

# Automation of Differential Cryptanalysis through CP and ML

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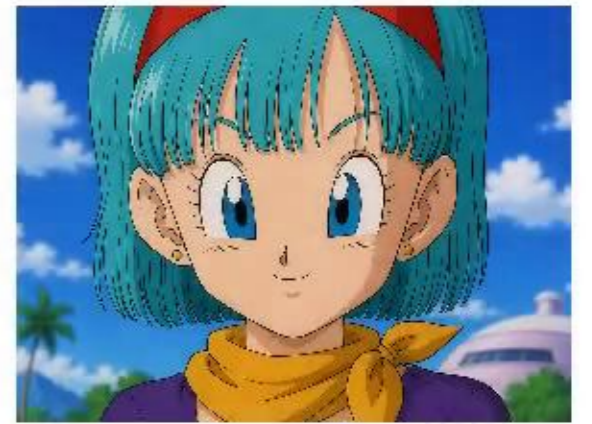
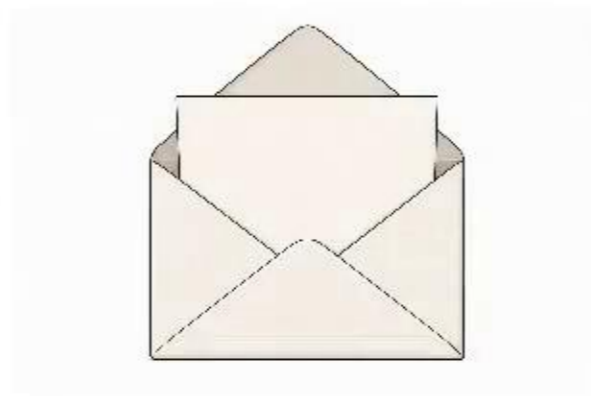
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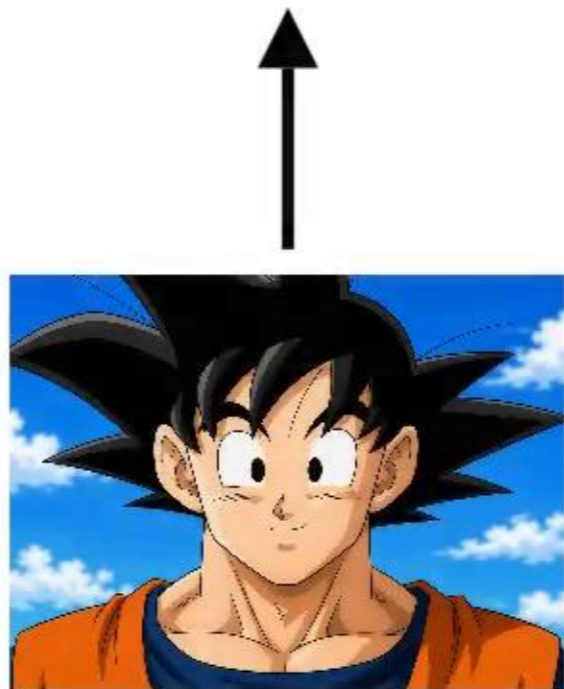
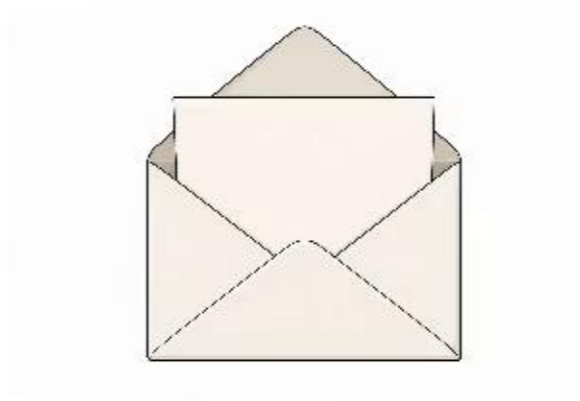


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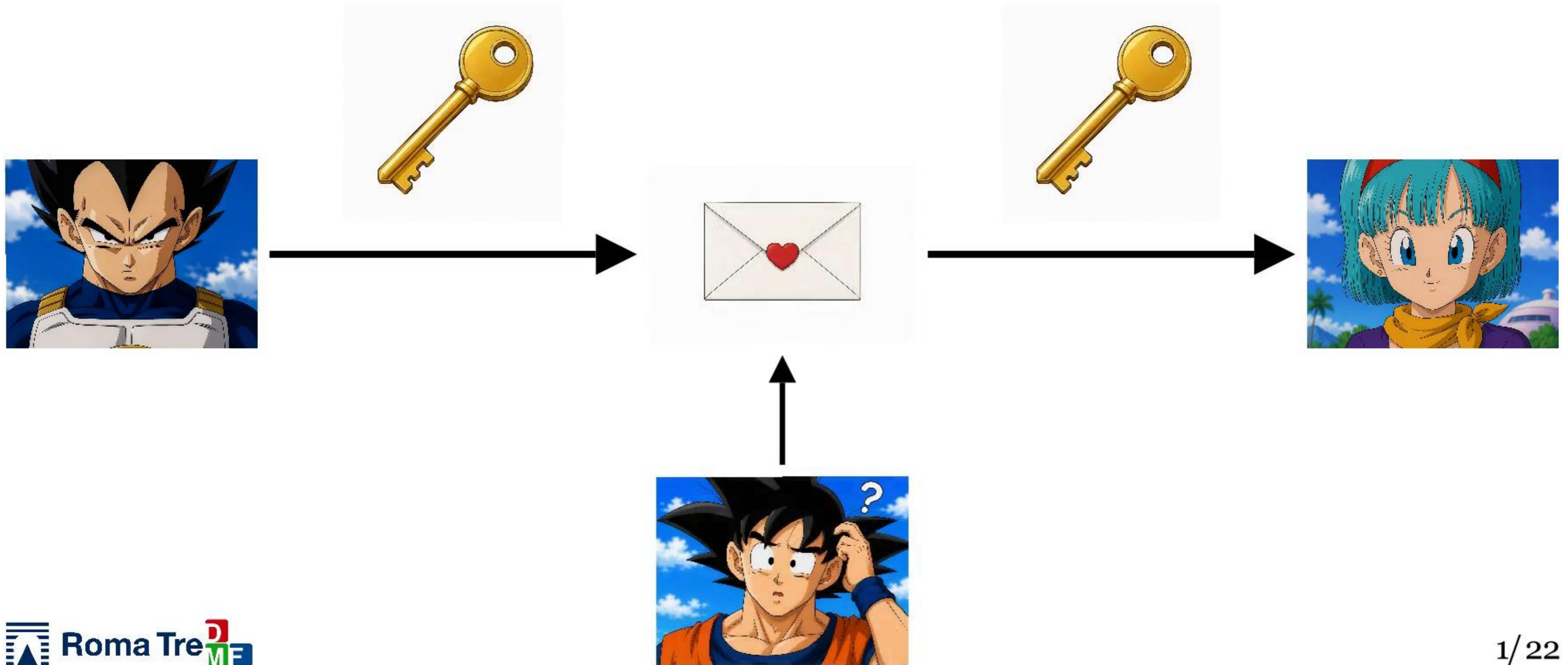
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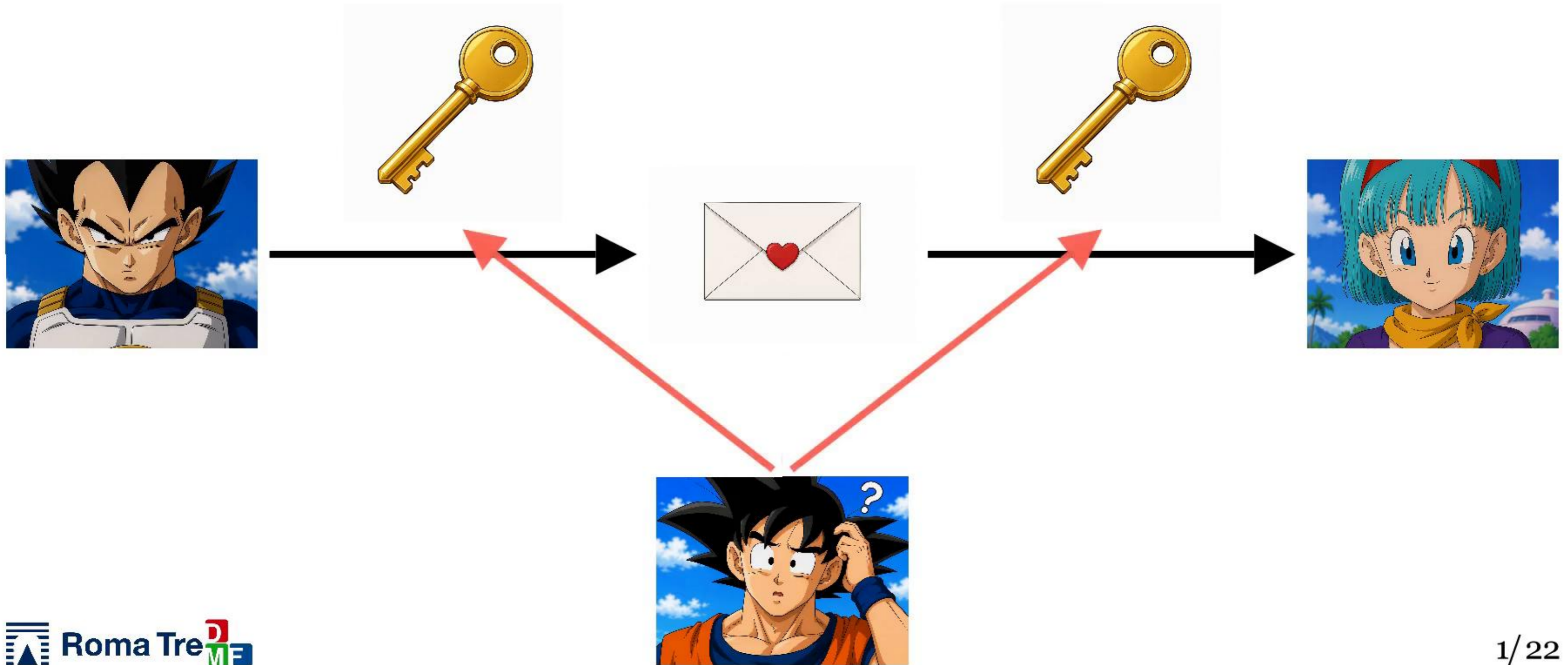
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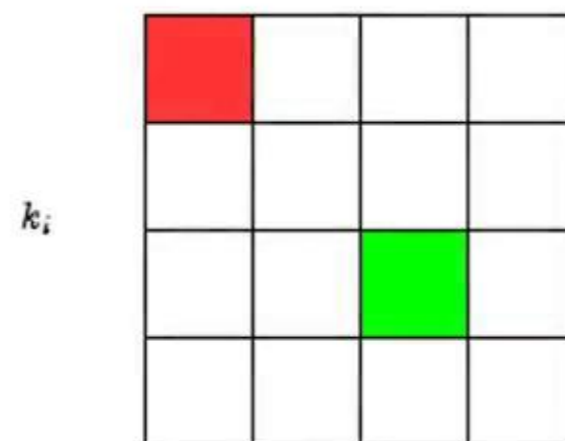
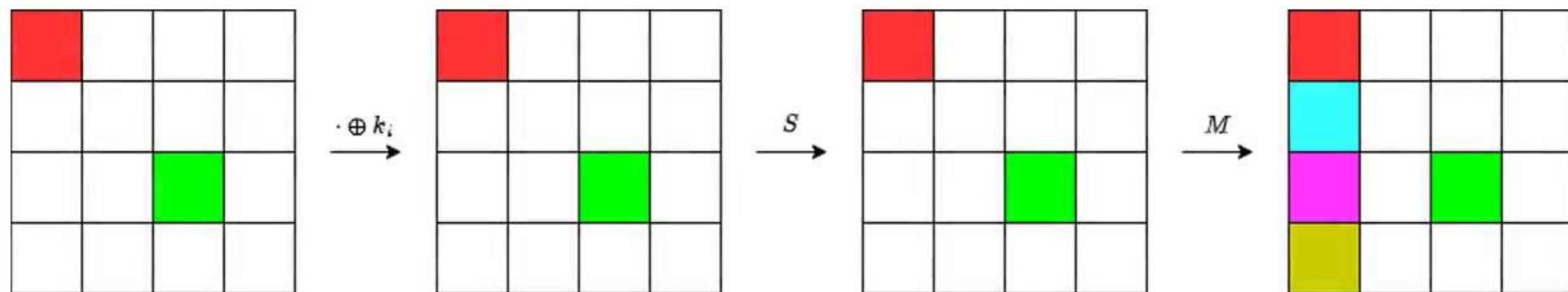
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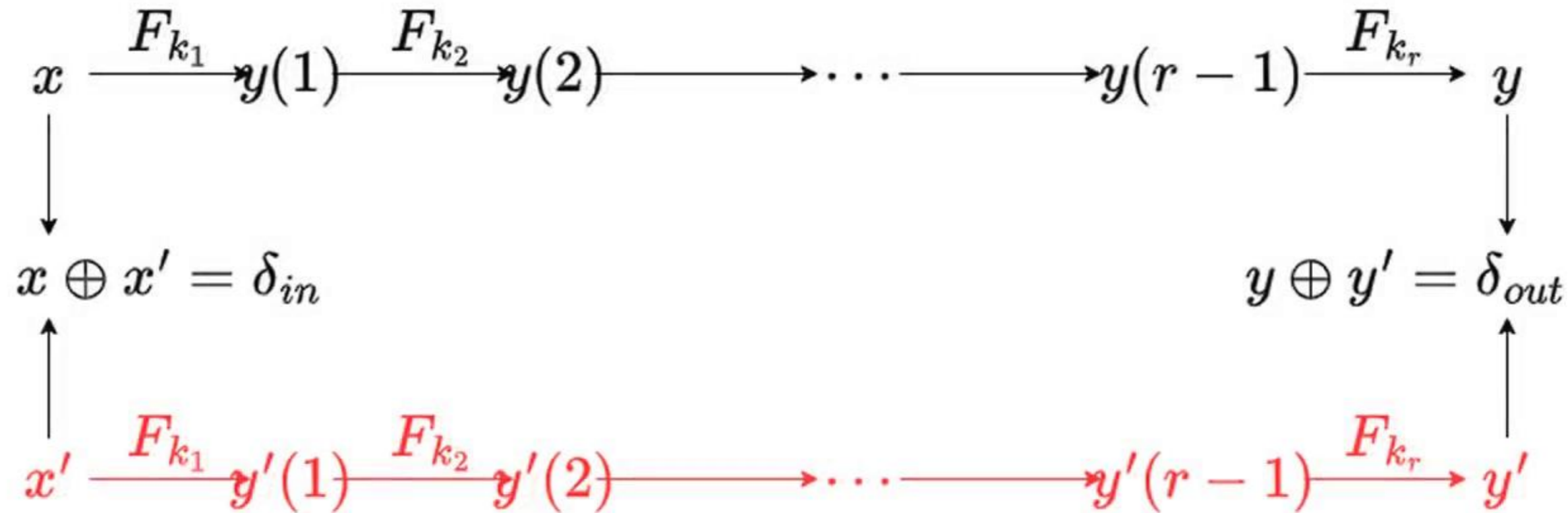
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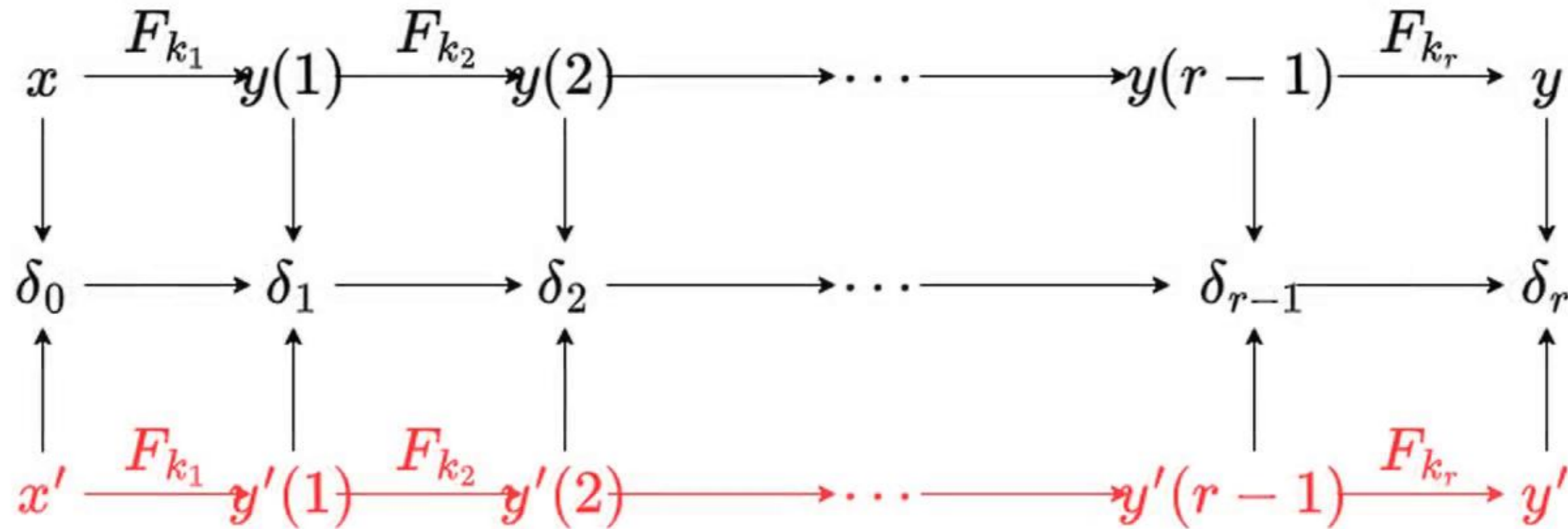
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- Generic Partial Decryption [3]



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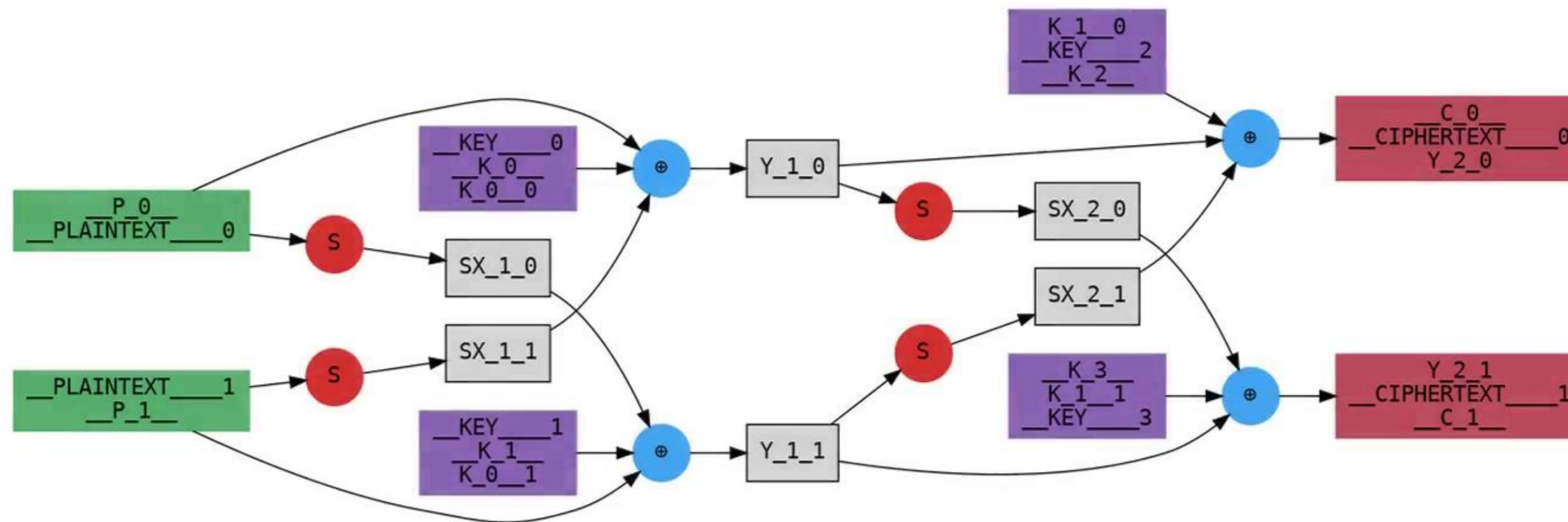
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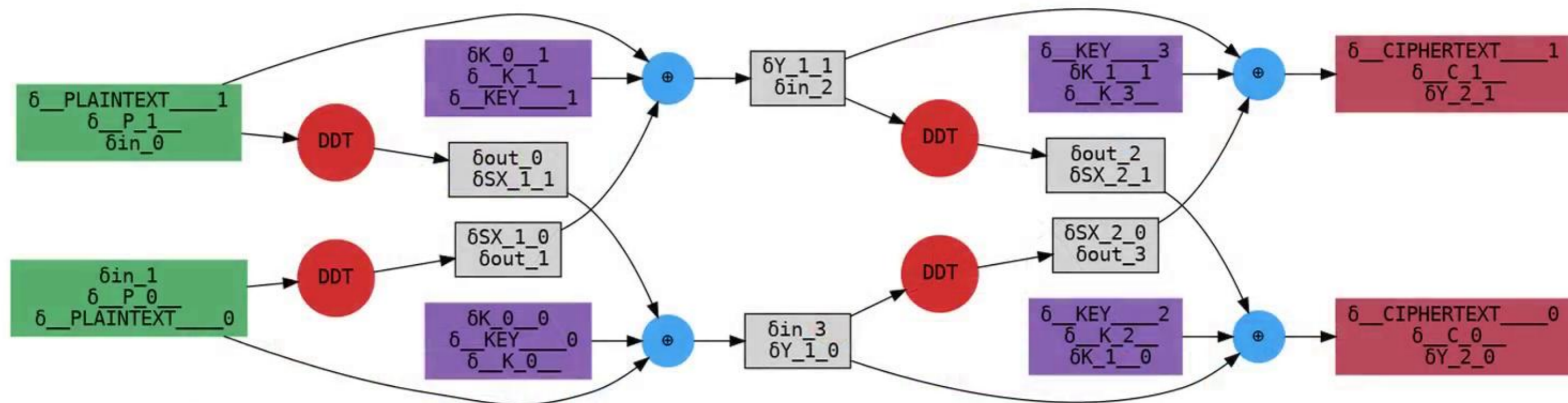


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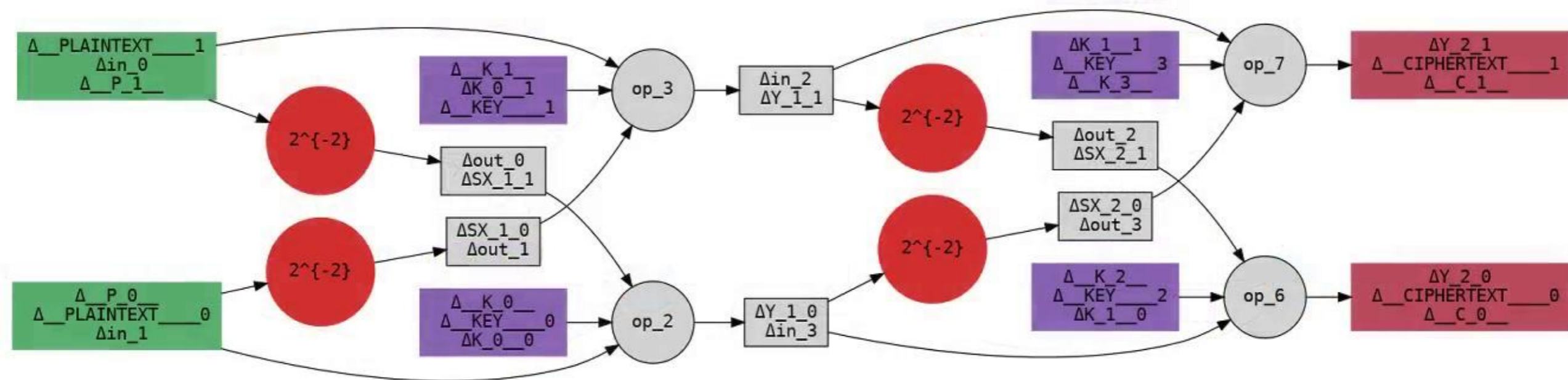


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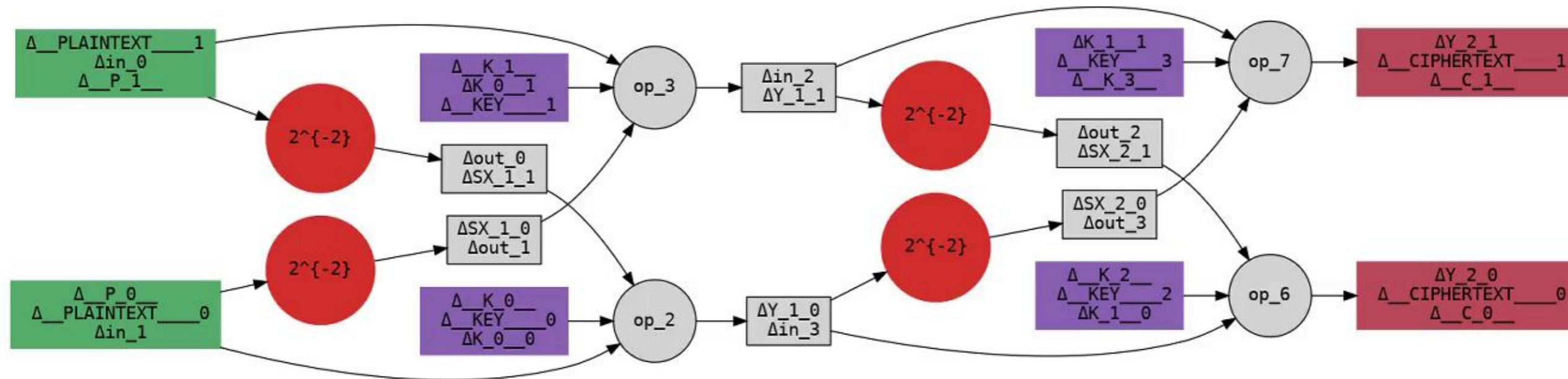
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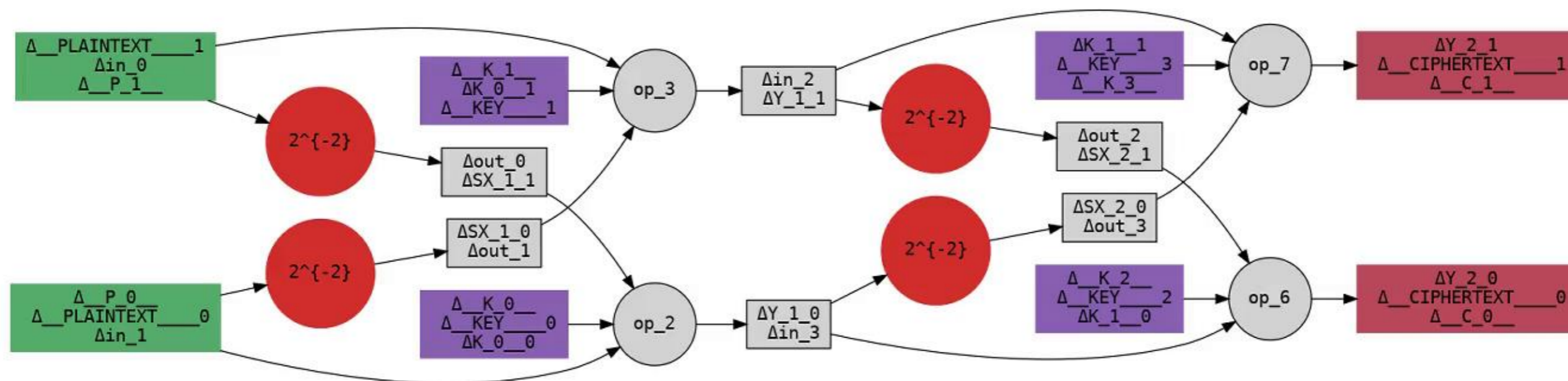
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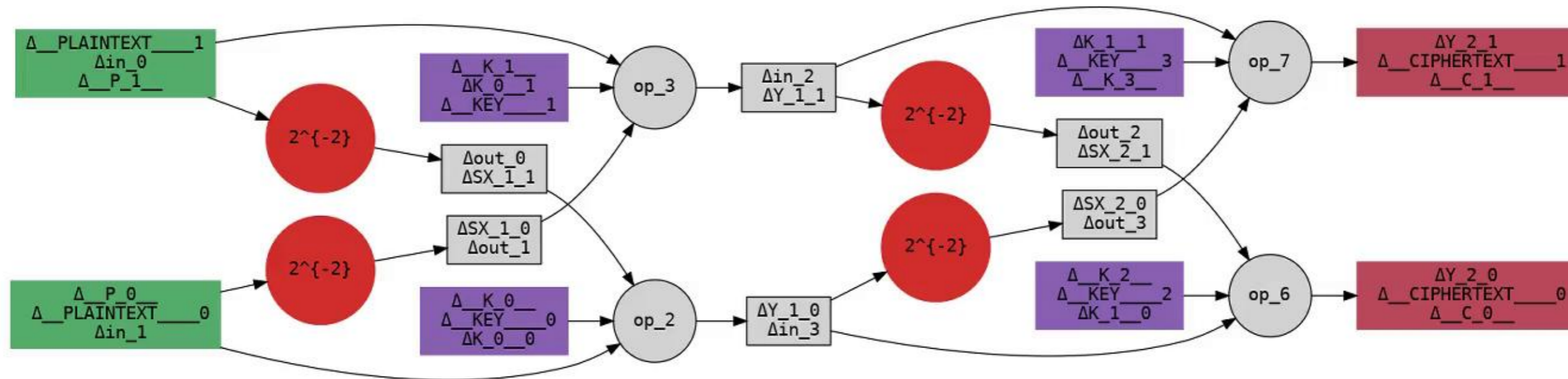
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The CP problem is written in MiniZinc [6] and it can be resolved by different solvers:

- PICAT [7]
- GUROBI [8]
- OR-TOOLS [9]

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$$D = [0, 2^s - 1]$$

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$$C = \{\text{Propagators modeled with CHOCO [10]}\}$$

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$$\min \sum_{i,j} -\log_2 \left( \mathcal{D}_S \left( \delta(x_{\langle i \rangle}^j) \right) \right) \Delta(x_{\langle i \rangle}^j)$$

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Algorithm: [2] TWOSTEP( $G_\Delta, G_\delta$ )

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 $G_\Delta$ : step1 model  
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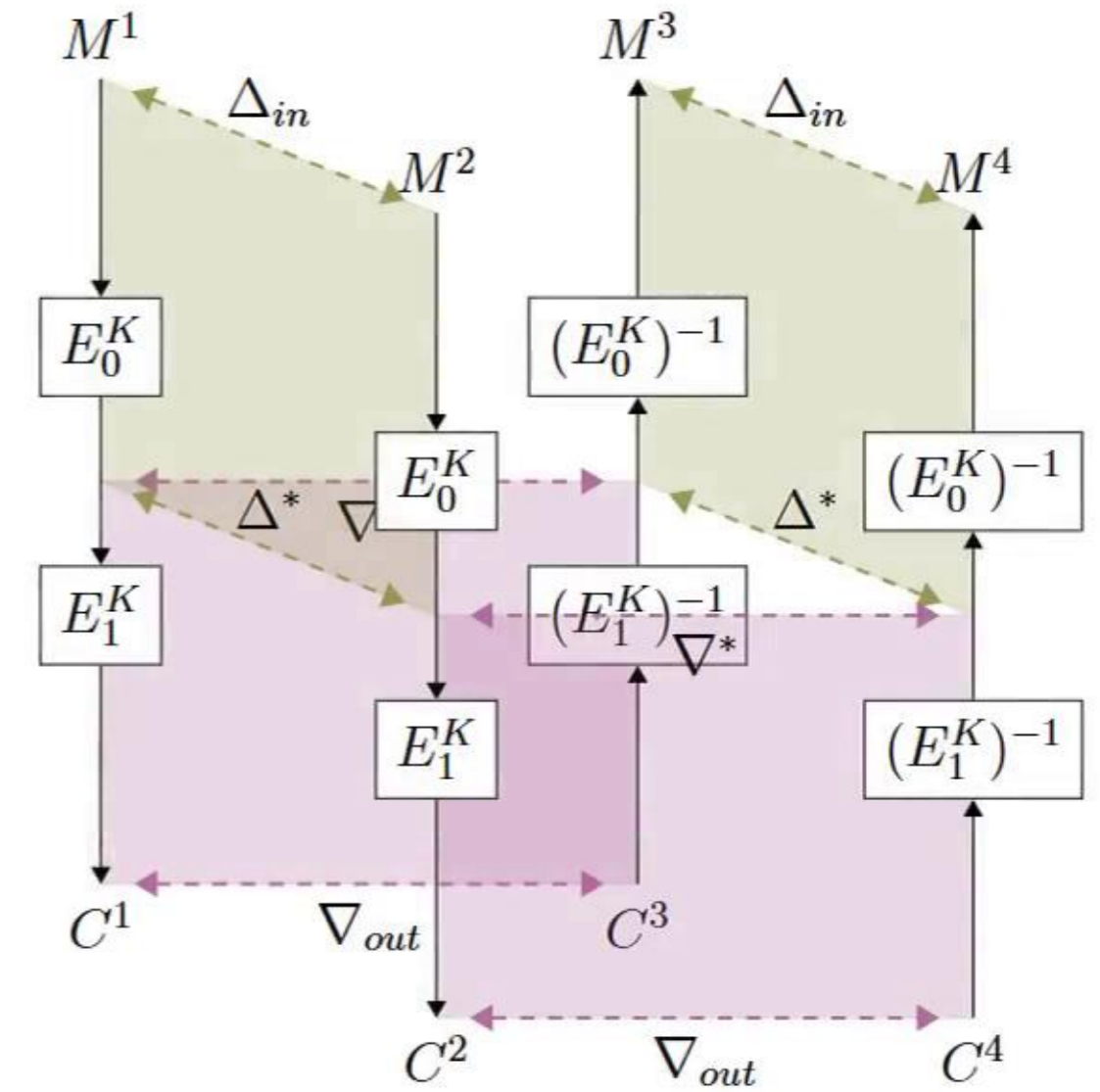
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    - 13 **if**  $sol_1$  is *null* **then**
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      - 15 **if**  $LB \geq UB$  **then**
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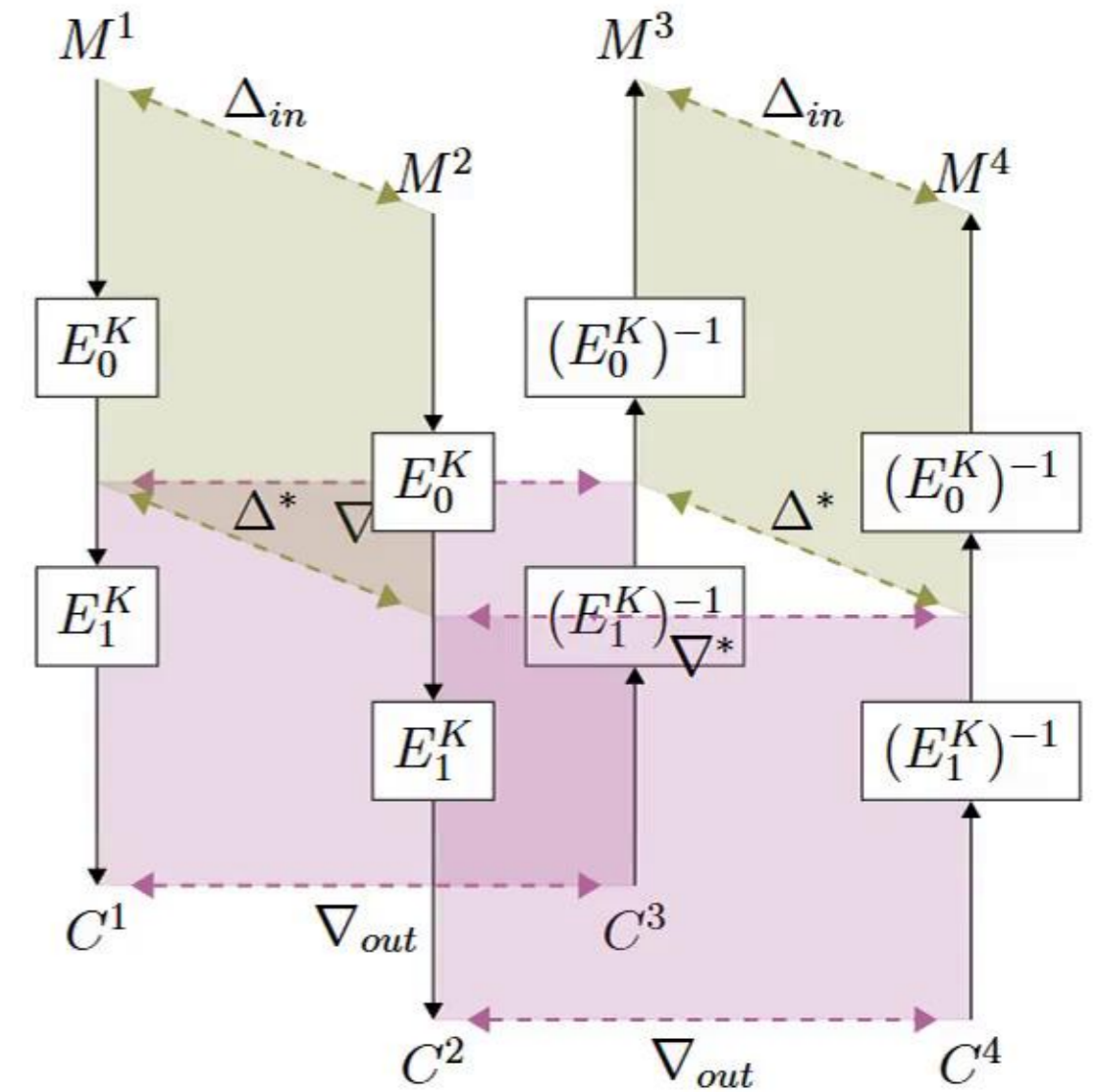
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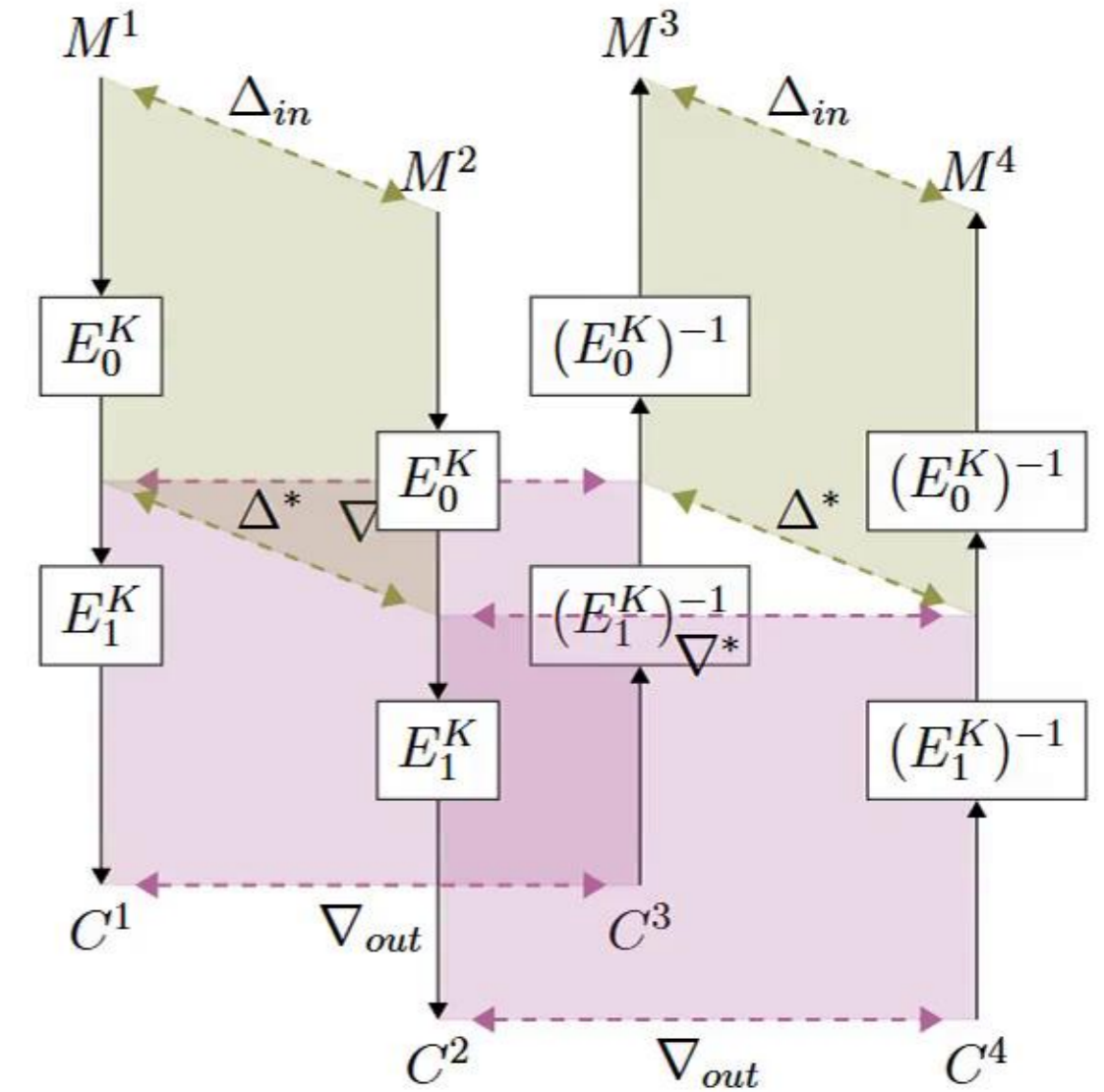
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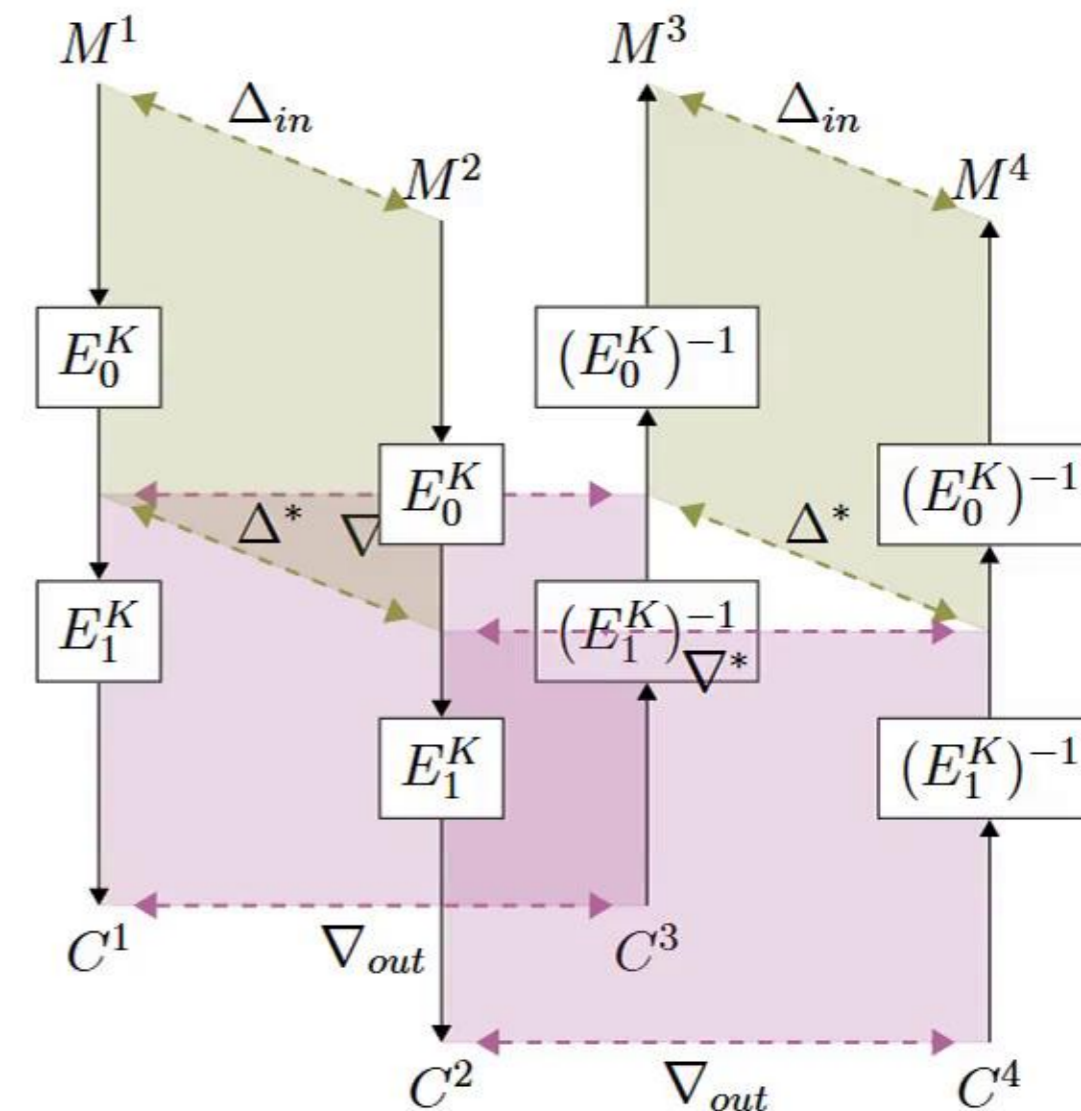
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- **Boomerang Switch:**

$$S^{-1}(S(x) \oplus \nabla^*) \oplus S^{-1}(S(x \oplus \Delta^*) \oplus \nabla^*) = \Delta^*$$

- **Boomerang Probability:**

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{BC}) \approx p^2 q^2$$



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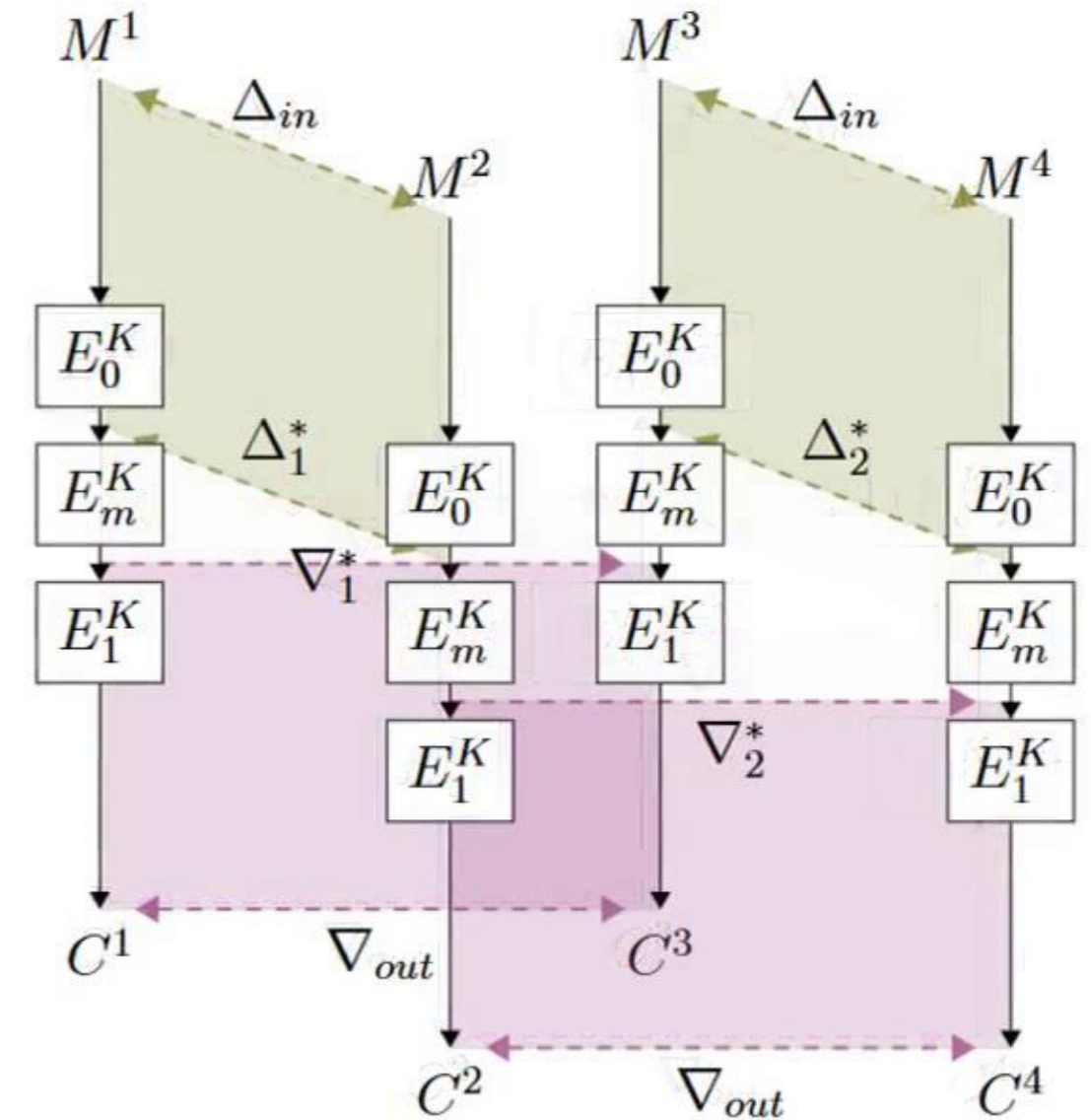
- Sandwich Switch:

$$E_m^{-1}(E_m(x) \oplus \nabla^*) \oplus E_m^{-1}(E_m(x \oplus \Delta^*) \oplus \nabla^*) = \Delta^*$$

- Sandwich Probability:

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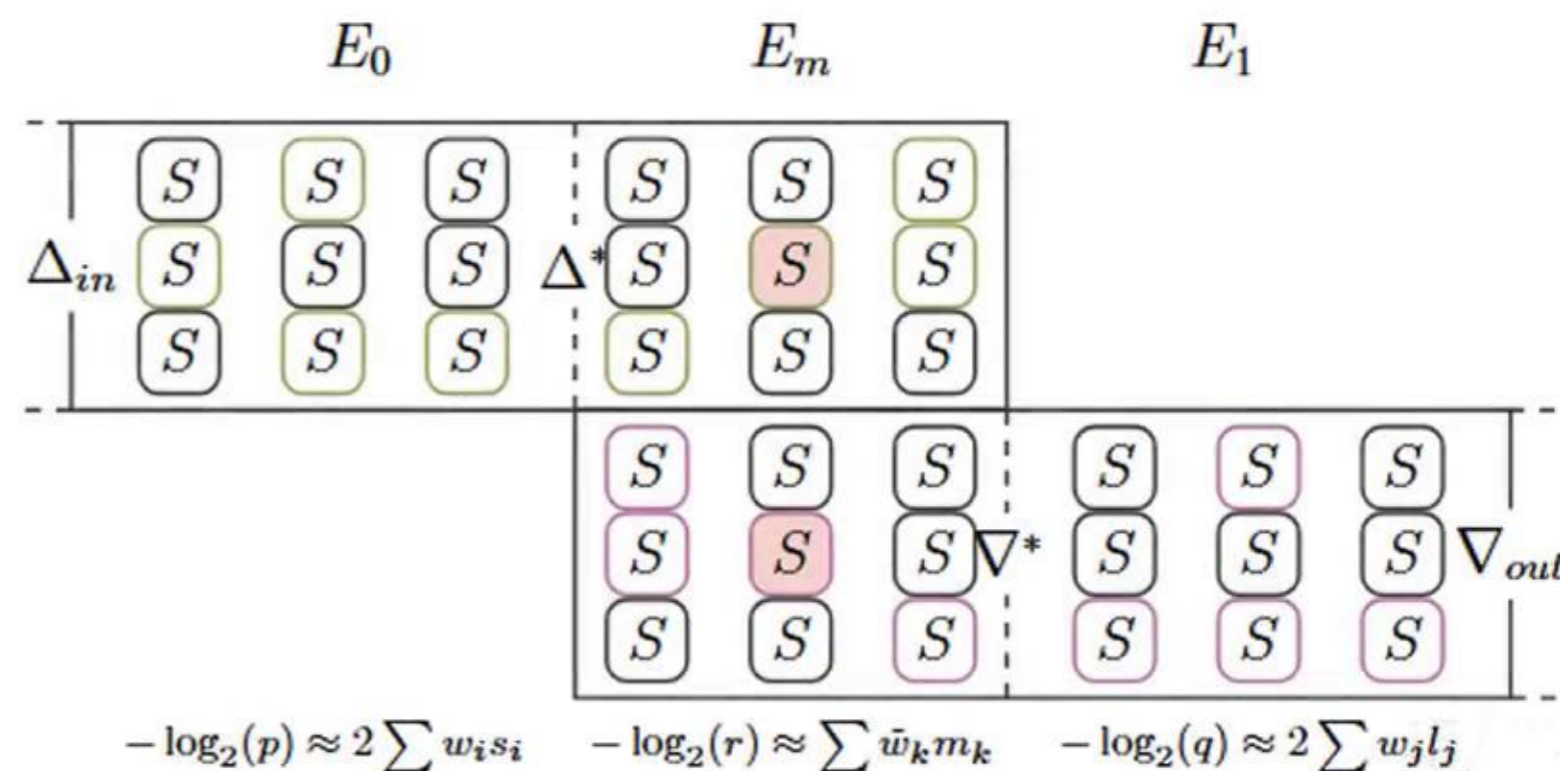
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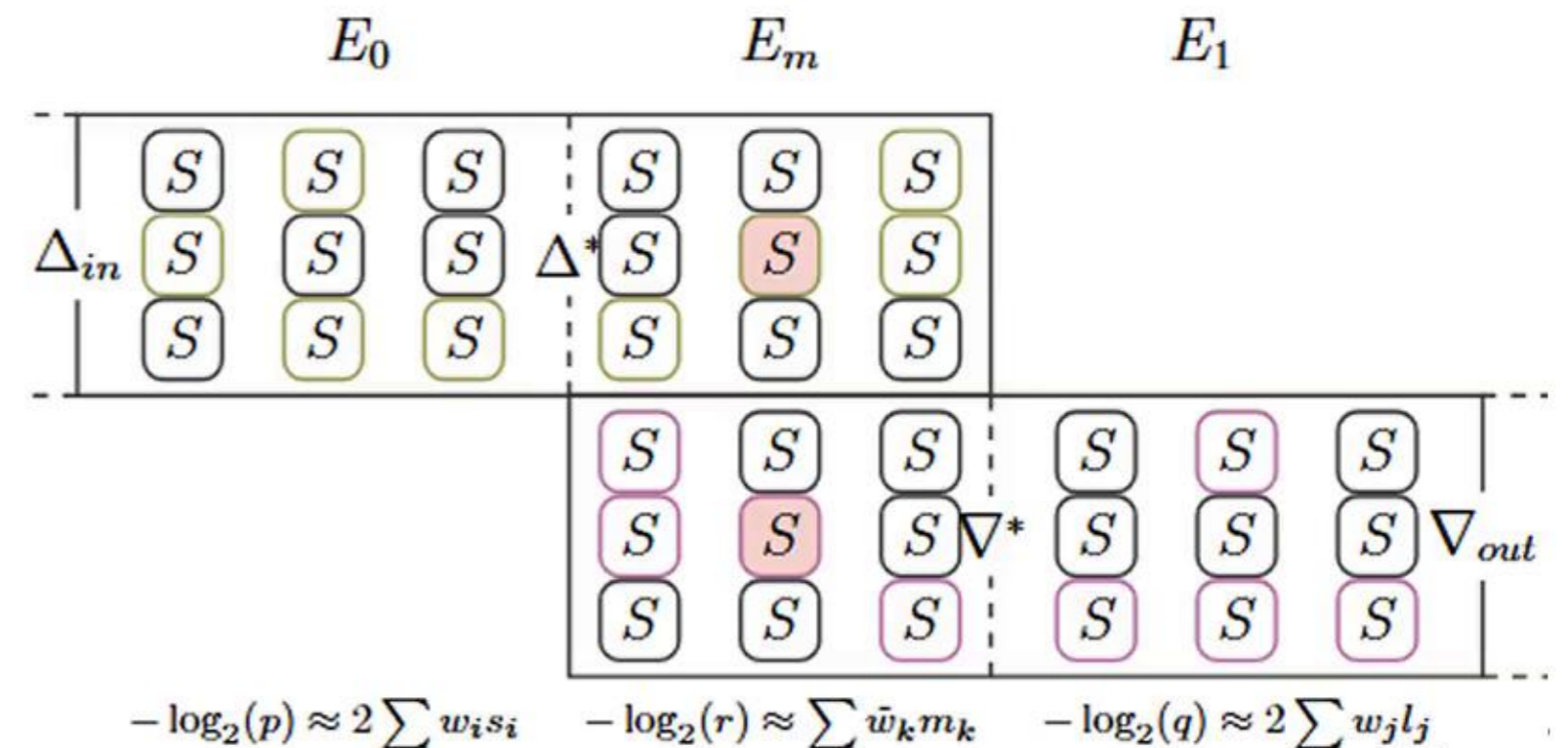
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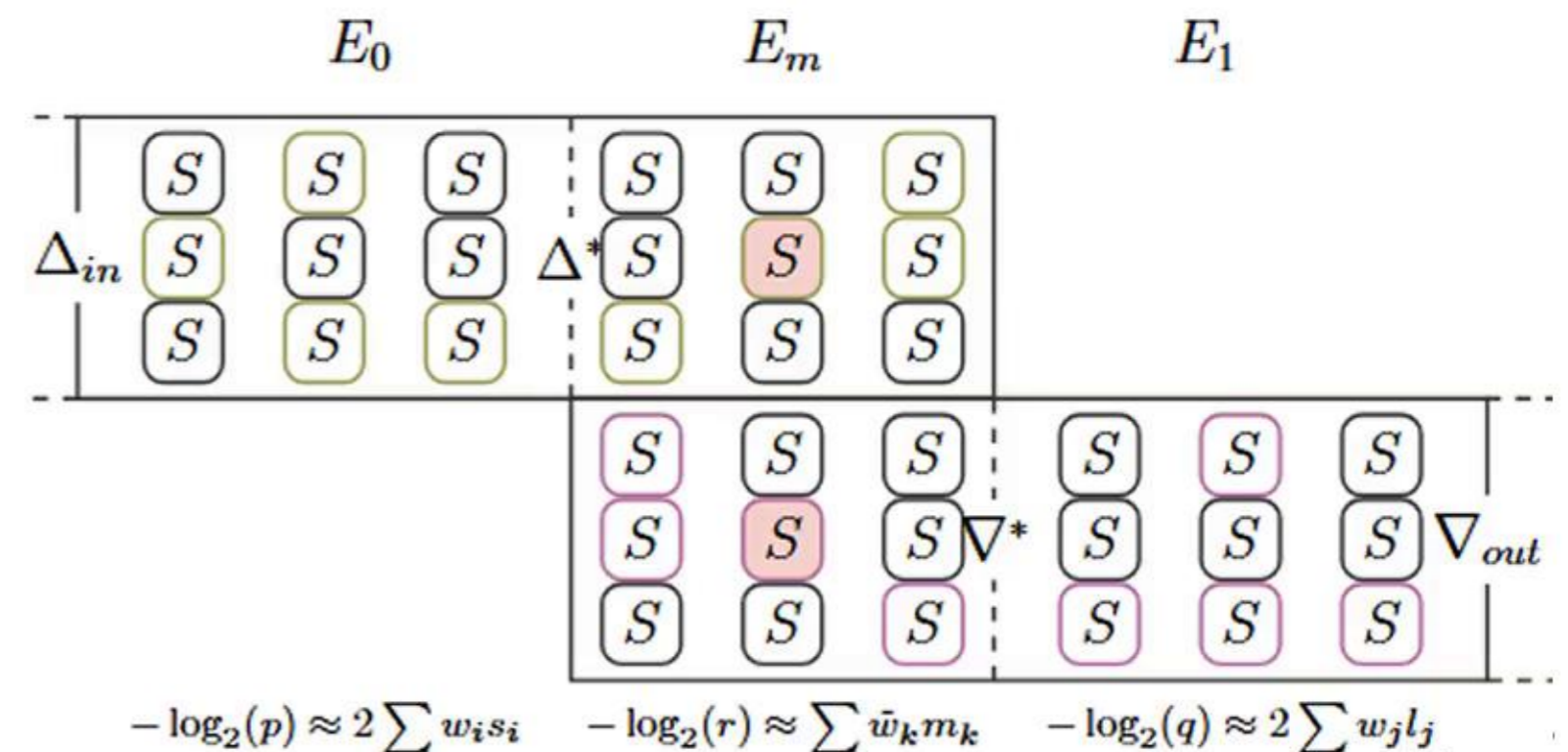
- **Domain of the variables**  $D = \{0, 1\}$

- **Constraint set**  $C = *$

- **Objective function**

$$2 \sum_i w_i s_i + \sum_j w_j m_j + 2 \sum_k w_k l_k$$

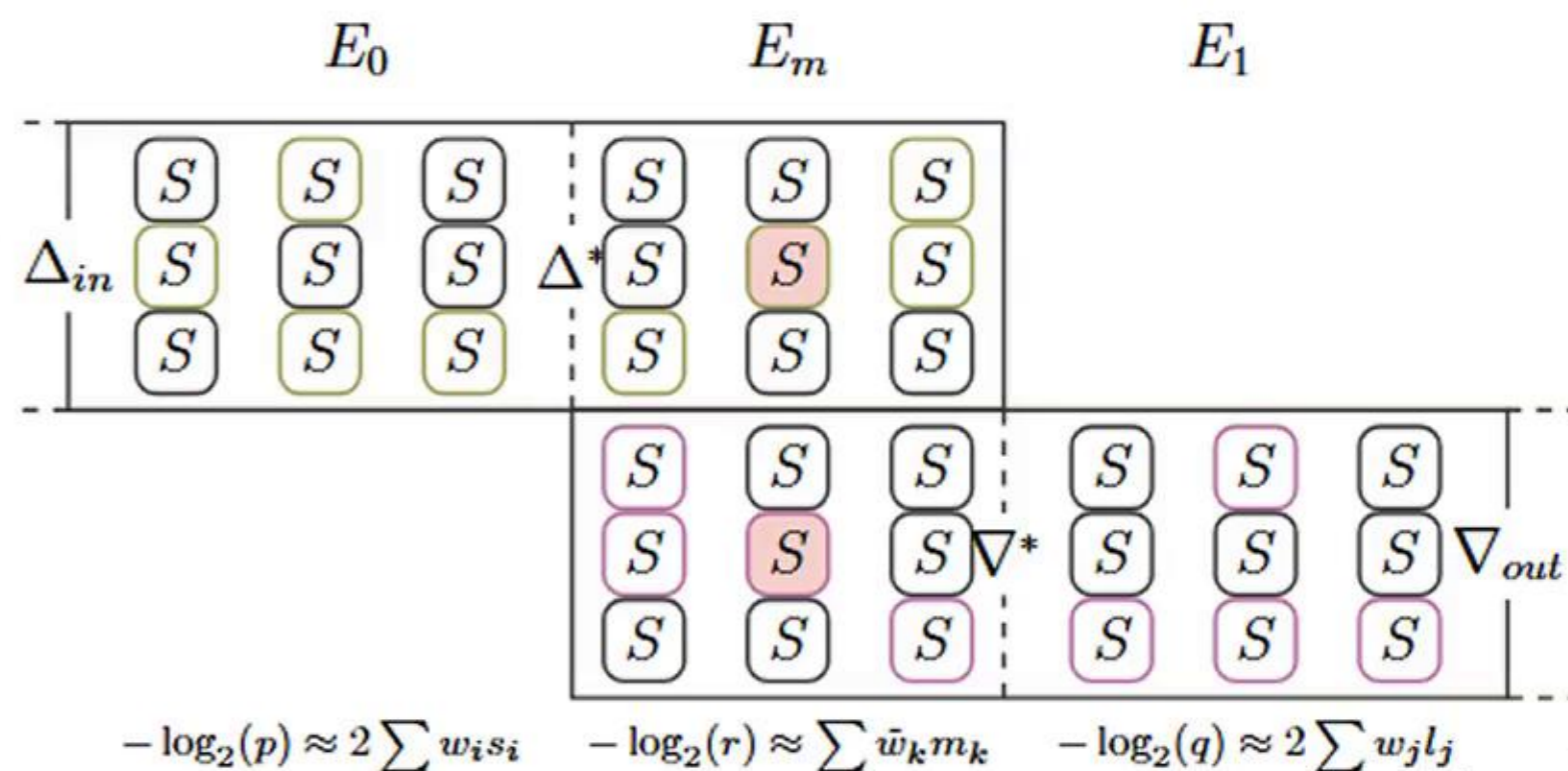
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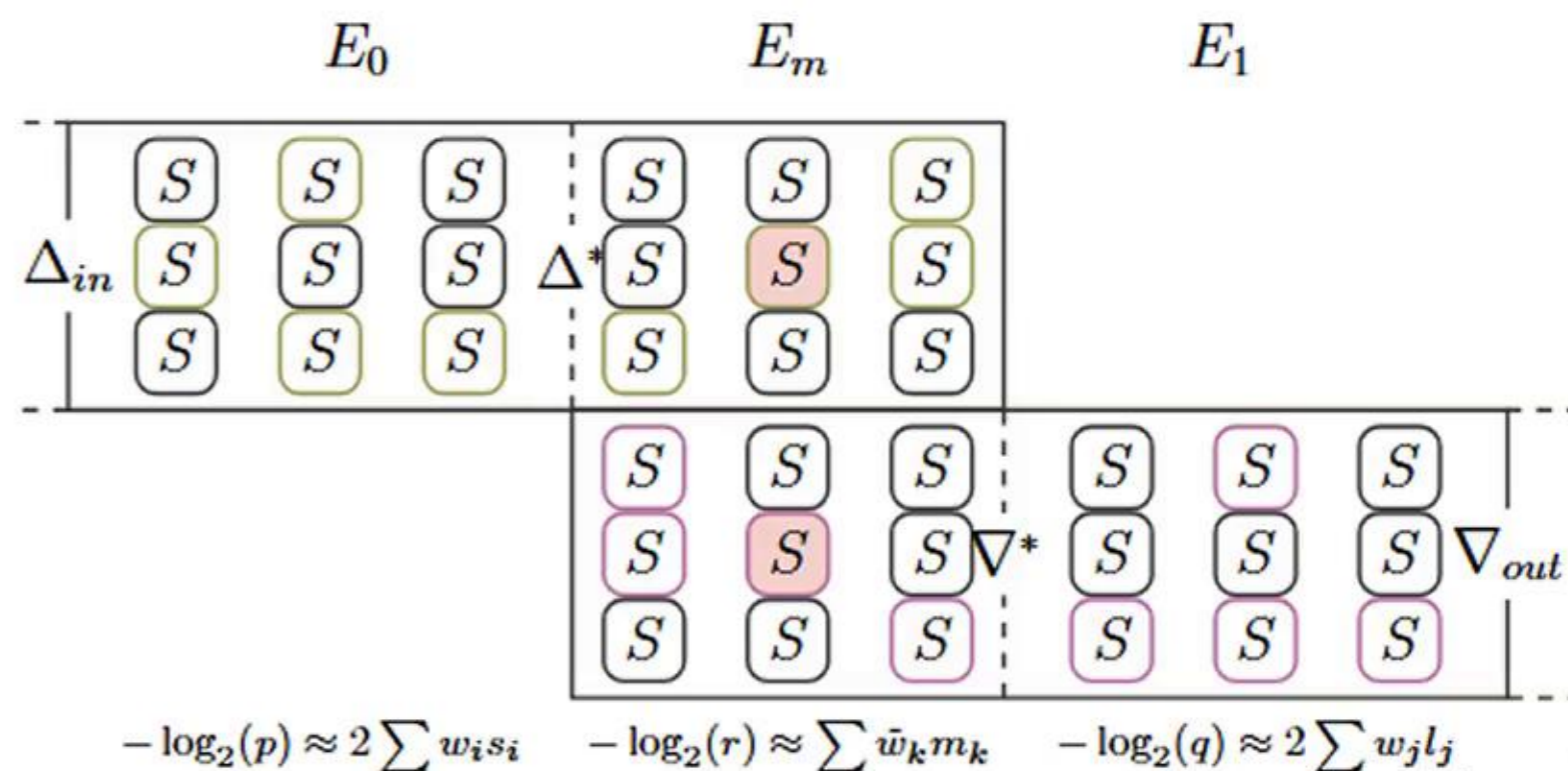
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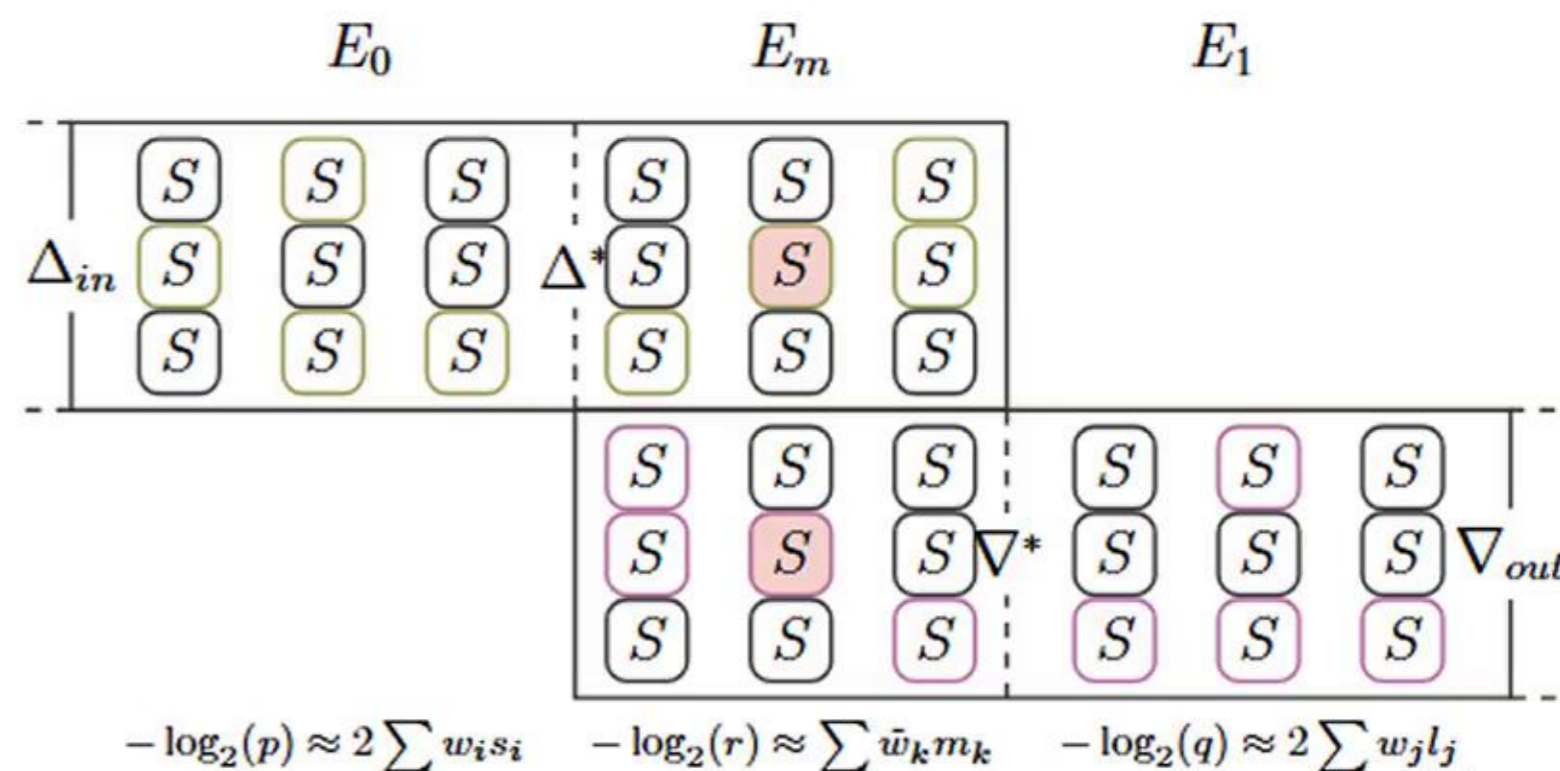
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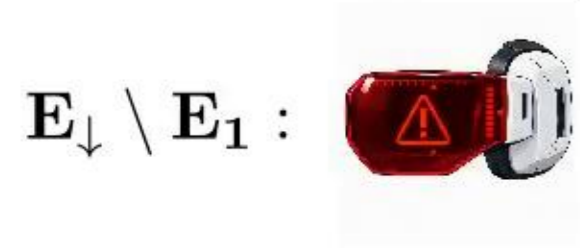
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**Output.** A JSON file with:

$E_{\uparrow}$  with  $-\log_2(p)$  computed by the active S-box in  $E_0$

$E_{\downarrow}$  with  $-\log_2(q)$  computed by the active S-box in  $E_1$

$-\log_2(r)$ , i.e. **penalty probability**, and computed by the common active S-box in  $E_{\uparrow}$  and  $E_{\downarrow}$

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- Compute  $r$ :

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**Case 4.**  $r_0 = 0$  and  $r_1 > 0$

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$$p_{\text{step2}}^2 q_{\text{step2}}^2 r_{\text{emp}} < p_{\text{trunc}}^2 q_{\text{trunc}}^2 r_{\text{trunc}}$$

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Cipher	Rnds	$p$	$q$	$r$	$p^2q^2r$	Reference	Time (in minutes)
SKINNY-64	11				$2^{-80.0}$ ( $2^{-59.23}$ )	[14]	161m †
	11	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-56.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	62m
SKINNY-128	13				$2^{-122}$ ( $2^{-112.53}$ )	[14]	700m †
	13	$2^{-22.00}$	$2^{-22.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-112.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	713m
	14				$2^{-158}$ ( $2^{-128.52}$ )	[14]	547m †
	14	$2^{-22.00}$	$2^{-42.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-152.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	3600m
TWINE	15	$2^{-8}$	$2^{-8}$	$2^{-19.03}$	$2^{-51.03}$	[13]	1m
	15	$2^{-4.00}$	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-48.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	271m
	16	$2^{-8}$	$2^{-8}$	$2^{-26.04}$	$2^{-58.04}$	[13]	305m
	16	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$(2^{-56.00})^b$	<b>Our Work</b>	371m
	16	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-23.00}$	$(2^{-55.00})^a$	<b>Our Work</b>	3180m
WARP	21	$2^{-10}$	$2^{-19}$	$2^{-26.55}$	$2^{-84.55}$	[15]	1m
					$2^{-104}$	[16]	1270m
	21	$2^{-14.00}$	$2^{-20.00}$	$2^{-23.00}$	$2^{-91.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	105m
	22	$2^{-16}$	$2^{-19}$	$2^{-26.55}$	$2^{-96.55}$	[15]	180m
					$2^{-120}$	[16]	3014m
	22	$2^{-16.00}$	$2^{-20.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-96.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	361m
	23	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-20.00}$	$2^{-27.59}$	$2^{-115.59}$	[15]	563m
23	$2^{-16.00}$	$2^{-22.00}$	$2^{-24.00}$	$2^{-100.00}$	<b>Our Work</b>	2400m	
MIDORI64	8	$2^{-14.00}$	$2^{-8.00}$	$2^{-16.08}$	$2^{-60.08}$		1094m
MIDORI128	9	$2^{-42.00}$	$2^{-14.00}$	$2^{-4.77}$	$2^{-116.77}$	<b>Our Work</b>	1980m

$(\cdot)^a$  means  $\alpha = 0.1$ ,  $(\cdot)^b$  means  $\alpha = 0.5$

Executed on **Grid5000** gros cluster, with node equipped with four **Intel Xeon Gold 6240L** CPUs (18 cores per CPU, 2.60 GHz), used a single CPU (18 cores) **20/22**



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*'The core of automated cryptanalysis lies in the ability to translate the linear and non-linear properties of a cipher into a mathematical model that can be interpreted by a solver', ChatGPT*

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