

# DECISION PROCEDURE FOR TRACE EQUIVALENCE

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# CONTEXT

## ■ Cryptographic protocols

Most communications take place over a **public network**



### Cryptographic protocols

- small programs designed to secure communication (e.g. secrecy)
- use cryptographic primitives (e.g. encryption, signature)

It important to ensure their security

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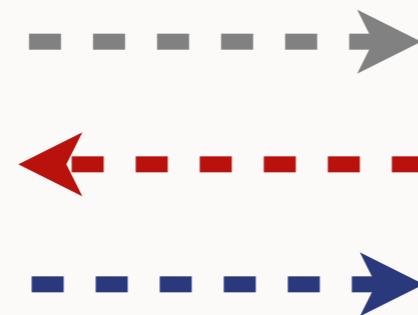
- Anonymity, Privacy, Receipt-Freeness, ...

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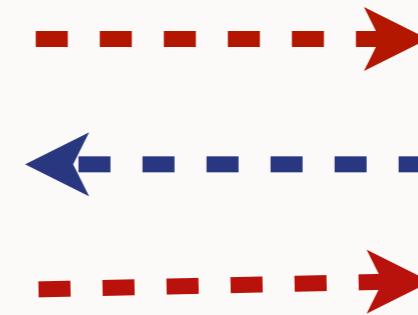
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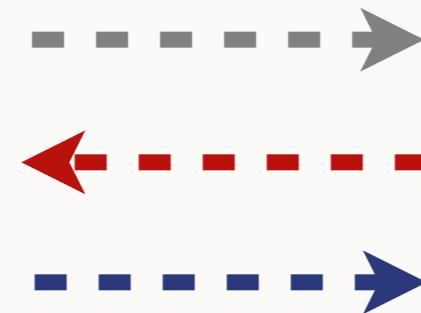
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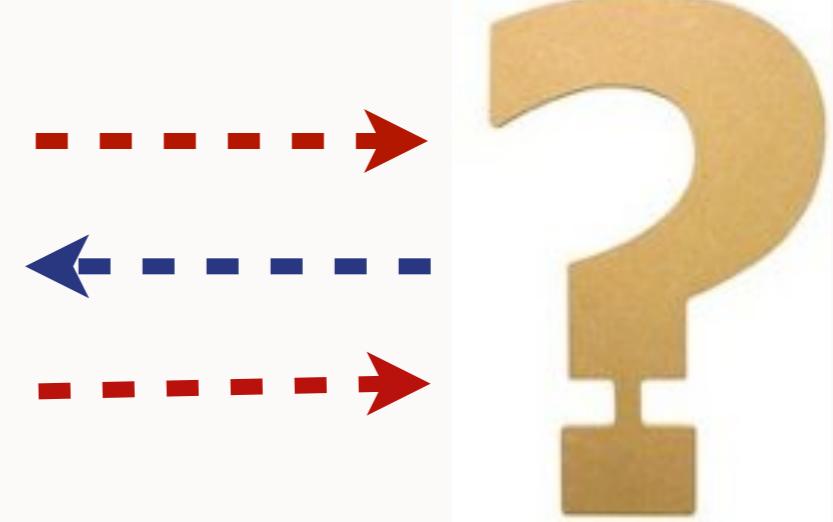
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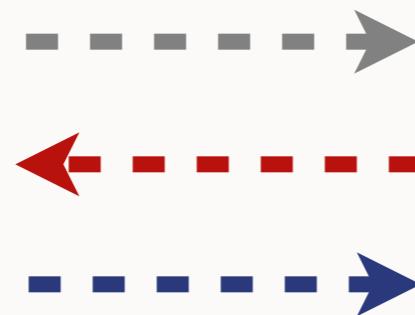
Can the intruder deduce the unknown's identity ?

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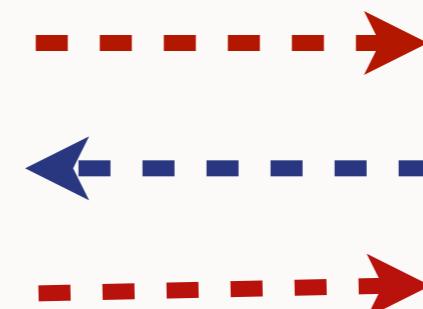
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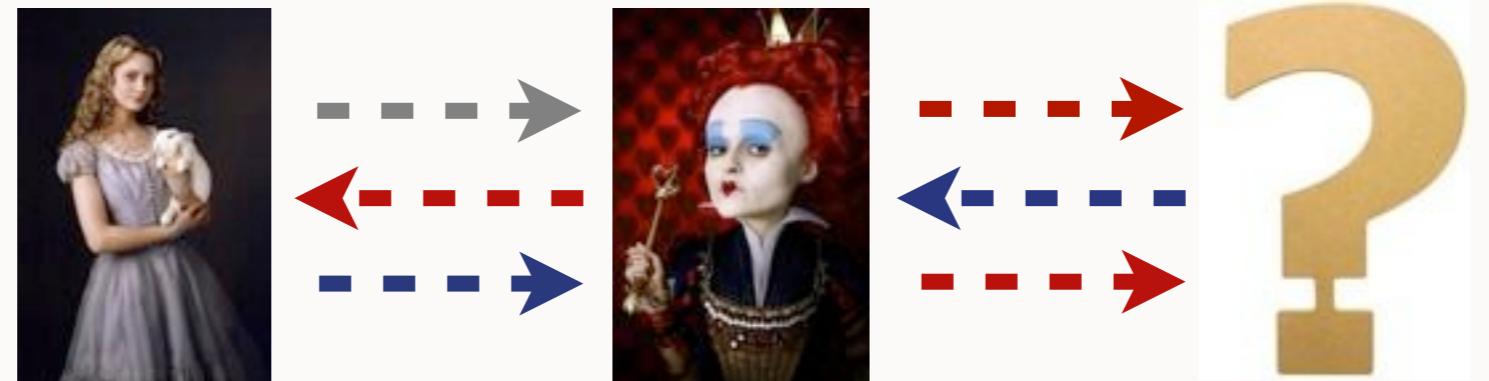
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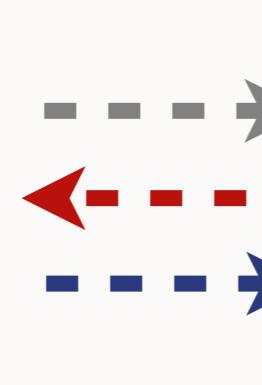
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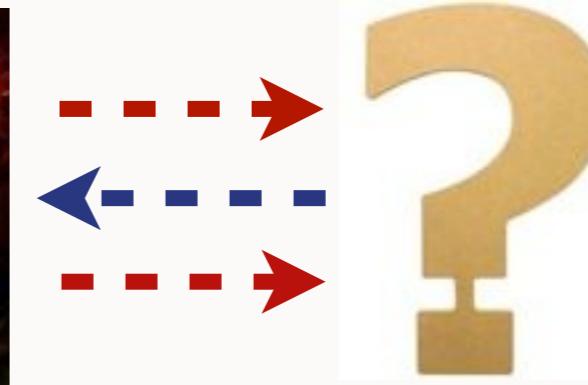
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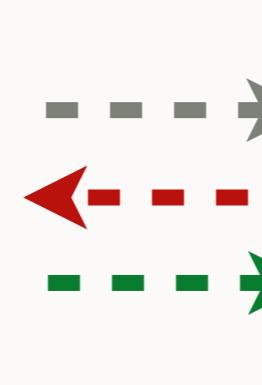
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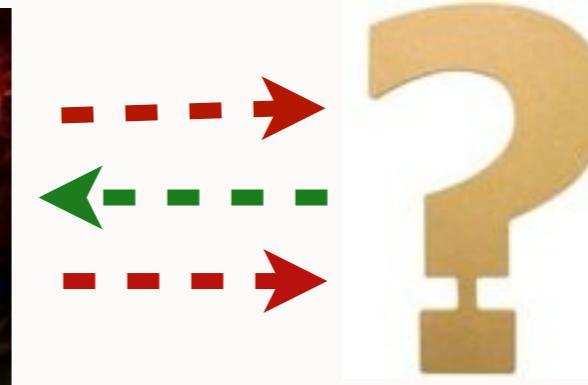
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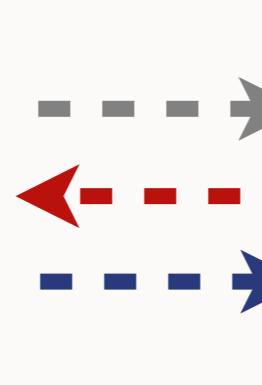
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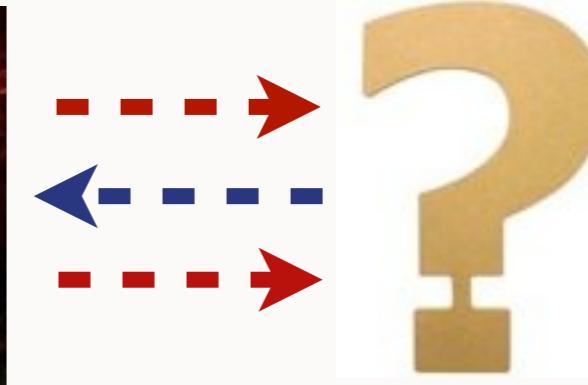
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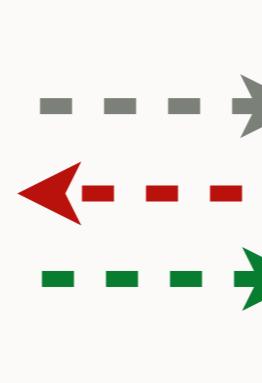
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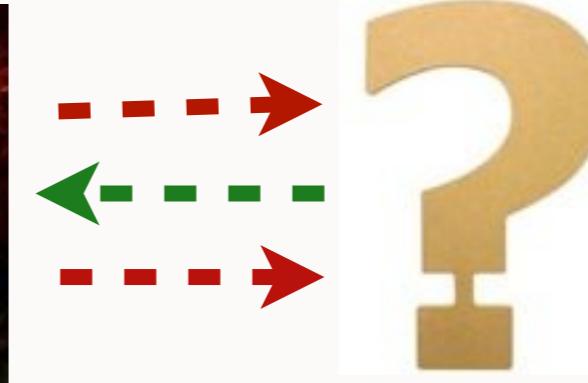
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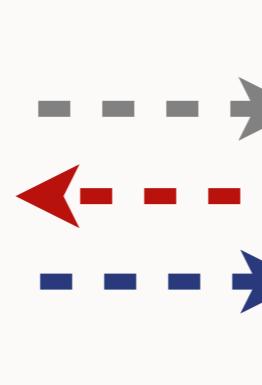
Can the intruder distinguish the two situations ?

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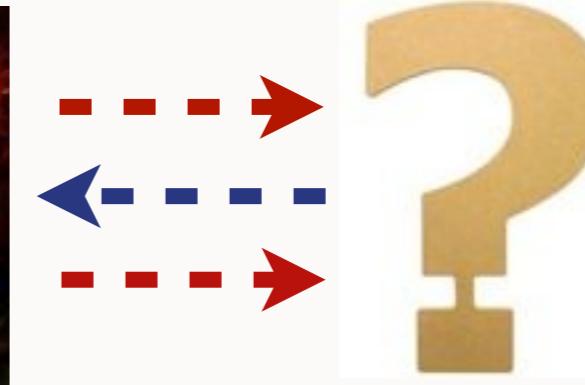
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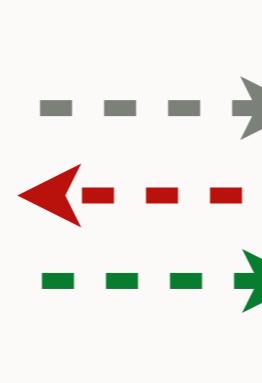
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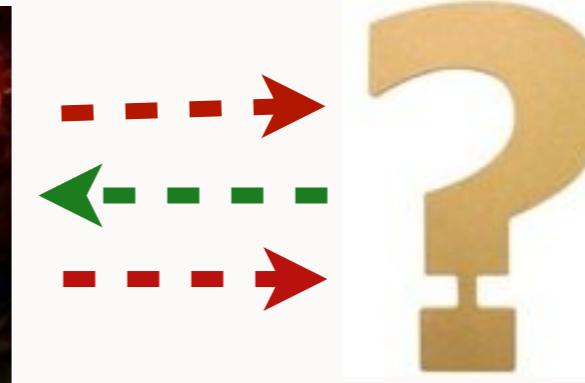
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Trace Equivalence

# PREVIOUS WORKS

Most of the previous works focus on stronger equivalence

- A. Tiu and J. E. Dawson. *Automating open bisimulation checking for the spi calculus.*
- M. Baudet. *Sécurité des protocoles cryptographiques : aspects logiques et calculatoires.* Phd thesis
- B. Blanchet, M. Abadi, and C. Fournet. *Automated verification of selected equivalences for security protocols.*  
→ Tool : B. Blanchet, *ProVerif*

Trace equivalence for simple processes without else branches

- V. Cortier and S. Delaune. *A method for proving observational equivalence.*

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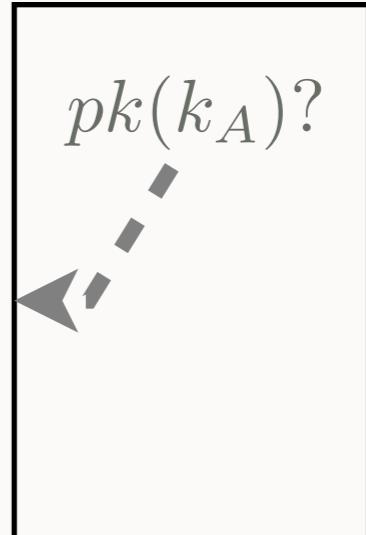
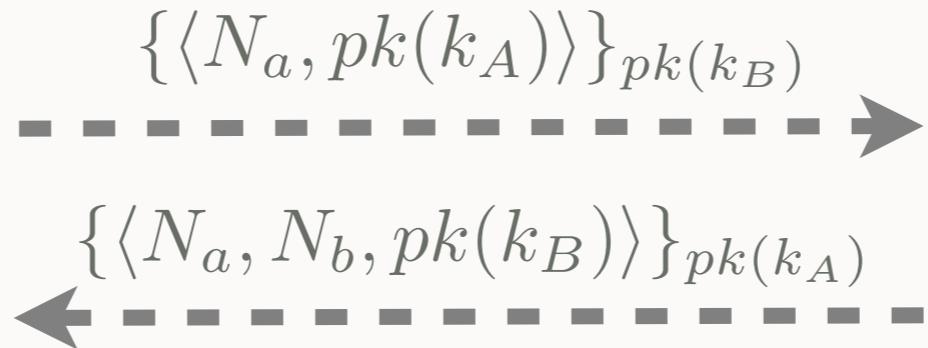
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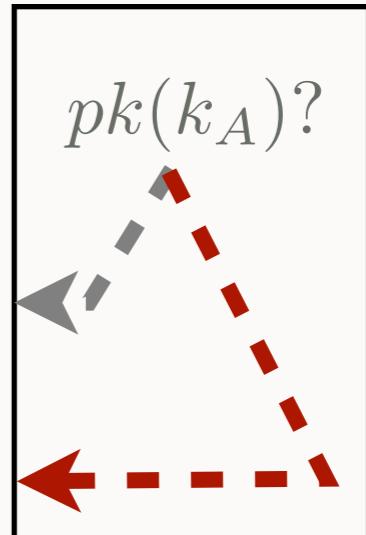
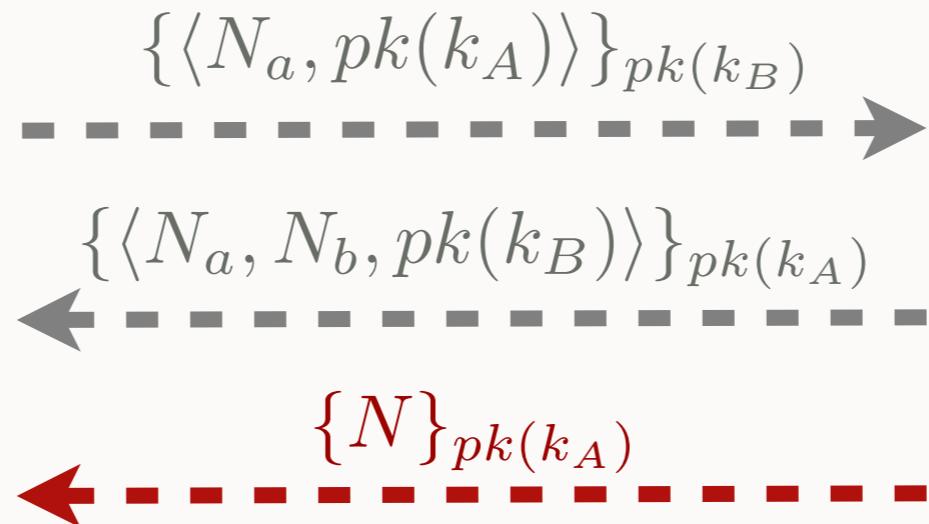
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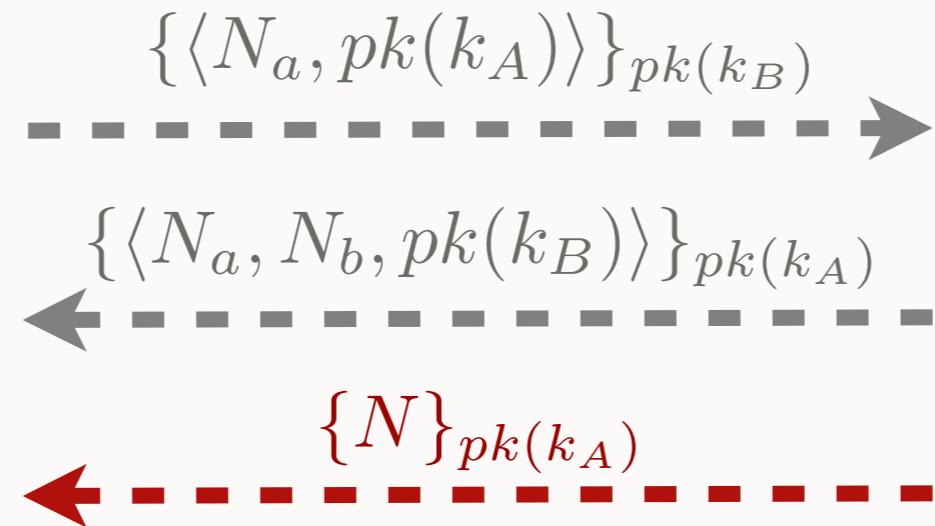
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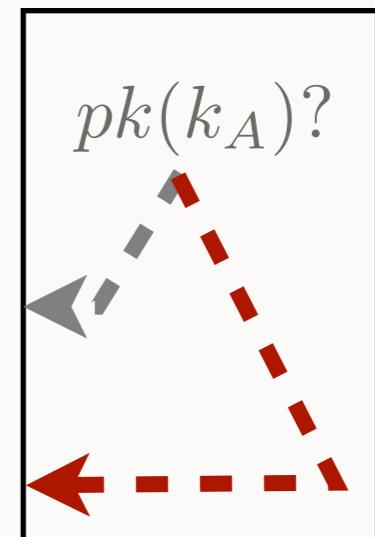
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Bob



Charlene



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

$$\dots \rightarrow \{\langle x, y \rangle\}_{pk(k_B)} \rightarrow \dots$$



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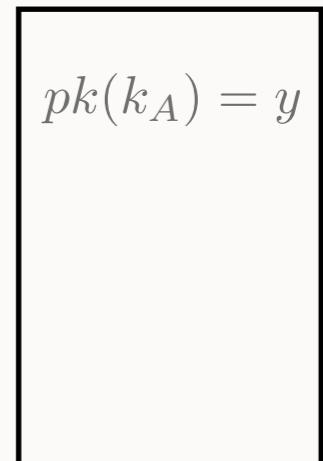


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$\{\langle x, y \rangle\}_{pk(k_B)}$

$pk(k_A) = y$



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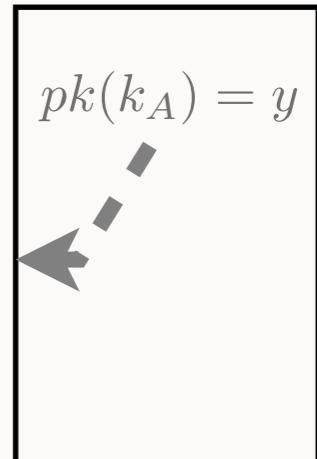
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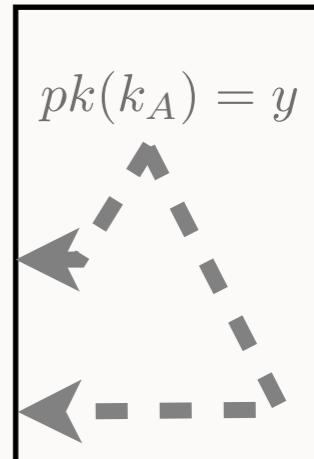
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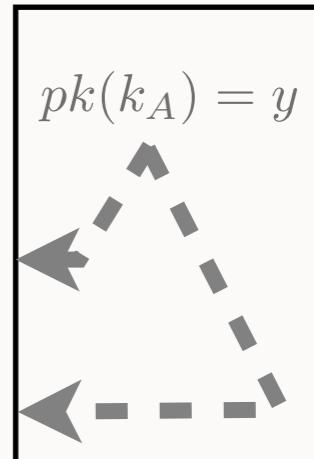


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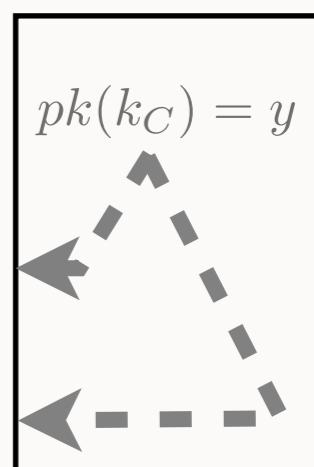


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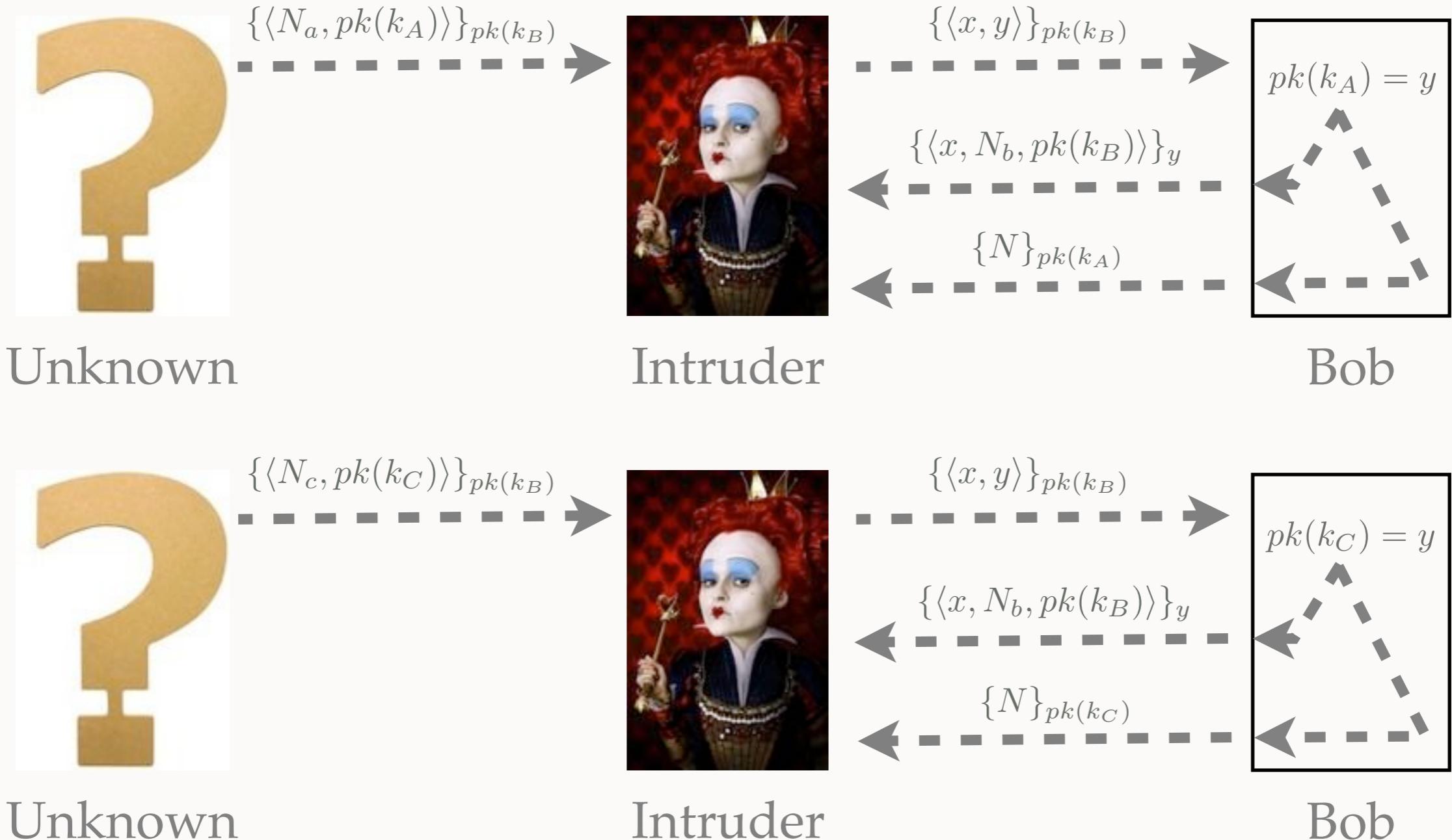
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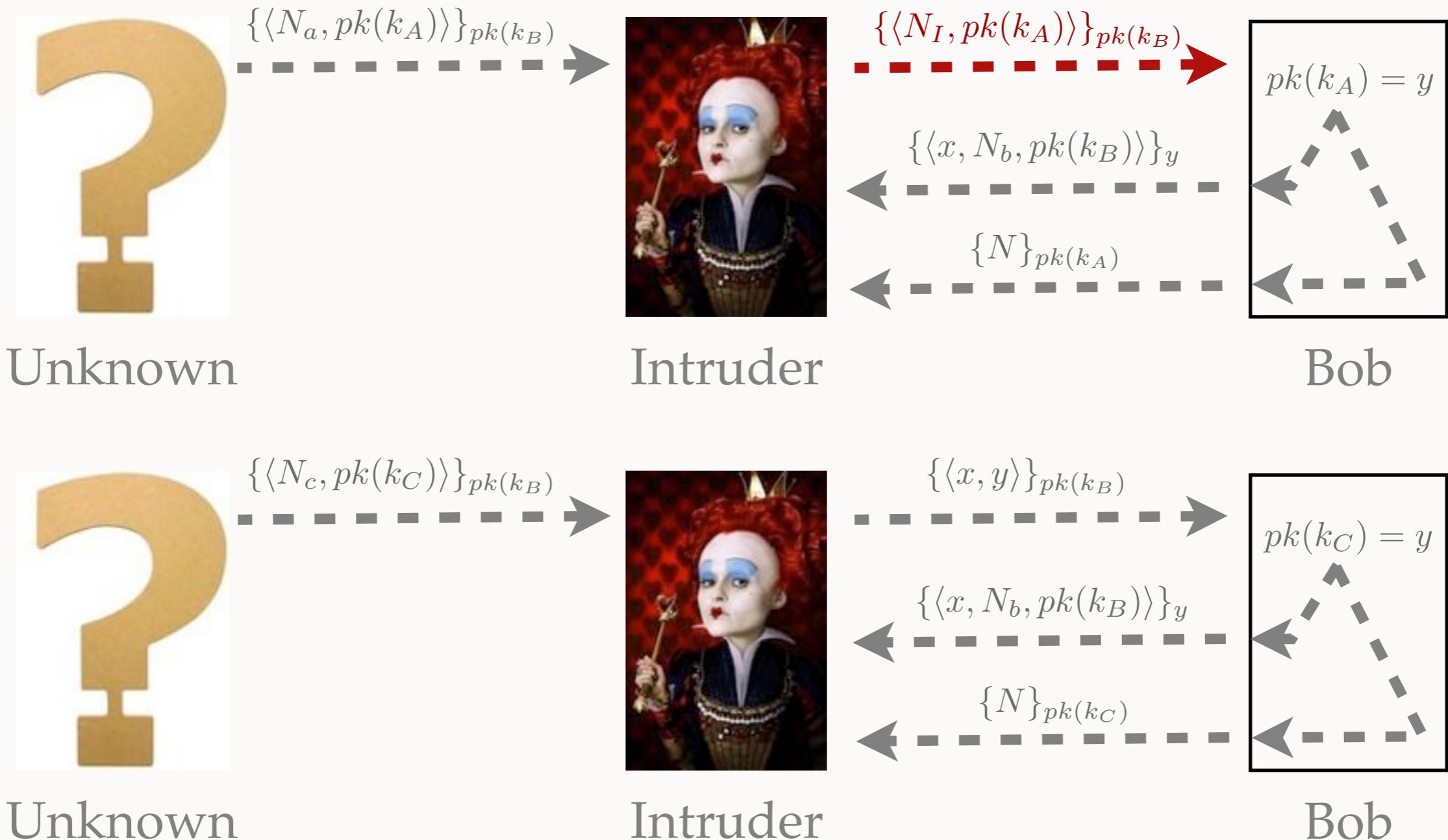
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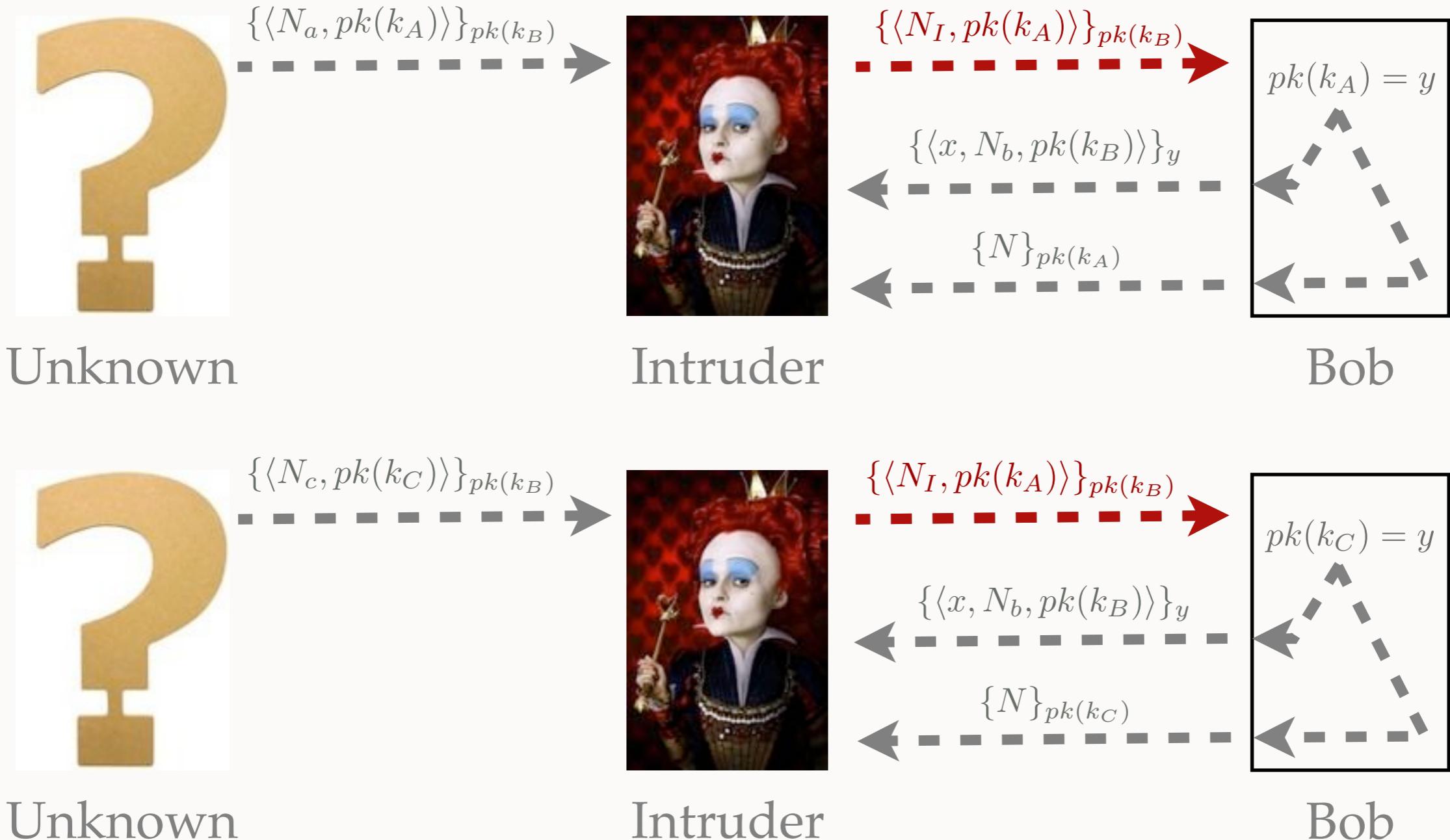
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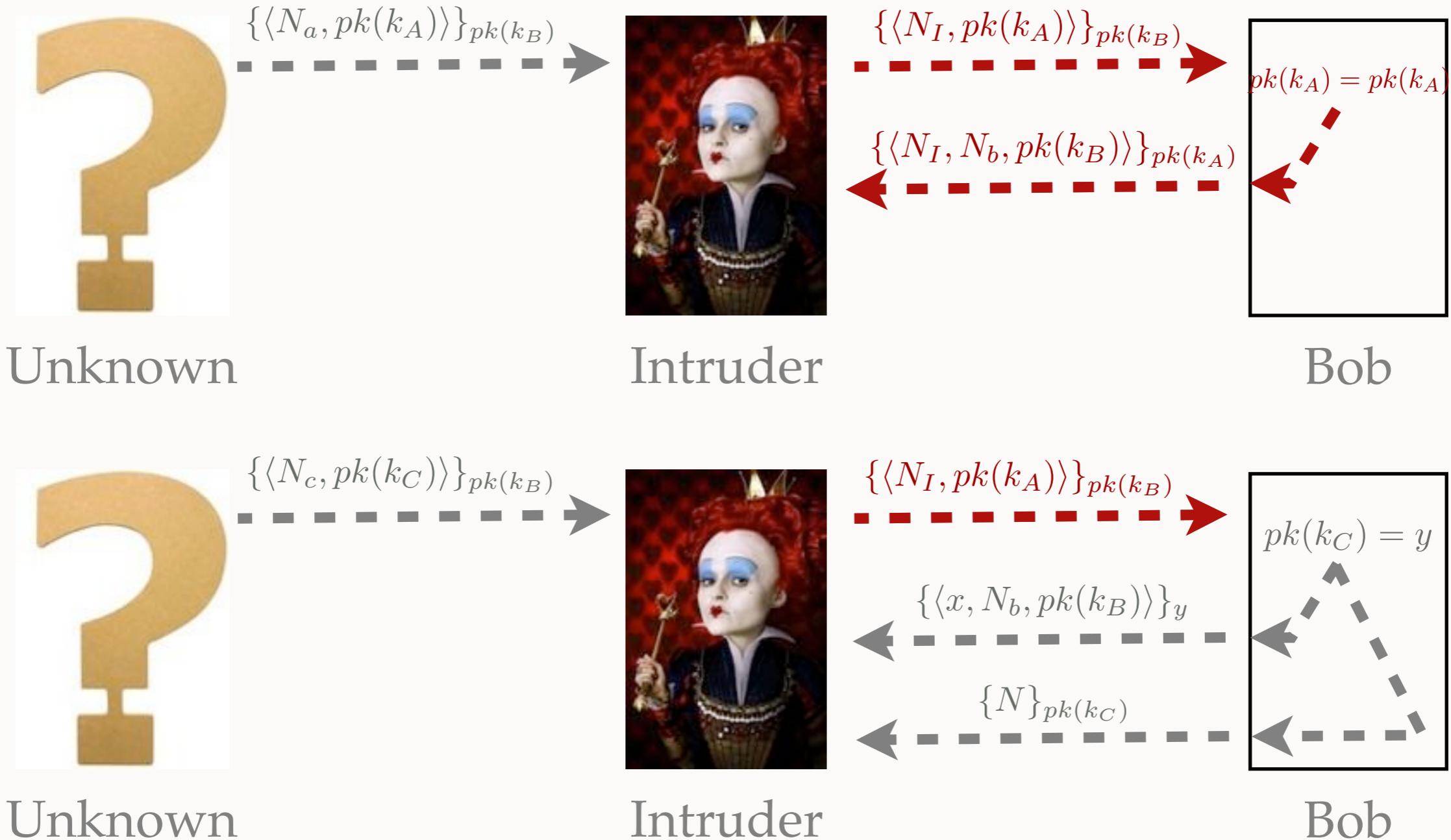
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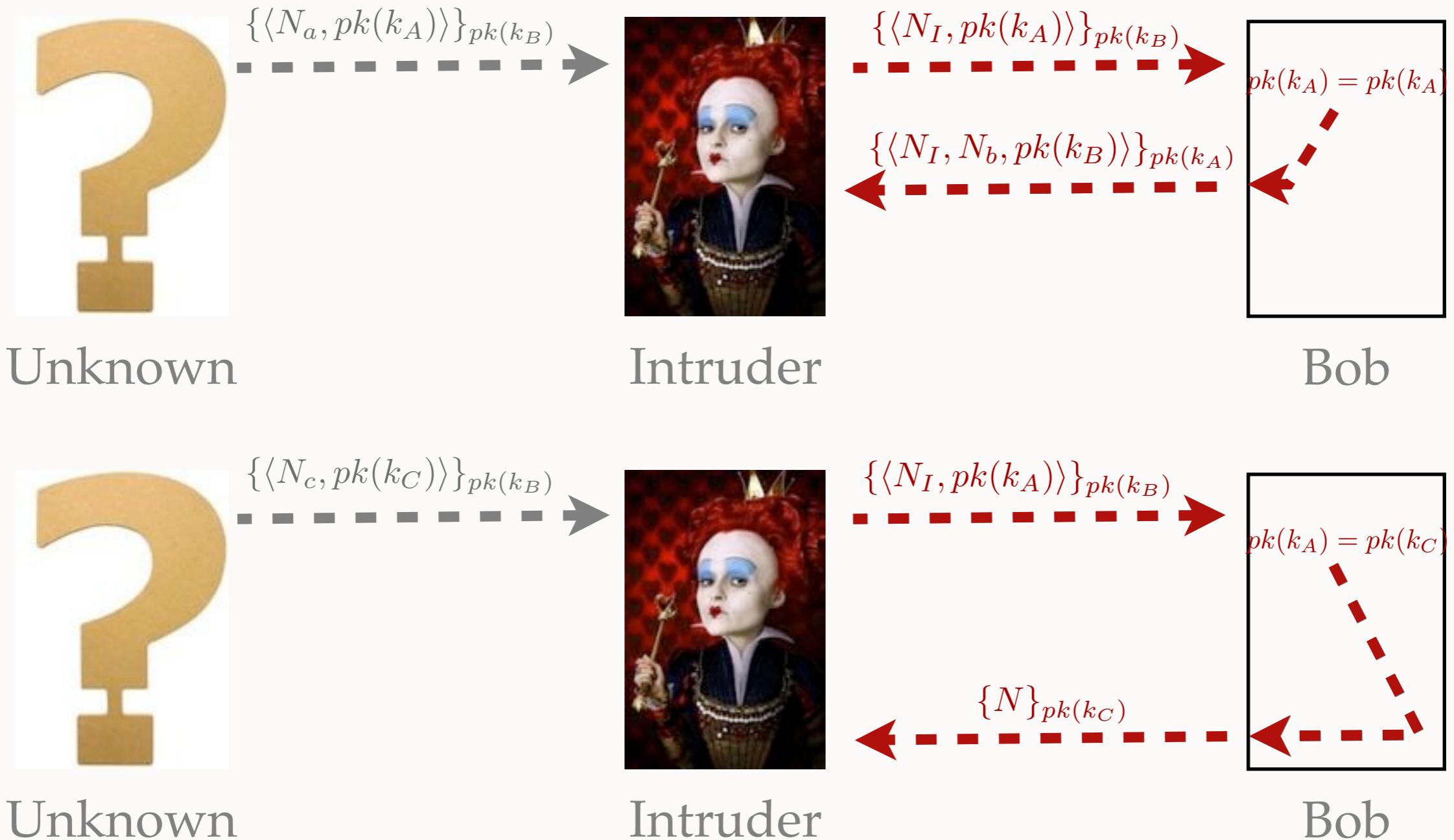
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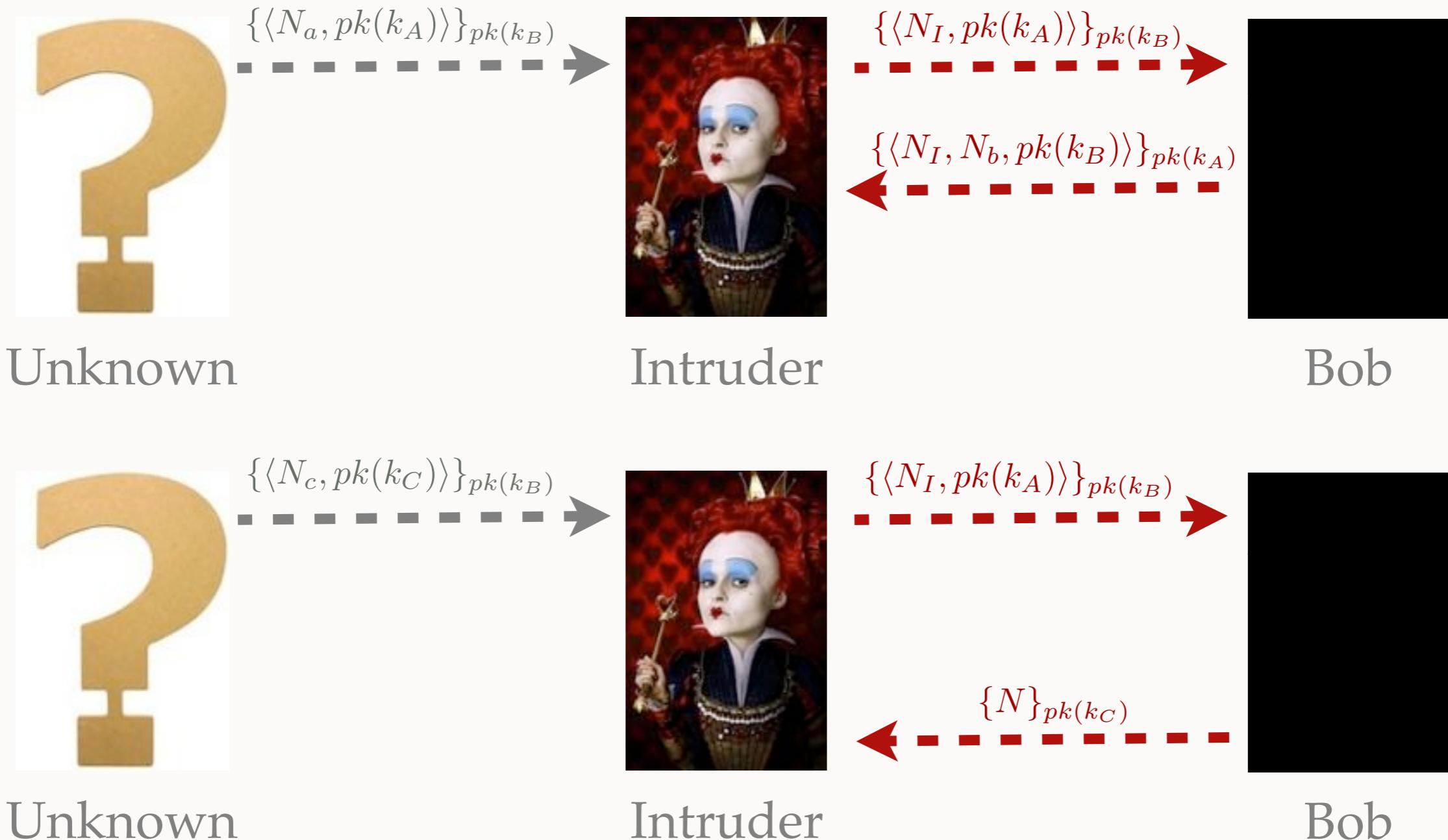
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# CONTRIBUTION

## Decision procedure for trace equivalence

- Infinitely many traces are represented by symbolic constraint system
  - + Protocol possibly non-determinist and with non trivial else branches
  - + Private channels
  - Finite set of cryptographic primitives : symmetric and asymmetric encryption, pairing and signature
  - Bounded number of sessions (no replication in the process algebra)

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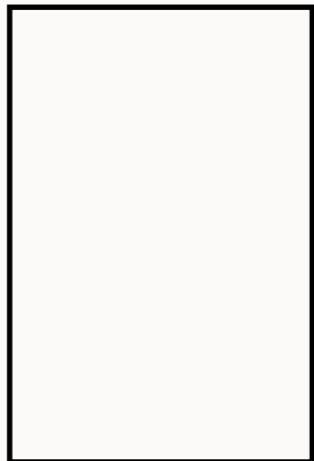
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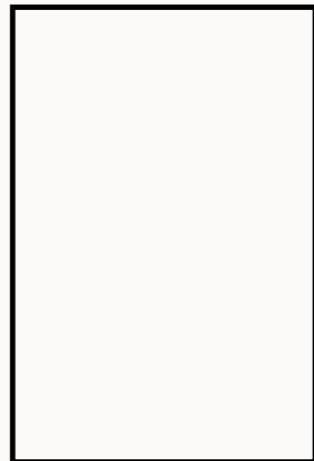
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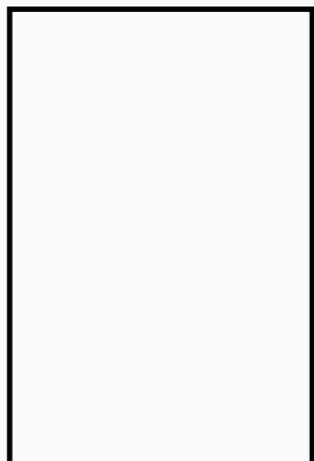


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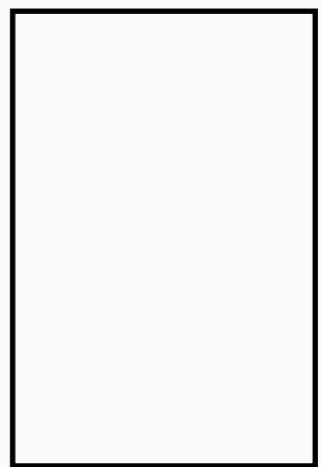
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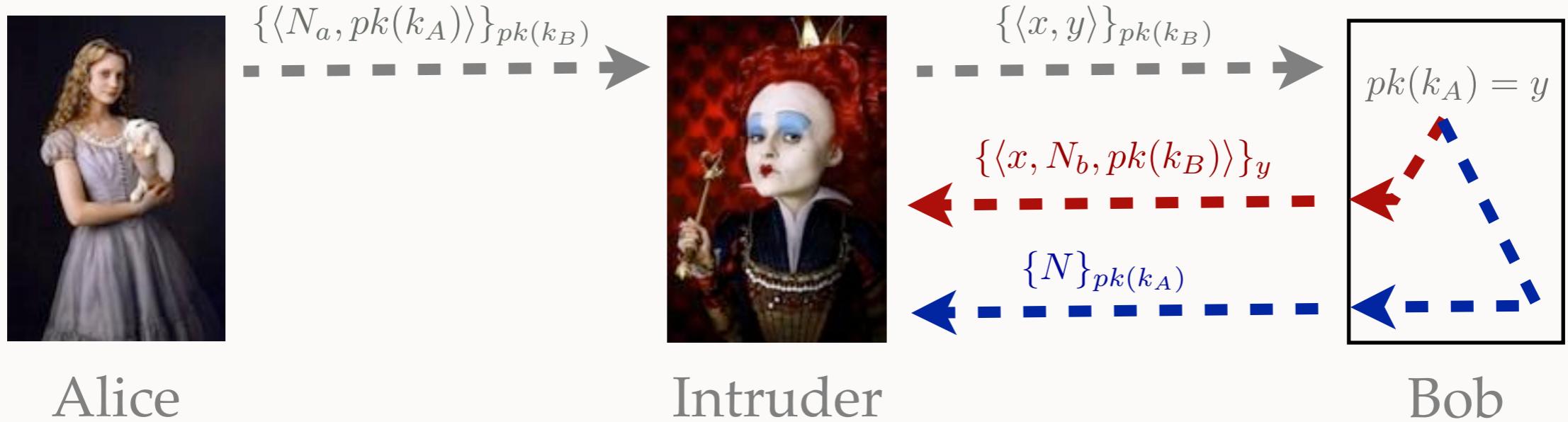
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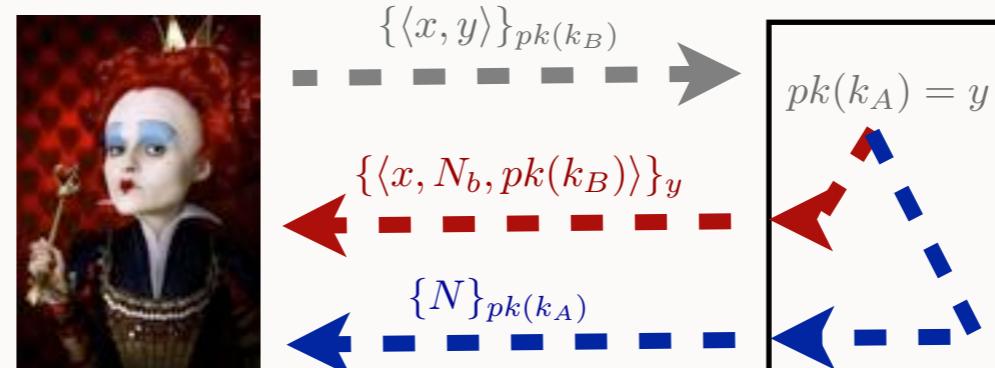
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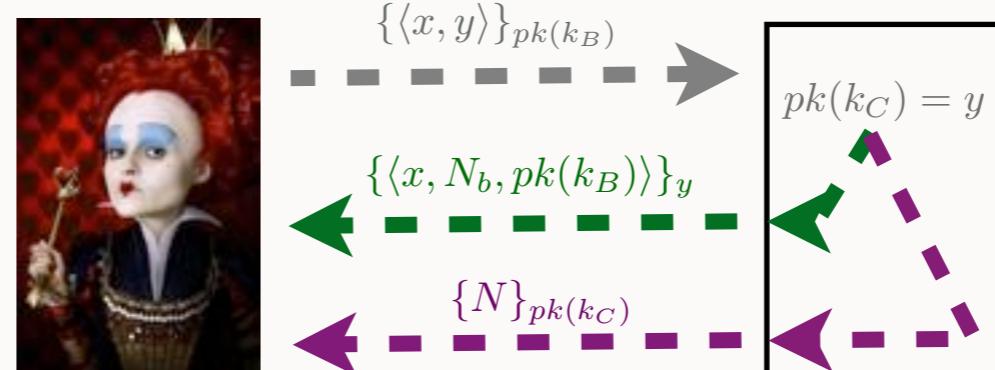
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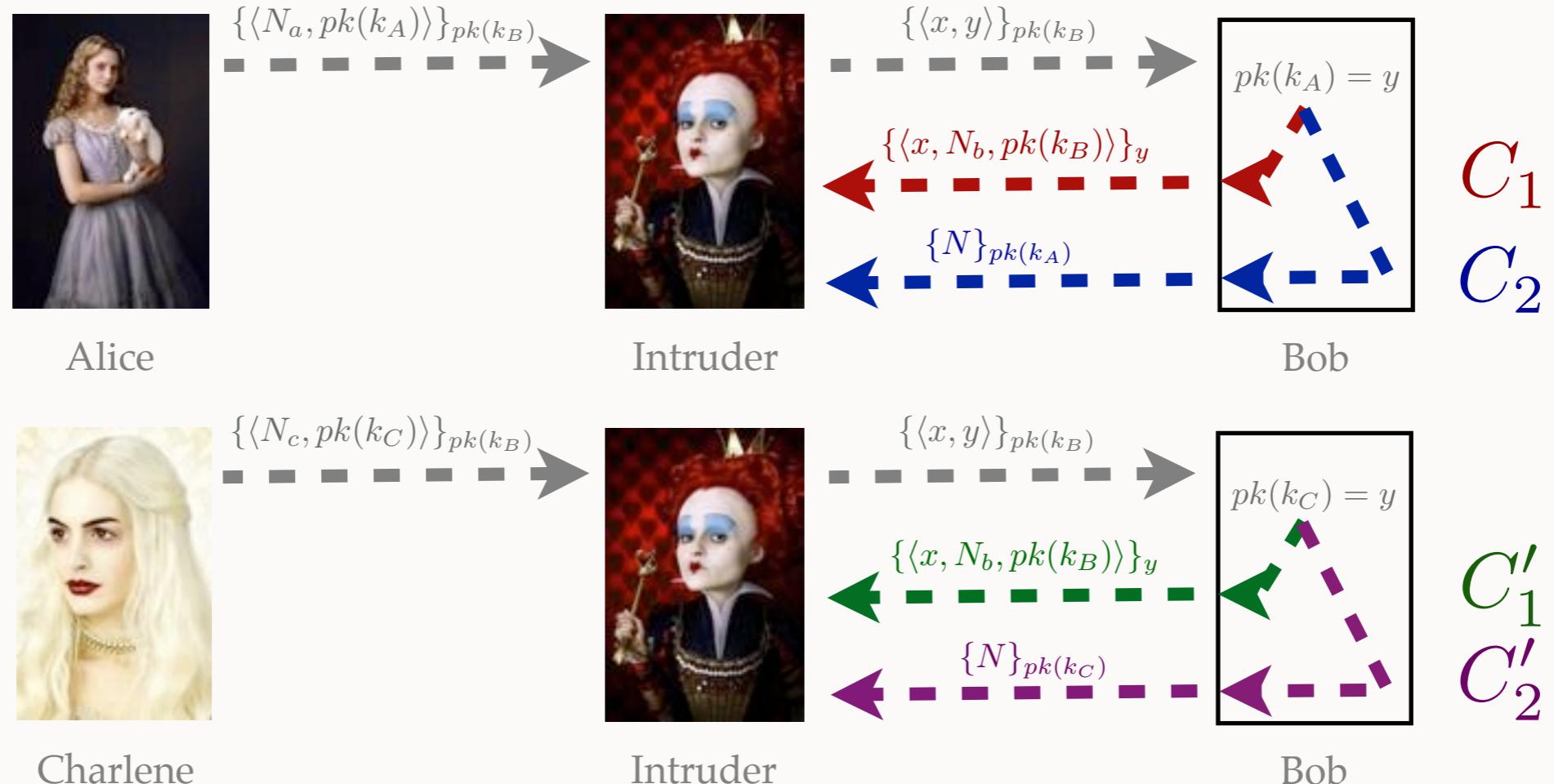


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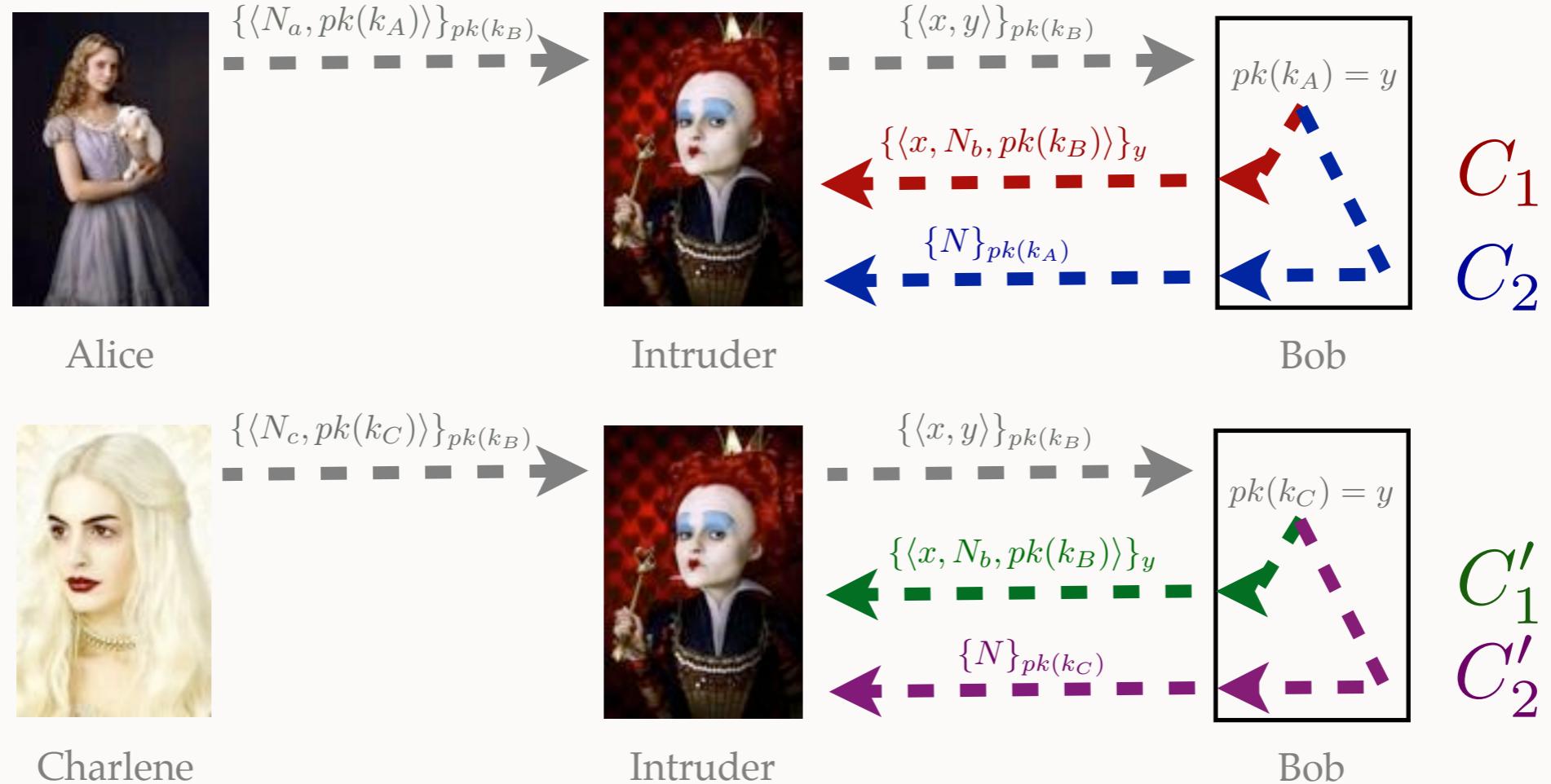
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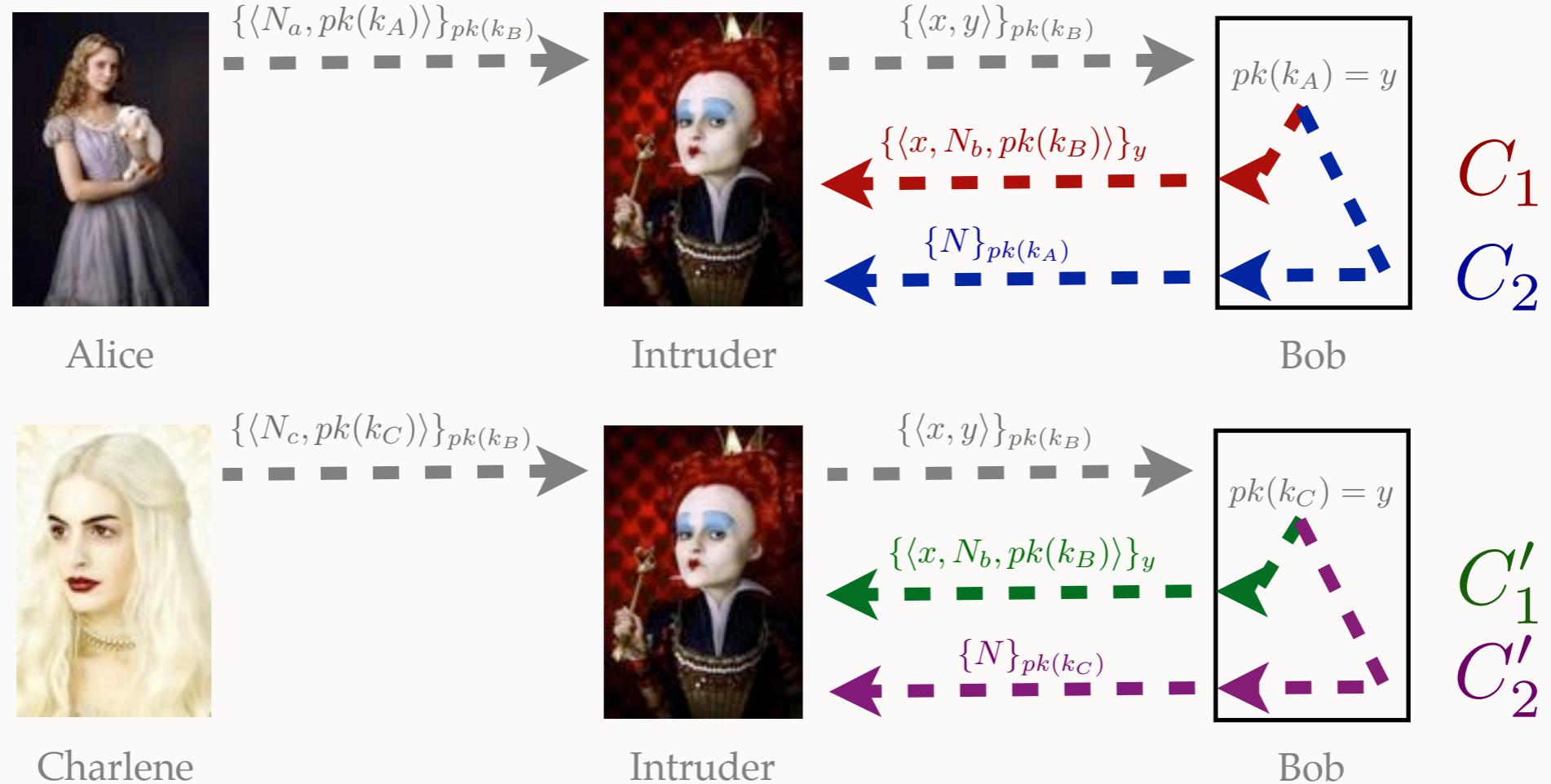
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$$\{C_1; C_2\} \approx \{C'_1; C'_2\}$$

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Symbolic equivalence between sets of constraint systems

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## ■ Previous works on constraint system

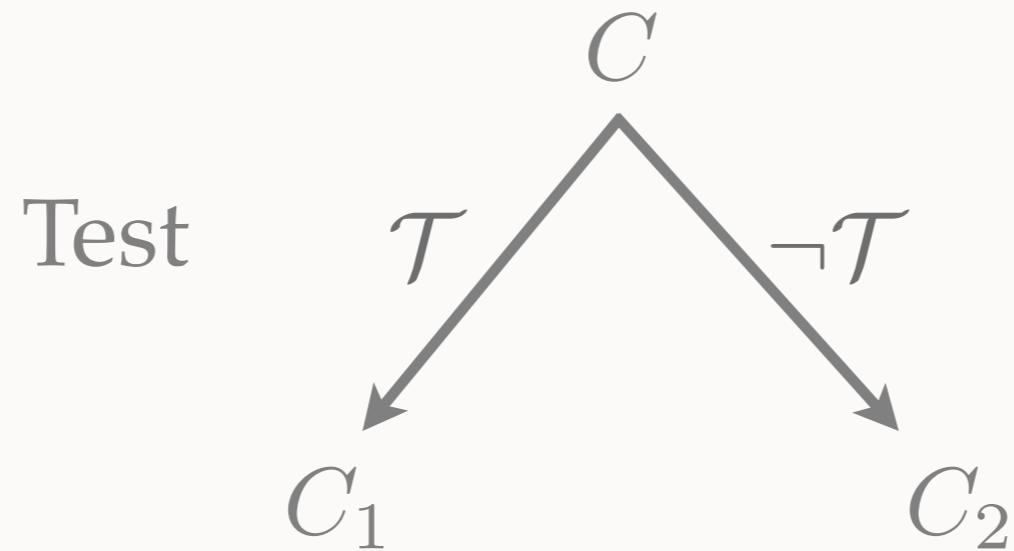
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### **Focus on :**

- symbolic equivalence between two constraint systems (All)
- positive constraint system (no disequations) (All)
- subterm convergent equational theory (1,2 & 3)
- more restricted equational theory (4 & 5)

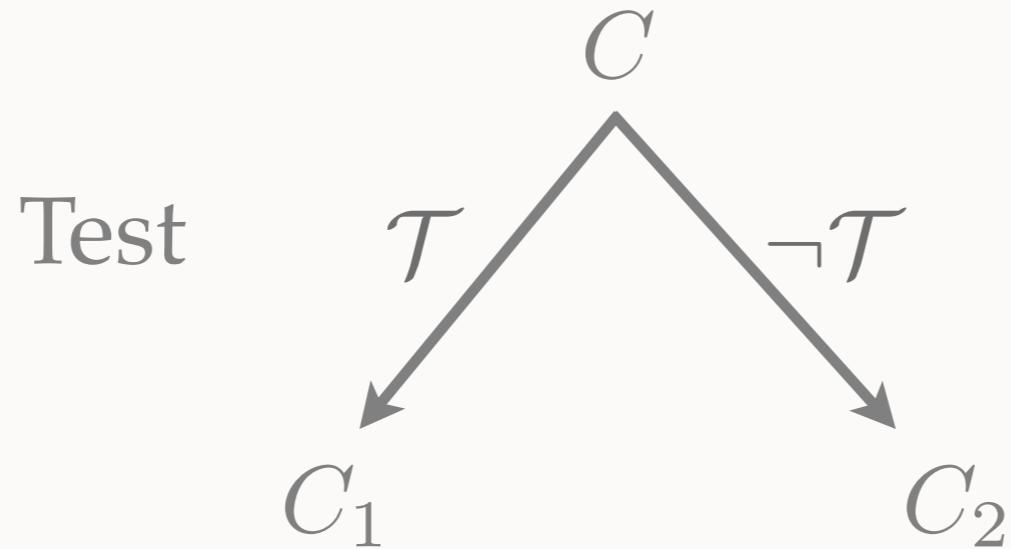
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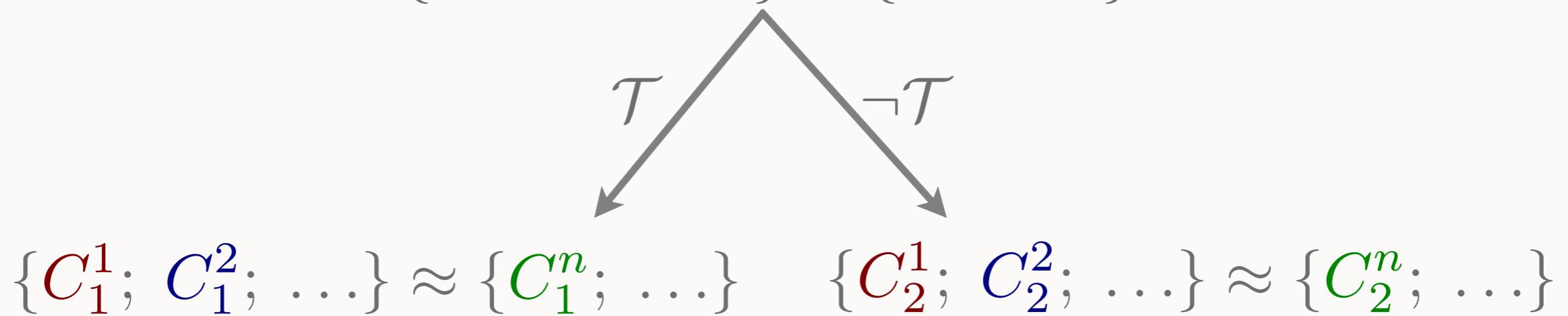
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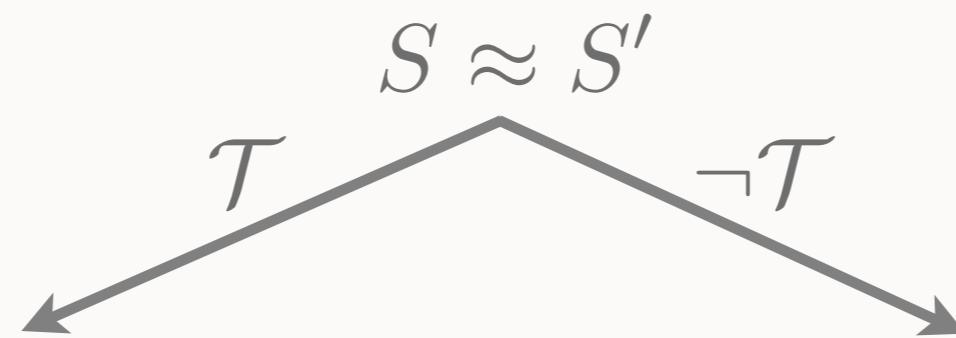
- How to apply the rules :

$$\{C^1; C^2; \dots\} \approx \{C^n; \dots\}$$



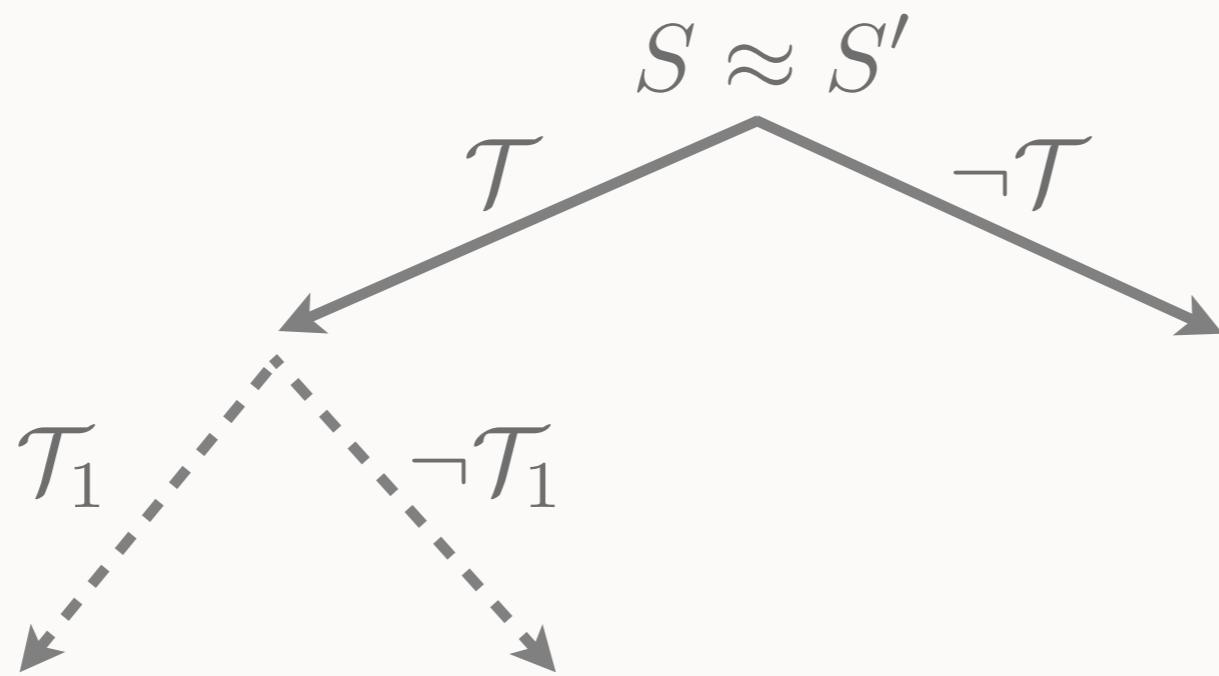
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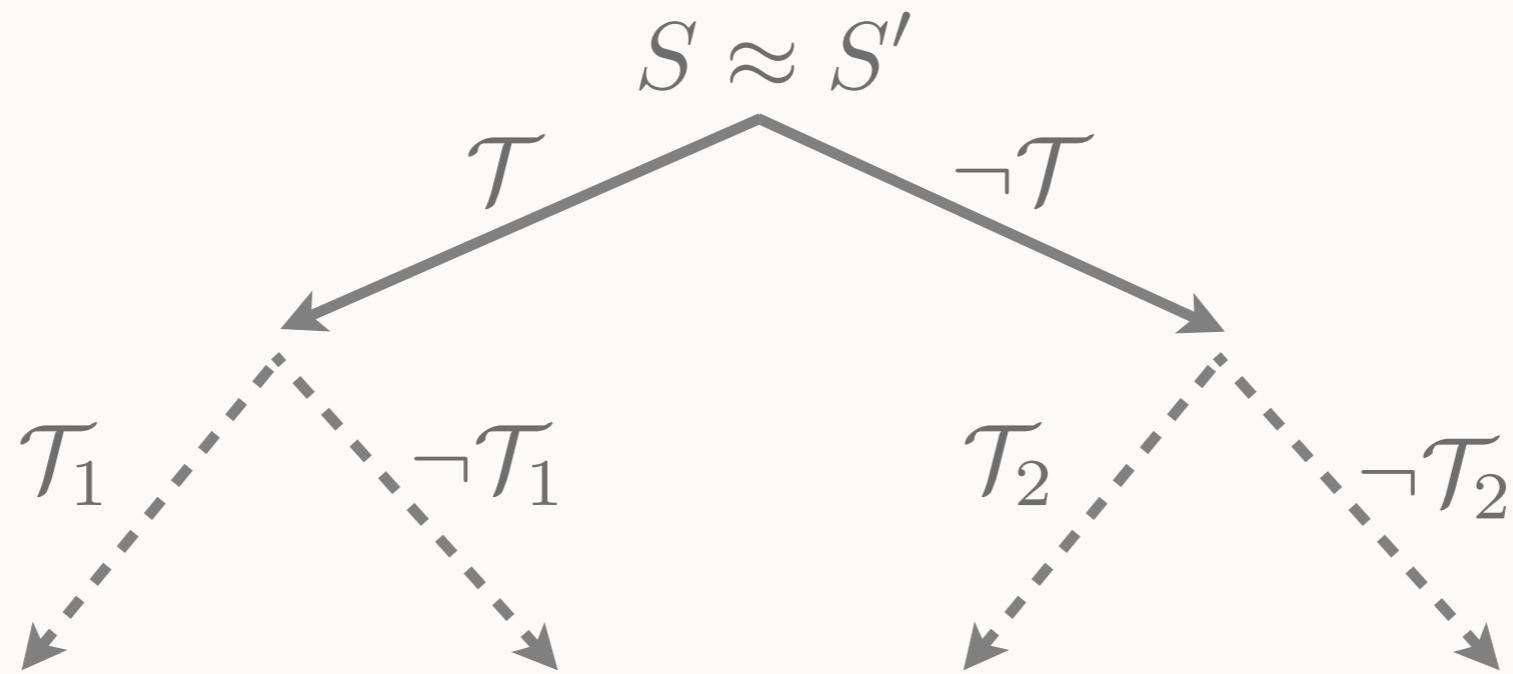
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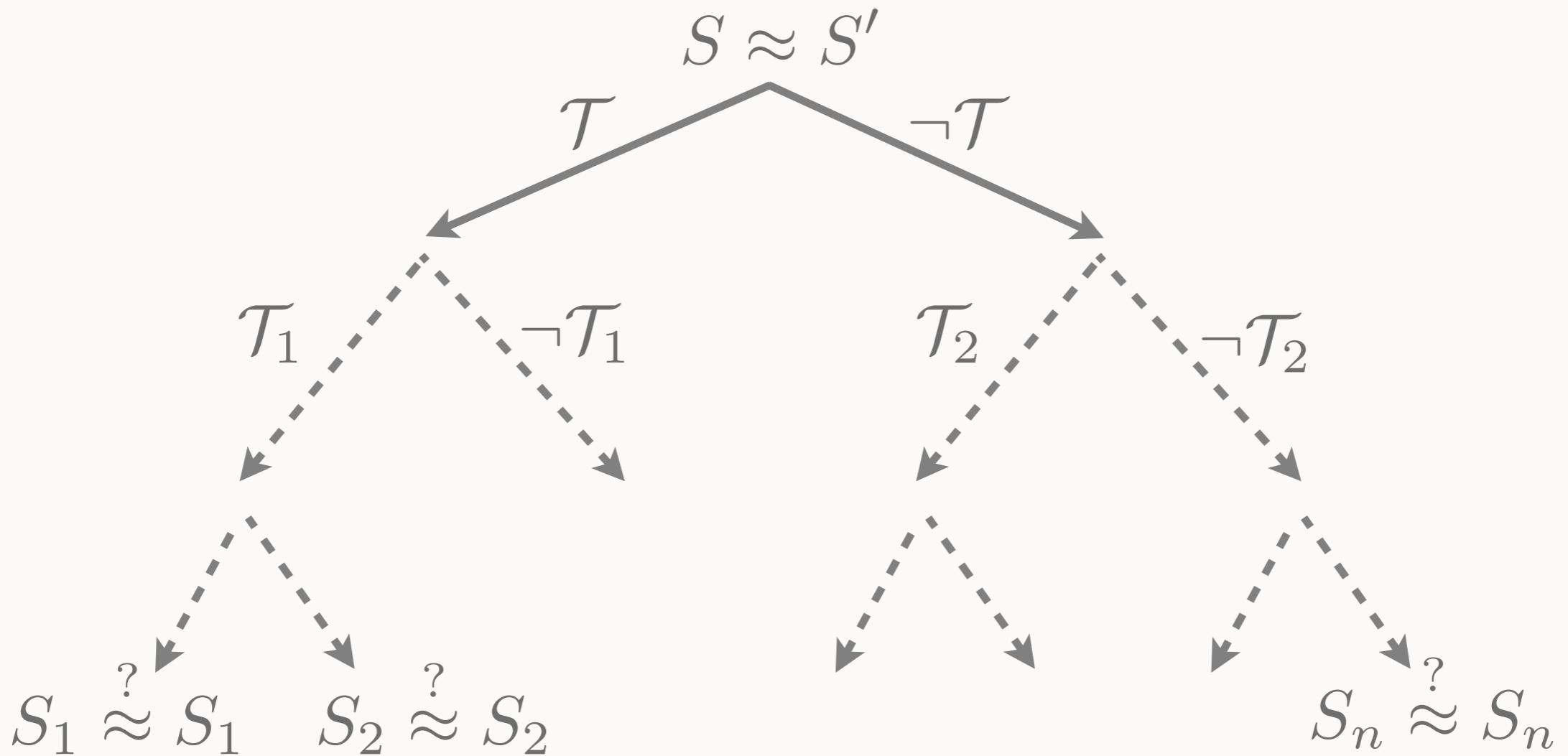
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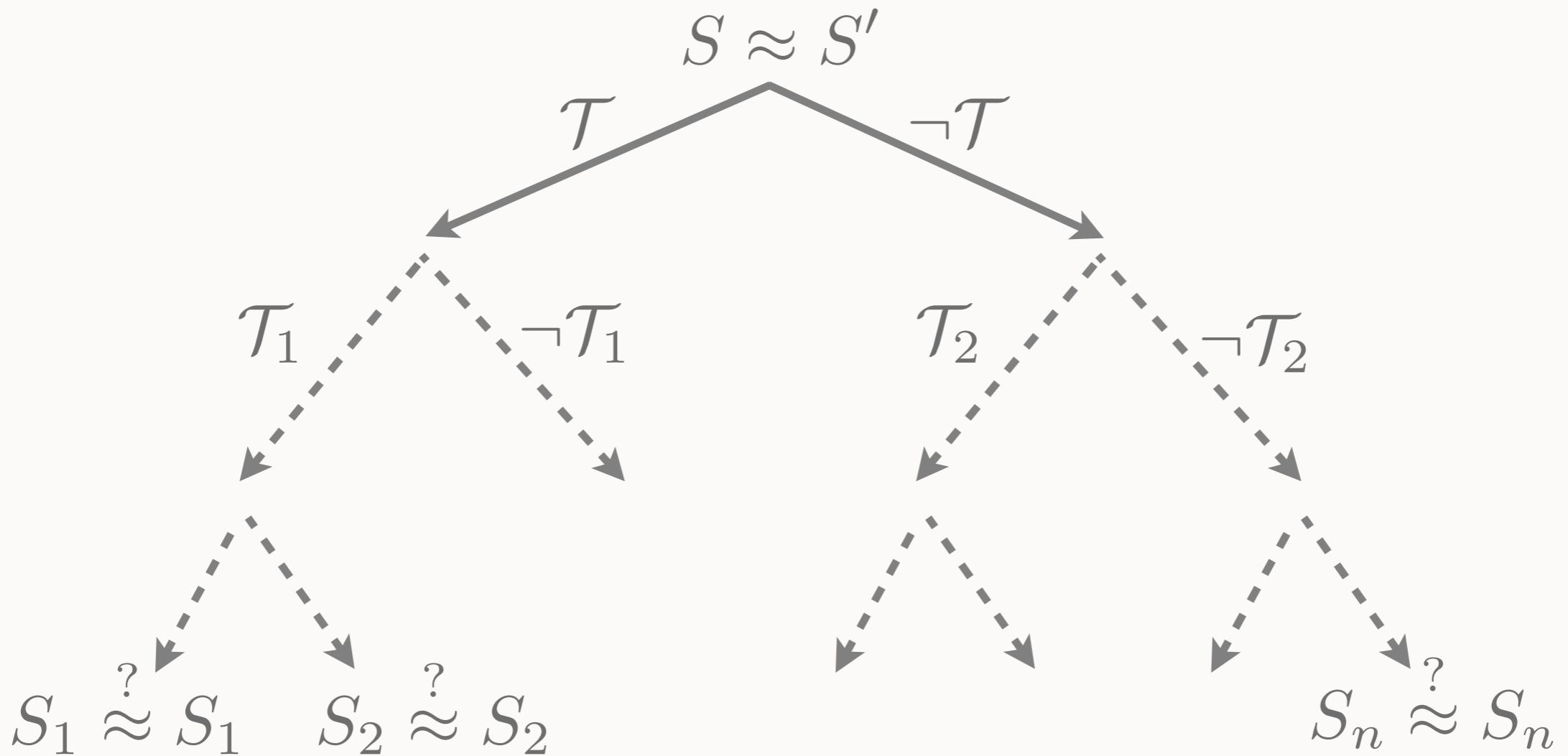
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The application of the rules creates a binary tree where each node is a pair of sets of constraint systems

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The symbolic equivalence is syntactically decided on each leaf

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- The solved form of a constraint system

- Existence of solutions (Reachability)

$$\boxed{m_1, \dots, m_n \vdash x}$$
$$m_1, \dots, m_n, \dots, m_{n'} \vdash y$$

- Matching solutions (including disequations)

$$\boxed{a, b \vdash x}$$
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- Static equivalence

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# FUTURE WORK

## ■ Contribution

Decision procedure for trace equivalence

- Infinitely many traces are represented by symbolic constraint system
  - + Protocol possibly non-determinate and with non trivial else branches
  - + Private channels
  - Finite set of cryptographic primitives : symmetric and asymmetric encryption, pairing and signature
  - Bounded number of sessions (no replication in the process algebra)

## ■ Future work

- Efficient implementation (application on more case studies)
- More cryptographic primitives
- Link with ProVerif

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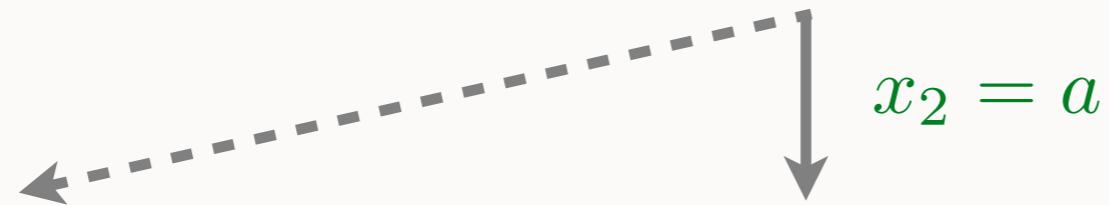
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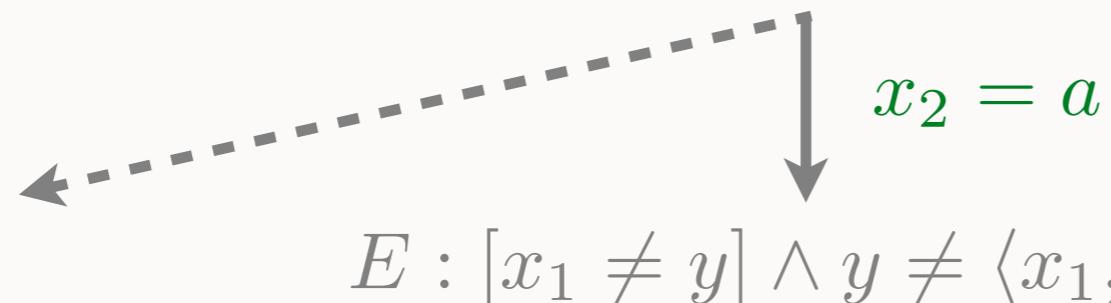
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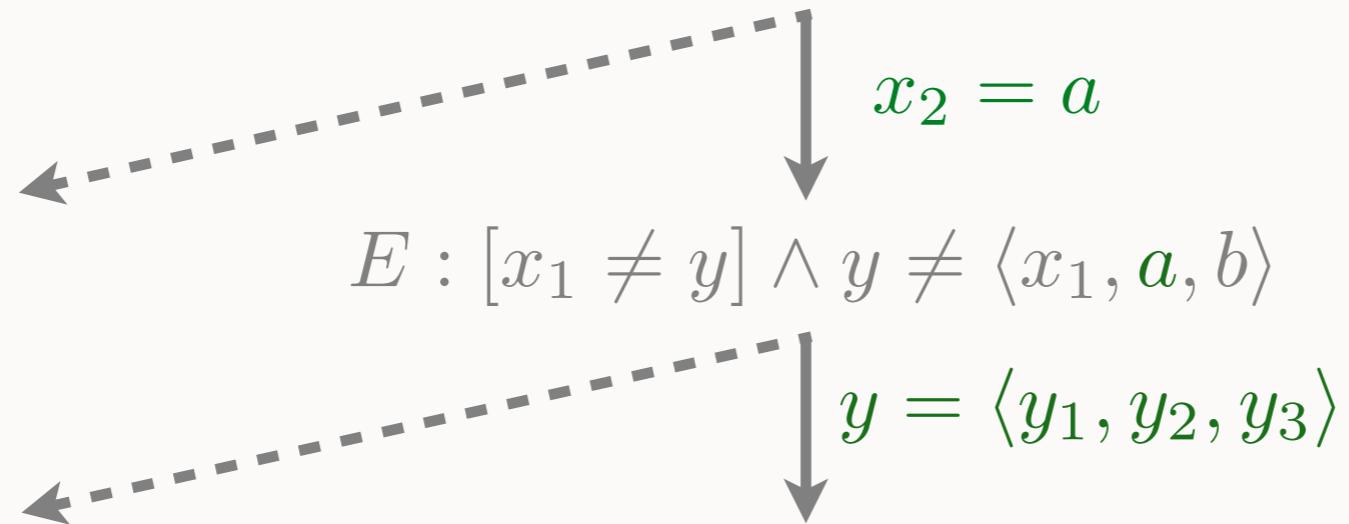
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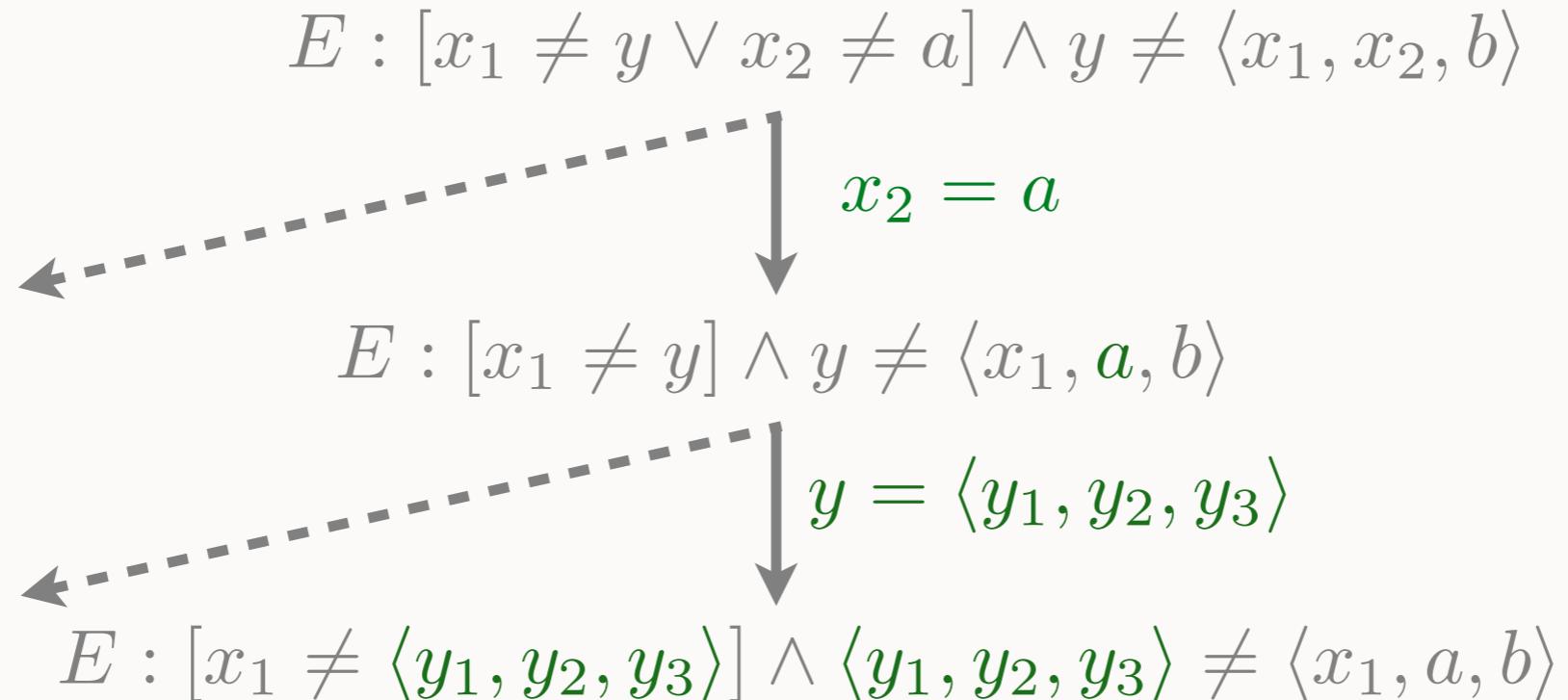
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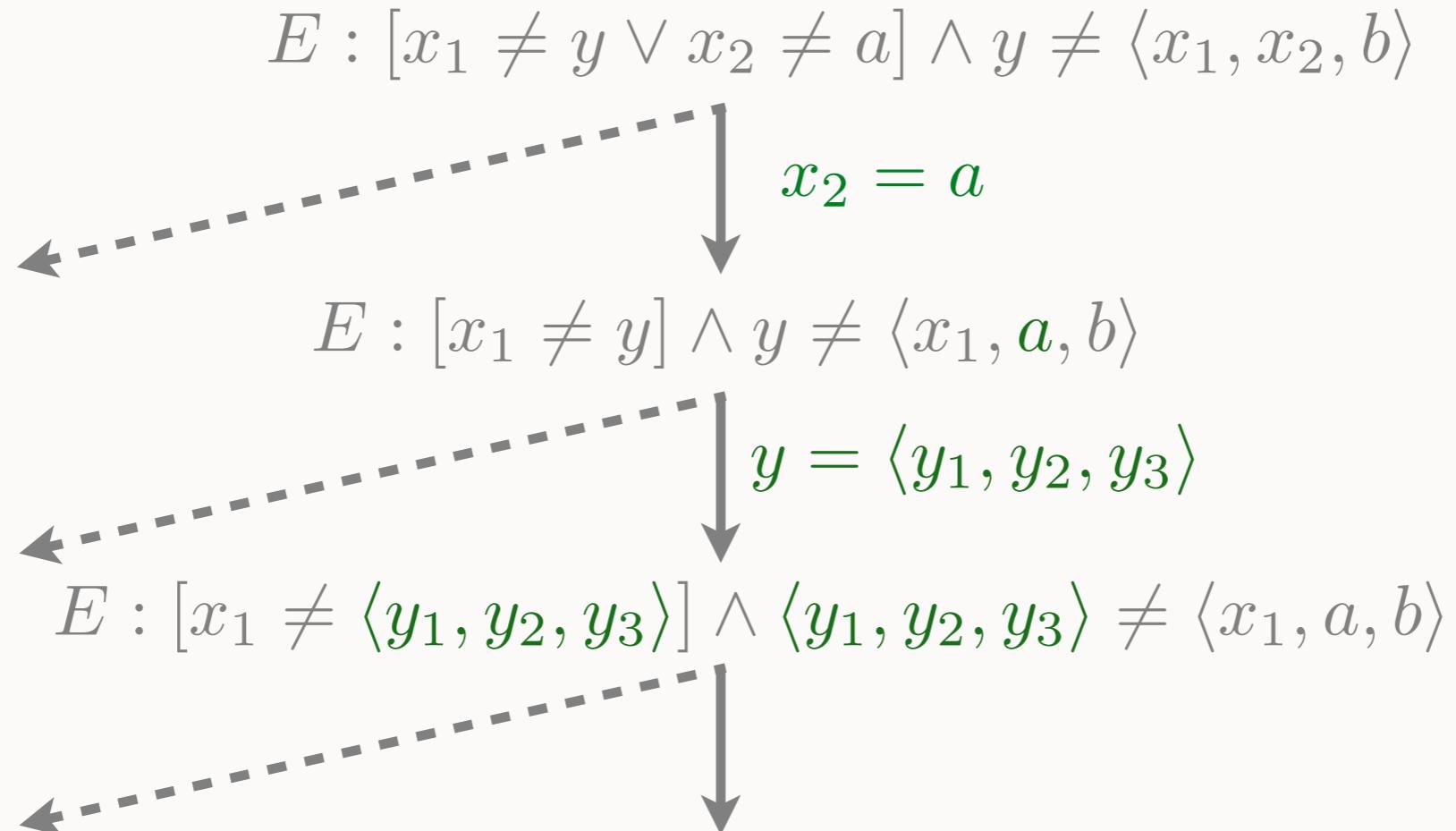
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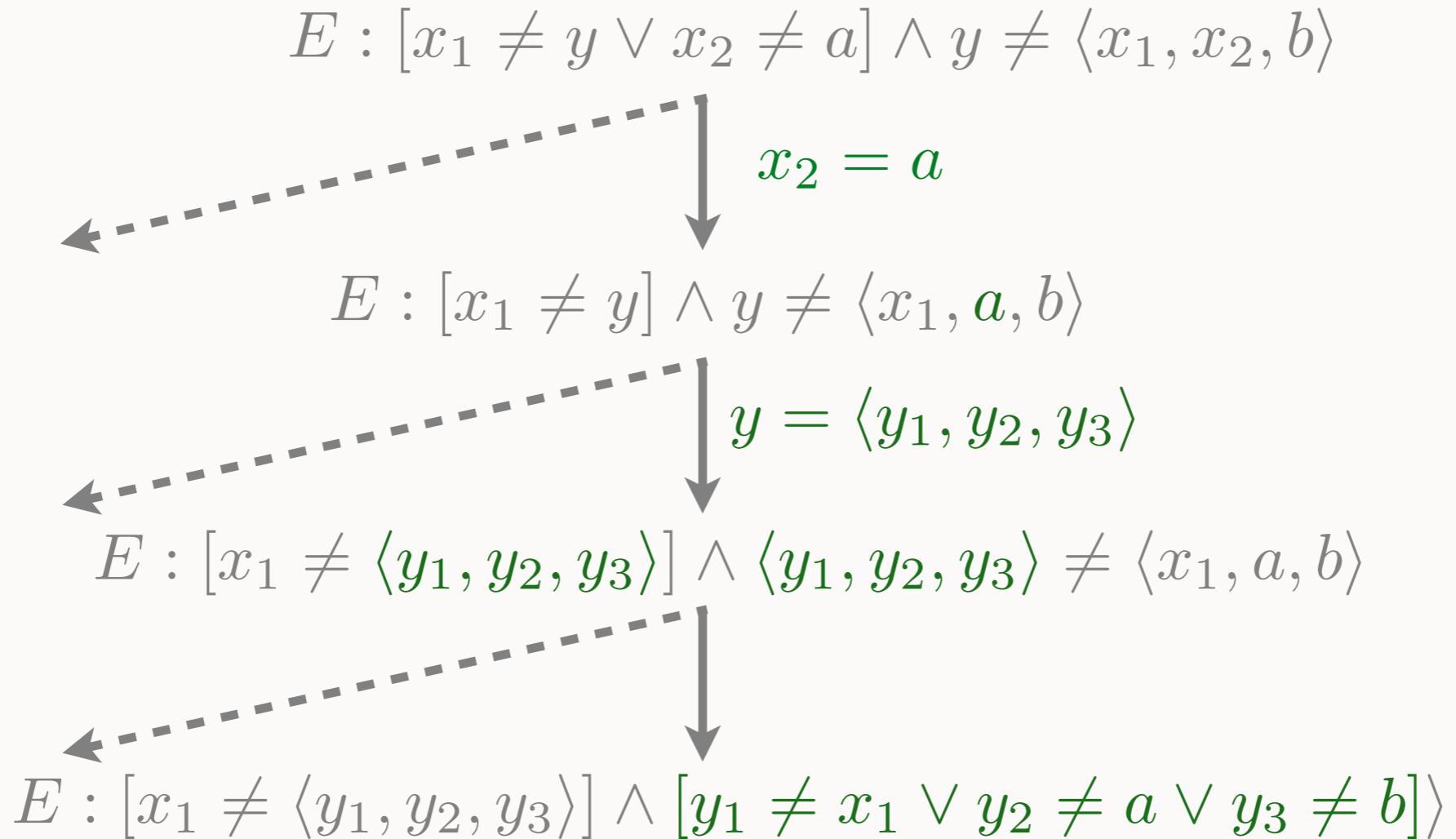
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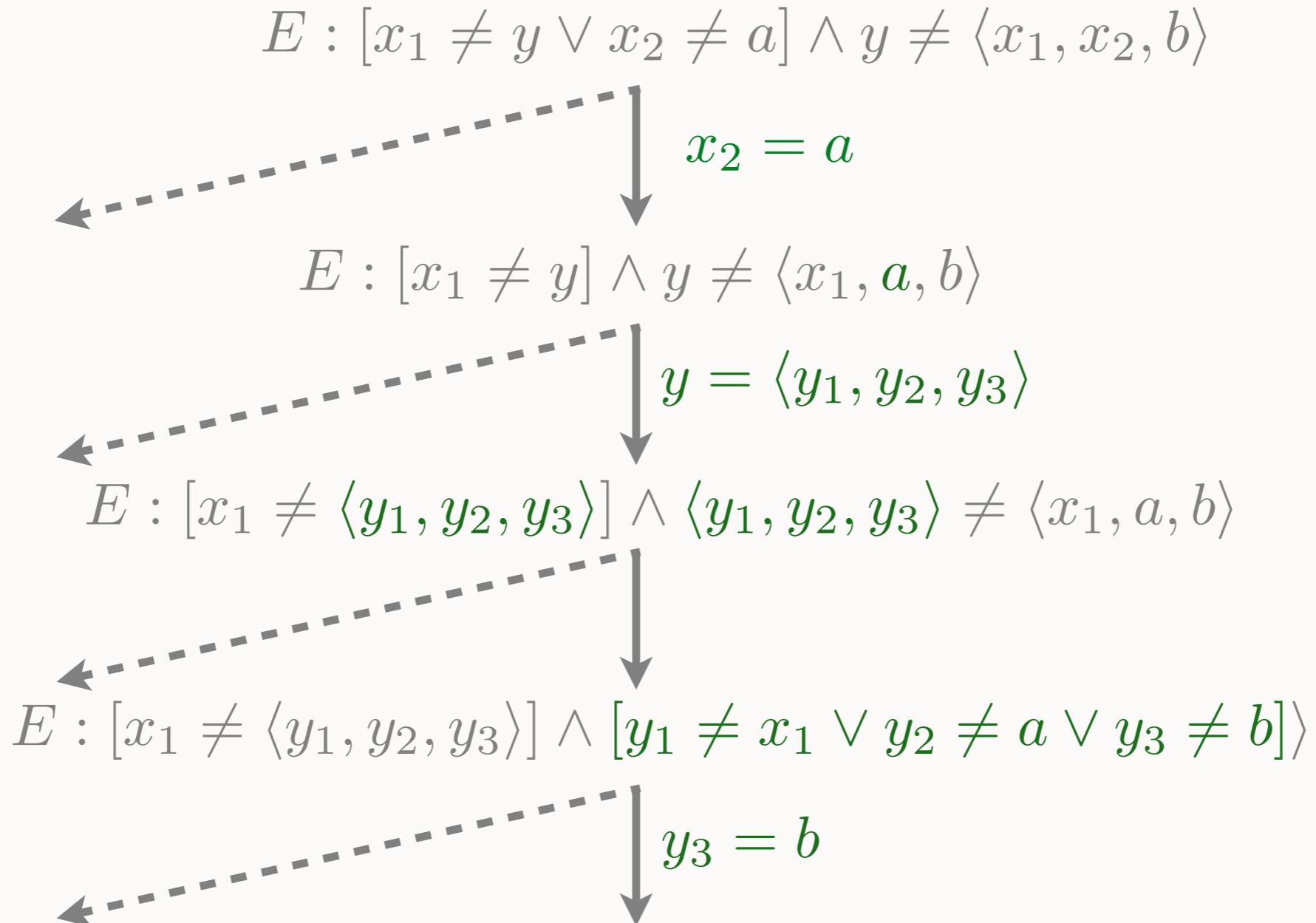
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