

Composition Does Not Imply Adaptive Security

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Pseudorandom Functions

A PRF is a family of functions \mathcal{F} indexed by \mathbb{N} . For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the function $F \in \mathcal{F}$

$$F : \mathcal{K}_n \times \mathcal{X}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}_n \quad \text{notation : } F_k(\cdot) = F(k, \cdot)$$

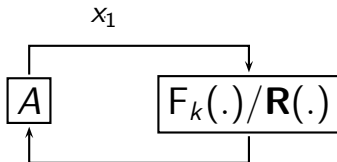
is such that for all efficient distinguishers A .

$$|\Pr[A^{F_k(\cdot)} \rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{\mathbf{R}} \rightarrow 1]| = \text{negl}(n)$$

Here \mathbf{R} is a uniform random function and $k \in_R \mathcal{K}_n$ is a random key.

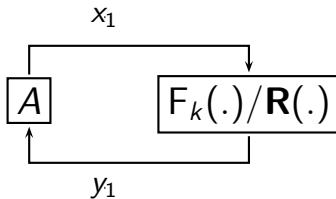
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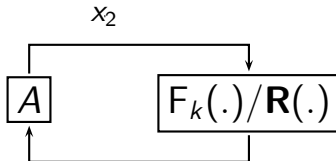
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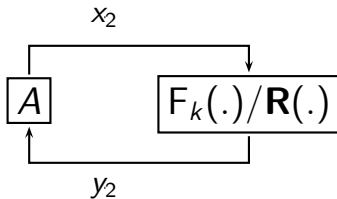
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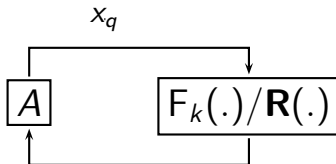
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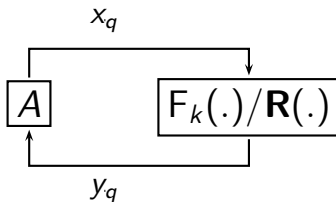
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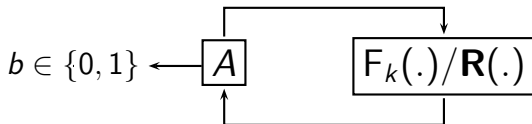
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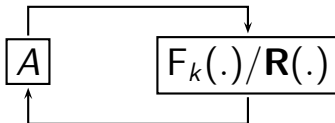
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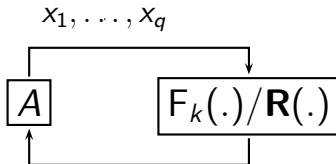
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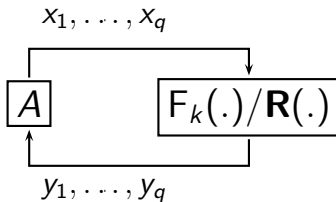
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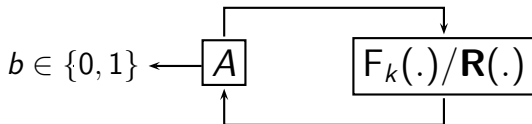
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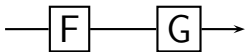
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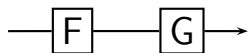
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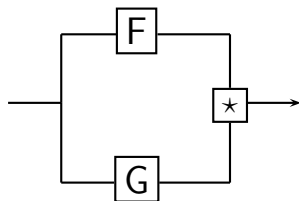


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Let $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(n)$ be a prime order cyclic group and g a generator of \mathcal{H} . Then for random a, b, c the distributions

$$(g^a, g^b, g^c) \text{ and } (g^a, g^b, g^{ab})$$

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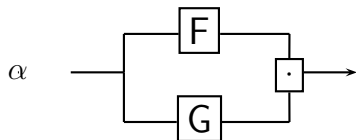
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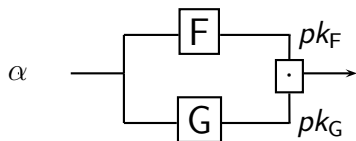
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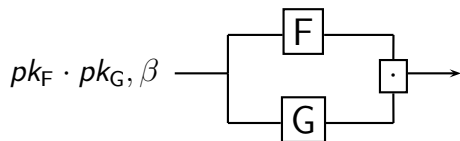


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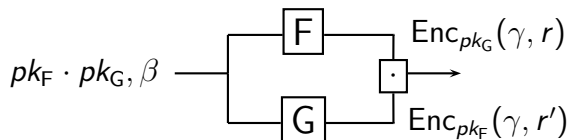
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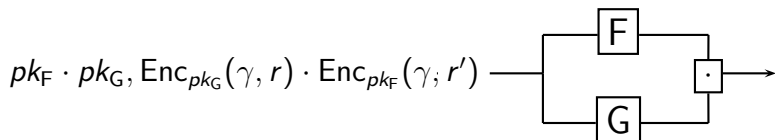
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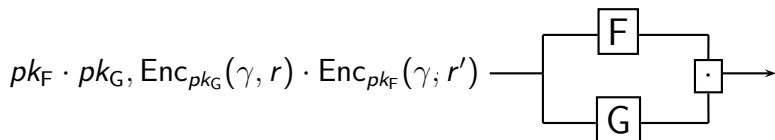
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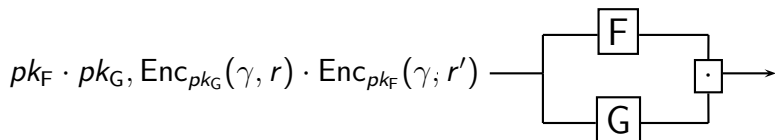
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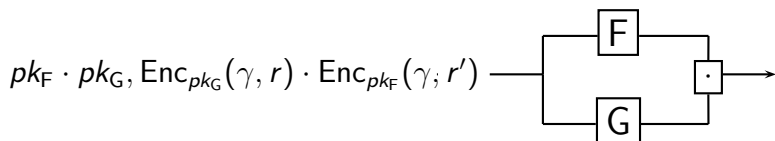
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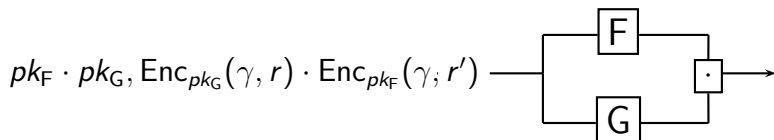


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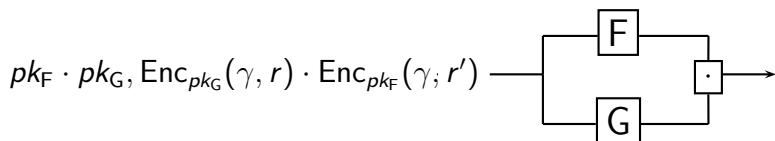


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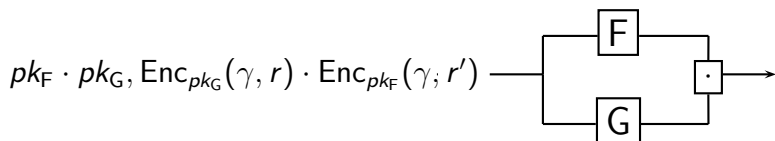


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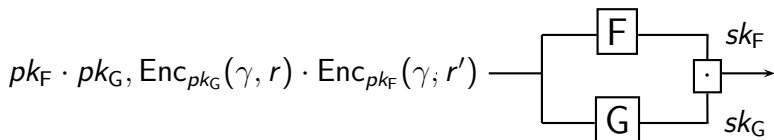


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$$(d, e, f) \leftarrow F(u, 1, 1)$$

if $(v/d) = (w/e)^x$ then

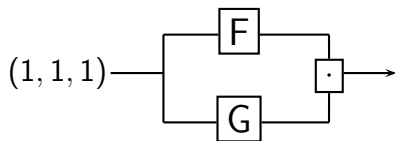
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otherwise $(a, b, c) = (g^{r_1}, g^{r_2}, g^{r_3})$

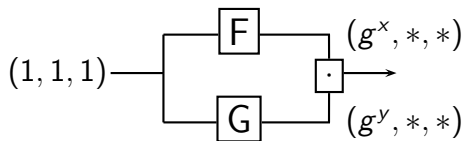
$$F(\text{all other cases}) \rightarrow (g^{r_1}, g^{r_2}, g^{r_3})$$

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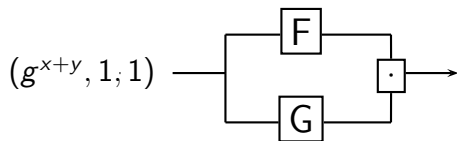


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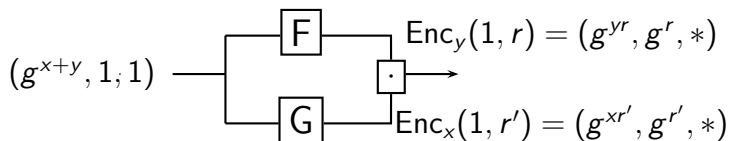
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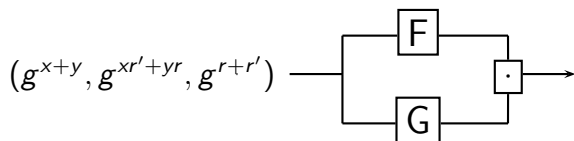
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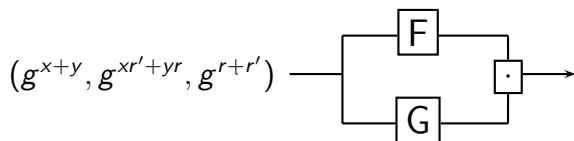
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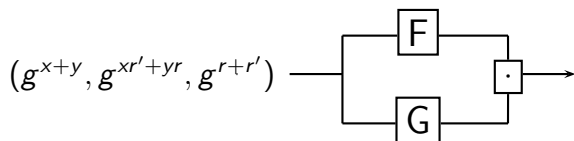
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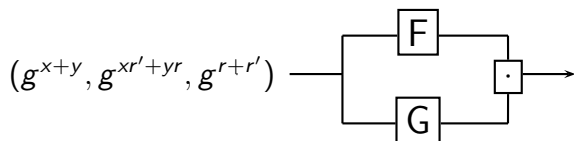
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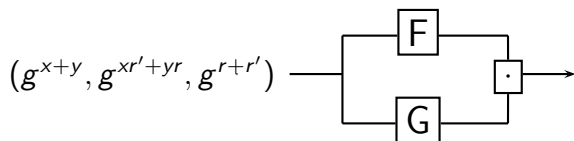


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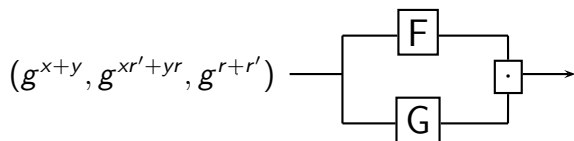


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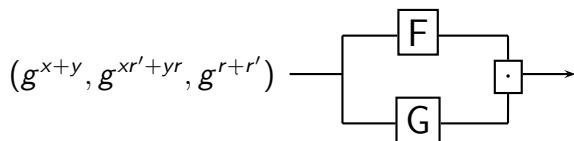


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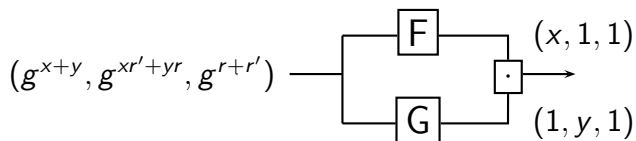


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