

# **A New Generic Transform from Multi-Round Interactive Proof to NIZK**

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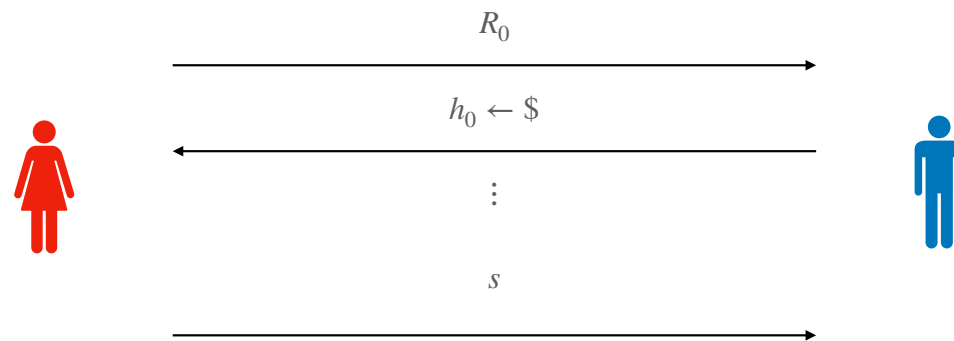
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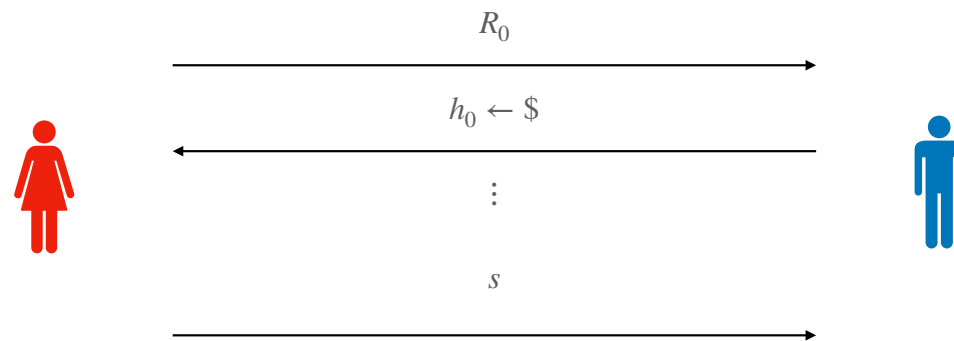
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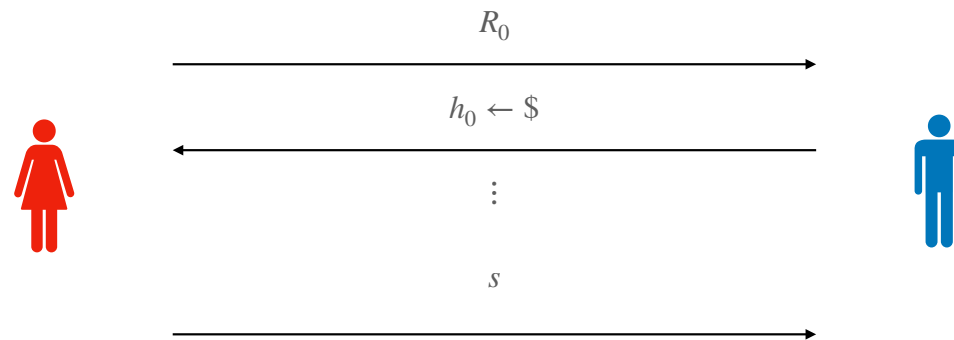
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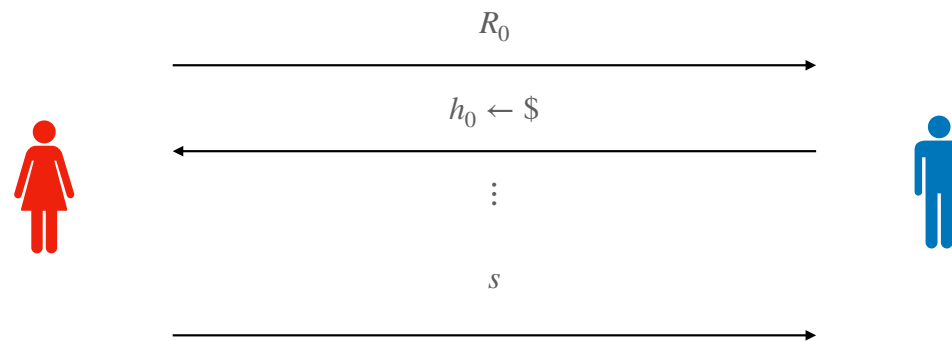
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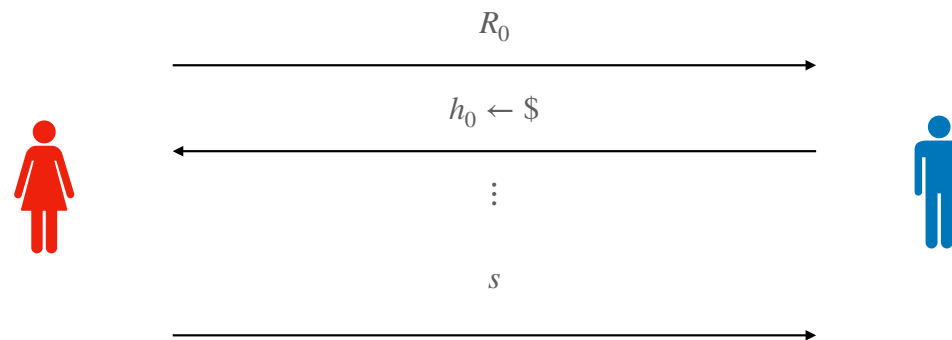
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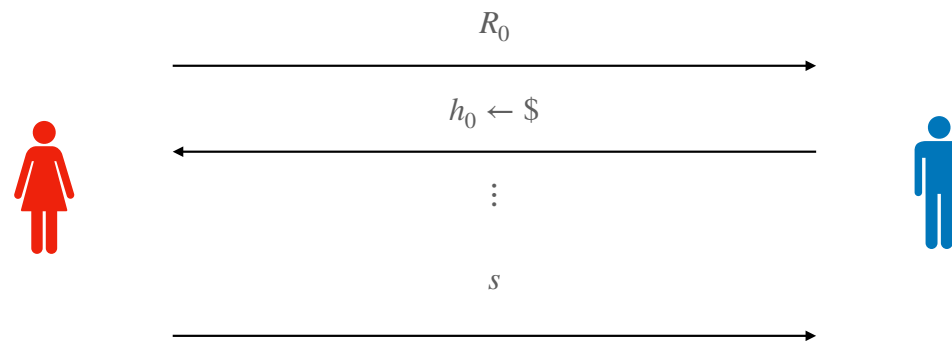
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- **Optimal:** Generalization of **special soundness**.

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