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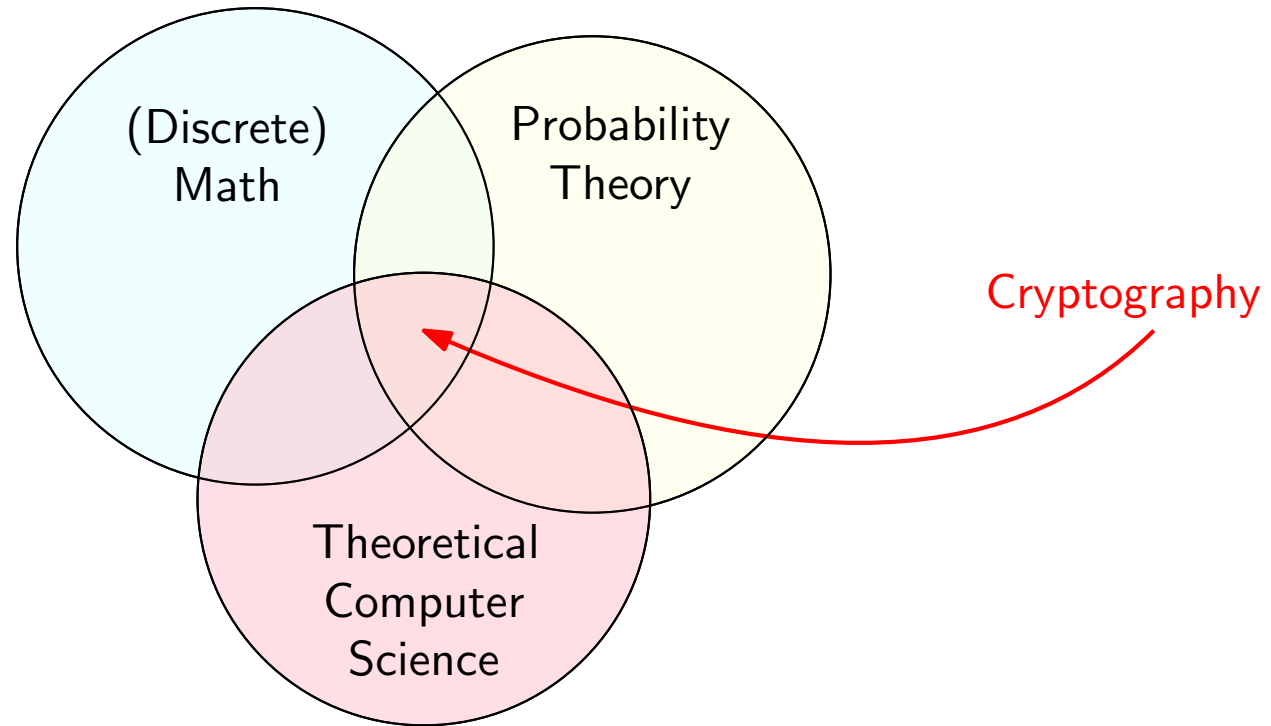
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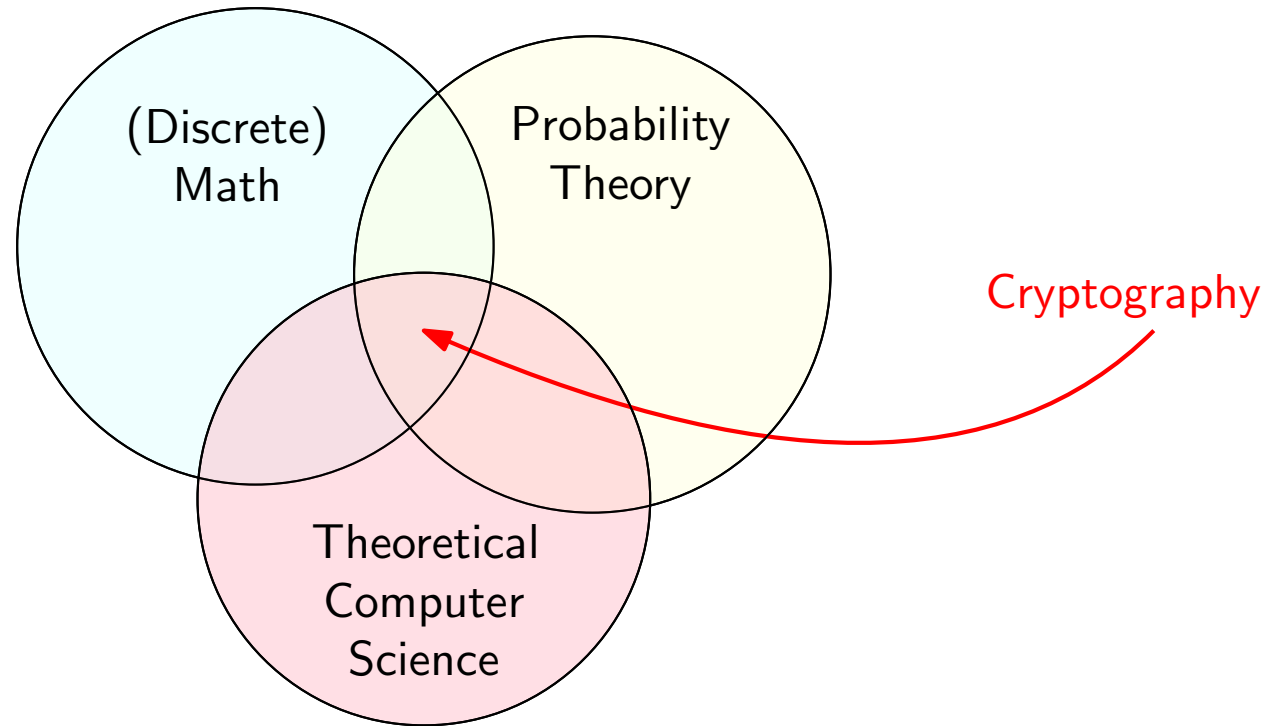
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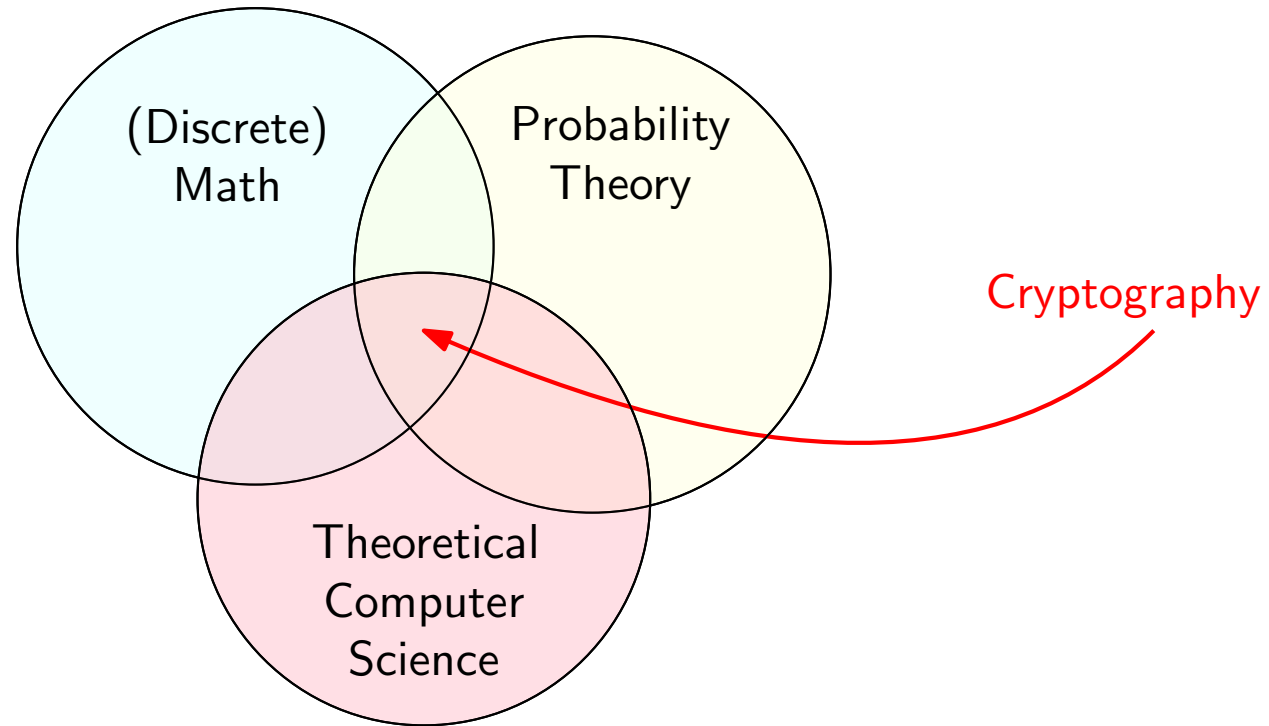


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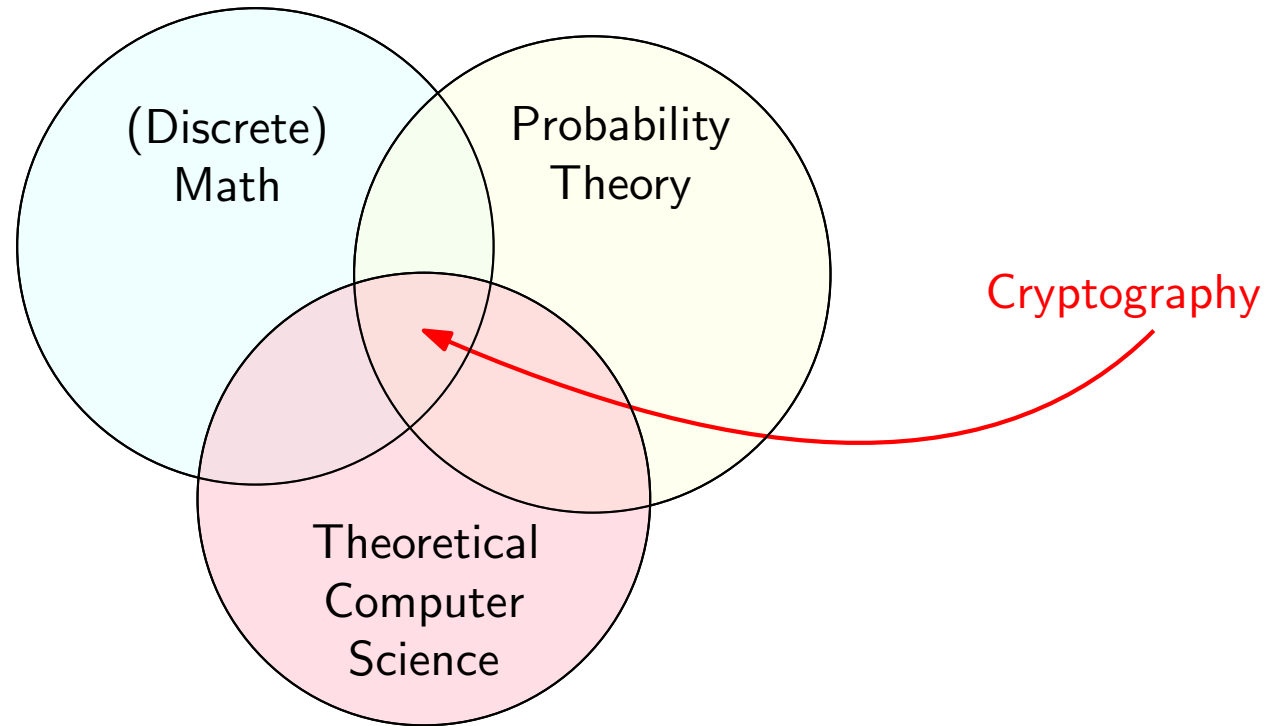
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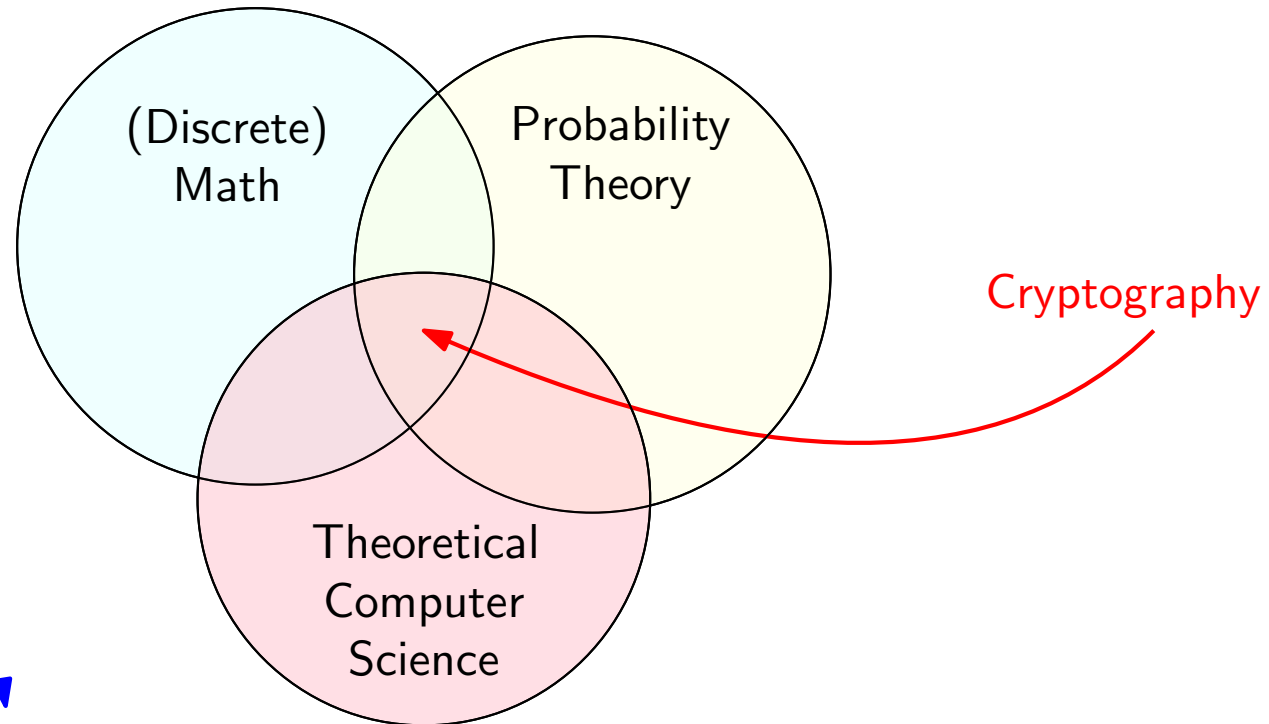


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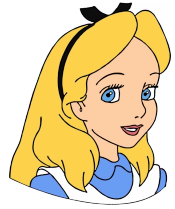
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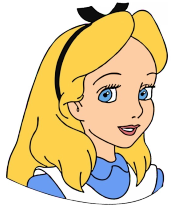
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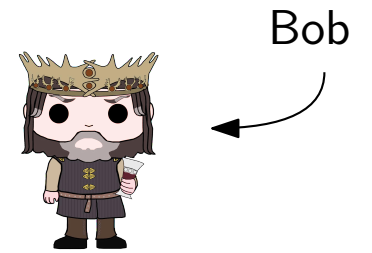
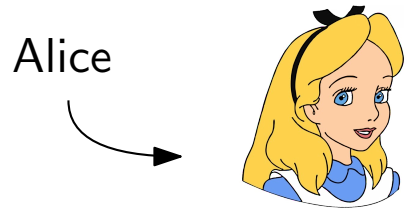
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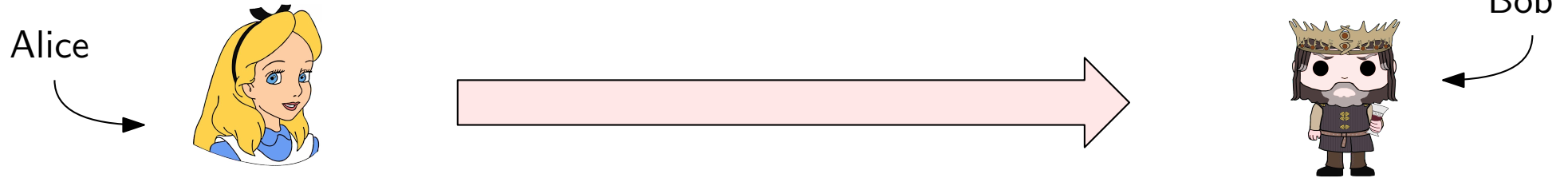
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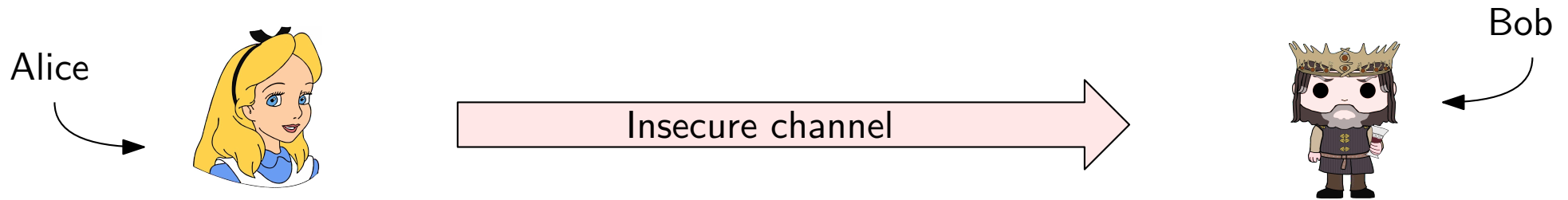
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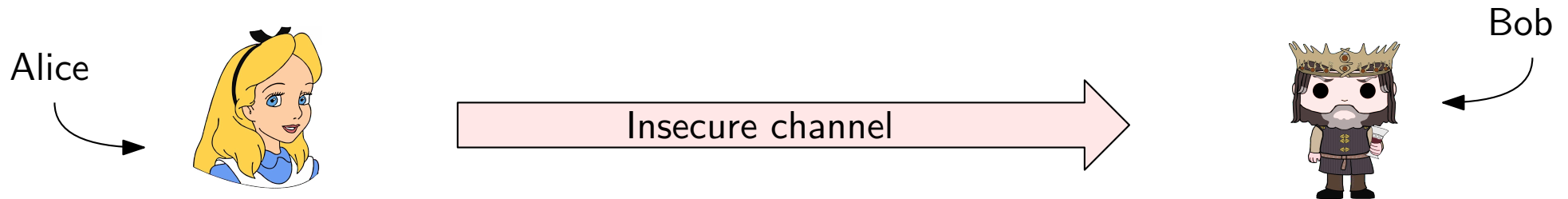


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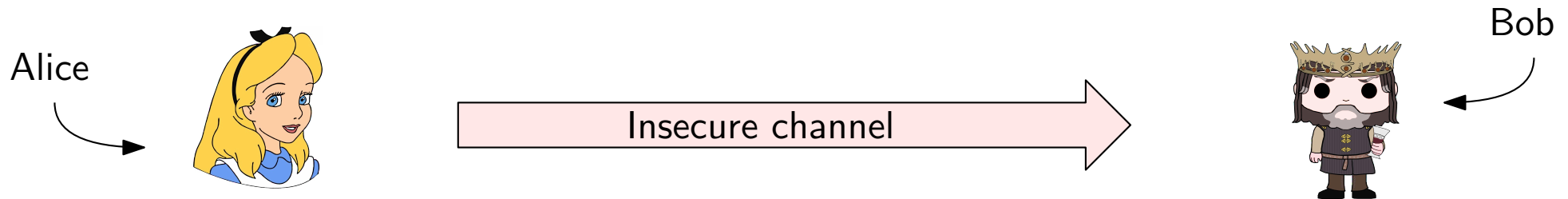
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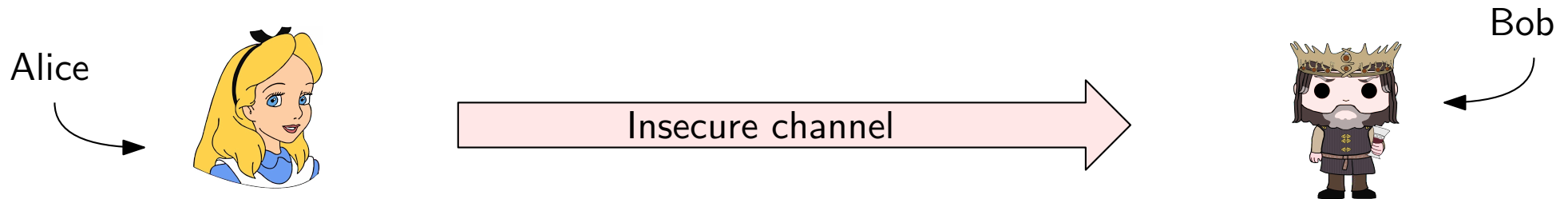
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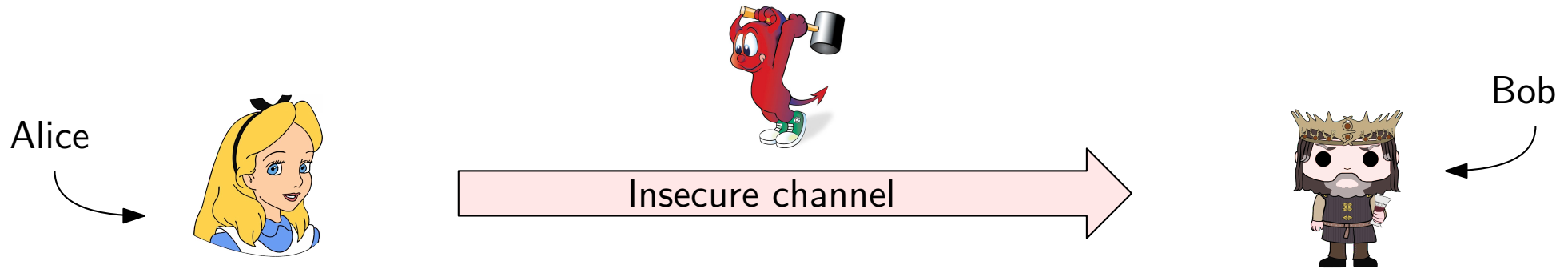
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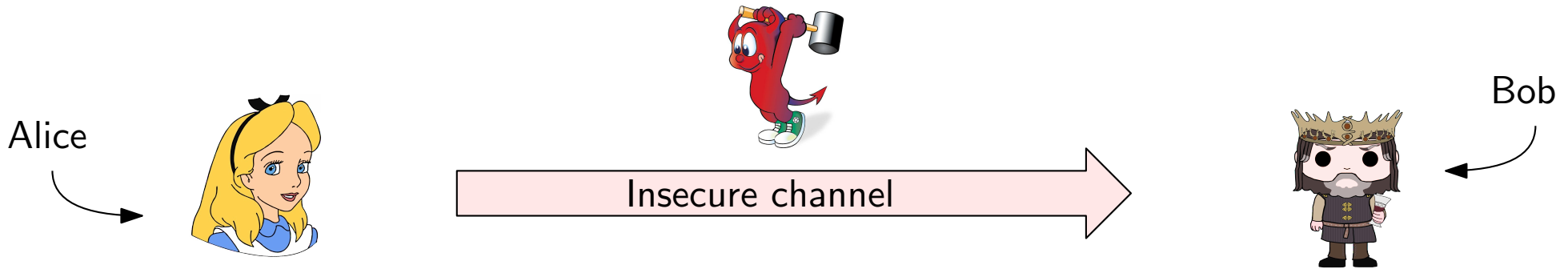
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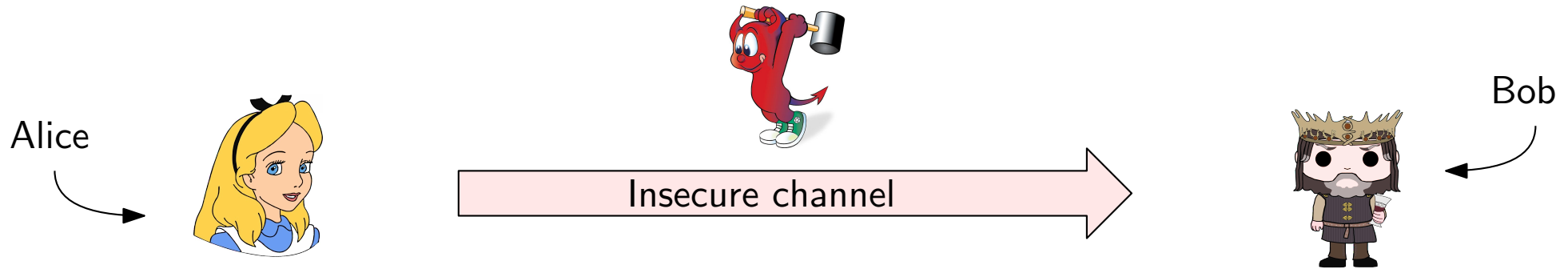
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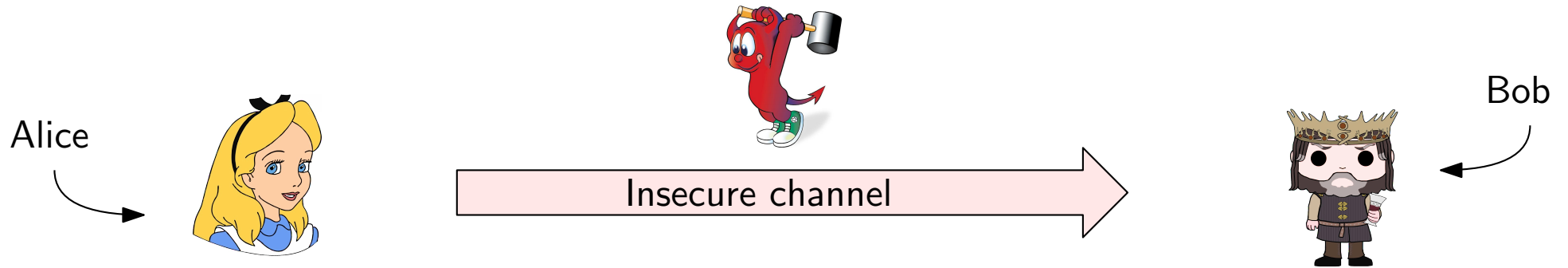
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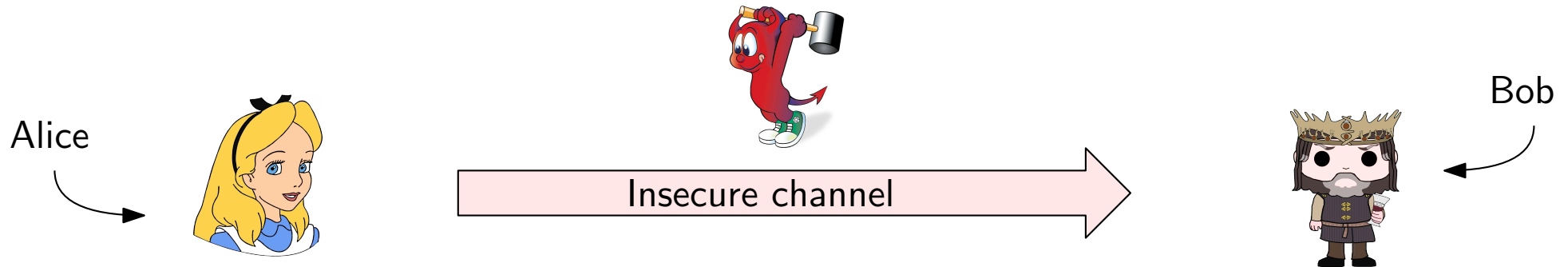
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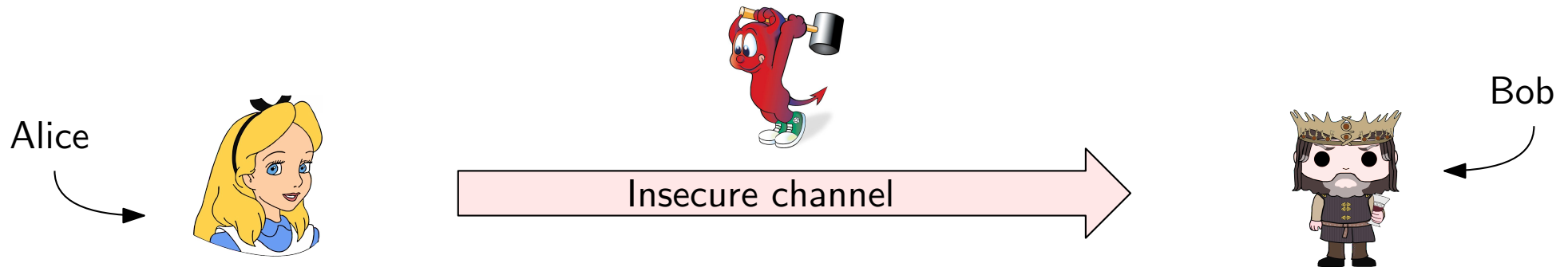
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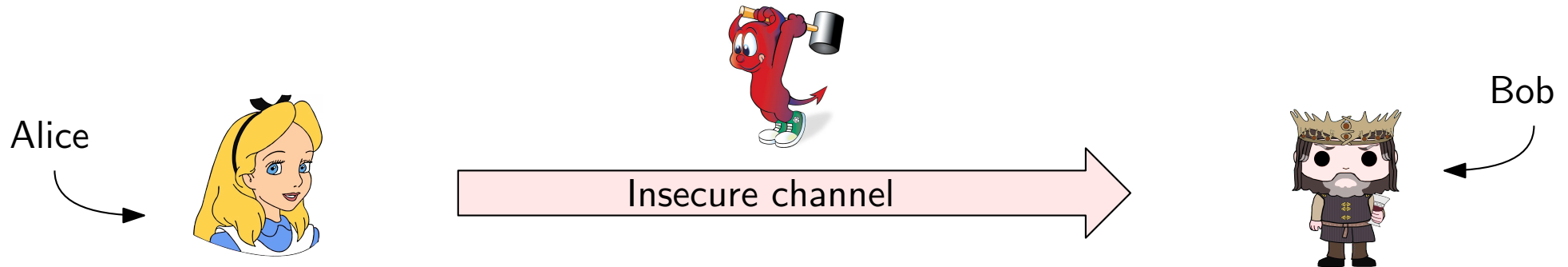
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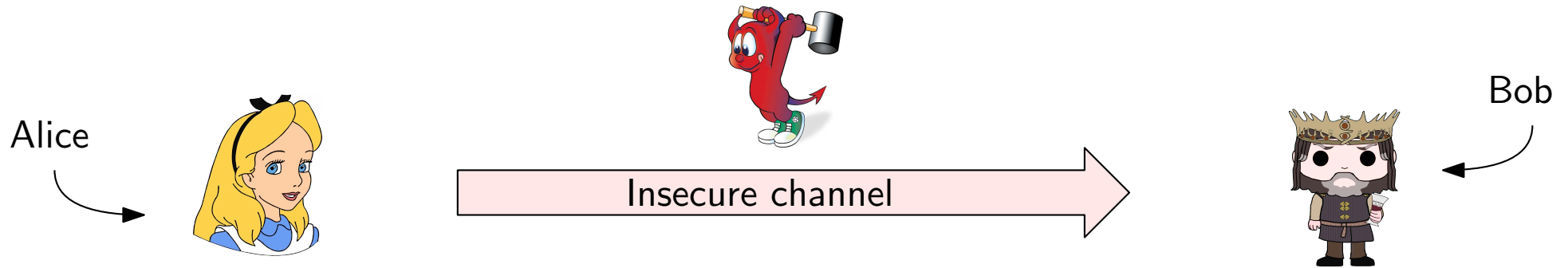
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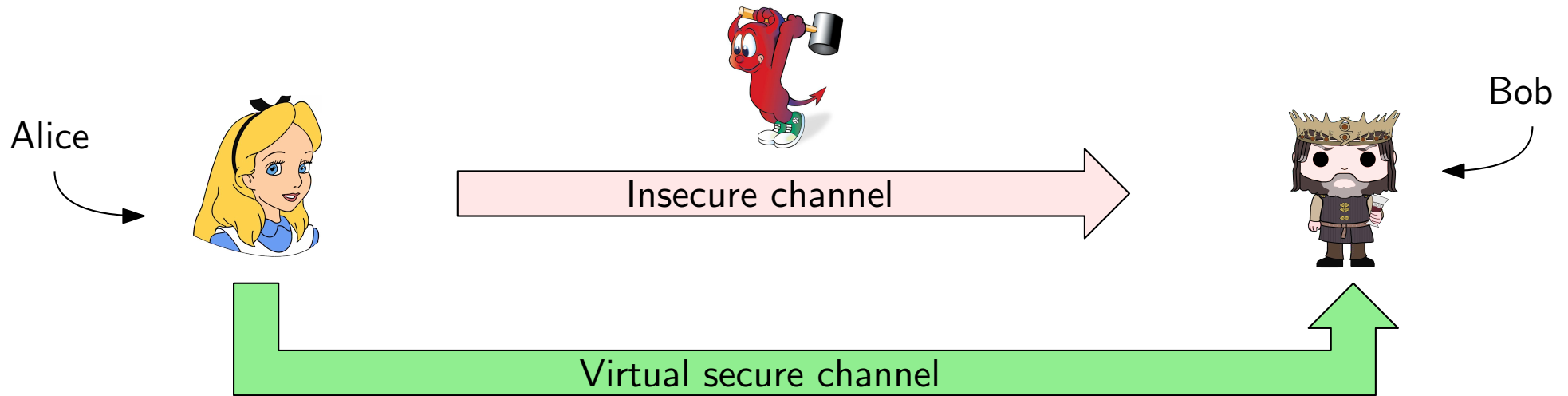
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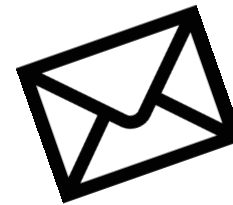
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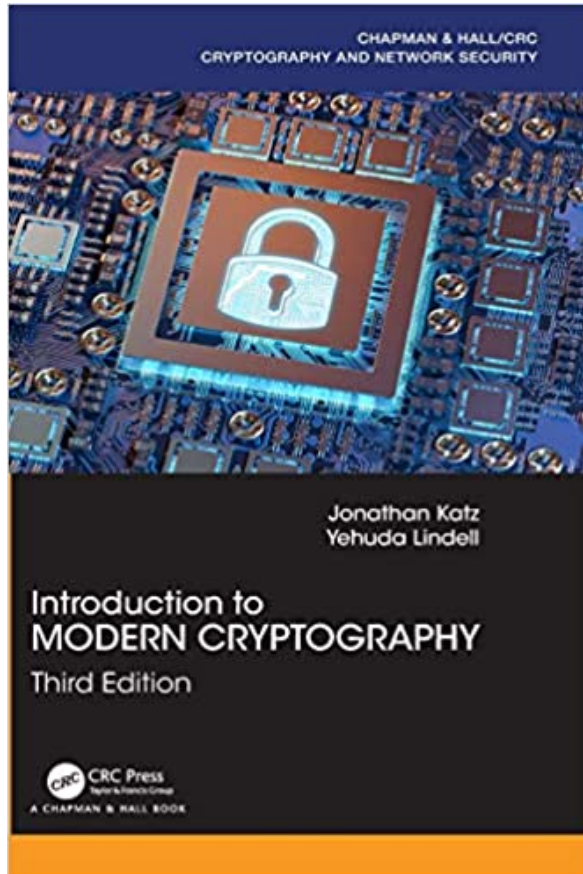


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- Advanced applications: secret sharing, multiparty computation, zero-knowledge proofs



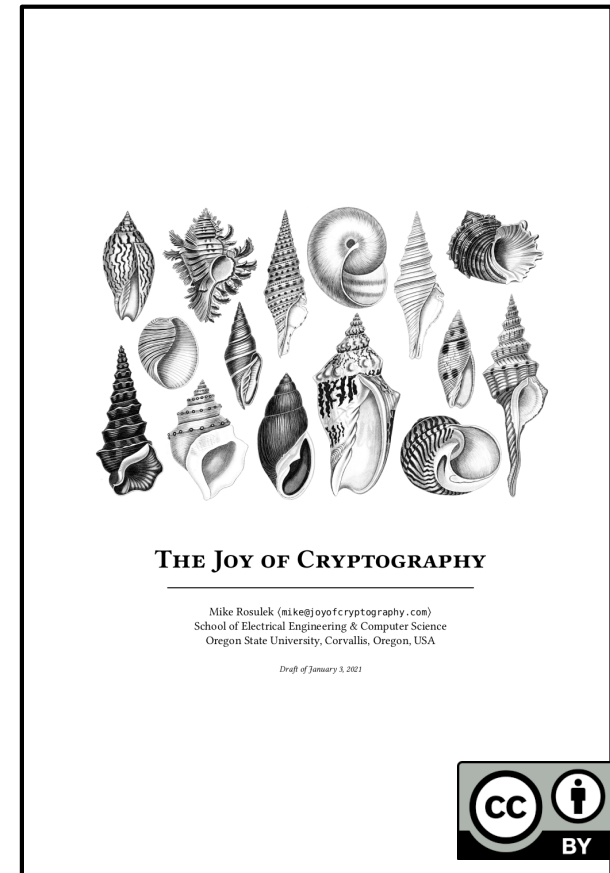
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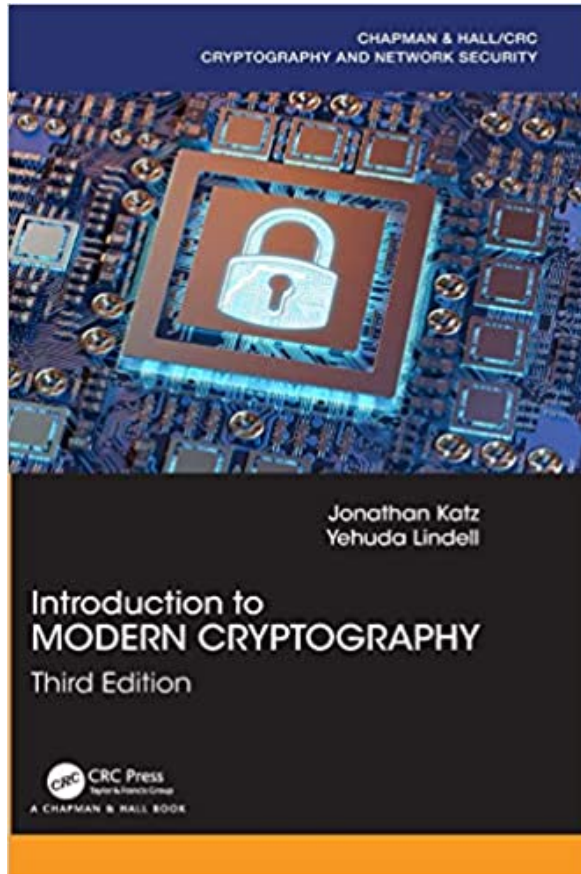
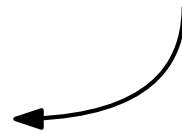
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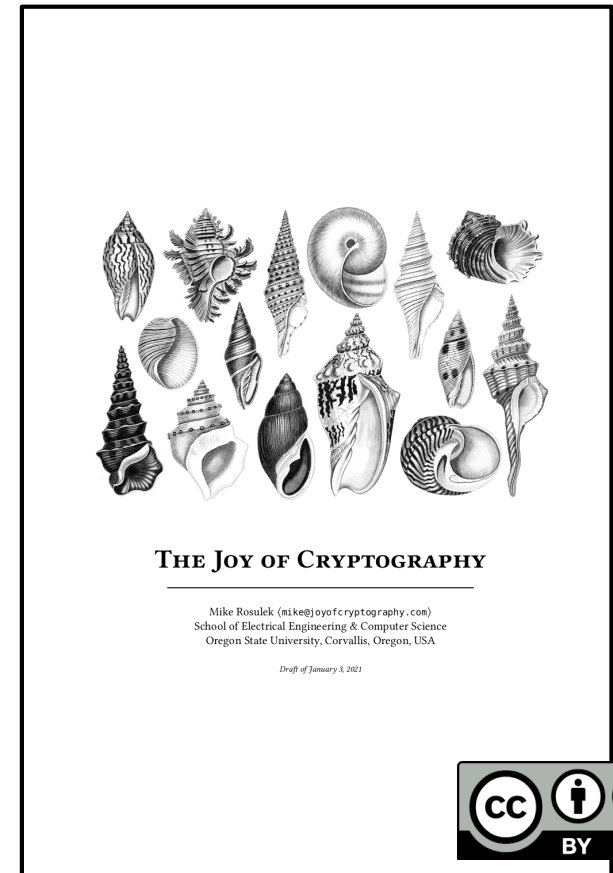
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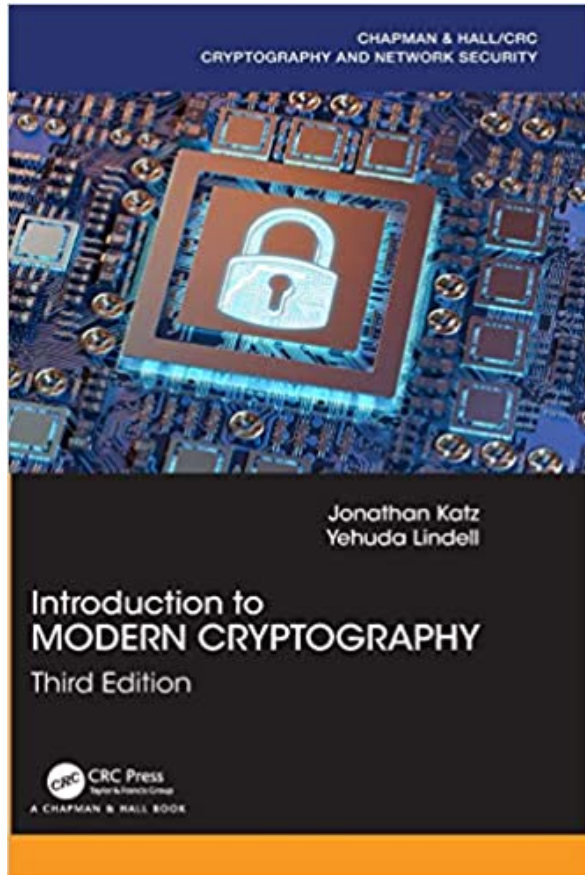


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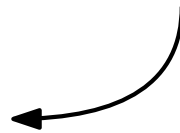
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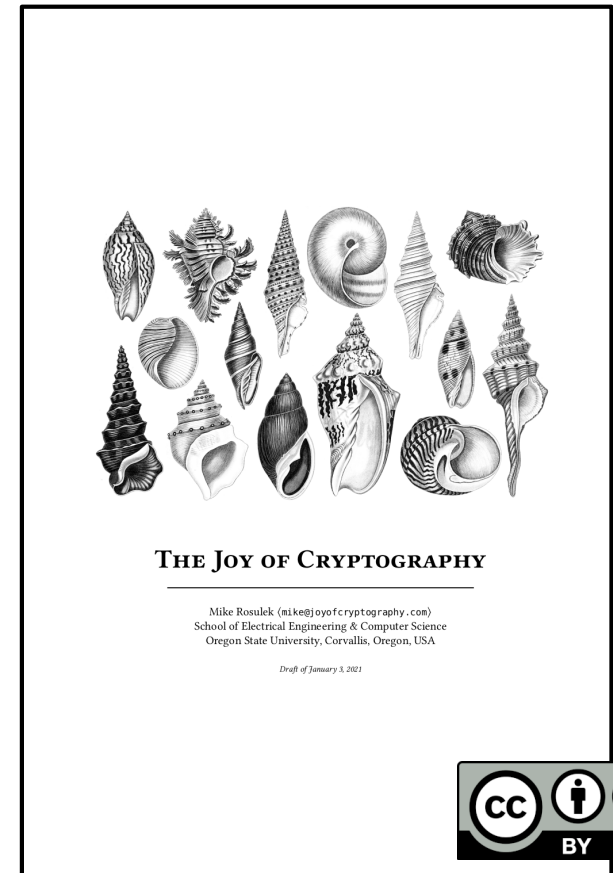


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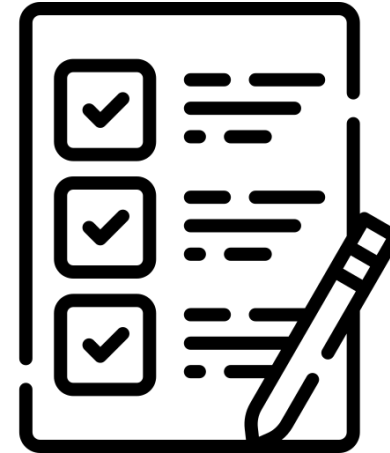


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Written exam:

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- Exercises (e.g., prove security, carry out an attack, etc...)

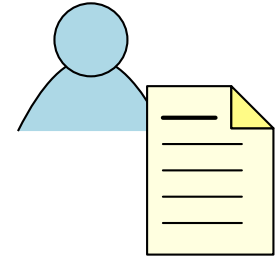


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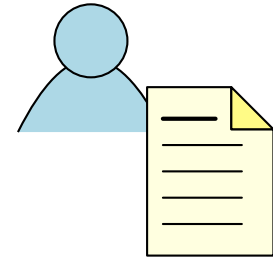
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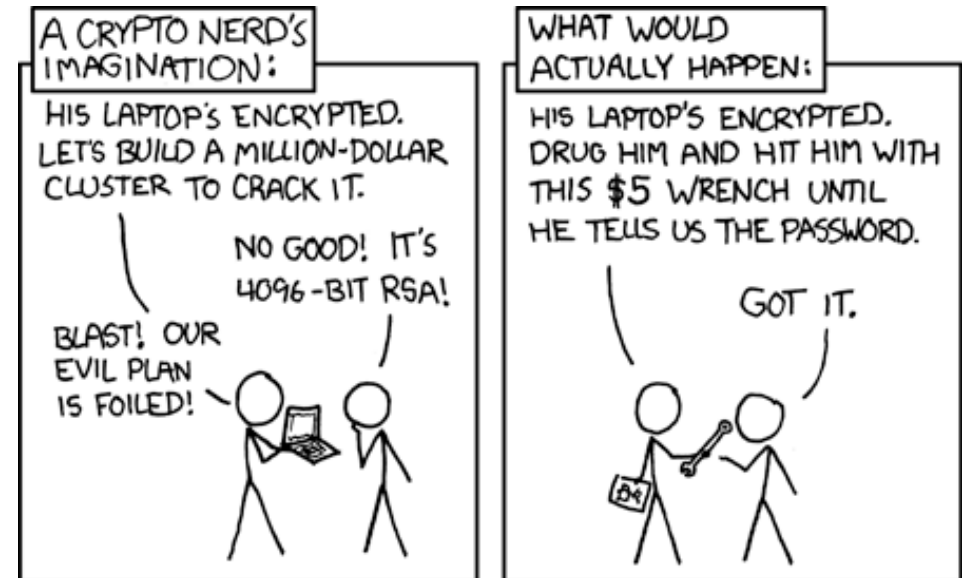
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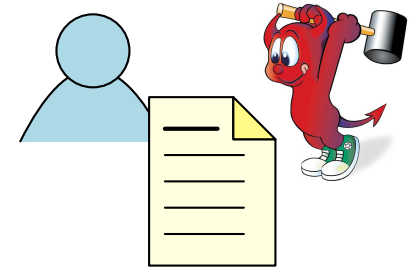
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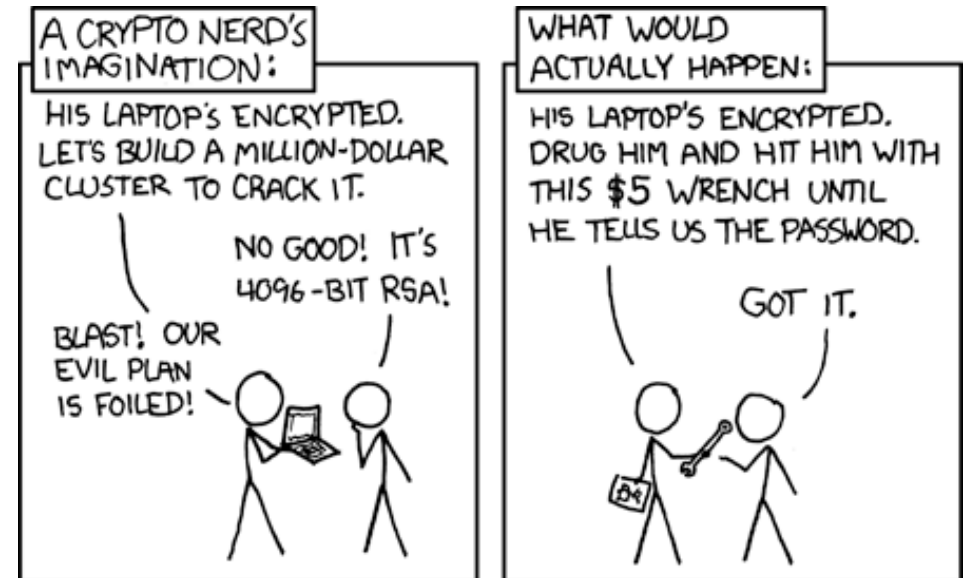
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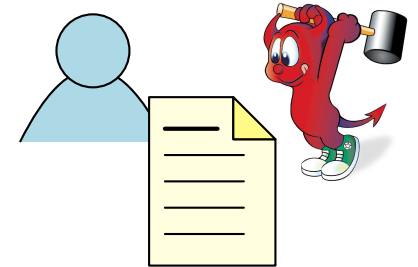
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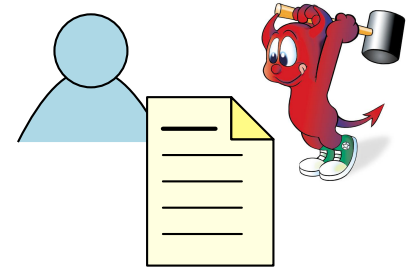
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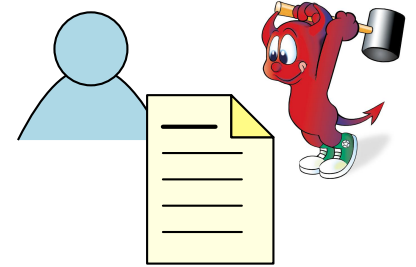
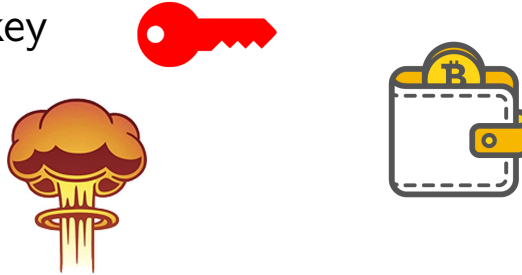


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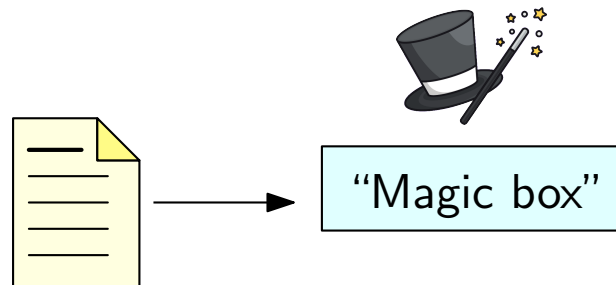
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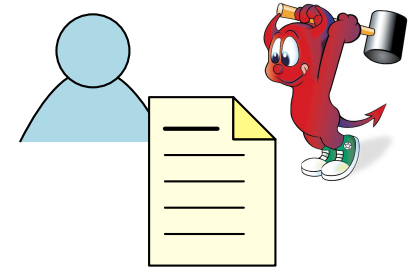
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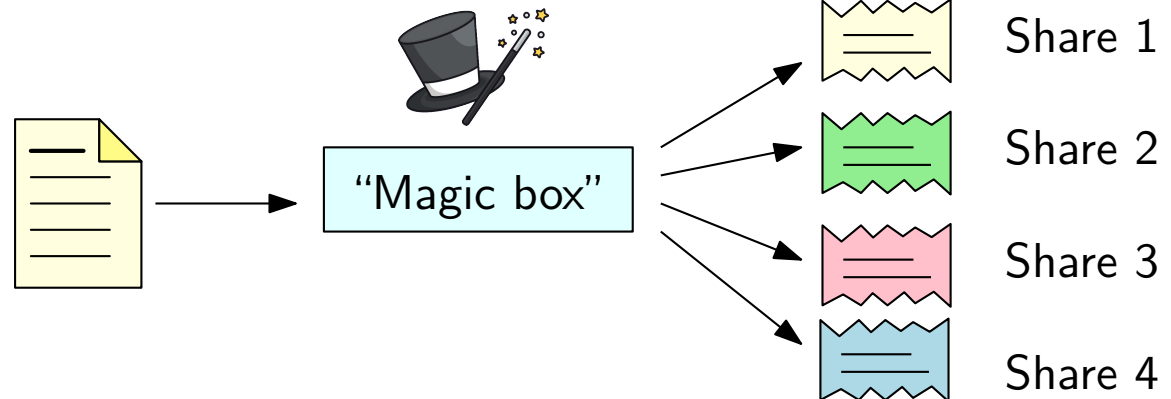
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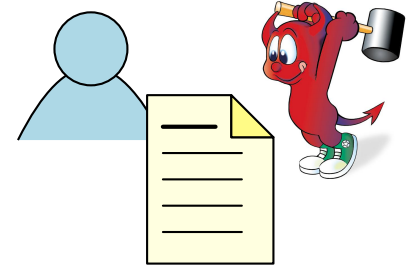
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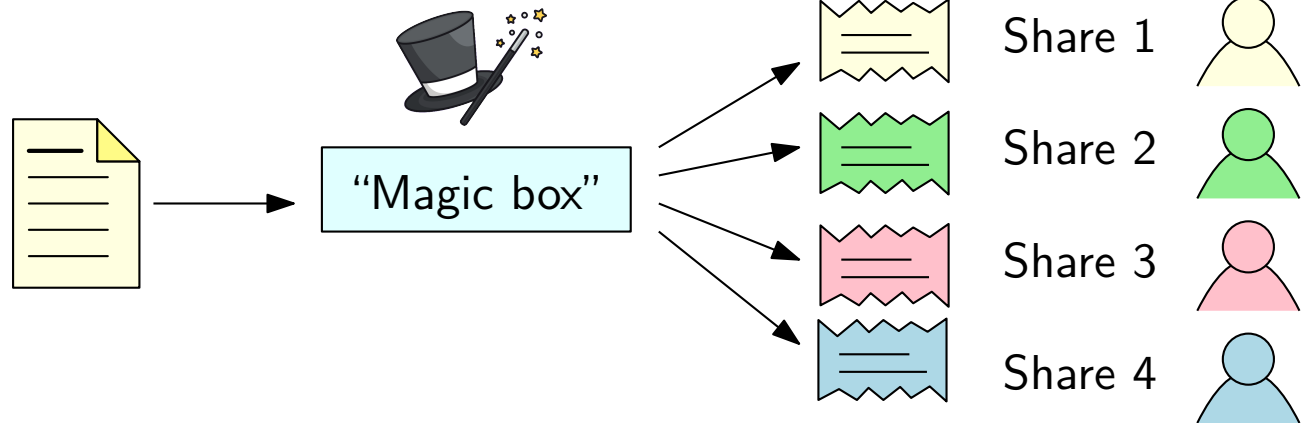
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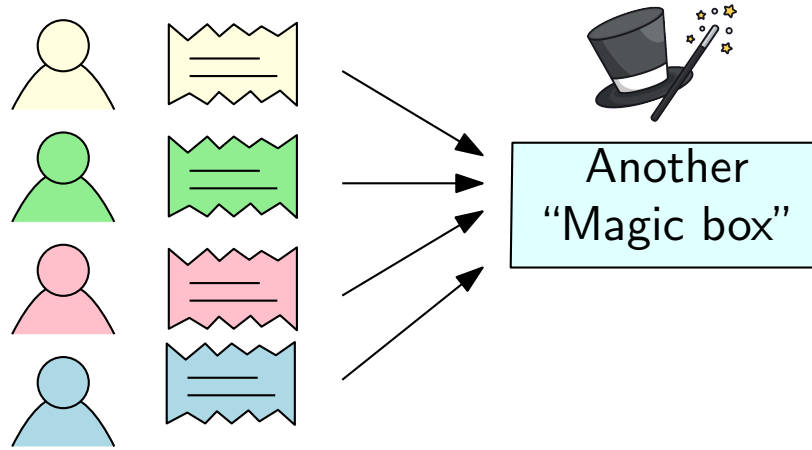
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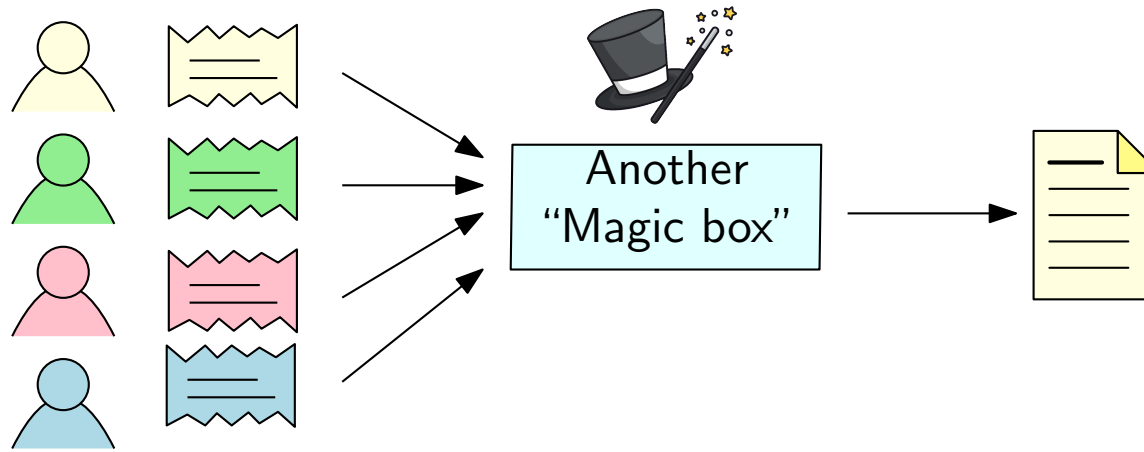
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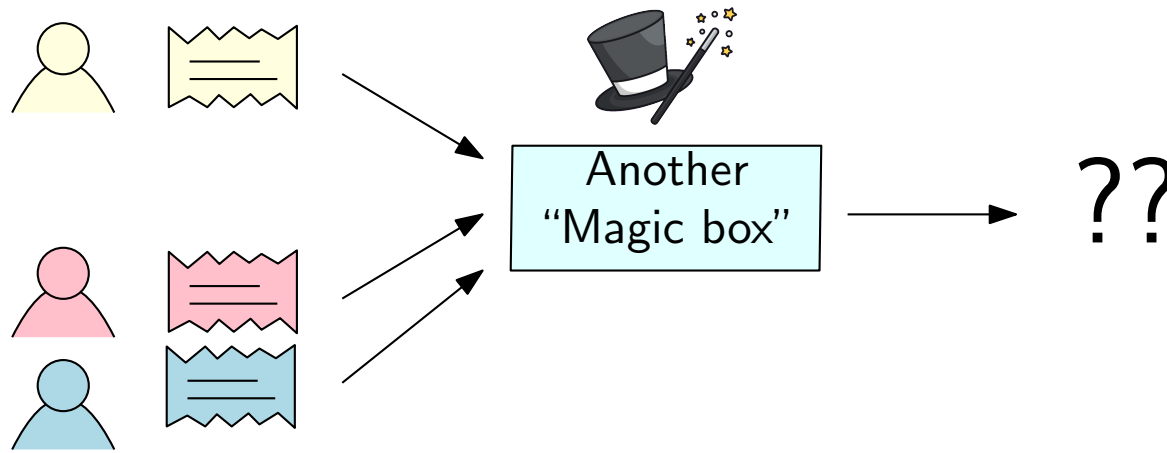
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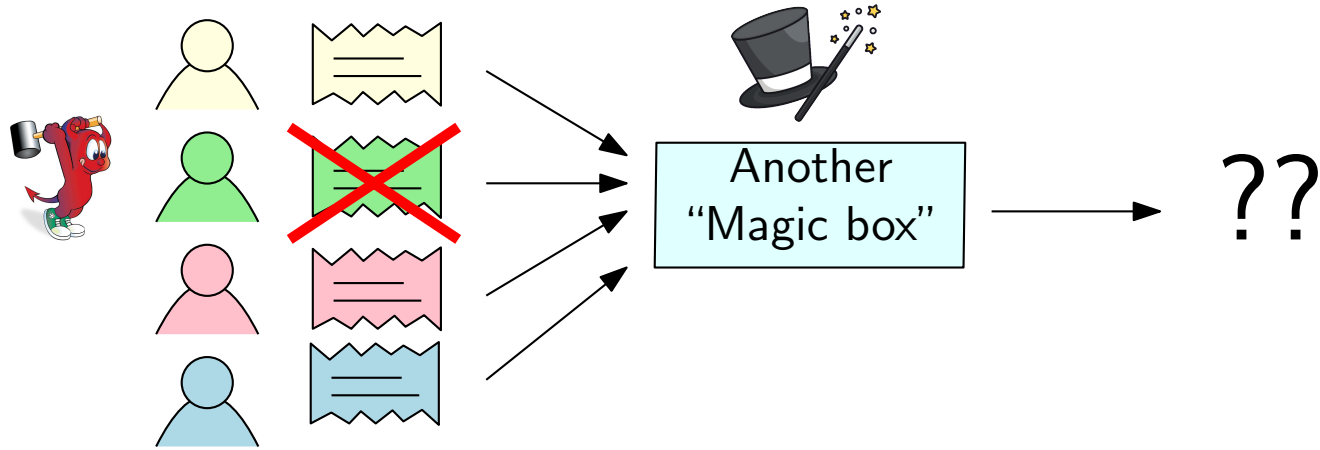
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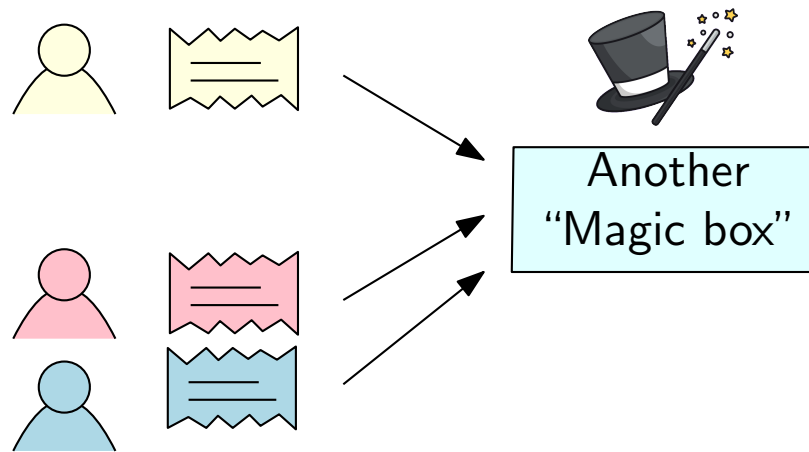
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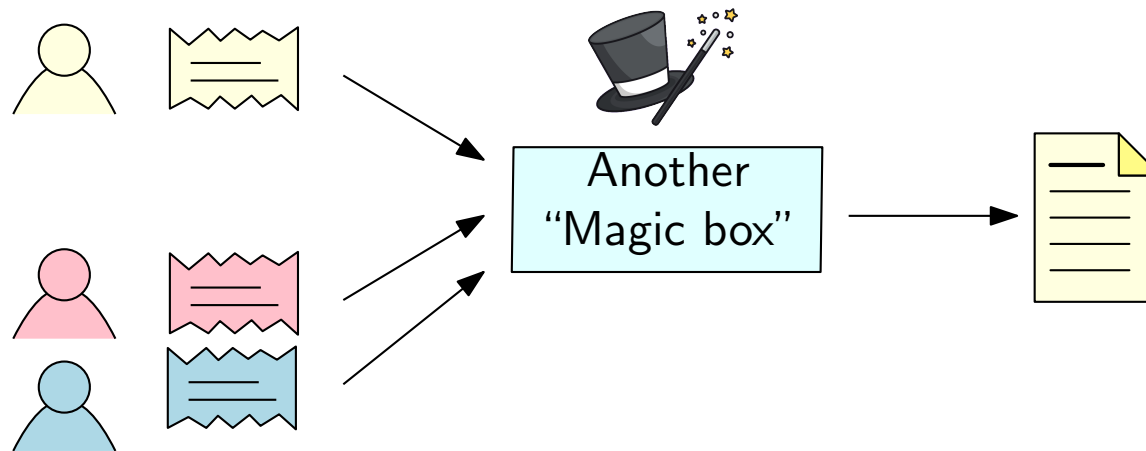
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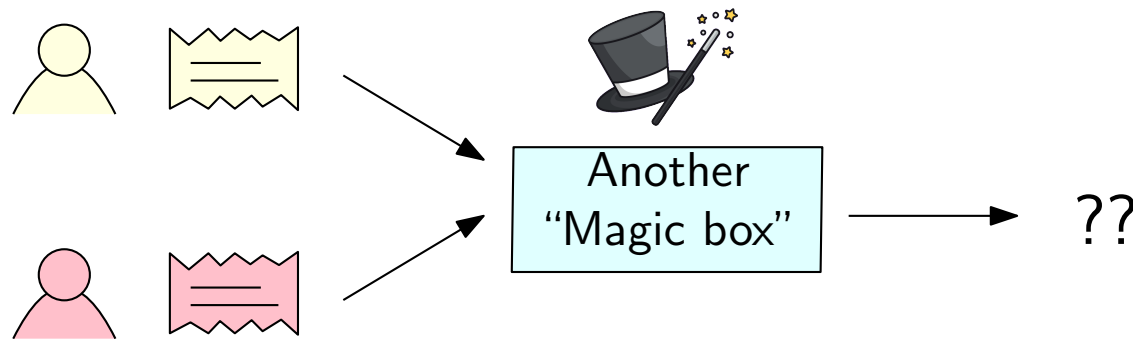
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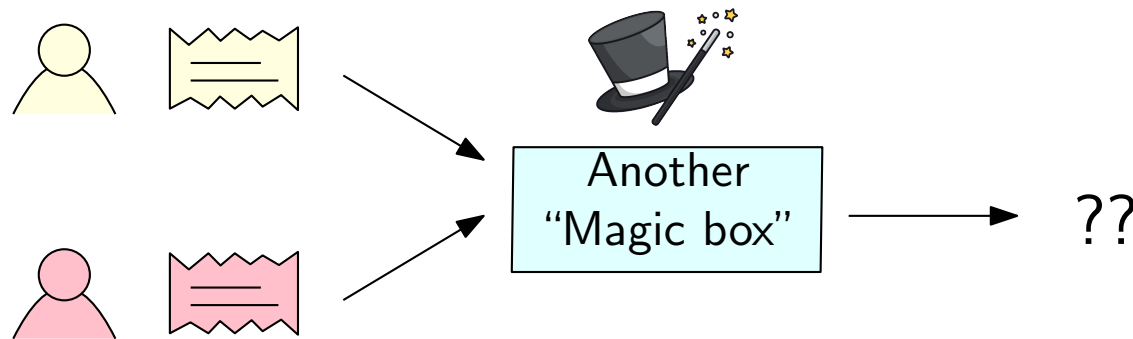
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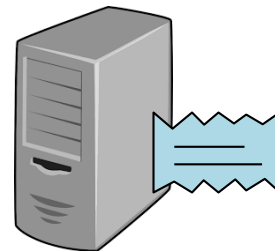
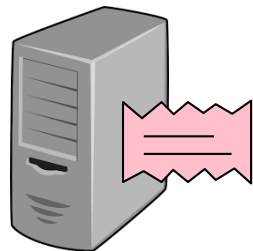
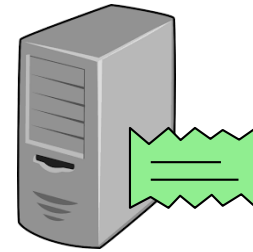
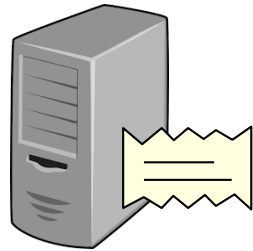
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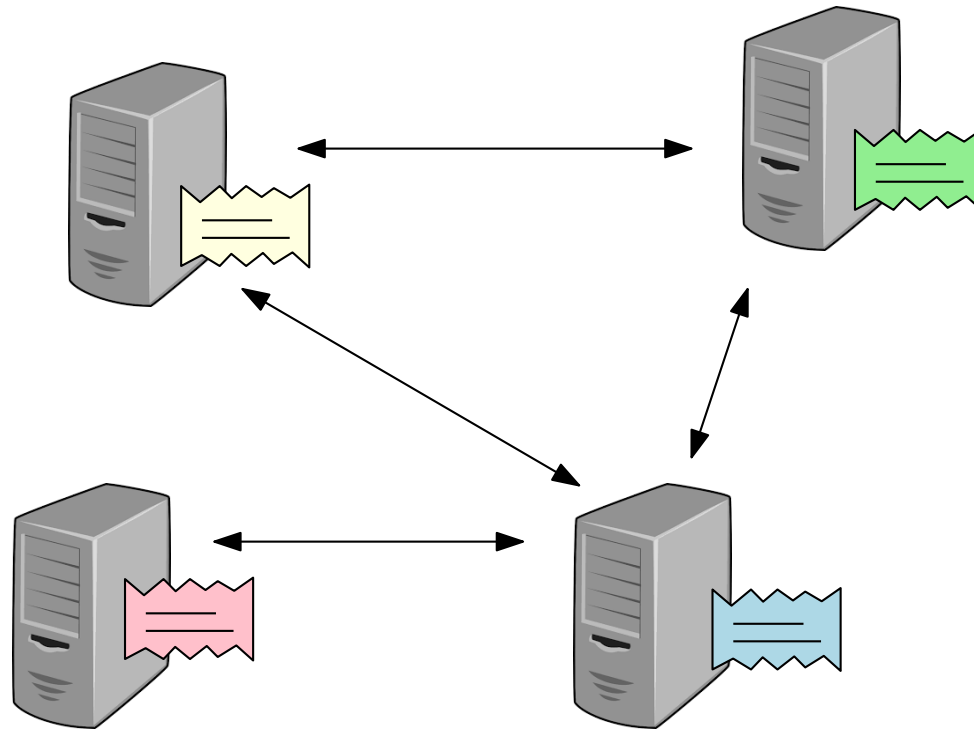
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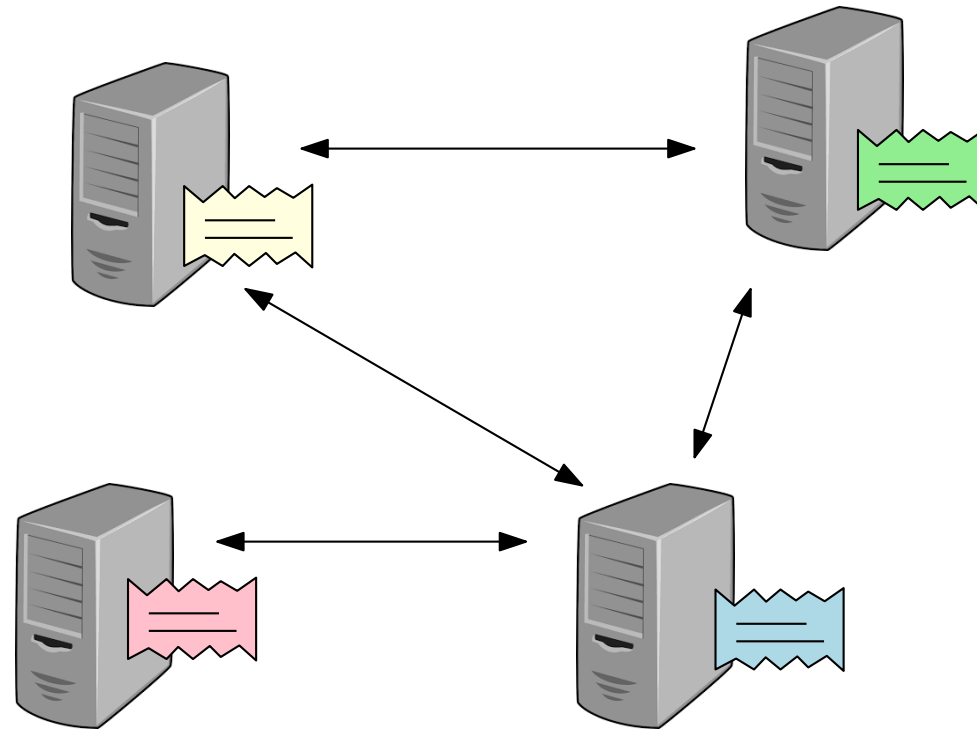
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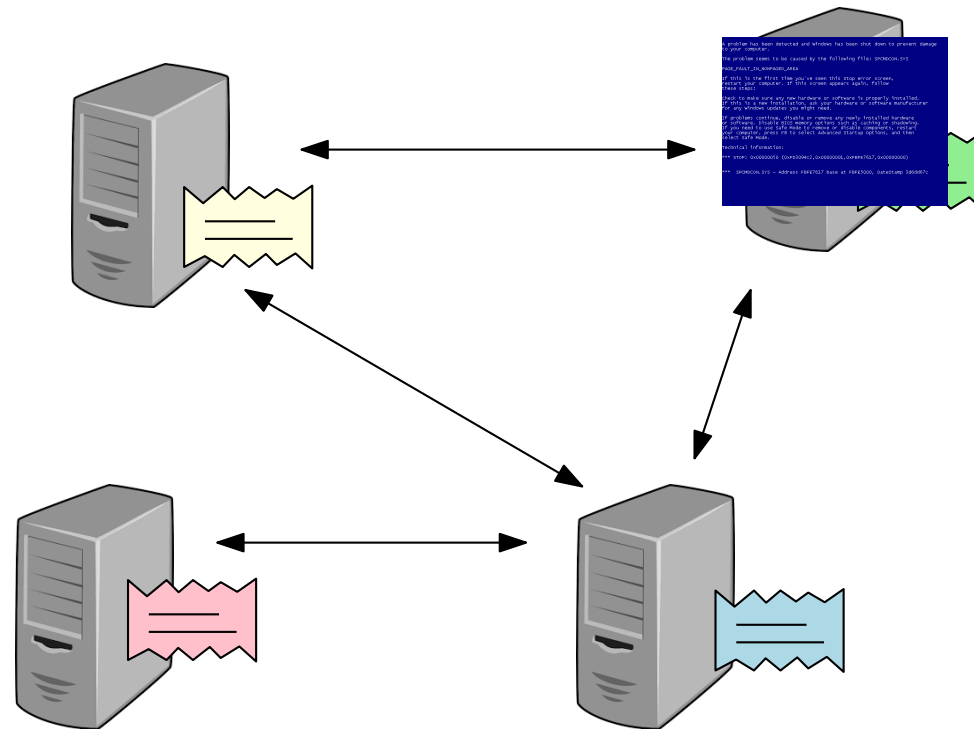
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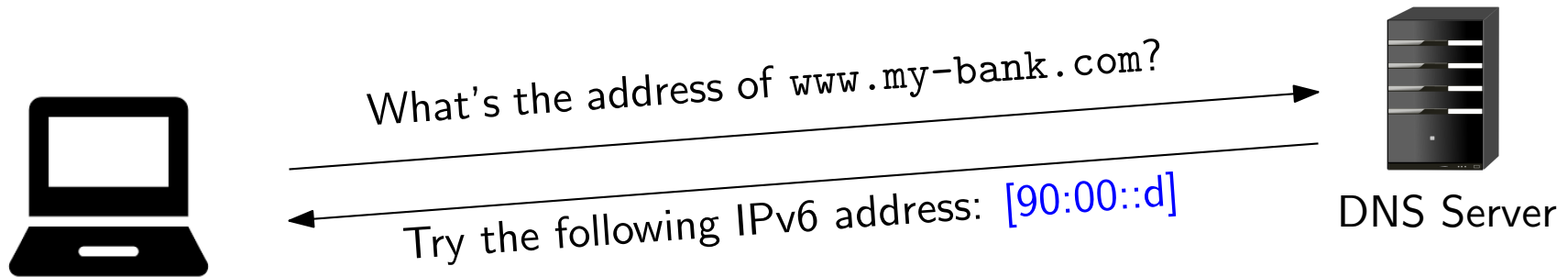
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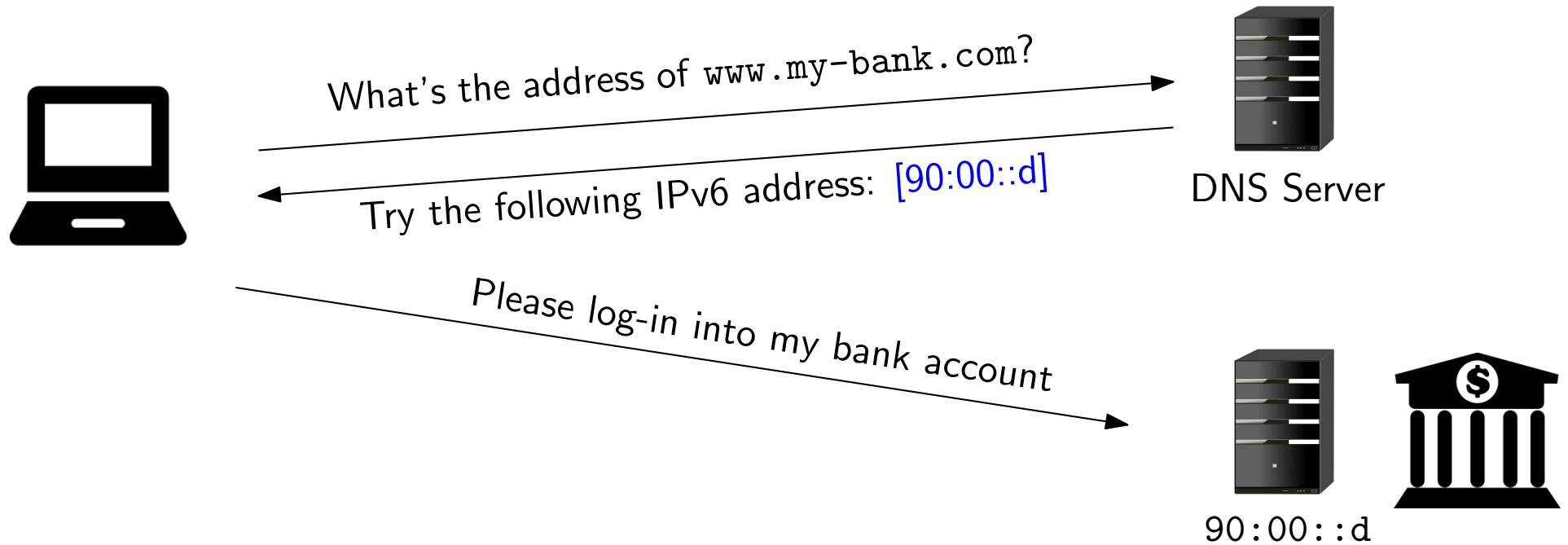
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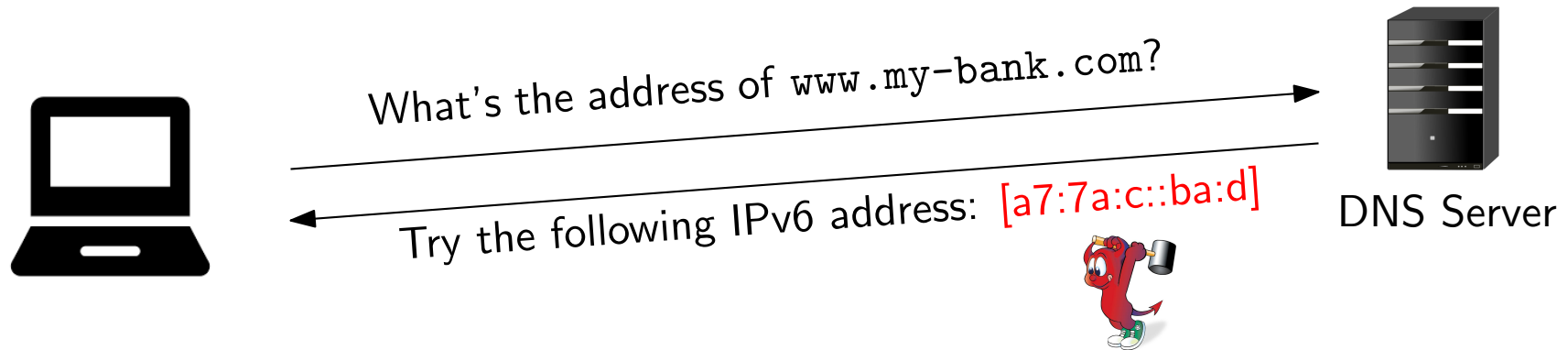
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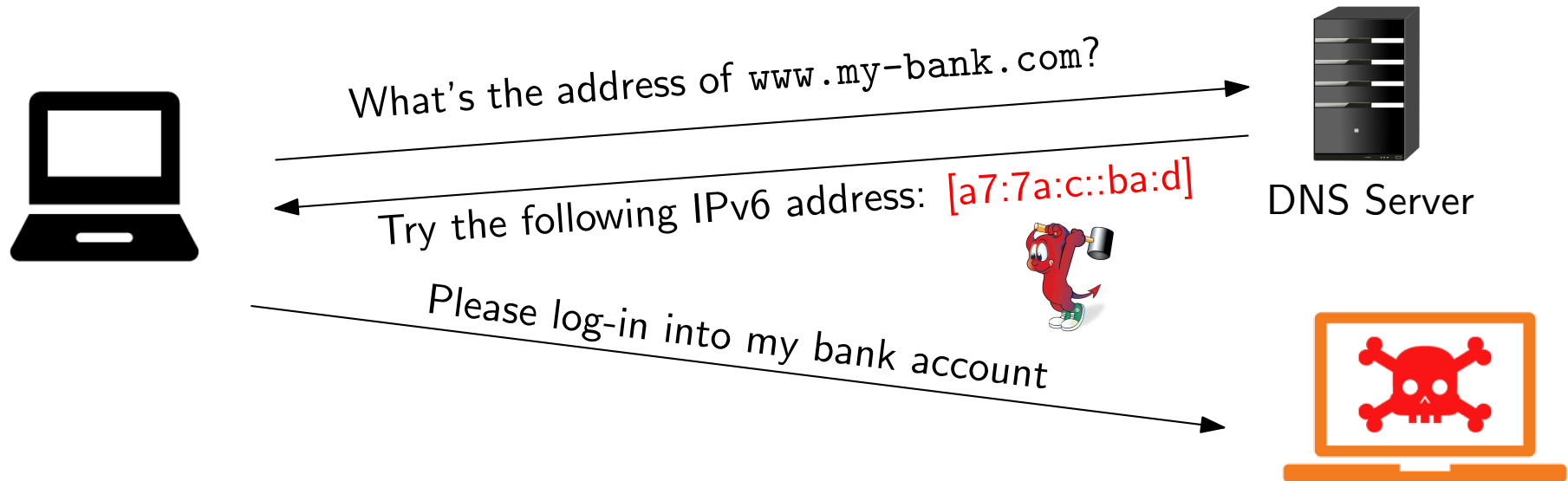
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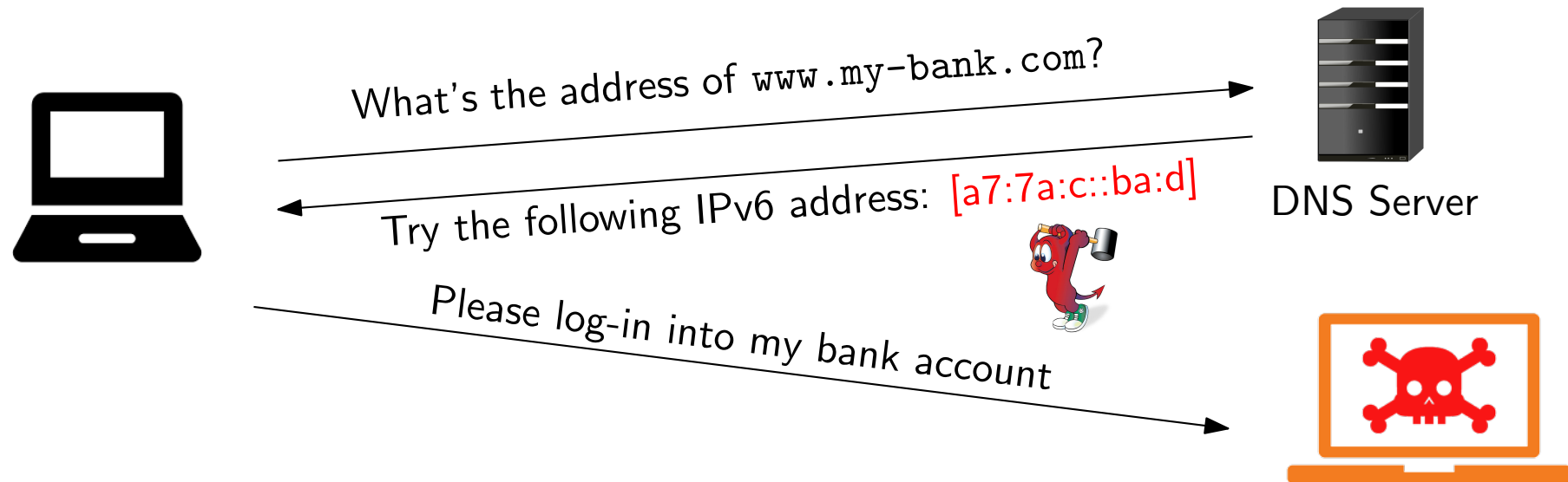
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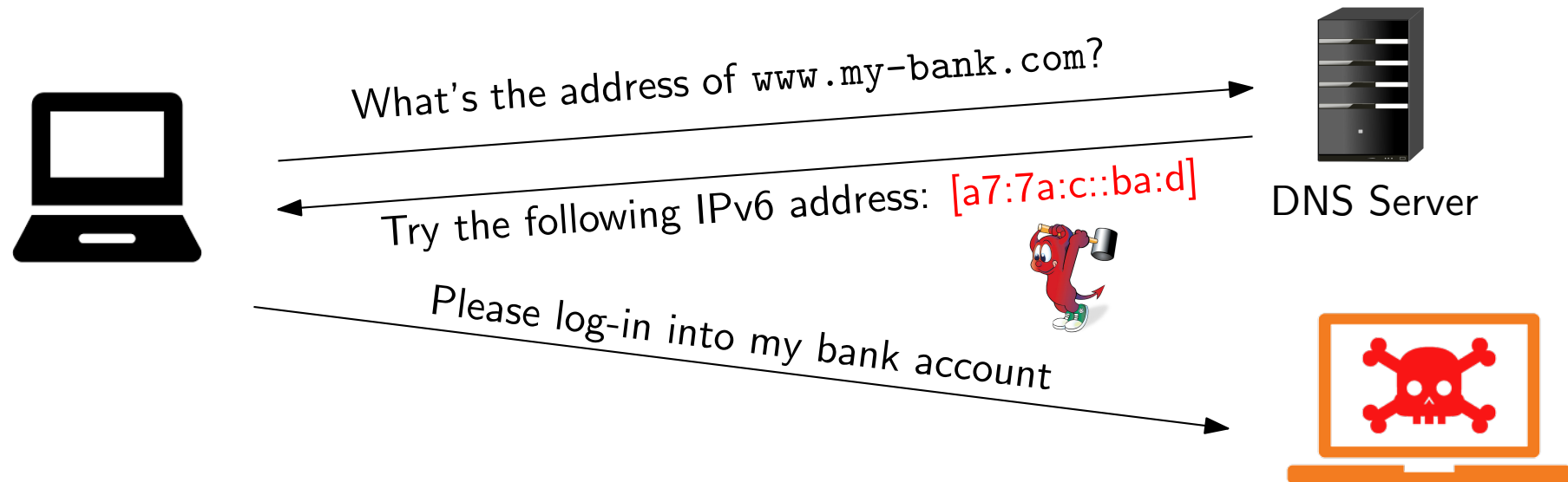


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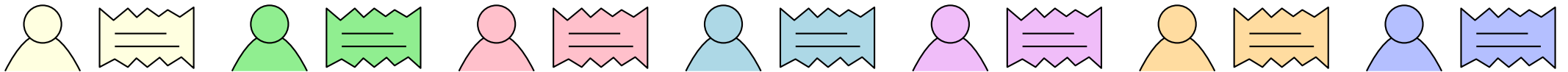
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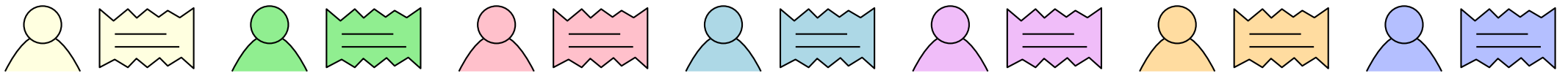
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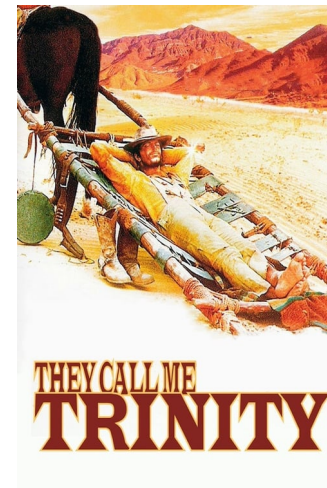
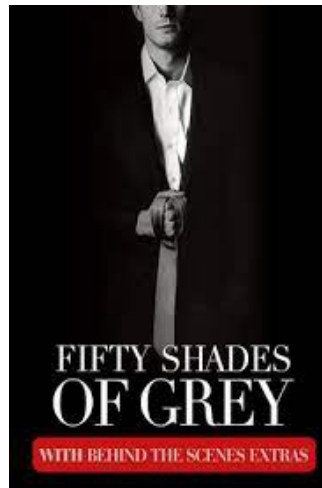
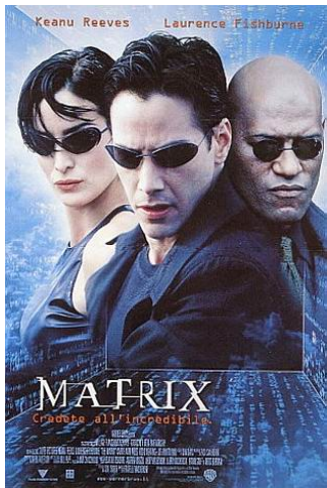


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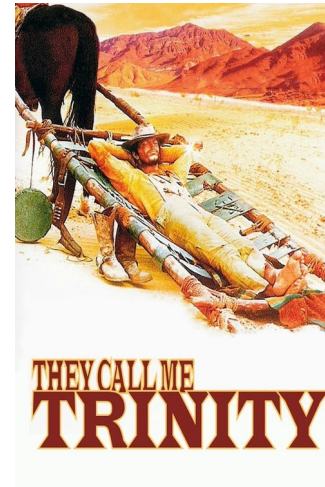
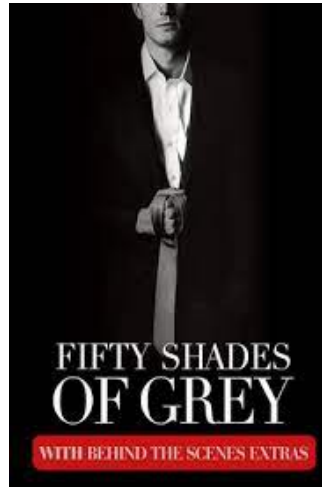
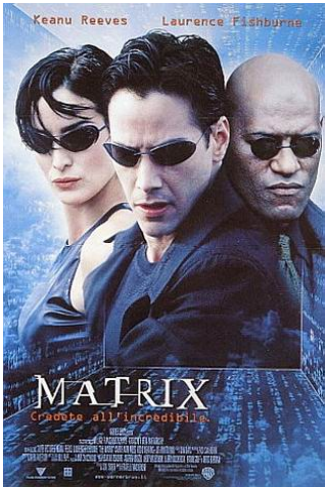
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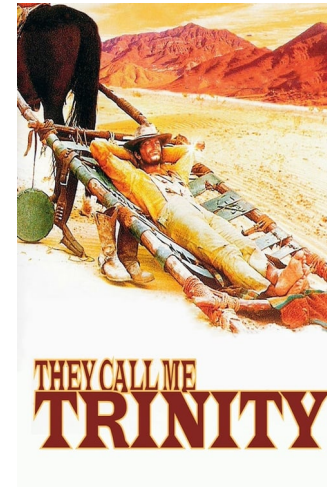
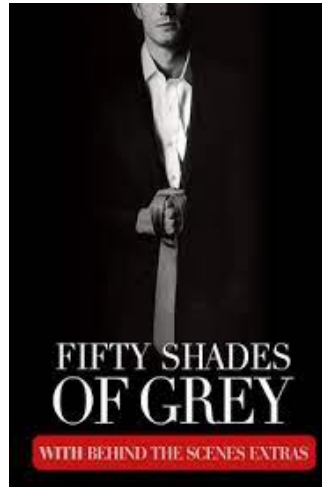
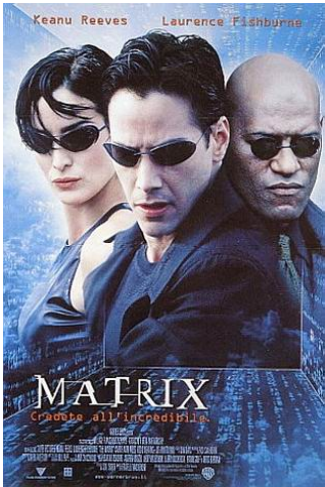


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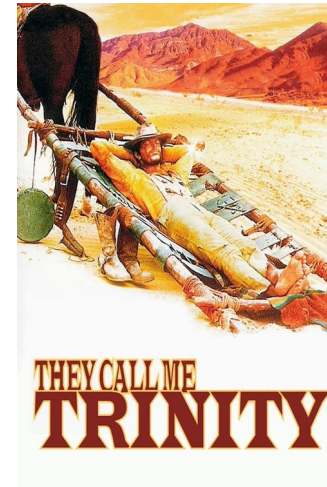
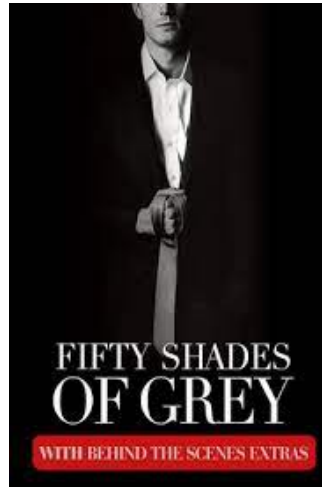
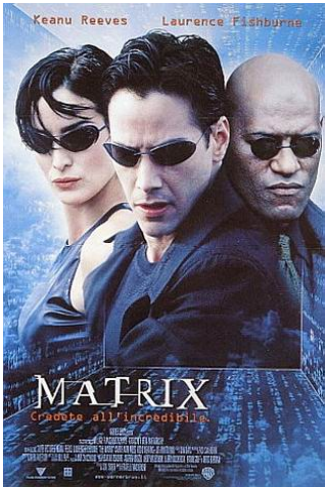
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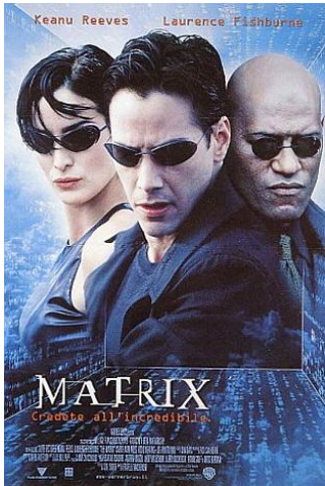
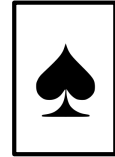
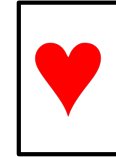
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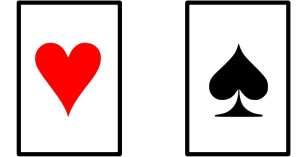
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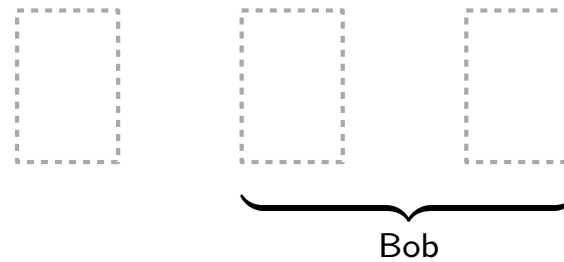
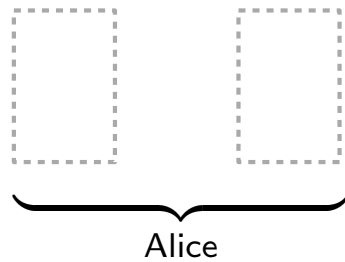
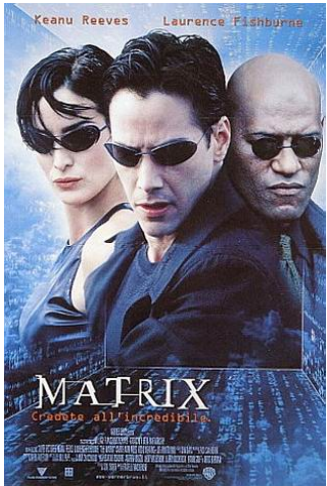


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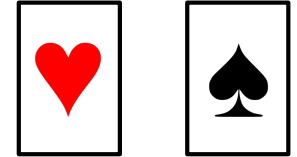


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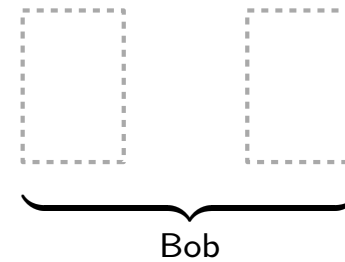
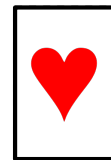
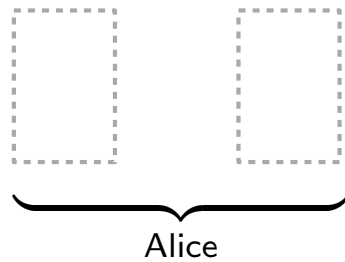
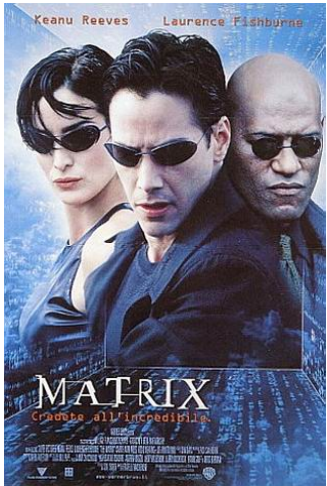
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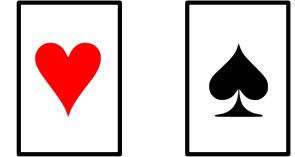
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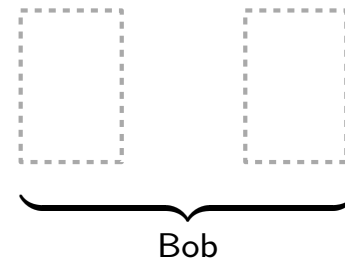
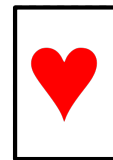
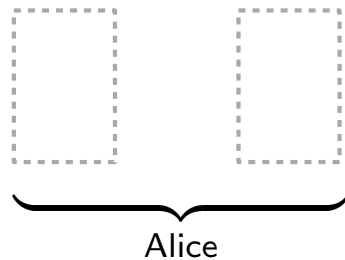
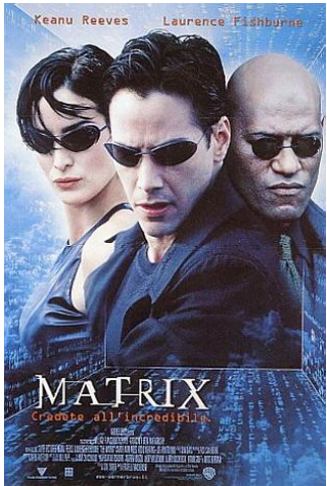
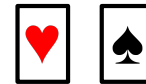
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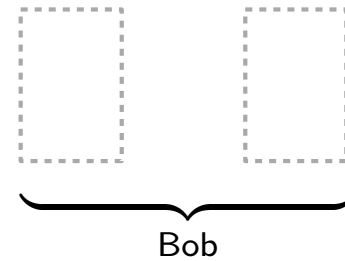
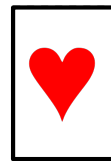
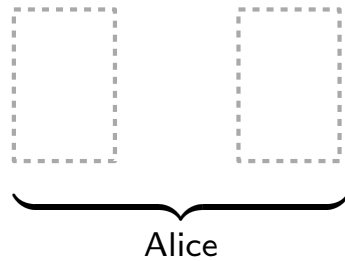
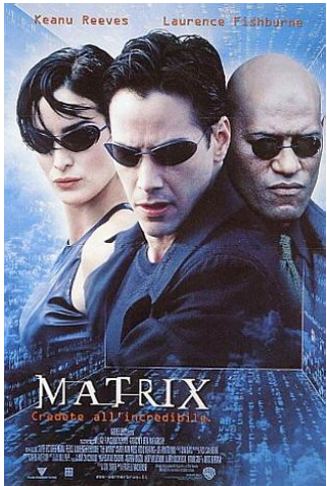
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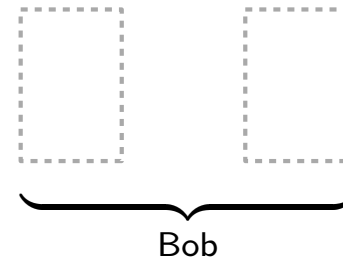
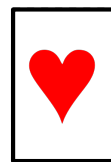
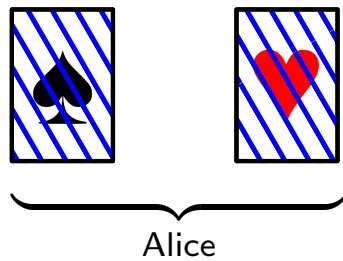
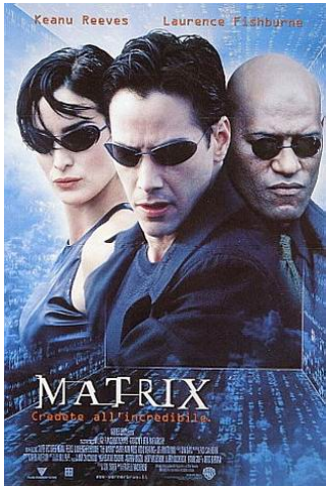
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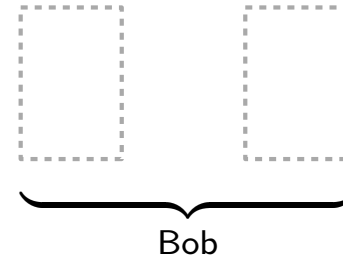
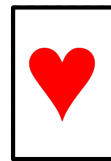
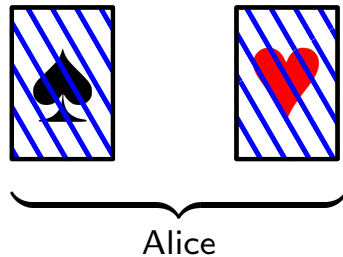
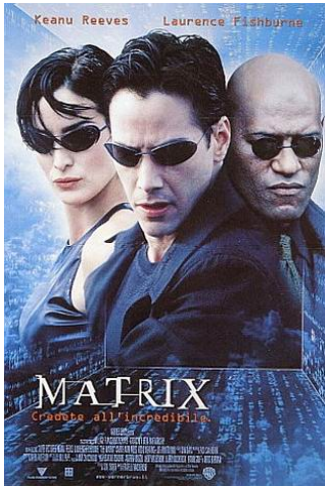
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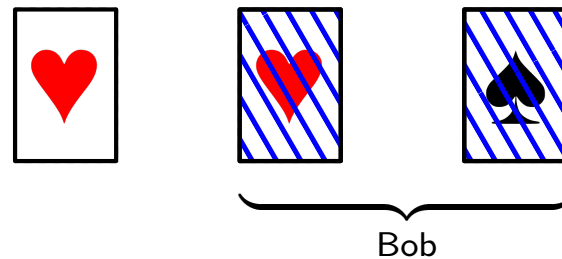
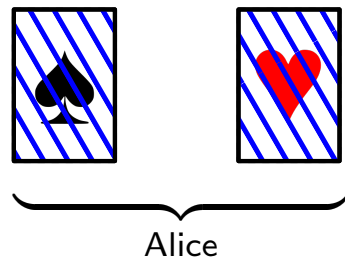
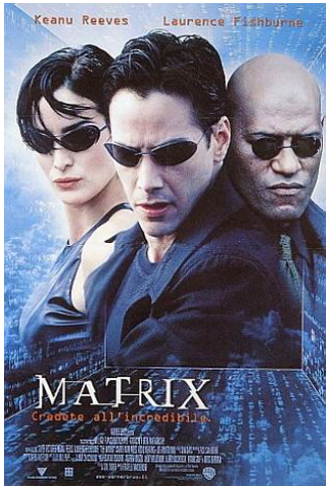
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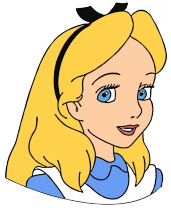
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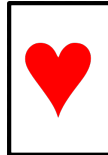
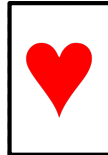
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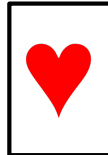
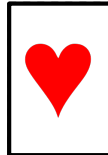
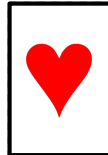
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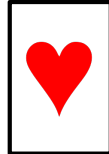
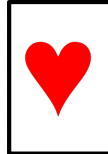
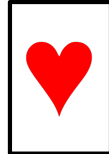
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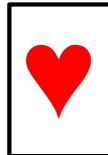
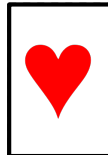
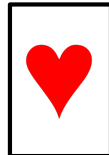
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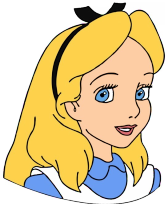
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Choosing a movie with secret preferences

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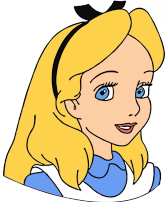
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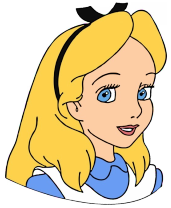


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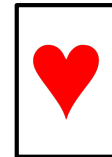
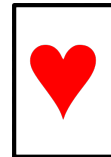
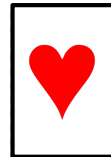
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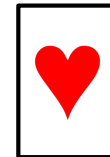
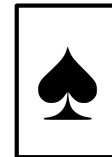
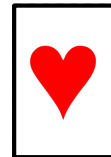
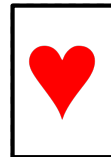
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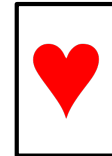
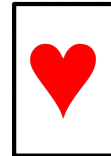
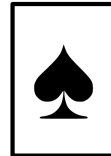
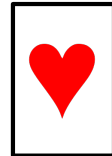
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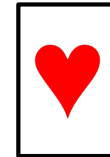
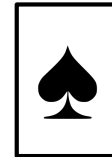
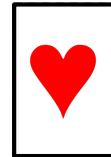
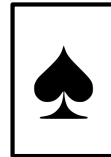
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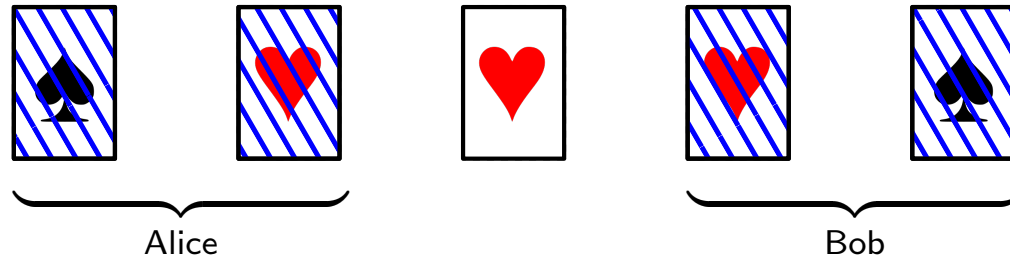
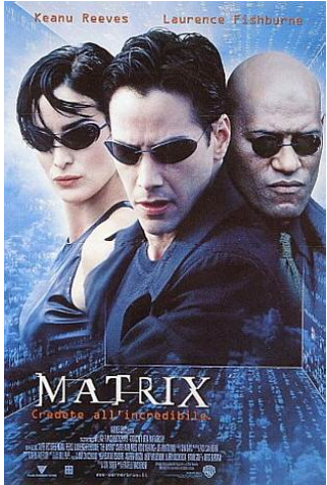


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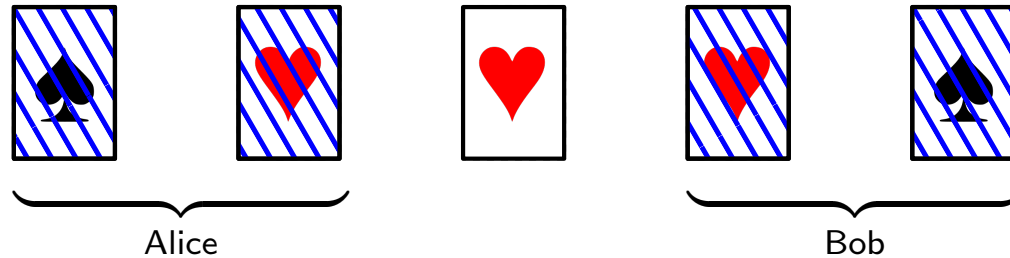
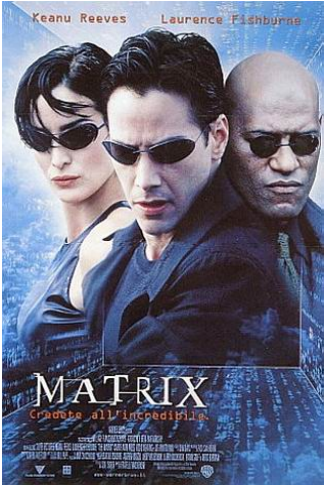
This holds (in a modular sense) even if any rotations of the cards is considered!

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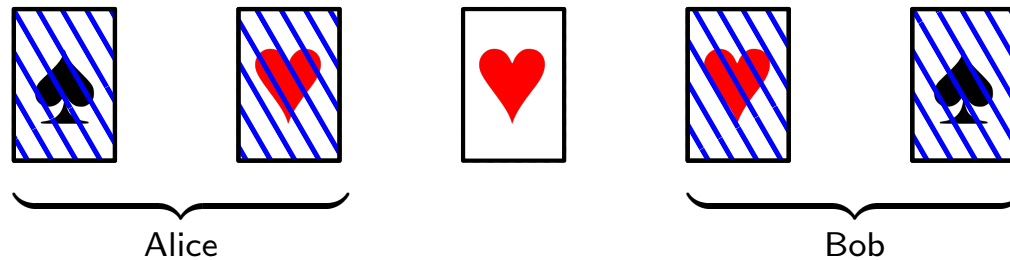
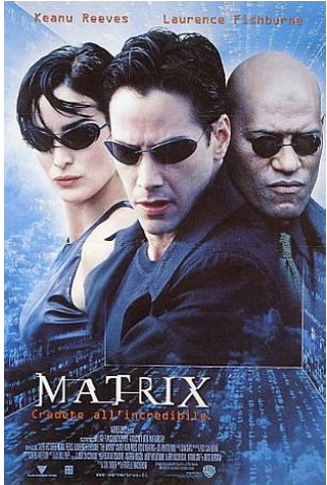
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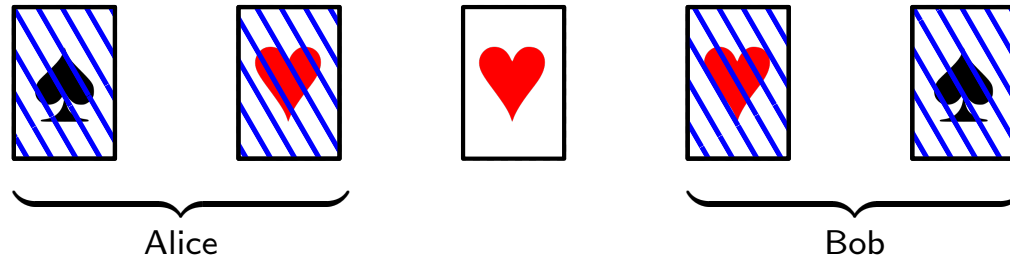
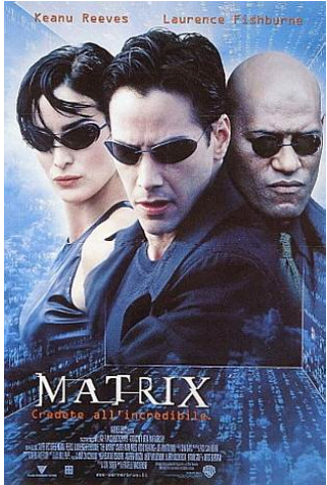


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Observation: If they end up not watching the movie, all possible “pass” configurations are equiprobable

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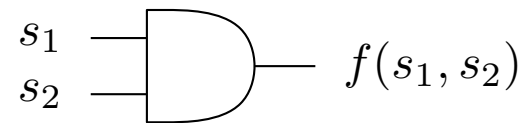
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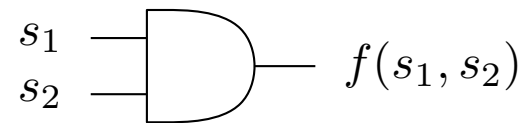
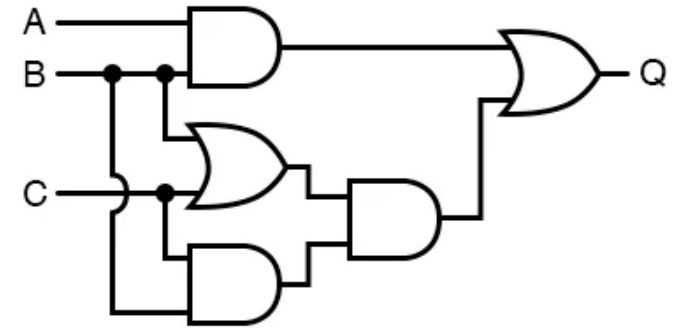
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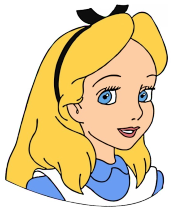
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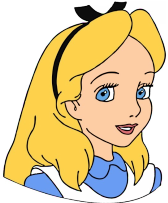


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I know a solution to this Sudoku instance

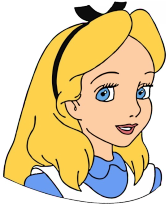


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Really? Show it to me!

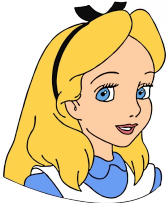


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I don't want to reveal it to you

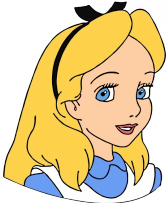


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Then I don't believe you really have a solution

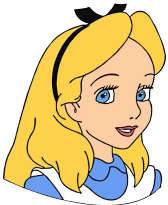


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I can prove to you that I have a solution without revealing anything about it

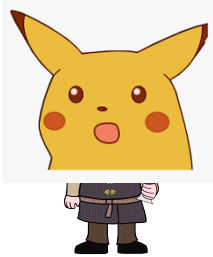
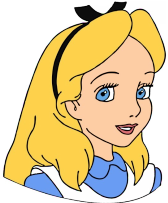


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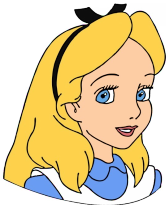


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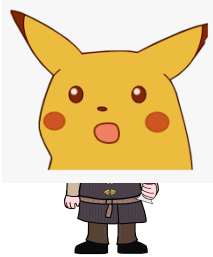
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Zero Knowledge protocol

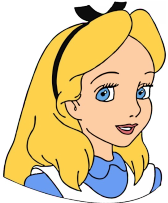


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I am now convinced you have the solution



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Hey, Charlie!
Alice has a solution to
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Prove it!



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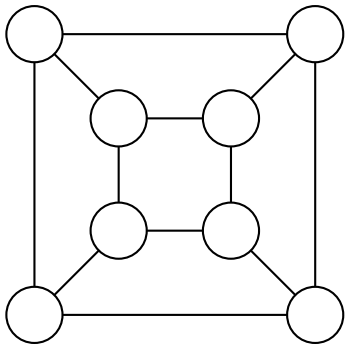
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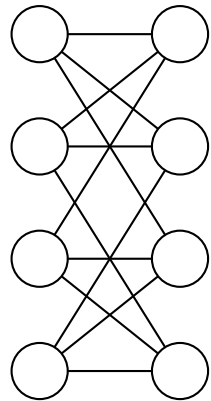


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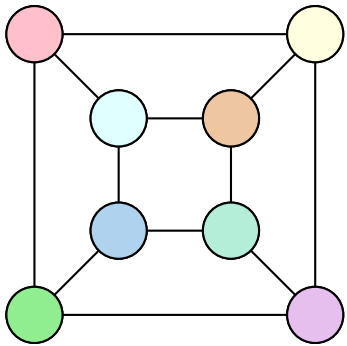


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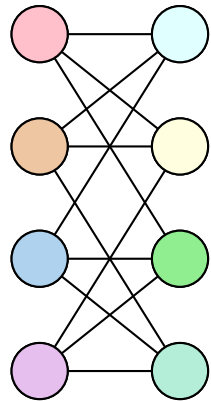
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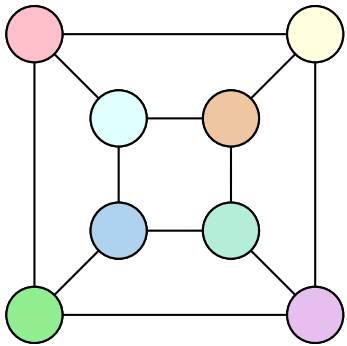


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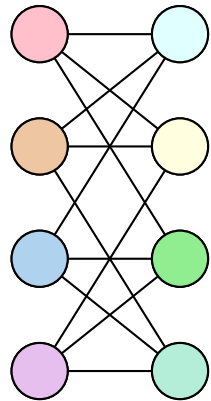
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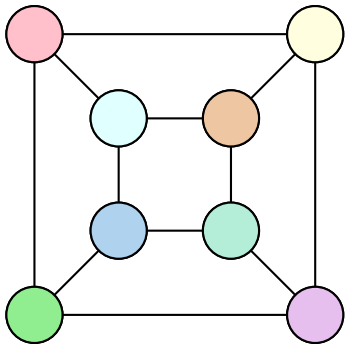
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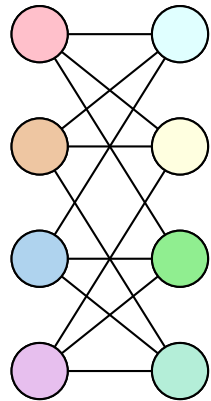
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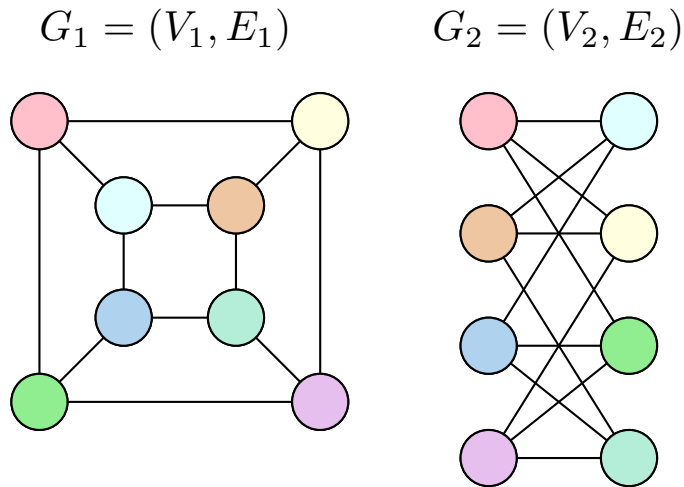


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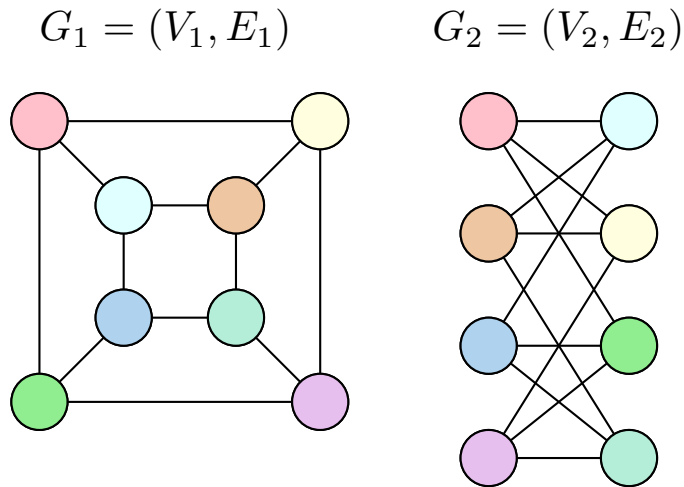
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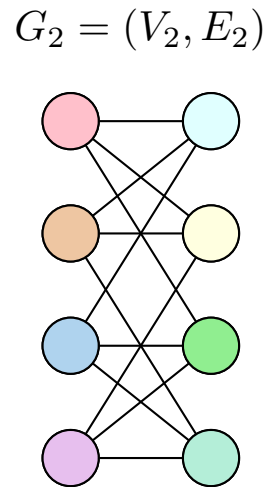
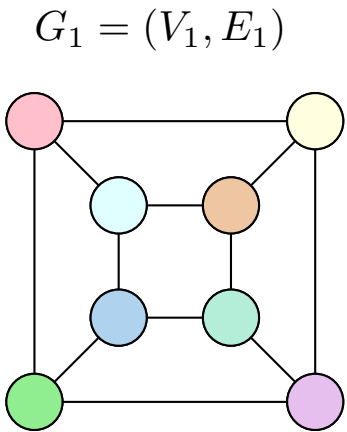
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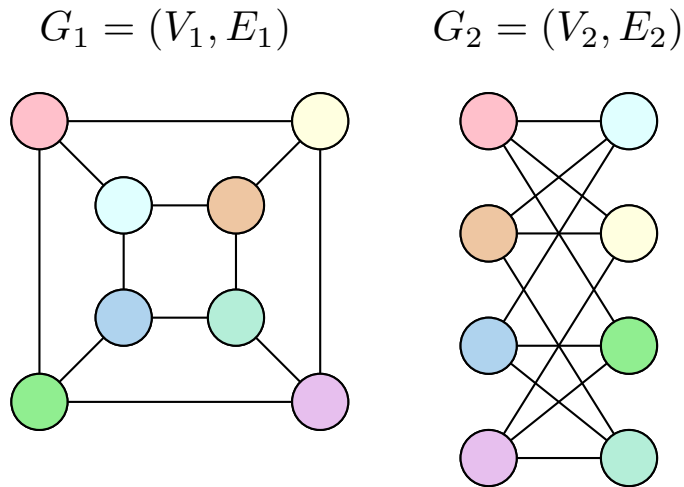
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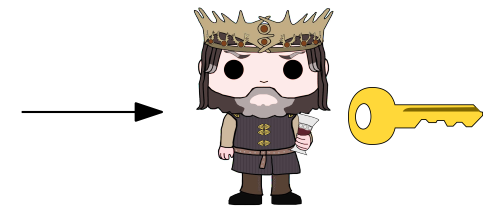
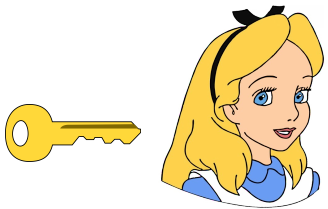
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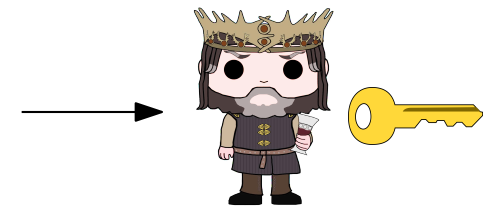
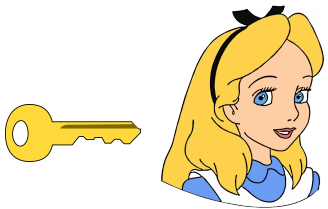


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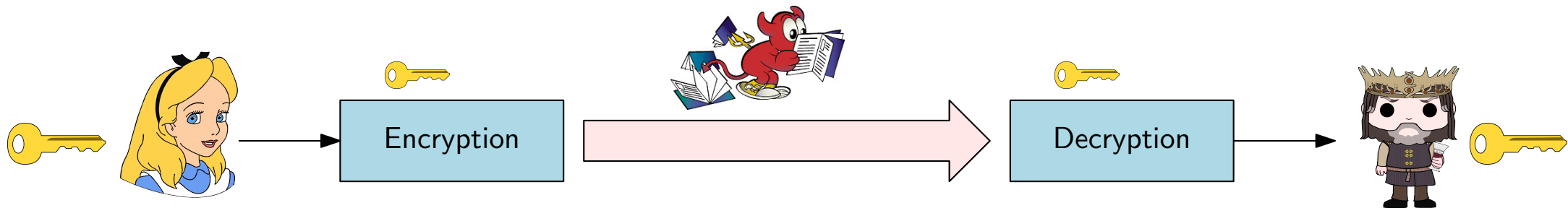


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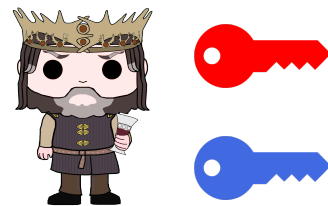
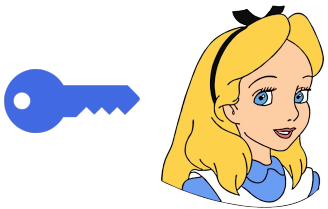


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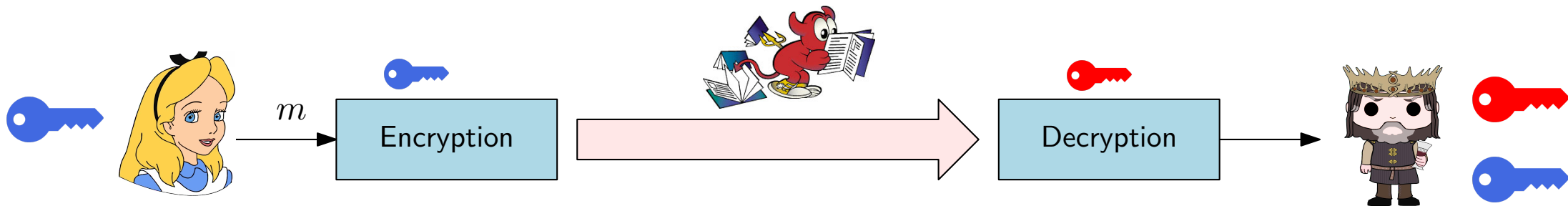


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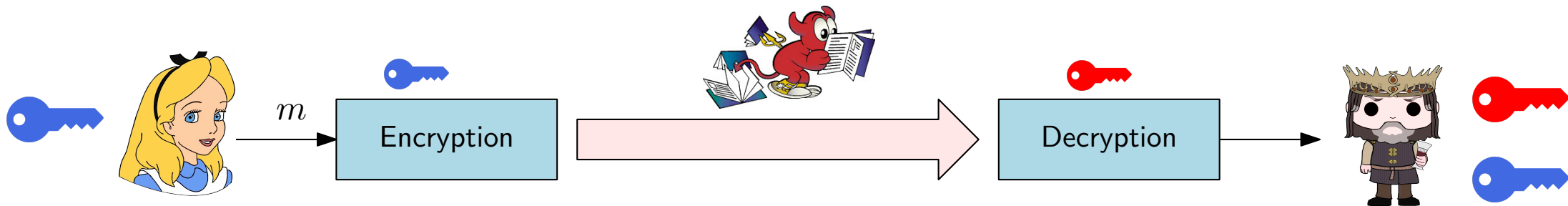


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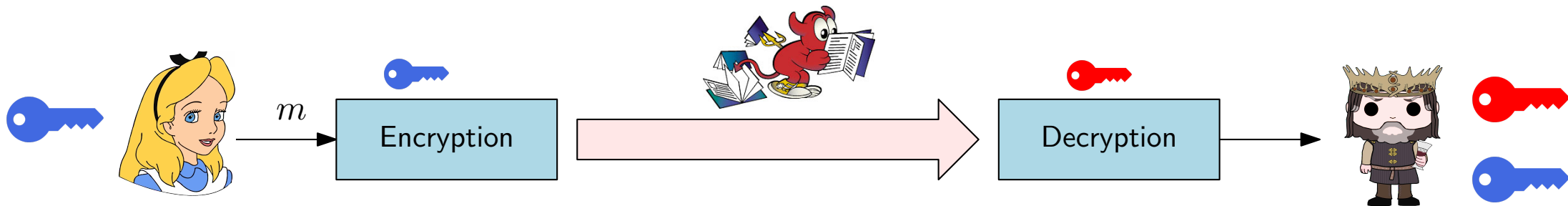


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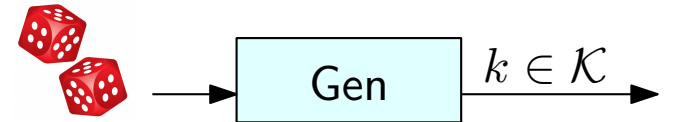
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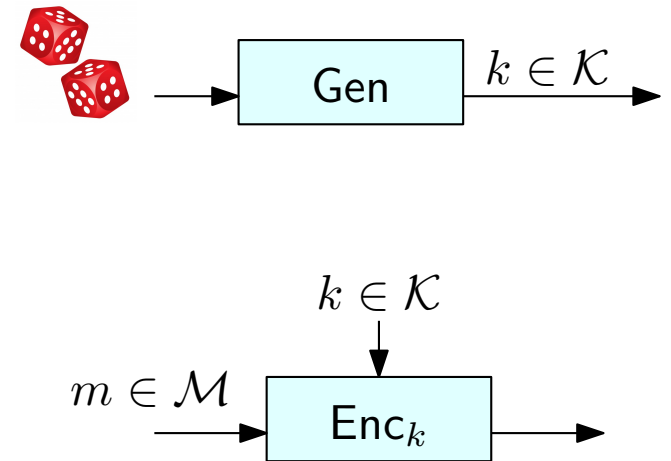
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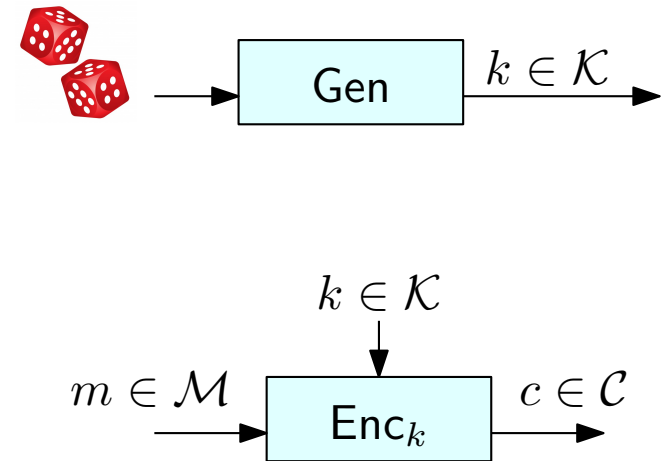


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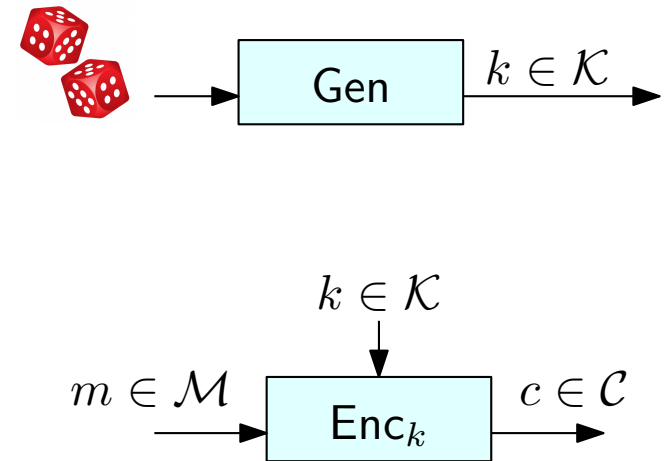
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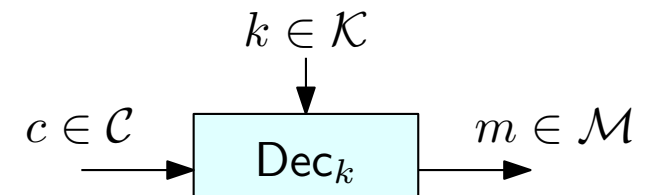
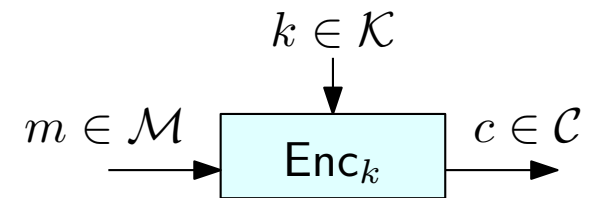
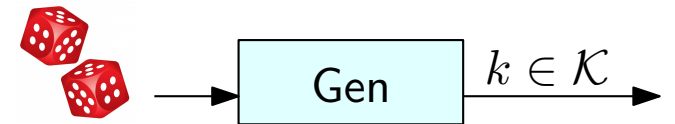
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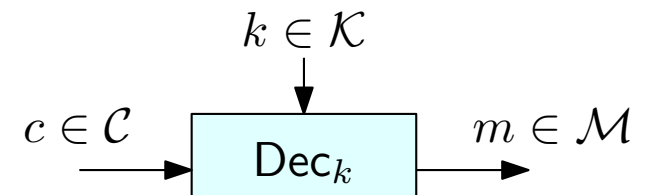
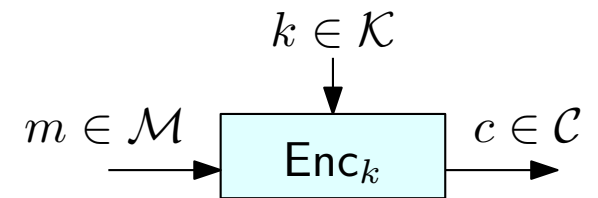
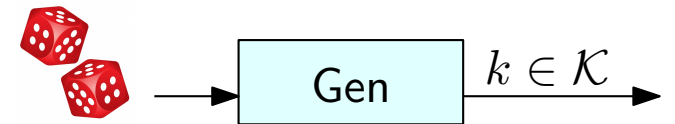
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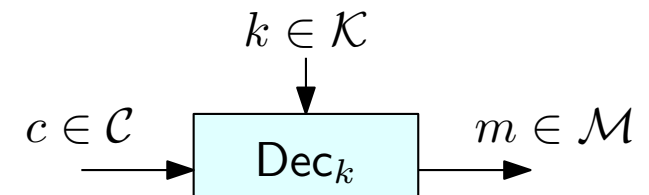
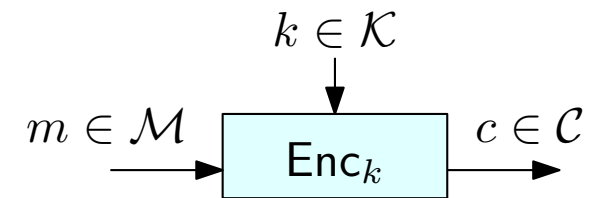
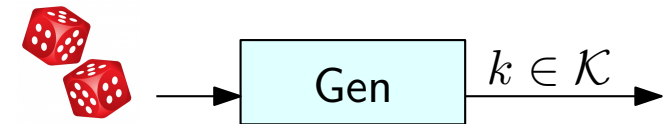
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