

Reset-Sampling: Fine-tuning the Security of Standardized MACs

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- MACs and their security
- LightMAC & OMAC
- Observations on the Security
- Some fine-tunings

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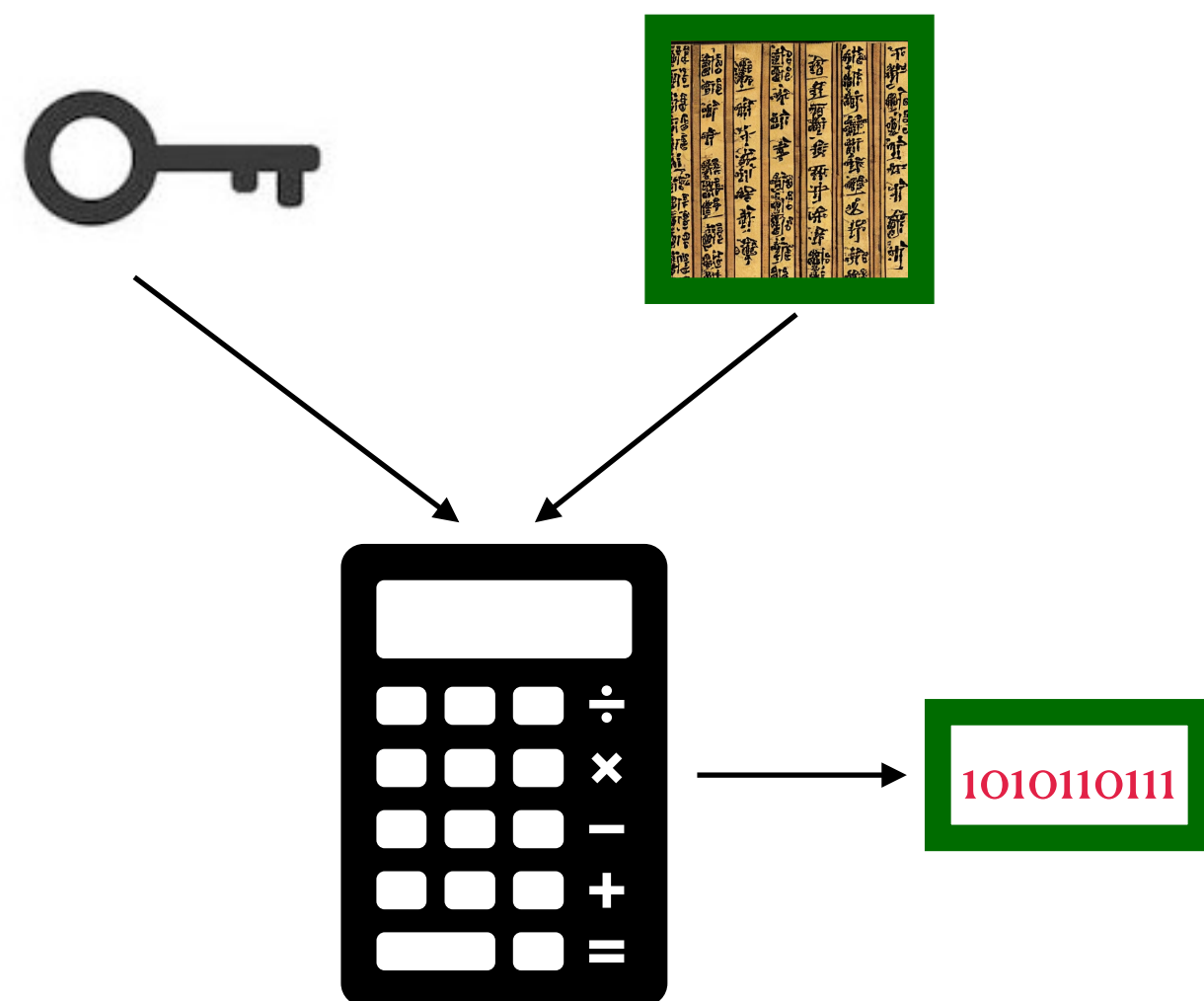
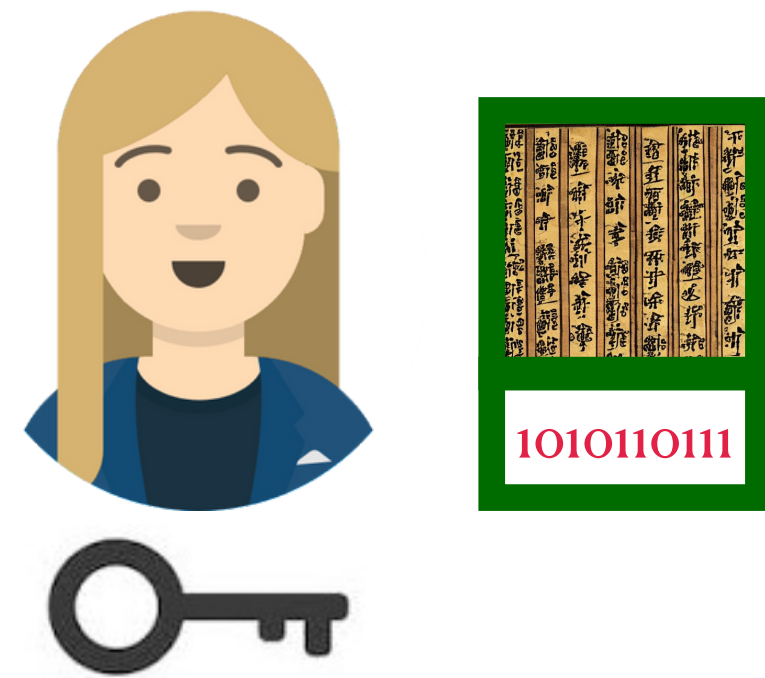
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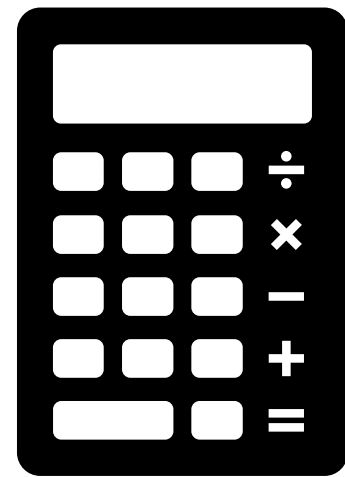
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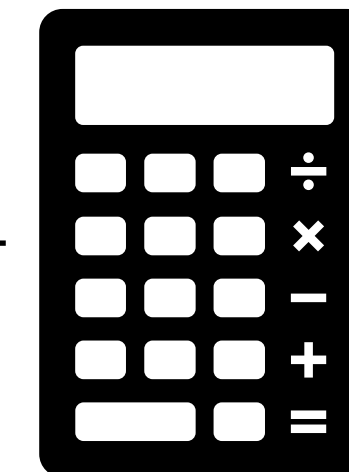
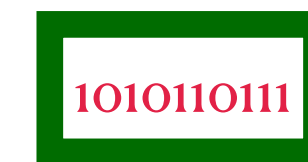
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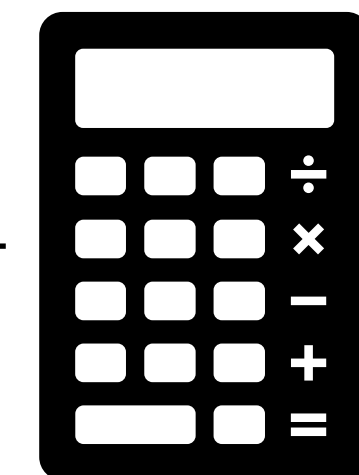
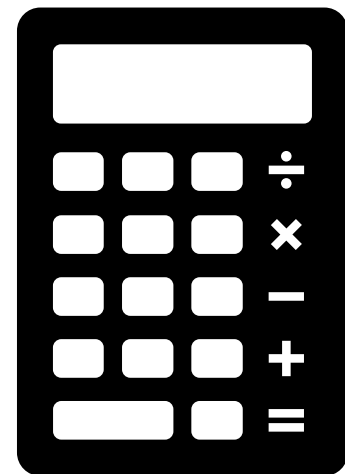


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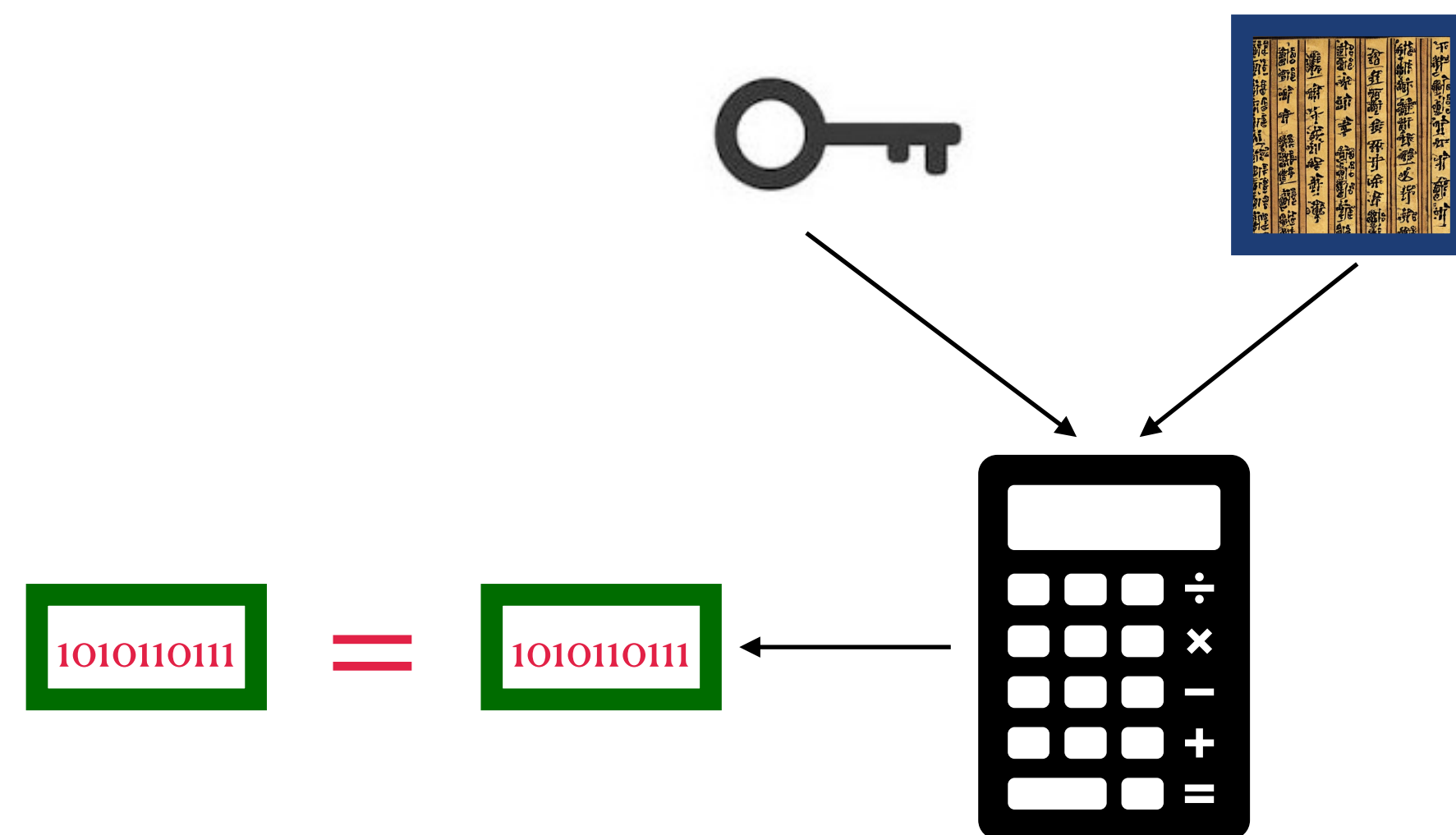
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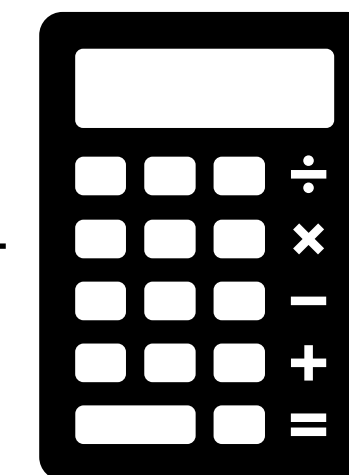
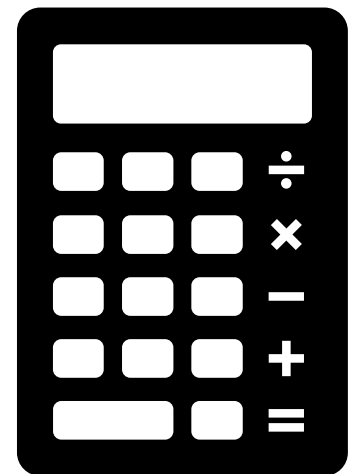
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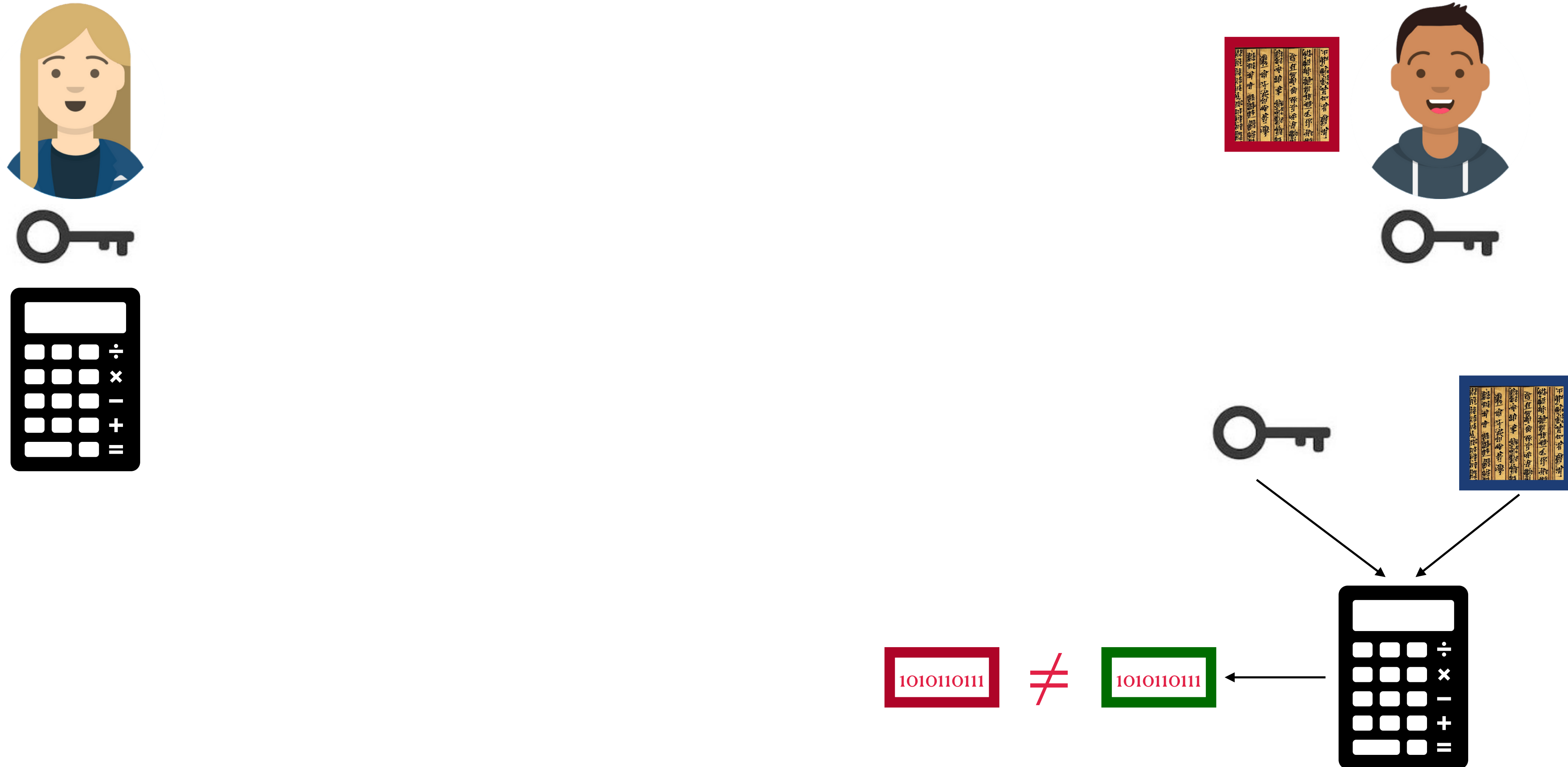
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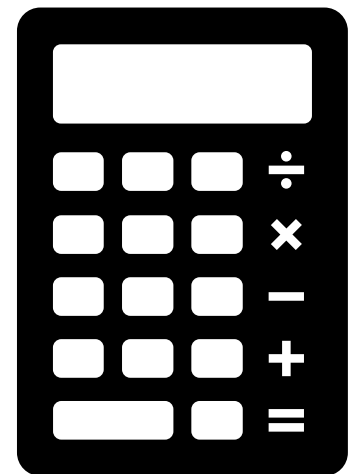
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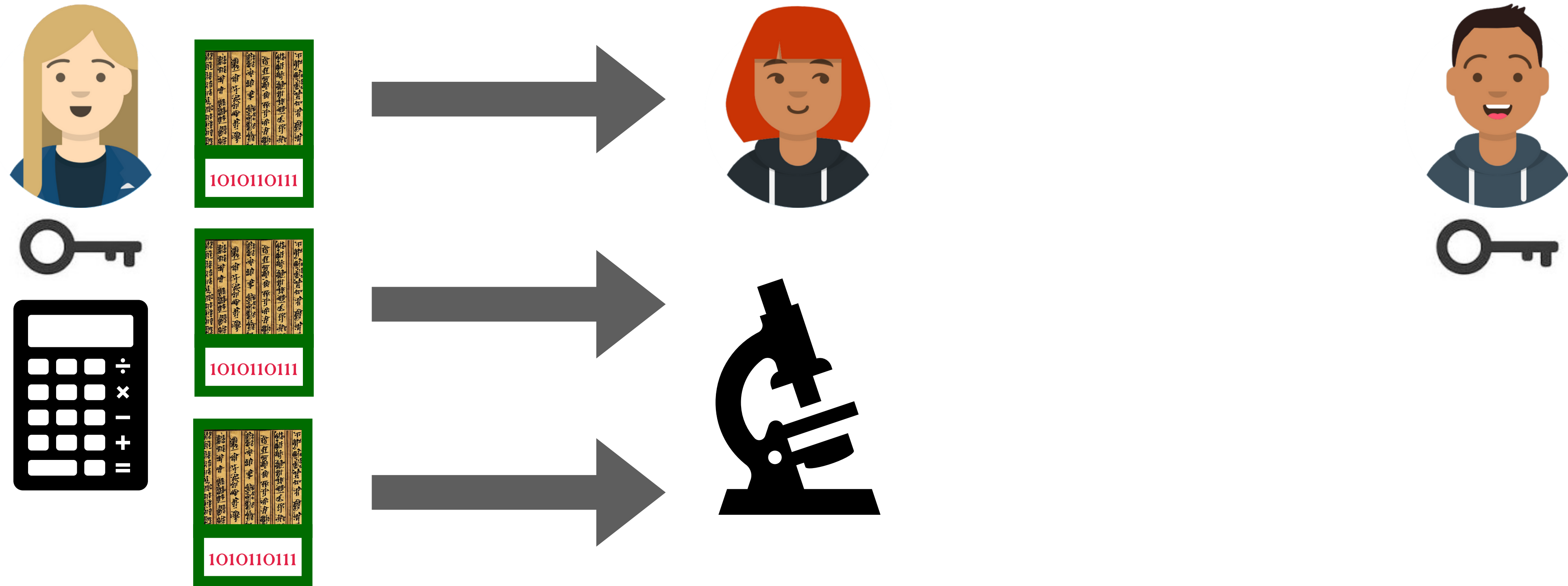
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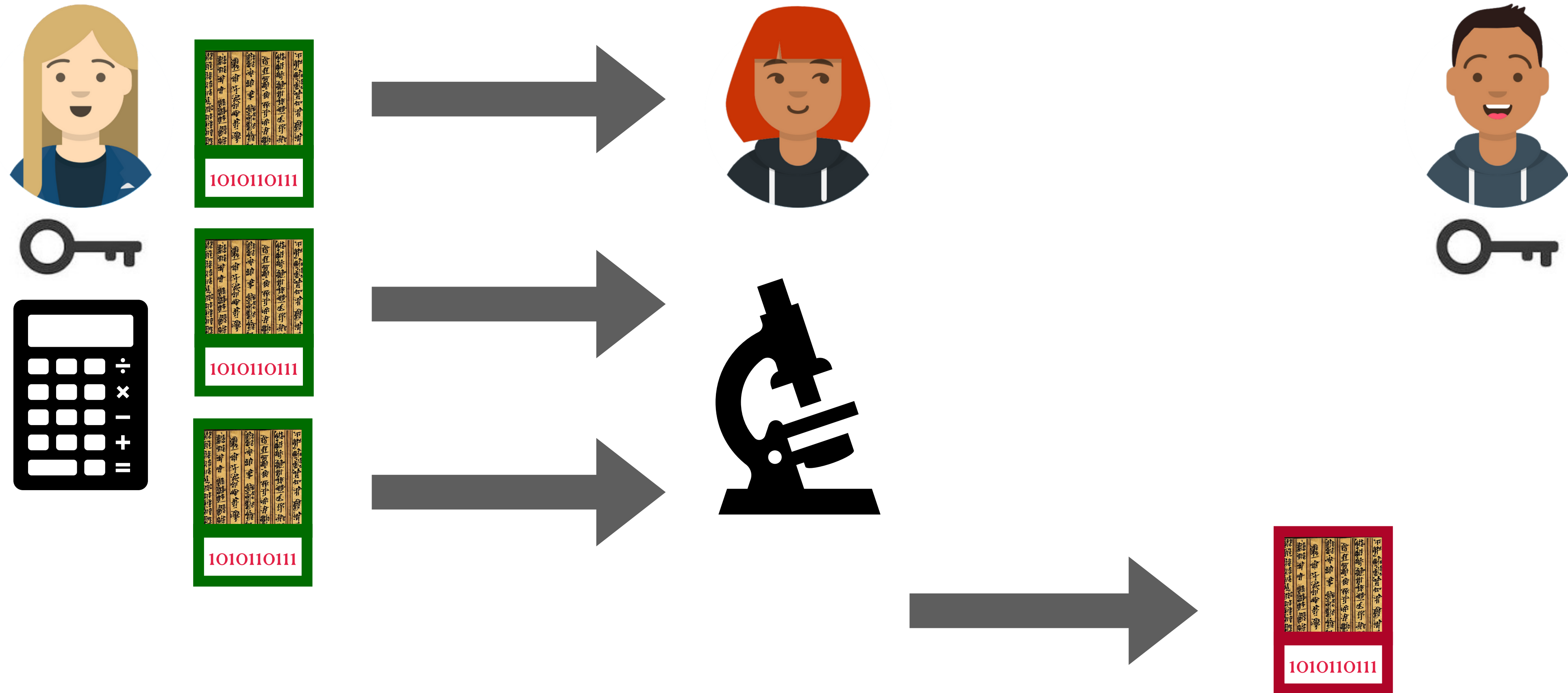
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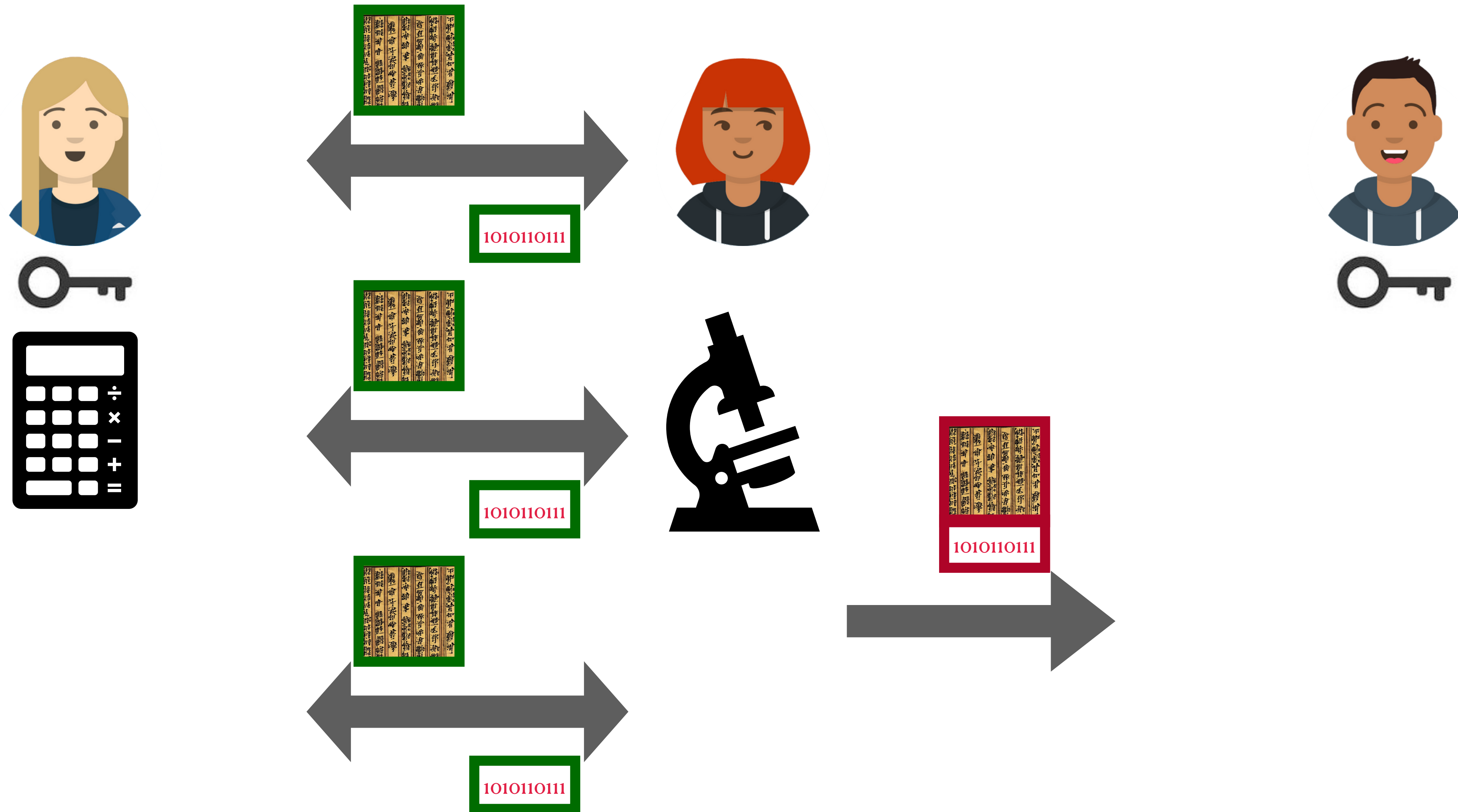
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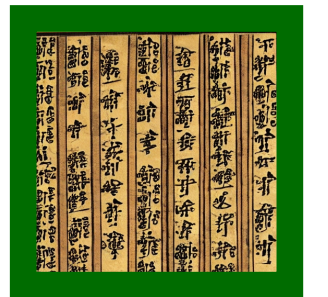
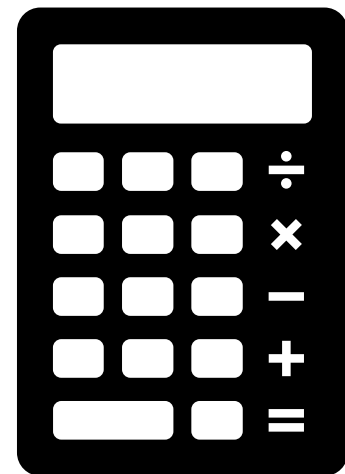
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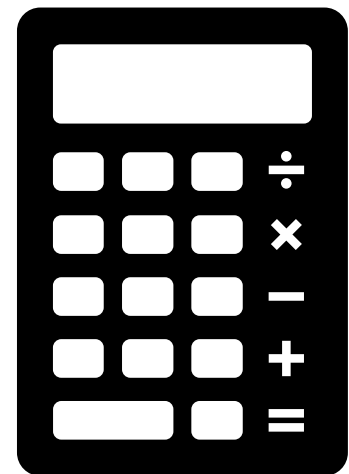
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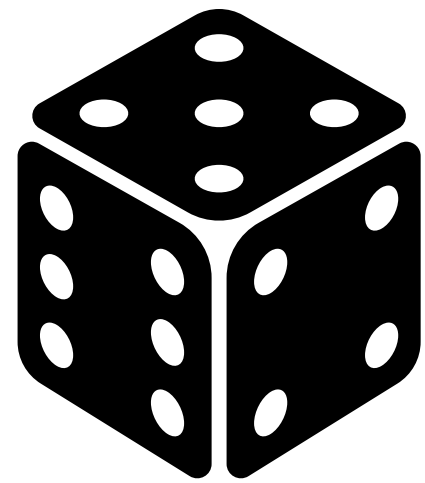
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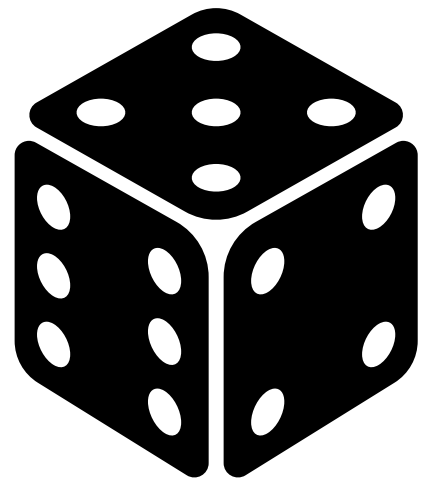
Random Functions are Good MACs



$$\Pr(\text{Forgery Succeeds}) = \Pr(\text{Guessing})$$

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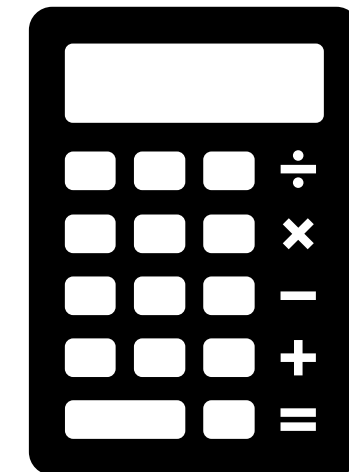
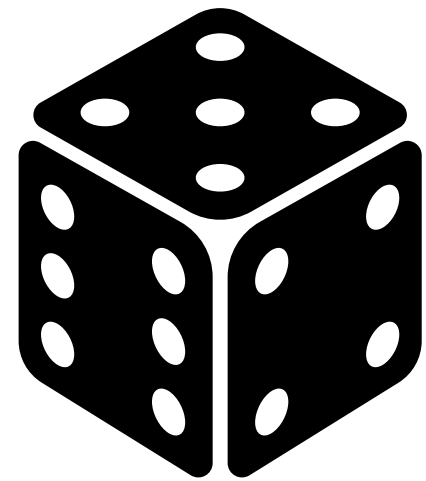
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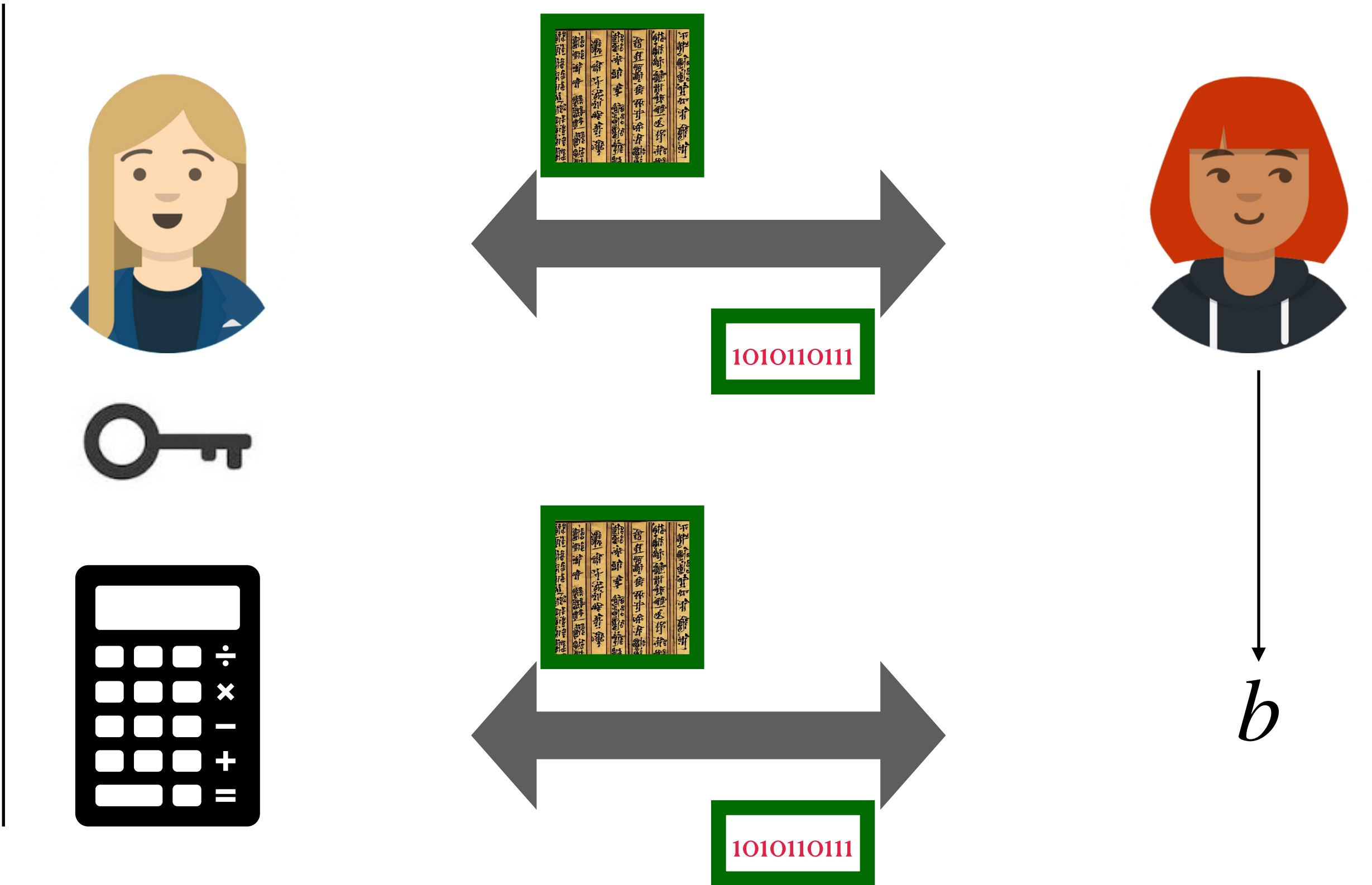
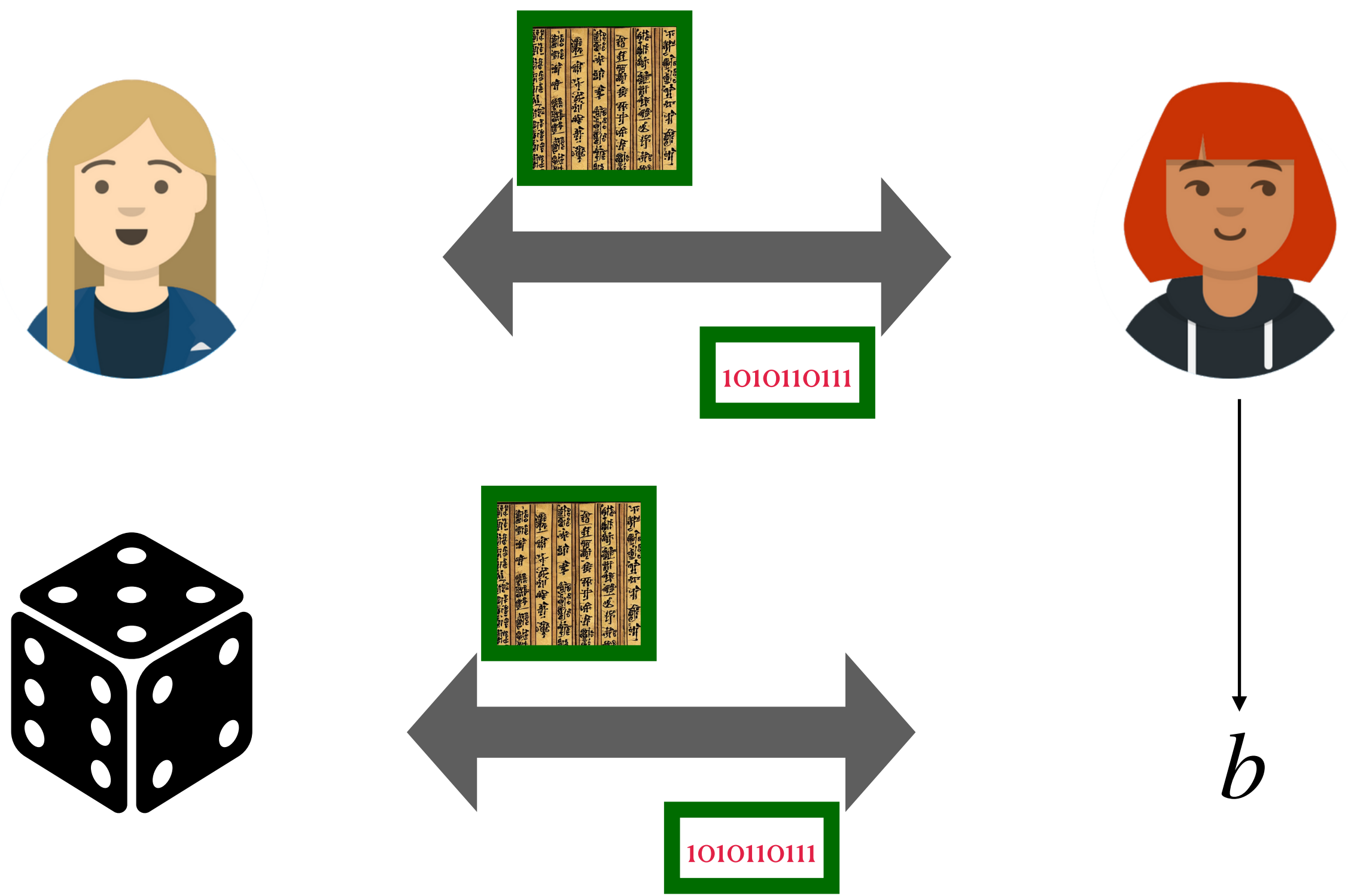
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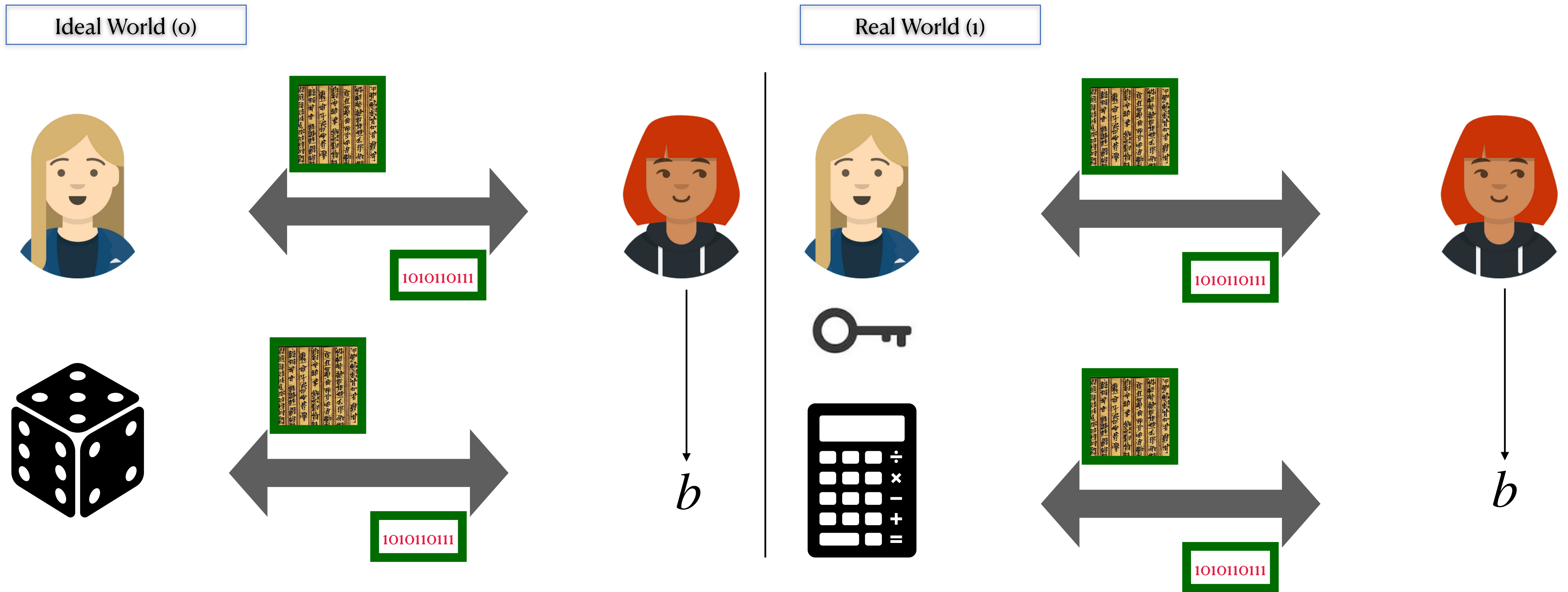
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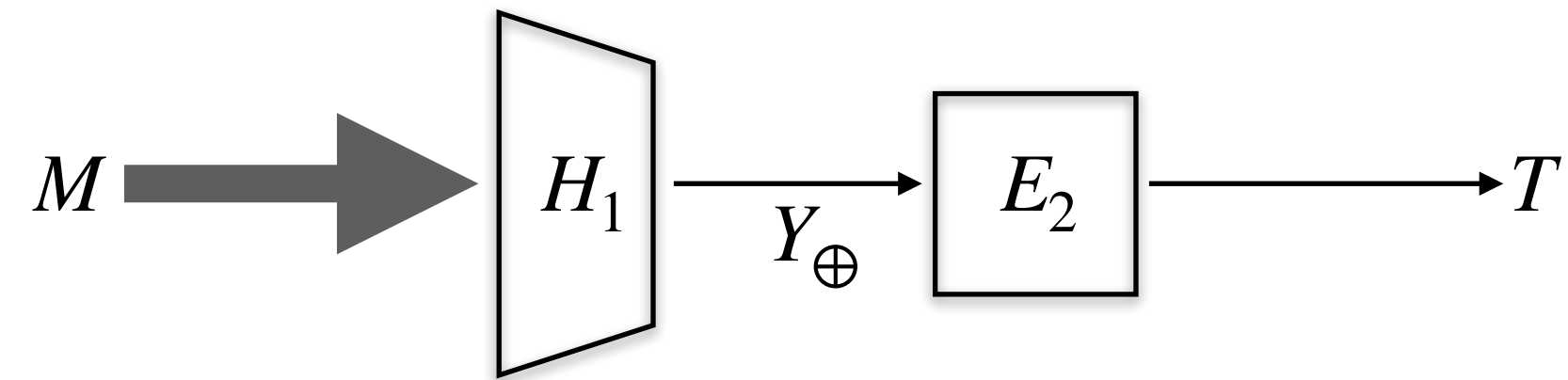


Pseudorandom Function Security



$$\text{Adv}_{\text{Alice}}^{\text{prf}}(\text{Eve}) := \left| \Pr(b = 1 \text{ in the real world}) - \Pr(b = 1 \text{ in the ideal world}) \right|$$

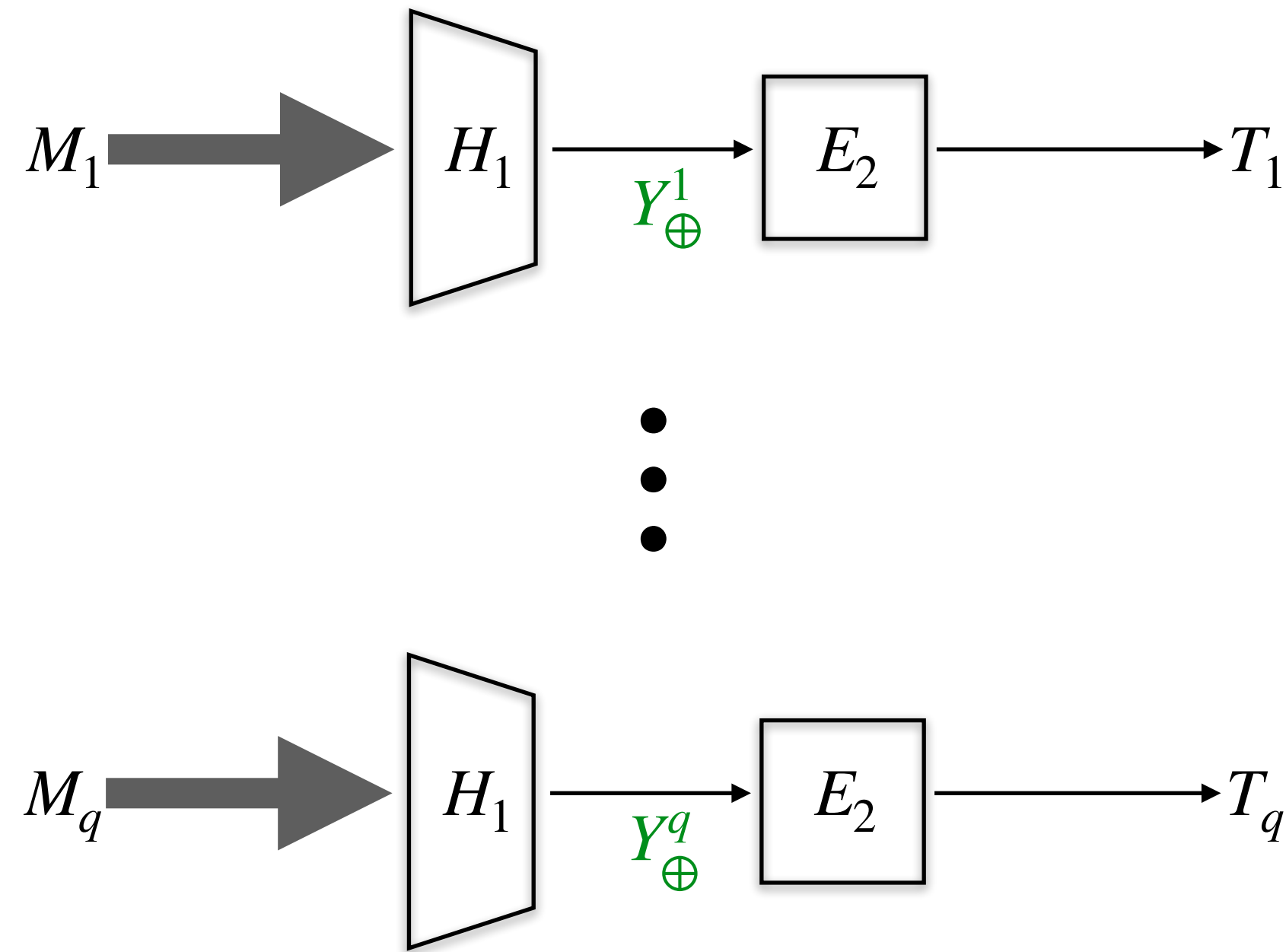
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- $H_1 : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$
- E_1 a permutation of $\{0,1\}^n$
- $H_1 \perp E_1$

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High Level Security Argument



$Y_{\oplus}^1 \neq \dots \neq Y_{\oplus}^q \implies T_1, \dots, T_q$ are independent and uniform

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{HtPRF}}^{\text{prf}}(\text{Eve}) \leq \underbrace{\Pr \left(\exists i \neq j : Y_{\oplus}^i = Y_{\oplus}^j \right)}_{\text{Maximum Collision Probability of } H_1}$$

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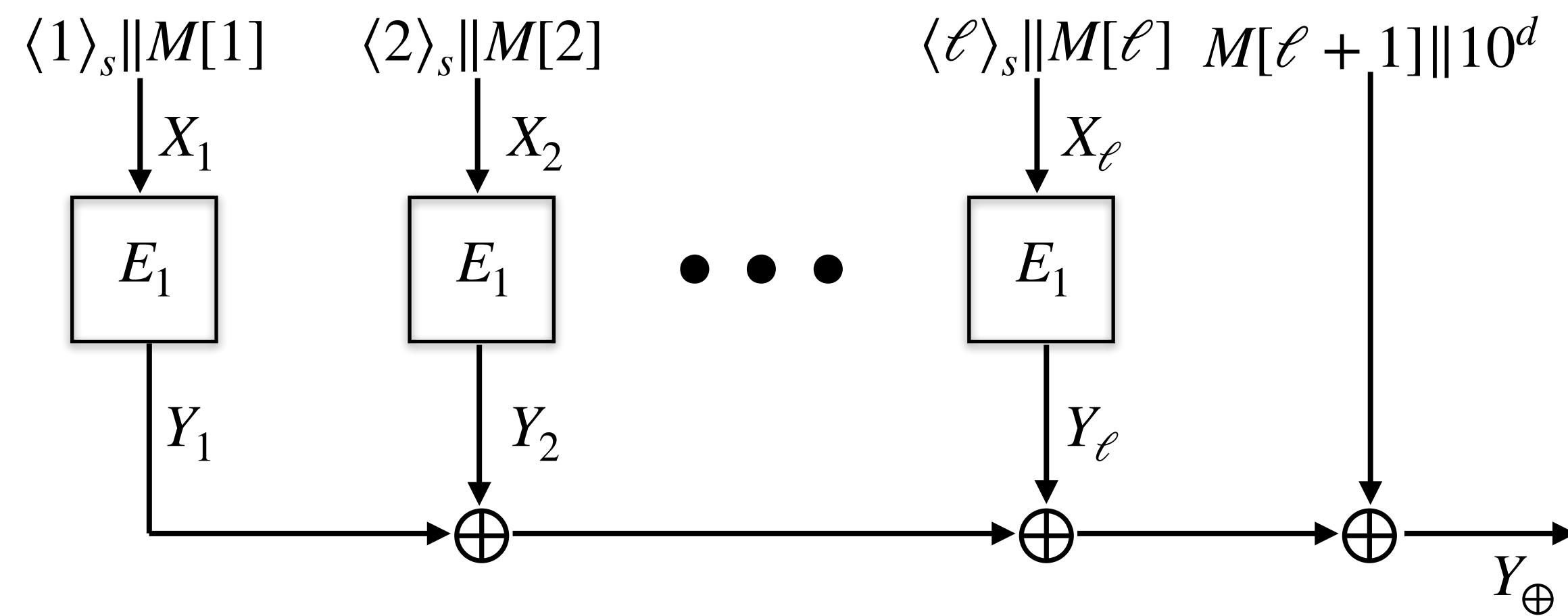
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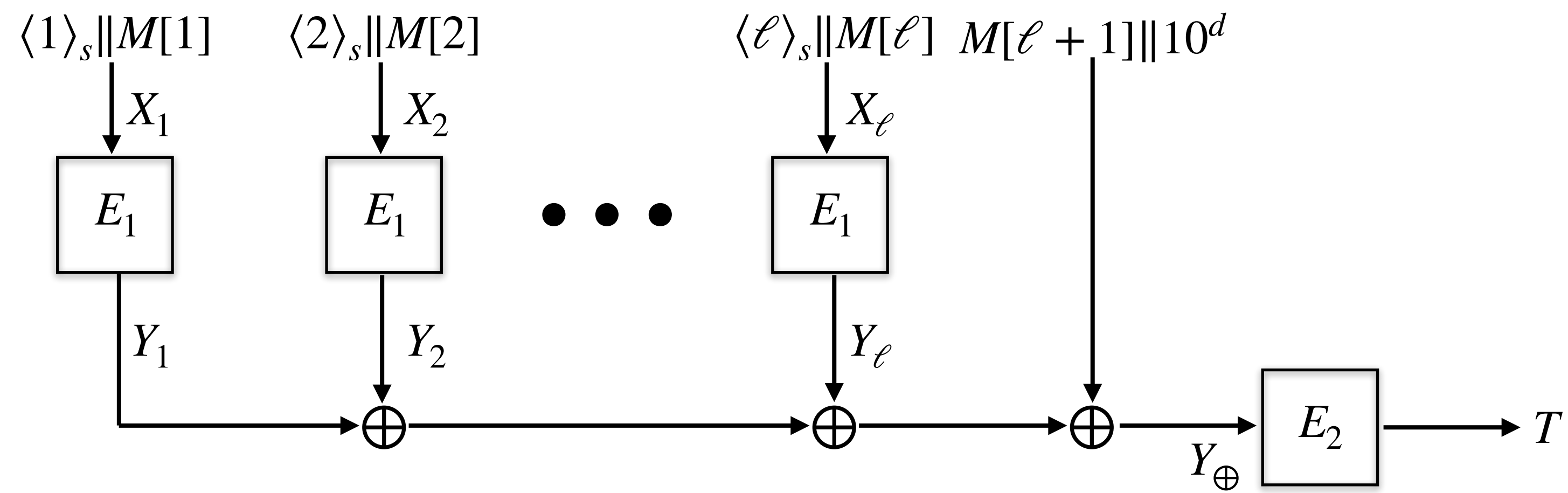
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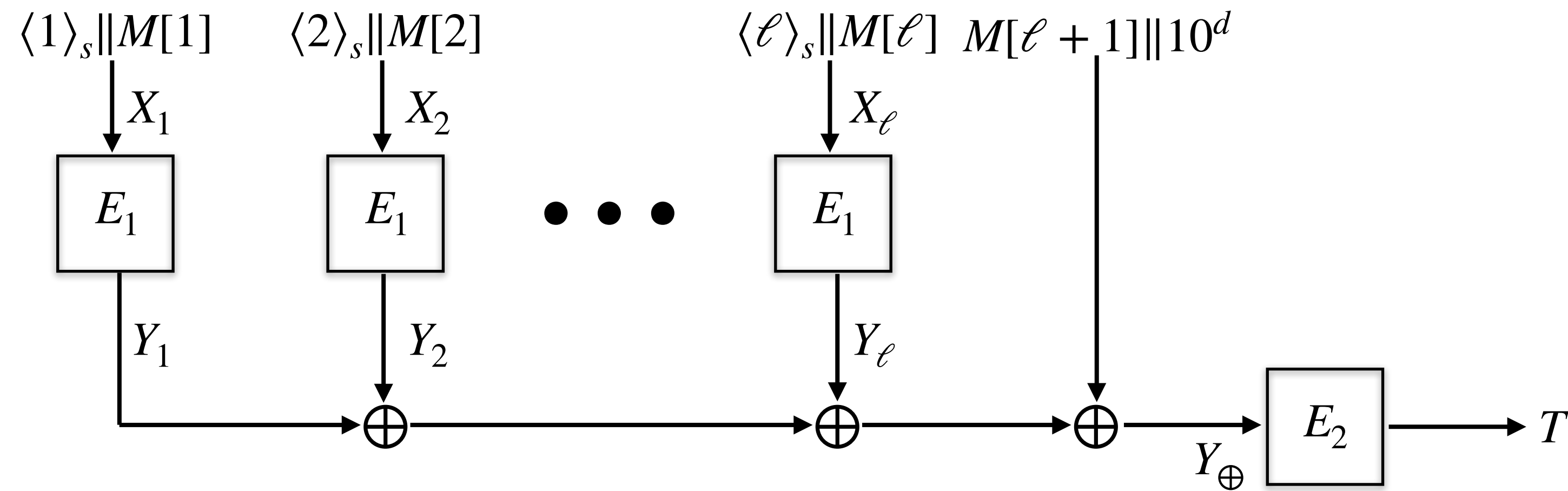
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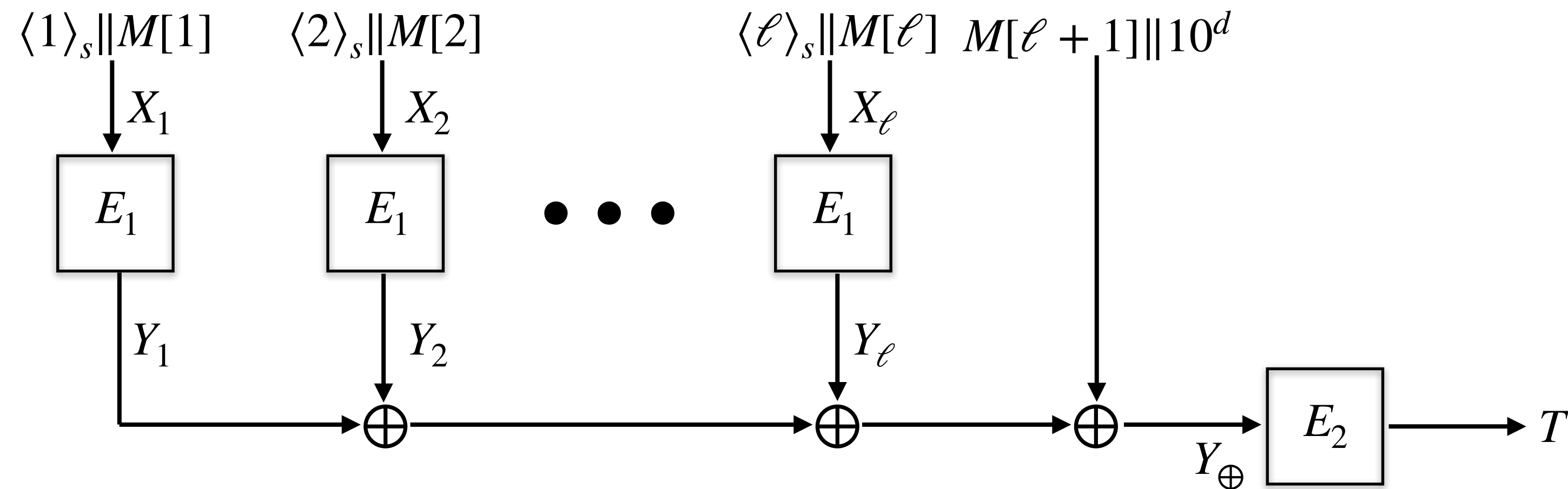
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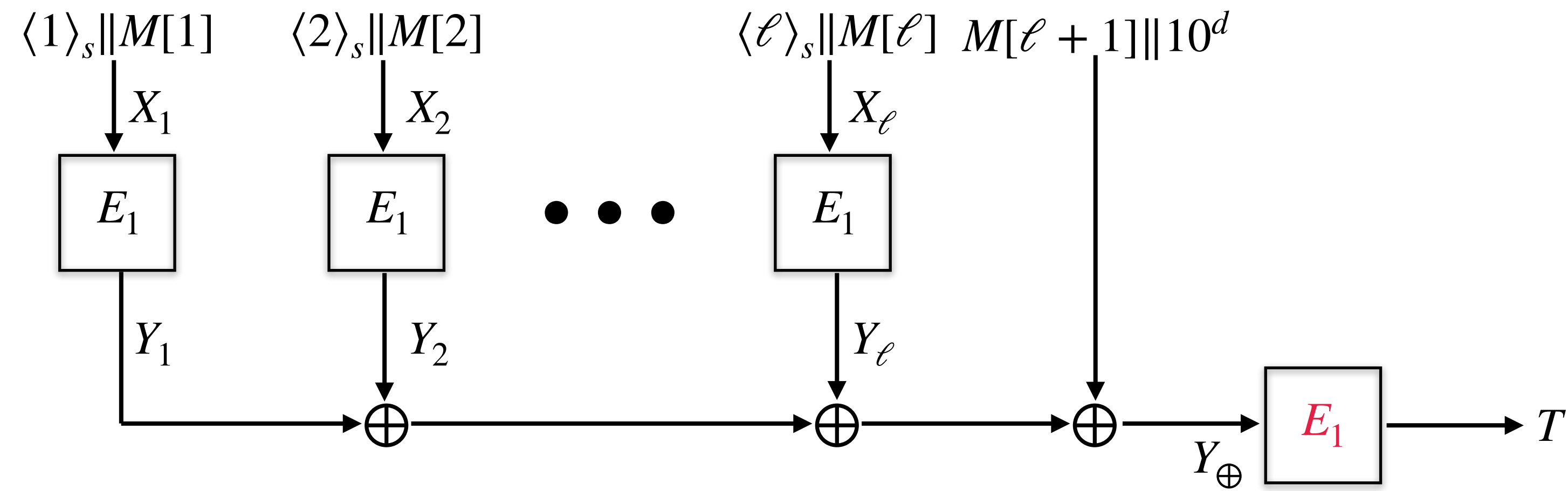
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- Two independent block cipher keys.

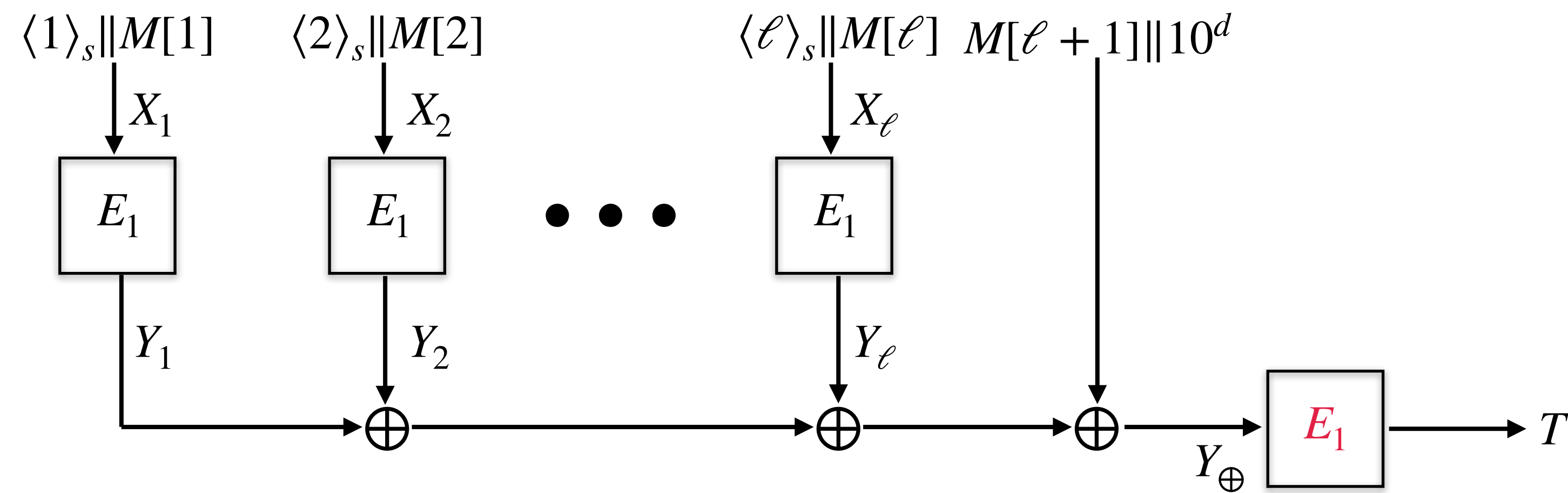
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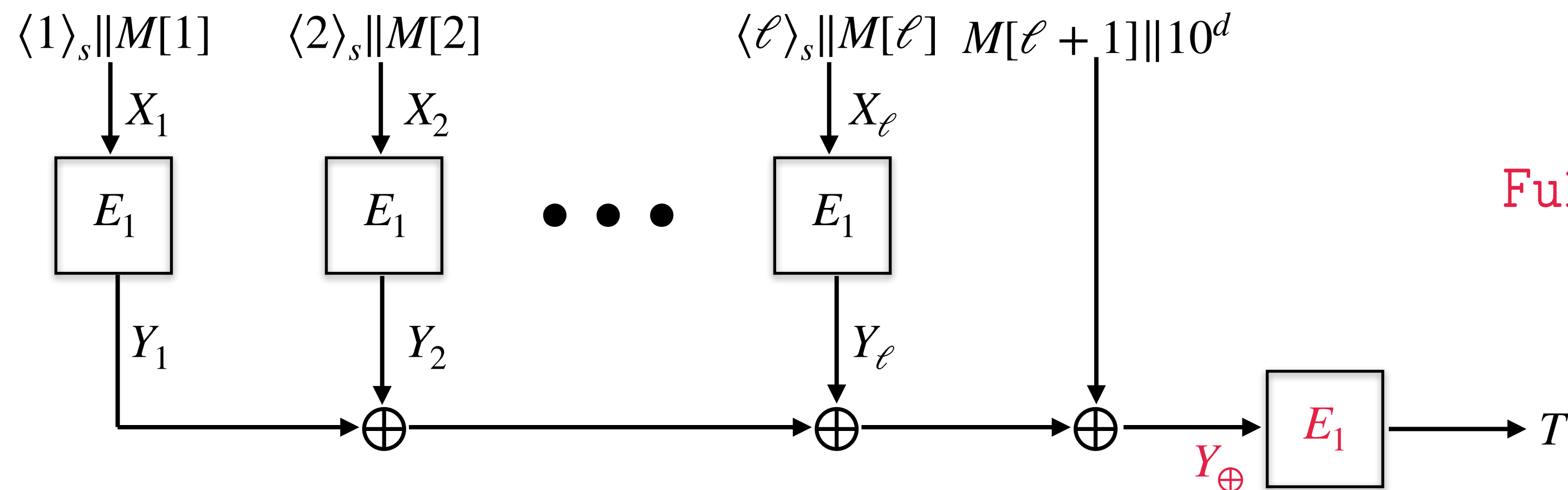
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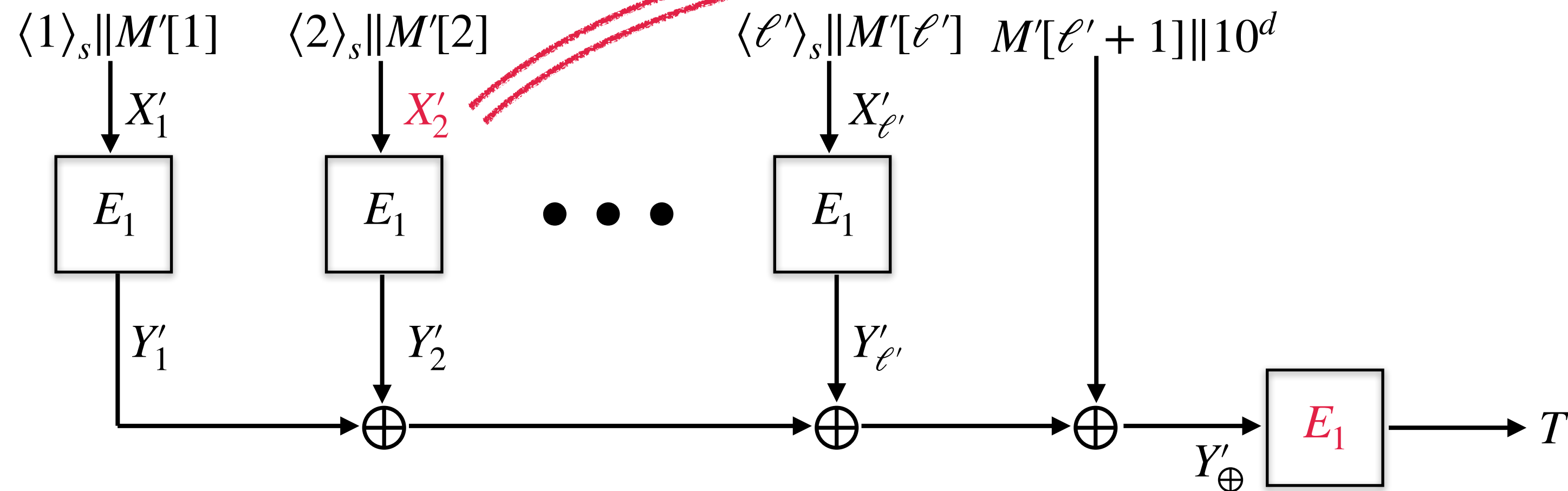
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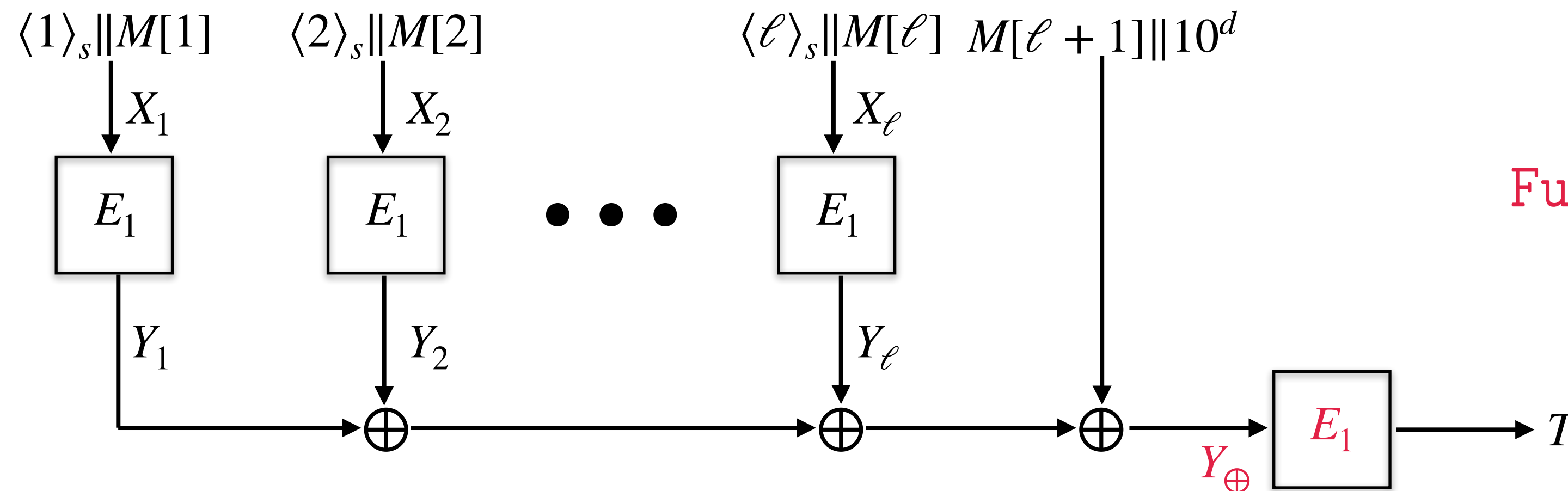
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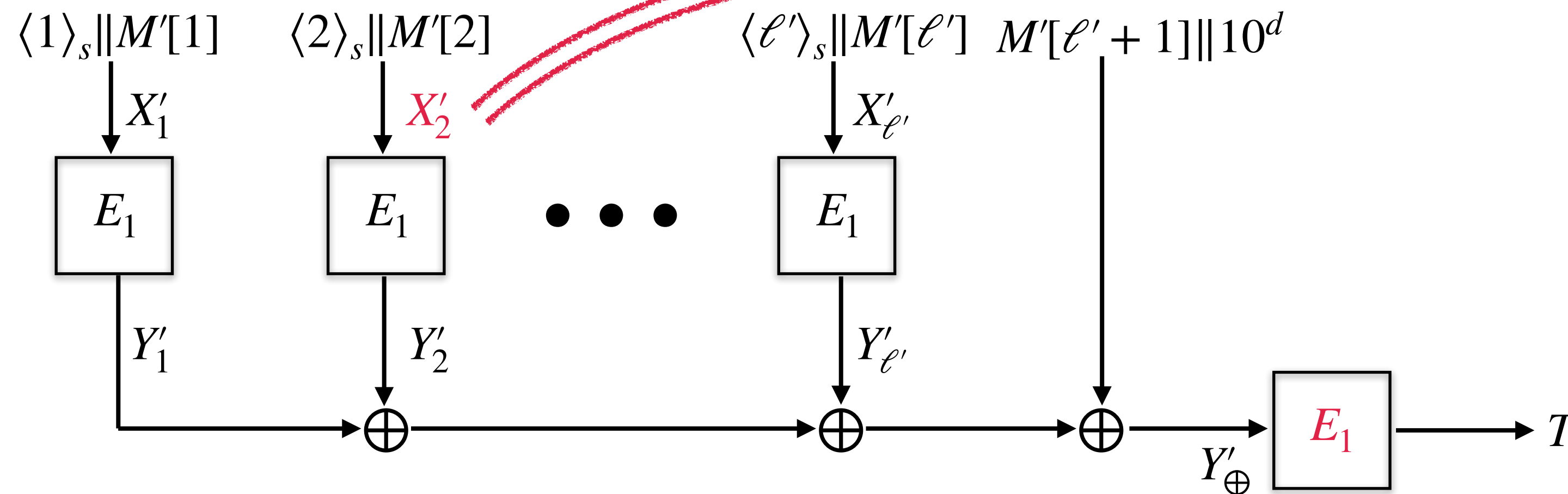
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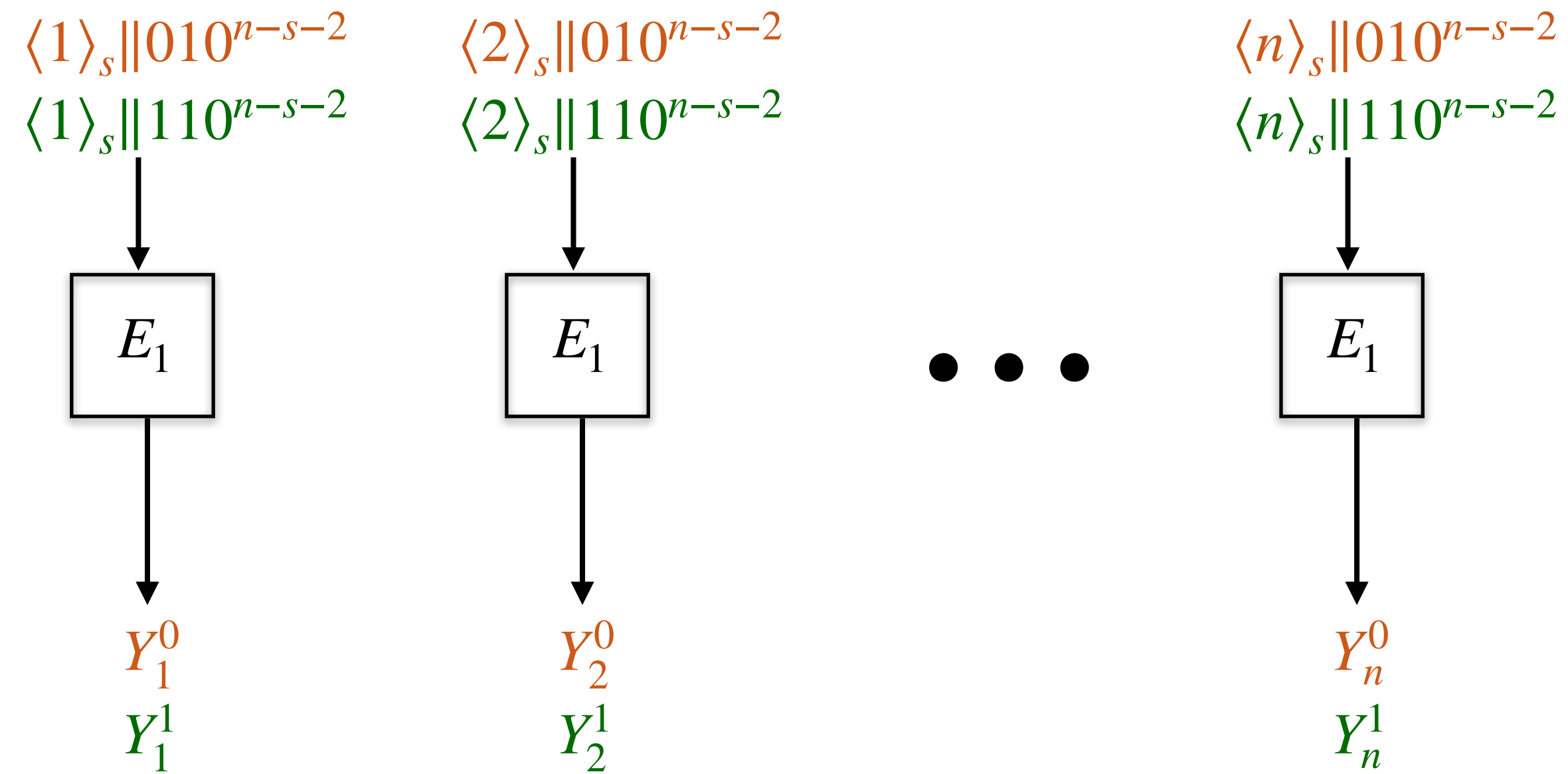
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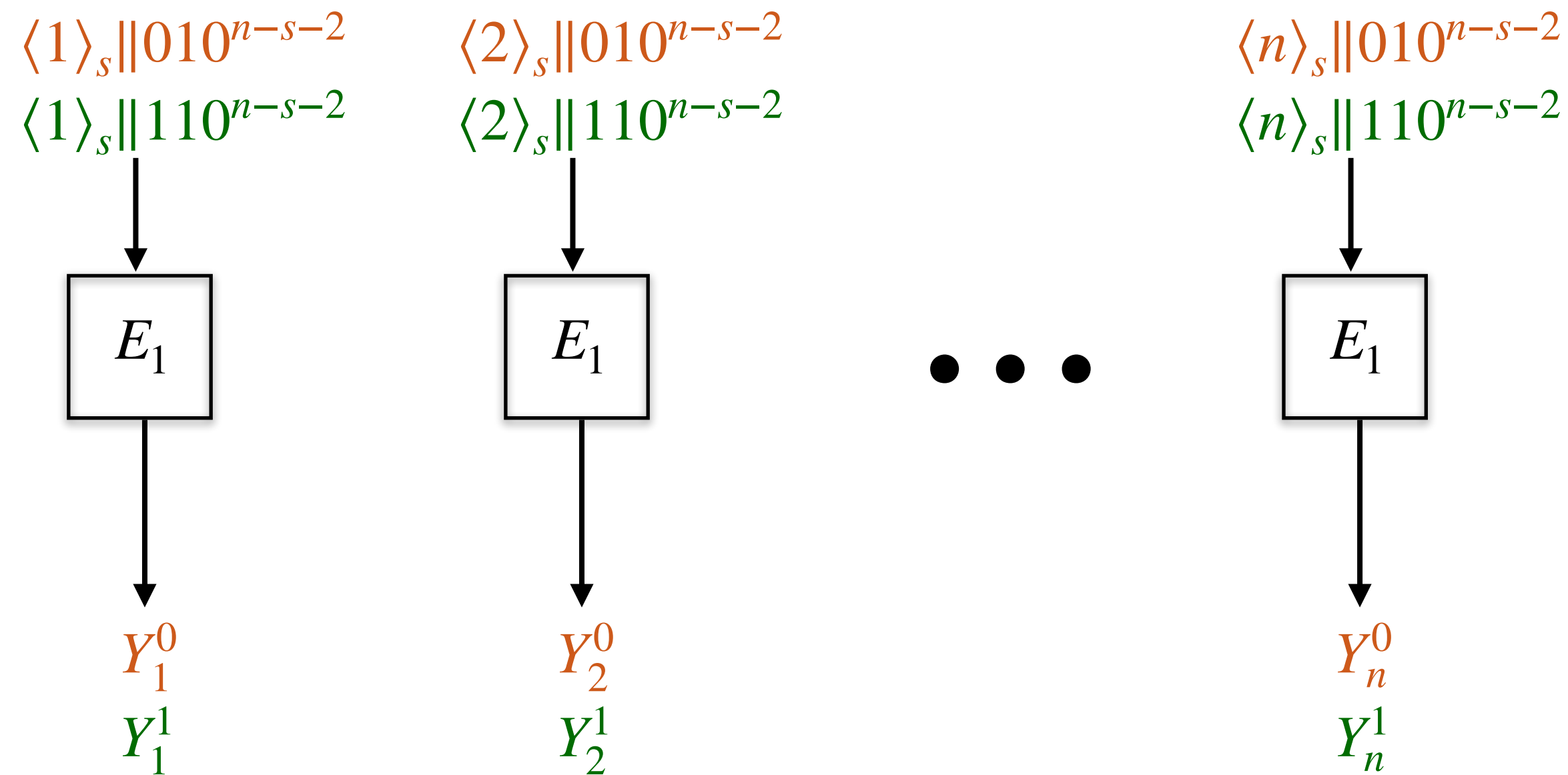
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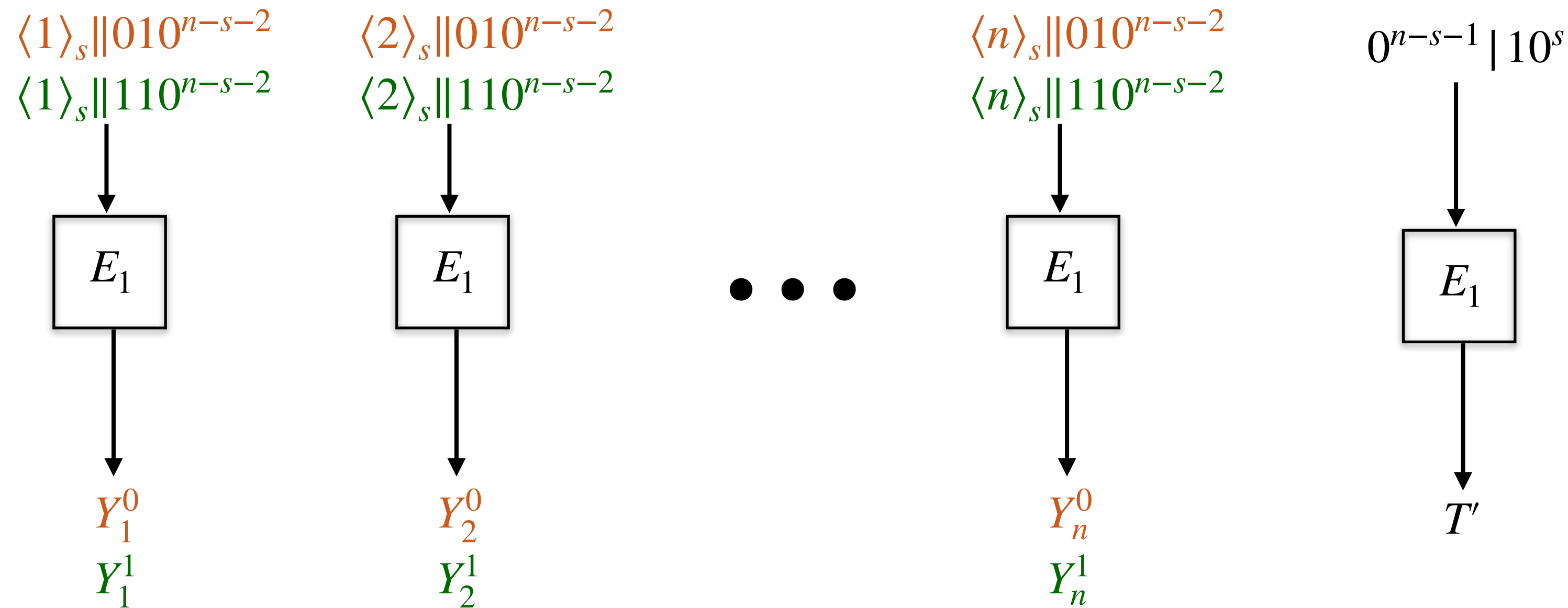
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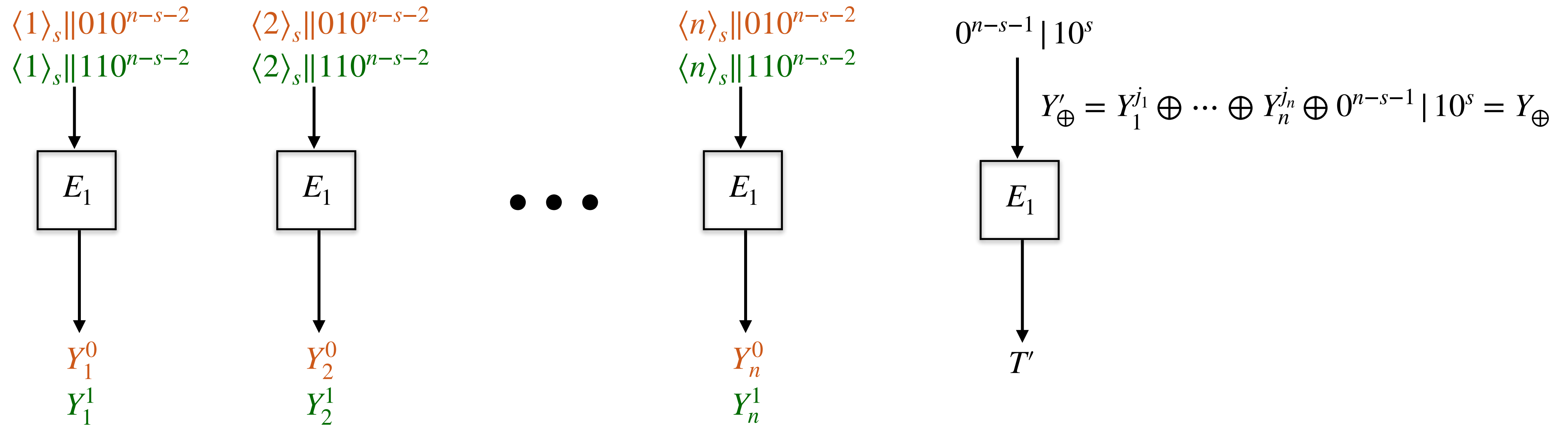
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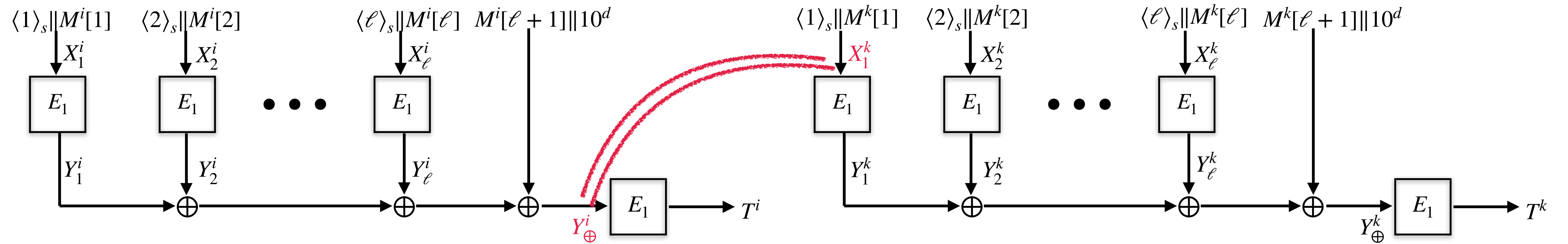
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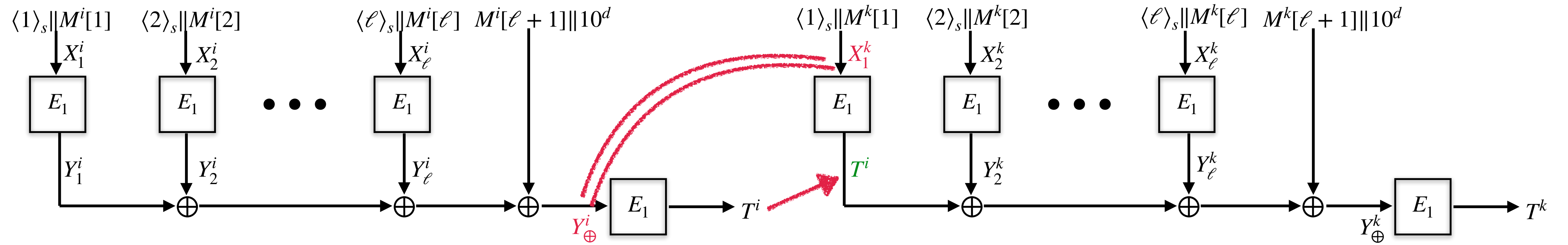
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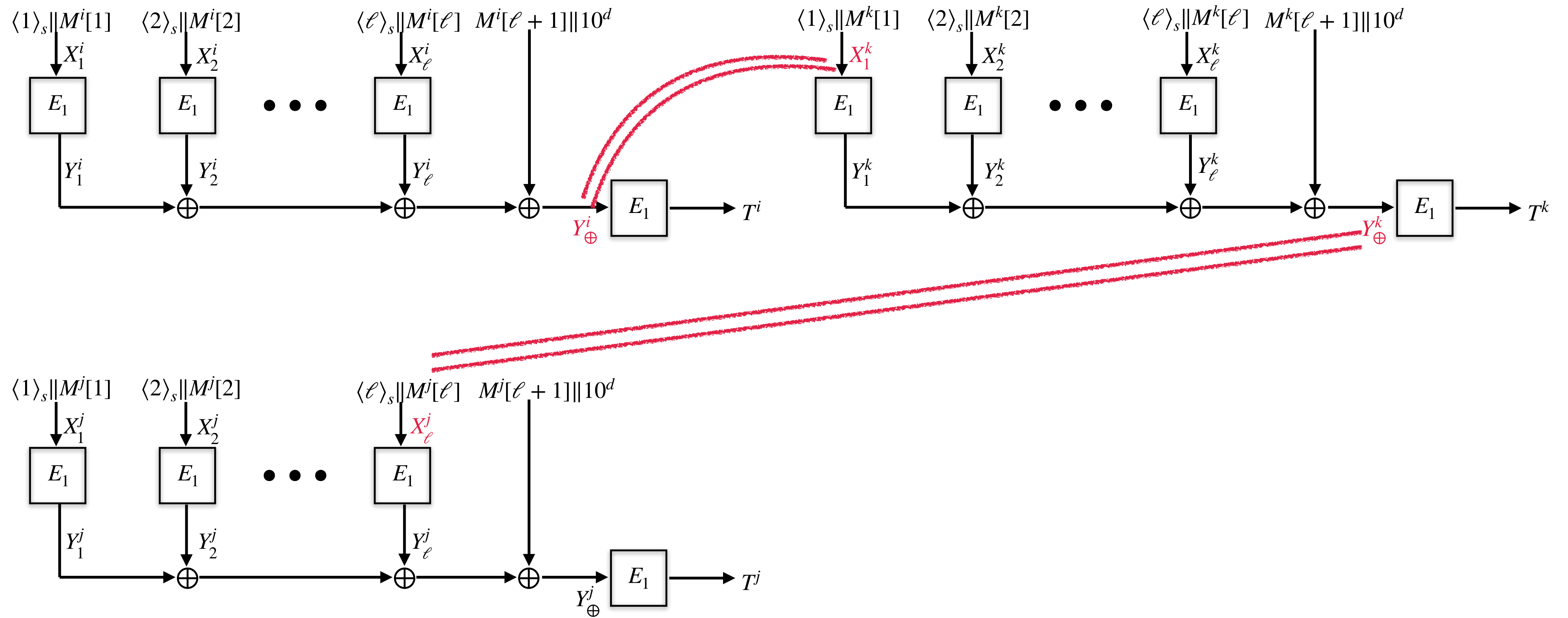
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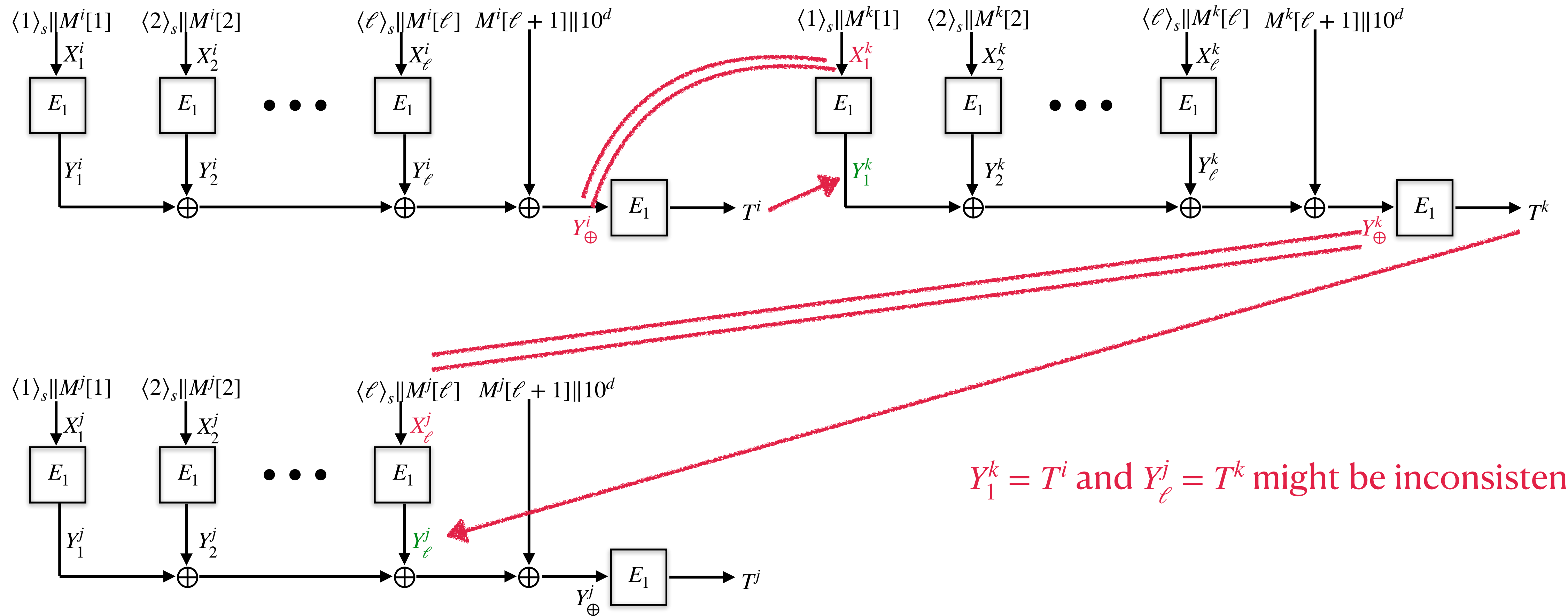
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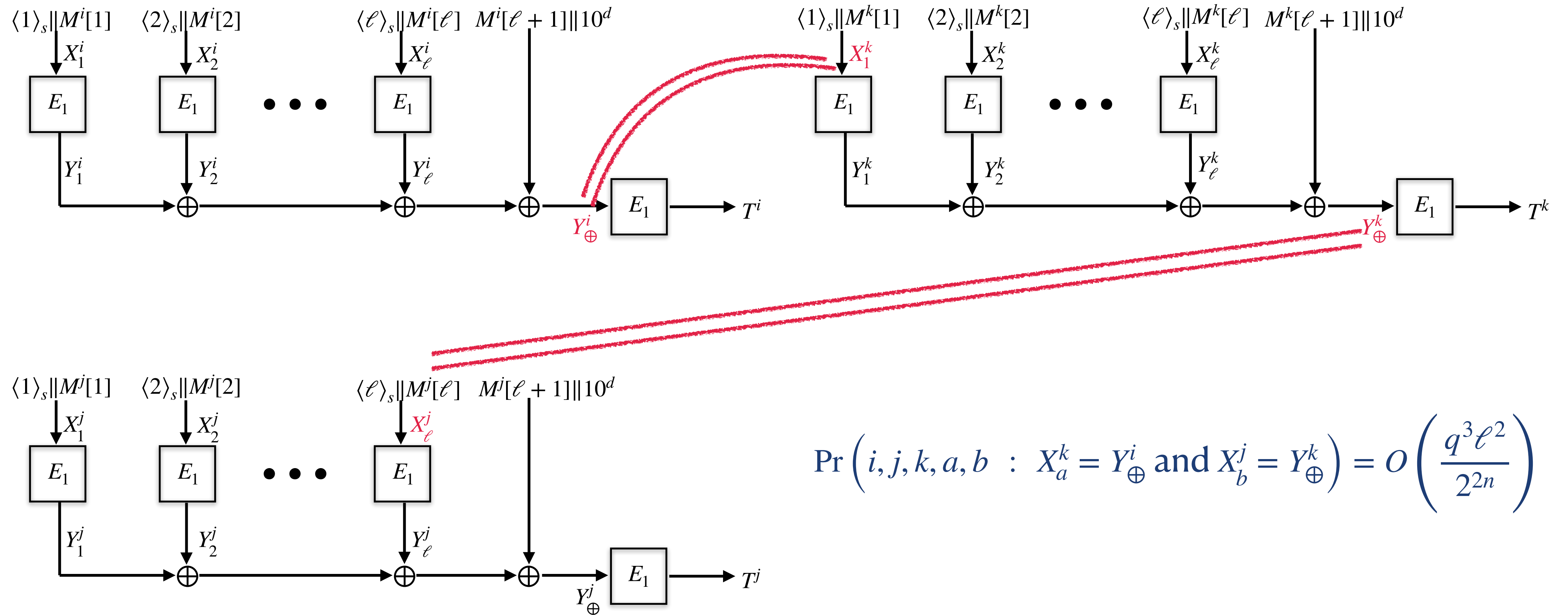
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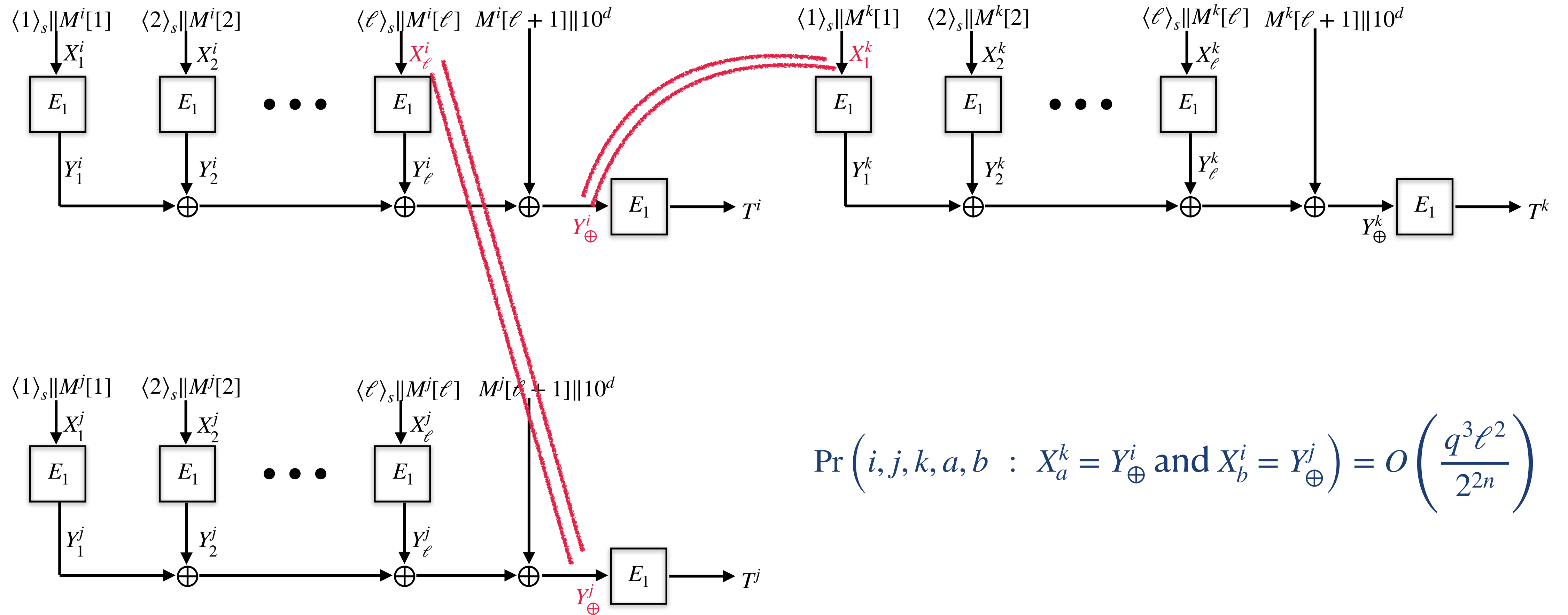
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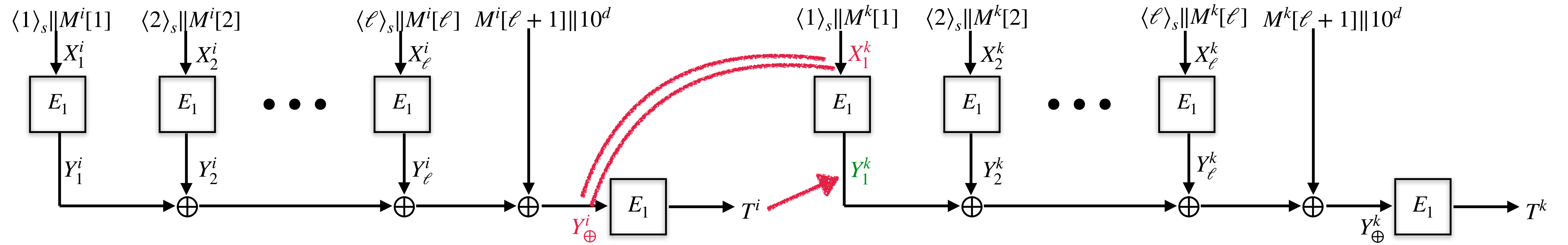
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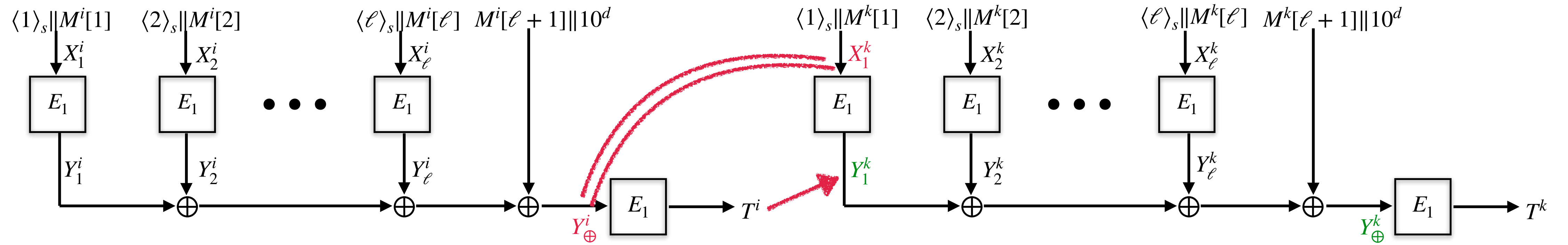
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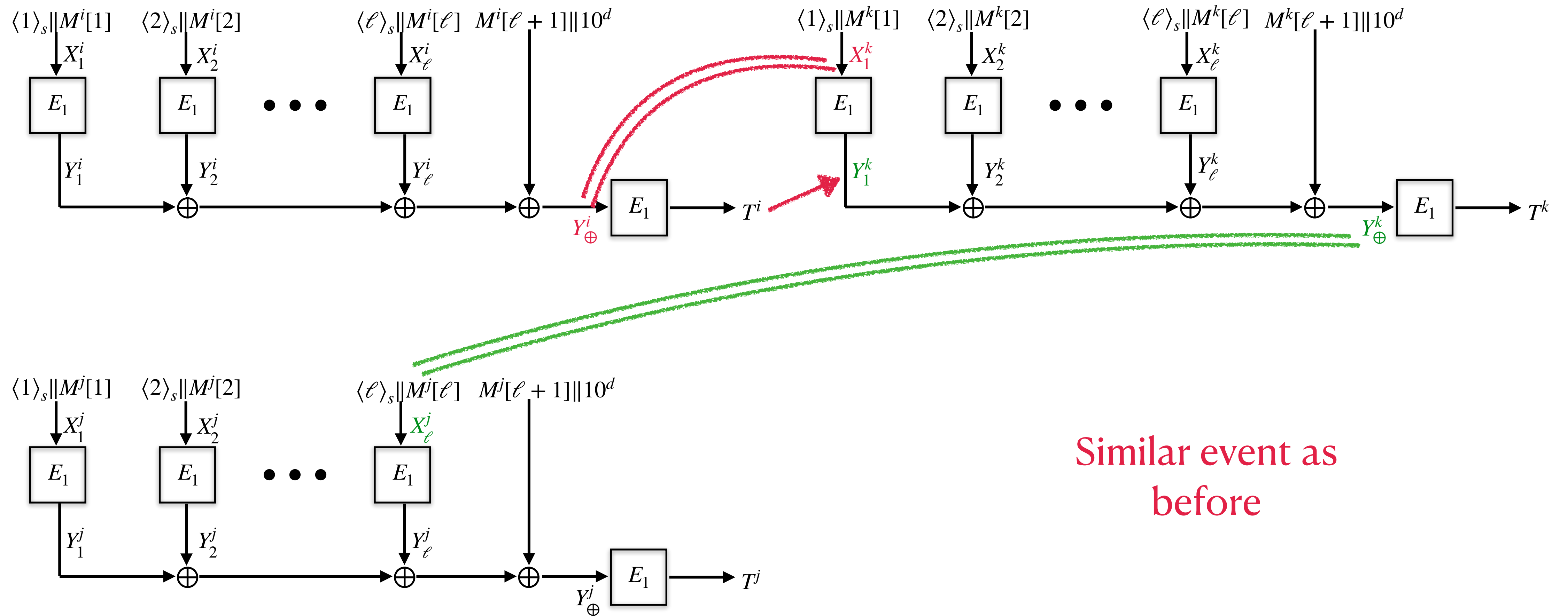
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$$\text{Adv}_{\text{1k-LightMAC}}^{\text{prf}}(\text{Eve}) = O\left(\frac{q^2}{2^n}\right), \quad \text{while } \ell \ll 2^{n/4}$$

One-key LightMAC is identical in security up to acceptable restrictions on message length

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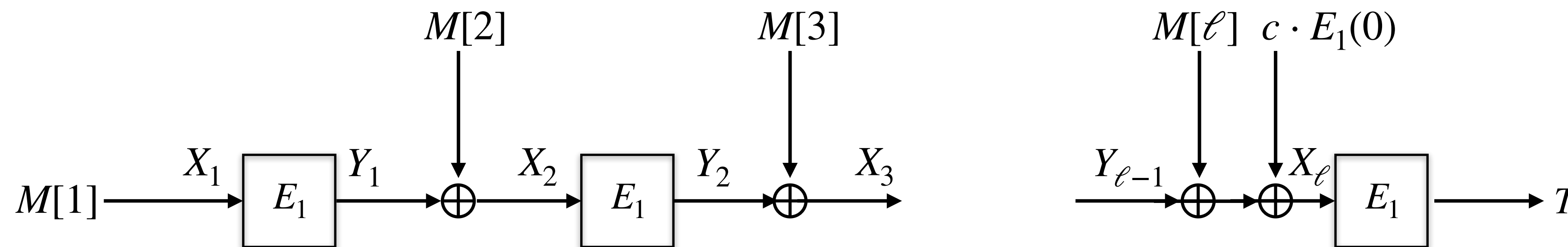
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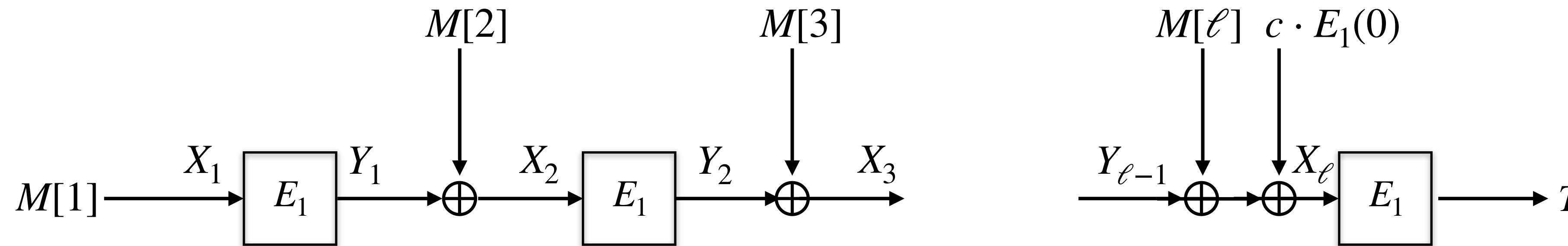
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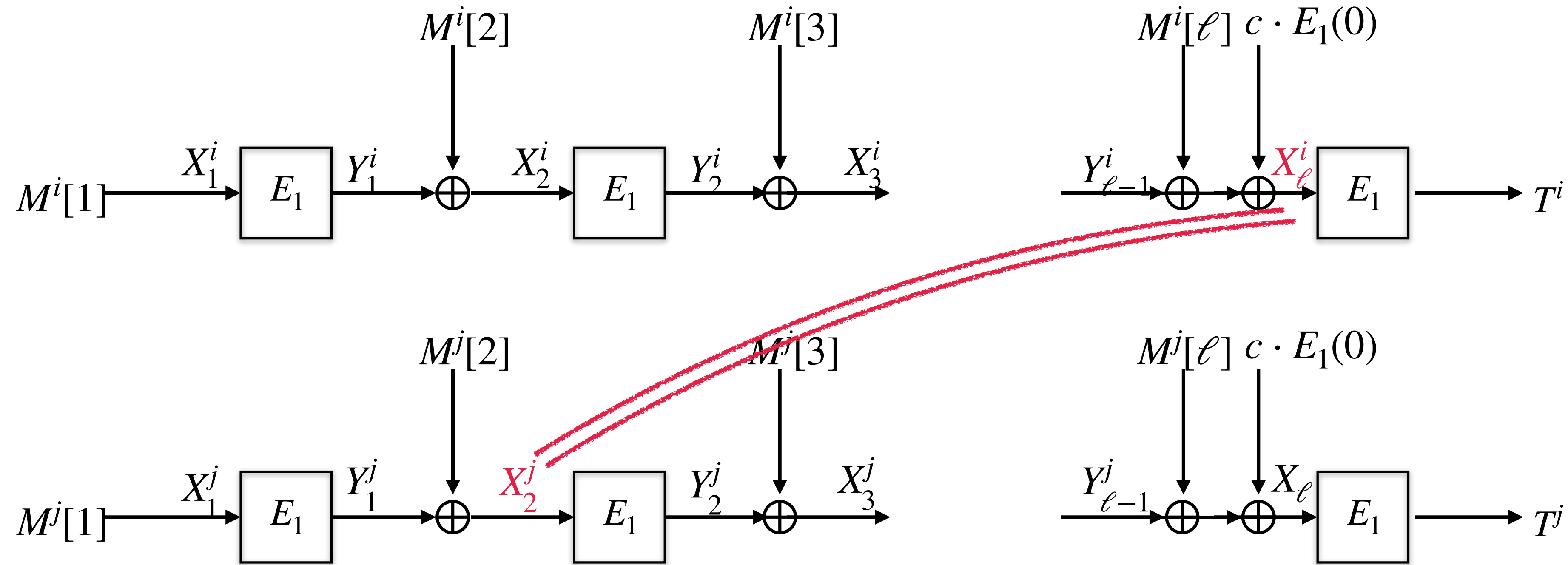
- Sequential and single-key CBC-MAC.

- Best security bound: $\text{Adv}_{\text{CBC-MAC}}^{\text{prf}}(\text{Eve}) = O\left(\frac{q^2 \ell}{2^n}\right)$

- No matching attack.

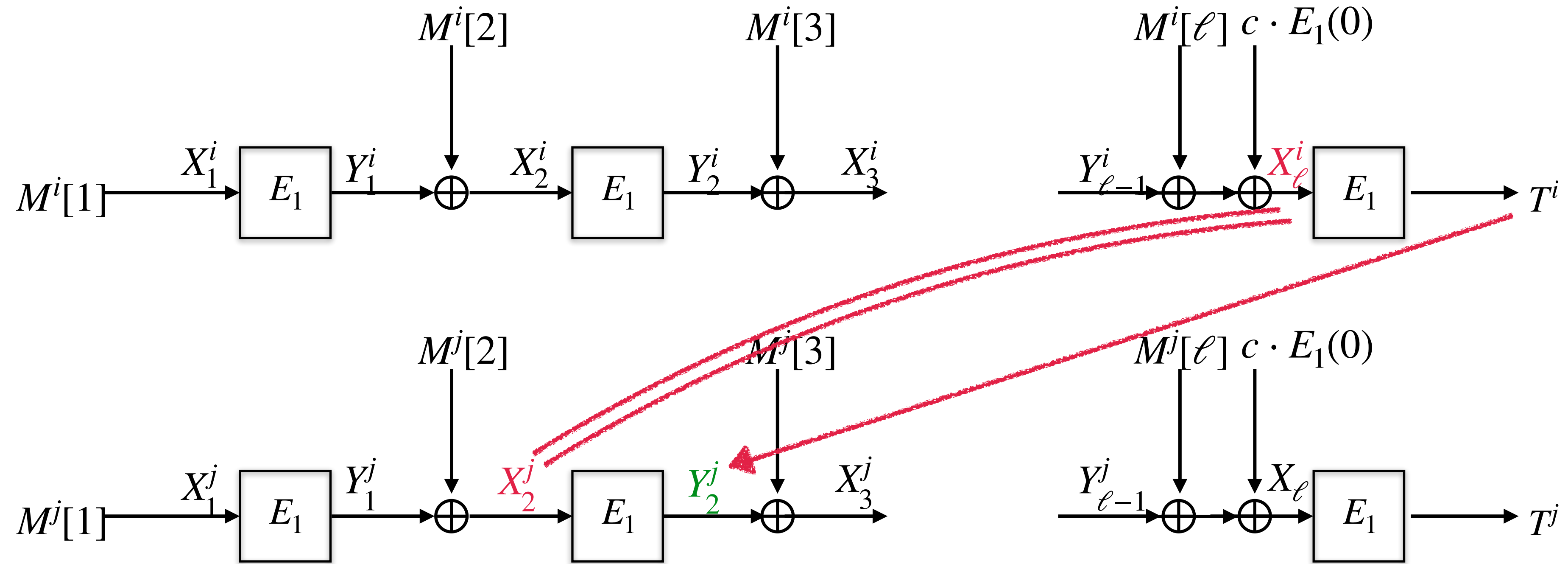
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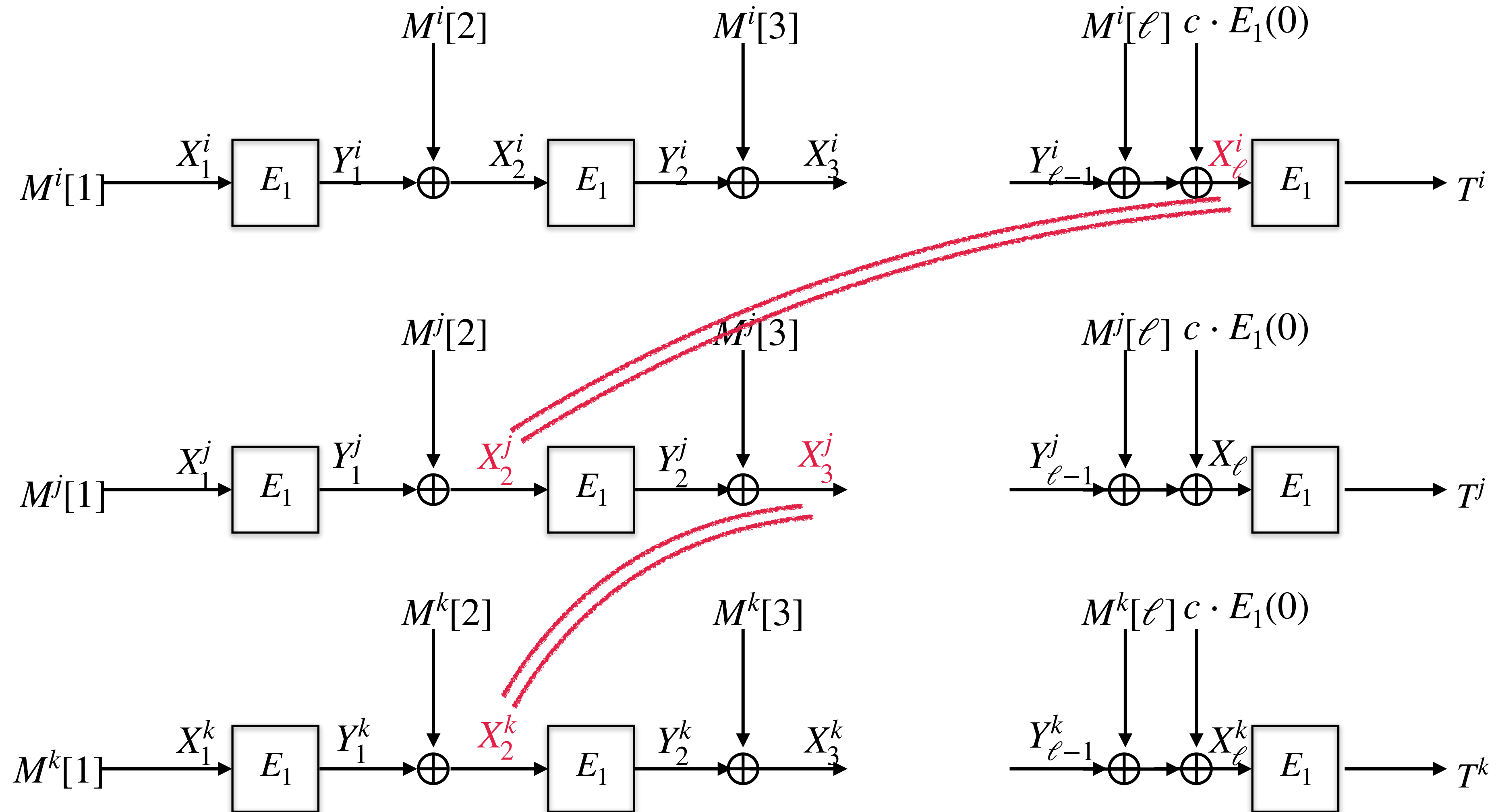
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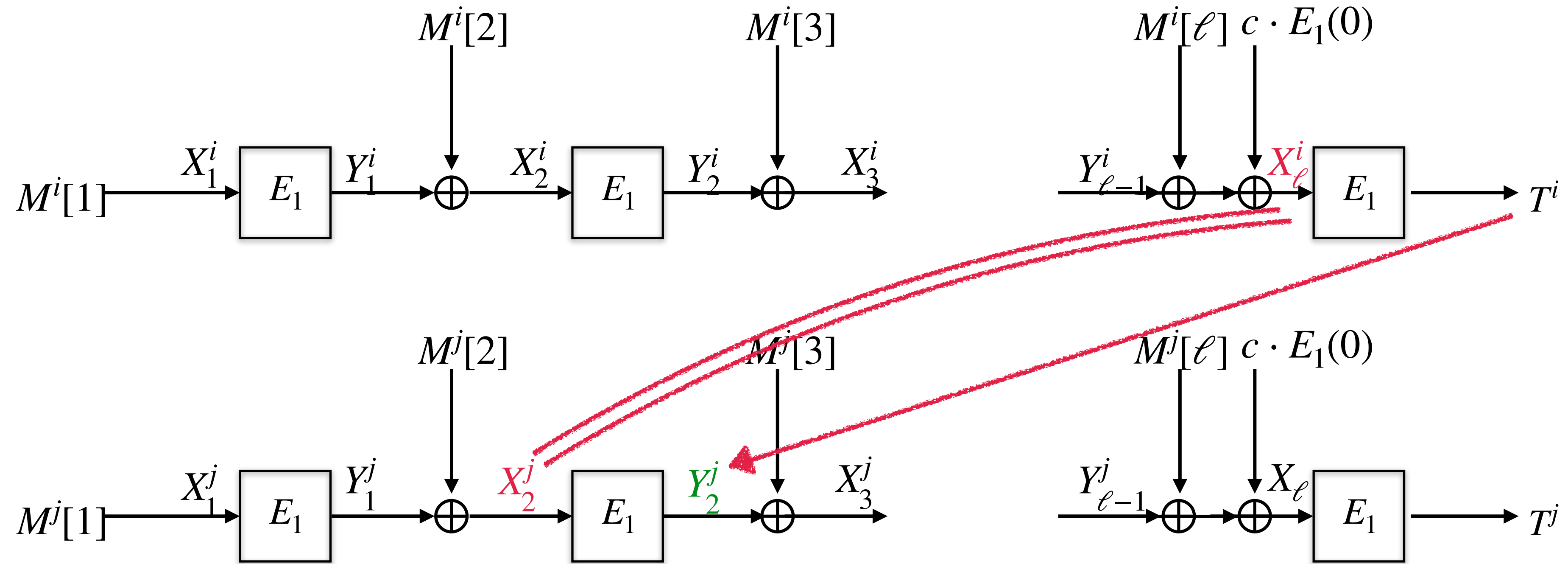
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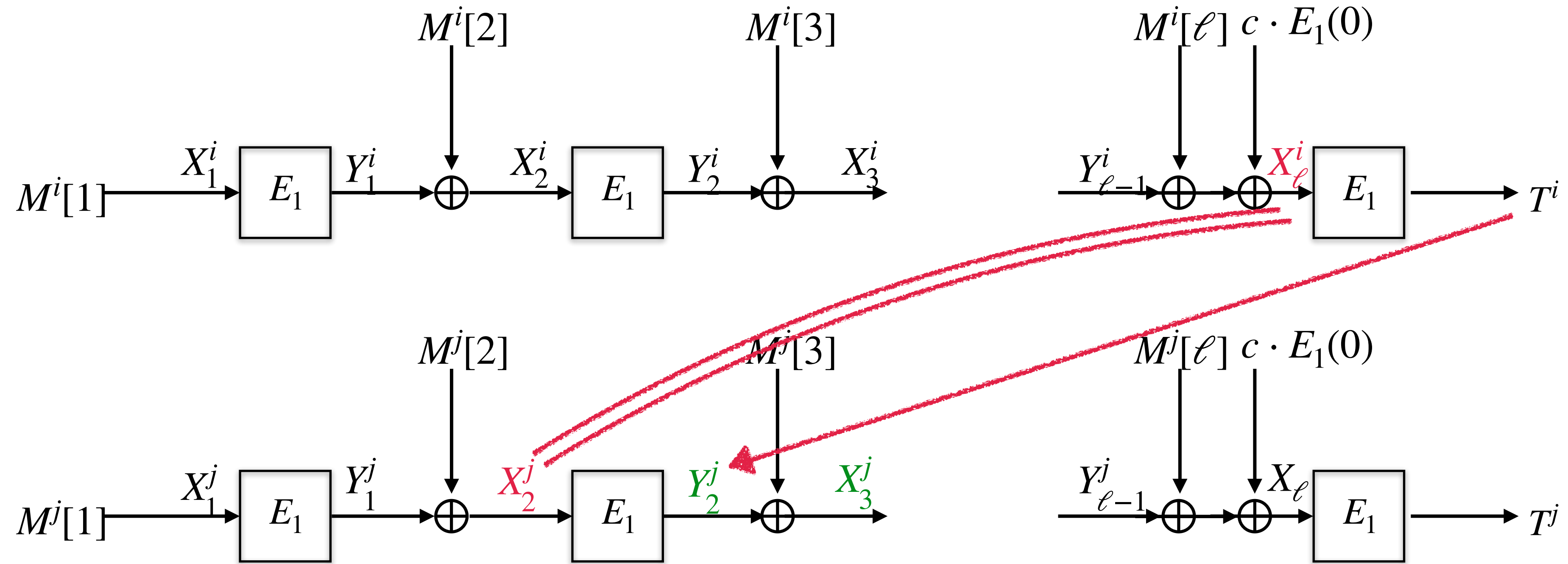
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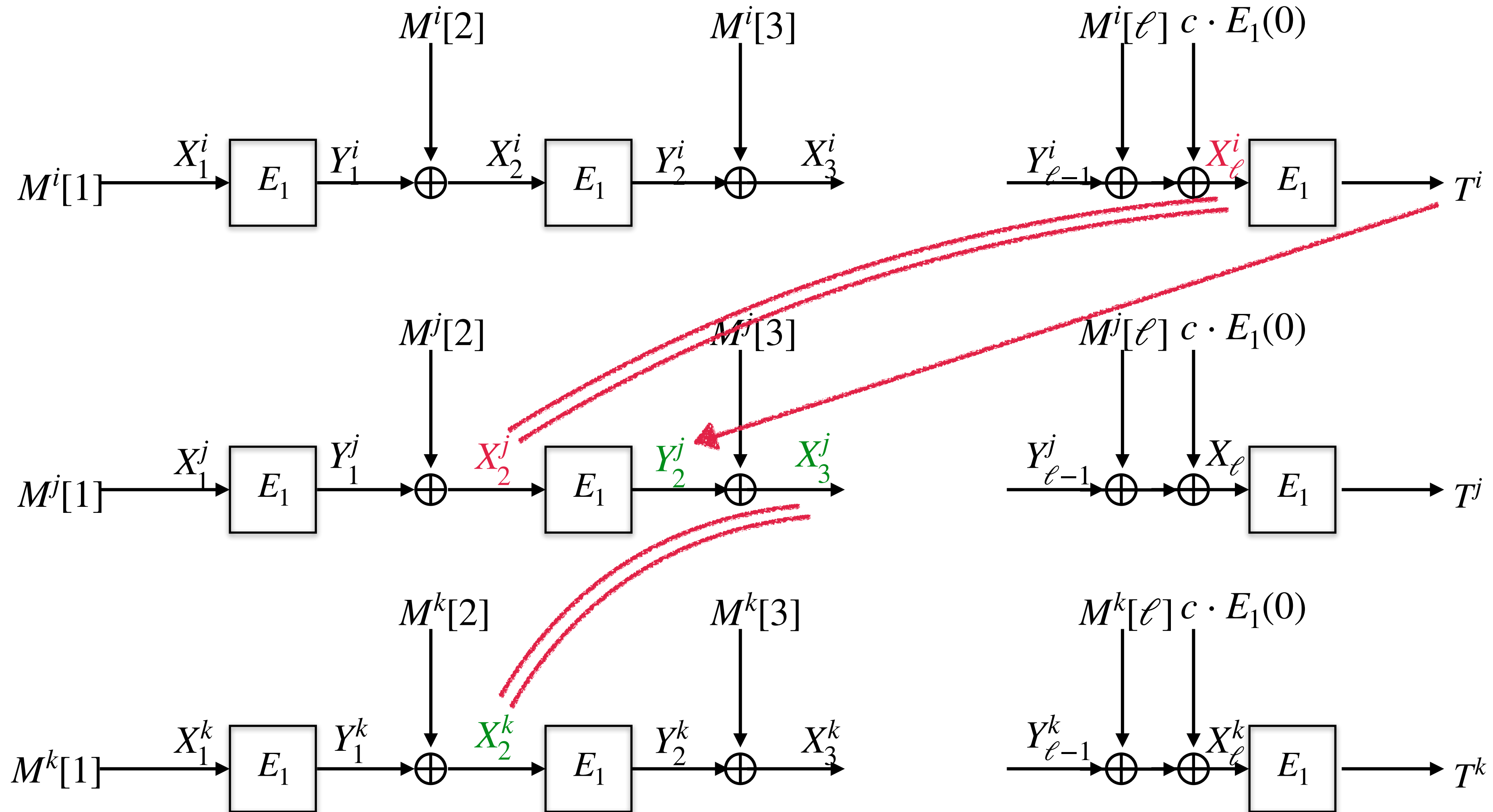
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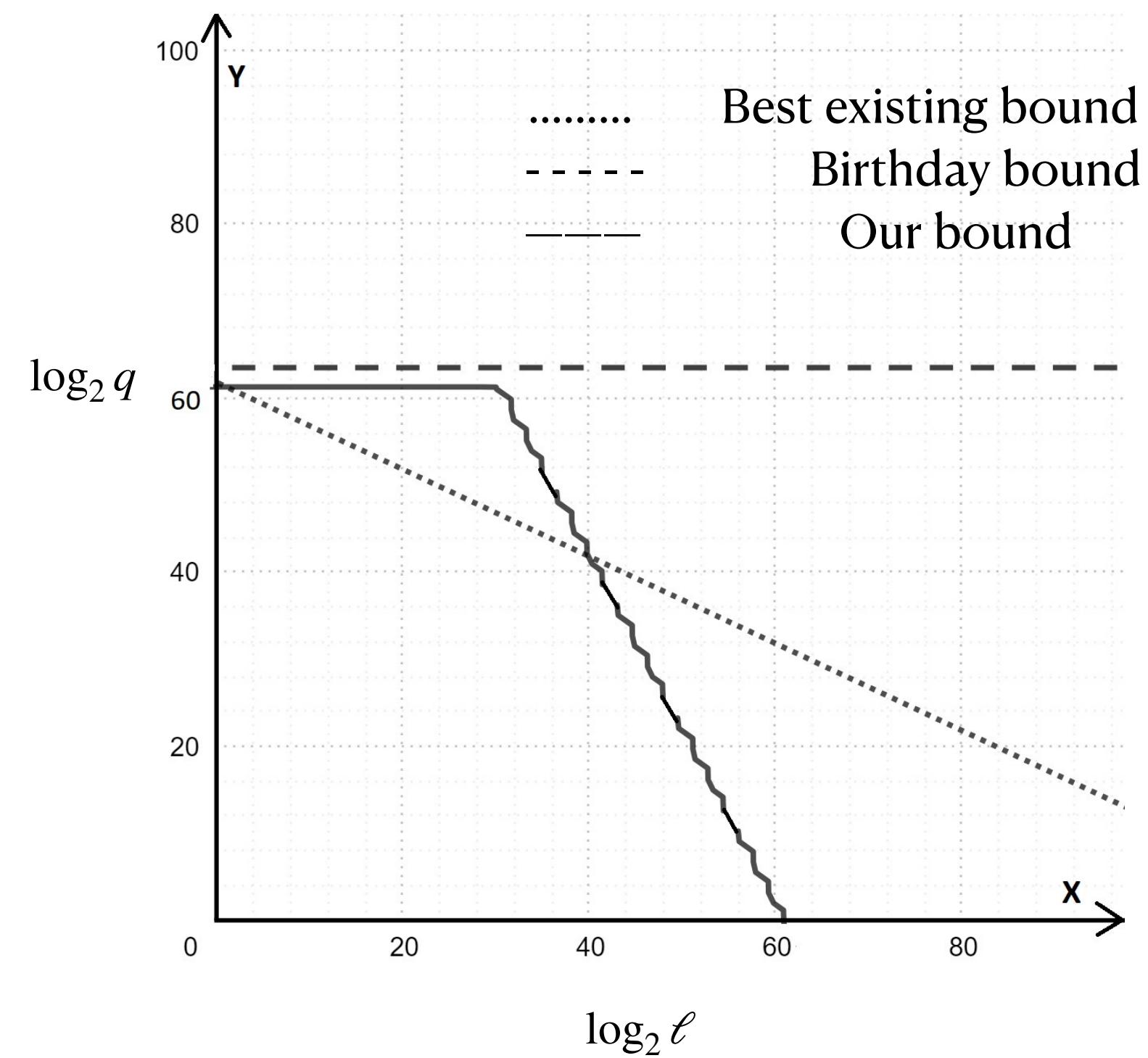
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