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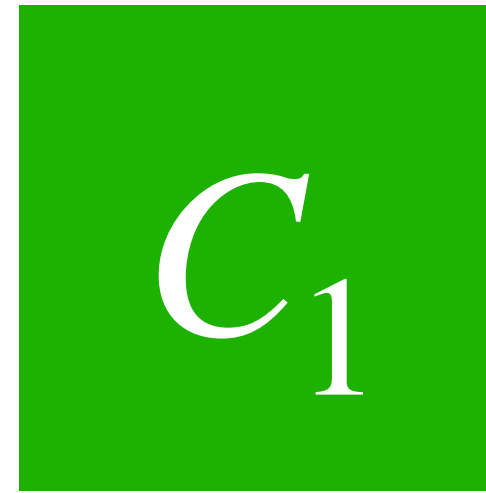
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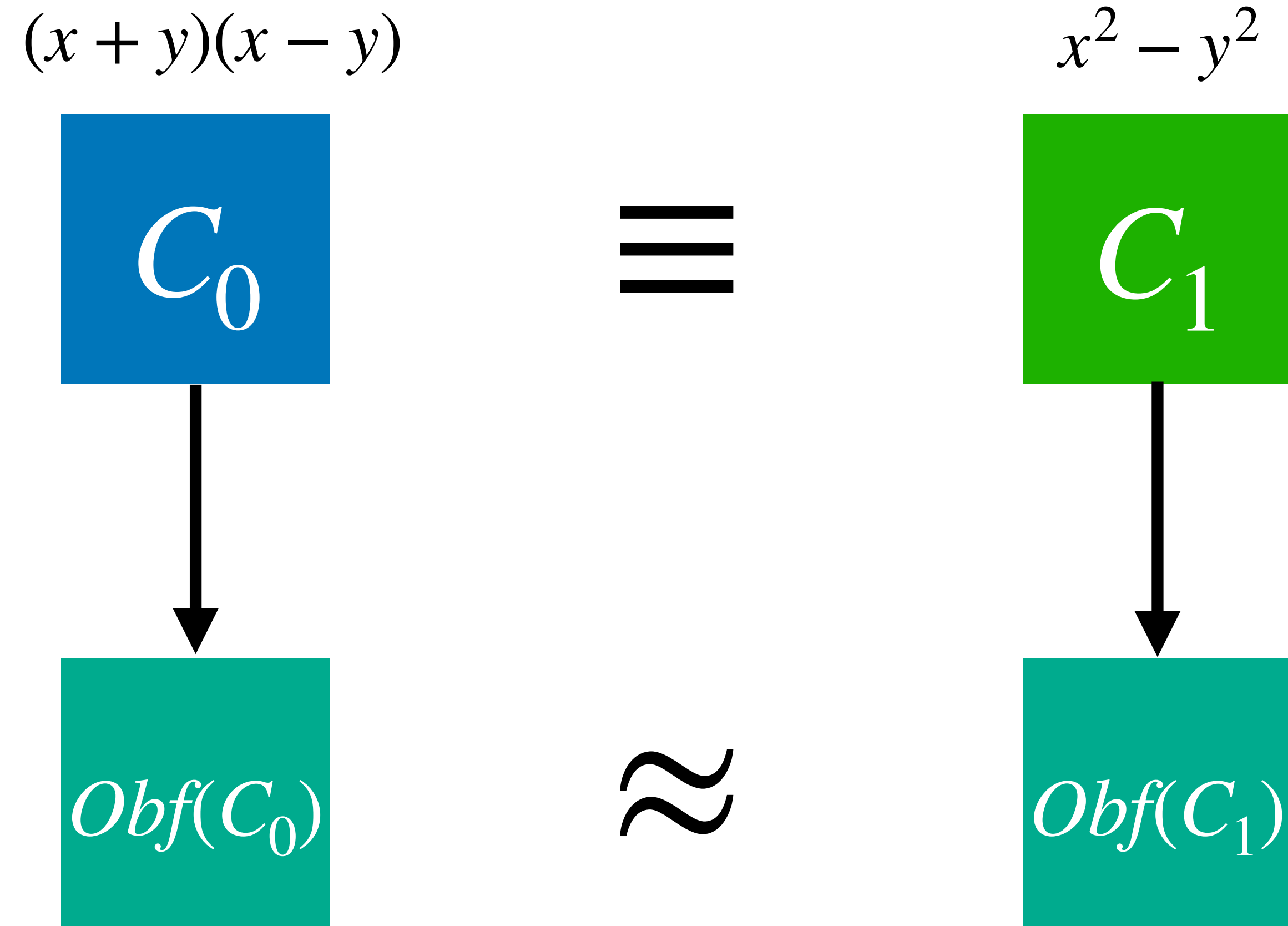
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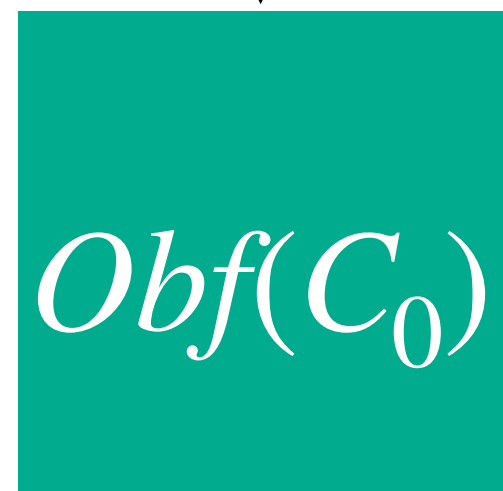
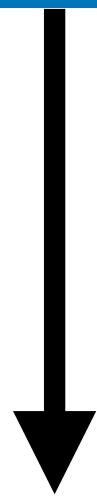
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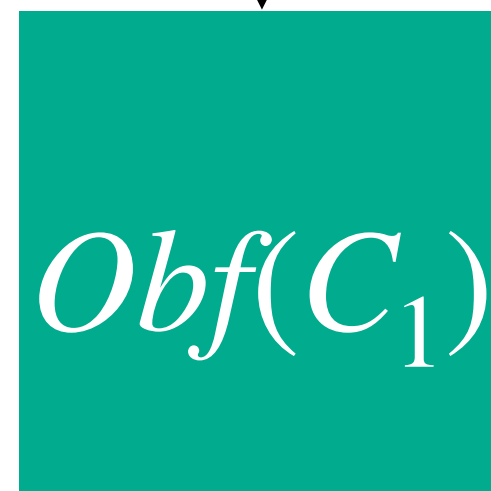
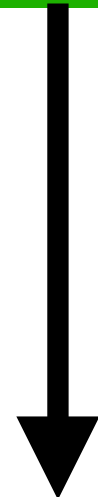
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Many of these applications involve obfuscating a cryptographic program. Can we leverage this?

**Is there a *different notion* of obfuscation
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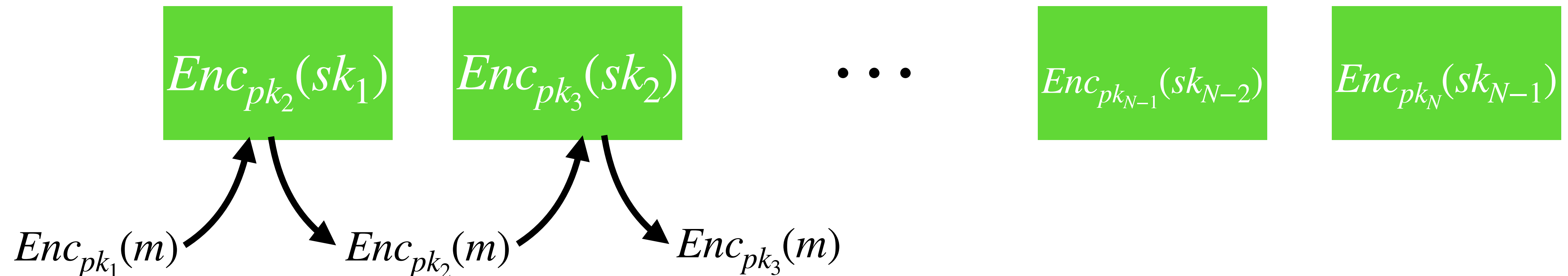
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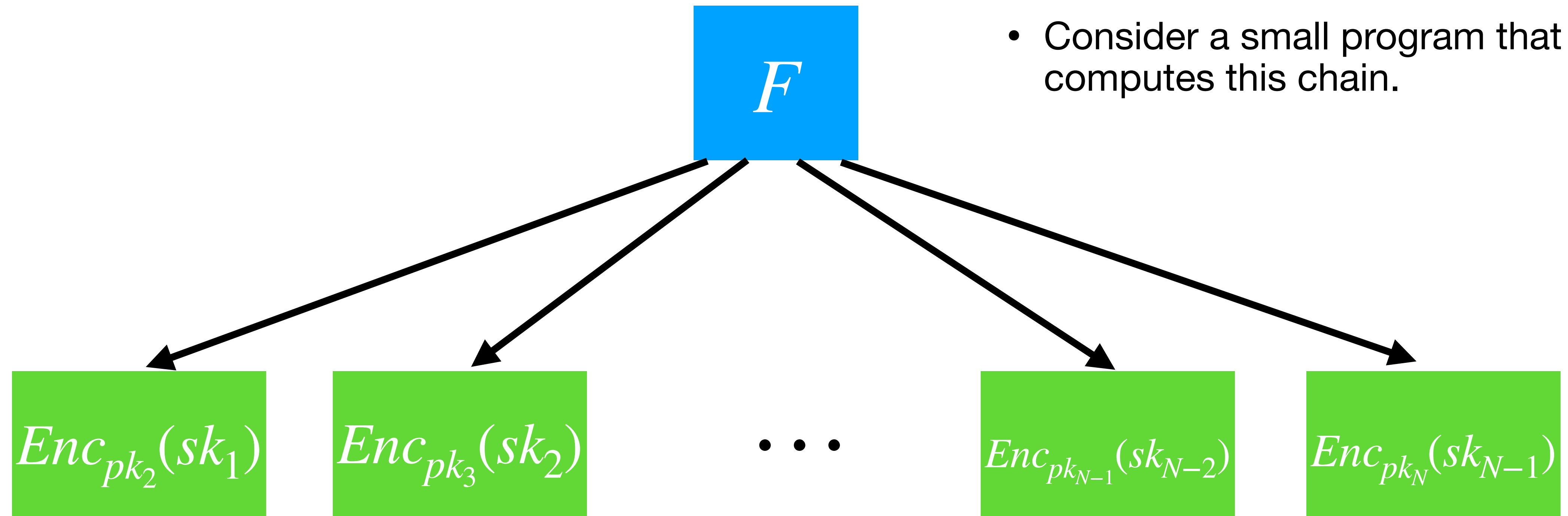
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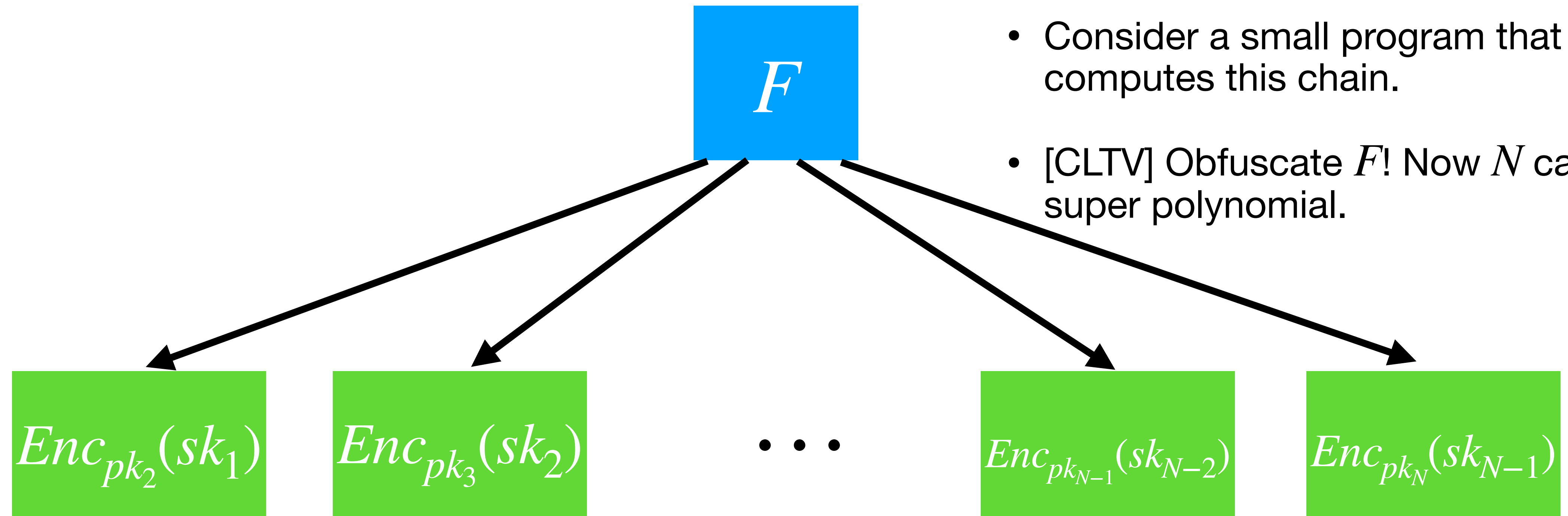
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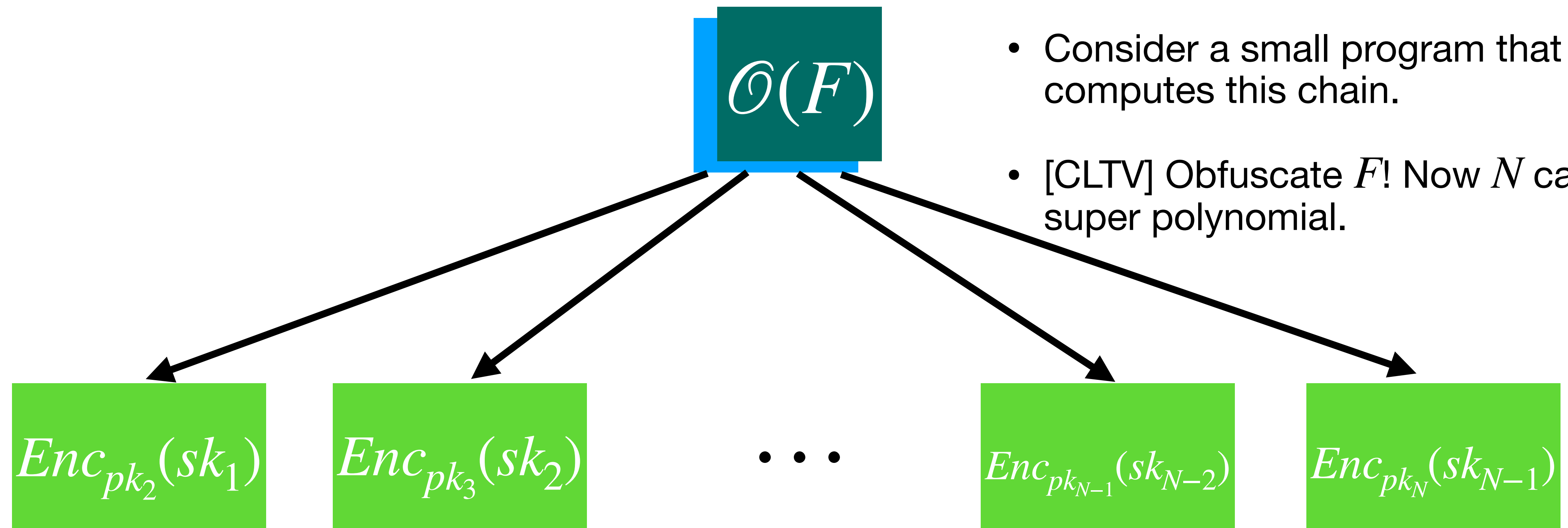
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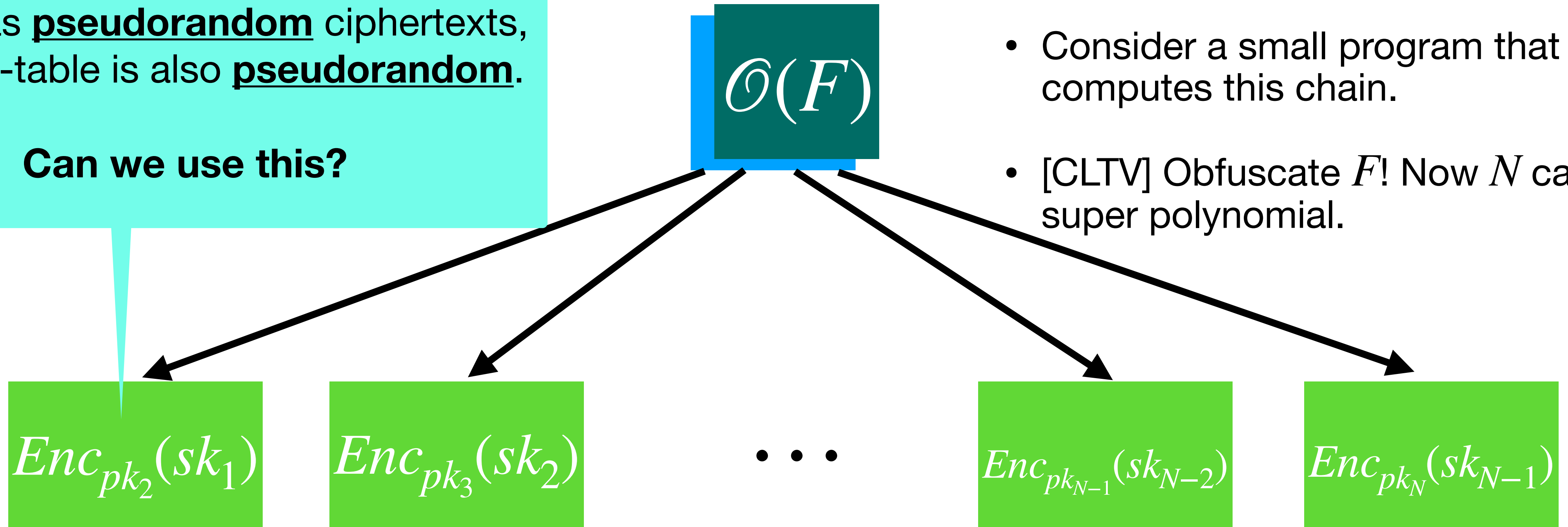


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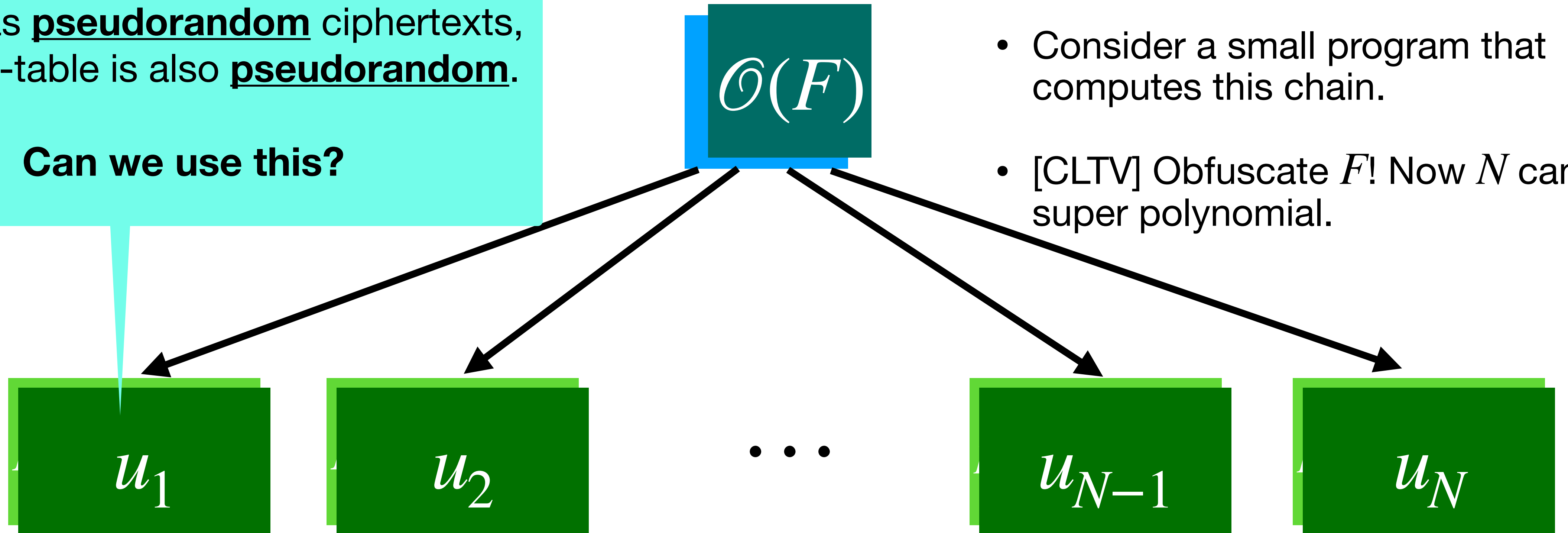
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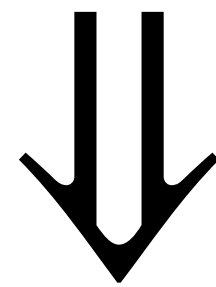
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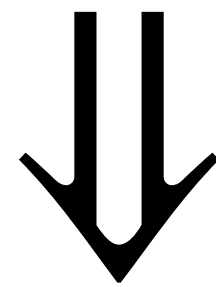
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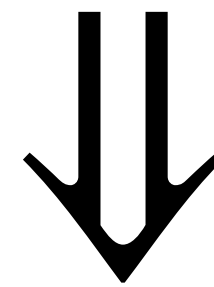
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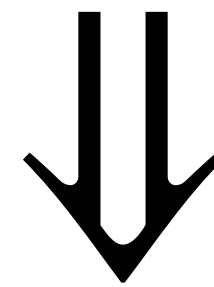
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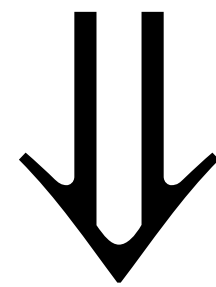
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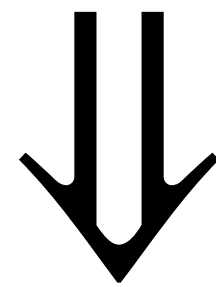
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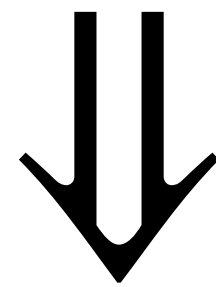
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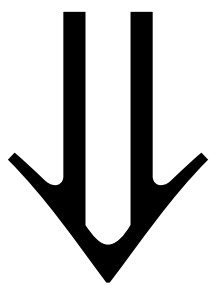
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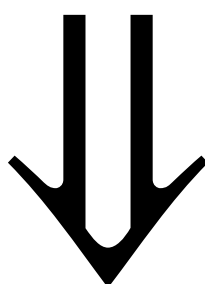
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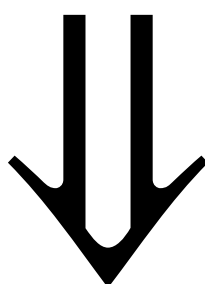
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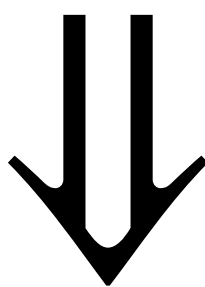
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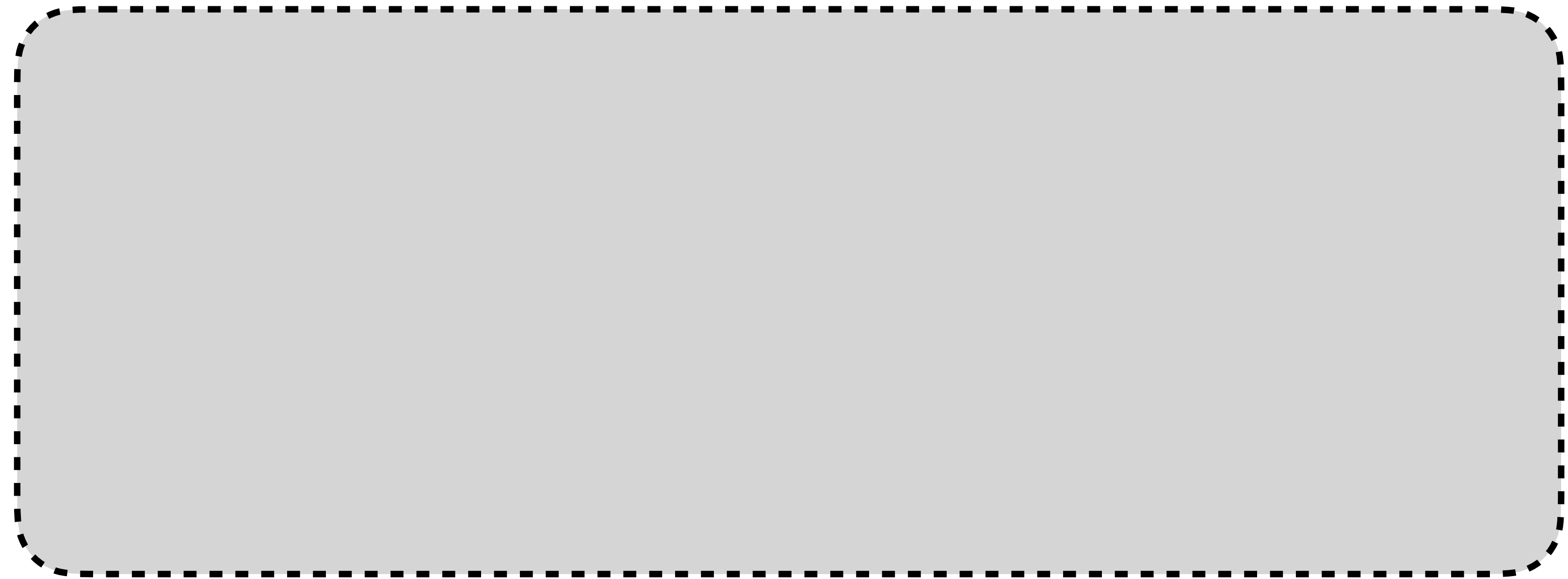
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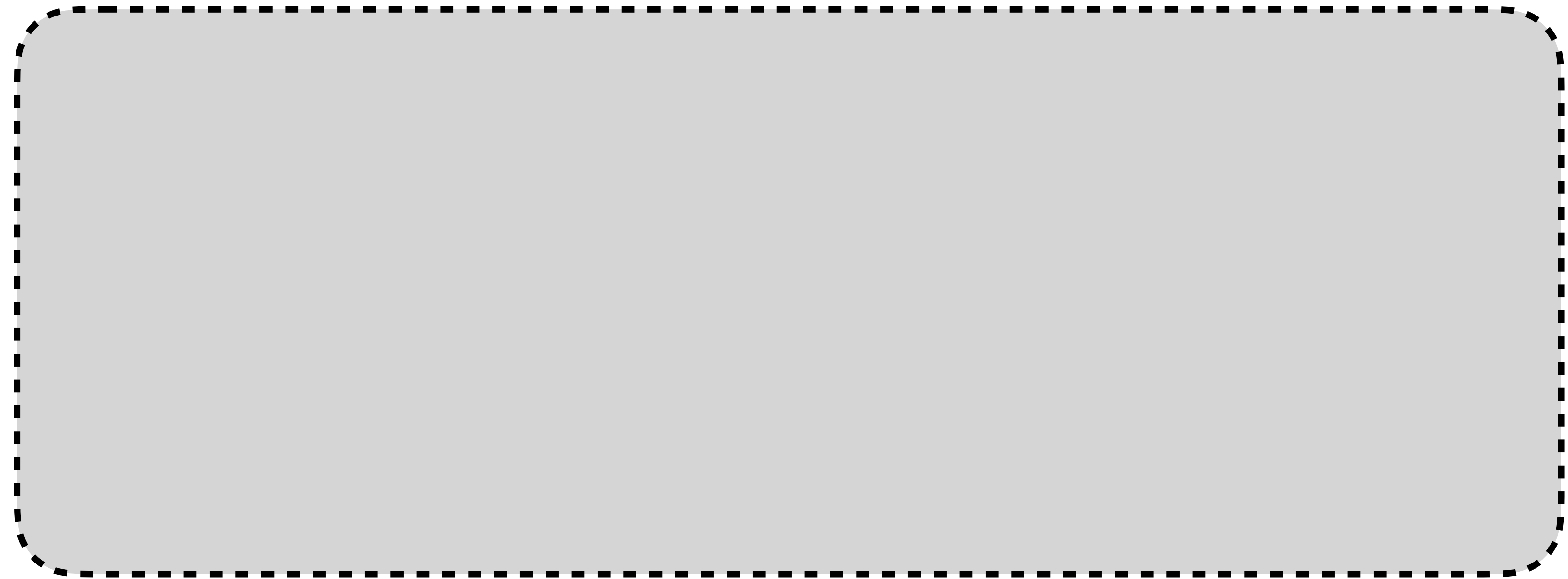
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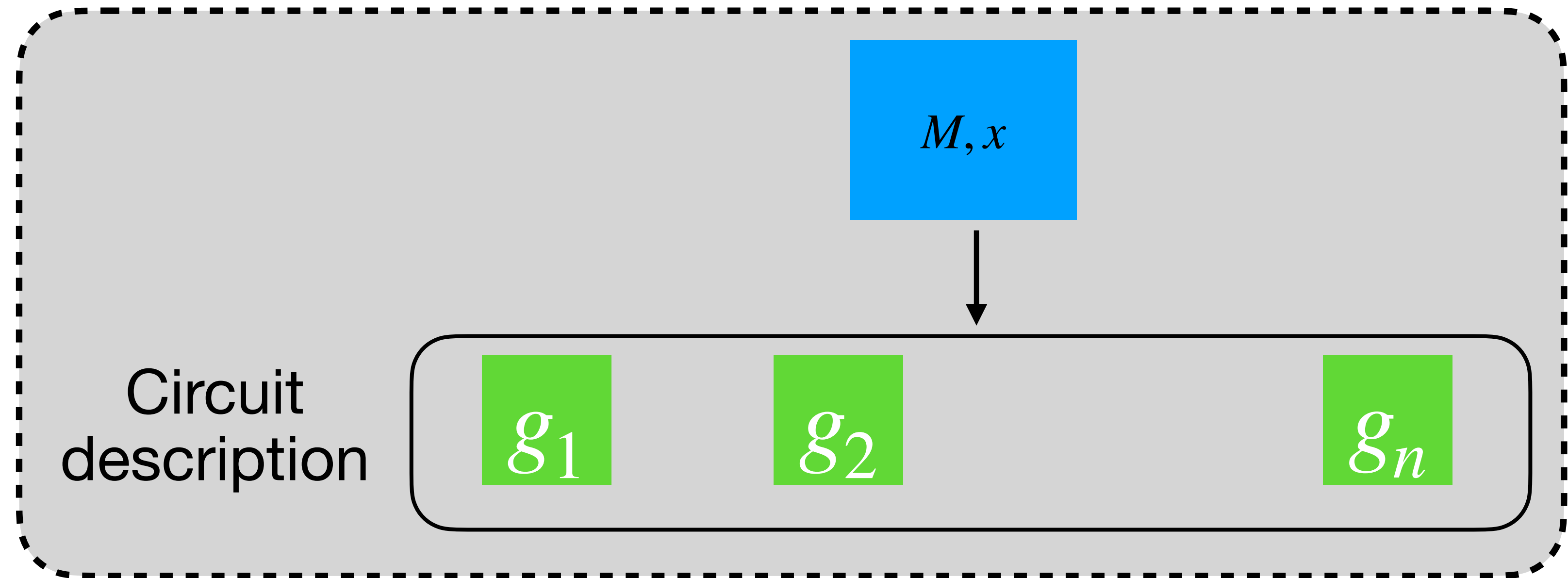
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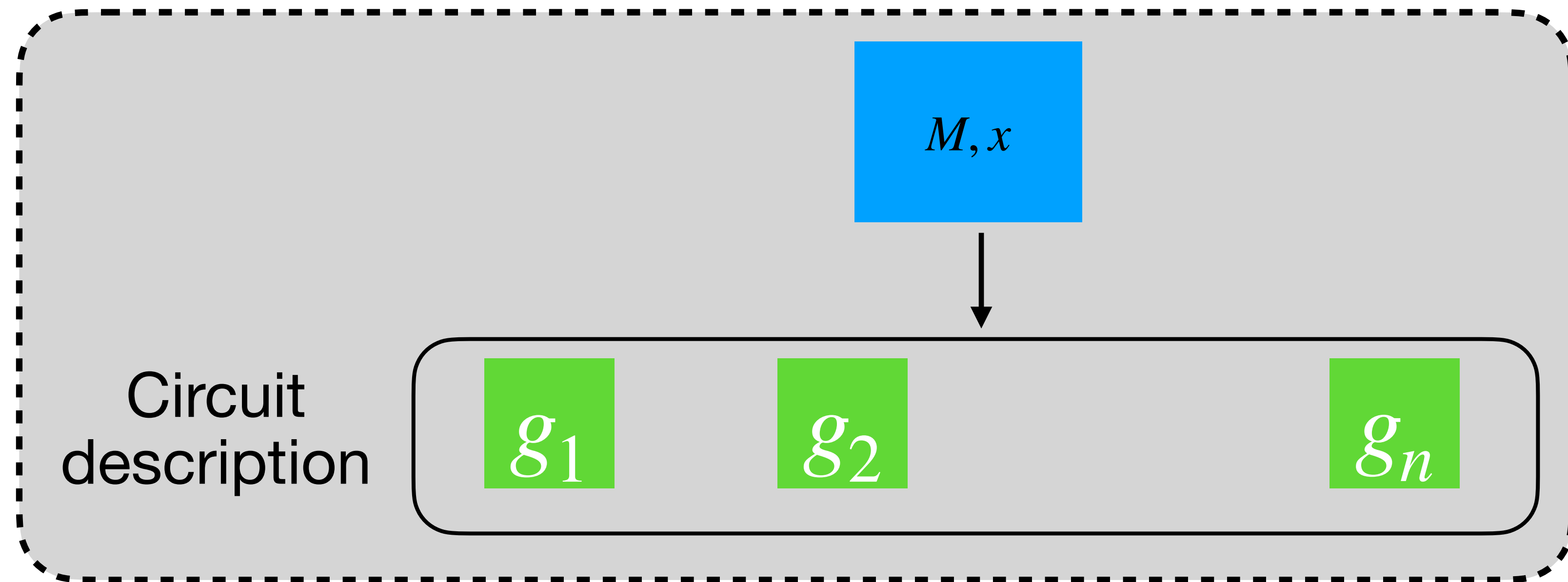
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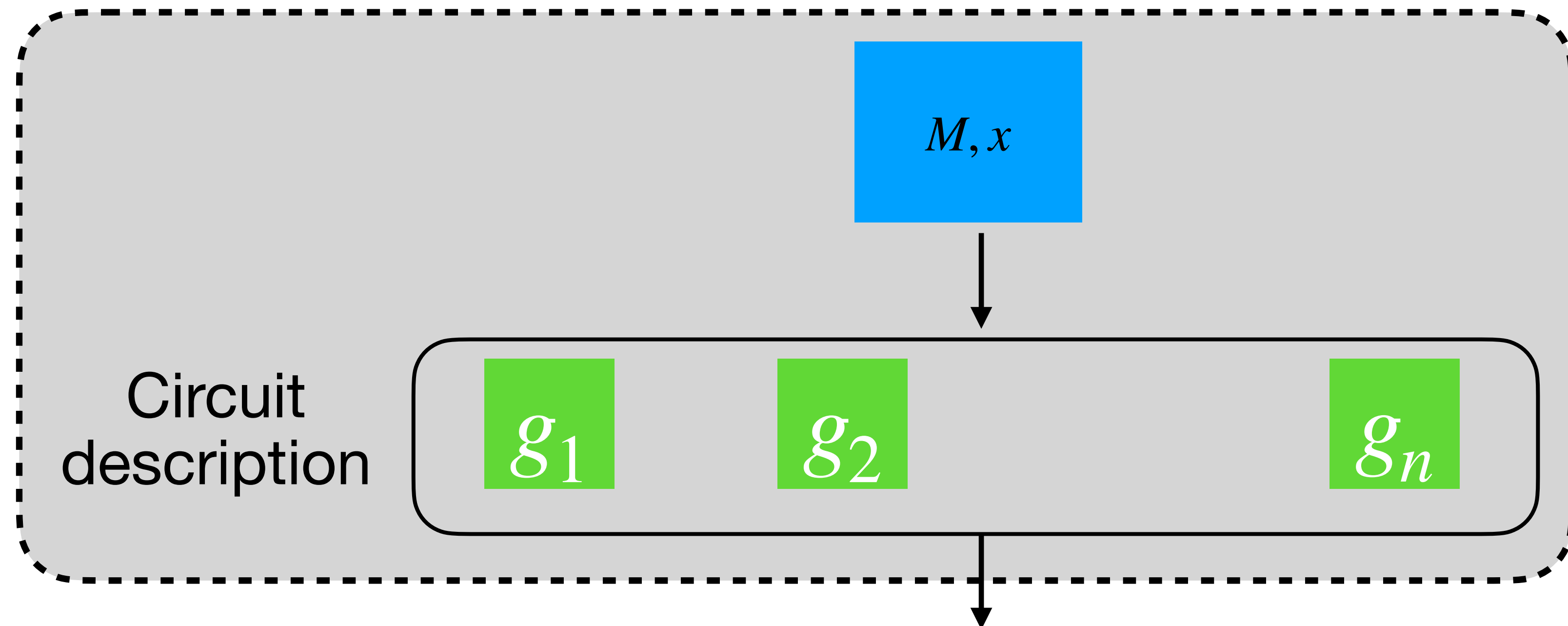
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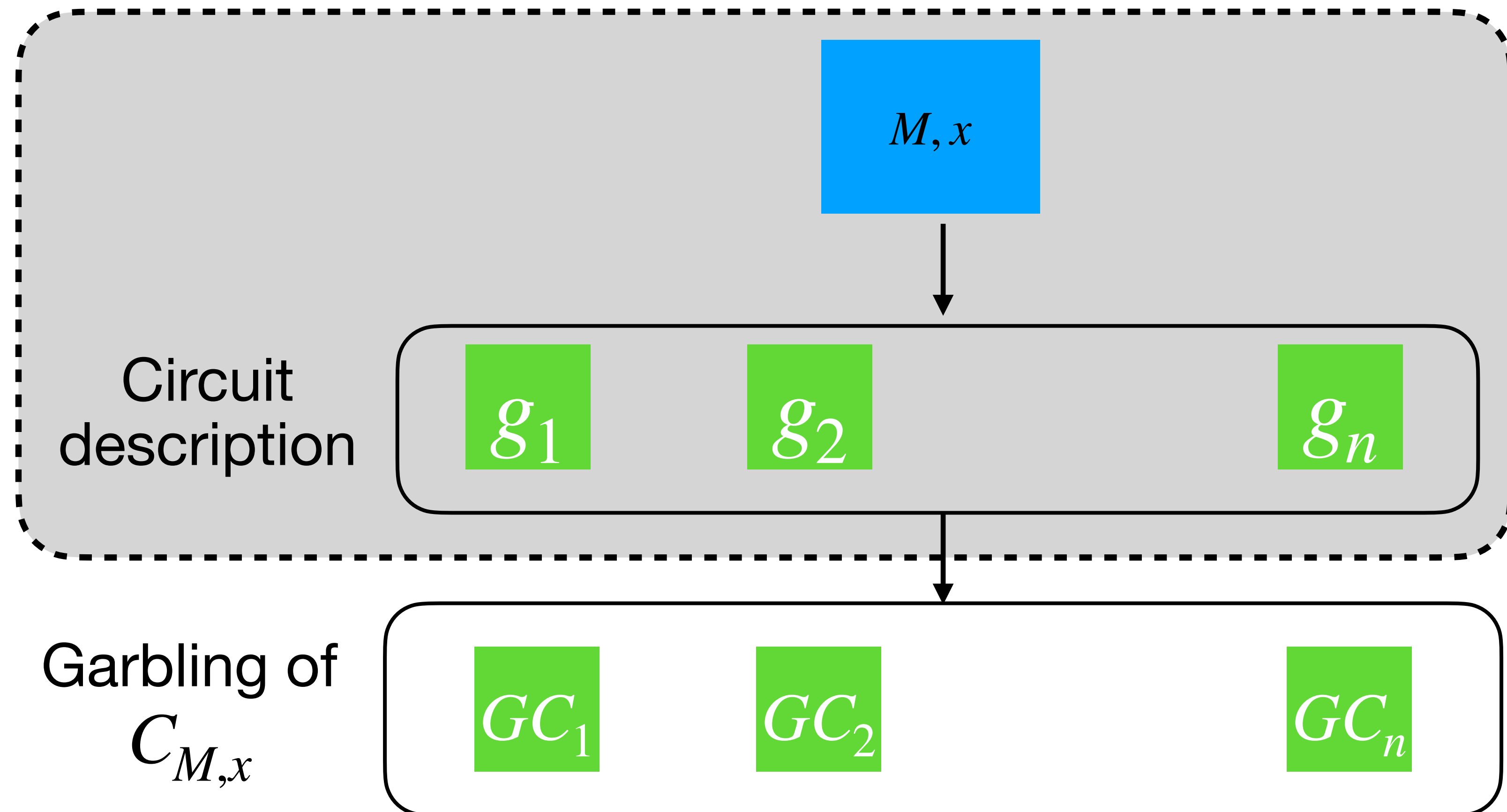
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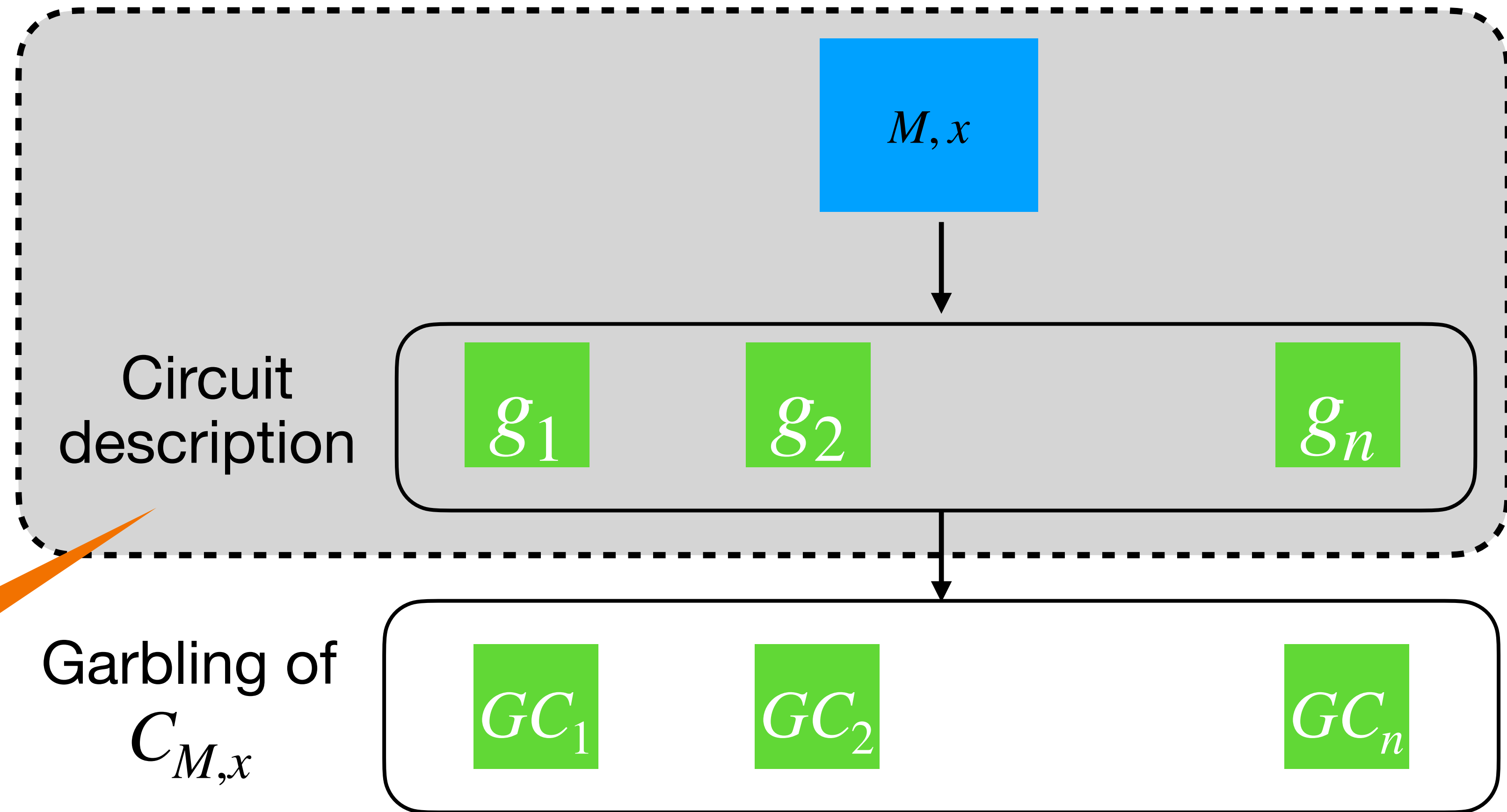
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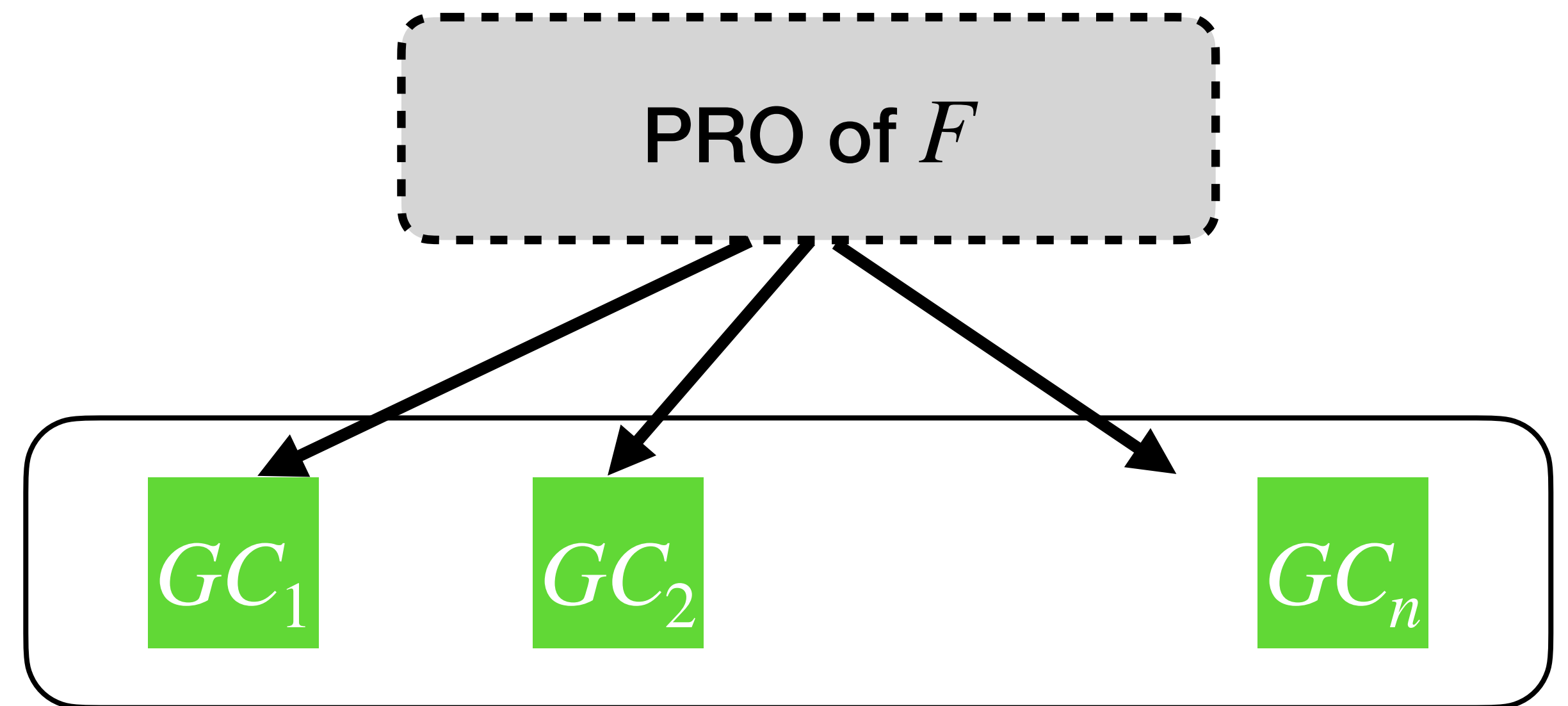
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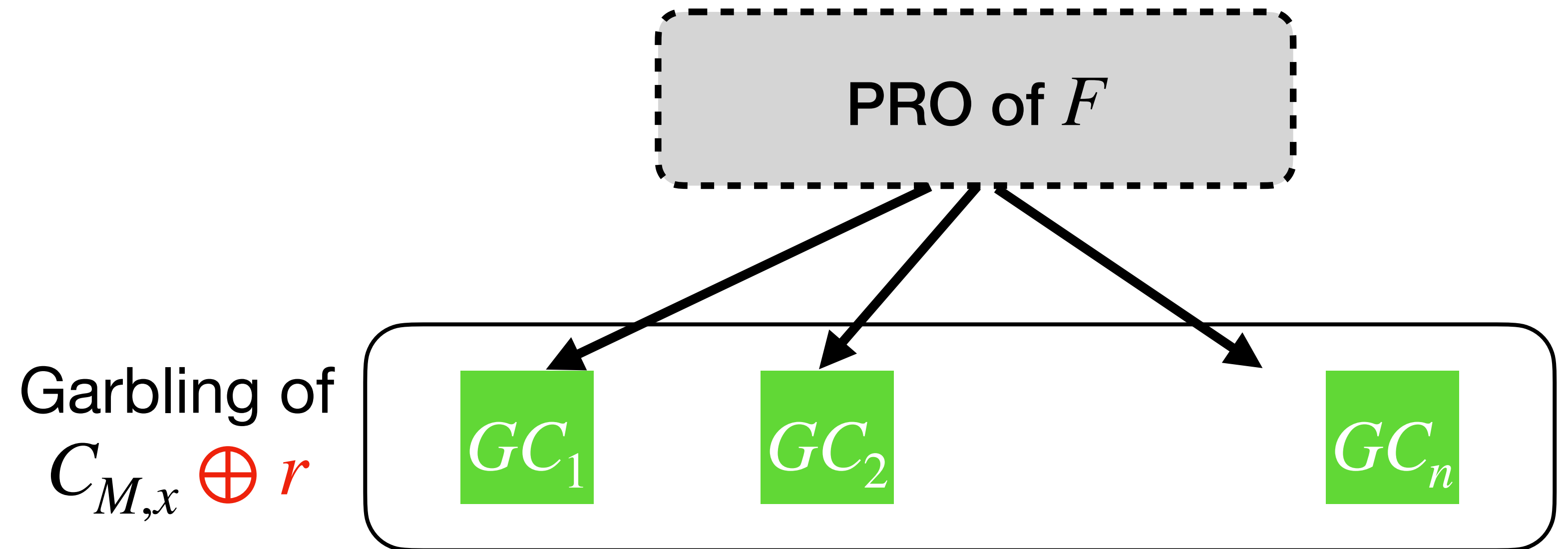


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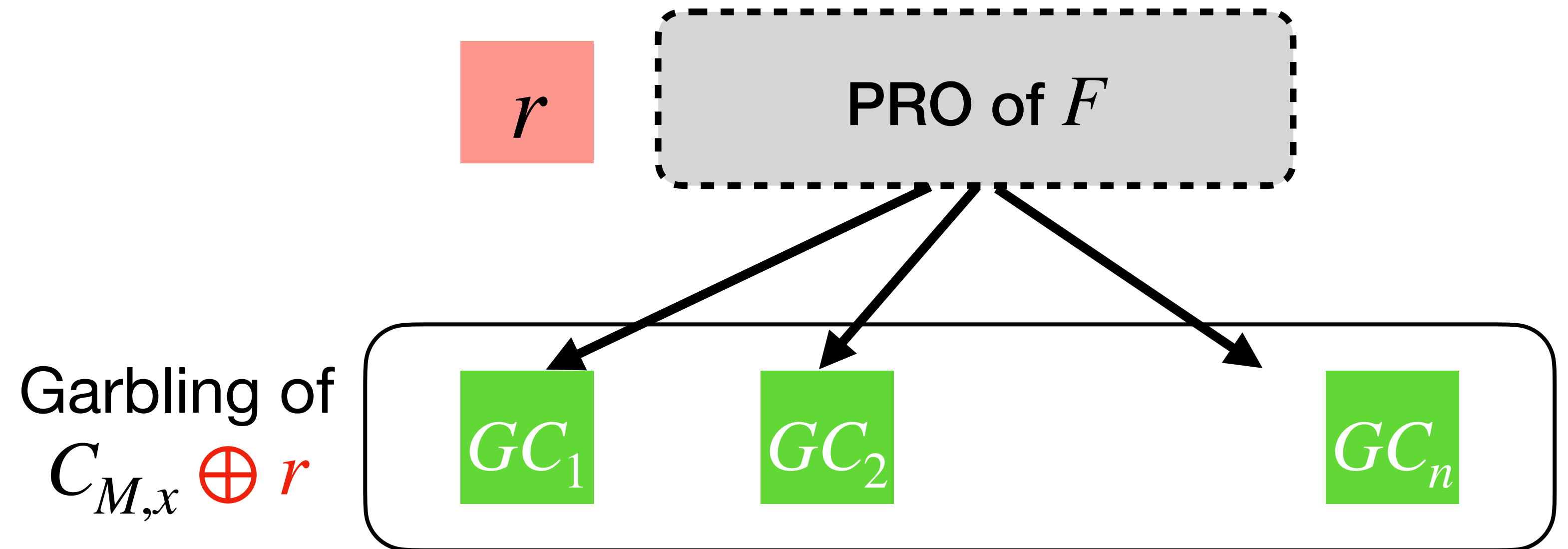
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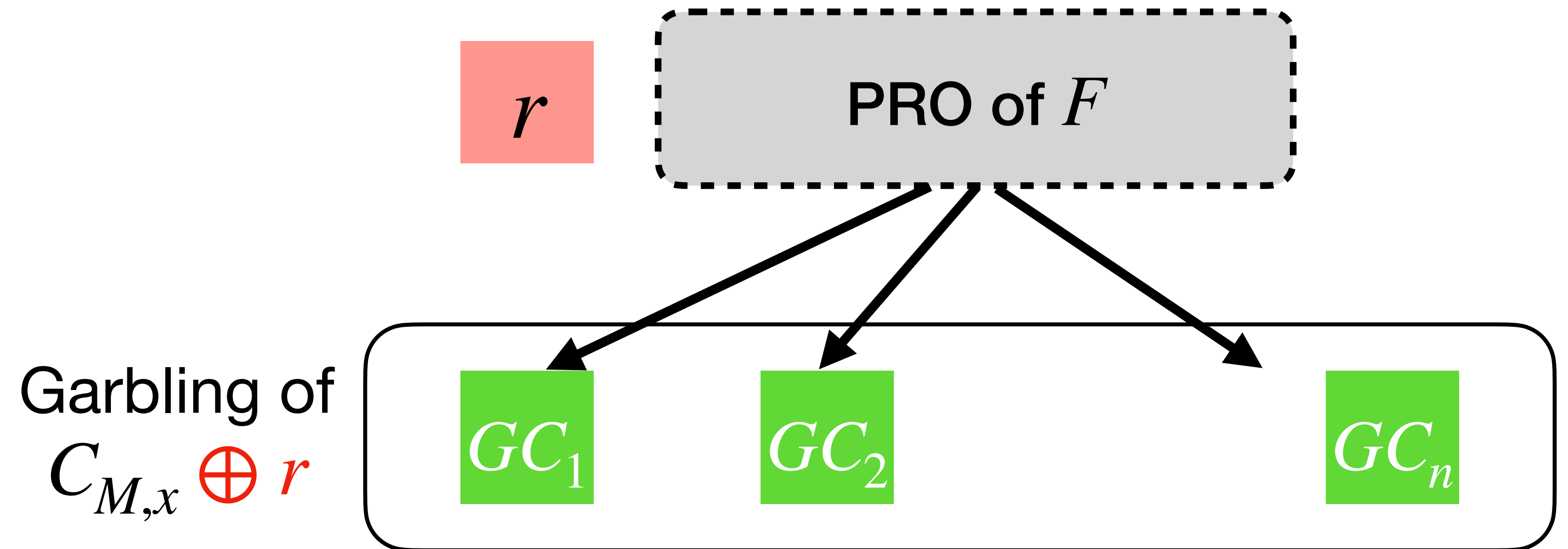


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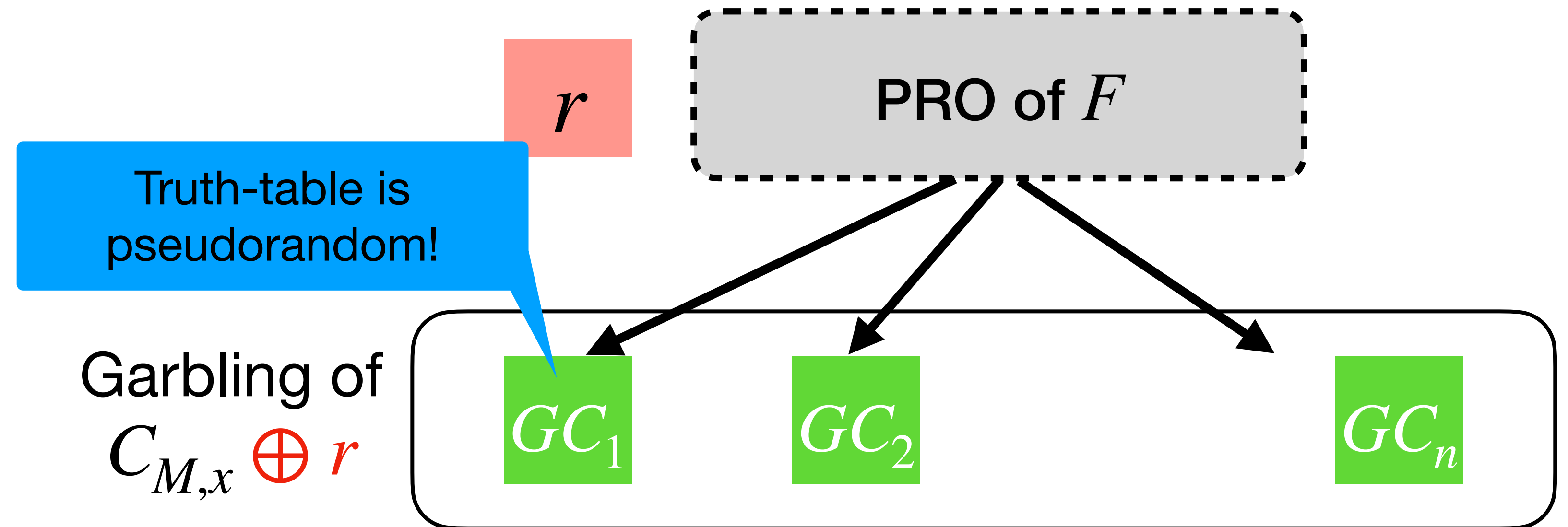
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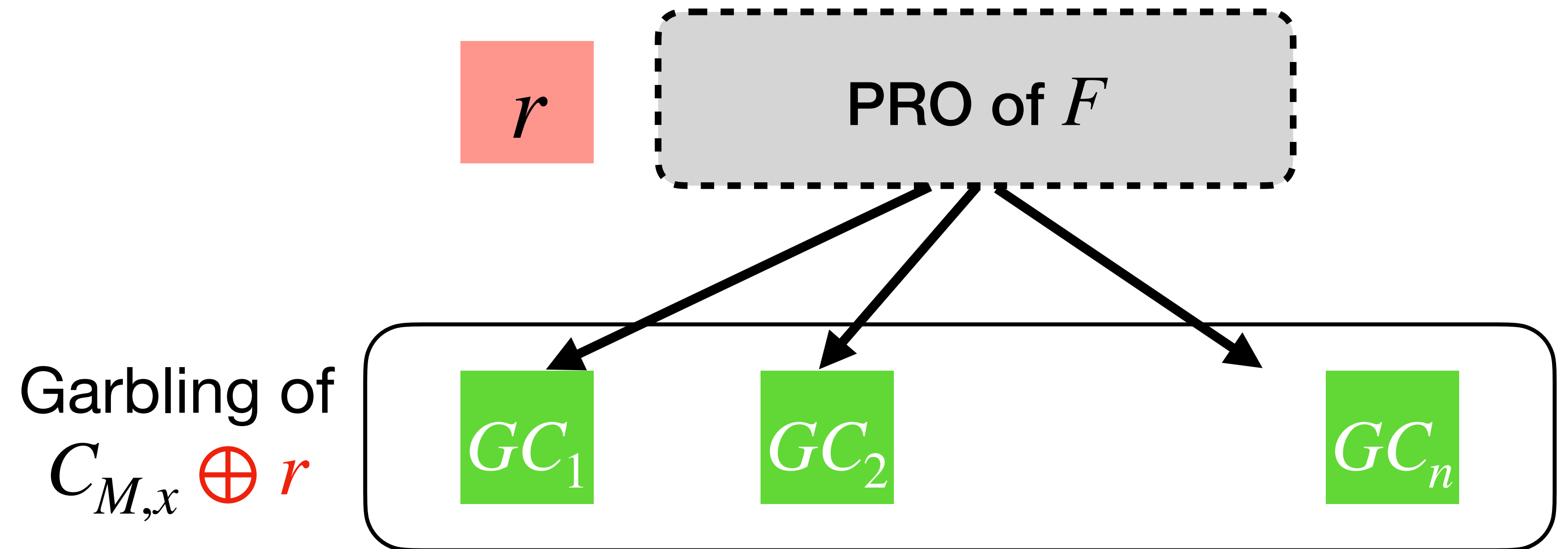
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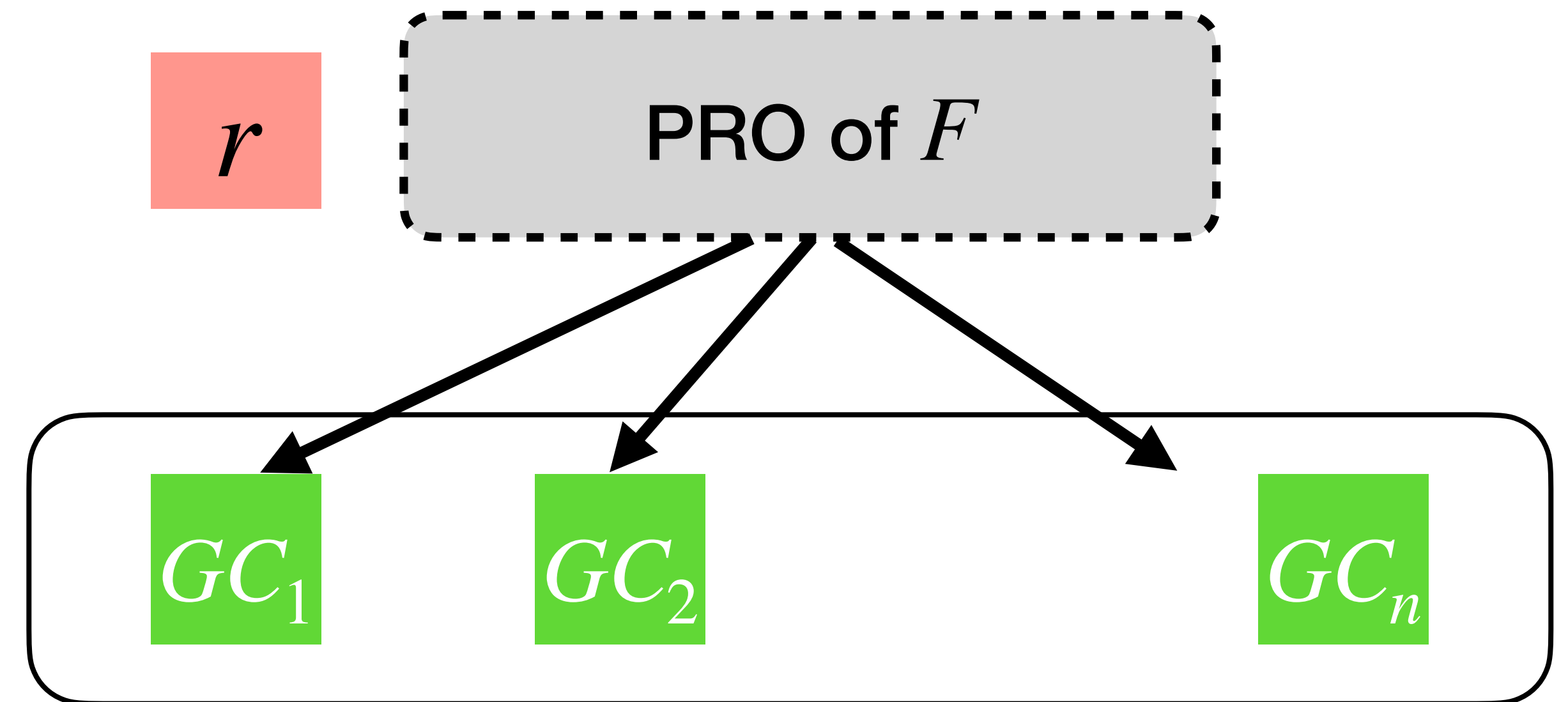
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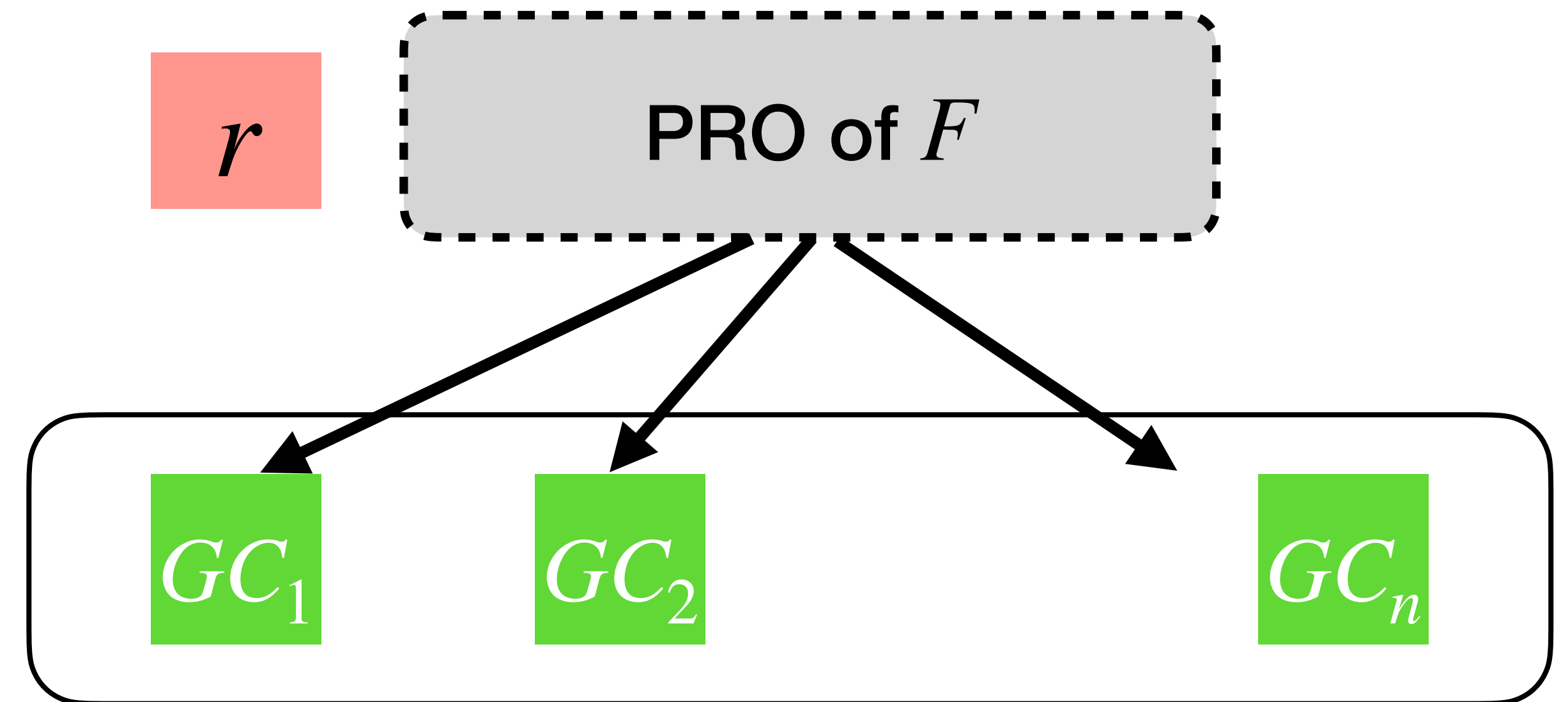
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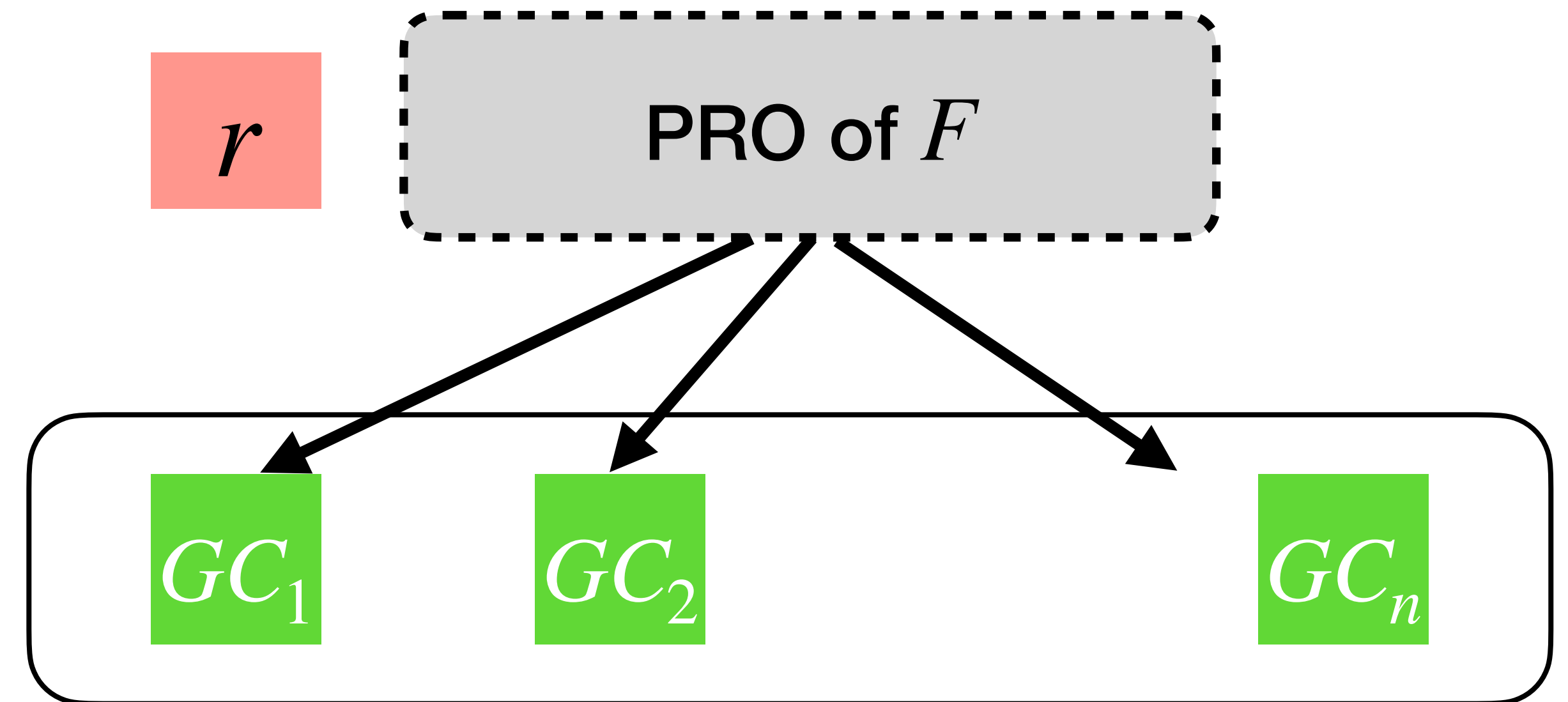
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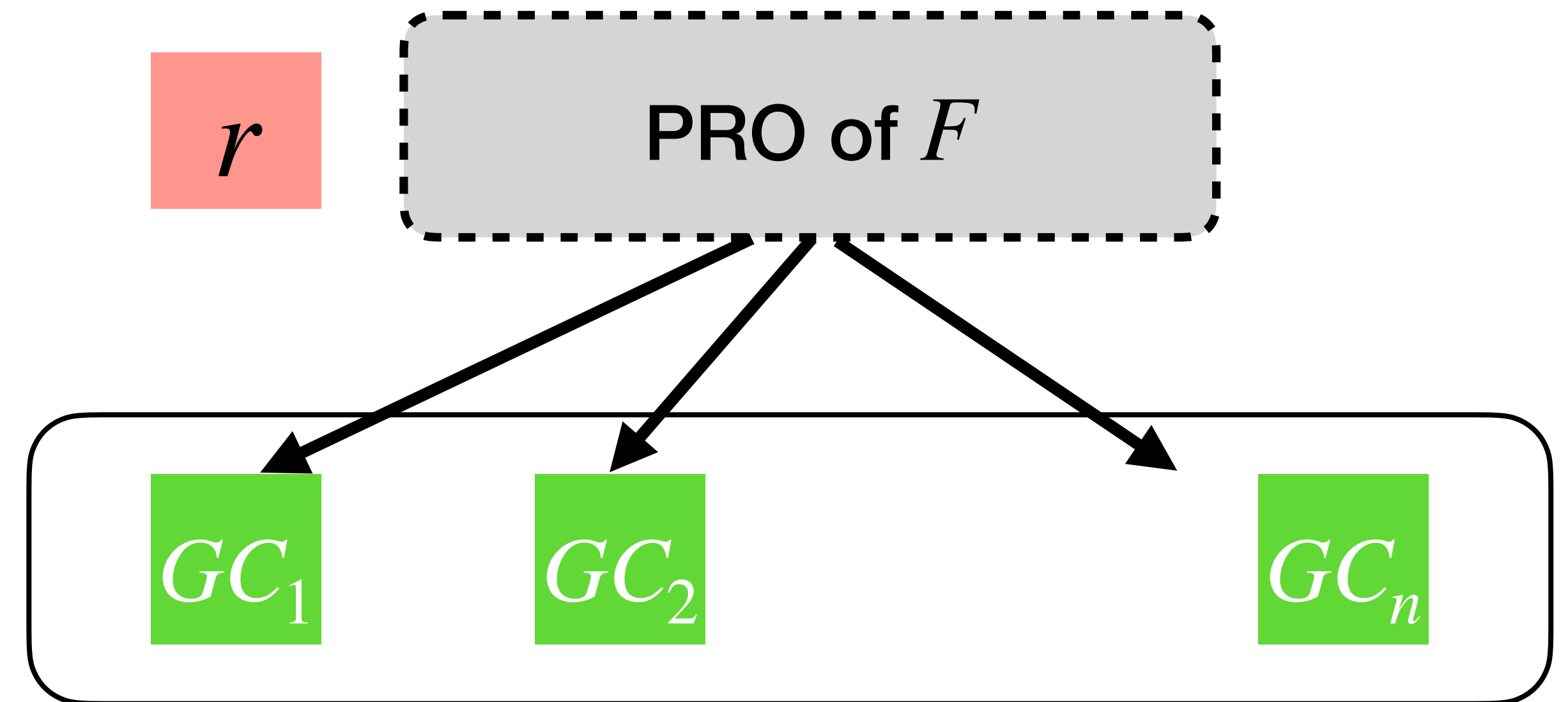


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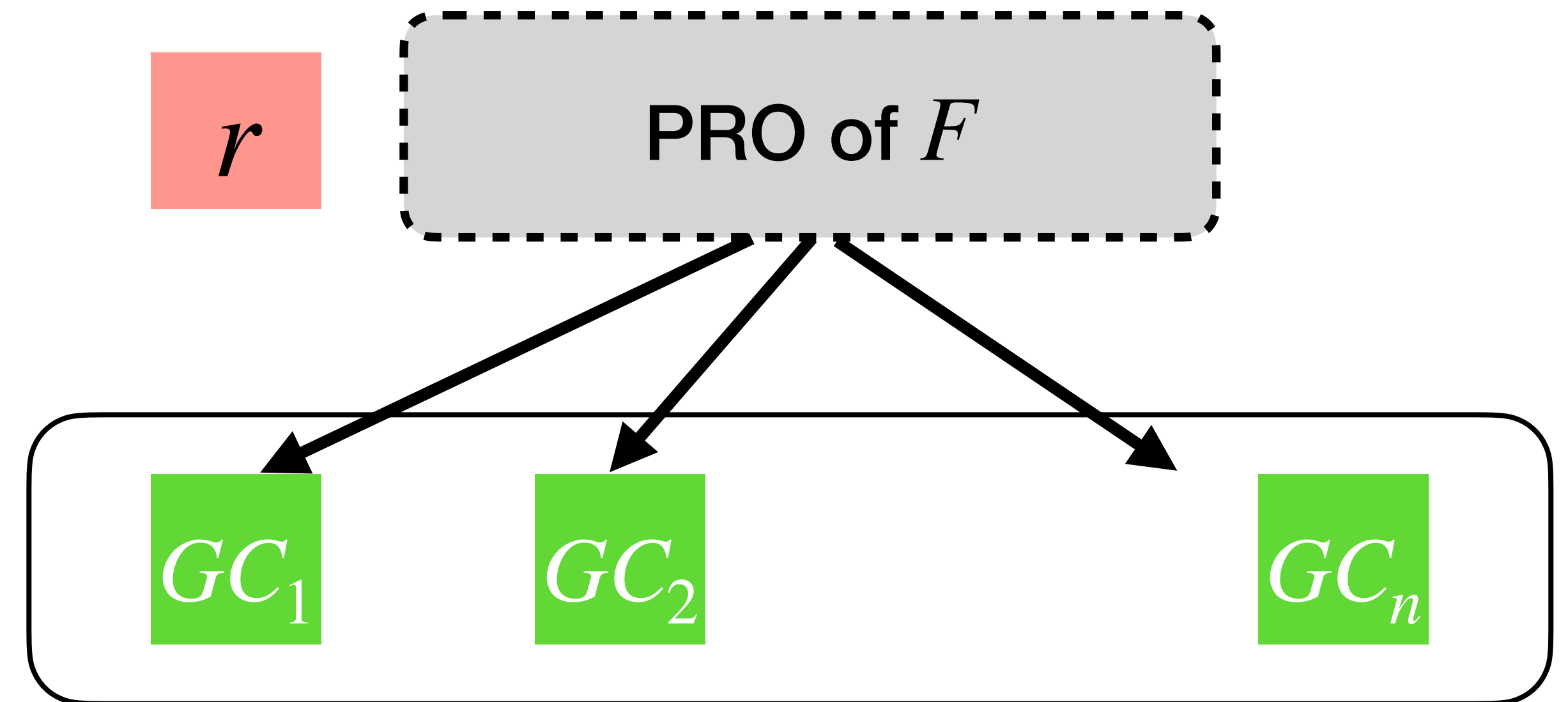
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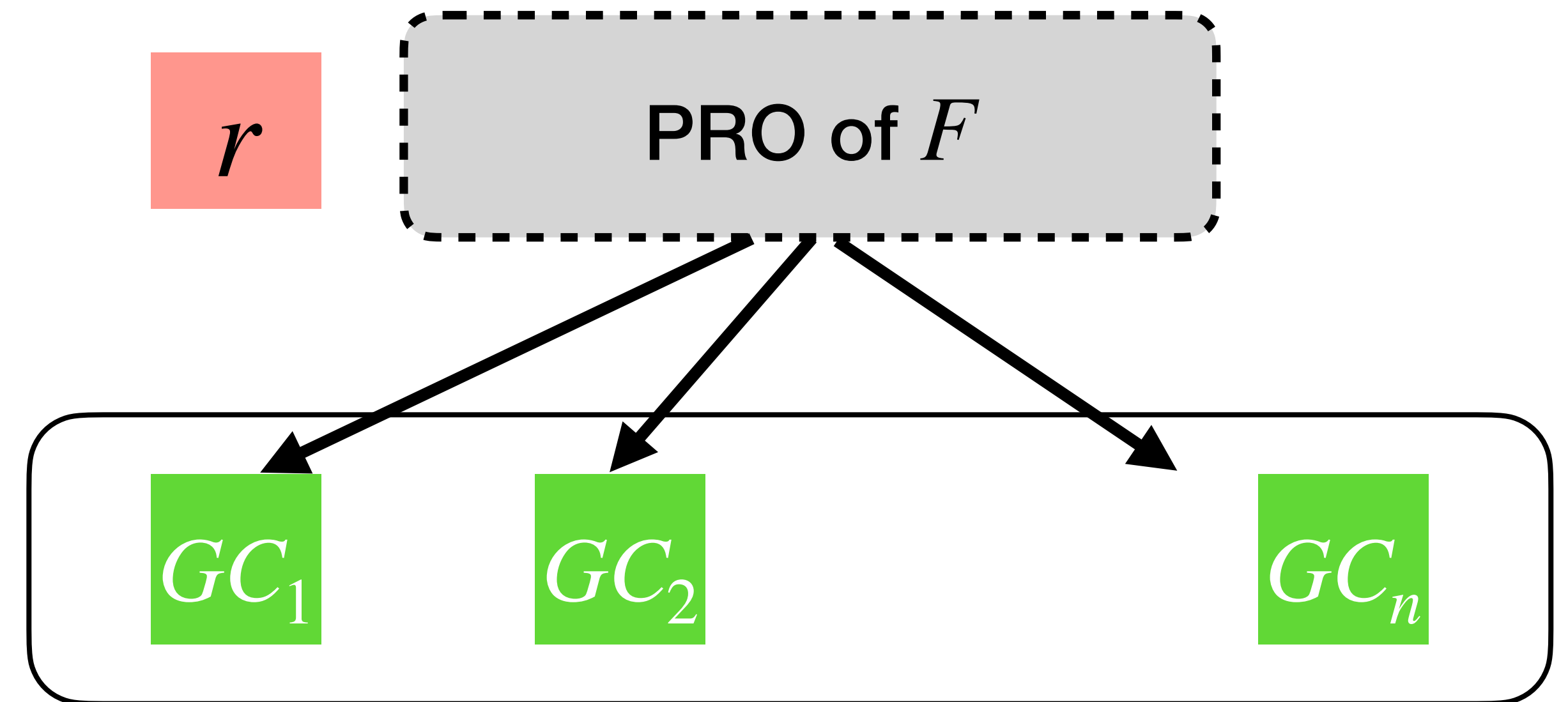
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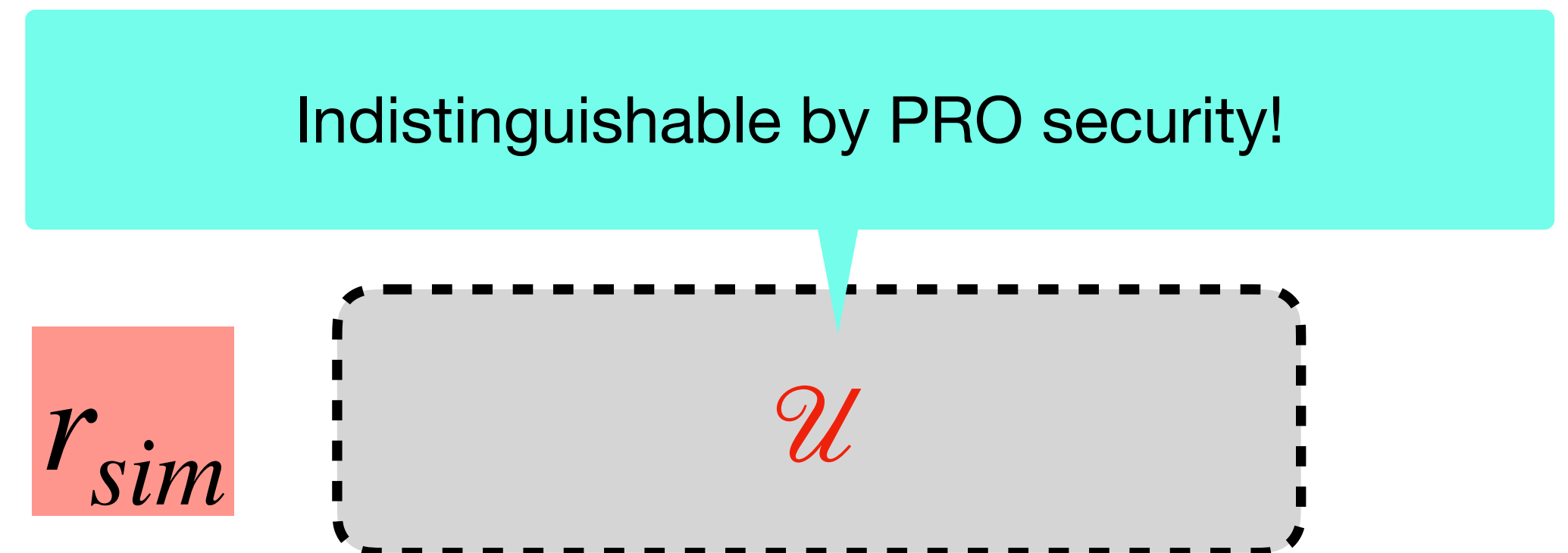
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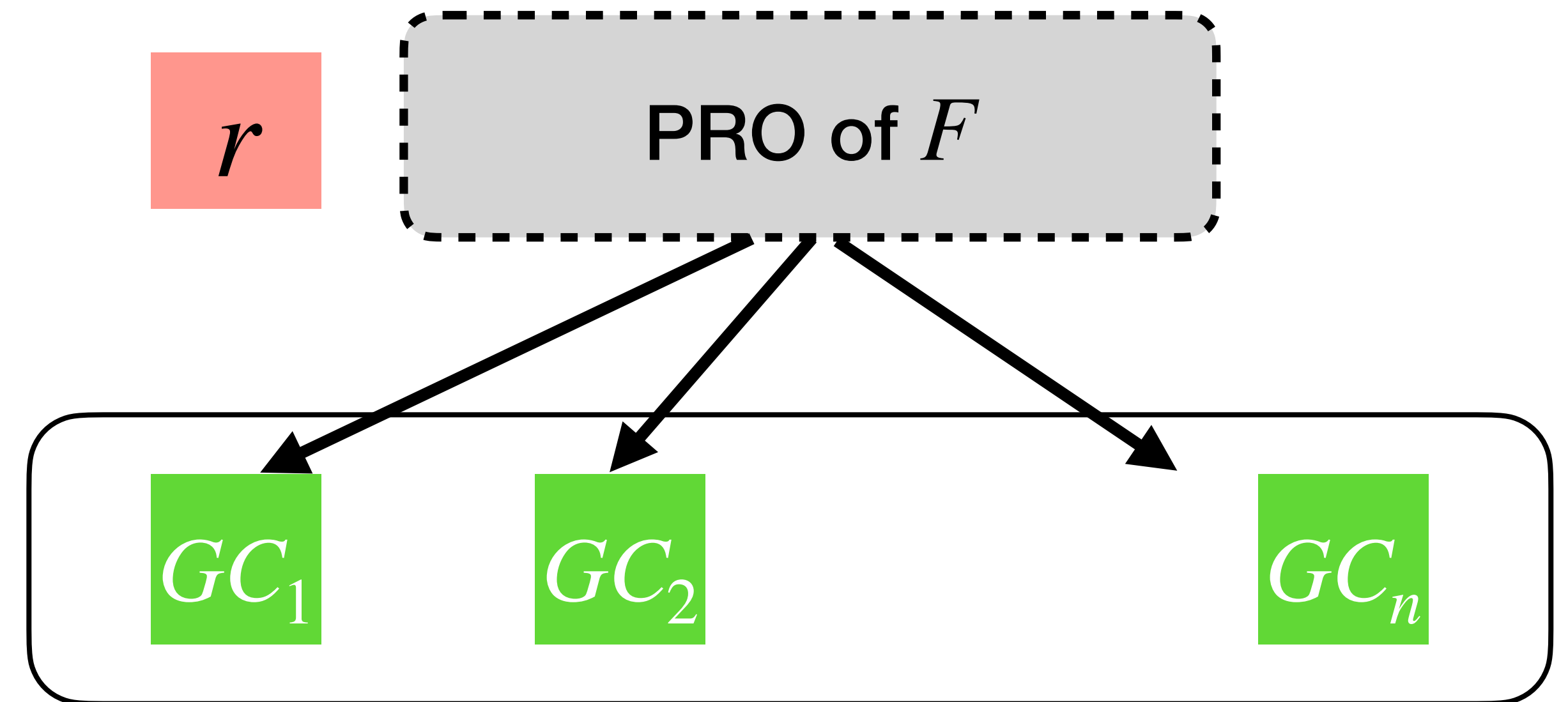
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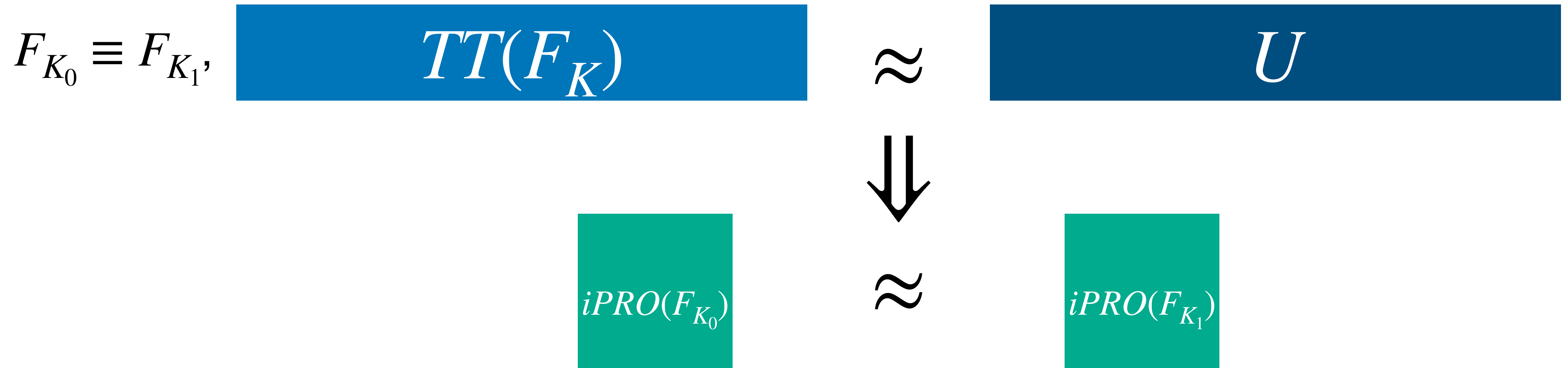
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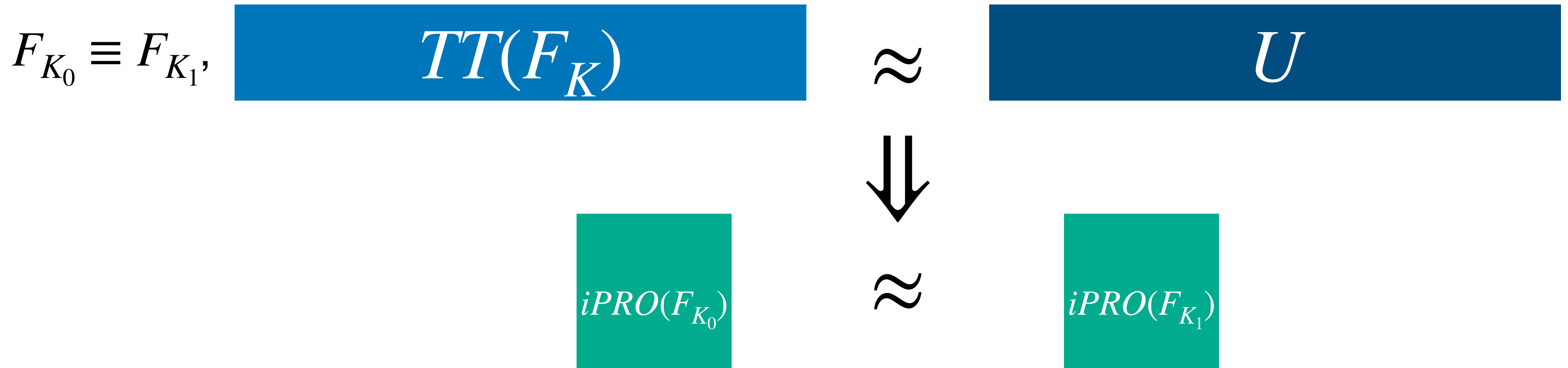
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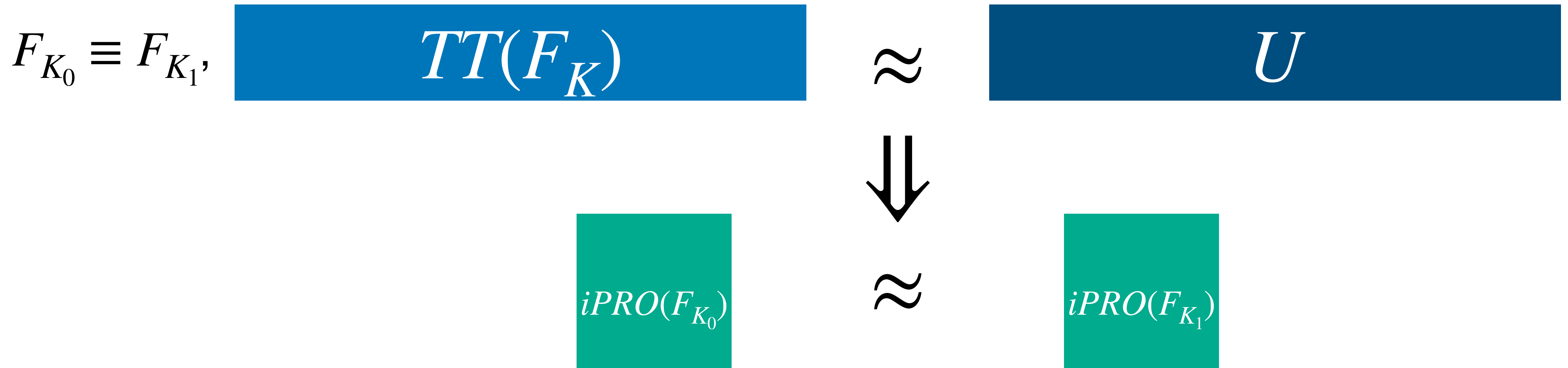
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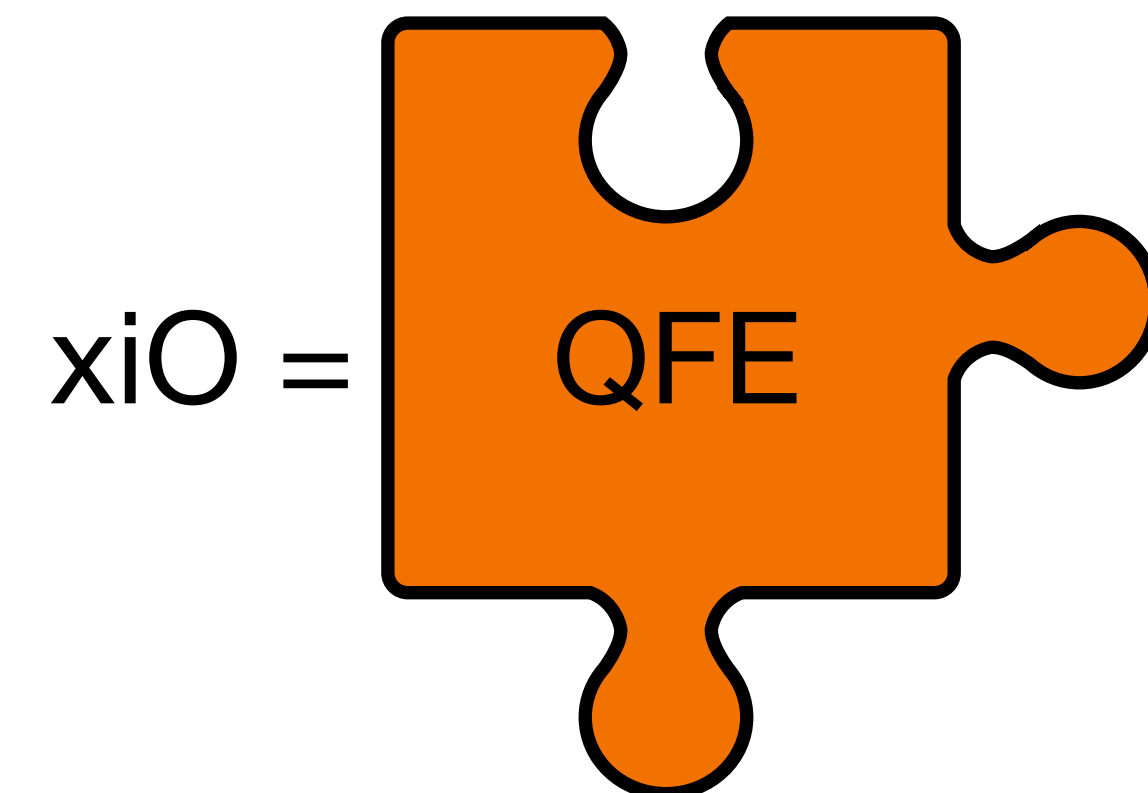
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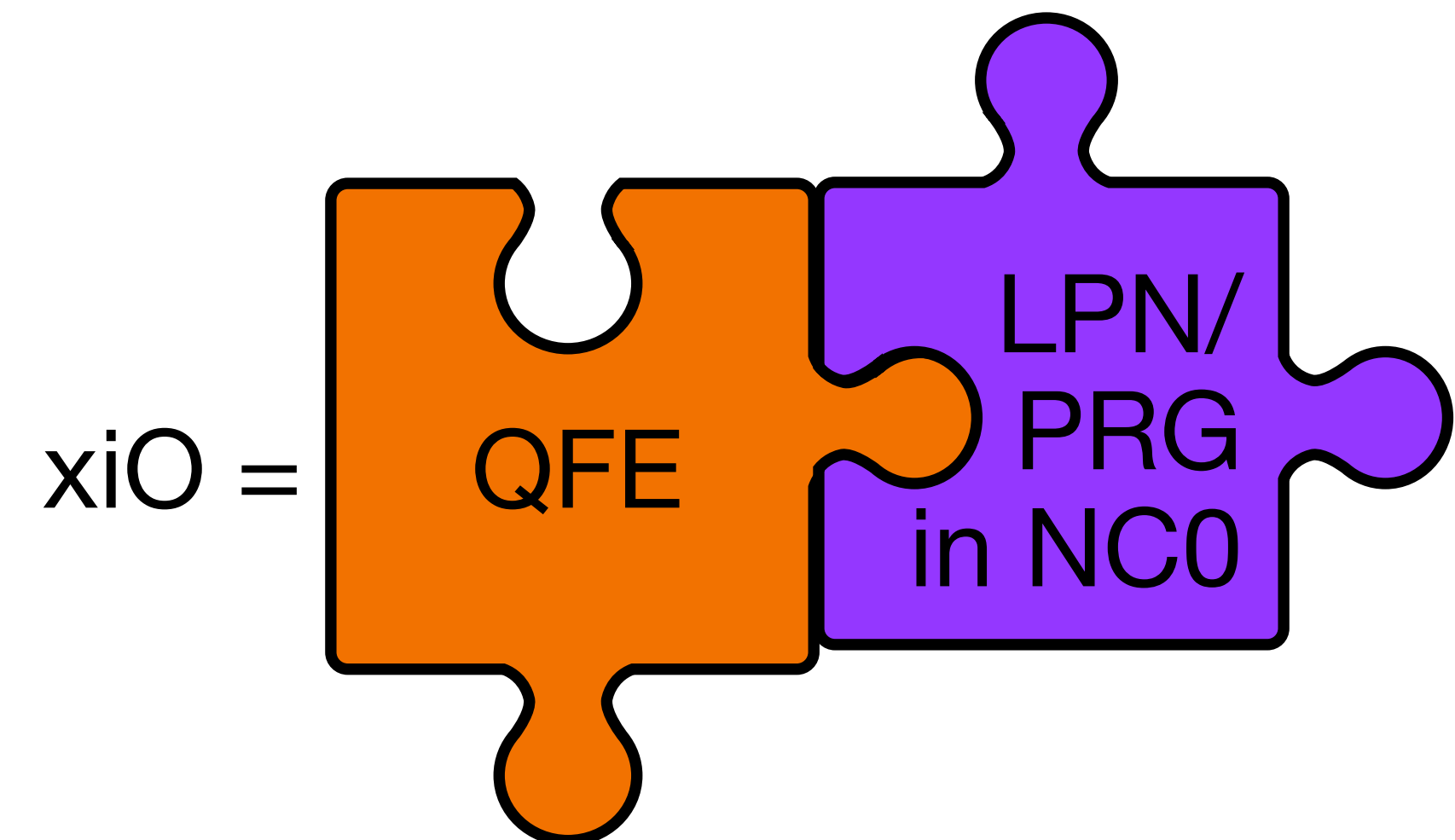
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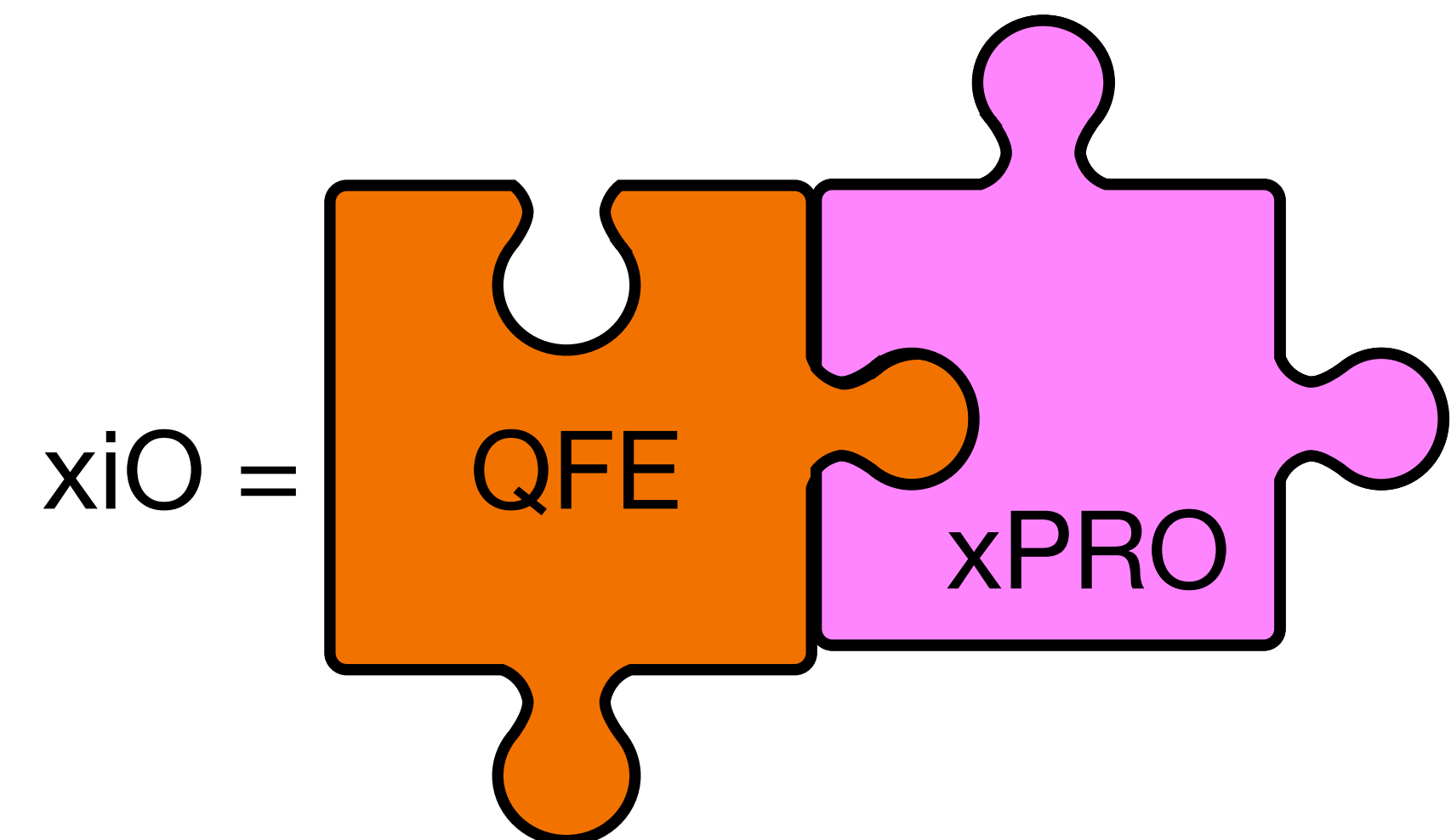
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$$x = TT(PRF_K) = TT(PRO(PRF_K))$$

$$w = PRO(PRF_K)$$

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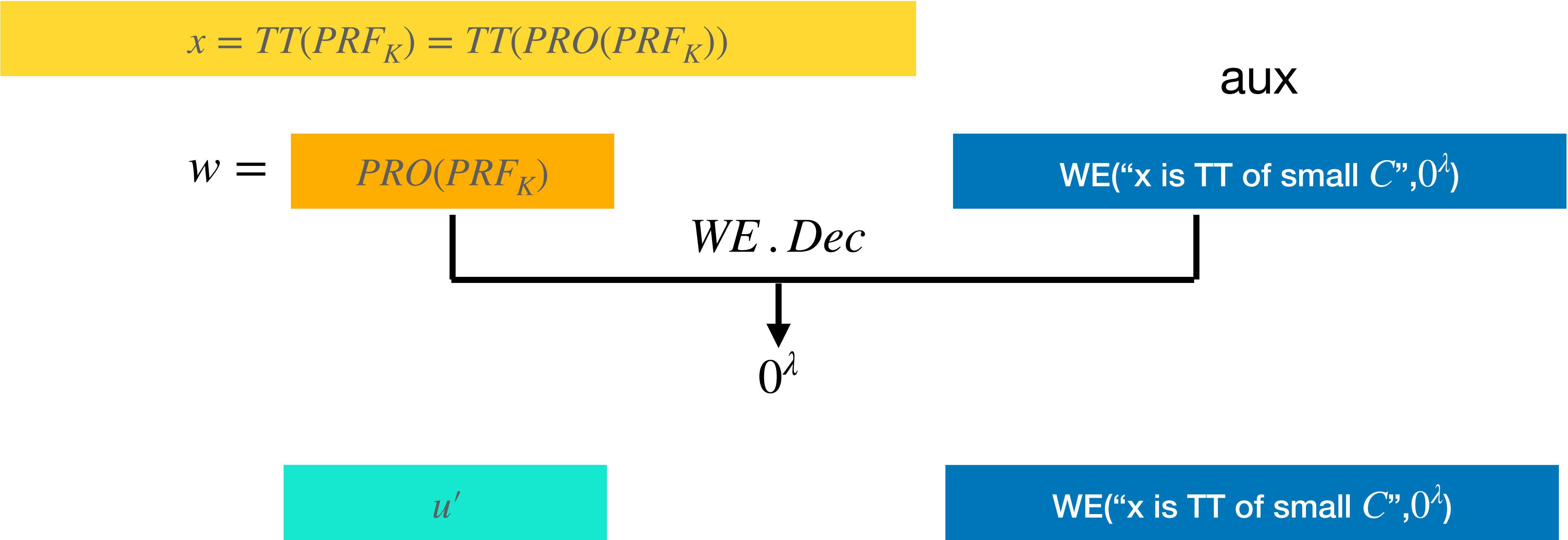
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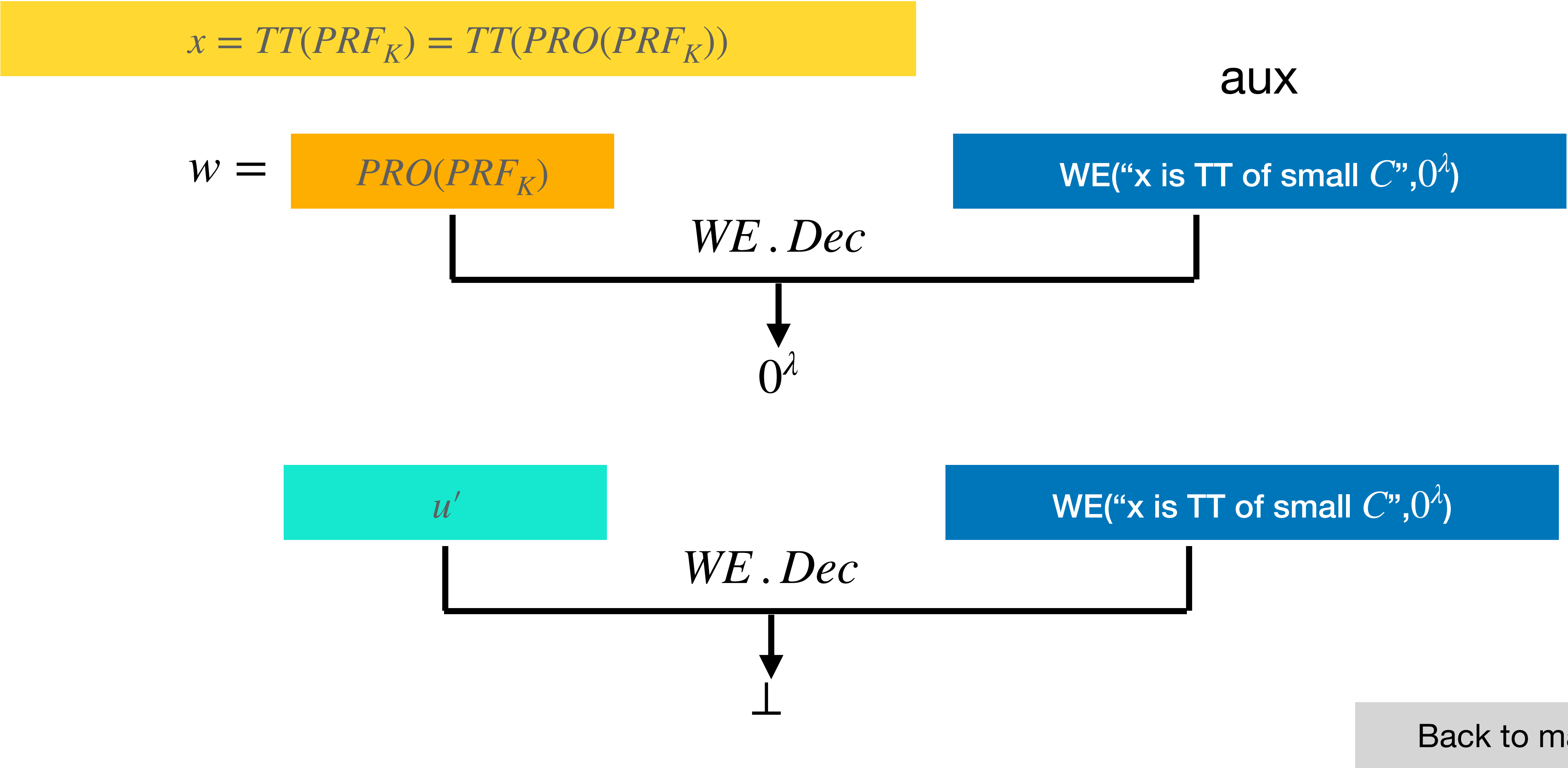
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$w =$

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$$WE(\text{"x is TT of small } C", 0^\lambda)$$

$WE.Dec$

0^λ

Distinguisher!

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$$WE(\text{"x is TT of small } C", 0^\lambda)$$

$WE.Dec$

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