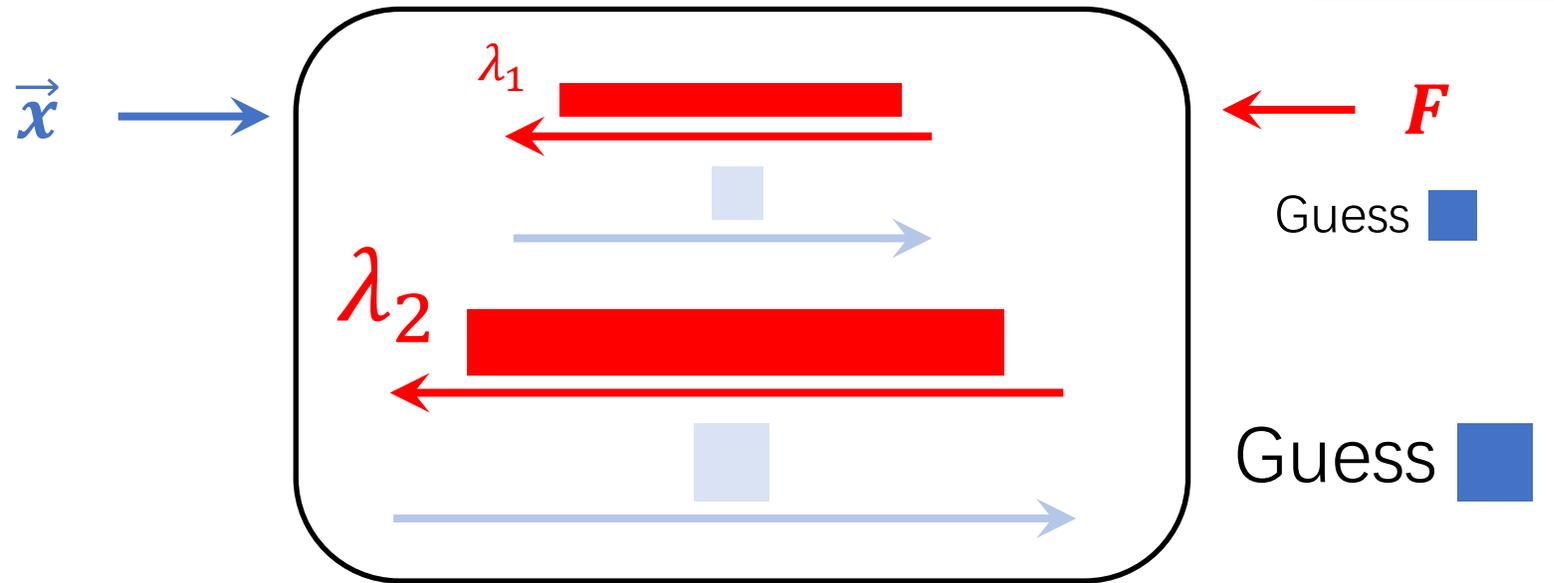
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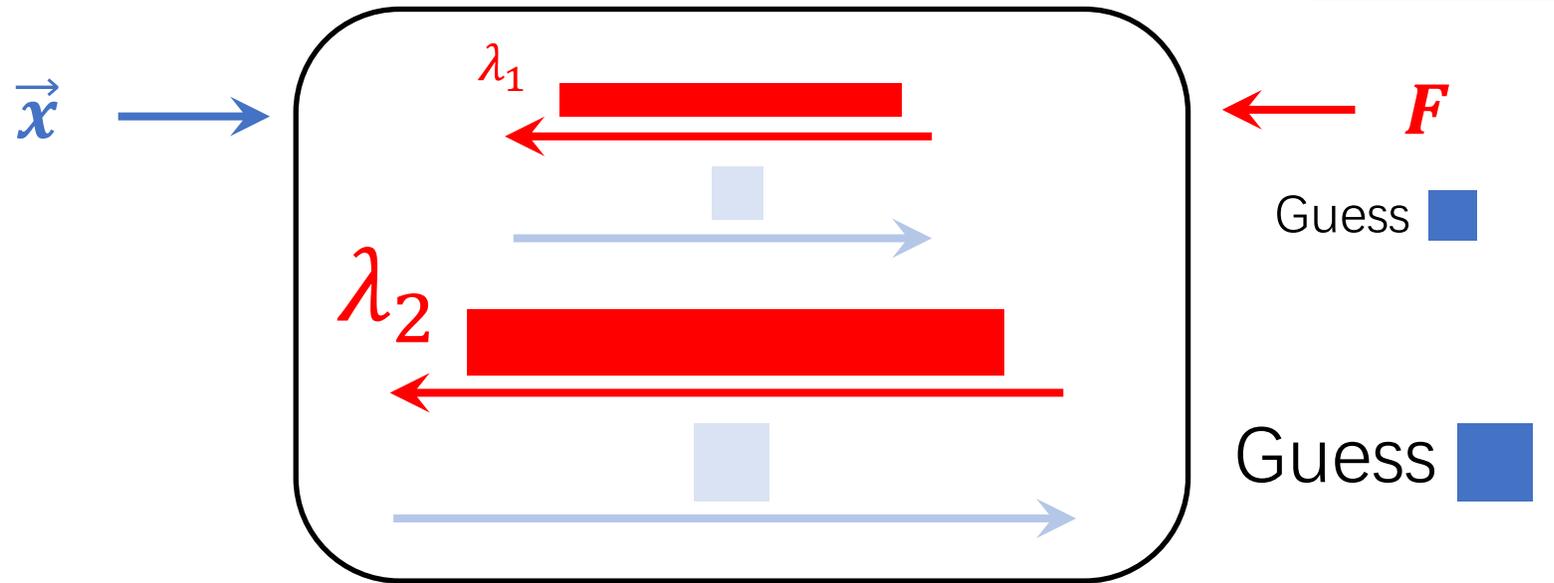
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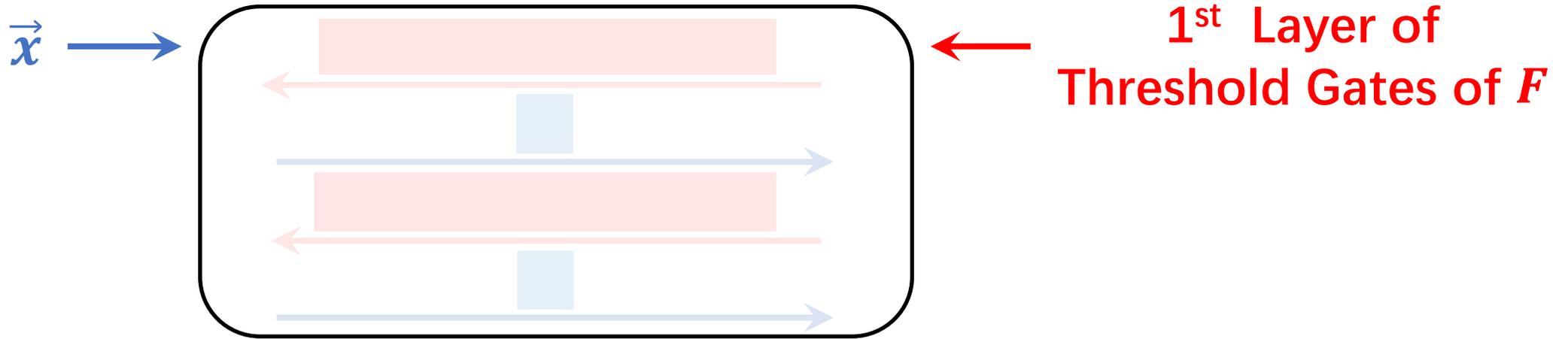
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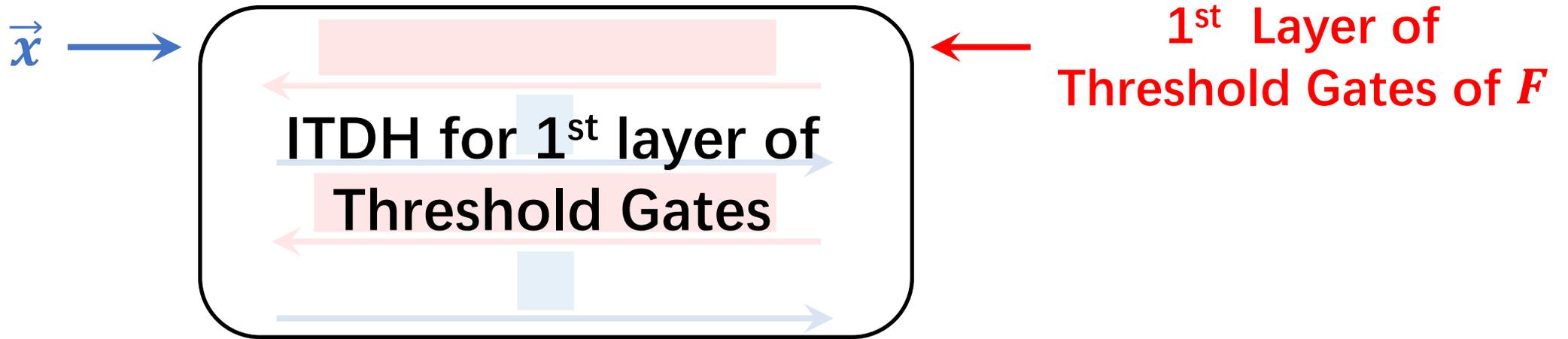
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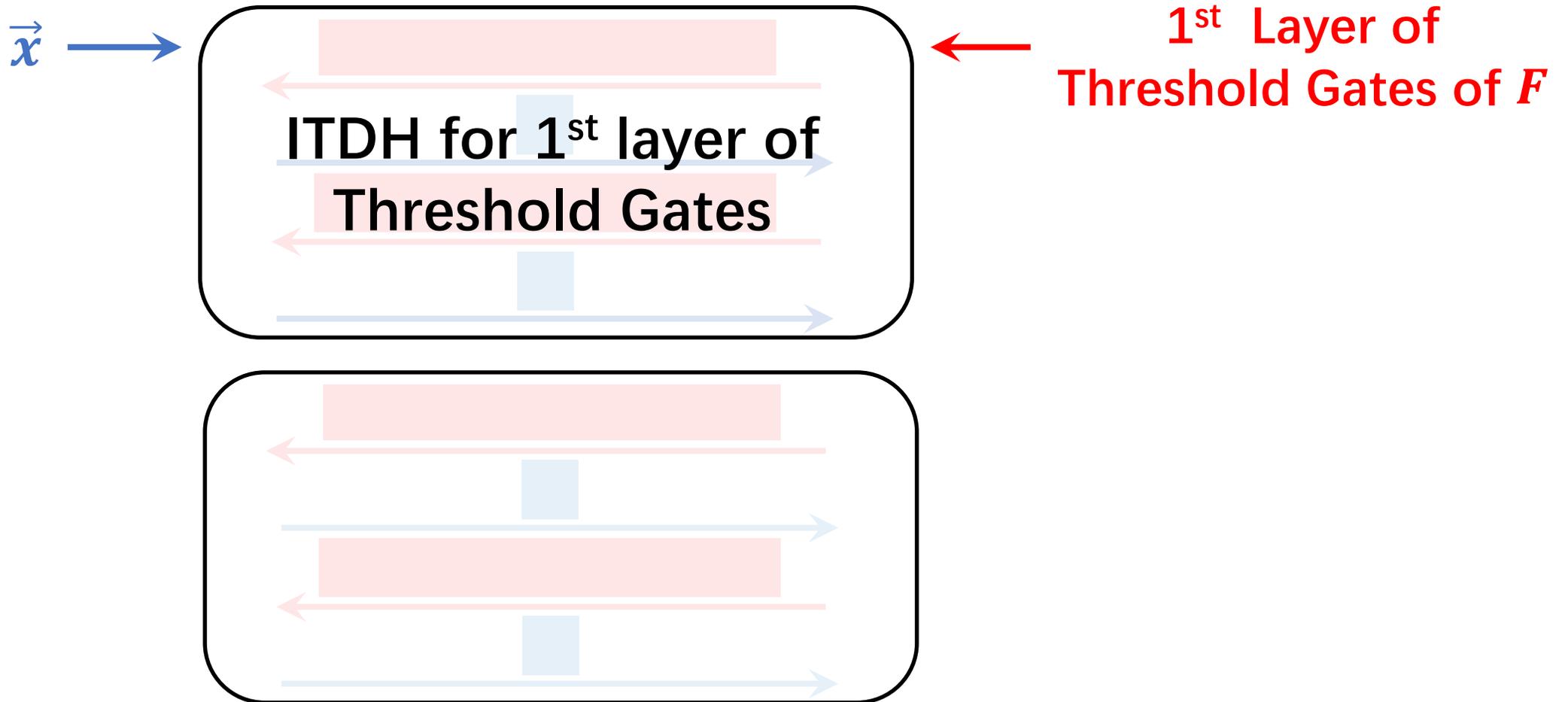
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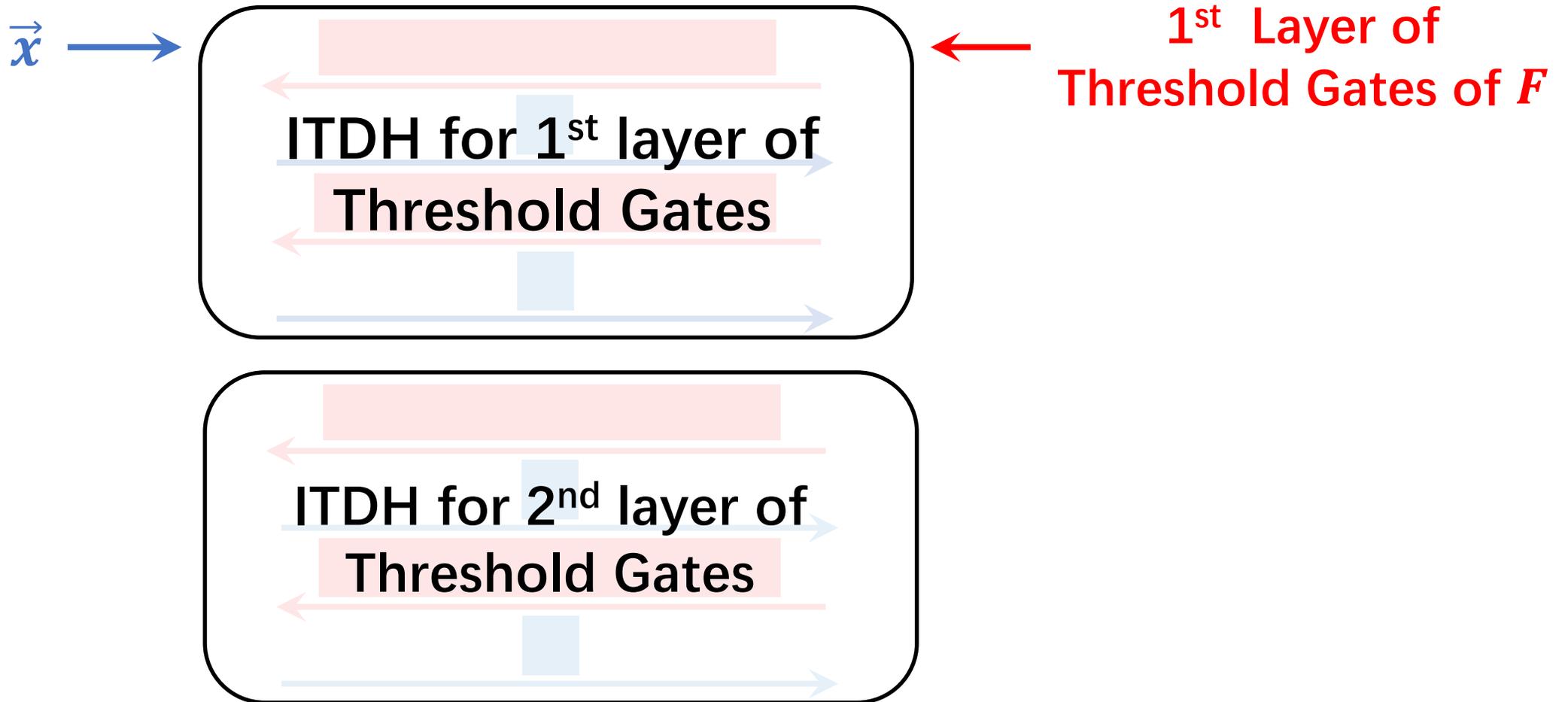
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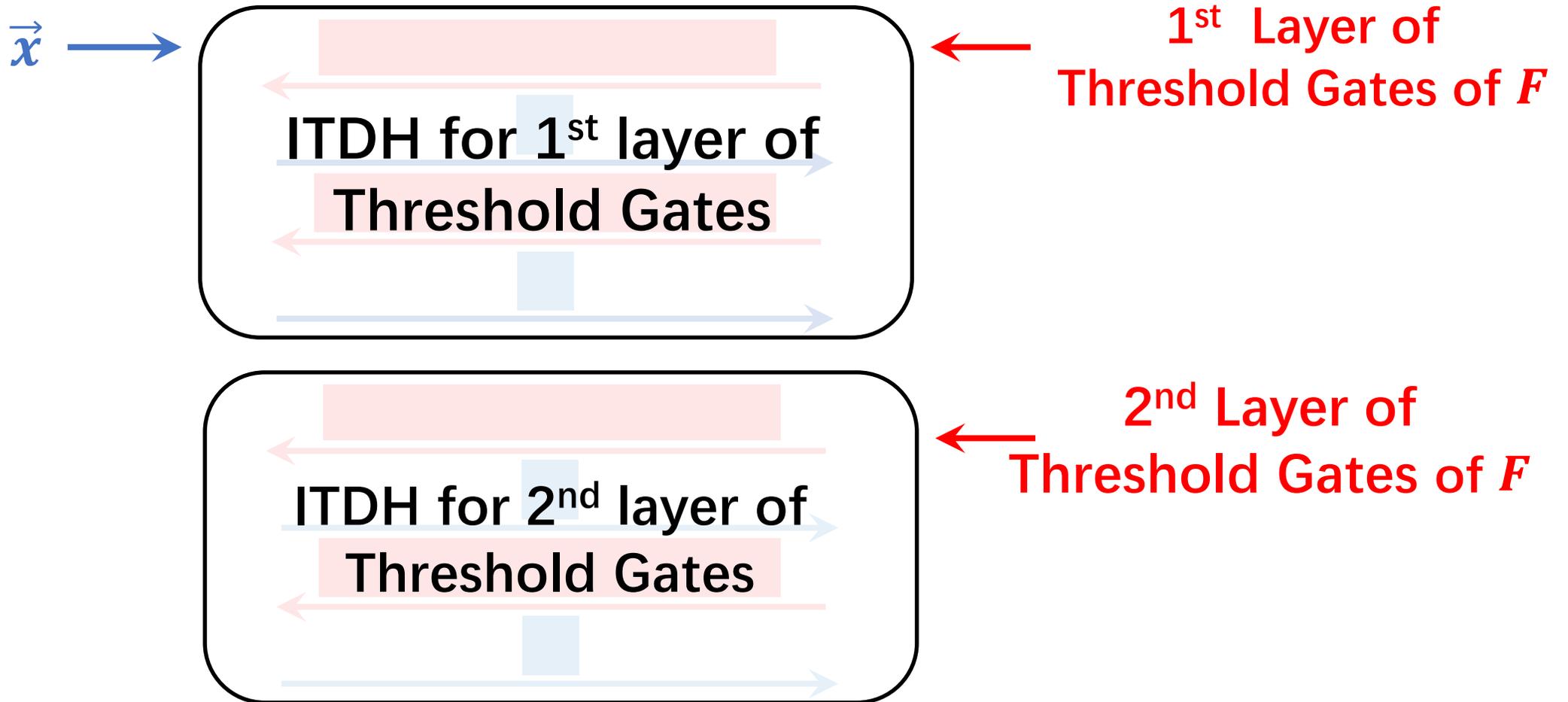
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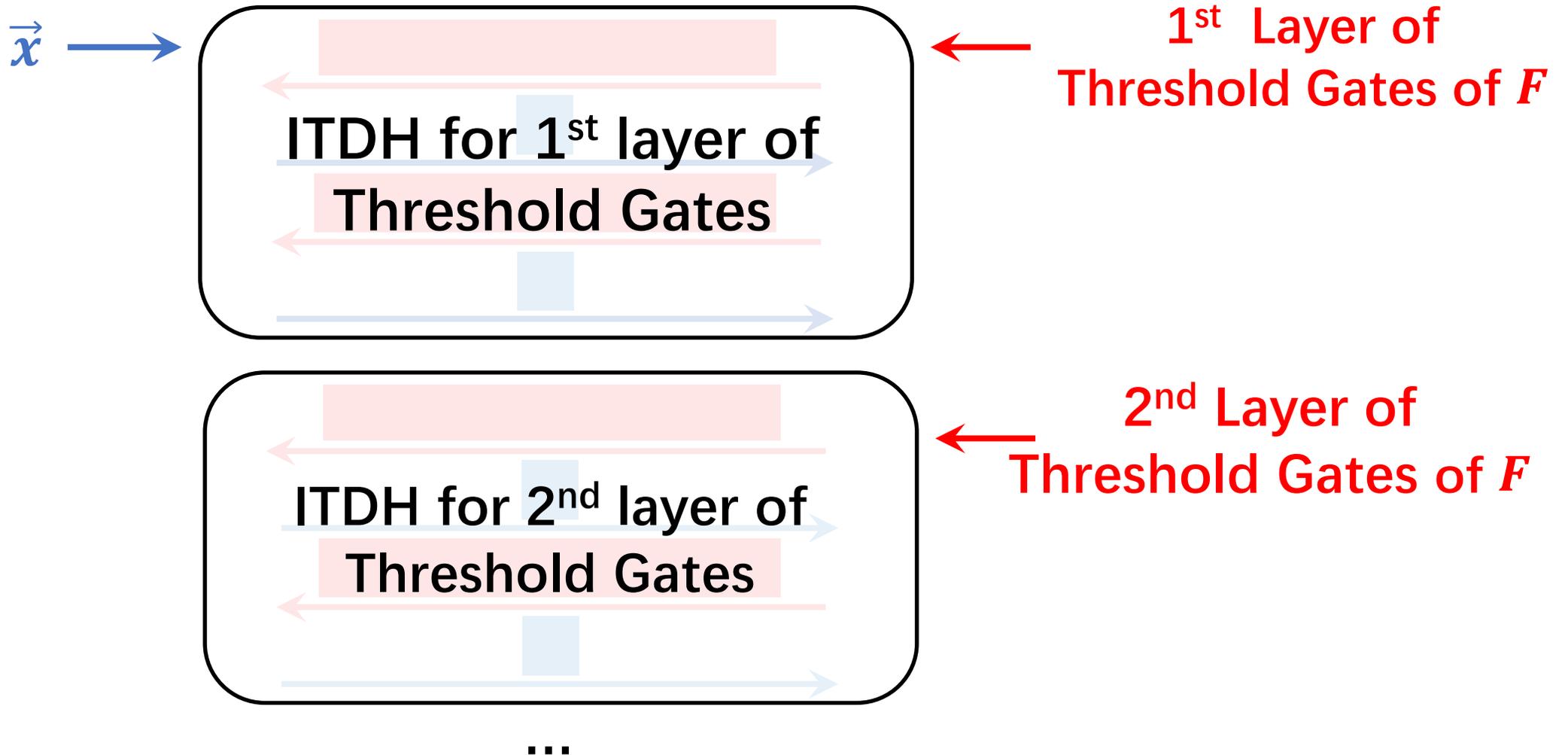
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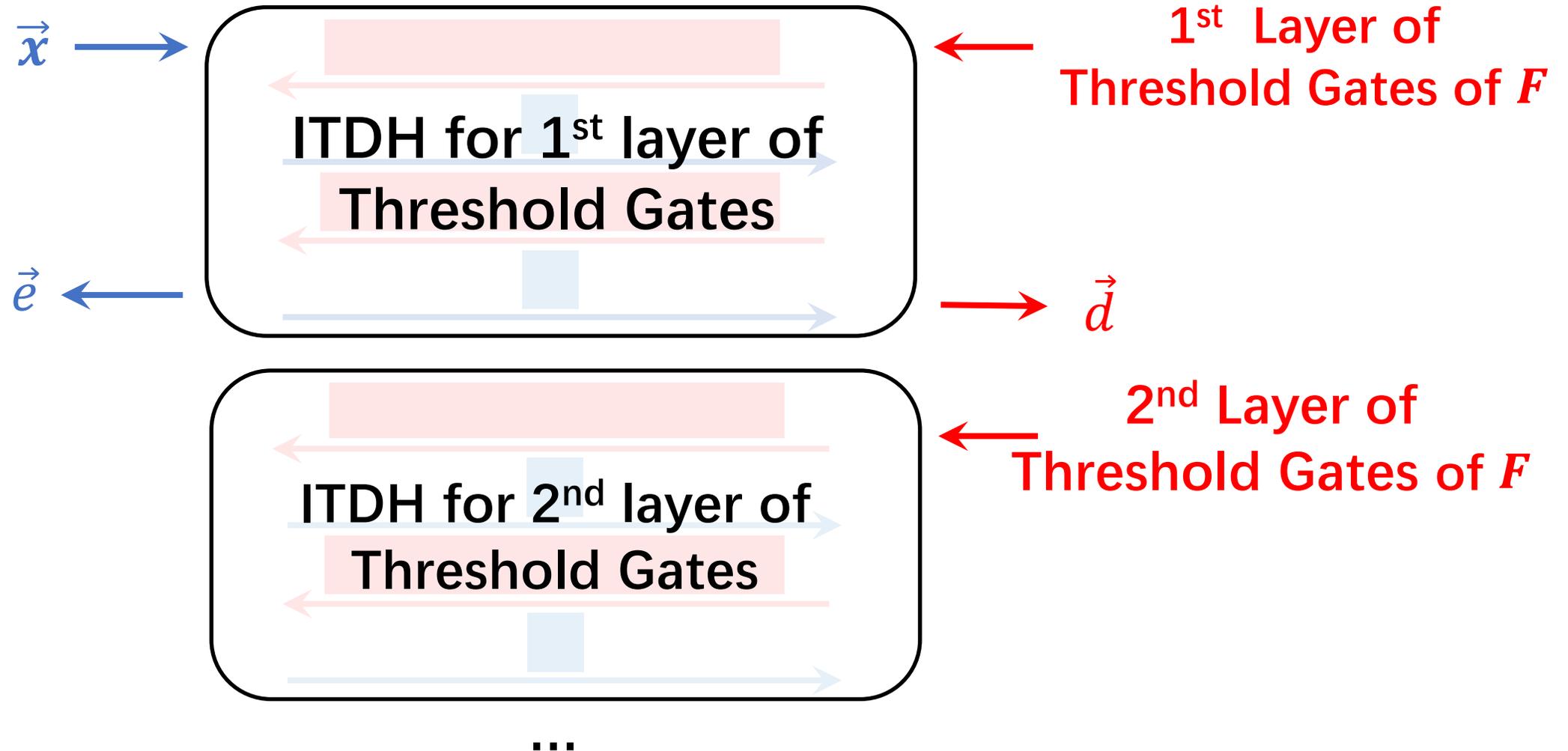
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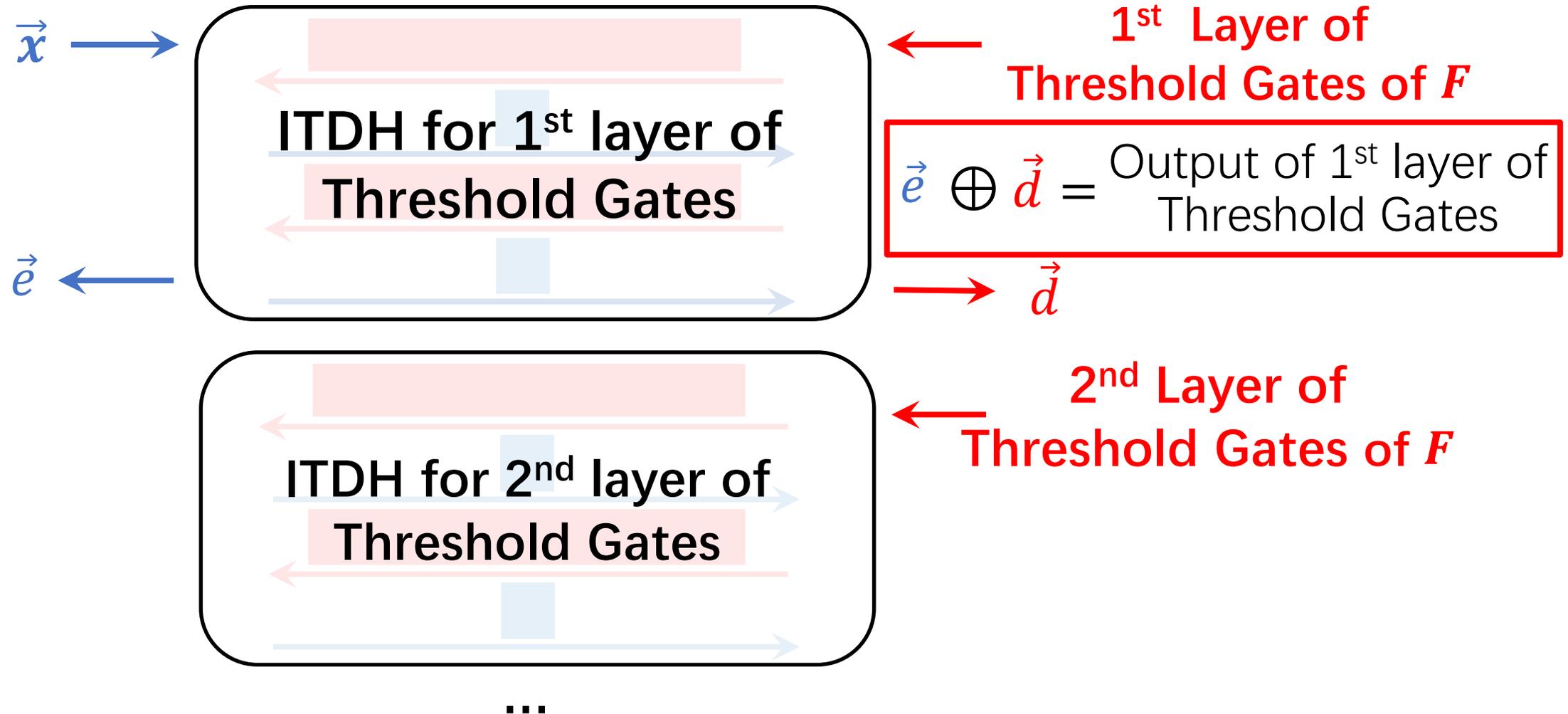
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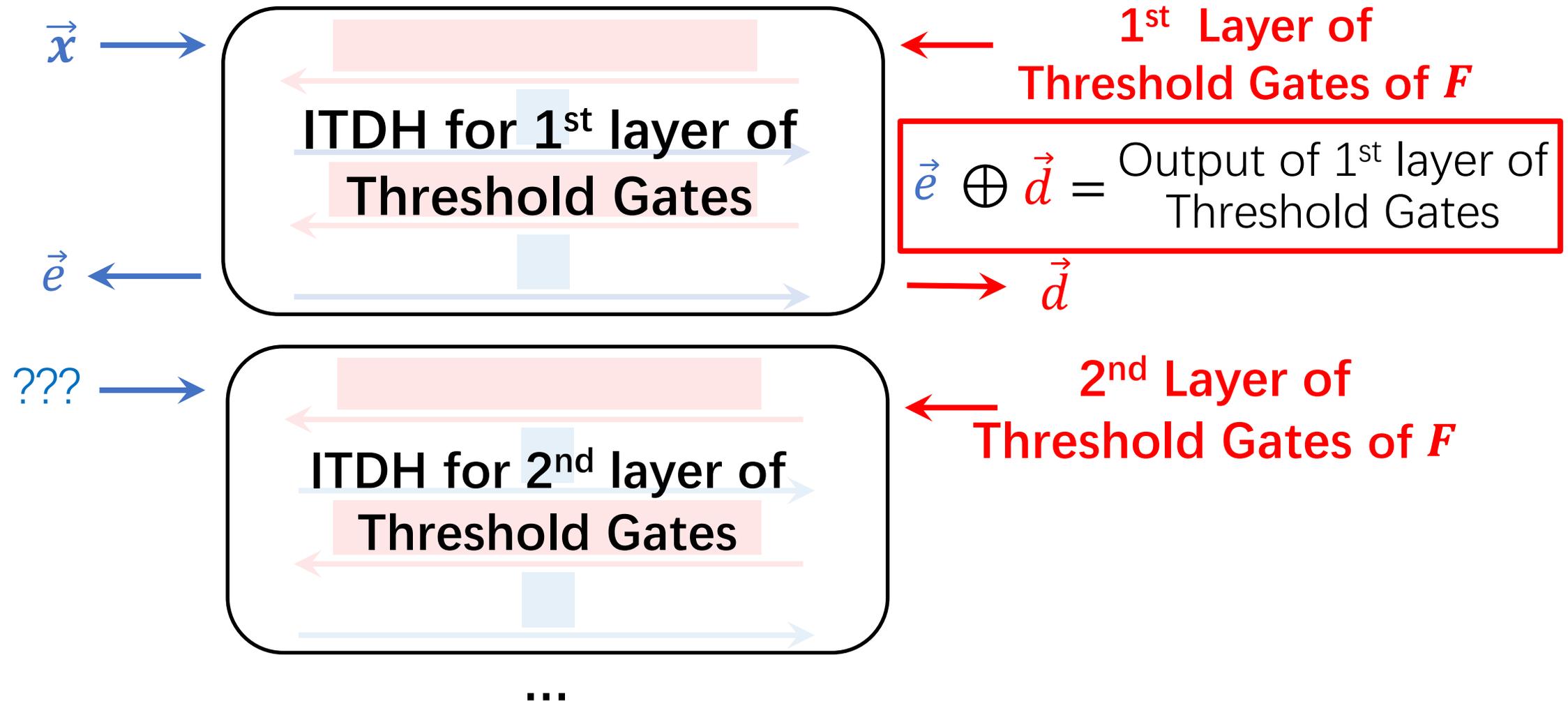
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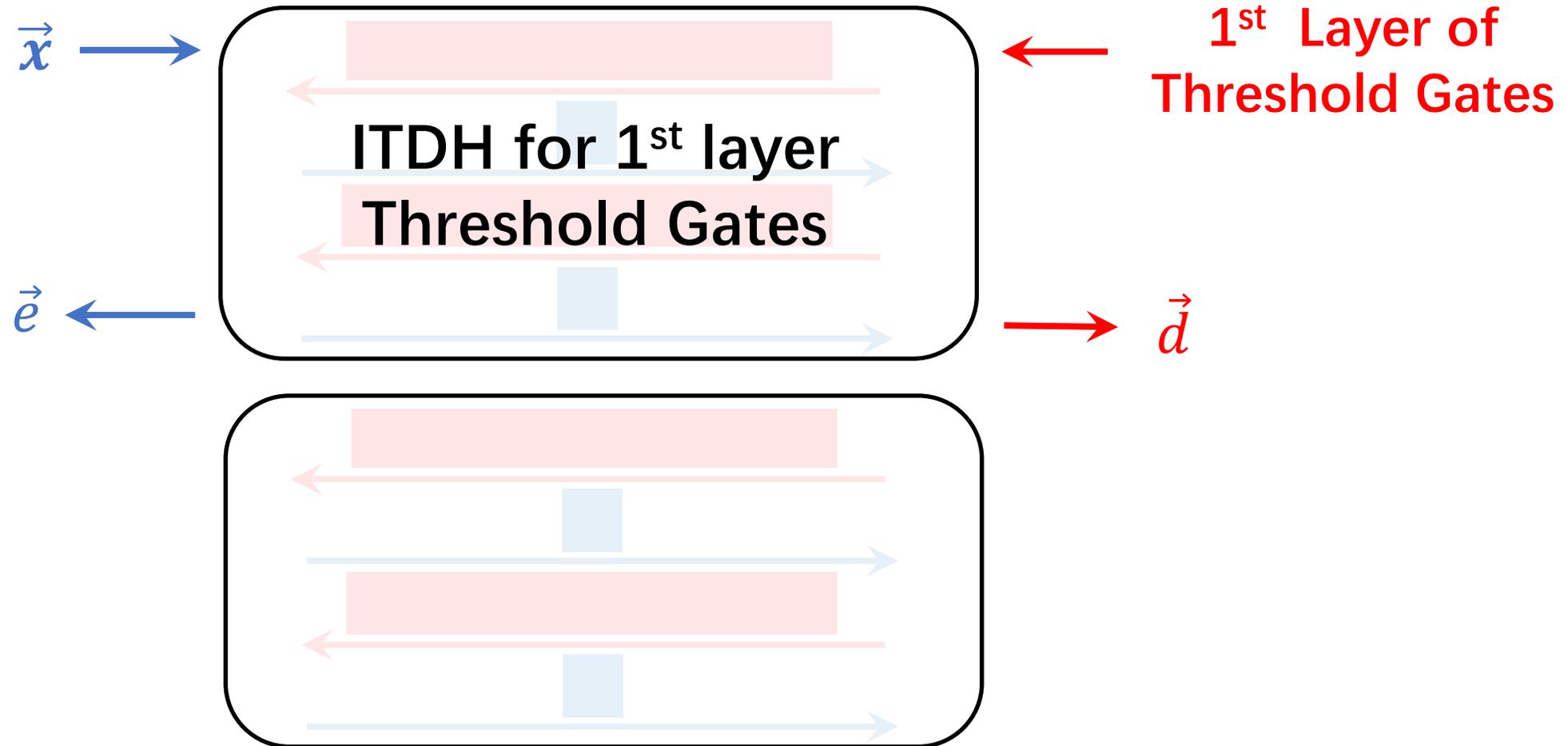
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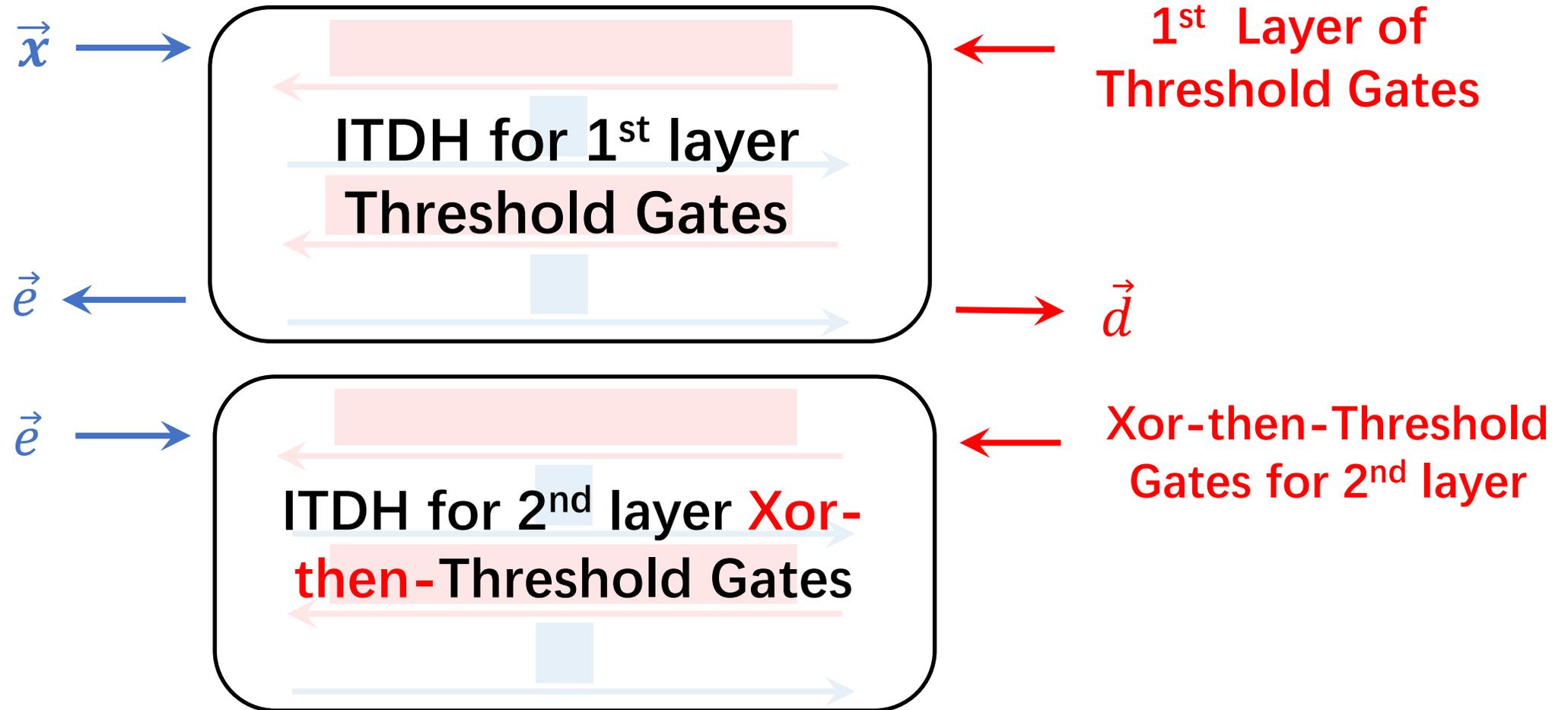
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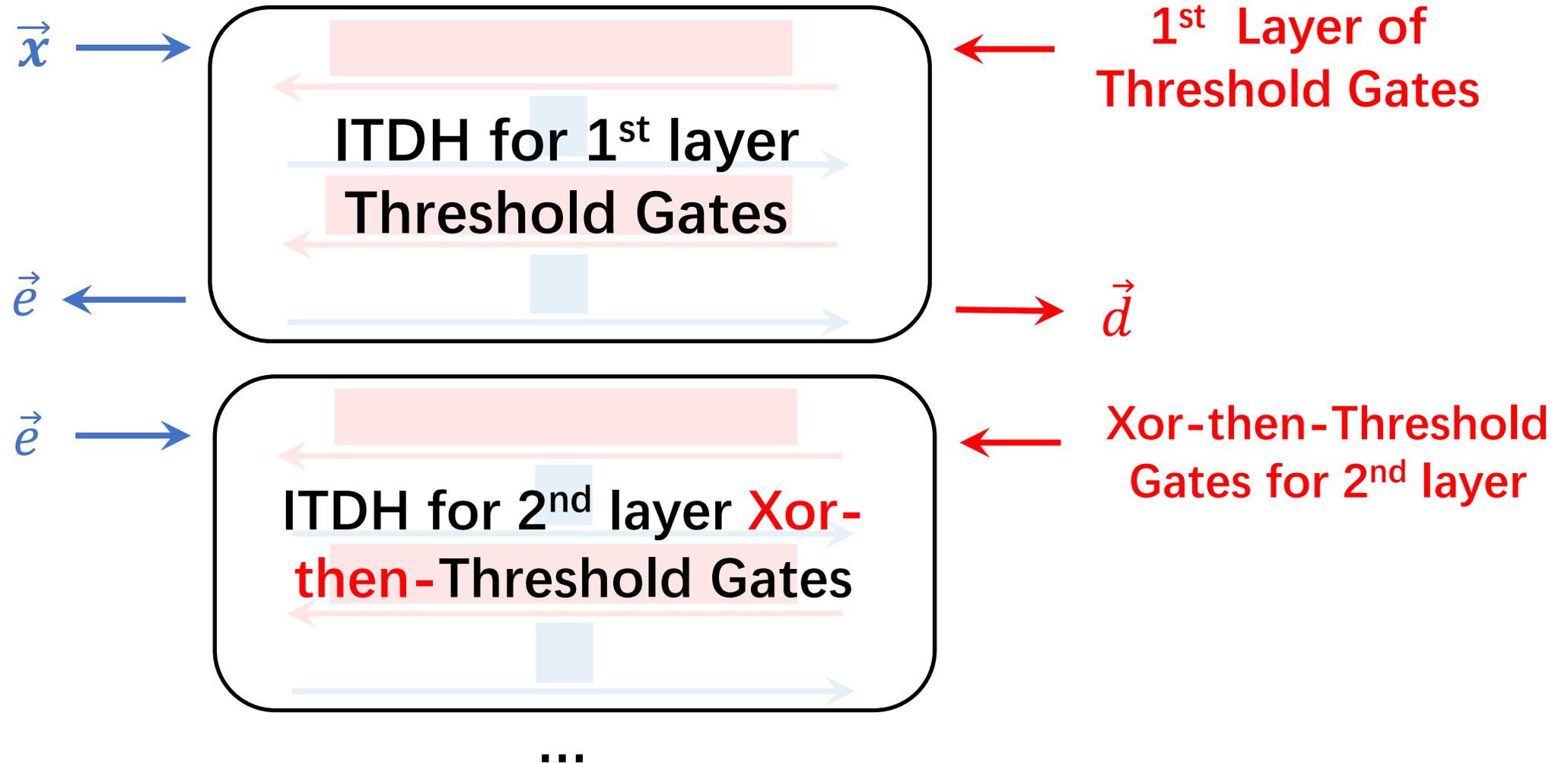
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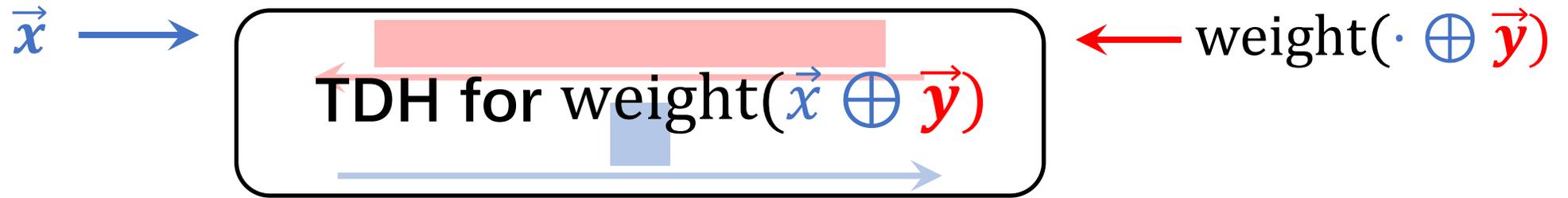
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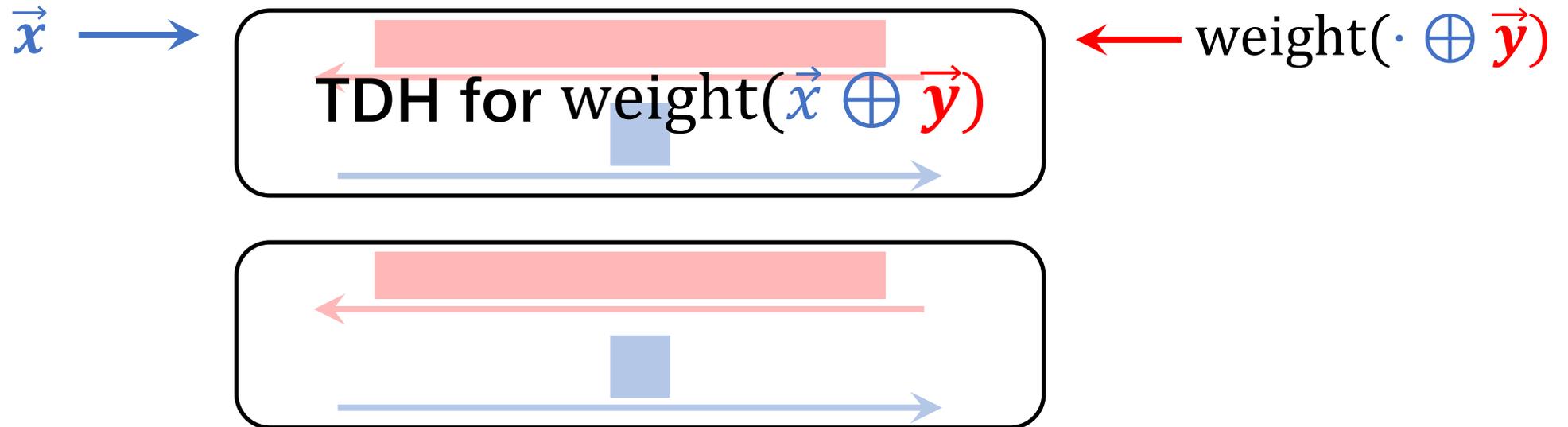
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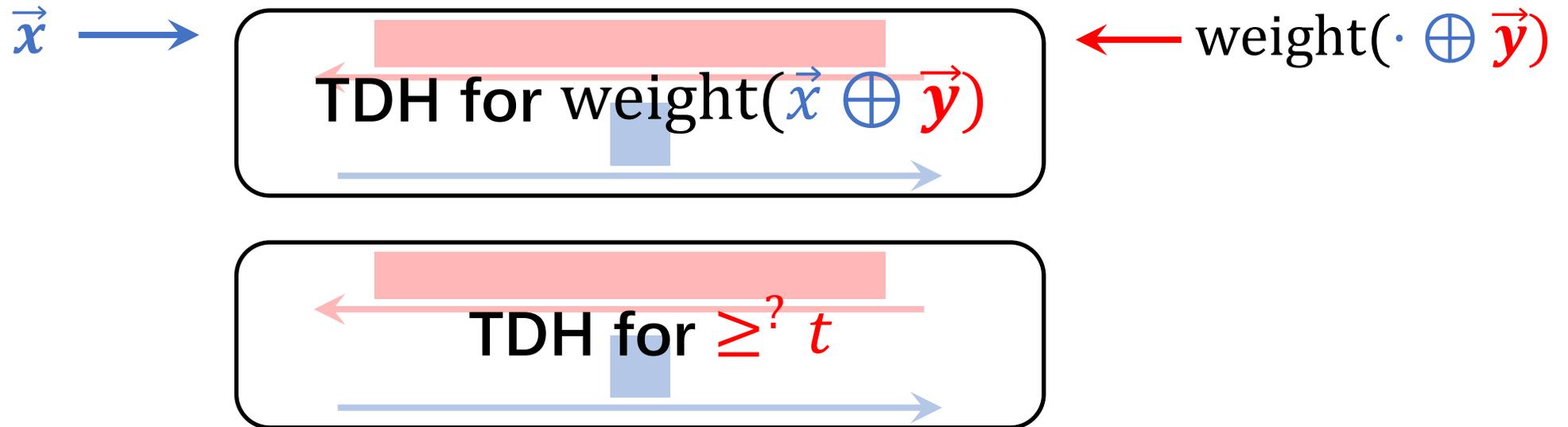
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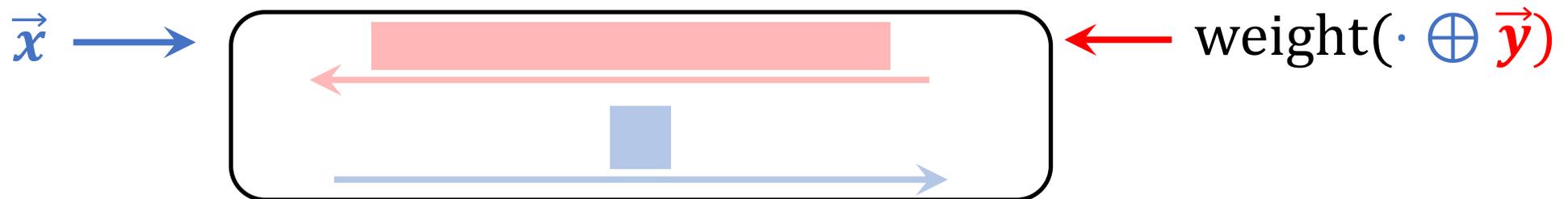
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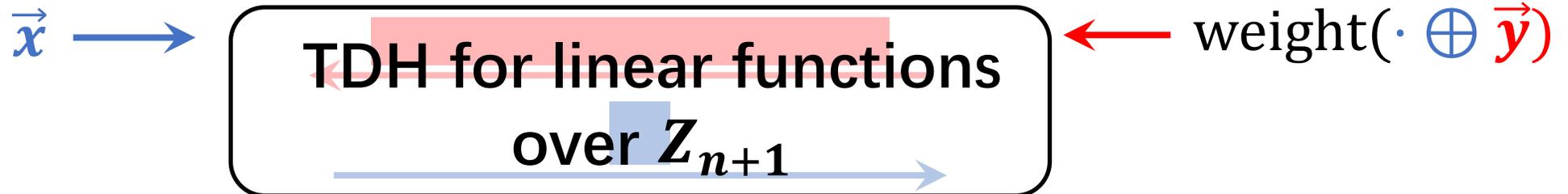
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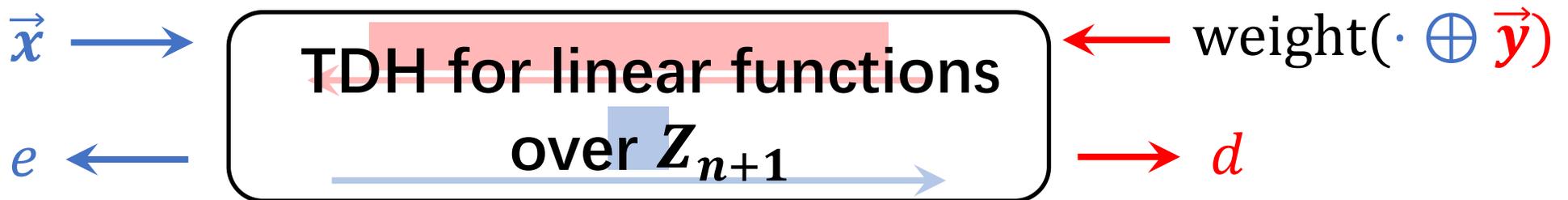
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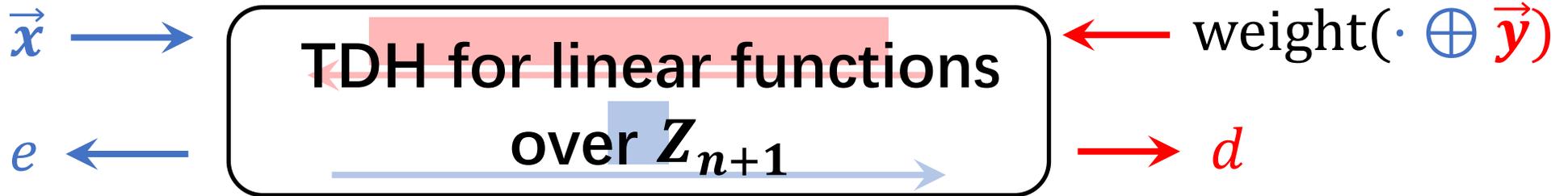
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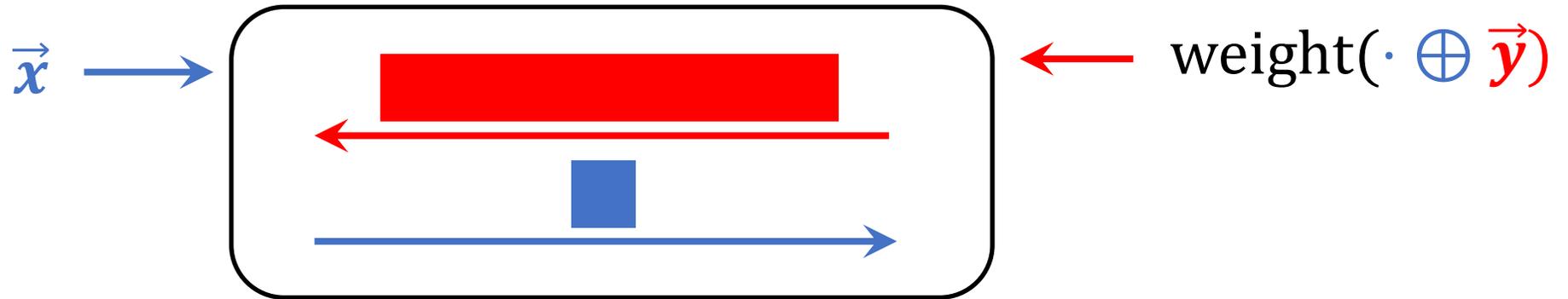
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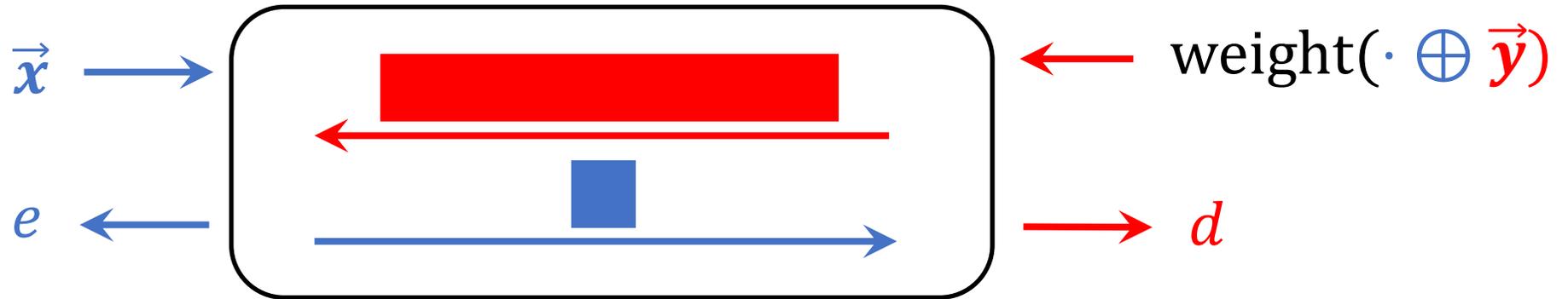
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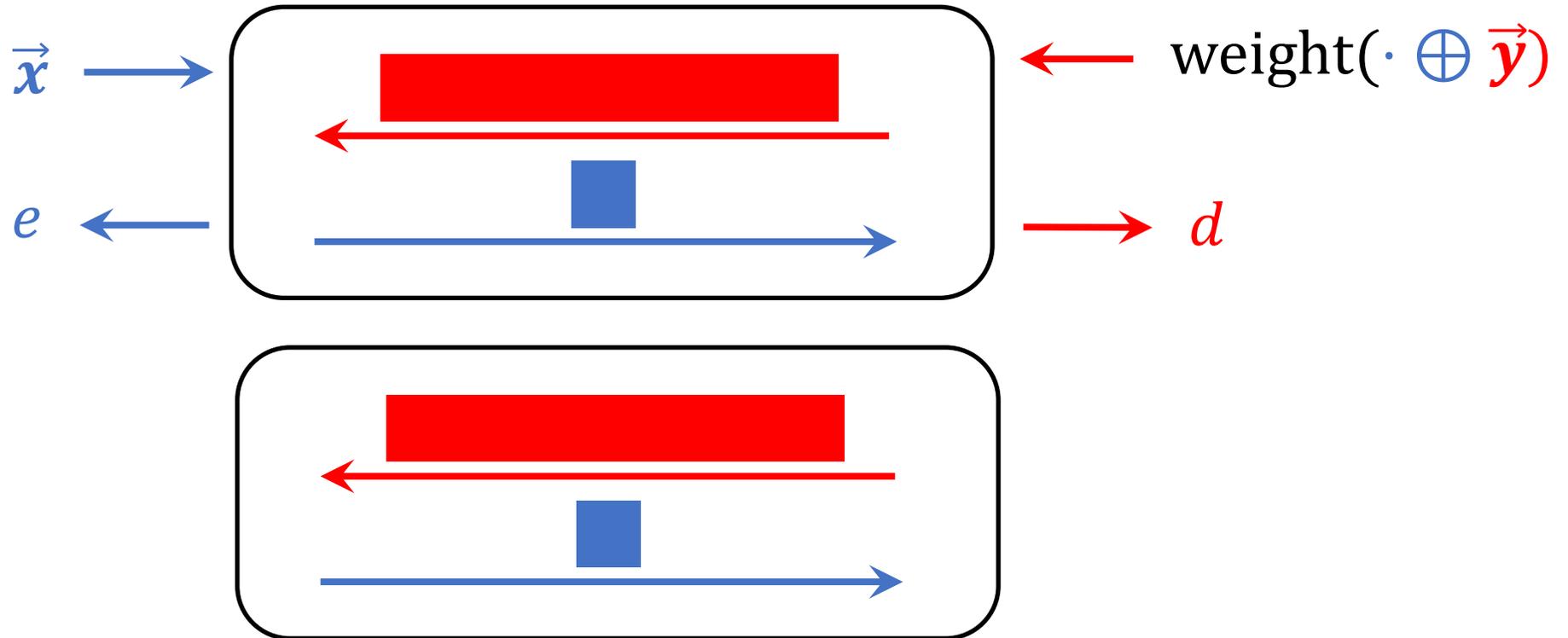
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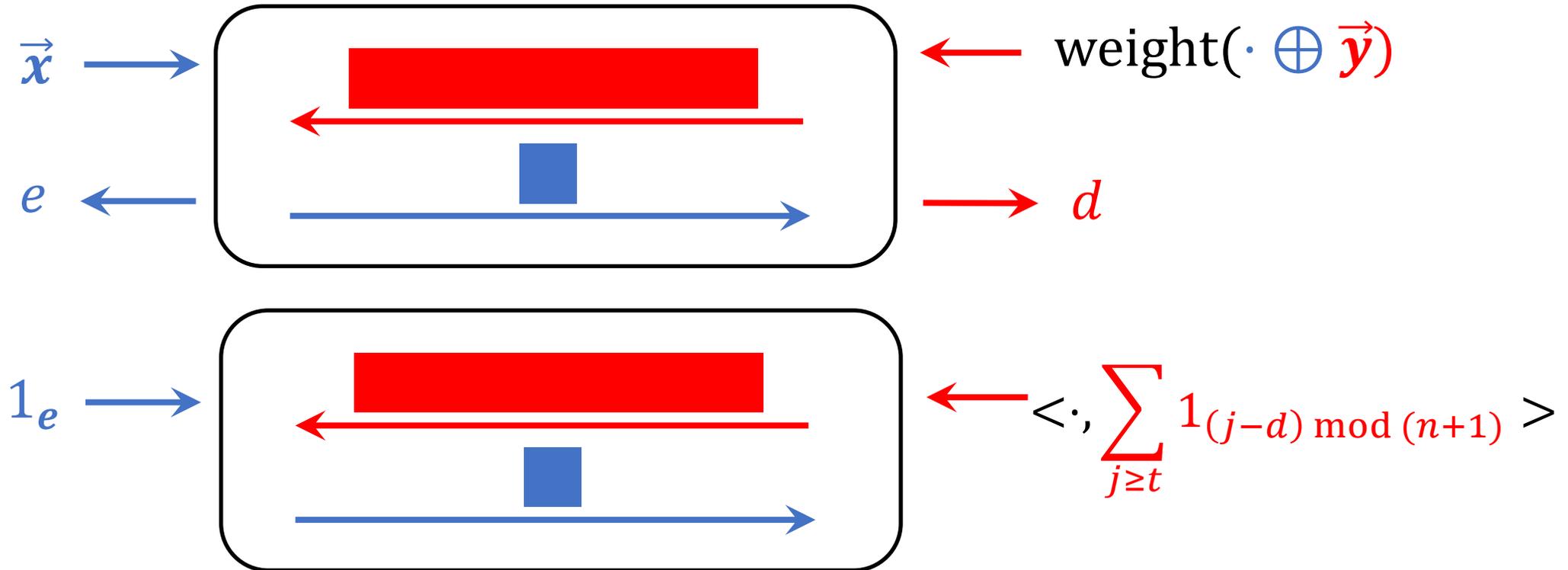
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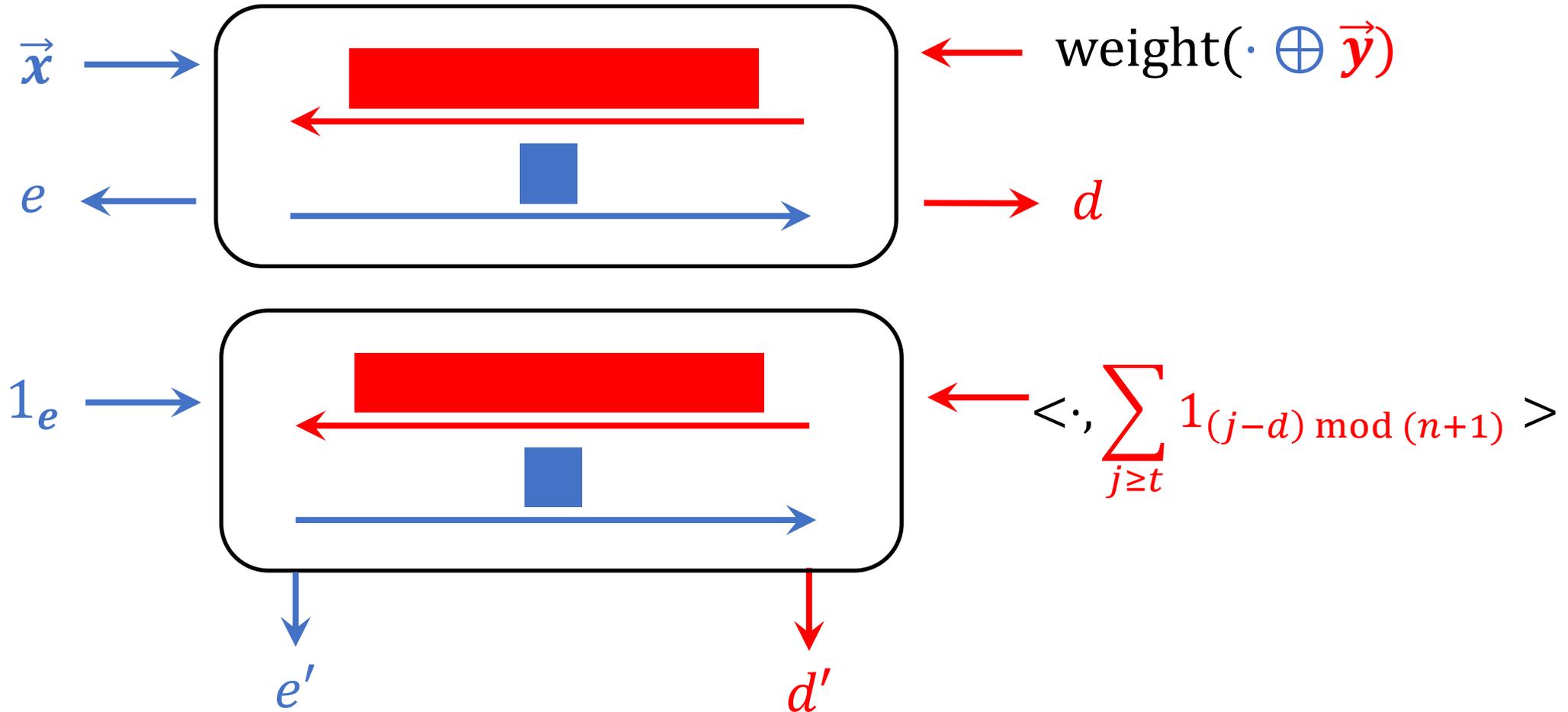
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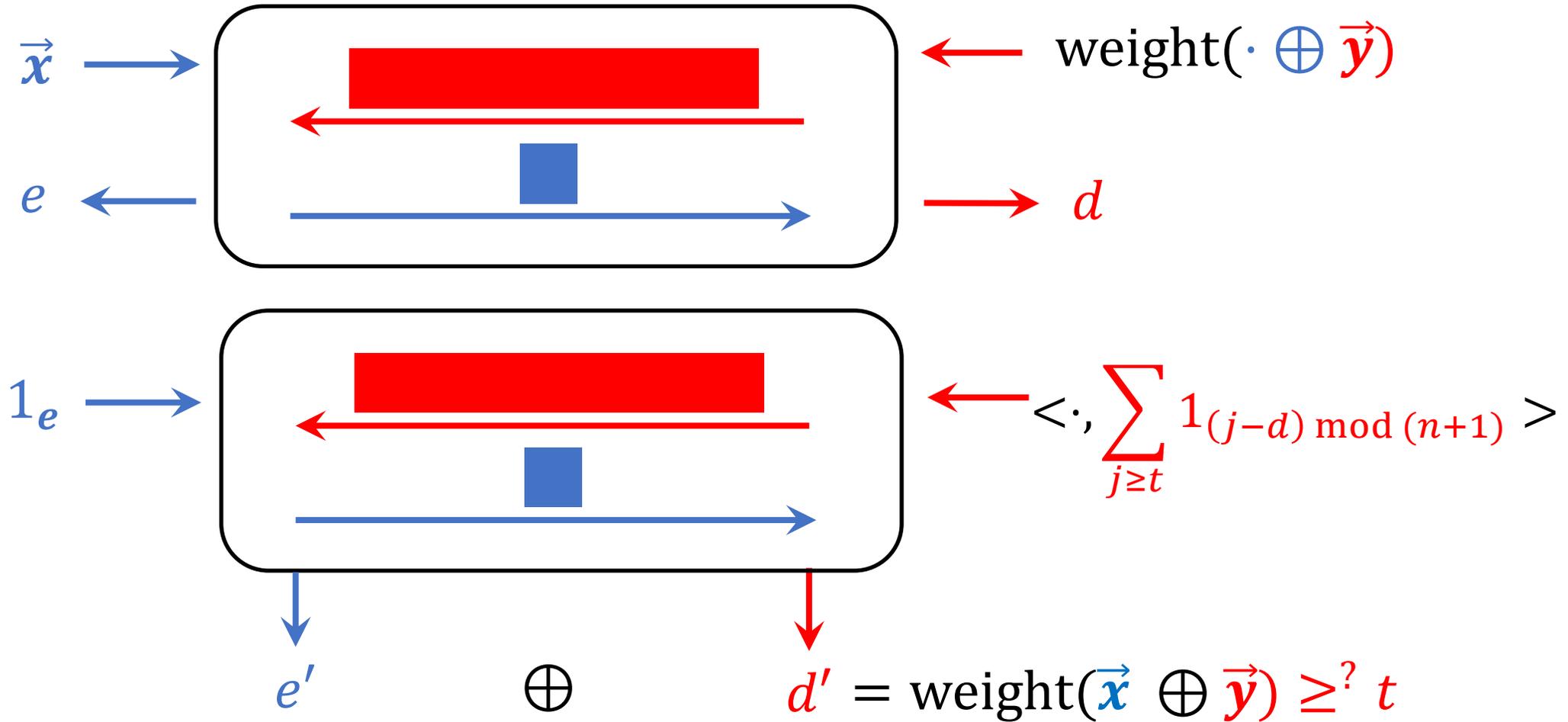
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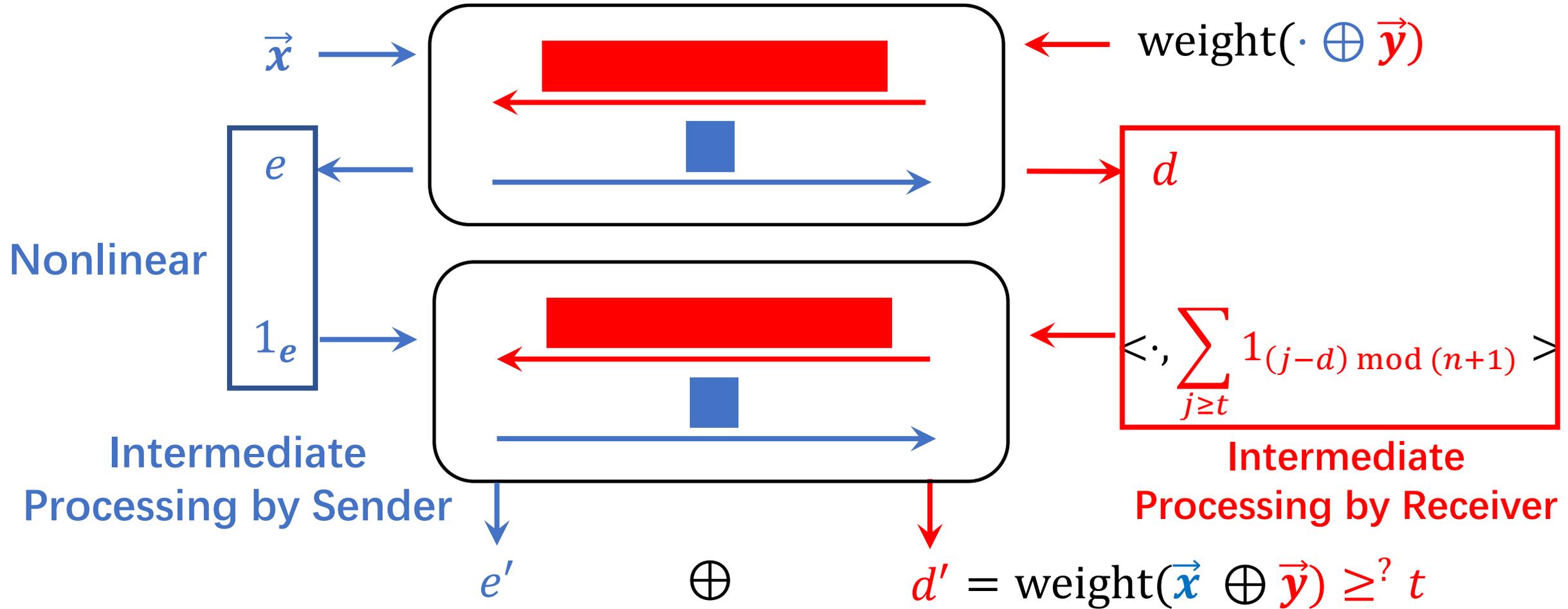
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# Open Questions

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Thank you!

Q & A