

# Laconic Branching Programs from the Diffie-Hellman Assumption

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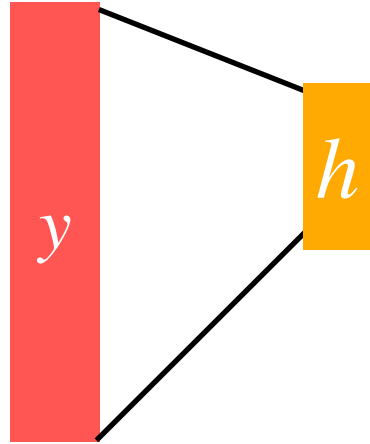
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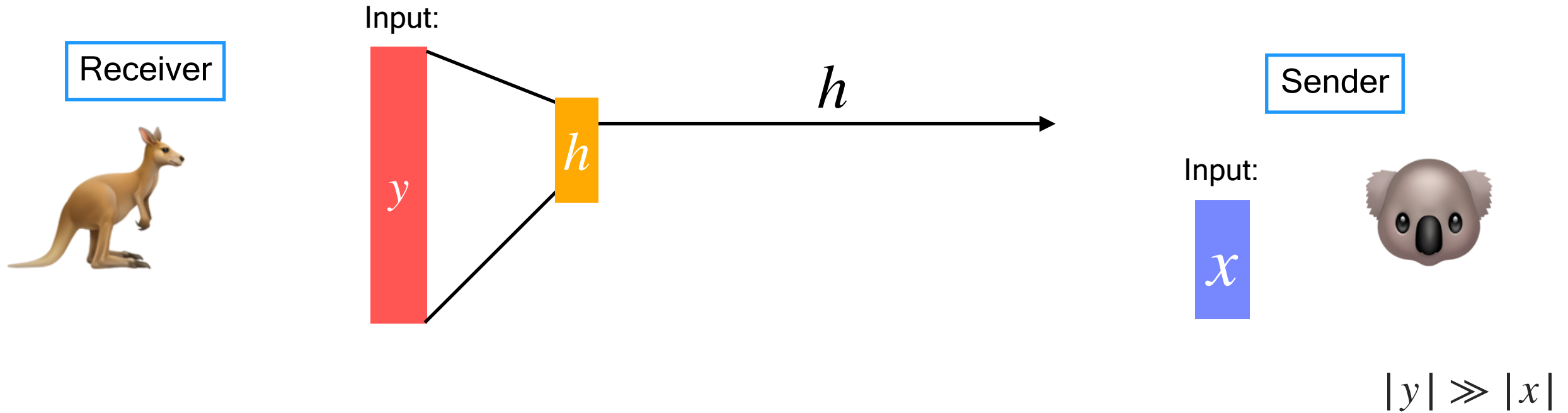
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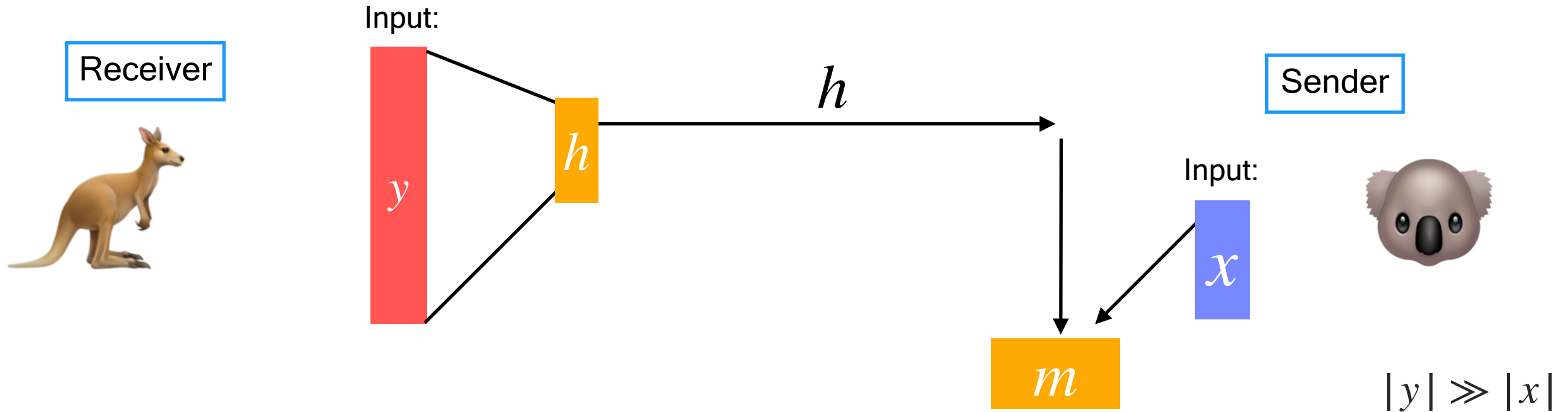


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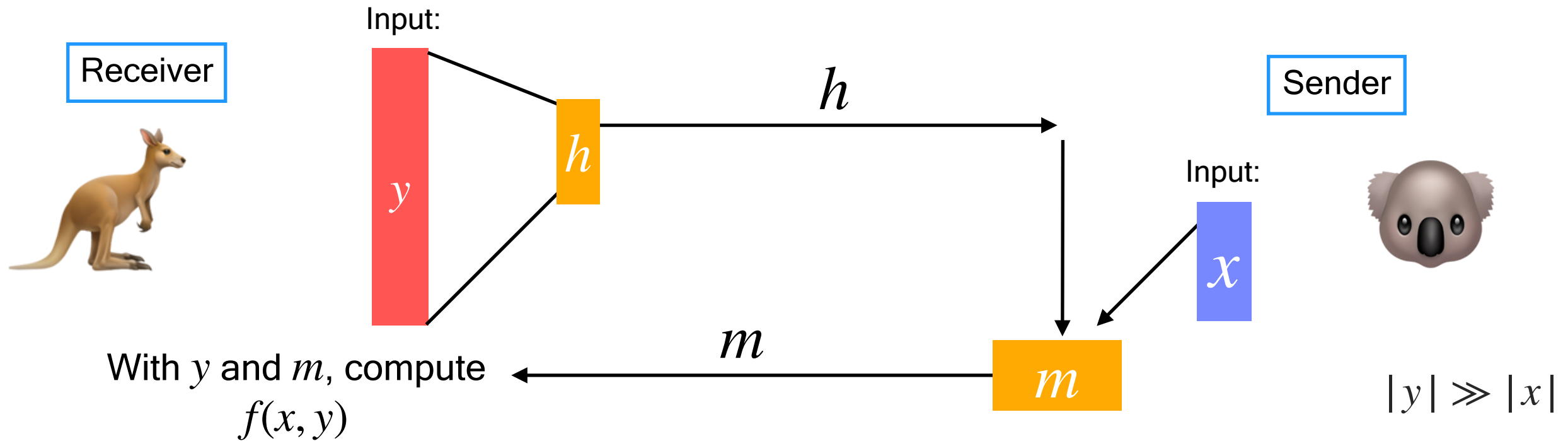
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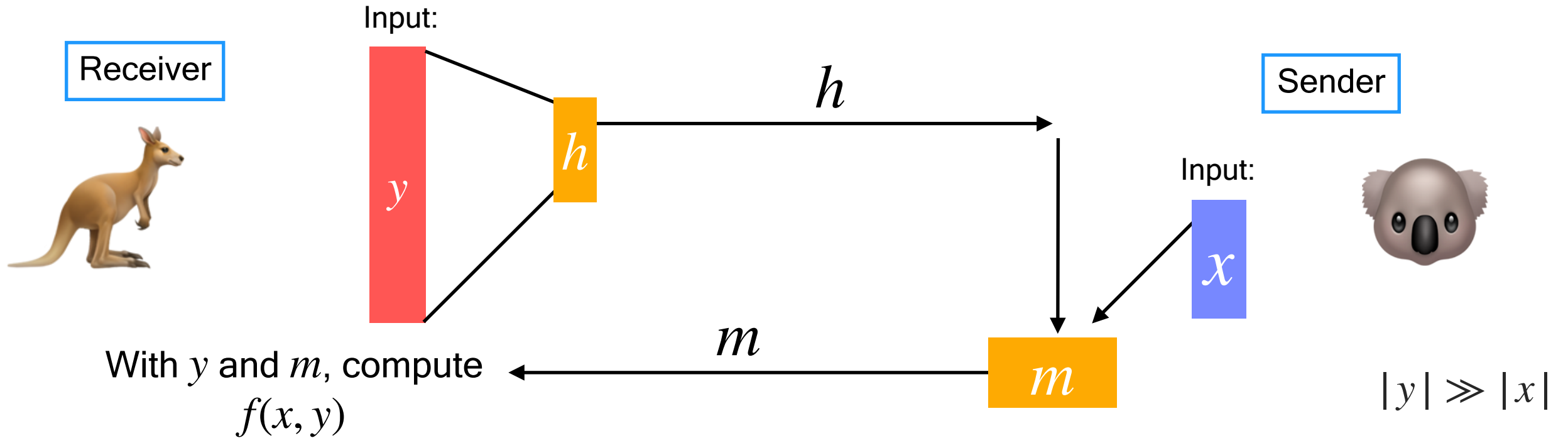
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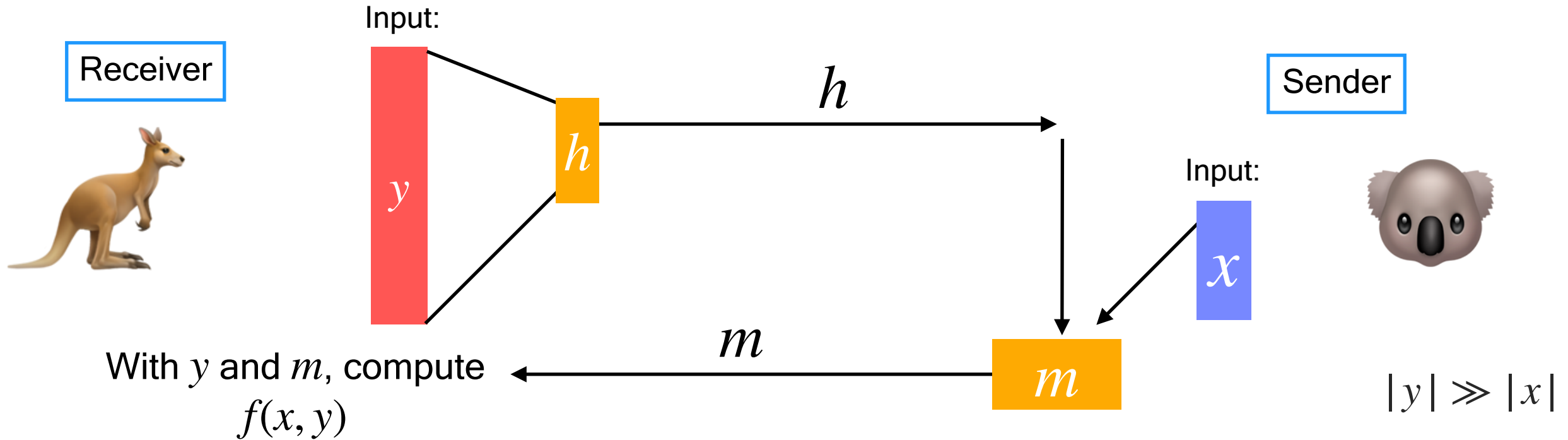
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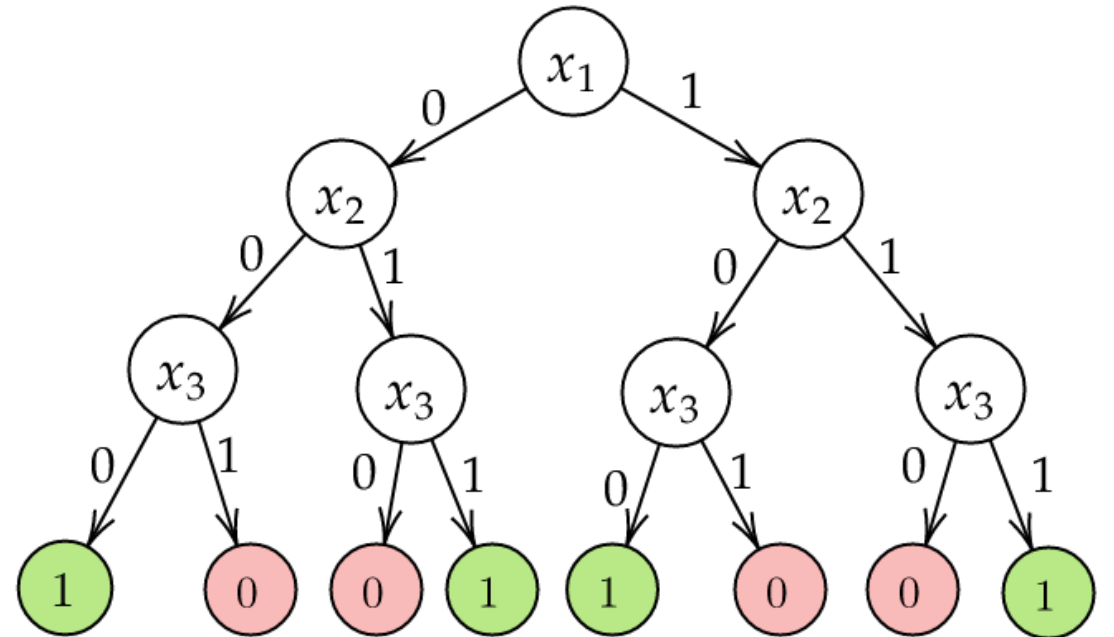
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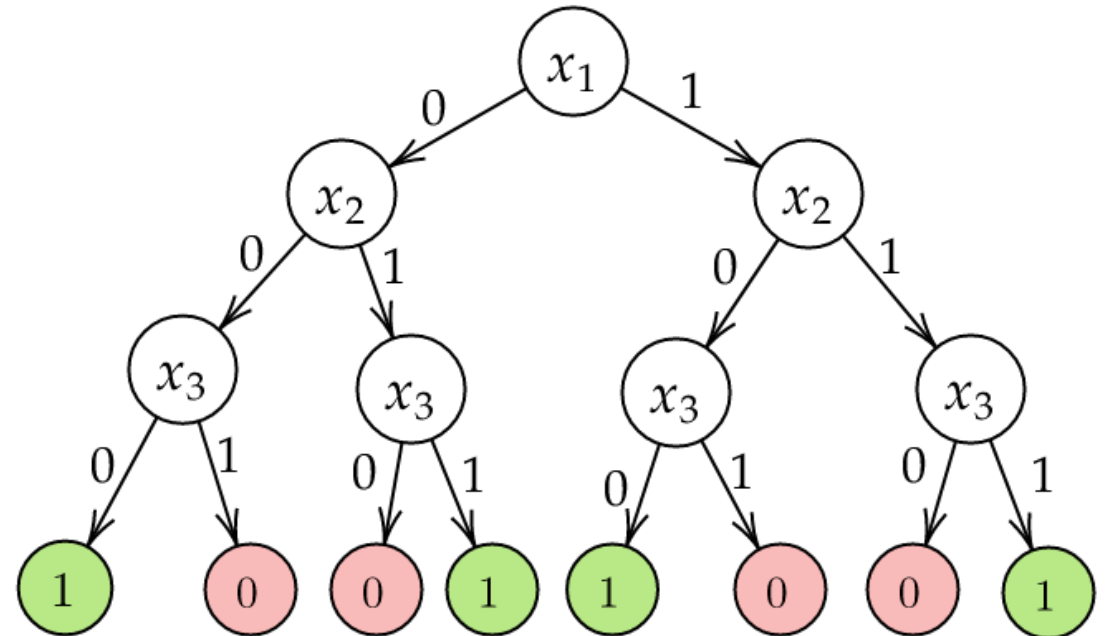
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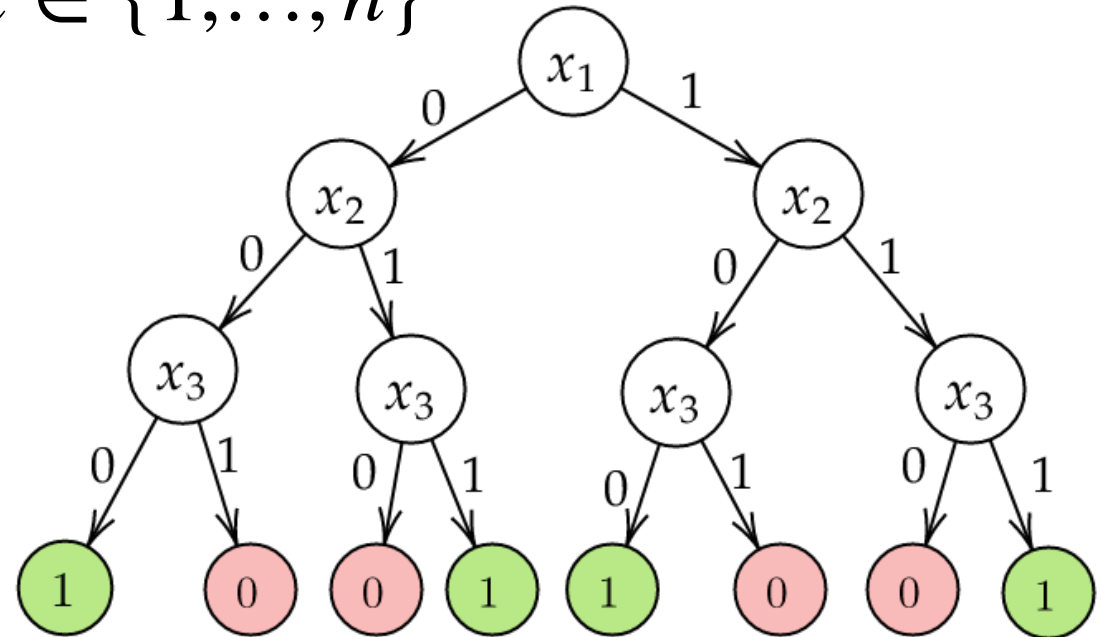
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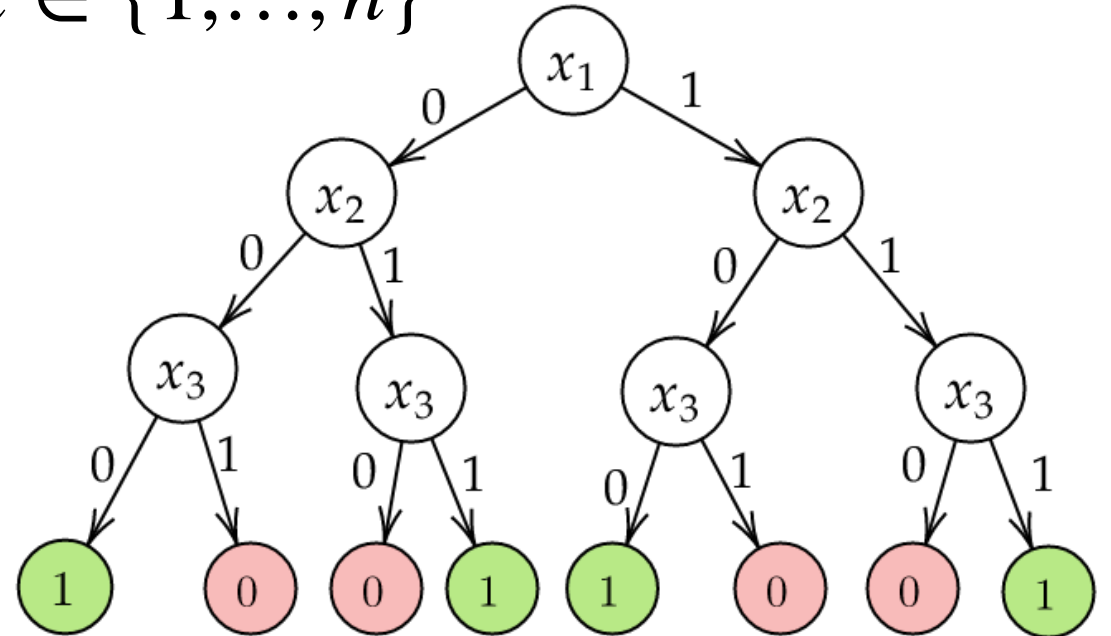




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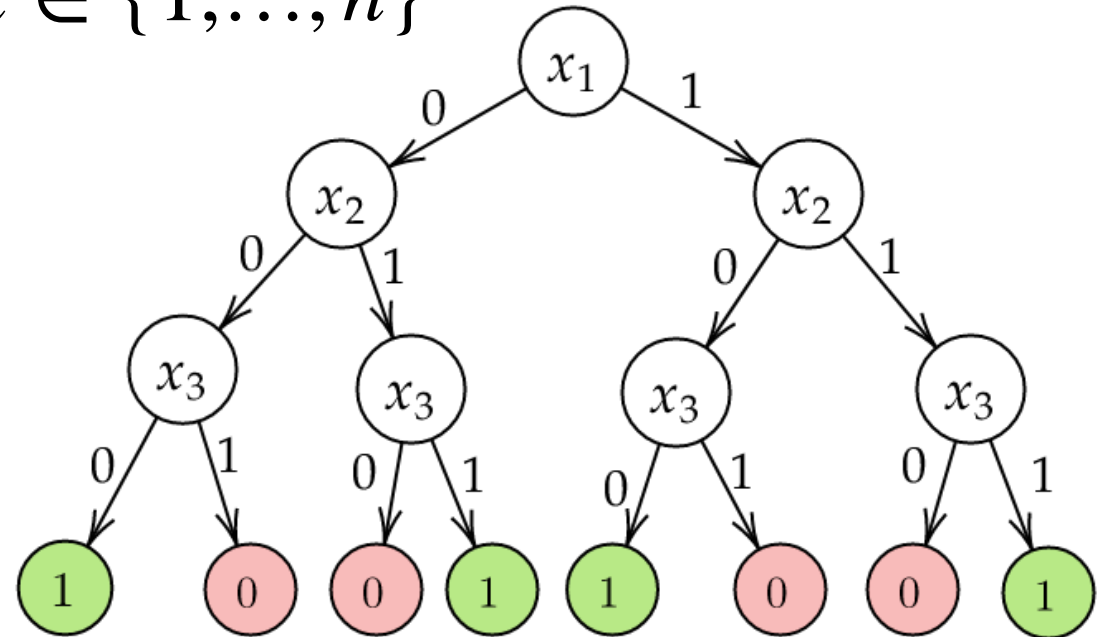
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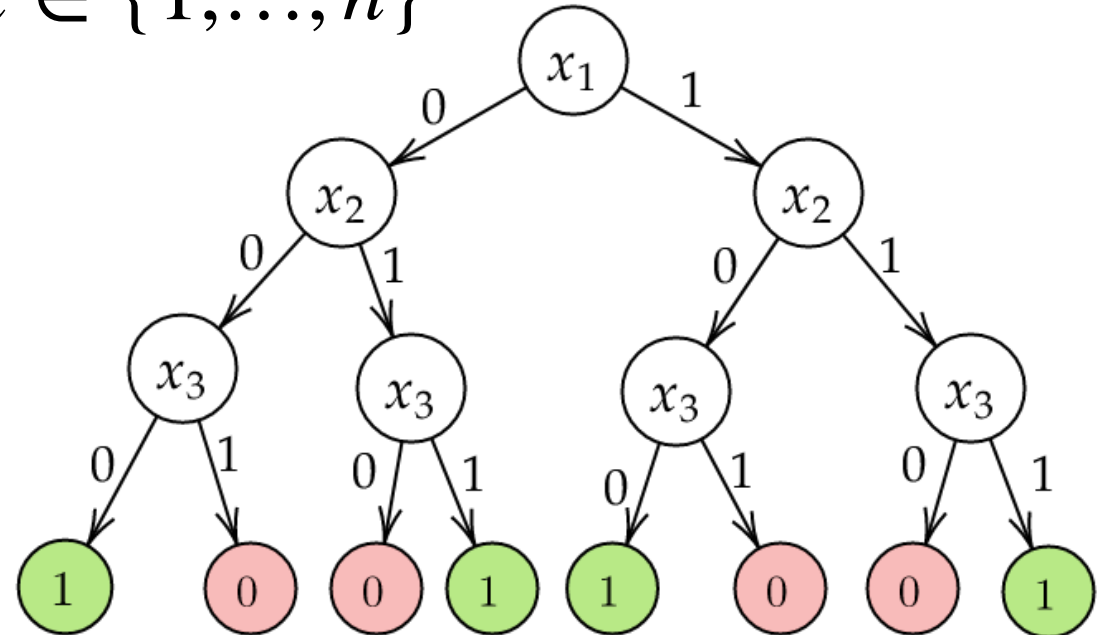
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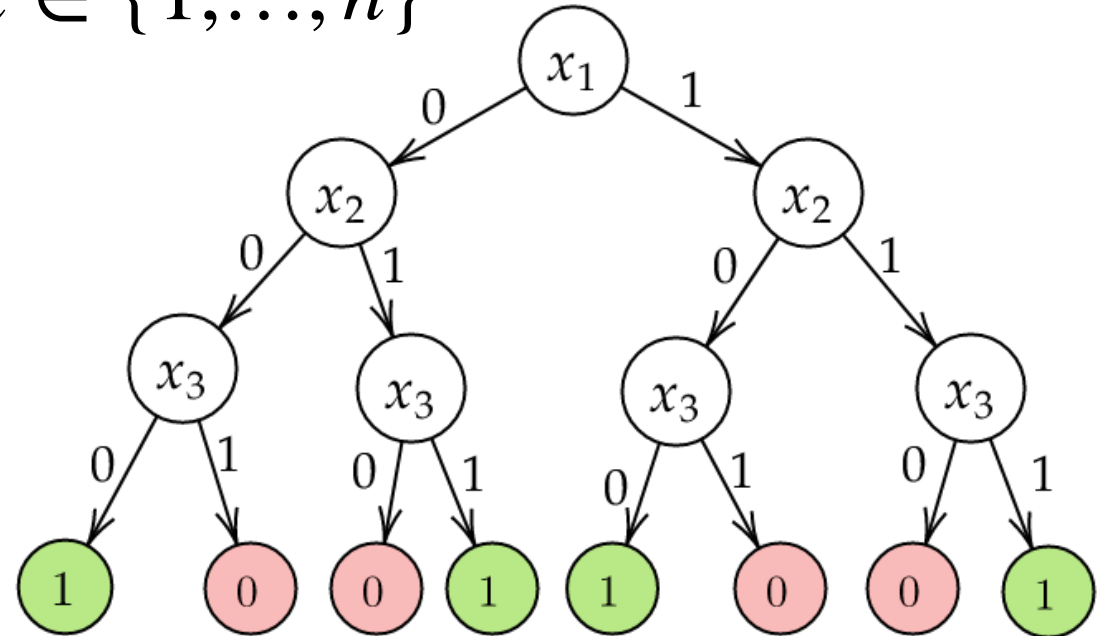
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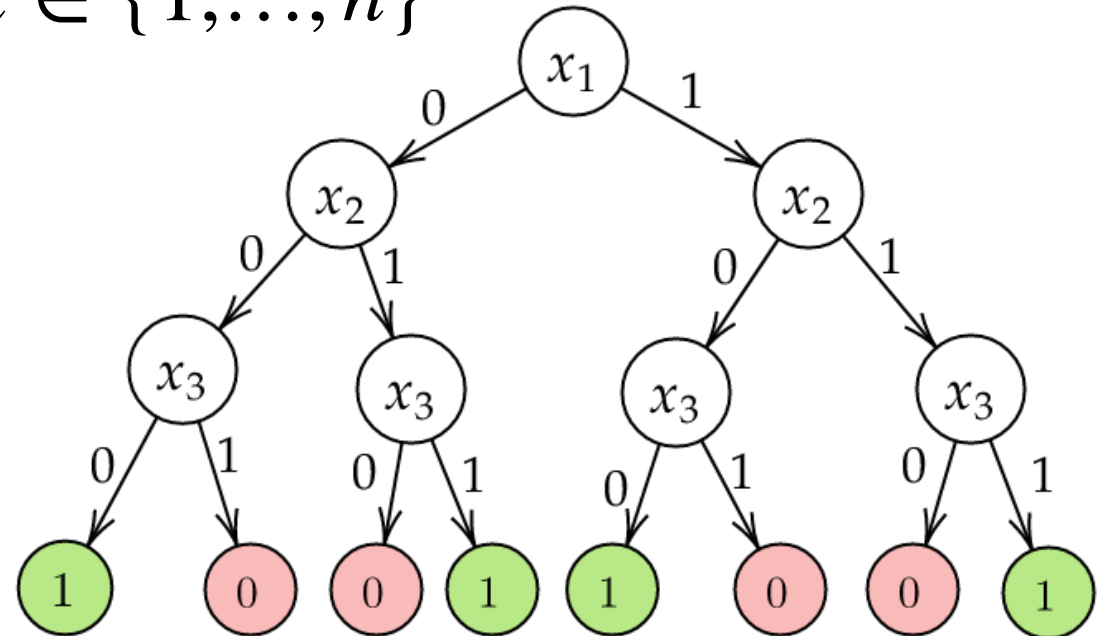
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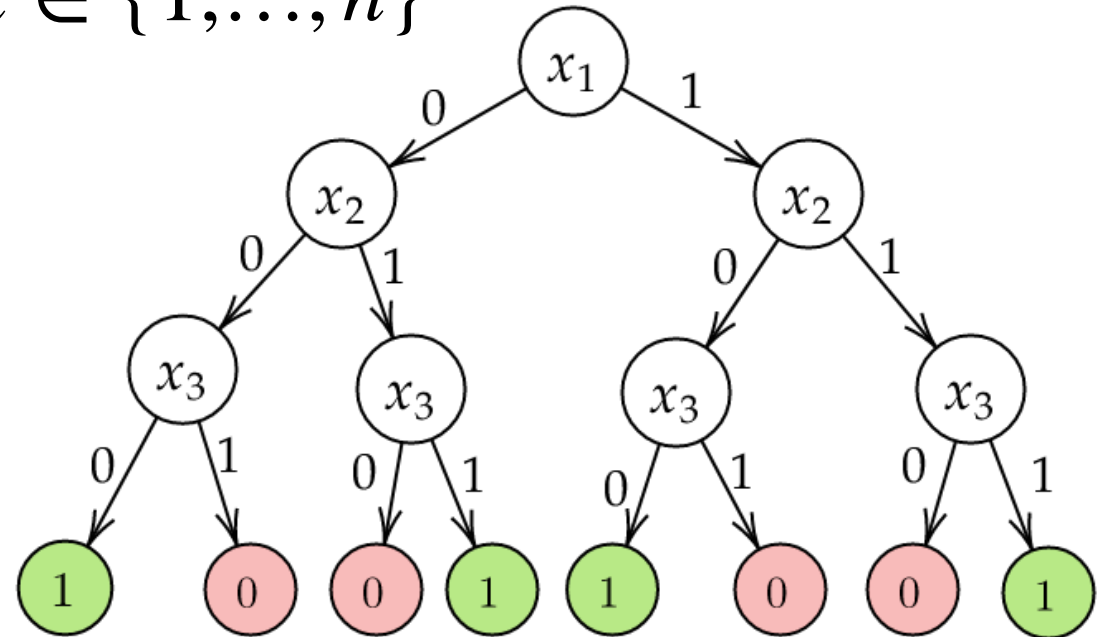
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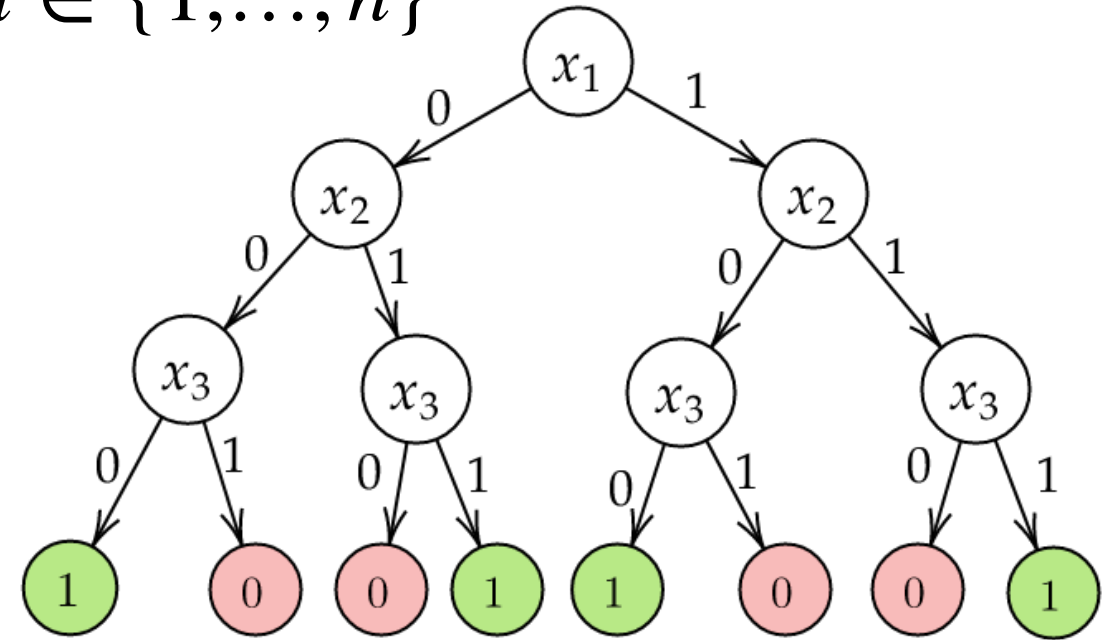
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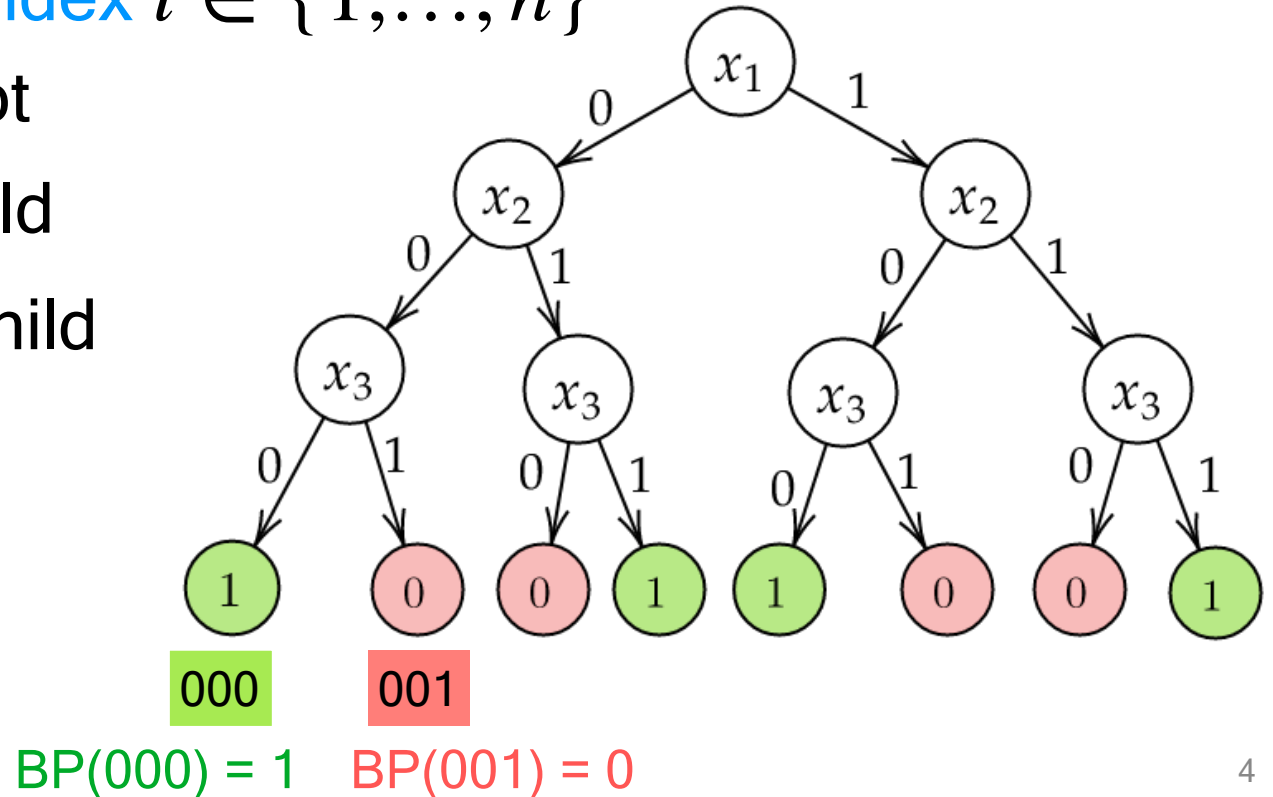
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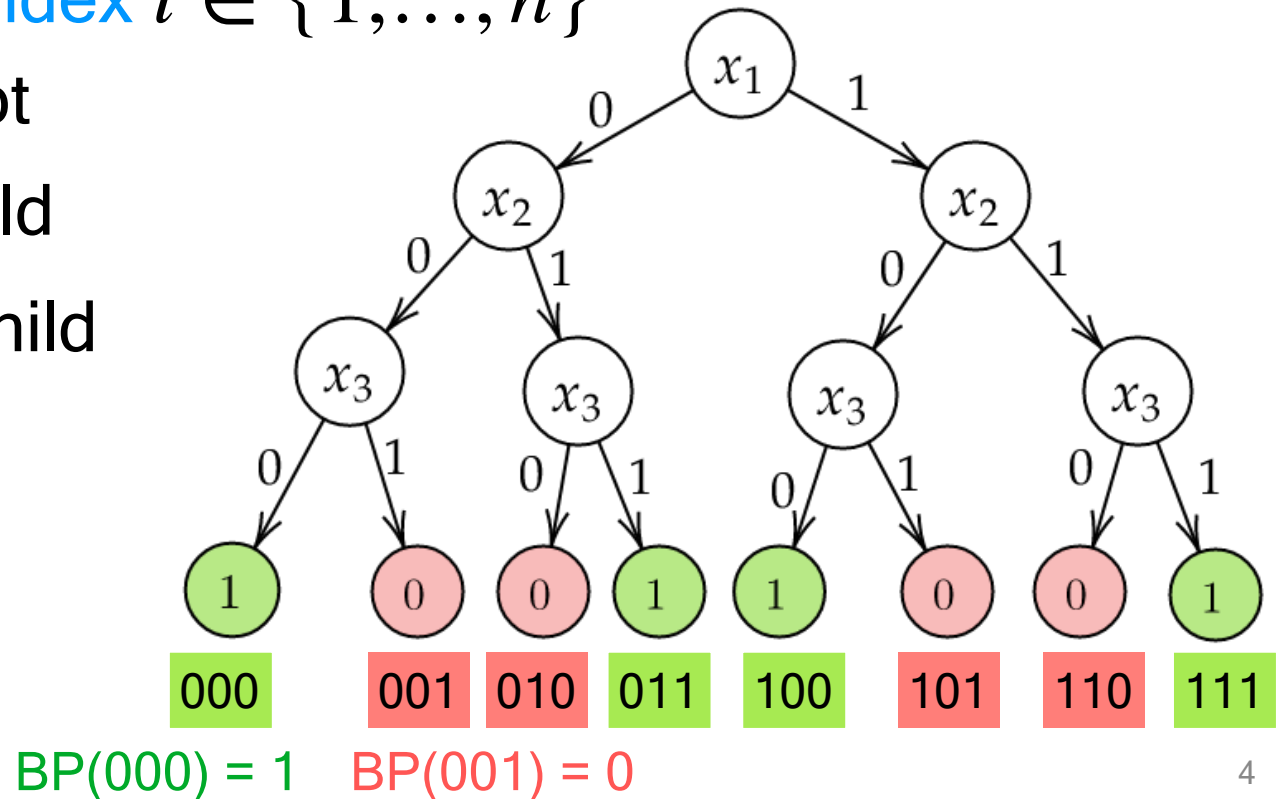




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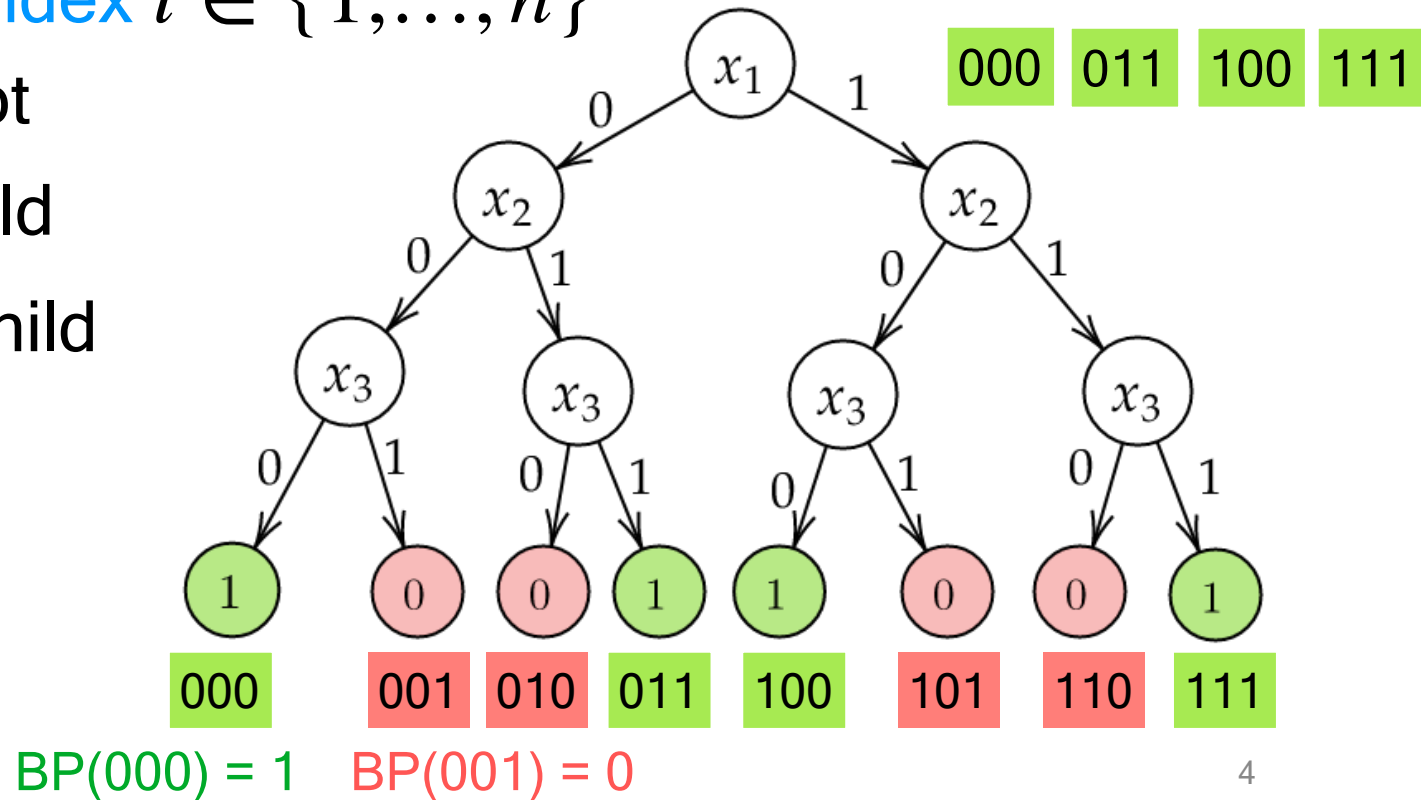
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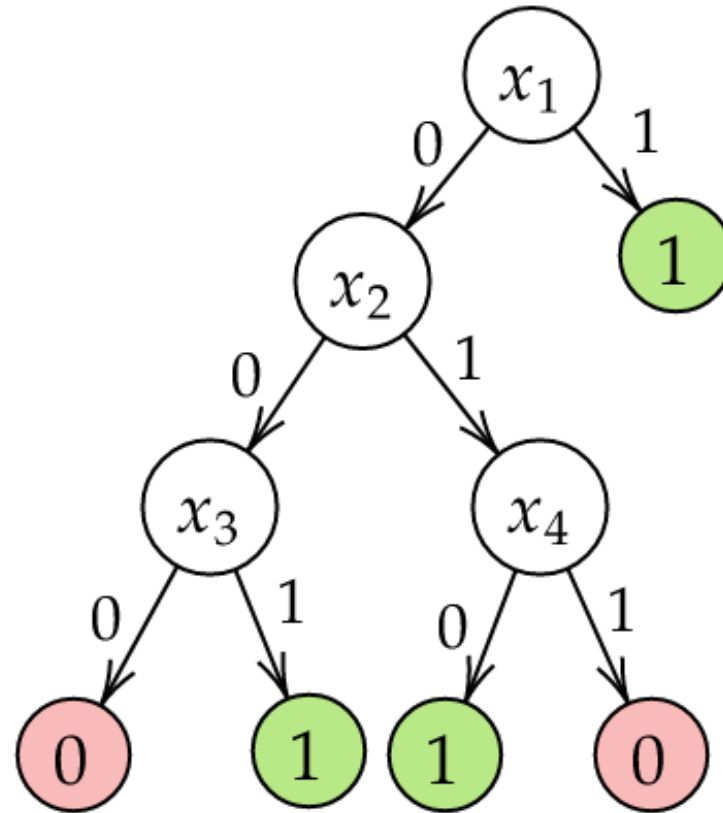
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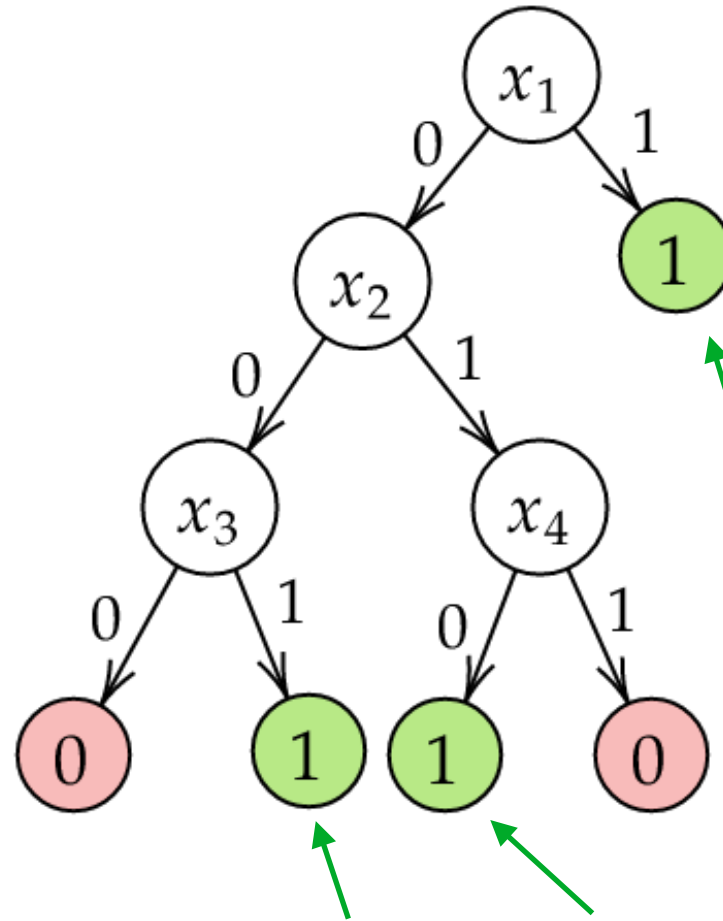
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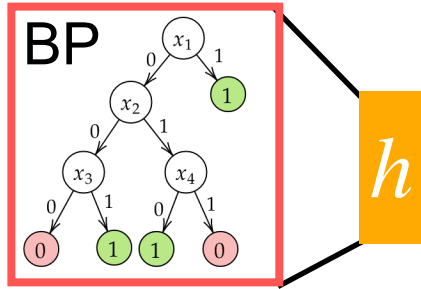
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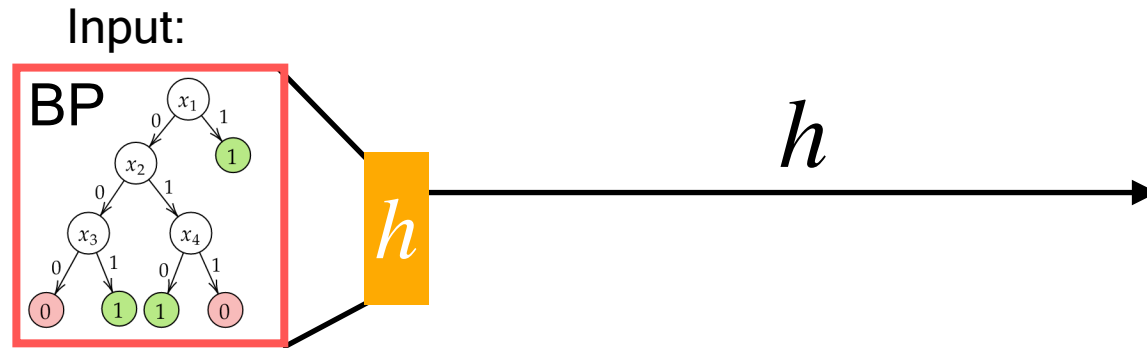
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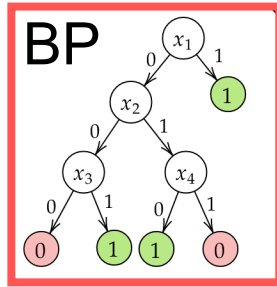
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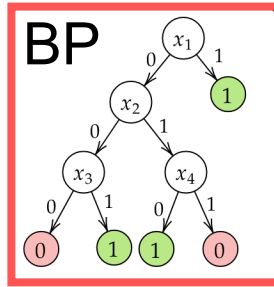
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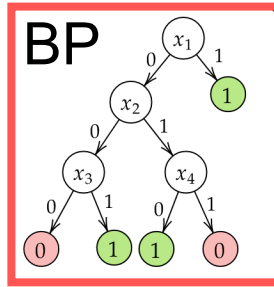


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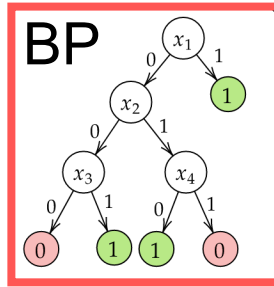
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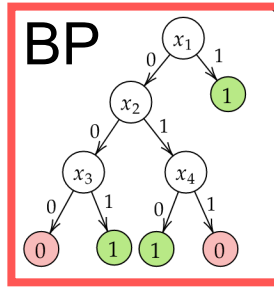
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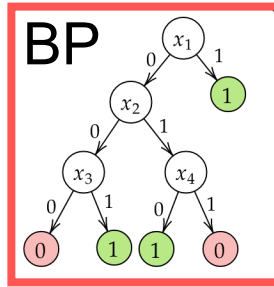
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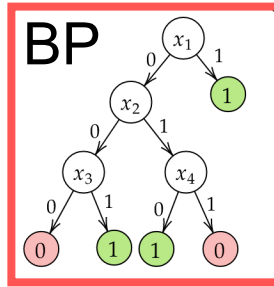
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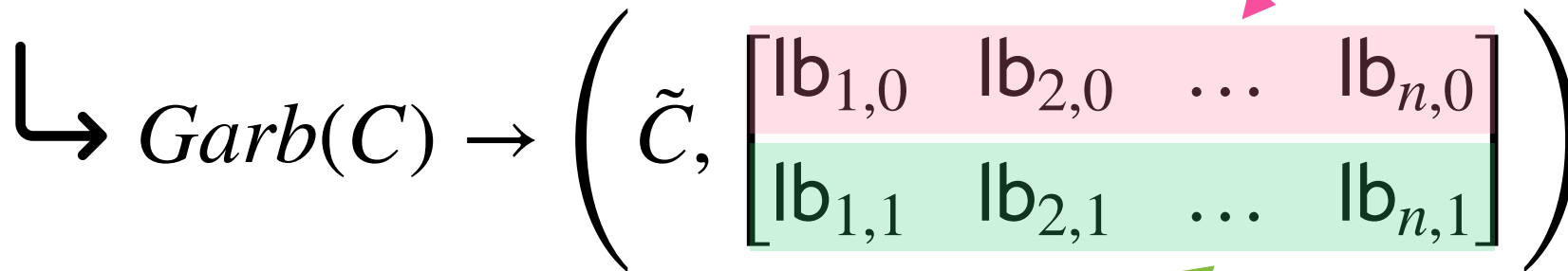
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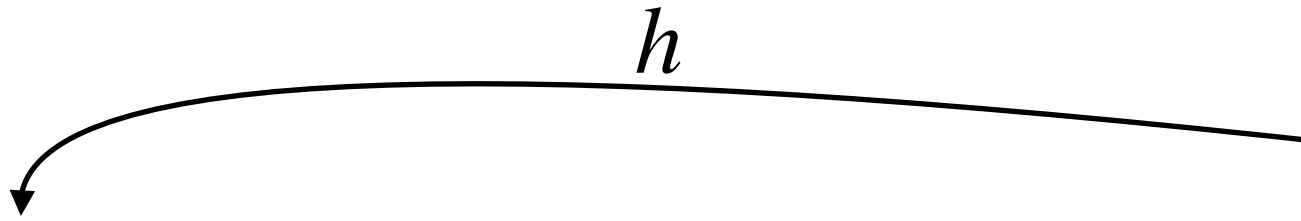


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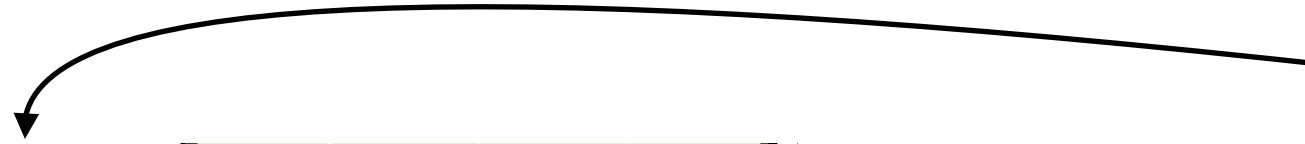
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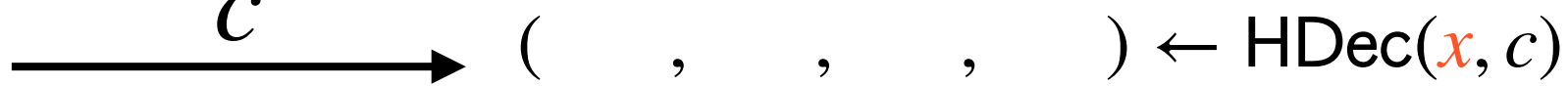


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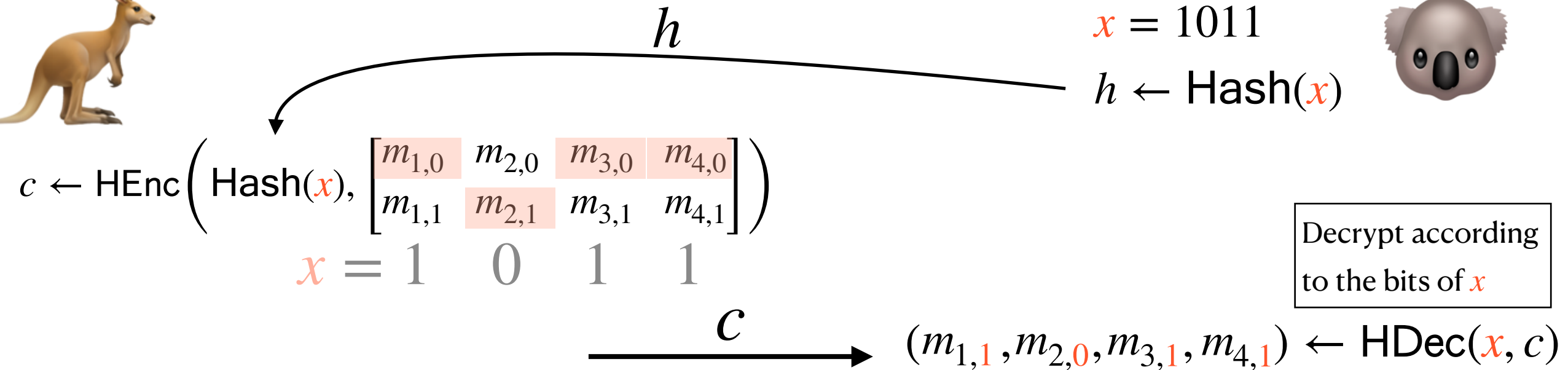
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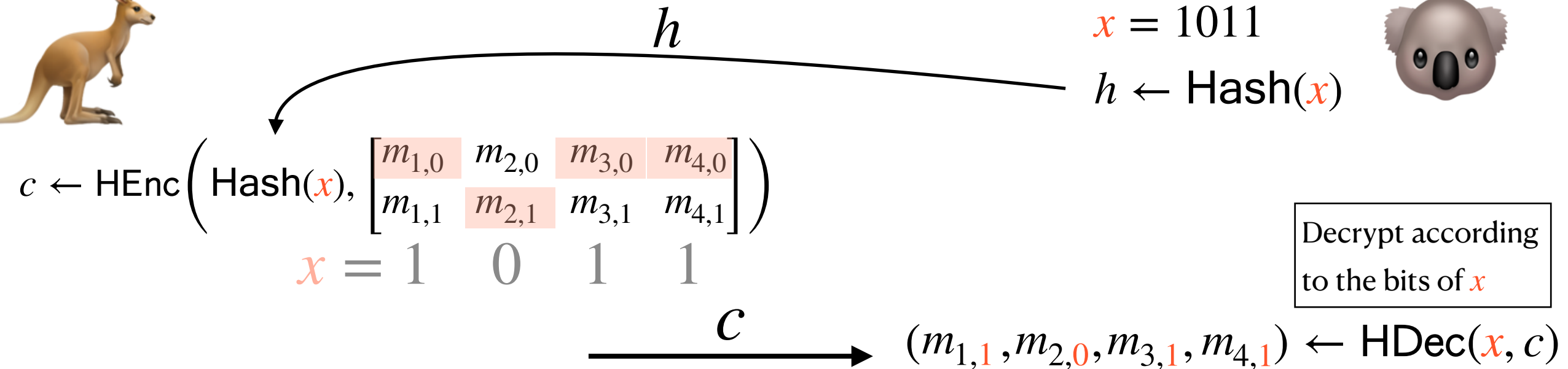
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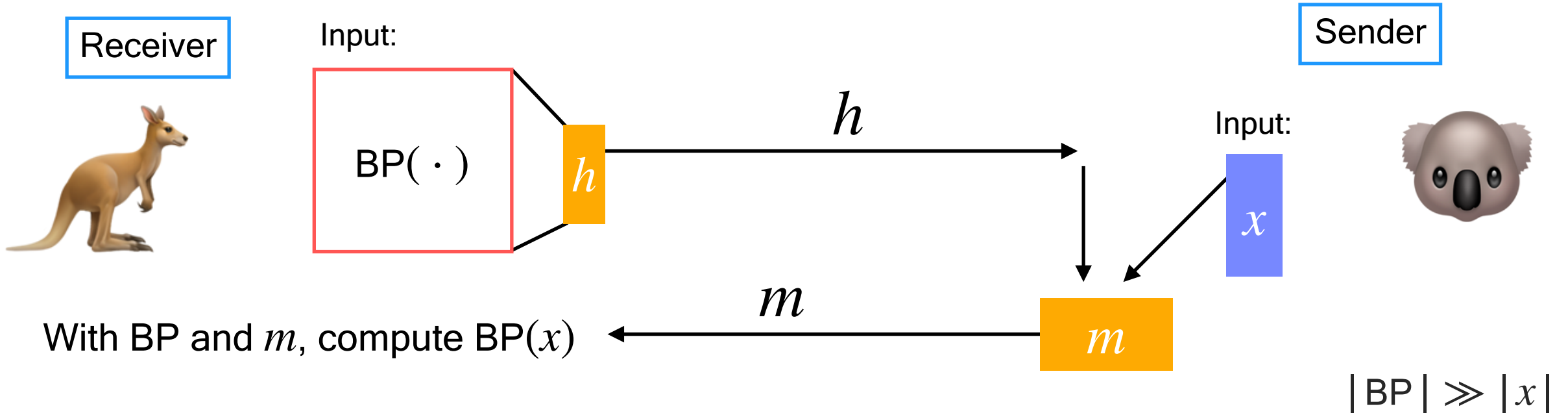
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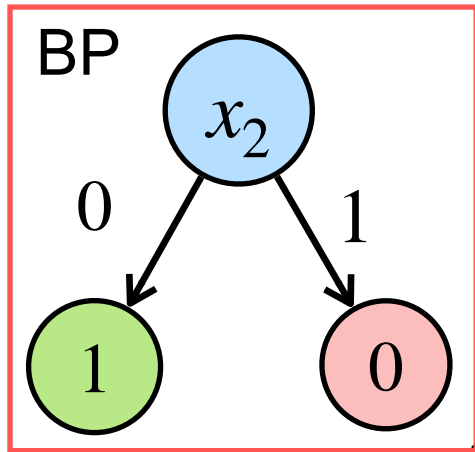


- Only **1 round** of communication allowed (2 messages)
- Communication size grows with:
  - the **size** of the sender's element:  $|x|$
  - the max **depth** of the receiver's BP
- Communication complexity does not otherwise depend on  $|BP|$

# Construction – depth 1 example

Receiver

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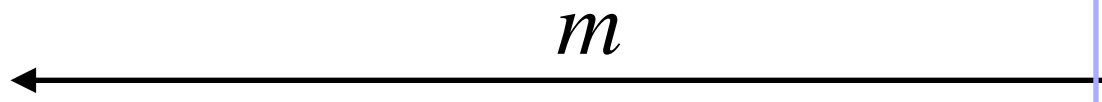
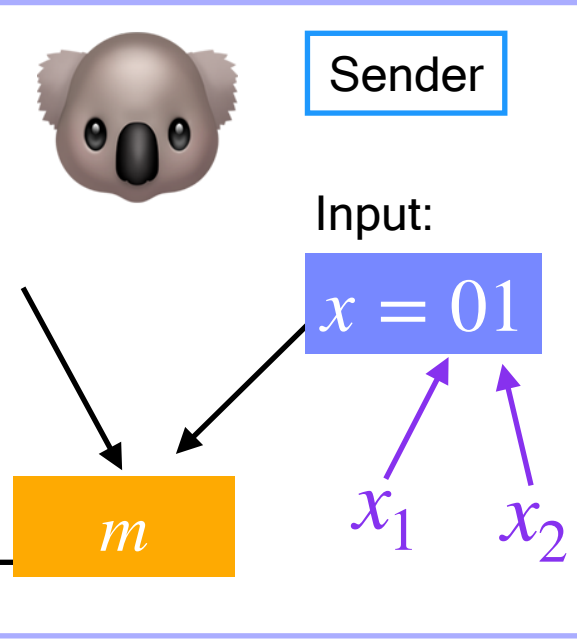
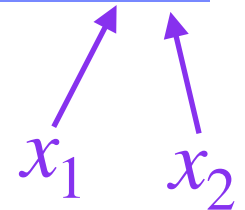


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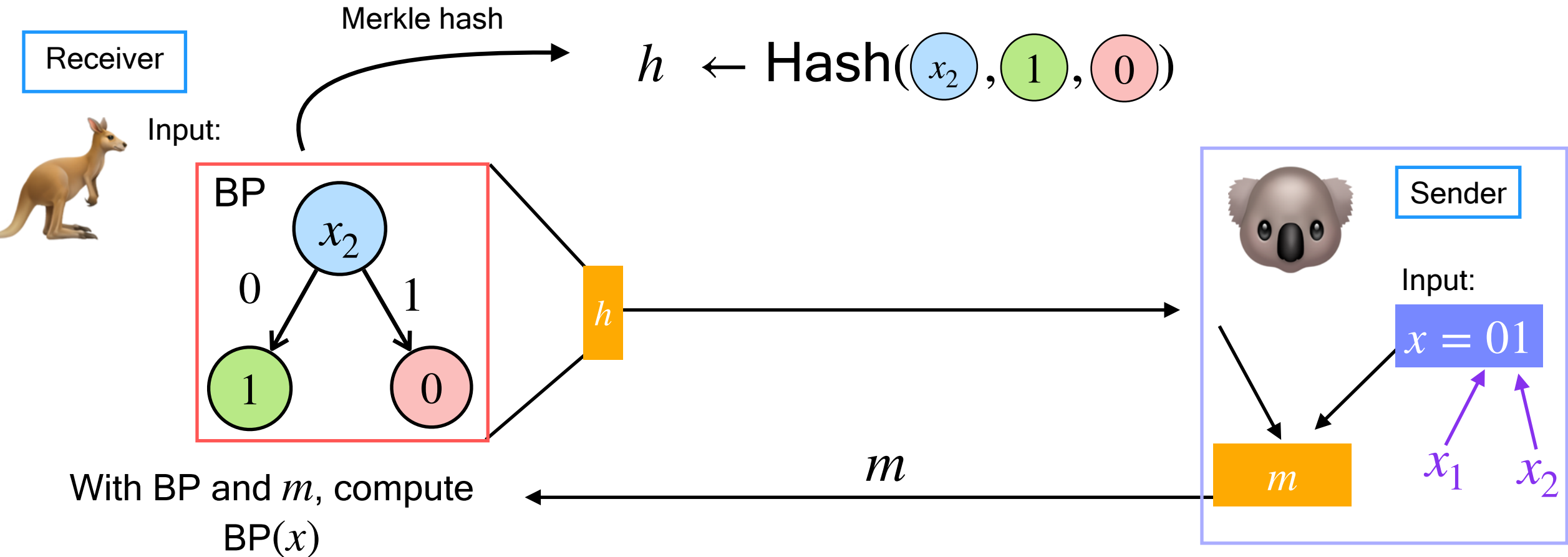
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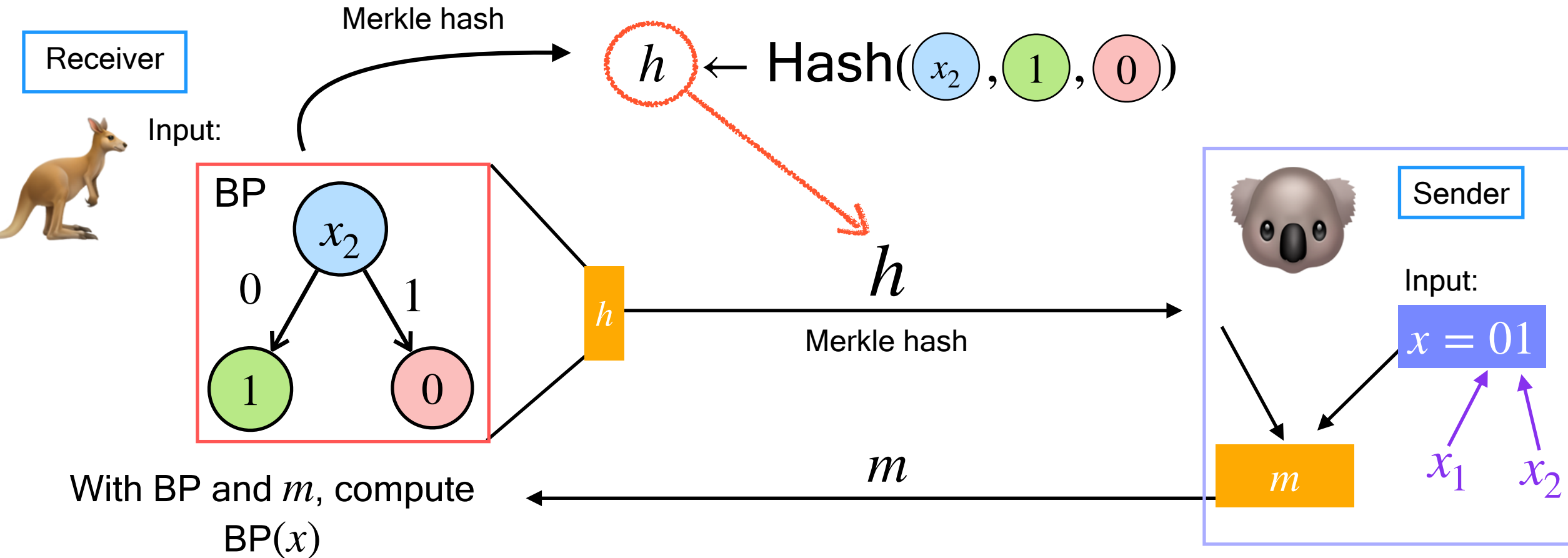
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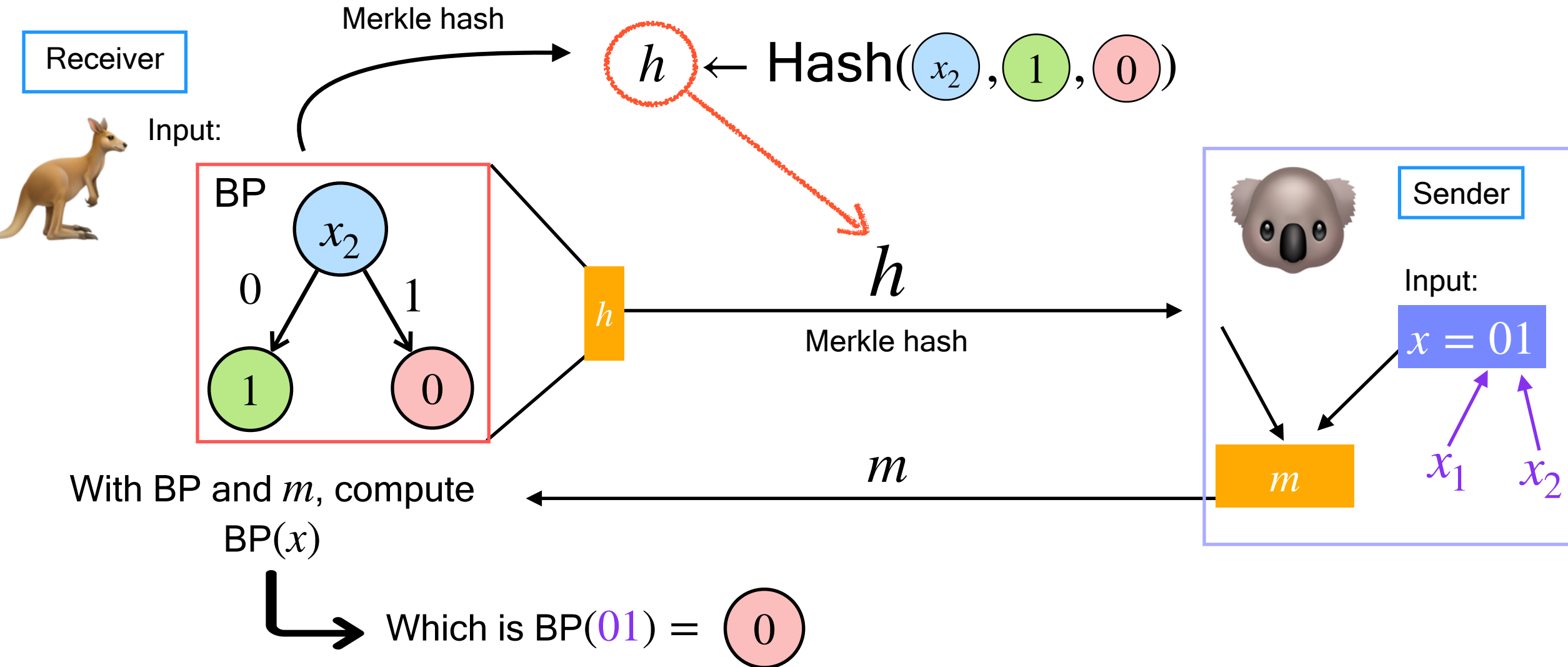




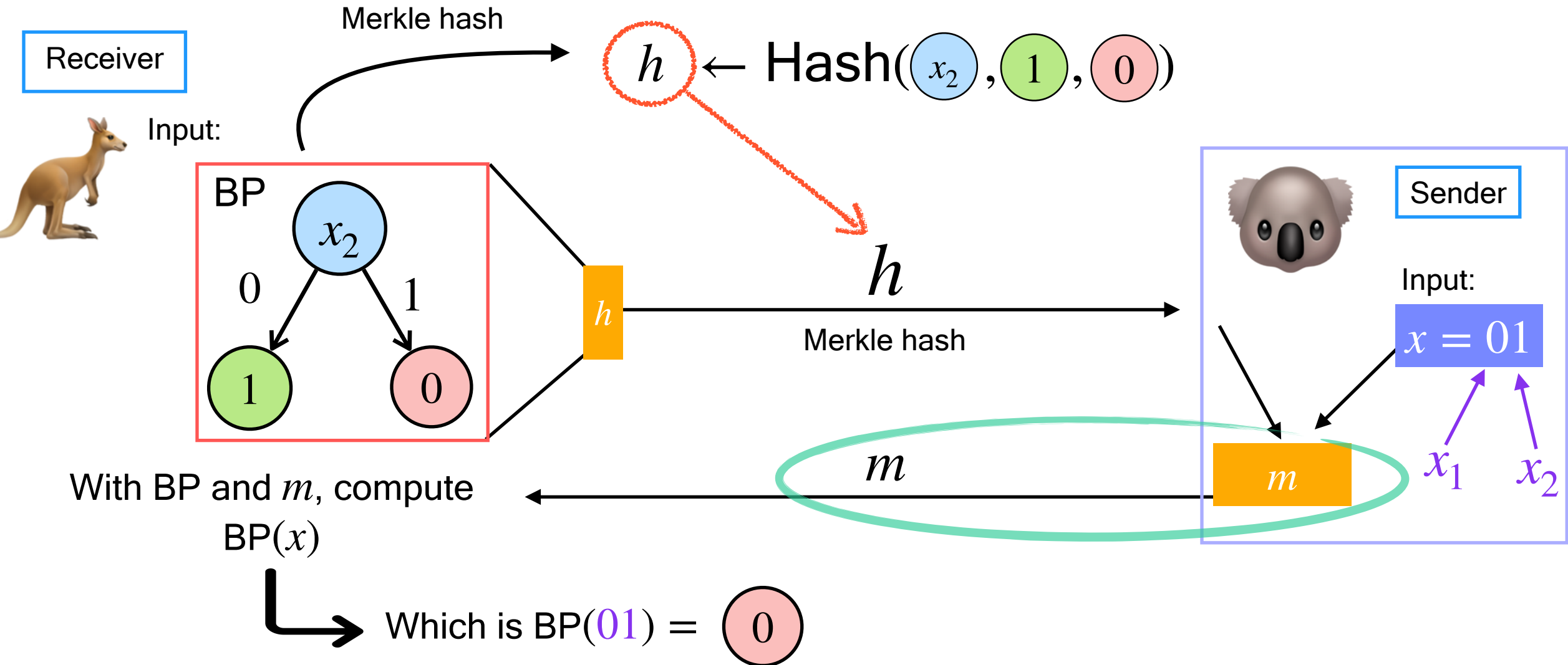
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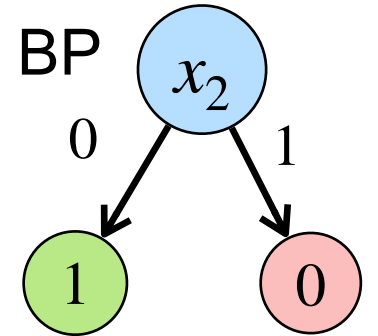


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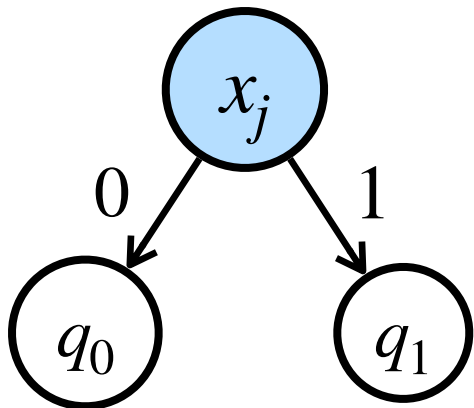
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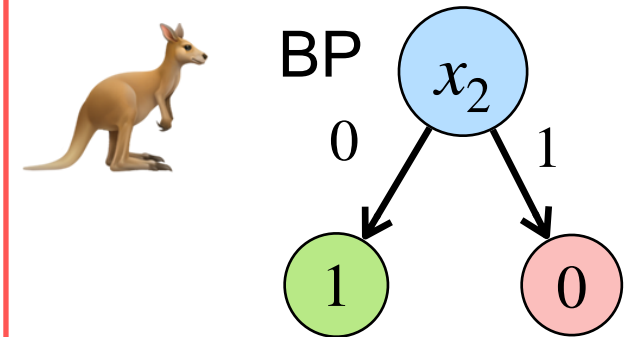
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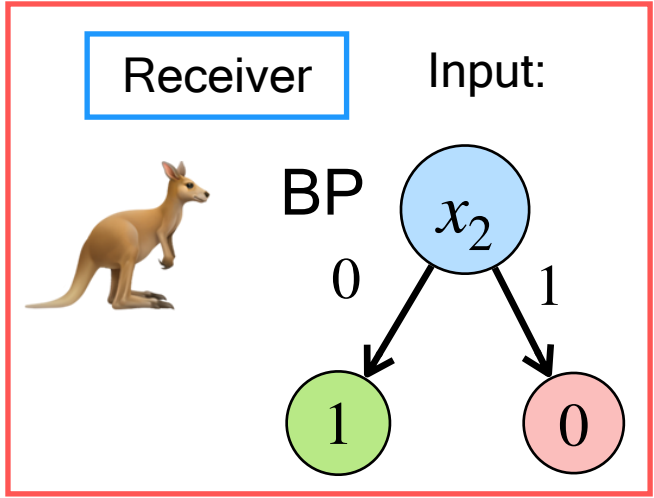
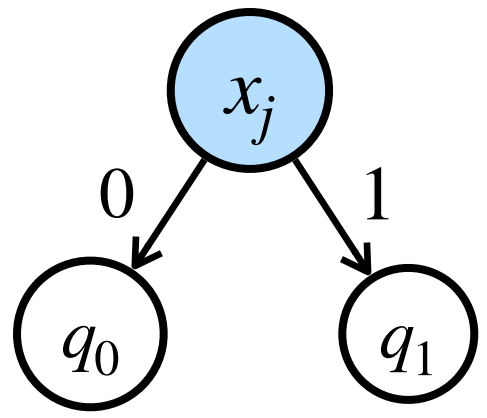
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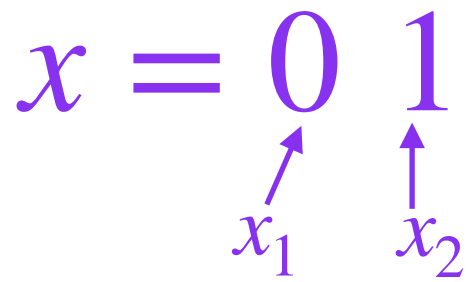


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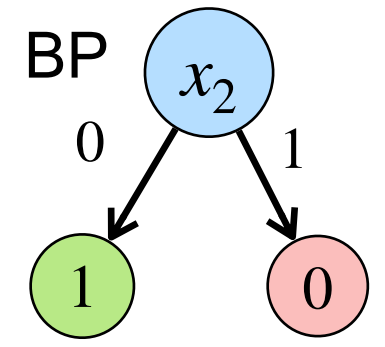
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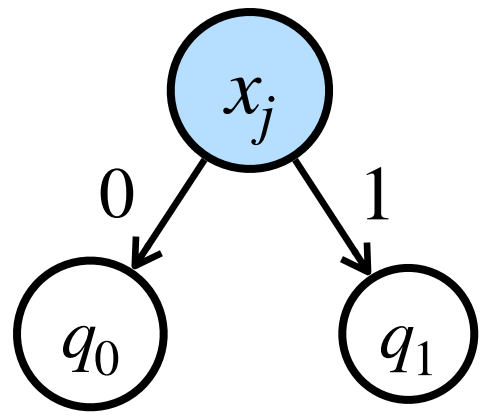
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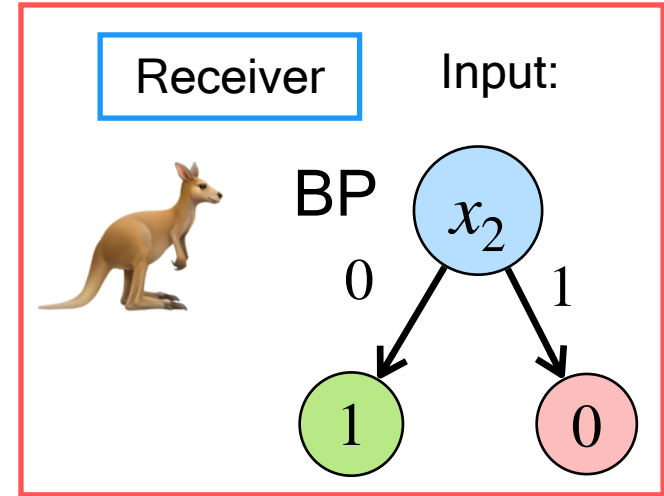
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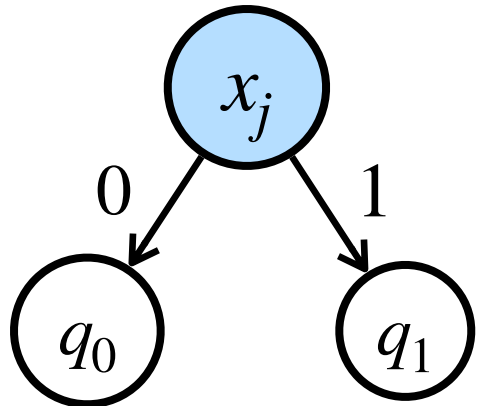
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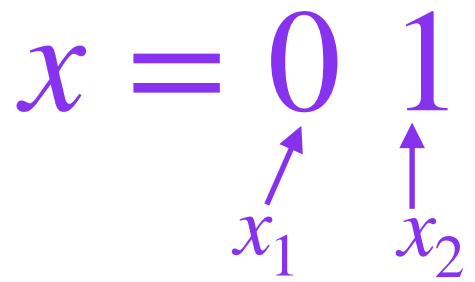


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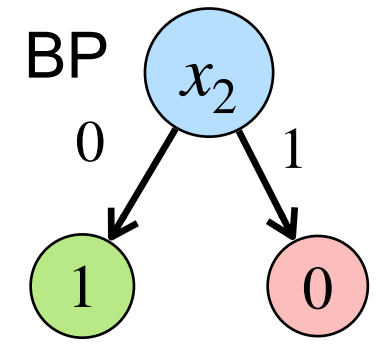
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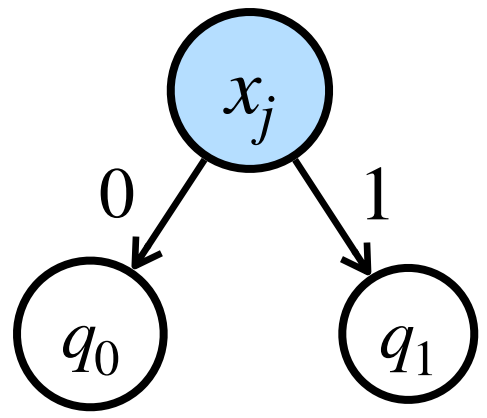
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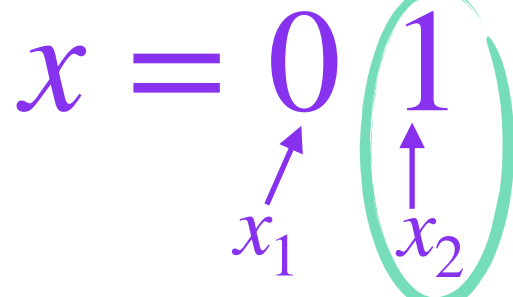
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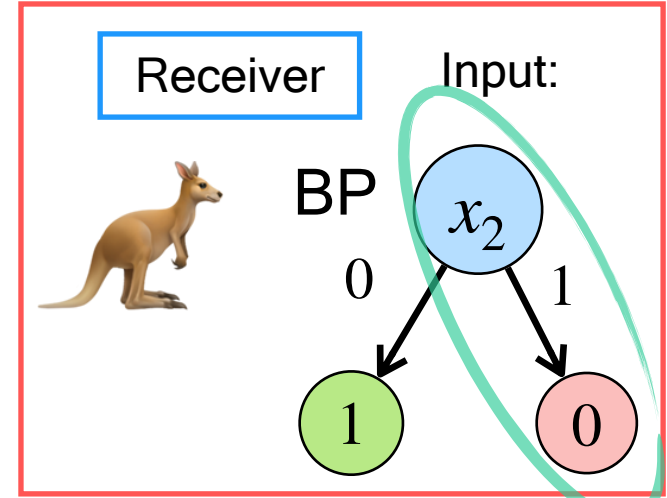
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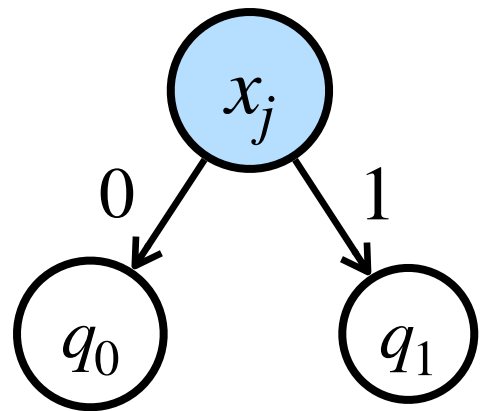
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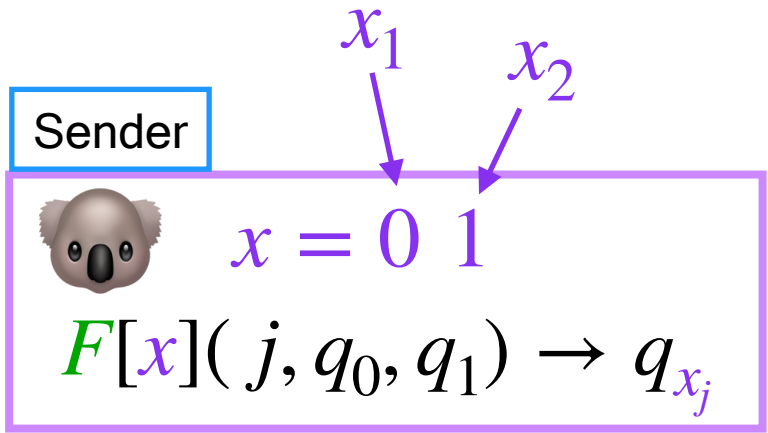
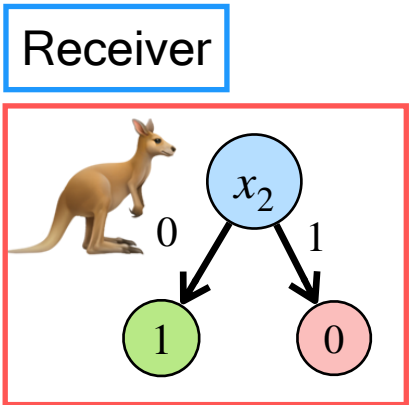
What if the Receiver could evaluate  $F[x]$  on input  $(x_2, 1, 0)$ ?

$$F[x](x_2, 1, 0) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_2 = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x_2 = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\rightarrow 0$

Construction – depth 1 example

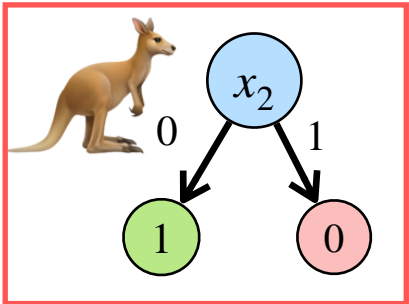
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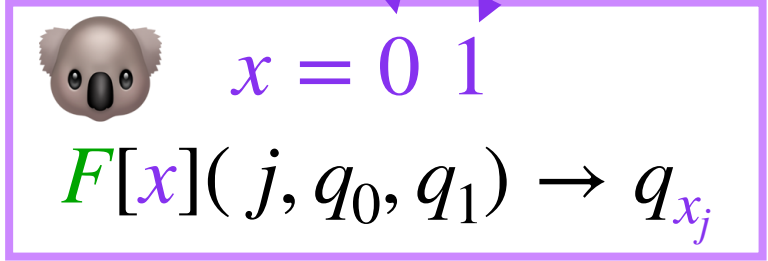
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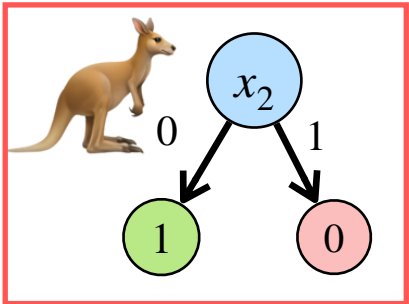
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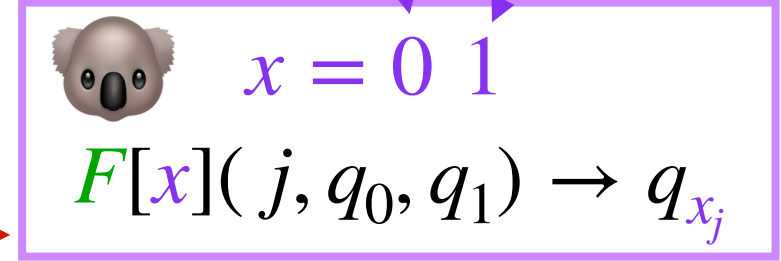
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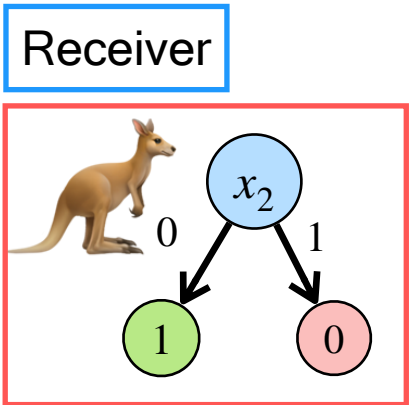
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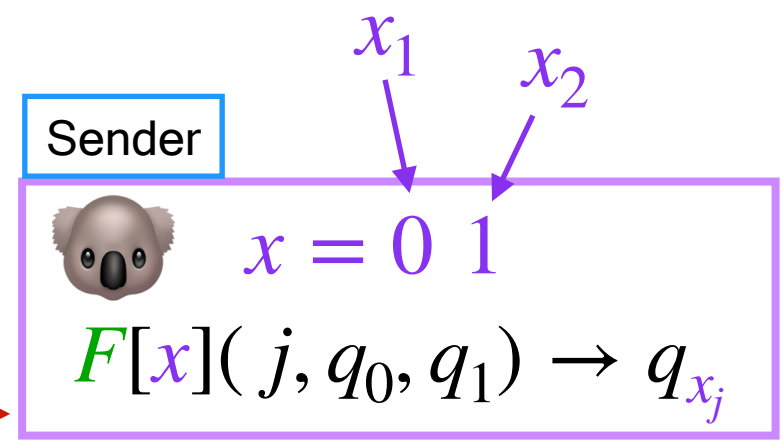
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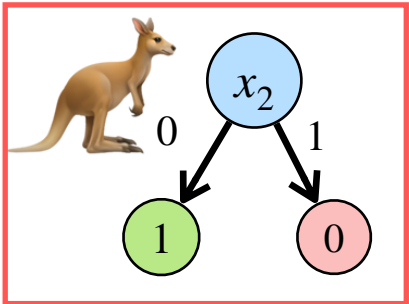
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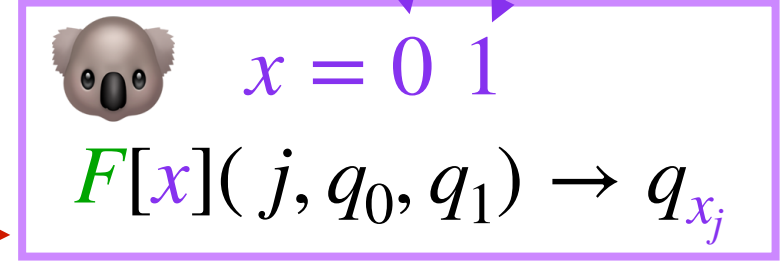
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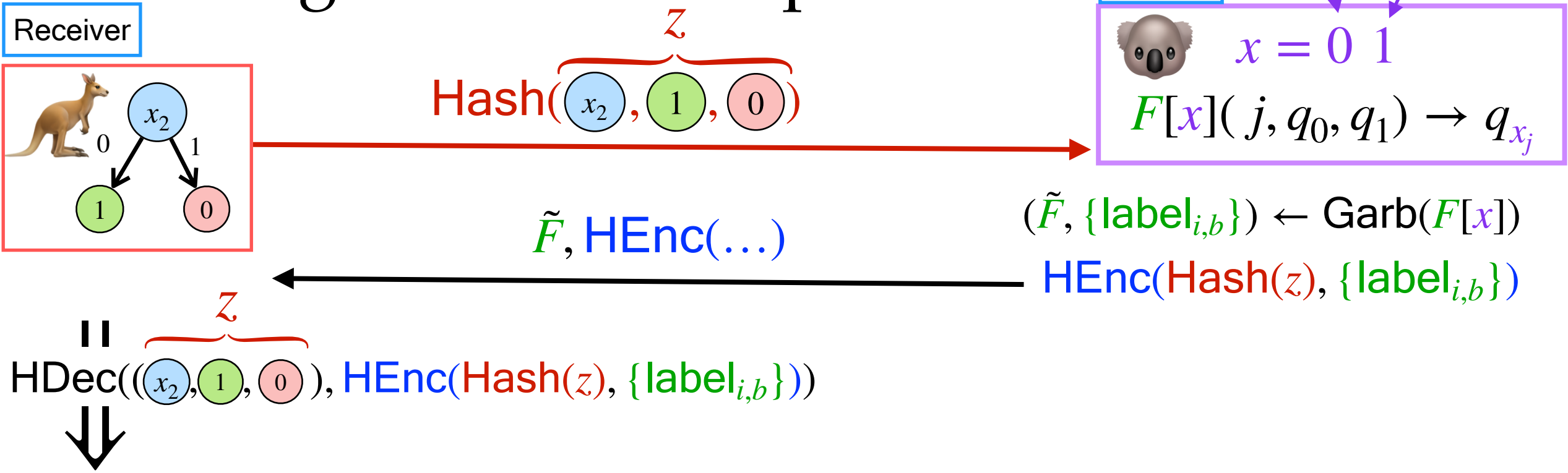
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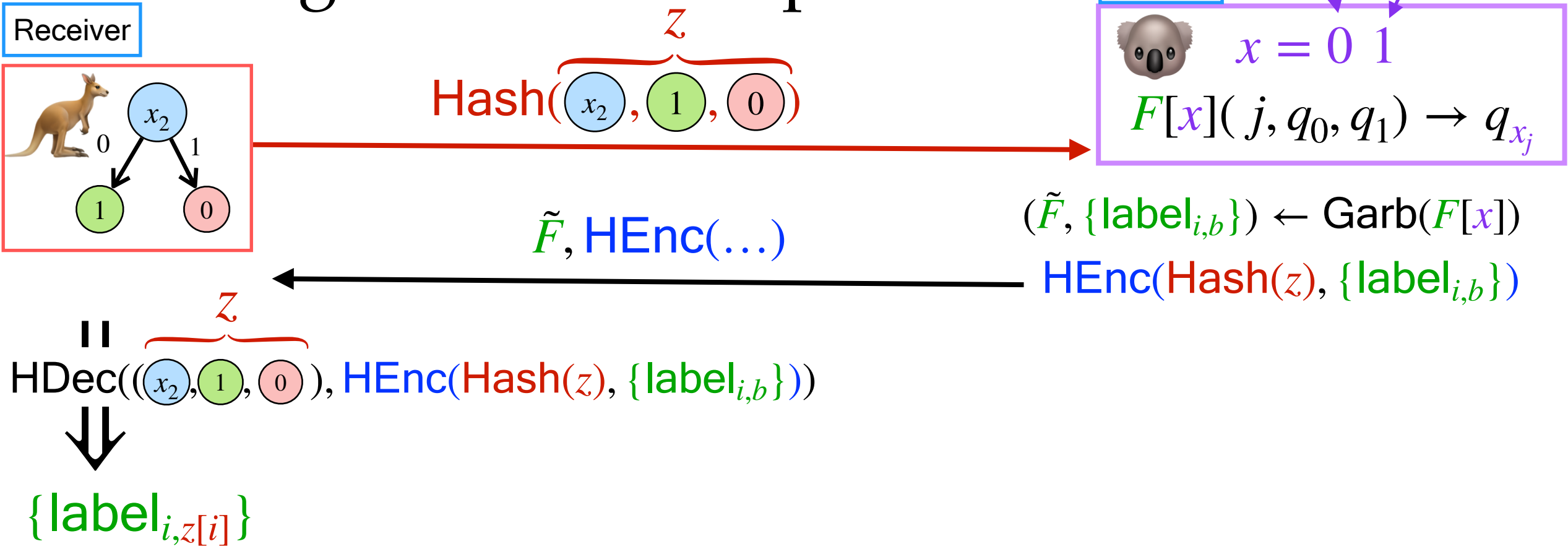
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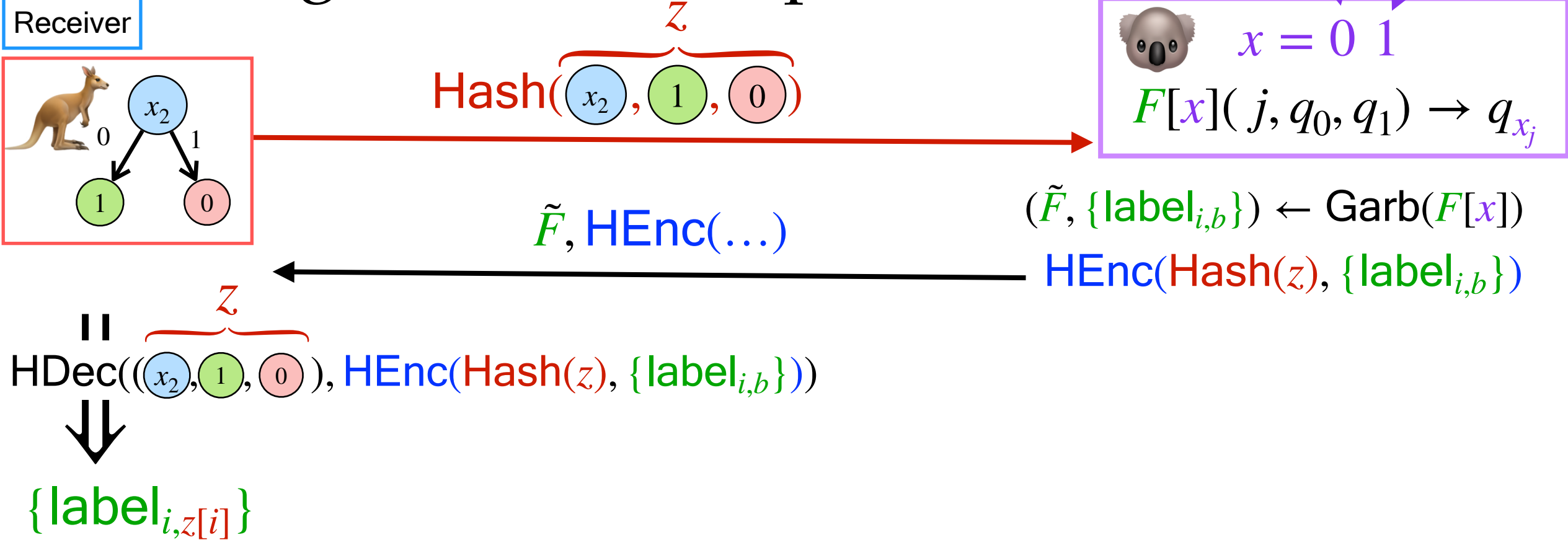
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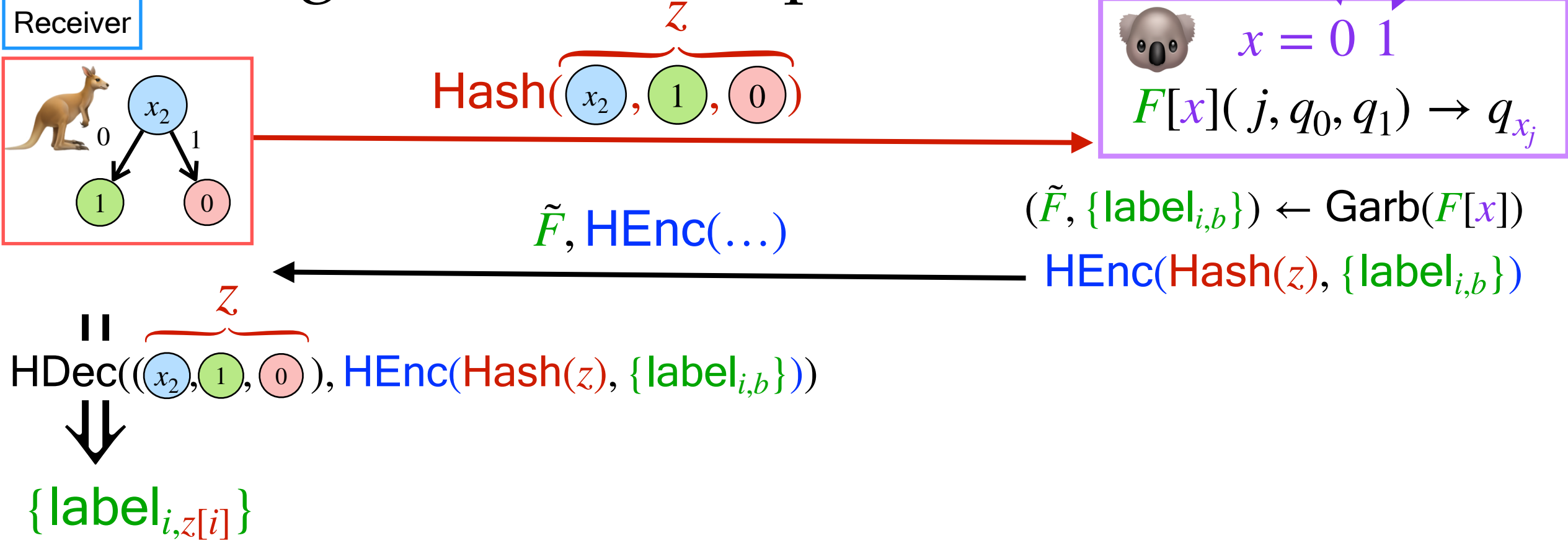
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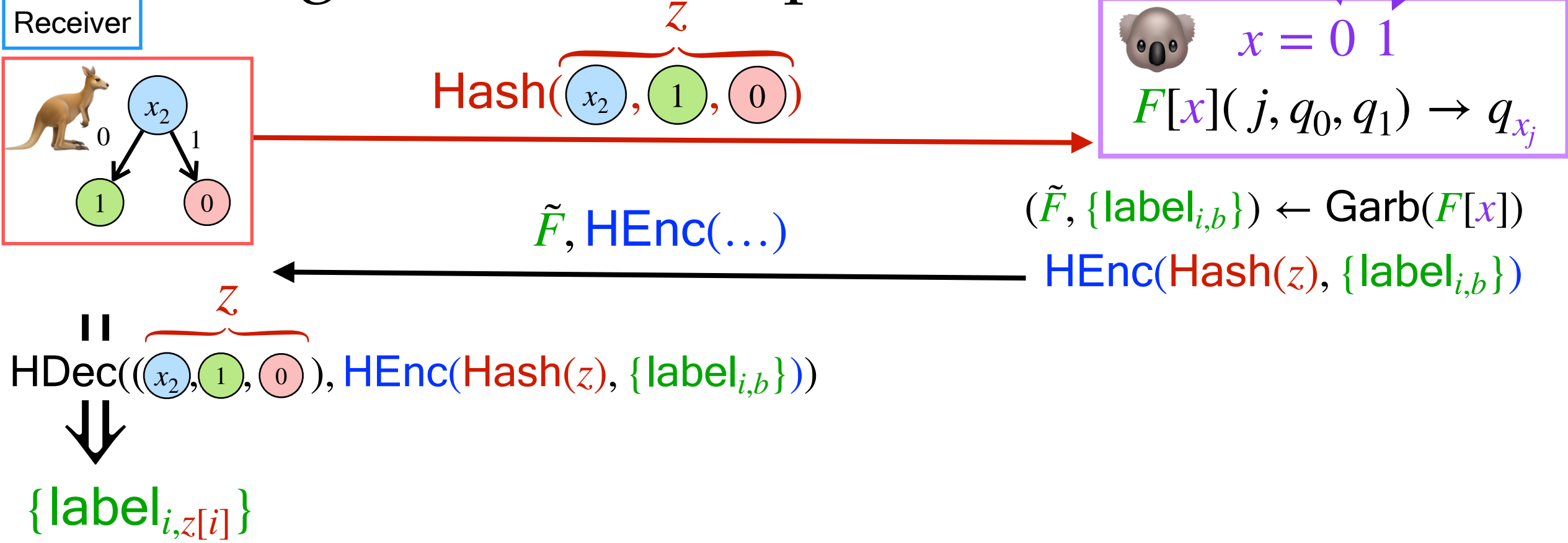


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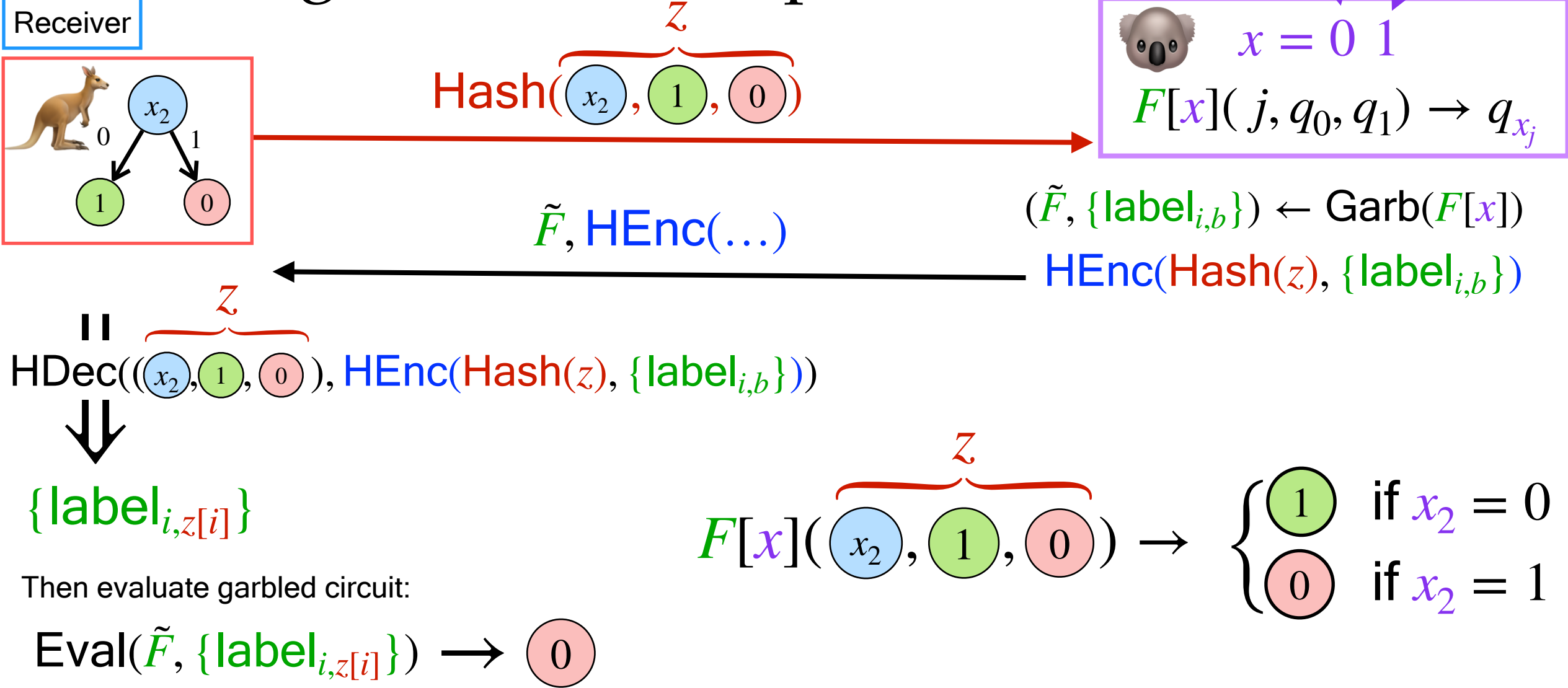


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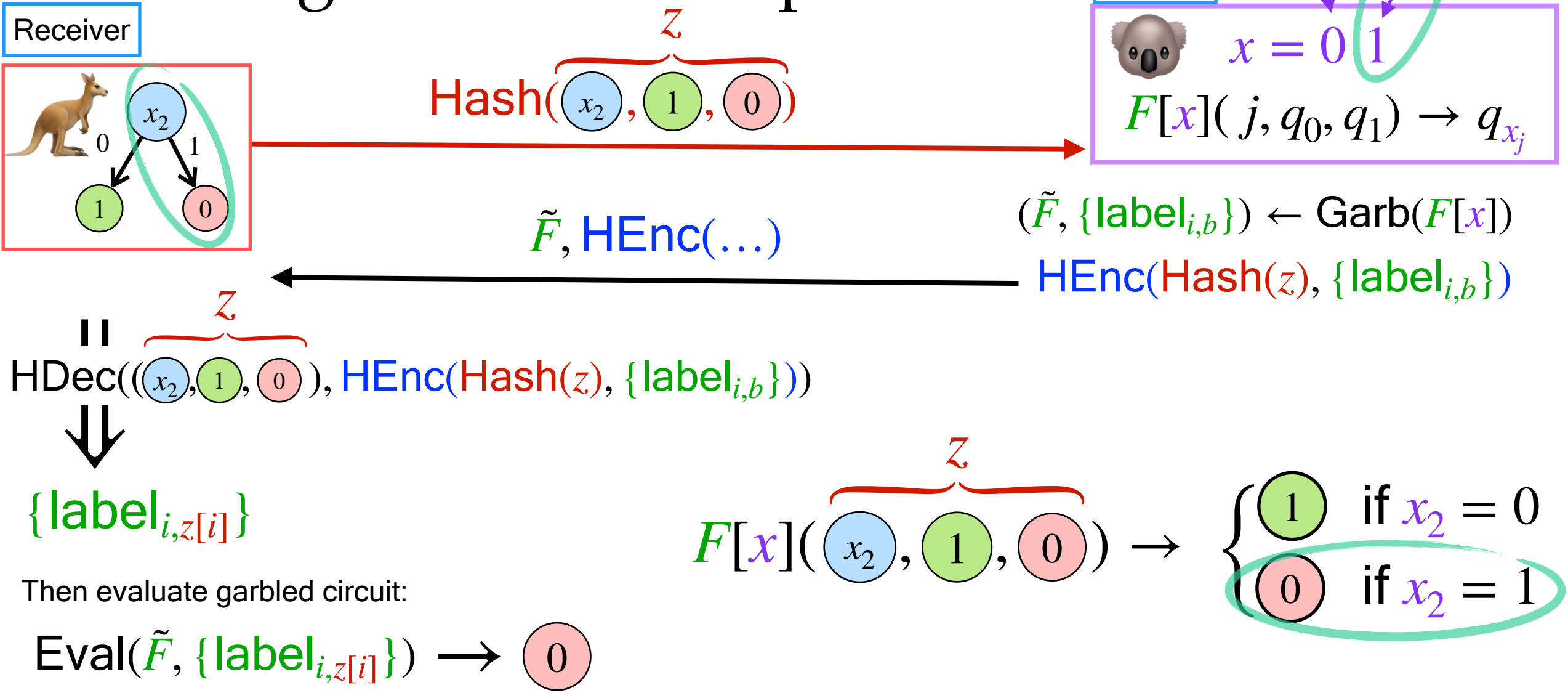
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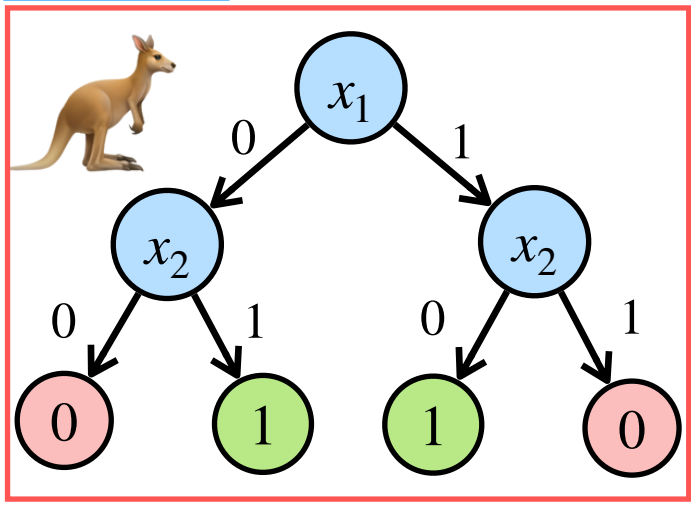
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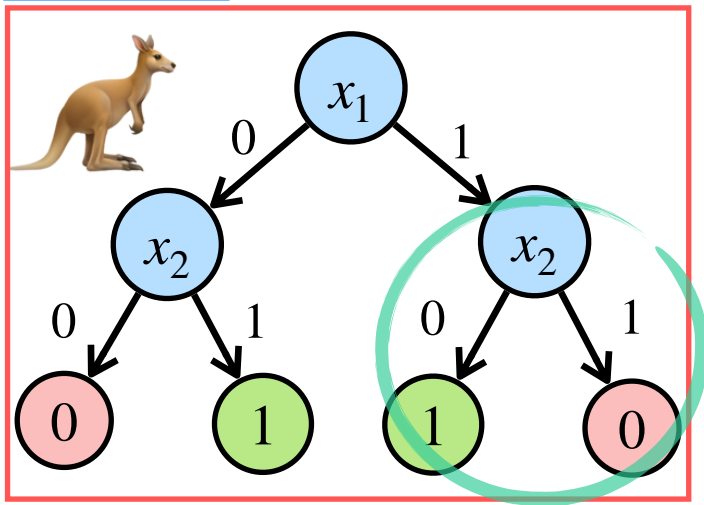


Sender

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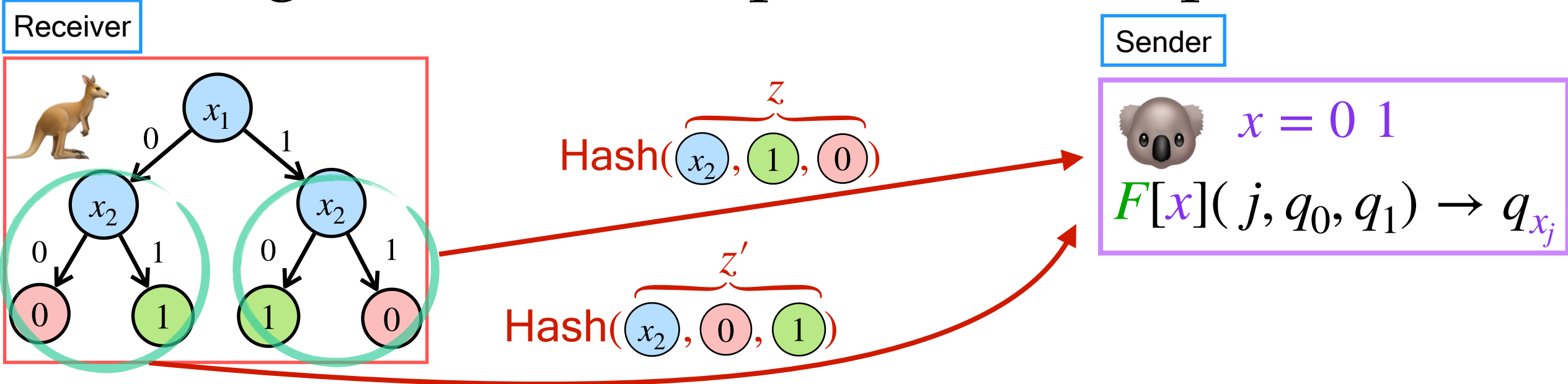


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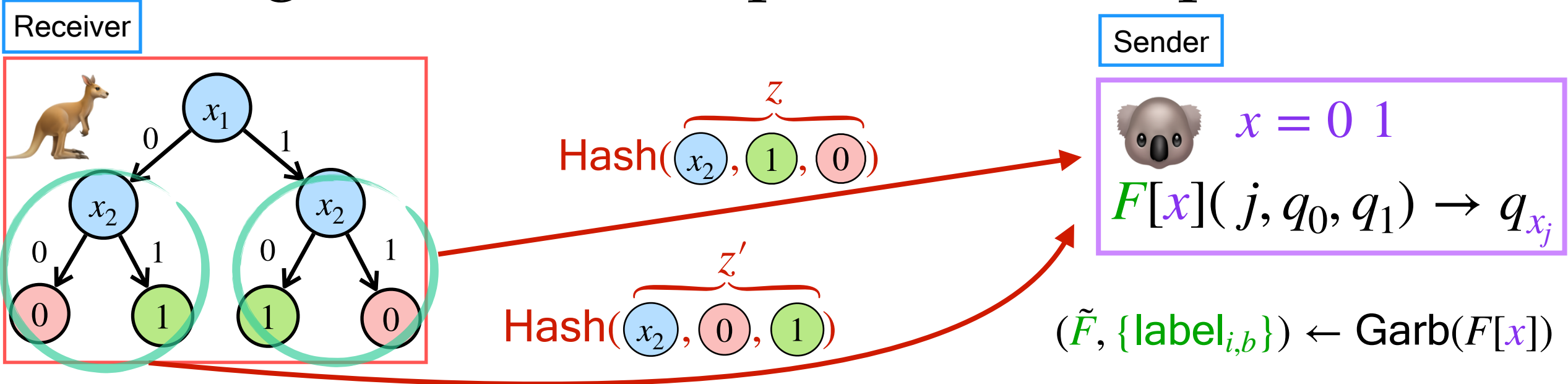
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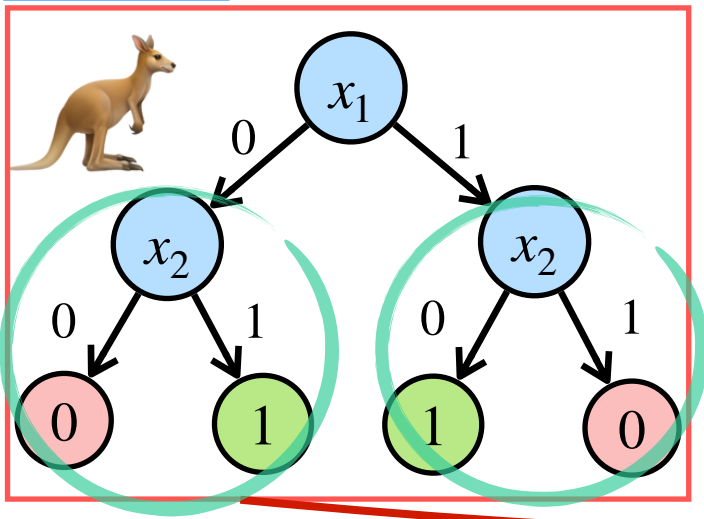


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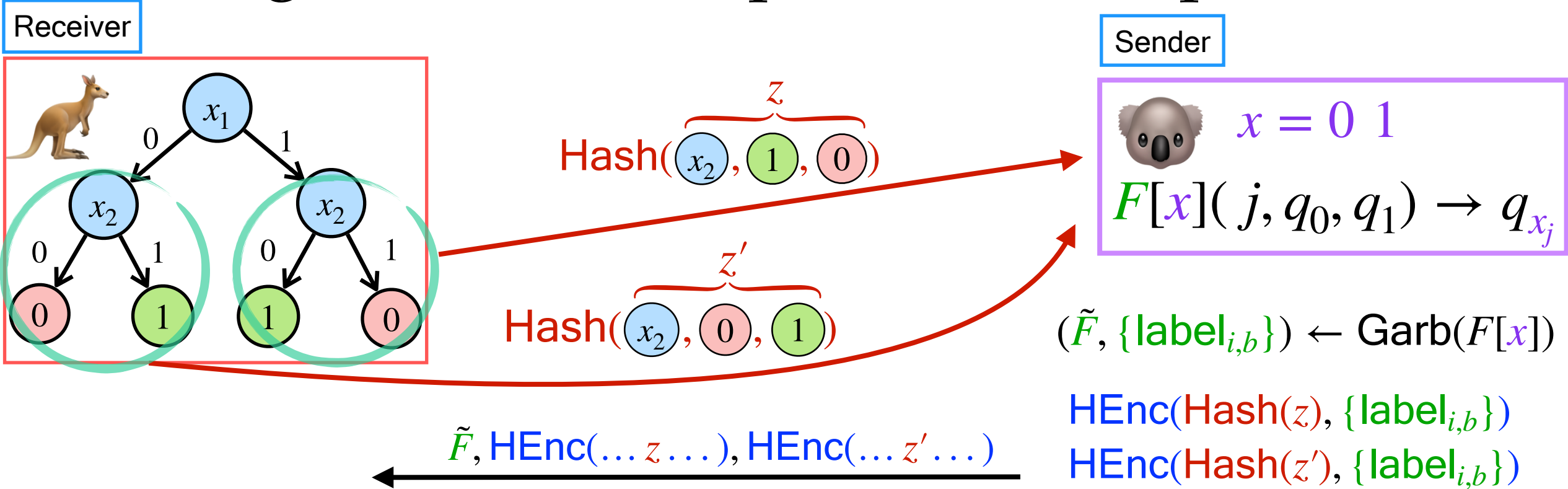
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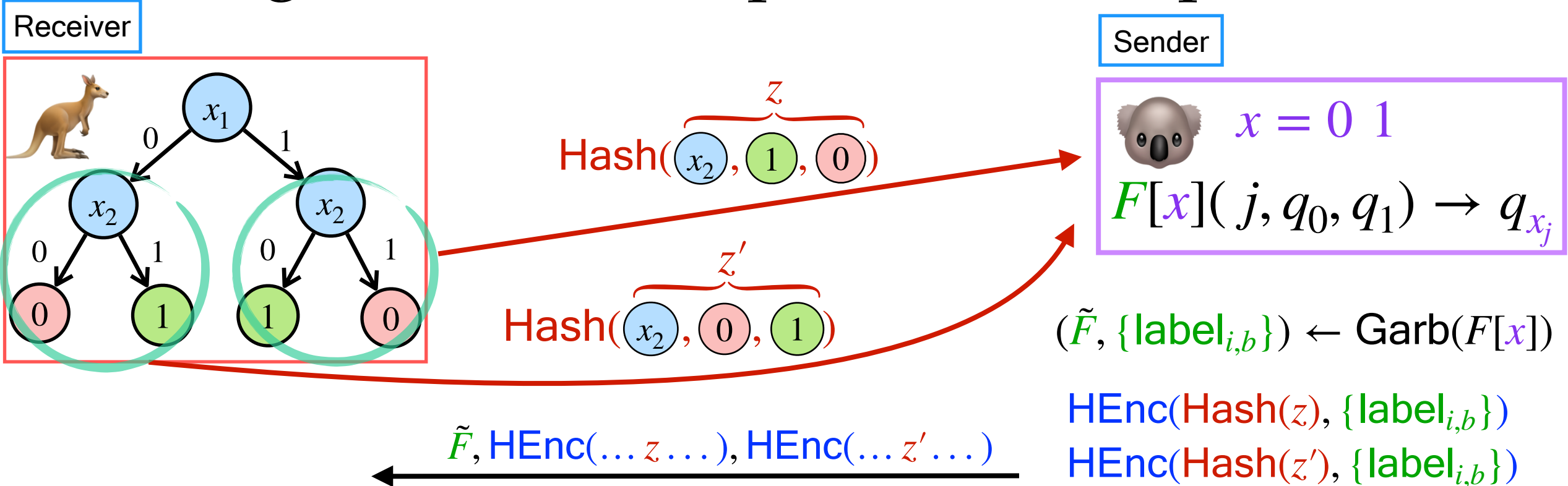
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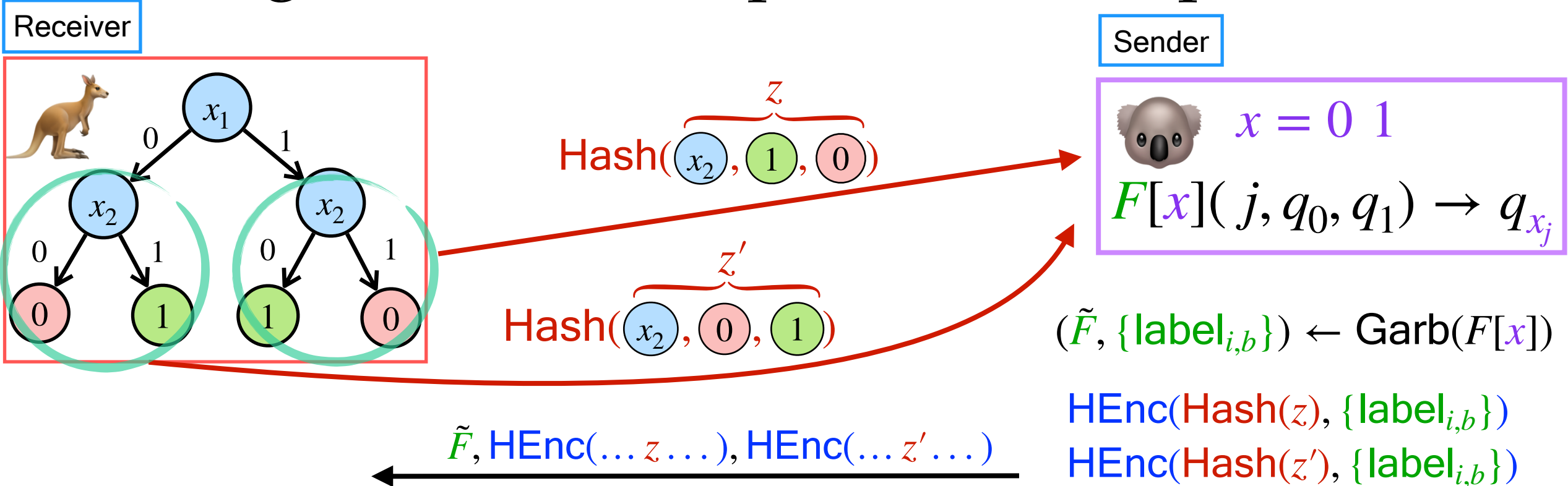


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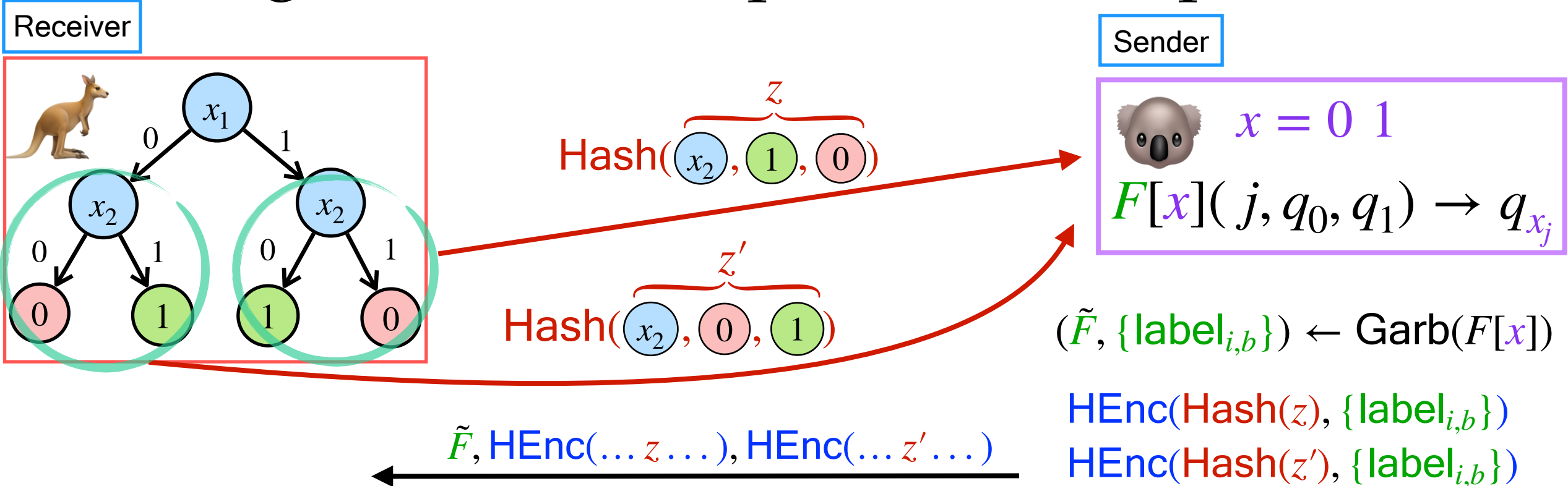
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We use **deferred encryption** to fixed these problems – see the paper for details!

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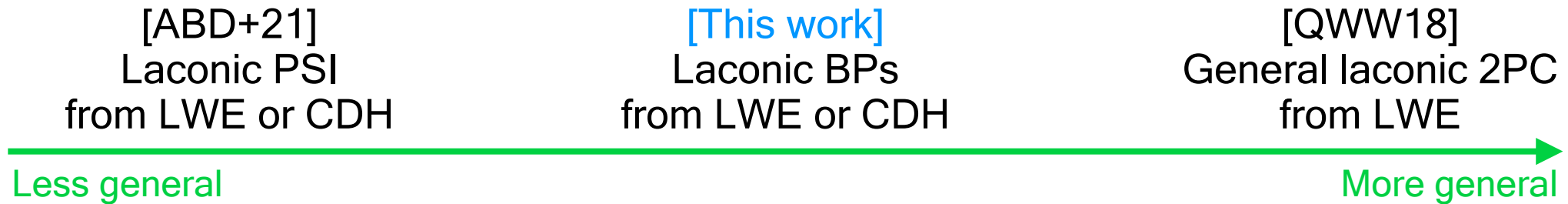
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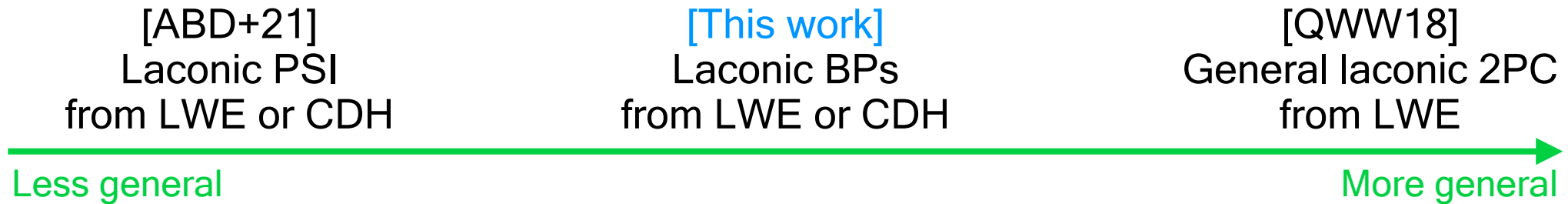
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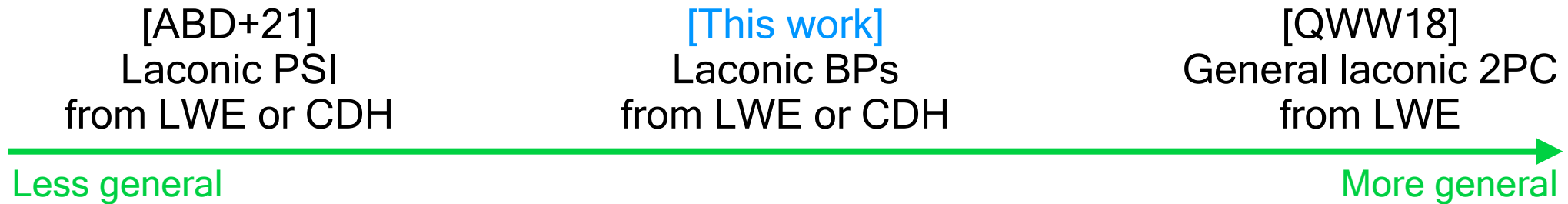
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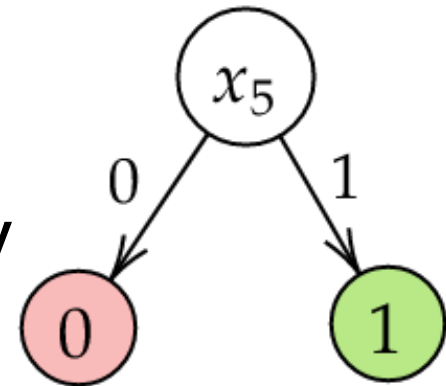
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- **Wildcards** allow receiver's set to be represented concisely





# Construction – depth 2 example

Receiver

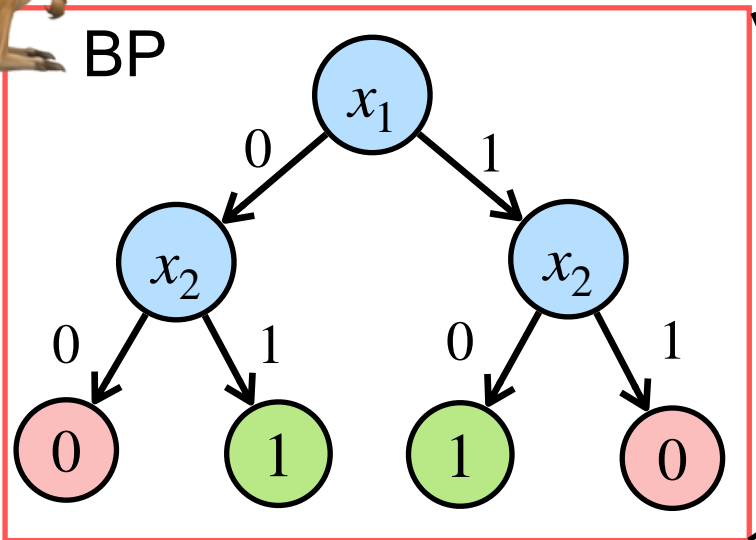
Merkle hash

$$h_{root} = \text{Hash}(x_1, h_0, h_1)$$

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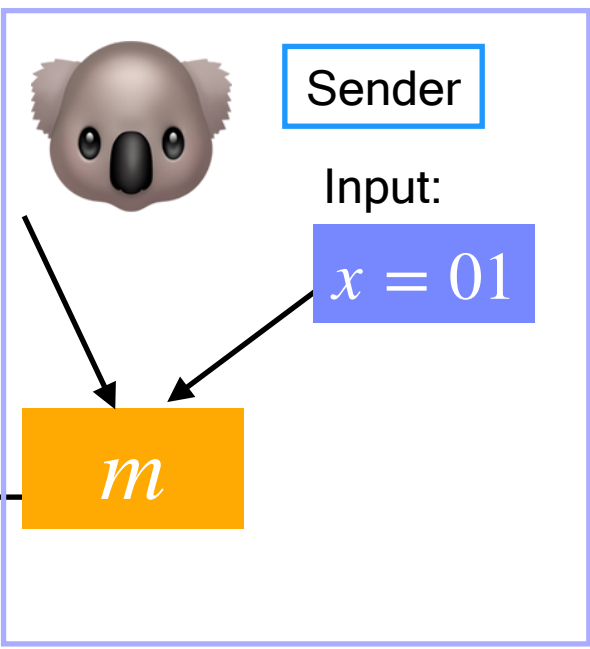
Input:



$h$

$h_{root}$

Merkle hash



Sender

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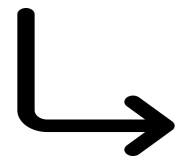
$x = 01$

$m$

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←

With BP and  $m$ , compute  $BP(x)$



Which is  $BP(01) = 1$

# Construction – depth 2 example



Sender



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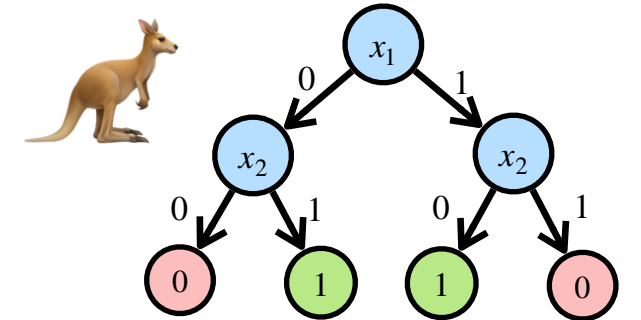
The Sender defines another function:

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Outputs a Hash encryption of garbled circuit labels

$\{\text{lb}_{i,b}\}$  wrt.  $h'_{x_u}$

Receiver Input: BP



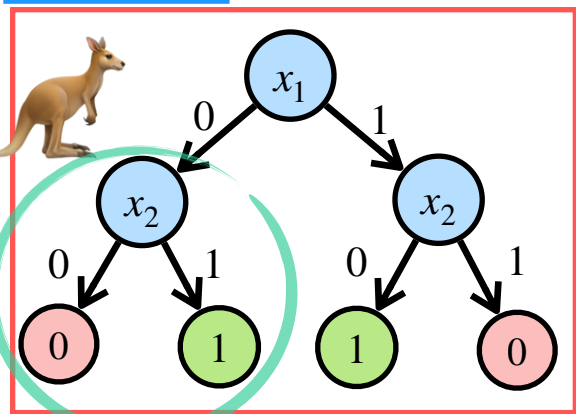
deferred encryption: labels  $\{\text{lb}_{i,b}\}$  for  $\tilde{F}$  are hash-encrypted when  $V[x, \{\text{lb}_{i,b}\}]$  is evaluated.



# Yao's garbled circuit protocol – depth 2

Sender

Receiver



$$h_{\text{root}} = \text{Hash}(\overbrace{(x_1)}^{z_{\text{root}}}, h_0, h_1)$$

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$$\begin{cases} (\tilde{F}, \{lb_{i,b}\}) \leftarrow \text{Garb}(F[x]) \\ (\tilde{V}, \{lb_{i,b}\}) \leftarrow \text{Garb}(V[x, \{lb_{i,b}\}]) \\ \text{HEnc}(\text{Hash}(z_{\text{root}}), \{lb_{i,b}\}) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{HDec}(\overbrace{((x_1), h_0, h_1)}^{z_{\text{root}}}, \text{HEnc}(\text{Hash}(z_{\text{root}}), \{lb_{i,b}\}))$$

$$\{lb_{i, z_{\text{root}}[i]}\}$$

Then evaluate the  $V$  garbled circuit:

$$\text{Eval}(\tilde{V}, \{lb_{i, z_{\text{root}}[i]}\}) \implies V[x, \{lb_{i,b}\}](\overbrace{(x_1)}^{z_{\text{root}}}, h_0, h_1) = \begin{cases} \text{HEnc}(h_0, \{lb_{i,b}\}) & \text{if } x_1 = 0 \\ \text{HEnc}(h_1, \{lb_{i,b}\}) & \text{if } x_1 = 1 \end{cases}$$

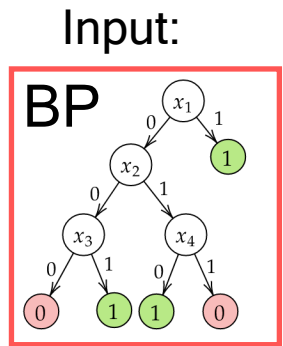
$$h_0 = \text{Hash}(\overbrace{(x_2, 0, 1)}^{z_{\text{root}}})$$

This brings the Receiver to the depth 1 case. Using  $\text{HEnc}(h_0, \{lb_{i,b}\})$  and  $\tilde{F}$ , can finish the computation of BP(01).

# Can we use Fully Homomorphic Encryption? <sup>attempt 1</sup>



Receiver



Sender



Input:  $x$

$(pk, sk) \leftarrow \text{FHE.Gen}(1^\lambda)$   
 $c \leftarrow \text{FHE.Enc}(pk, x)$

$(c, pk)$



$c'$



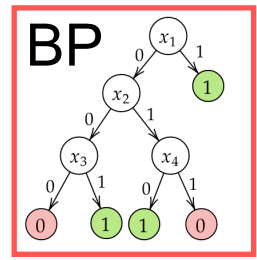
$c' \leftarrow \text{FHE.Eval}(pk, \text{BP}, c)$

$\text{BP}(x) \leftarrow \text{FHE.Dec}(sk, c')$

But we want the **party with larger input** (🦘) to learn the output  $\text{BP}(x)$  first, not the party with smaller input (🦉)

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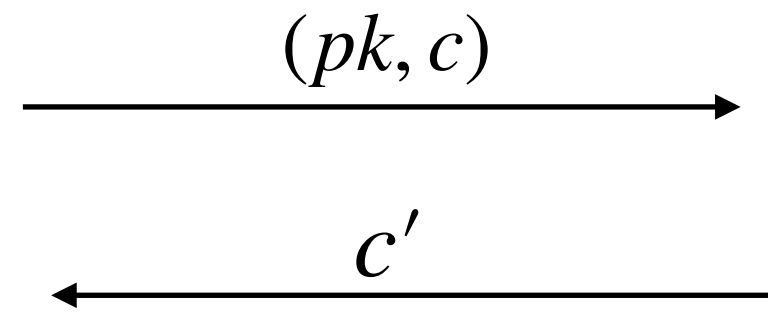
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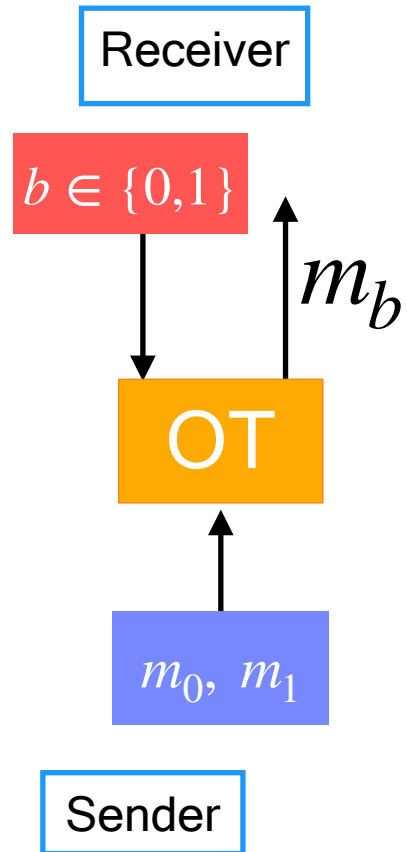
Encryption of  $\text{BP}(\cdot)$



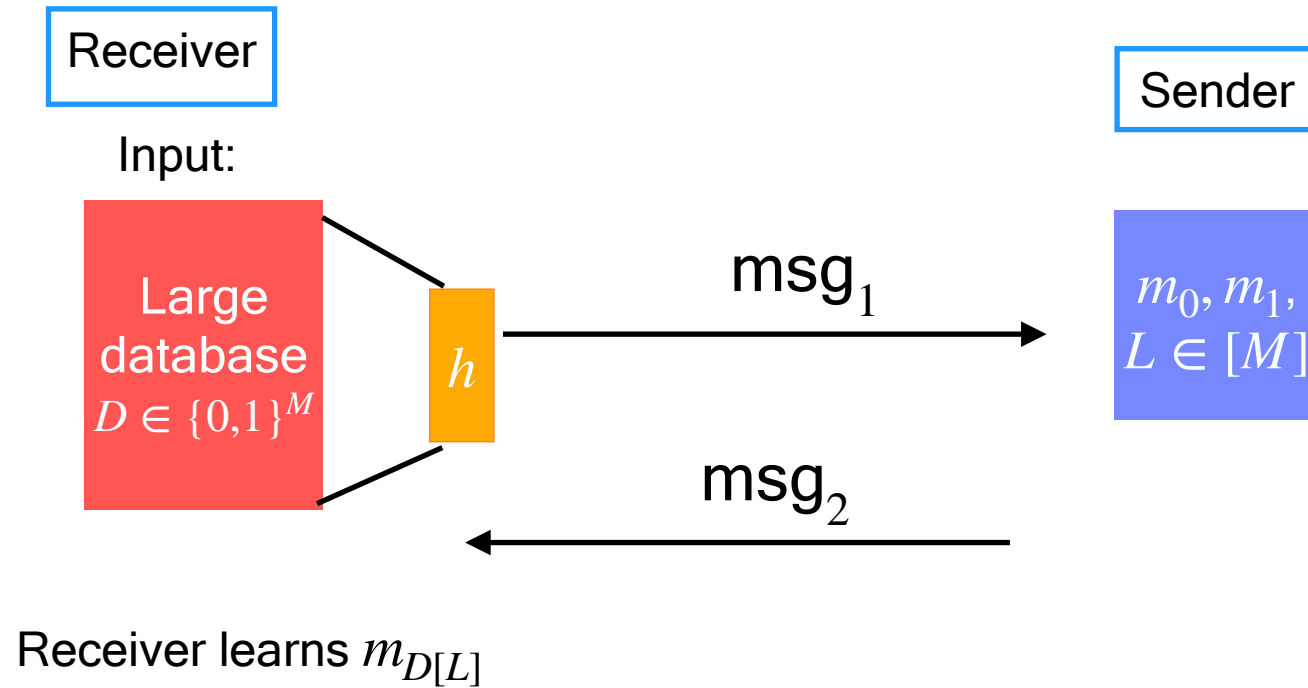
But the size of the ciphertext,  
 $c \leftarrow \text{FHE.Enc}(pk, \text{BP})$ , depends on  $|\text{BP}|$ ,  
 violating laconicism requirements

# Laconic Oblivious Transfer (OT)

- Regular oblivious transfer:



- Laconic oblivious transfer:



# Backup: Construction of anonymous hash encryption from CDH [BLSV18]

- Algorithms: Setup, Gen, SingleEnc, SingleDec
- Setup( $1^\lambda, 1^n$ ): Let  $(\mathbb{G}, g, q) \leftarrow \mathcal{G}(1^\lambda)$  and  $\alpha_{i,b} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$  for  $i \in [n]$  and  $b \in \{0,1\}$ . Output  $\text{crs} = ((\mathbb{G}, g, q), \{g^{\alpha_{i,b}}\}_{i,b})$ .
- Gen( $\text{crs}, x$ ): Output  $h = \prod_i^n g^{\alpha_{i,x_i}}$
- SingleEnc( $\text{crs}, h, i, \mathbf{m}$ ): Let  $r \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$ ,  $\hat{g}^{\alpha_{i,b}} = h^r g^{-r \alpha_{i,b}}$ , and  $\mu_{i,b} = \text{gl-enc}(\hat{g}^{\alpha_{i,b}}, \mathbf{m}_i)$ .  $\forall b \in \{0,1\}, j \neq i$ , let  $\hat{g}^{\alpha_{j,b}} = g^{r \alpha_{j,b}}$ . Output  $\text{ct} = (\{\hat{g}^{j,b}\}_{j \neq i,b}, \{\mu_{i,b}\}_b)$ .
- SingleDec( $\text{crs}, x, i, \text{ct}$ ): Let  $\hat{g}^{\alpha_{i,x_i}} = \prod_{j \neq i} \hat{g}^{\alpha_{j,x_j}}$ . Output  $\text{gl-dec}(\hat{g}^{\alpha_{i,x_i}}, \mu_{i,x_i})$ .

$$\text{gl-enc}(x, b) := (\alpha, \langle \alpha, x \rangle \oplus b), \alpha \leftarrow^{\$} \{0,1\}^n$$

$$\text{gl-dec}(x, (\alpha, \sigma)) := \sigma \oplus \langle \alpha, x \rangle$$

