

AUTOMATIC VERIFICATION OF CRYPTOGRAPHIC PROTOCOLS

Privacy-type properties

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Context

Most communications take place over a
public network



It is important to ensure their security

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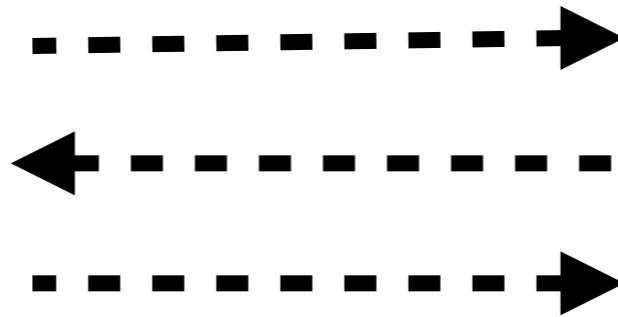


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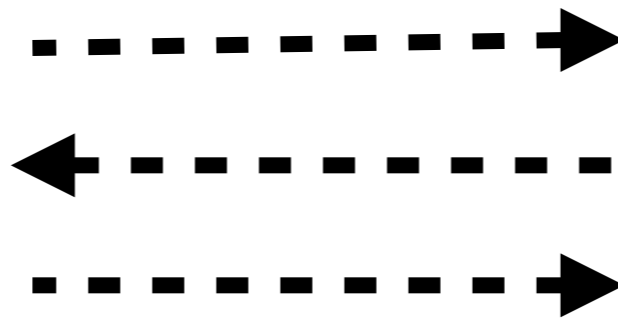


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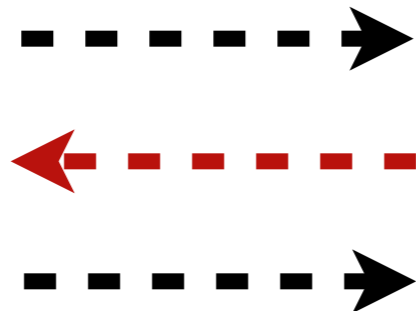
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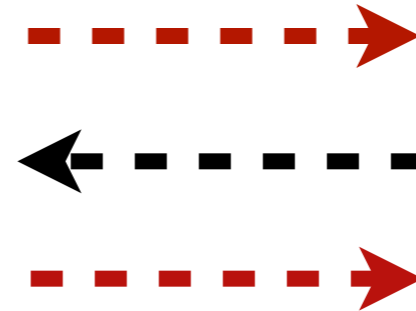
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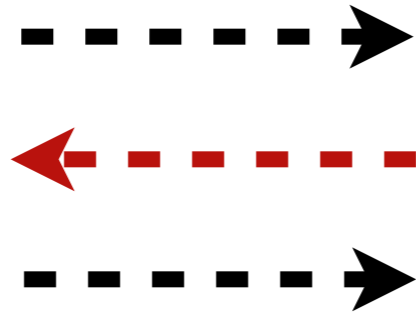
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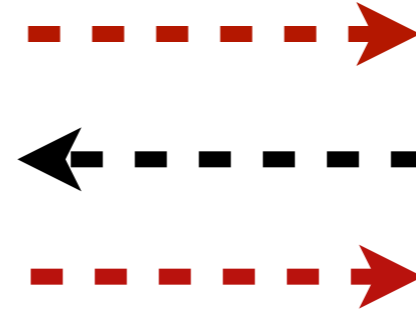
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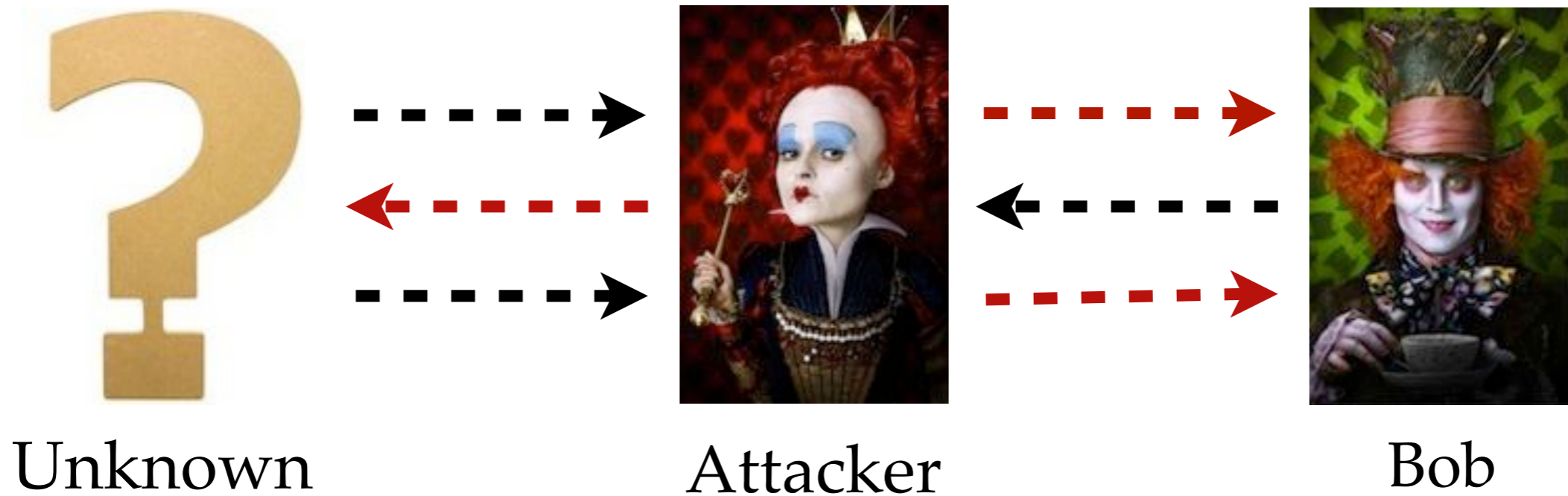
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Security properties:

- Reachability properties
- Equivalence properties

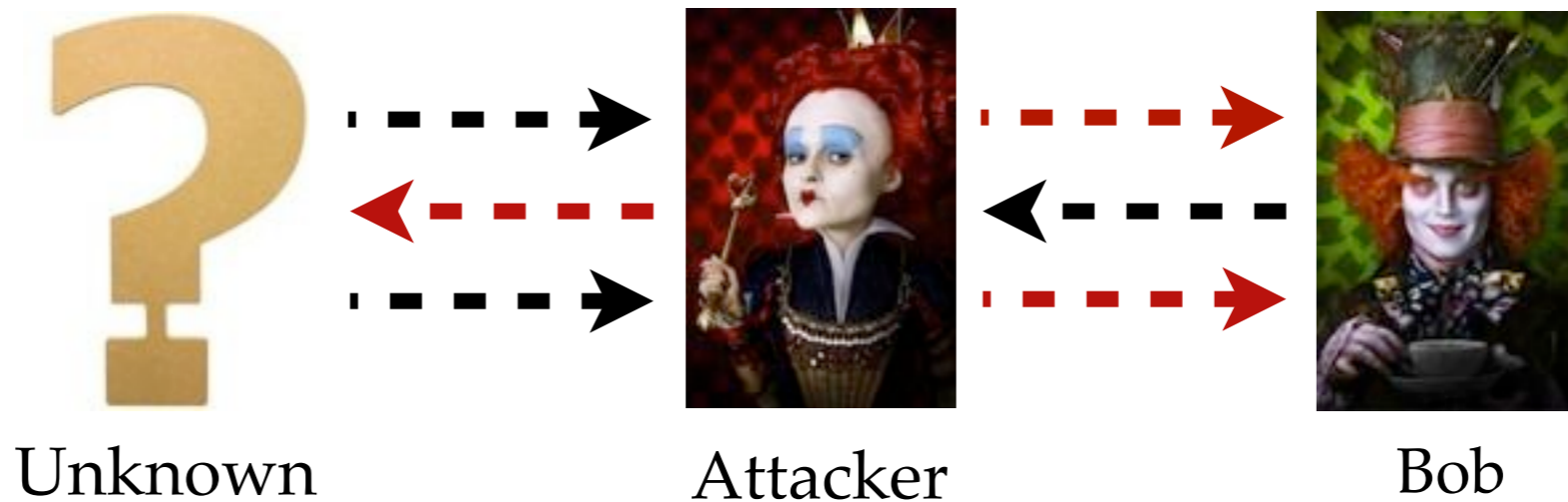
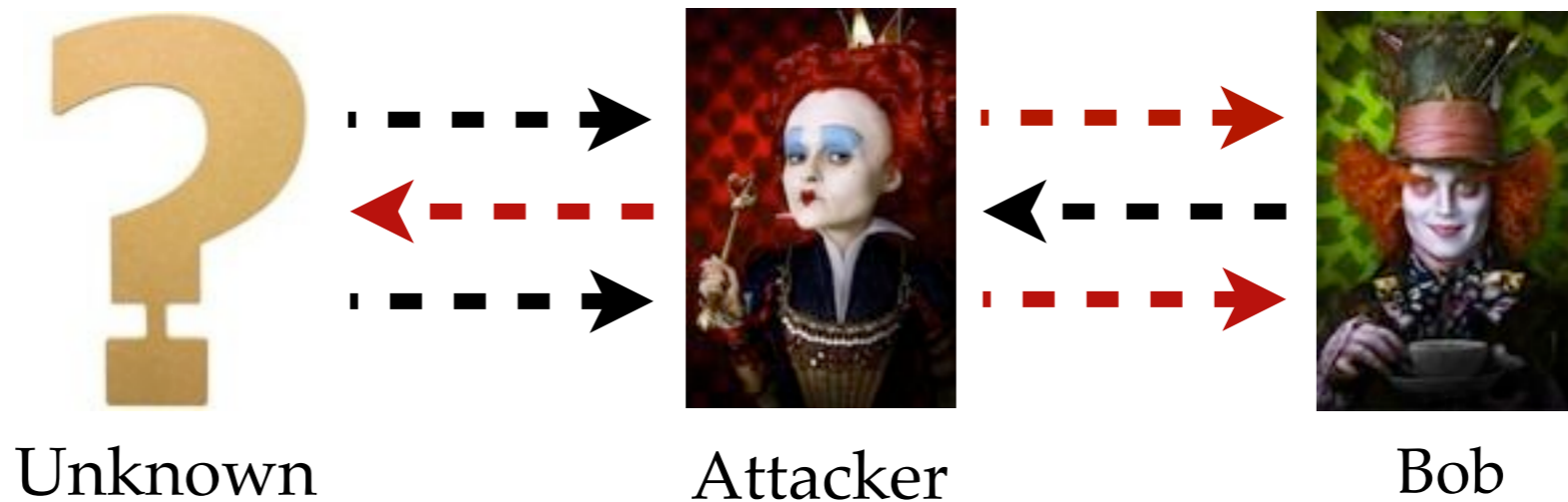
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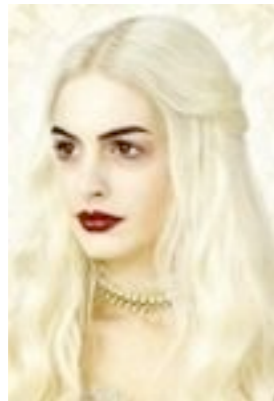
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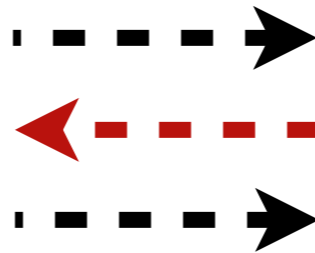
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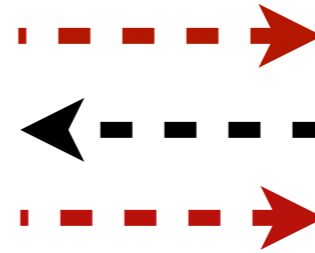
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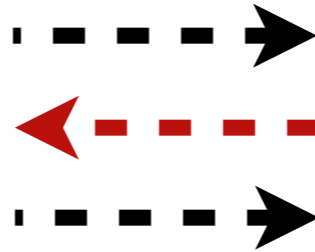
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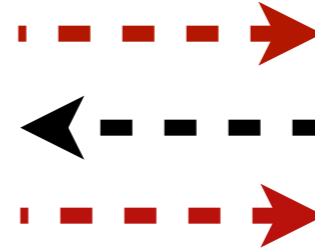
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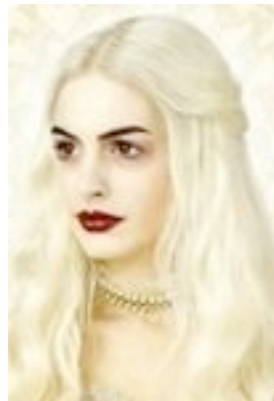
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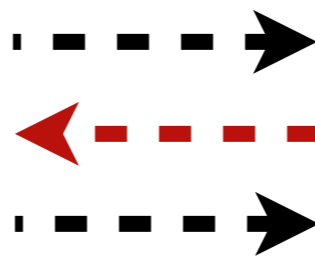
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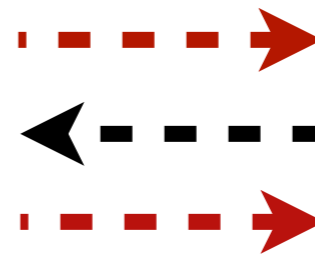
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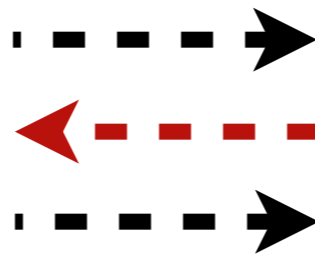
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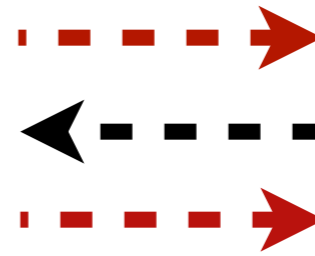
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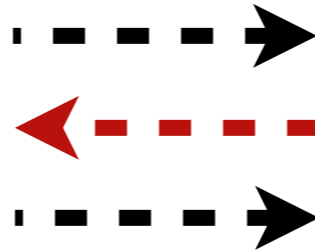
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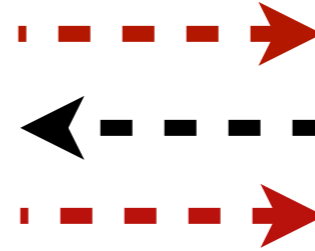
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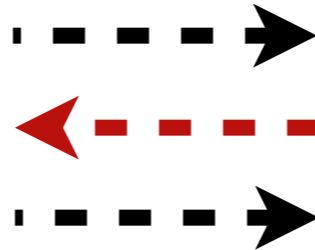
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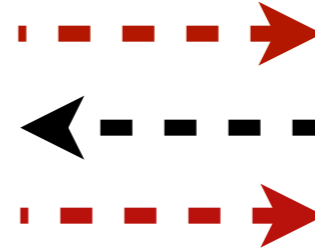
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Trace equivalence

Examples

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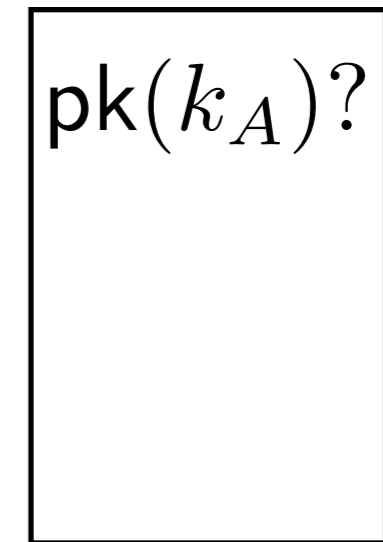
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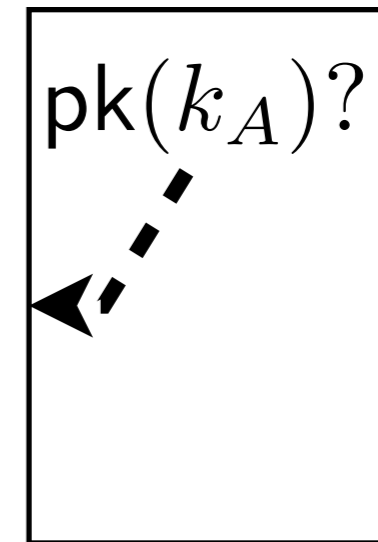
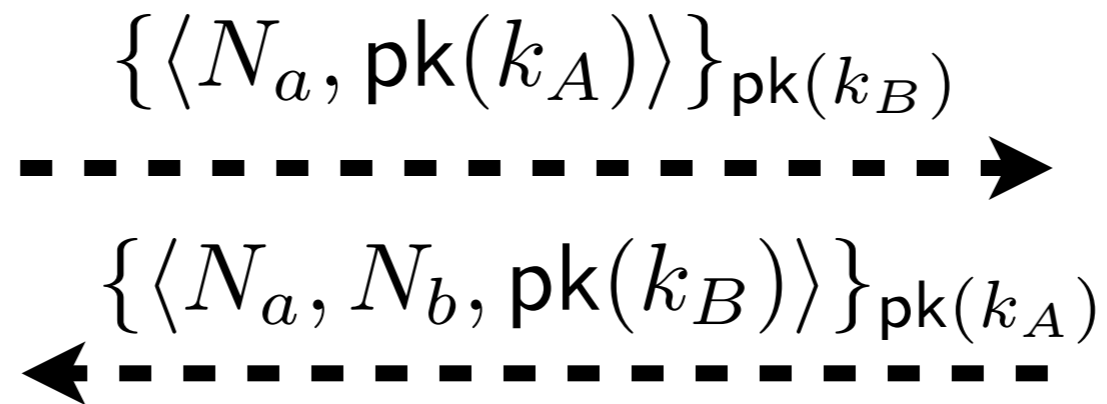
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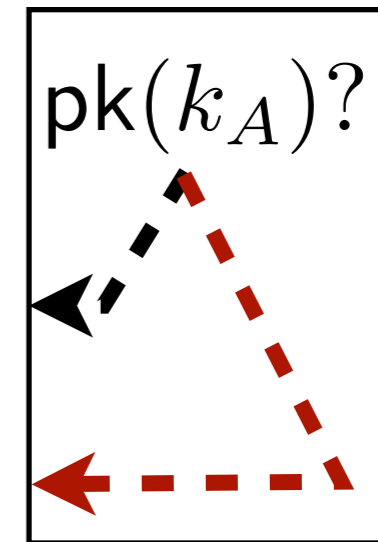
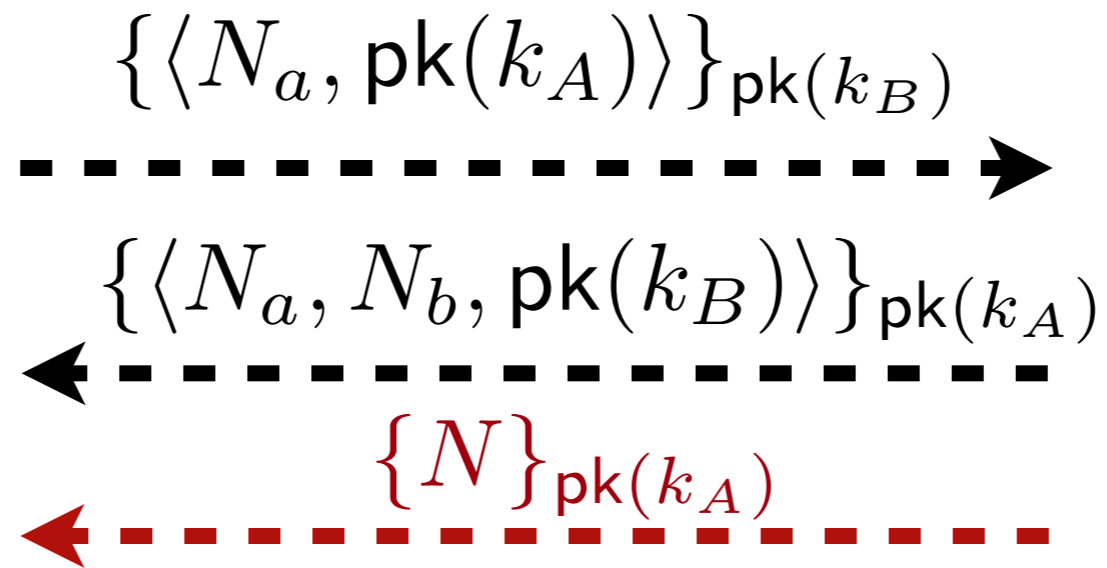
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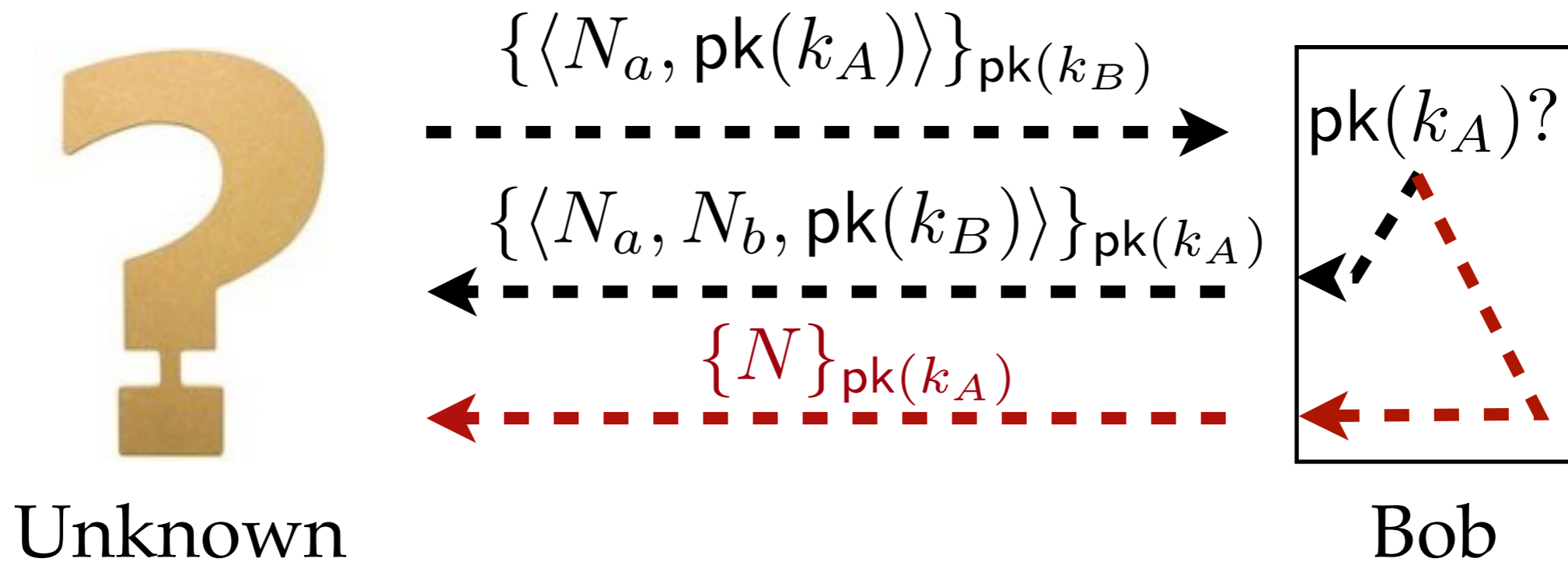
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Do not handle private authentication protocol and e-passport protocol

My contributions

- Relations between different notions of equivalences
- Algorithms to prove equivalence
 - ✓ Extension of ProVerif
 - ✓ New decision procedure for trace equivalence (else branches)
 - ✓ New automatic tool : APTE
- Composition result for trace equivalence
 - ✓ Application on the e-passport protocol

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Proverif

ProVerif was first an analyzer for reachability properties based on Horn clauses.

- Handle reachability and equivalence properties
- Cryptographic primitives described by equational theory and / or rewriting rules
- Handle processes with replication
- Possible false attack
- Does not always terminate

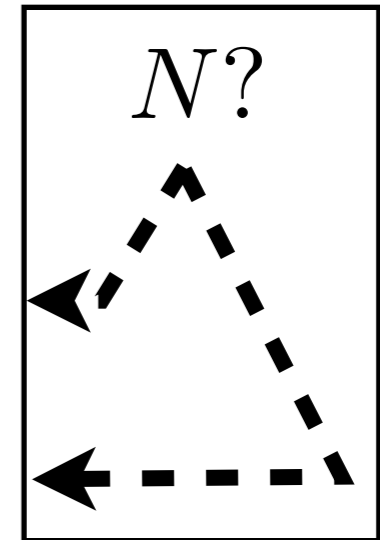
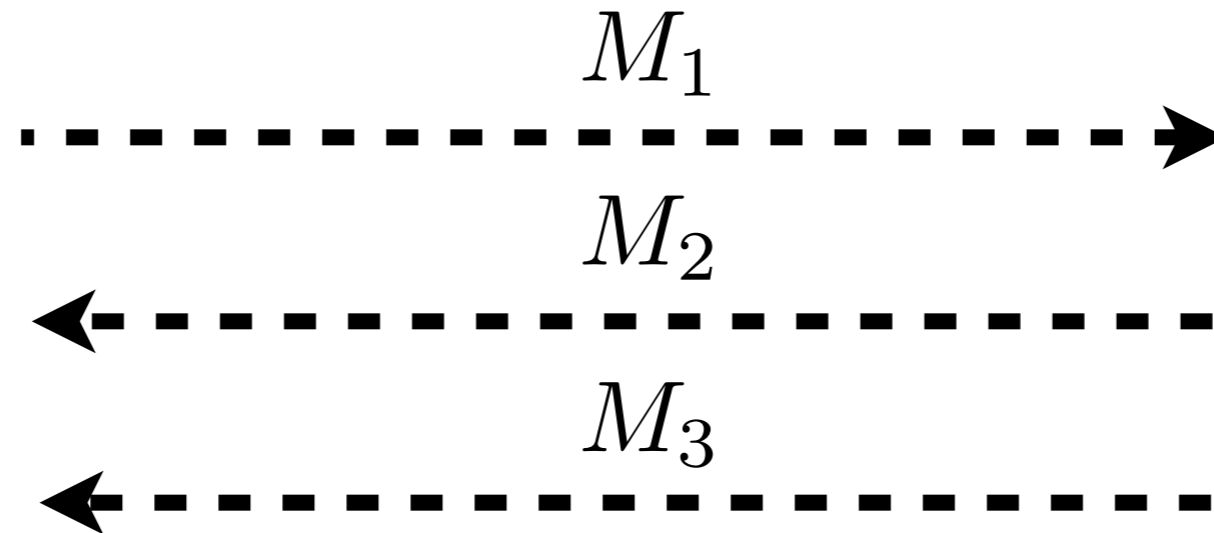
Processes

$P, Q ::= 0$
 $\text{in}(c, x); P$
 $\text{out}(c, M); P$
 $P \mid Q$
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 $\text{new } a; P$
 $\text{let } x = D \text{ in } P \text{ else } Q$

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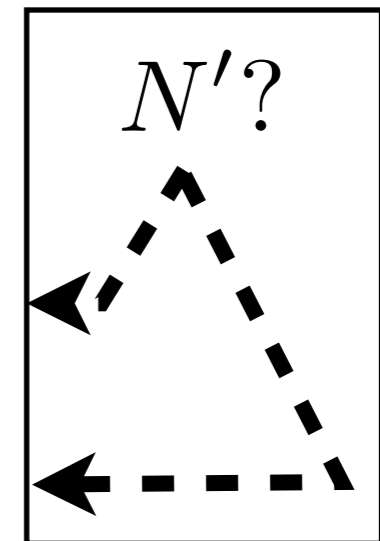
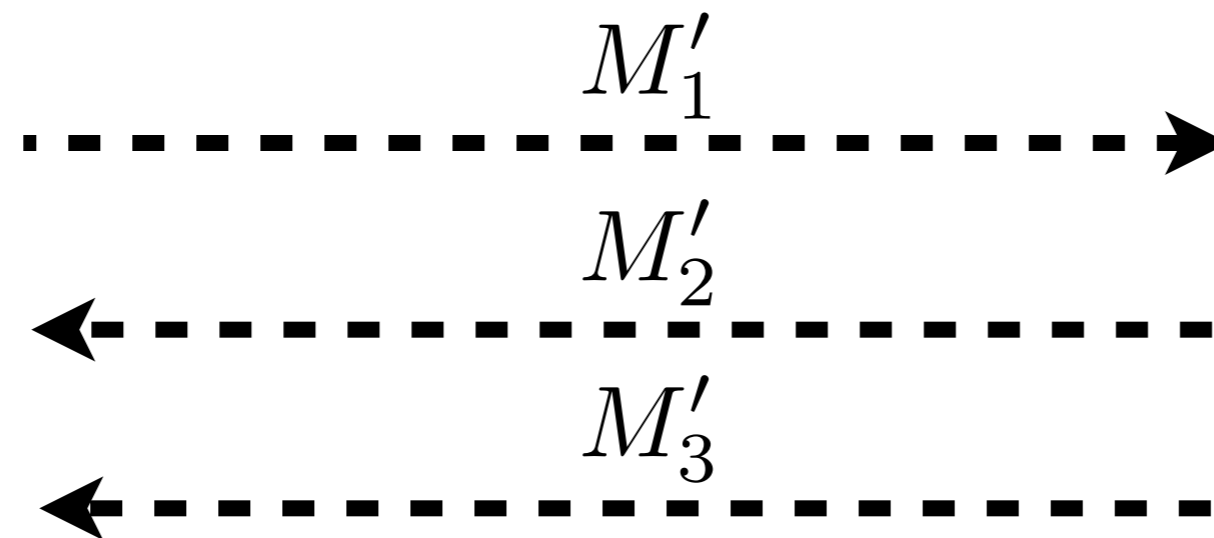
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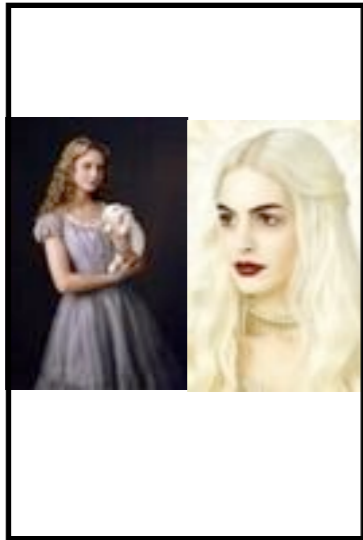


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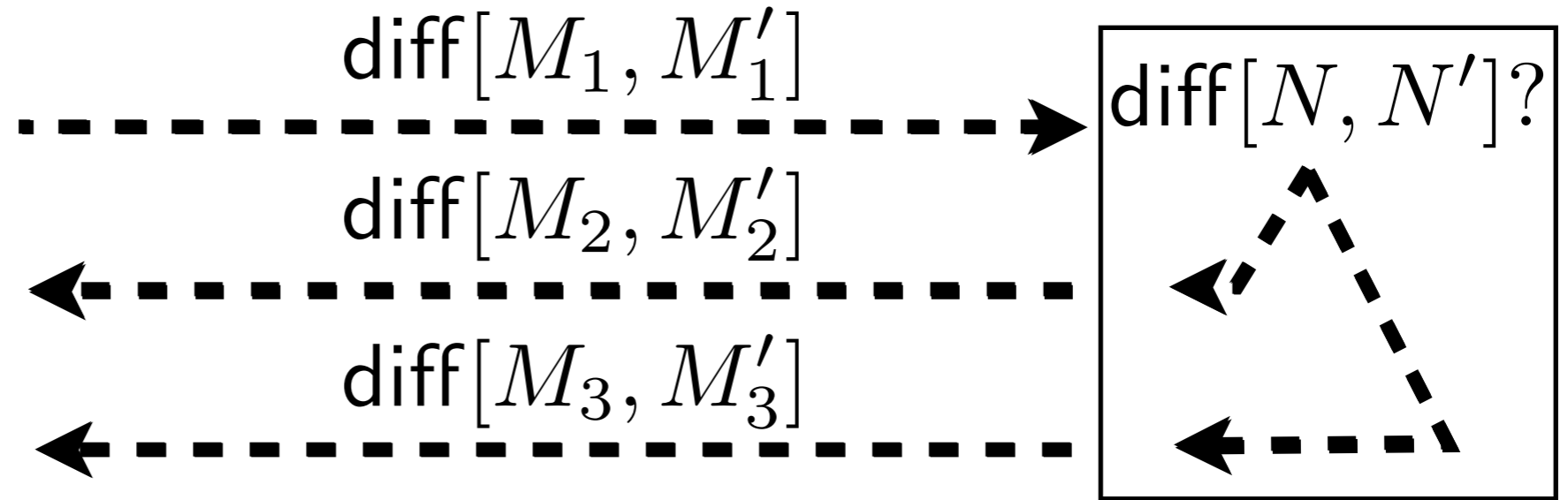


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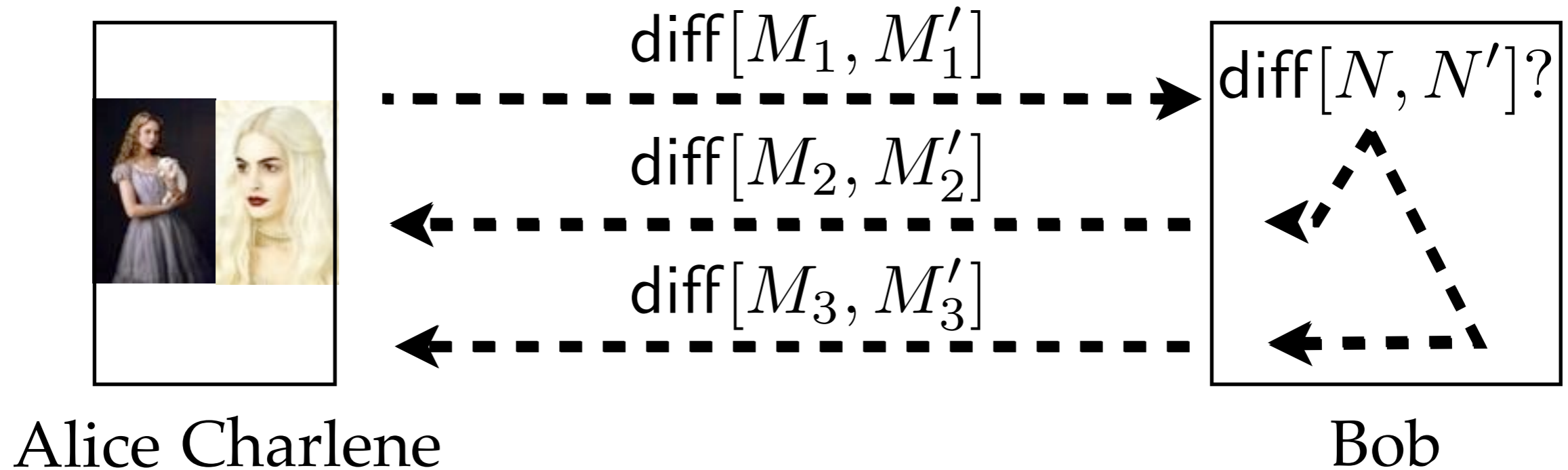


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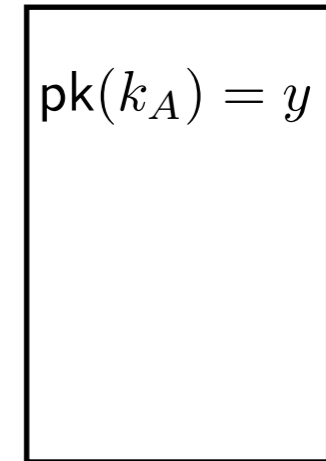
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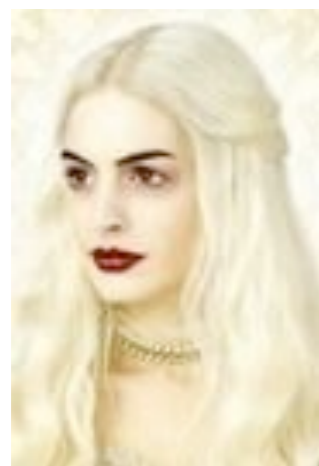
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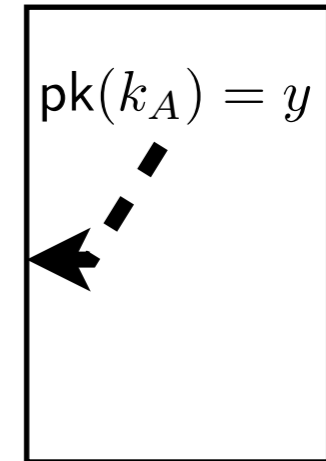


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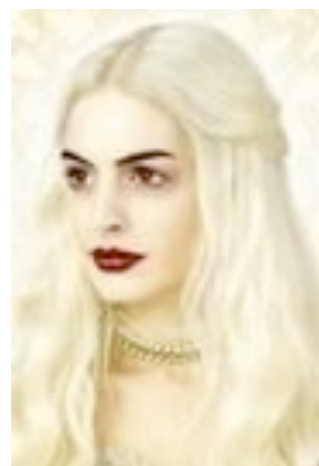
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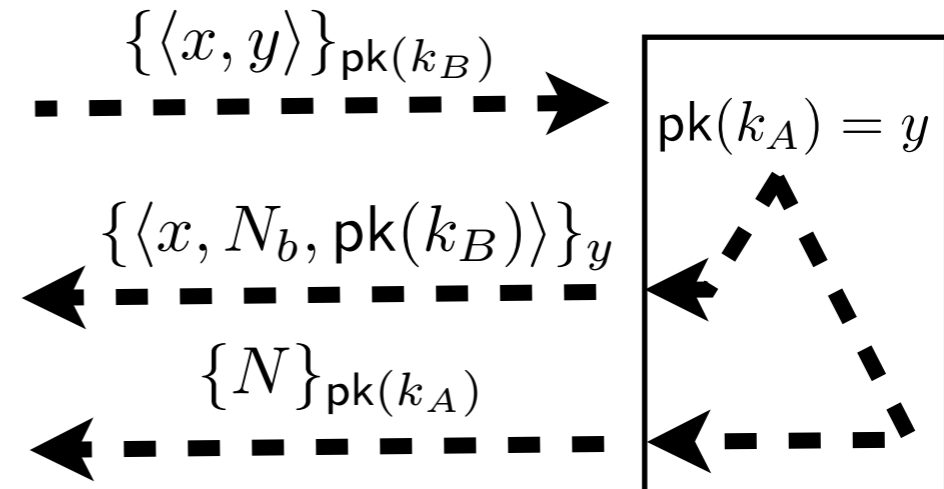


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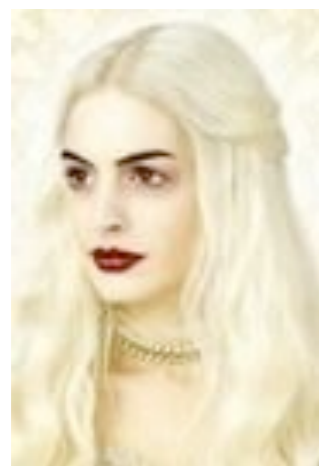
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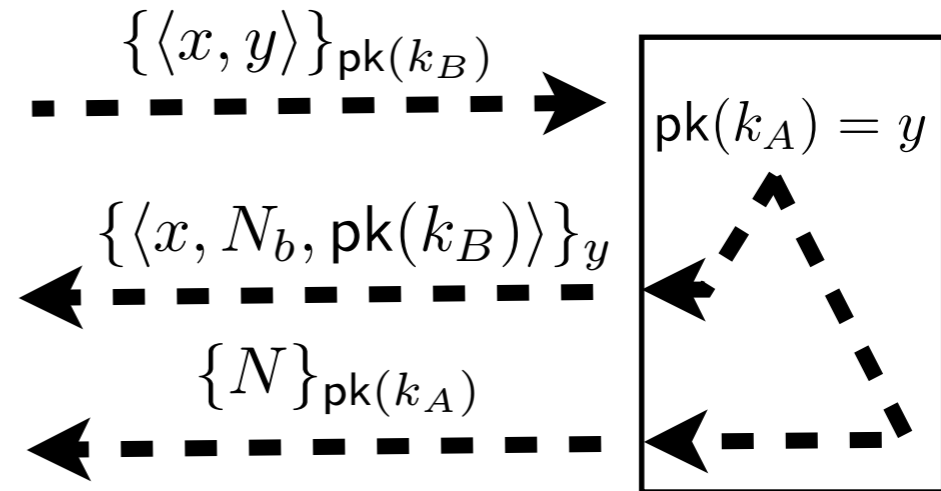
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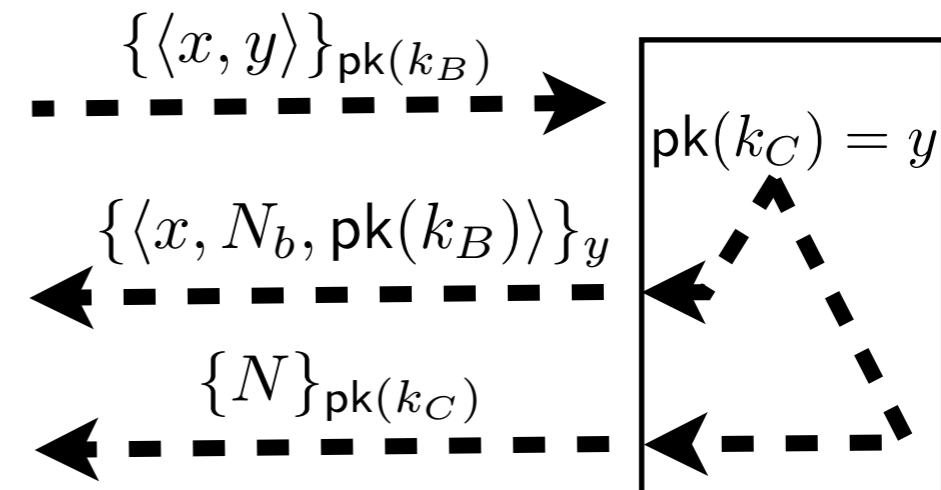


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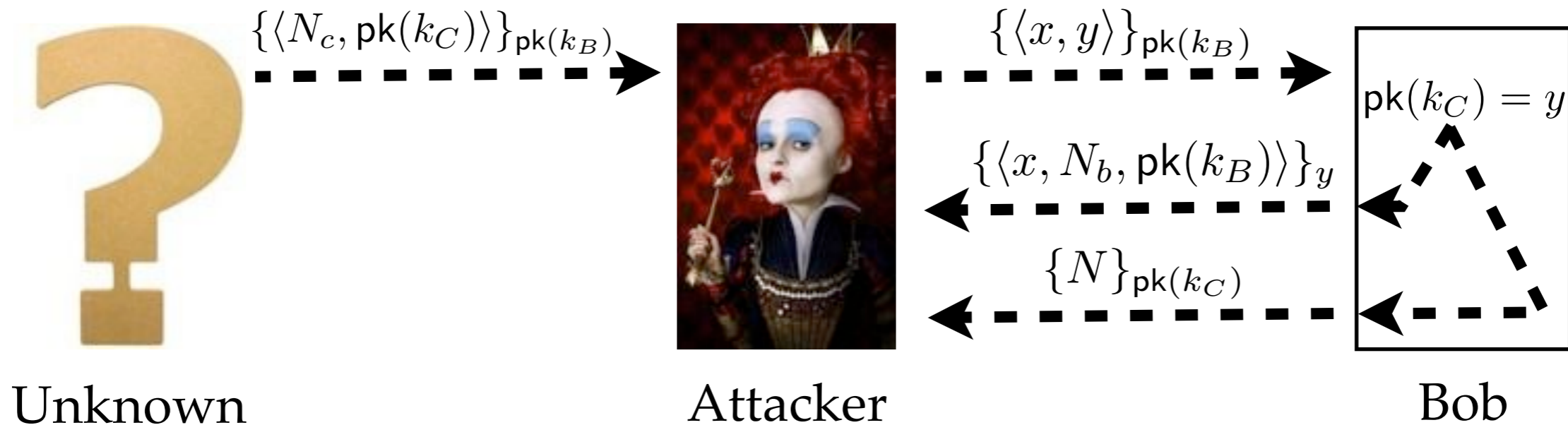
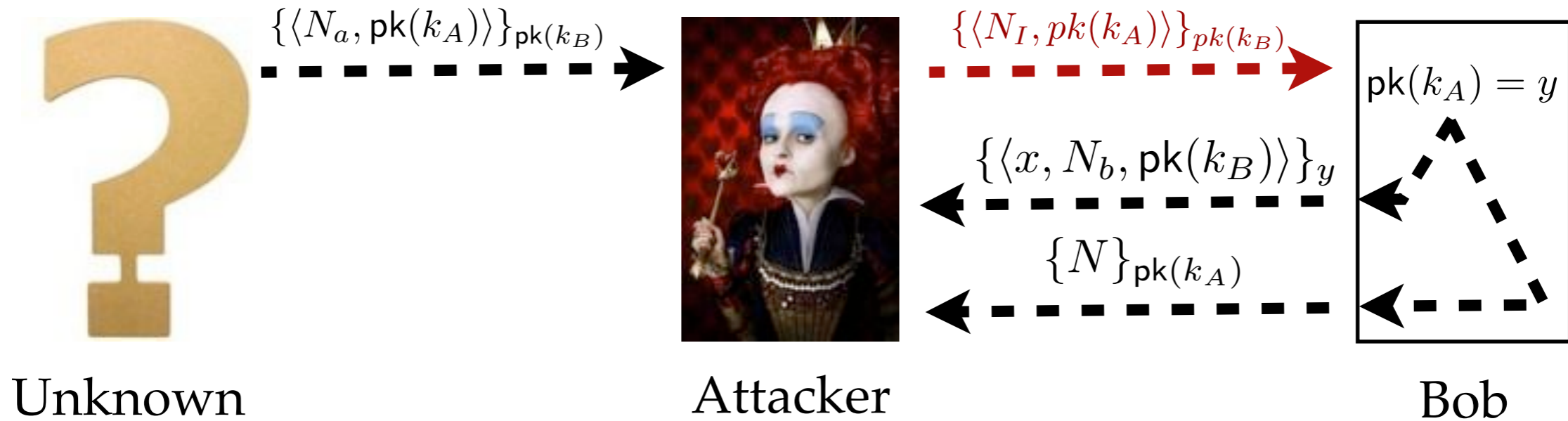
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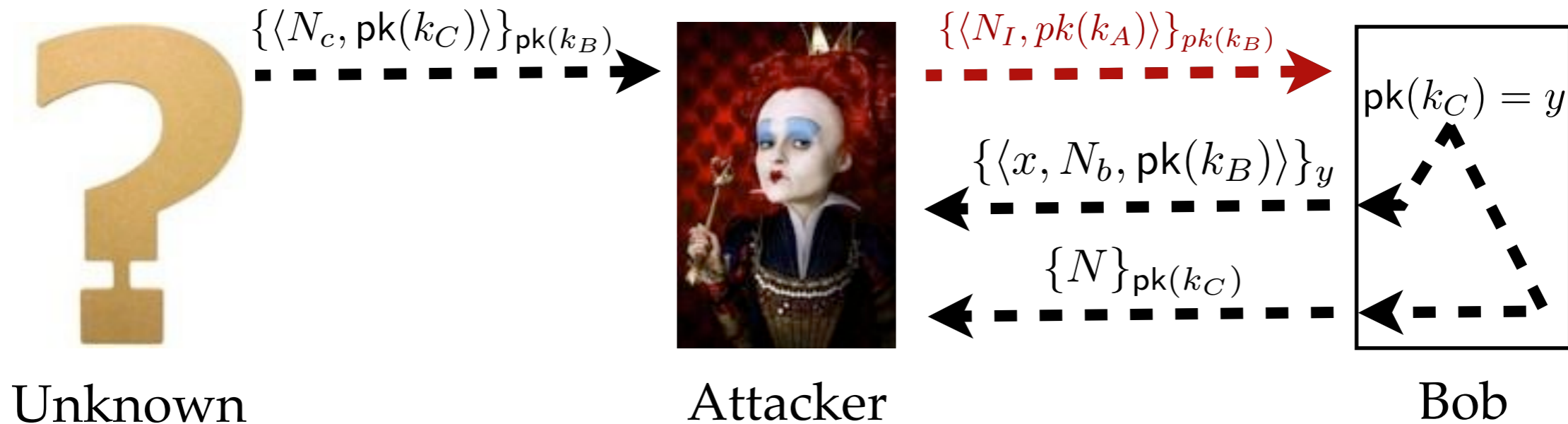
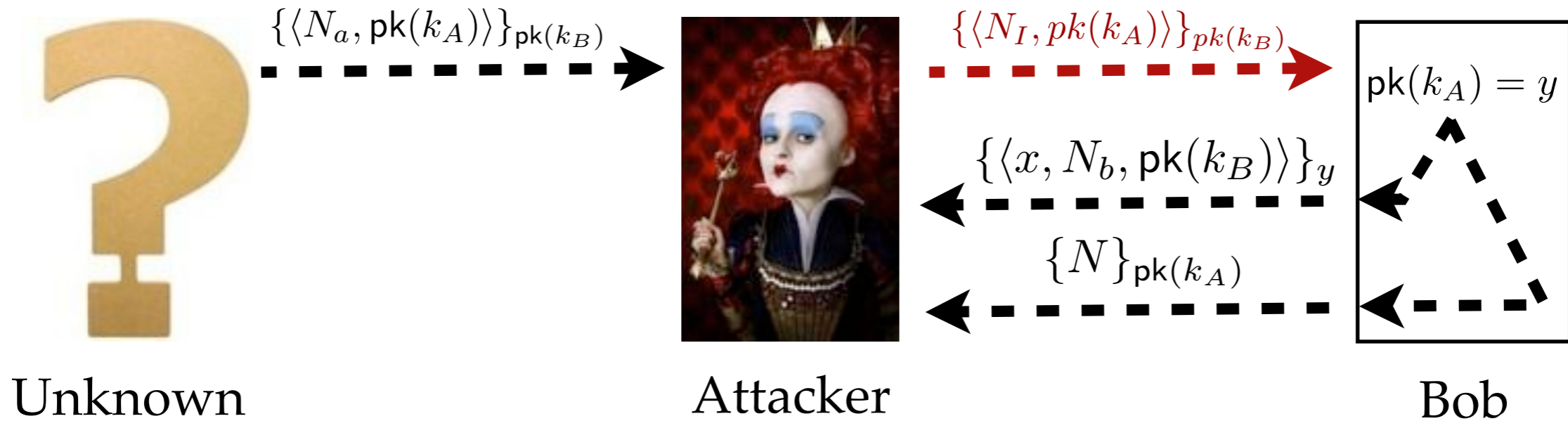
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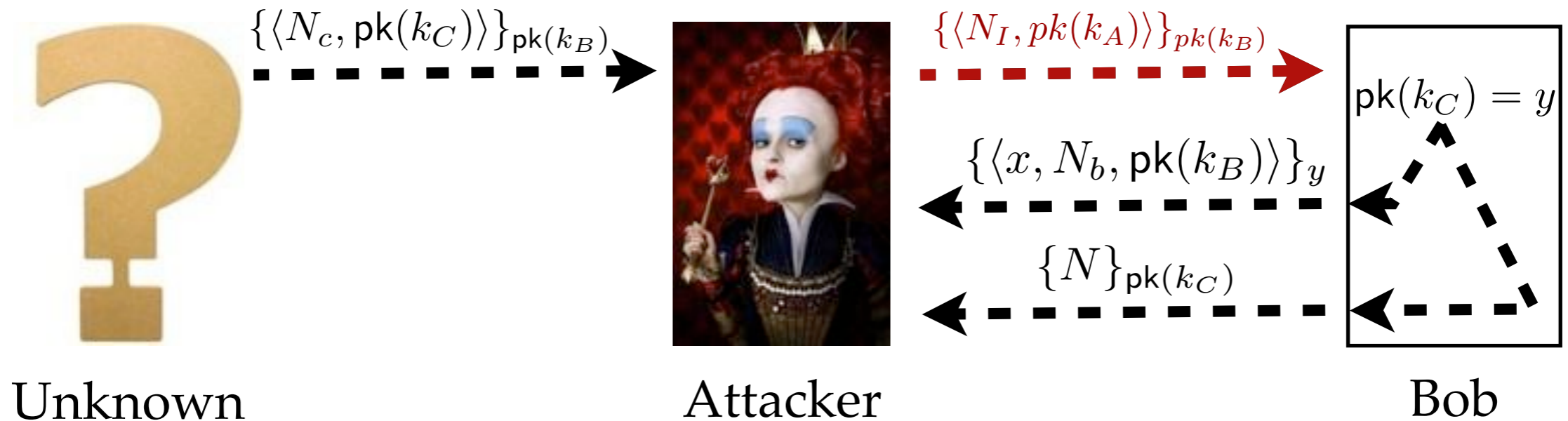
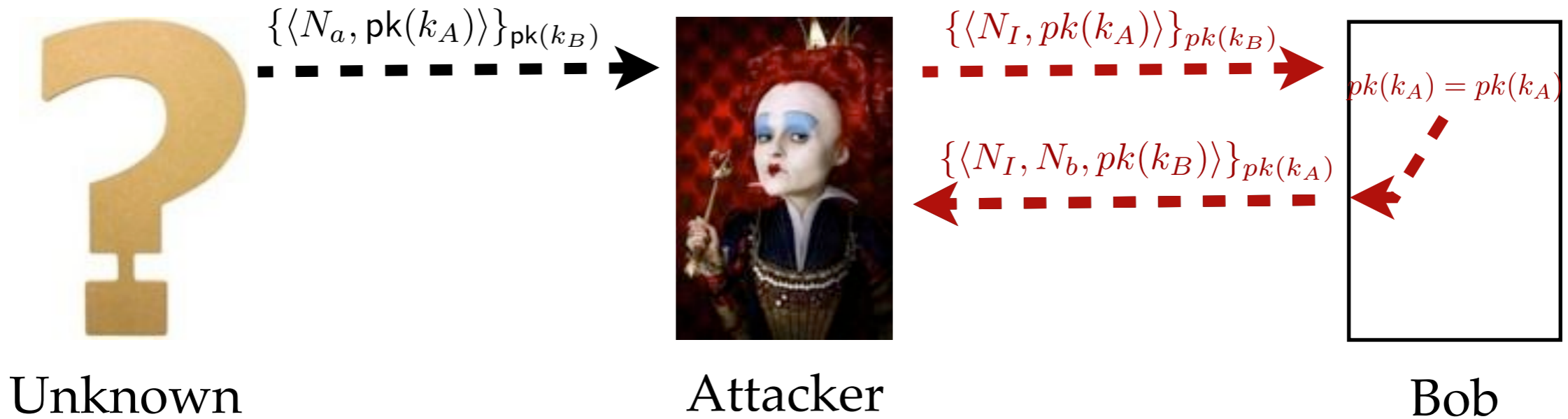
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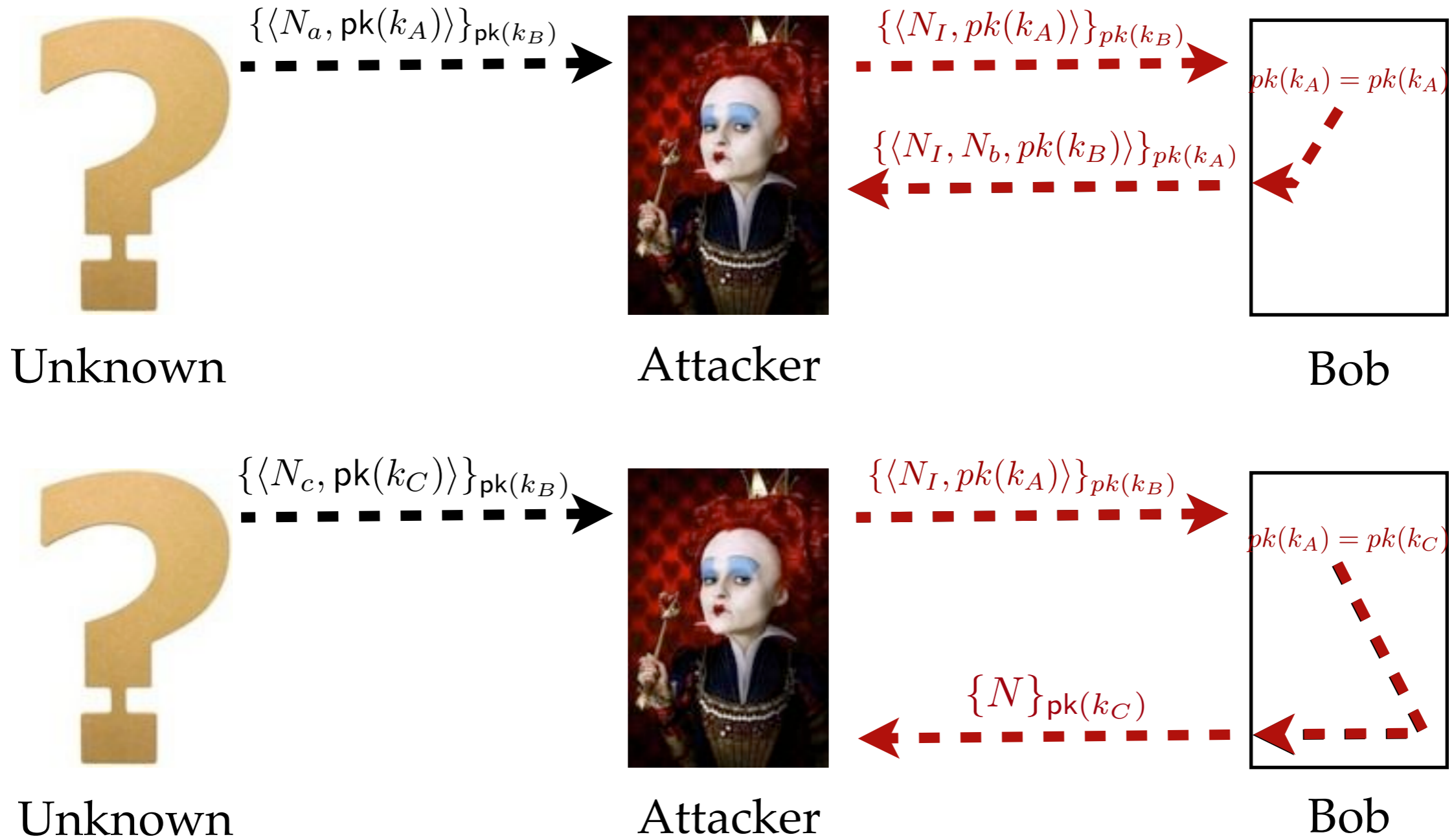
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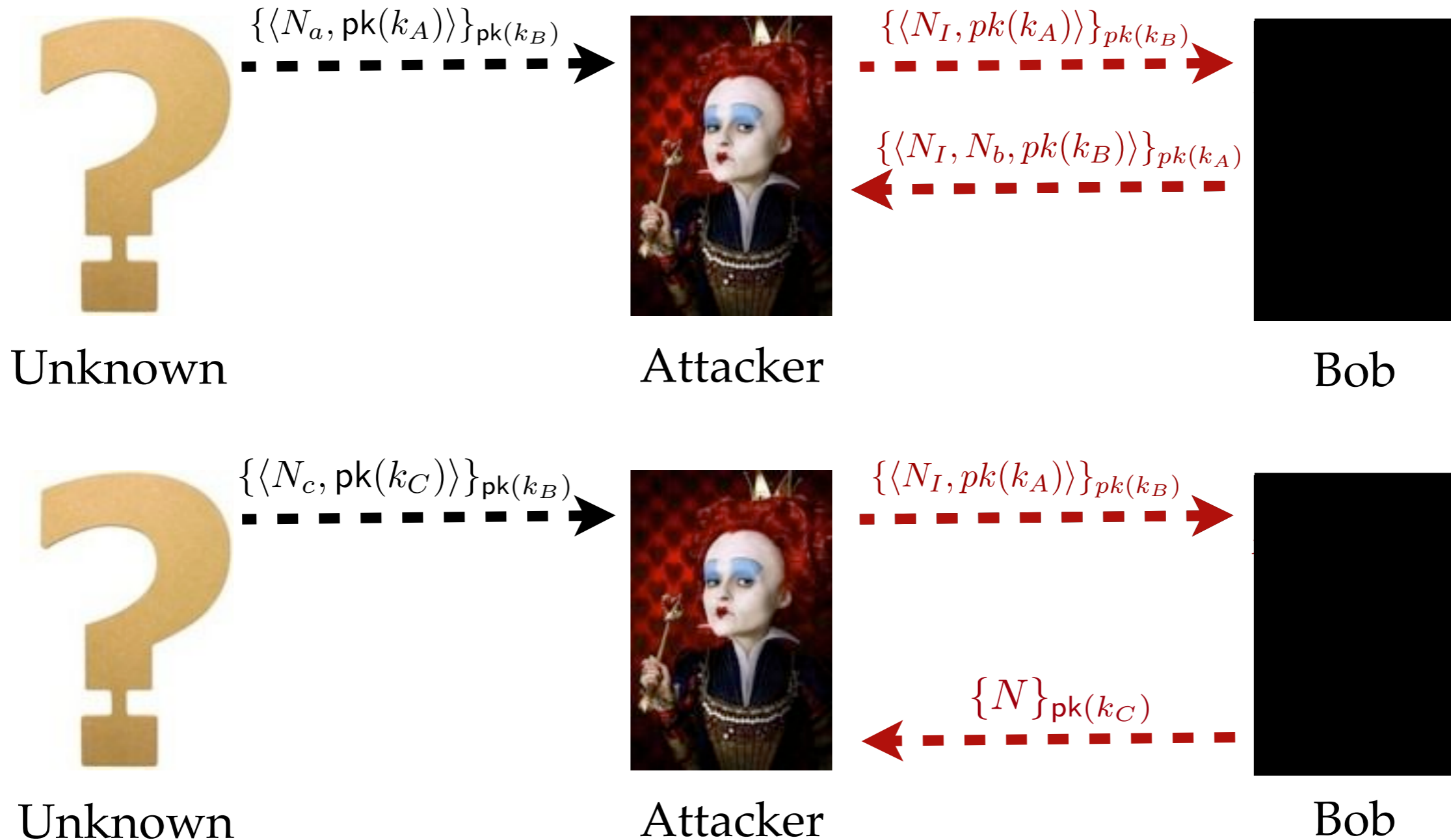
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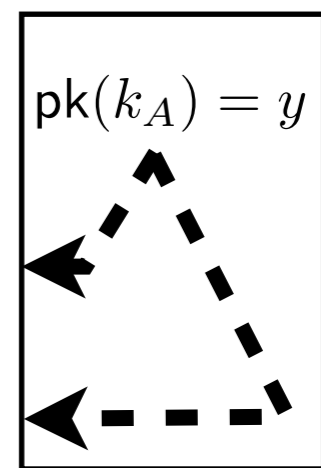


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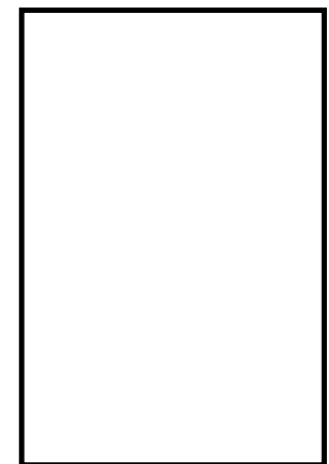
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$$M = \text{ifthenelse}(y, \text{pk}(k_A), \{x, N_b, \text{pk}(k_B)\}_y, \{N\}_{\text{pk}(k_A)})$$

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Automatic transformation: *simpl*

For all processes P , $\text{simpl}(P) \approx P$

Implementation

Beta release:

ProVerif version 1.87beta

<http://prosecco.gforge.inria.fr/personal/bblanche/proverif/>

Content:

- Rewrite rules with tests
- Automatic transformation of biprocesses
- Equivalence between processes with different control structures

Results:

- Prove anonymity for private authentication protocol (unbounded number of sessions)

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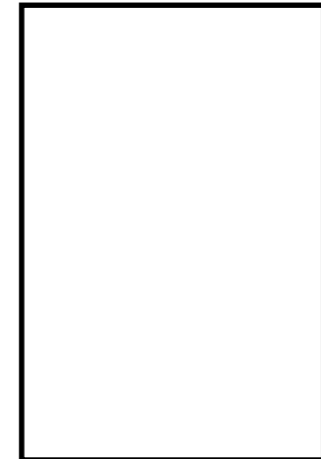


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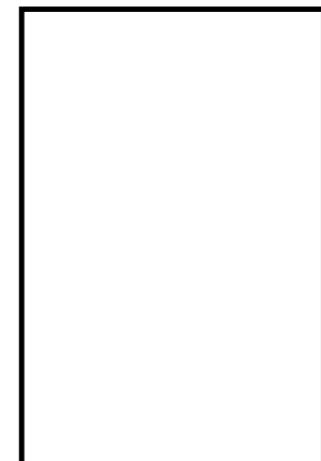
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Attacker

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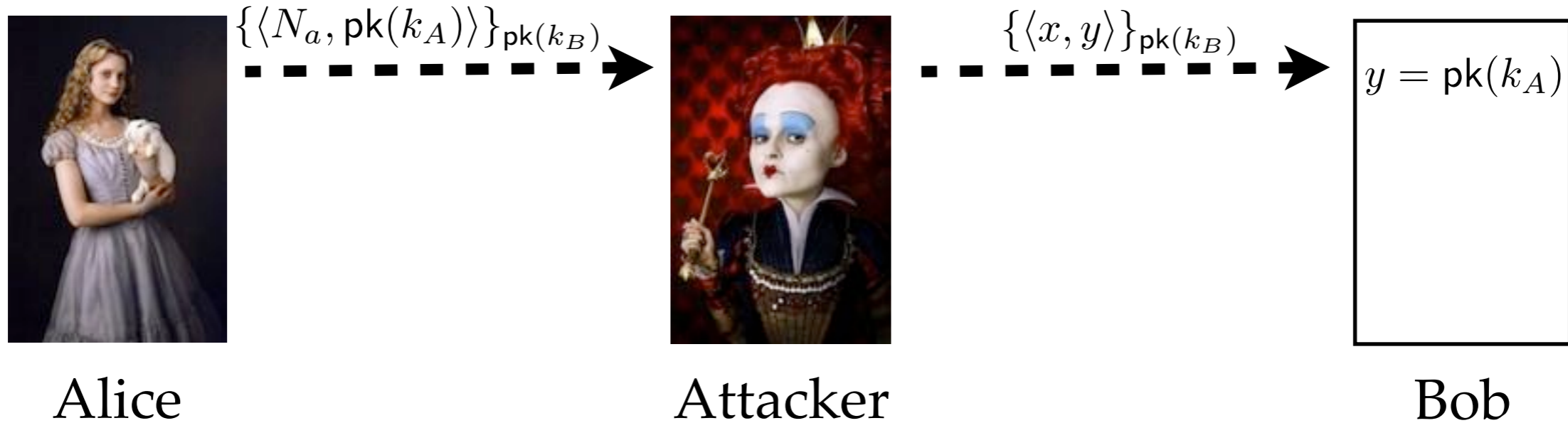


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Constraint systems

One constraint system = several traces

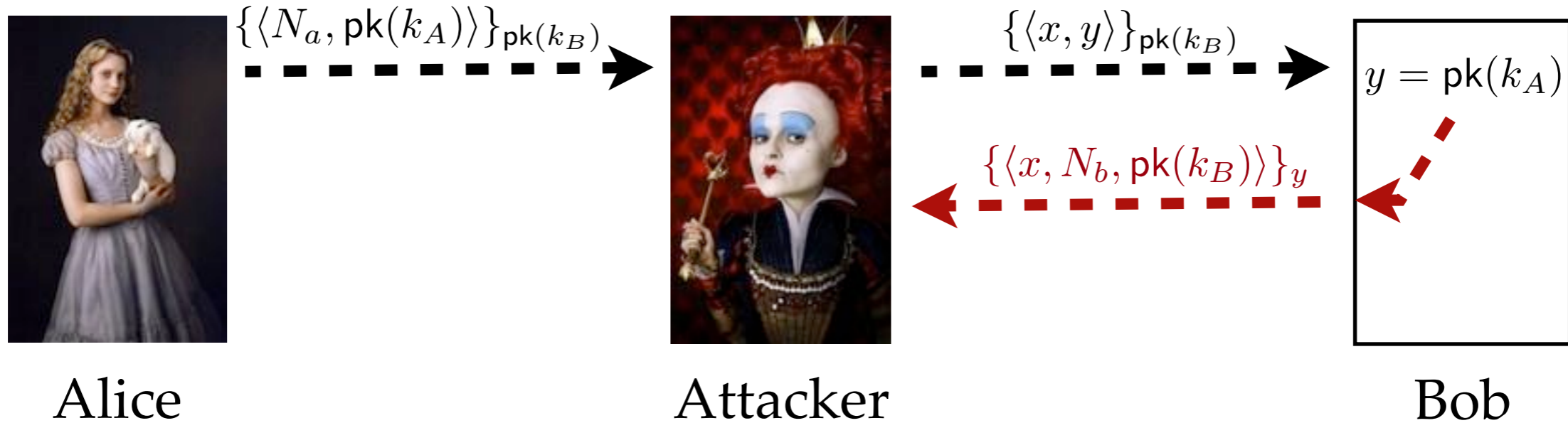


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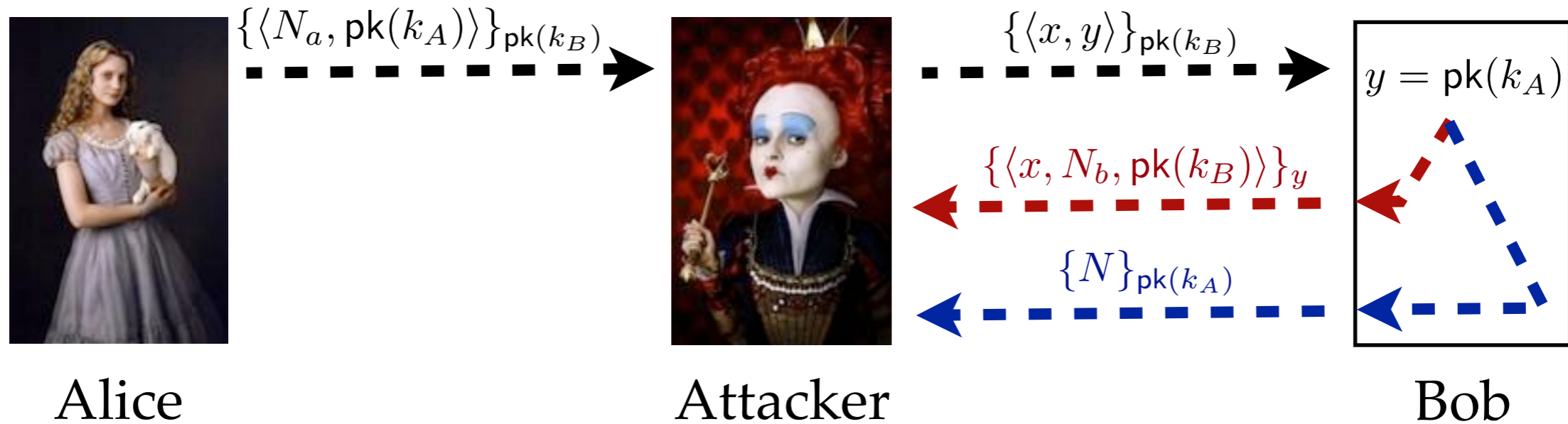
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Sets of constraint systems



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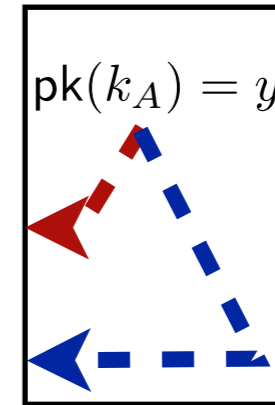


Attacker

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C_1

C_2



Charlene

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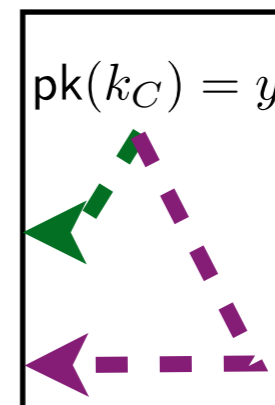


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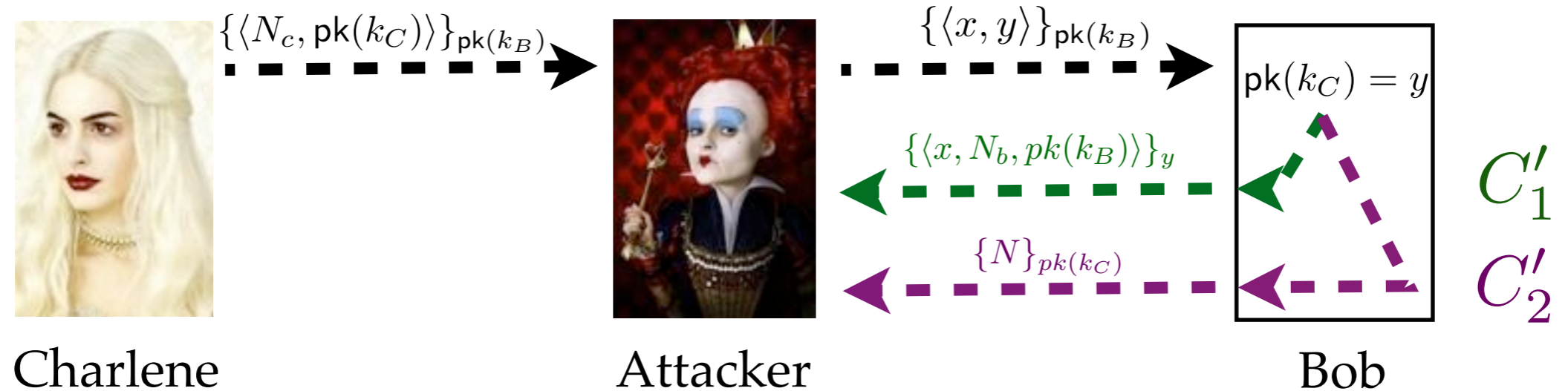
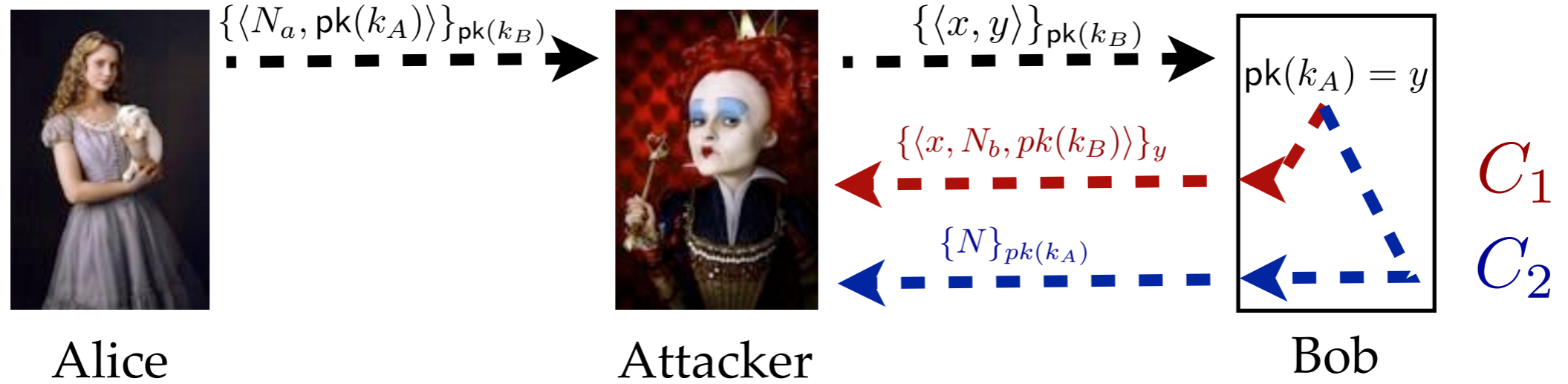
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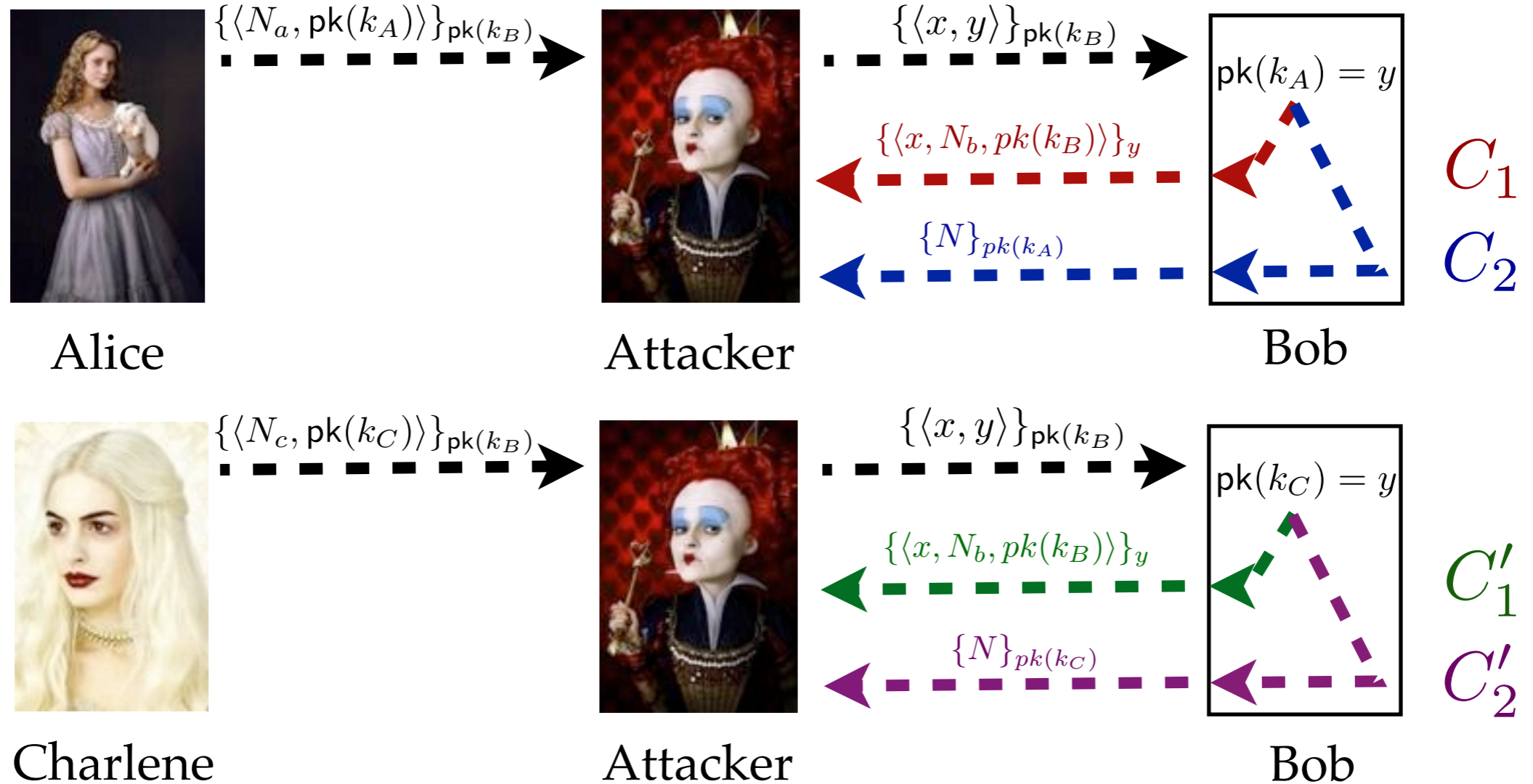
C'_2

Sets of constraint systems



$$\{C_1; C_2\} \approx \{C'_1; C'_2\}$$

Sets of constraint systems



Symbolic equivalence between sets of constraint systems

Previous works

1. M. Baudet. *Sécurité des protocoles cryptographiques : aspects logiques et calculatoires*. Phd thesis (2007)
2. Y. Chevalier and M. Rusinowitch. *Decidability of equivalence of symbolic derivations*. JAR (2012)
3. A. Tiu and J. E. Dawson. *Automating open bisimulation checking for the spi calculus*. CSF (2010)

- Do not handle set of constraint systems
- Do not handle inequations
- Do not handle non-deterministic processes

Sets of constraint systems

Why are they necessary ?



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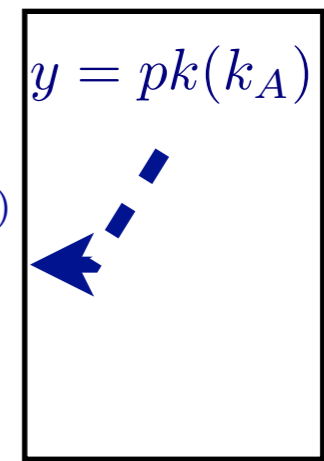
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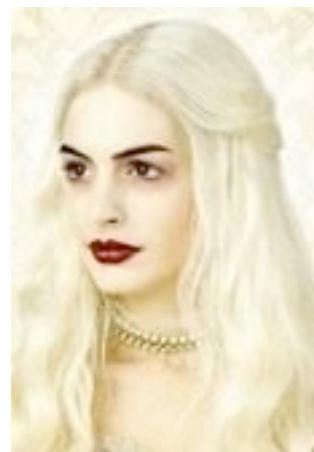
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C_1

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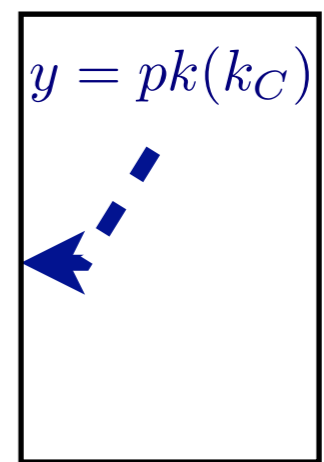
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C'_1

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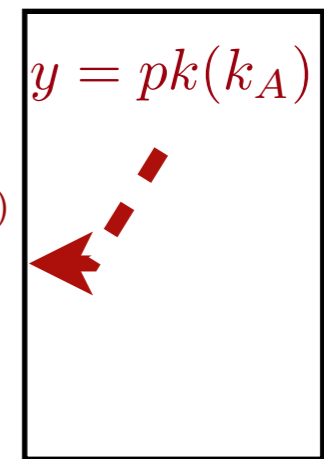


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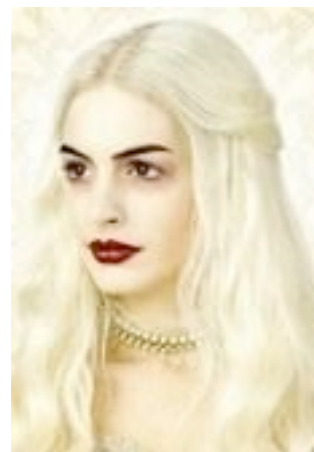


$$\{\langle N_I, N_b, pk(k_B) \rangle\}_{pk(k_A)}$$



C_1

Bob



Charlene

$$\{\langle N_c, pk(k_C) \rangle\}_{pk(k_B)}$$

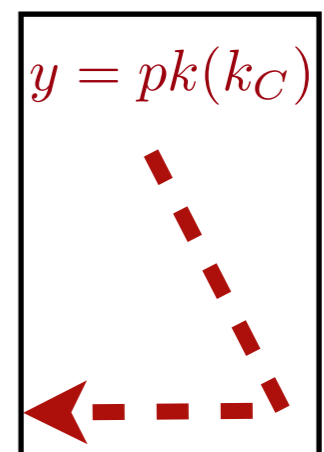


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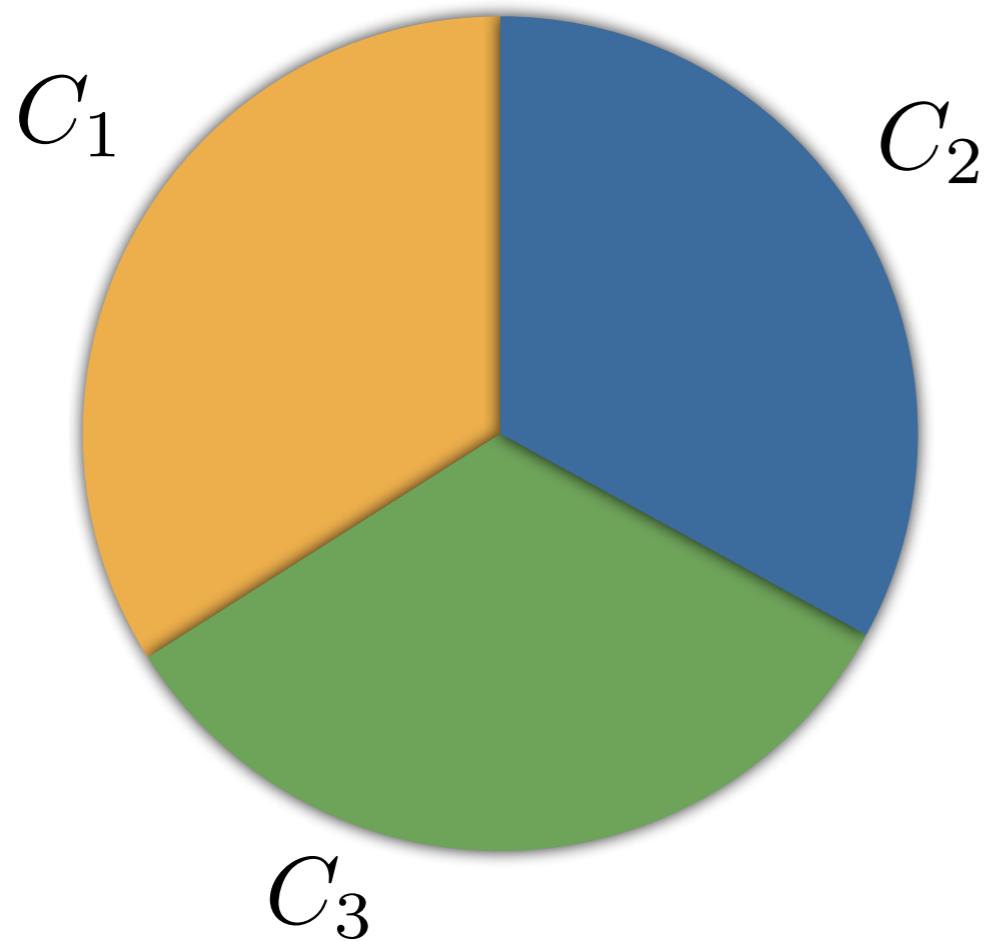


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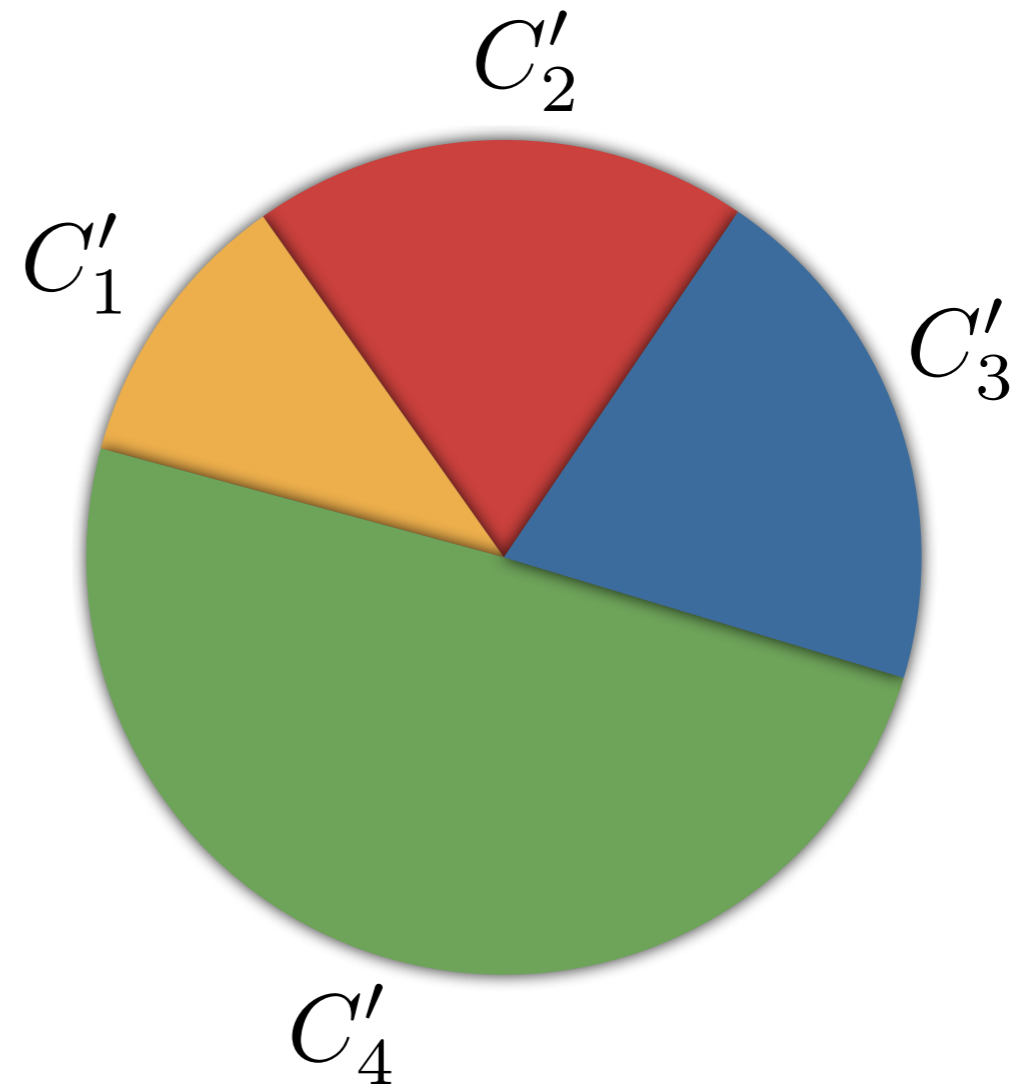
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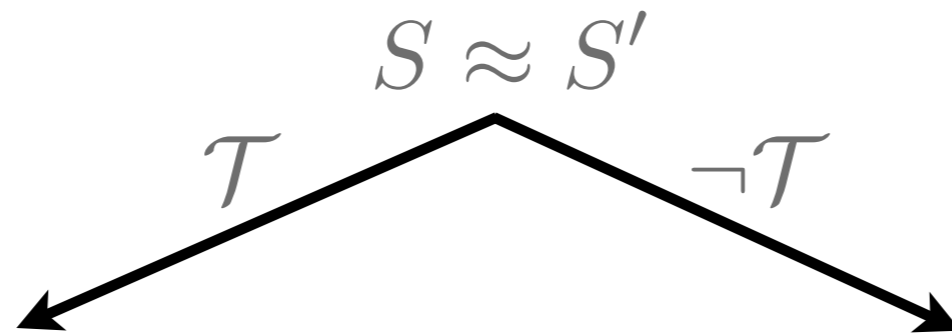


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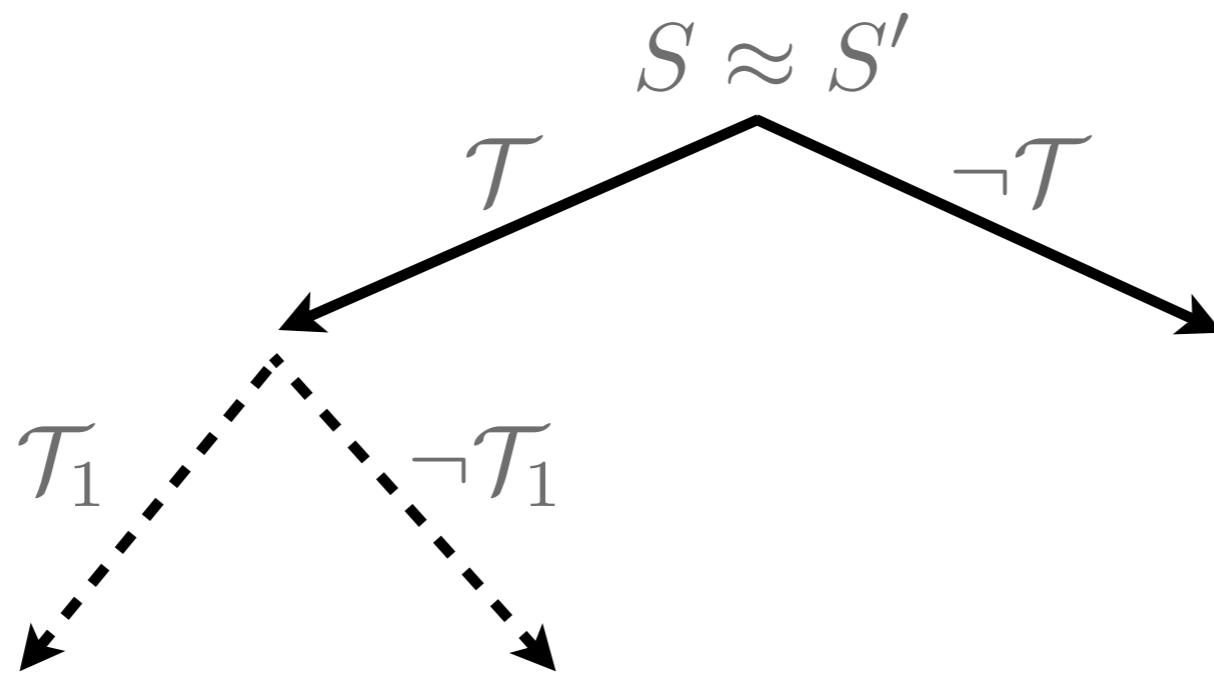


$$S' = \{C'_1; C'_2; C'_3; C'_4\}$$

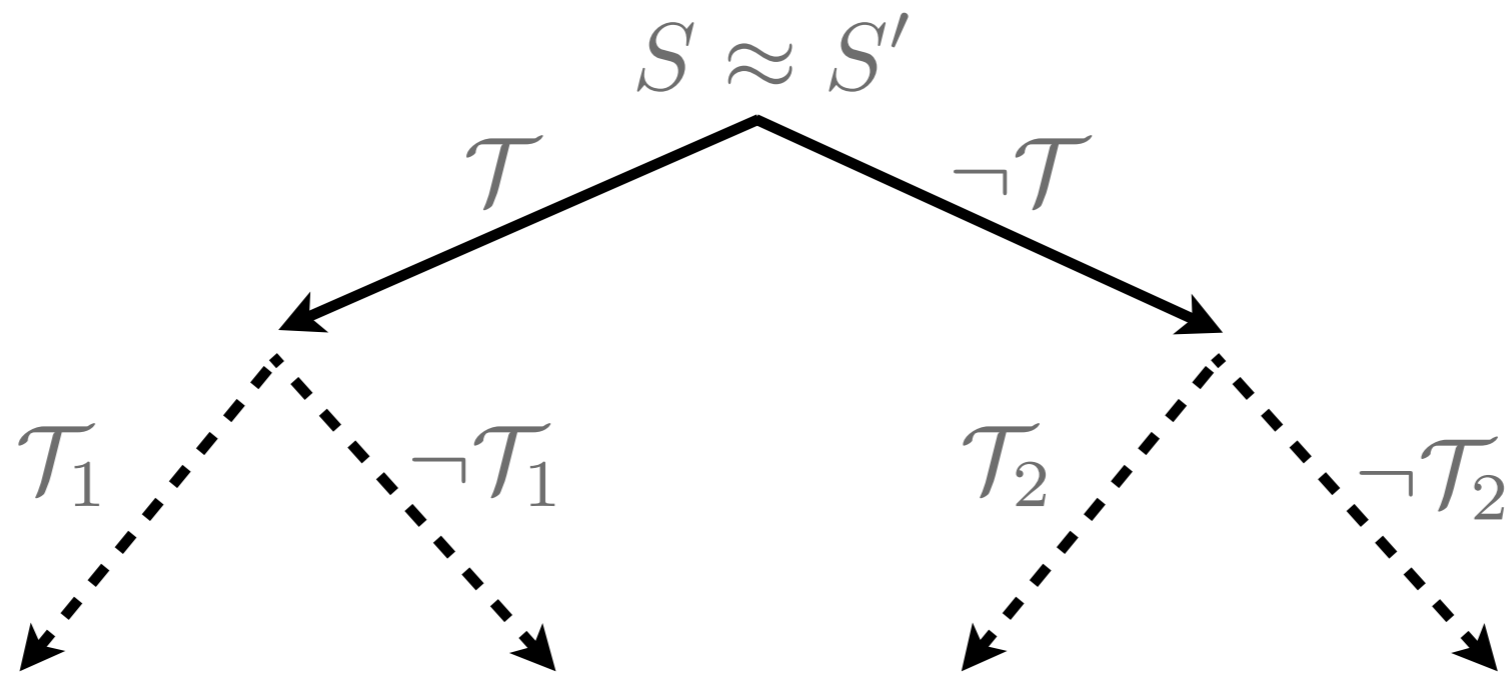
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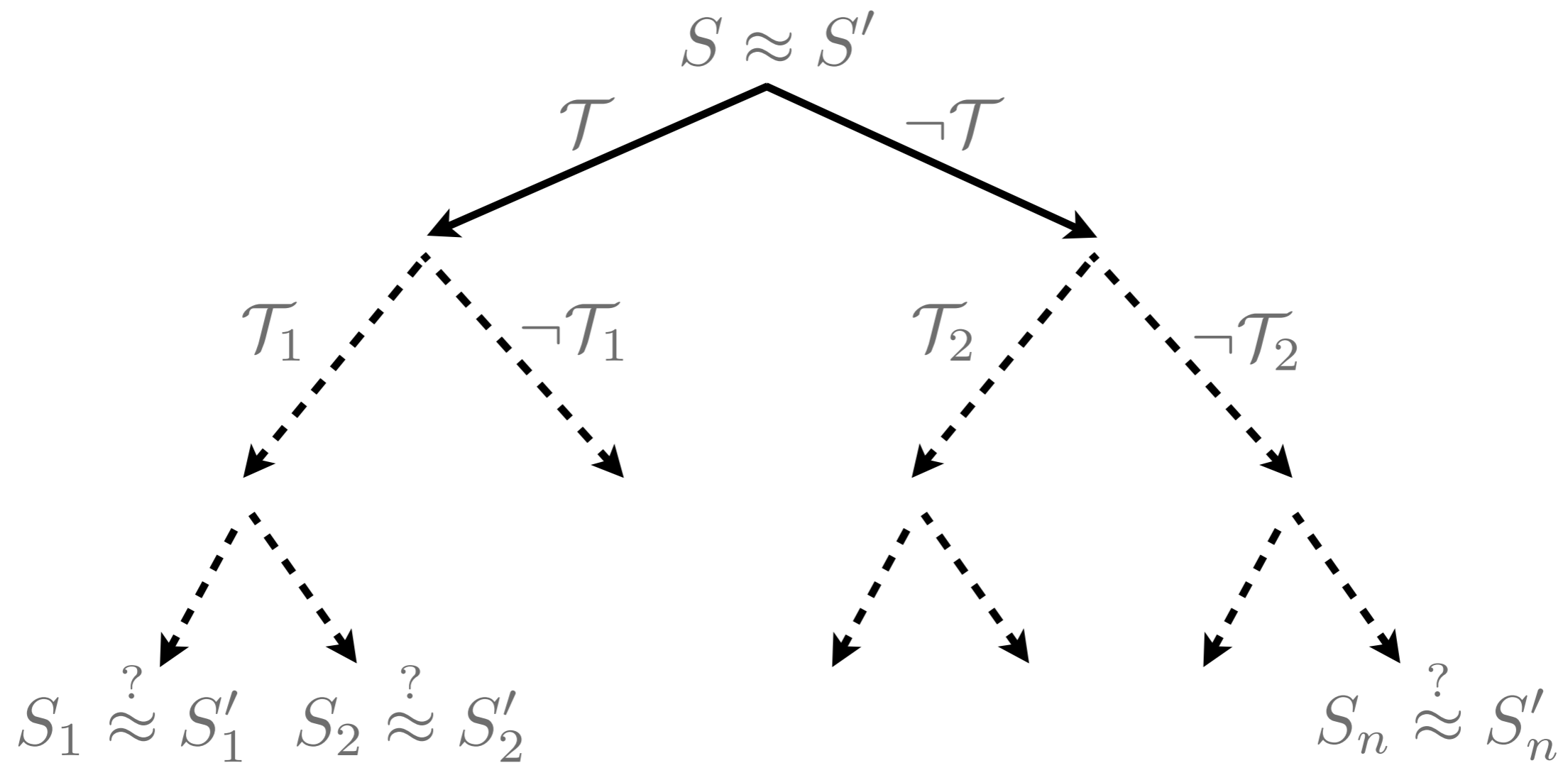
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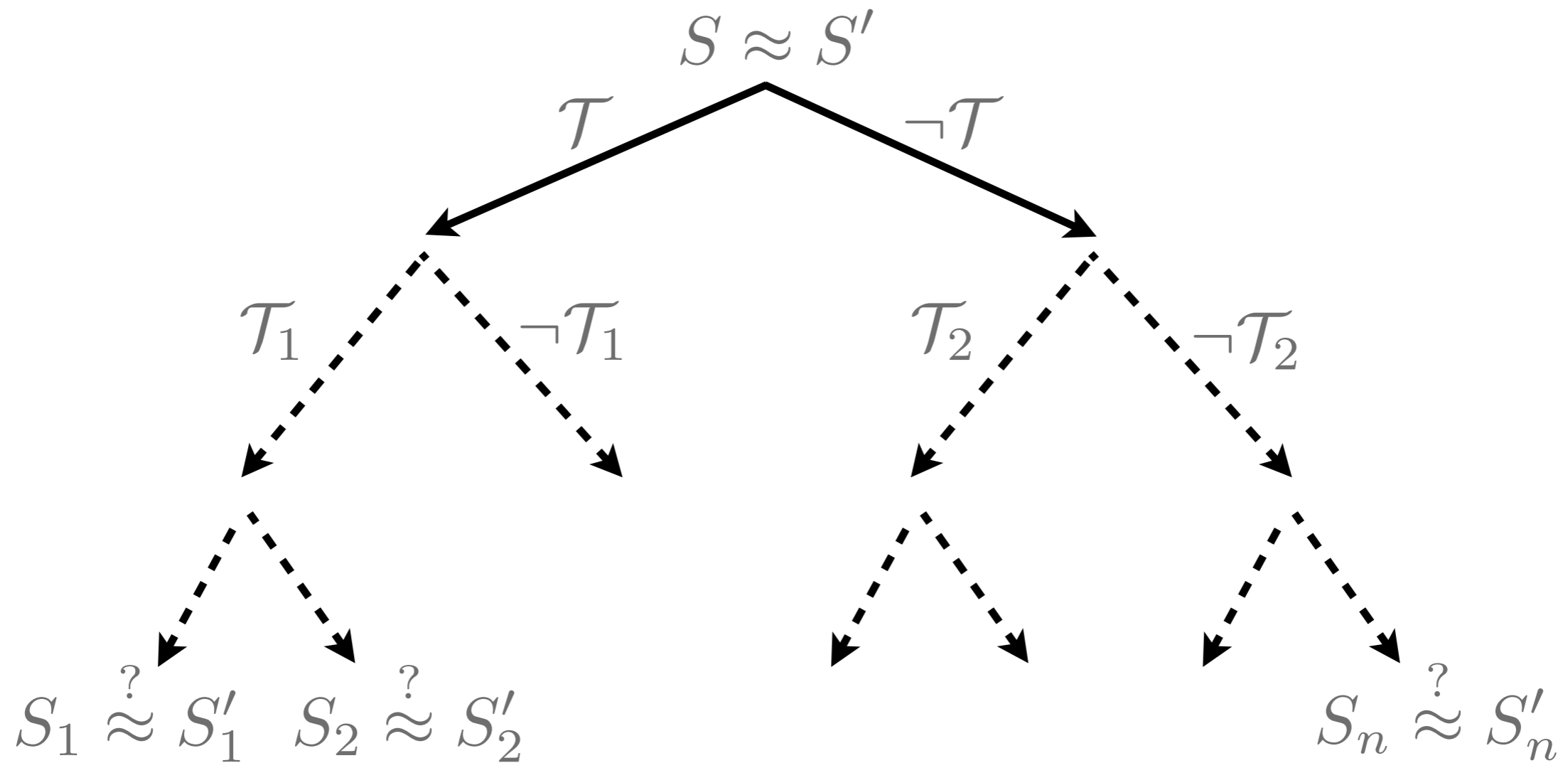
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The symbolic equivalence is syntactically decided on each leaf

The Algorithm

Example of a rule

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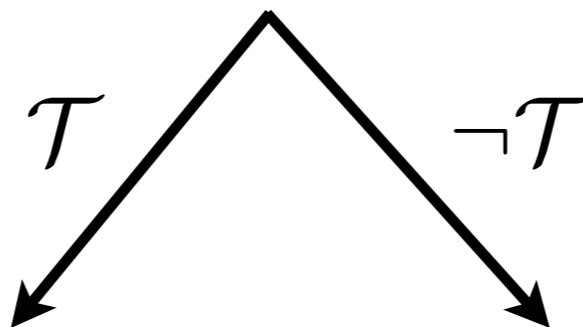
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Results

Decision procedure for proving trace equivalence for bounded number of sessions.

Class of accepted processes:

- Non-deterministic (e.g. private channel) with else-branches
- Classic cryptographic primitives (symmetric and asymmetric encryption, signature, pairing, hash)

Include:

- E-passport protocols
- Private authentication protocols

Implementation

Alpha version:

APTE: Algorithm for Proving Trace Equivalence

Content:

- Front-end similar to ProVerif
- Handle equivalence between processes without replication
- Display witness of non-equivalence
- Handle equivalences between sequences of messages
- Handle reachability properties for processes without replication

Outline

1. Proving more equivalence with ProVerif
2. Decision procedure for trace equivalence
3. Composing trace equivalence

Motivation

Concrete example: e-passport protocols

- Basic Access Control (BAC) : establishes session keys between a reader and a passport
- **Passive Authentication (PA)**
- **Active Authentication (AA)**



Protocols are verified in isolation

Possible problems:

- Protocols may share some keys
- Protocols may share some cryptographic primitives
- Tools may not be able to prove the security property

Result

Verifying S on P

and

Verifying S on Q

under conditions

Verifying S on P and Q running in parallel

where

- P and Q may share secrets and cryptographic primitives
- S is a security property

Conditions of the result

- The shared secret keys are not revealed
- The protocols **P** and **Q** are tagged
- The public keys are revealed at the beginning

Conclusion

- Relations between different notions of equivalences
- Algorithms to prove equivalence
 - Extension of ProVerif for proving more equivalence
 - New decision procedure for trace equivalence (else branches)
 - New automatic tool : APTE
 - ✓ Anonymity for the private authentication protocol
 - ✓ Unlinkability for the e-passport protocol
- Composition result for trace equivalence
 - Application on the e-passport protocol

Future Works

- Improve the algorithms
 - Prove unlinkability of the e-passport protocol with ProVerif for unbounded number of sessions
 - Add cryptographic primitives in APTE (e.g. blind signature, xor, re-encryption)
- Optimize the implementation of APTE
 - Distributed implementation
 - Interleaving problem
 - Simplify the strategy on the rules
- Sequential composition for trace equivalence