



On the Security of Keyed Hashing

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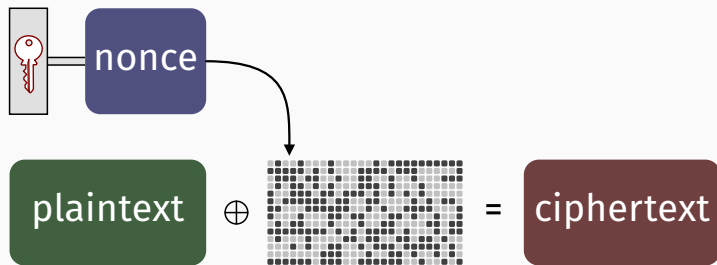
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Security of mode with concrete F_K

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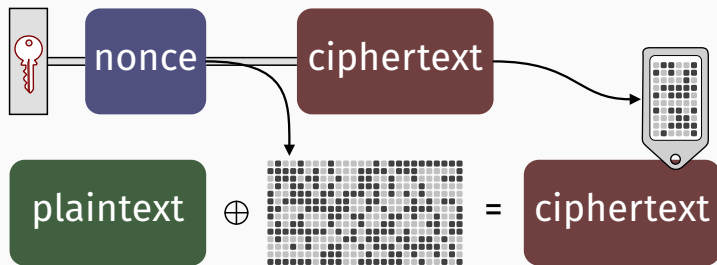
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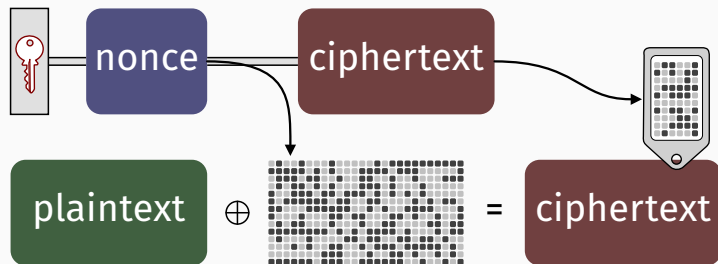
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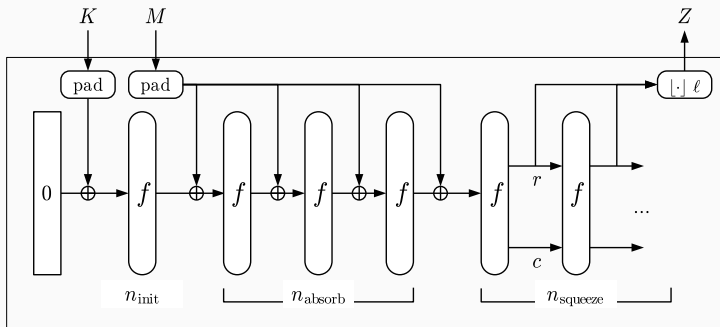


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...and much more, see Youtube video of [All on Deck!](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CQDsLhf-d-A) [Keccak Team, RWC 2020]
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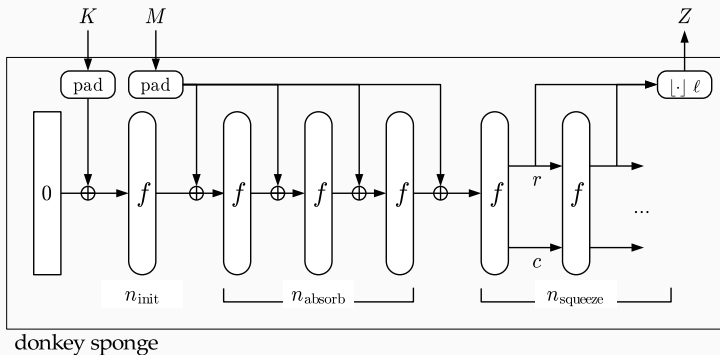
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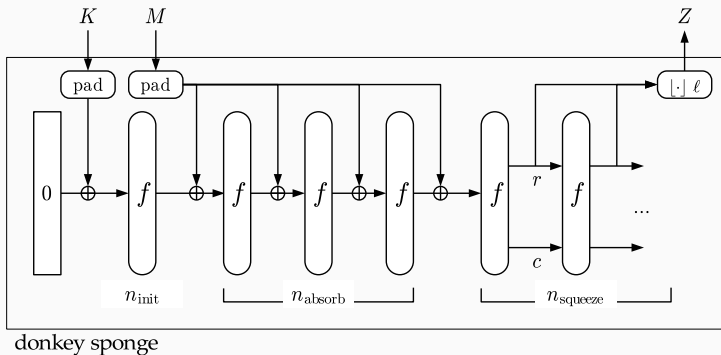
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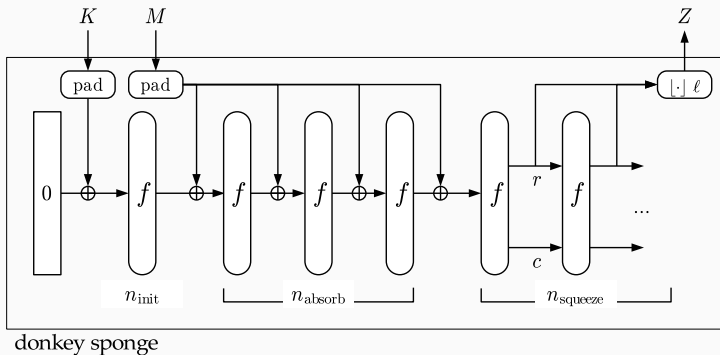
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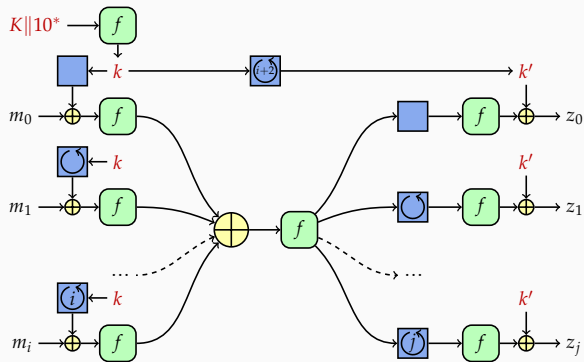
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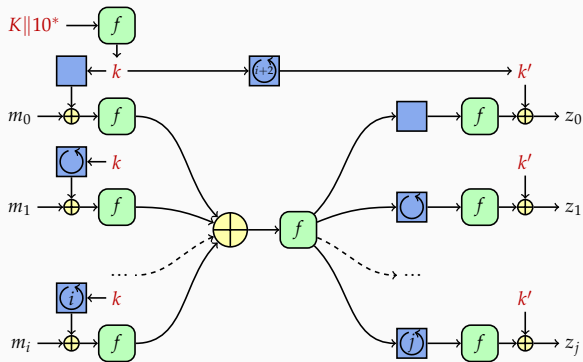
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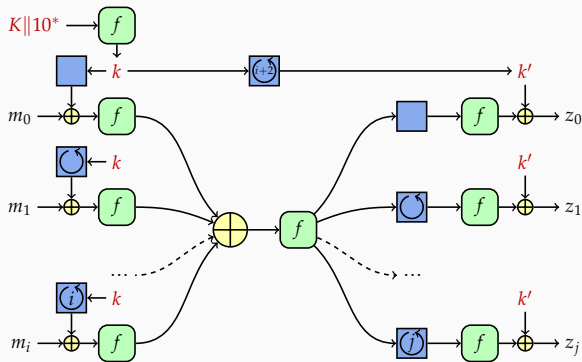


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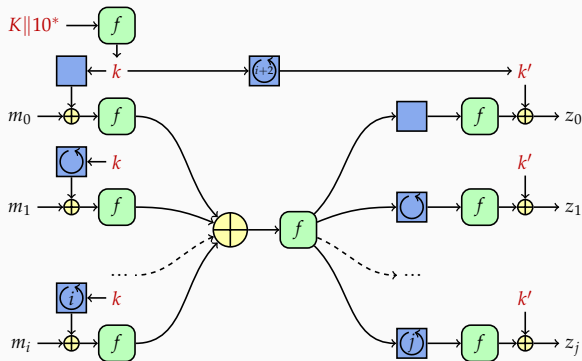
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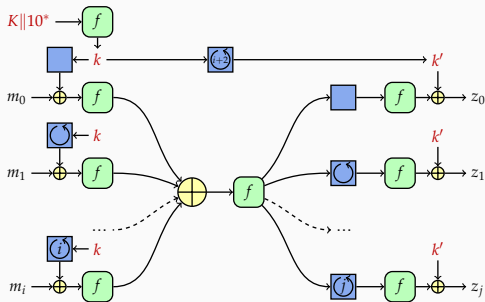
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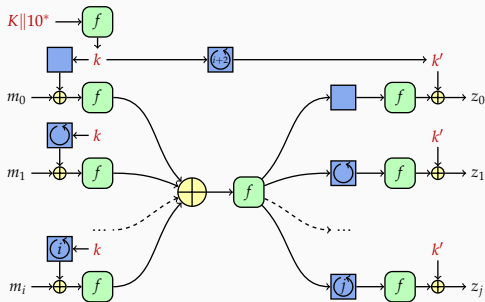
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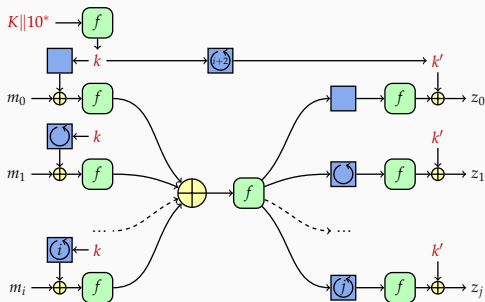
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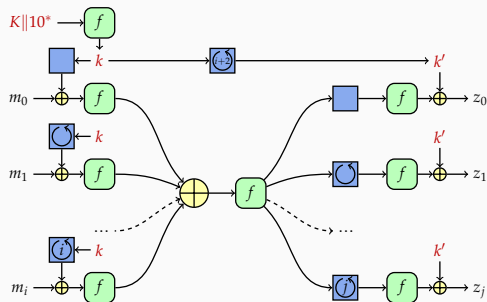
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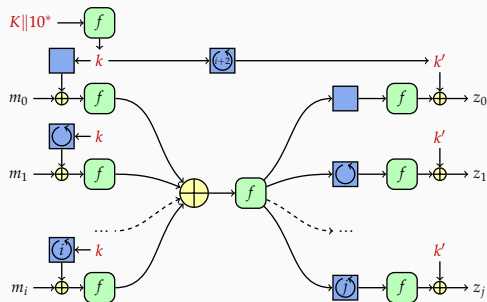
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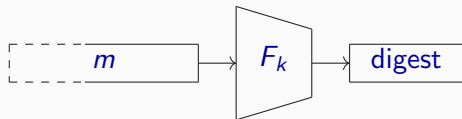
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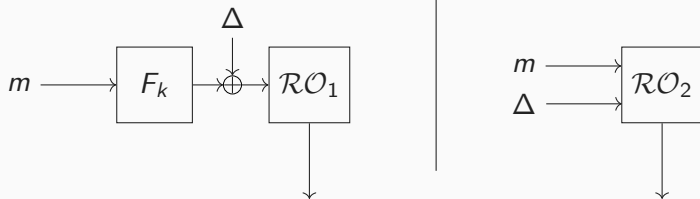
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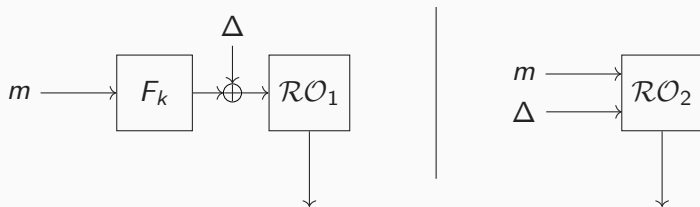
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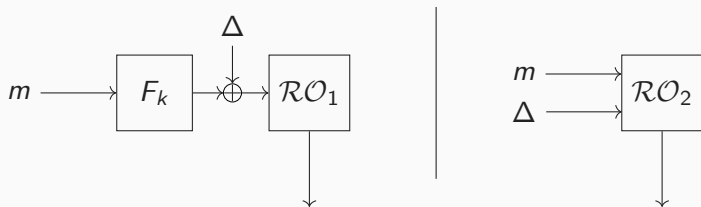


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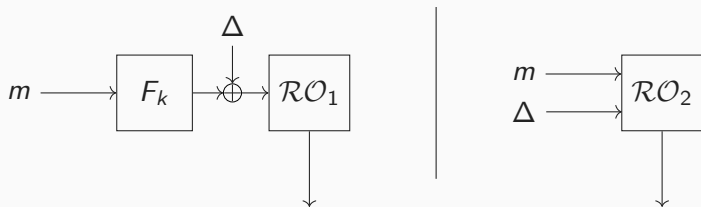
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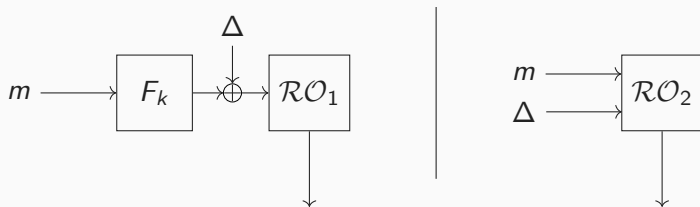
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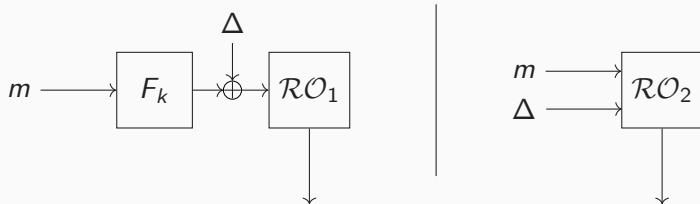
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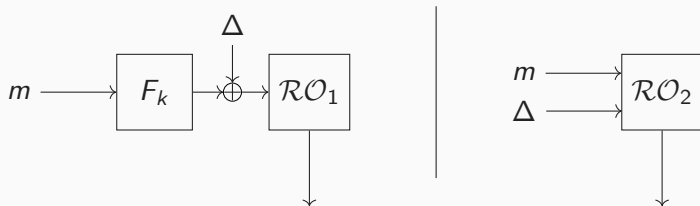


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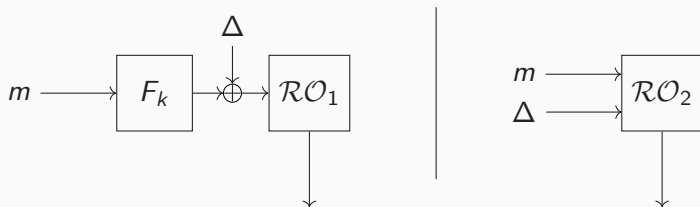


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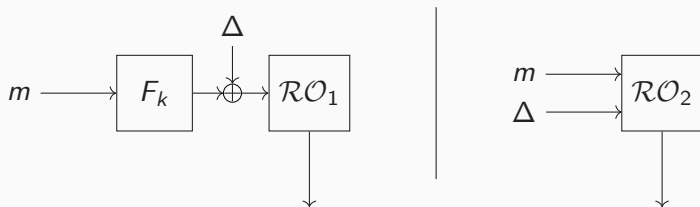
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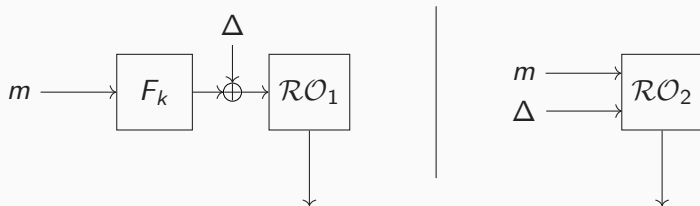
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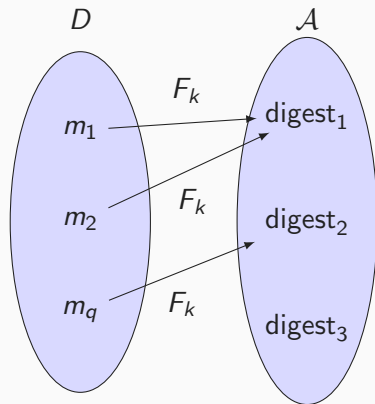
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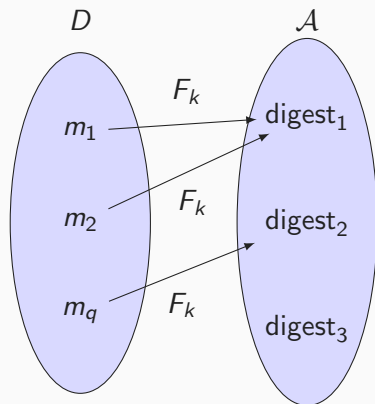
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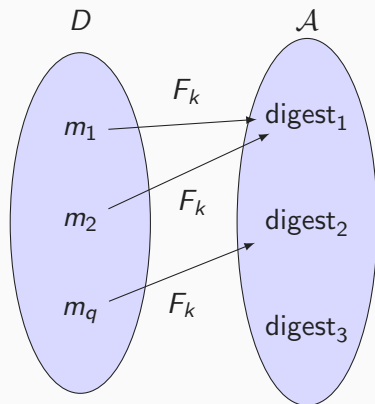
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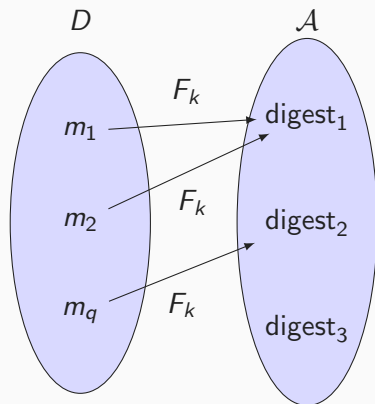
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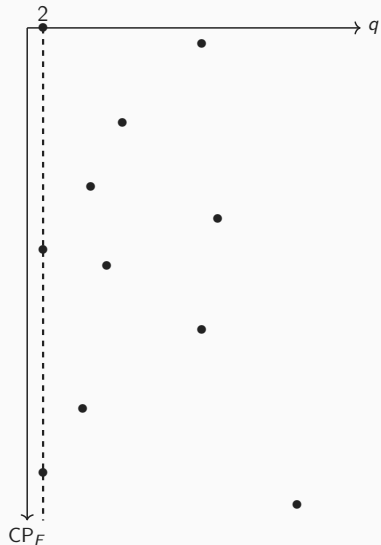
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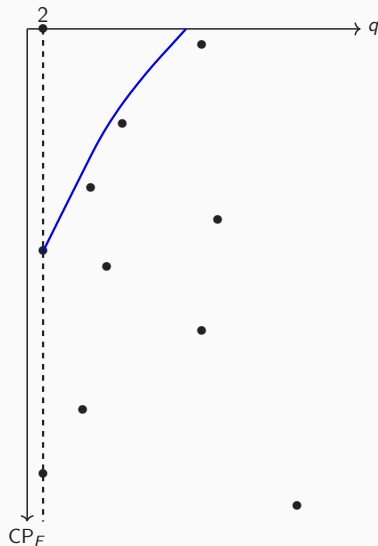


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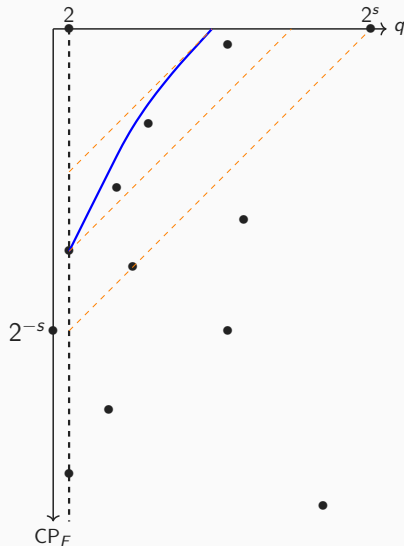
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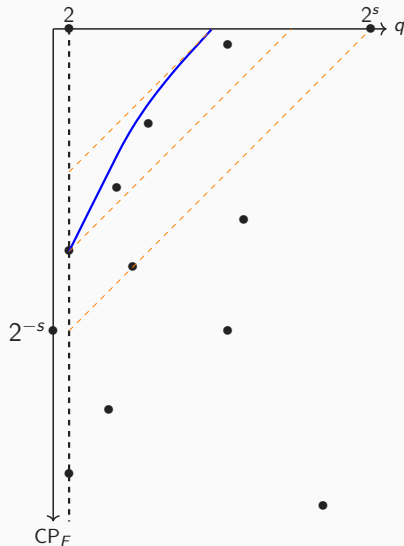
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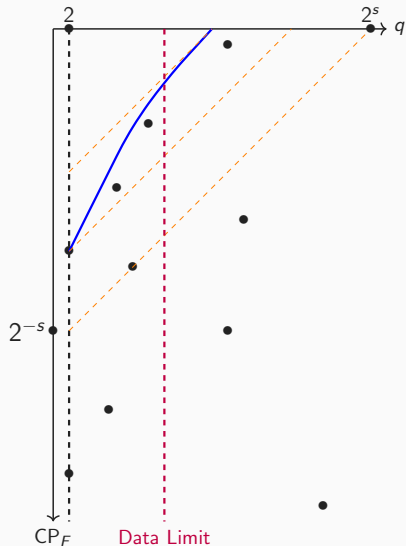
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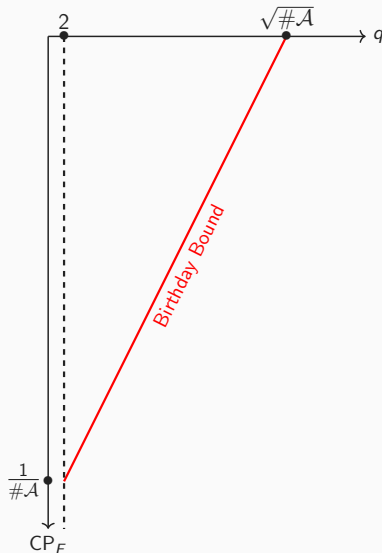
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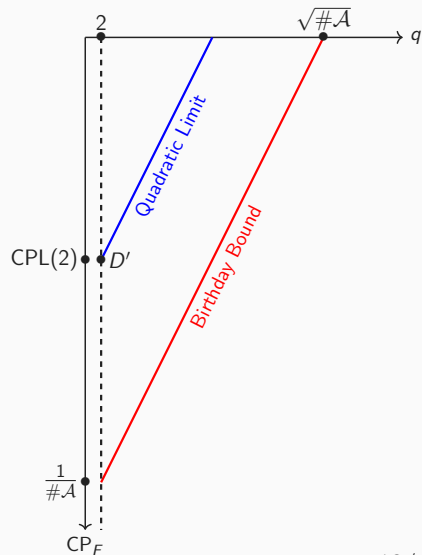
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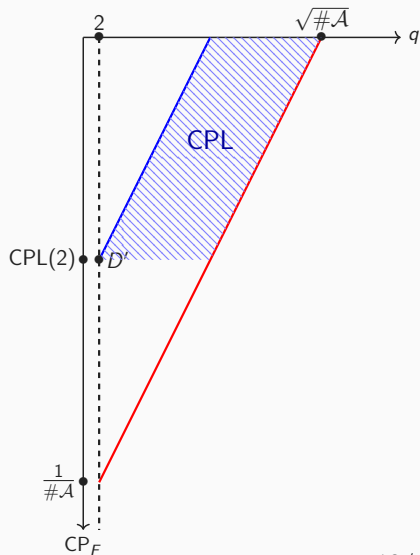


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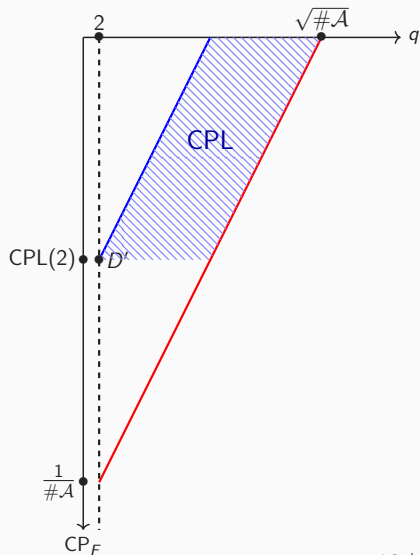
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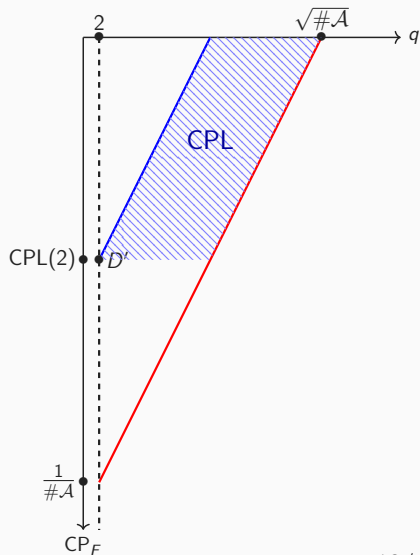
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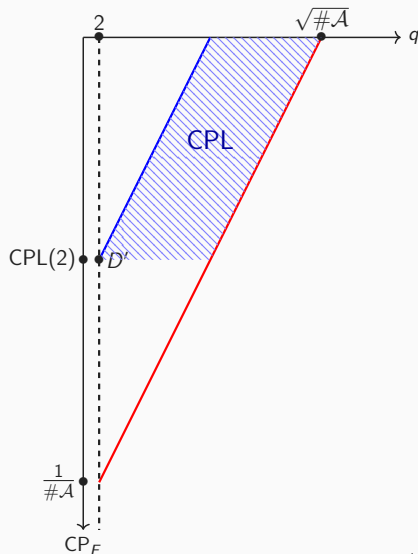
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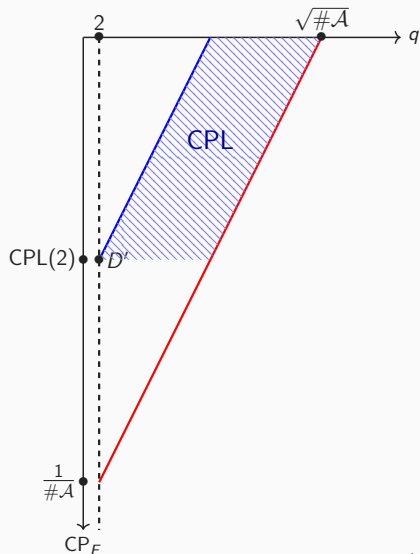
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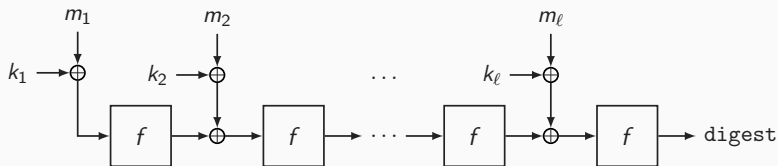
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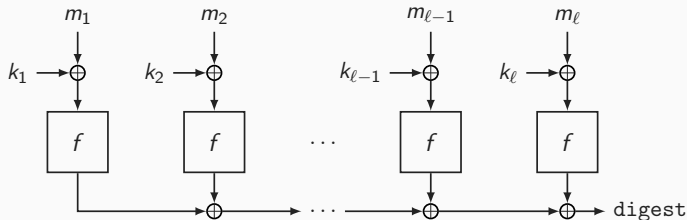
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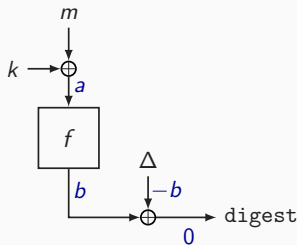
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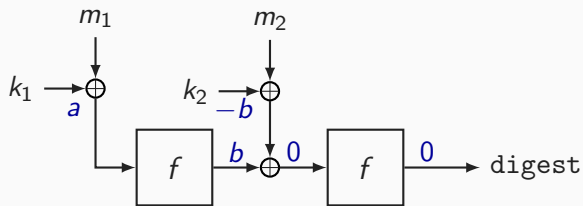
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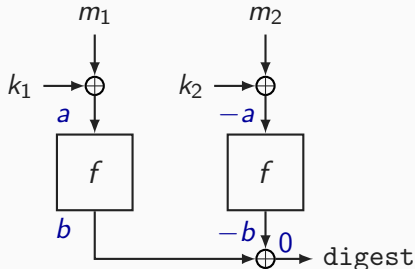
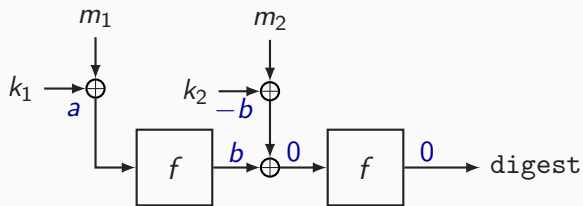
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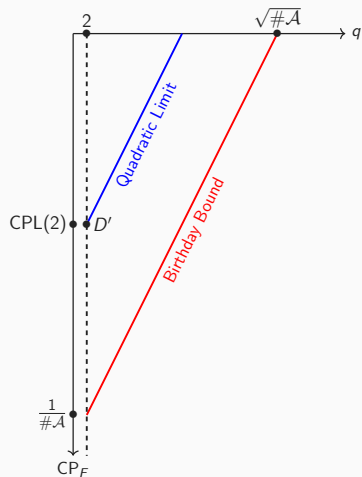
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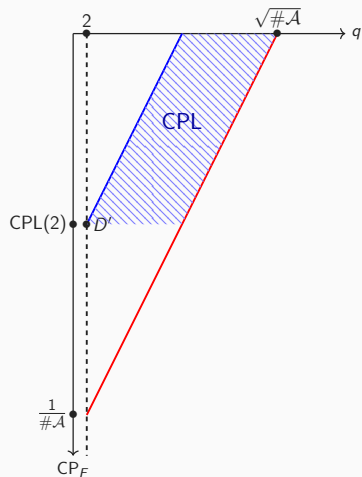


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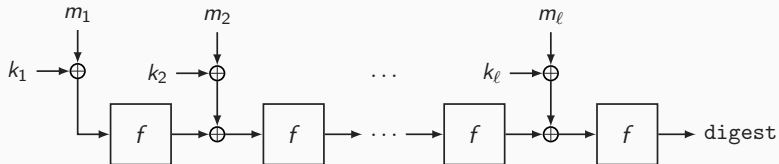
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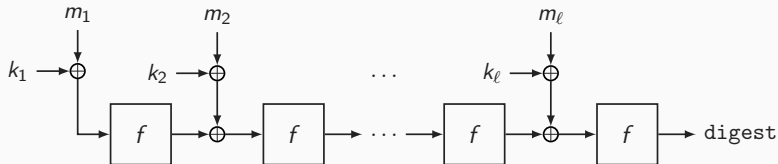
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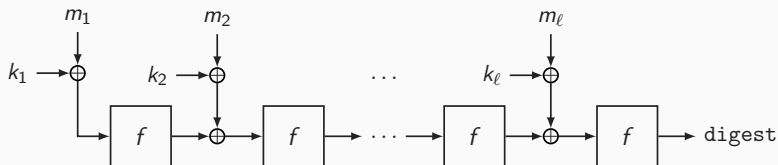
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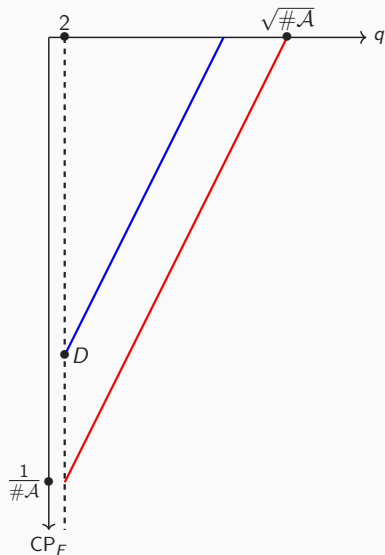
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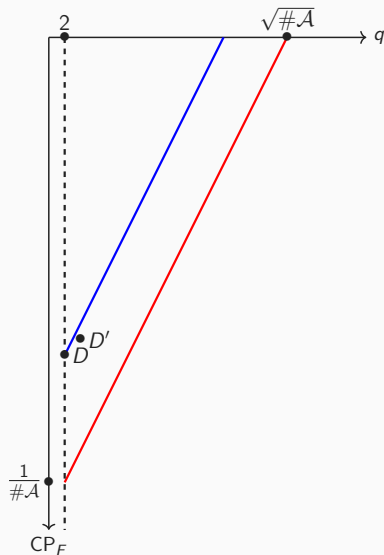
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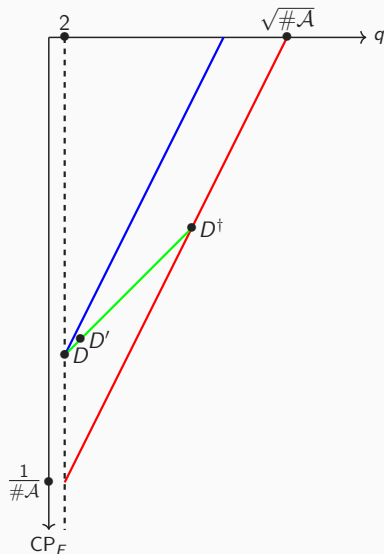
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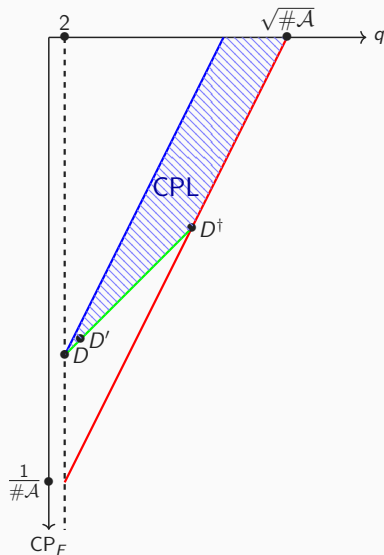
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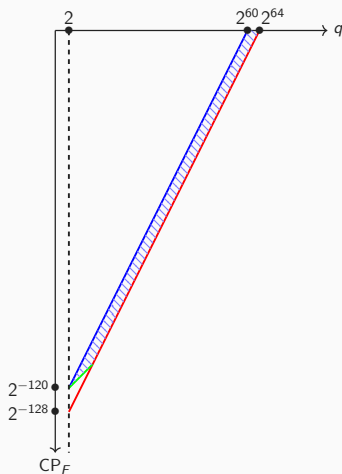
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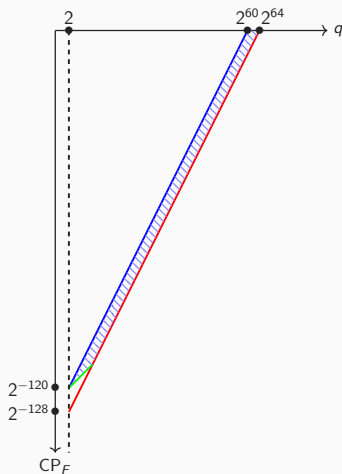


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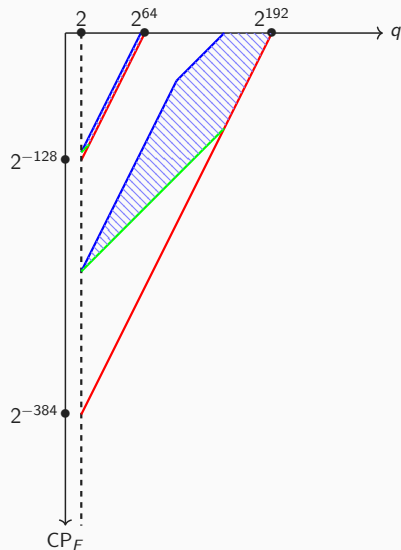
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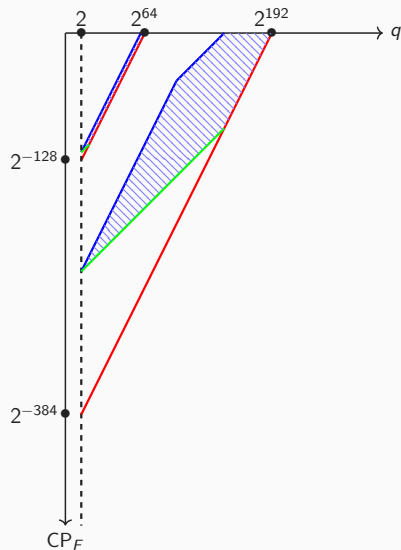
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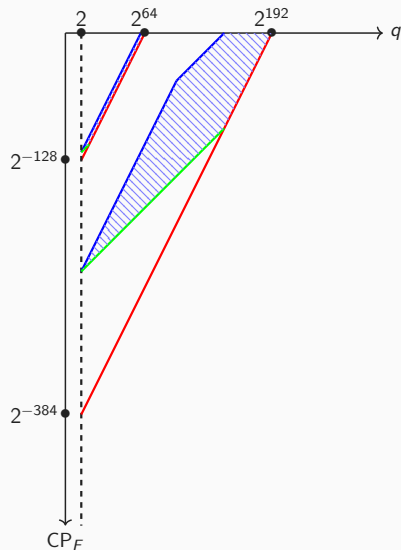
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