

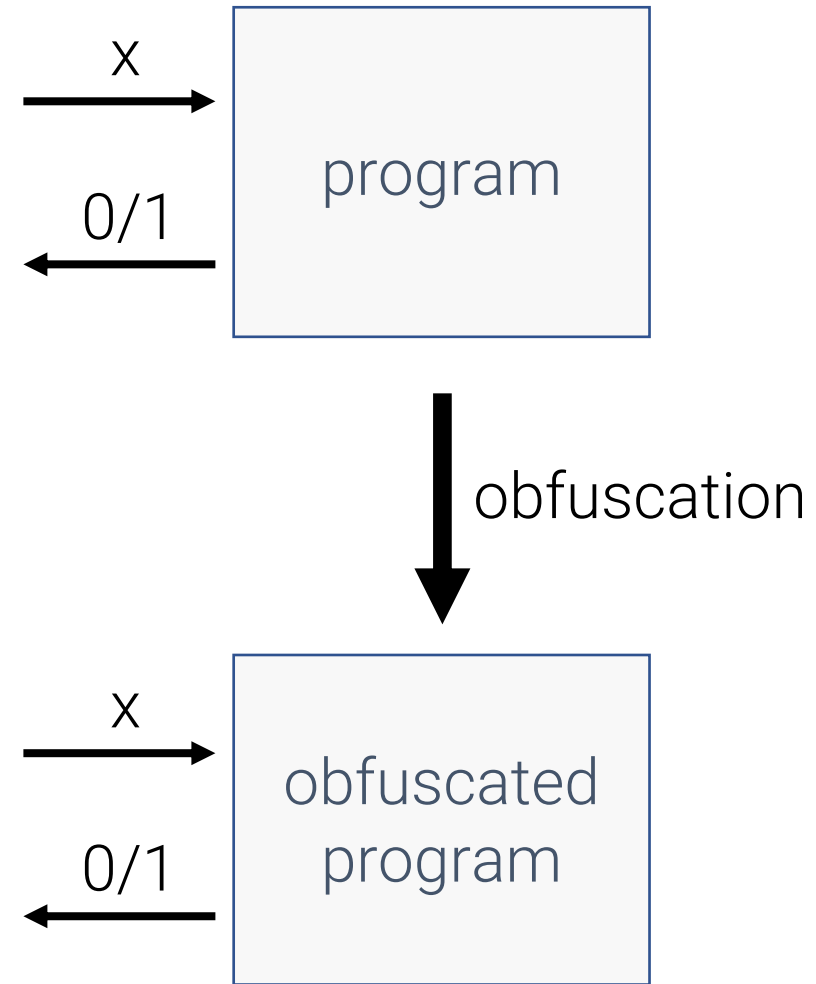
Affine Determinant Programs: A New Approach to Obfuscation

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Program Obfuscation

[BGIRSVY01]

- scramble a program to hide implementation details
- many possible security notions:
 - virtual black box (VBB)
 - indistinguishability obfuscation (iO)

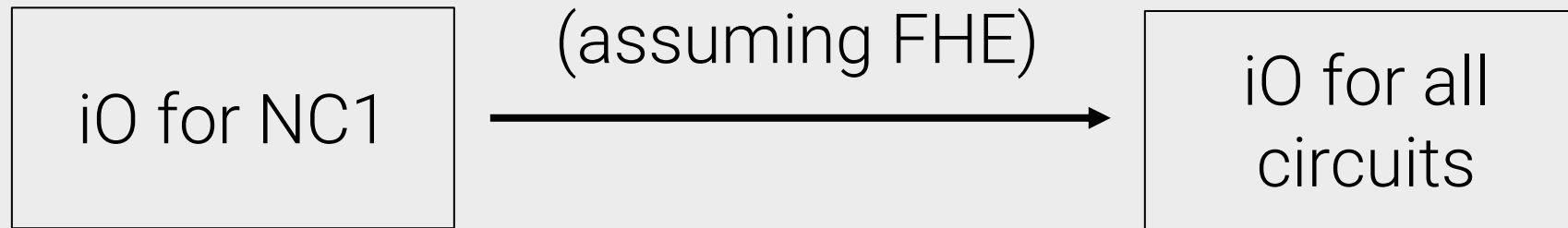


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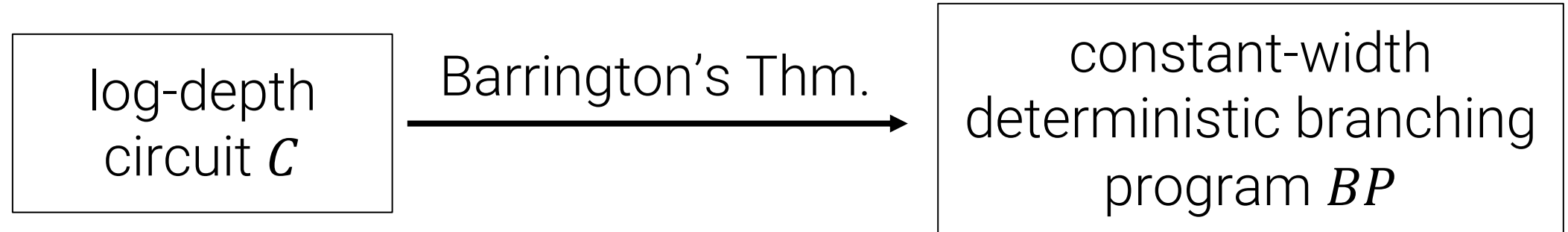
A crash course in GGHRSW-style obfuscation

Bootstrapping Theorem [GGHRSW]

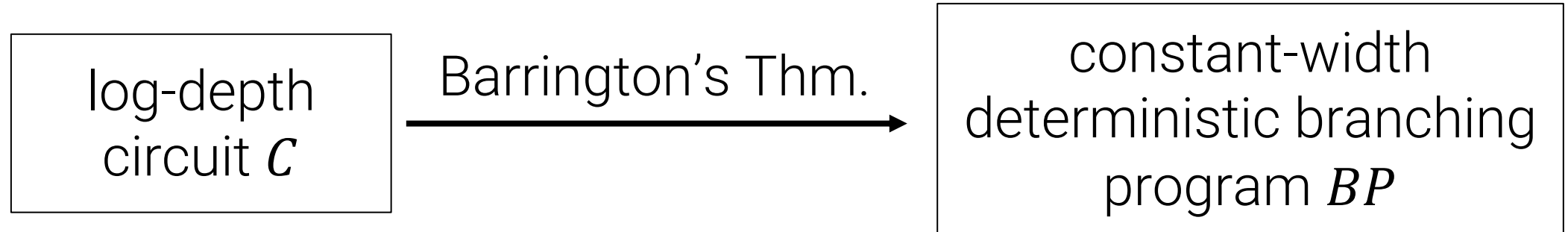


Takeaway: it suffices to consider NC1.

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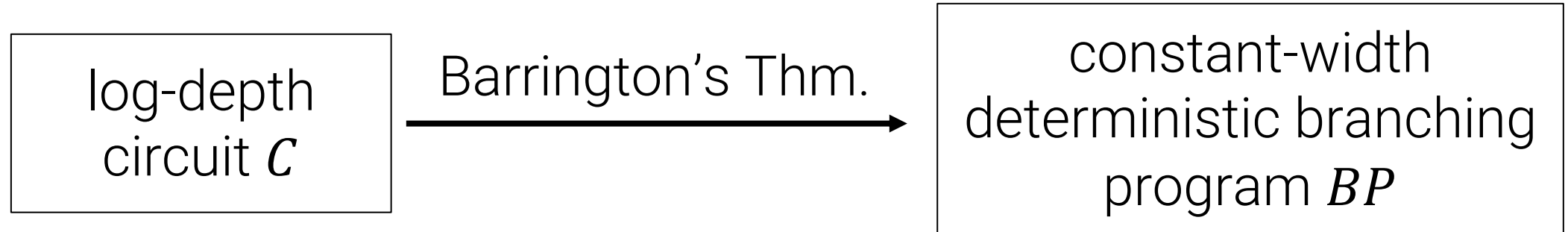
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matrix branching program

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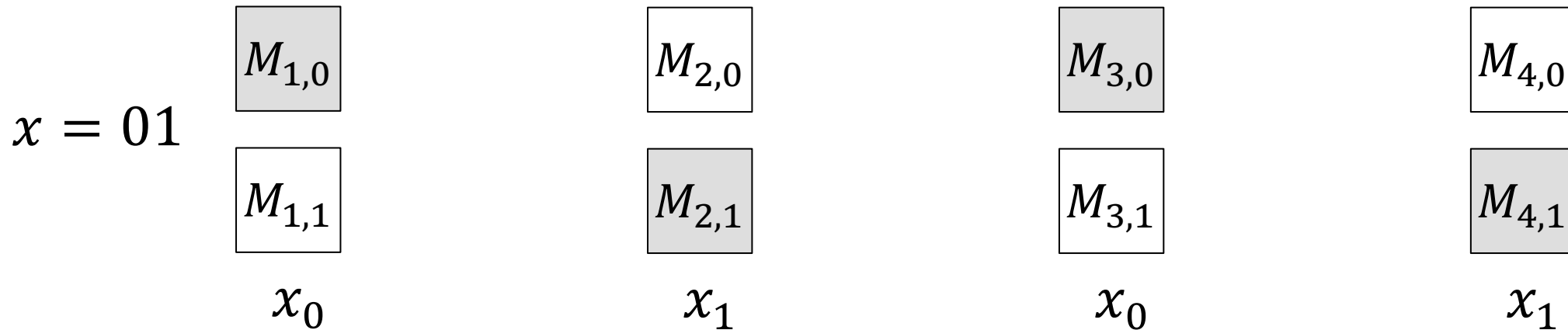
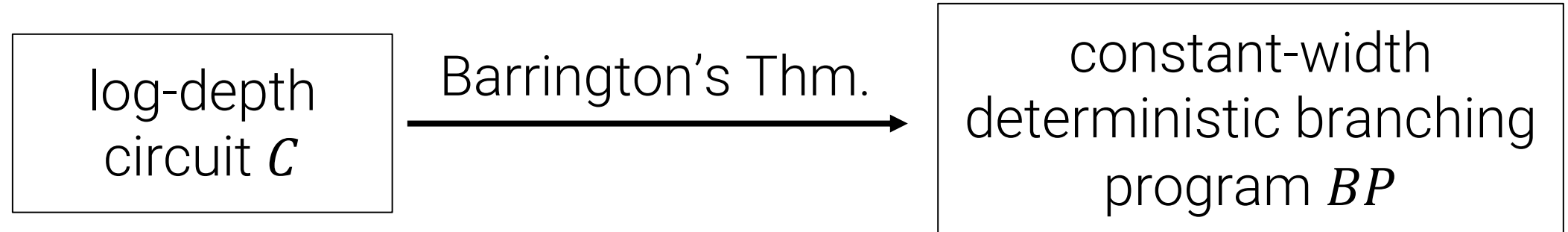
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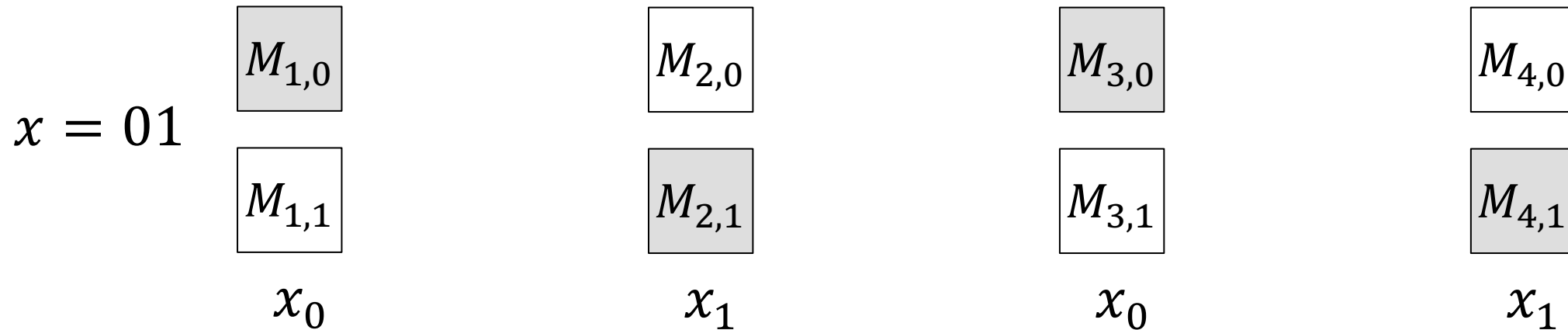
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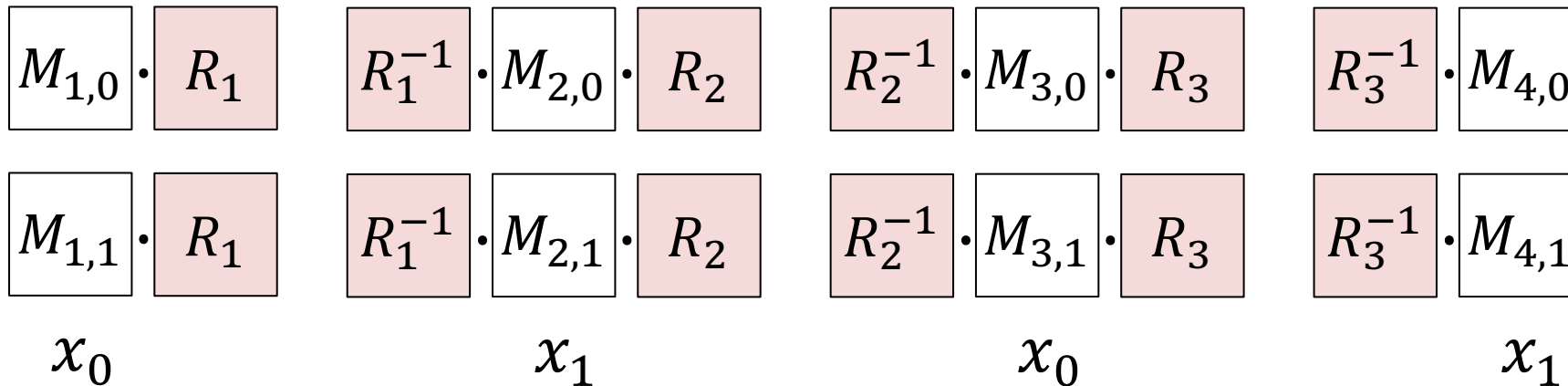
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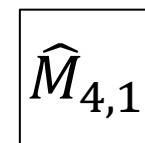
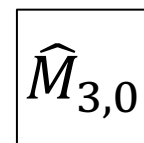
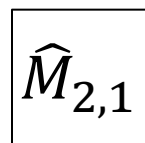
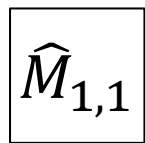
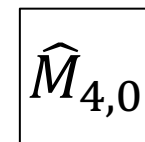
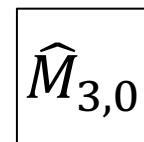
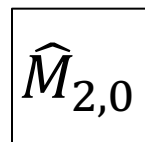
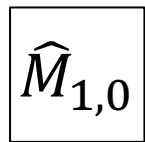
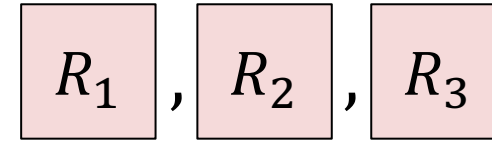
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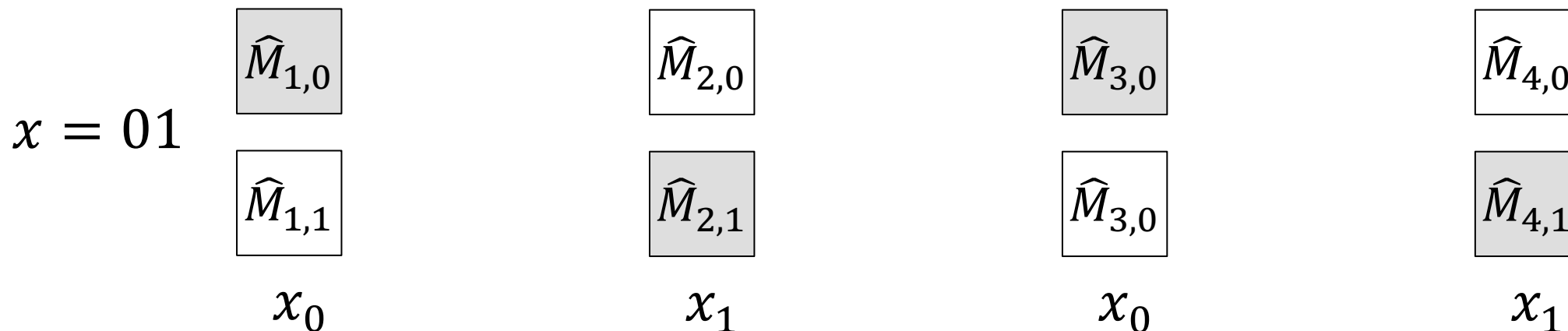
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(\widehat{M} denotes M after applying Kilian randomization)

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“grey matrices leak nothing beyond whether $BP(x) = 0$ or 1 ”

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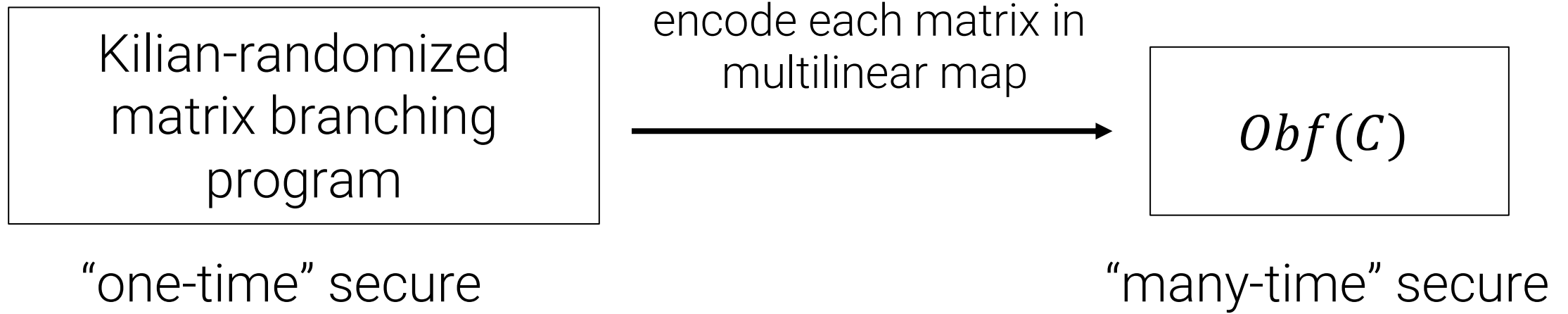
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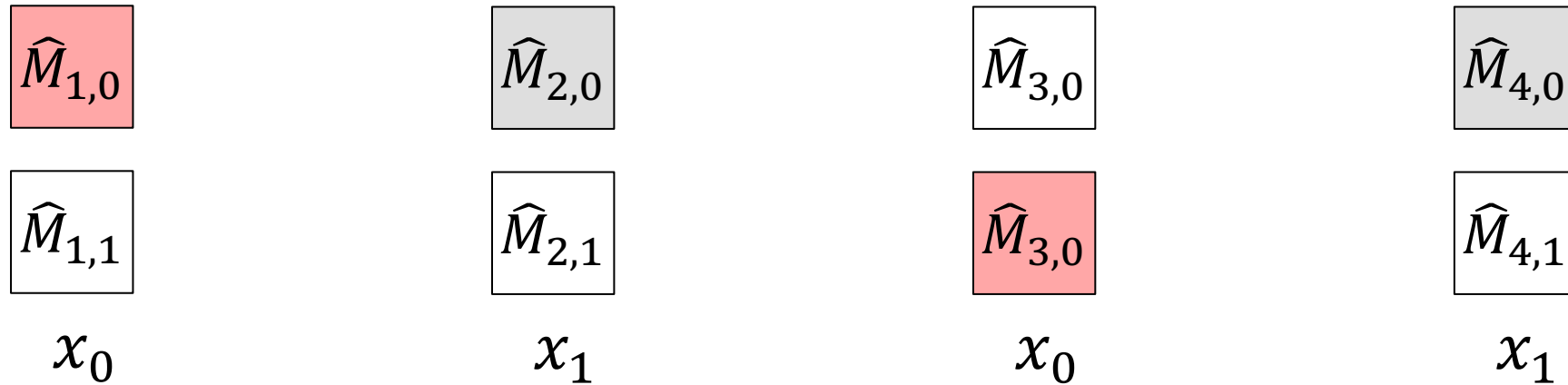
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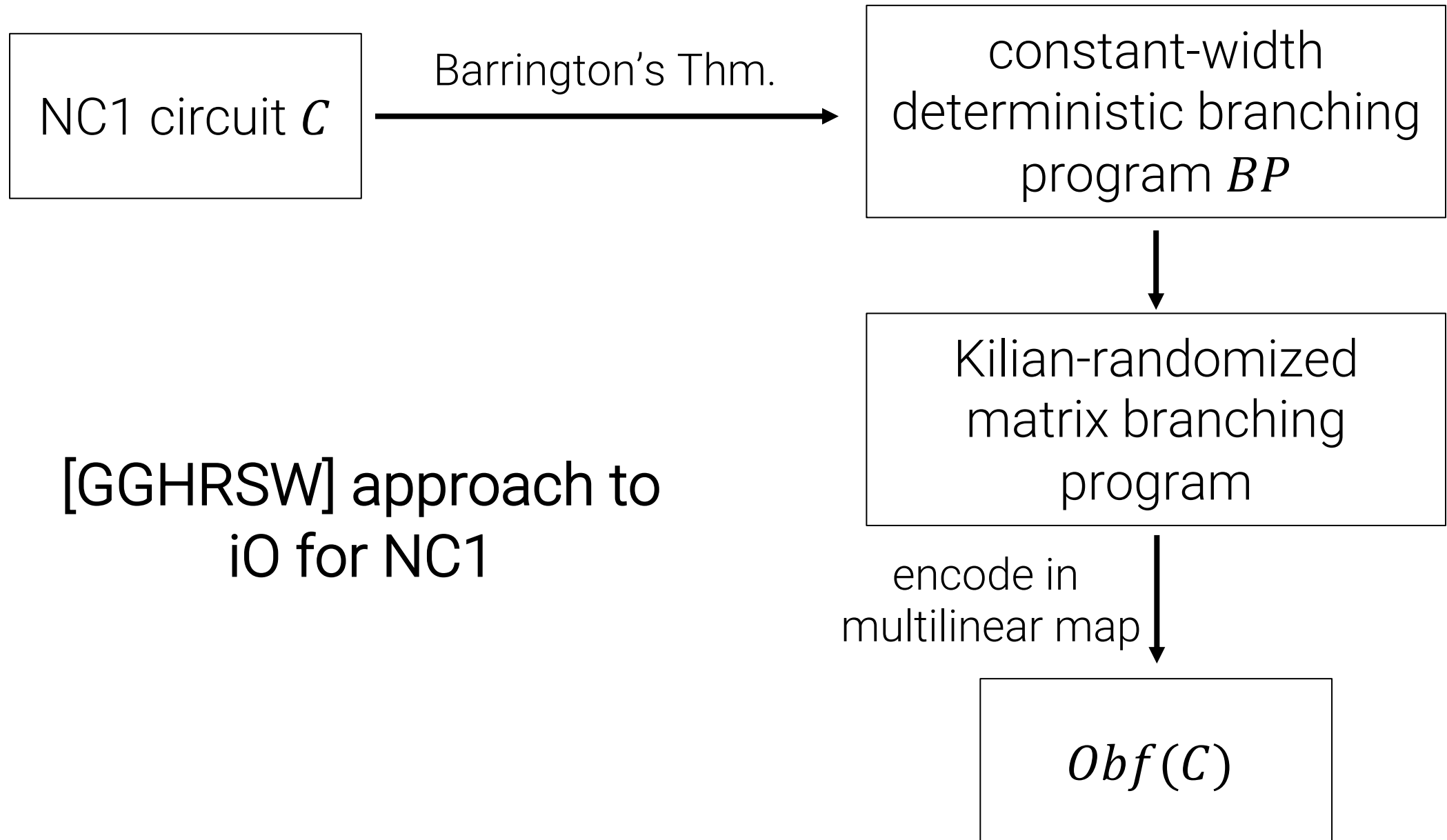
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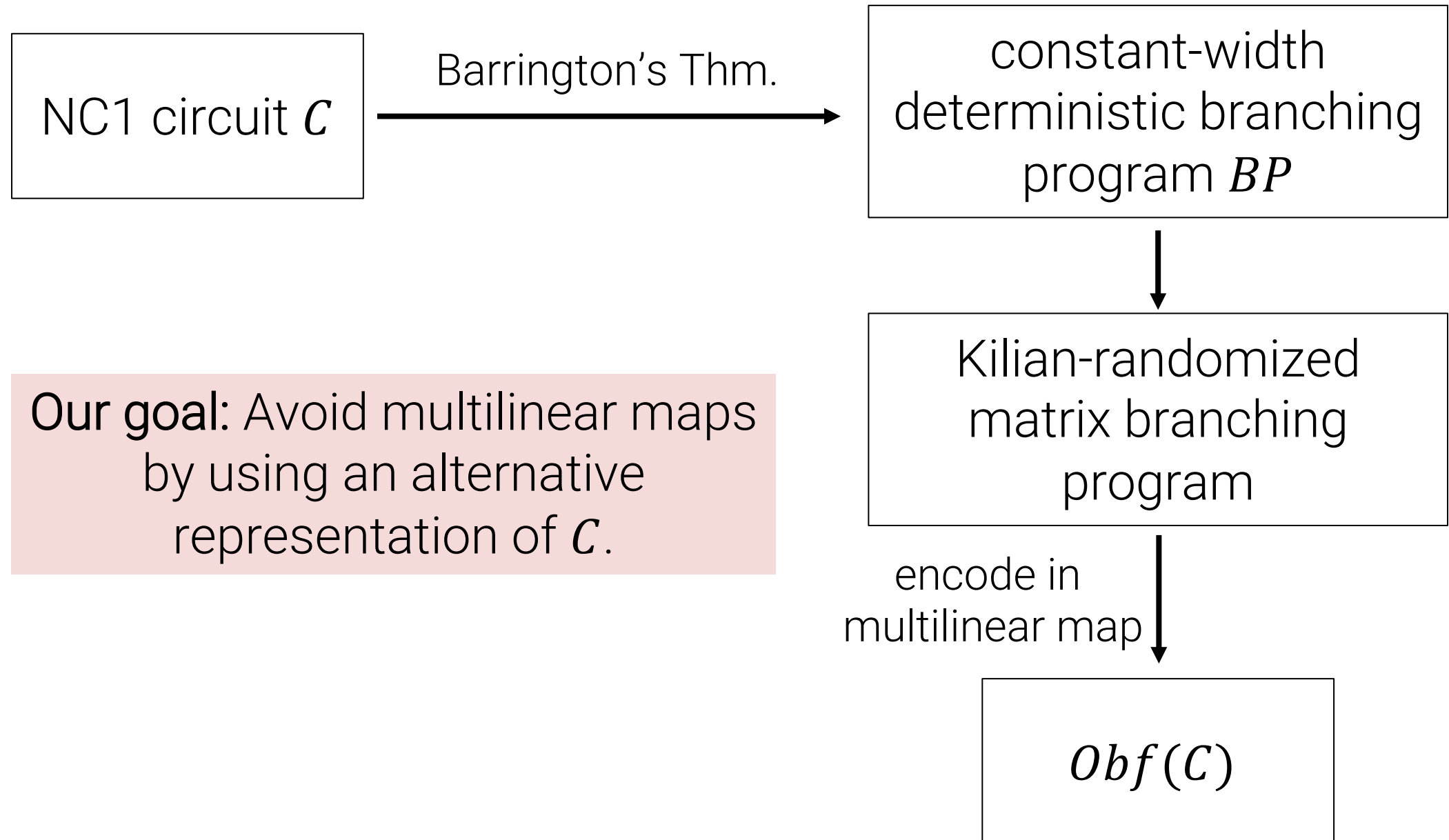


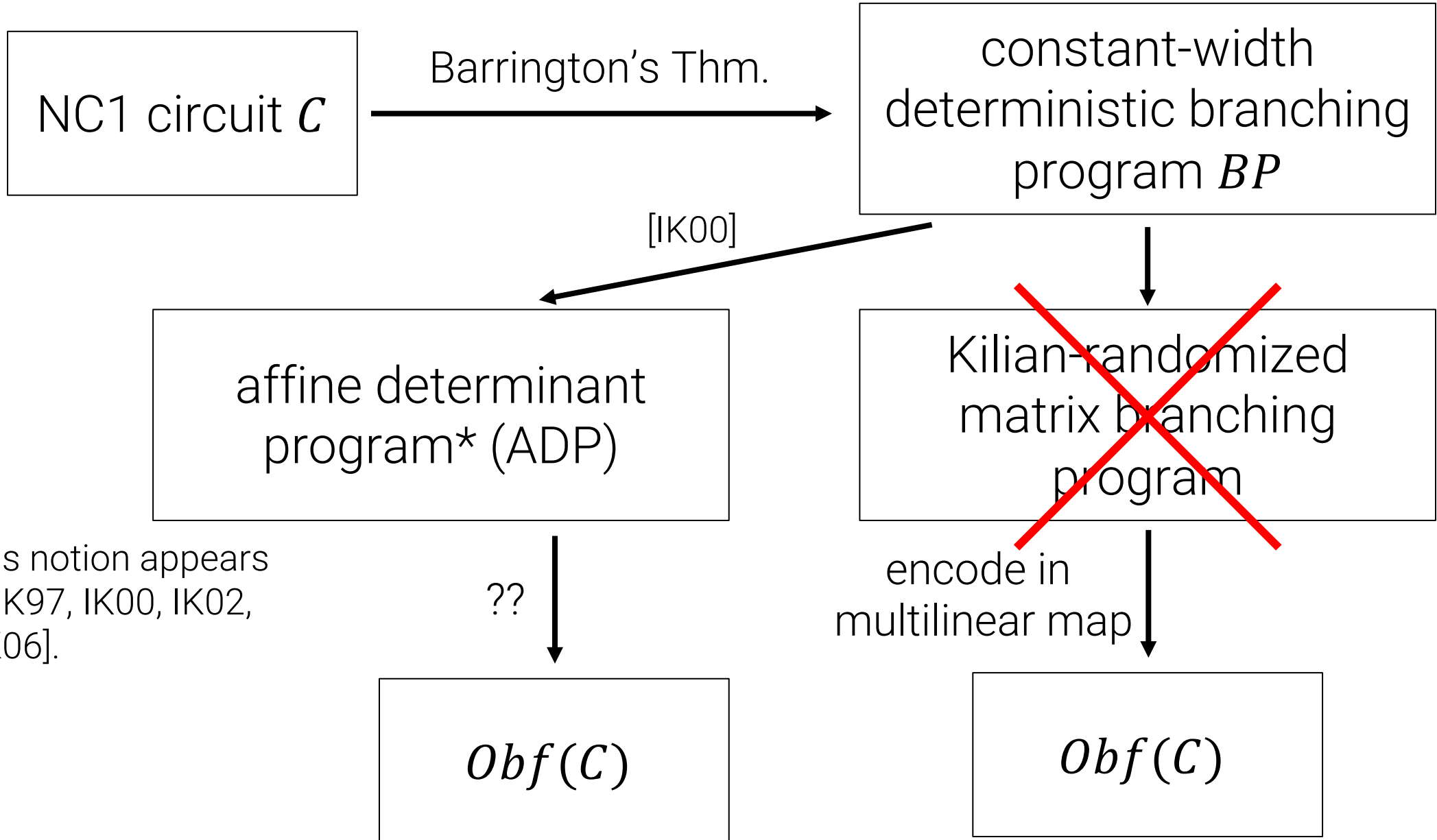
Multilinear maps enforce **input consistency**; without them, “mixed-input” attacks can break security!



Example: $\widehat{M}_{1,0} \times \widehat{M}_{2,0} \times \widehat{M}_{3,0} \times \widehat{M}_{4,0}$ is a mixed-input evaluation.







*this notion appears in [IK97, IK00, IK02, AIK06].

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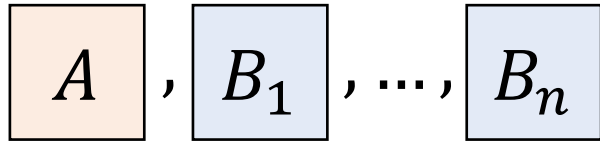
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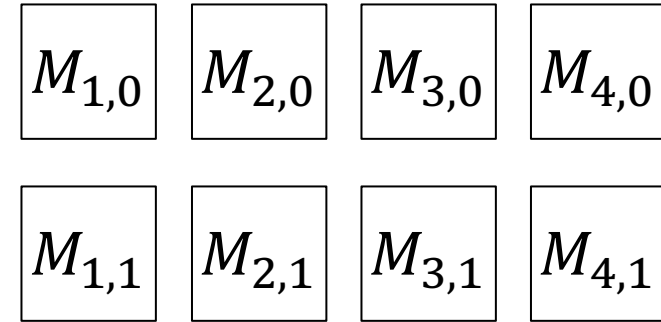
Lemma 2 [IK00]: By left and right re-randomizing, ADPs can be made “one-time” secure.

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Takeaway: It seems *plausible* that we could build “many-time” secure ADPs without multilinear maps.

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Until recently, all known ADPs were only “one-time” secure.

- “one-time” security: only release one evaluation of $A + \sum_{i \mid x_i=1} B_i$.
- “many-time” security (obfuscation): A, B_1, \dots, B_n can be public.

The rest of this talk:

- (if time permits) provably secure many-time secure ADP for conjunctions [BLMZ19]
- candidate many-time secure ADPs for NC1.

Conjunctions

Program has a hard-coded string $s = 11^*0^*$.
Accepts iff input matches on every 0/1 bits.

Example: $s = 11^*0^*$

$$f_s(11000) = 1$$
$$f_s(11101) = 1$$
$$f_s(00010) = 0$$
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[BLM^Z19] Obfuscation Construction:
On length n string $s = 11^*0^*$, output

$$\boxed{A} \quad \boxed{B_1} \quad \dots \quad \boxed{B_n}$$

Evaluation: Input x matches s if

$$\det \left(\boxed{A} + \sum_{i|x_i=1} \boxed{B_i} \right) = 0$$

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1
 B_2

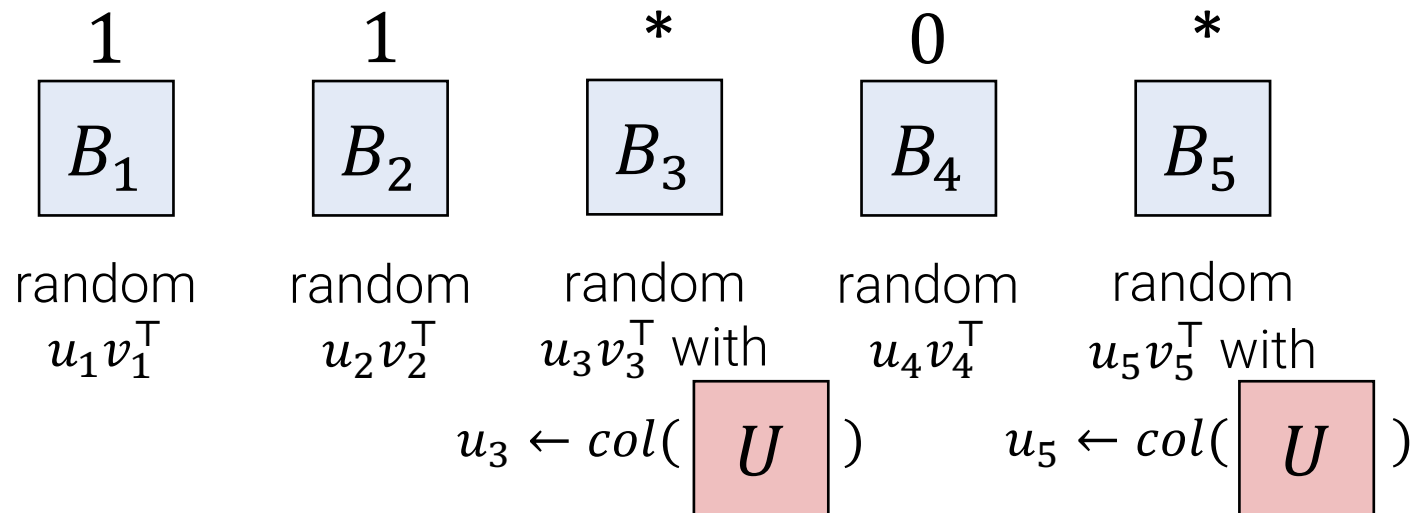
random
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0
 B_4

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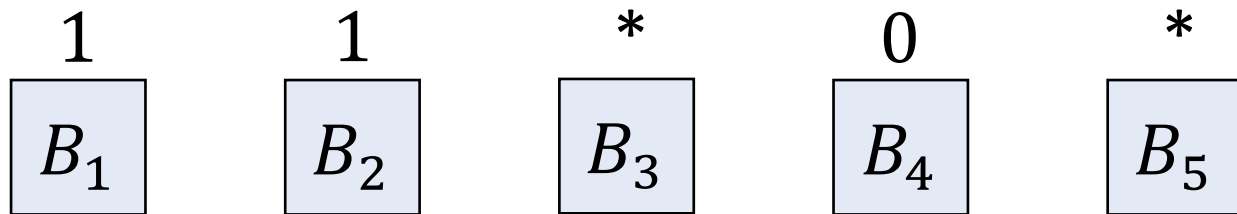
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$$A = U - \sum_{i | s_i=1} B_i$$



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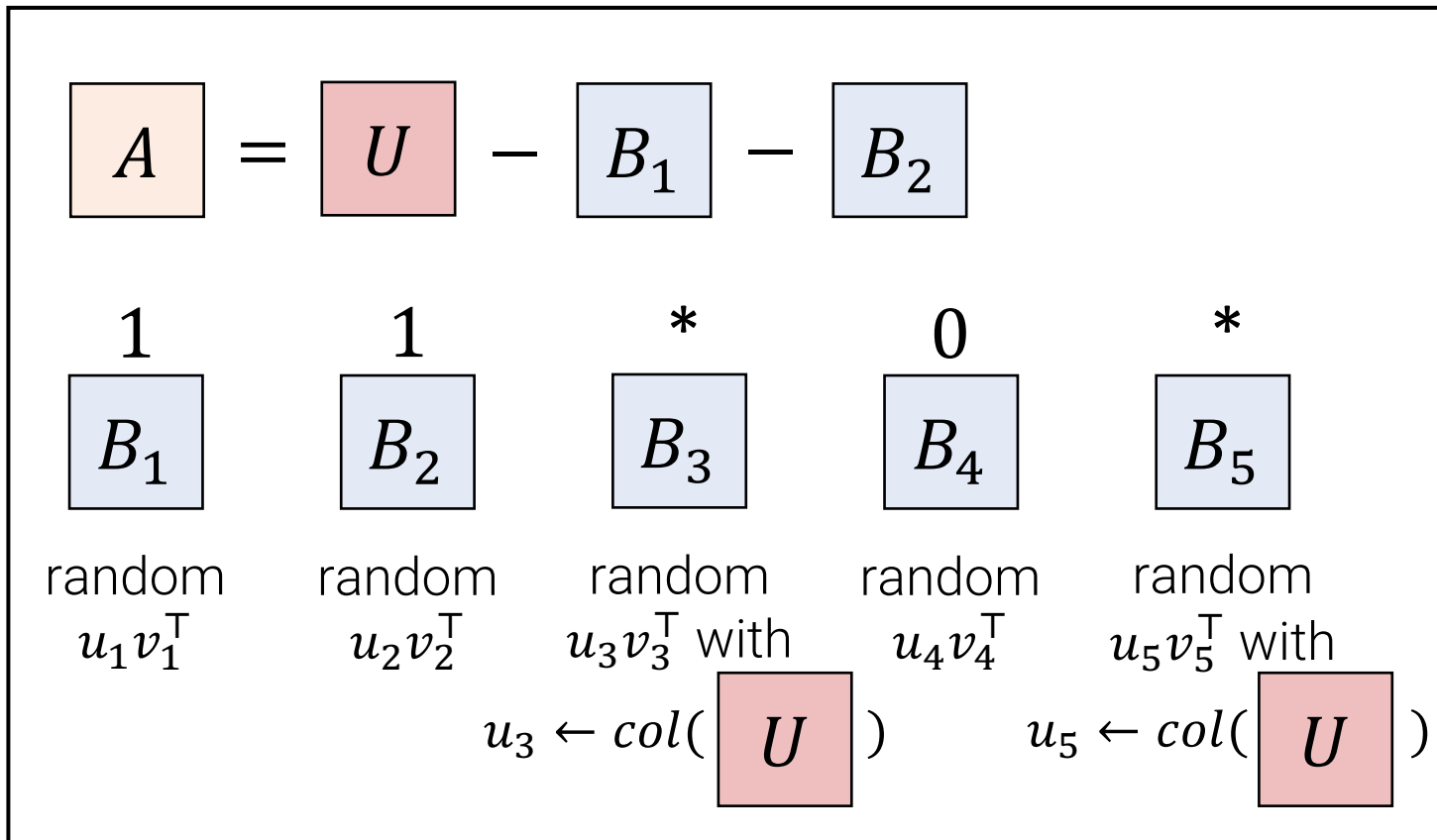
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Evaluation:

On input $x = 11010$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A + B_1 + B_2 + B_4 \\
 &= U + B_4 \\
 & \text{(rank 3 w.h.p.)}
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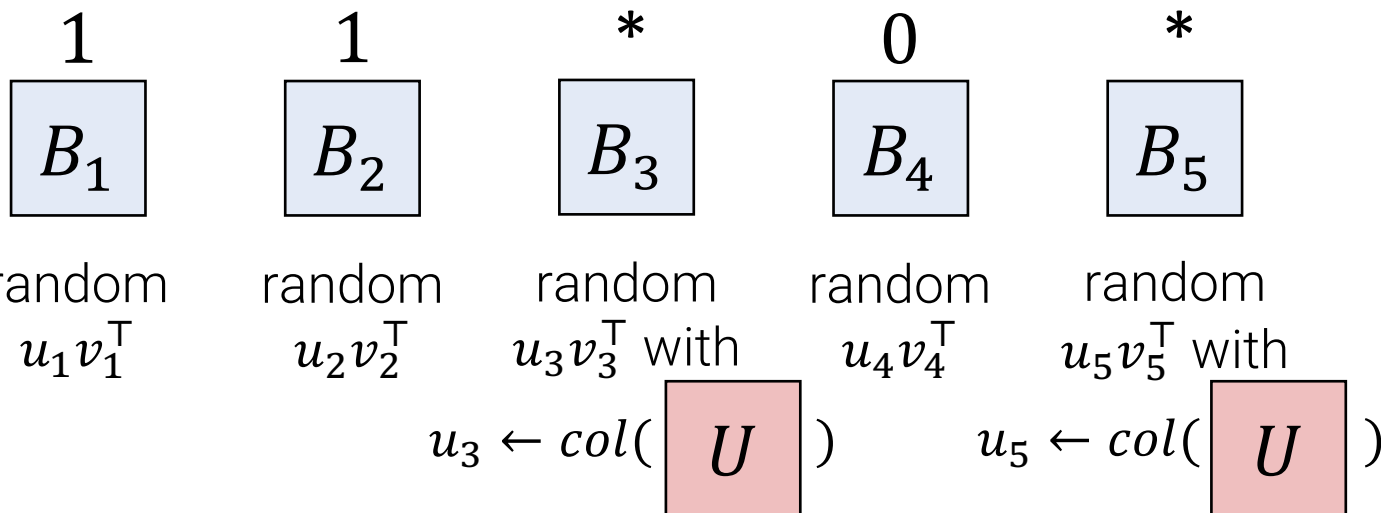
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Evaluation:

On input $x = 01000$

$$A = U - B_1 - B_2$$

$$A + B_2$$



$$= U - B_1$$

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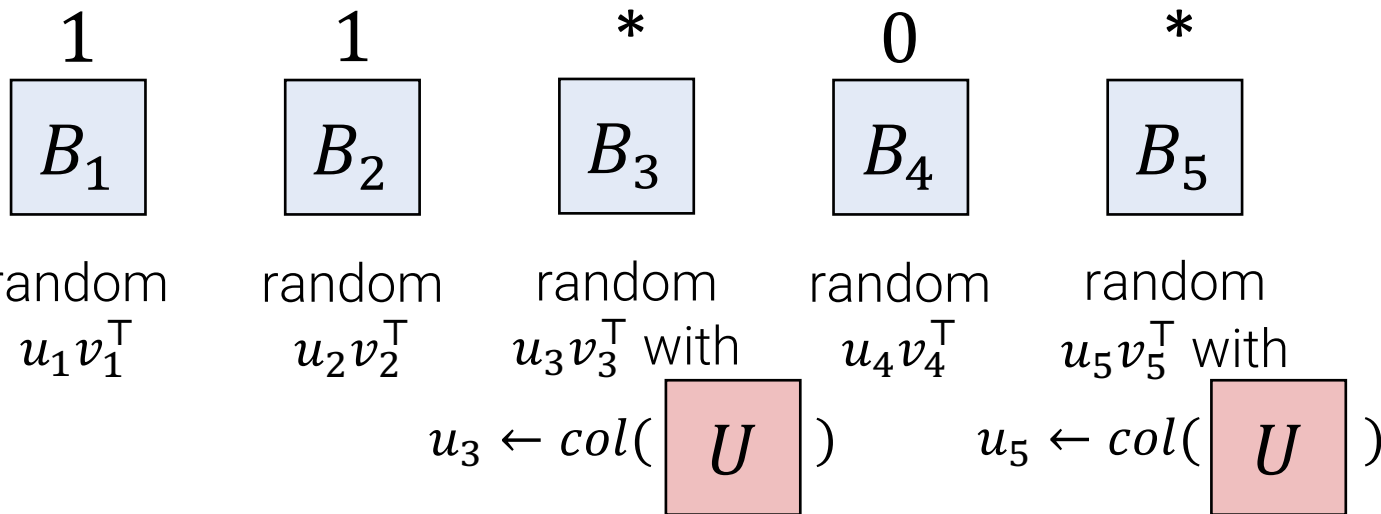
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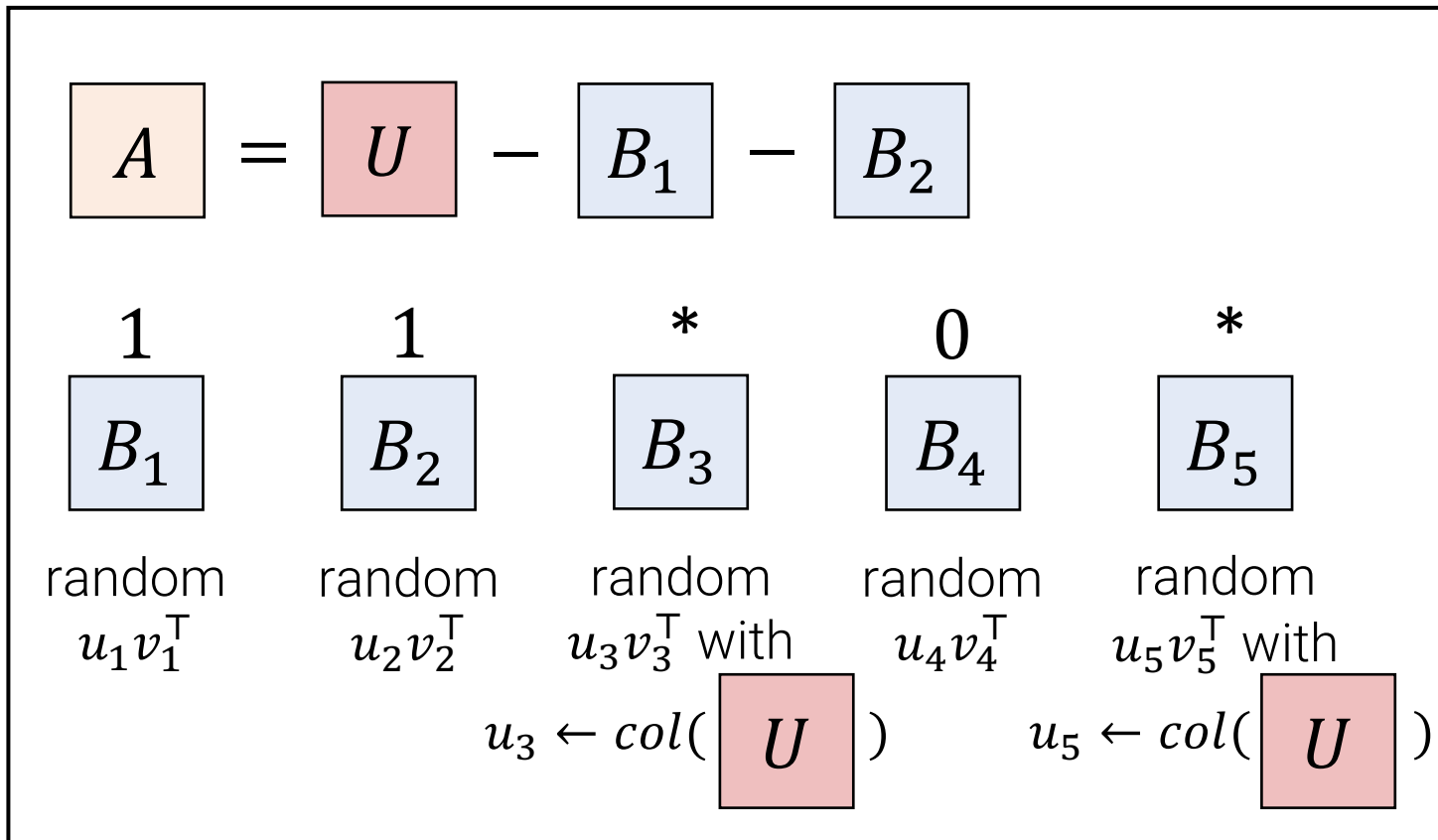


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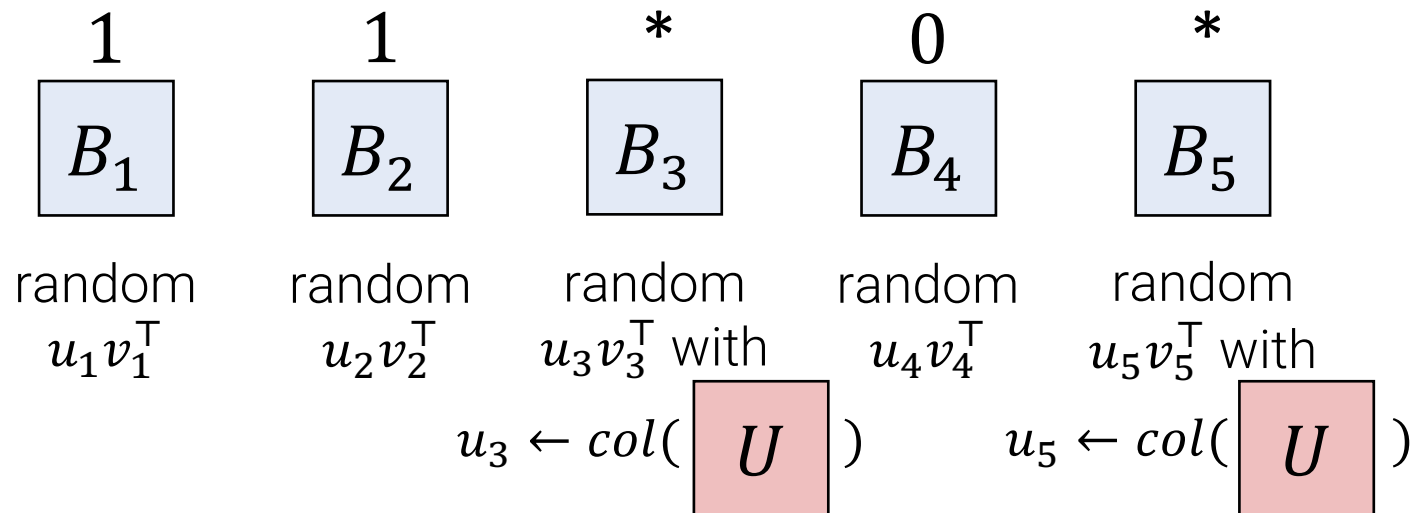
$$\text{col}(B_3) \subset \text{col}(U)$$

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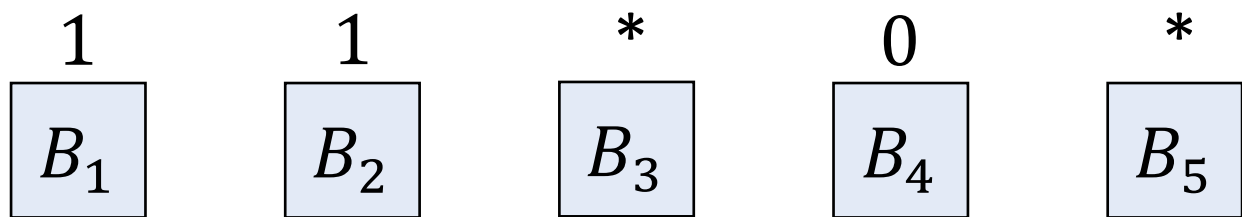
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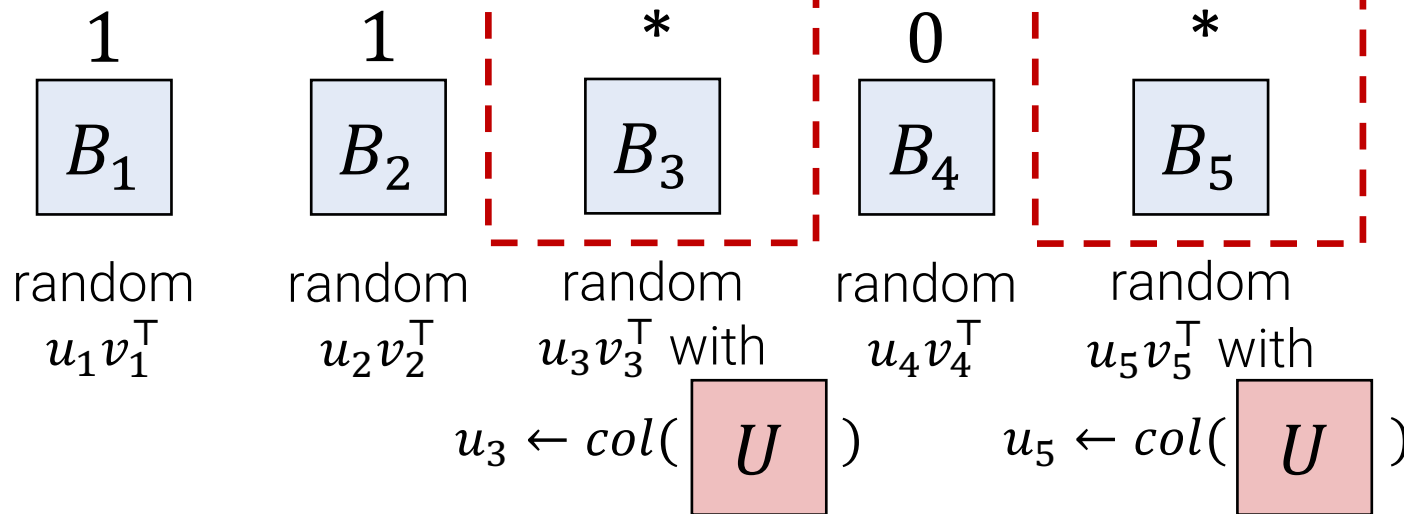
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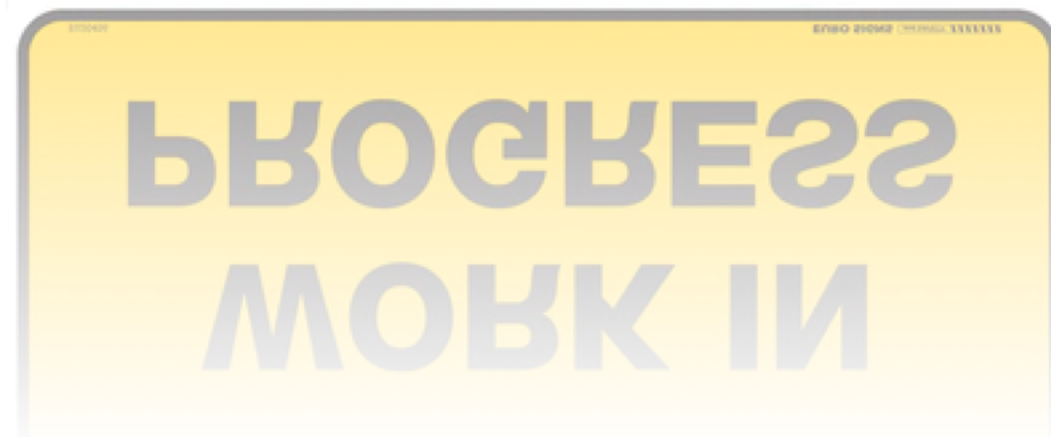
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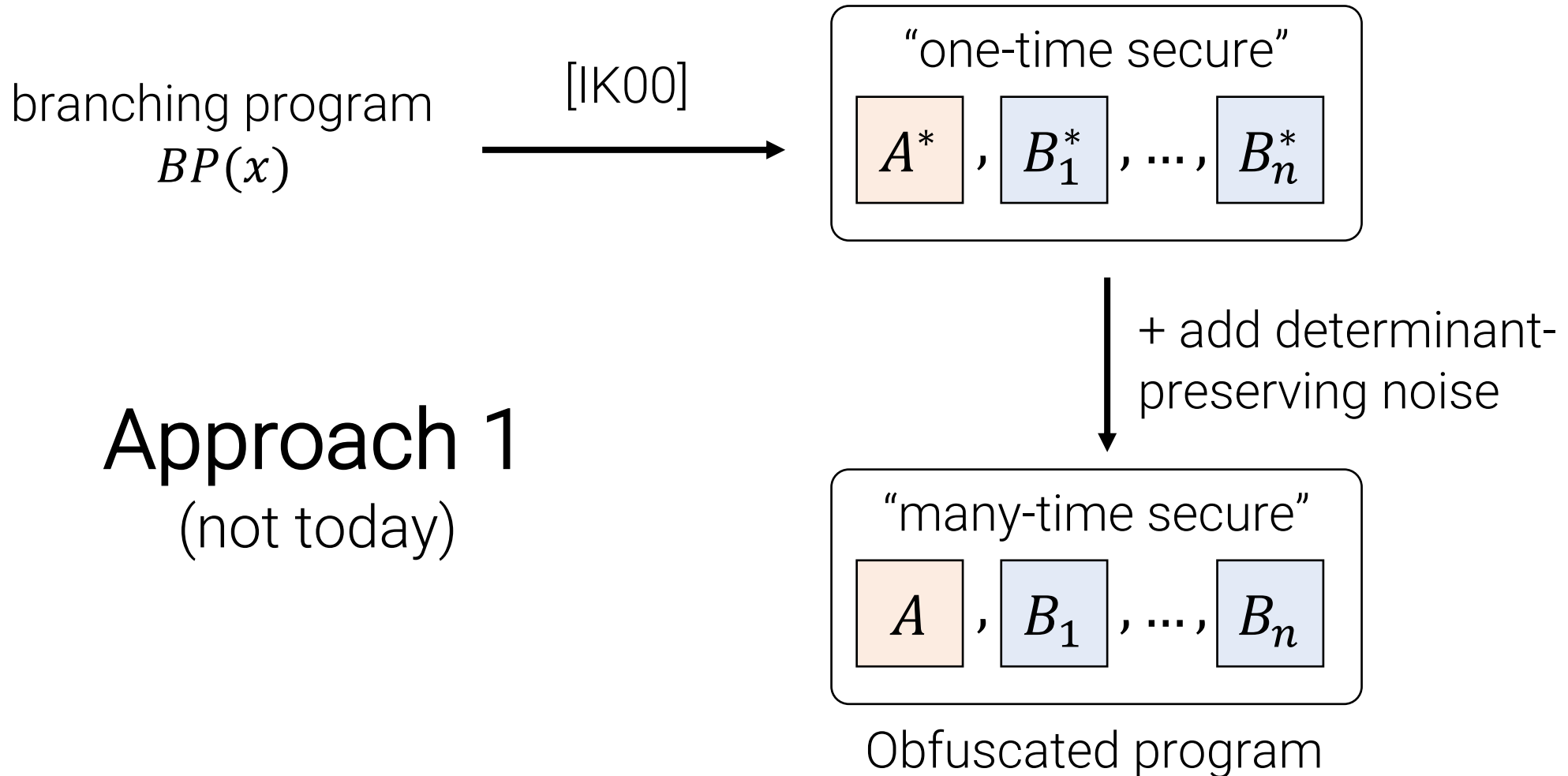
u_3, u_5 from (hidden) random 2-dimensional subspace

$B_i \approx_s$ uniformly random rank 1 matrix for all i

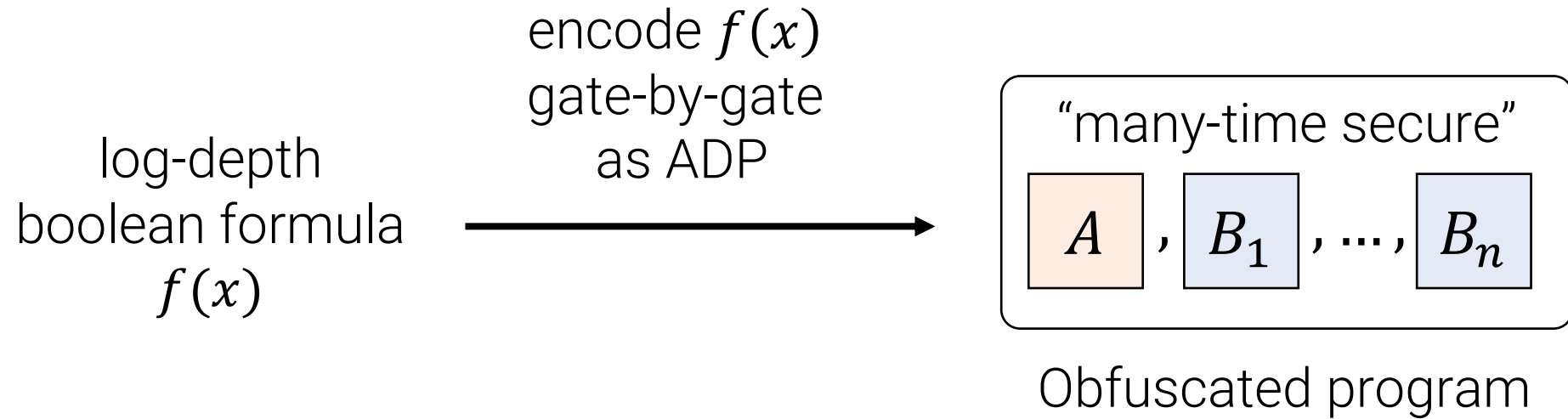




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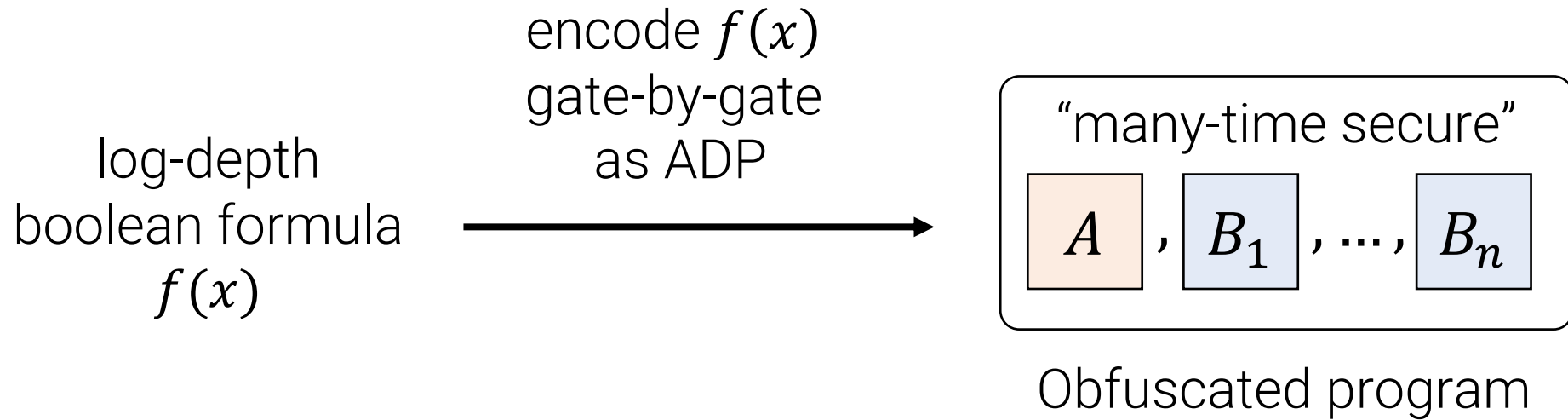


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Approach 2

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- Positive/Negative Input-wire ADPs
- AND Gates
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Correctness

$$\boxed{M_x} := \boxed{A} + \sum_{i|x_i=1} \boxed{B_i}$$

- If $x_i = 1$, then $\boxed{M_x} = 0$
- If $x_i = 0$, then $\boxed{M_x} = u$

(determinant of a scalar is itself)

Negative Input Wire

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \neg x_i$$

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$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \neg x_i$$

- 1) Draw random $u \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q$
- 2) Construct width-1 ADP:

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Correctness

$$\boxed{M_x} := \boxed{A} + \sum_{i|x_i=1} \boxed{B_i}$$

- If $x_i = 1$, then $\boxed{M_x} = u$
- If $x_i = 0$, then $\boxed{M_x} = 0$

(determinant of a scalar is itself)

Candidate AND Gates

width k

$$A^{(f)}$$

$$B_1^{(f)}$$

...

$$B_n^{(f)}$$

Evaluation on x is

$$M_x^{(f)}$$

width k

$$A^{(g)}$$

$$B_1^{(g)}$$

...

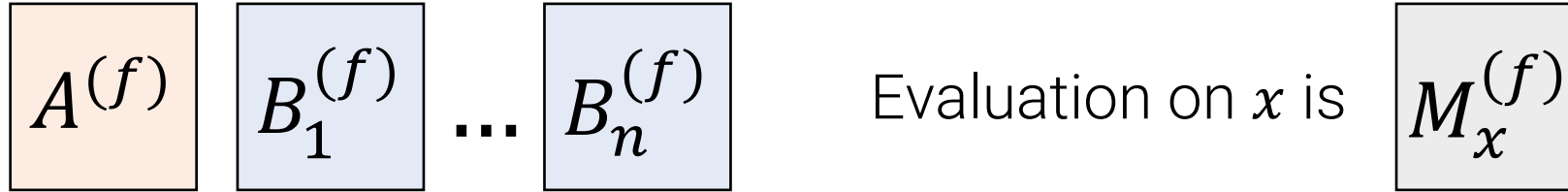
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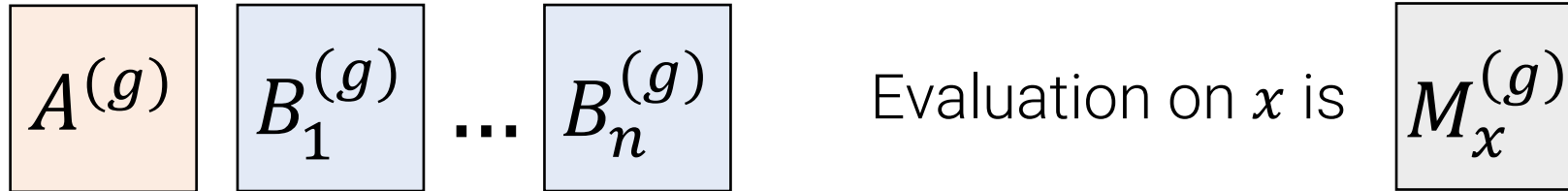
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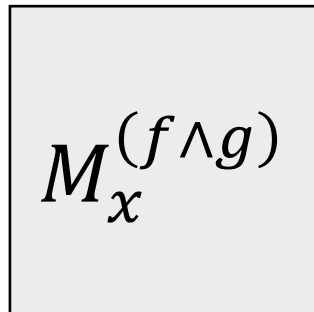
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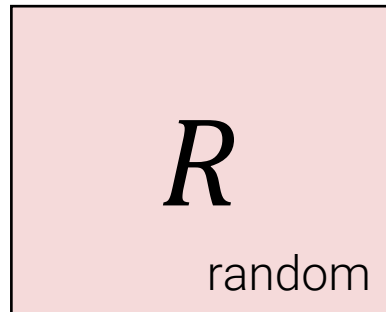


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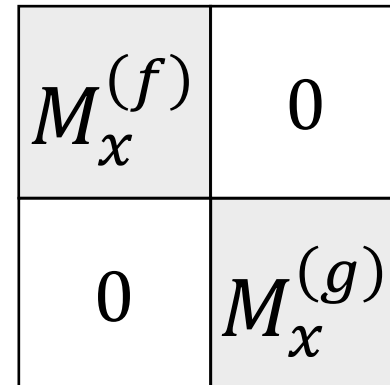
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AND Gate Correctness

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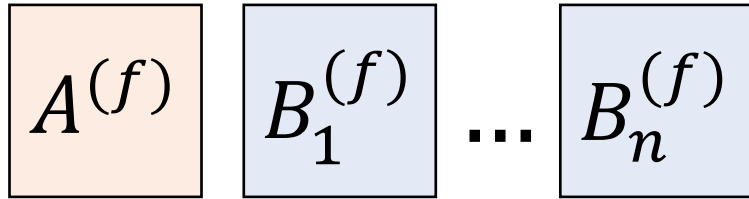
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Claim: For appropriately-designed “input wire ADPs”, applying these AND gates recovers the [BLMZ19] conjunction obfuscator.

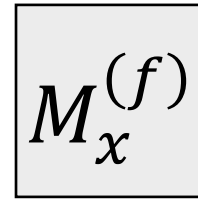
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Candidate OR Gates

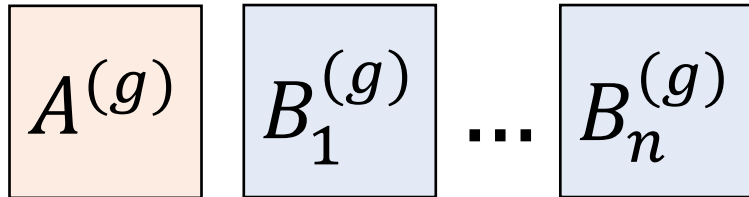
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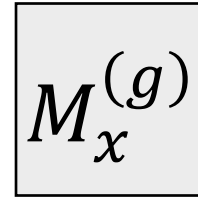
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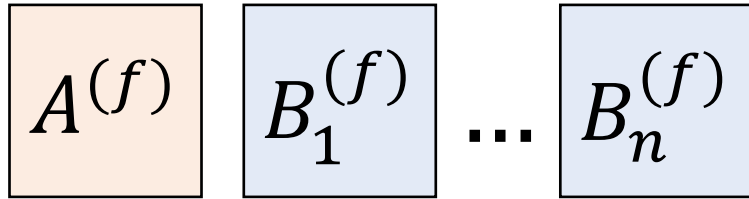


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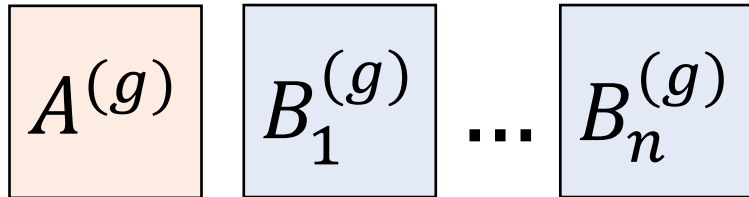
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random ADP

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random ADP

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- If at least one of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ is 1, then $M_x^{(f \wedge g)}$ is rank $2k - 1$ (rank deficient)
- If neither $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are 1, then $M_x^{(f \wedge g)}$ is rank $2k$ (full rank)

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random ADP

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Future Directions:

1. Design new input wires to resist kernel attacks.
2. Security for null/evasive circuits?
3. Post-processing strategies, e.g., compute the AND of k independent ADP obfuscations of f .

Thank you!
Questions?