

Cube Attacks

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Cube Attacks

- Basic Cube Attacks were introduced in EUROCRYPT 2009.
- There two types of Enhanced Cube Attacks.
 - **Divide-and-Conquer Cube Attack (EUROCRYPT 2015)**
 - **Conditional Cube Attack (EUROCRYPT 2017)**
- These two enhanced attacks are the best known cube attacks till today which are key (or state)-recovery attacks on MAC or AEAD, so it is worthwhile to understand it.
- The papers in 2017-2020 follow these two enhanced attack techniques.

Basic Notations and Results

Cubes #1

- Given a monomial $x_1x_2x_3$,

$$C_{x_1x_2x_3} := \{(0,0,0), (0,0,1), (0,1,0), (0,1,1), (1,0,0), (1,0,1), (1,1,0), (1,1,1)\},$$

$C_{x_1x_2x_3}$ is defined as the set of all binary vectors of the length 3,

$C_{x_1x_2x_3}$ is called *the cube* with *3 cube variables*, x_1, x_2, x_3 .

*We follow the notations defined in EUROCRYPT 2015 paper, “Cube Attacks and Cube-attack-like Cryptanalysis on the Round-reduced Keccak Sponge Function”.

Cubes #2

- Given a monomial x_4x_5 ,

$$C_{x_4x_5} := \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\},$$

$C_{x_4x_5}$ is defined as the set of all binary vectors of the length 2,

$C_{x_4x_5}$ is called *the cube* with *2 cube variables*, x_4, x_5 .

Cubes #3

- Given a monomial x_1 ,

$$C_{x_1} := \{0,1\},$$

C_{x_1} is defined as the set of all binary vectors of the length 1,

C_{x_1} is called *the cube* with *1 cube variable, x_1* .

Cubes #4

- Given a monomial t with k variables,

$$C_t := \{(0, \dots, 0, 0), (0, \dots, 0, 1), (0, \dots, 1, 0), (0, \dots, 1, 1), \dots, (1, \dots, 1, 1)\},$$

C_t is the set of all binary vectors of the length k .

C_t is called *the cube* with *k cube variables*.

Division #1

- Given a polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$,
- we want to divide f by x_1 .
- We know that there are unique Q (quotient) and R (remainder) such that $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1Q + R$.
- $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1(1 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4) + x_3$
- So, $Q = 1 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4$ and $R = x_3$.
- Note that there is no x_1 in $Q = 1 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4$ and x_1 does not divide each term of $R = x_3$.
- Therefore, $Q = Q(x_2, x_3, x_4) = 1 + x_2x_3 + x_2x_4$, $R = R(x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_3$

Division #2

- Given a polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$,
- we want to divide f by x_1x_2 .
- We know that there are unique Q (quotient) and R (remainder) such that $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1x_2 Q + R$.
- $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1x_2(x_3 + x_4) + x_1 + x_3$
- So, $Q = x_3 + x_4$ and $R = x_1 + x_3$.
- Note that there is neither x_1 or x_2 in $Q = x_3 + x_4$ and x_1x_2 does not divide each term of $R = x_1 + x_3$.
- Therefore, $Q = Q(x_3, x_4) = x_3 + x_4$, $R = R(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_3$

Cube and Quotient

- Given a polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$,
- we want to divide f by $x_1 x_2$.
- Then, we can describe $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 x_2 Q(x_3, x_4) + R(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$, where Q is the quotient and R is the remainder.
- We define the cube $C_{x_1 x_2} := \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$.
- Then, Xuejia Lai* proved

$$\sum_{(x_1, x_2) \in C_{x_1 x_2}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = Q(x_3, x_4)$$

* “Higher Order Derivatives and Differential Cryptanalysis”, Communications and Cryptography 1994.

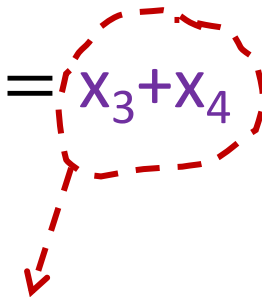
Cube and Quotient (Example #1)

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called the superpoly of $C_{x_1x_2}$

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- we want to divide f by x_1 .
- We know $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1(x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + 1) + x_3$.
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Cube and Quotient (Example #3)

- Given a polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$,
- we want to divide f by $x_1x_2x_3$.
- We know $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1x_2x_3(1) + x_1 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$.
- We define the cube $C_{x_1x_2x_3} := \{(0,0,0), (0,0,1), \dots, (1,1,1)\}$. Then,

$$\sum_{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in C_{x_1x_2x_3}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 1$$

Cube and Quotient (Example #4)

- Given a polynomial $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$,
- we want to divide f by $x_2x_3x_4$.
- We know $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_2x_3x_4(0) + x_1 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_4 + x_3$.
- We define the cube $C_{x_2x_3x_4} := \{(0,0,0), (0,0,1), \dots, (1,1,1)\}$. Then,

$$\sum_{(x_2, x_3, x_4) \in C_{x_2x_3x_4}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 0$$

Cube and Quotient (Example #5)

- $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1 x_2 (x_3 + x_4) + x_1 + x_3.$
- Cube $C_{x_1 x_2} := \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}.$
- Then,

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The coefficient of x_3 is 1.

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- Then,

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The coefficient of x_3 is 1.

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Cube and Quotient (Example #6)

- $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1(x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + 1) + x_3$.
- Cube $C_{x_1} := \{0, 1\}$.
- Then,

$$\sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_2x_3 + x_2x_4 + 1$$

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The coefficient of $x_2 x_3$ is 1.

$$\sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, 1, 1, 0) = \text{The coefficient of } x_2 x_3 + \text{The constant} = 1 + 1 = 0$$

Cube Attacks and Cube-attack-like Cryptanalysis on the Round-reduced Keccak Sponge Function

By Dinur, Morawiecki, Pieprzyk, Srebrny, Straus (**EUROCRYPT 2015**)

EUROCRYPT 2015 paper introduced

- Three kinds of Cube Attack Approaches
 - **The First: Divide-and-Conquer Attack with Partial Input Key**
 - The Second: Balanced Attack with Partial Input Key
 - The Third: the first&second Attacks with Partial Secret Internal Information

First Attack Idea

Superpolys with Some (not all) Variables #1

- $f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1(x_3 + x_4) + x_2x_4$.
- Cube $C_{x_1} := \{0, 1\}$.
- Then,

$$\sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_3 + x_4$$
$$\sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, 0, x_3, x_4) = x_3 + x_4$$
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- Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) &= x_3 + x_4 \\ \sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, 0, x_3, x_4) &= x_3 + x_4 \\ \sum_{x_1 \in C_{x_1}} f(x_1, 1, x_3, x_4) &= x_3 + x_4 \end{aligned}$$

The Superpoly of the cube C_{x_1} remains same regardless of the value of x_2 .

First Attack Idea

Superpolys with Some (not all) Variables #2

- $f(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4) = M_1 M_2 Q(K_1, K_2, M_3, M_4) + R(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4)$.
- Assume that
 - K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4 are 4-bit secret keys and
 - By the oracle $f(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ -queries, the attacker can make a query (M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4) and then get the value of $f(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4)$.

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- The Superpoly $Q(K_1, K_2, M_3, M_4)$ does not depend on either K_3 or K_4 .
- For each $(K_1, K_2) \in \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$, the attacker computes the followings

(offline):

$$\sum_{(M_1, M_2) \in C_{M_1 M_2}} f(0, 0, 0, 0, M_1, M_2, 0, 0) = Q(0, 0, 0, 0)$$

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$$\sum_{(M_1, M_2) \in C_{M_1 M_2}} f(0, 1, 0, 0, M_1, M_2, 0, 0) = Q(0, 1, 0, 0)$$

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- For each $(K_1, K_2) \in \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$, the attacker computes the followings (offline):
- Store the following off-line cube-sum values.

$Q(0,0,0,0)$
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First Attack Idea

Superpolys with Some (not all) Variables #2

- Now, we move to the online phase. The attacker does not know the 4-bit actual secret key K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4 .
- The Attacker makes oracle $f(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ -queries and compute the online cube-sums:

$$\sum_{(M_1, M_2) \in C_{M_1 M_2}} f(K_1, K_2, K_3, K_4, M_1, M_2, 0, 0) = Q(K_1, K_2, 0, 0)$$

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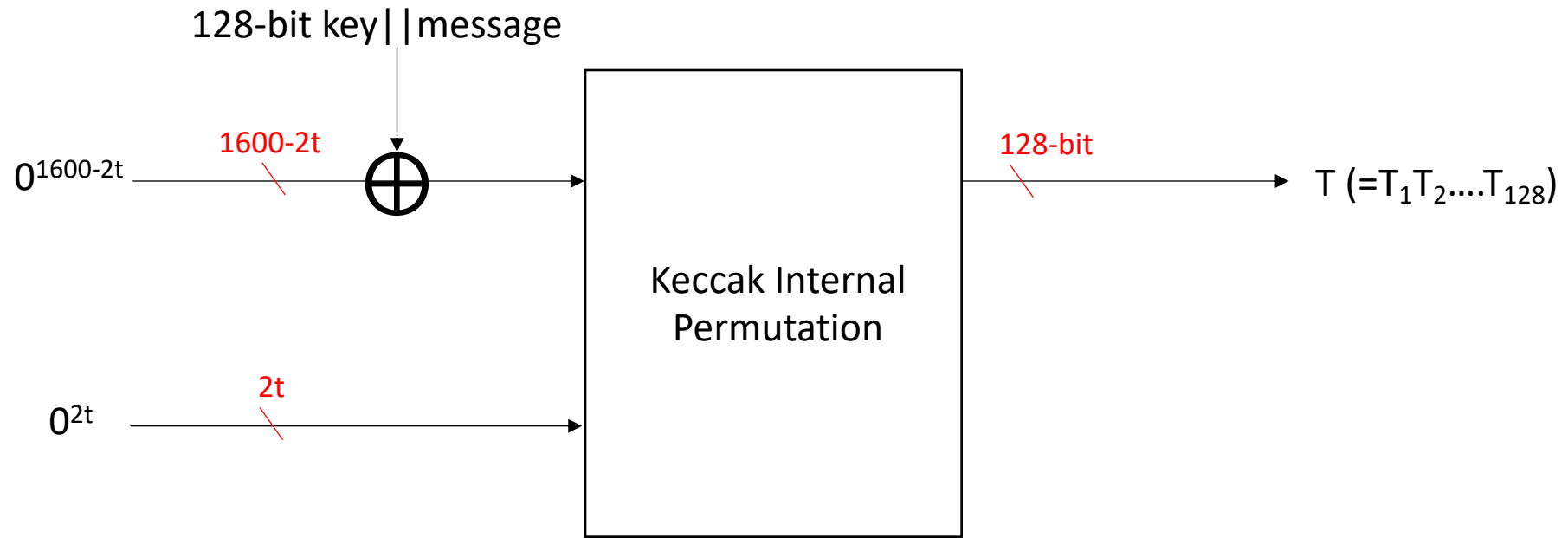
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- Once a matching happens, we can find K_1, K_2 .
- Then, we exhaustively search the remaining two bits, K_3, K_4 . (Divide-and-Conquer Attack)

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Construction of Keccak-MAC-t

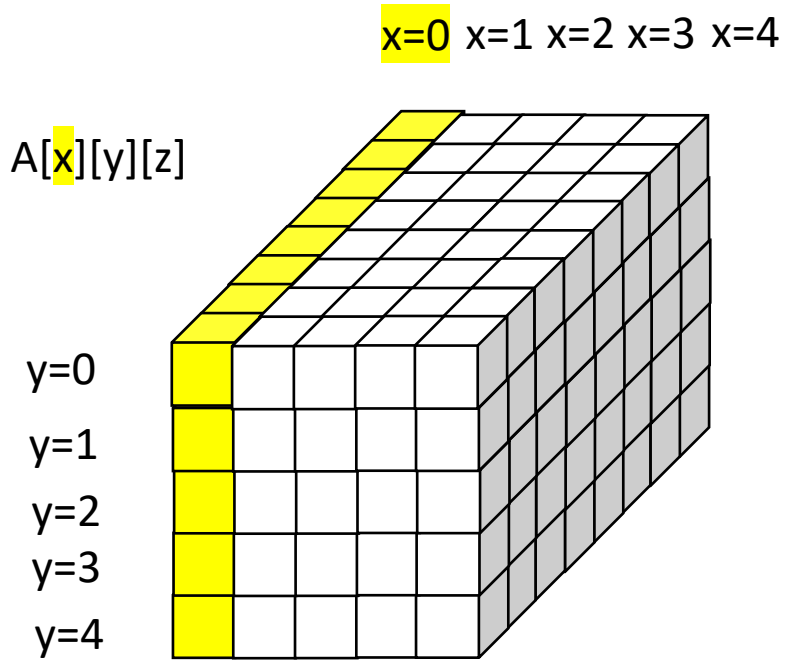
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- The secret key K is 128-bit.
- Let $K=K_0 || K_1$, where $|K_0|=|K_1|=64$.
- We need to search a cube with some cube variables whose superpolys depends only K_0 .
- How can we find such cube?

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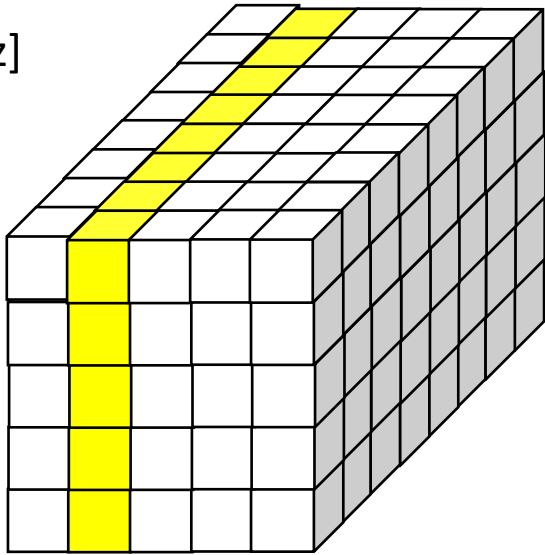
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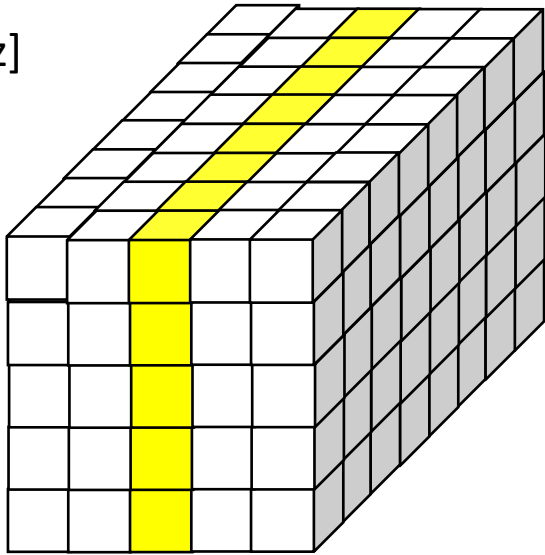
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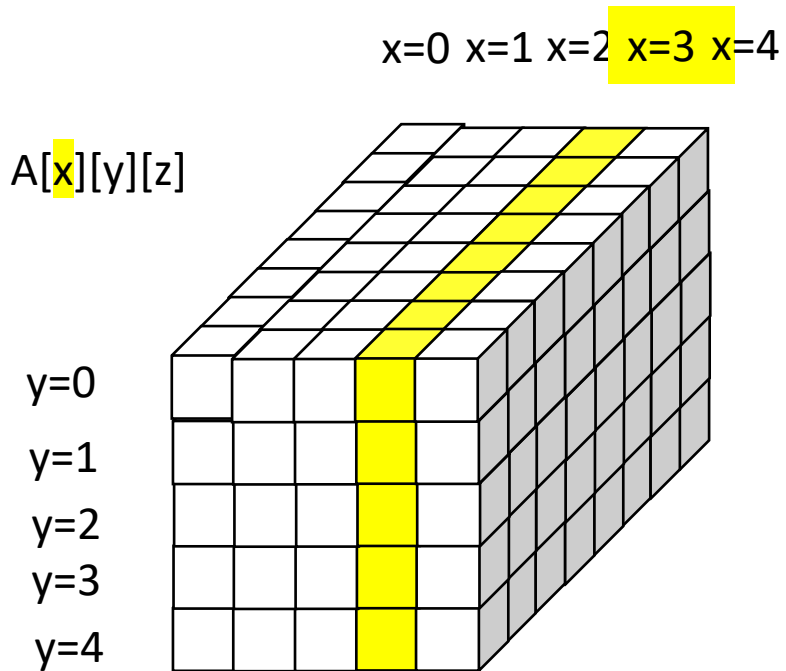
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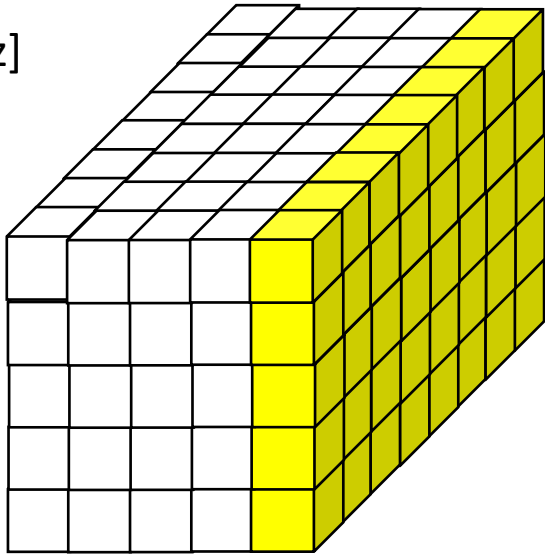
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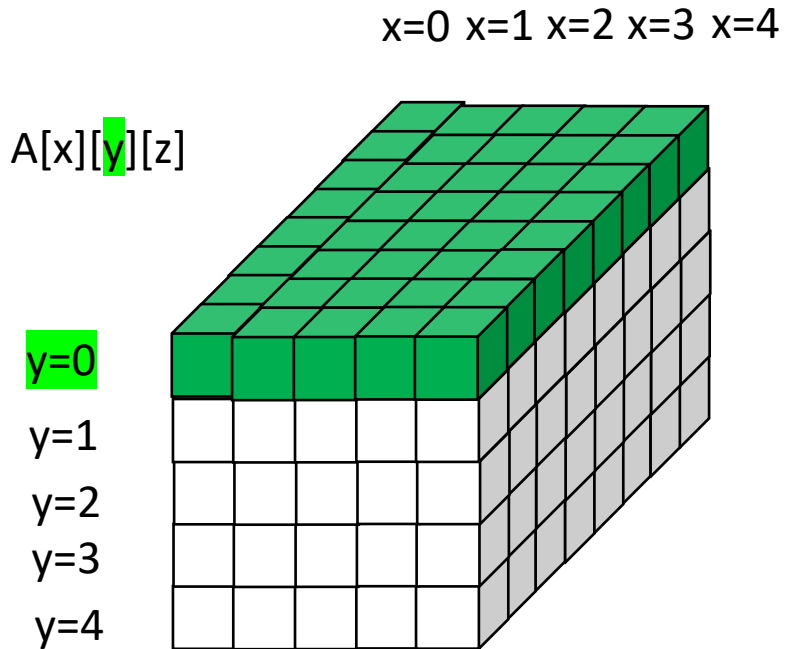
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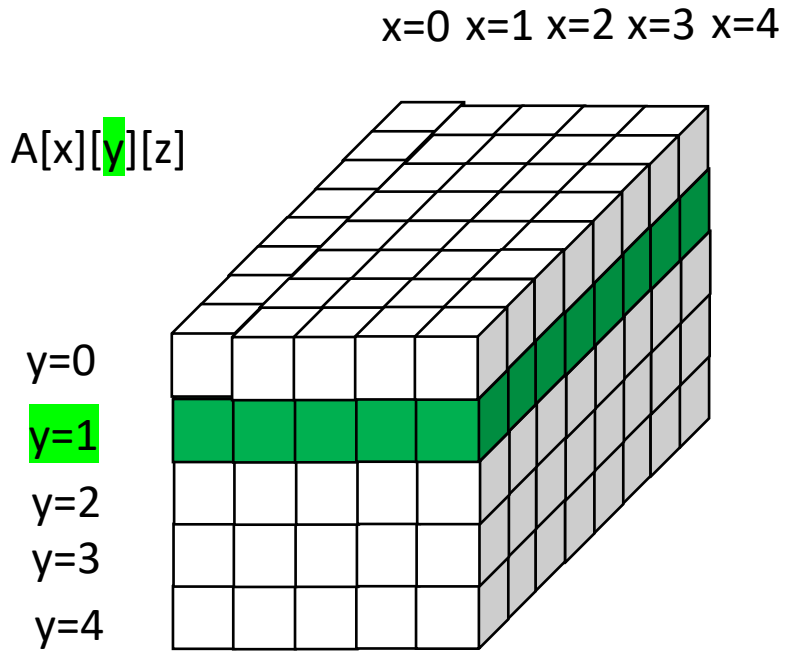
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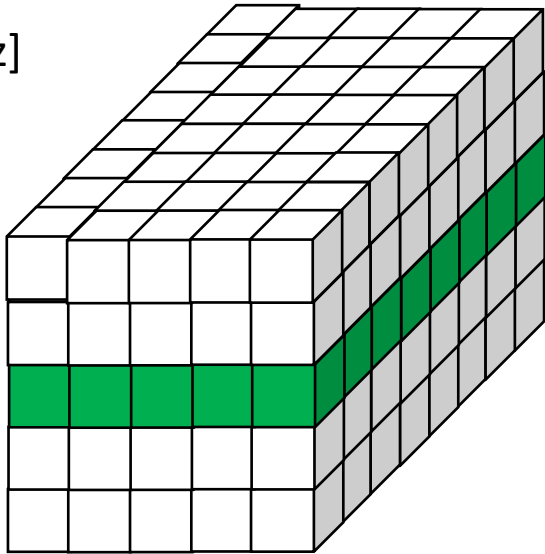
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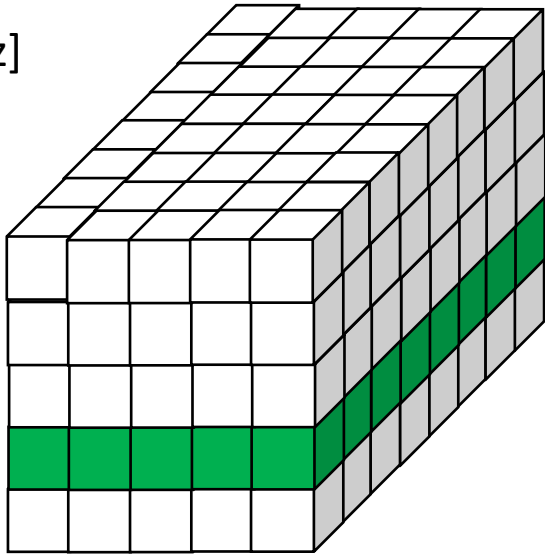
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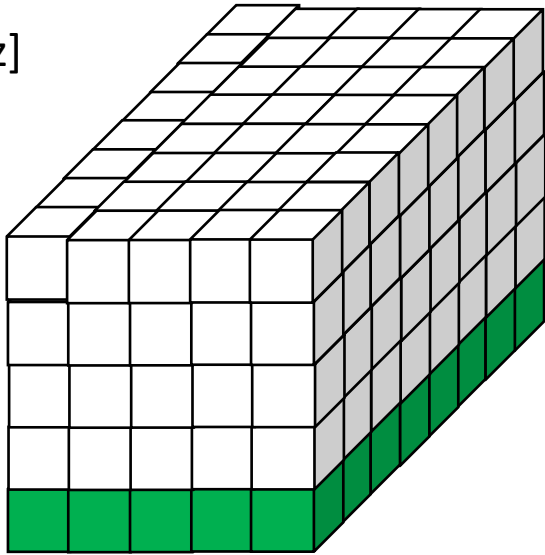
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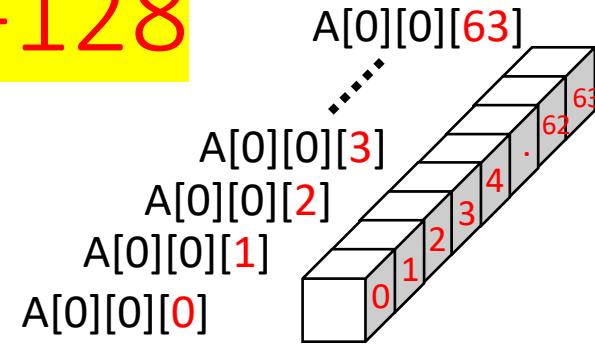
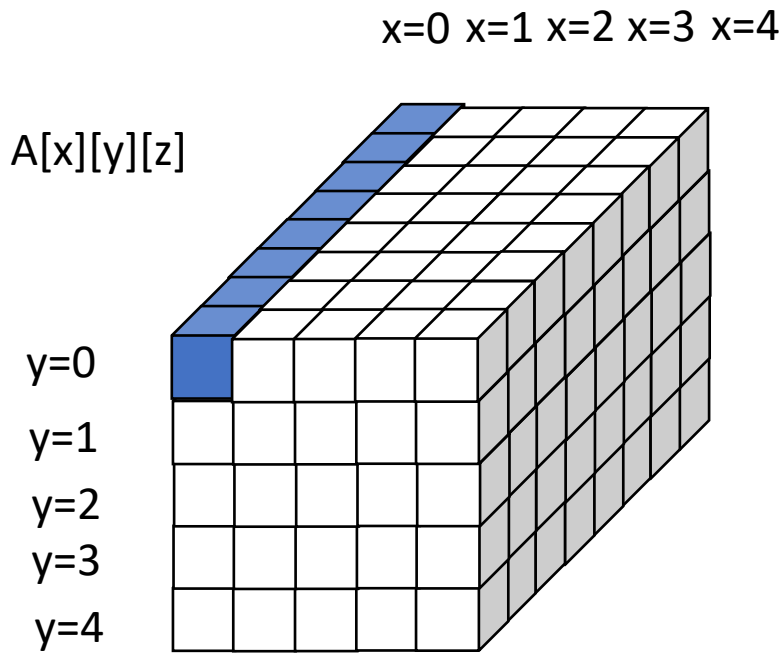
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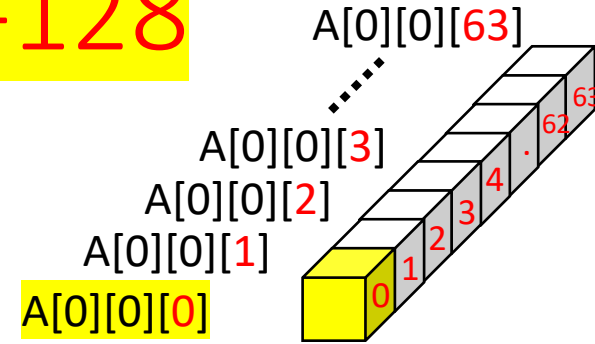
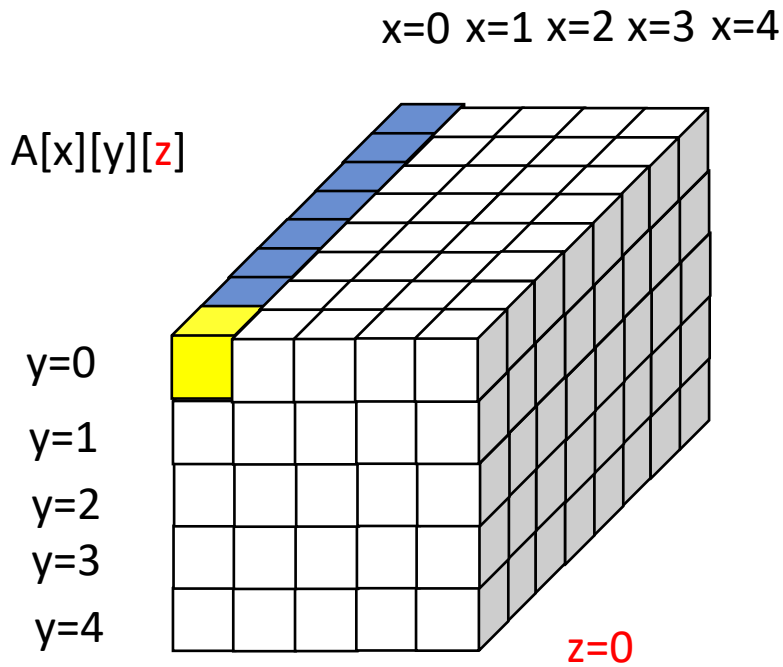
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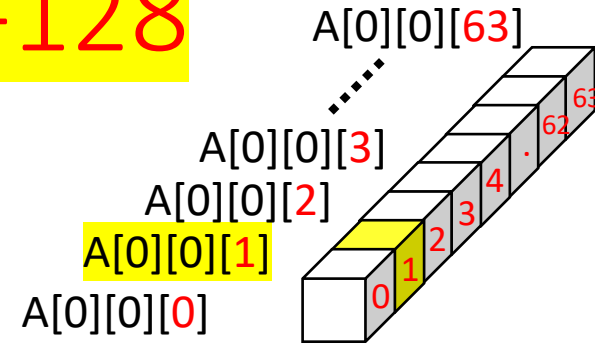
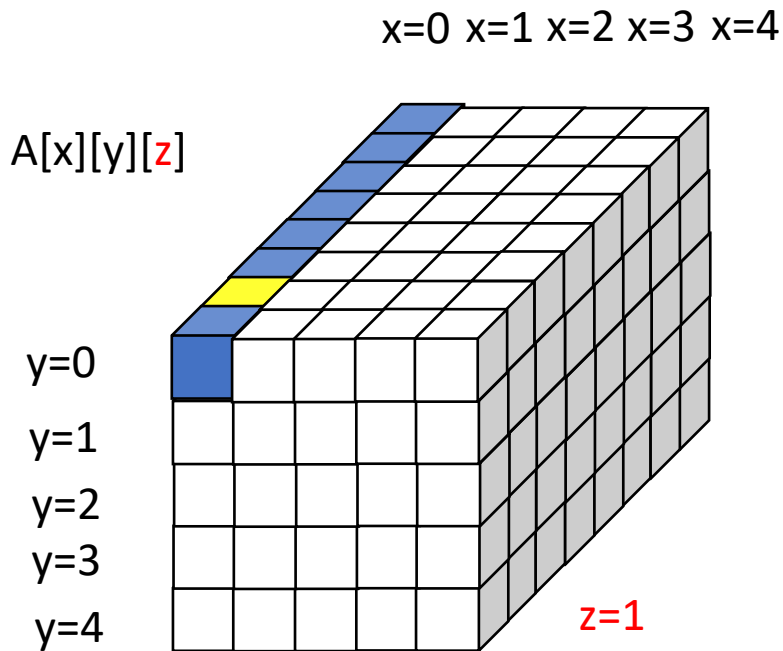
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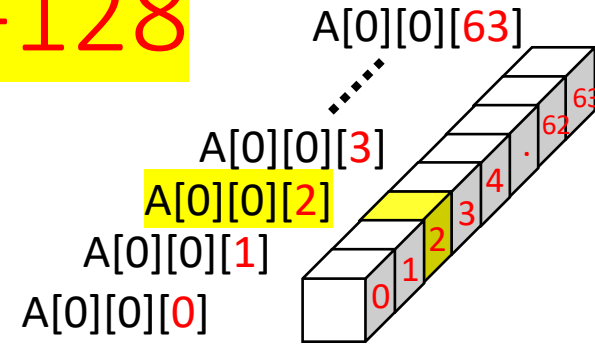
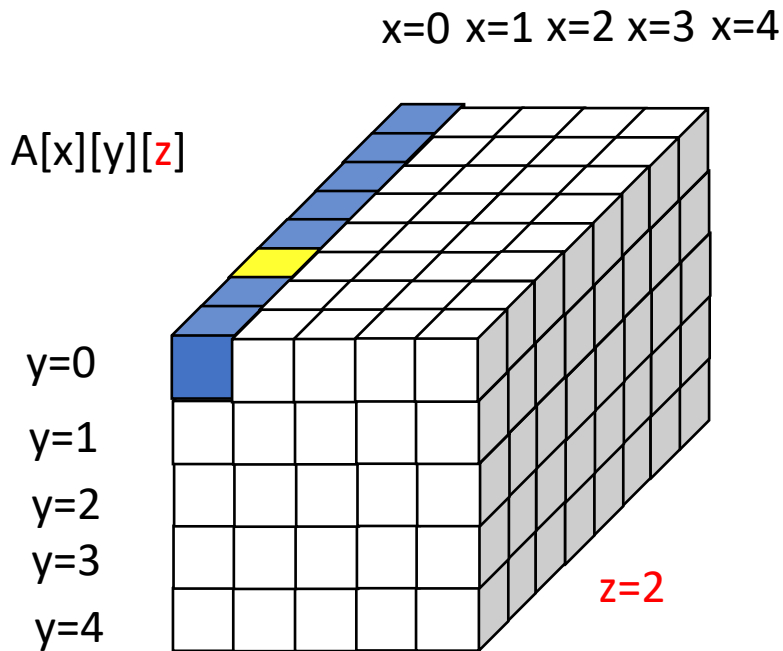
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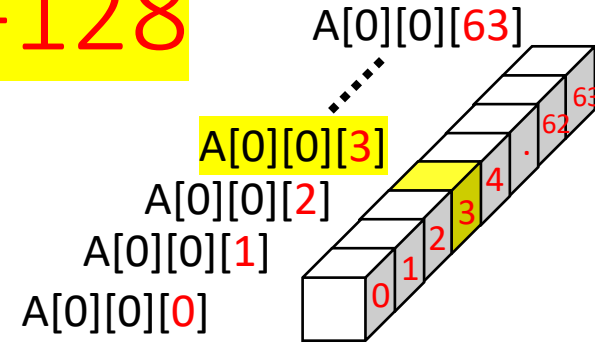
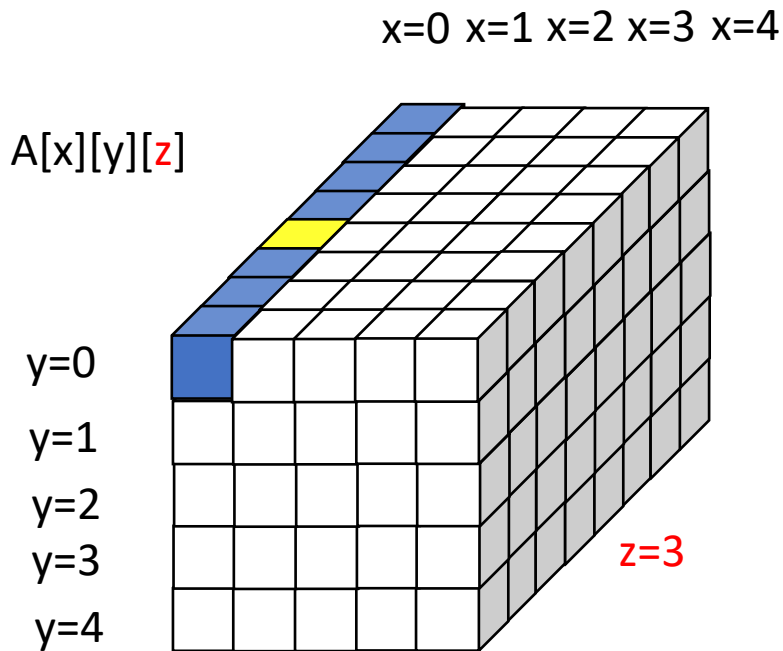
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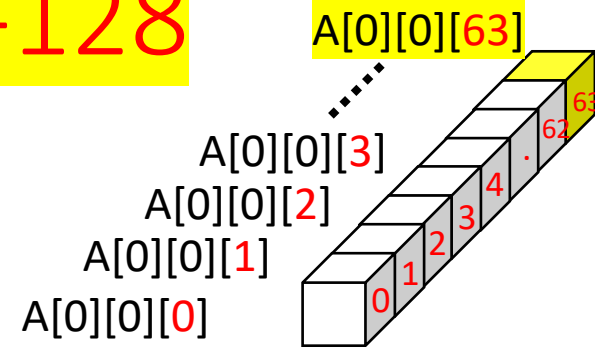
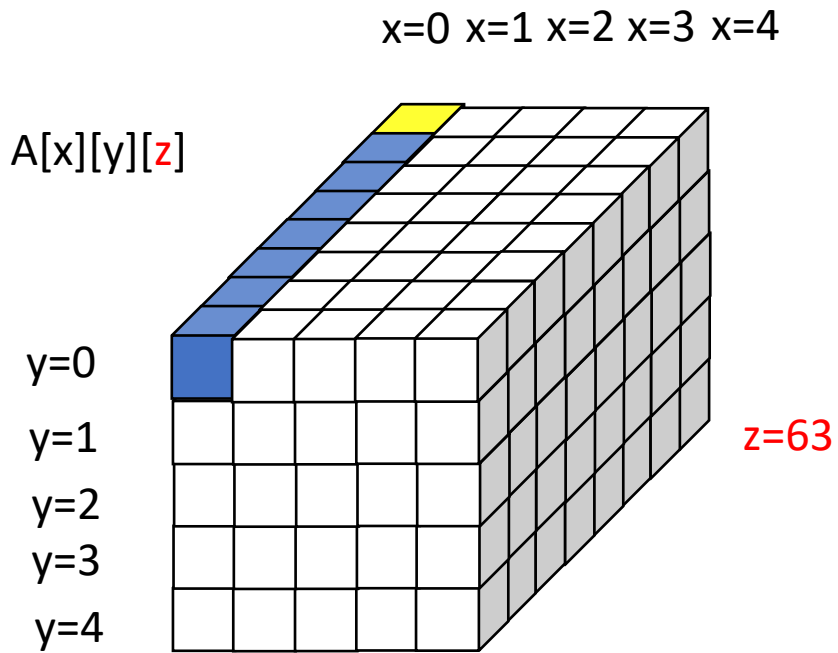
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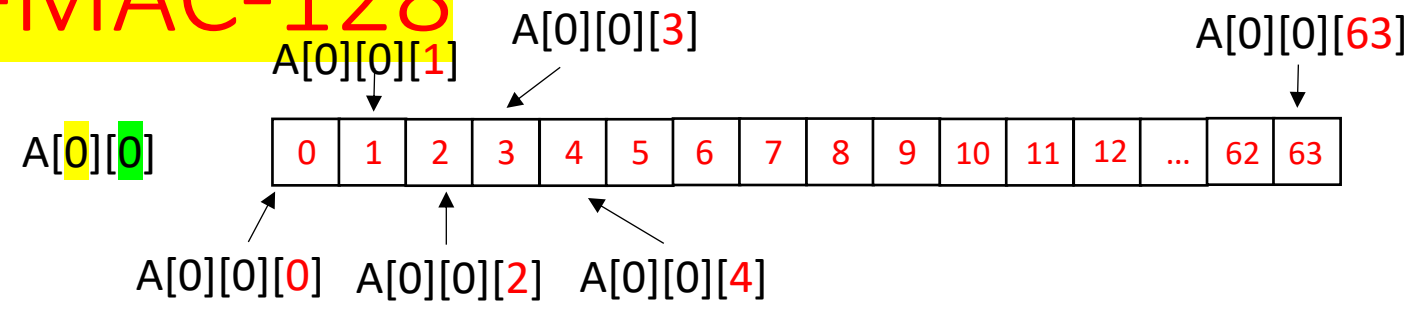
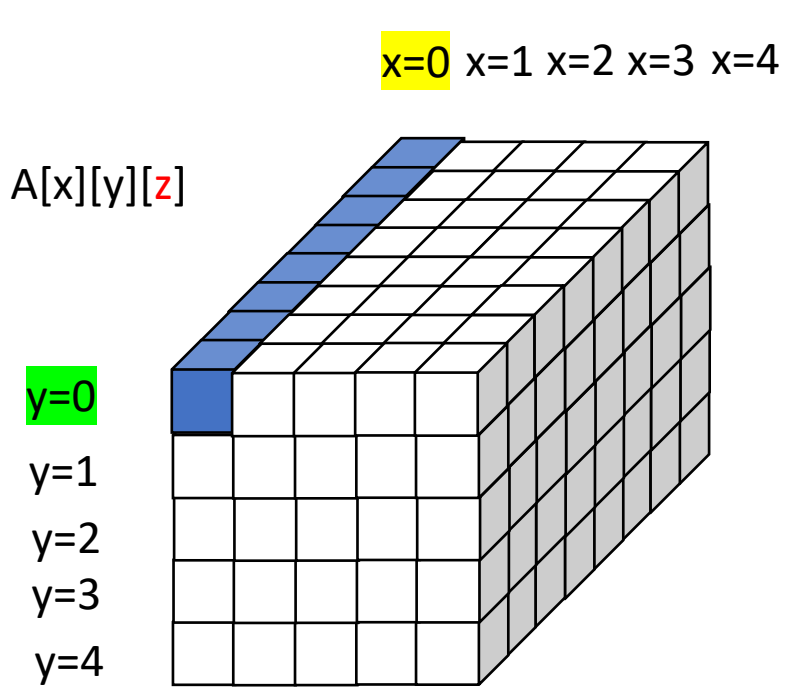
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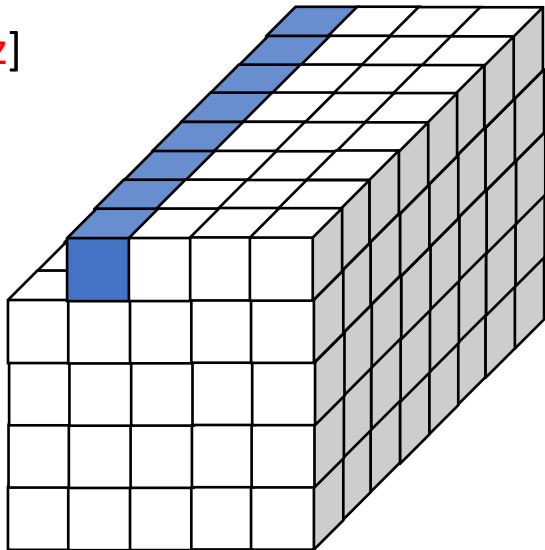
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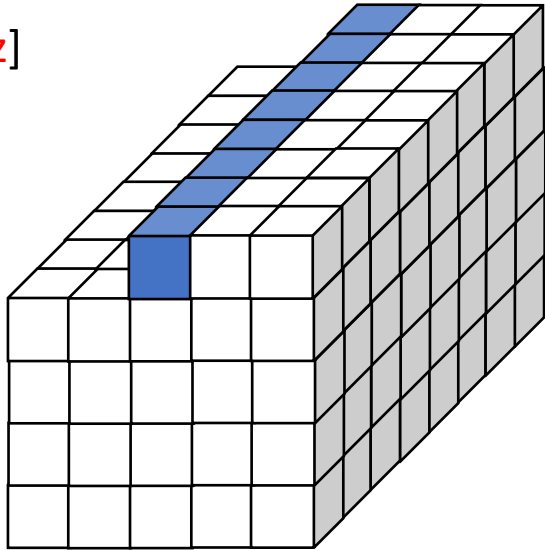
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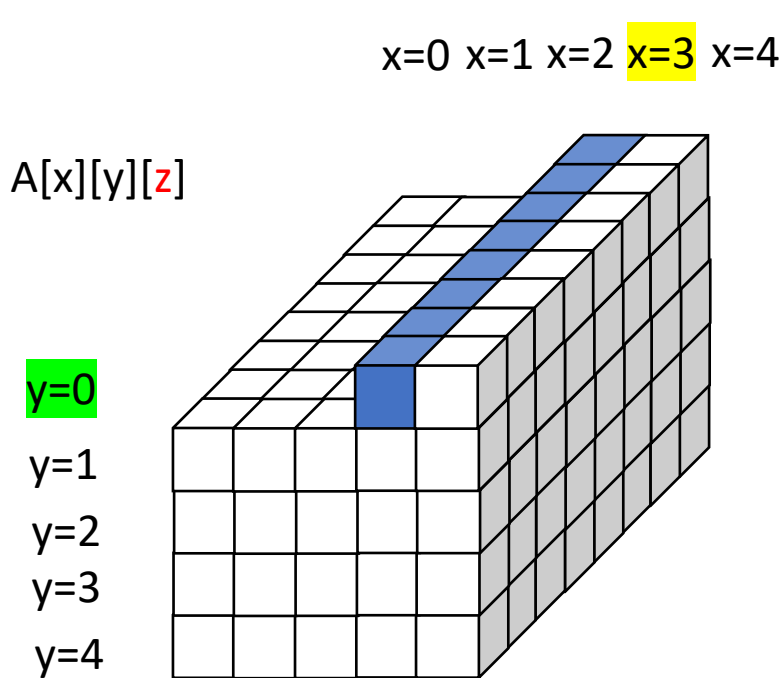
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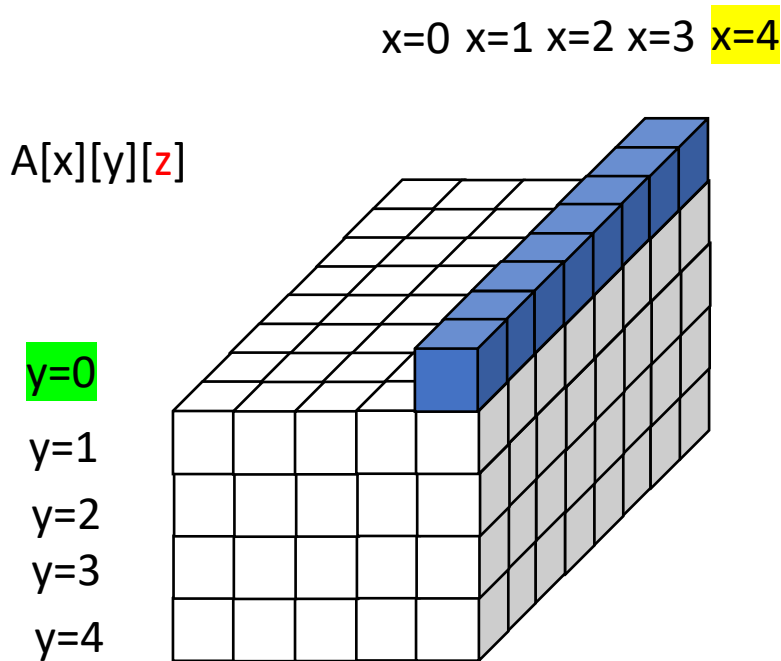


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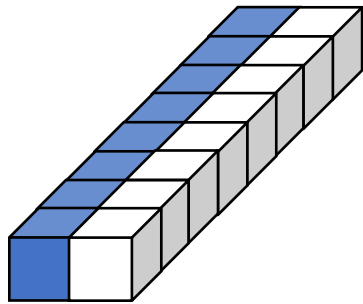
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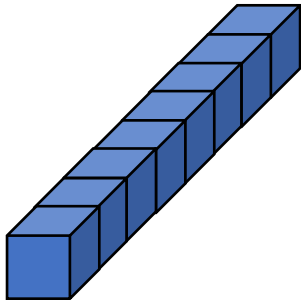
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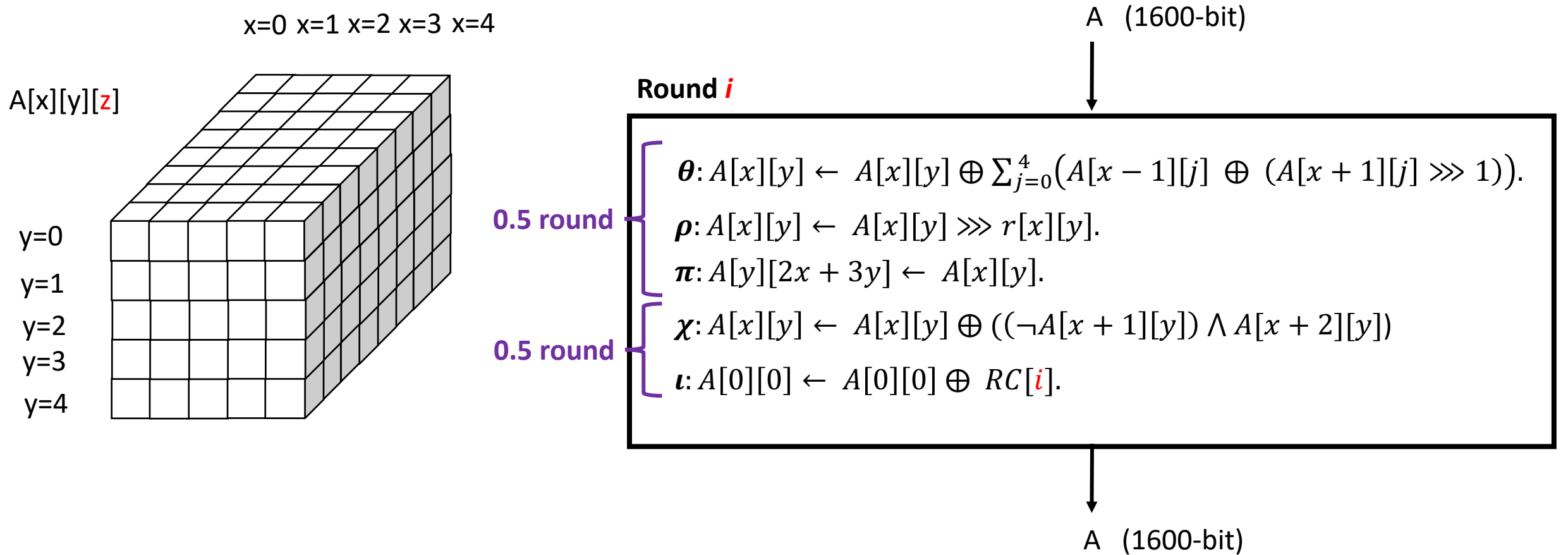
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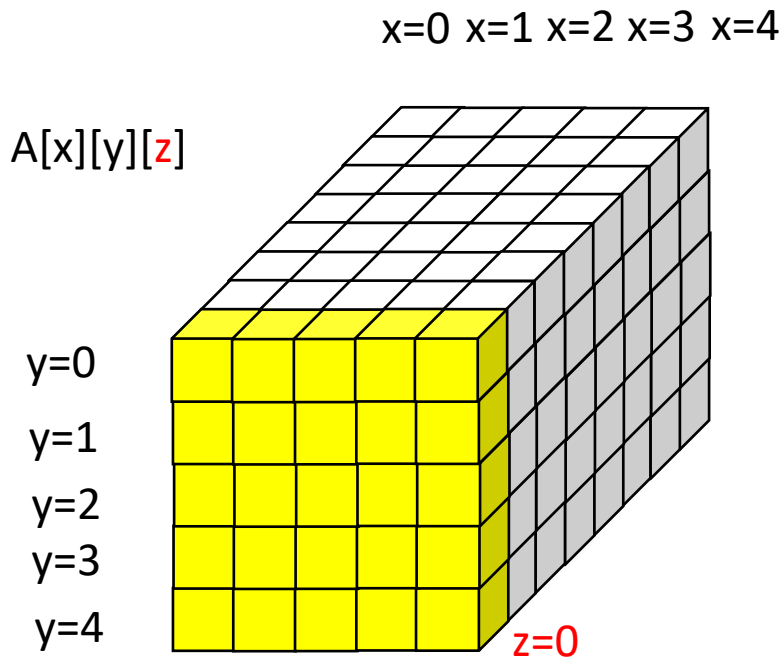
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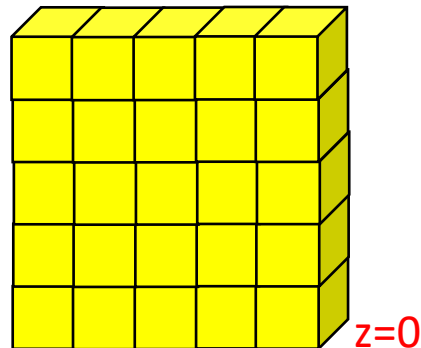
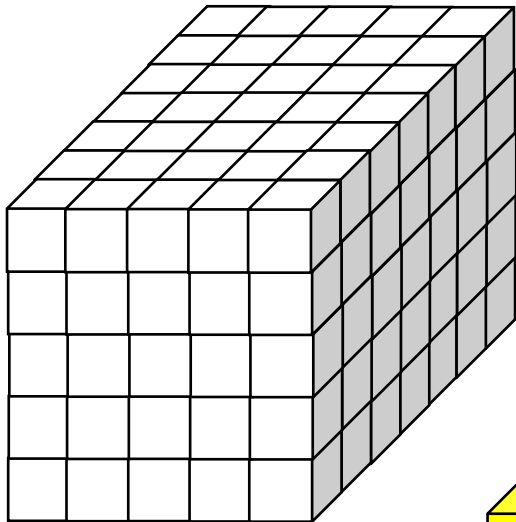
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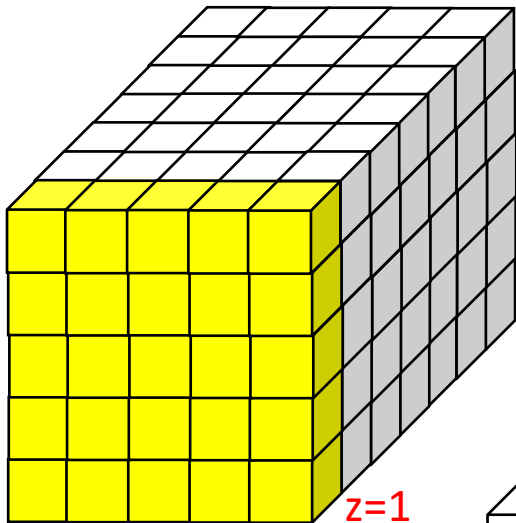
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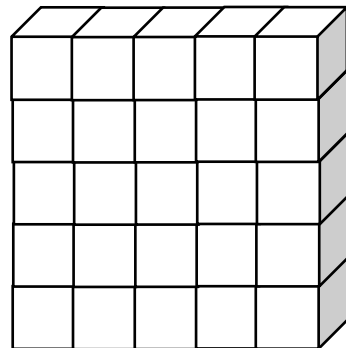
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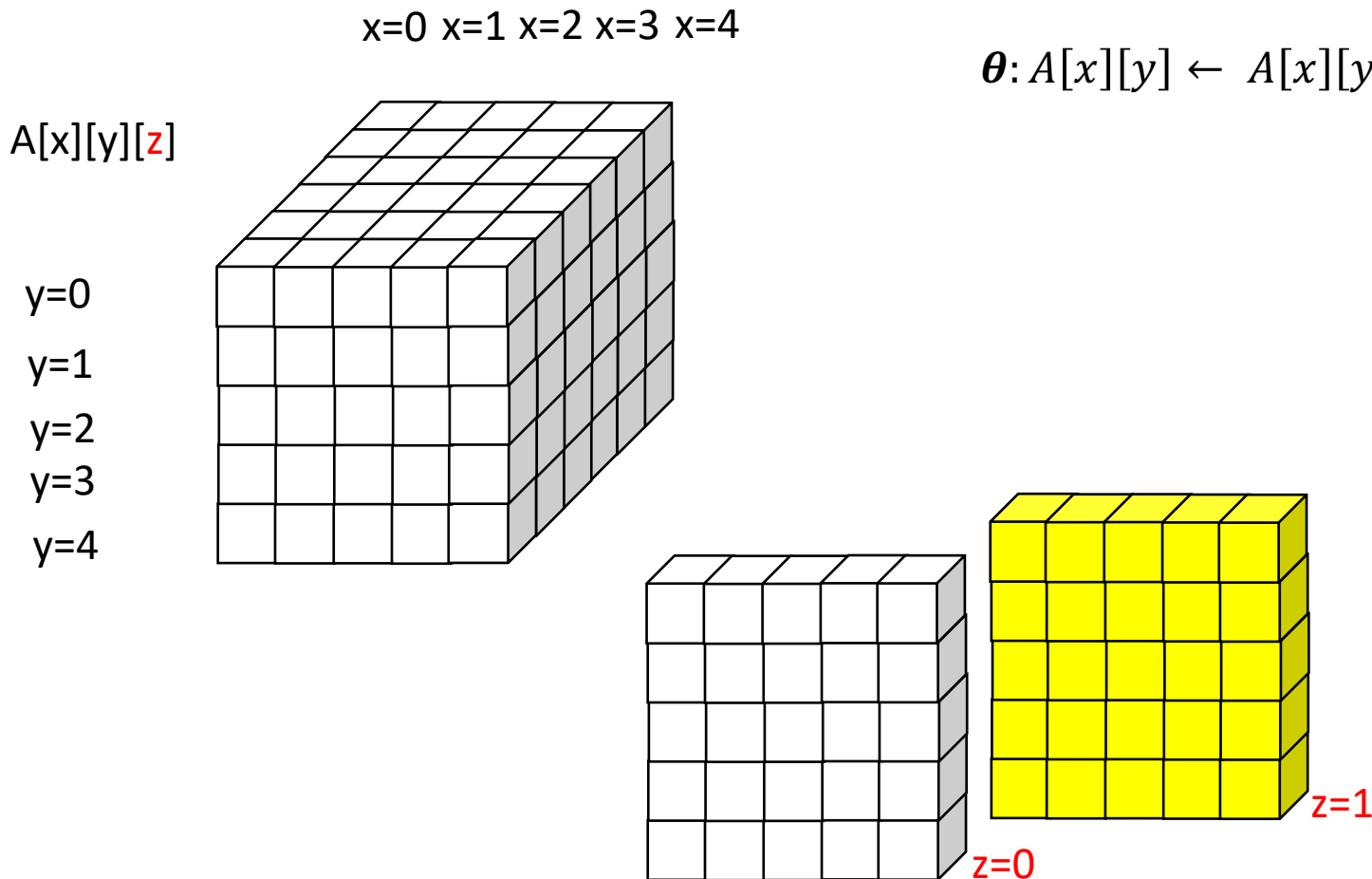


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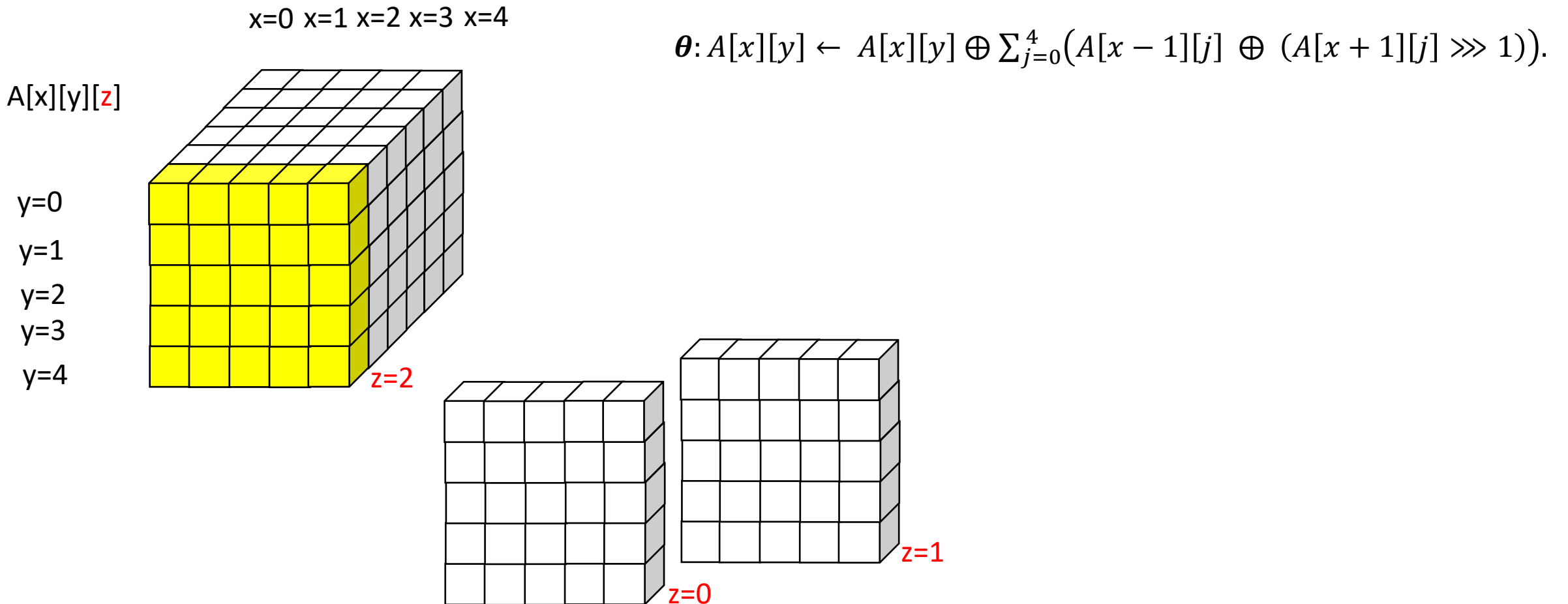
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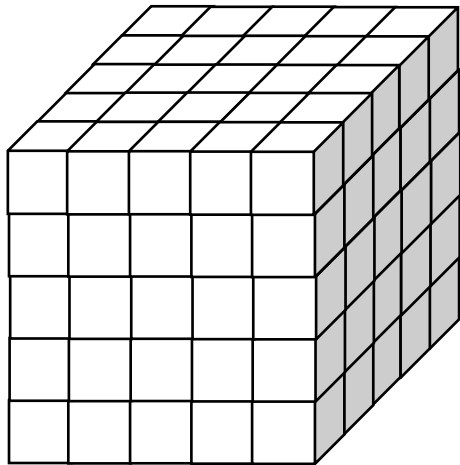
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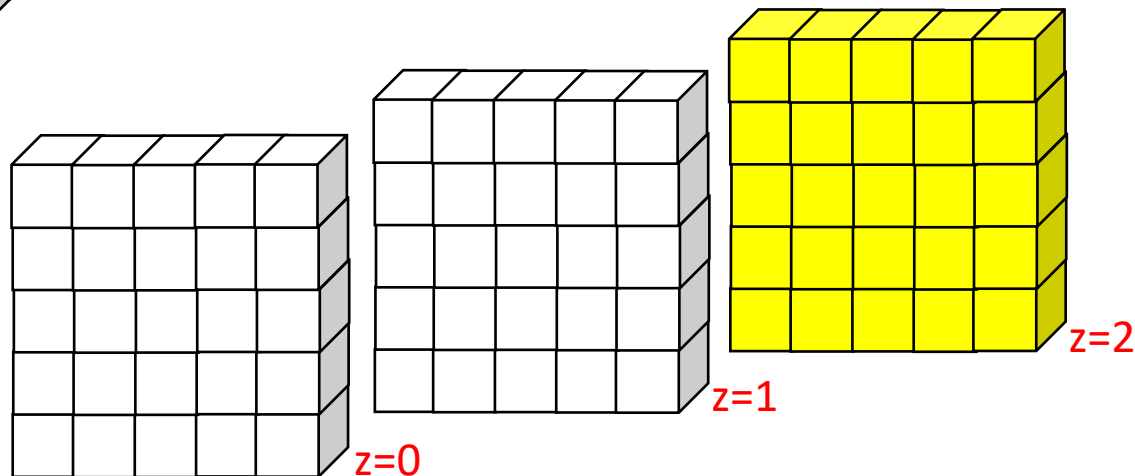
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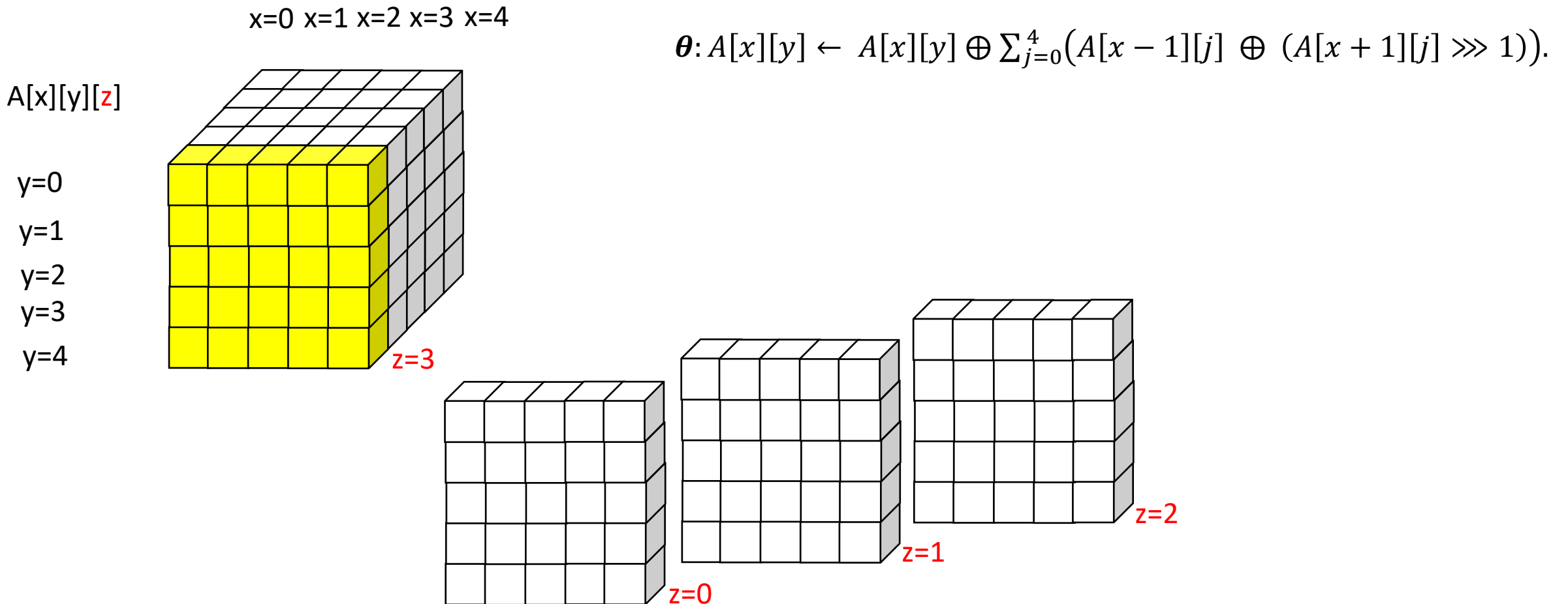


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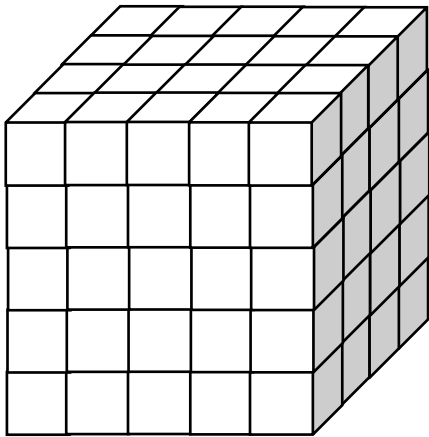
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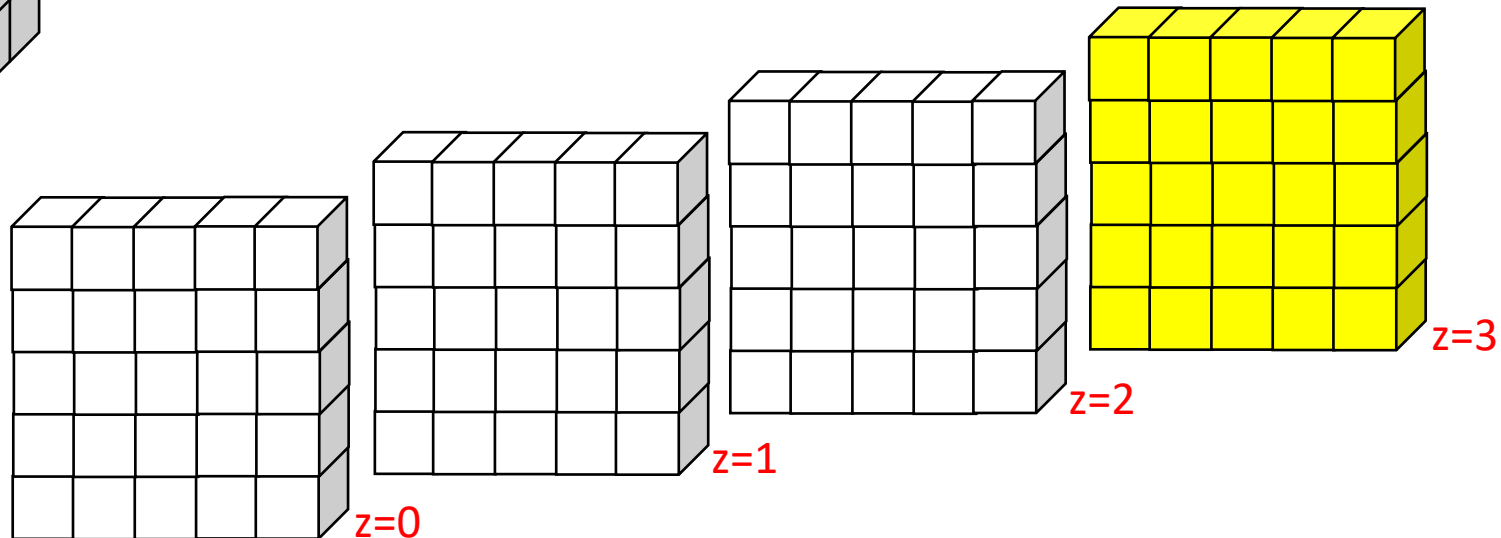
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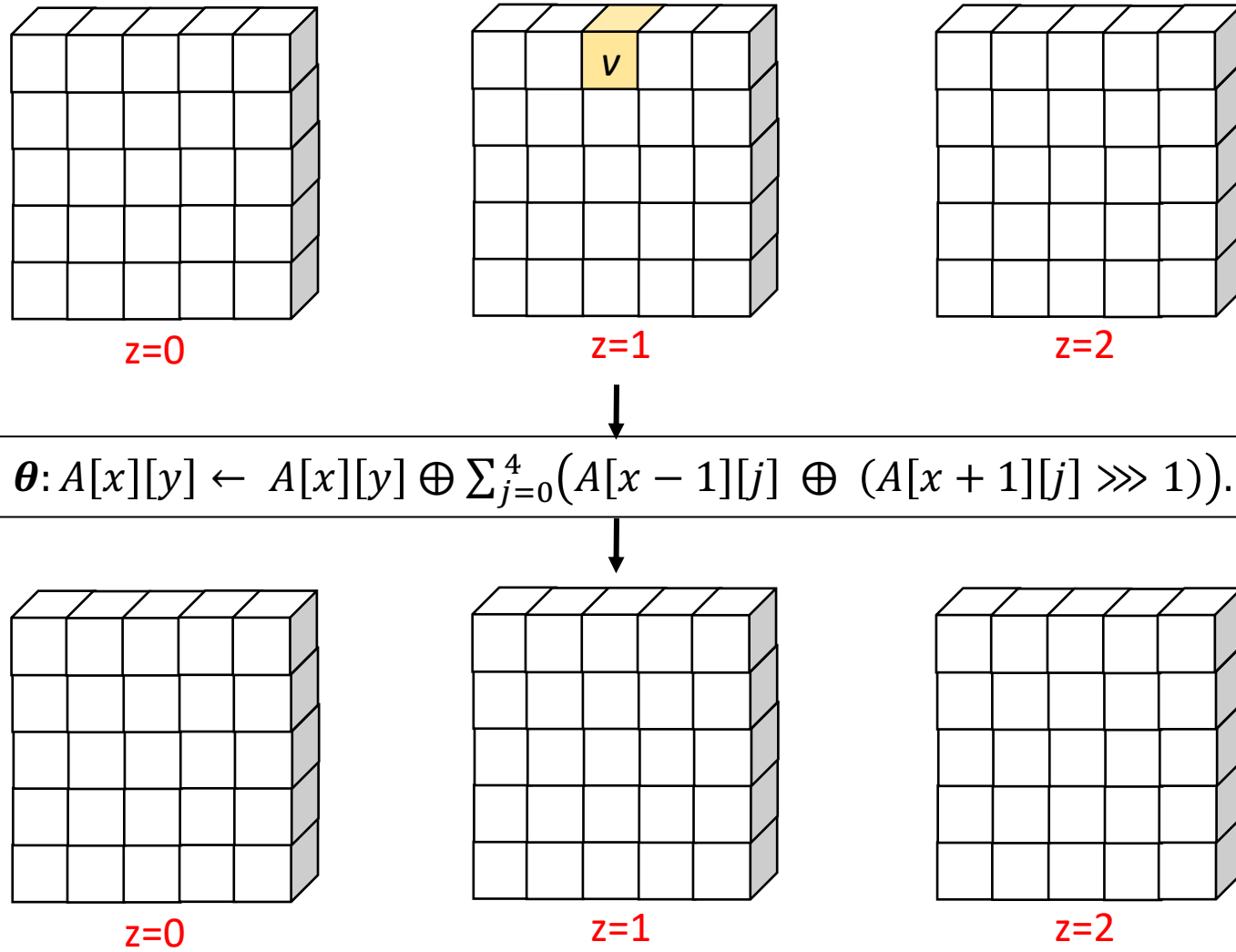


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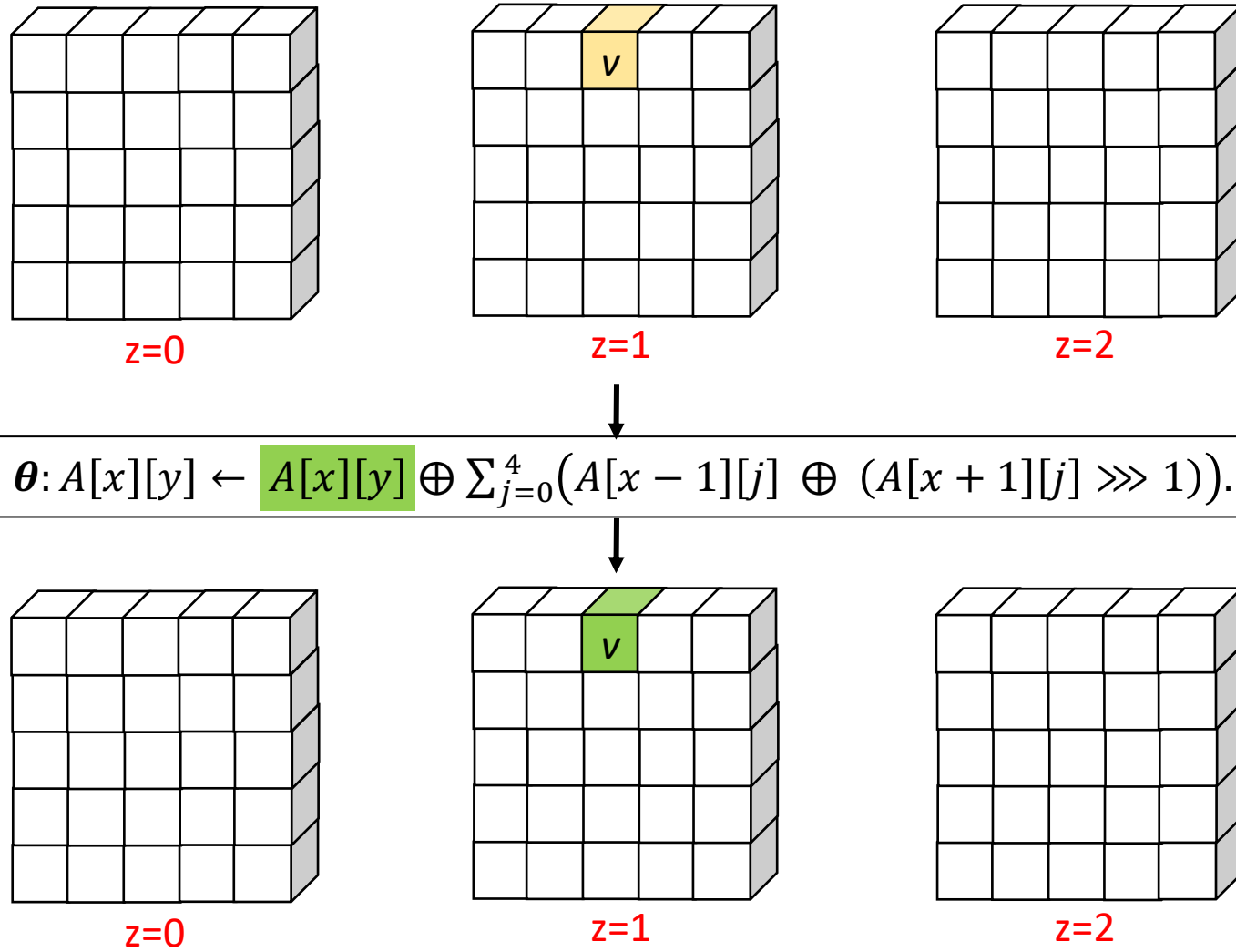
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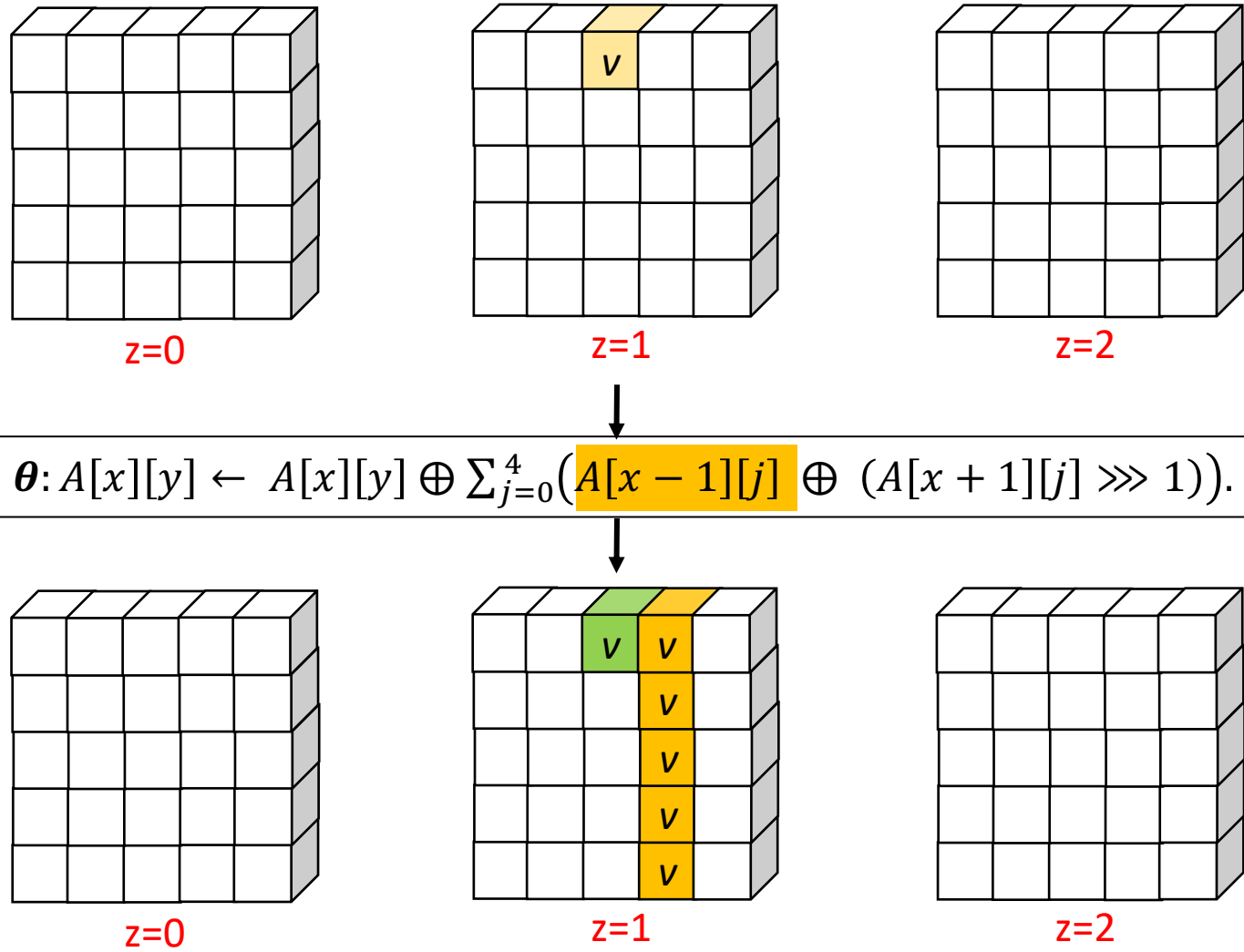
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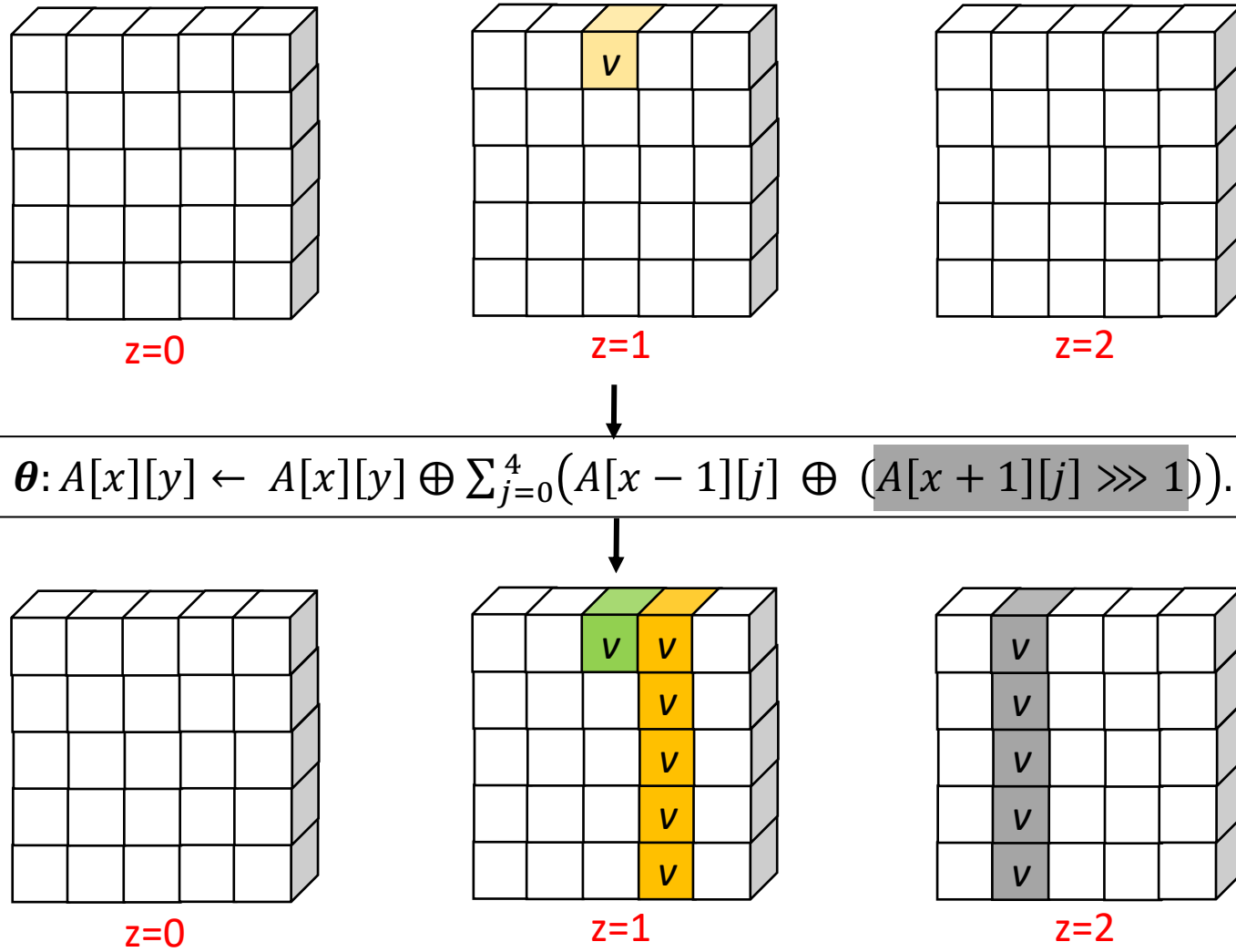
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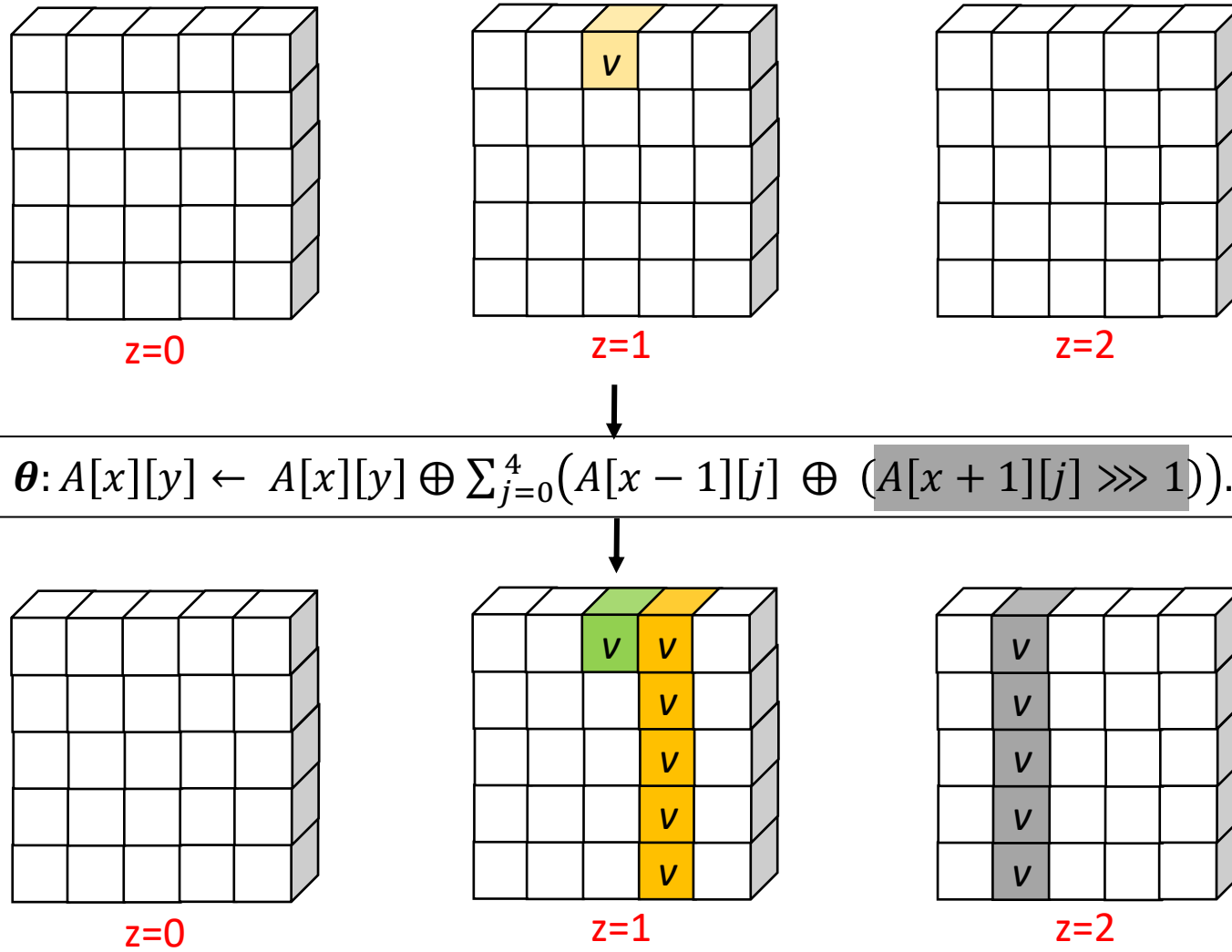
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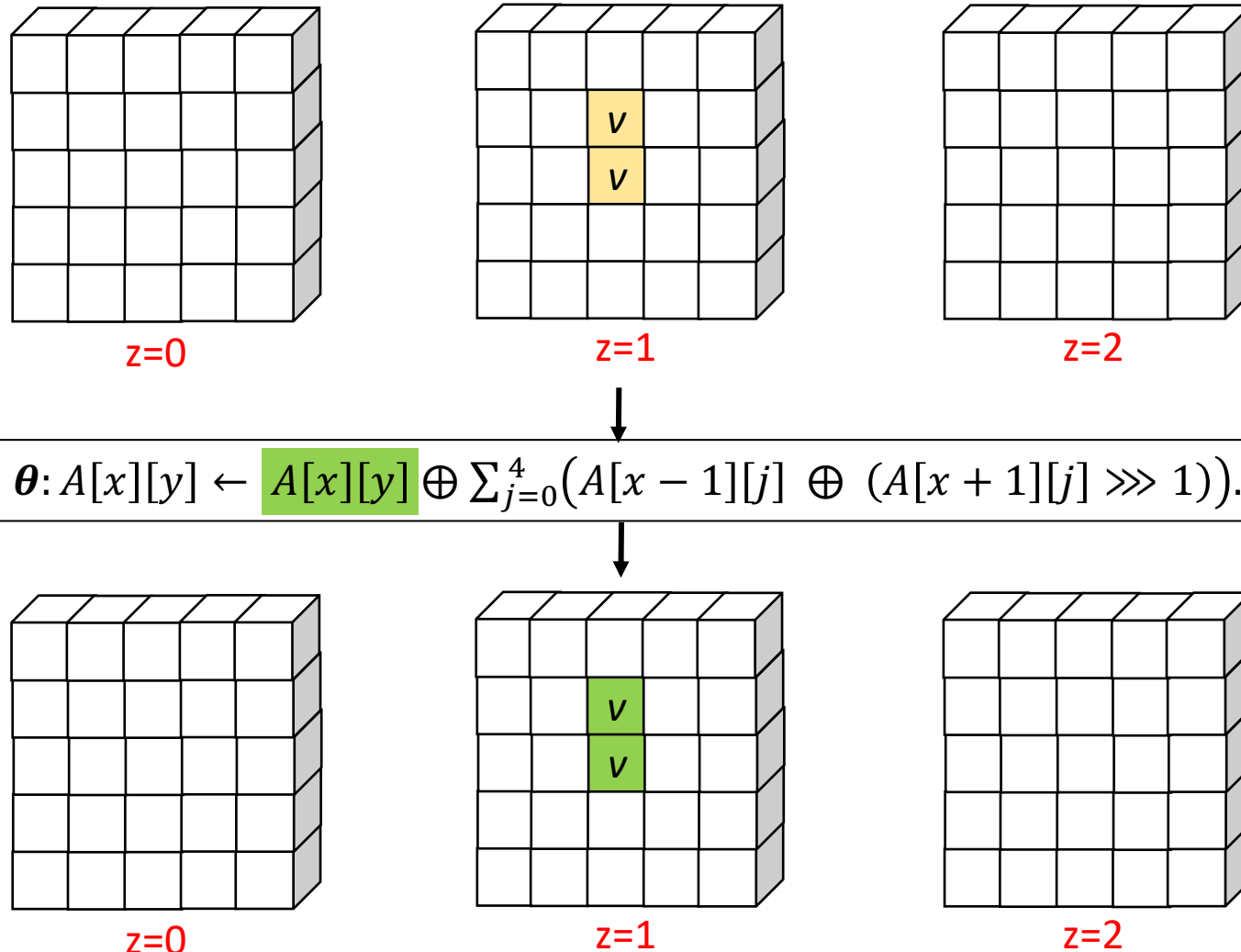
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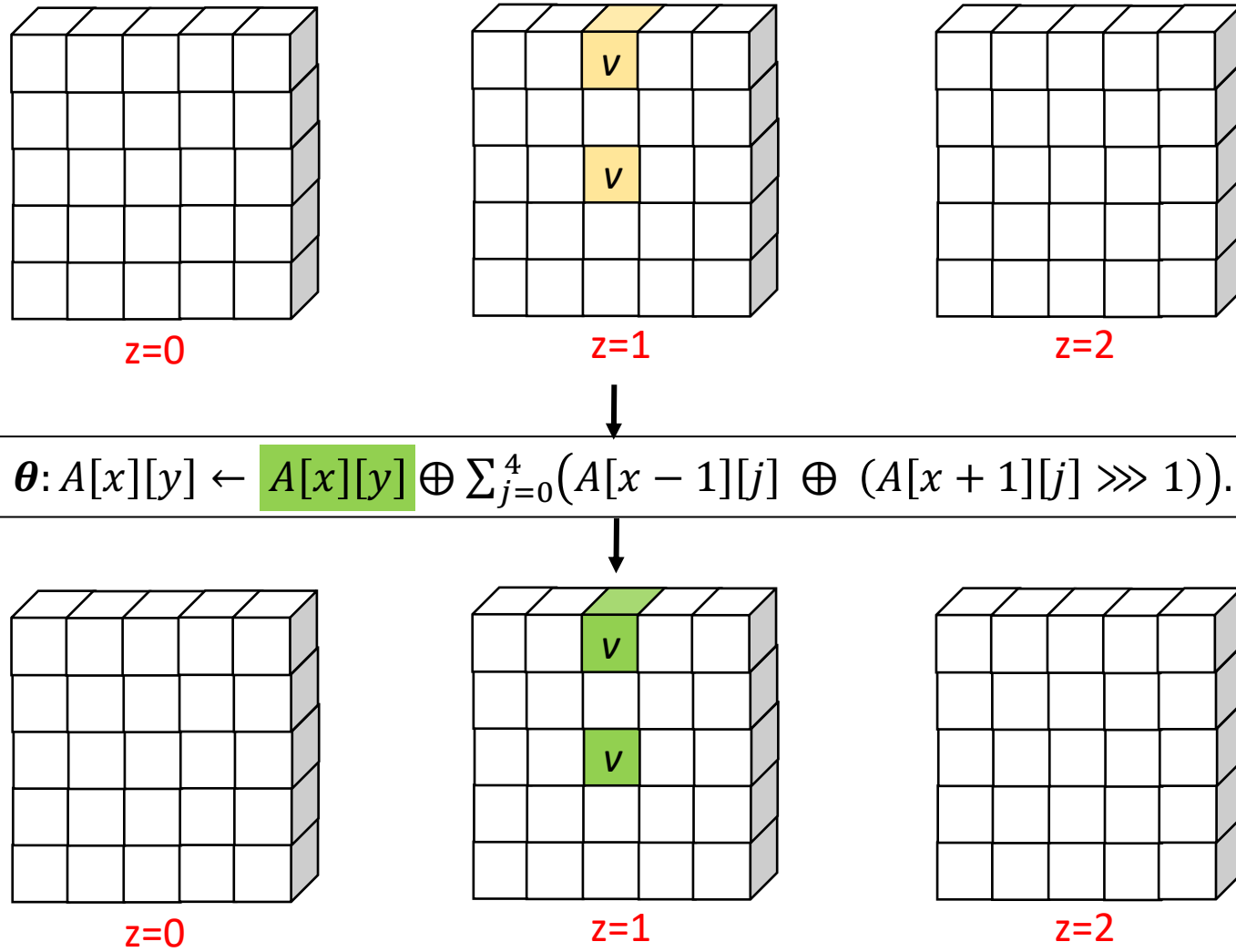
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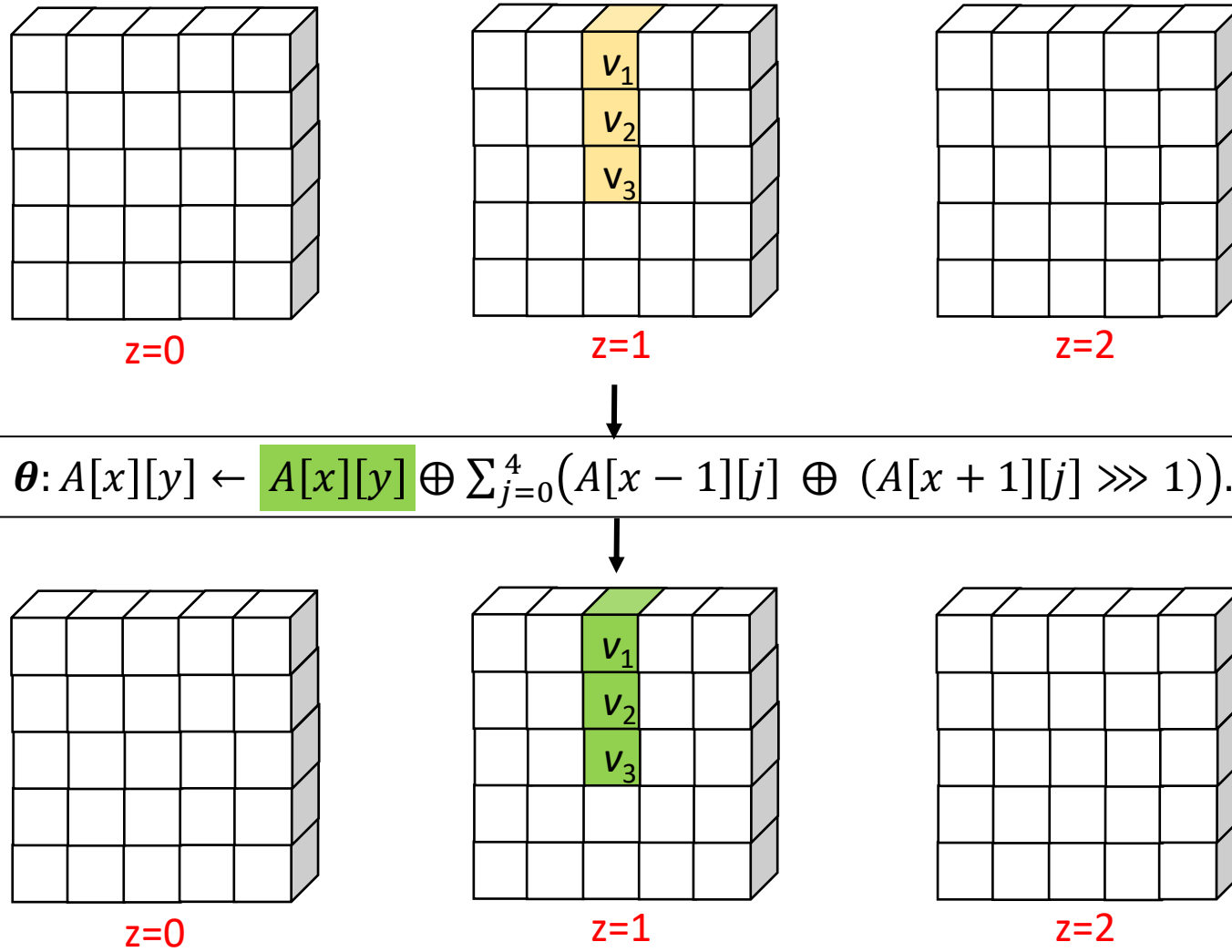
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Through θ ,
three variables
 v_1, v_2, v_3 (s.t.
 $v_1 + v_2 = v_3$)
influences
Only 3-bit
positions.

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$r[x][y]$	$x=3$	$x=4$	$x=0$	$x=1$	$x=2$
$y=2$	25	39	3	10	43
$y=1$	55	20	36	44	6
$y=0$	28	27	0	1	62
$y=4$	56	14	18	2	61
$y=3$	21	8	41	45	15

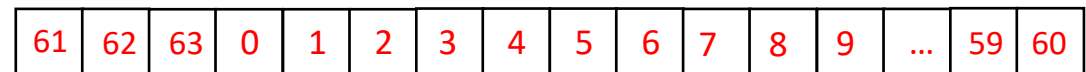
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$A[0][2]$



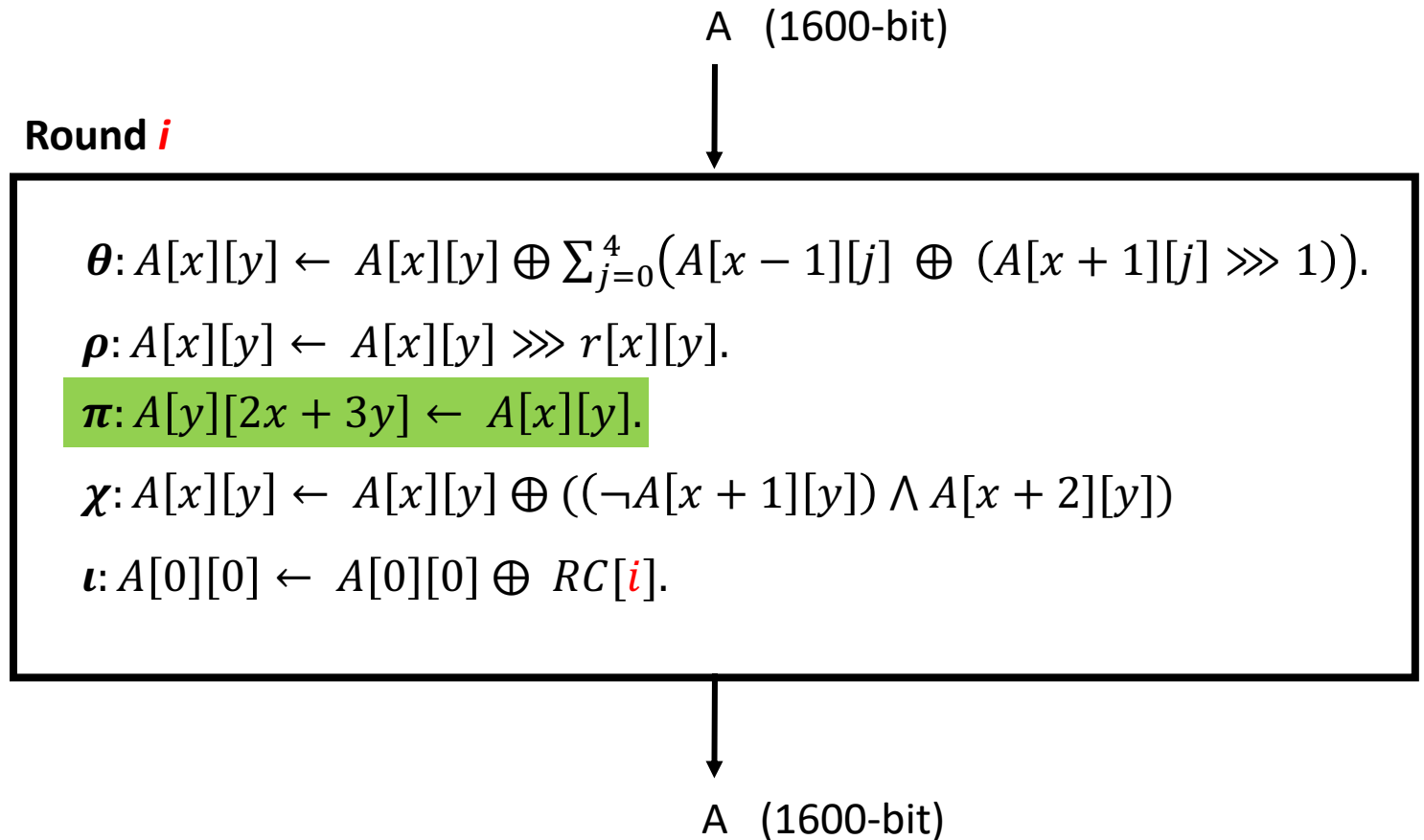
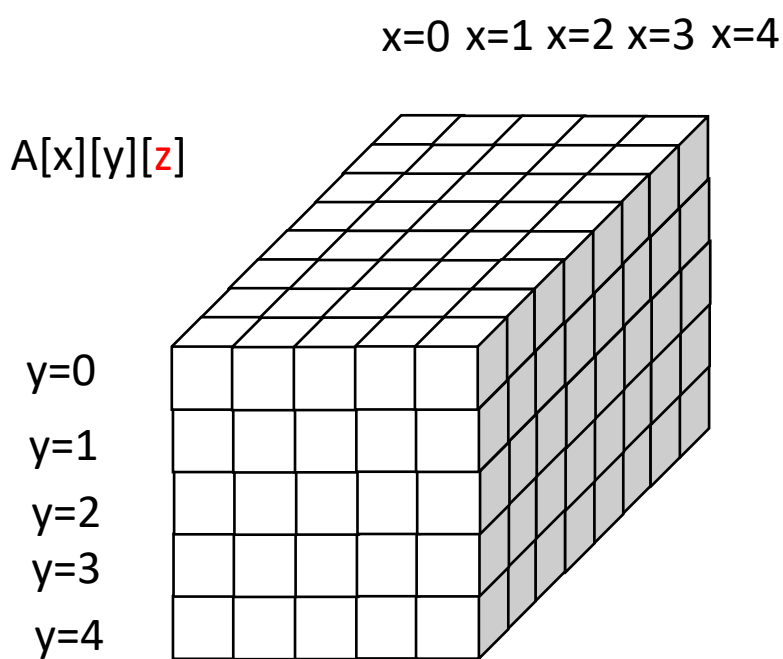
Right circular rotation by $r[0][2]=3$

$A[0][2]$



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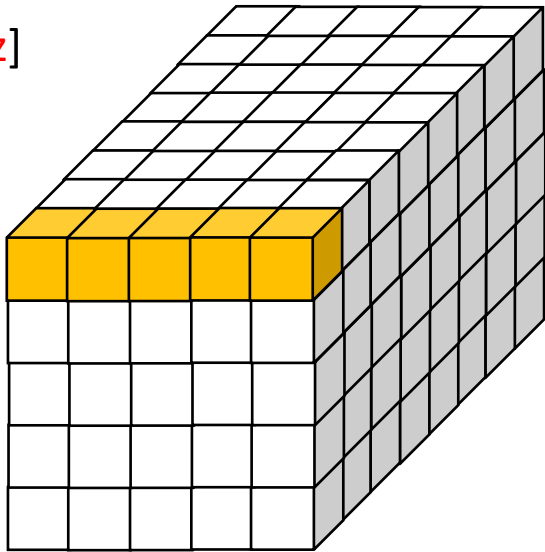
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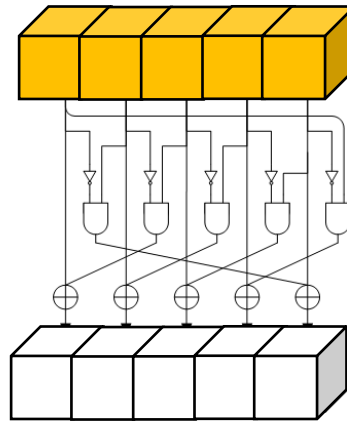
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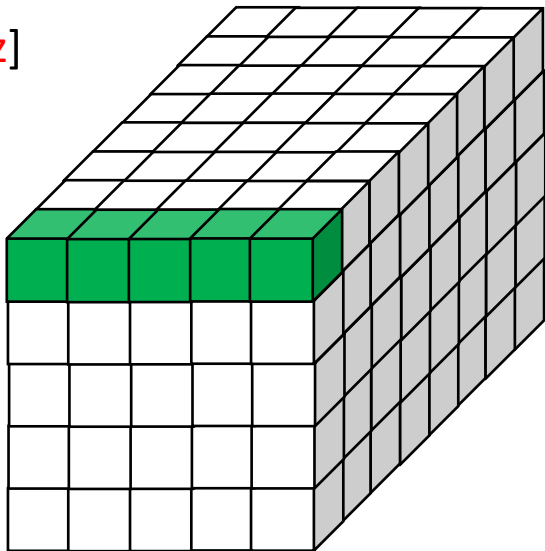
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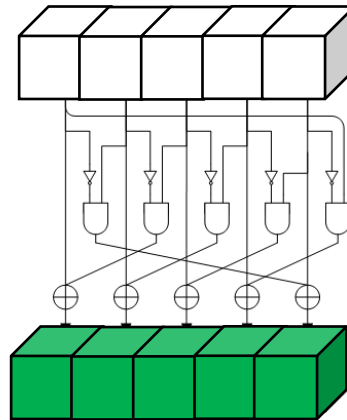
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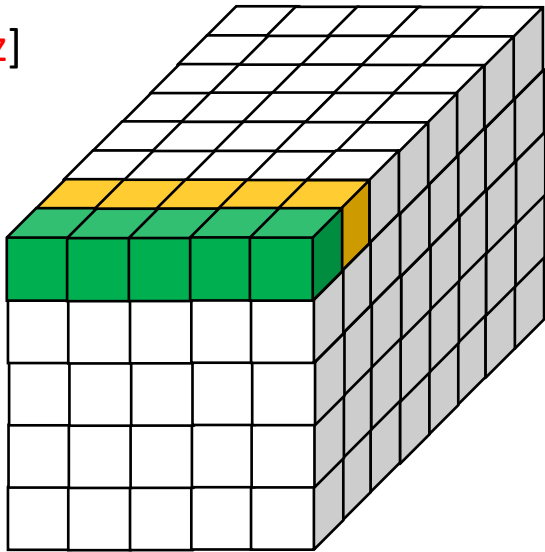
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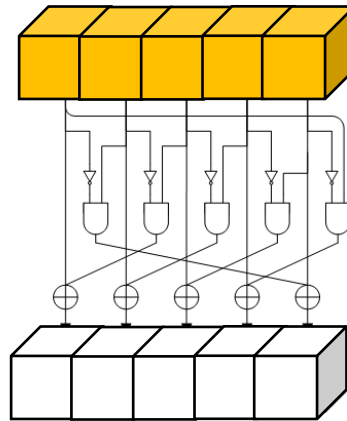
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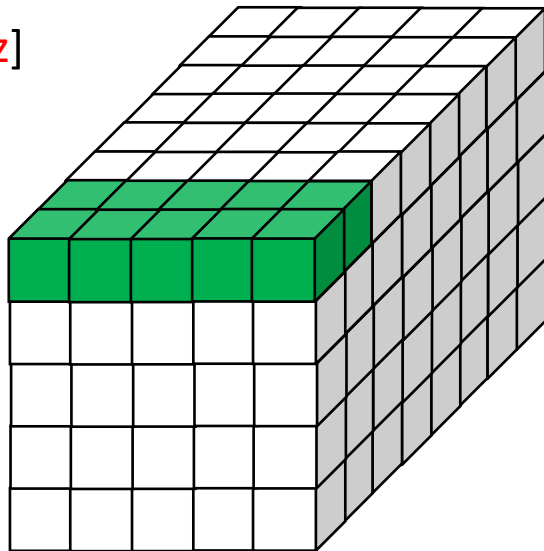
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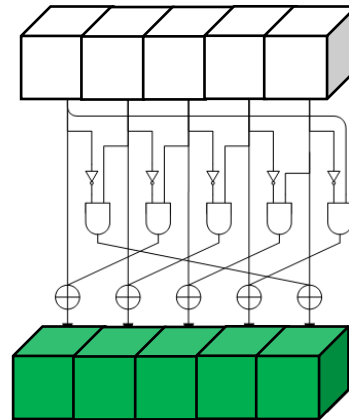
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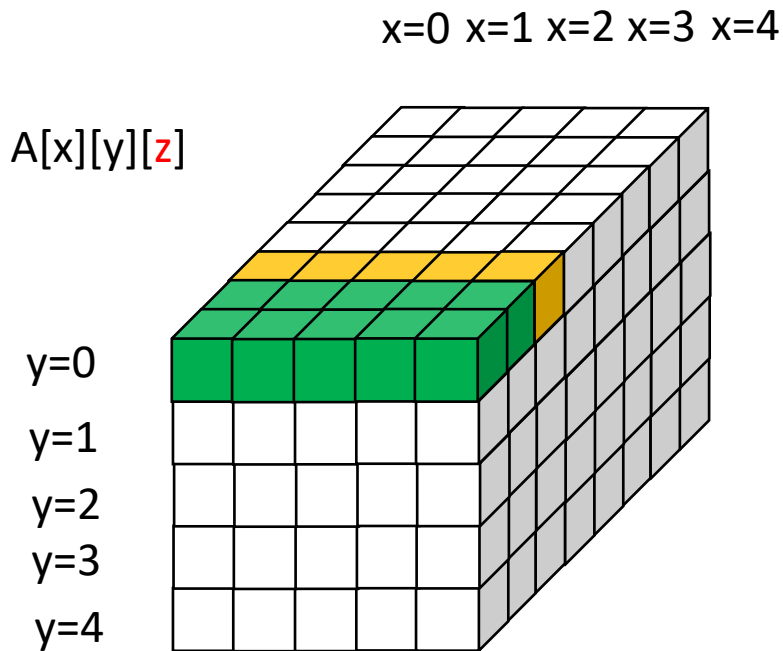


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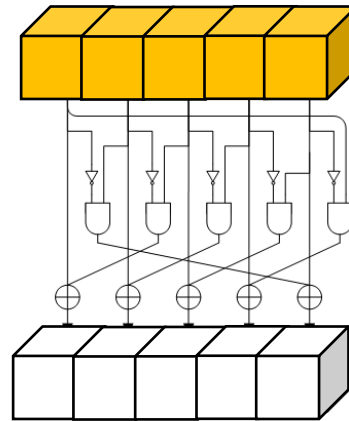


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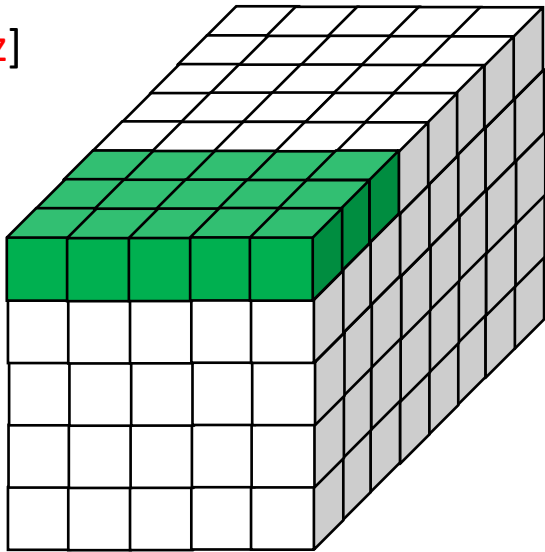
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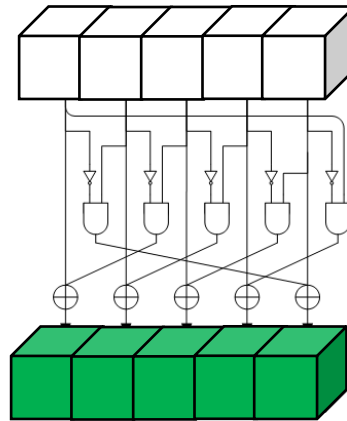
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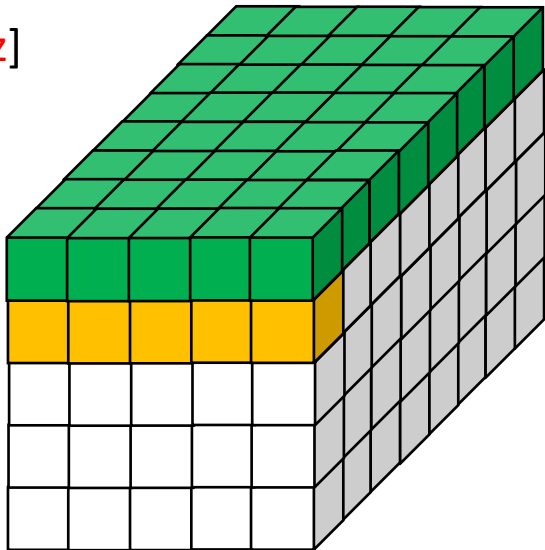
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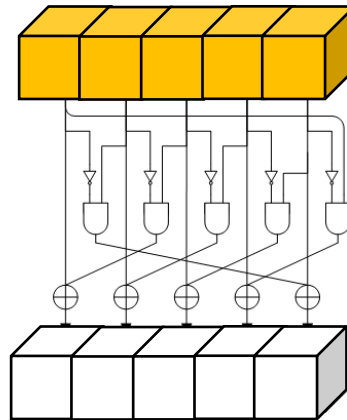
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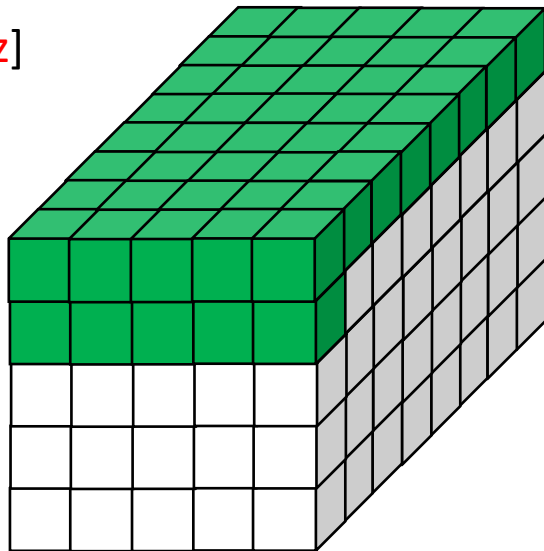
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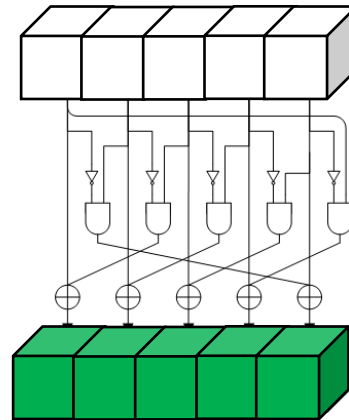
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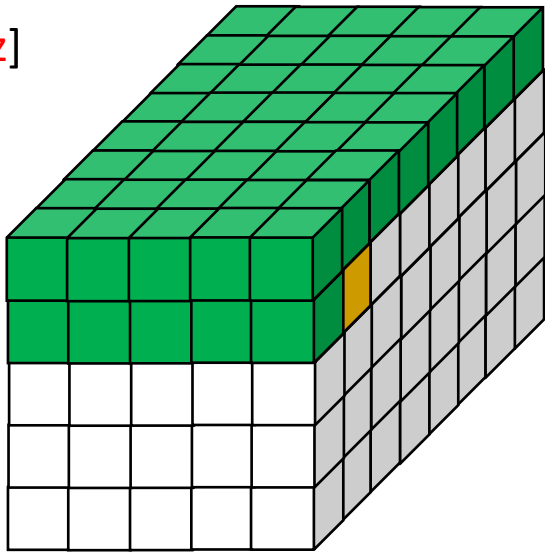
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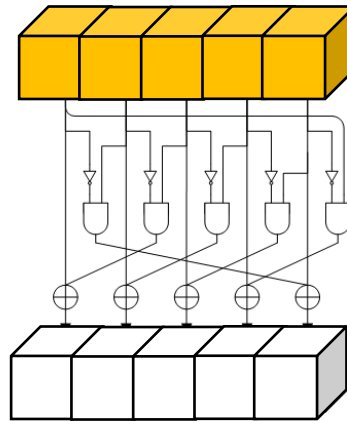
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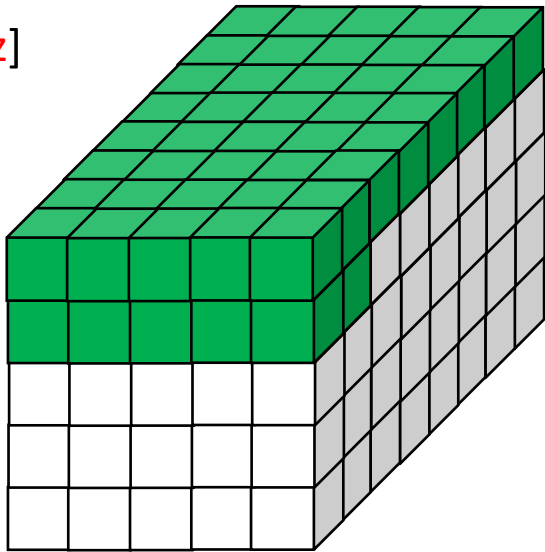
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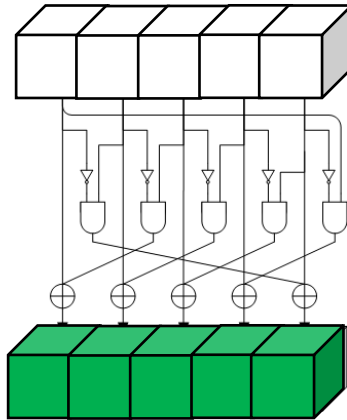
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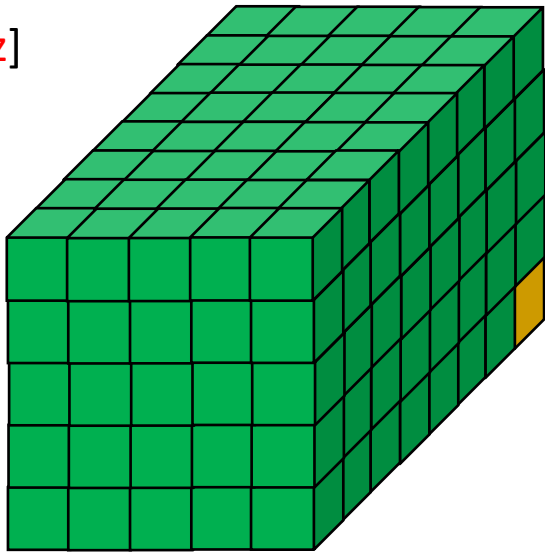
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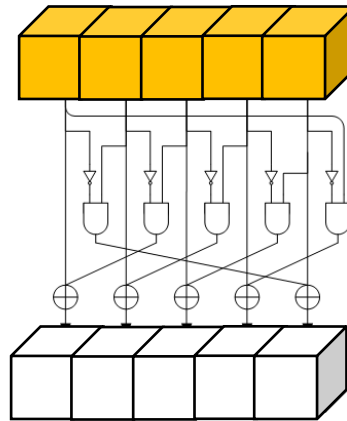
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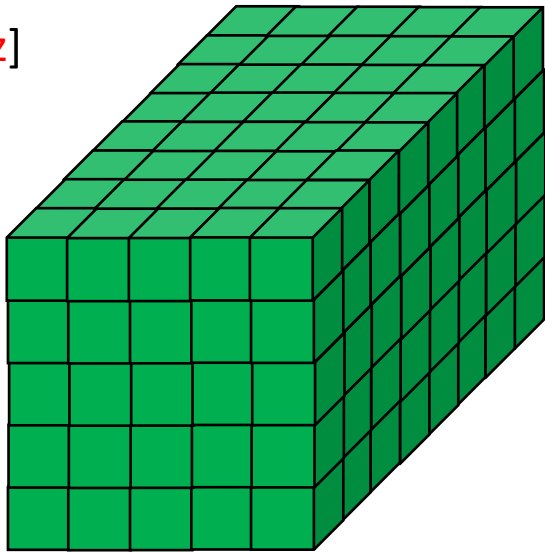
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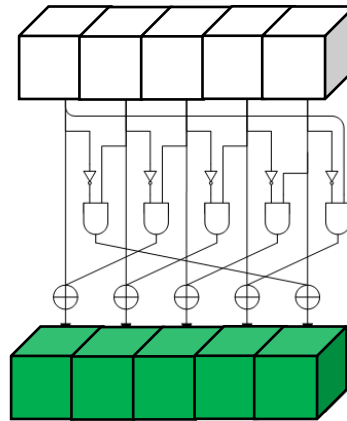
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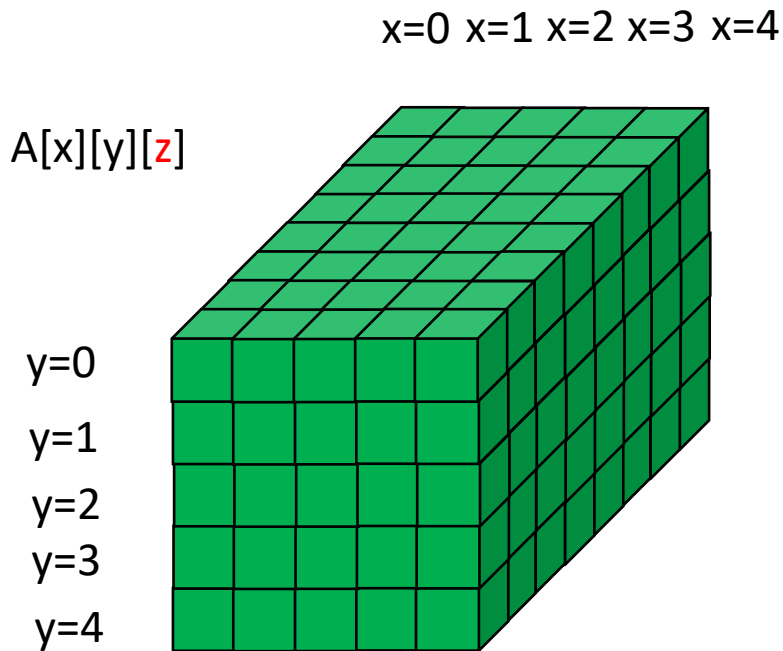


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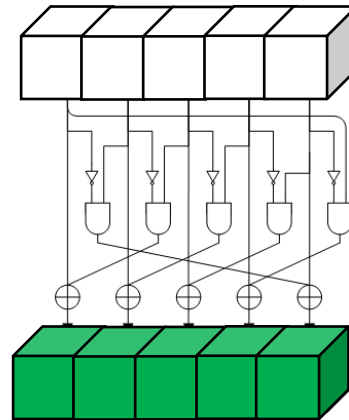


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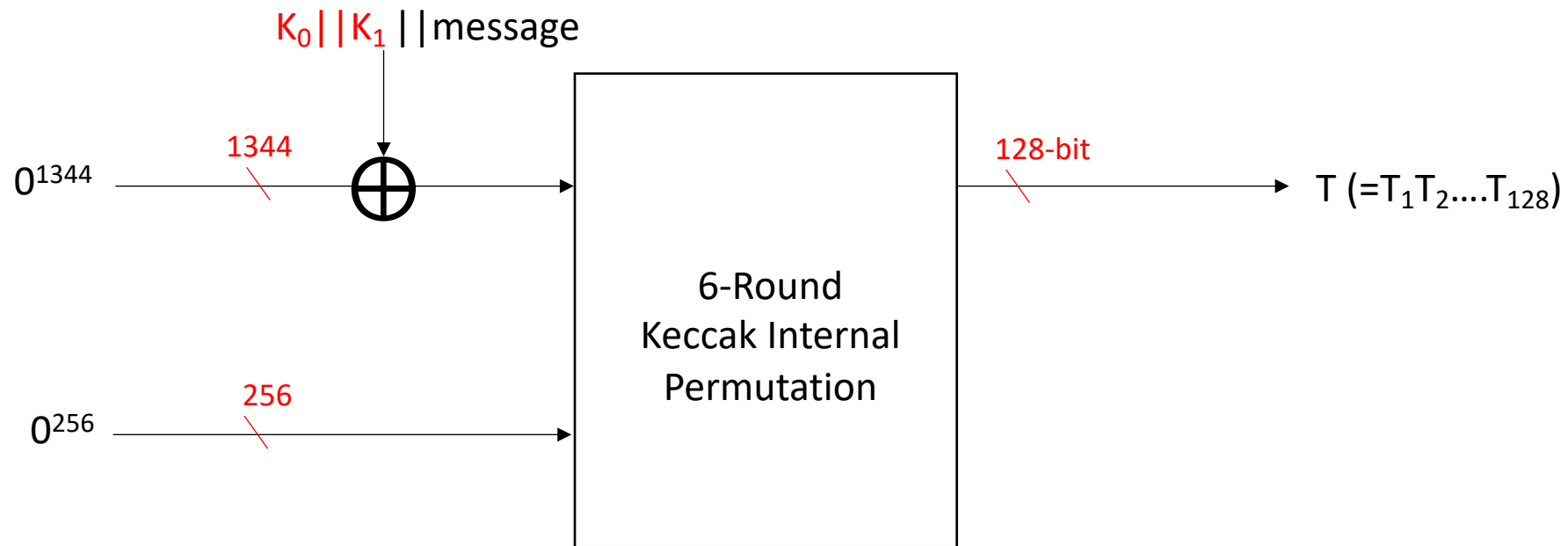


Only neighbors are multiplied by each other. (Degree is 2.)

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- The secret key K is 128-bit.
- Let $K=K_0 || K_1$, where $|K_0|=|K_1|=64$.

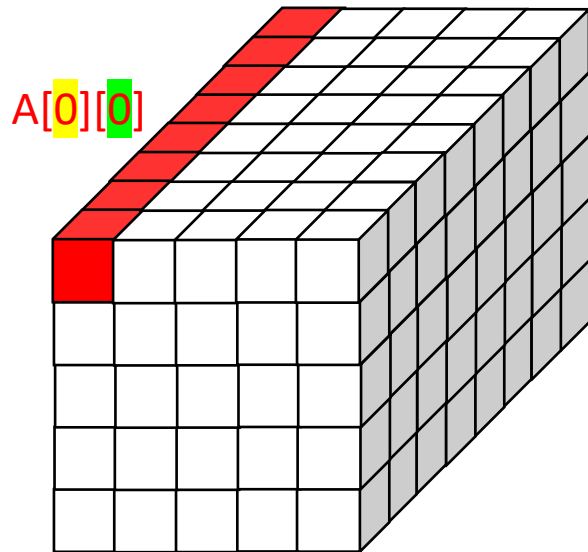


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$K_0 = A[0][0]$ and $K_1 = A[1][0]$.



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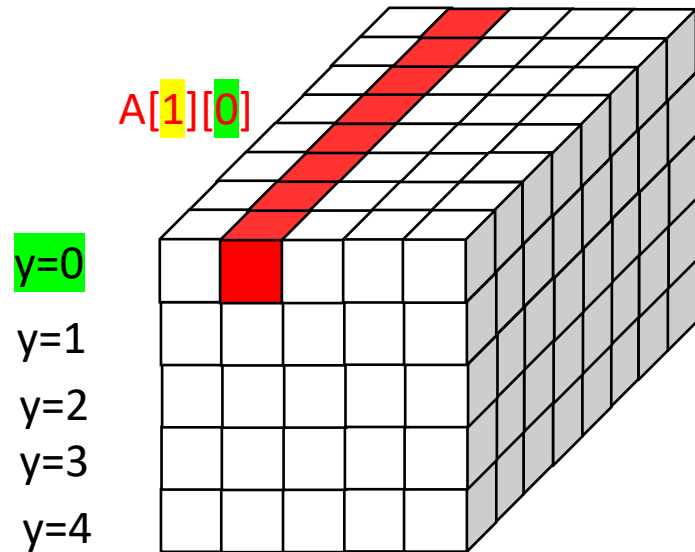
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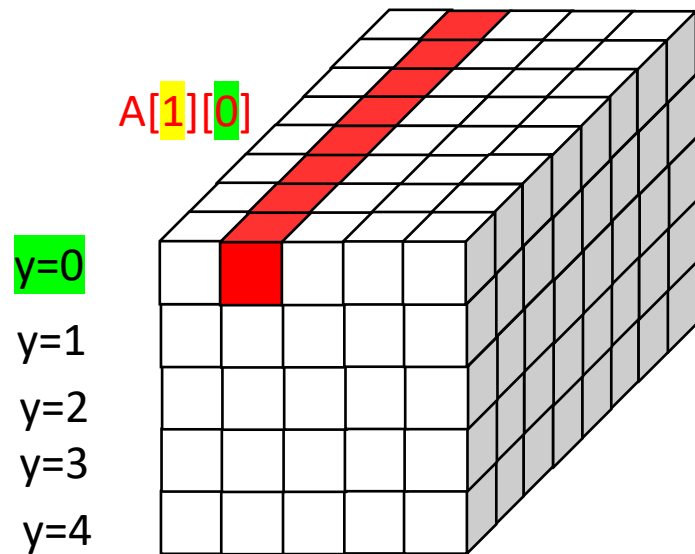


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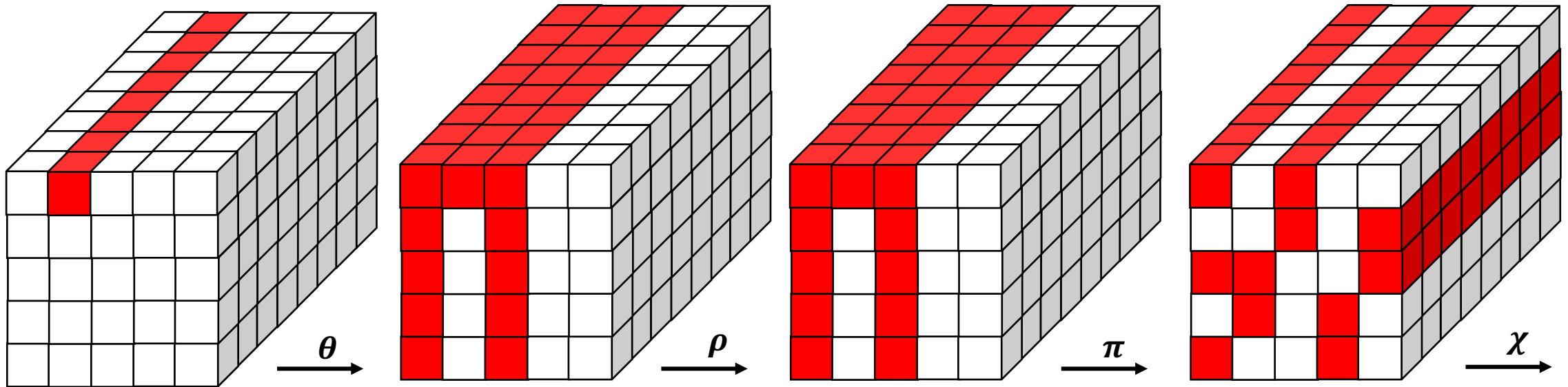
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- Let us see the propagation of $K_1=A[1][0]$.



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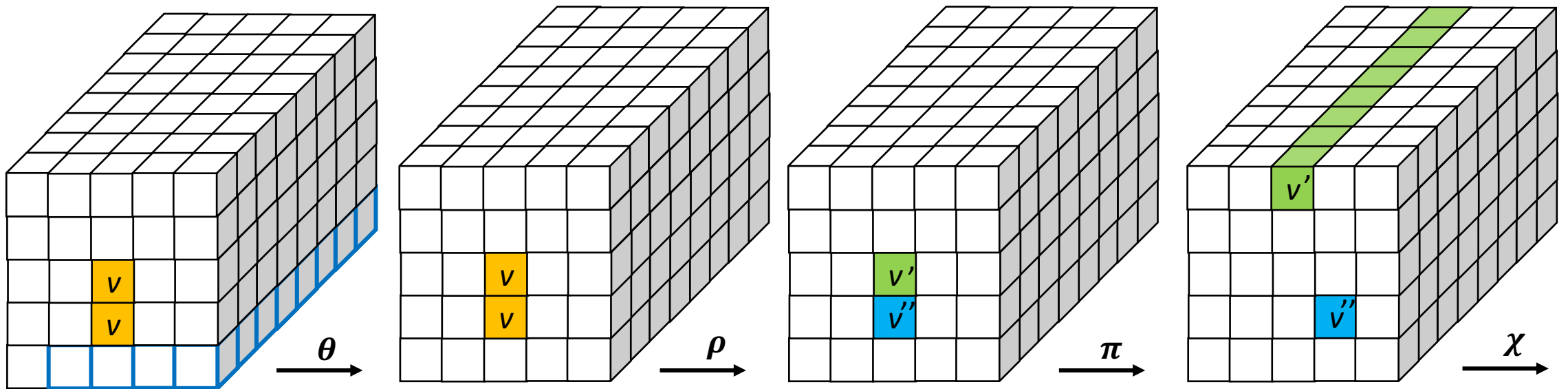
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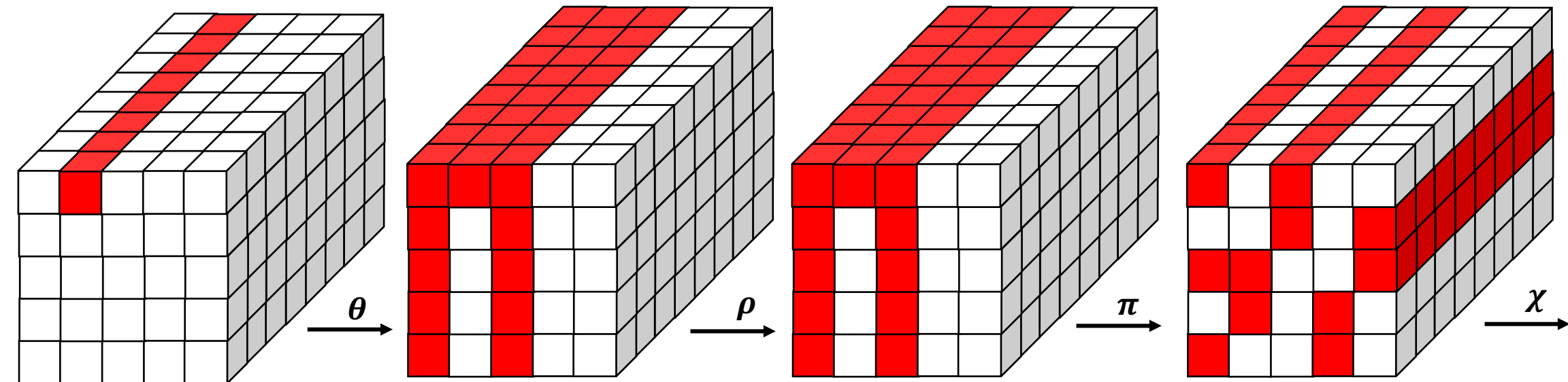
- $v=(v_1,v_2,\dots,v_{32},0,0,0,\dots,0)$ is a 64-bit tuple with 32 cube variables.
- Let $A[2][2]=A[2][3]=v$. Then, see the propagation of v .



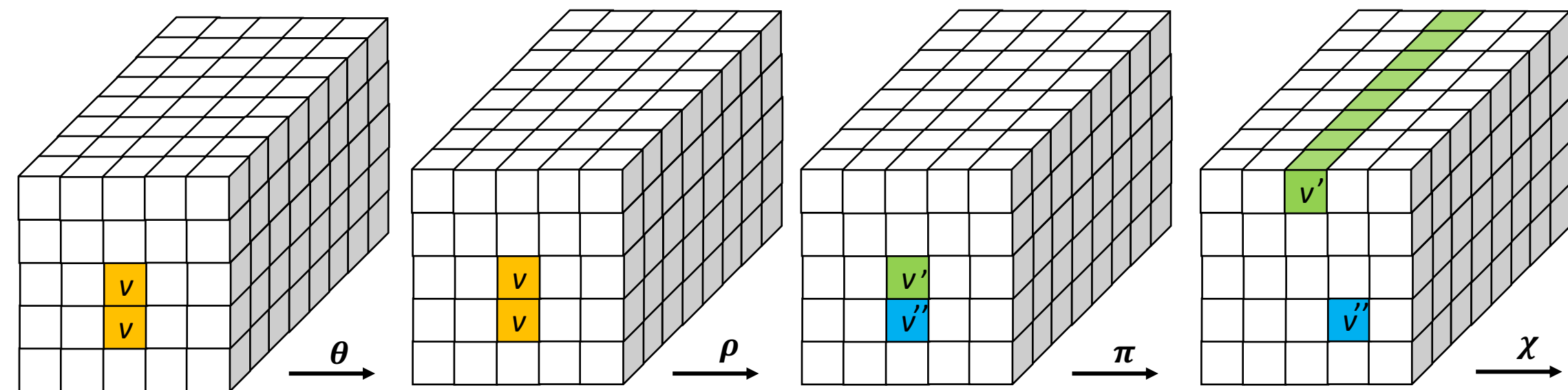
$$\begin{aligned} v' &= v \ggg r[2][2], \\ v'' &= v \ggg r[2][3] \end{aligned}$$

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Propagation of K_1

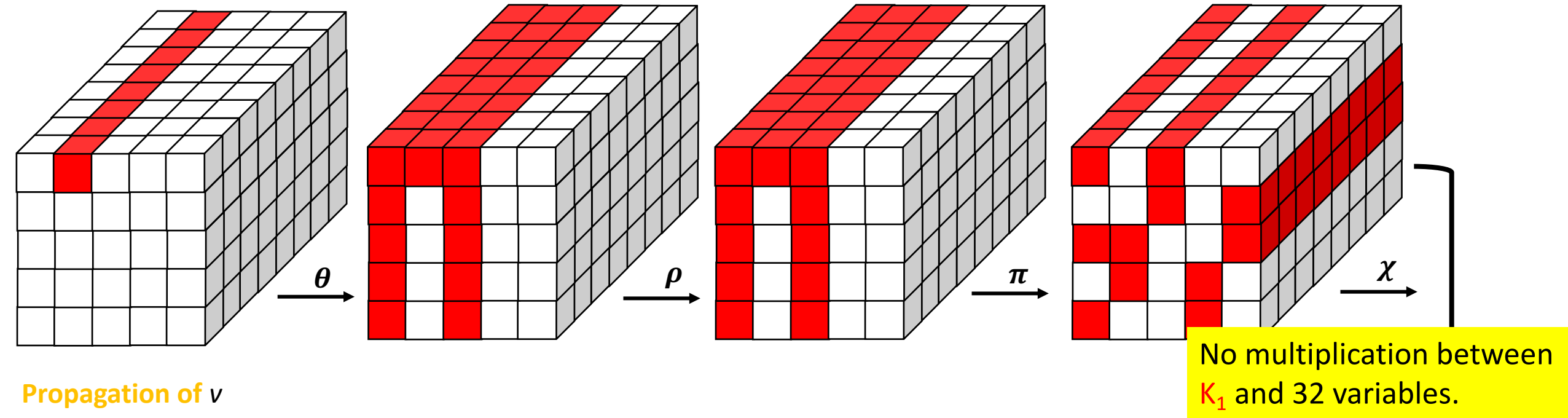


Propagation of v

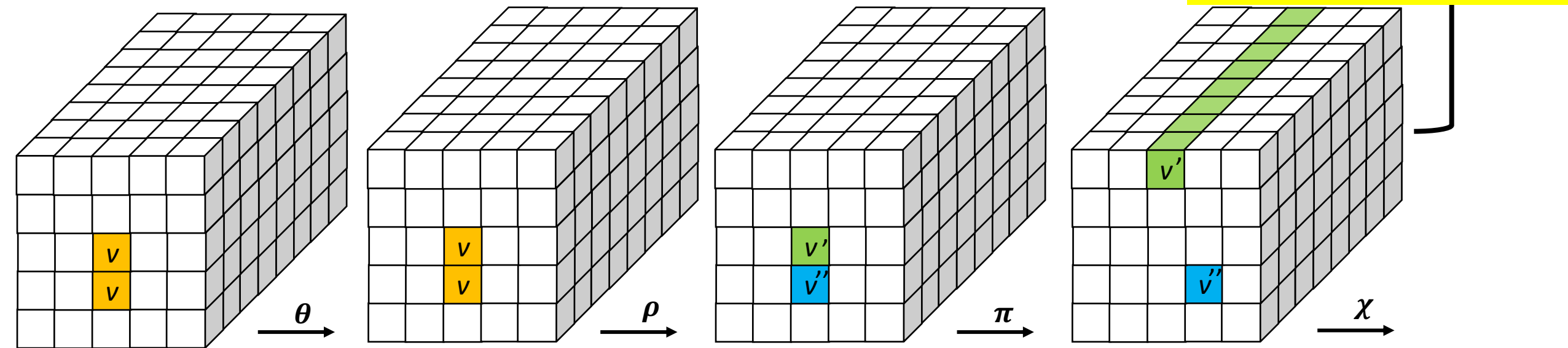


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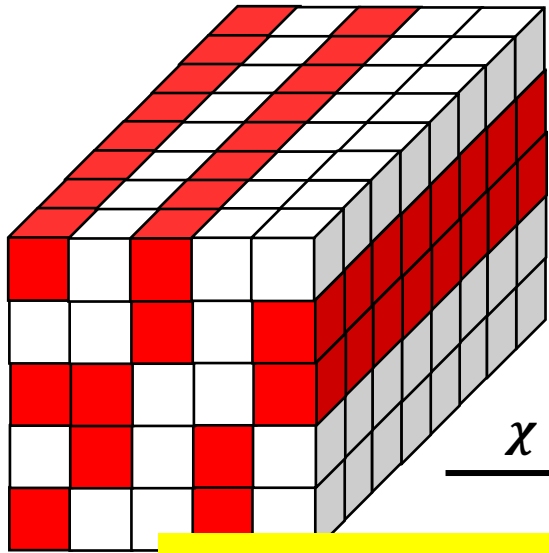
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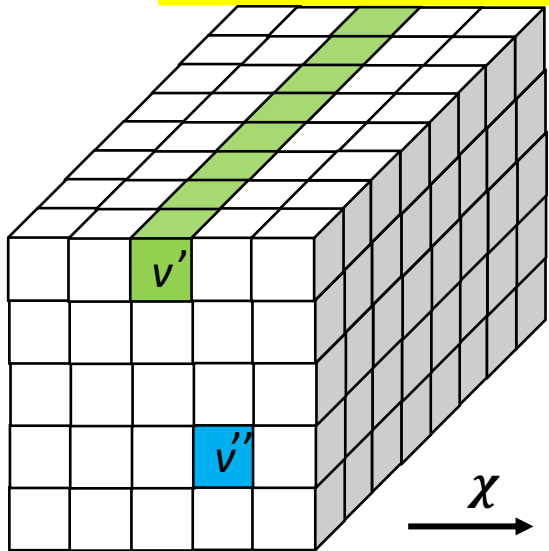


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No multiplication between K_1 and 32 variables.

And, no multiplication among 32 variables.



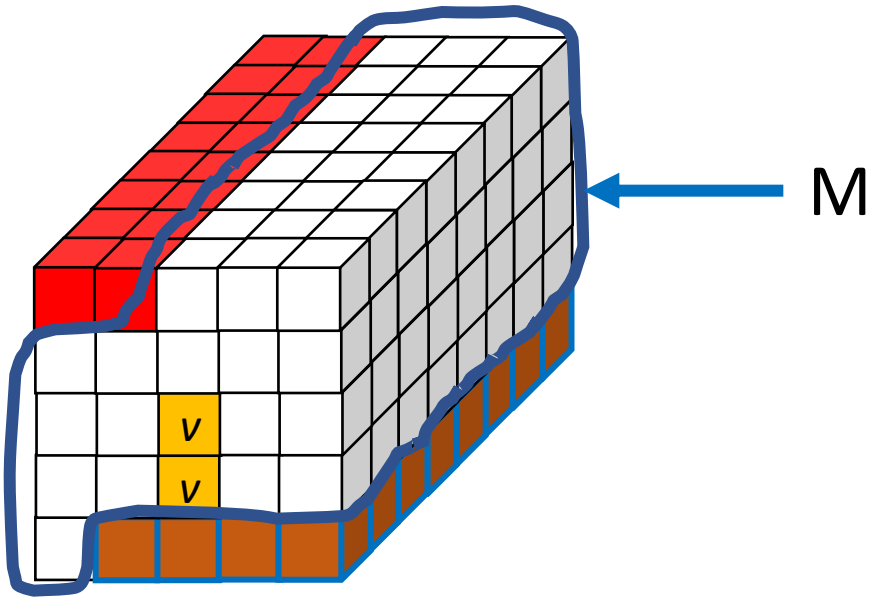
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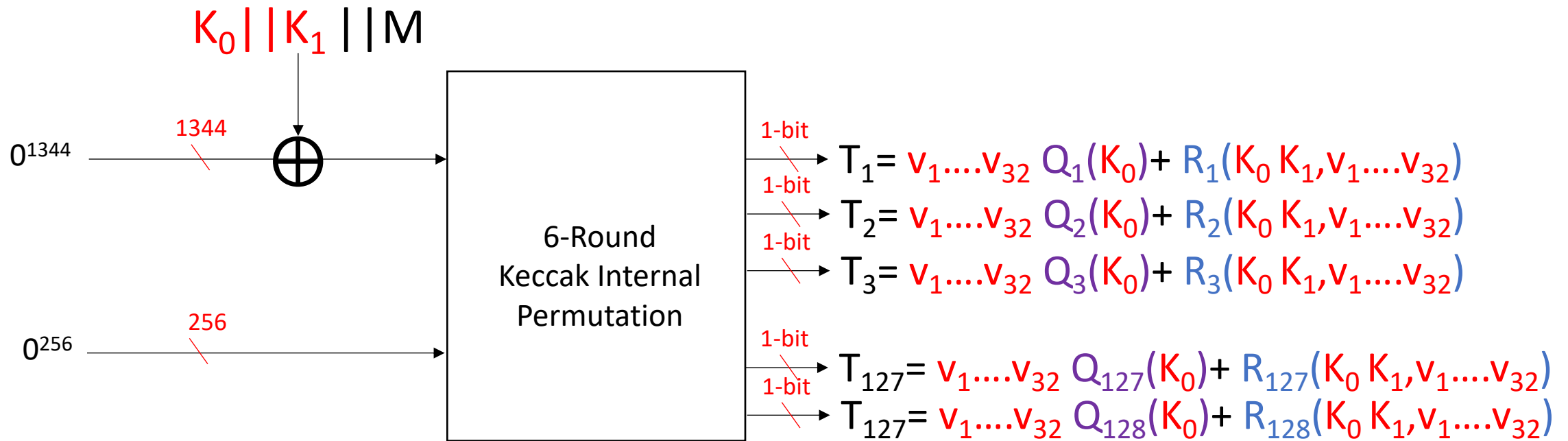
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- $v=(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{32}, 0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$ is a 64-bit tuple with 32 cube variables.
- Let $A[2][2]=A[2][3]=v$ and arbitrarily choose the values of remaining other white part. Then, we say that the message is M.



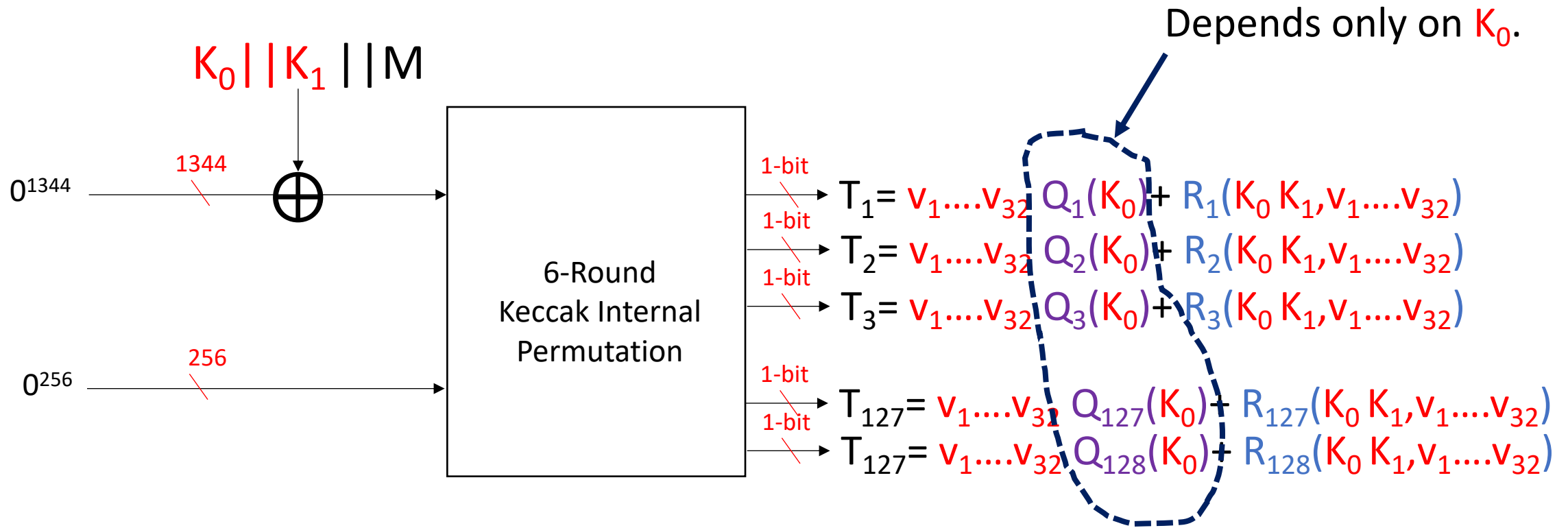
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Off-line Phase using Superpolys with K_0 Variables

- We fixed K_1 as 0^{64} , because the superpolys do not depend on K_1 .
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- Above cube-sum requires 2^{32} Keccak – MAC -computations and 128-bit memory.
- We have to perform the off-line cube-sum 2^{64} times.
- In total, for the offline phase, 2^{96} Keccak – MAC -computations and 2^{71} bit memory are required.

First Attack Idea

On-line Phase using Superpolys with Actual Secret key $K_0 || K_1$

- The Attacker makes oracle $\text{Keccak} - \text{MAC}(K_0 || K_1, \cdot)$ -queries and compute the following online cube-sum:

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$$Q_1(K_0) || Q_2(K_0) || \dots || Q_{128}(K_0) = Q_1(j^*) || Q_2(j^*) || \dots || Q_{128}(j^*)$$

- We conclude that $K_0 = j^*$ with high probability. (Note that with high probability, there is a matching between off-line cube-sum and on-line cube-sum.)

First Attack Idea

Searching for K_1

- After finding the 64-bit value of K_0 , we exhaustively search the remaining 64-bit K_1 by 2^{64} Keccak-MAC-computations. (Divided-and-Conquer Attack)

Conditional Cube Attack on Reduced-Round Keccak Sponge Function

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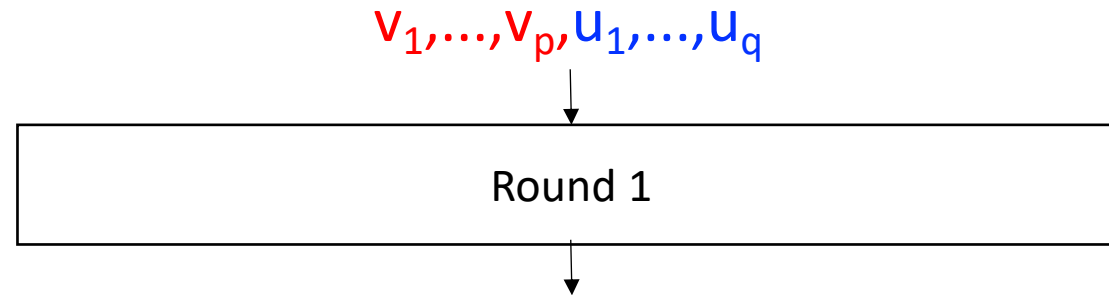
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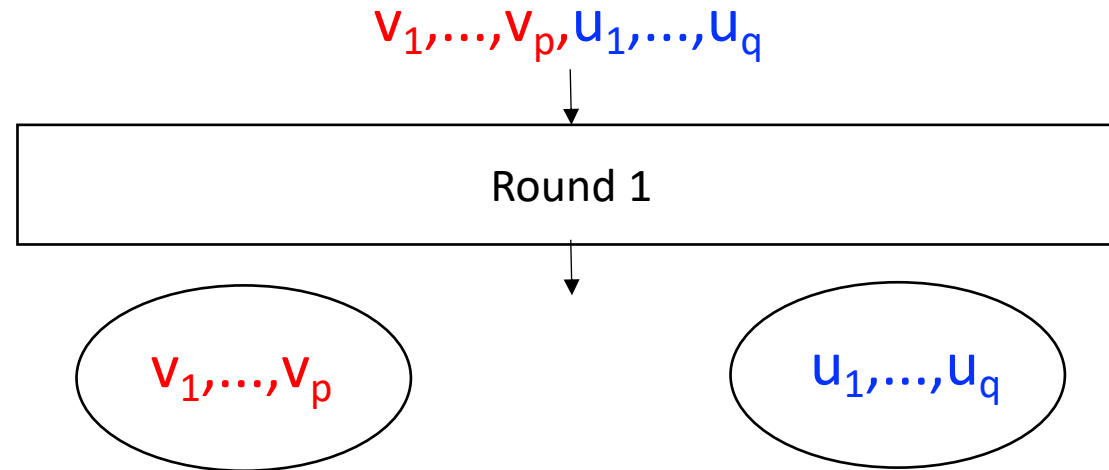
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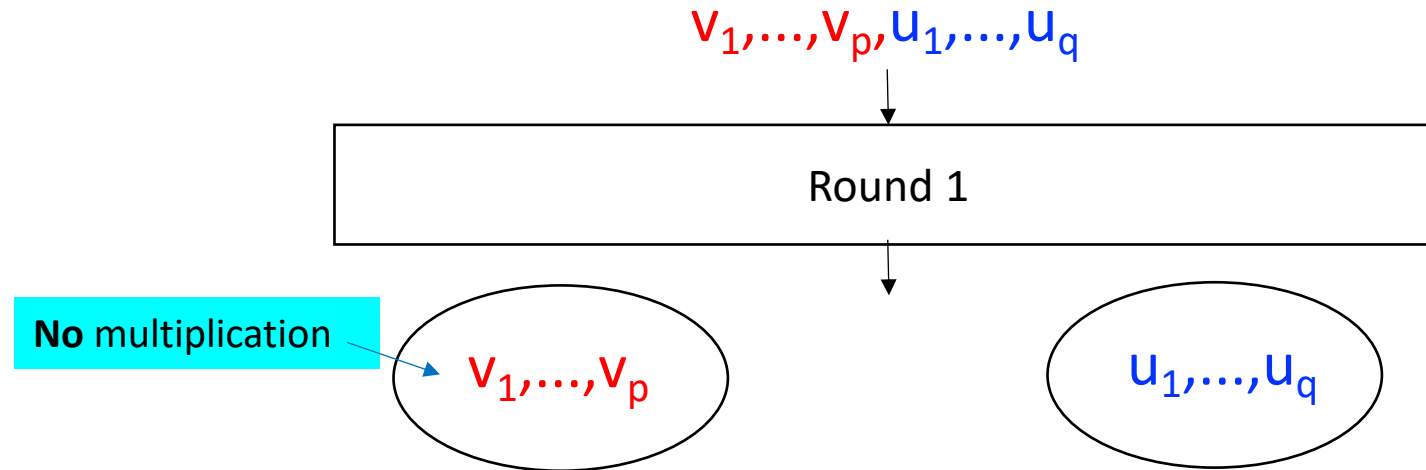
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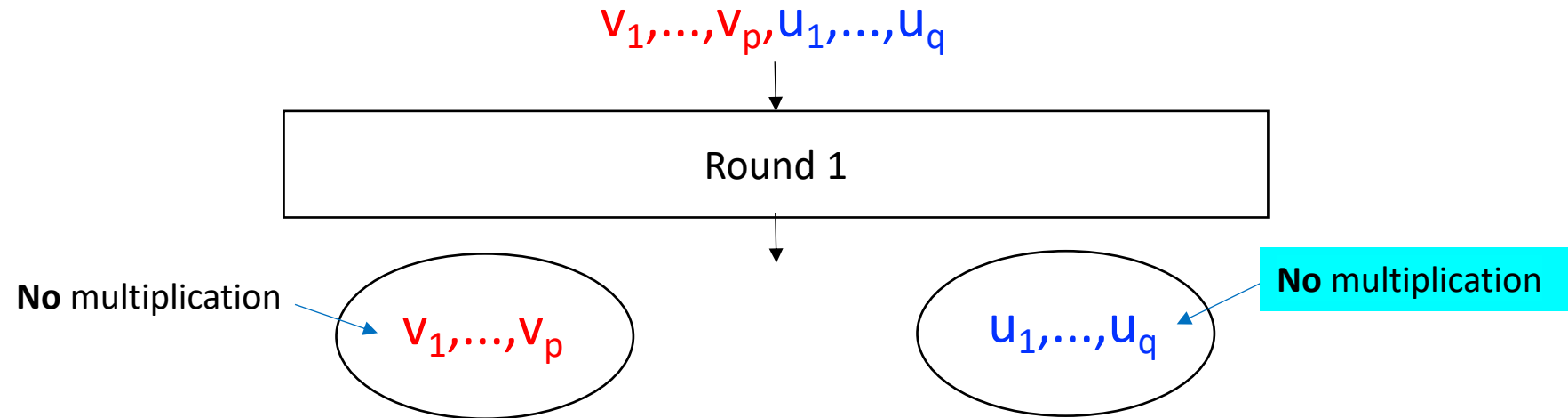
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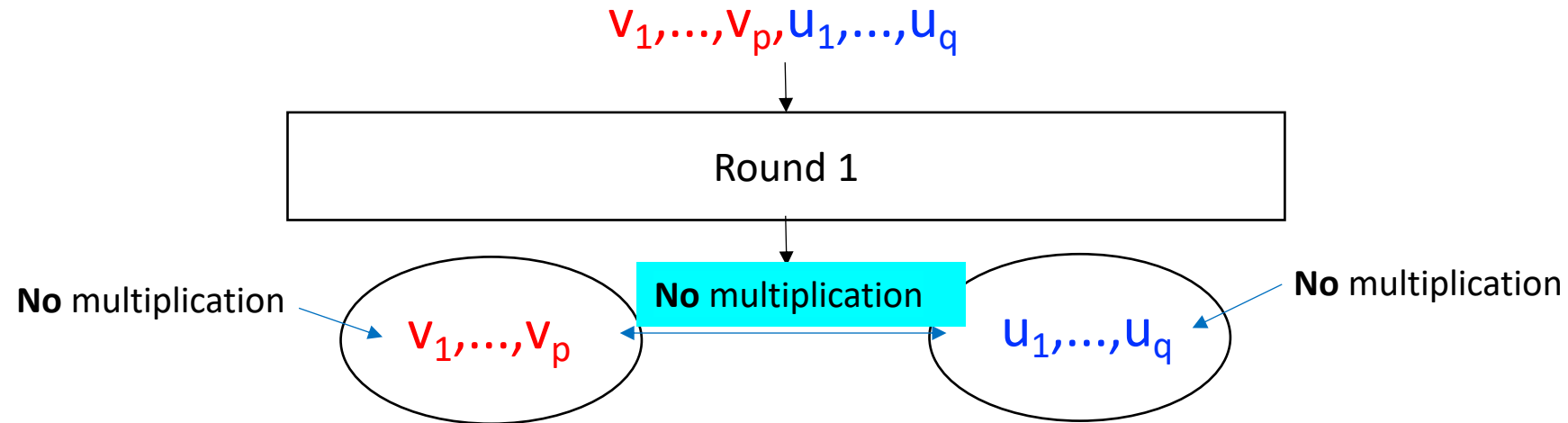
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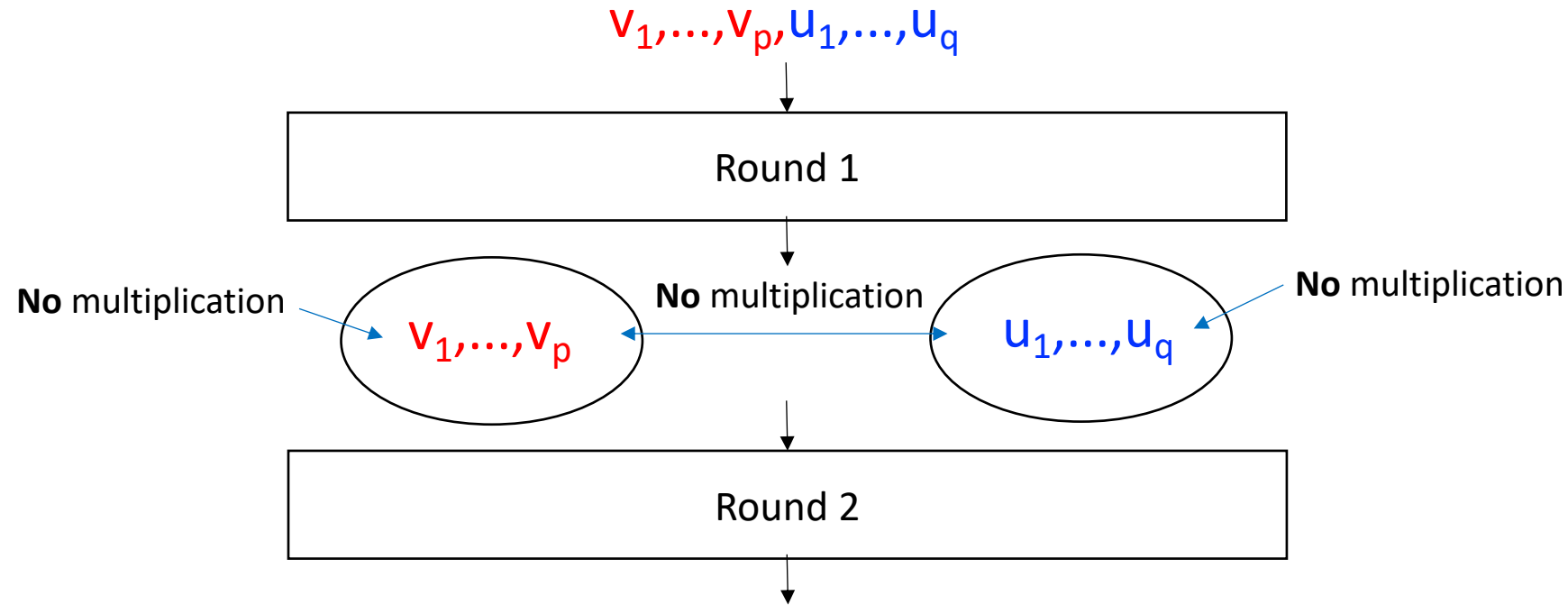
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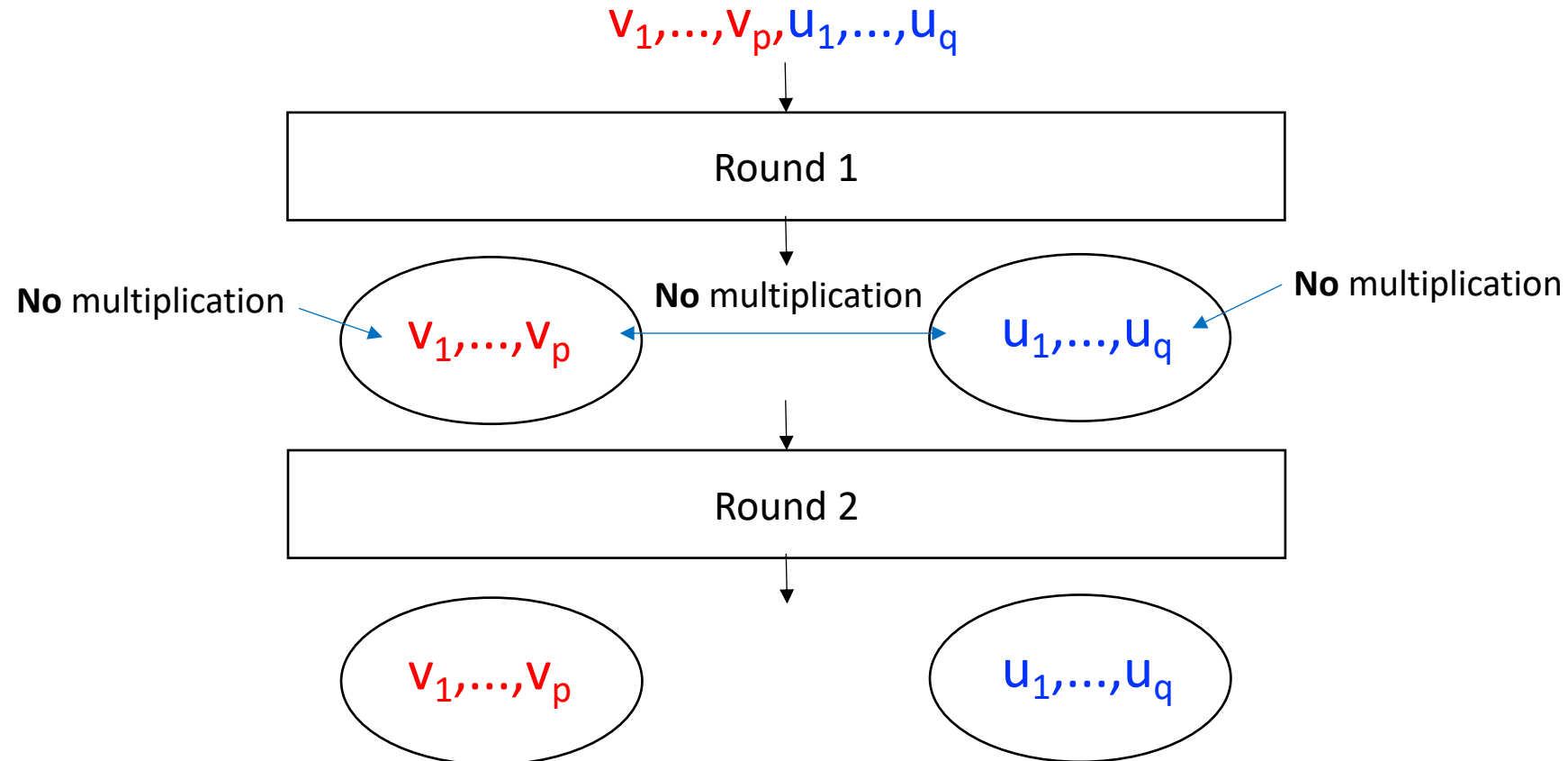
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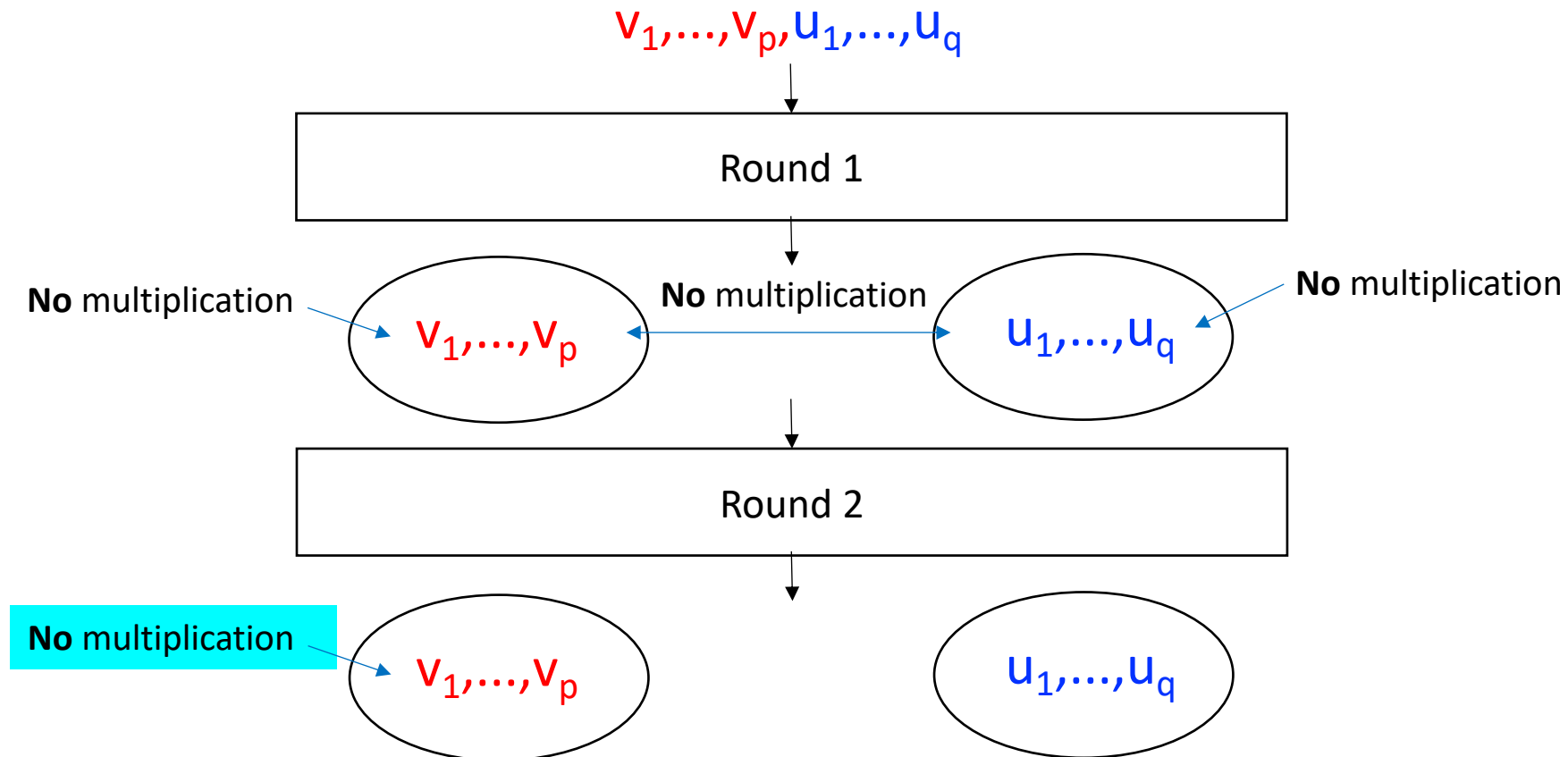
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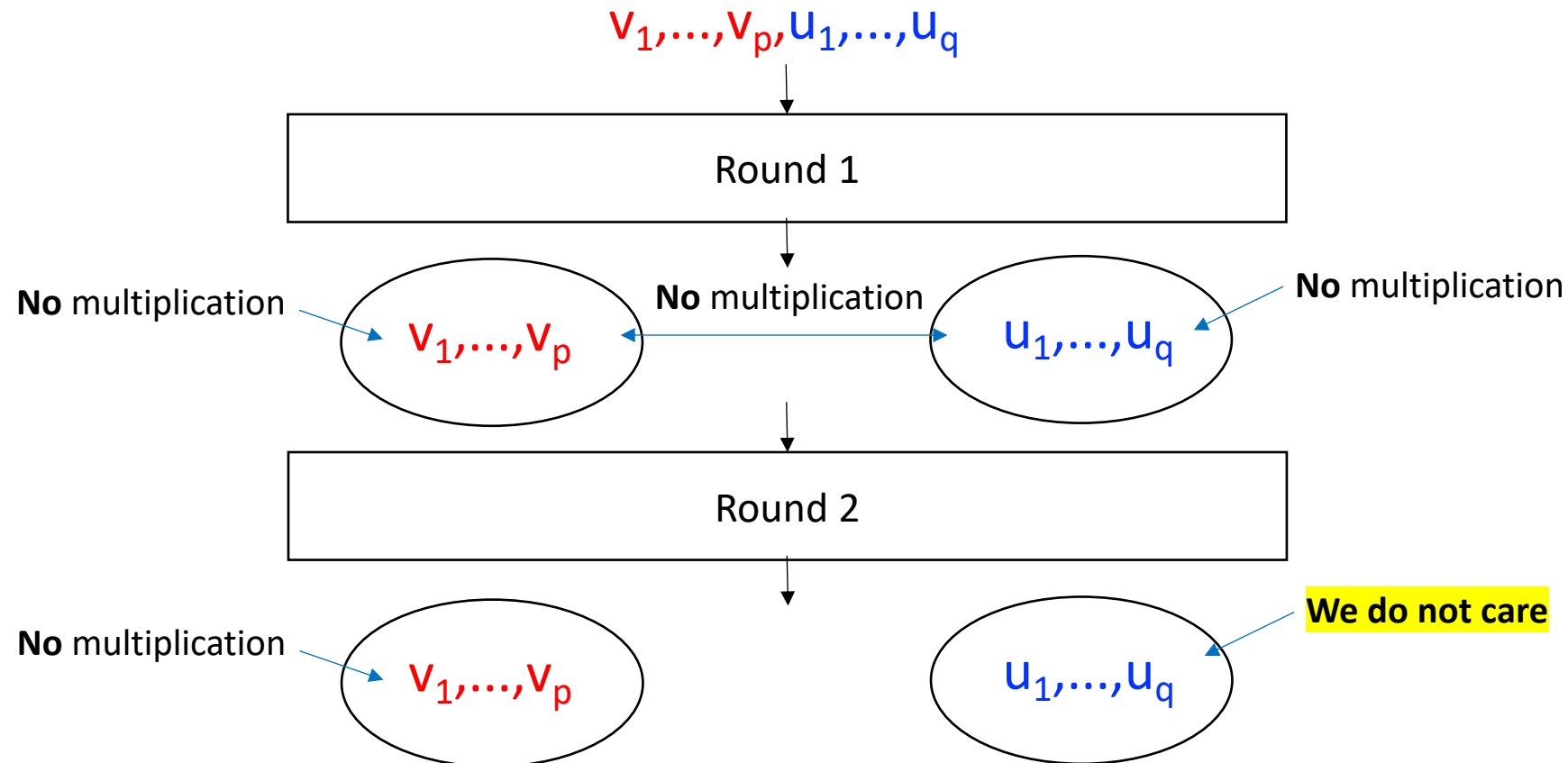
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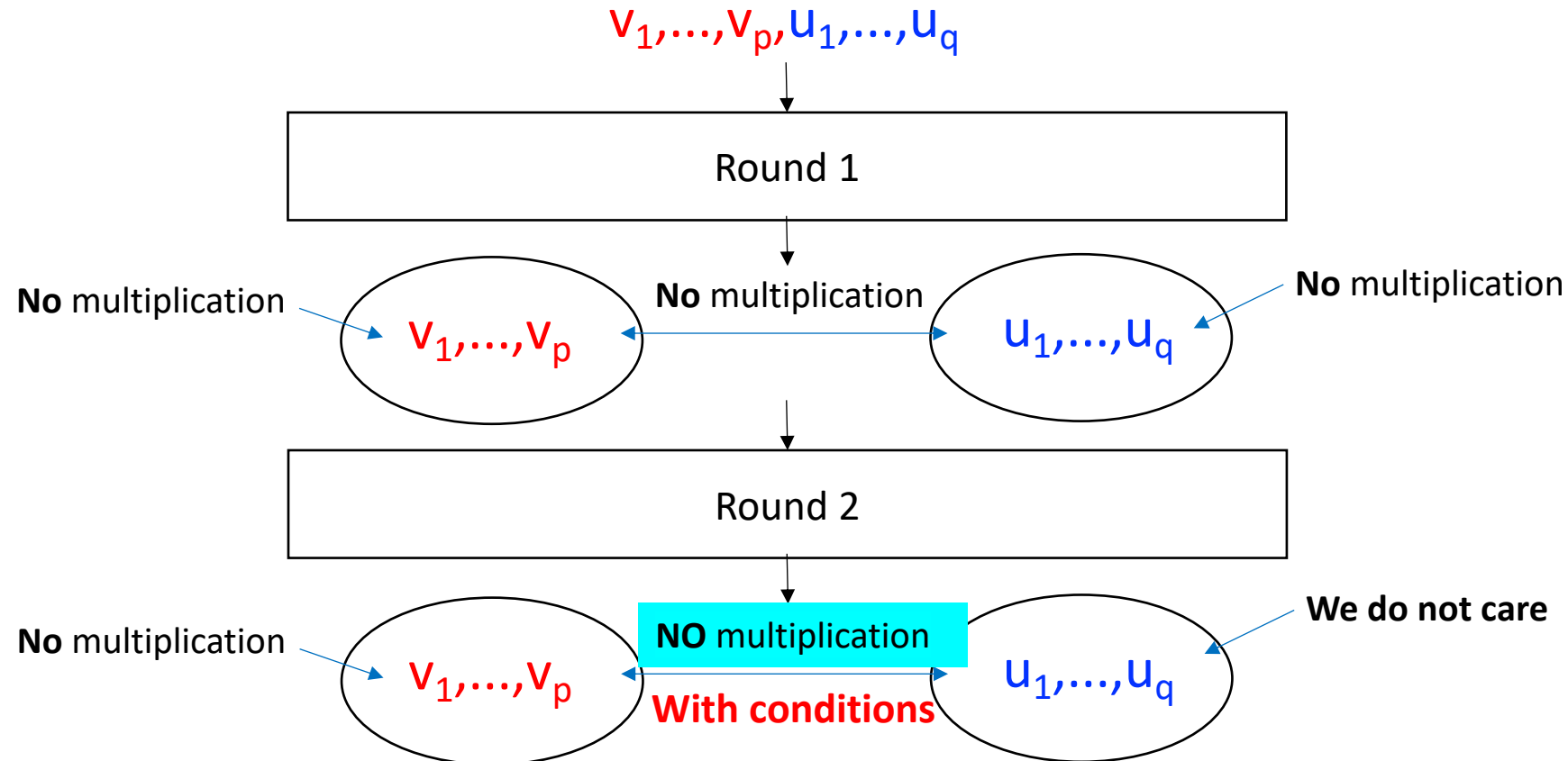
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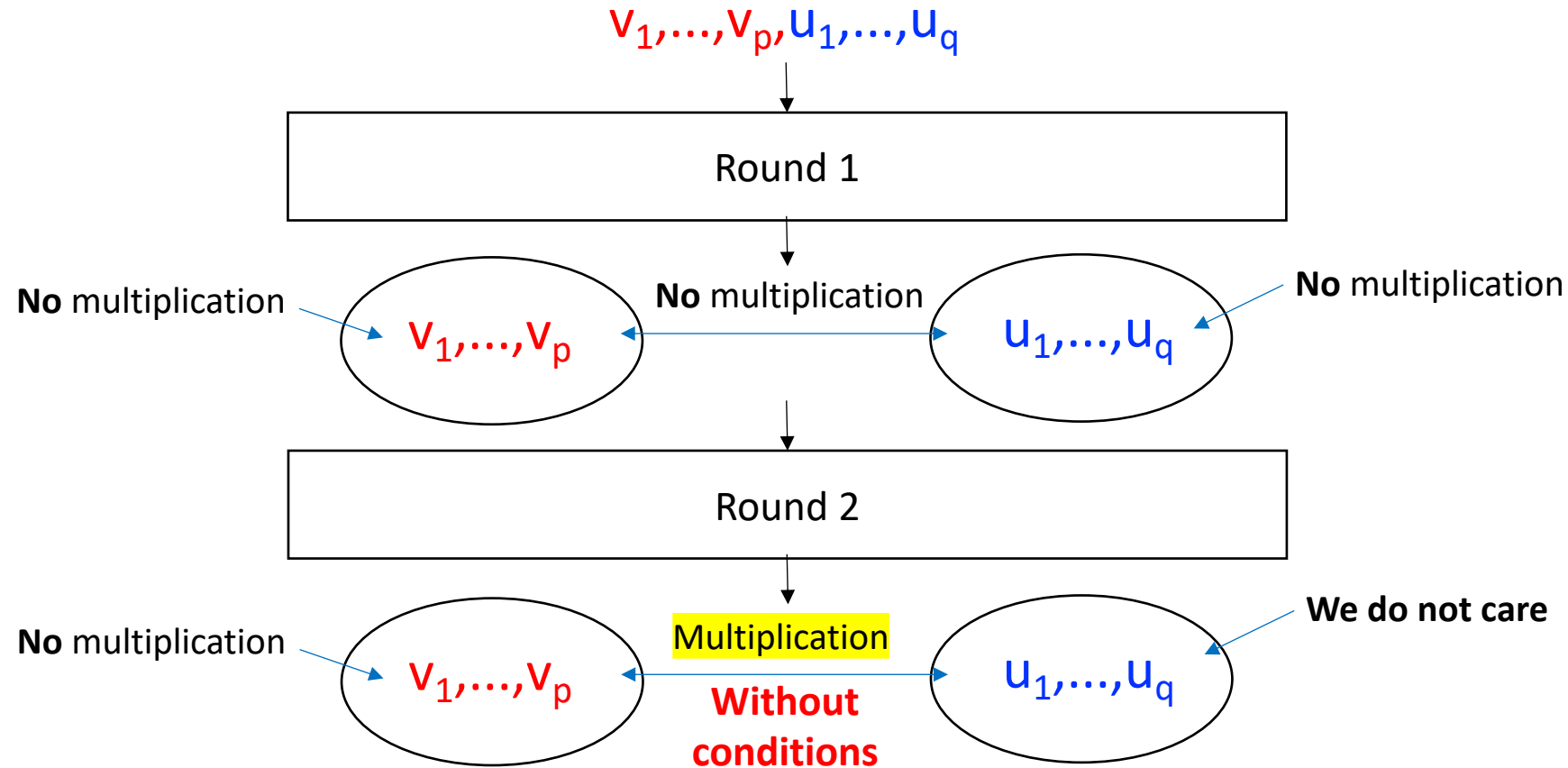
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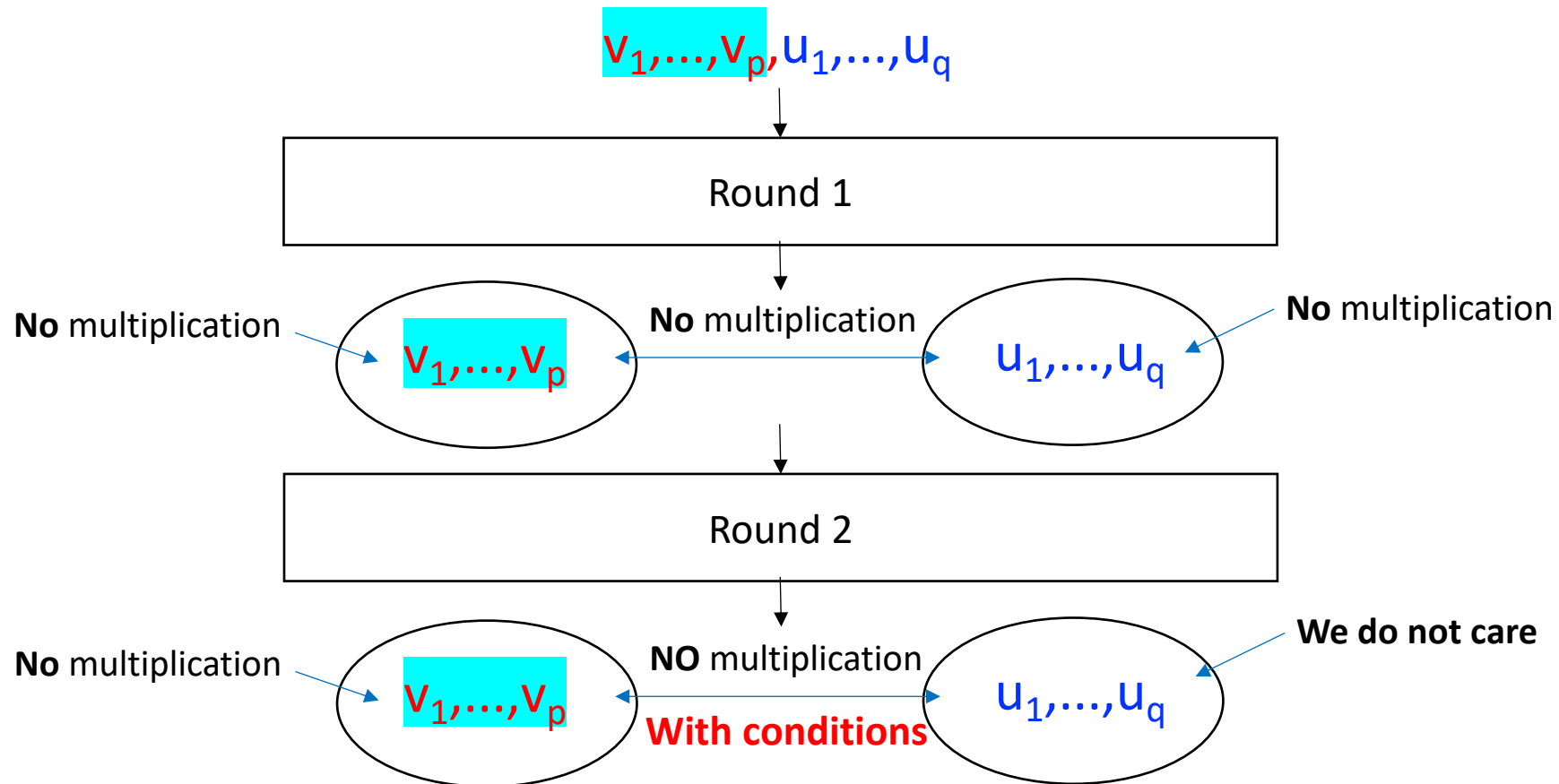
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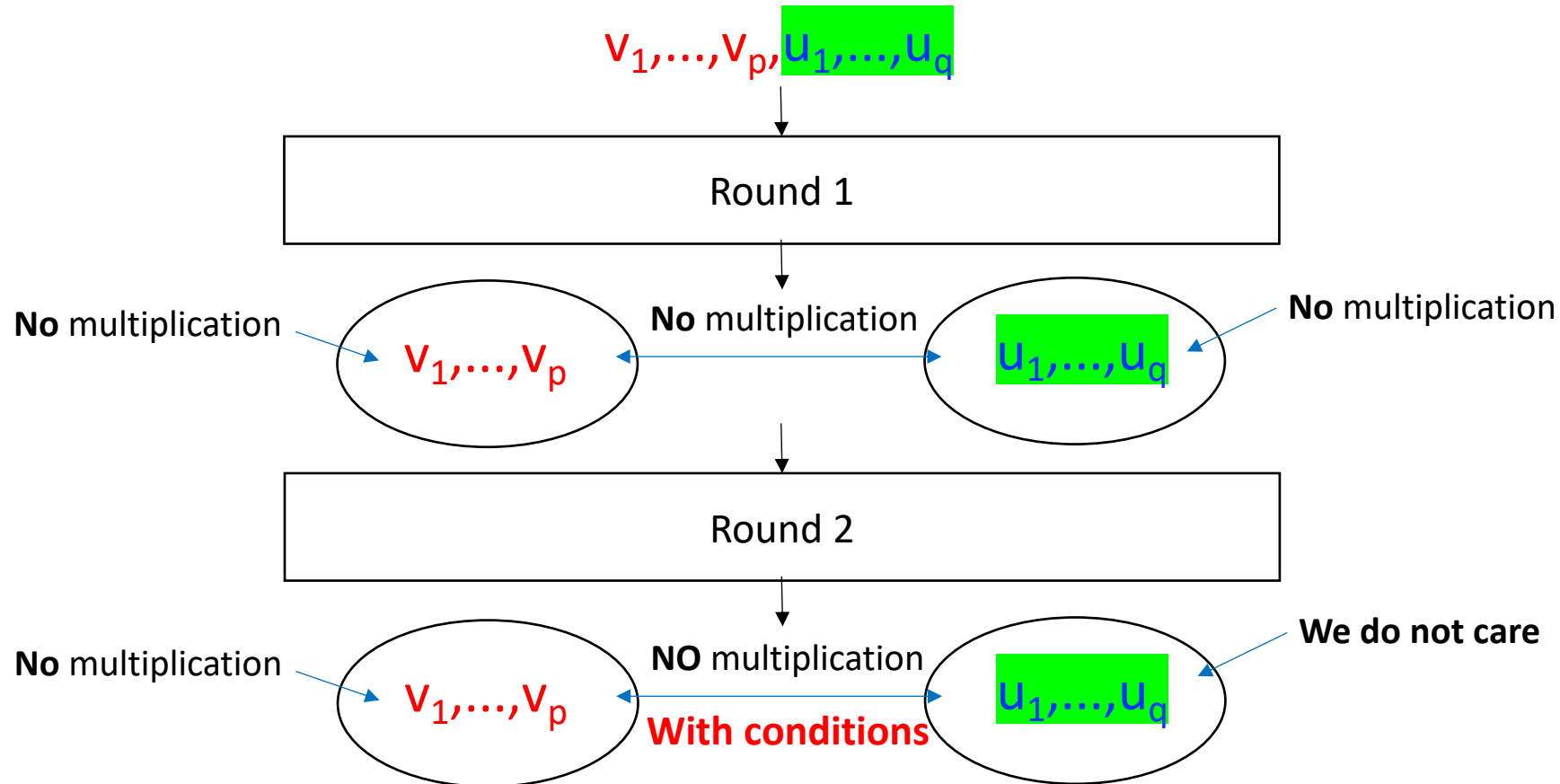
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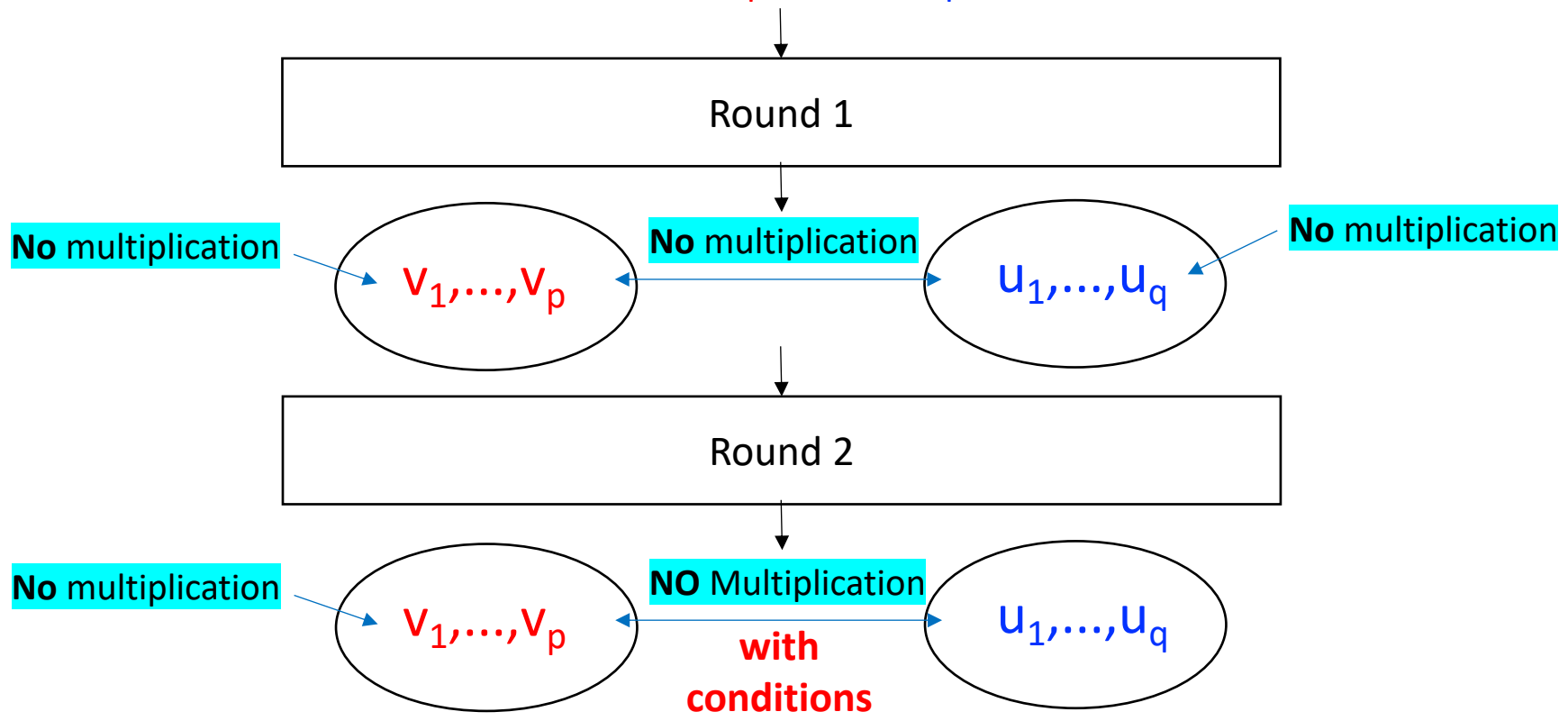
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 - or (2) $q = 0$ and $p = 2^n + 1$
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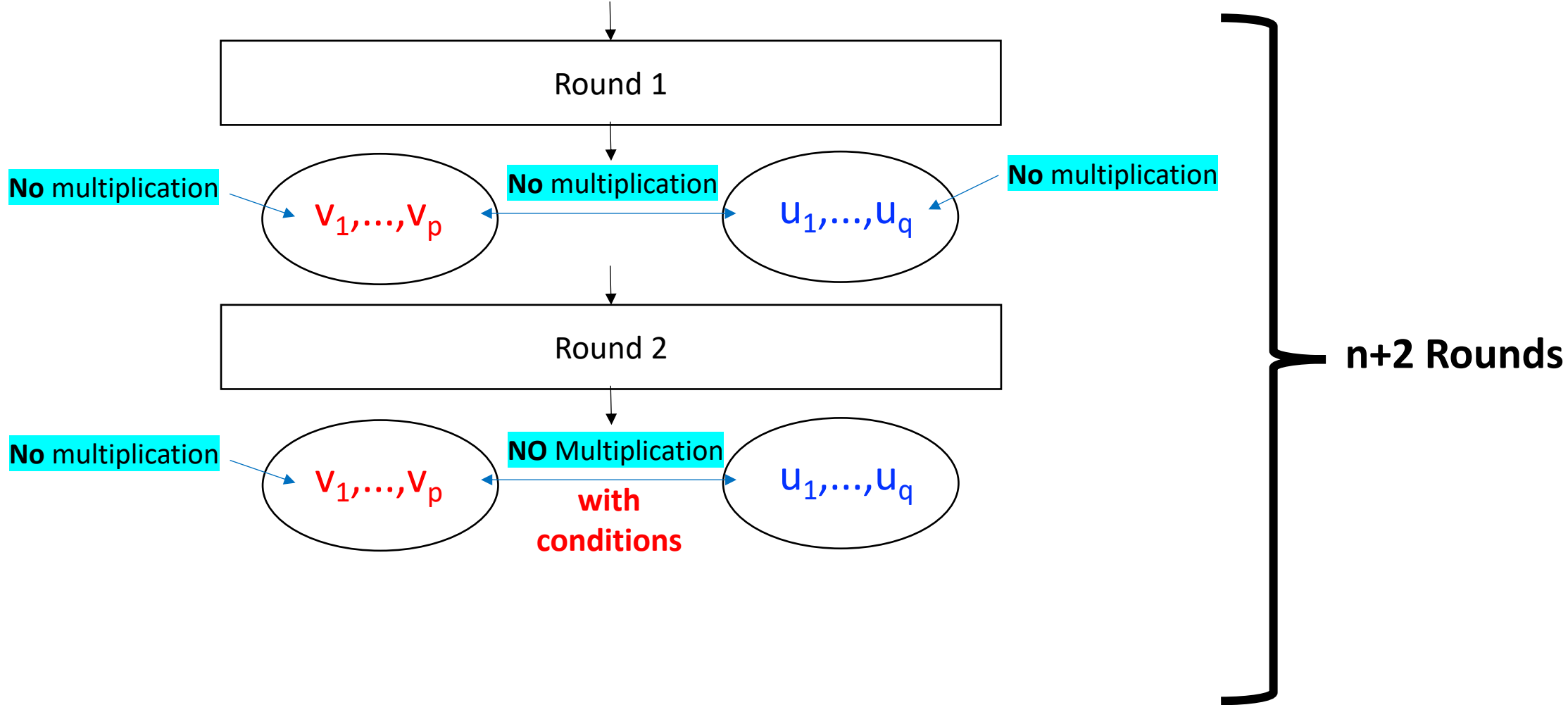


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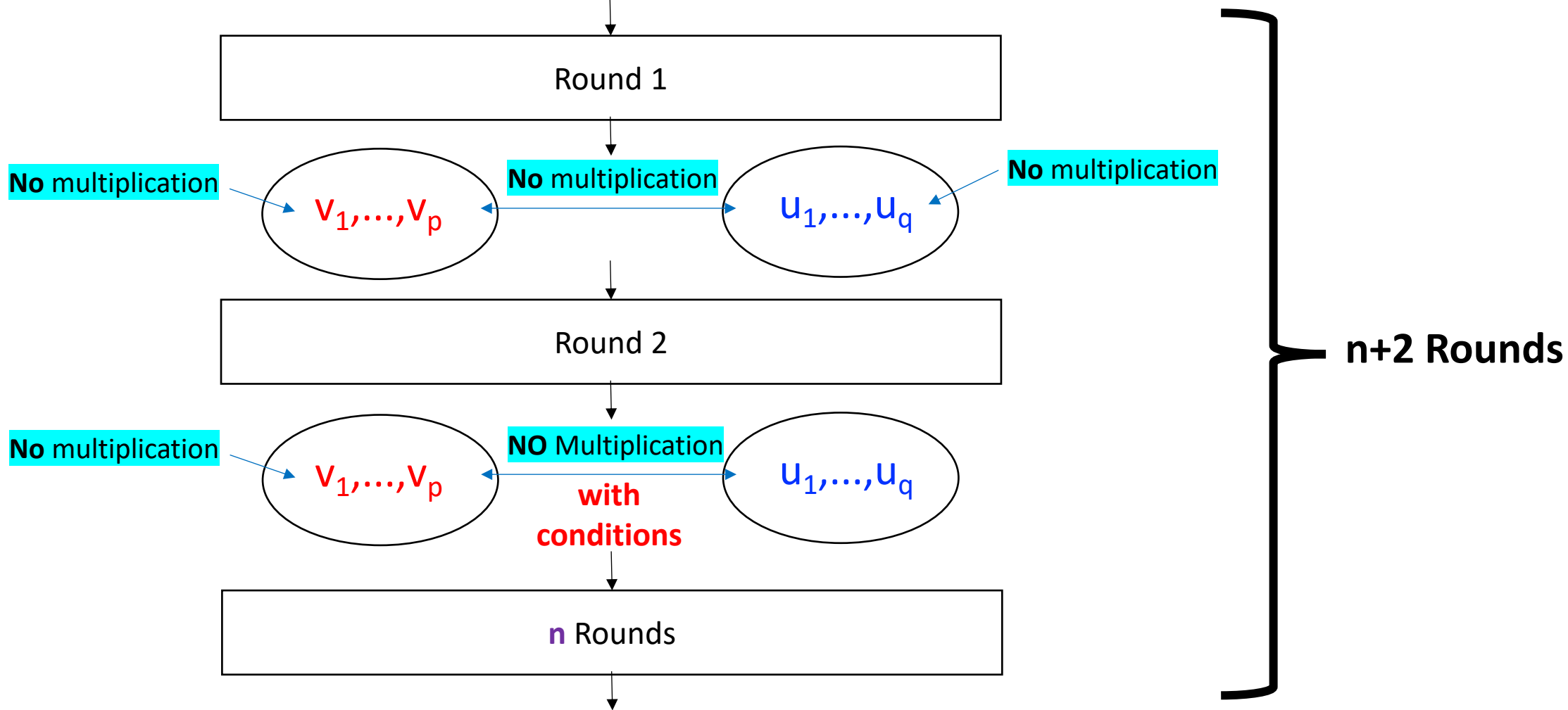


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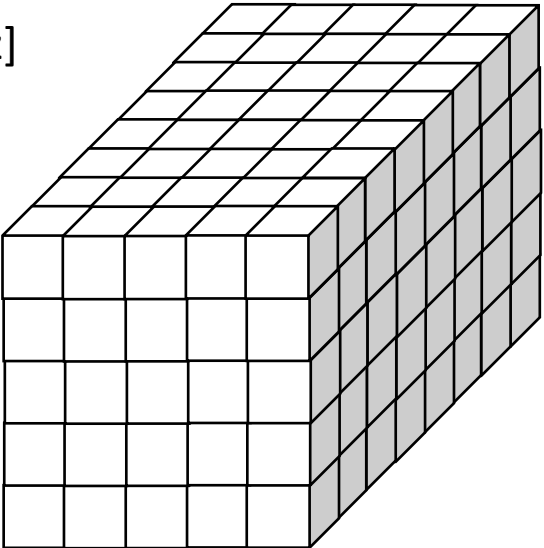
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Keccak Round Permutation

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A[x][y][z]

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Round *i*

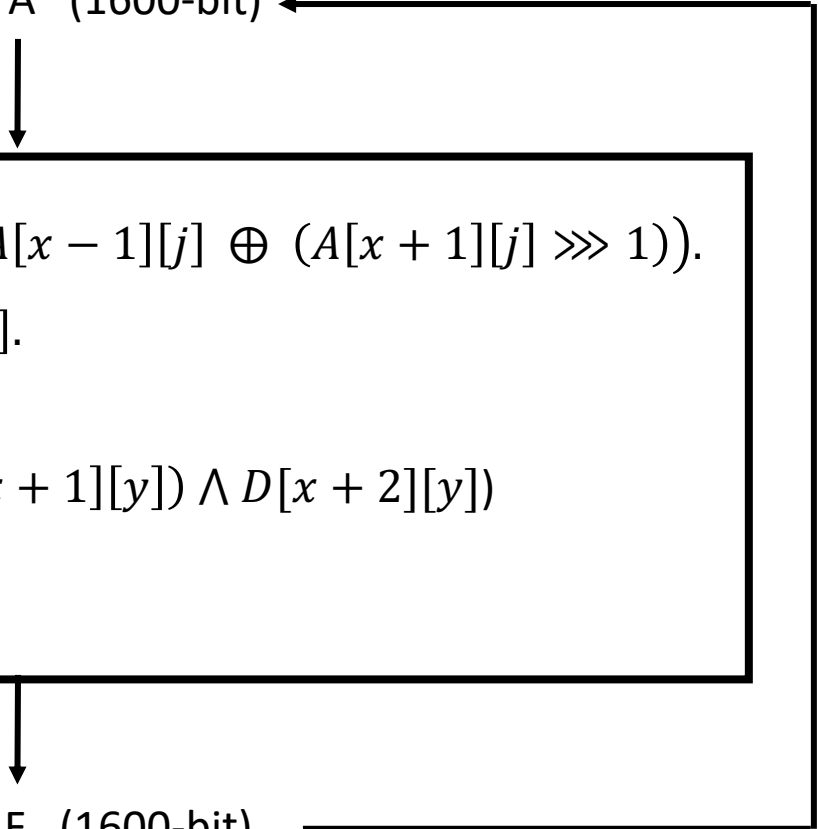
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$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta: & B[x][y] \leftarrow A[x][y] \oplus \sum_{j=0}^4 (A[x-1][j] \oplus (A[x+1][j] \ggg 1)). \\
 \rho: & C[x][y] \leftarrow B[x][y] \ggg r[x][y]. \\
 \pi: & D[y][2x+3y] \leftarrow C[x][y]. \\
 \chi: & E[x][y] \leftarrow D[x][y] \oplus ((\neg D[x+1][y]) \wedge D[x+2][y]) \\
 \iota: & F[0][0] \leftarrow E[0][0] \oplus RC[i].
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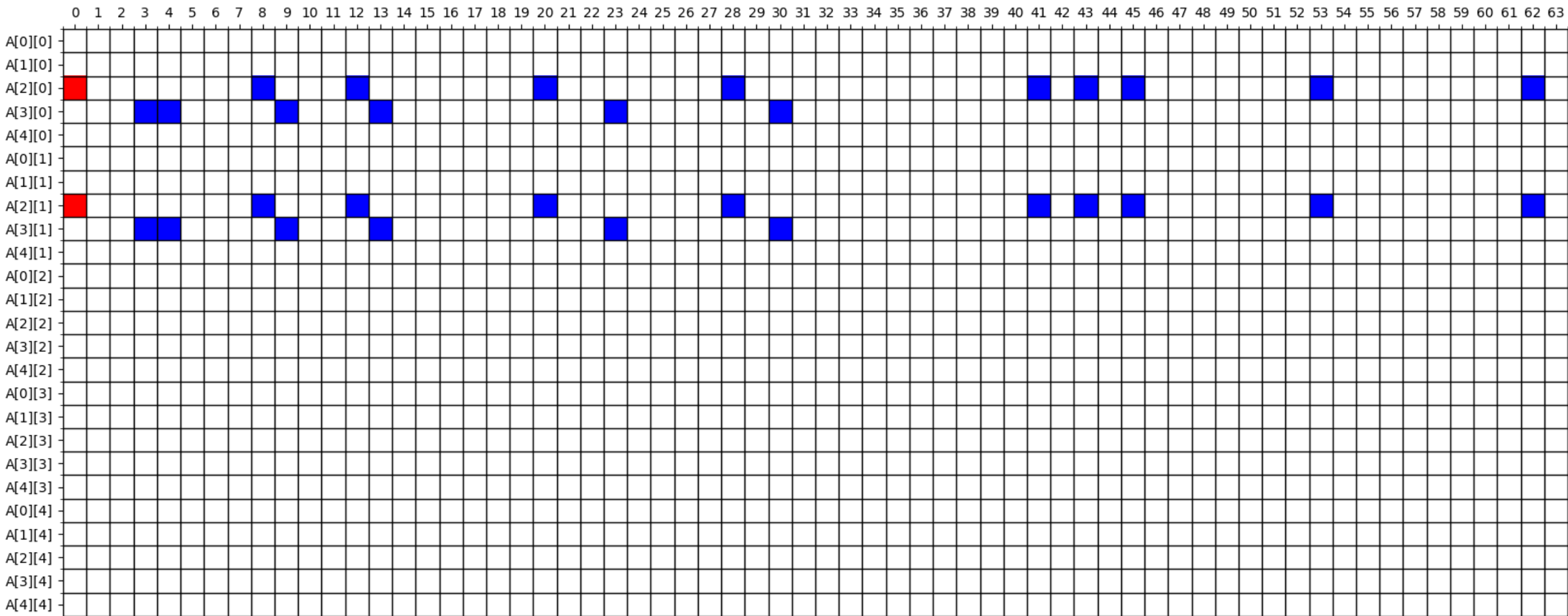
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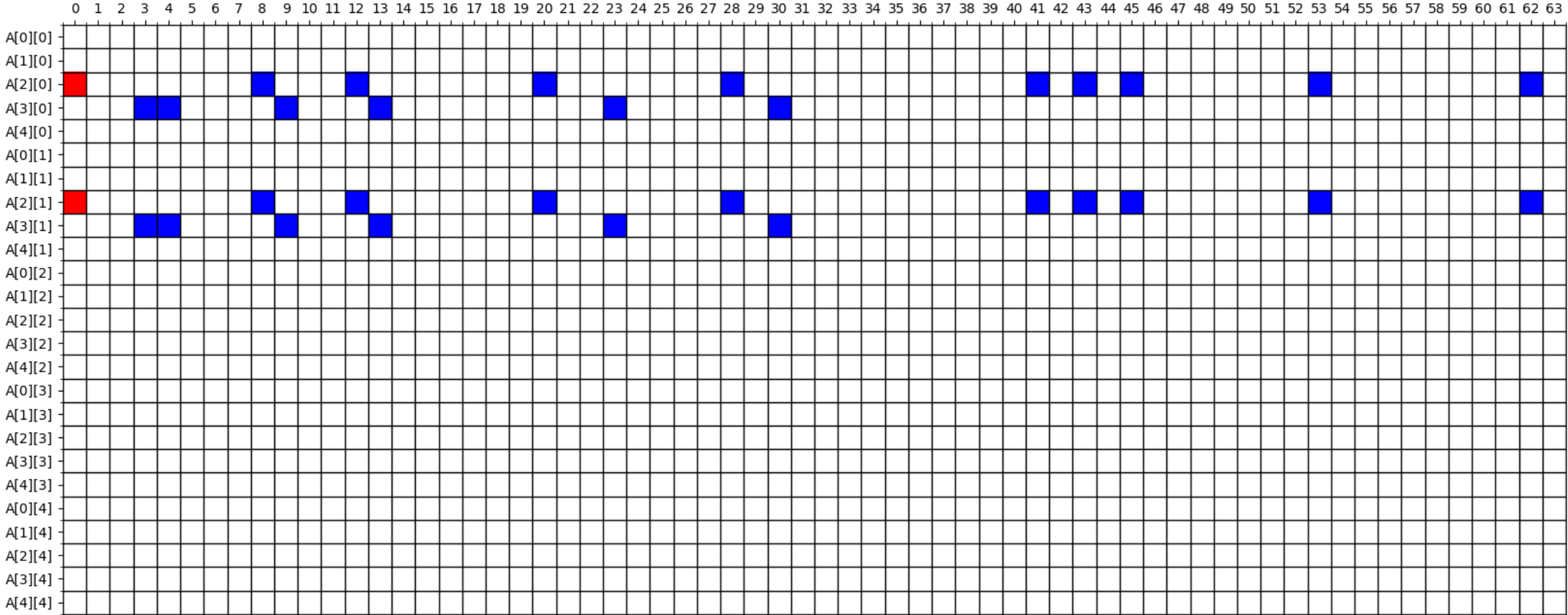
<p>Ordinary Cube Variables</p>	$ \begin{aligned} &A[2][0][8]=A[2][1][8]=v_1, \quad A[2][0][12]=A[2][1][12]=v_2, \\ &A[2][0][20]=A[2][1][20]=v_3, \quad A[2][0][28]=A[2][1][28]=v_4, \\ &A[2][0][41]=A[2][1][41]=v_5, \quad A[2][0][43]=A[2][1][43]=v_6, \\ &A[2][0][45]=A[2][1][45]=v_7, \quad A[2][0][53]=A[2][1][53]=v_8, \\ &A[2][0][62]=A[2][1][62]=v_9, \quad A[3][0][3]=A[3][1][3]=v_{10}, \\ &A[3][0][4]=A[3][1][4]=v_{11}, \quad A[3][0][9]=A[3][1][9]=v_{12}, \\ &A[3][0][13]=A[3][1][13]=v_{13}, \quad A[3][0][23]=A[3][1][23]=v_{14}, \\ &A[3][0][30]=A[3][1][30]=v_{15} \end{aligned} $
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<p>Bit Conditions</p>	$ \begin{aligned} &A[4][0][44]=0, \\ &A[2][0][4]=k_5+k_{69}+A[0][1][5]+A[2][1][4]+1, \\ &A[2][0][59]=k_{60}+A[0][1][60]+A[2][1][59]+1, \\ &A[2][0][7]=A[4][0][6]+A[2][1][7]+A[3][1][7] \end{aligned} $
<p>Guessed Key Bits</p>	k_{60}, k_5+k_{69}

Initial State



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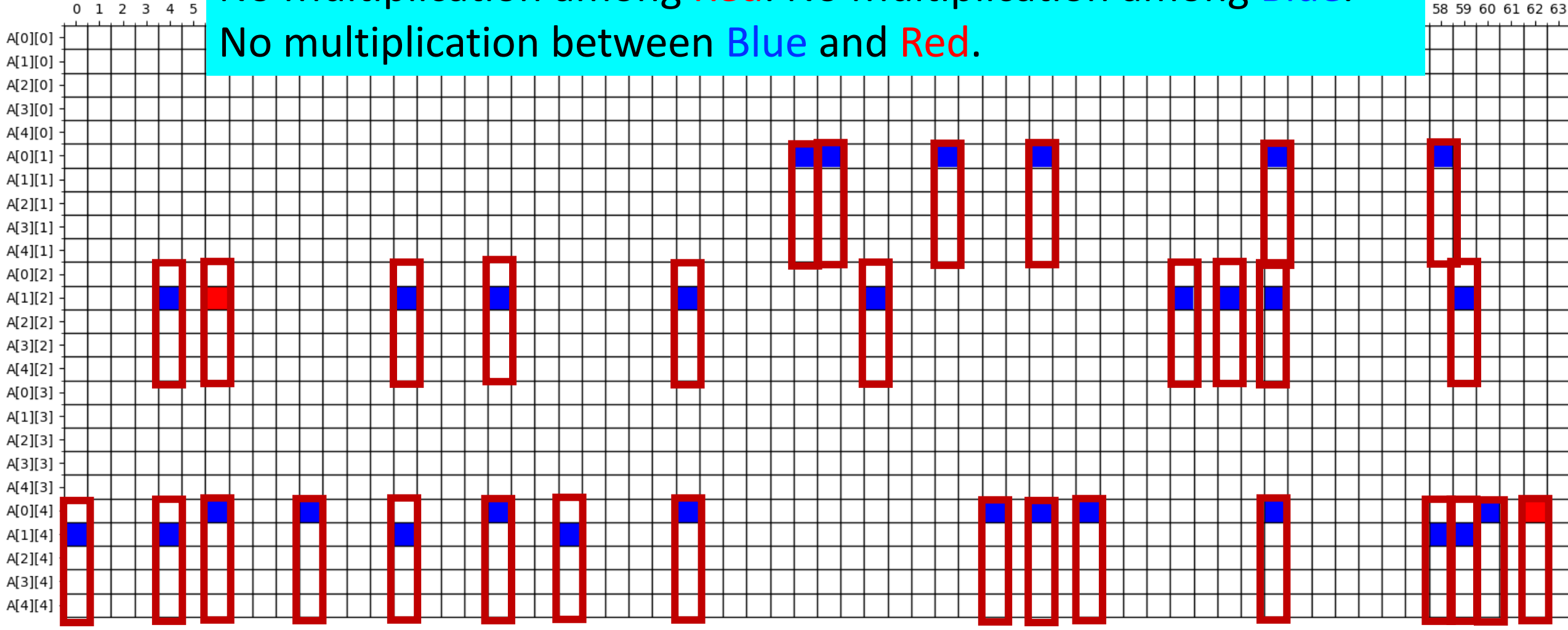
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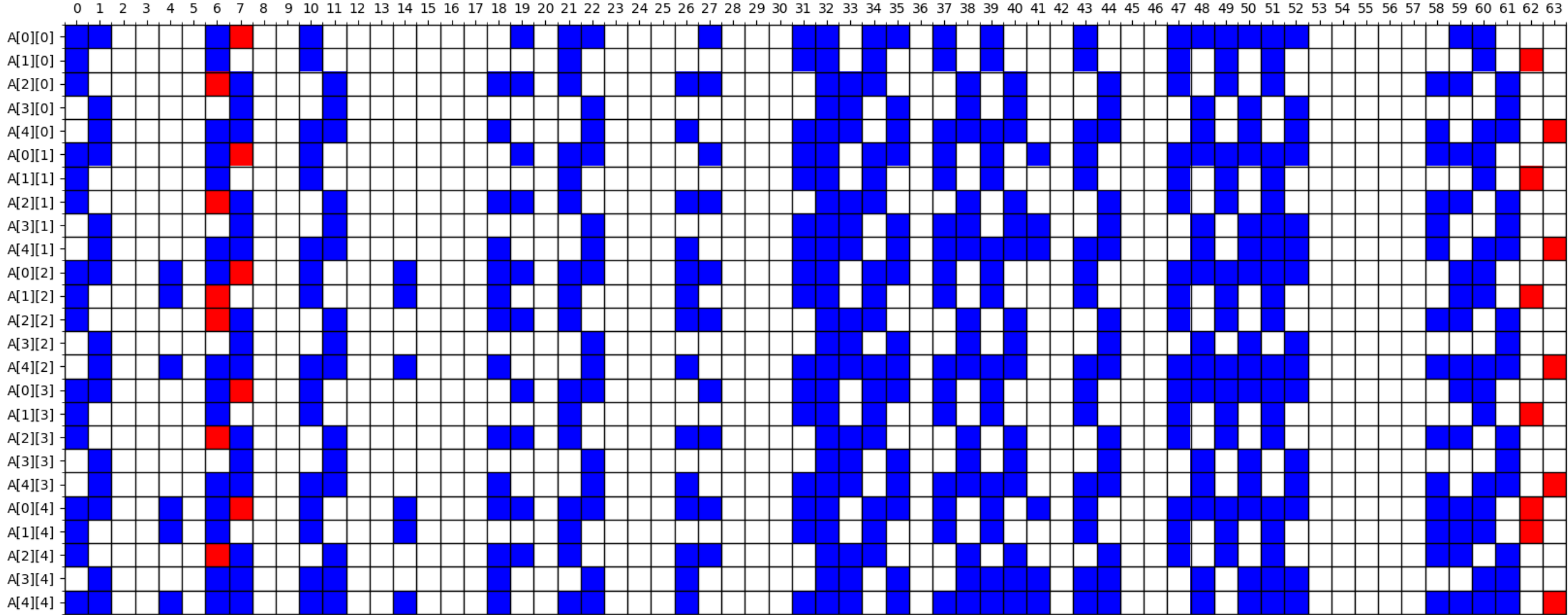
$$\pi: A[y][2x + 3y] \leftarrow A[x][y].$$

No Multiplication among Red. No Multiplication among Blue.
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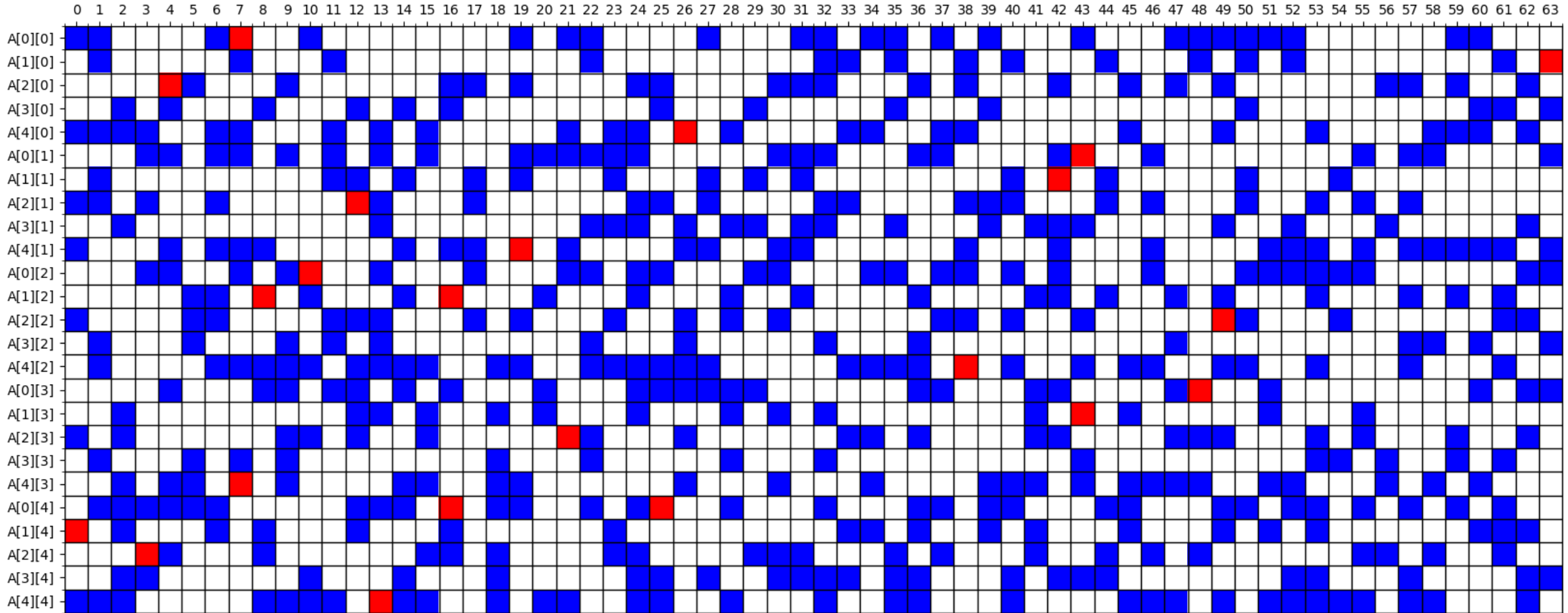
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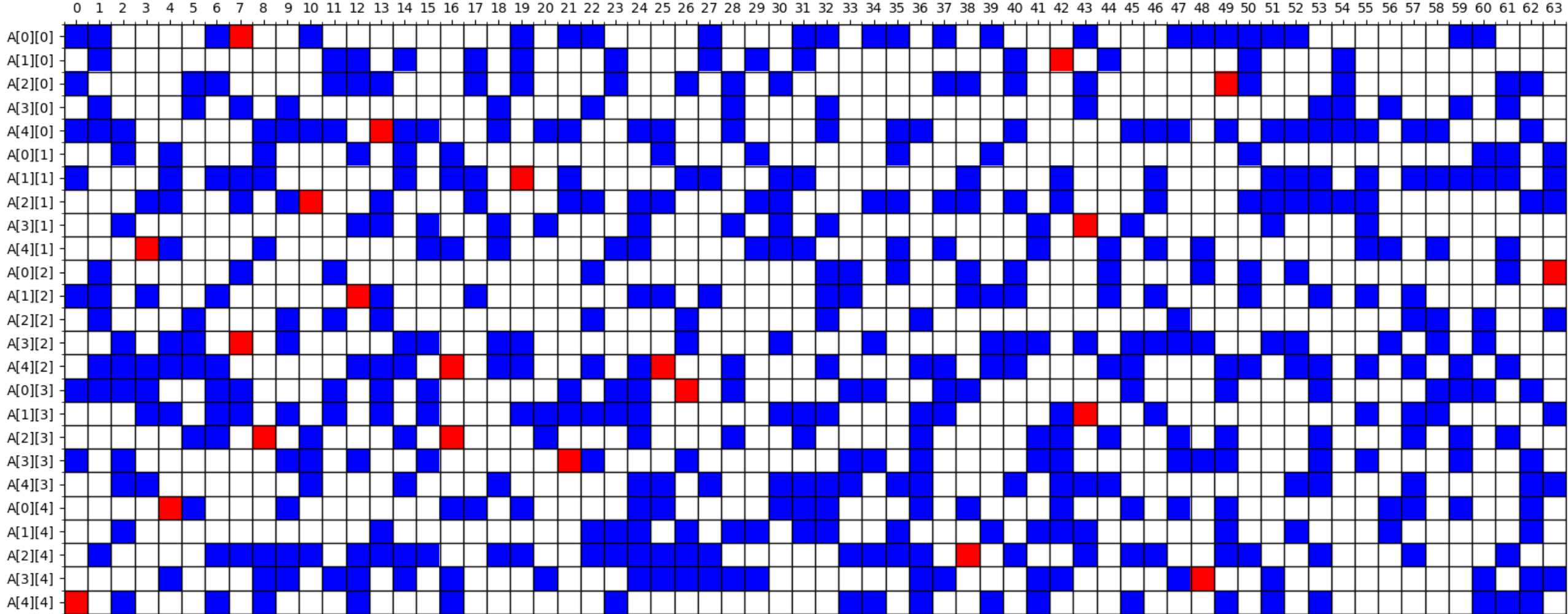
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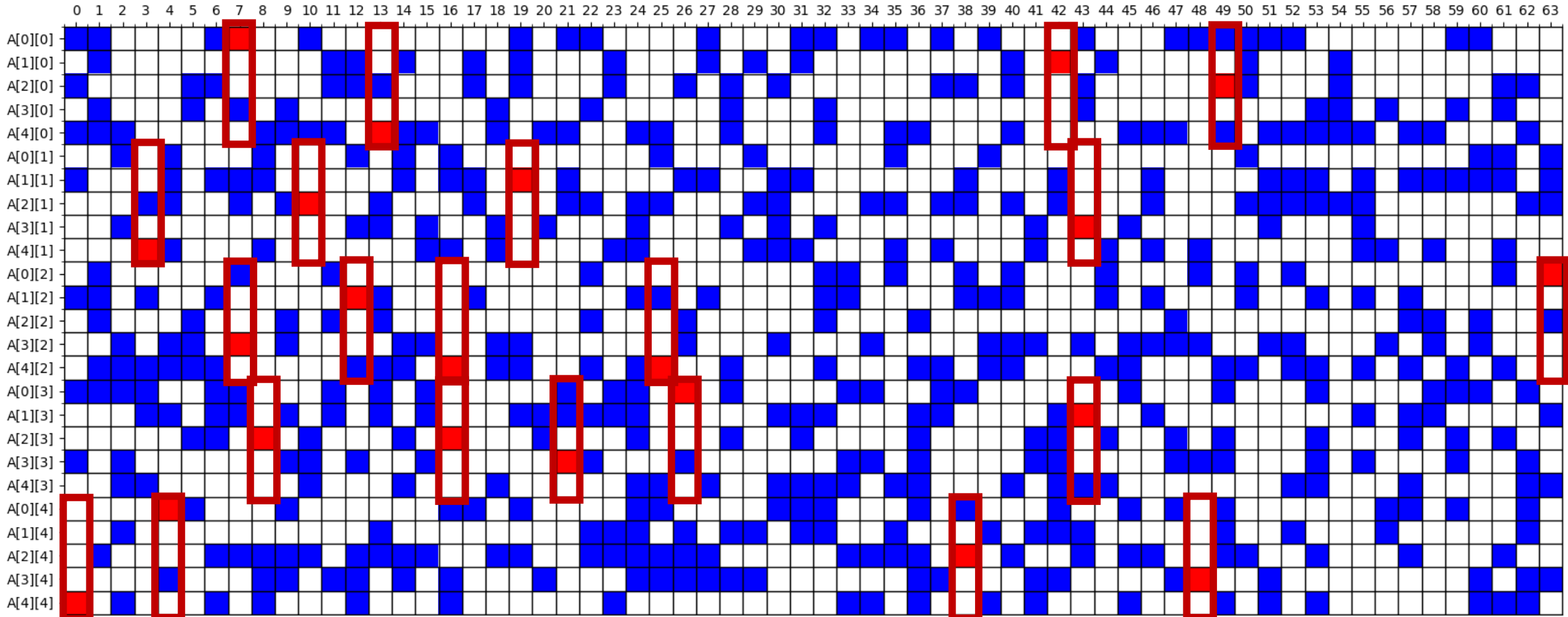
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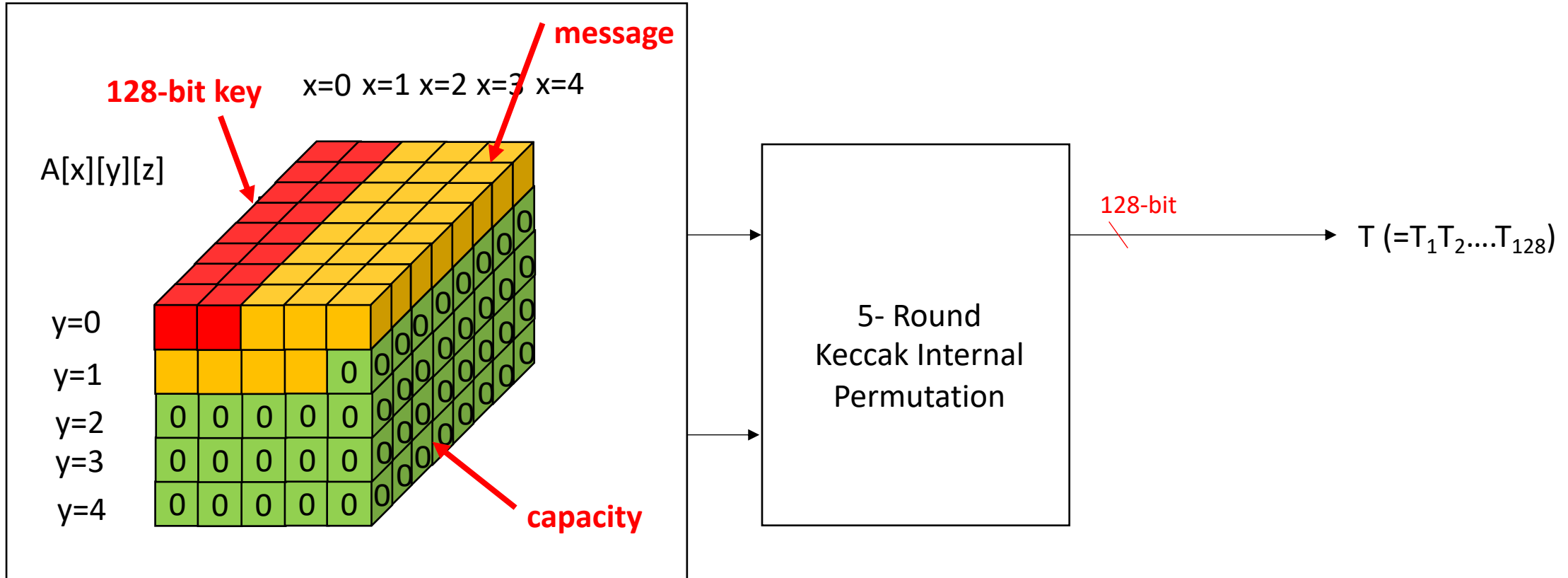
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Therefore, according to Theorem 2,

- If the conditions are true, then the term $v_0v_1v_2\dots v_{15}$ will not appear in the output polynomials of 5-round Keccak sponge function.
- By the cube-sum, we can determine whether the conditions (with some secret key bits) hold or not.

Setting of Input message M



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- These are the 4 conditions.

① $A[4][0][44]=0$

② $A[2][0][4]=k_5+k_{69}+A[0][1][5]+A[2][1][4]+1$

③ $A[2][0][59]=k_{60}+A[0][1][60]+A[2][1][59]+1$

④ $A[2][0][7]=A[4][0][6]+A[2][1][7]+A[3][1][7]$

- For each $(k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) \in \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$,
 - According to the conditions, we choose $A[4][0][44]$, $A[2][0][4]$, $A[0][1][5]$, $A[2][1][4]$, $A[2][0][59]$, $A[0][1][60]$, $A[2][1][59]$, $A[2][0][7]$, $A[4][0][6]$, $A[2][1][7]$, $A[3][1][7]$.
 - We have 16 cube variables in message part.
 - We arbitrary choose values of remaining message part.
 - Let us call this as **input message M**.

Online Phase of Attack on 5-Round Keccak-MAC-512

- For each $(k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) \in \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$,
 - Define message M as explained in the previous slide.Attacker makes oracle $\text{Keccak-MAC}(K, \cdot)$ -queries and compute the following online cube-sum:

$$\sum_{(v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{15}) \in \mathbb{C}_{v_0 v_1 \dots v_{15}}} \text{Keccak-MAC}(K, M) \stackrel{?}{=} 0^{128}$$

- Above cube-sum requires 2^{16} Keccak-MAC -oracle queries.
 - If the cube-sum is all zero, then the guessing (k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) is correct.
 - Otherwise, we continue to perform another cube-sum with different guessing of (k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) .
- In total, in order to recover two-bit of key, (k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) , we need 2^{18} Keccak-MAC -oracle queries.

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- Till now, we showed only how to recover 2-bit of key, (k_5+k_{69}, k_{60}) .
- How can we find another key information? We consider any i ($0 \leq i \leq 63$) as follows: (This table is correct for all i 's, which is verified by me and attached at the end of this talk.)

<p>Ordinary Cube Variables</p>	<p> $A[2][0][i+8]=A[2][1][i+8]=v_1$, $A[2][0][i+12]=A[2][1][i+12]=v_2$, $A[2][0][i+20]=A[2][1][i+20]=v_3$, $A[2][0][i+28]=A[2][1][i+28]=v_4$, $A[2][0][i+41]=A[2][1][i+41]=v_5$, $A[2][0][i+43]=A[2][1][i+43]=v_6$, $A[2][0][i+45]=A[2][1][i+45]=v_7$, $A[2][0][i+53]=A[2][1][i+53]=v_8$, $A[2][0][i+62]=A[2][1][i+62]=v_9$, $A[3][0][i+3]=A[3][1][i+3]=v_{10}$, $A[3][0][i+4]=A[3][1][i+4]=v_{11}$, $A[3][0][i+9]=A[3][1][i+9]=v_{12}$, $A[3][0][i+13]=A[3][1][i+13]=v_{13}$, $A[3][0][i+23]=A[3][1][i+23]=v_{14}$, $A[3][0][i+30]=A[3][1][i+30]=v_{15}$ </p>
<p>Conditional Cube Variables</p>	<p>$A[2][0][i]=A[2][1][i]=v_0$</p>
<p>Bit Conditions</p>	<p> $\textcircled{1}$ $A[4][0][i+44]=0$, $\textcircled{2}$ $A[2][0][i+4]=k_{i+5 \bmod 64}+k_{64+(i+5 \bmod 64)}+A[0][1][i+5]+A[2][1][i+4]+1$, $\textcircled{3}$ $A[2][0][i+59]=k_{i+60 \bmod 64}+A[0][1][i+60]+A[2][1][i+59]+1$, $\textcircled{4}$ $A[2][0][i+7]=A[4][0][i+6]+A[2][1][i+7]+A[3][1][i+7]$ </p>
<p>Gussed Key Bits</p>	<p>$k_{i+60 \bmod 64}, k_{i+5 \bmod 64}+k_{64+(i+5 \bmod 64)}$</p>

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- These are the 4 conditions for each i ($0 \leq i \leq 63$).

① $A[4][0][i+44]=0$

② $A[2][0][i+4]=k_{i+5 \bmod 64}+k_{64+(i+5 \bmod 64)}+A[0][1][i+5]+A[2][1][i+4]+1$

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- For each $(k_{i+5 \bmod 64}+k_{64+(i+5 \bmod 64)}, k_{i+60 \bmod 64}) \in \{(0,0), (0,1), (1,0), (1,1)\}$,
 - According to the conditions, we choose $A[4][0][i+44]$, $A[2][0][i+4]$, $A[0][1][i+5]$, $A[2][1][i+4]$, $A[2][0][i+59]$, $A[0][1][i+60]$, $A[2][1][i+59]$, $A[2][0][i+7]$, $A[4][0][i+6]$, $A[2][1][i+7]$, $A[3][1][i+7]$.
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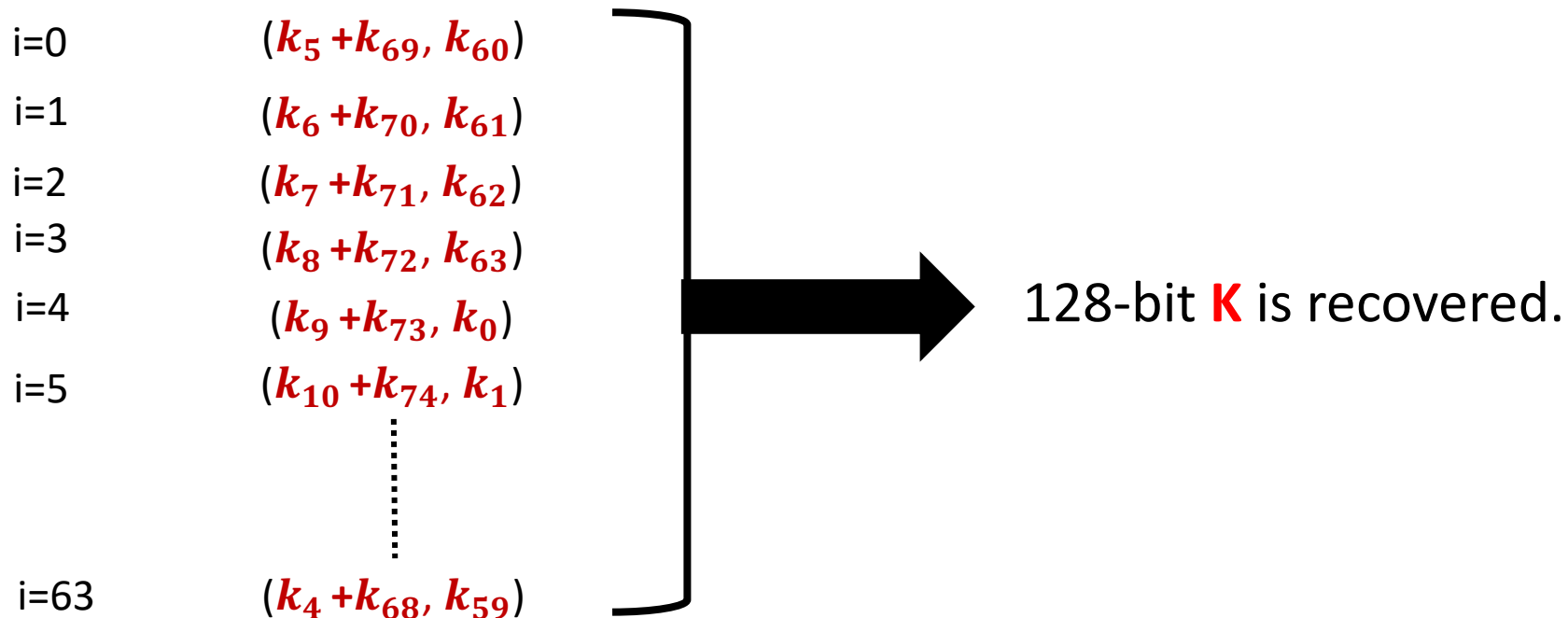
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- Therefore, we recovered all the 128-bit information of key **K** with 2^{24} Keccak-MAC-oracle queries.
- where, $2^{24} = (64 \text{ i-cases}) \times (2\text{-bit guess for each case}) \times (2^{16} \text{ for a cube-sum})$.



Conclusion

- We studied two major cube-attack approaches.
- I hope that you are motivated to work more on cube attacks and try to analyze NIST LWC AEAD candidates using cube attacks.