

# How to Prove Post-Quantum Security for Succinct Non-Interactive Reductions

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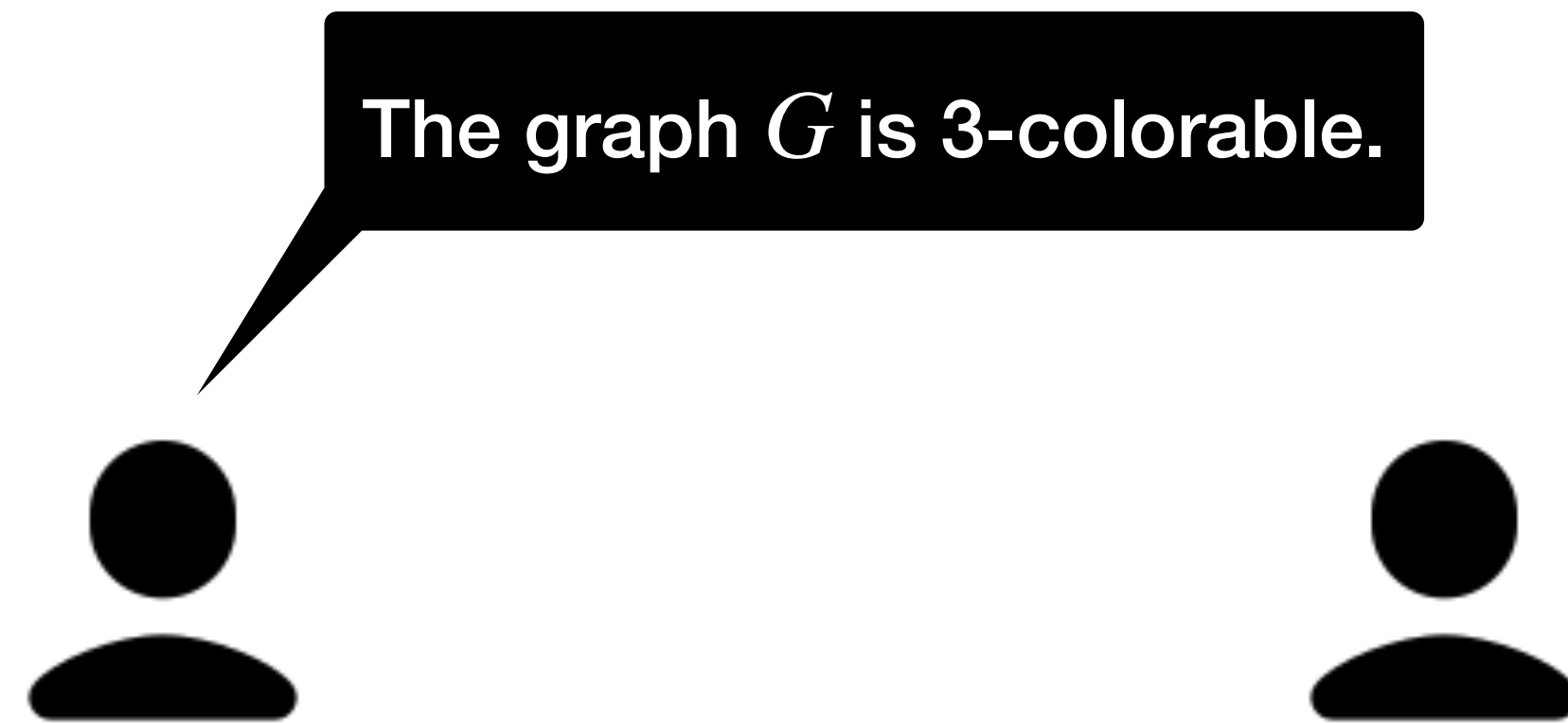


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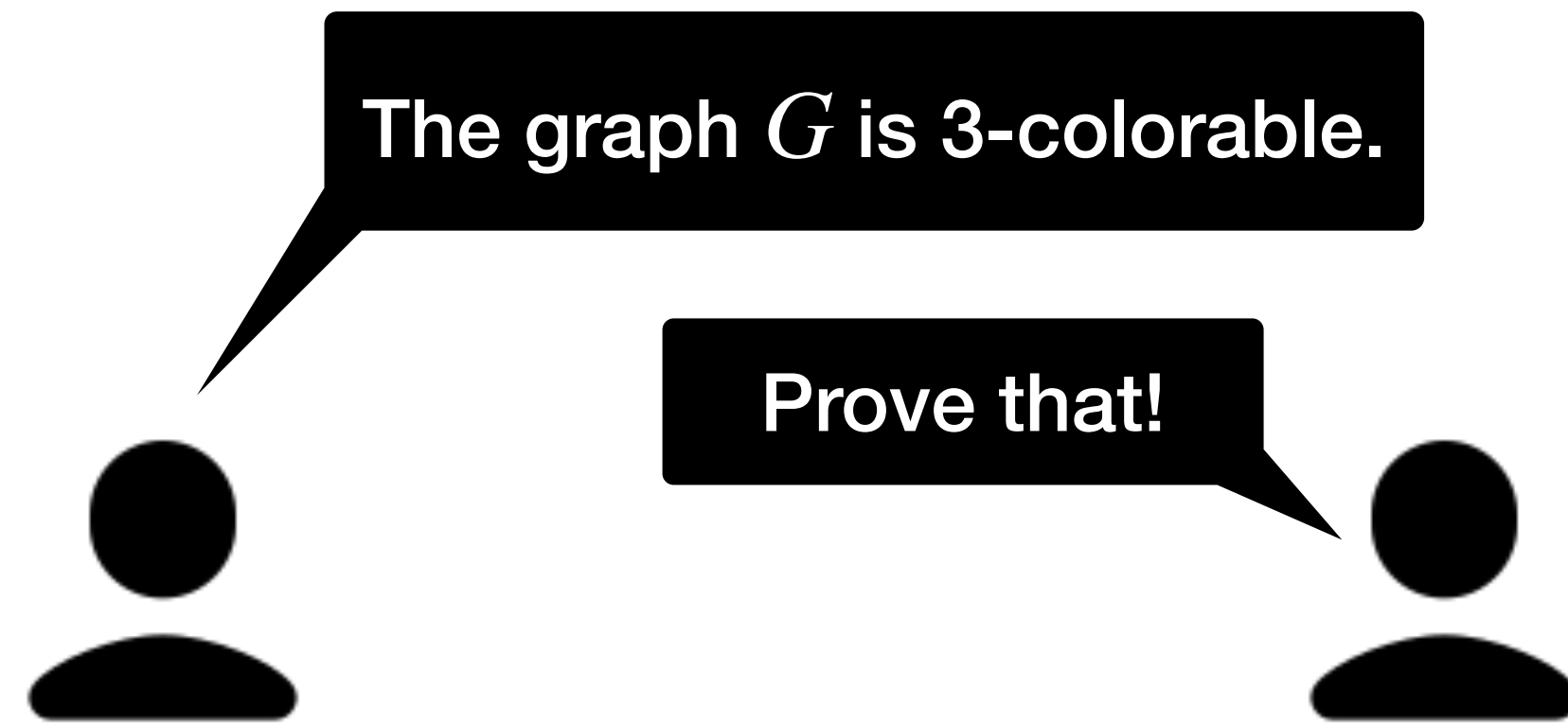
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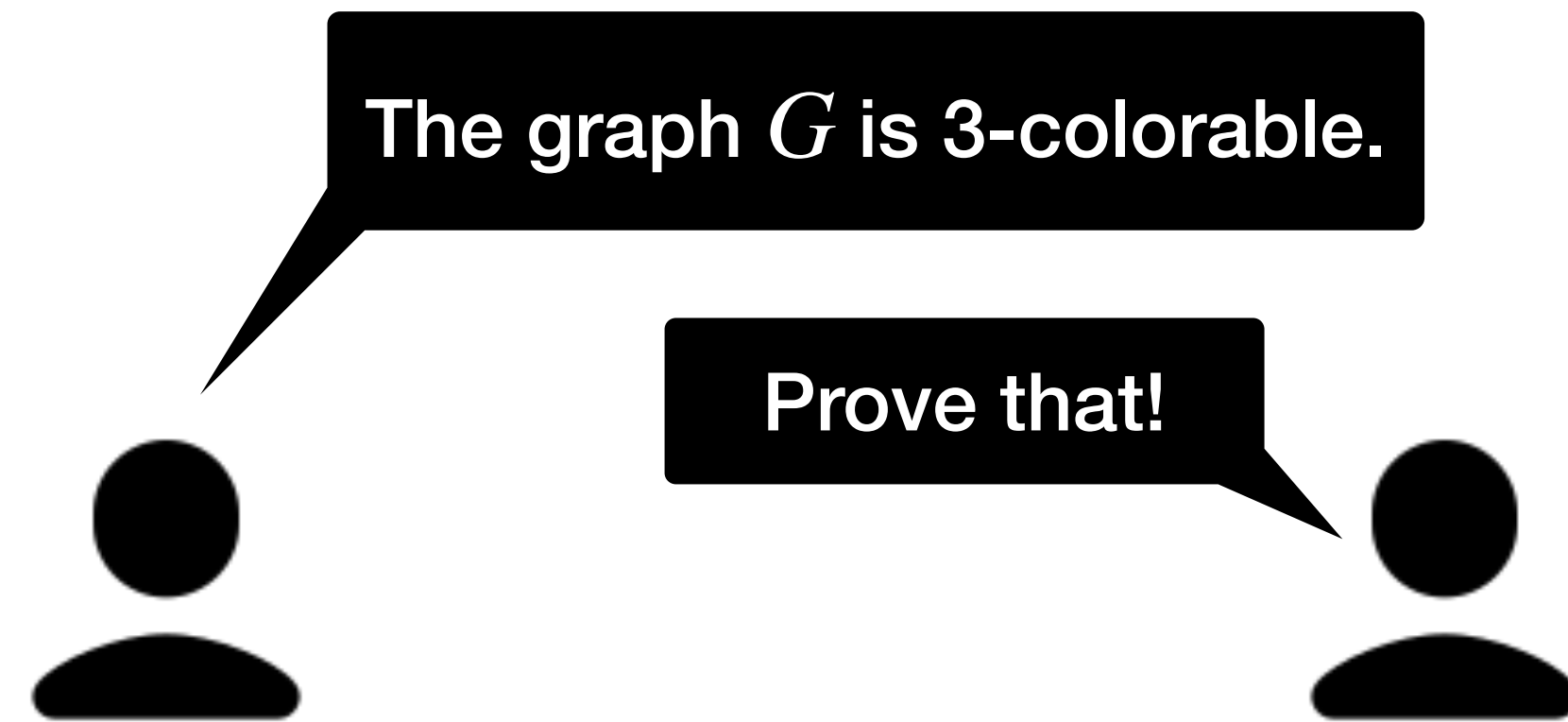
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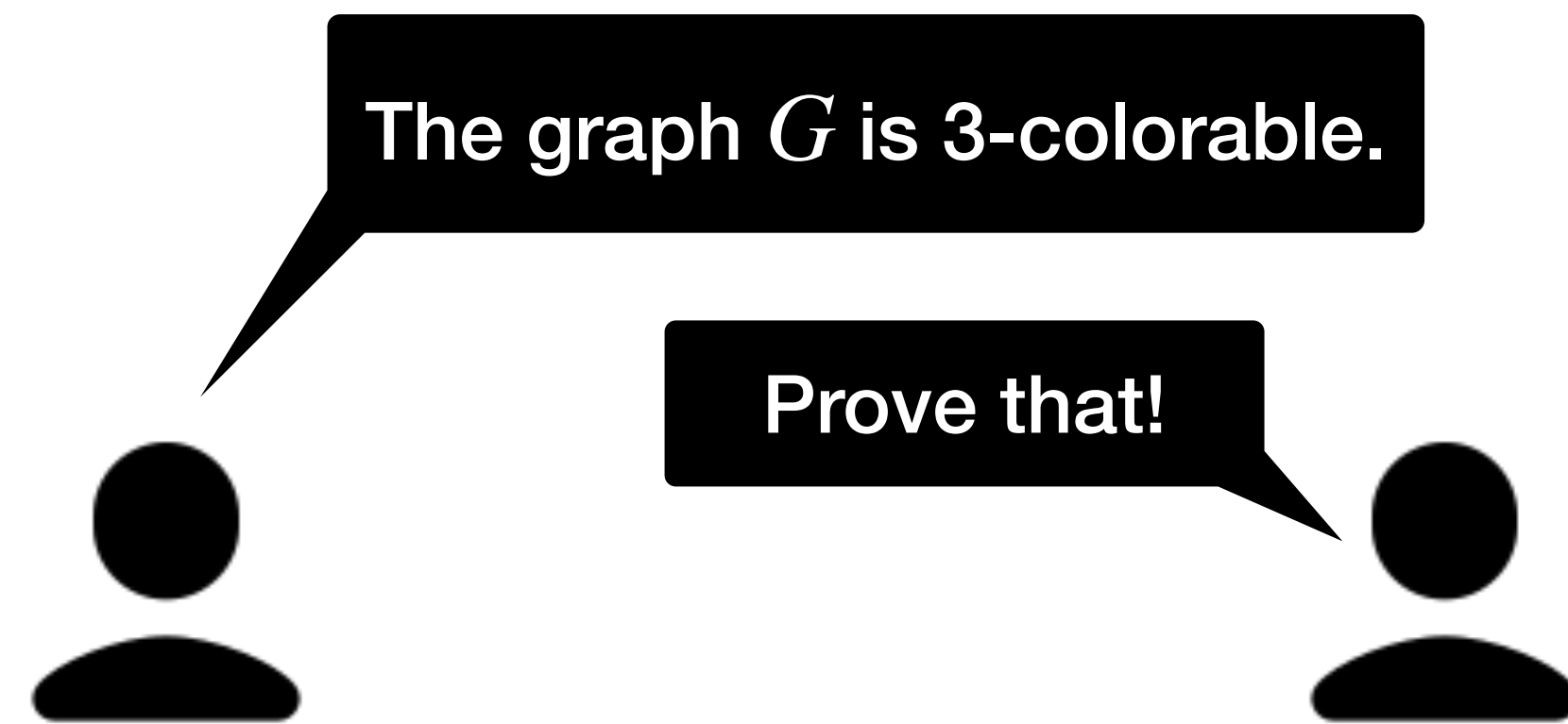


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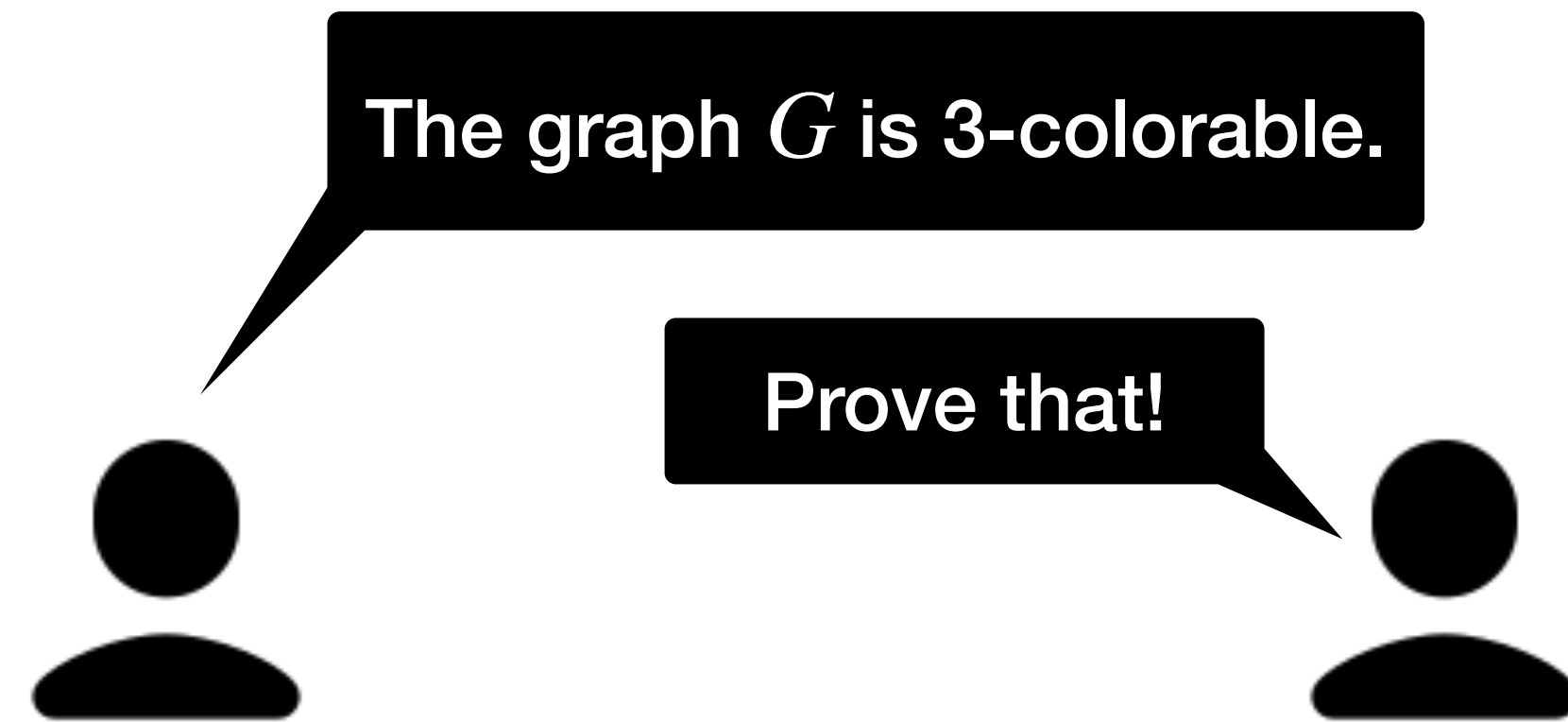


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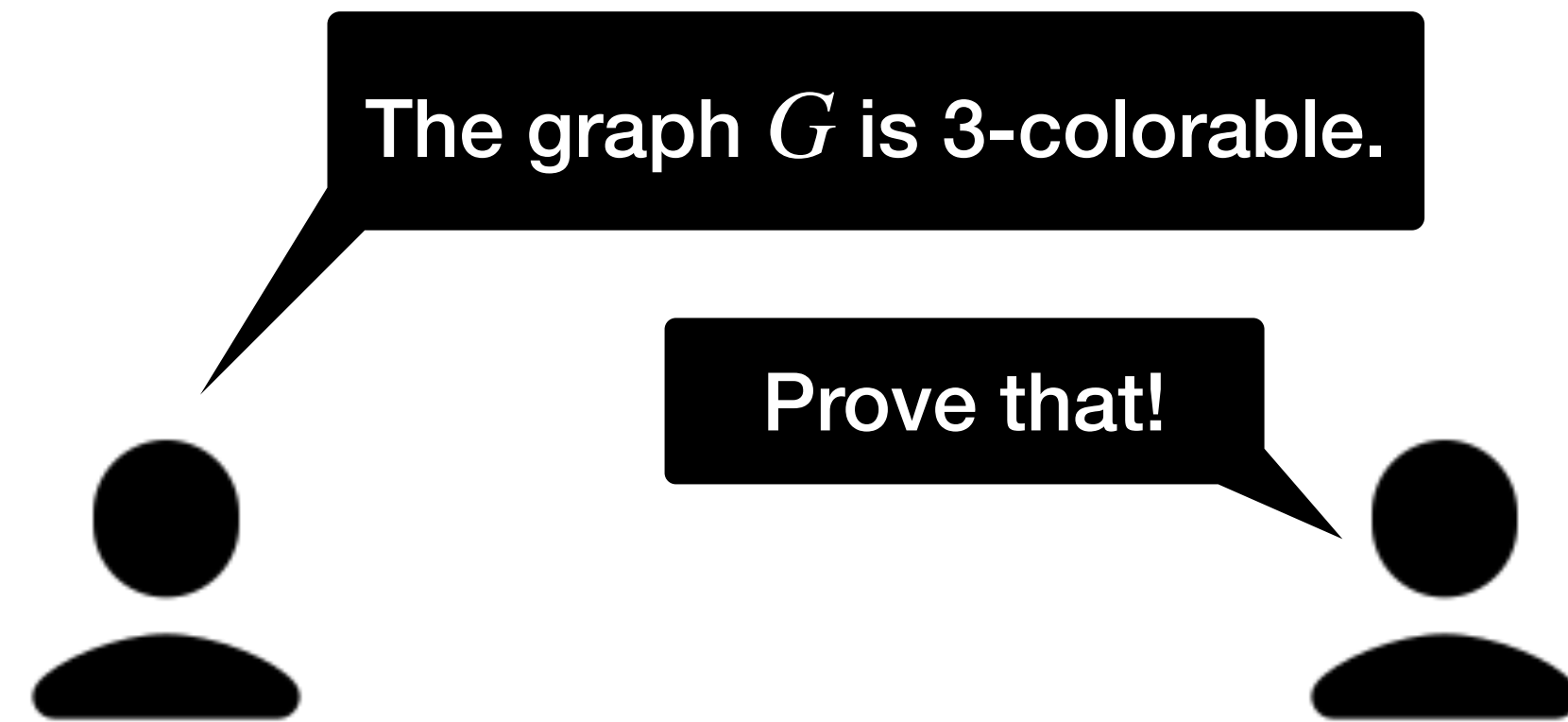
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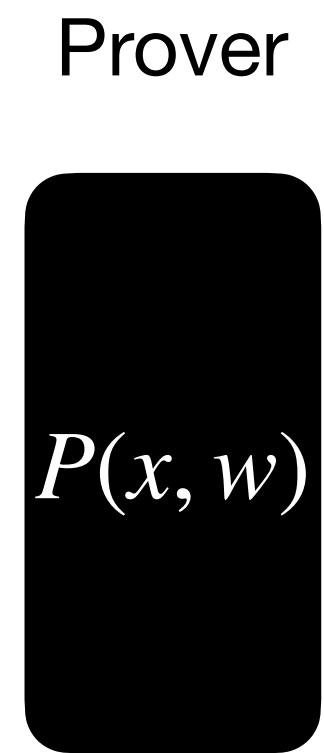
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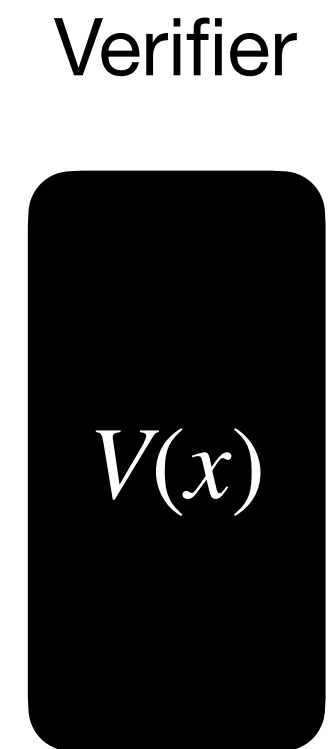
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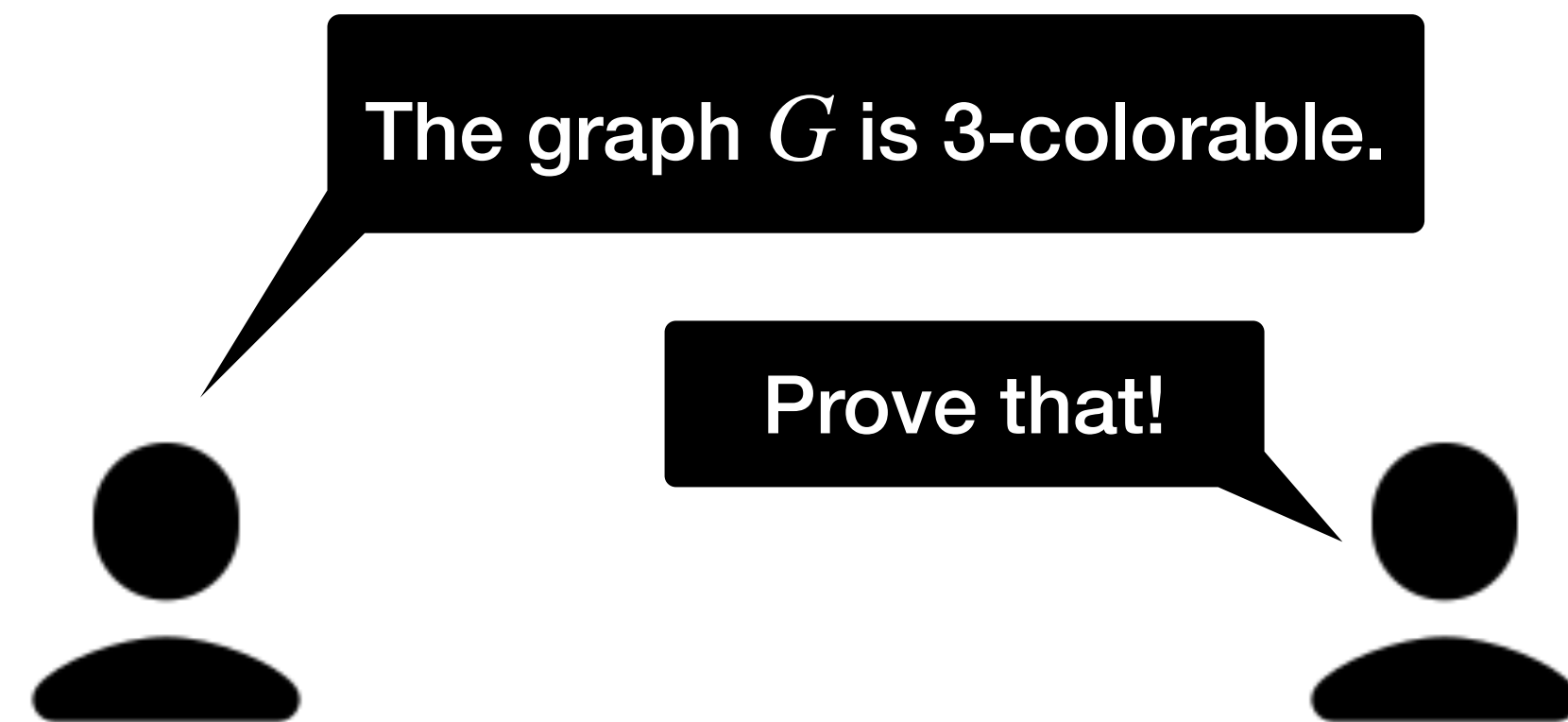


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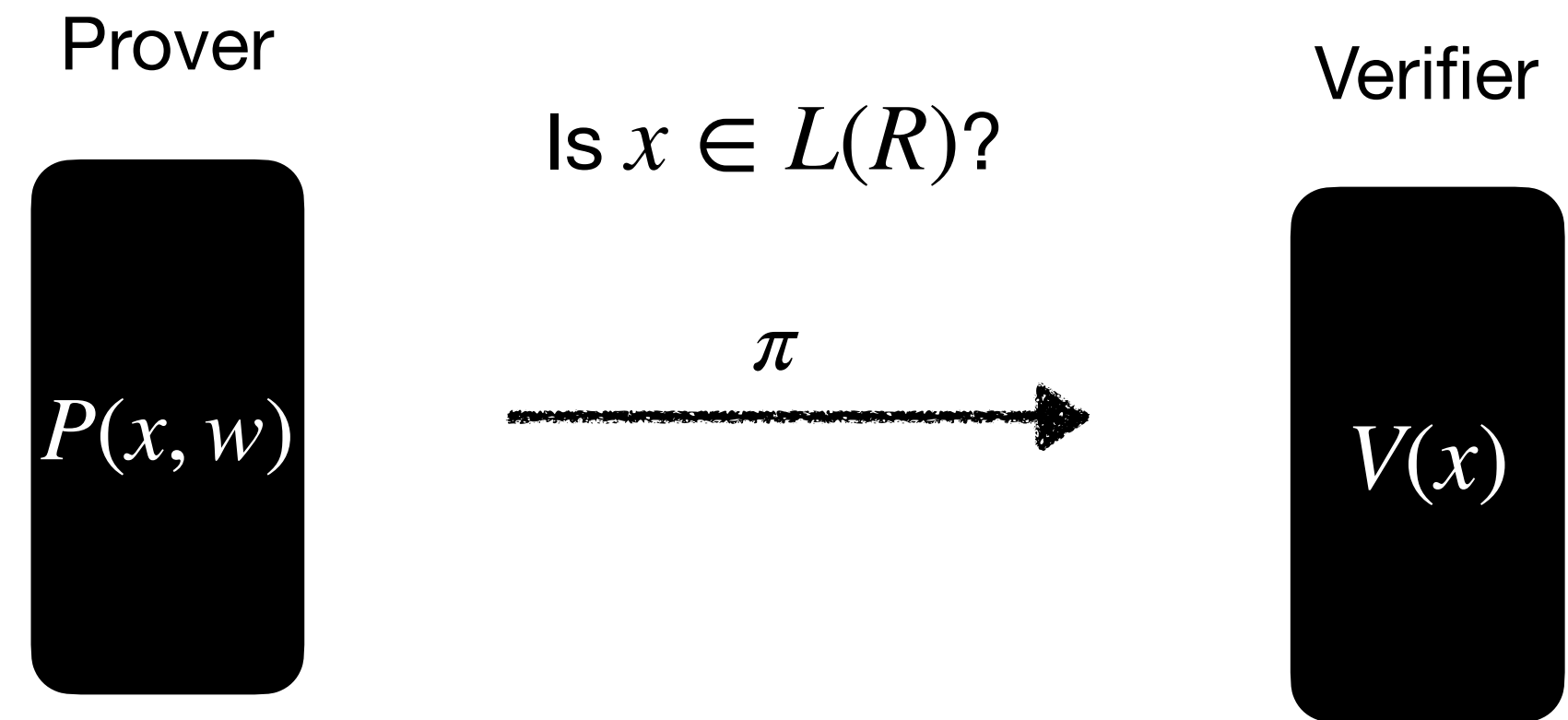




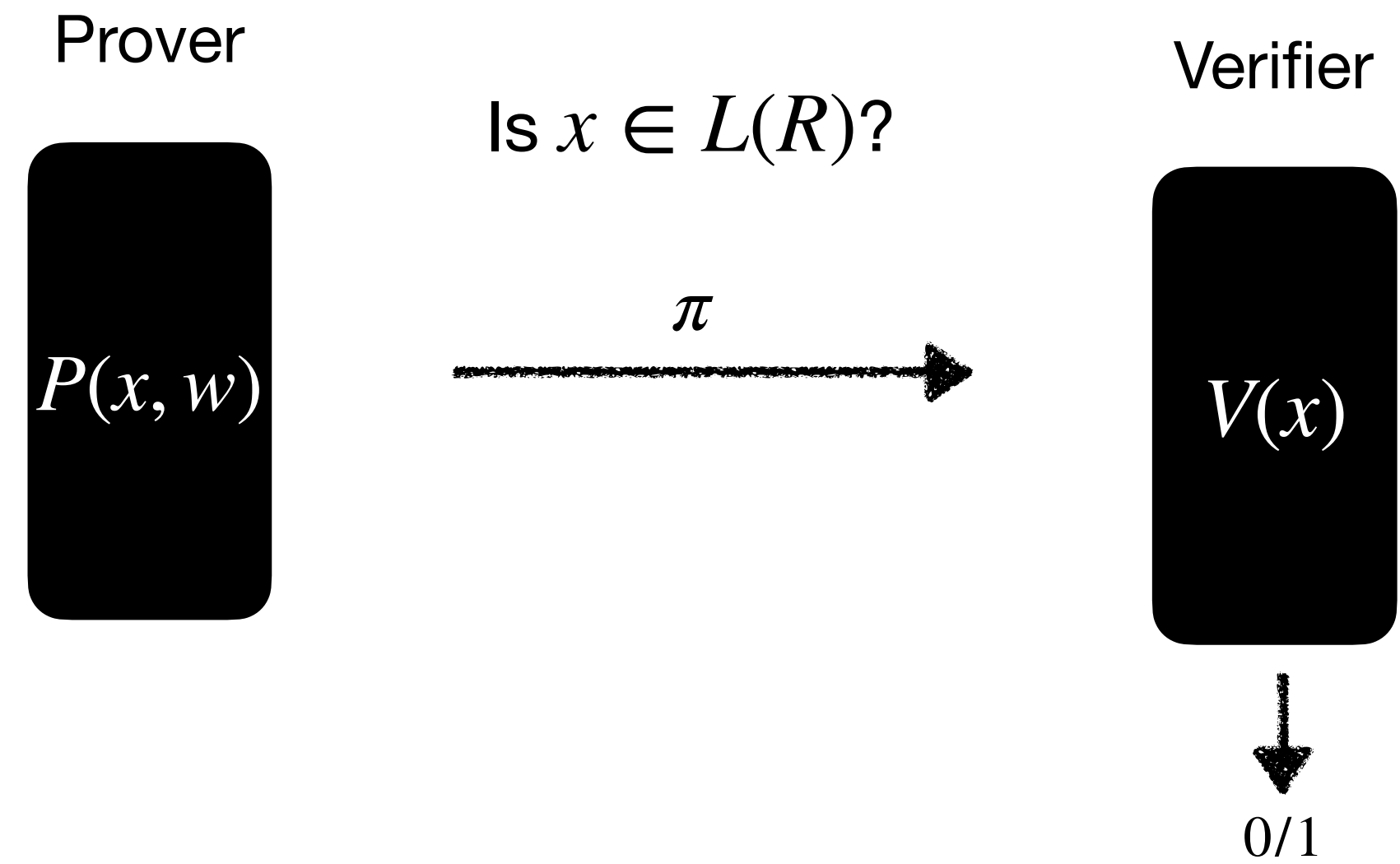
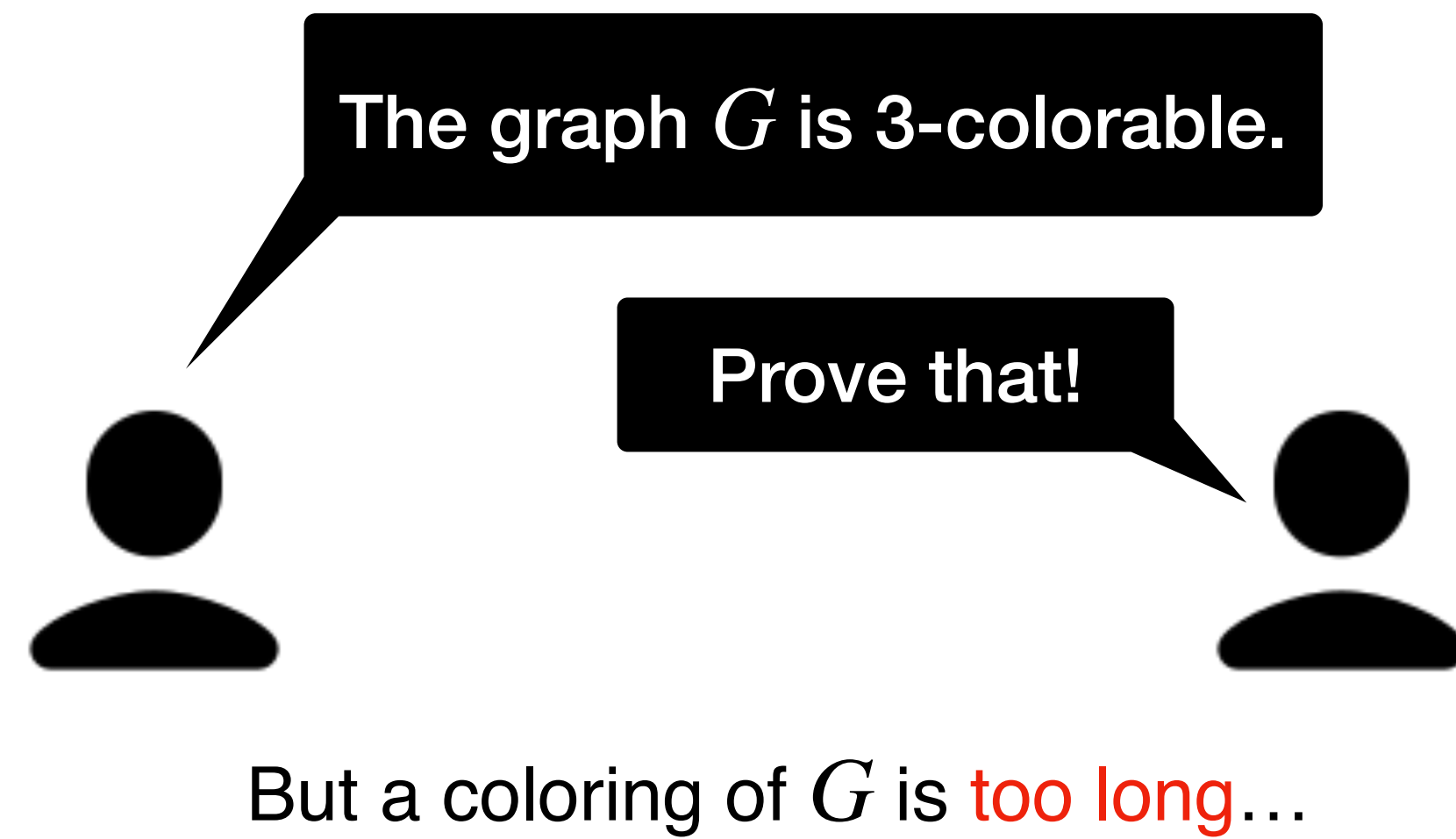
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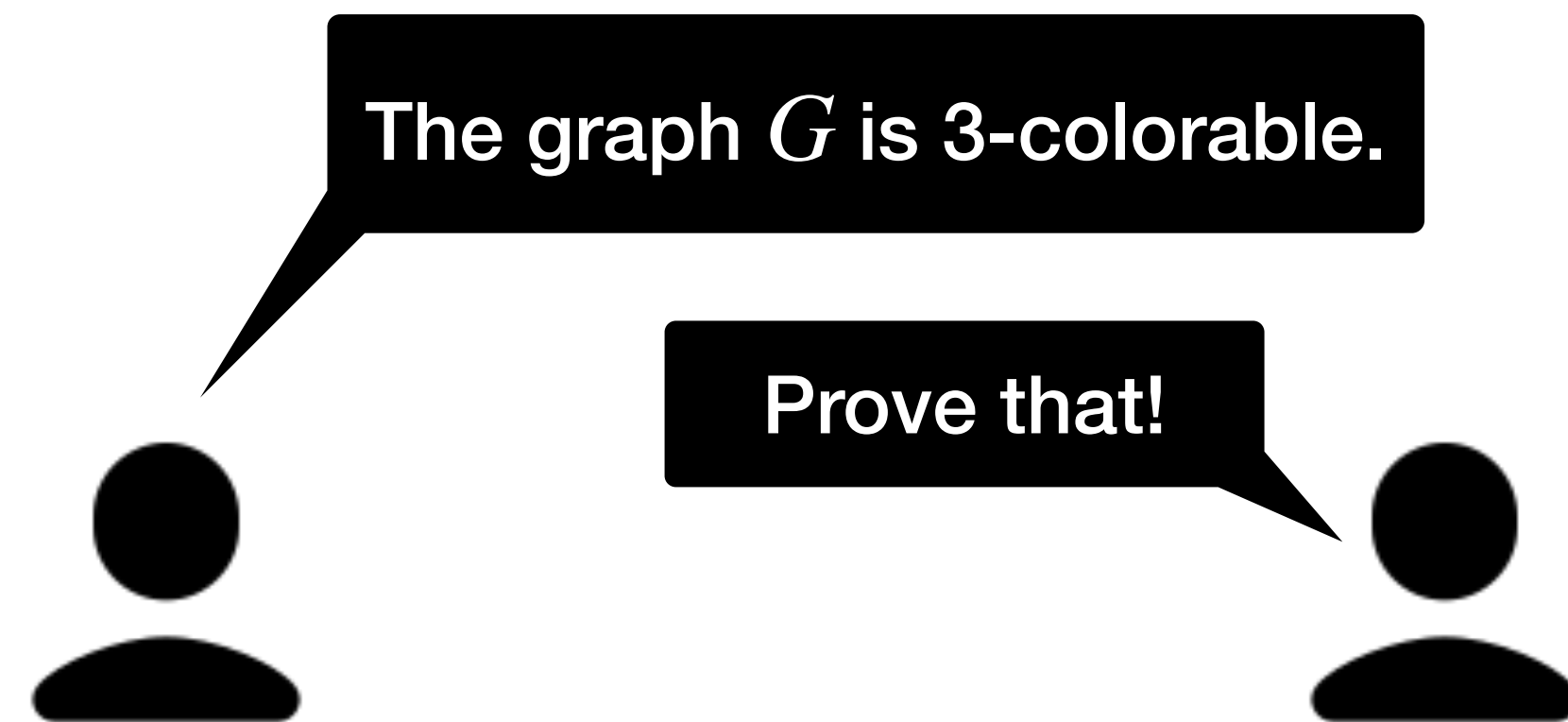
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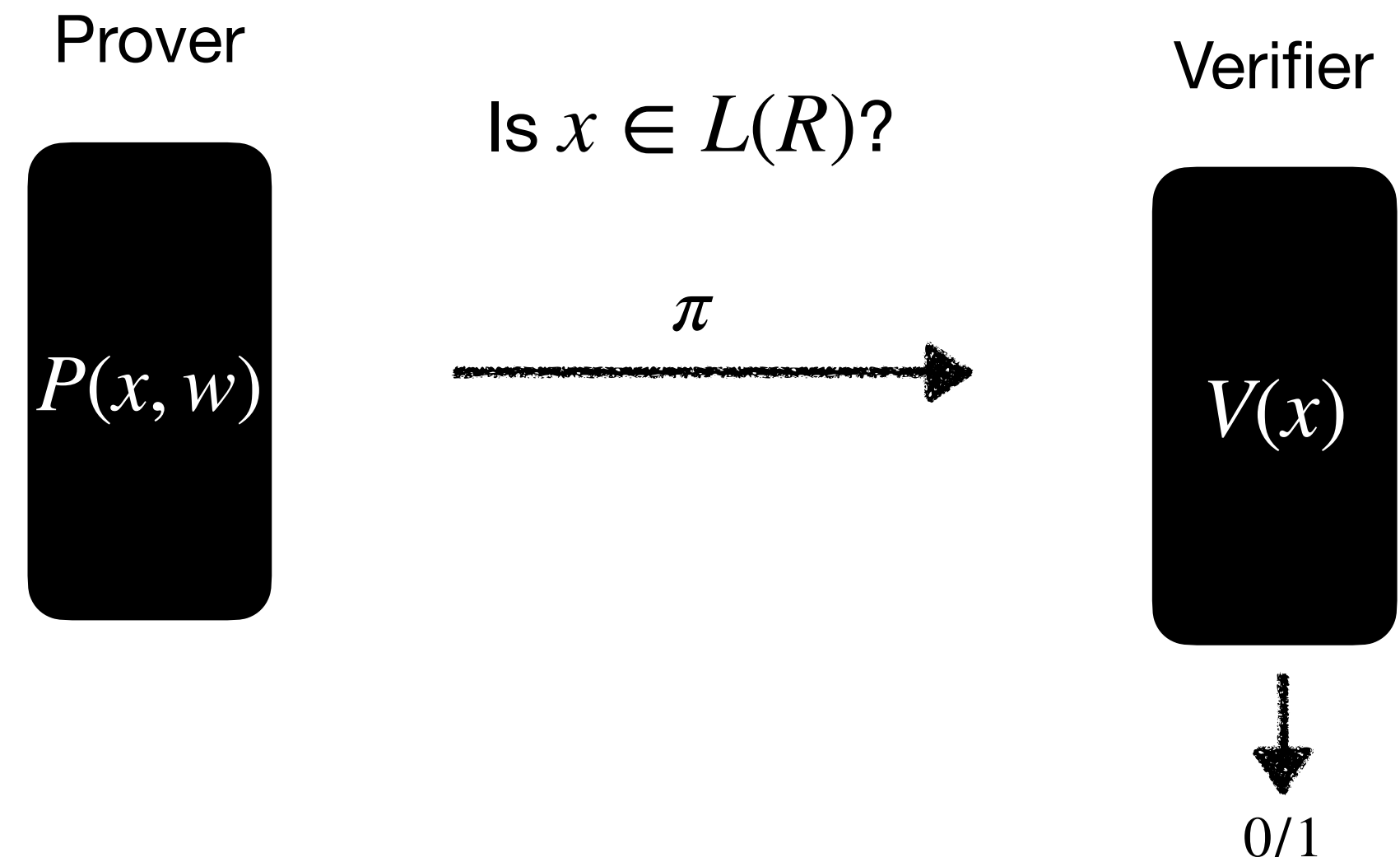
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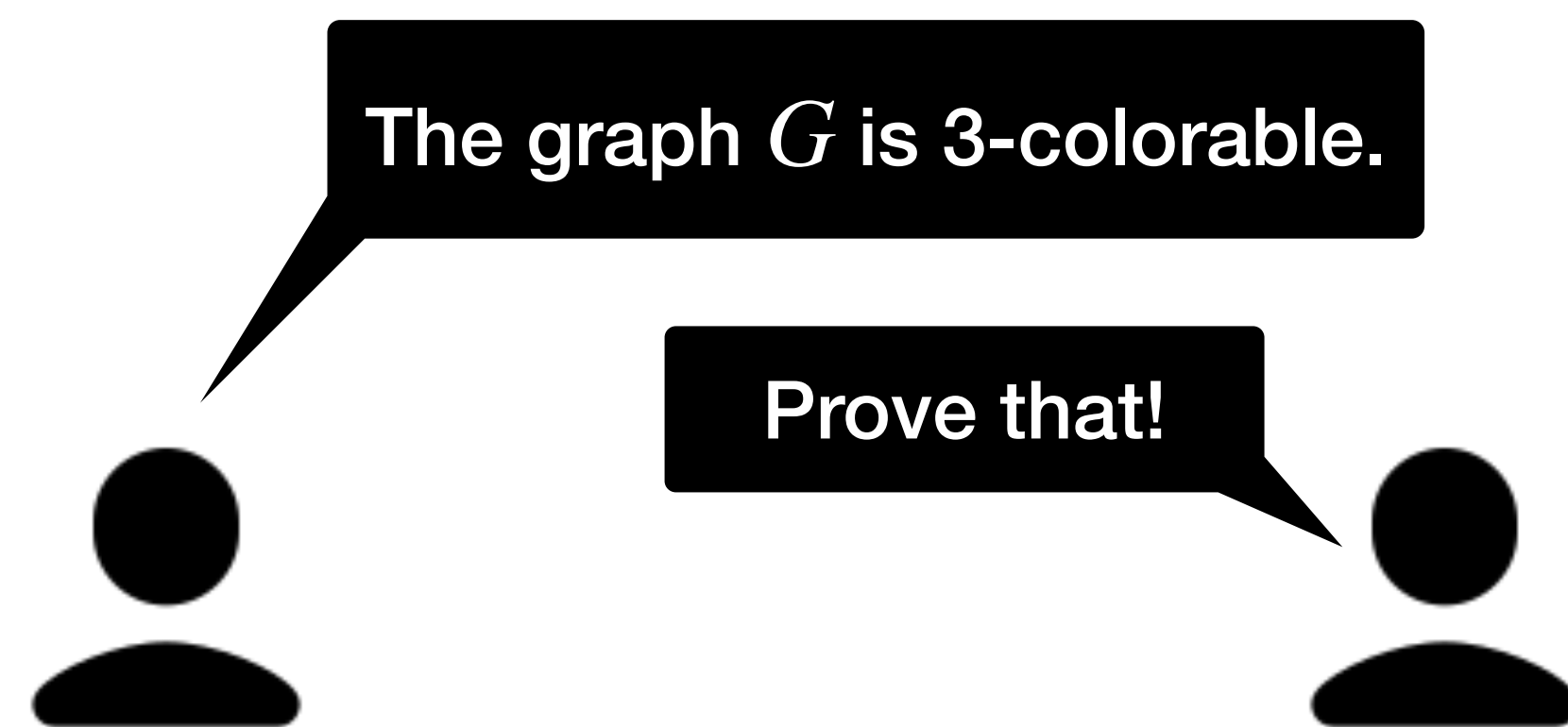


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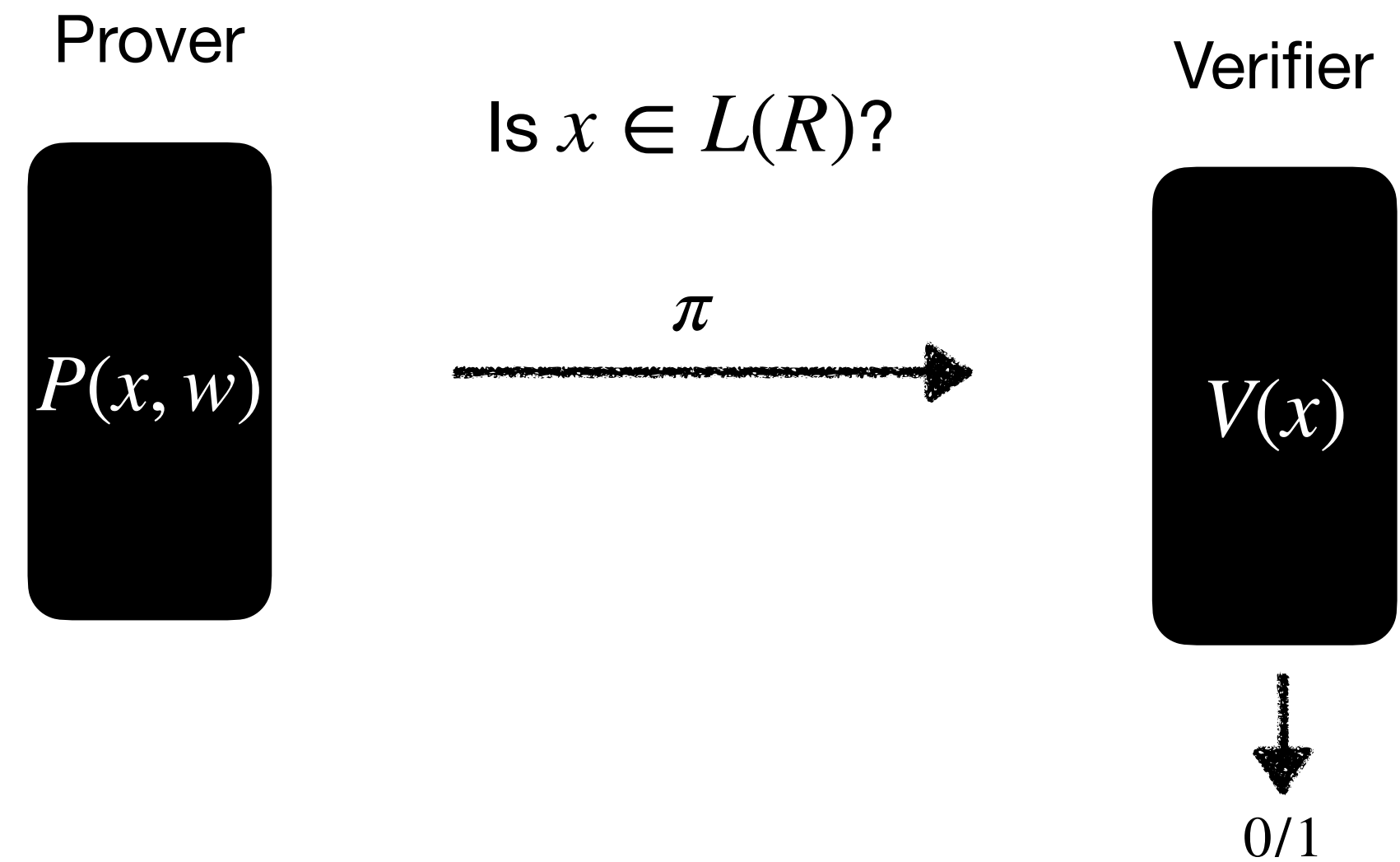


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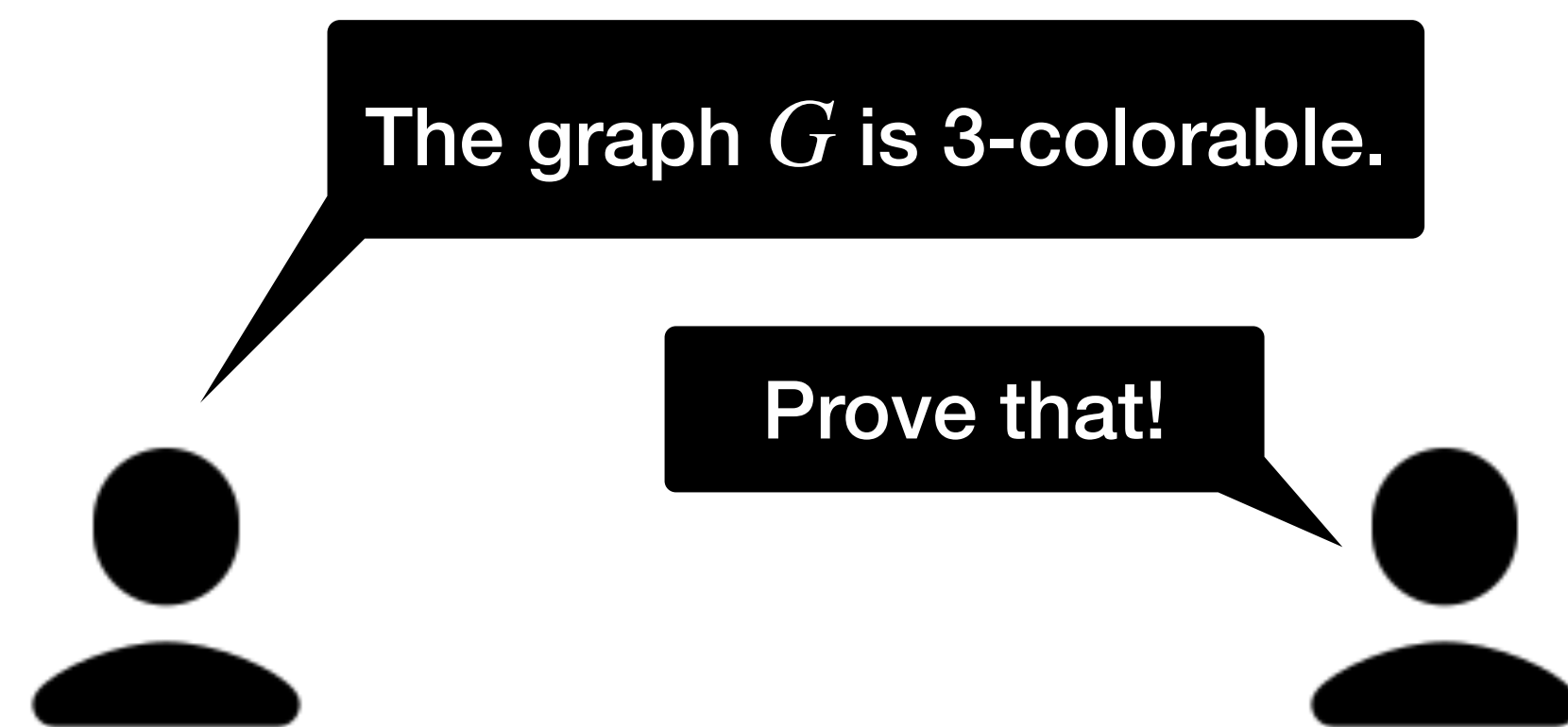
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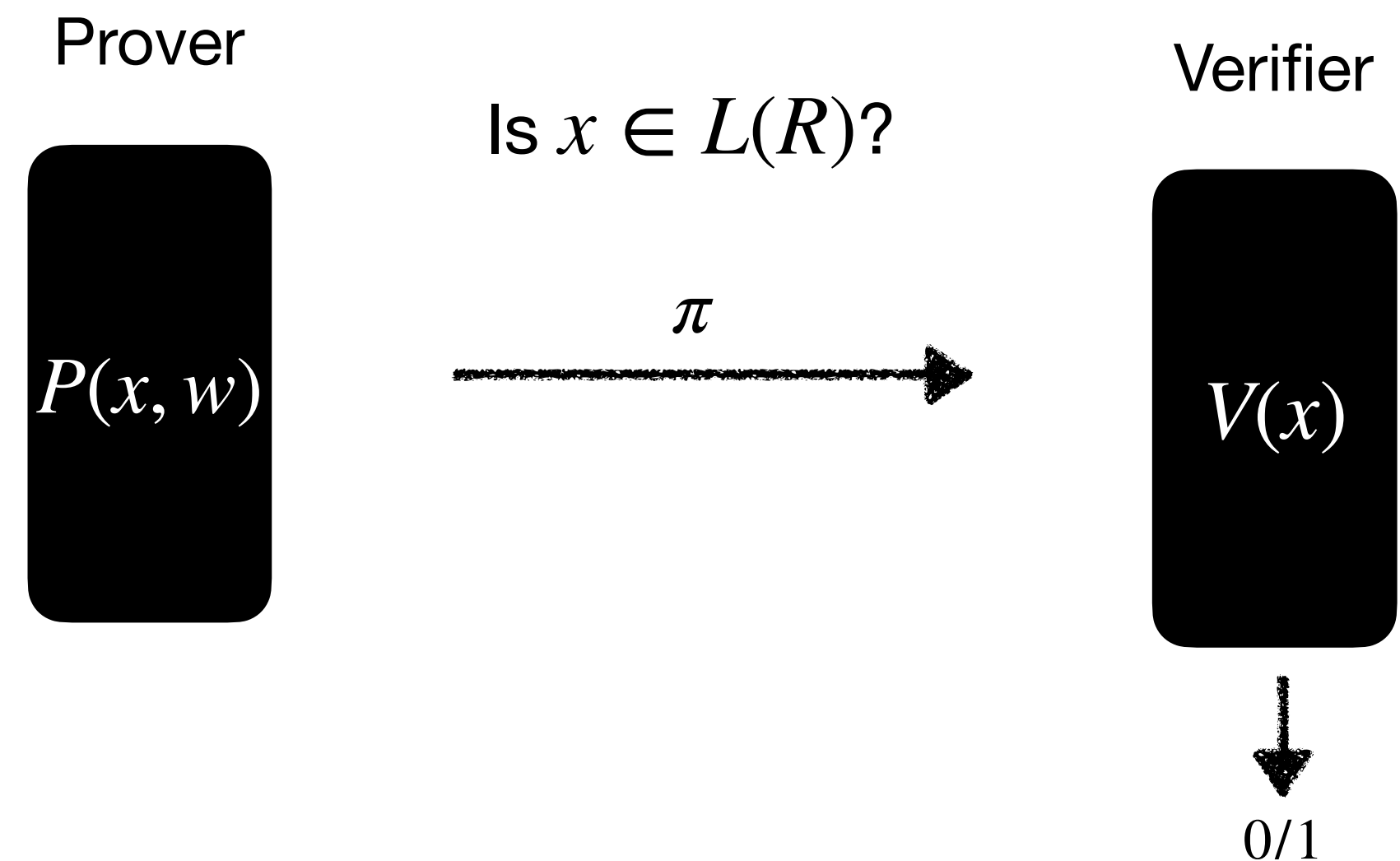
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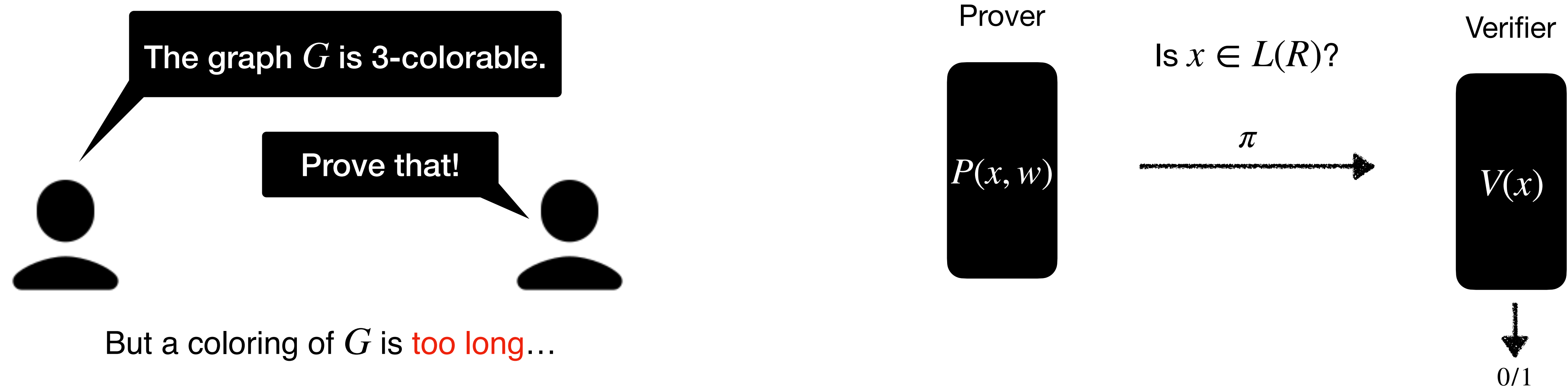


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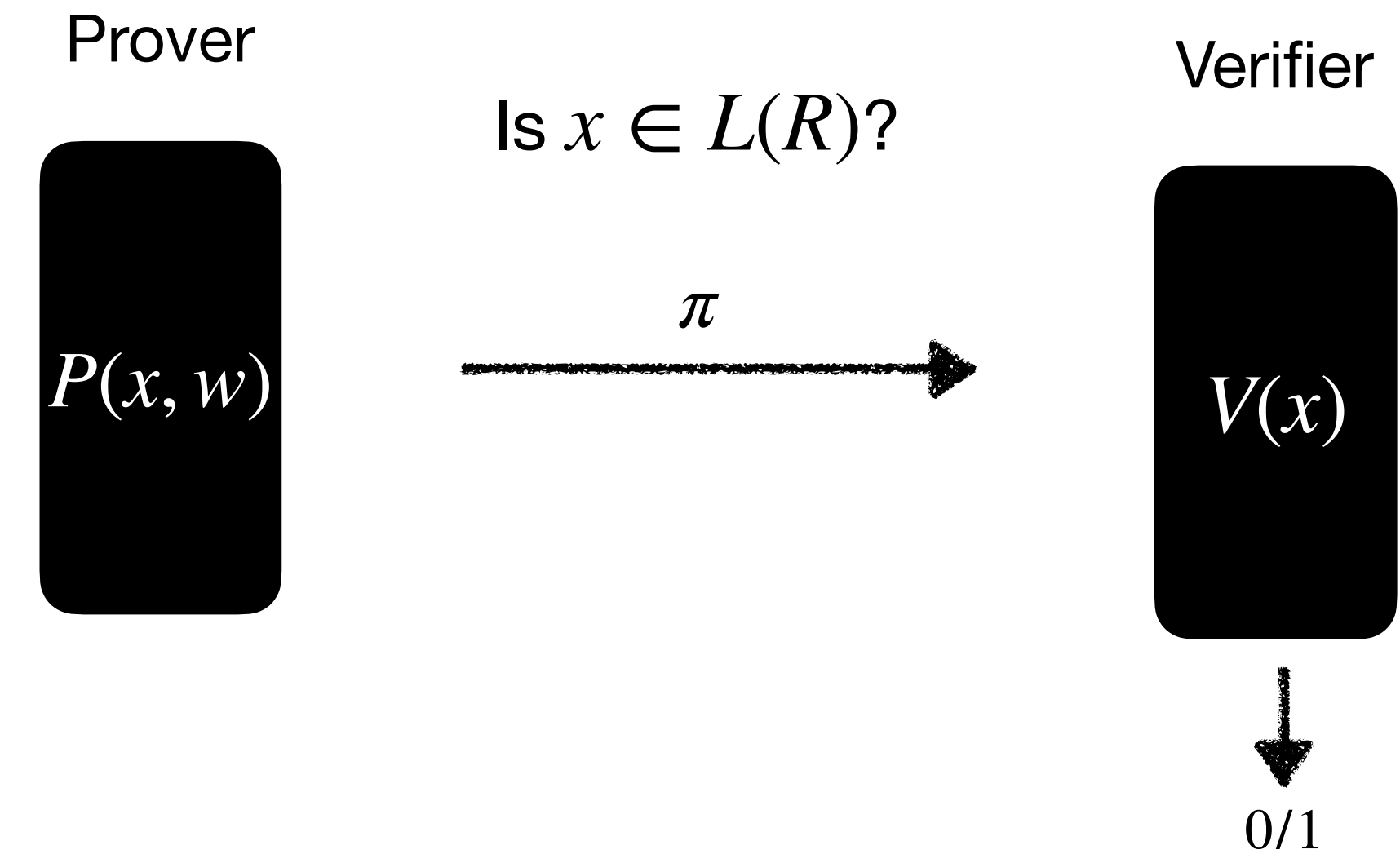
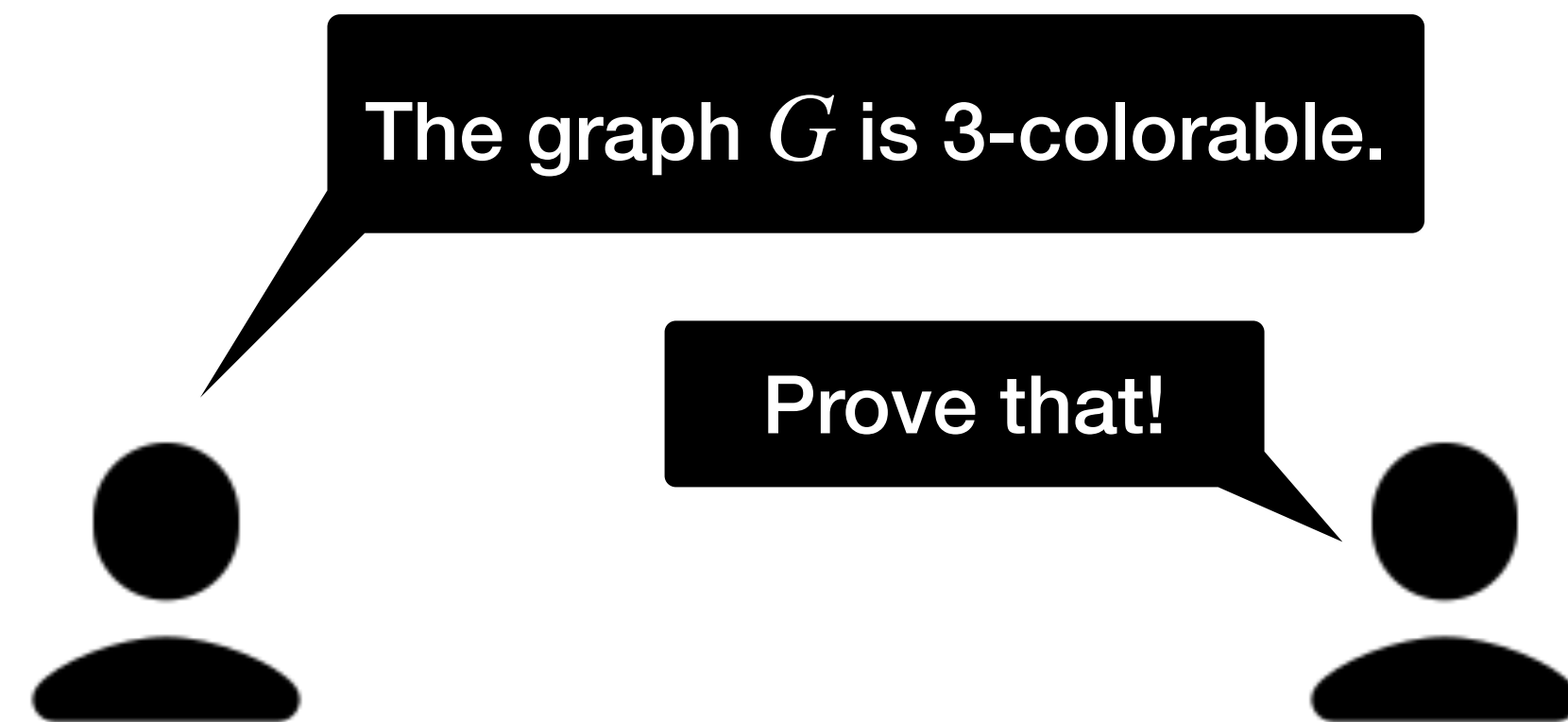
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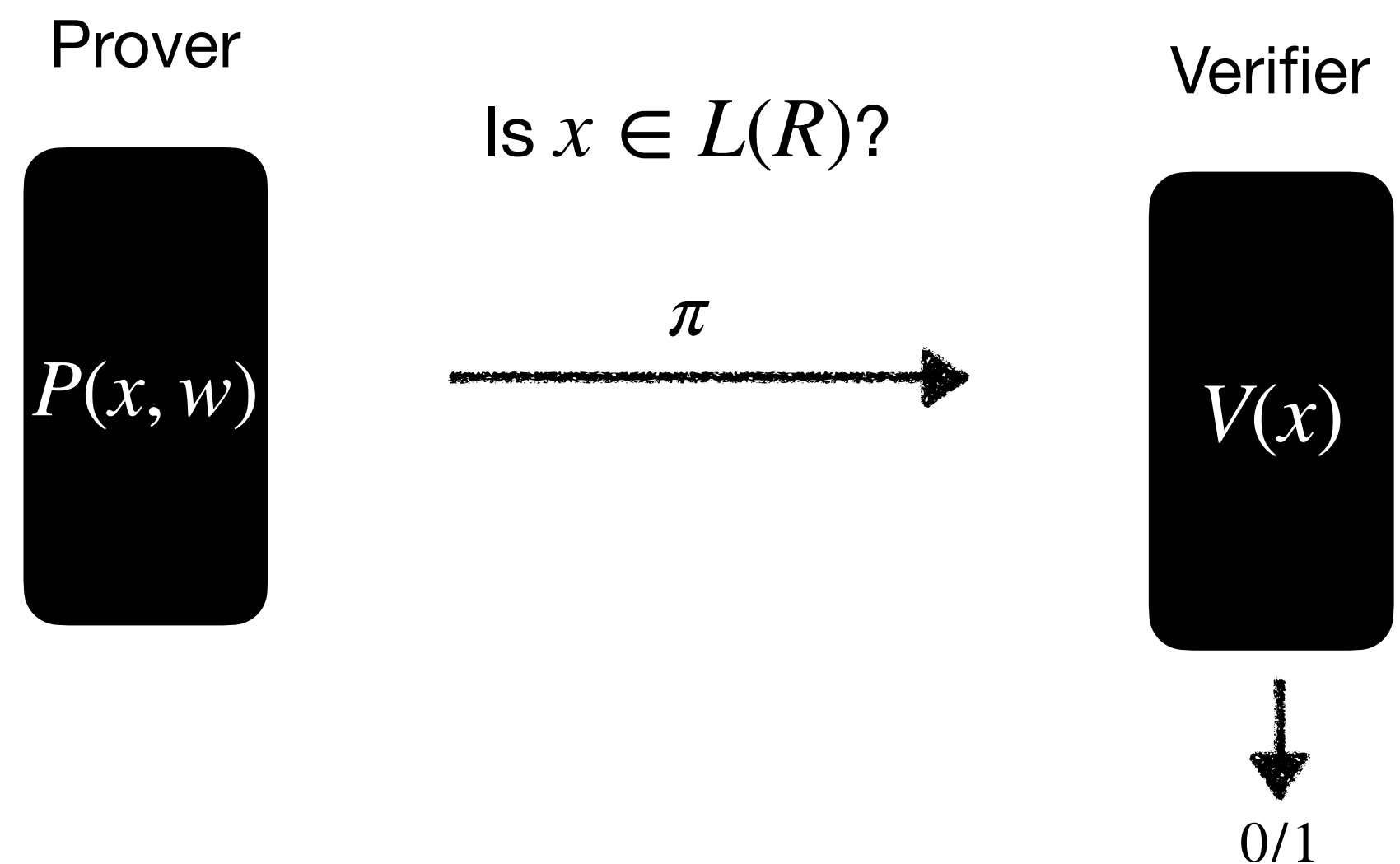
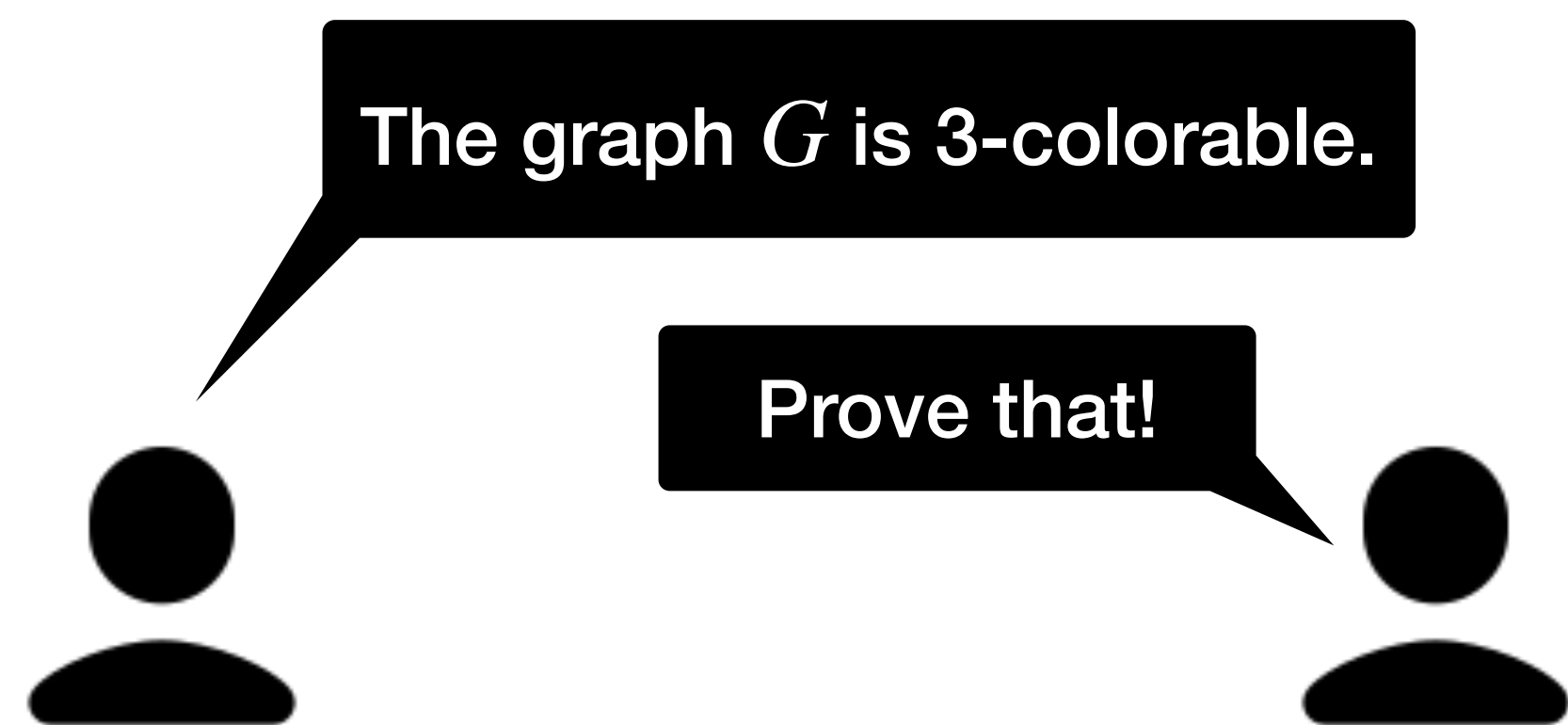
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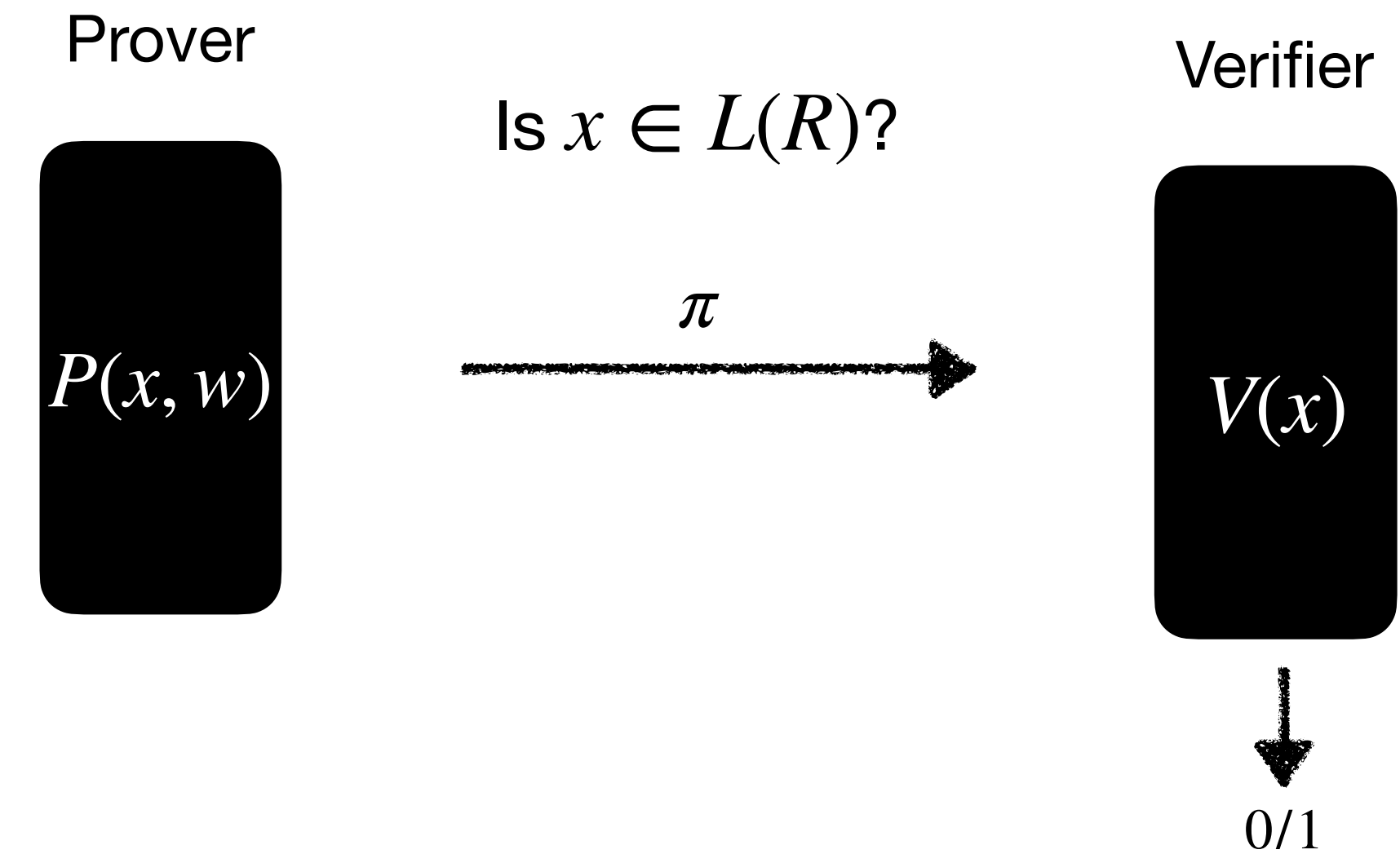
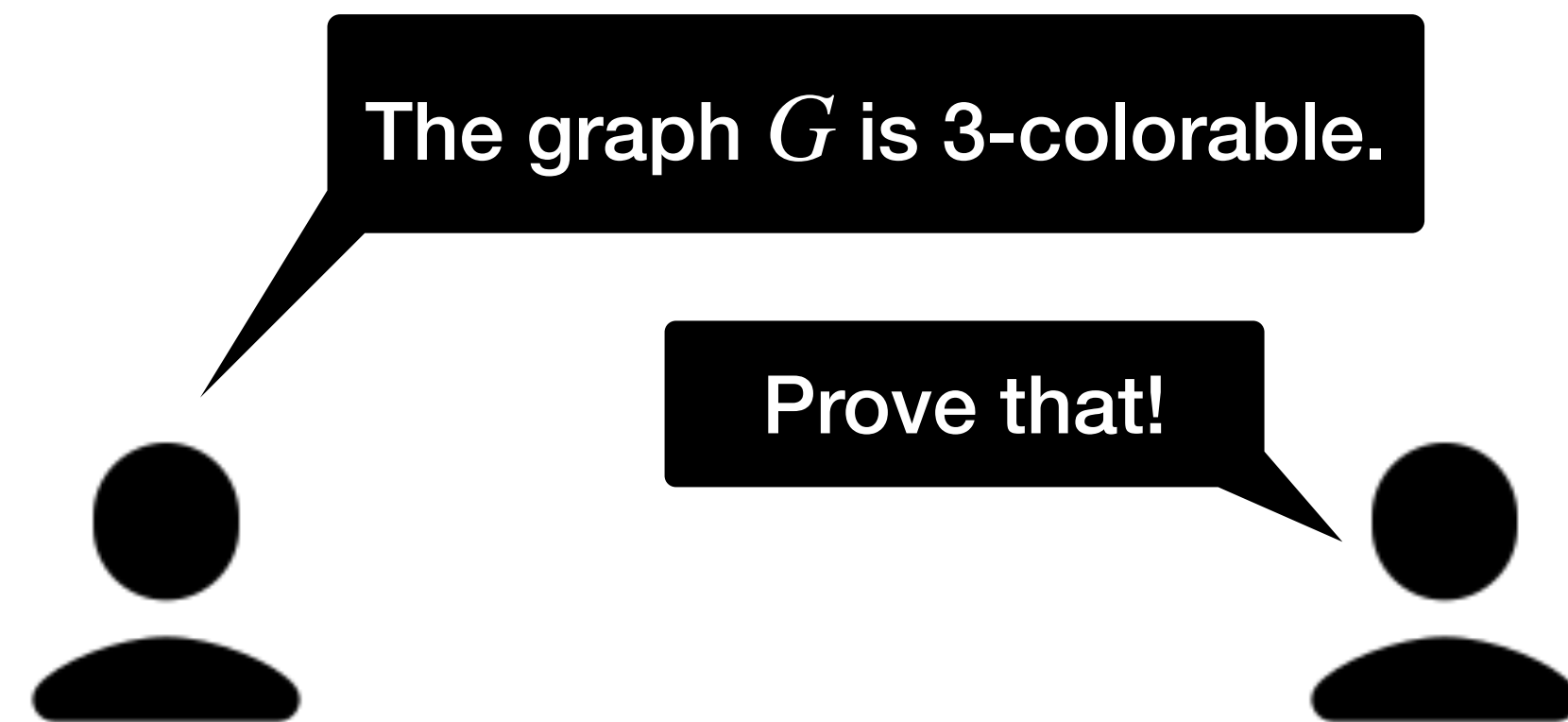
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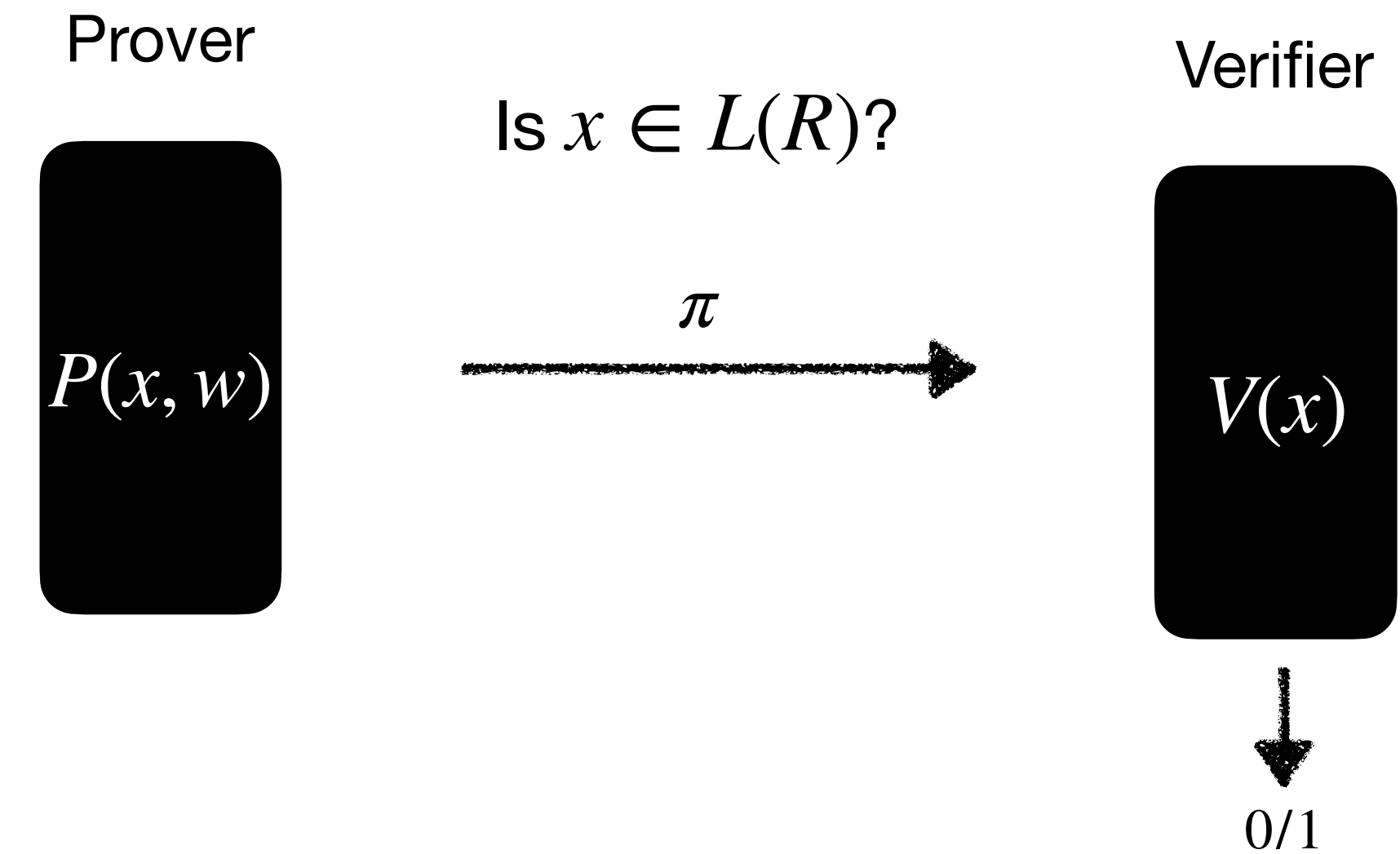
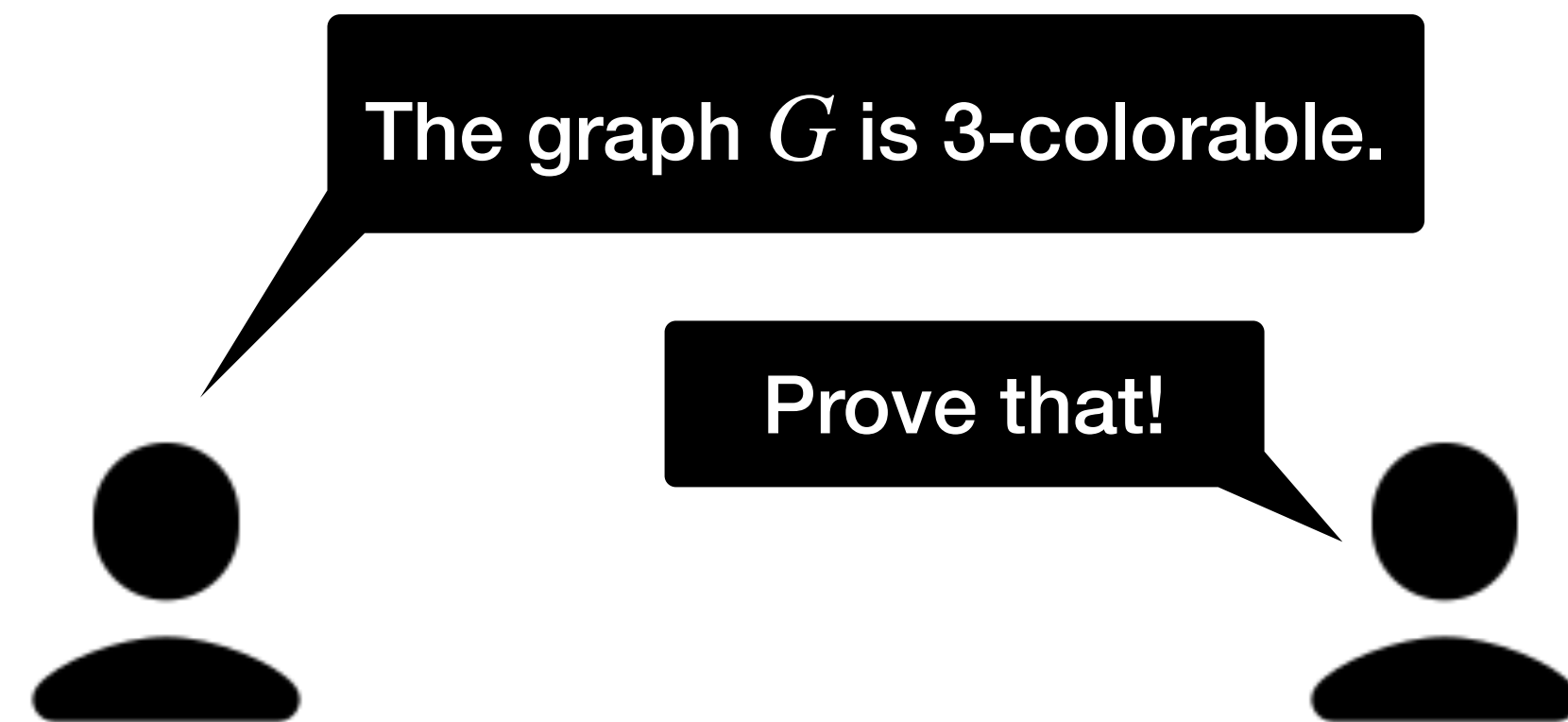


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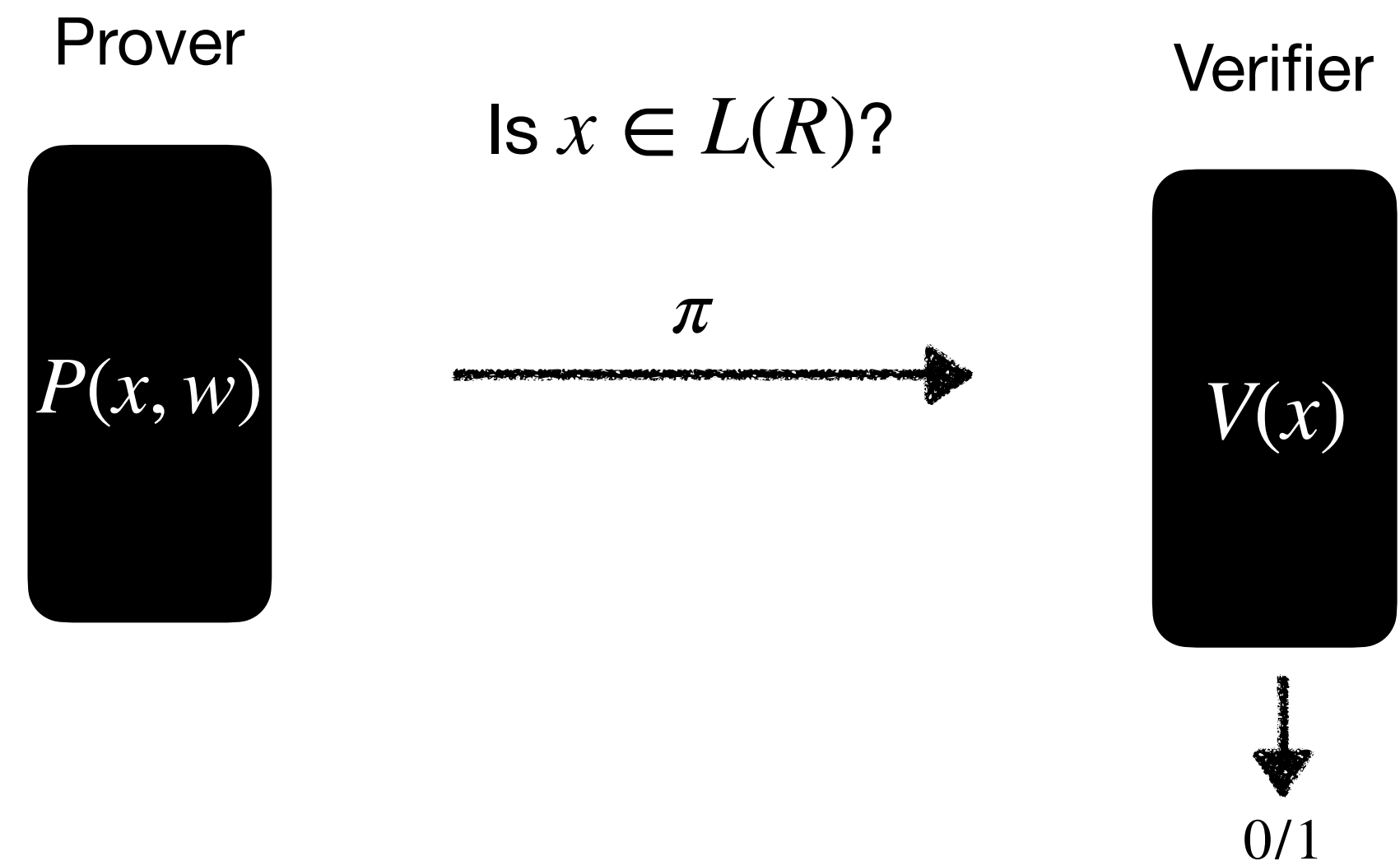
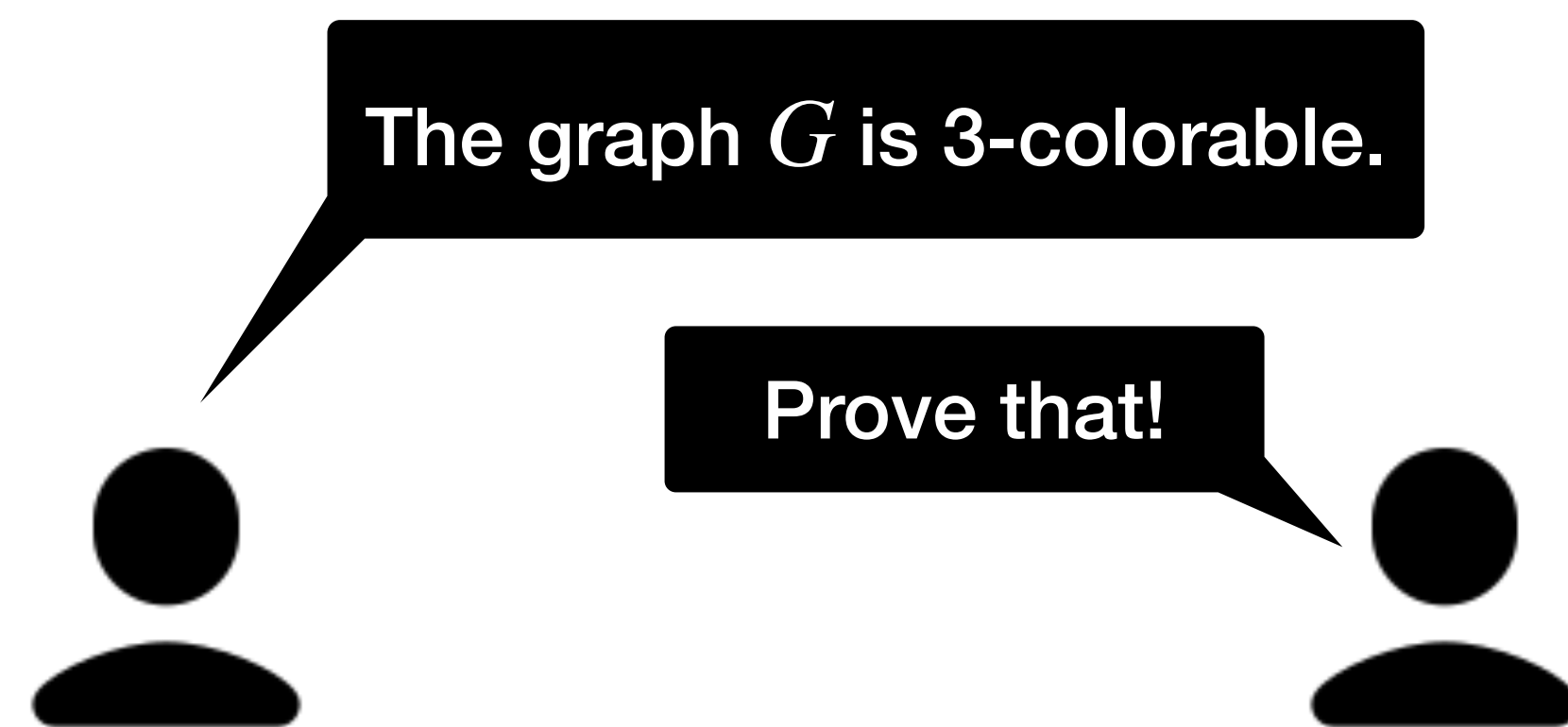
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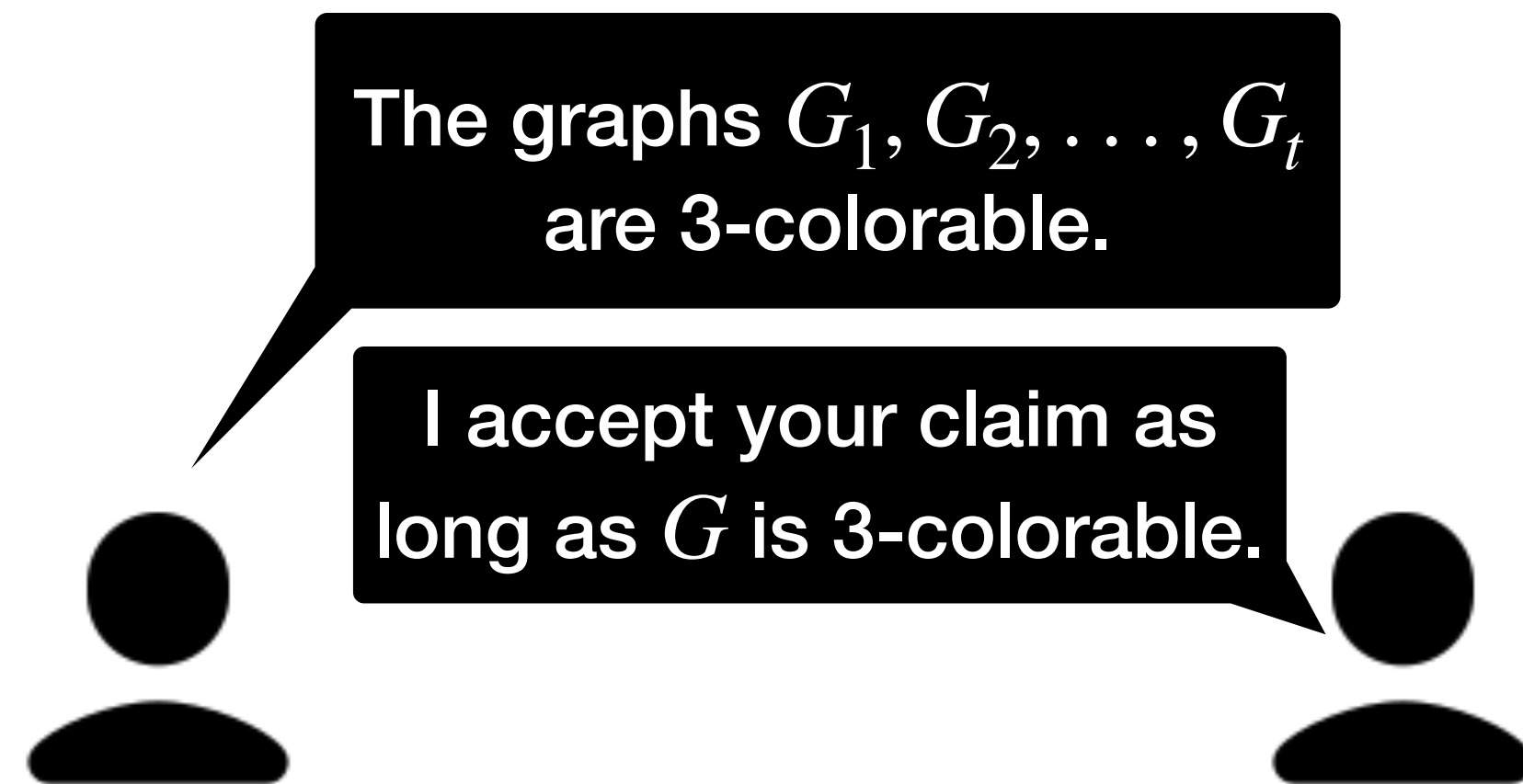


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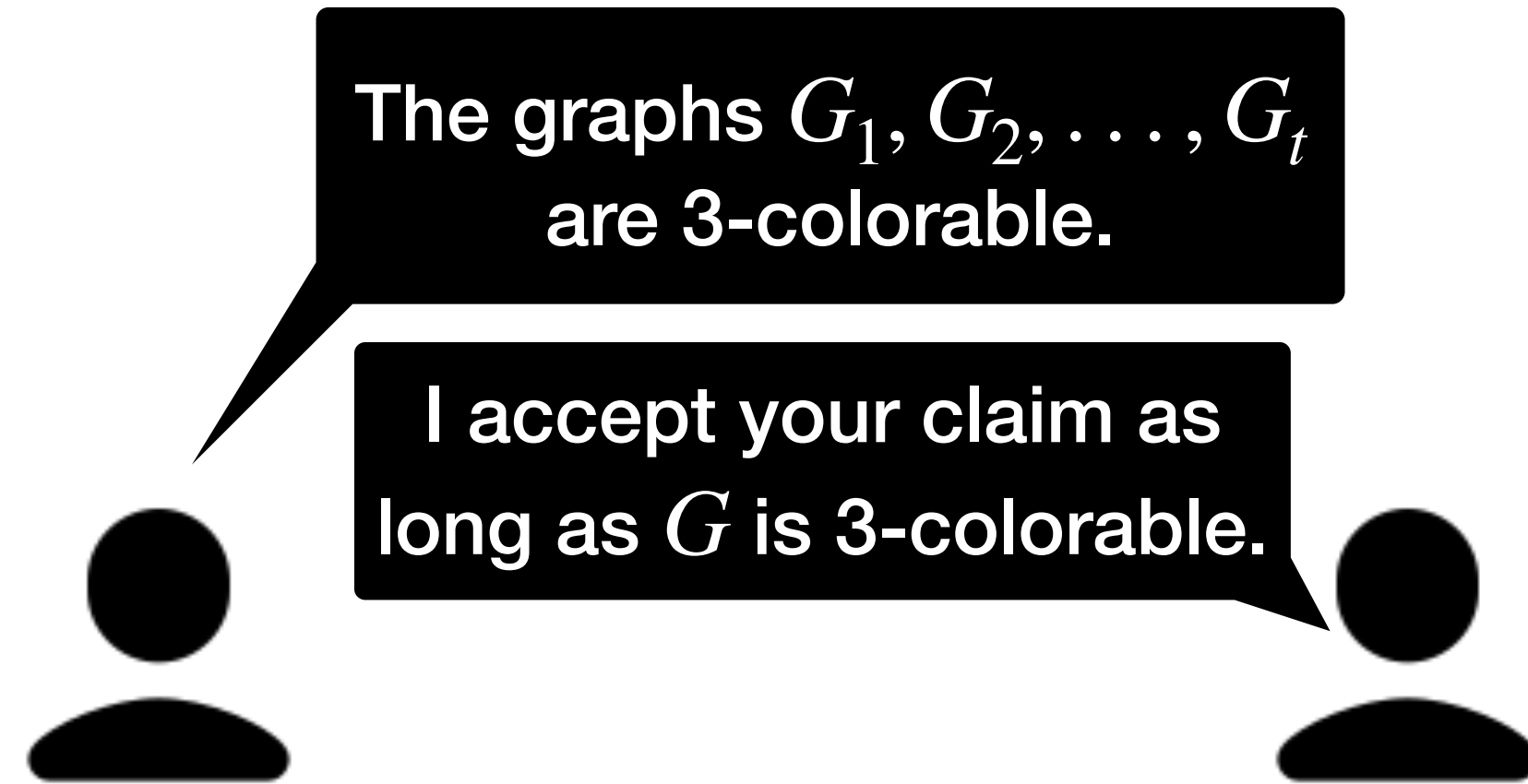
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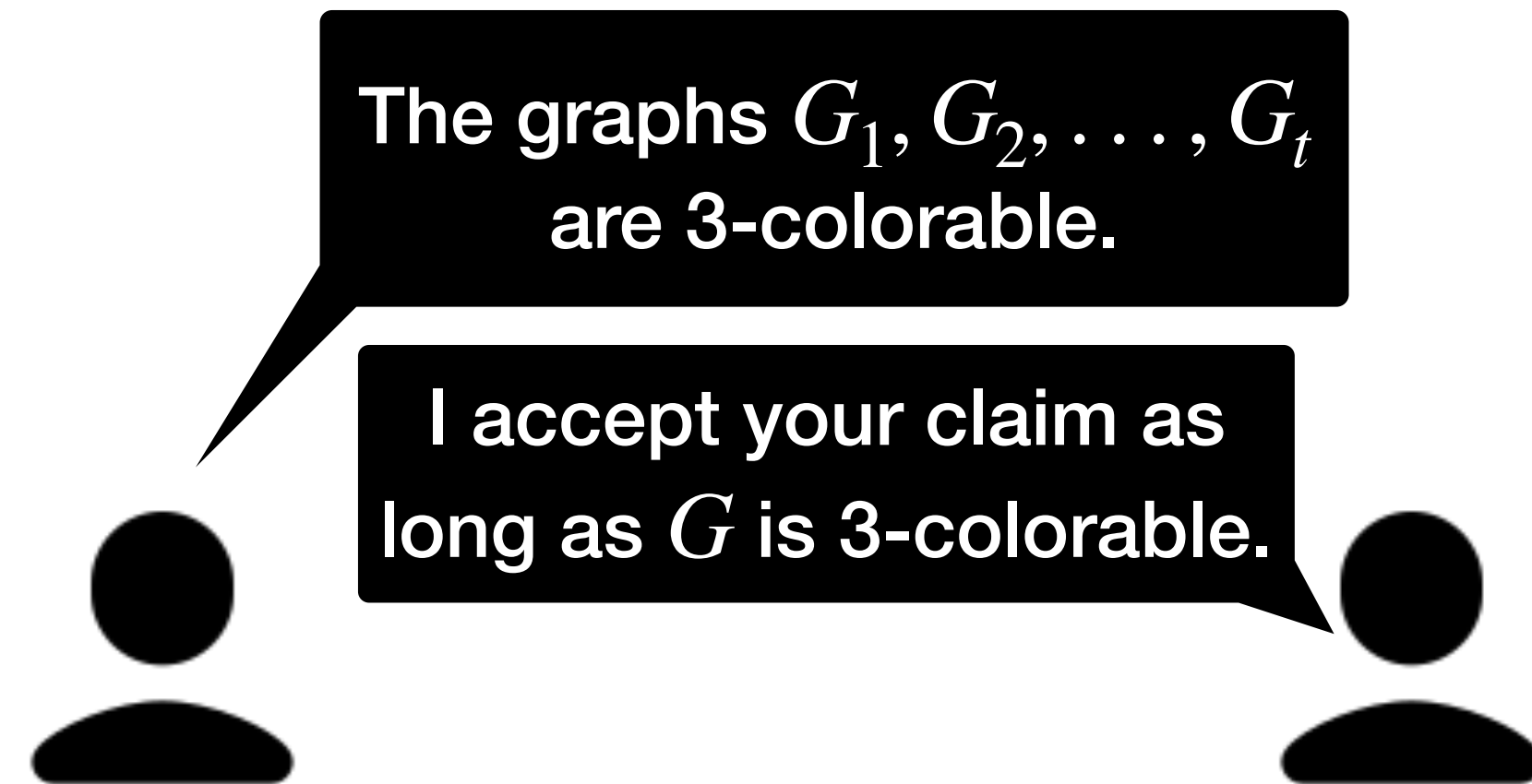
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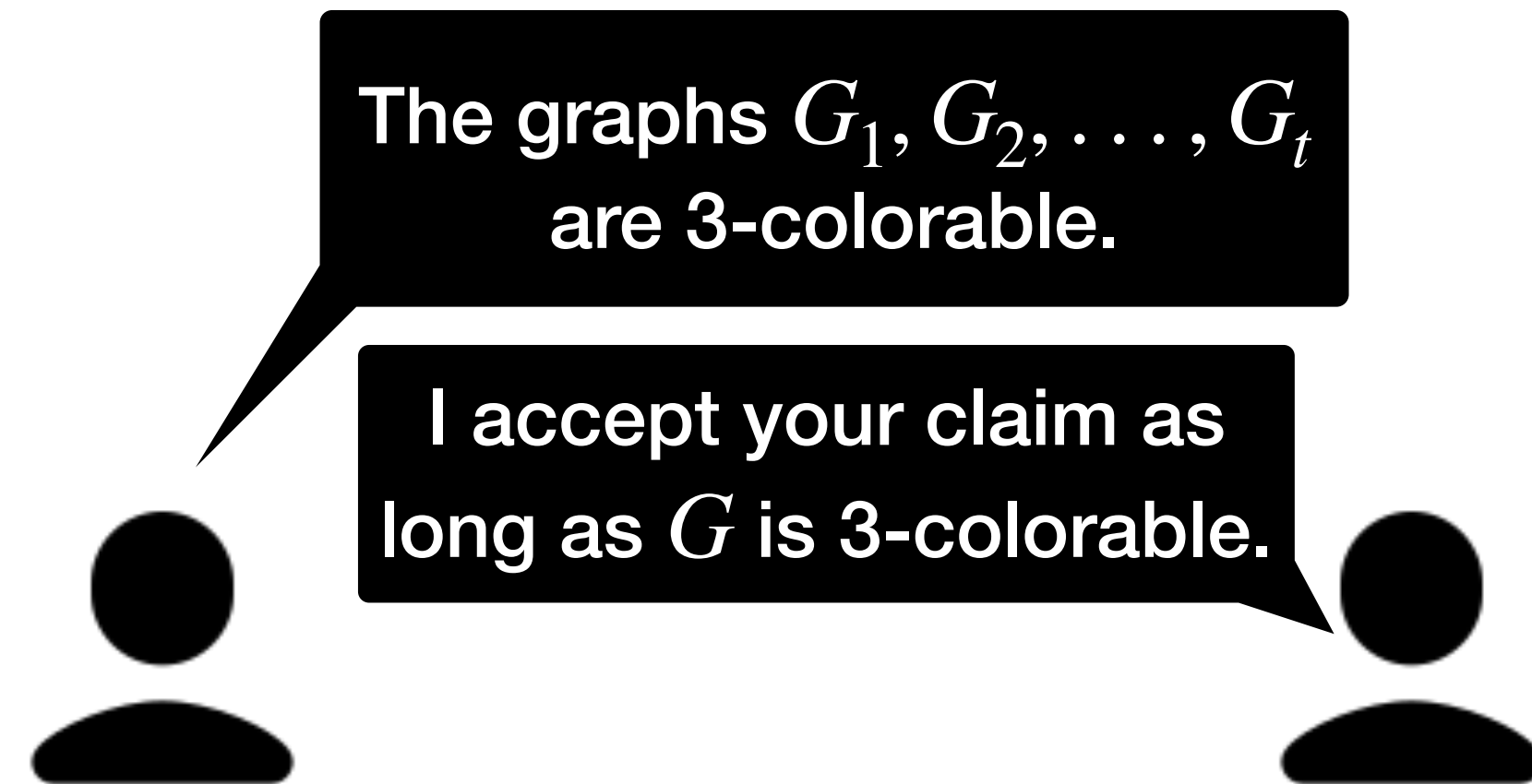
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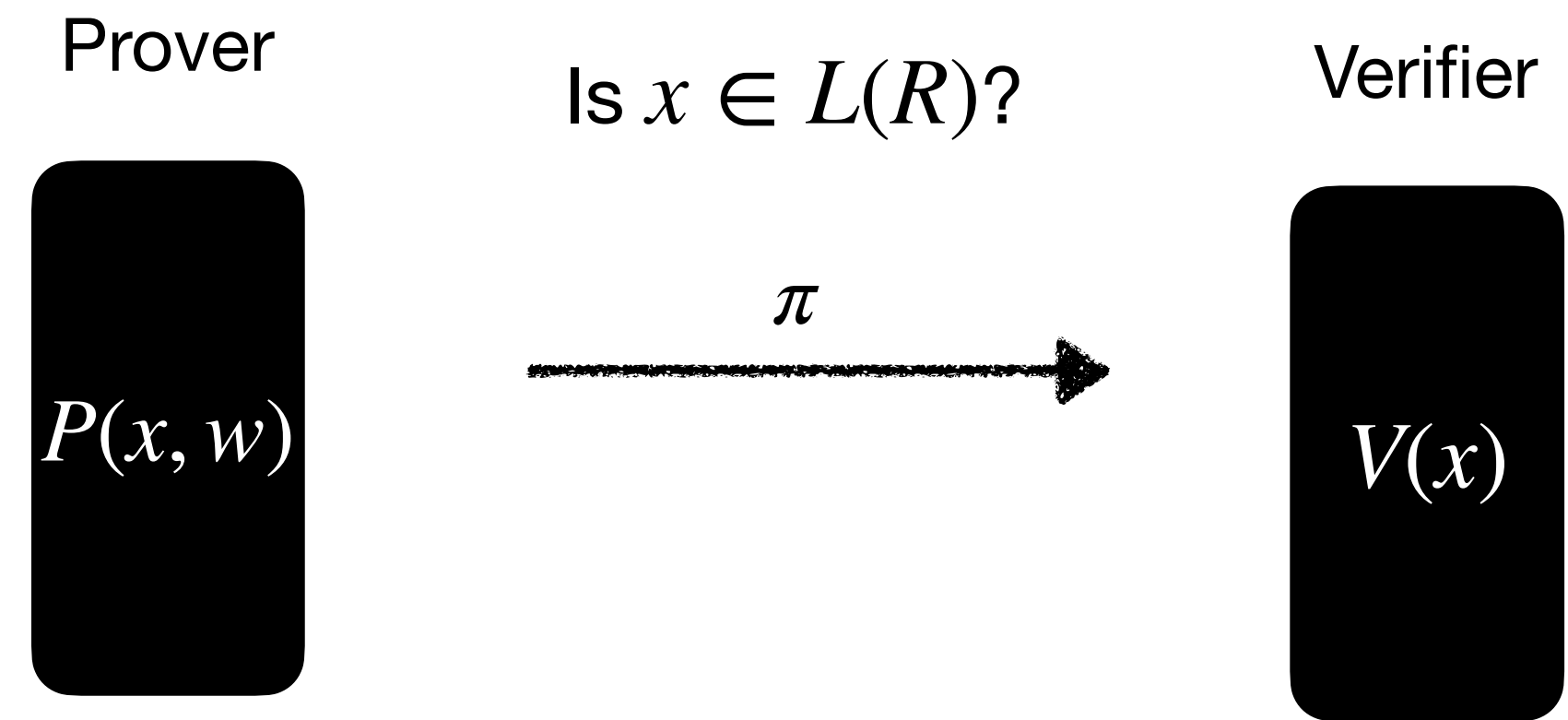
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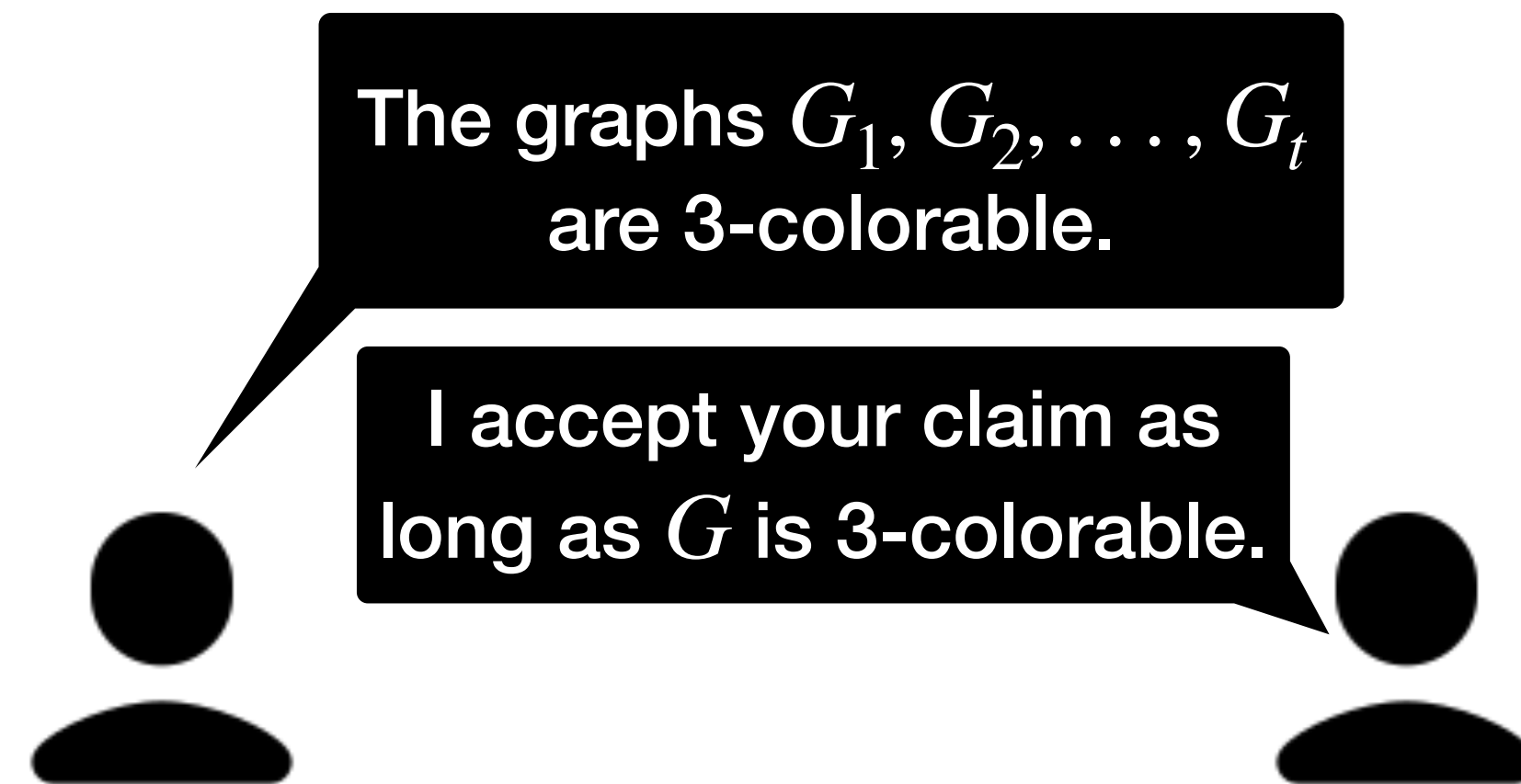
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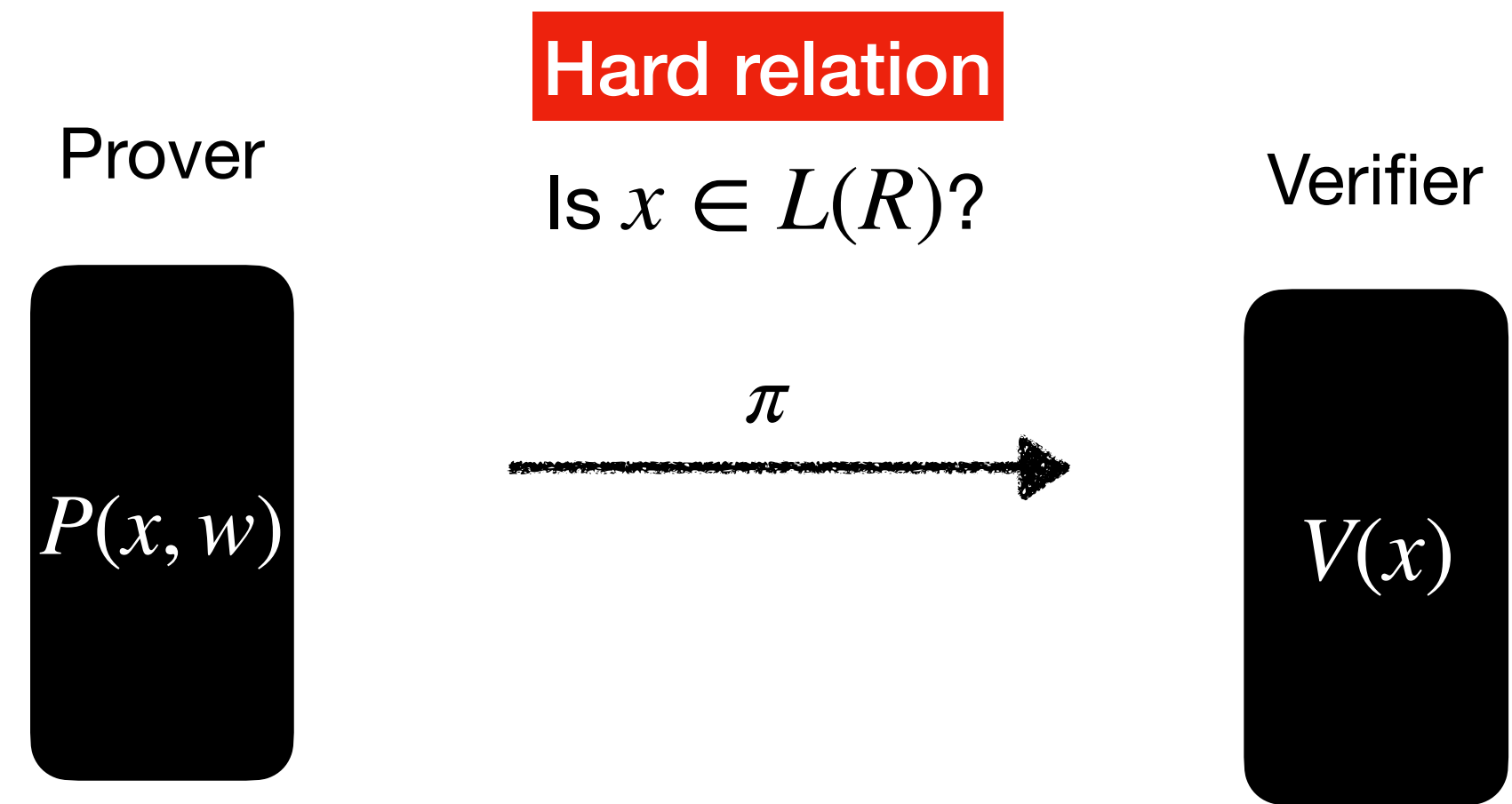
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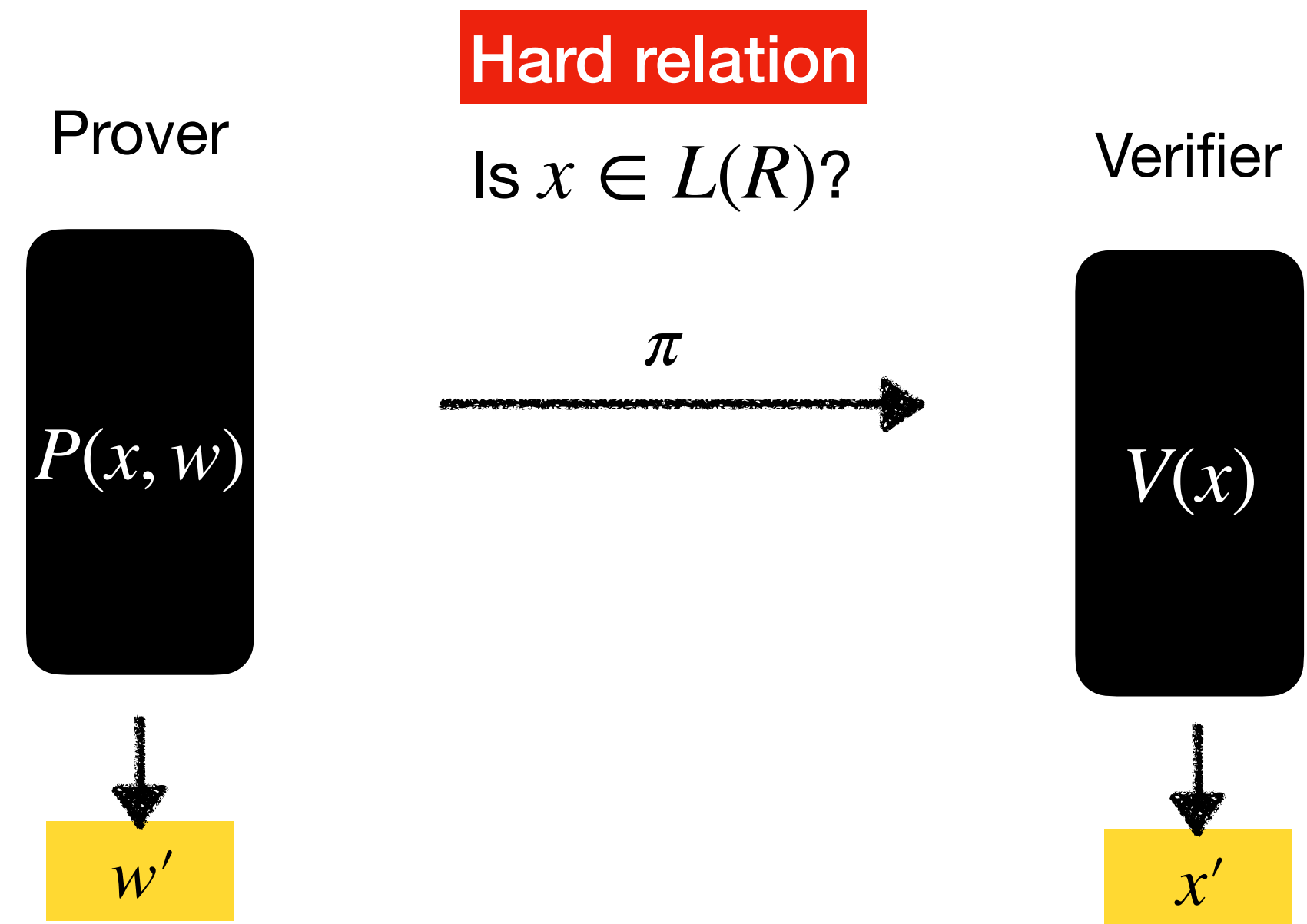
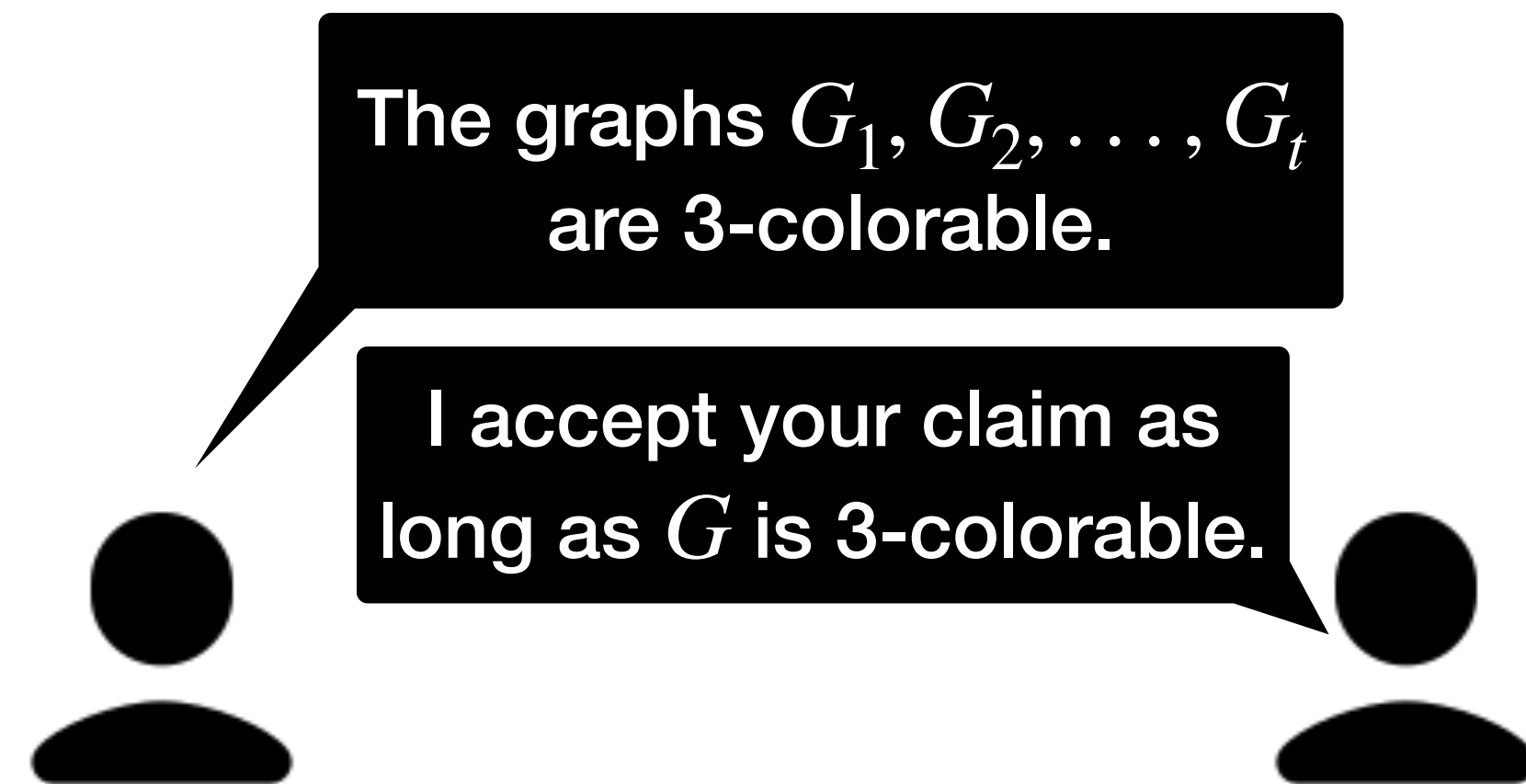
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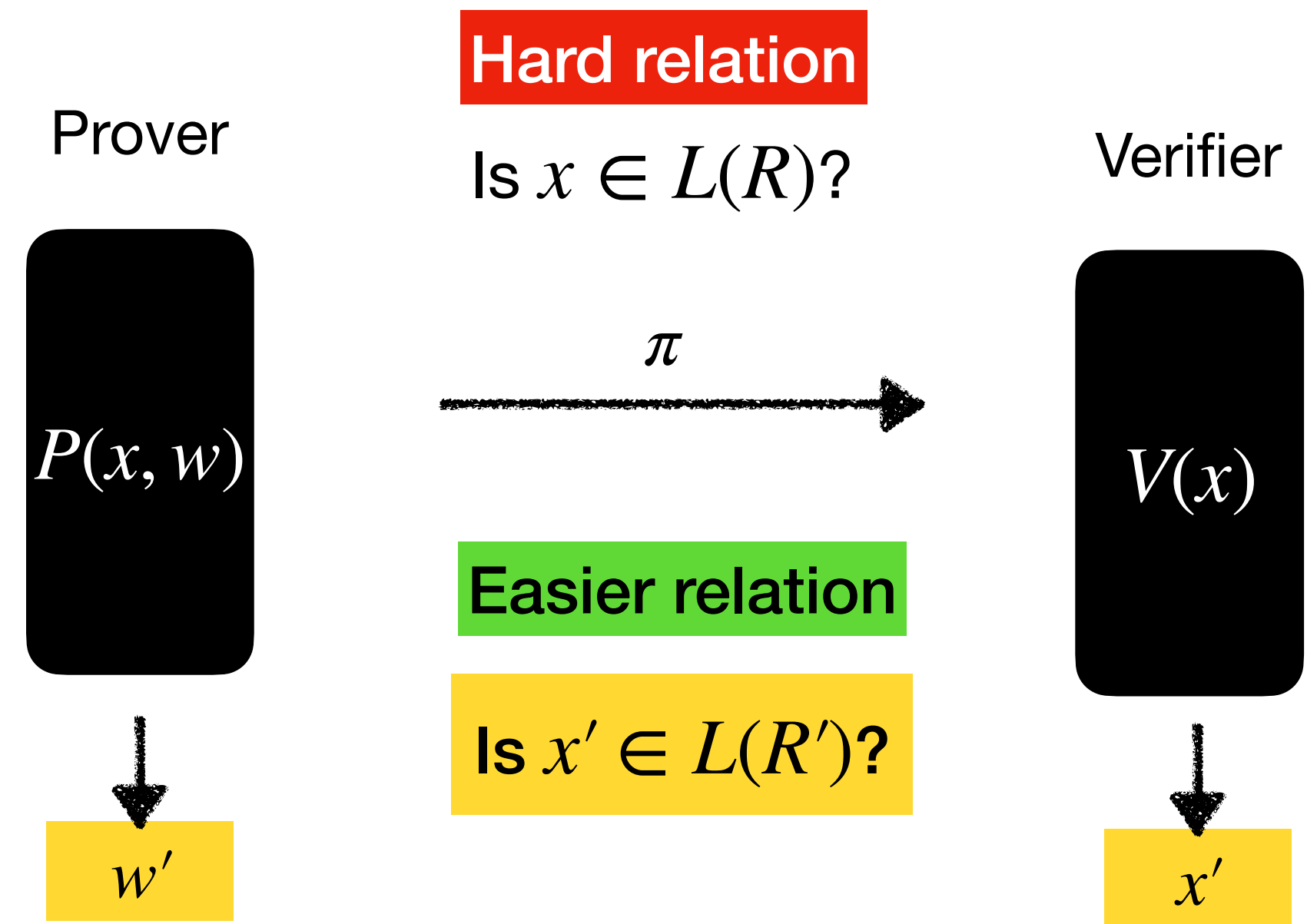
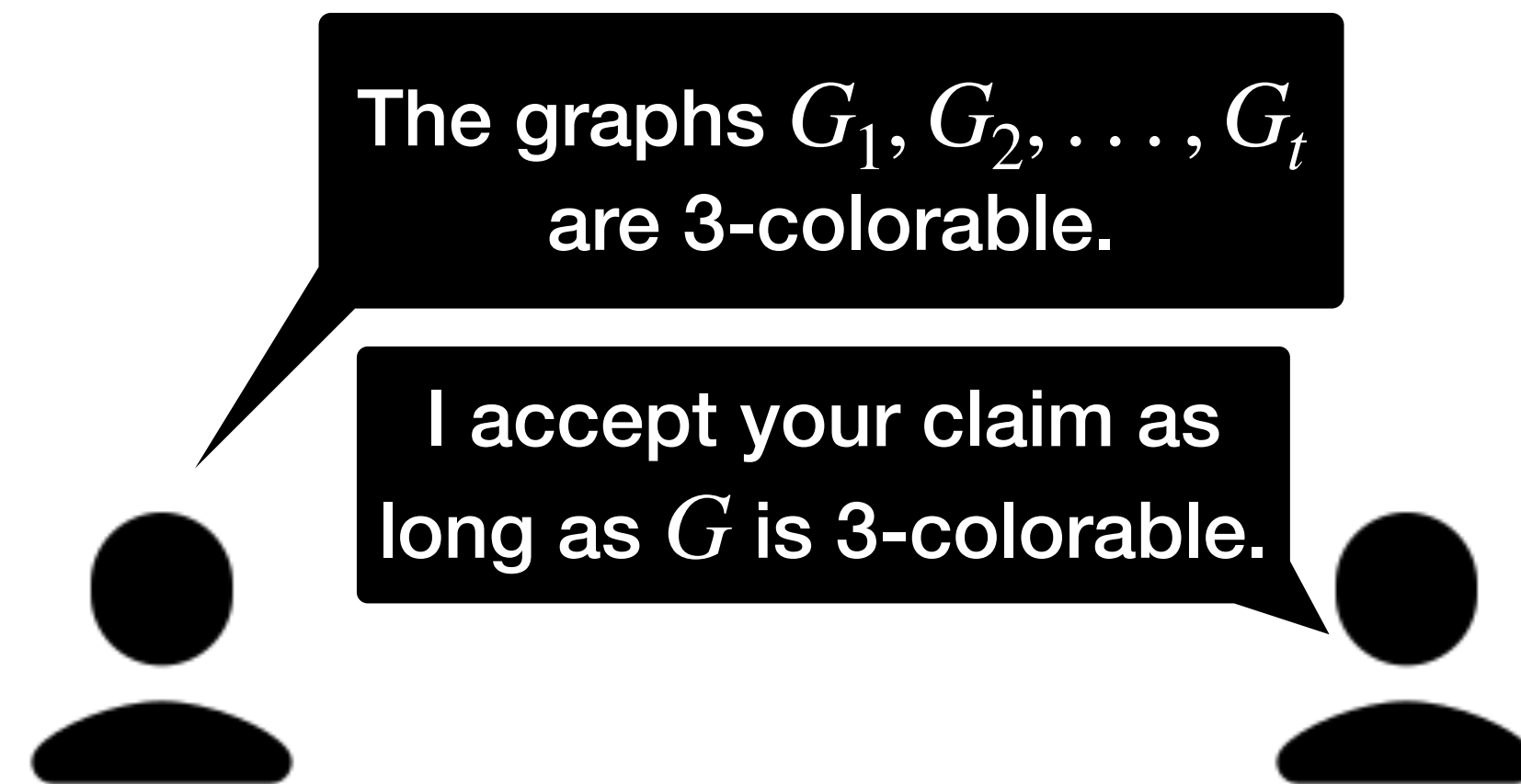
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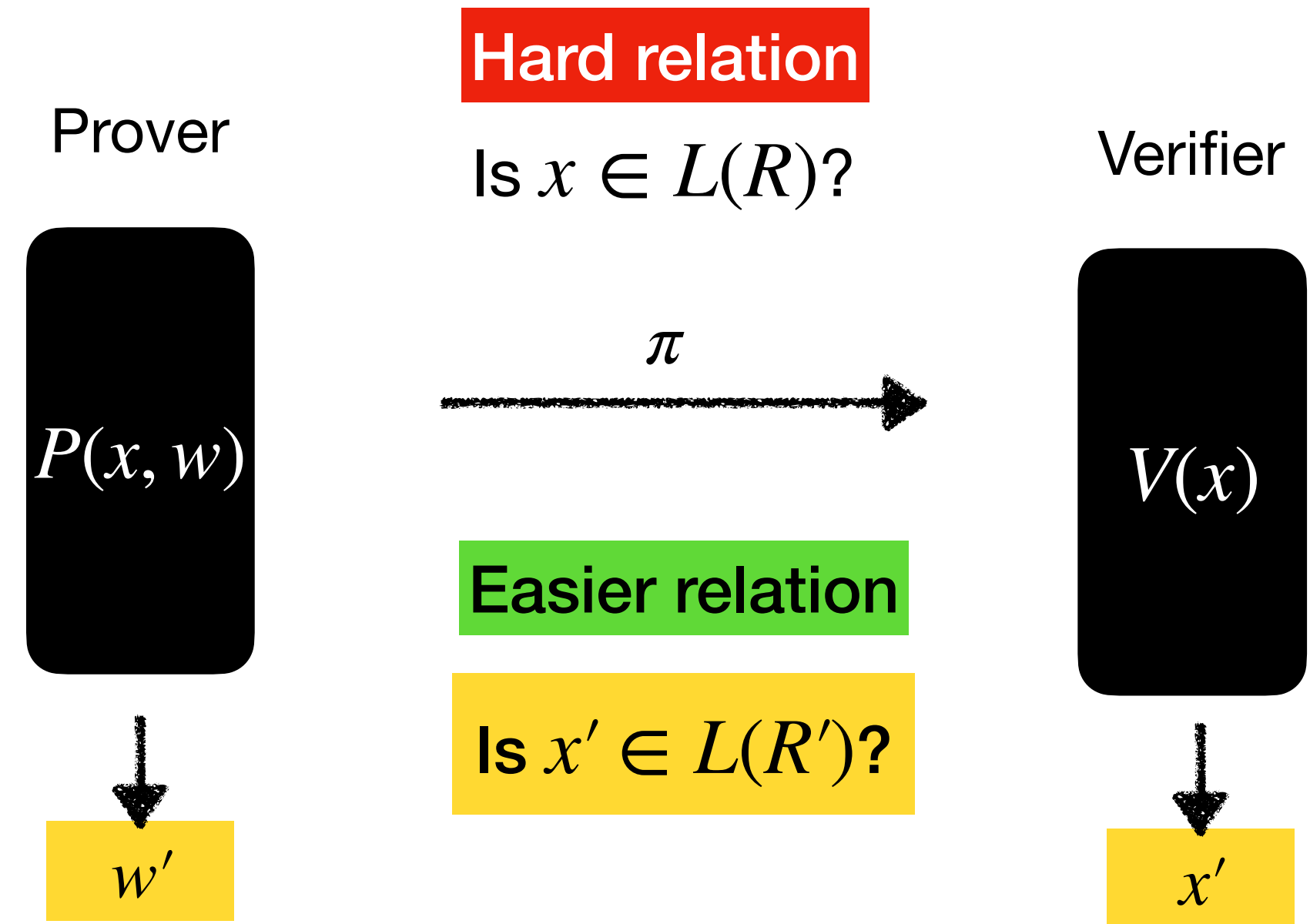
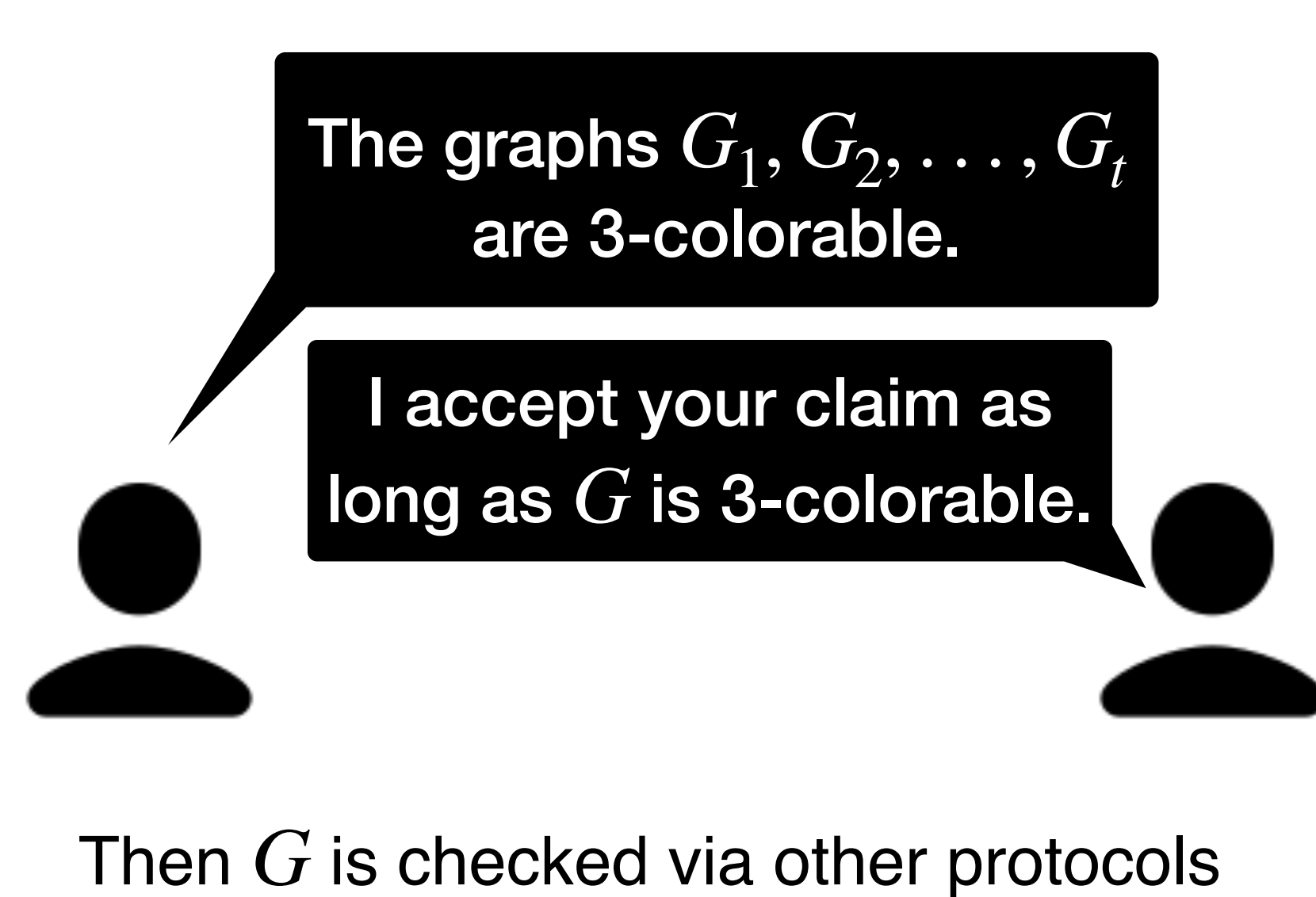
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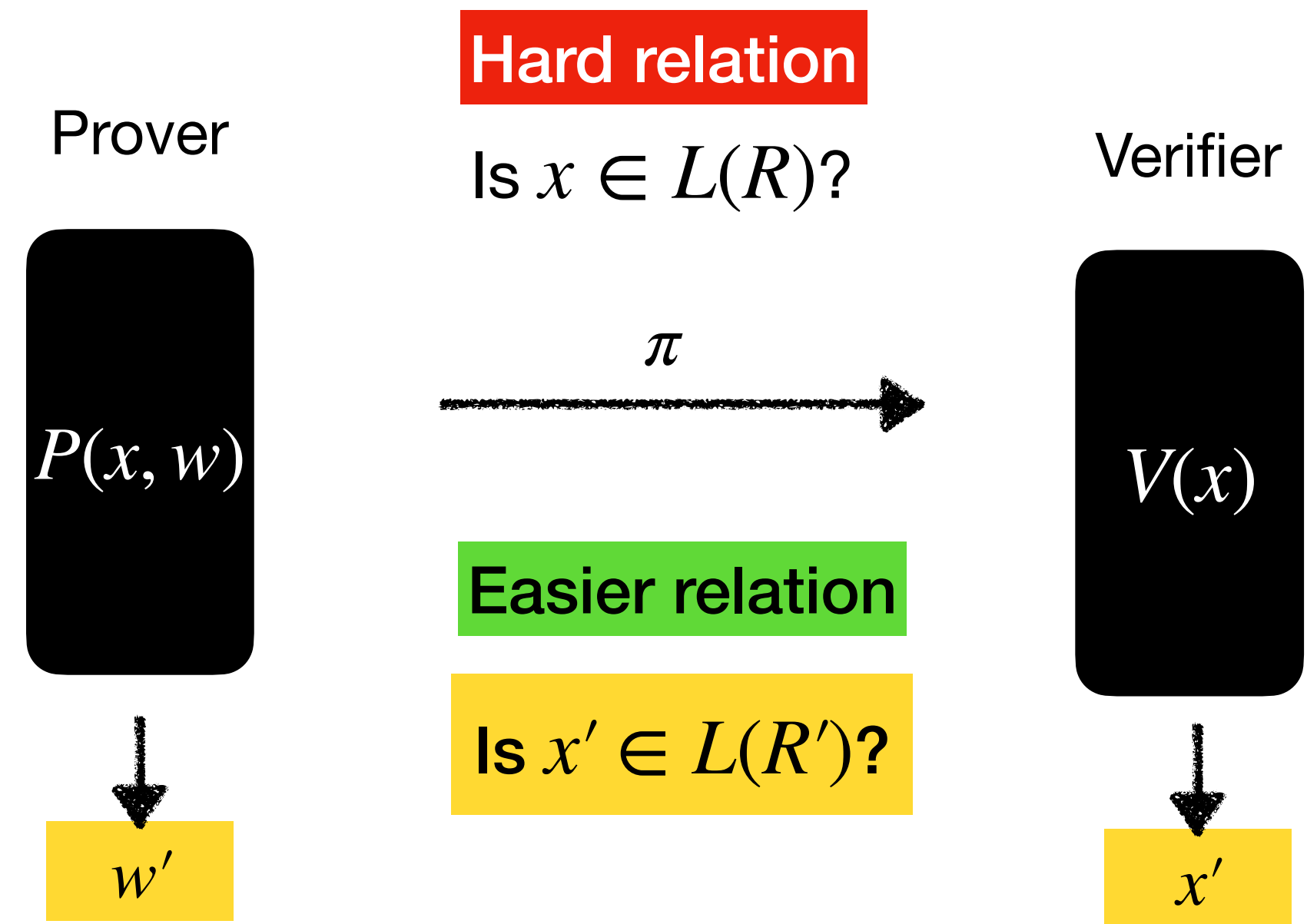
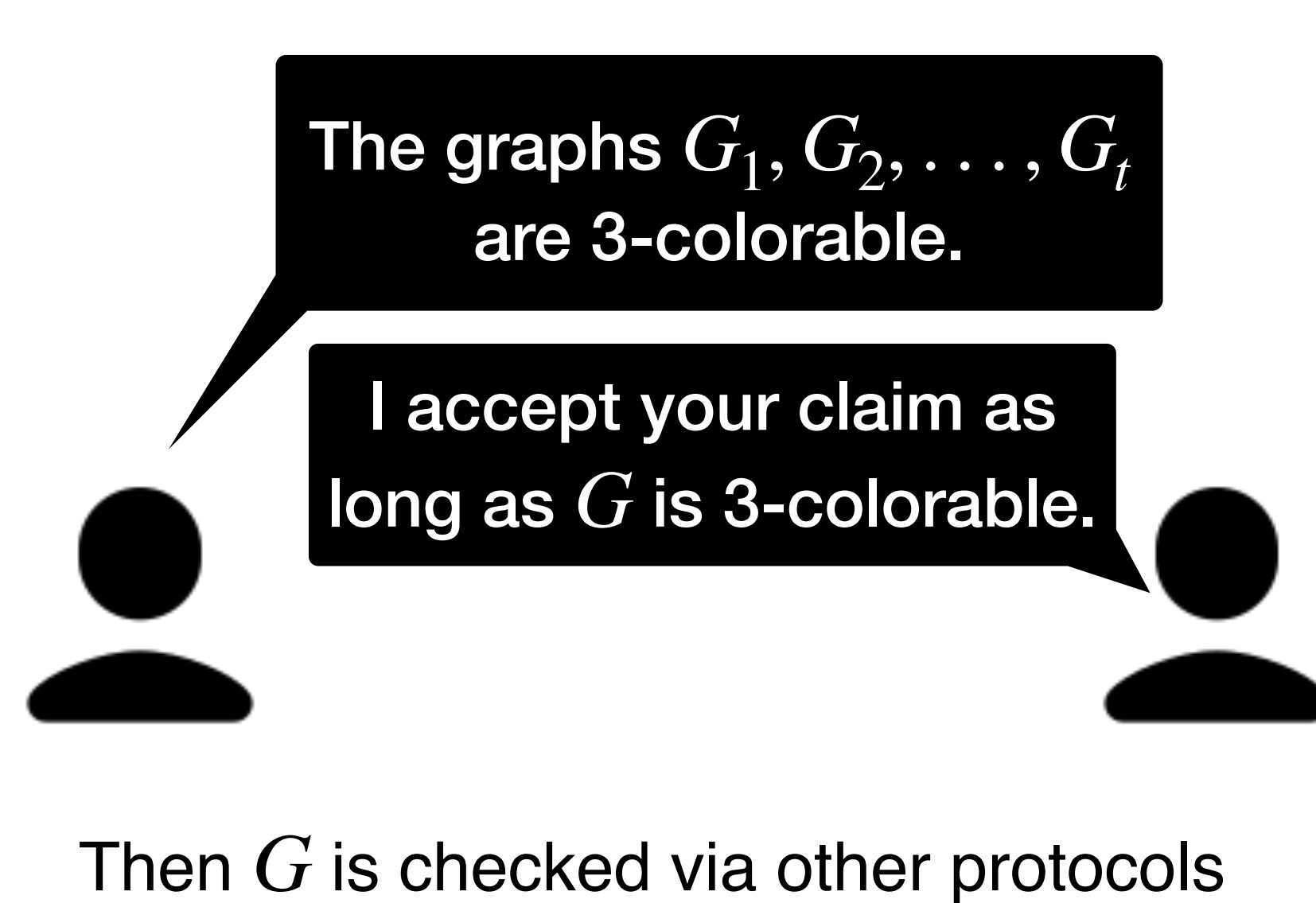


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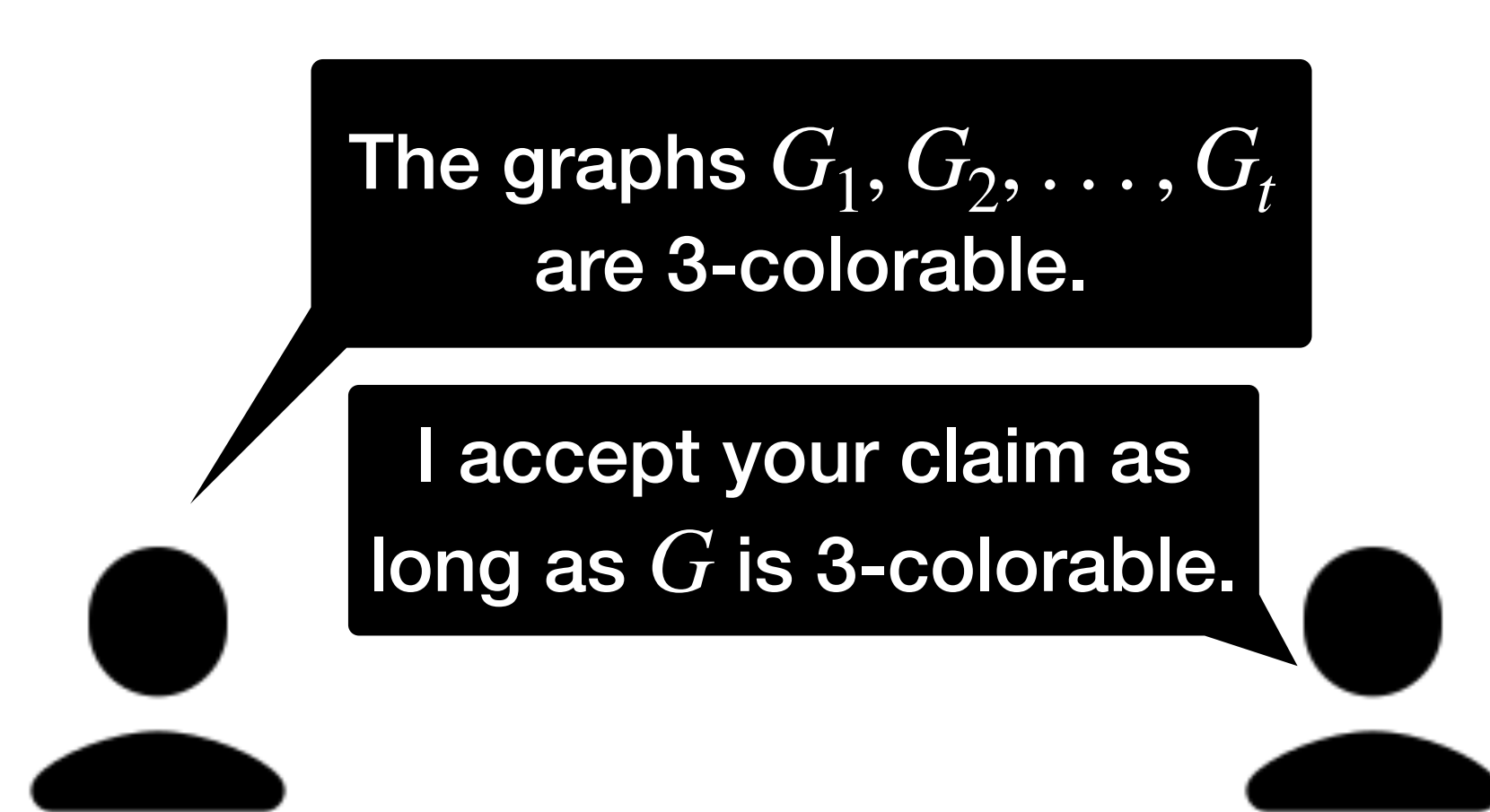
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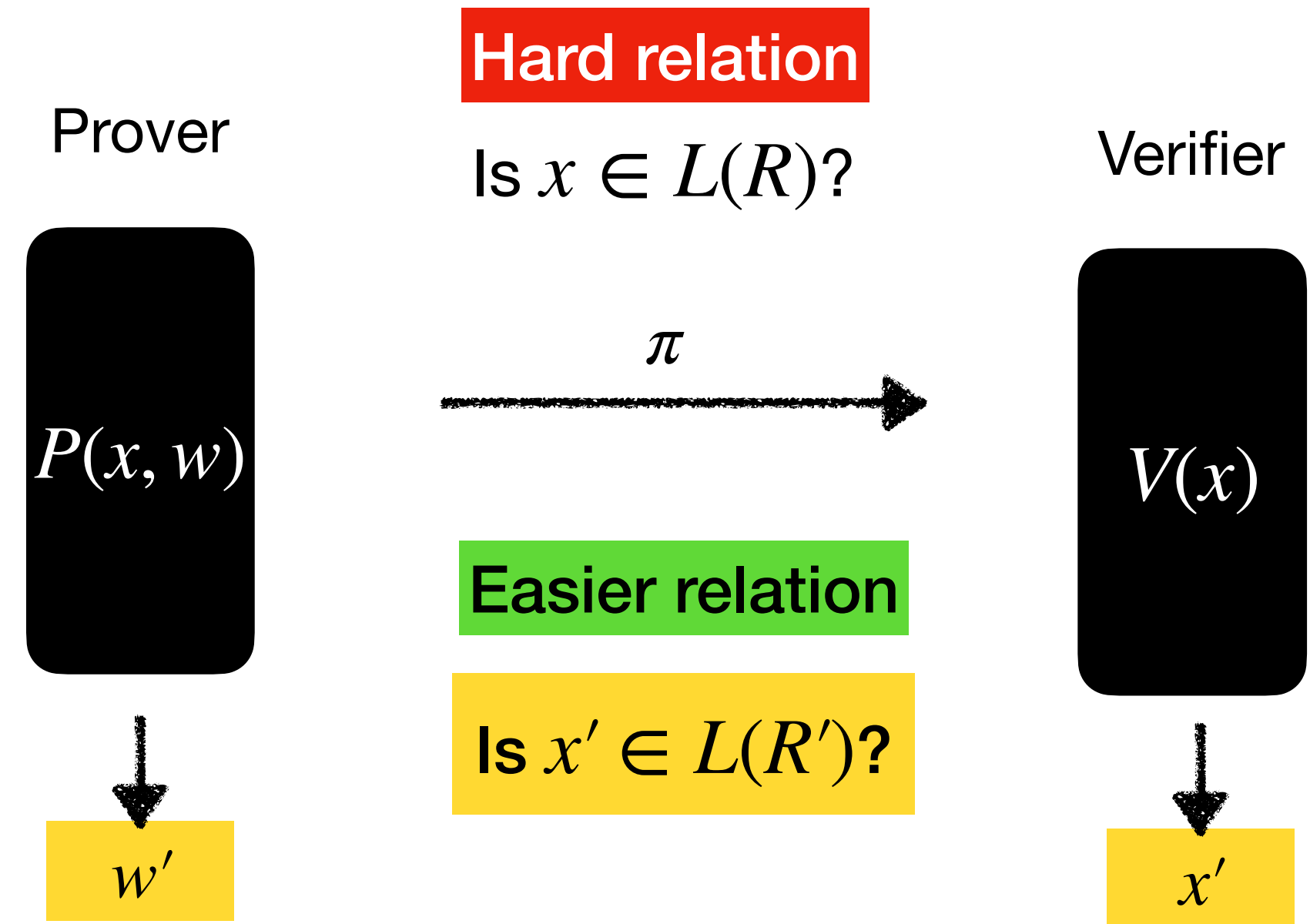
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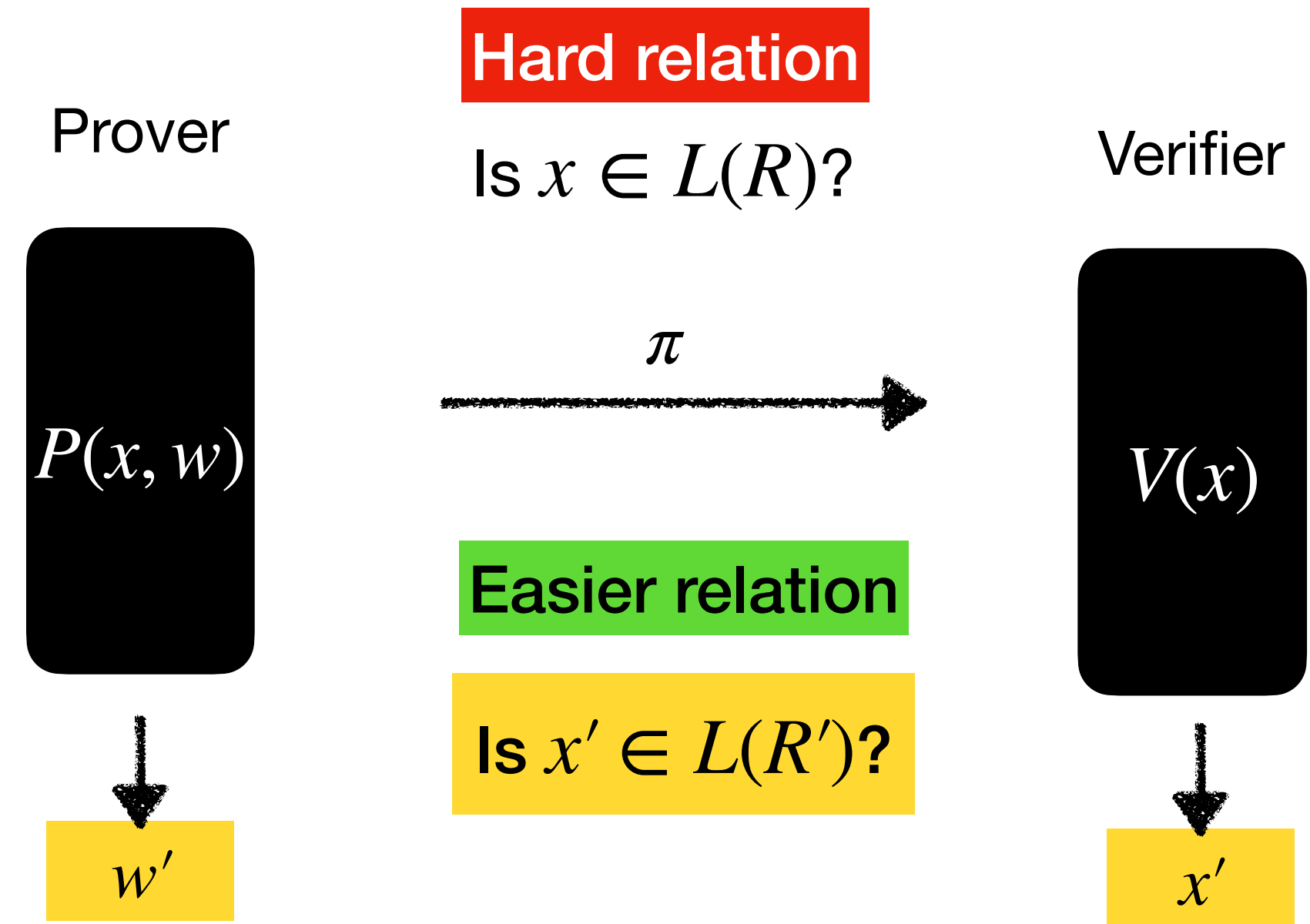
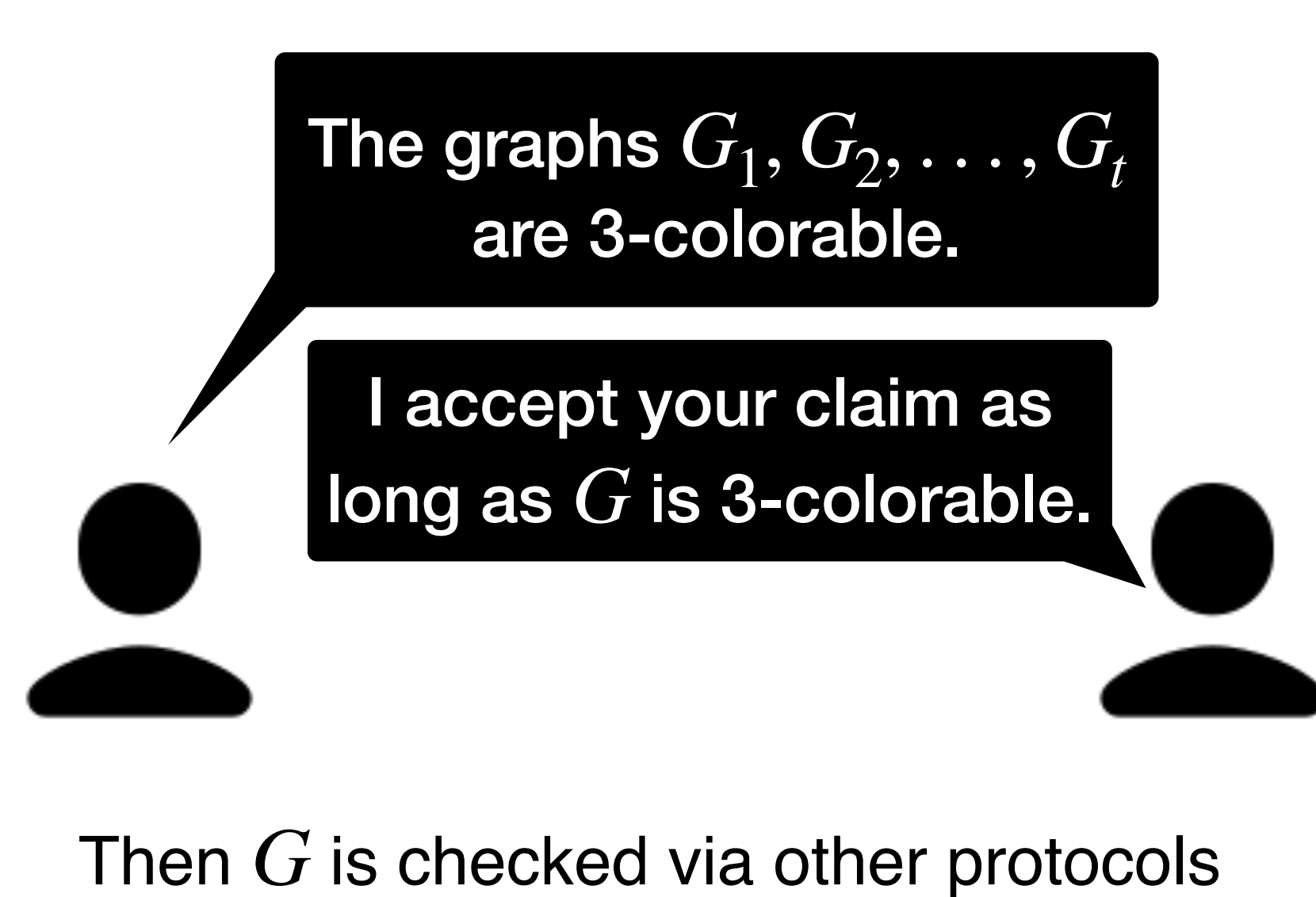
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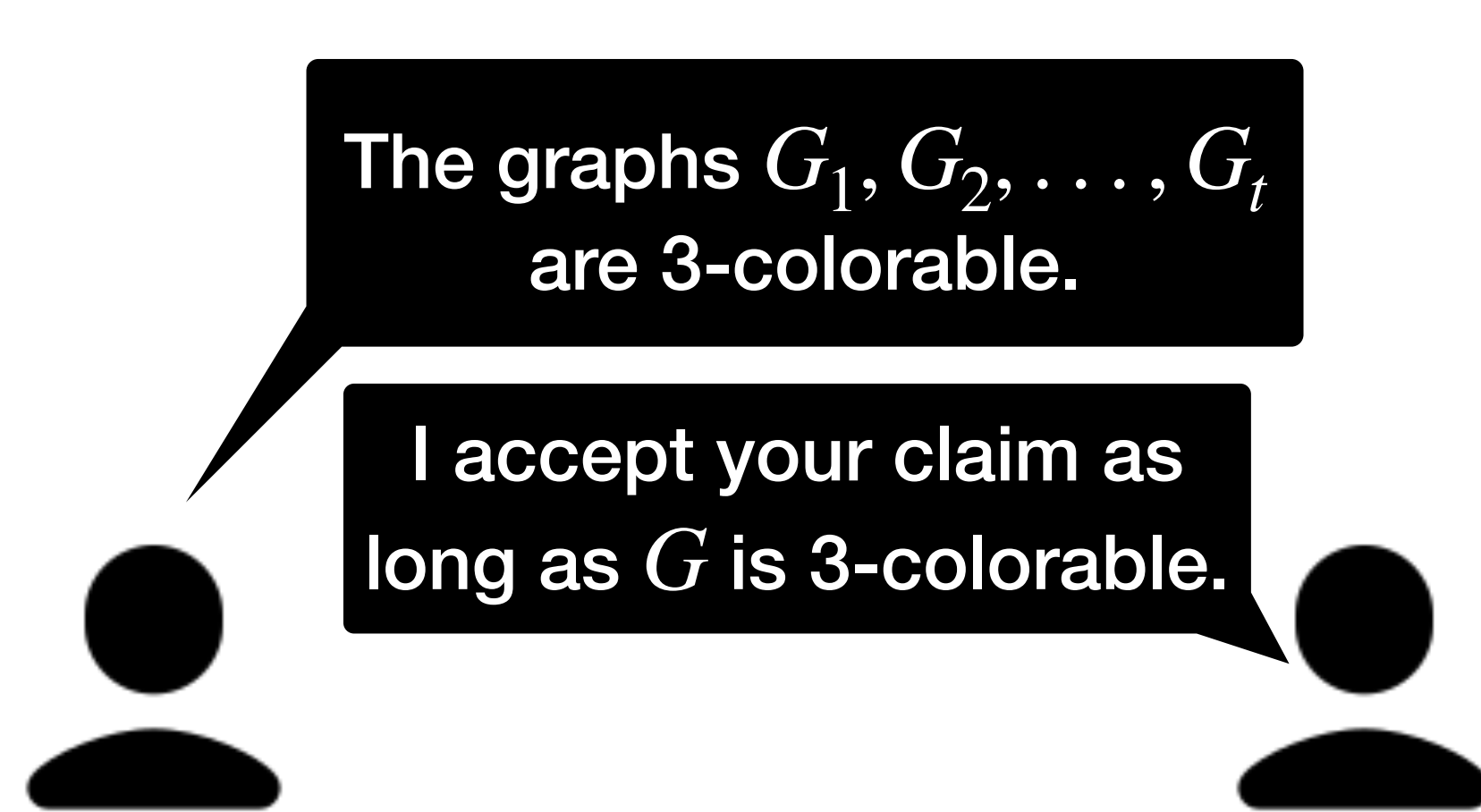
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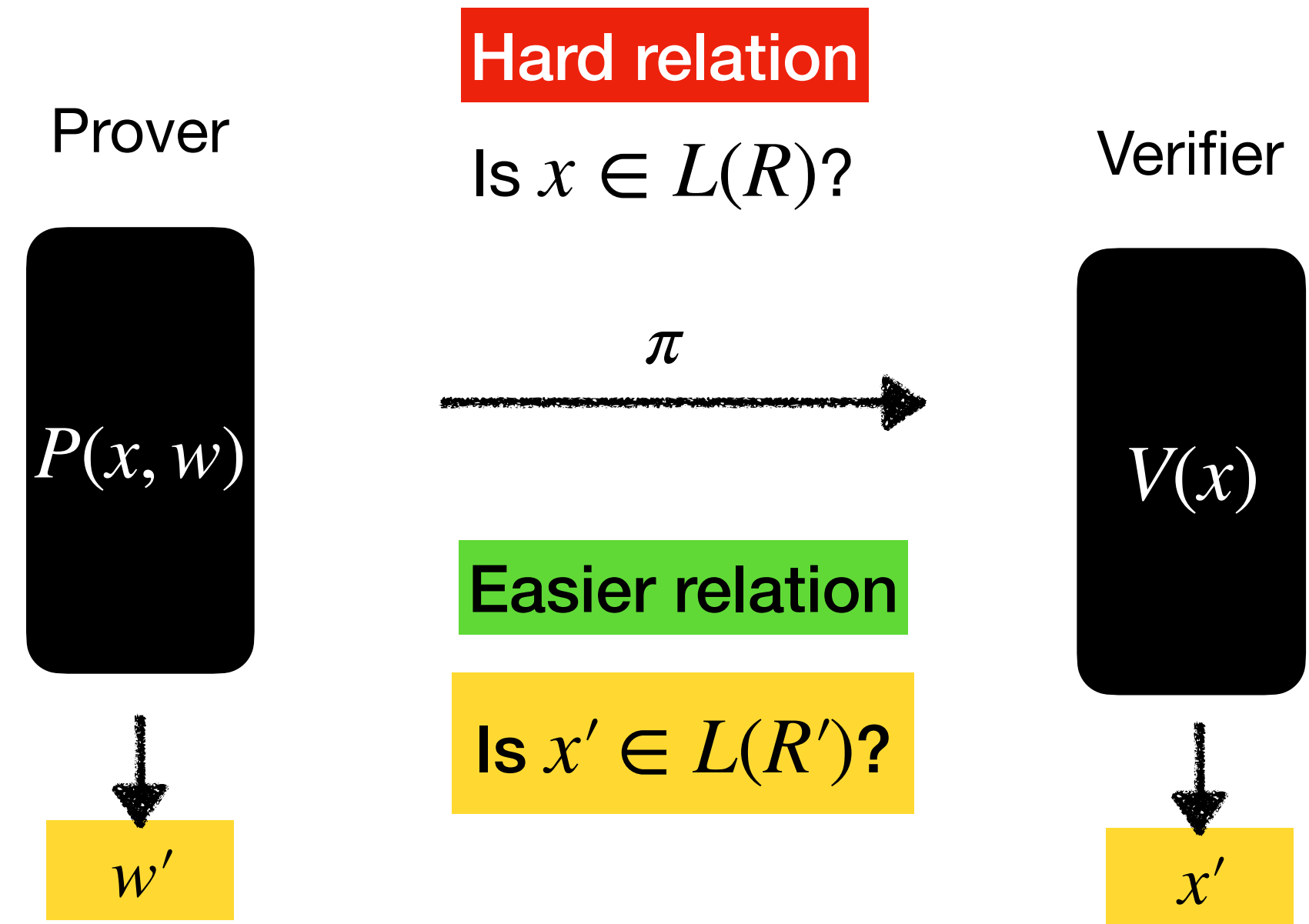
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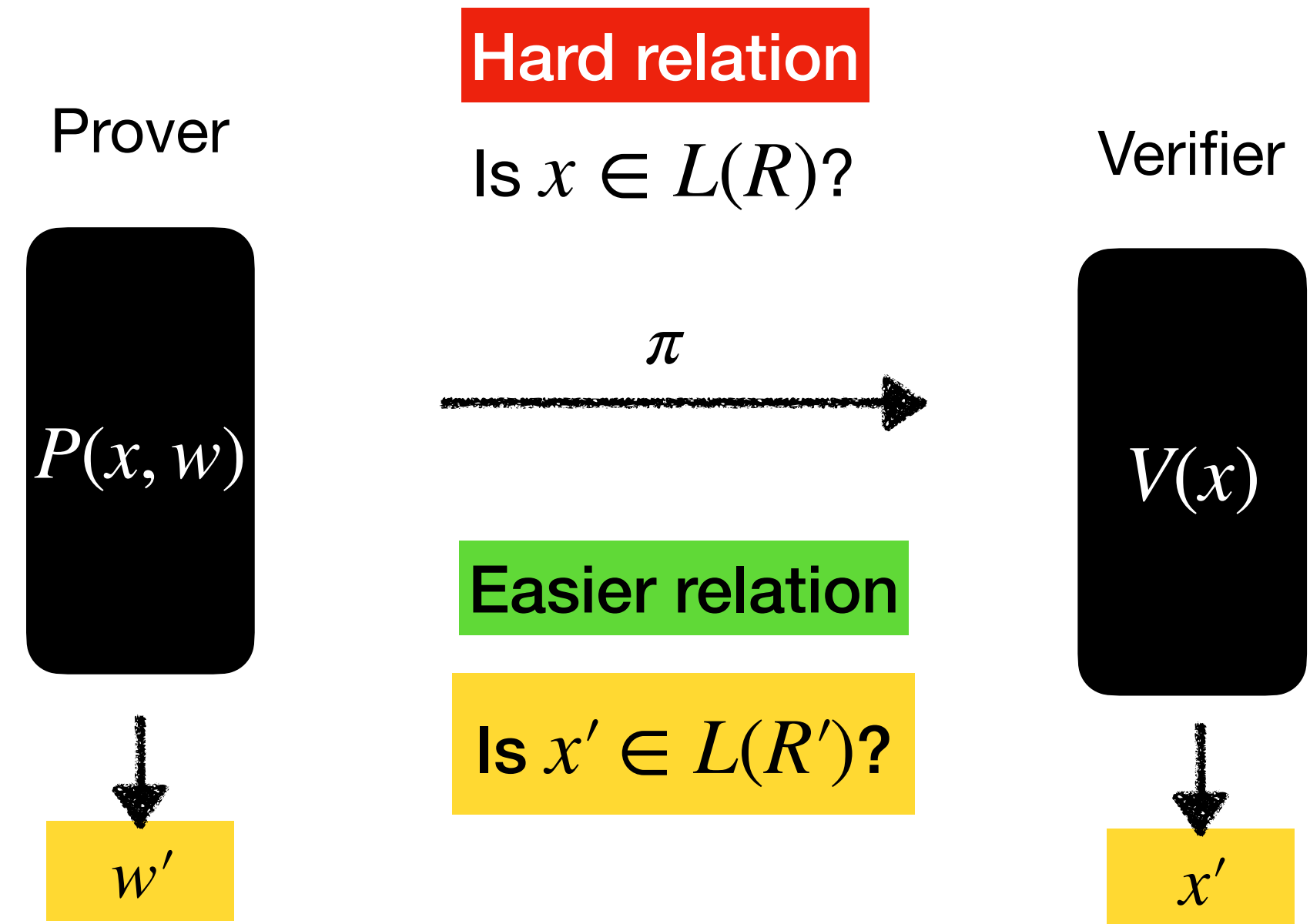
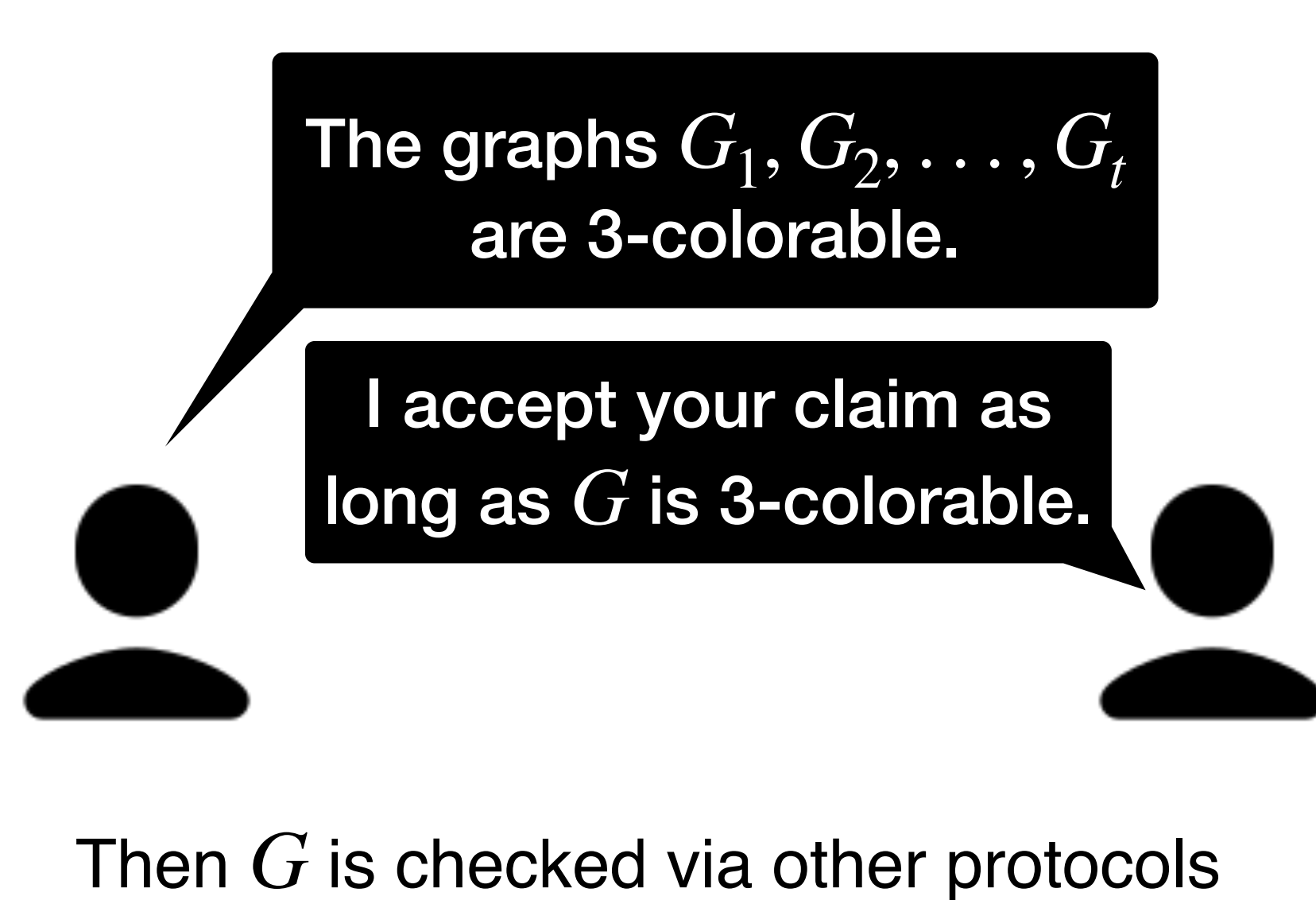
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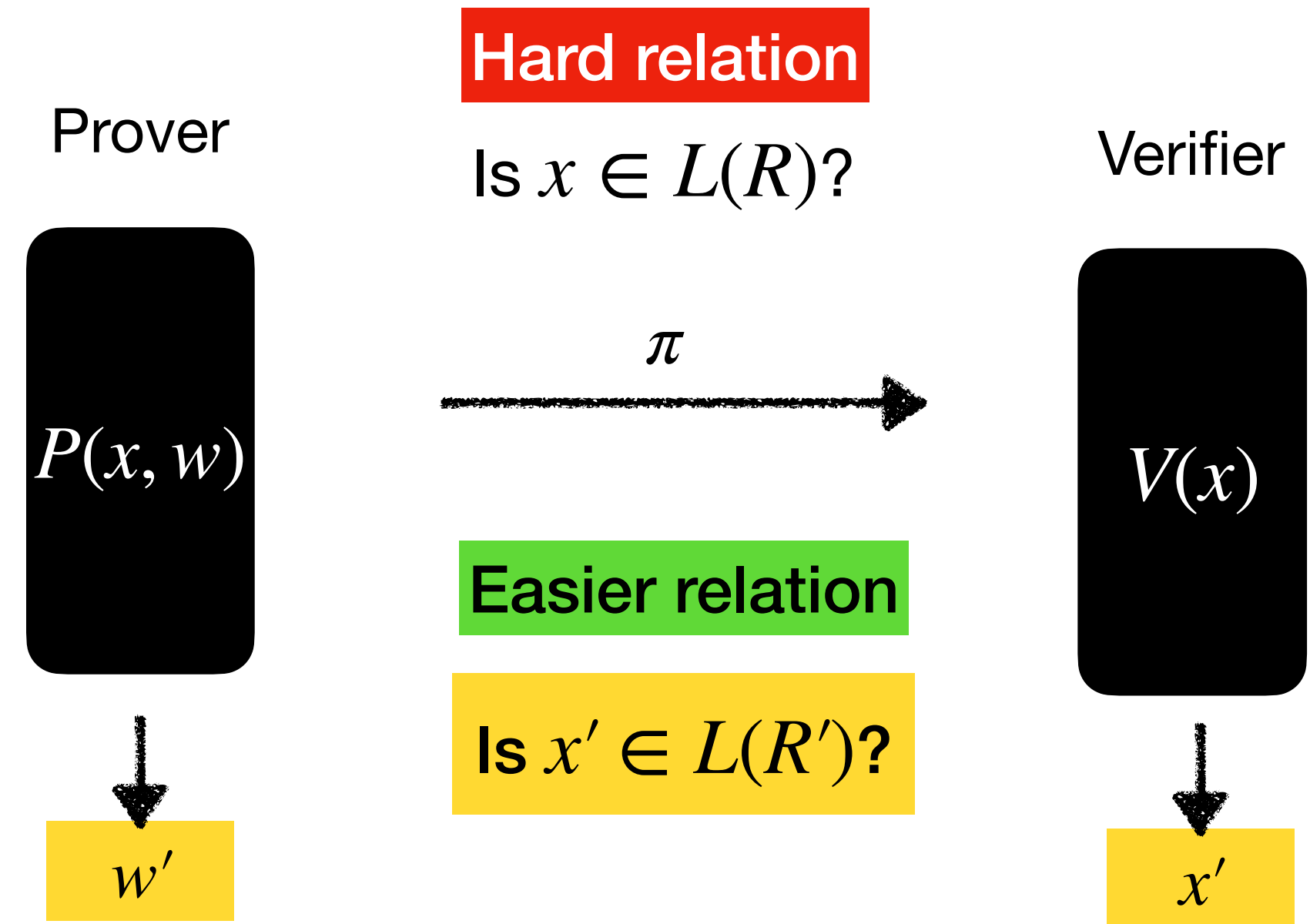
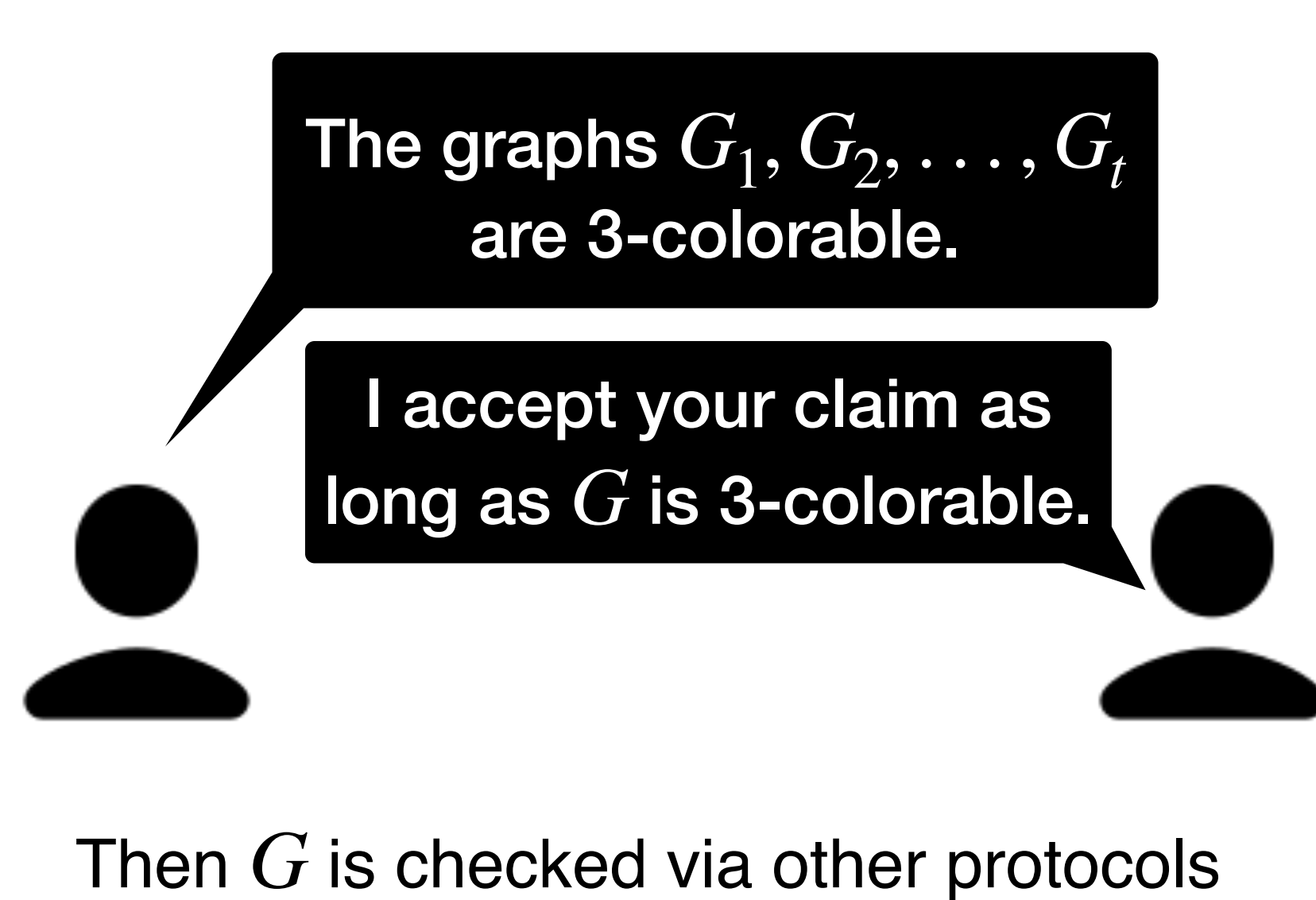
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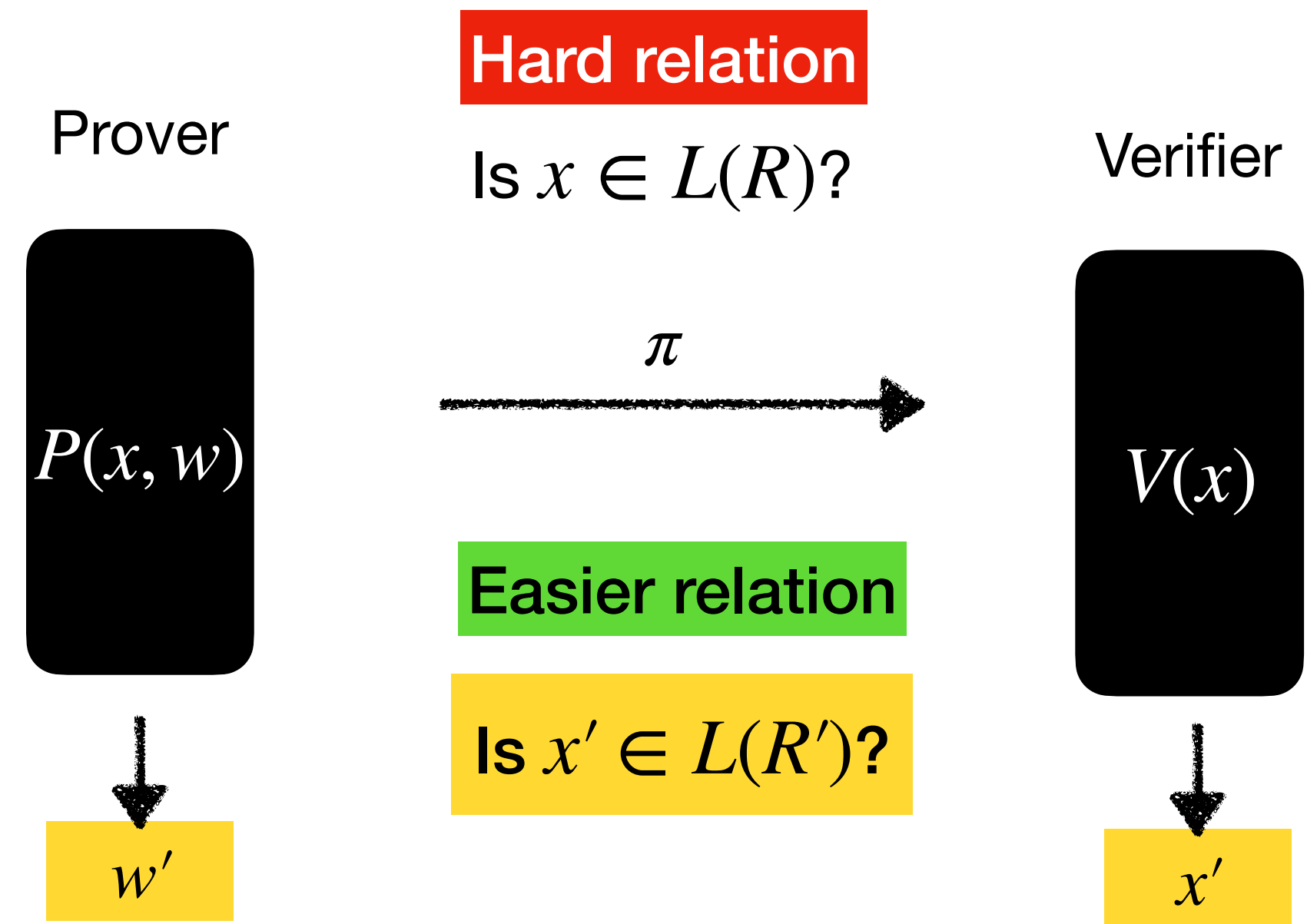
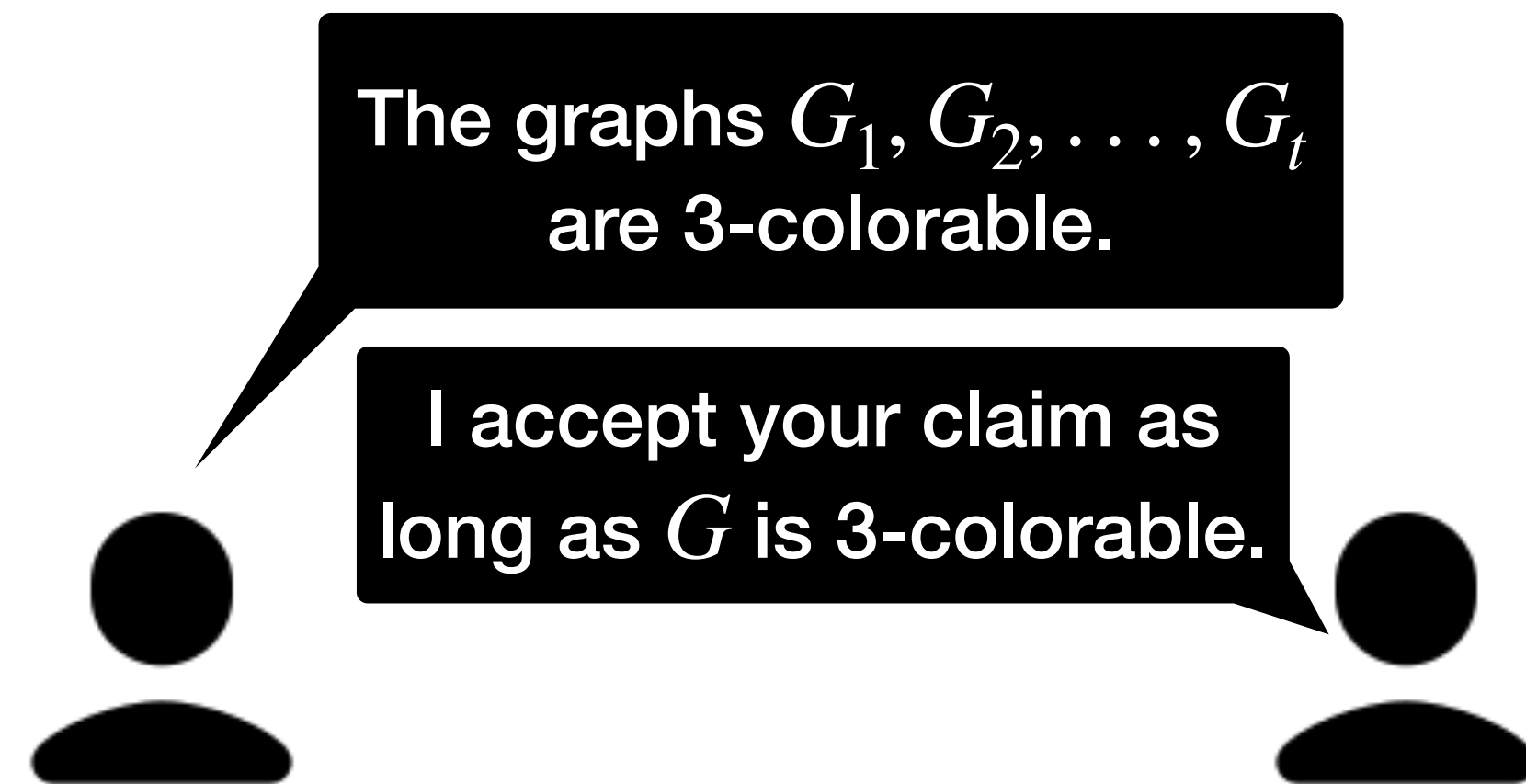
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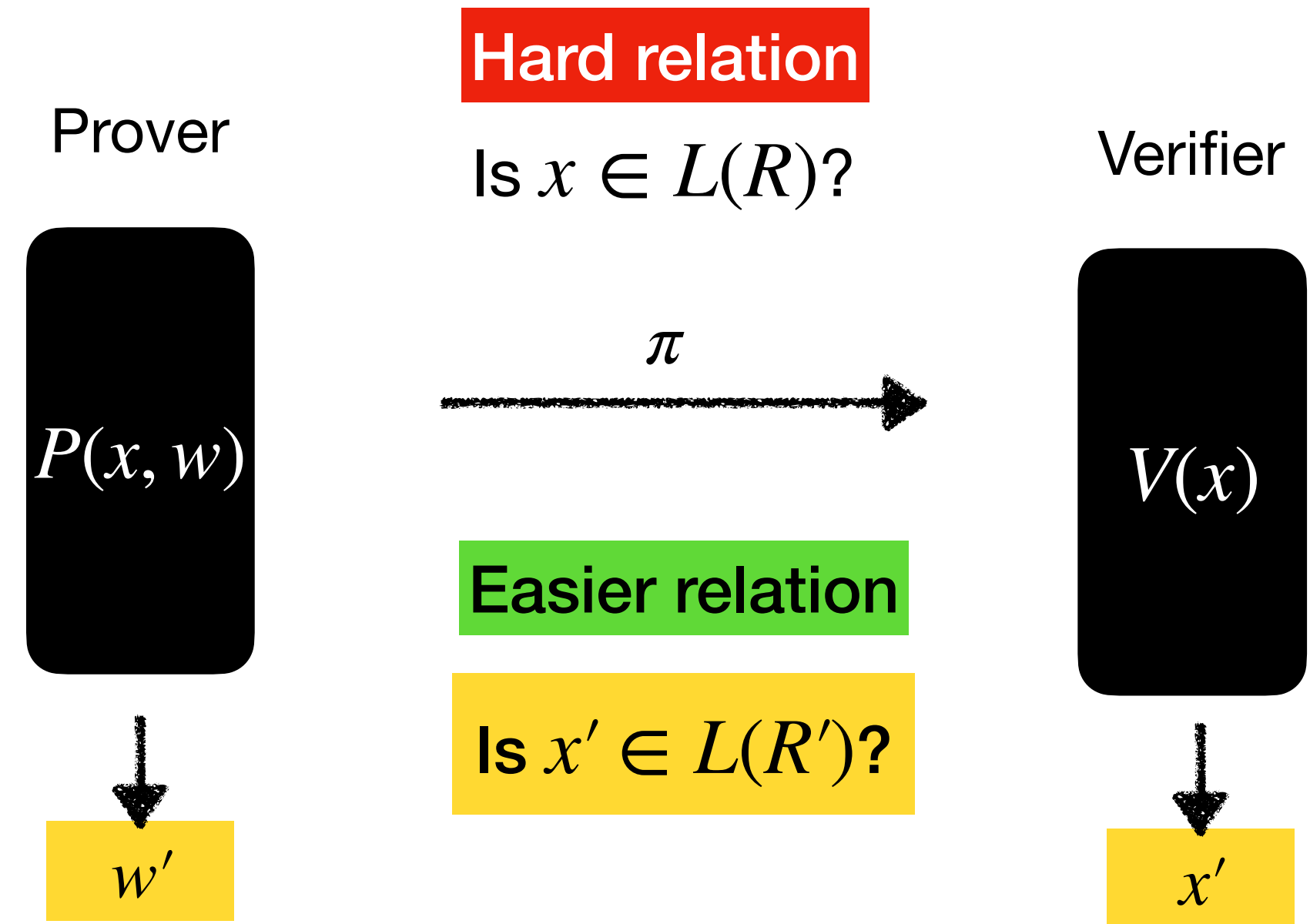
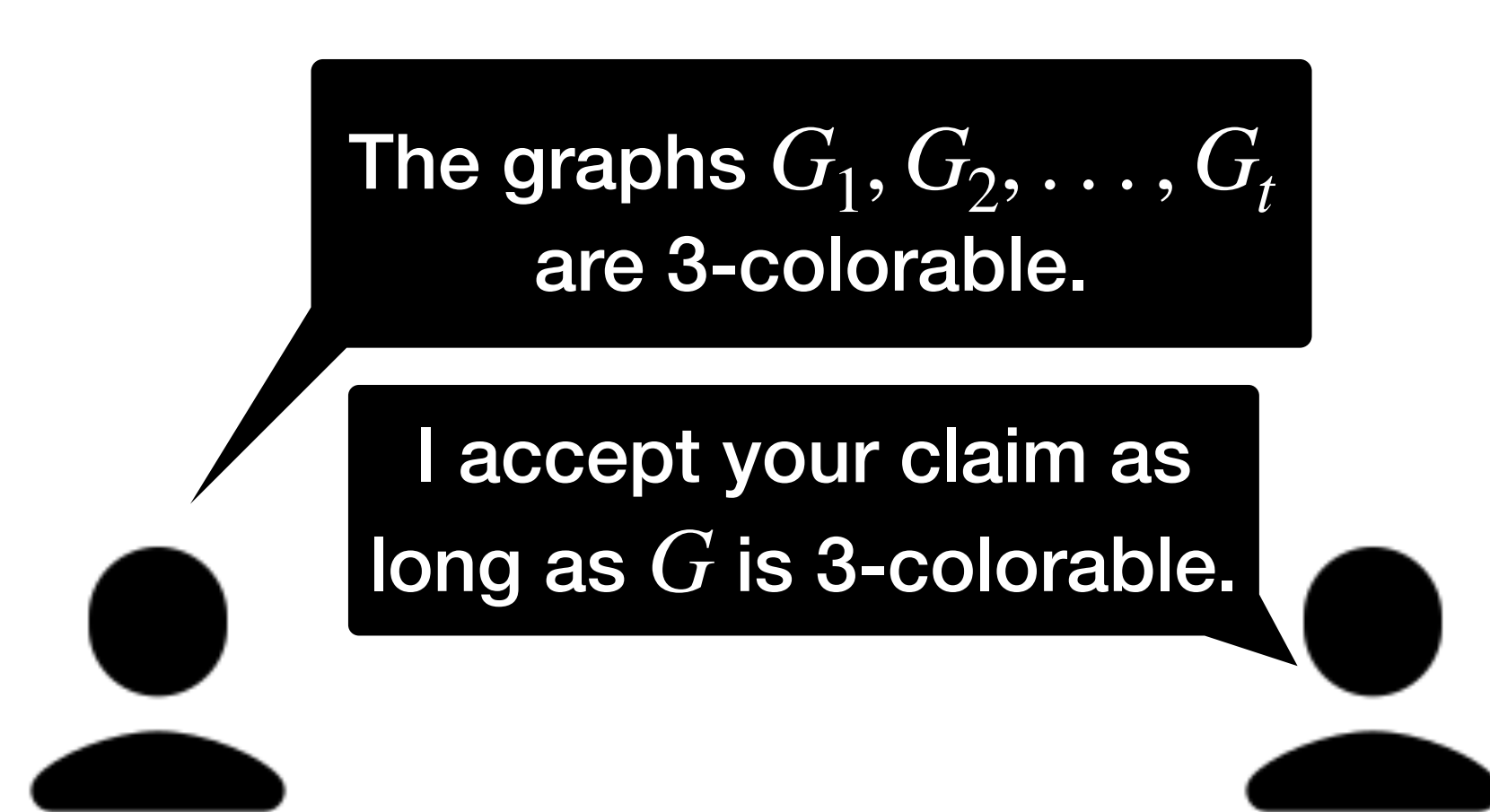
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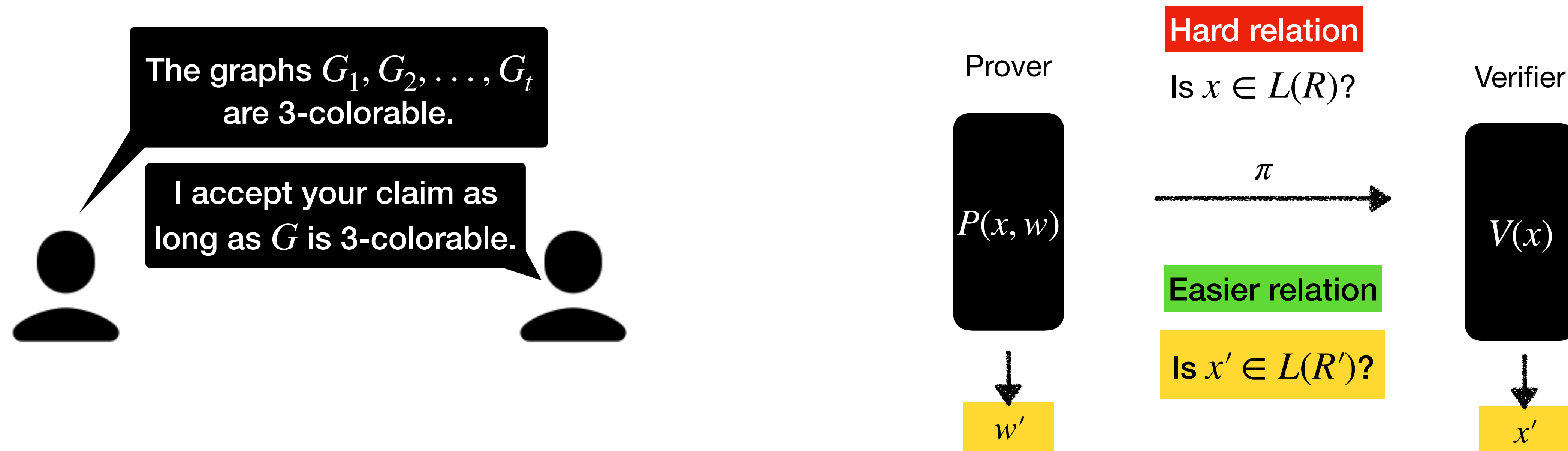


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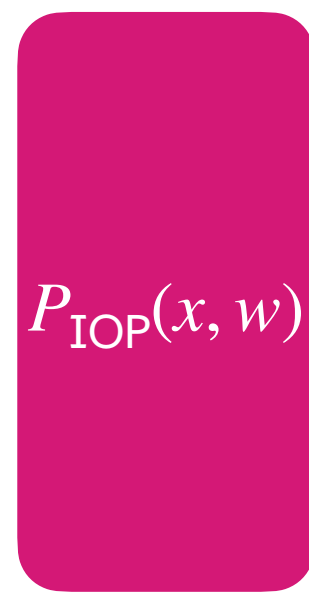
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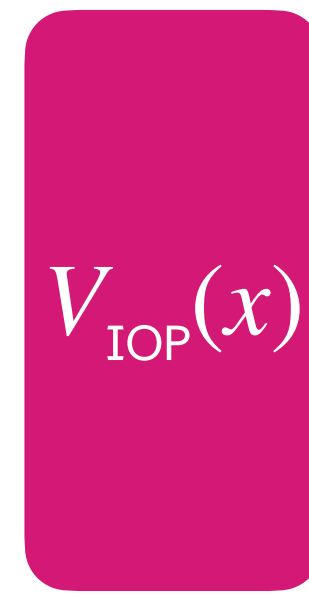


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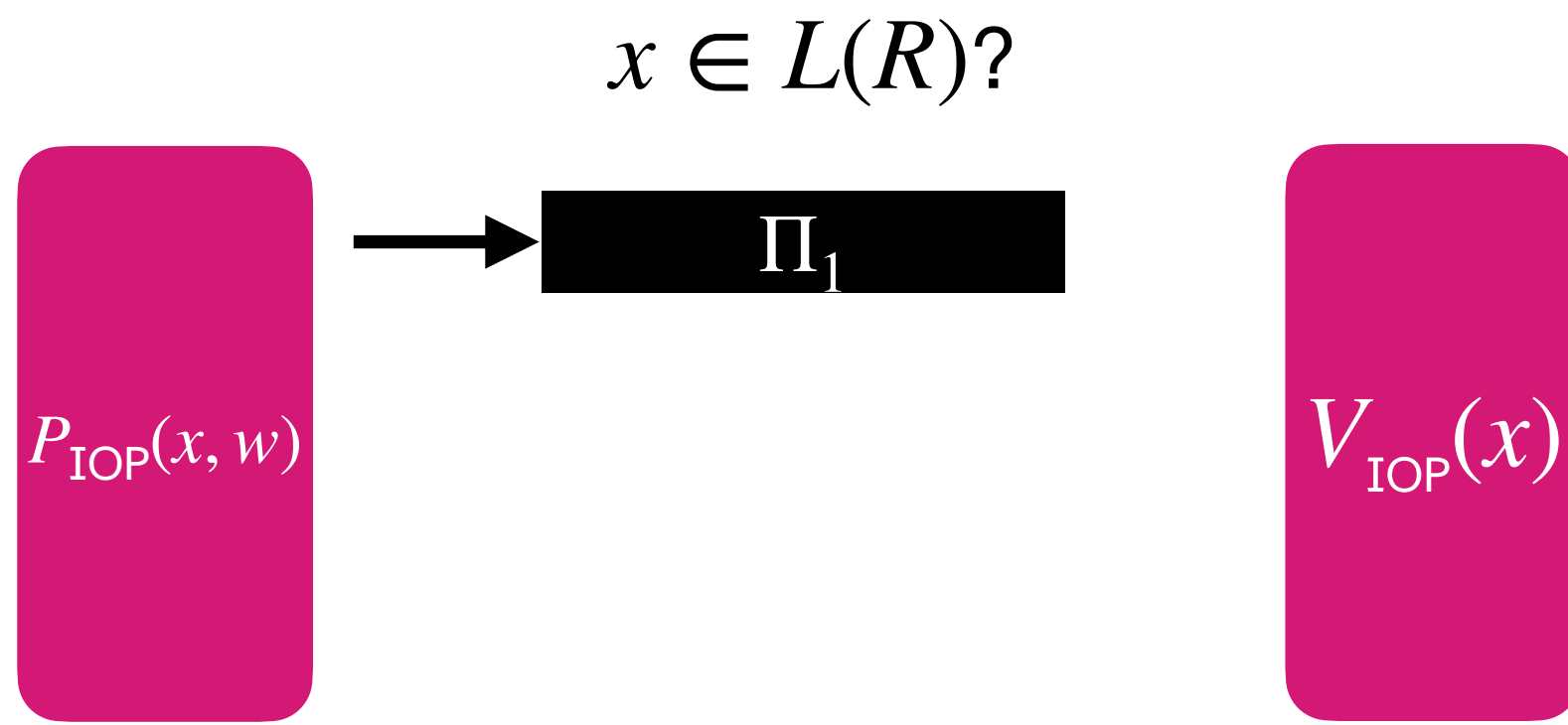
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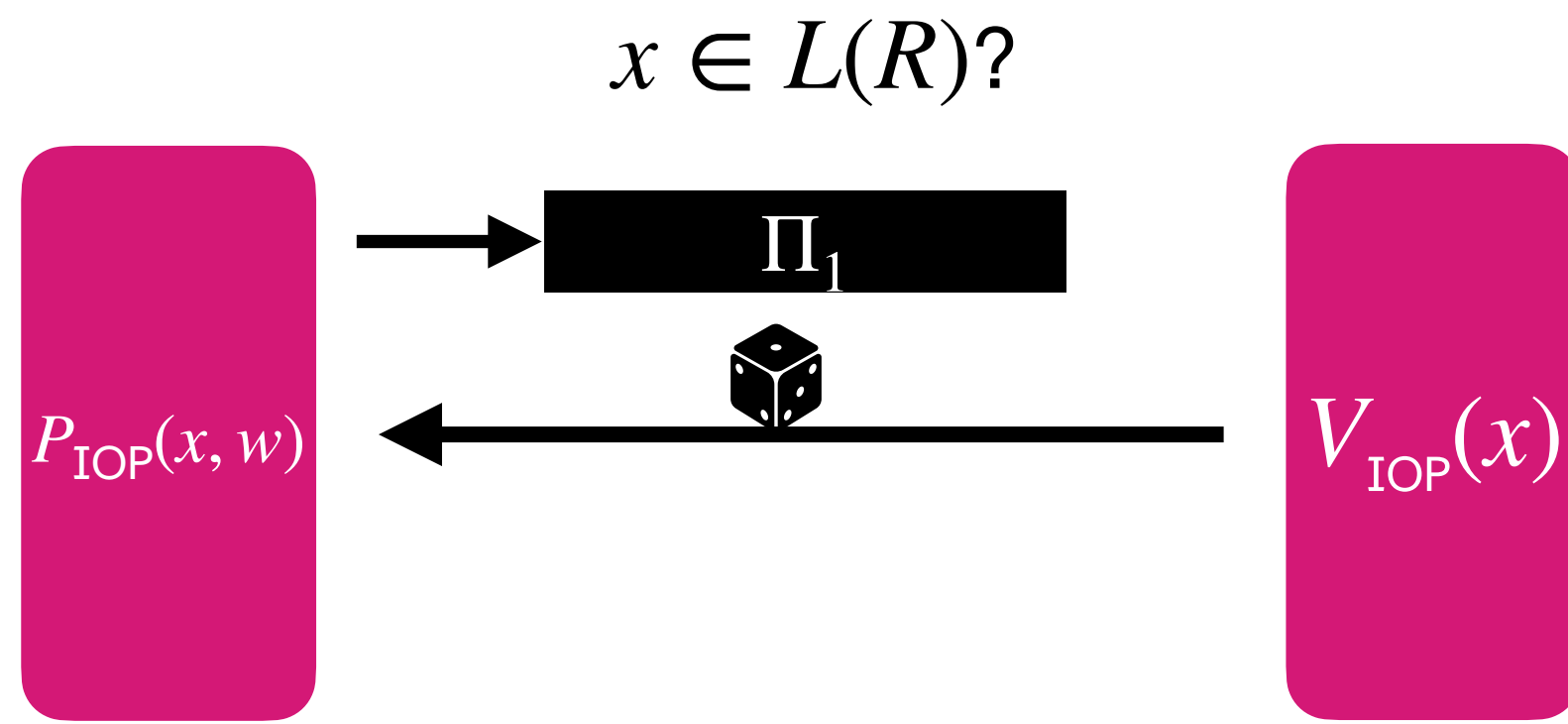
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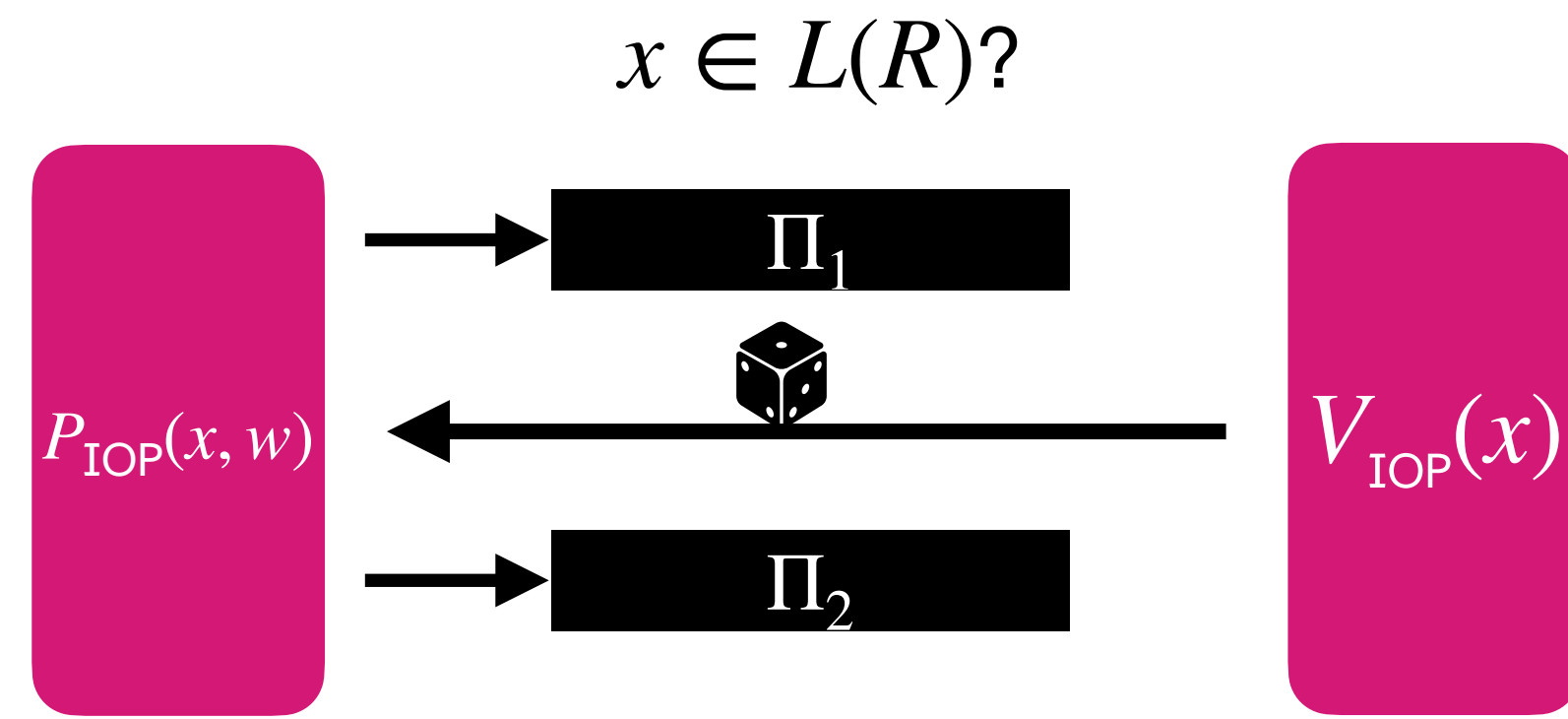
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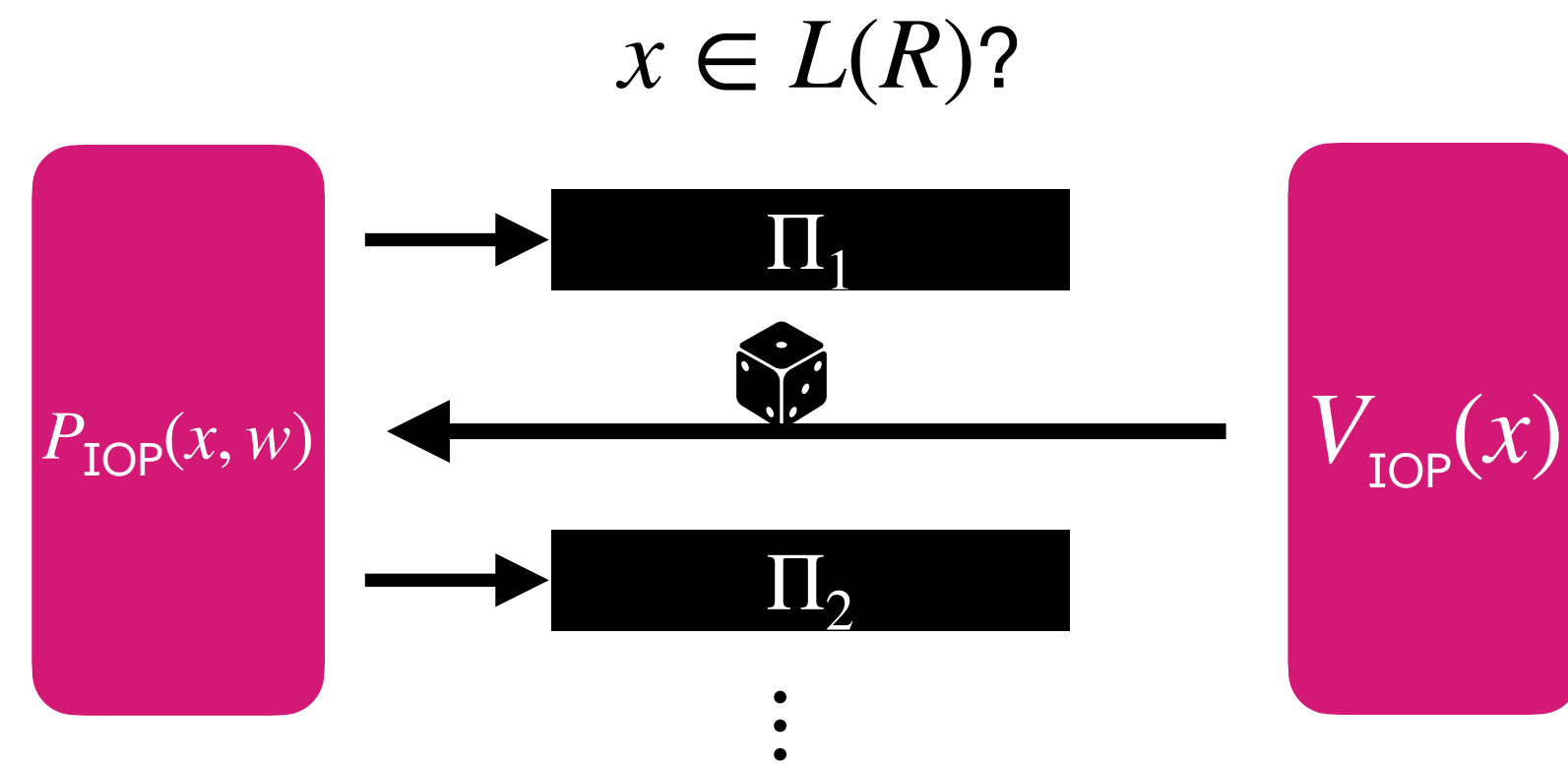
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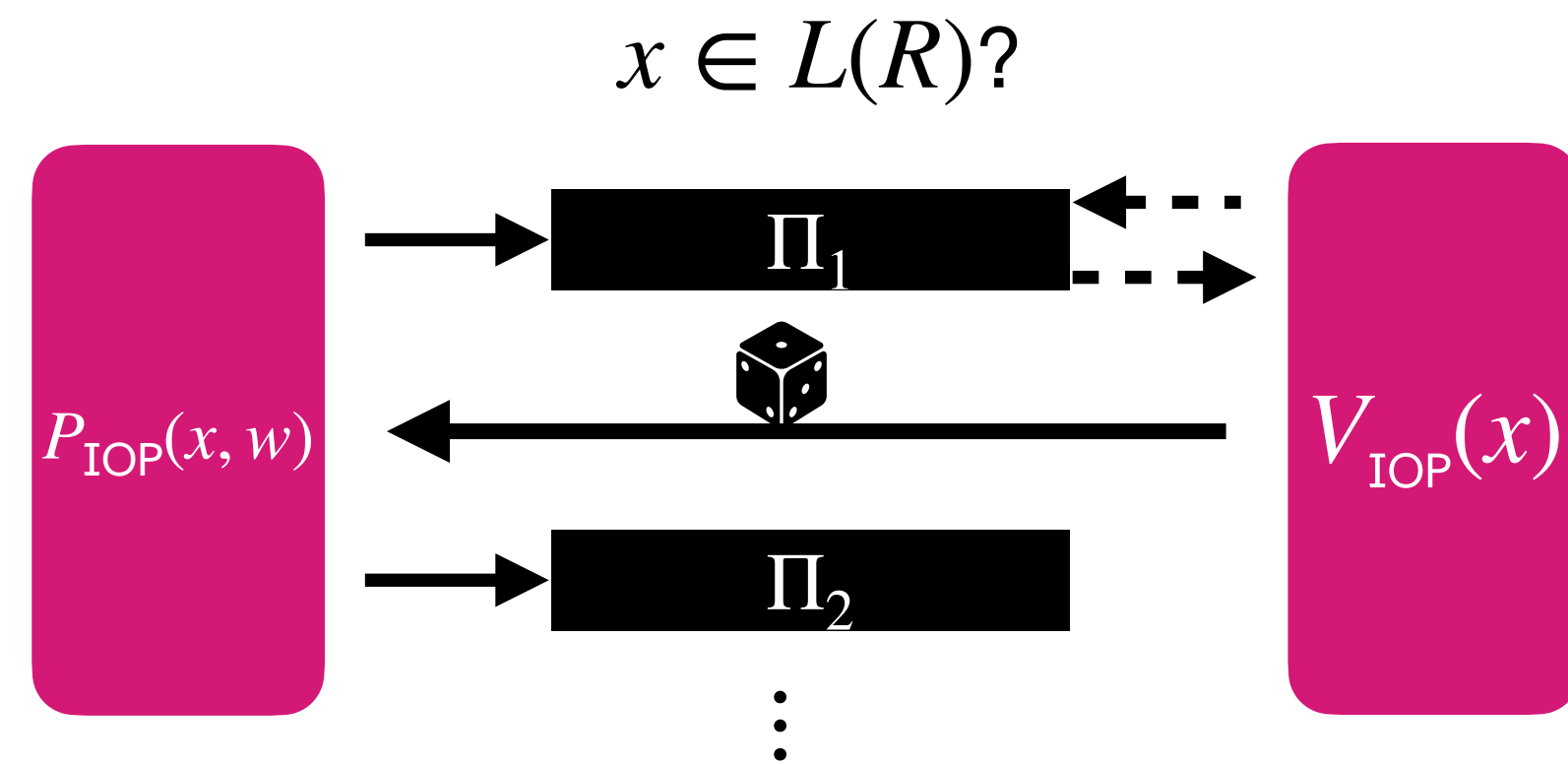
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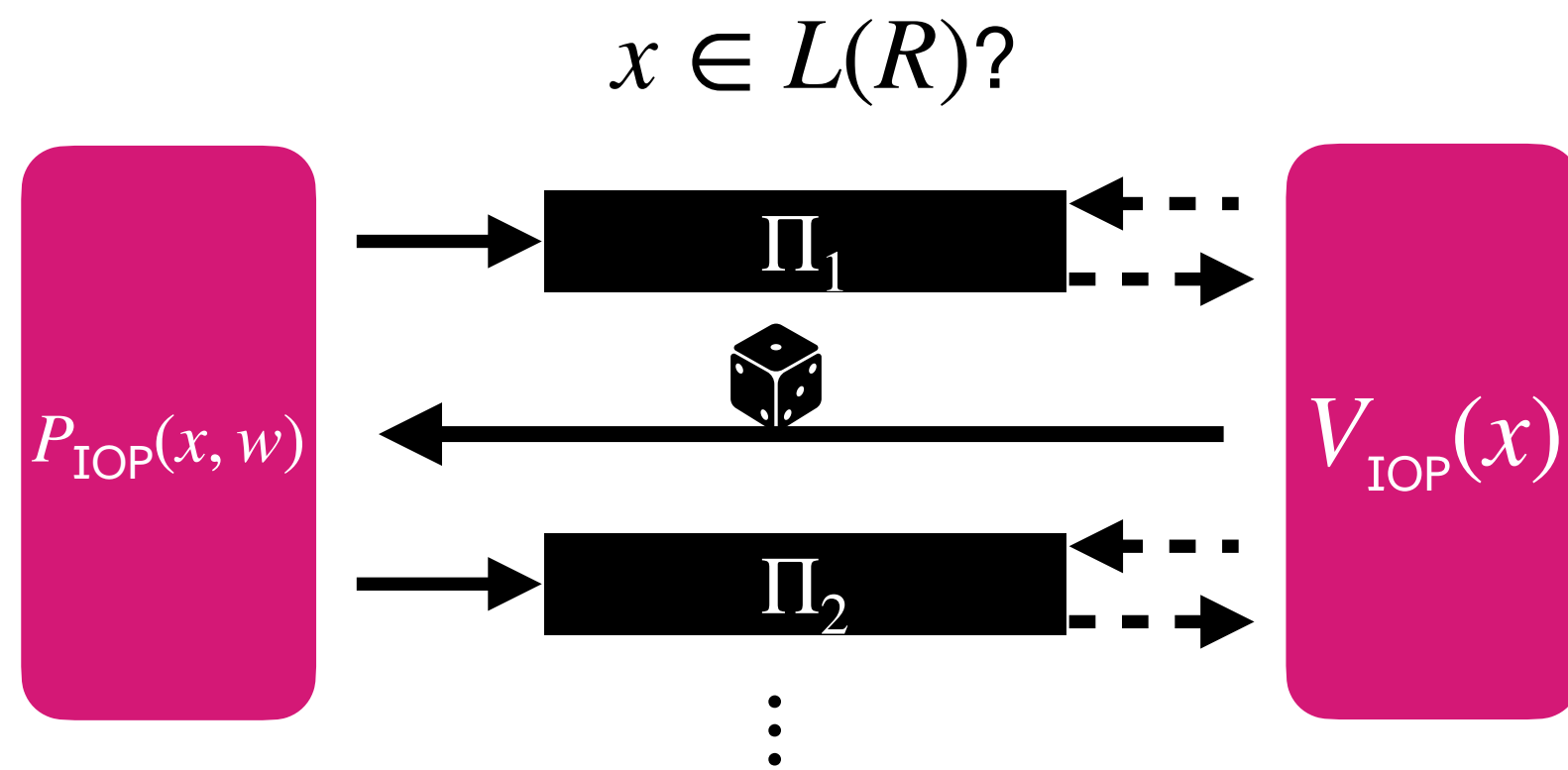
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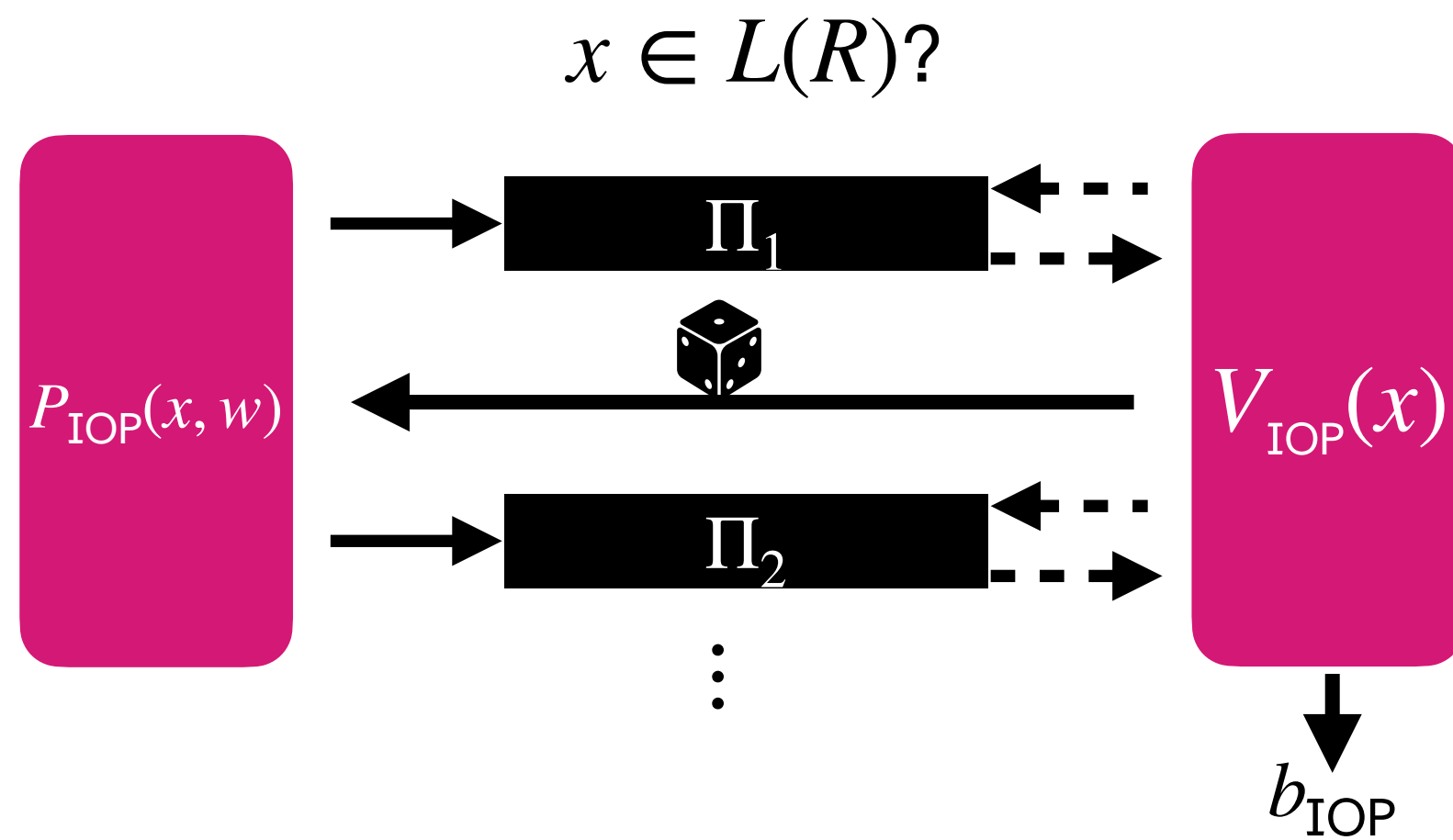
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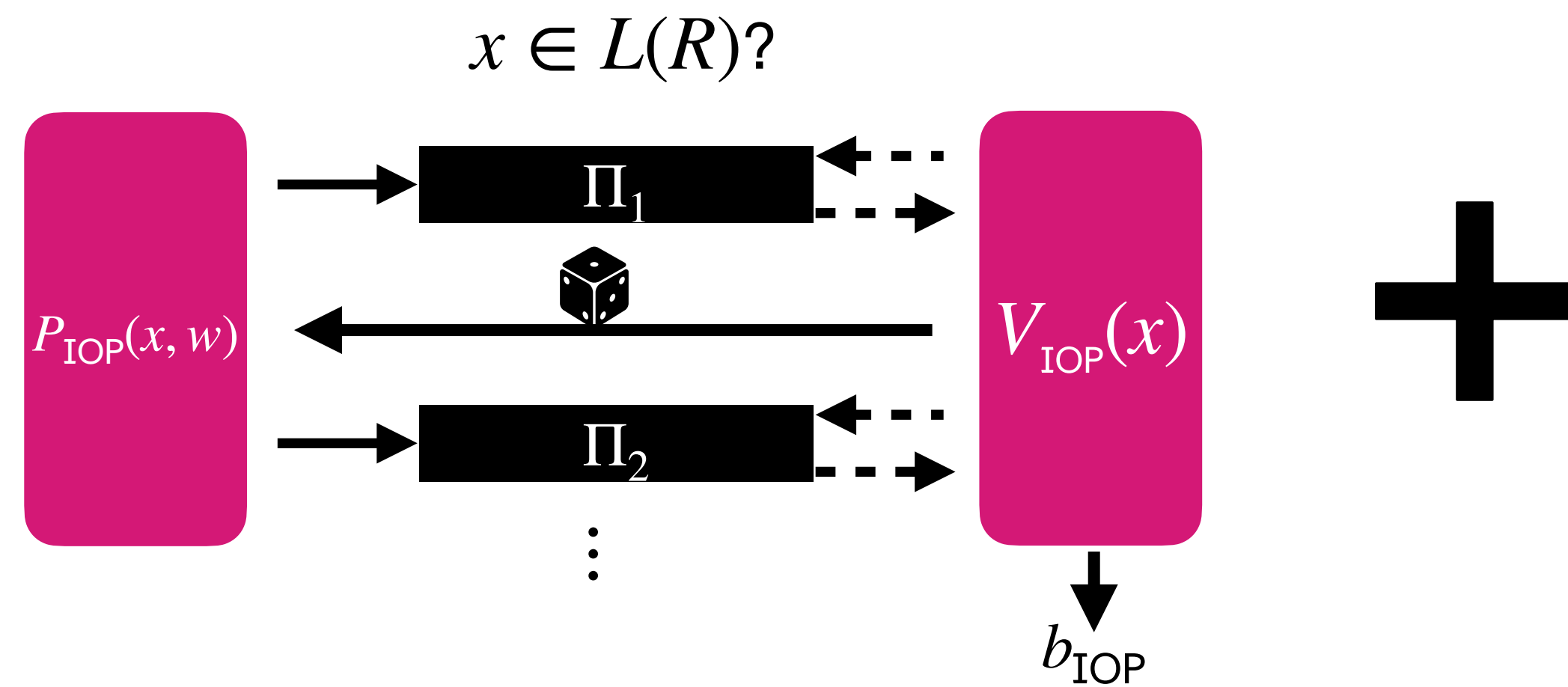
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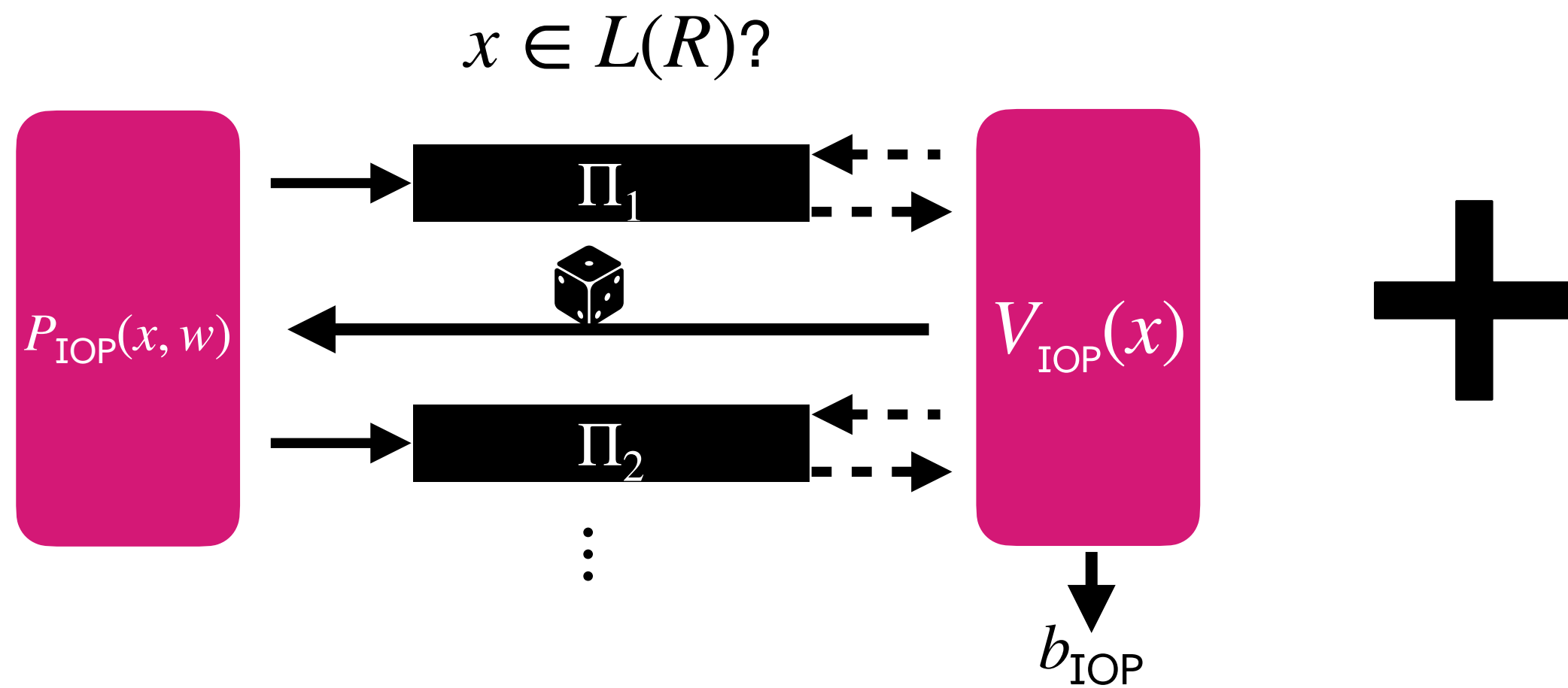
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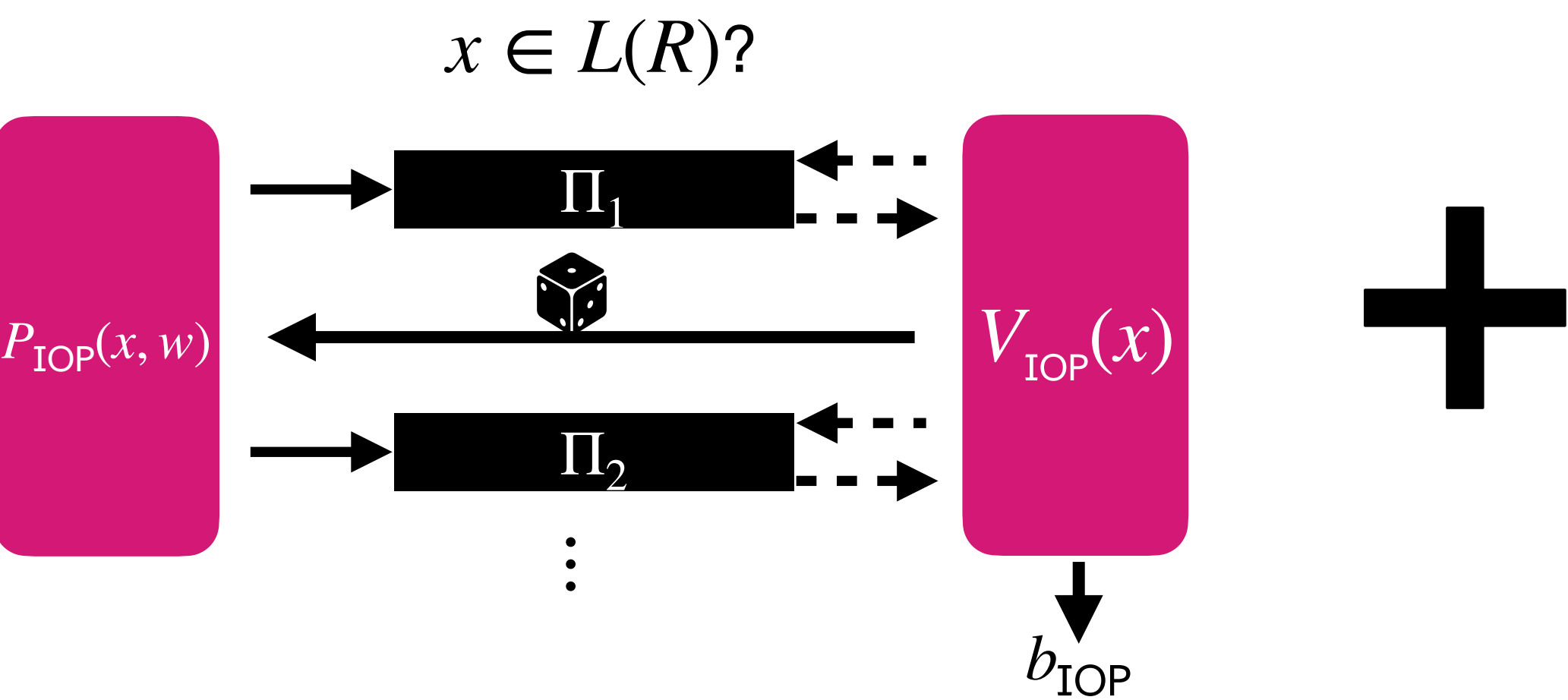
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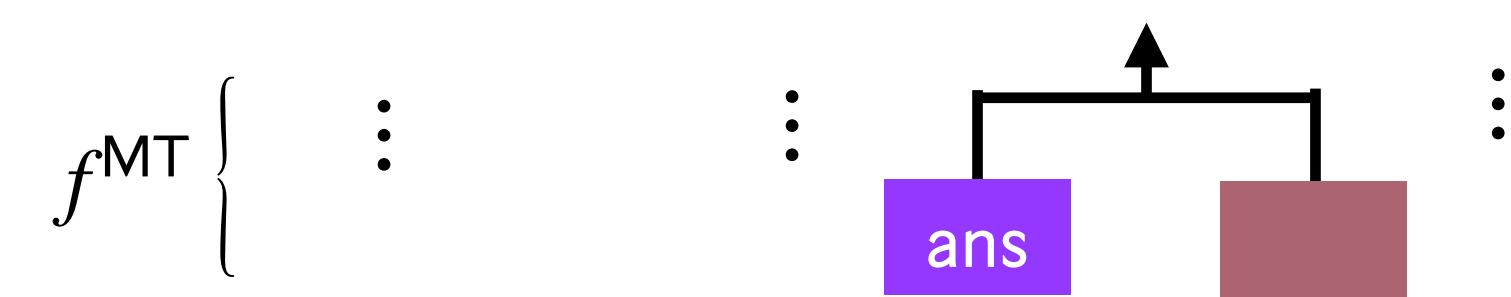
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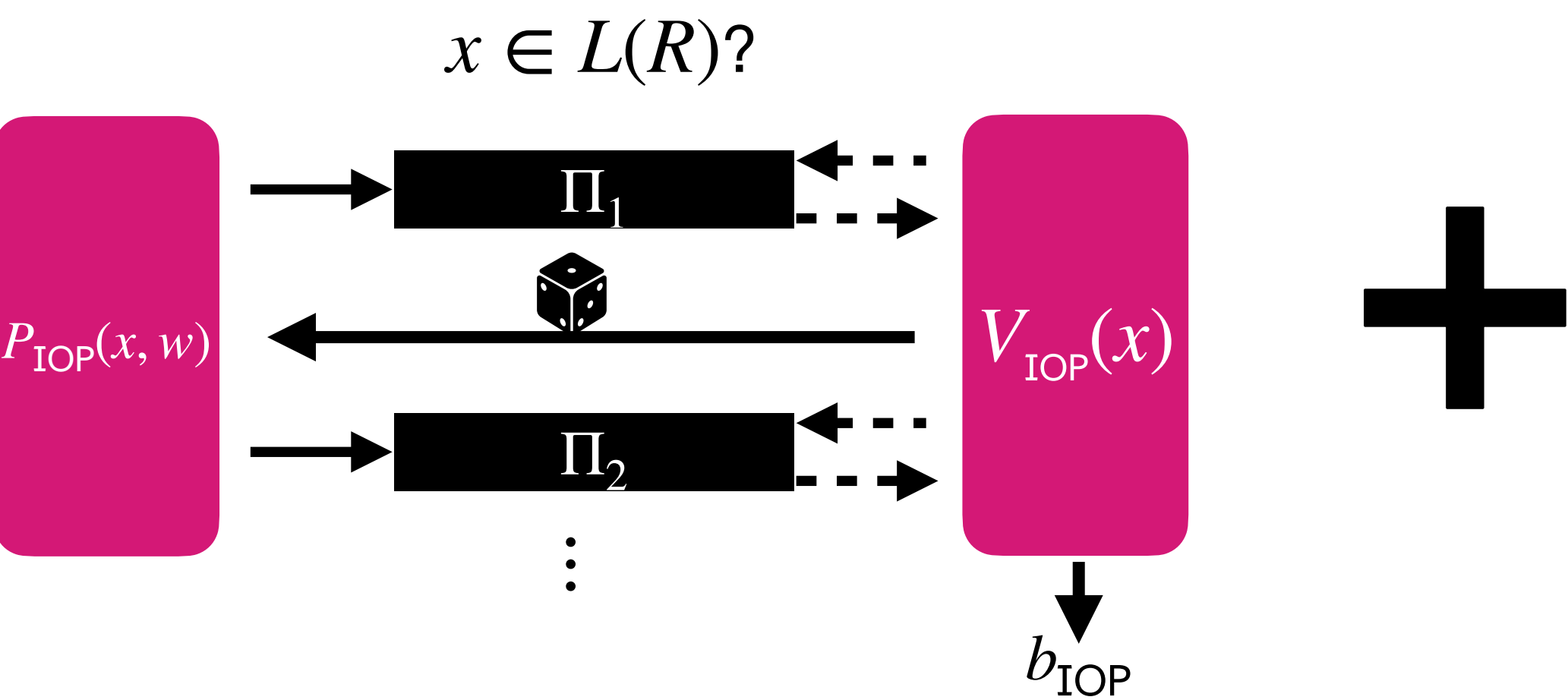


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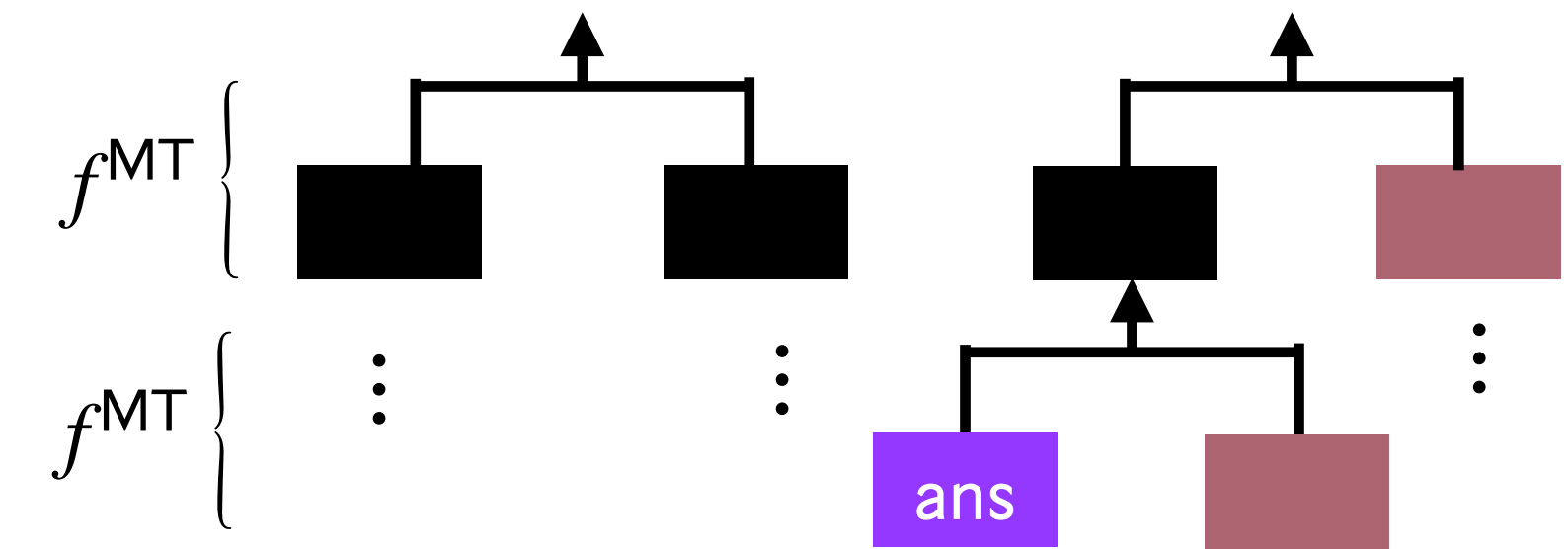


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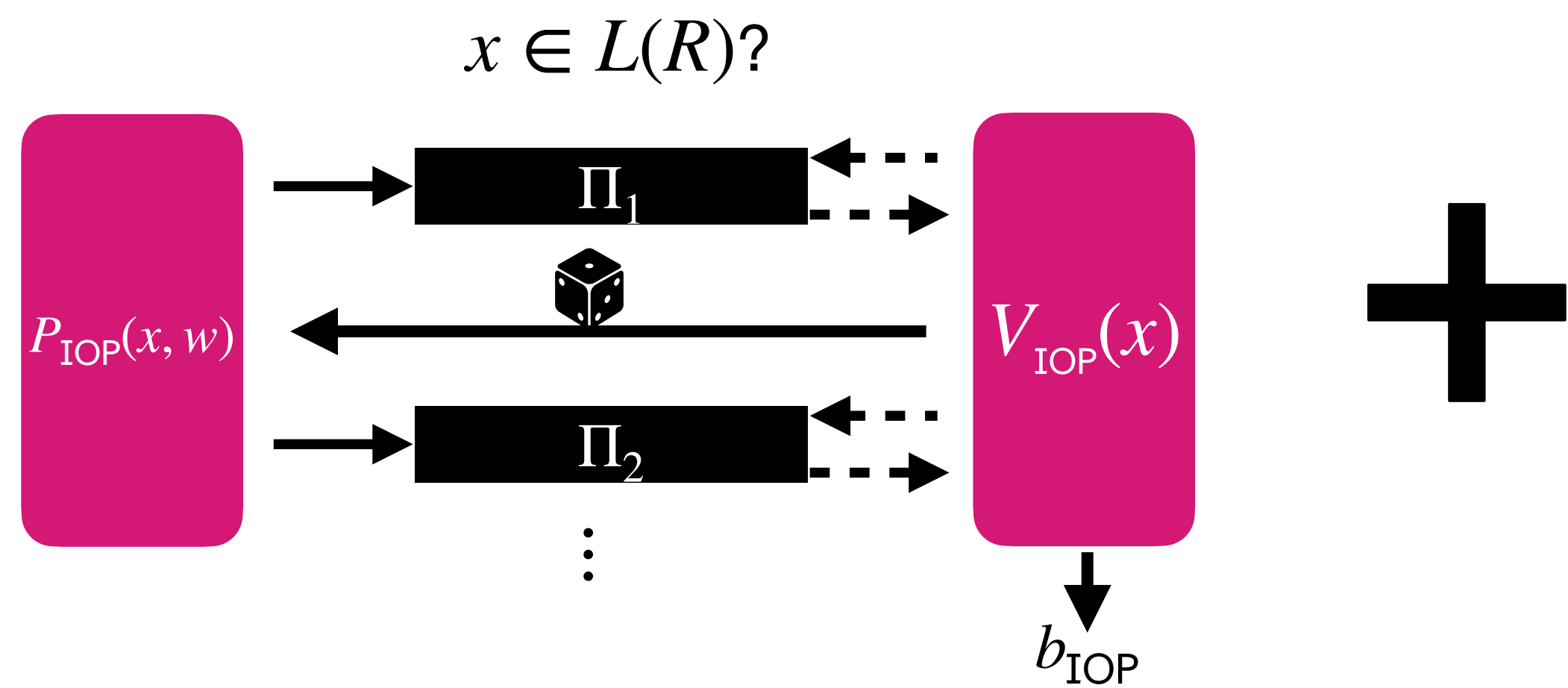


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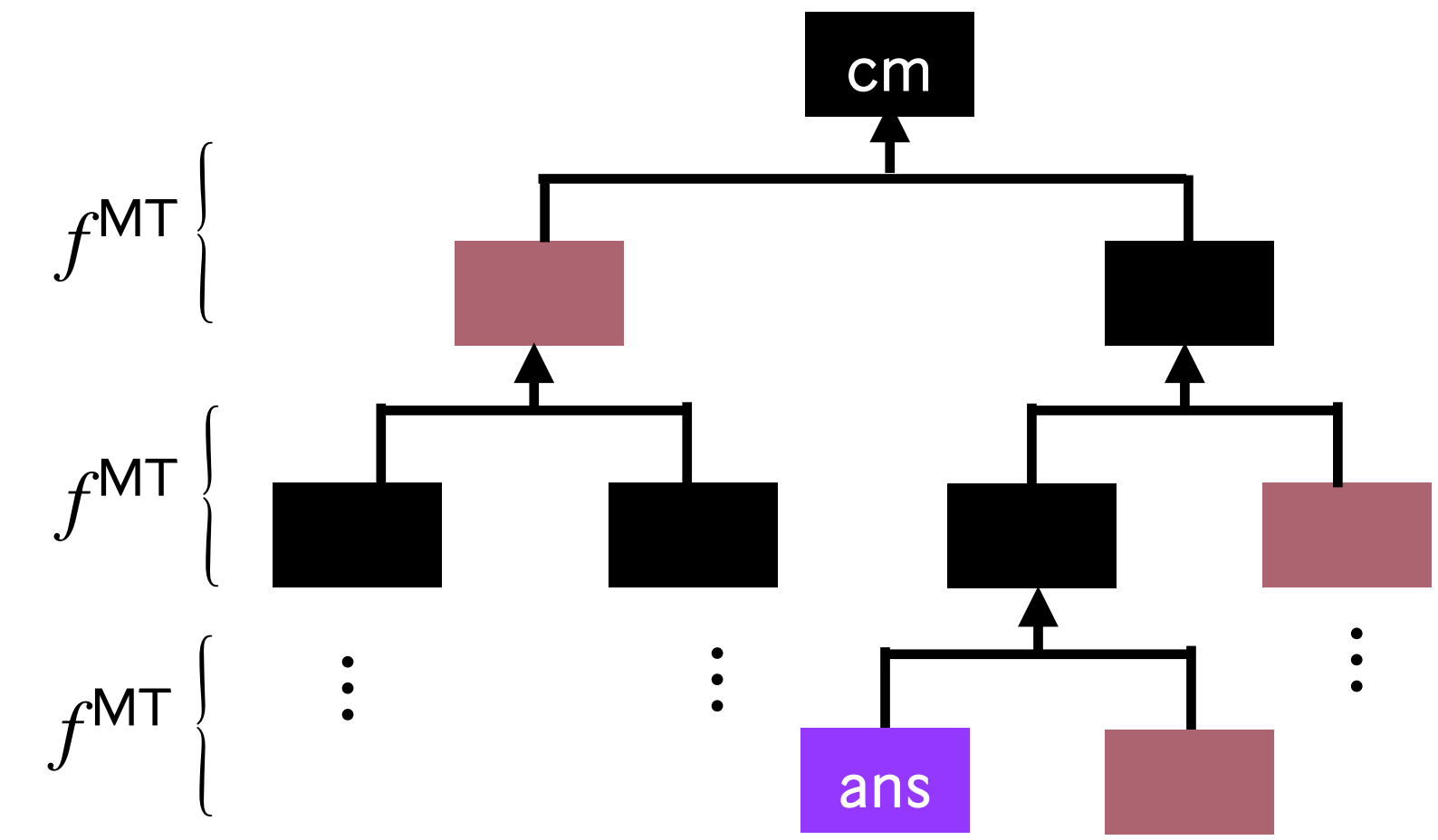


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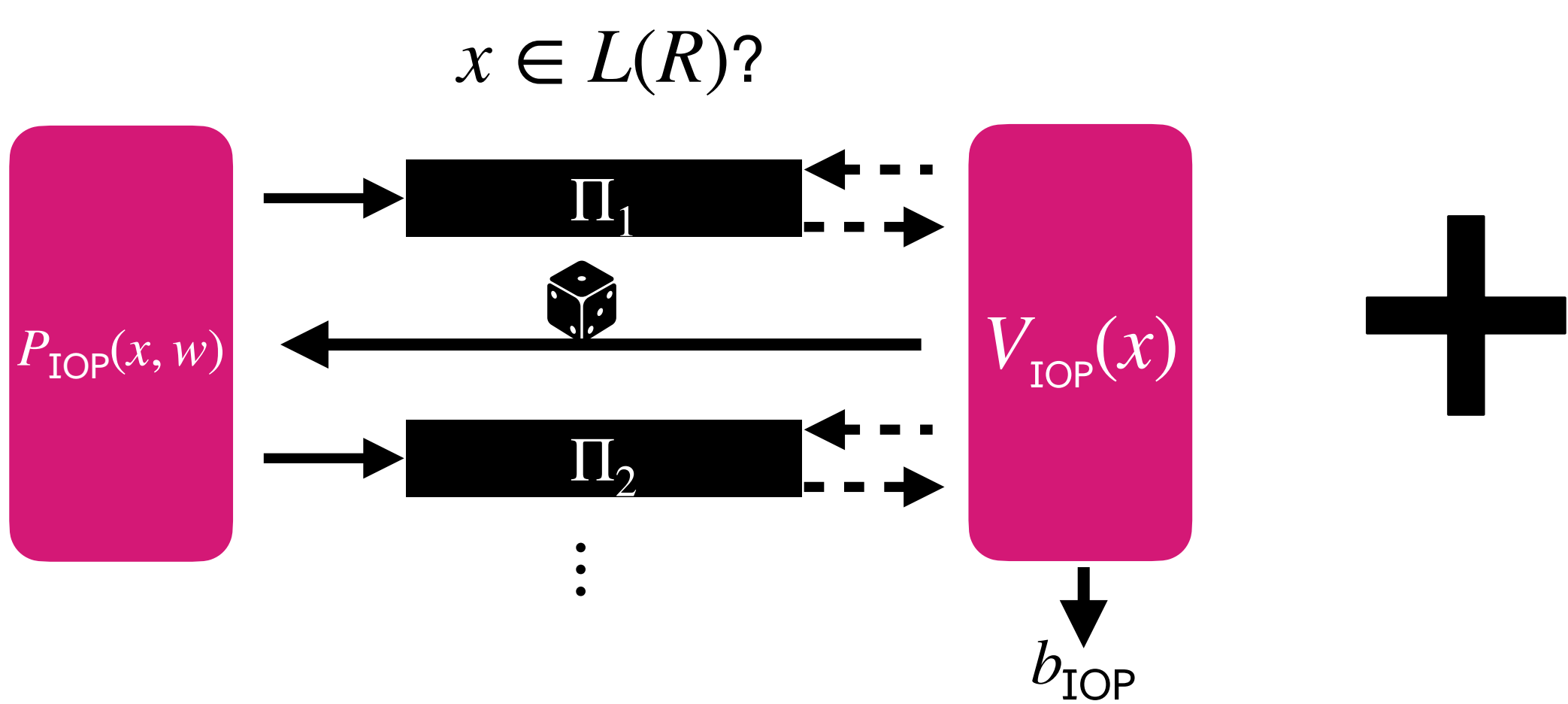


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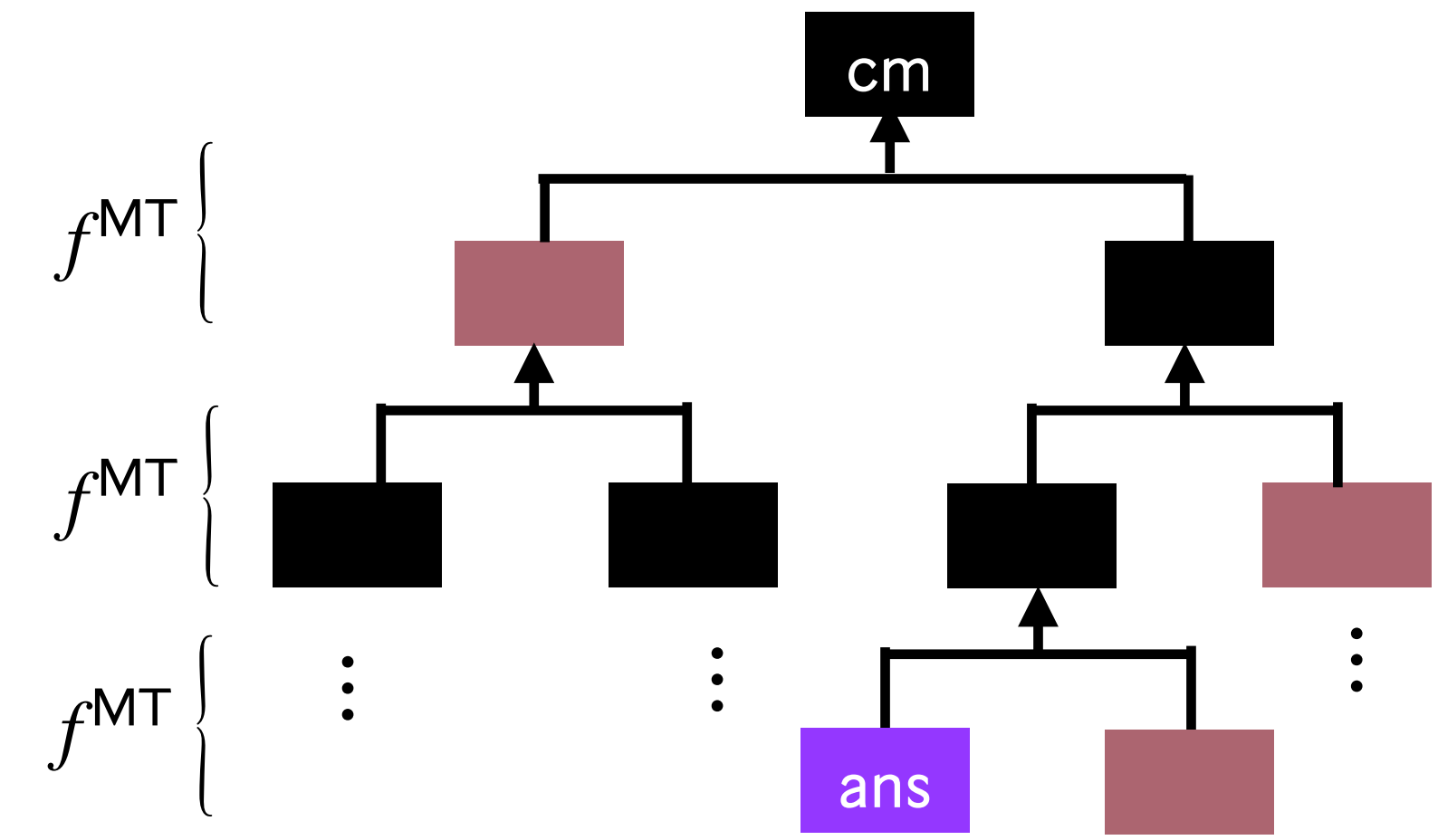


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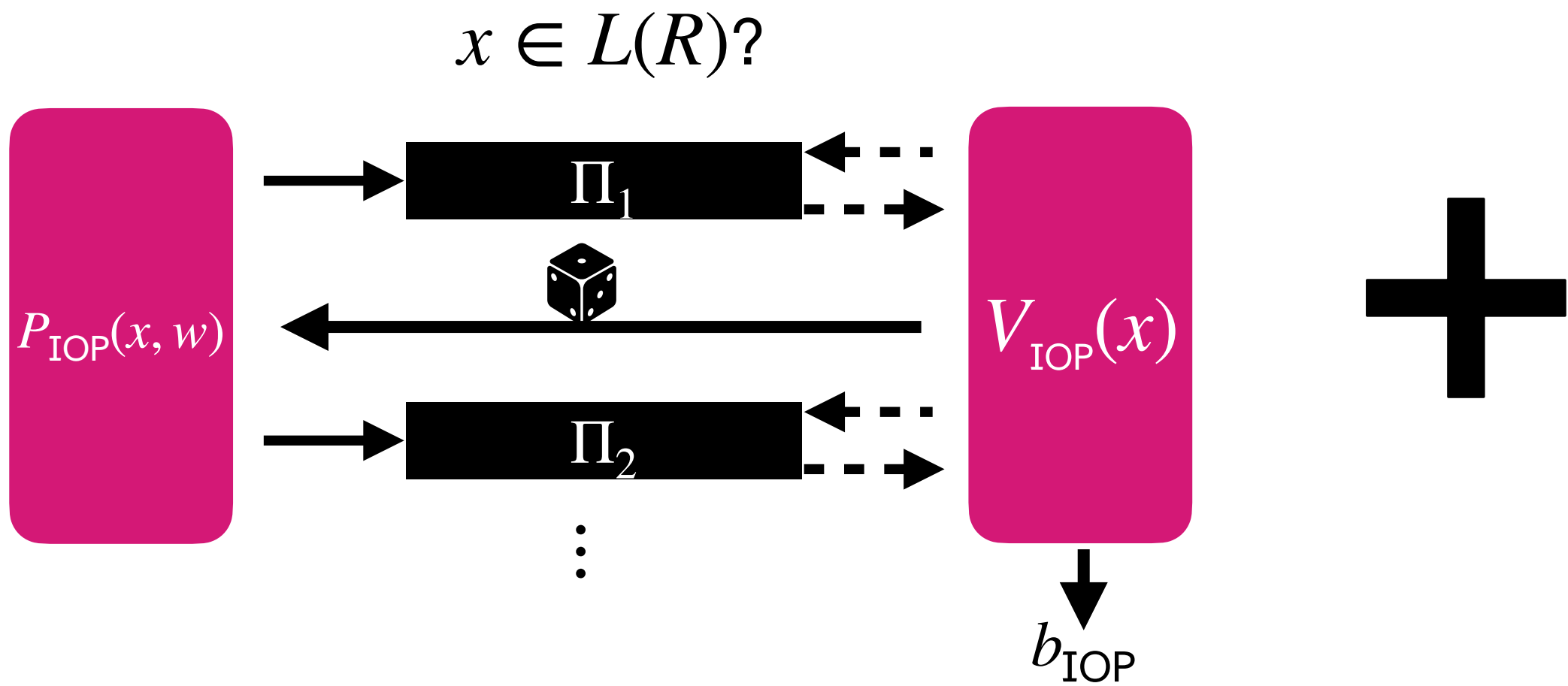


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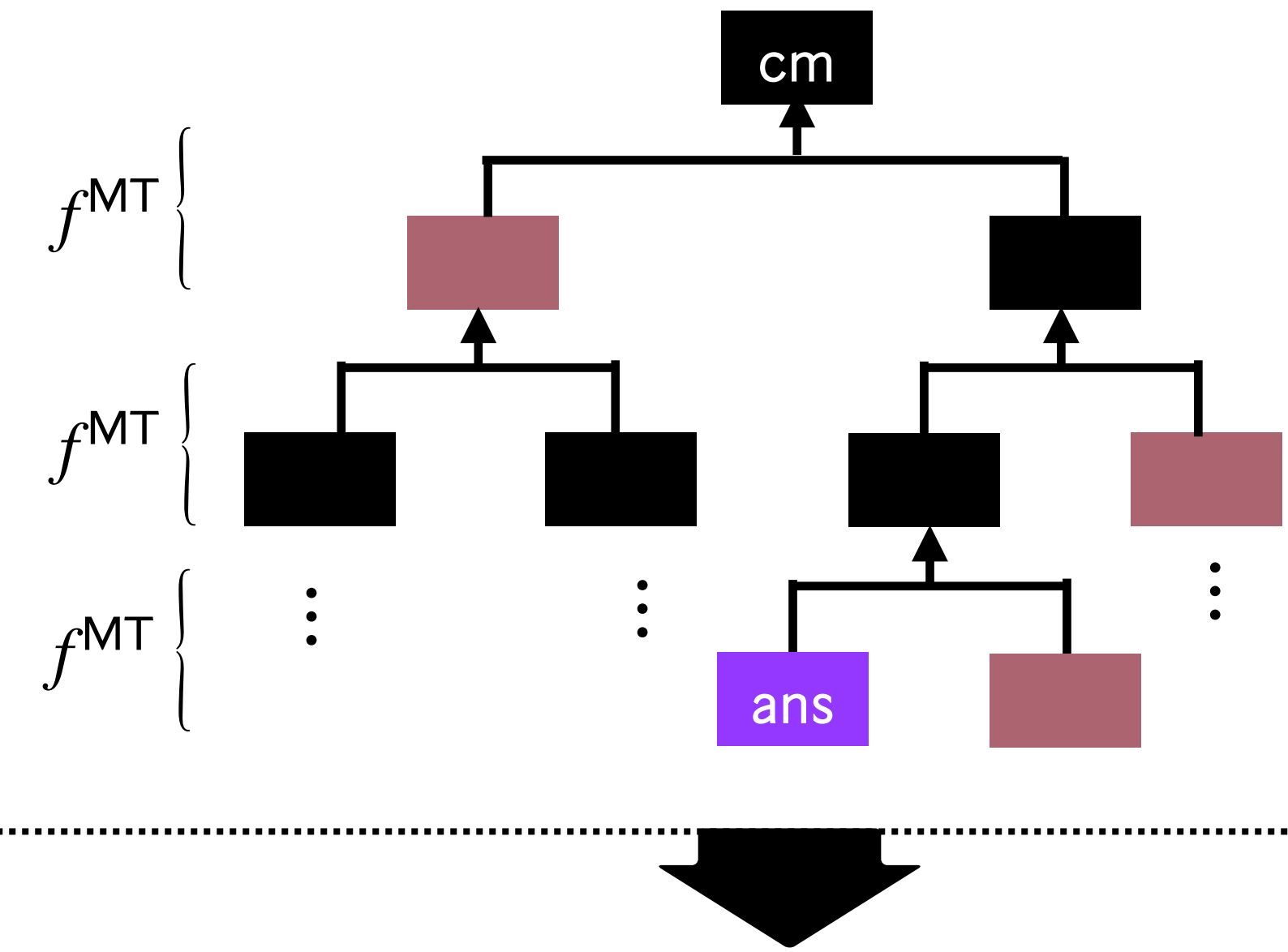


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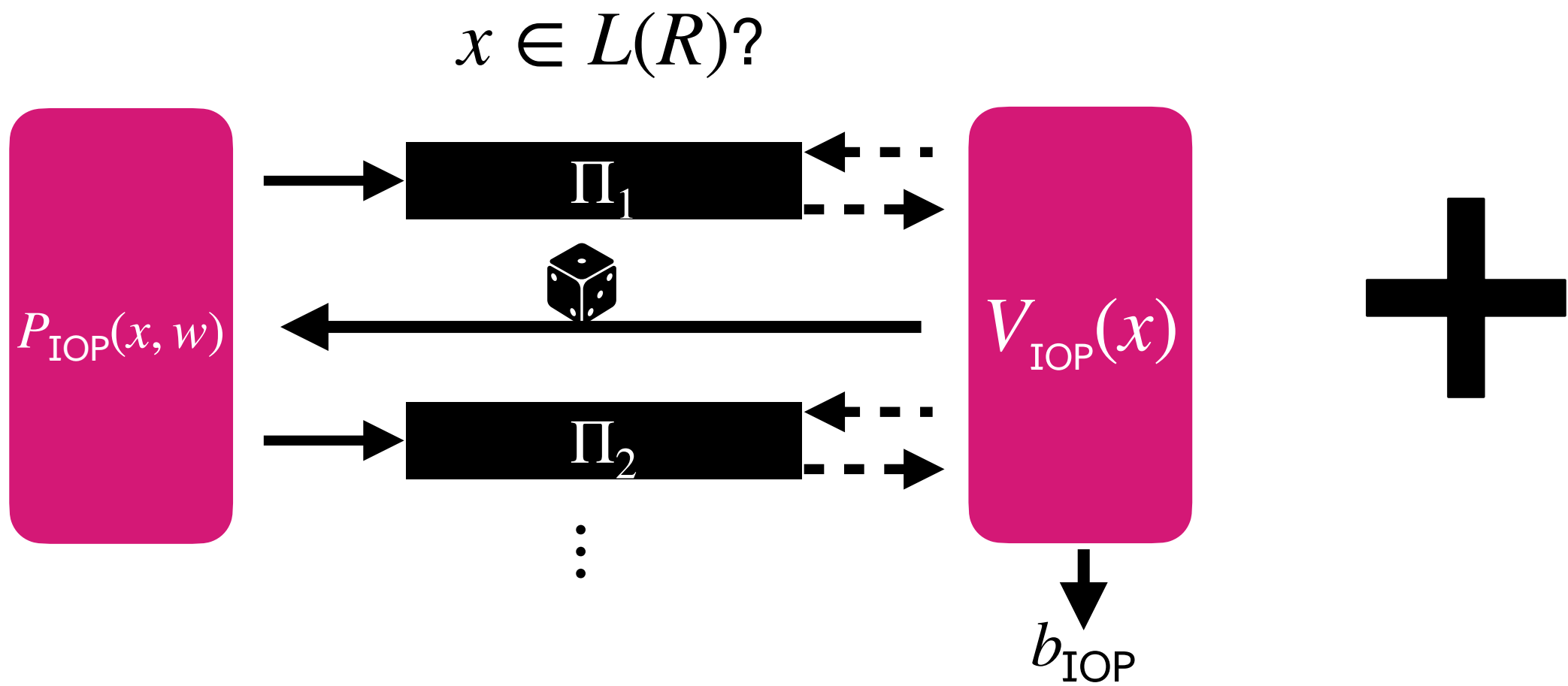


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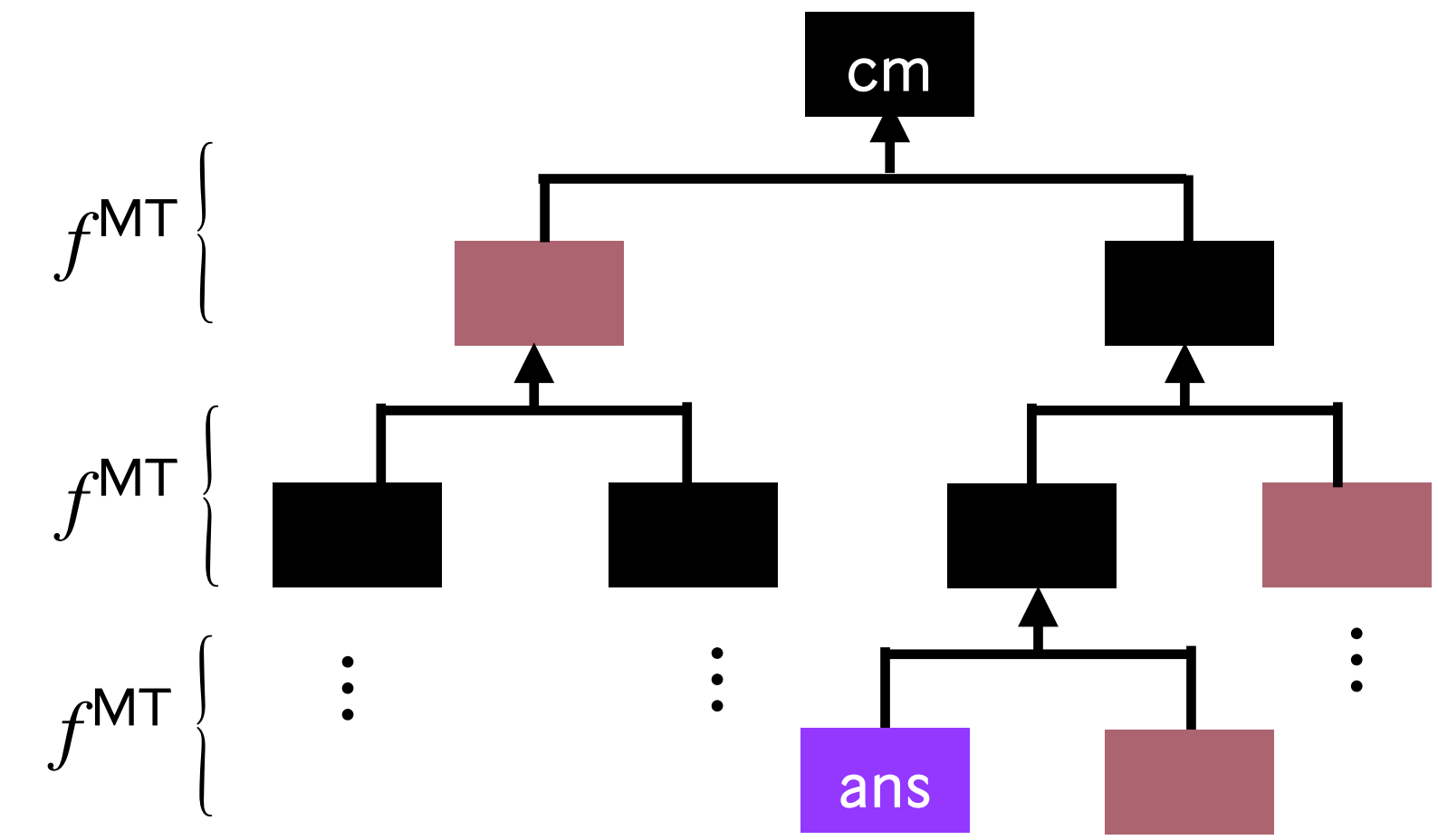


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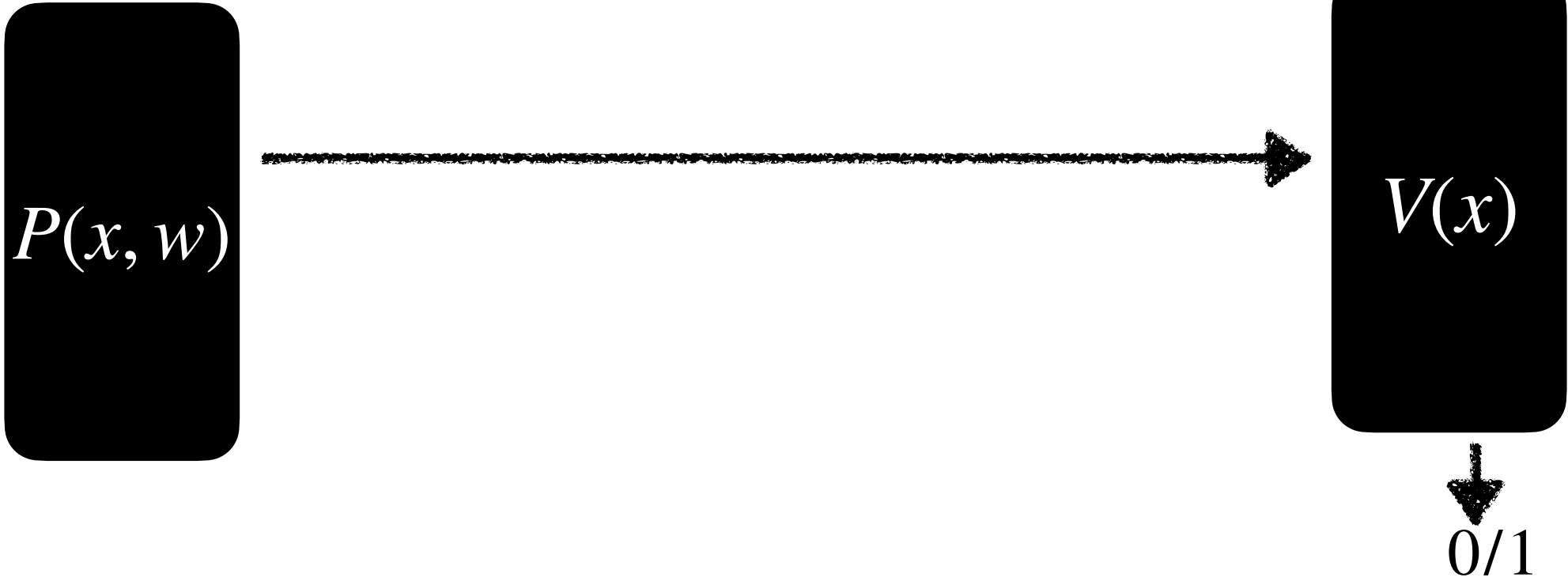
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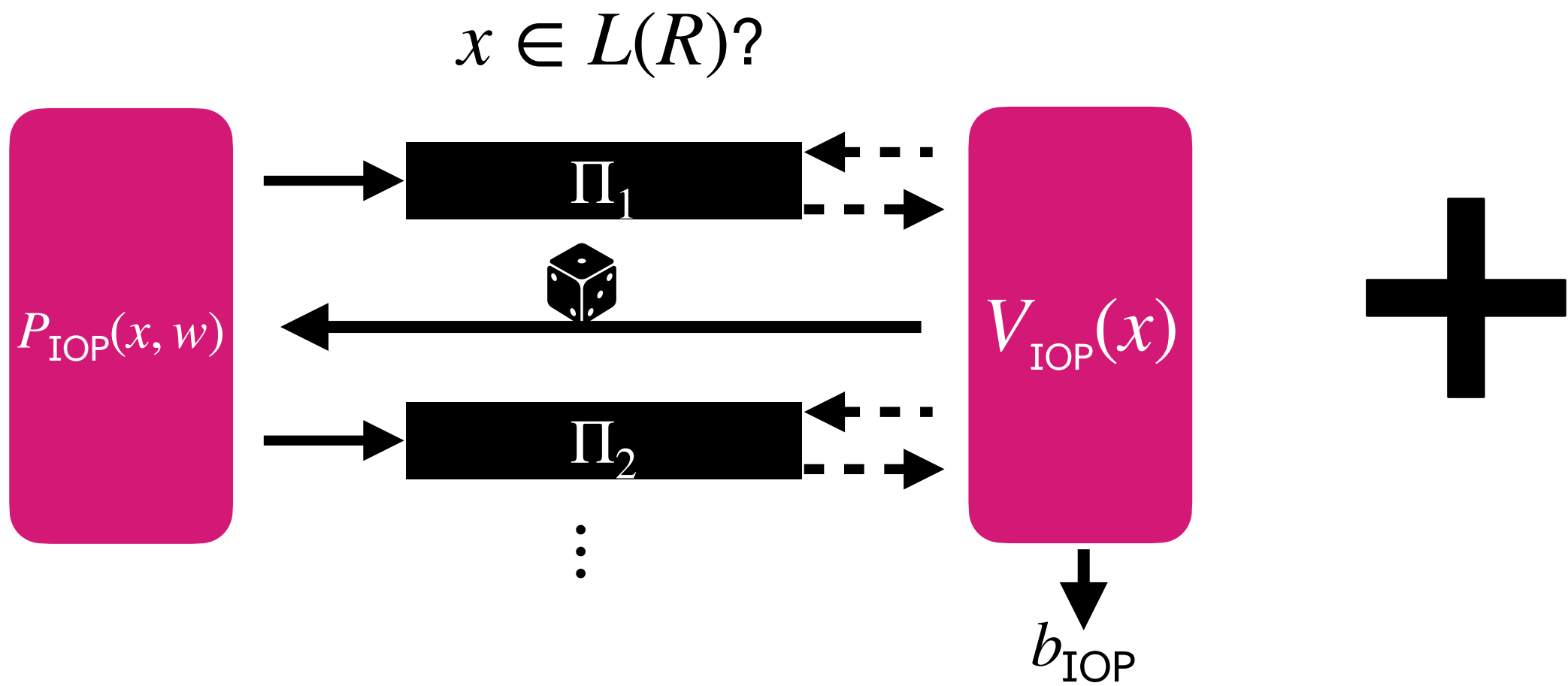
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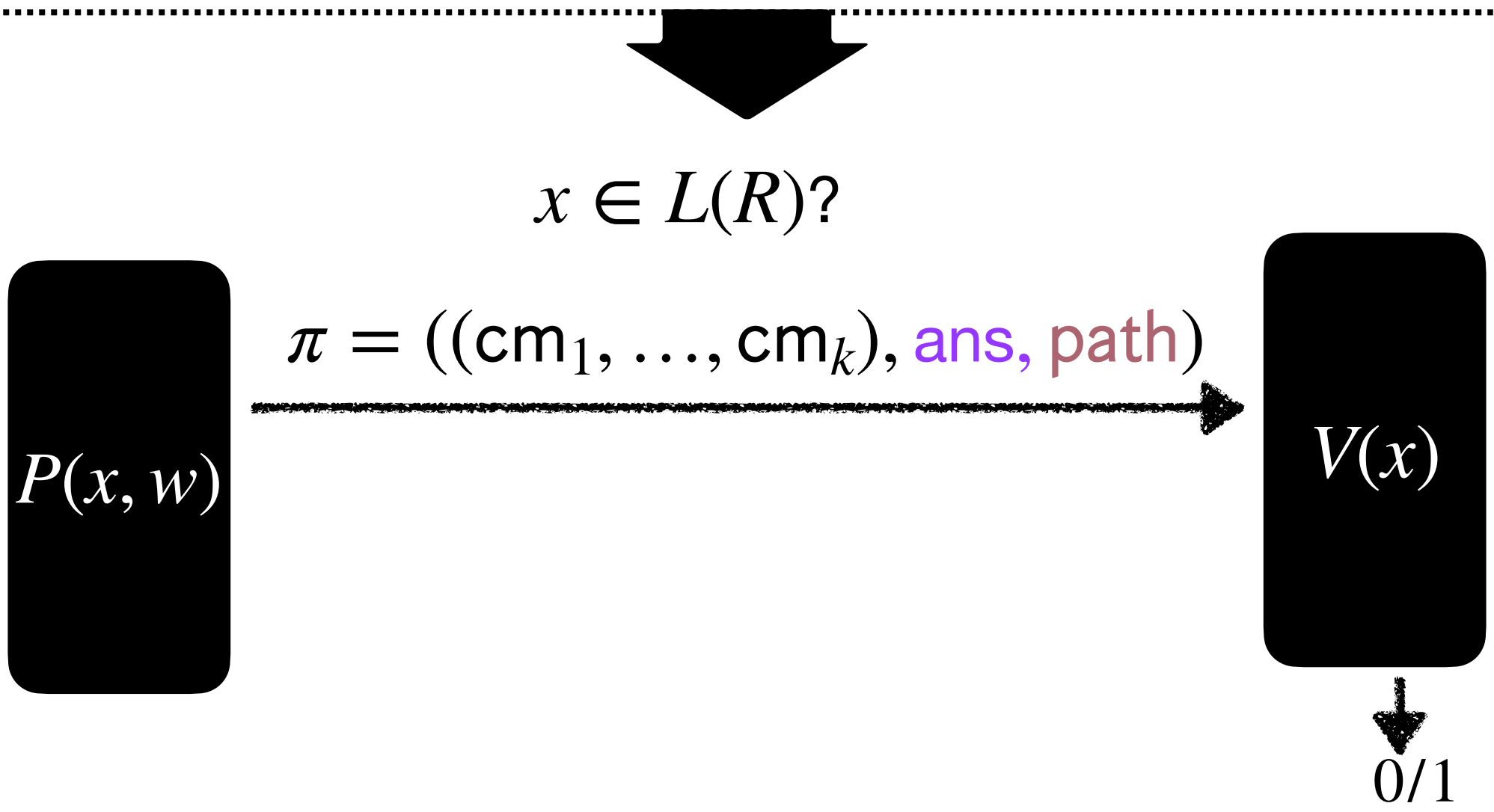
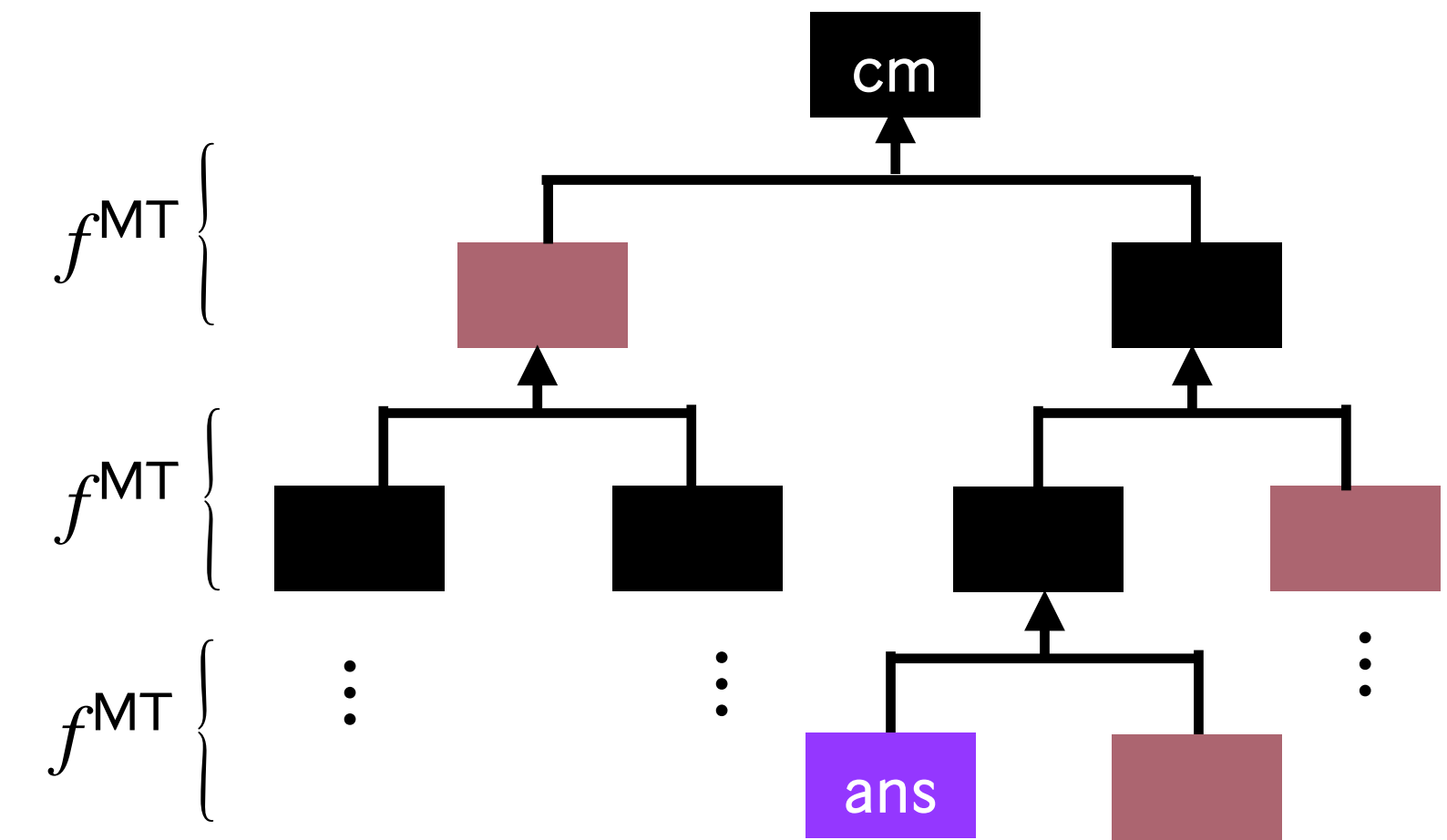


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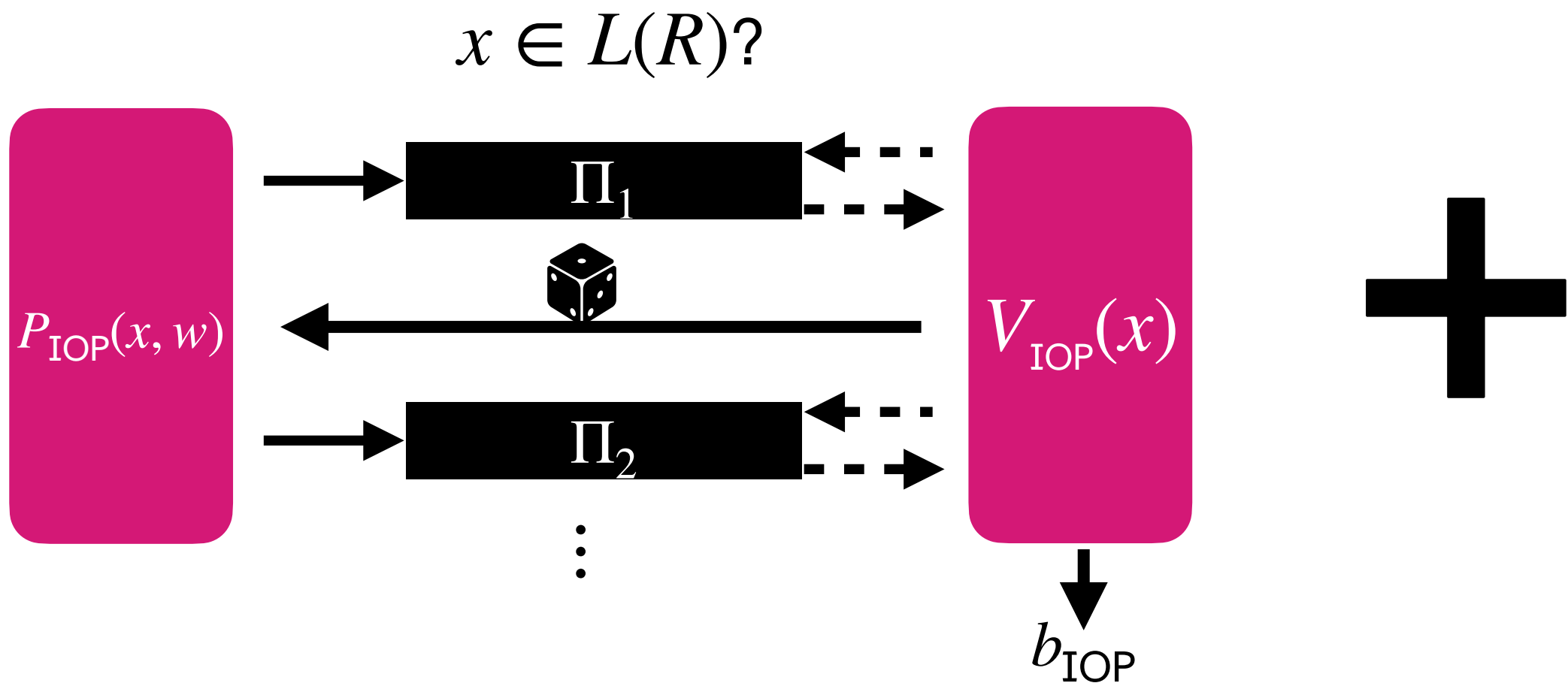


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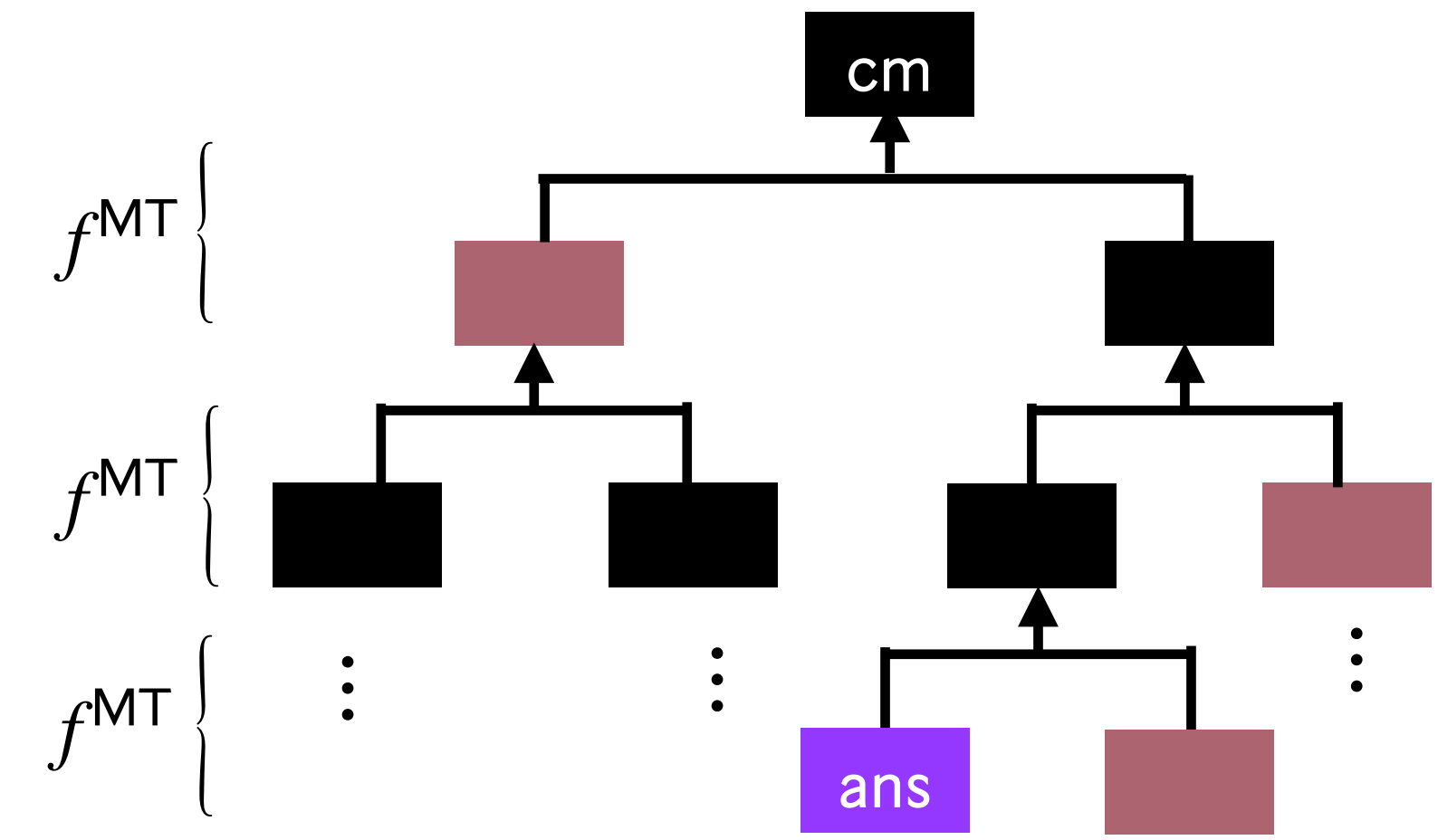


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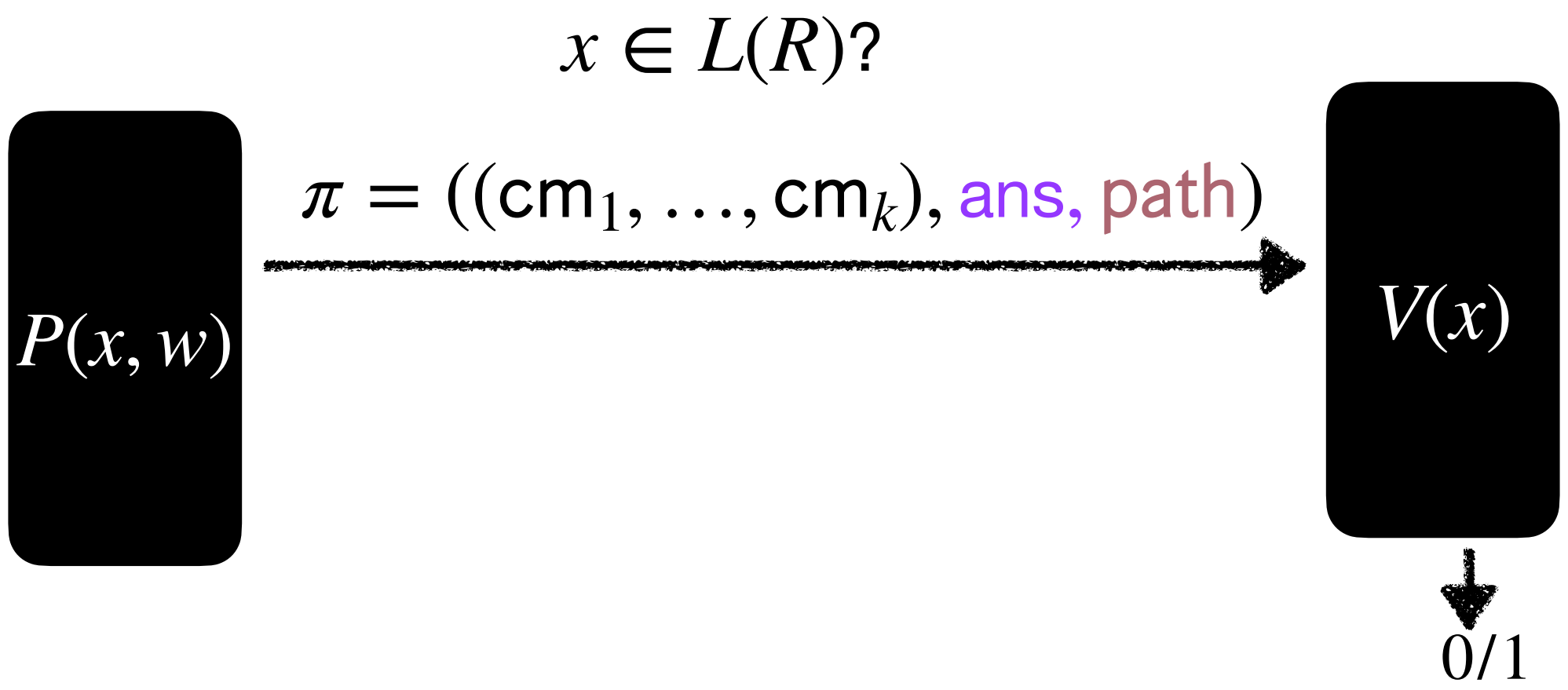
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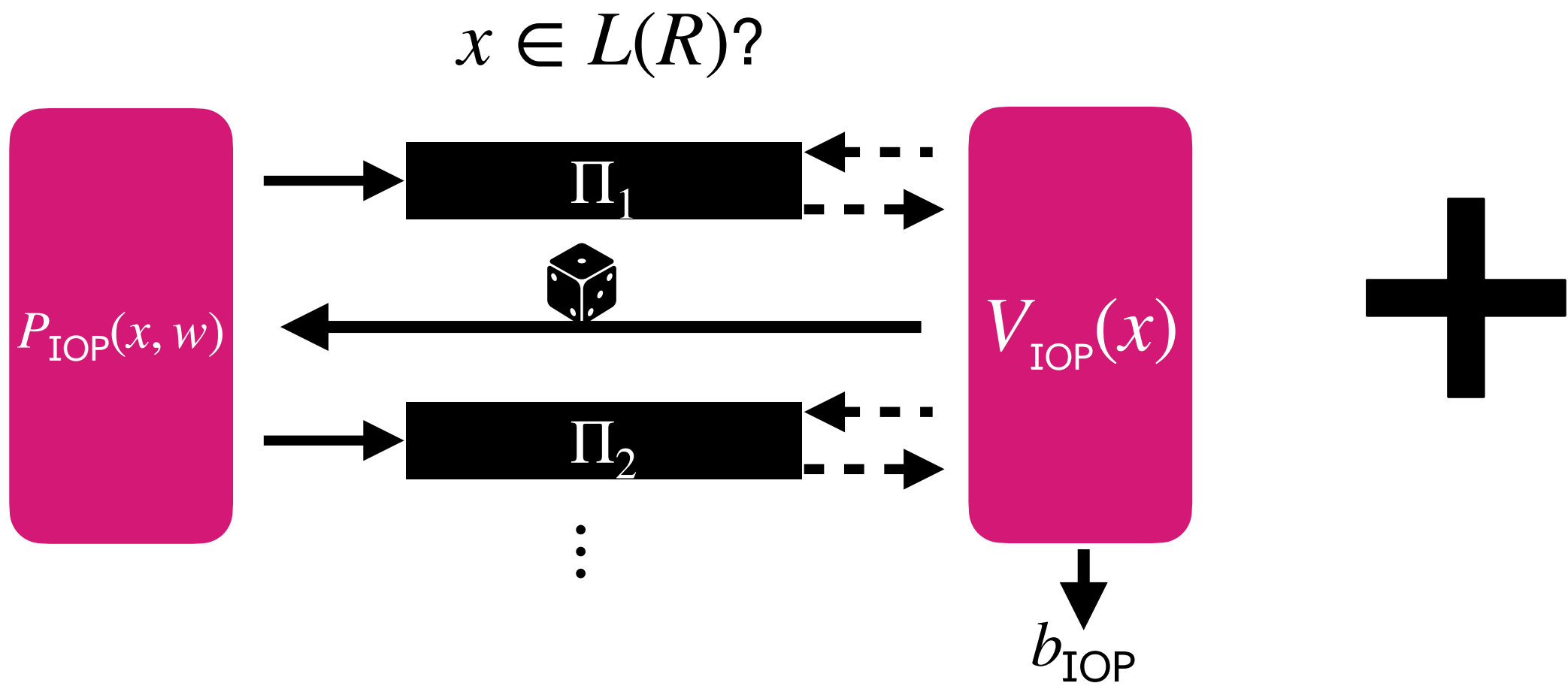


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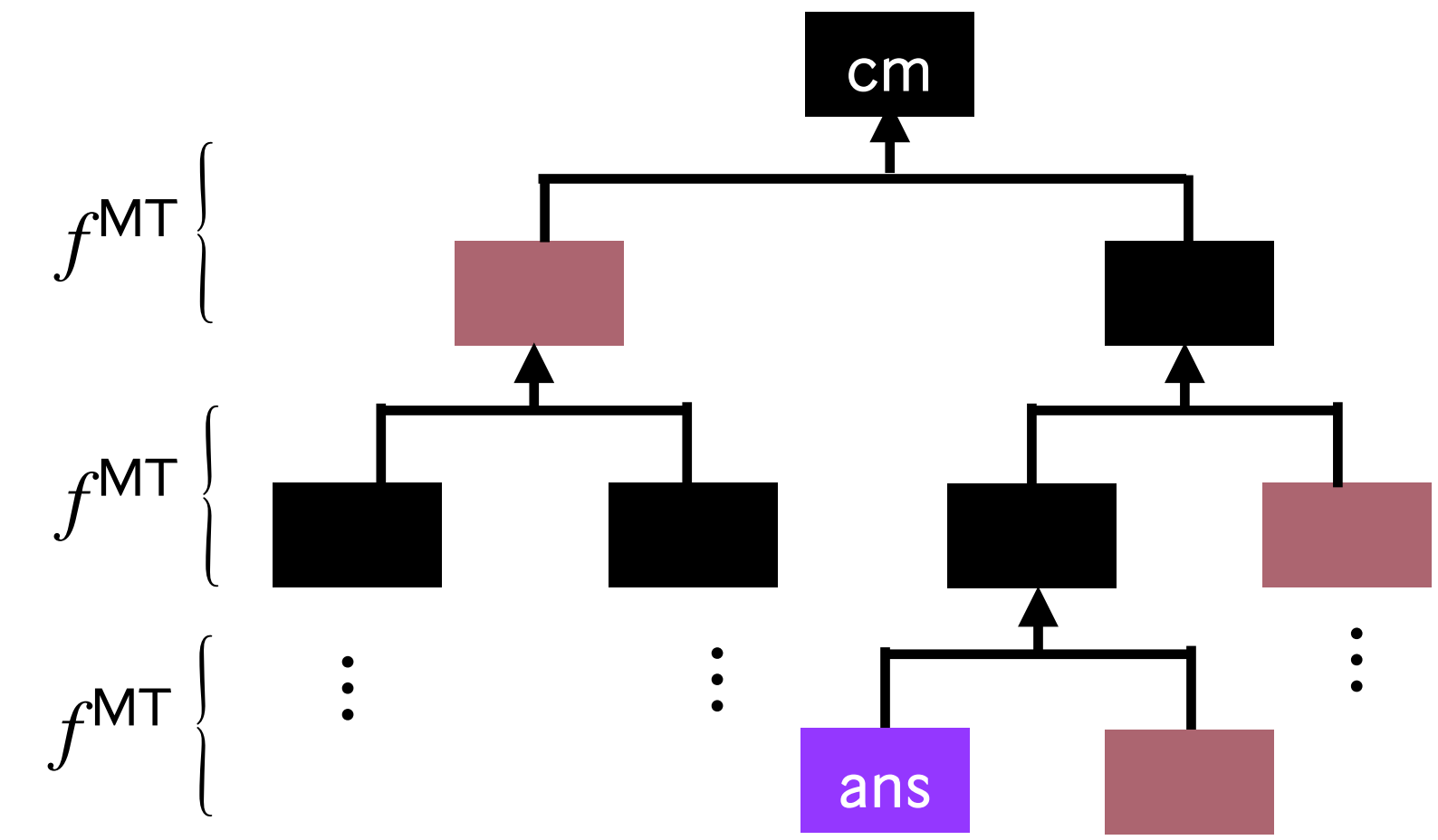


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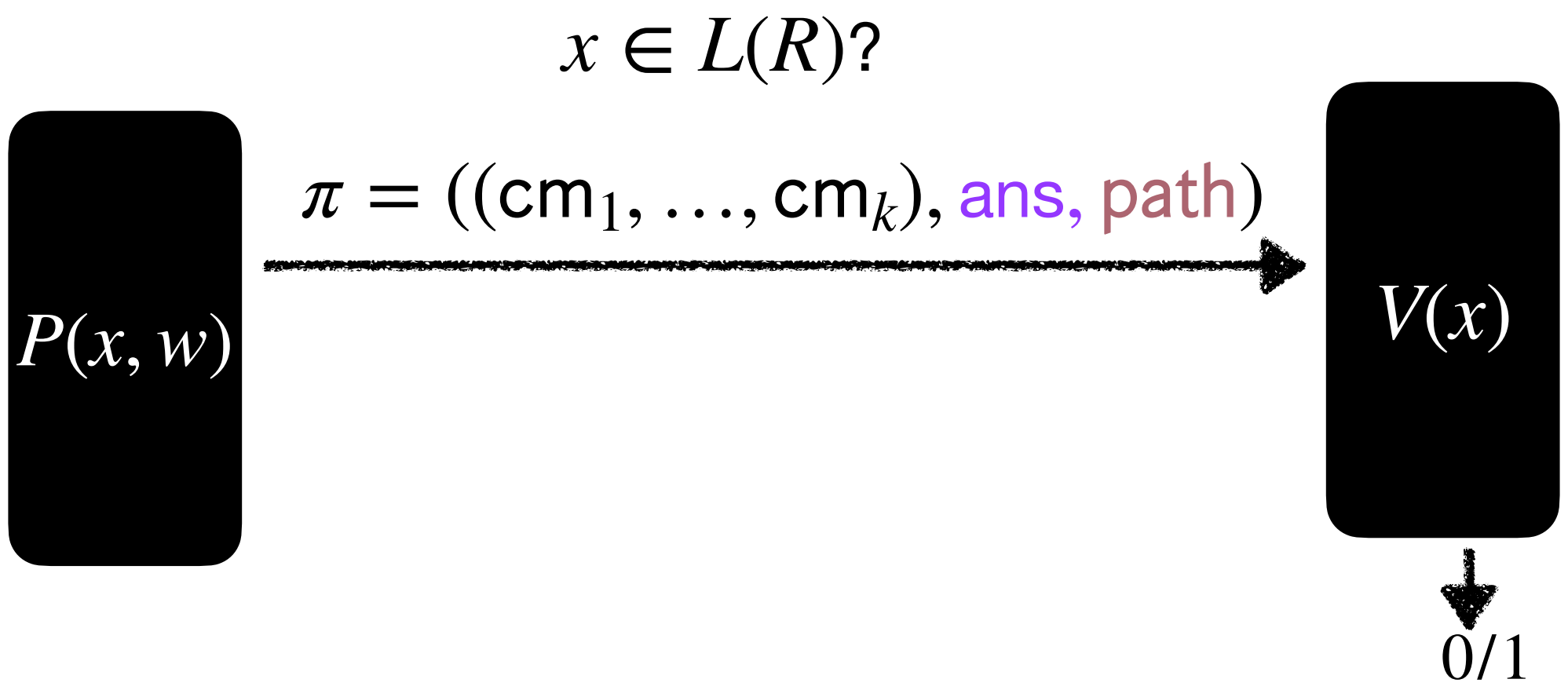


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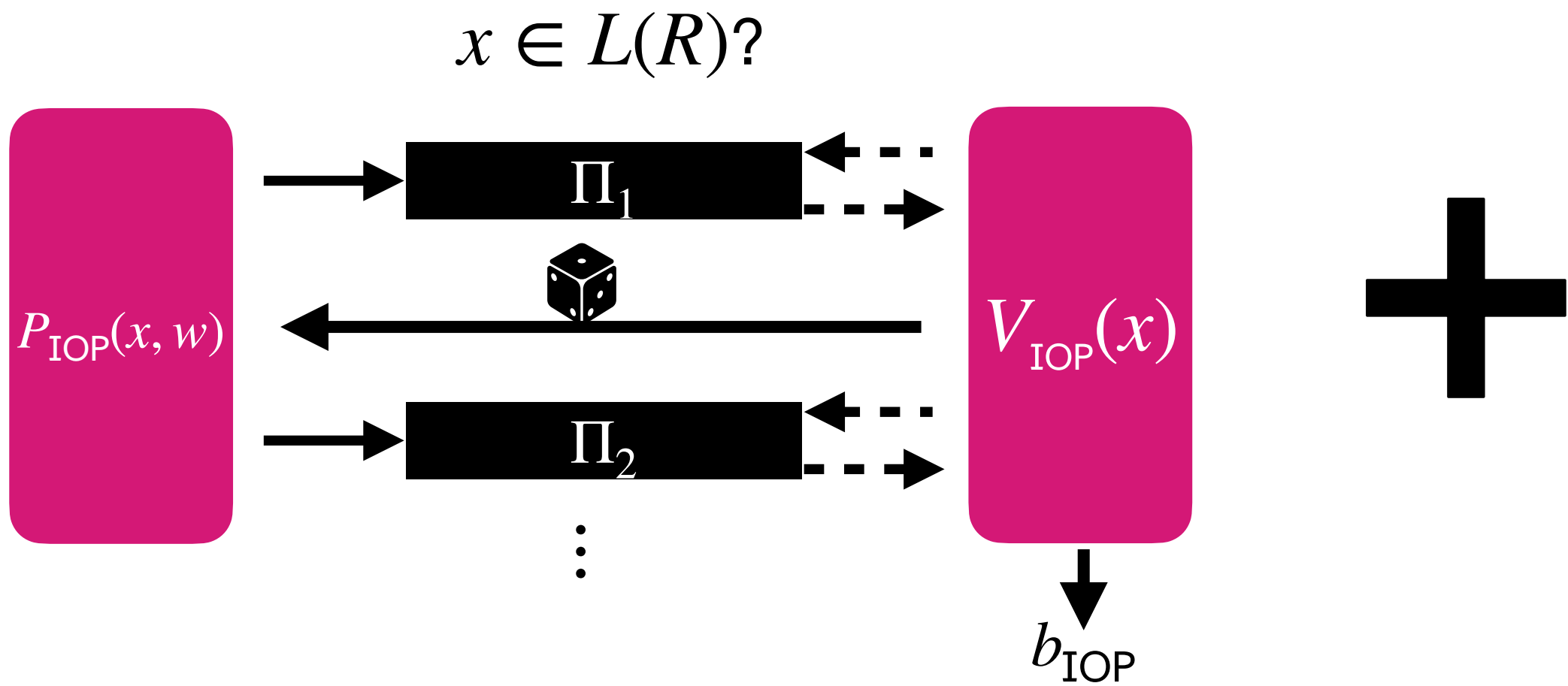
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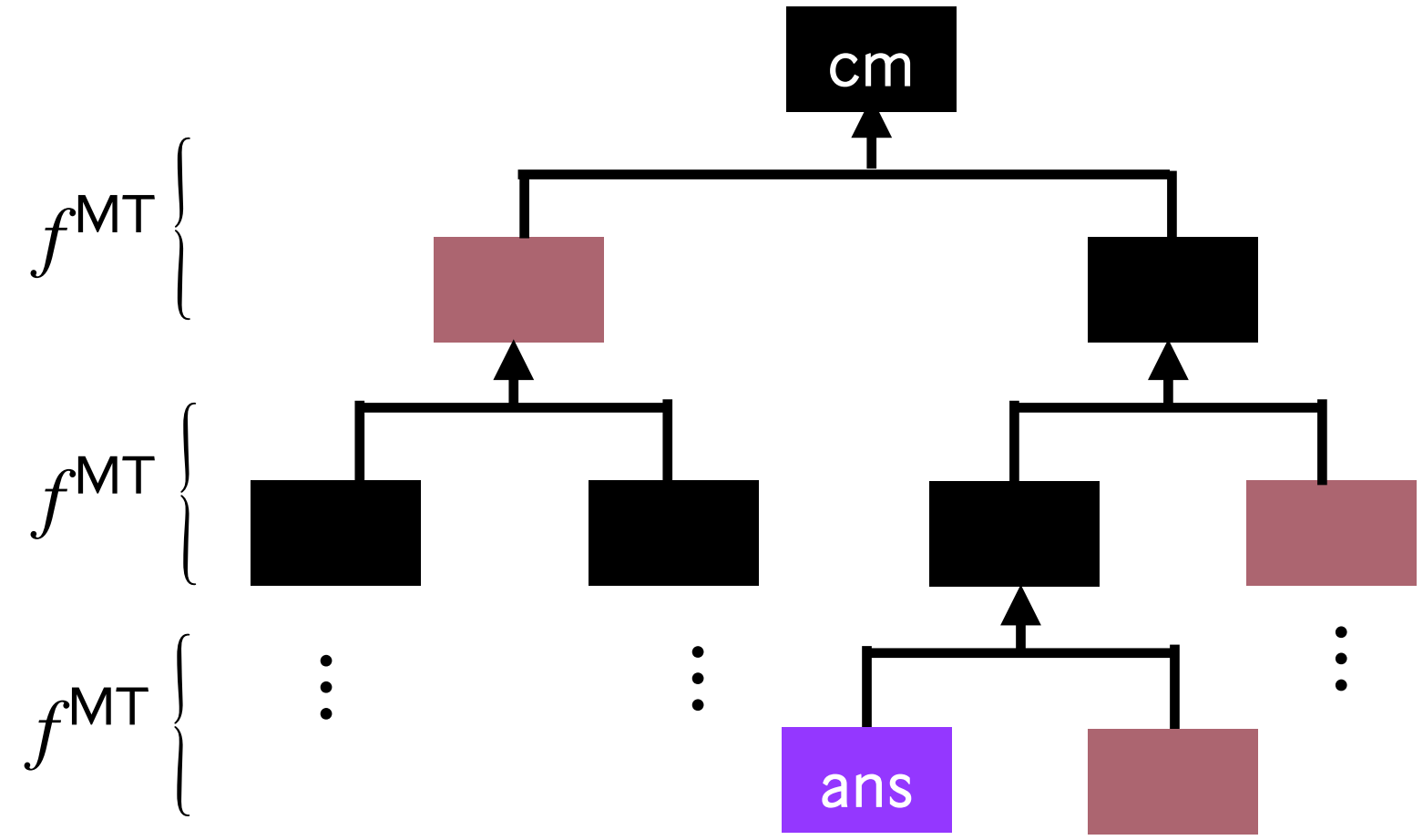


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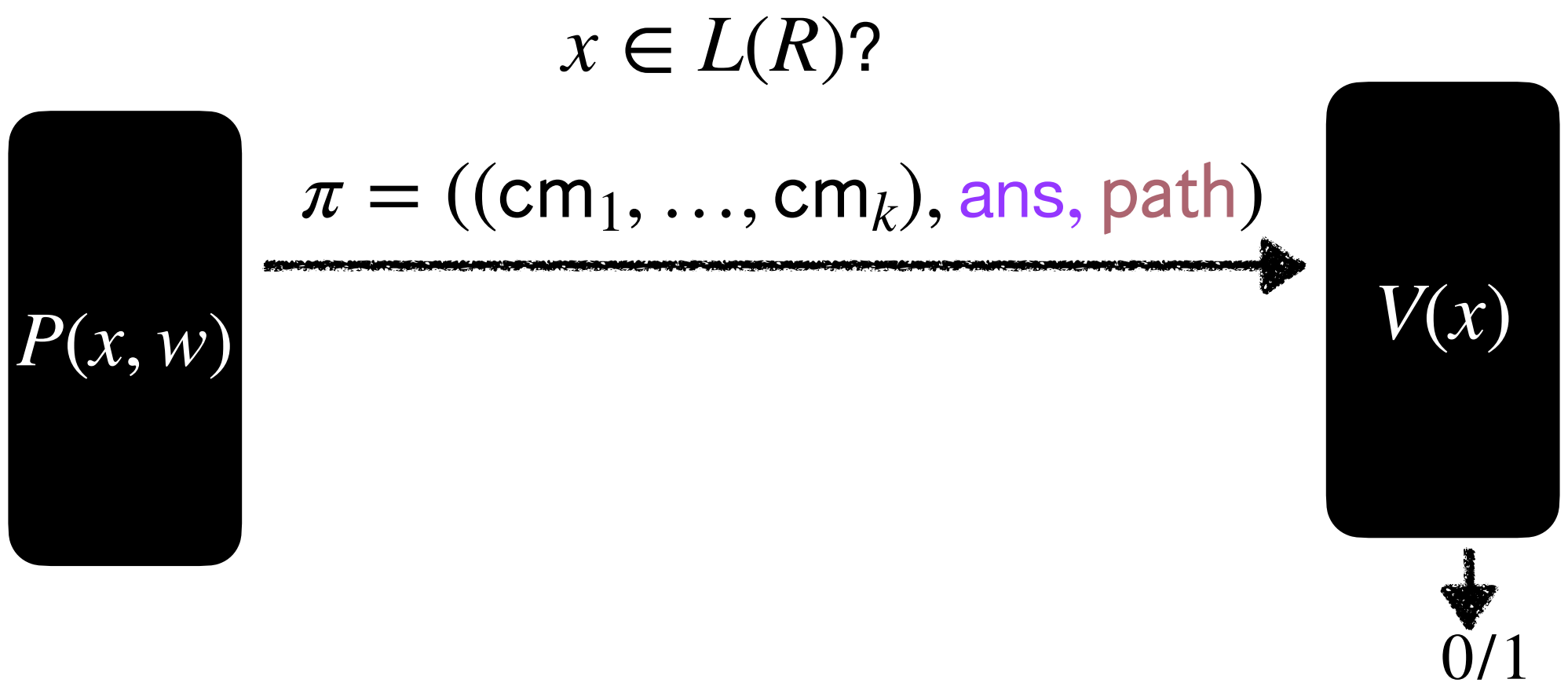
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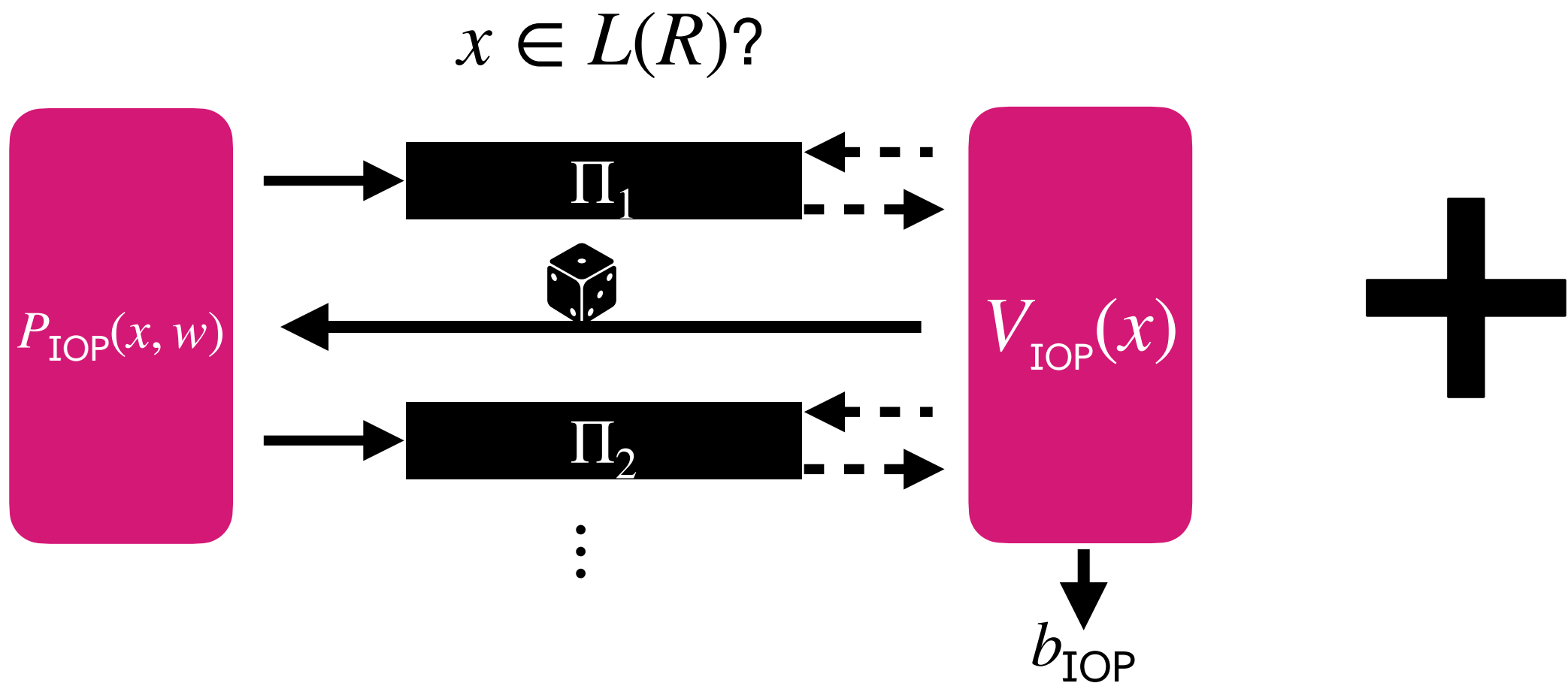


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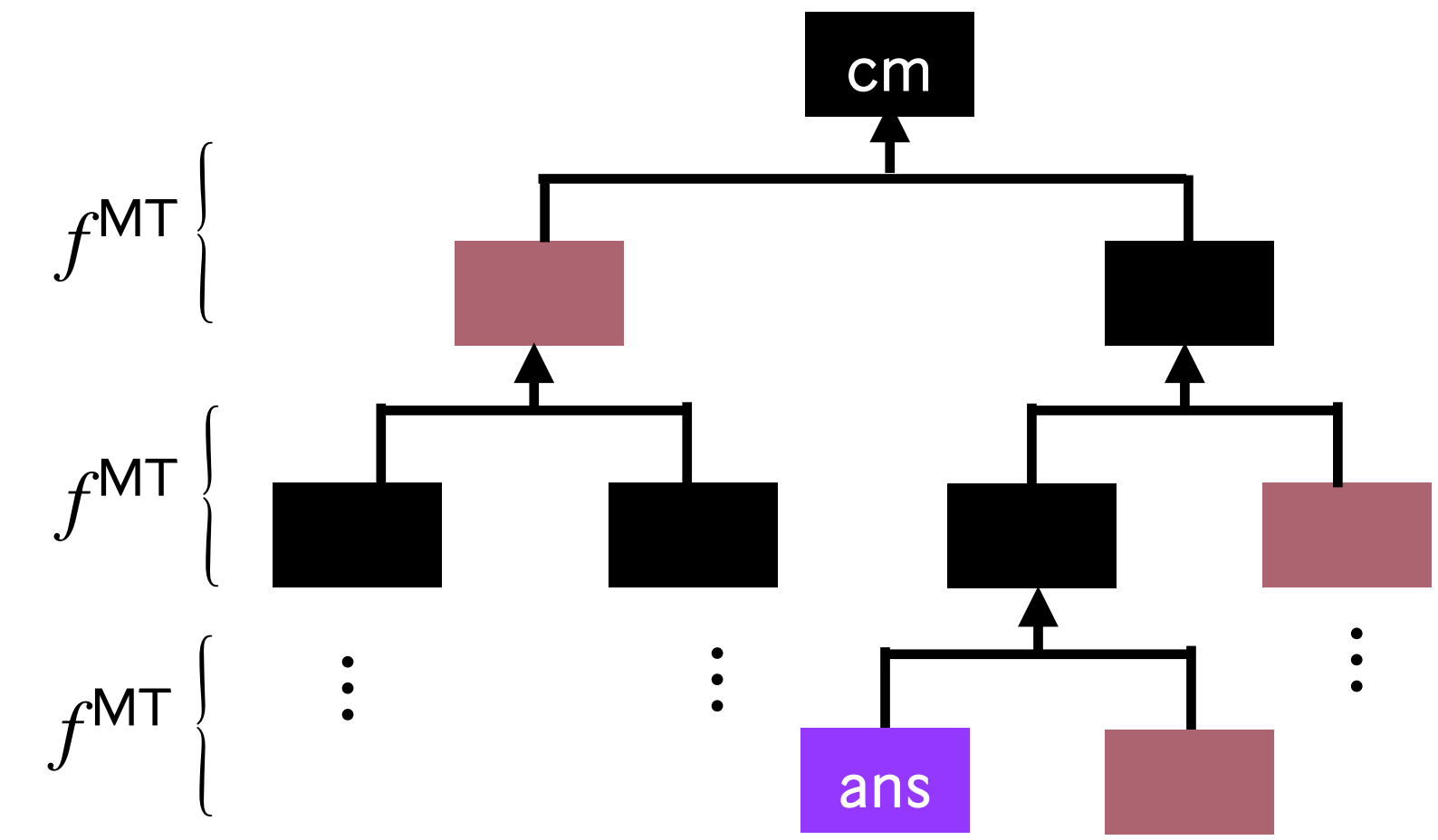


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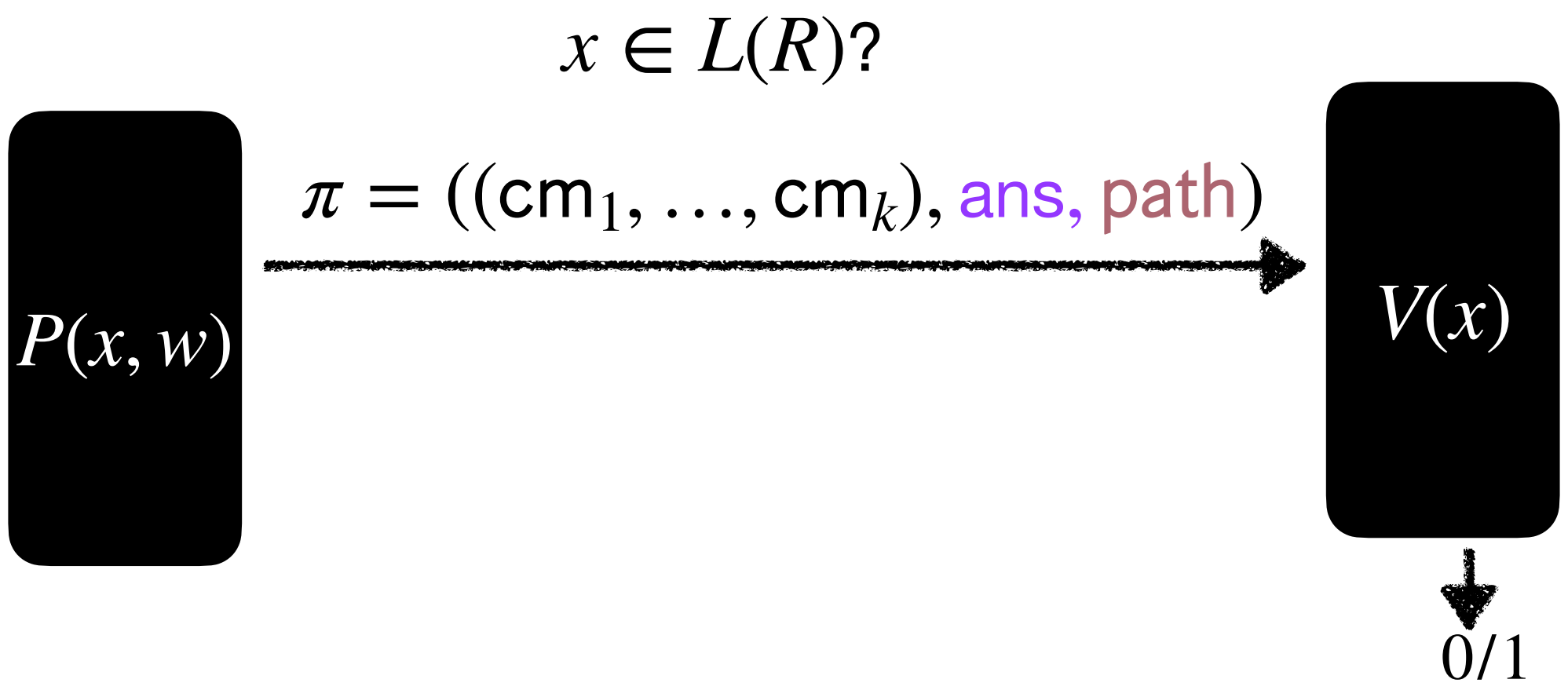


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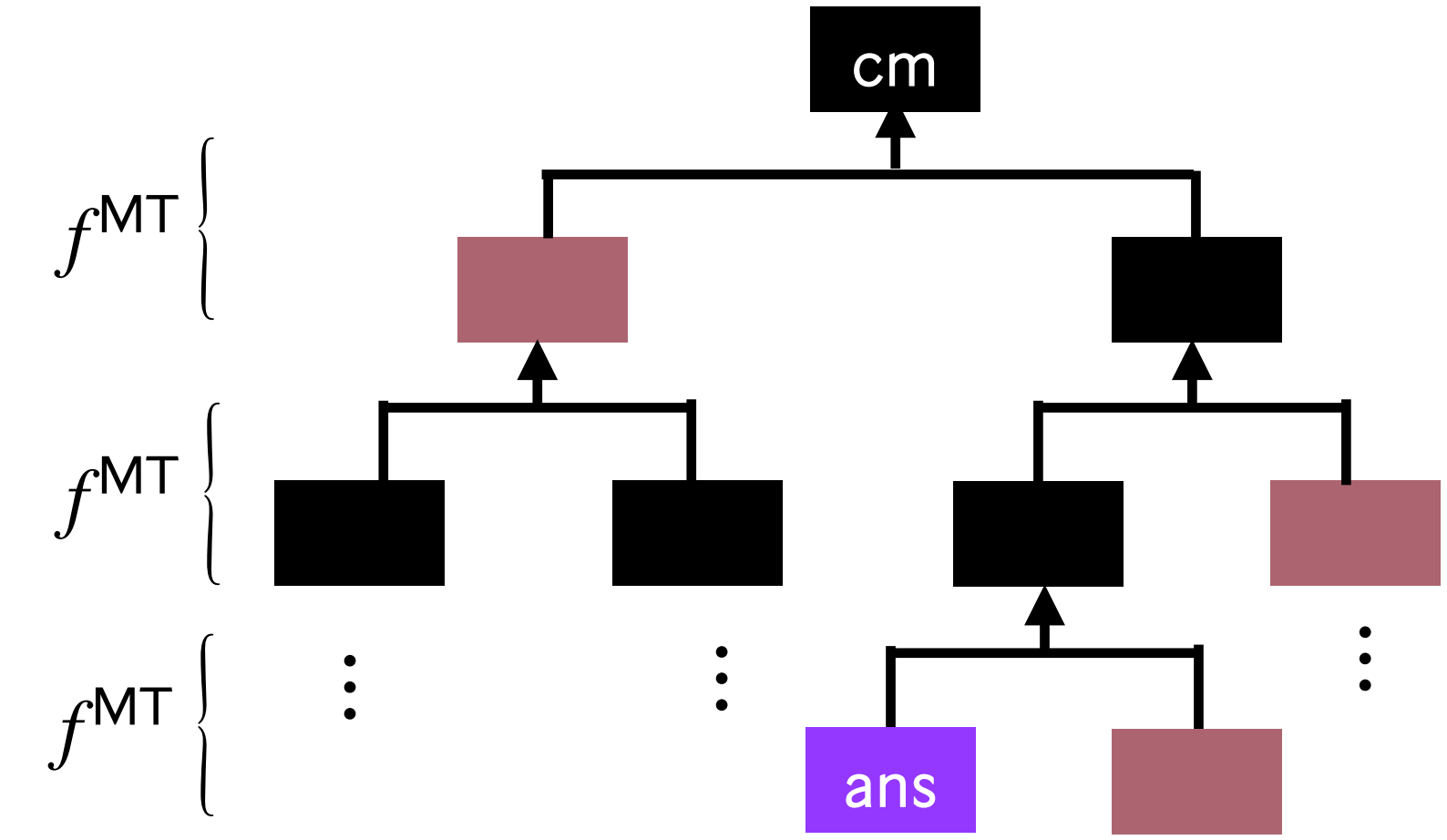


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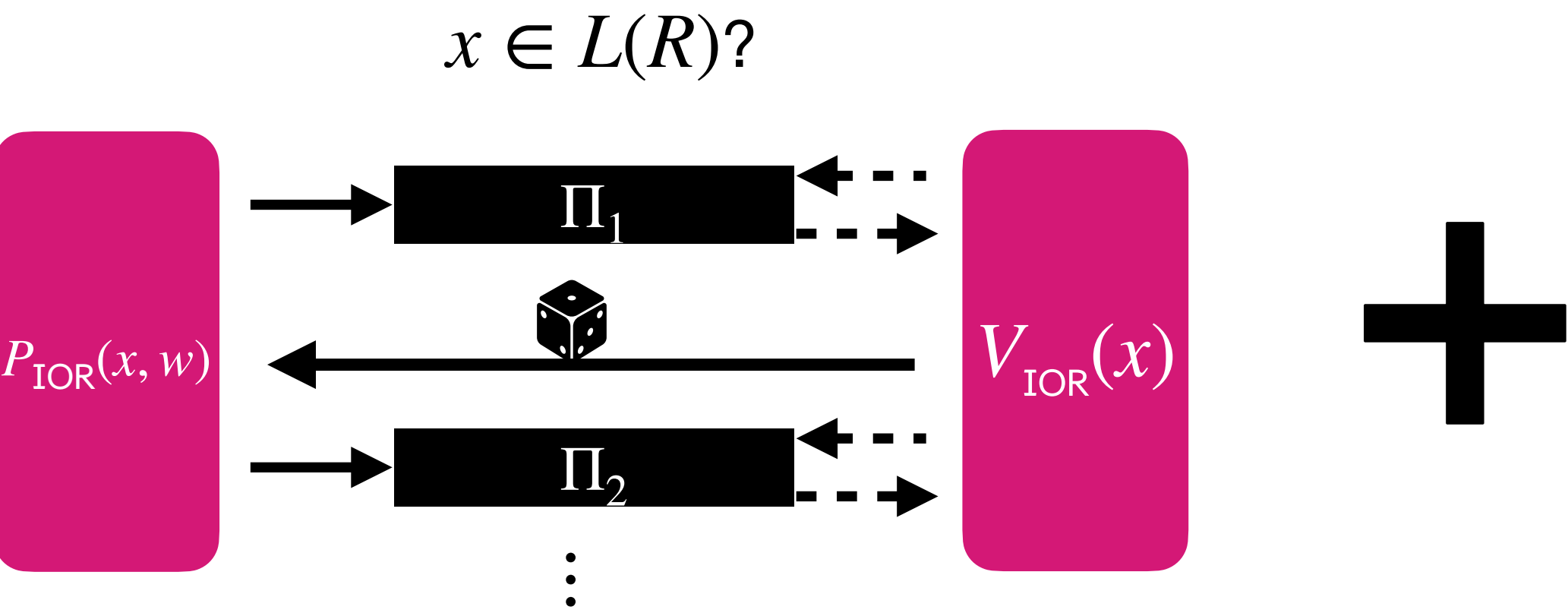
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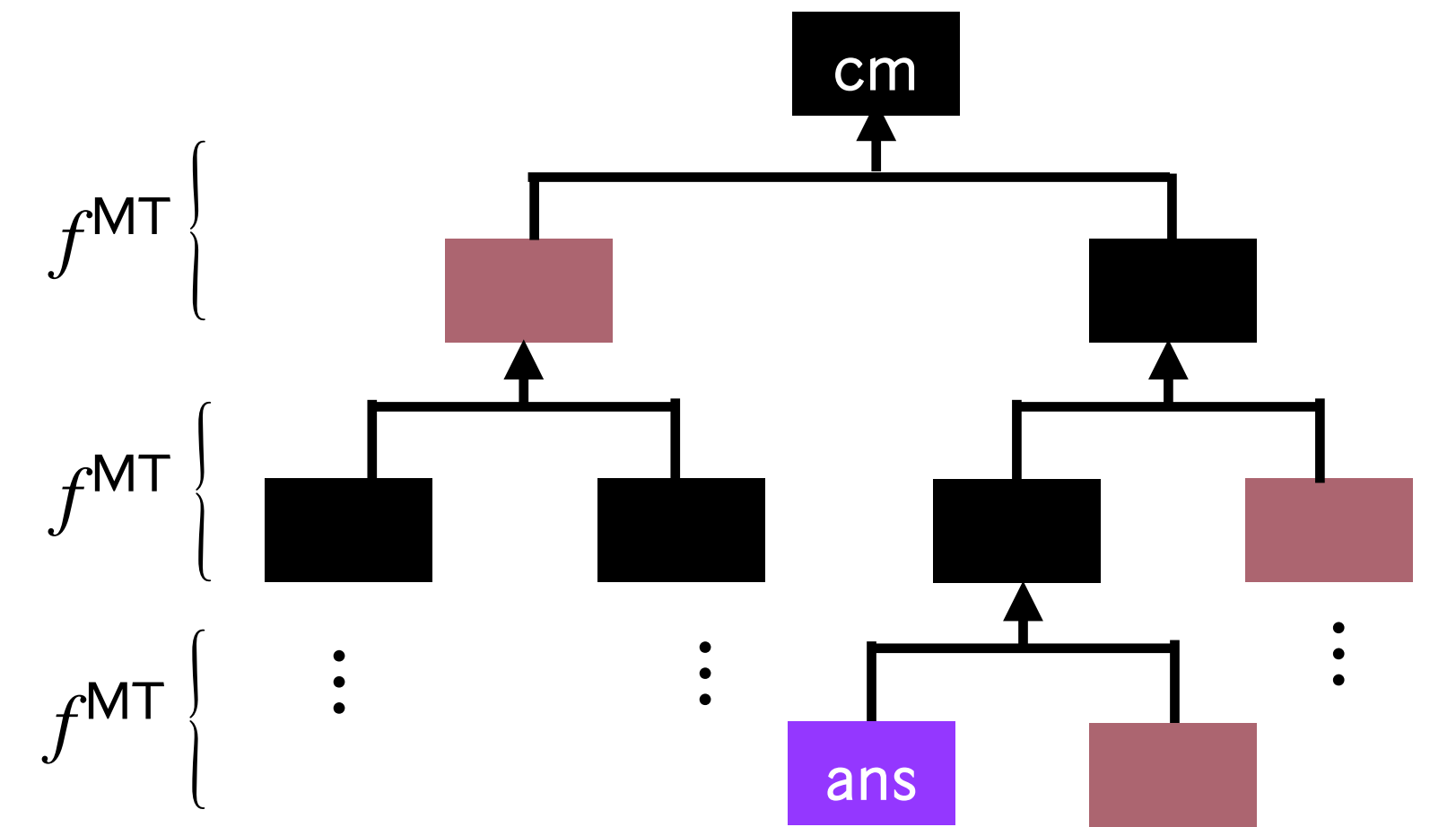


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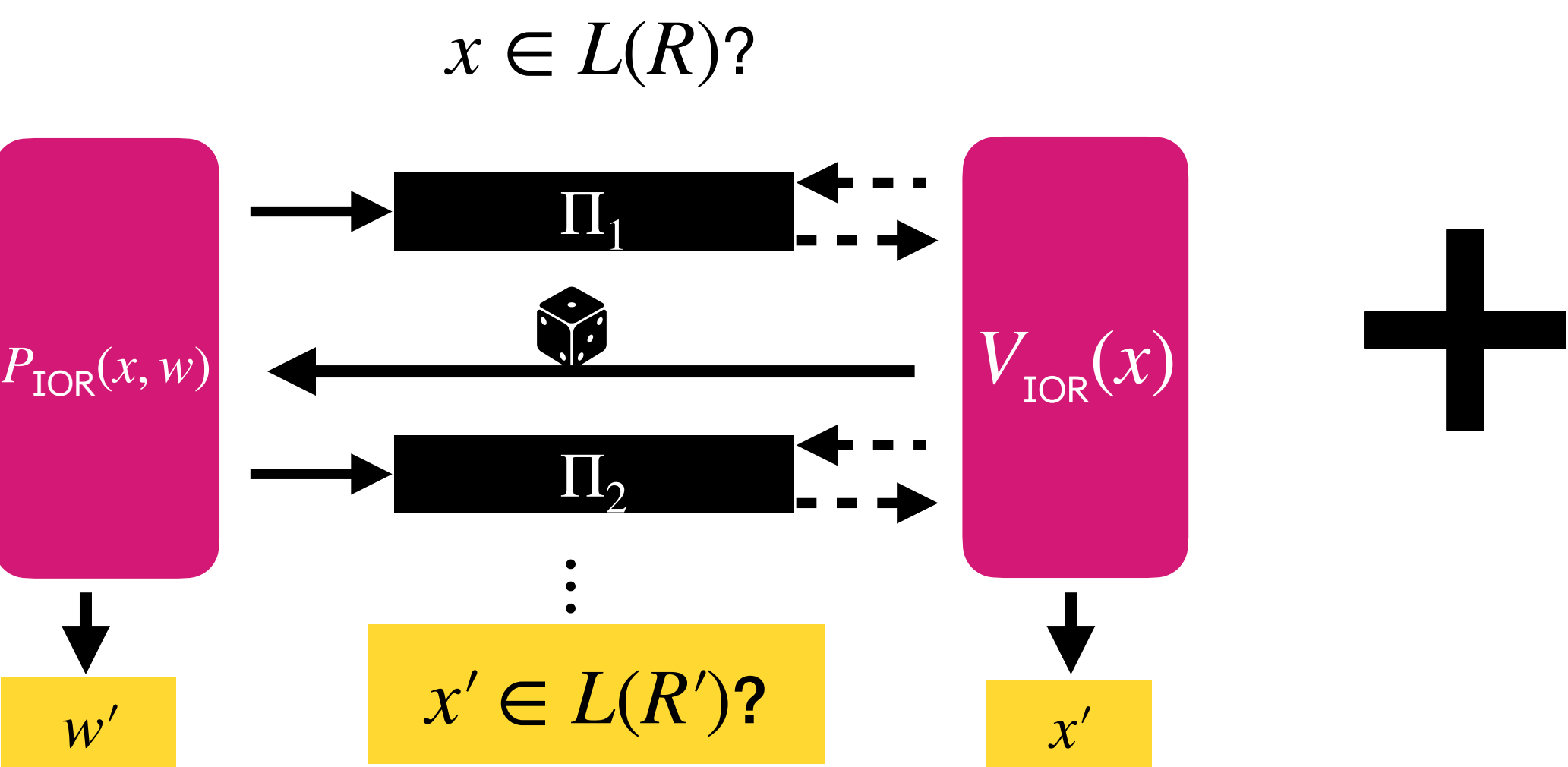
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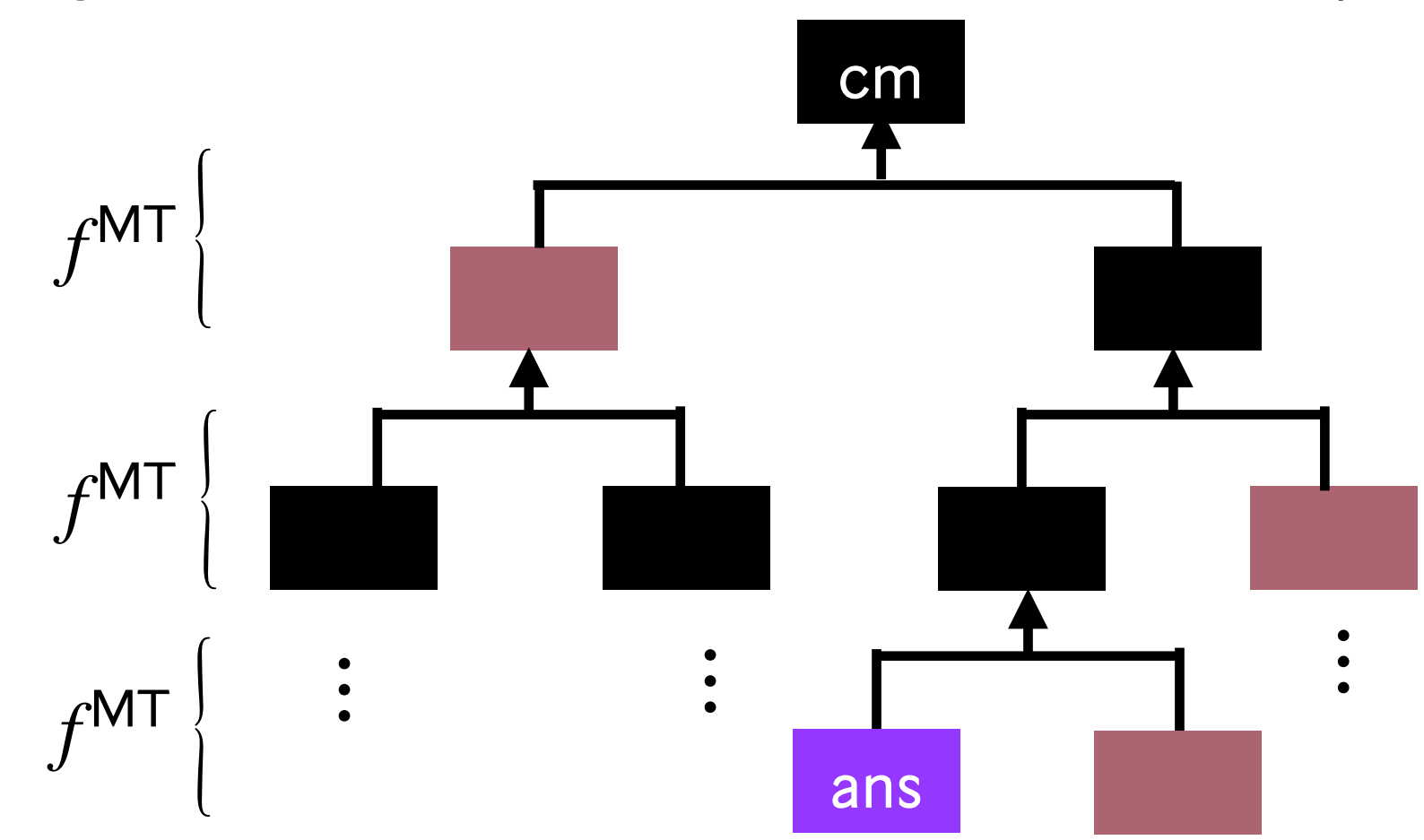


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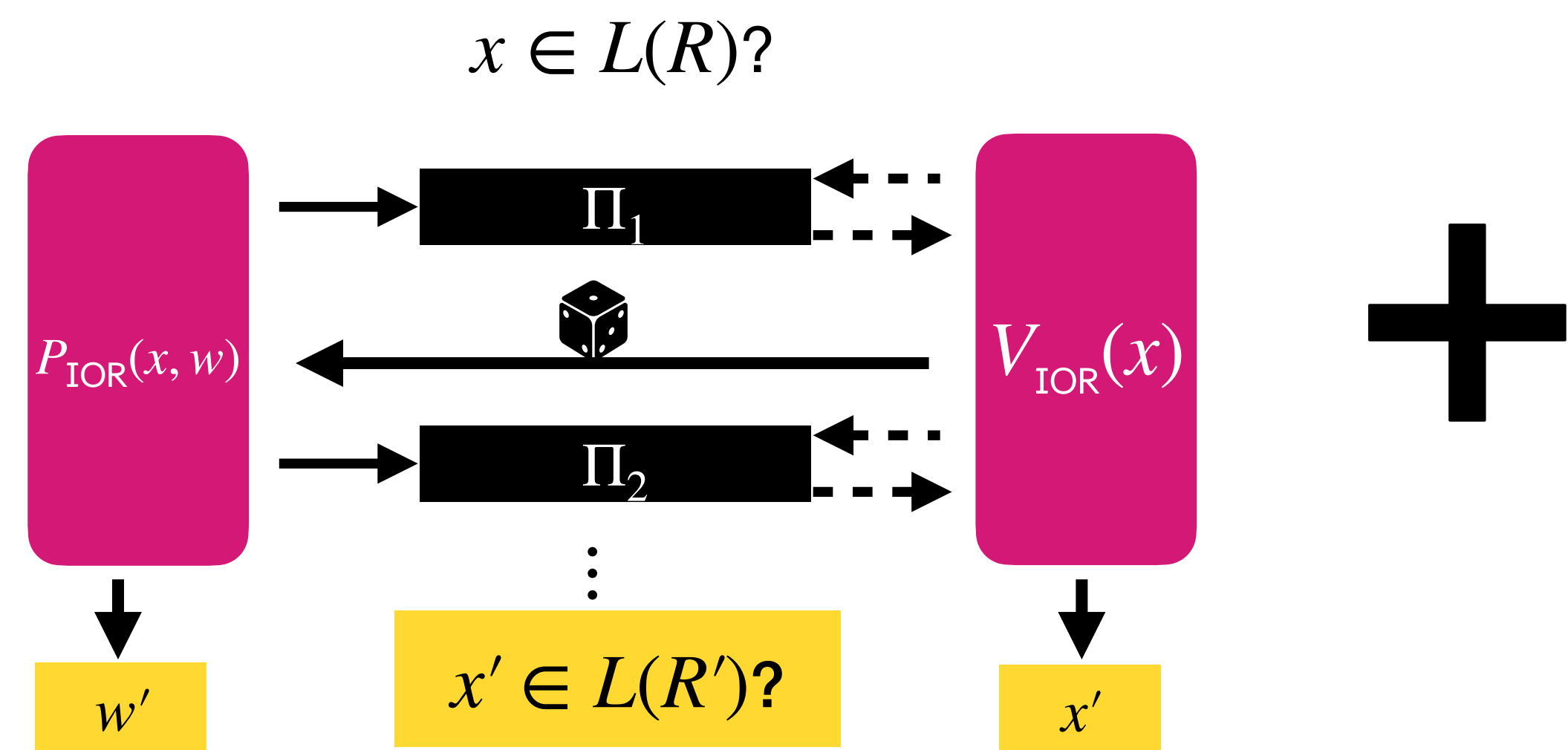


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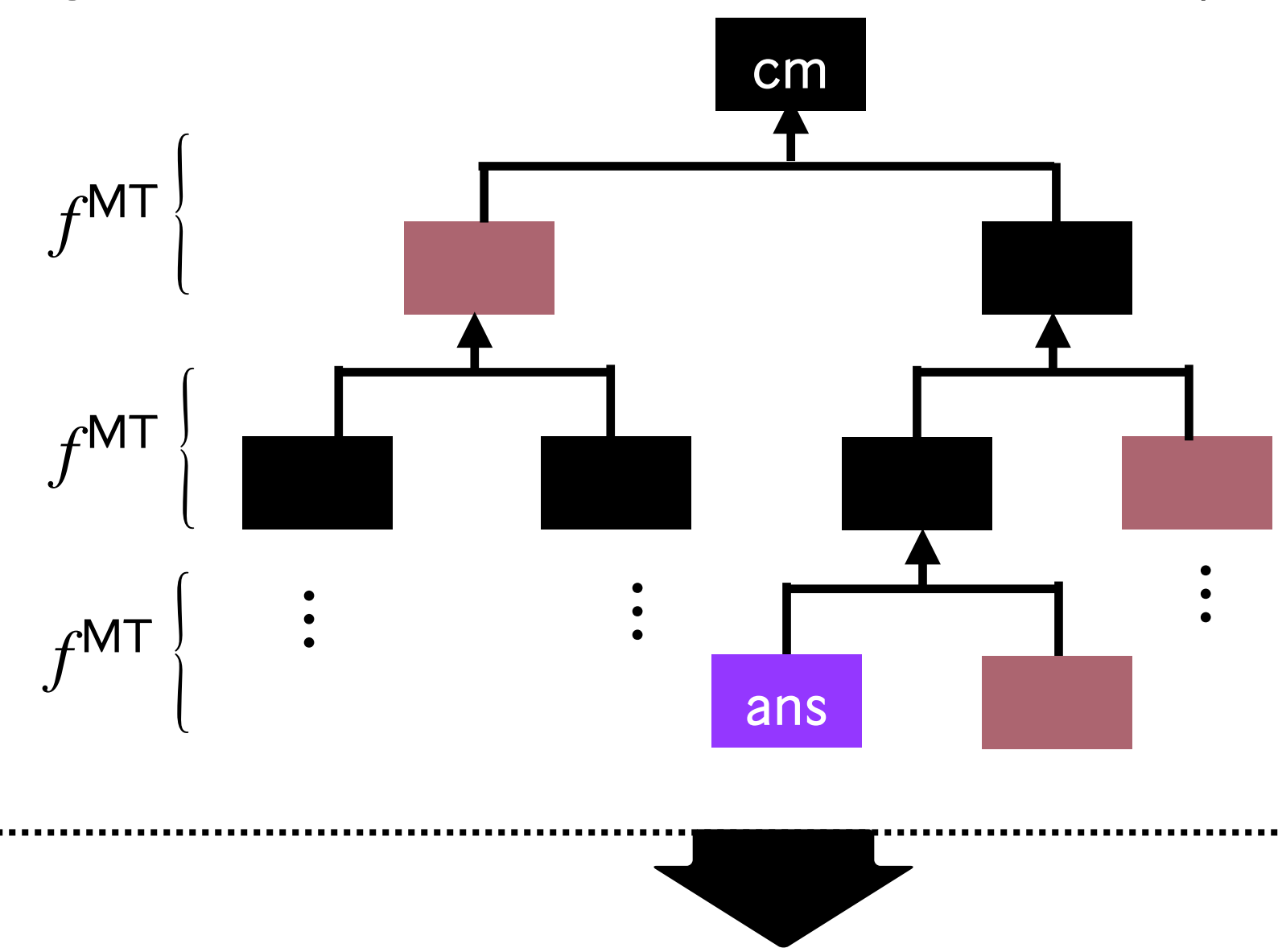


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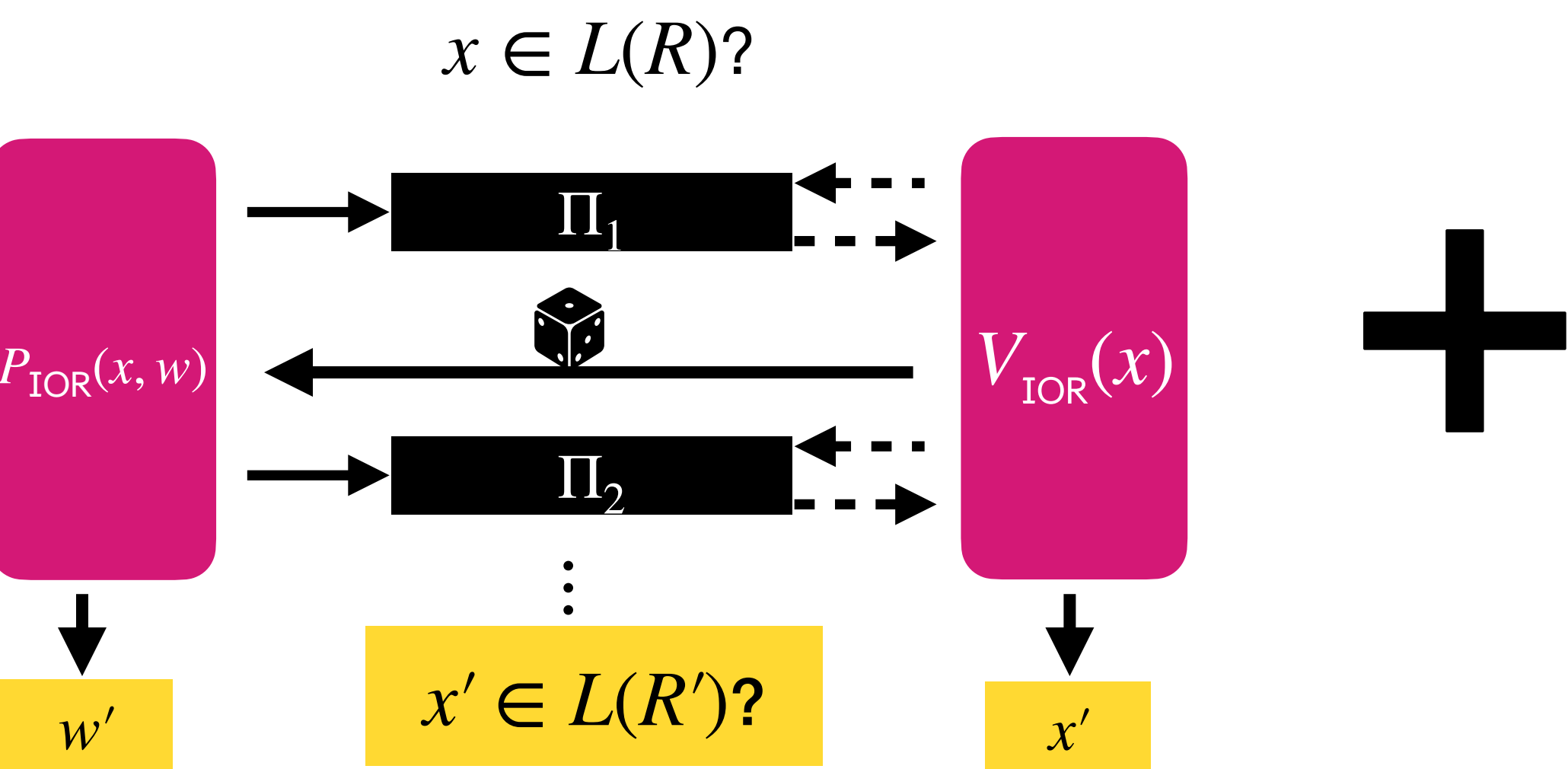


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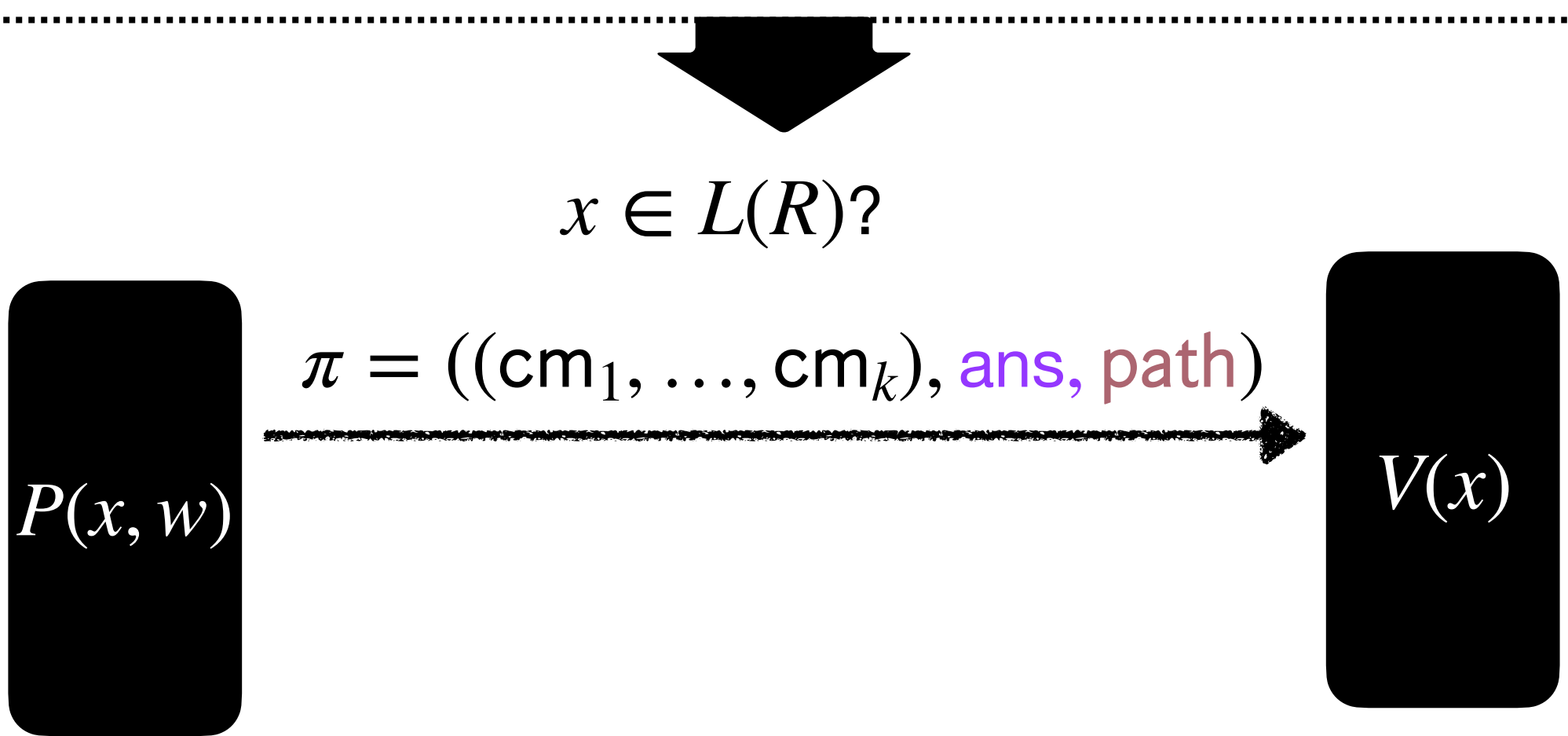
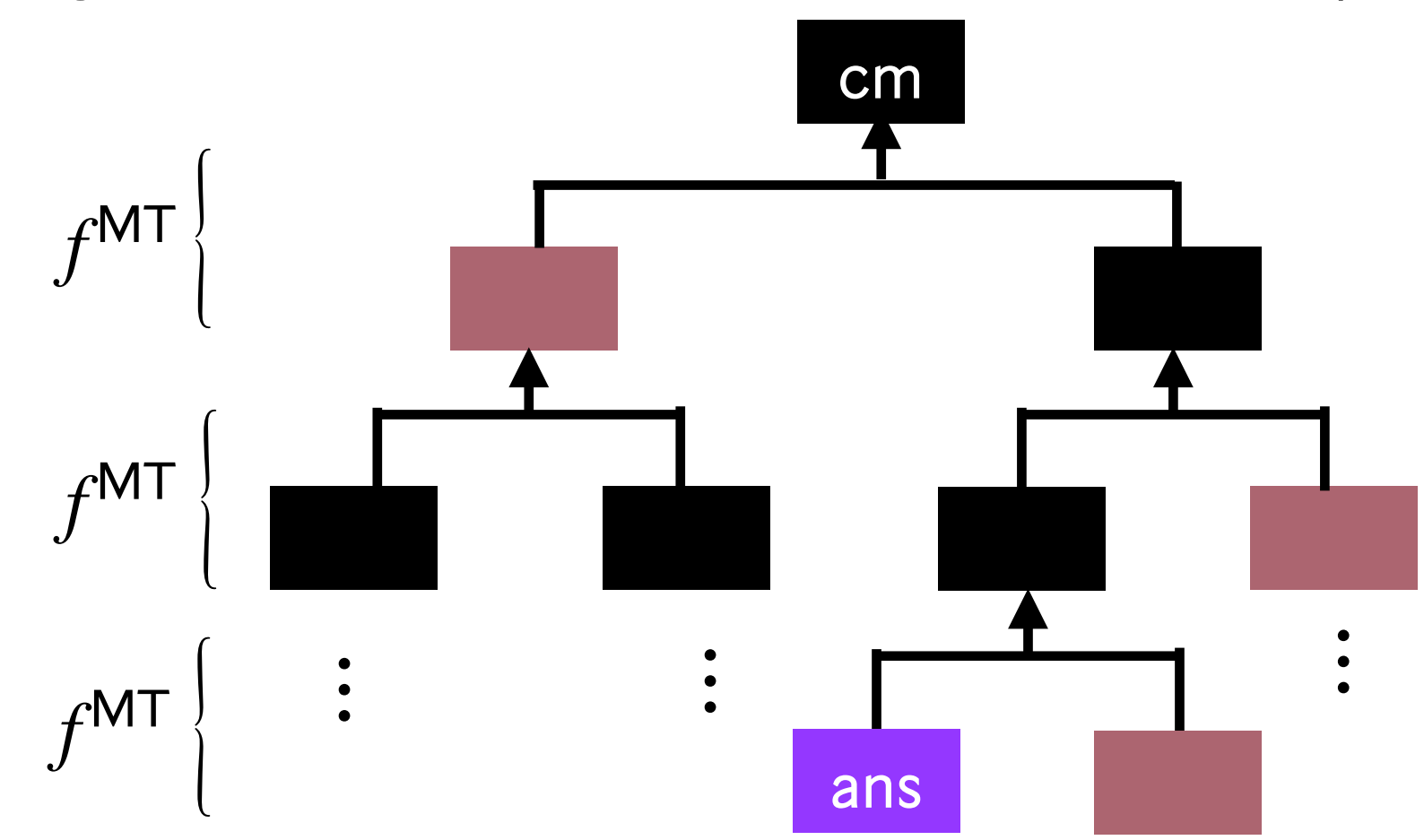


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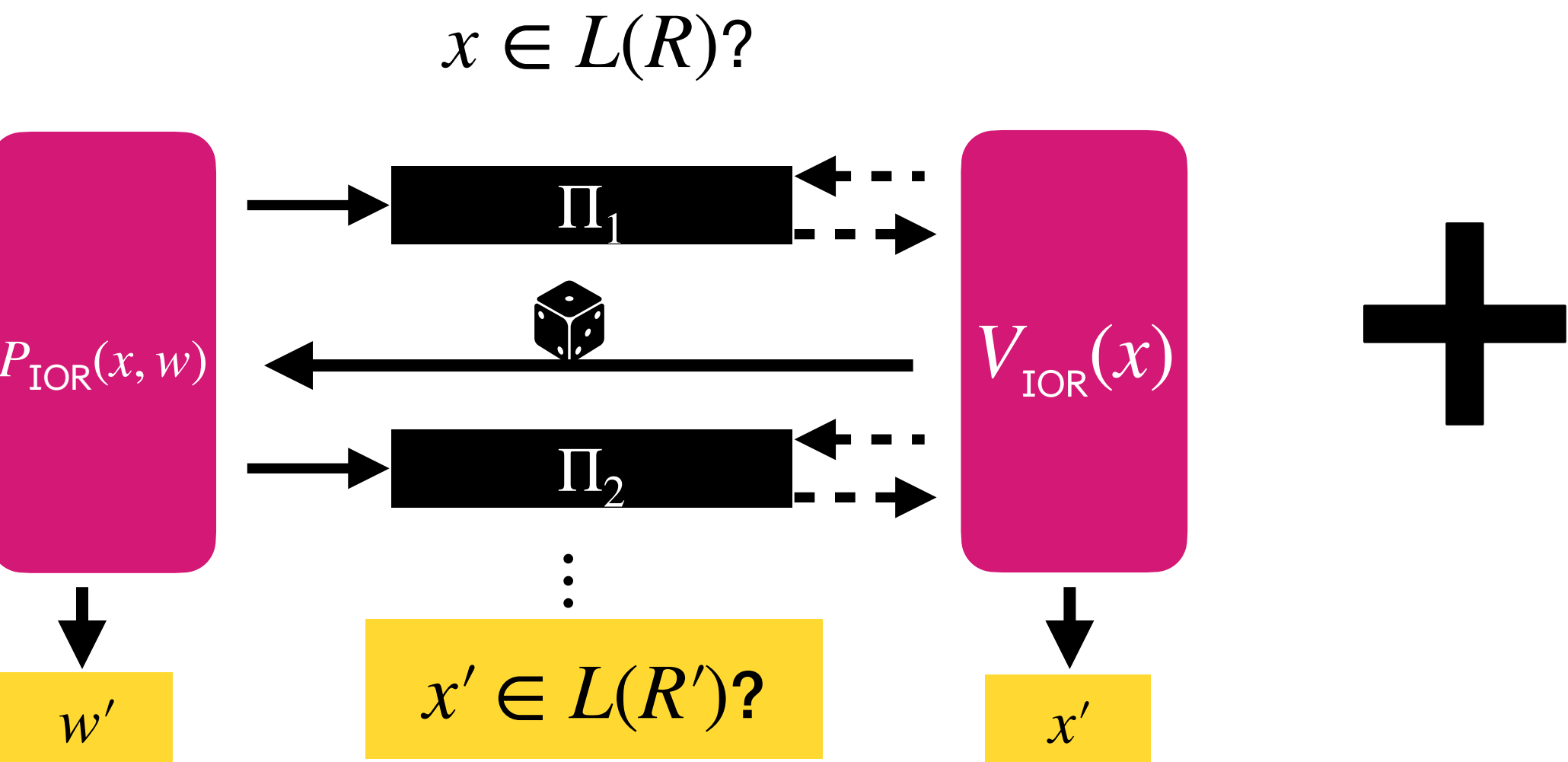


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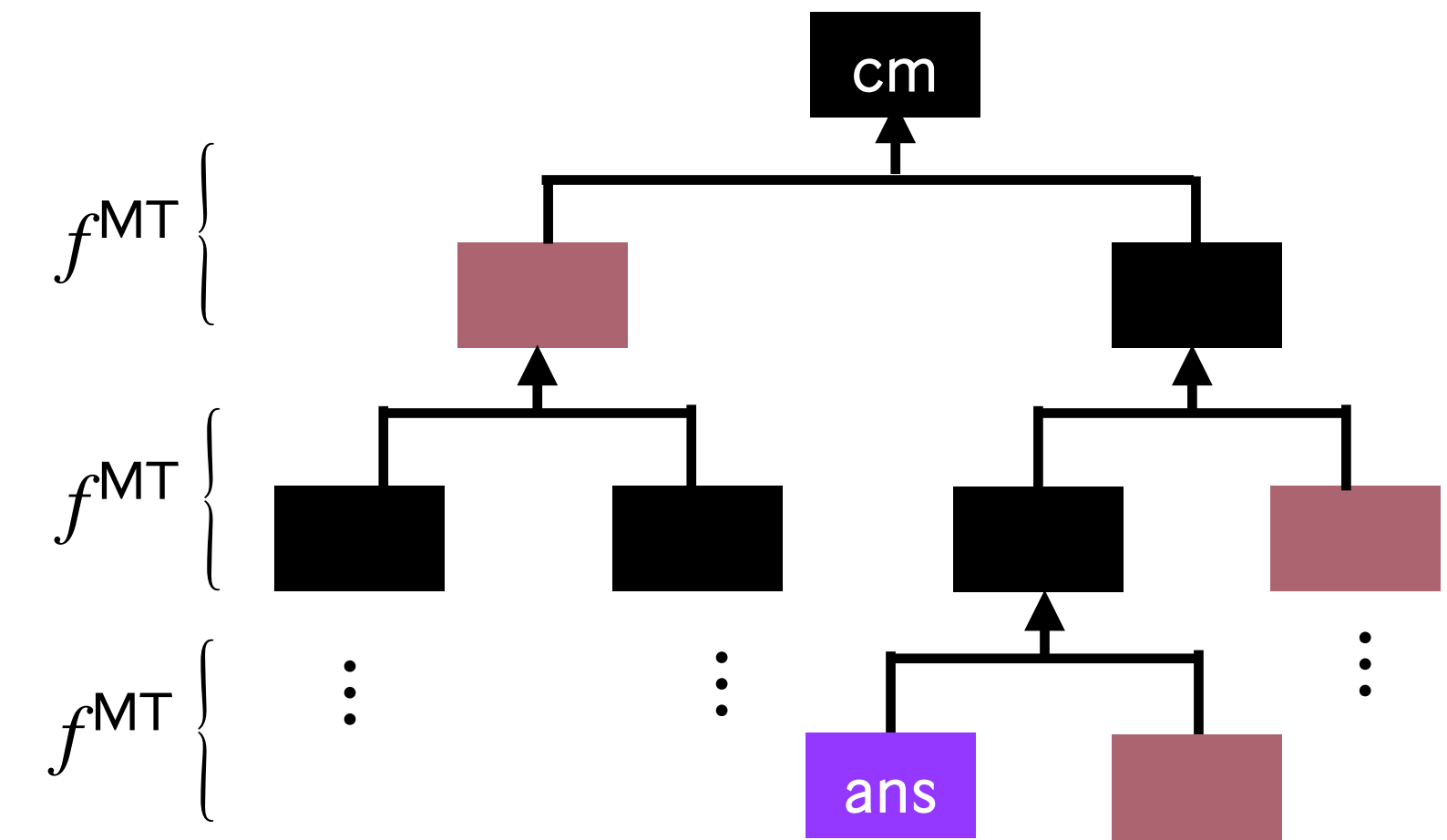


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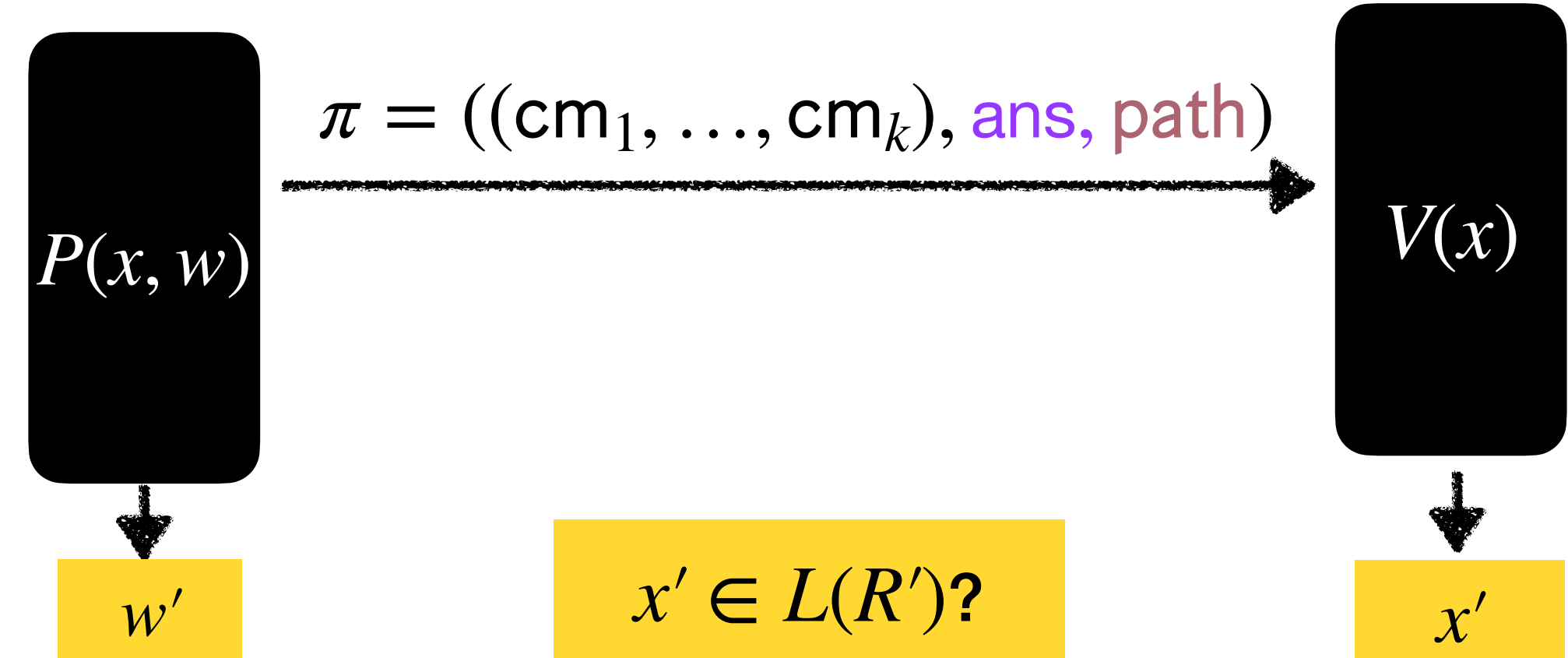
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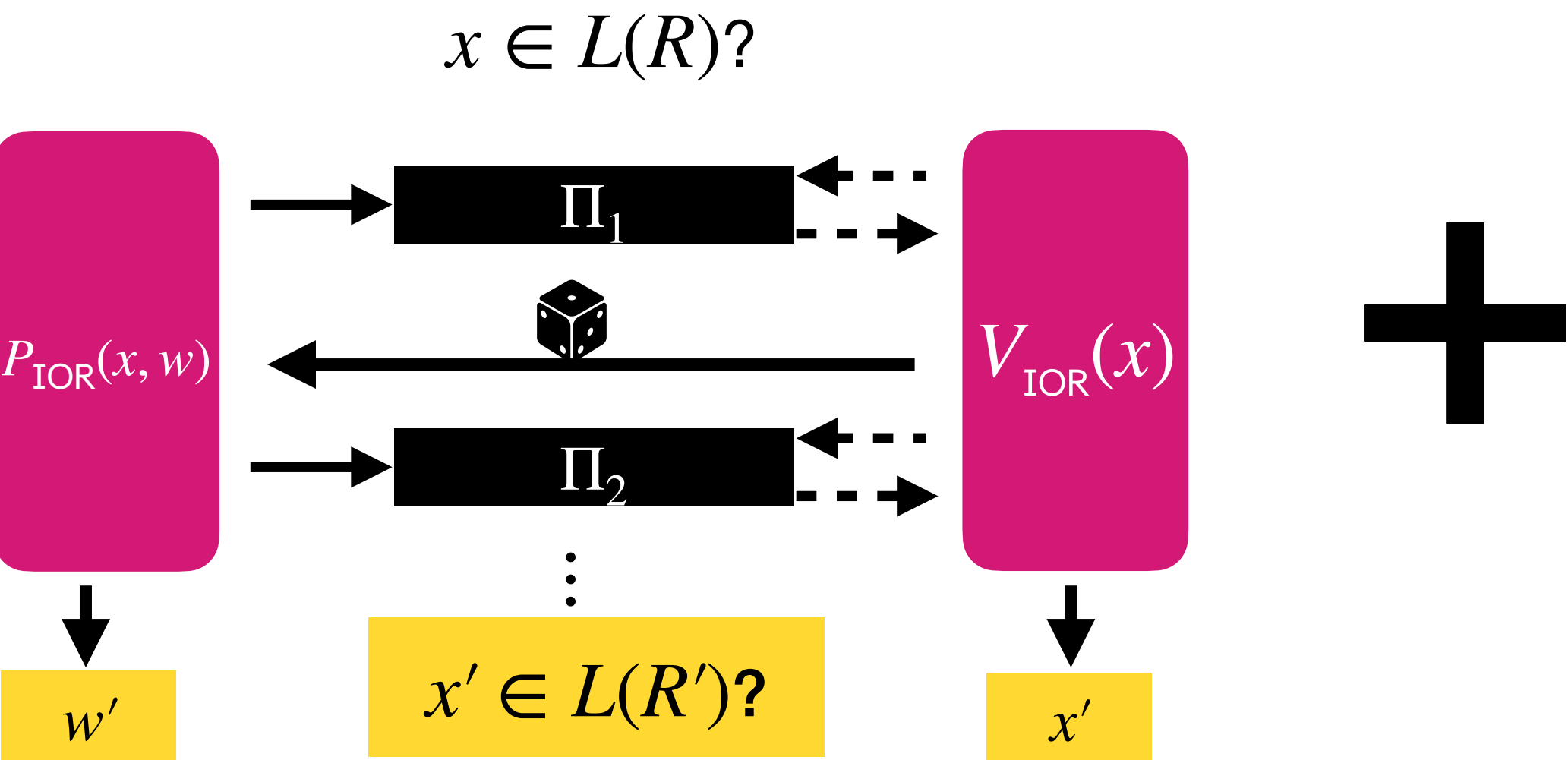


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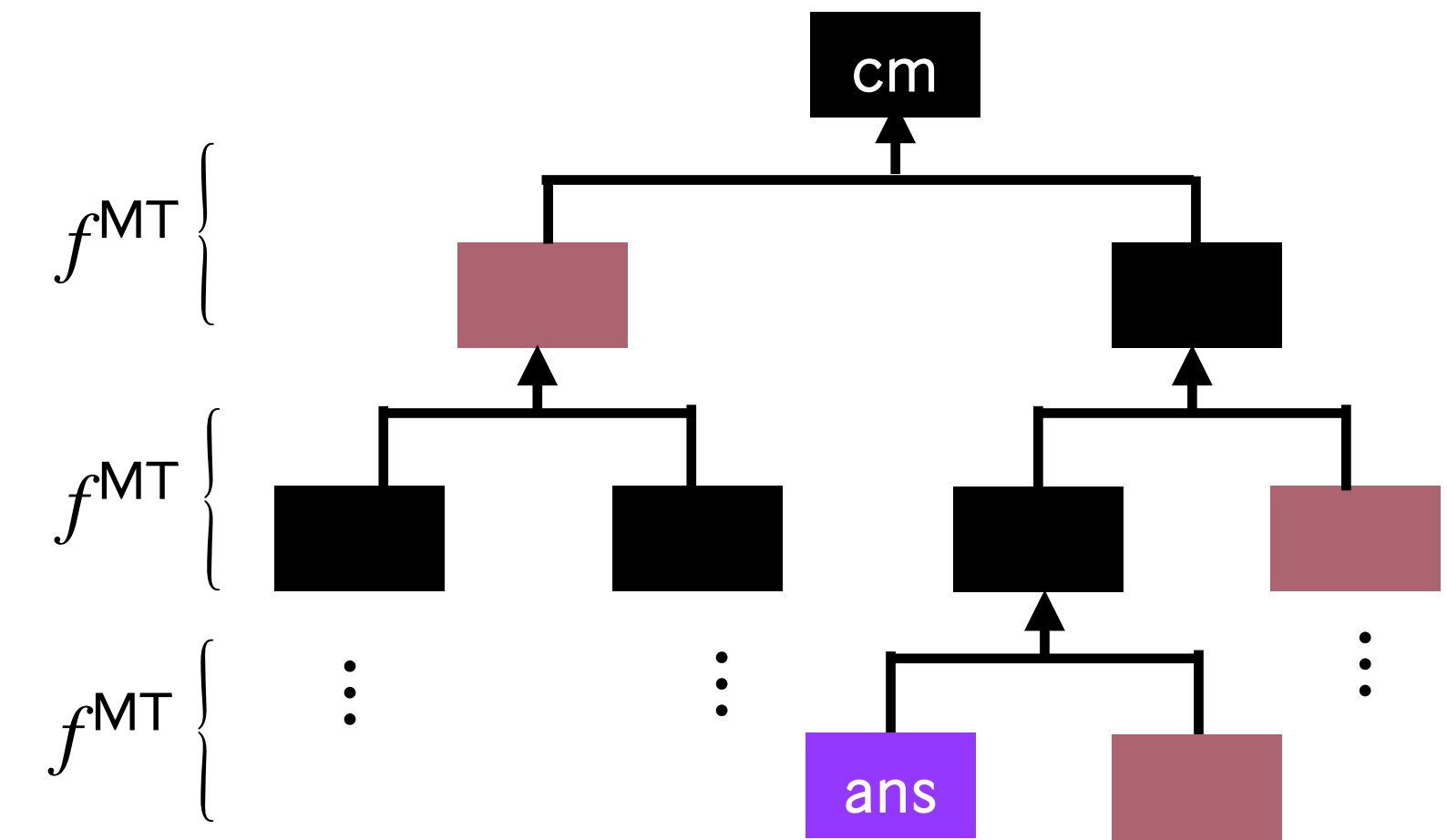


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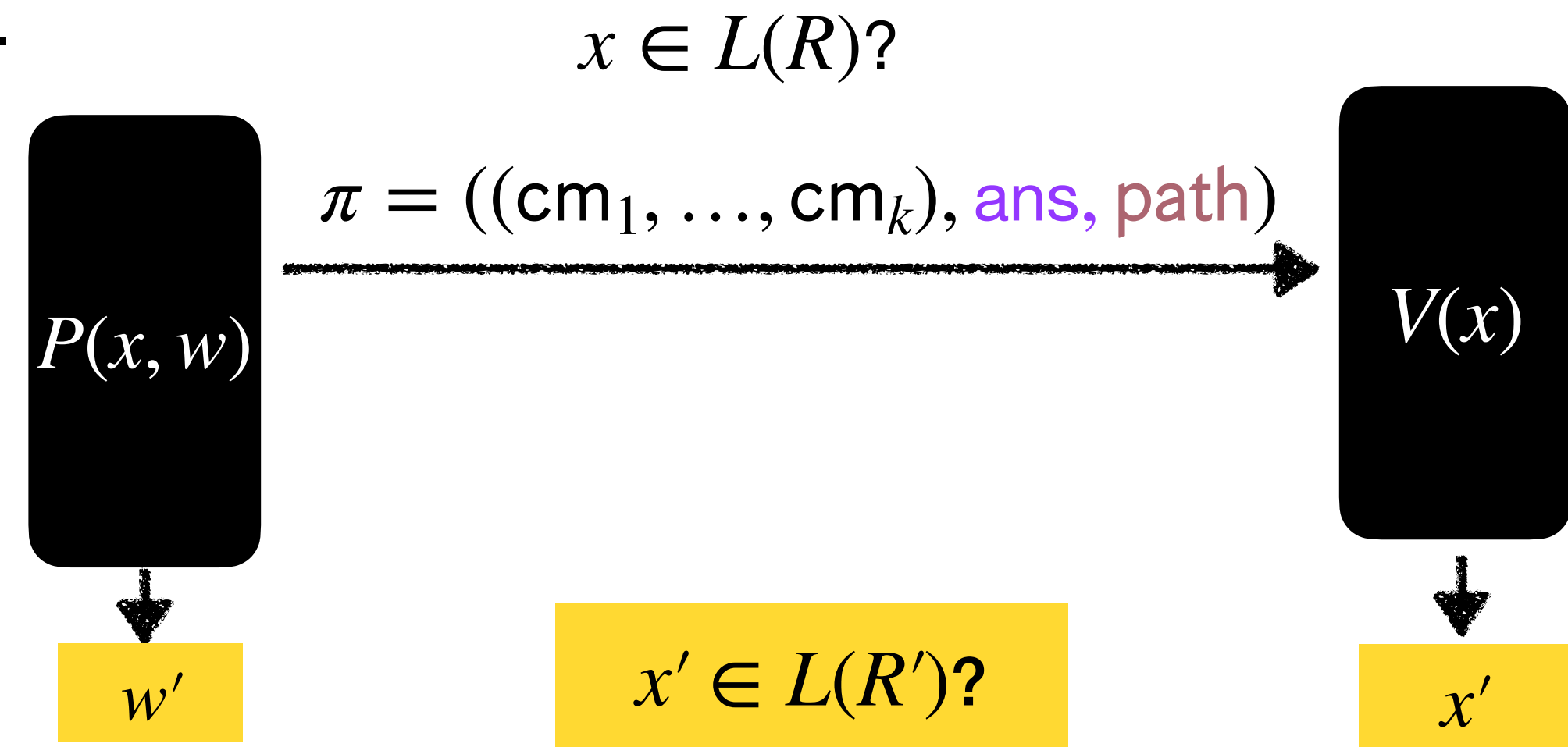
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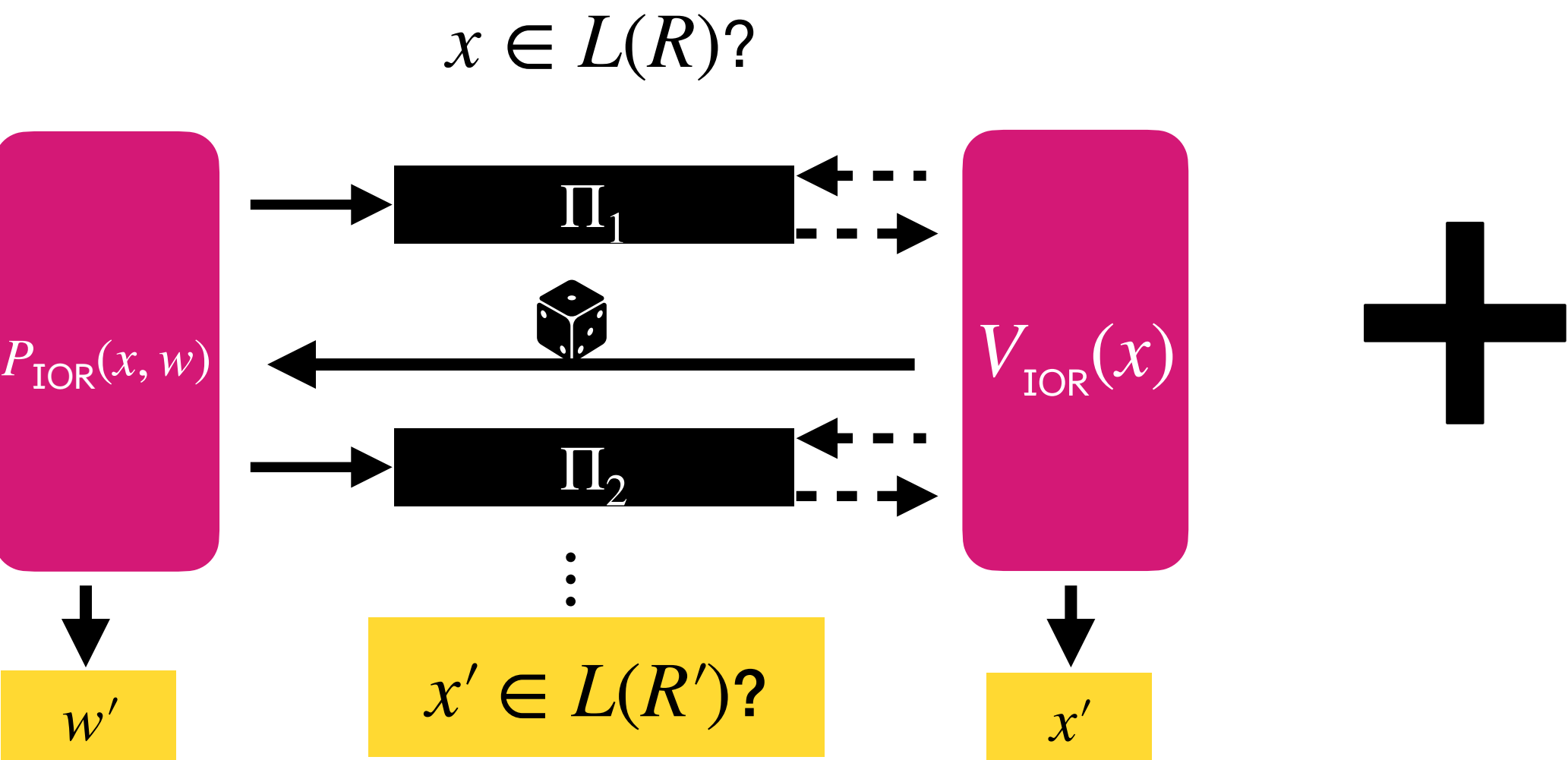


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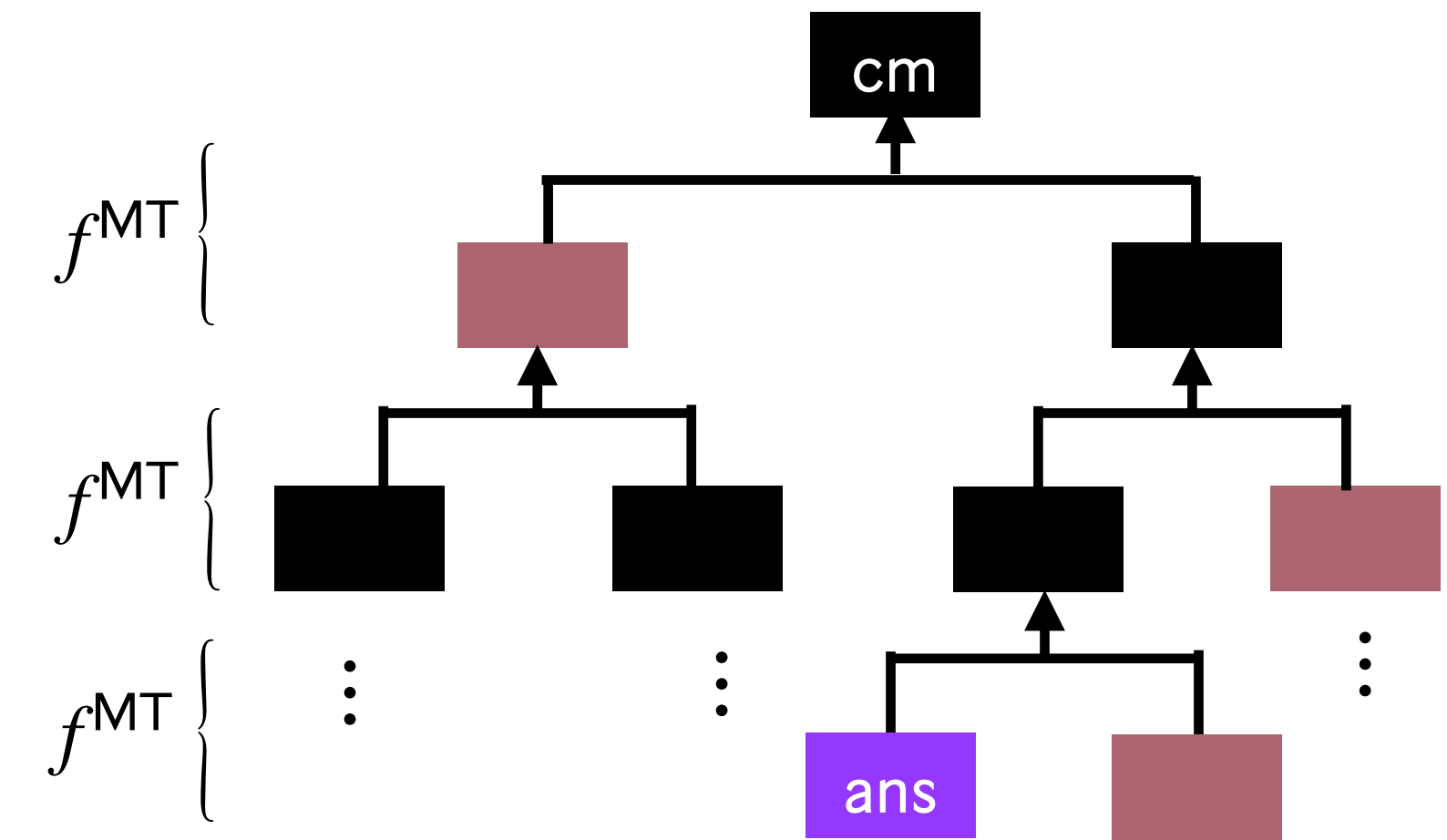


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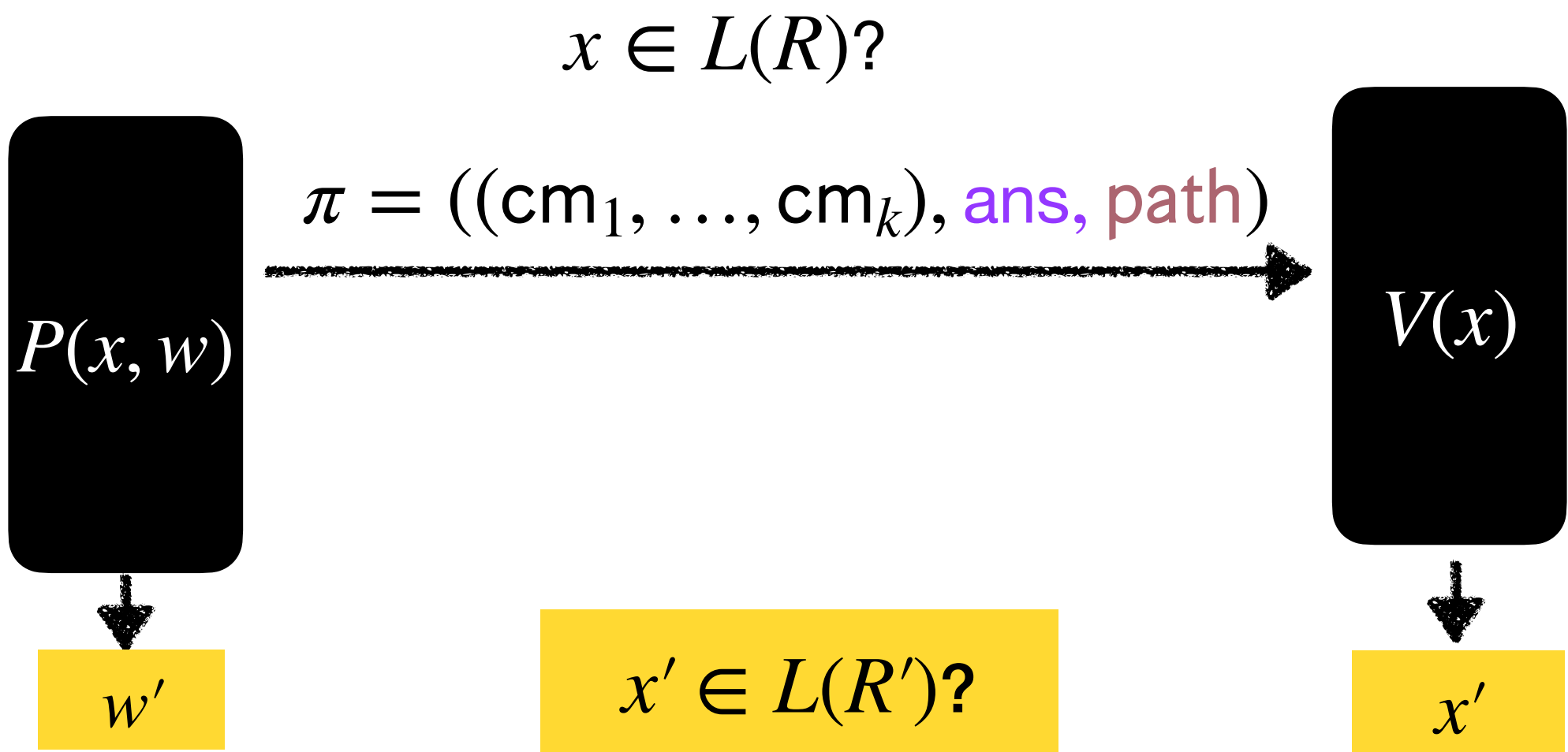


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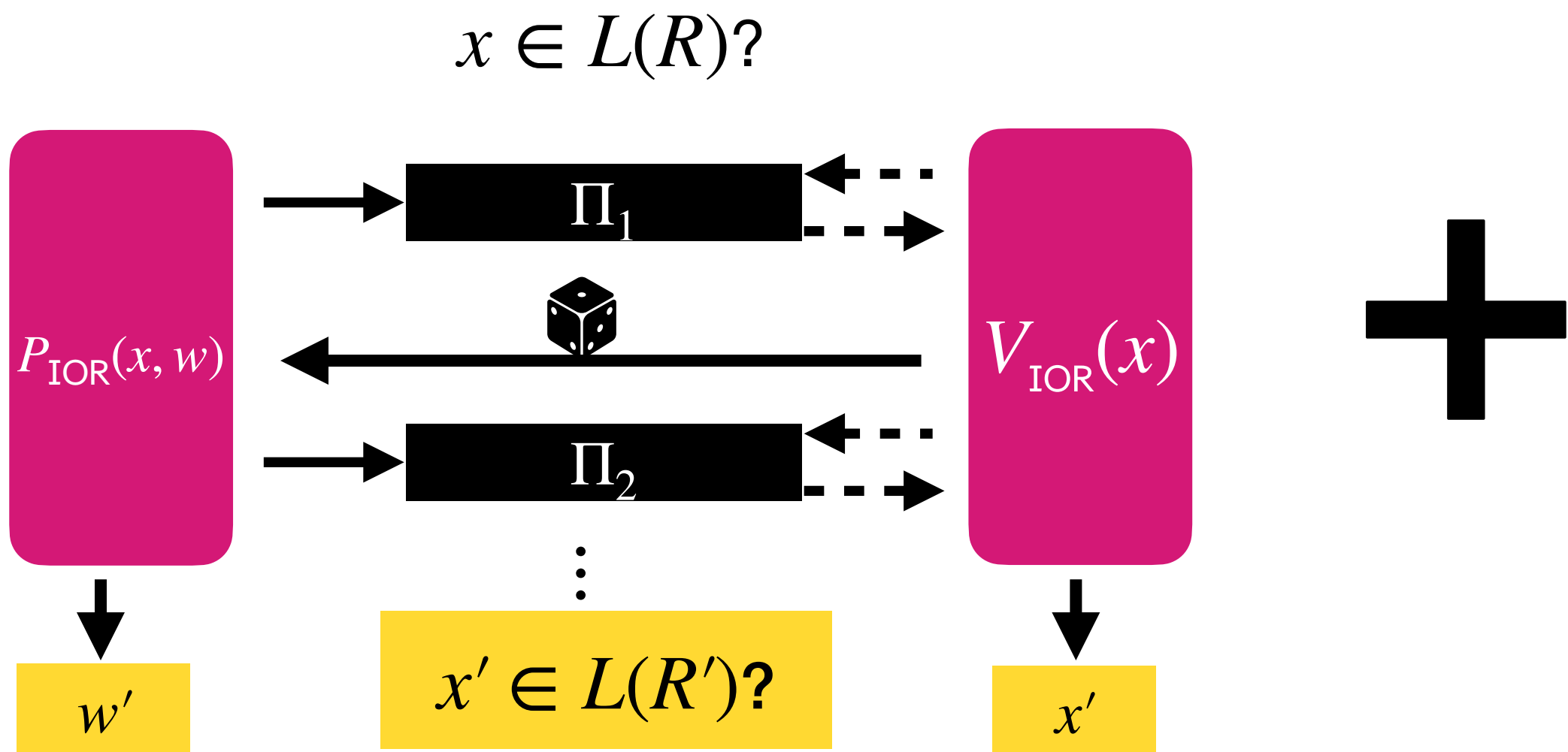
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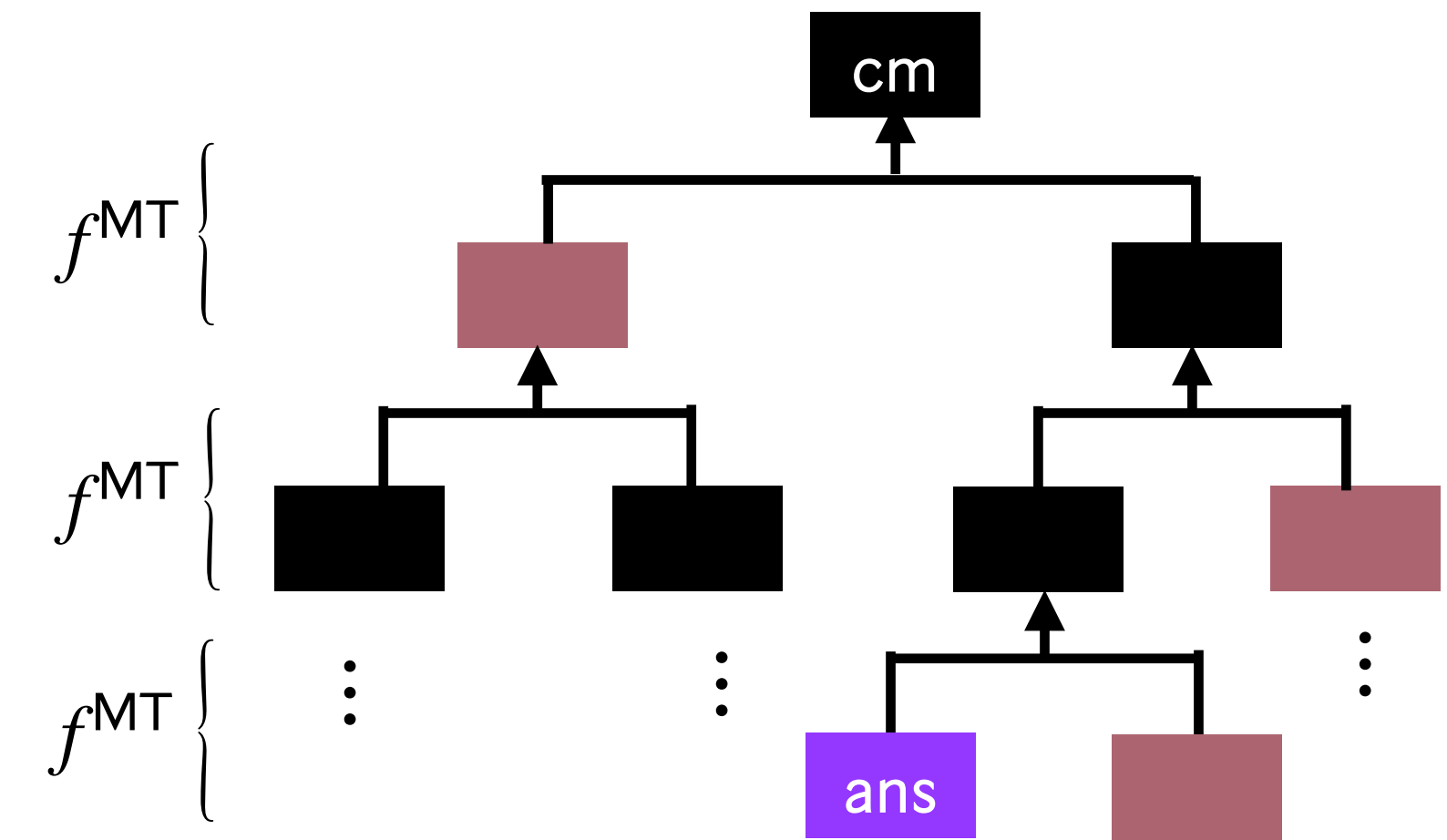


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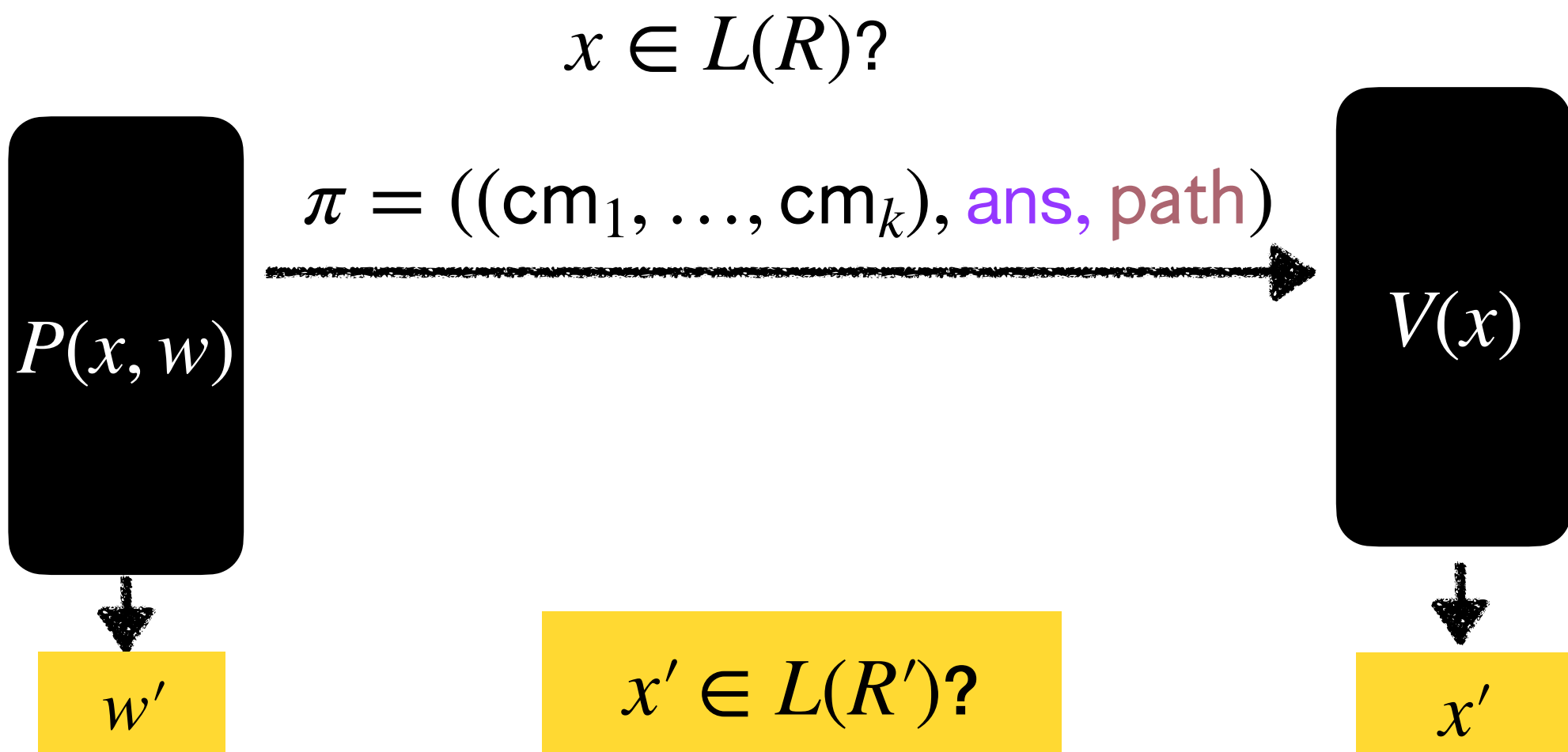
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Quantumly, even **larger gap**.

# Why not use [CMS17]

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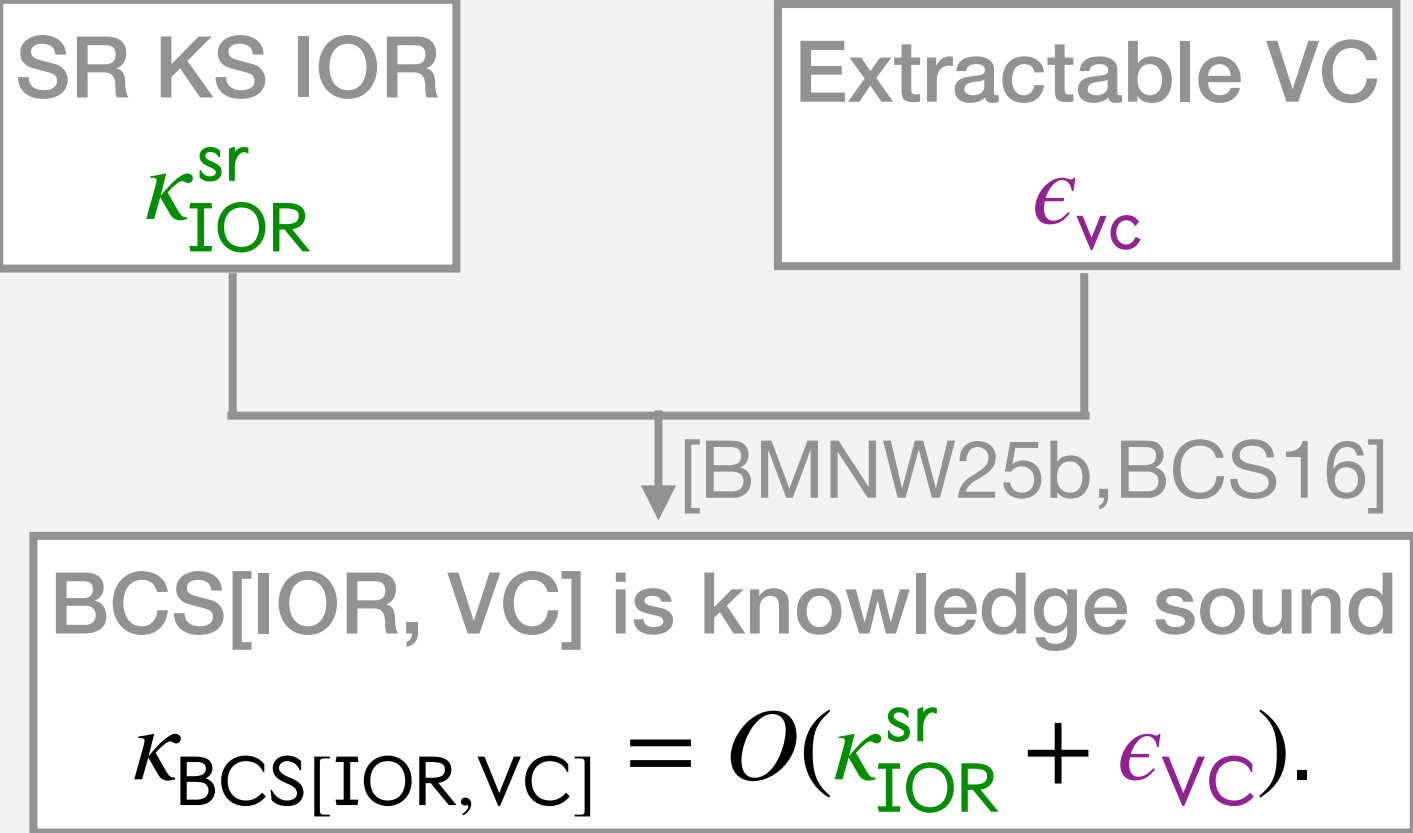
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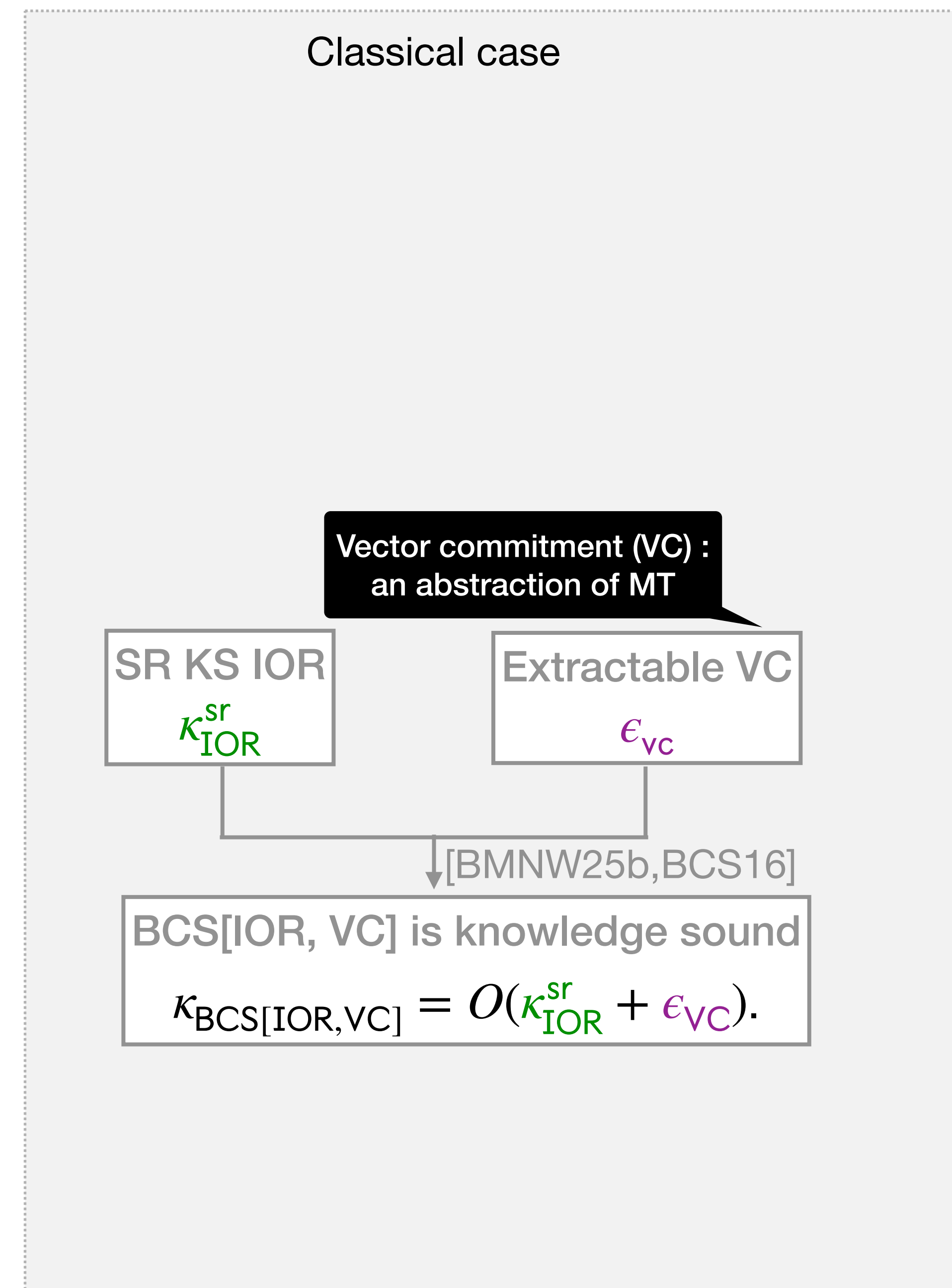
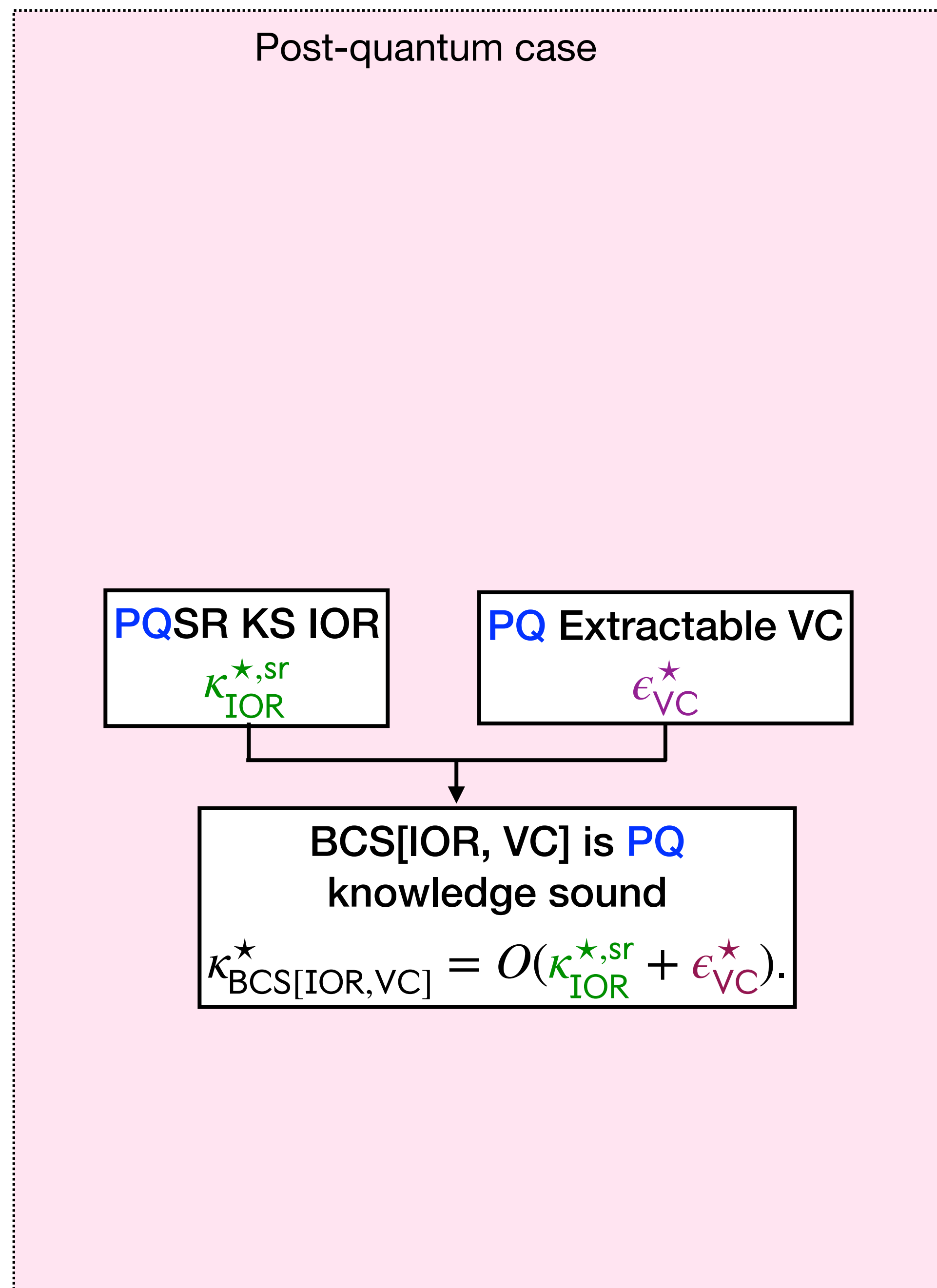
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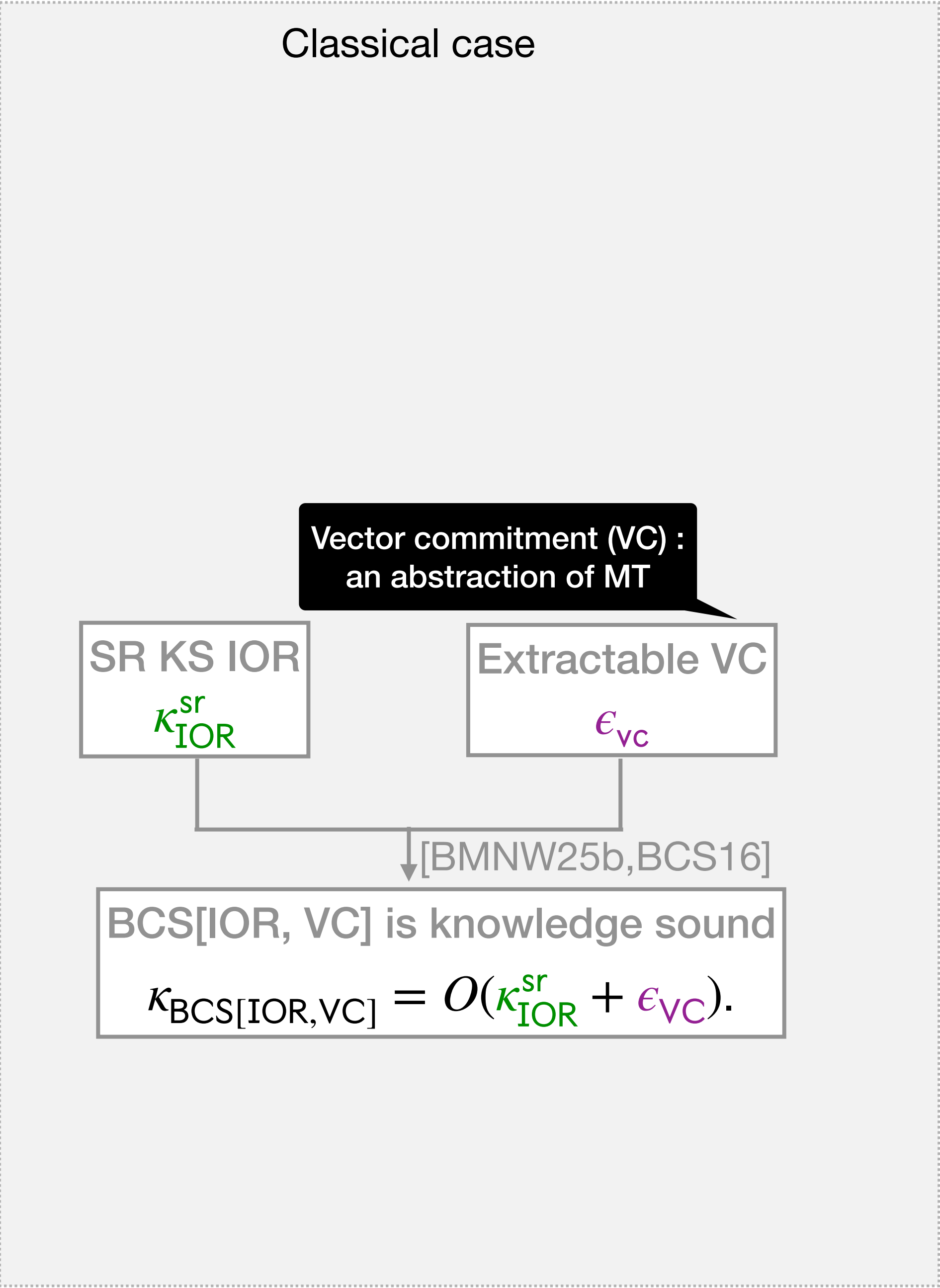
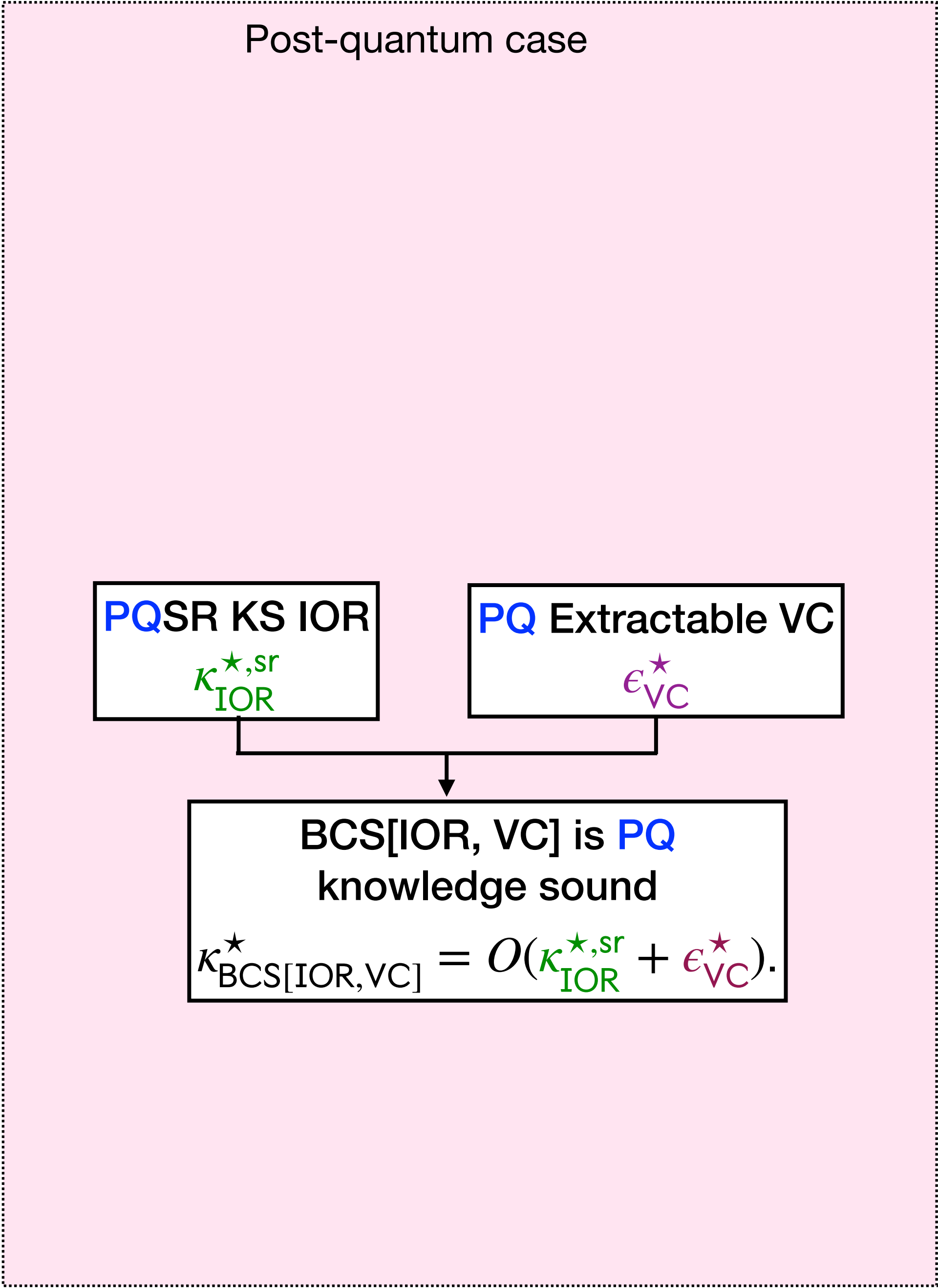
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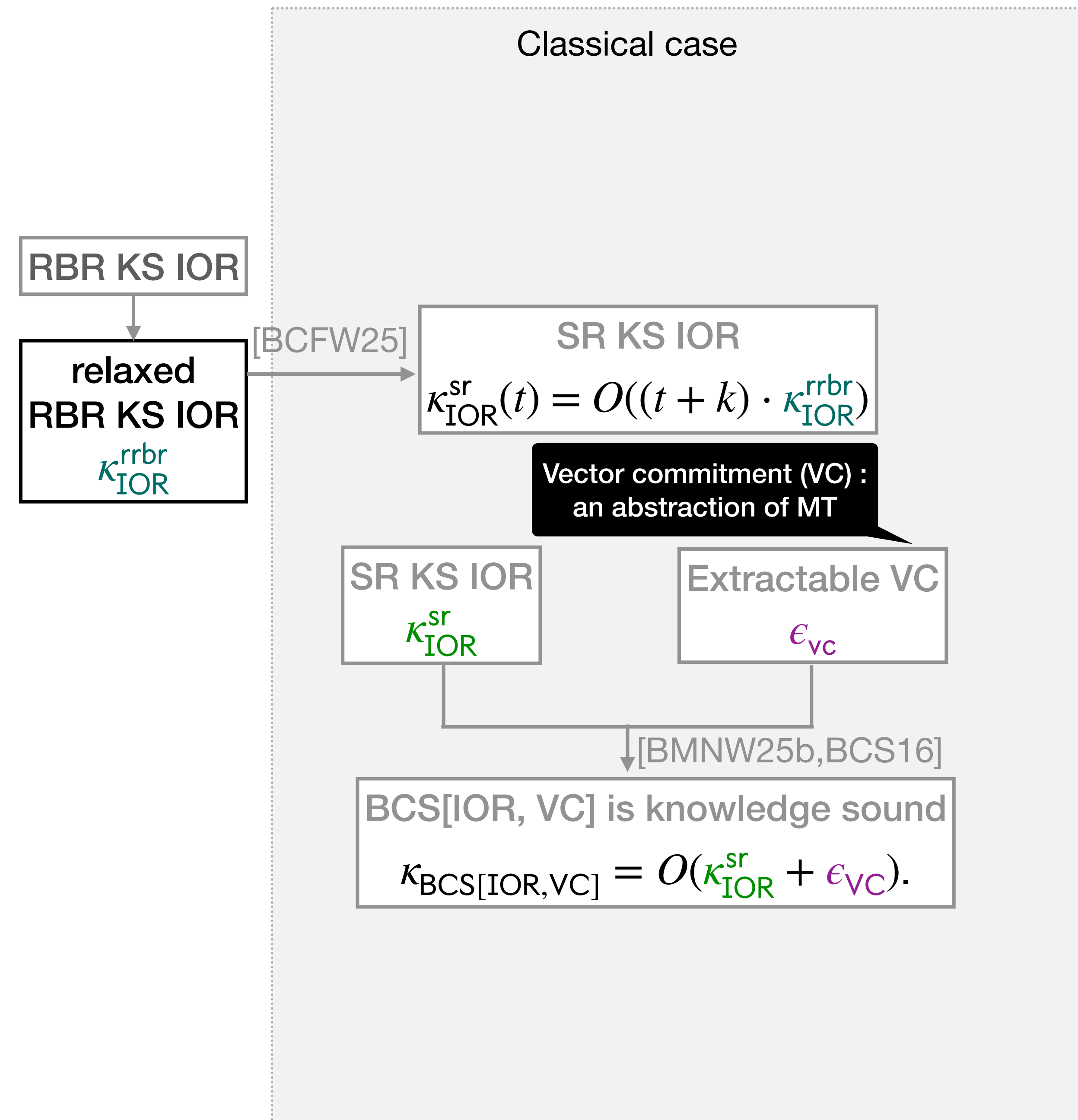
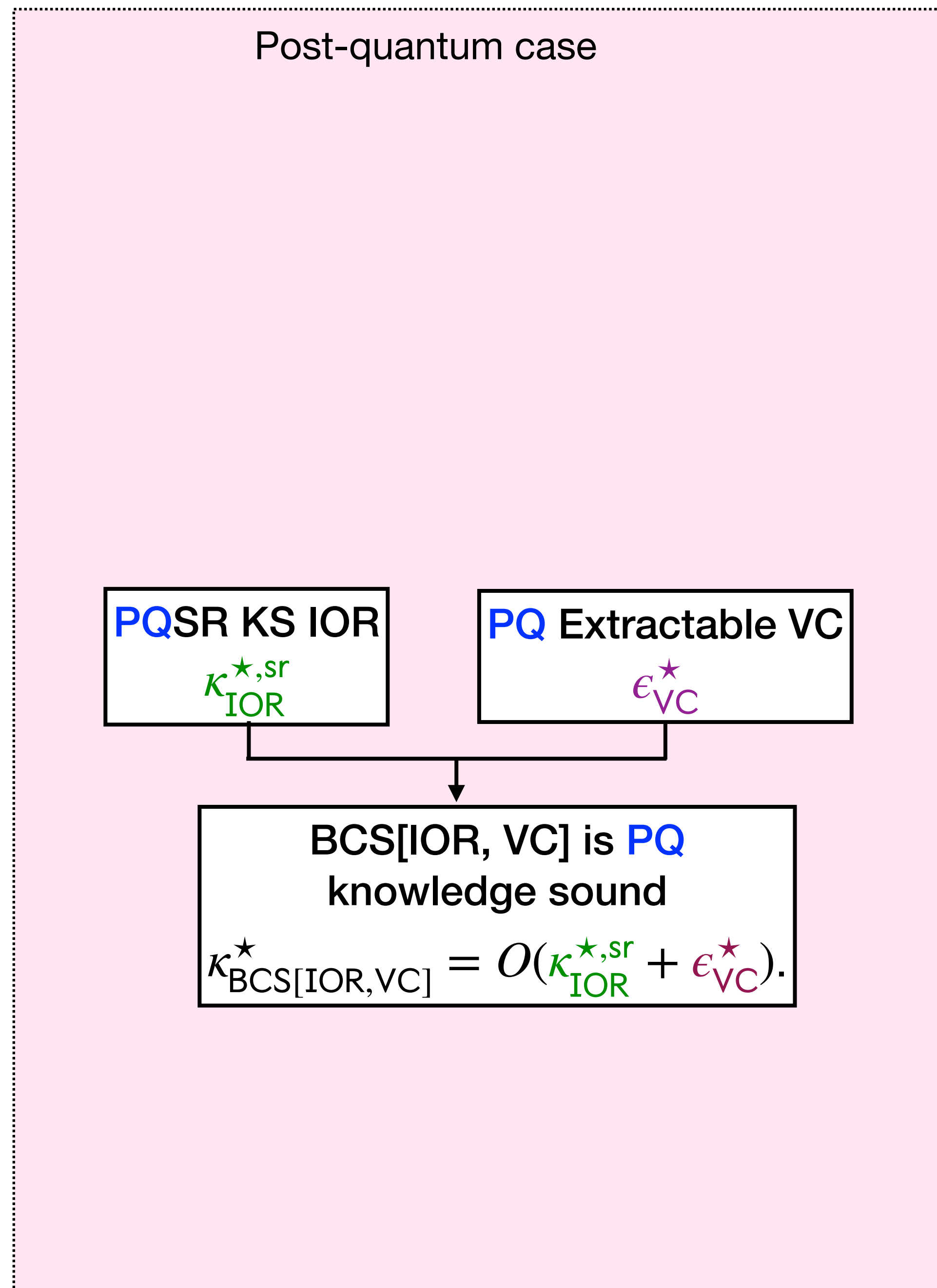
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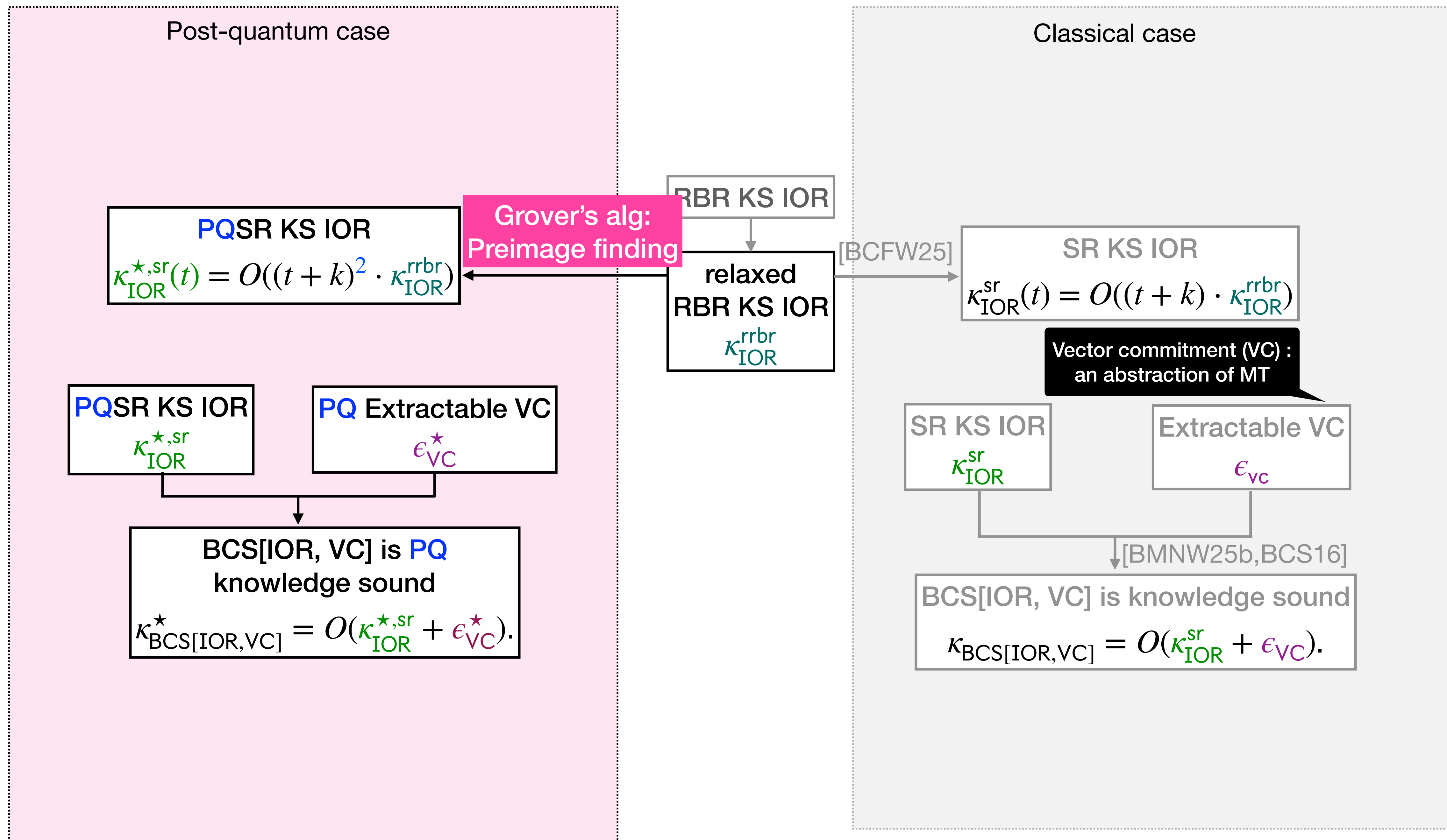
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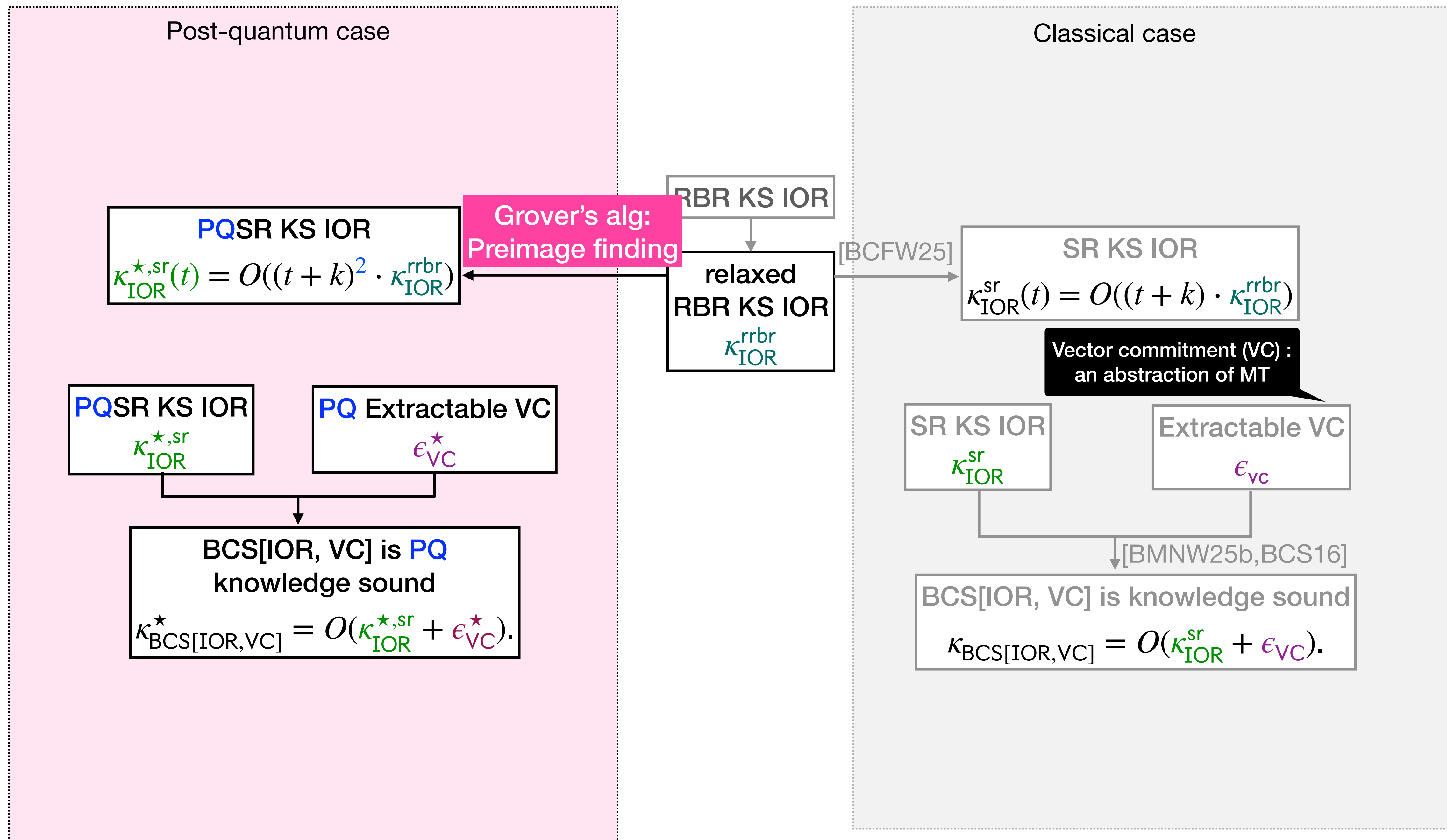
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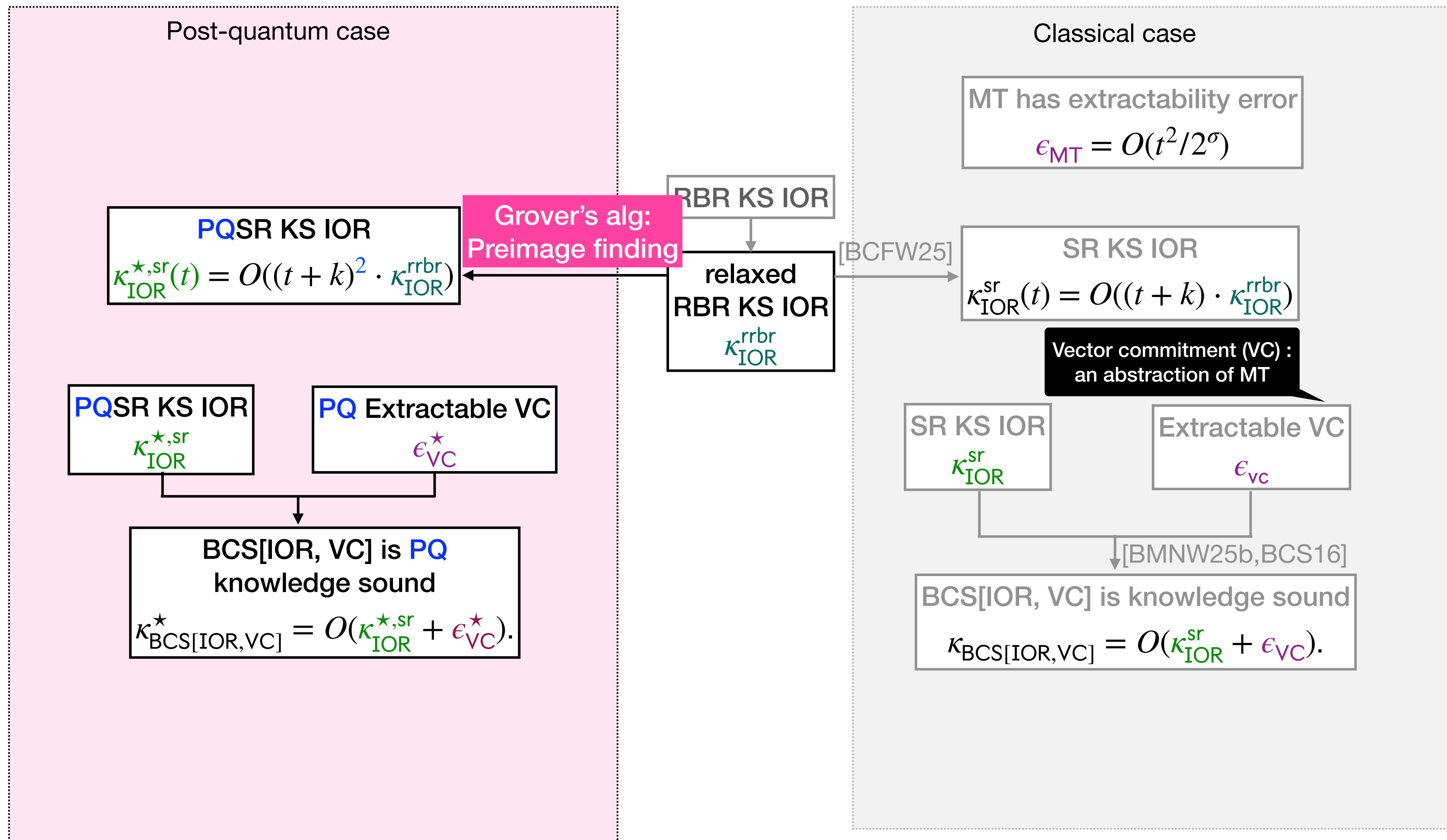




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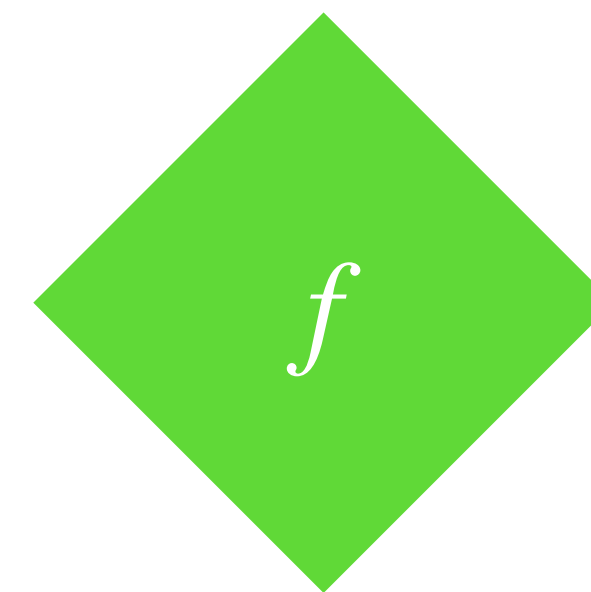
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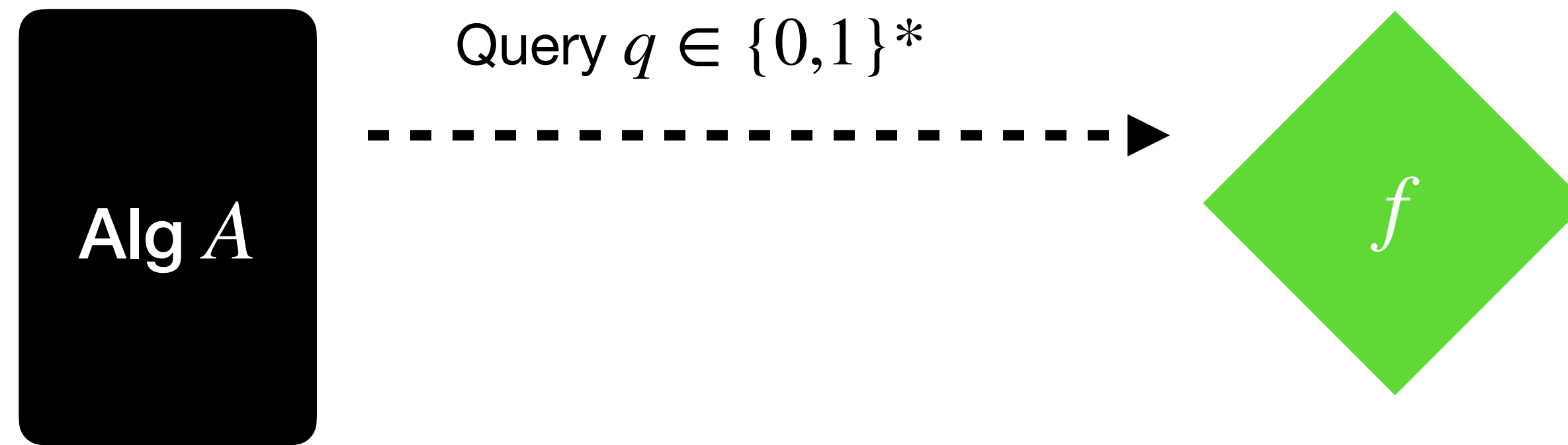
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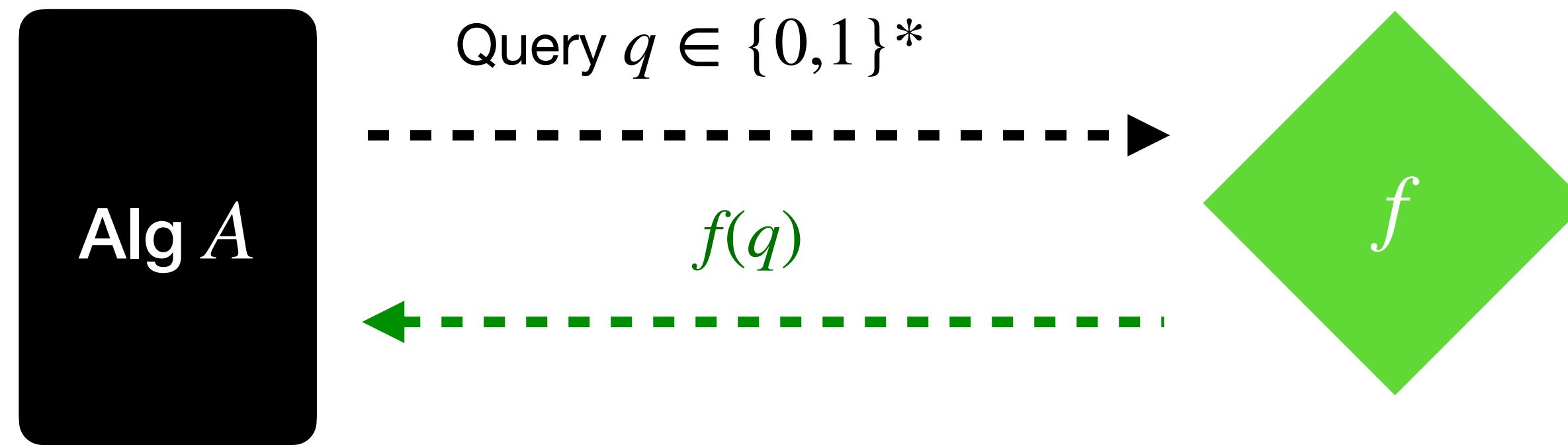
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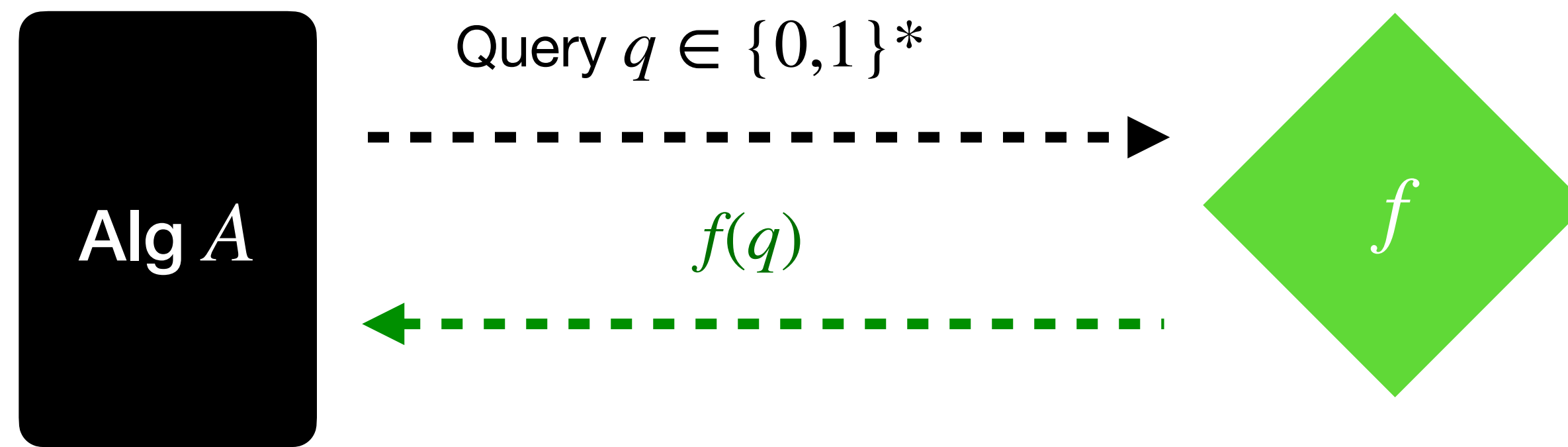
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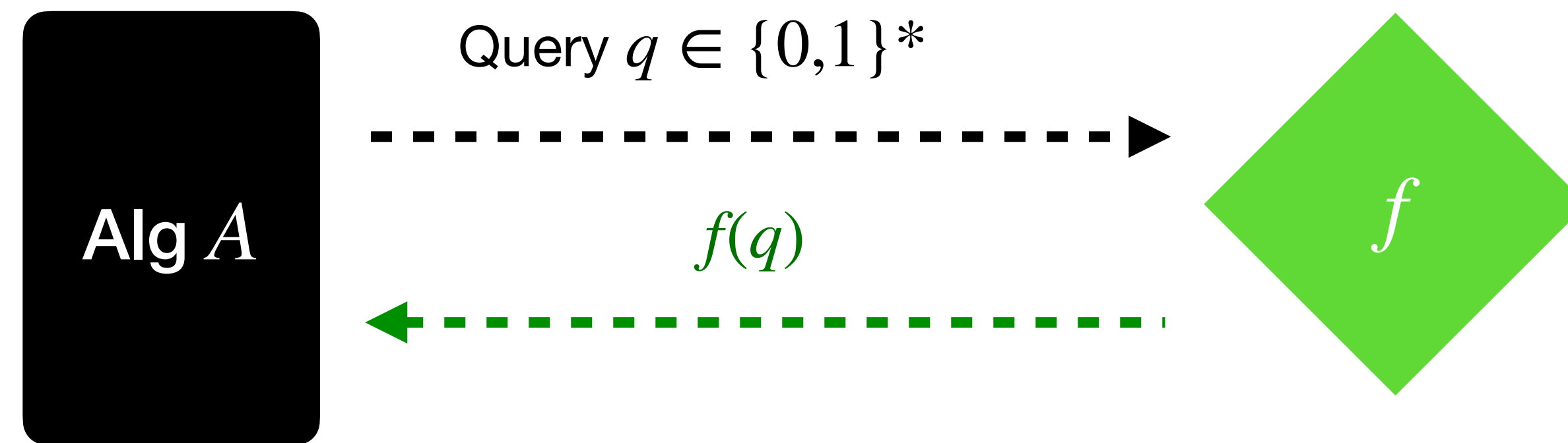


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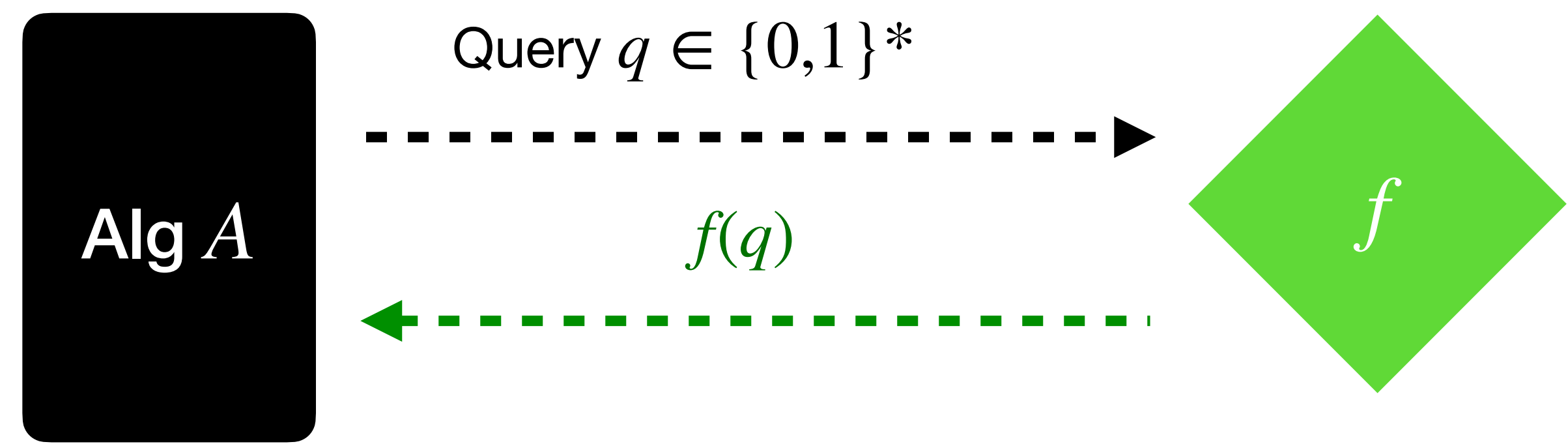


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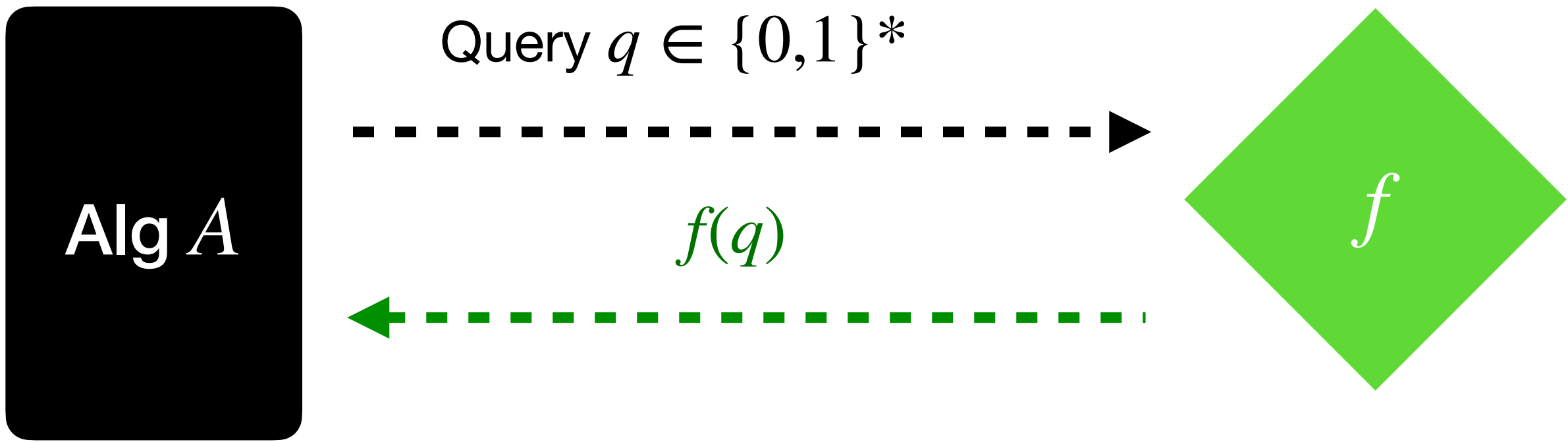


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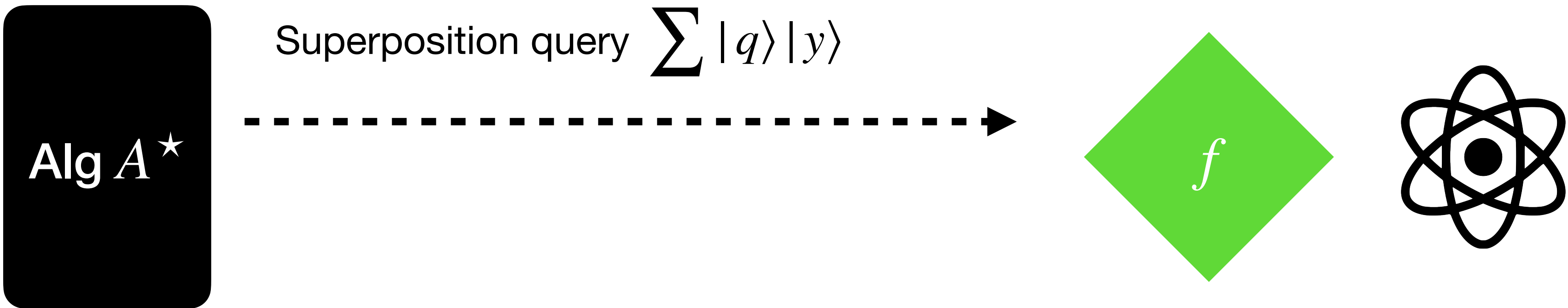


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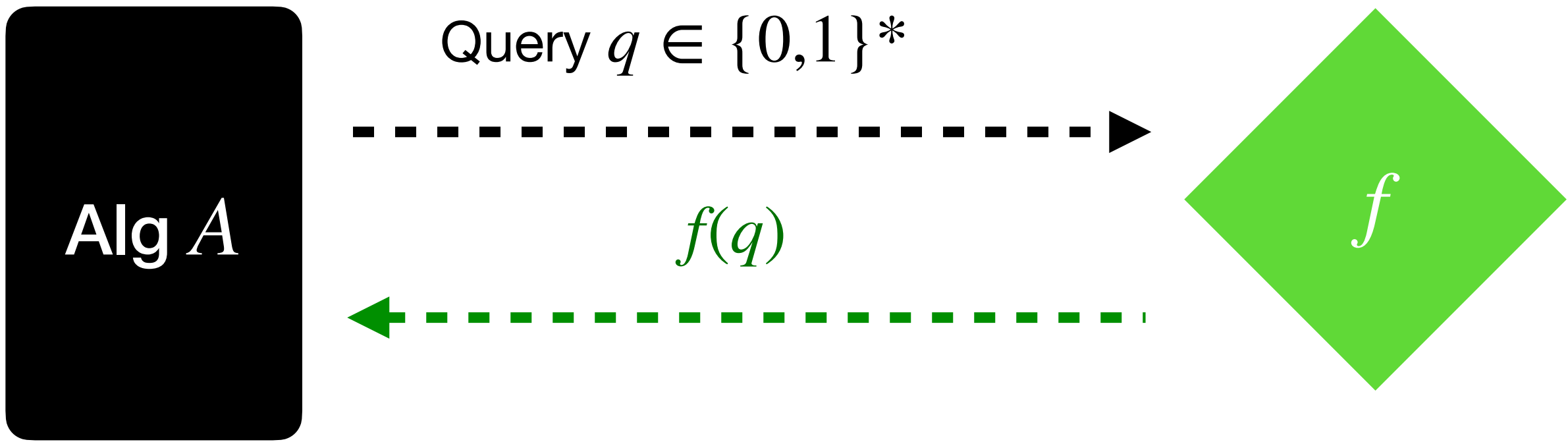


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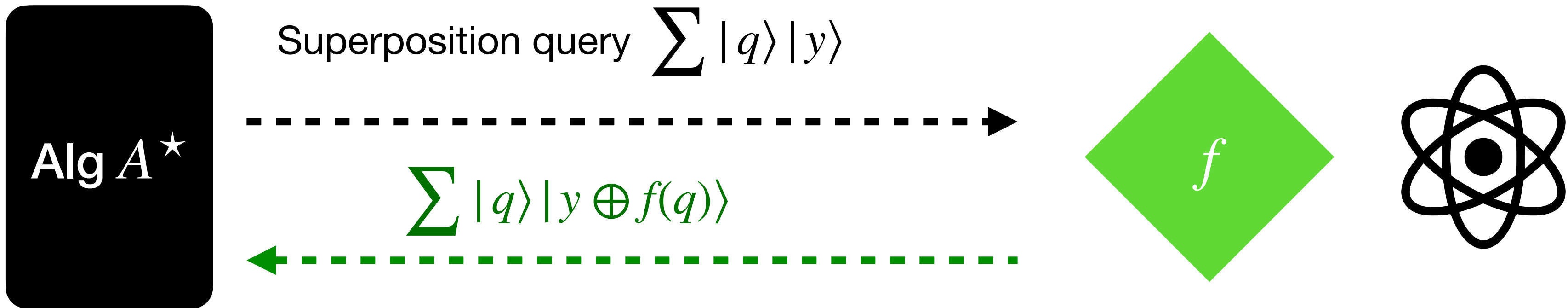


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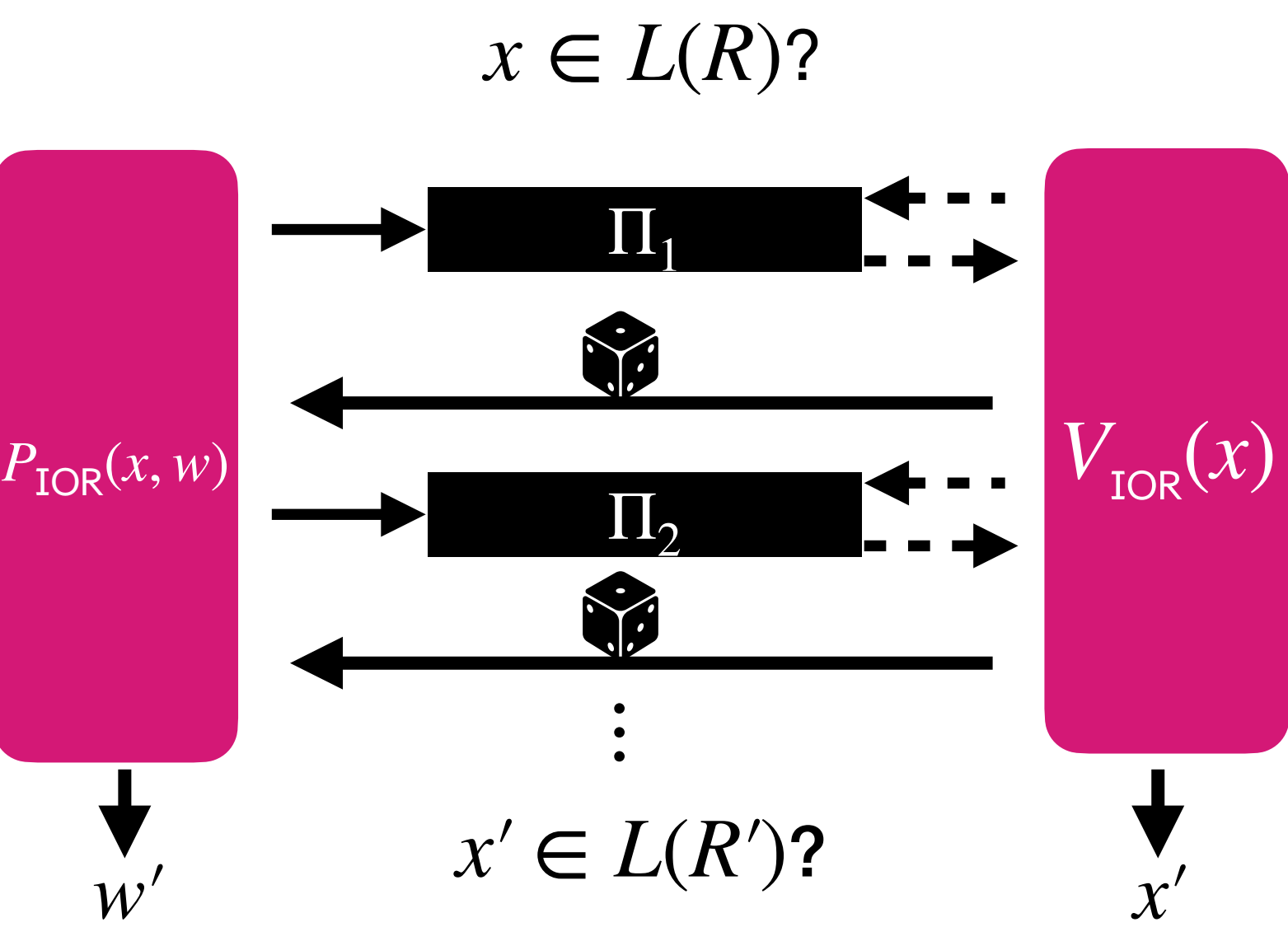
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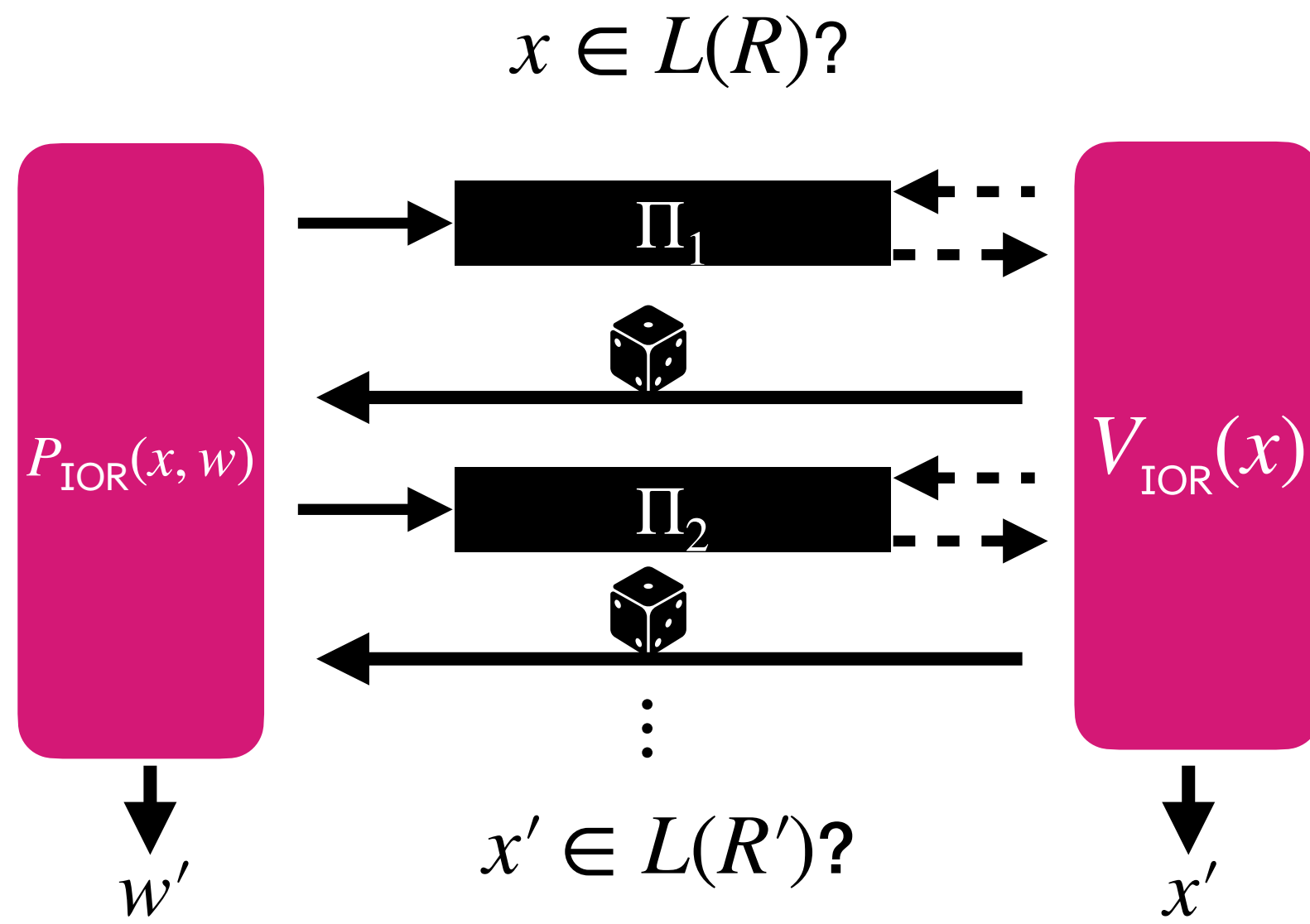
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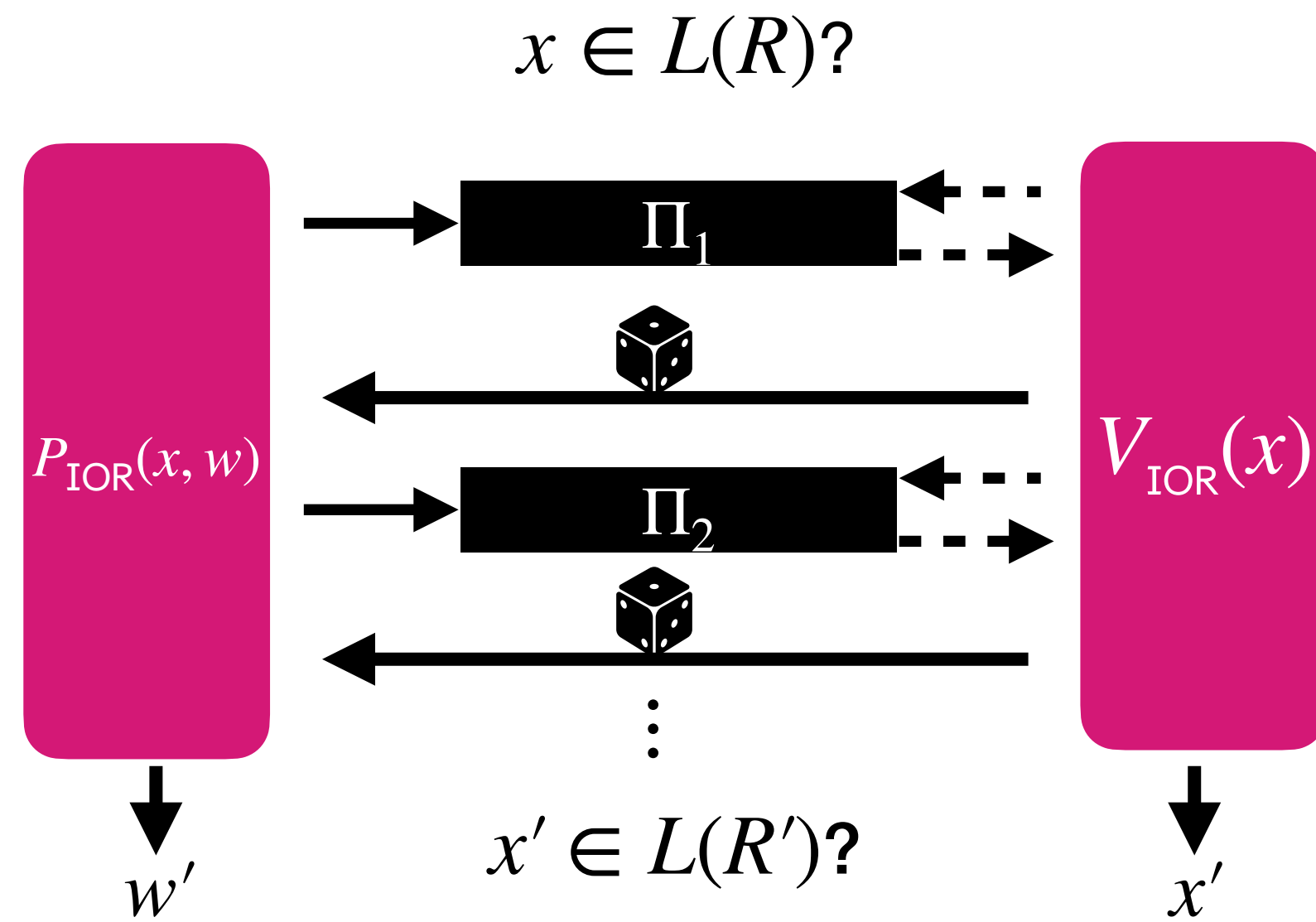
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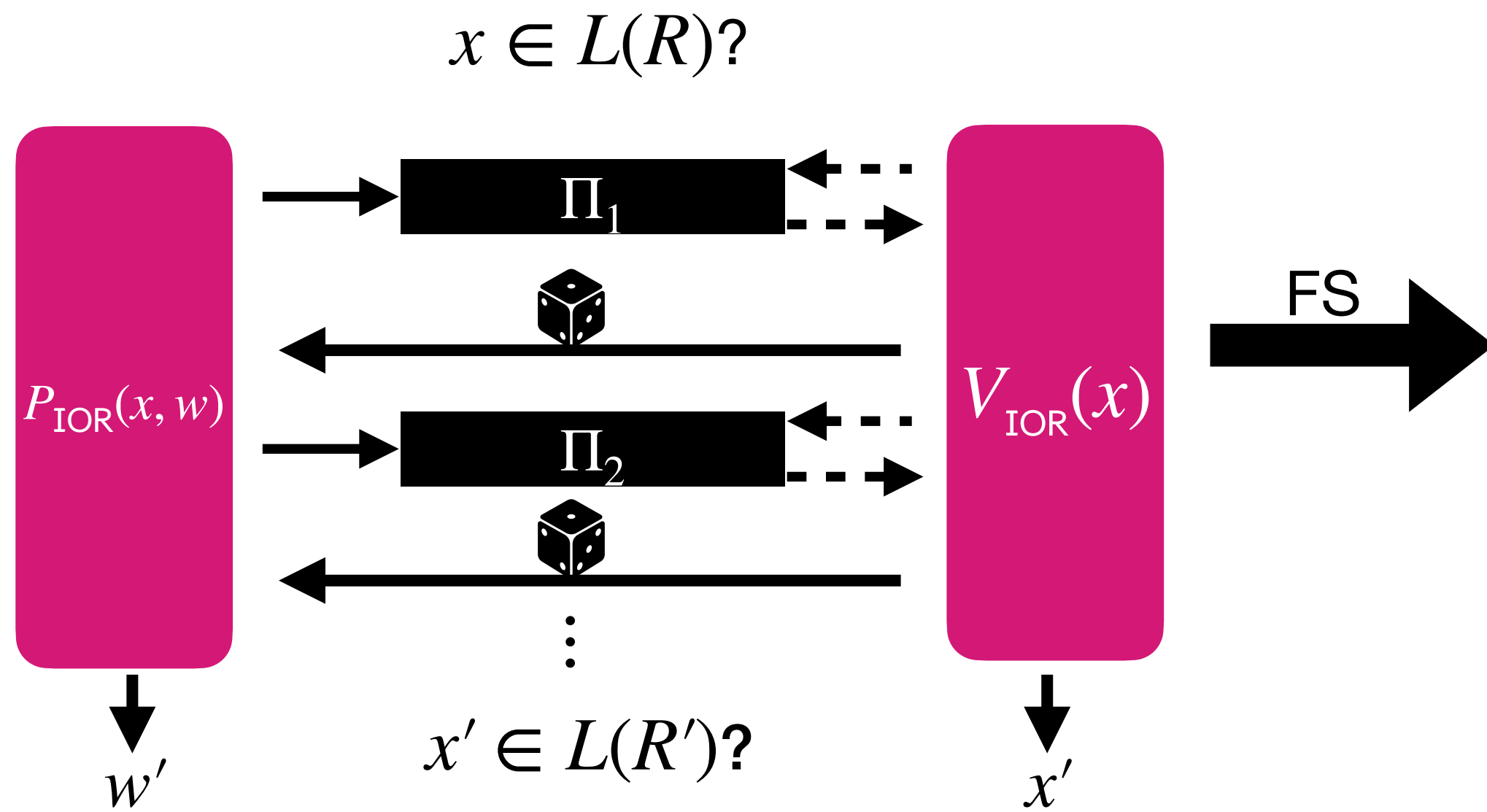


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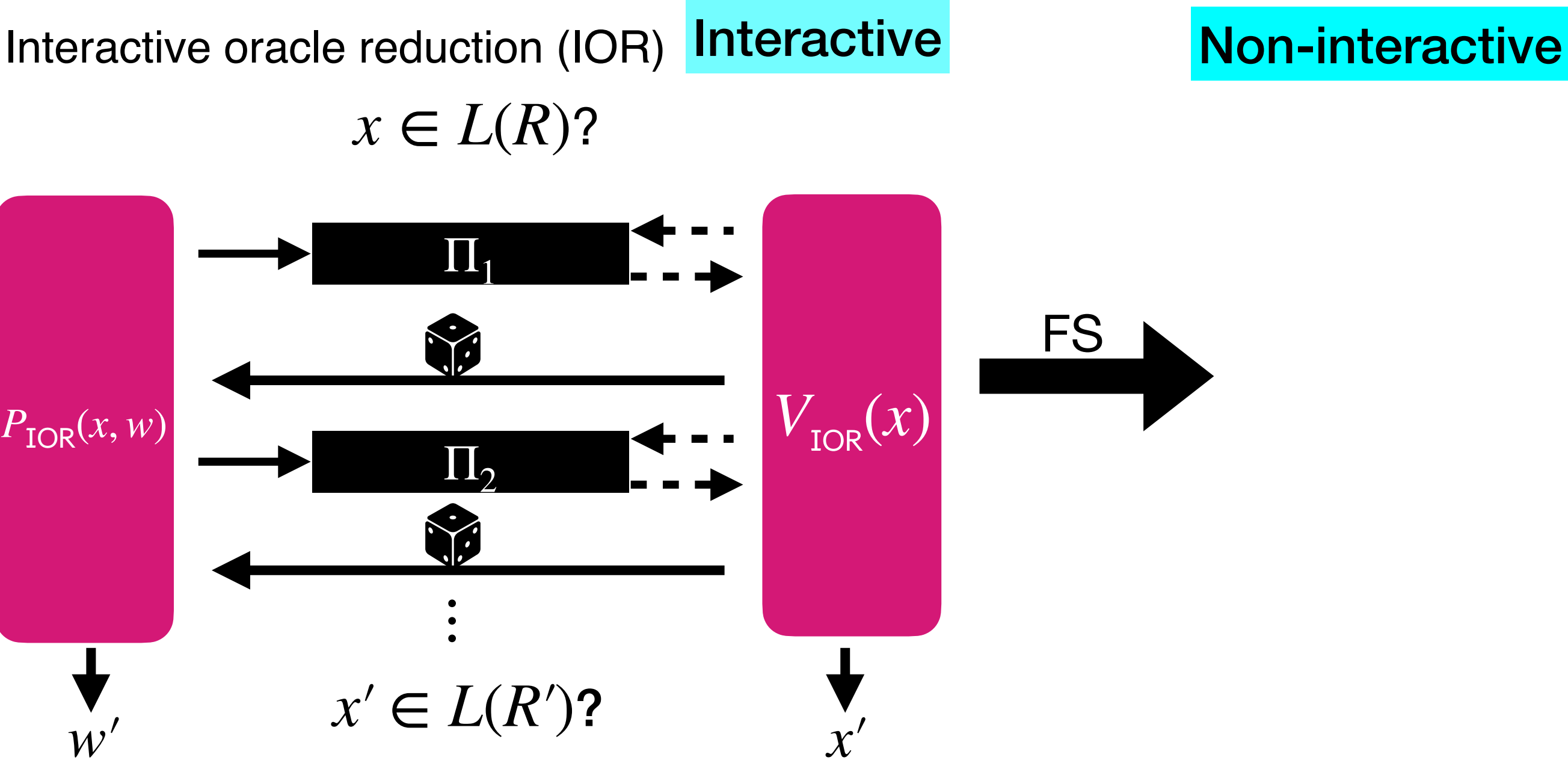
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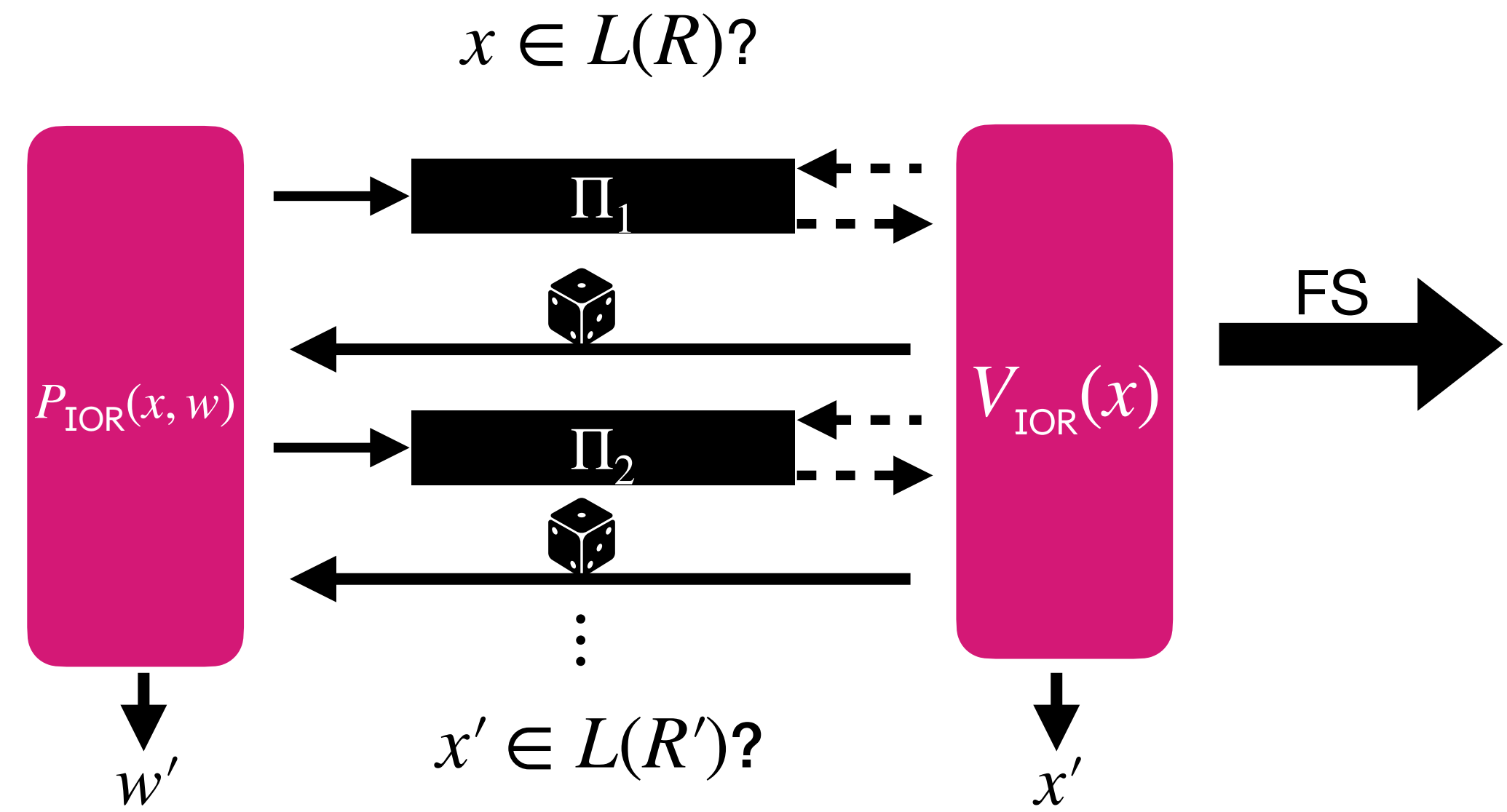


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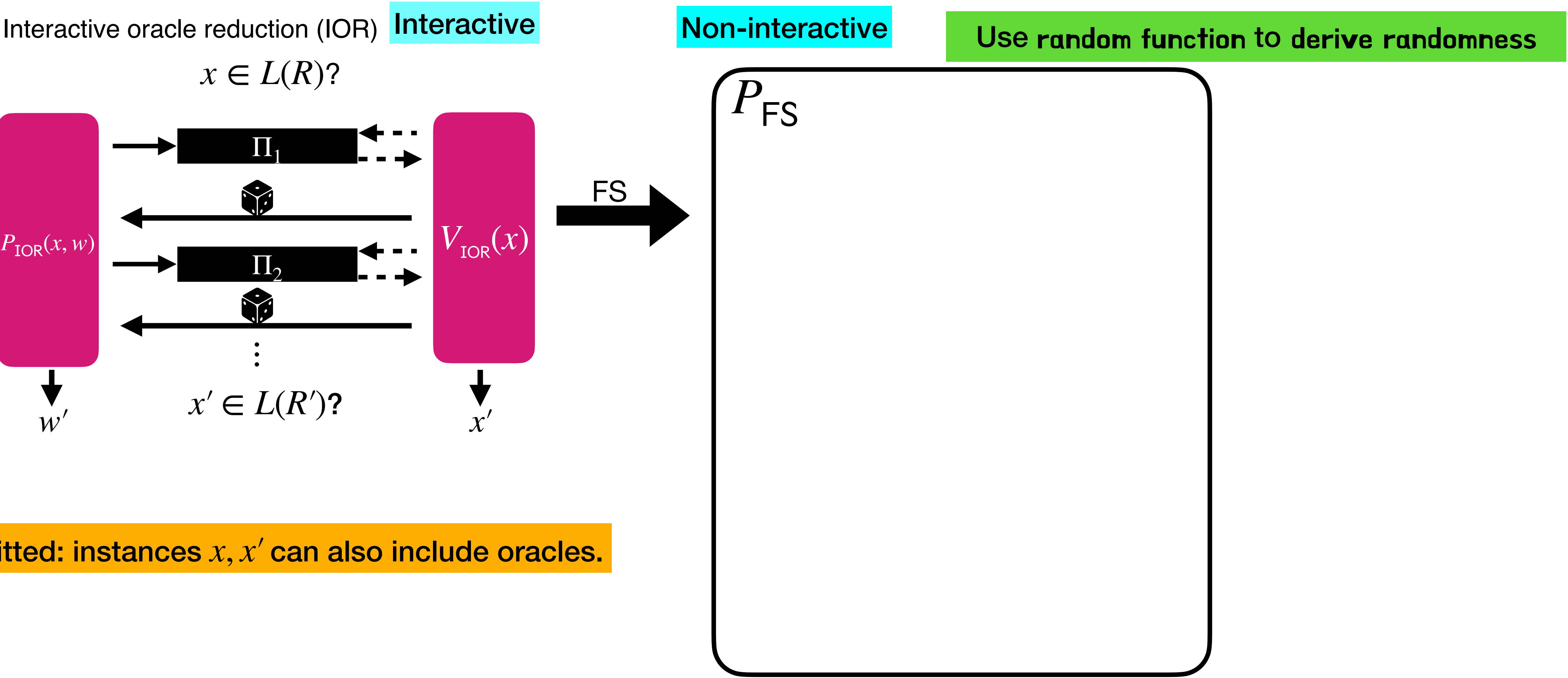
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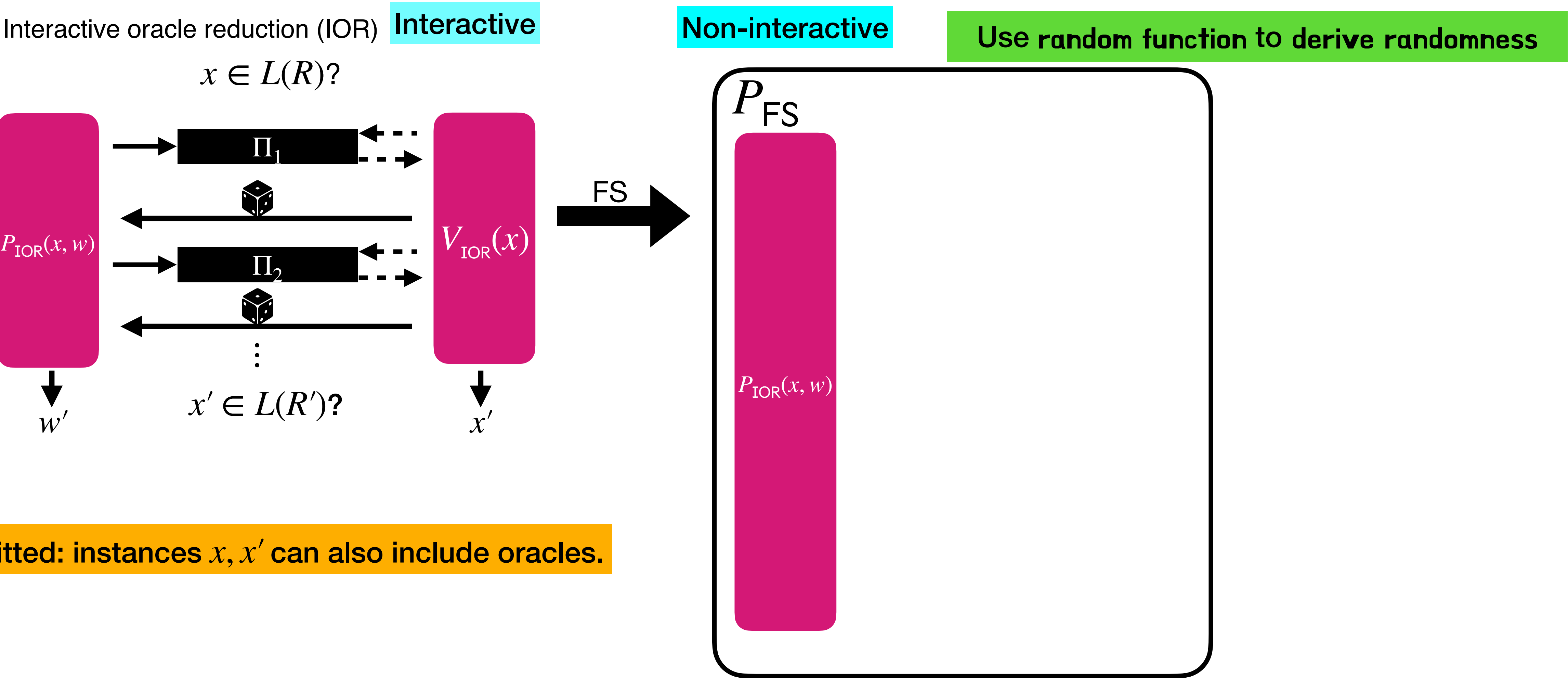


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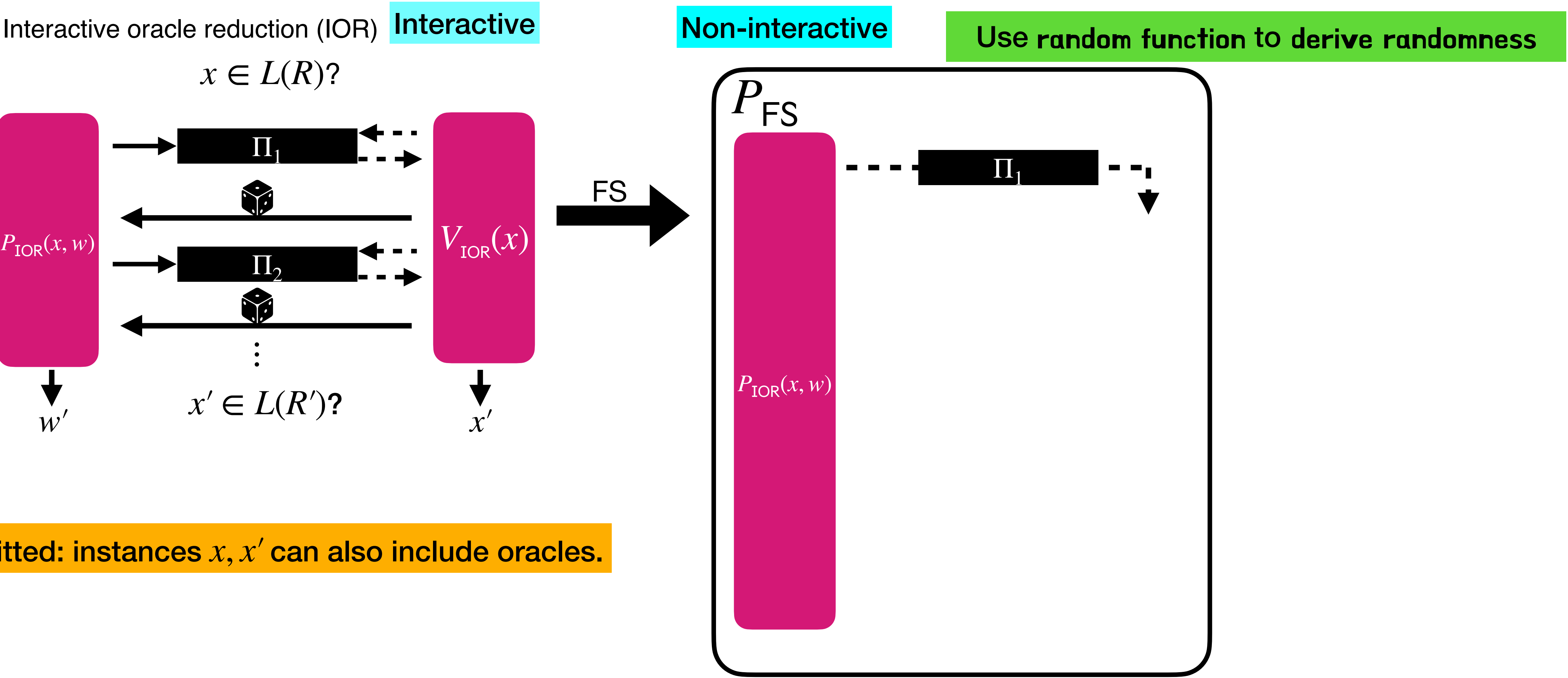
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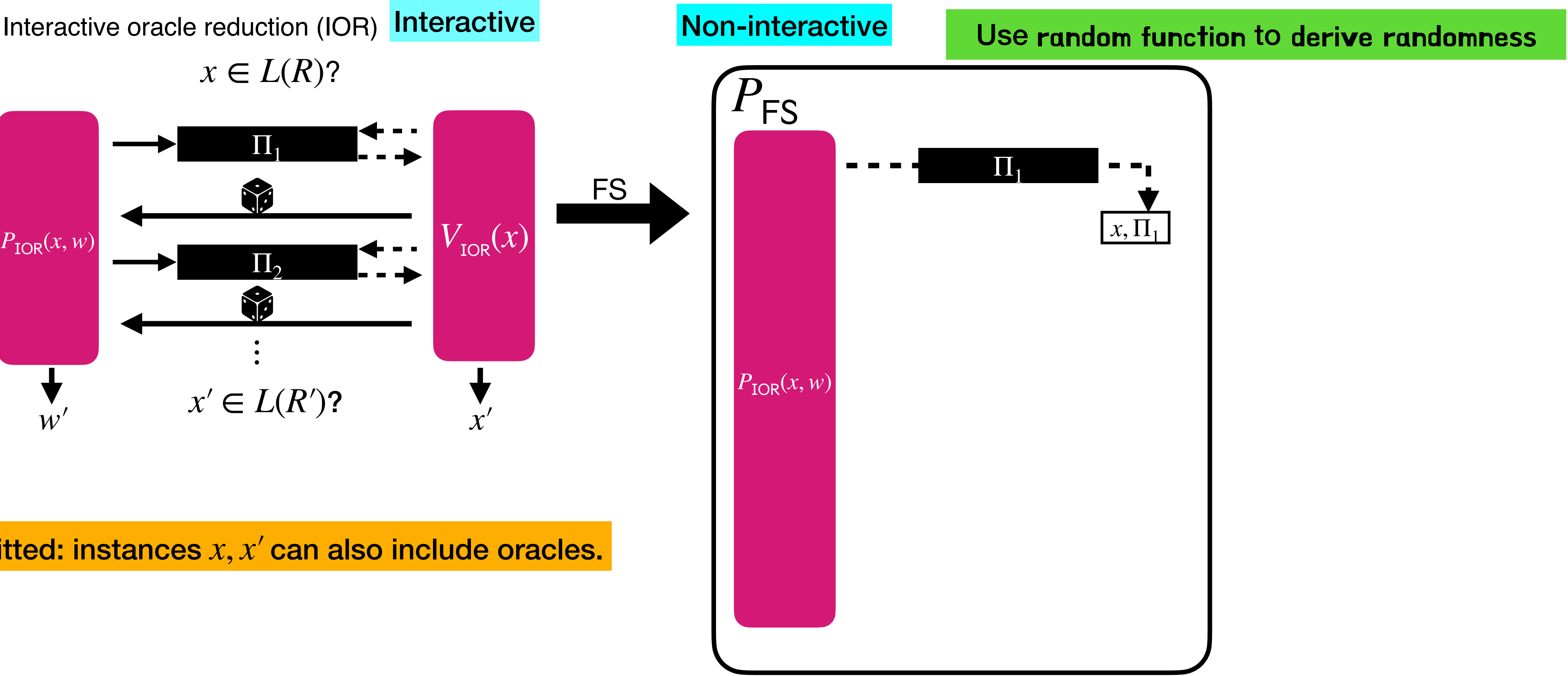
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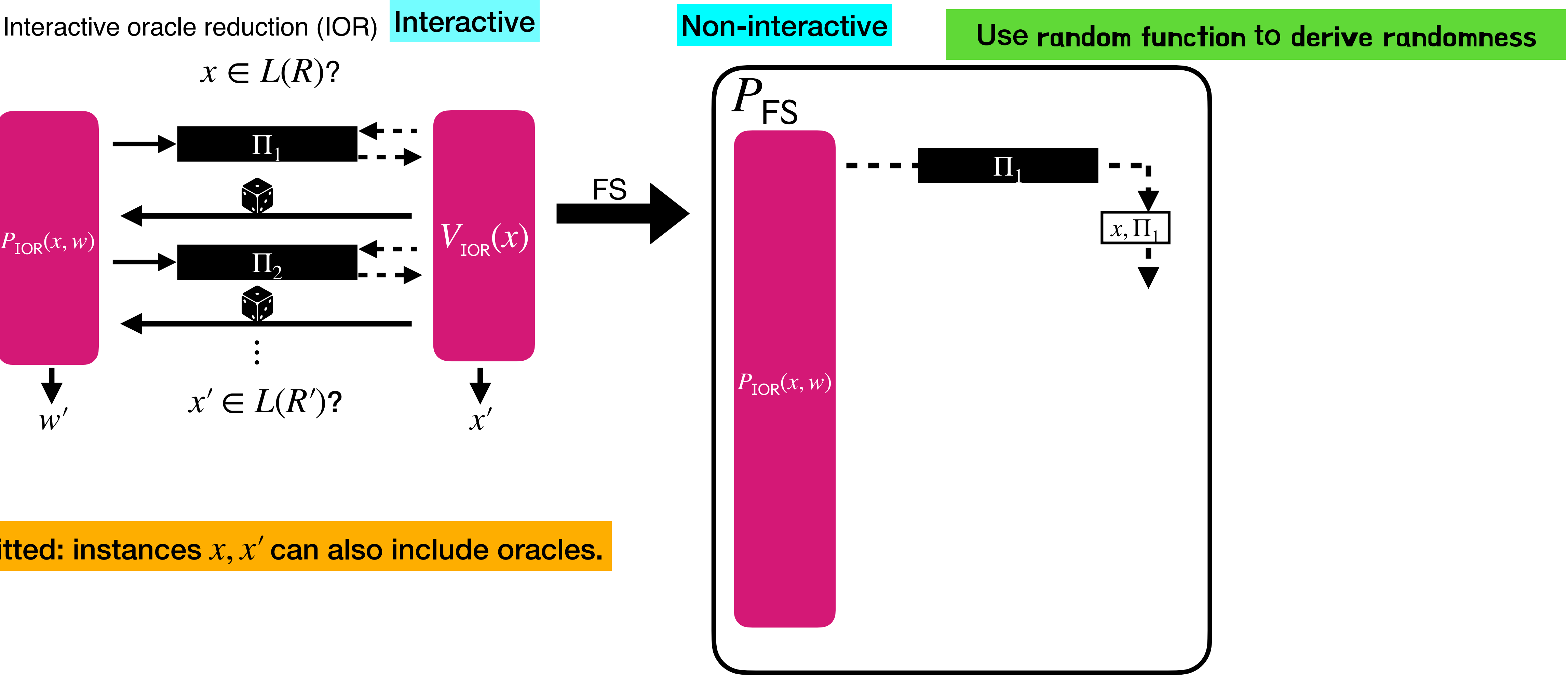
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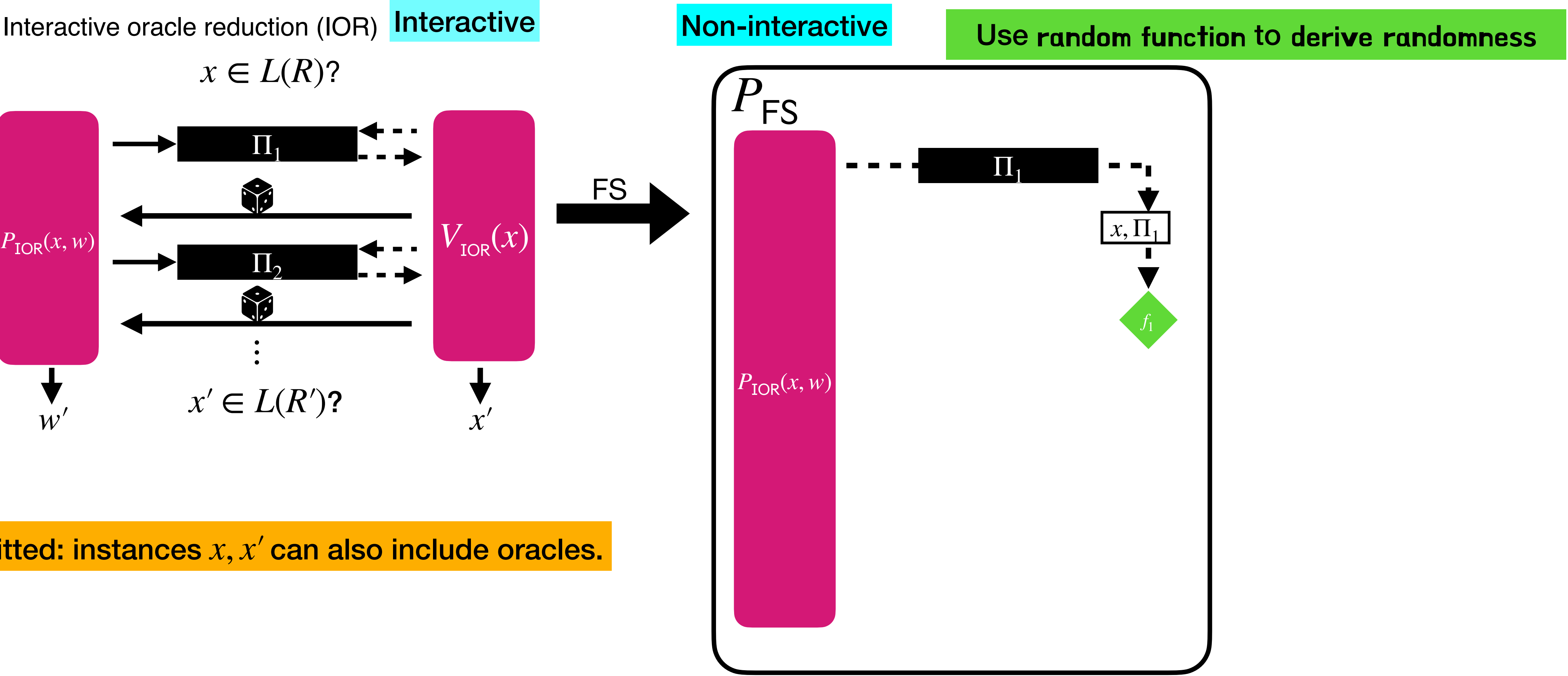


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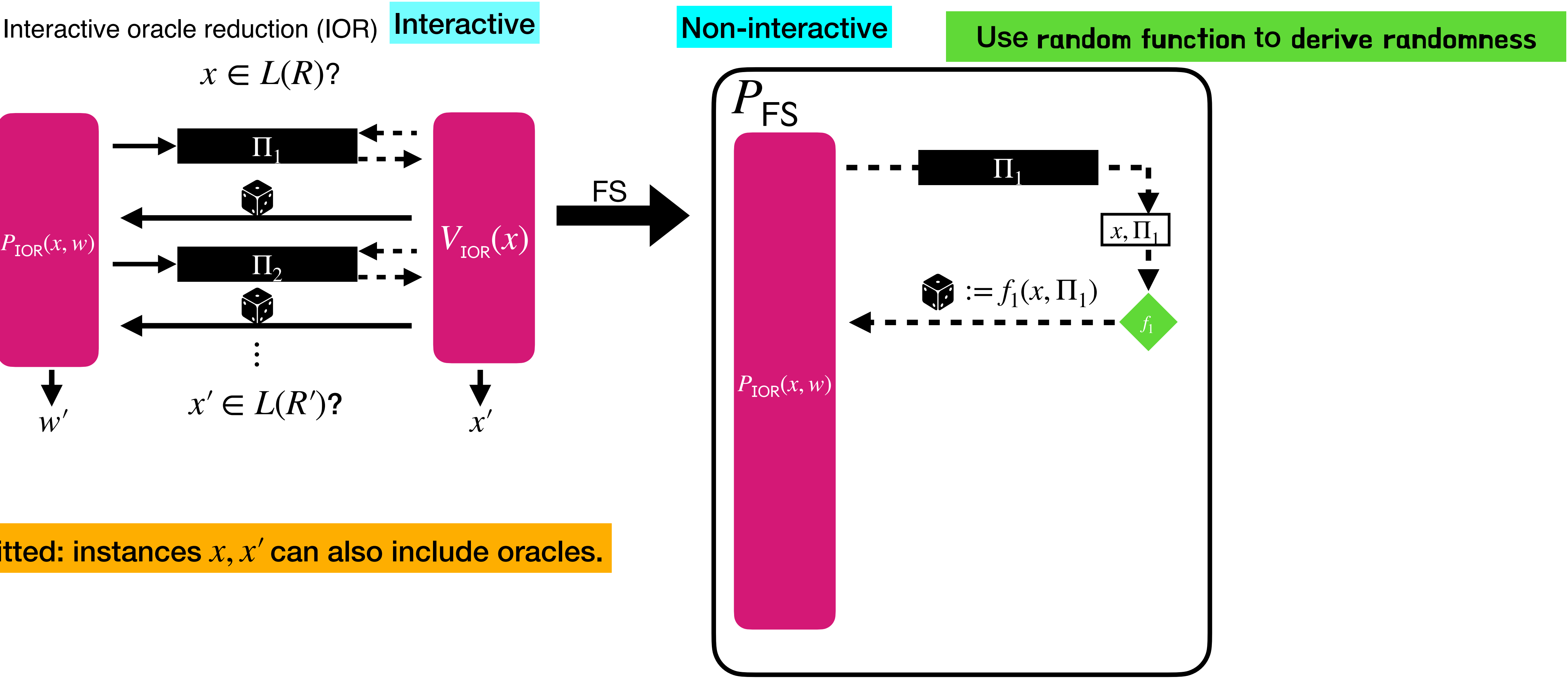




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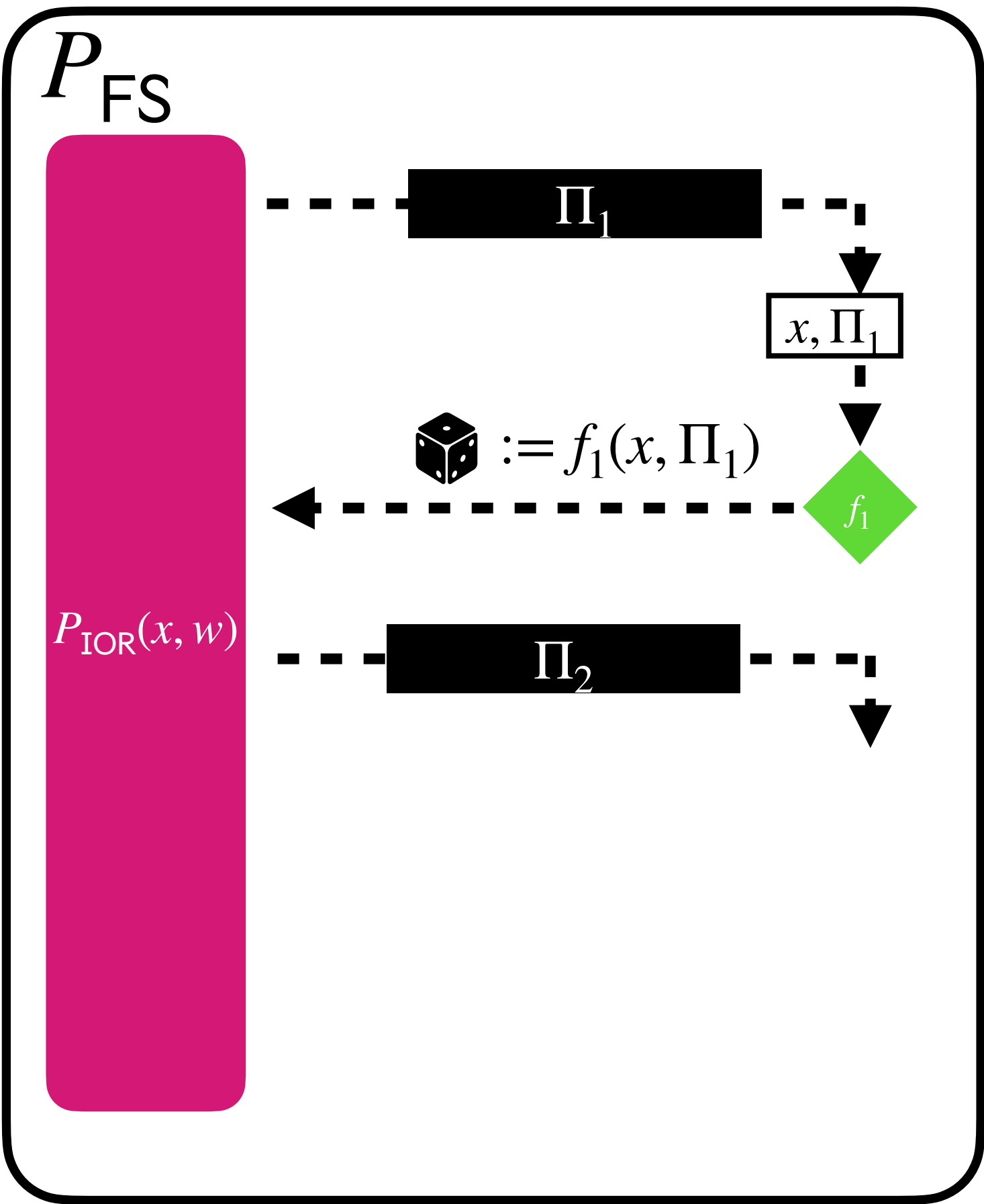
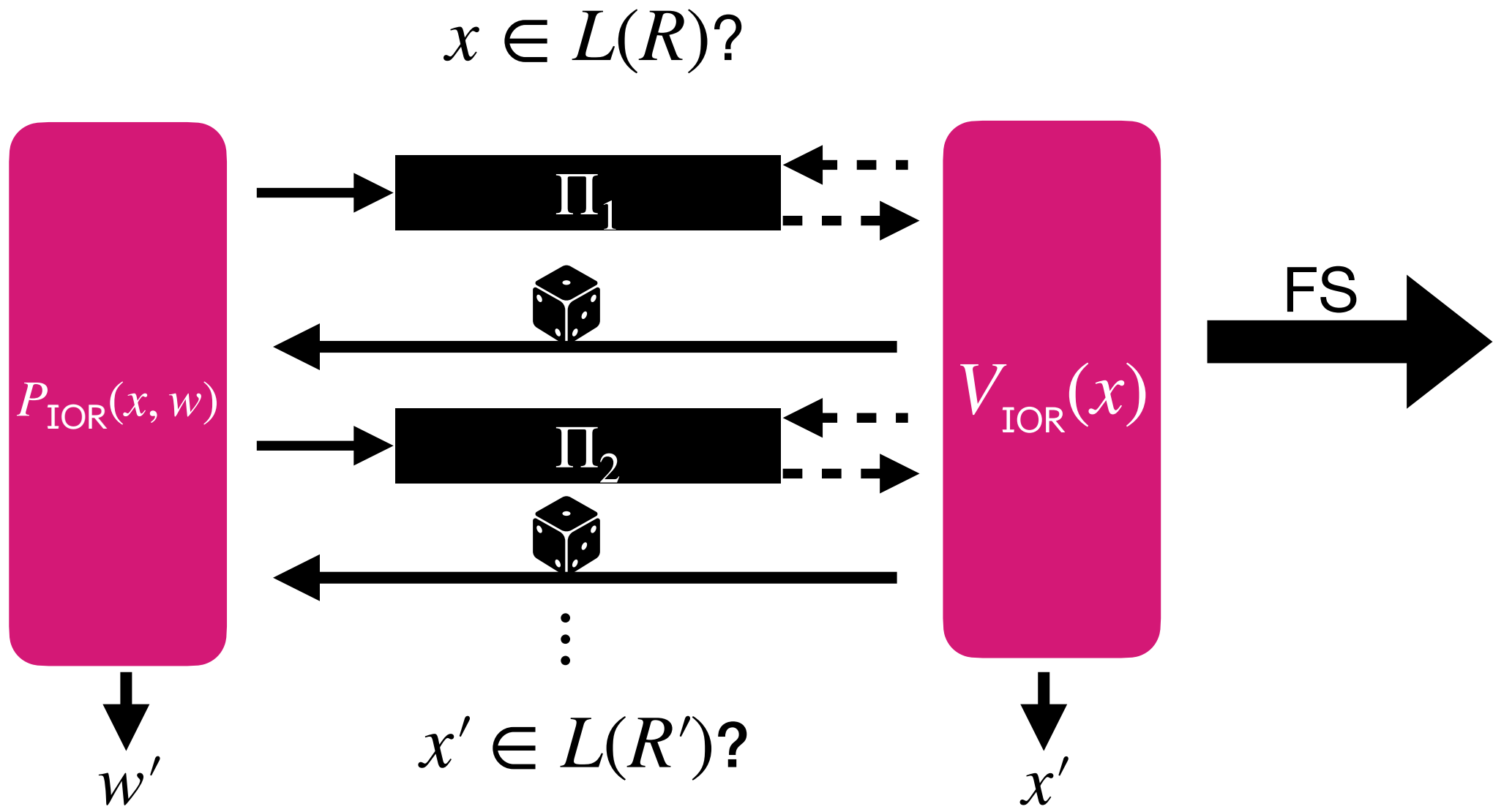


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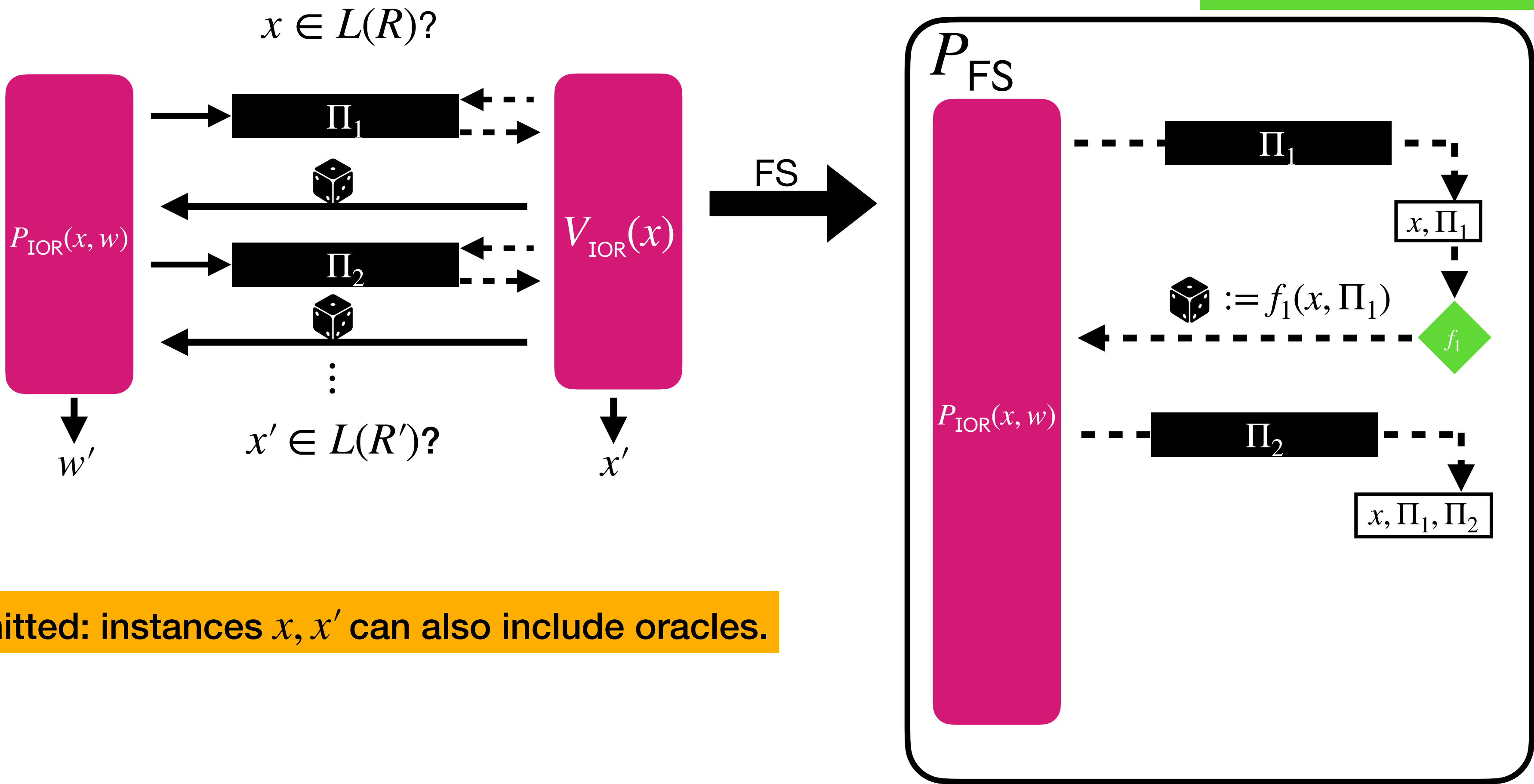
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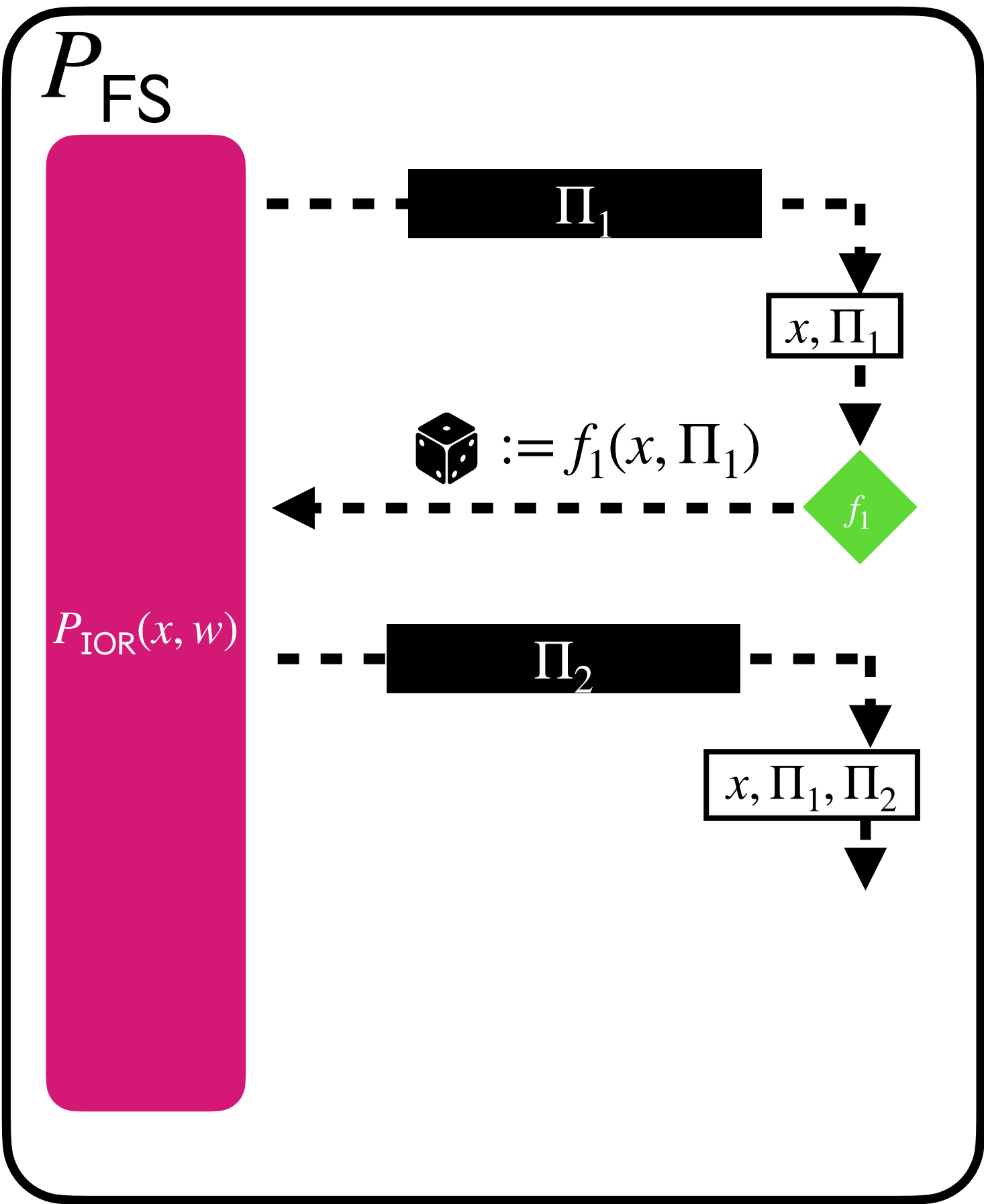
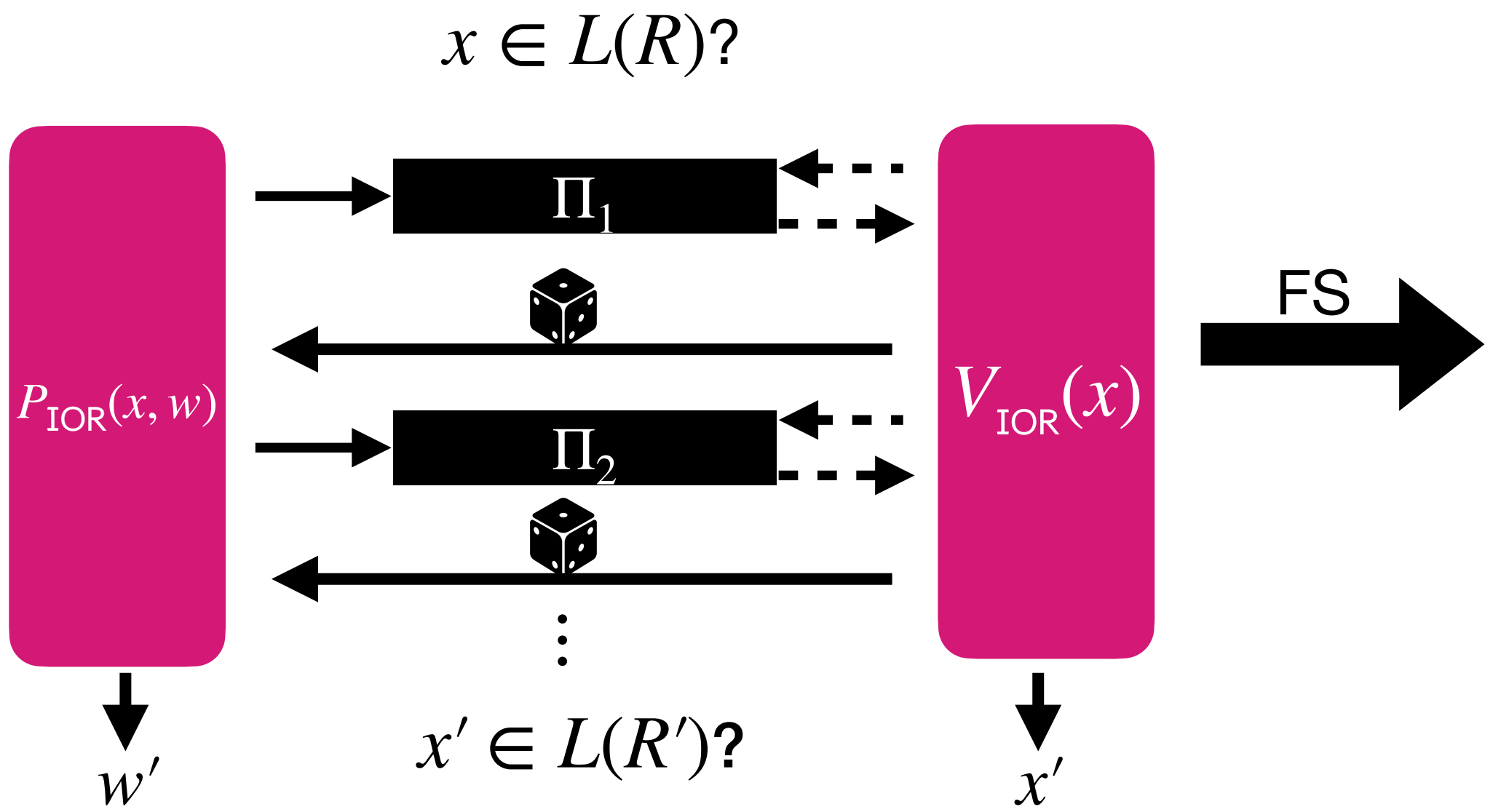
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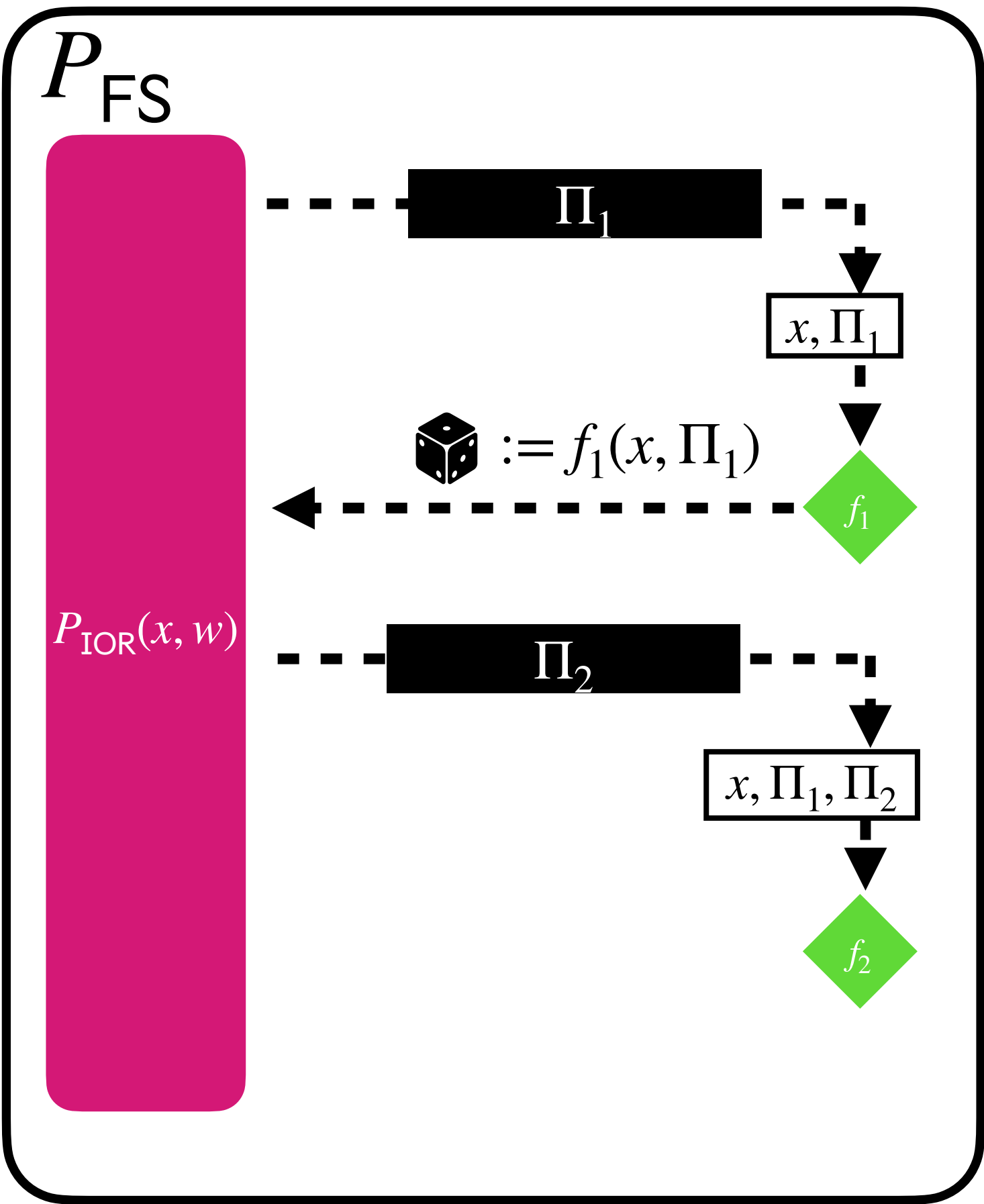
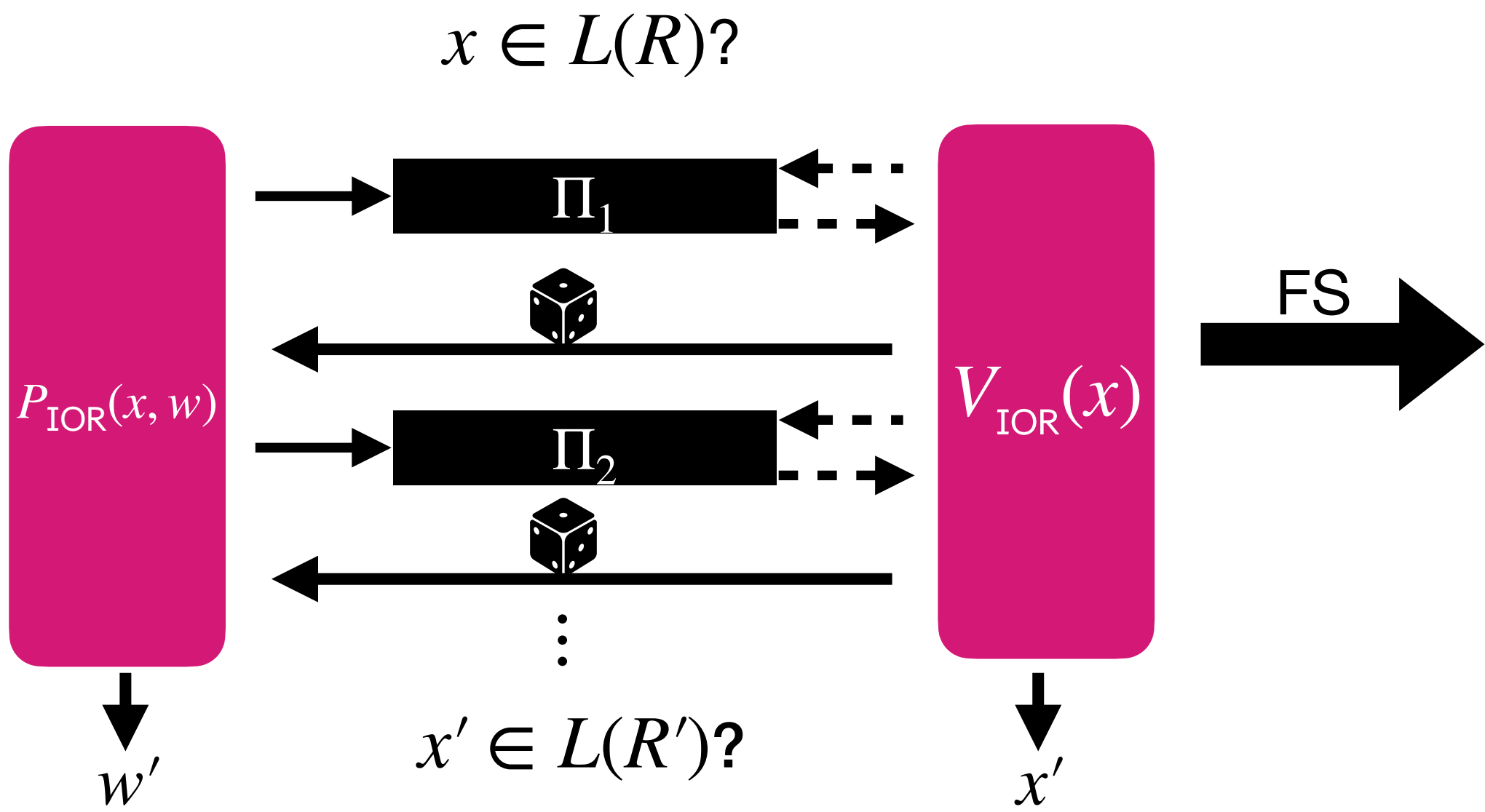
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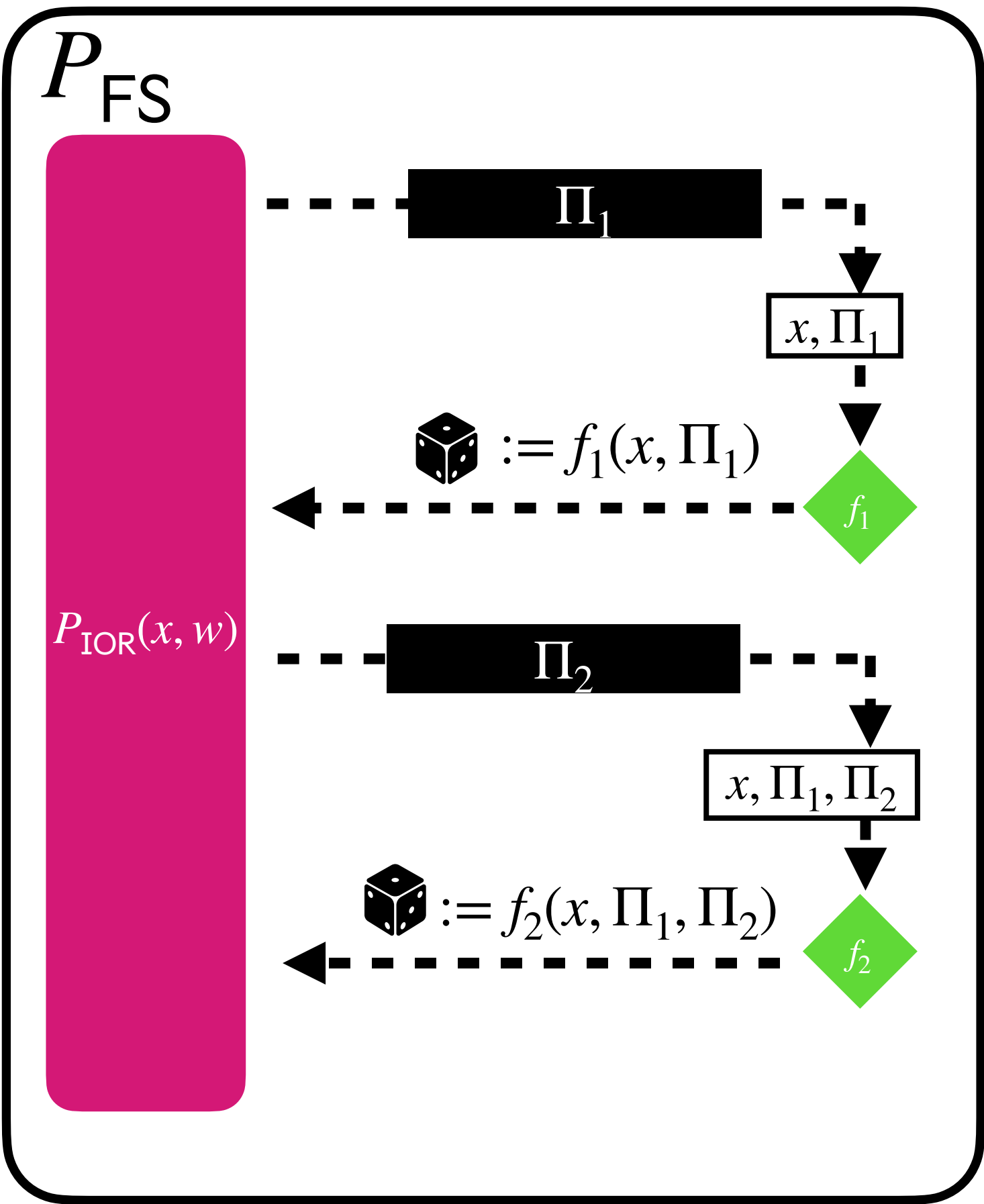
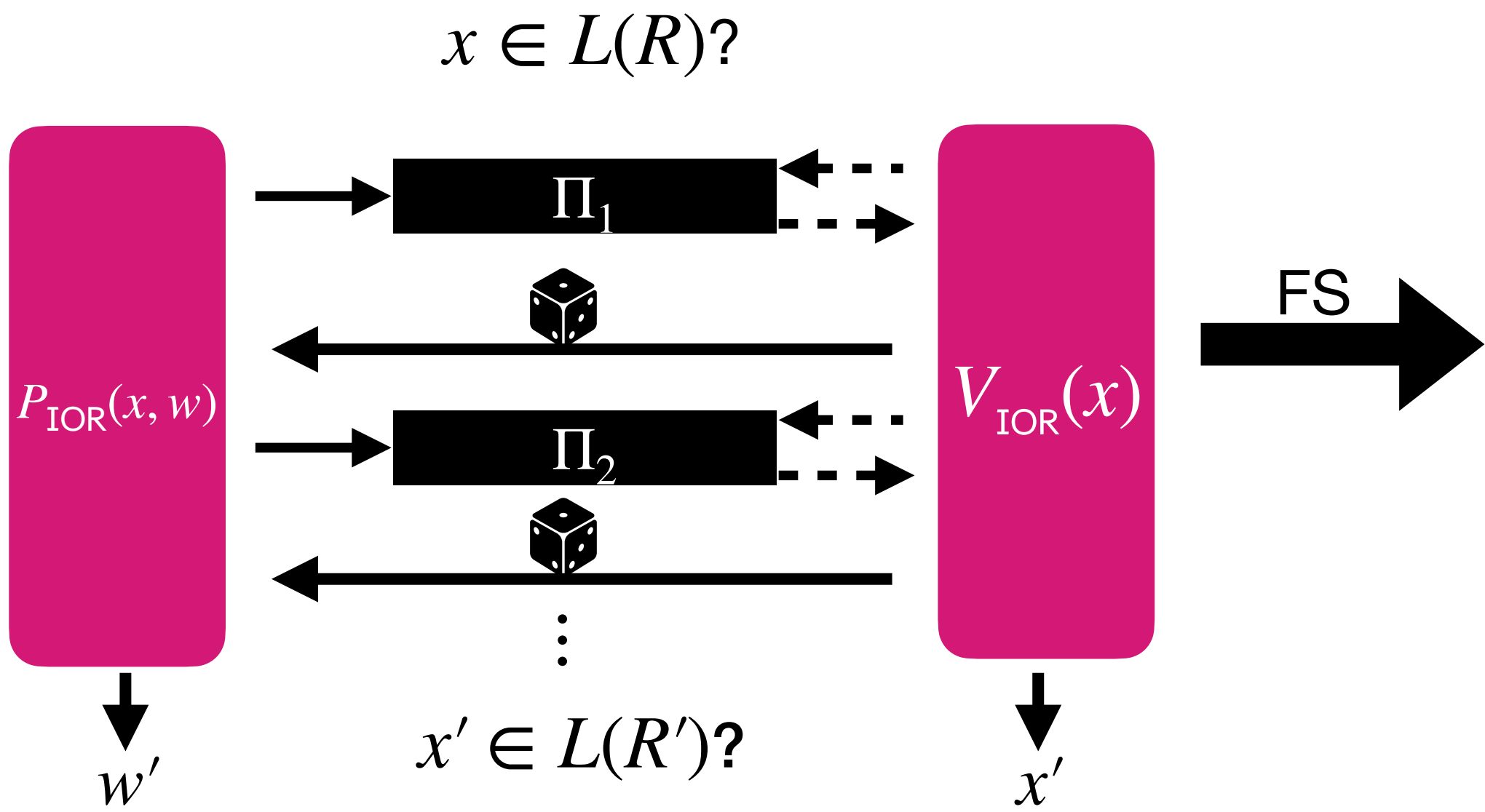
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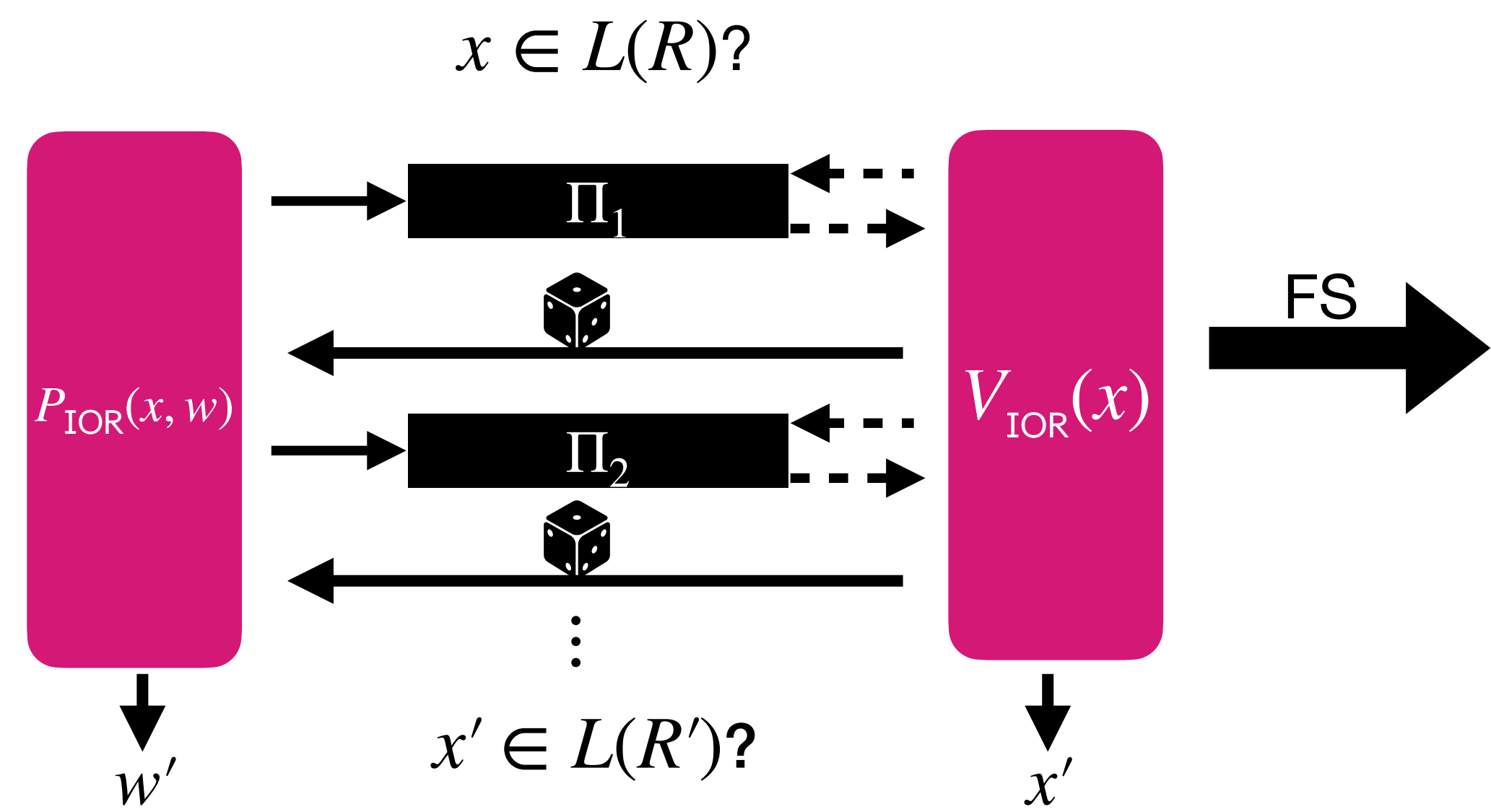
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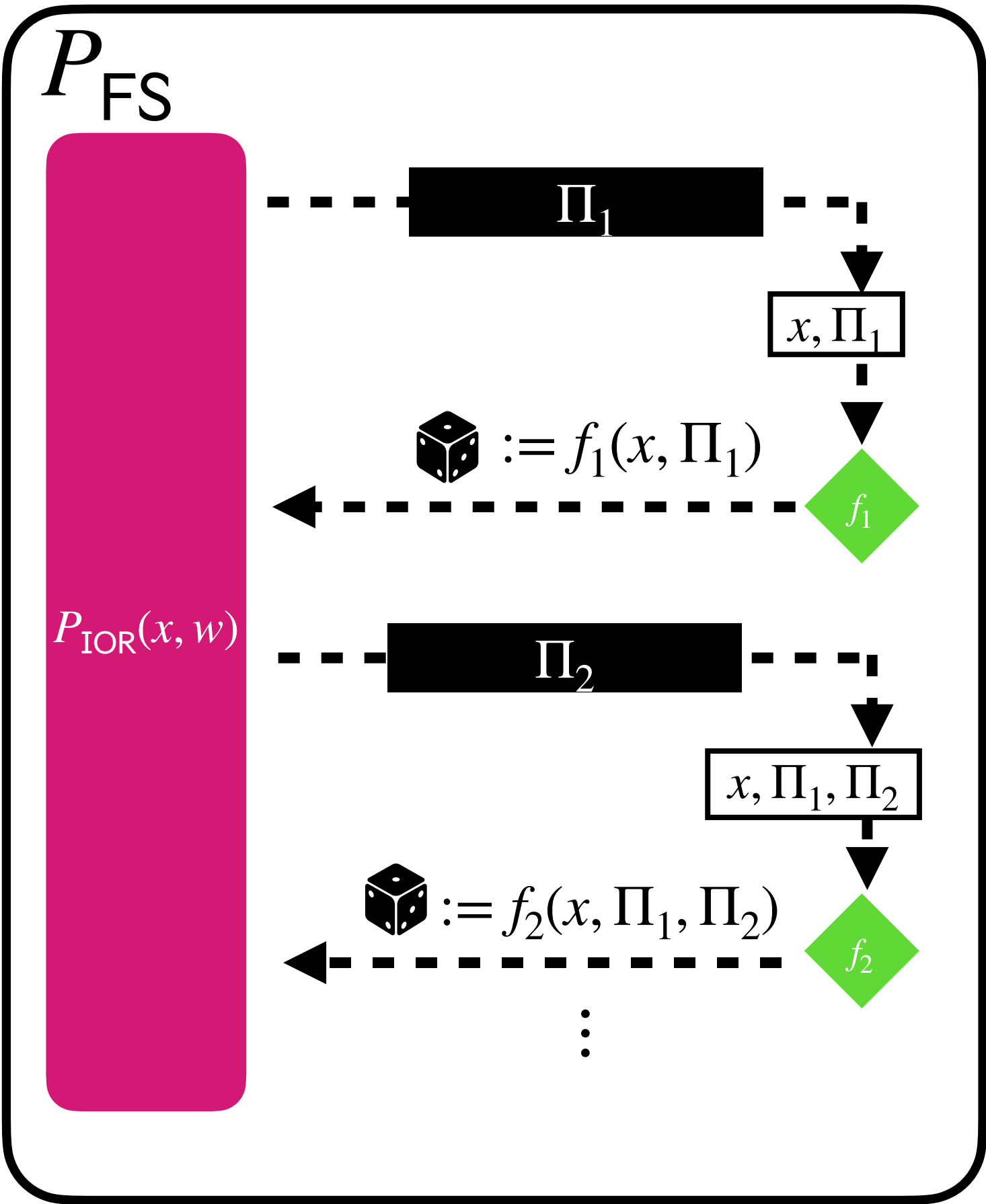
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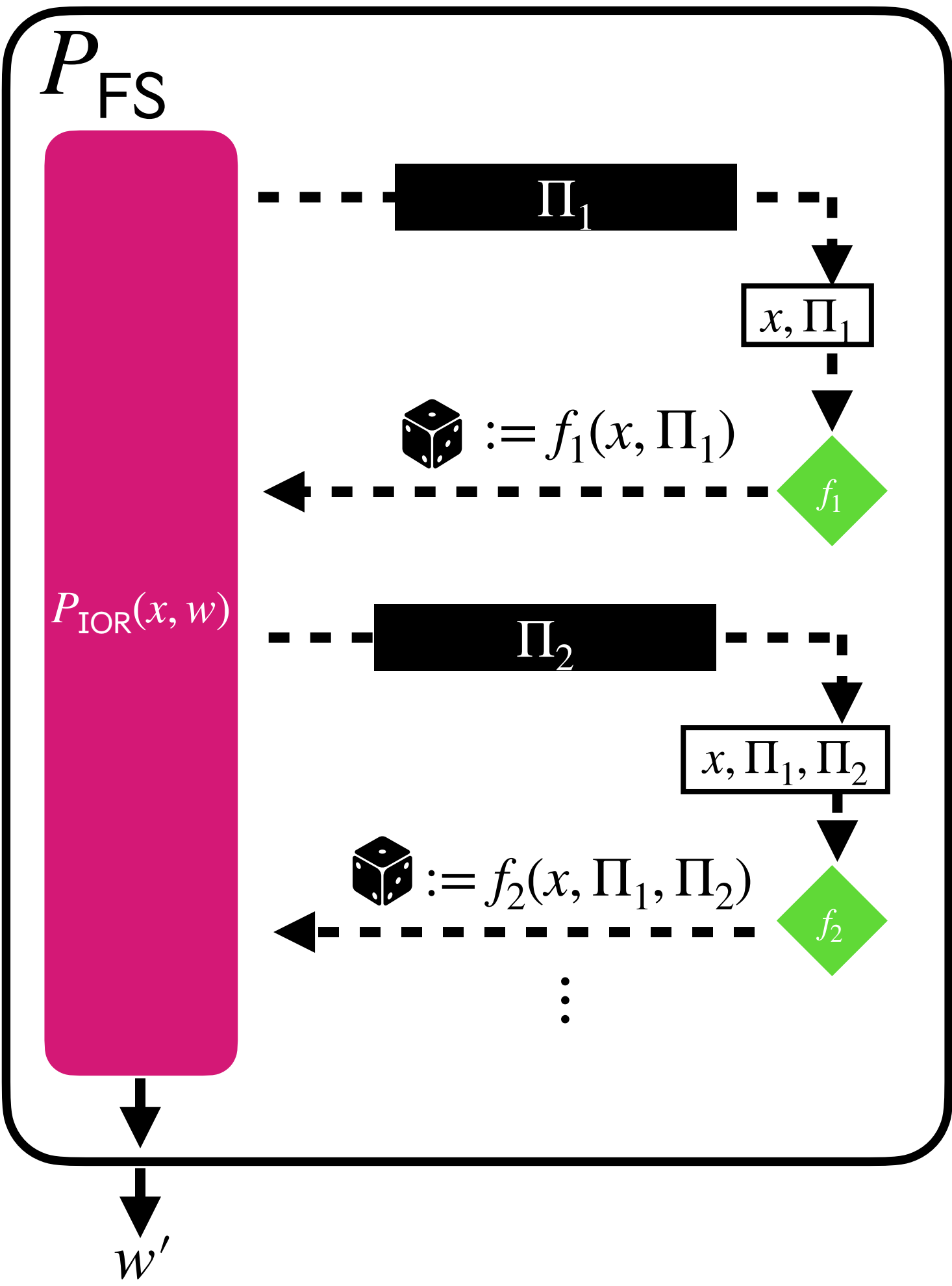
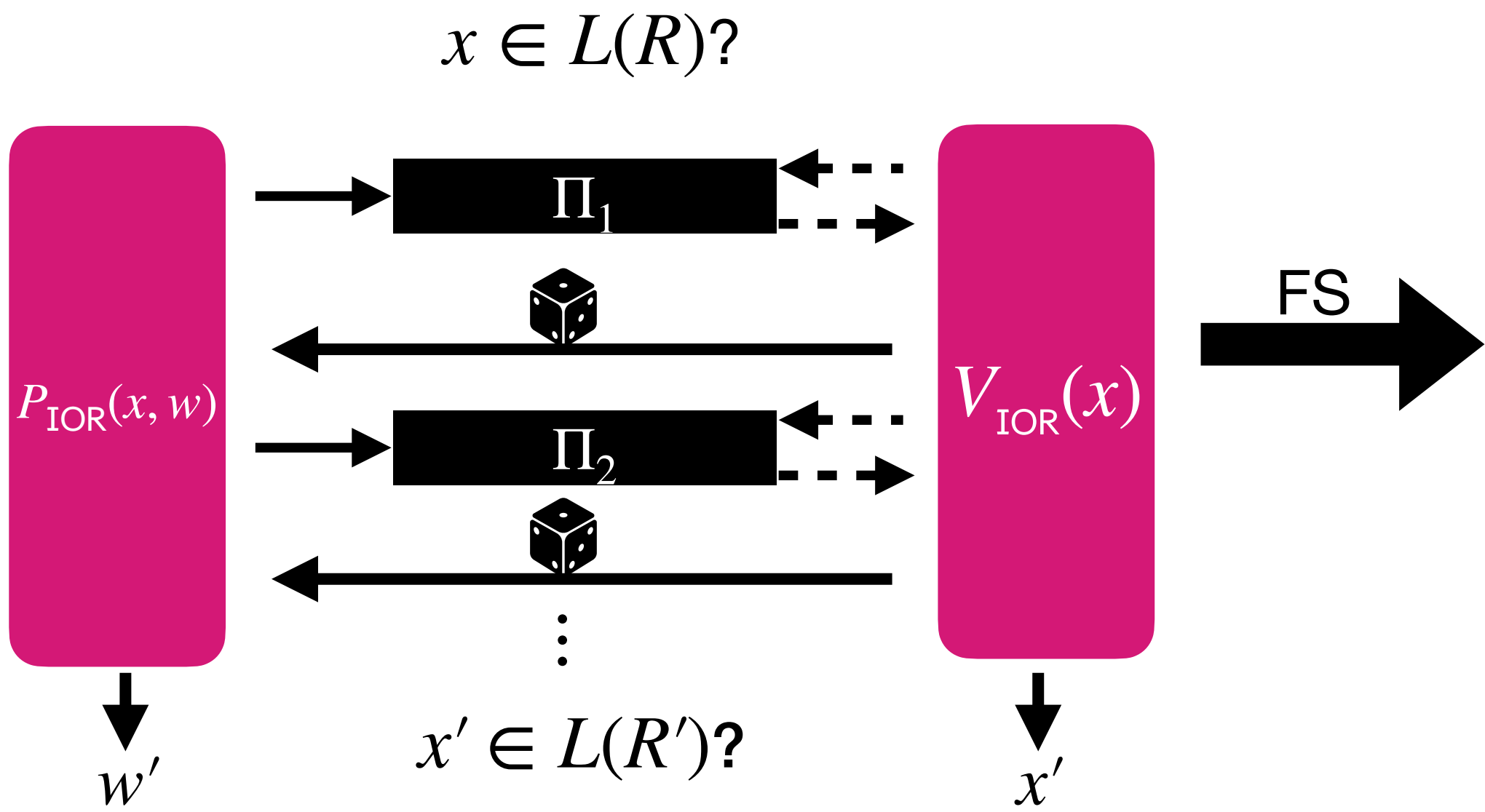


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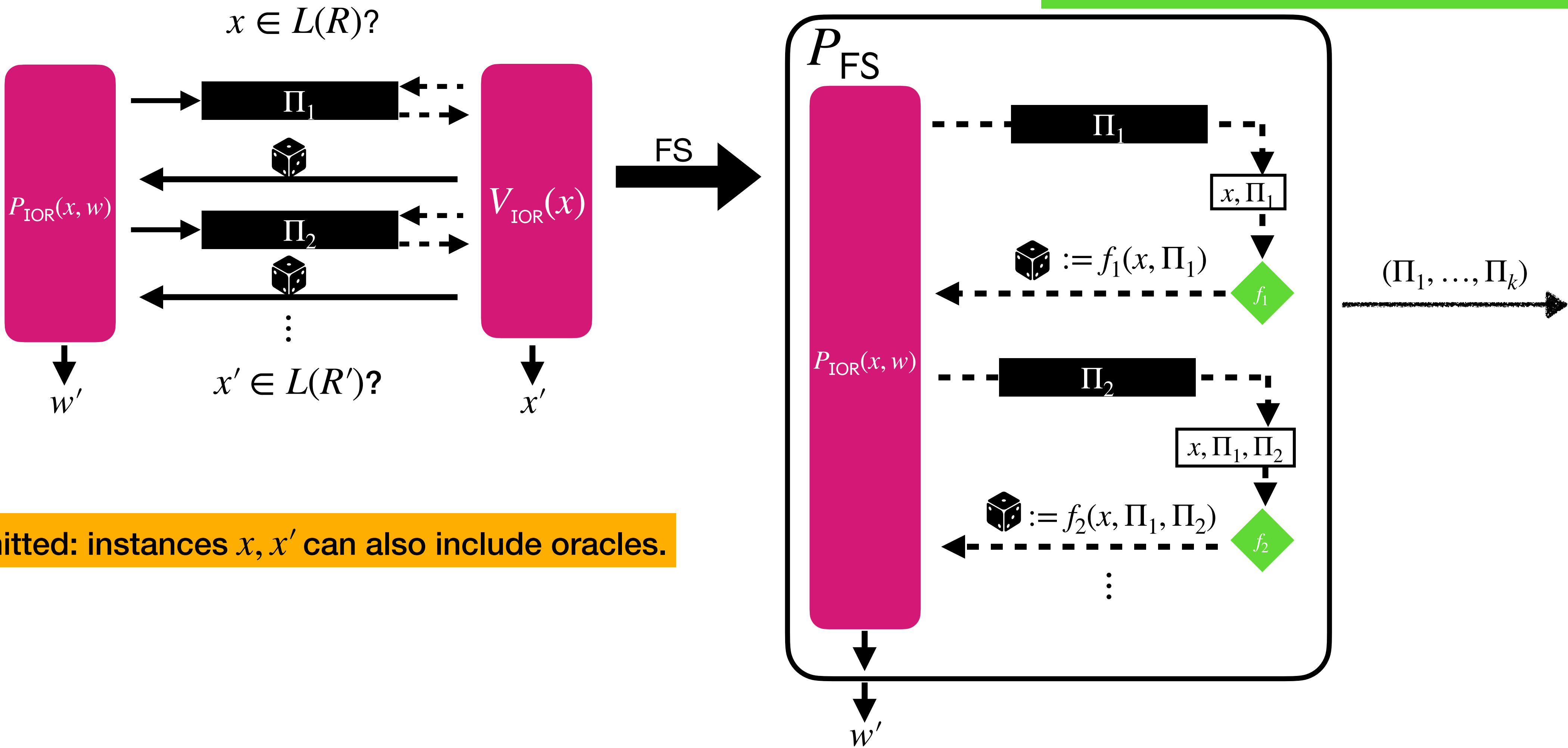
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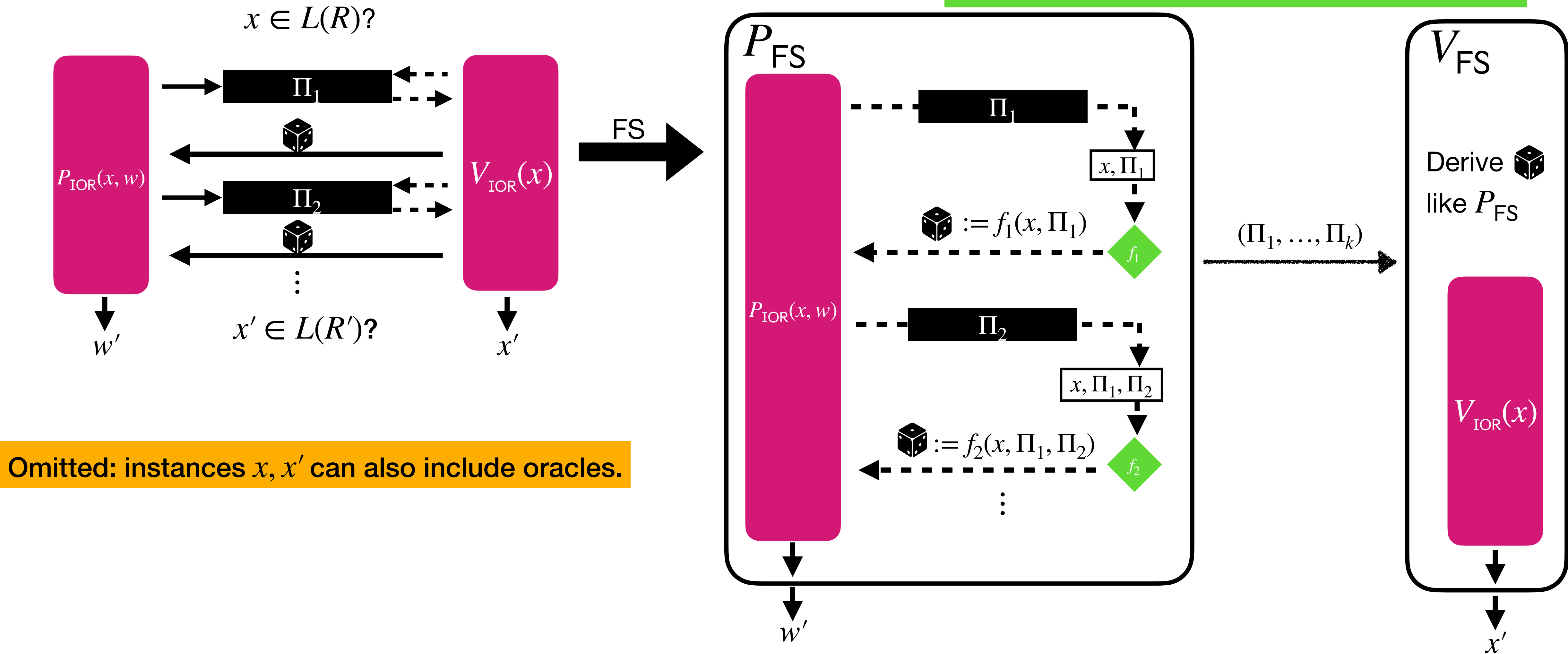
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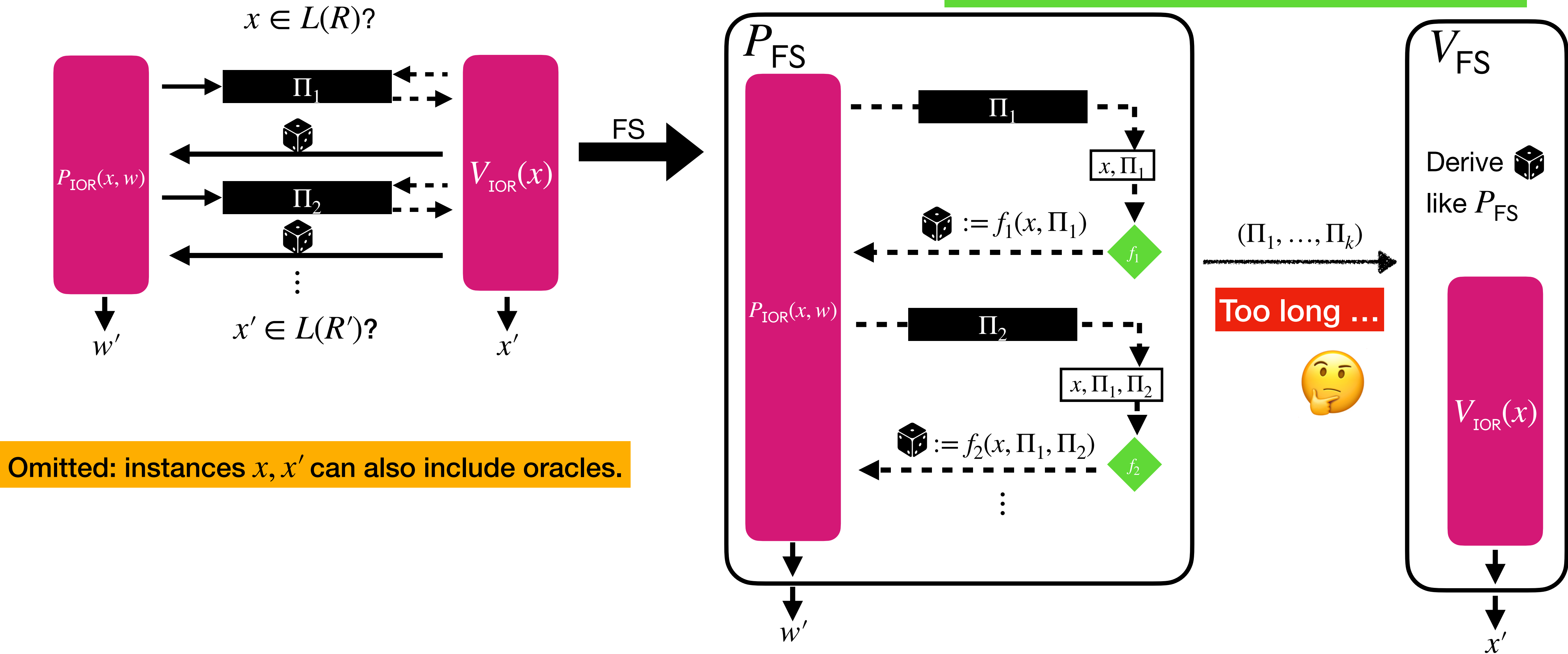
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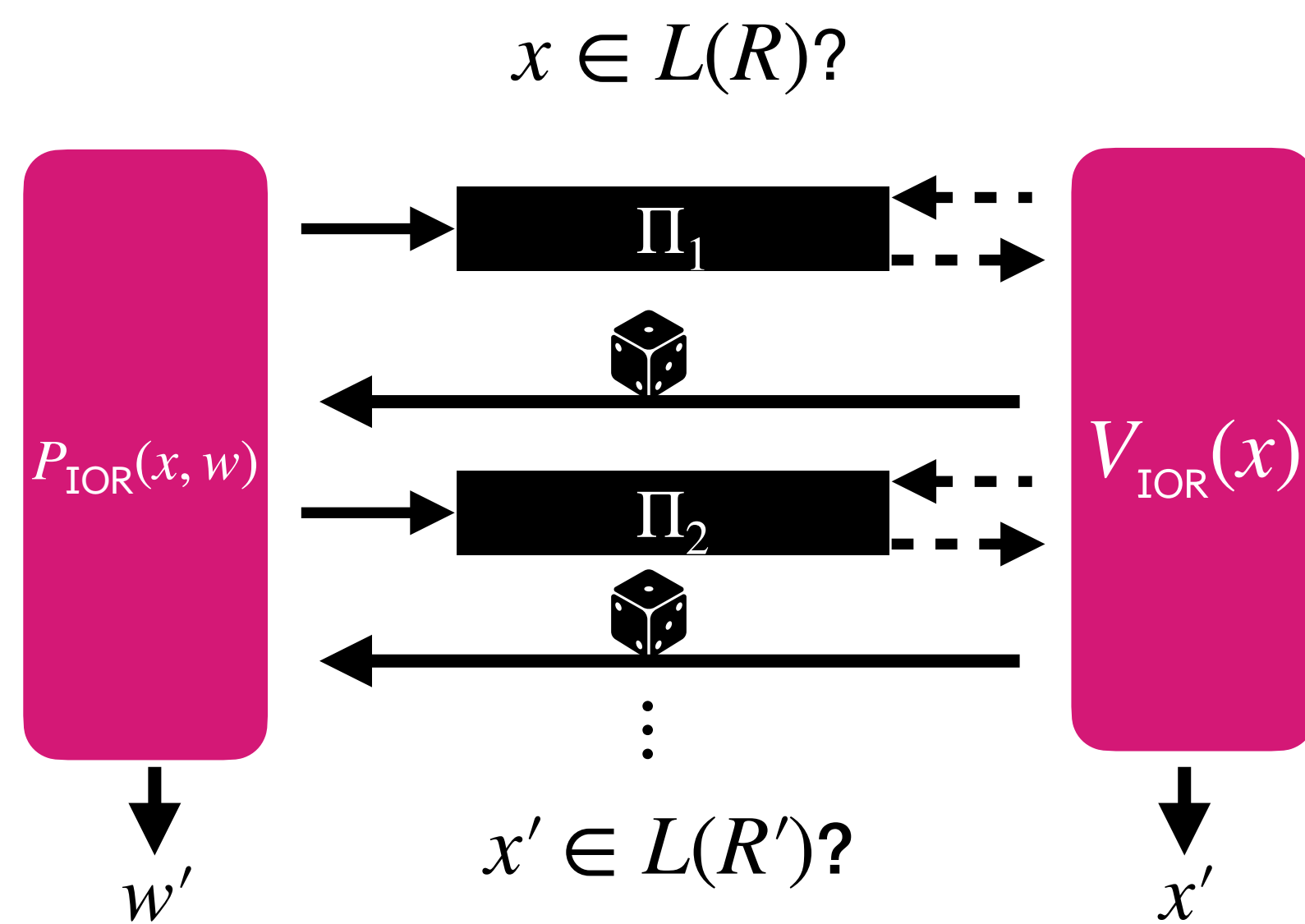
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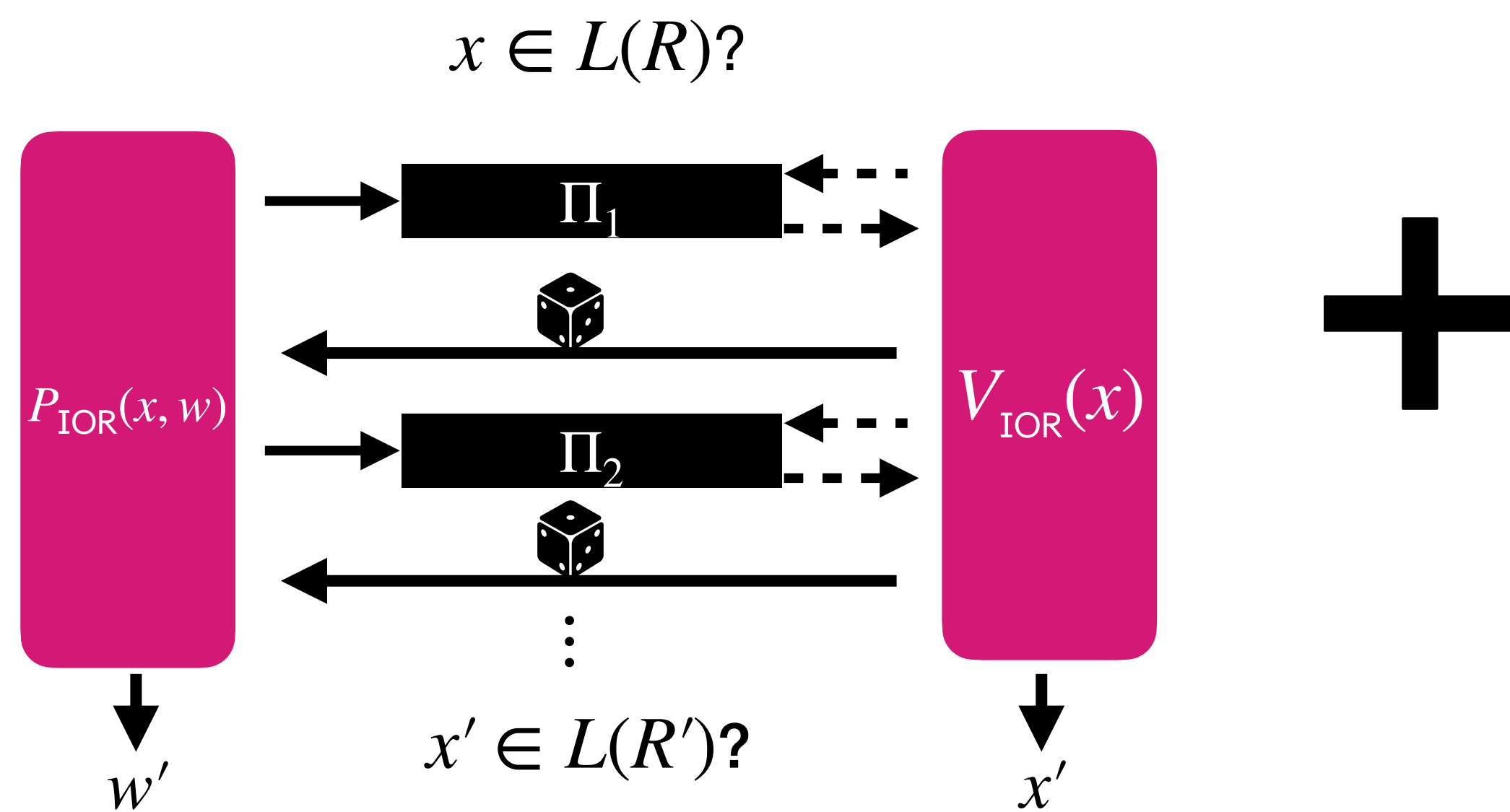
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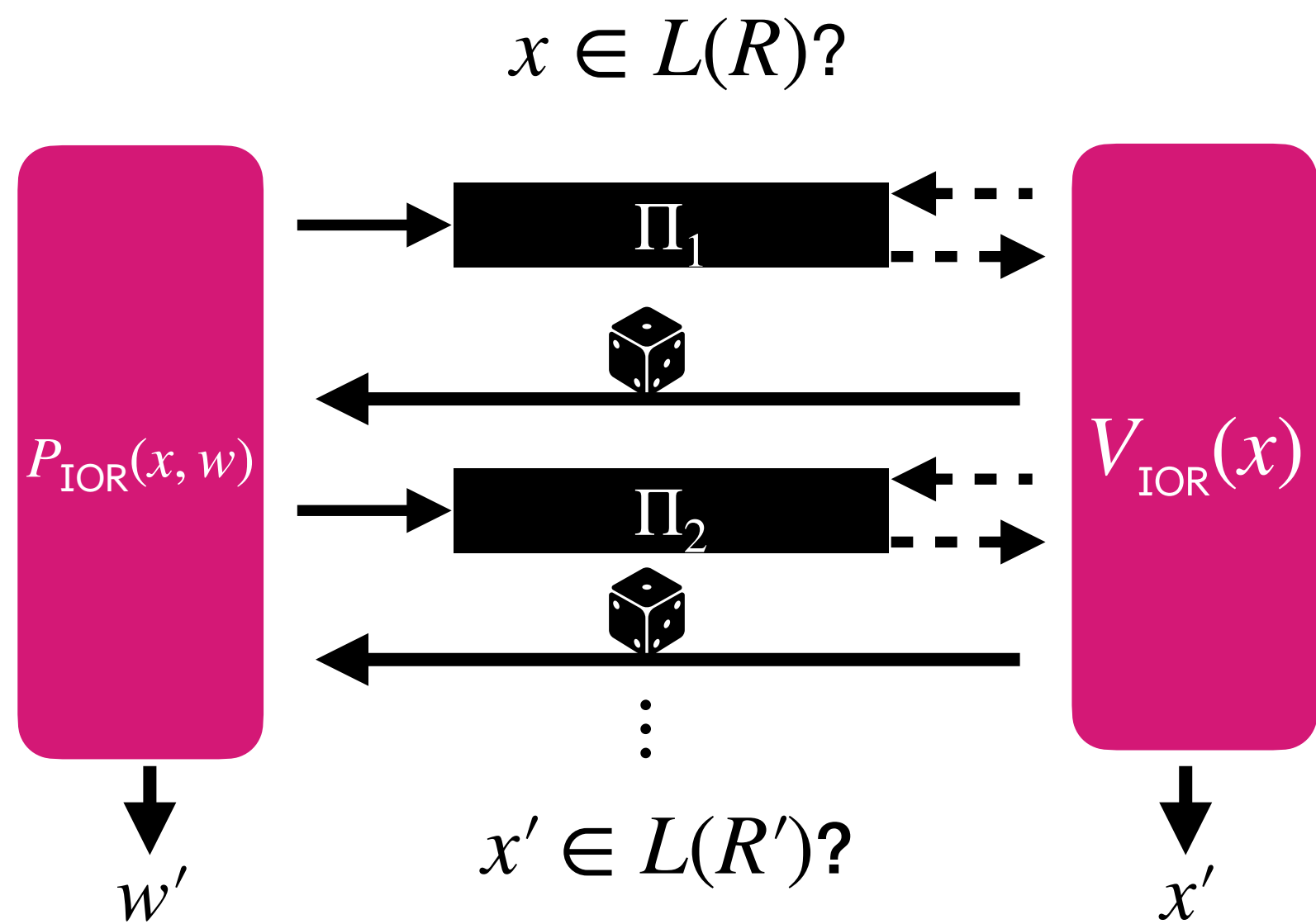
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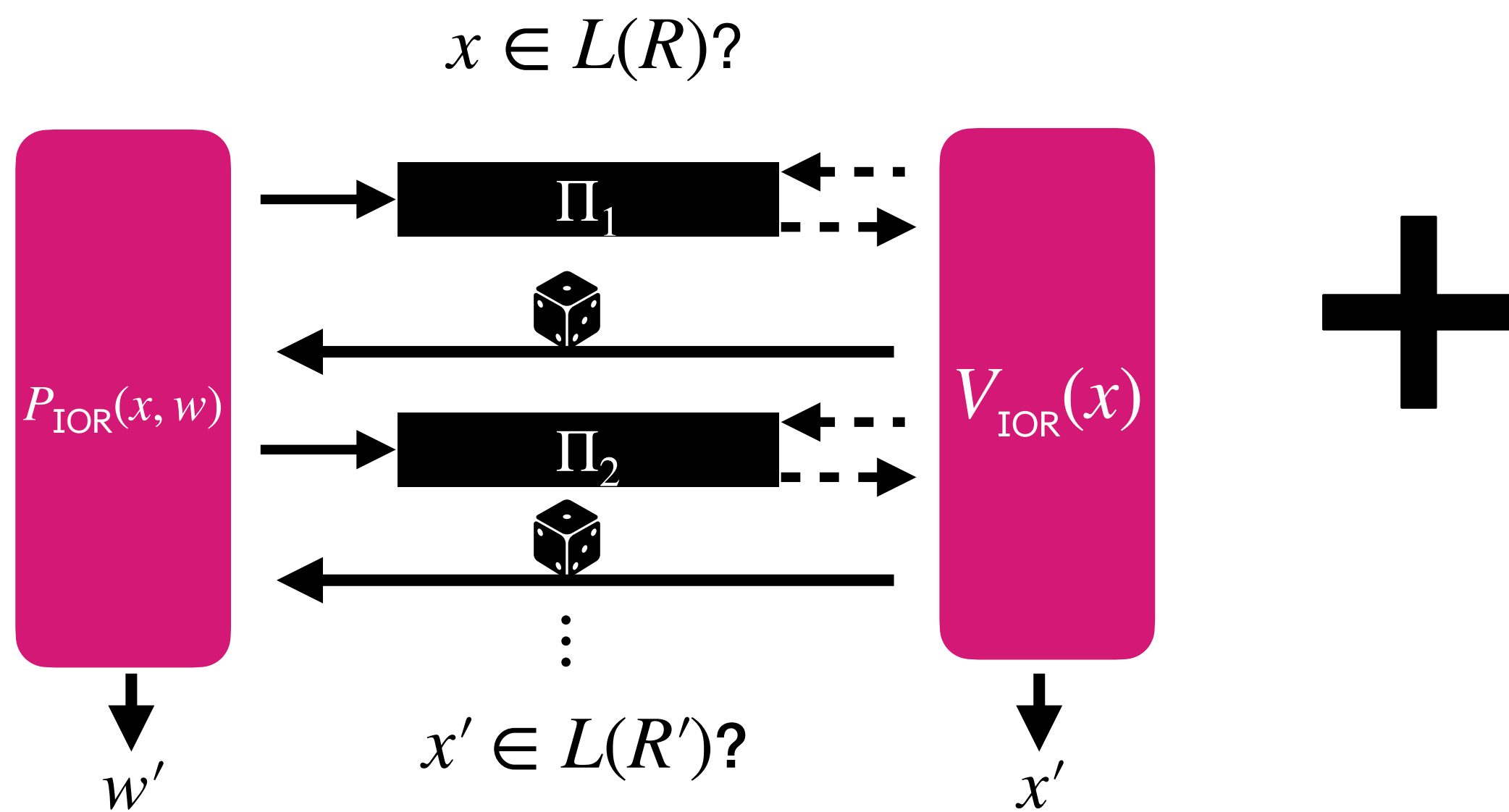
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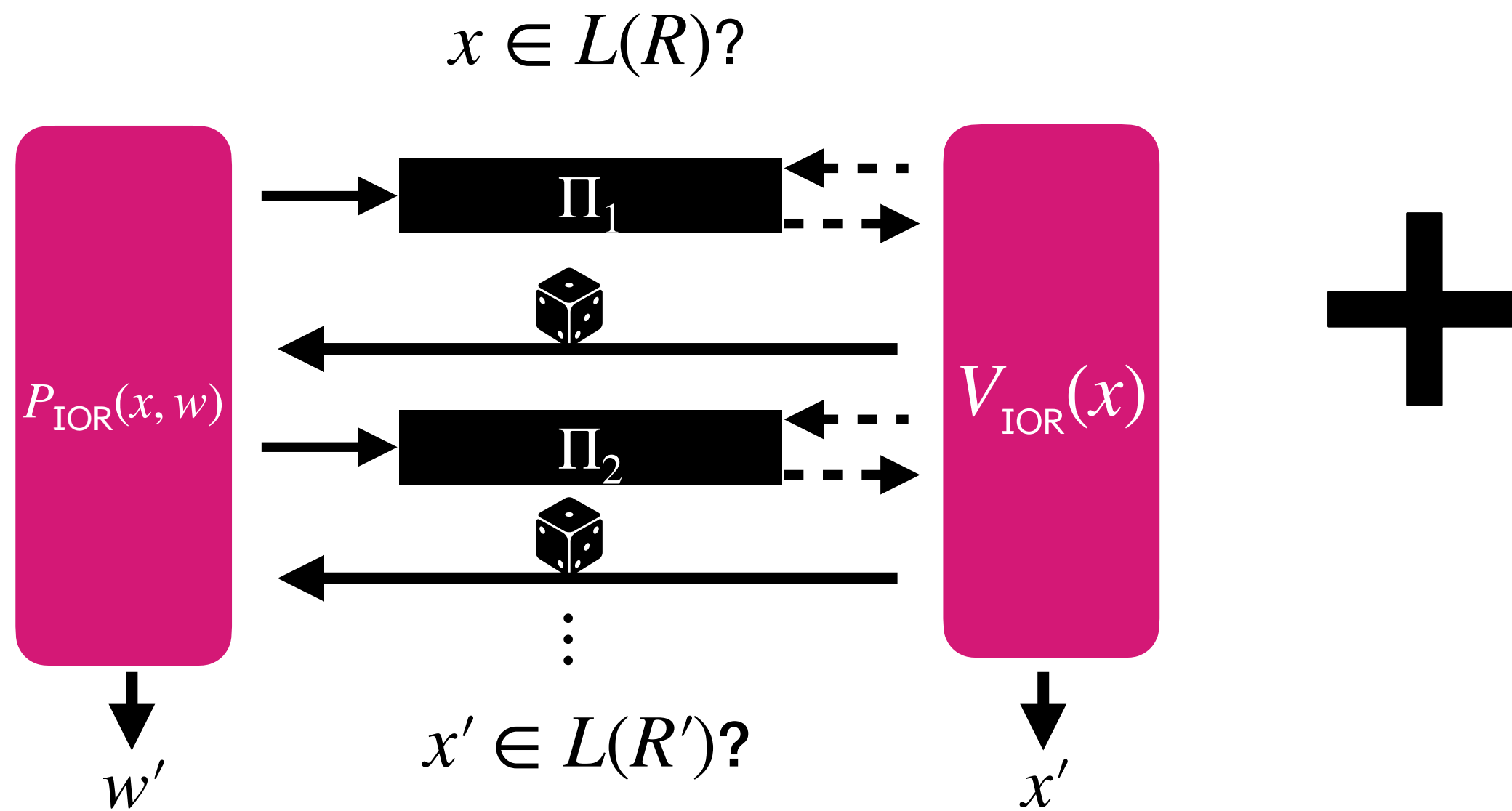
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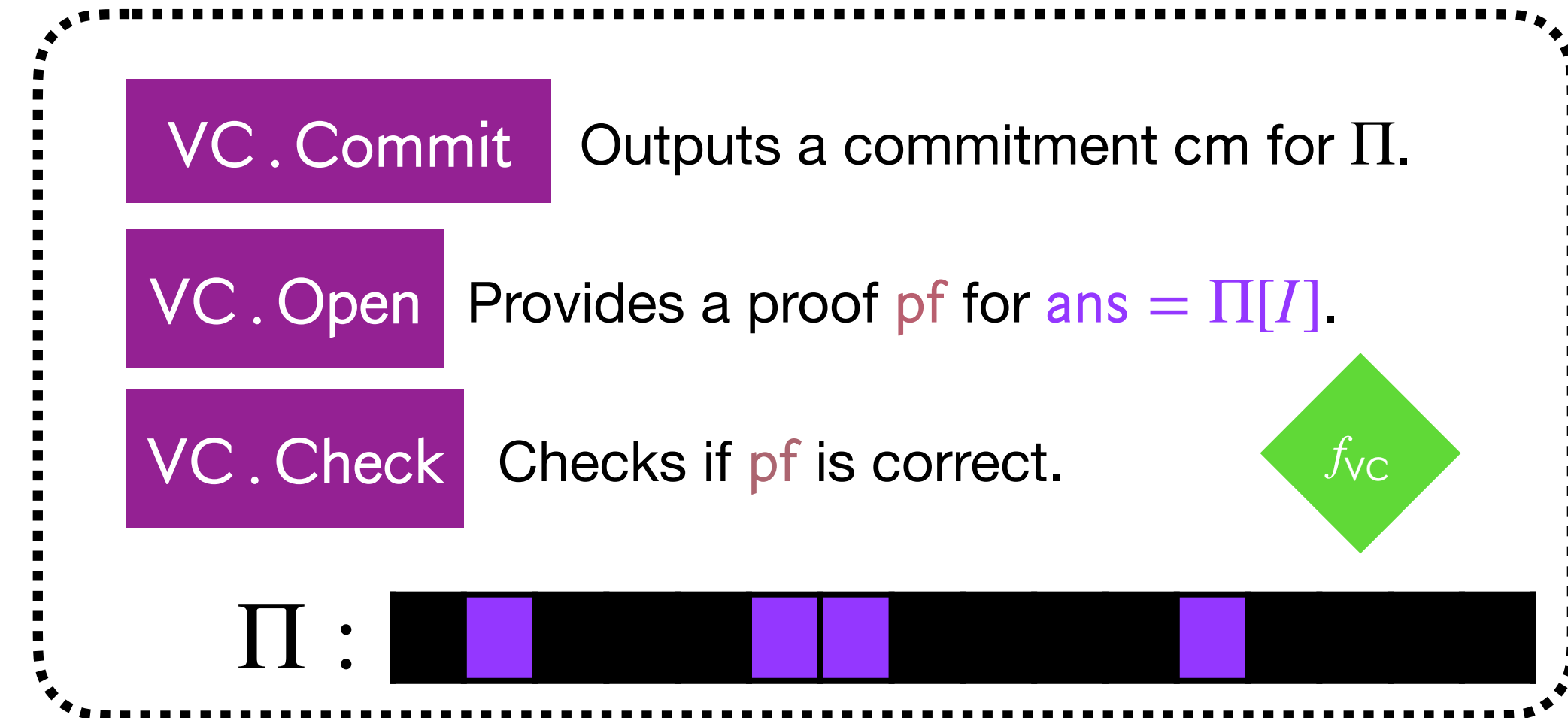
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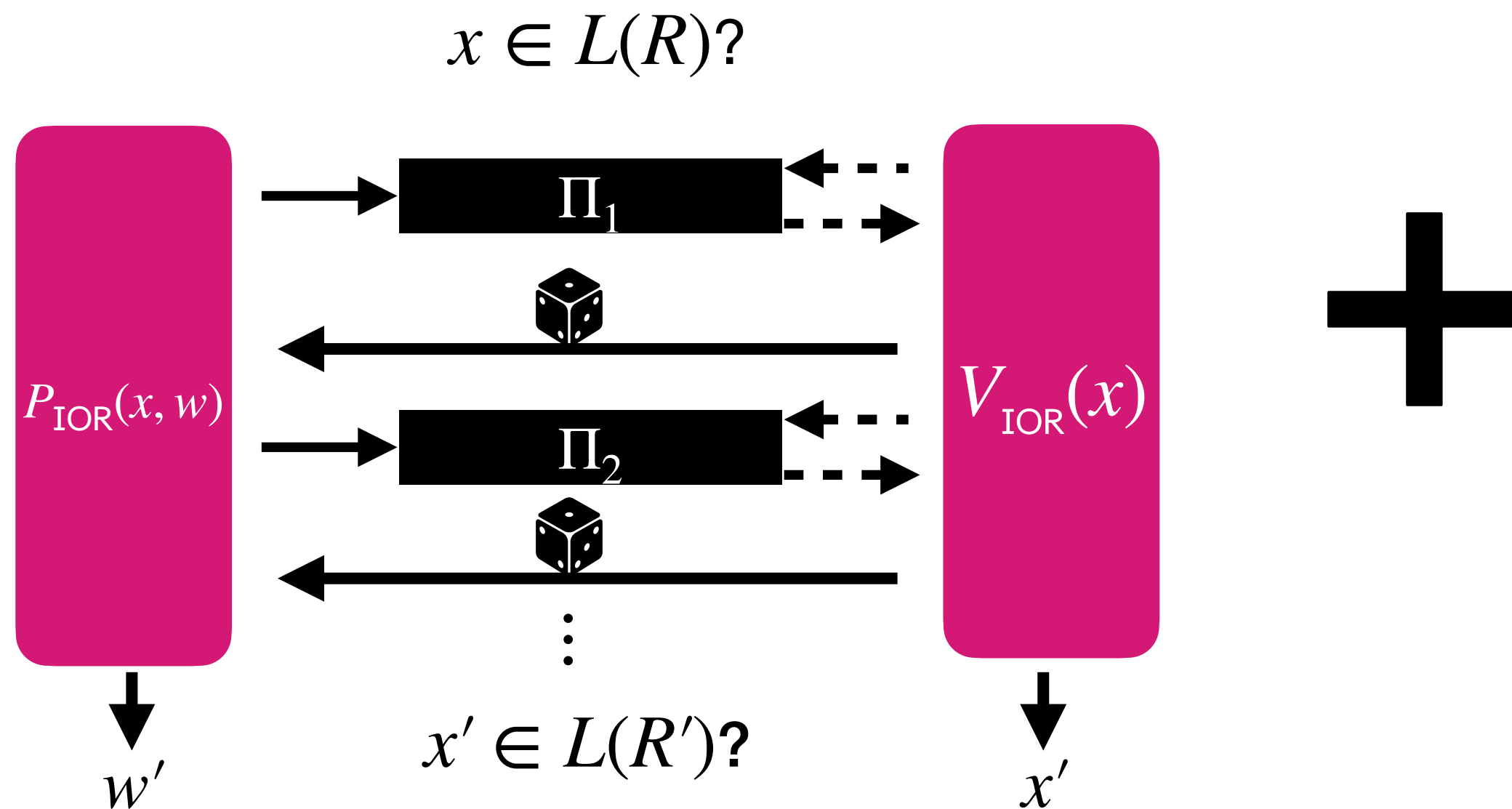
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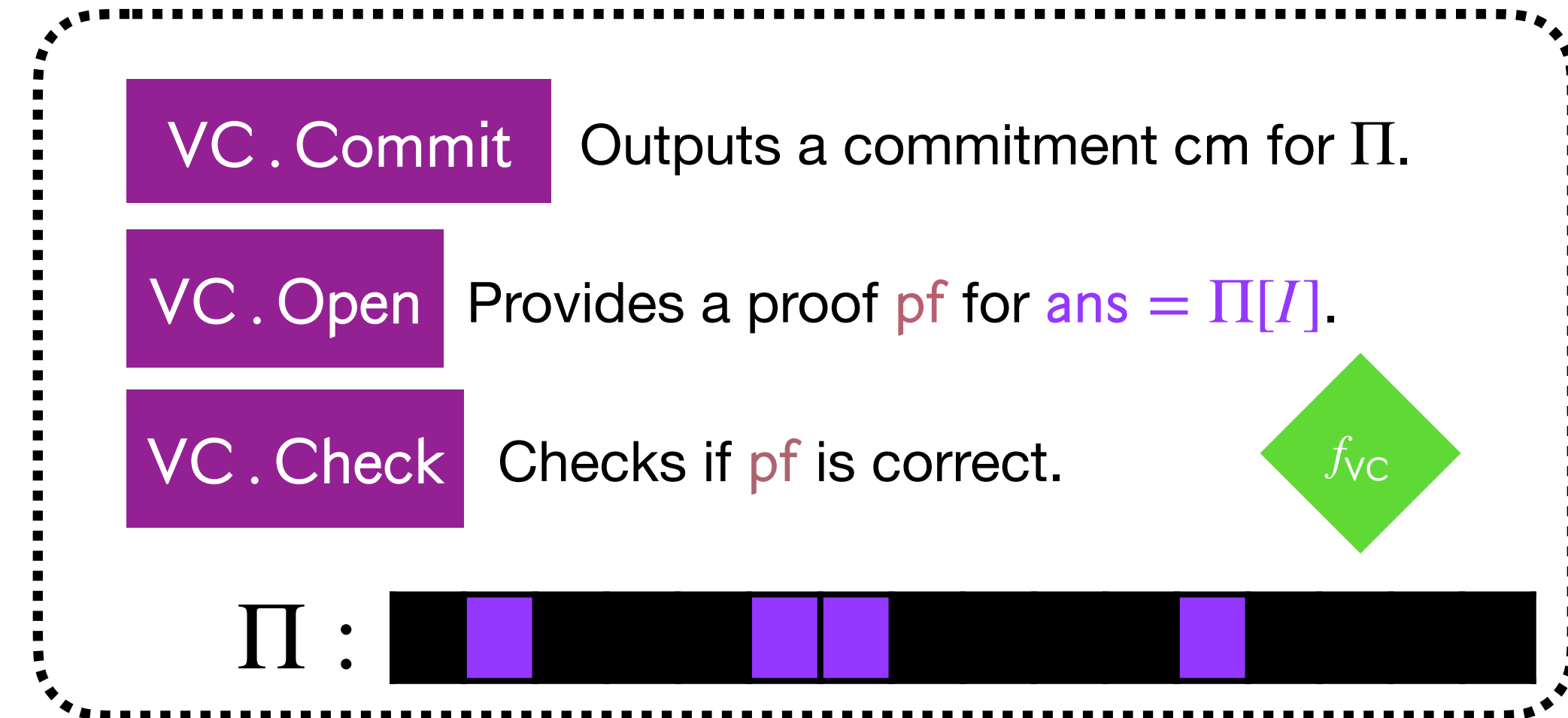
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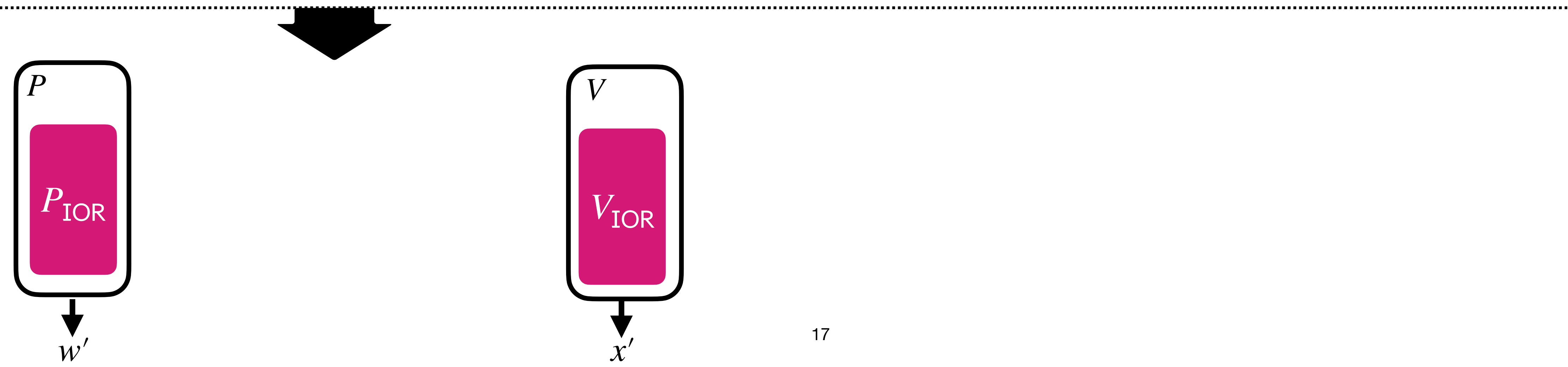
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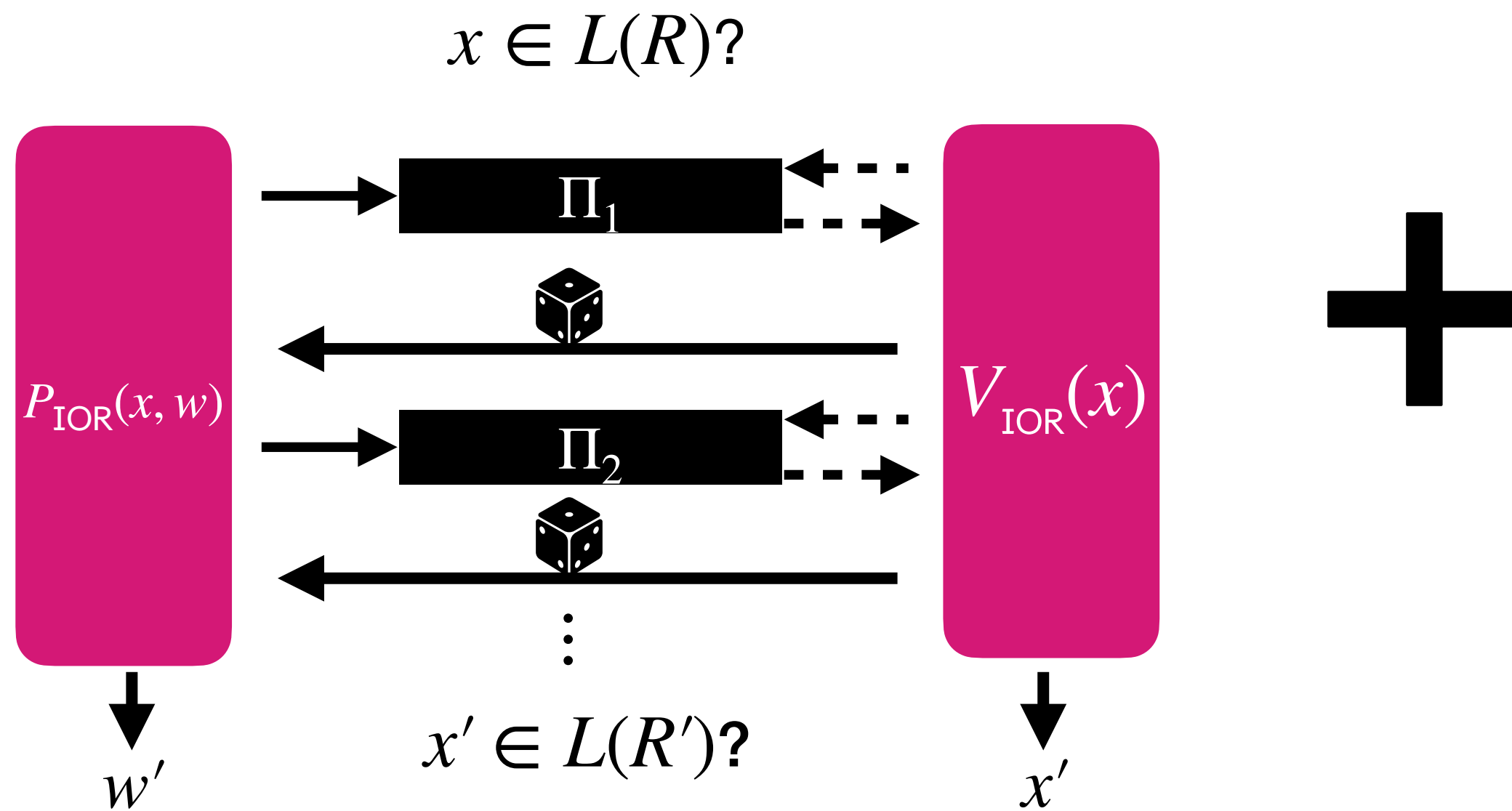
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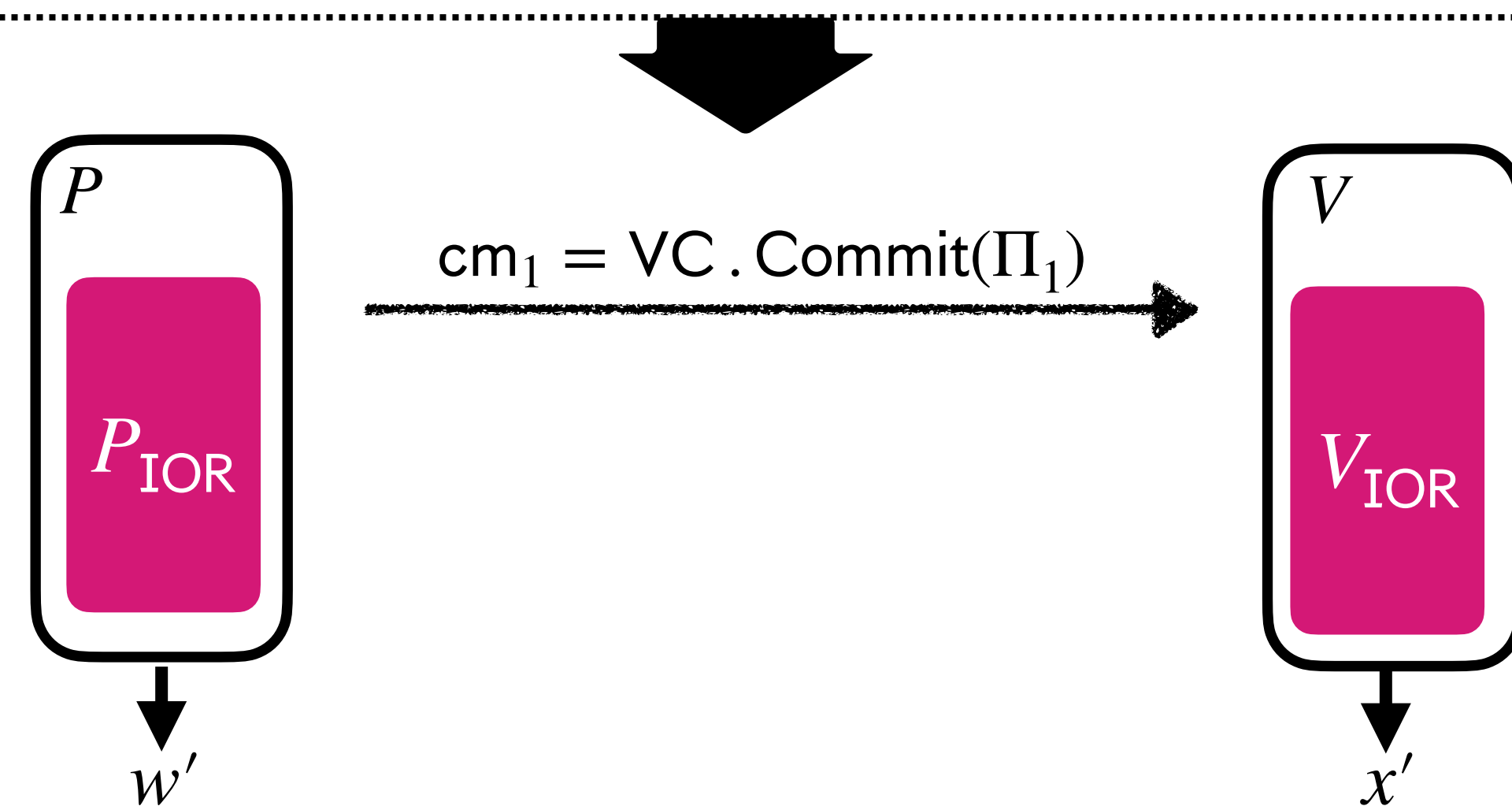
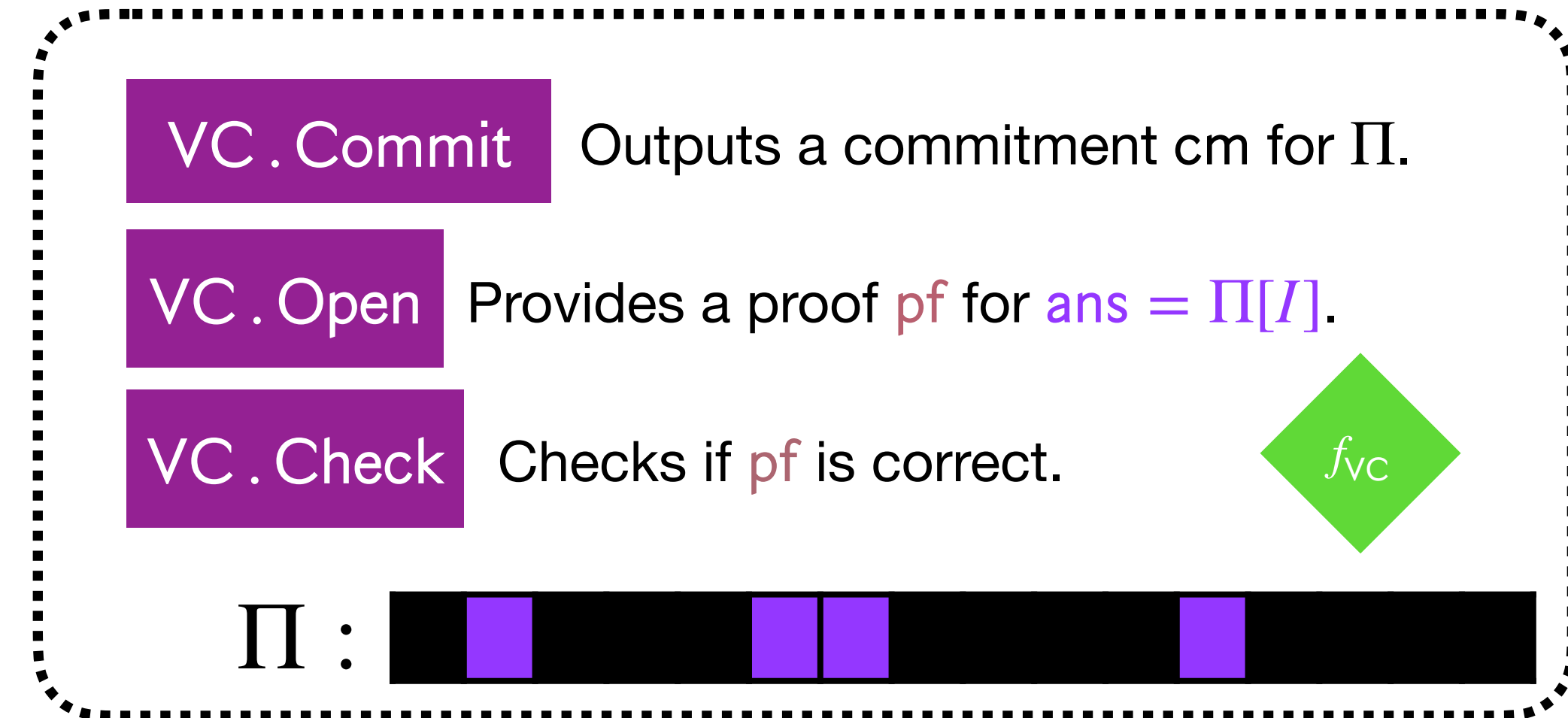
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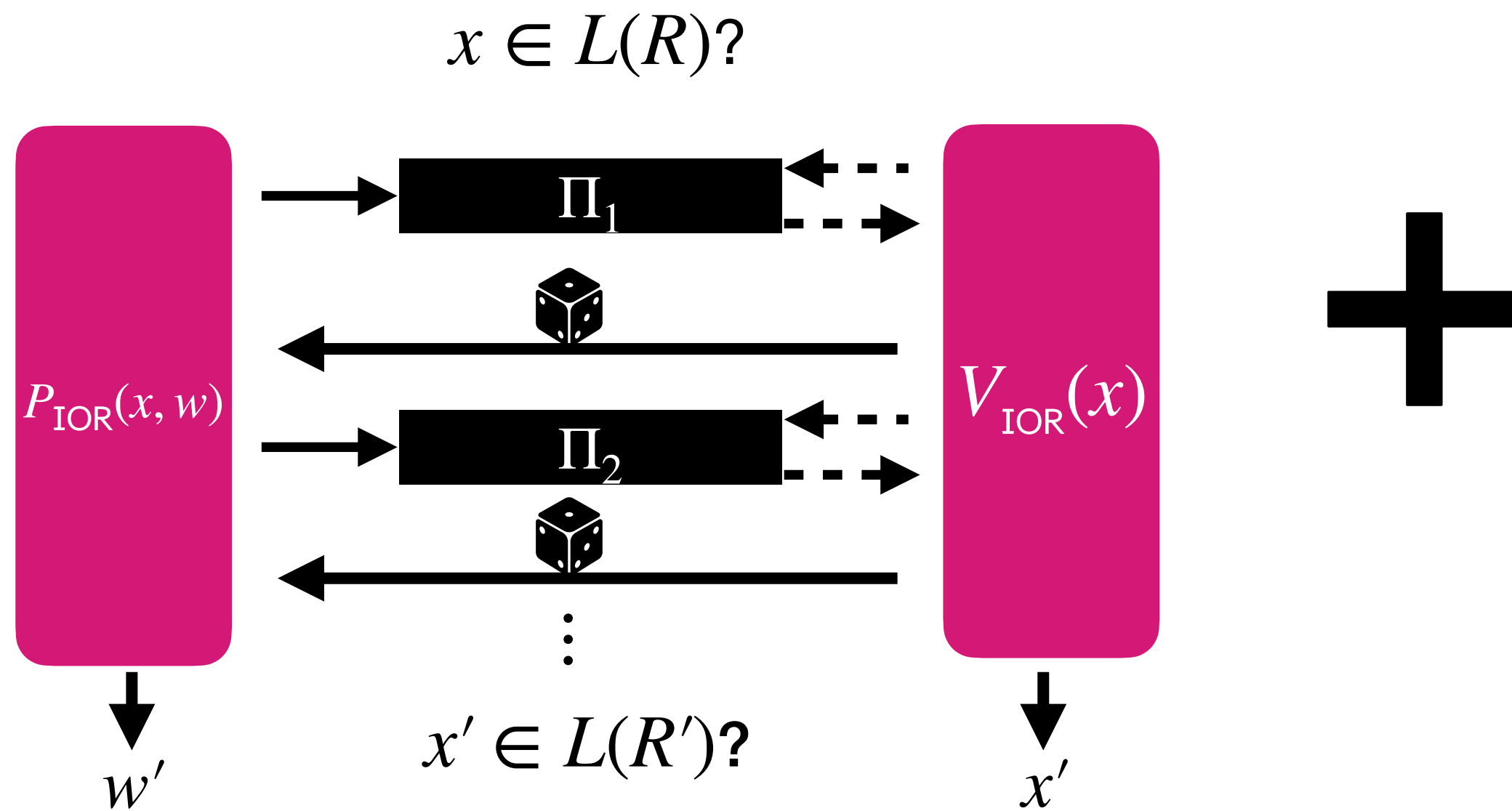
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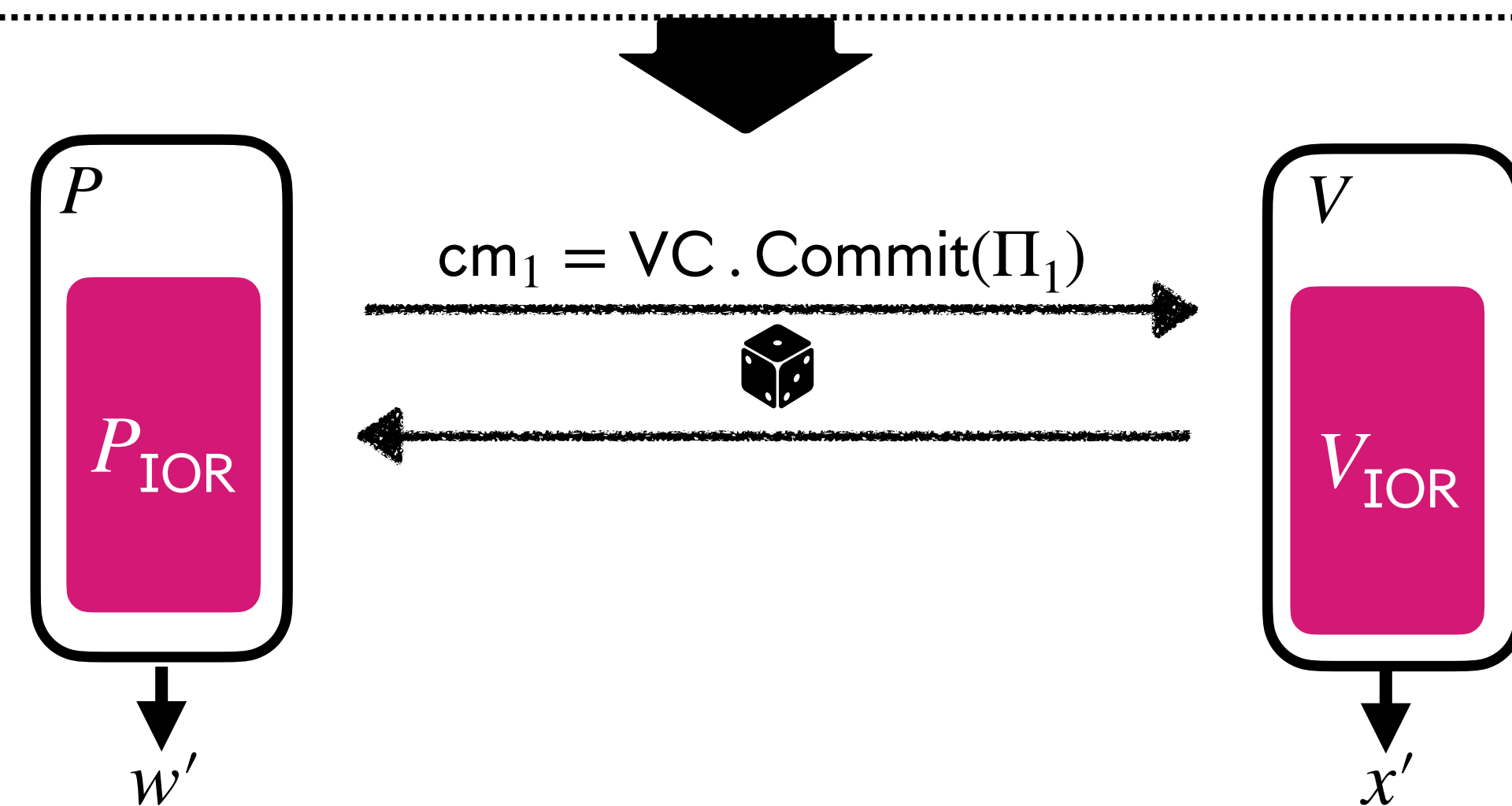
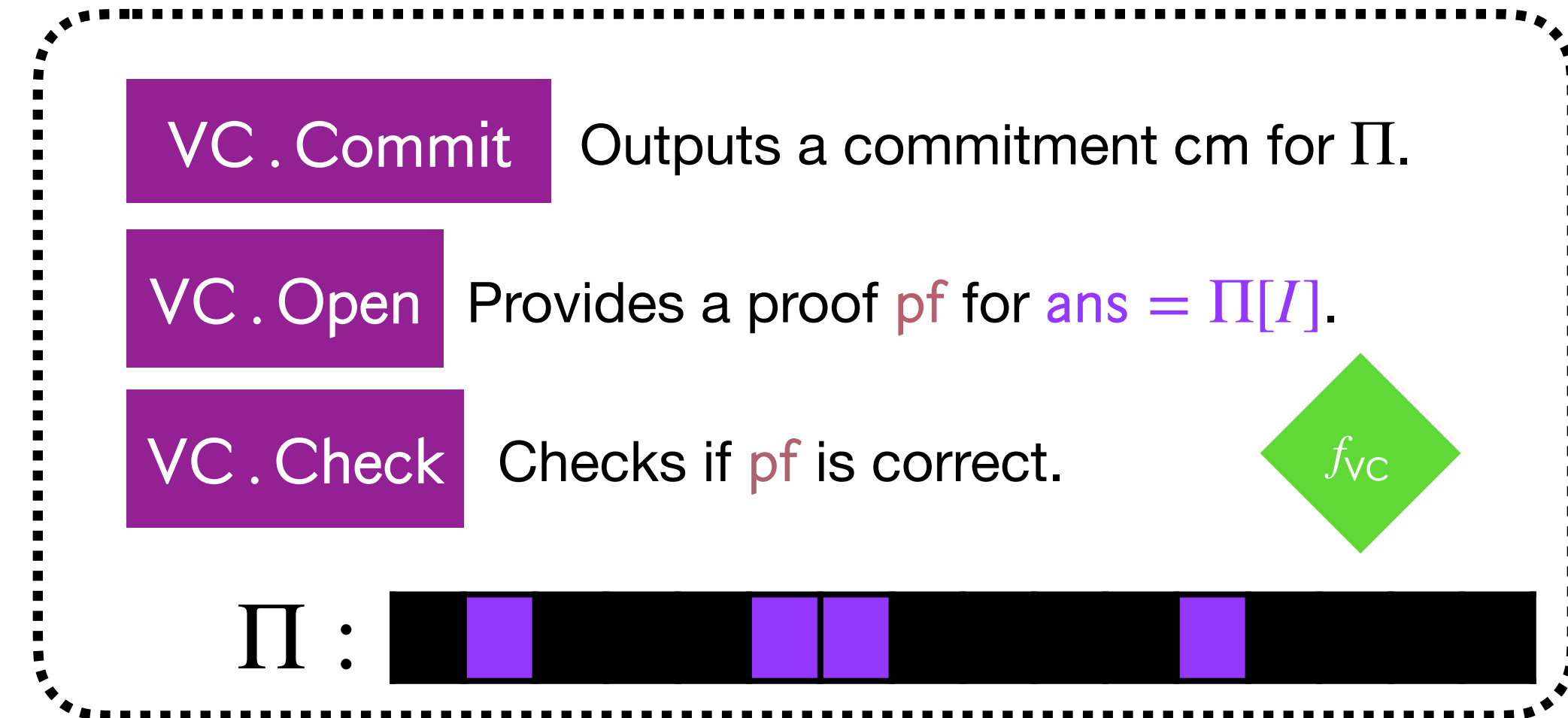
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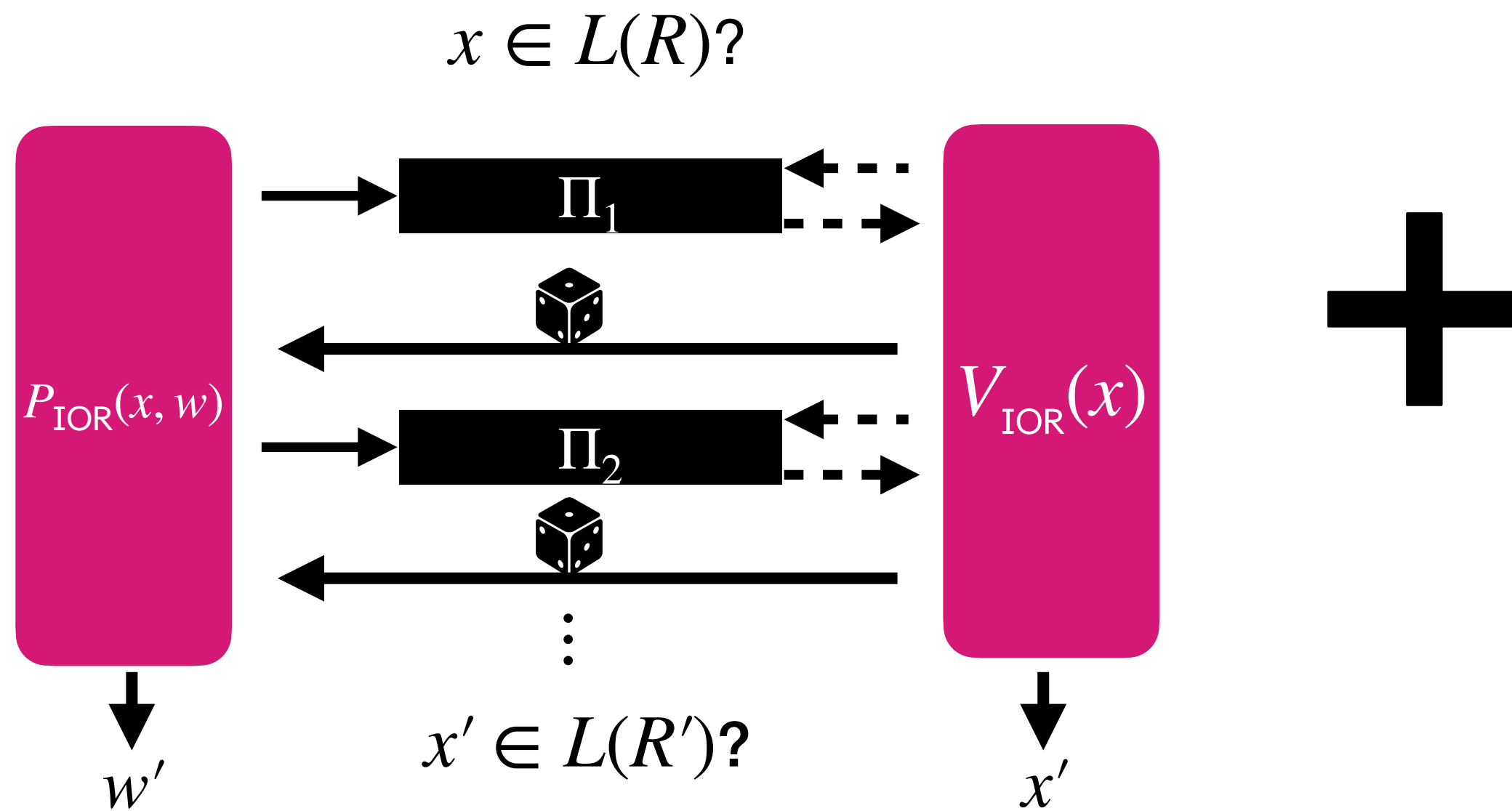
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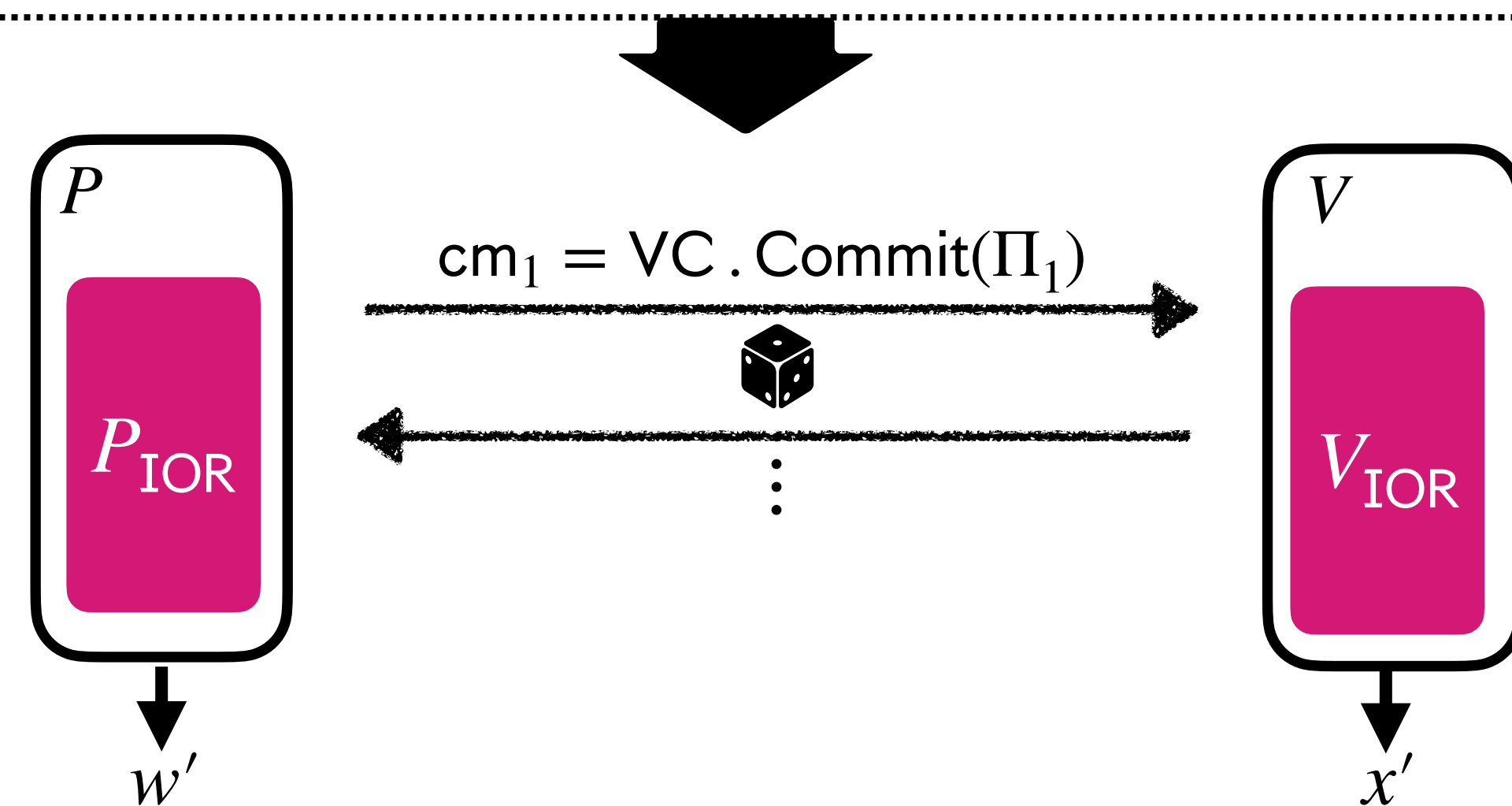
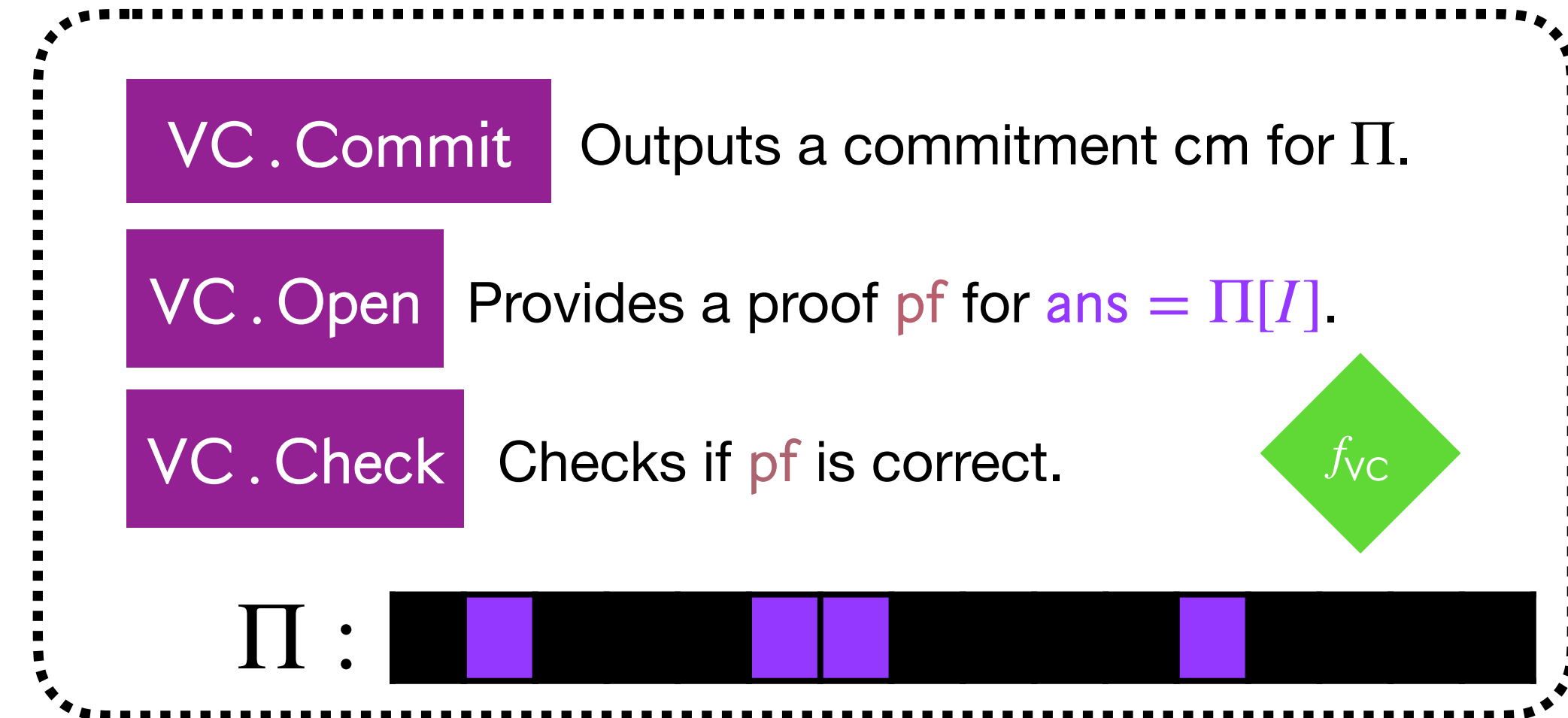
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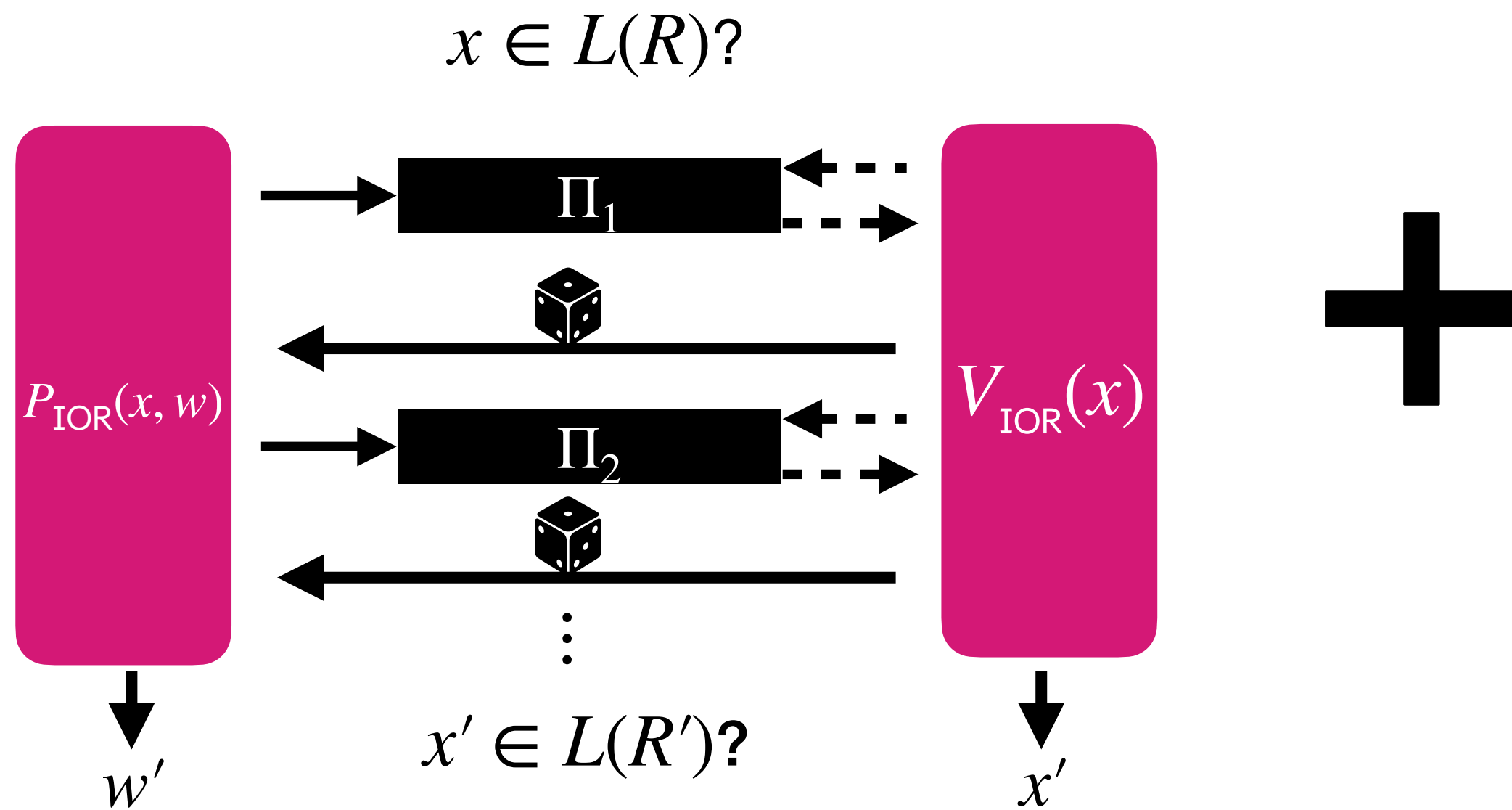
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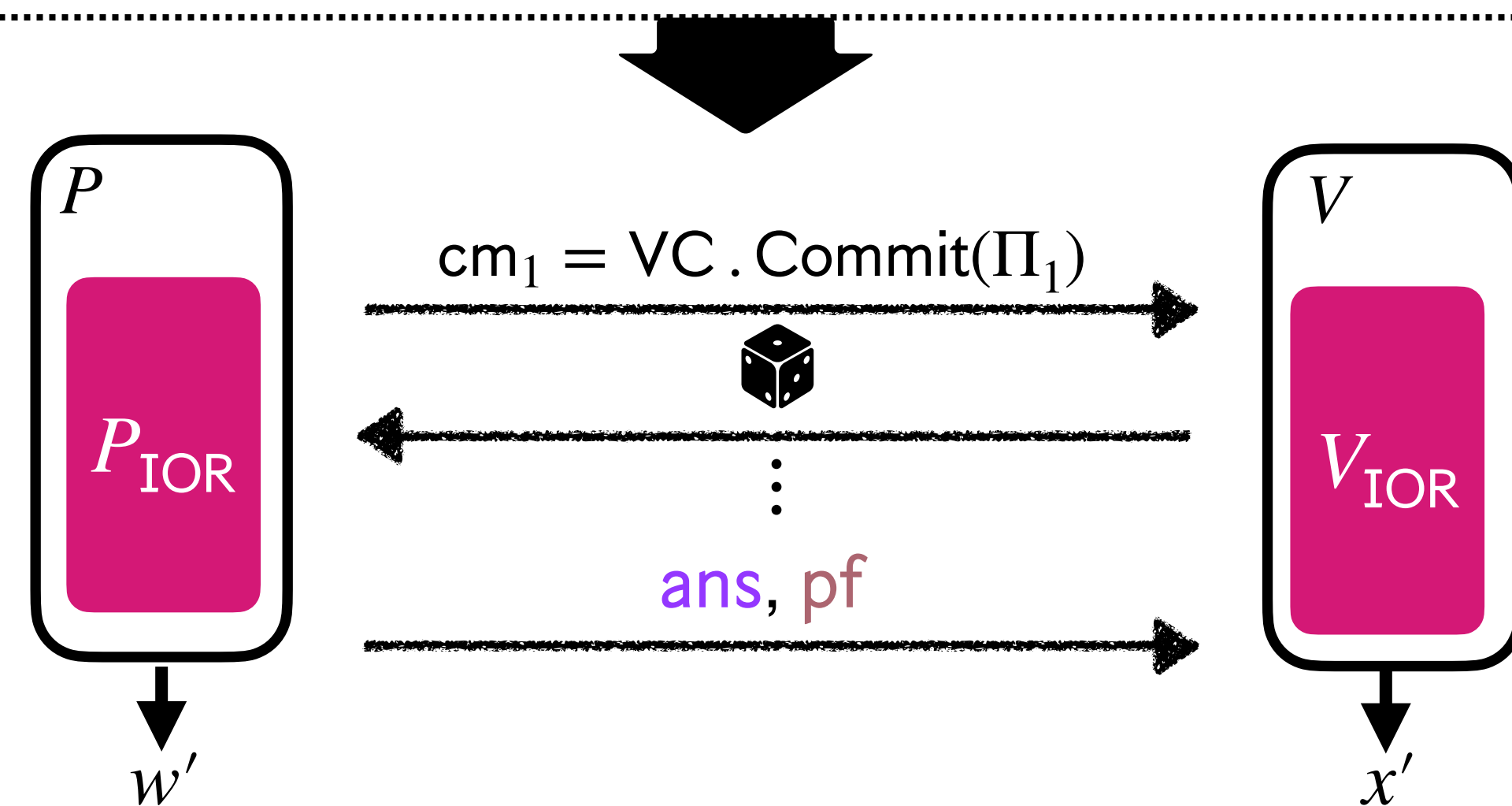
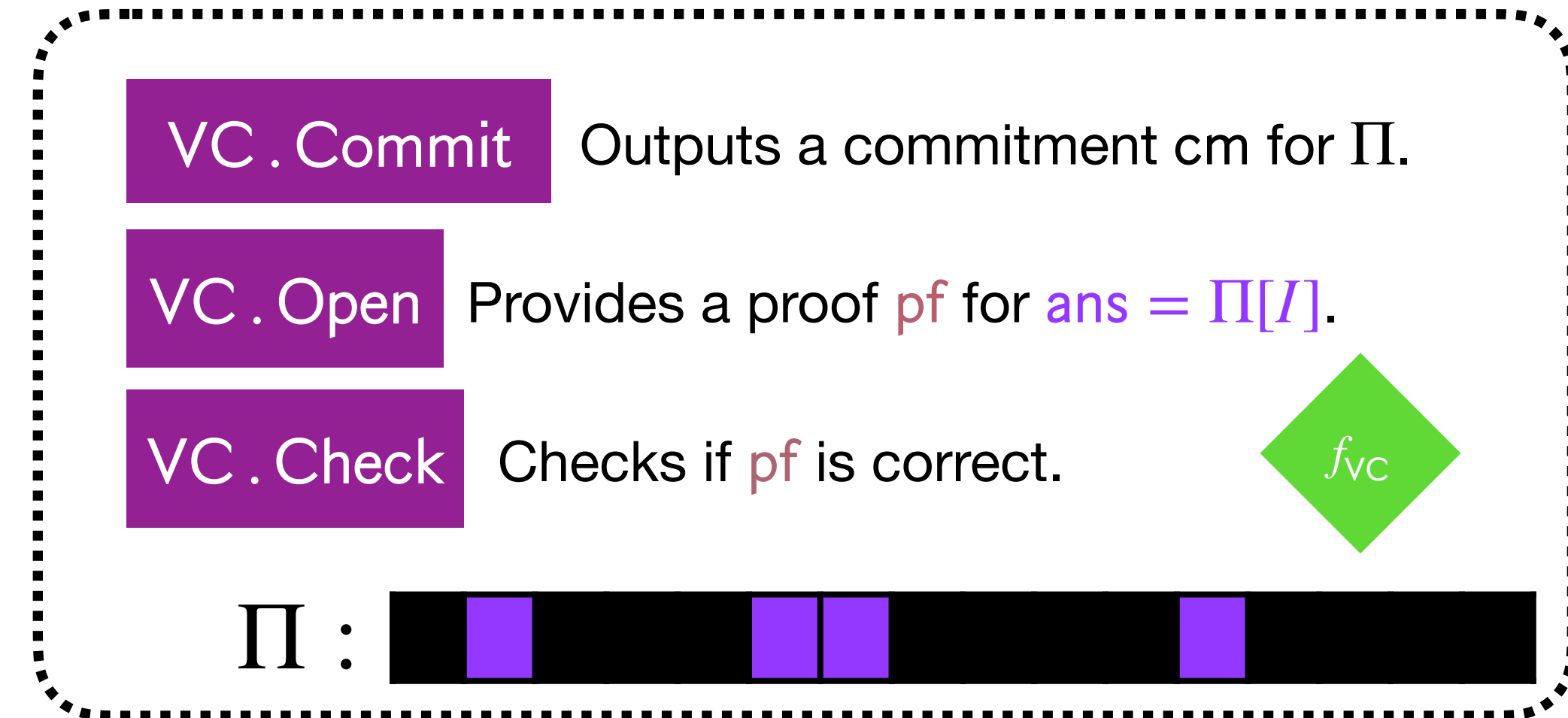
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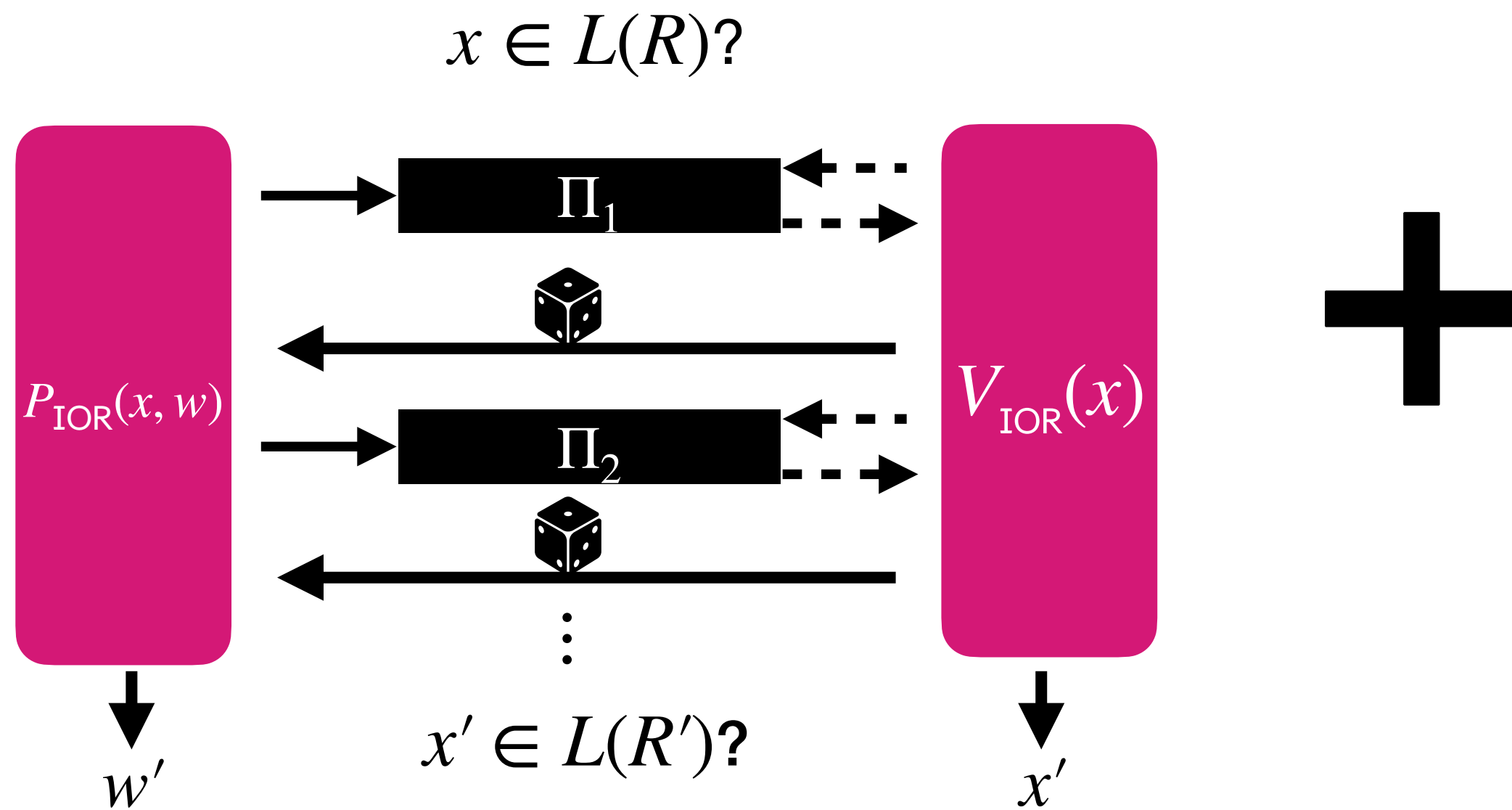
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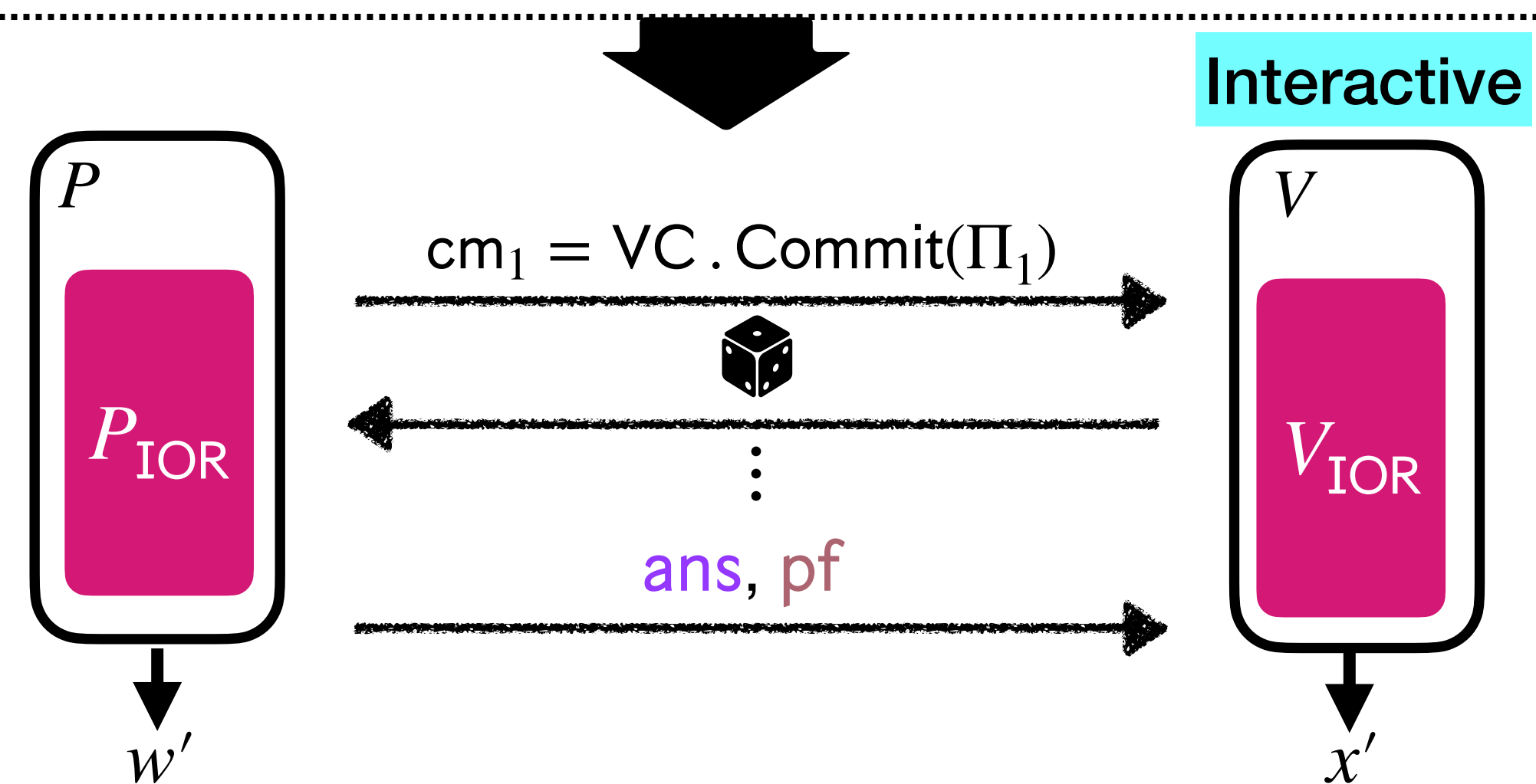
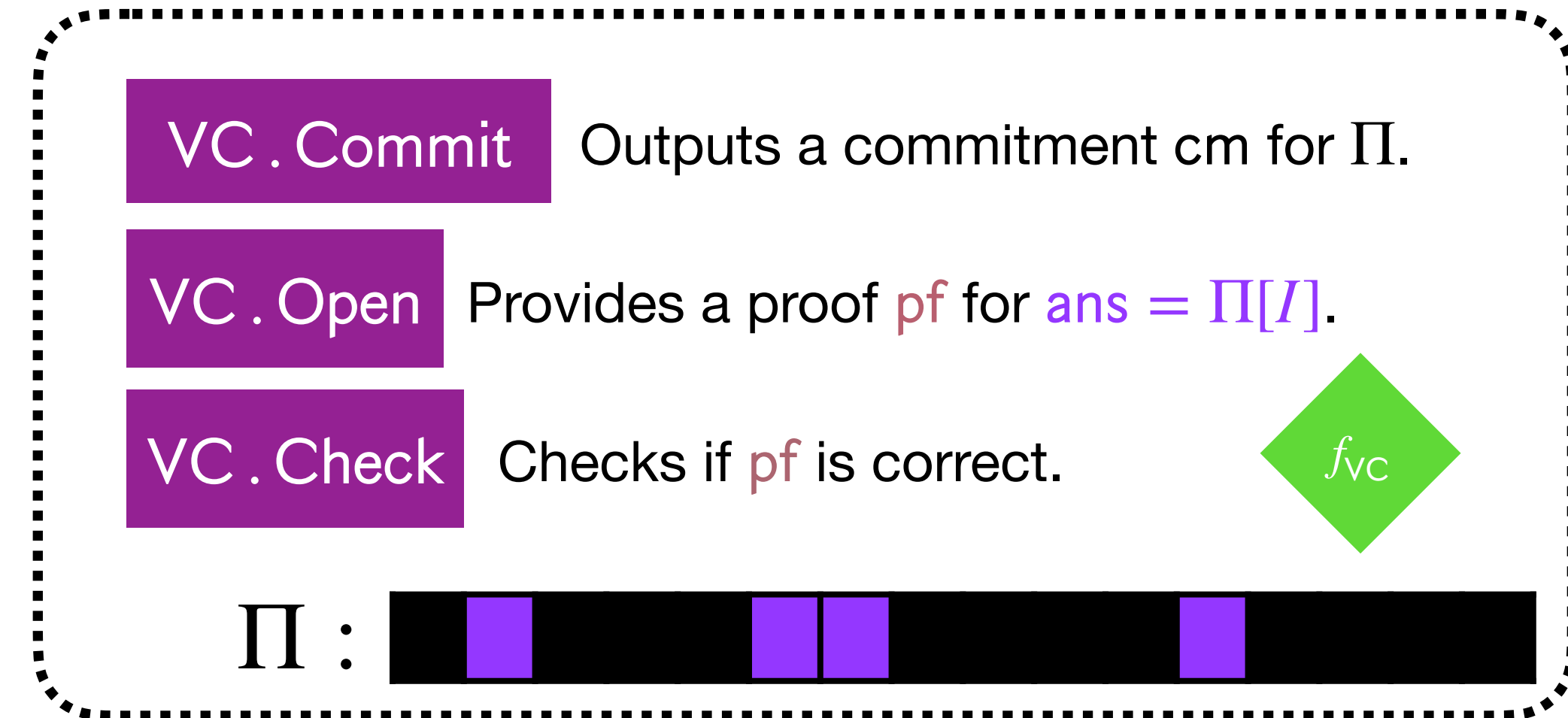
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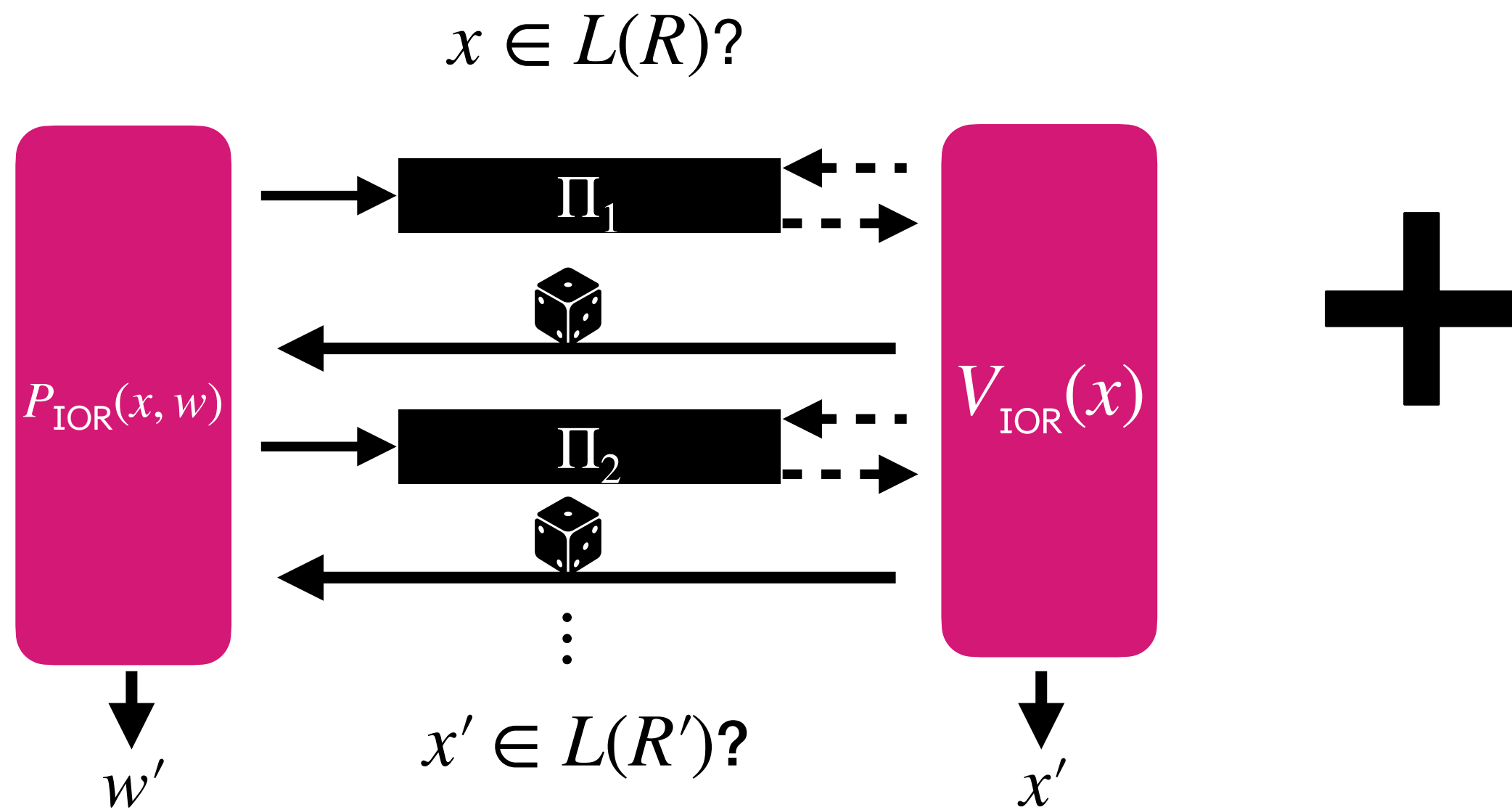




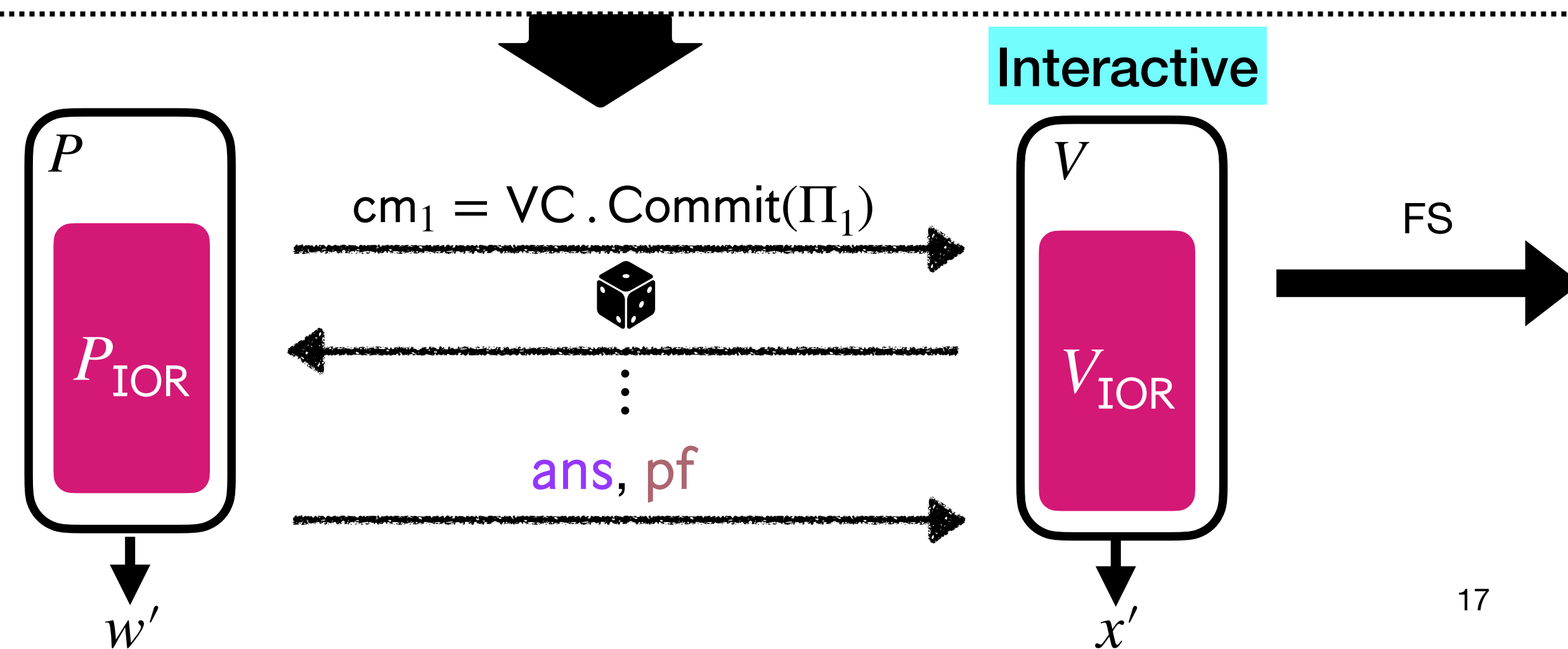
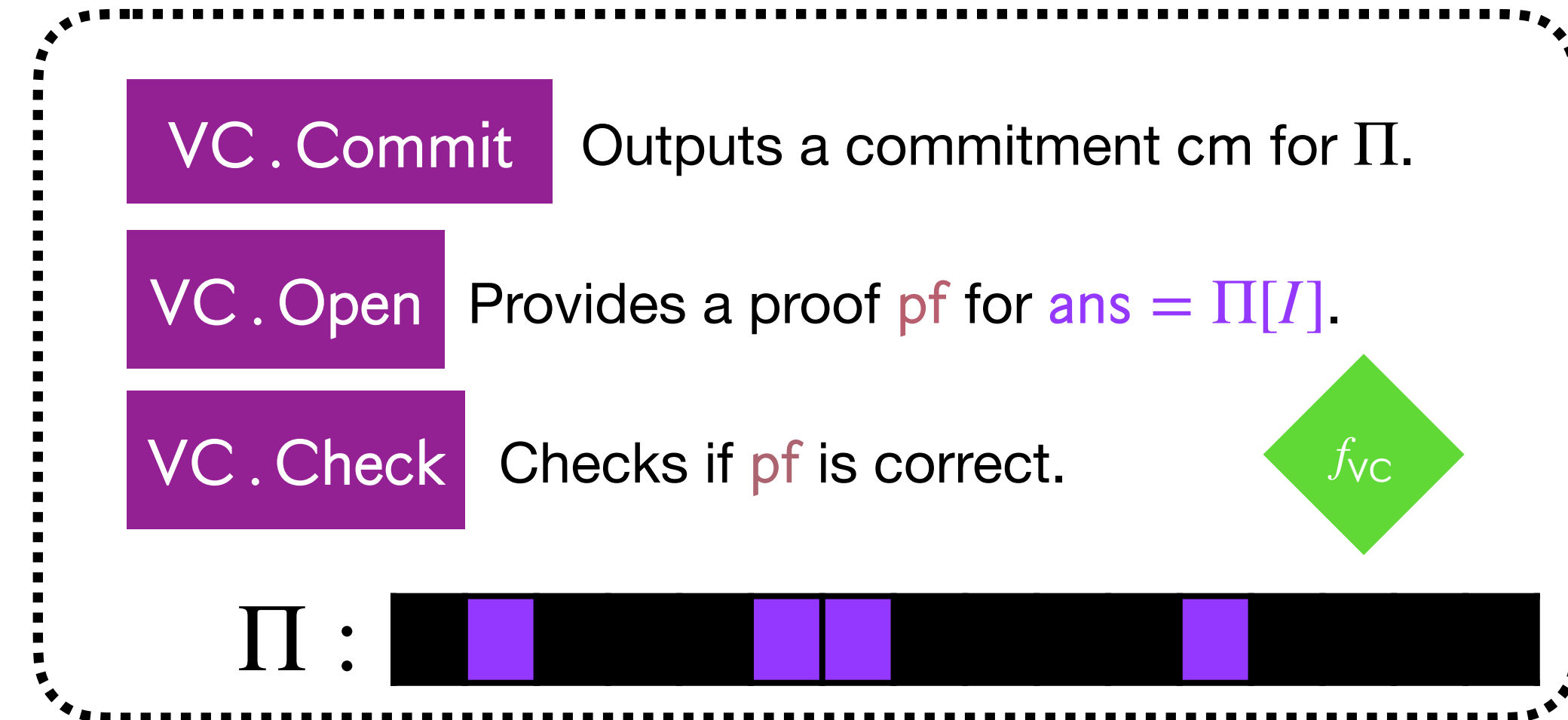
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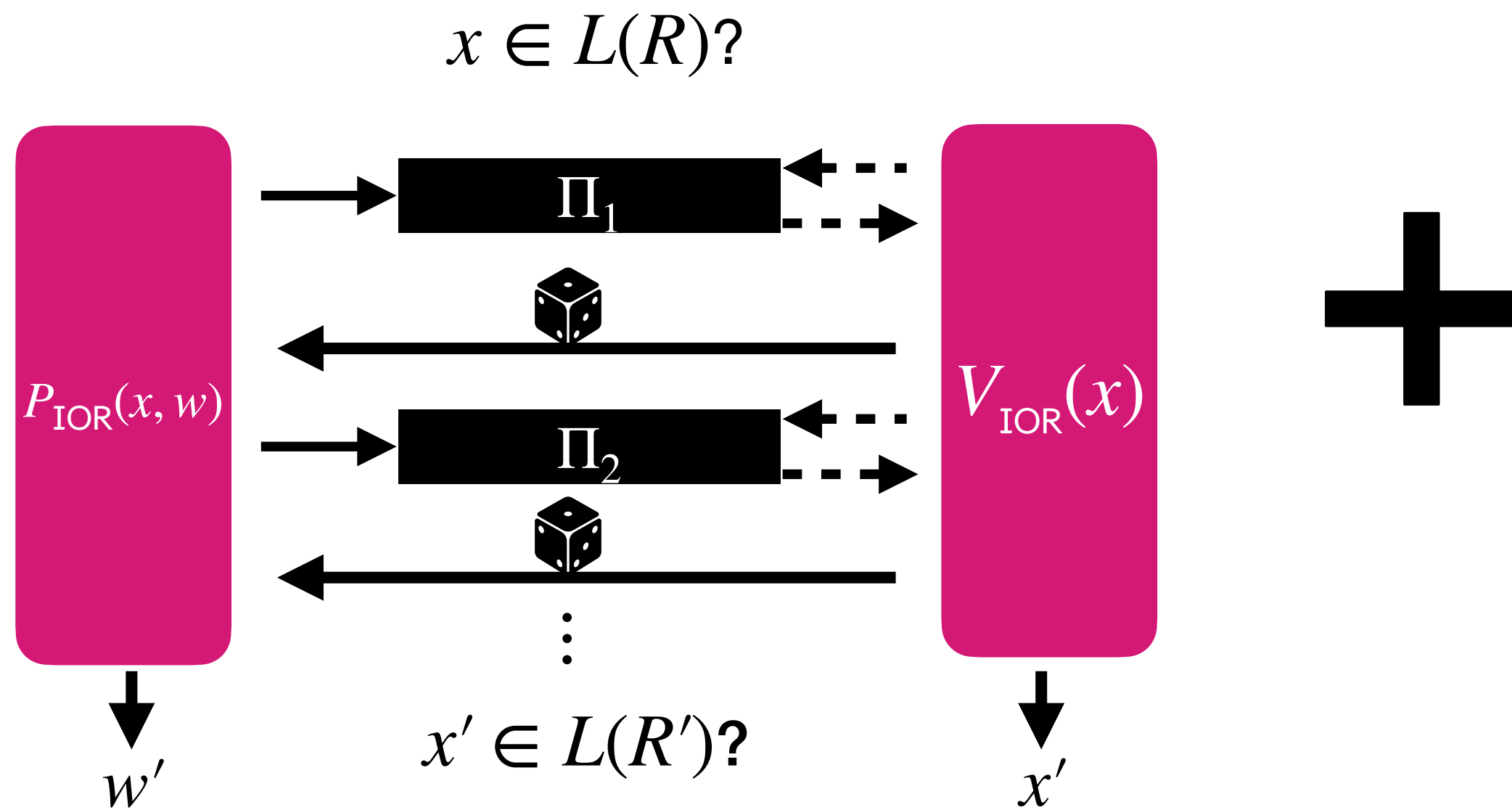
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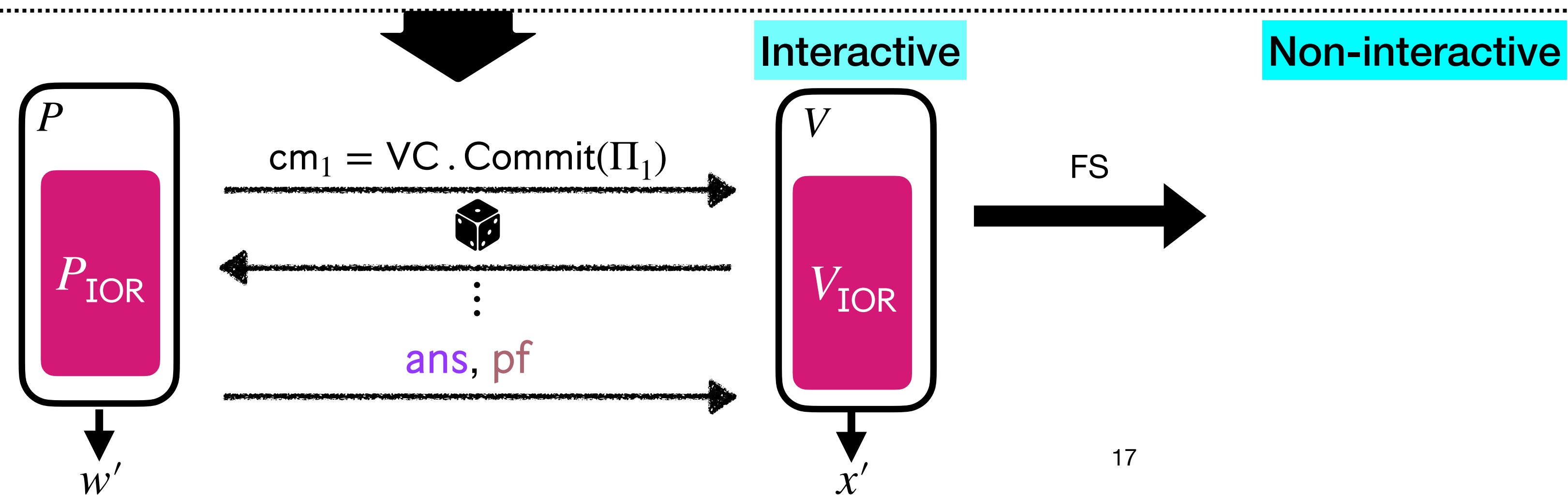
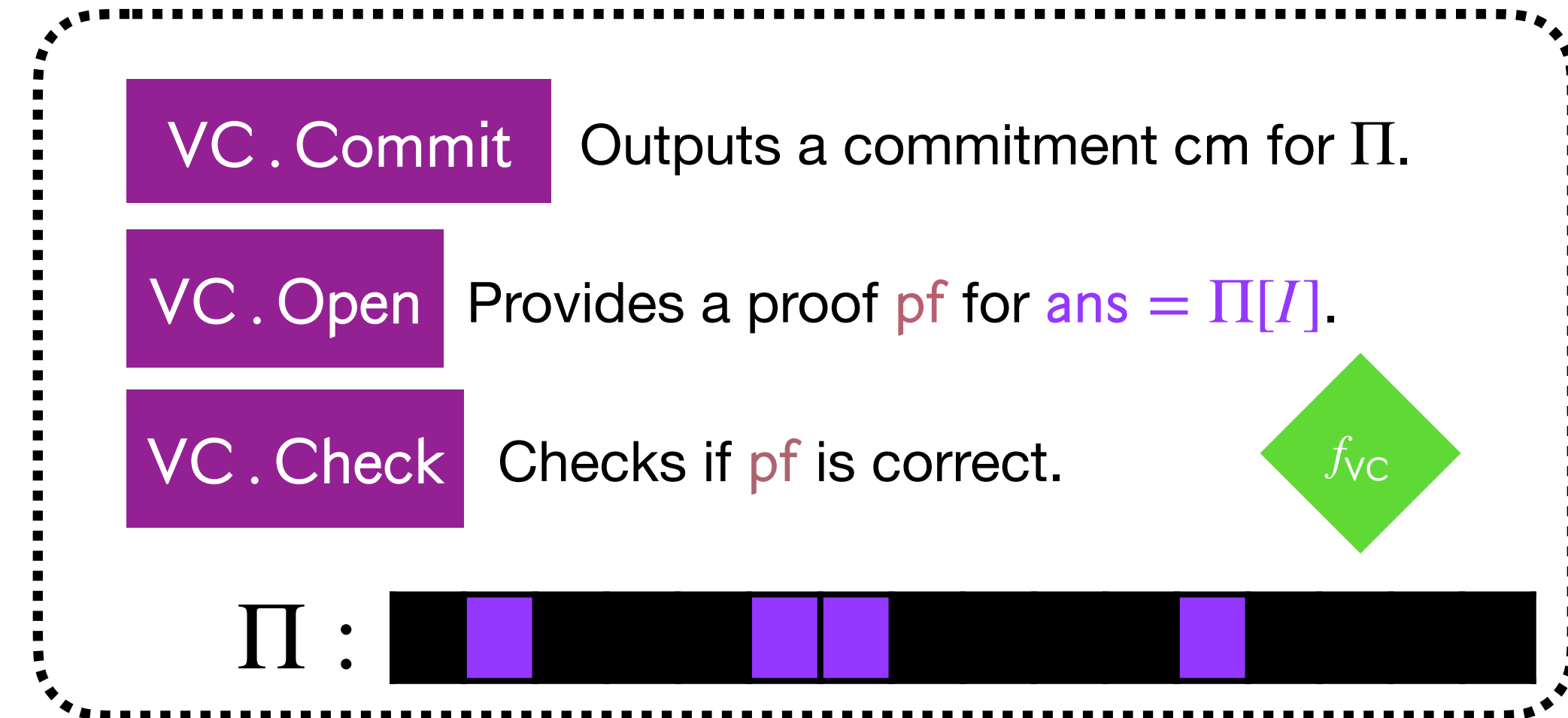
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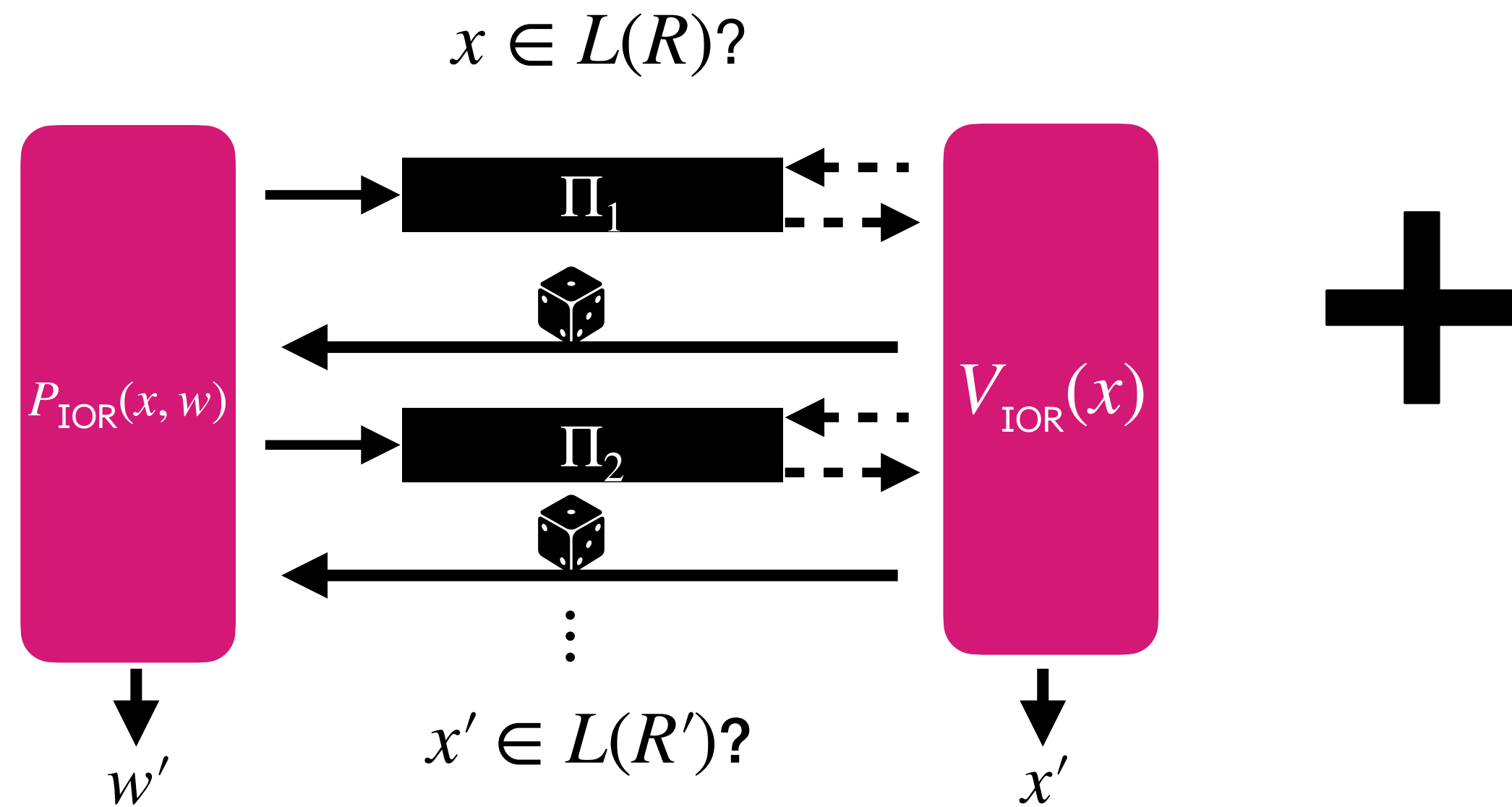
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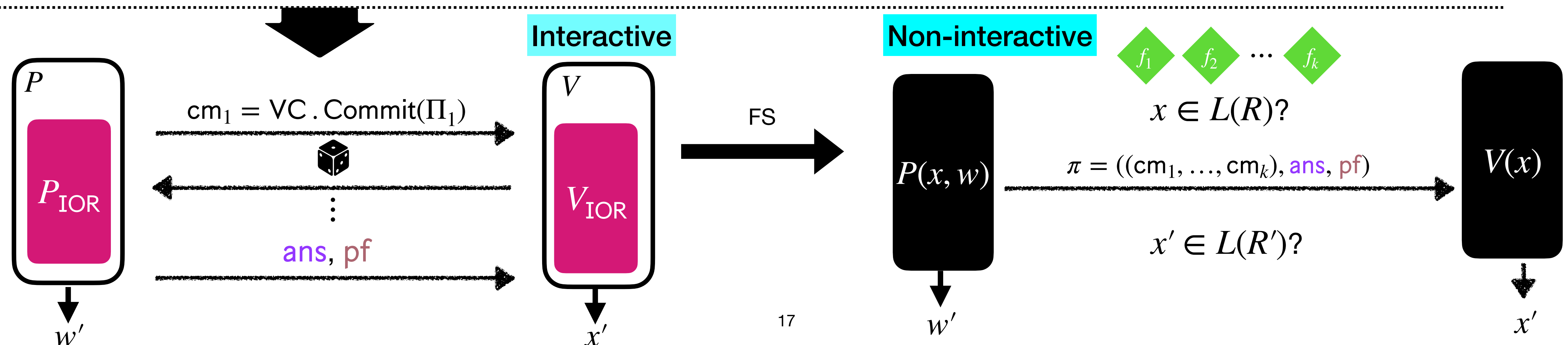
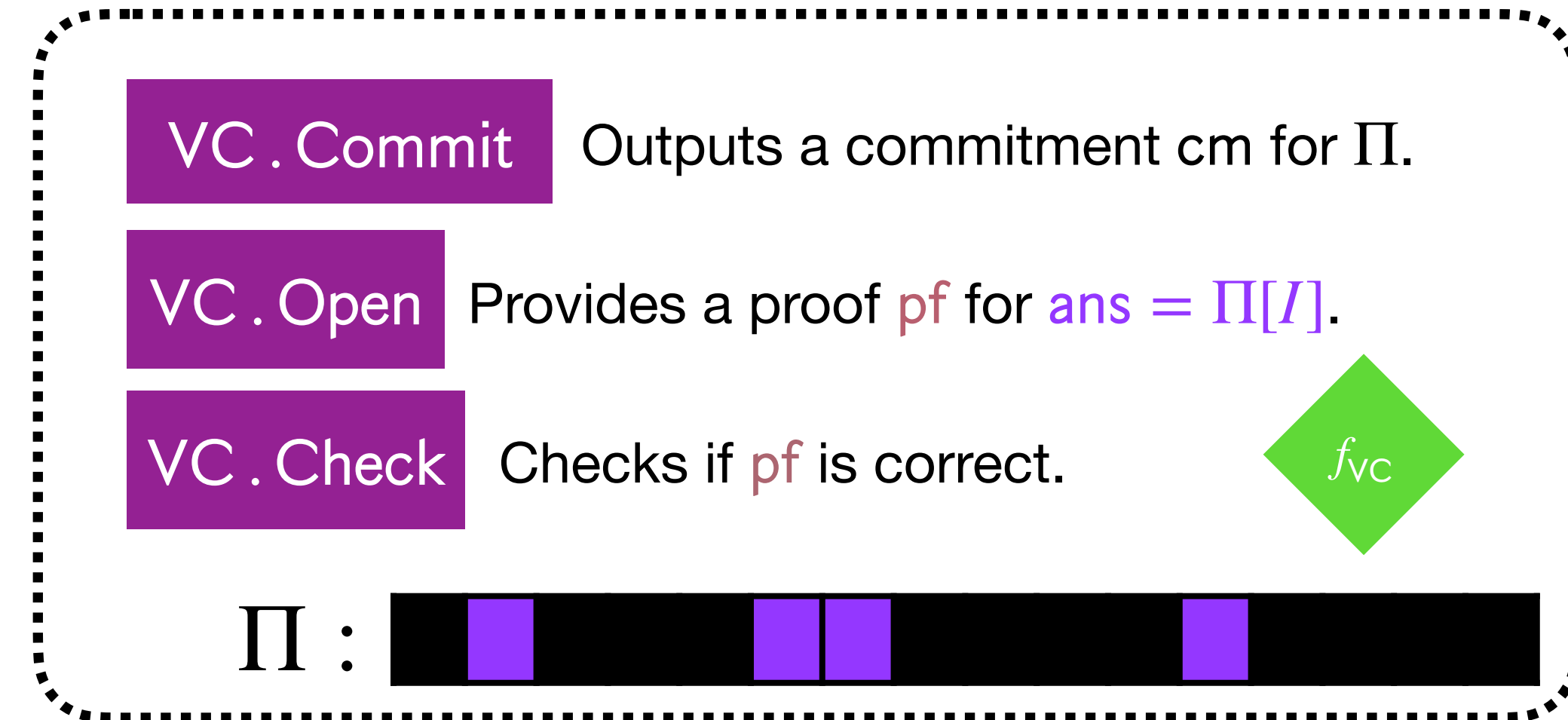
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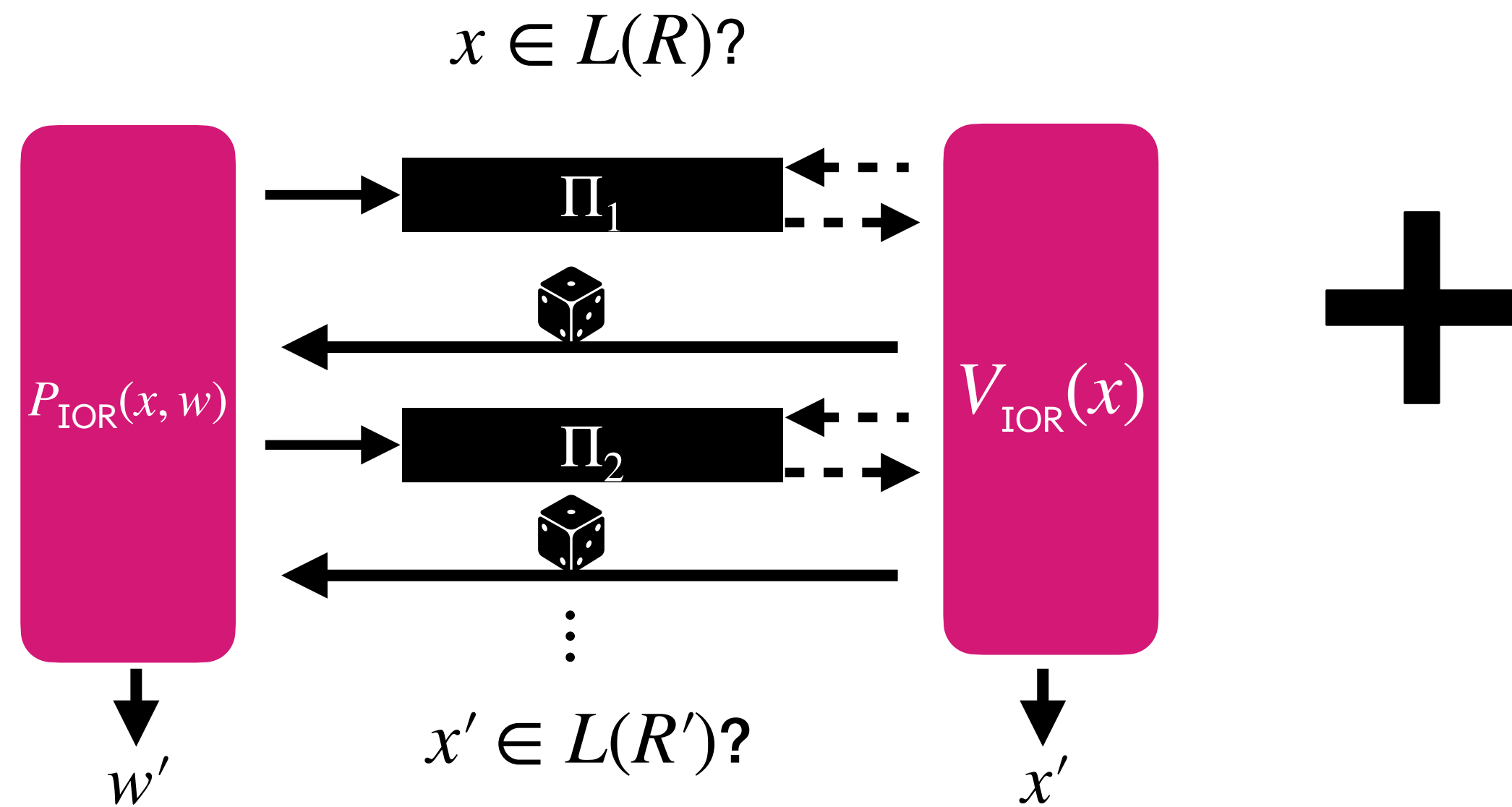
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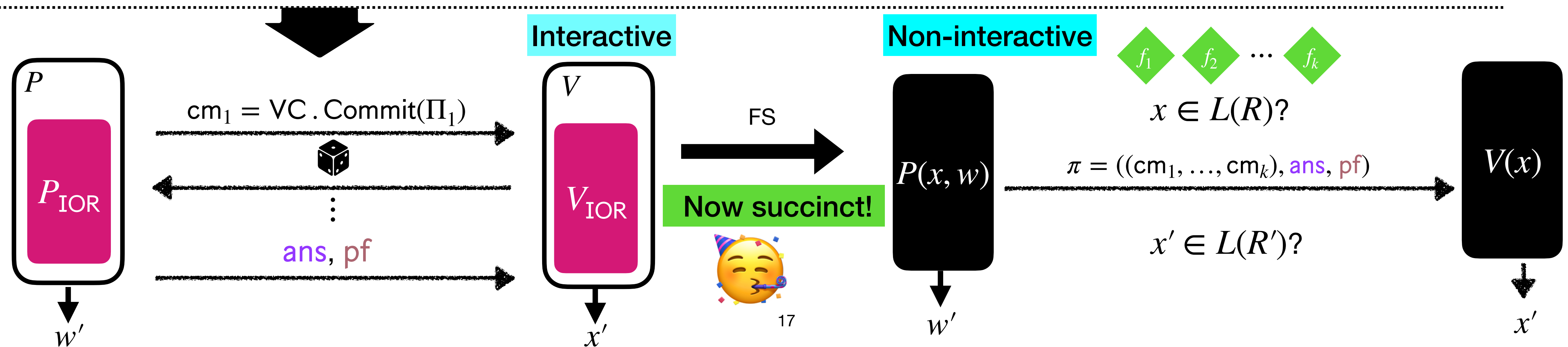
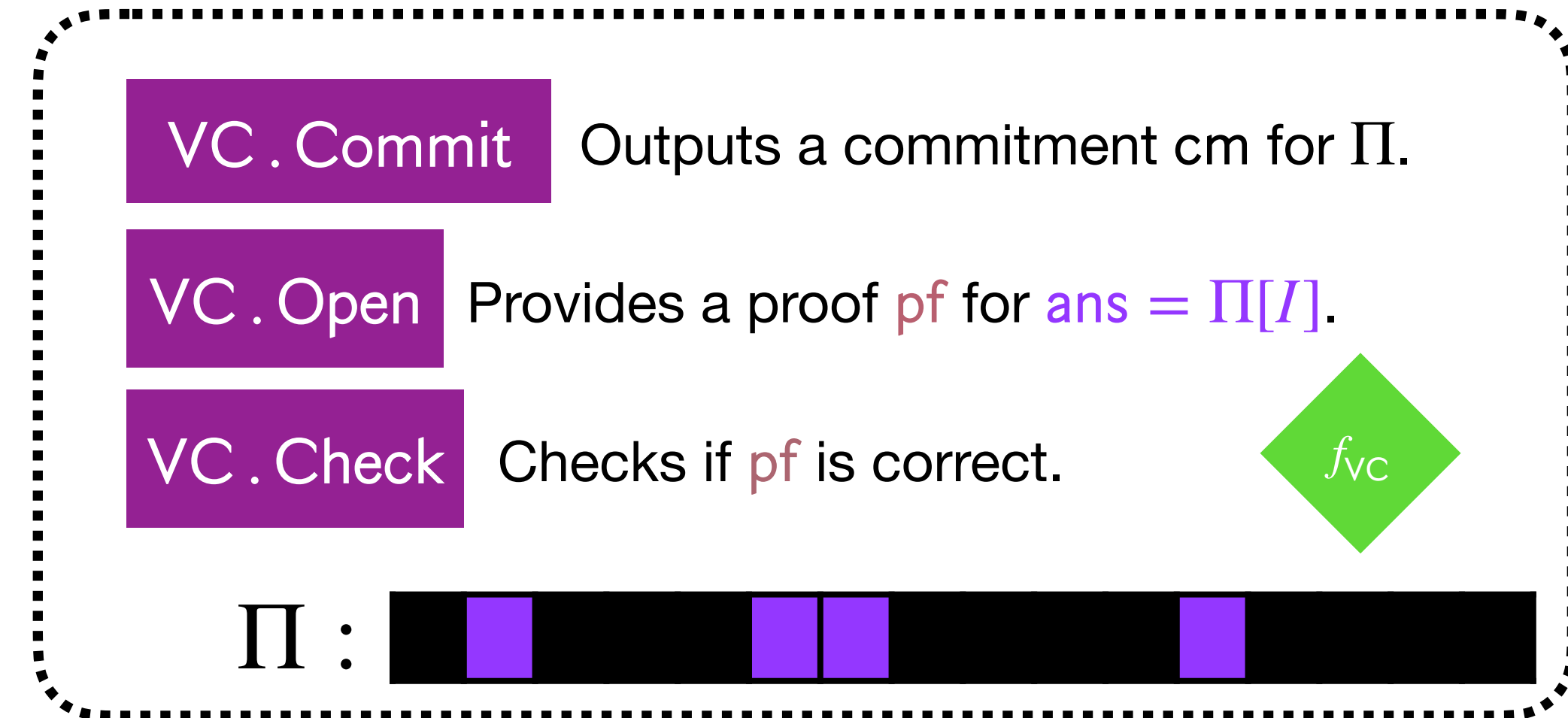
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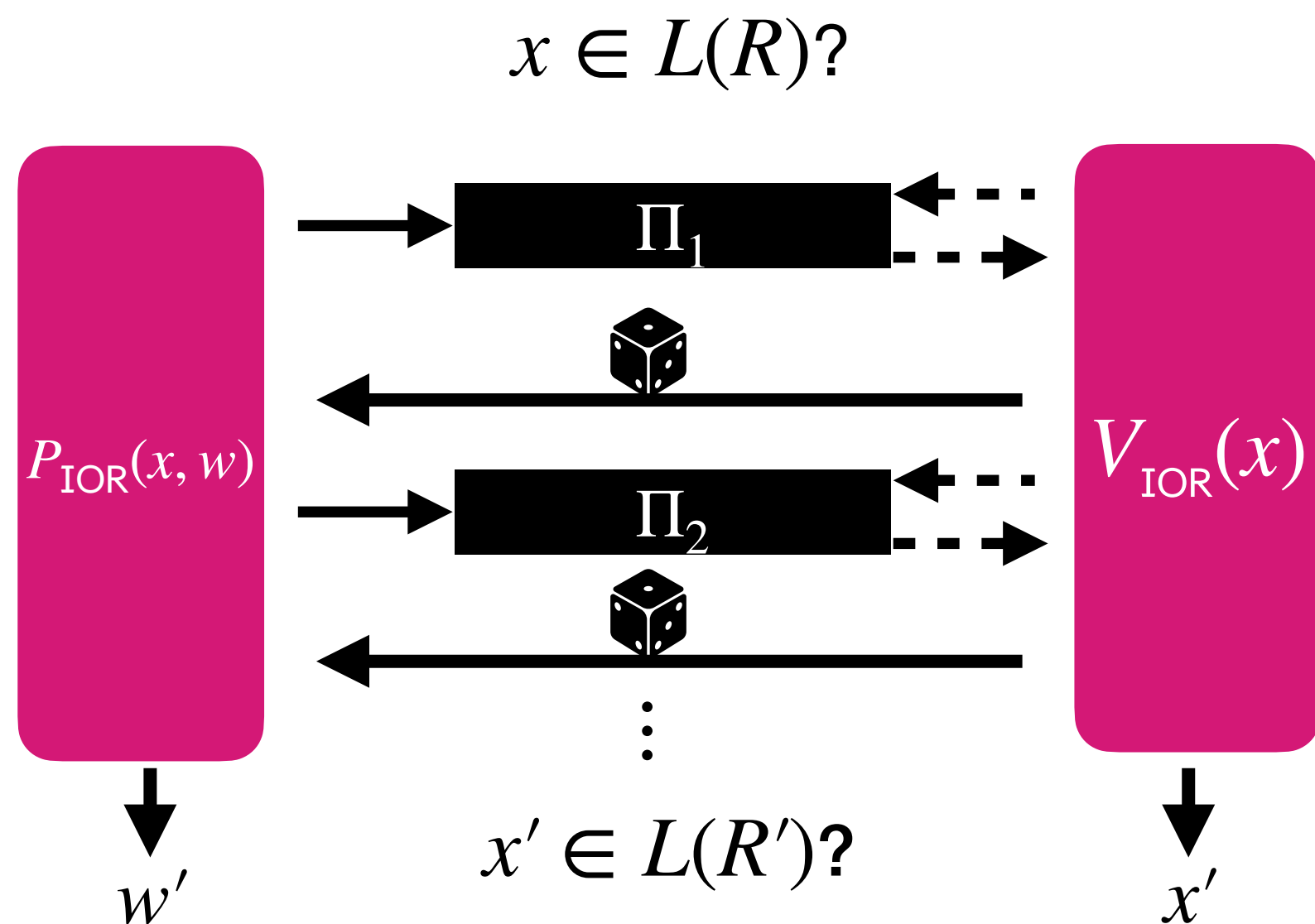


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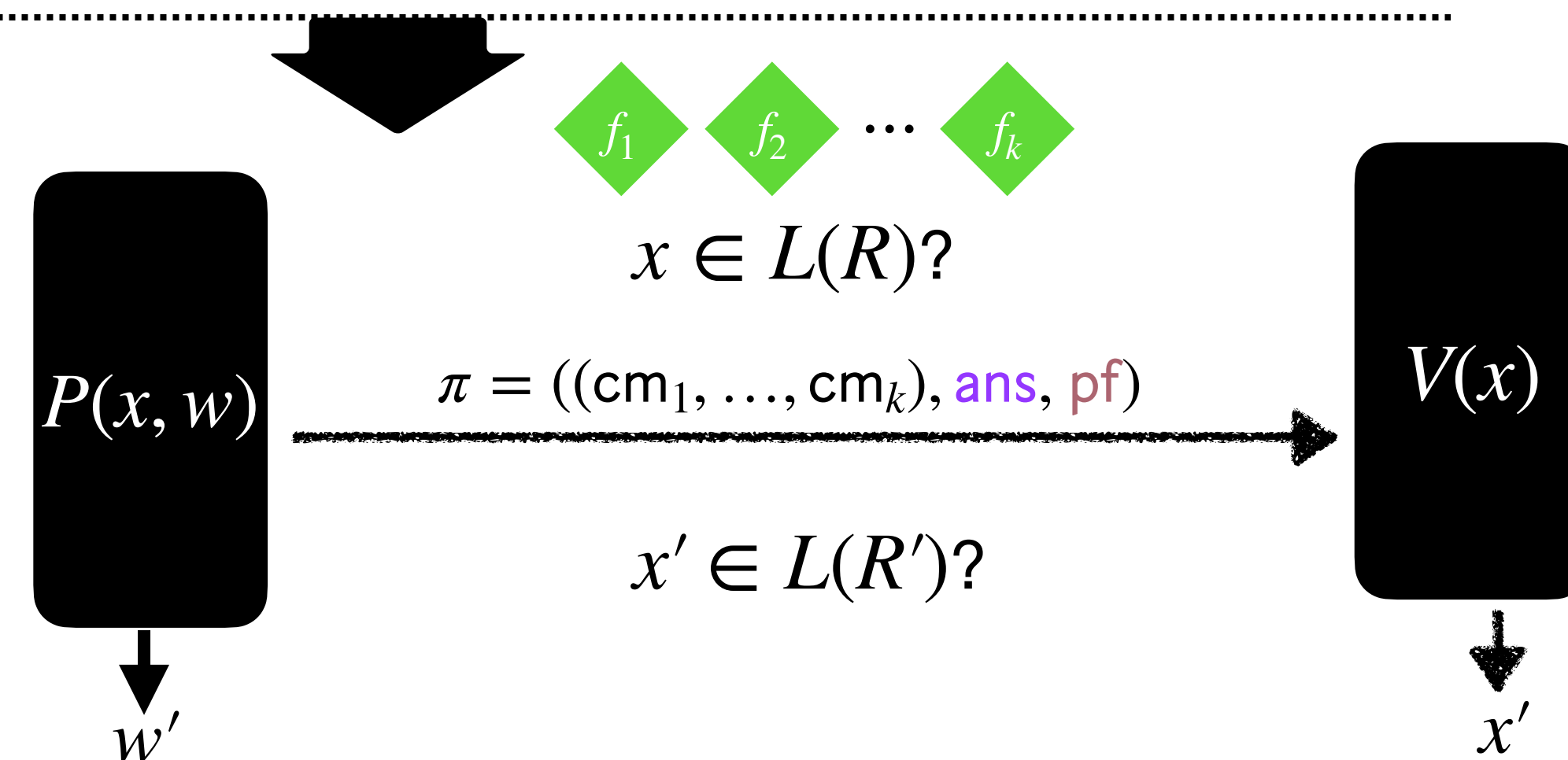
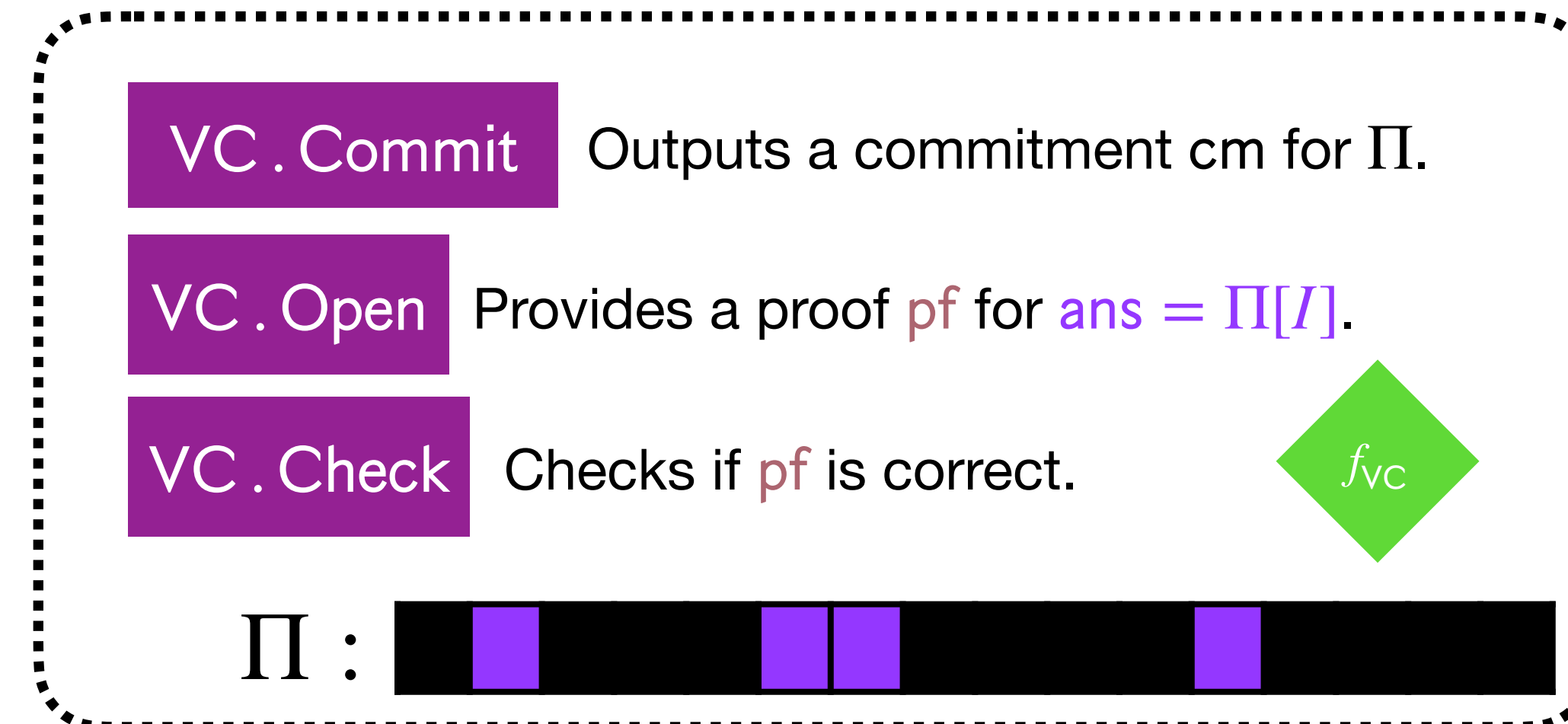


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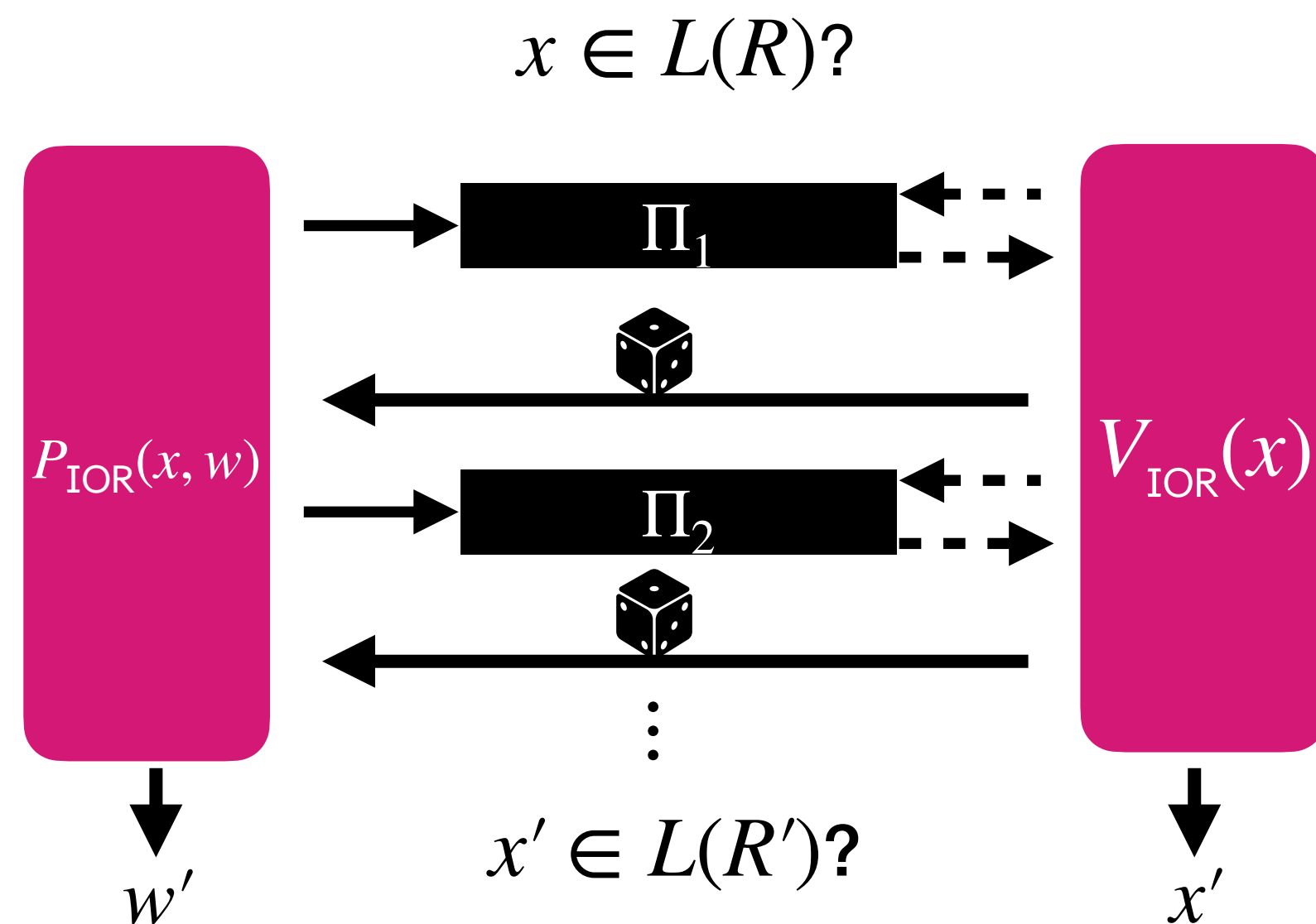


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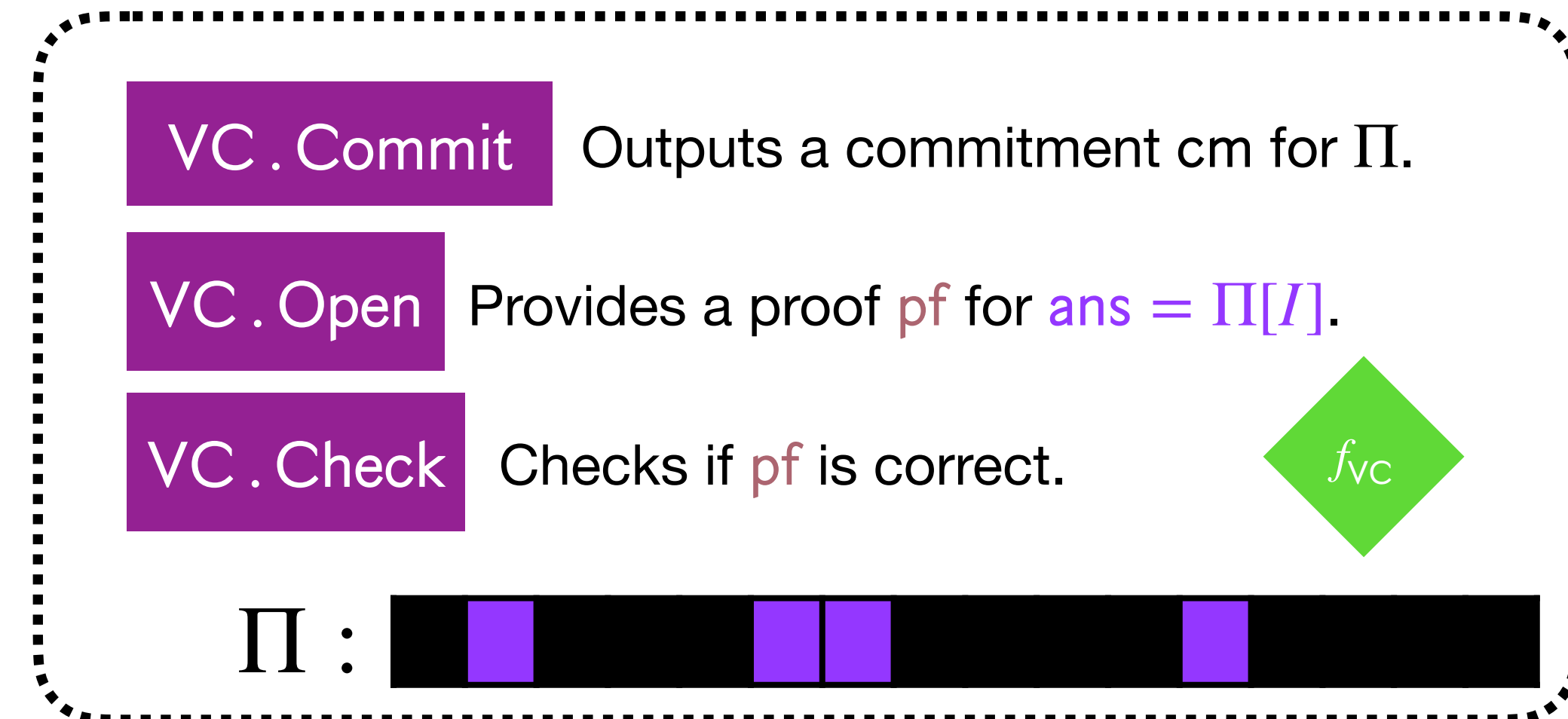


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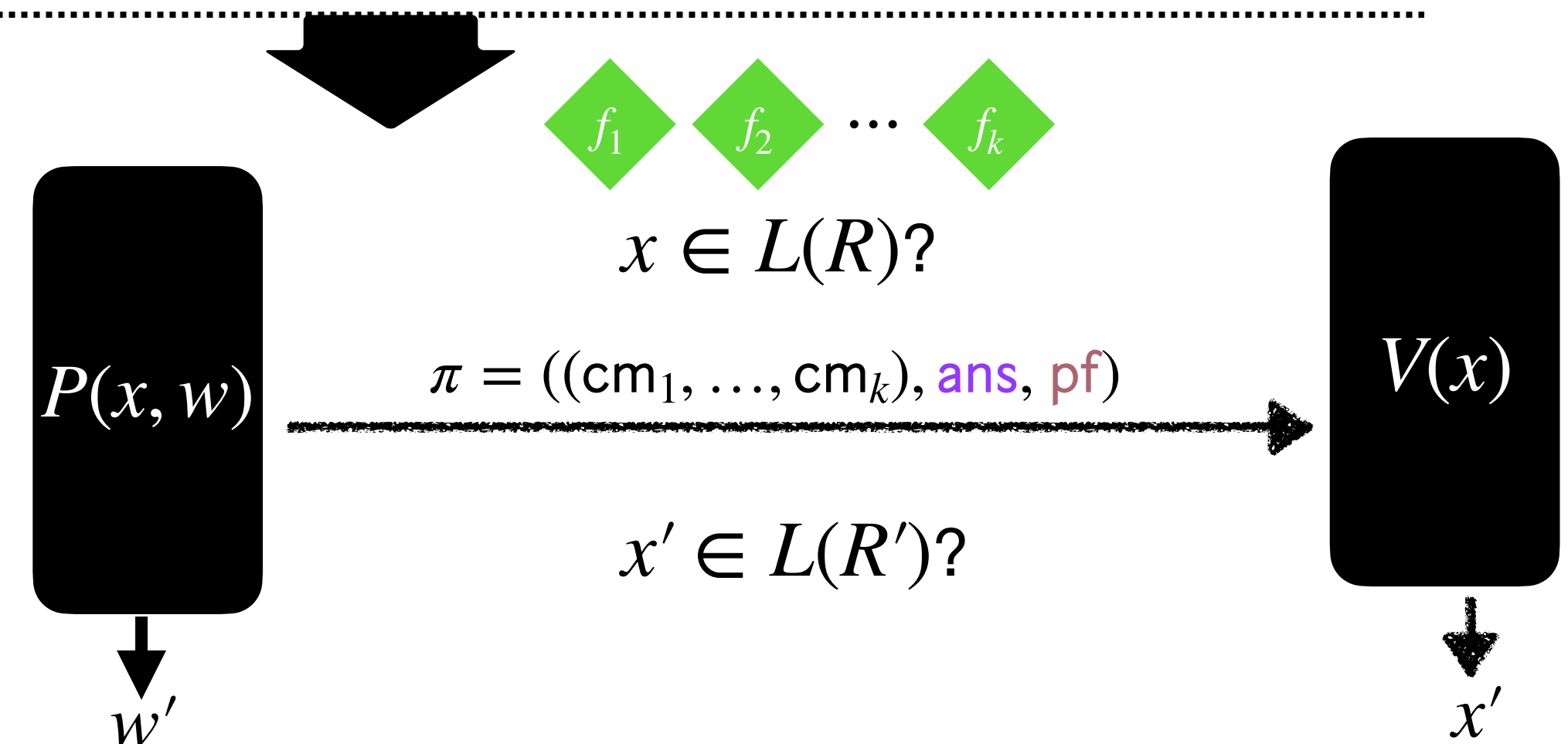
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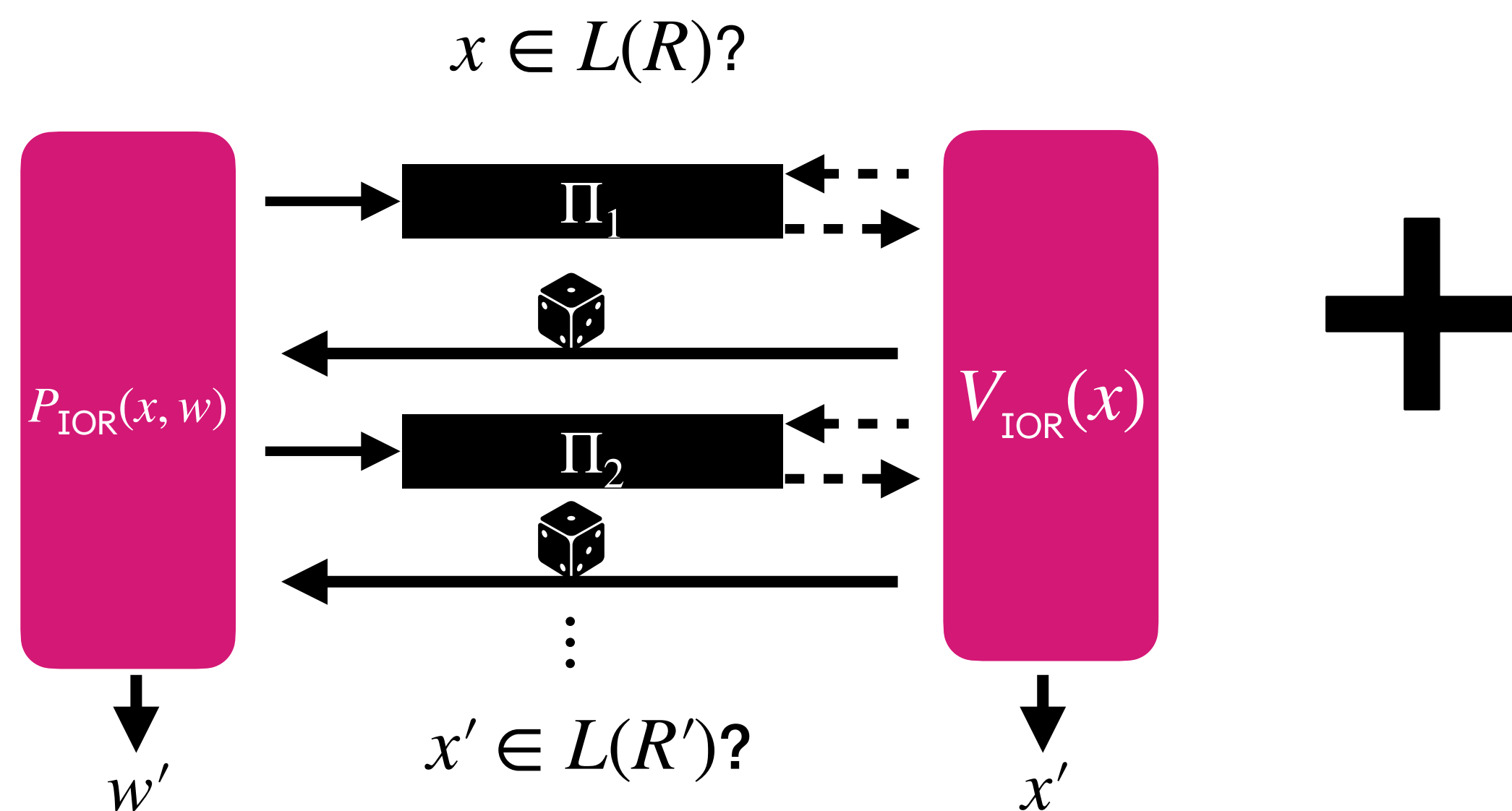


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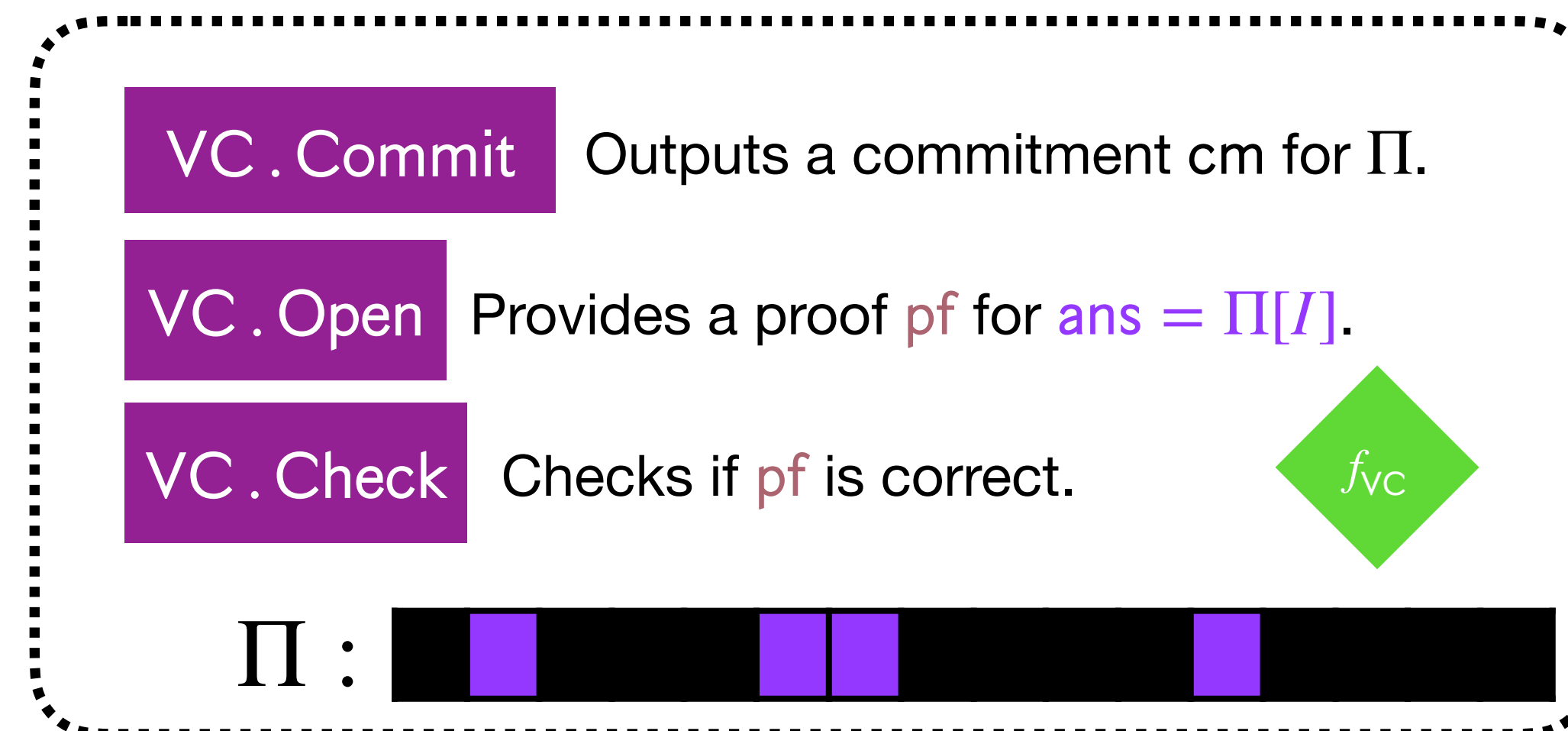


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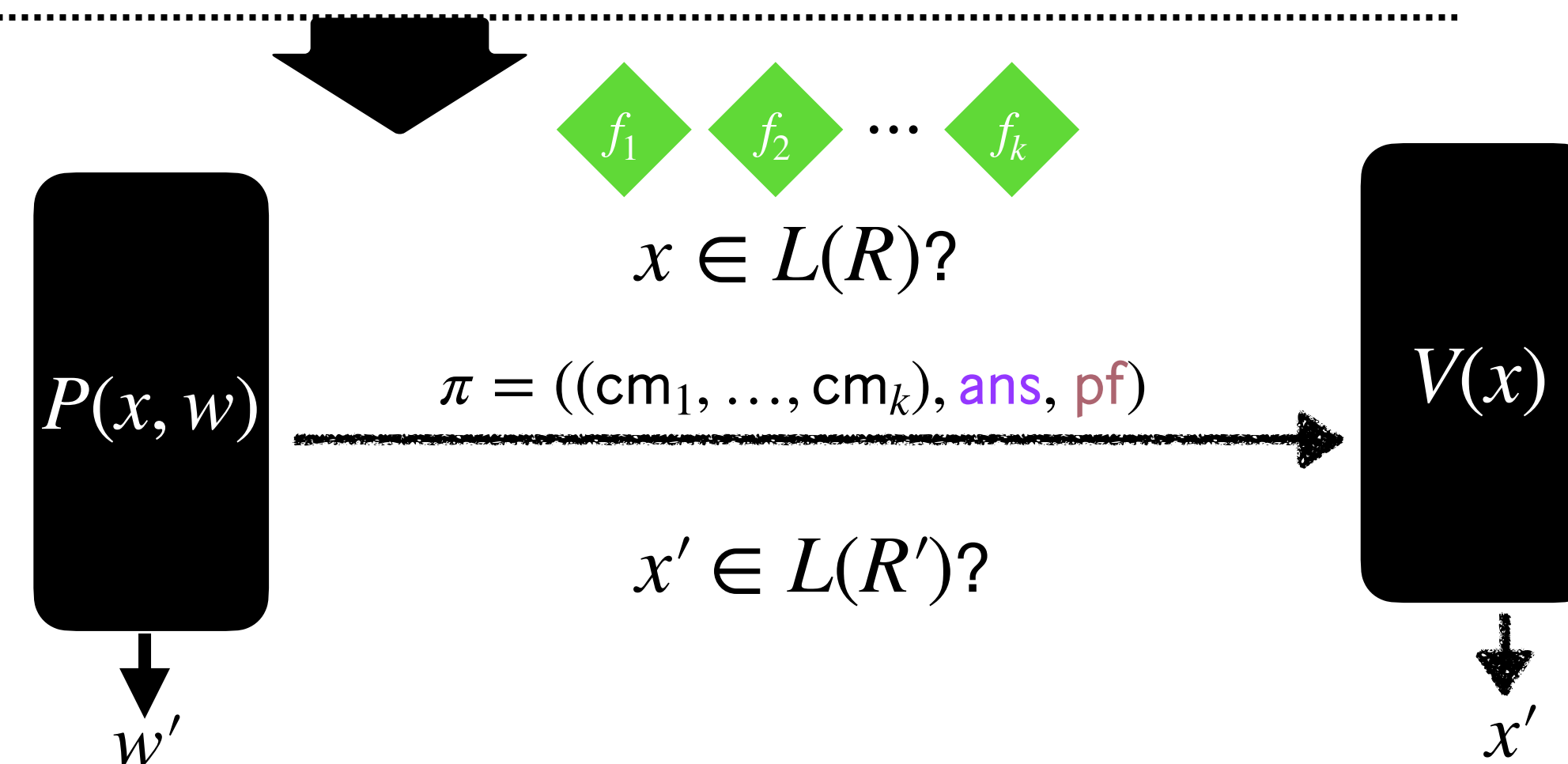


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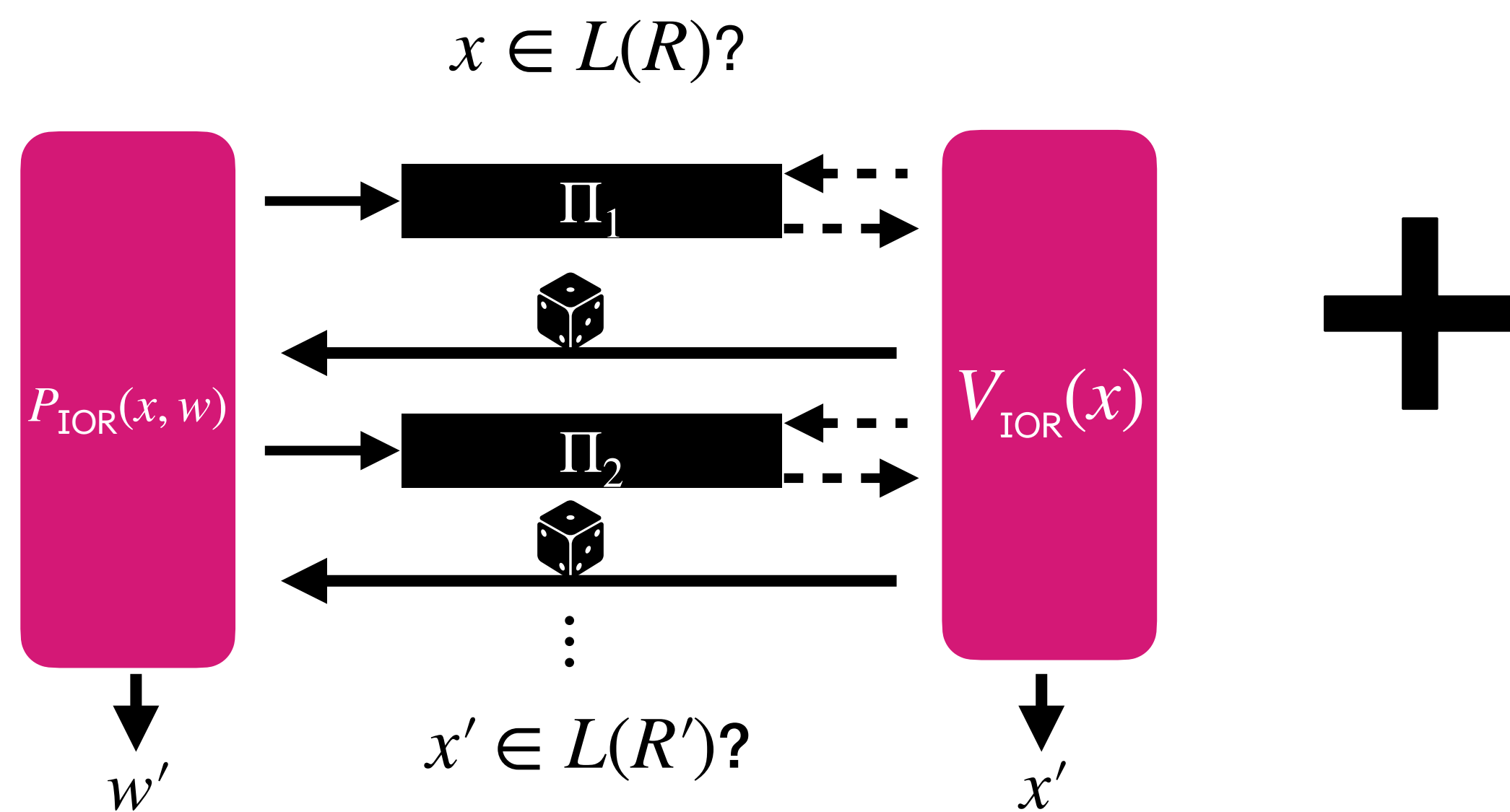
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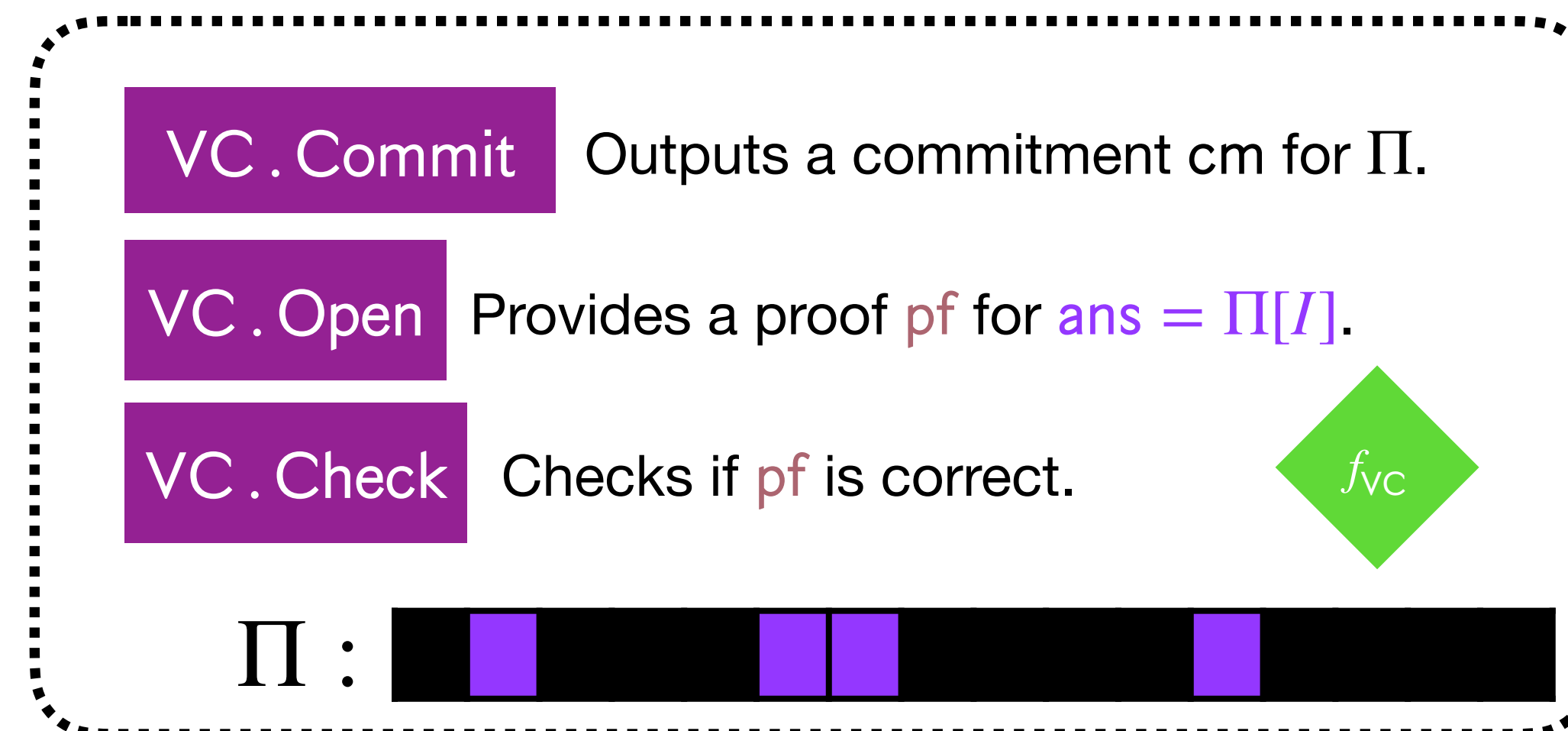


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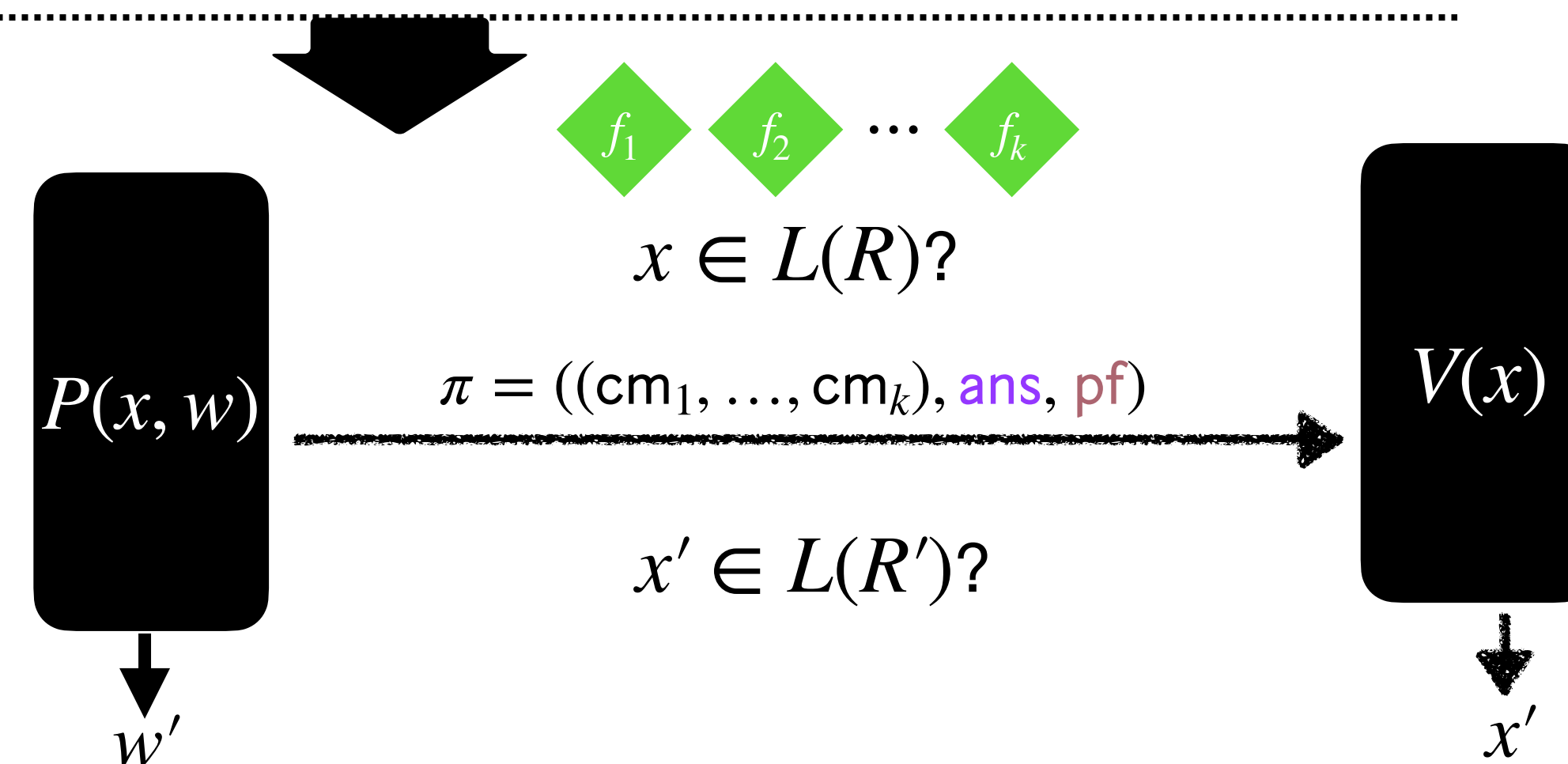


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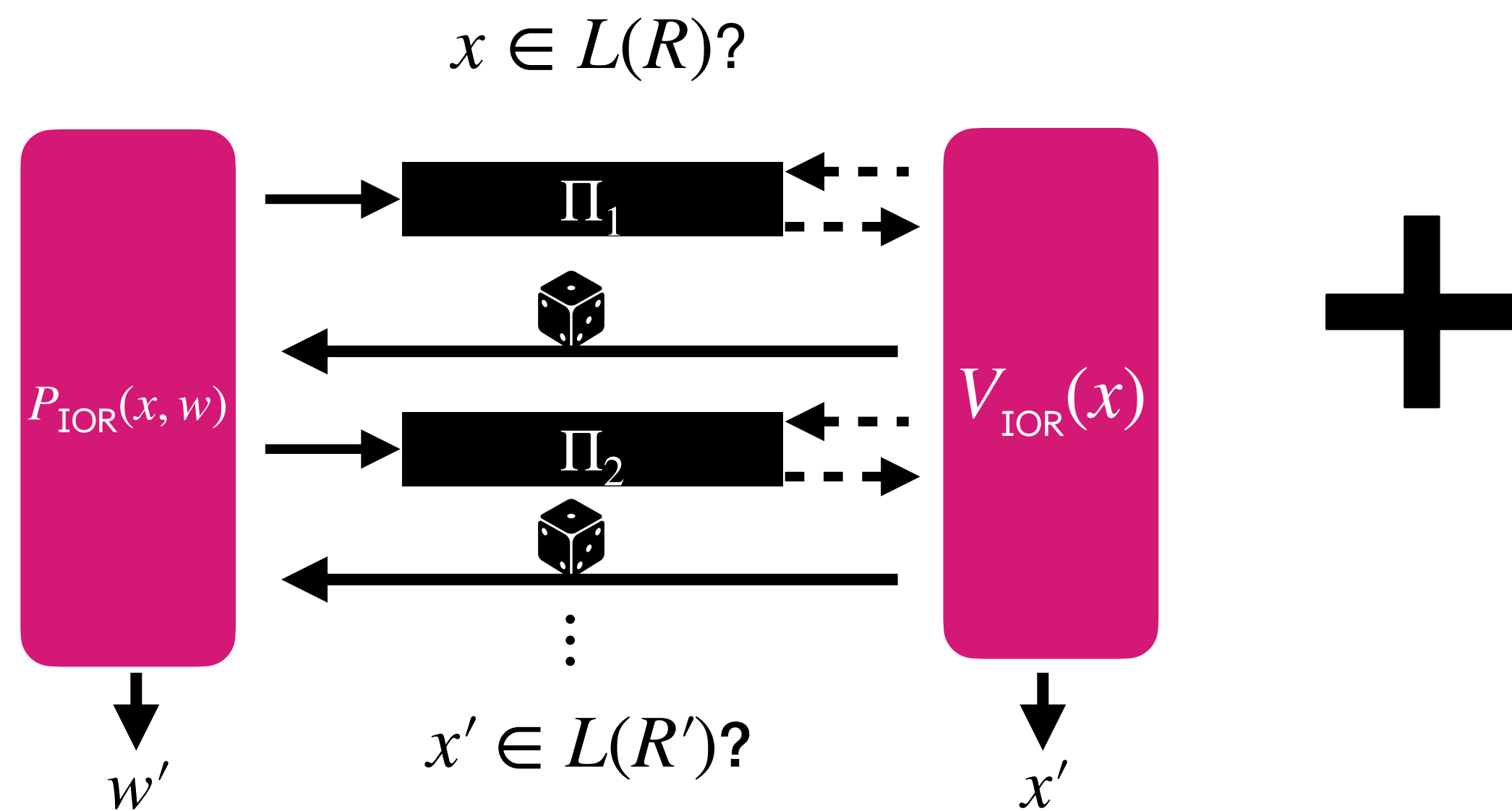
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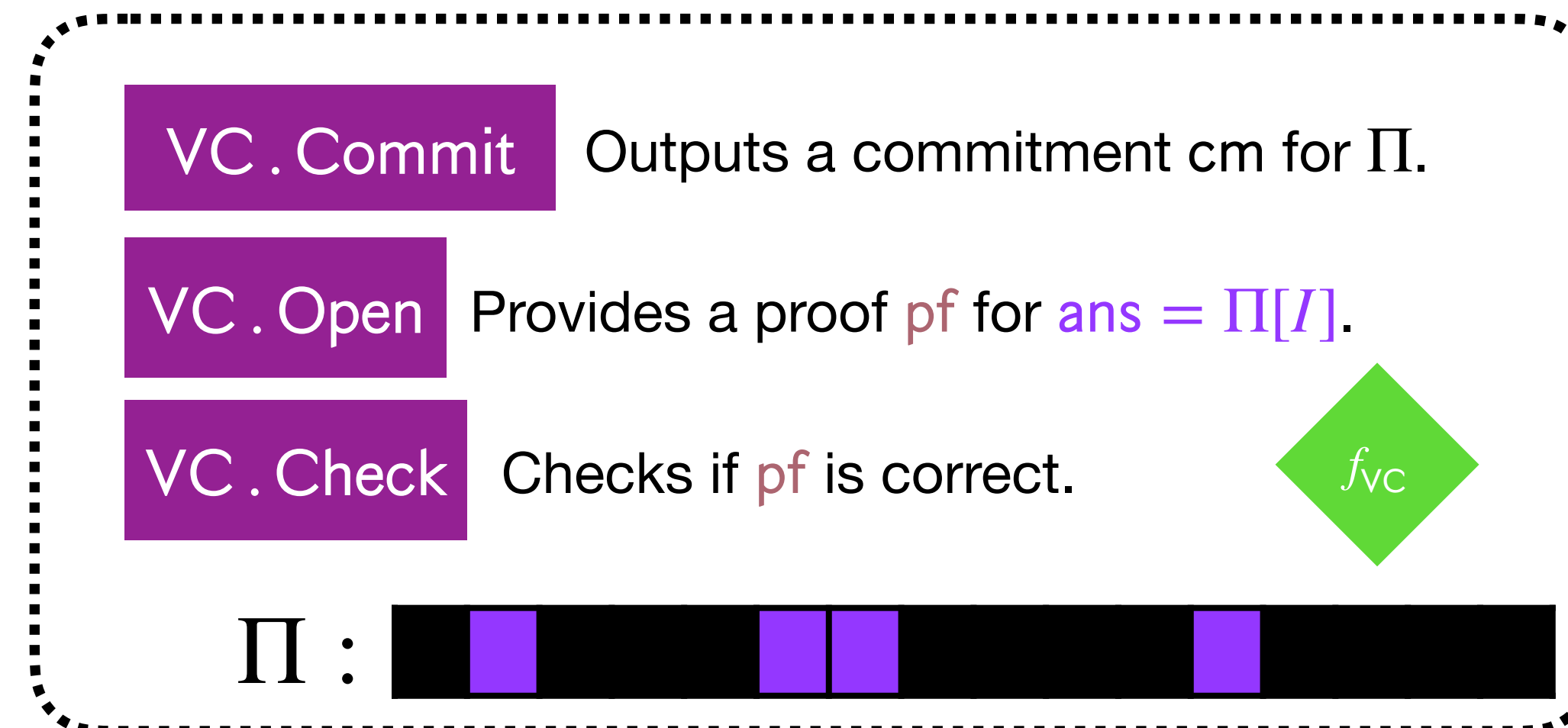


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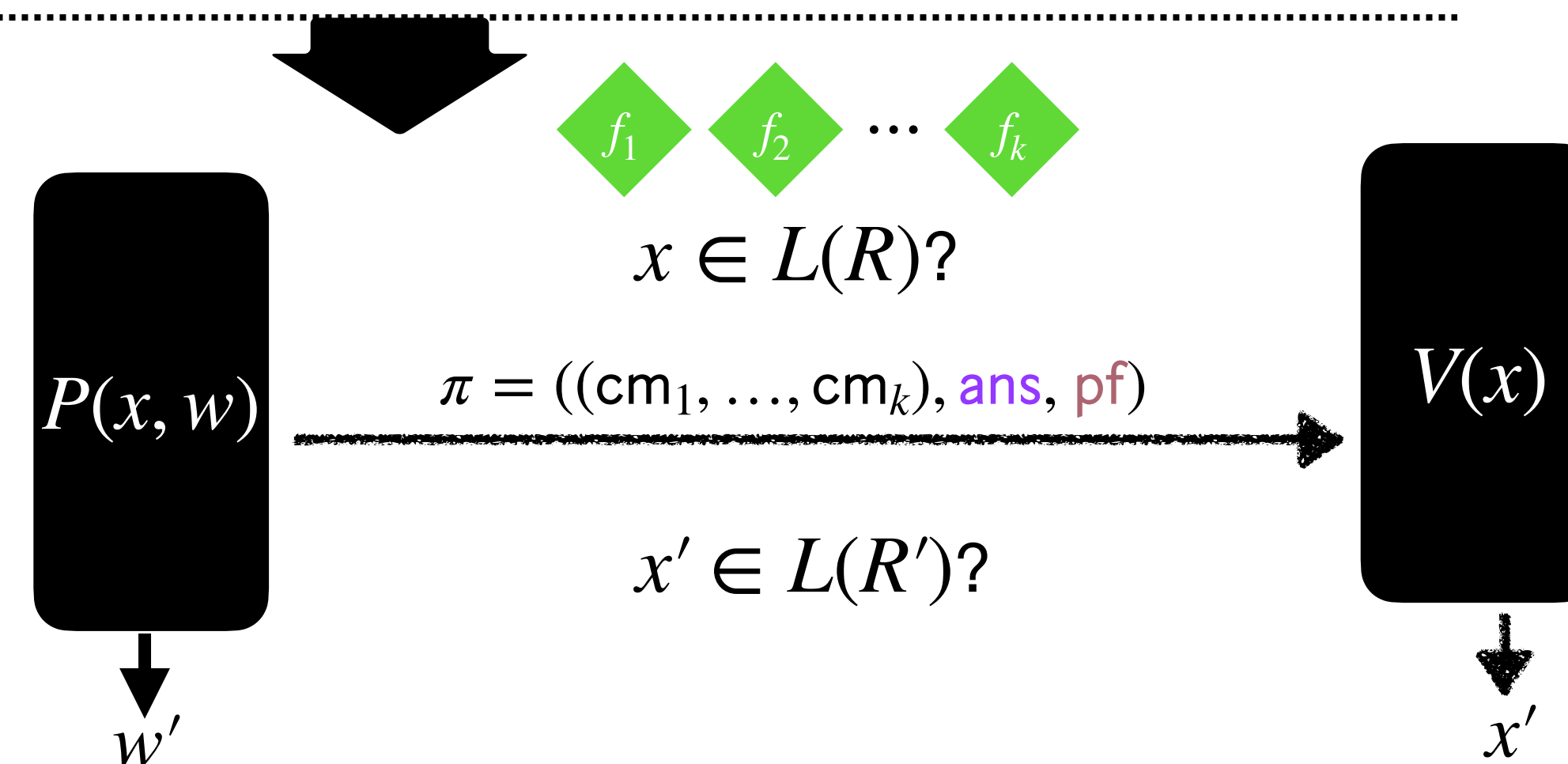
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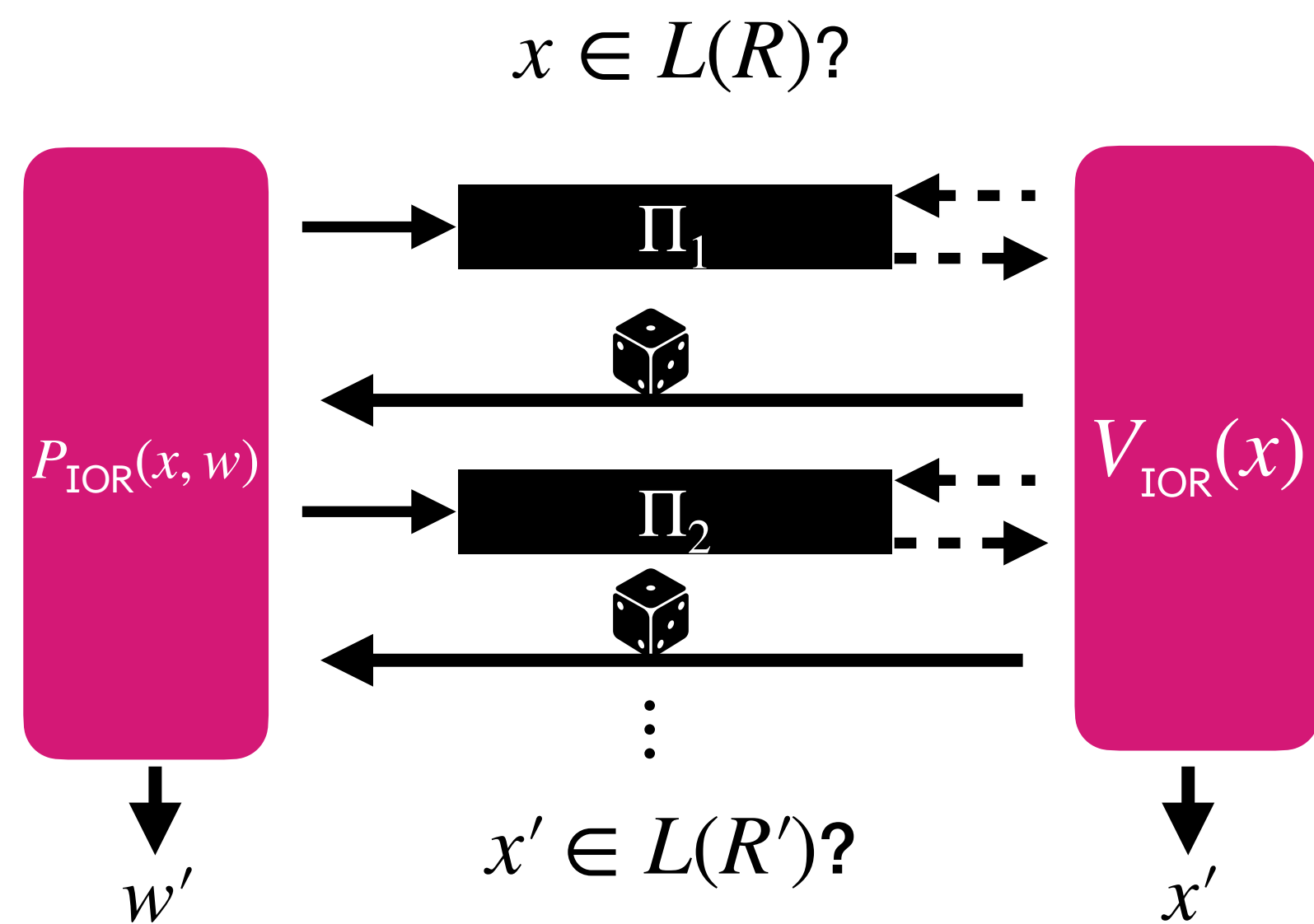
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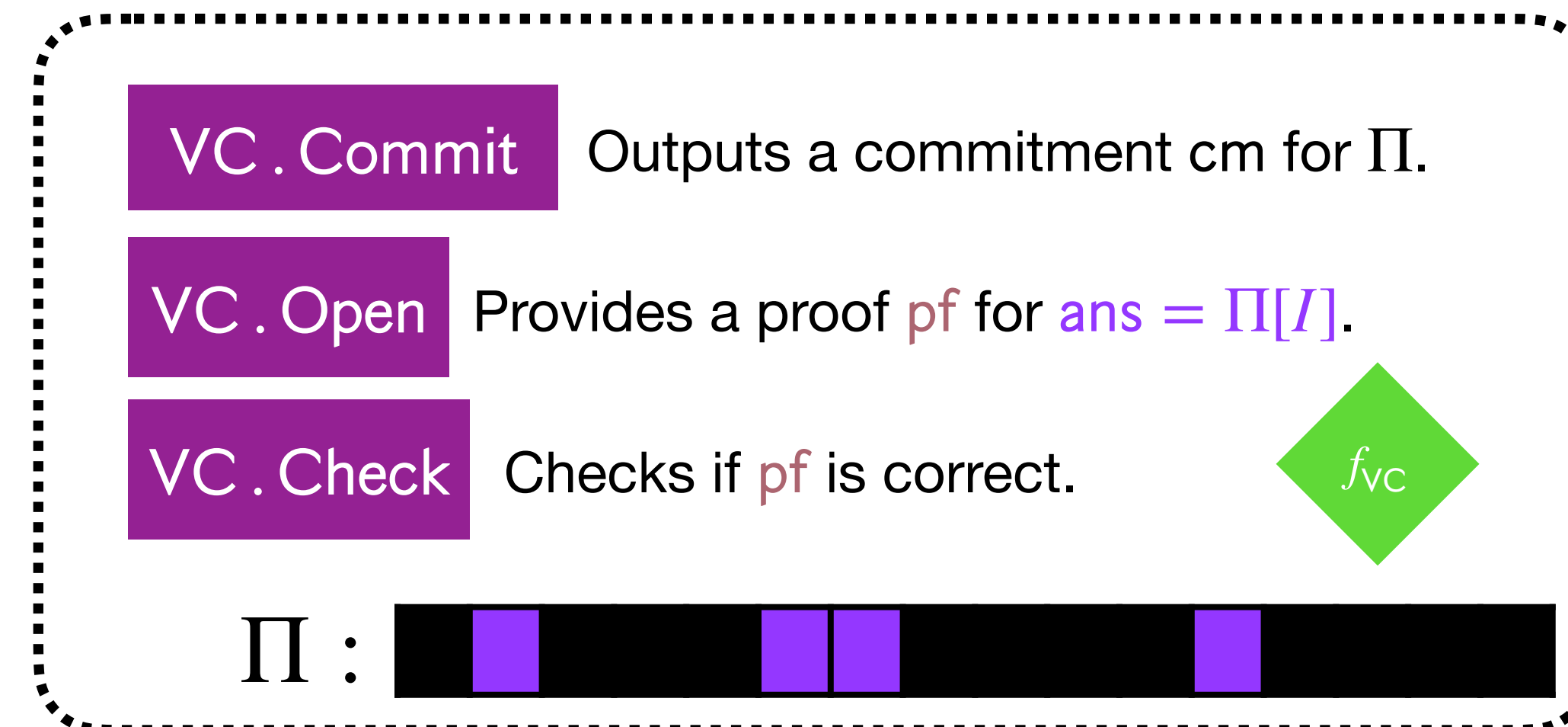


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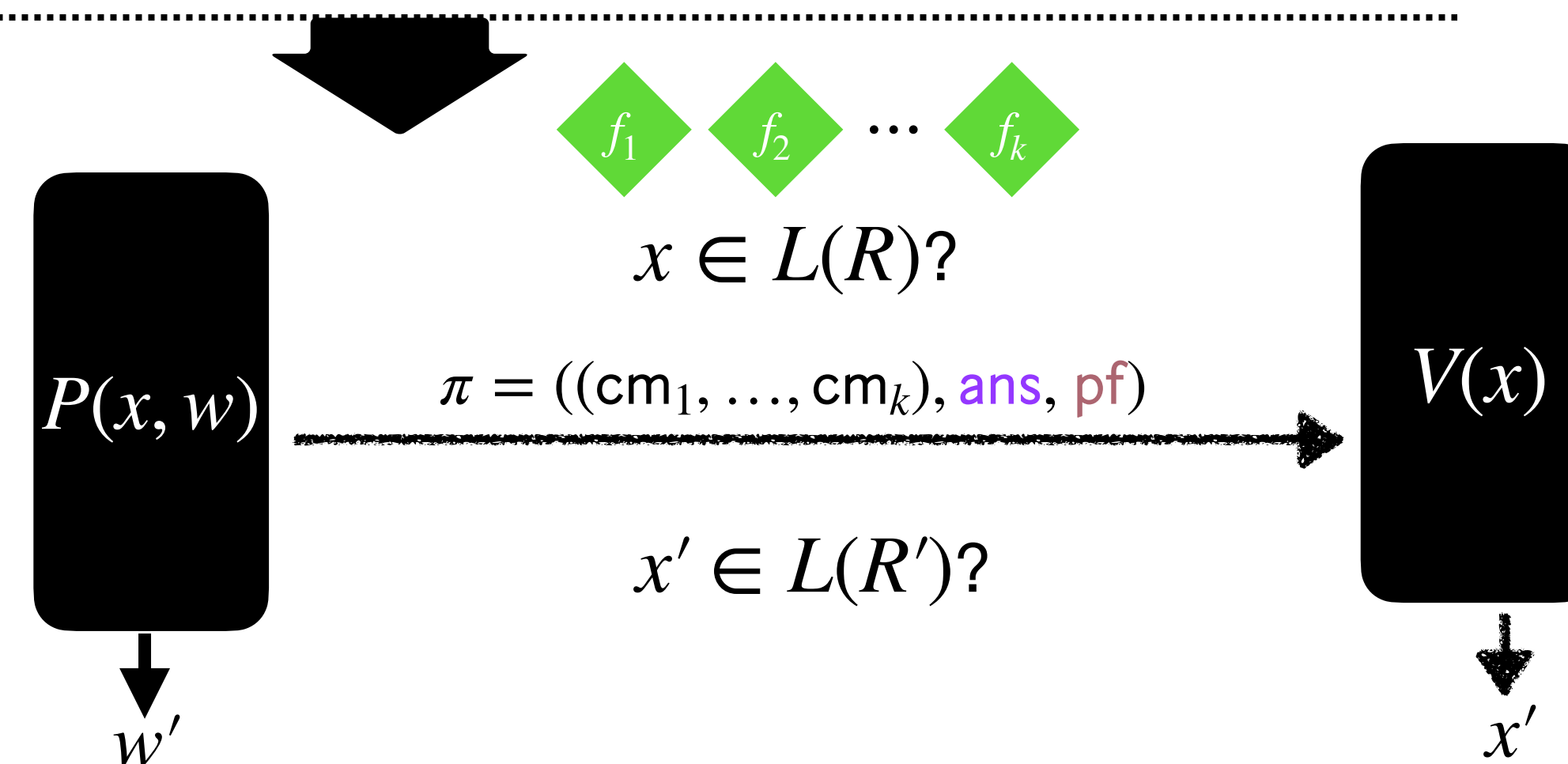


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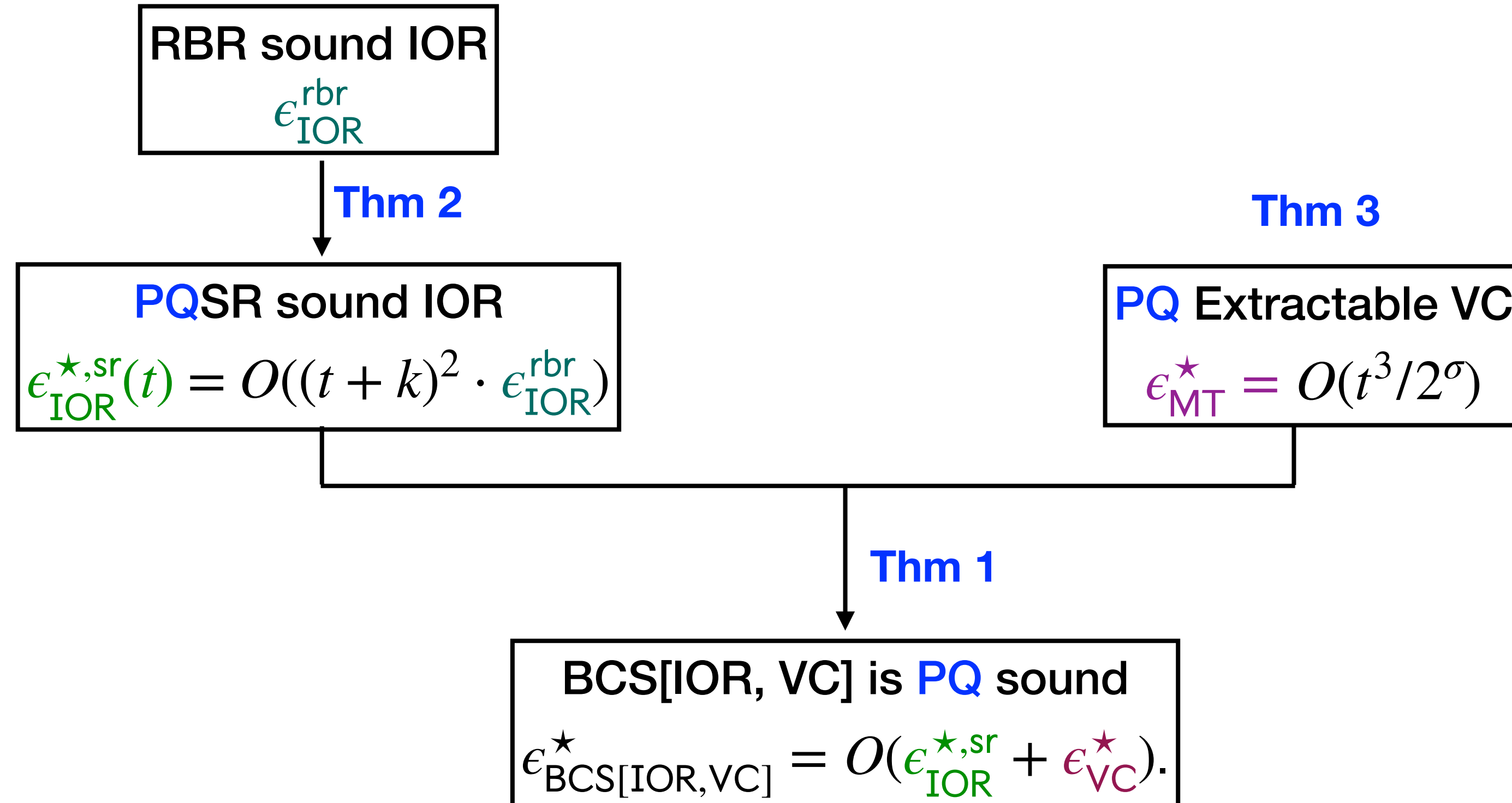


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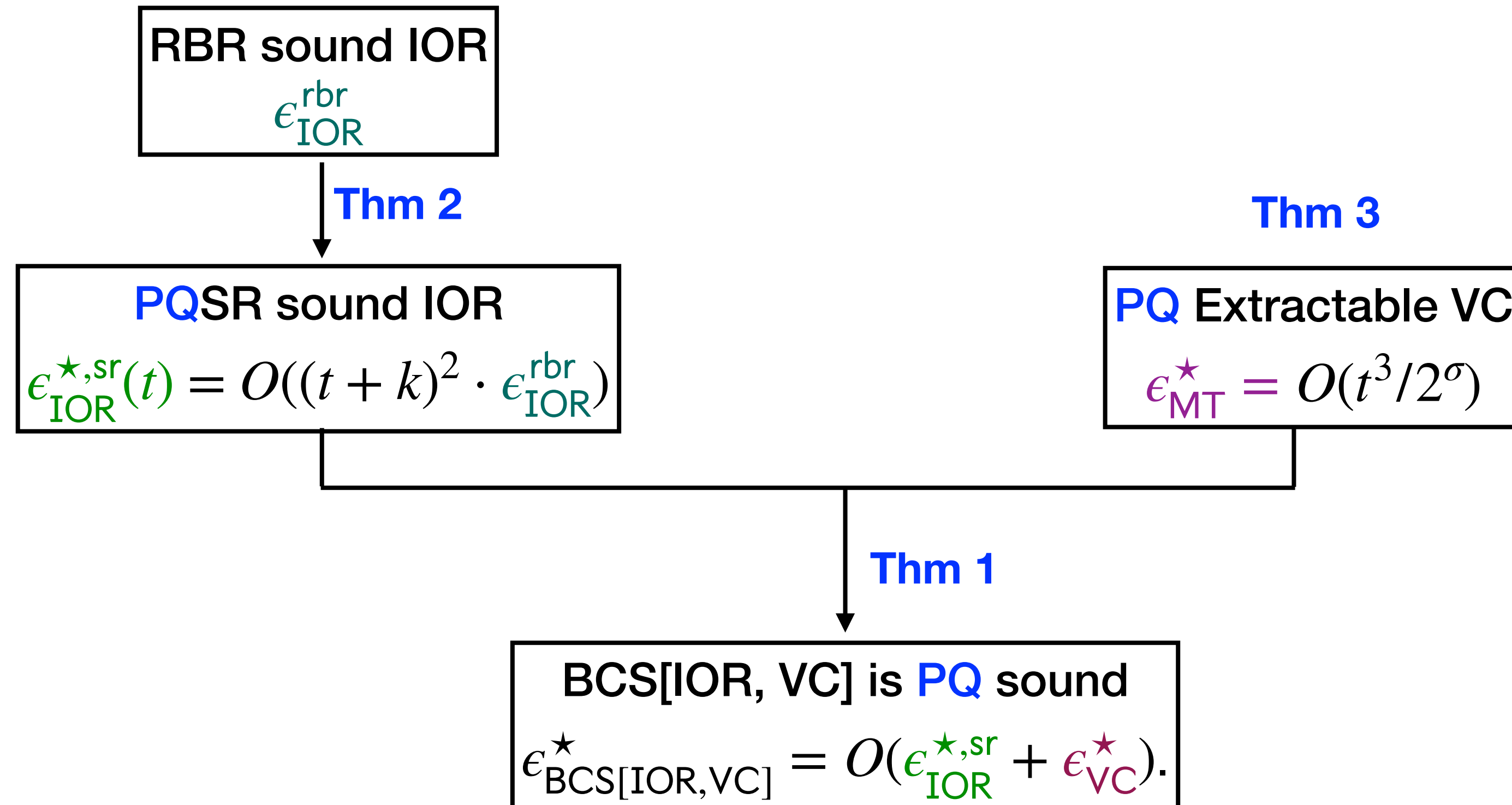


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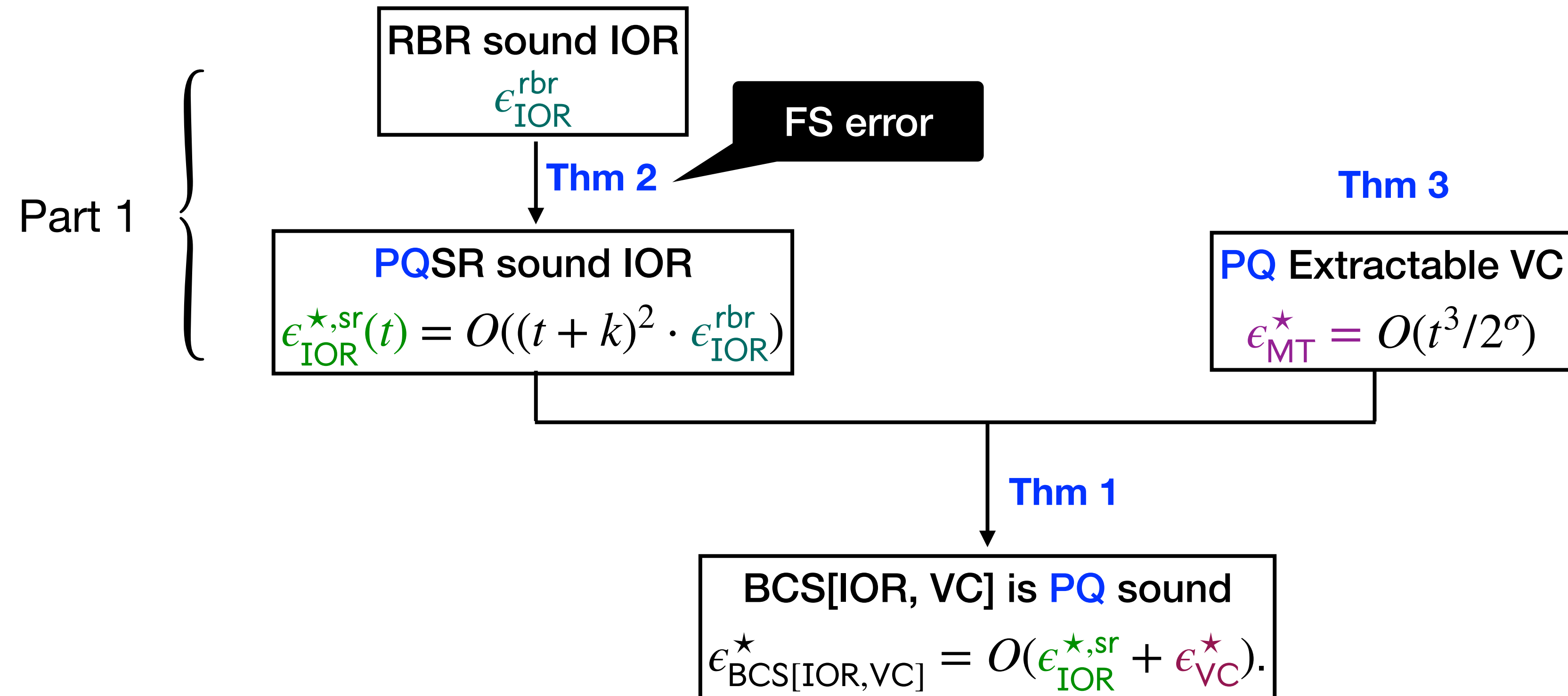
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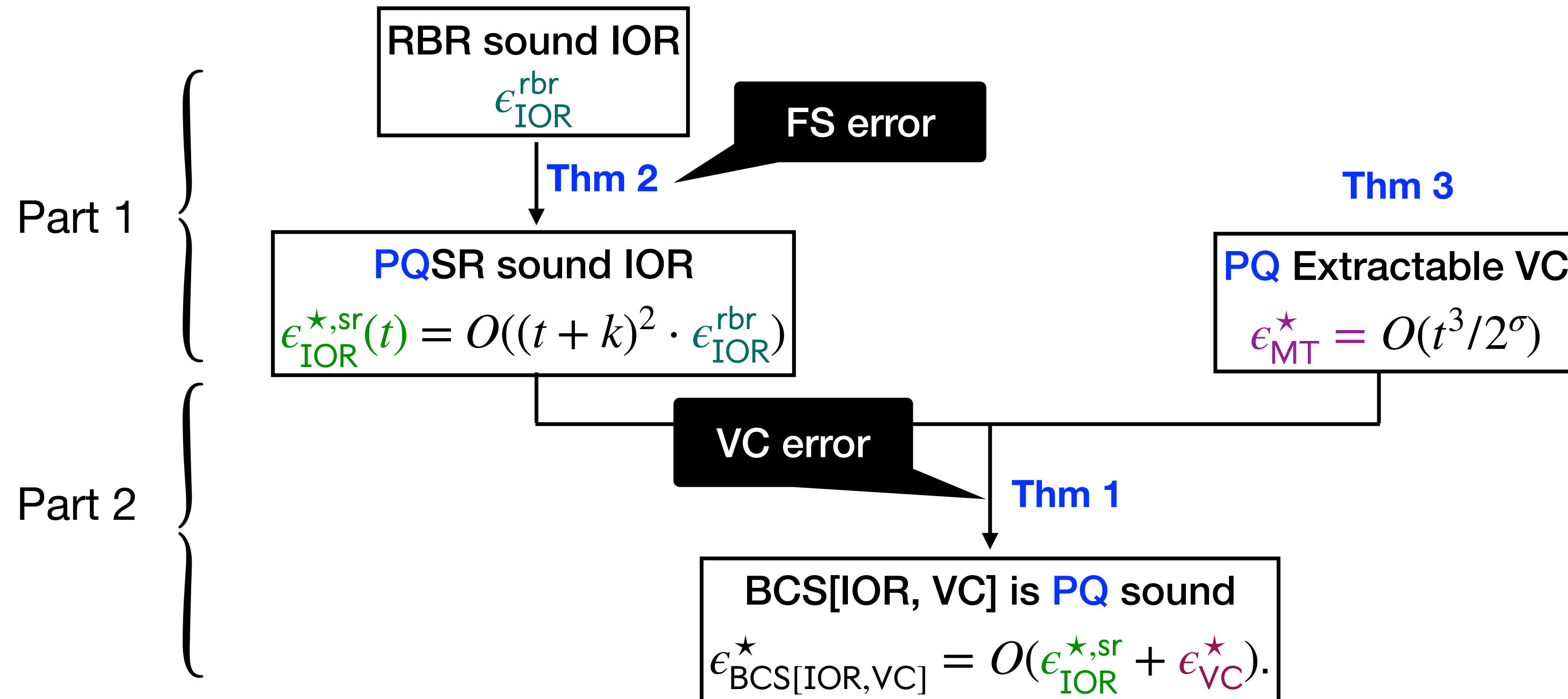
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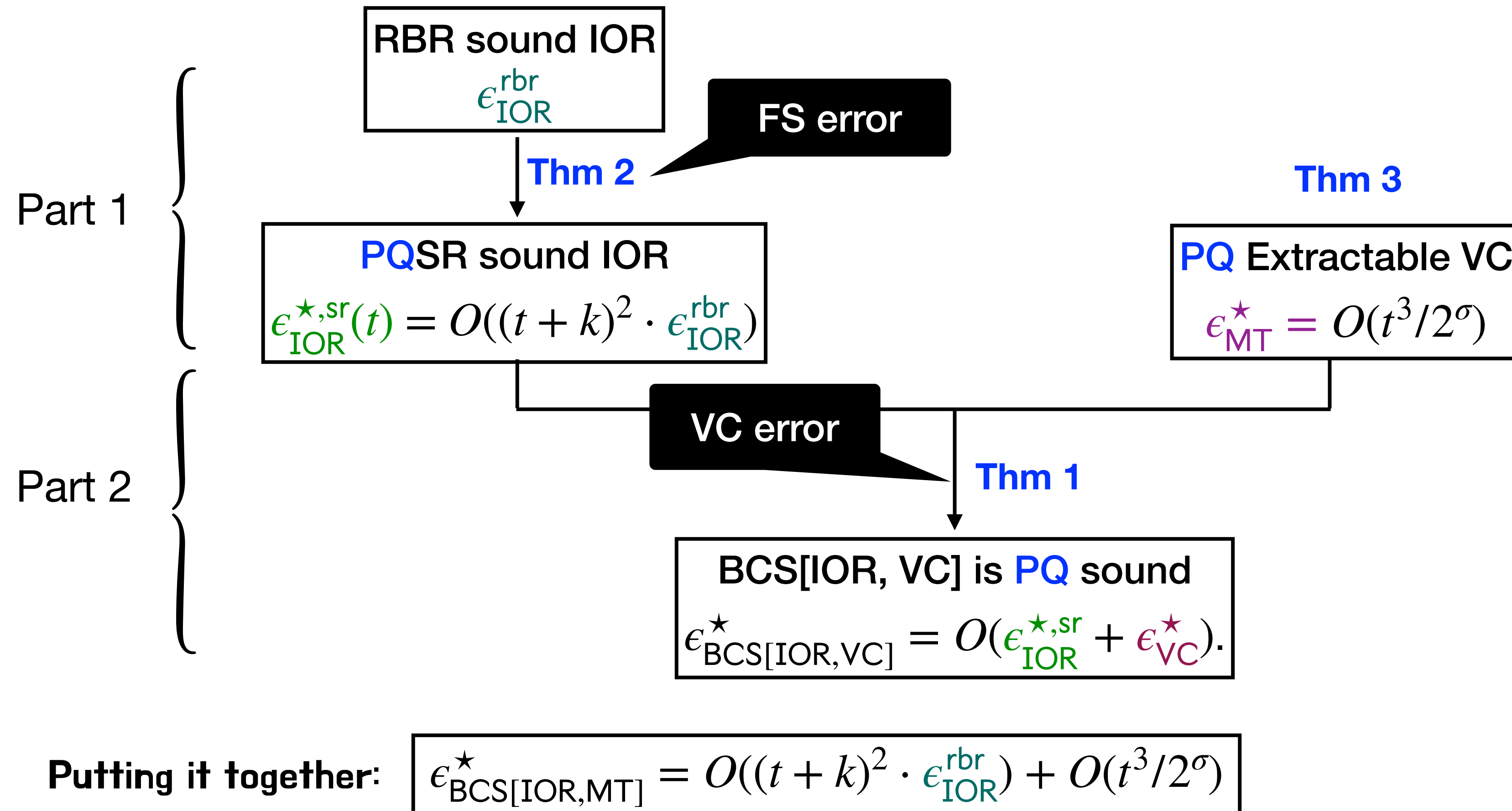
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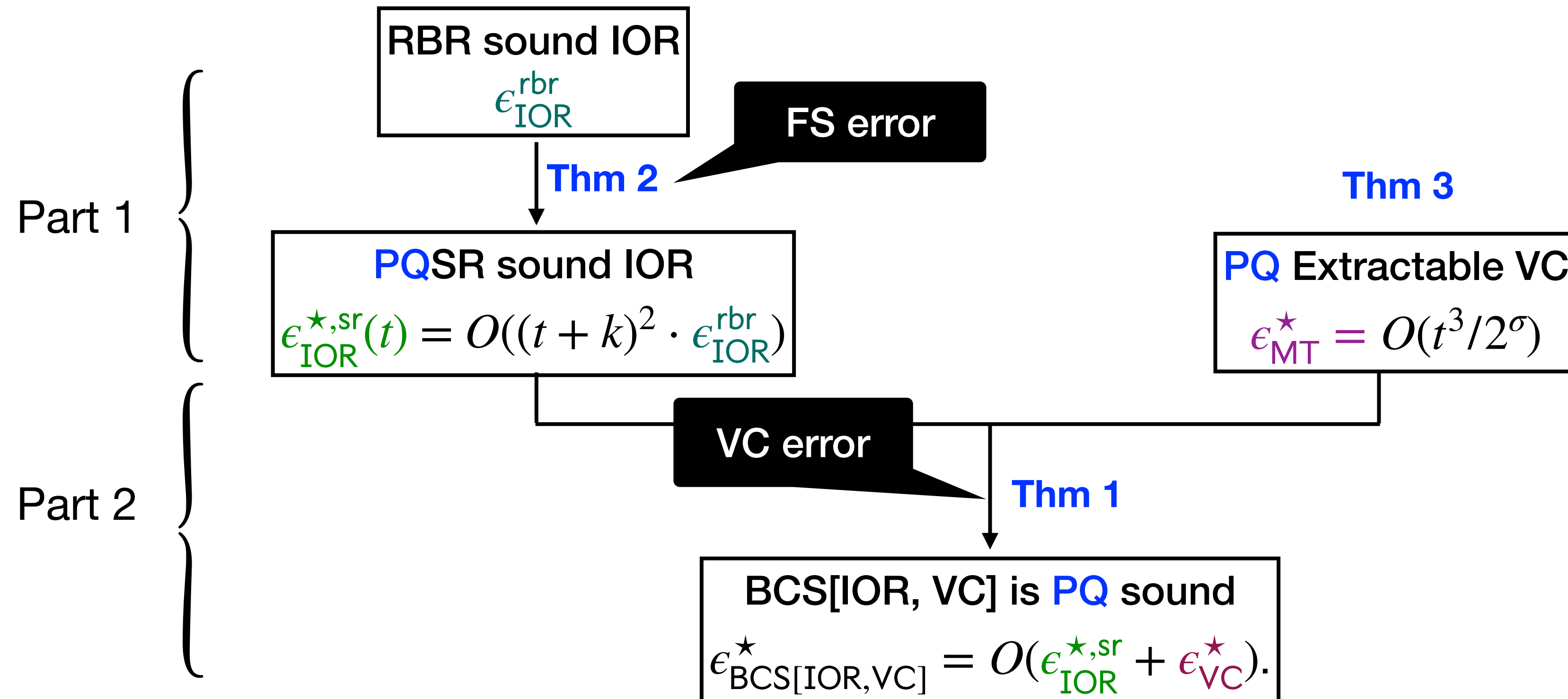
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Putting it together:

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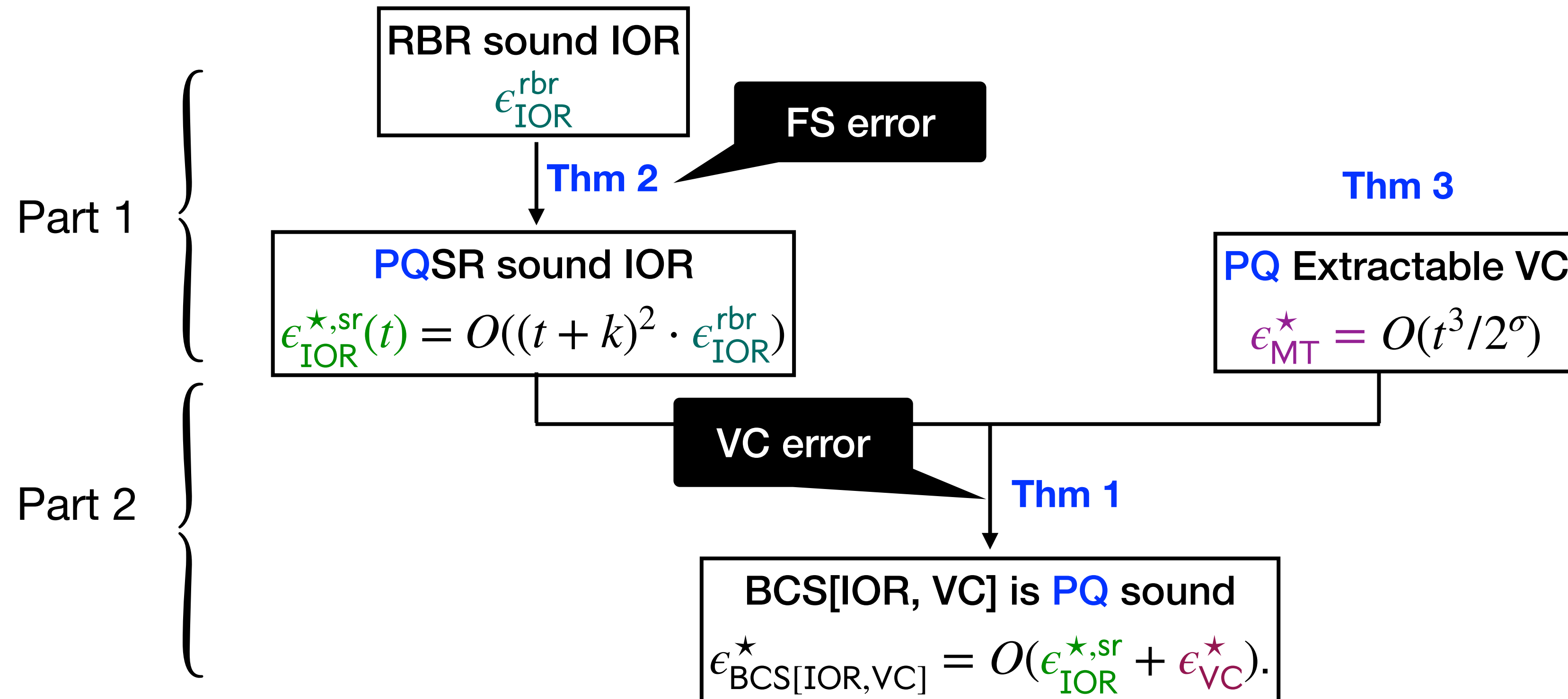
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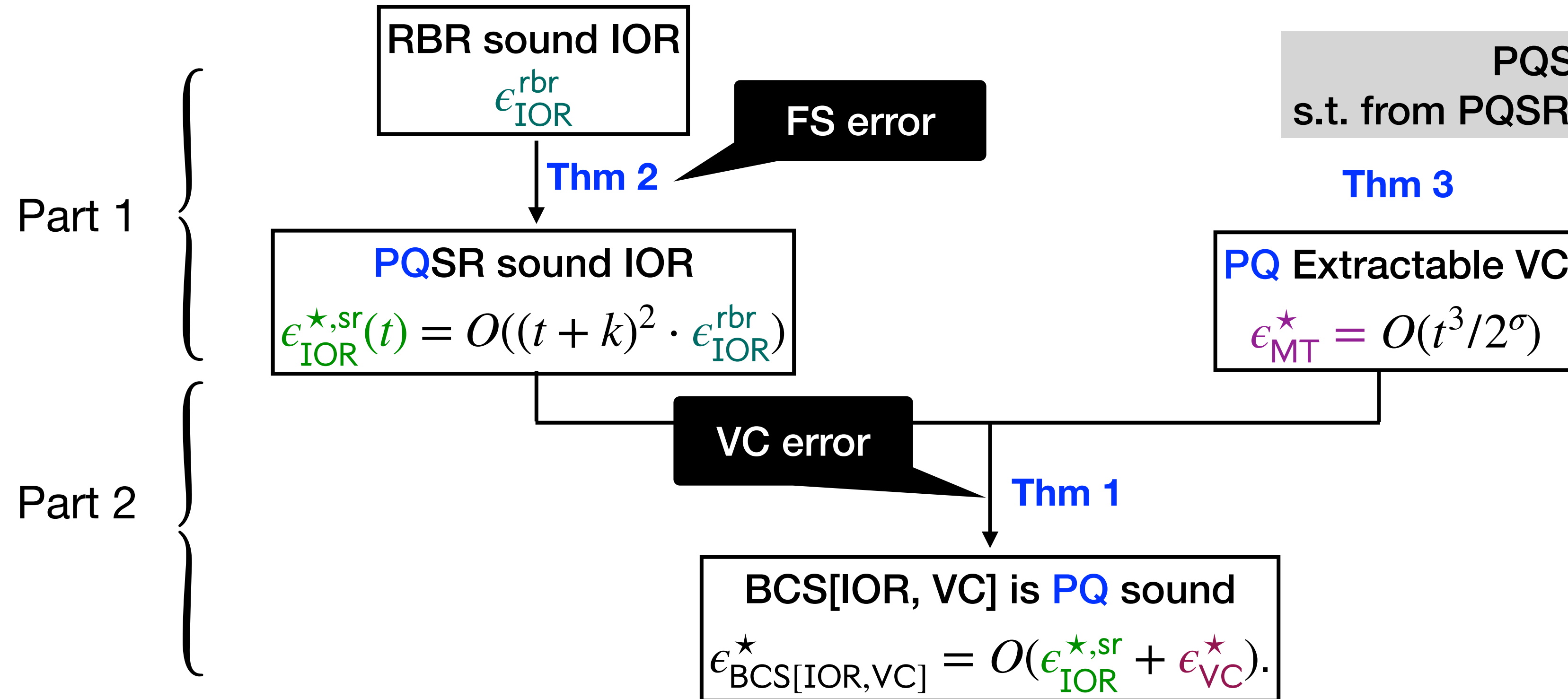
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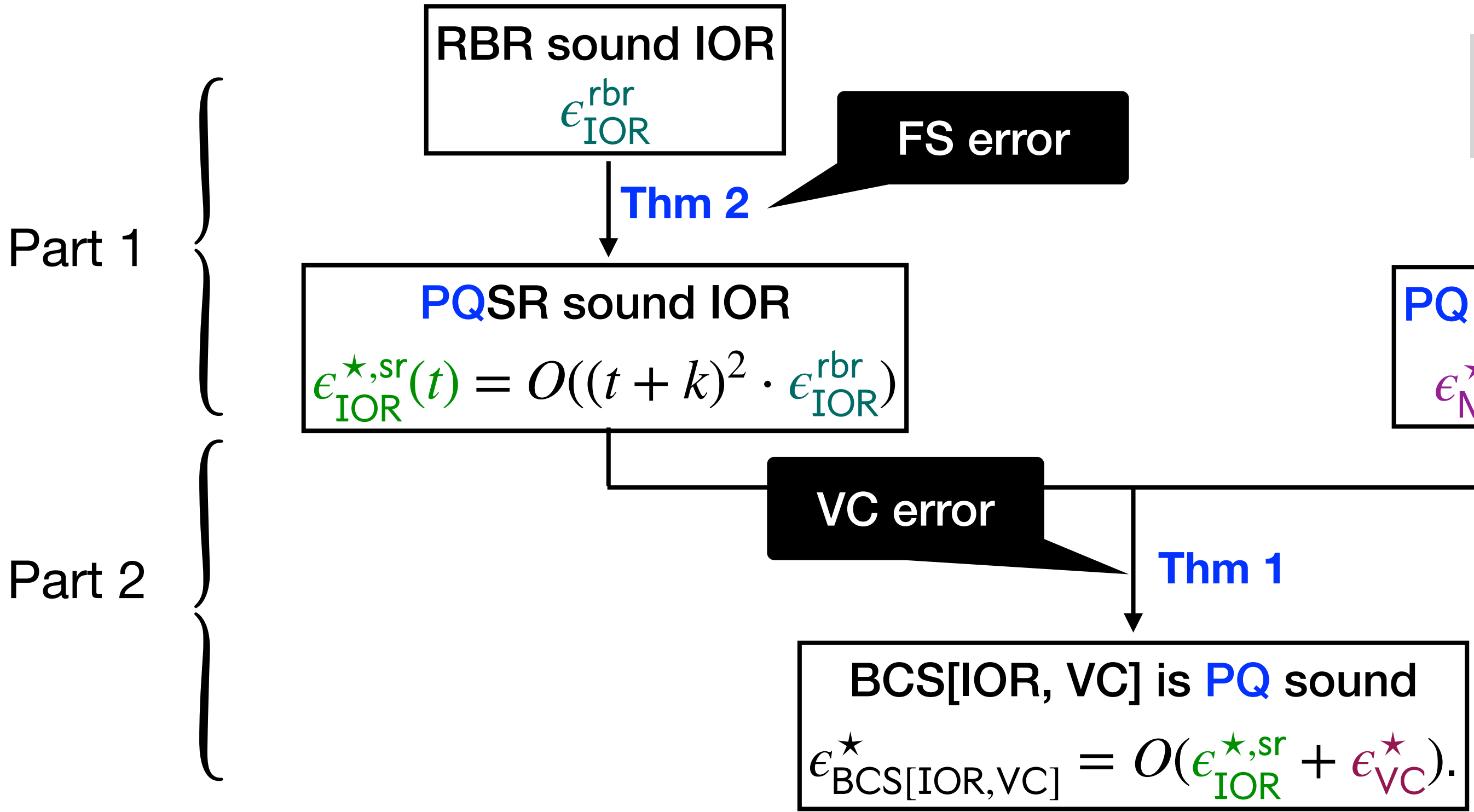
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**Thm 3**

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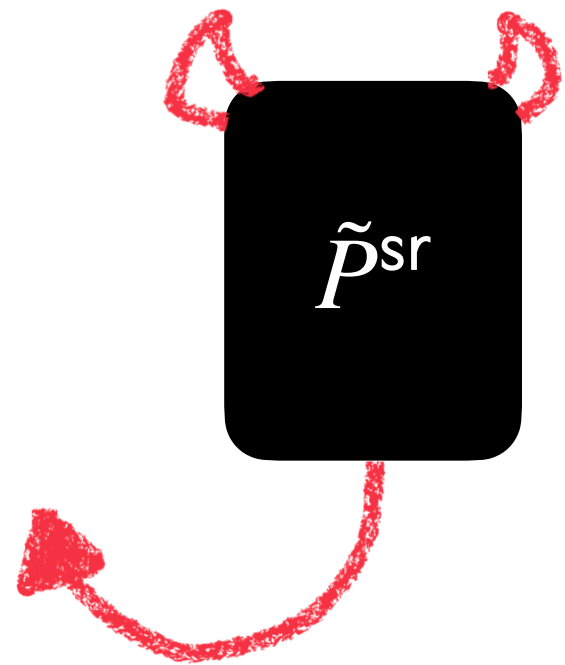
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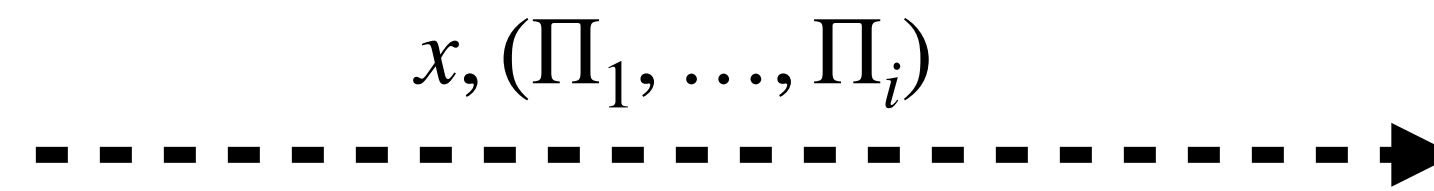
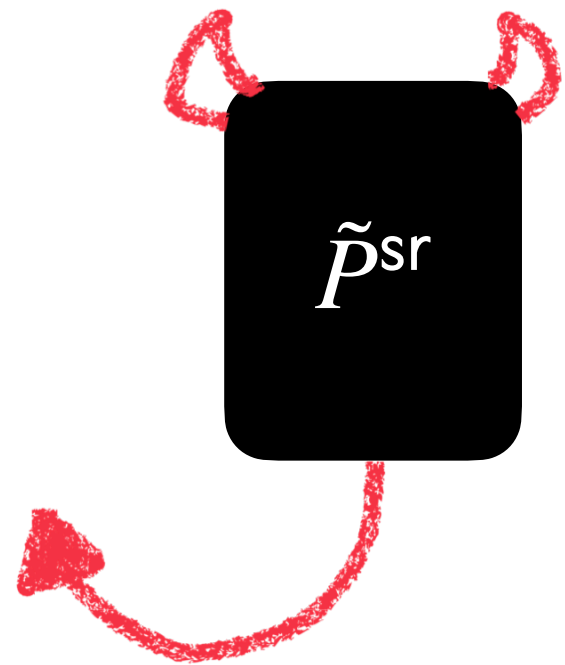
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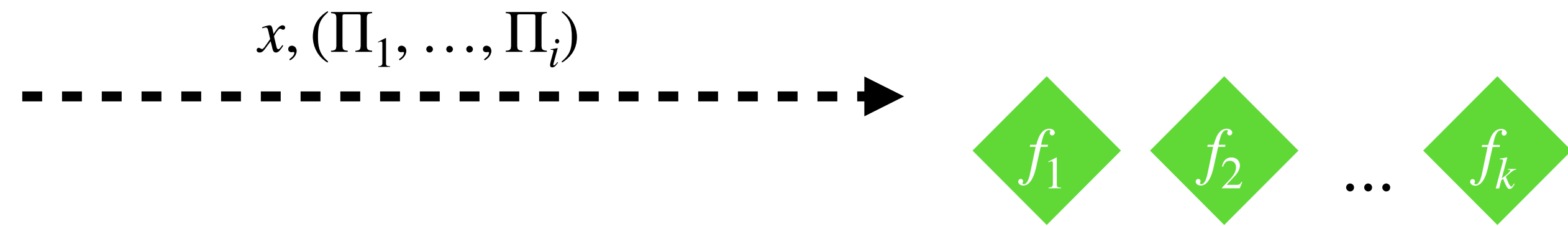
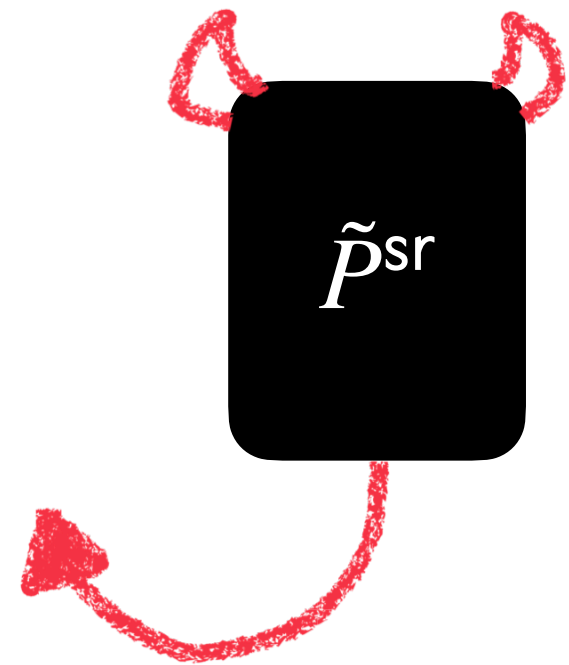
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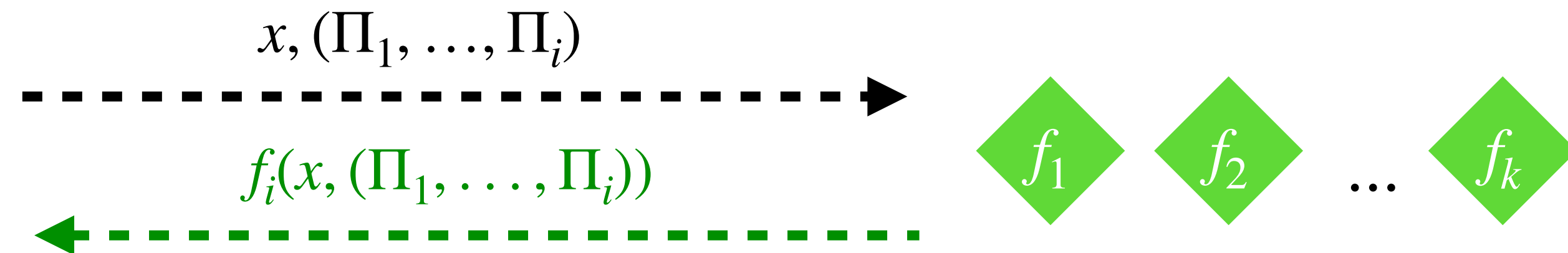
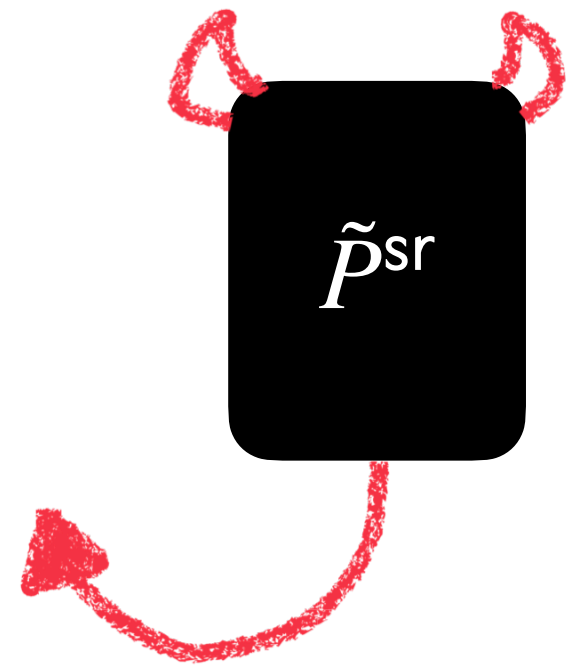
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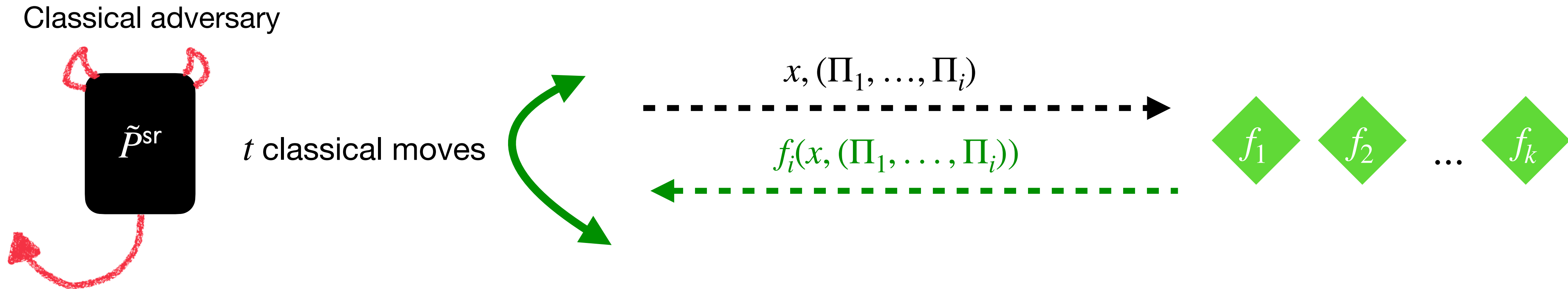


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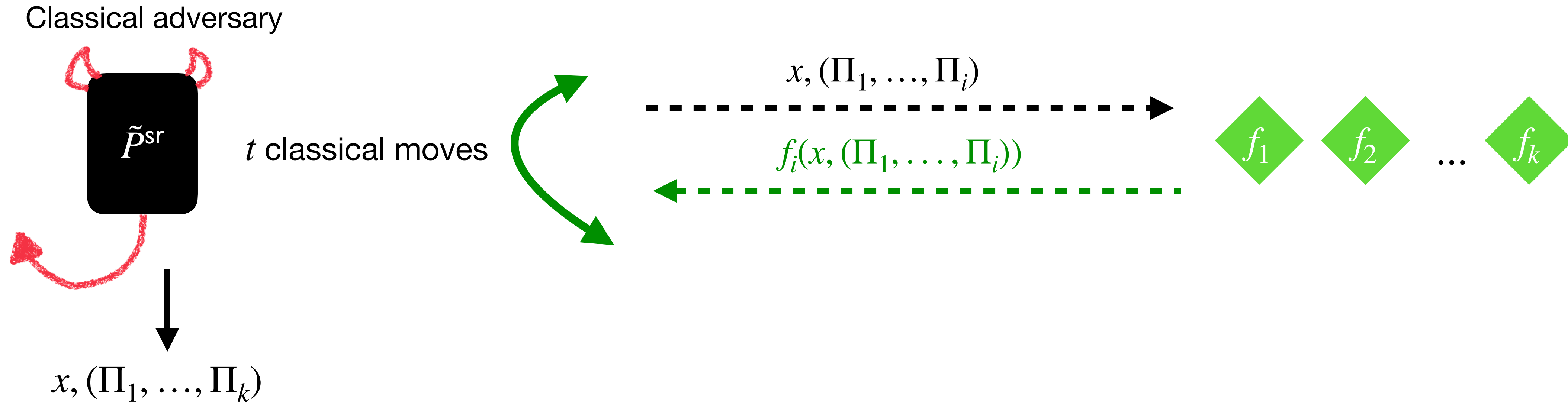
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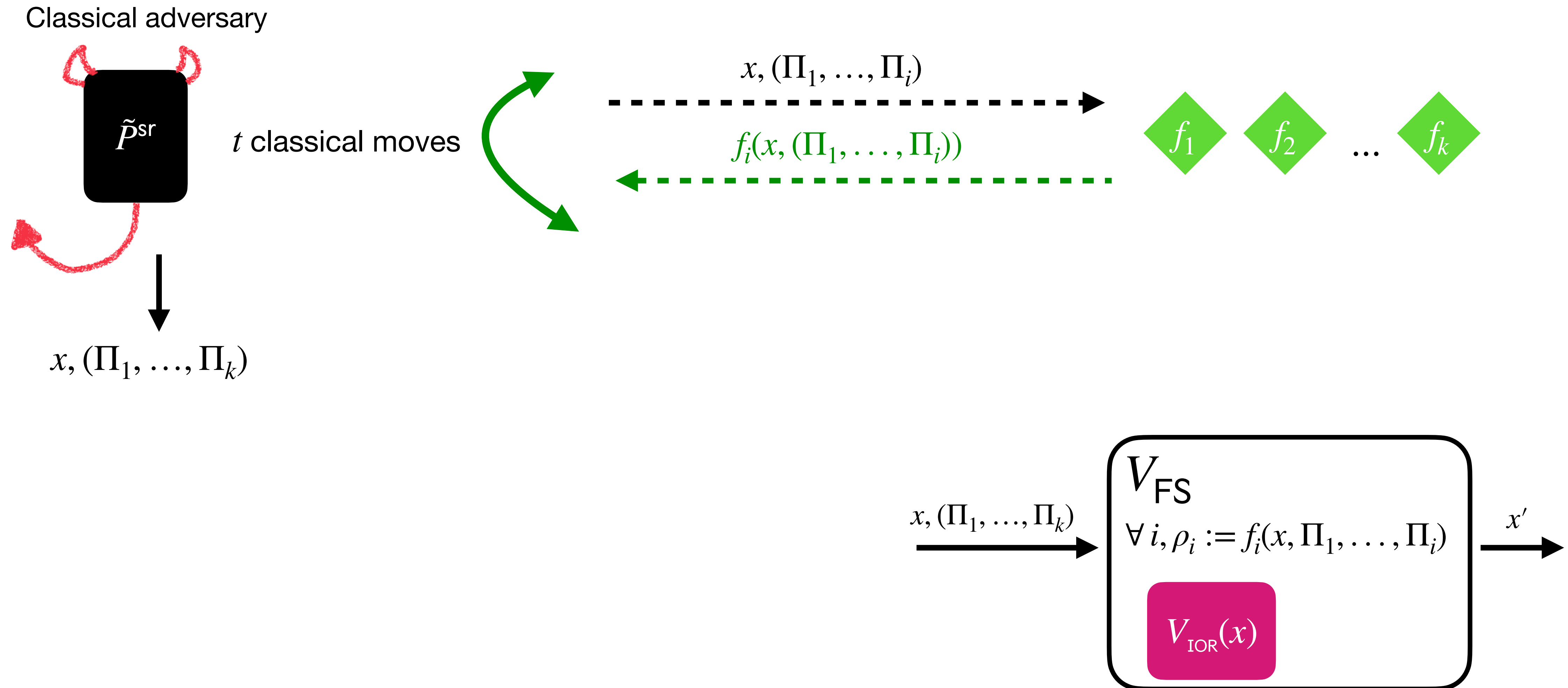
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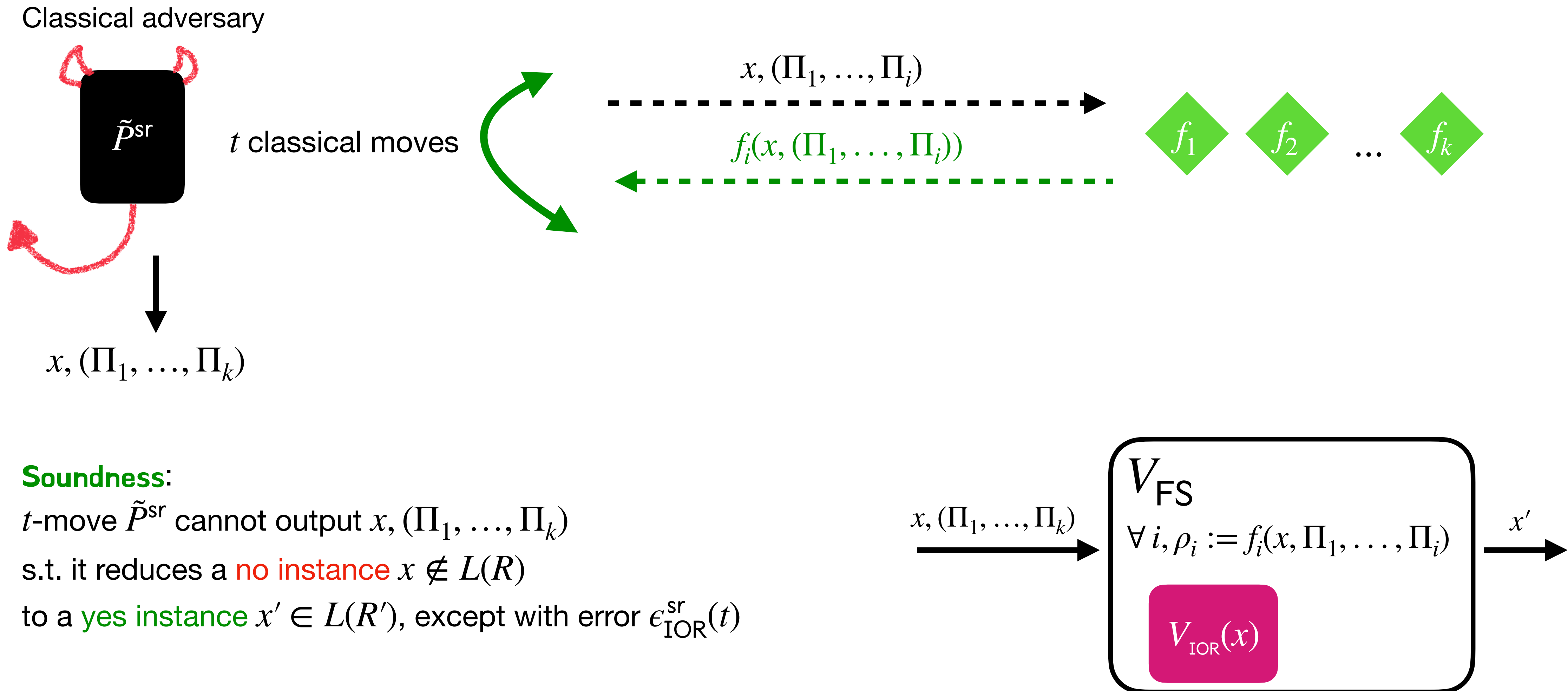
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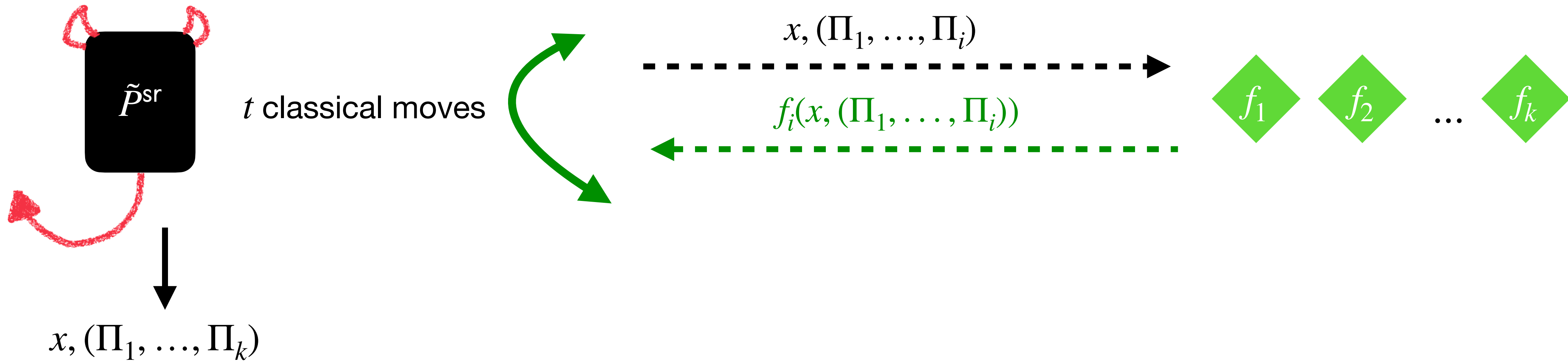
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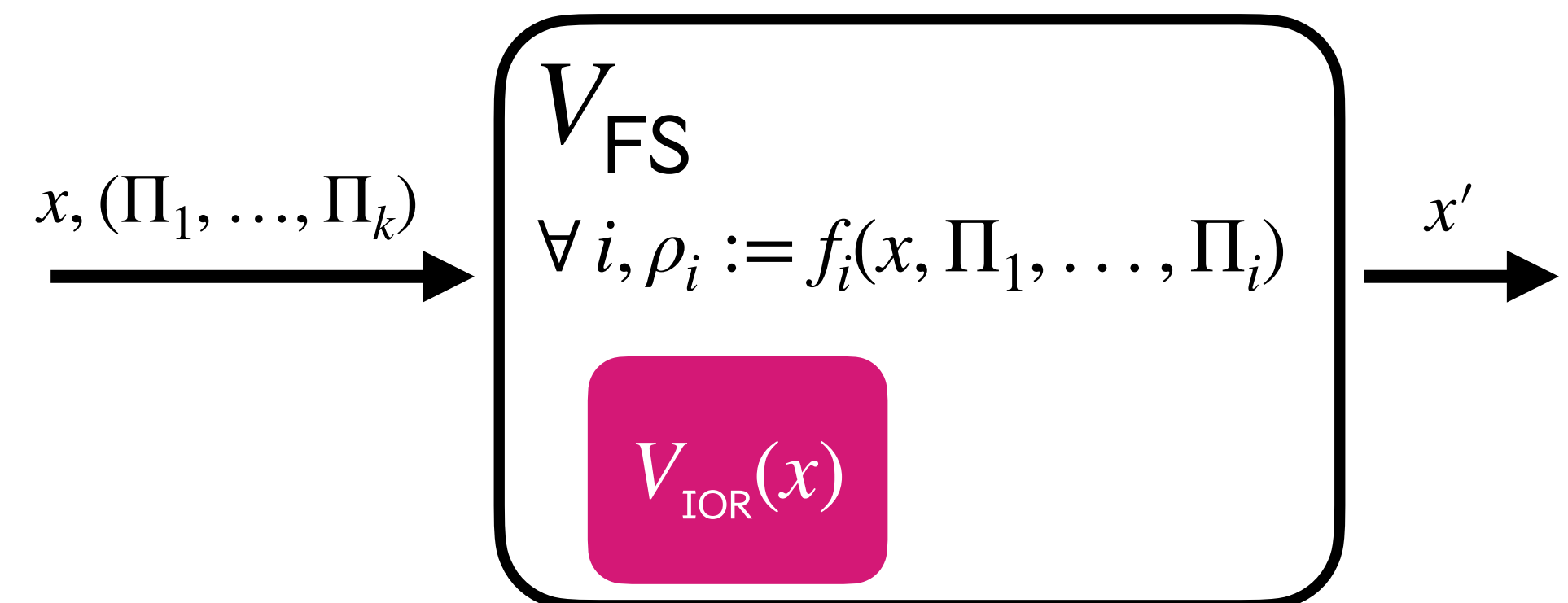


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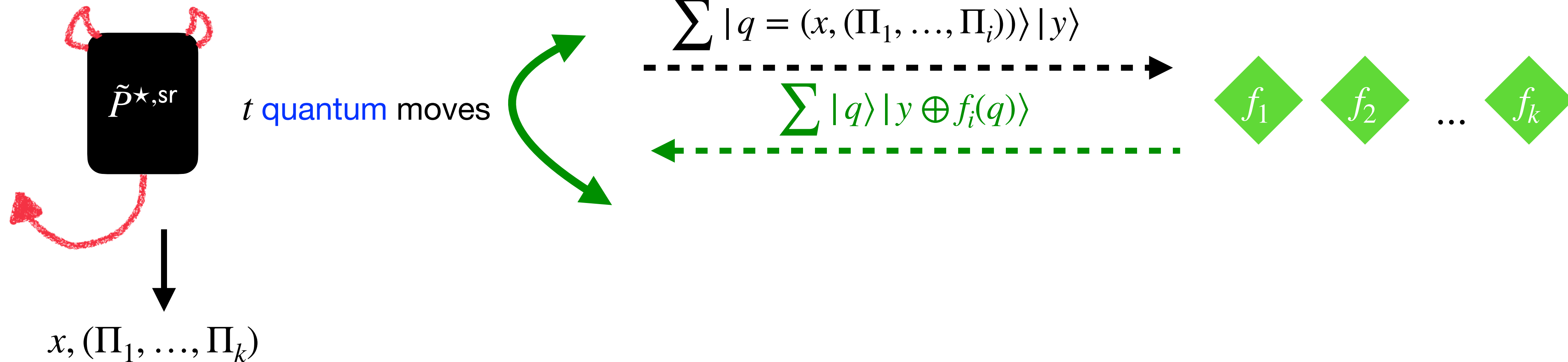
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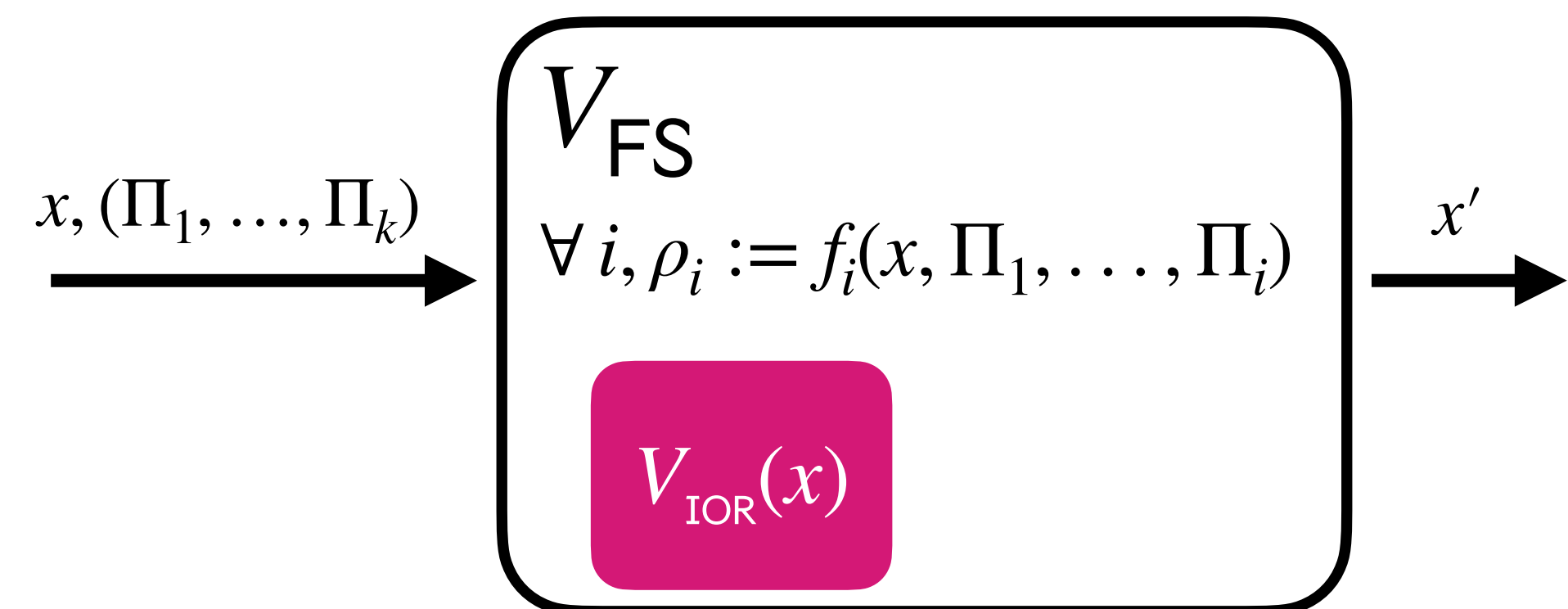


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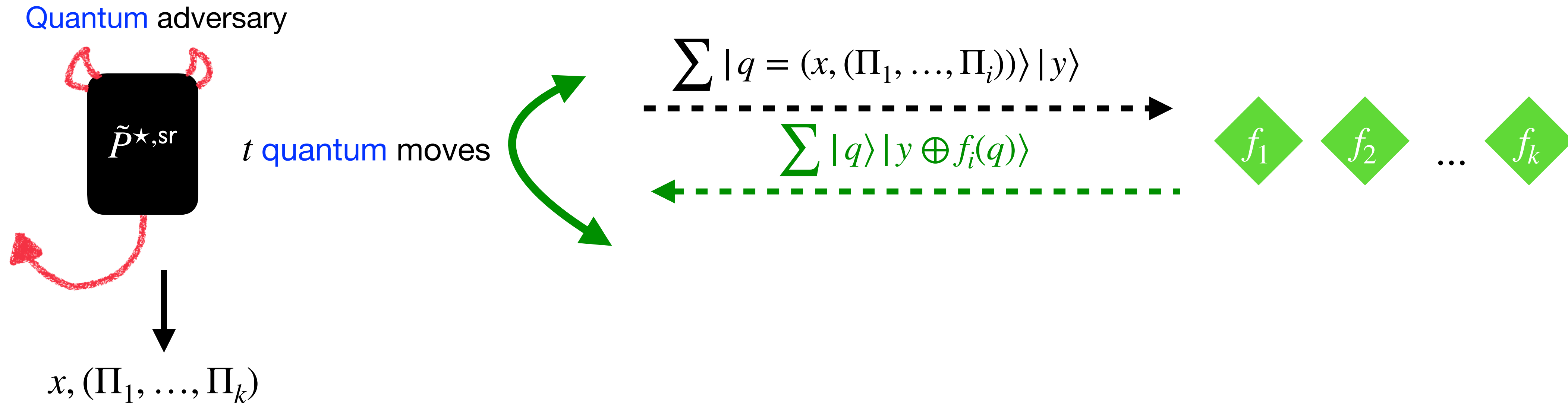
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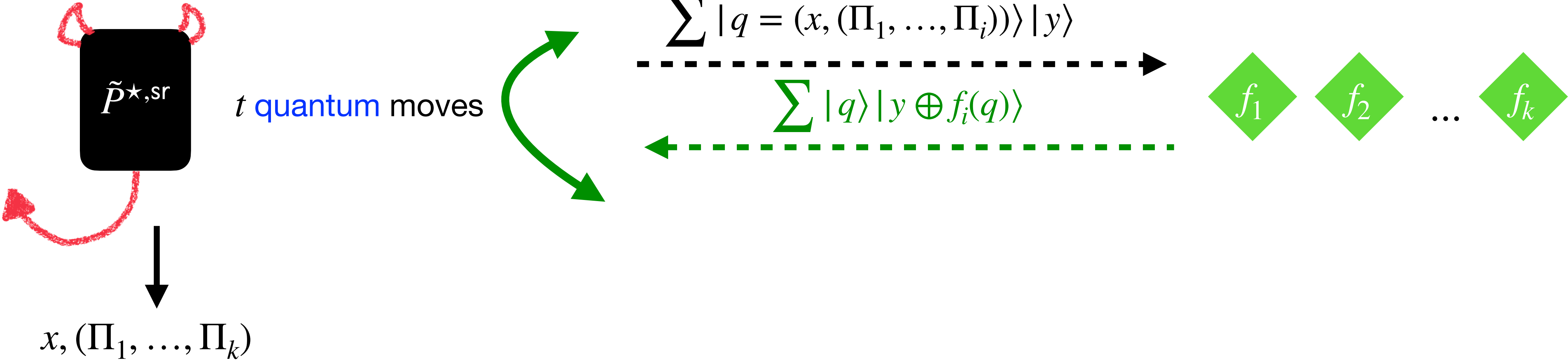
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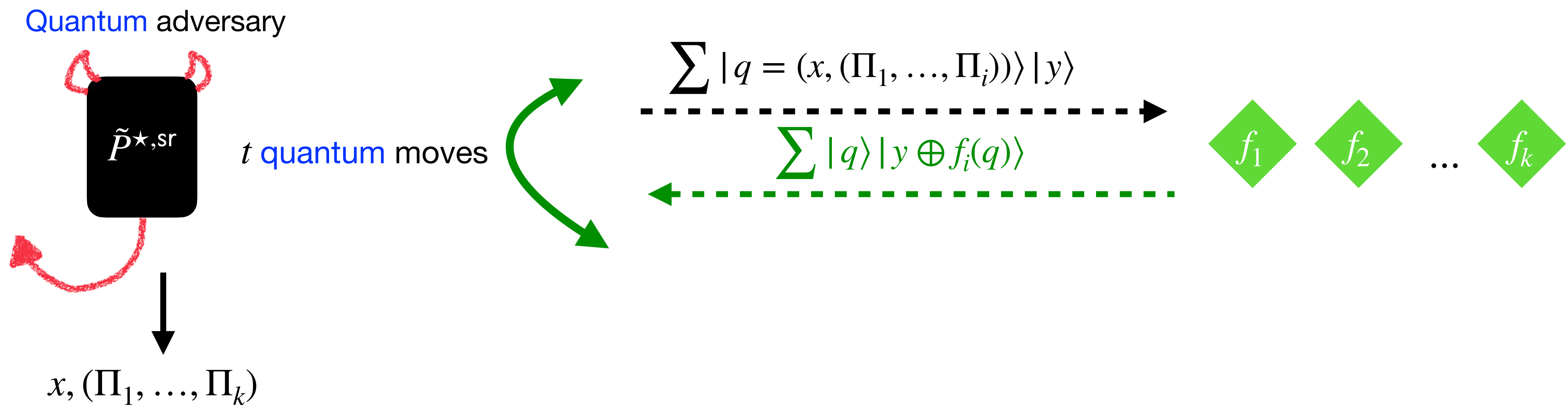
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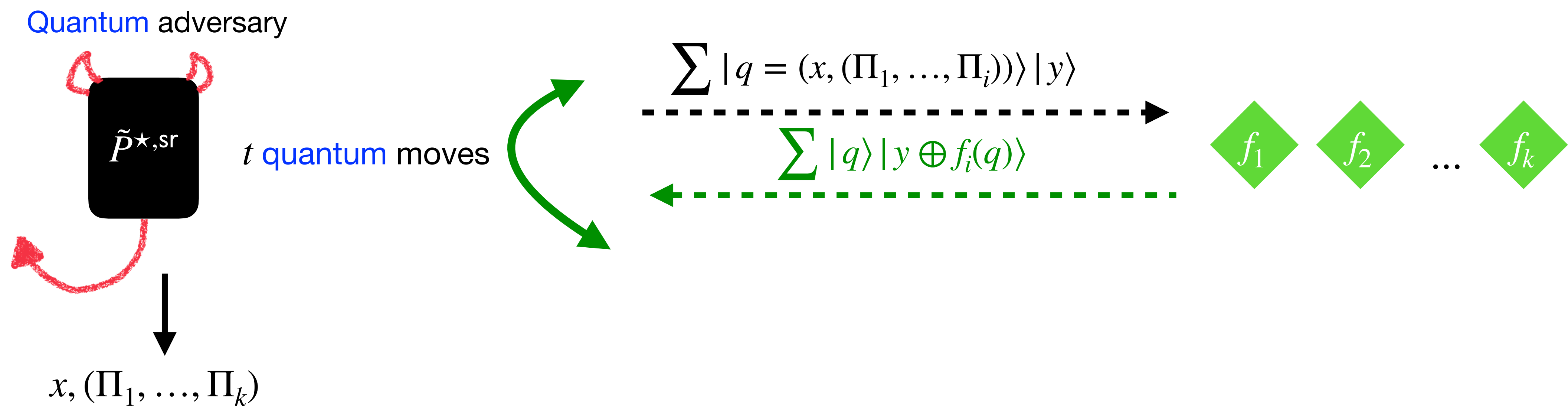
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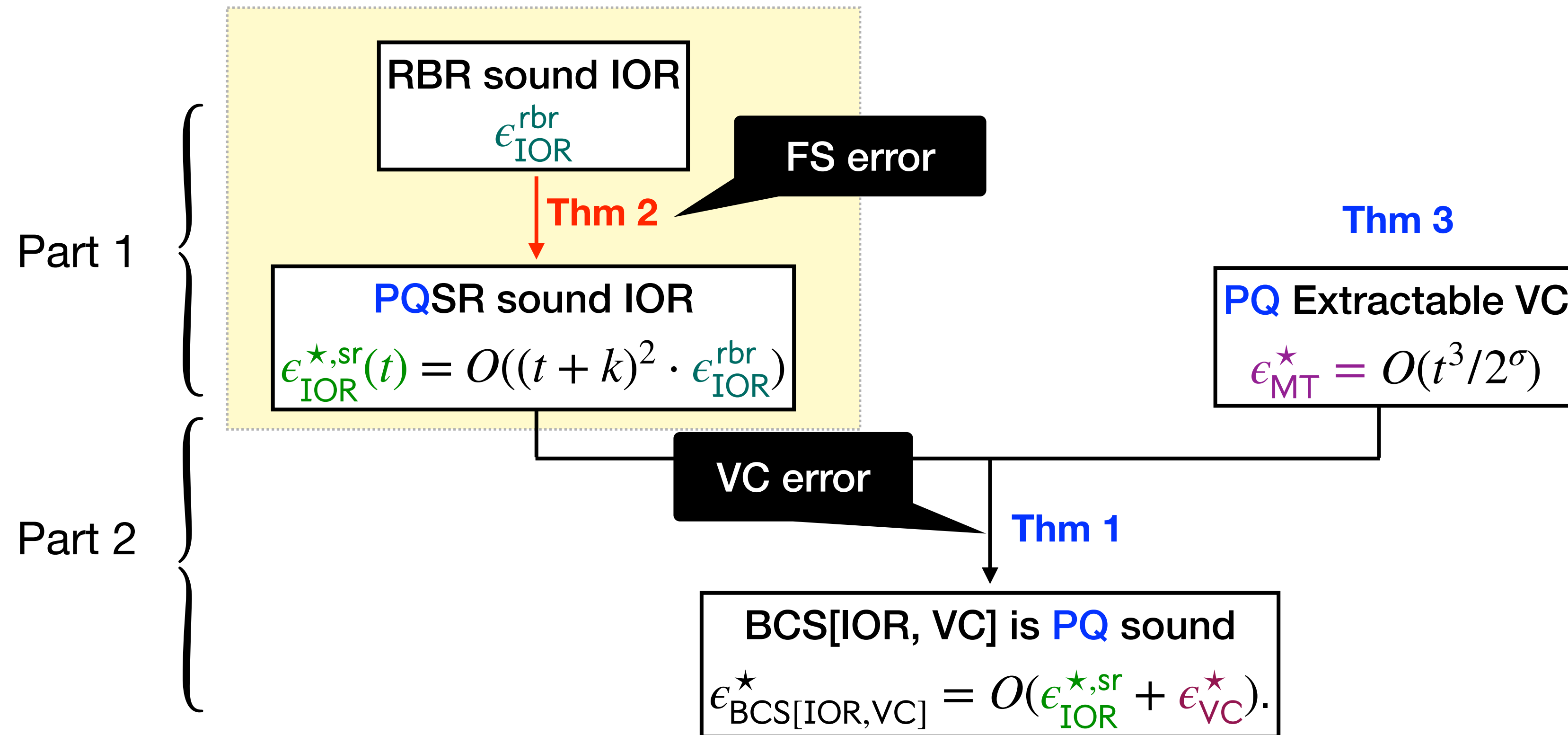
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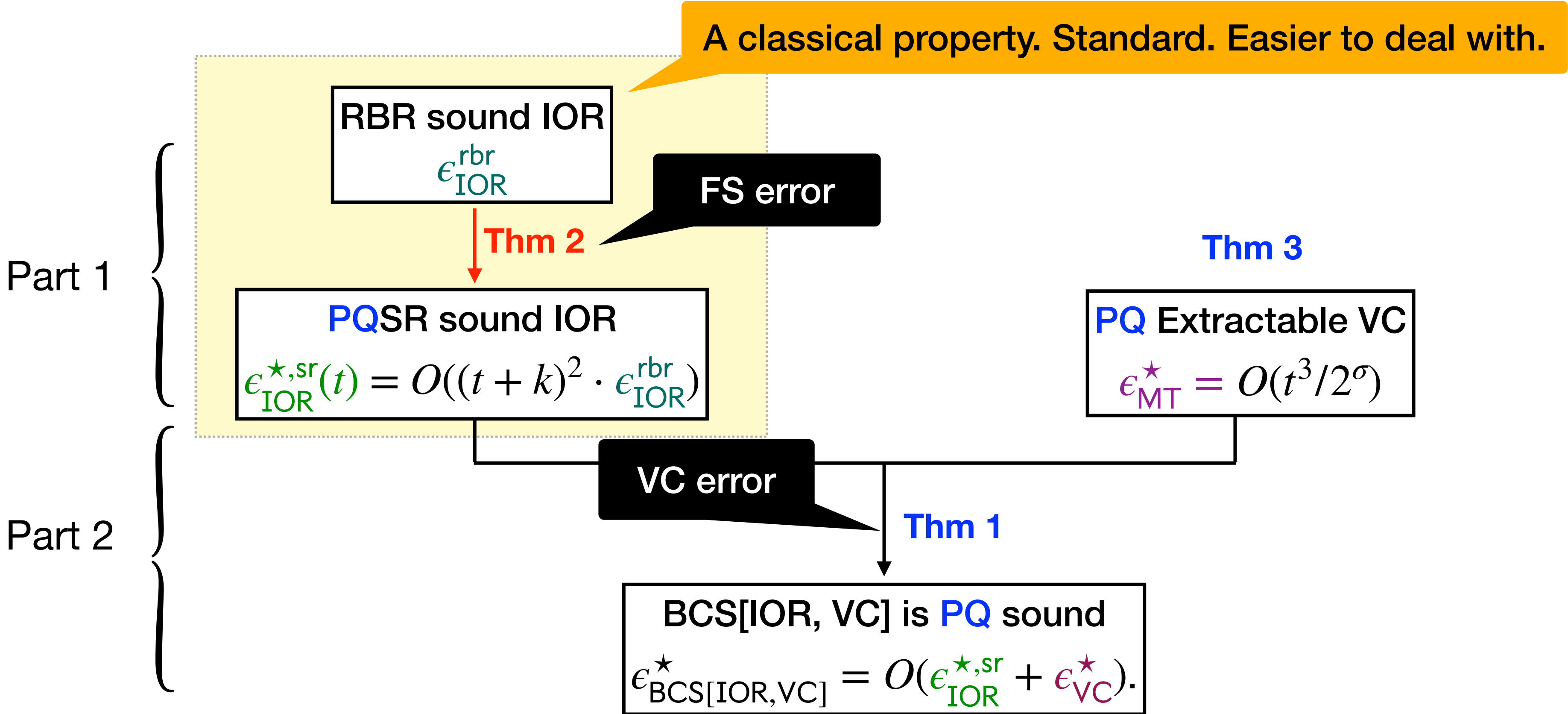
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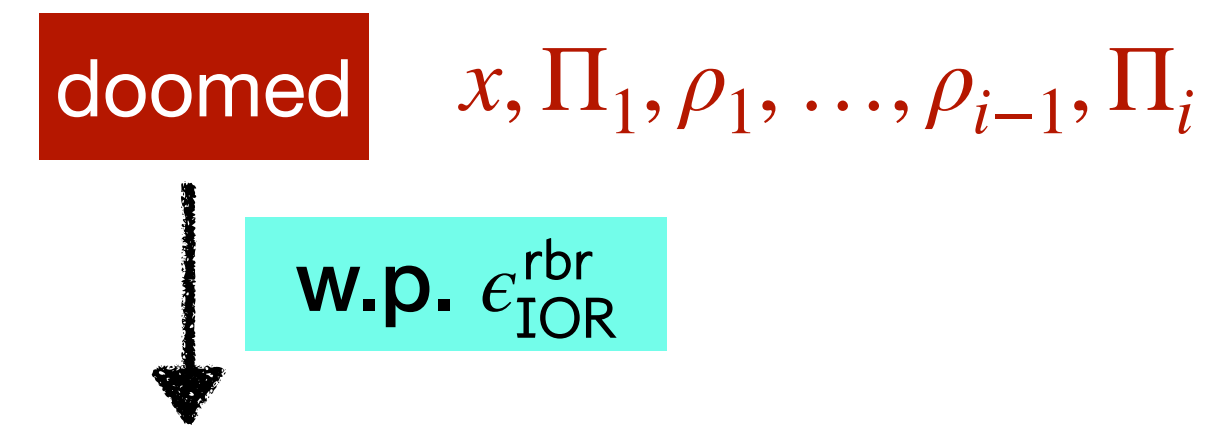
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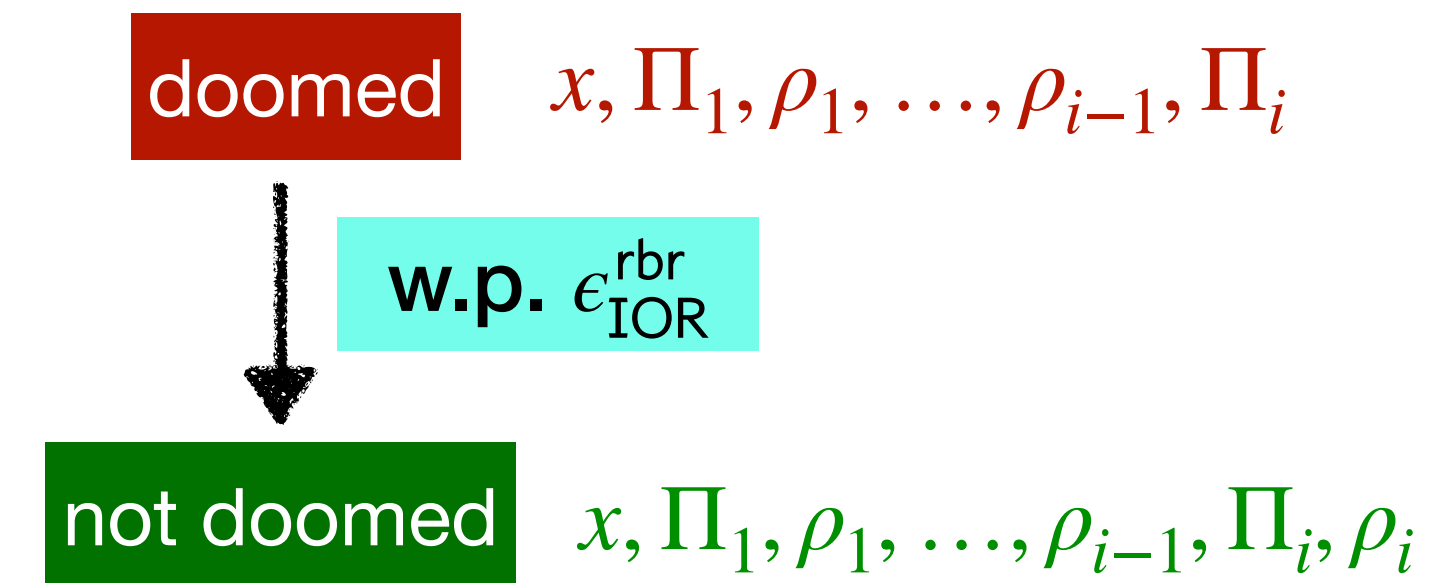


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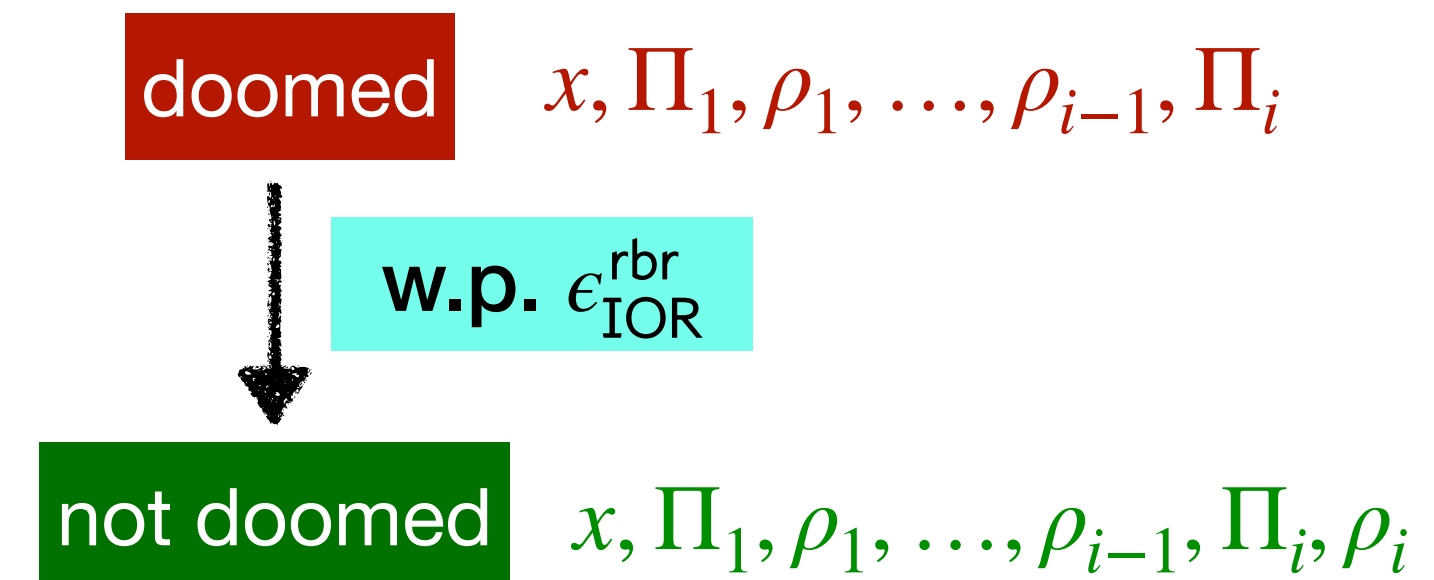


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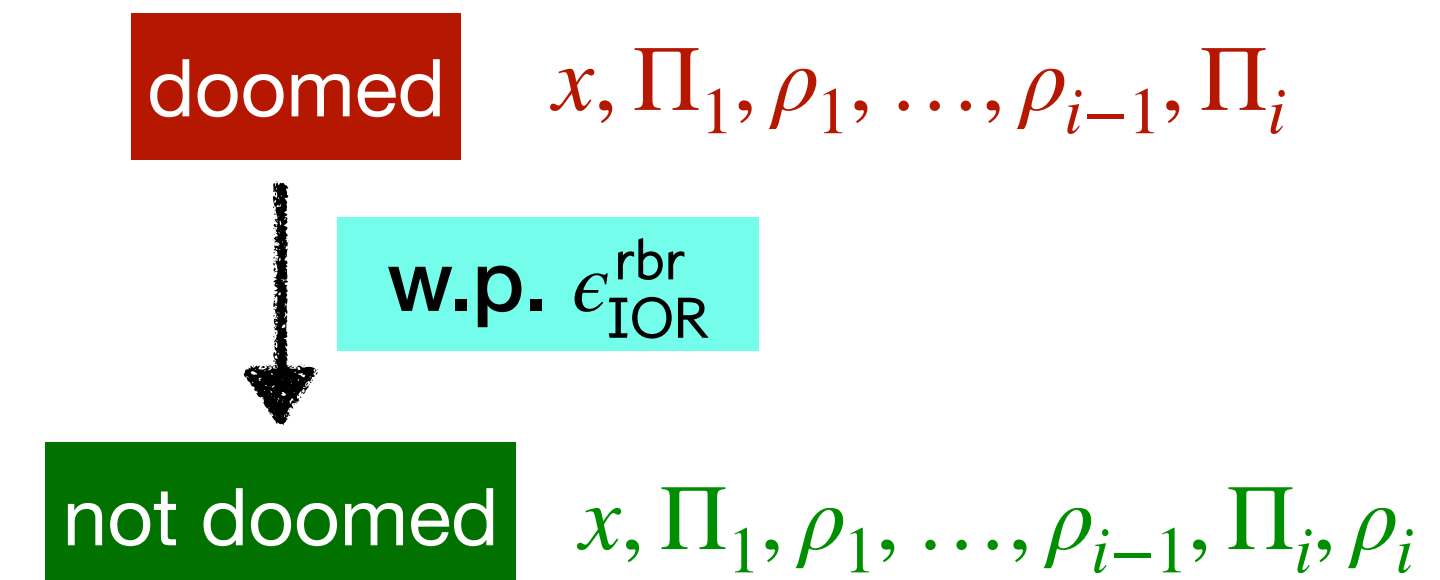
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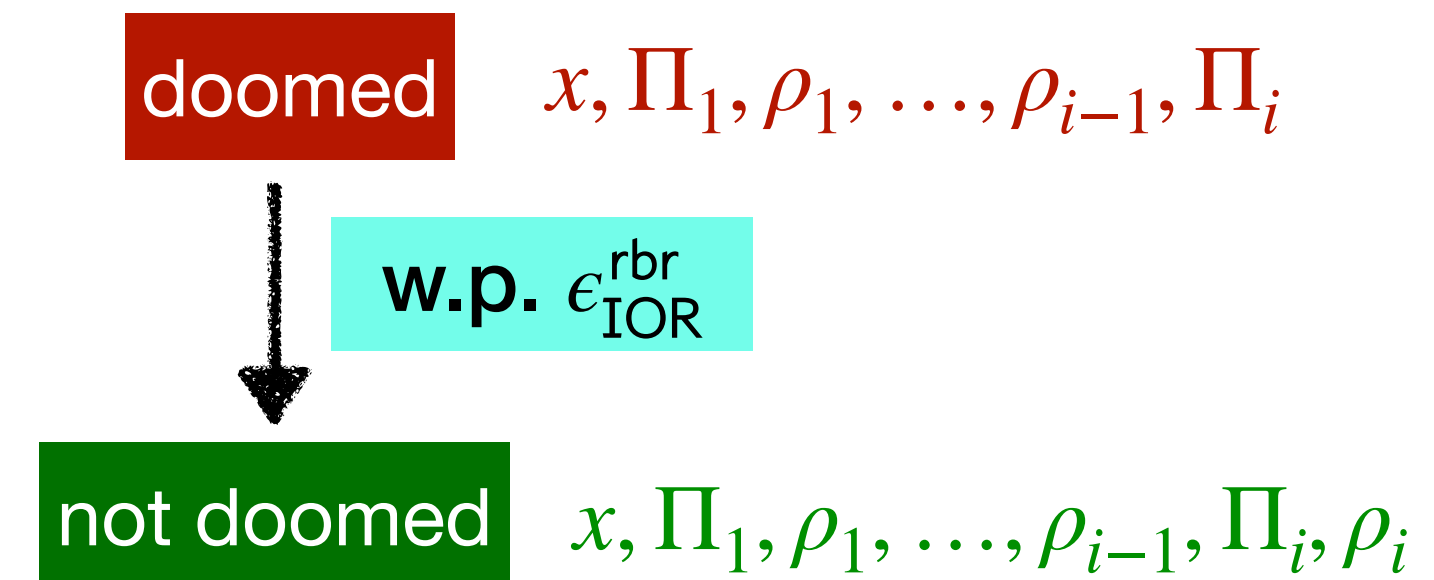
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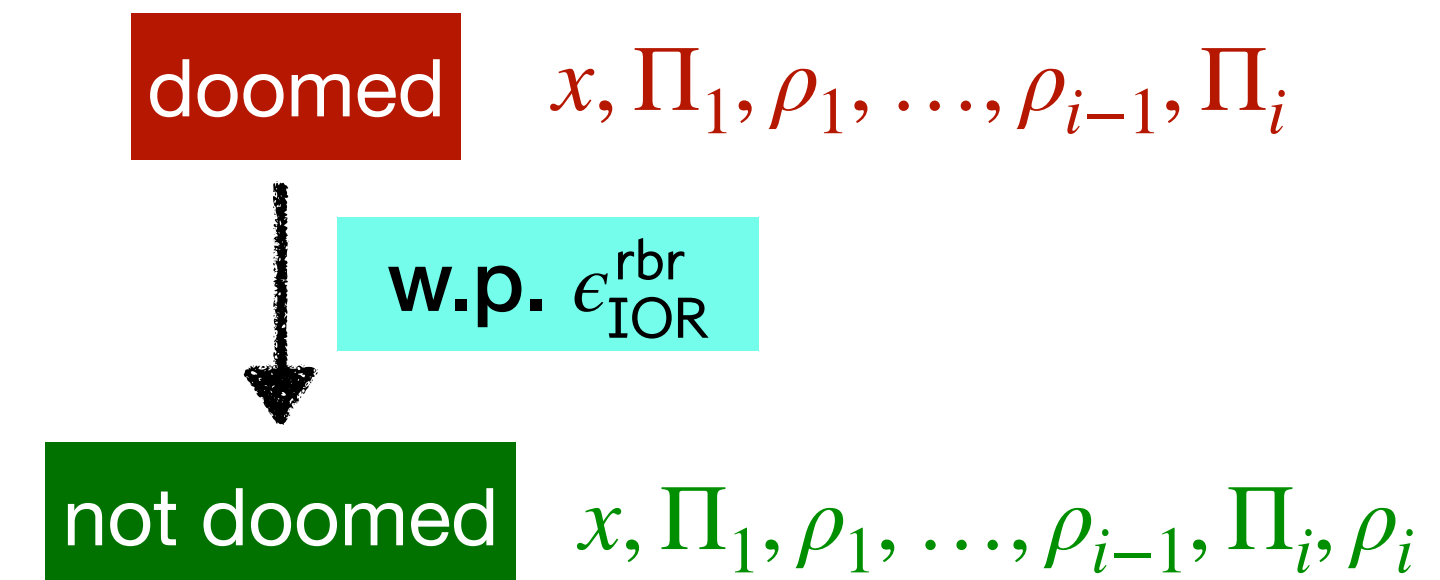
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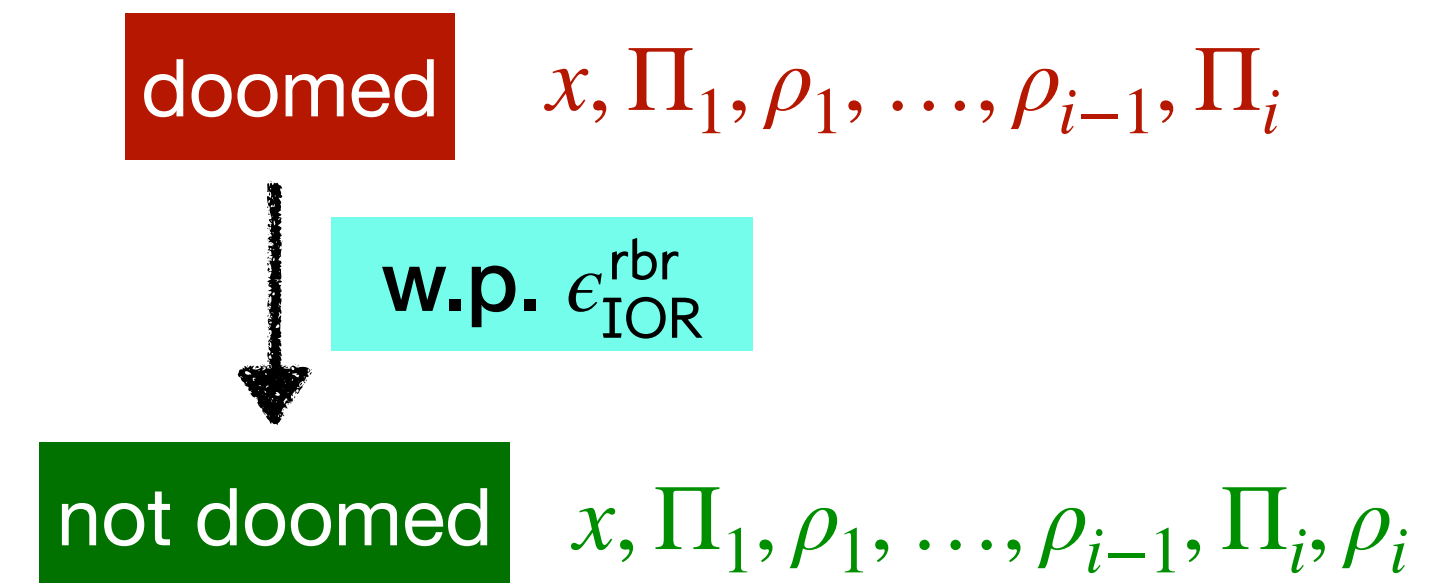


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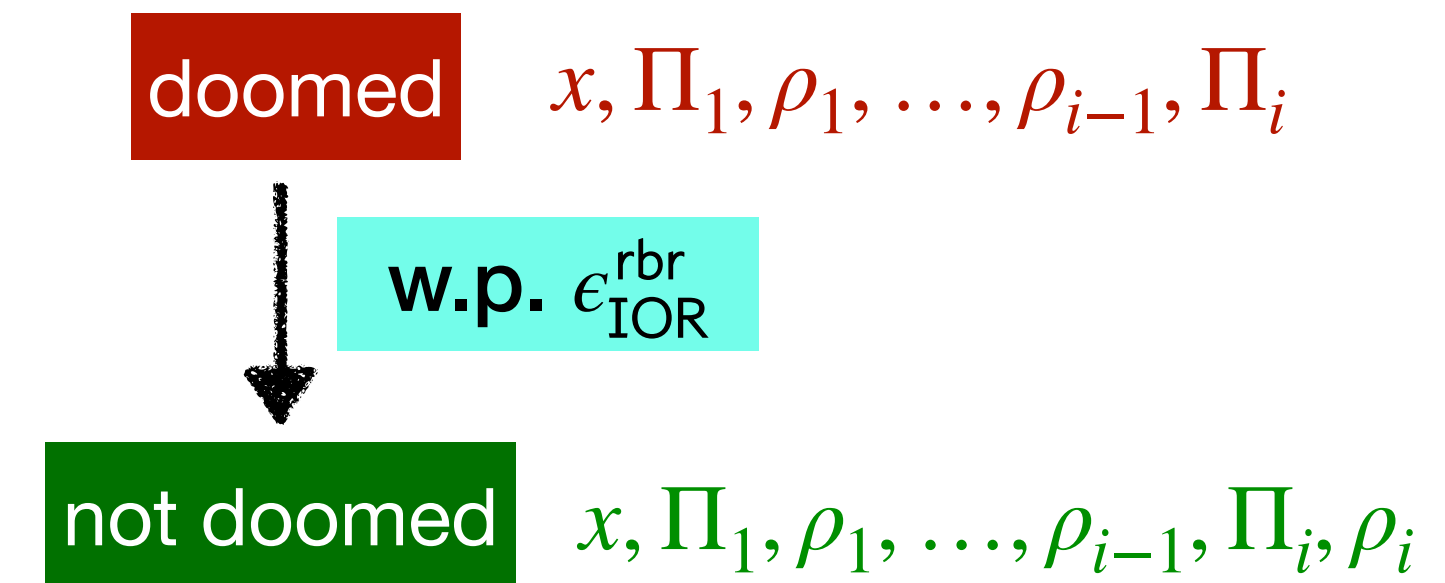
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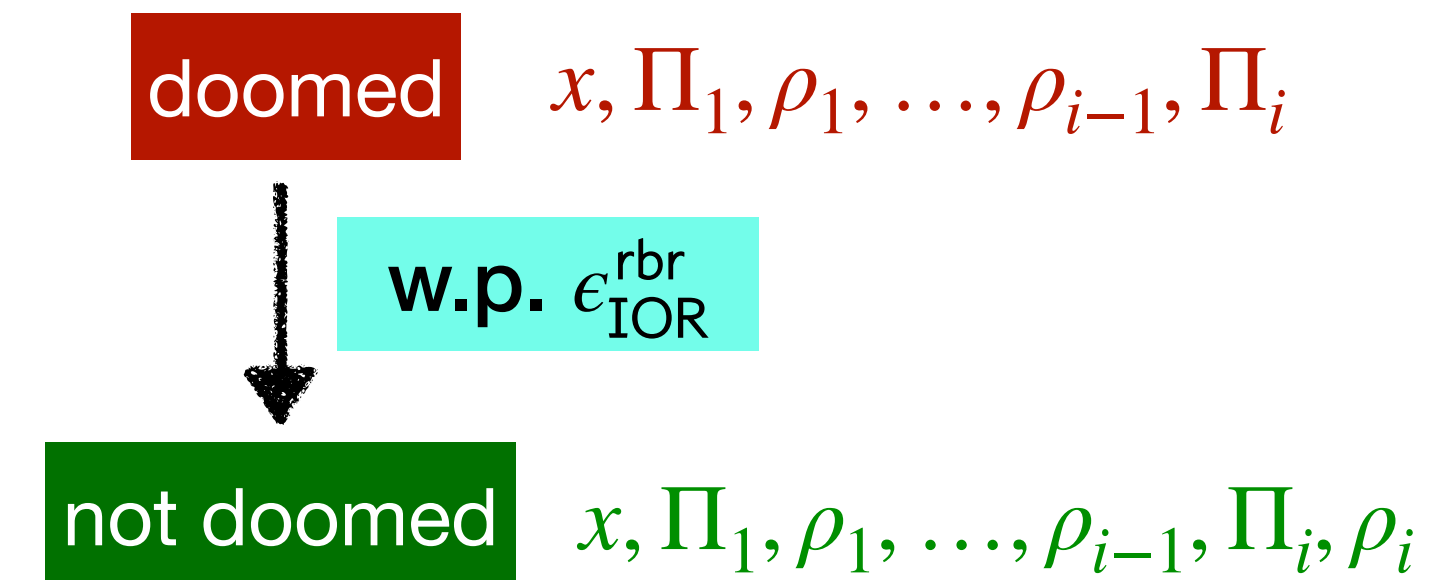
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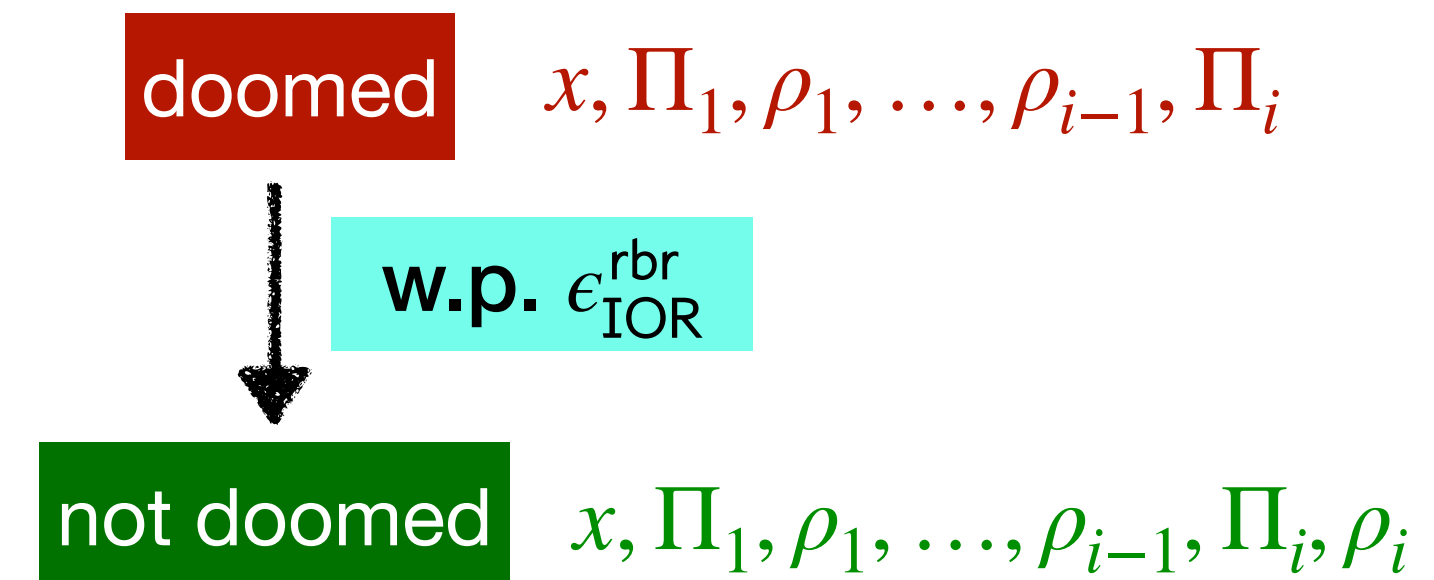
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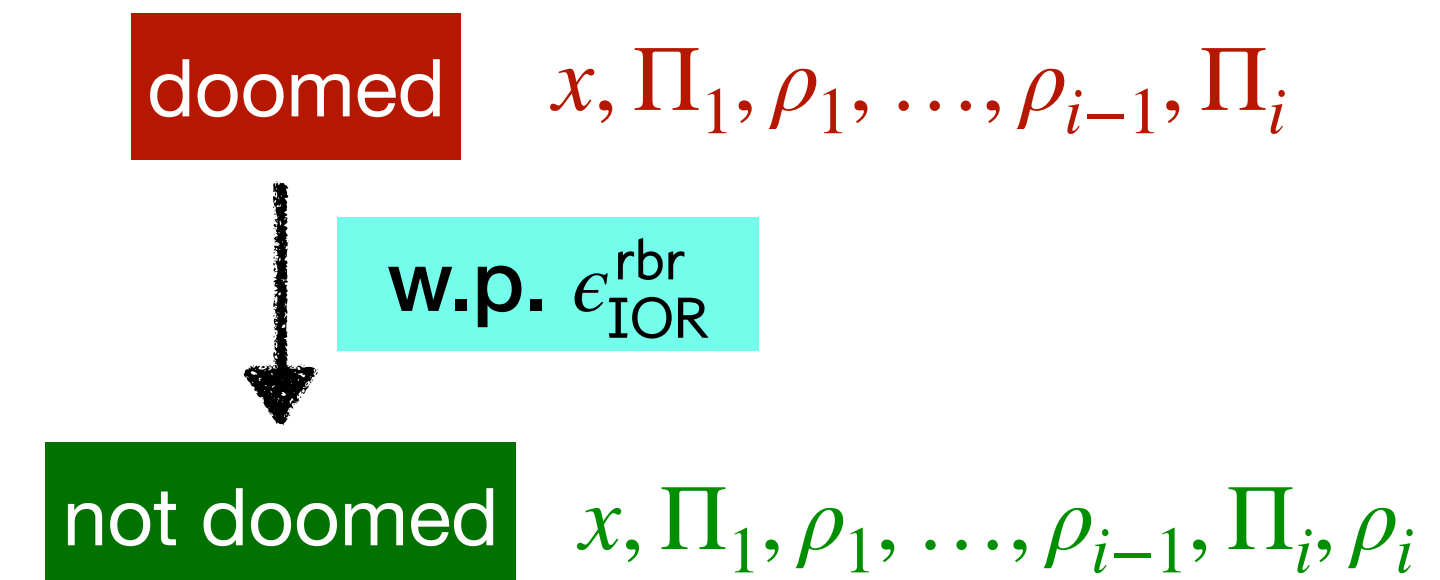
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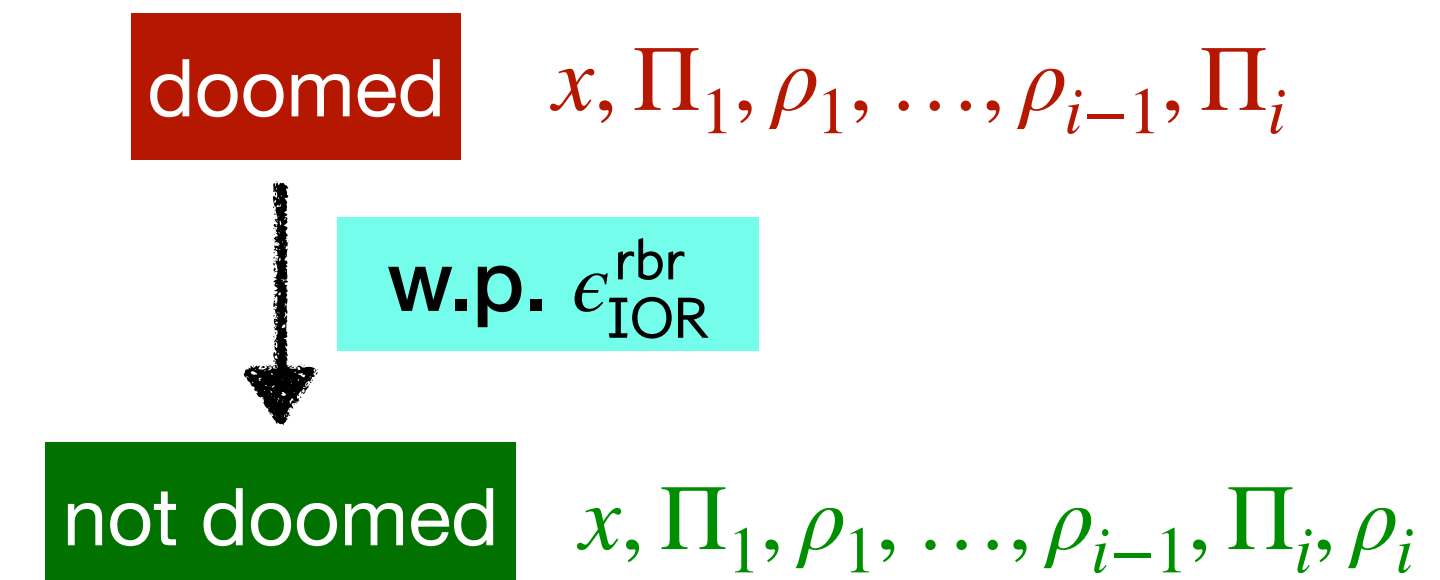
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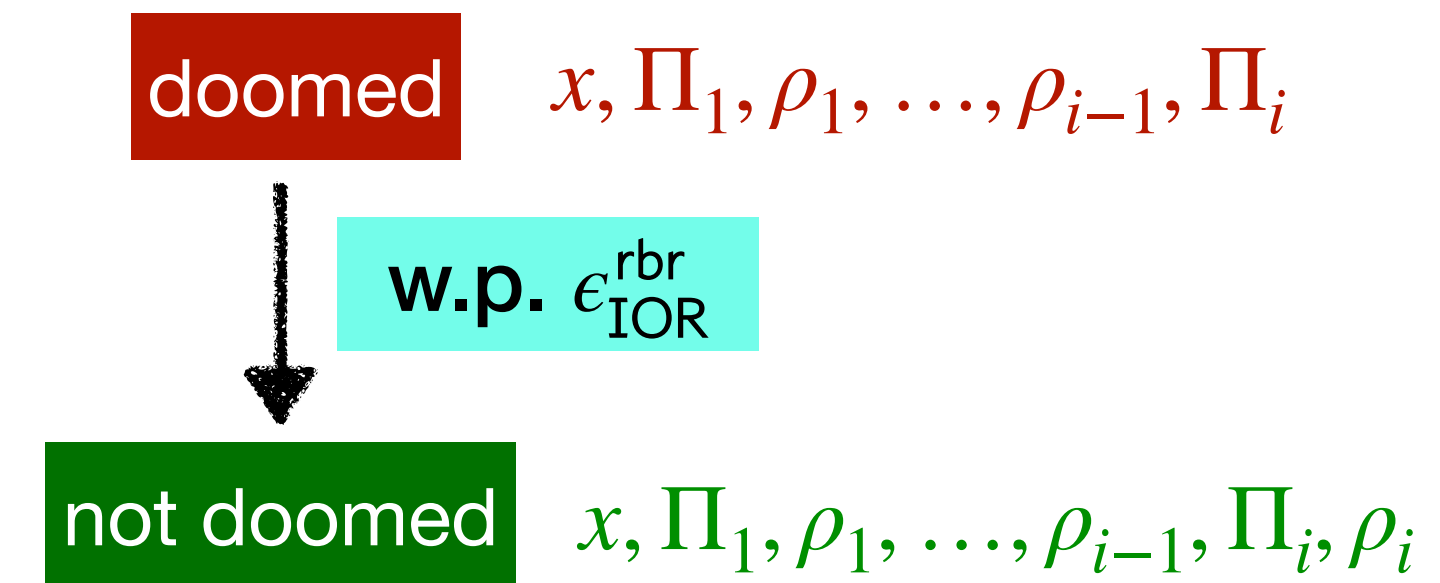


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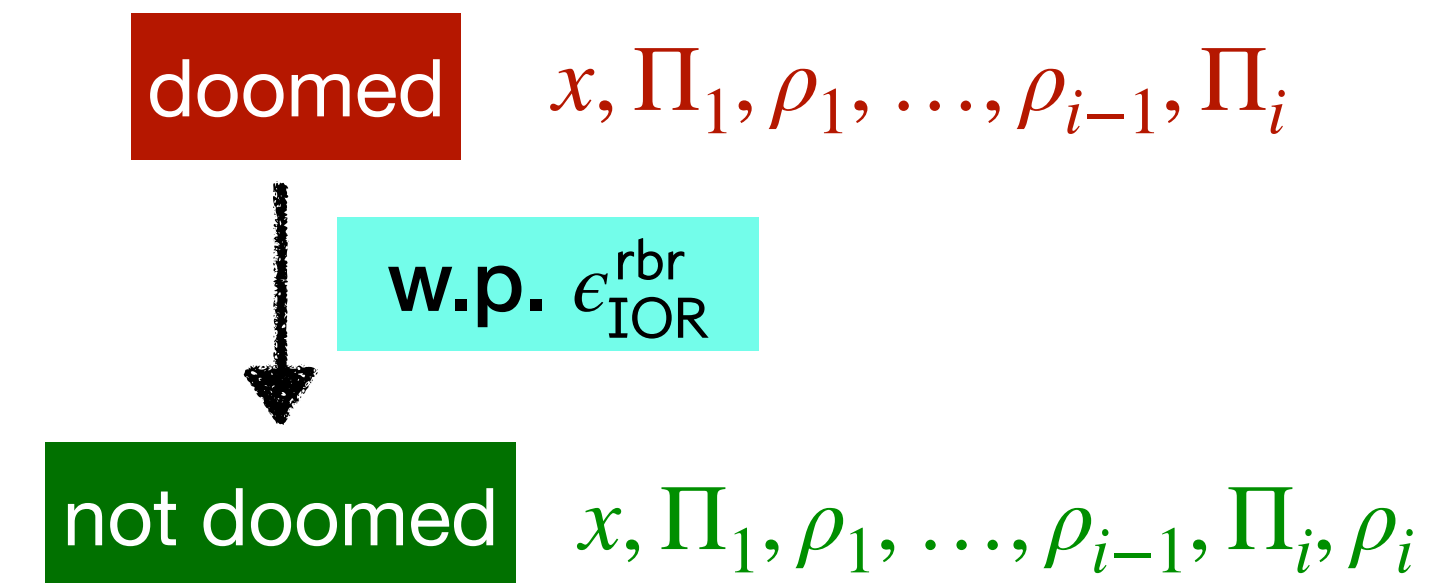
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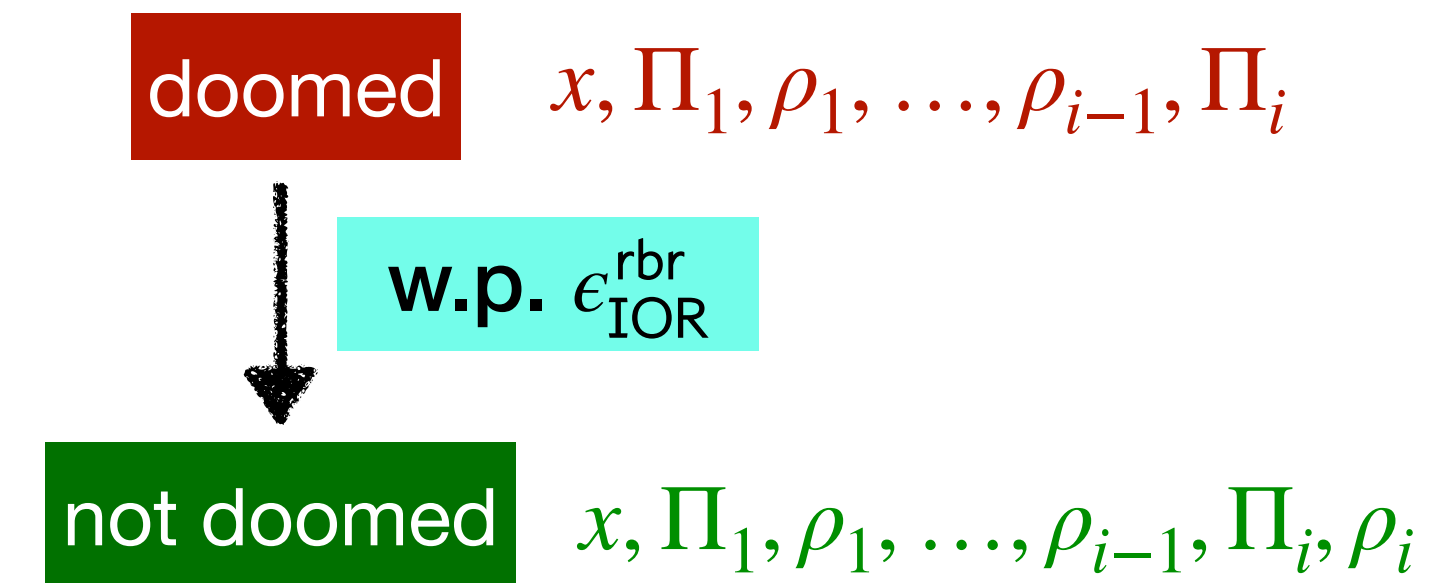


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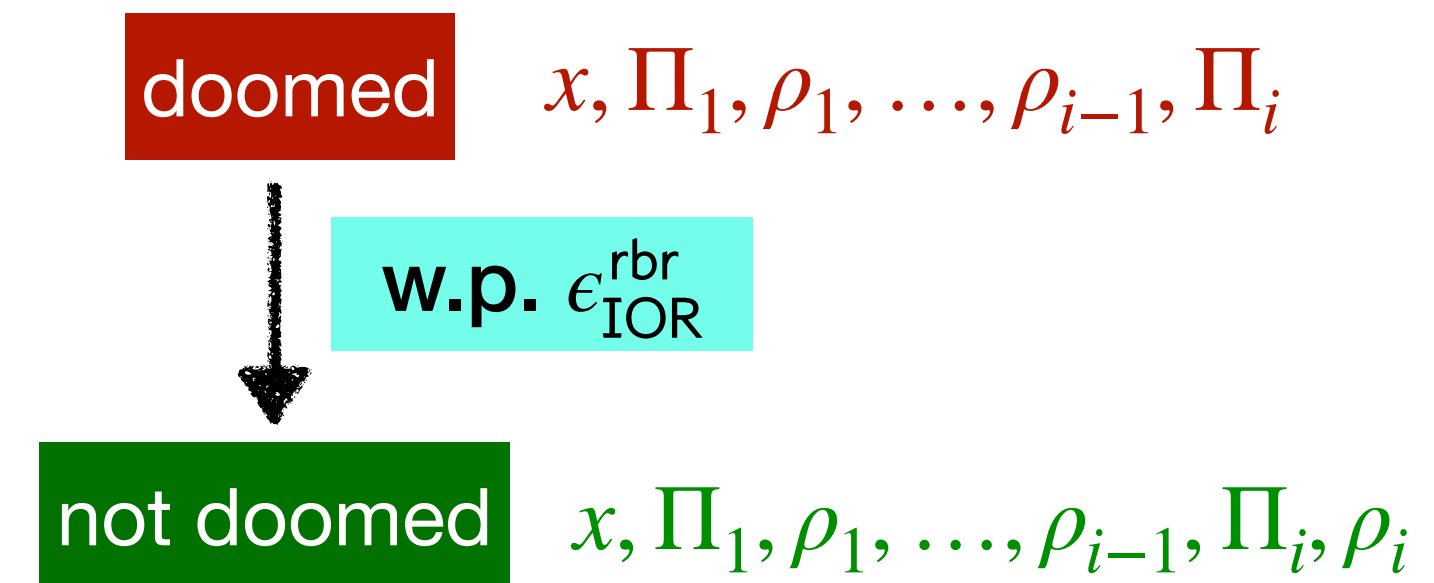
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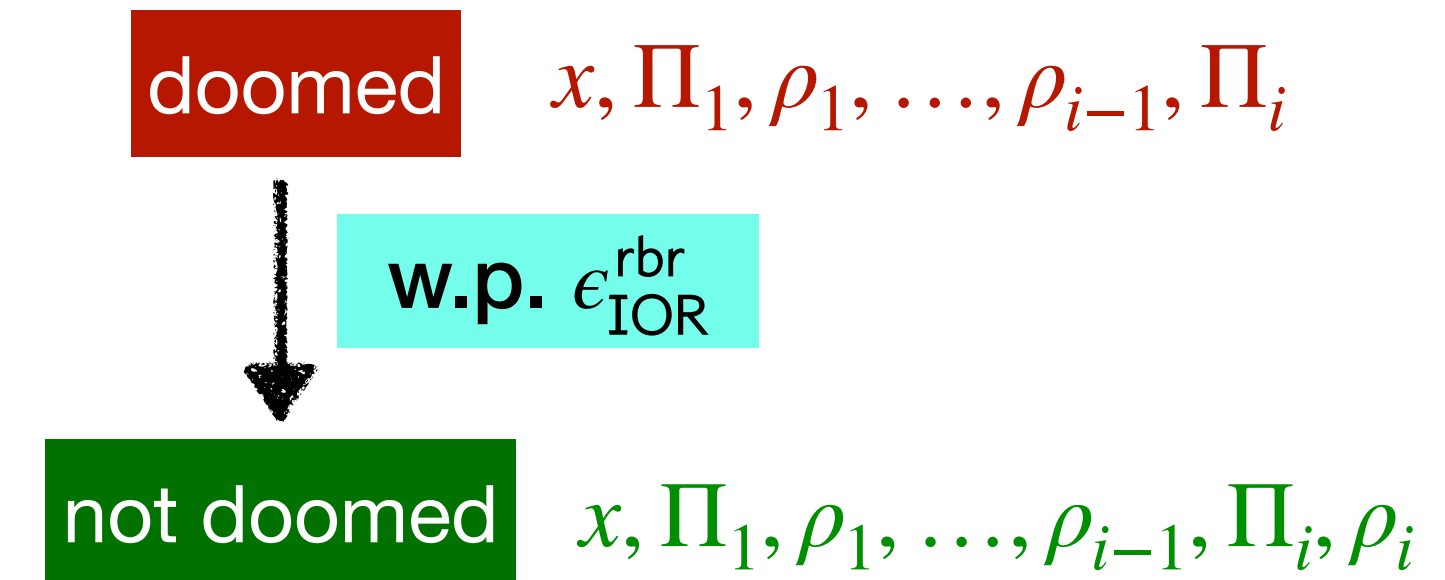
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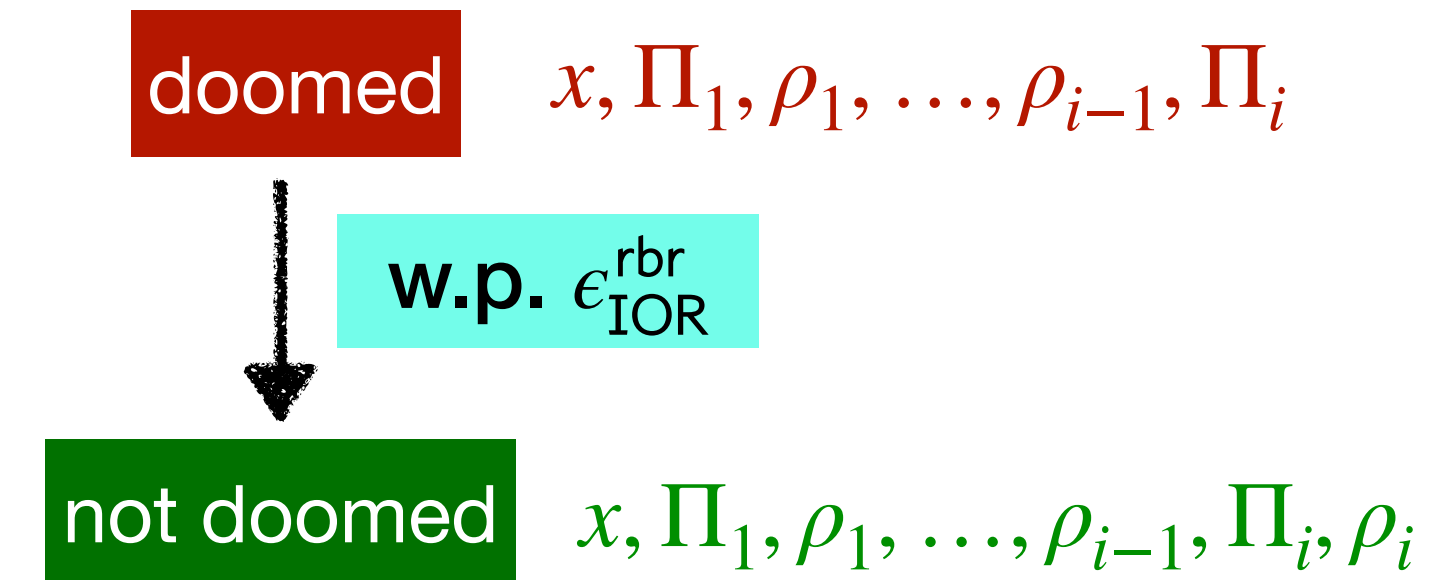
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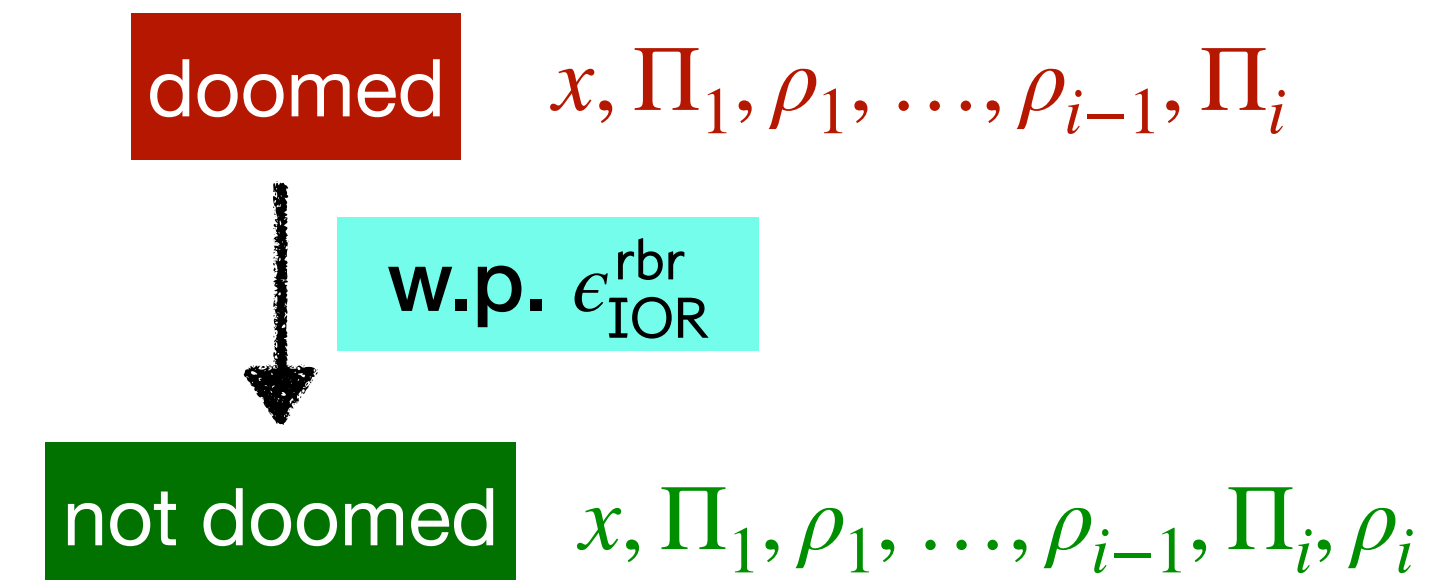
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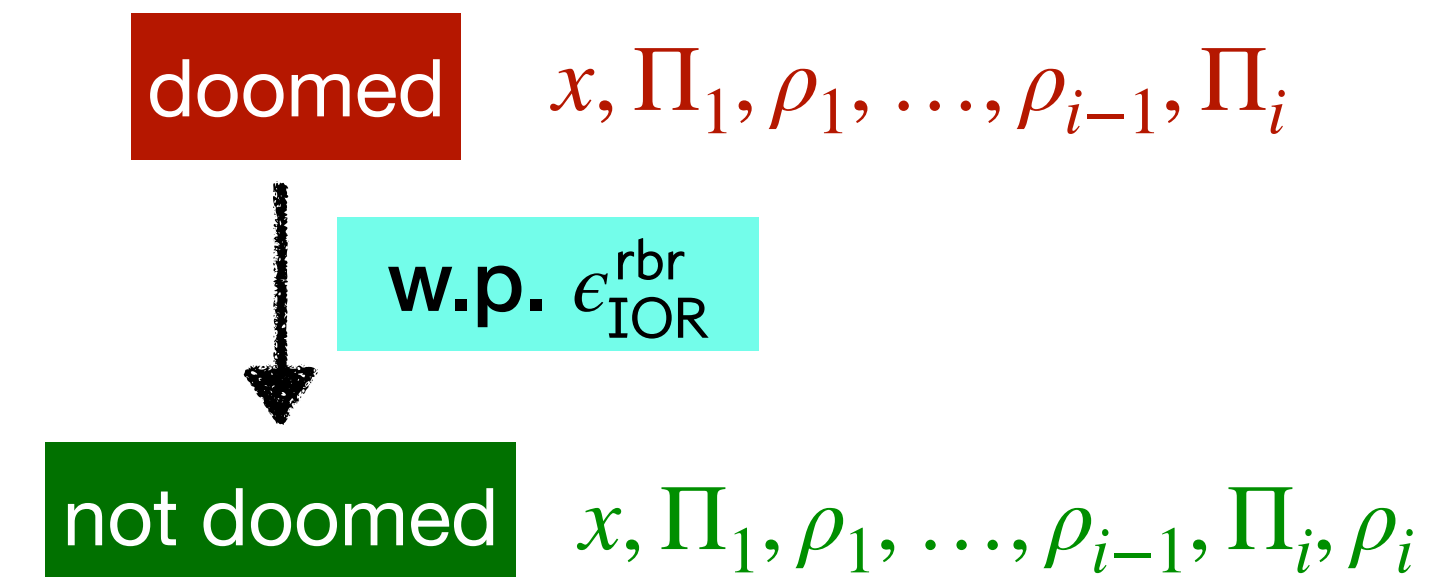


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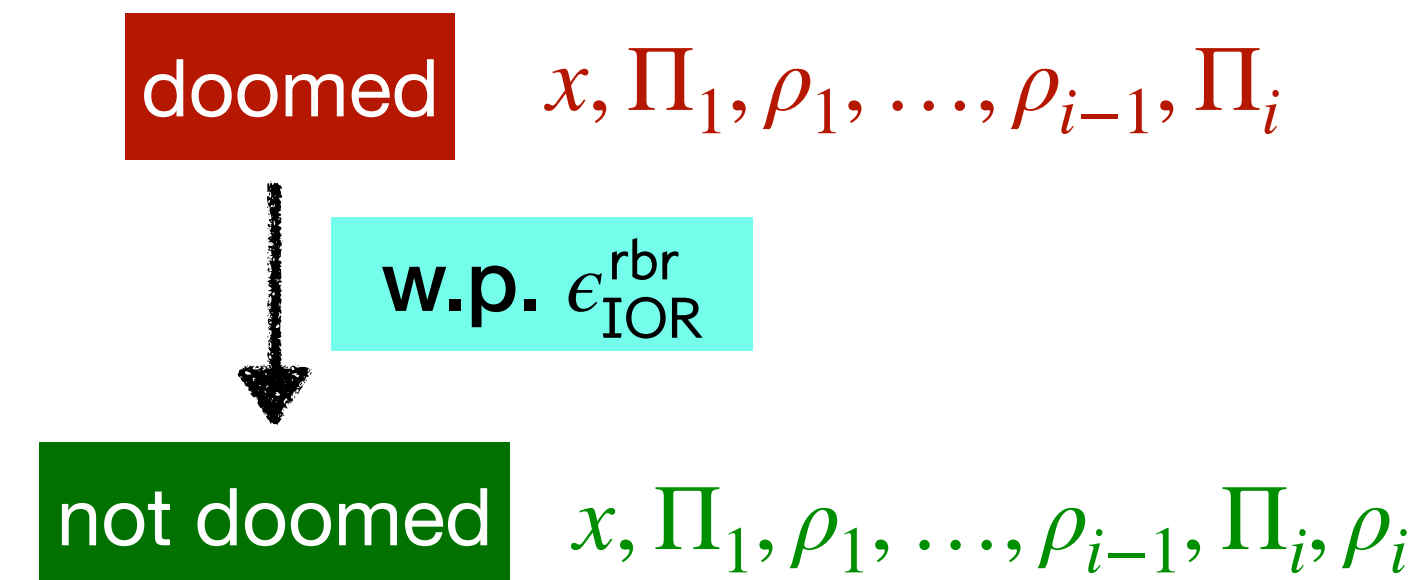
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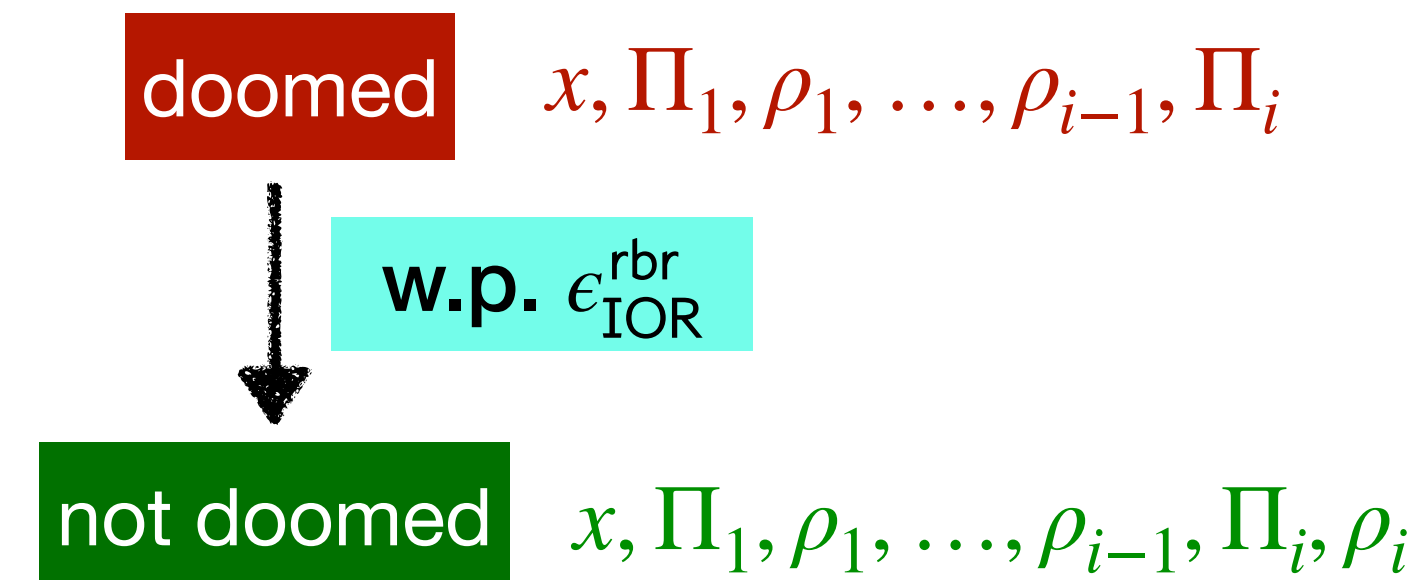
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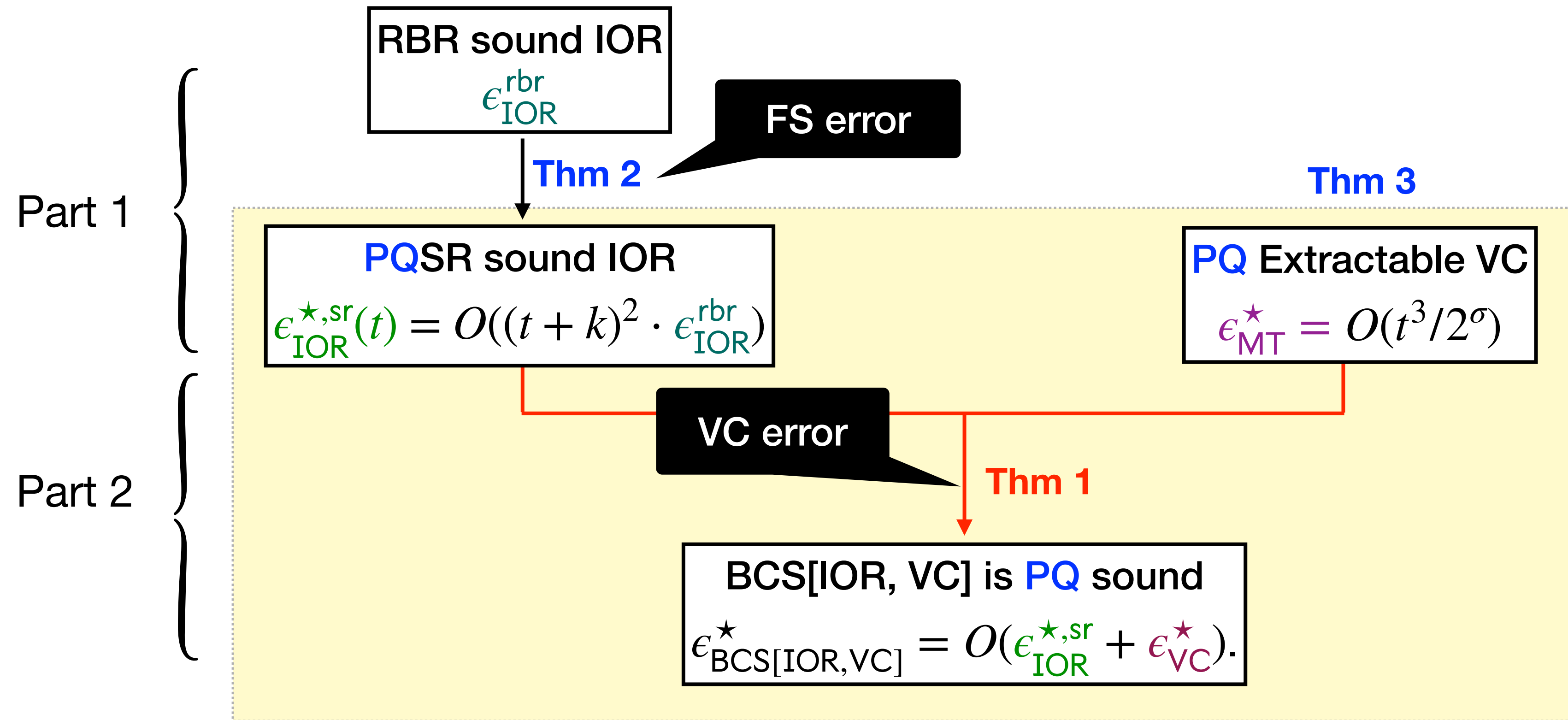
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Proof uses instability lemma from [CMS19].

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# **Part 2: From PQSR IOR to PQ NRDX**

# BCS PQ soundness = PQSR soundness + VC PQ error



Putting it together:  $\epsilon_{\text{BCS}[\text{IOR}, \text{MT}]}^{\star} = O((t + k)^2 \cdot \epsilon_{\text{IOR}}^{\text{rbr}}) + O(t^3/2^{\sigma})$



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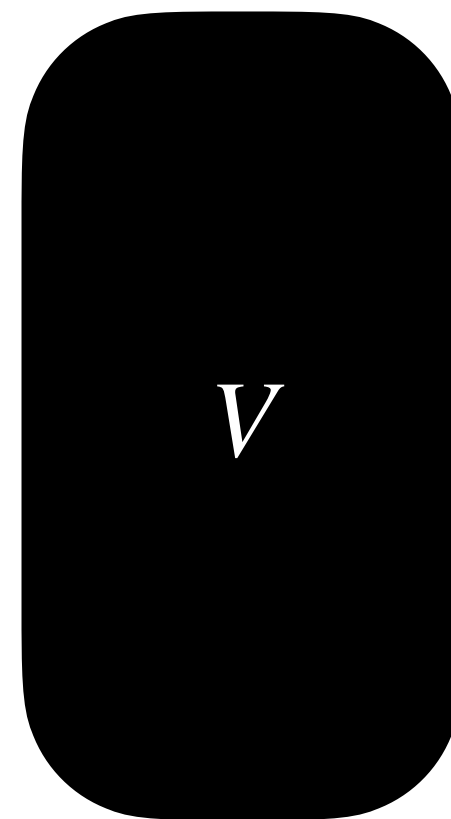
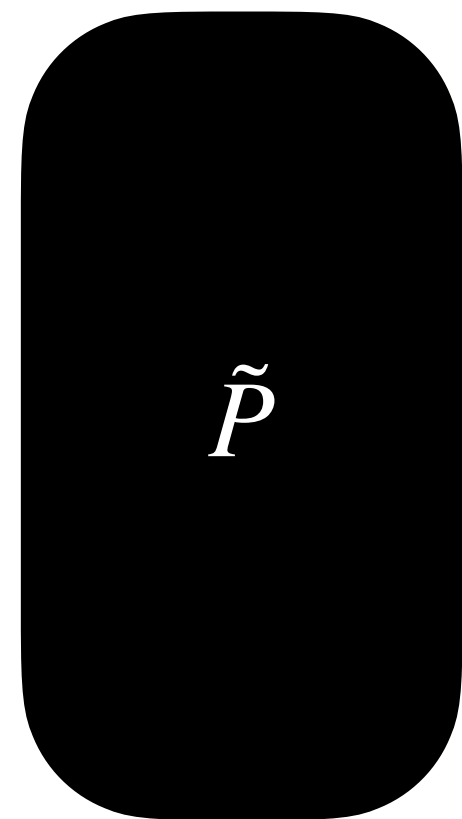
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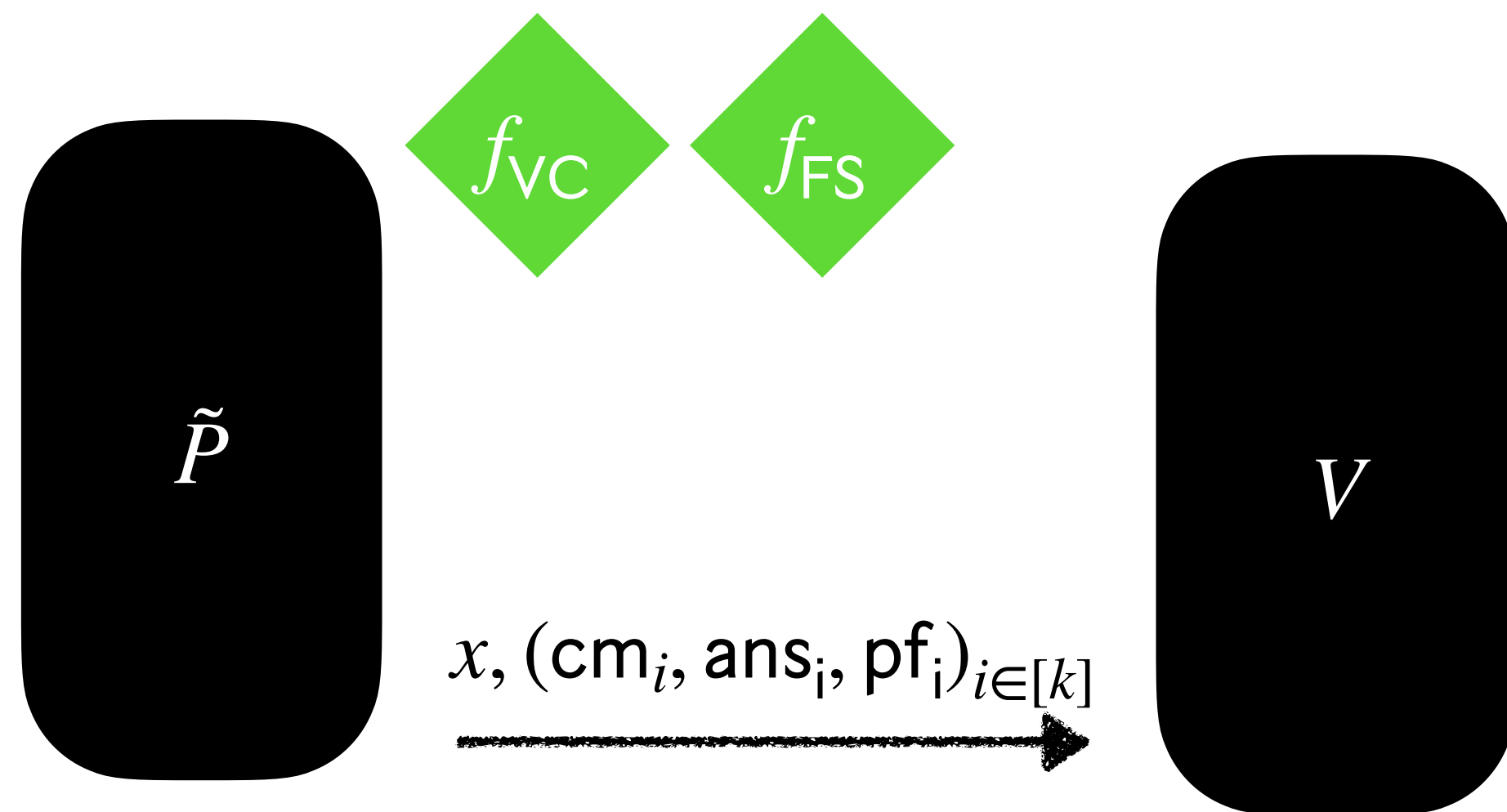


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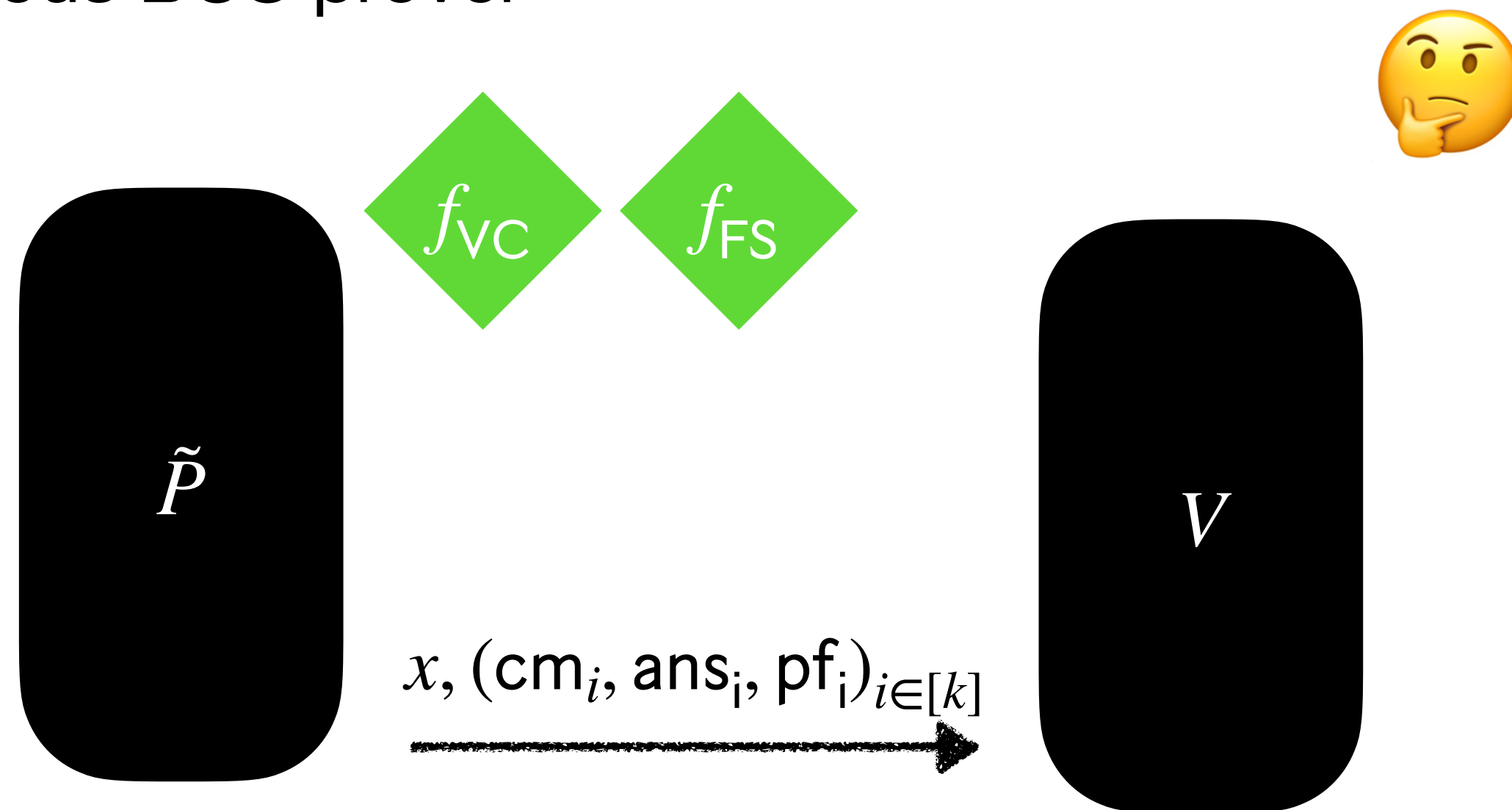


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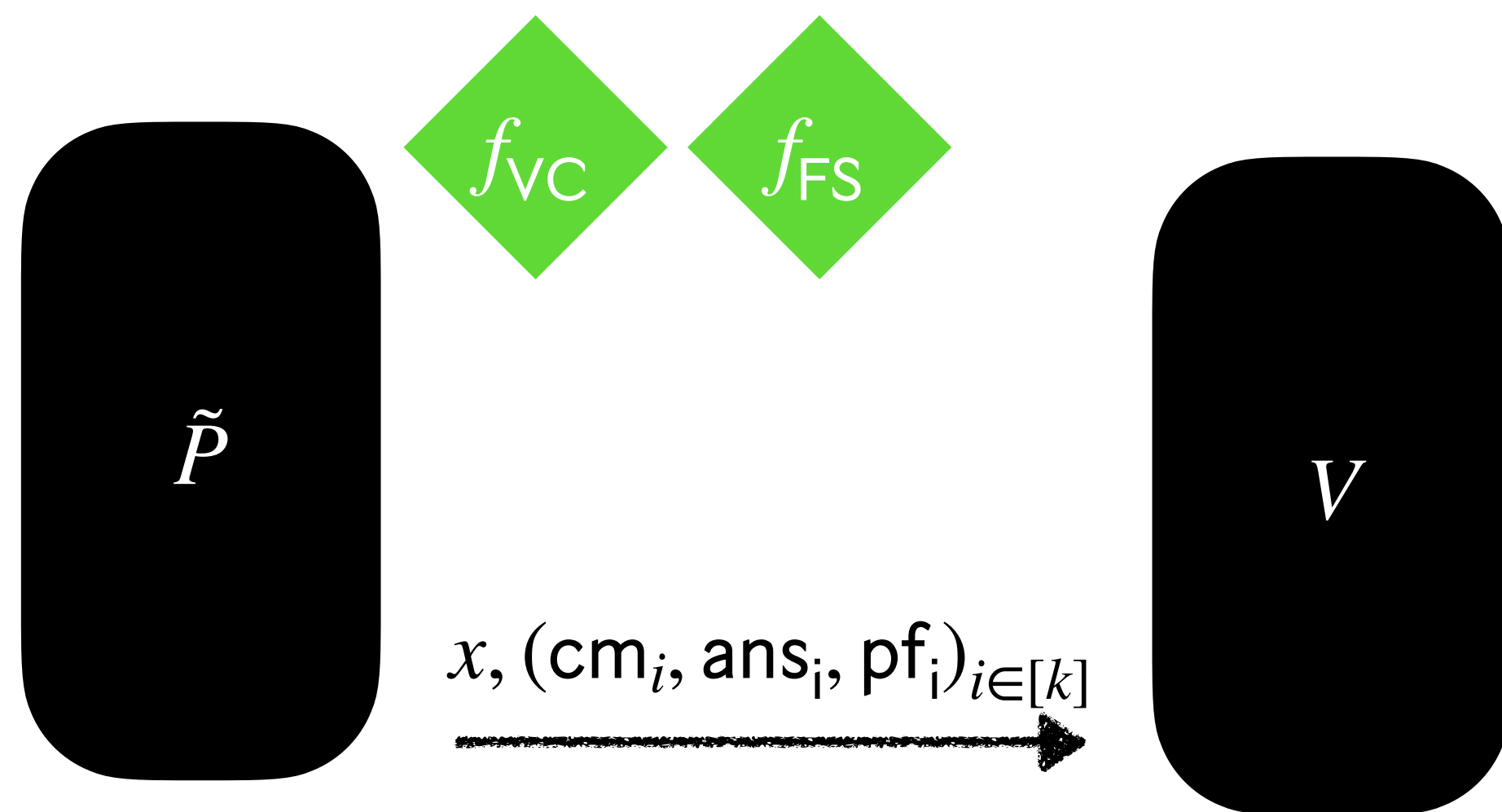


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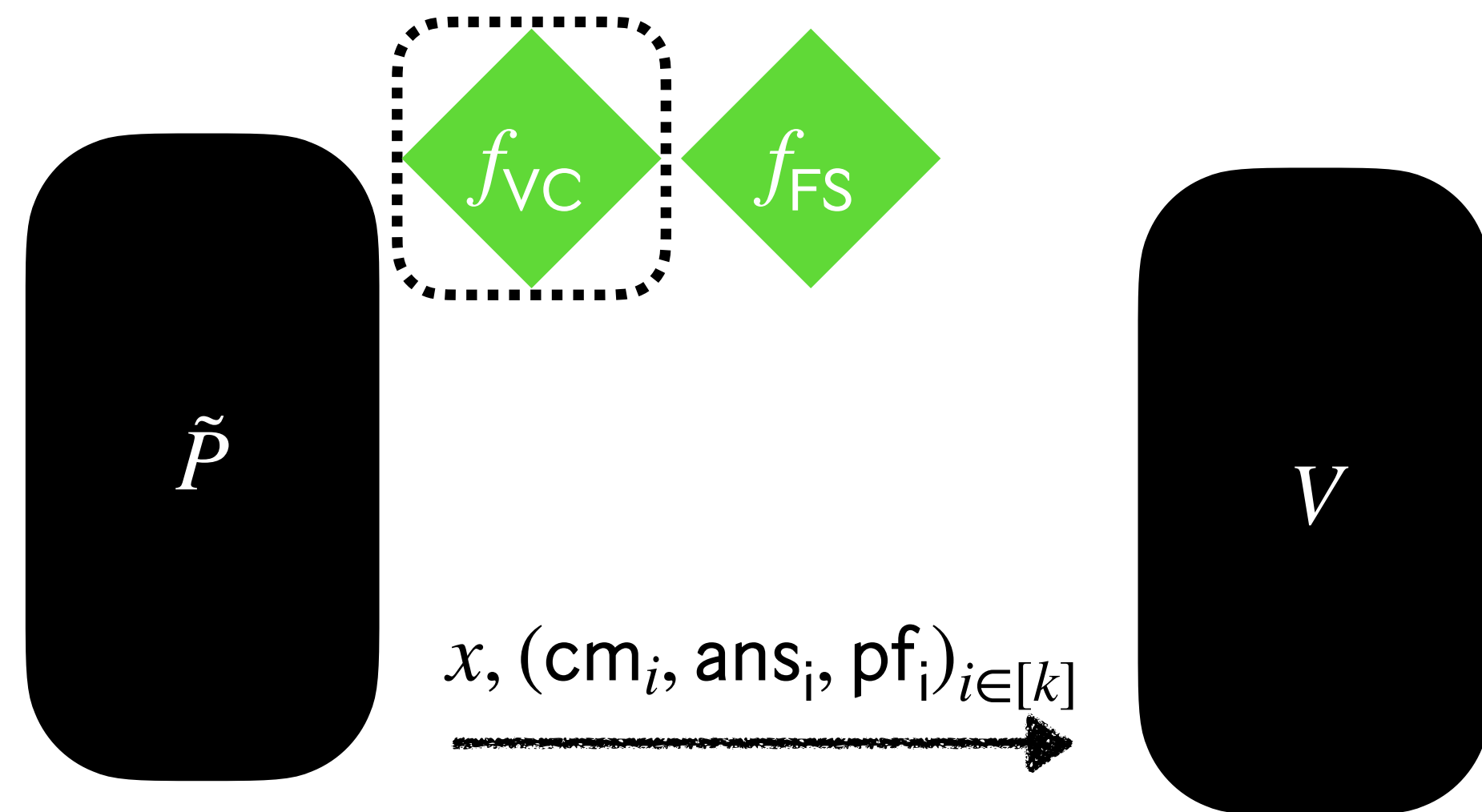


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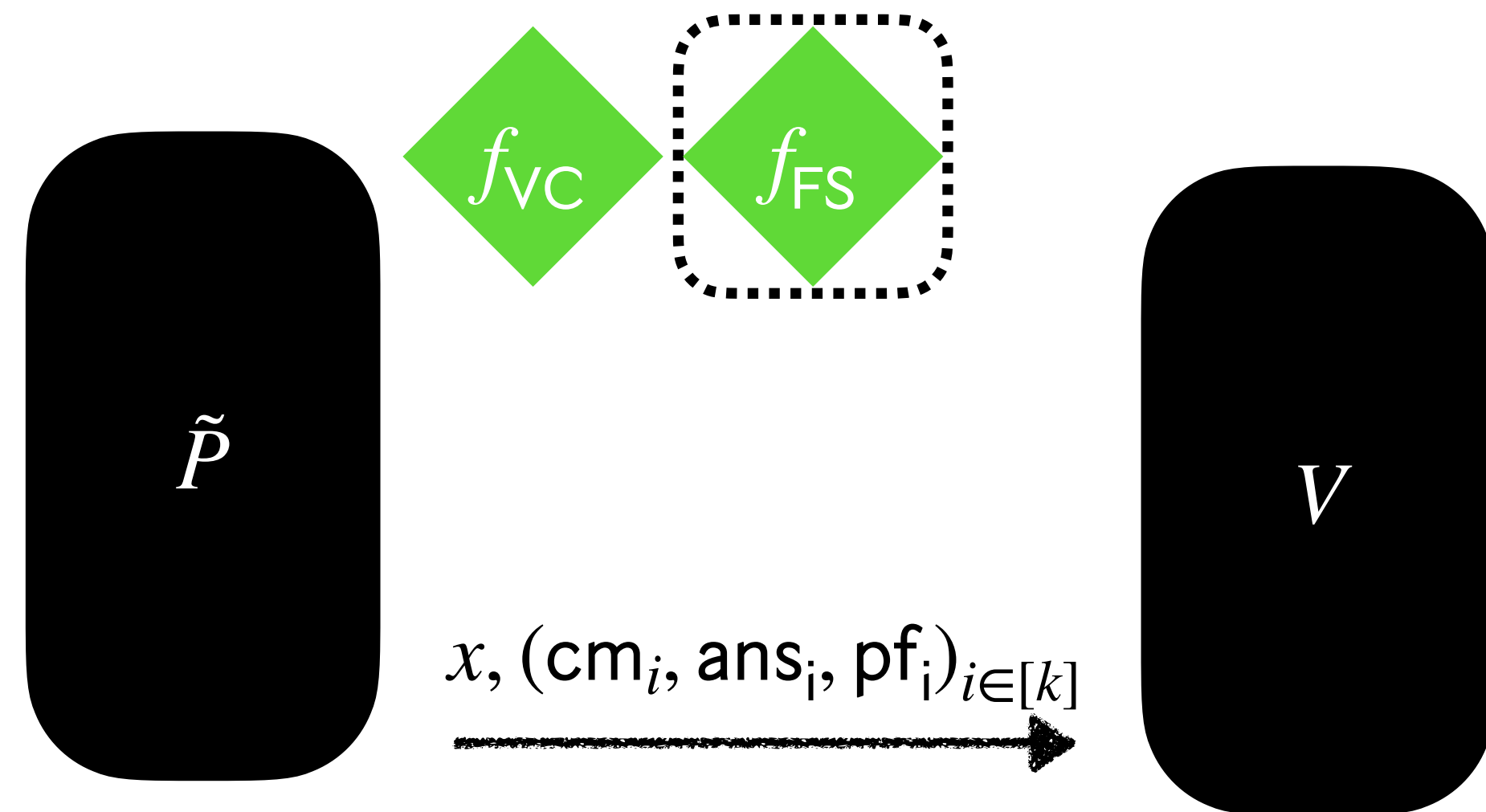
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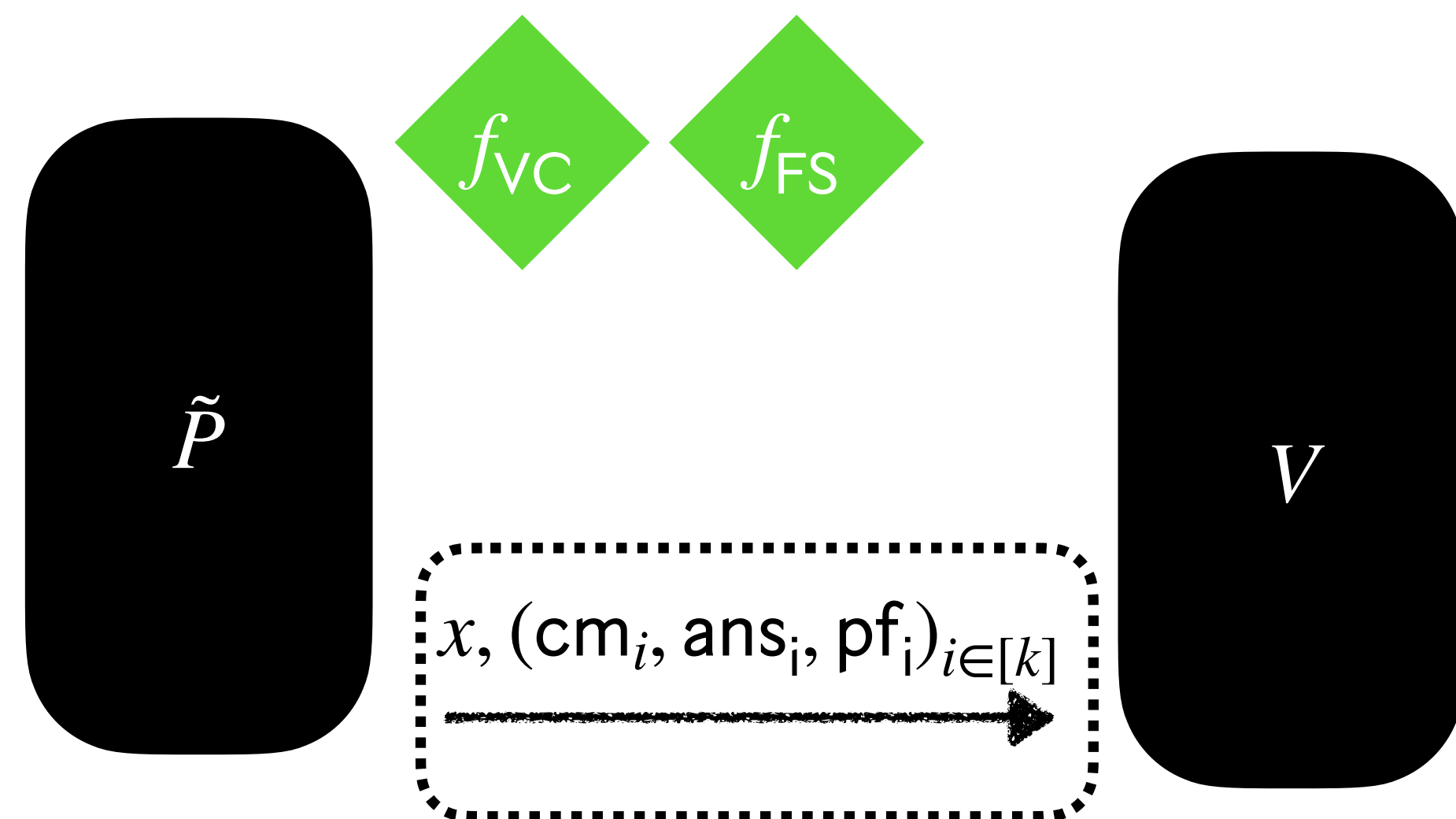
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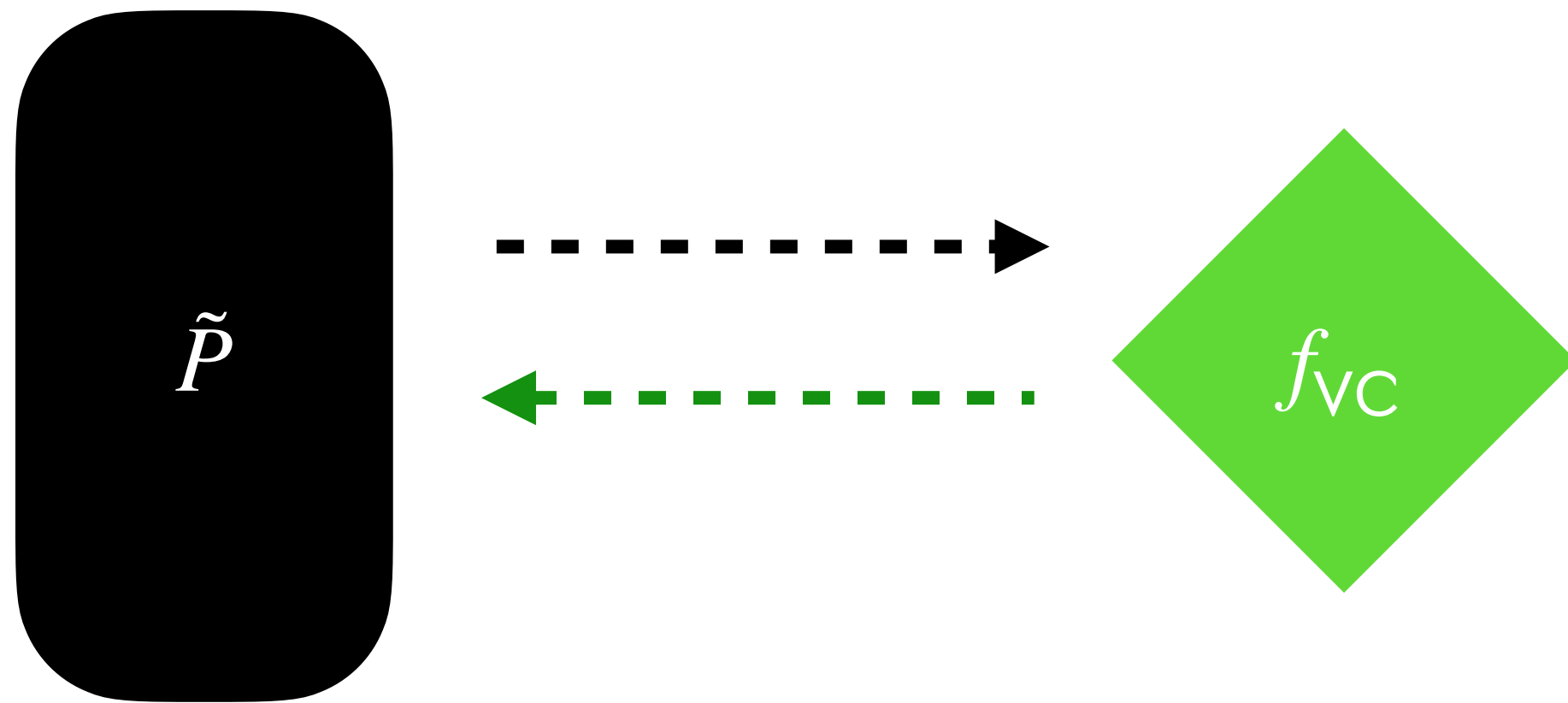
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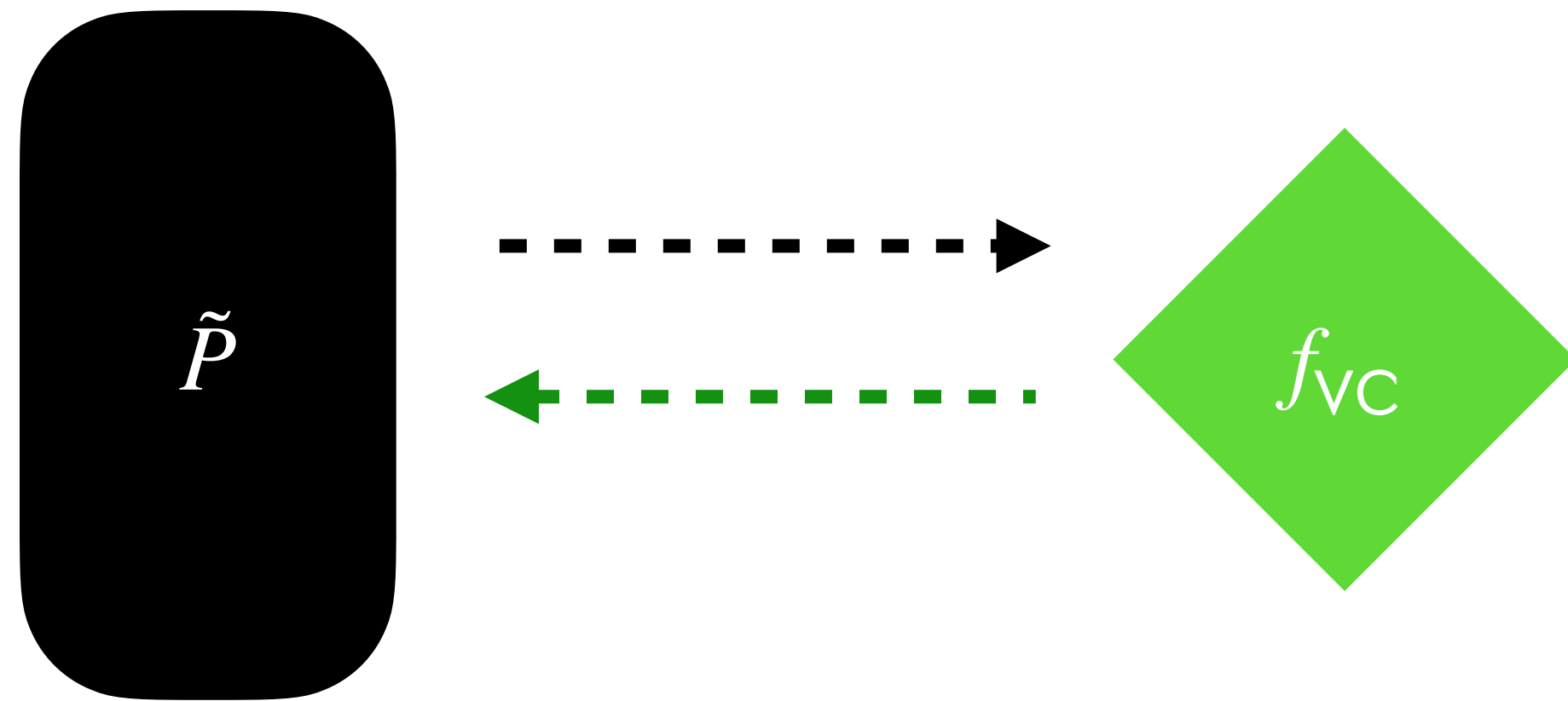


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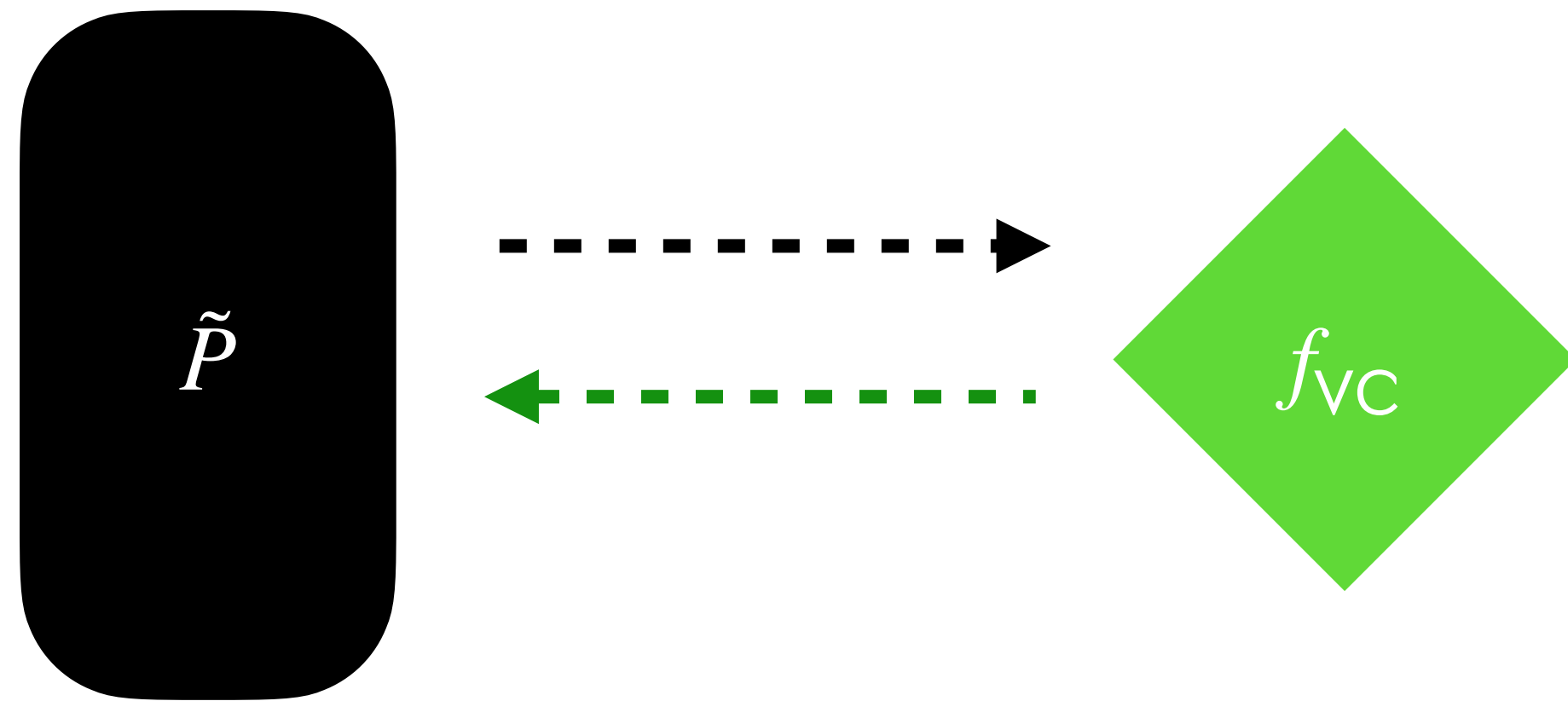


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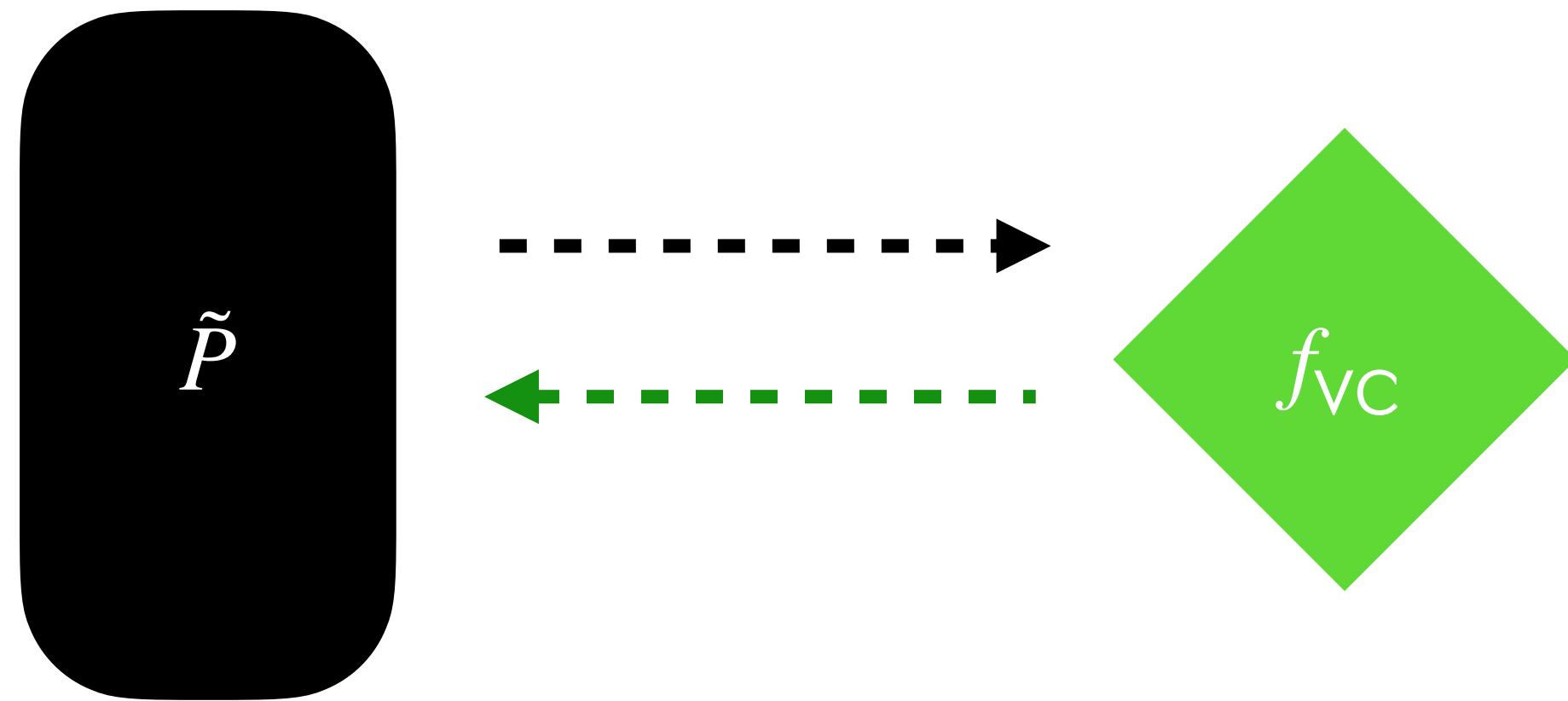
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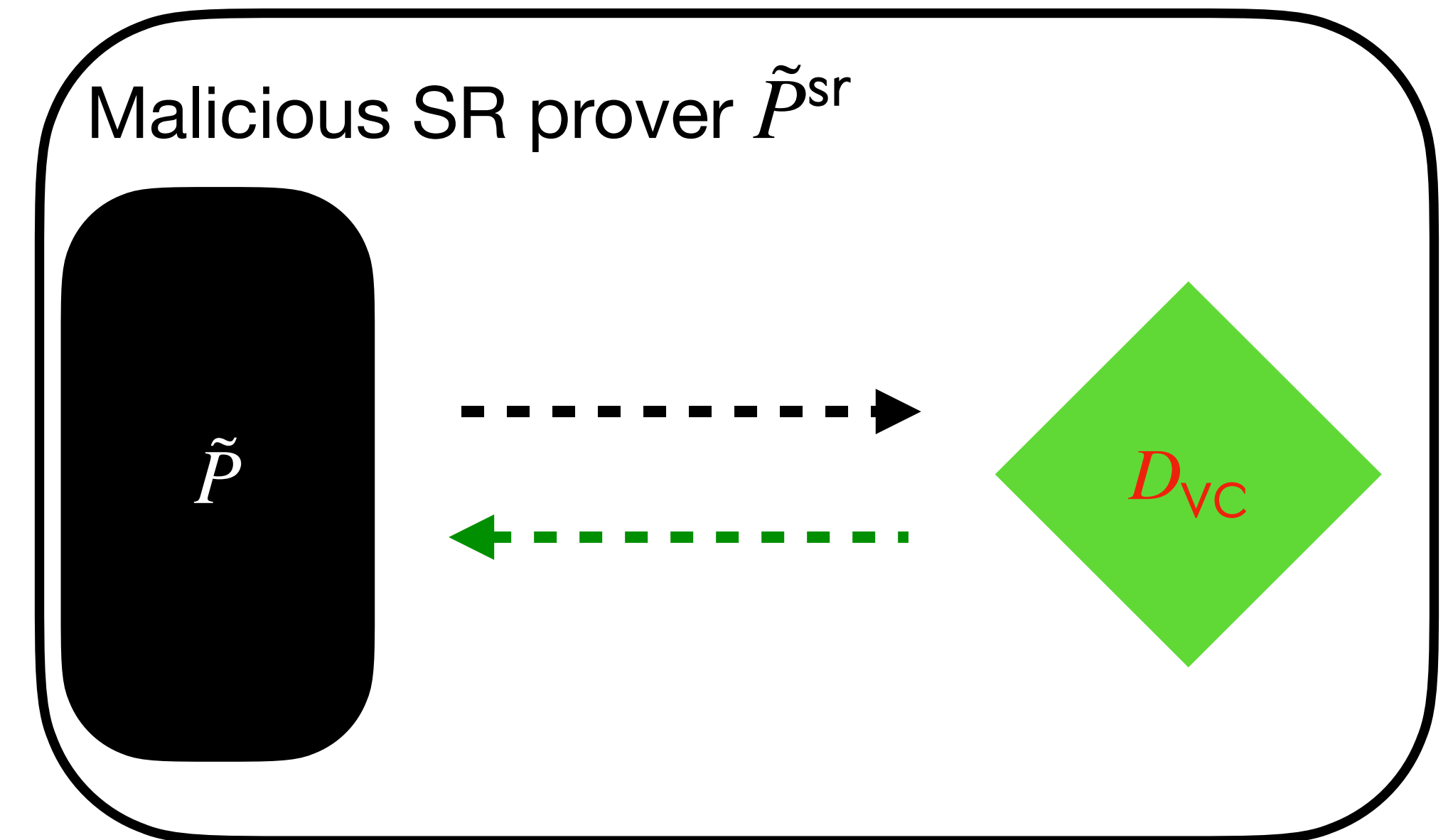
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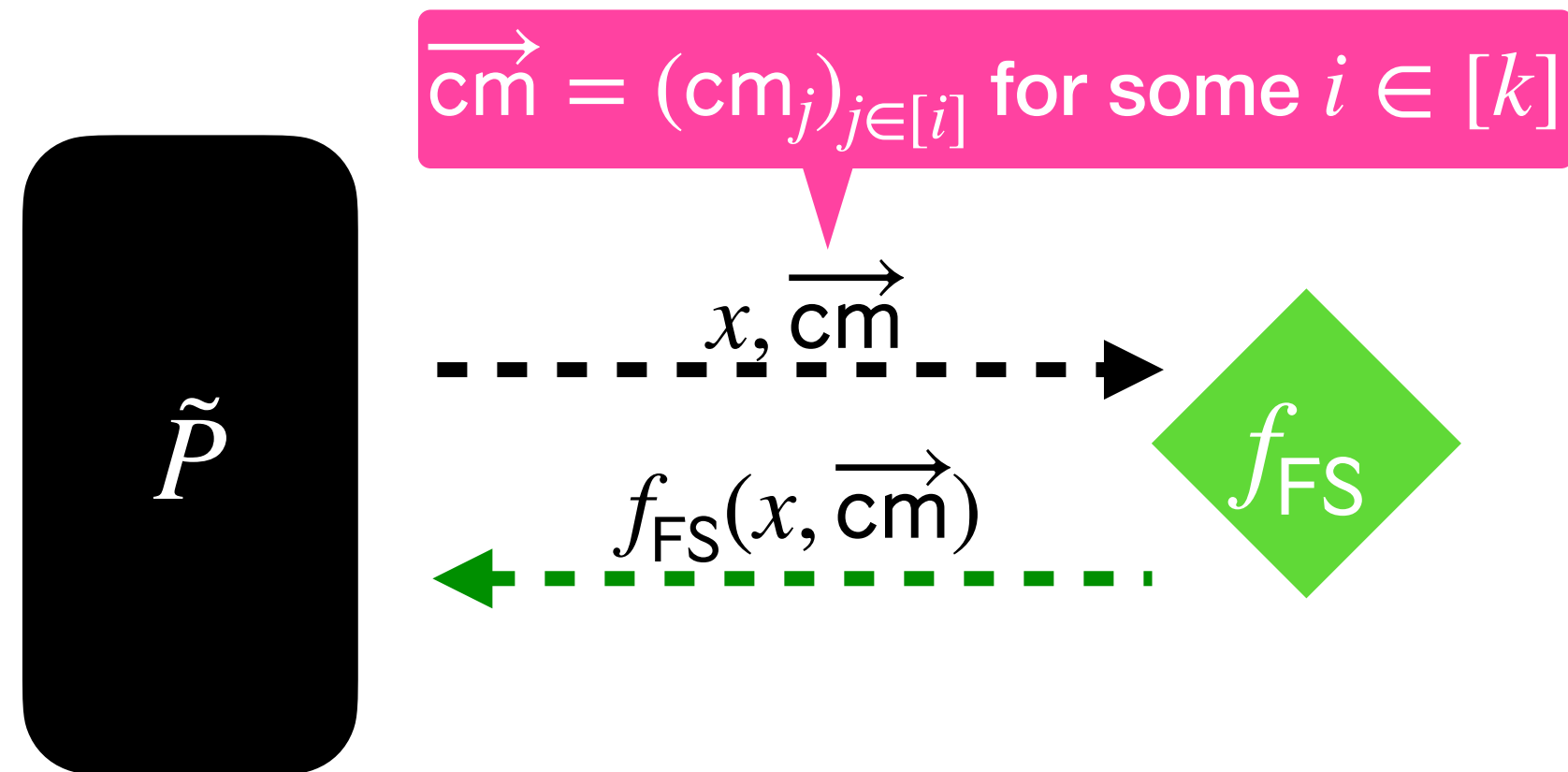
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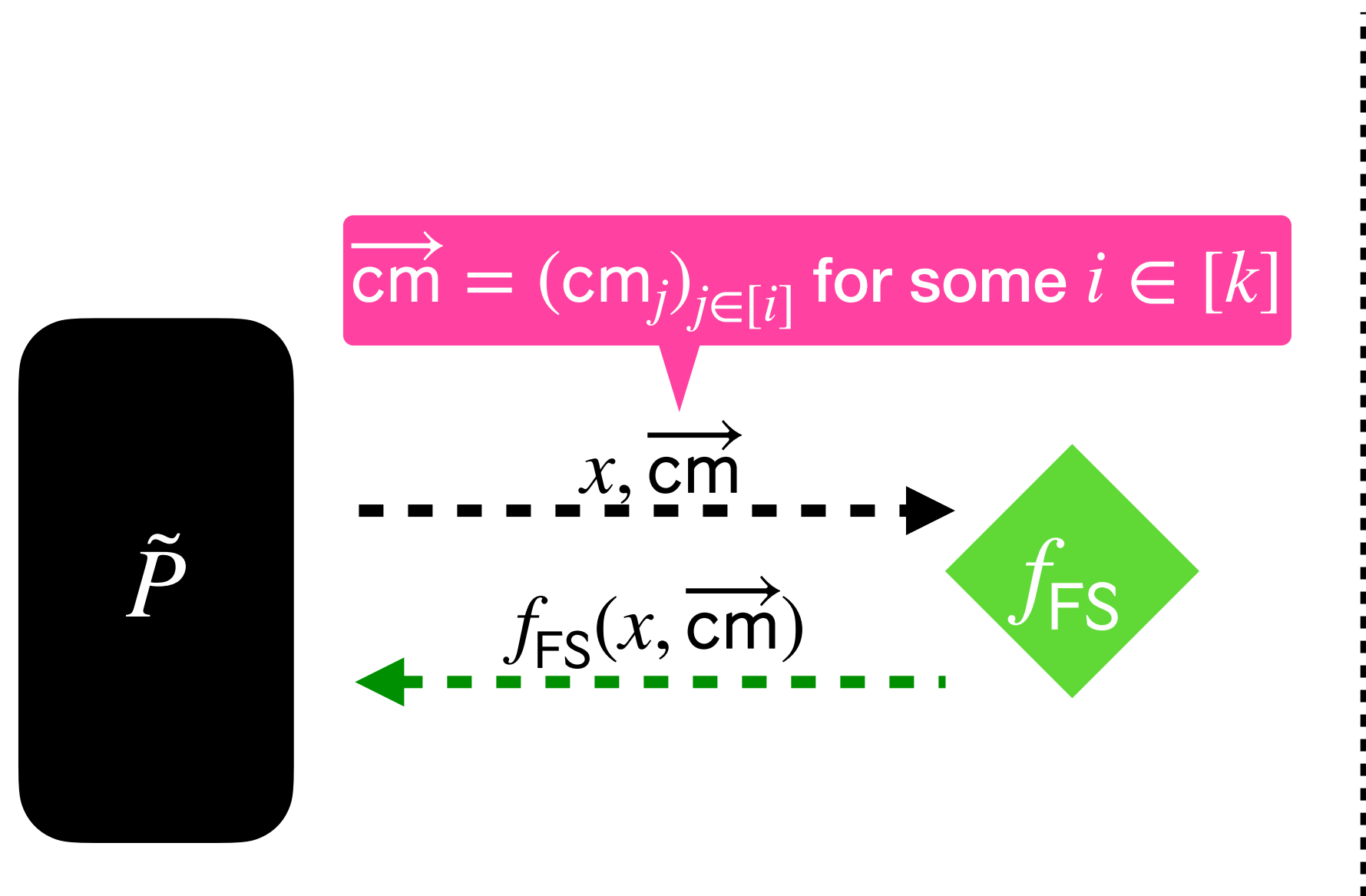


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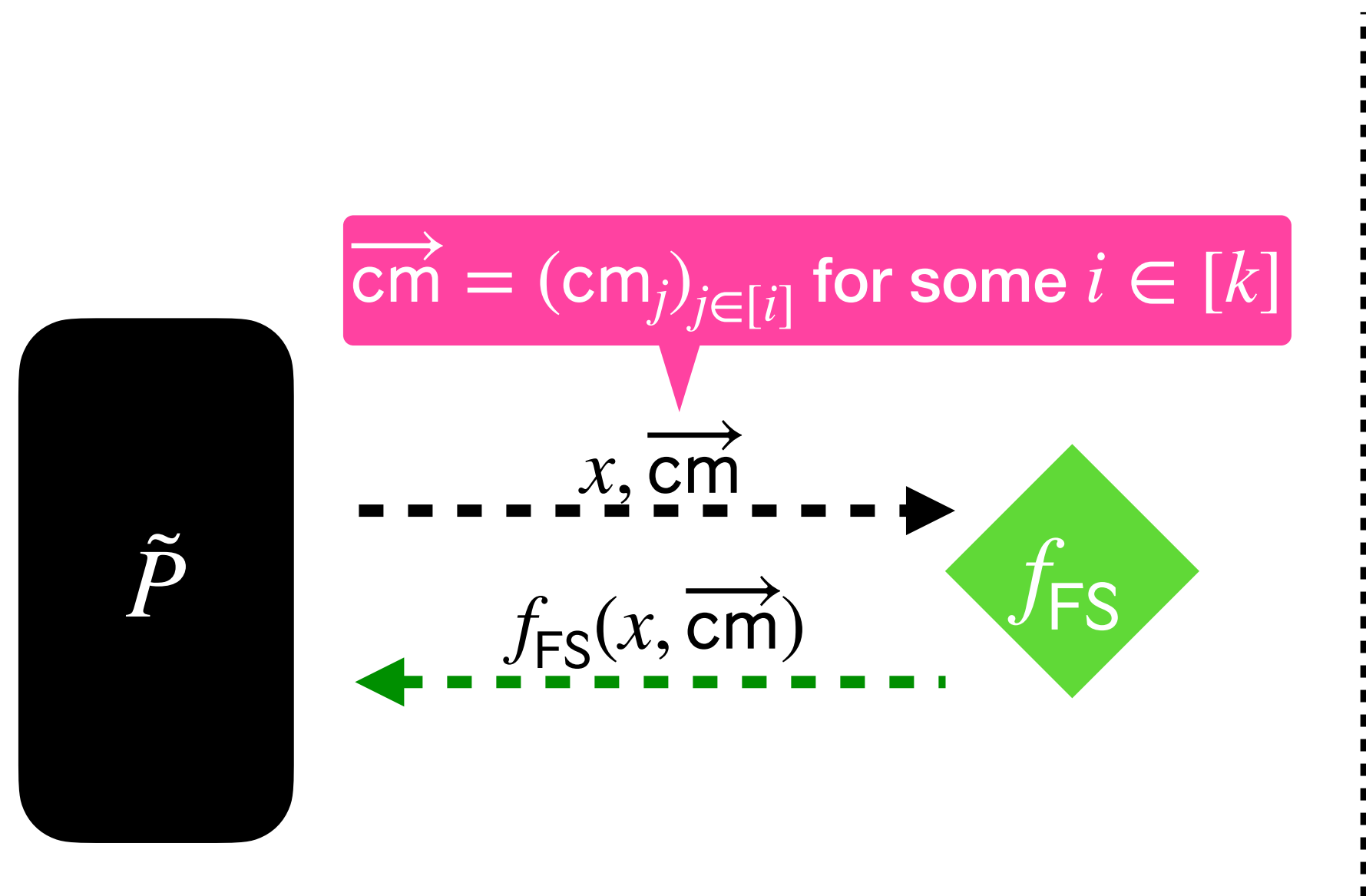
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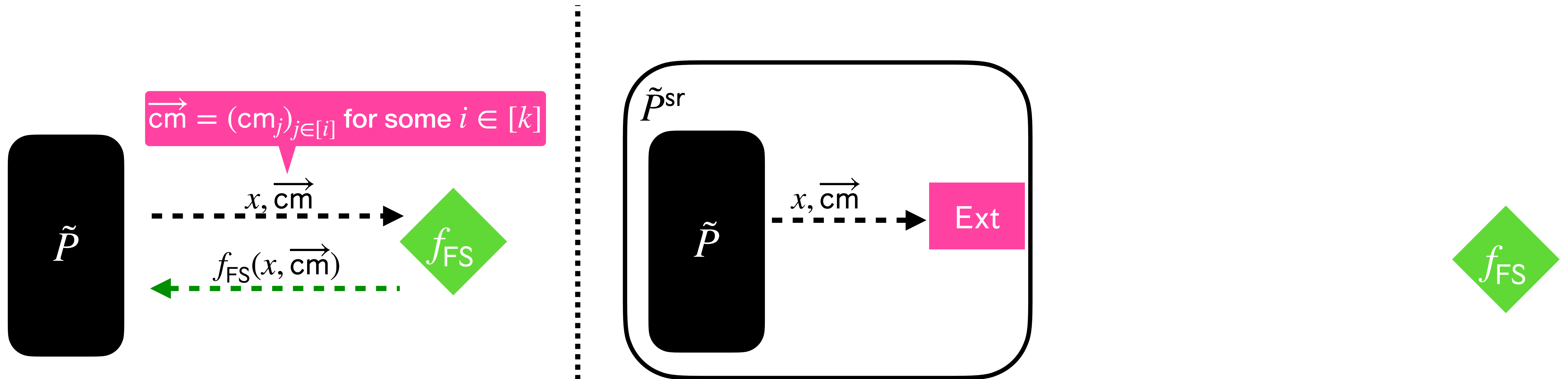
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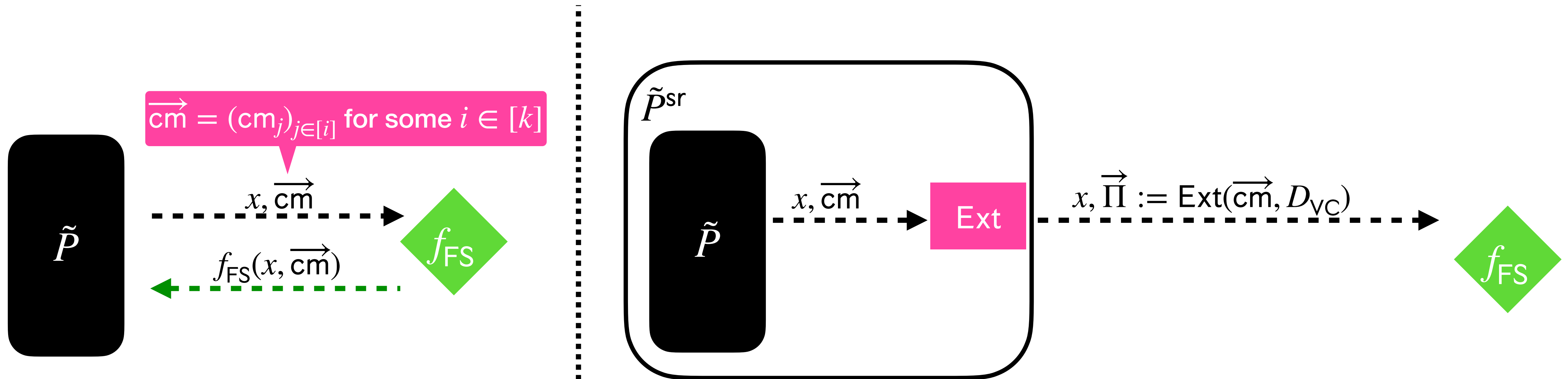
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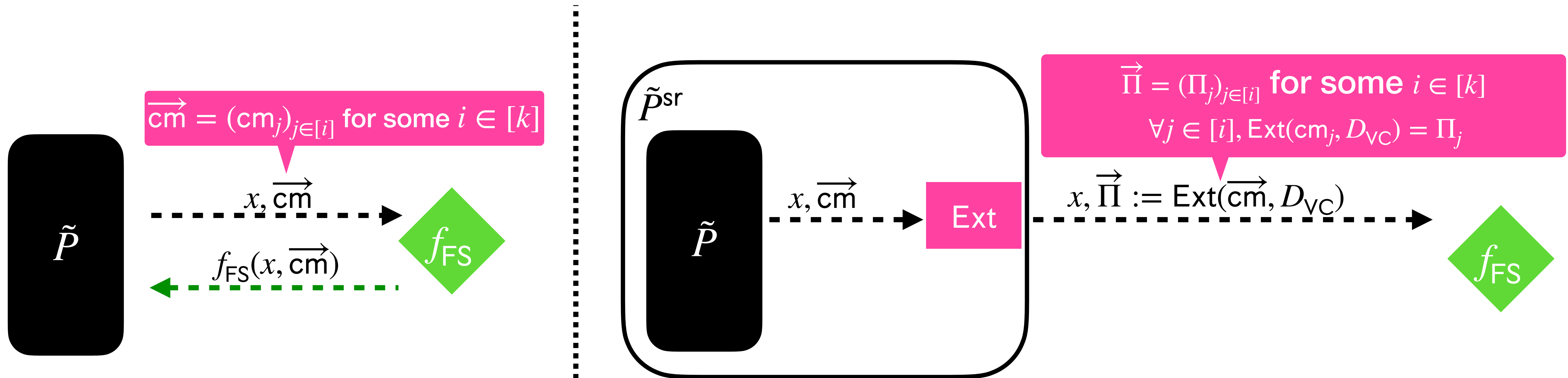
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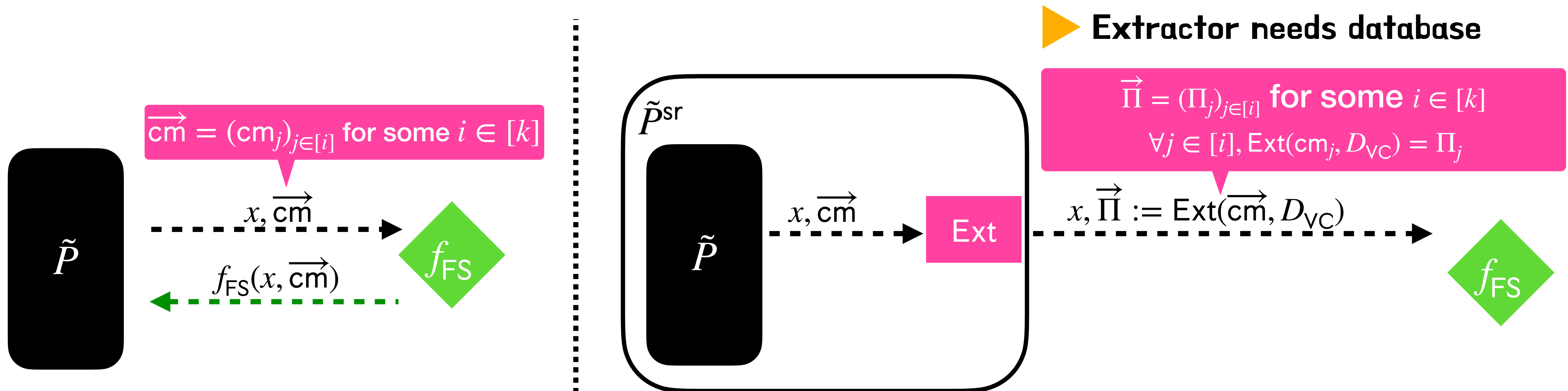
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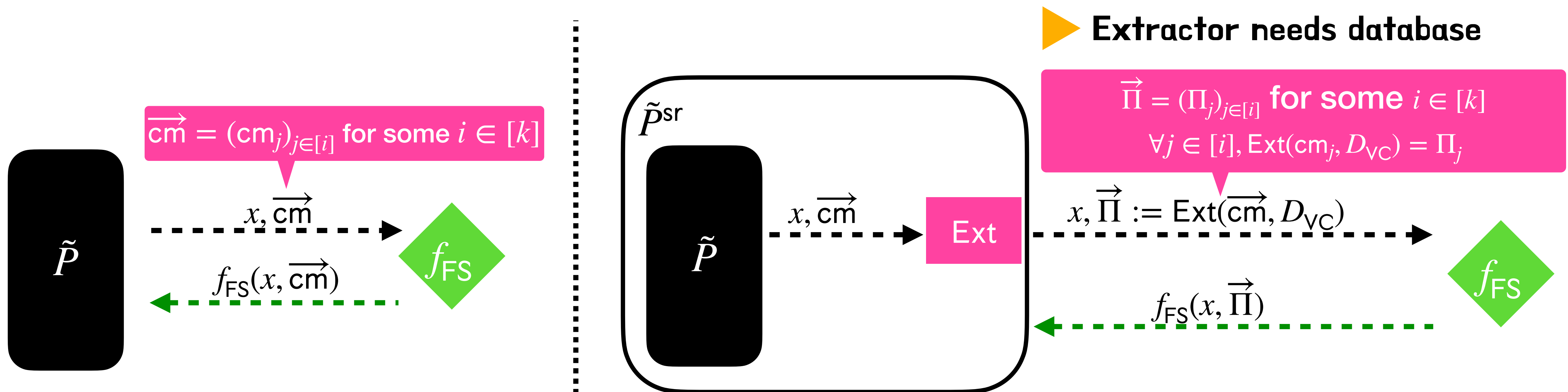
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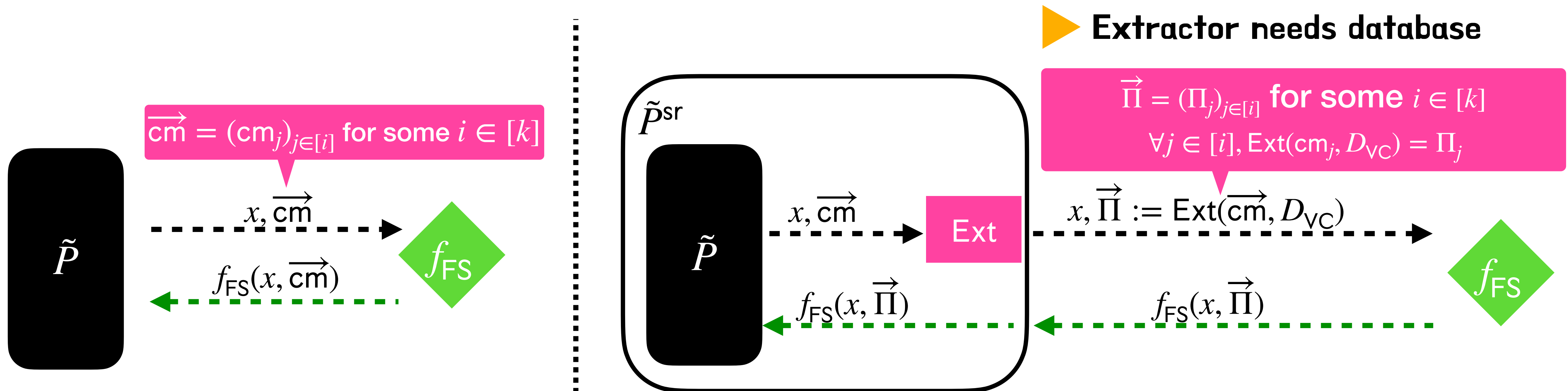
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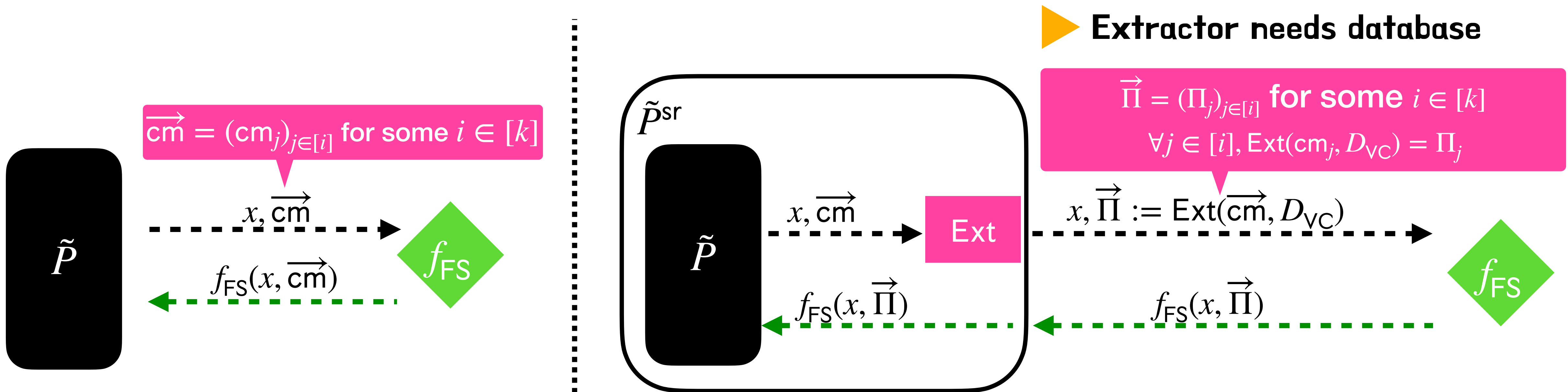
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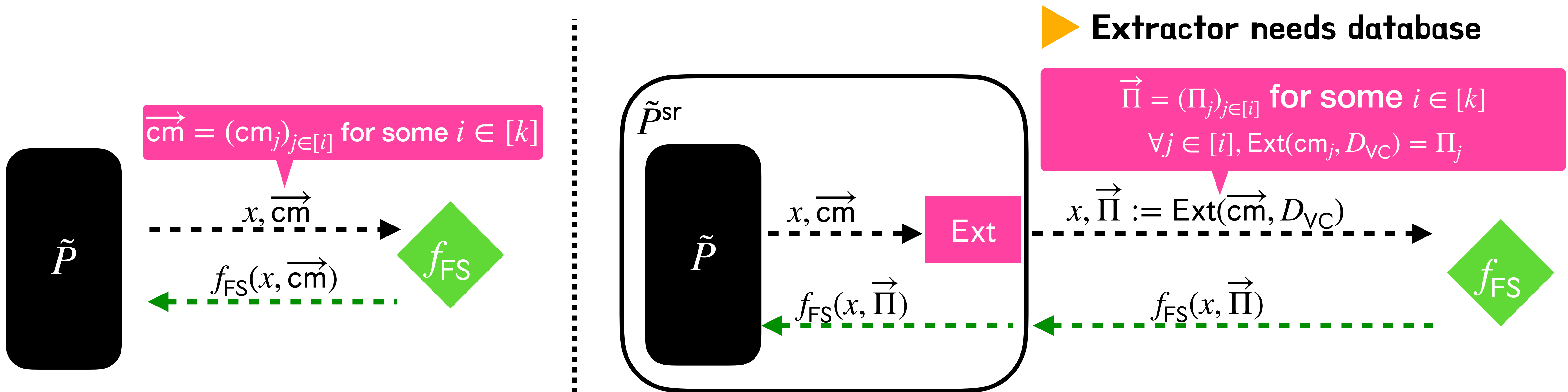
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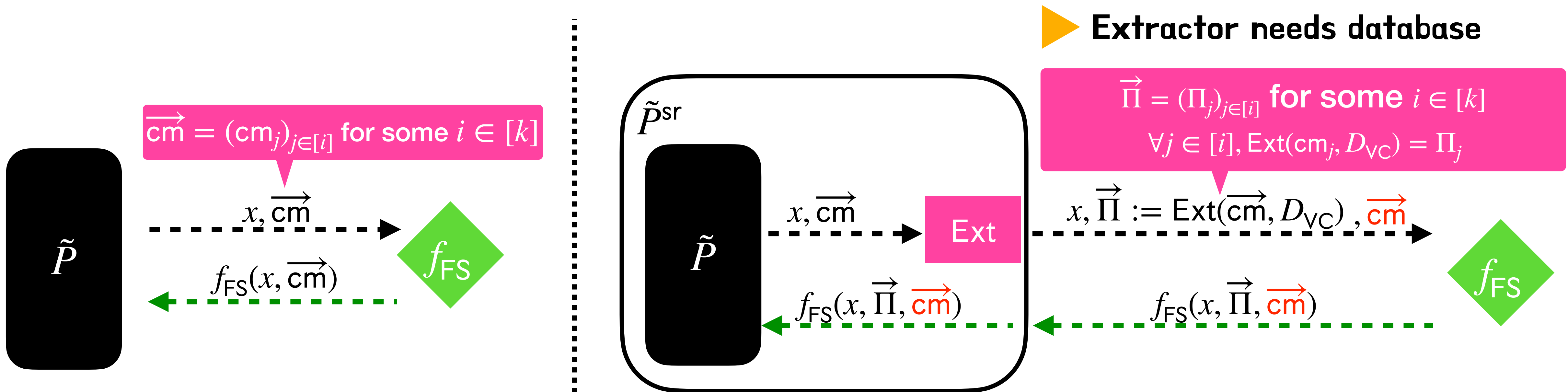
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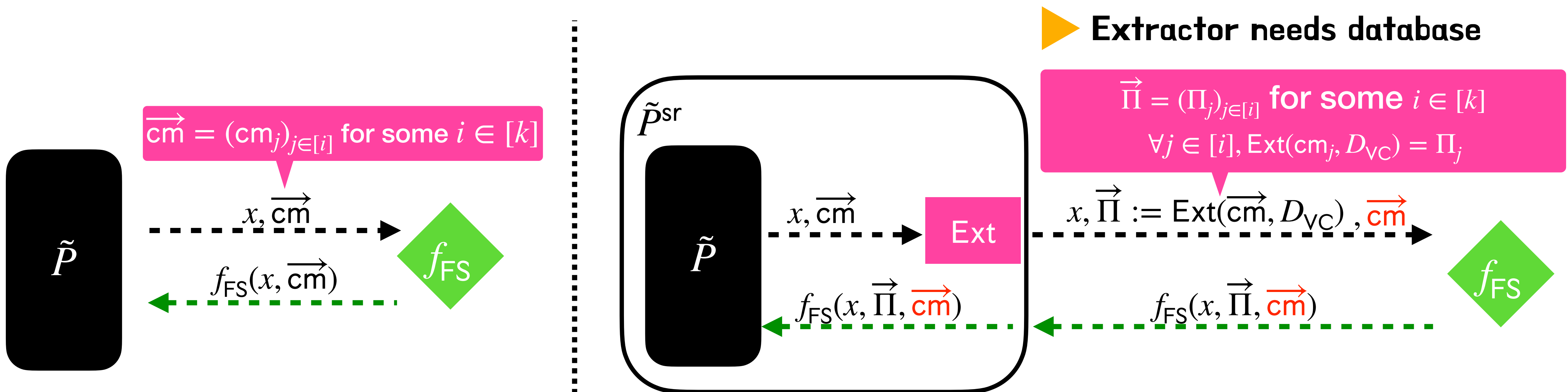
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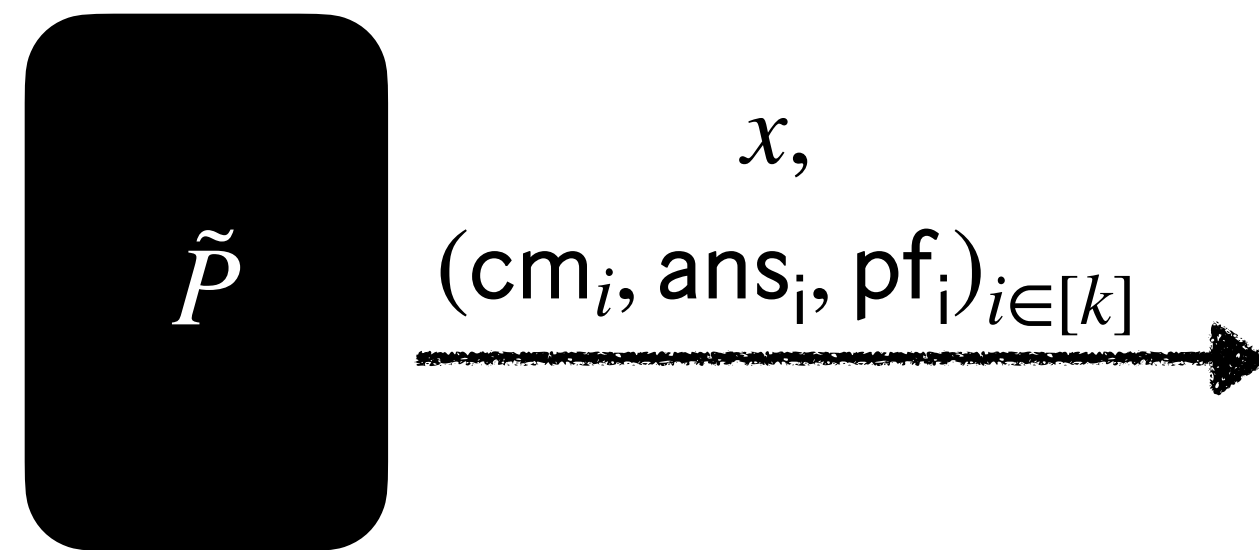
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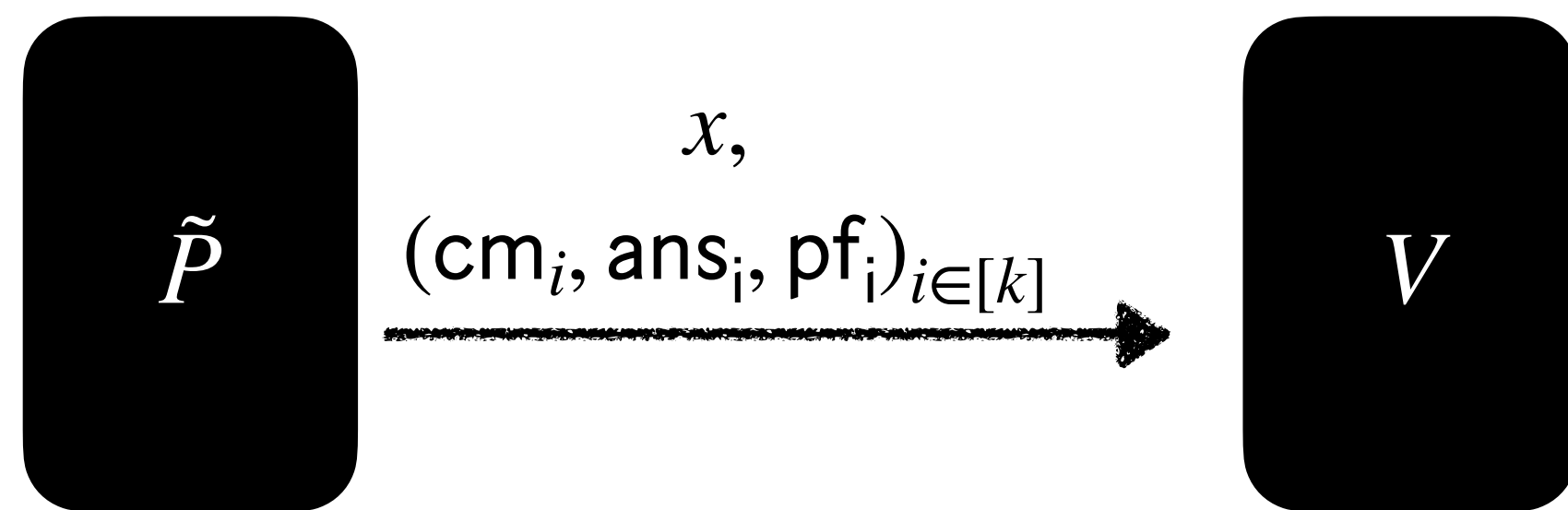
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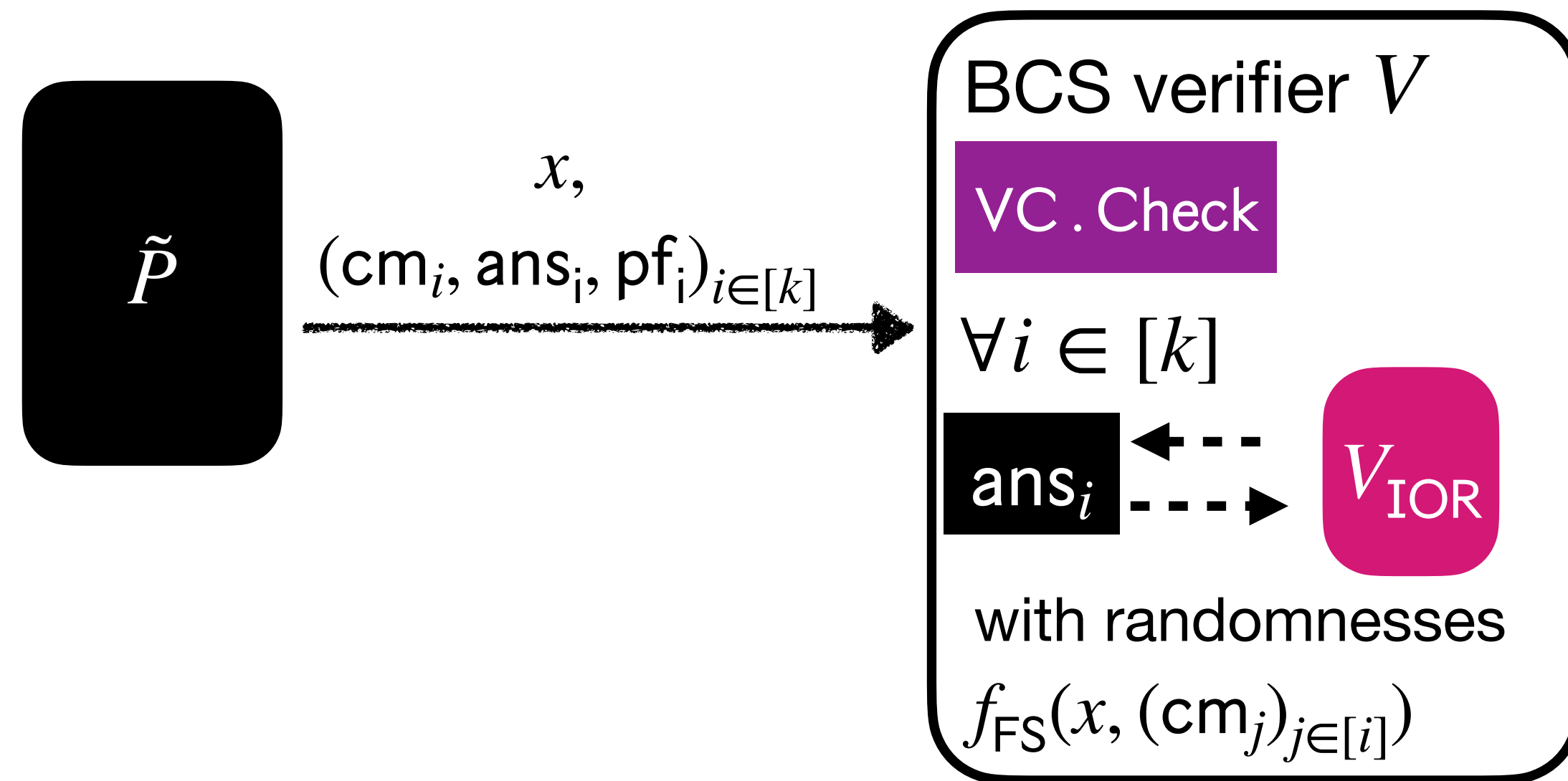
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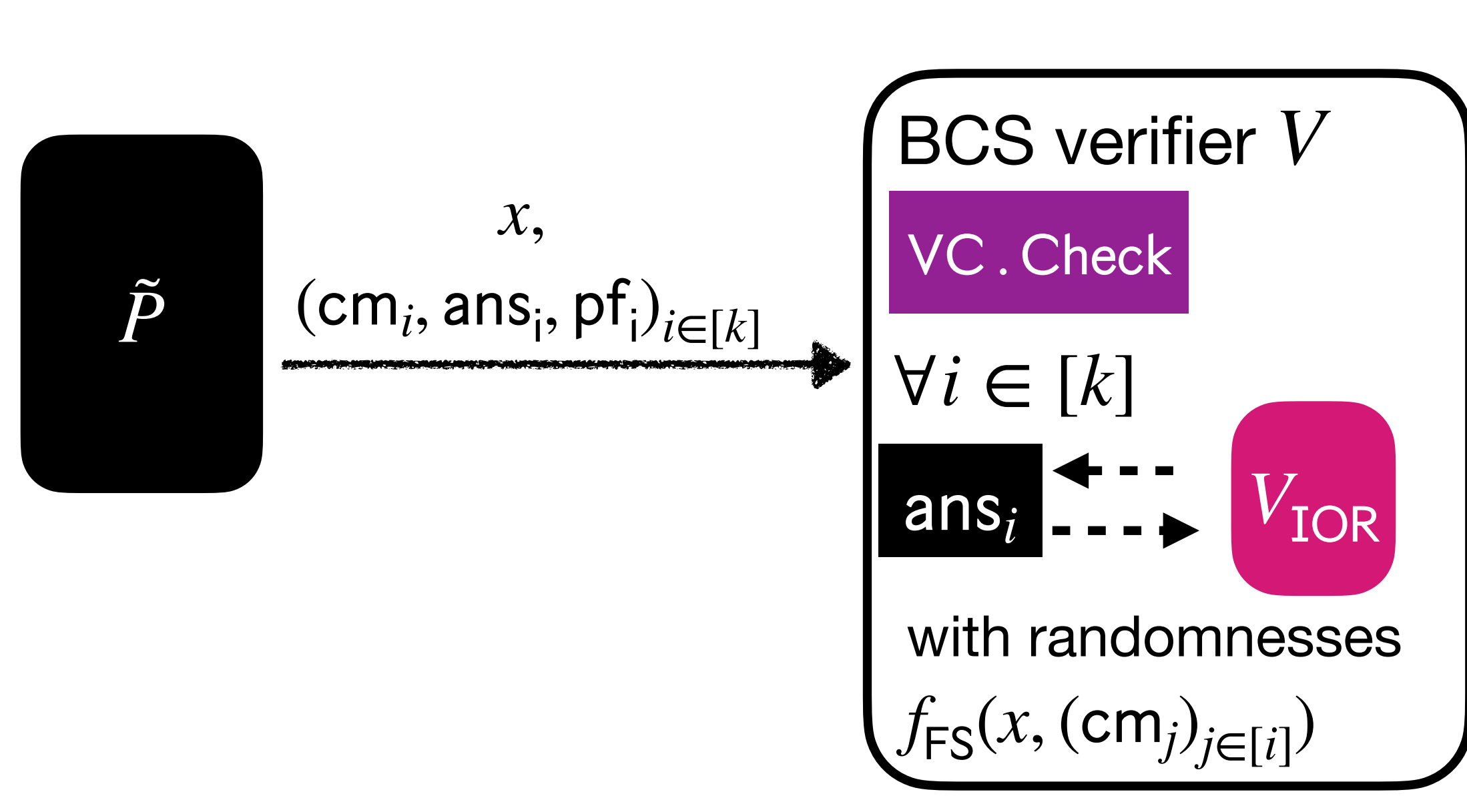
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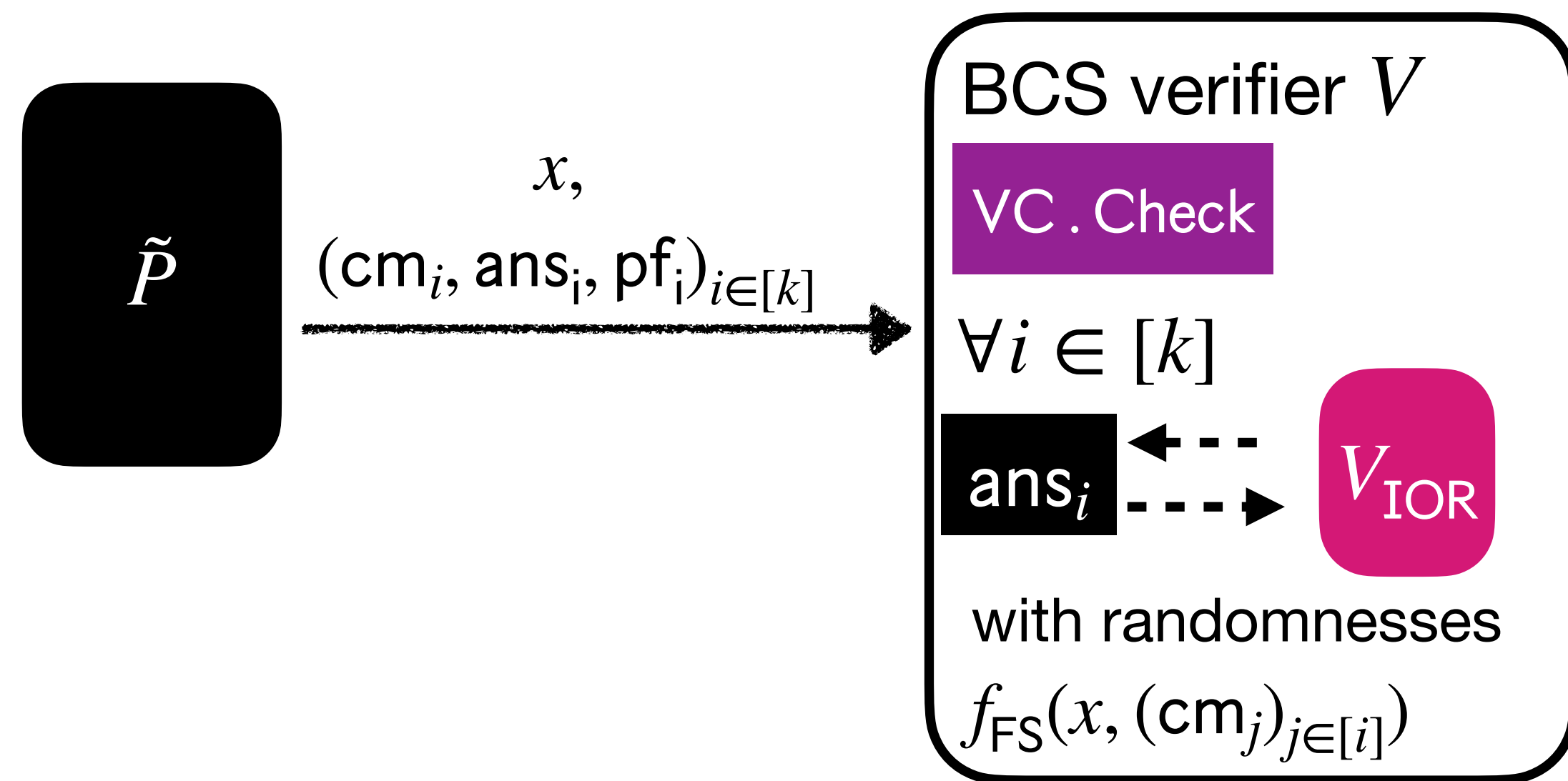
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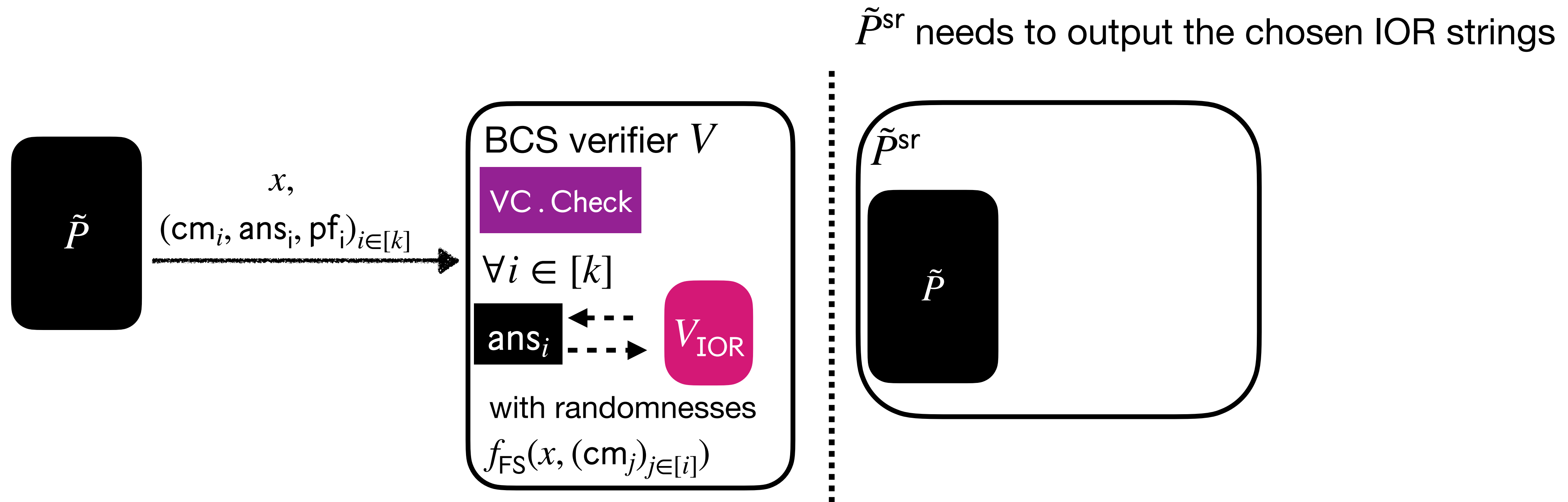


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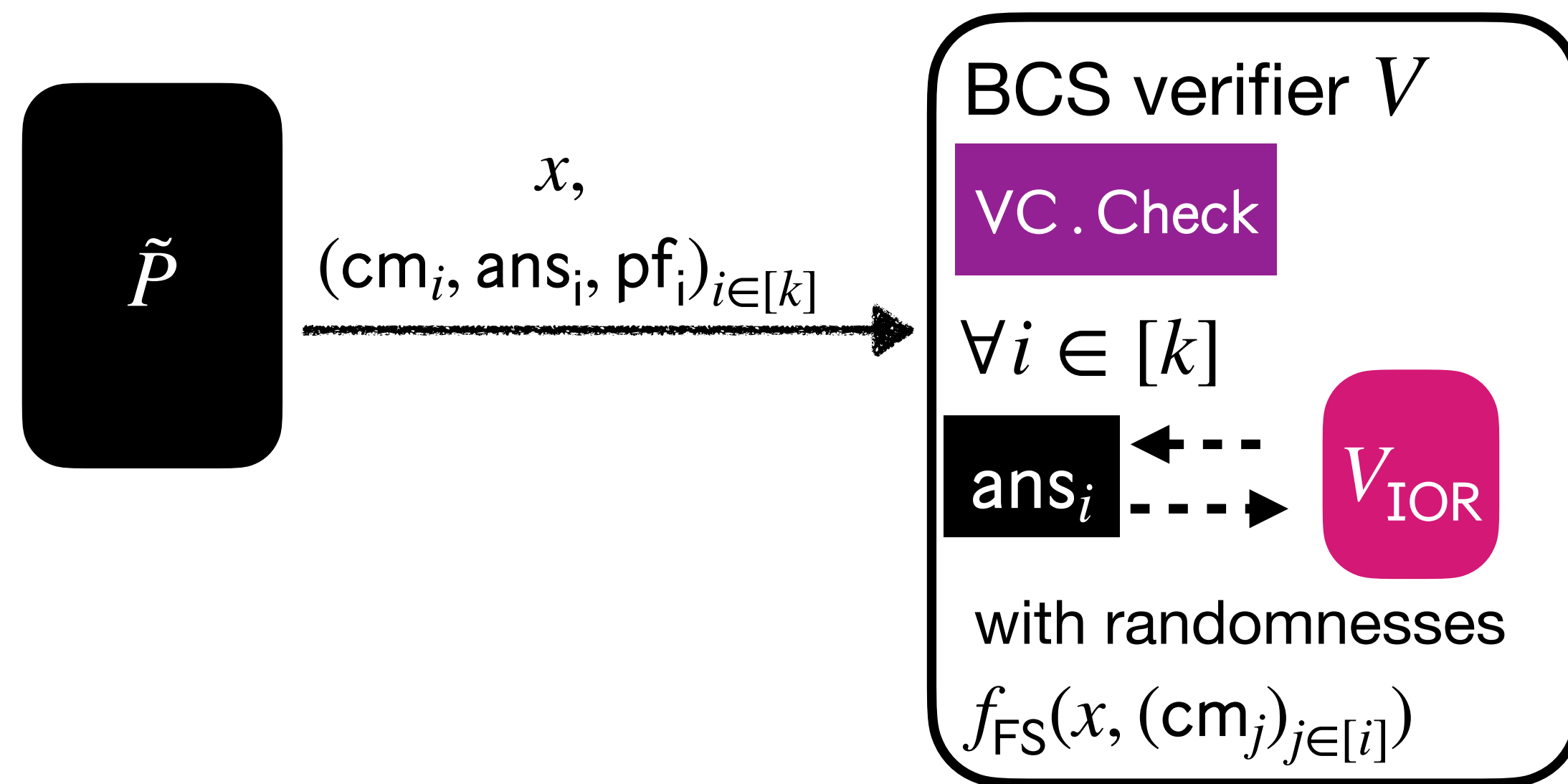
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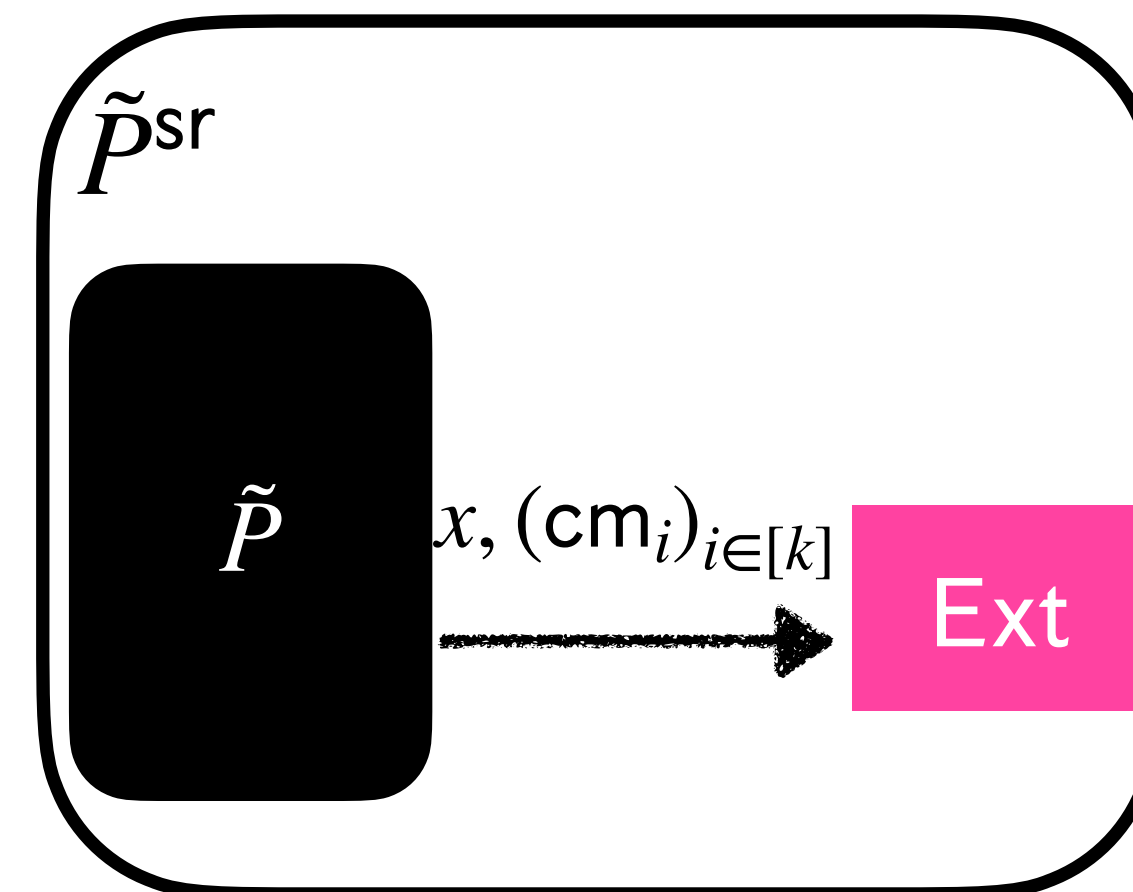
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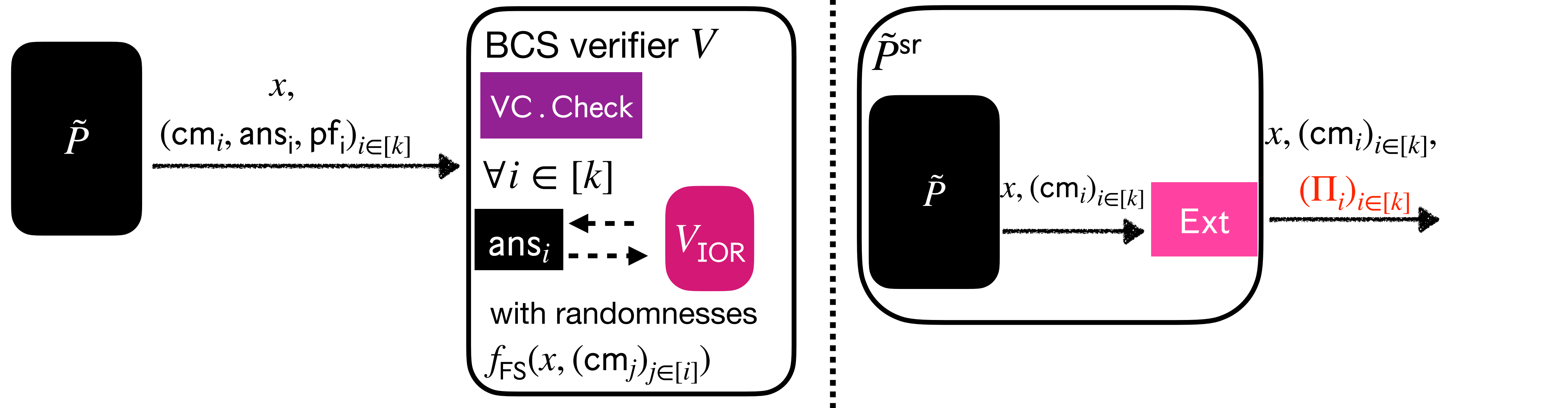
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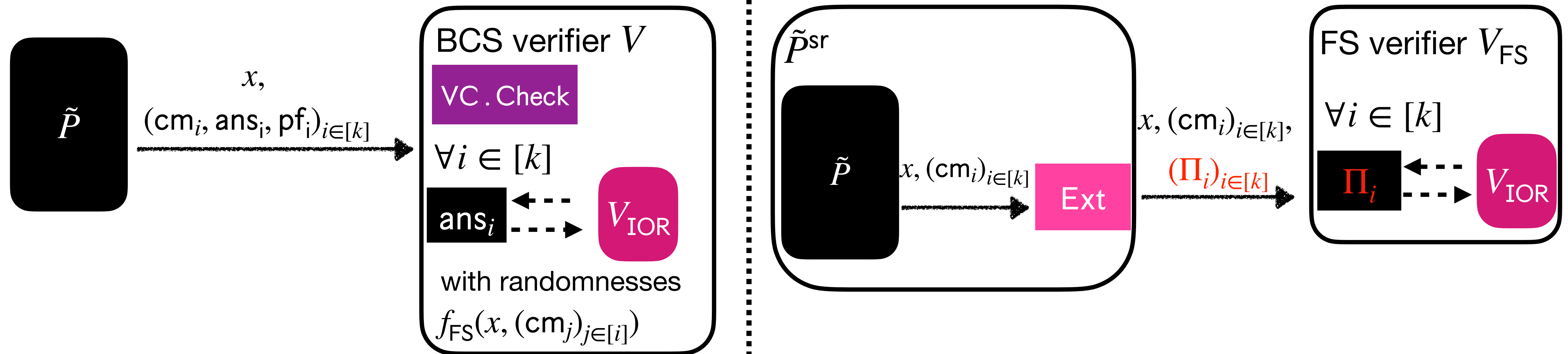




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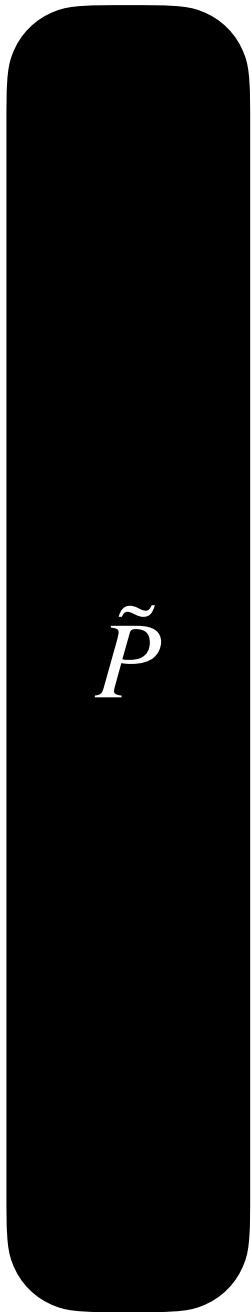
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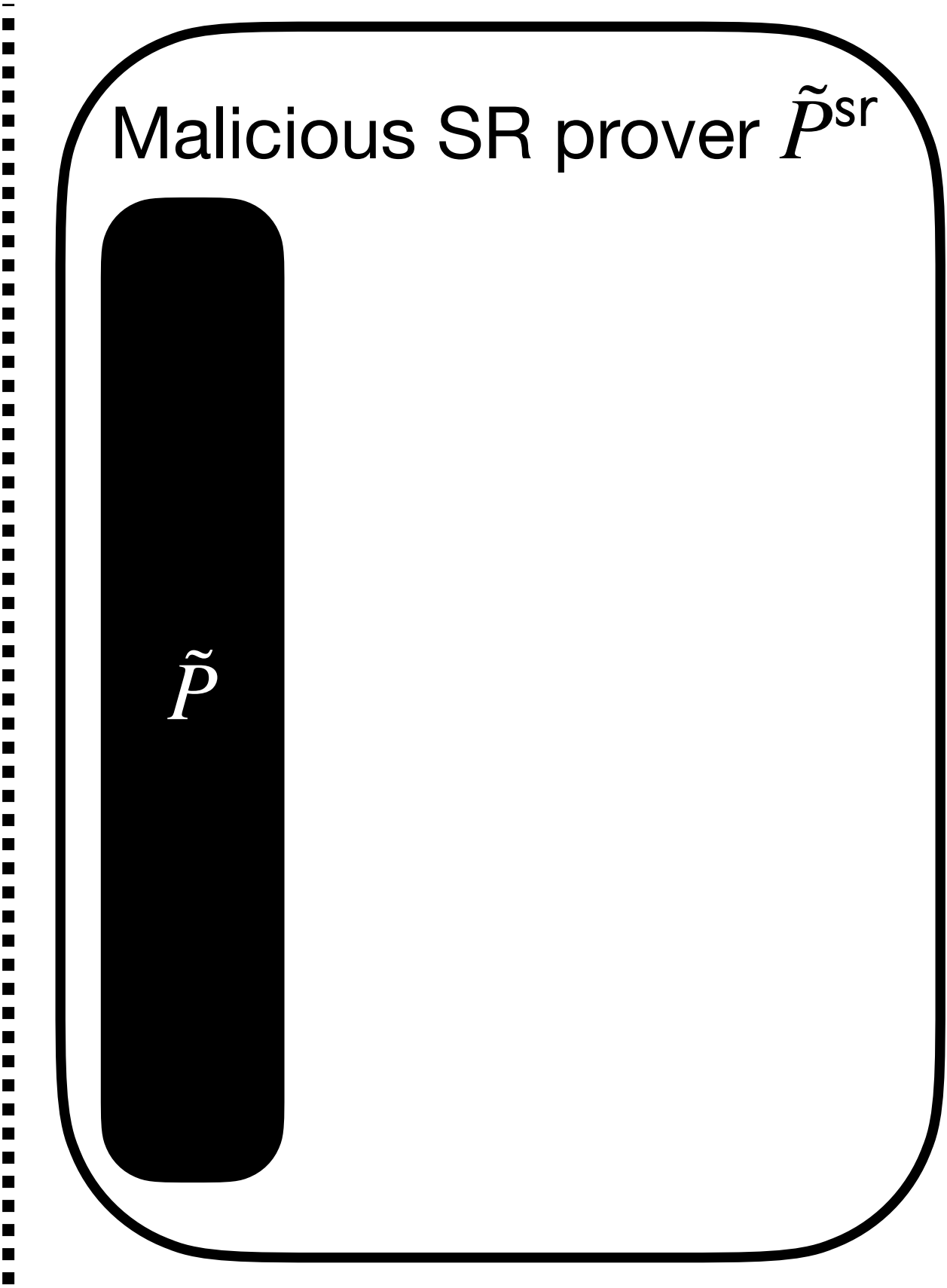
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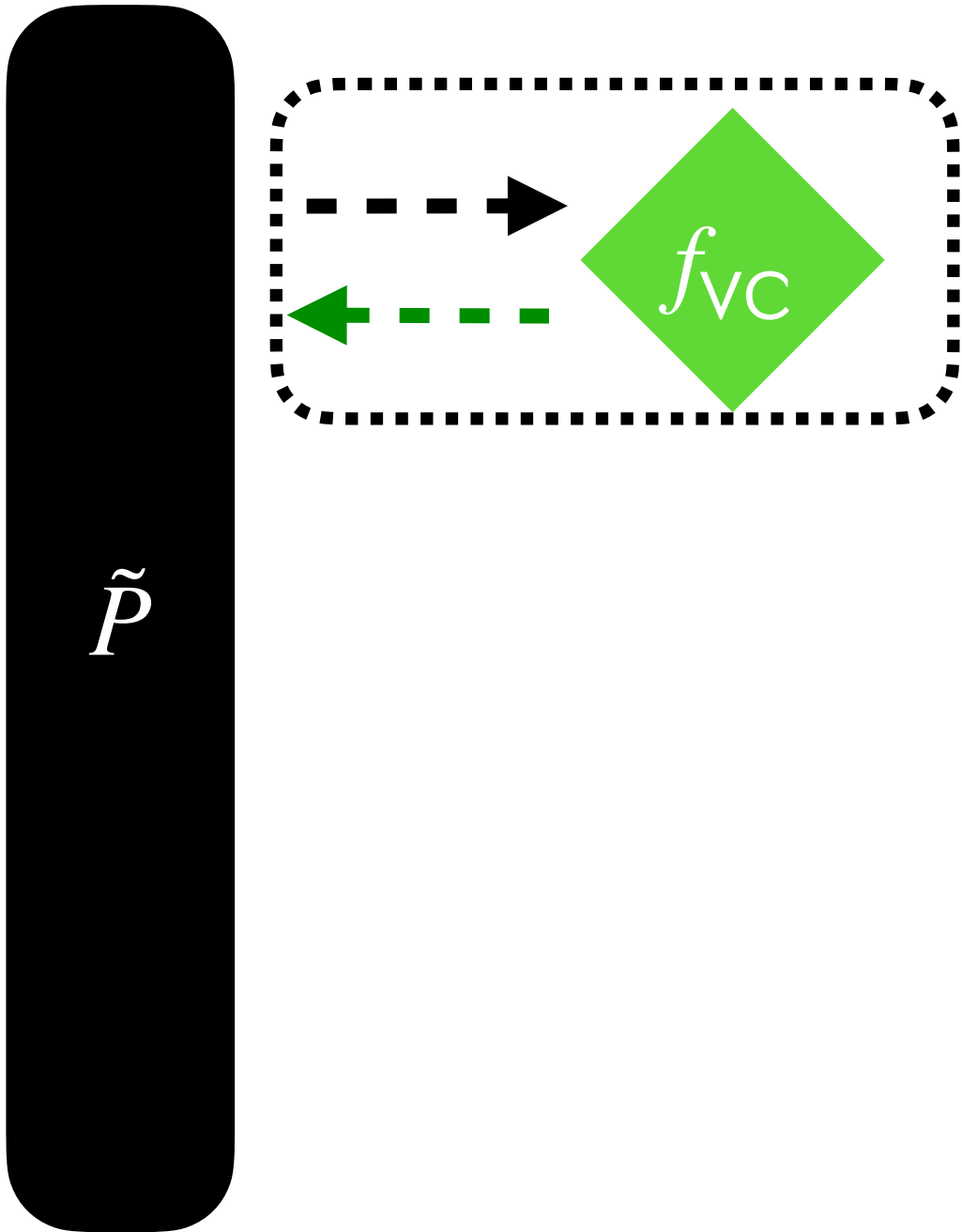


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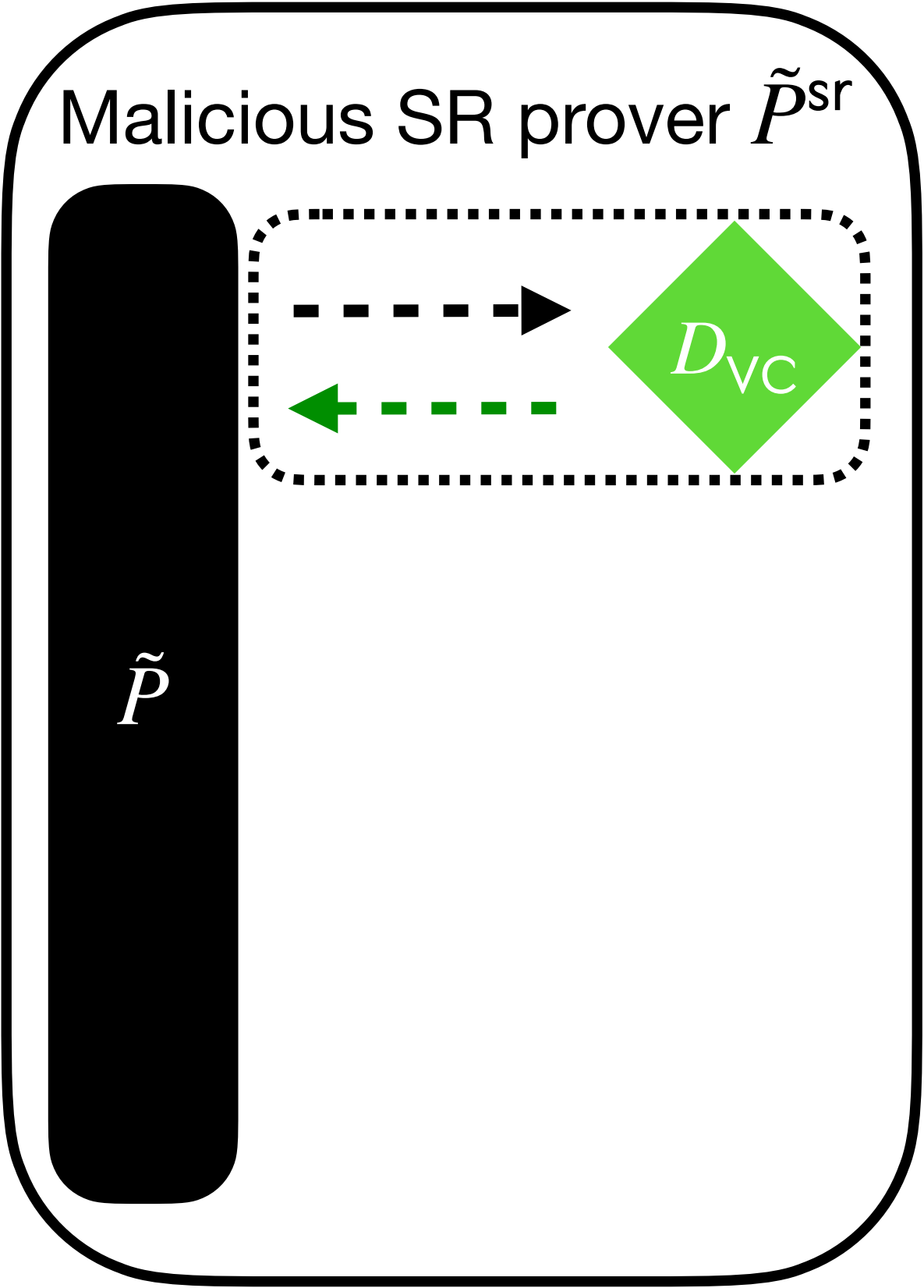
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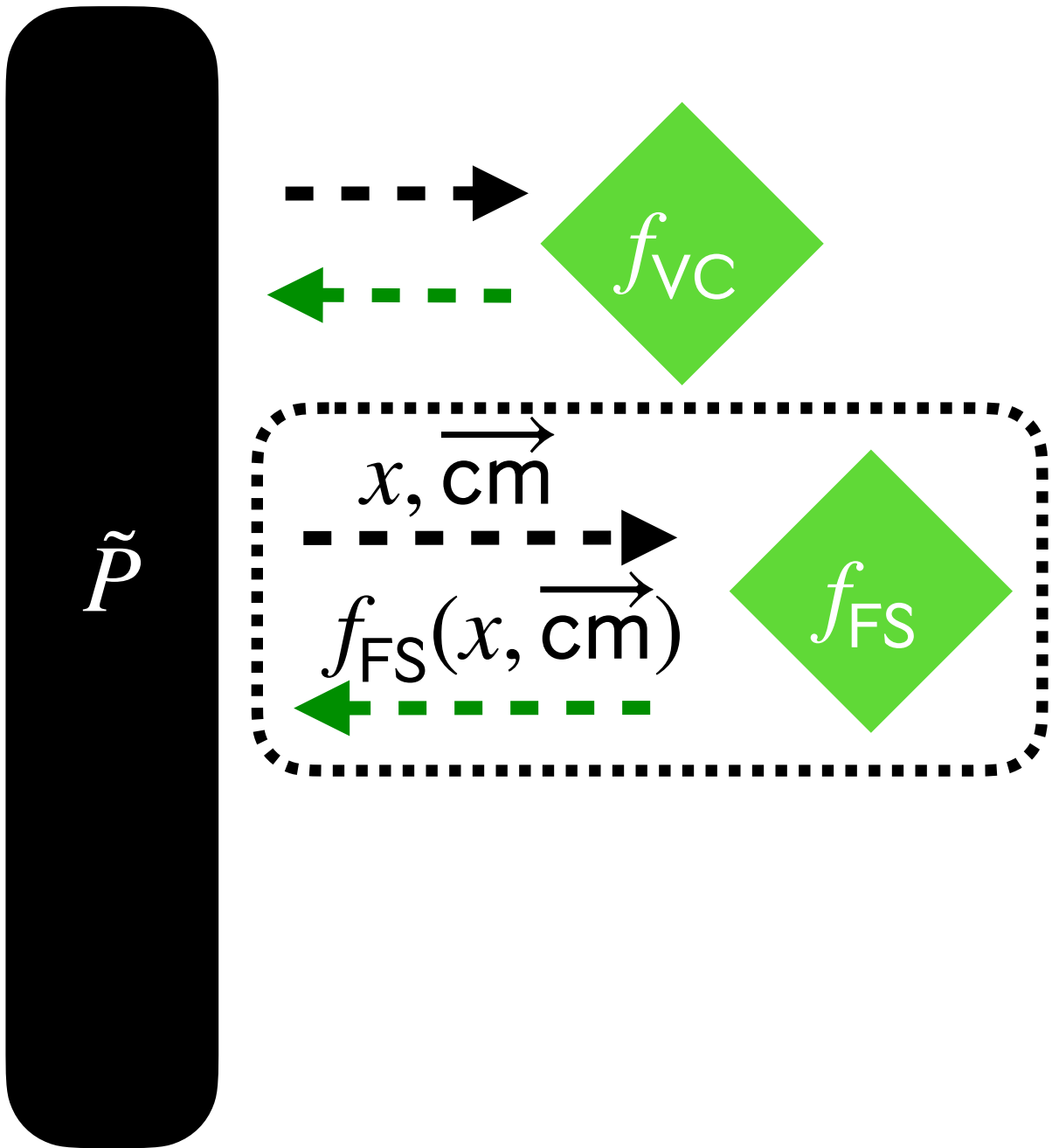


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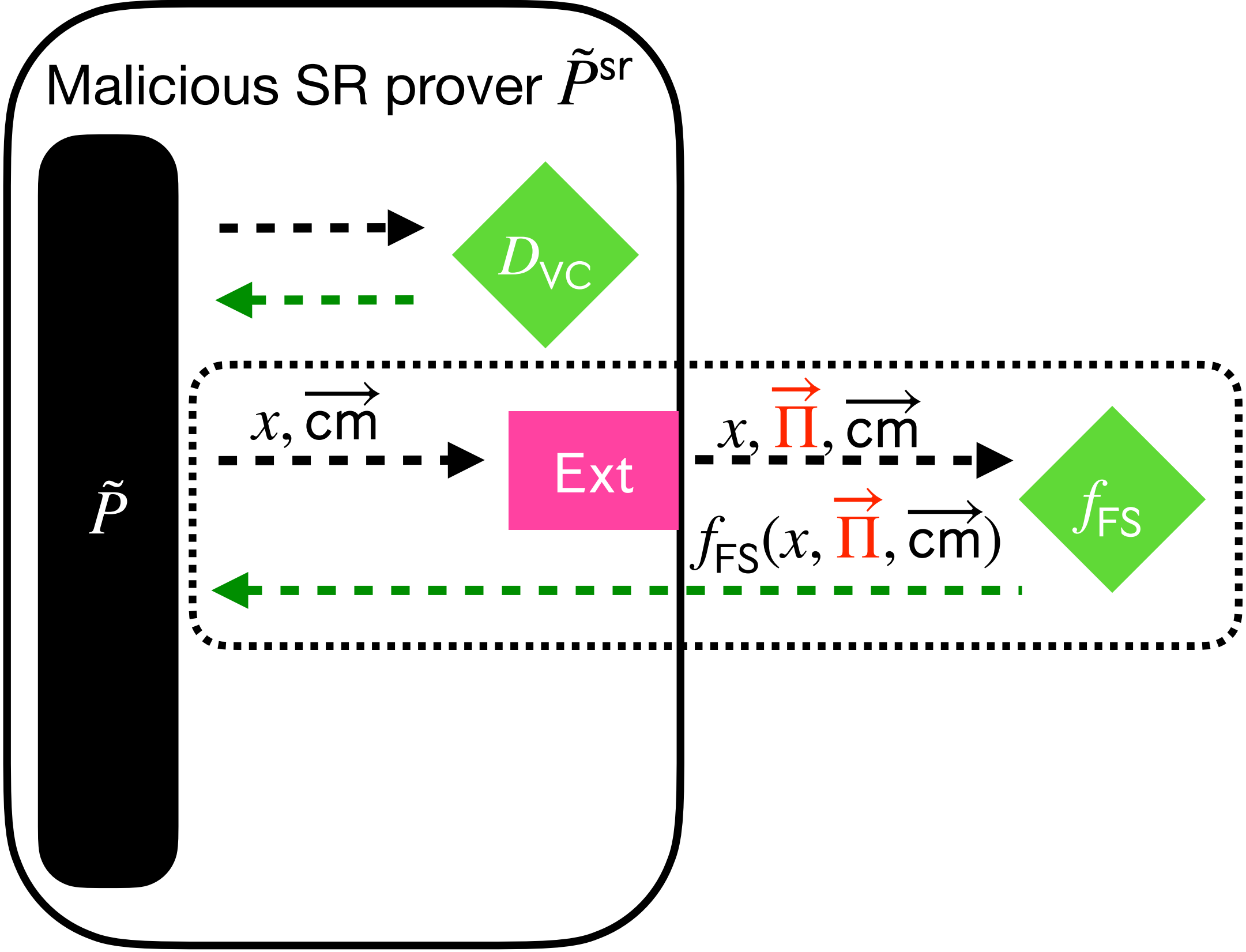
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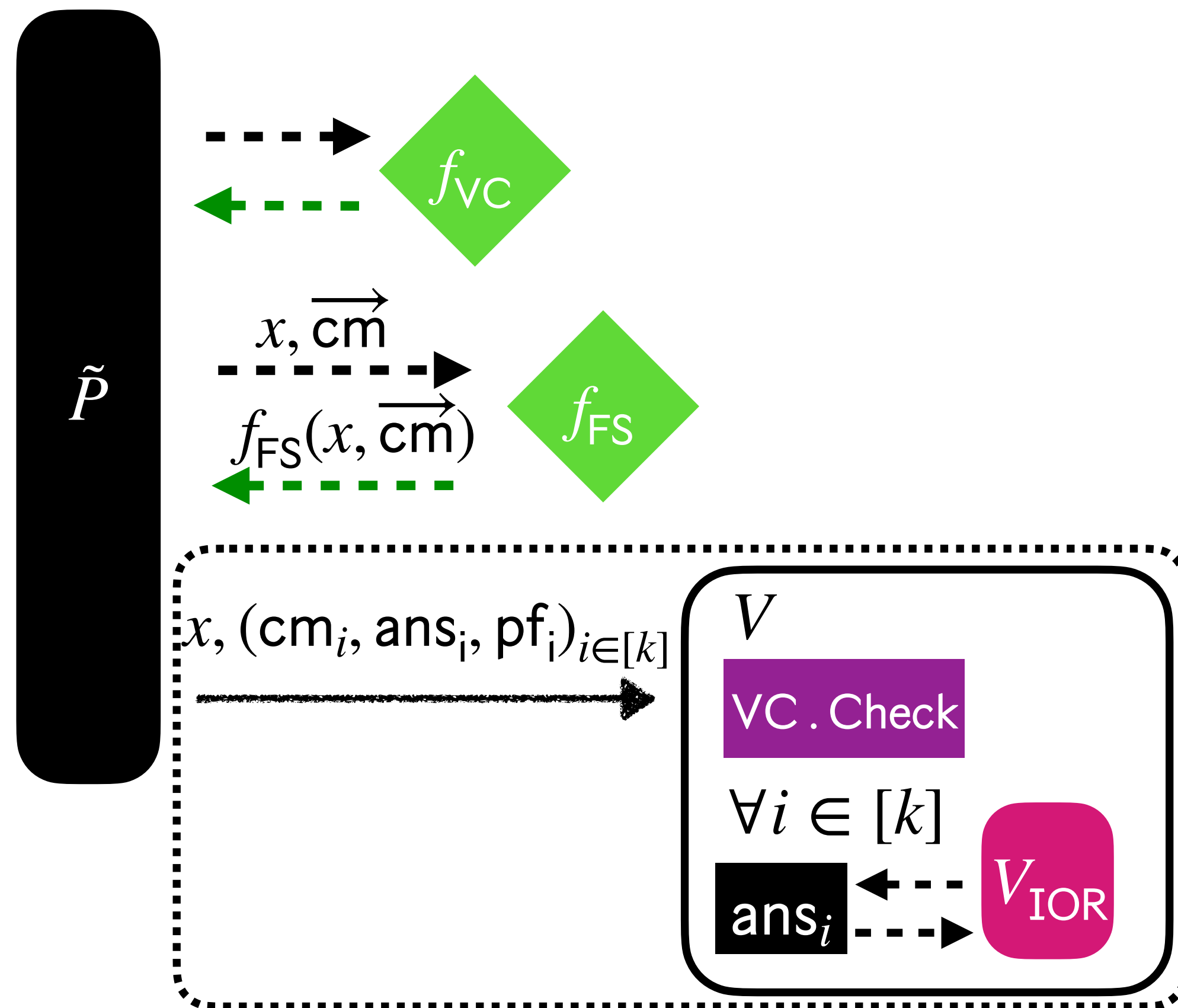


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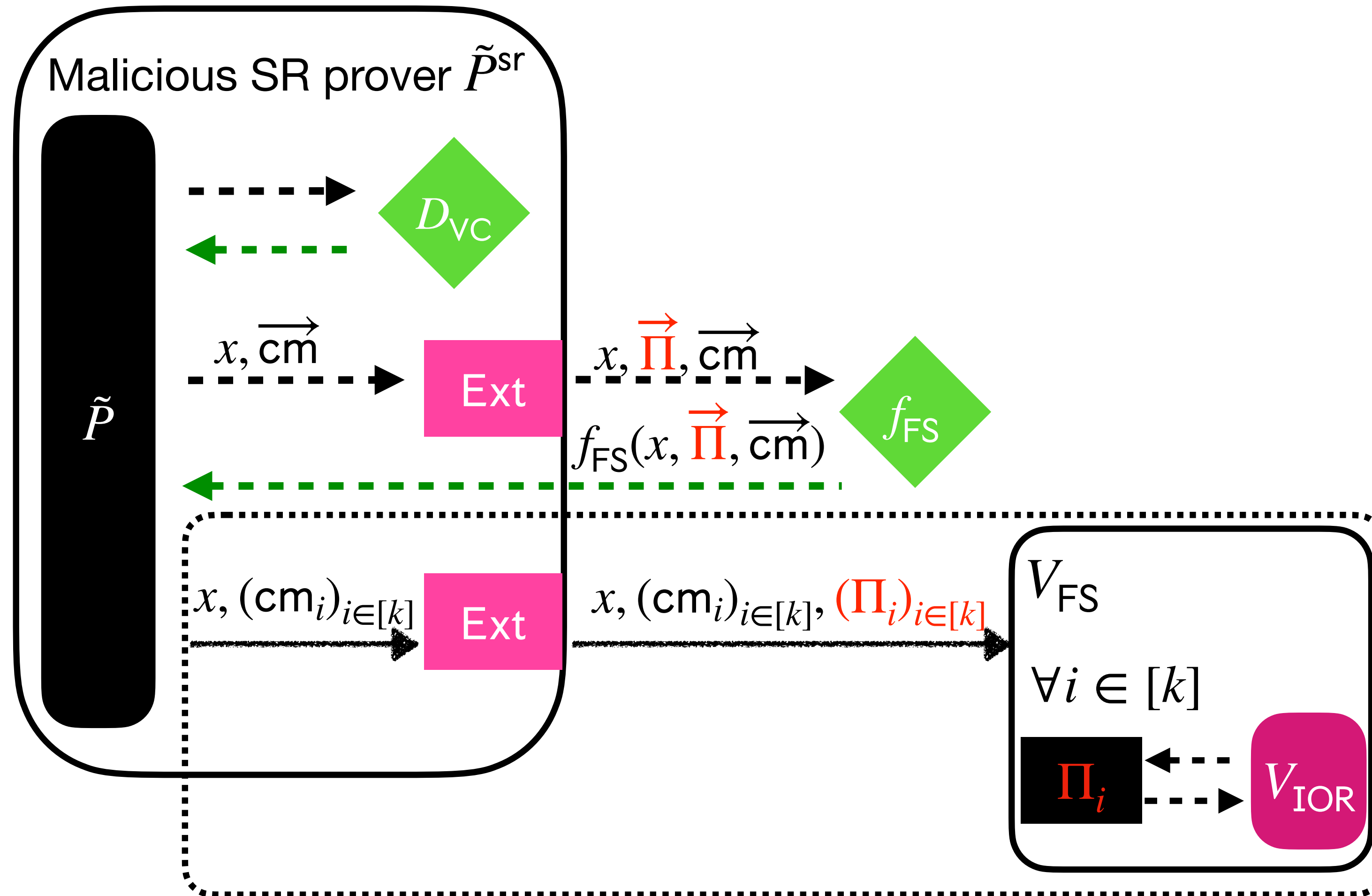
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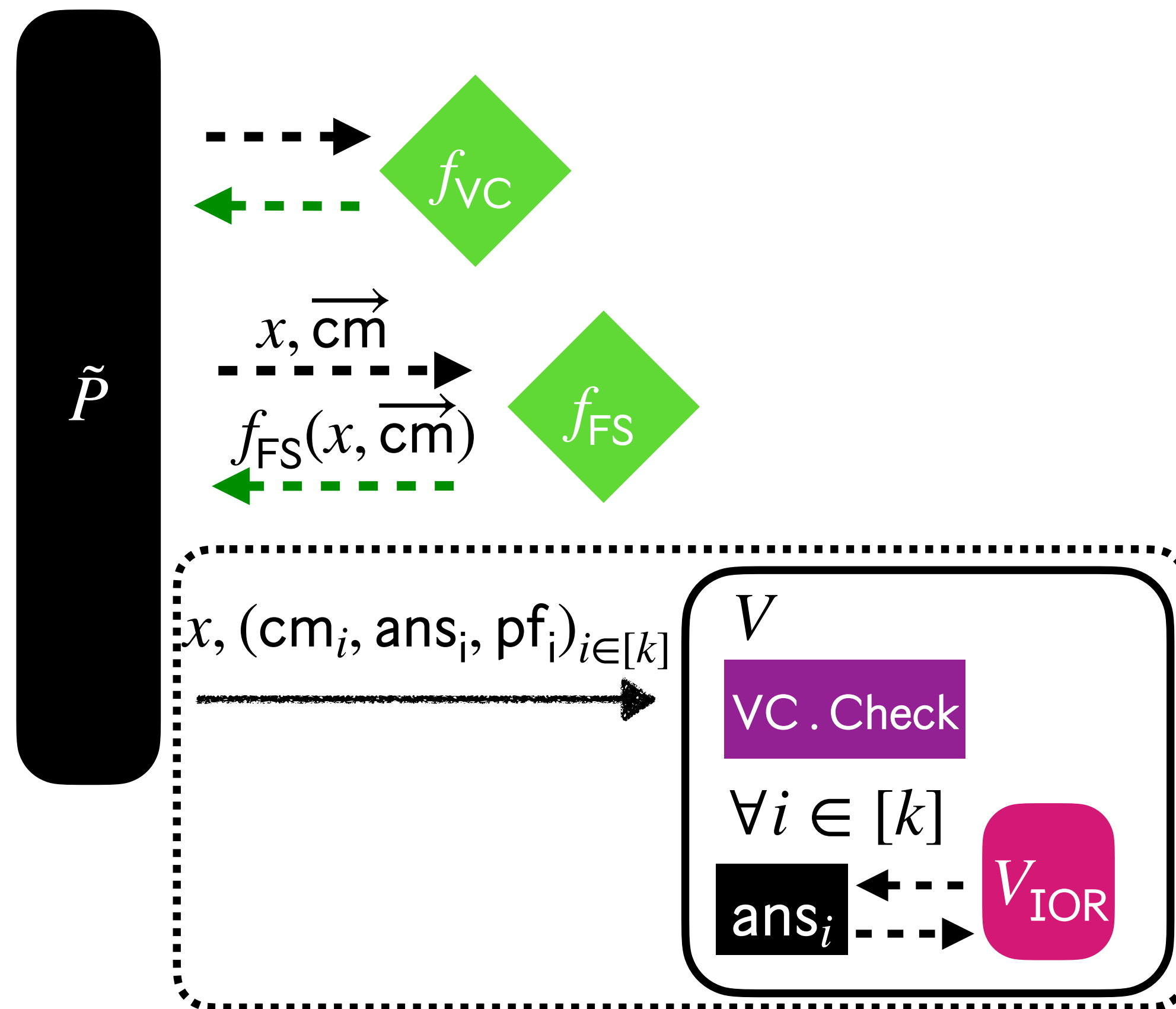


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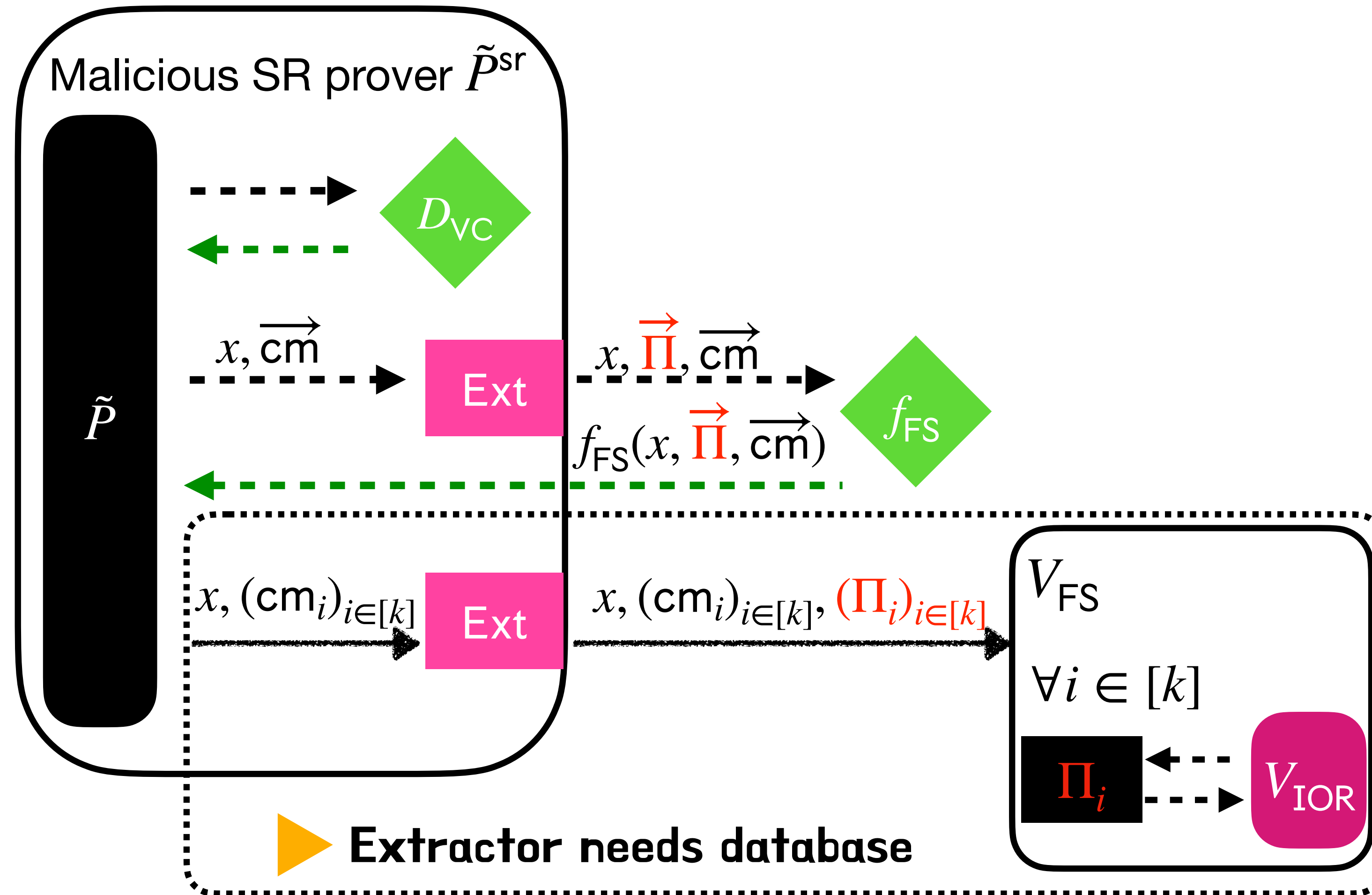
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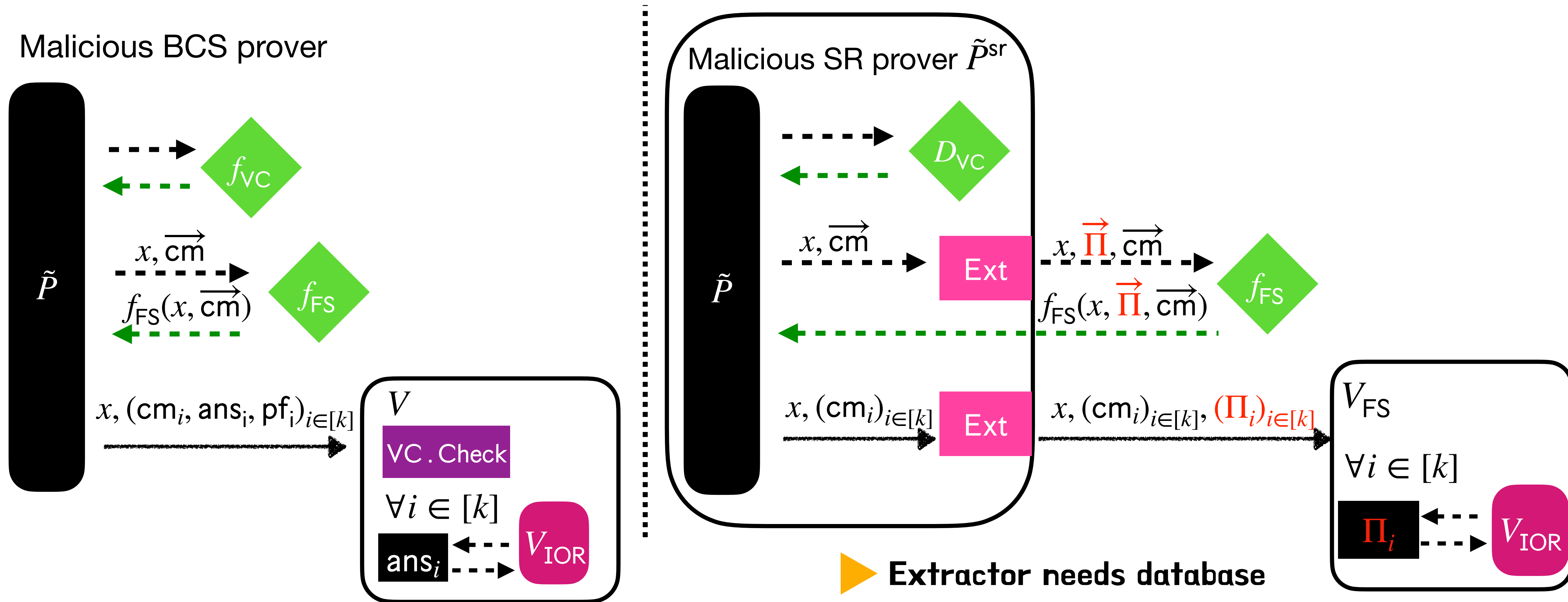
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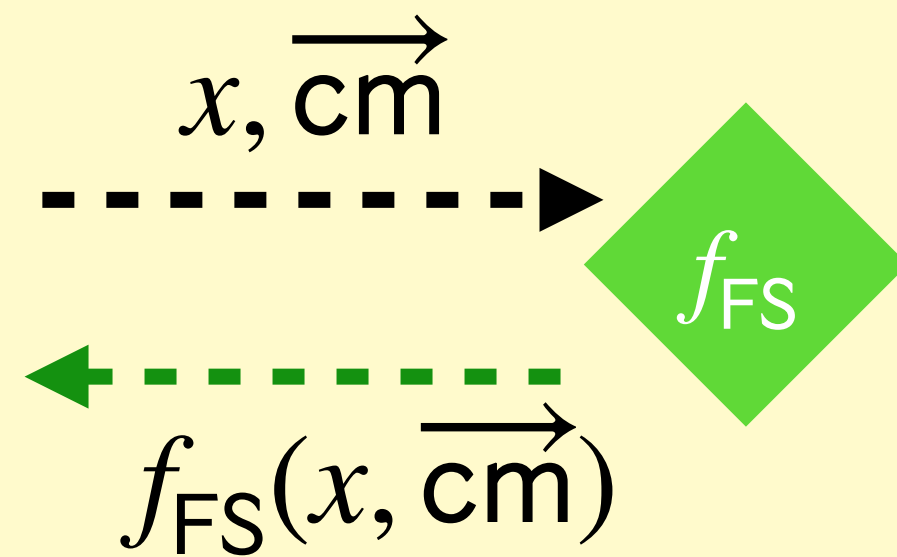
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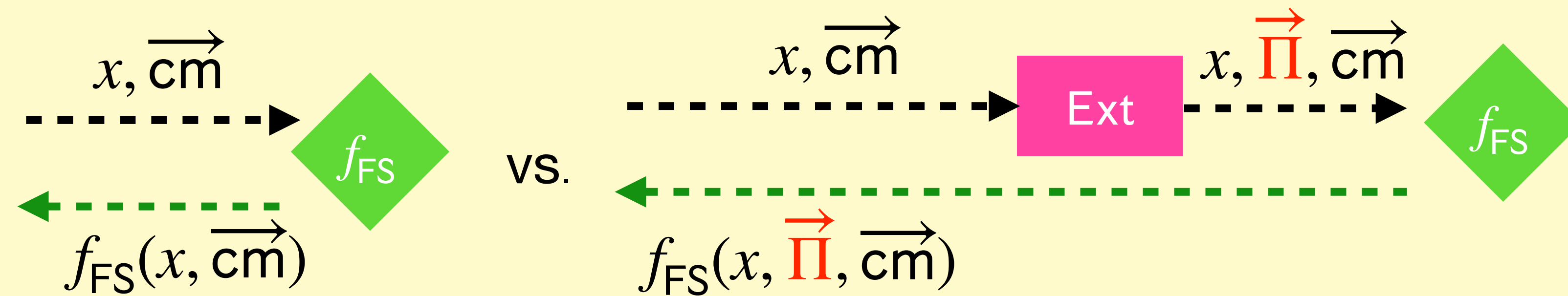
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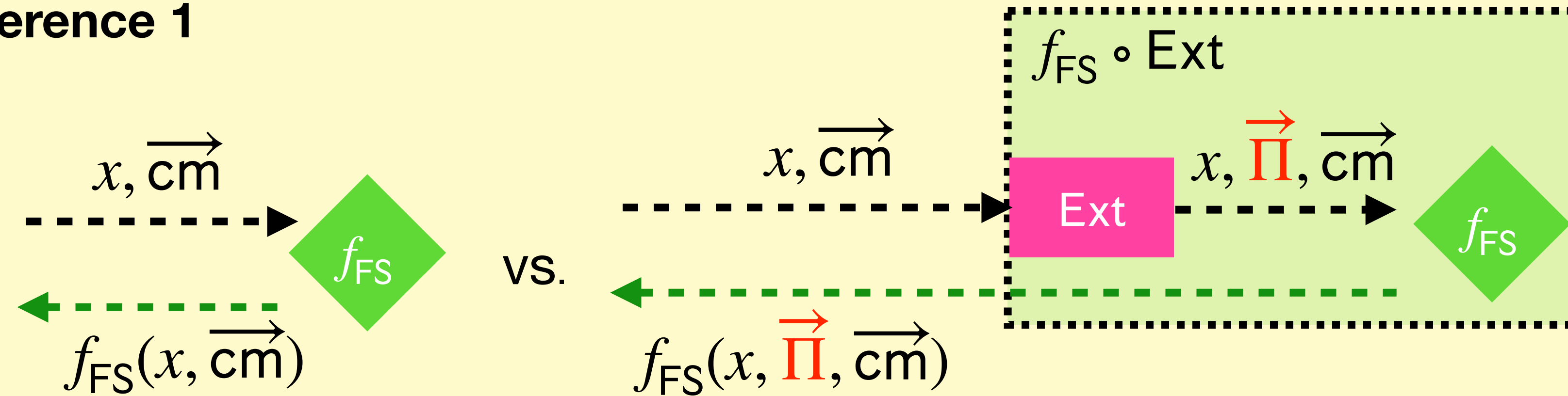
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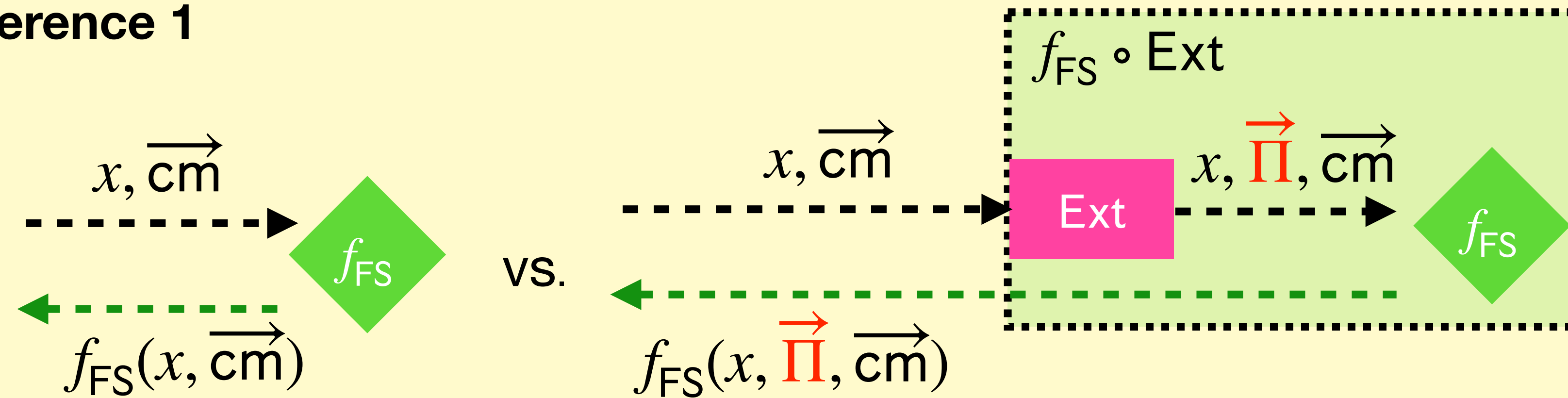
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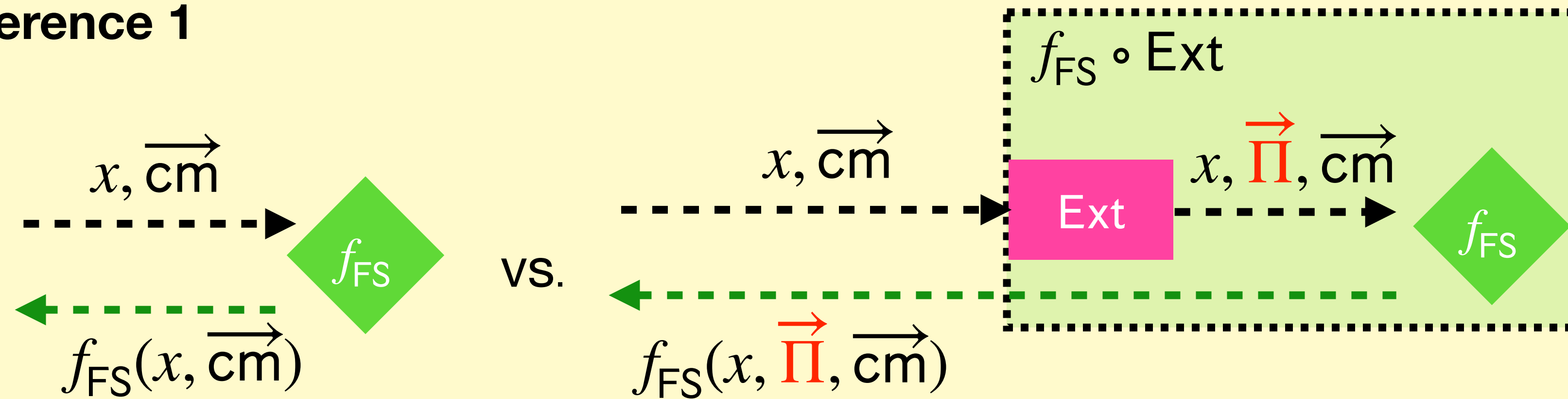


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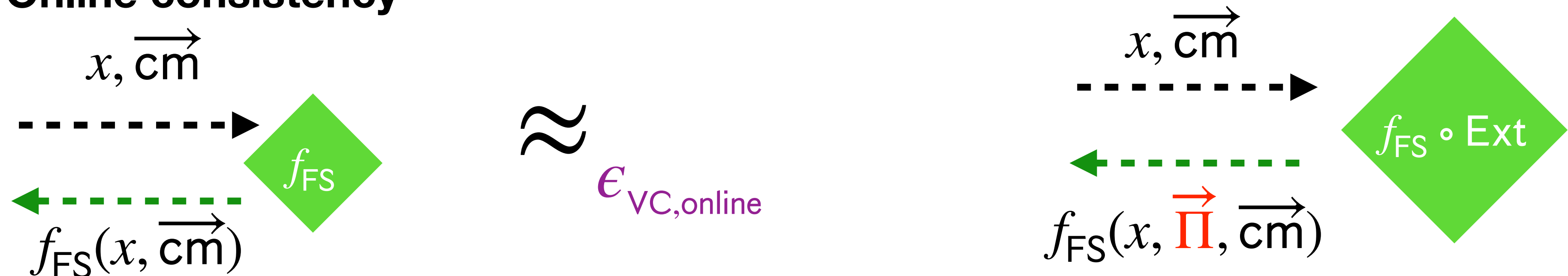
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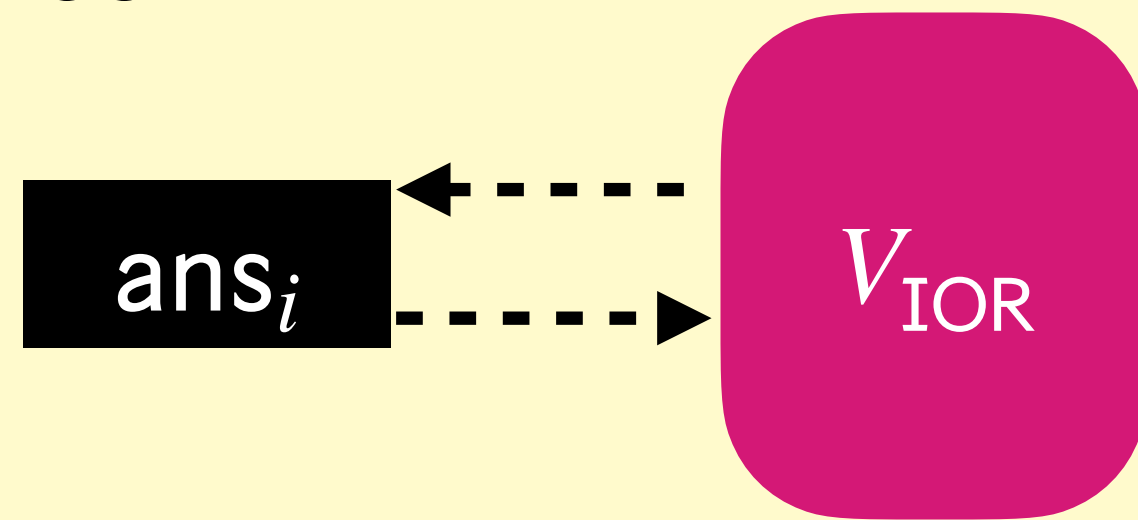
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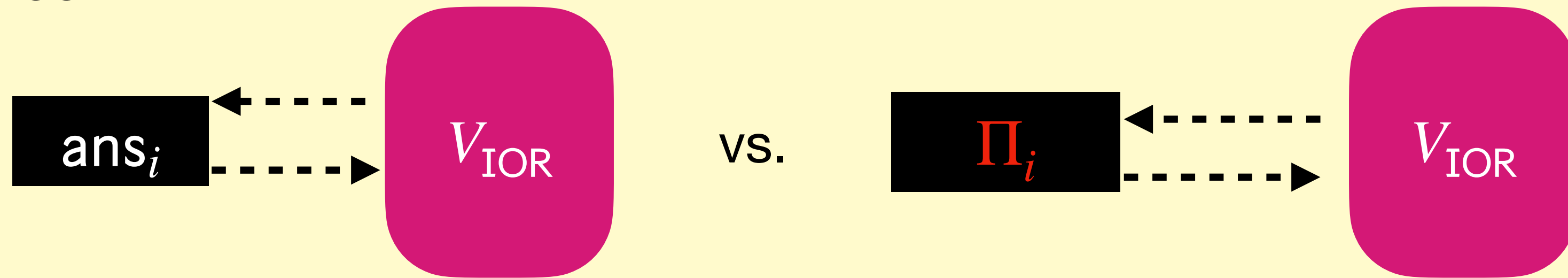
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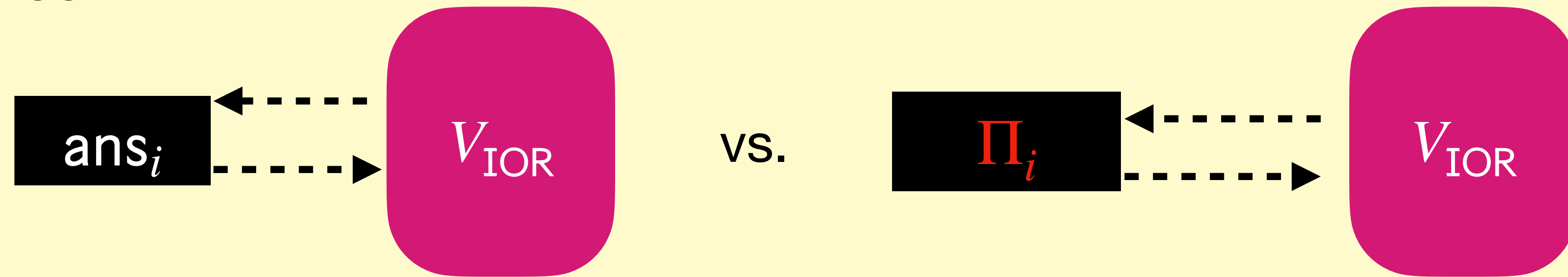
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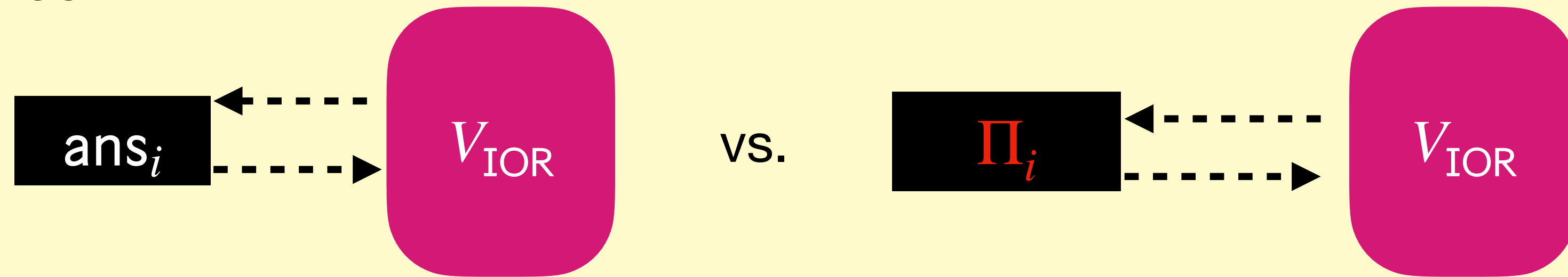
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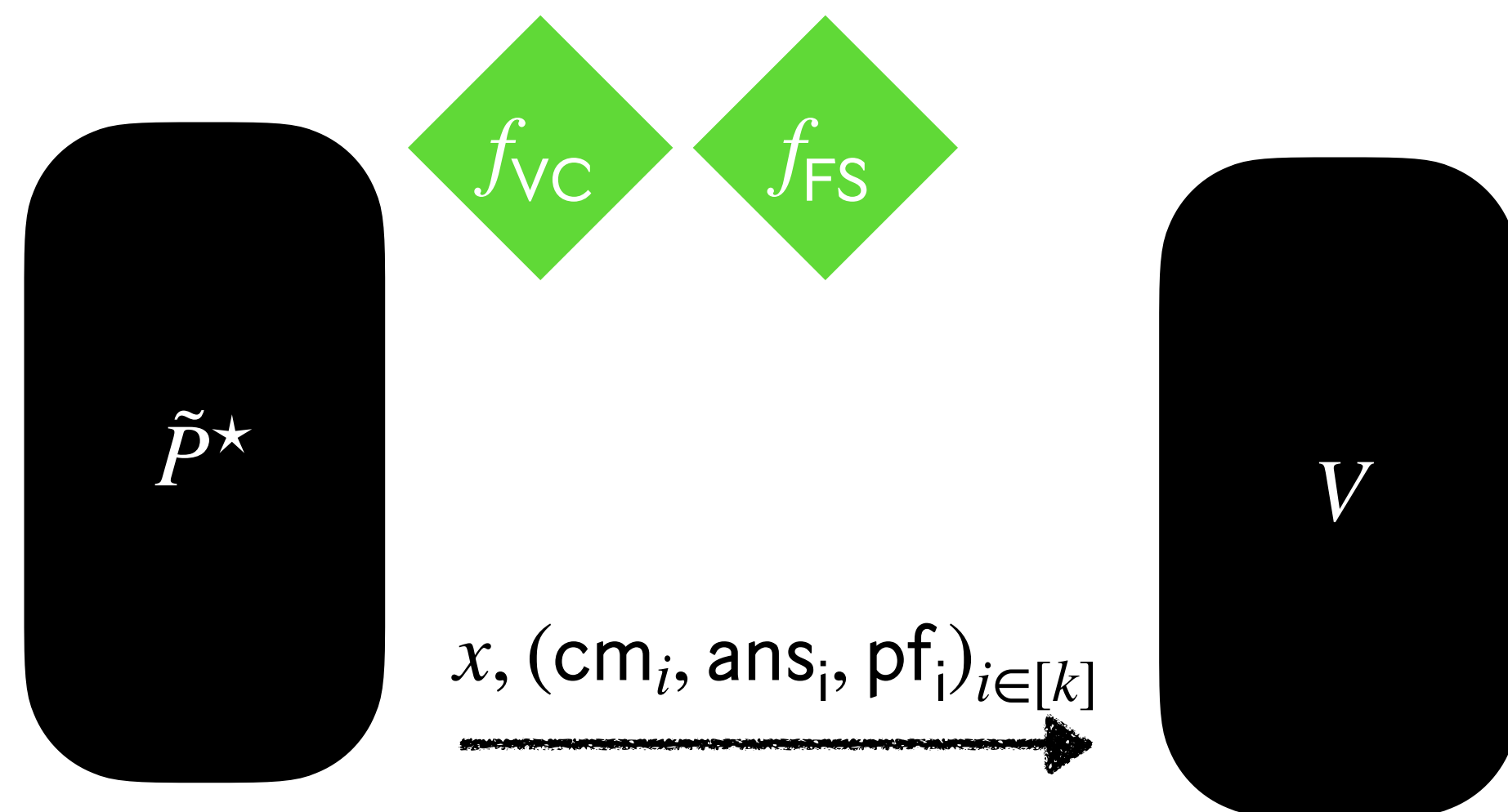
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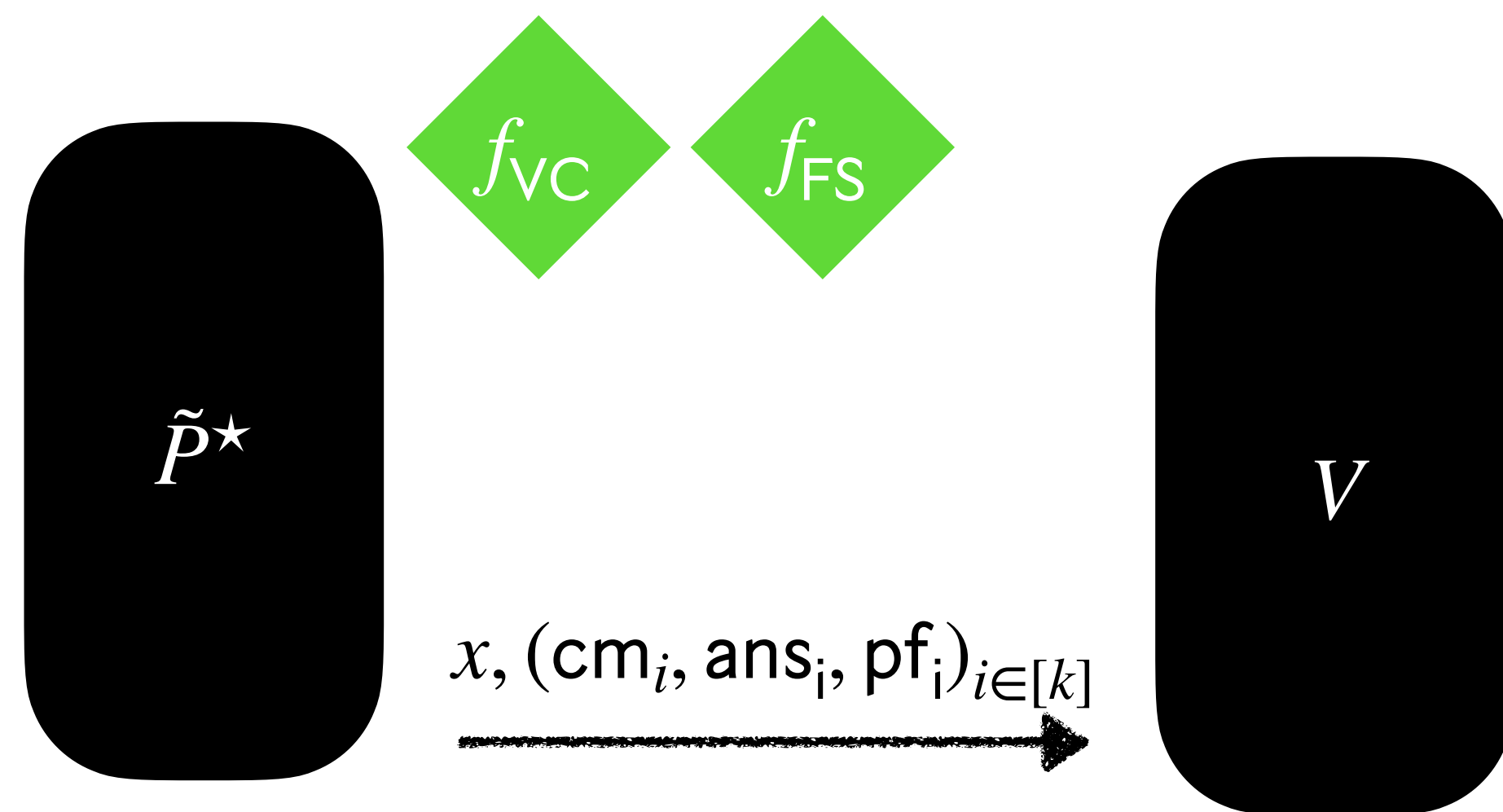


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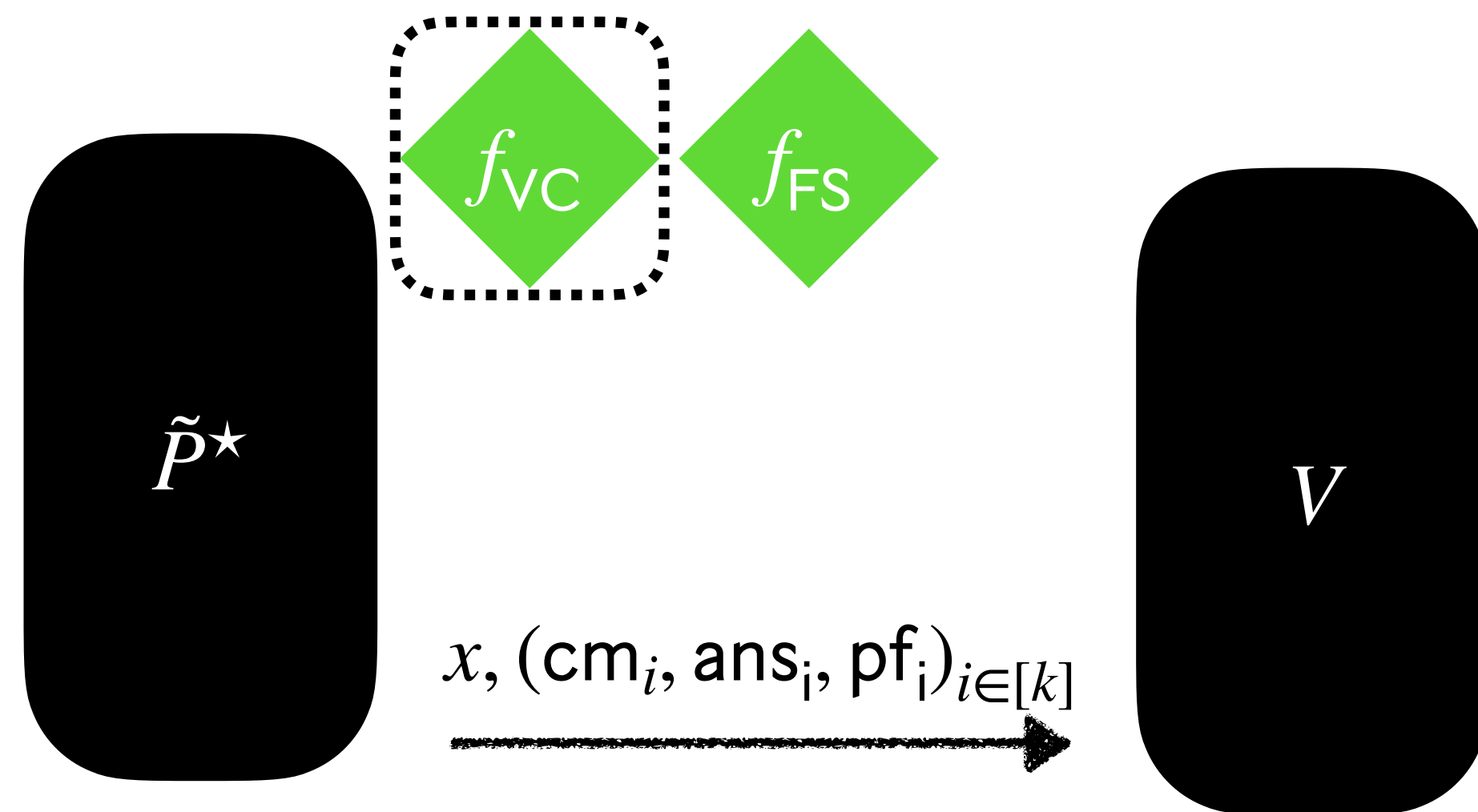
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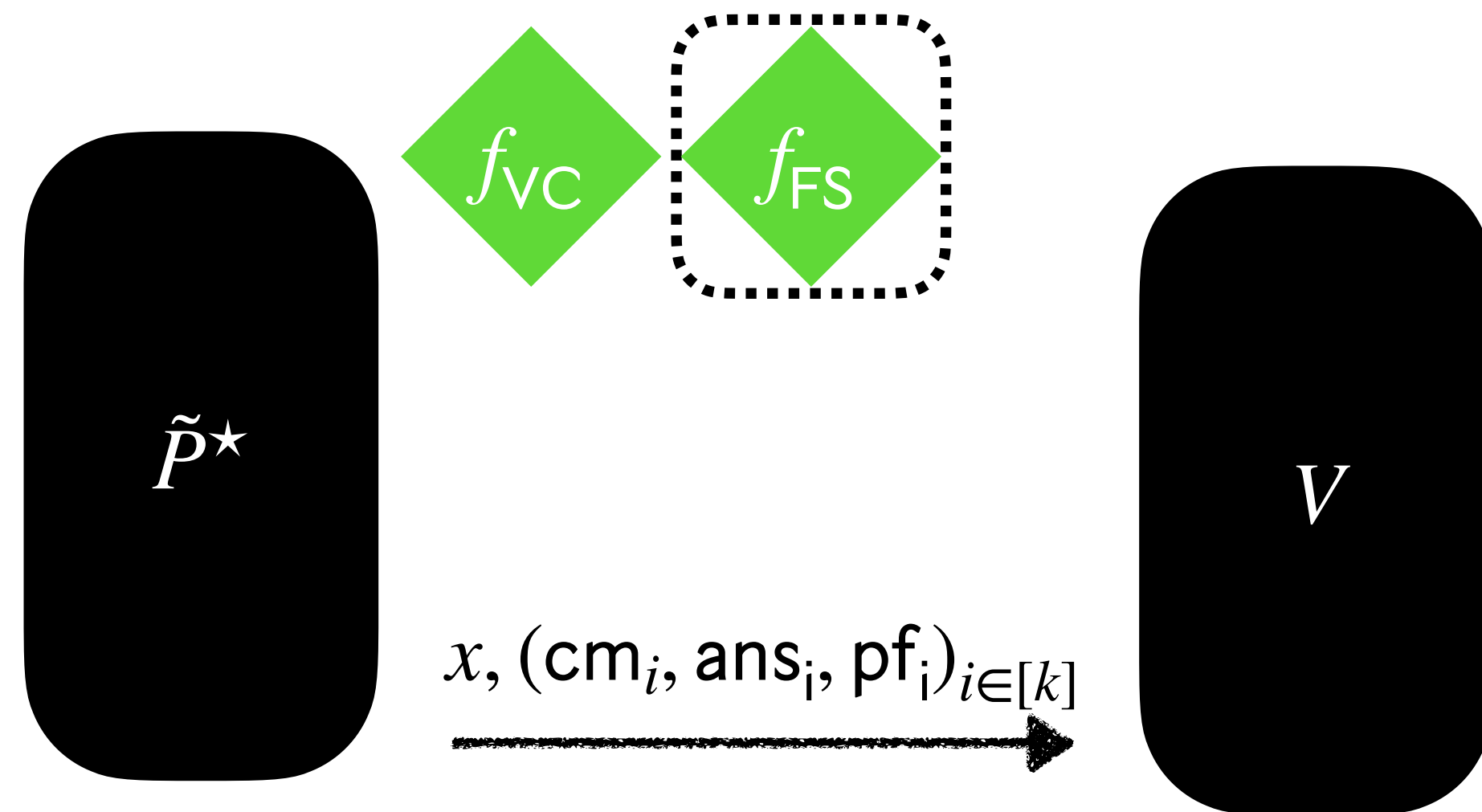
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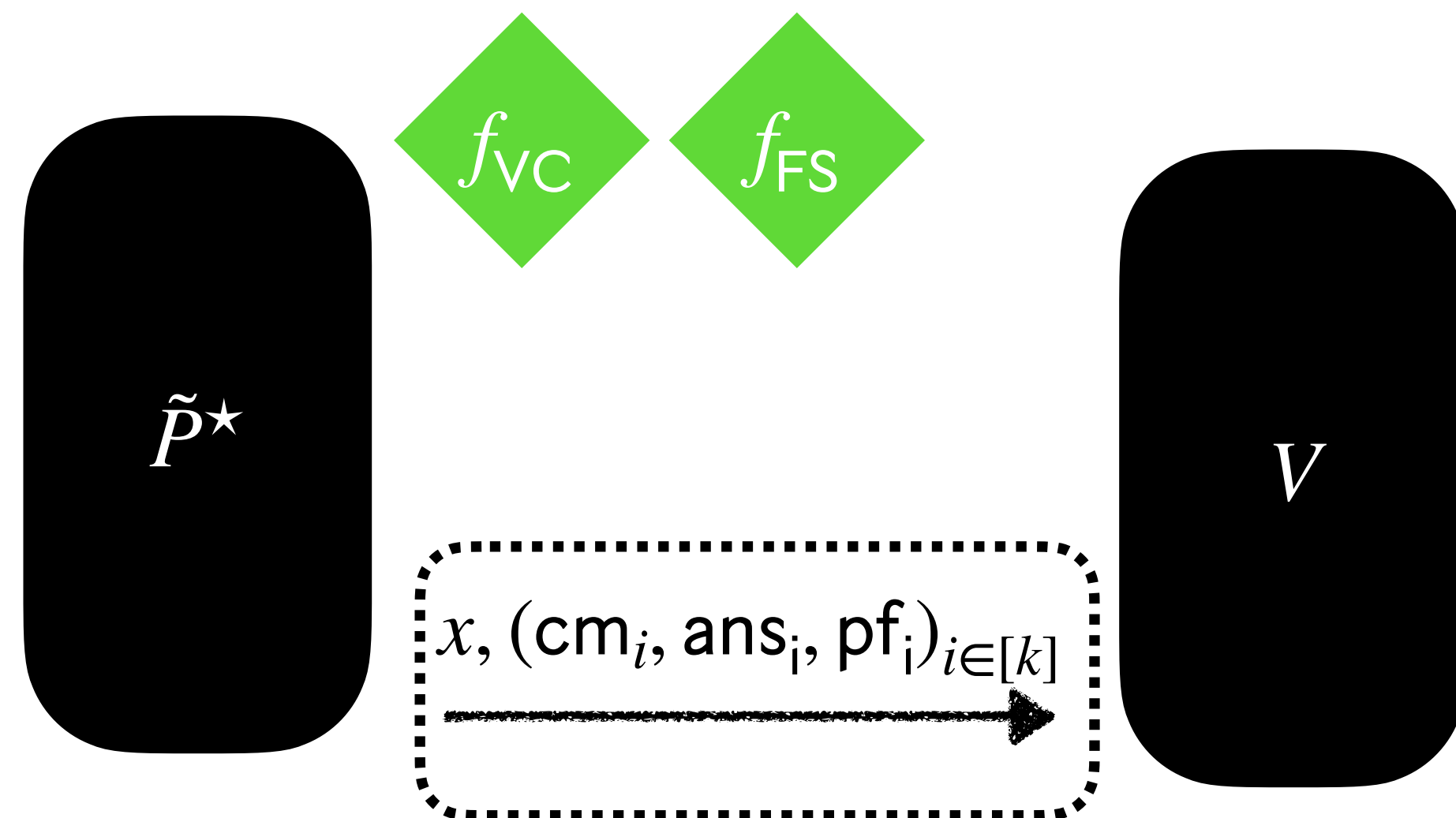
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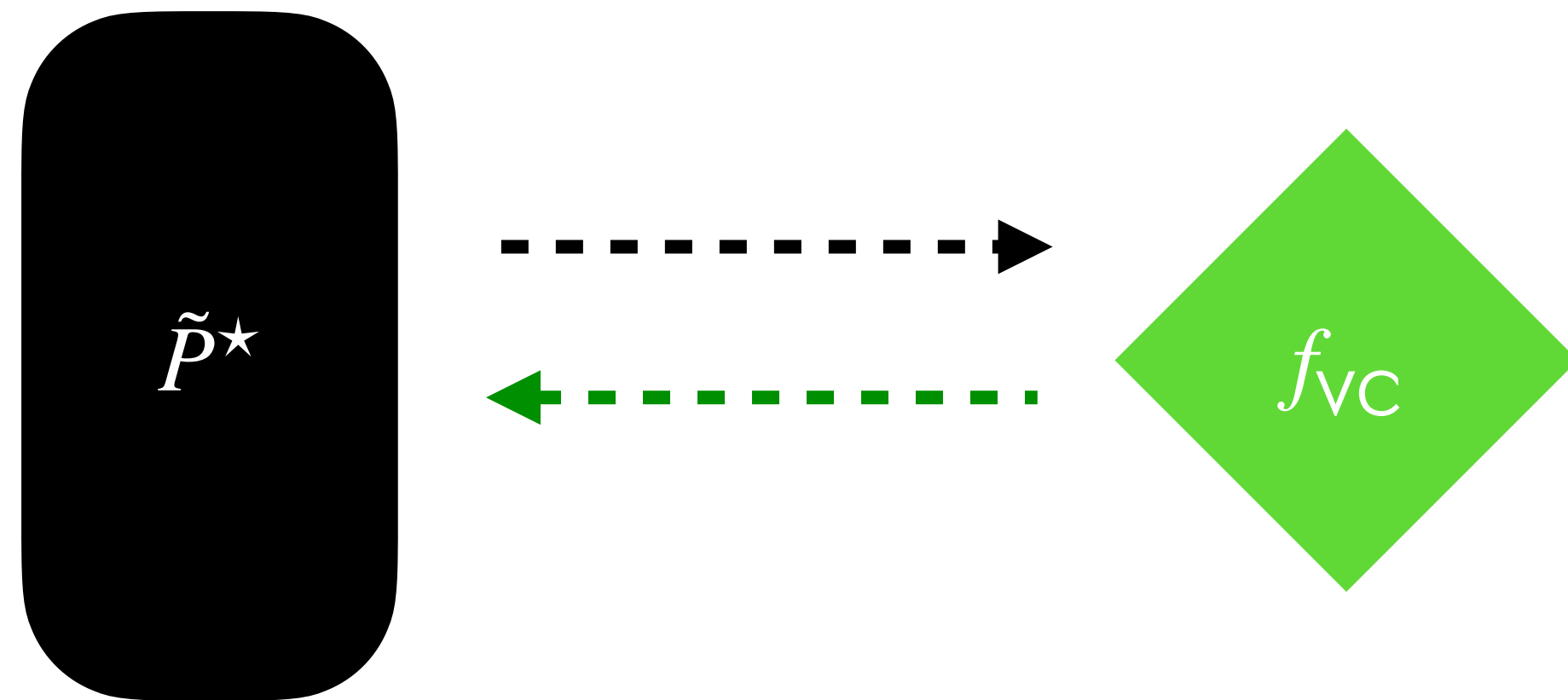
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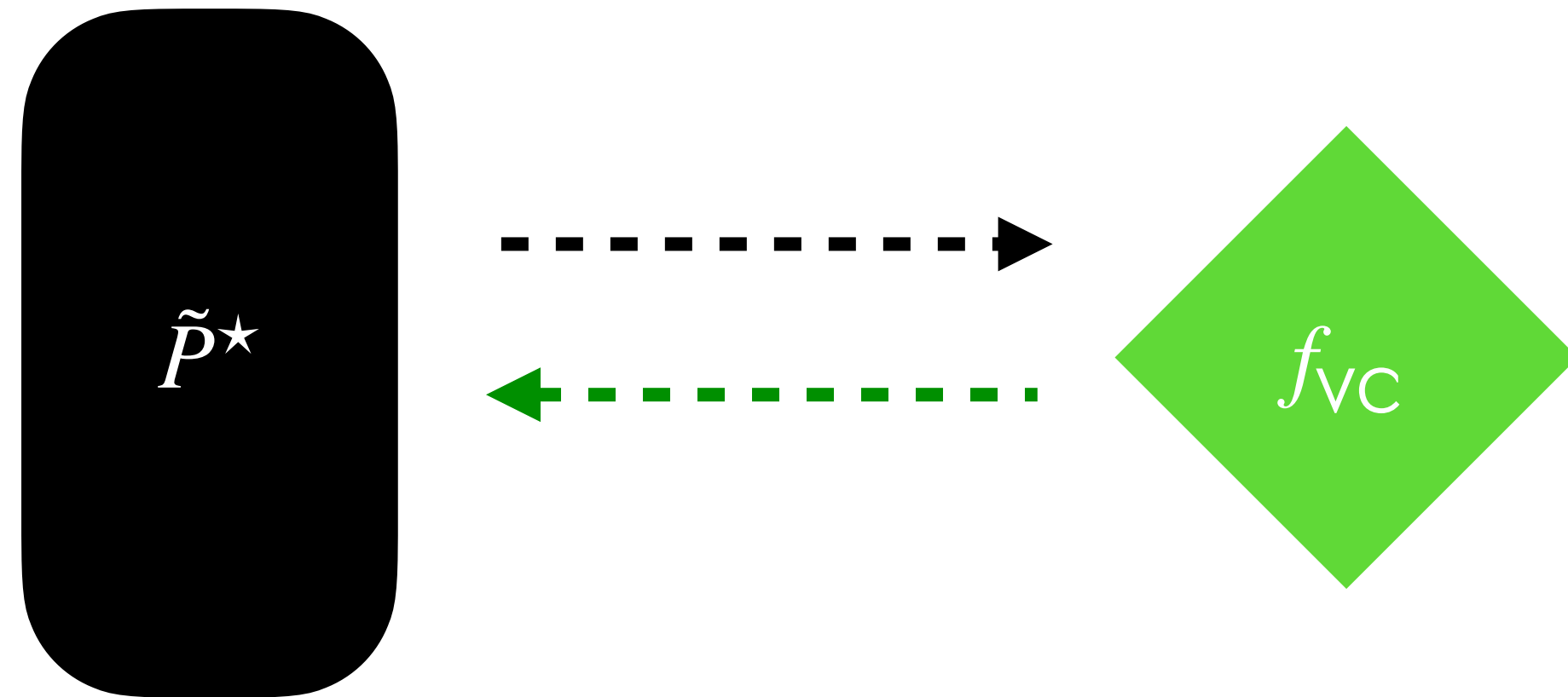


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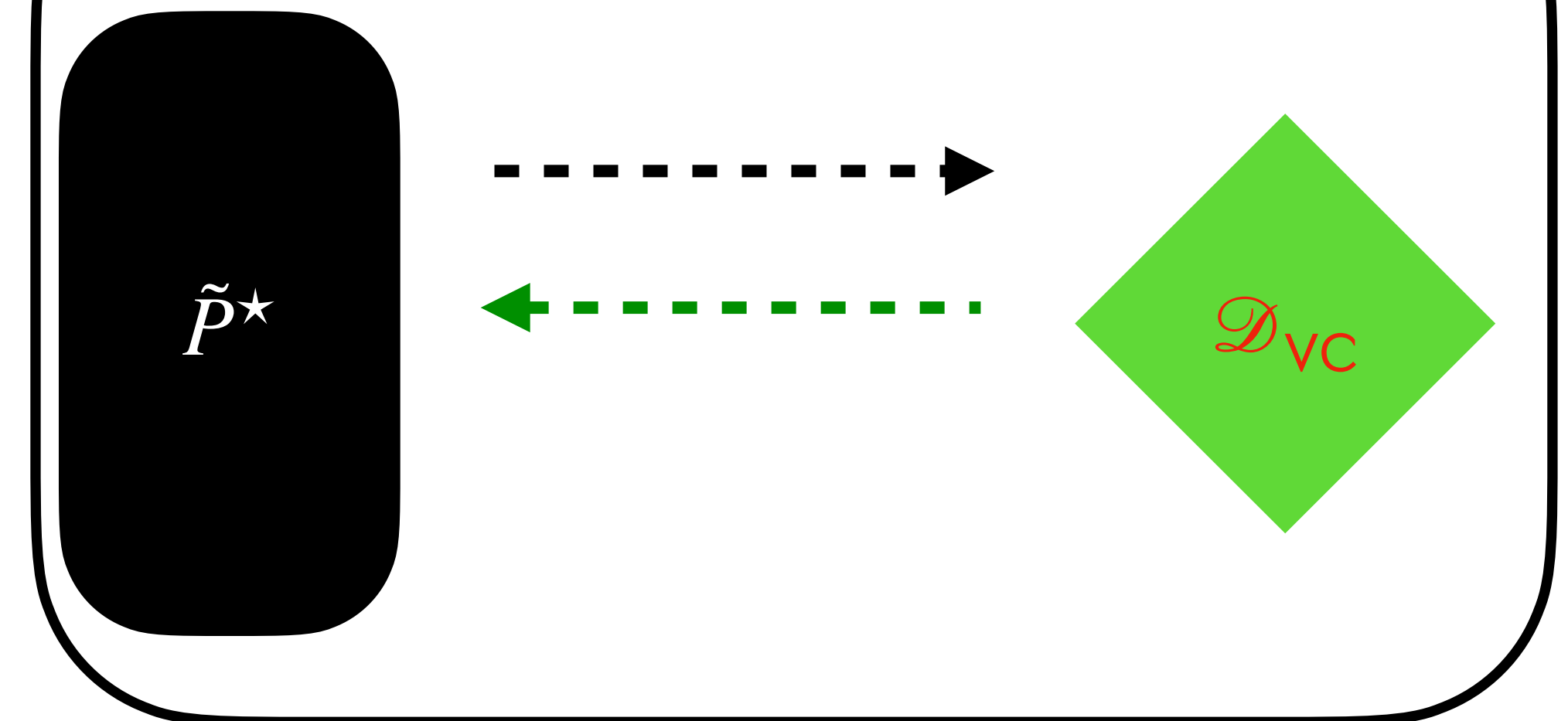
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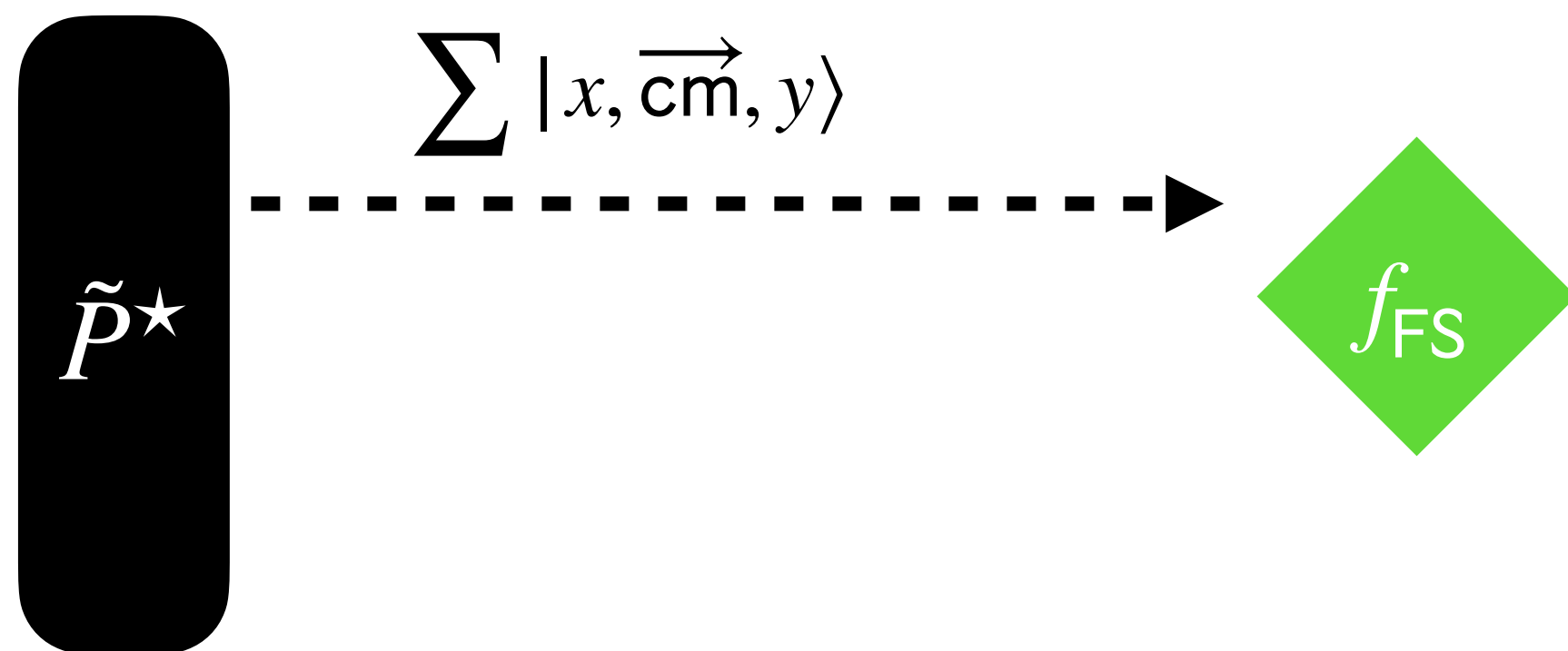
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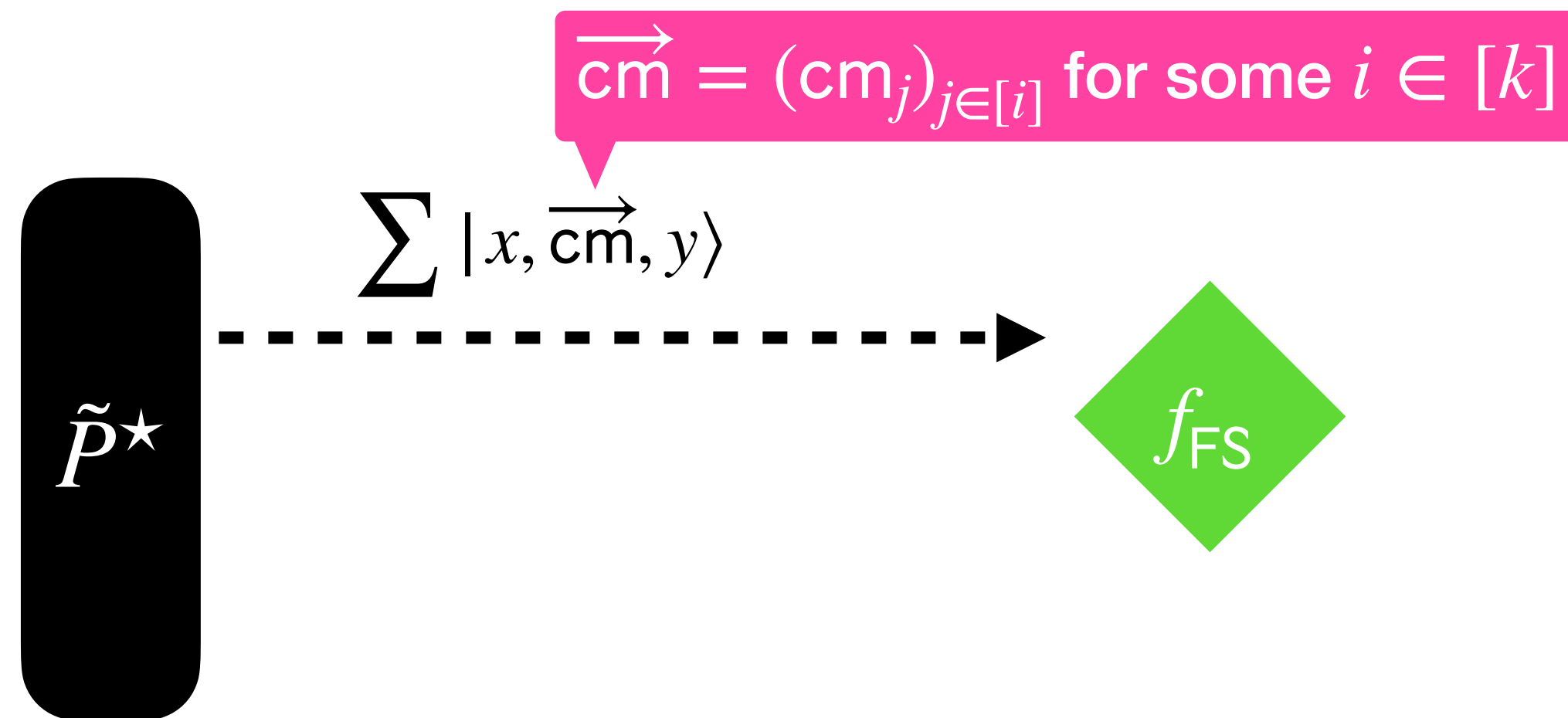
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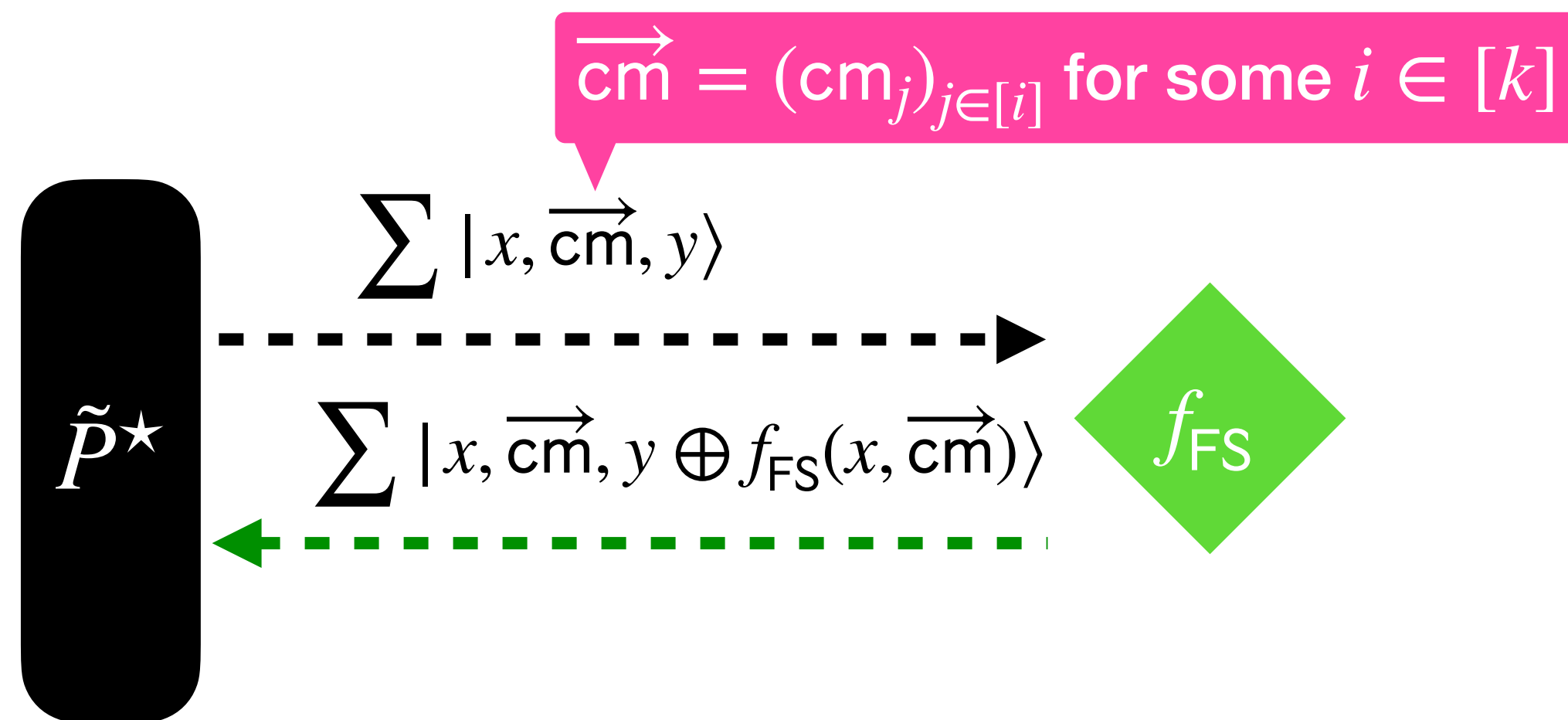
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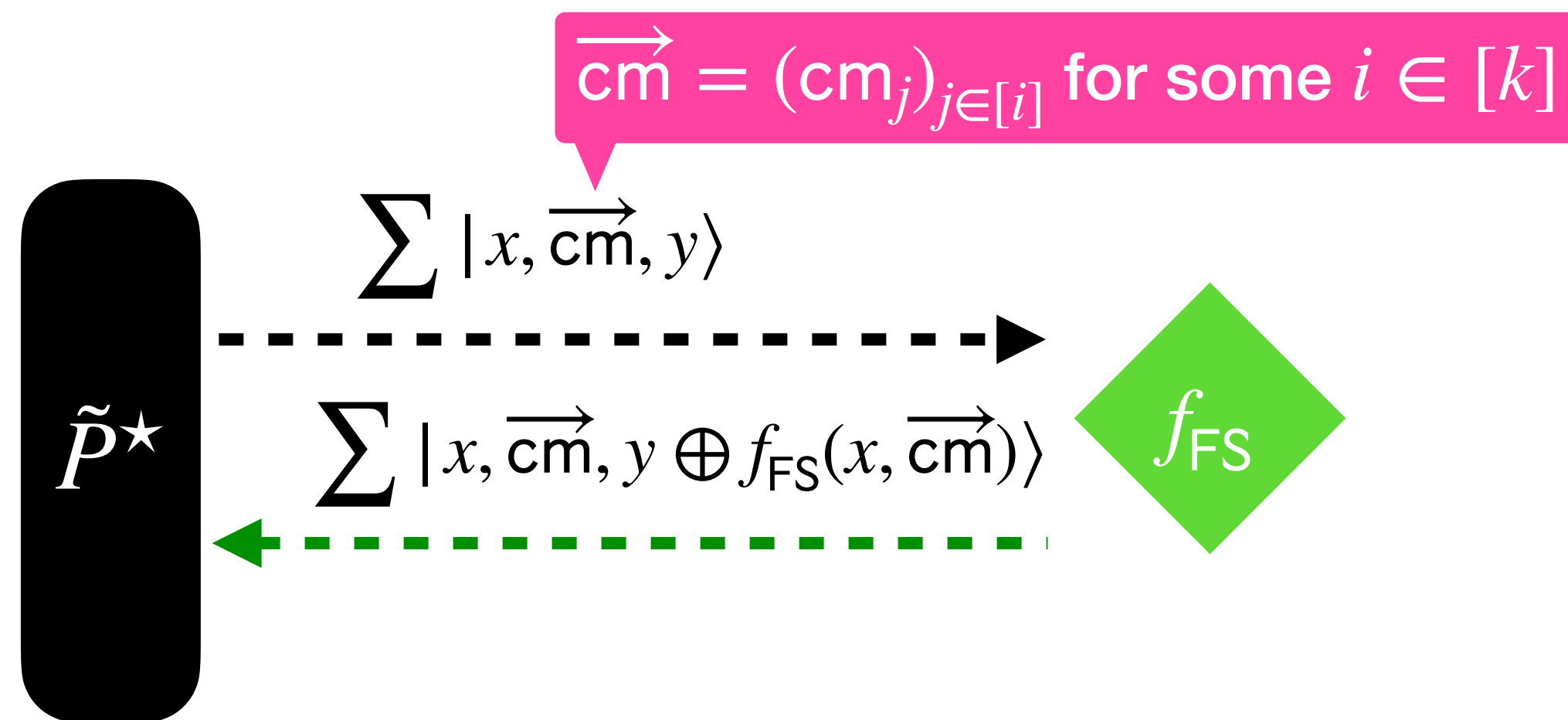
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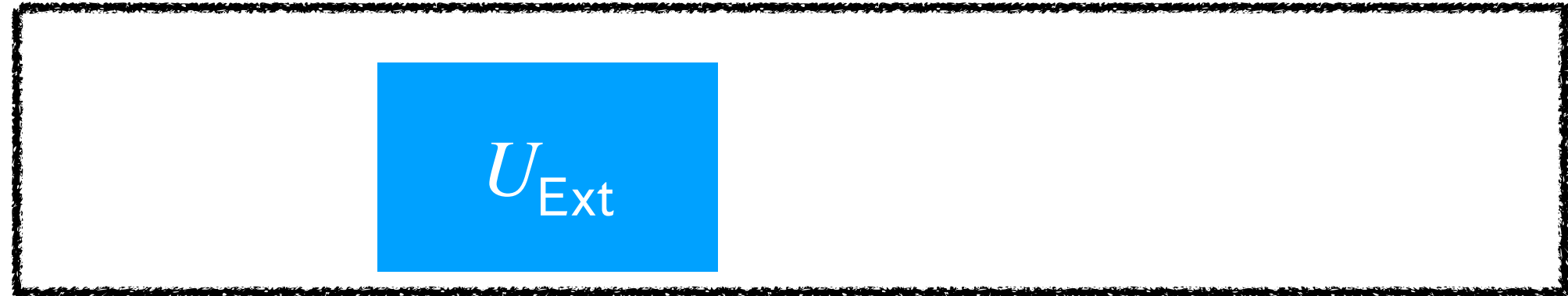
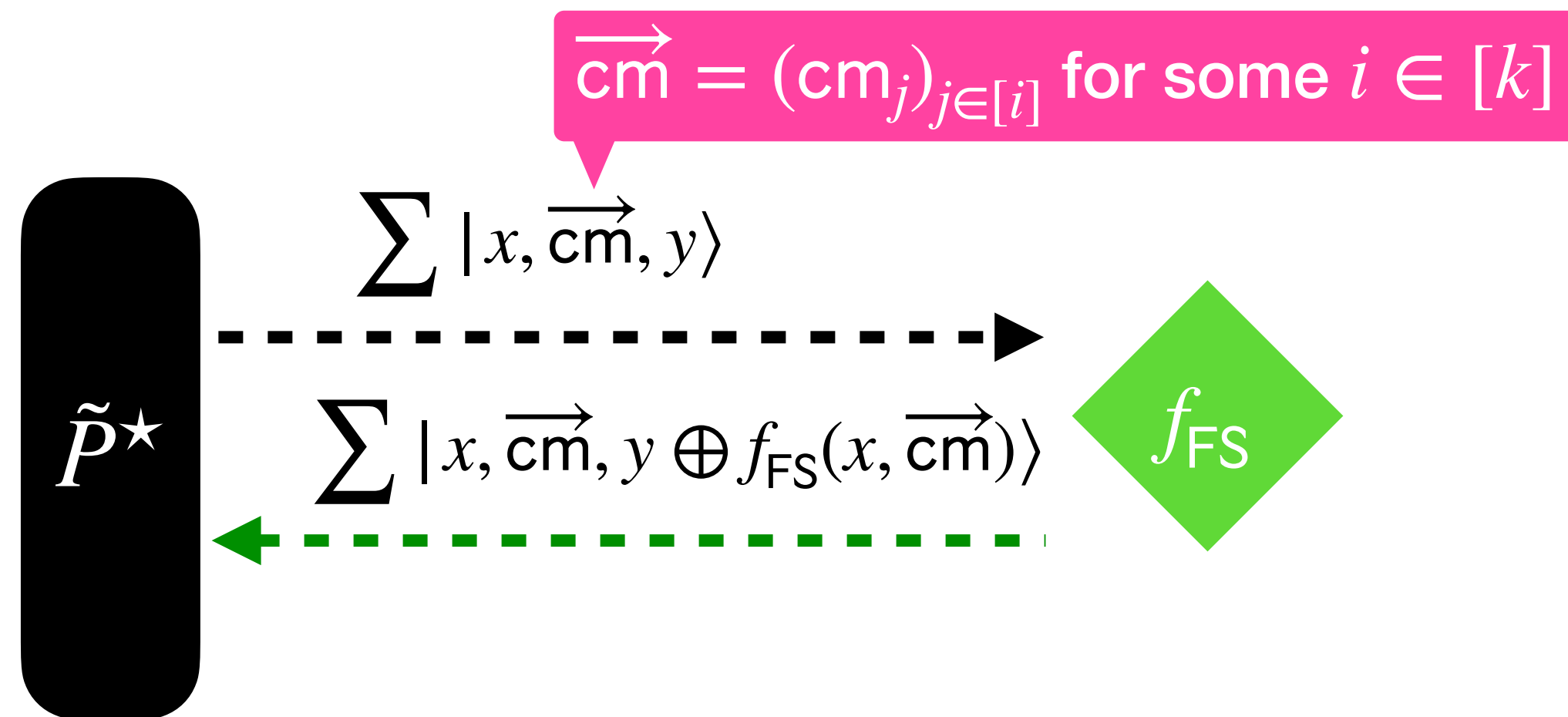
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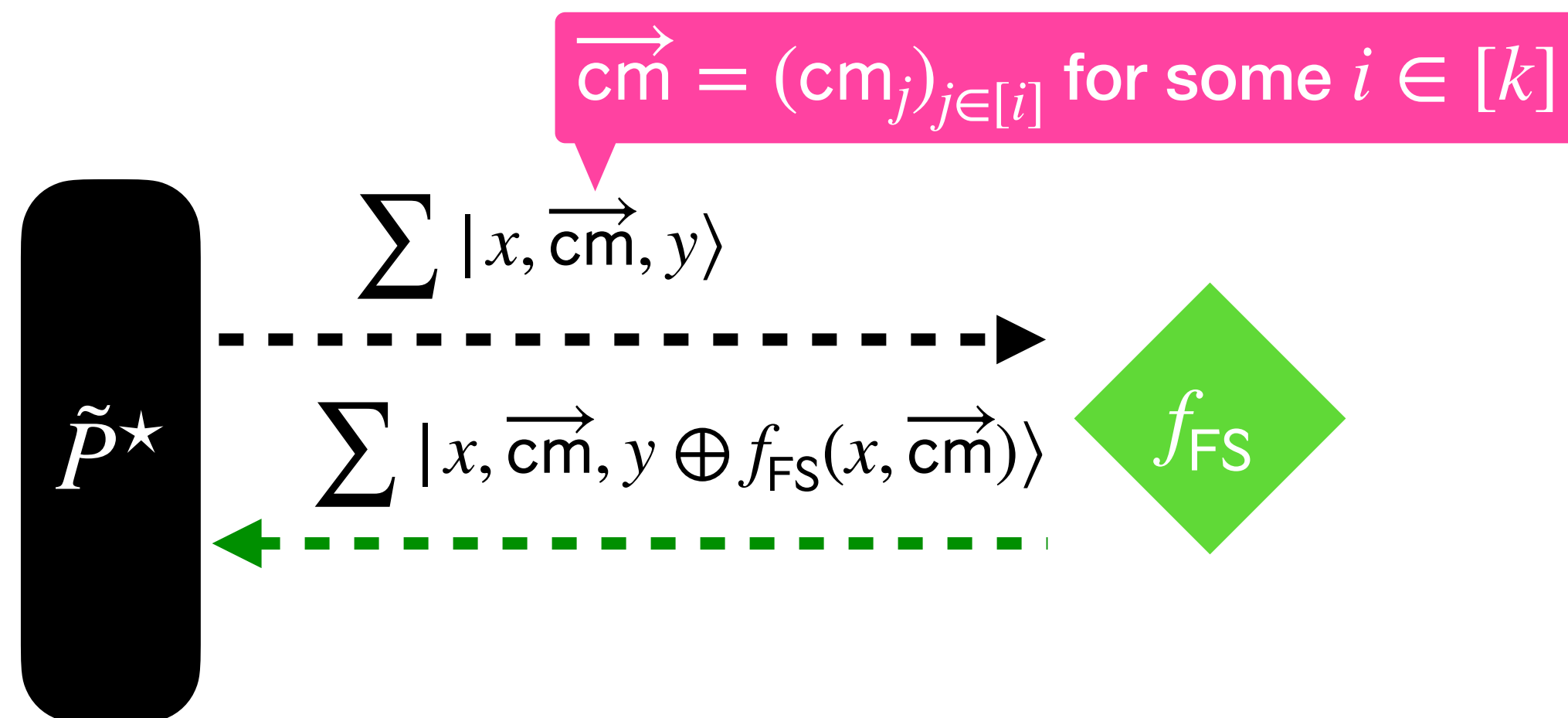
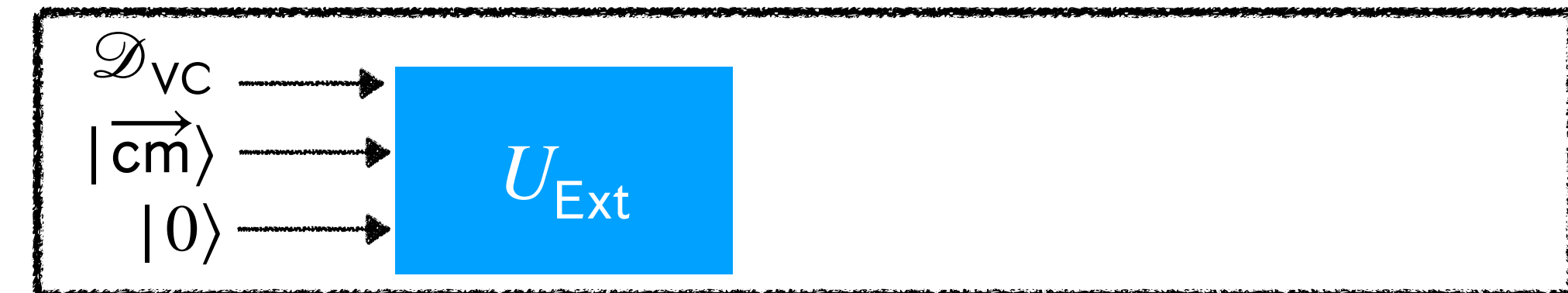
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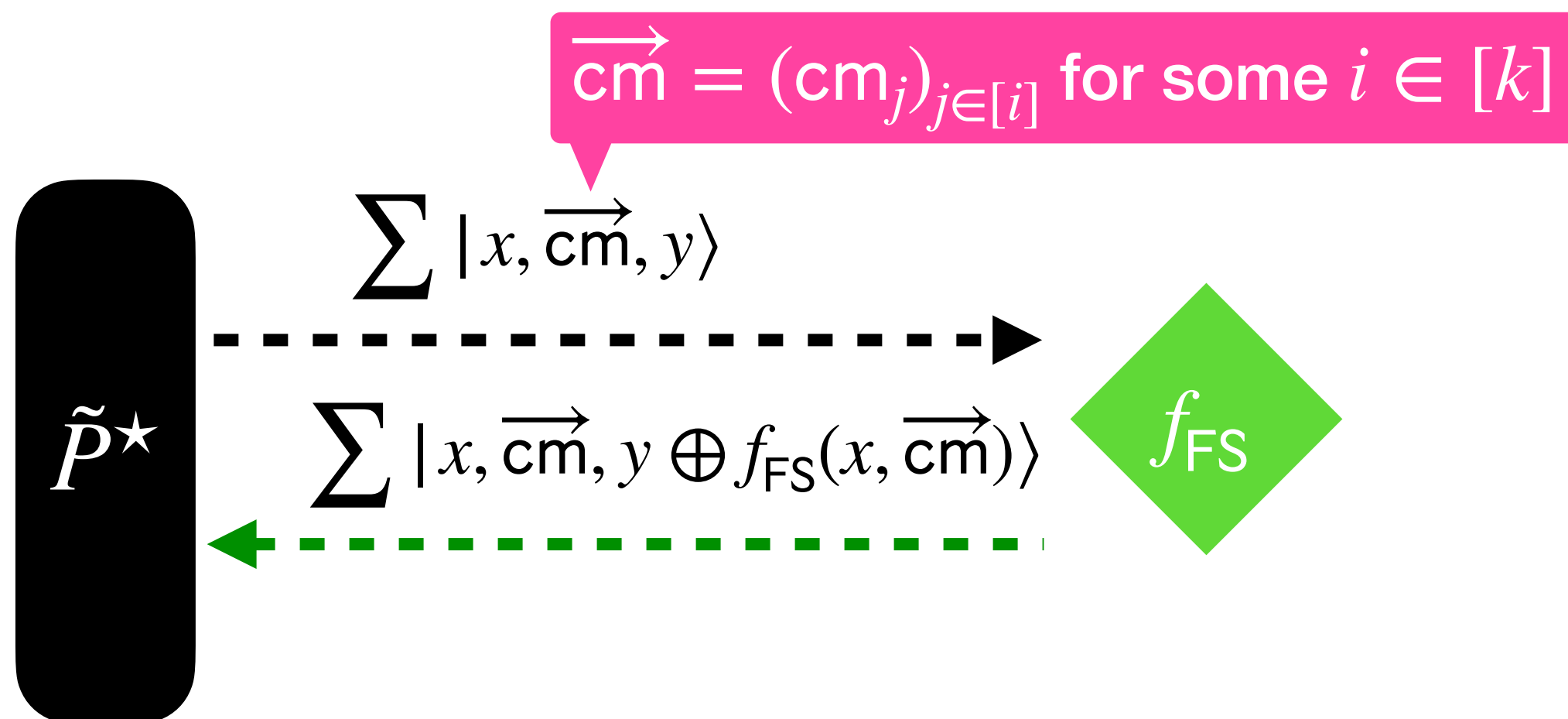
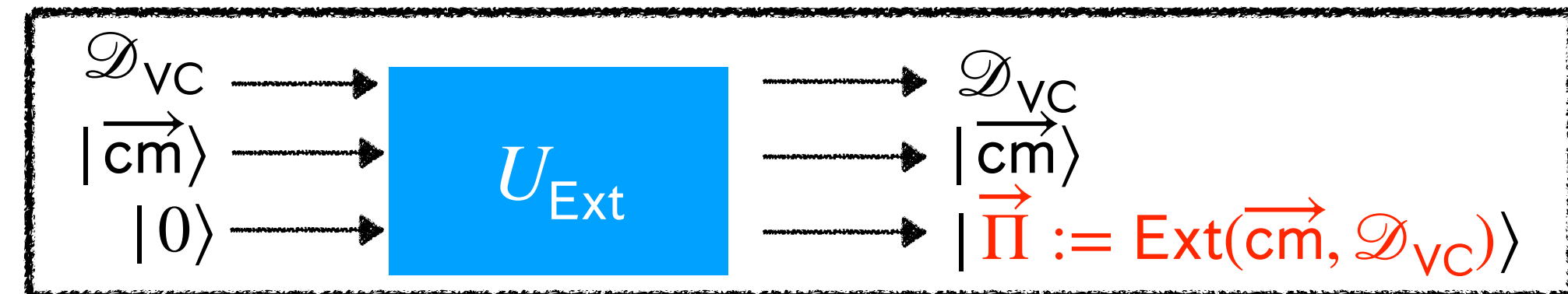
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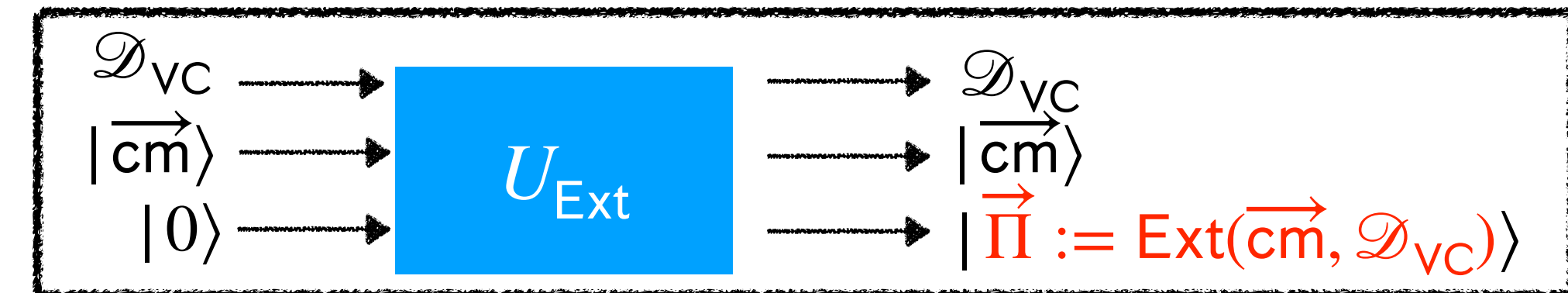
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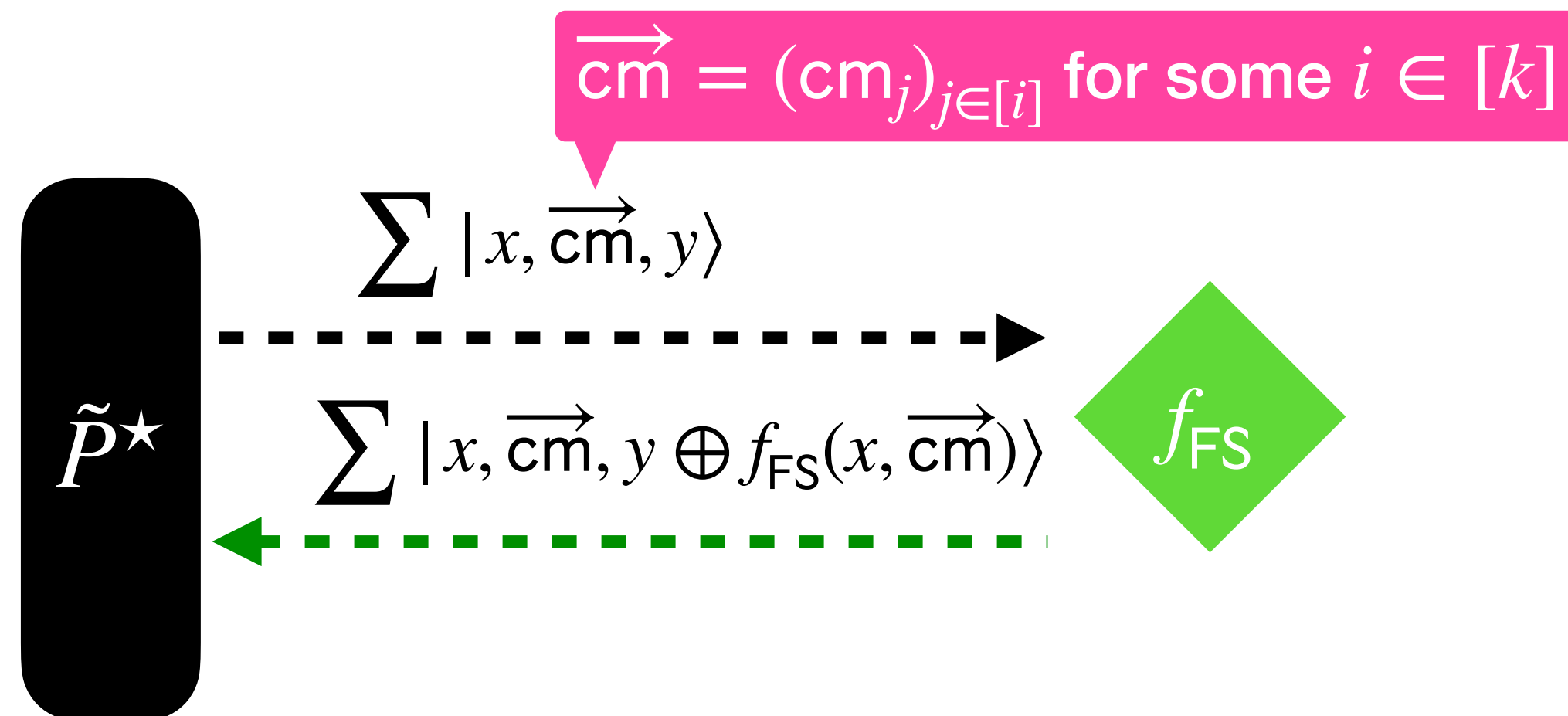
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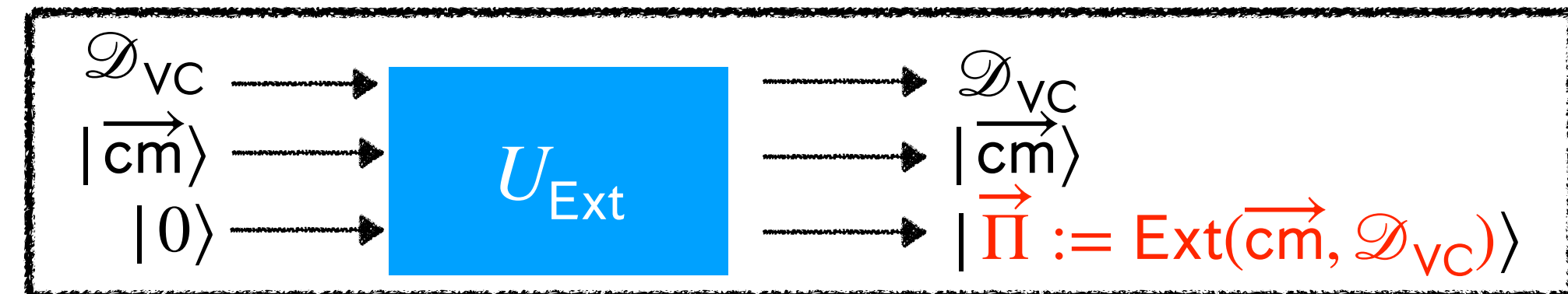


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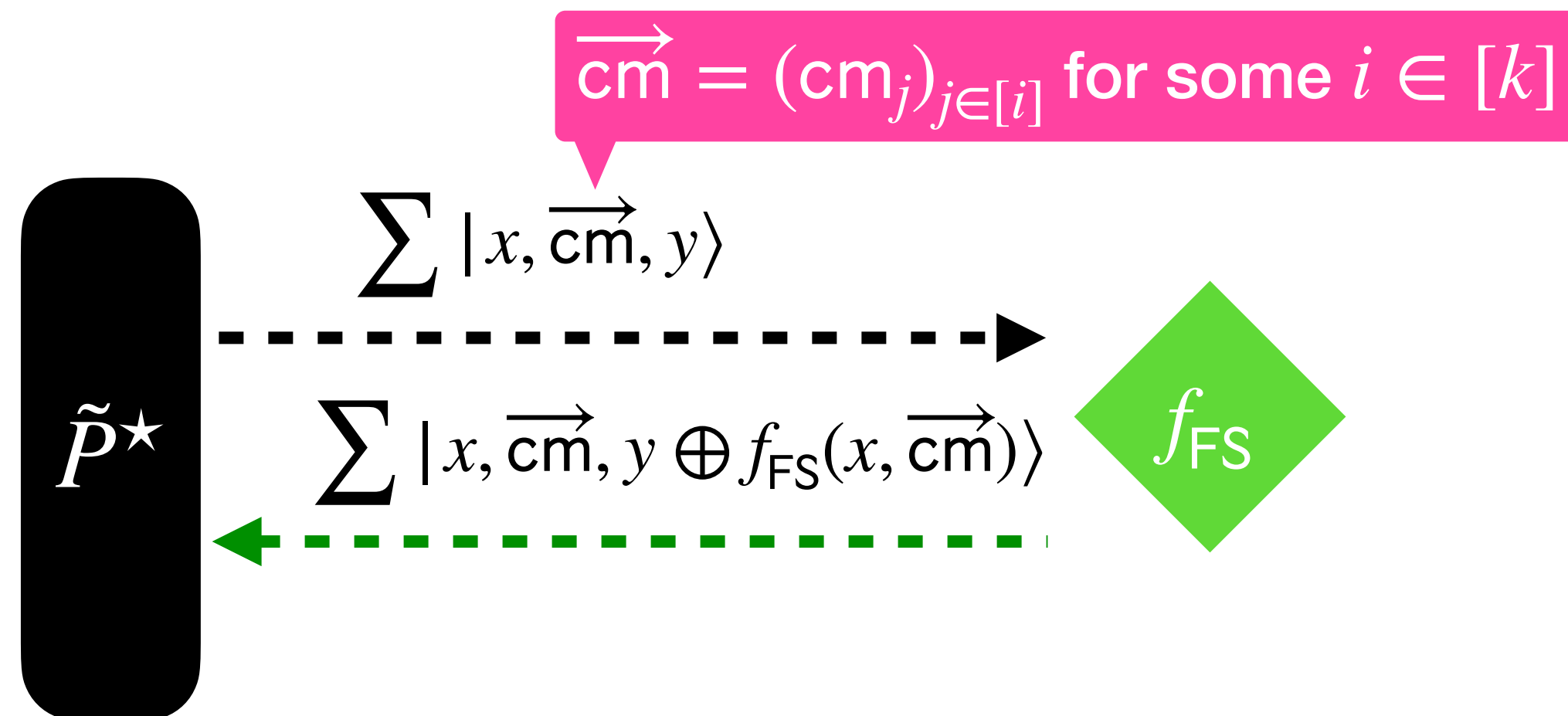
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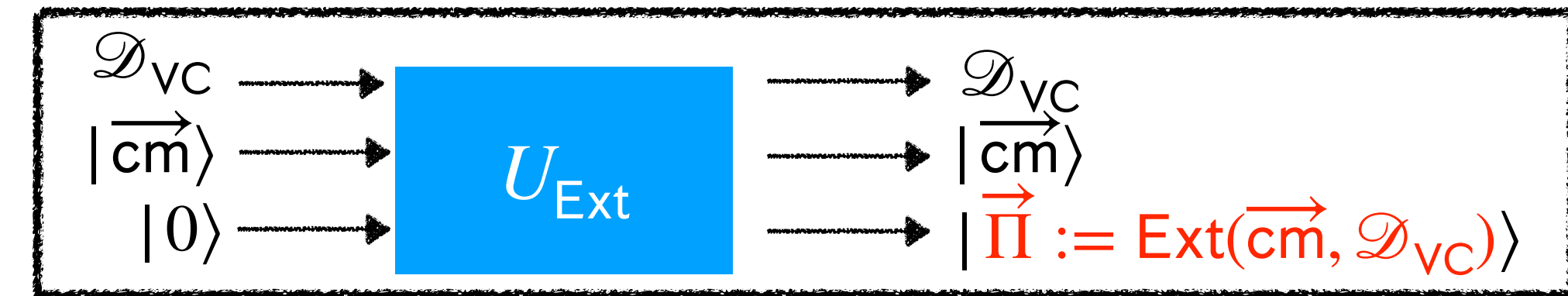


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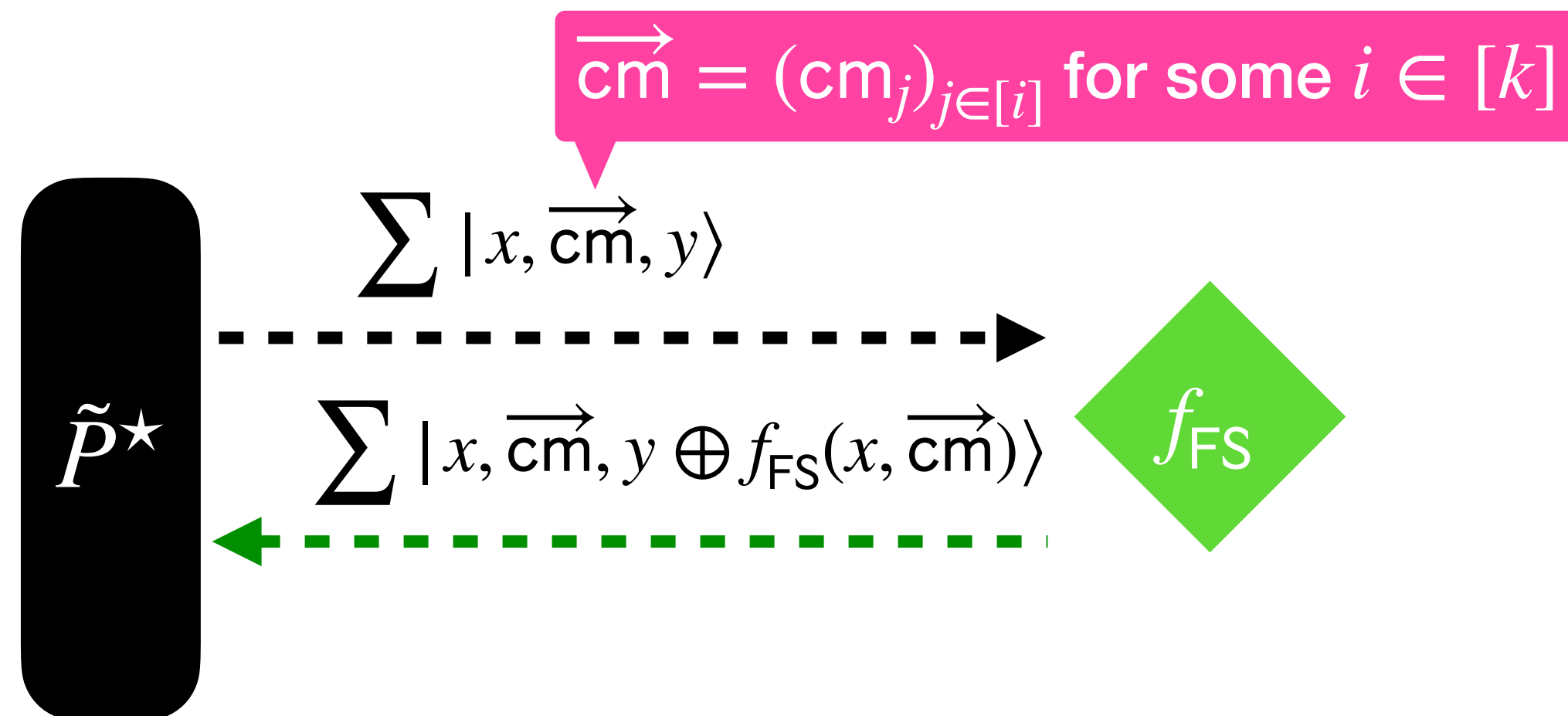
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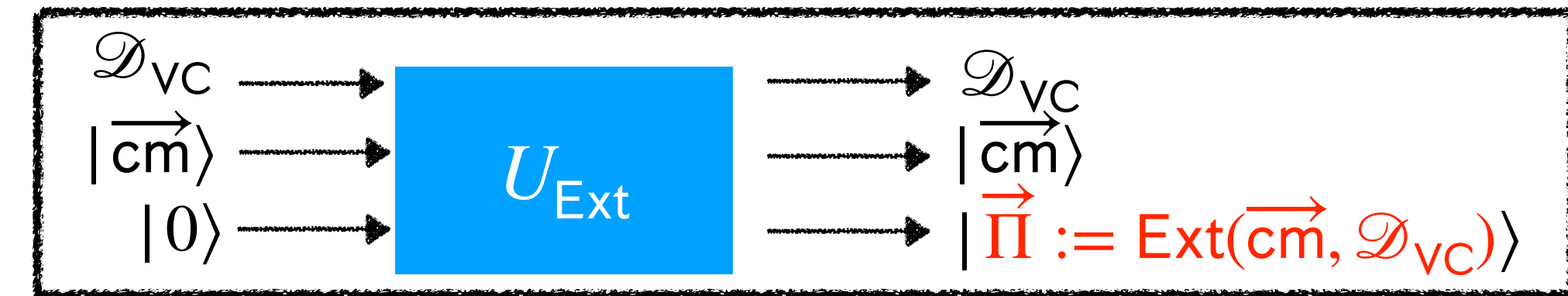


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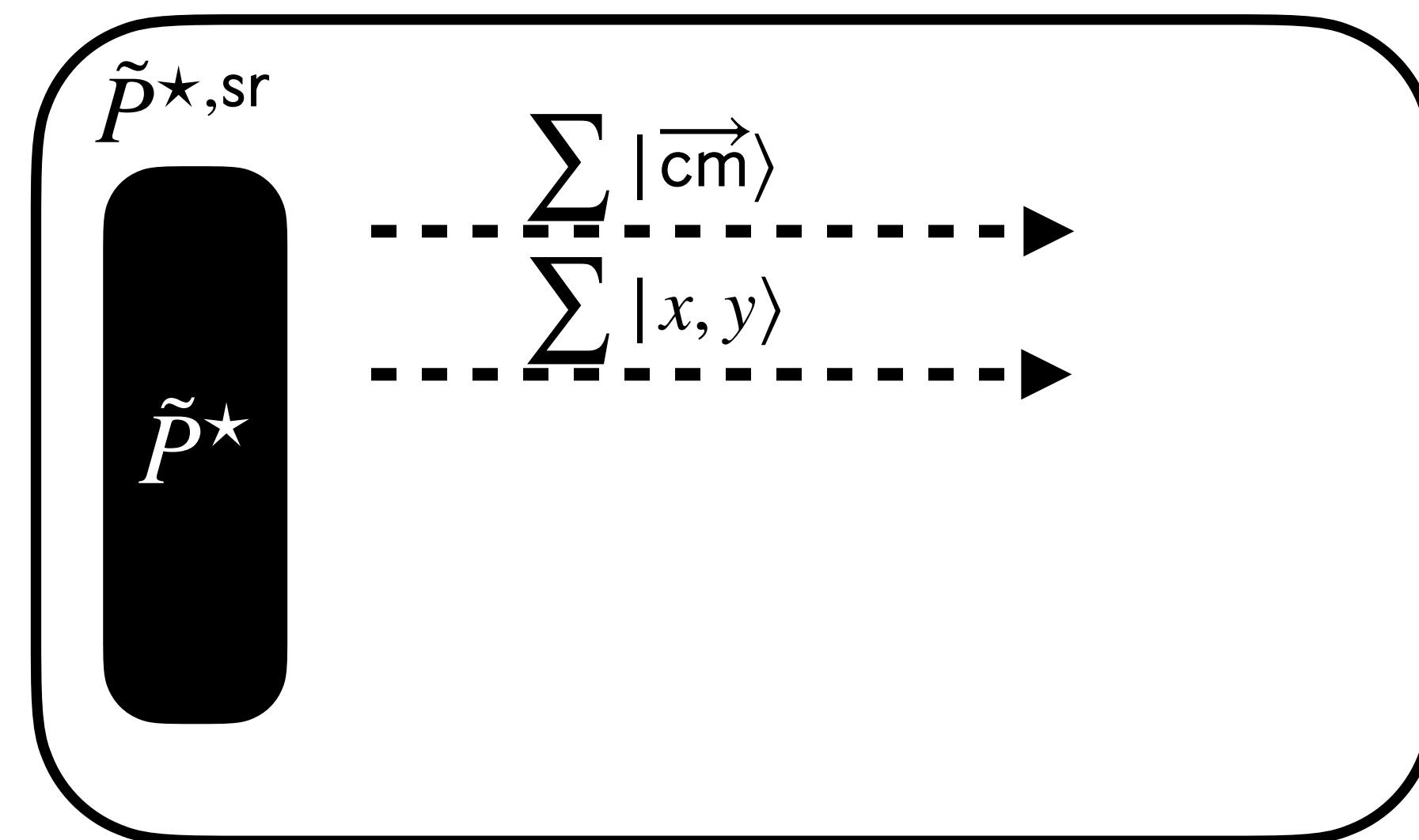
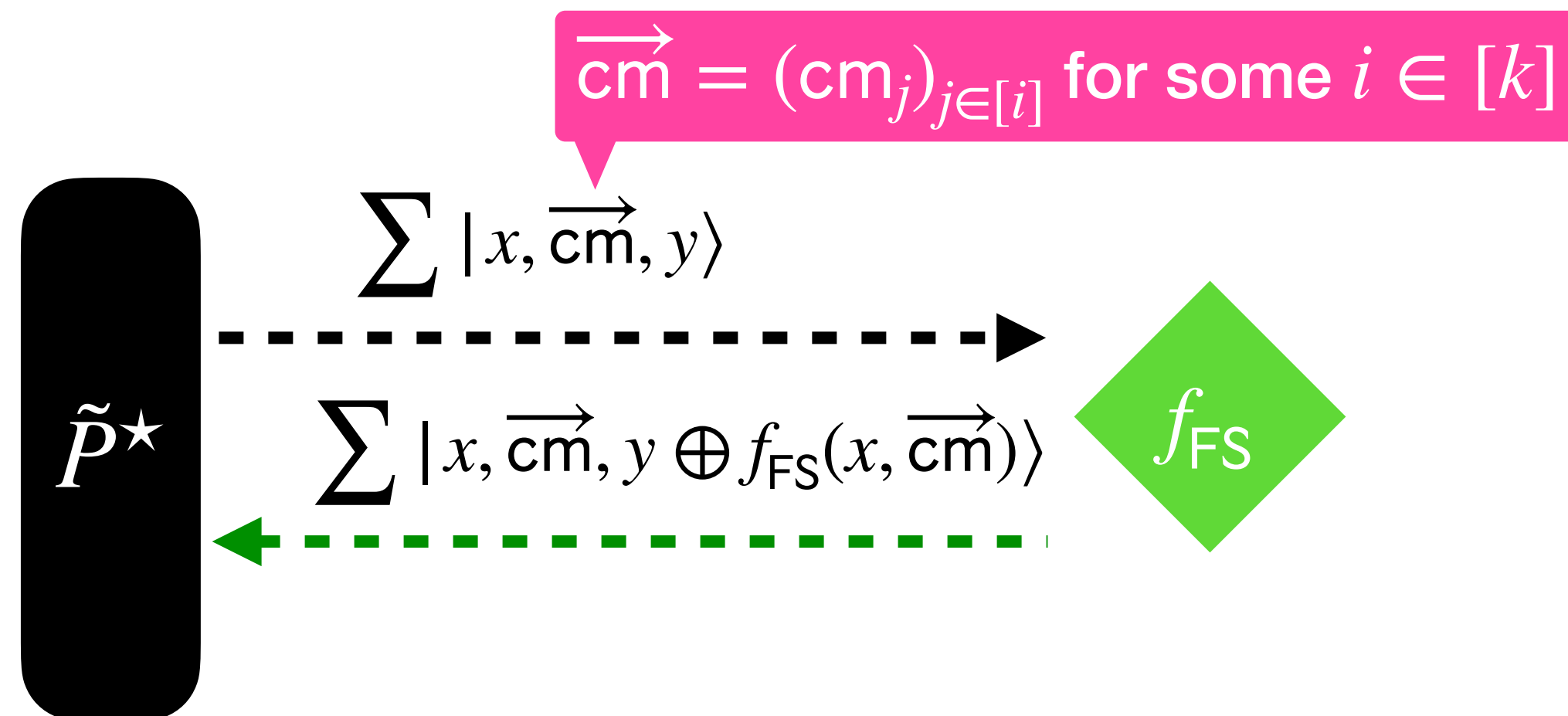
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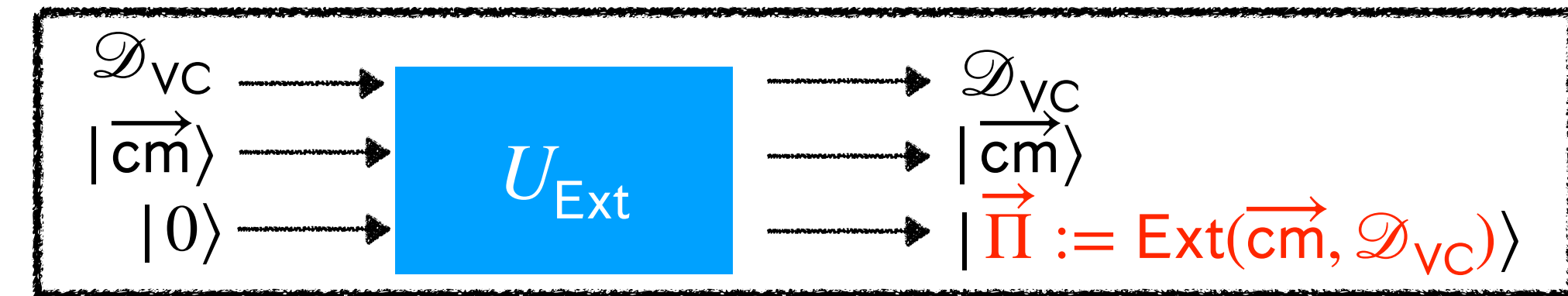
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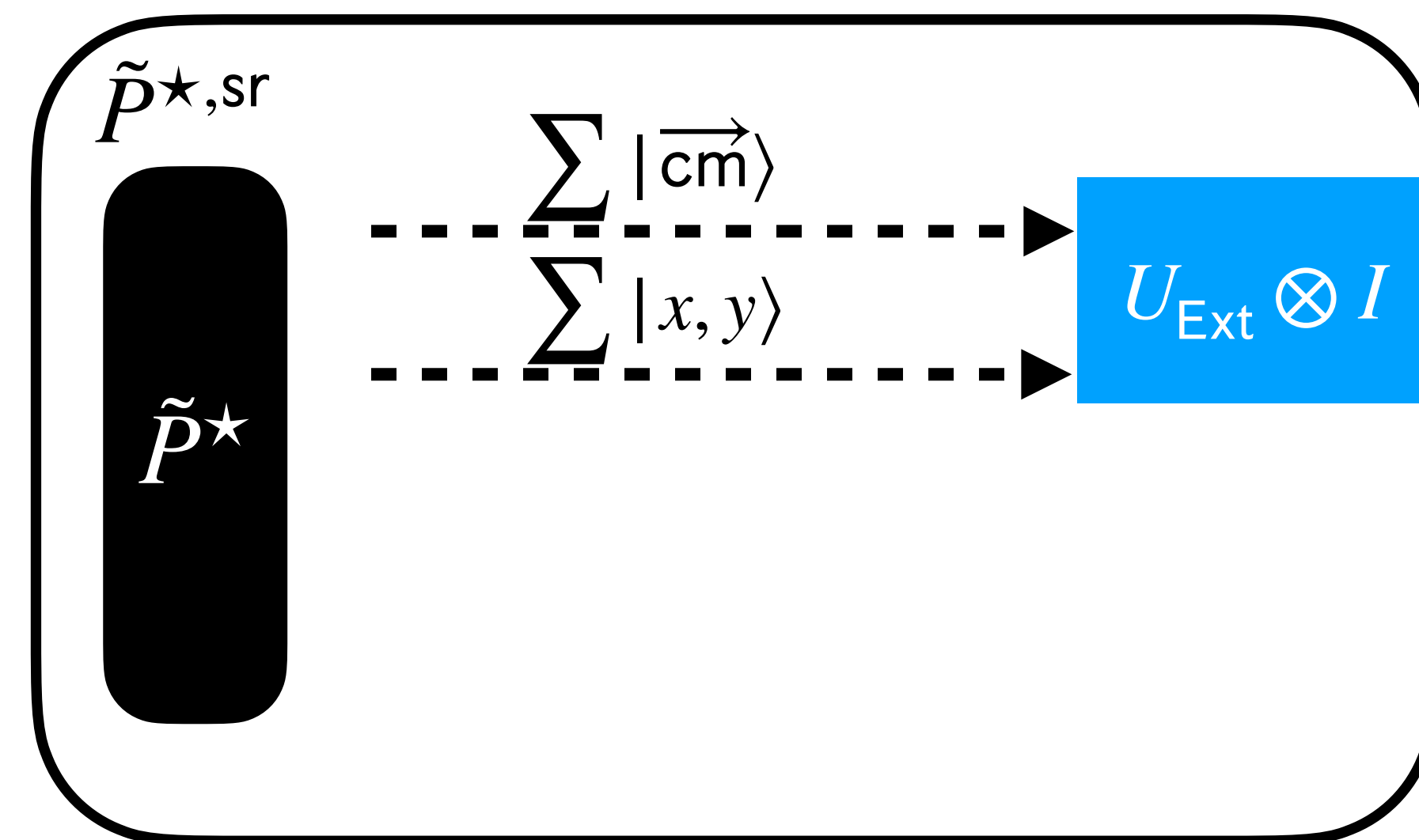
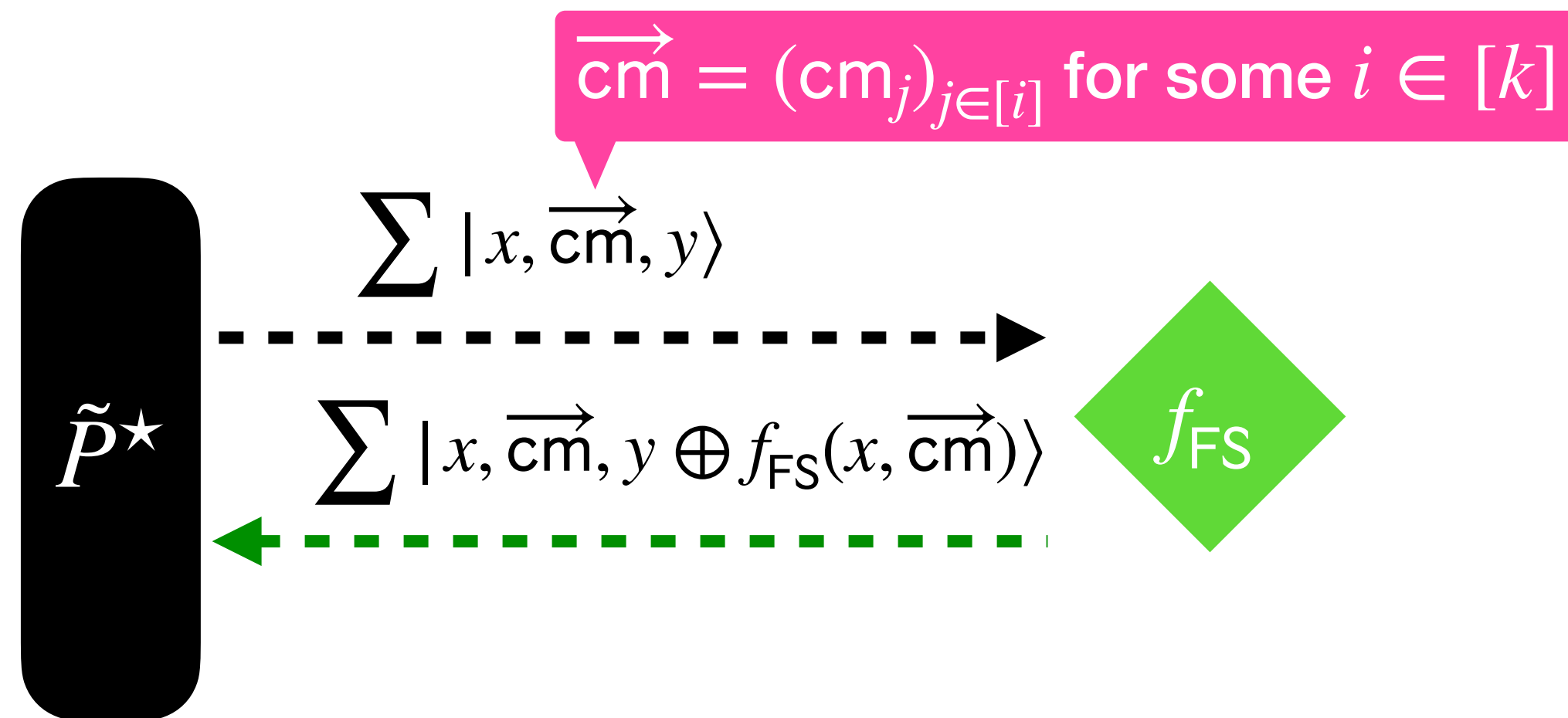
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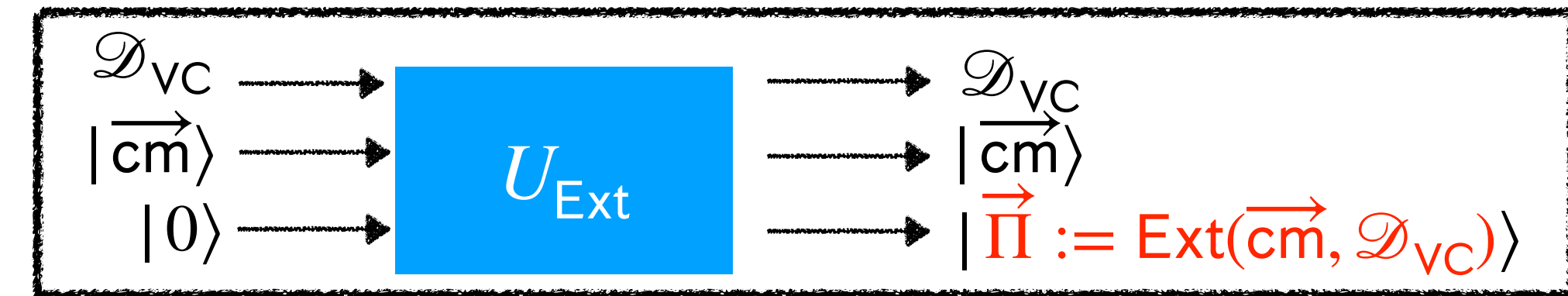


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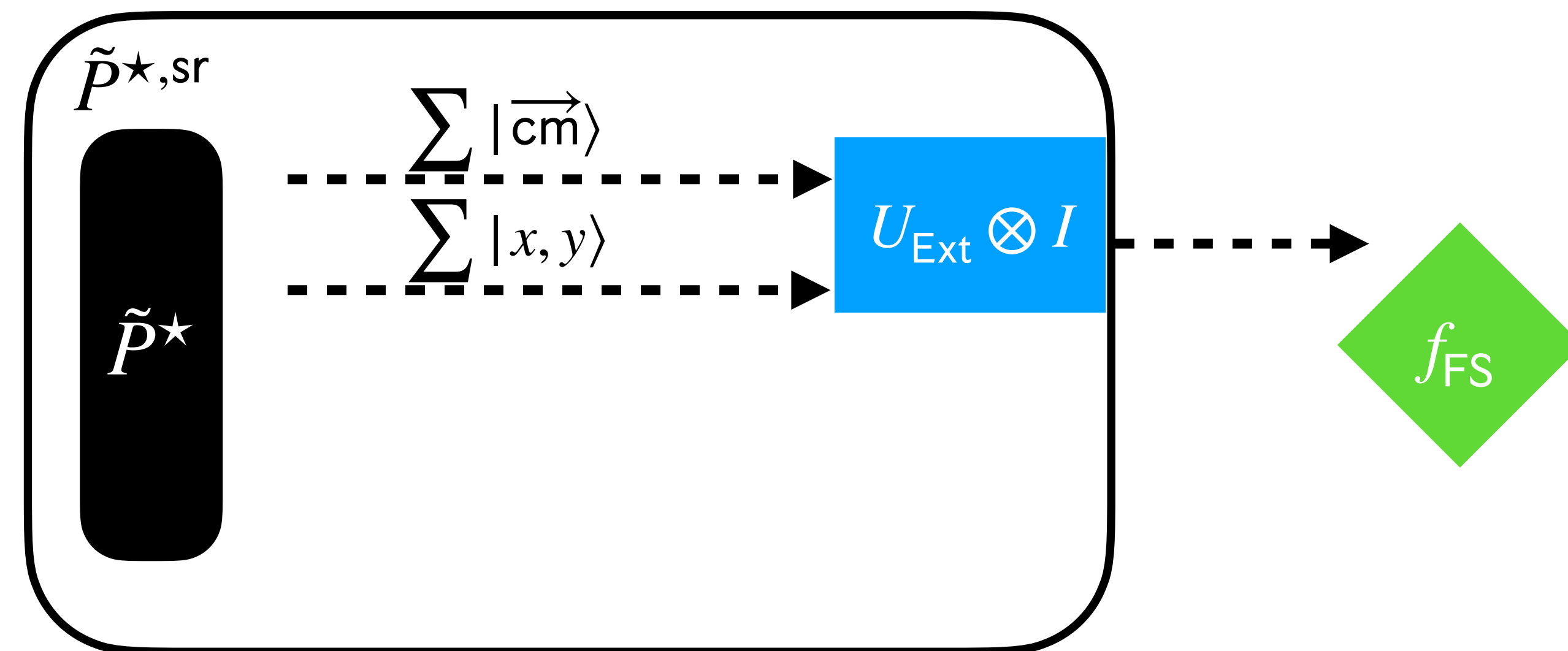
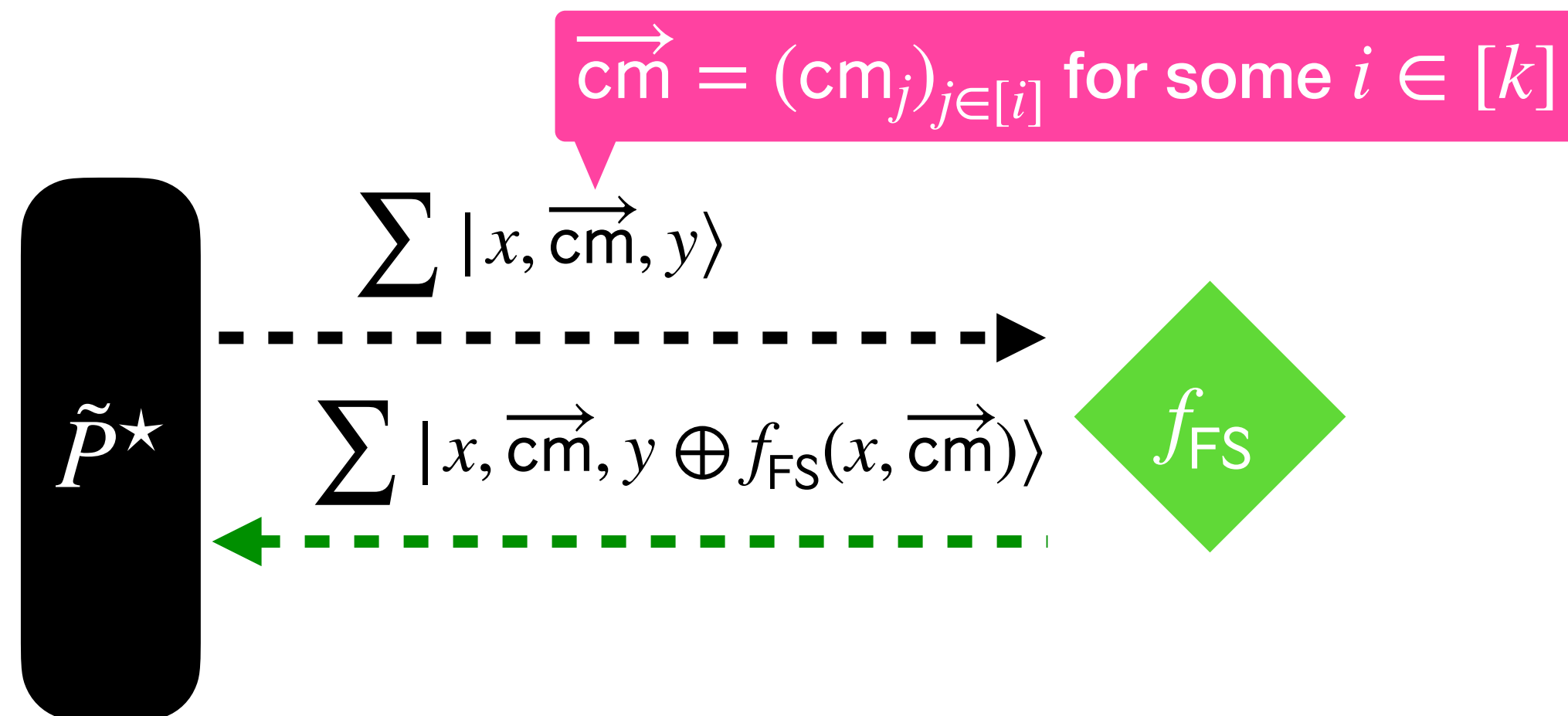
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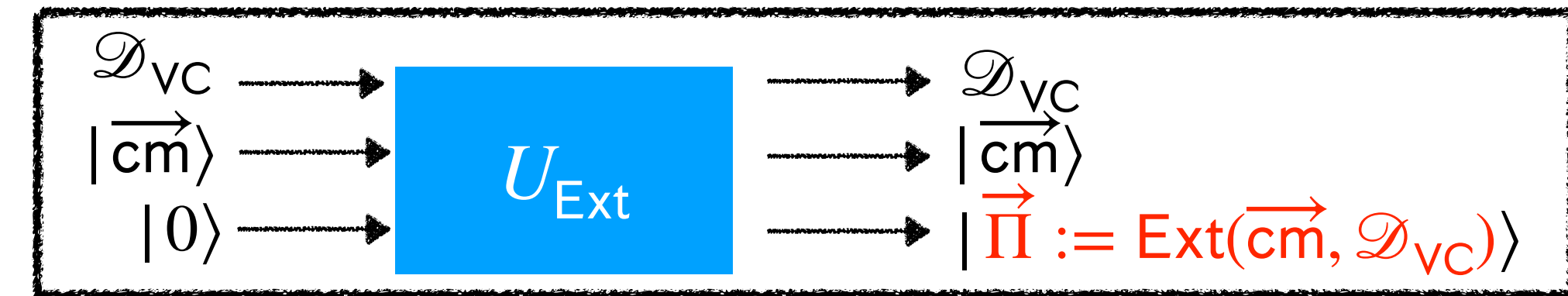


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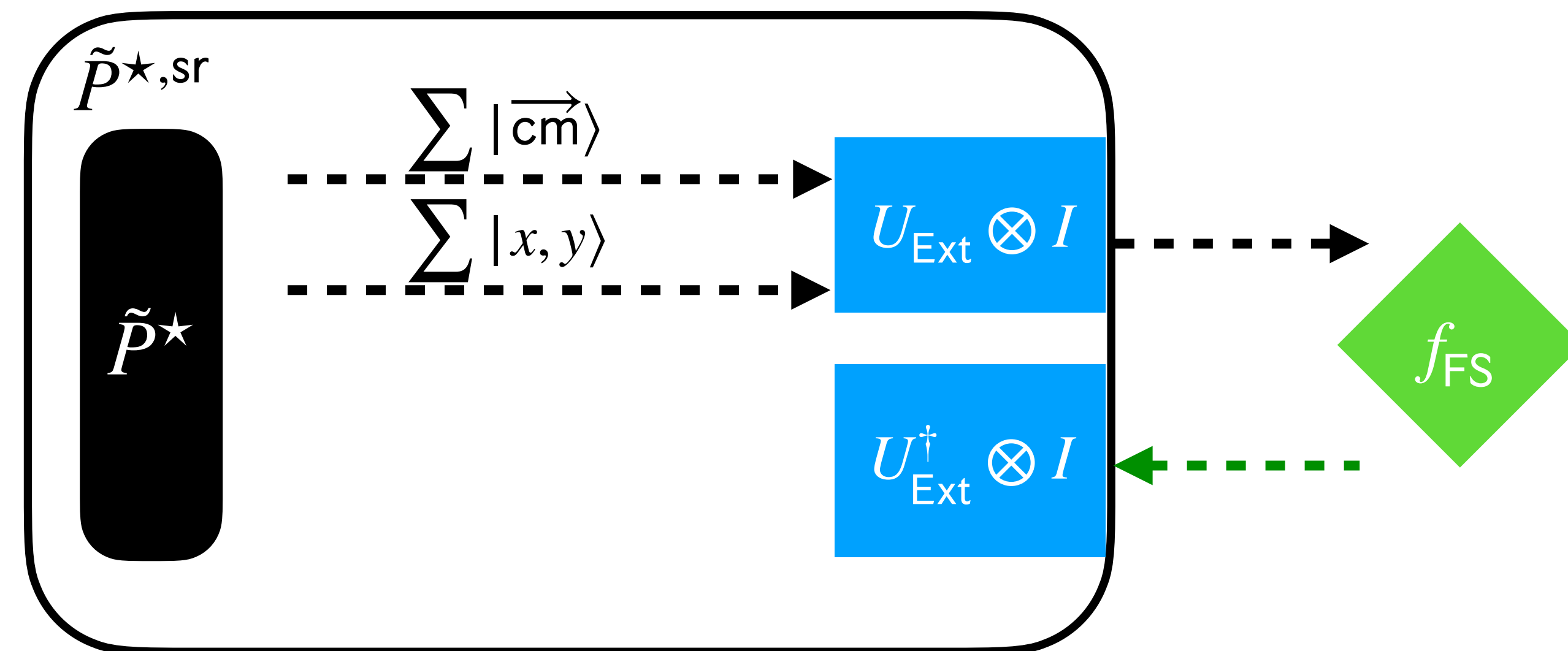
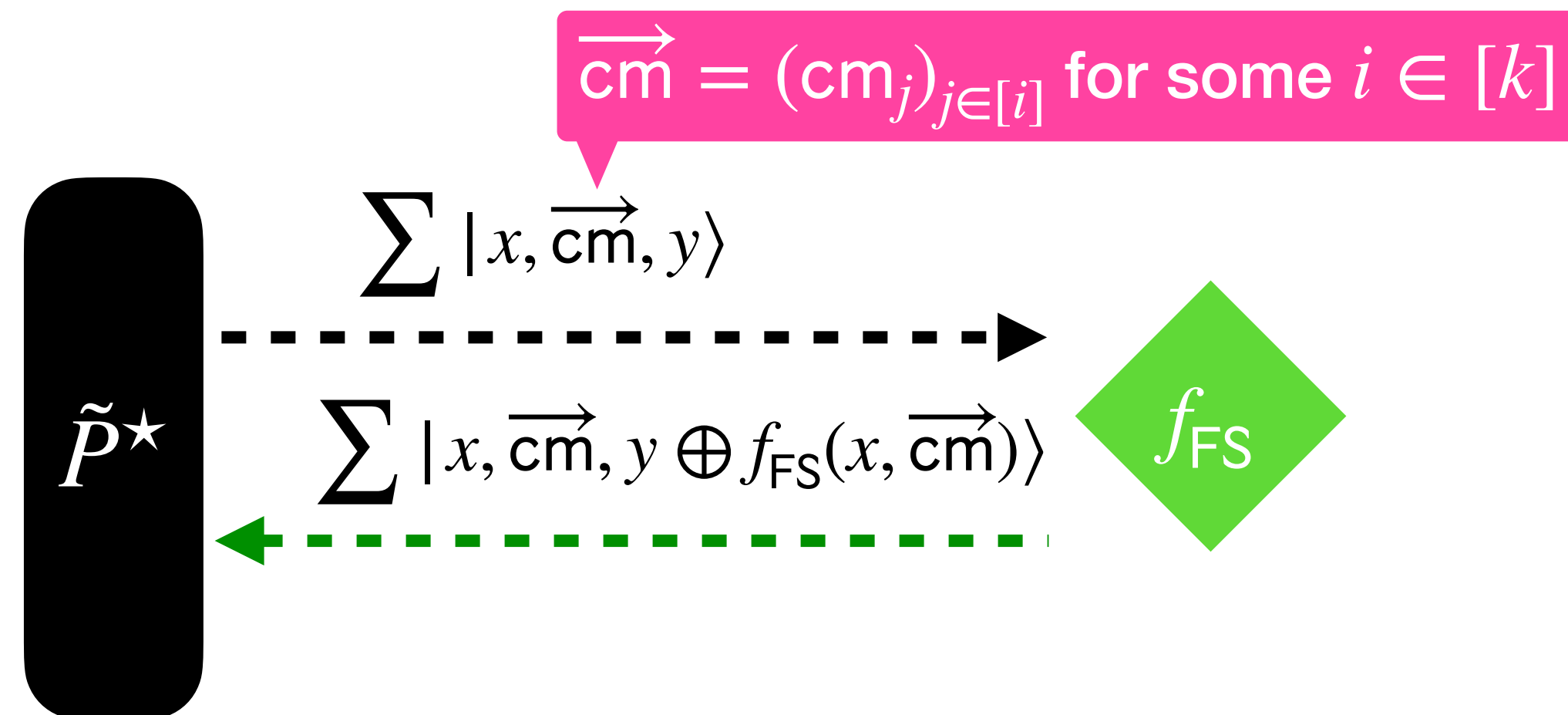
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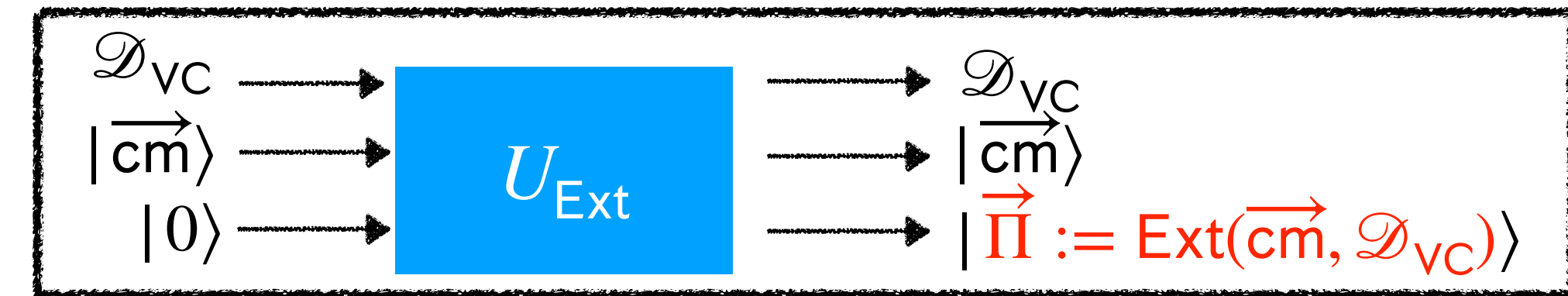


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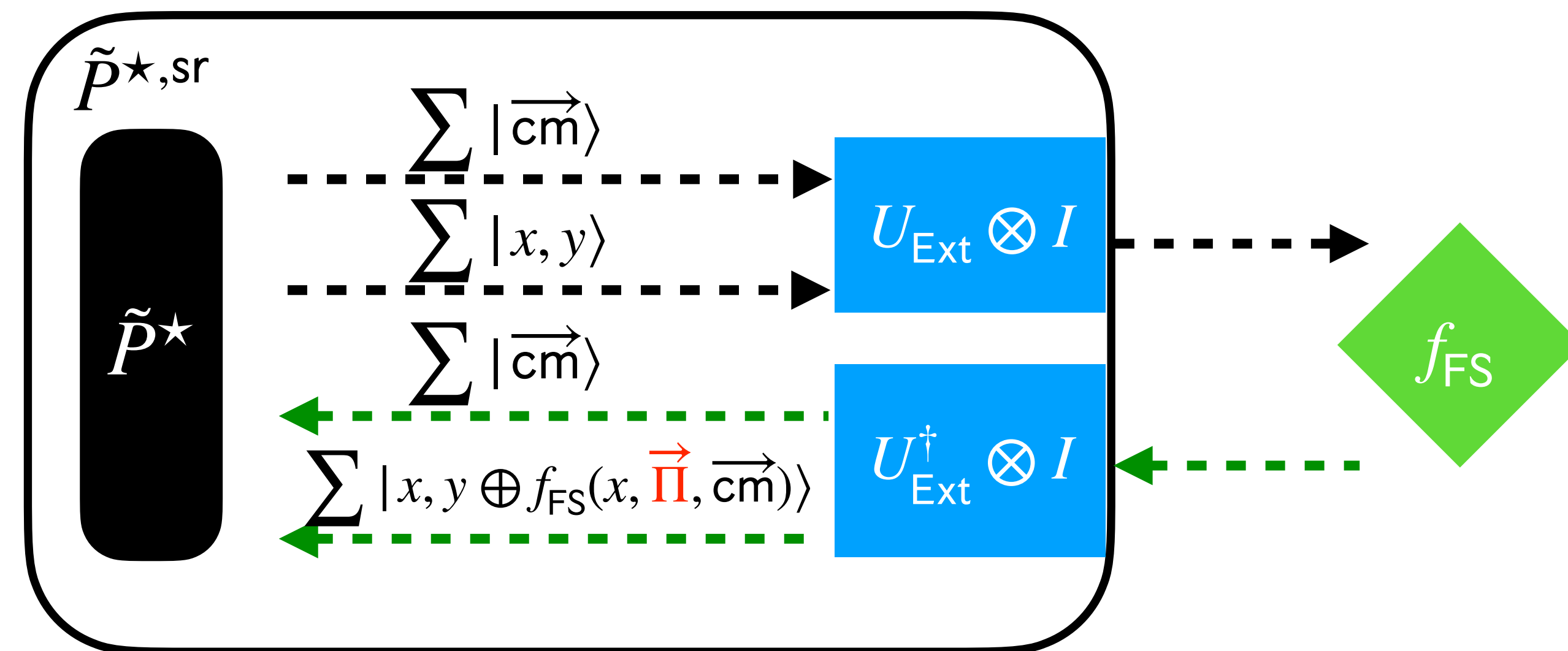
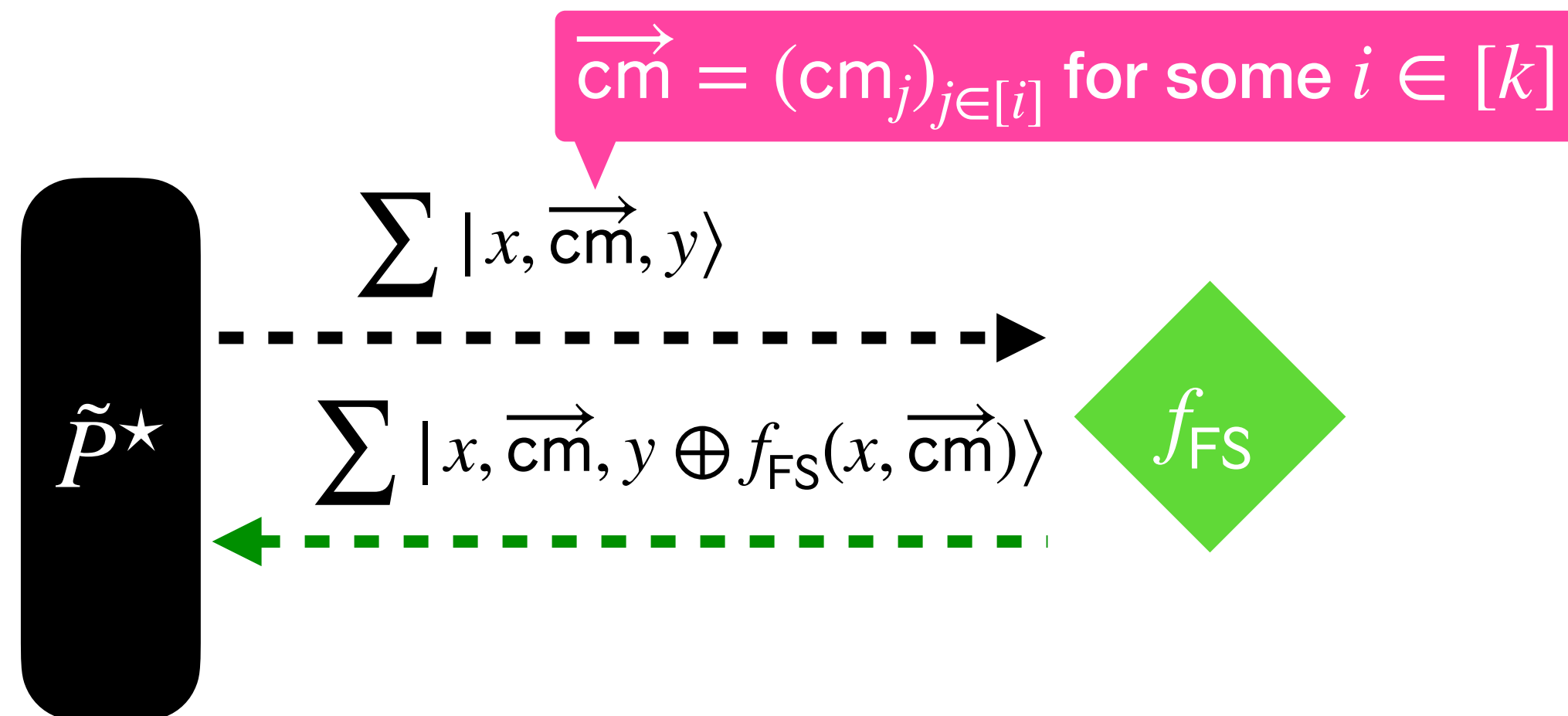
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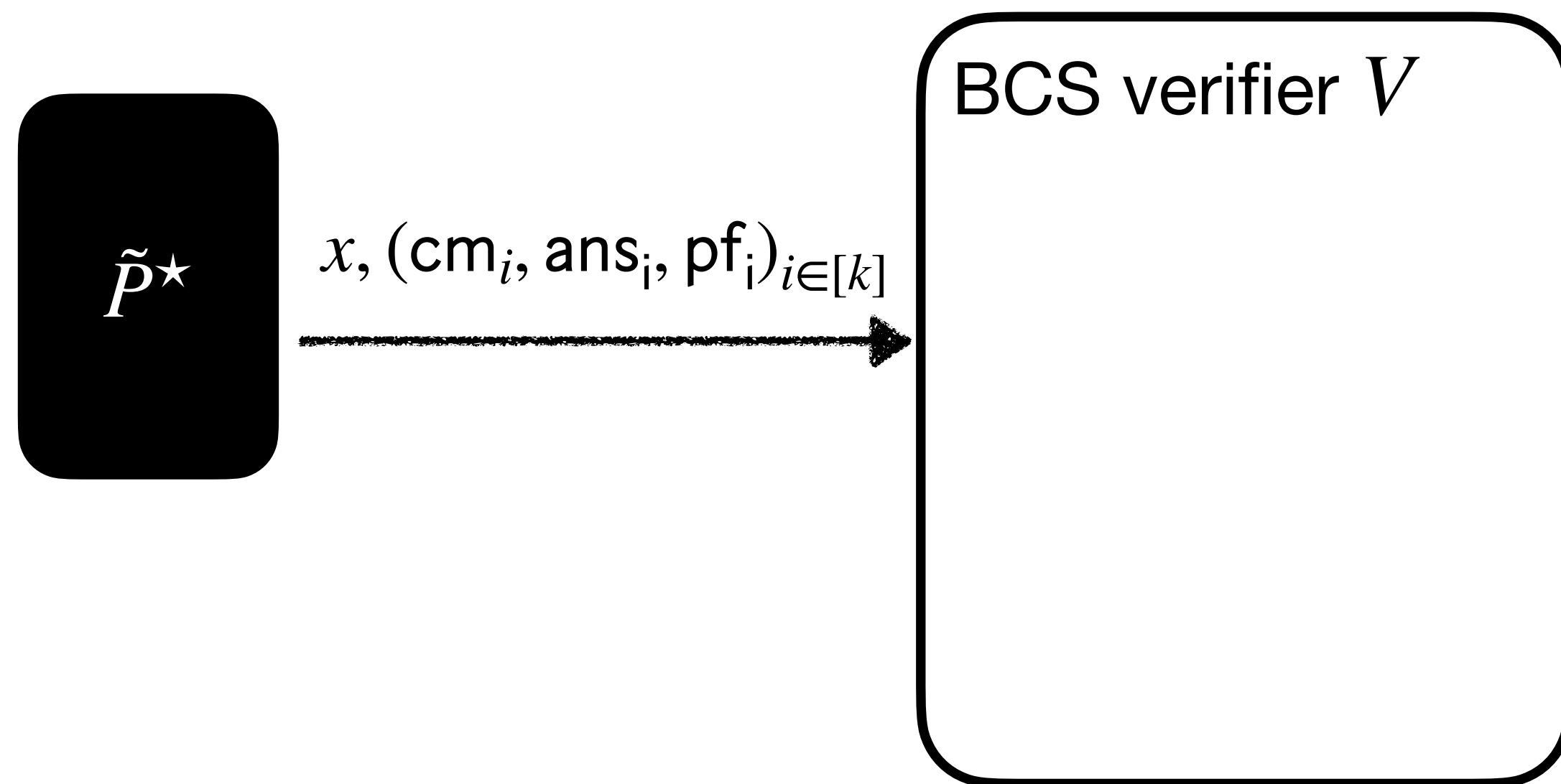
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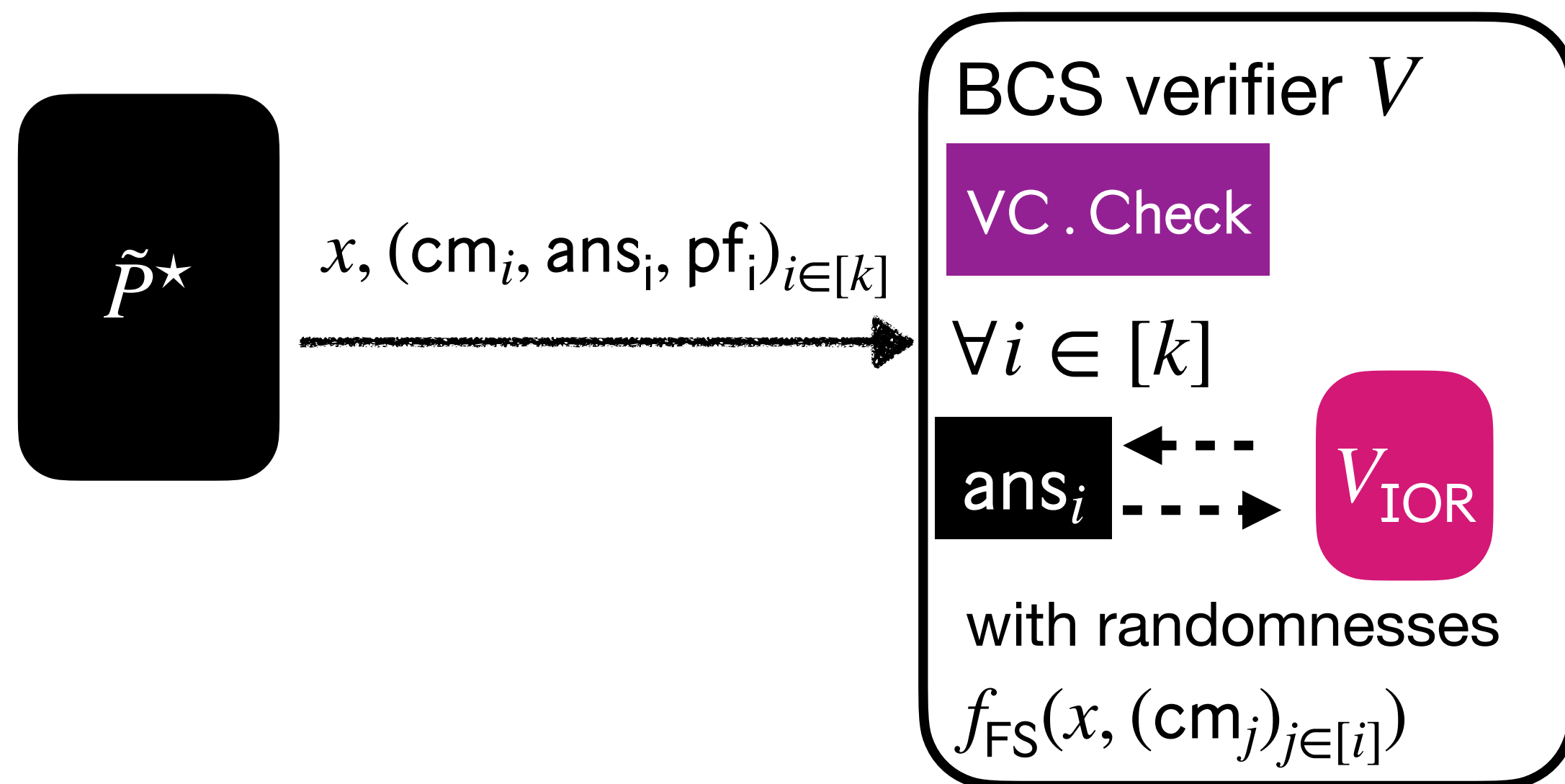
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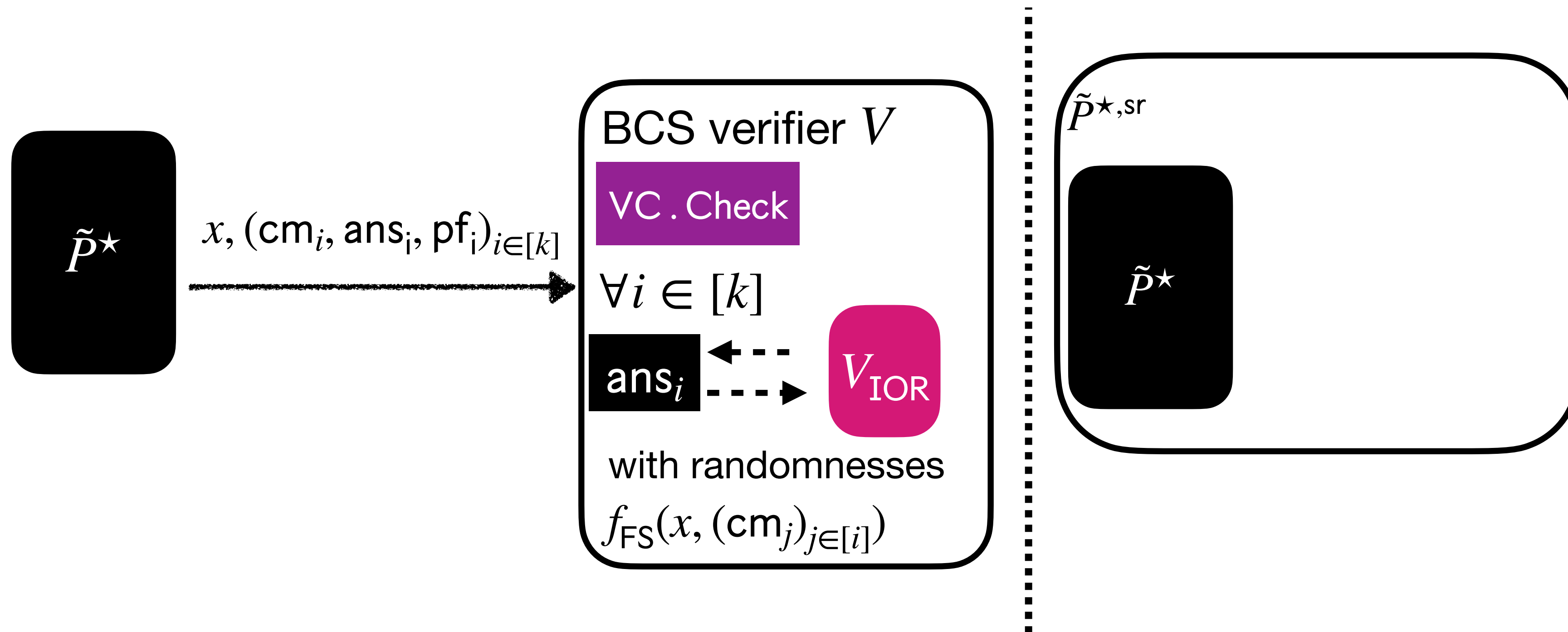
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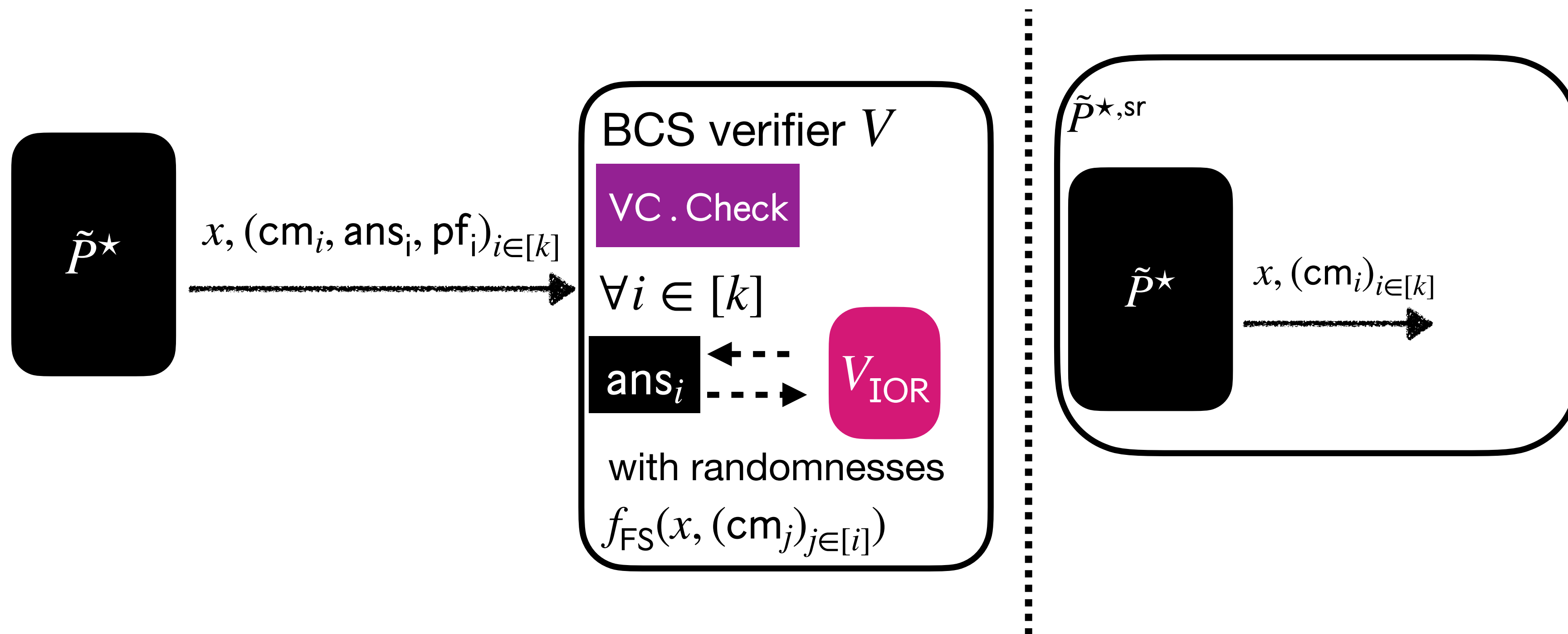
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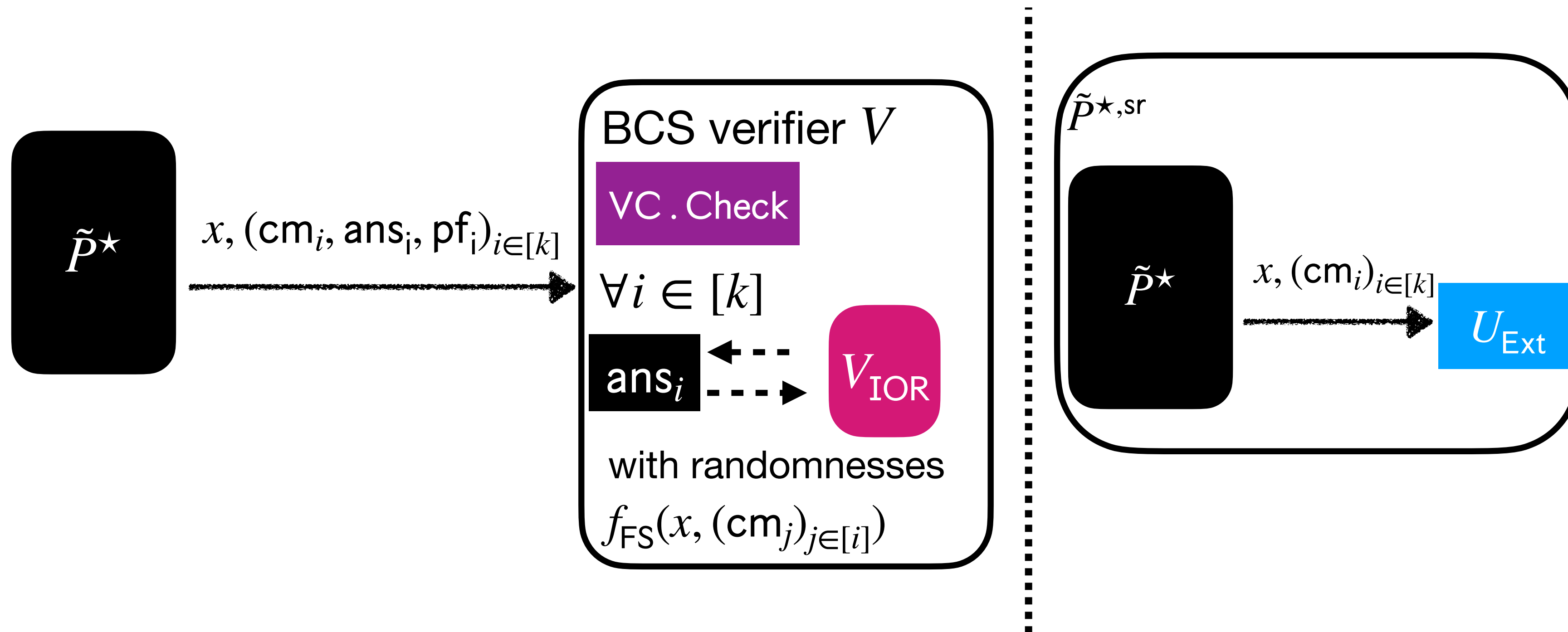
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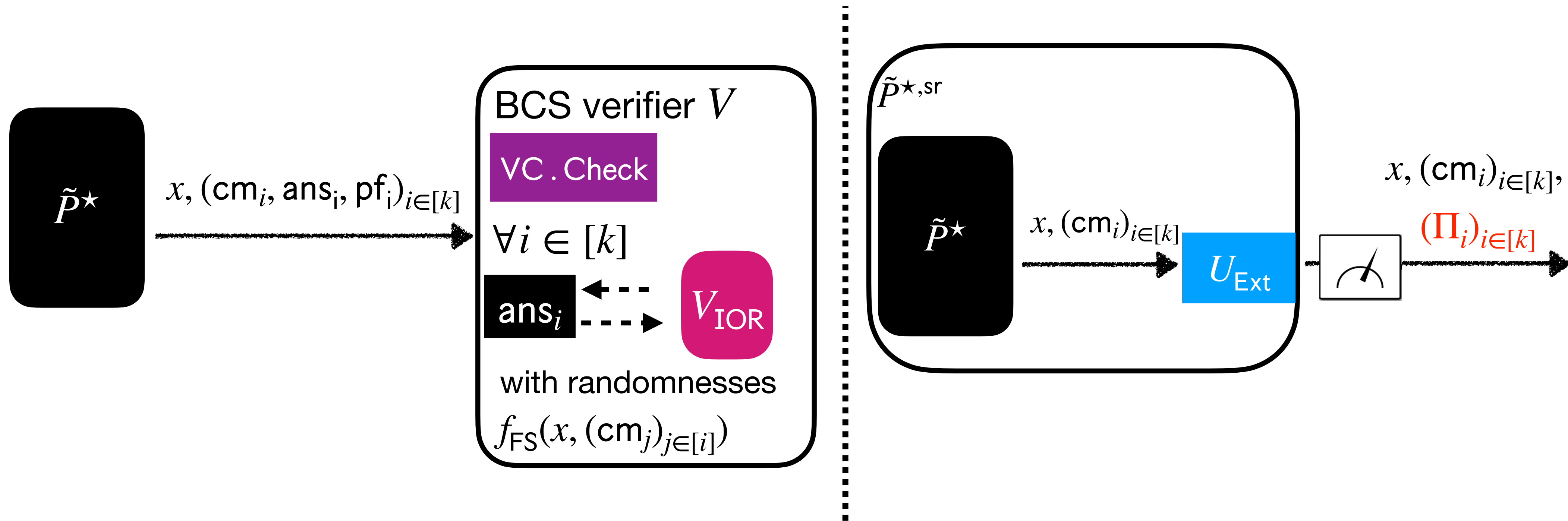
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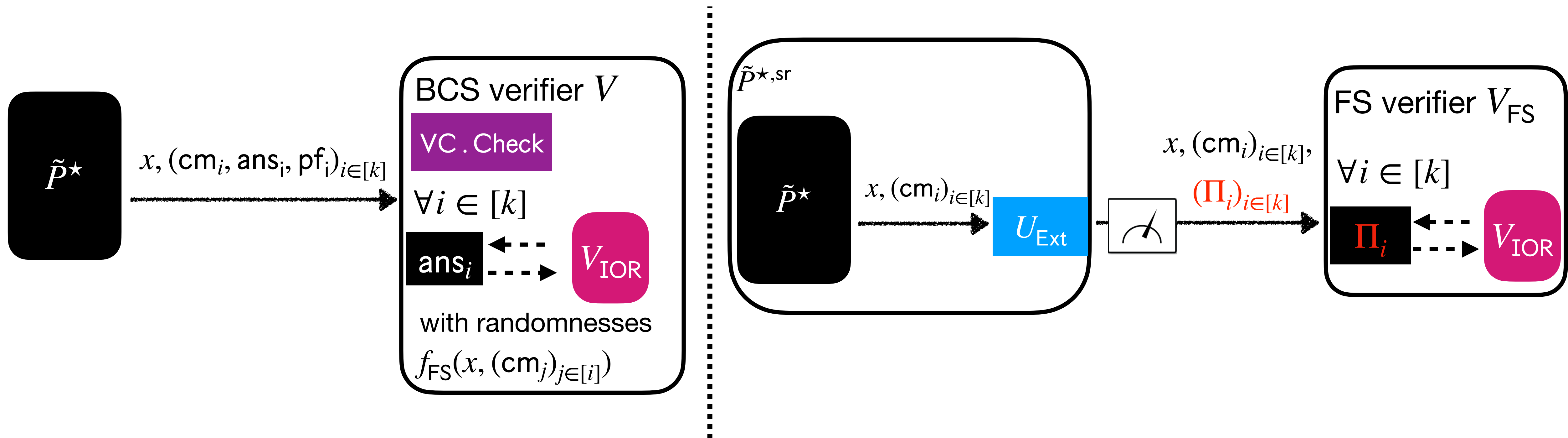
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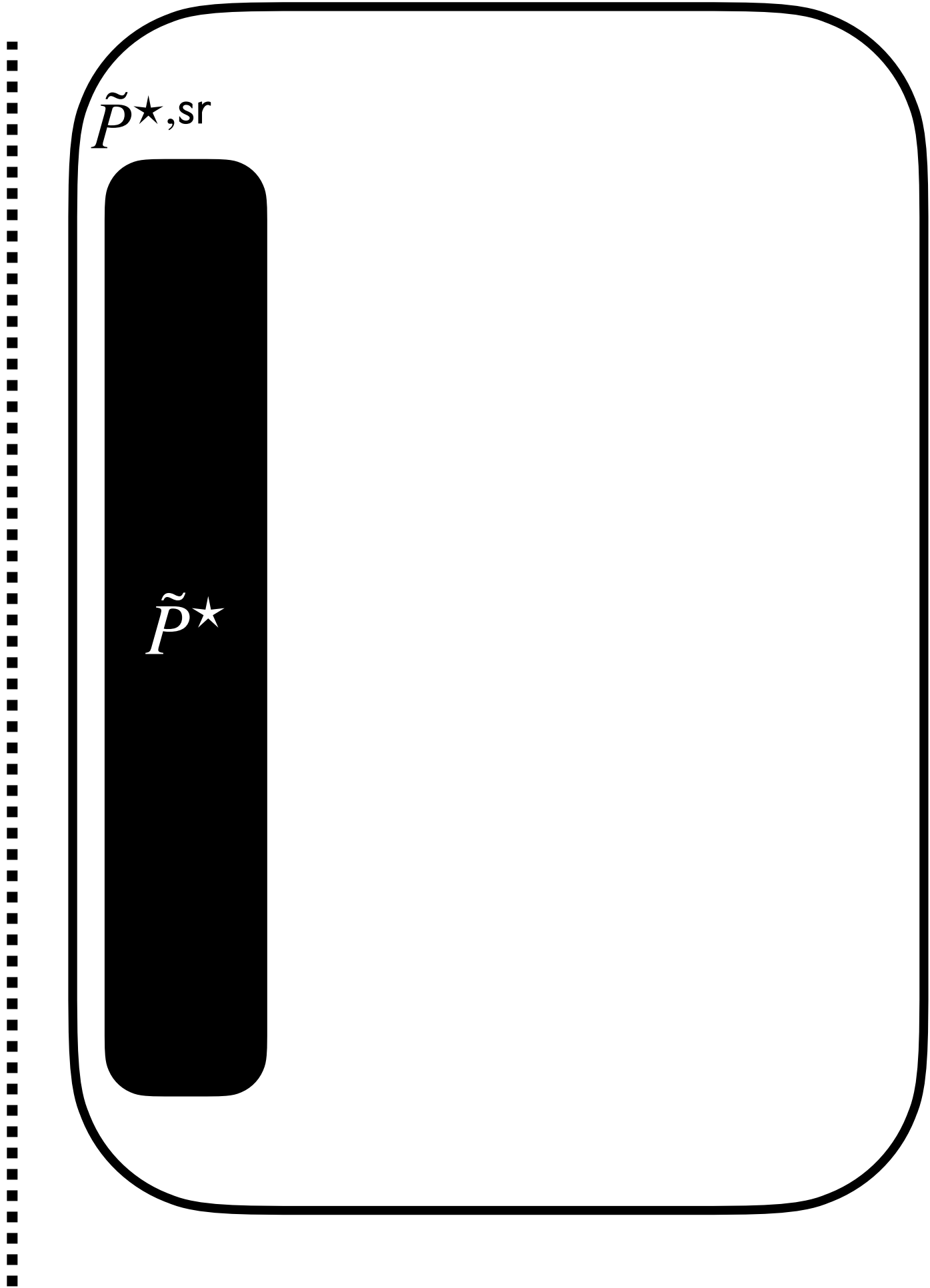
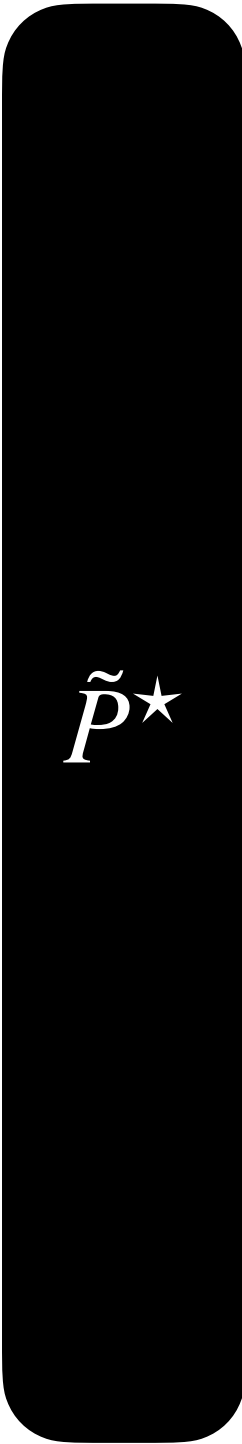


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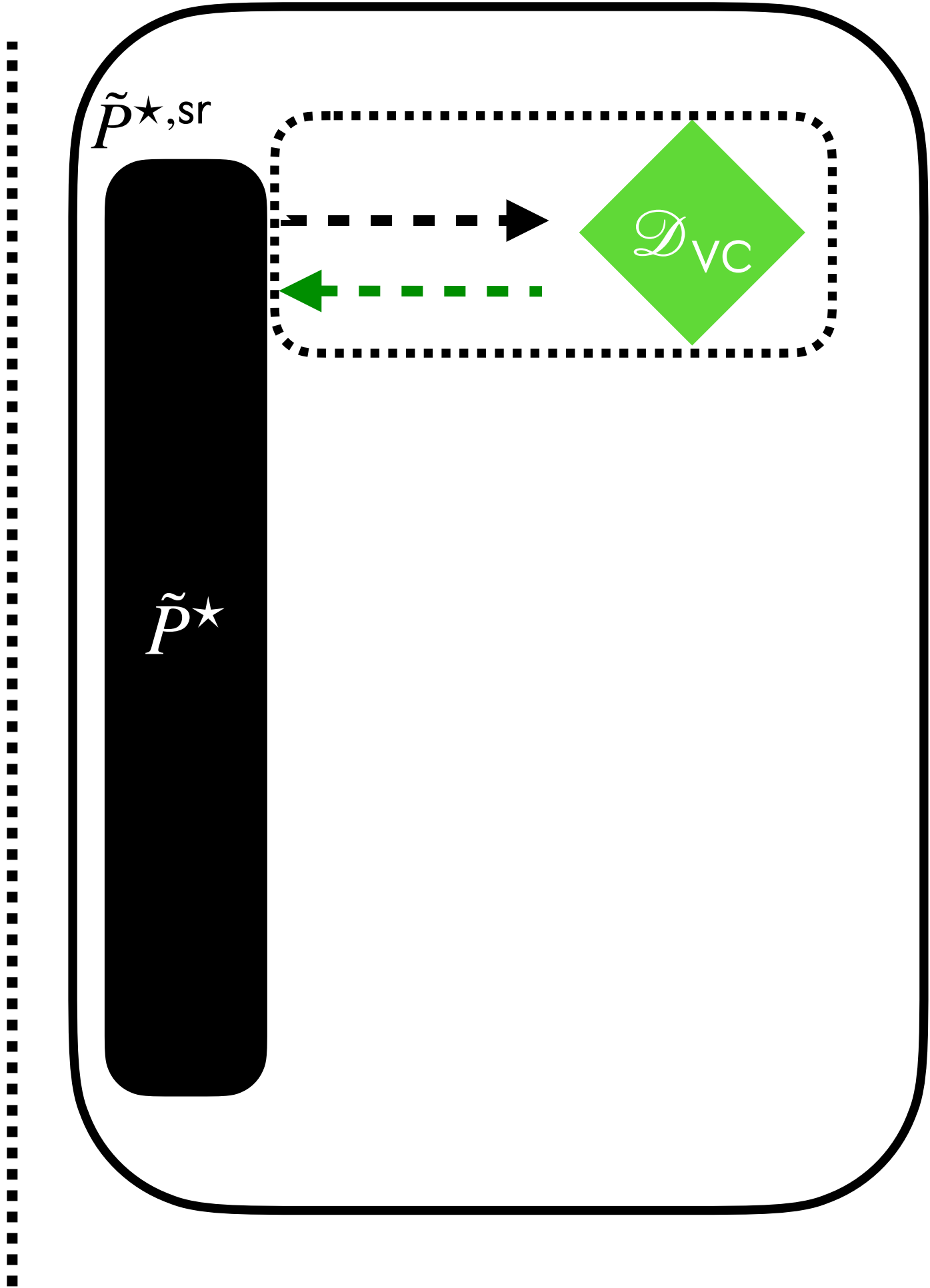
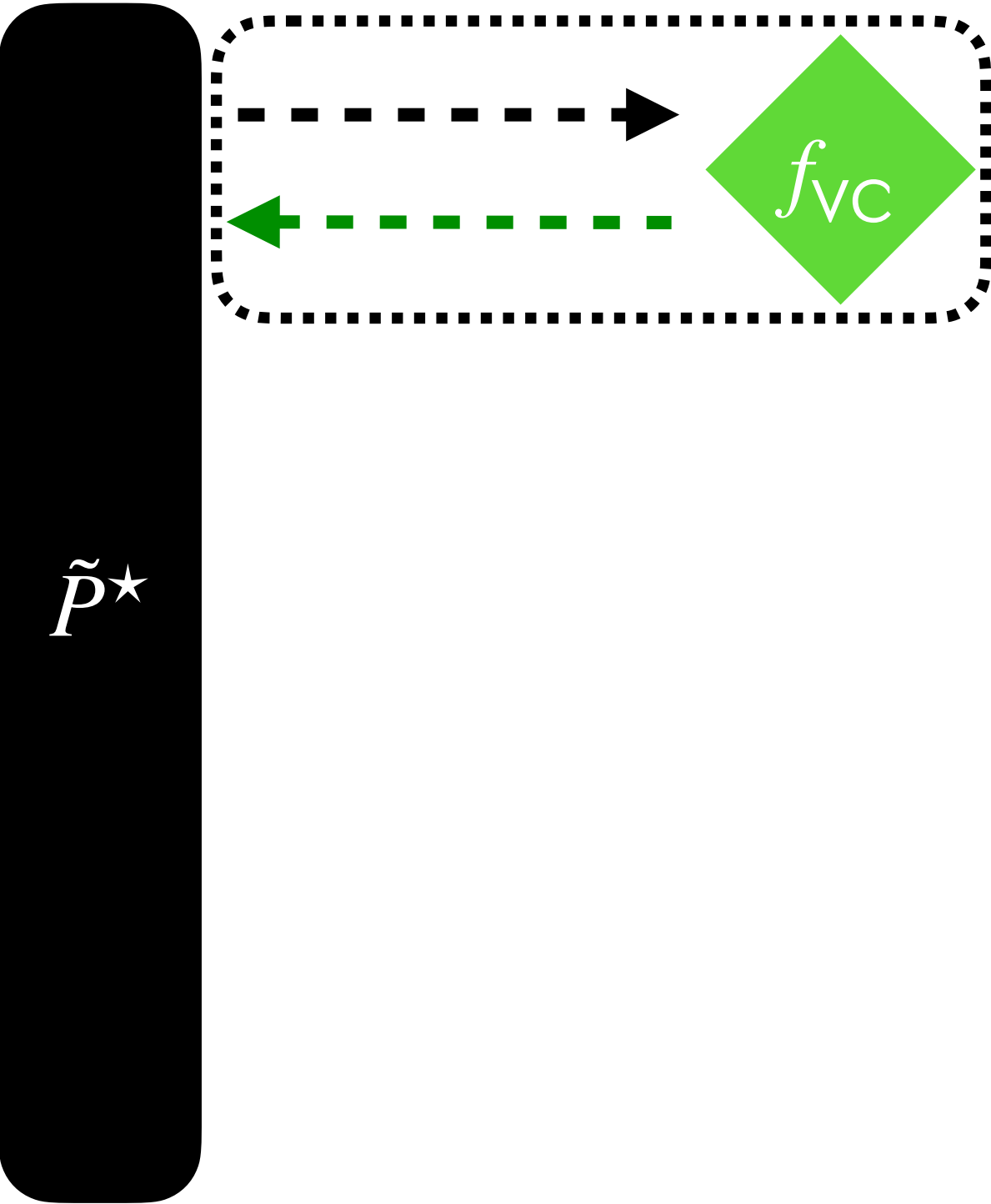
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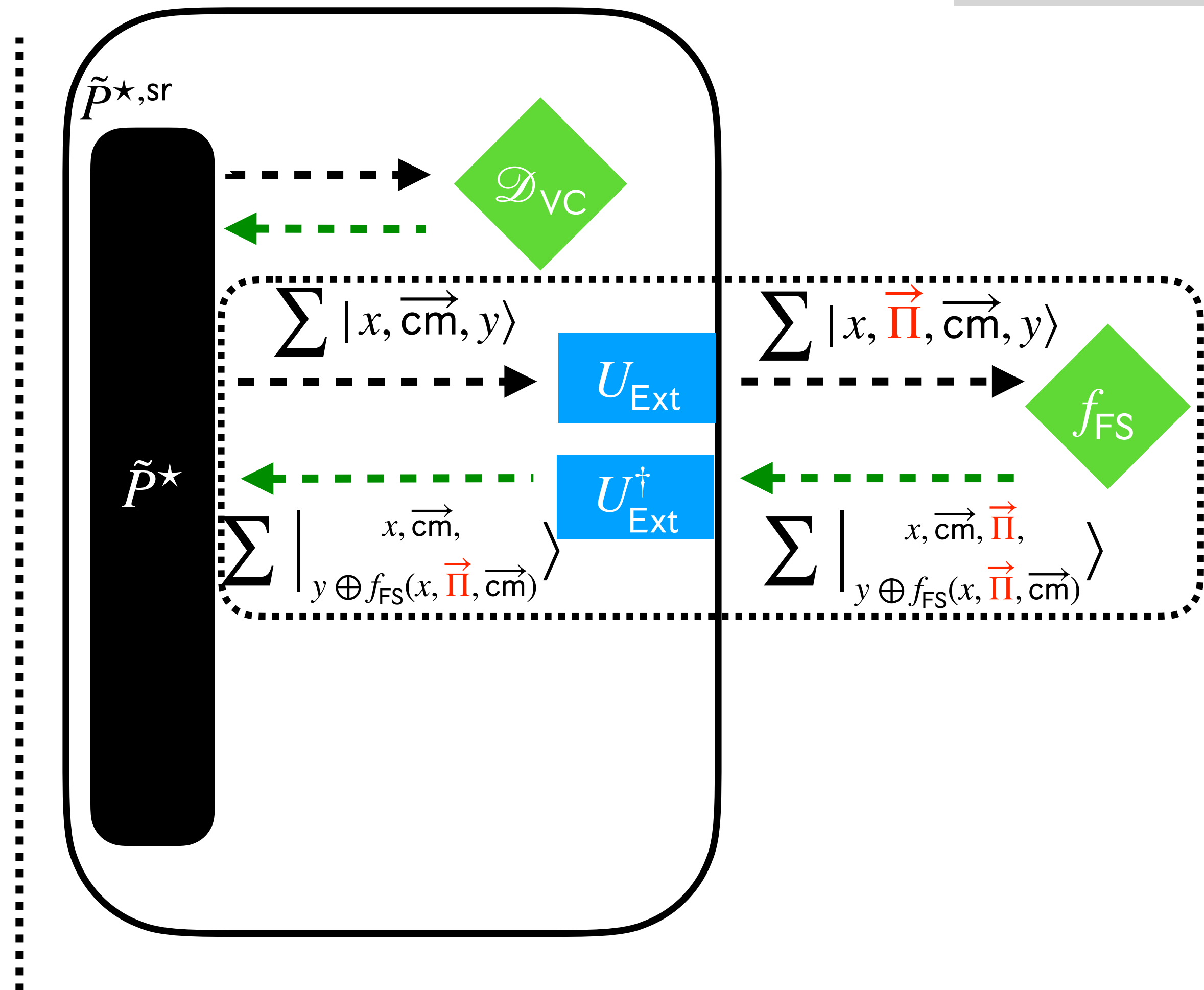
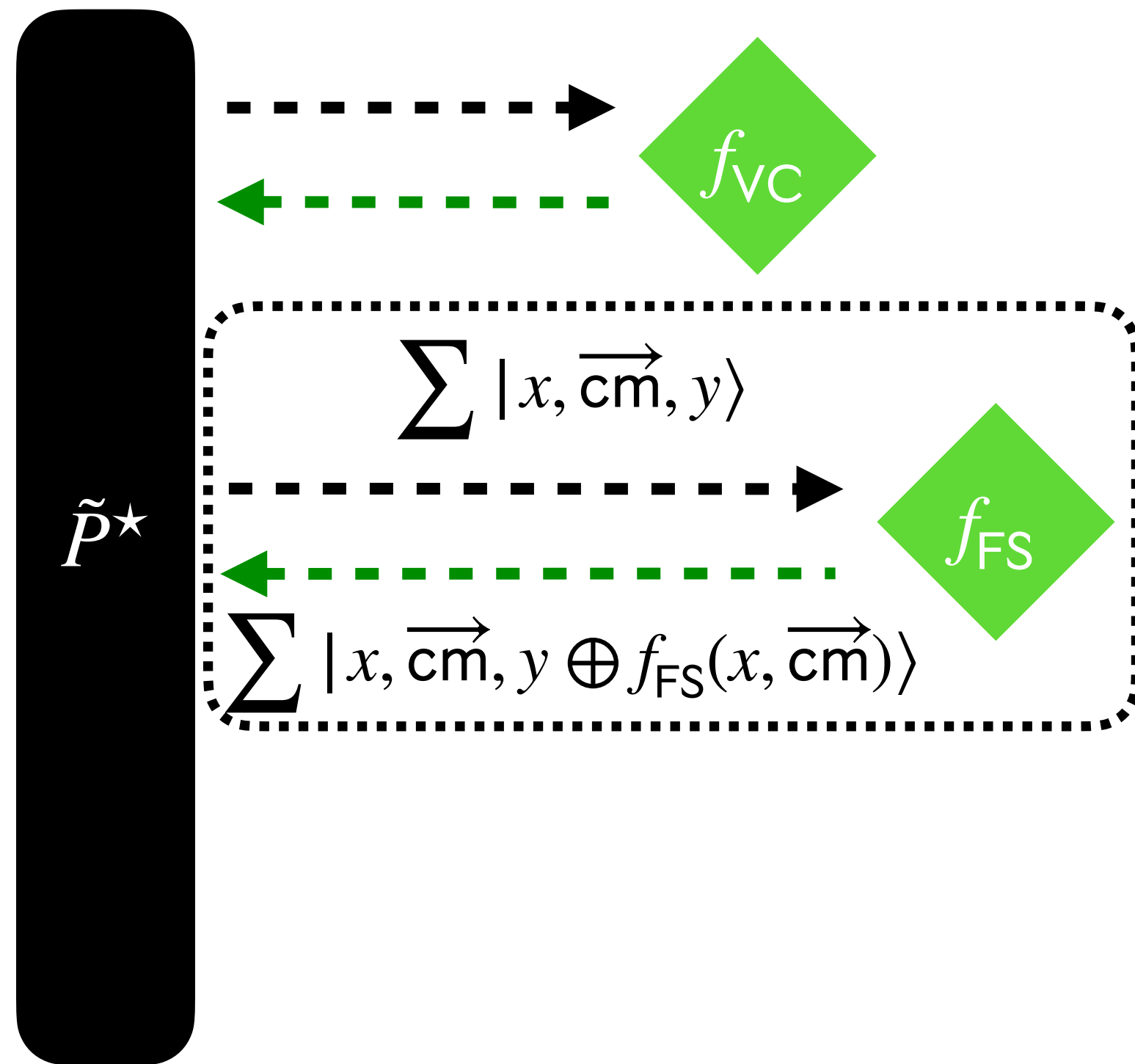
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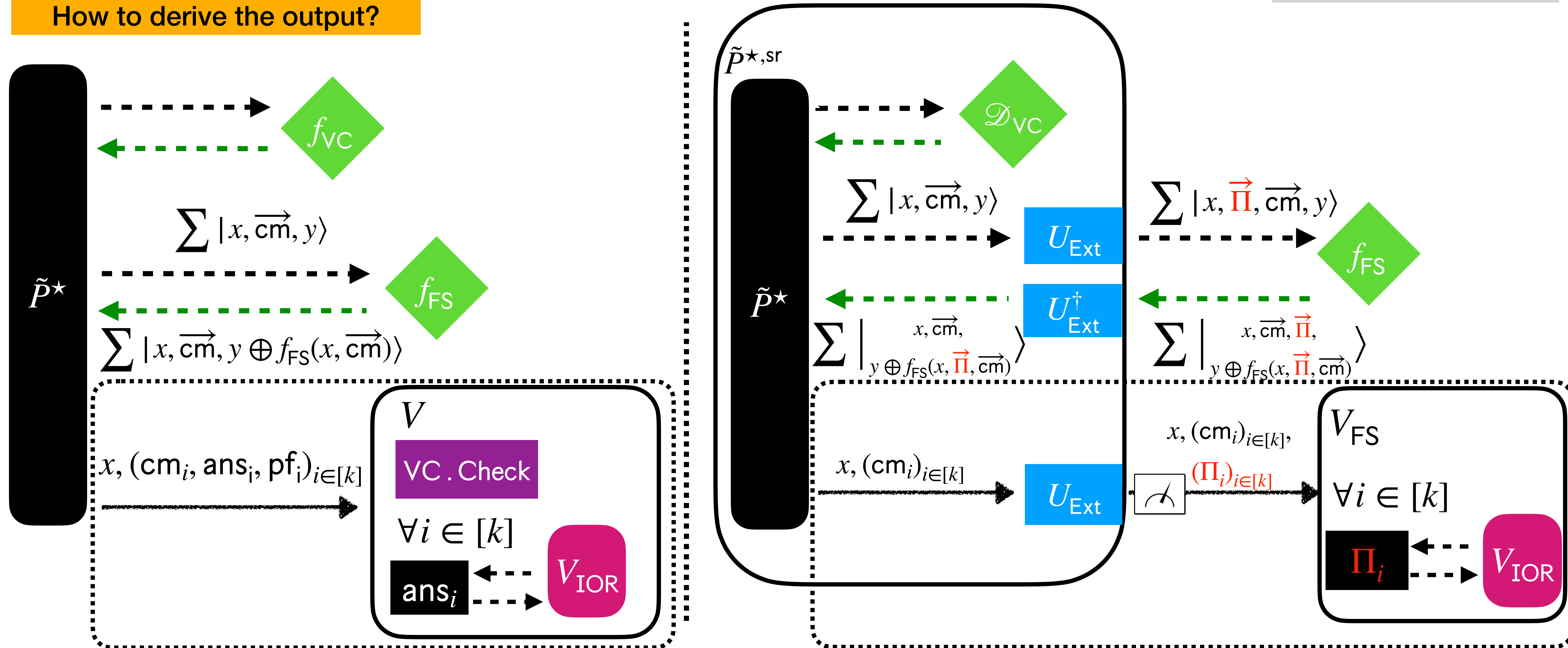
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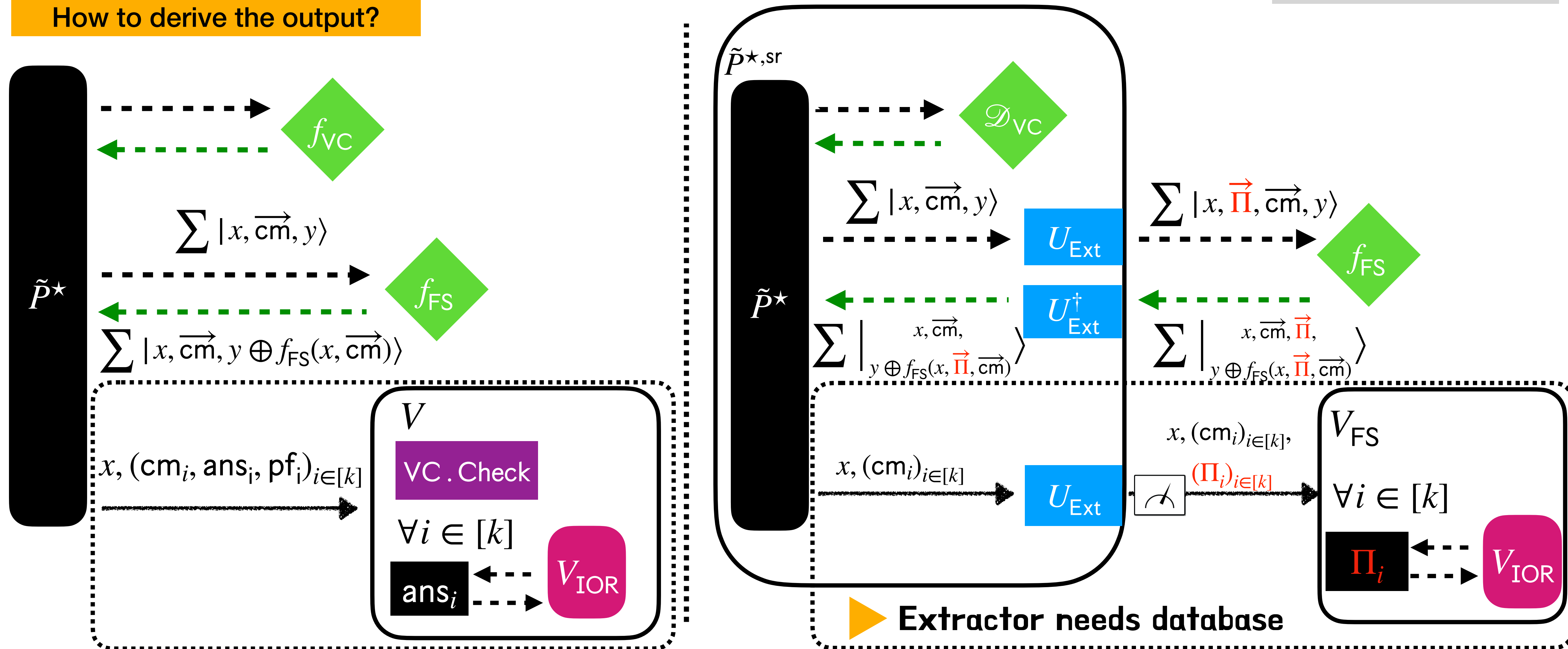
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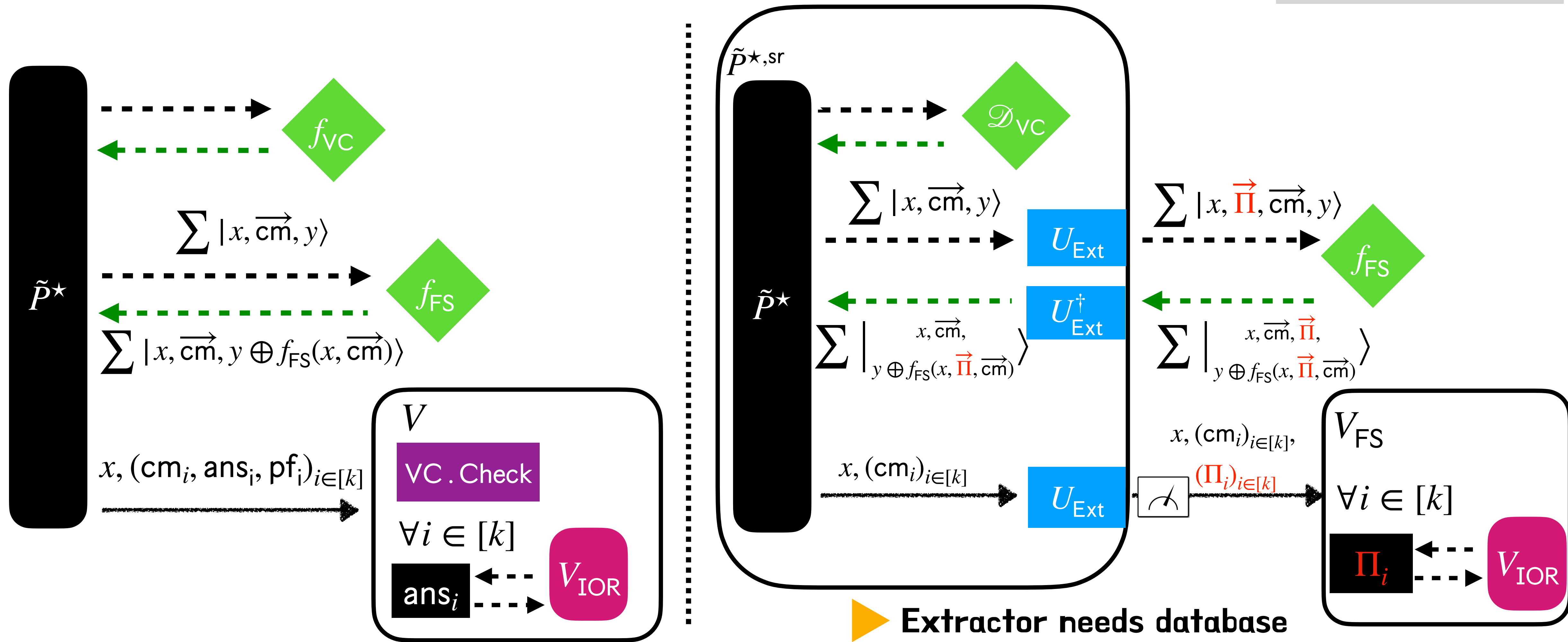
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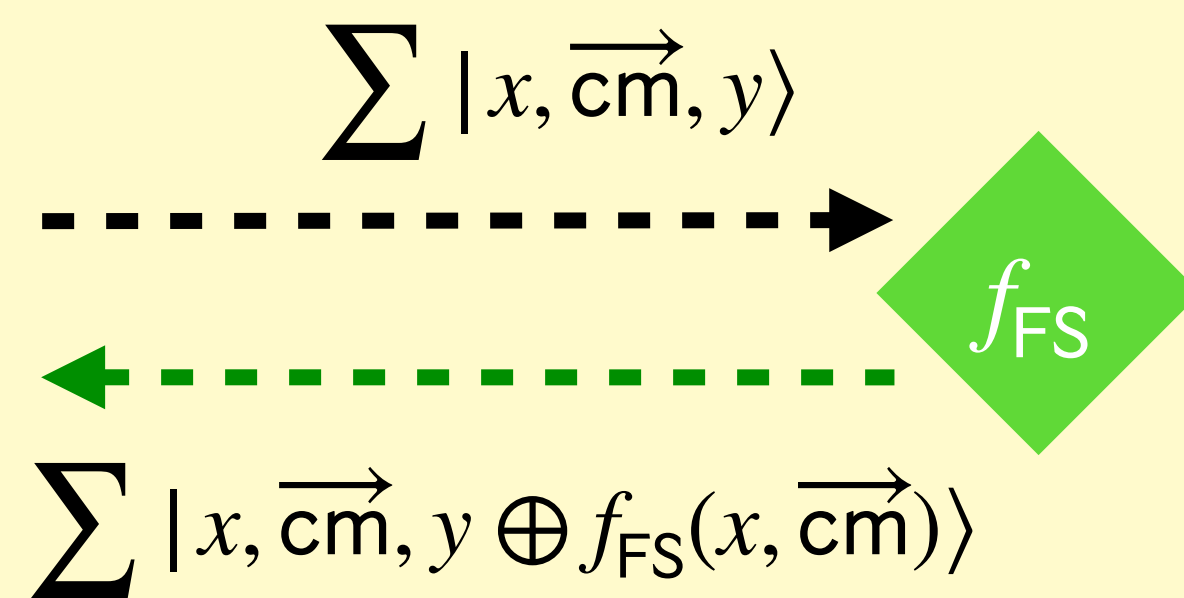
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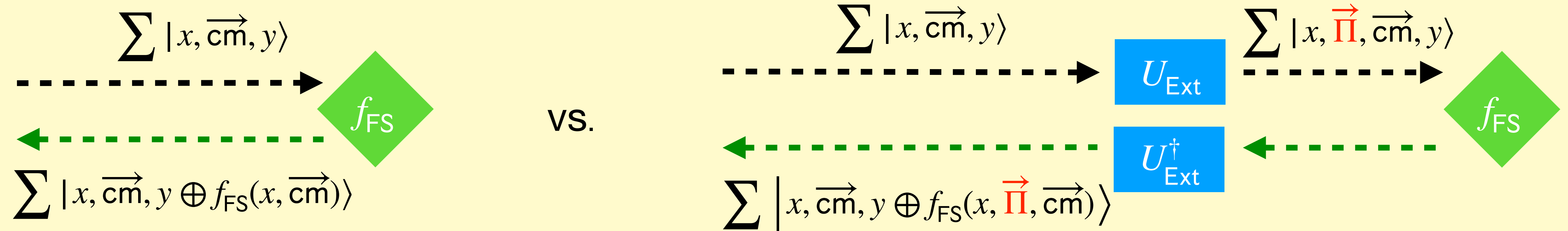
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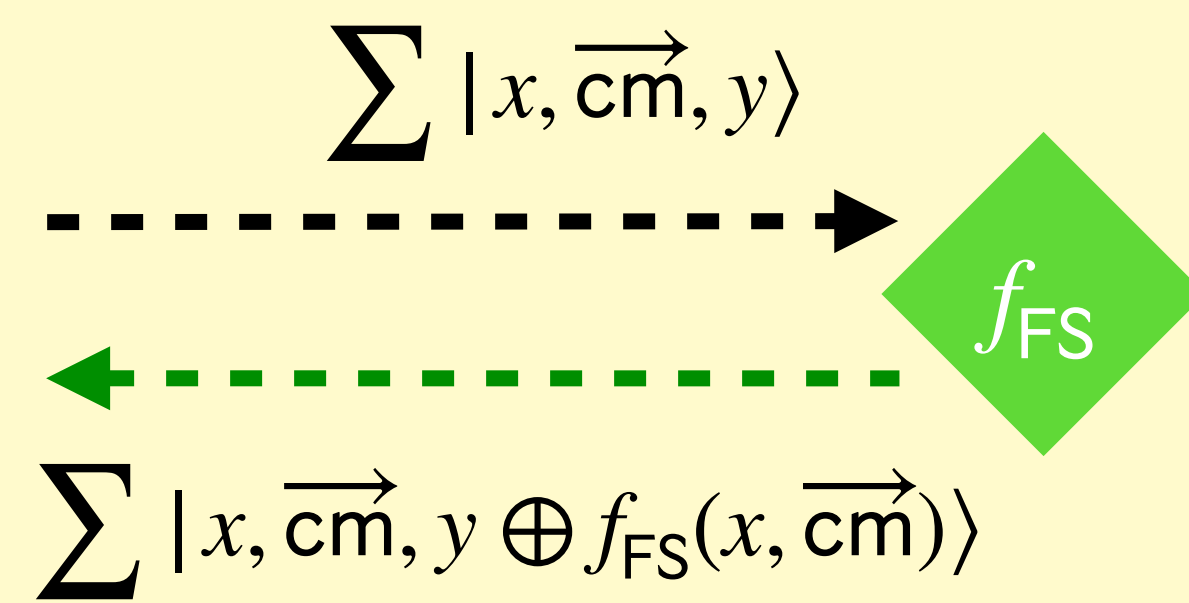
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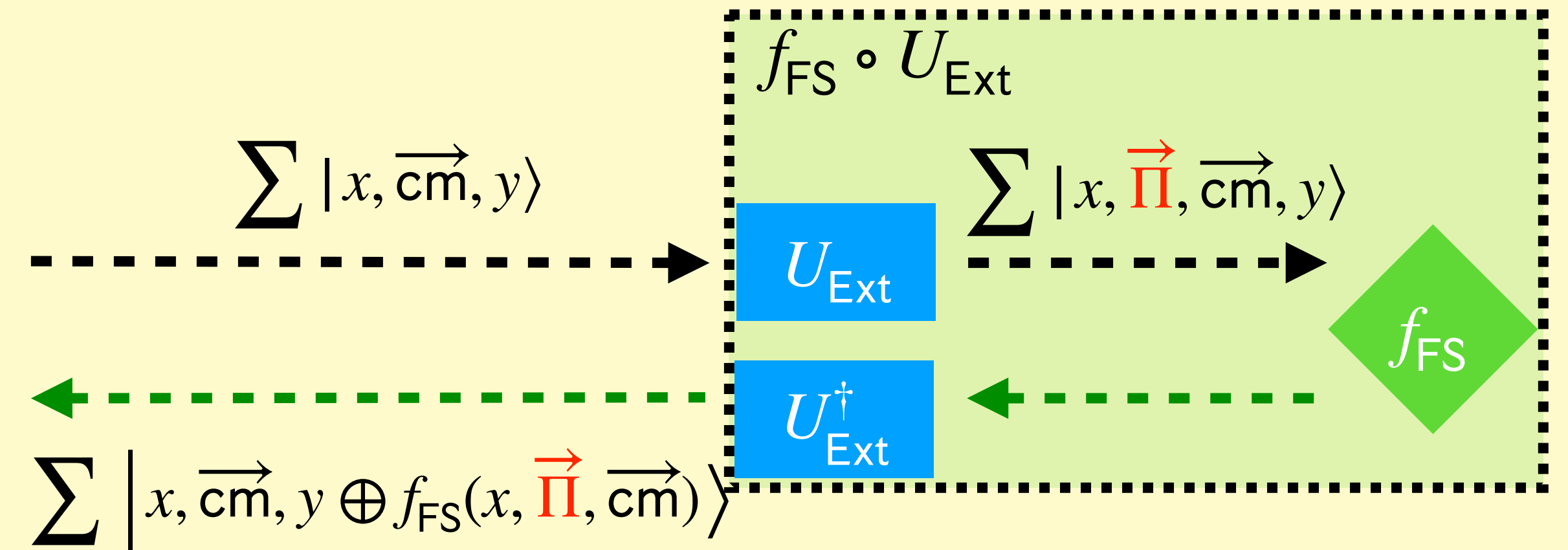
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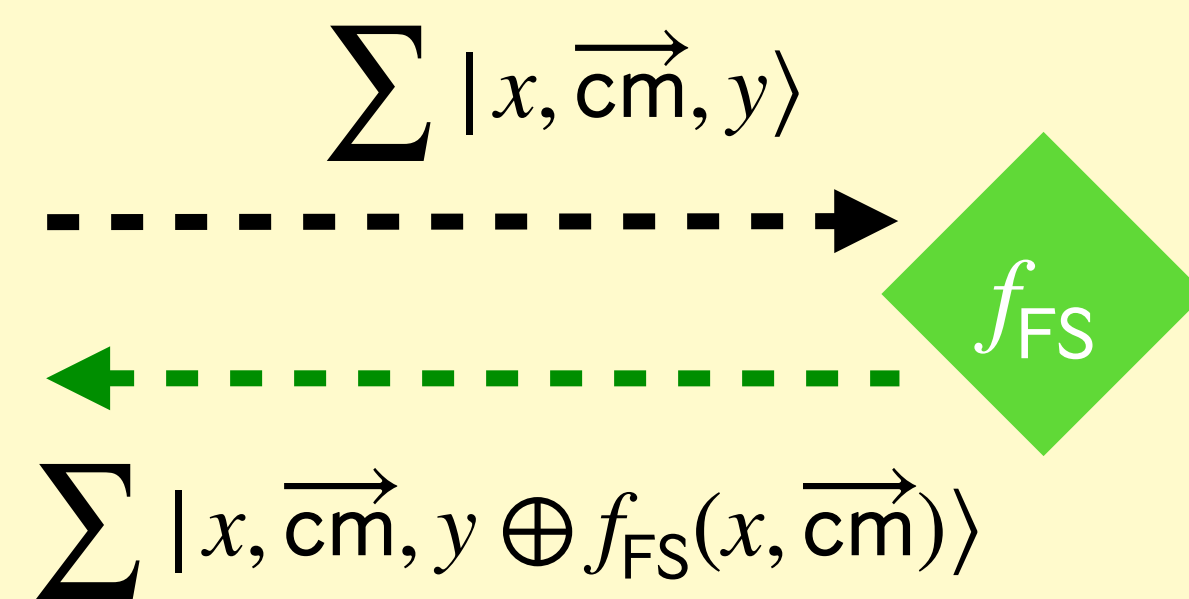
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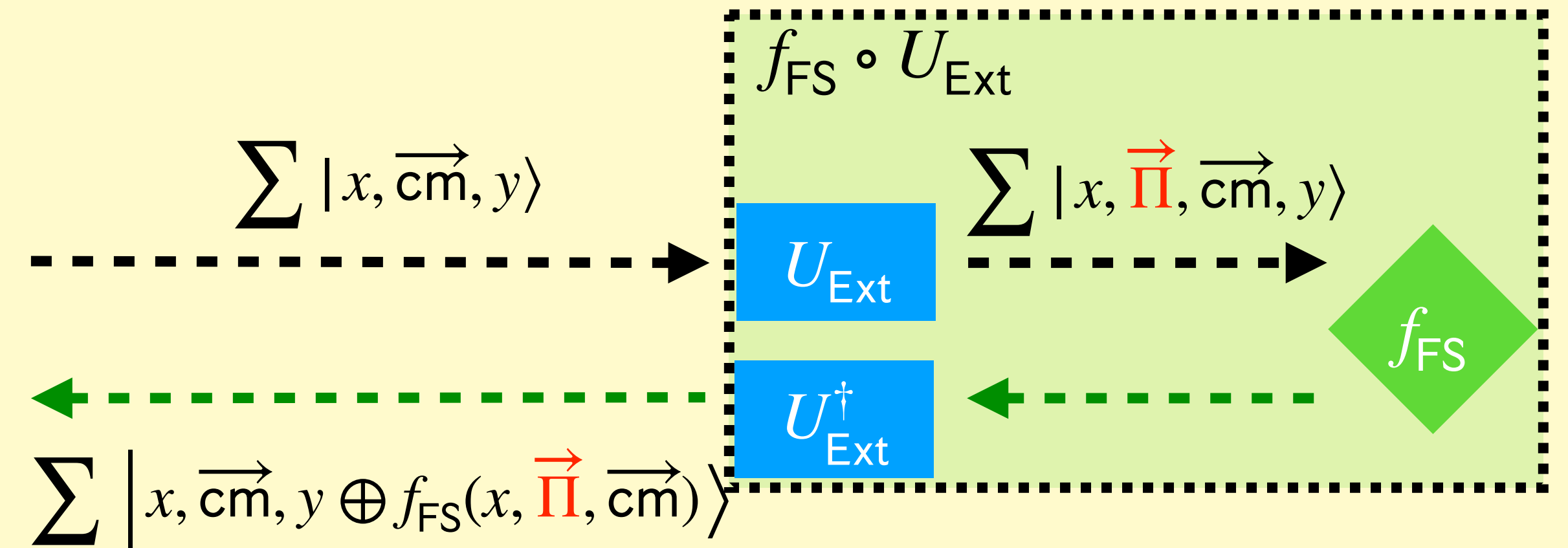
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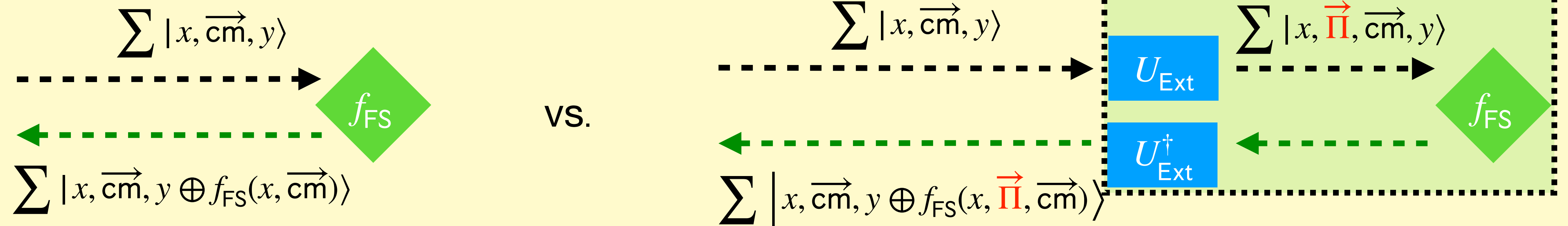


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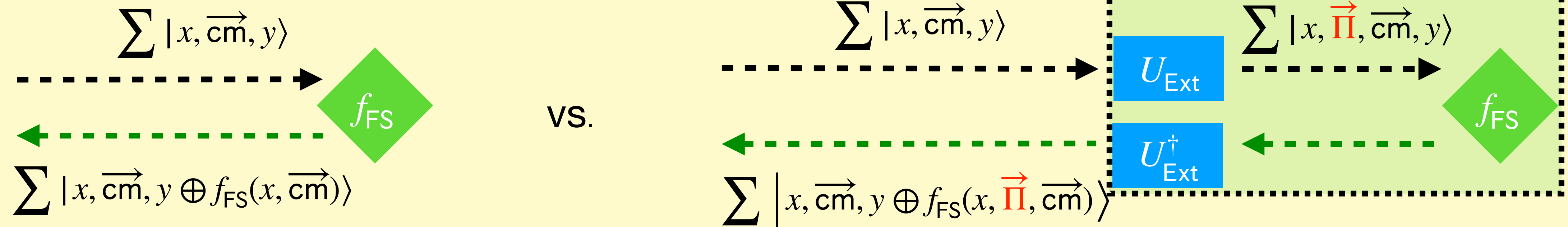
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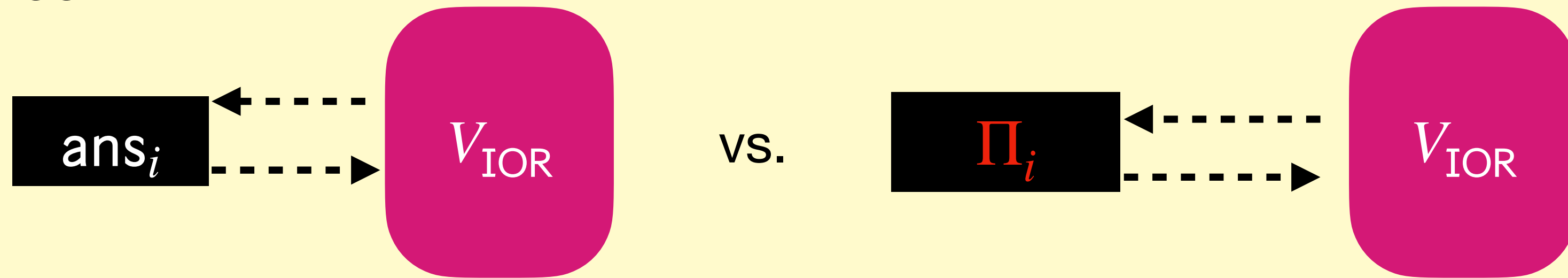
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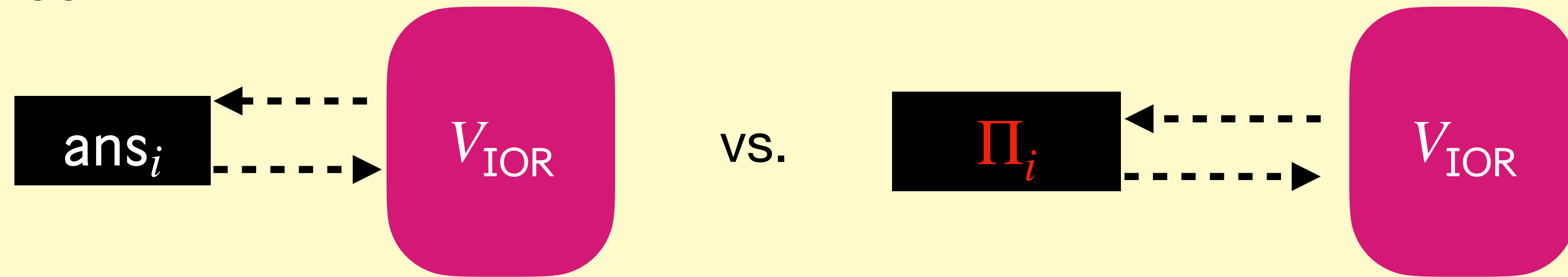
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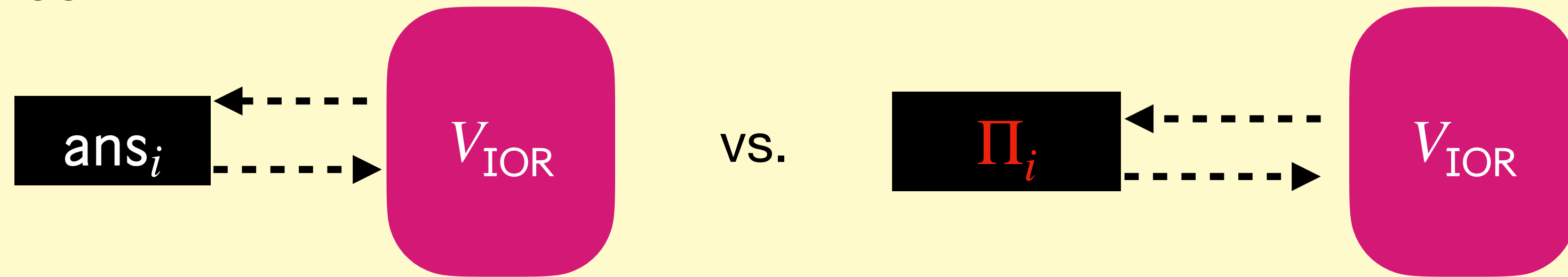


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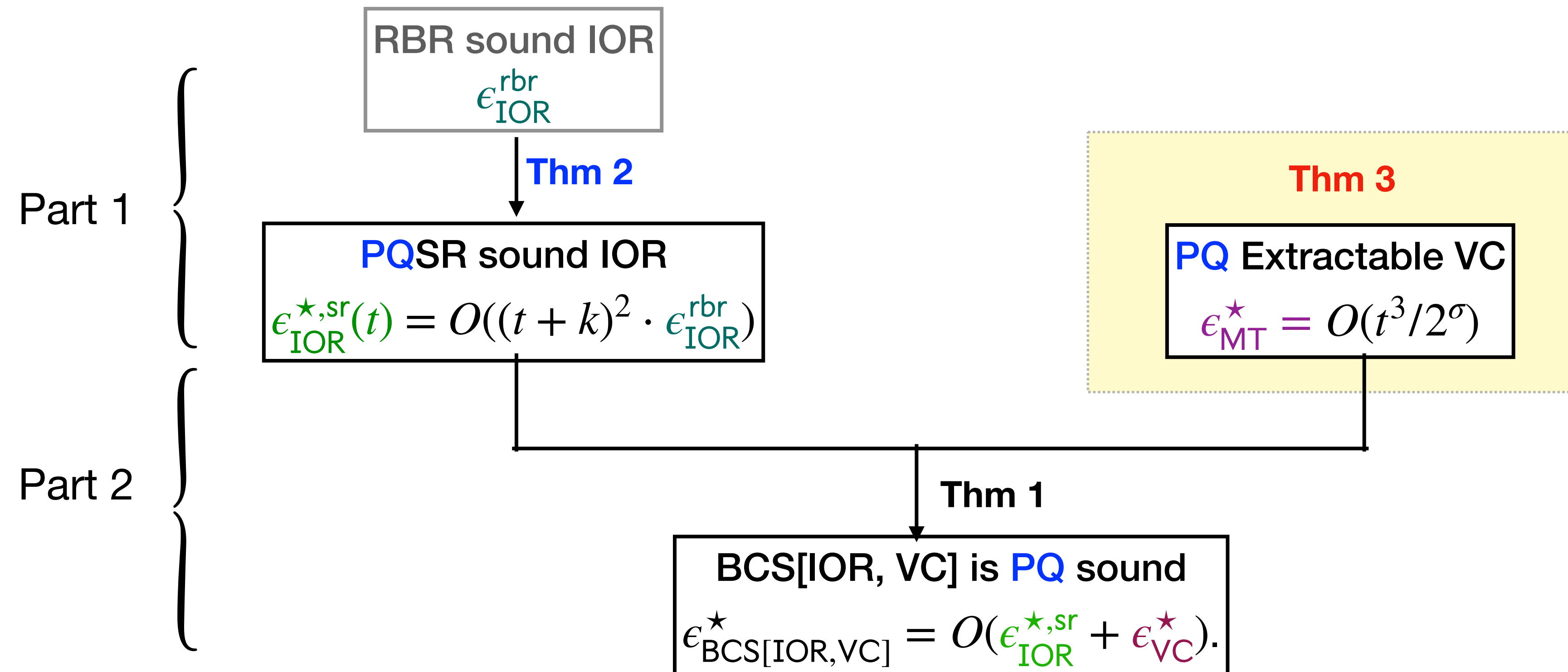


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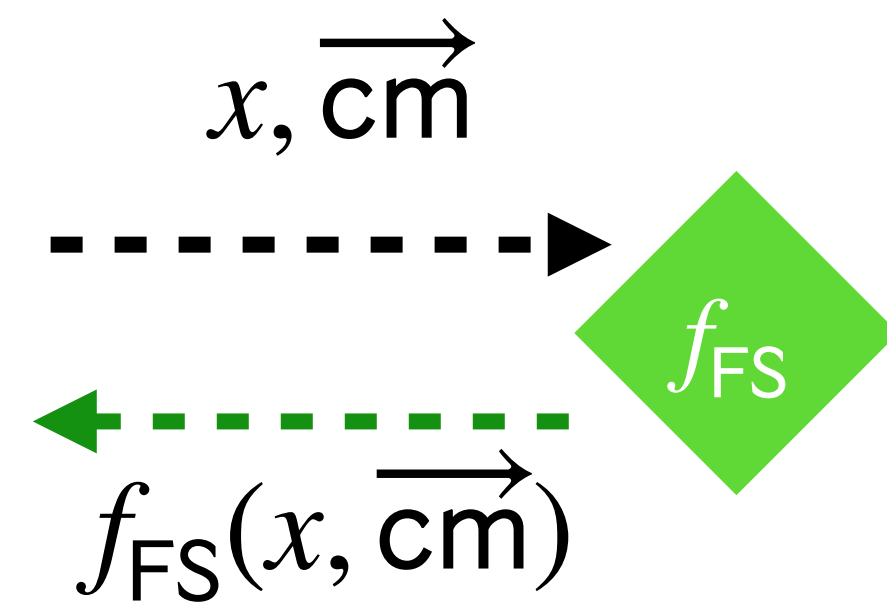
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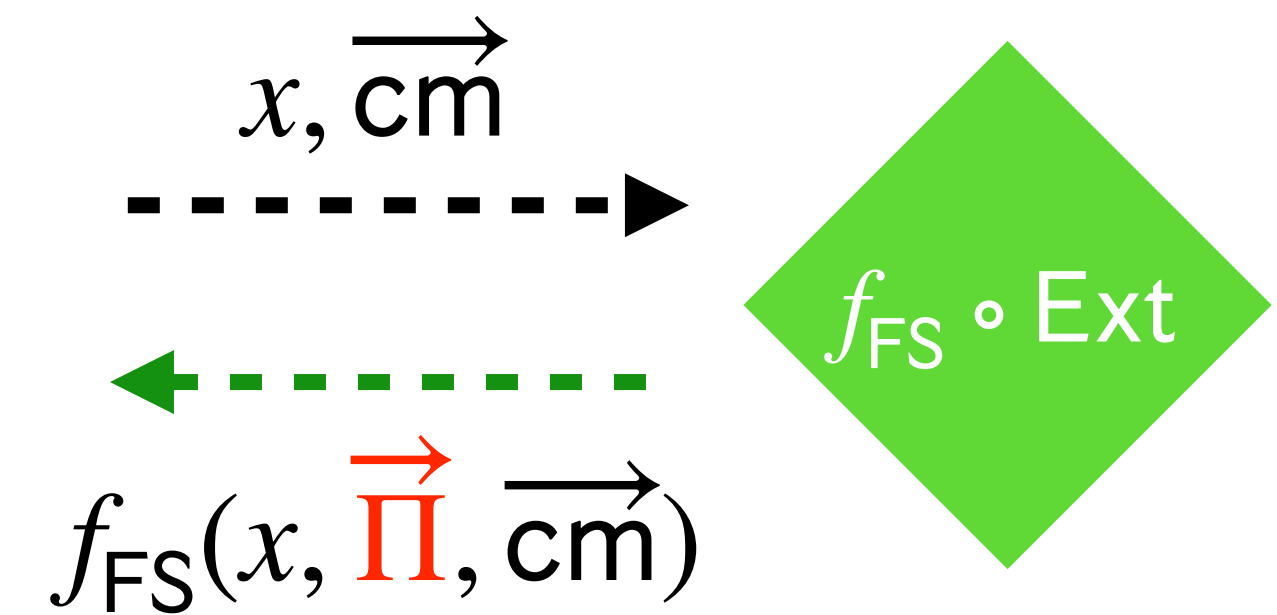
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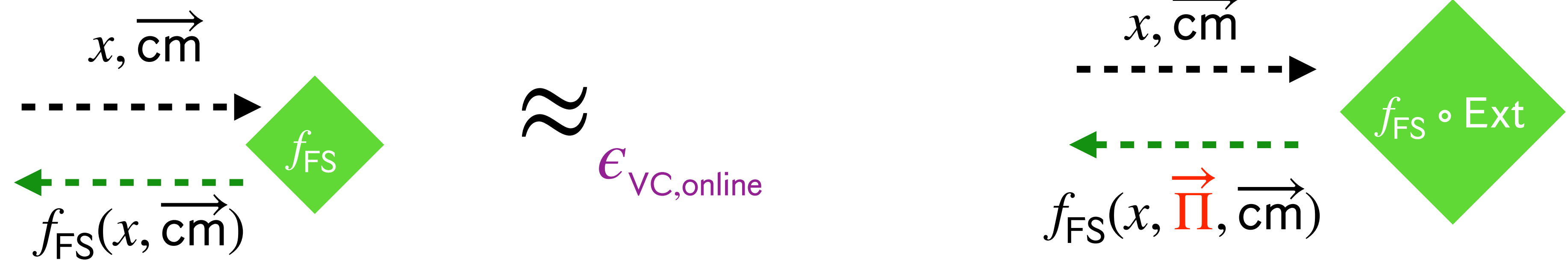
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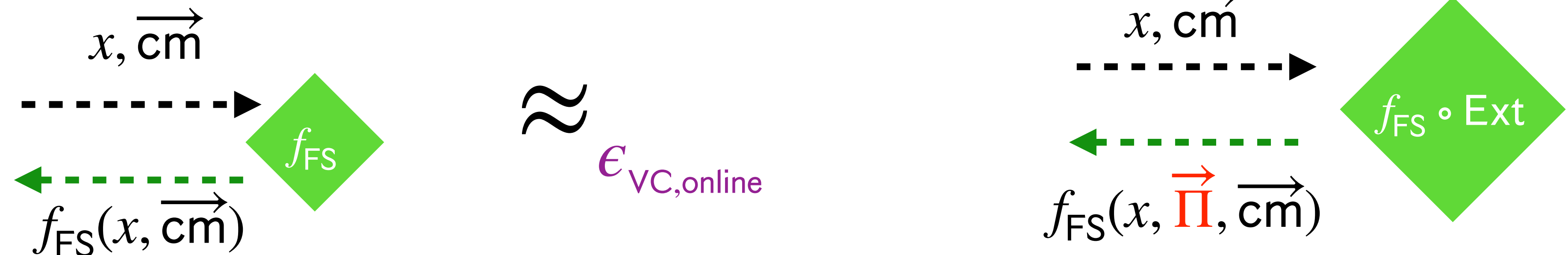


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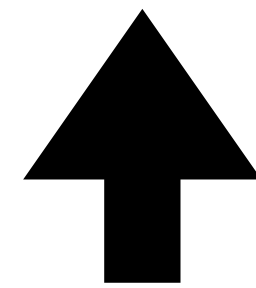
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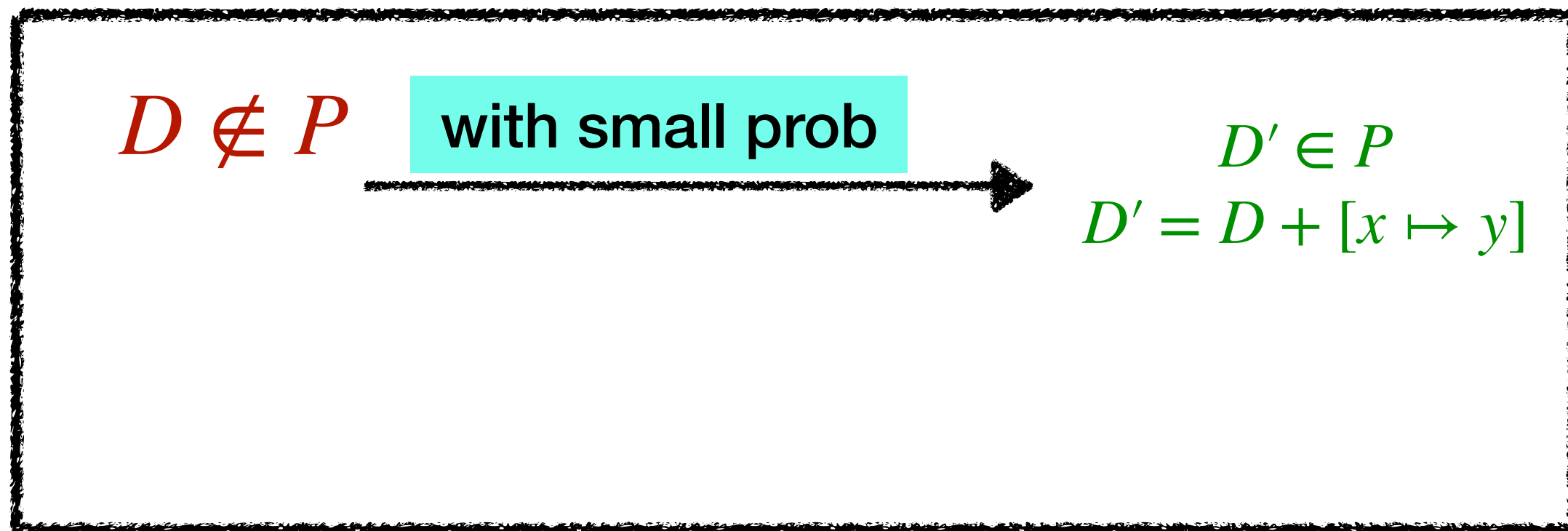
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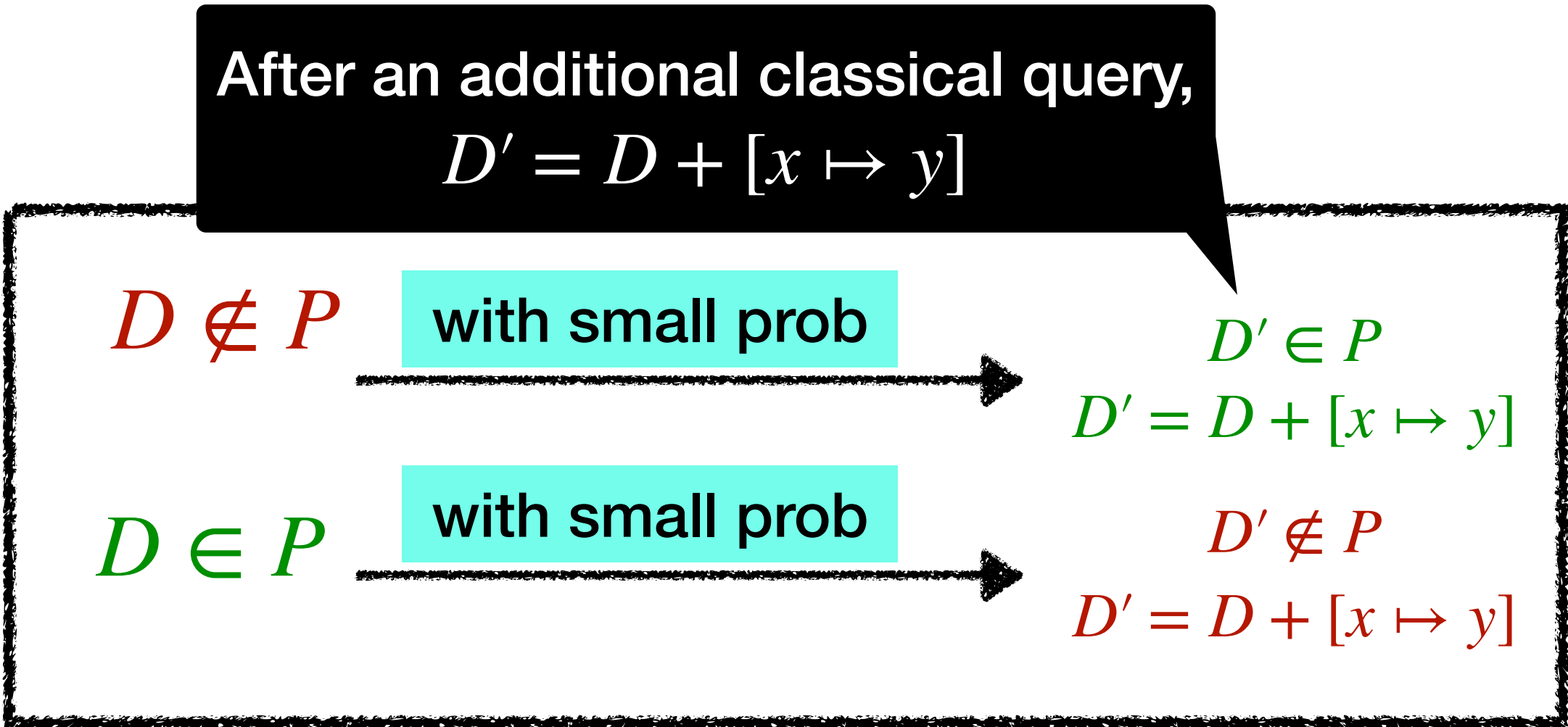
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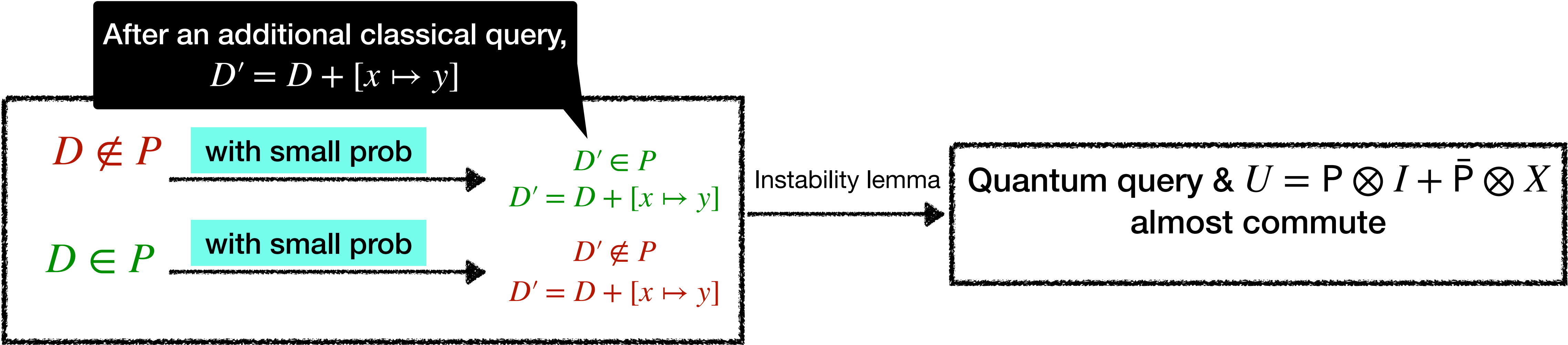
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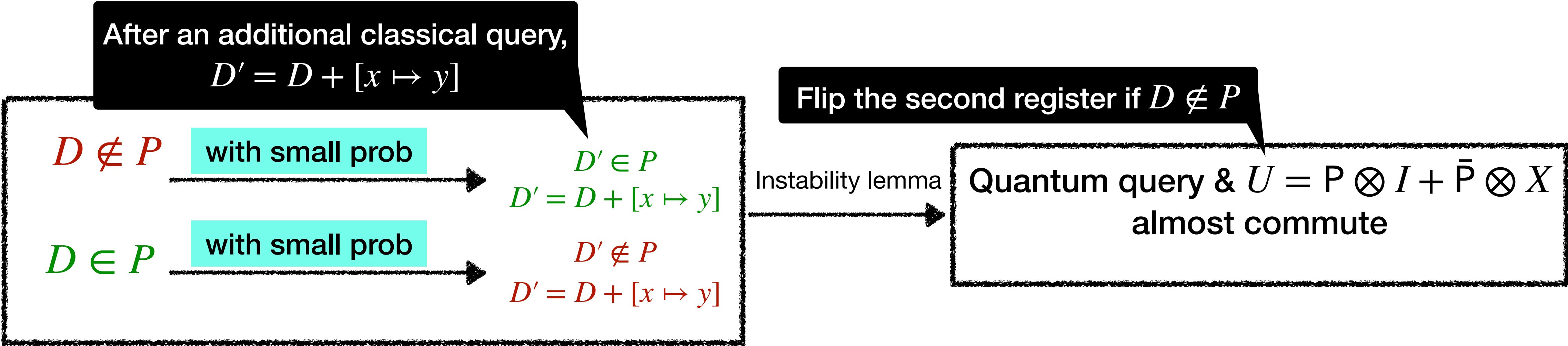
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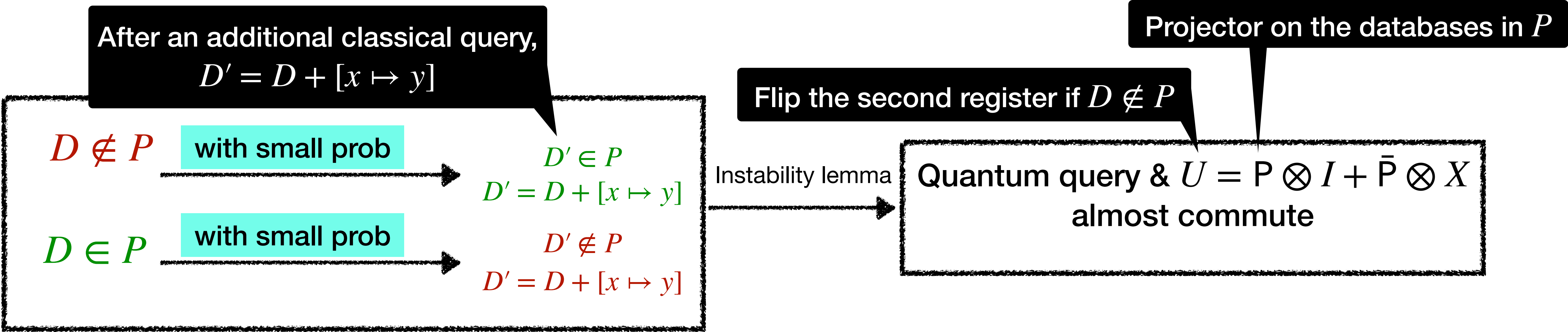
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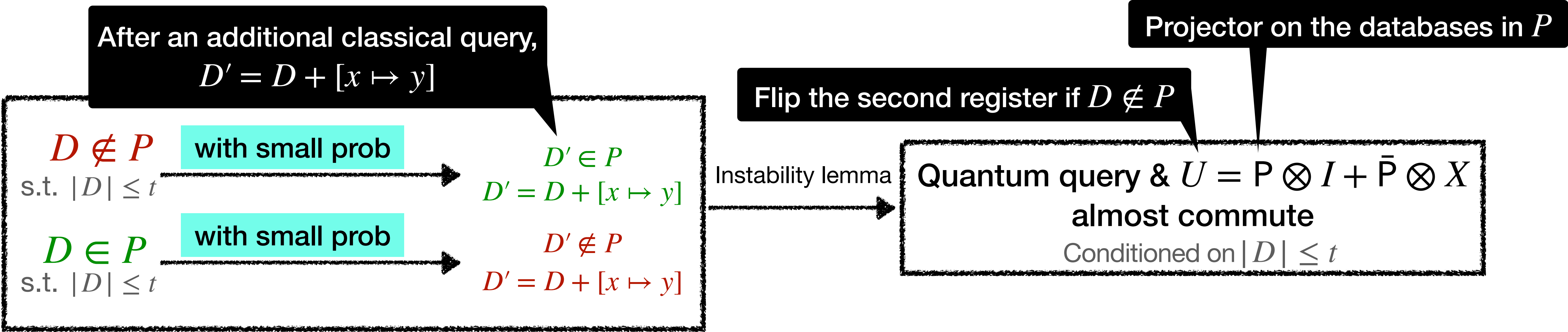
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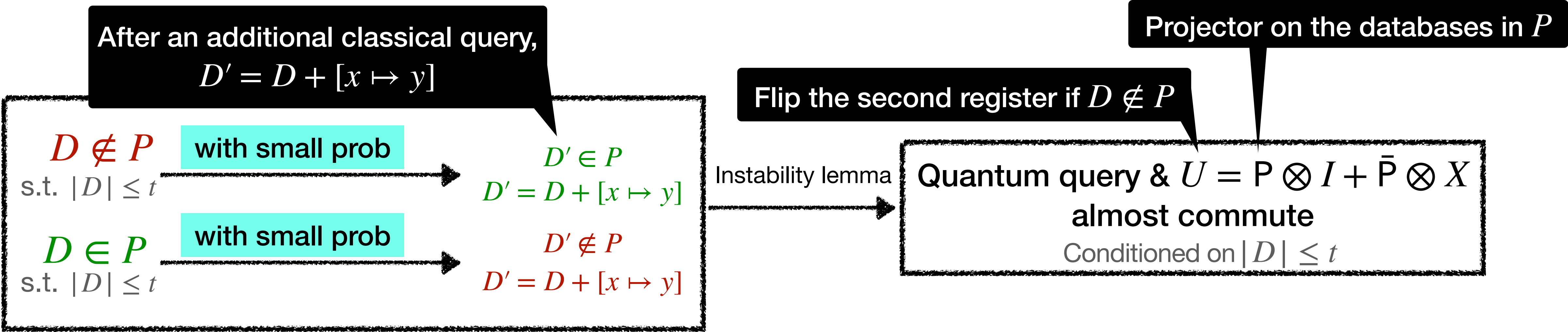
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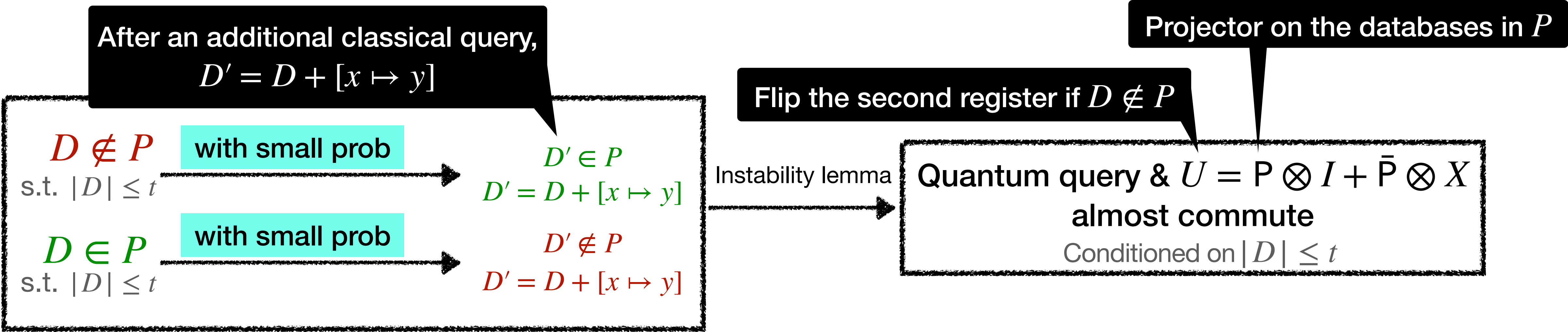
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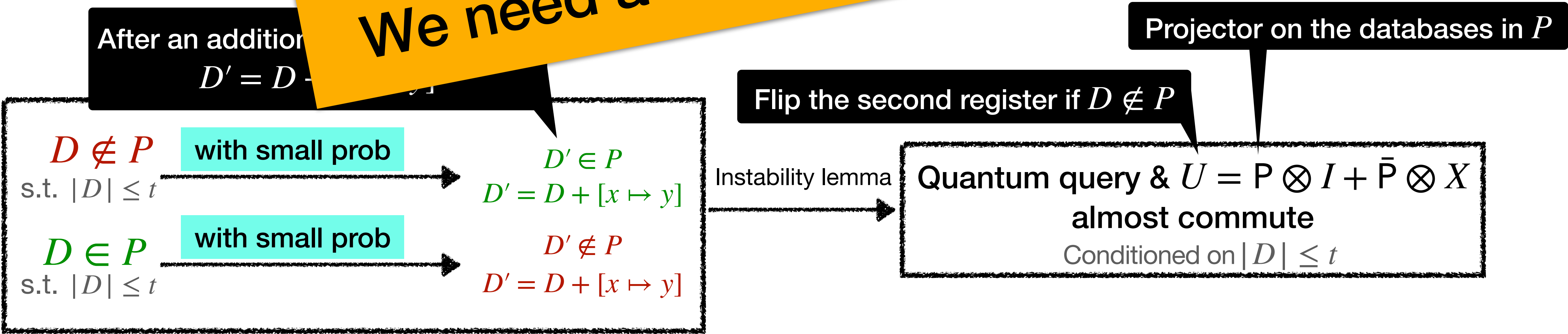
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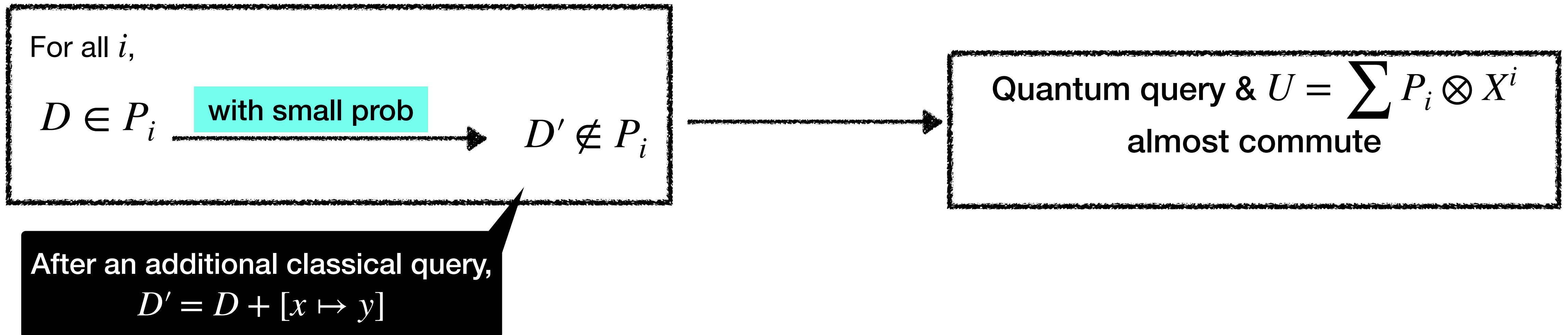
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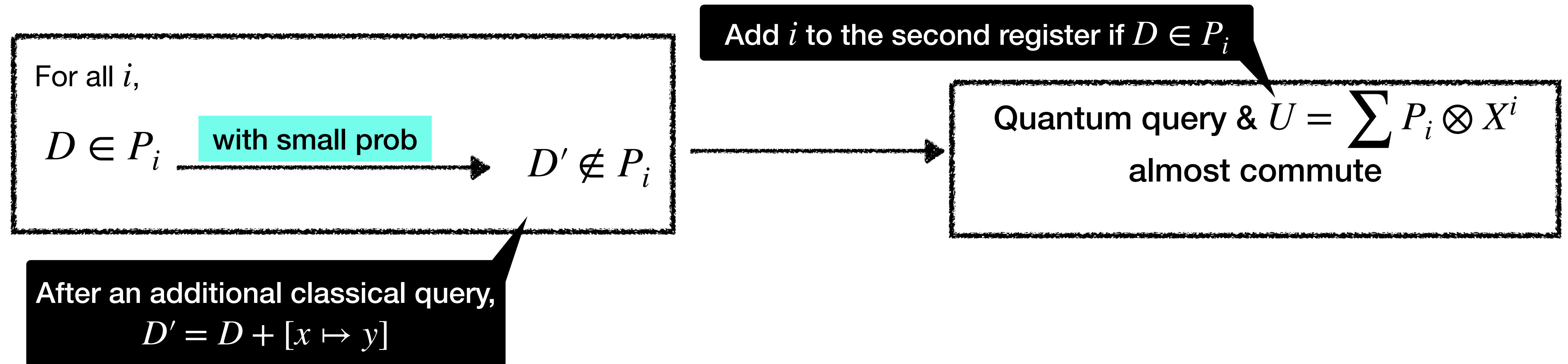
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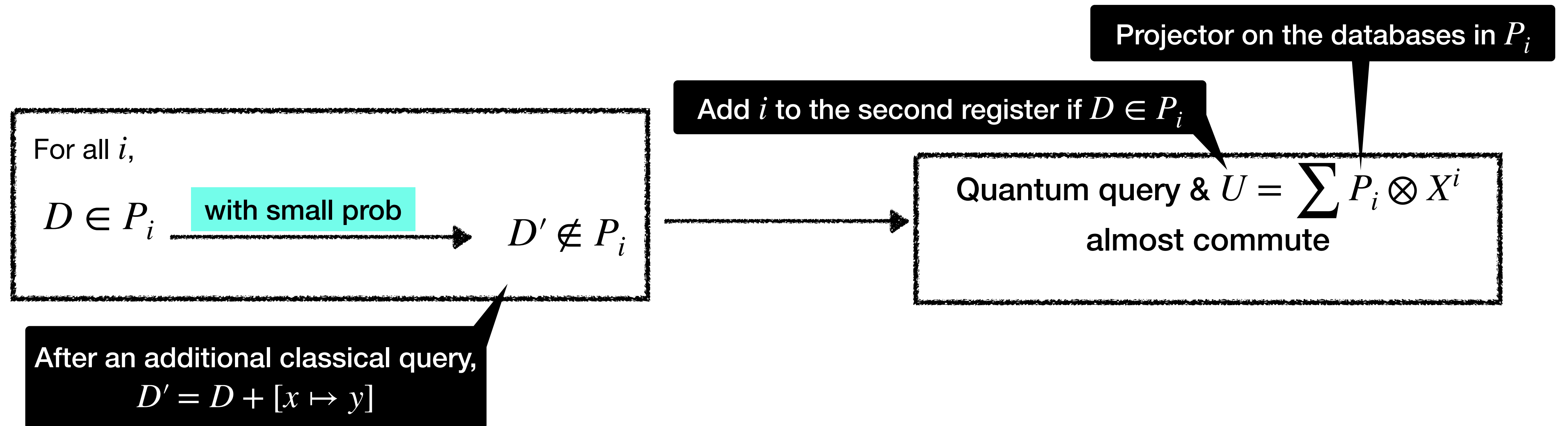
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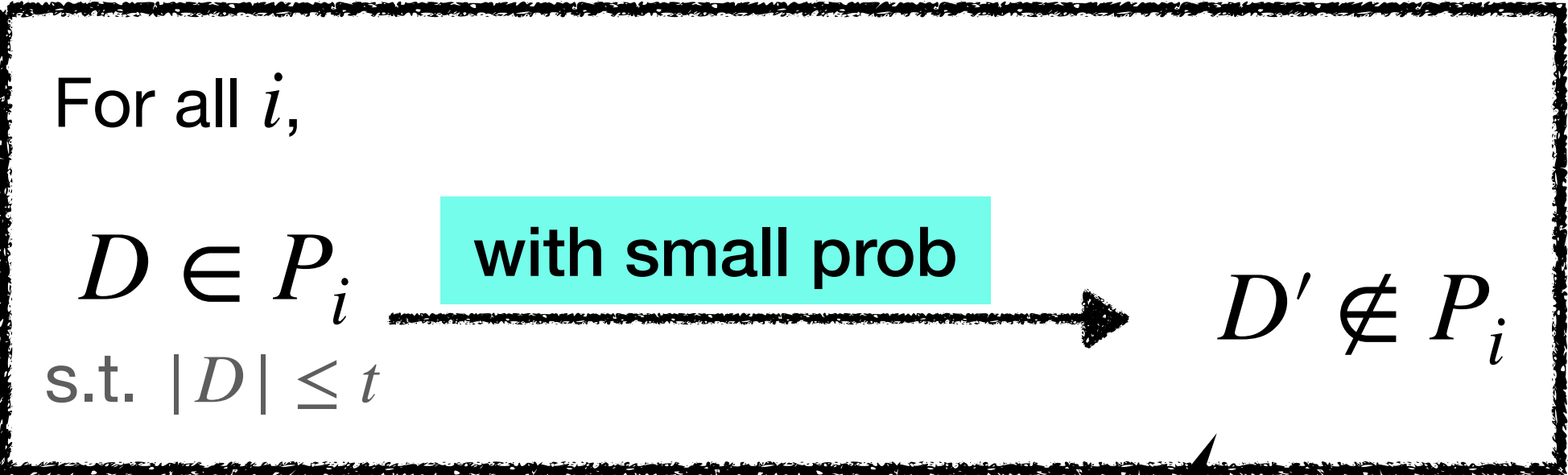
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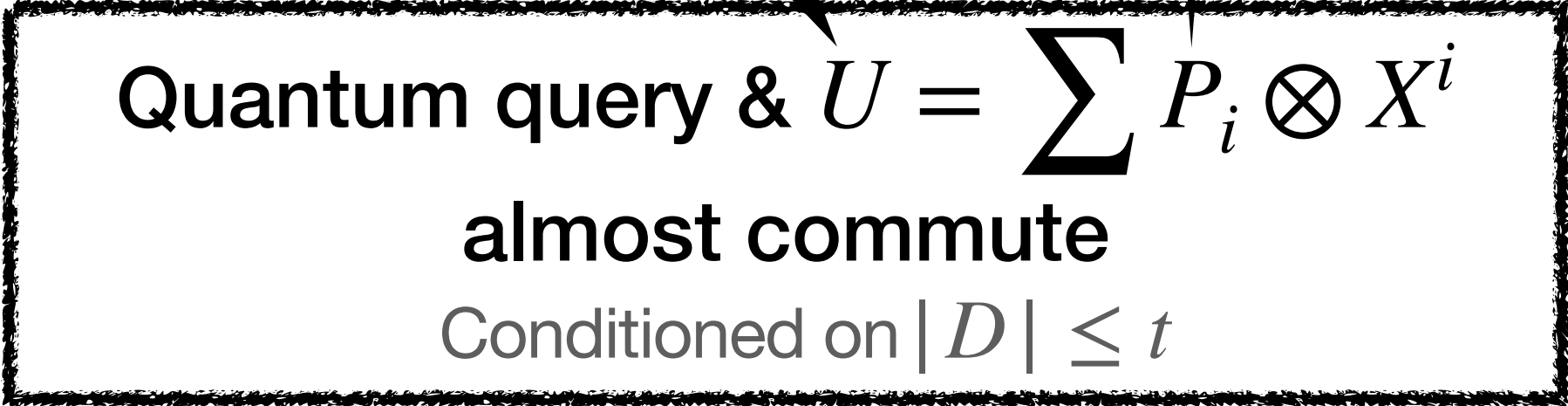
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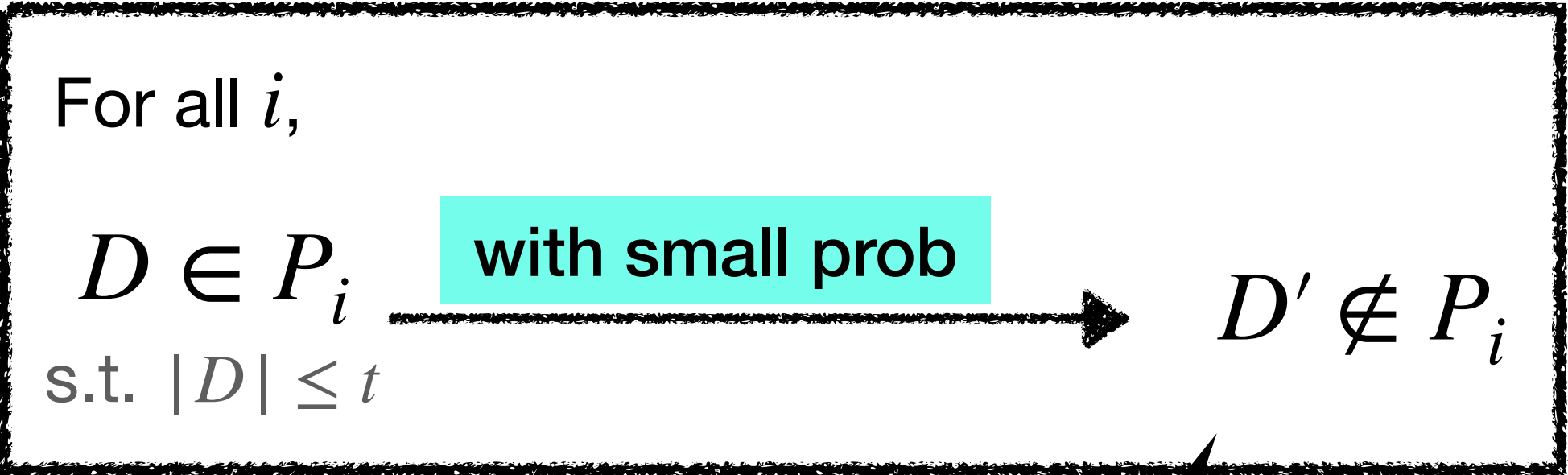
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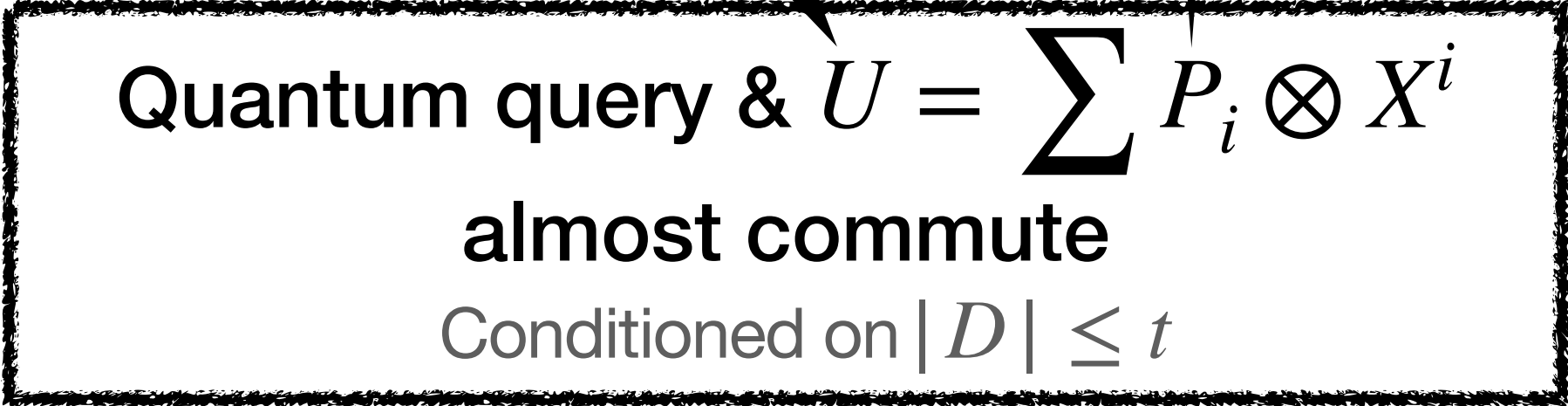
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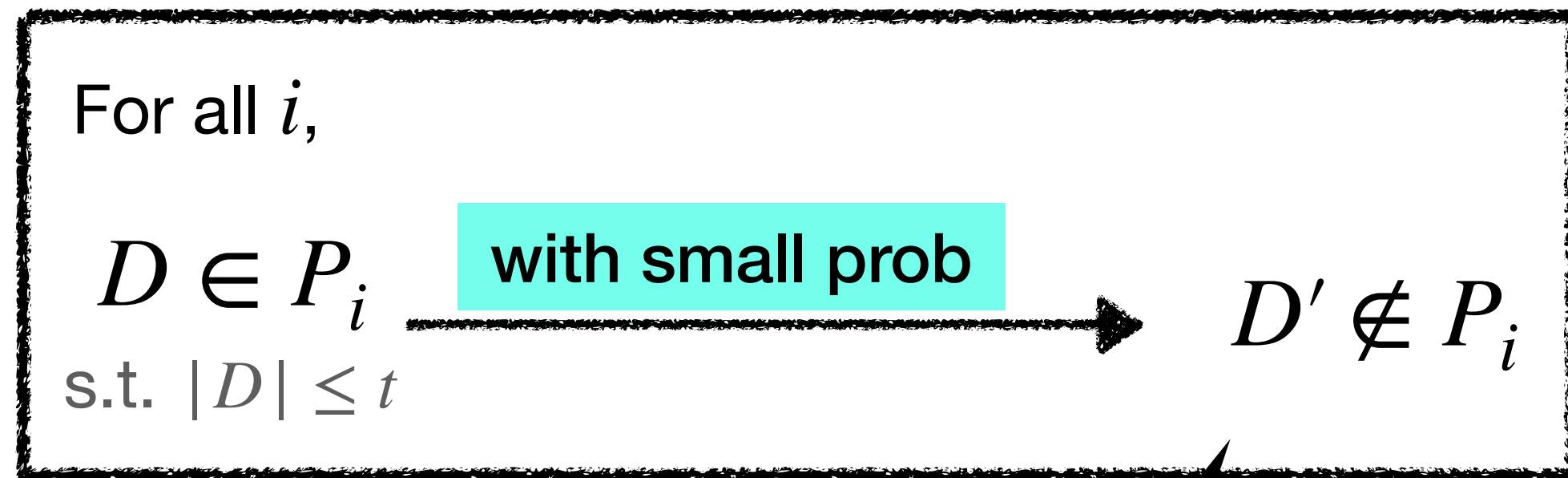
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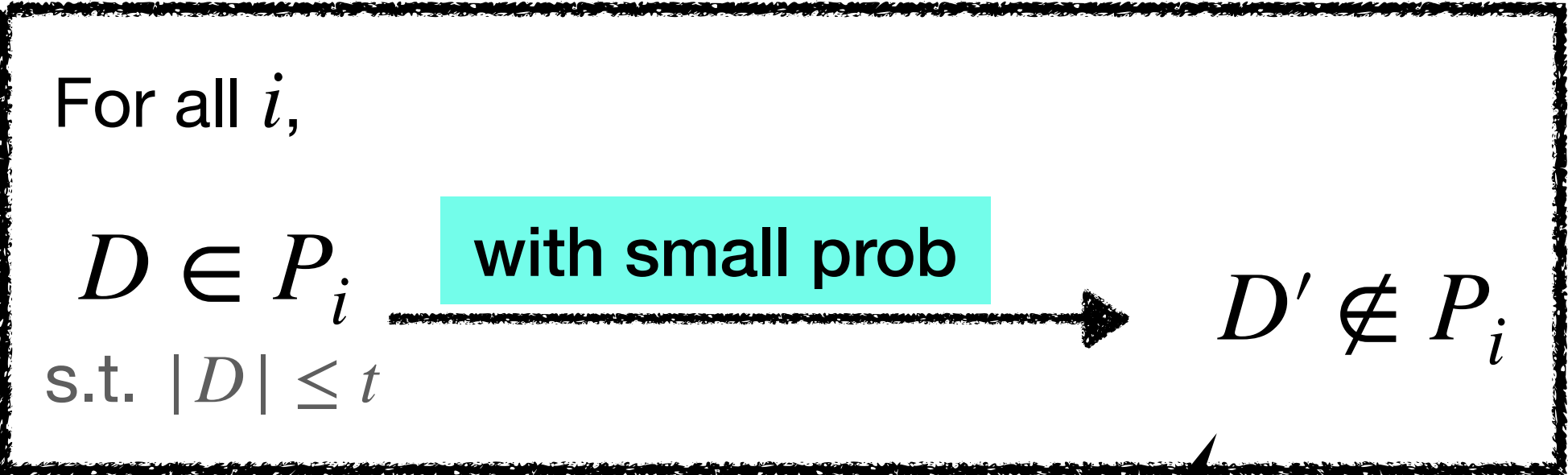
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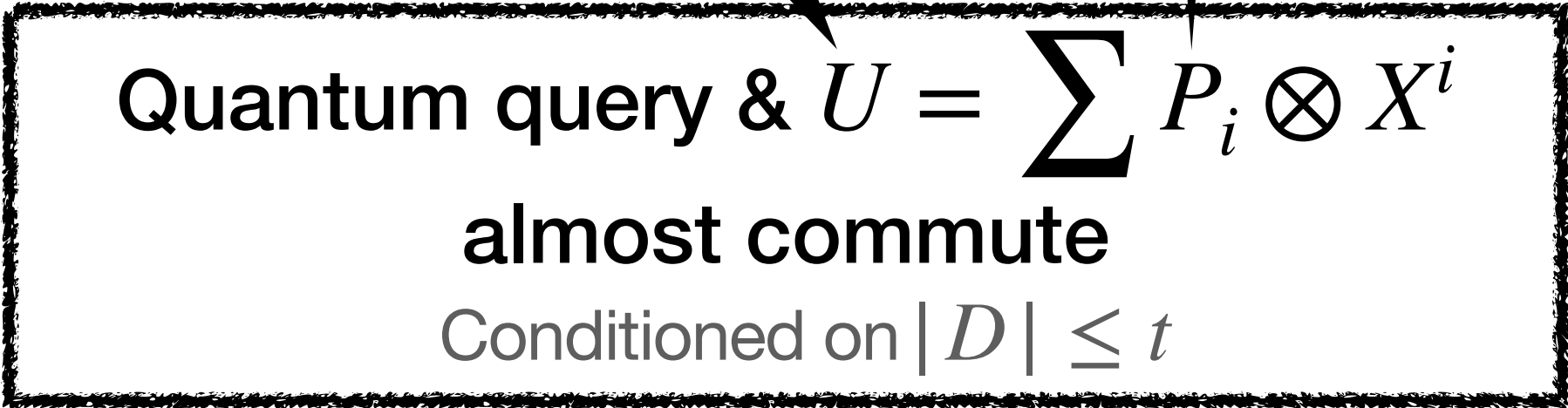
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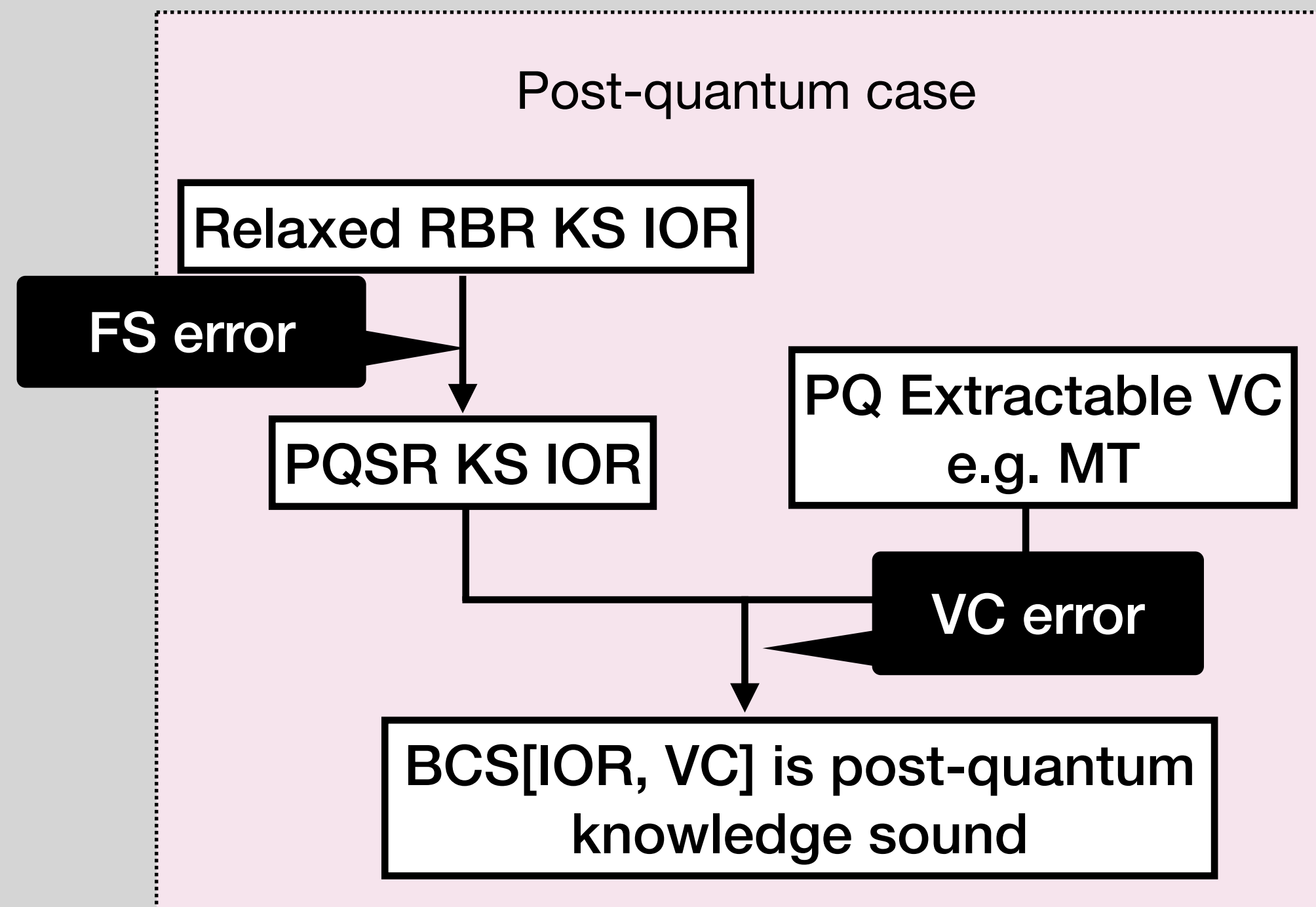
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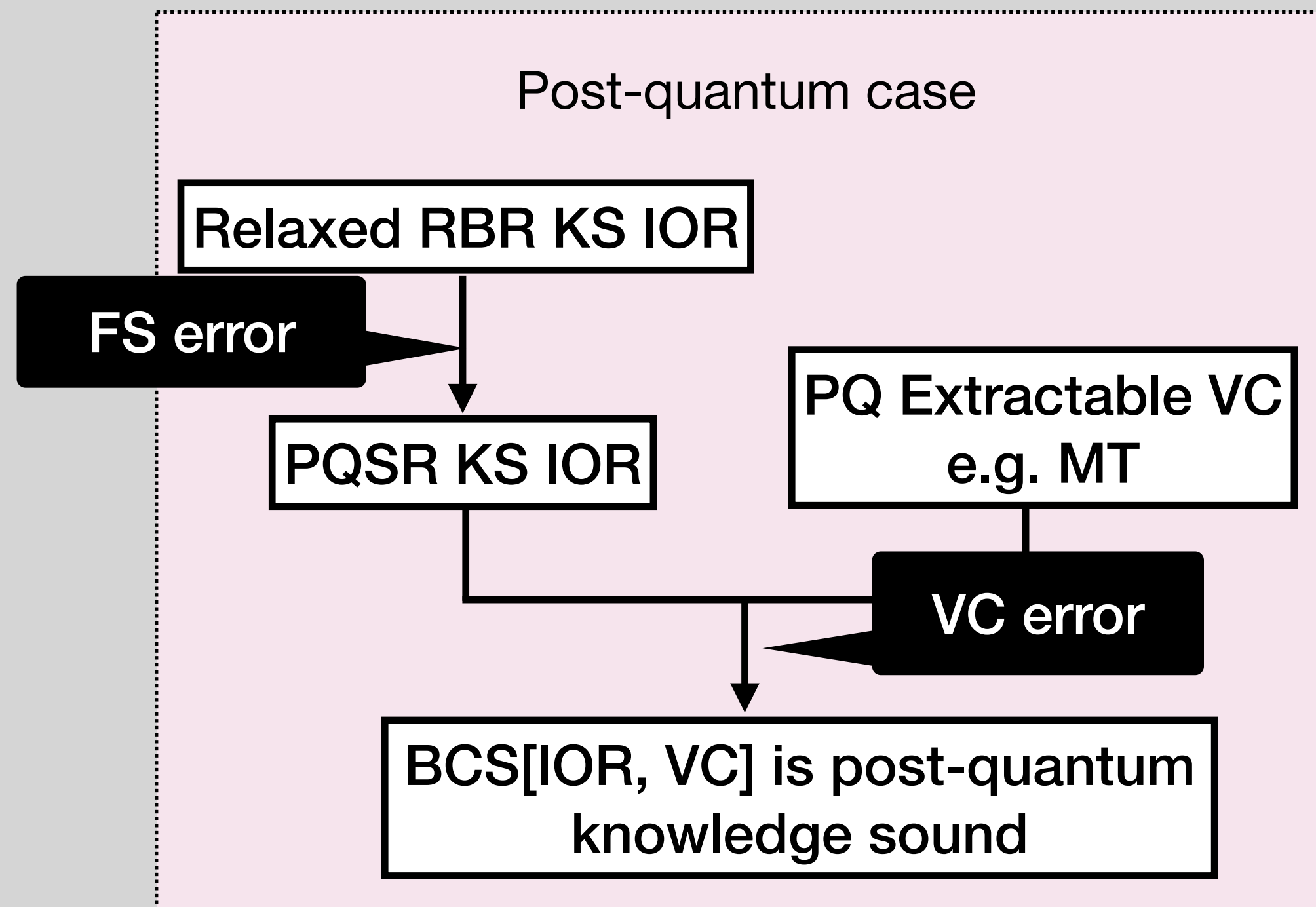
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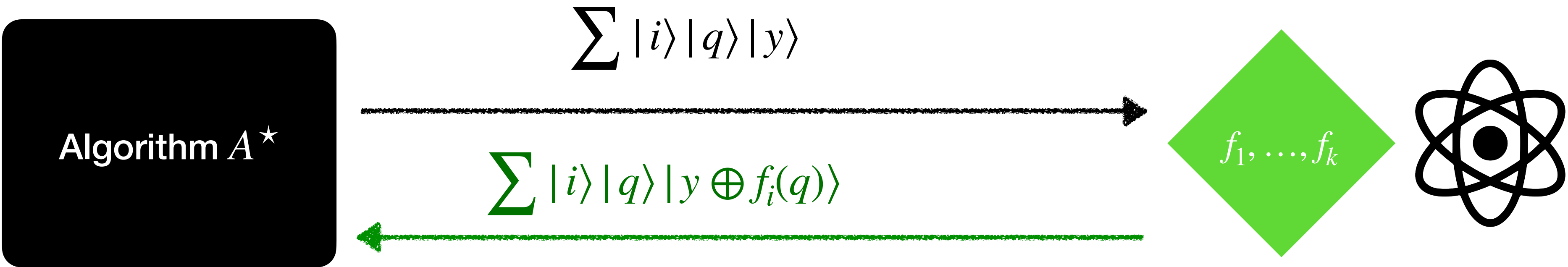
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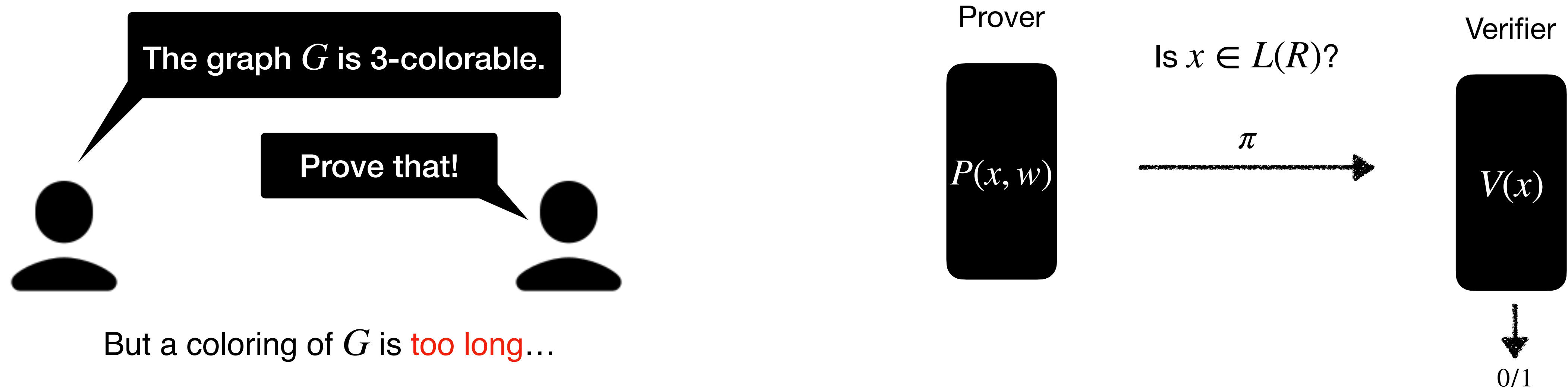
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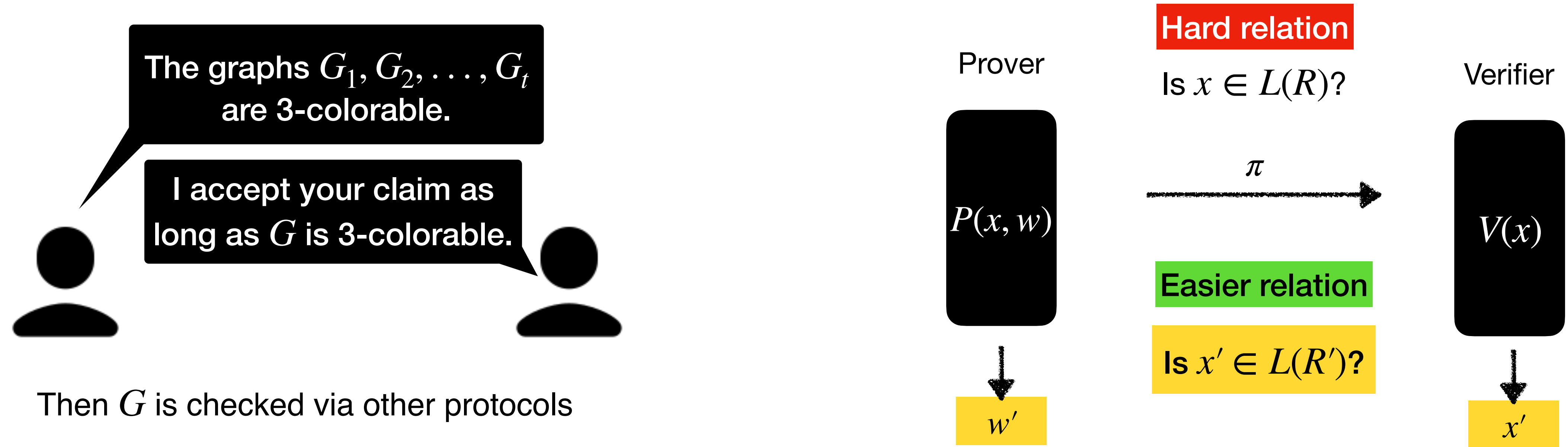
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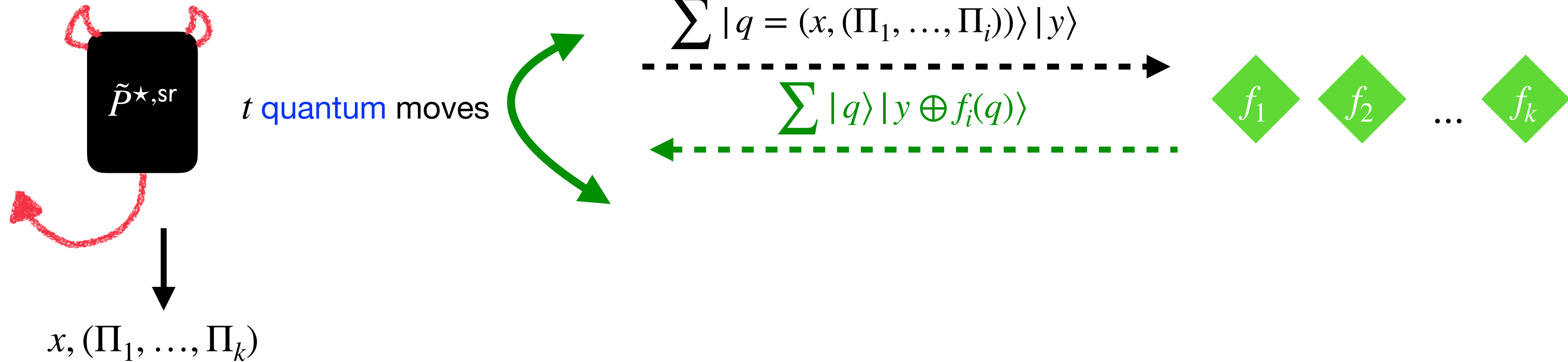
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