

# COS433/Math 473: Cryptography

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# Announcements/Reminders

HW3 due on Oct 20

HW4 will be released today, due Oct 27

Previously on COS 433...

# Collision Resistant Hashing

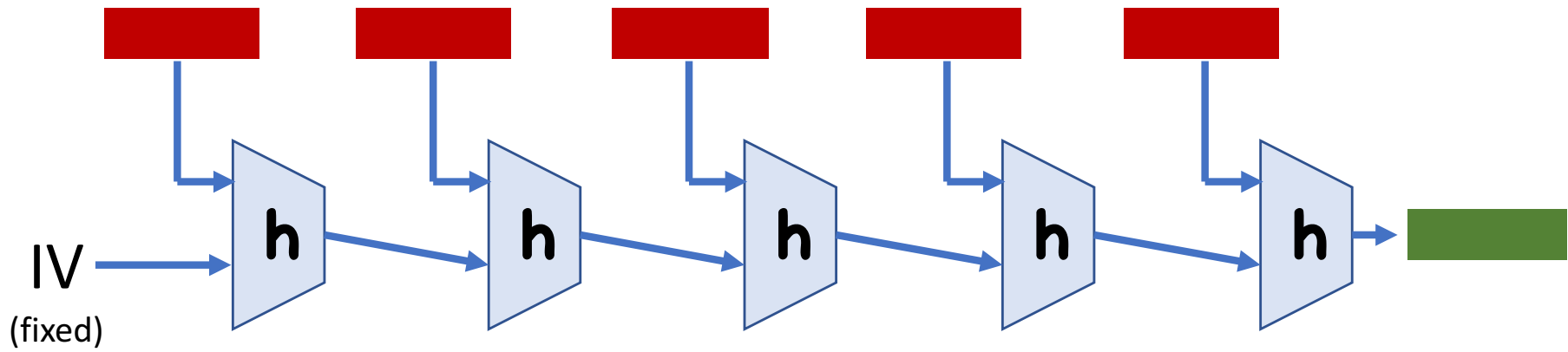
# Collision Resistant Hashing

Syntax:

- Key space  $\mathbf{K}$  (typically  $\{0,1\}^\lambda$ )
- Domain  $\mathbf{D}$  (typically  $\{0,1\}^l$  or  $\{0,1\}^*$ )
- Range  $\mathbf{R}$  (typically  $\{0,1\}^n$ )
- Function  $\mathbf{H}: \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$

Correctness:  $n \ll l$

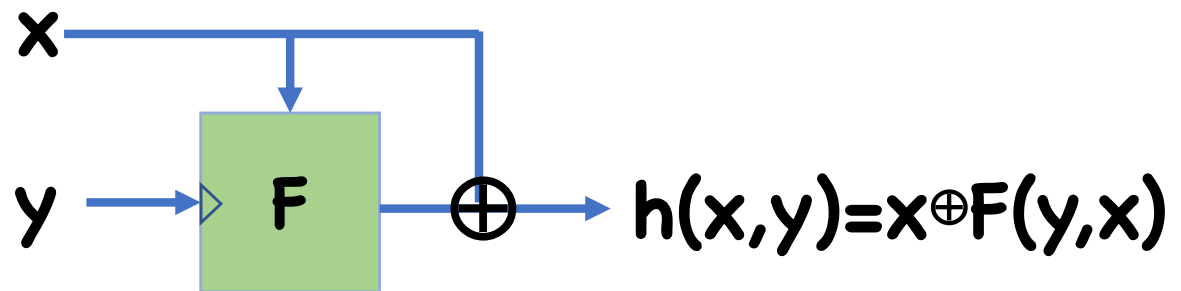
# Merkle-Damgard



# Constructing **h**

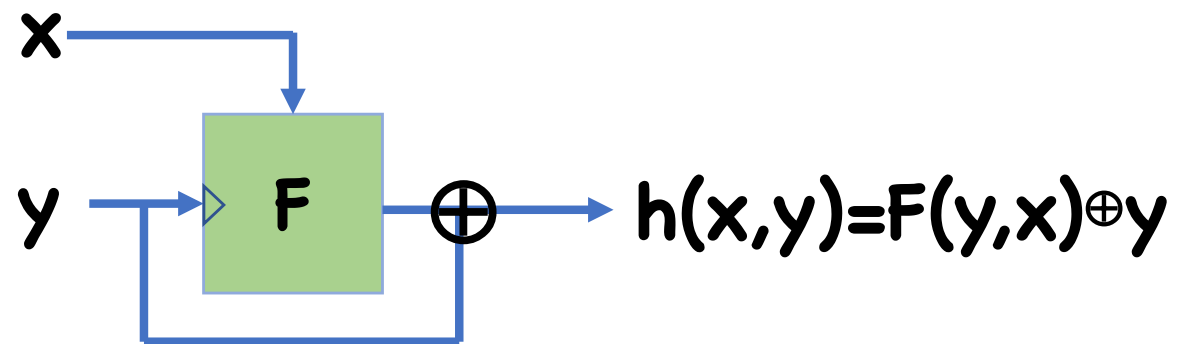
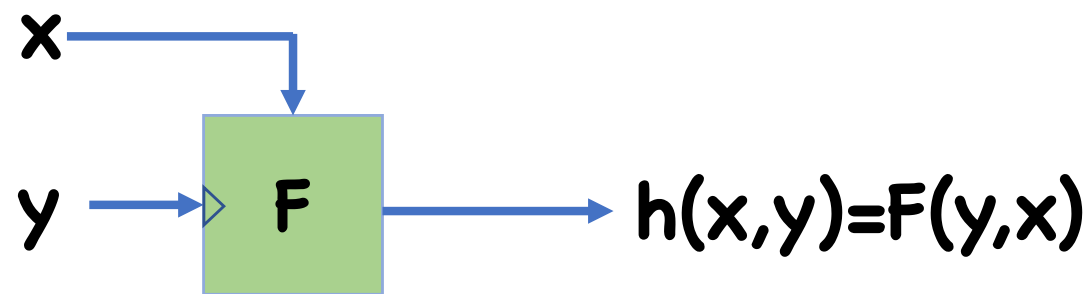
Common approach: use block cipher

Davies-Meyer



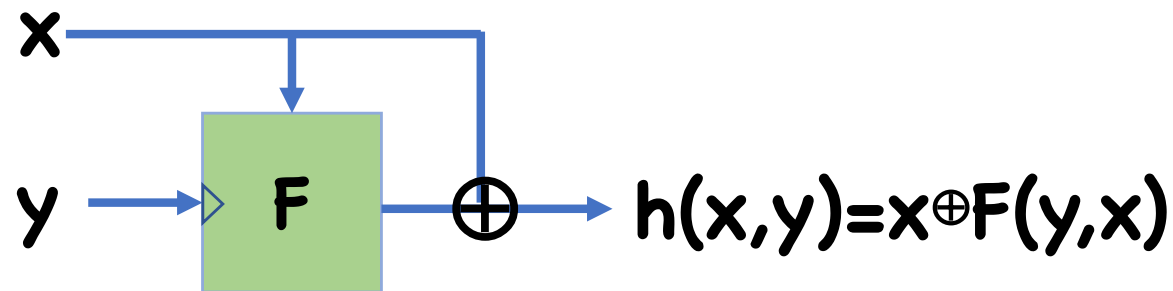
# Constructing $h$

Some other possibilities are insecure





# Constructing $h$



Why do we think Davies-Meyer is reasonable?

- Cannot prove collision resistance just based on  $F$  being a secure PRP

Instead, can argue security in “ideal cipher” model

- Pretend  $F$ , for each key  $y$ , is a uniform random permutation

# Today

- Collision resistance cont.
- Random Oracle Model
- Commitments

We said 128 bit security is usually enough

However, 128-bit blocks insufficient for compression function. Why?

# Birthday Attack

If the range of a hash function is  $\mathbf{R}$ , a collision can be found in time  $\mathbf{T=O(|R|^{1/2})}$

Attack:

- Given key  $\mathbf{k}$  for  $\mathbf{H}$
- For  $\mathbf{i=1, \dots, T}$ ,
  - Choose random  $\mathbf{x_i}$  in  $\mathbf{D}$
  - Let  $\mathbf{t_i \leftarrow H(k, x_i)}$
  - Store pair  $\mathbf{(x_i, t_i)}$
- Look for collision amongst stored pairs

# Birthday Attack

Analysis:

Expected number of collisions

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{Number of pairs} \times \text{Prob each pair is collision} \\ &\approx \mathbf{(T \text{ choose } 2)} \times \mathbf{1/|R|} \end{aligned}$$

By setting  $\mathbf{T=O(|R|^{1/2})}$ , expected number of collisions found is at least **1**

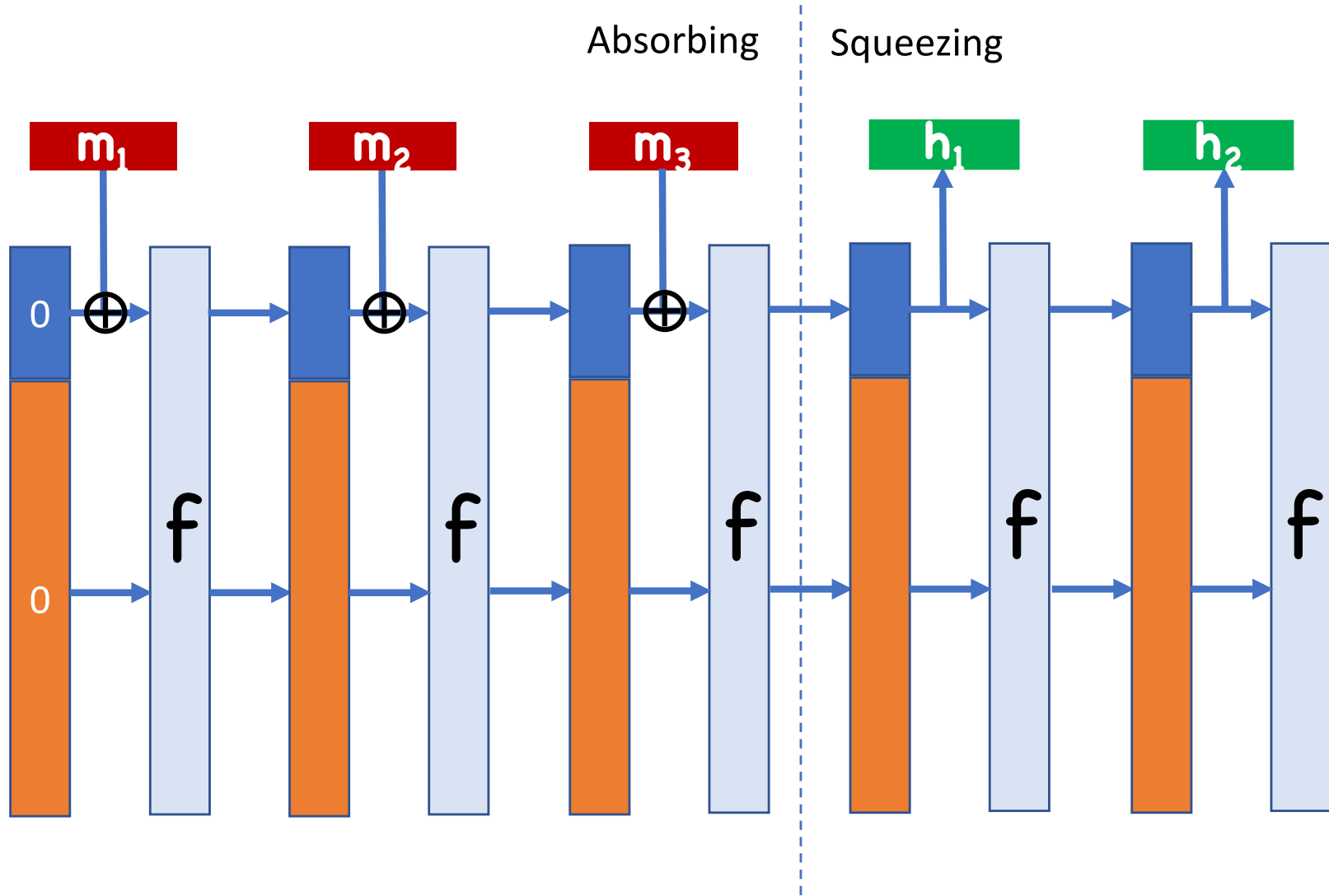
$\Rightarrow$  likely to find a collision

# Birthday Attack

Space?

Possible to reduce memory requirements to  **$O(1)$**

# Sponge Construction



# Sponge Construction

Advantages:

- Round function  $\mathbf{f}$  can be public invertible function (i.e. unkeyed SPN network)
- Easily get different input/output lengths



# SHA-1,2,3

SHA-1,2 are hash functions built as follows:

- Build block cipher (SHACAL-1, SHACAL-2)
- Convert into compression function using Davies-Meyer
- Extend to arbitrary lengths using Merkle-Damgard

SHA-3 is based on sponge construction

# SHA-1,2,3

SHA-1 (1995) is no longer considered secure

- 160-bit outputs, so collisions in time  $2^{80}$
- 2017: using some improvements over birthday attack, able to find a collision

SHA-2 (2001)

- Longer output lengths (256-bit, 512-bit)
- Few theoretical weaknesses known

SHA-3 (2015)

- NIST wanted hash function built on different principles

# Basing MACs on Hash Functions

Idea:  $\mathbf{MAC(k,m) = H(k \parallel m)}$

Thought: if  $\mathbf{H}$  is a “good” hash function and  $\mathbf{k}$  is random, should be hard to predict  $\mathbf{H(k \parallel m)}$  without knowing  $\mathbf{k}$

Unfortunately, cannot prove secure based on just collision resistance of  $\mathbf{H}$

# Random Oracle Model

Pretend  $H$  is a truly random function

Everyone can query  $H$  on inputs of their choice

- Any protocol using  $H$
- The adversary (since he knows the key)

A query to  $H$  has a time cost of 1

Intuitively captures adversaries that simply query  $H$ , but don't take advantage of any structure

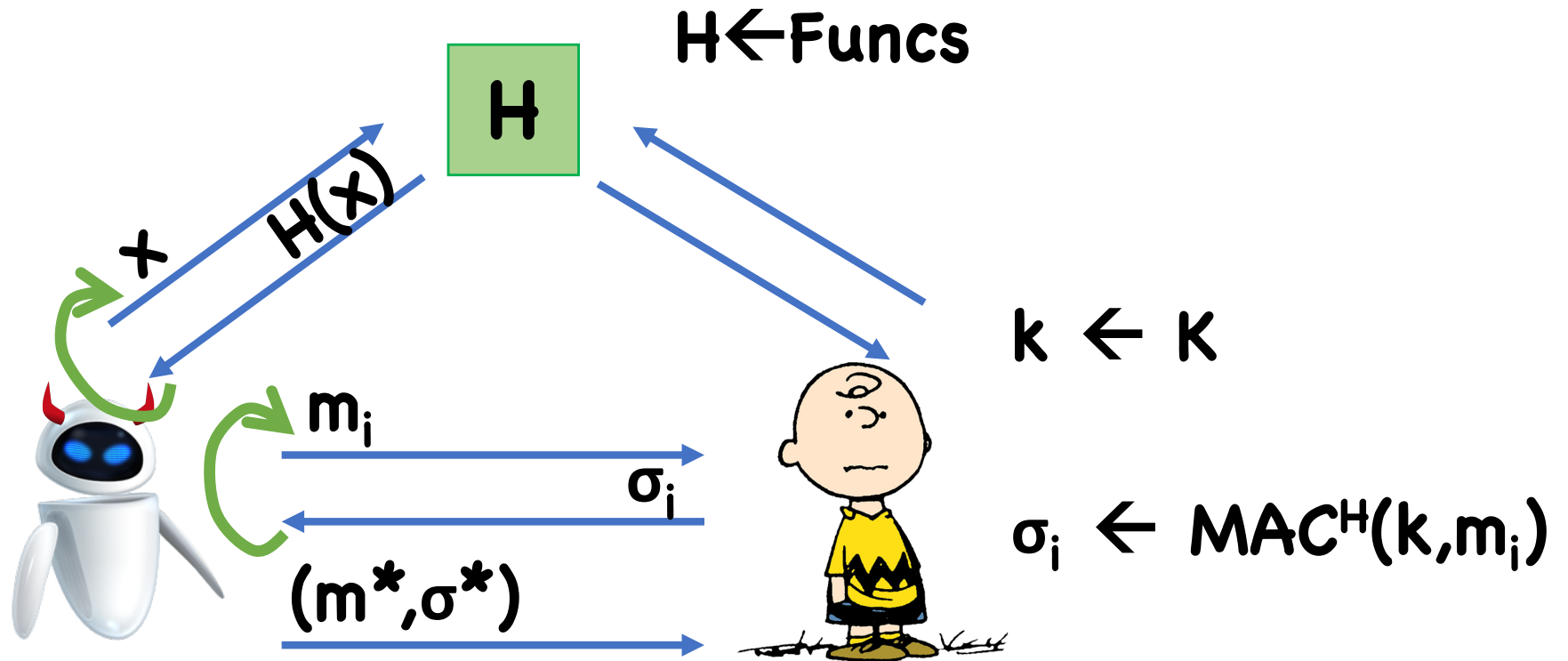
# MAC in ROM

$$\text{MAC}^H(k,m) = H(k||m)$$

$$\text{Ver}^H(k,m,\sigma) = (H(k||m) == \sigma)$$

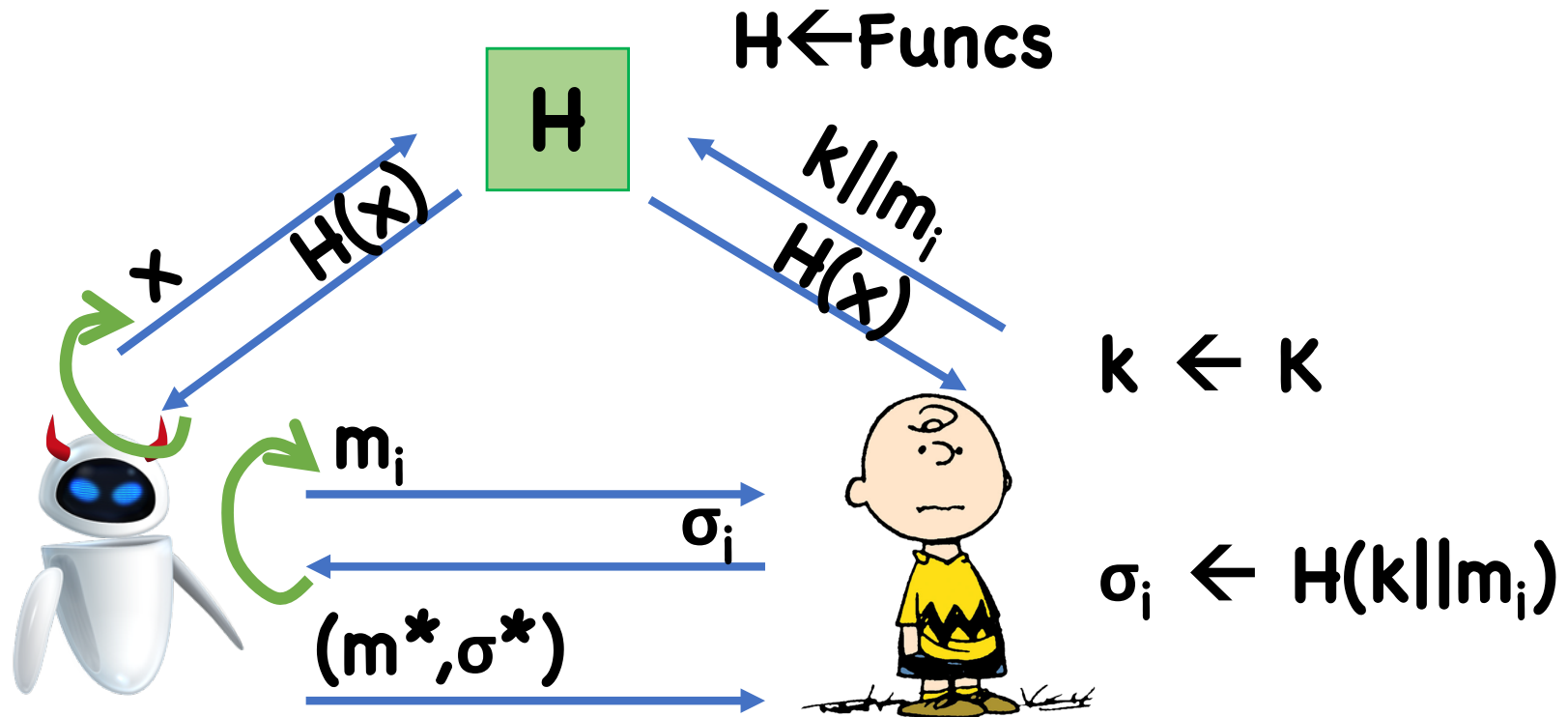
**Theorem:**  $H(k || m)$  is a CMA-secure MAC in the random oracle model

# Meaning



- Output 1 iff:
- $m^* \notin \{m_1, \dots\}$
  - $\text{Ver}^H(k, m^*, \sigma^*) = 1$

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# The ROM

A random oracle is a good

- PRF:  $F(k, x) = H(k || x)$
- PRG (assuming  $H$  is expanding):
  - Given a random  $x$ ,  $H(x)$  is pseudorandom since adv is unlikely to query  $H$  on  $x$
- CRHF:
  - Given poly-many queries, unlikely for find two that map to same output



# The ROM

The ROM is very different from security properties like collision resistant

What does it mean that “Sha-1 behaves like a random oracle”?

- No satisfactory definition

Therefore, a ROM proof is a heuristic argument for security

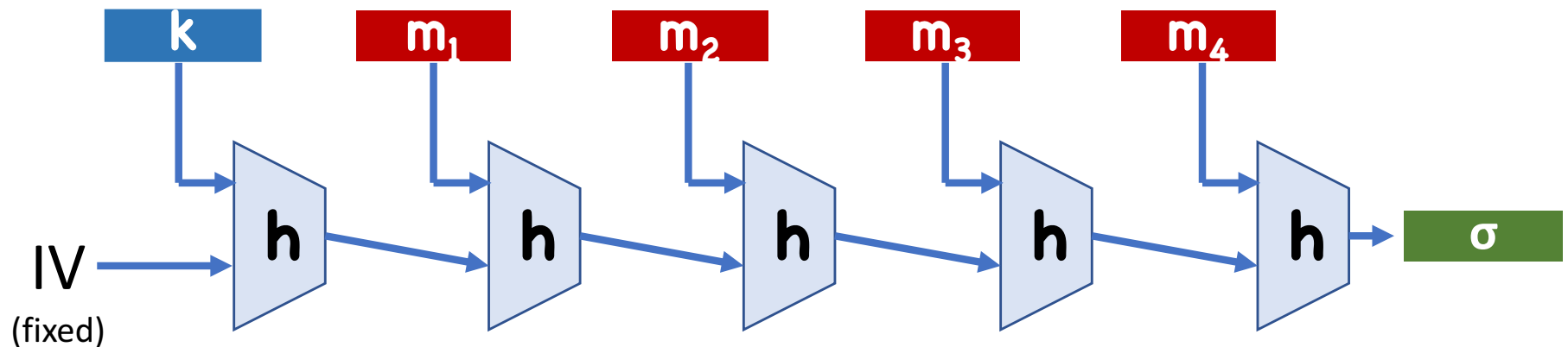
- If insecure, adversary must be taking advantage of structural weaknesses in  $H$

# When the ROM Fails

$$\text{MAC}^H(k,m) = H(k||m)$$

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Instantiate with Merkle-Damgard (variable length)?



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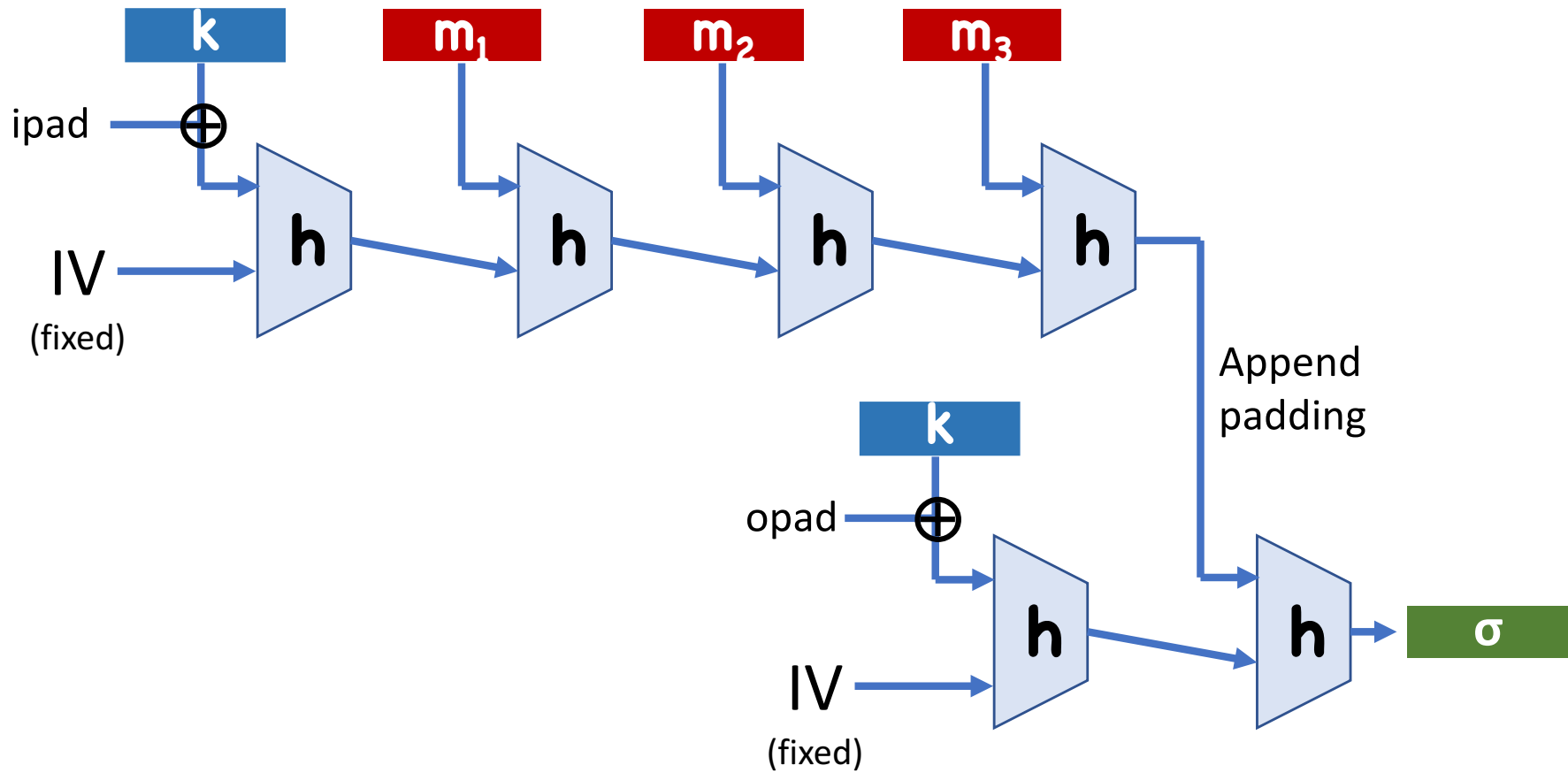
ROM does not apply to regular Merkle-Damgard

- Even if  $h$  is an ideal hash function

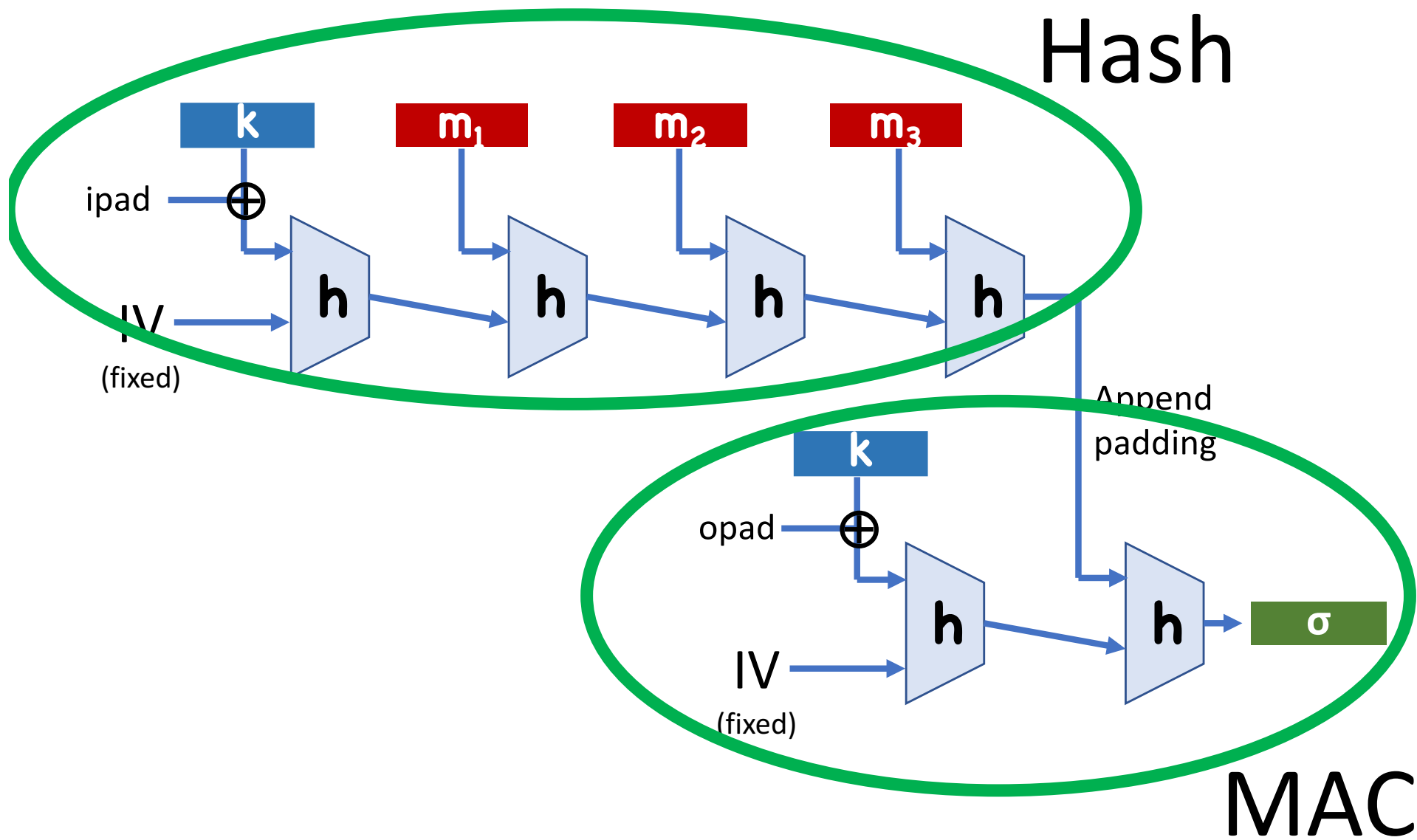
Takeaway: be careful about using ROM for non-“monolithic” hash functions

- Though still possible to pad MD in a way that makes it an ideal hash function if  $h$  is ideal

# HMAC



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ipad,opad?

- Two different (but related) keys for hash and MAC
- ipad makes hash a “secret key” hash function
- Even if not collision resistant, maybe still impossible to find collisions when hash key is secret
- Turned out to be useful after collisions found in MD5

# Committments

# Anagrams and Astronomy

## Galileo and the Rings of Saturn

- 1610: Galileo observed the rings of Saturn, but mistook them for two moons



- Galileo wanted extra time for verification, but not to get scooped

- Circulates anagram

**SMAISMRILMEPOETALEUMIBUNENUGTTAUIRAS**

- When ready, tell everyone the solution:

**altissimum planetam tergeminum observavi**

( “I have observed the highest planet tri-form” )



# Anagrams and Astronomy

## Enter Huygens

- 1656: Realizes Galileo actually saw rings
- Circulates

AAAAAAA CCCCC D EEEEE G H IIIIIII LLLL MM  
NNNNNNNNN OOOO PP Q RR S TTTT UUUUU

- Solution:

annulo cingitur, tenui, plano, nusquam  
cohaerente, ad eclipticam inclinato

( "it is surrounded by a thin flat ring, nowhere touching, and  
inclined to the ecliptic" )

# Commitment Scheme

Different than encryption

- No need for a decryption procedure
- No secret key
- But still need secrecy (“hiding”)
- Should only be one possible opening (“binding”)
- (Sometimes other properties needed as well)

# Anagrams are Bad Commitments

If too short (e.g. one, two, three words), possible to reconstruct answer

- Even easier if have reasonable guess for answer

If too long, multiple possible solutions

- Kepler tries to solve Galileo's anagram as

**salve umbistineum geminatum martia proles**

(hail, twin companionship, children of Mars)

# (Non-interactive) Commitment Syntax

Message space  $\mathbf{M}$

Ciphertext Space  $\mathbf{C}$

(suppressing security parameter)

**Com(m; r)**: outputs a commitment  $\mathbf{c}$  to  $\mathbf{m}$

- Why have  $\mathbf{r}$ ?

# Commitments with Setup

Message space  **$\mathcal{M}$**

Ciphertext Space  **$\mathcal{C}$**

(suppressing security parameter)

**Setup()**: Outputs a key  **$k$**

**Com( $k, m; r$ )**: outputs a commitment  **$c$**  to  **$m$**

# Using Commitments

Commit Stage  
Reveal Stage



$r \leftarrow R$

$c \leftarrow \text{Com}(m;r)$

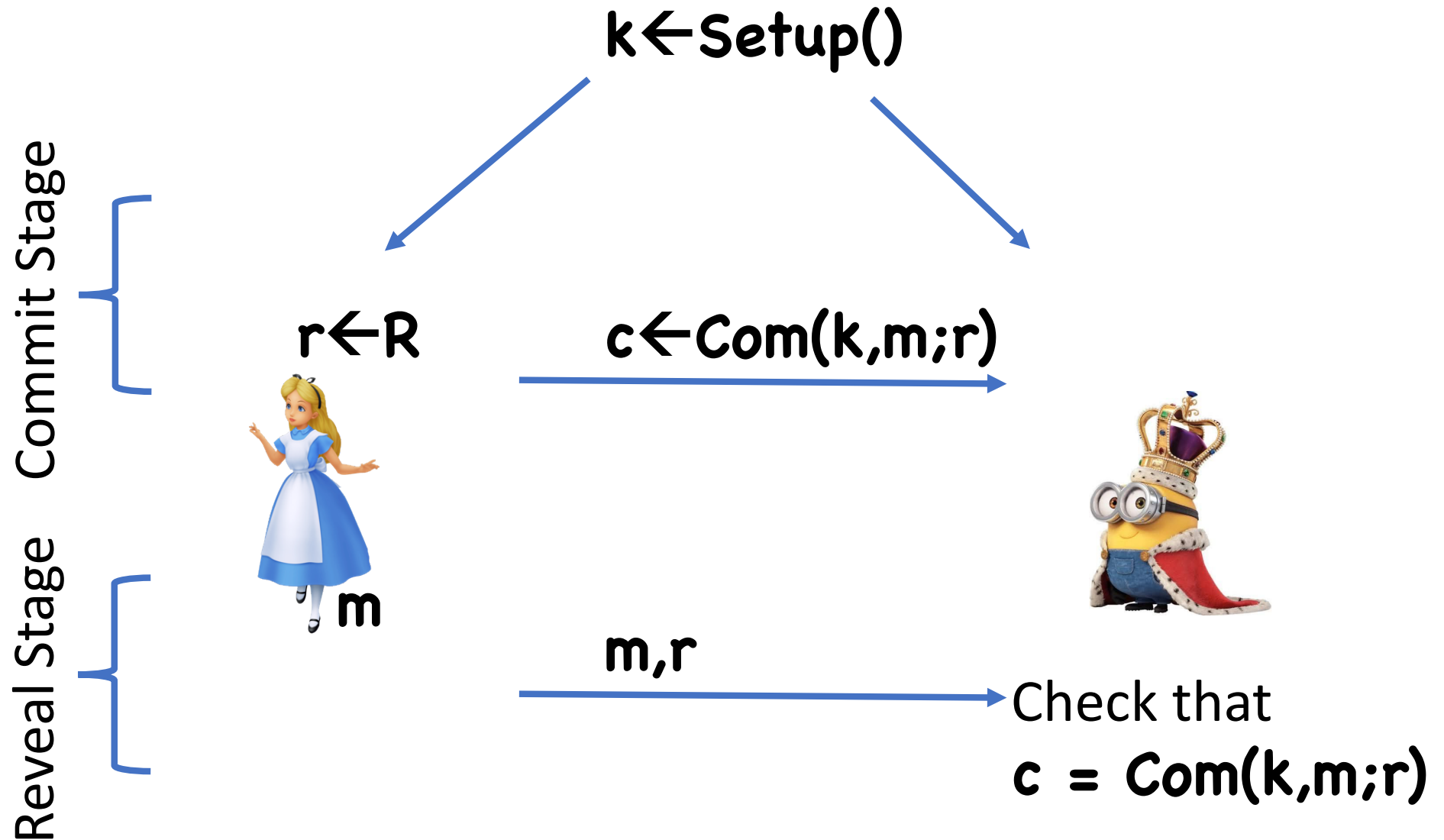


$m, r$



Check that  
 $c = \text{Com}(m;r)$

# Using Commitments (with setup)



# Security Properties

Hiding:  $\mathbf{c}$  should hide  $\mathbf{m}$

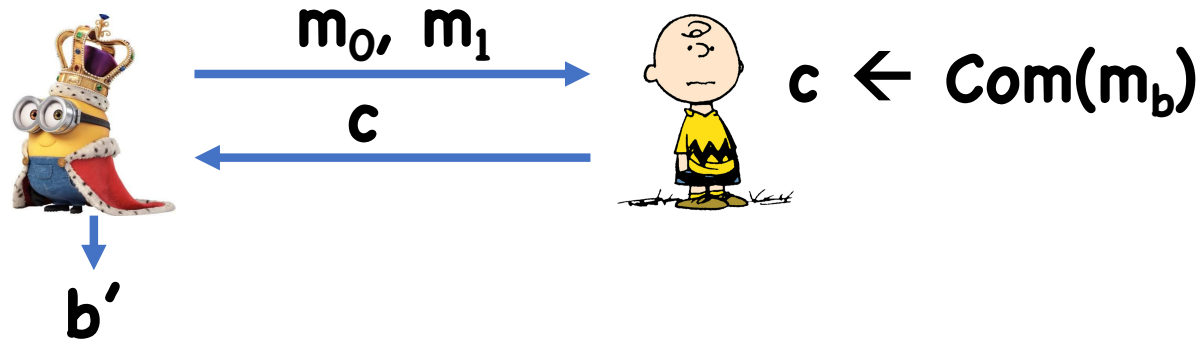
- Perfect hiding: for any  $\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1,$

$$\mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{m}_0) \stackrel{d}{=} \mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{m}_1)$$

- Statistical hiding: for any  $\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1,$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{m}_0), \mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{m}_1)) < \text{negl}$$

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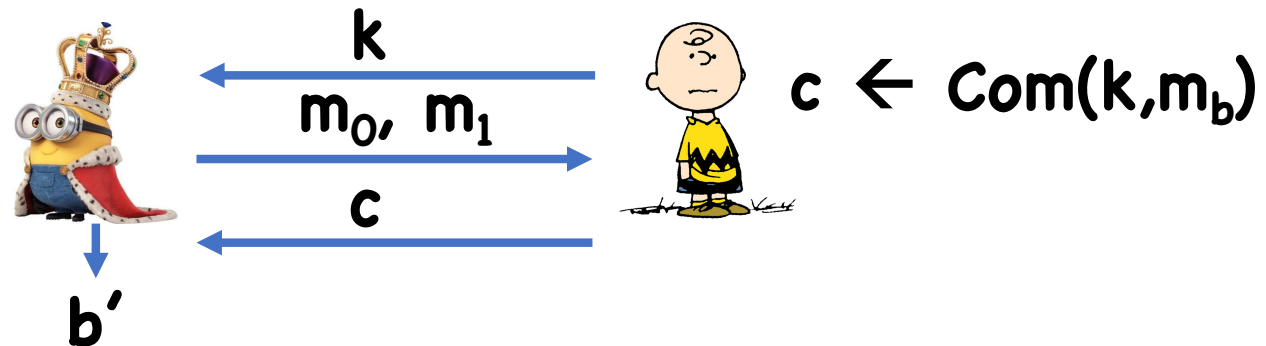
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- Statistical hiding: for any  $\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{m}_1,$

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# Security Properties

Binding: Impossible to change committed value

- Perfect binding: For any  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\exists$  at most a single  $\mathbf{m}$  such that  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{m};\mathbf{r})$  for some  $\mathbf{r}$
- Computational binding: no efficient adversary can find  $(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{r}_0), (\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{r}_1)$  such that:  
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- Statistical binding: except with negligible prob over  $\mathbf{k}$ , for any  $\mathbf{c}$ ,  $\exists$  at most a single  $\mathbf{m}$  such that  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{Com}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m}; \mathbf{r})$  for some  $\mathbf{r}$
- Computational binding: no PPT adversary, given  $\mathbf{k} \leftarrow \mathbf{Setup}()$ , can find  $(\mathbf{m}_0, \mathbf{r}_0), (\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{r}_1)$  such that
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# Who Runs **Setup()**

Alice?

- Must ensure that Alice cannot devise **k** for which she can break binding

Bob?

- Must ensure Bob cannot devise **k** for which he can break hiding

Solution: Trusted third party (TTP)

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