

# Zero-Knowledge Proofs III

601.442/642 Modern Cryptography

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# Logistics

- Homework 7 is due **this Thursday** (2nd April).
- **Midterm next Tuesday** (7th April).
  - No homework this week!

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**Solution:** She can use a **ZKP!**





# Recap: Zero-Knowledge Proof

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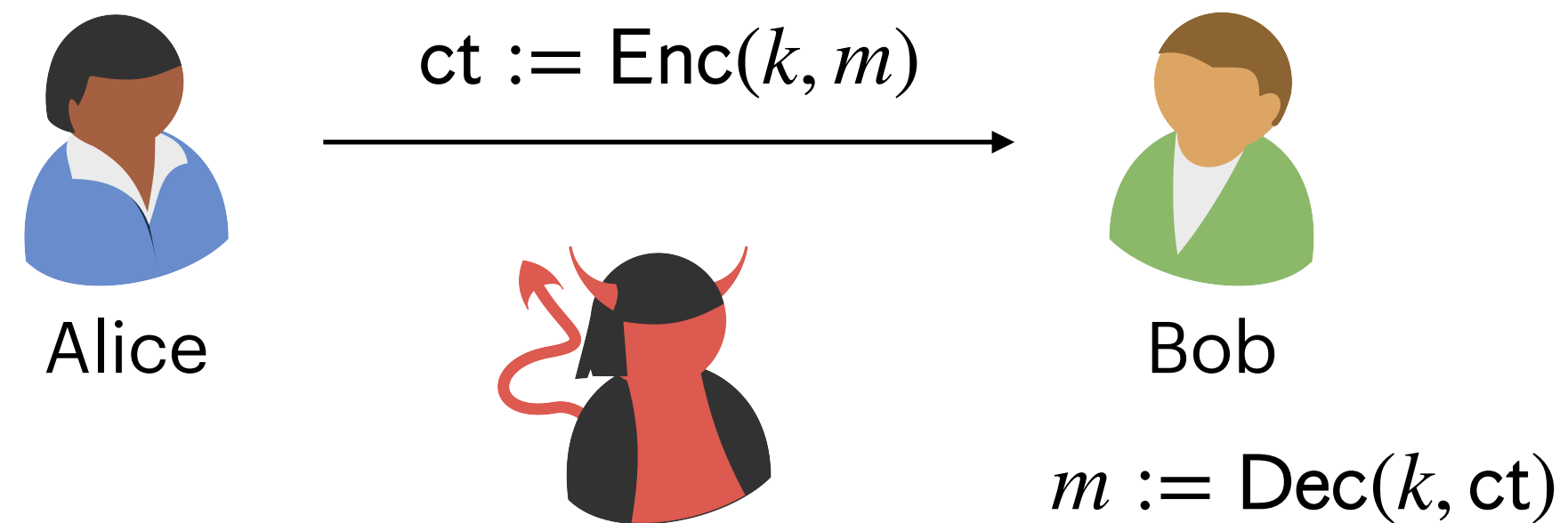
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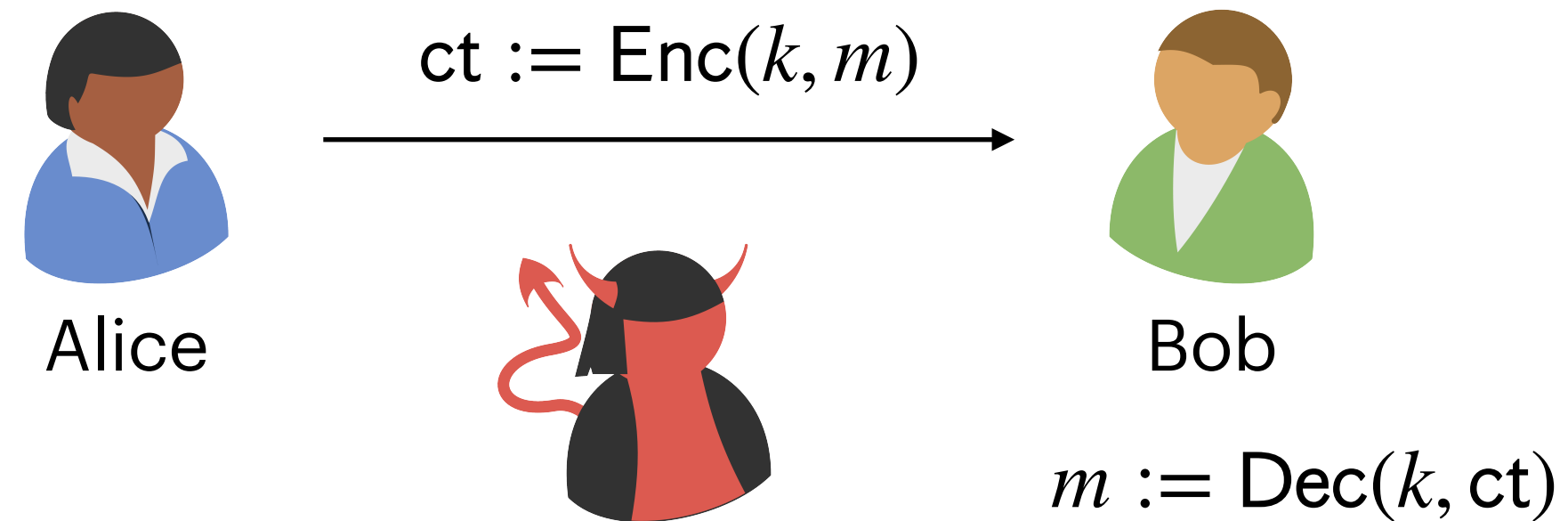
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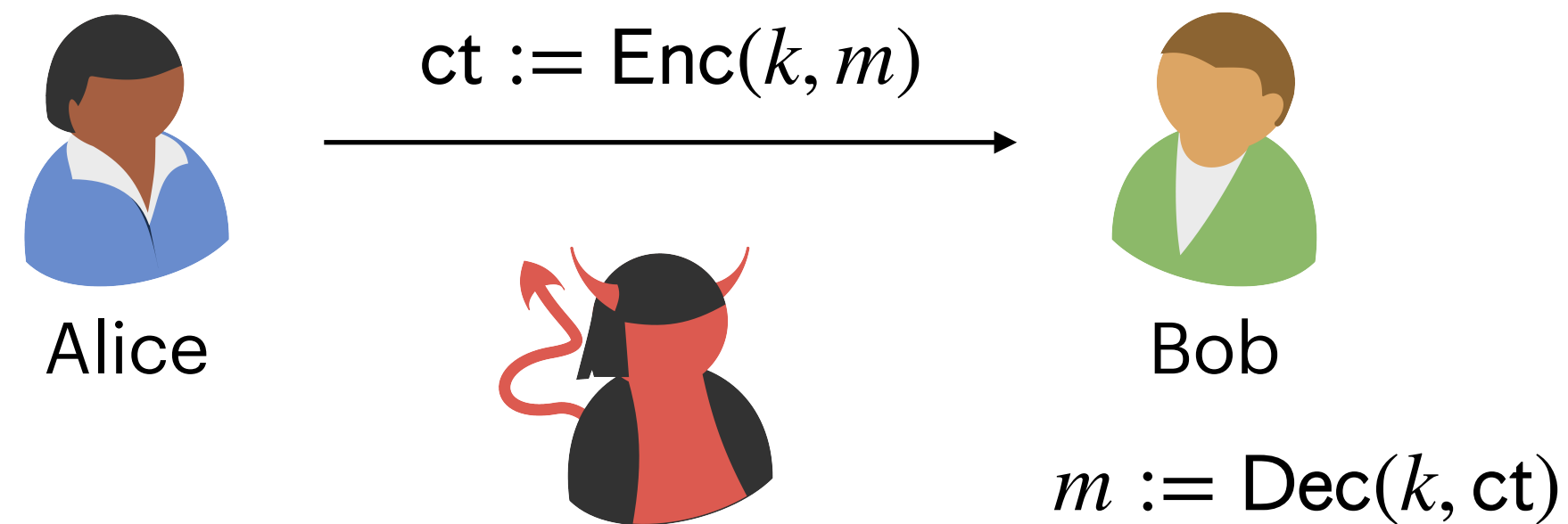
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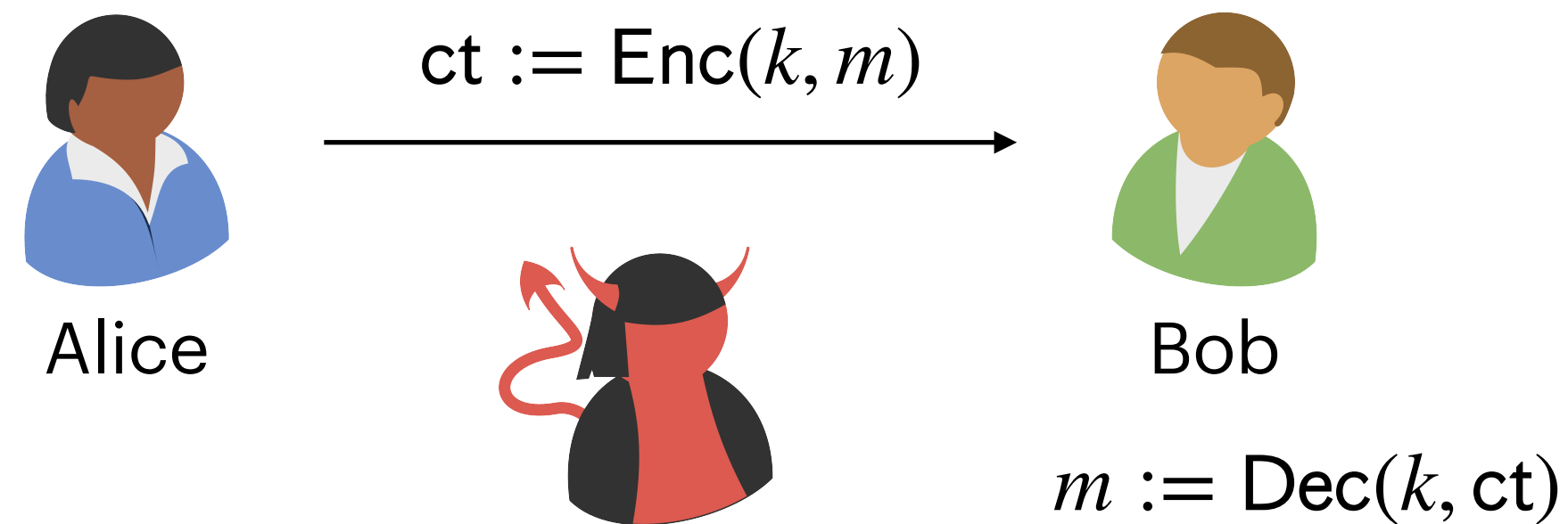
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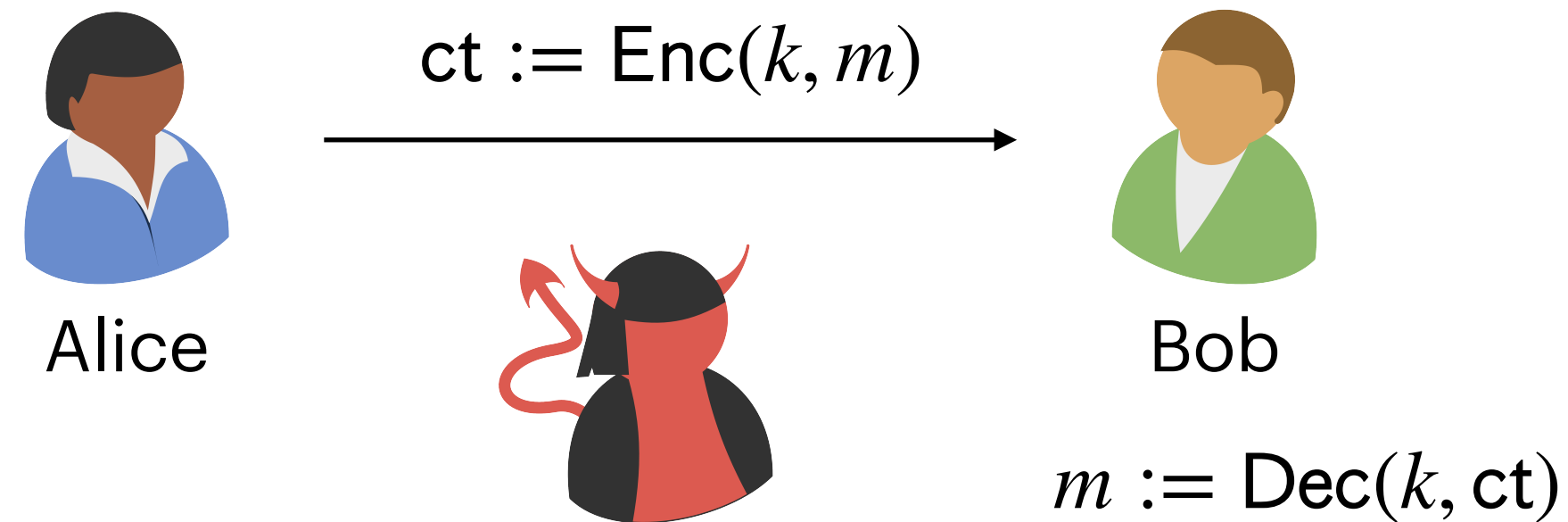
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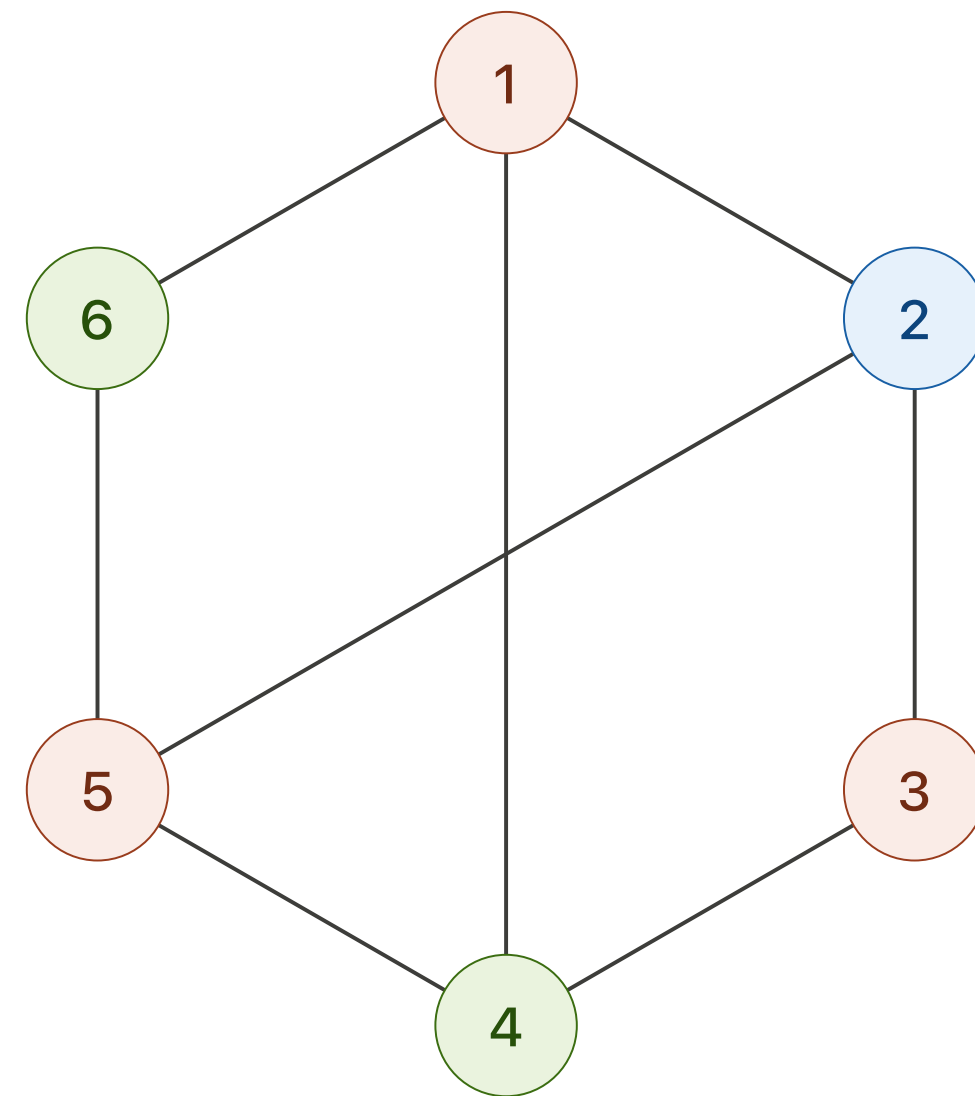
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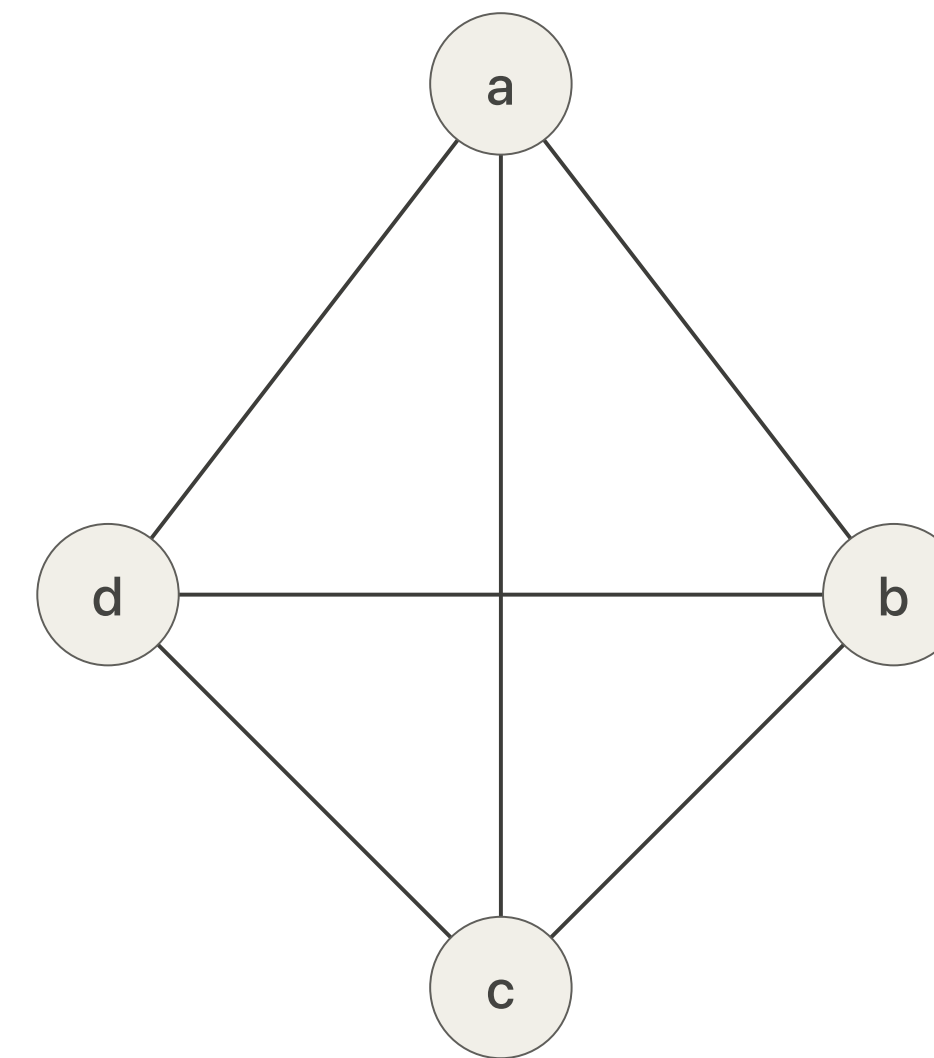
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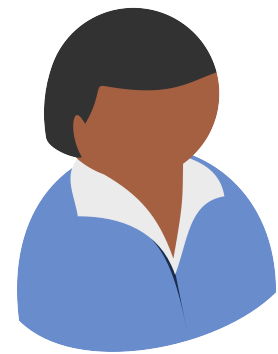
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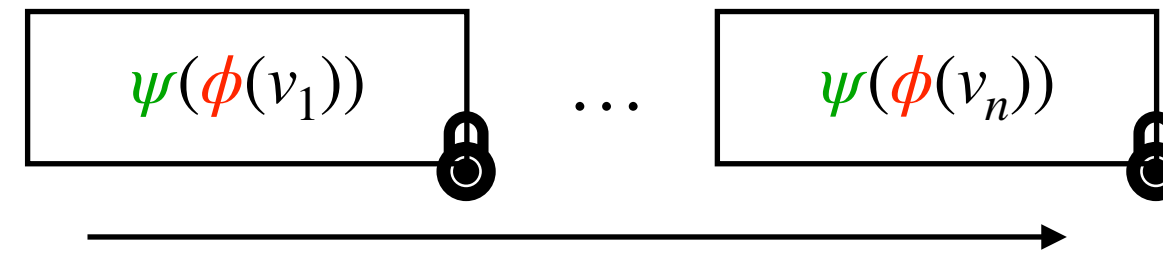


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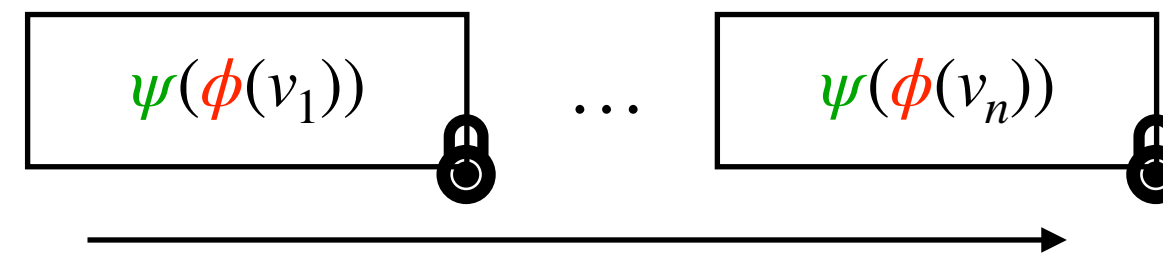


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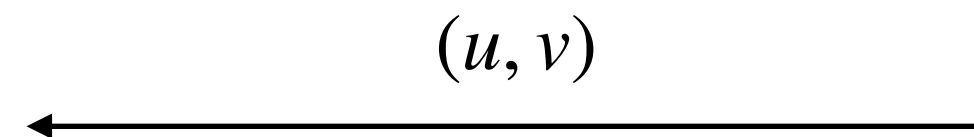
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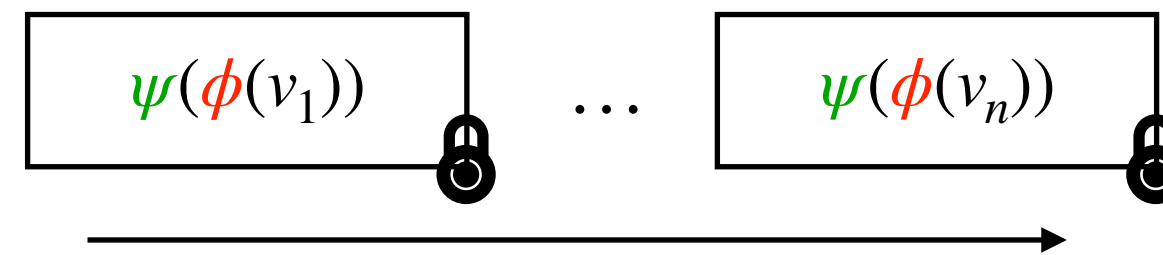


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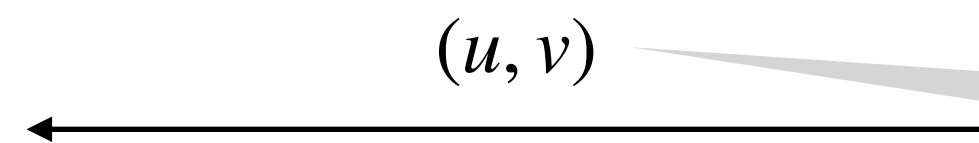
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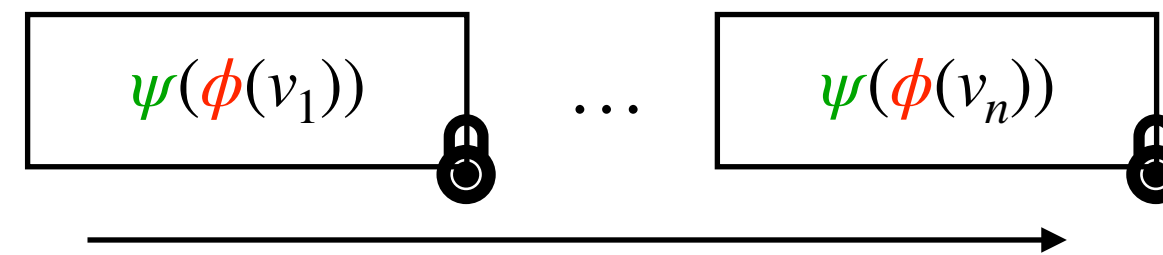


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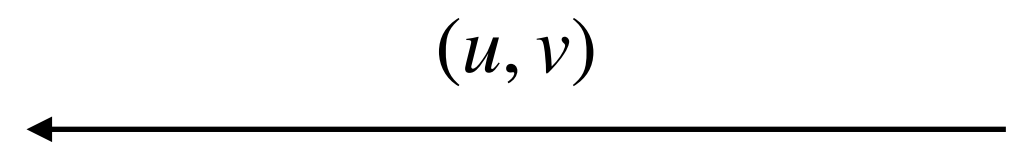
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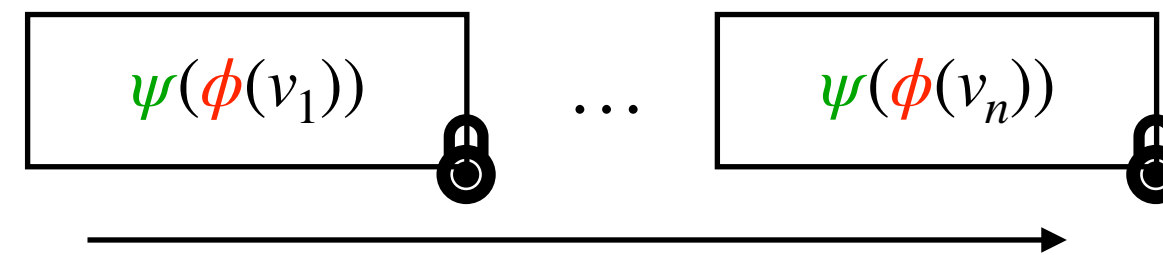


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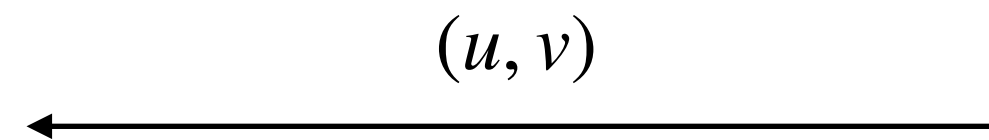
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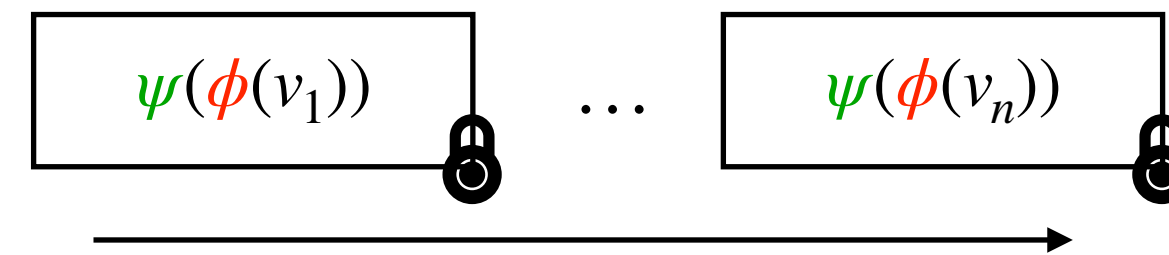


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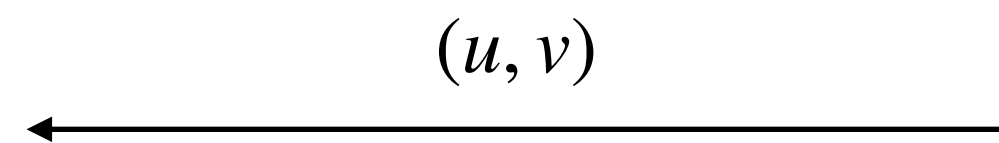
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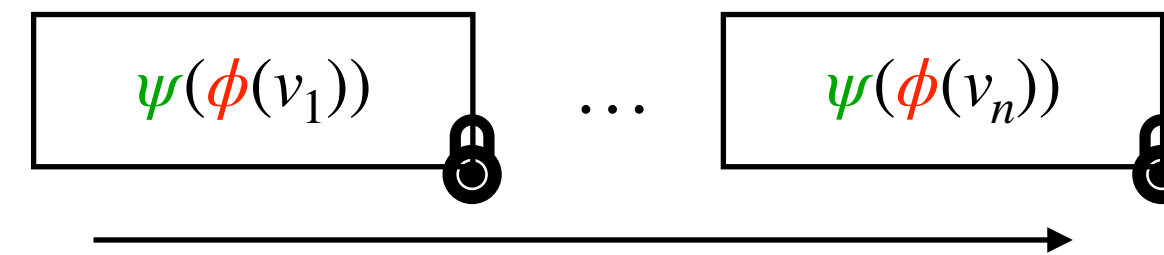


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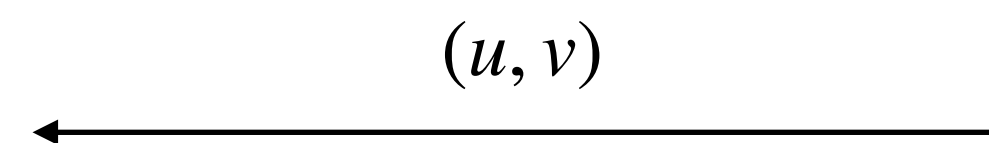
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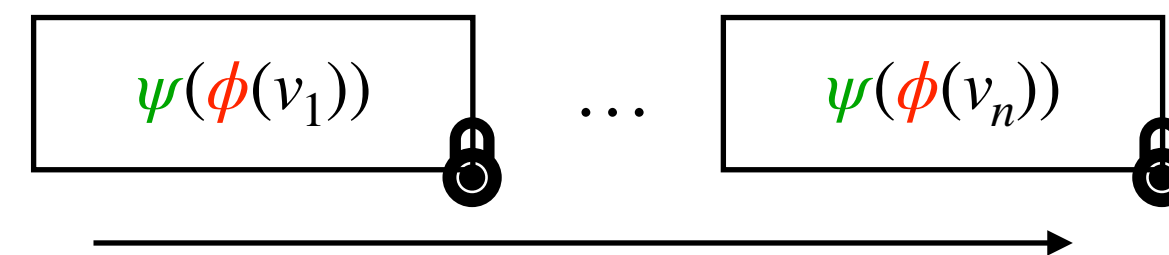


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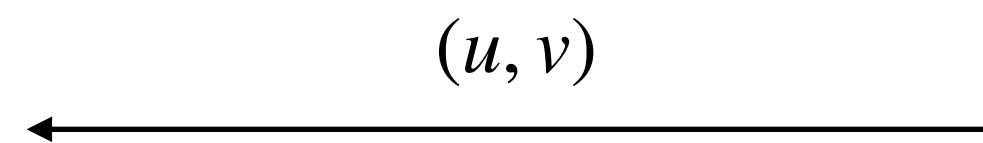
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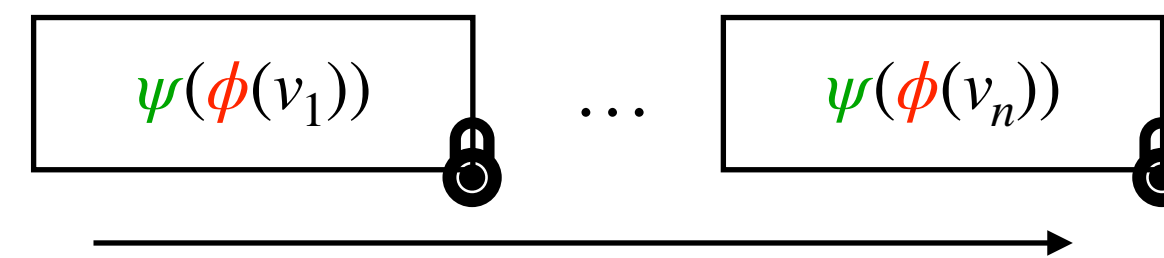


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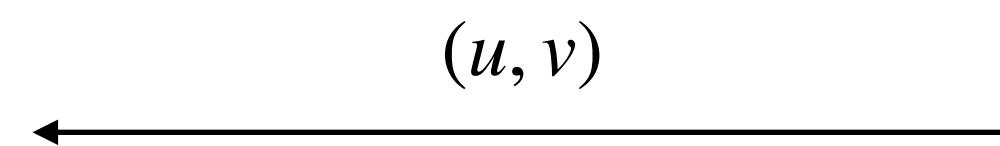
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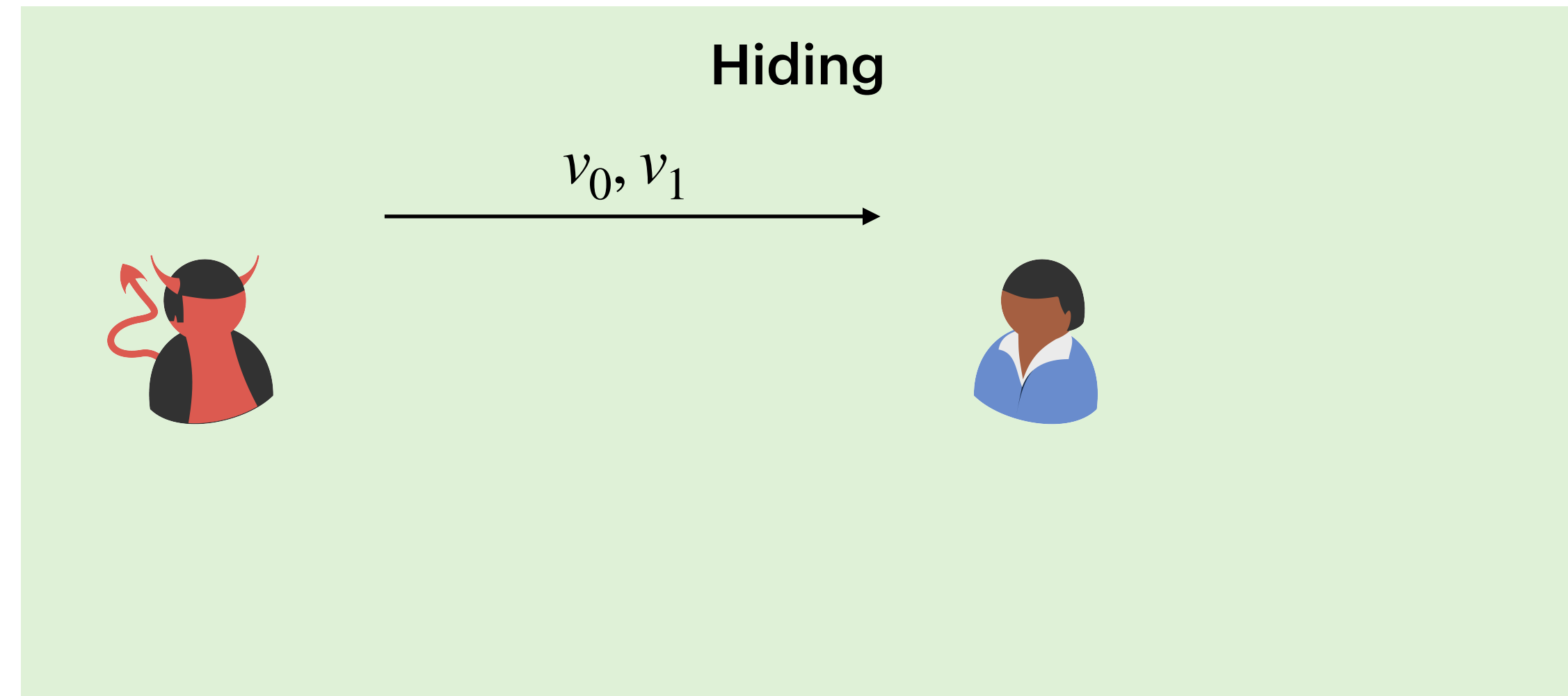
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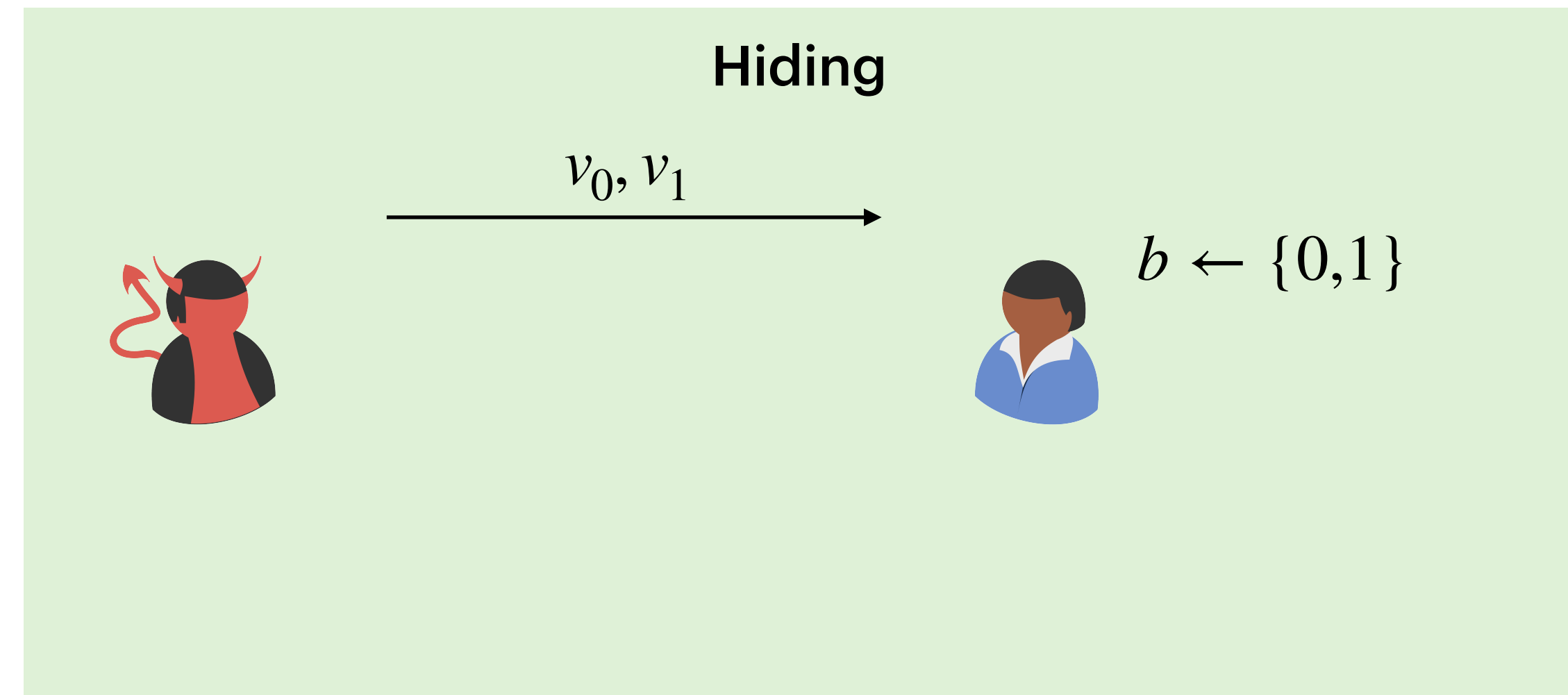
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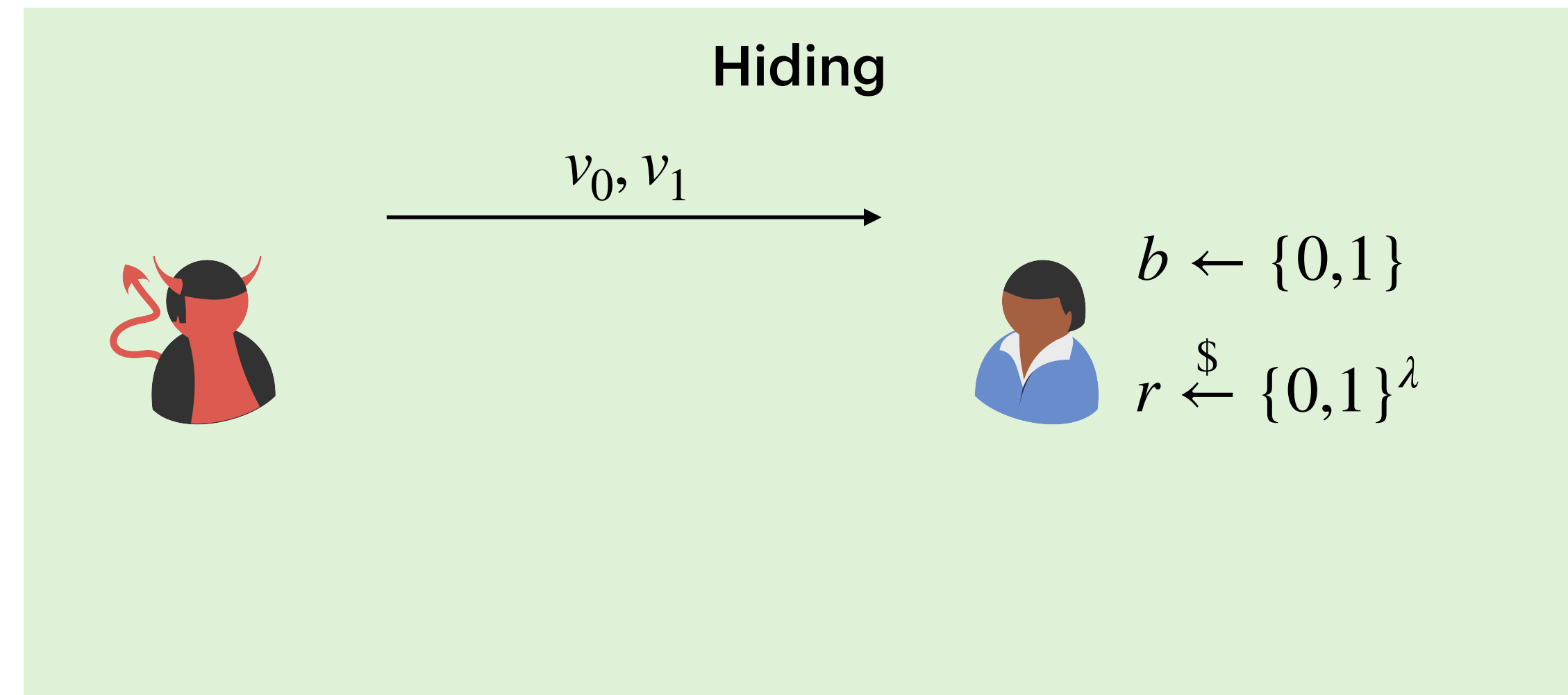
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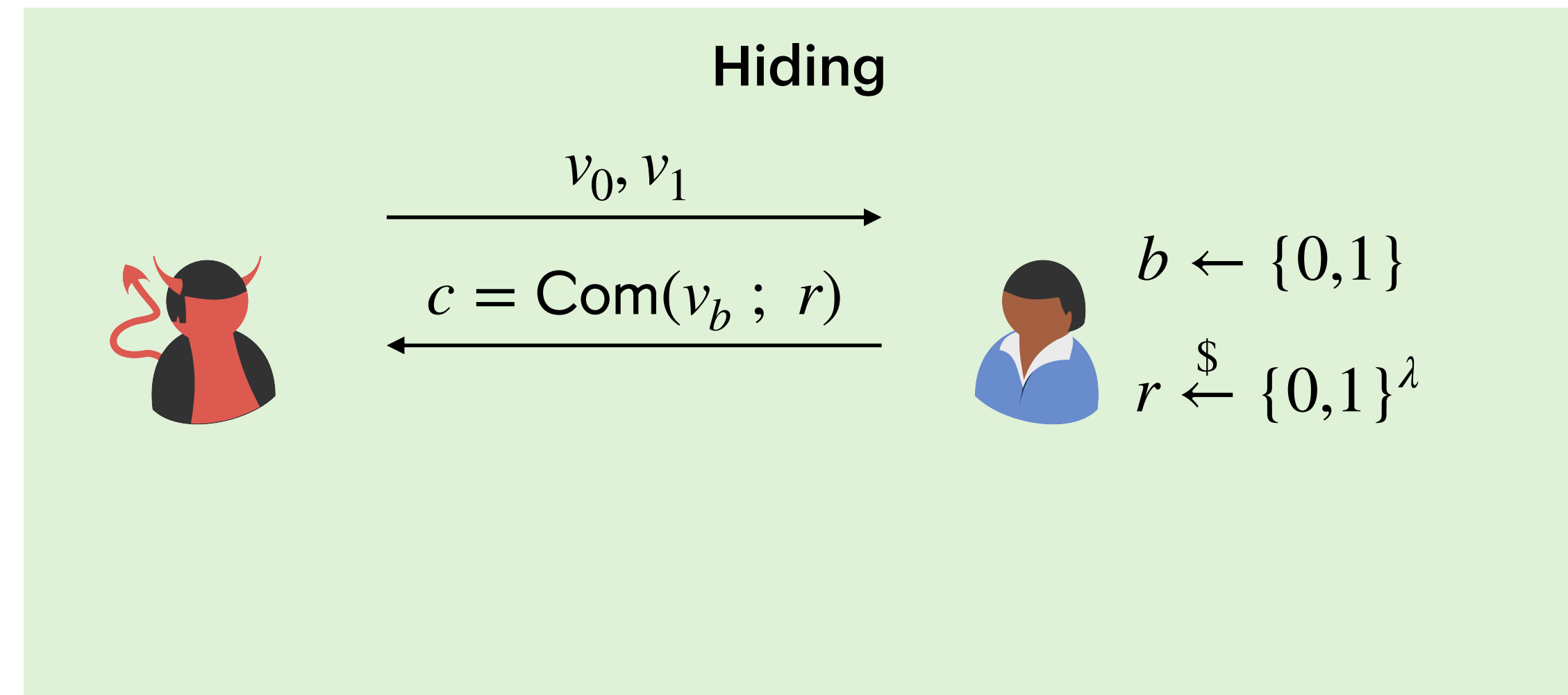
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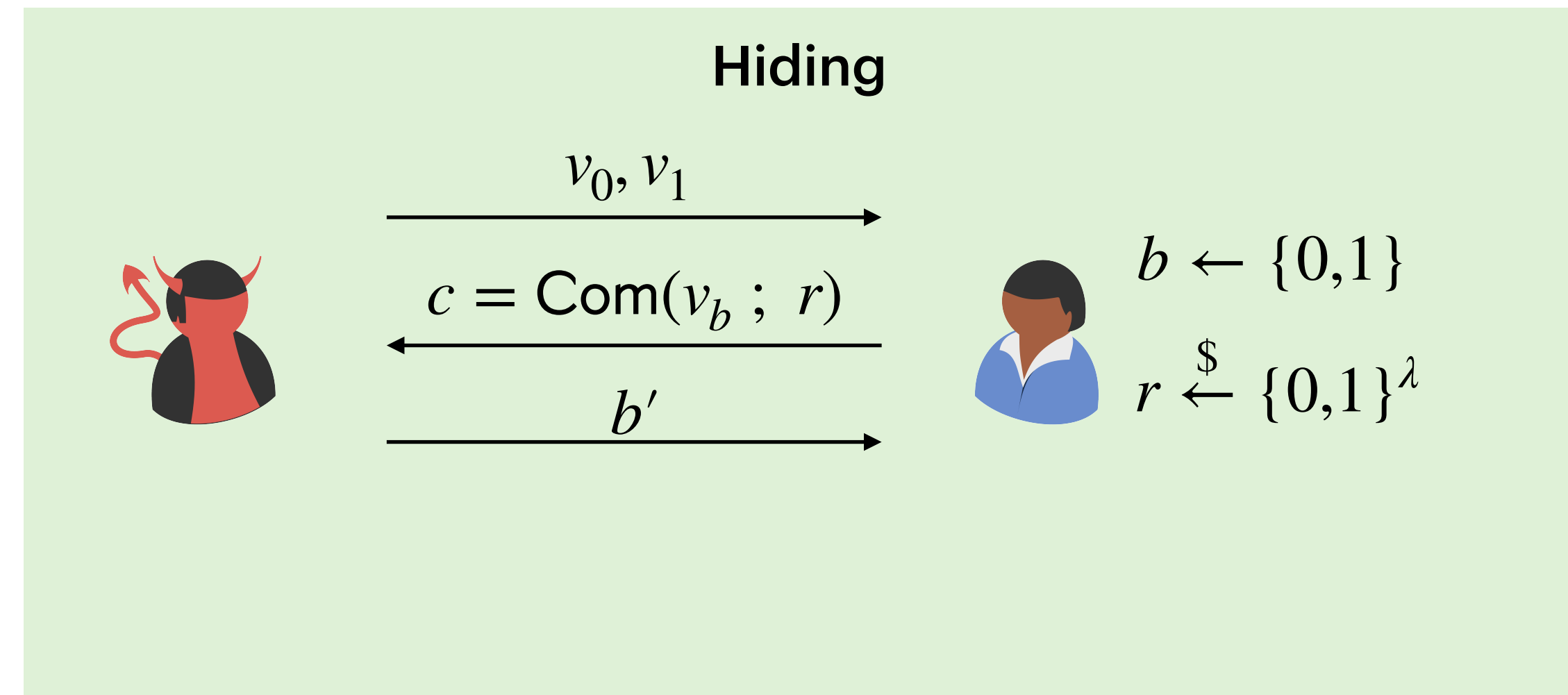
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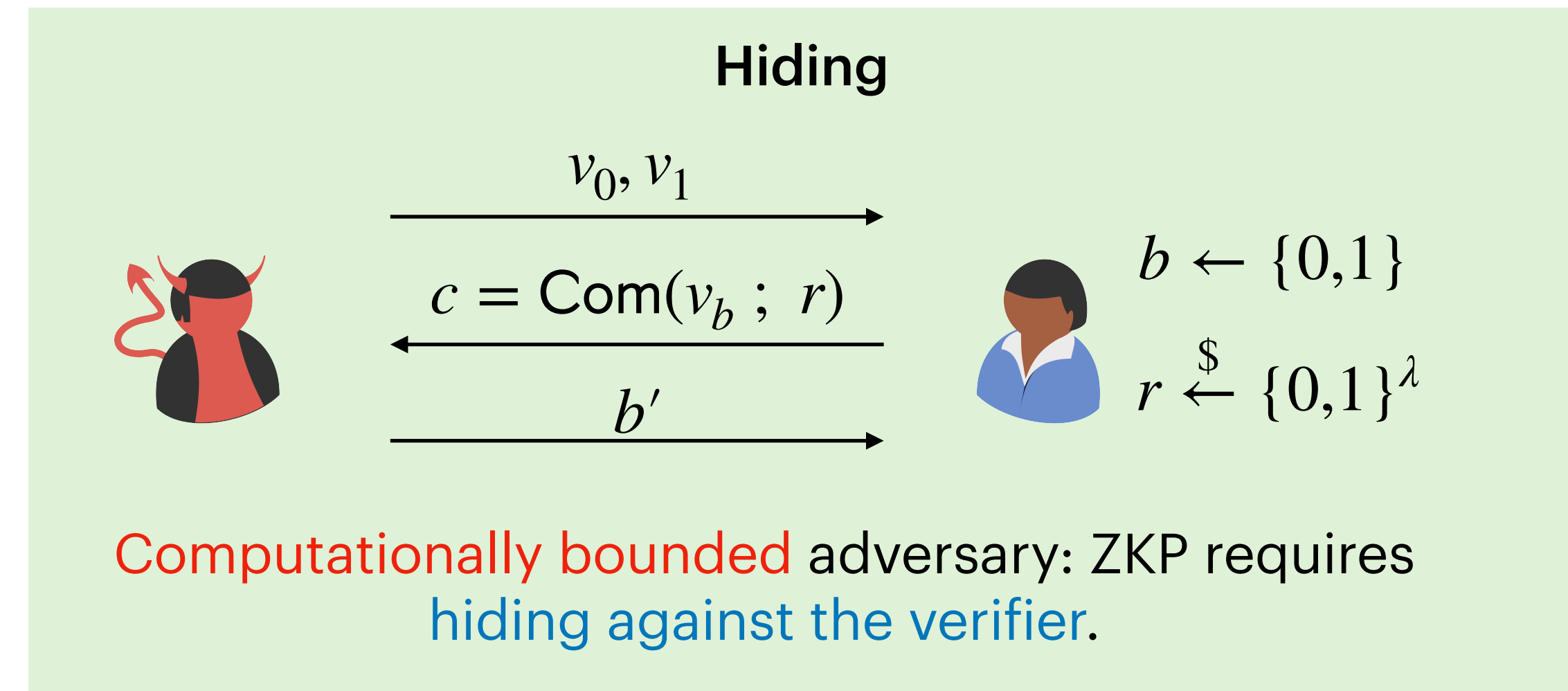
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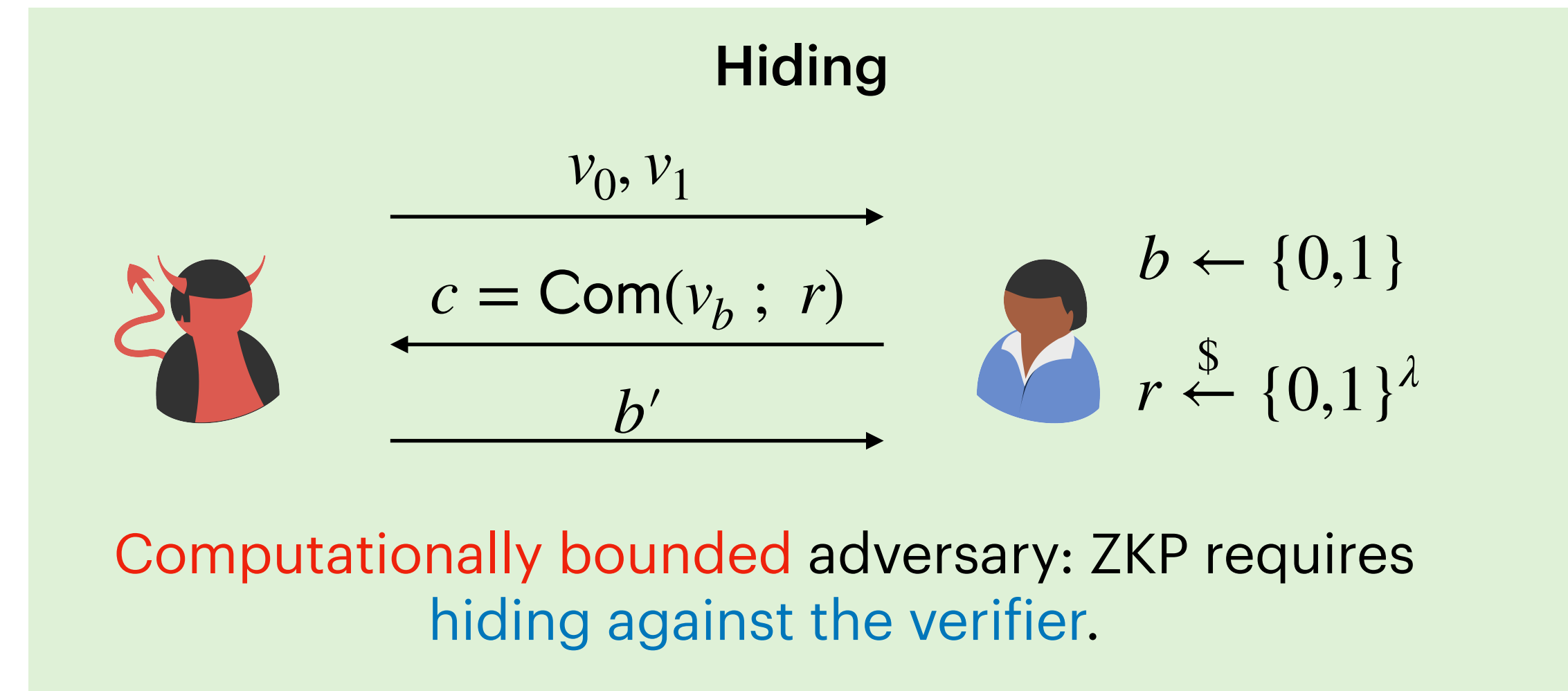
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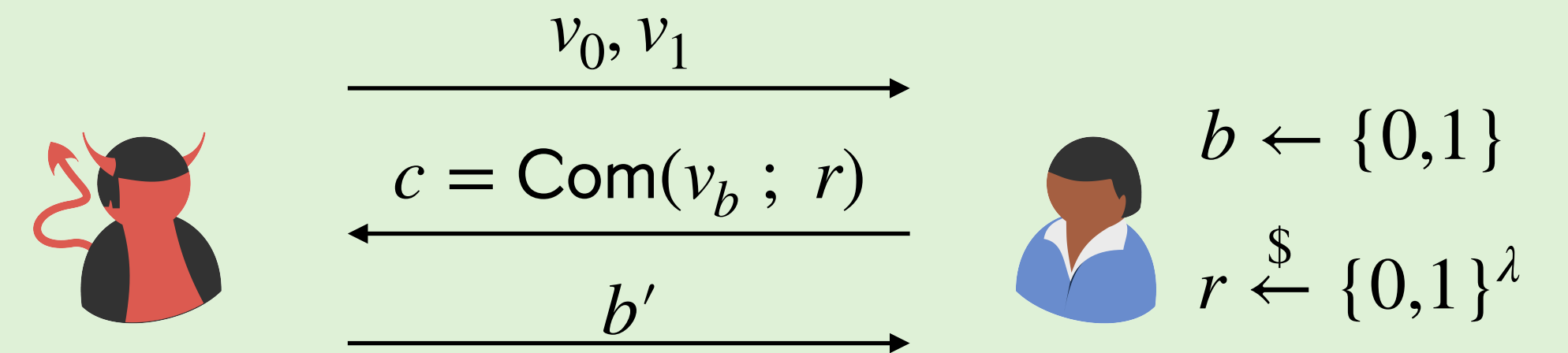
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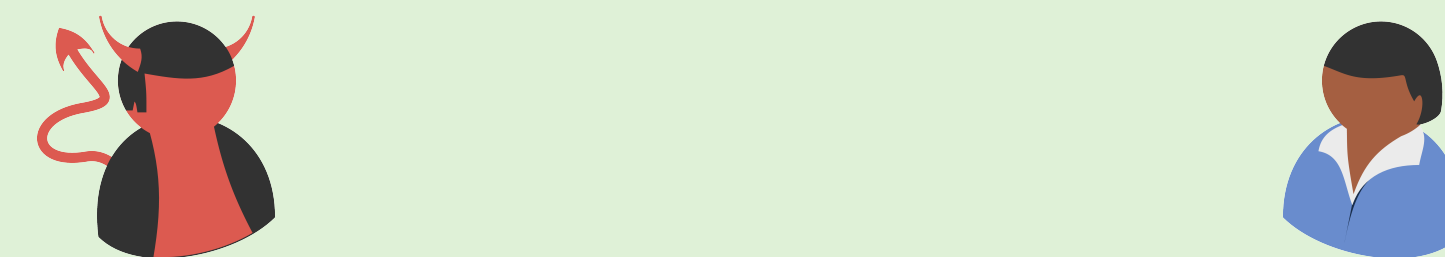
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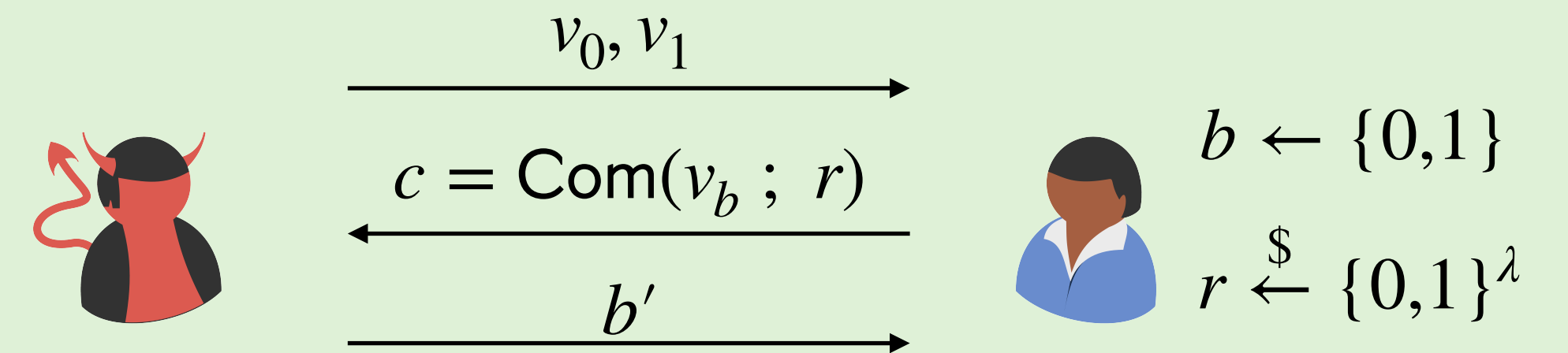
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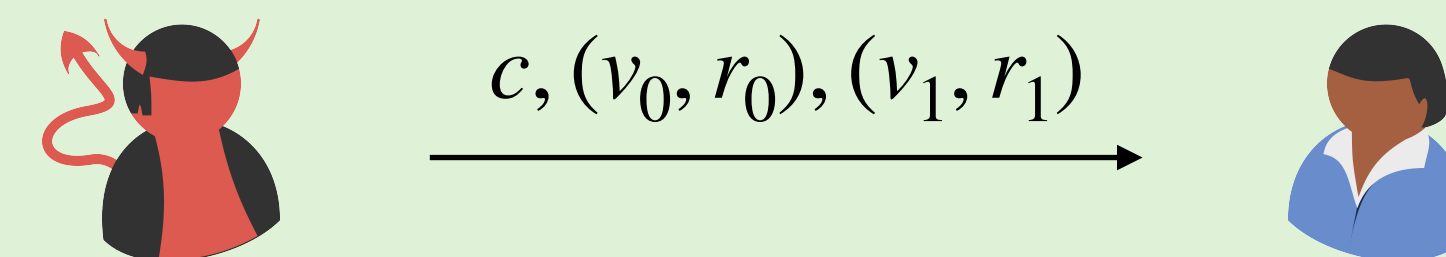
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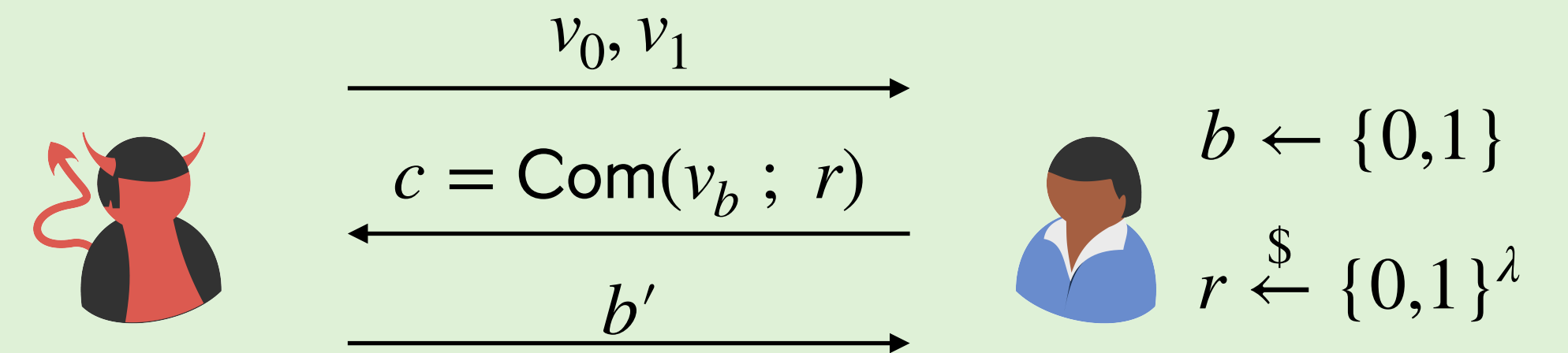
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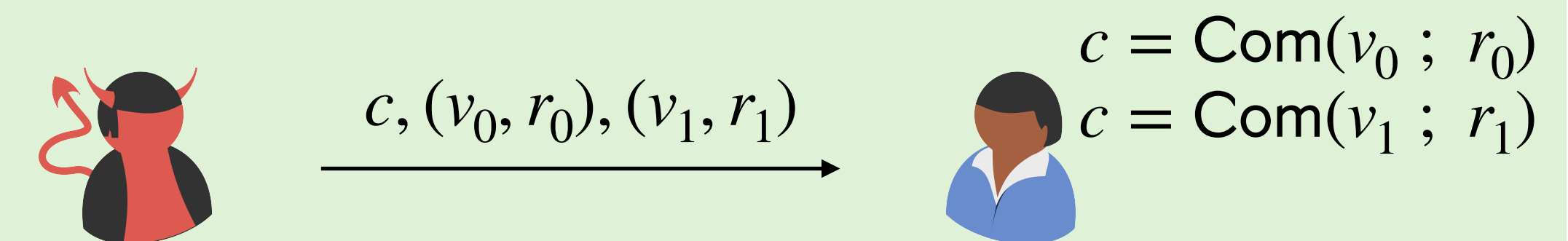
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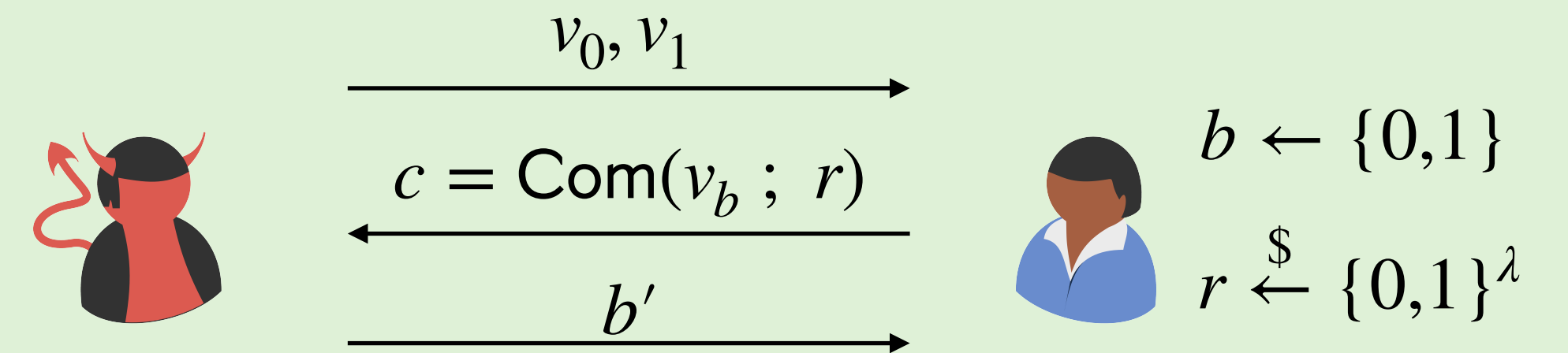
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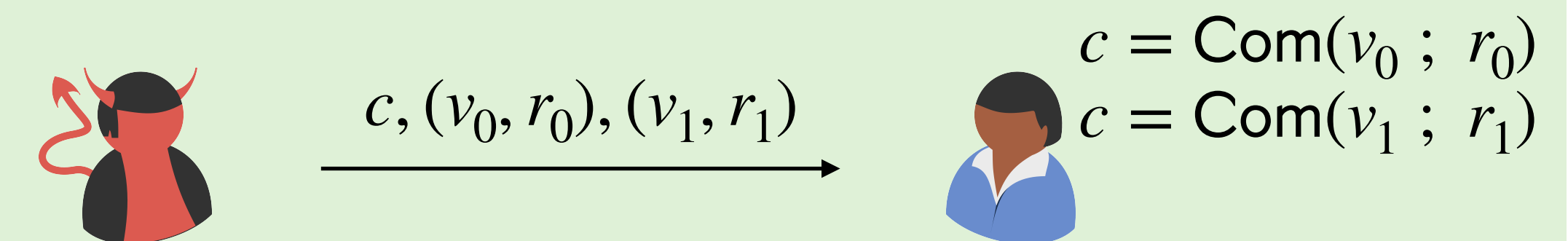
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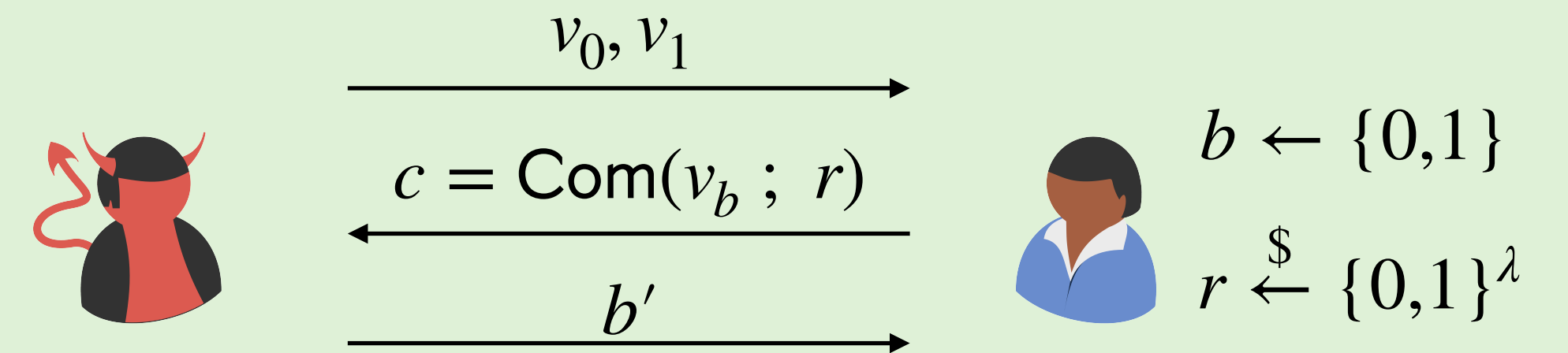
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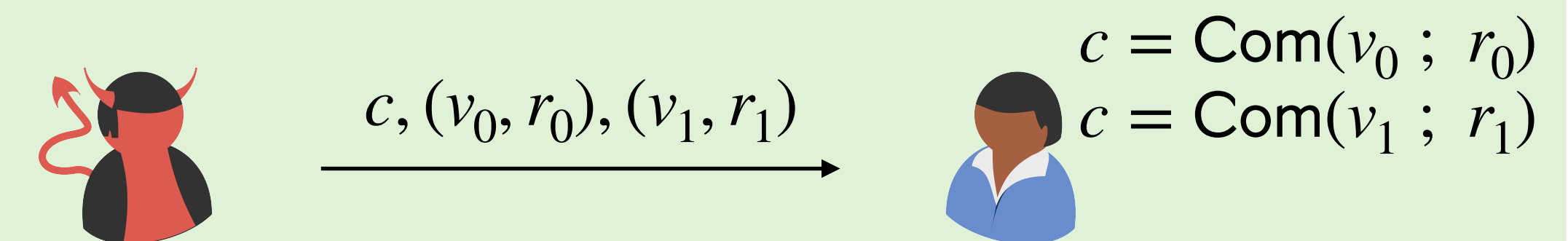
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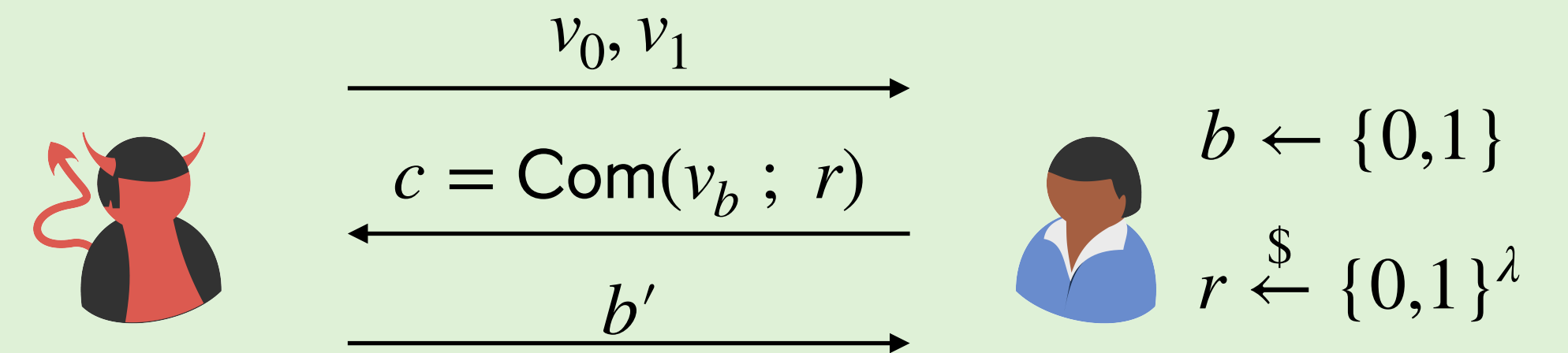
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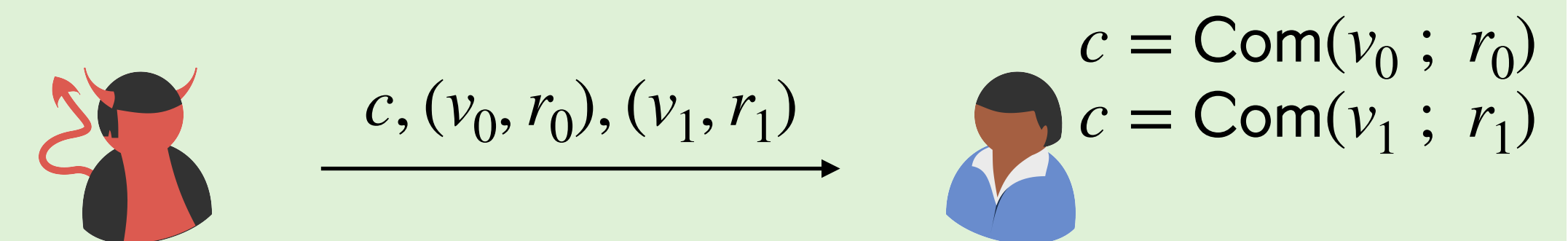
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