

CS409m: Introduction to Cryptography

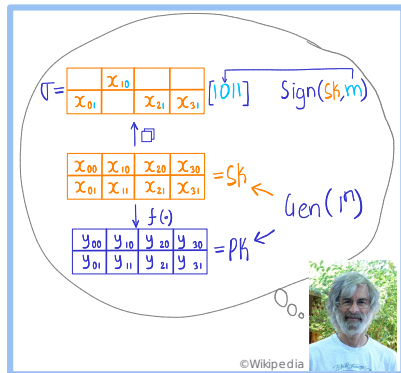
Lecture 17 (15/Oct/25)

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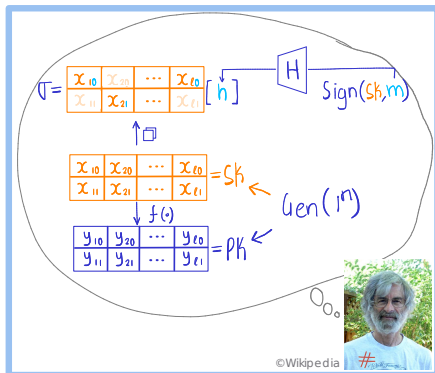
Recall from Last Two Lectures ...

- Primitive: digital signature (DS)
- Threat model: EU-CMA

Lamport's One-Time DS



Hash-then-Sign



Tools: OWF, CRHF and CRCF

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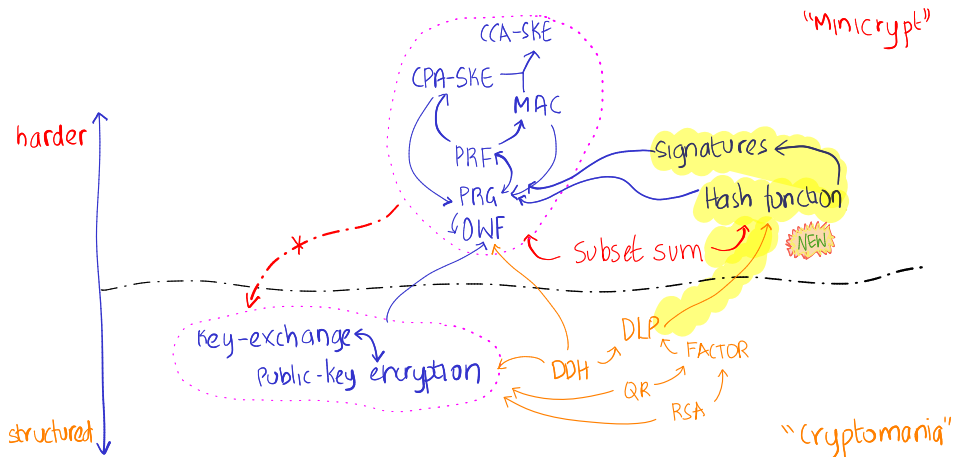
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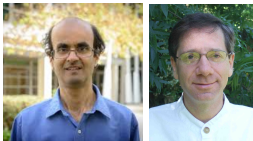
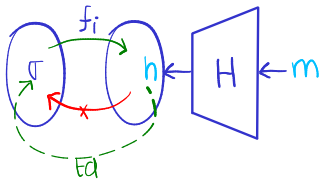


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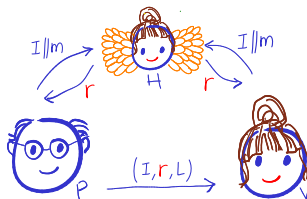
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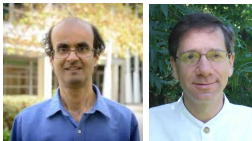
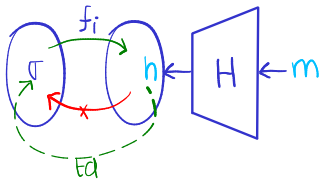
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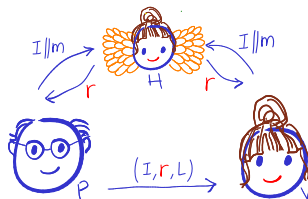
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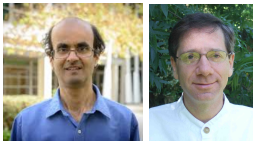
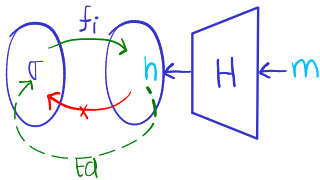
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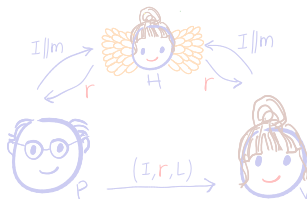
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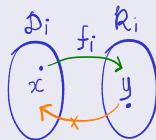
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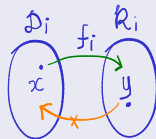
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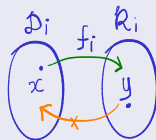
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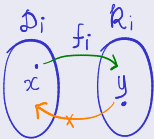
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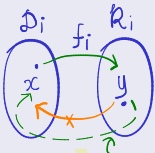
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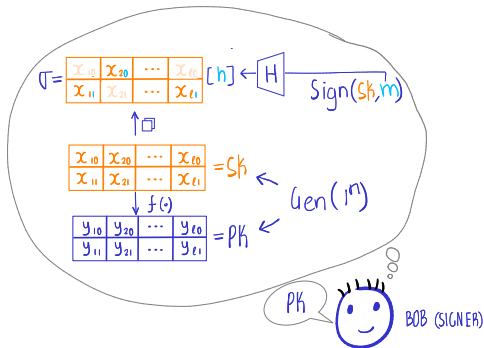
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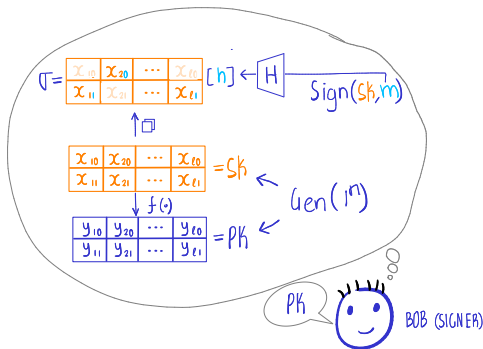
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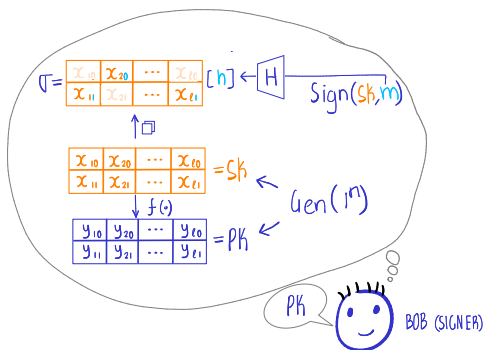


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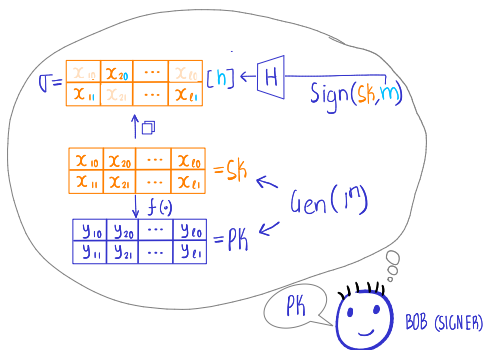
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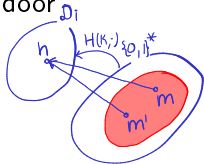
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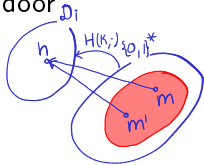


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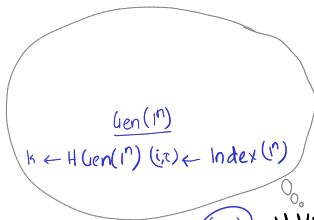
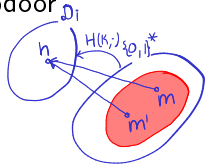
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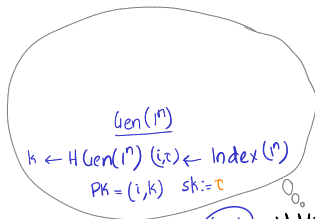
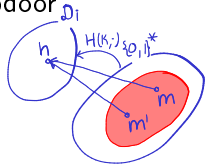


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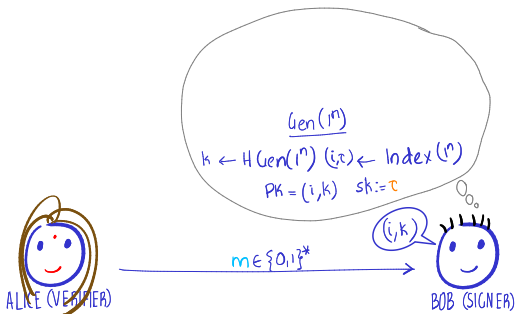
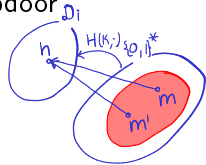
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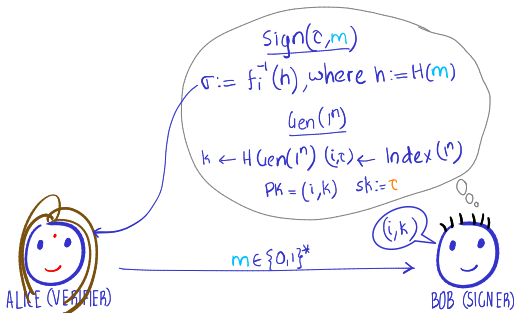
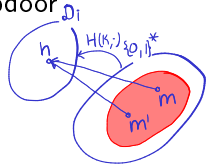


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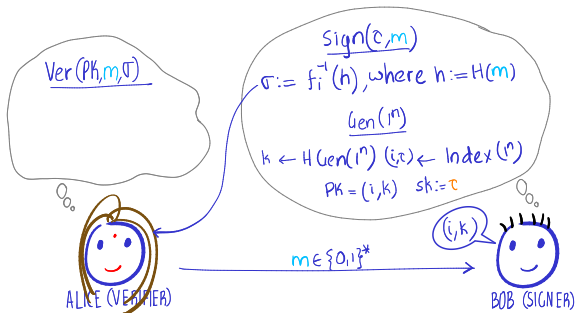
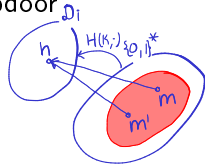


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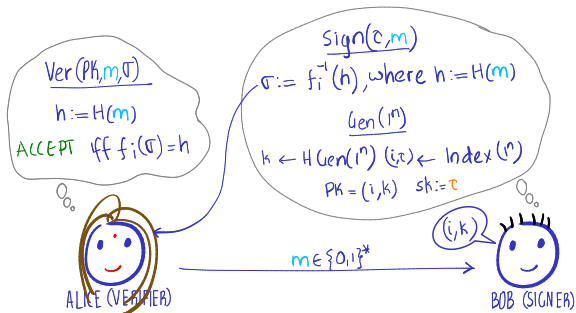
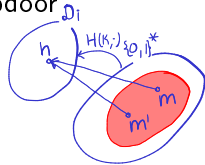


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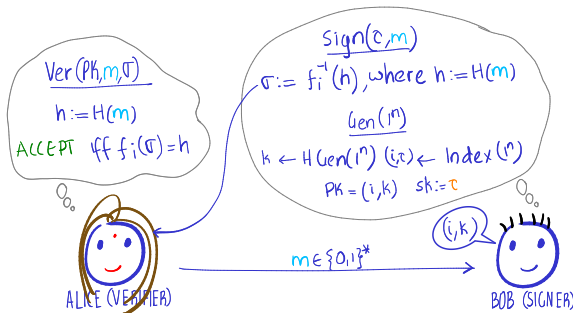
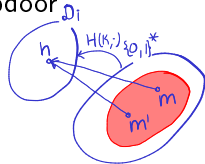


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Efficiency, when using **RSA function** (i.e., RSA-FDH)

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- Public key: (N, e) and description of H
- Signature: **one element** of $\mathbb{Z}_N^\times$
- Signing/verification: **one exponentiation + hash evaluation**

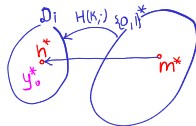
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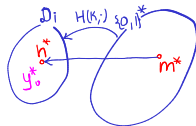
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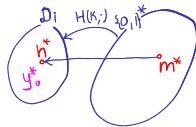
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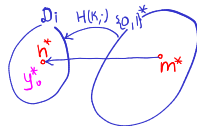


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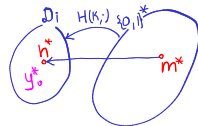
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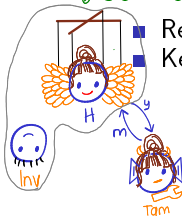
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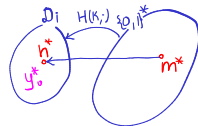
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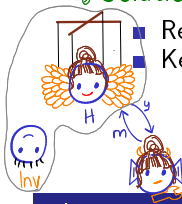
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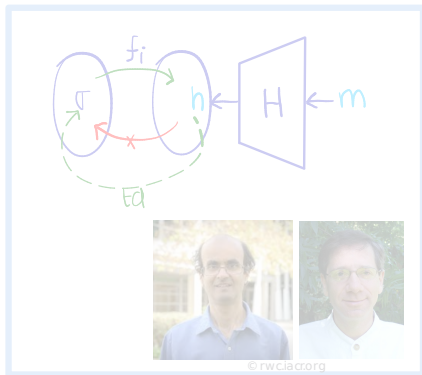
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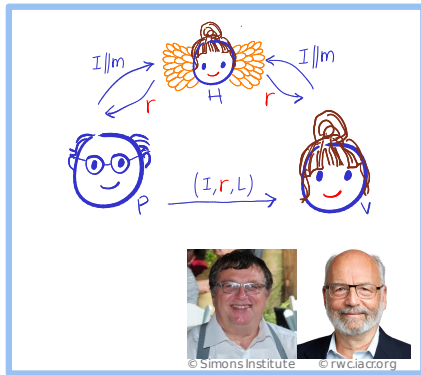
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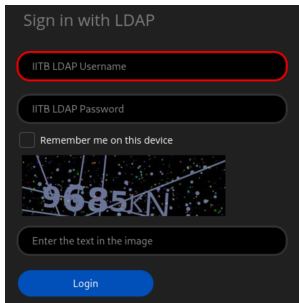
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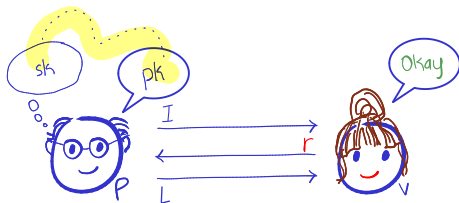
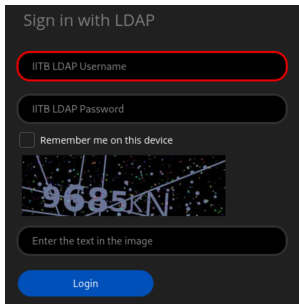


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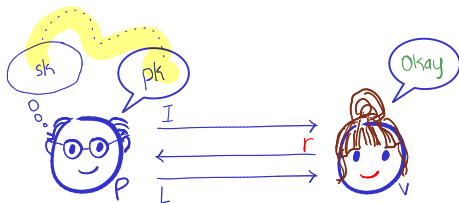
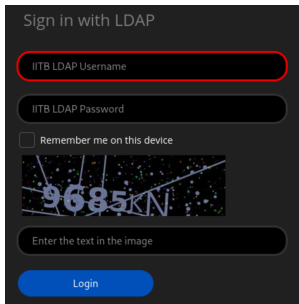
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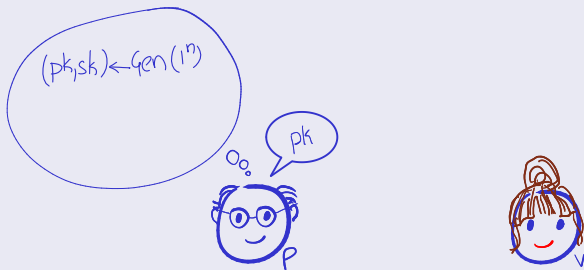


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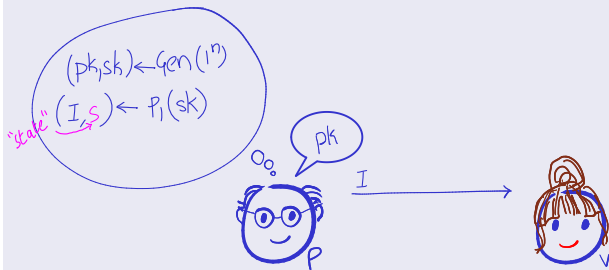
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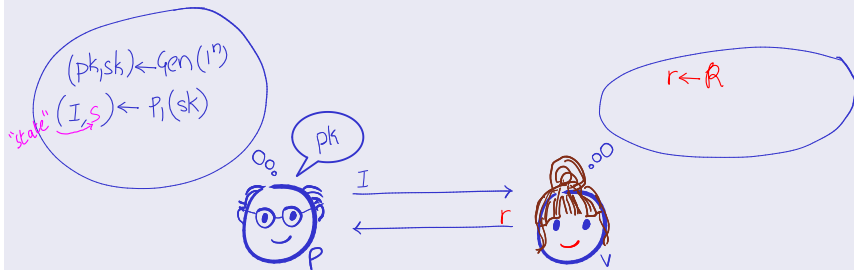
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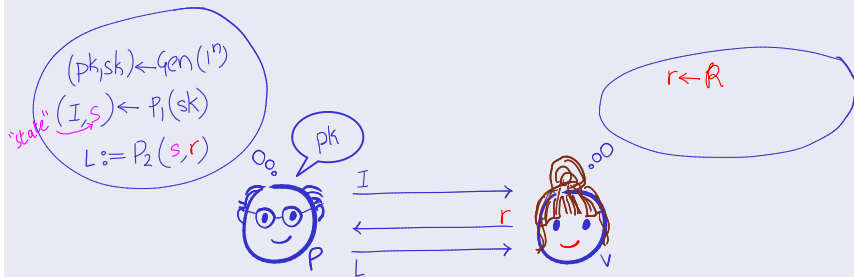
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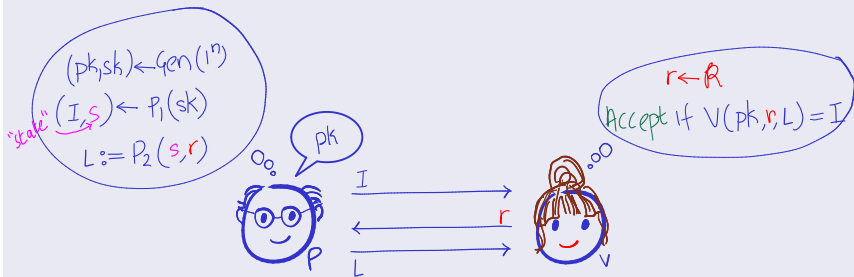
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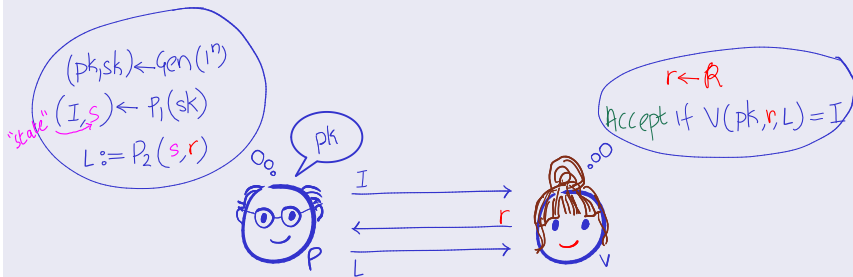
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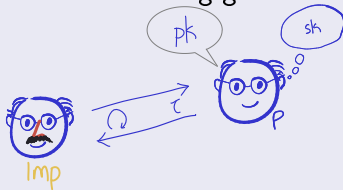


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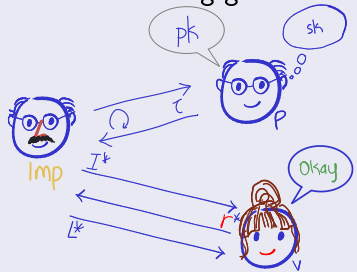


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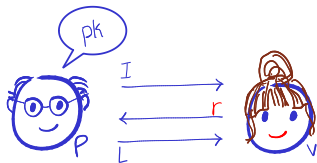
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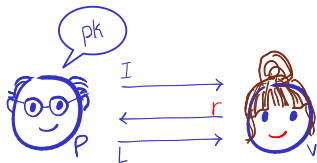
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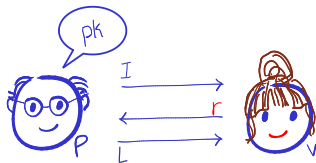


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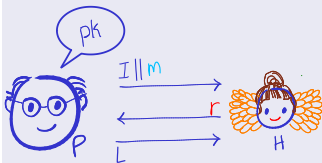
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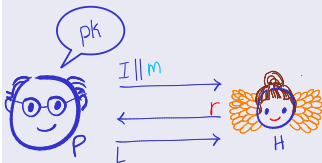
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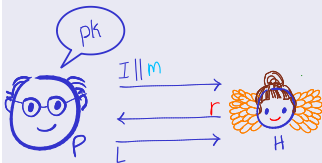
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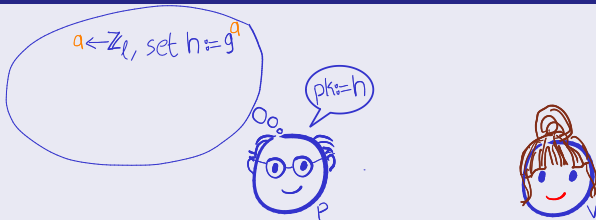
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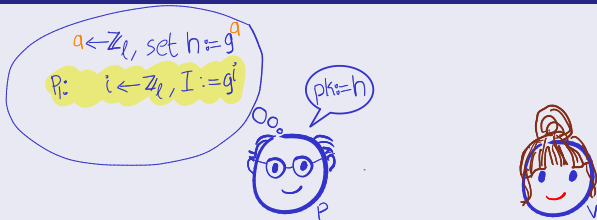
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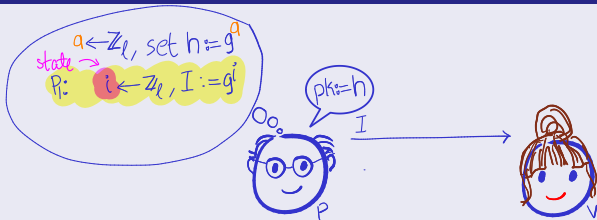
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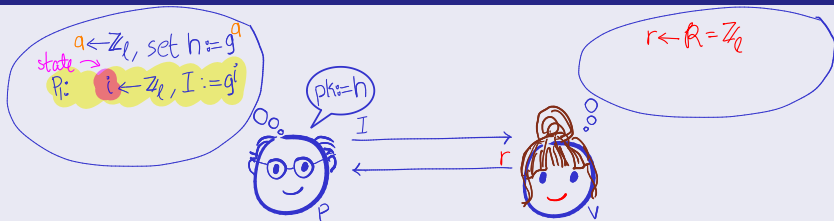
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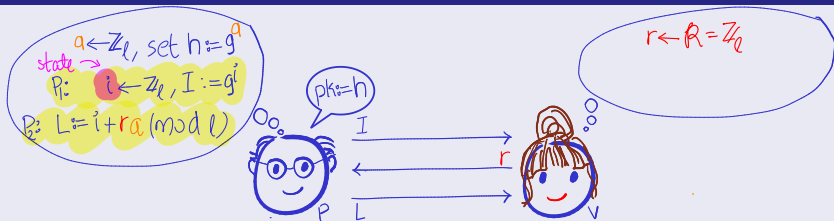
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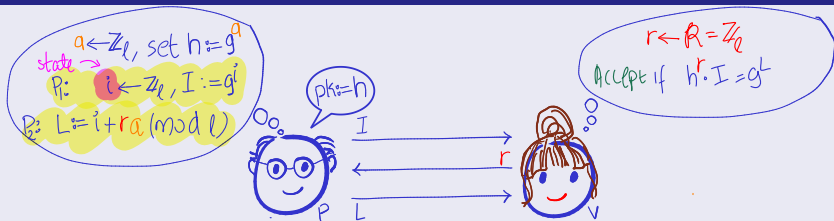
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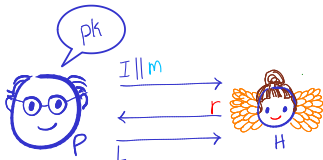
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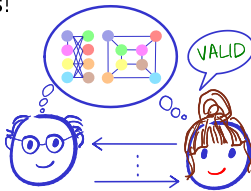
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