DTKI

A new formalised PKI with no trusted parties

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Context

Most communications take place over a public network

It is important to ensure their security

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Asymmetric encryption

M

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sk, **pk**(*sk*)

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Asymmetric encryption

I generate a public and private key

pk(*sk*)

M

sk, **pk**(*sk*)

I distribute my public key

Context

I
want to send a
message to Bob

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I encrypt it with the public key of Bob and send it

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I decrypt with my private key

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SSL / TLS protocol

HTTPS connection

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I intercept
Bob's message

Distribution of the public key

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sk’, **pk**(*sk’*)

sk, **pk**(*sk*)

I generate a new set of public and private key

I intercept Bob’s message

Distribution of the public key

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I send the fake public key to Alice

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We need a reliable Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)

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I want to register my public key

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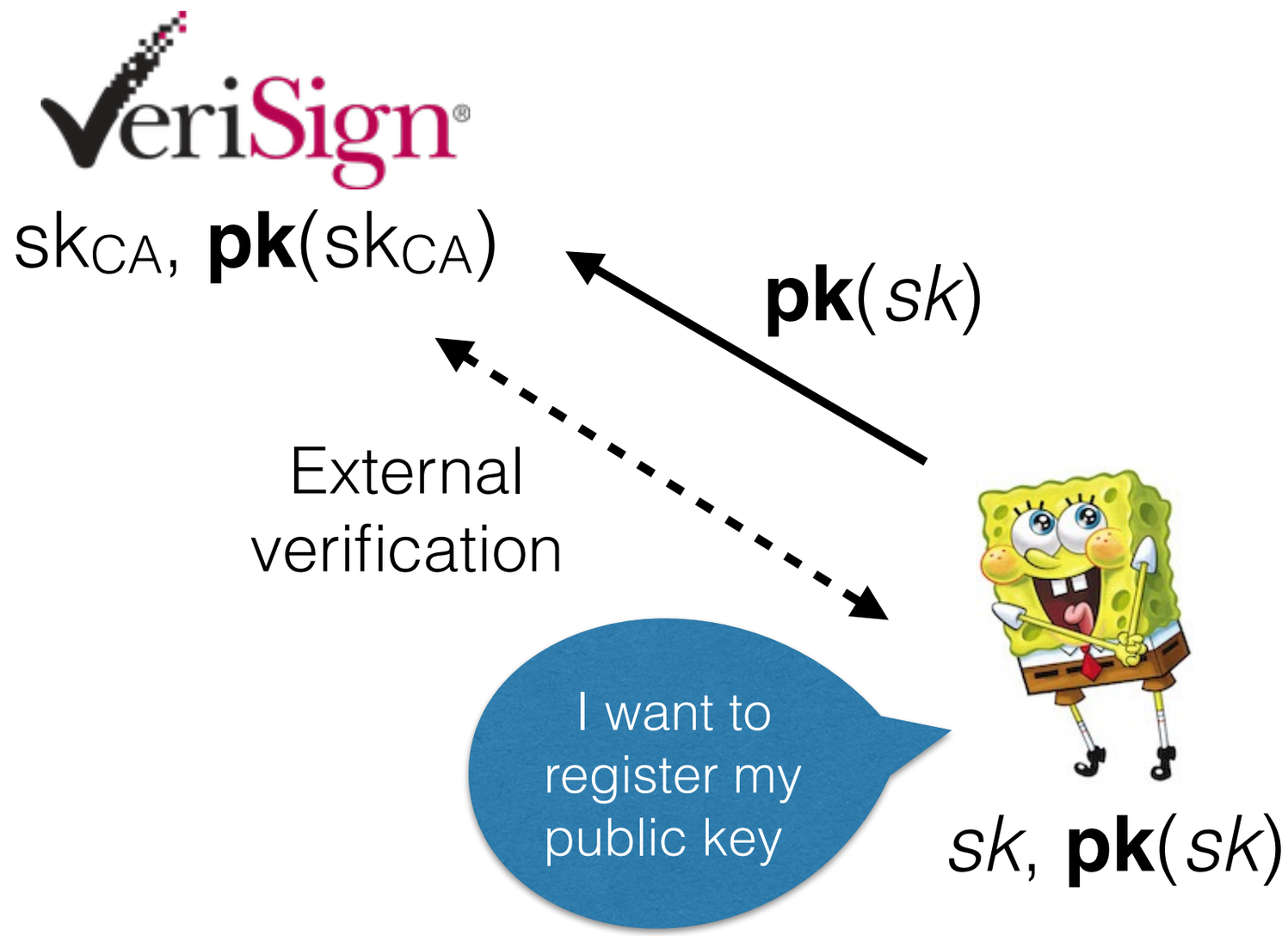

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I want to talk to Bob

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$sign_{sk_{CA}}(\mathbf{pk}(sk),Bob)$

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$\mathbf{pk}(sk)$

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M, $\mathbf{pk}(sk_{CA})$

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I verify the signature

M, **pk**(sk_{CA})

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External verification

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M, **pk**(sk_{CA})

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Problems with existing solution

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Problem 1: Trust given to the Certificate Authority

Real attacks reported: Comodo, DigiNotar, ANSSI

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Problem 2: Monopoly of the certificate authority

Problem 3: Coarse grain security

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State of the art

Several proposals:

- Crowd-sourcing (Perspectives, DoubleCheck)
- Pinning (TACK)
- Public Log (Certificate Transparency, AKI, Sovereign Key)

↳ Log accessible to anyone, verifiable proof

Issues with public log proposals:

- Relies on trusted parties (monitors, validator, mirror)
- Single log
- No revocation
- Monopoly

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Size and verification time of proofs must be O(log(n))

ChronTree

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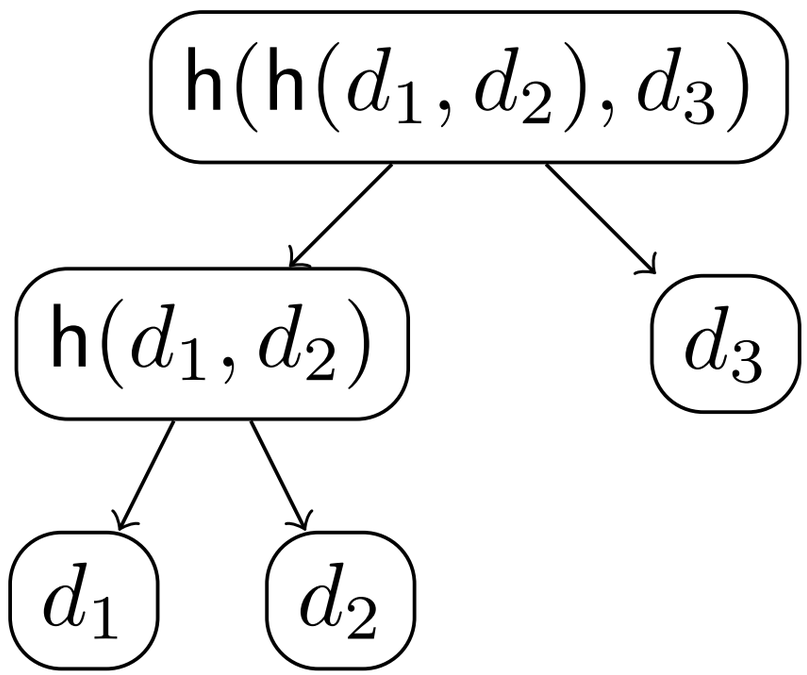

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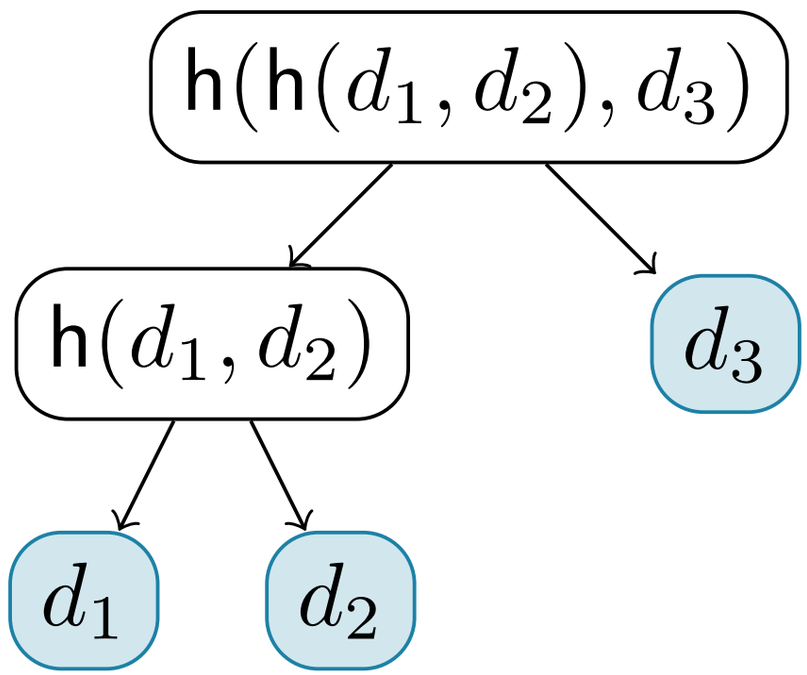

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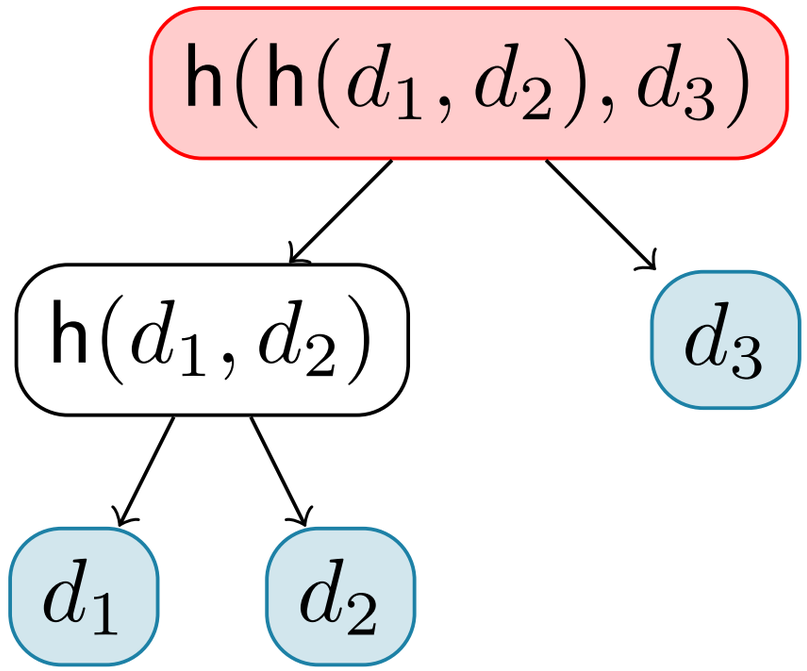

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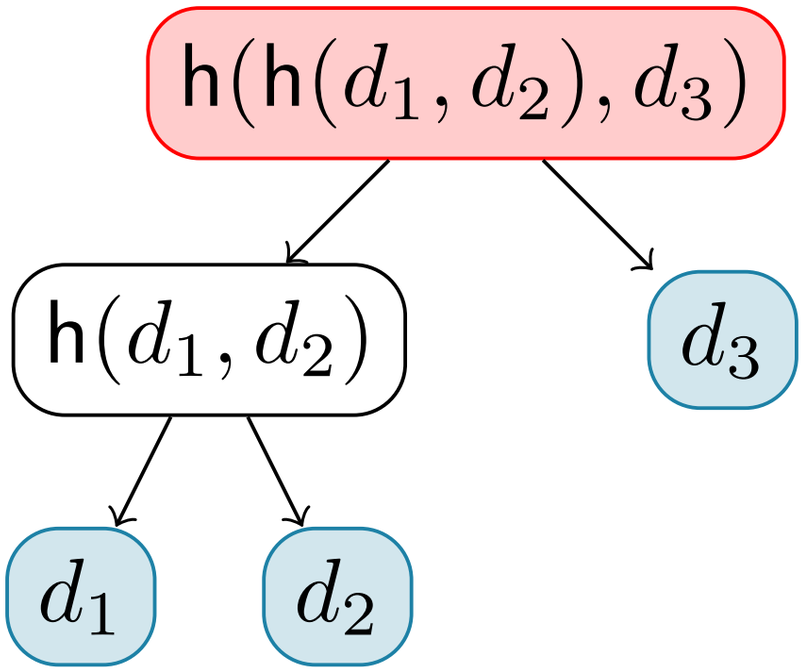

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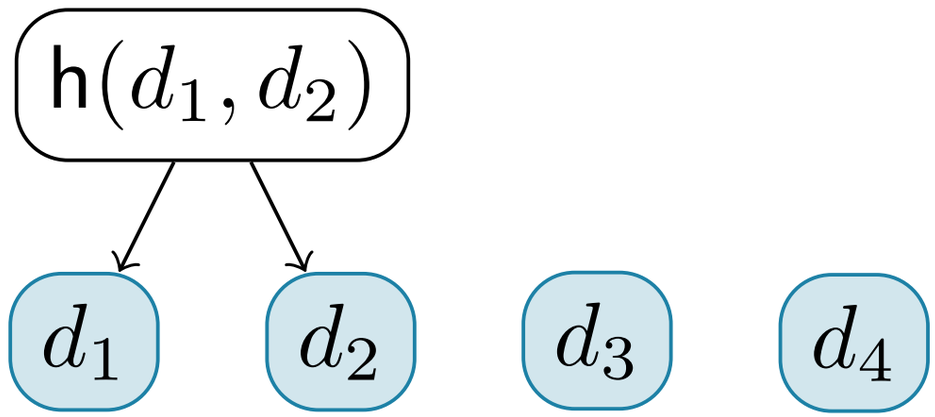

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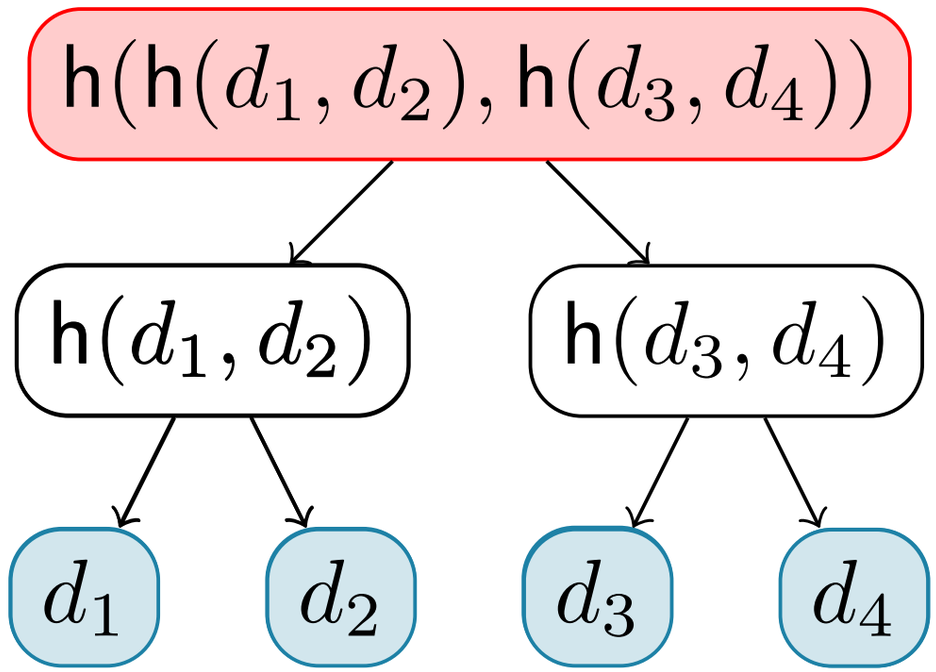

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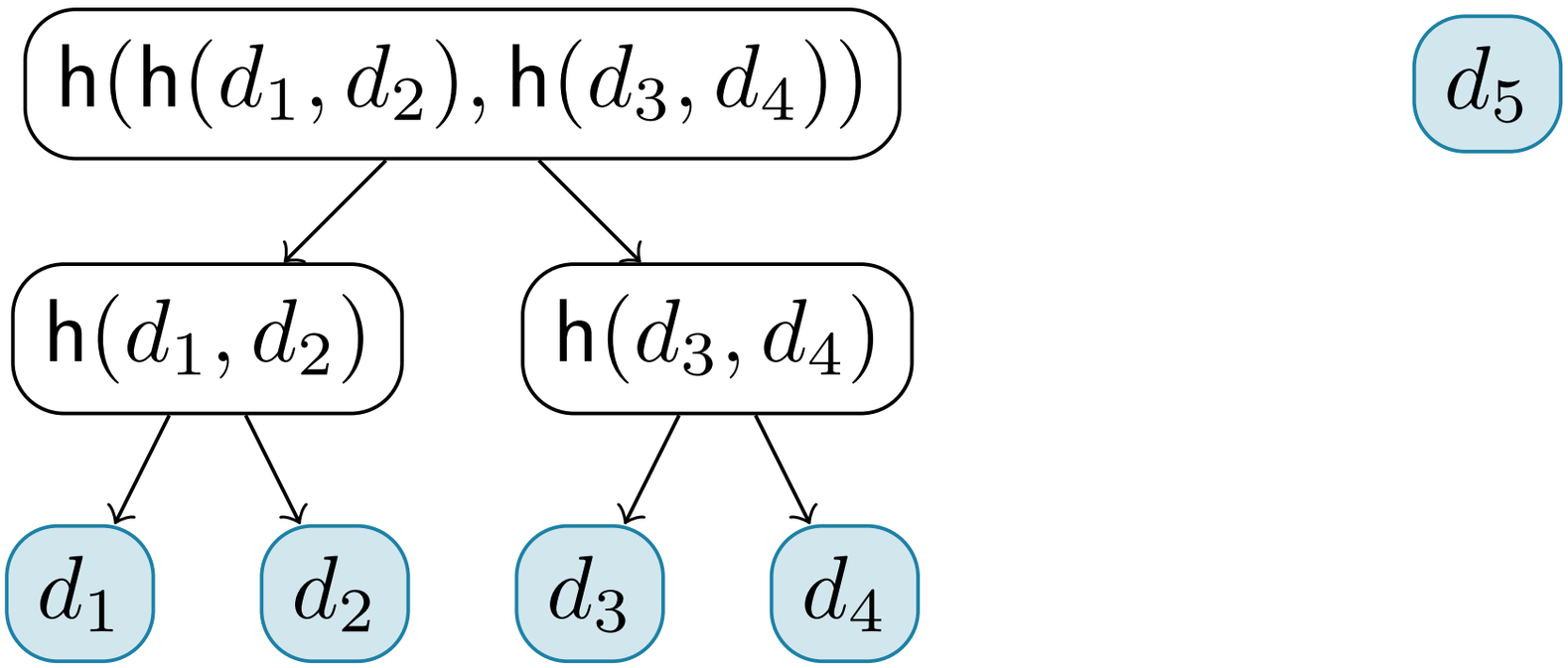

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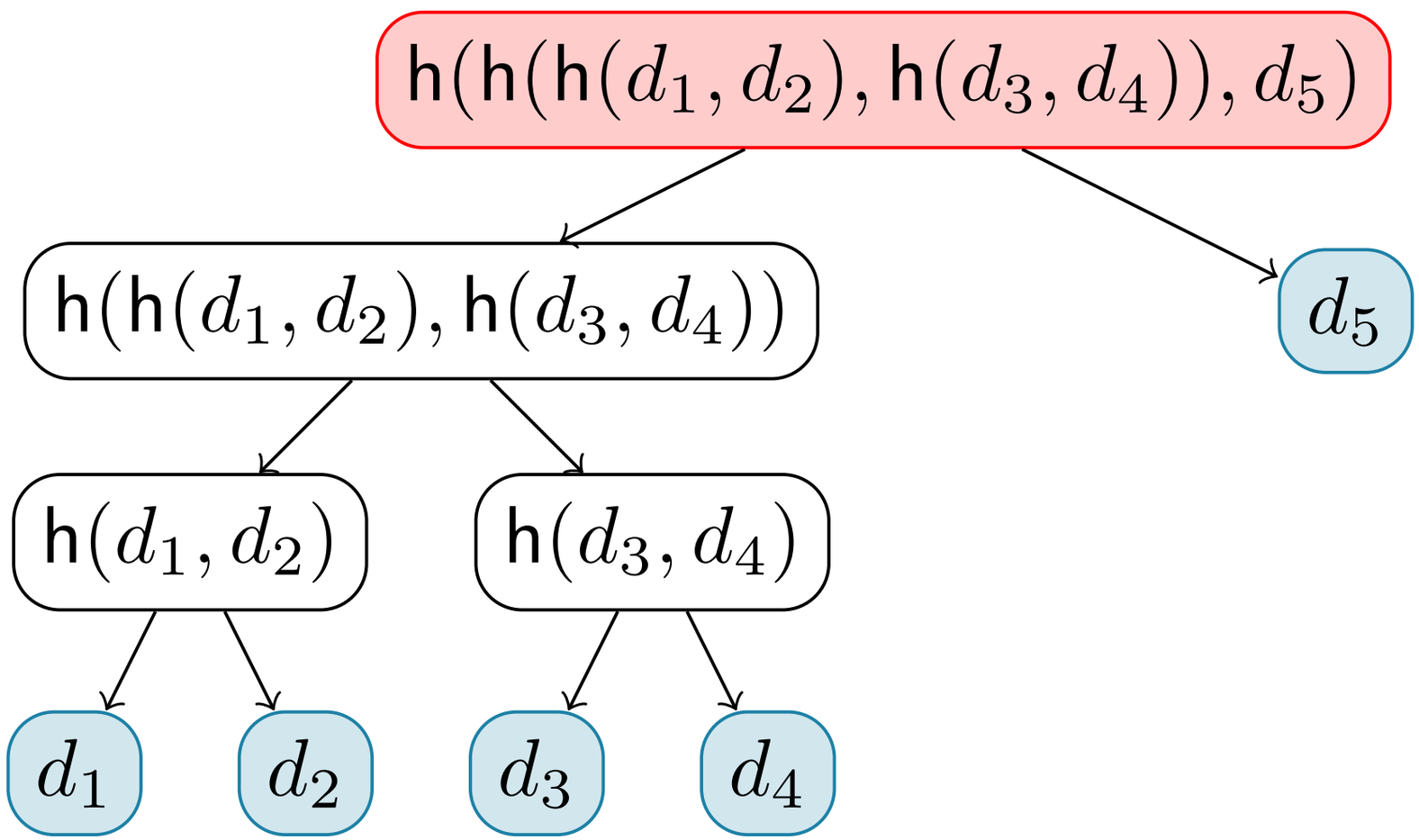

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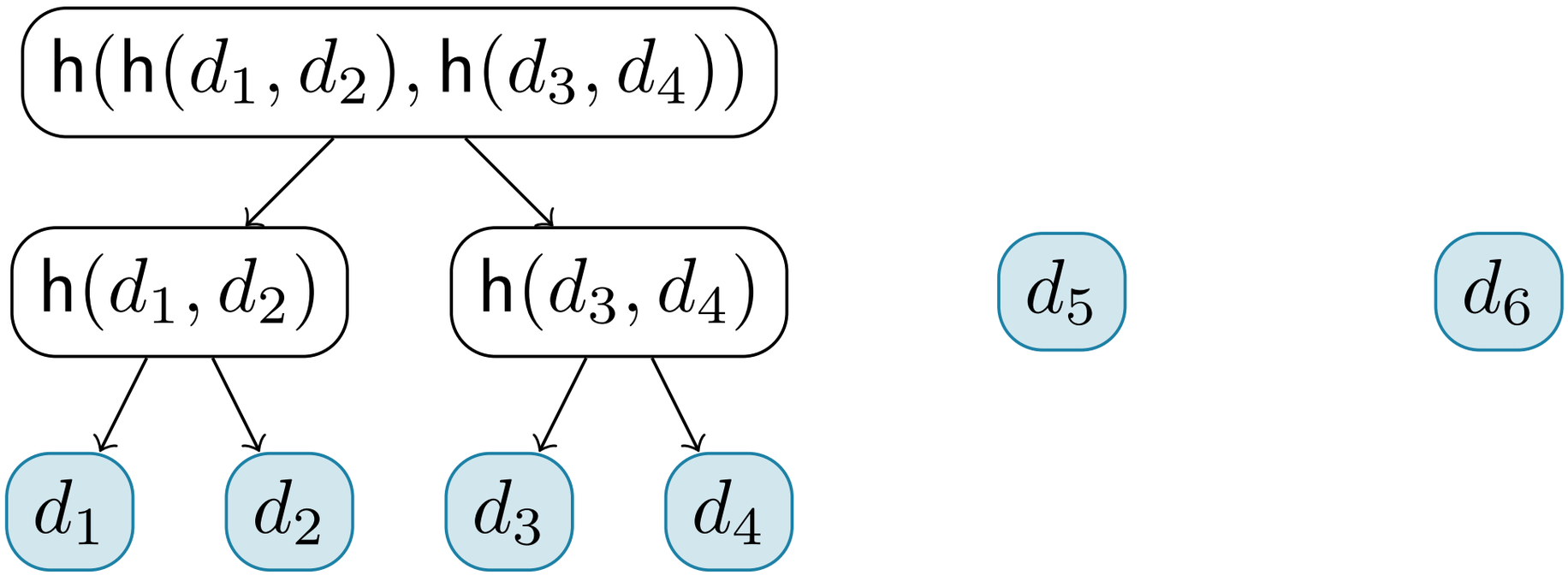

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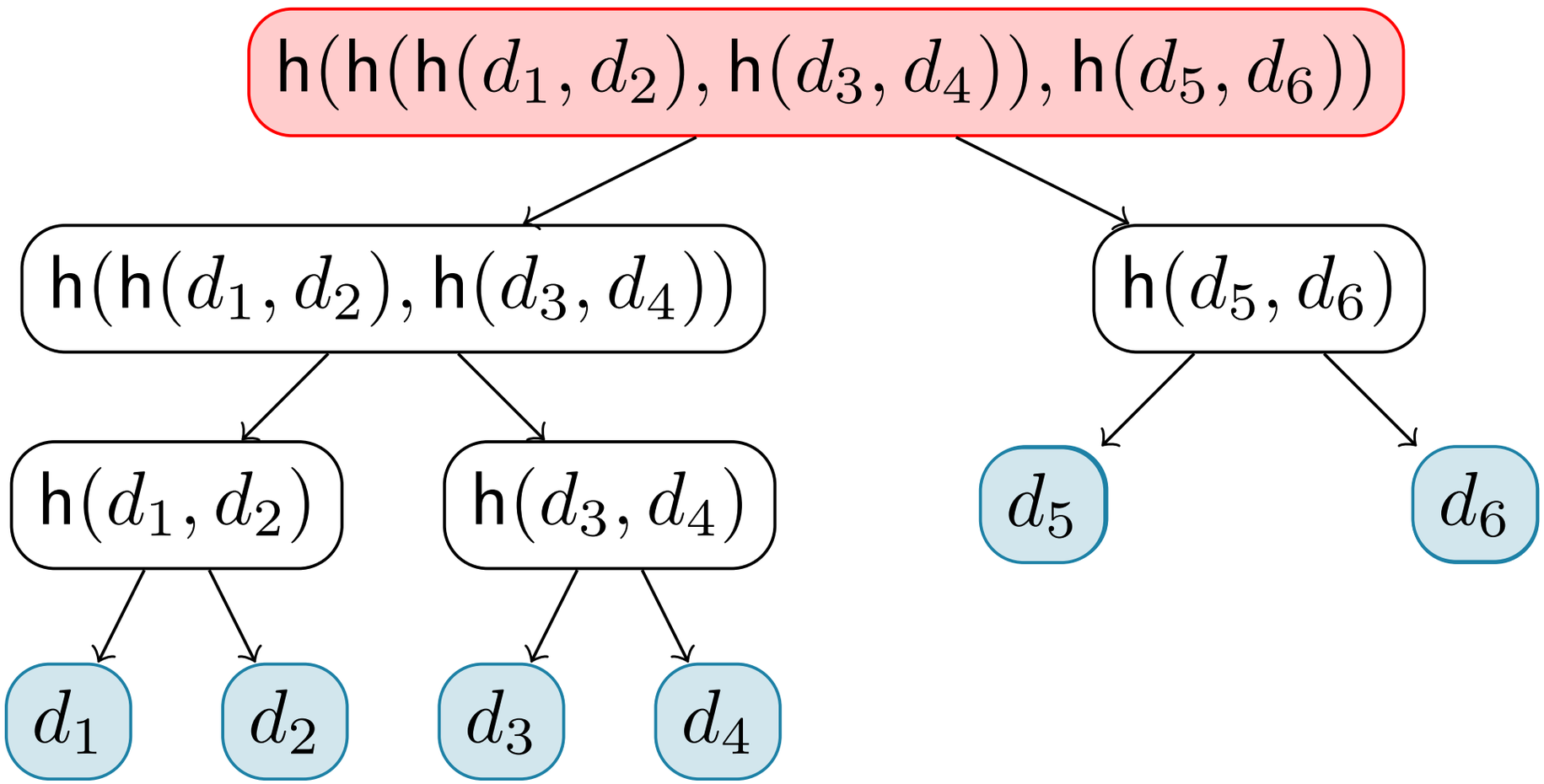

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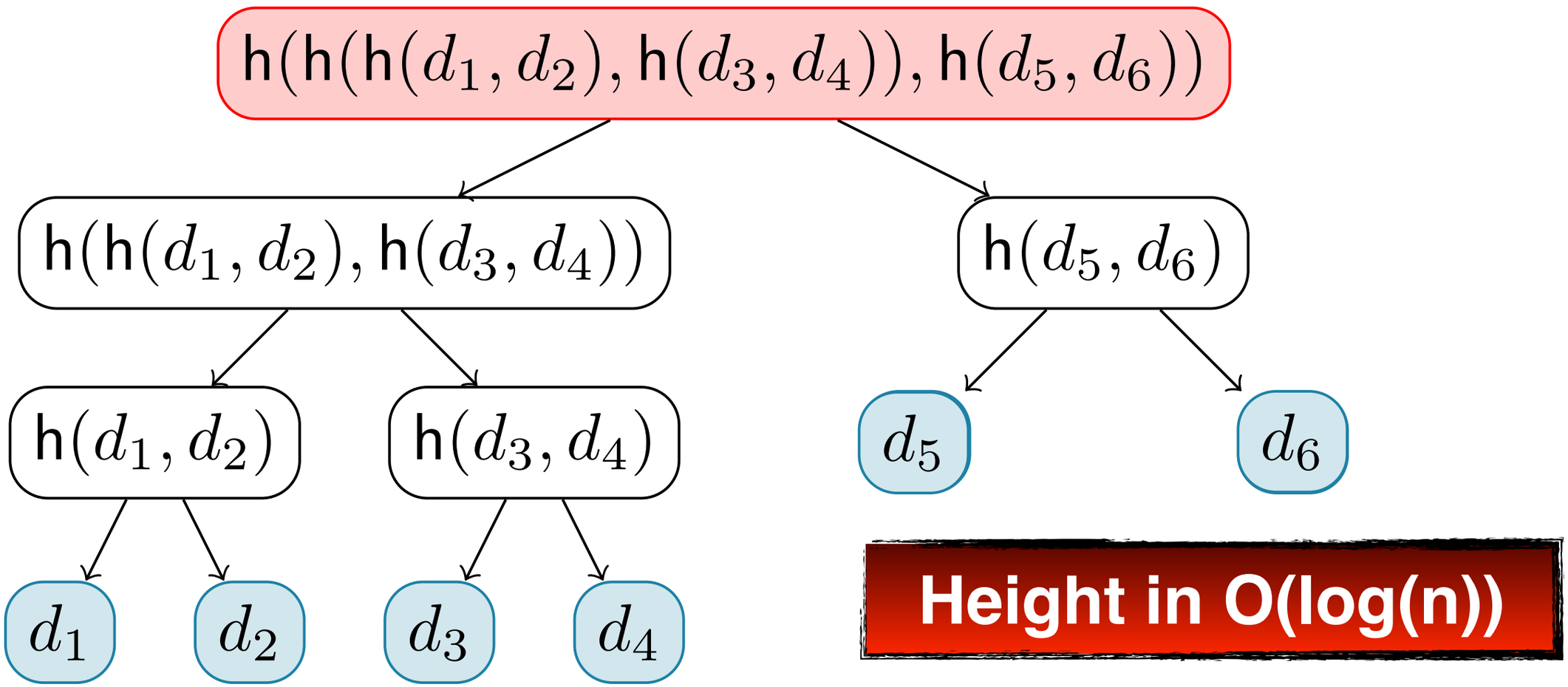

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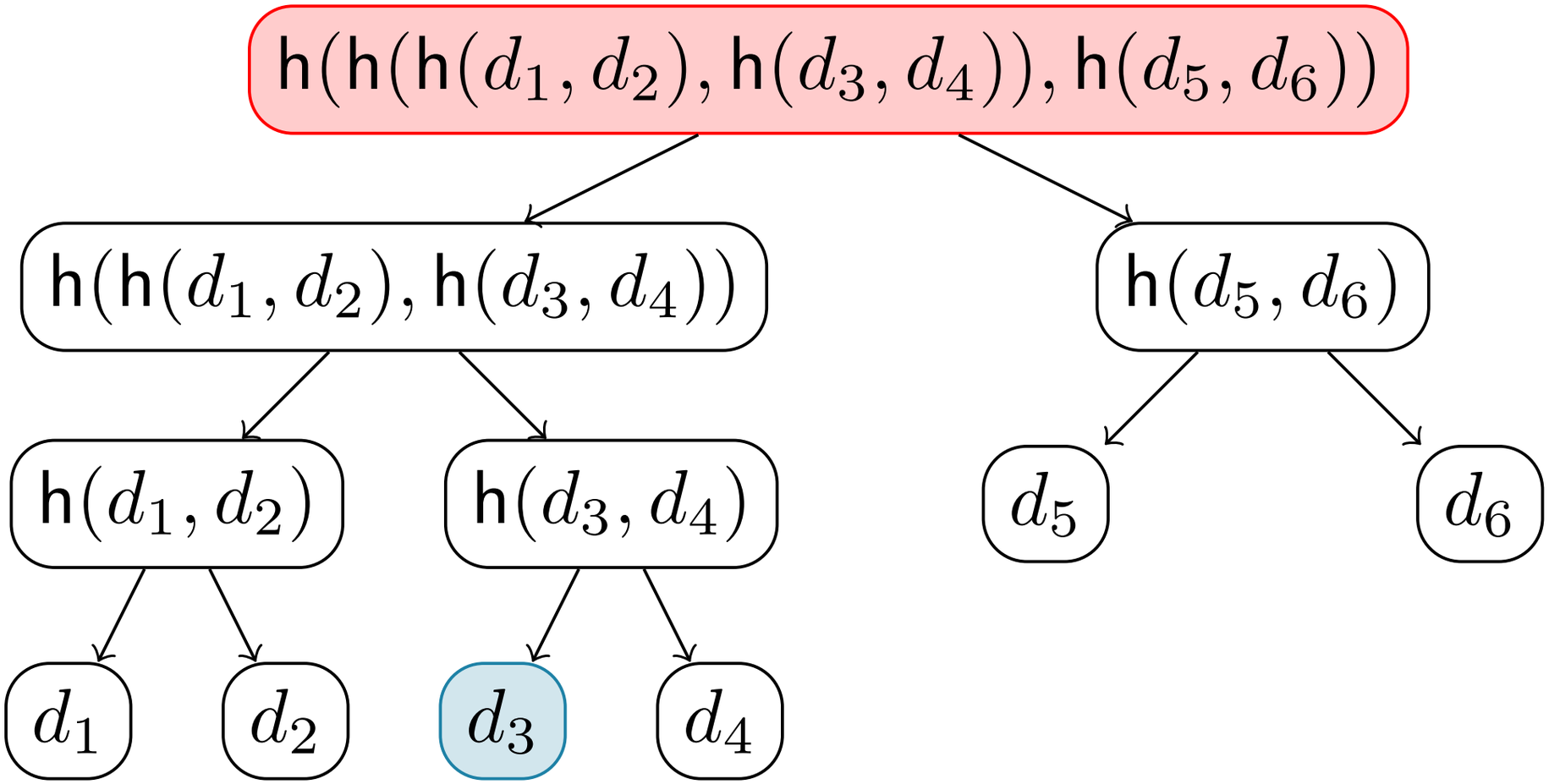

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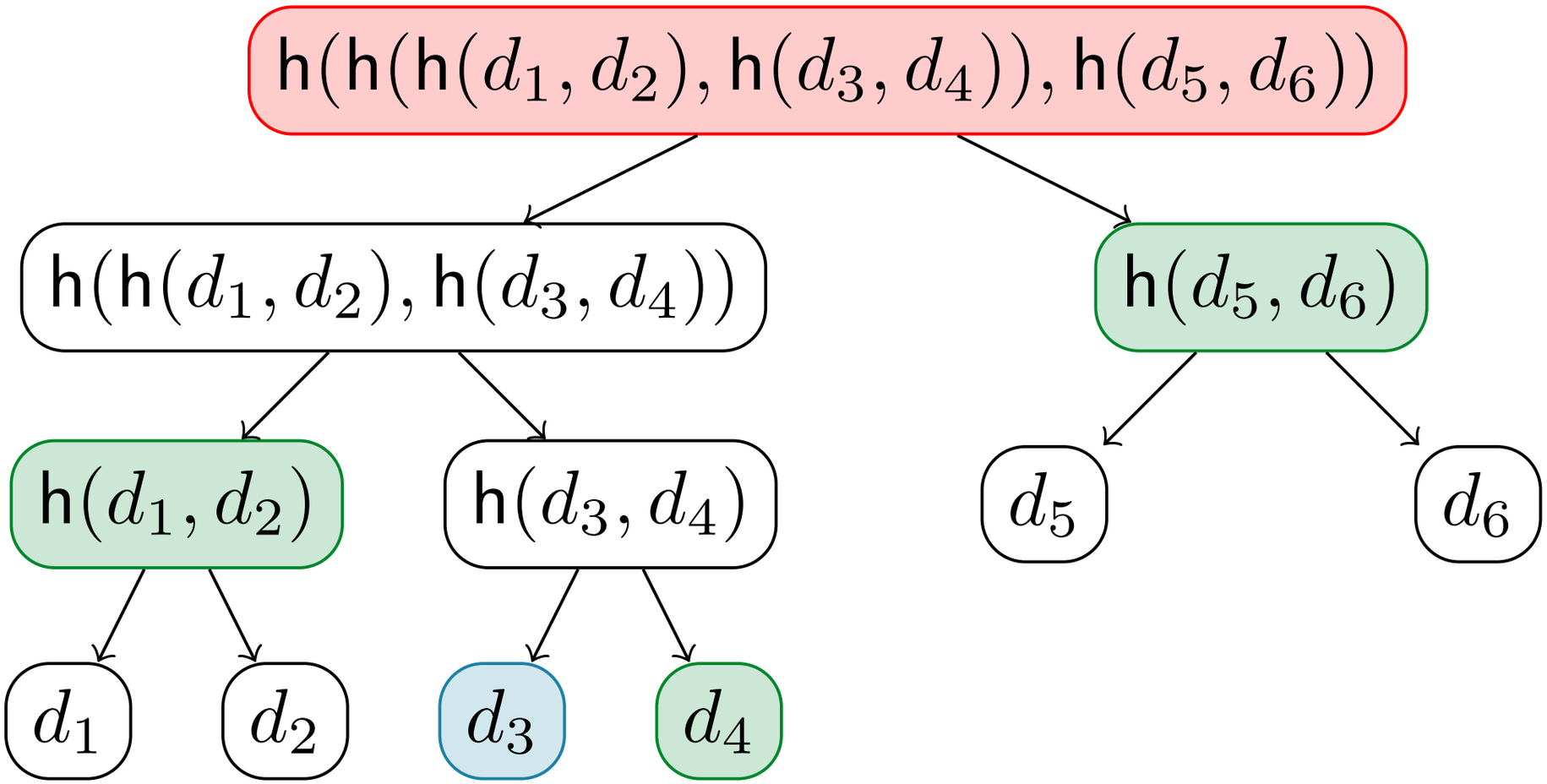

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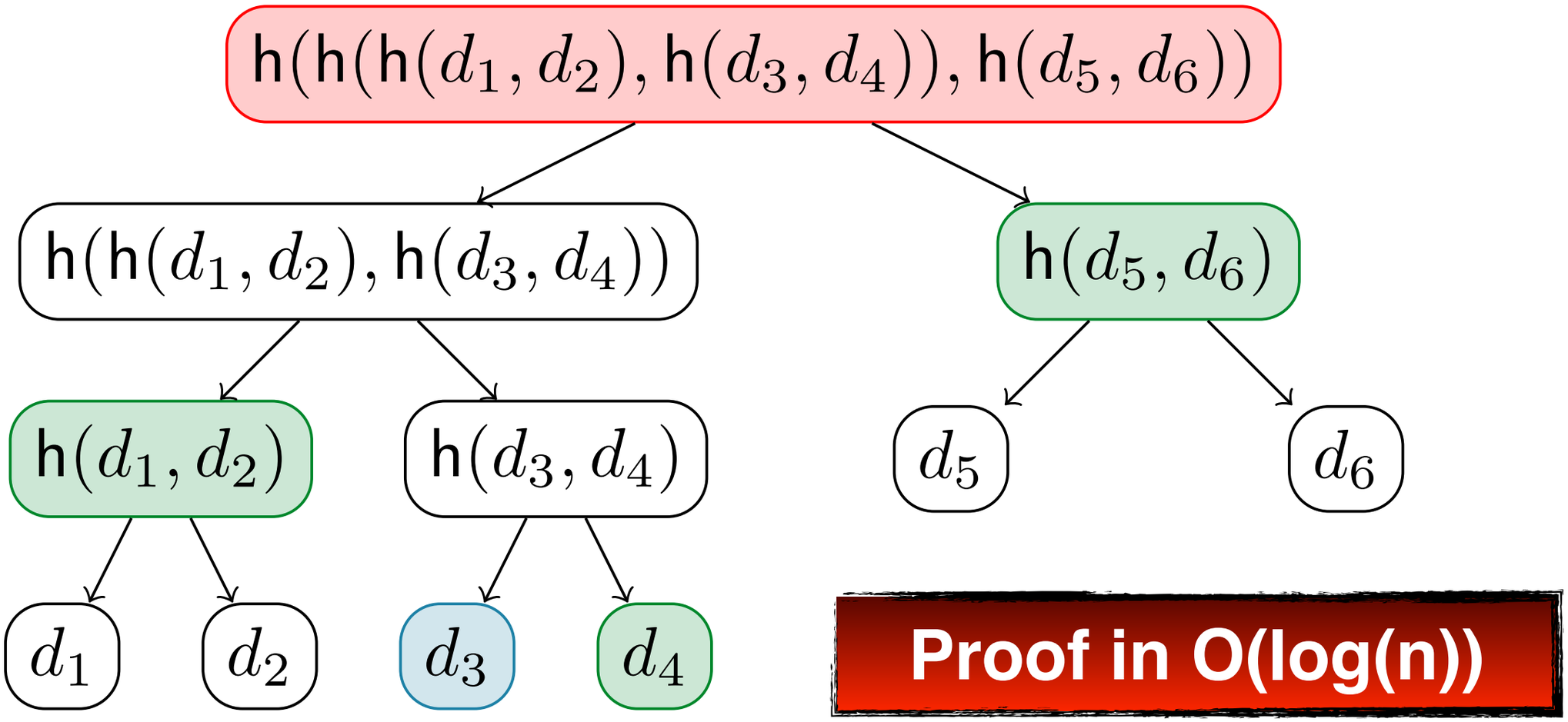

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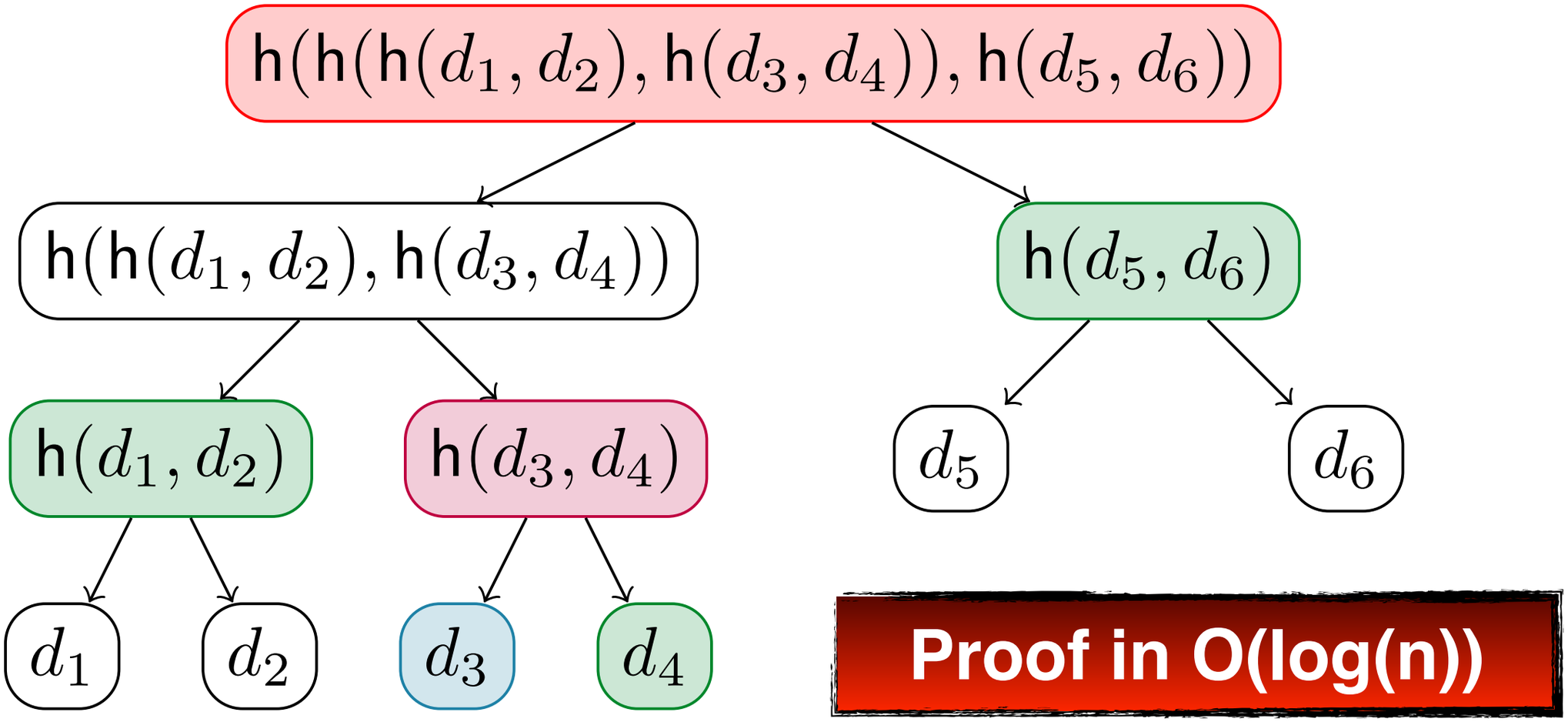

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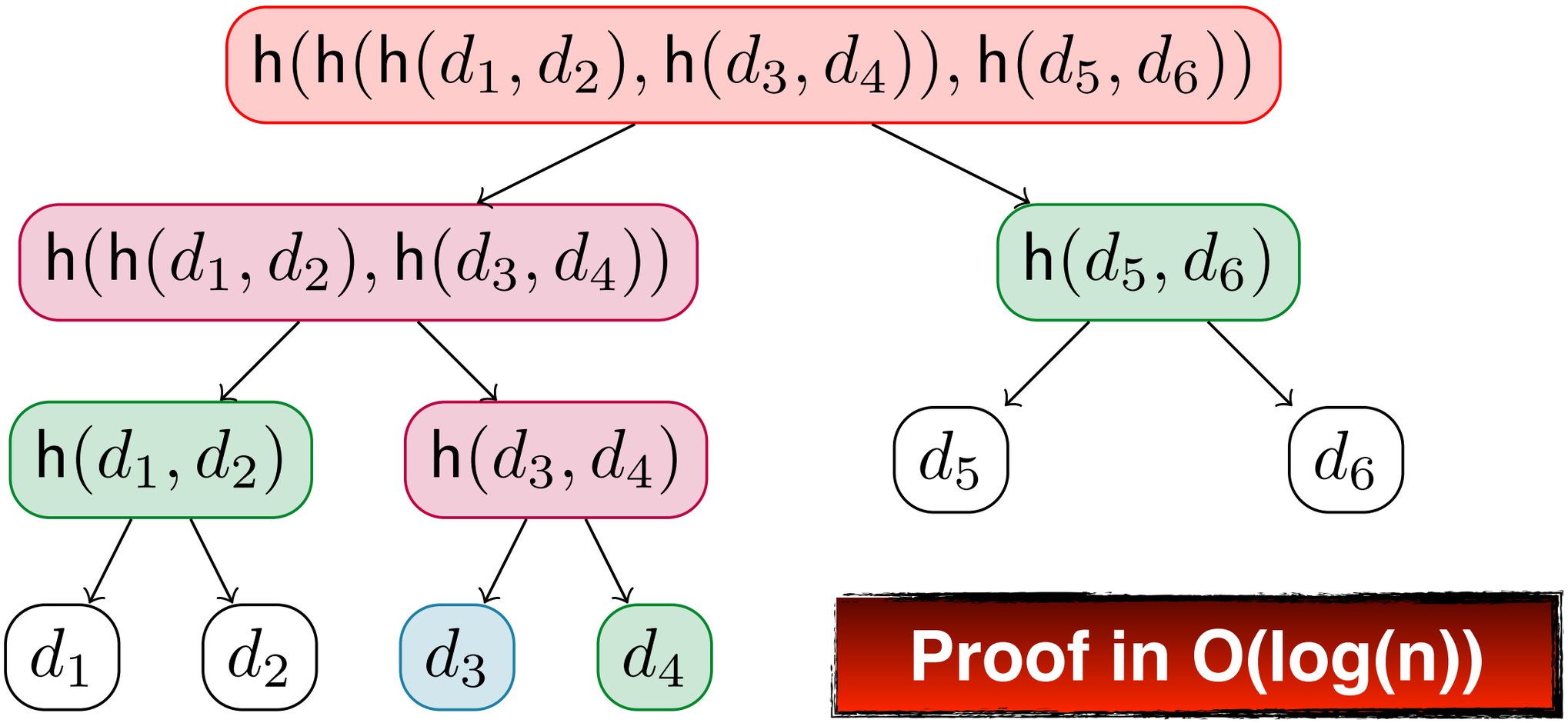

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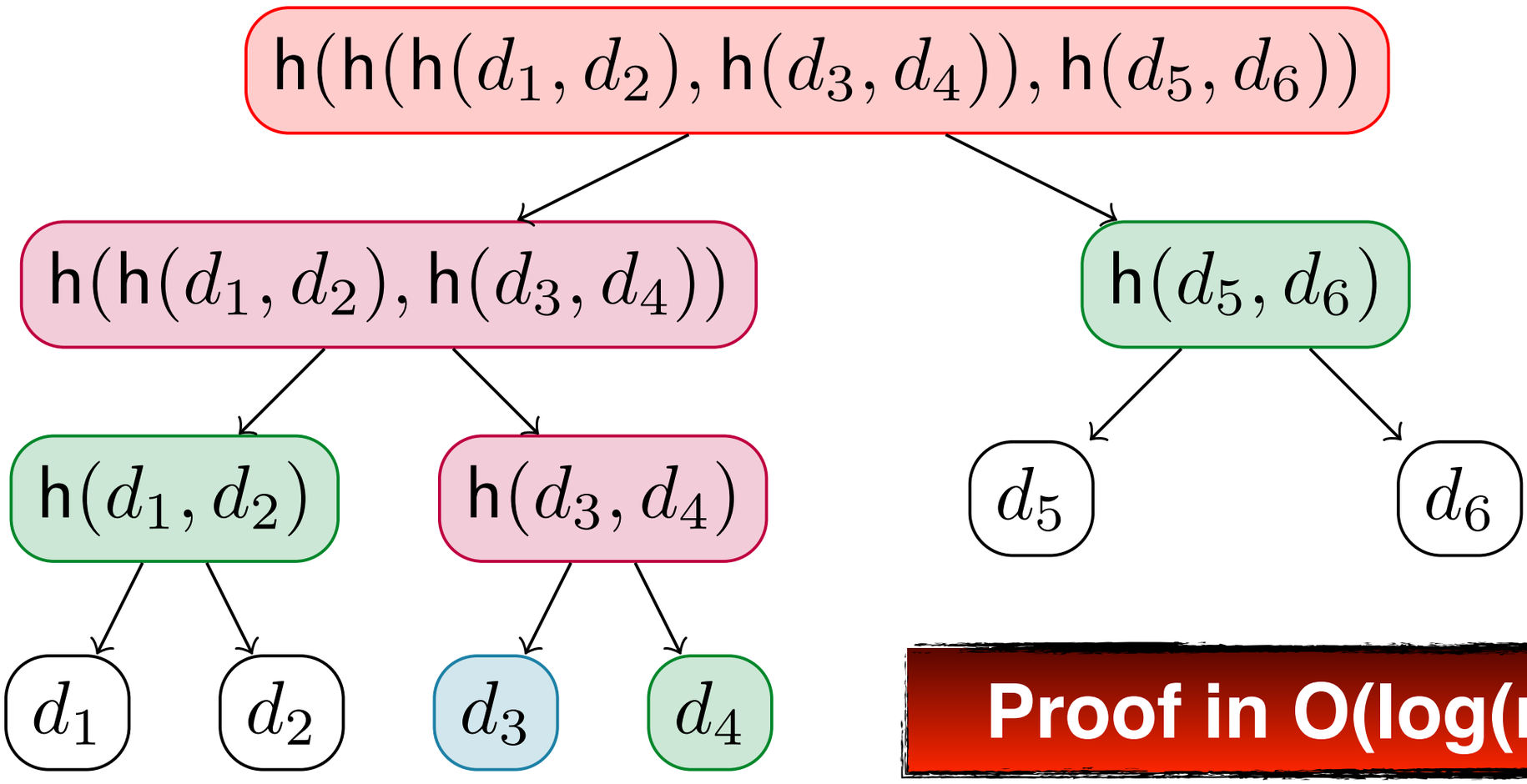

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Verification of the proof in O(log(n))

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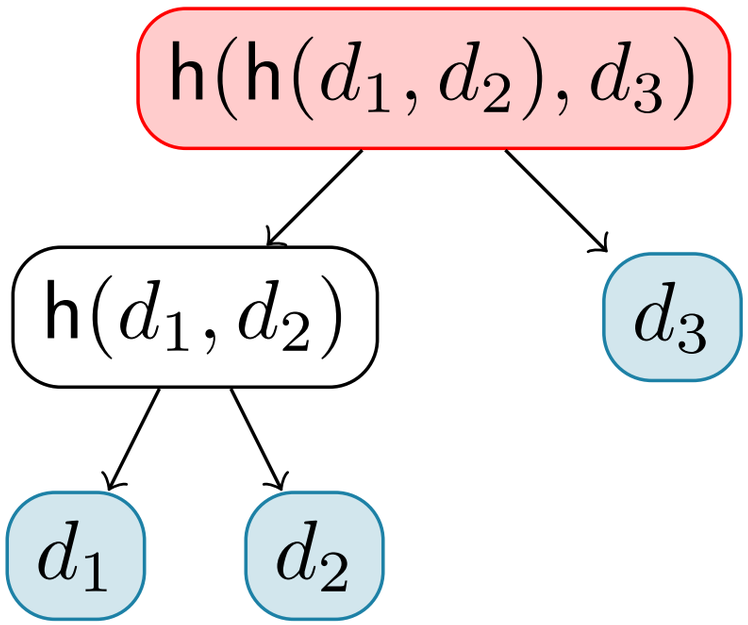

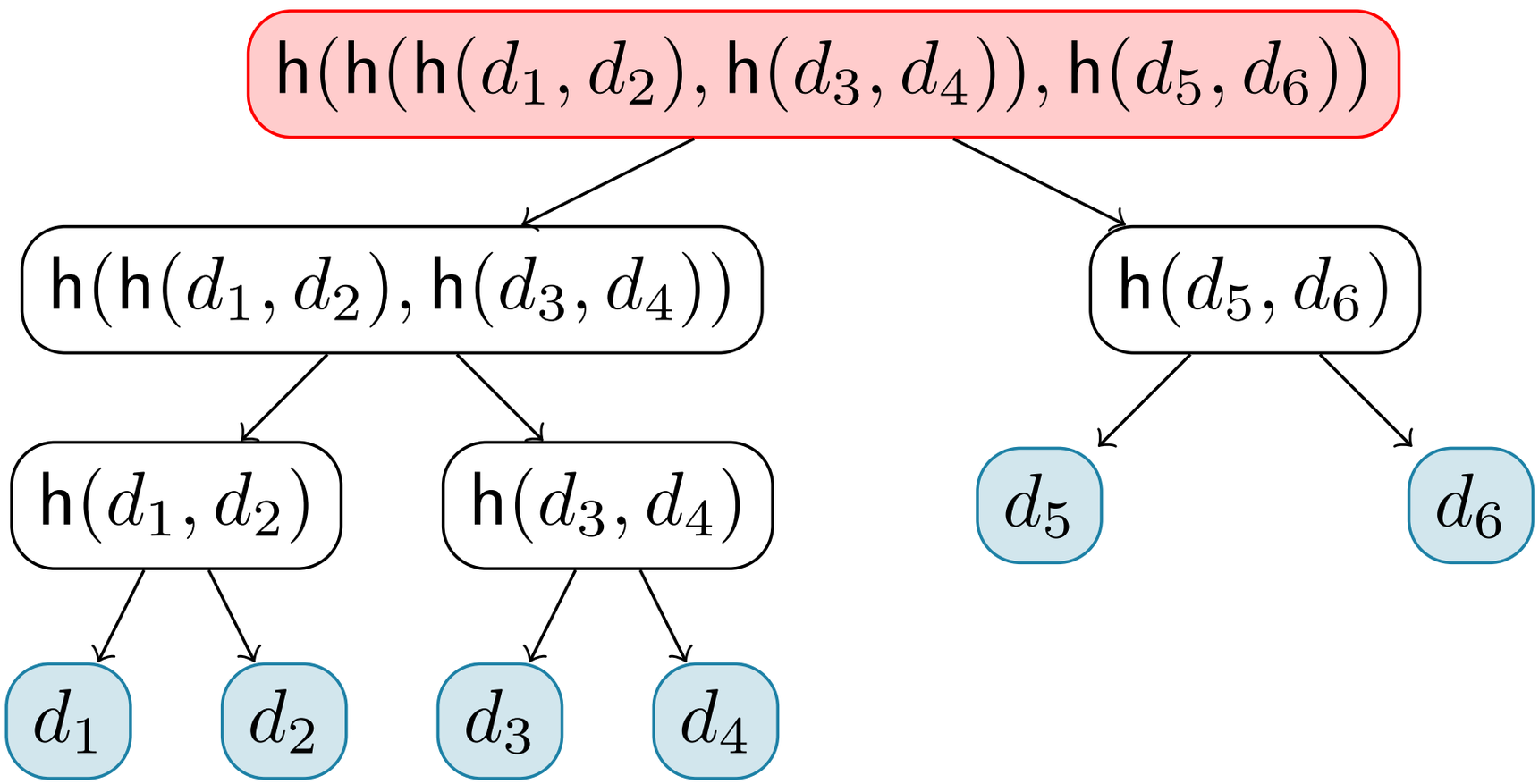

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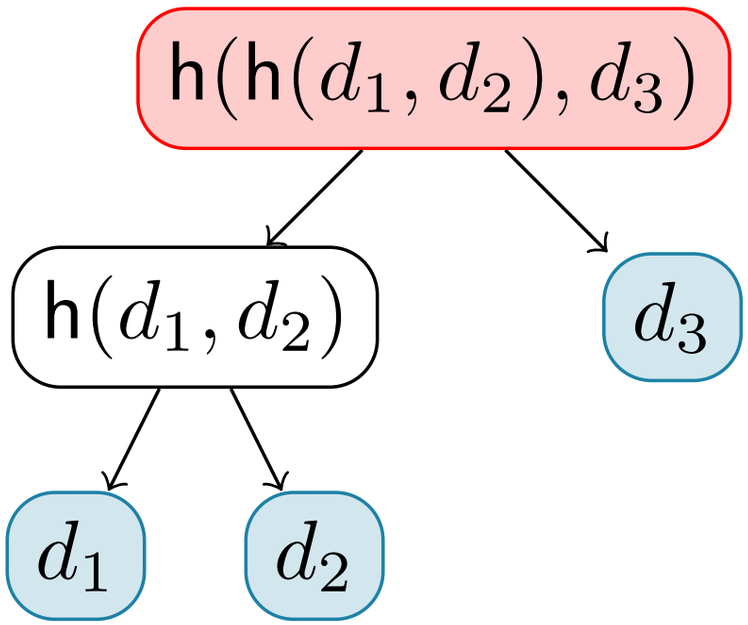

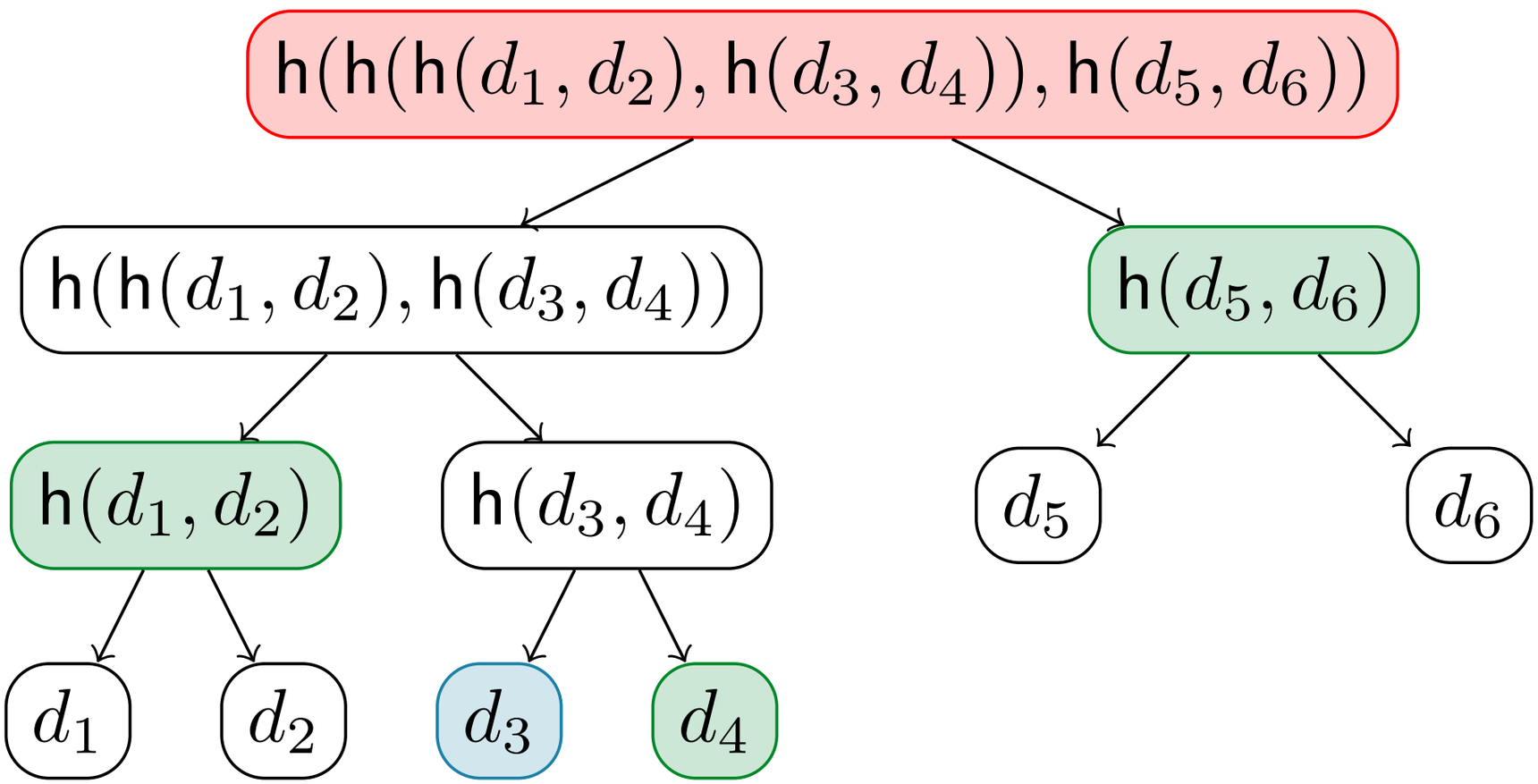

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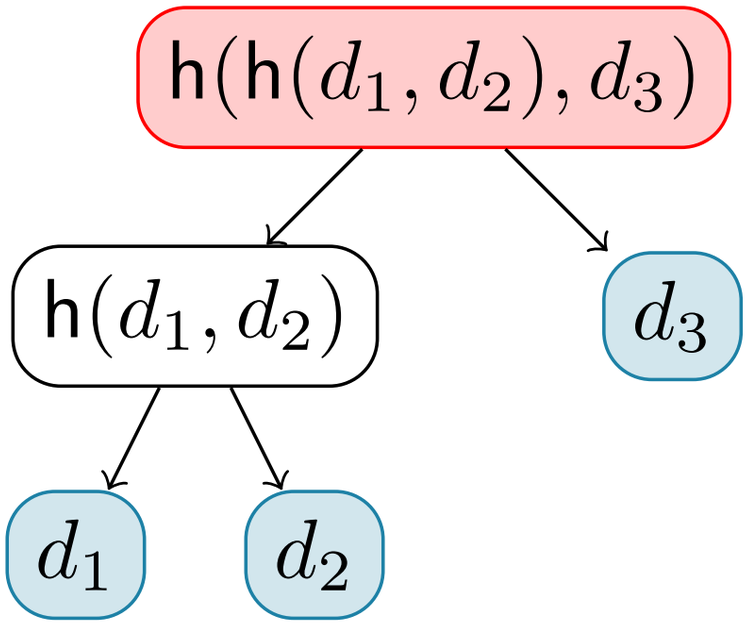

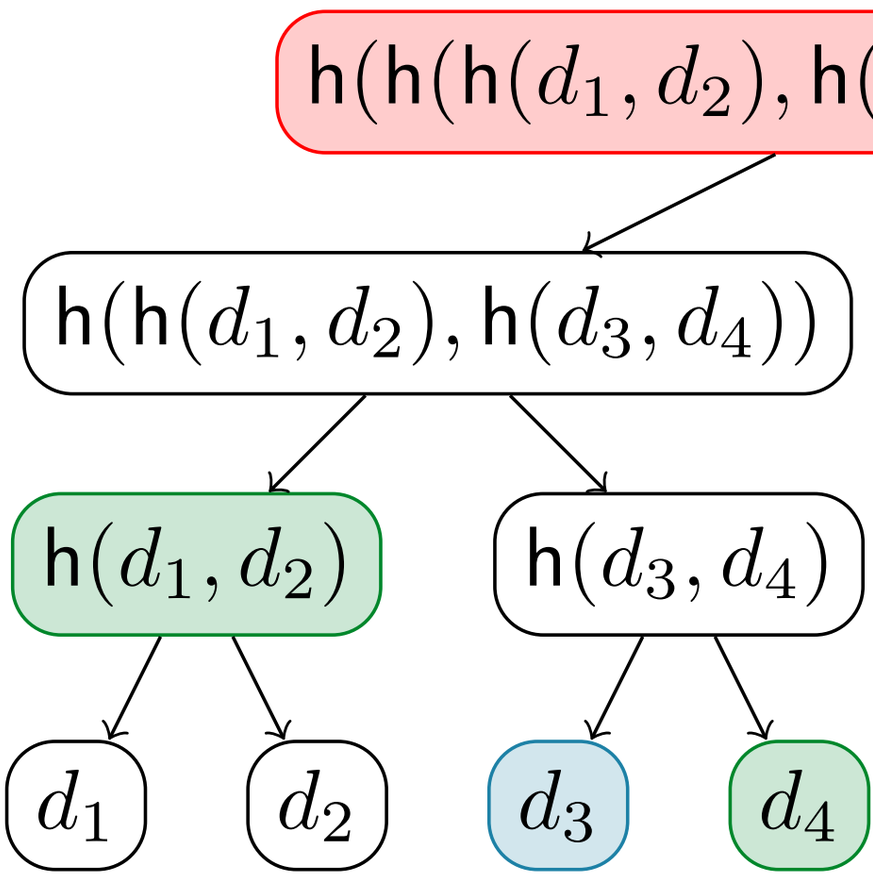

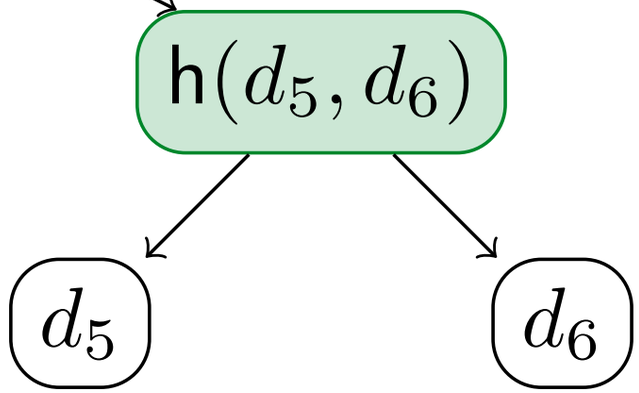

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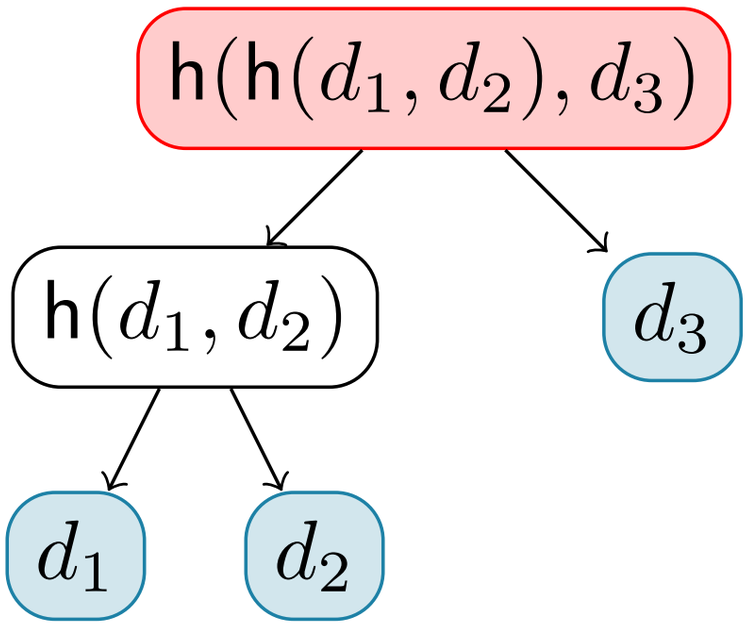

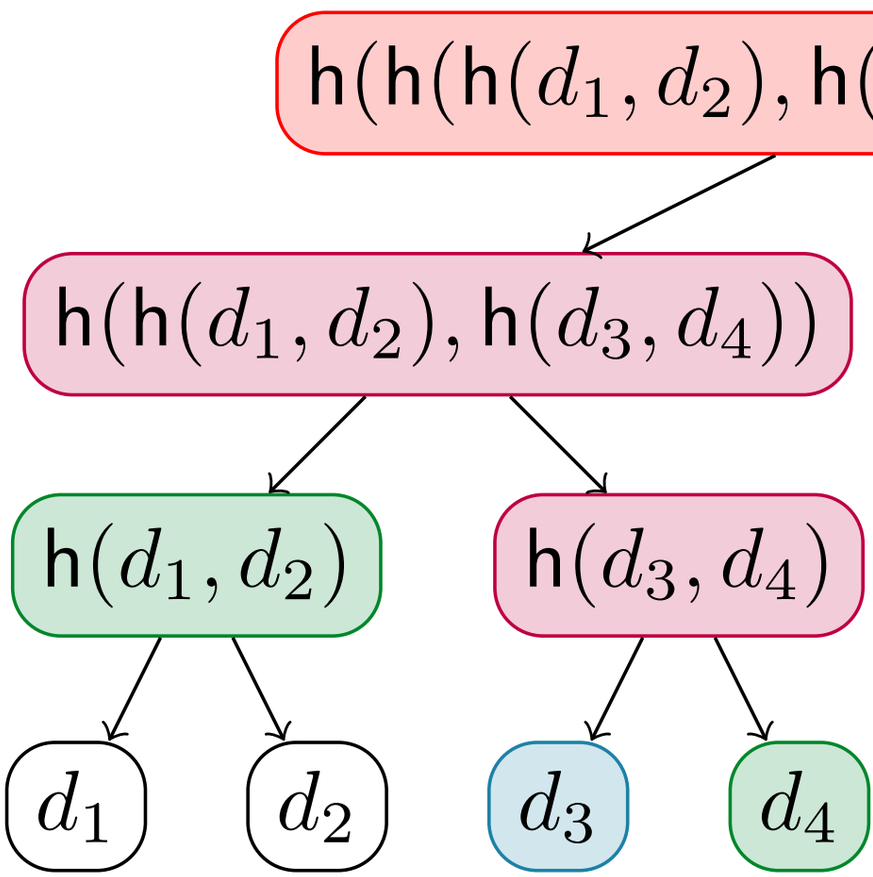

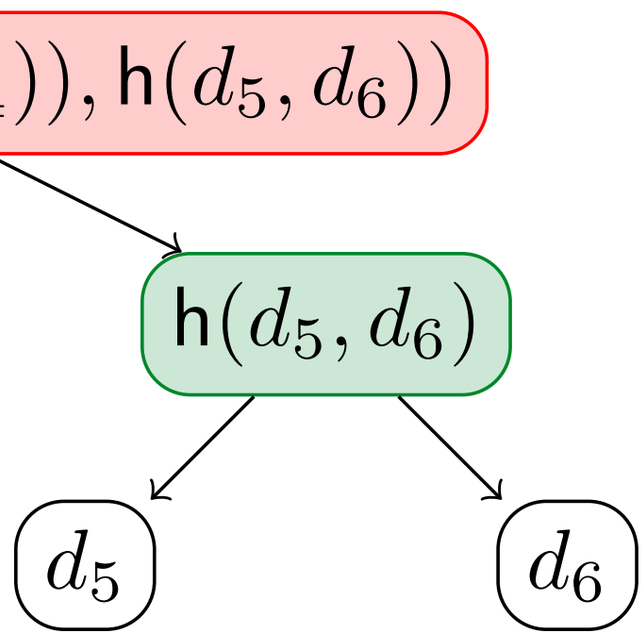

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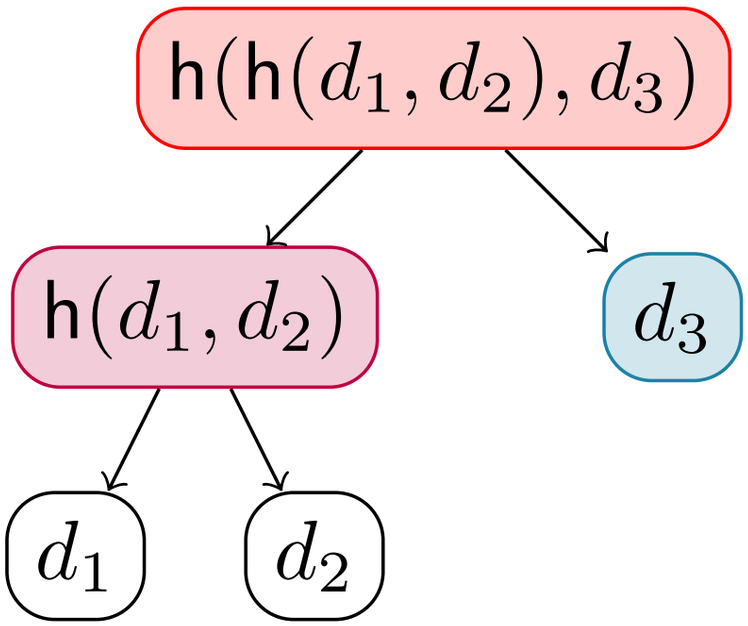

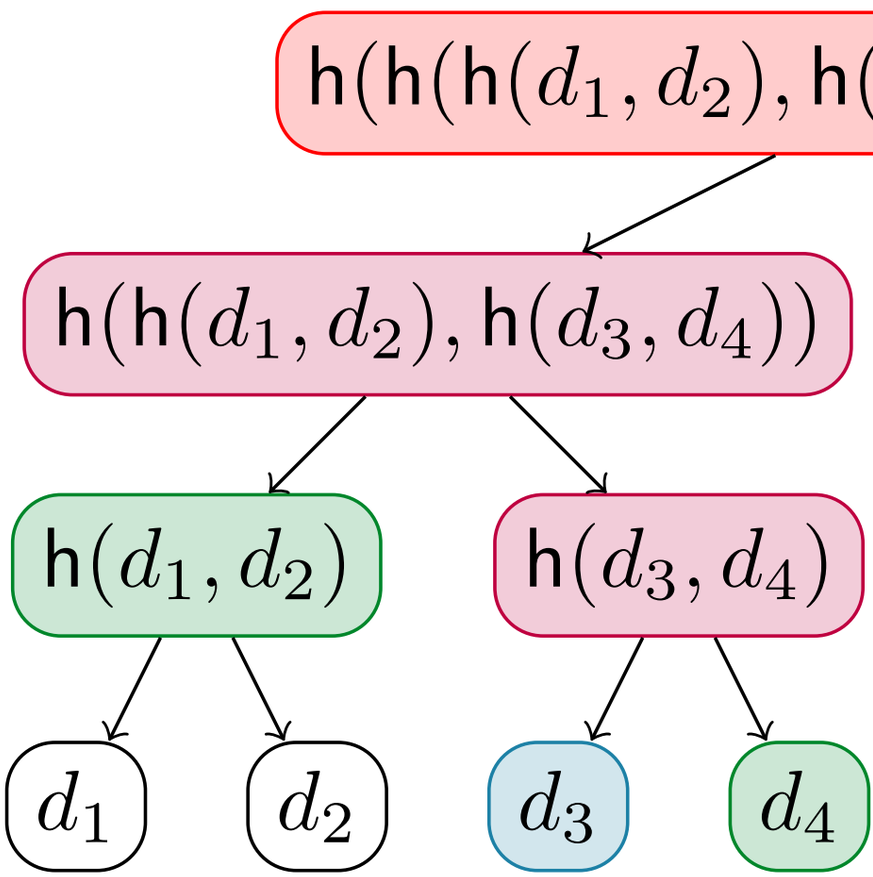

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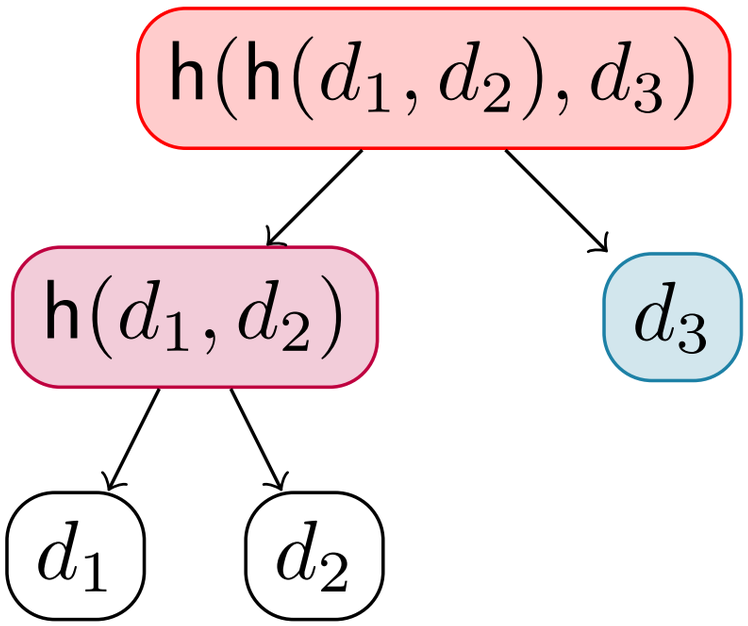

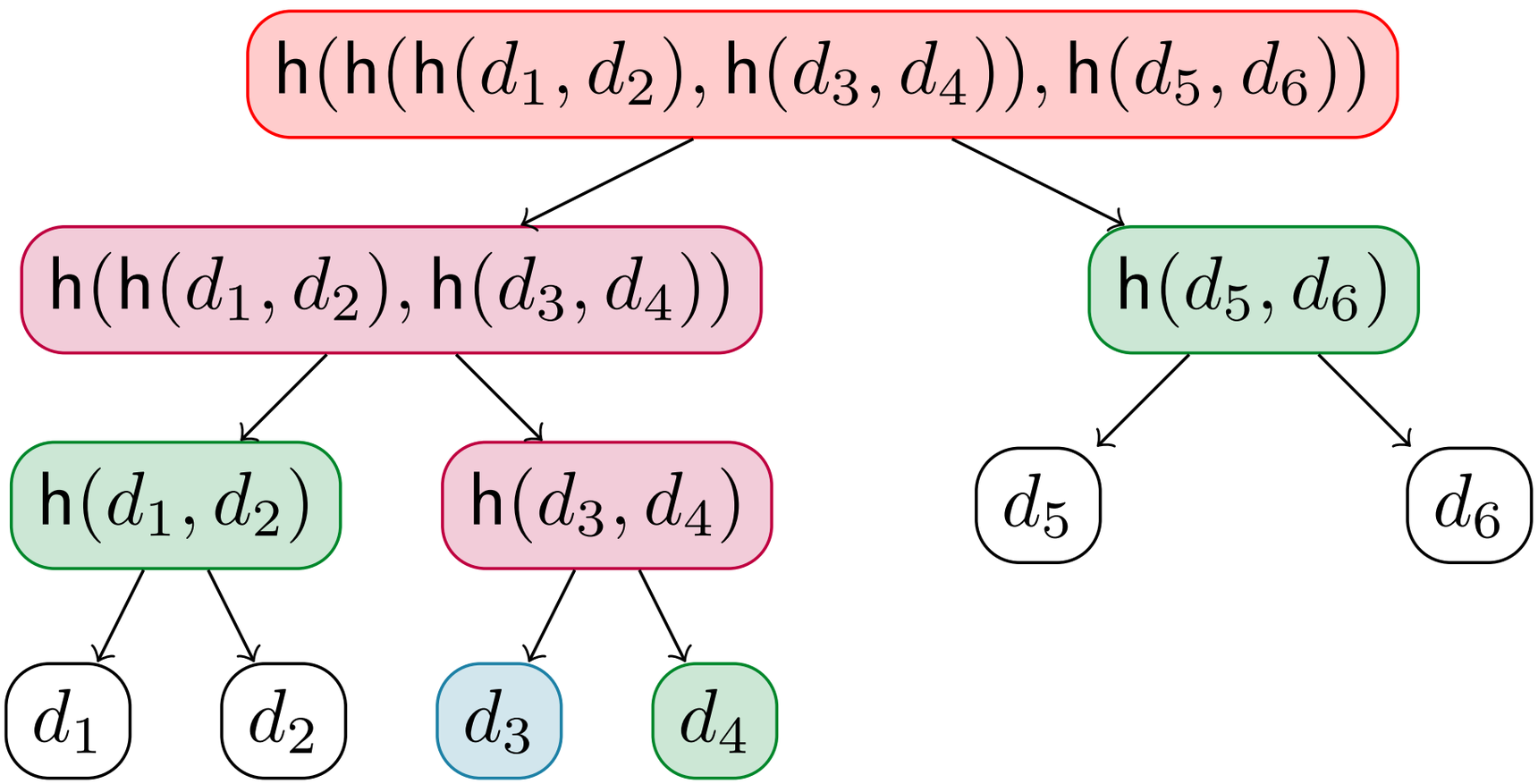

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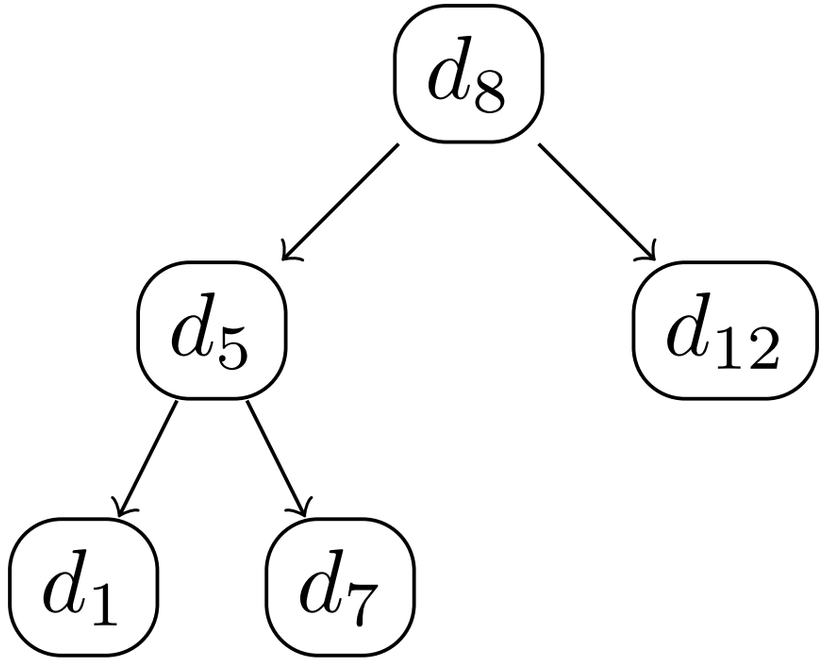

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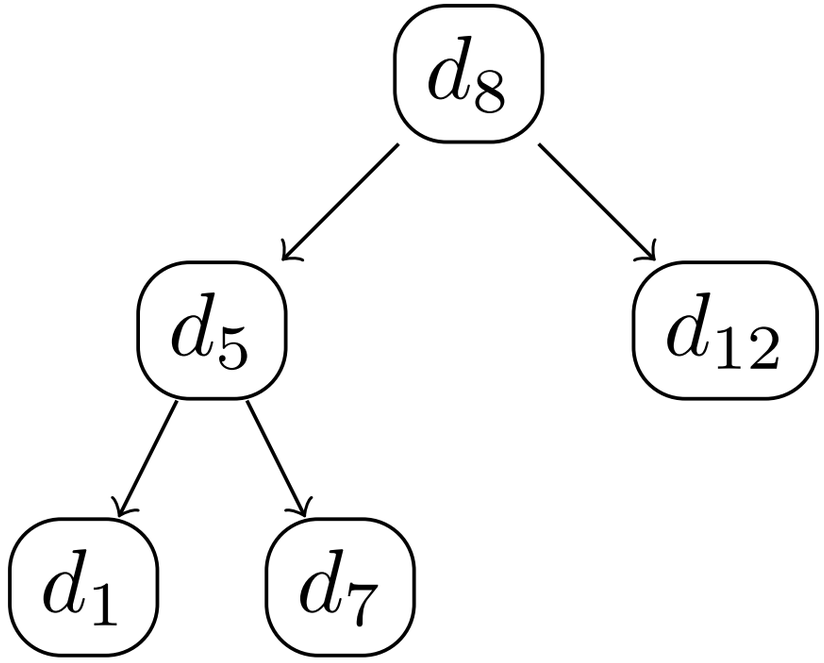

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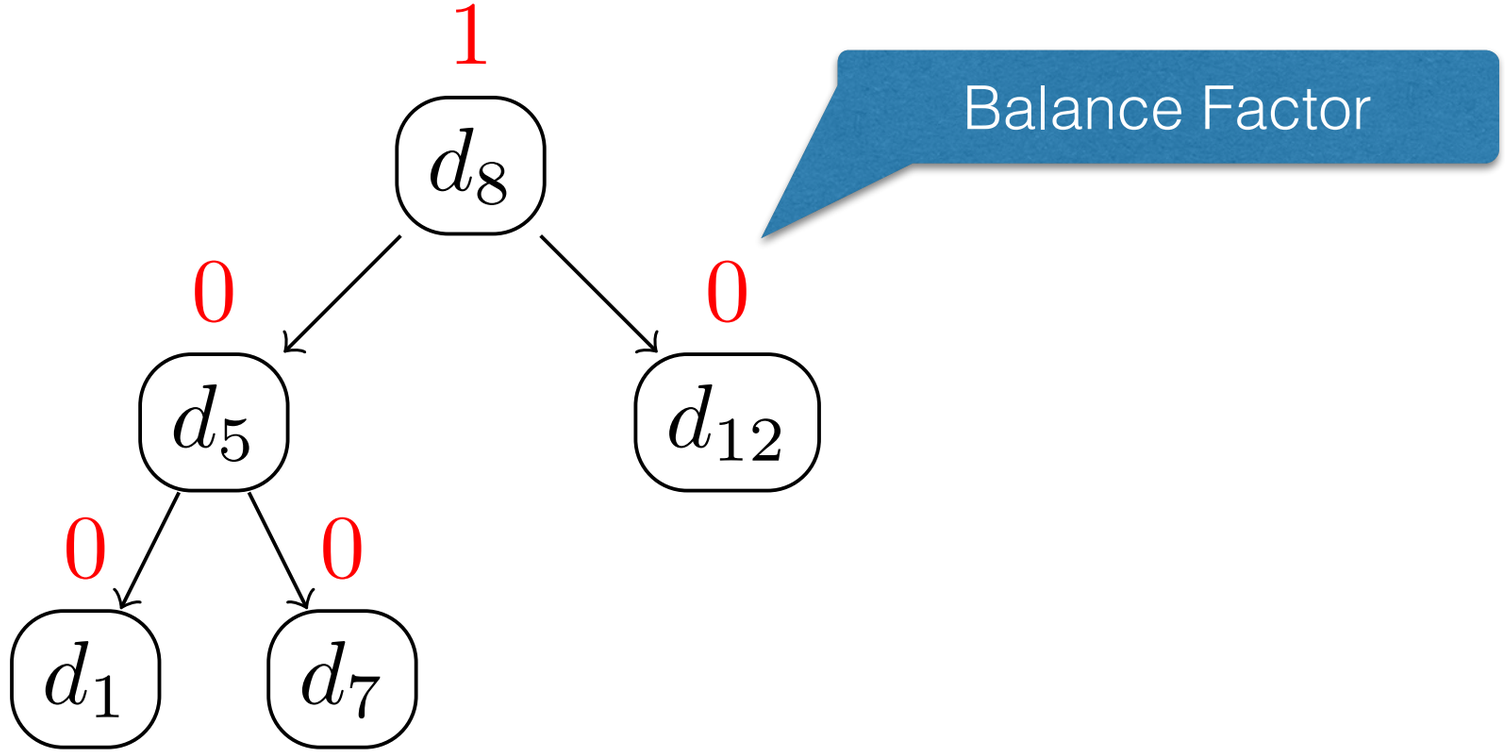

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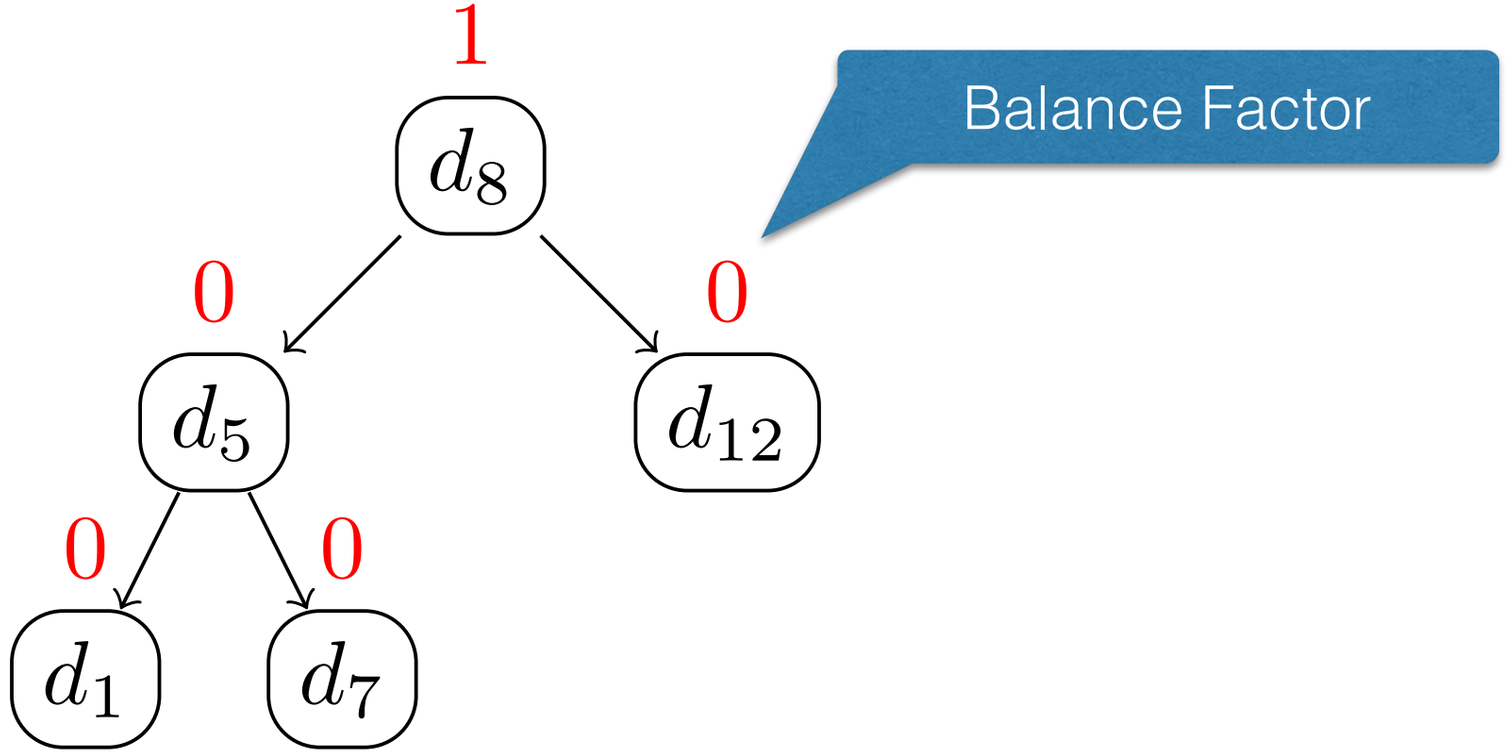

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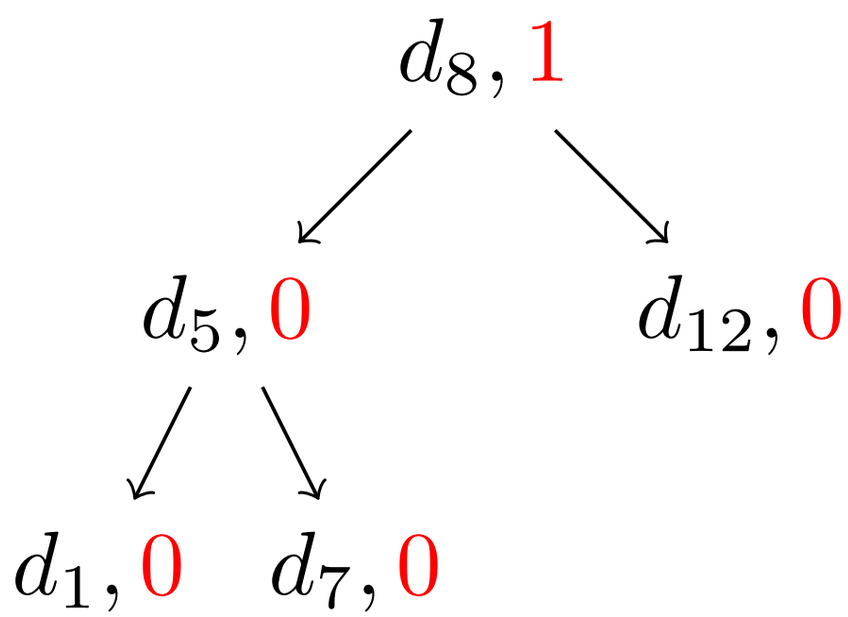

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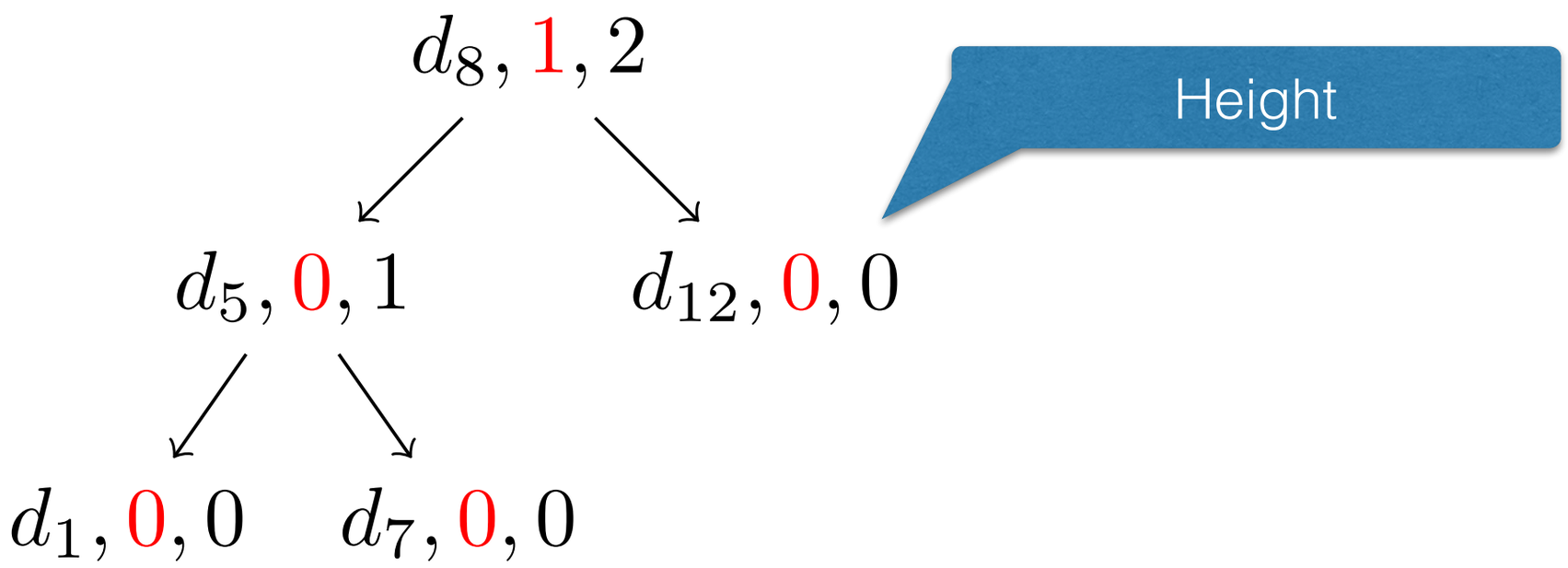

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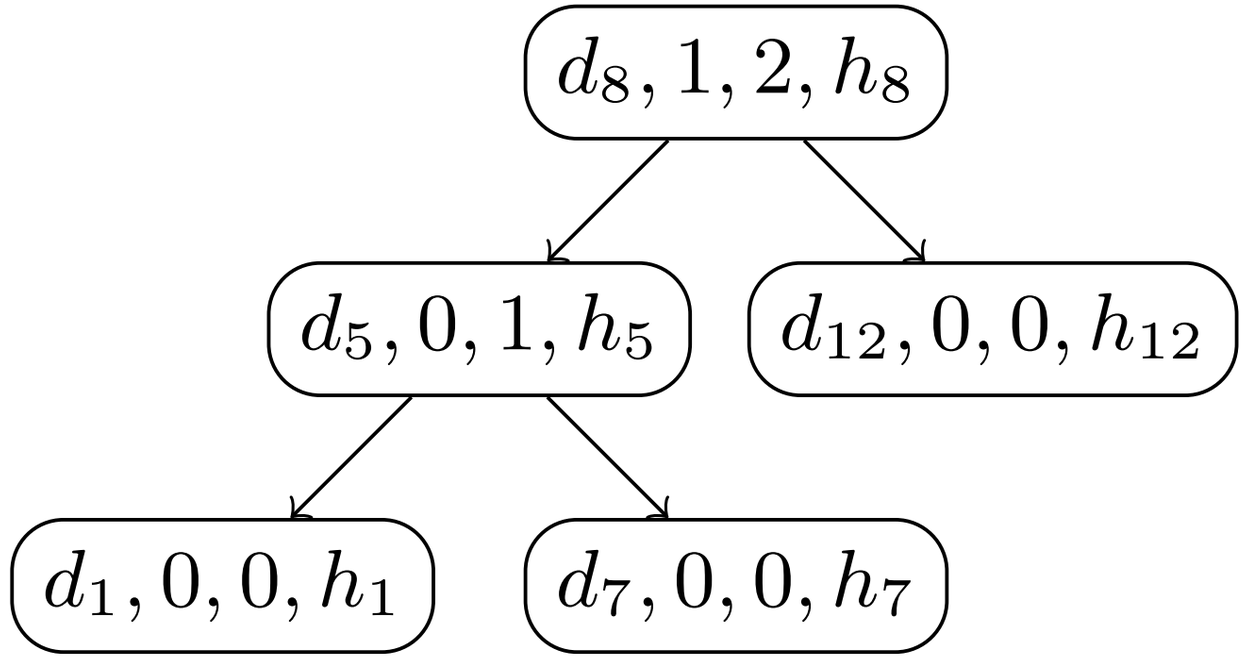

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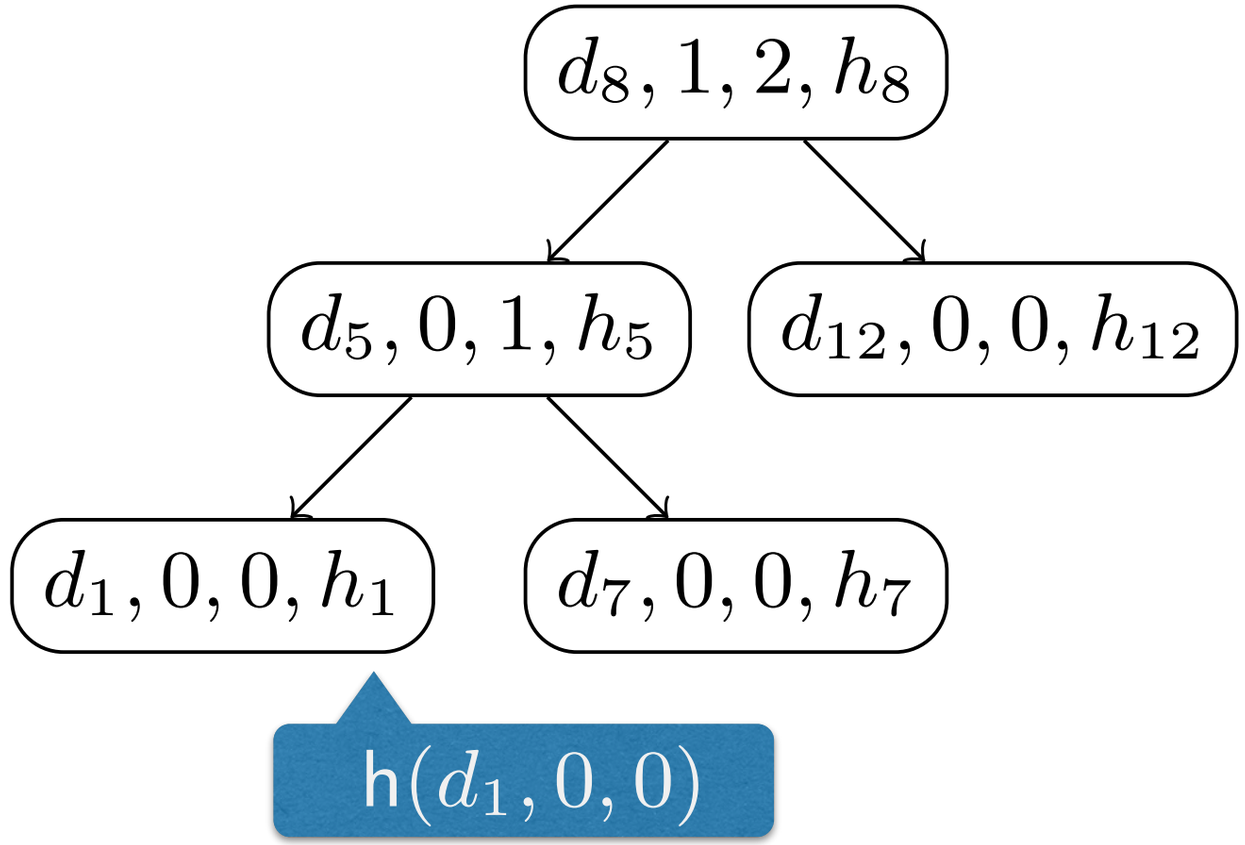

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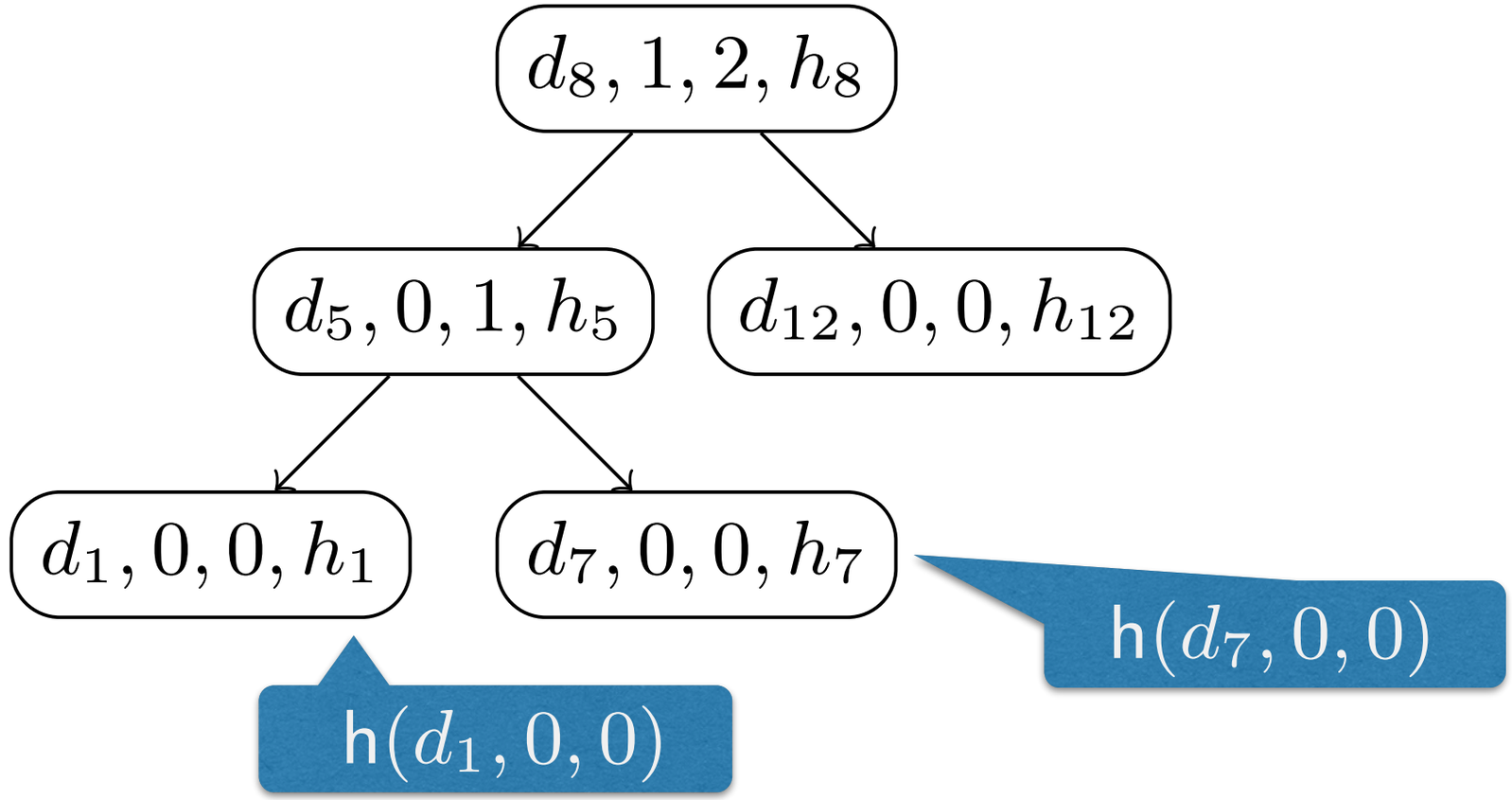

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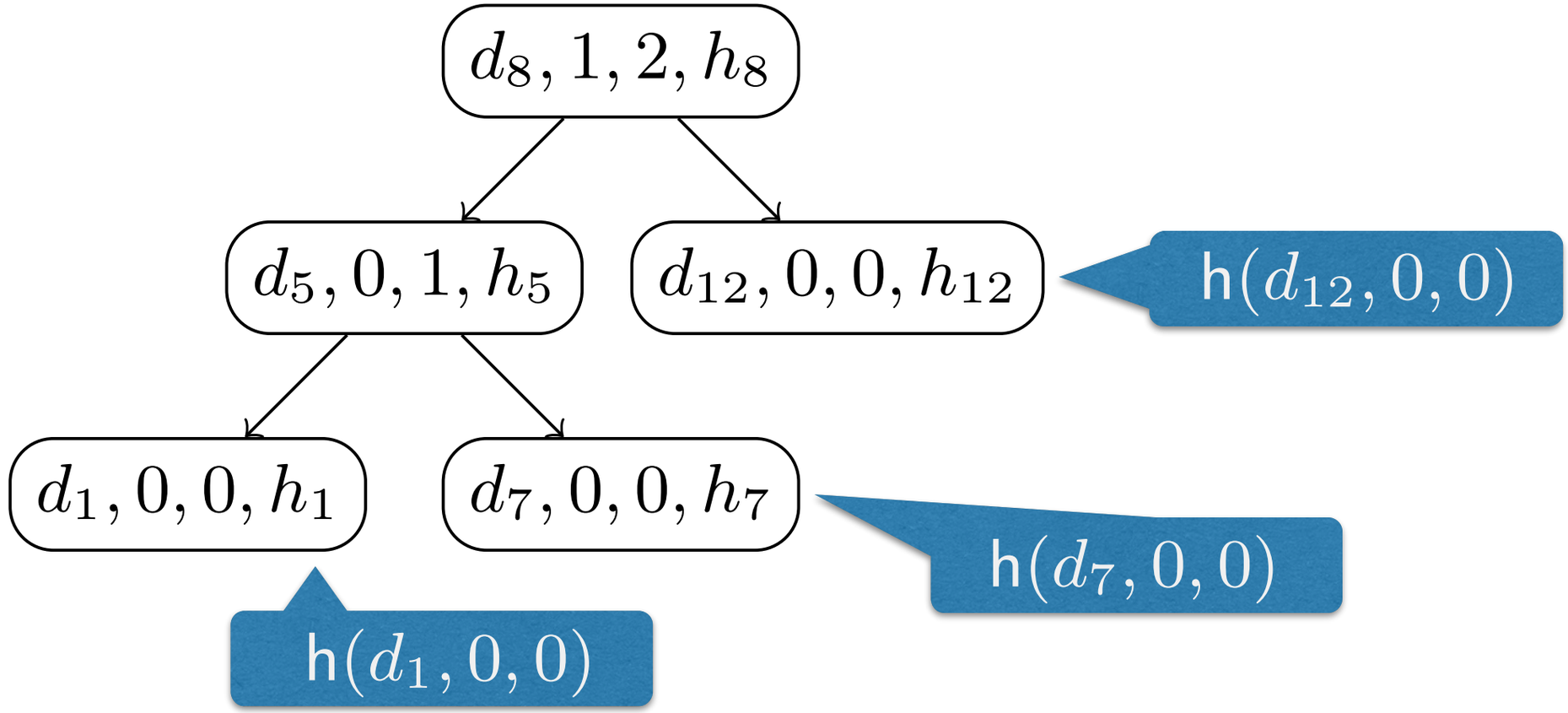

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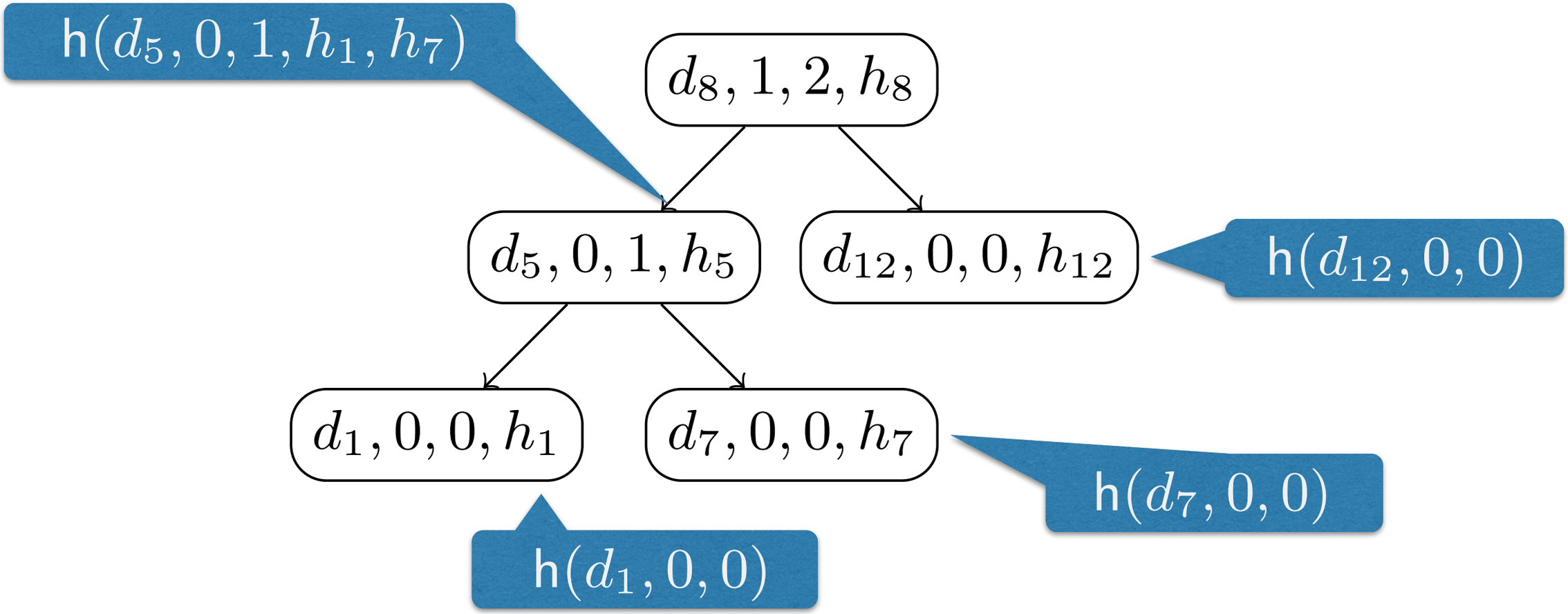

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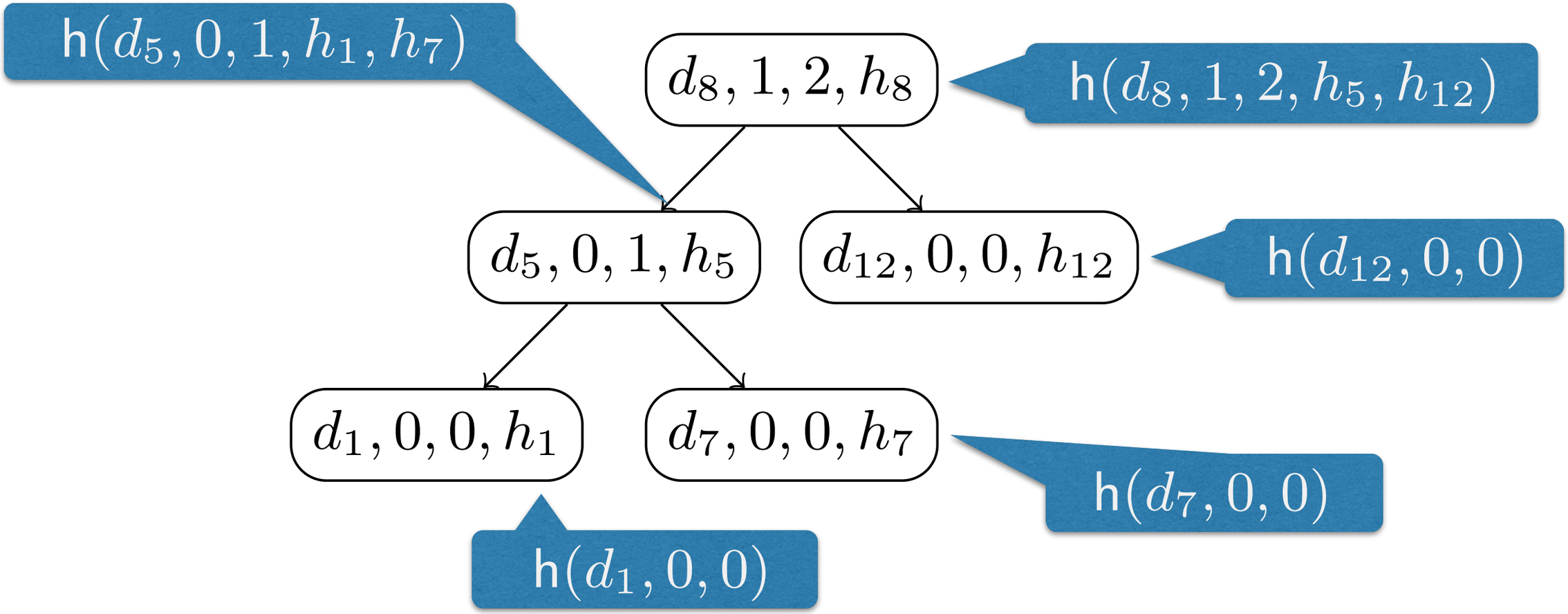

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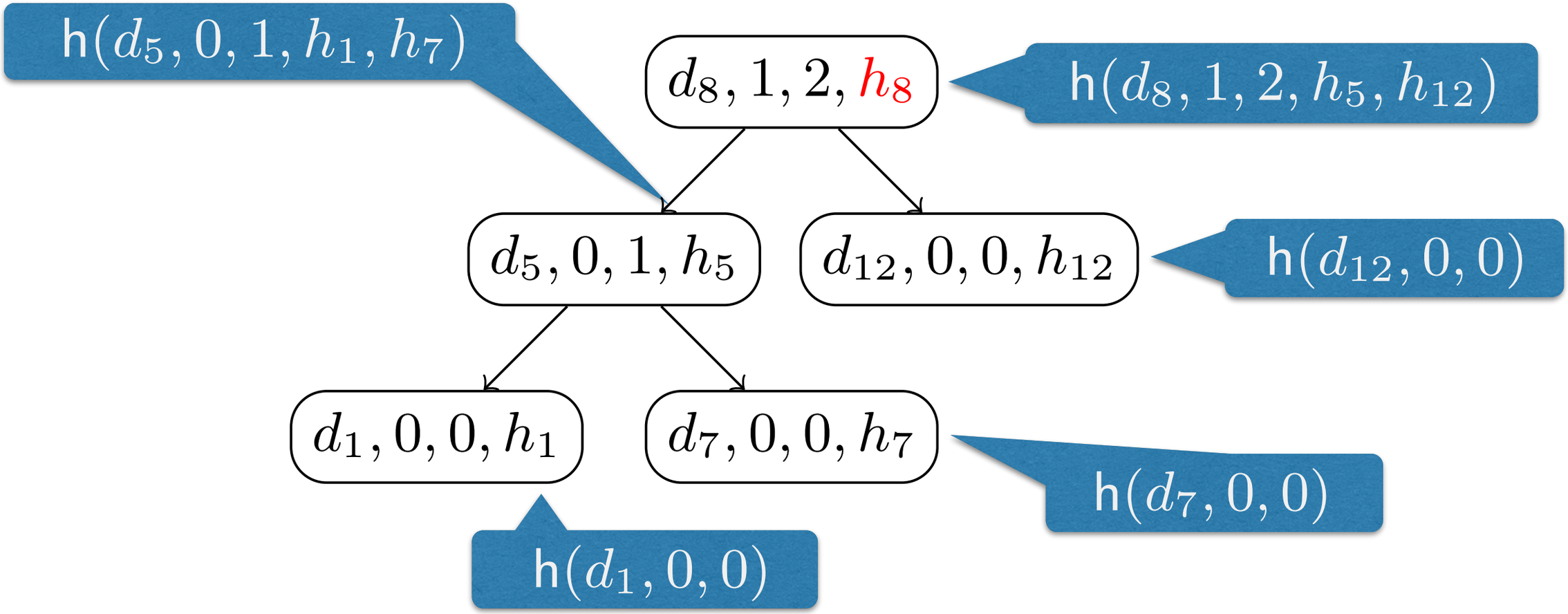

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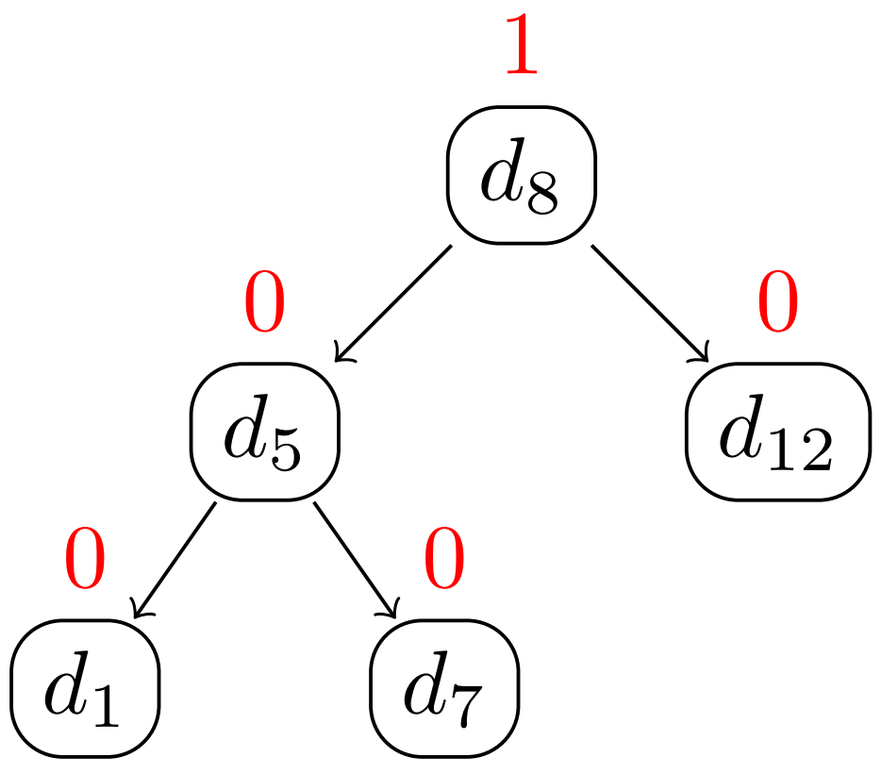

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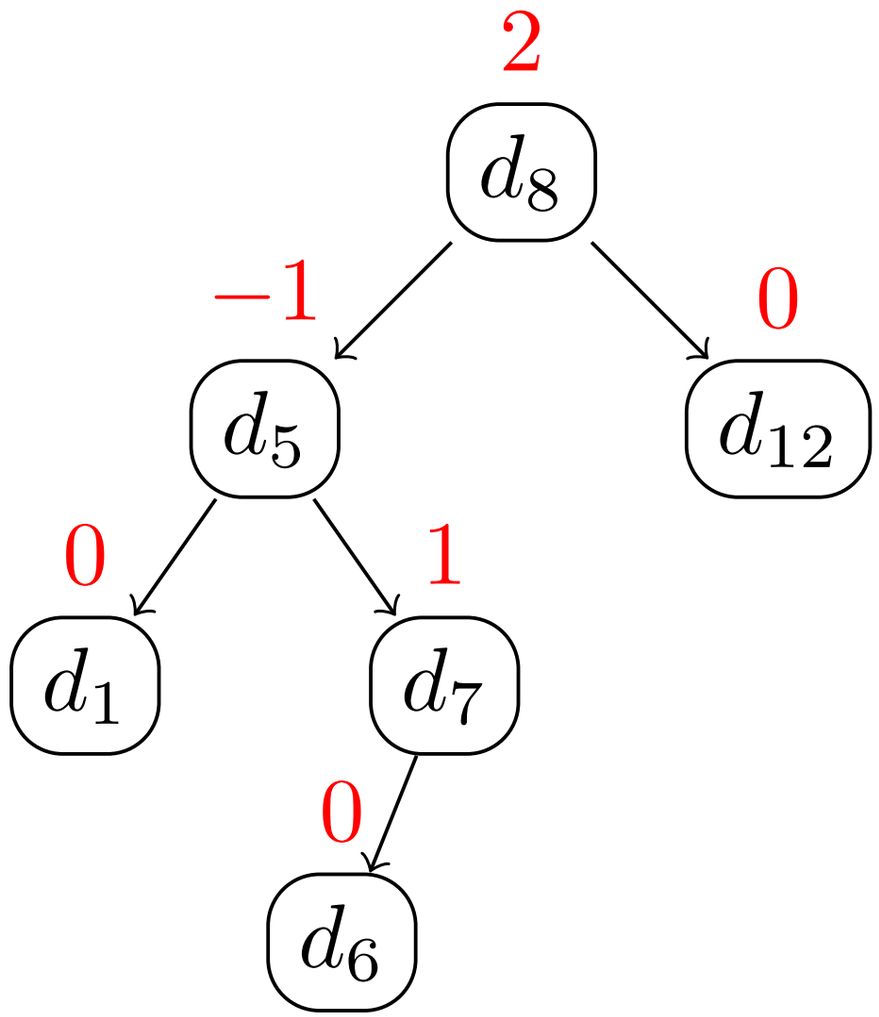

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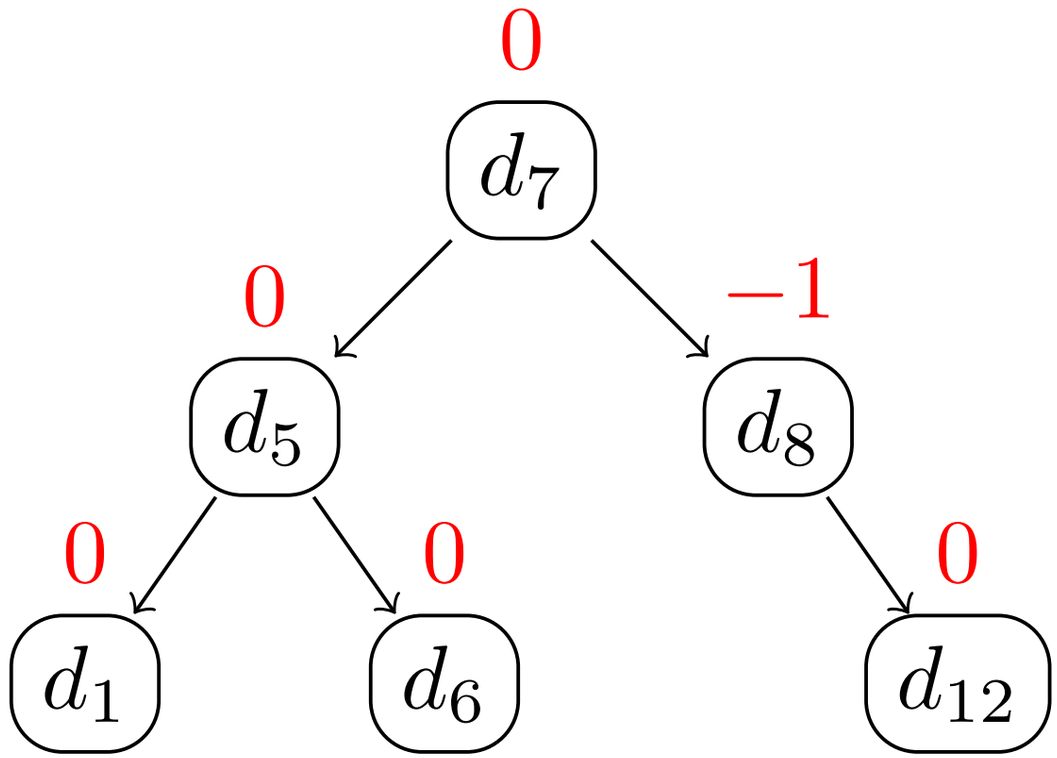

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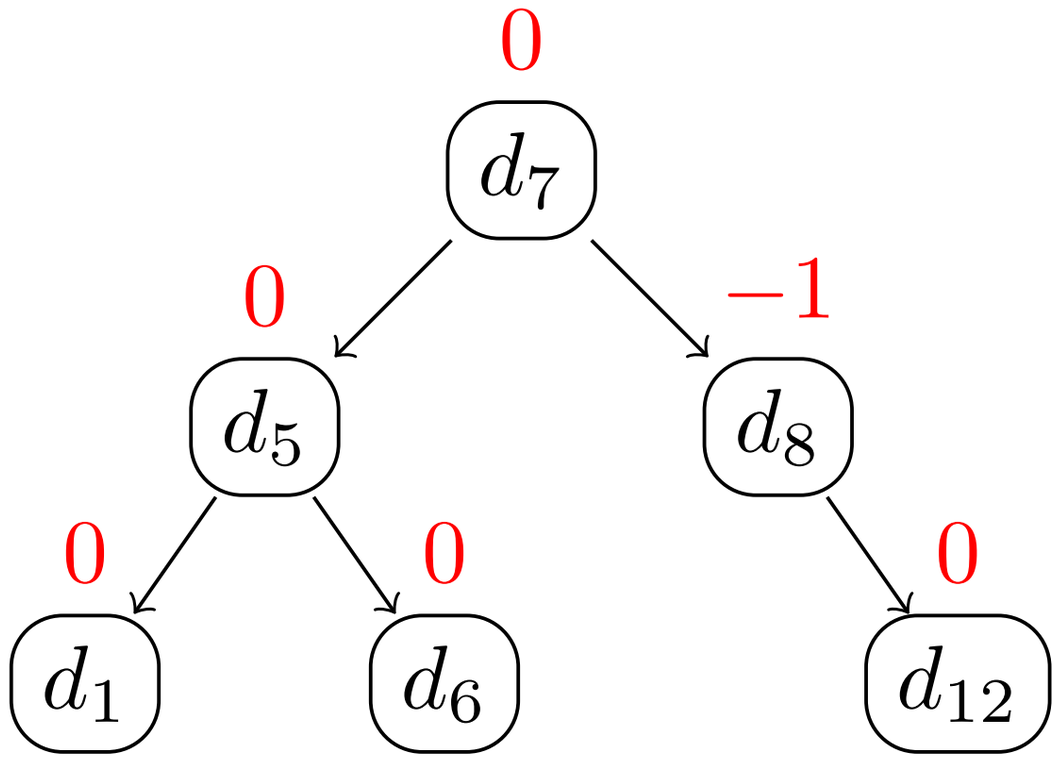

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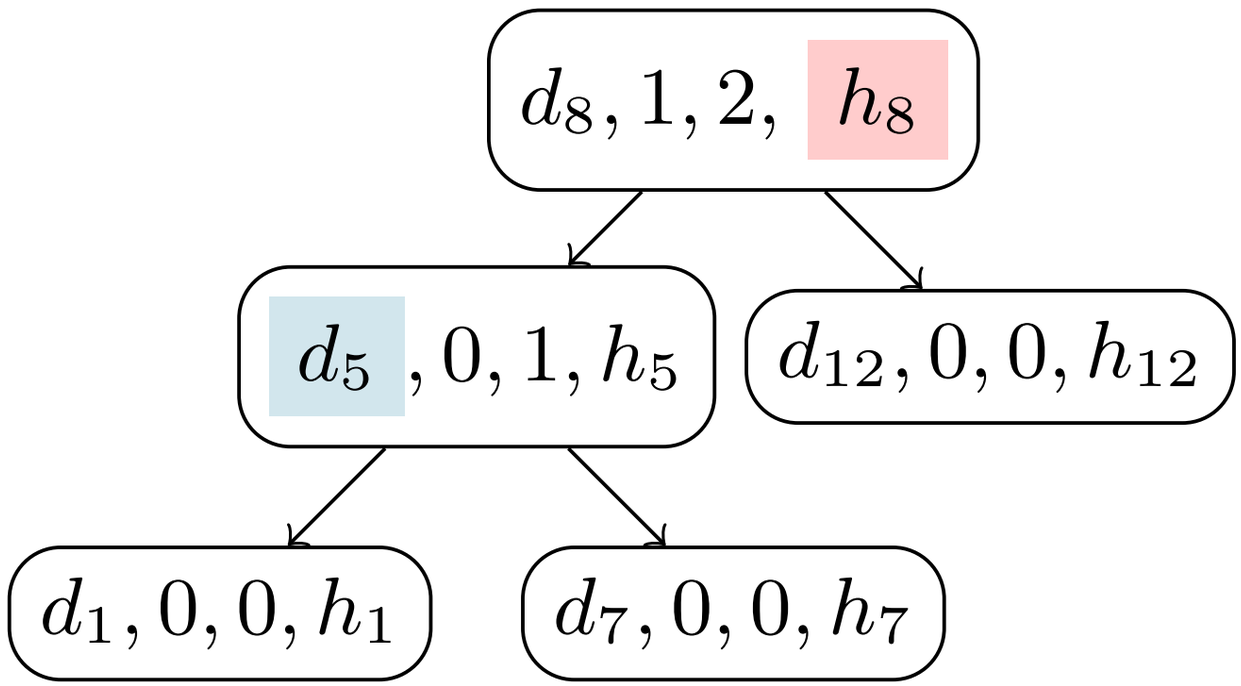

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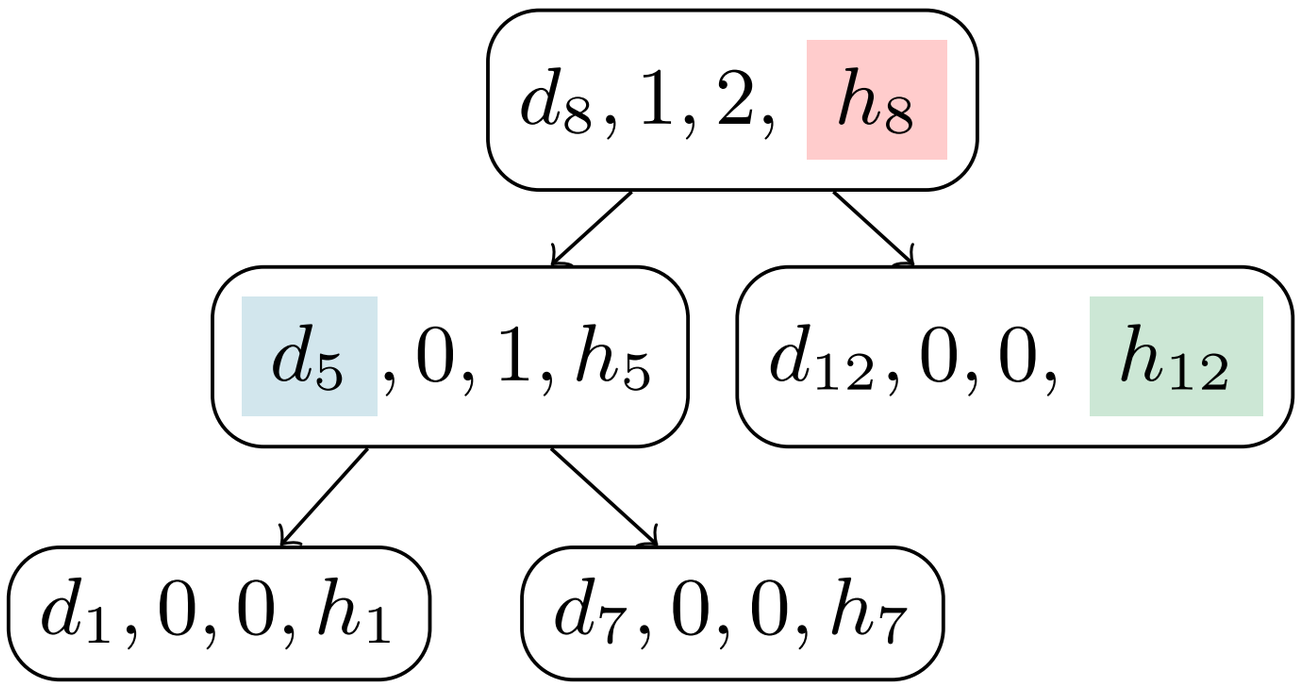

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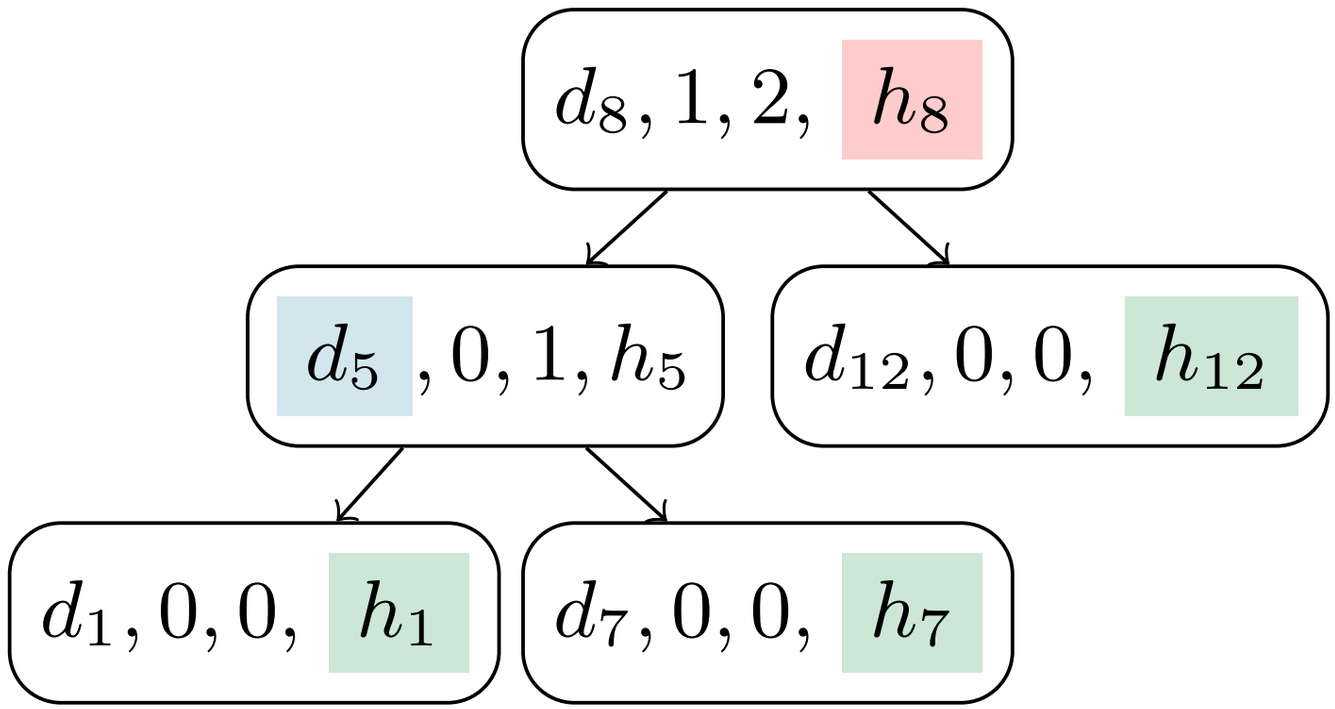

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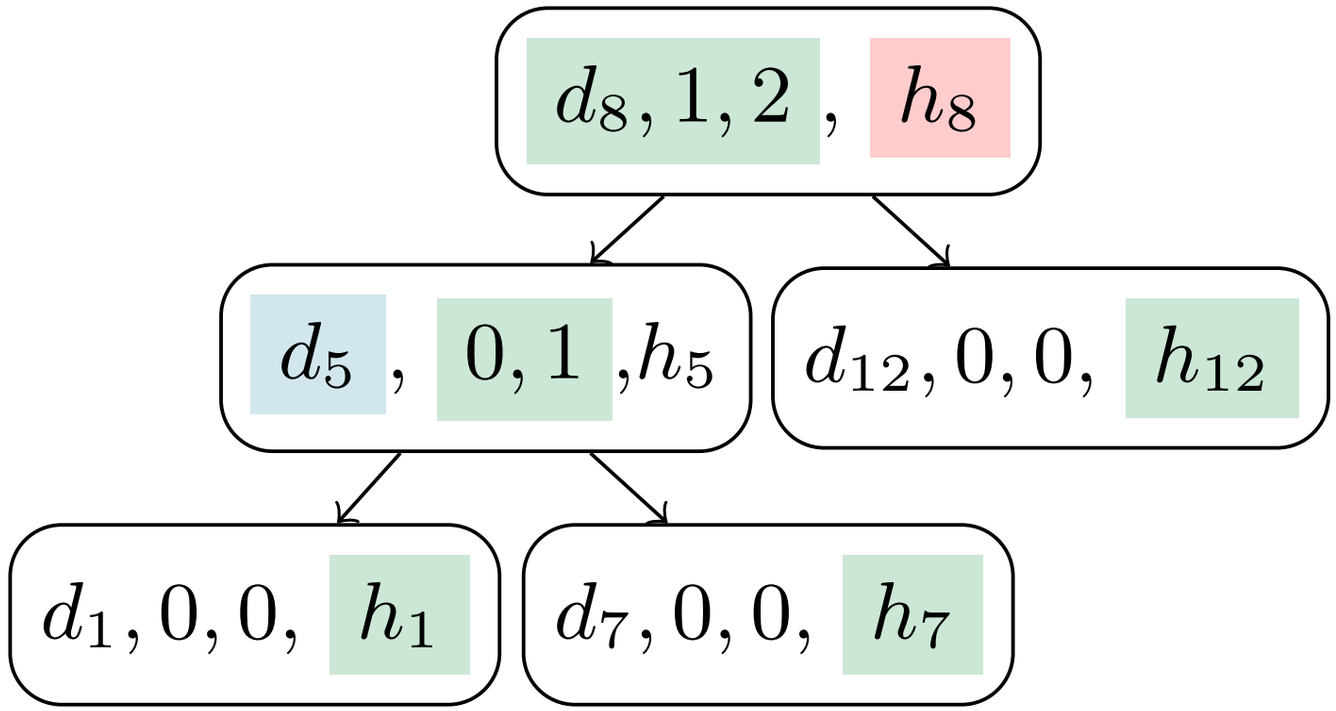

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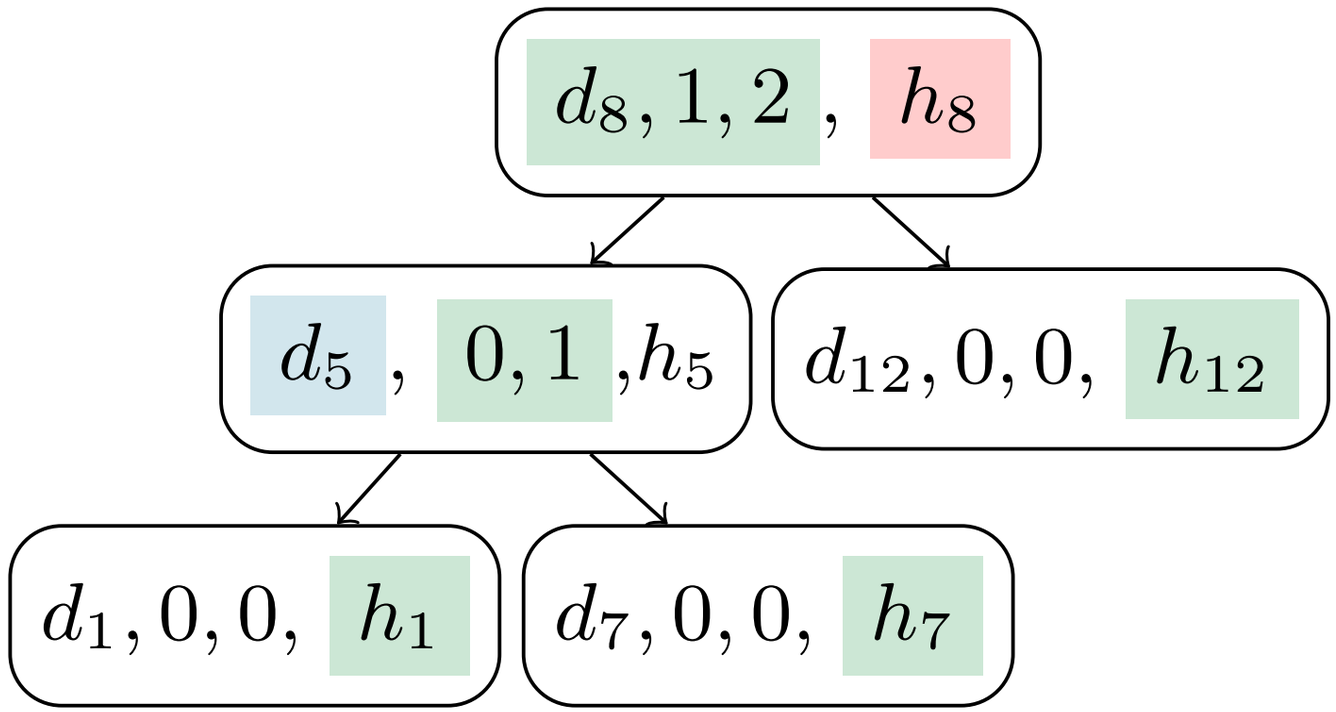

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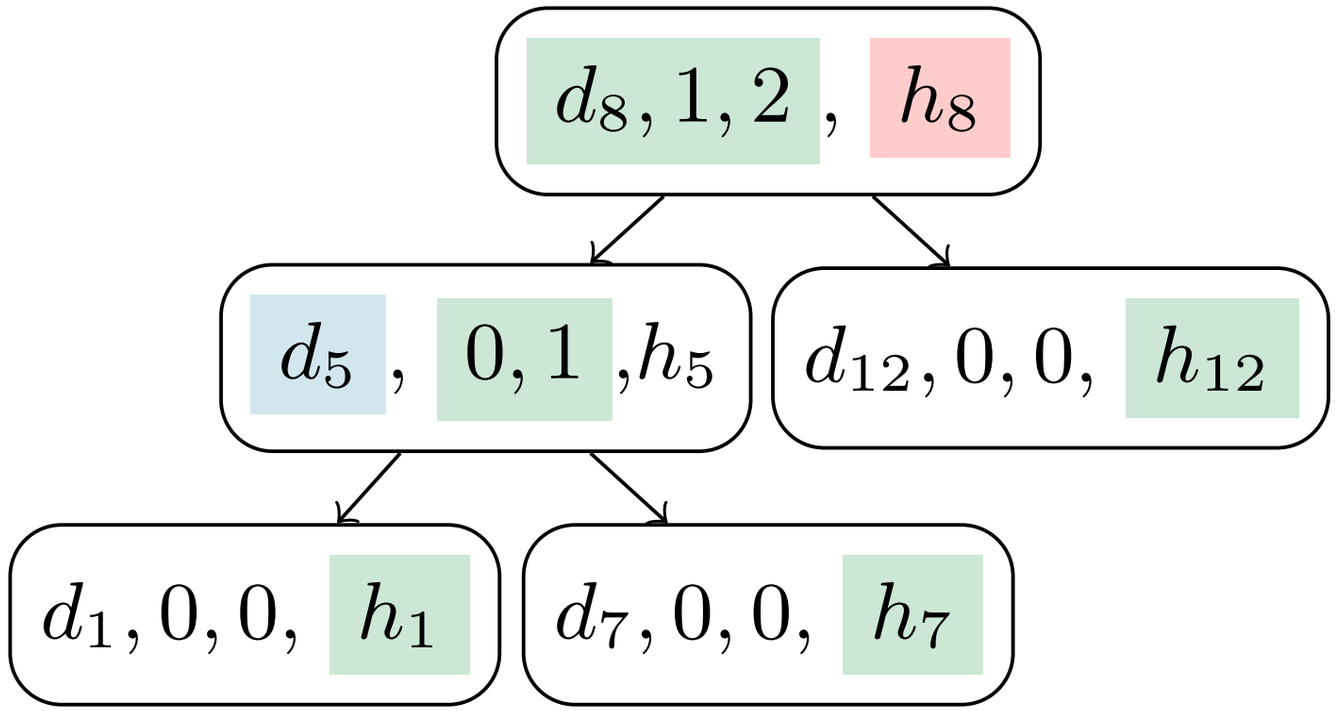

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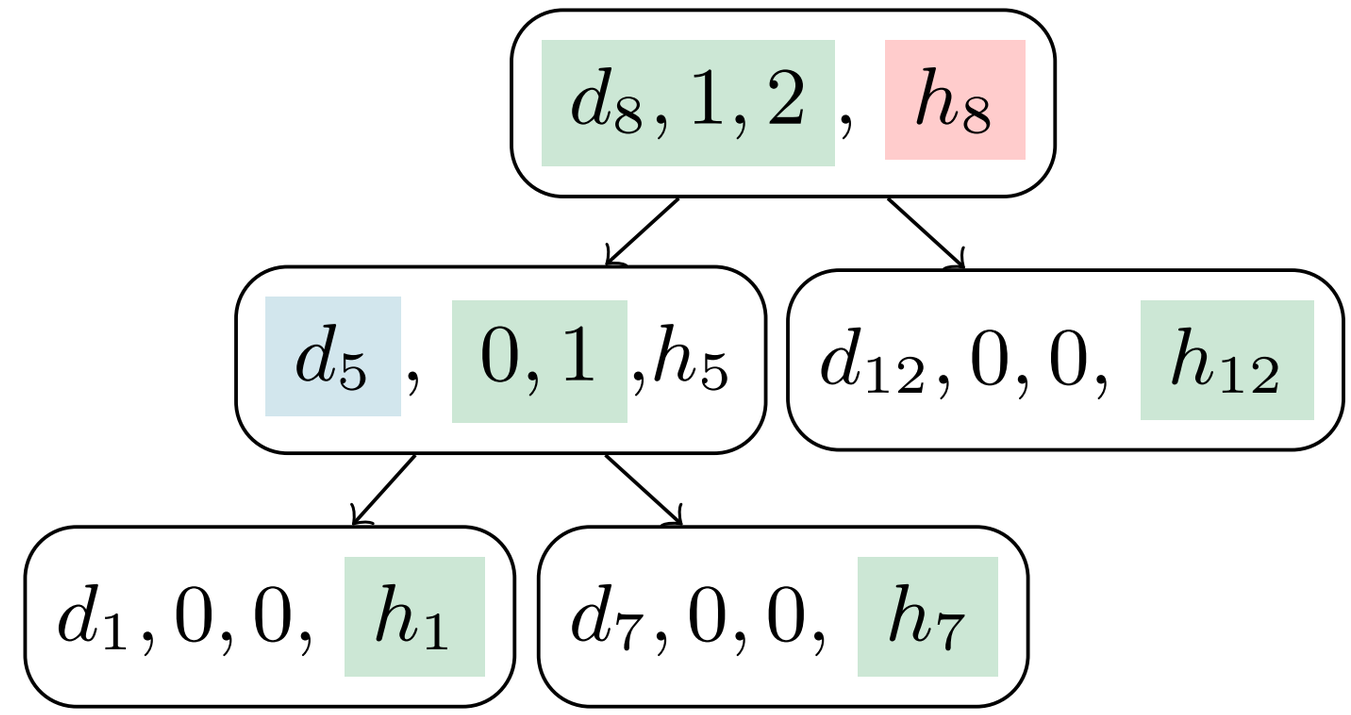

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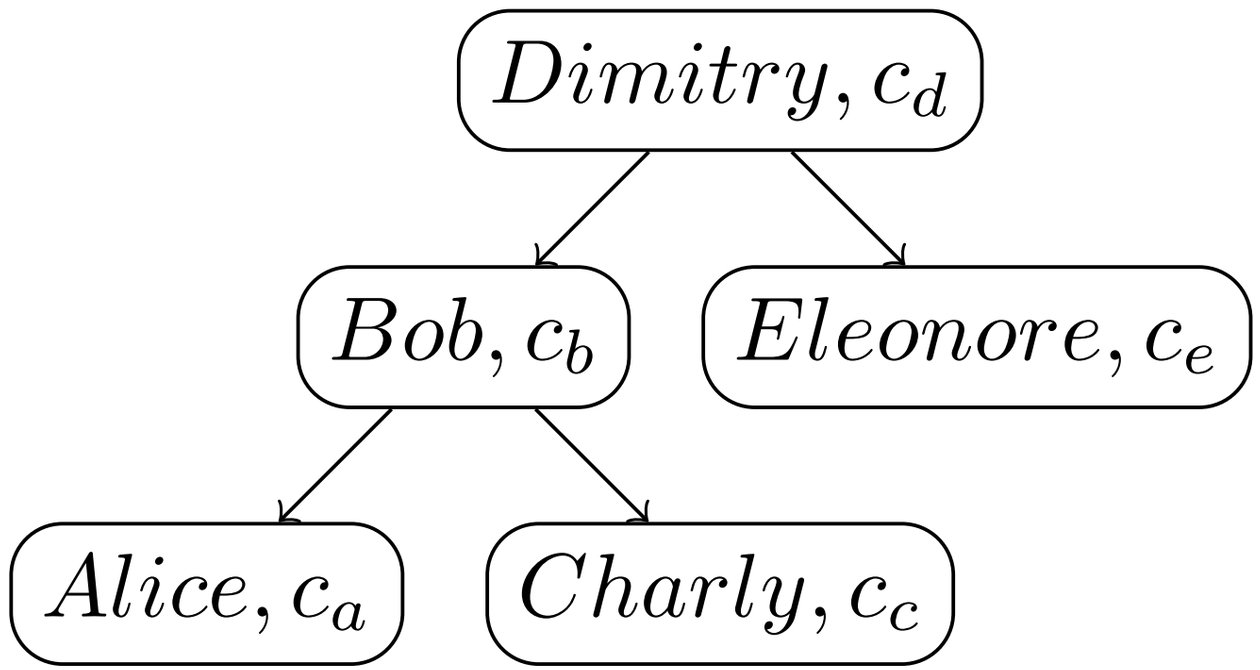

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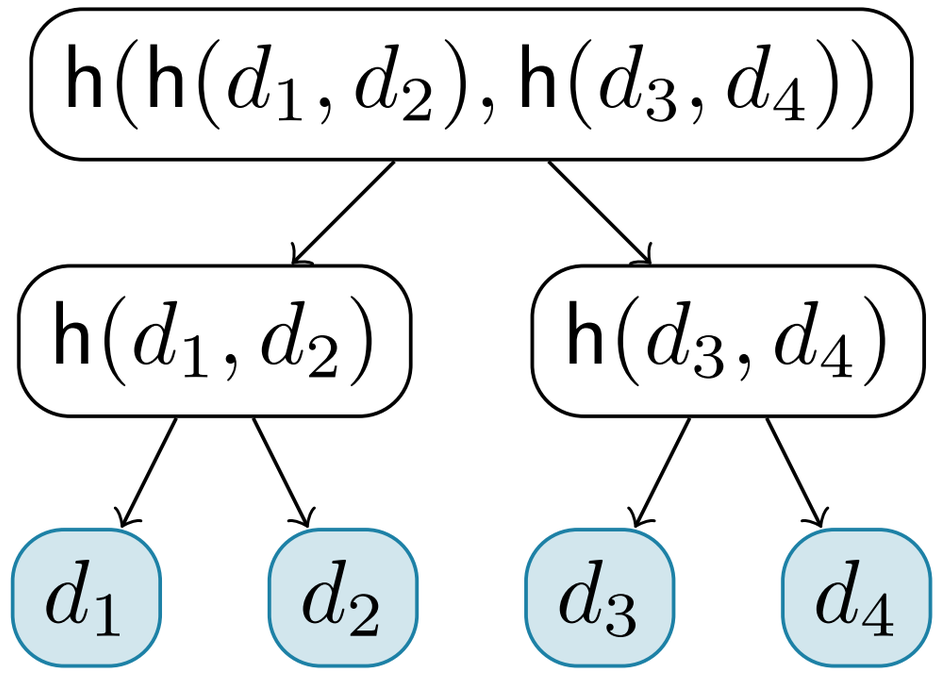

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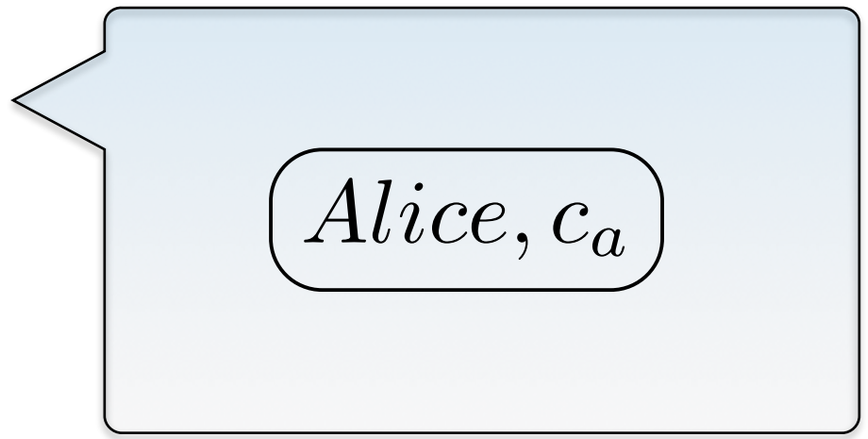

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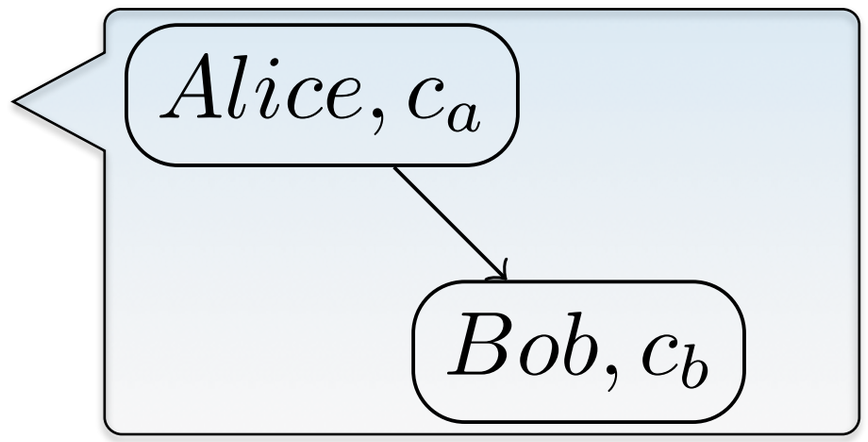

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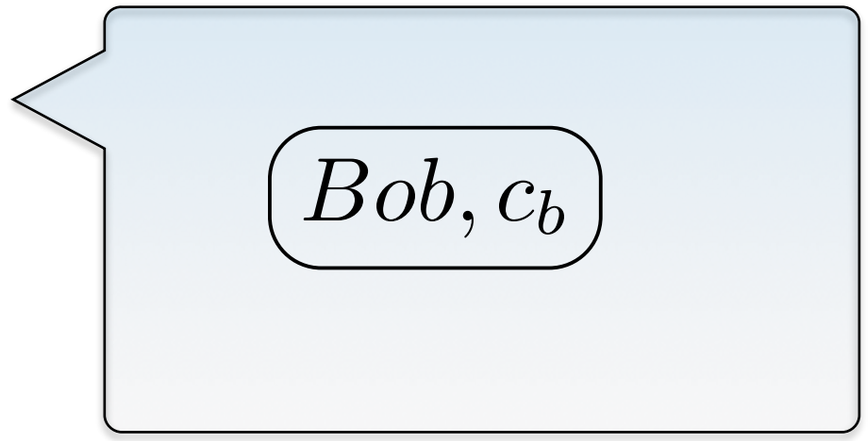

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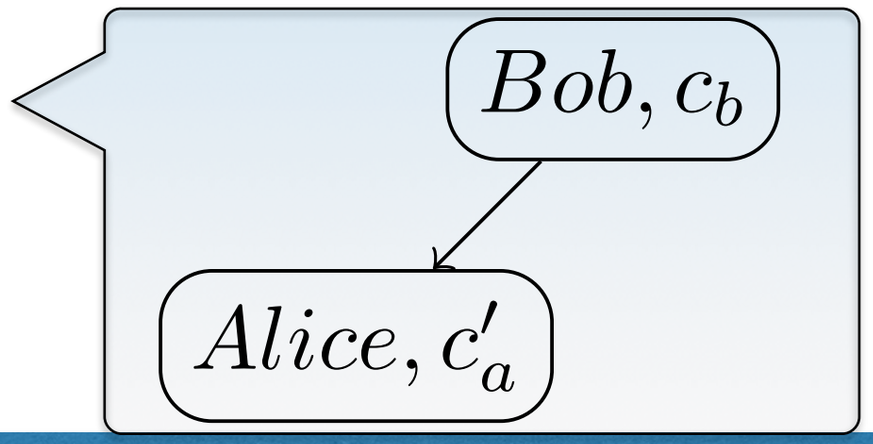

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Conclusion

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- Fully transparent
- Secure for multiple public log of certificates
- Revocation