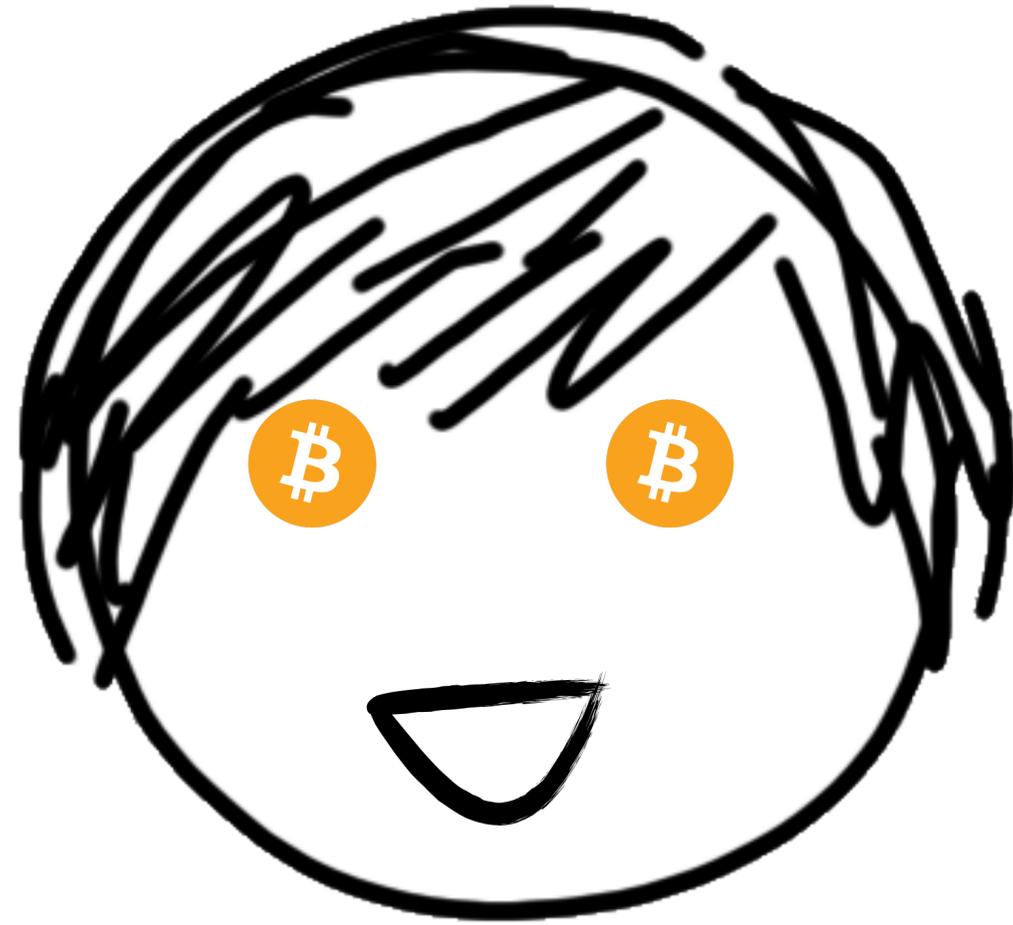


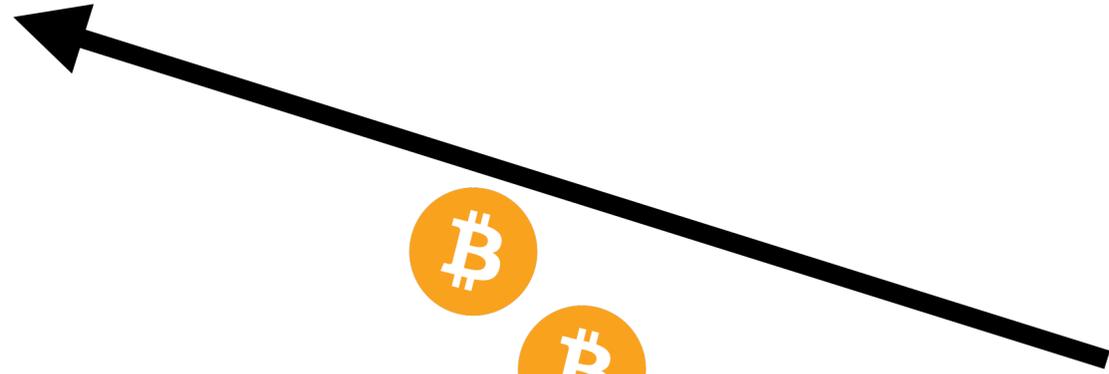
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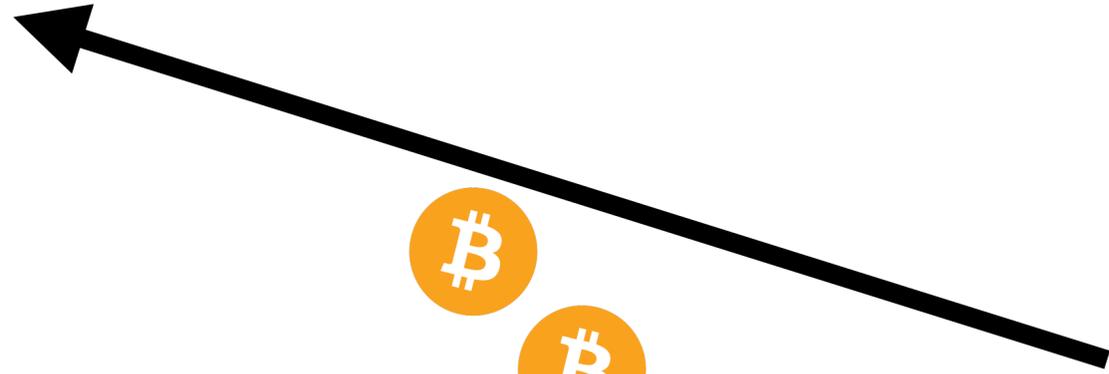
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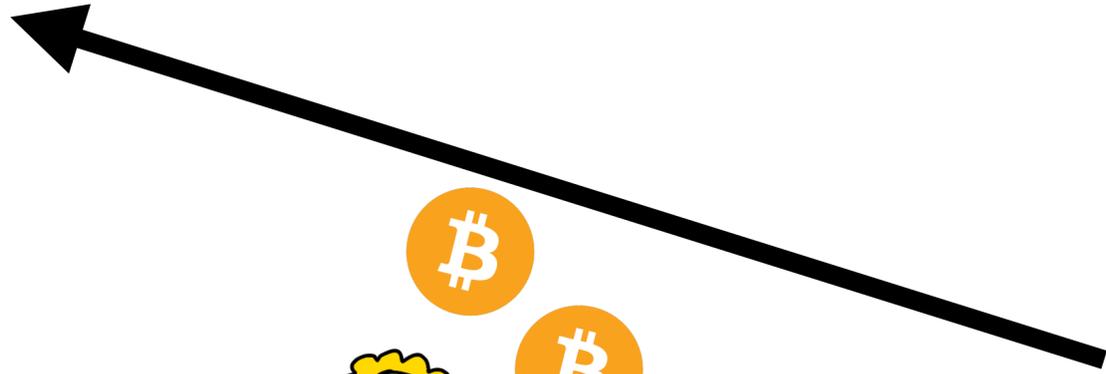






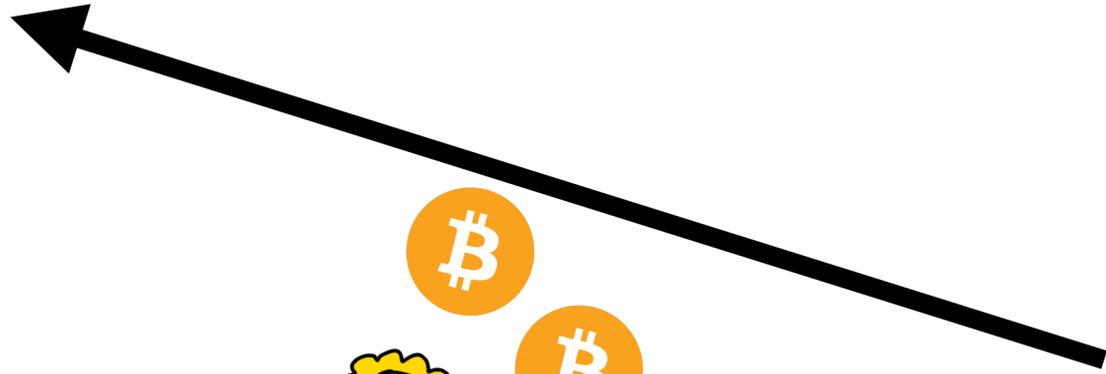
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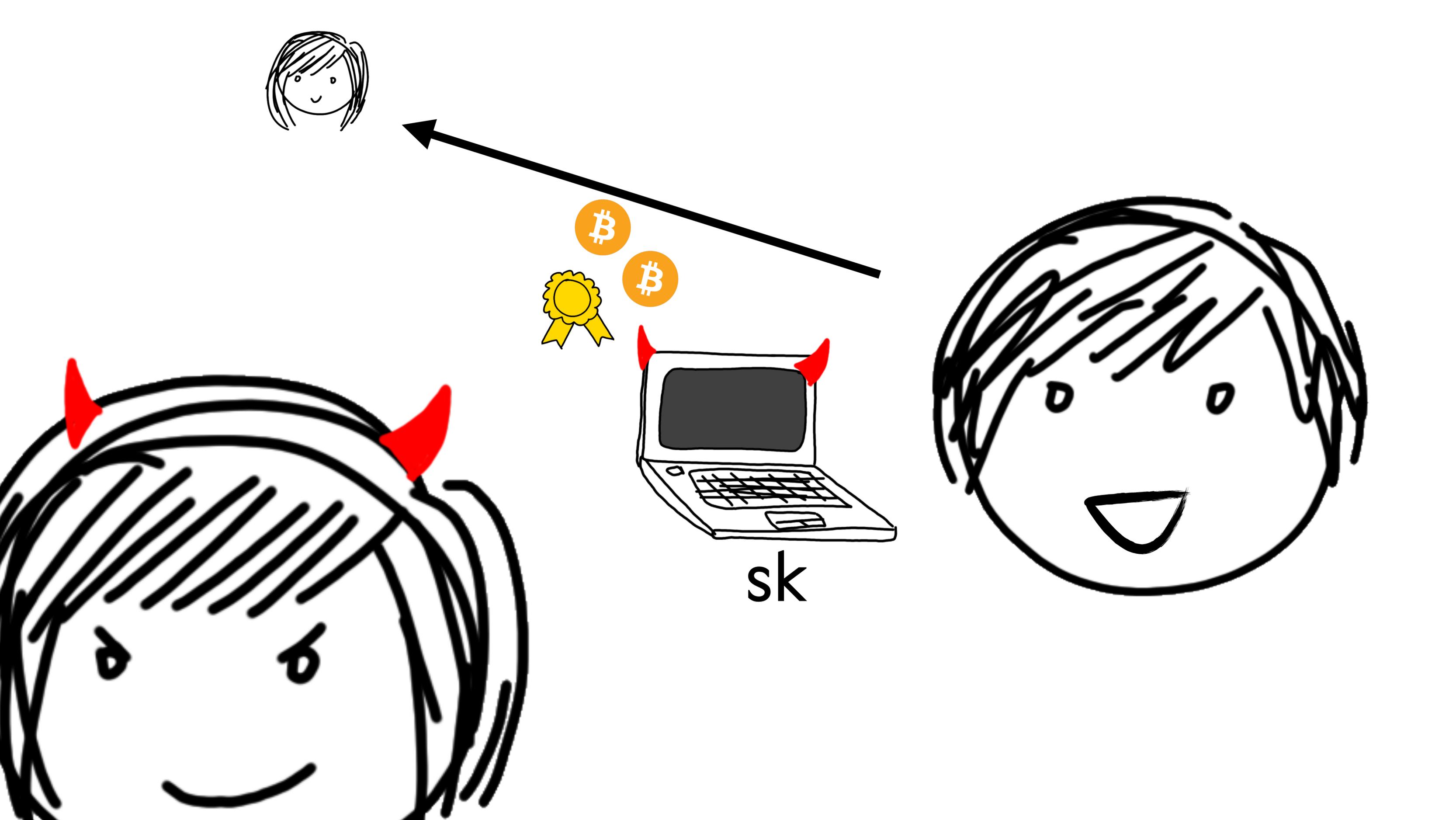
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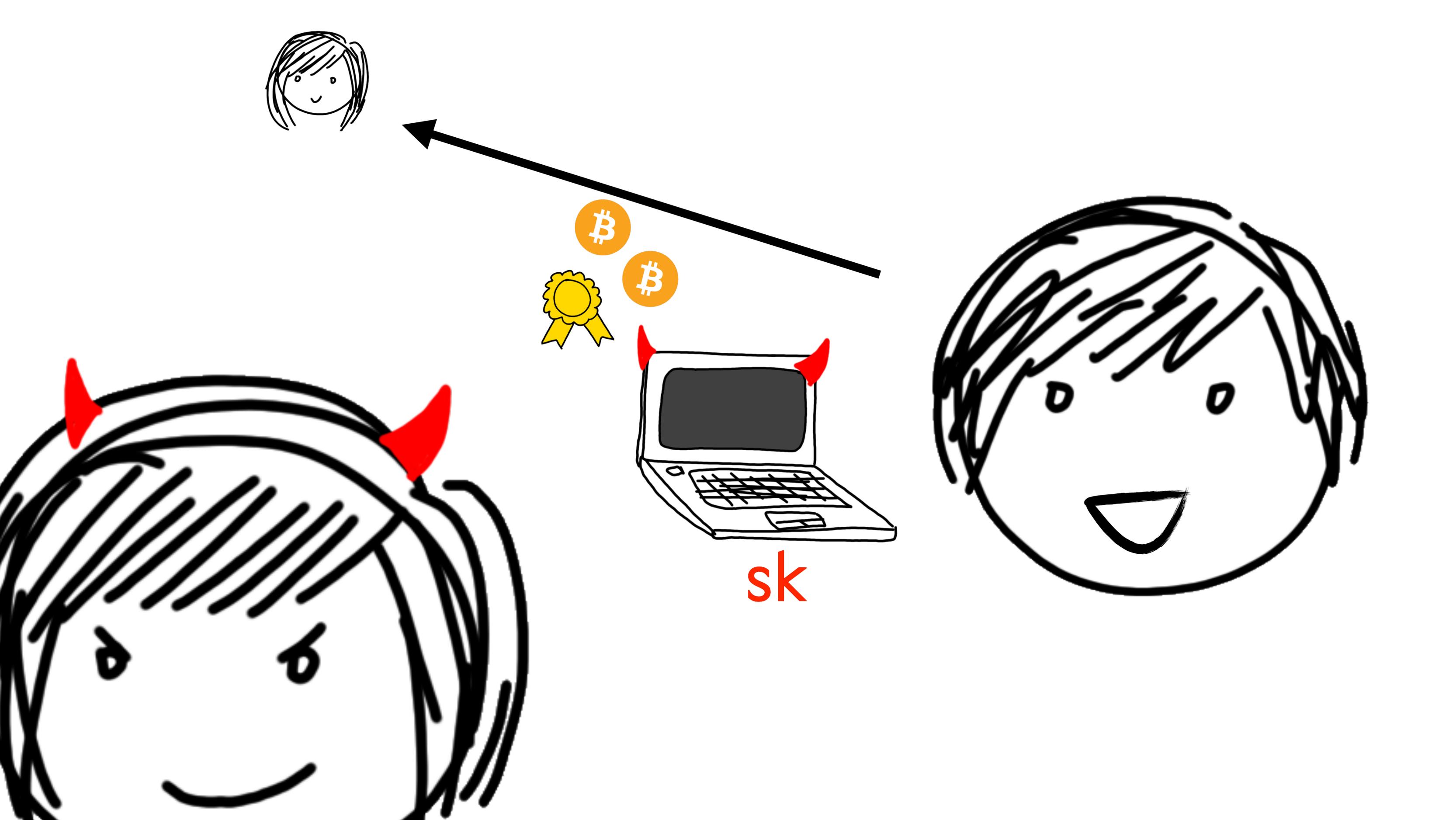


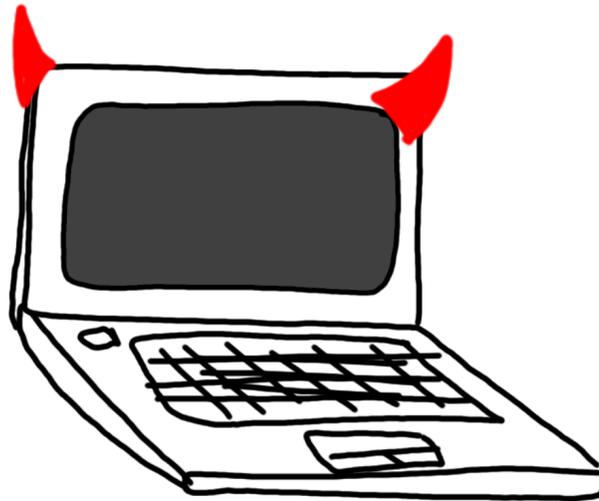
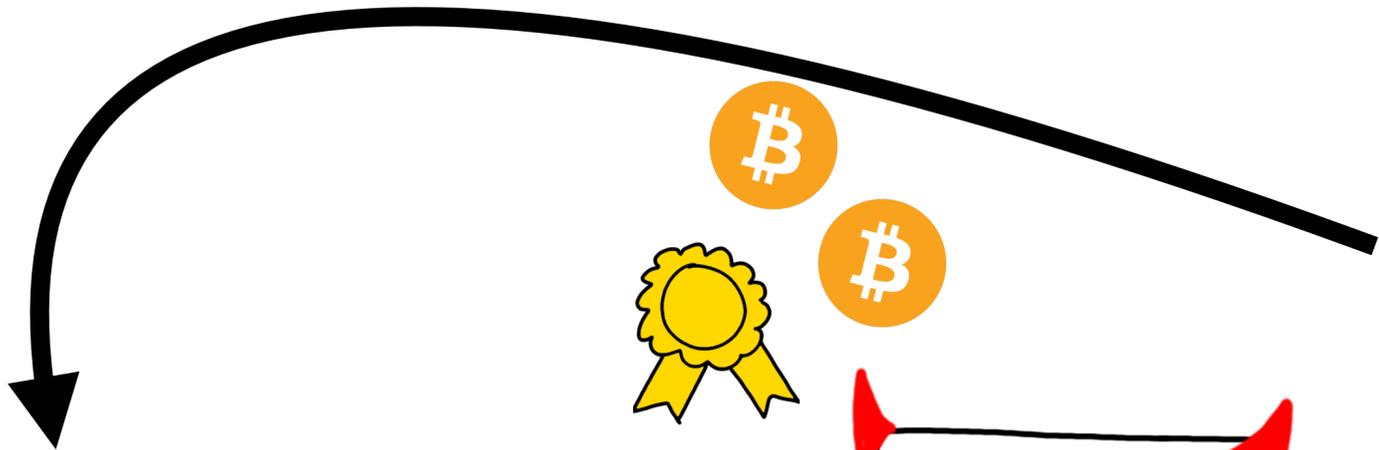


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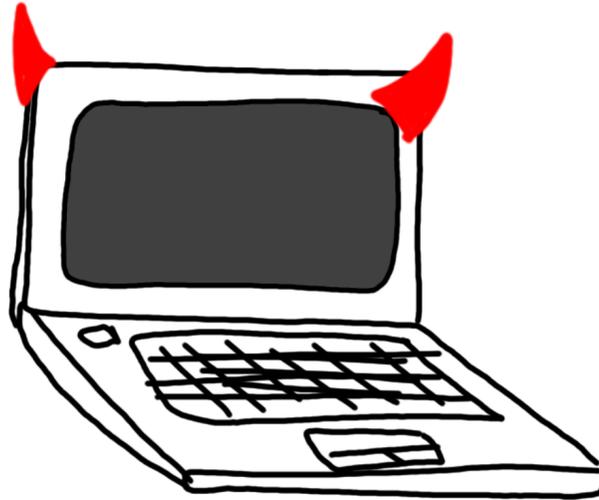
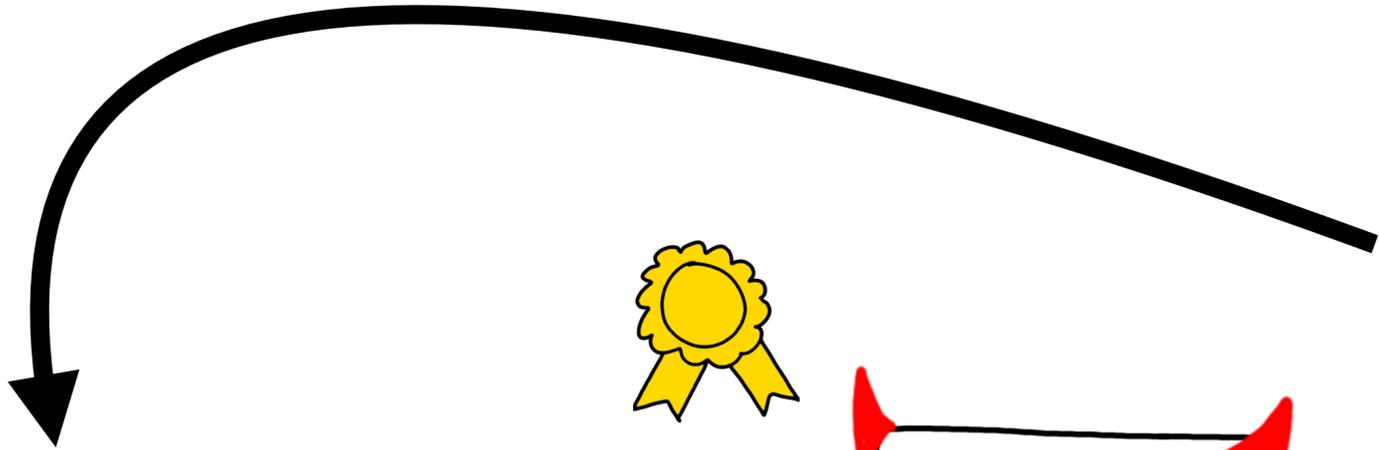






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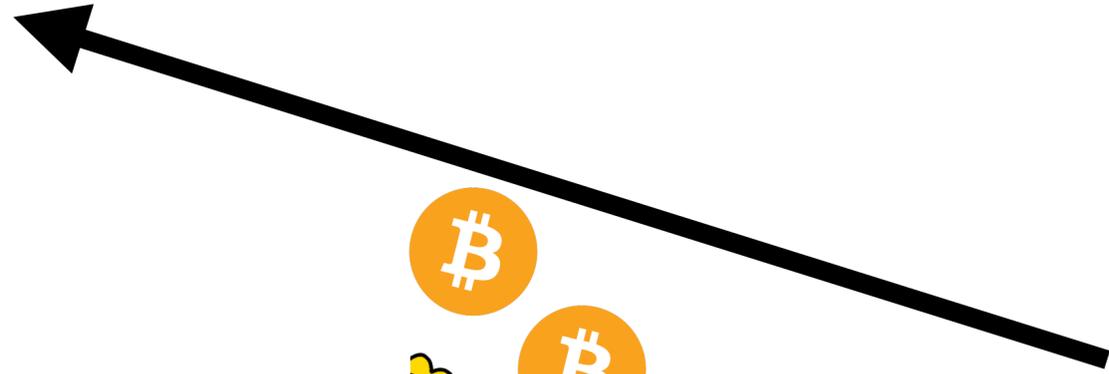




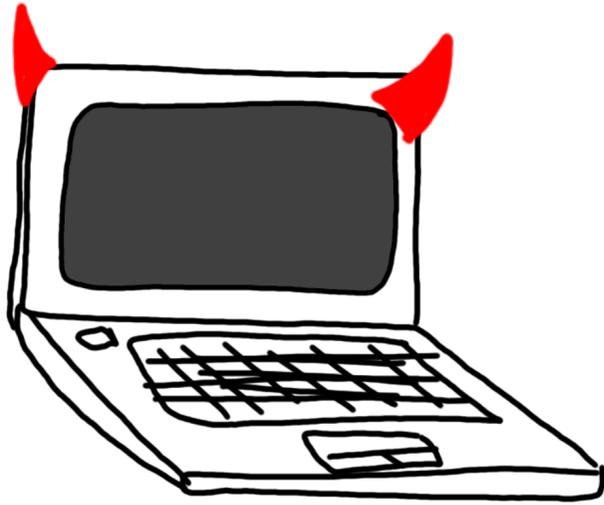
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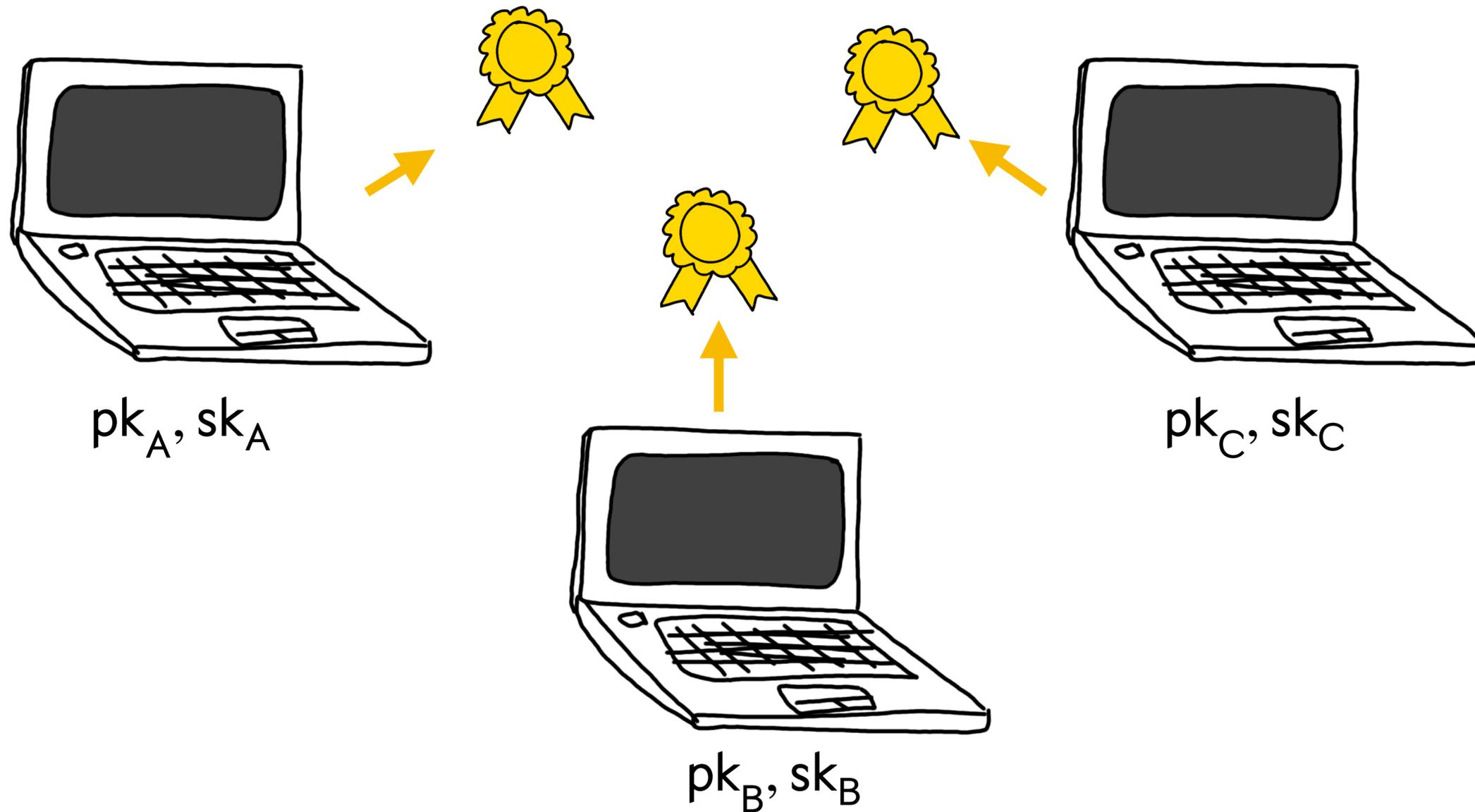


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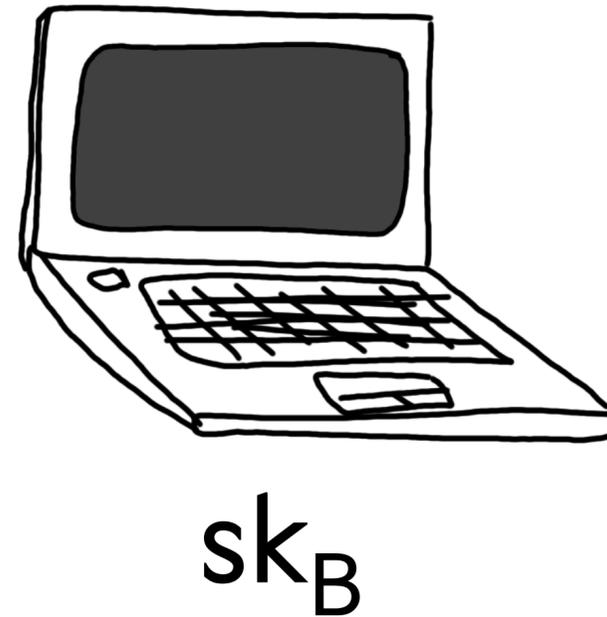
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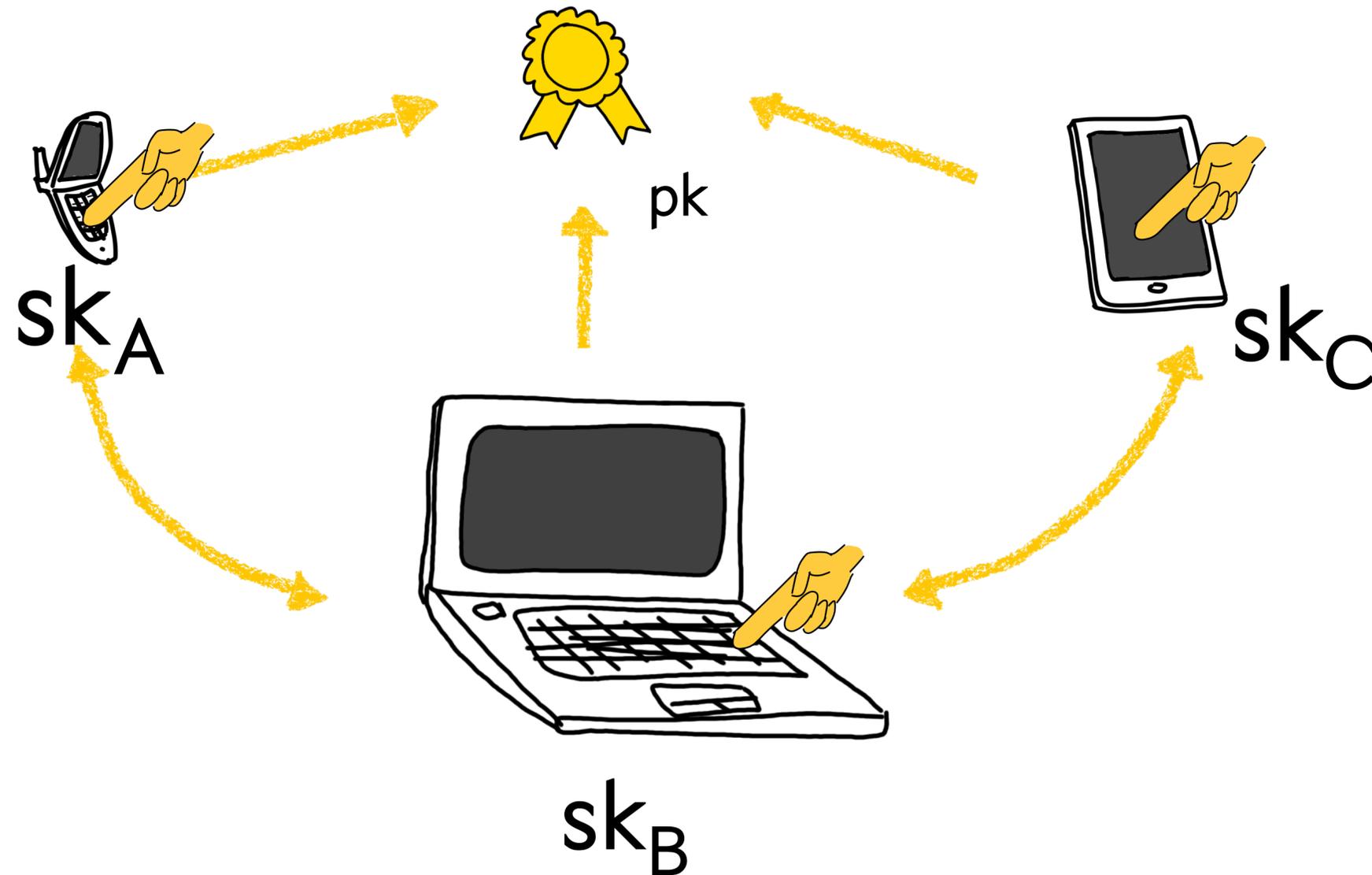
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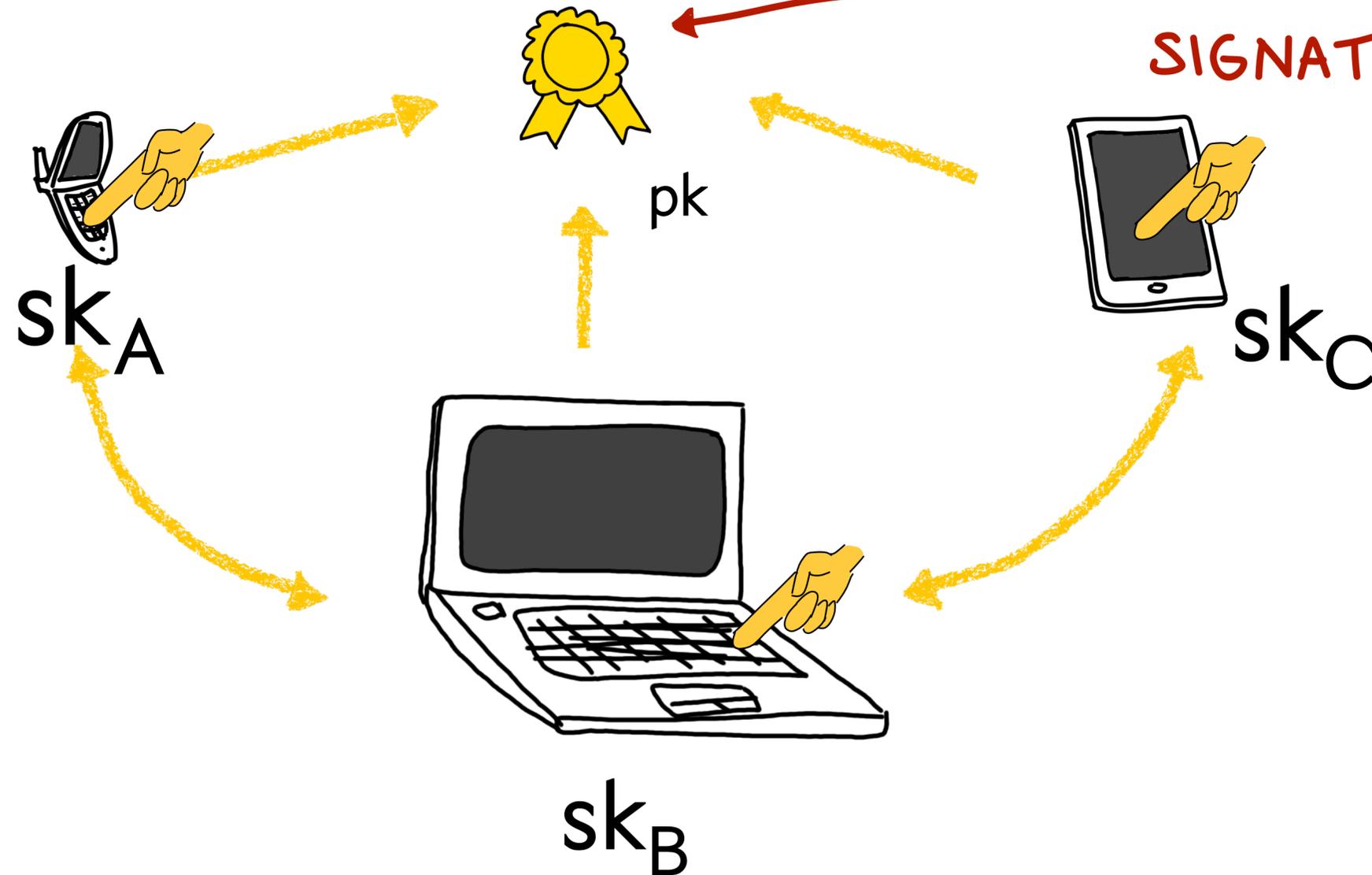
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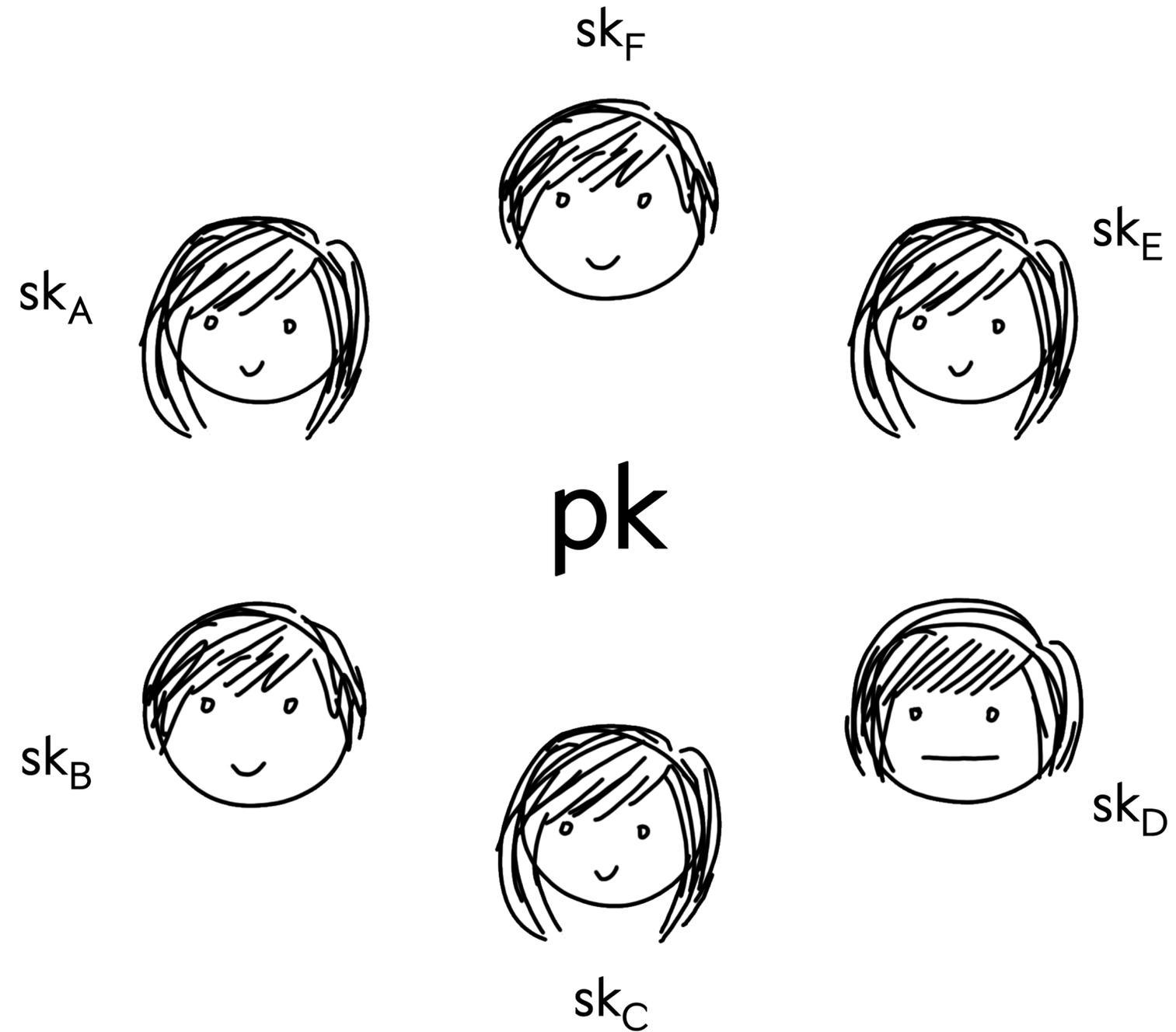
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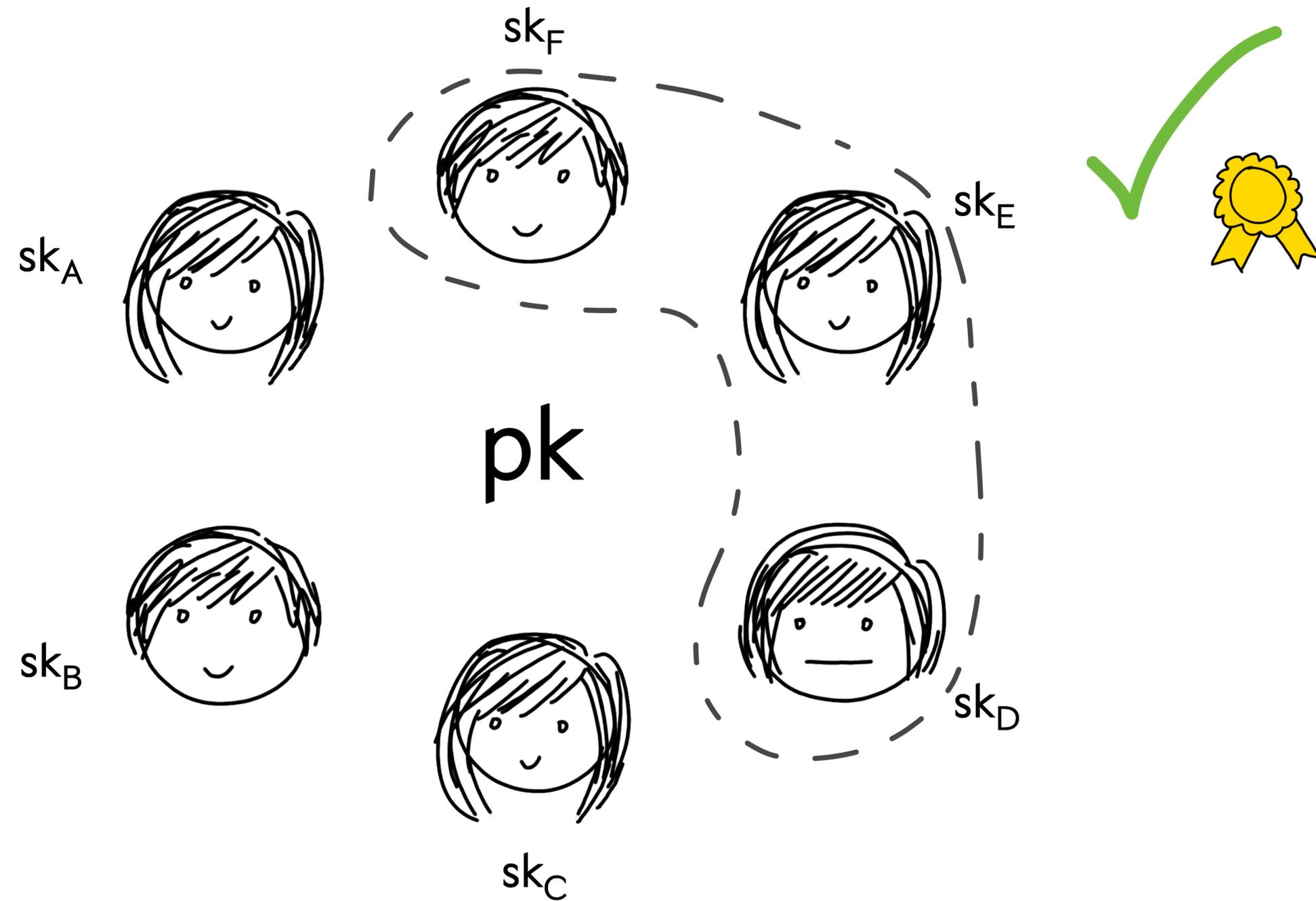
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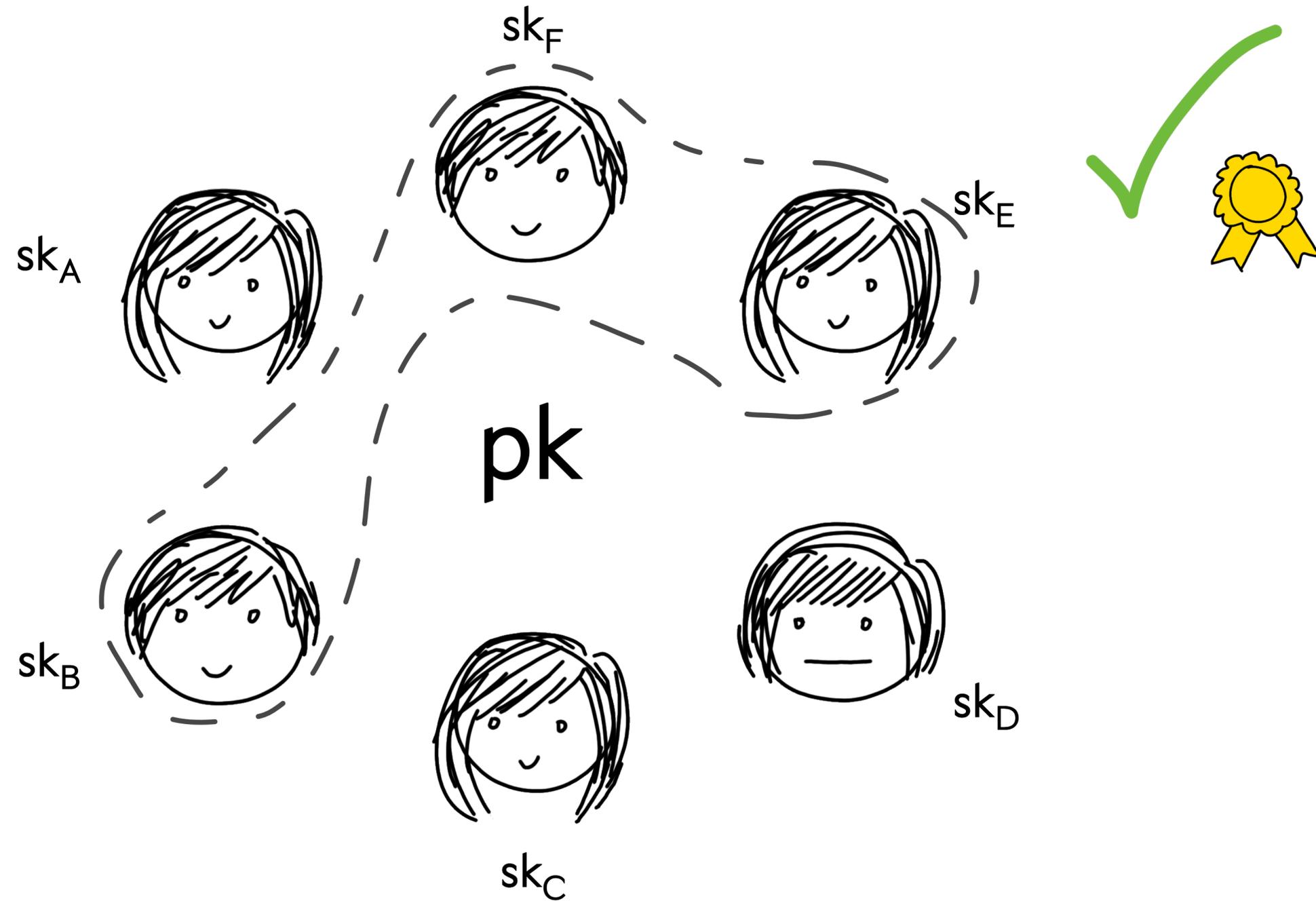
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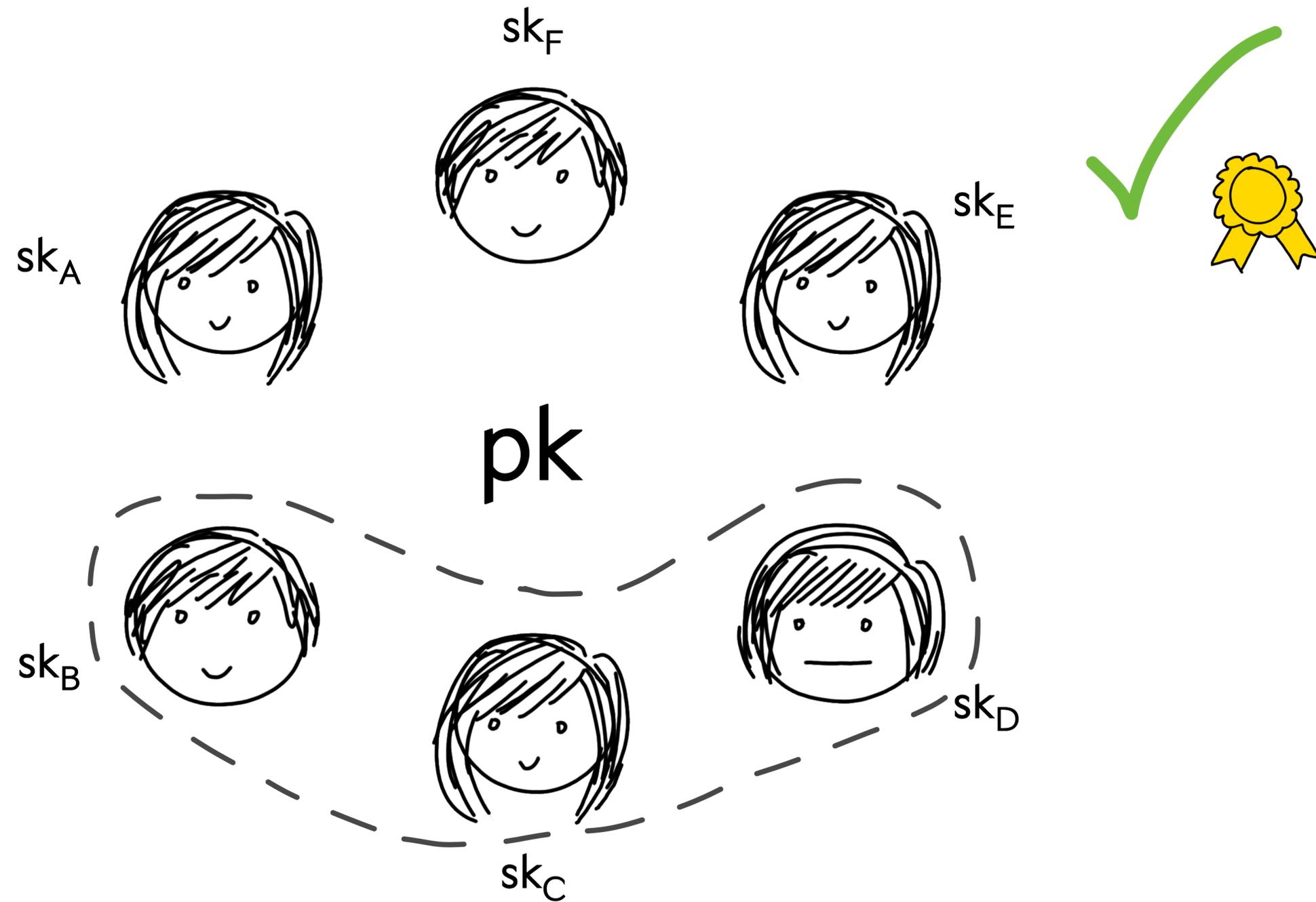
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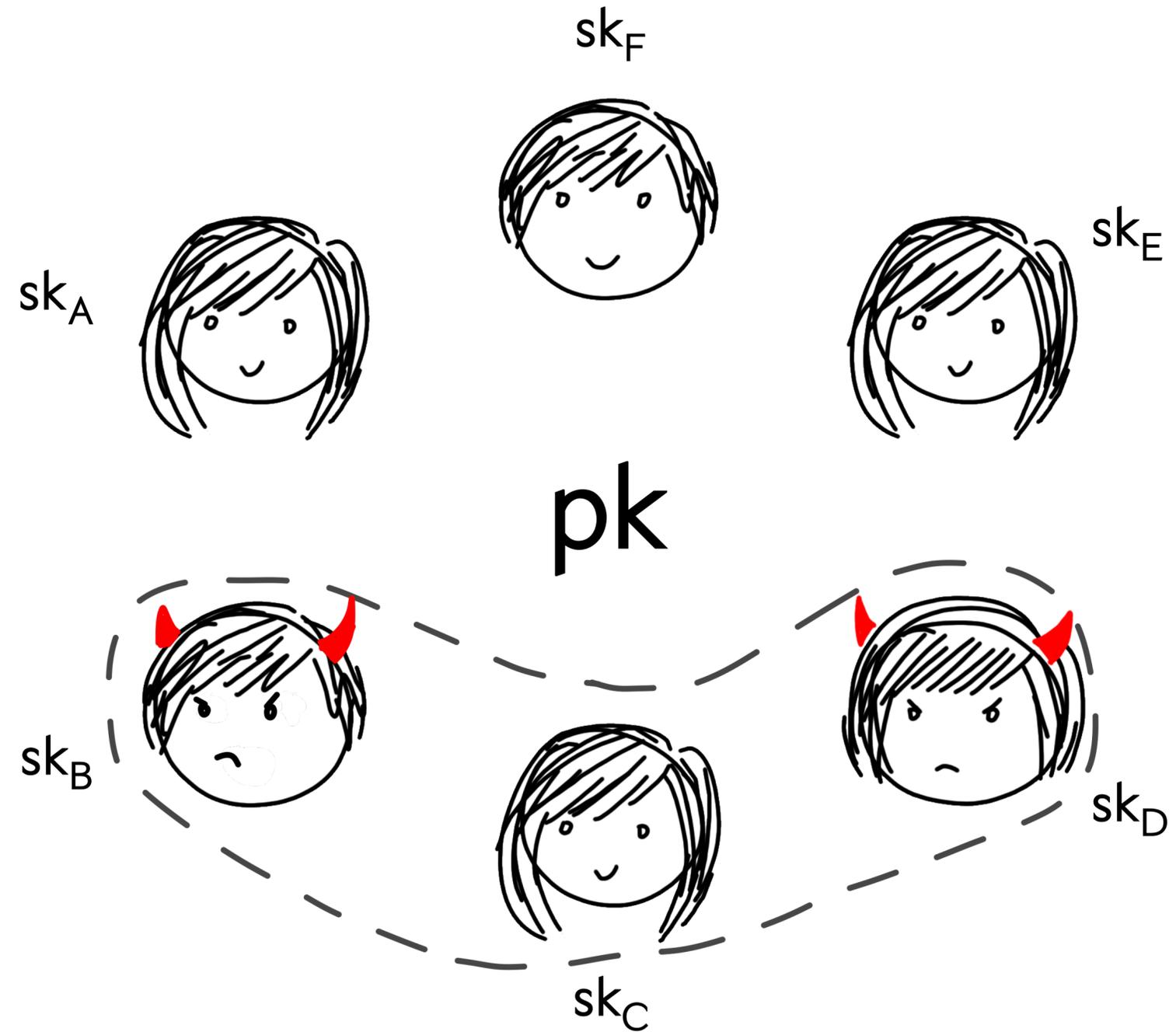
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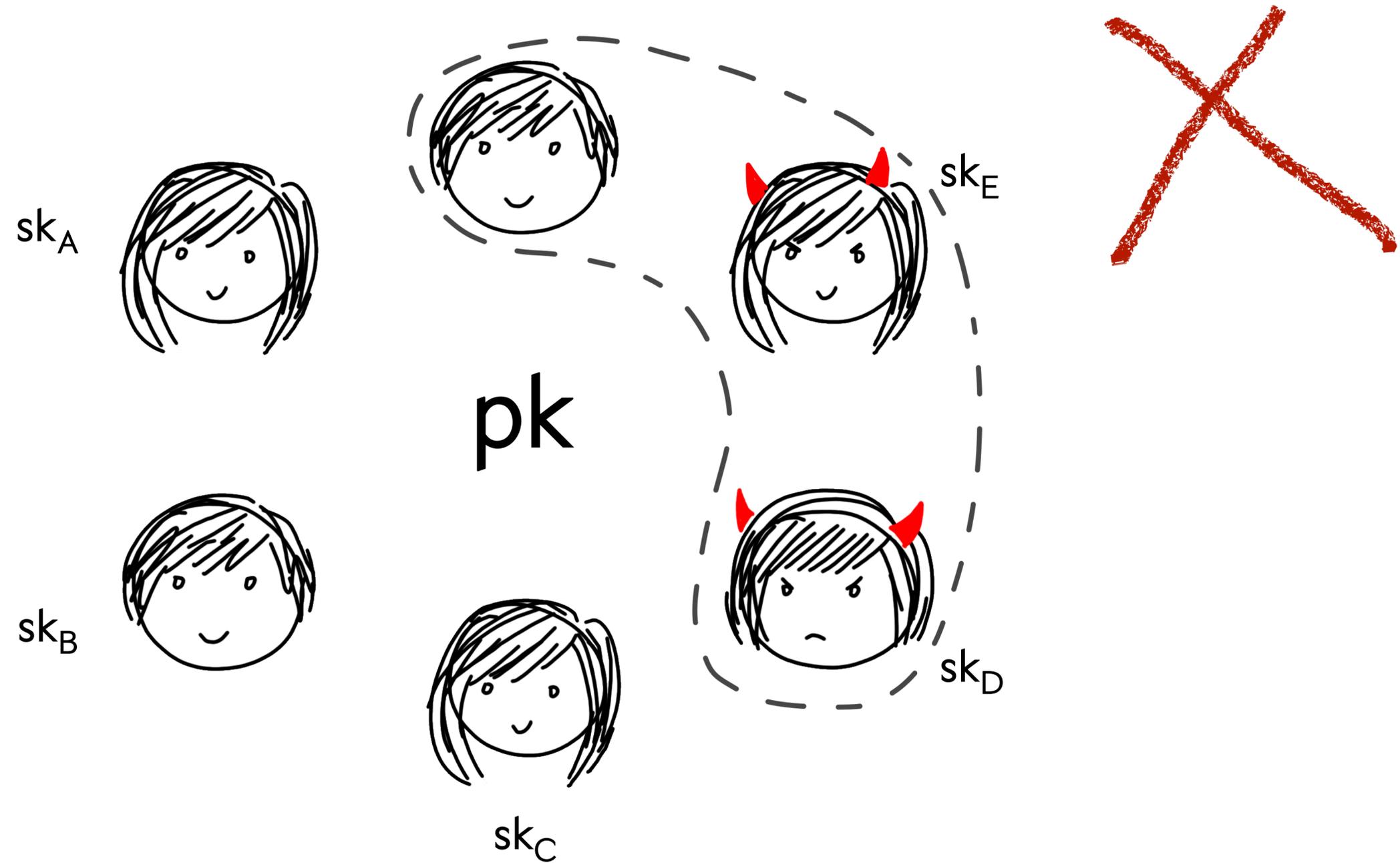
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Threshold friendly w.
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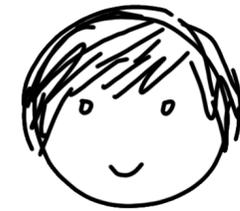
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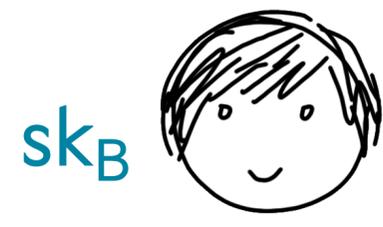
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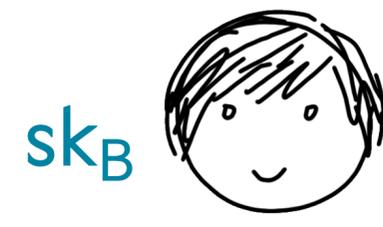
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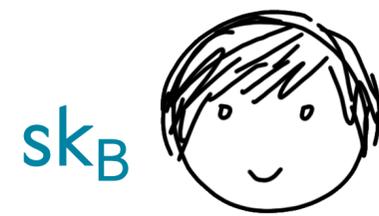


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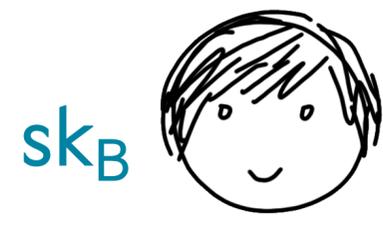
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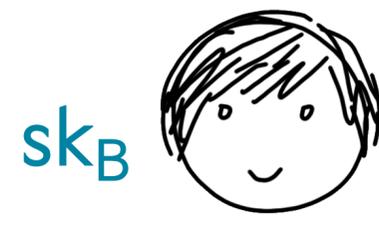
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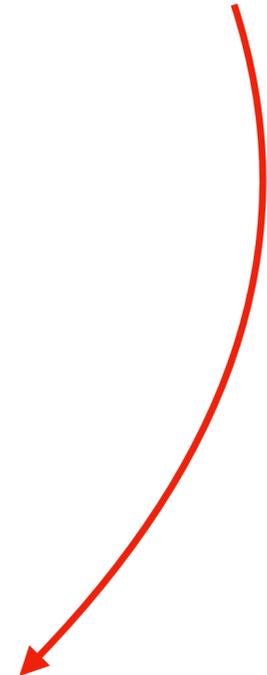
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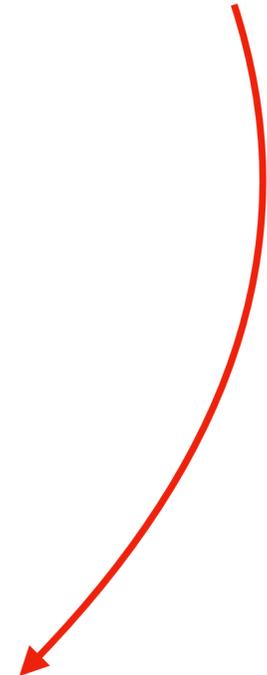
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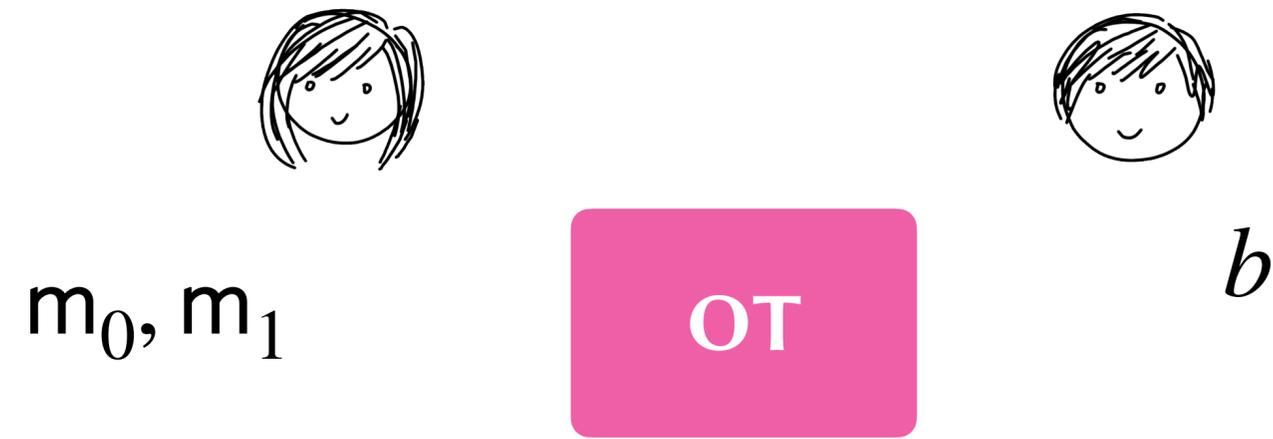
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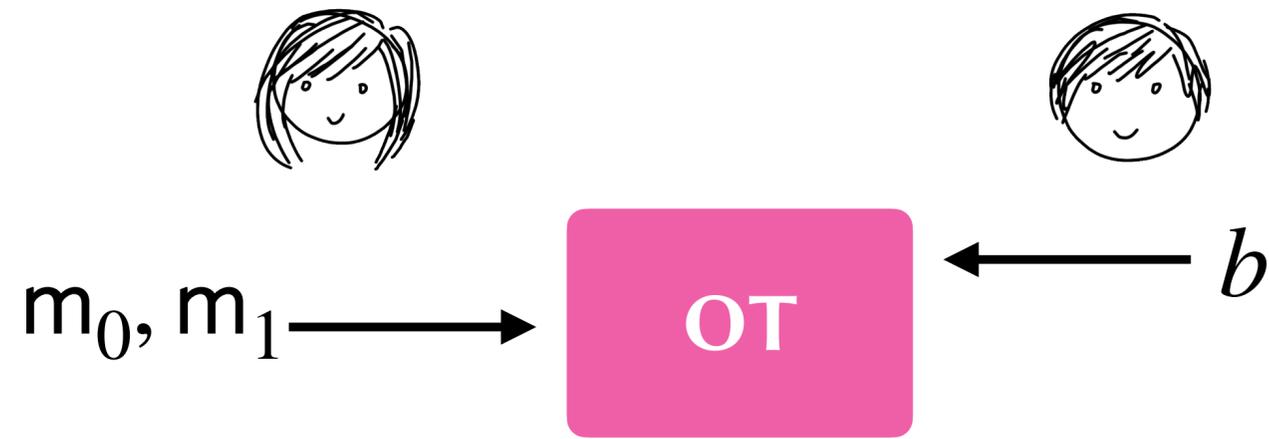
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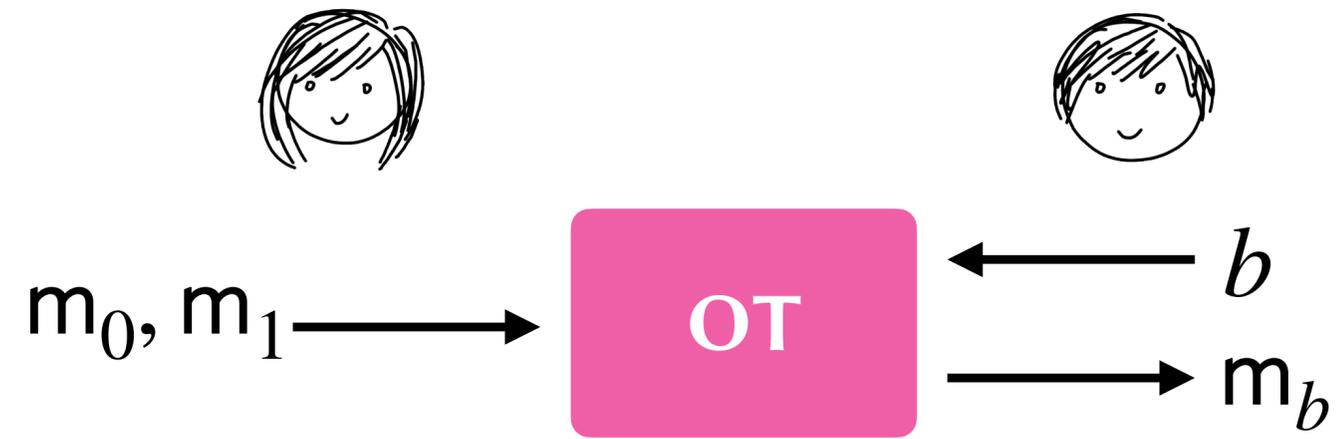
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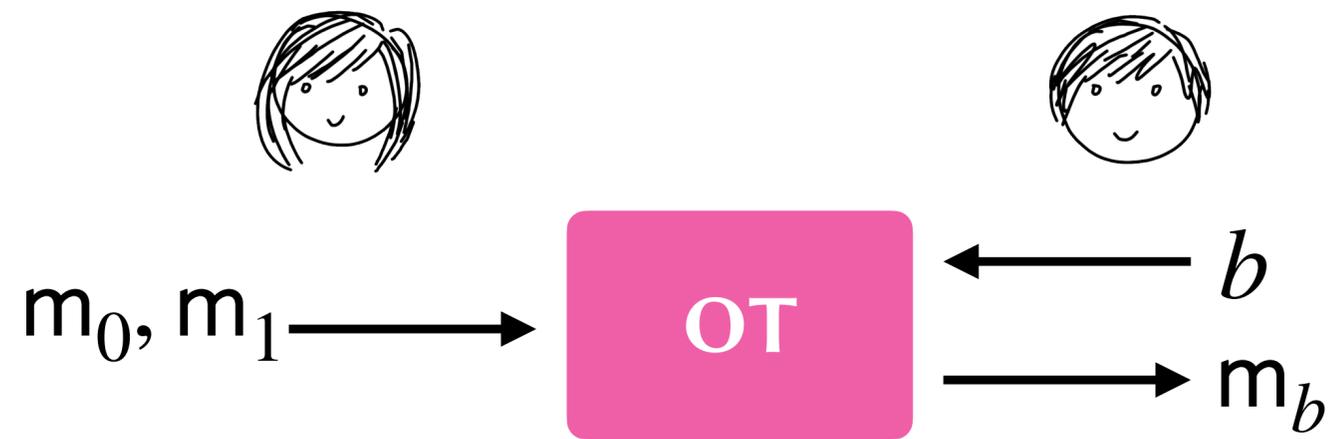
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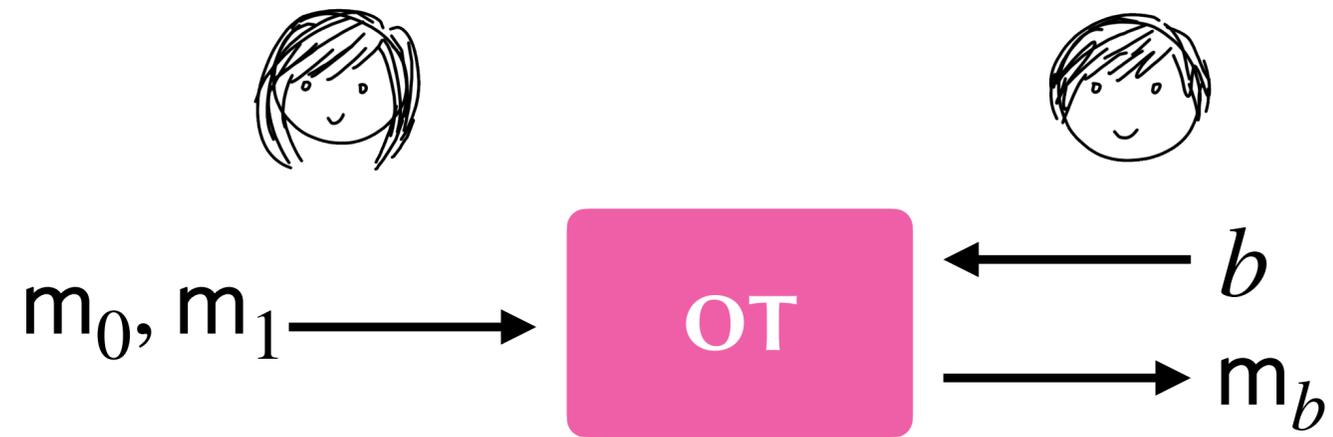


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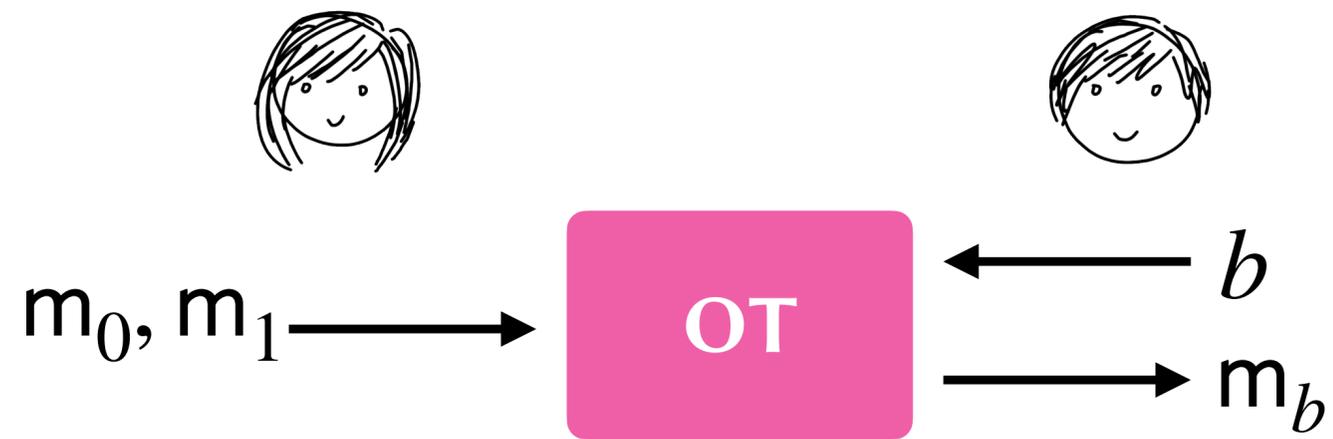
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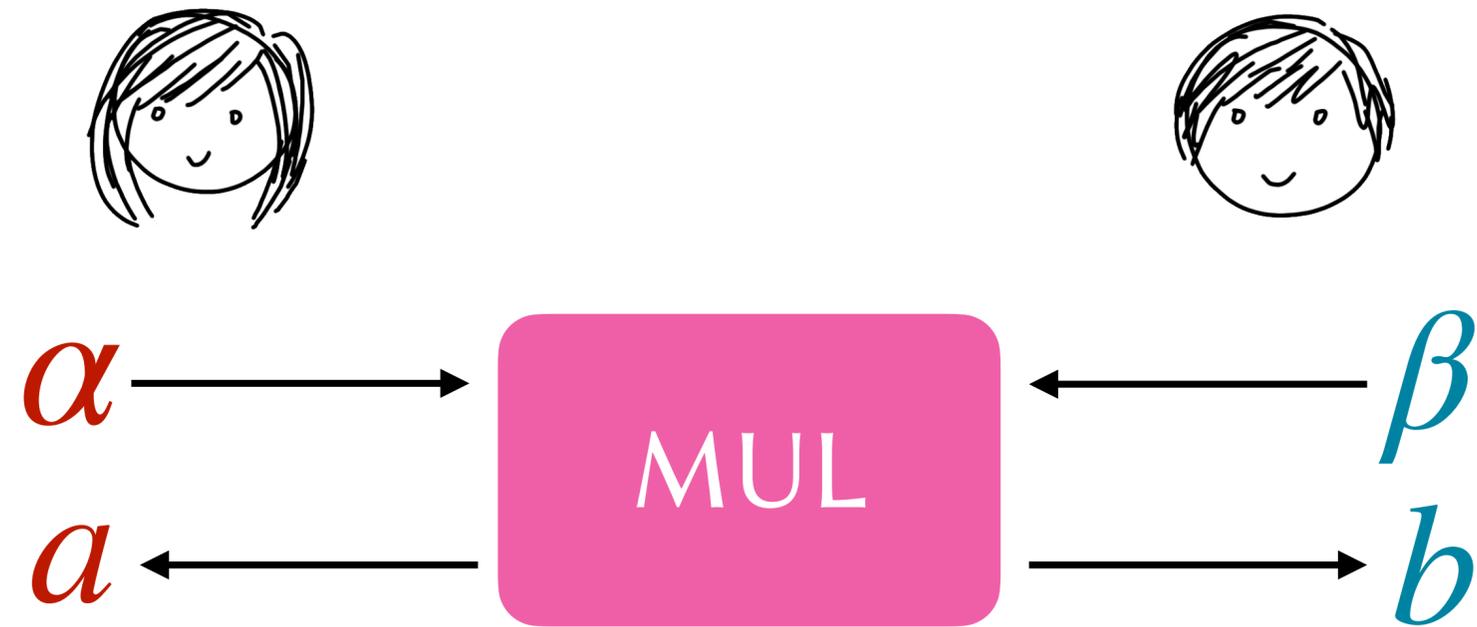
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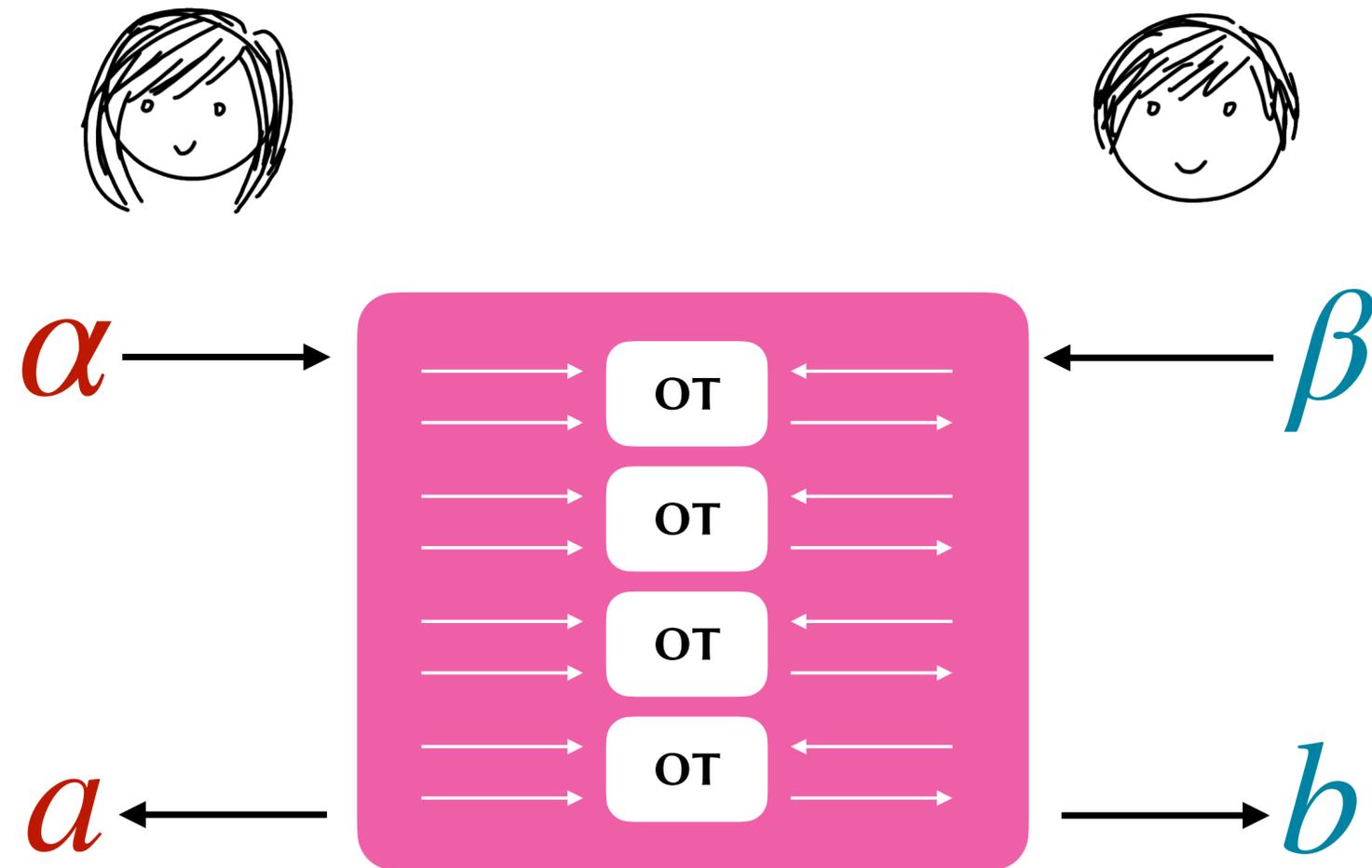
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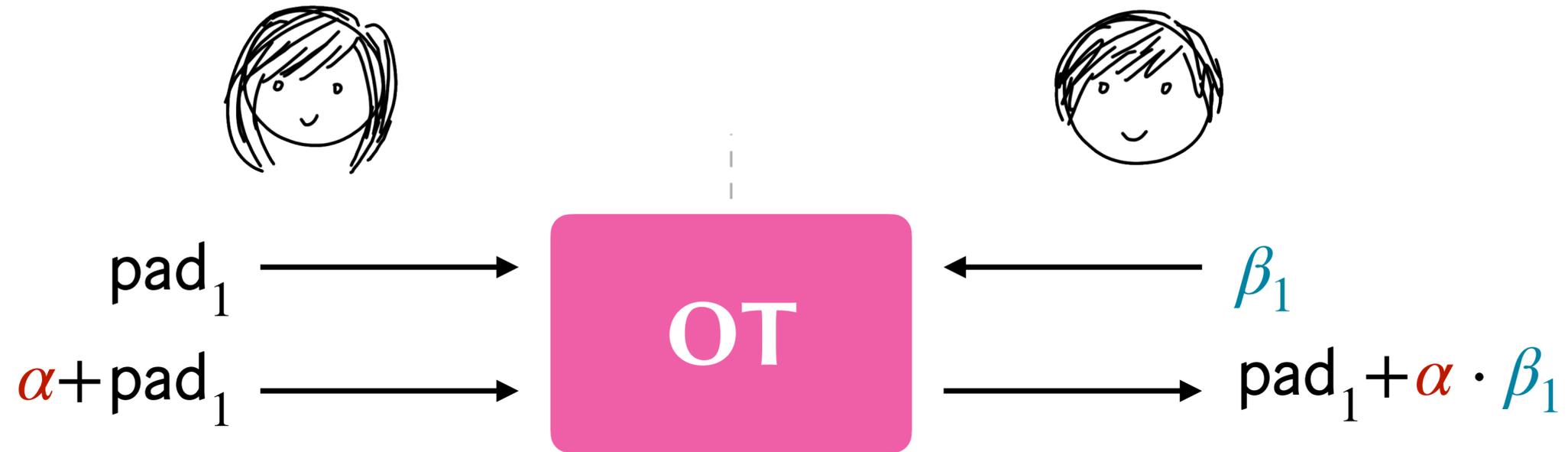


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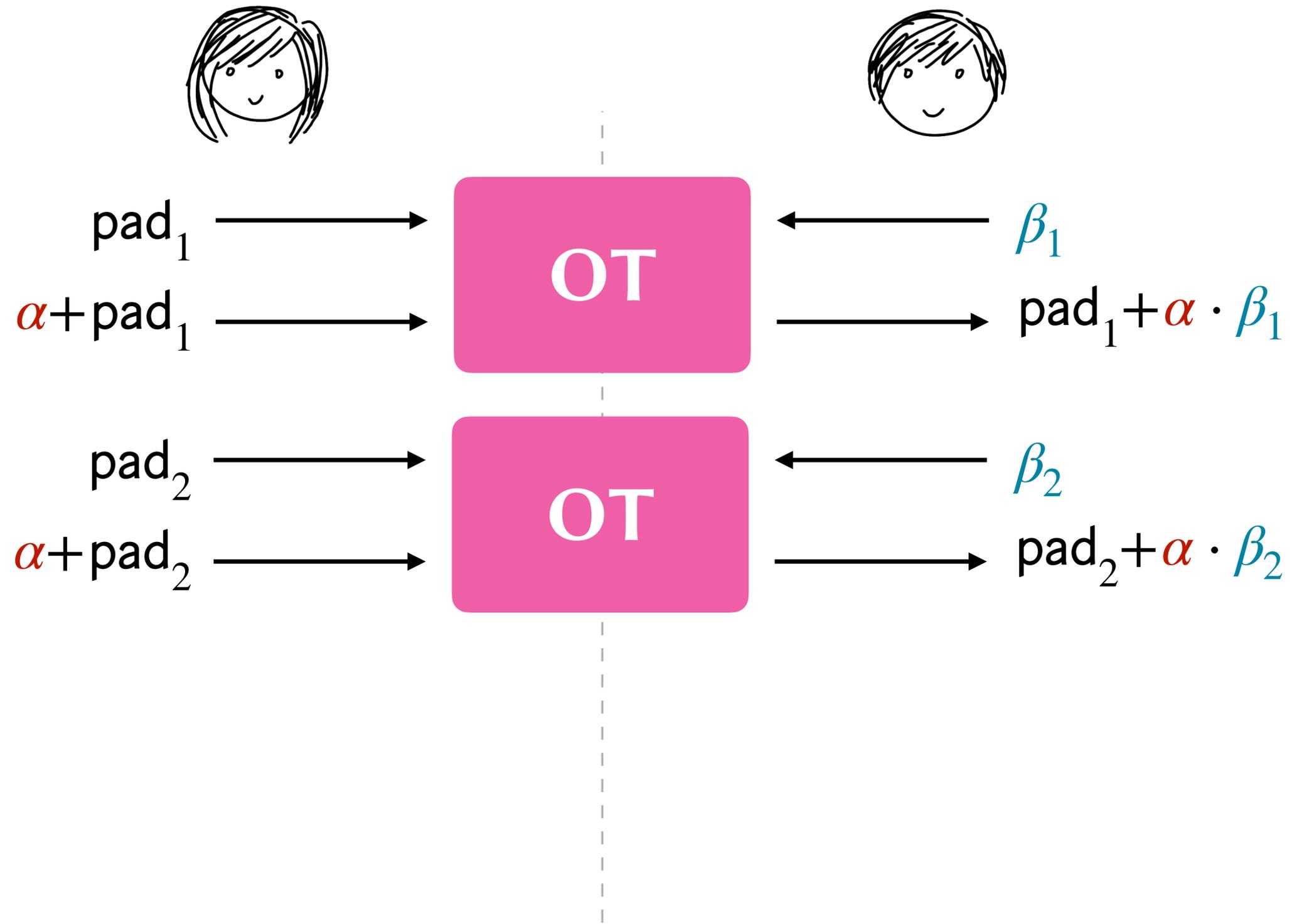
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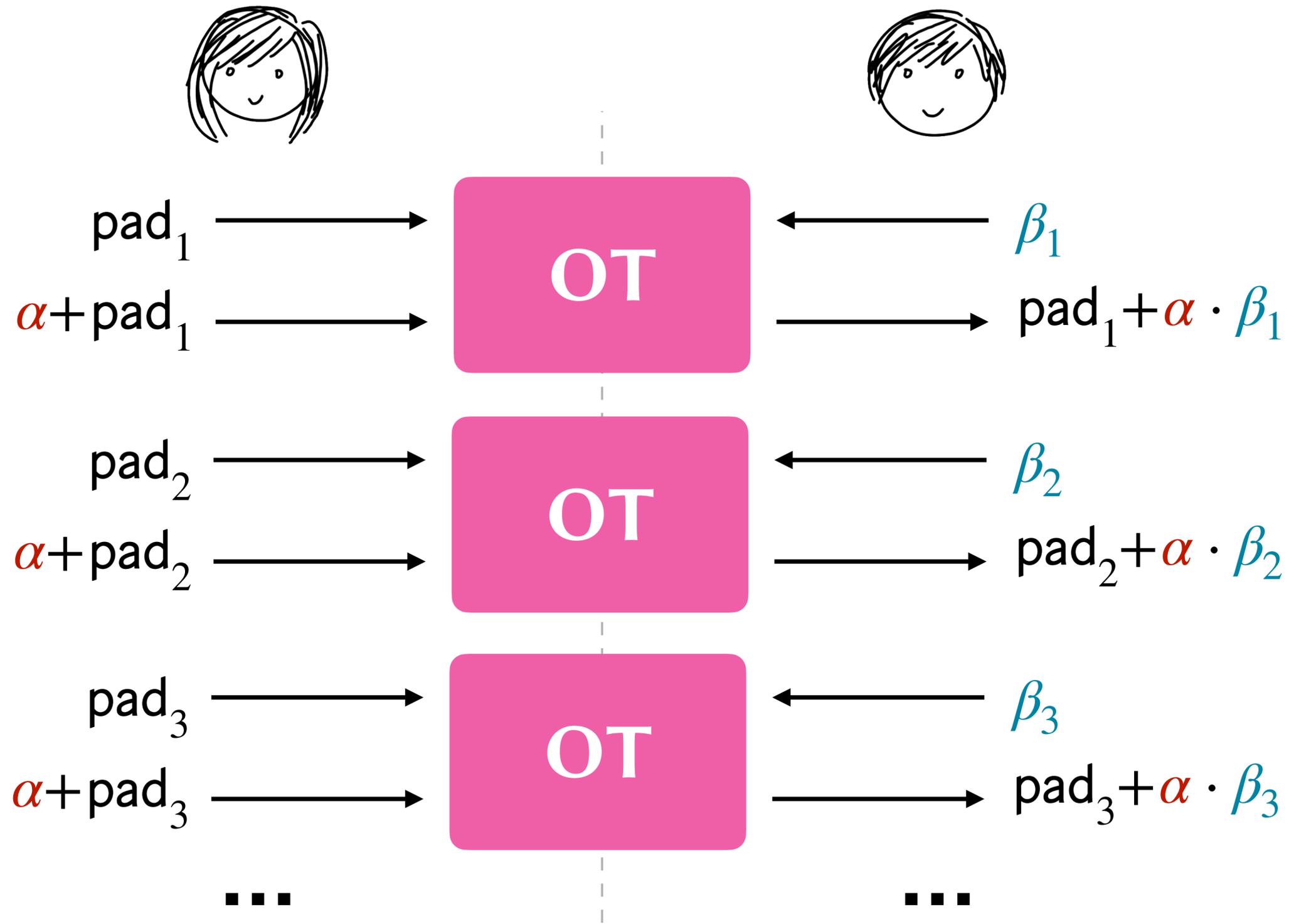
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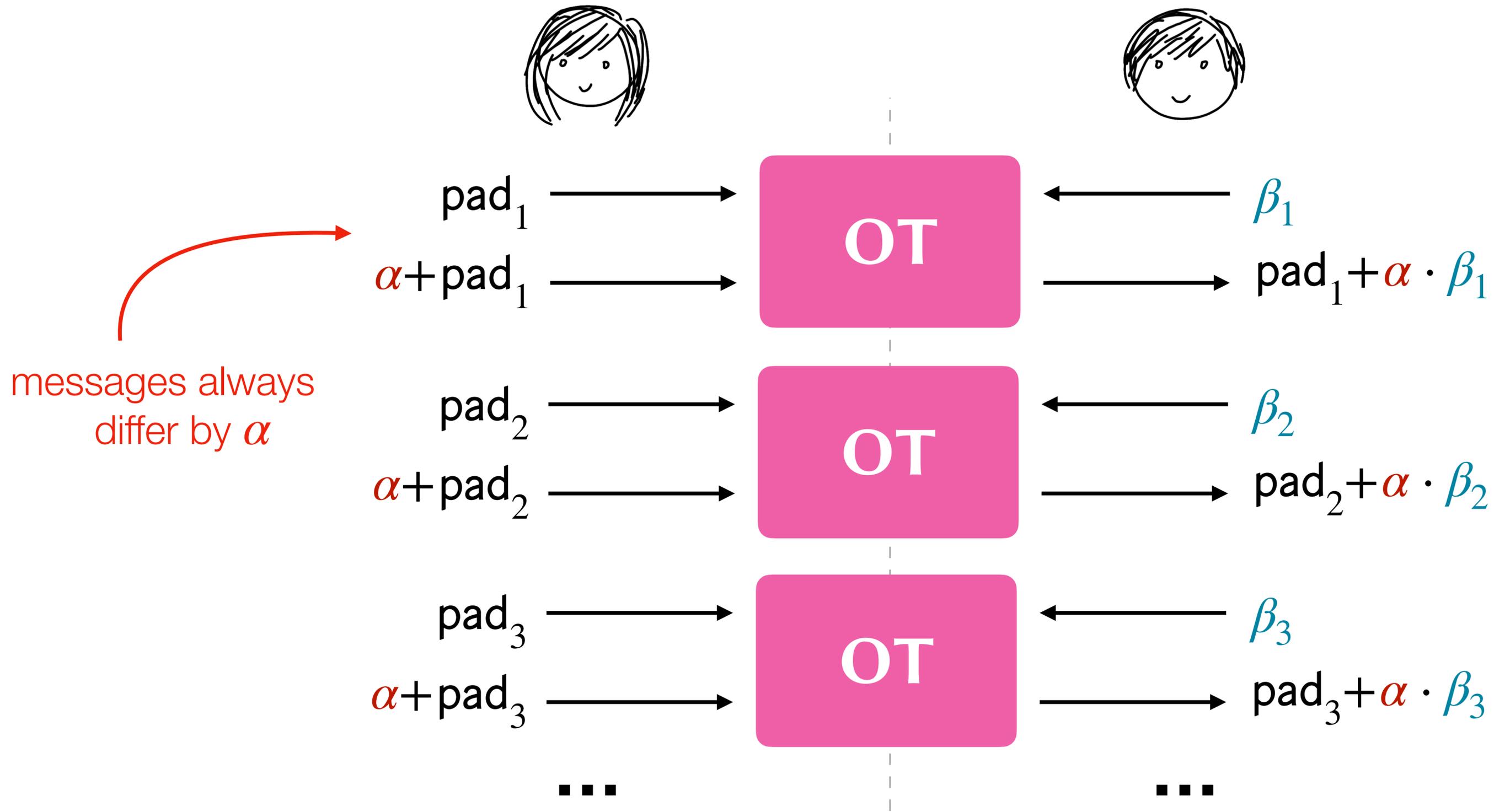
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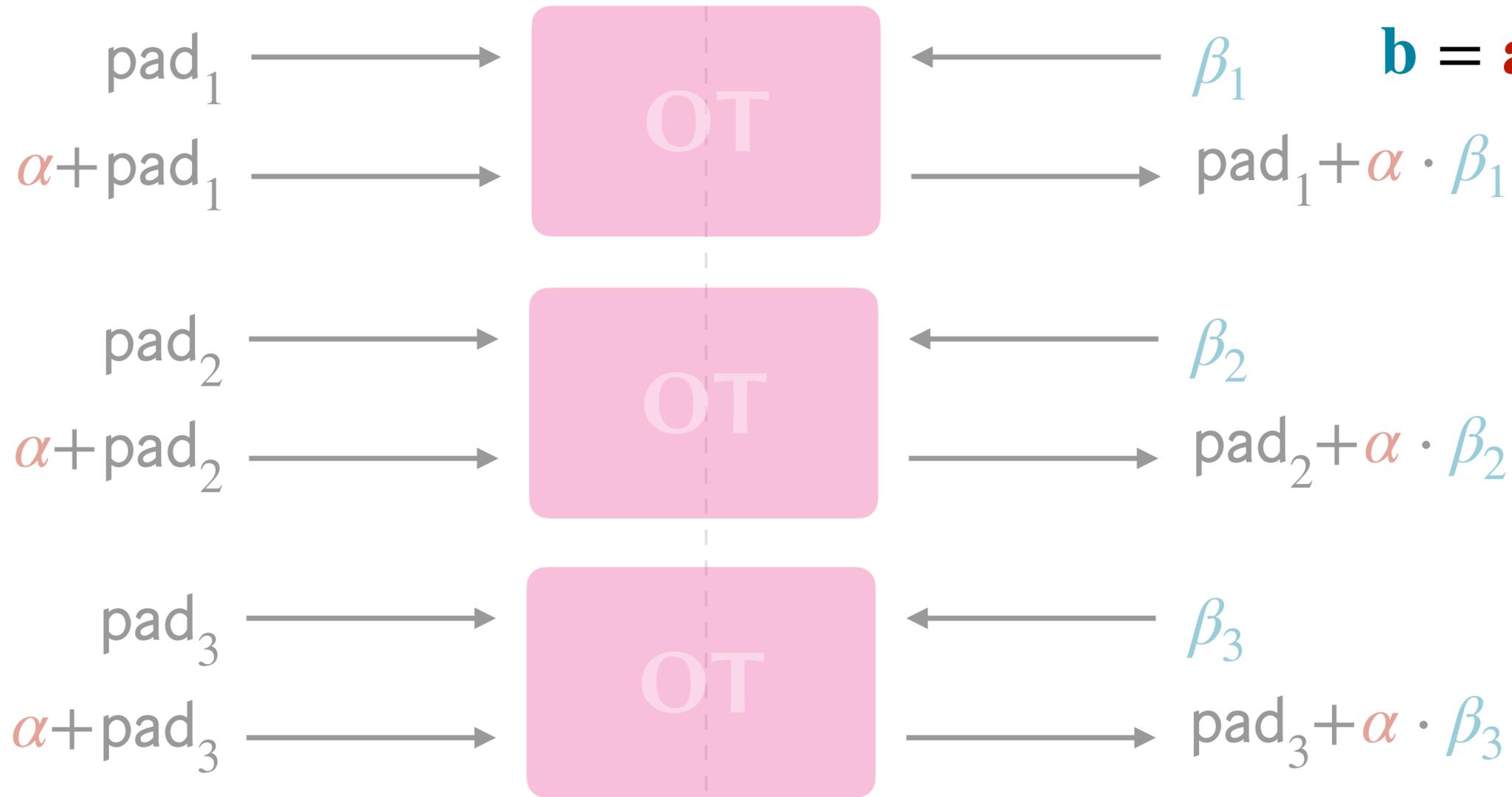


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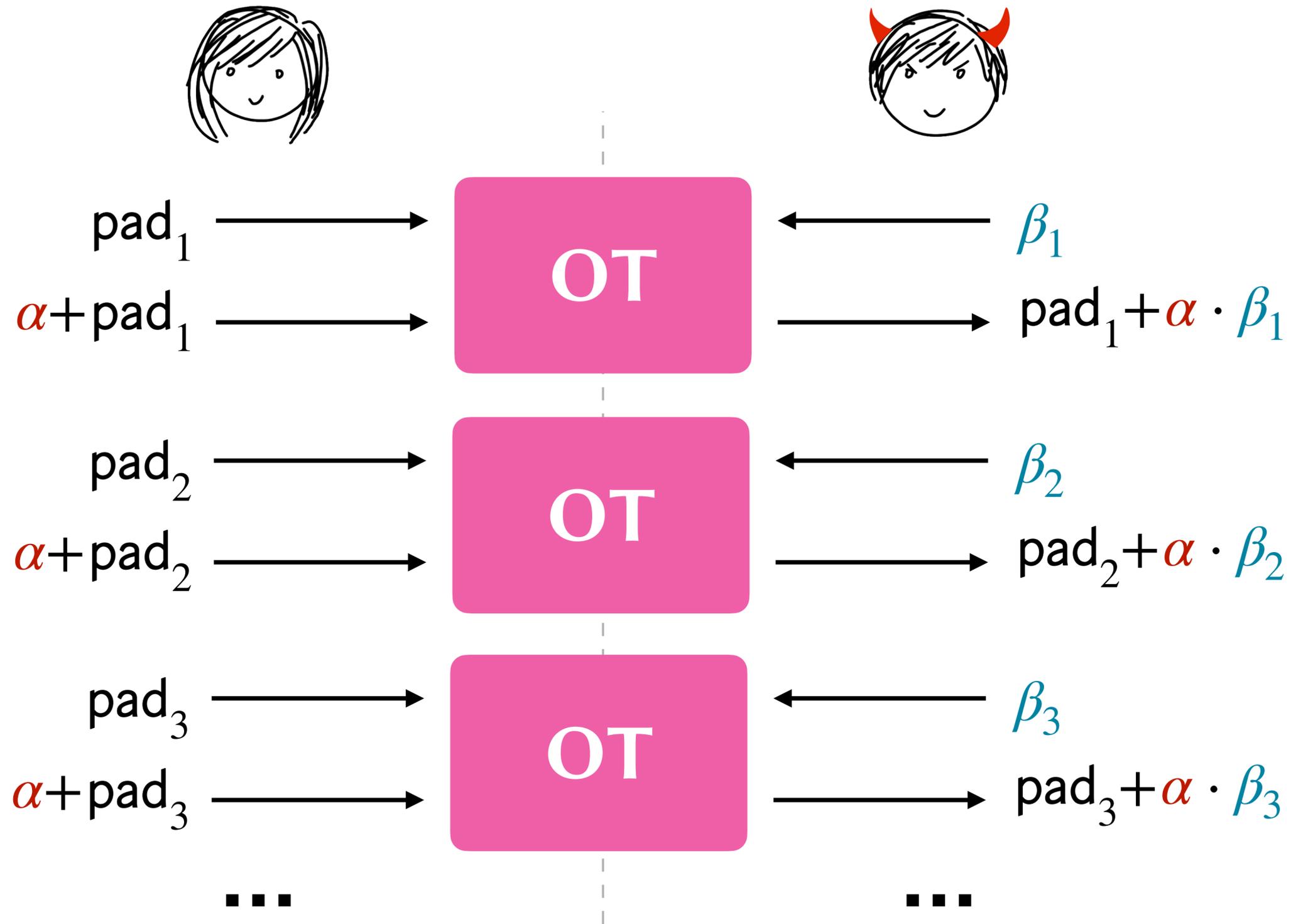
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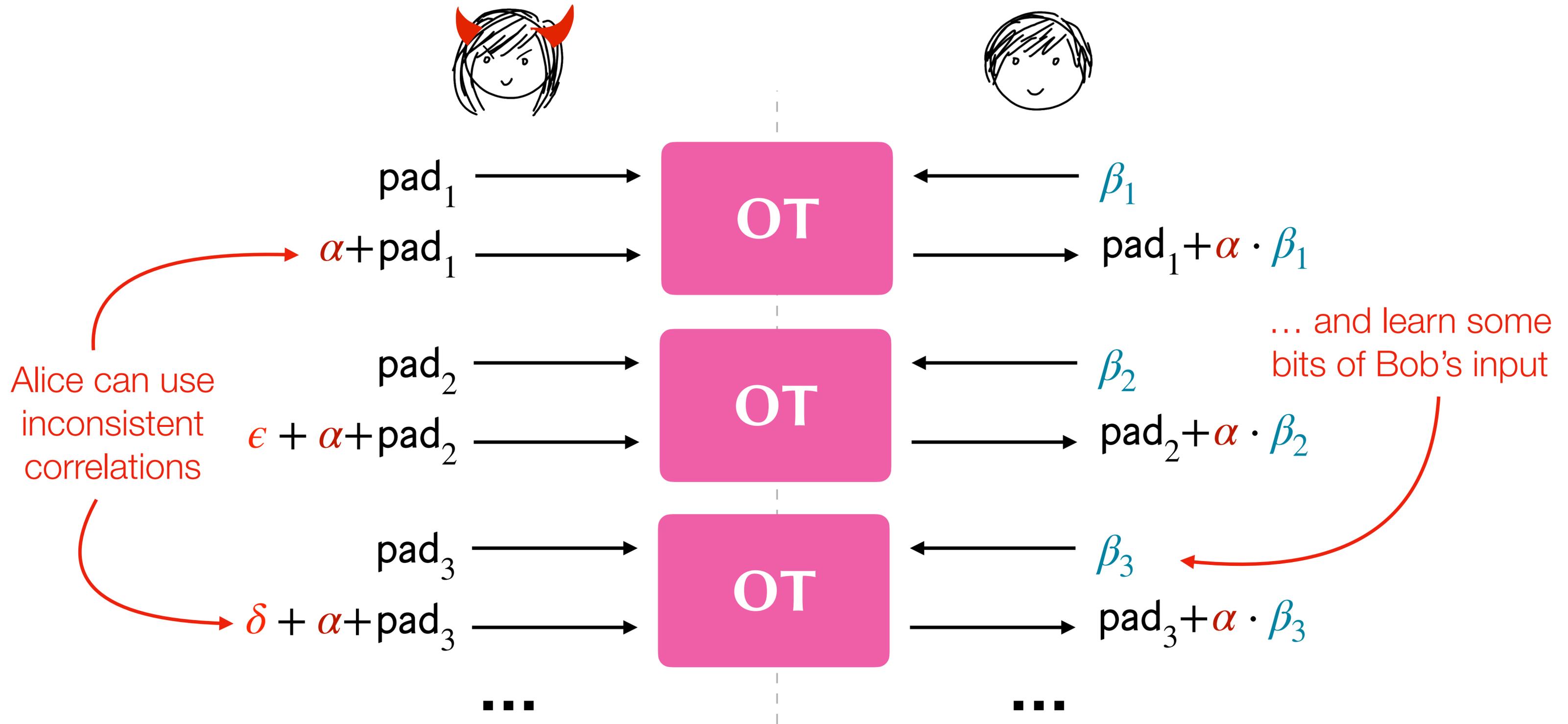
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(à la [Bar-Ilan Beaver 89])

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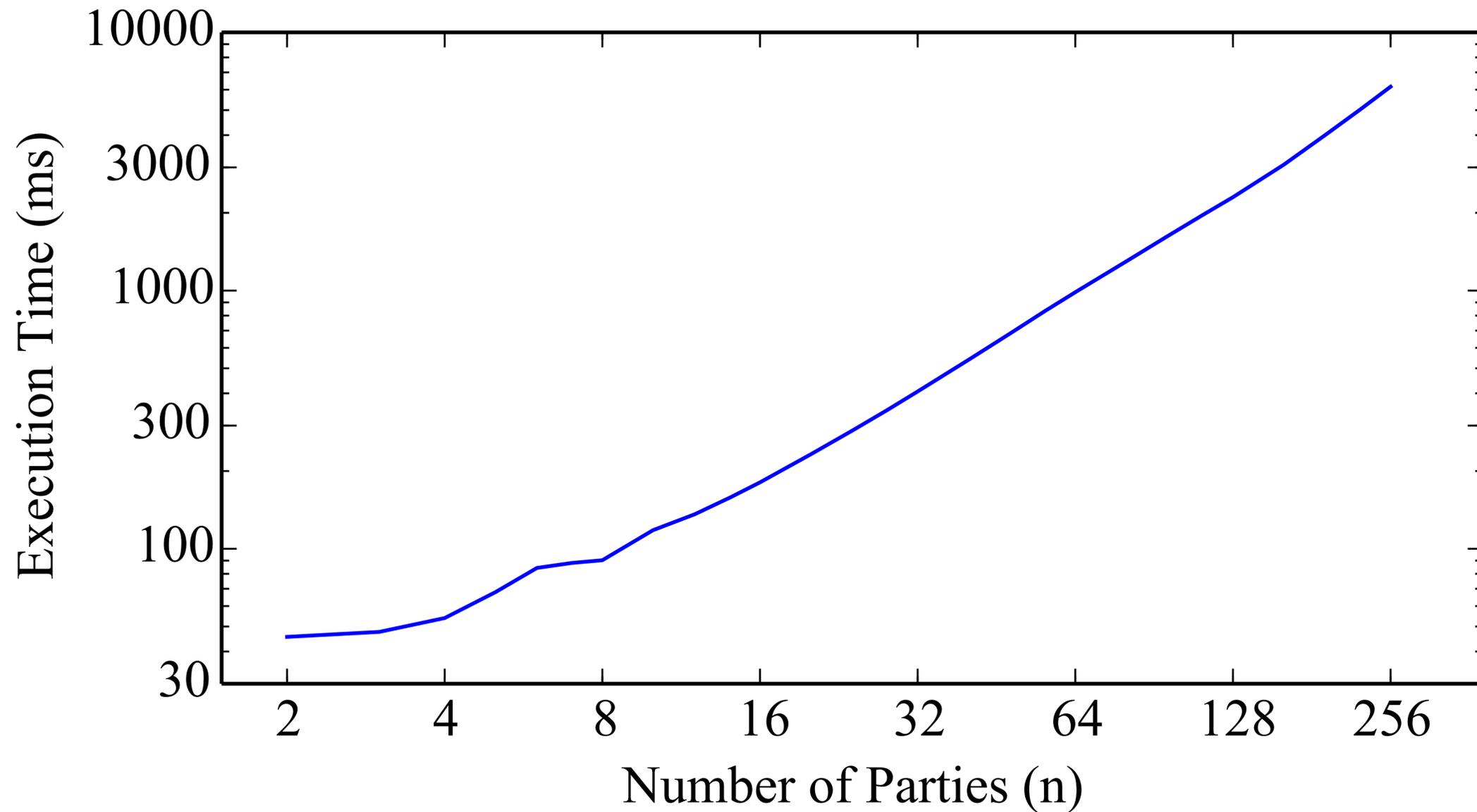
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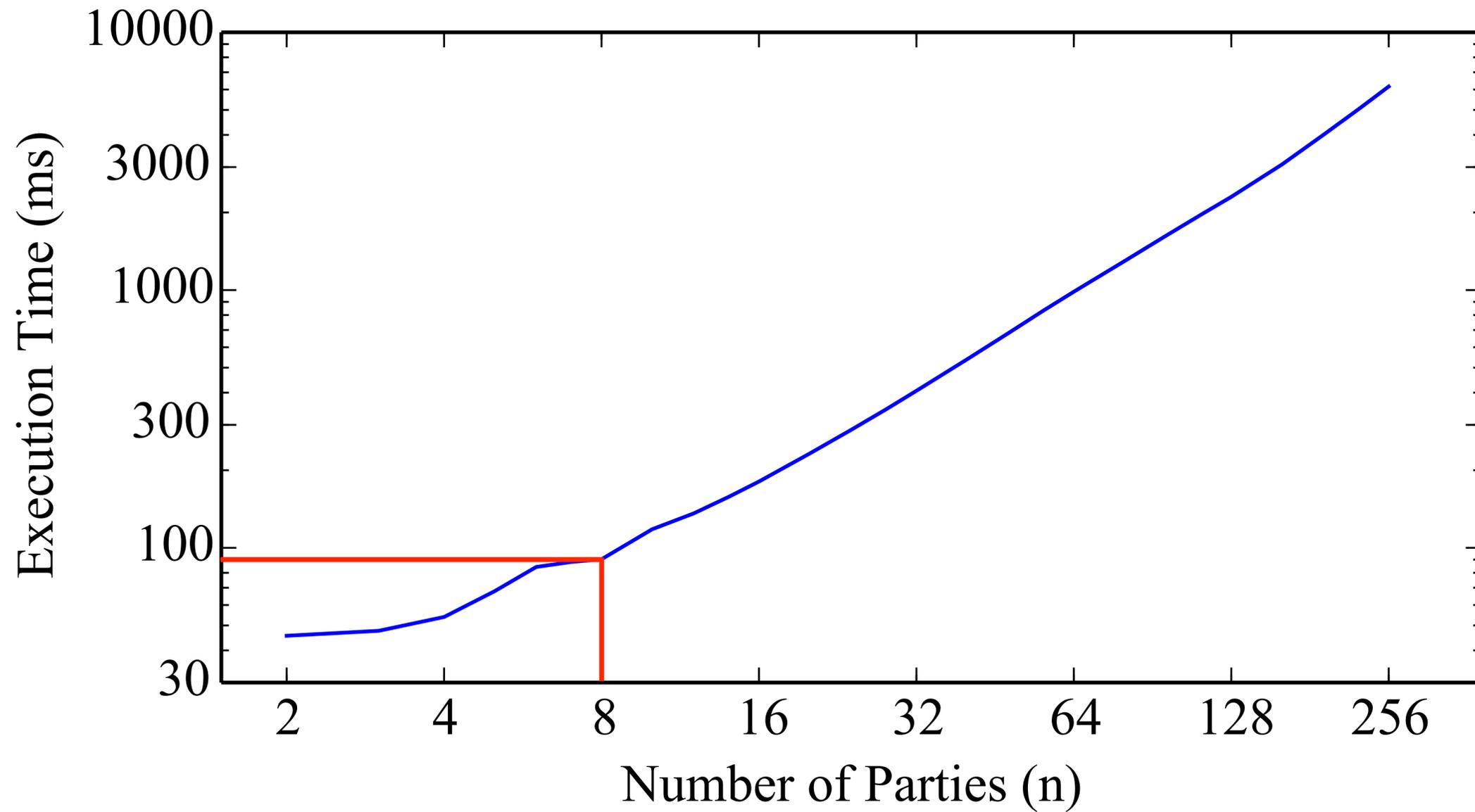
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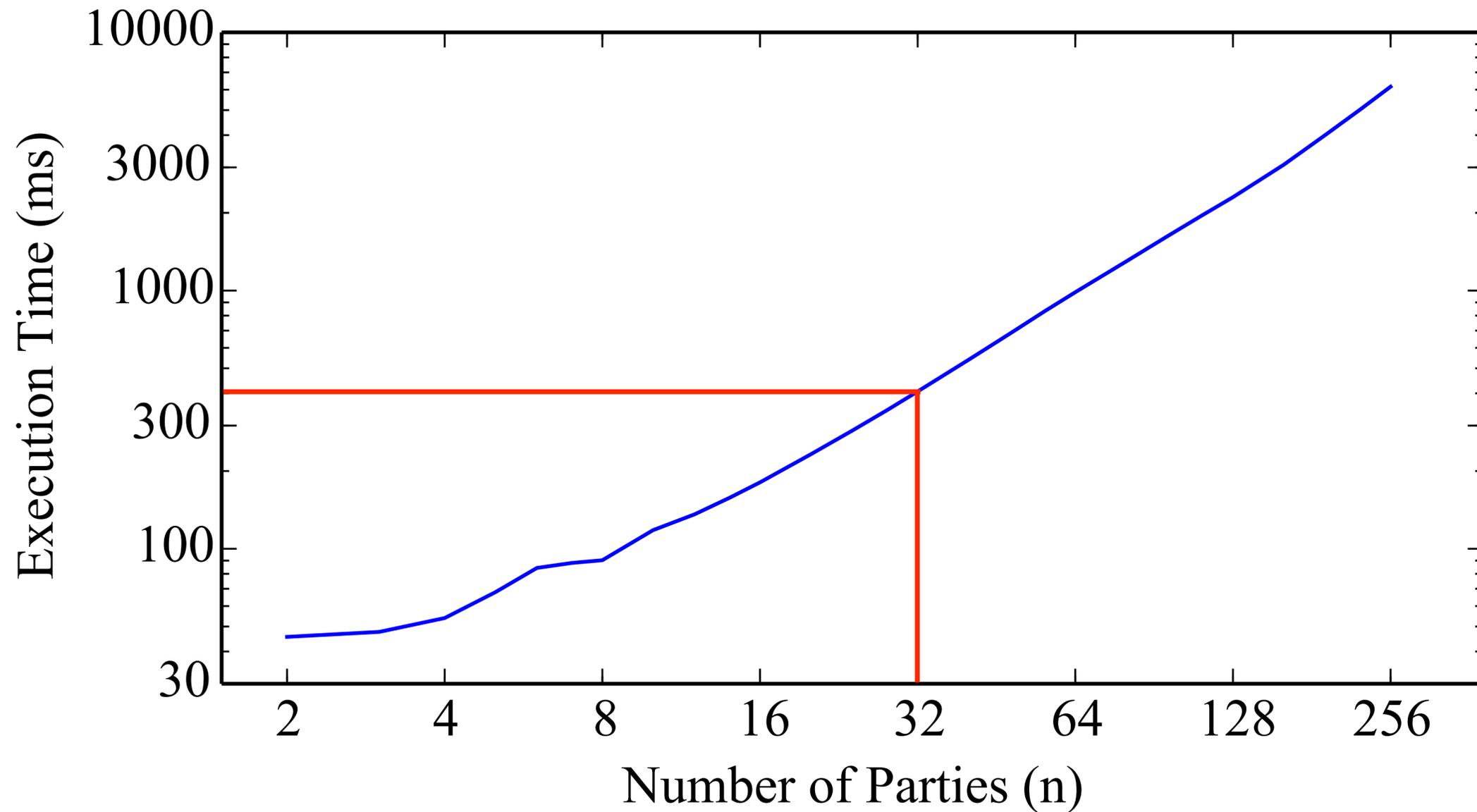
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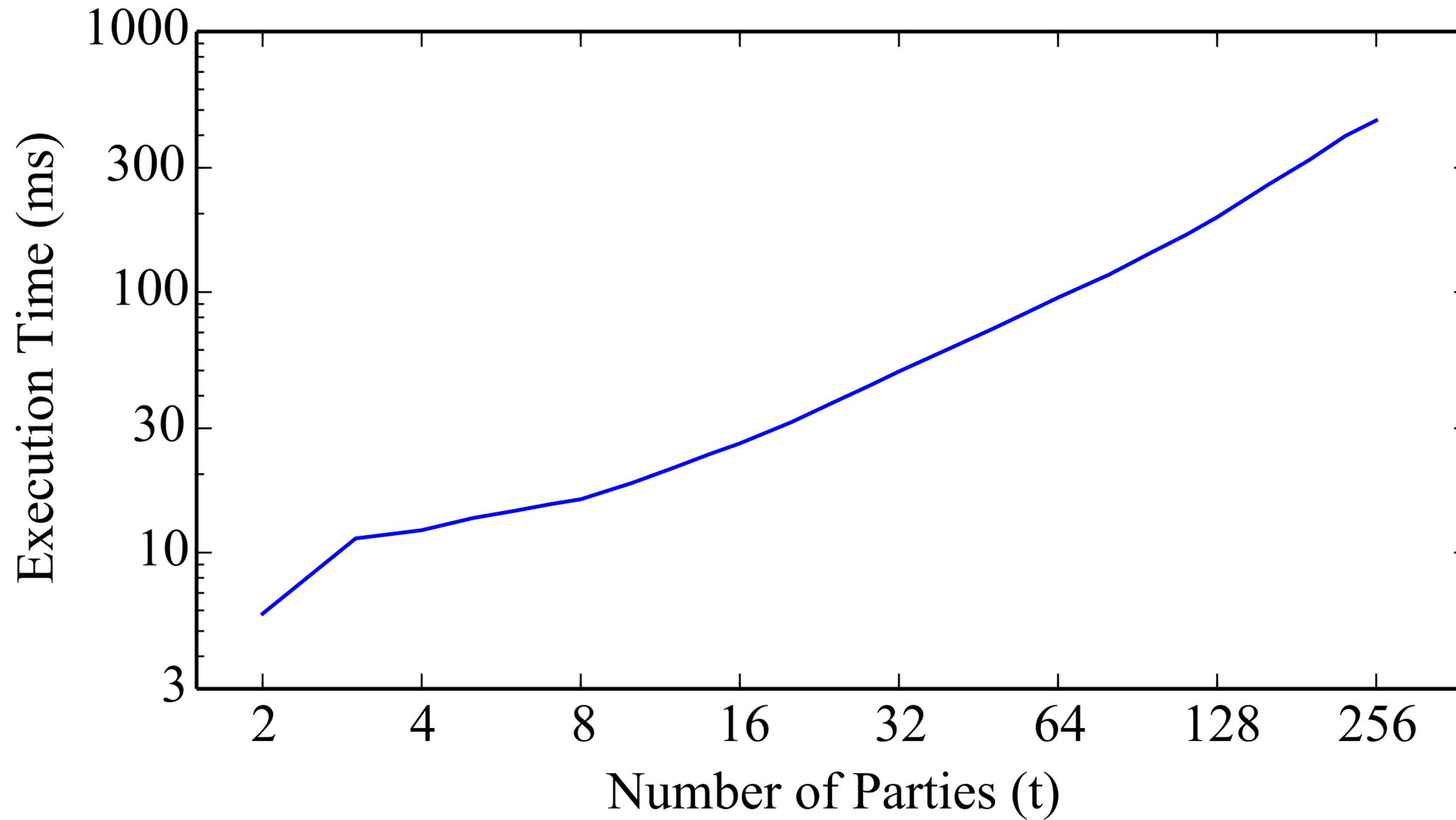
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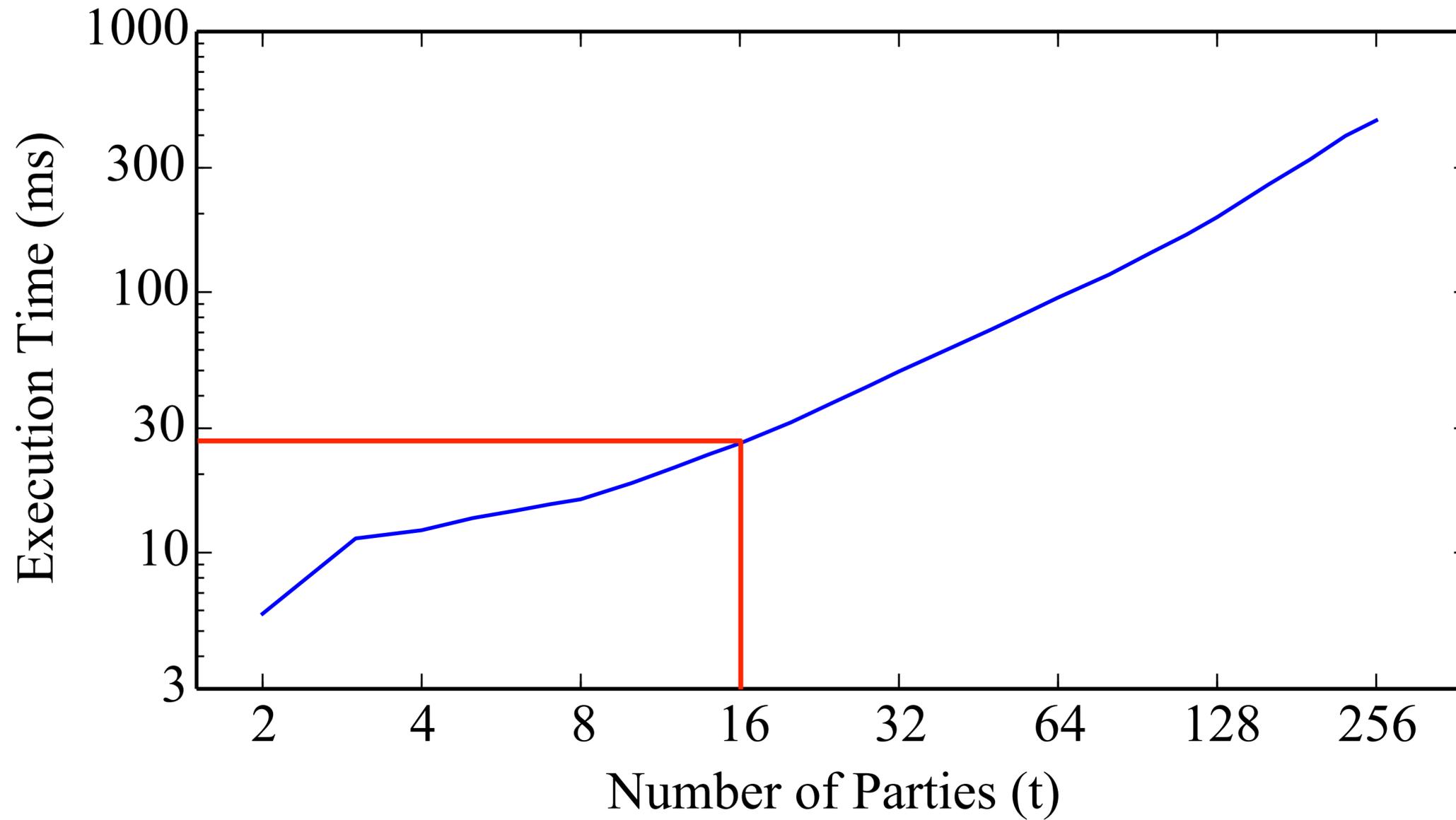


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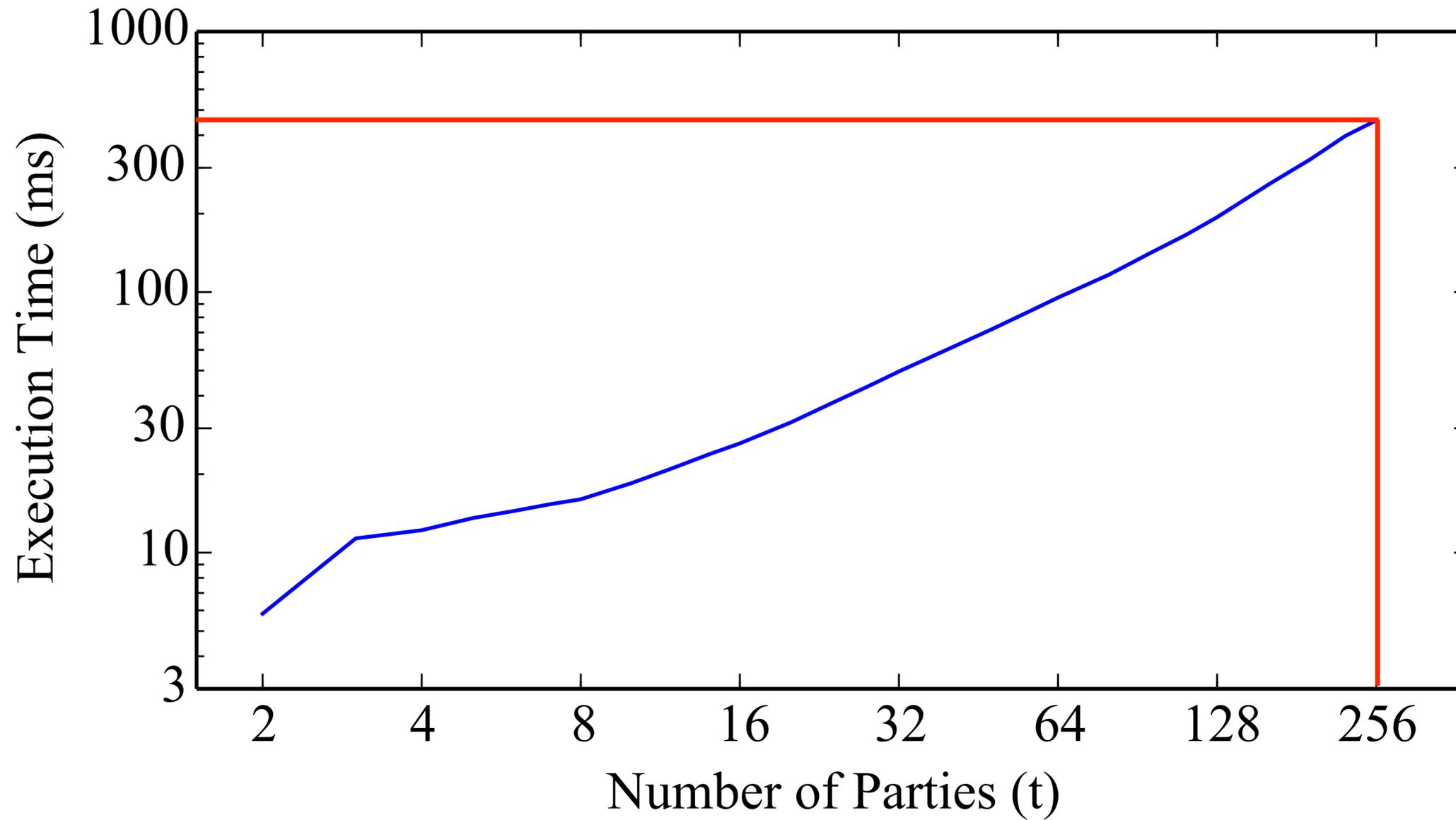
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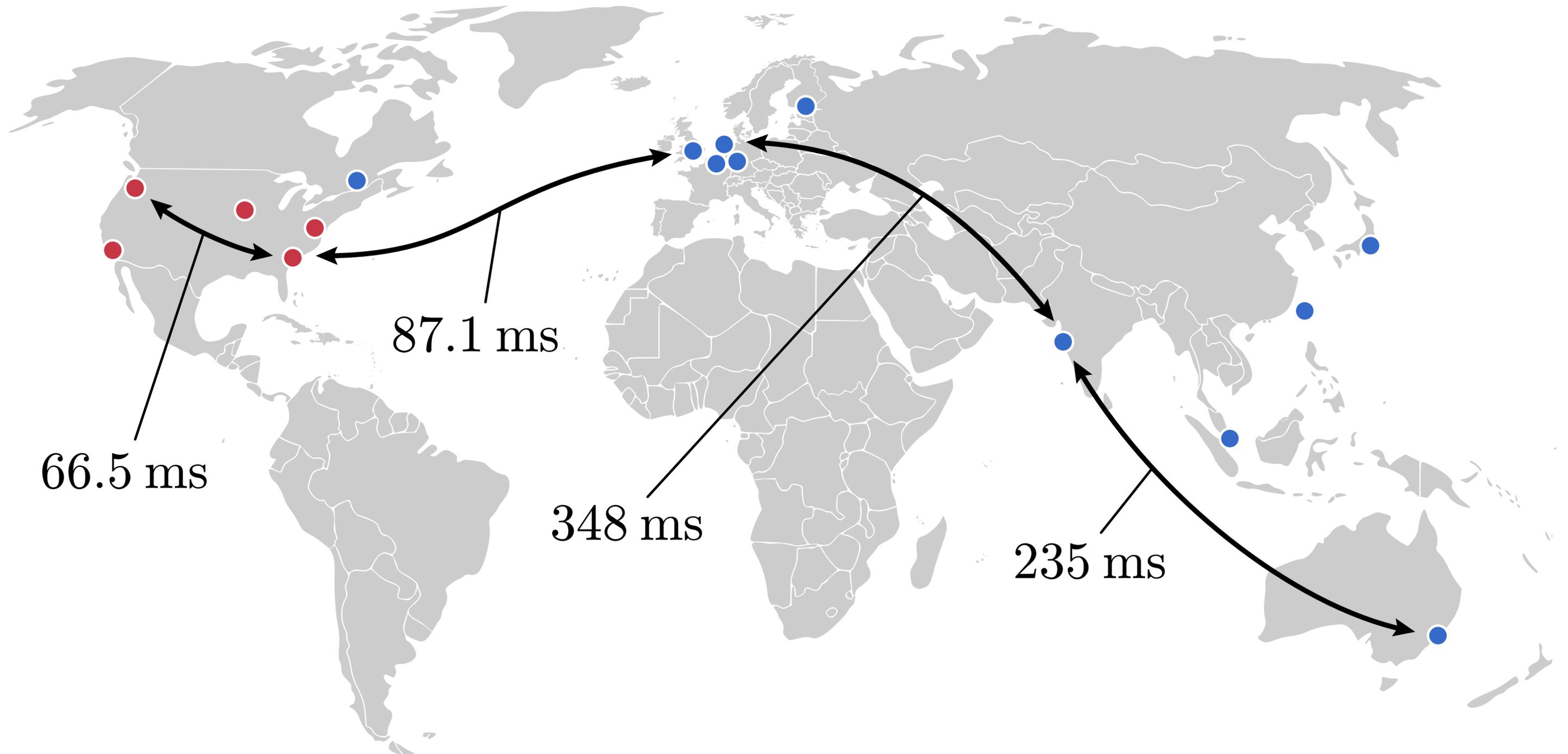
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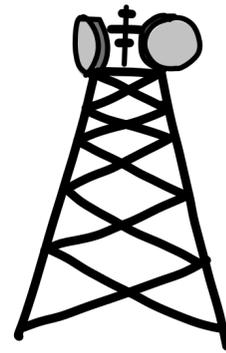
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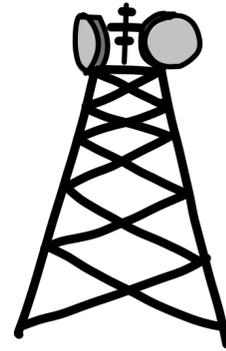
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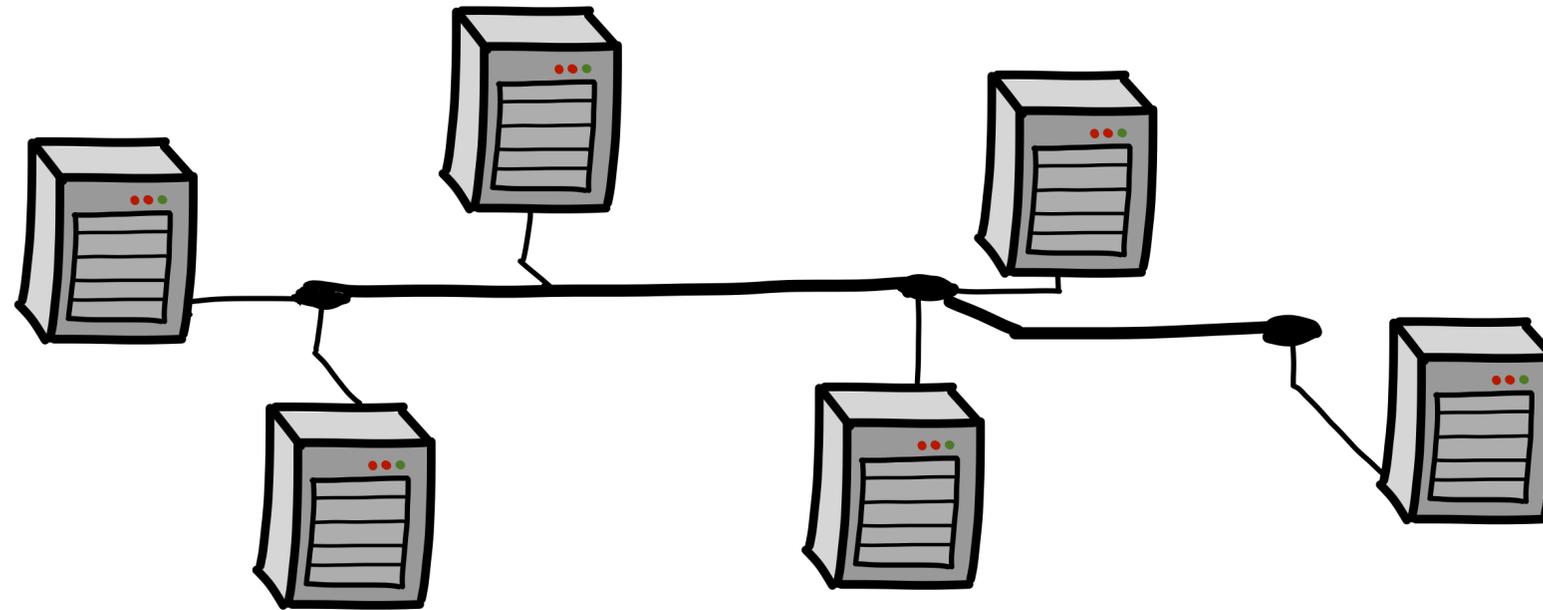
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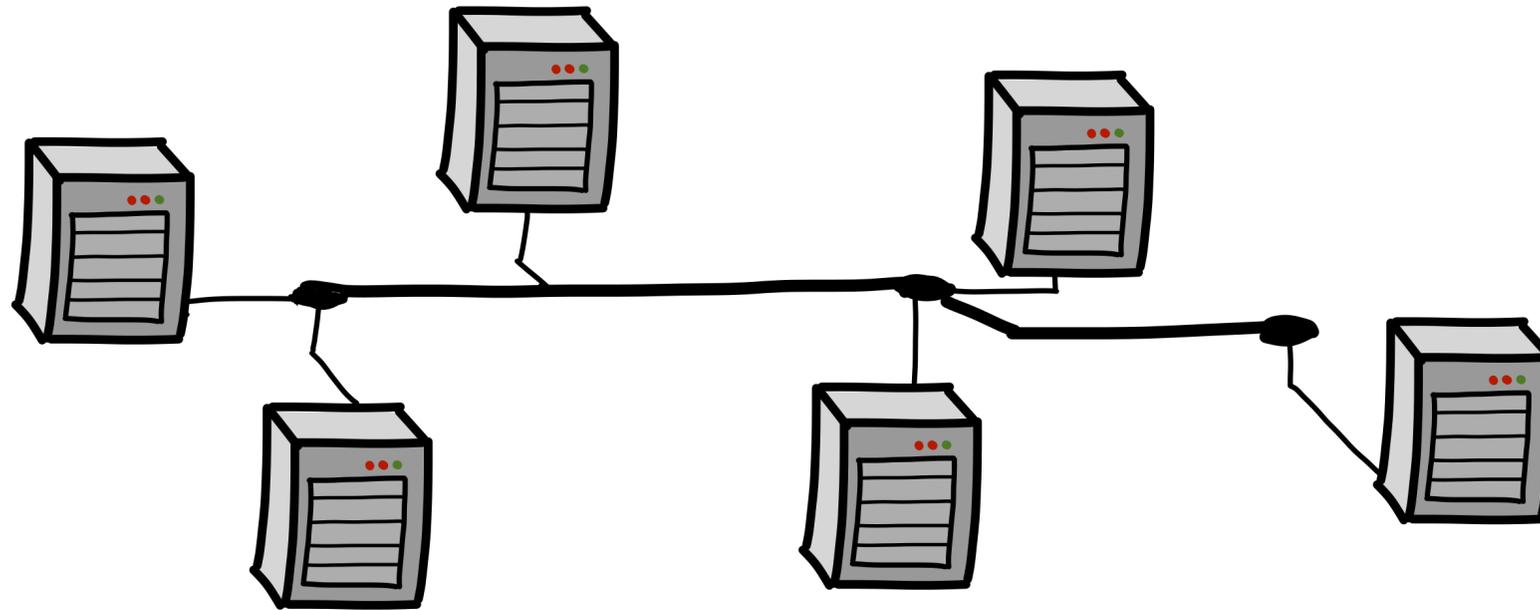


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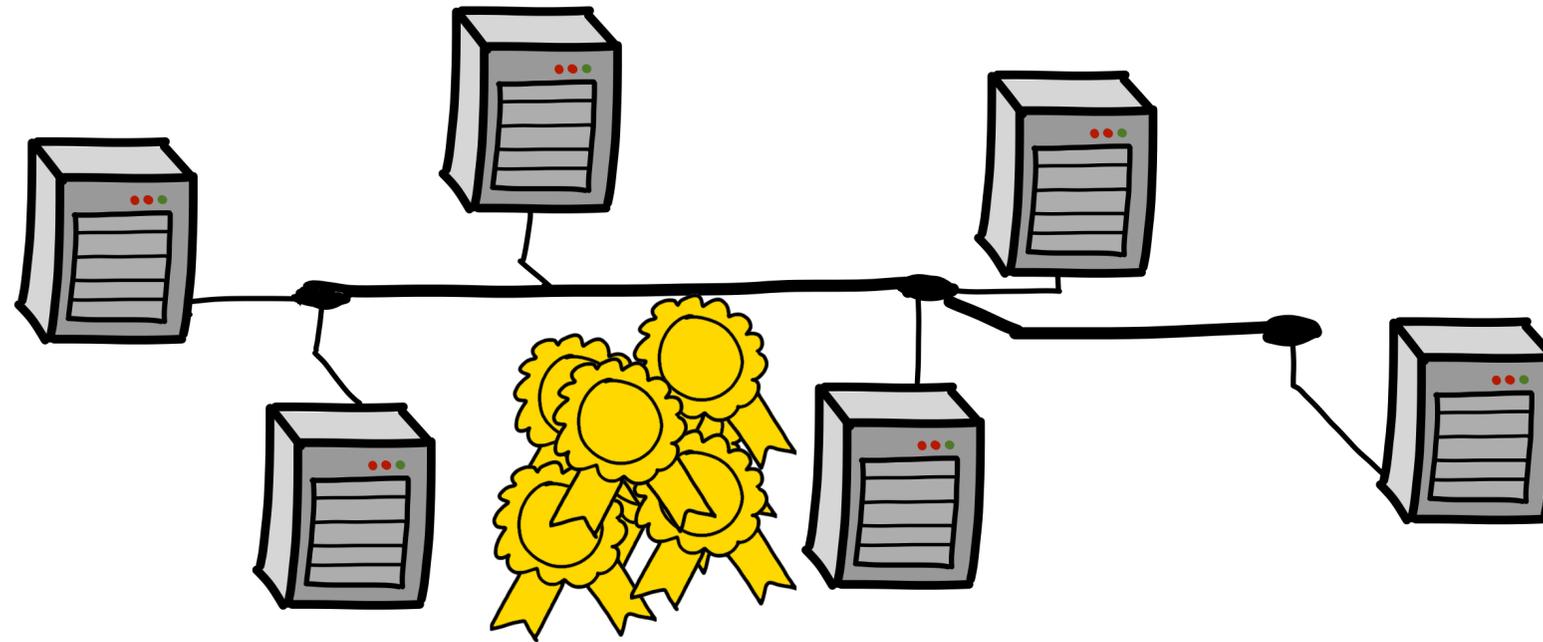


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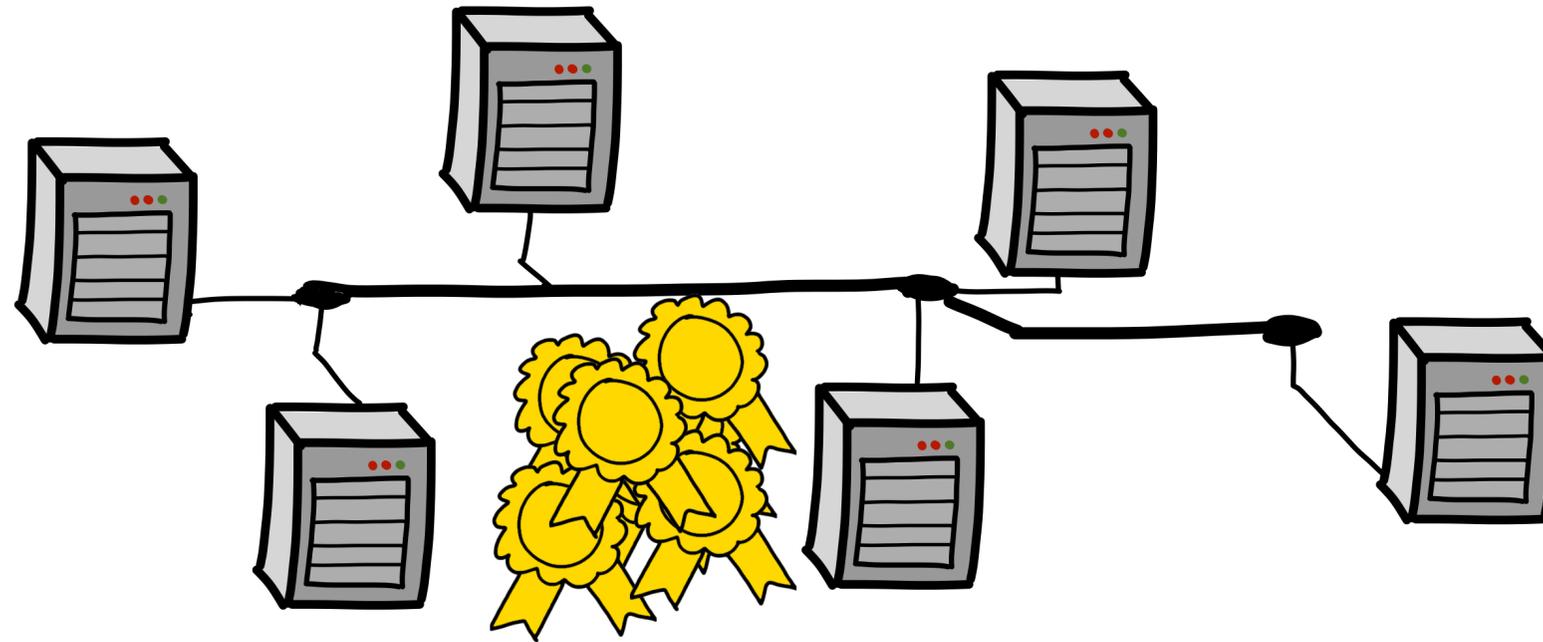
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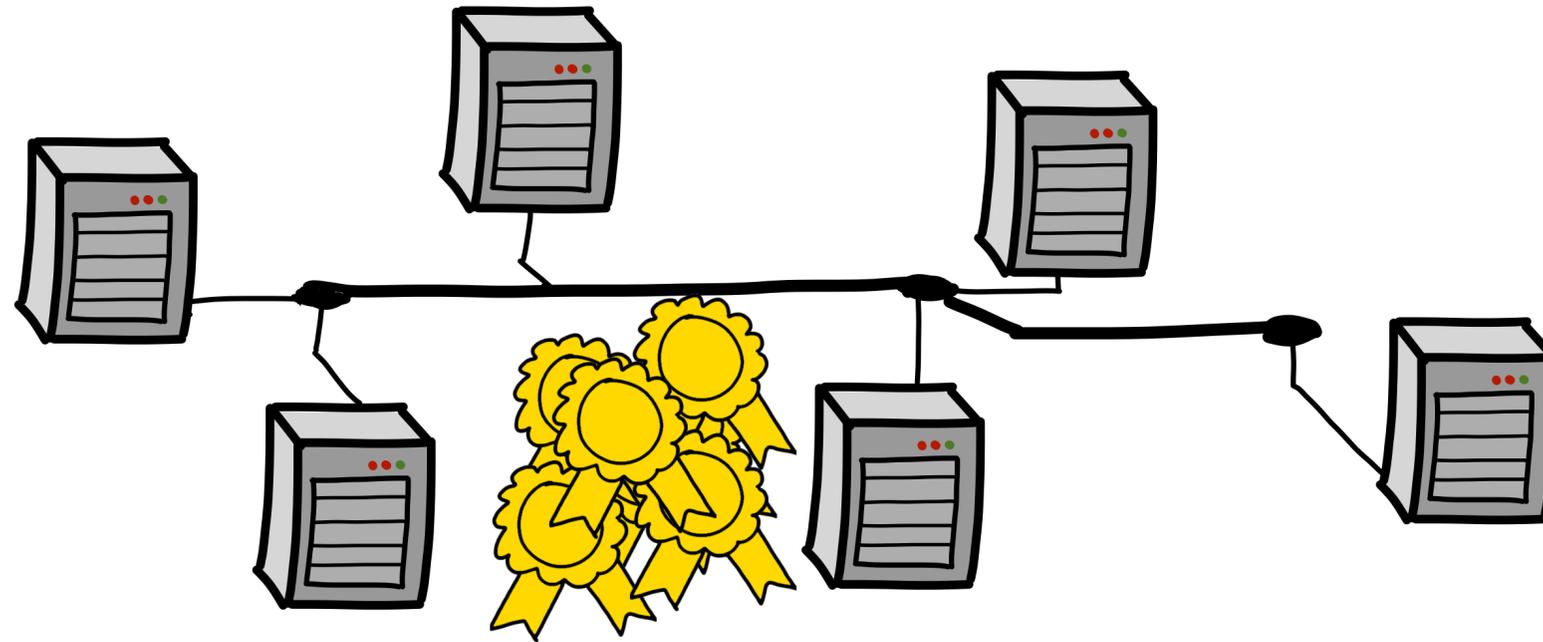
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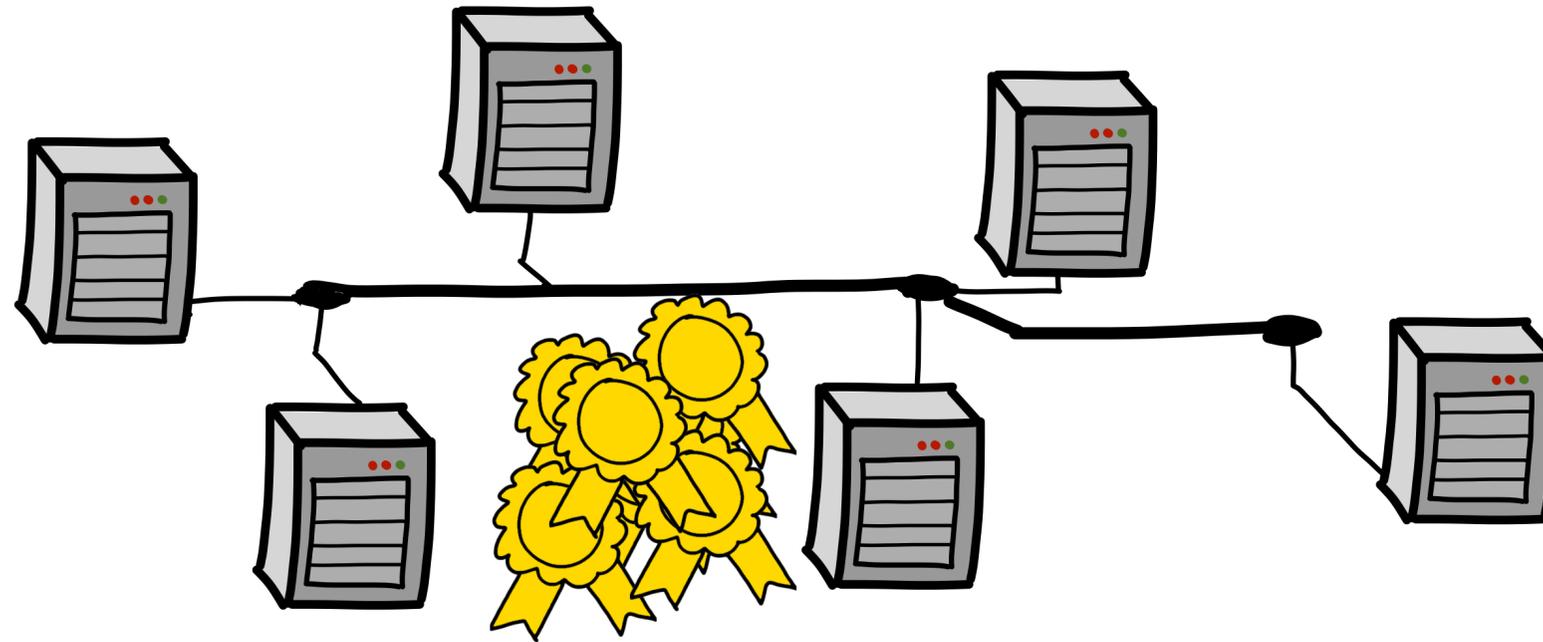
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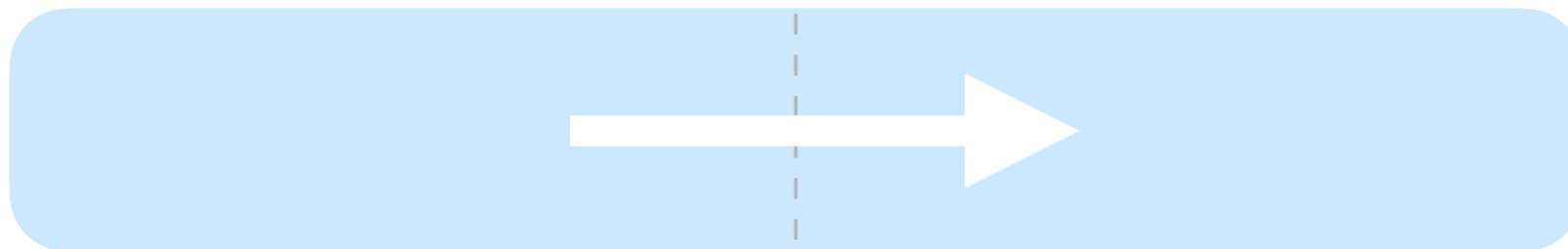
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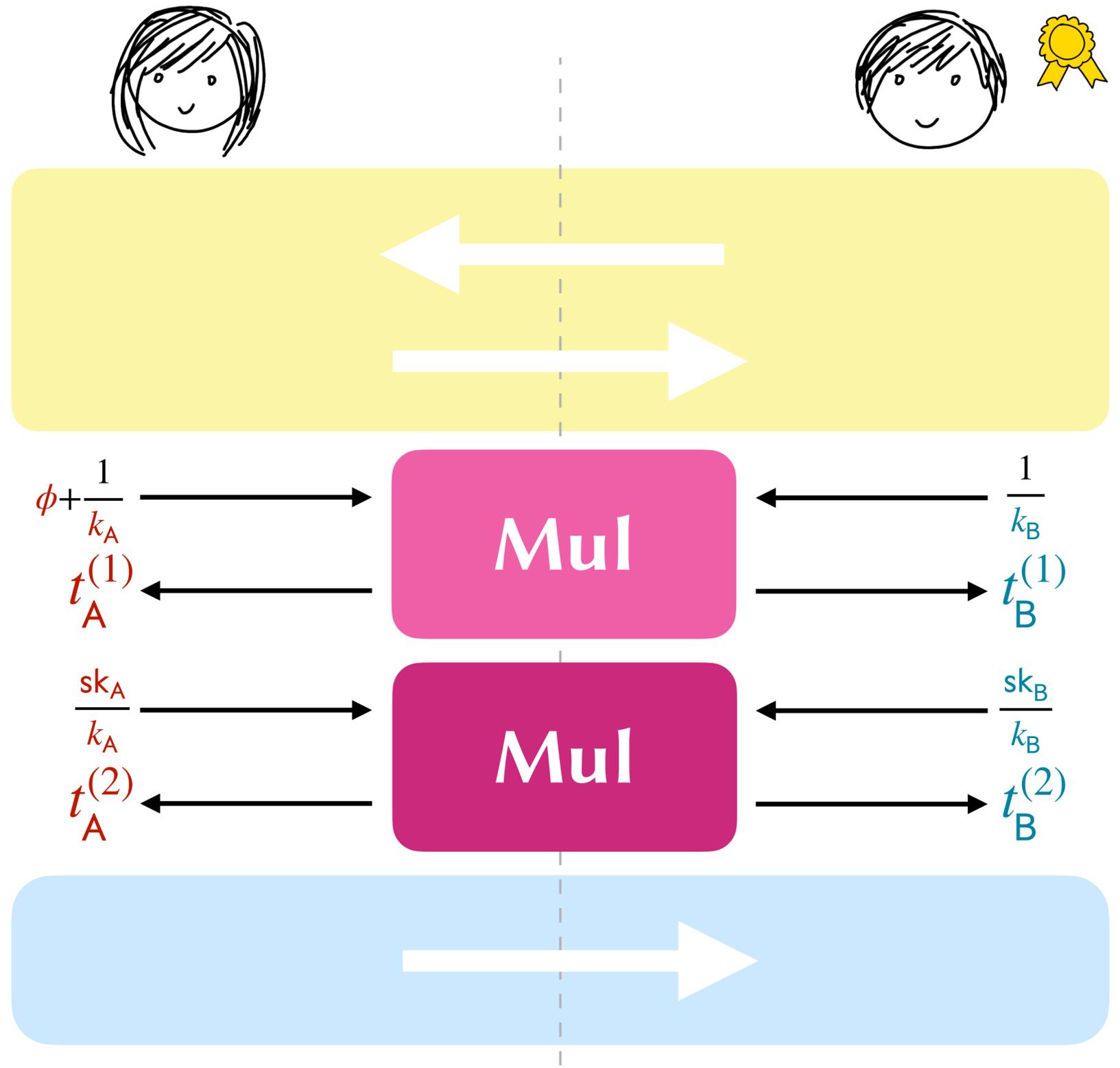
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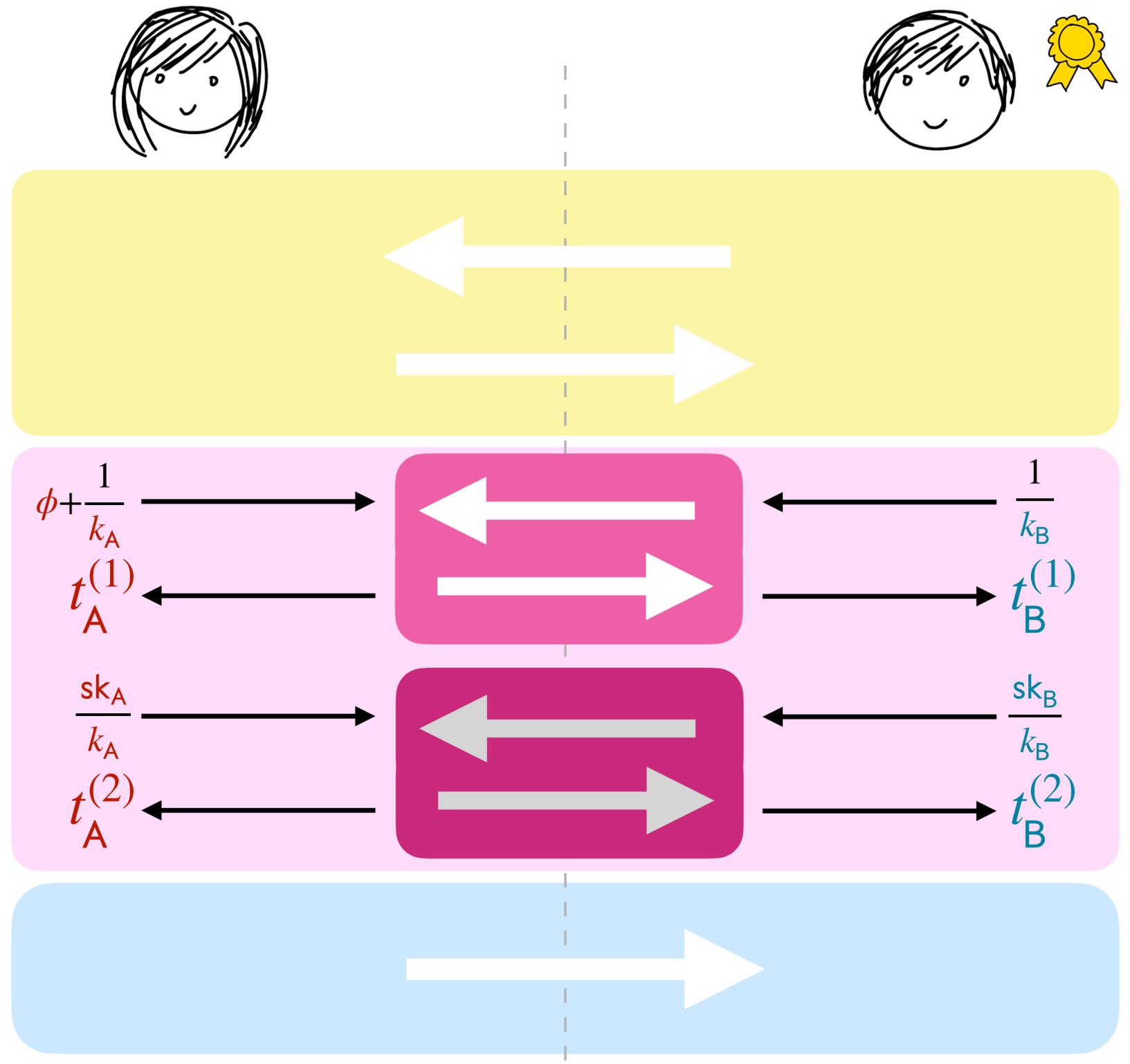


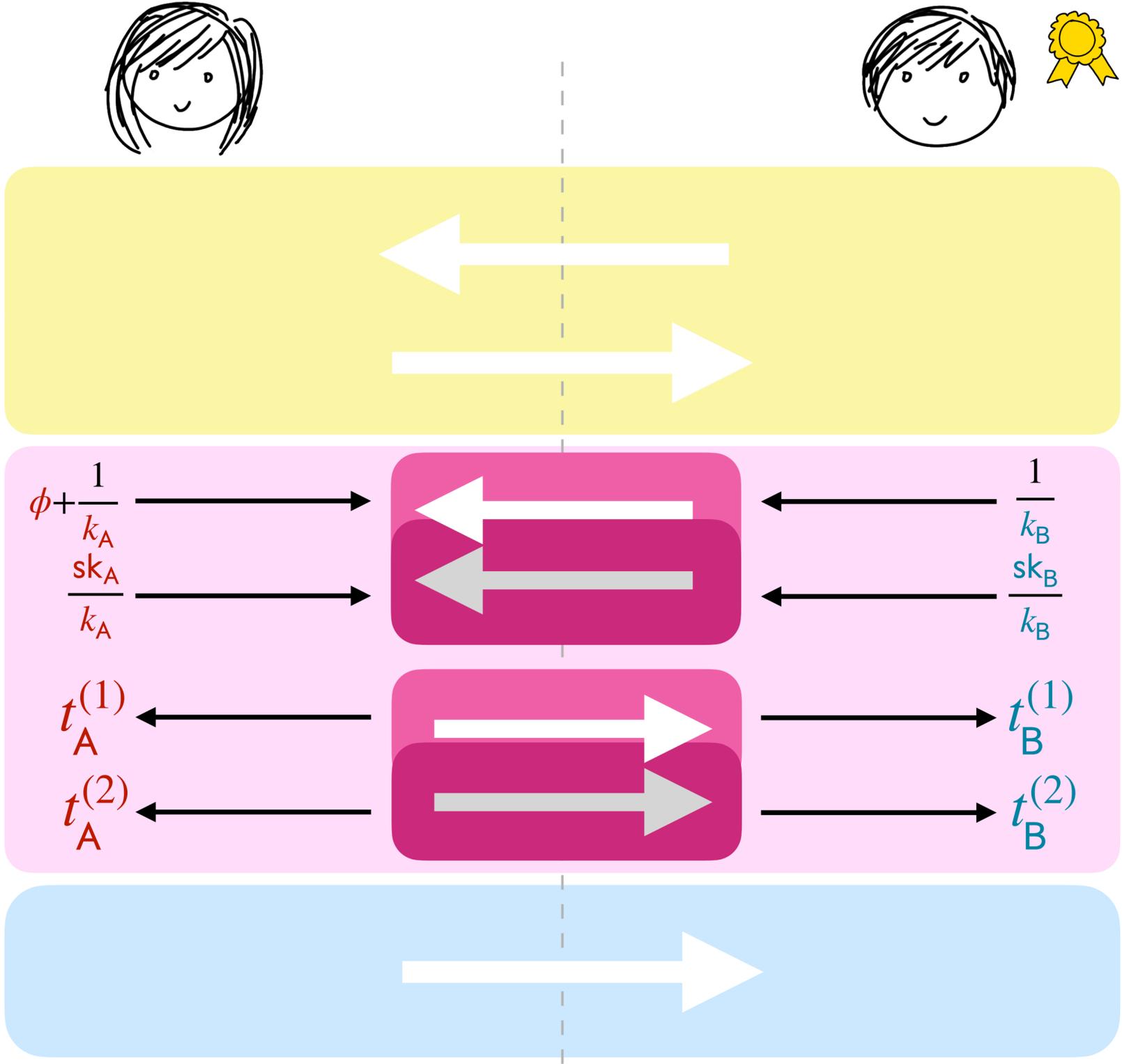
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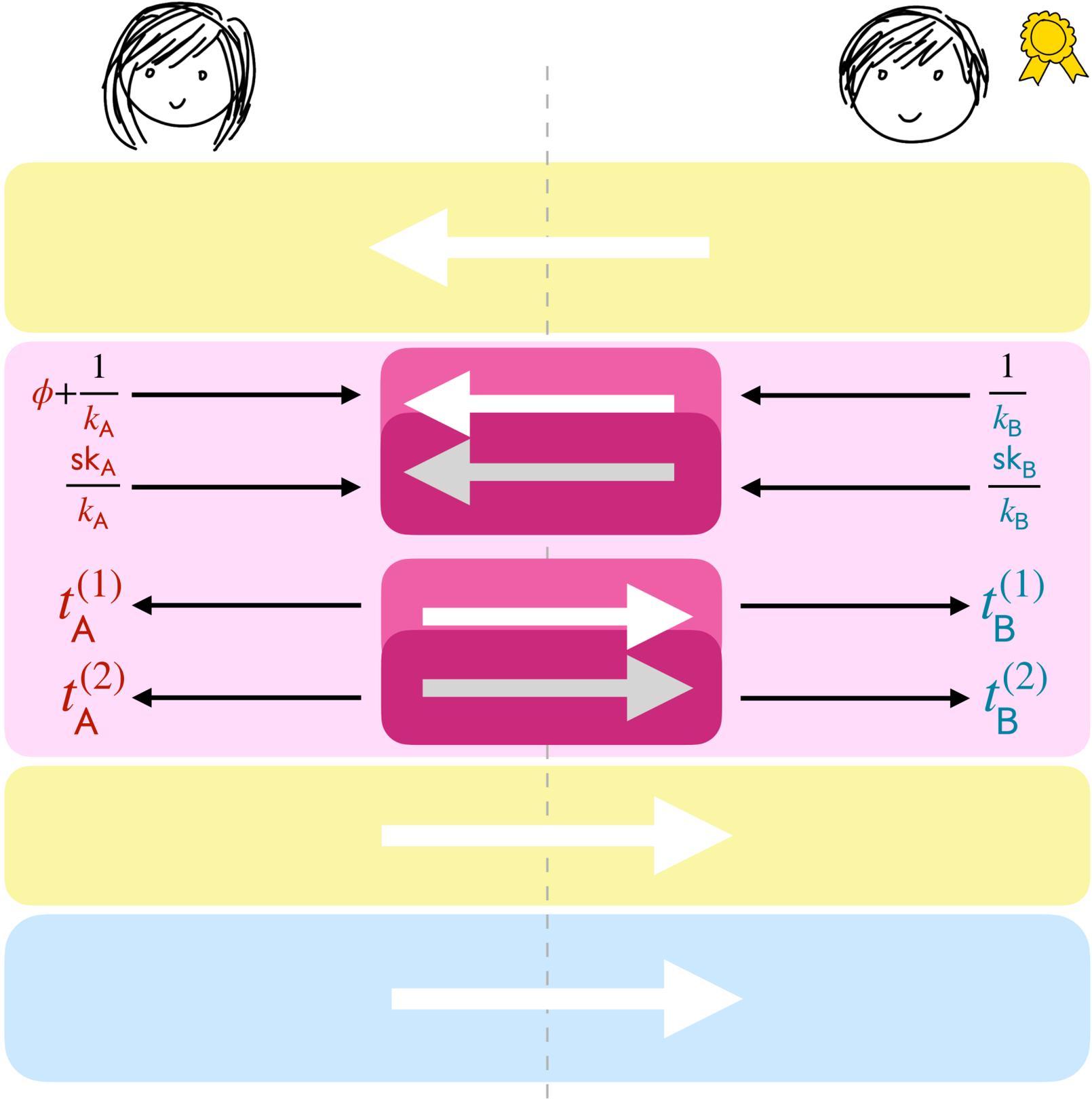
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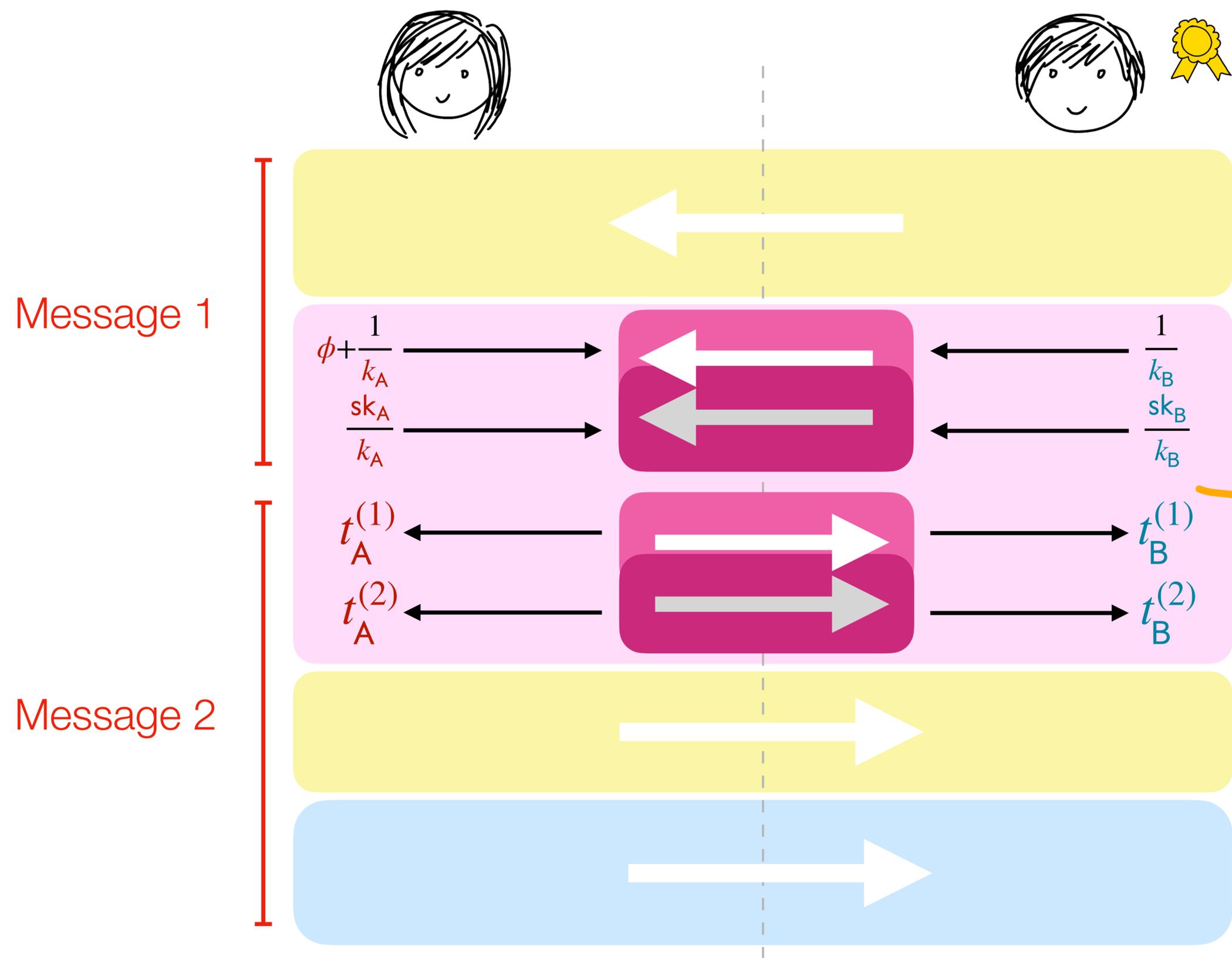












Two message protocol!

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- Check messages serve as encryption keys
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