

Practical Aspects of Modern Cryptography

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Cryptography is ...

- Protecting Privacy of Data
- Authentication of Identities
- Preservation of Integrity

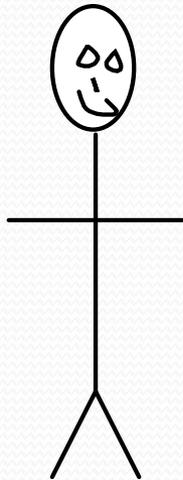
... basically any protocols designed to operate in an environment *absent* of universal trust.



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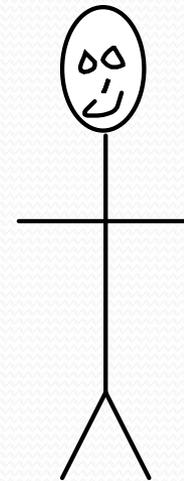
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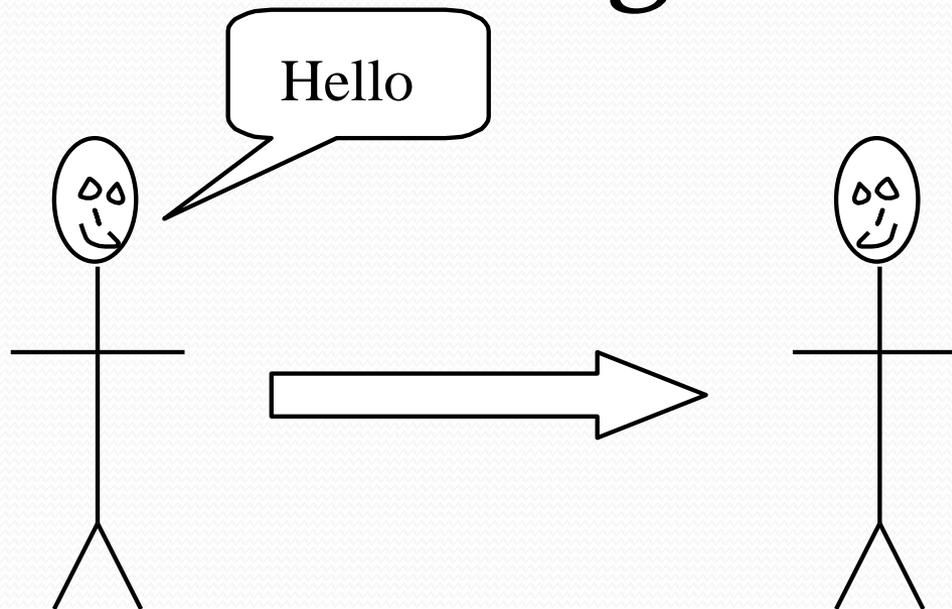
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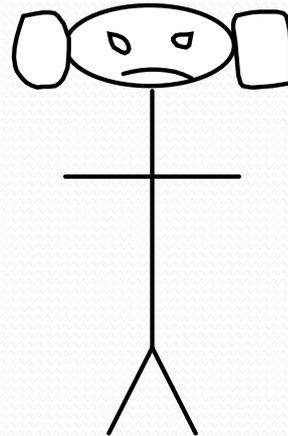
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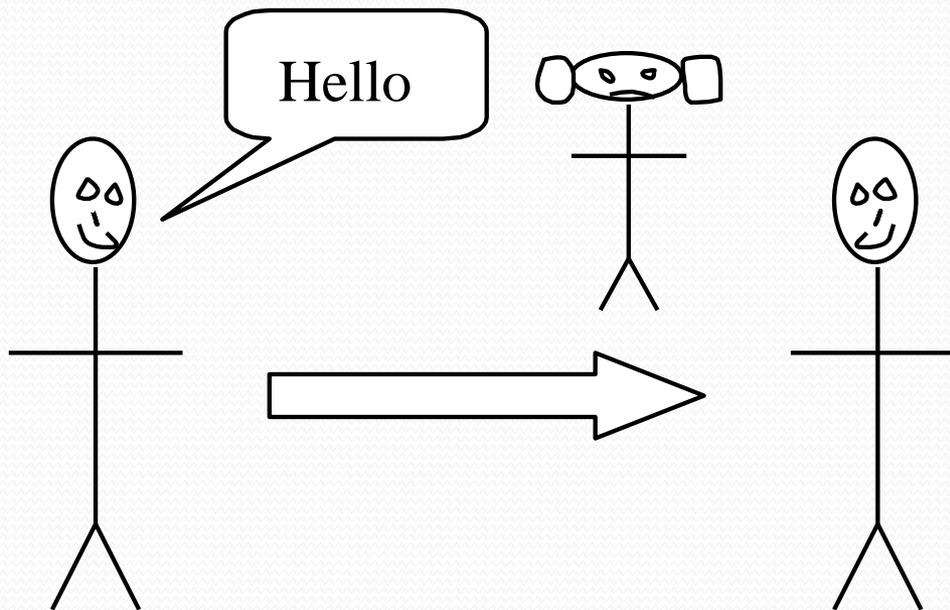
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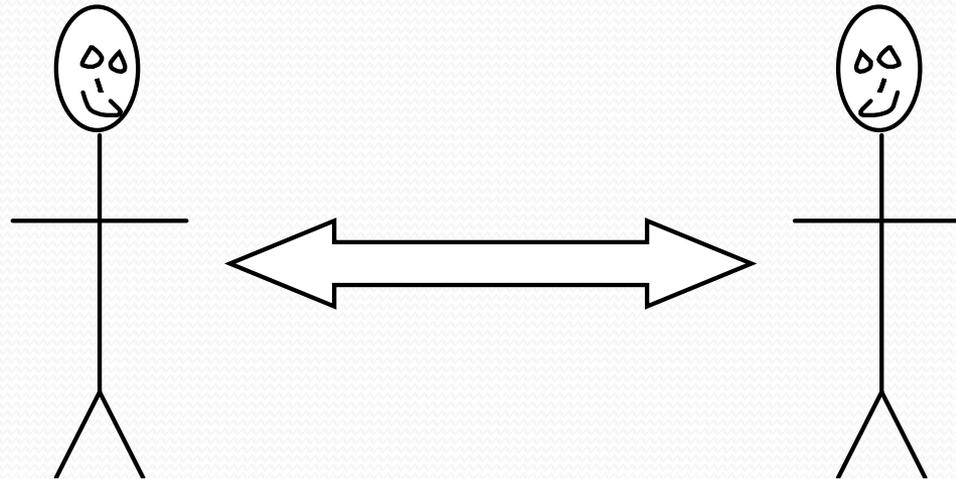
Eve listening to Alice talking to Bob



Two-Party Environments

Alice

Bob



Remote Coin Flipping

- Alice and Bob decide to make a decision by flipping a coin.
- Alice and Bob are not in the same place.

Ground Rule

Protocol must be asynchronous.

- We cannot assume simultaneous actions.
- Players must take turns.

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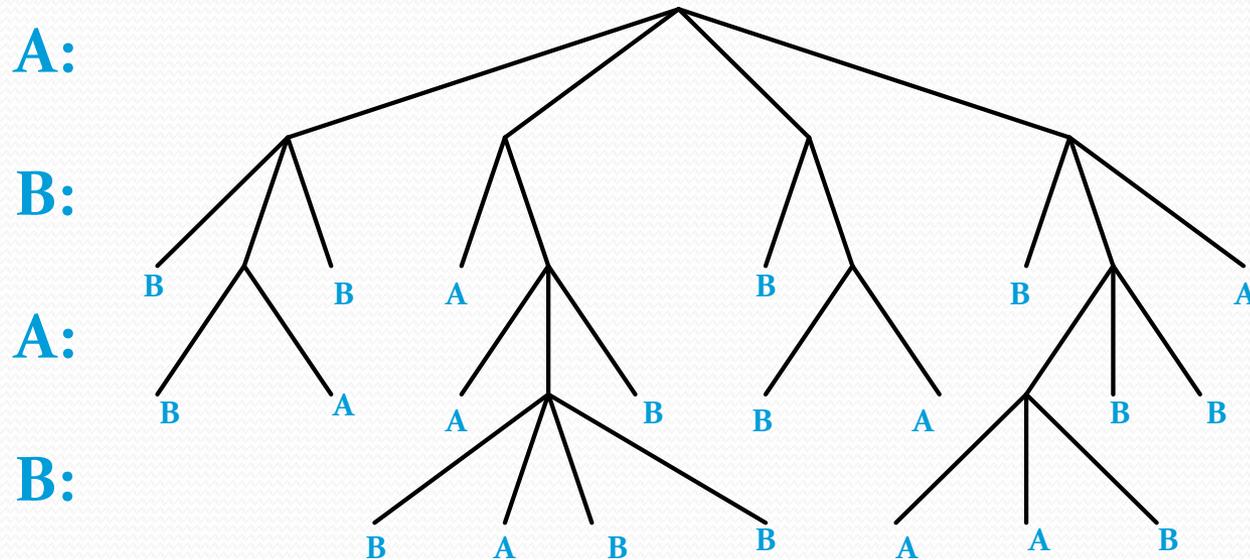
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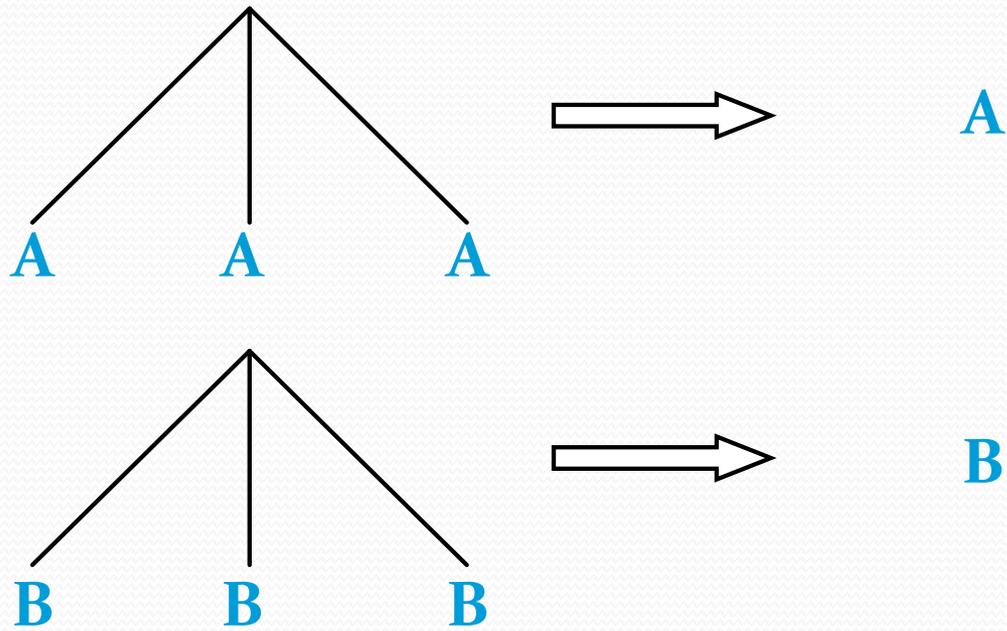
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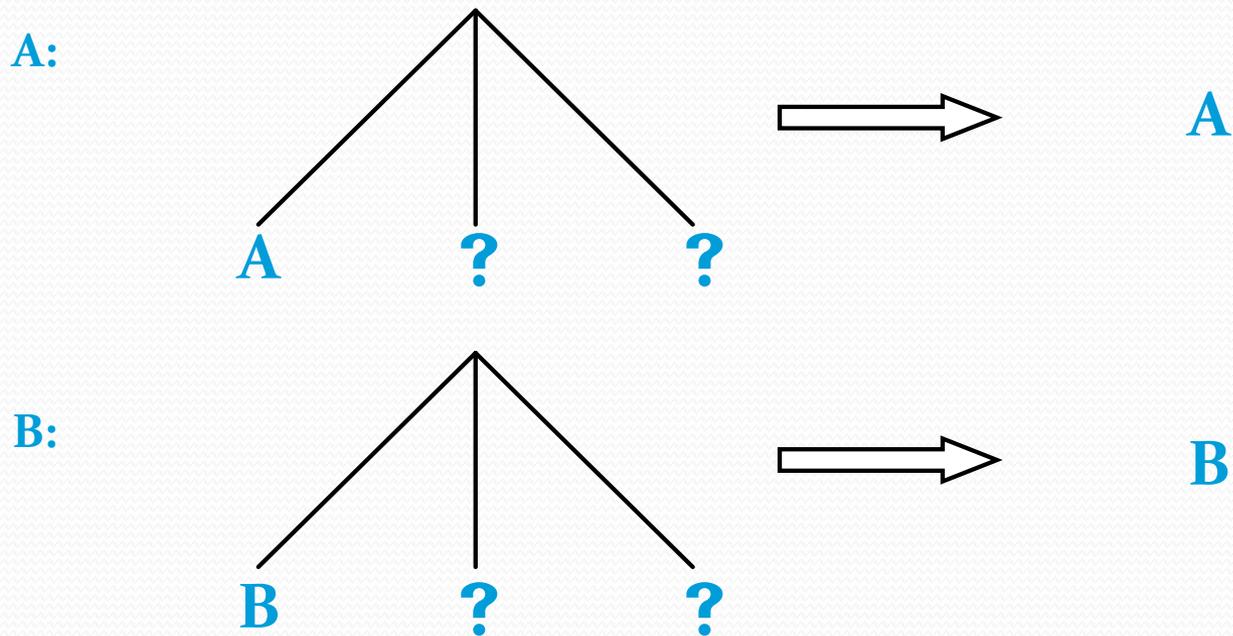
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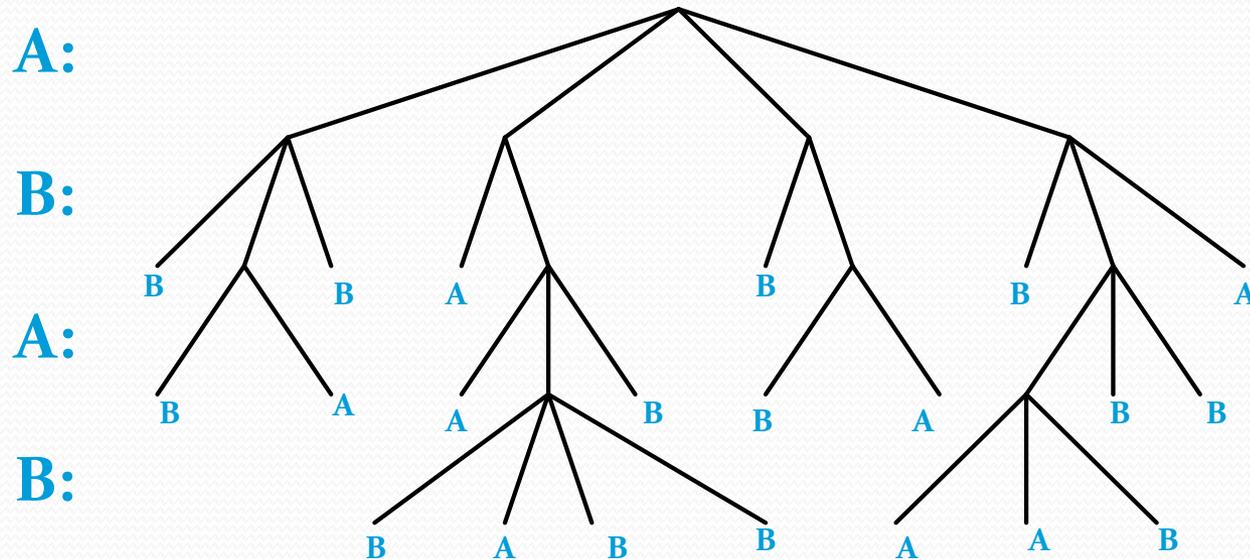
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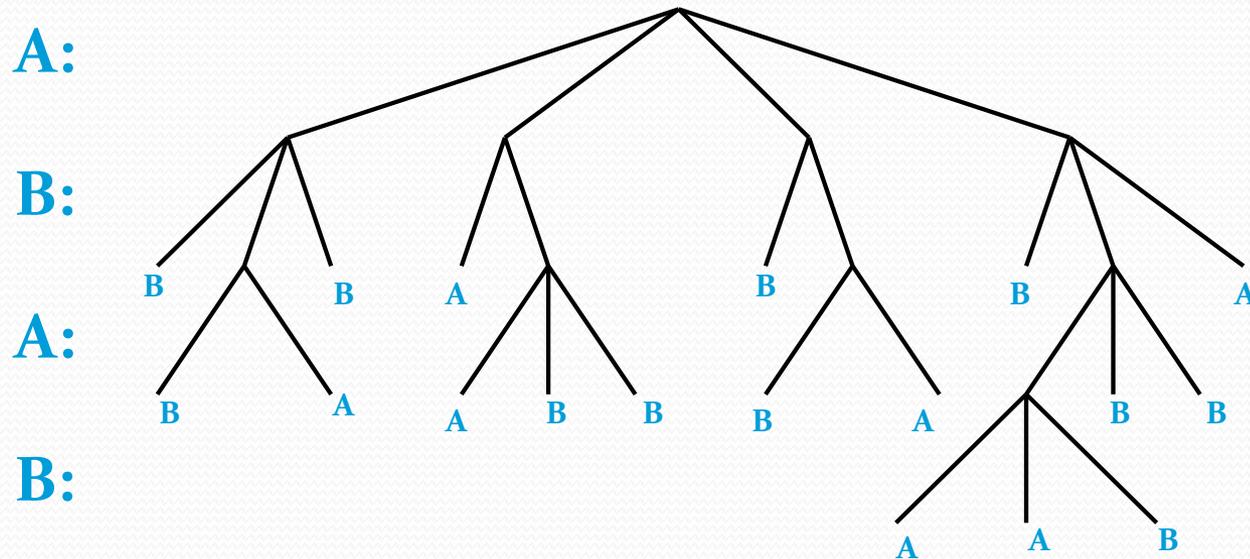
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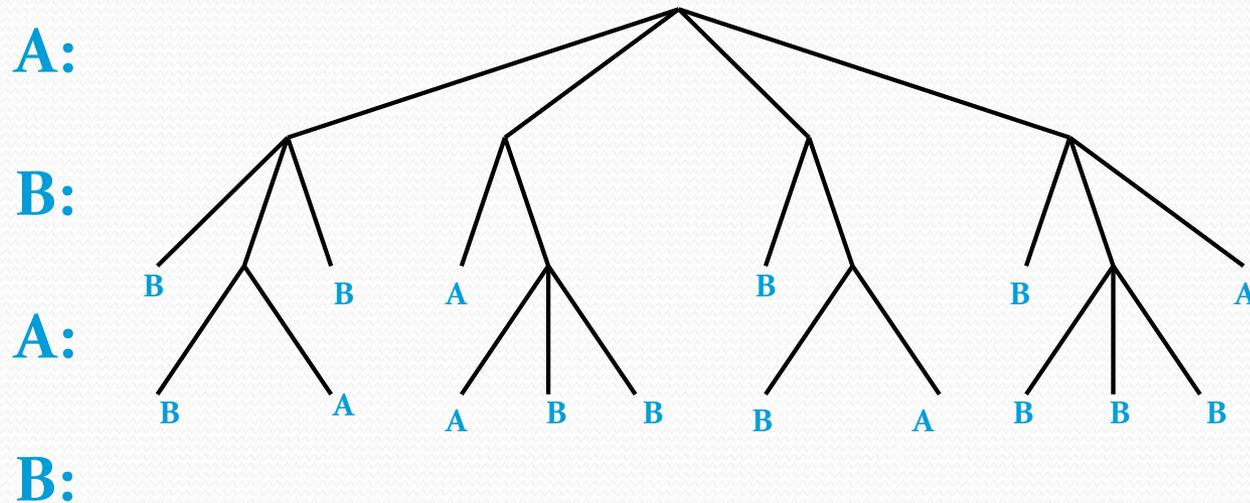
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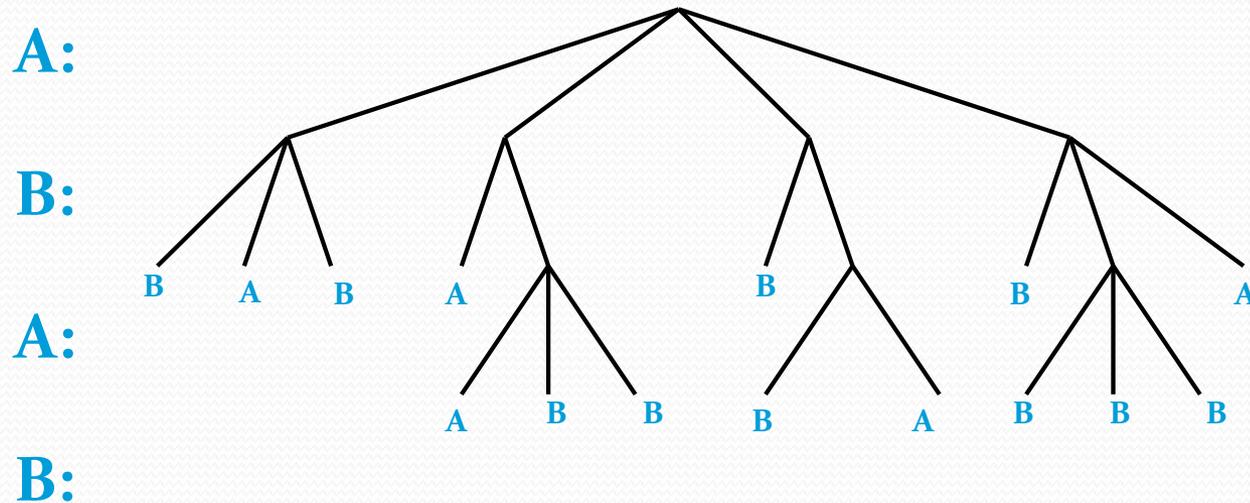
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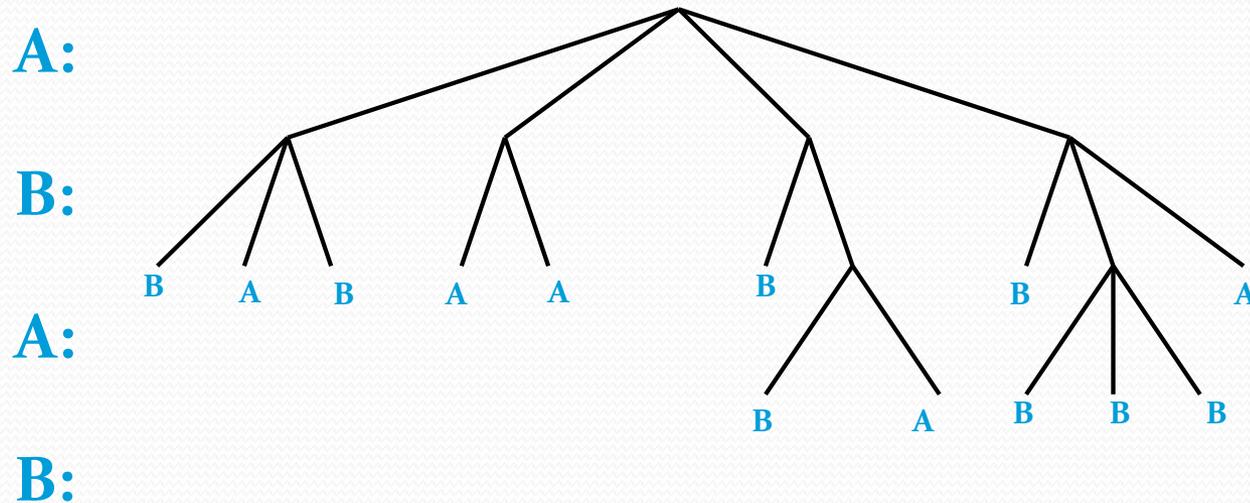
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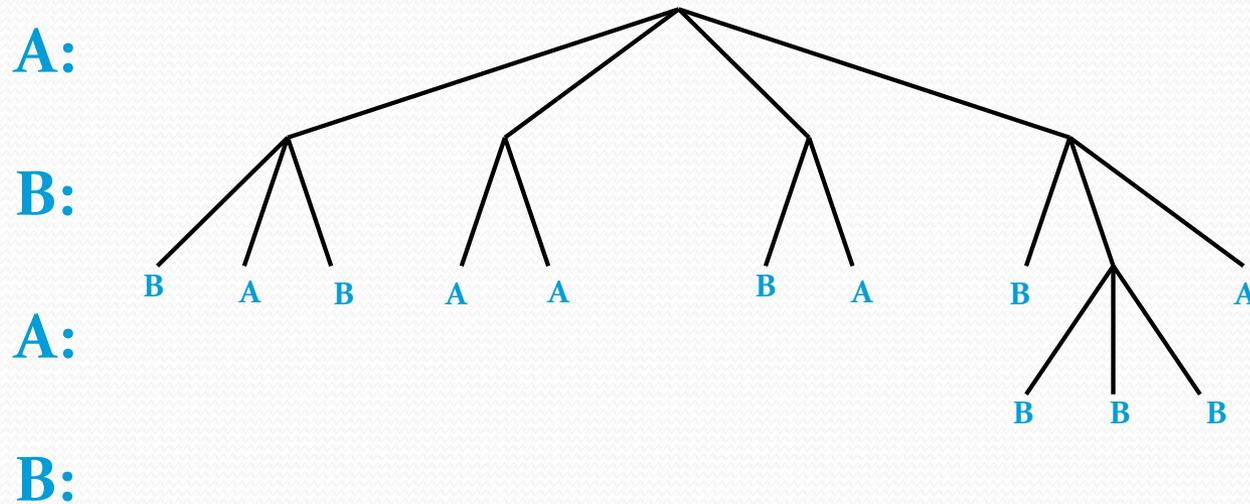
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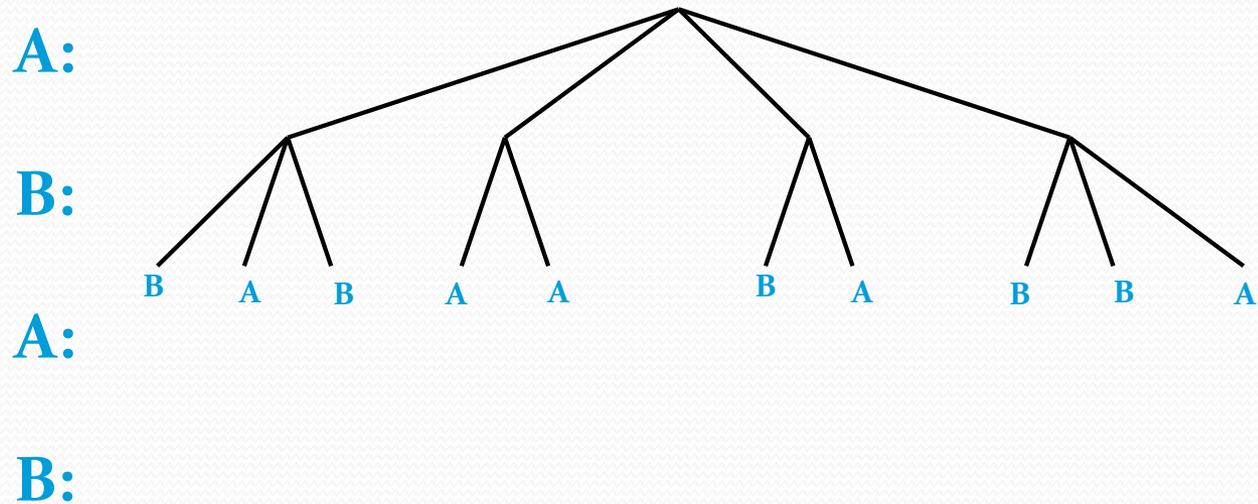
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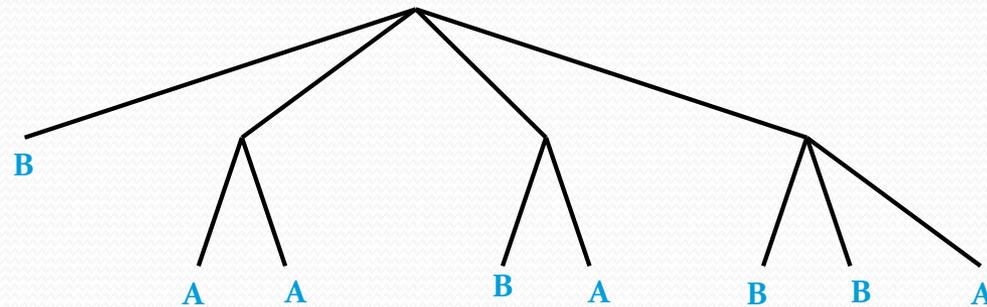
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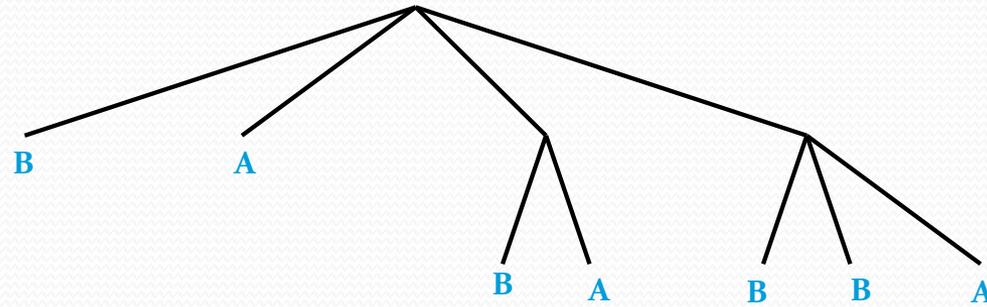
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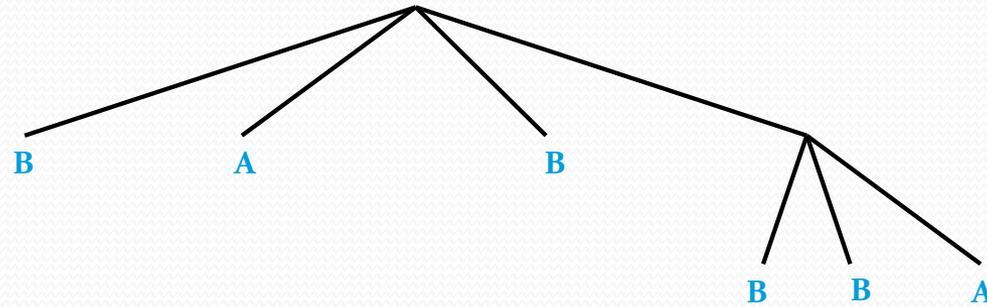
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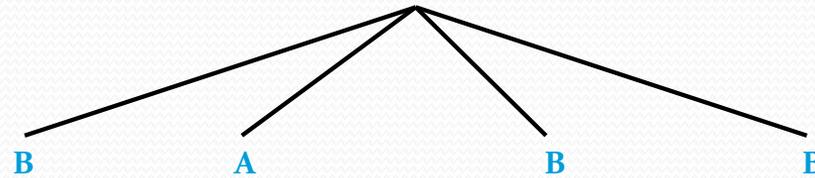
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Conclusion of Part I

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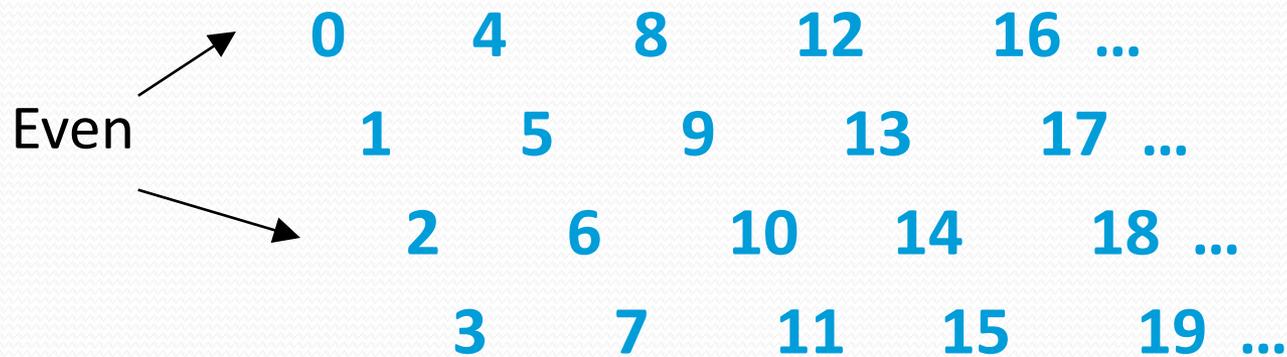
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Multiplying two (odd) integers of the same type always yields a product of Type +1.

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$$(4p-1)(4q-1) = 16pq-4p-4q+1 = 4(4pq-p-q)+1$$

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Fact 2

There is no known method (other than factoring) to distinguish a product of two “Type +1” integers from a product of two “Type -1” integers.

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Fact 3

Factoring large integers is believed to be ***much*** harder than multiplying large integers.

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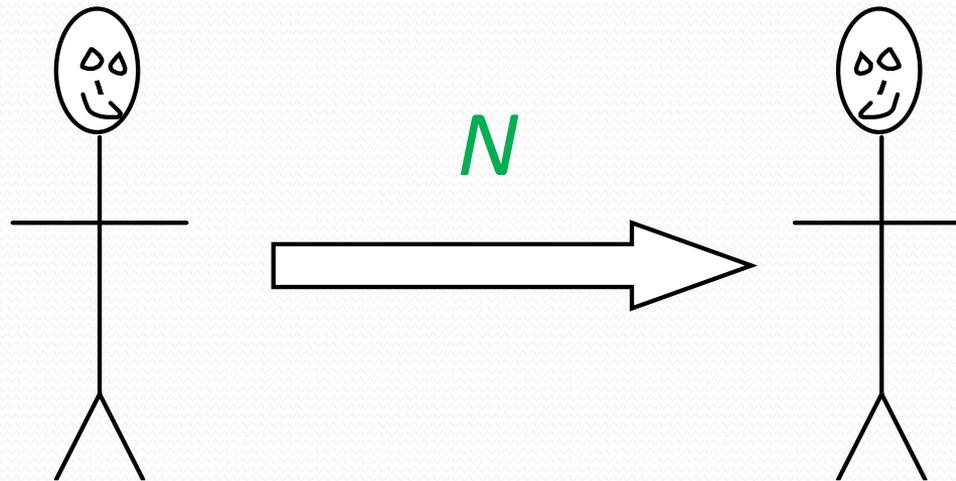
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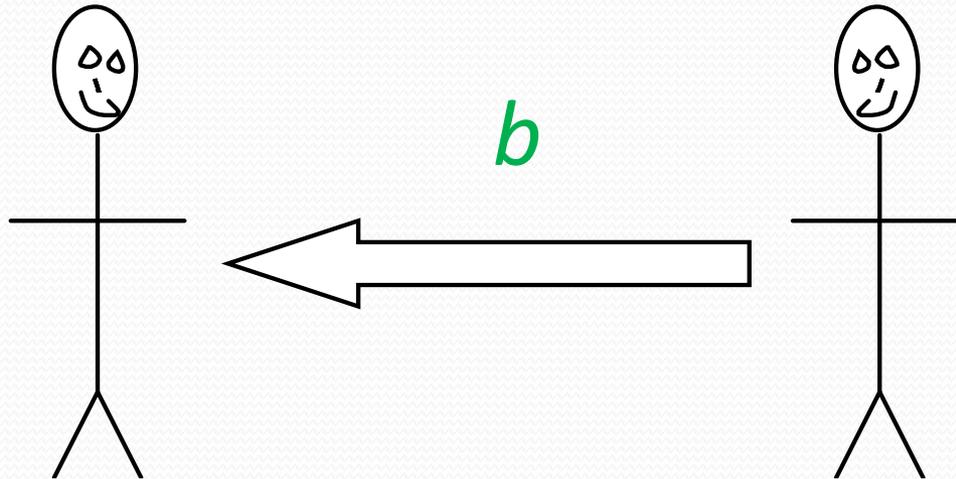
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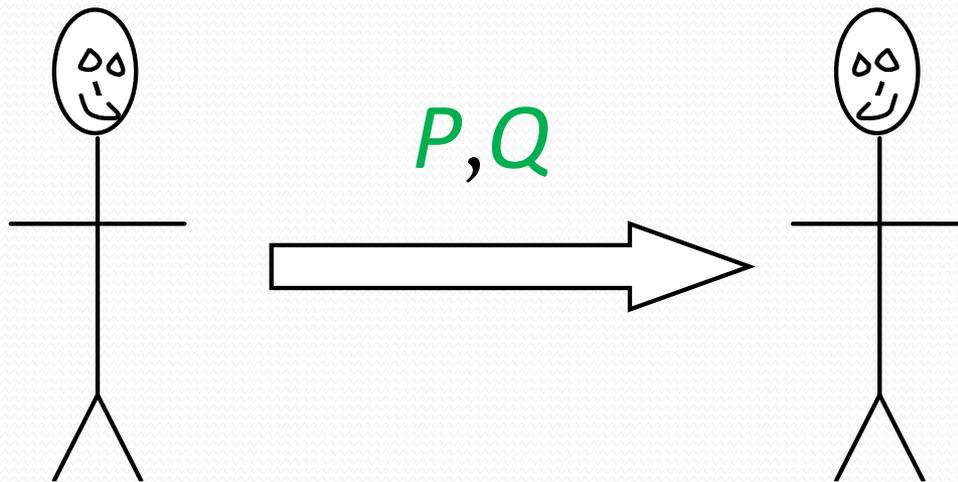
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Checking Primality

Basic result from group theory –

If p is a prime, then for integers a such that
 $0 < a < p$, then $a^{p-1} \bmod p = 1$.

This is almost never true when p is composite.

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Applications of Remote Flipping

- Remote Card Playing
- Internet Gambling
- Various “Fair” Agreement Protocols

Bit Commitment

We have implemented remote coin flipping via *bit commitment*.

Commitment protocols can also be used for

- Sealed bidding
- Undisclosed contracts
- Authenticated predictions

One-Way Functions

We have implemented bit commitment via *one-way functions*.

One-way functions can be used for

- Authentication
- Data integrity
- Strong “randomness”

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Compute $(C \div A) \bmod B$ as $C \times (1 \div A) \bmod B$.

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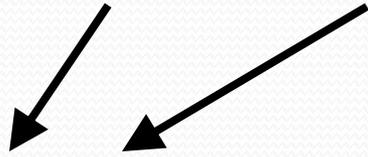
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Given $A, B > 0$, set $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 0, y_1 = 0, y_2 = 1,$
 $a_1 = A, b_1 = B, i = 1.$

Repeat while $b_i > 0 : \{i = i + 1;$

$$q_i = a_{i-1} \text{div } b_{i-1}; b_i = a_{i-1} - q_i b_{i-1}; a_i = b_{i-1};$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_{i-1} - q_i x_i; y_{i+1} = y_{i-1} - q_i y_i\}.$$

For all $i: Ax_i + By_i = a_i$. Final $a_i = \text{gcd}(A, B)$.

If $a_i = 1$, then $x_i = A^{-1} \text{ mod } B$ and $y_i = B^{-1} \text{ mod } A$.

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When Y is unknown, the problem is known as *discrete root finding* and is generally believed to be hard to solve...

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*... unless the factorization of **N** is known.*

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The problem is not well-studied for the case when N is unknown.

Implementation

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- Since there are roughly 2^{250} particles in the universe, storage is a problem.

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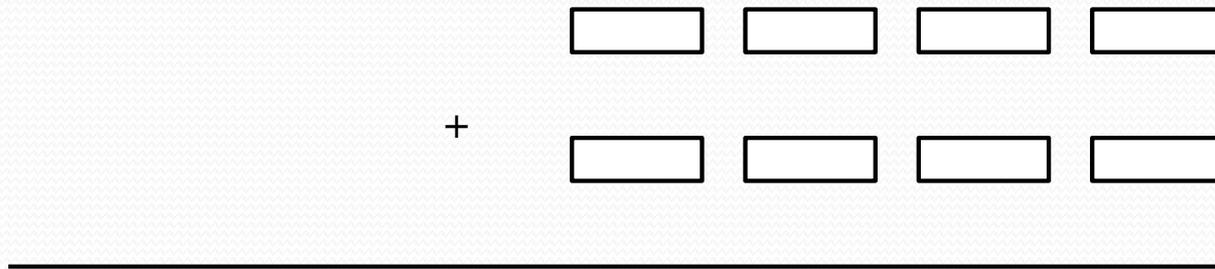
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- ~ 1024 “ordinary” multiplications

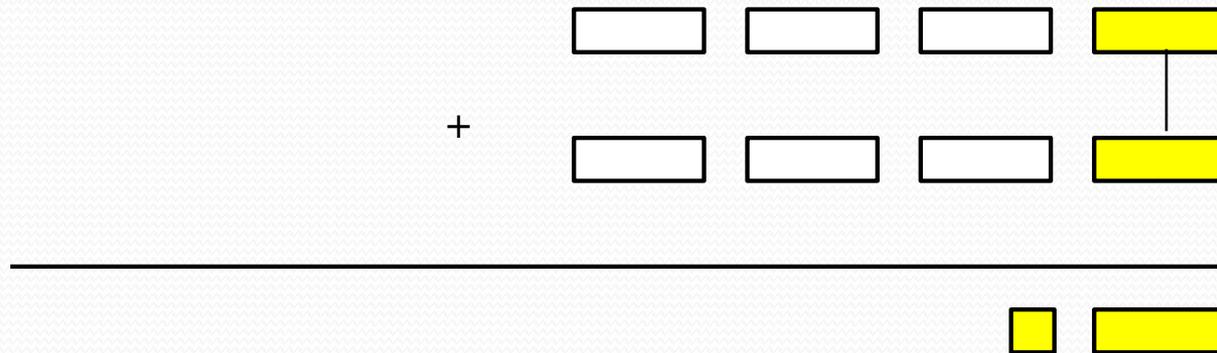
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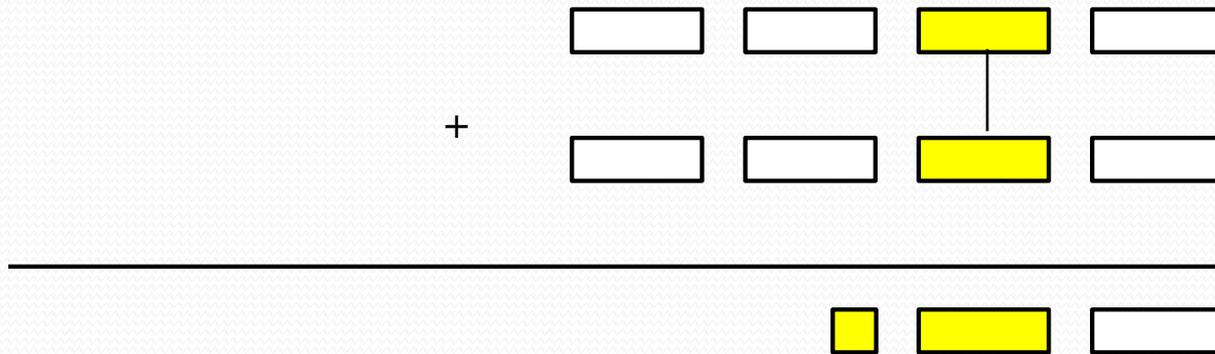
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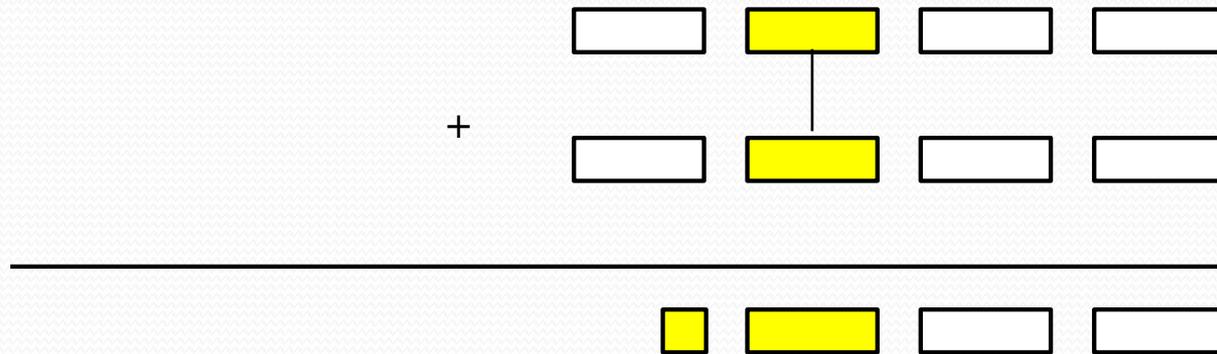
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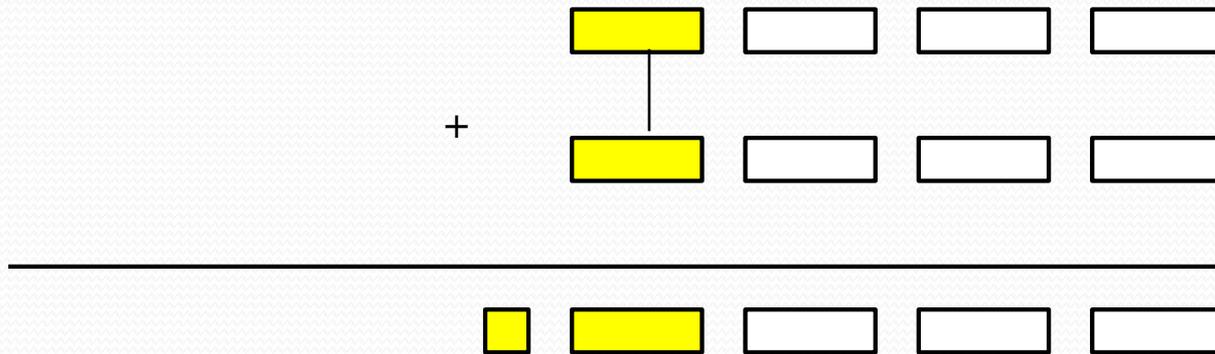
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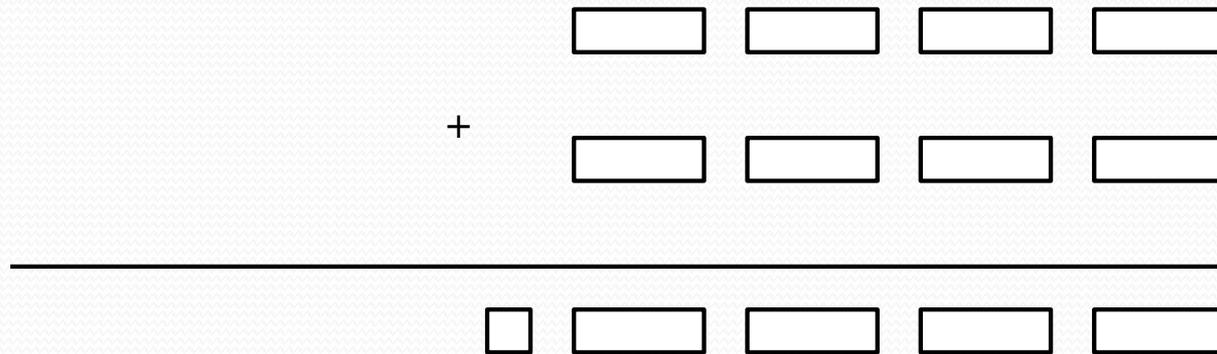
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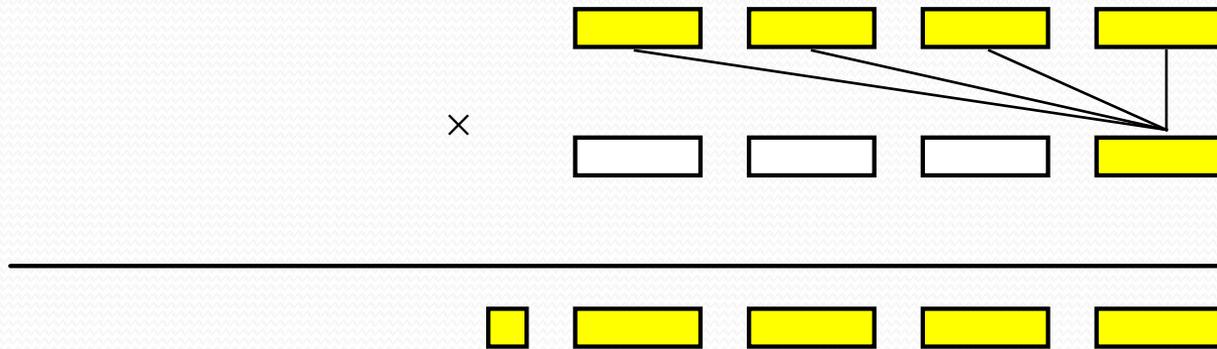
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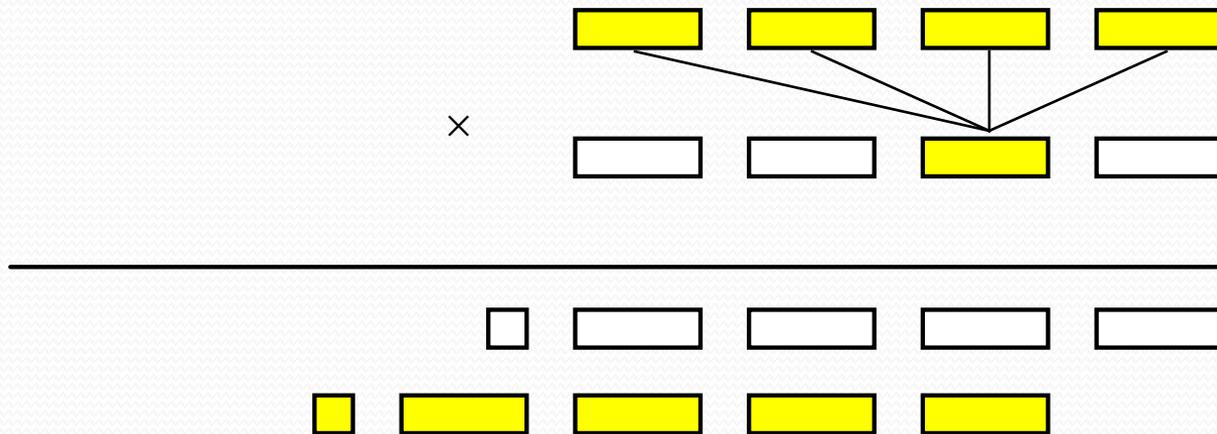
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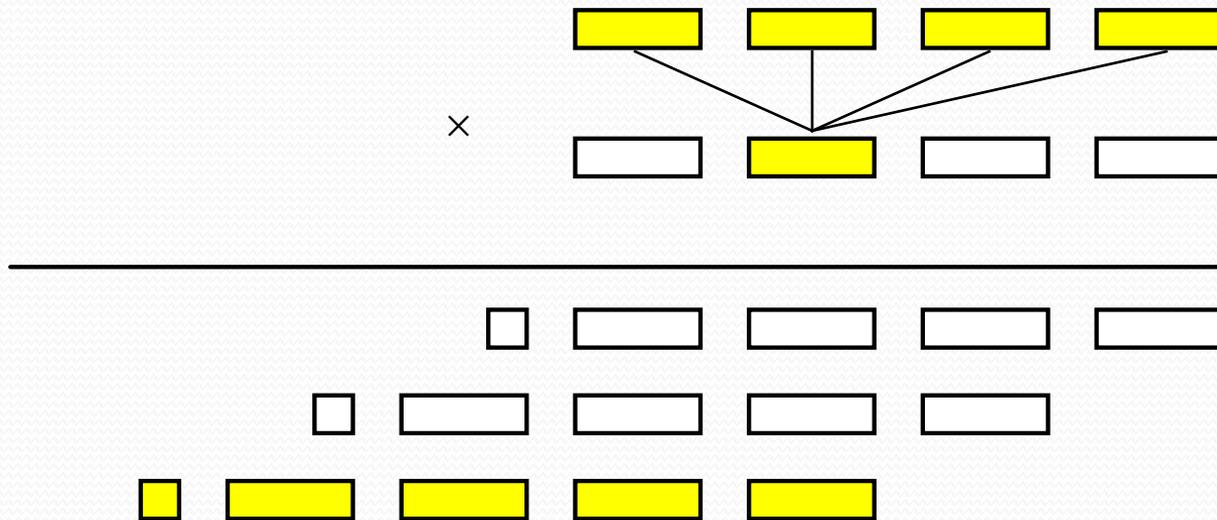
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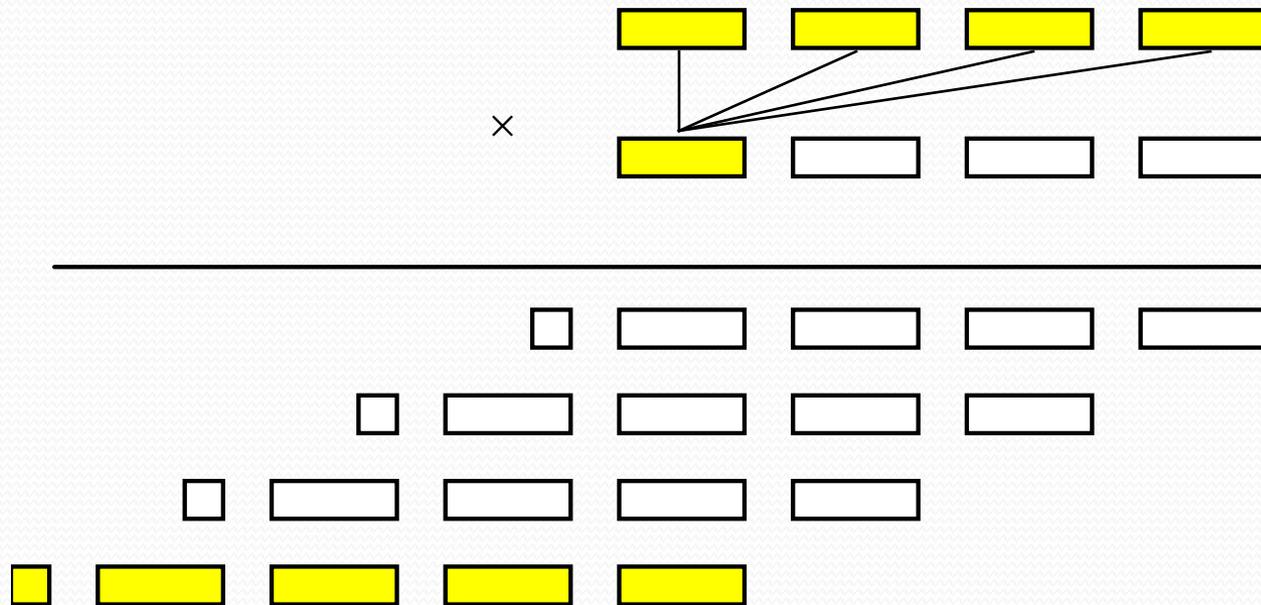
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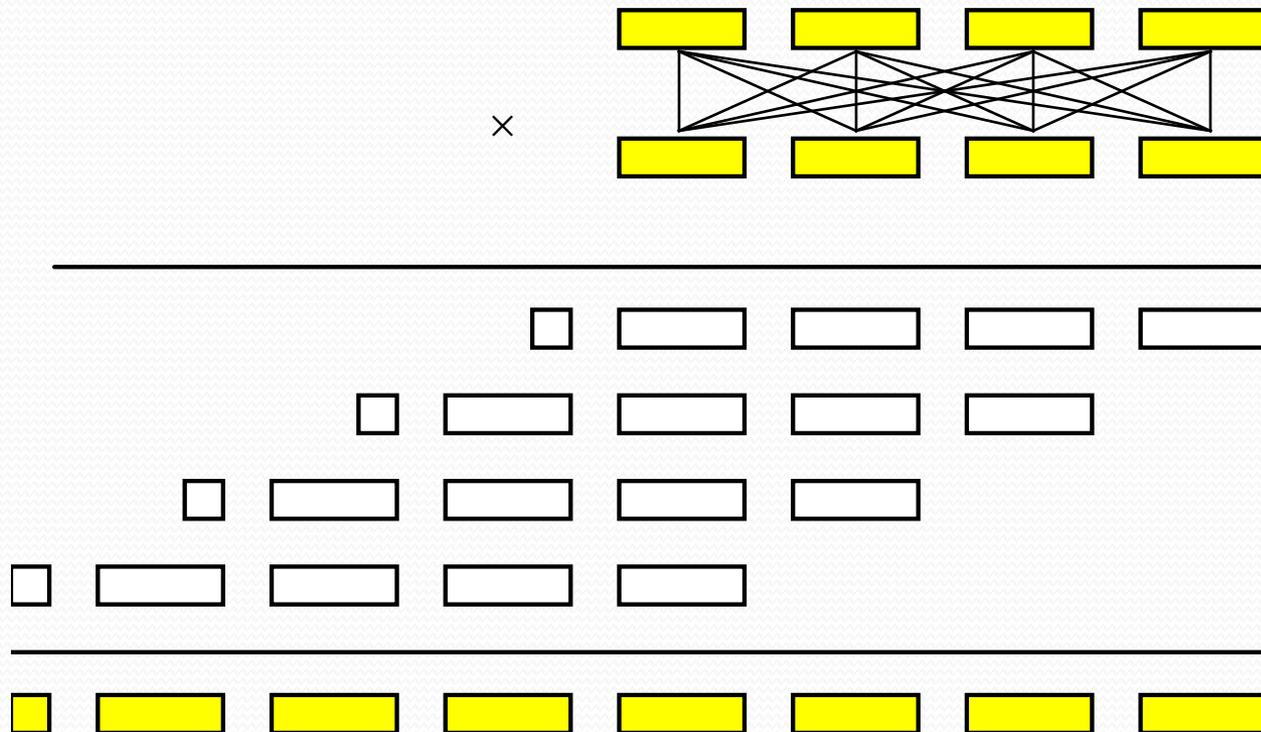
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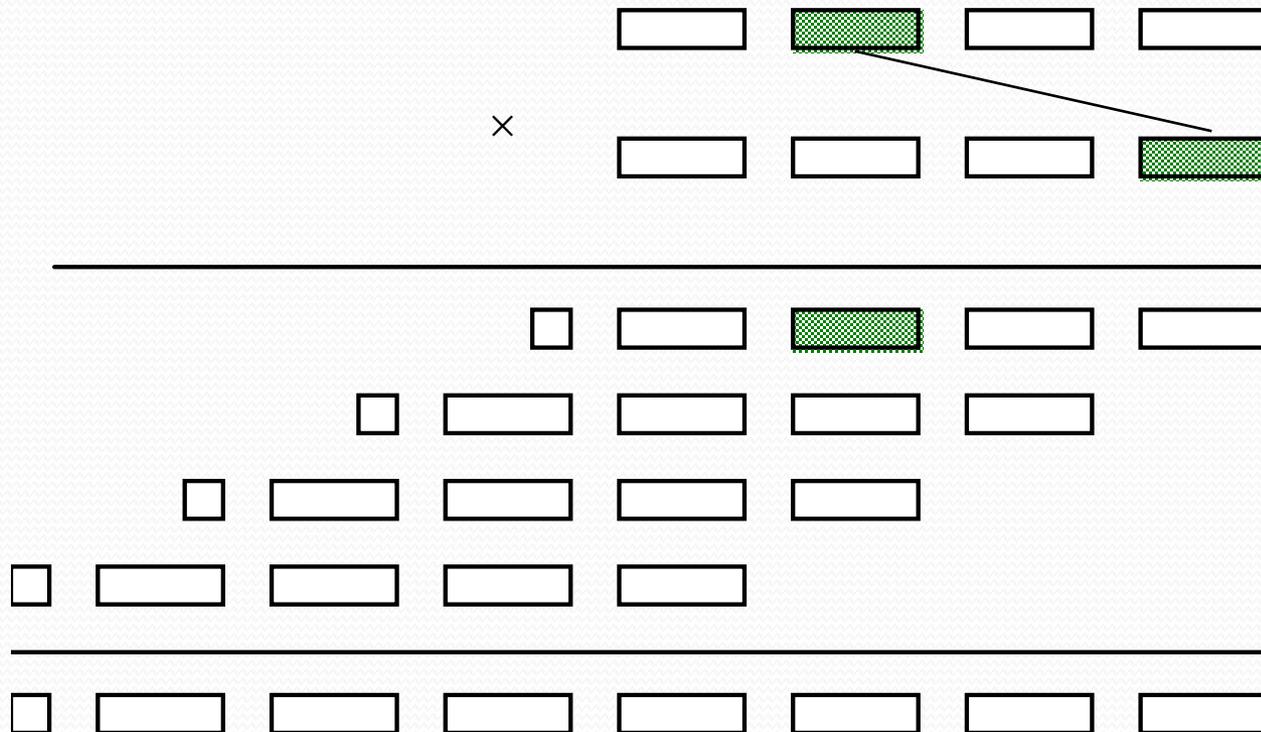
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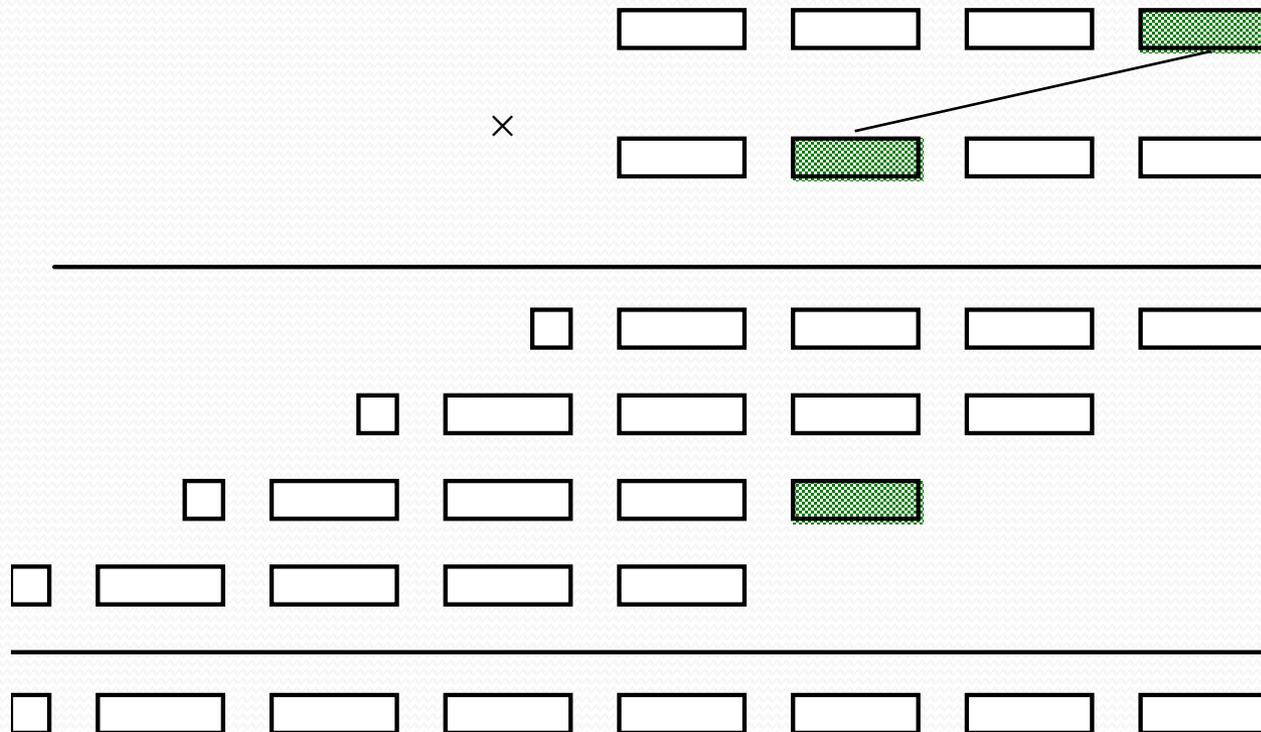
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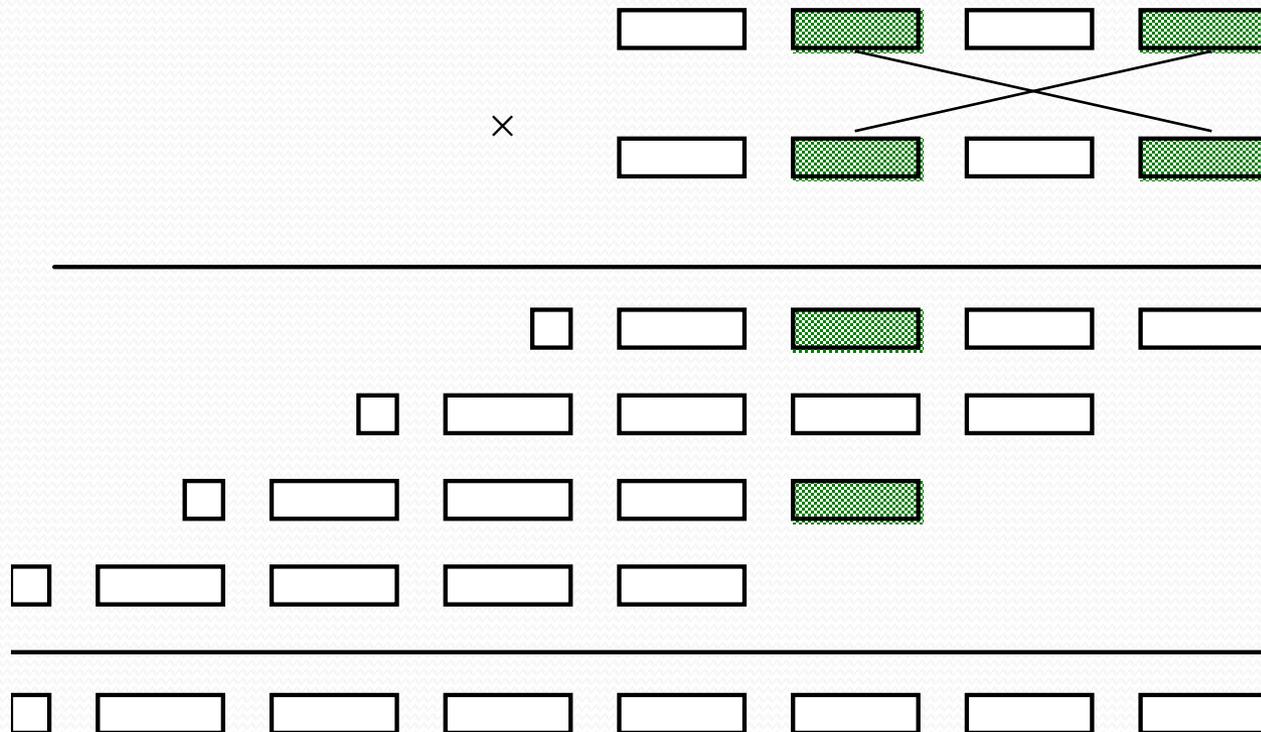
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Careful bookkeeping can save nearly half of the small-integer multiplications (and nearly half of the time).

Recall computing $Y^X \bmod N$

- About 2/3 of the multiplications required to compute Y^X are actually squarings.
- Overall, efficient squaring can save about 1/3 of the small multiplications required for modular exponentiation.

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- This can be done on integers as well as on polynomials, but it's not as nice on integers because of carries.
- The larger the integers, the larger the benefit.

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$$(A \times 2^k + B)(C \times 2^k + D) =$$

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If $X = A \bmod P$, $X = B \bmod Q$, and $\gcd(P, Q) = 1$,
then $X \bmod P \cdot Q$ can be computed as

$$X = A \cdot Q \cdot (Q^{-1} \bmod P) + B \cdot P \cdot (P^{-1} \bmod Q).$$

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If $N = PQ$, then a computation $\text{mod } N$ can be accomplished by performing the same computation $\text{mod } P$ and again $\text{mod } Q$ and then using Chinese Remaindering to derive the answer to the $\text{mod } N$ computation.

Chinese Remaindering

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Since a single modular exponentiation requires many modular multiplications and reductions, transforming the arguments is well justified.

Montgomery Multiplication

Let A , B , and M be n -block integers represented in base x with $0 \leq M < x^n$.

Let $R = x^n$. $\text{GCD}(R, M) = 1$.

The *Montgomery Product* of A and B modulo M is the integer $ABR^{-1} \bmod M$.

Let $M' = -M^{-1} \bmod R$ and $S = ABM' \bmod R$.

Fact: $(AB+SM)/R \equiv ABR^{-1} \pmod{M}$.

Using the Montgomery Product

The Montgomery Product $ABR^{-1} \bmod M$ can be computed in the time required for two ordinary large-integer multiplications.

Montgomery transform: $A \rightarrow AR \bmod M$.

The Montgomery product of $(AR \bmod M)$ and $(BR \bmod M)$ is $(ABR \bmod M)$.

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Informally, $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a *one-way* if

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When viewed as a two-argument function, the (candidate) one-way function

$$F_N(Y,X) = Y^X \bmod N$$

also satisfies a useful additional property which has been termed *quasi-commutativity*:

$$F(F(Y,X_1),X_2) = F(F(Y,X_2),X_1)$$

since $Y^{X_1 X_2} = Y^{X_2 X_1}$.

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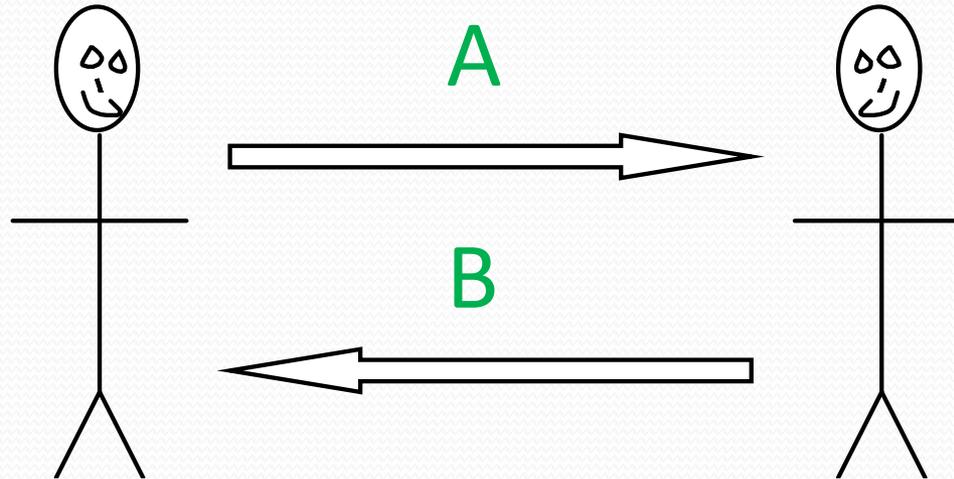
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Contrast with discrete logarithm assumption:
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More on *Quasi-Commutativity*

Quasi-commutativity has additional applications.

- decentralized digital signatures
- membership testing
- digital time-stamping

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Recall that this equation is solvable for Y if the factorization of N is known, but is *believed* to be hard otherwise.

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In practice, the exponent X is almost always fixed to be $X = 65537 = 2^{16} + 1$.

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Encryption: $E(Y) = Y^E \bmod N$.

Decryption: $D(Y) = Y^D \bmod N$.

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(Recall that E is commonly fixed to be
 $E=65537$.)

Certificate Authority

“Alice’s public modulus is
 $N_A = 331490324840\dots$ ”
-- signed CA.



Trust Chains

Alice certifies Bob's key.

Bob certifies Carol's key.

If I trust Alice should I accept Carol's key?

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Alice dutifully authenticates herself by decrypting (putting her signature on) y .

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What if Alice only returns authentication queries when the decryption has a certain format?

RSA Cautions

Is it reasonable to sign/decrypt something given to you by someone else?

Note that RSA is multiplicative. Can this property be used/abused?

RSA Cautions

$$D(Y_1) \times D(Y_2) = D(Y_1 \times Y_2)$$

Thus, if I've decrypted (or signed) Y_1 and Y_2 ,
I've also decrypted (or signed) $Y_1 \times Y_2$.

The Hastad Attack

Given

$$E_1(x) = x^3 \bmod n_1$$

$$E_2(x) = x^3 \bmod n_2$$

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one can easily compute x .

The Bleichenbacher Attack

PKCS#1 Message Format:



“Man-in-the-Middle” Attacks

Alice  Bob

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