



# A Simpler and Tighter Reduction from DLog to CDH for Abelian Group Actions

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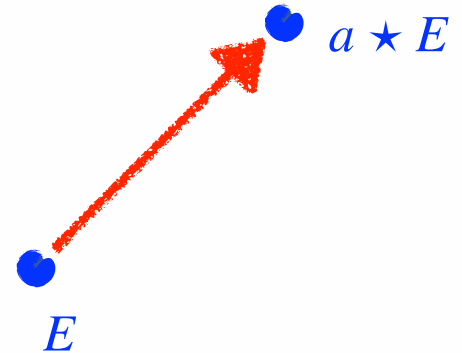
# Applications

- Non-interactive Key Exchange: [AC:CLMRP18]
- PKE in standard model: [AC:MOT20] [PQC:BP21]
- Oblivious Transfer: [EC:LGD21] [PKC:BMM+23]
- PRF-
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  - OPRF: [AC:BKW20] [PKC:DP24]
  - VRF: [Lai23]
- ...etc
- Signature-
  - Signature Scheme: [EC:DG19], [AC:BKV19]
  - Linkable Ring Signature: [AC:BKP20]
  - Threshold Signature: [PKC:DM20]
  - Accountable Ring Signature; Group Signature: [EC:BDLKP22]
  - Blind Signature: [C:KLLQ23]

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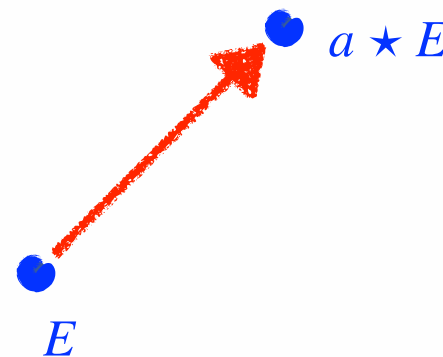




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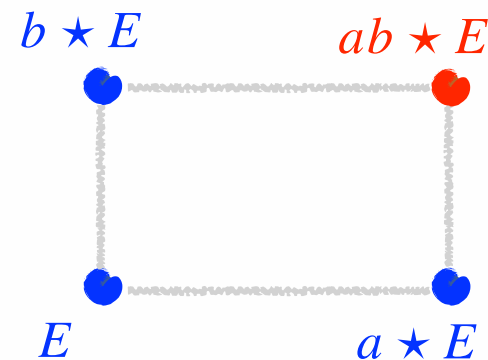
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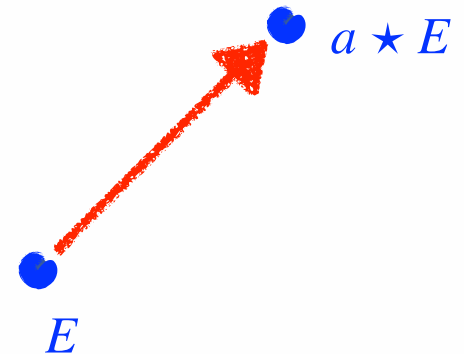
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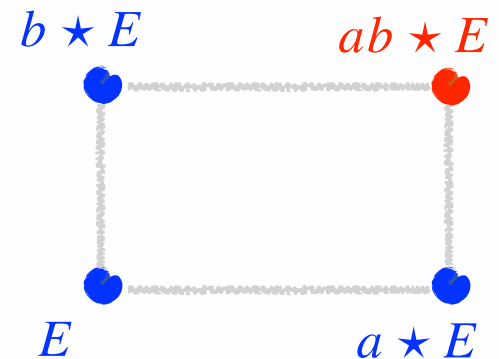
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Obviously,

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Is the reverse true?

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- [AC:MZ22] gives an affirmative answer with a reduction using  $\tilde{O}(\epsilon^{-21})$  queries to an imperfect CDH oracle.

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- We give the following improvements:
  - a full black-box reduction of
  - $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-4})$  queries to the oracle using
  - simple math: a bunch of Chernoff bounds + group definition.





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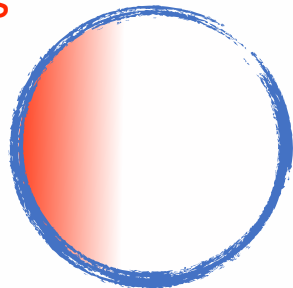
- Throughout the slides, let's assume the oracle has been "self-randomized":

$$\mathcal{O}(a \star E, b \star E) := (r_1 r_2)^{-1} \star \mathcal{O}((r_1 a) \star E, (r_2 b) \star E).$$

where  $r_1, r_2 \leftarrow_{\$} G$ .

- So the success rate will be independent to the input.

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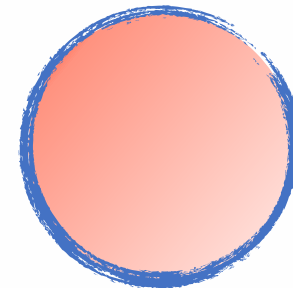


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- If the error is “quite random” each time,

$$\mathcal{O}(a \star E, b \star E) = \begin{cases} ab \star E, & \text{with } \epsilon \\ \text{a random set element (curve),} & \text{with } 1 - \epsilon \end{cases}$$

then to amplify the success rate is easy by running  $\mathcal{O}$  multiple times and output the [majority](#).

# Model: An Oracle w. Structured Errors

- [AC:MZ22] considers an imperfect oracle with *structured errors*.
- $\mathcal{O}$  is modeled as:

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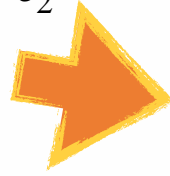
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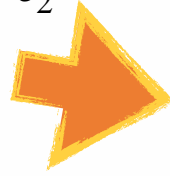
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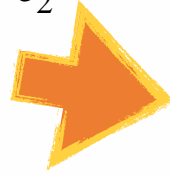
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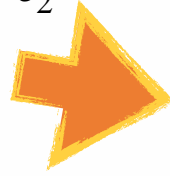
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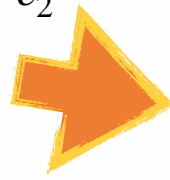
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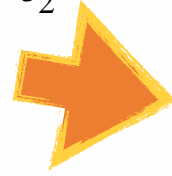
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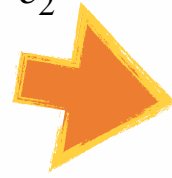
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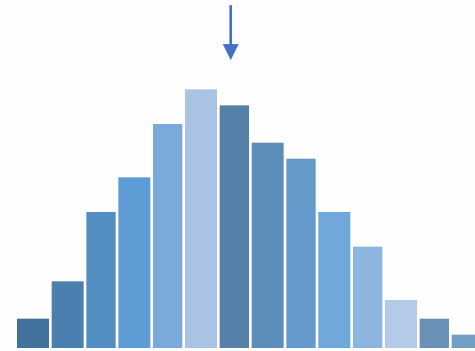
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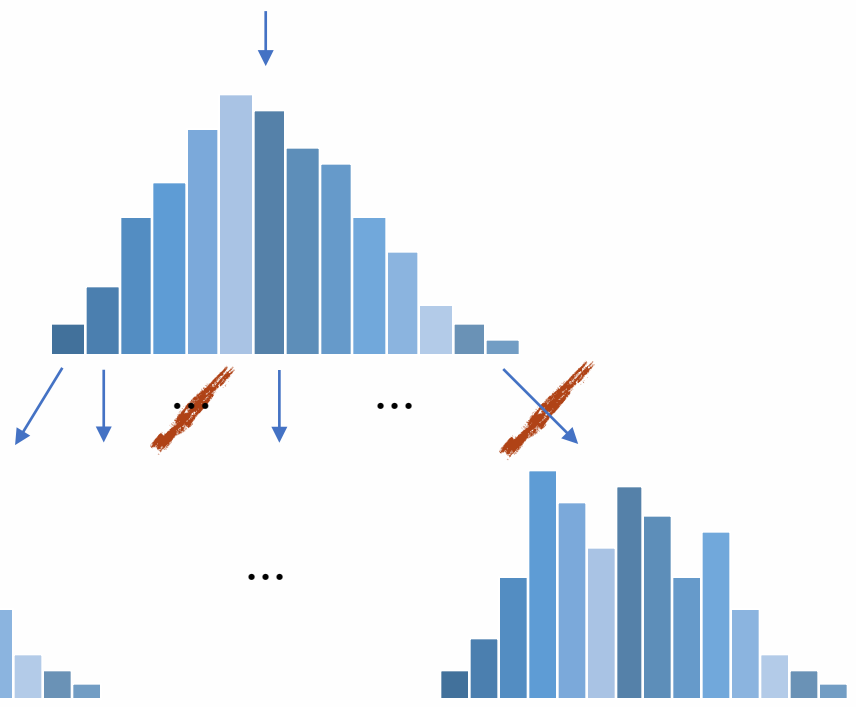
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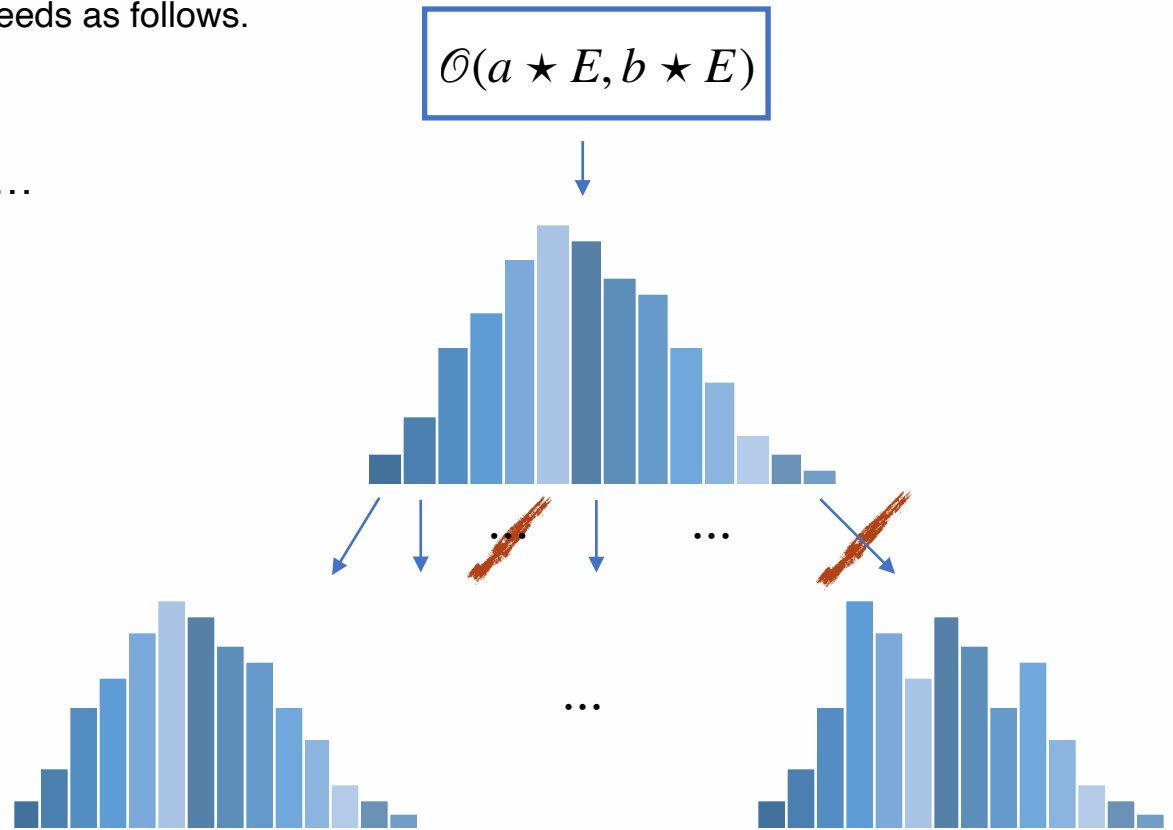
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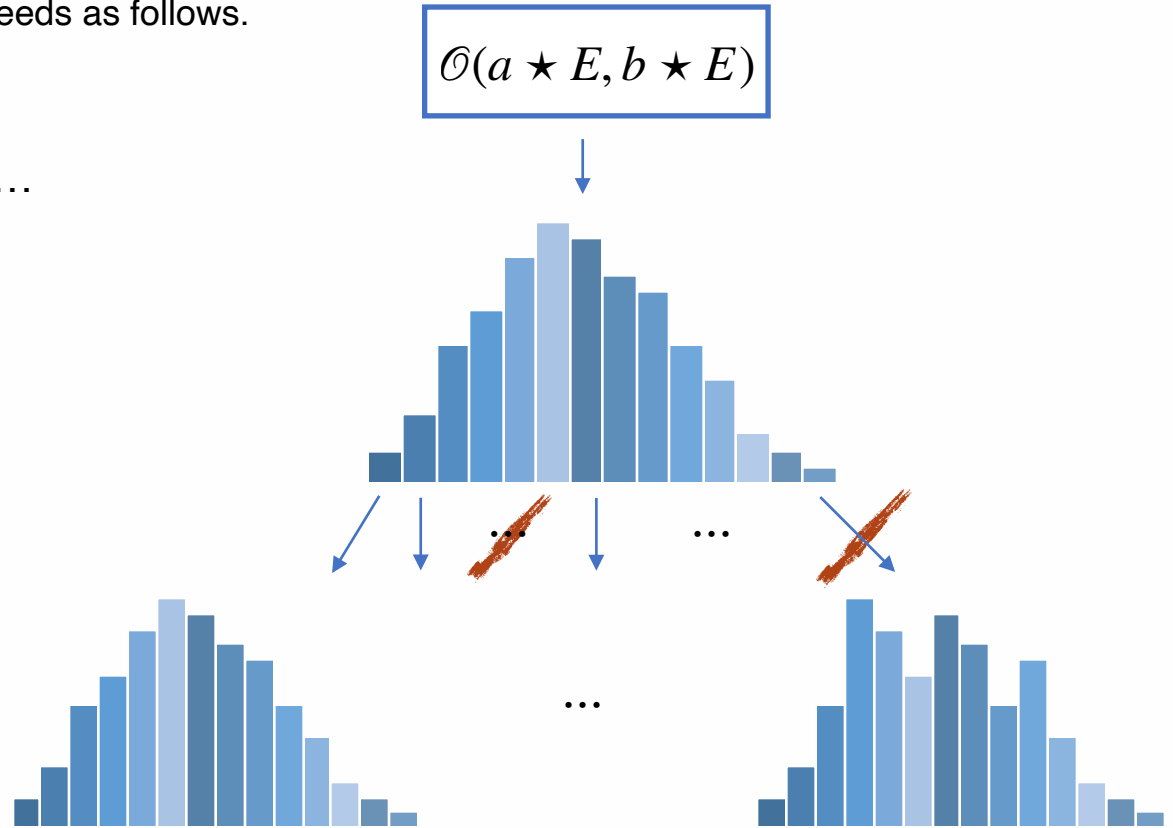
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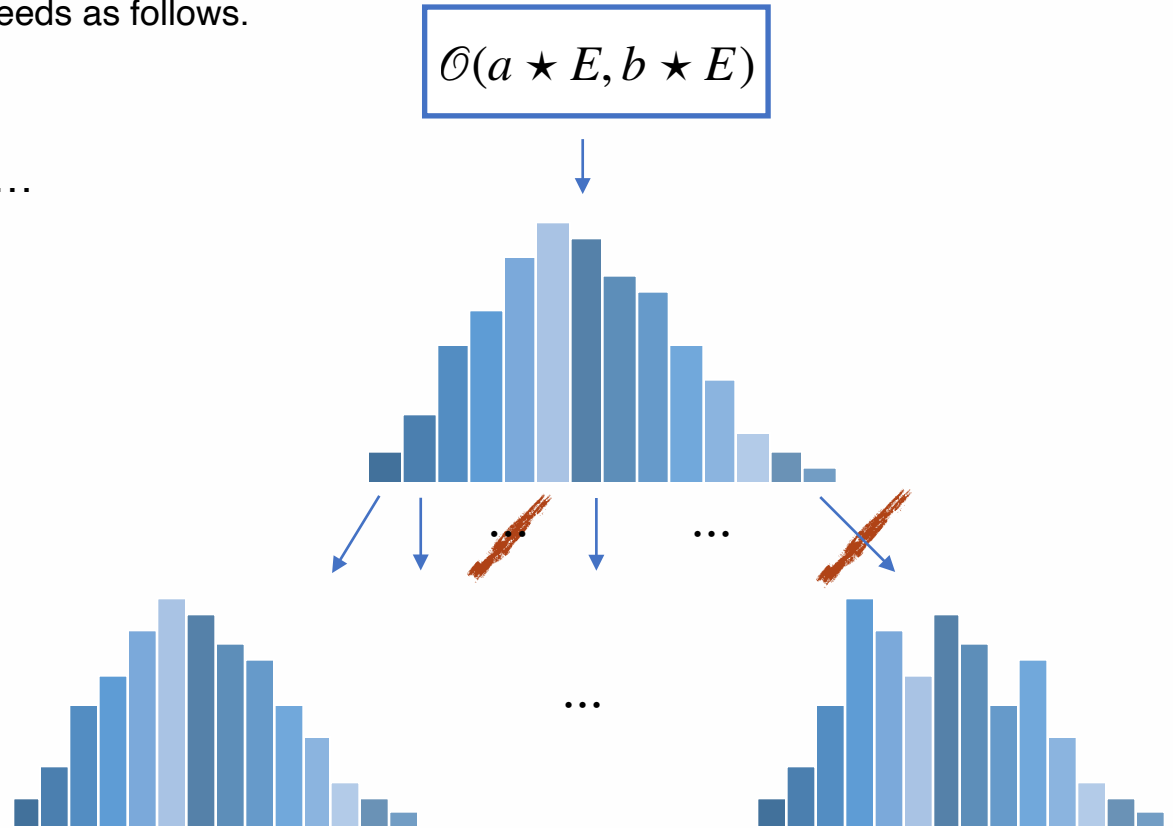
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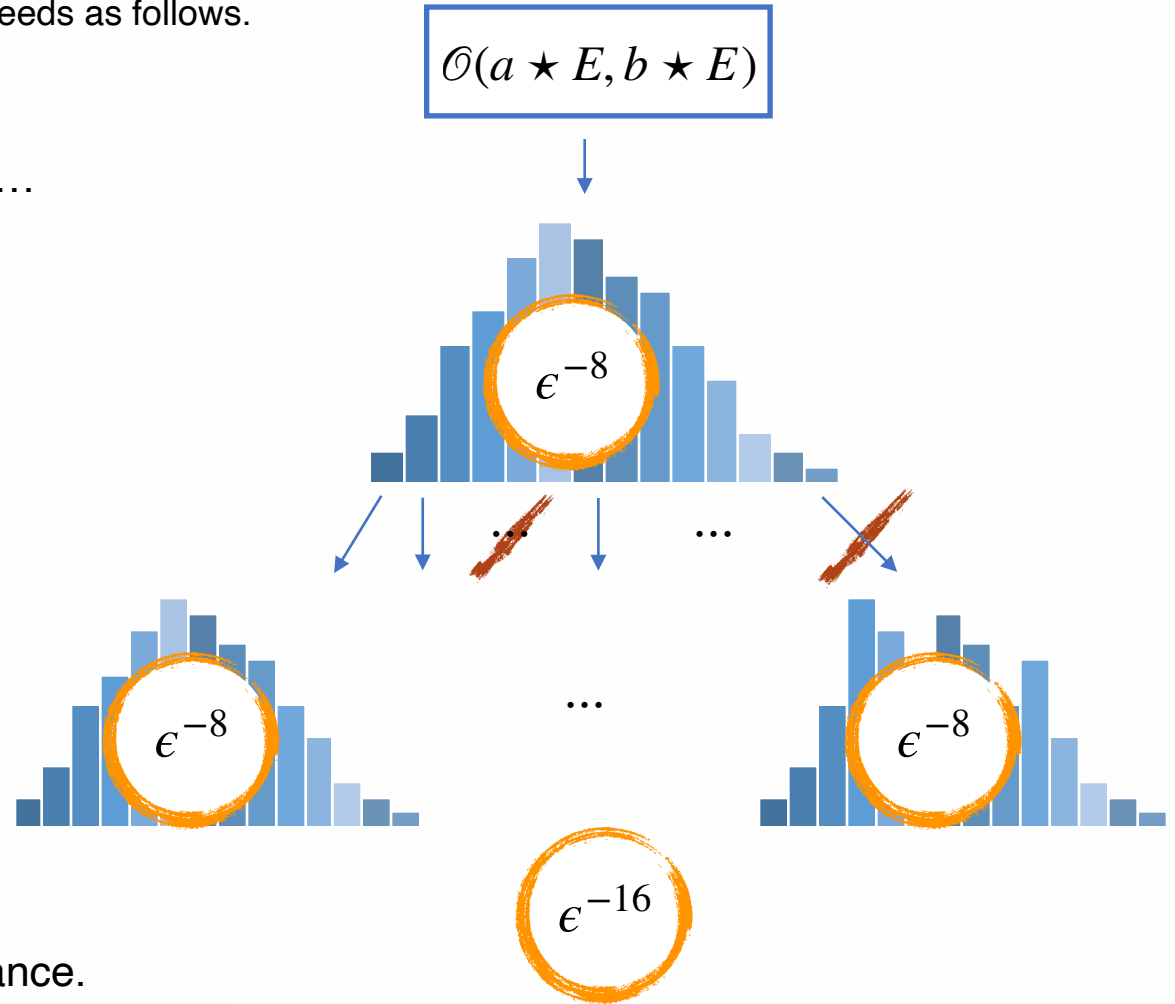
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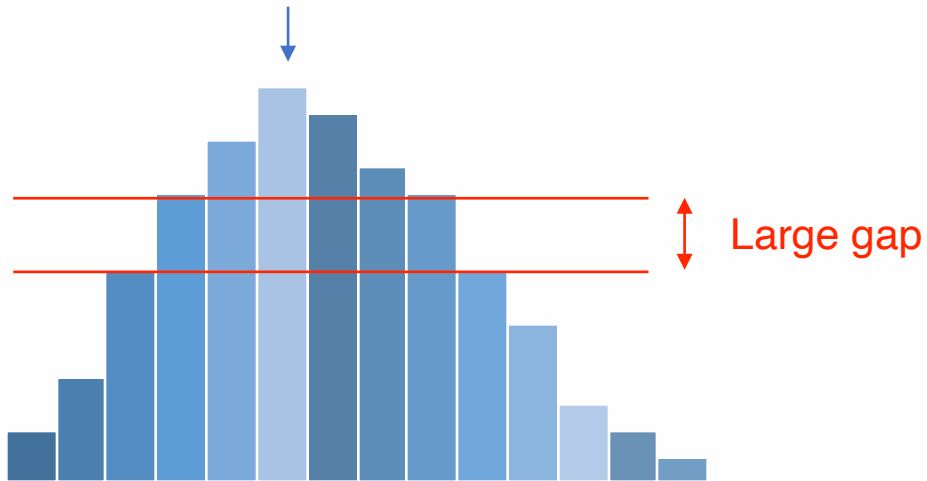
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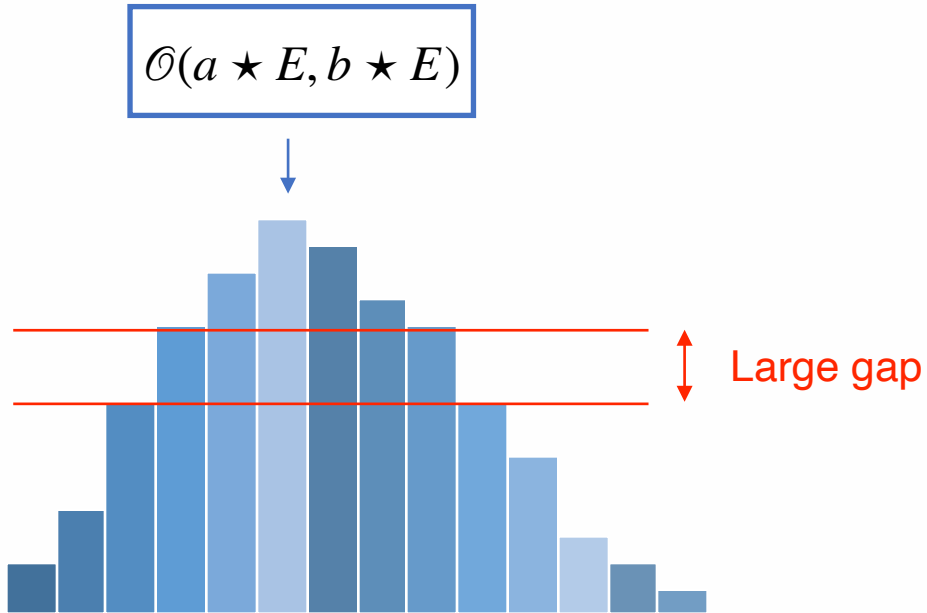




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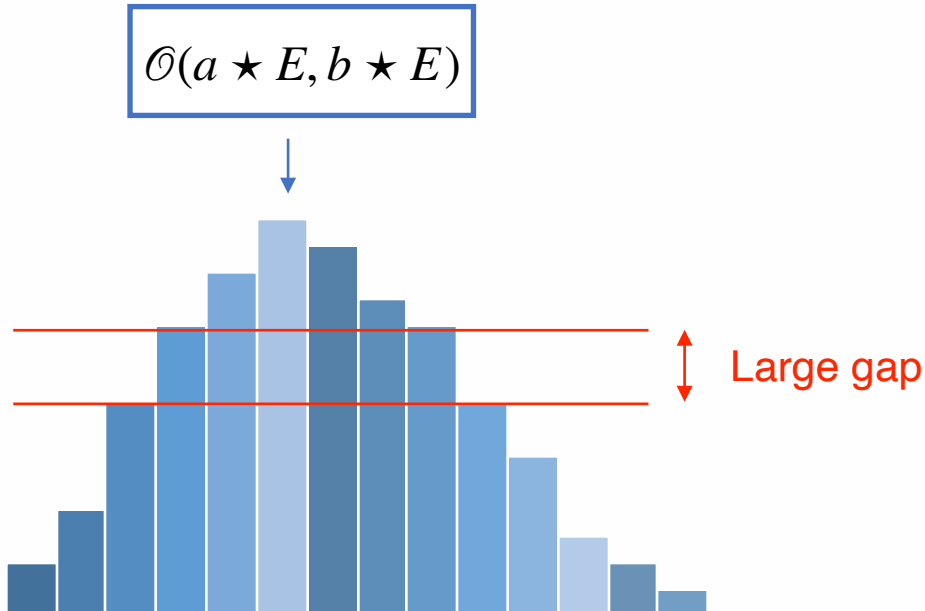


If there is a large gap,  
the “heavy elements” above the gap  
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# Key Idea of our Improvement



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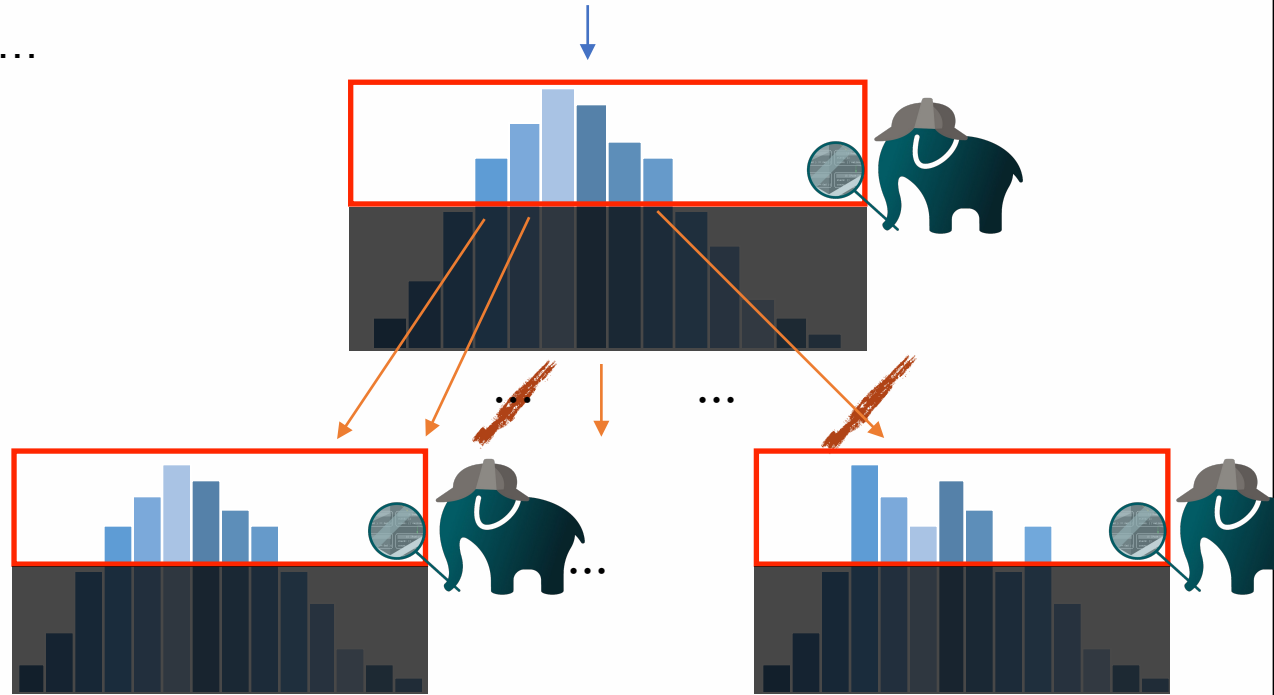
Intuitively, due to the large gap,  
the **last element above the gap** &  
the **first element below the gap** are unlikely to be **swapped**.

# Key Idea

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 Running  $\mathcal{O}(\square, E)$ ...



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 Sieving...


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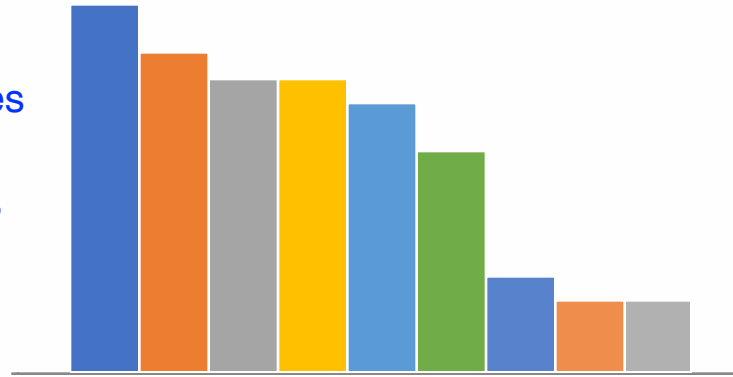
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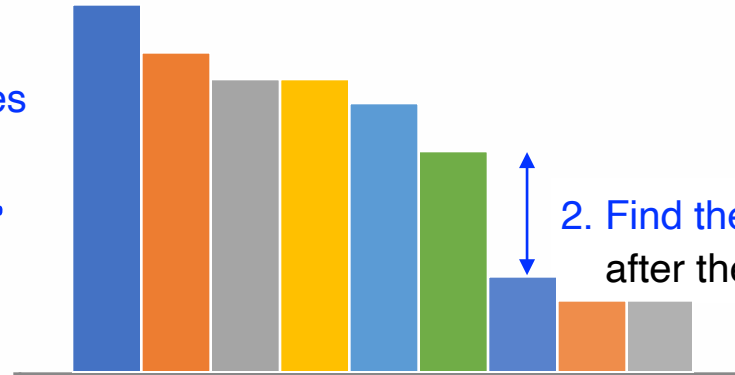


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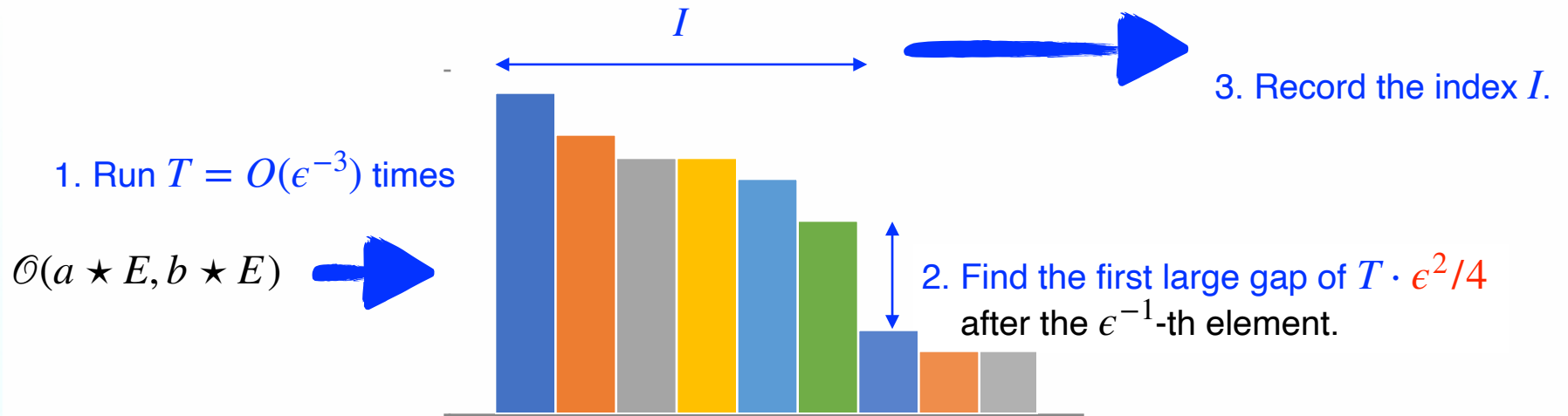
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2. Find the first large gap of  $T \cdot \epsilon^2/4$  after the  $\epsilon^{-1}$ -th element.

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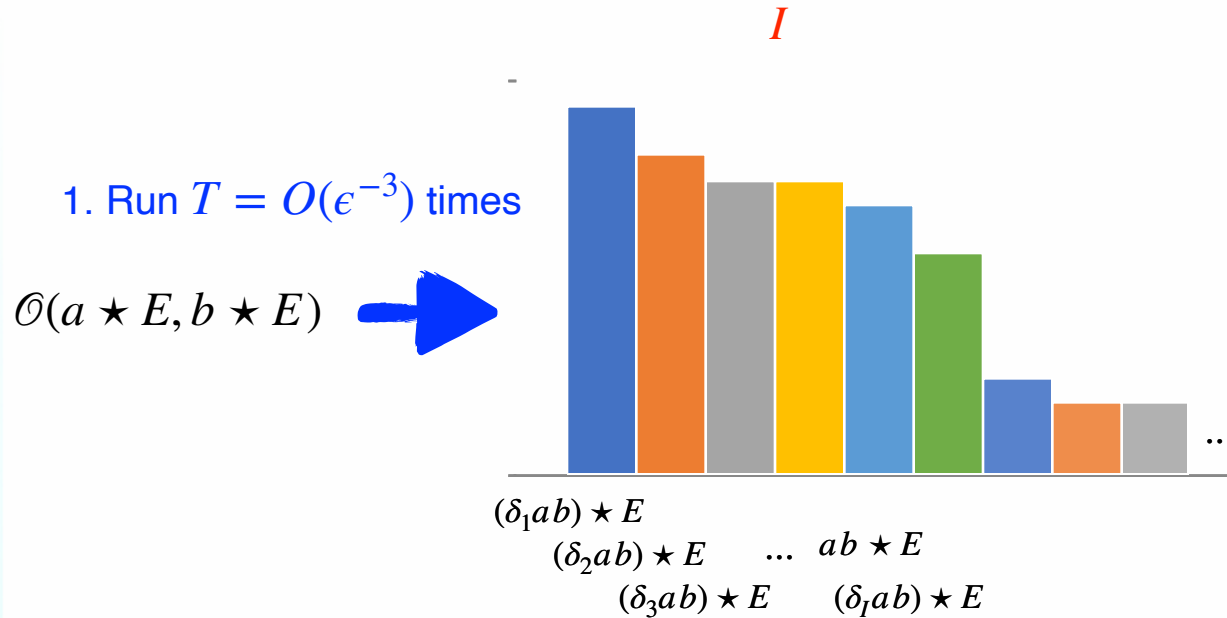
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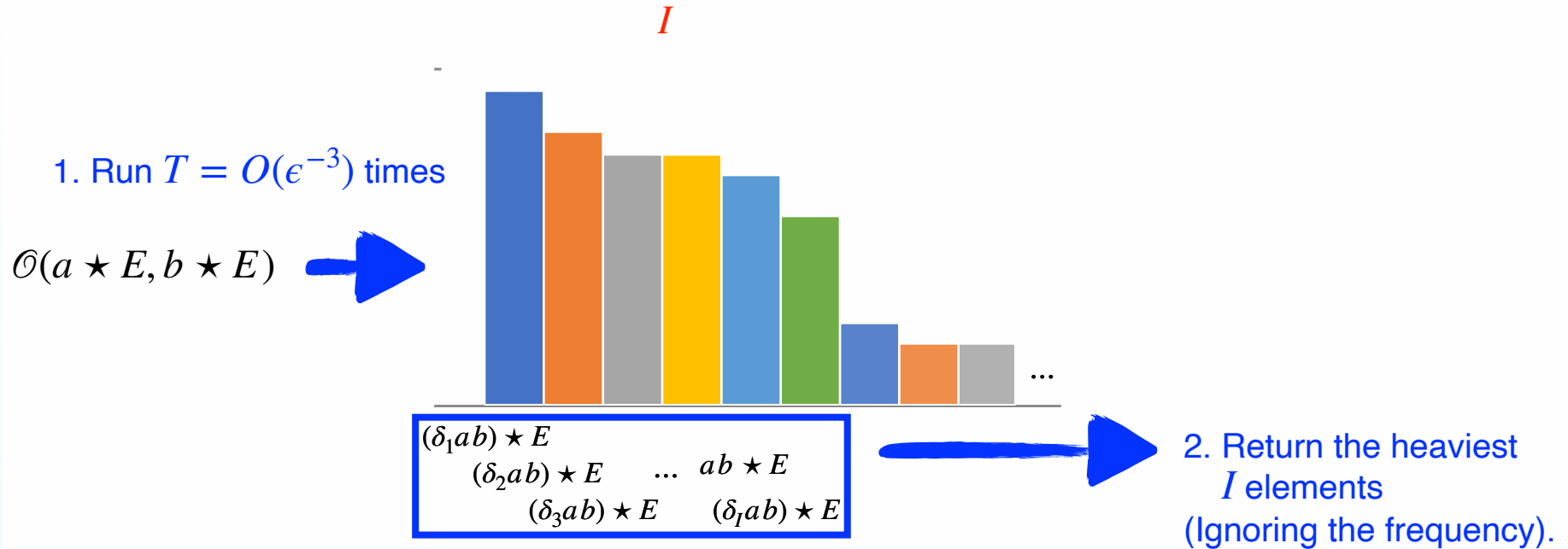




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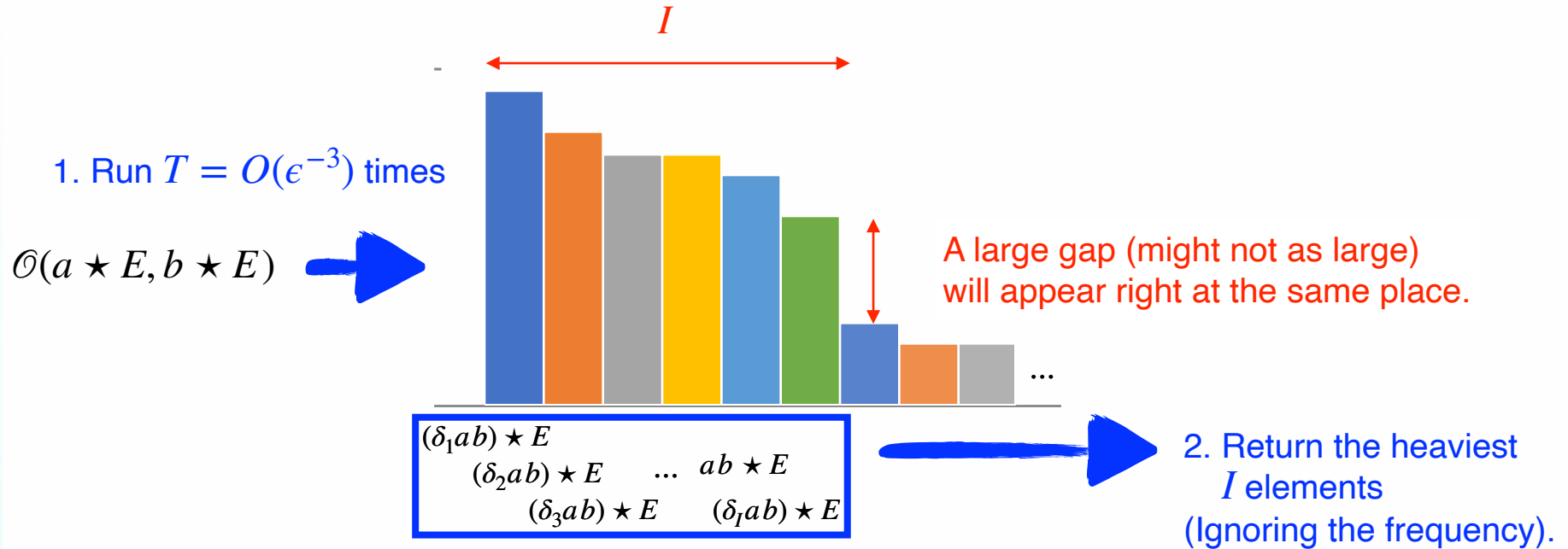
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# Propositions of Thresholding

1.  $\mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}$  is **deterministic** with an overwhelming chance when  $I$  is chosen properly.
2.  $\mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}(a \star E, b \star E) = \mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}(ab \star E, E)$ .

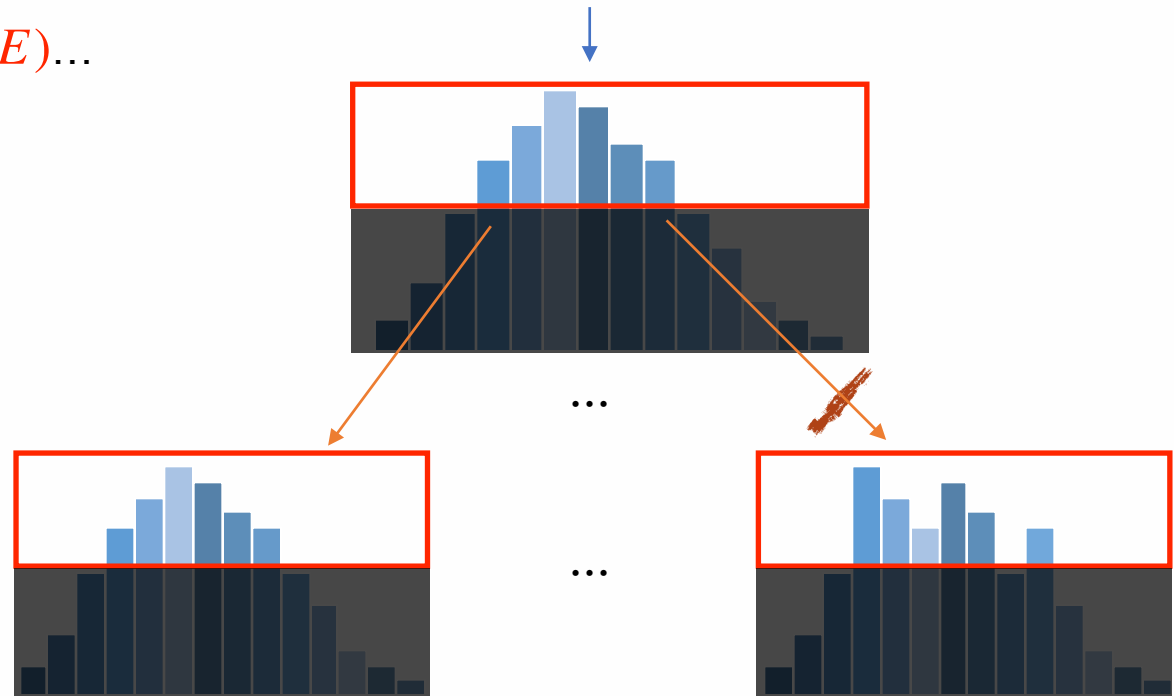
- ▶ That is, say  $E' \in L_0 \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}(a \star E, b \star E)$ , and let  $L' \leftarrow \mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}(E', E)$ . If  $E' = ab \star E$  (the correct answer), then  $L_0 = L'$ .
- ▶ View  $\mathcal{O}_I^{\text{Thr}}$  as an “invariant” wrt the input  $\Rightarrow$  Cheaper and more effective for comparison.

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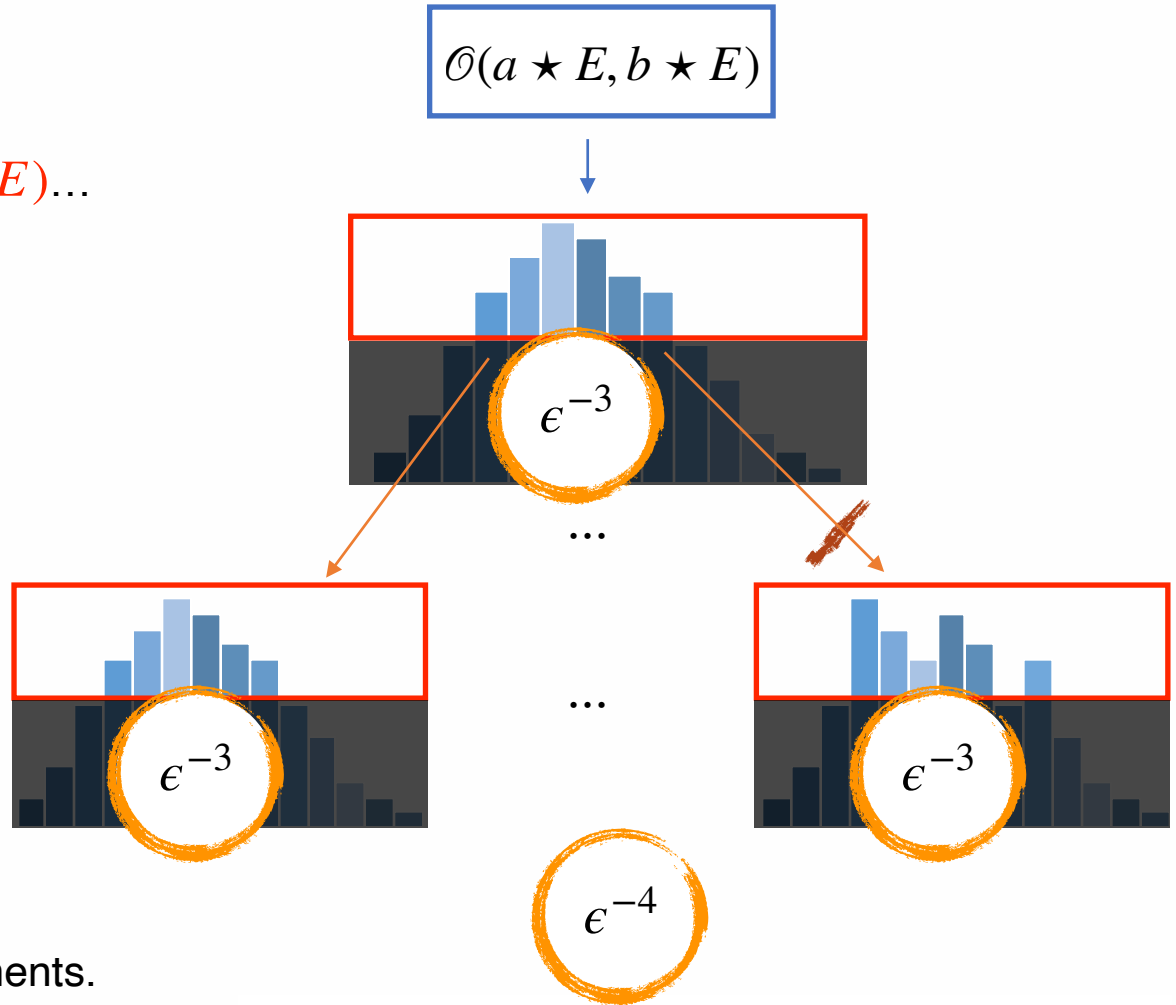
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# Improvement

	Ours	[MZ22]
Sieving $\mathcal{O} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^{\text{Siv}}$	Sampling + <b>Thresholding</b> (deterministic) And compare $\epsilon^{-4}$	Sampling (probabilistic) And compare $\epsilon^{-16}$
Error Terms of $\mathcal{O}^{\text{Siv}}$ i.e. $\{1\} \cup \{\delta'_i\}_i$	An <b>immediate</b> <b>small subgroup.</b>	A set generates a small subgroup.
Query of $\mathcal{O}^{\text{Siv}}$ for [GPSV18]	Constant in $\epsilon$ . $1$	poly in $\epsilon$ . $\epsilon^{-5}$
Overall Cost	$\epsilon^{-4}$	$\epsilon^{-21}$



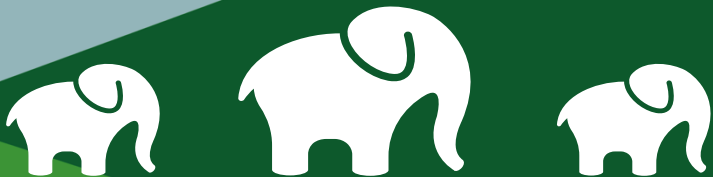
# Open Problems

- Quantum Boost?
  - There exist classical/quantum algorithms ( $\epsilon$ -test) from [SODA:CDVV14, ITCS:GL20] to accelerate [MZ22] (to roughly  $\epsilon^{-9}$ ) but not applicable to our results.
- Lower bound argument for the best plausible tightness between CDH and DLog?



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