

CS783: Theoretical Foundations of Cryptography

Lecture 7 (20/Aug/24)

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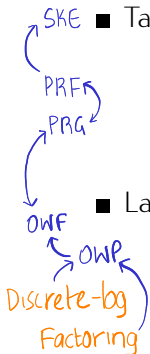
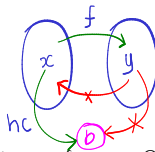


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■ Last lecture:

- Defined OWF and OWP
- Defined hard-core predicates
 - 1 Constructed hard-core predicates for any OWP
 - 2 Hard-core predicate for OWF/OWP $\rightarrow$ PRG
- $1+2 \Rightarrow$ OWP $\rightarrow$ PRG
- Can be relaxed to OWF $\rightarrow$ PRG, and thus OWF $\leftrightarrow$ PRG



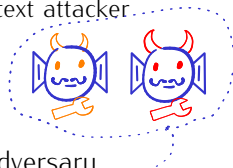
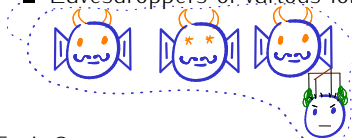
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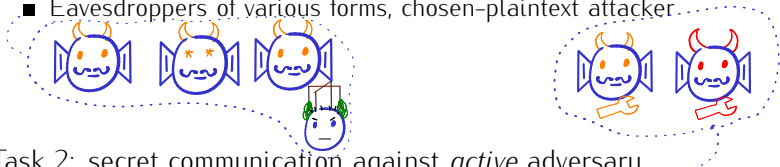
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 - CPA-secret SKE + MAC $\rightarrow$ CCA-secure SKE

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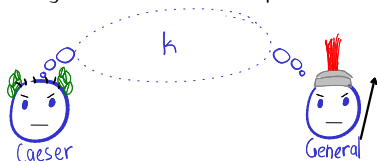
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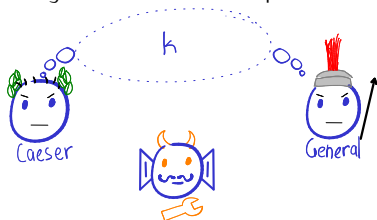
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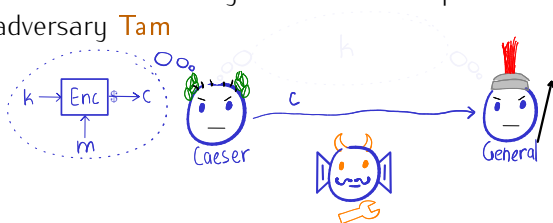
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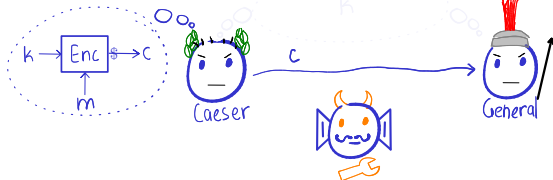
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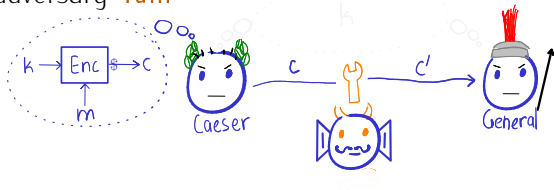
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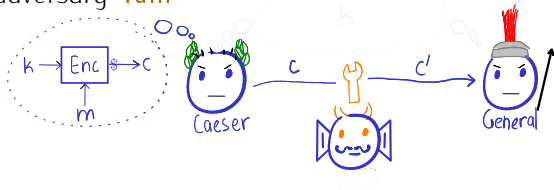
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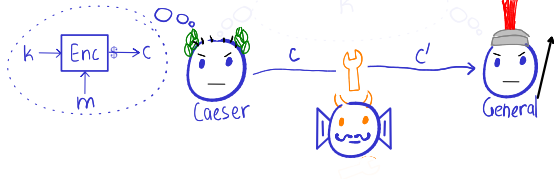
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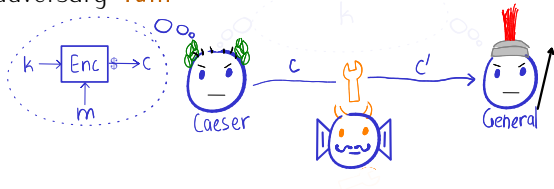
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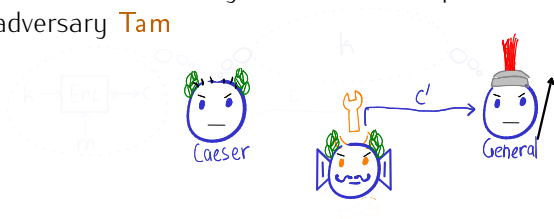
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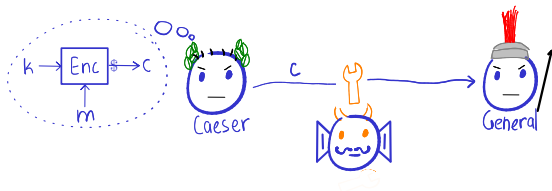
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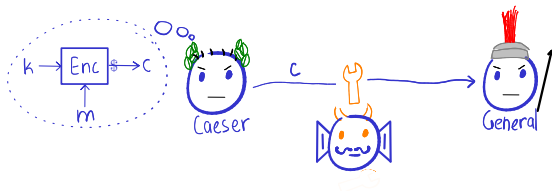
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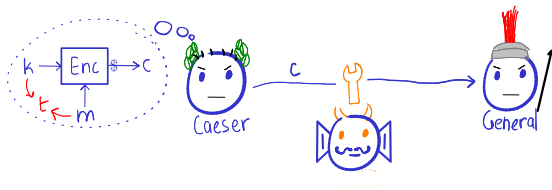
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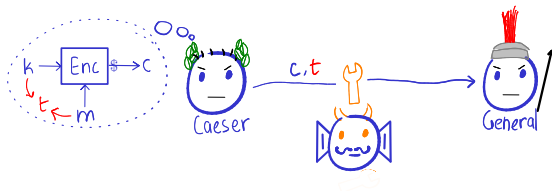
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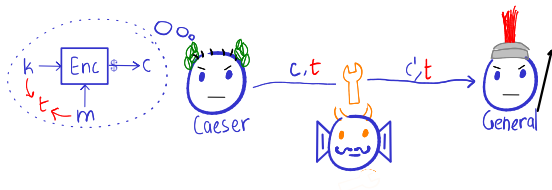
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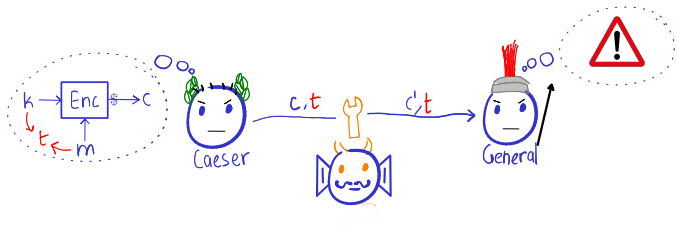
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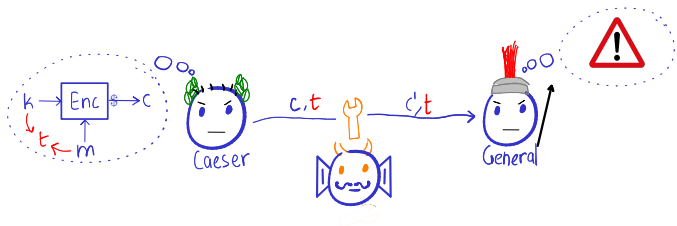
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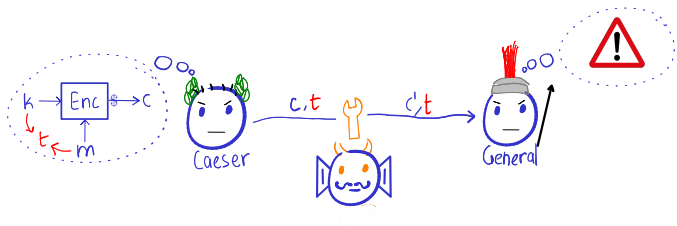
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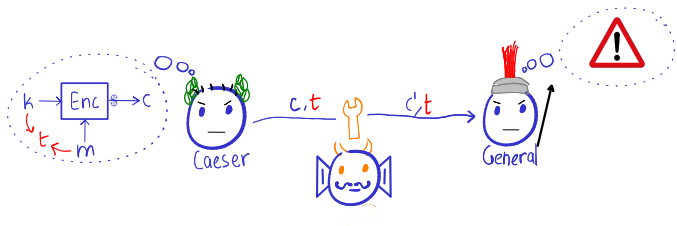
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 - Why? Modularity.
 - Later: MAC + *any* CPA-secret SKE $\rightarrow$ “secret communication” against **Tam**

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2 Constructing MACs

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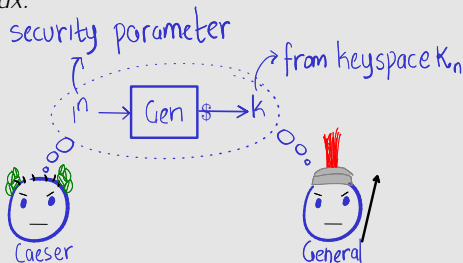
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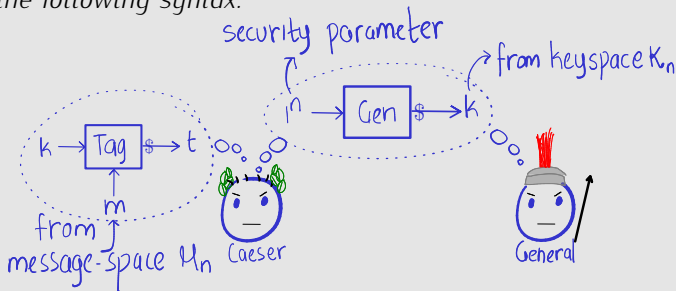
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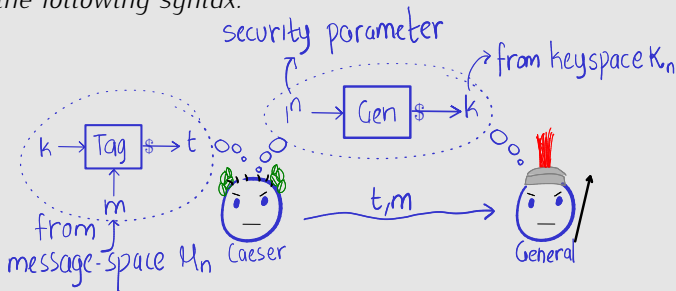
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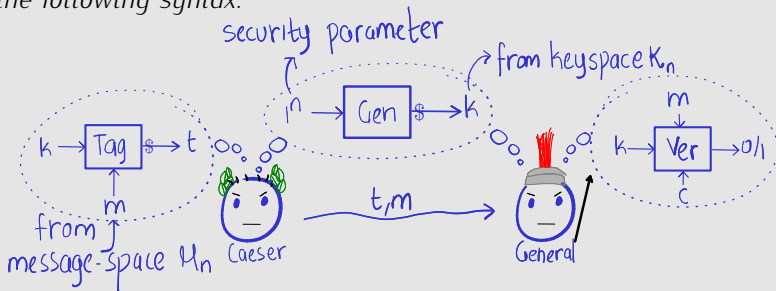
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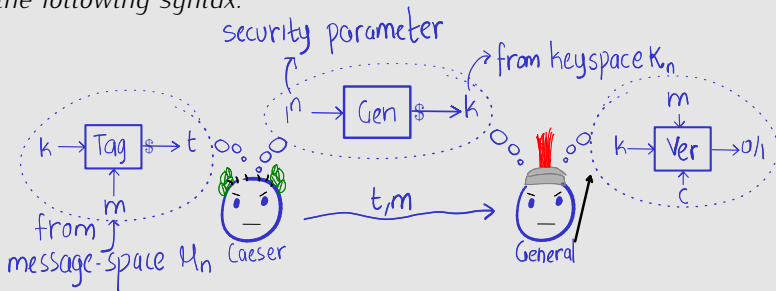
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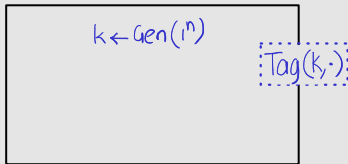
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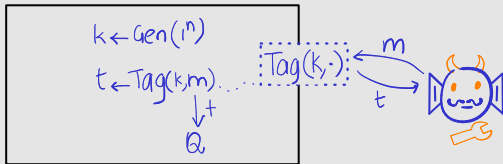


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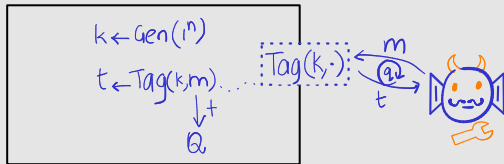


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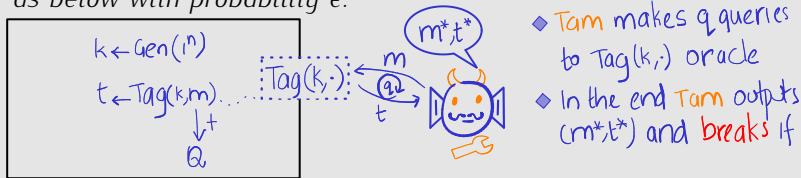
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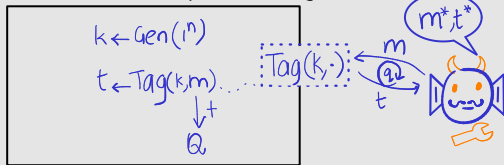


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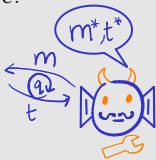
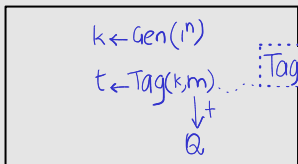


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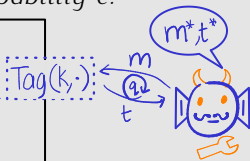
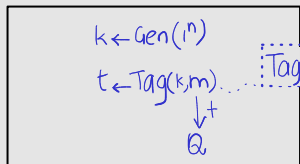


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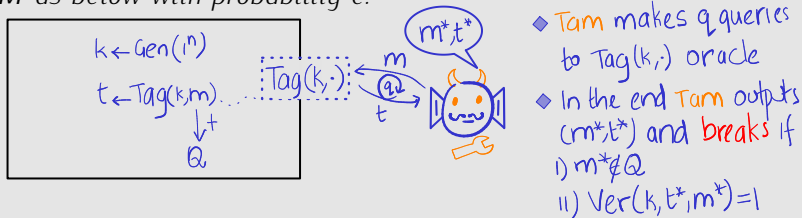


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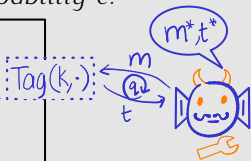
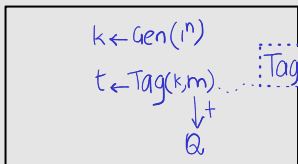
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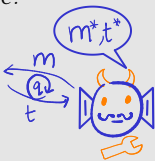
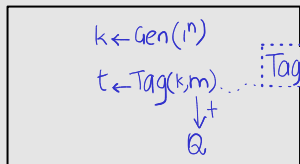
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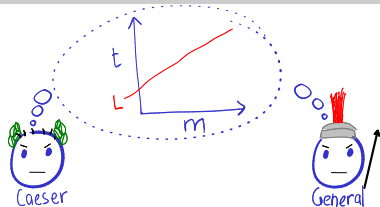
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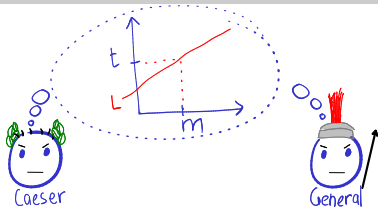


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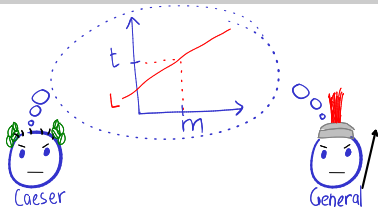
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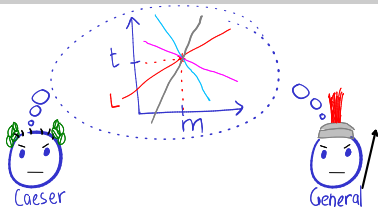
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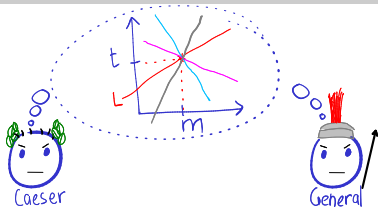
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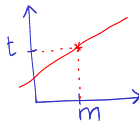
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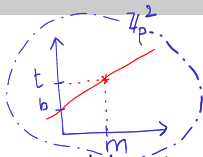
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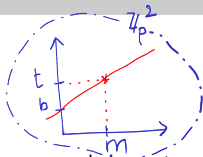
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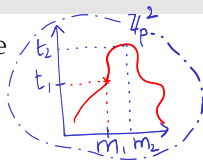
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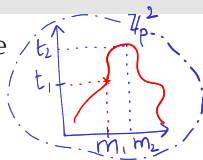
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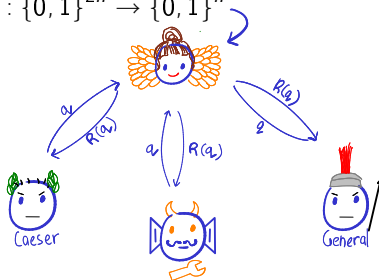
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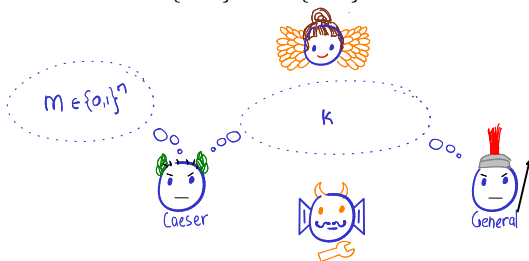
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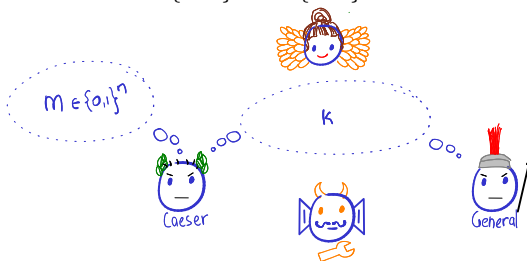


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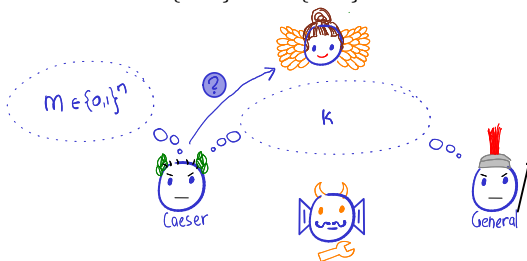


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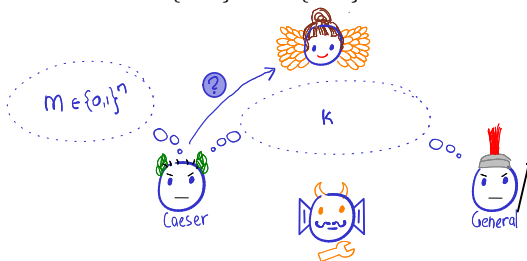


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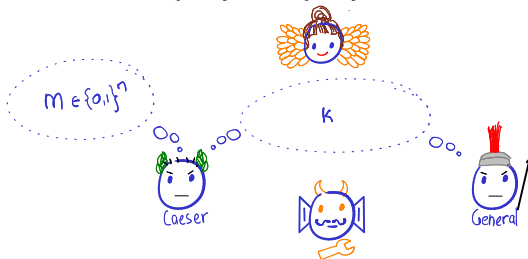


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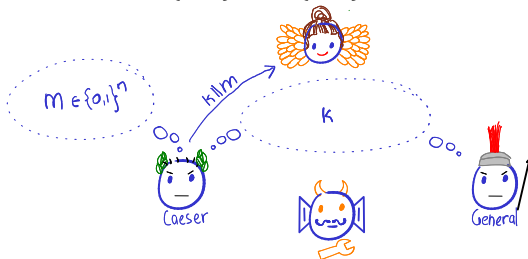
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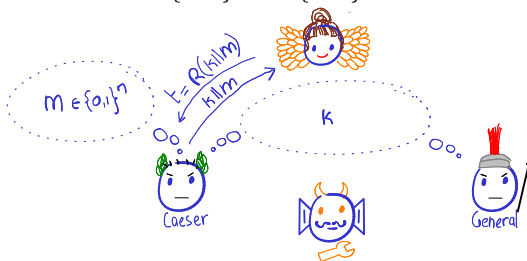
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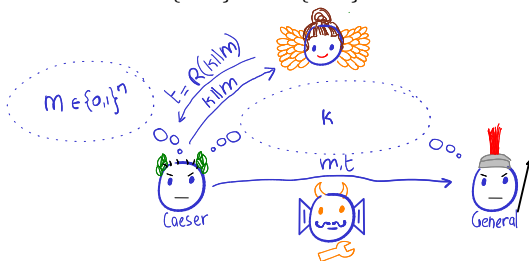
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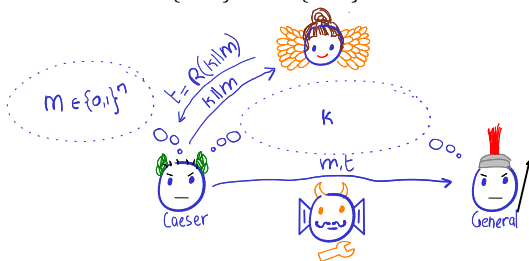
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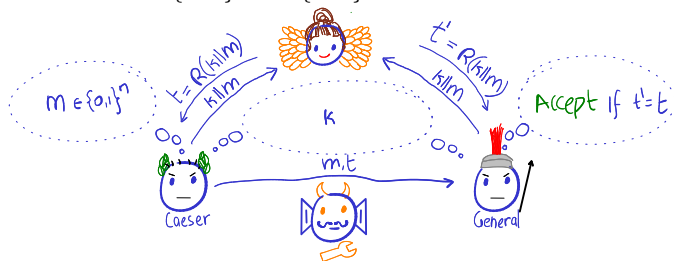
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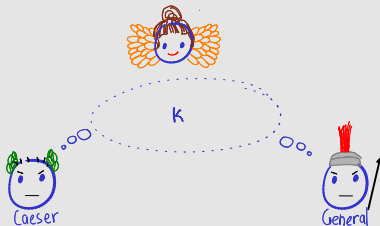
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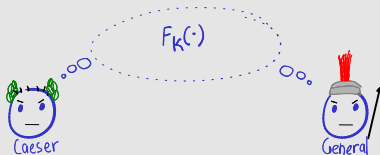
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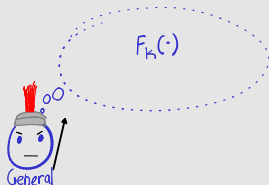
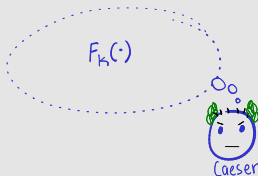
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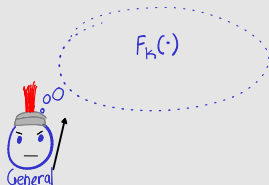
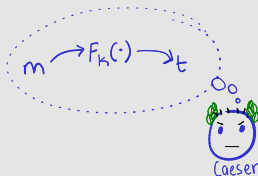
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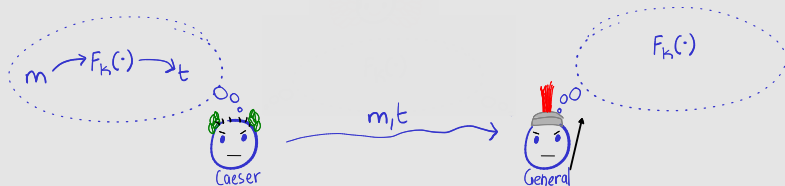
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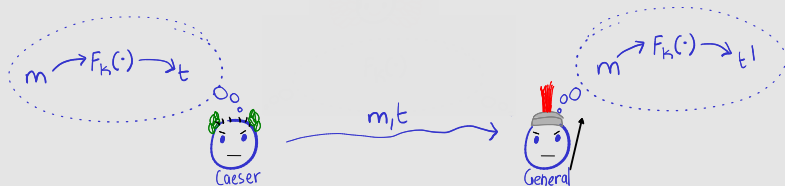
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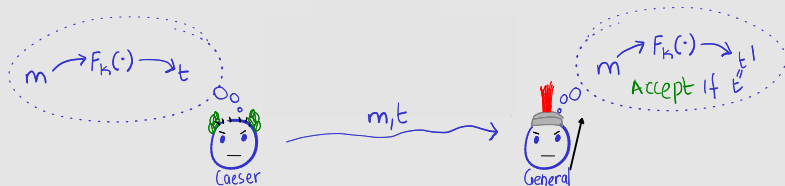
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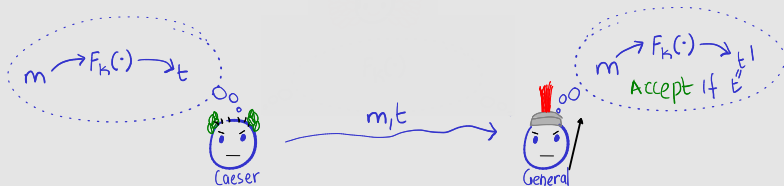
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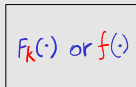
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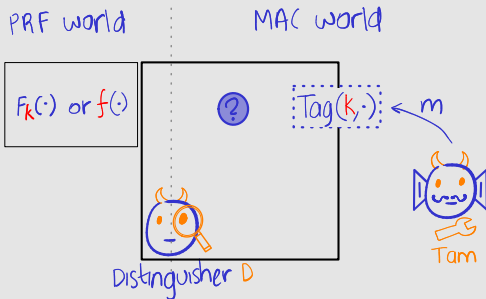
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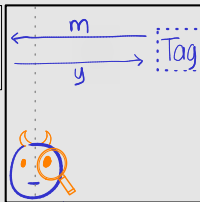
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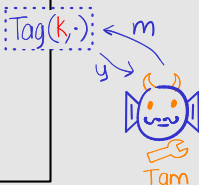
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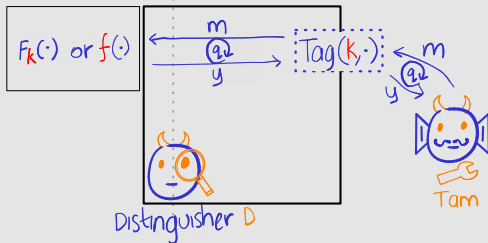
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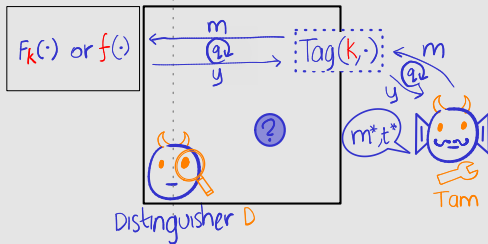
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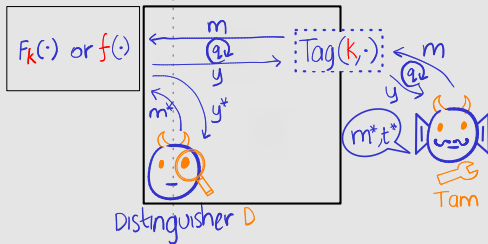
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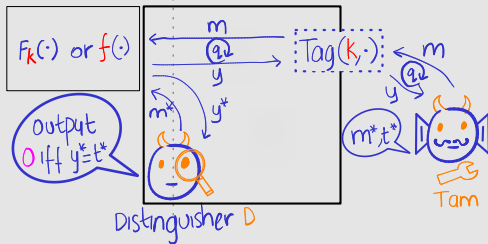
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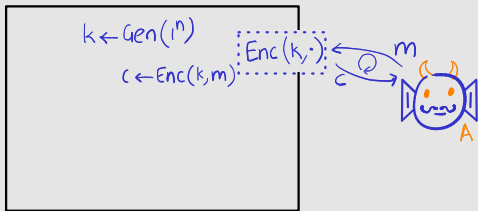


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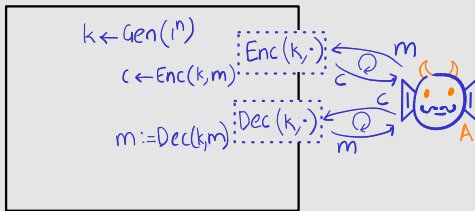
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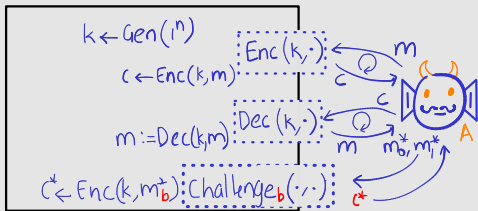
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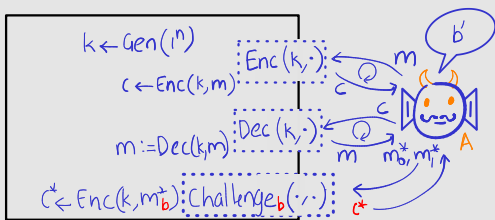
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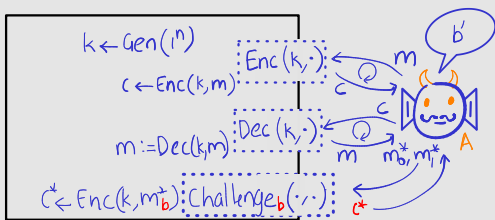
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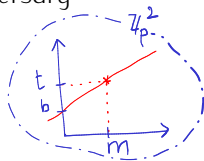


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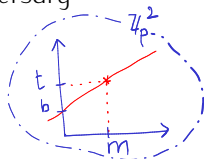
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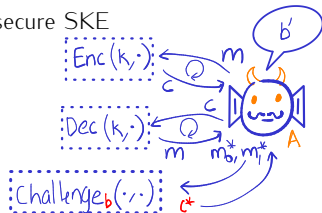
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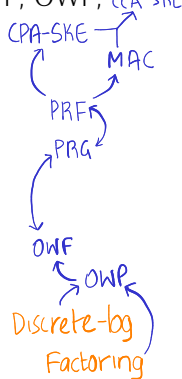
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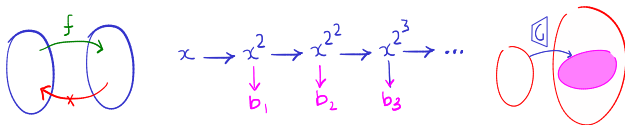
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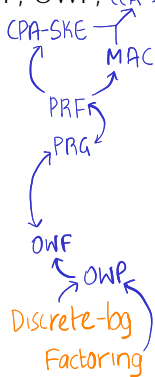


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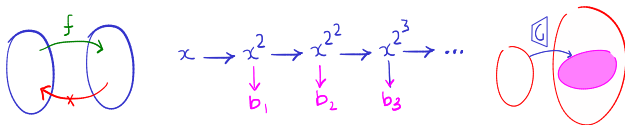


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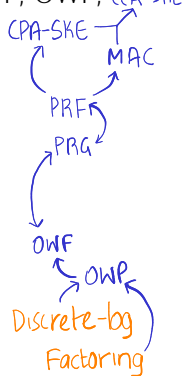


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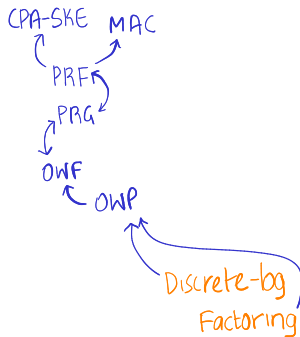
- Key conceptual takeaway: pseudo-randomness $\leftrightarrow$ hardness $\leftrightarrow$ unpredictability



- Key tools: security reduction, hybrid argument

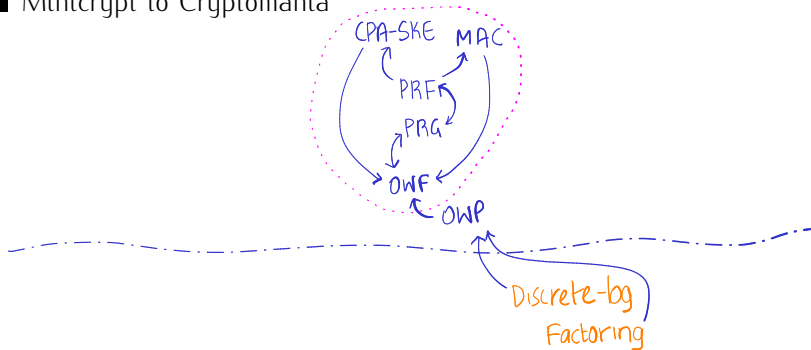
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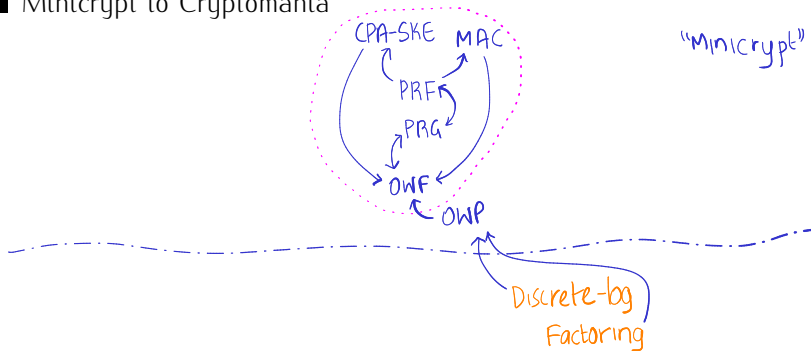
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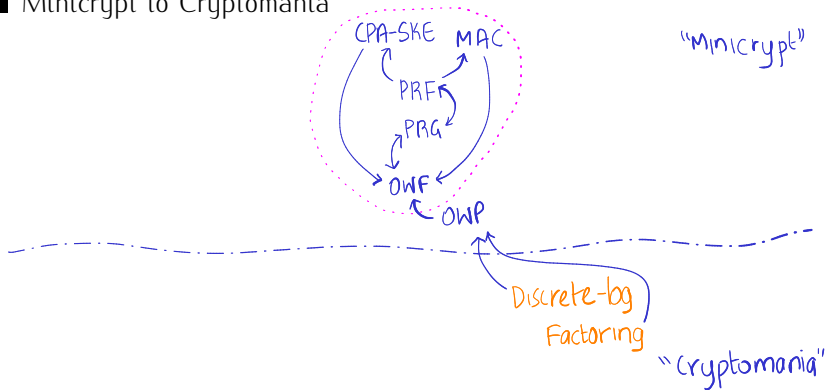
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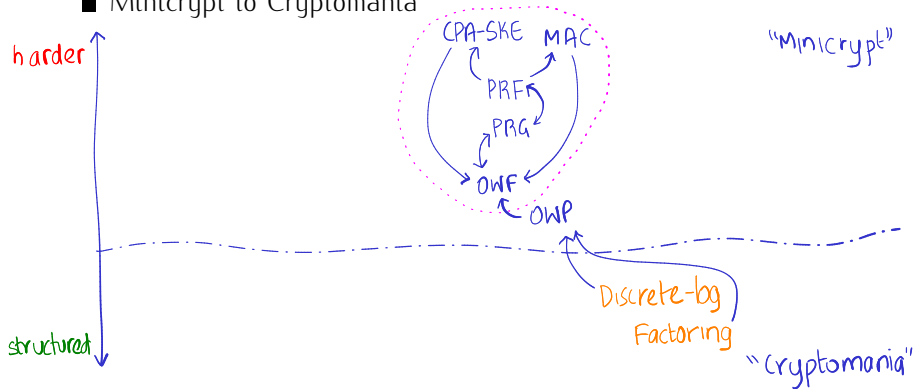
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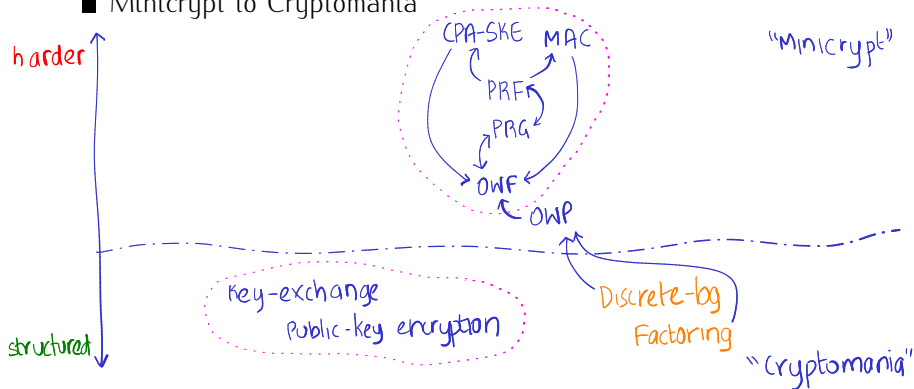
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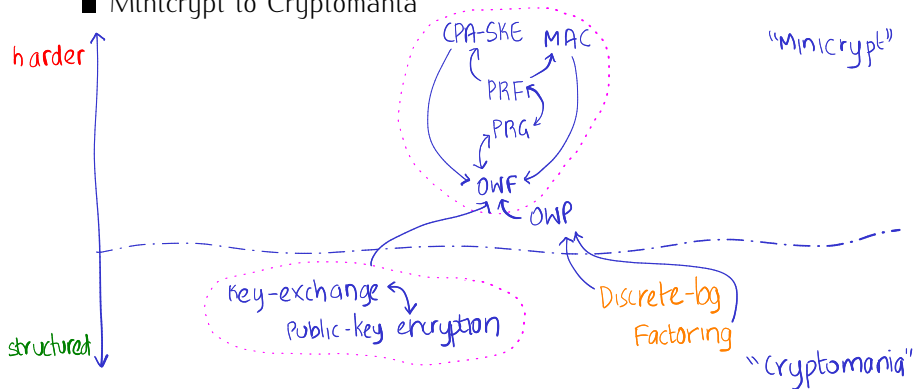
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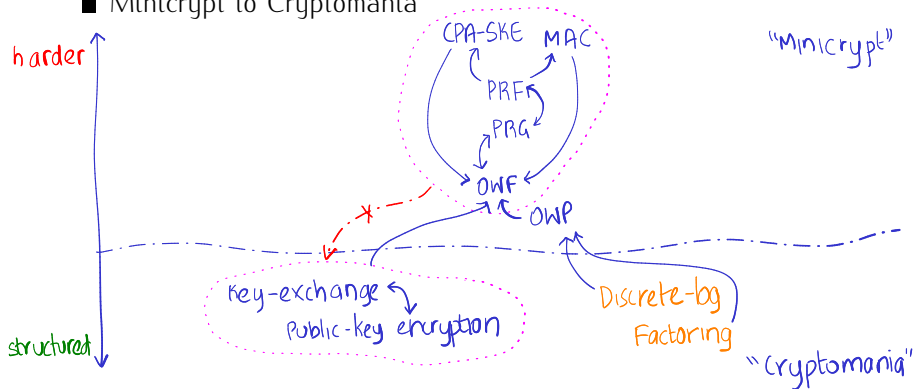
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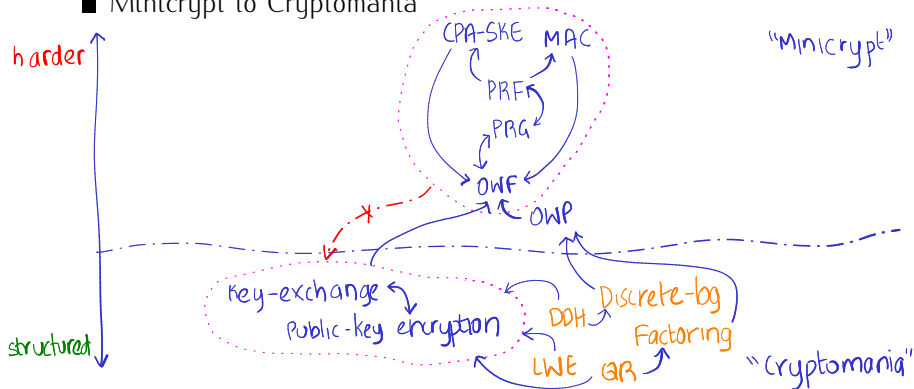
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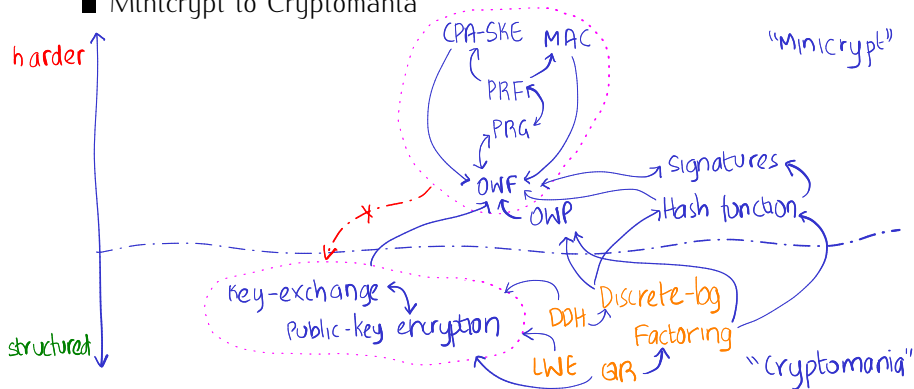
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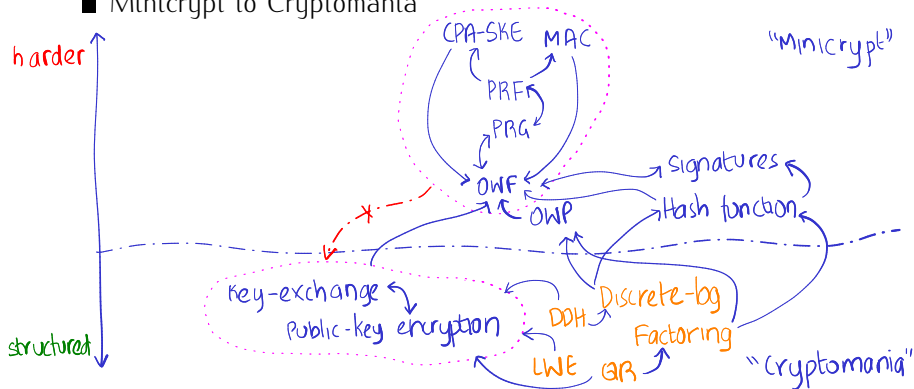
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- We start with Task 3: how to establishing a shared key without having met before!

More Questions?

References

- 1 [KL14, Chapters 4 and 5] for more details about the lecture.
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