

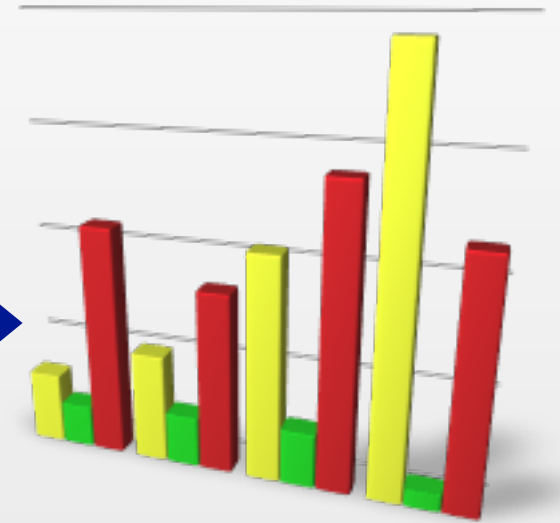
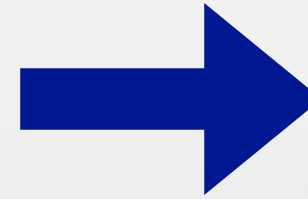
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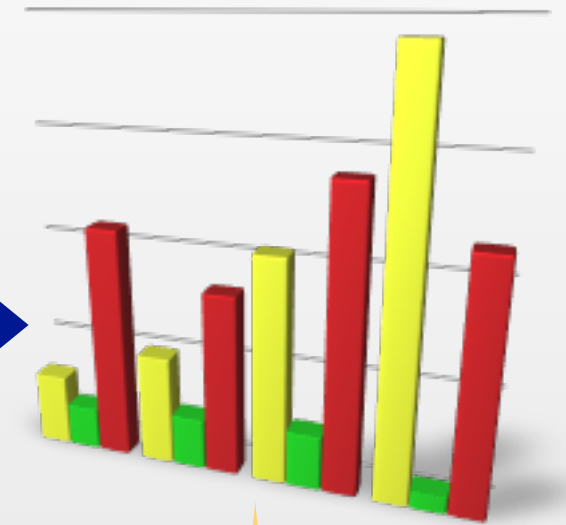
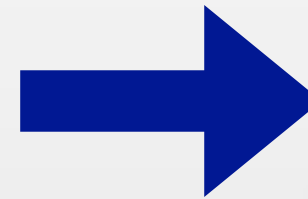
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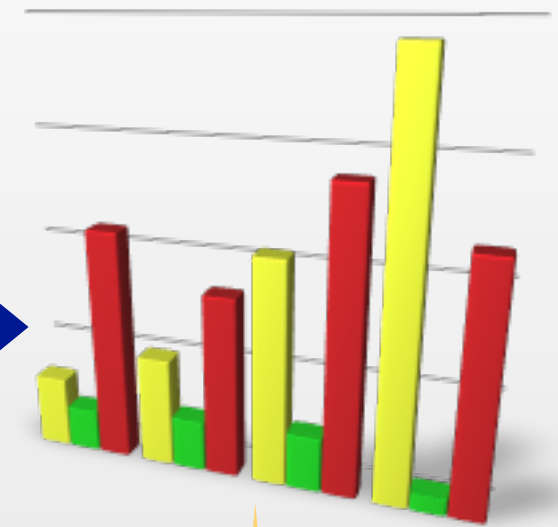
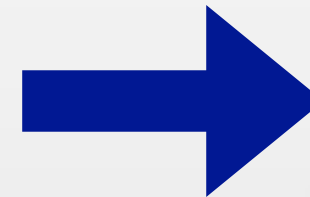
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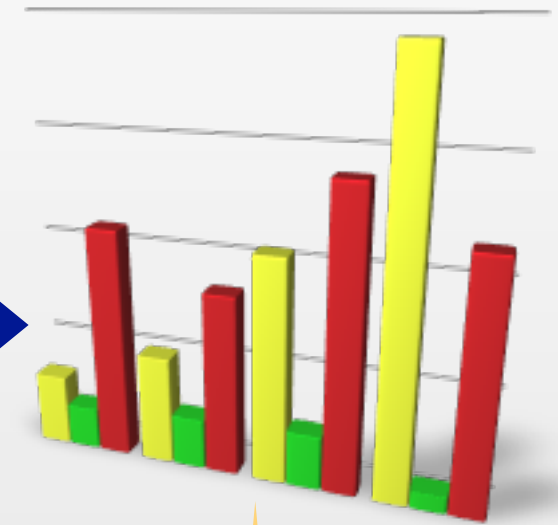
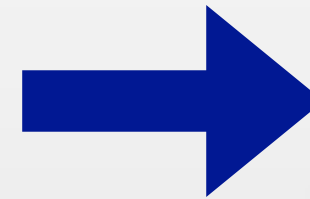




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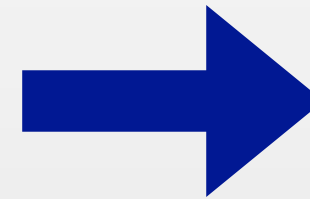


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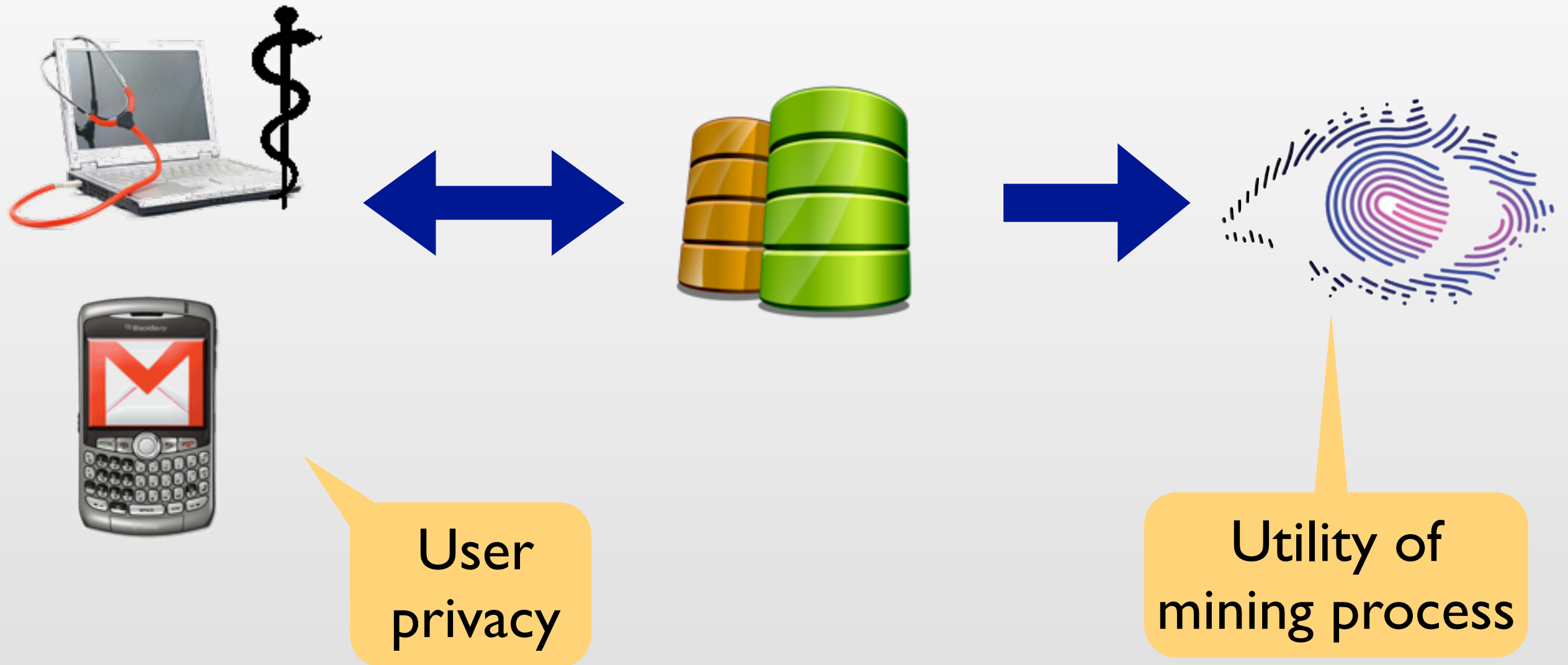
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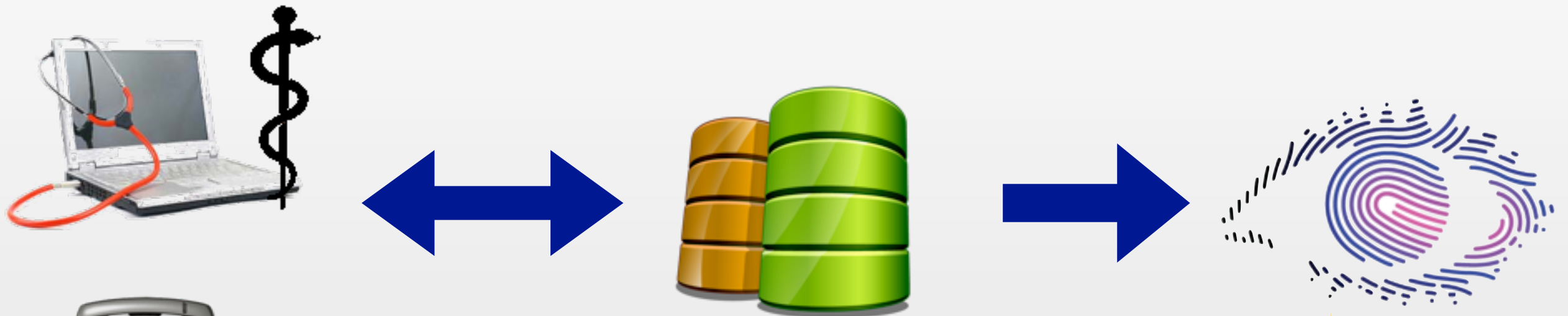
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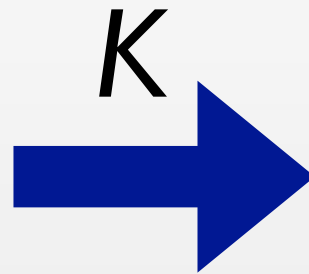
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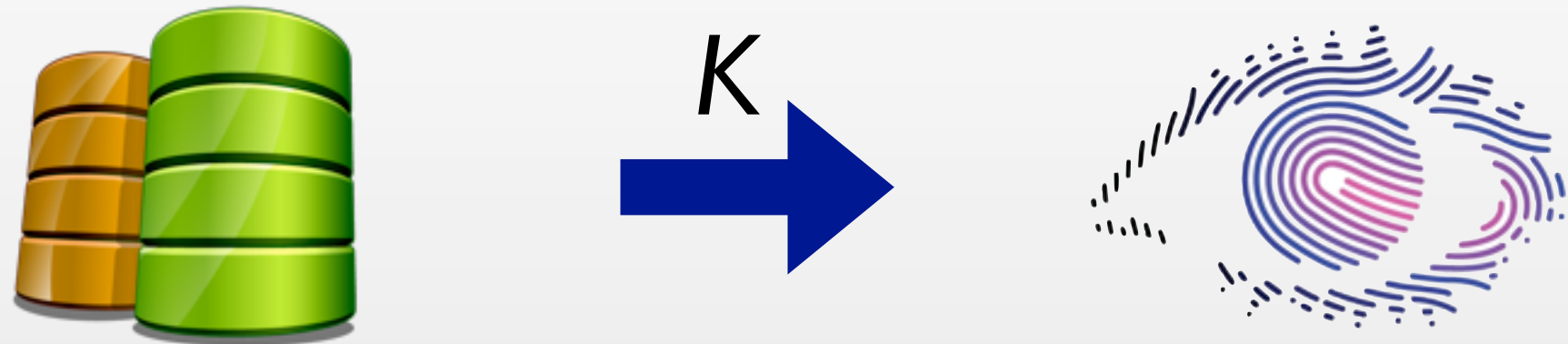
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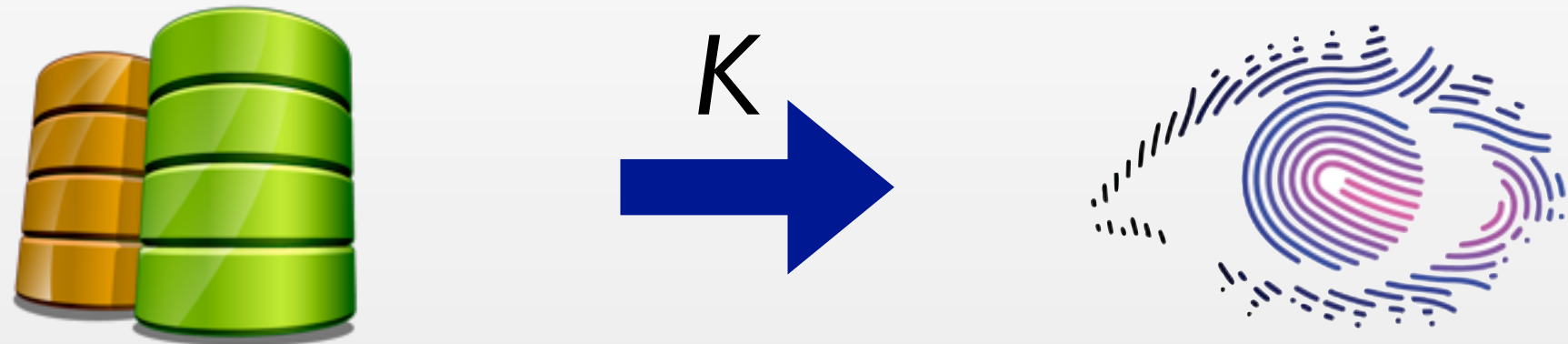
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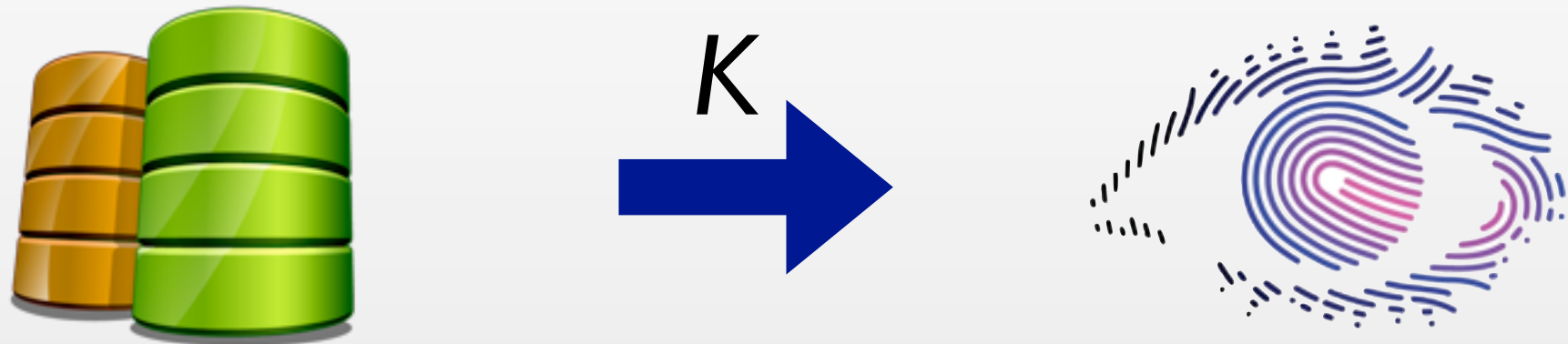
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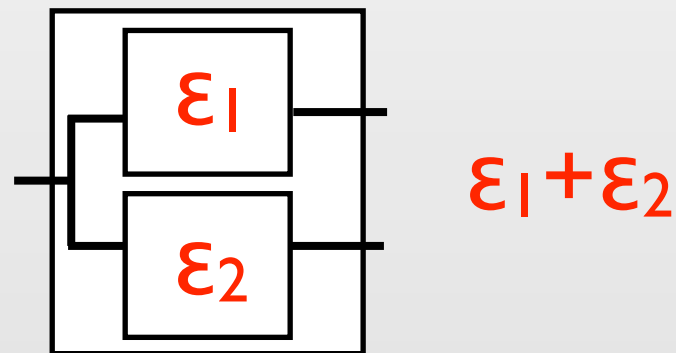
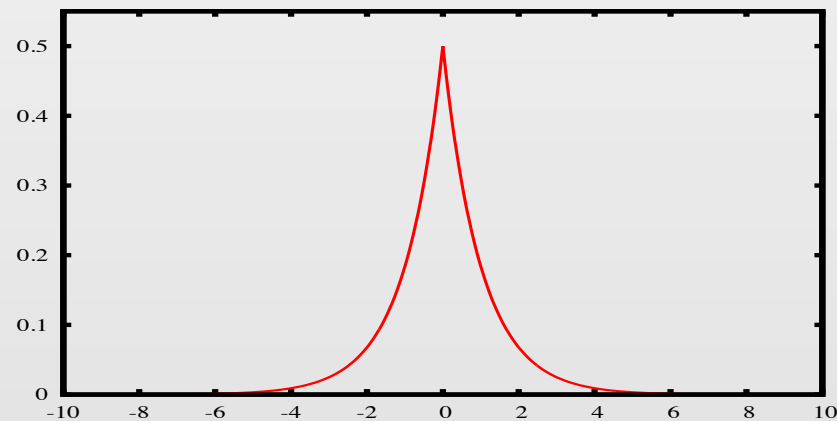
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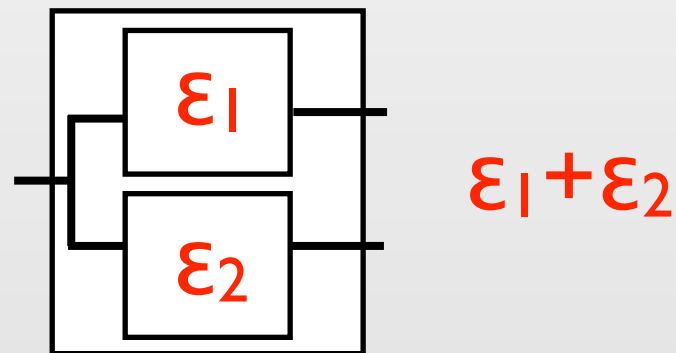
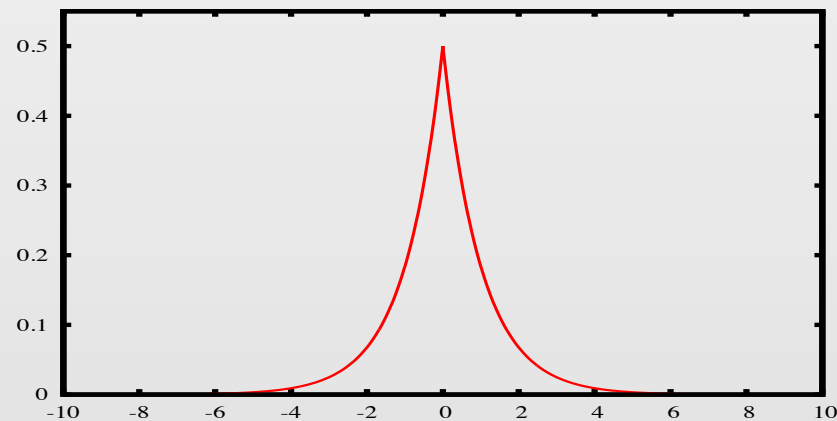
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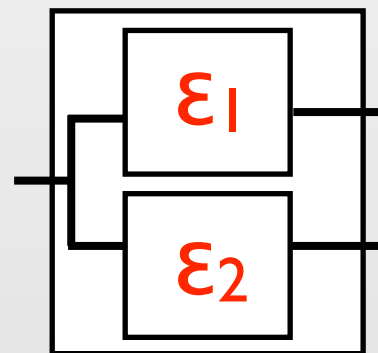
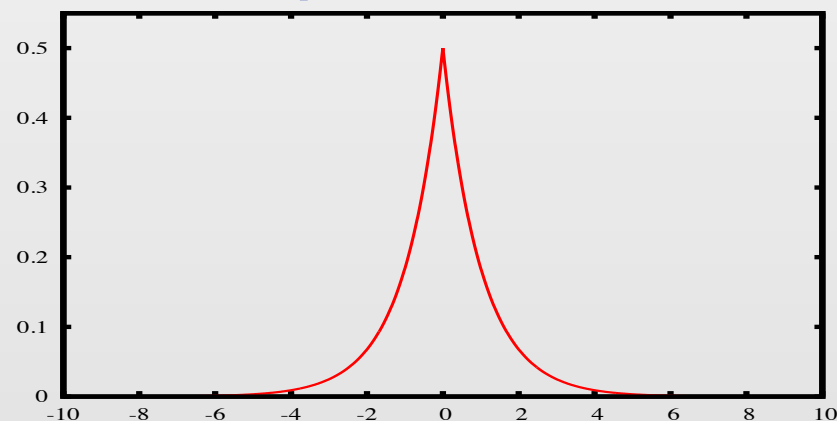
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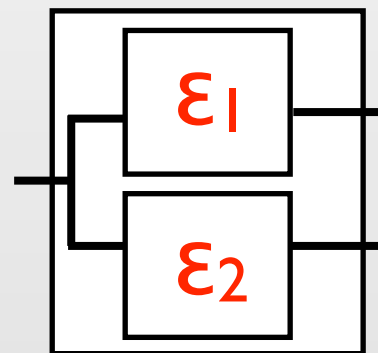
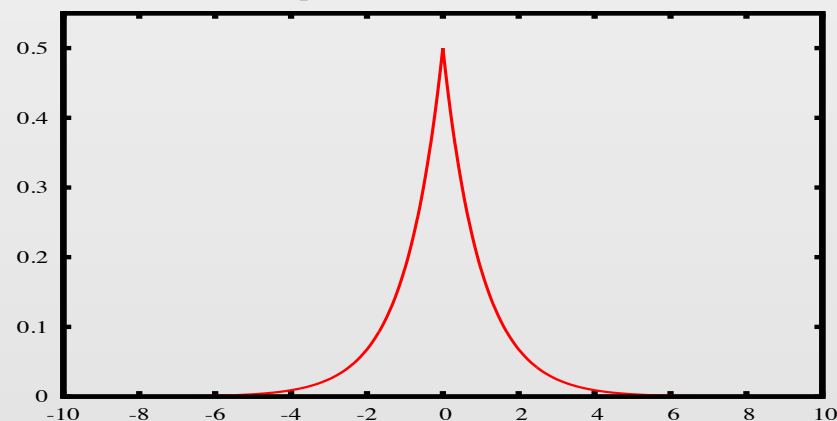
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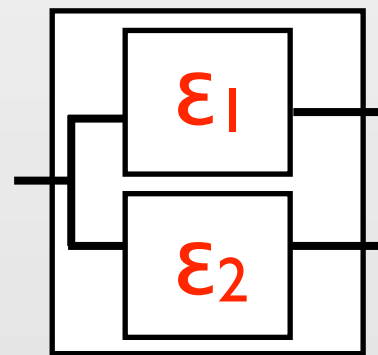
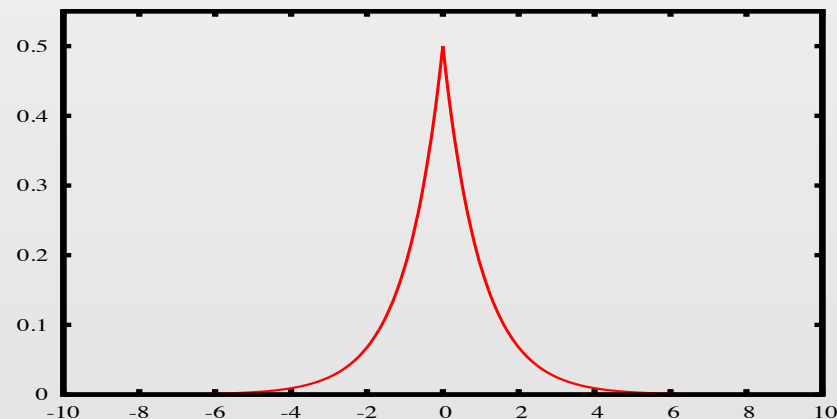
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Increasingly complex, but not supported by existing tools!

# Our Contribution: CERTIPRIV

- Allows reasoning about approximate quantitative properties of randomized computations
  - Built from **first principles** and fully formalized in **Coq**
  - Machine-checked proofs of differential privacy
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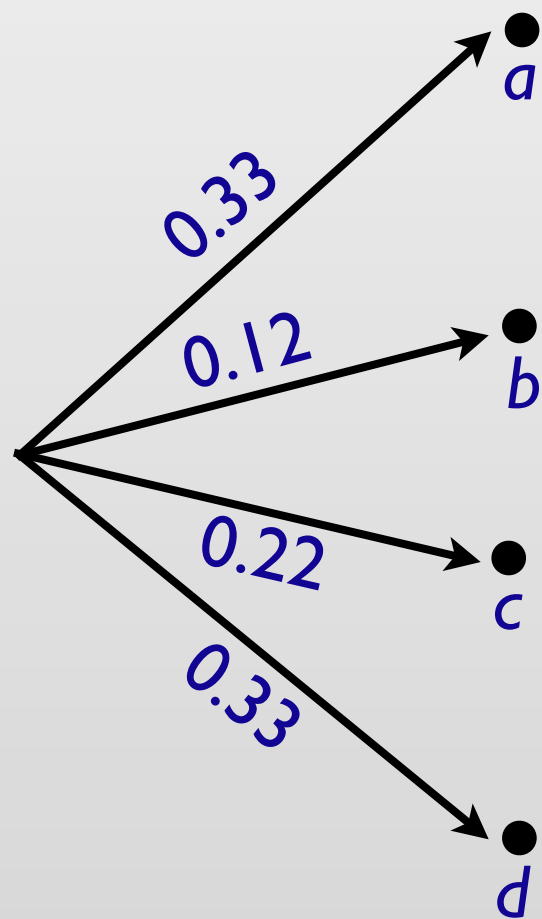
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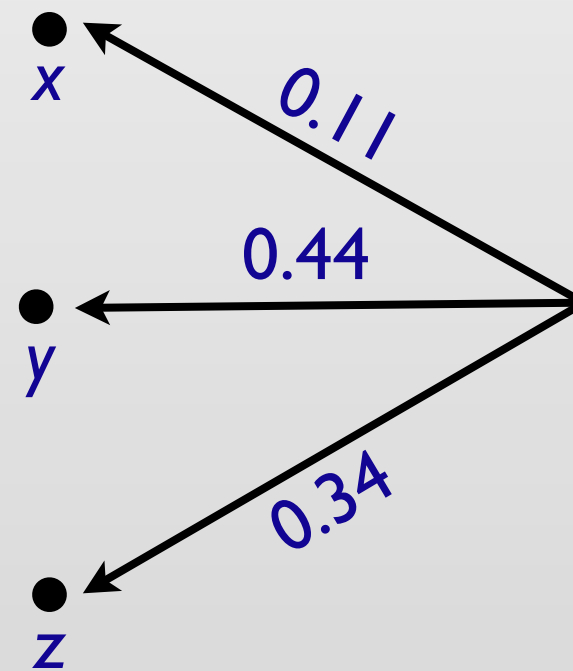
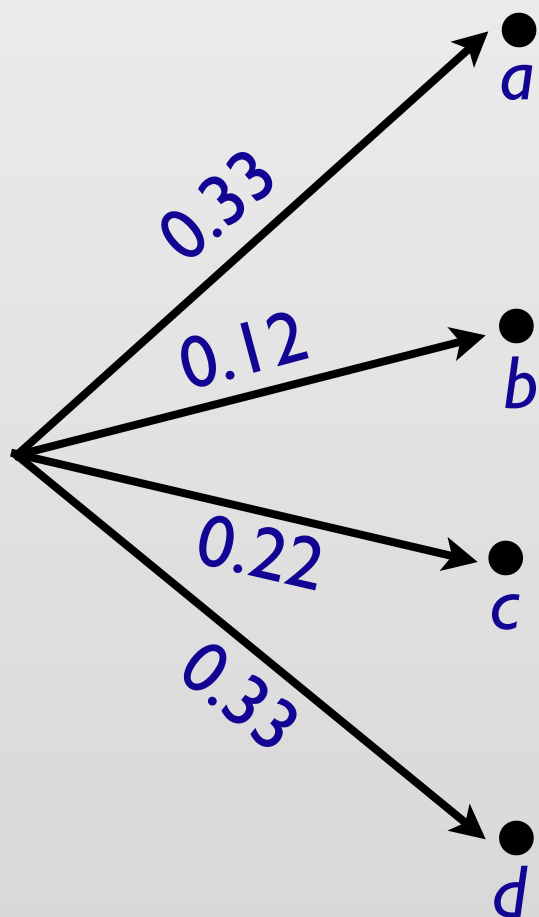
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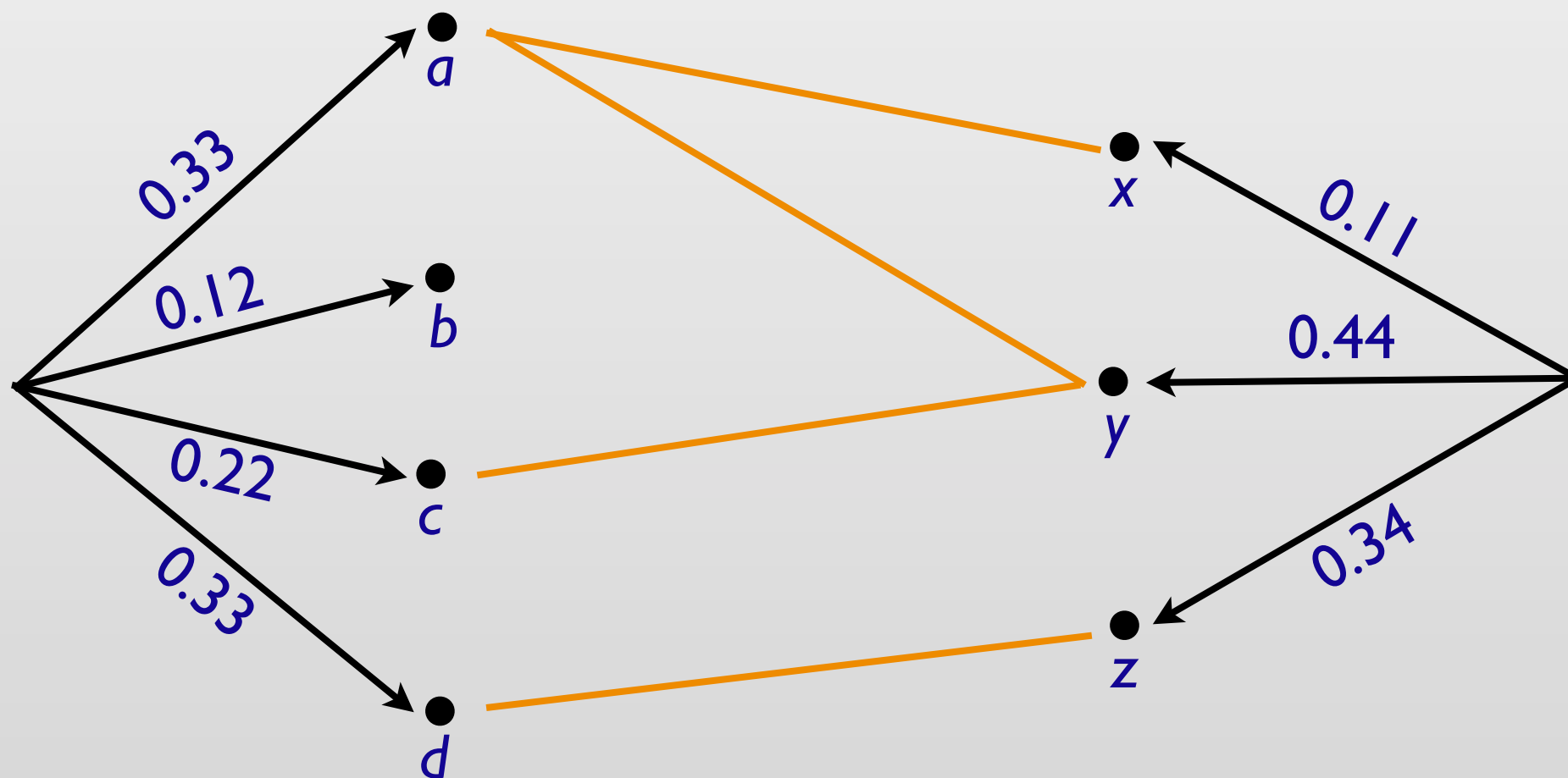


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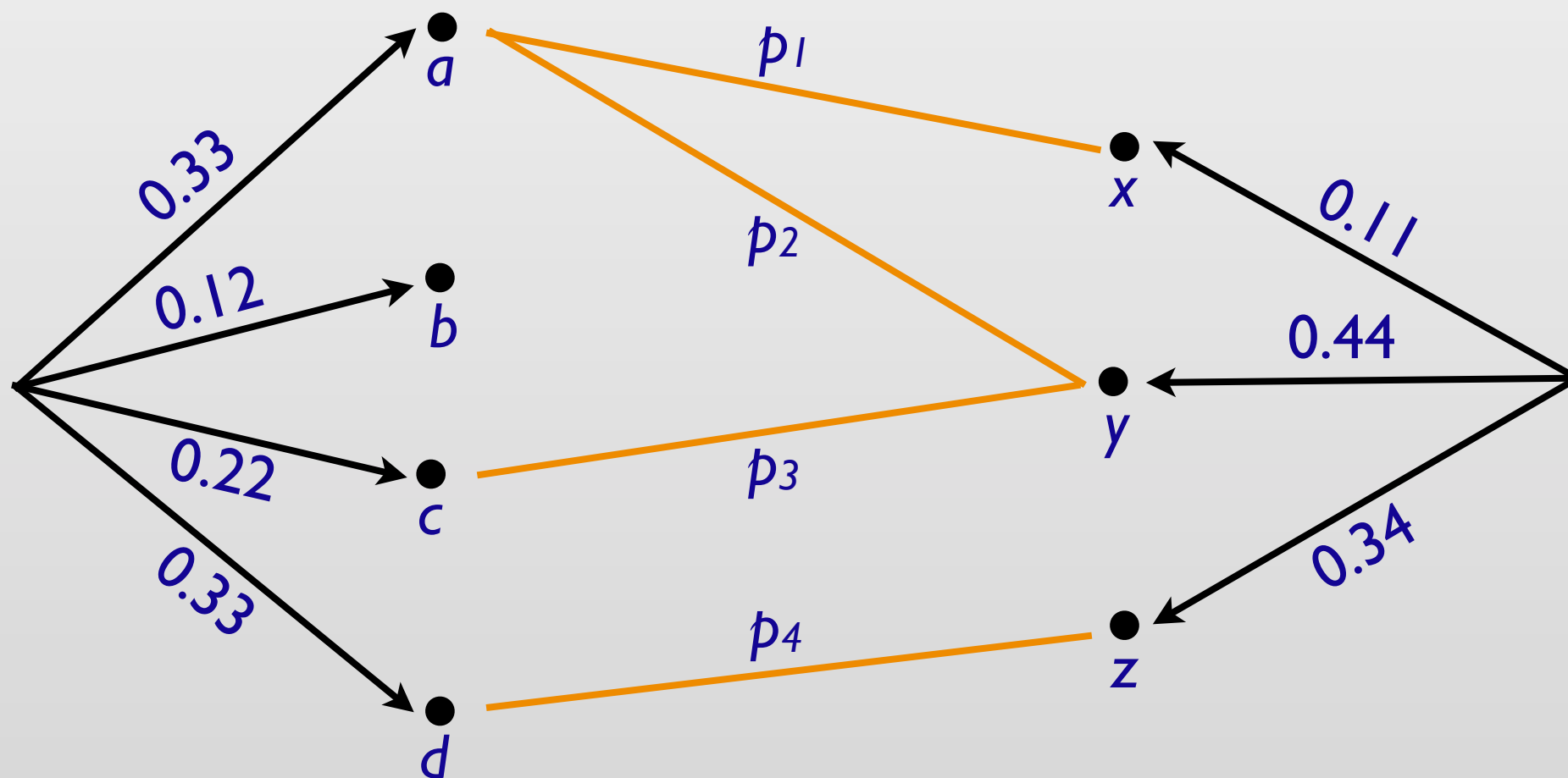
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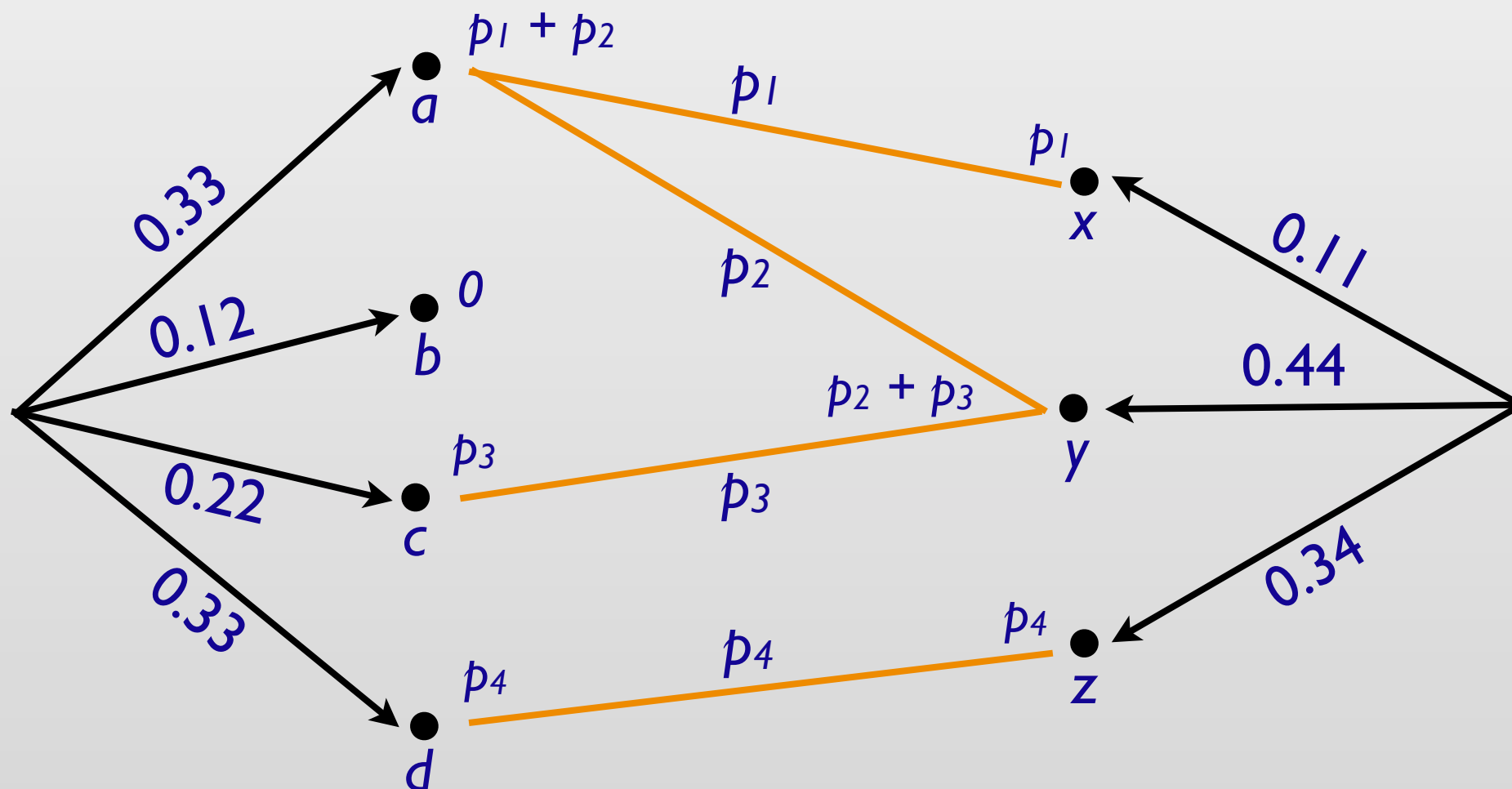
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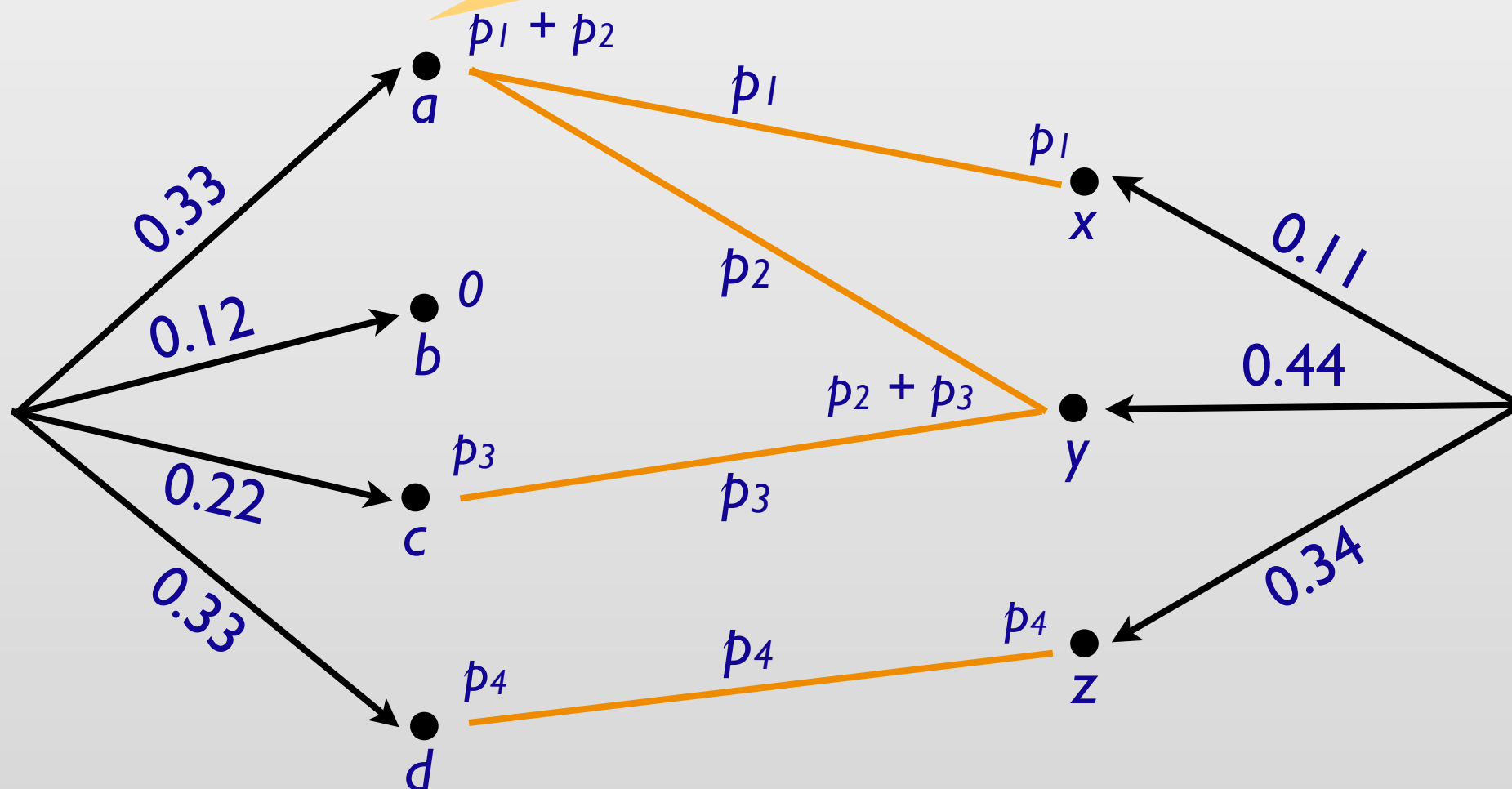




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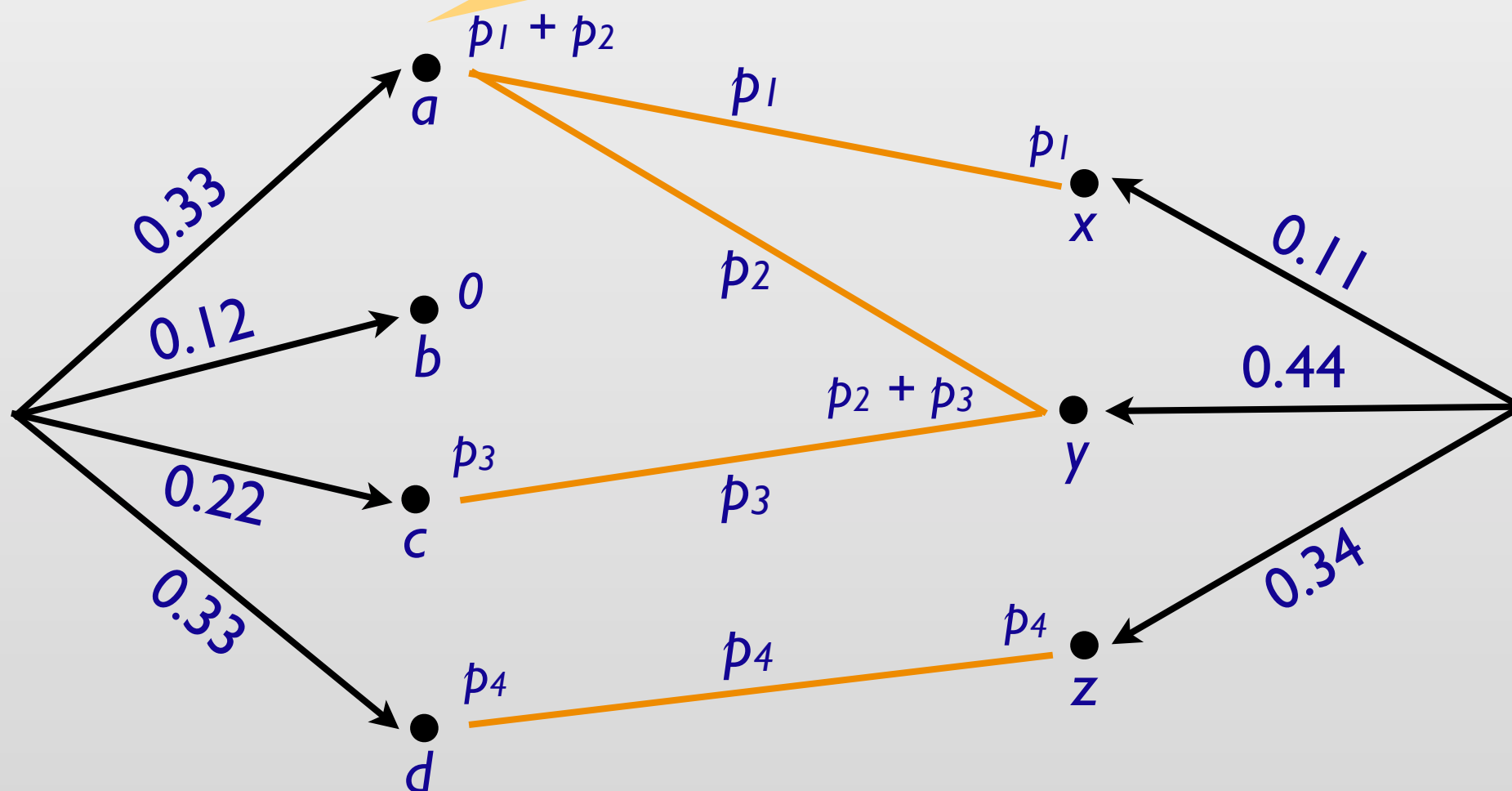
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# Selected rules

## Sequential composition

$$\frac{\models c_1 \sim_{\alpha, \delta} c_2 : \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi' \quad \models c'_1 \sim_{\alpha', \delta'} c'_2 : \Phi' \Rightarrow \Phi}{\models c_1; c'_1 \sim_{\alpha\alpha', \delta+\delta'} c_2; c'_2 : \Psi \Rightarrow \Phi}$$

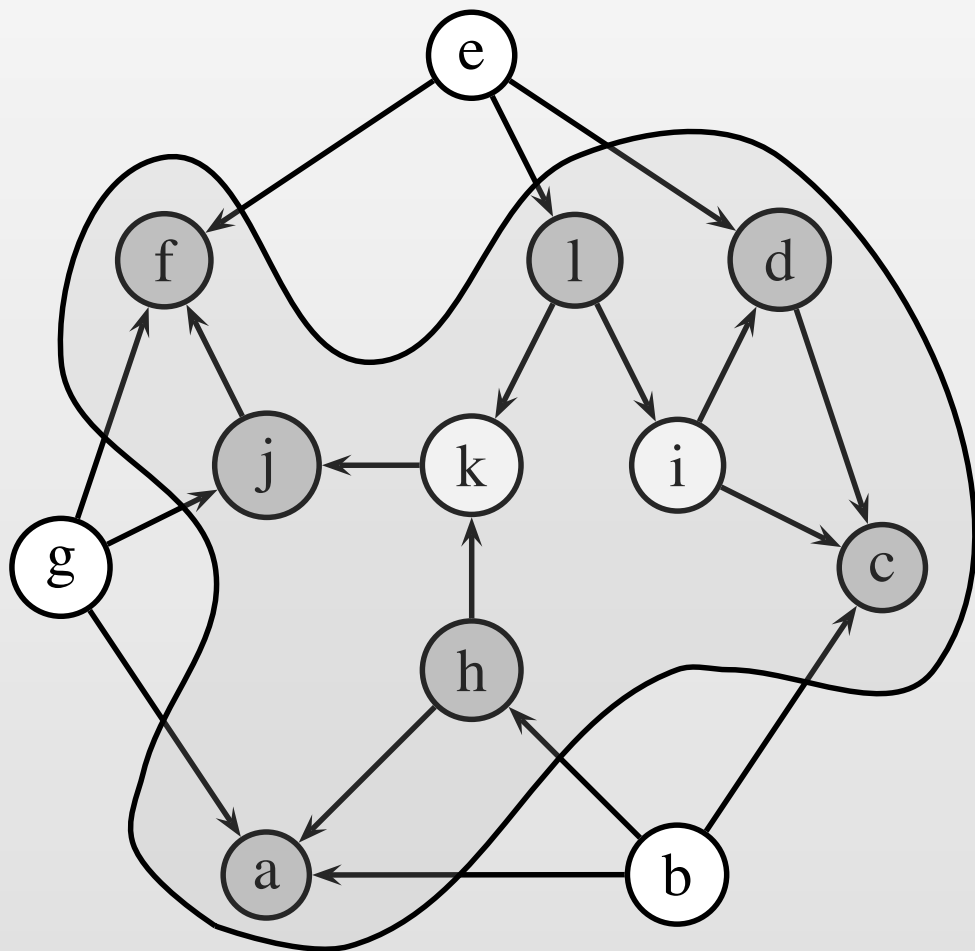
## Laplacian Mechanism

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$$\models x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{L}_\lambda(r) \sim_{\exp(\epsilon), 0} y \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} \mathcal{L}_\lambda(s) : |r\langle 1 \rangle - s\langle 2 \rangle| \leq \lambda\epsilon \Rightarrow x\langle 1 \rangle = y\langle 2 \rangle$$

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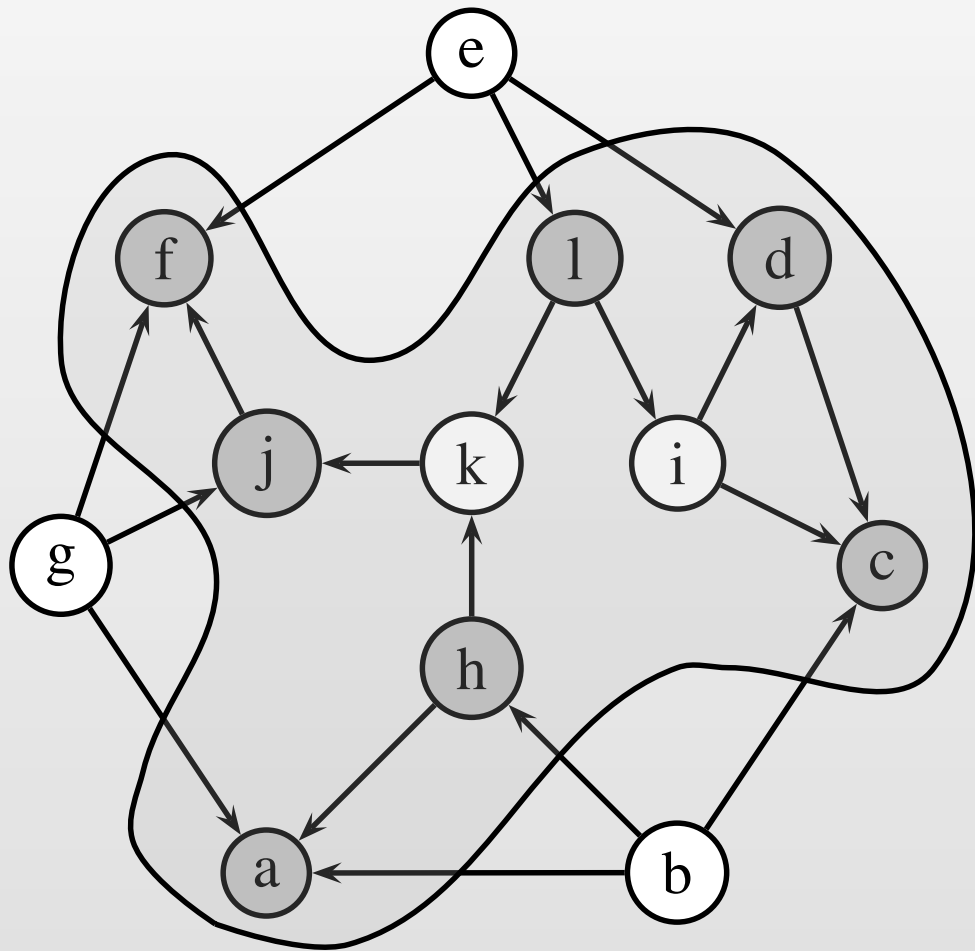
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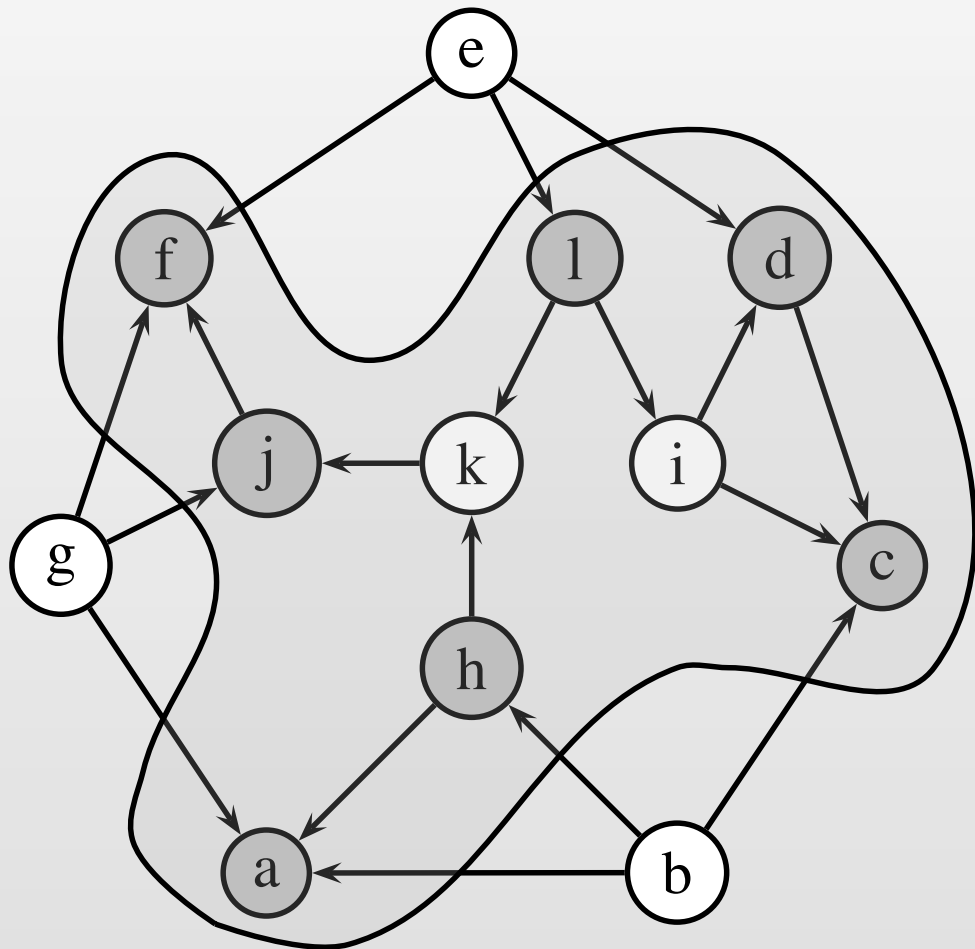
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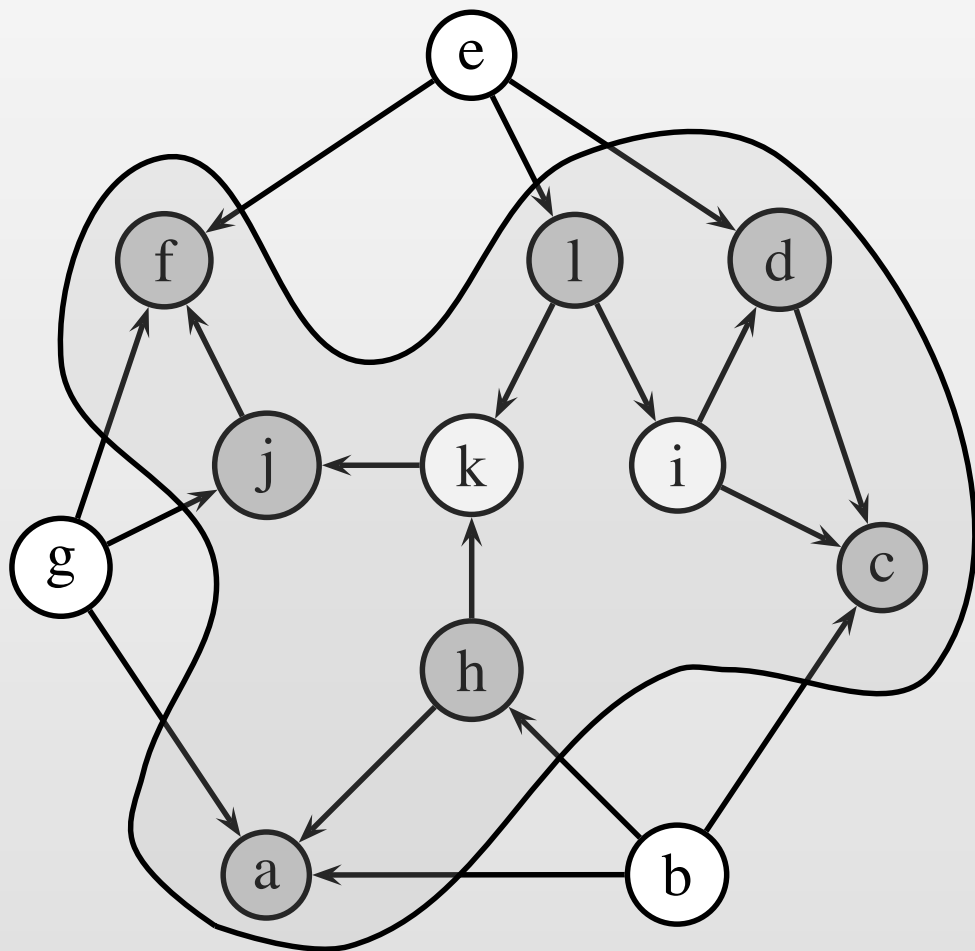
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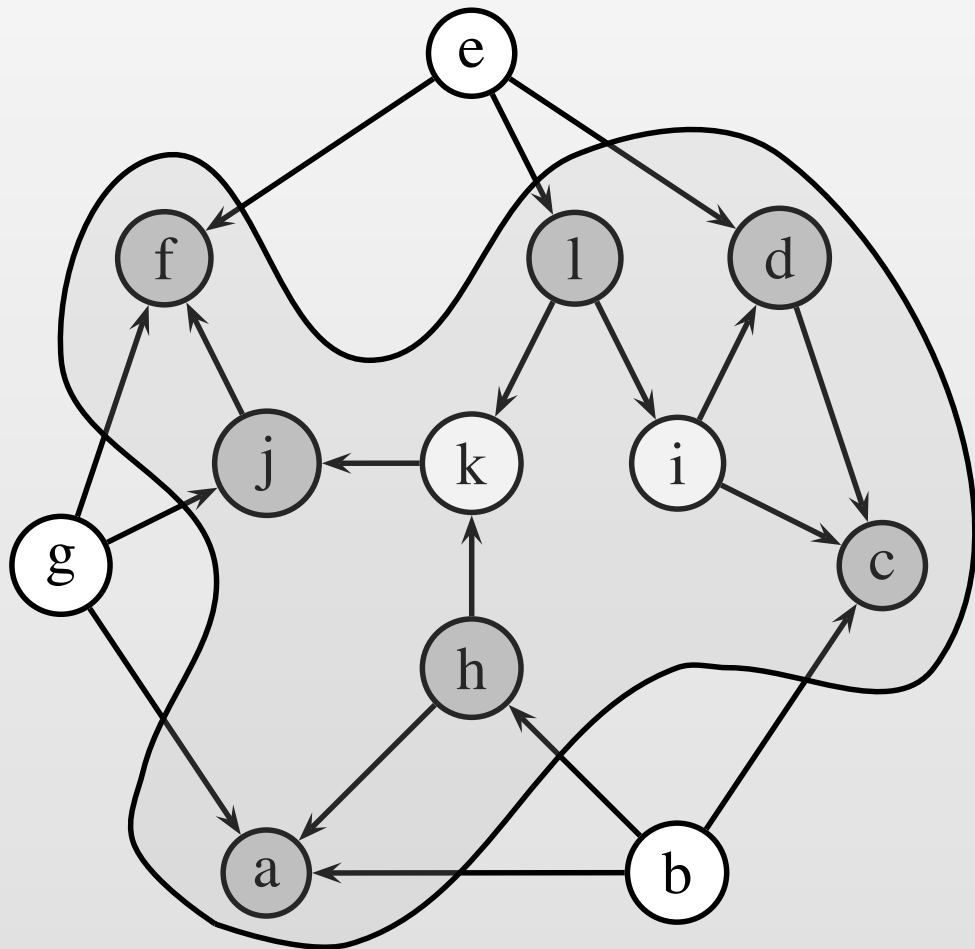
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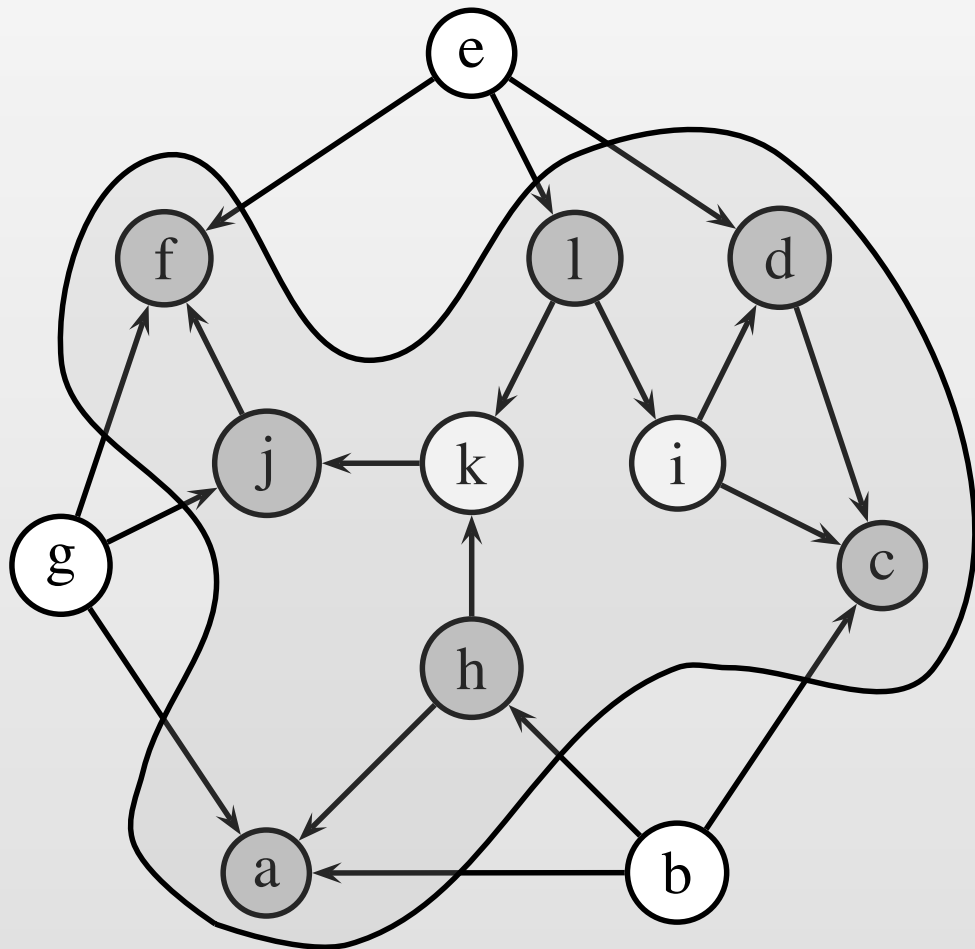
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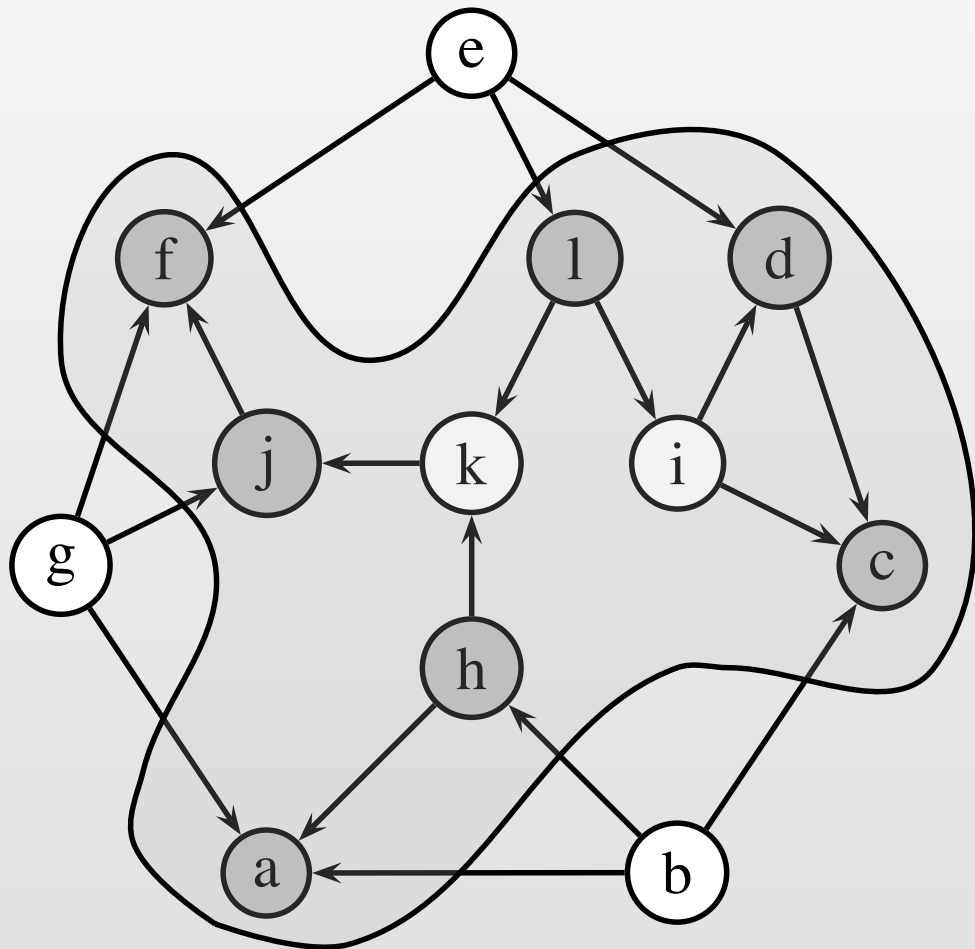
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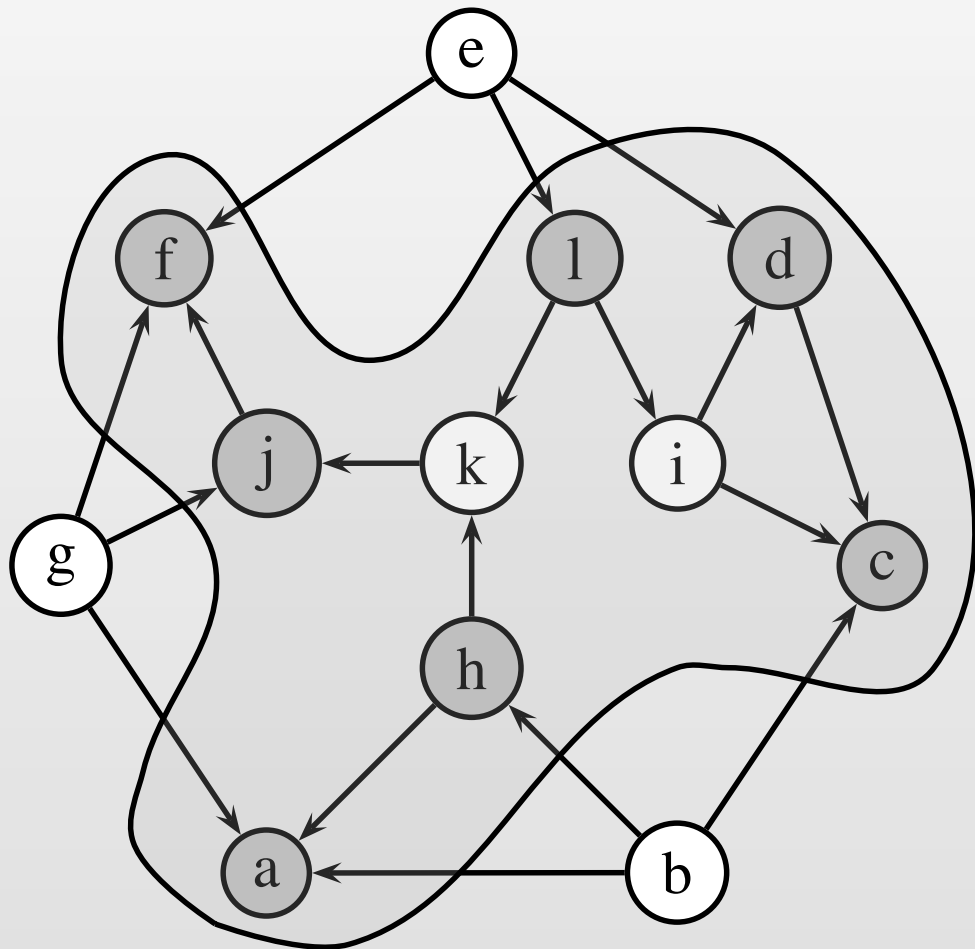
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# Conclusions

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  - Differential privacy for streaming and graph algorithms
  - Asymmetric logic
- Further work:
  - Computational differential privacy
  - Hash functions onto elliptic curves and statistical zero-knowledge
- Challenge: logic for arbitrary quantitative relational properties

**Thanks for your attention!**

Define  $\alpha$ -distance as:

$$\Delta_\alpha(d_1, d_2) = \max_A(\max(d_1 \cdot 1_A - \alpha(d_2 \cdot 1_A), d_2 \cdot 1_A - \alpha(d_1 \cdot 1_A)))$$

$(\alpha, \delta)$ -lifting of relations to distributions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lift}_{\alpha, \delta} R (d_1 : \mathcal{D}_A) (d_2 : \mathcal{D}_B) &= \exists(d : \mathcal{D}_{A*B}), \\ &\pi_1(d) \leq d_1 \wedge \Delta_\alpha(\pi_1(d), d_1) \leq \delta \wedge \\ &\pi_2(d) \leq d_2 \wedge \Delta_\alpha(\pi_2(d), d_2) \leq \delta \wedge \text{range } R \ d \end{aligned}$$

Output perturbation makes numerical queries  $\epsilon$ -diff. private

- The  $\Phi$ -sensitivity of a query  $f : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as:

$$\Delta(f) = \max\{f(D_1) - f(D_2) \mid \Phi(D_1, D_2)\}$$

- The randomized computation

$$K(D) = f(D) + \text{Lap}(\Delta(f)/\epsilon)$$

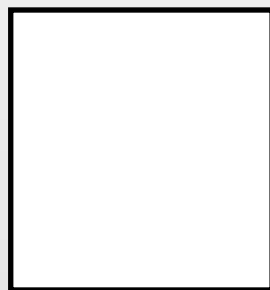
is  $\epsilon$ -differentially private

Density proportional to  
 $\exp(-\epsilon/\Delta(f))$

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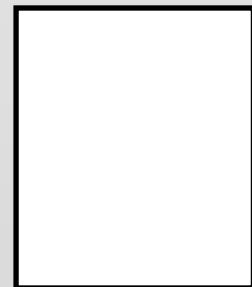
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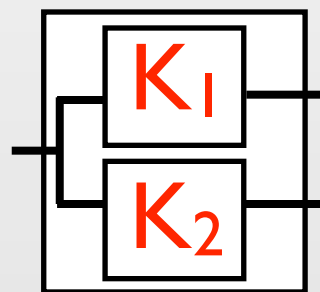
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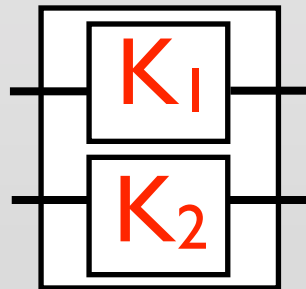
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