

Verifiable Private Information Retrieval

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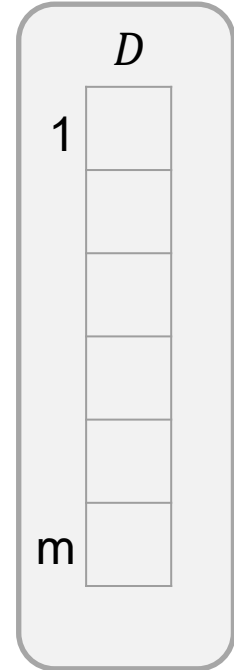
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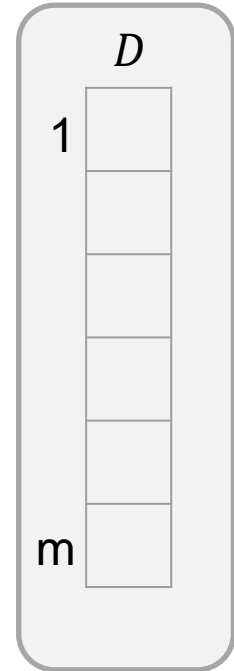
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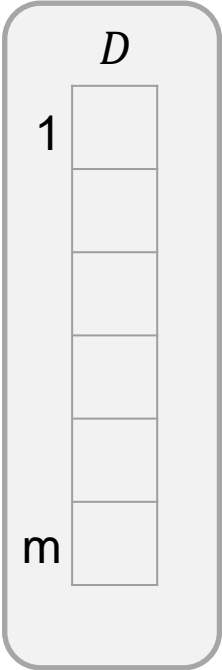
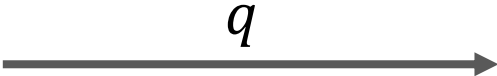
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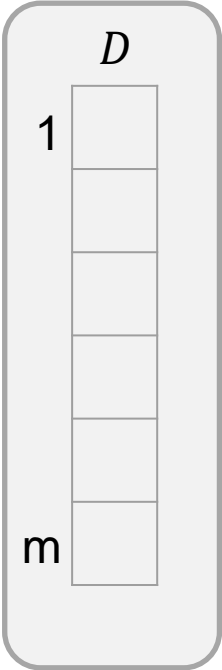
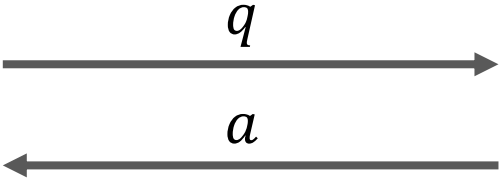
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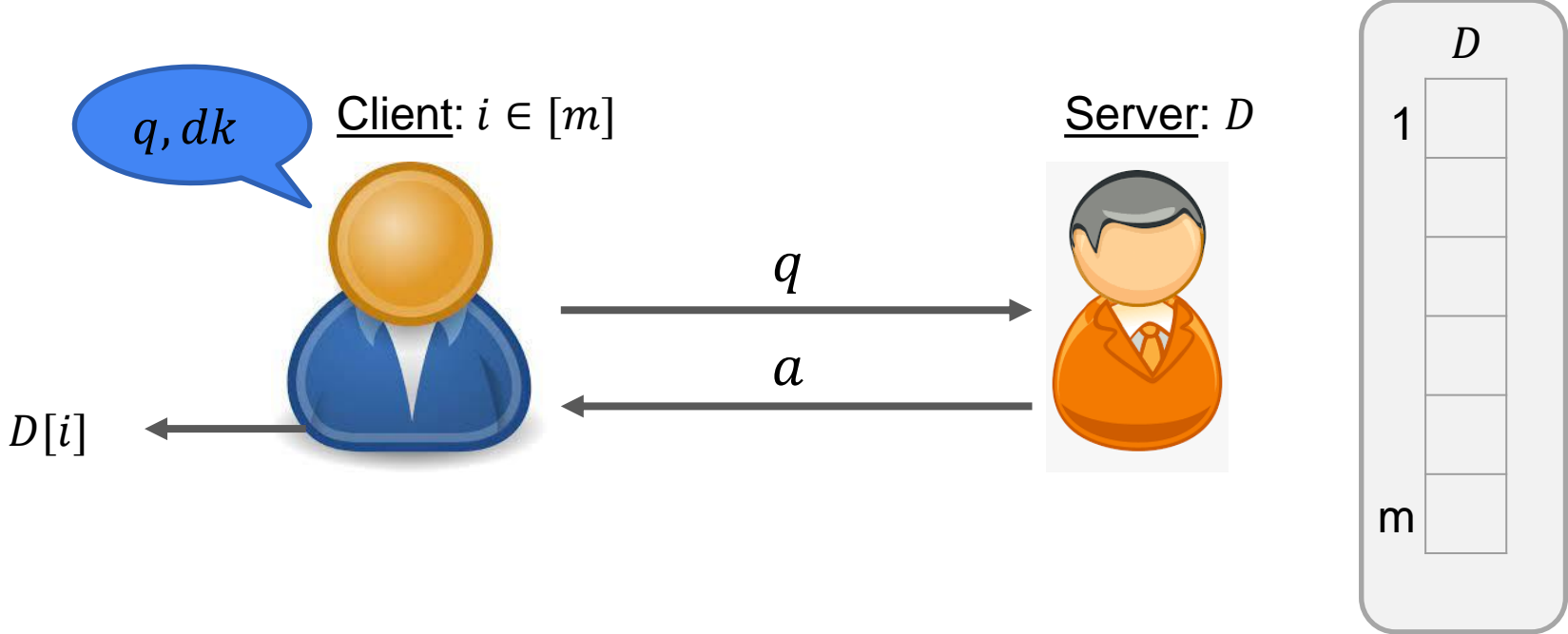
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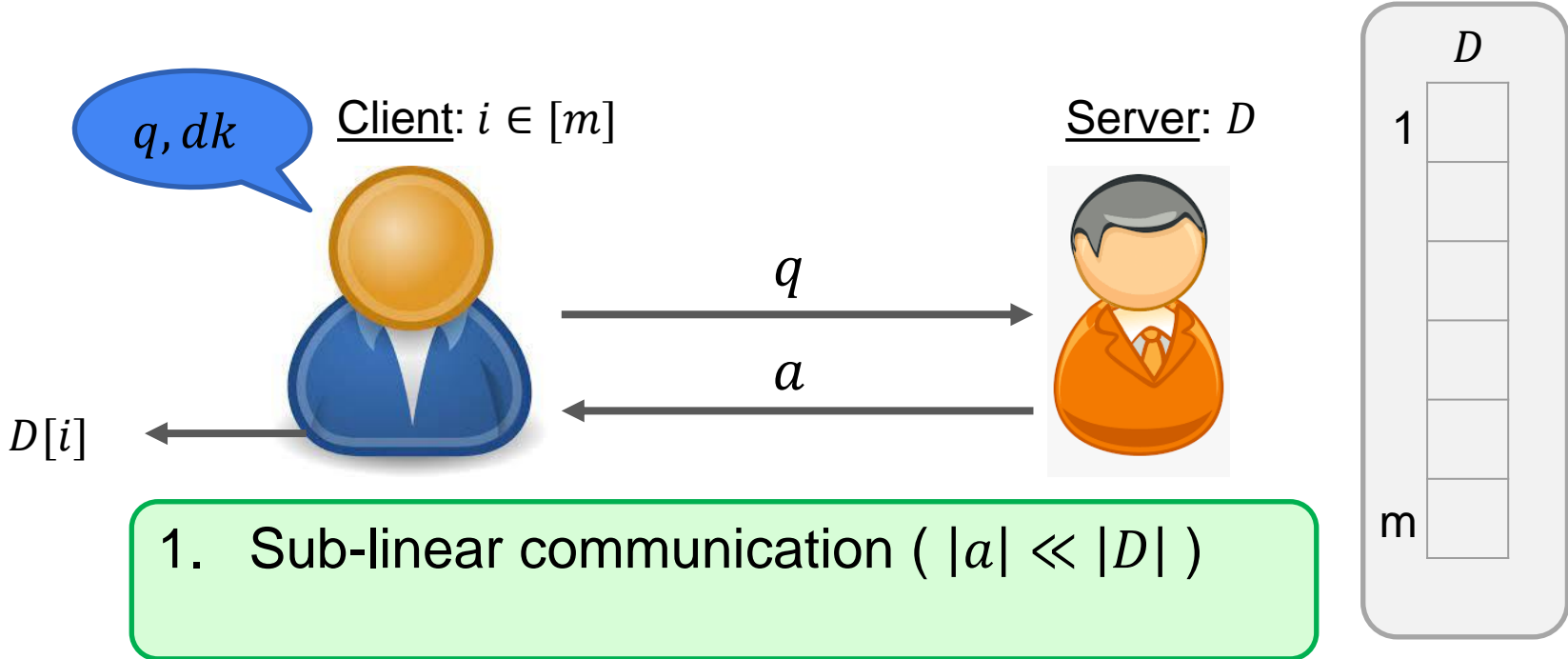
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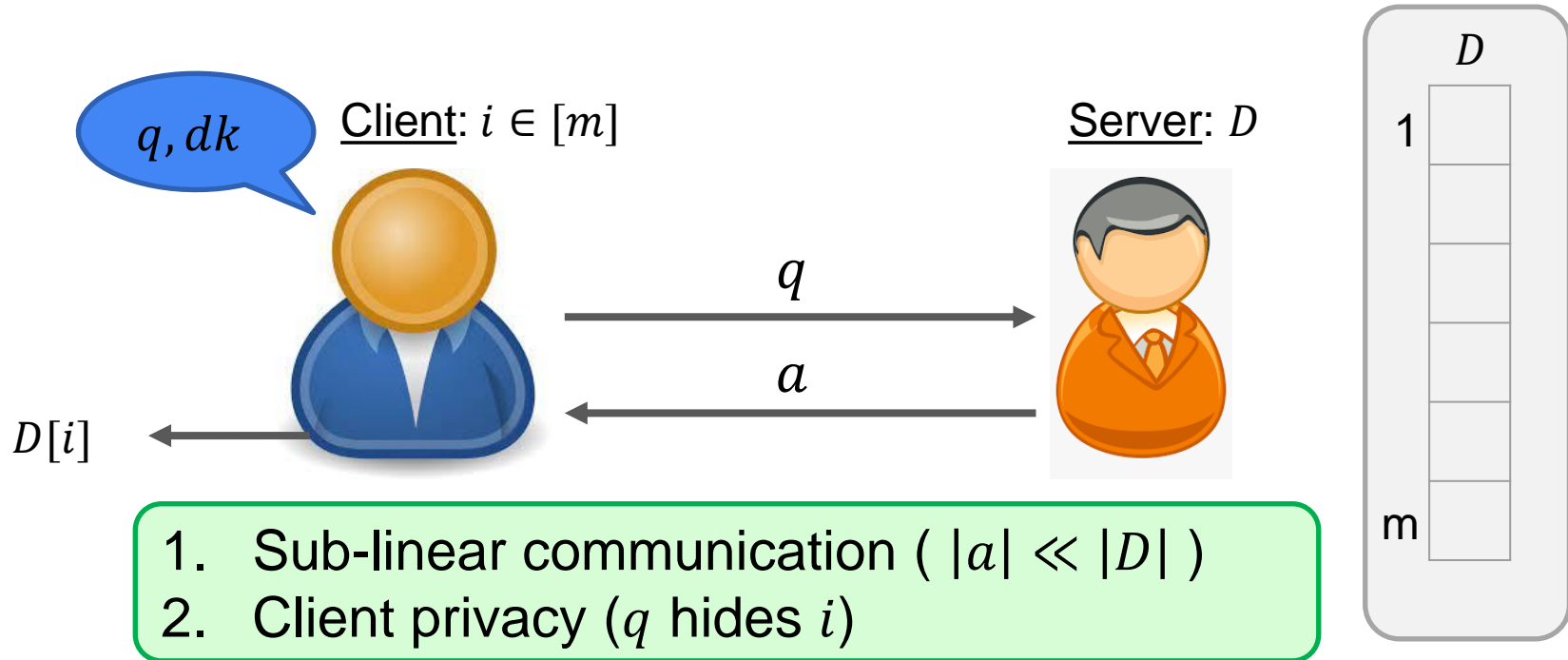
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This article is about the general topic of landing on the moon. For the first crewed Moon landing, see [Apollo 11](#) and [Apollo program](#). For other uses, see [Moon landing \(disambiguation\)](#). "[Race to the Moon](#)" redirects here. For the Cold War topic, see [Space Race](#).

A **Moon landing** is the arrival of a [spacecraft](#) on the surface of the [Moon](#). This includes both crewed and robotic missions. The first human-made object to touch the Moon was the [Soviet Union's Luna 2](#), on 13 September 1959.^[3]

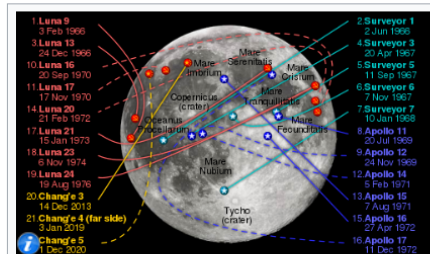
The United States' [Apollo 11](#) was the first crewed mission to land on the Moon, on 20 July 1969.^[4] There were six crewed U.S. landings between 1969 and 1972, and numerous uncrewed landings, with no [soft landings](#) happening between 22 August 1976 and 14 December 2013.

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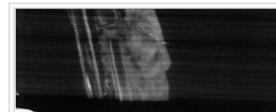
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Clickable map of the locations of all successful soft landings on the near side of the Moon to date (top).

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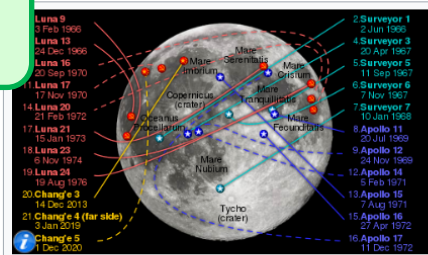
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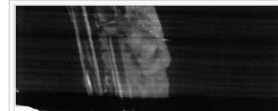


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Much [third-party evidence for the landings](#) exists, and detailed rebuttals to the hoax claims have been made.^[1] Since the late 2000s, high-definition photos taken by the [Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter](#) (LRO) of the Apollo landing sites have captured the [Lunar Module descent stages](#) and the tracks left by the astronauts.^{[2][3]} In 2012,

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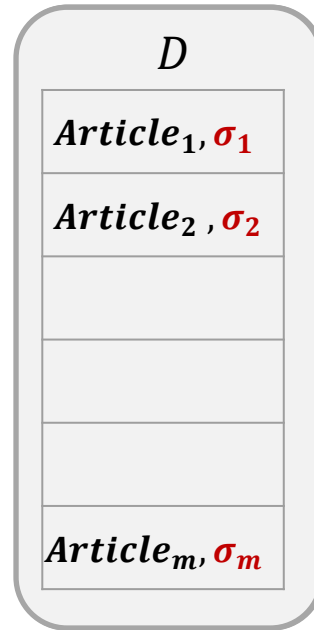
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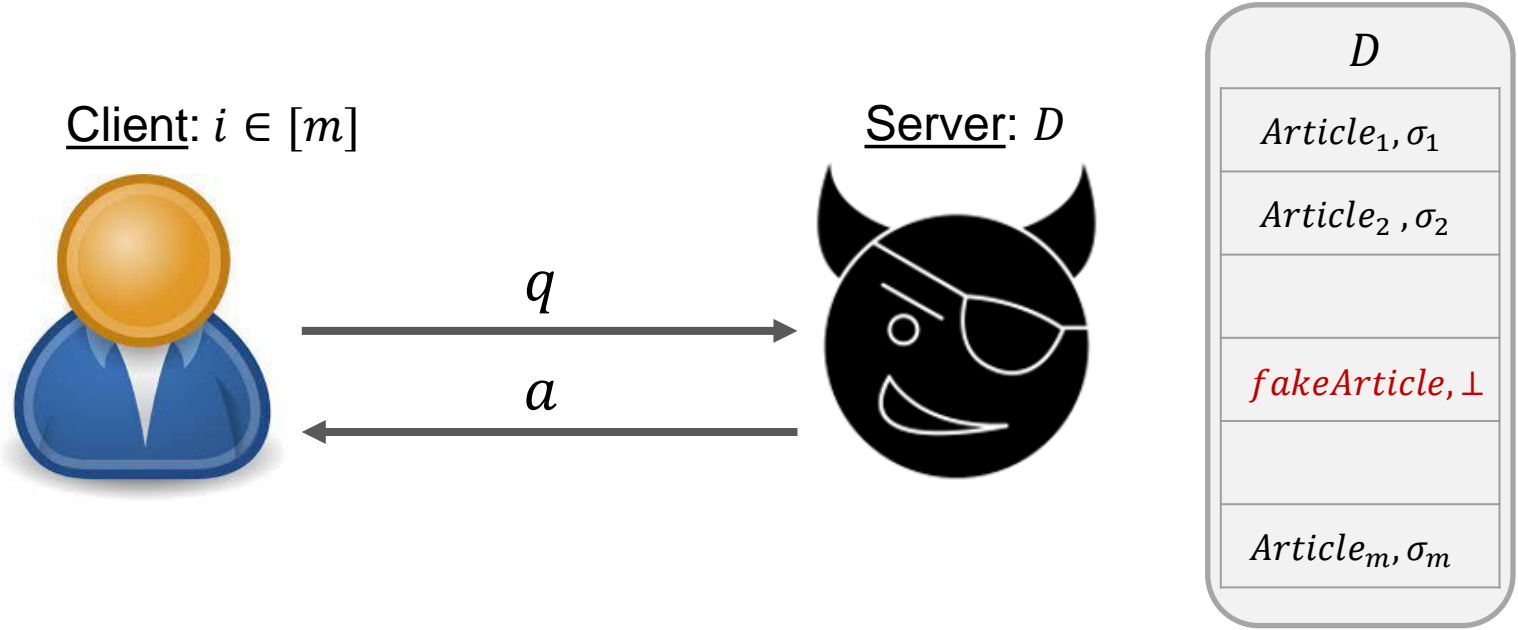
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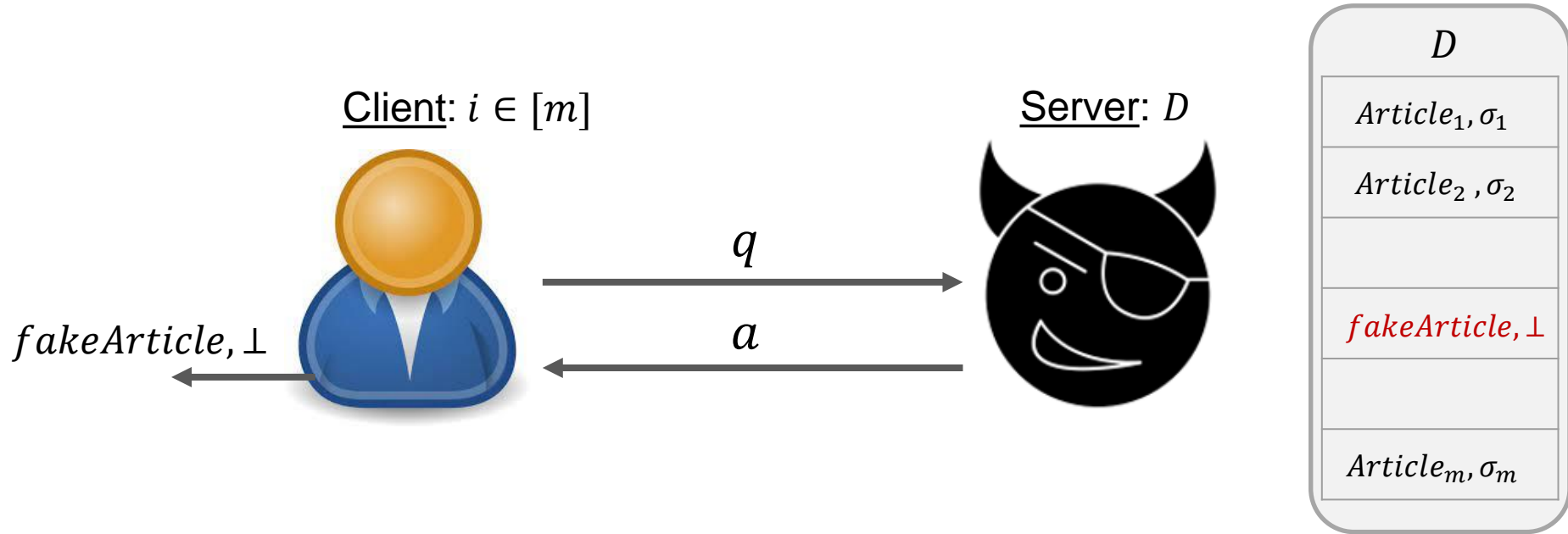


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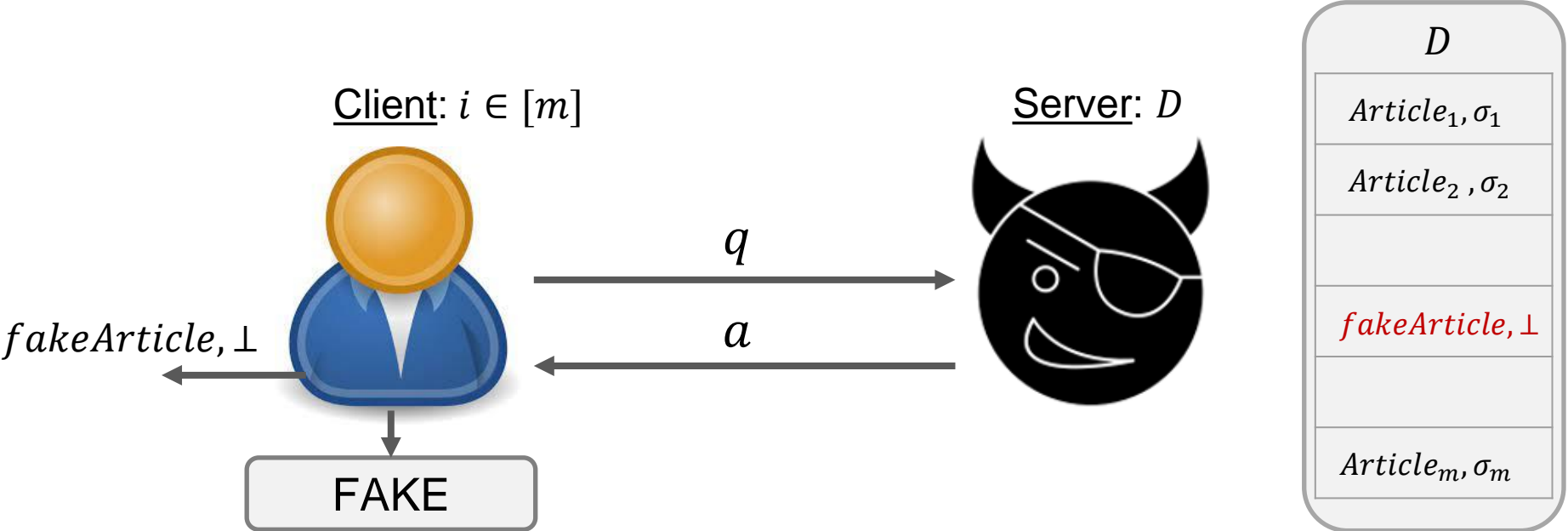
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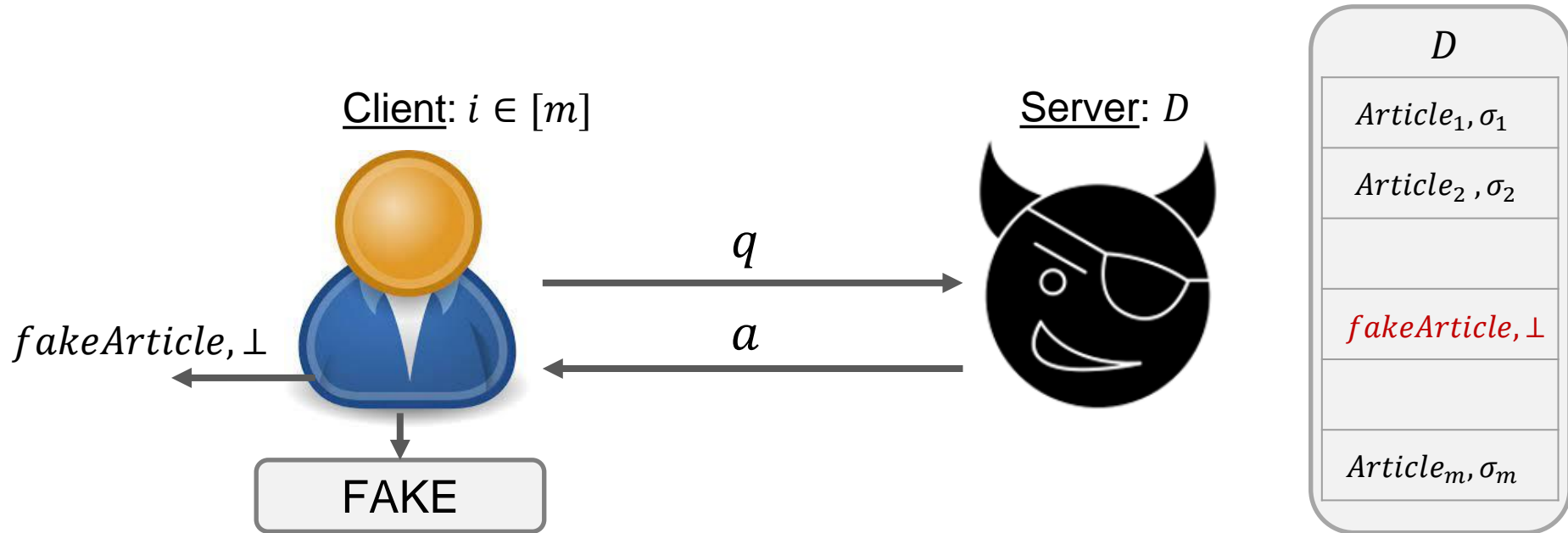
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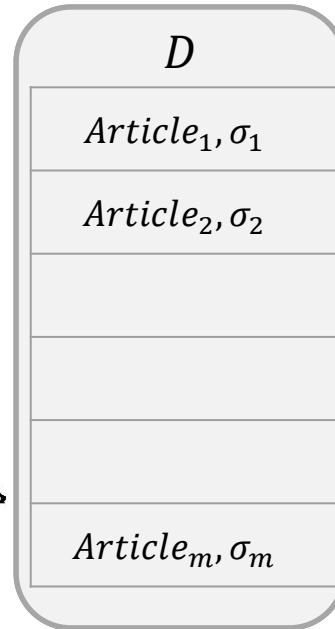


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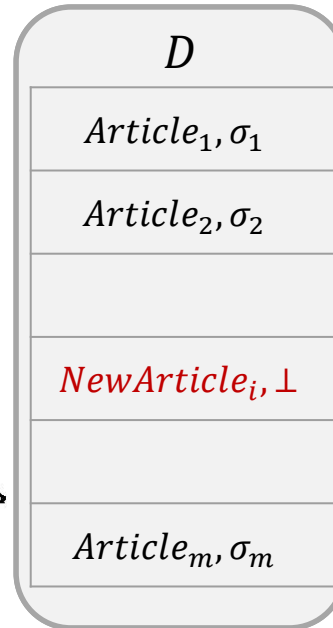


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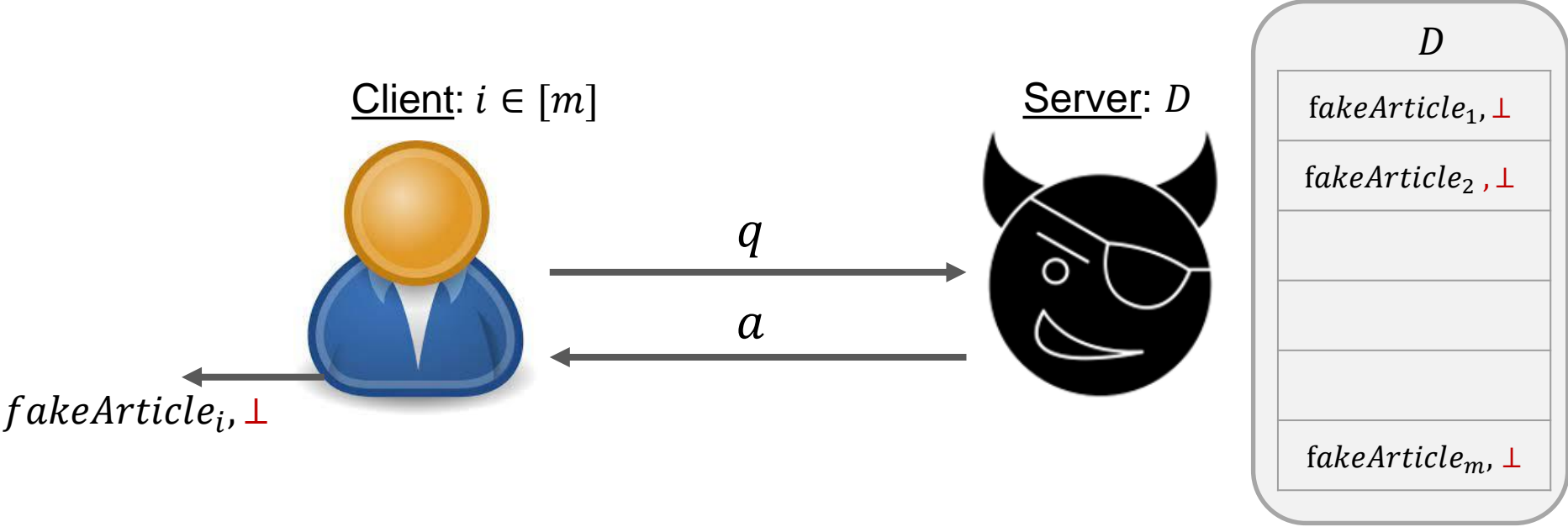
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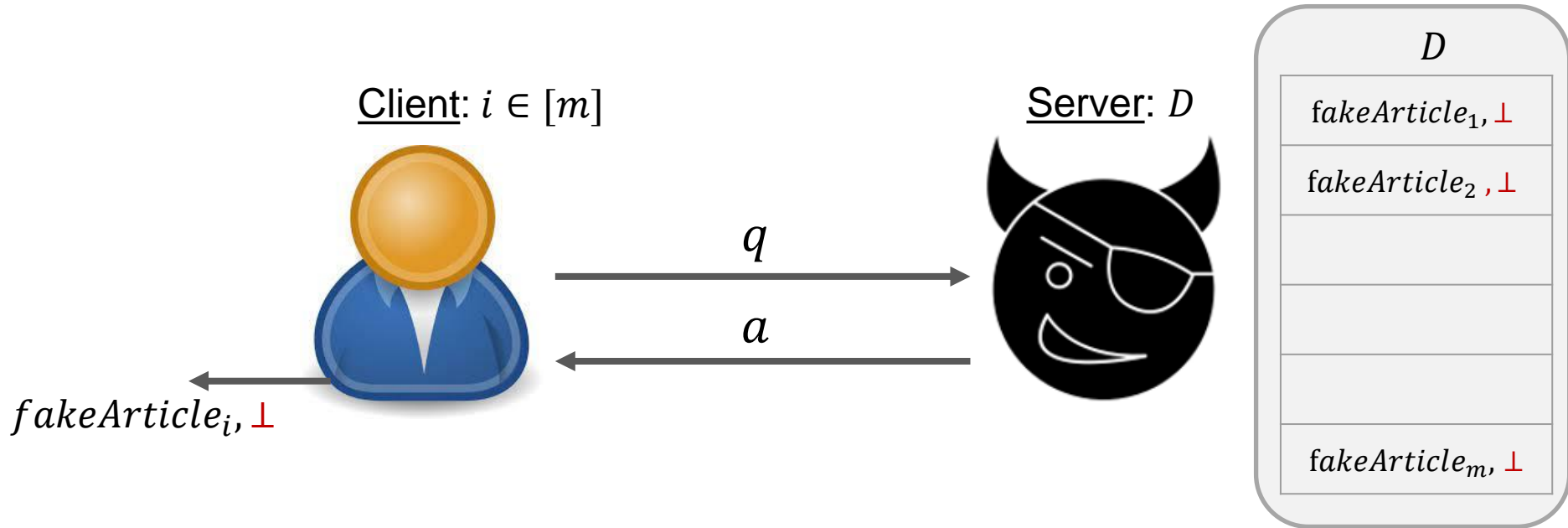
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Goal2 – Verify global properties of the database

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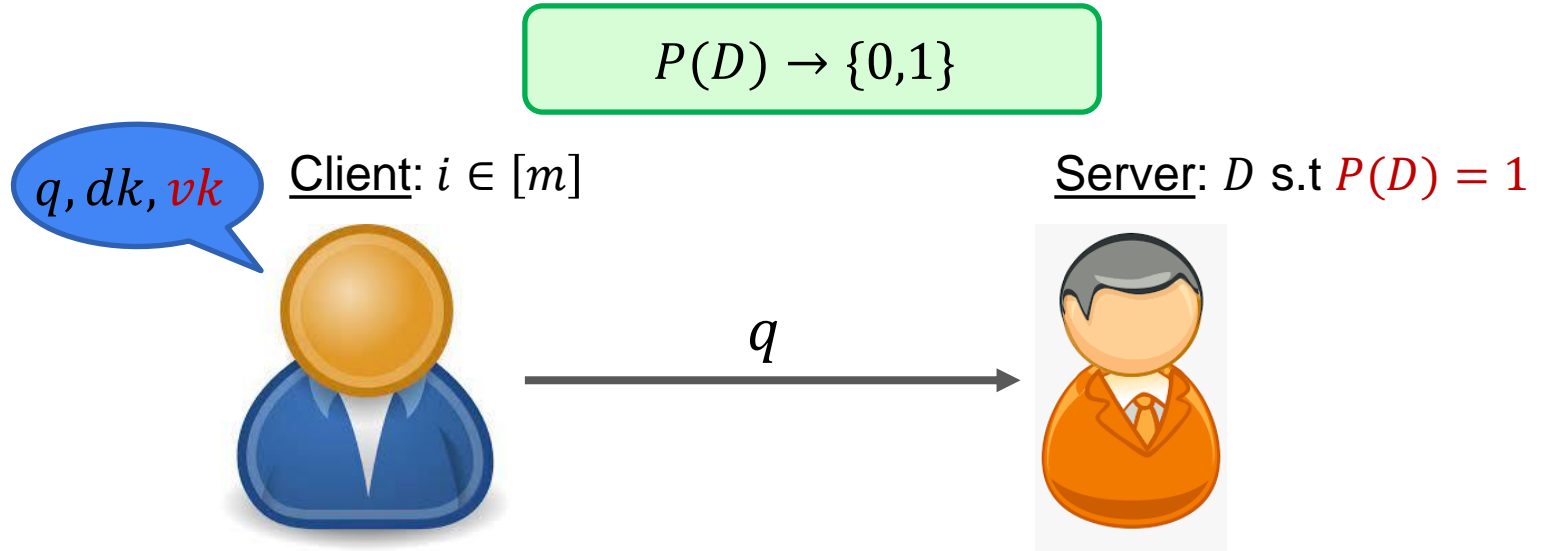
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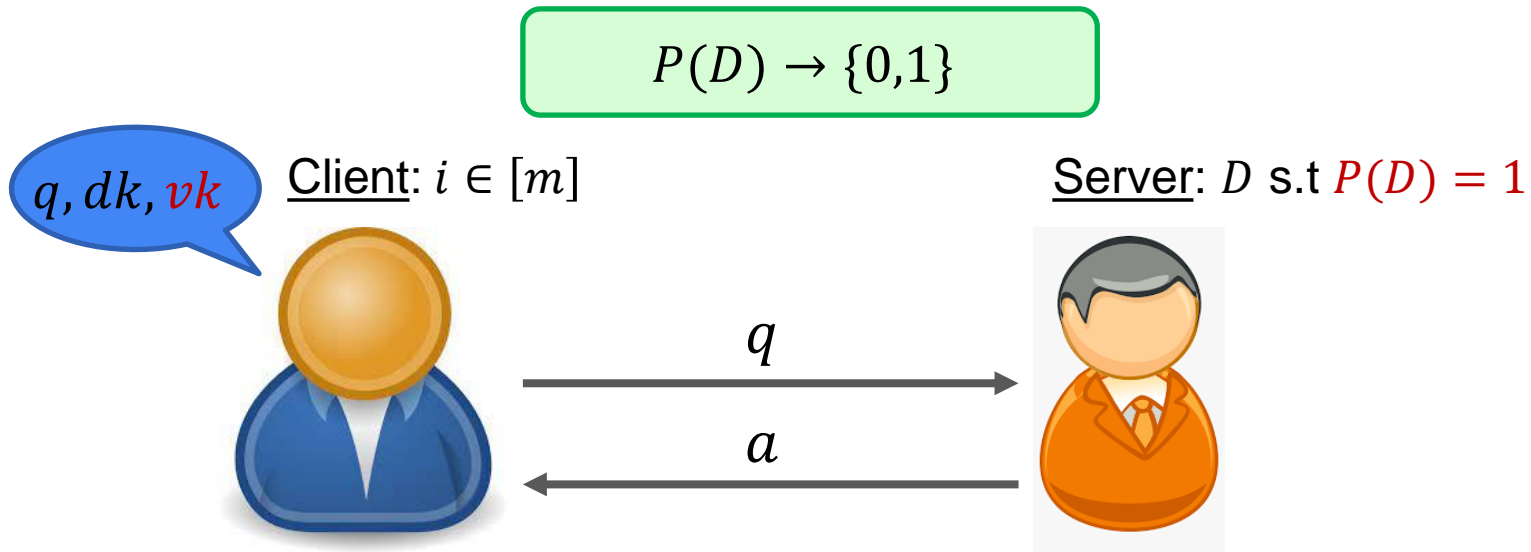
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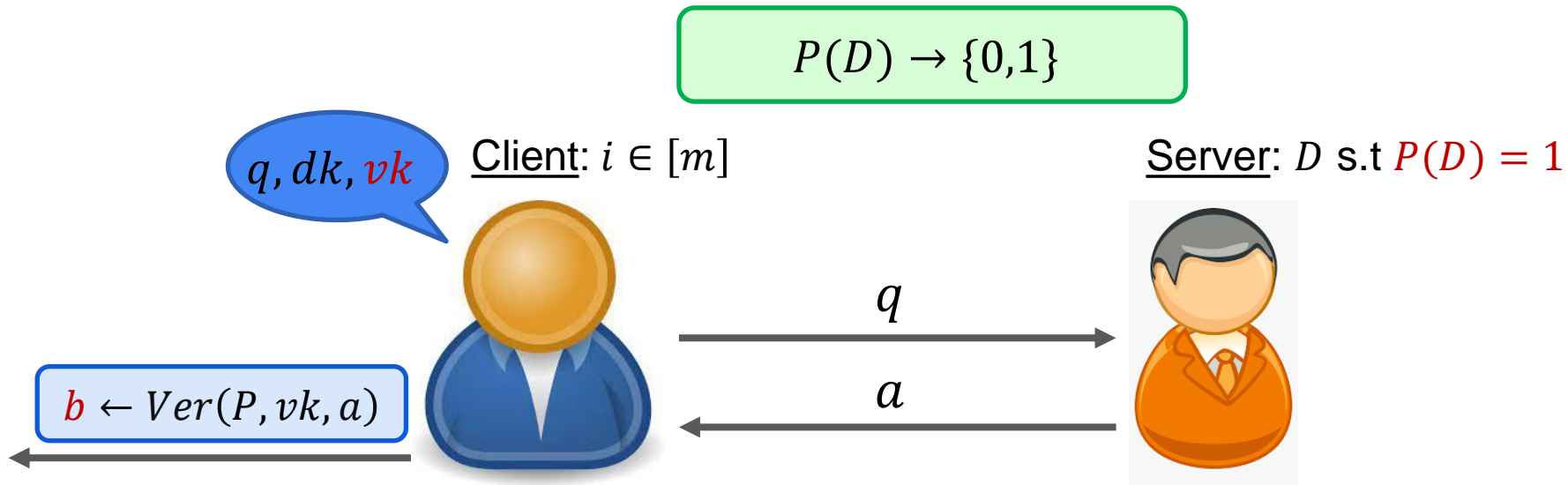
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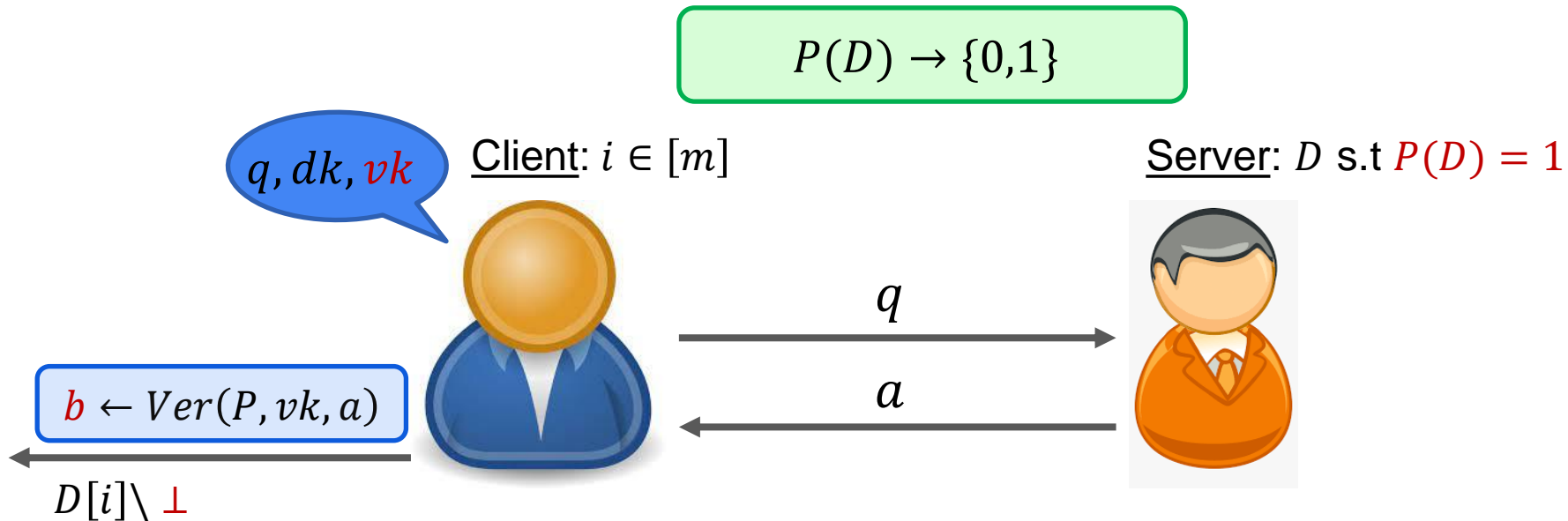
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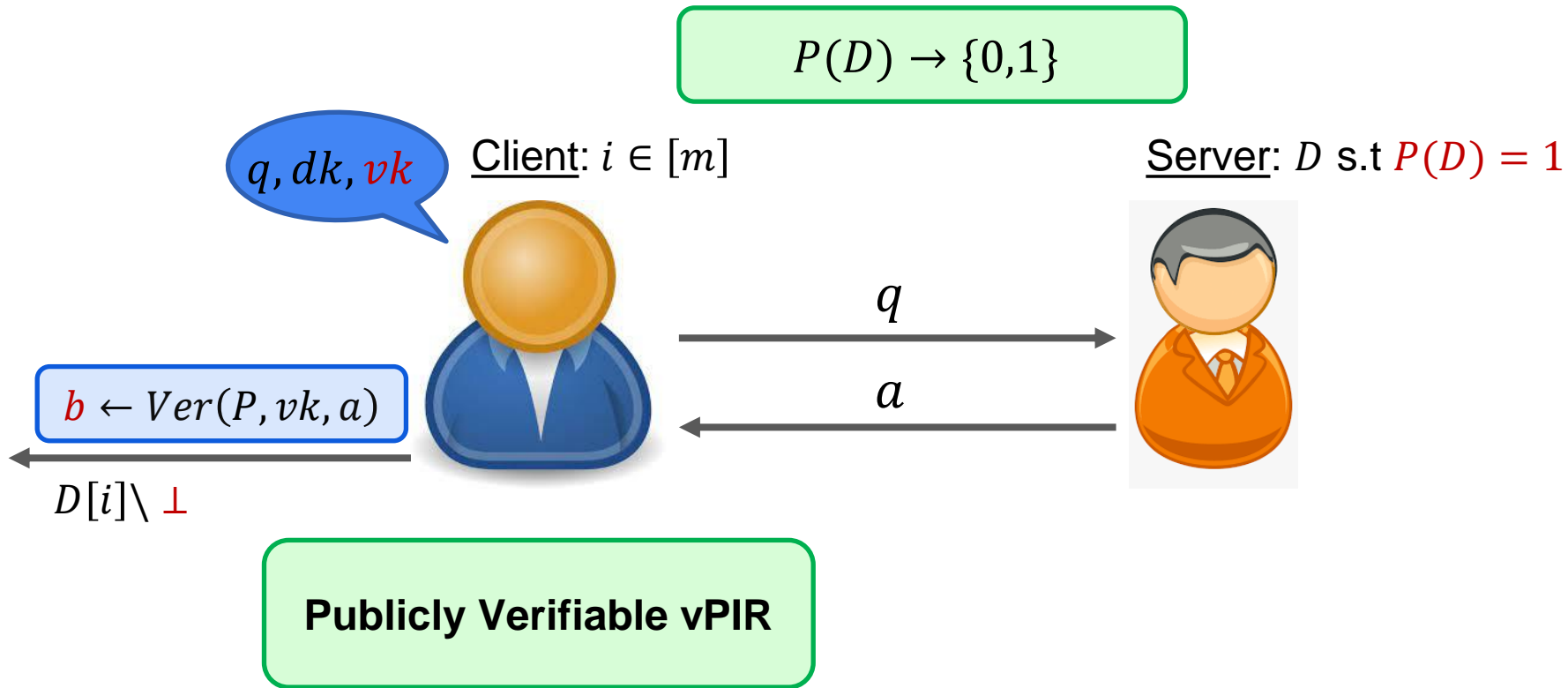
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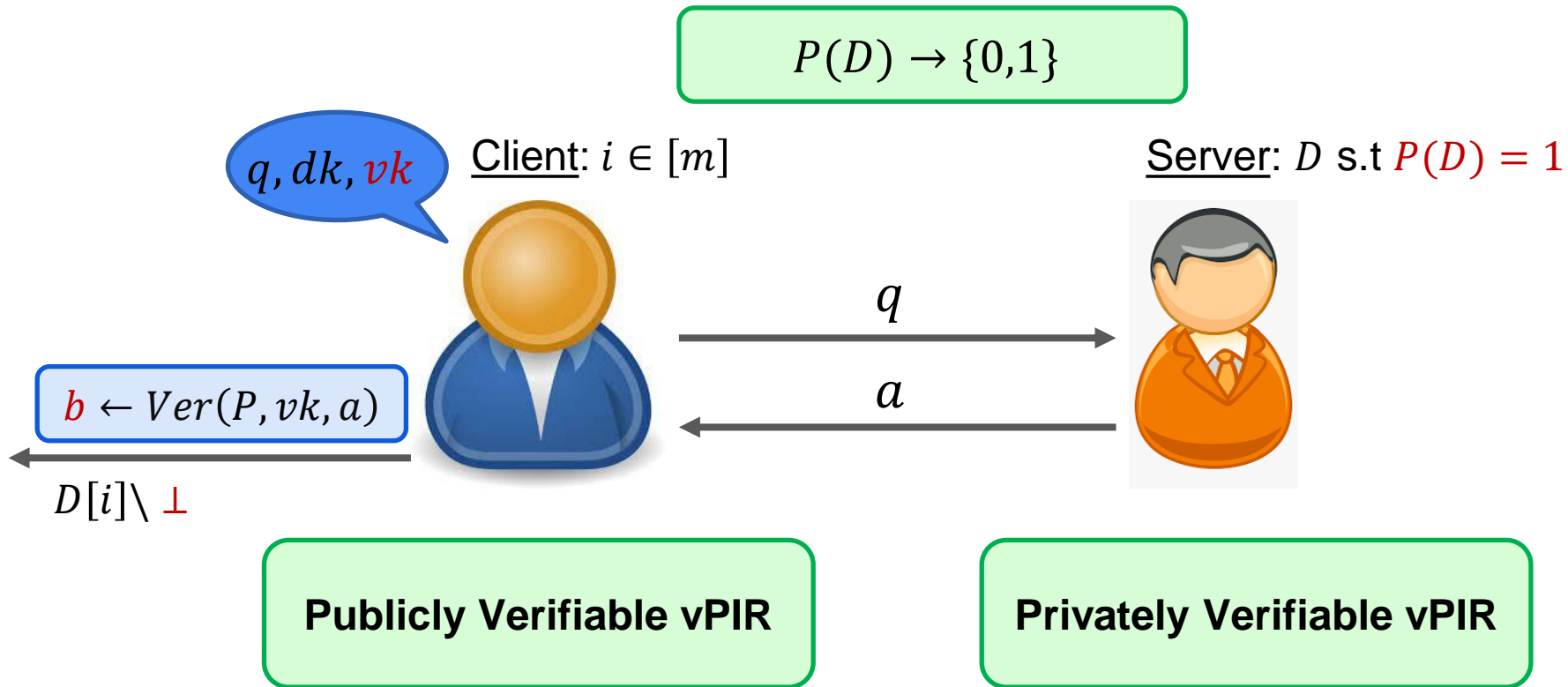
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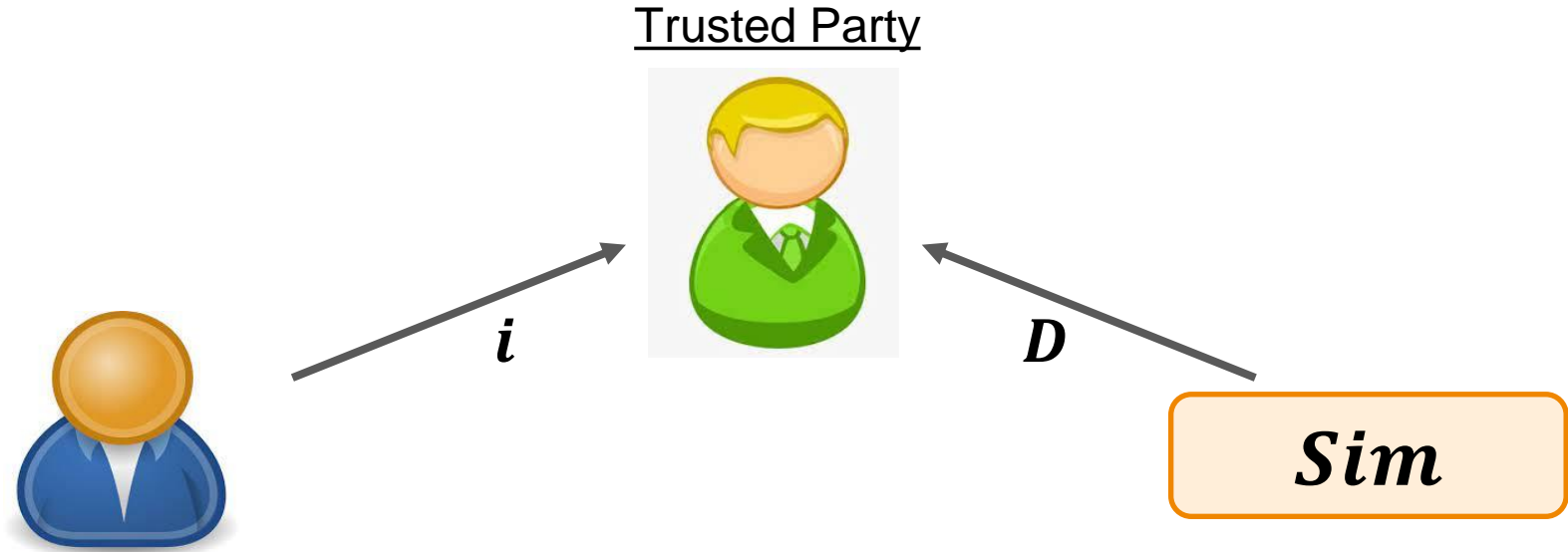
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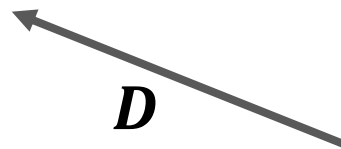


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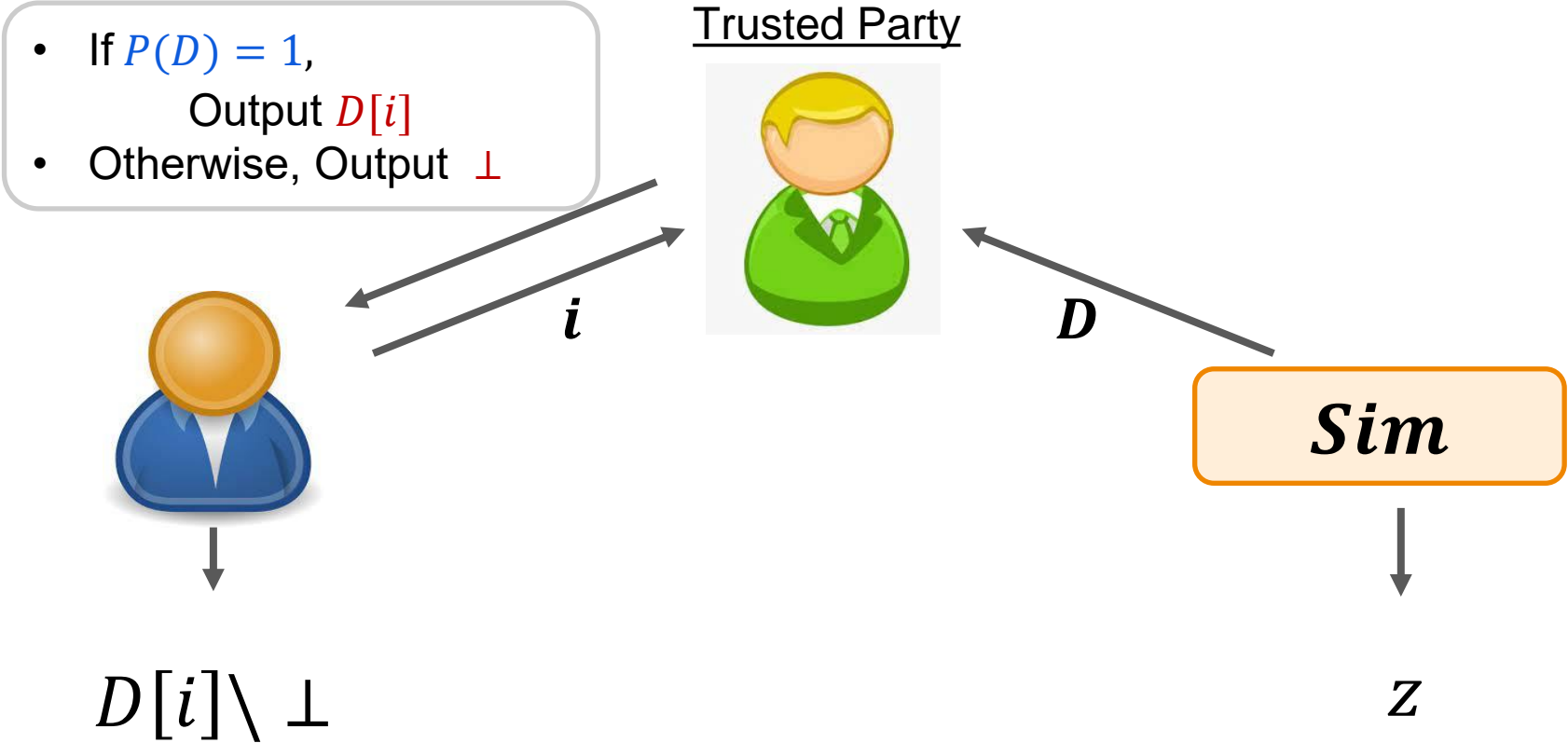


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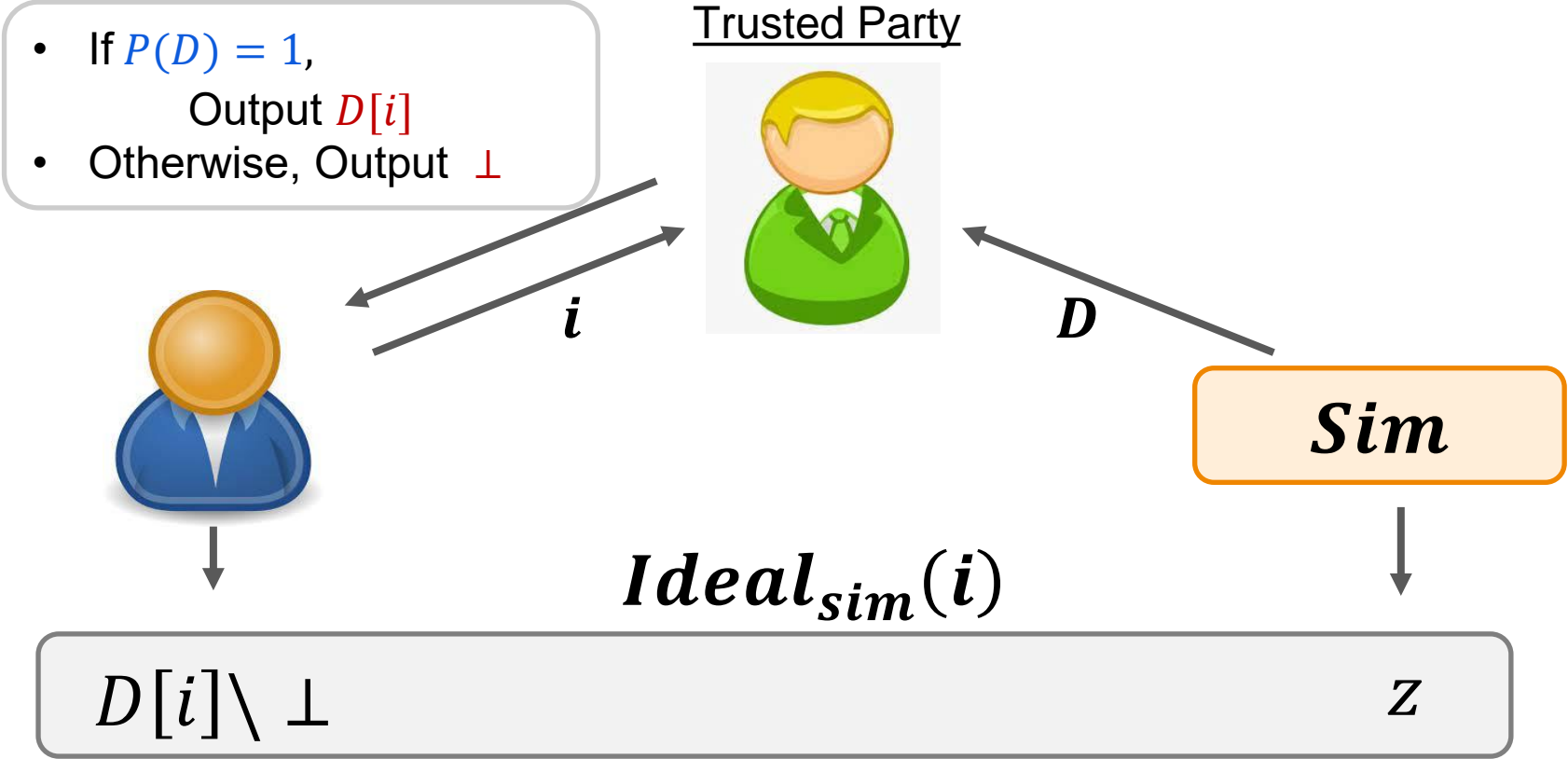


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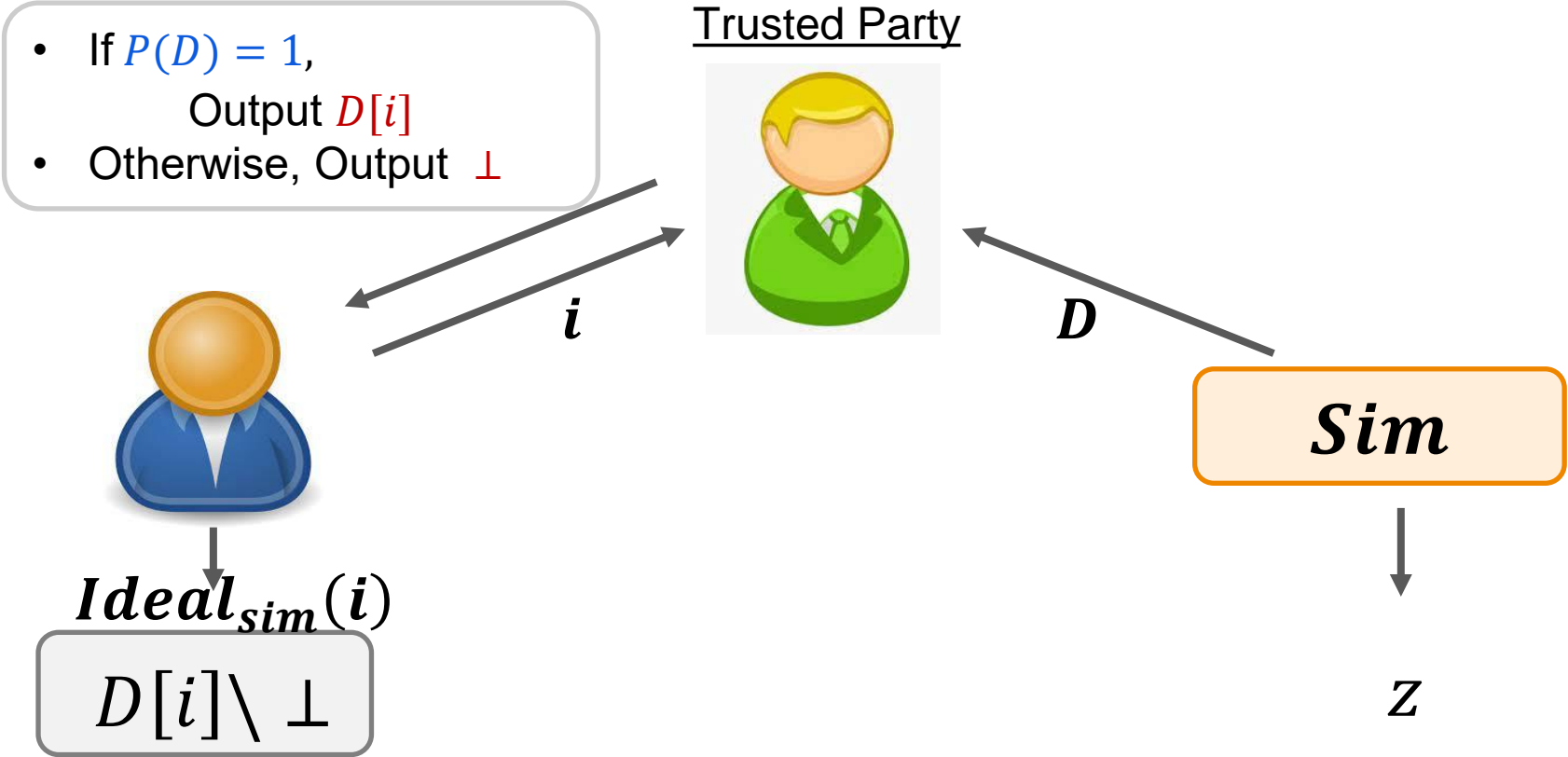
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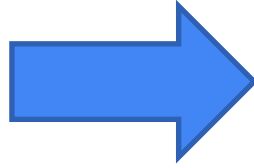
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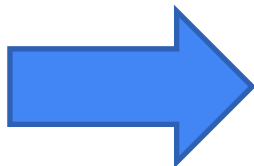


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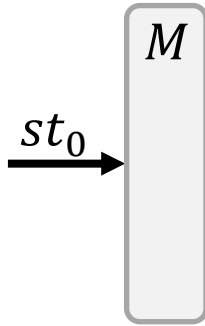
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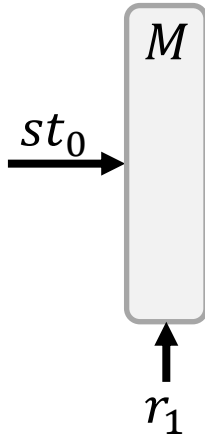
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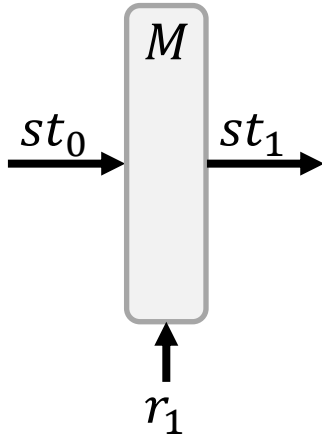
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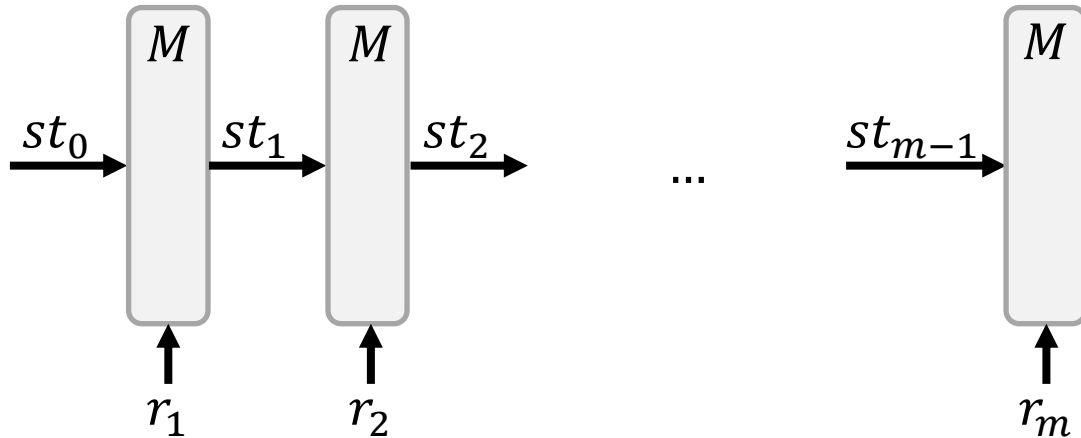
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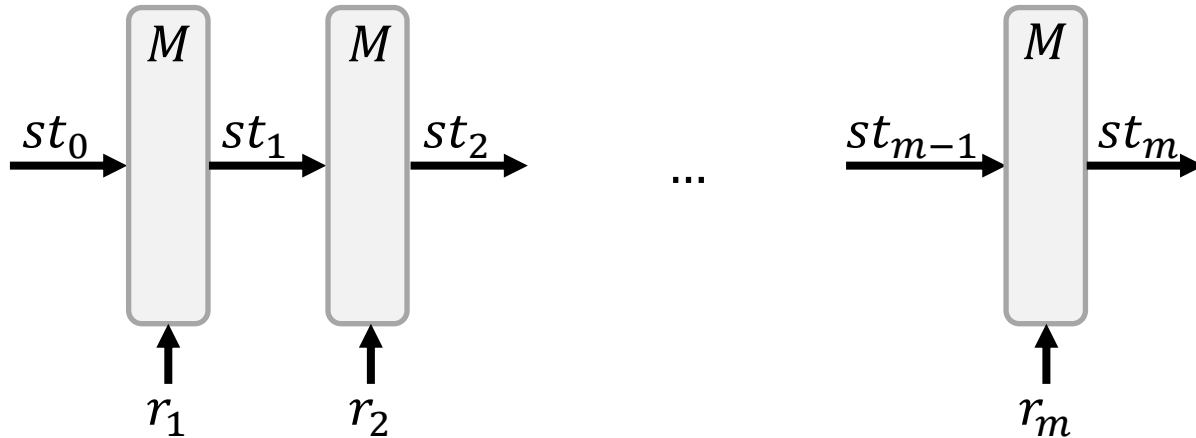
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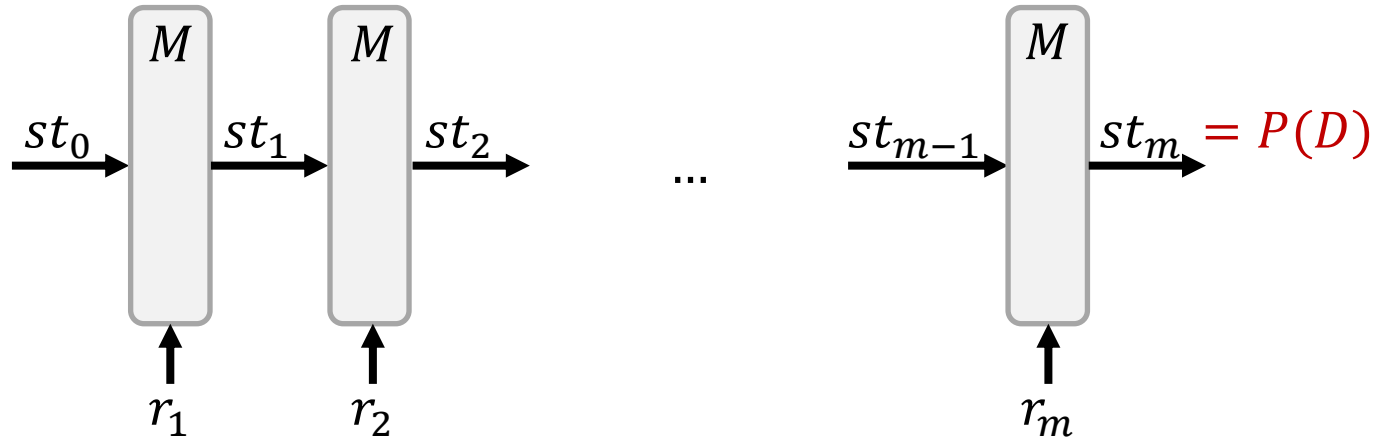
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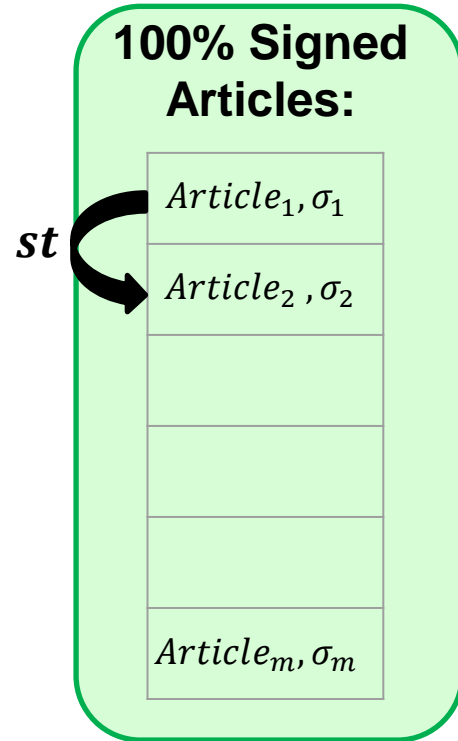
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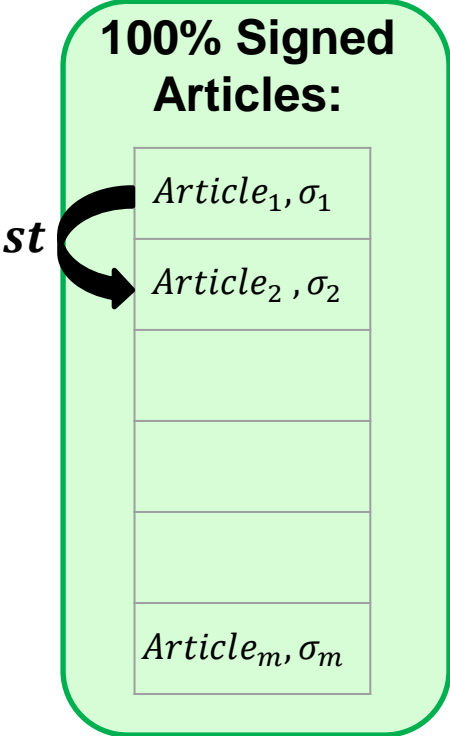
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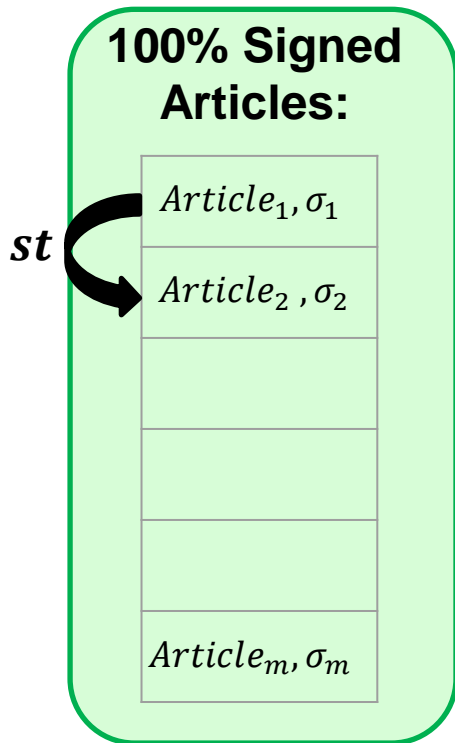
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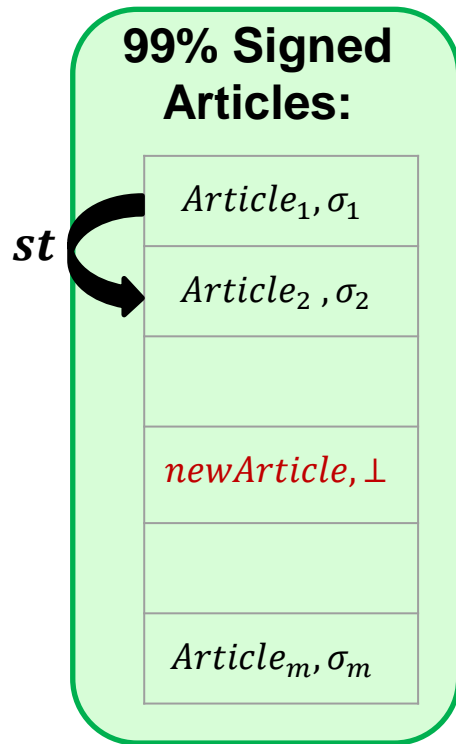
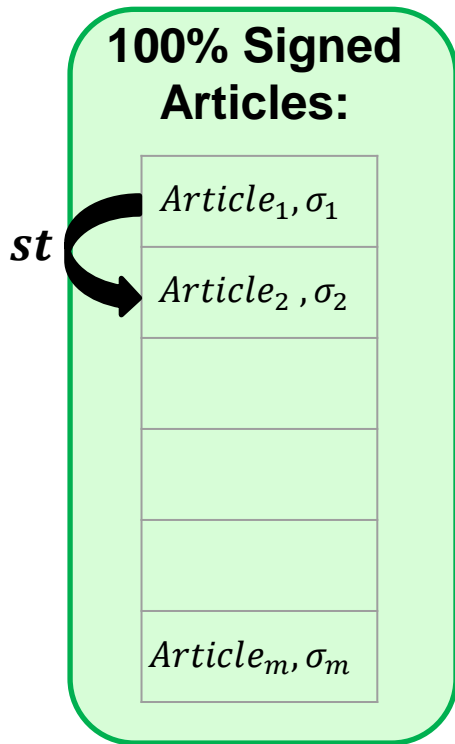
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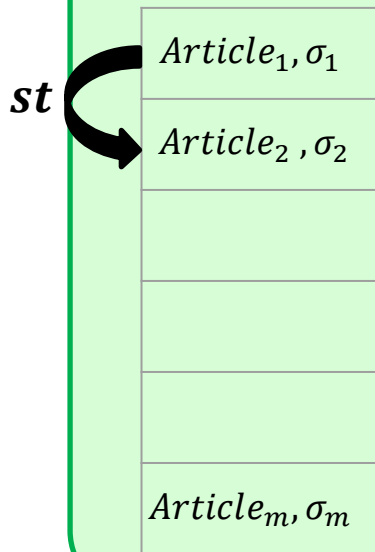
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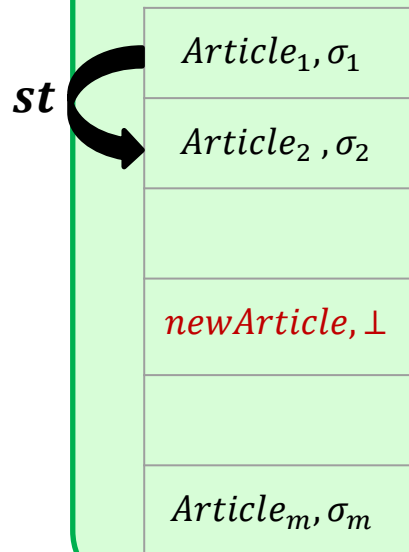
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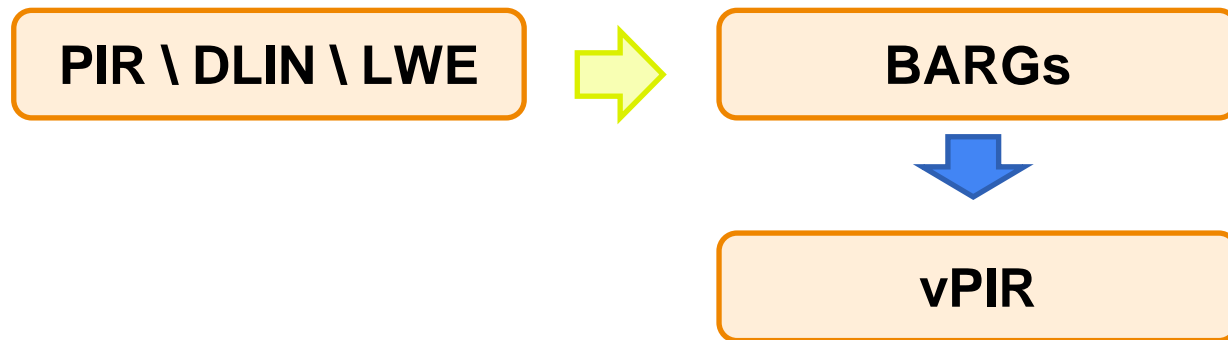
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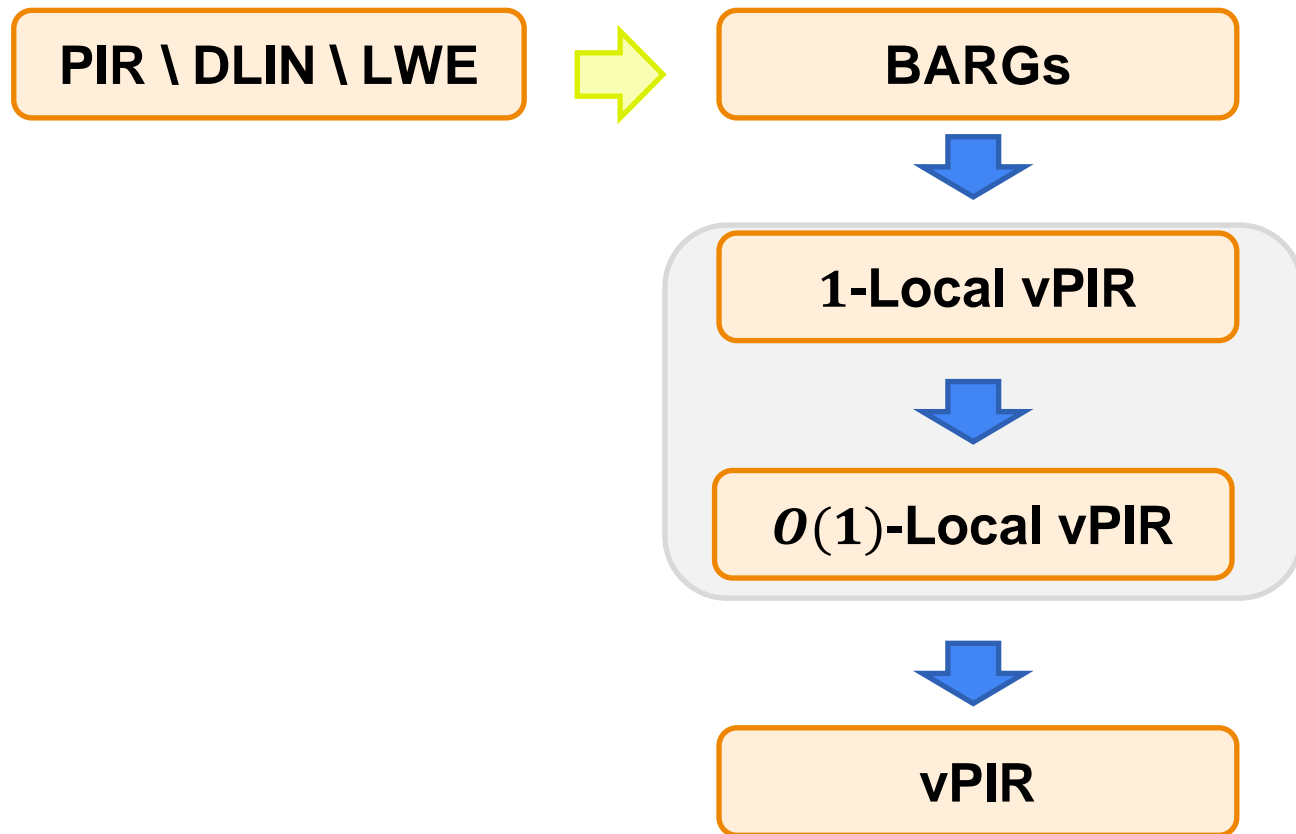


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