

Alternating Product Ciphers: A Case for Provable Security Comparisons

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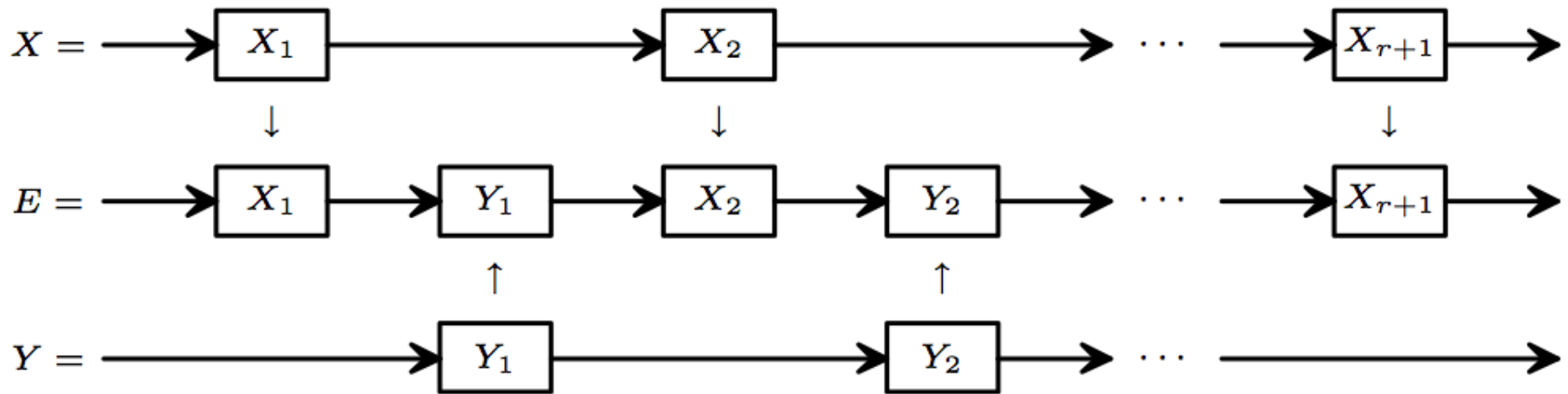
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Introduction

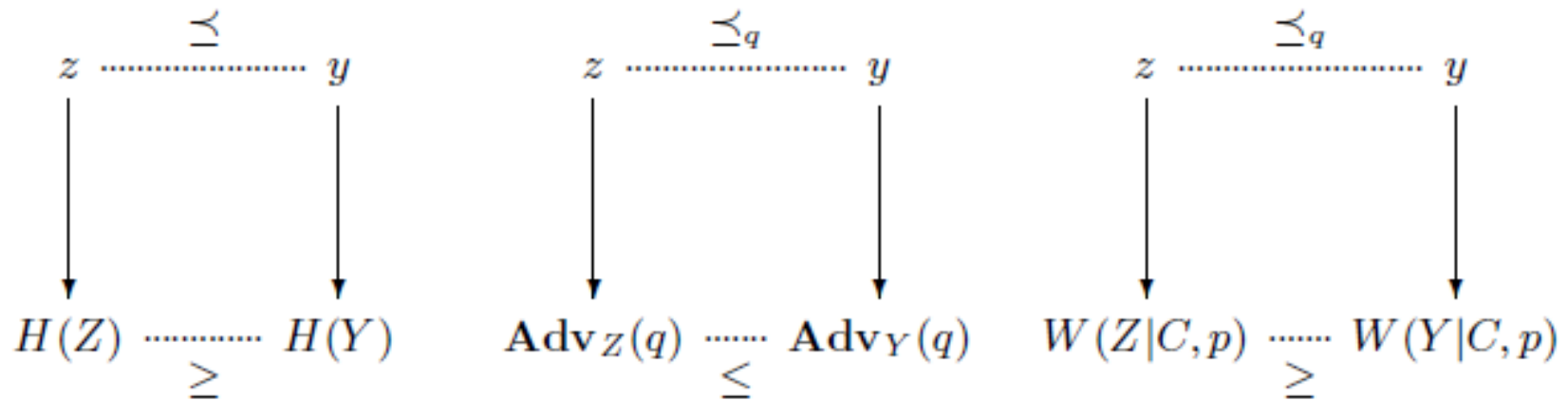
Definitions: Deciphering the Title

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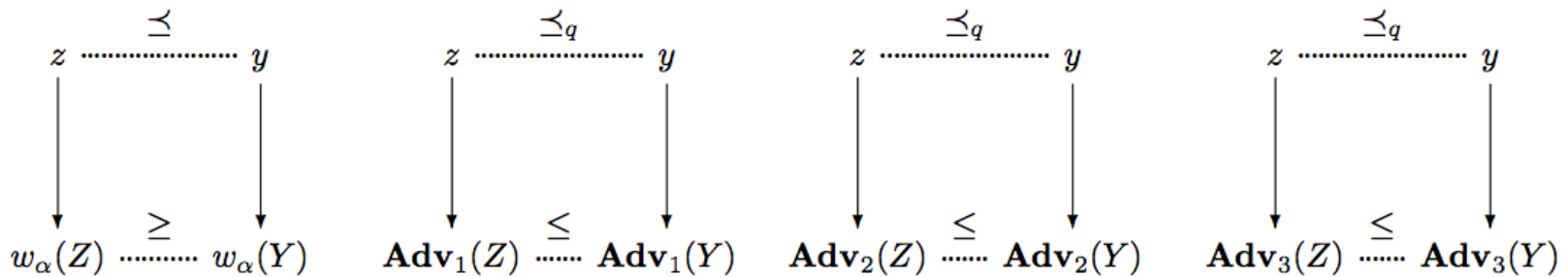
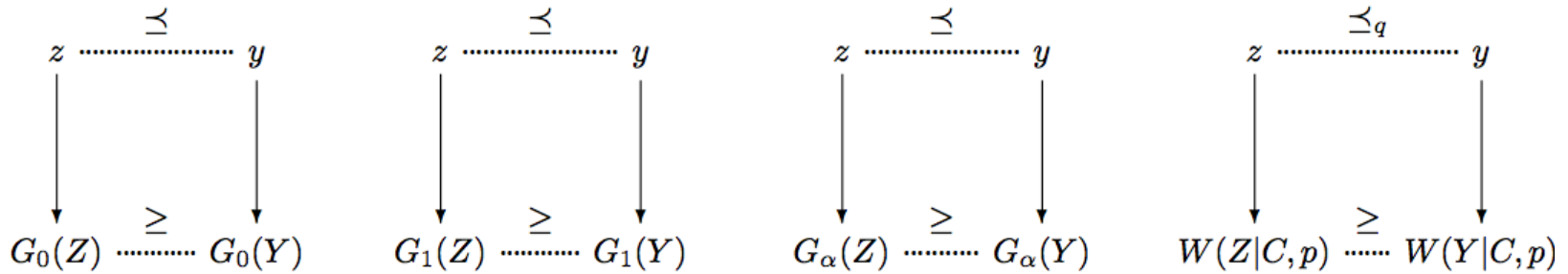
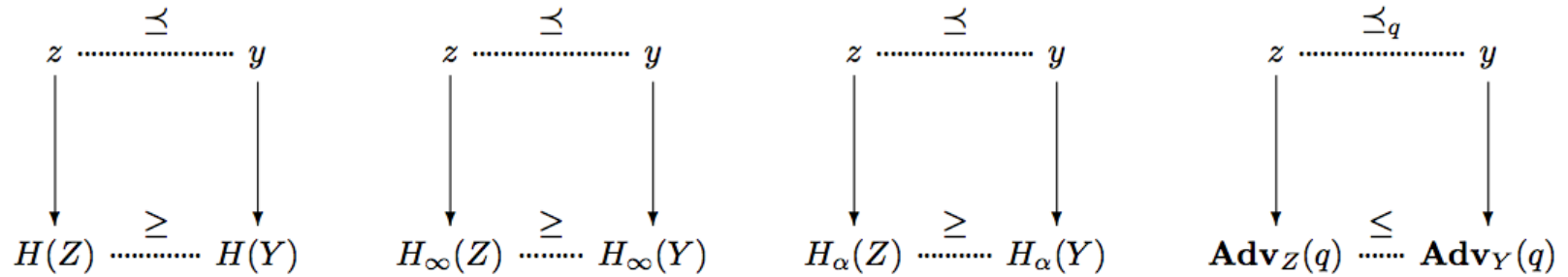


Def. Provable Security Comparisons

- (provable security) comparisons
 - Inequalities like $\mathbf{Adv}(Z) < \mathbf{Adv}(Y)$
- provable (security comparisons)
 - Other security metrics H_a, W, G_a

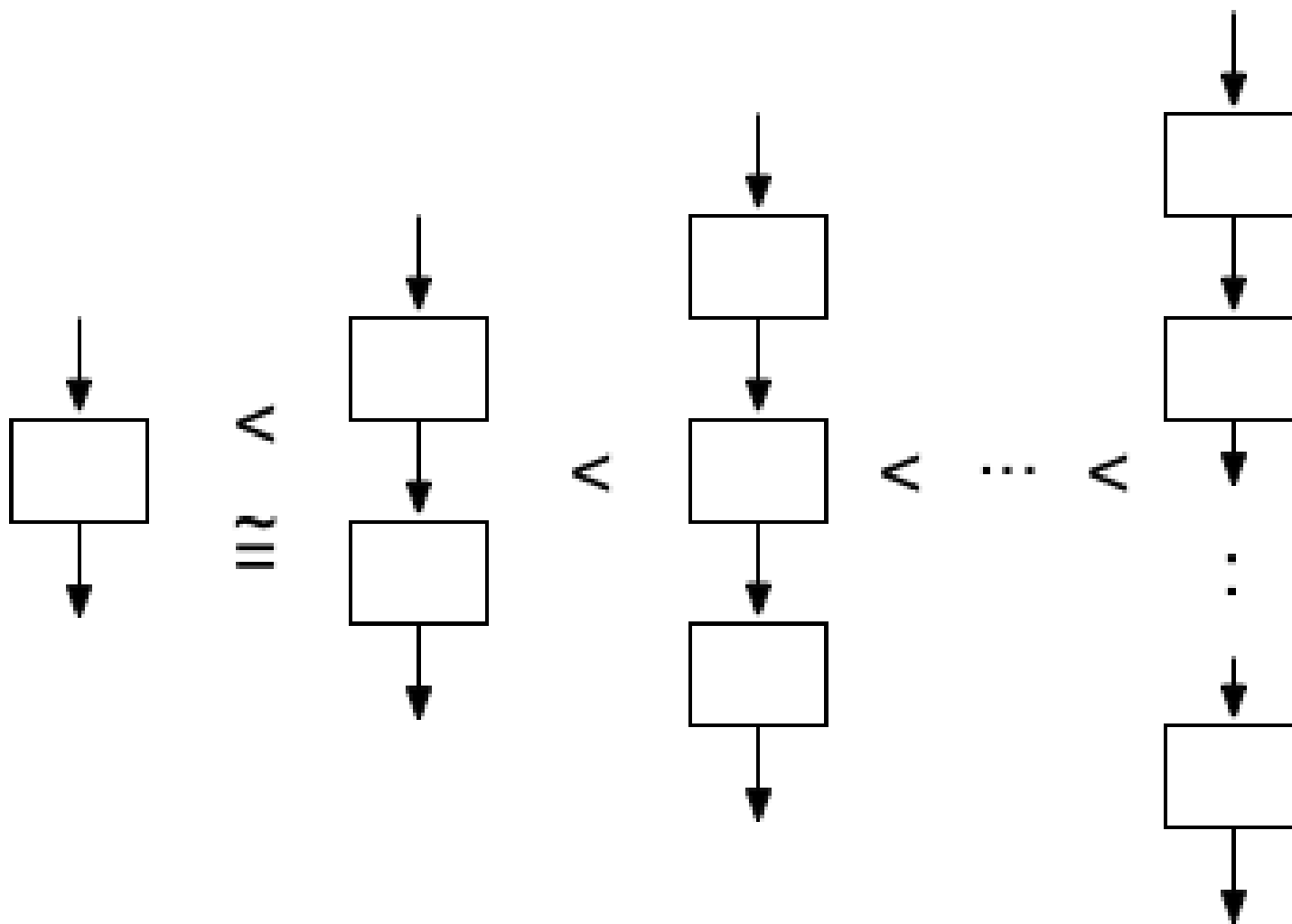


Indeed ...

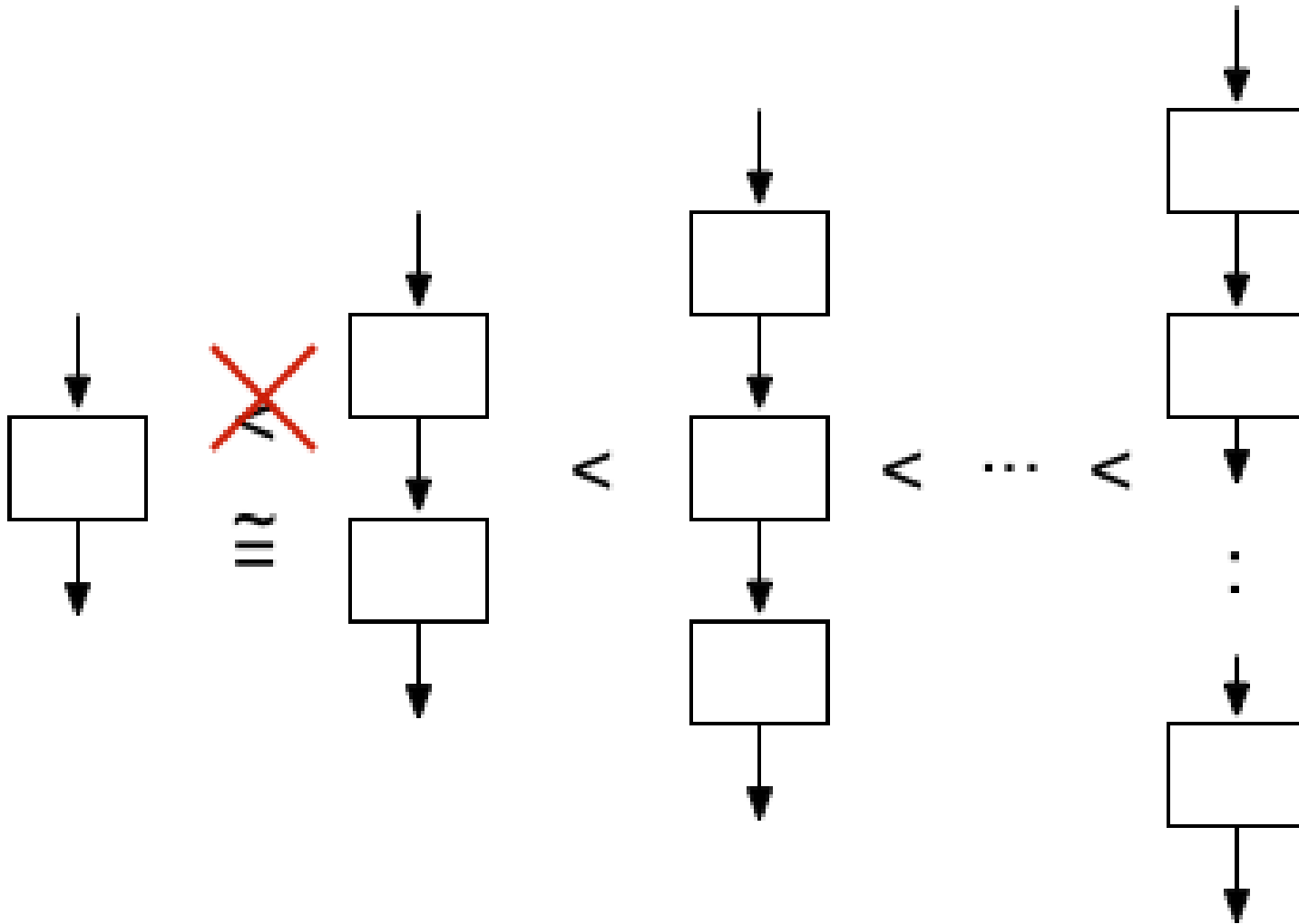


Part I
Alternating Product Ciphers

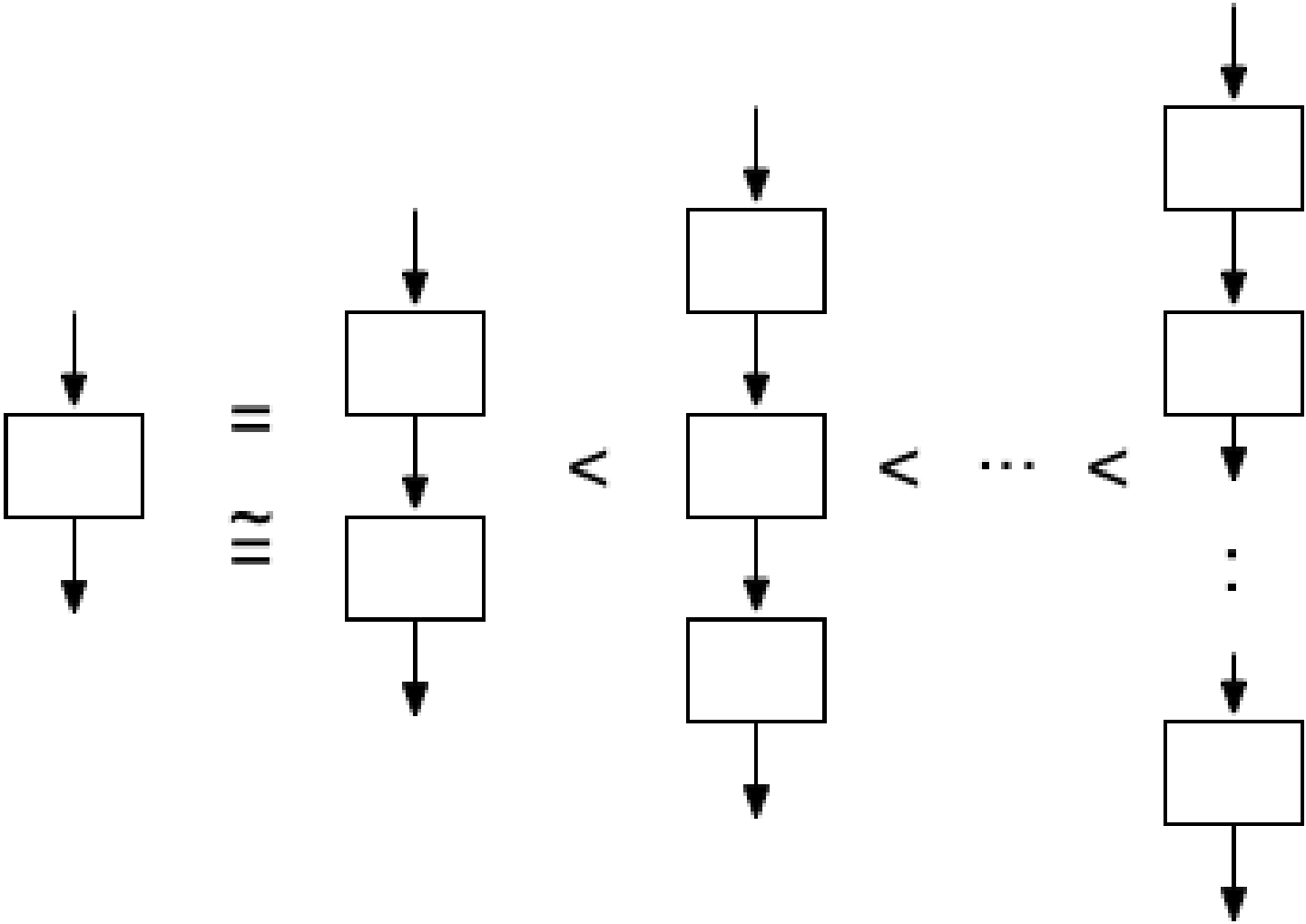
Under “Random” Cipher Approx



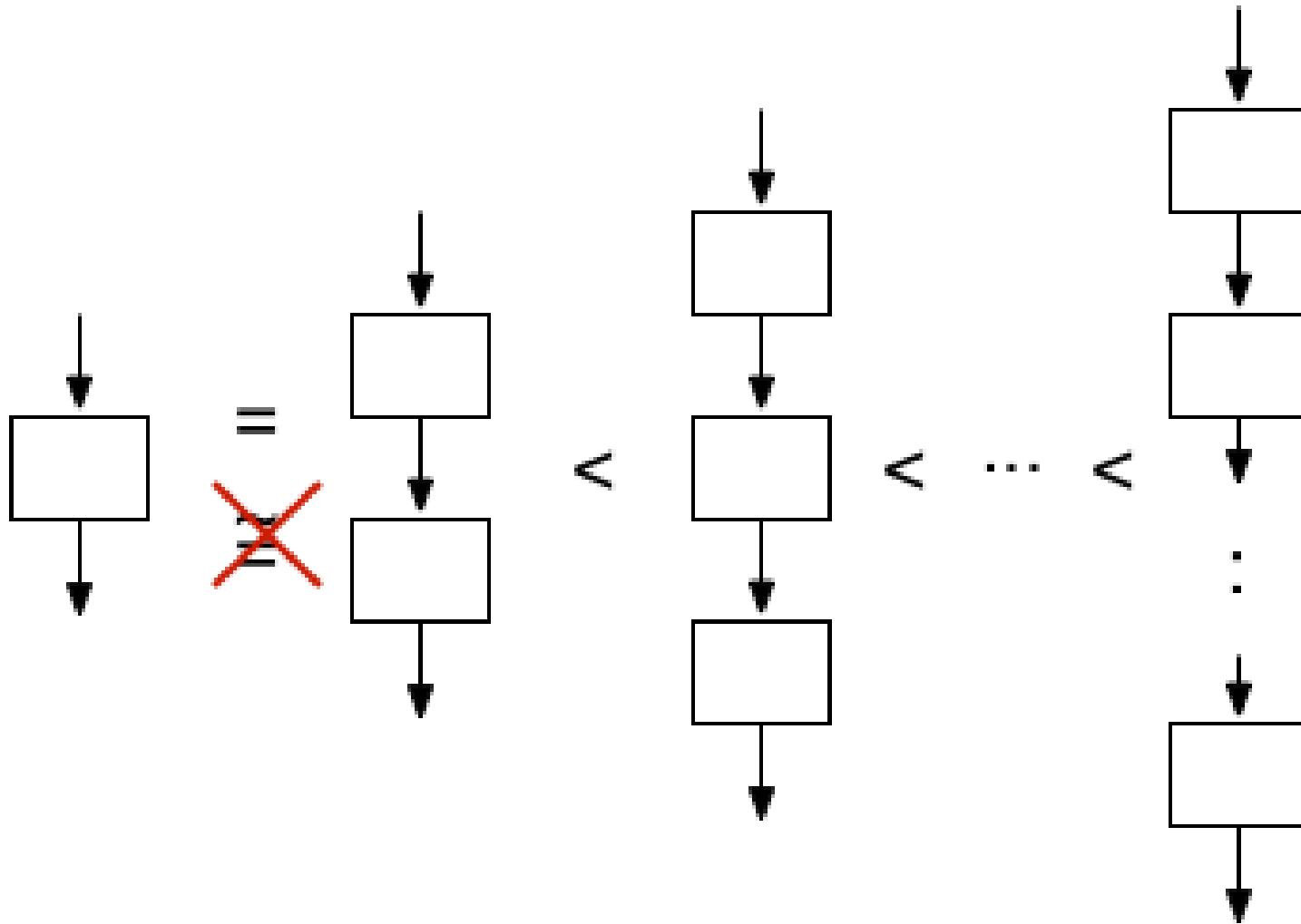
Cipher “is Group”



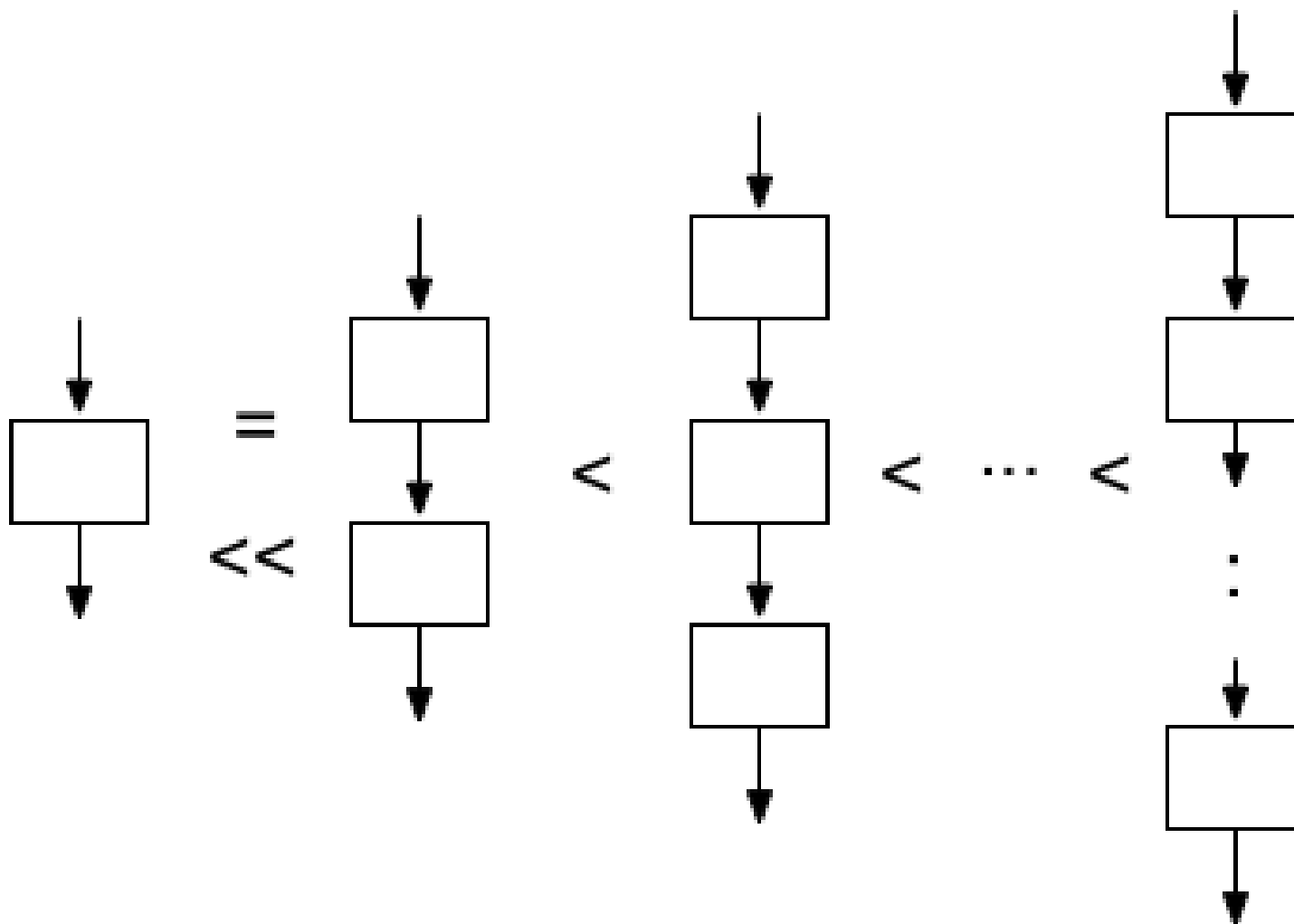
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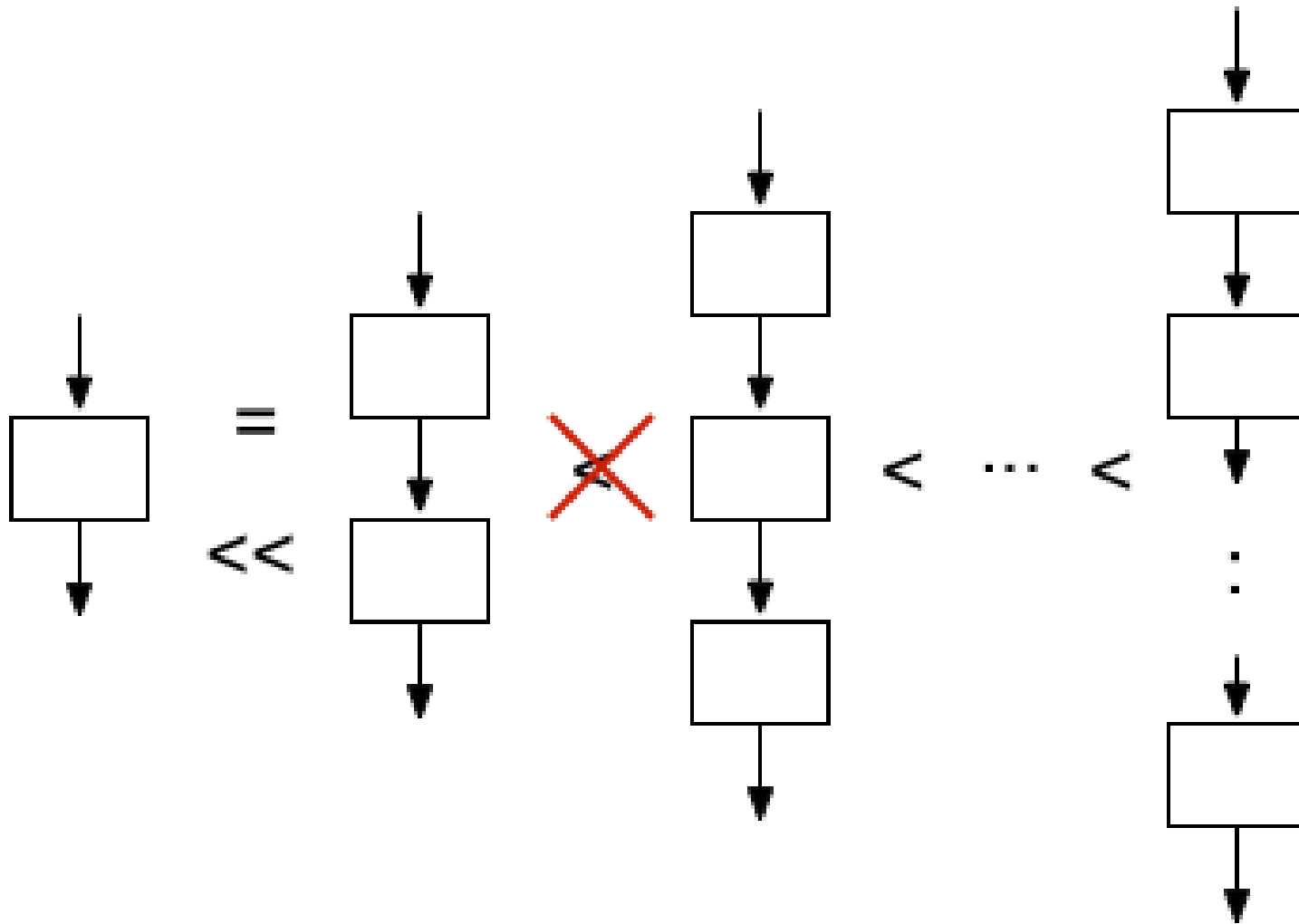
MITM *uses* ideal approx



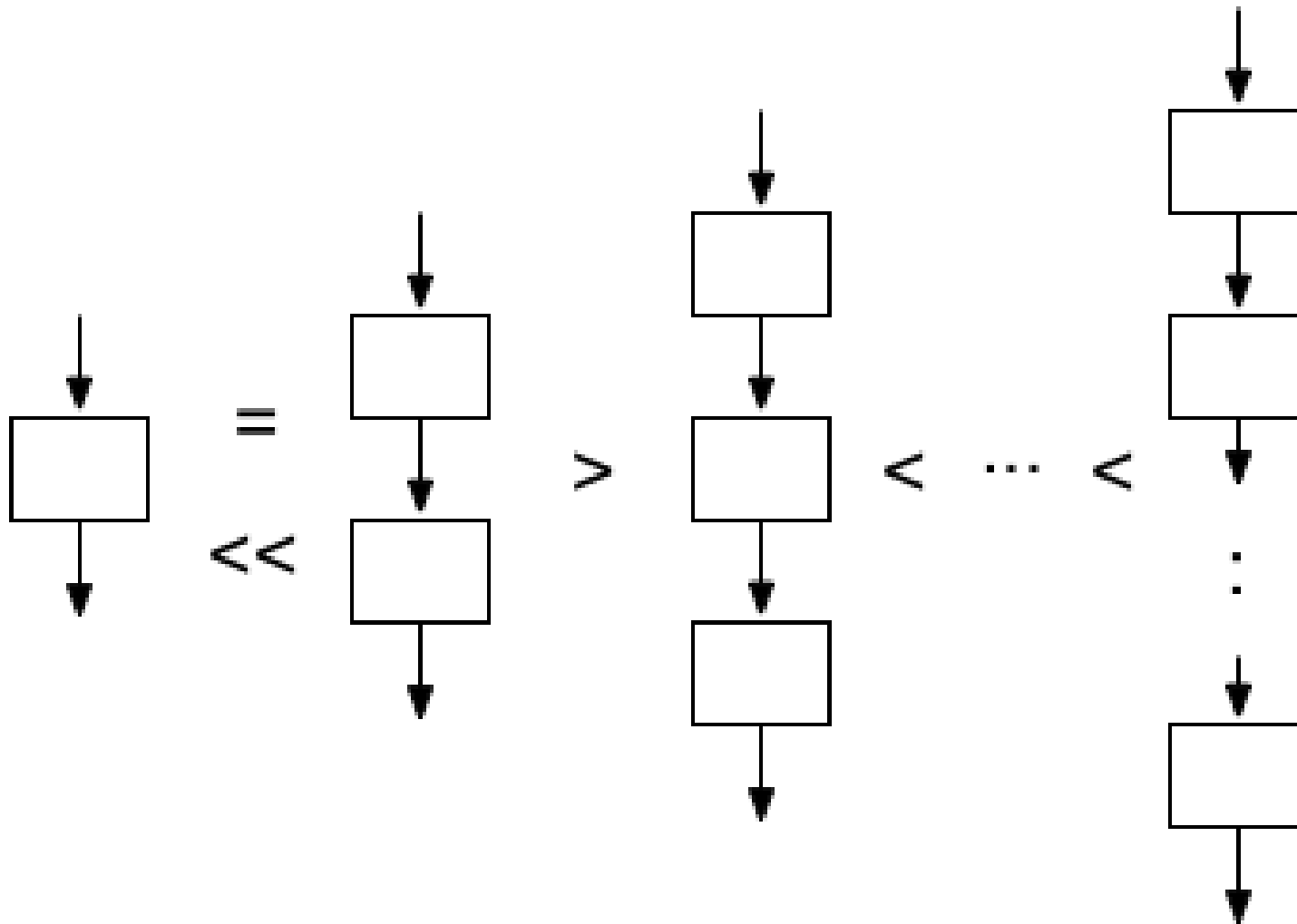
Pliam, 1998-99



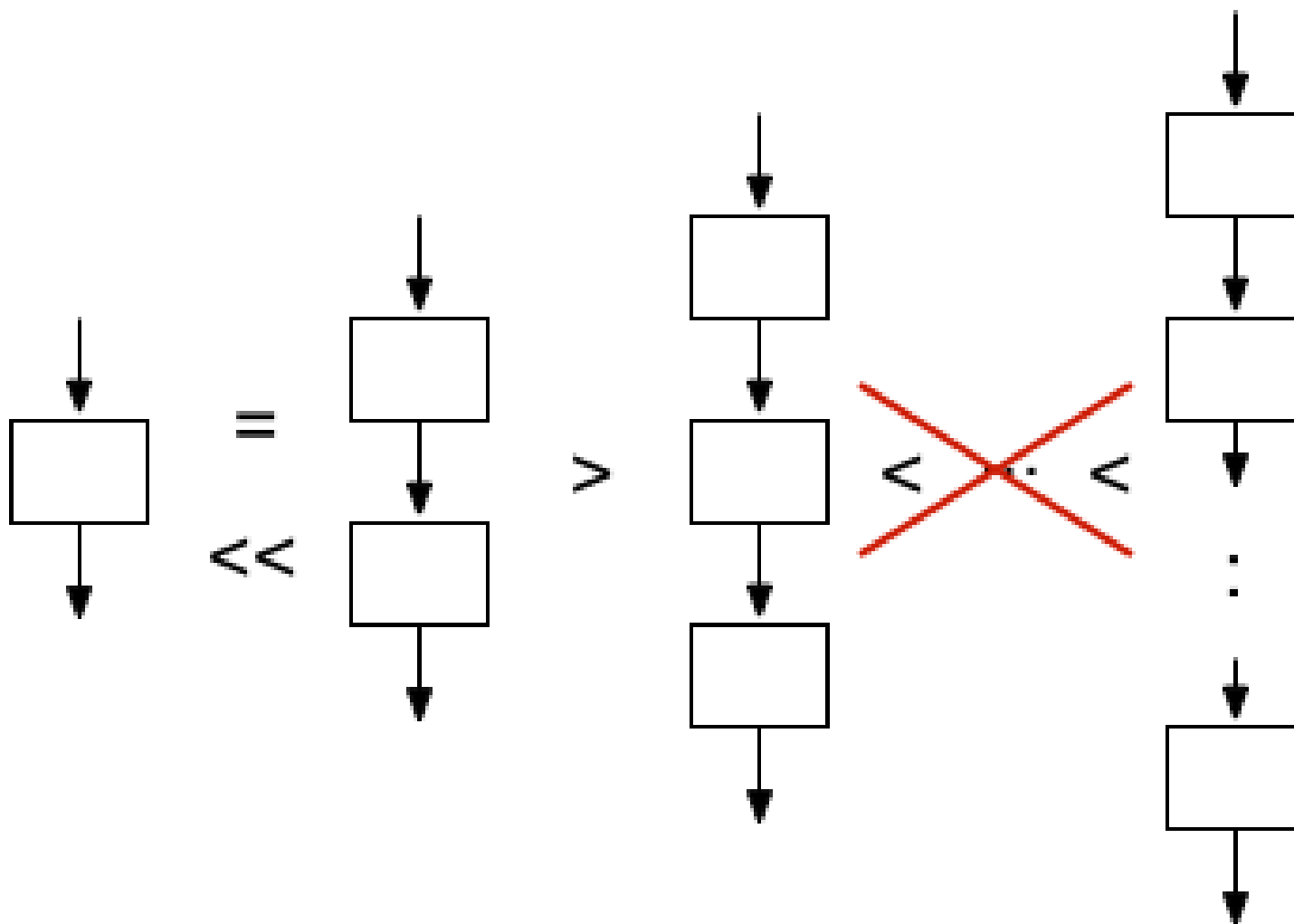
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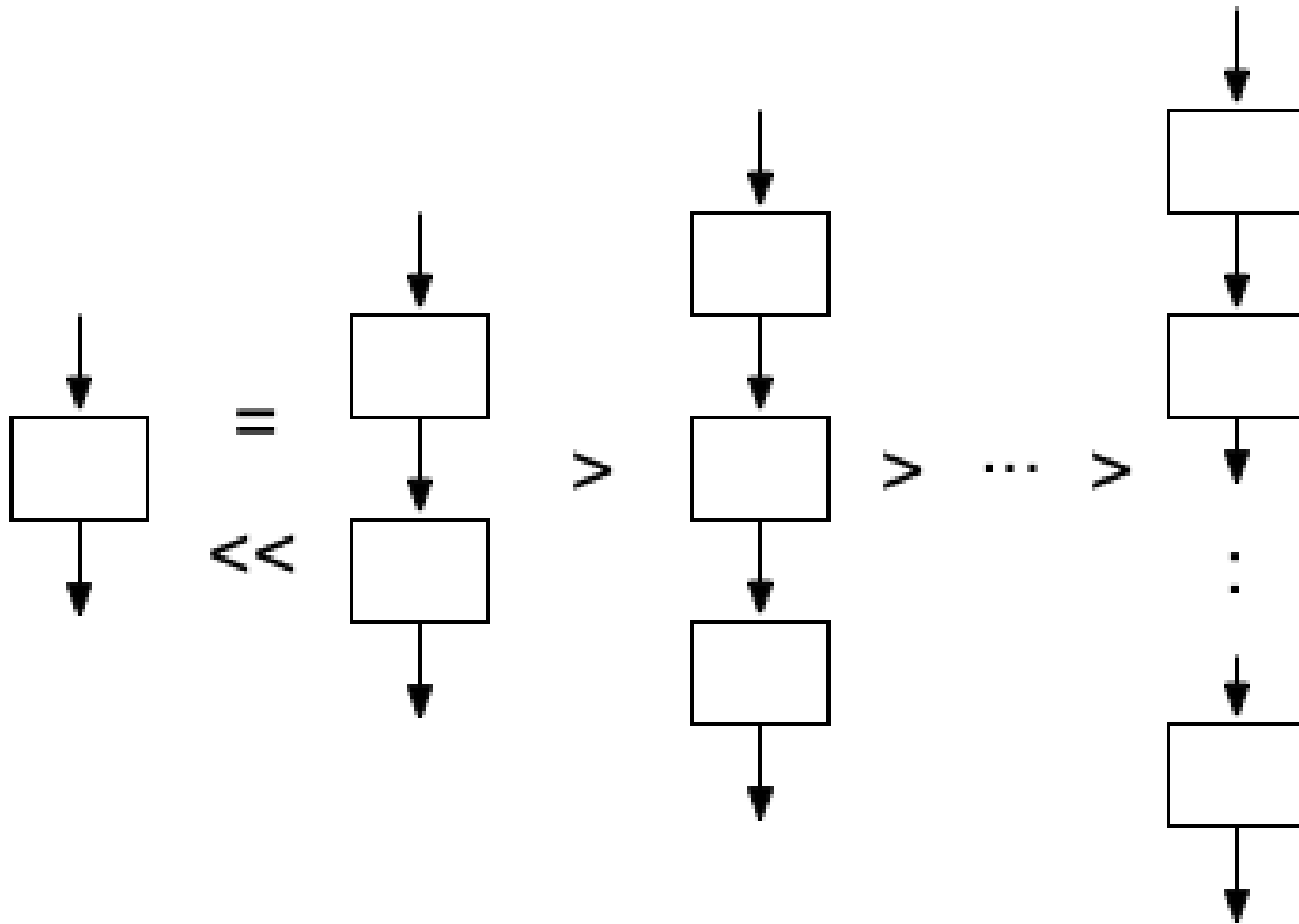
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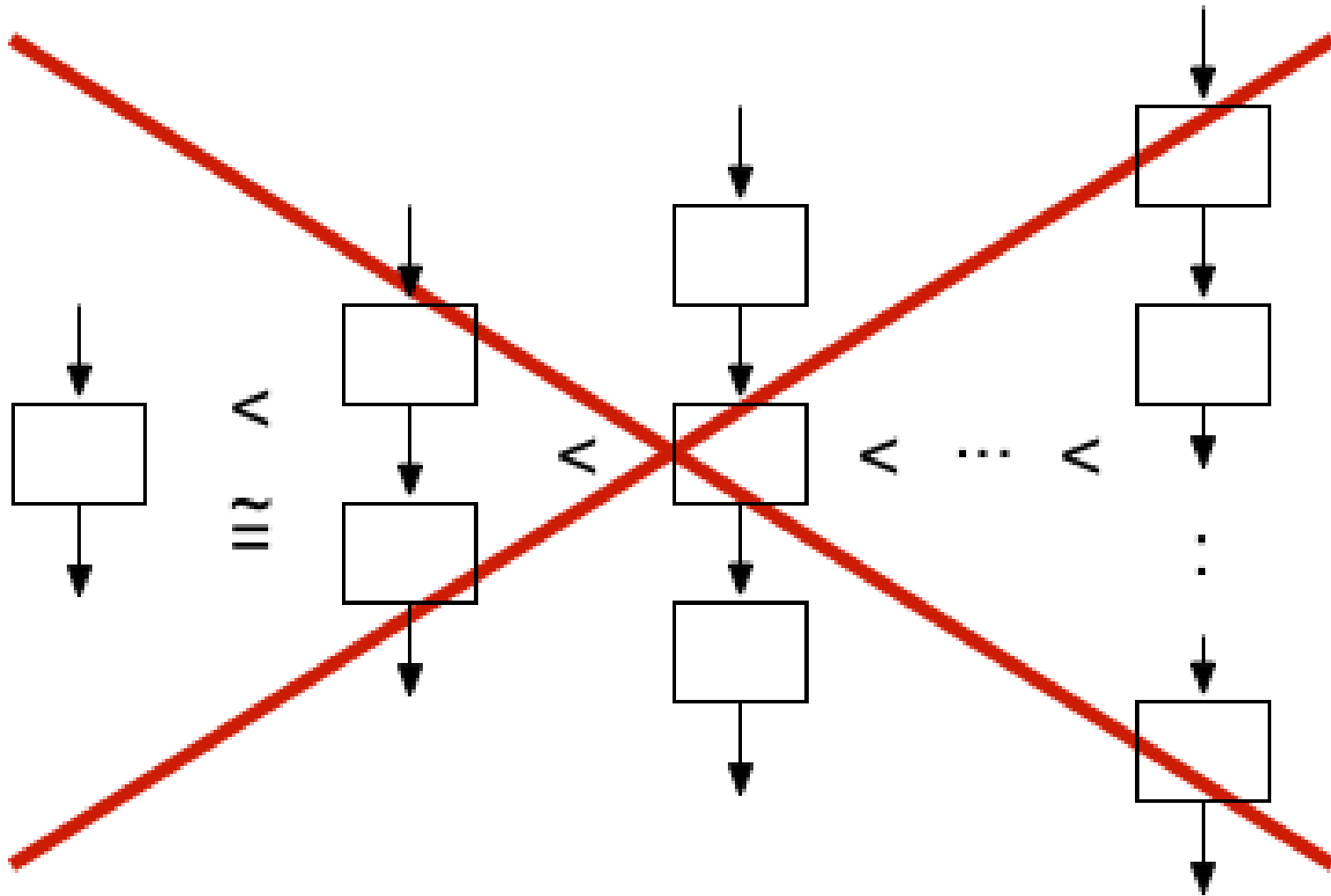
By Extension



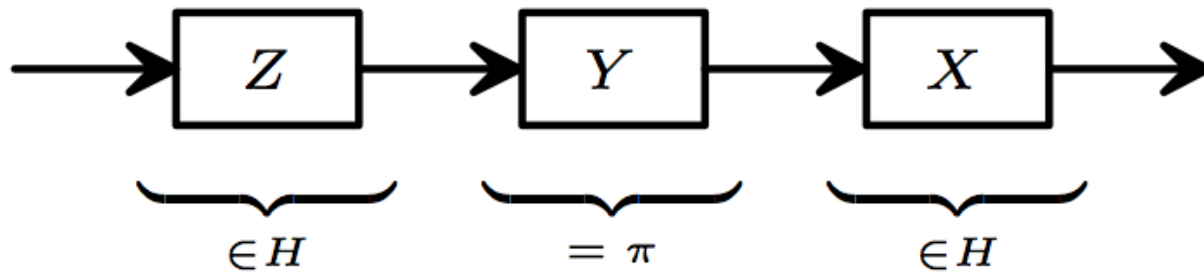
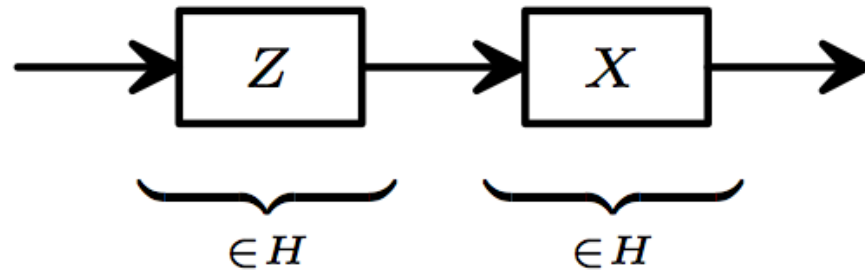
General Collapse



Report Card: F

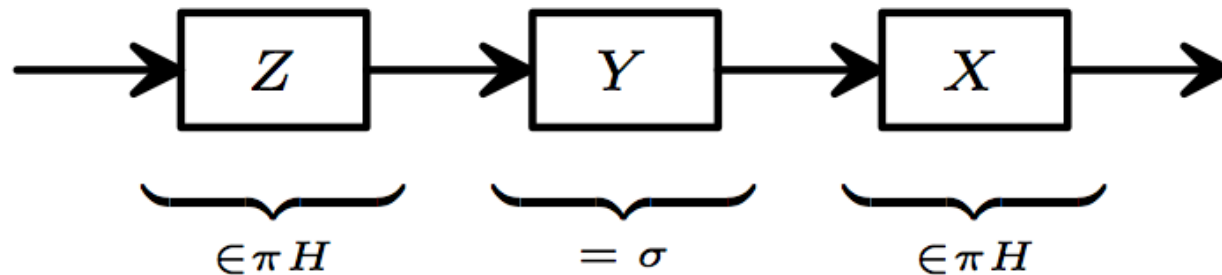
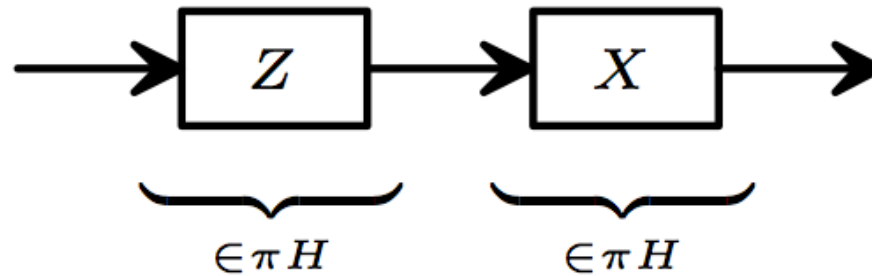


3-Fold Expansion



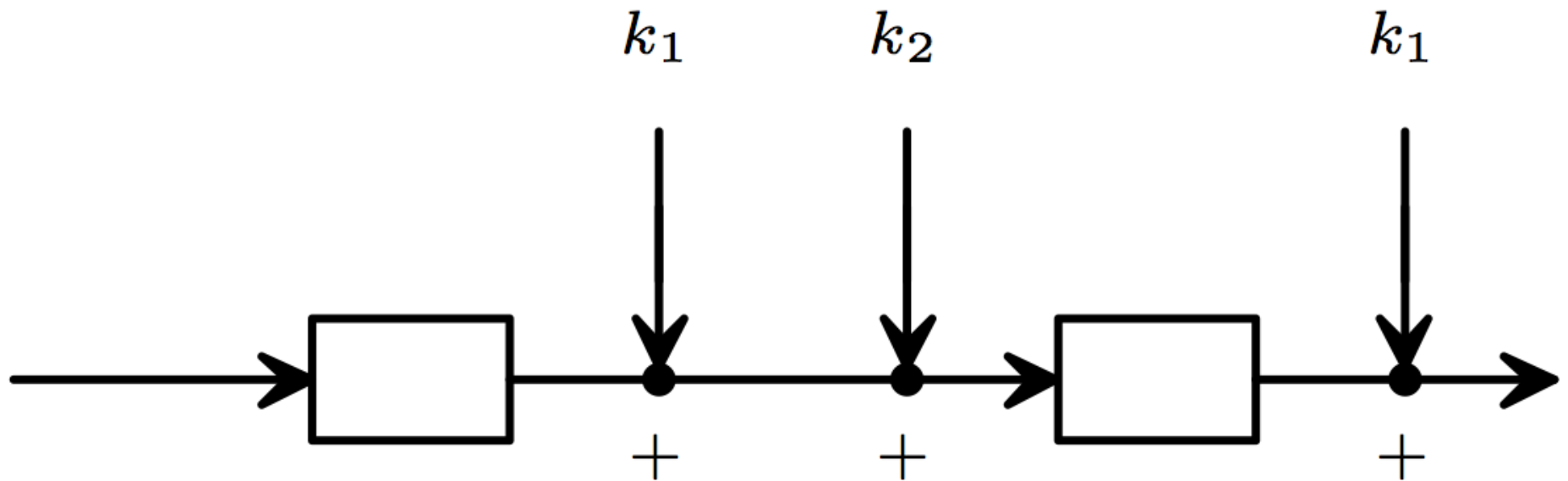
support: $|H| \dashrightarrow |H\pi H|$

3-Fold Collapse



when $\sigma \in H\pi^{-1}$, support: $|H\pi H| \dashrightarrow |H|$

Simplest Counterexample

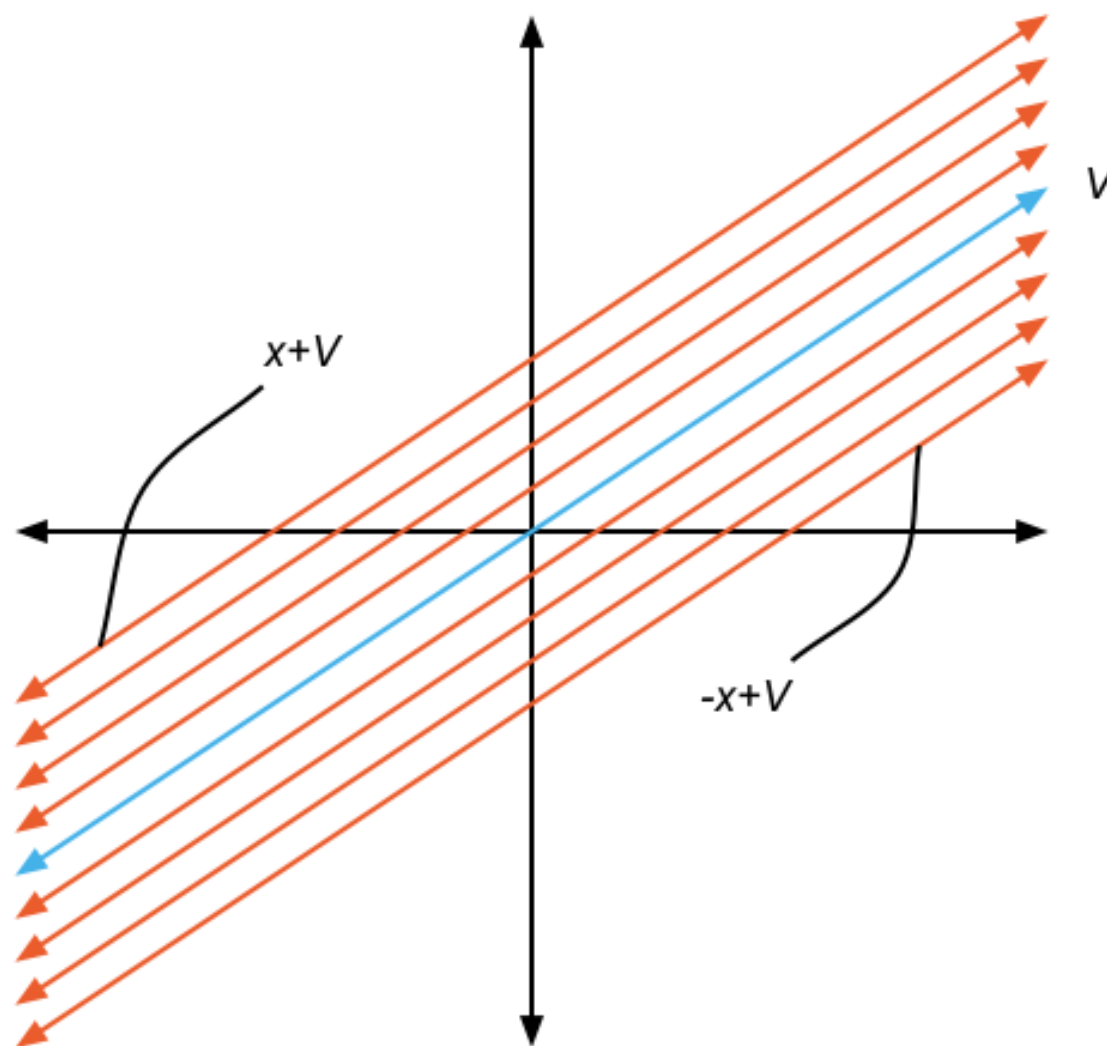


when $k_1 = k_2$, support collapses

Cosets

- **Fact:** the set of all permutations taking plaintext p to ciphertext c
 - Is *coset* gH ,
 - Where H is subgroup, $\text{Stab}(p)$

Structure of Cosets



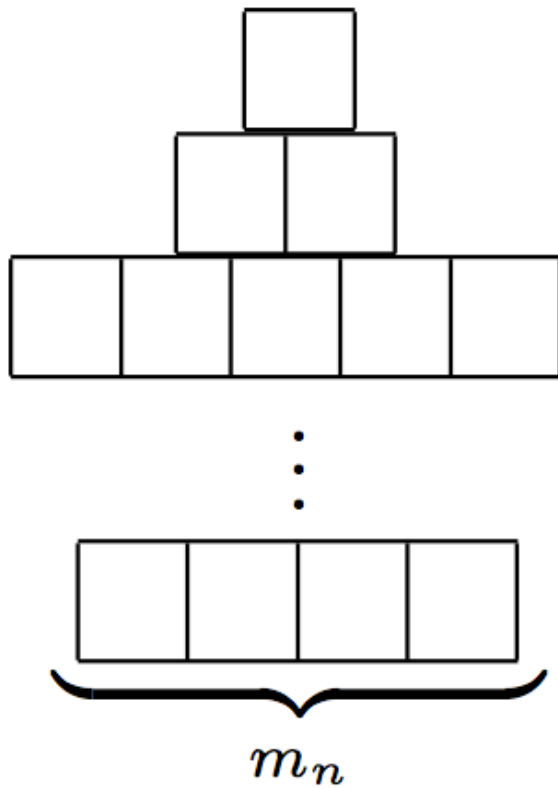
Extends to Nonabelian Case

	<i>abelian</i>	<i>nonabelian</i>
cosets	$x + V$	gH
Lagrange	$W = \bigcup x + V$	$G = \bigcup gH$
action	$y + (x + V) = (y + x) + V$	$k(gH) = (kg)H$
stabilizer	V	H

Orbit-Stabilizer Theorem

- **Thm.** Any (transitive) group action is equivalent to a coset action.

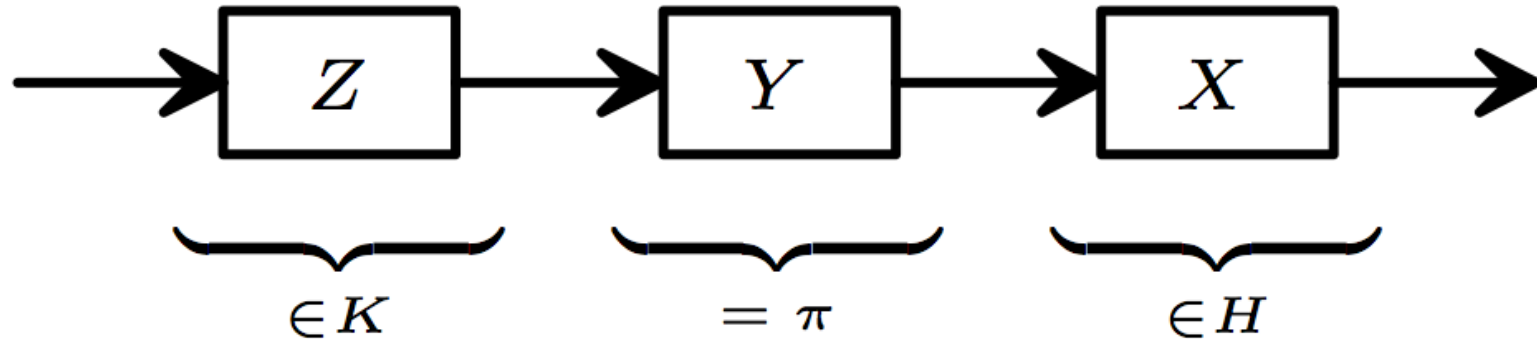
Double Cosets



HK
 $Hg_1 K$
 $Hg_2 K$
 \vdots
 $Hg_n K$

$$m_i = [H : H \cap g_i K]$$

Theorem 2

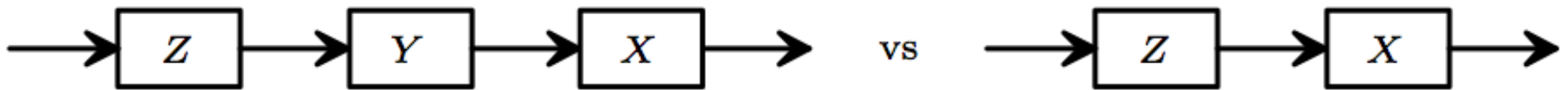


Thm. $T = XYZ$, $t = x * y * z$ is a convex direct sum

$$t = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \alpha_i z_i,$$

where $m = [H:H \cap \pi K]$ and $z_i \preceq z$.

Corollaries



$$T = XYZ \text{ and } D = XZ$$

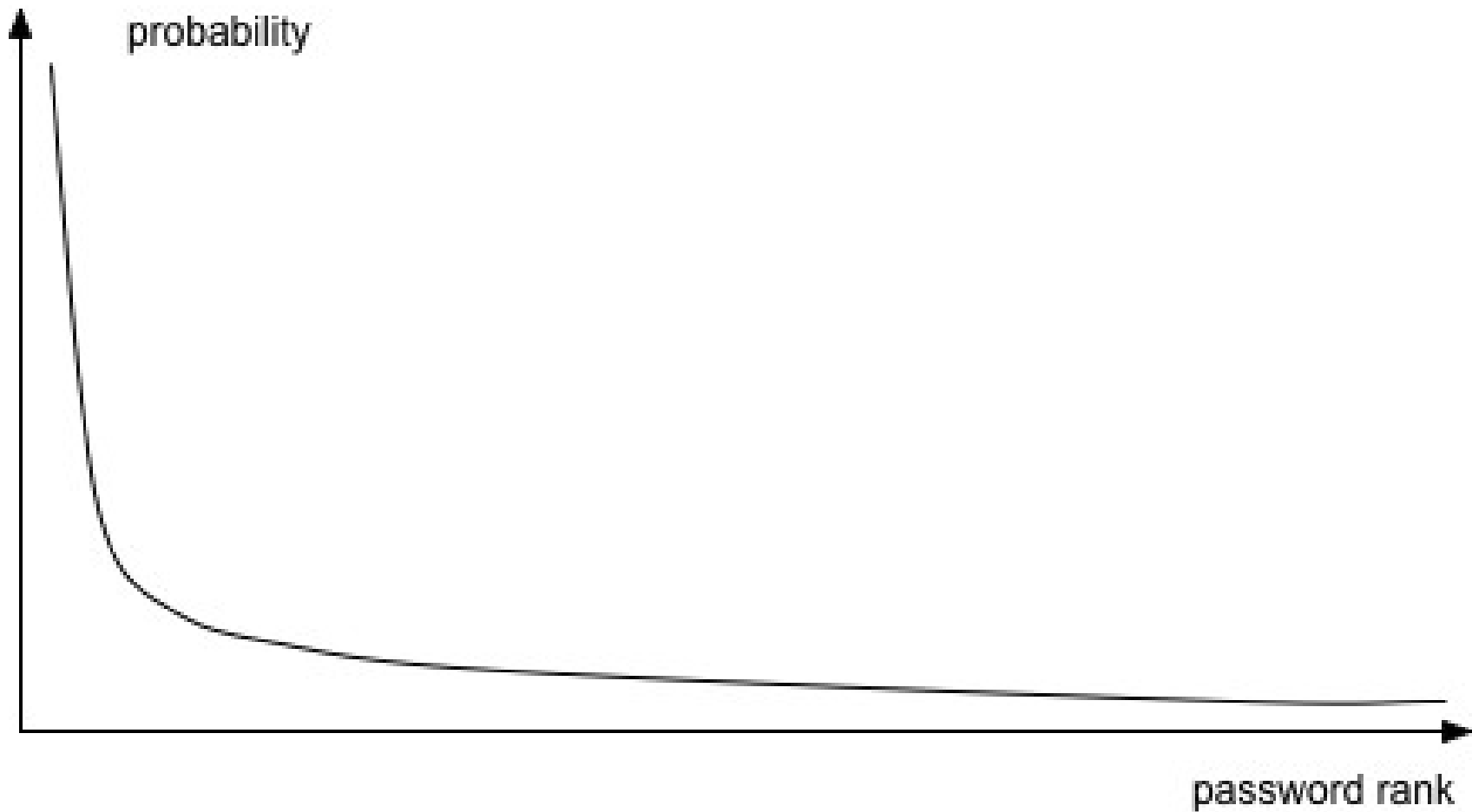
case1: $T = \Lambda D$

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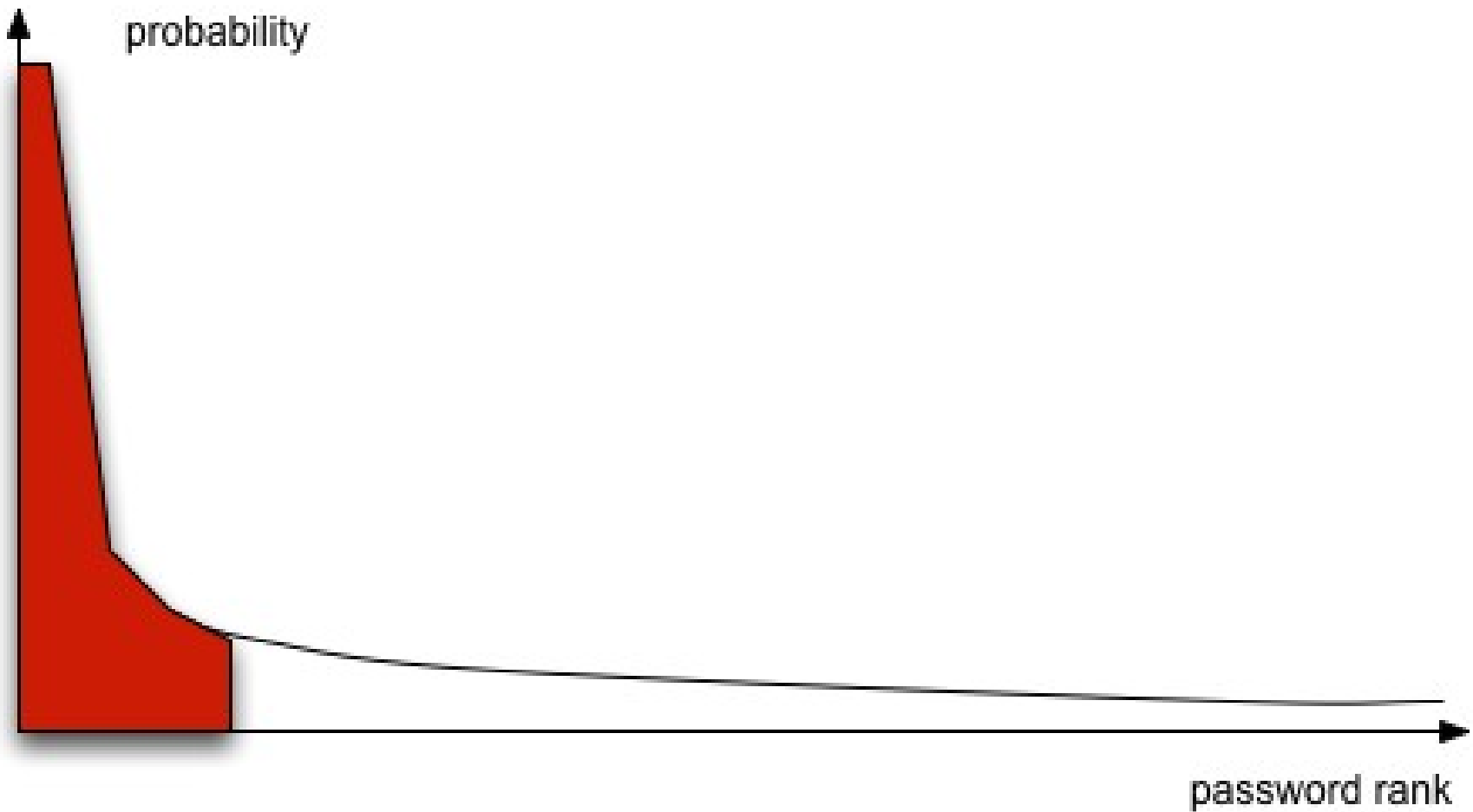
Part II

Provable Security Comparisons

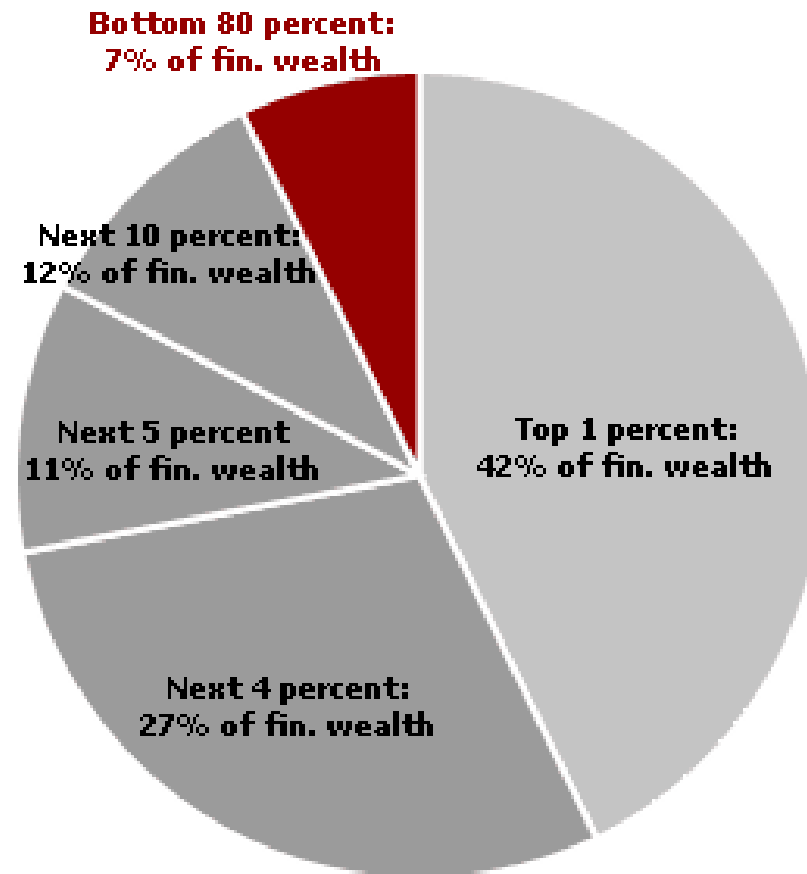
Passwords by Non-Increasing Likelihood



Cumulative Probability

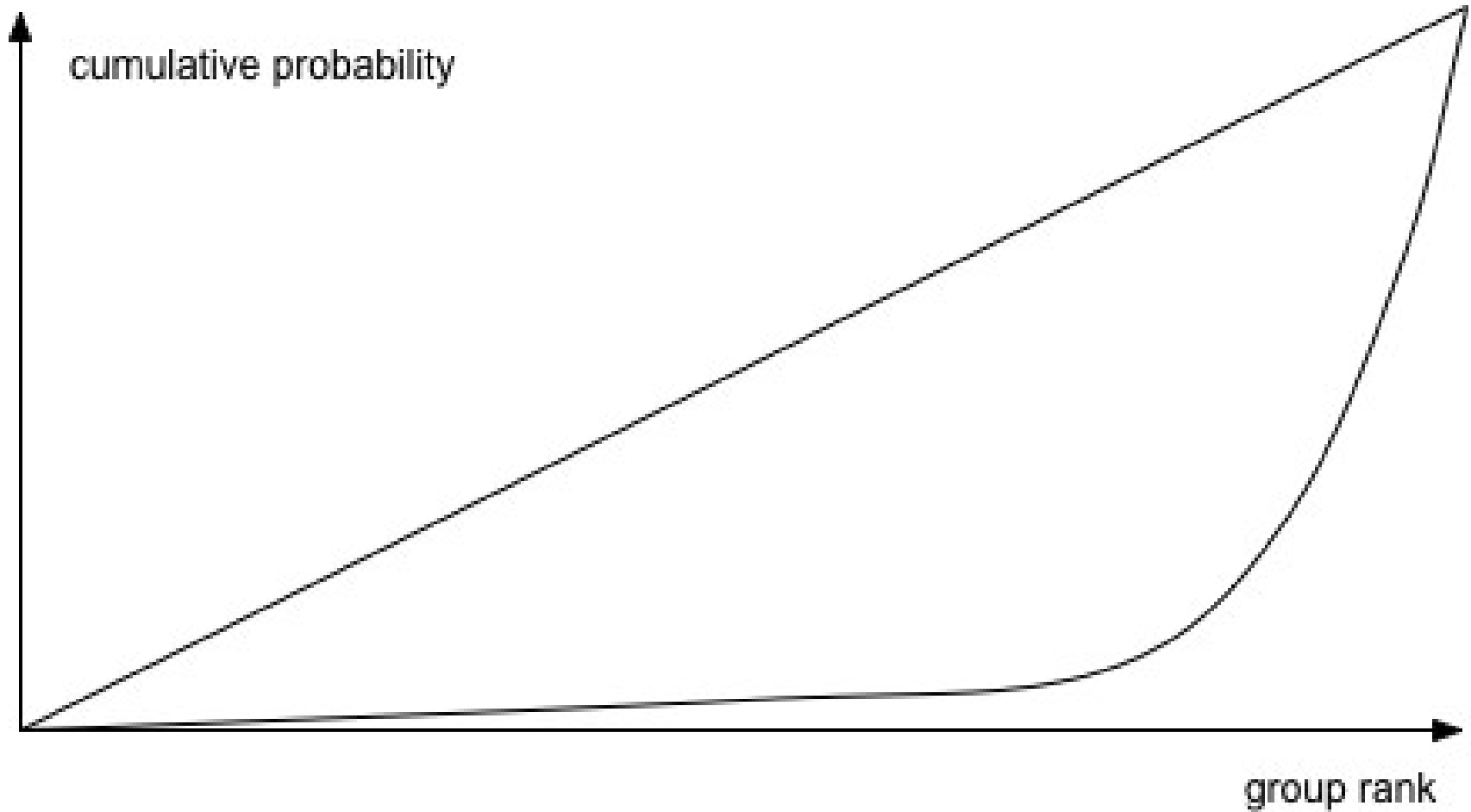


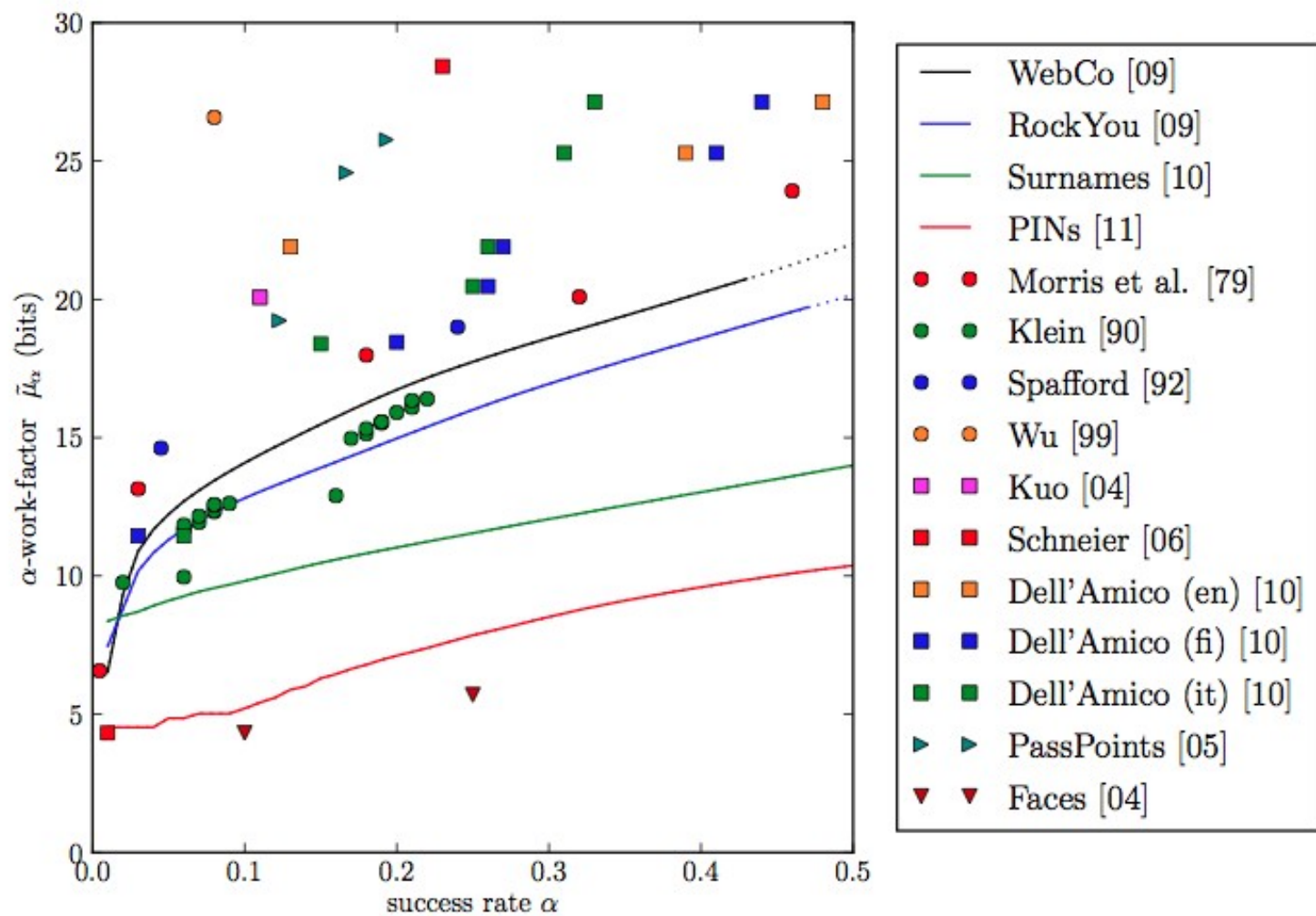
Sounds Familiar? “99%”



**Financial wealth
distribution, 2007**

Lorenz Curve c. 1910

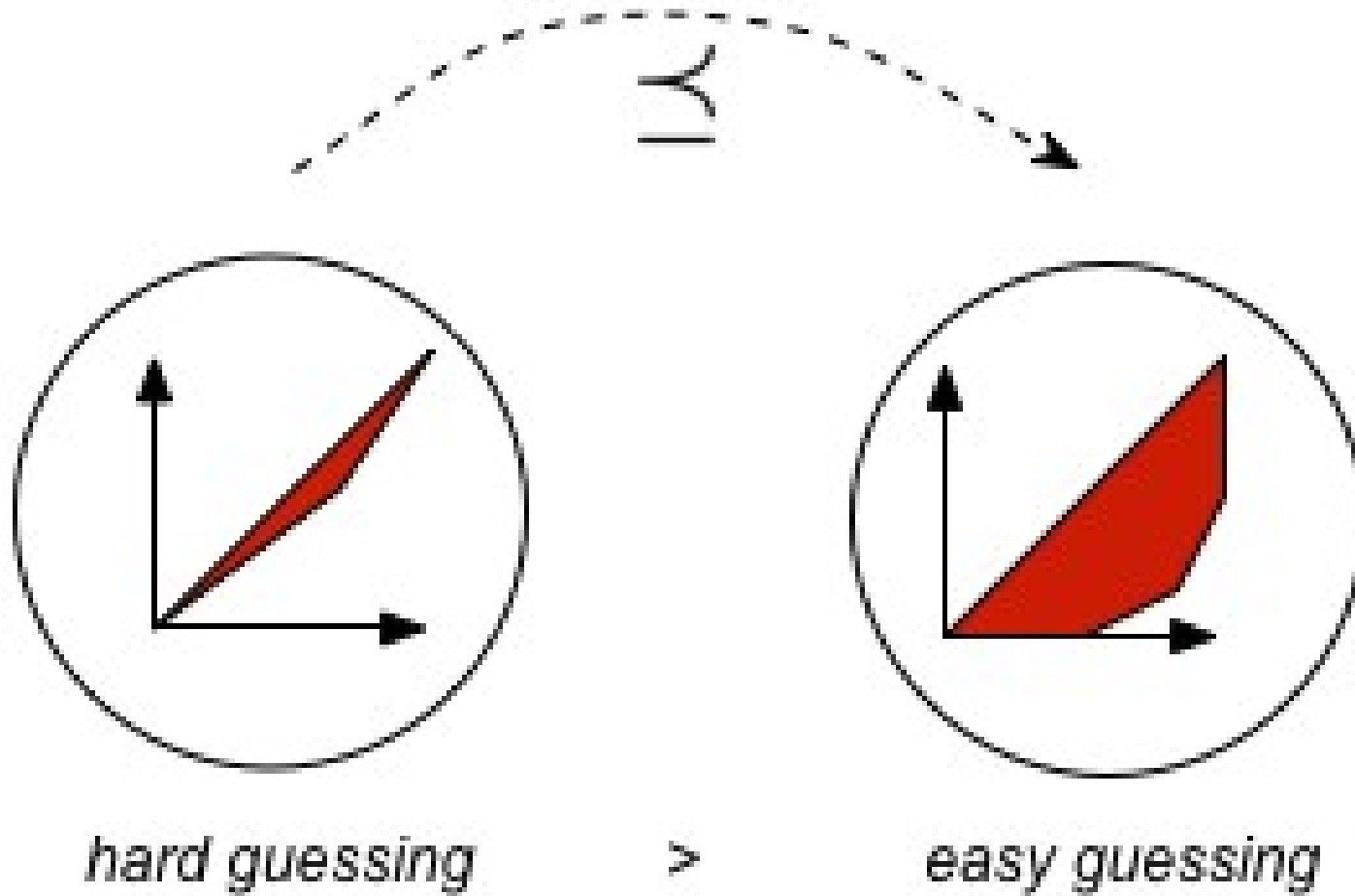




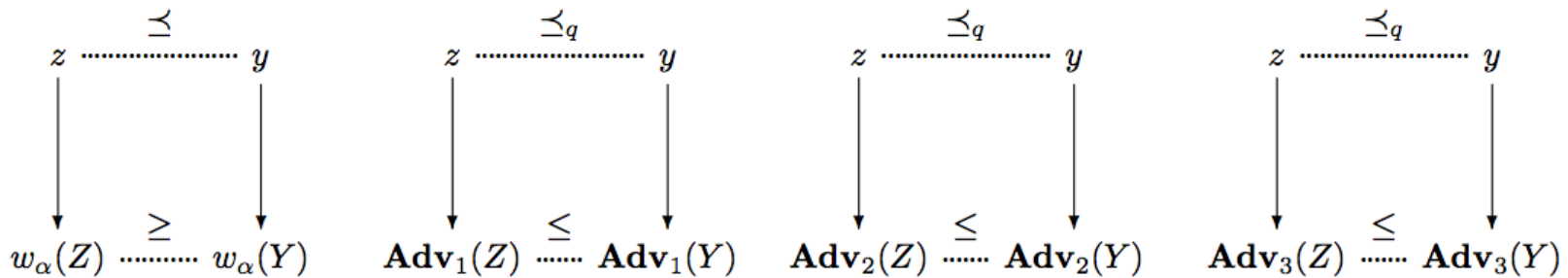
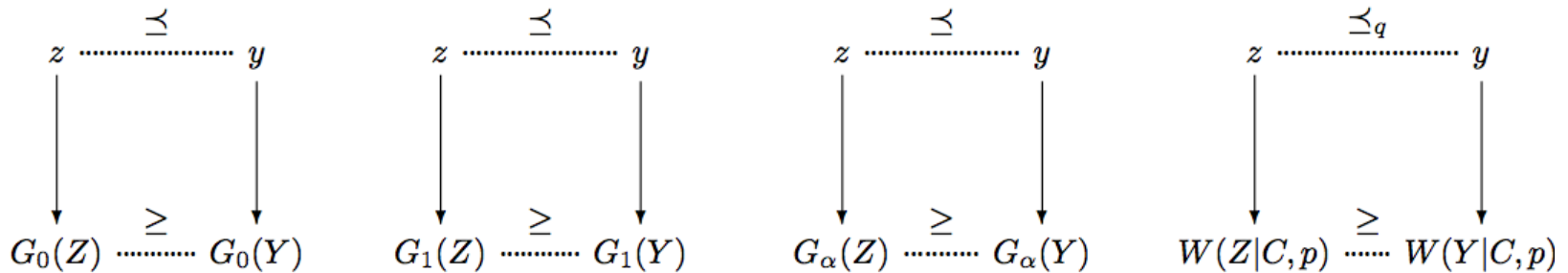
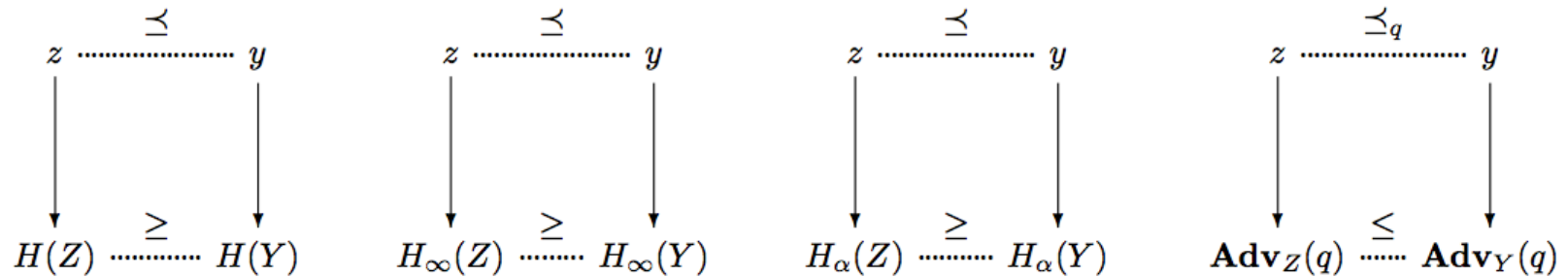
Theory of Inequalities

- Schur, 1923
- Hardy, Littlewood & Polya, 1929
- Birkhoff, von Neumann ca. 1950

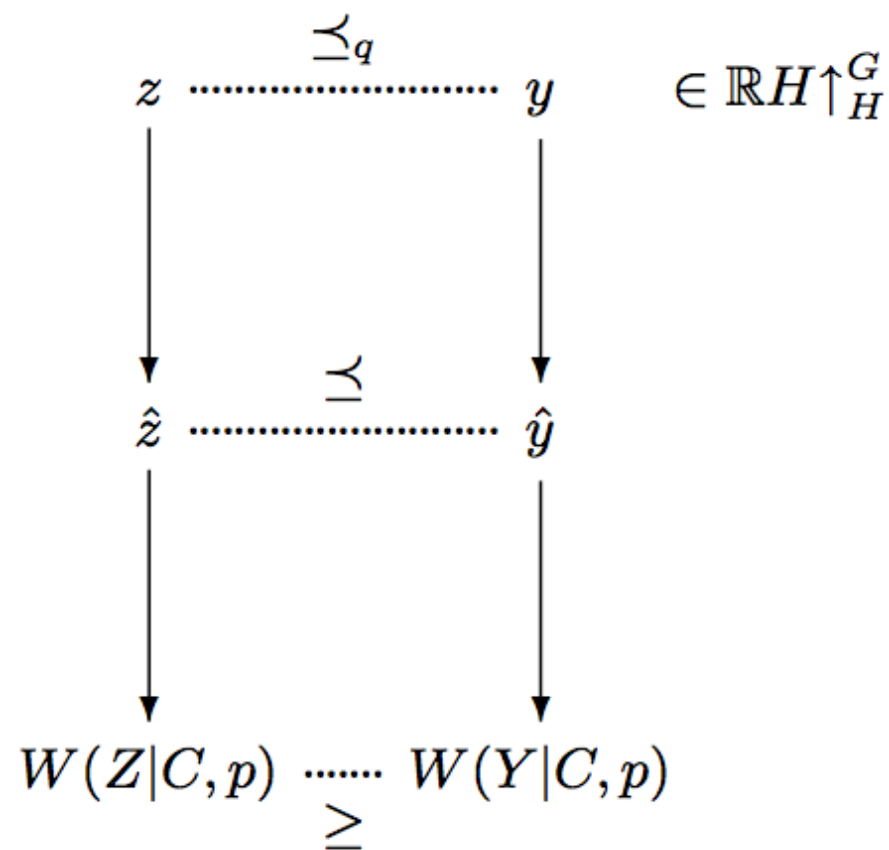
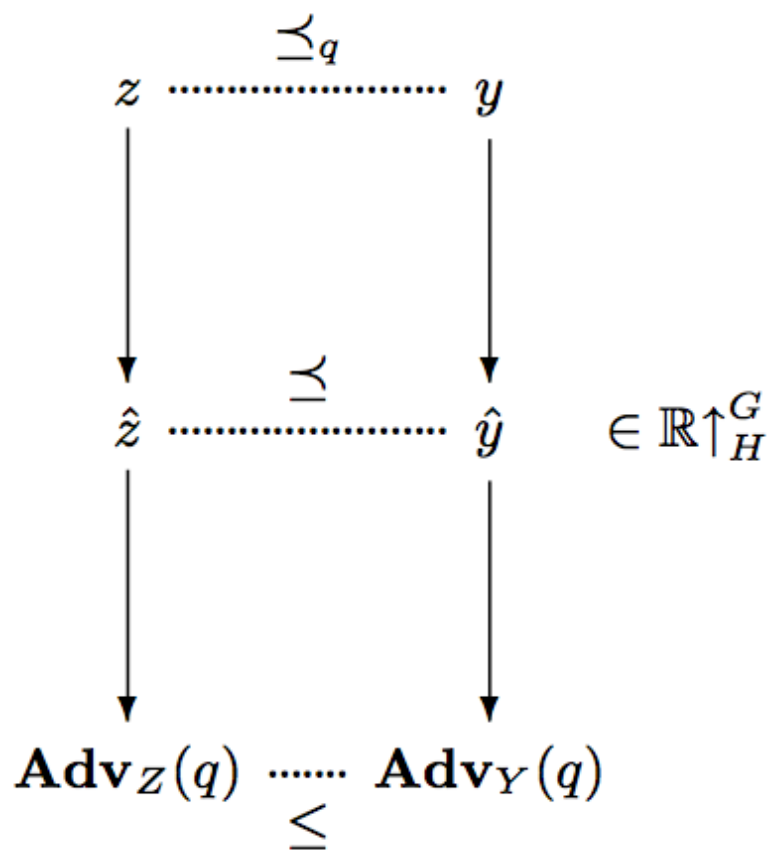
Majorization, Schur Convexity



Higher-Dim Diagrams ...



Higher Data Complexity?



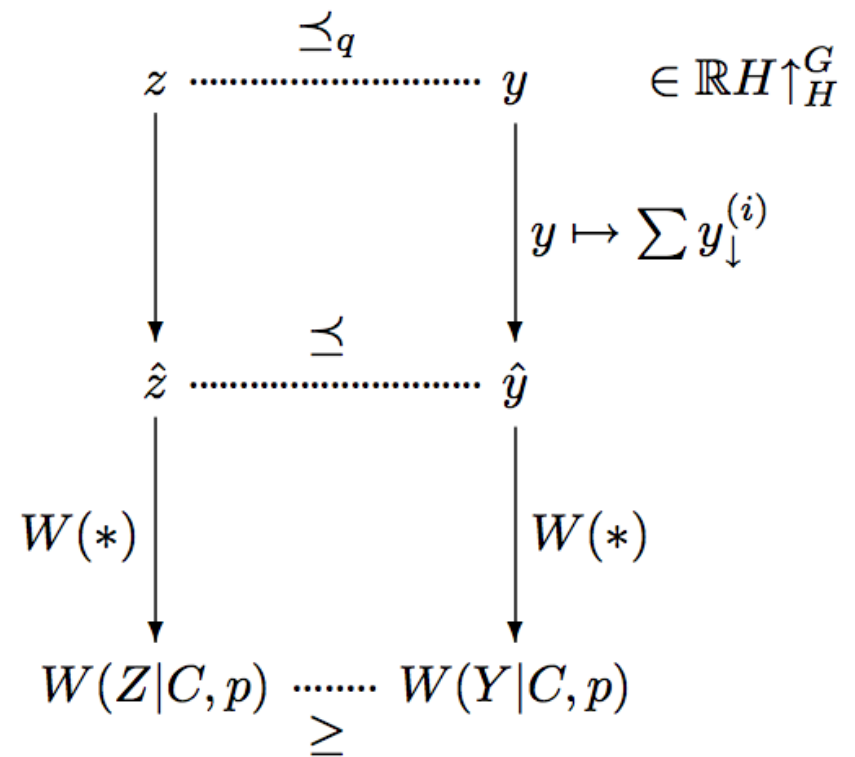
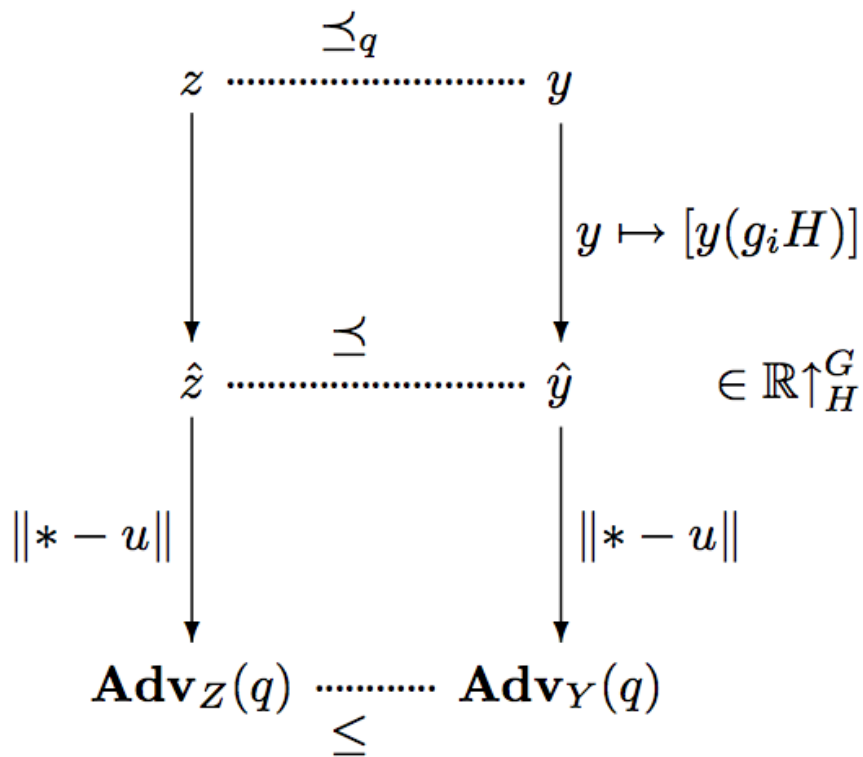
Kronecker-Like Formula

When $z \preceq y$ with $z = Dy$ and D “like” $Z = XY$,

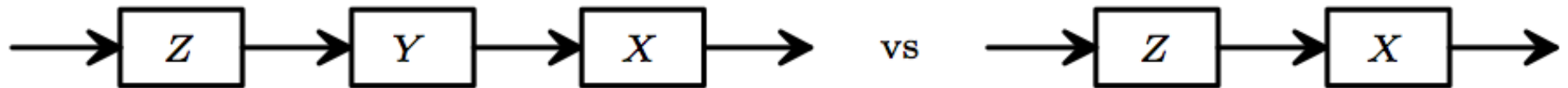
$$z_{\downarrow}^{(i)} = \sum_{i=1}^{[G:H]} \omega_{ij} D_{ij} y_{\downarrow}^{(i)},$$

where $[\omega_{ij}]$ and each D_{ij} are doubly stochastic.

Diagram Chase ...



Filling In Details



$T = XYZ$ and $D = XZ$

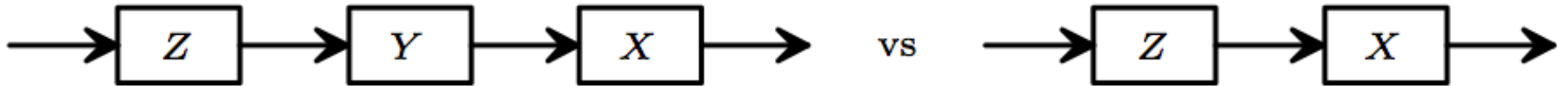
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Summary

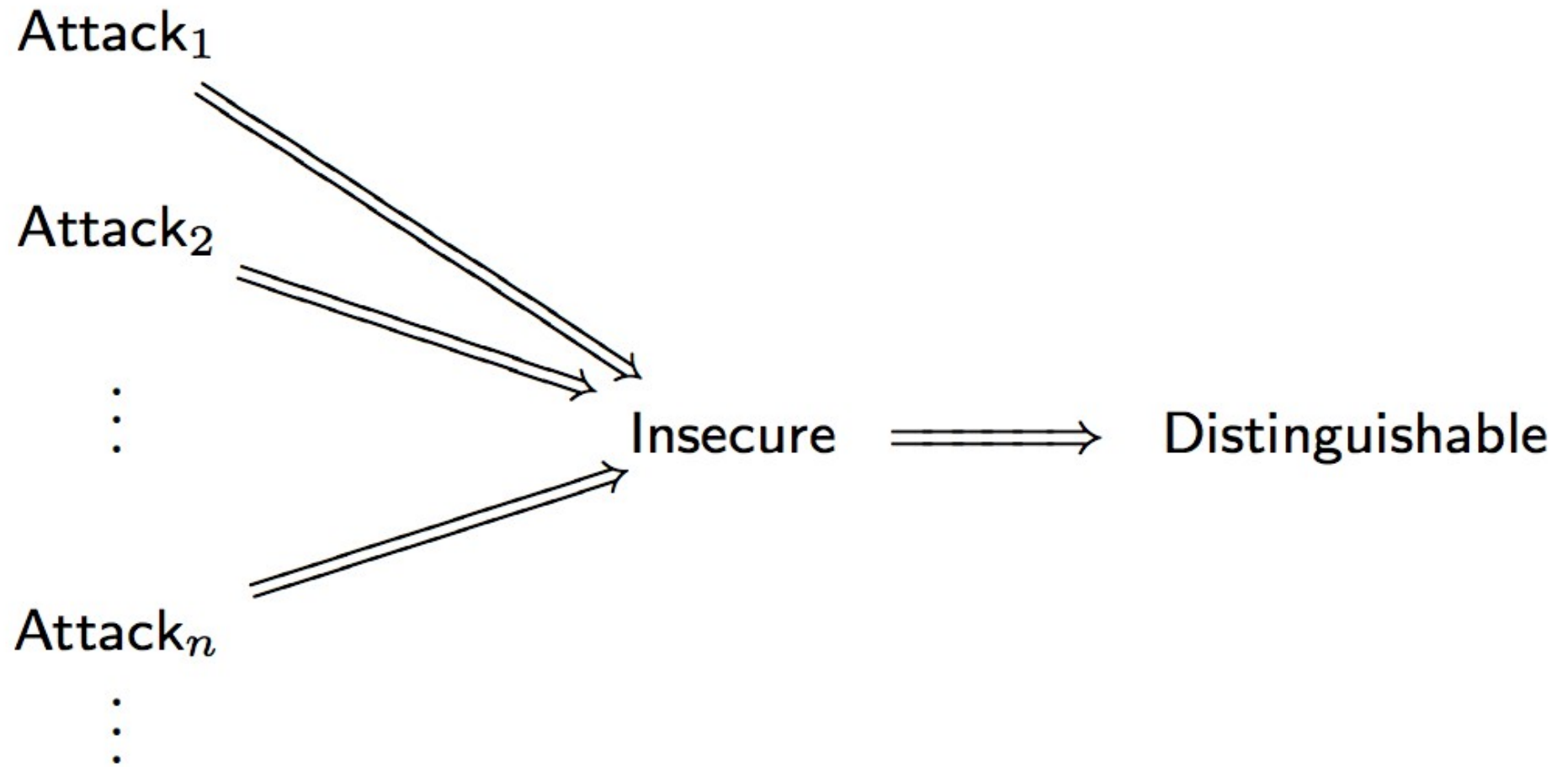


- Security ordering of alternating product *depends strongly* on internal structure.
- Expansion/Collapse along *double cosets*
- Comparing via *majorization* leads to coherence across many (*Schur-convex*) metrics

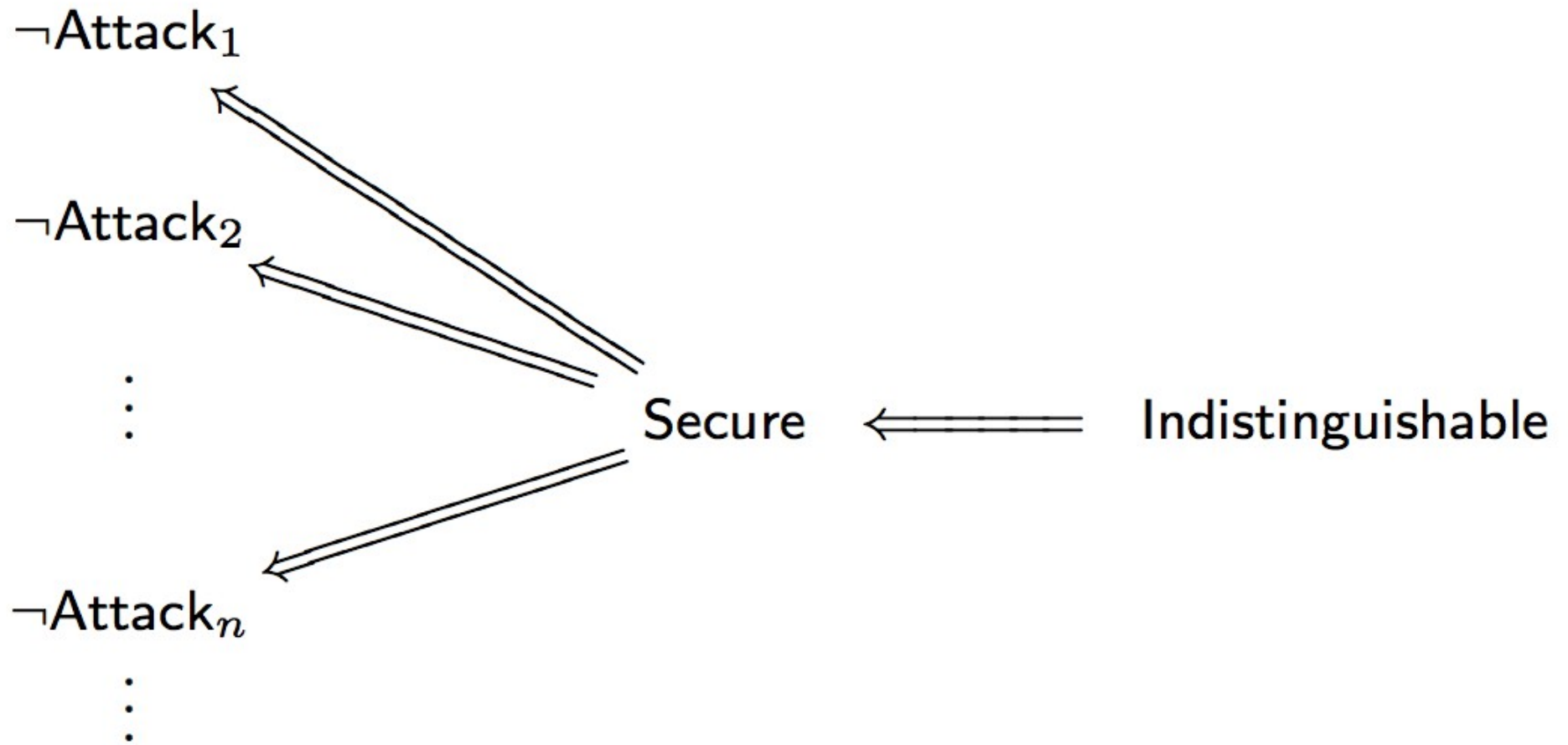
Epilogue

Provable Security Implications

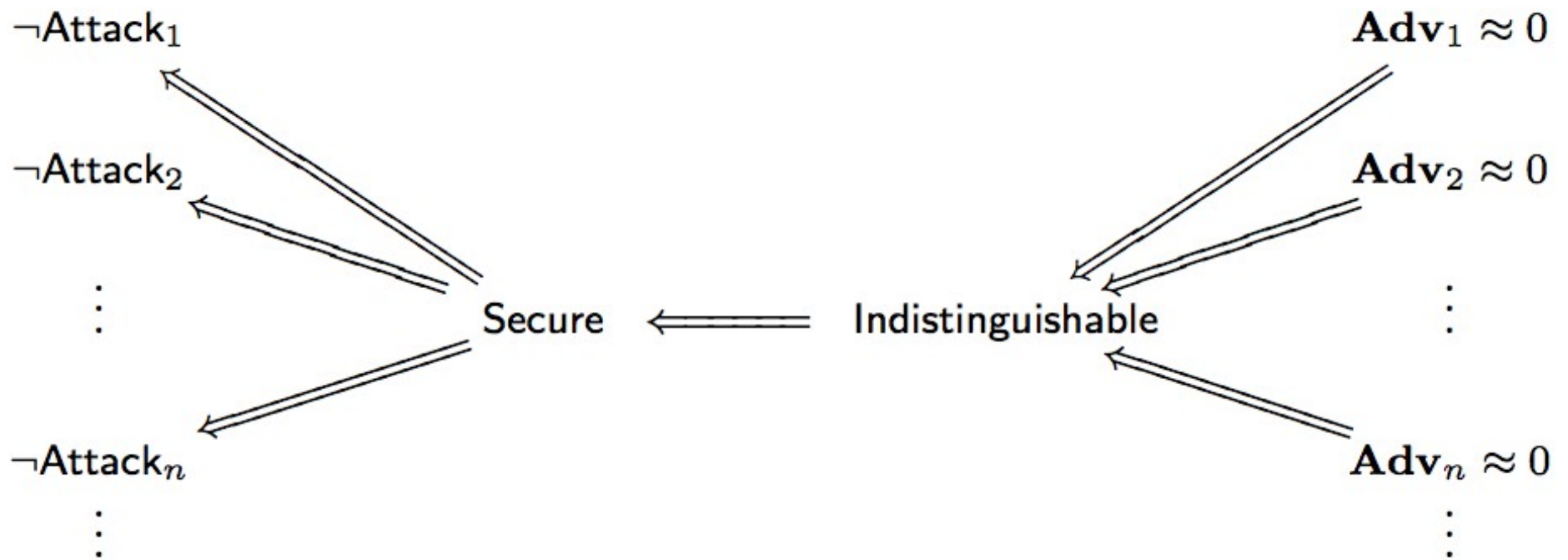
Provable Security



Indistinguishability



Advantage Proliferation



Need To Prune

- **Hypothesis:** To prune out the “bad” **Adv**'s, focus on those preserving order (*majorization*).