Let's stick together

Digitally ensuring physical proximity

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University of Luxembourg

- Founded in 2003.
- Trilingual: French, German and English.
- $\sim$6000 students, $\sim$250 professors.
- Three faculties, three interdisciplinary centers.

- Overall: 178
- Young universities (under 50 year): 14
- Most international universities: 2
- Computer science: 58

Outline

- Disruptive developments.
- From Physical to Digital.
  - Digital money
  - Electronic voting
  - Smart keys
- Achieving physical properties in a digital world.
  - Distance bounding
  - Grouping

Disruptive developments

- The world's largest taxi firm, Uber, owns no cars.
- The world's most popular media company, Facebook, creates no content.
- The world's most valuable retailer, Alibaba, carries no stock.
- And the world's largest accommodation provider, Airbnb, owns no property.

(Tom Goodwin)

Long-term trend on the path of disruption

From Physical to Digital

Examples

1. Digital money
2. Electronic voting
3. Smart keys
4. ...

Example 1: Digital money

Long before bitcoin: DigiCash (ecash).

- 1983 ground breaking paper by David Chaum (Berkely, CWI).
- Idea based on blind signatures.
- 1990 founded company Digicash.
- Huge commercial interest, e.g., Bill Gates wanted to integrate ecash in every copy of Windows95 for 100 million dollars.
- 1998 DigiCash bankrupt alledgely due to mismanagement.
- Current focus on distributed digital currencies (e.g. BitCoin).

Traditional vs. digital money

Traditional money:

- Can be spent only once (transferrable object).
- Untraceable (object decoupled from owner).
- Unforgeable.

Digicash:

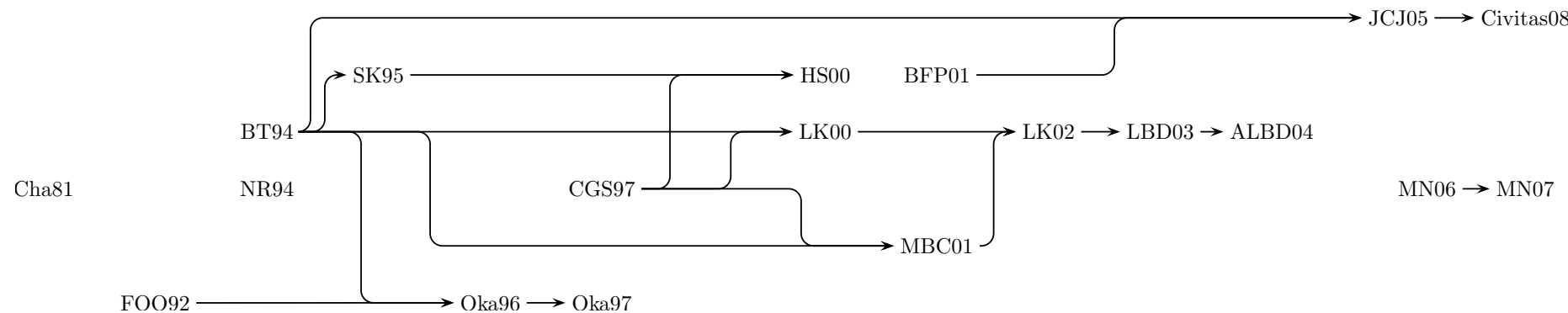
- Detection of double spending.
- Privacy and authentication through blind signatures.

Bitcoin:

- Block chain.
- Decentralized.

Example 2: Electronic voting

- 1981 first proposal of an electronic voting system that is end-to-end verifiable by David Chaum.
- Idea based on Mixes.
- Currently abundent collection of e-voting systems.
- Used in real elections (Estonia).



Traditional vs. electronic voting

Traditional voting:

- Privacy (voting booth, after voting ballot decoupled from voter).
- Auditable ((re-)counting ballots, observers).
- Voter can vote only once (authentication).
- No coercion (forbidden to take selfie in vote booth).

Electronic voting:

- Privacy (blind signatures, shuffling of votes through Mixes).
- Verifiability (bulletin board).
- No coercion (no digital receipt, last submitted vote counts).

Example 3: Smart keys

- From traditional keys to transponder keys to smart keys.

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(Note: 1993 First distance-bounding protocol by David Chaum.)

Distance Bounding

- To prove proximity.
- E.g. to prevent relay attacks (man-in-the-middle attacks).

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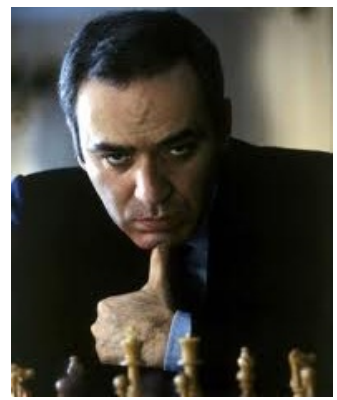

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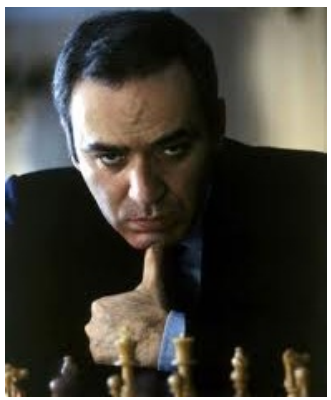

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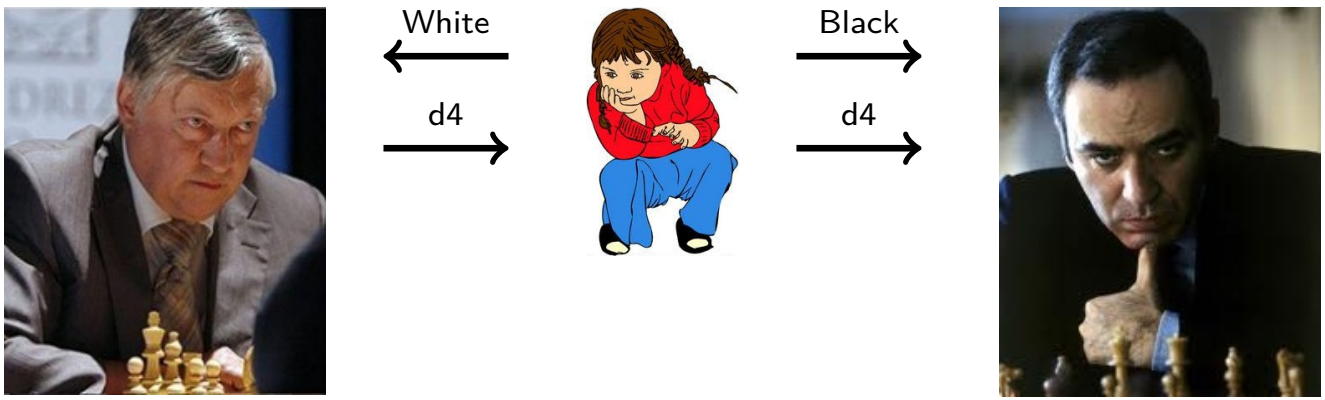

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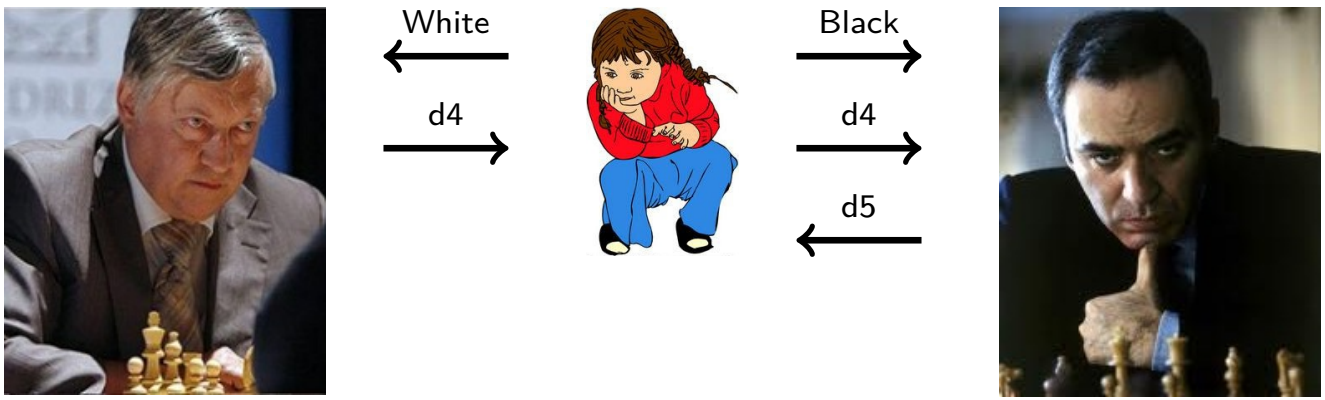

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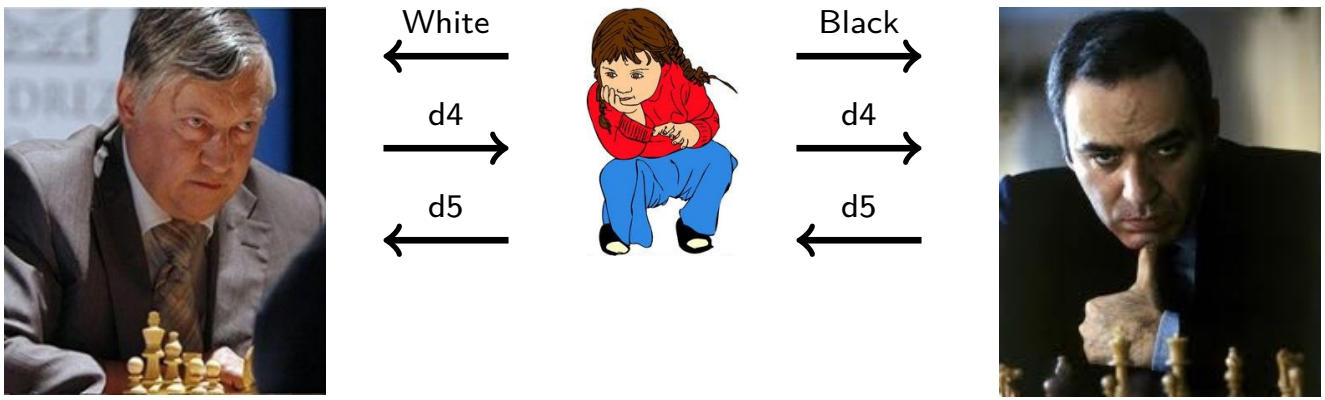

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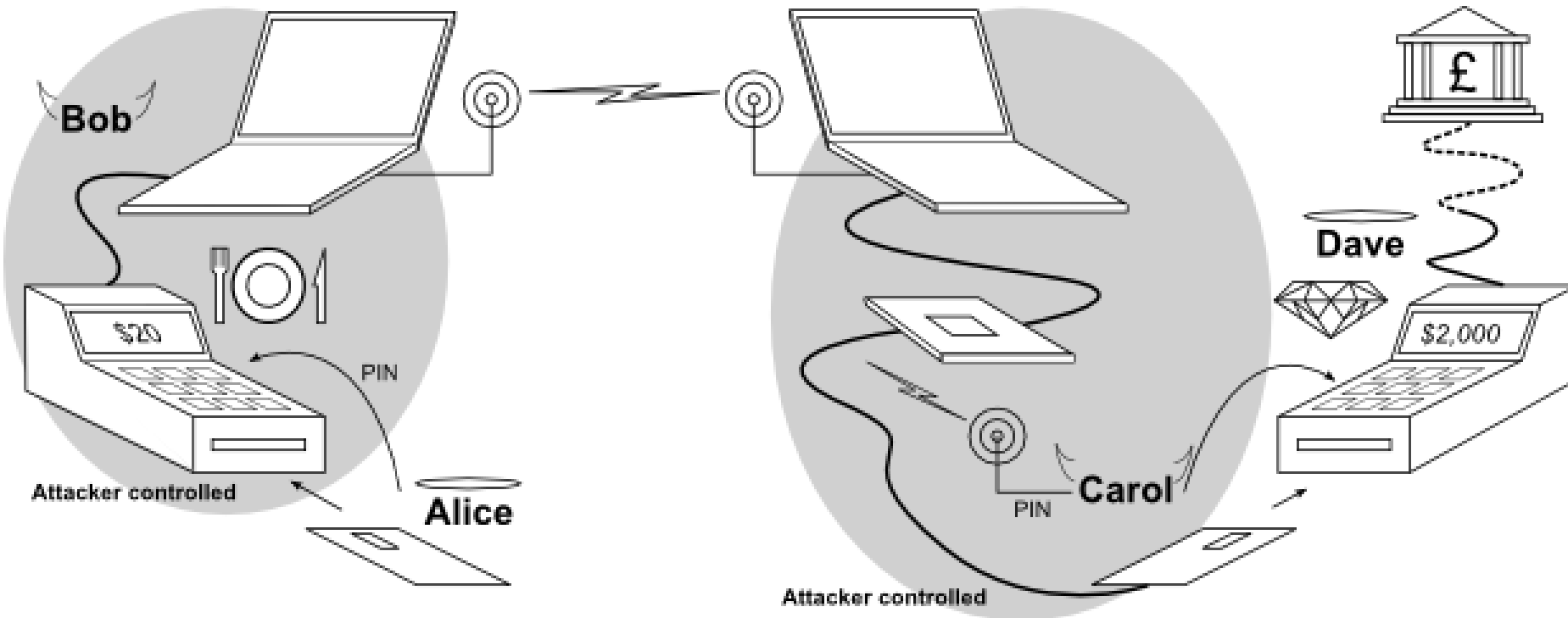

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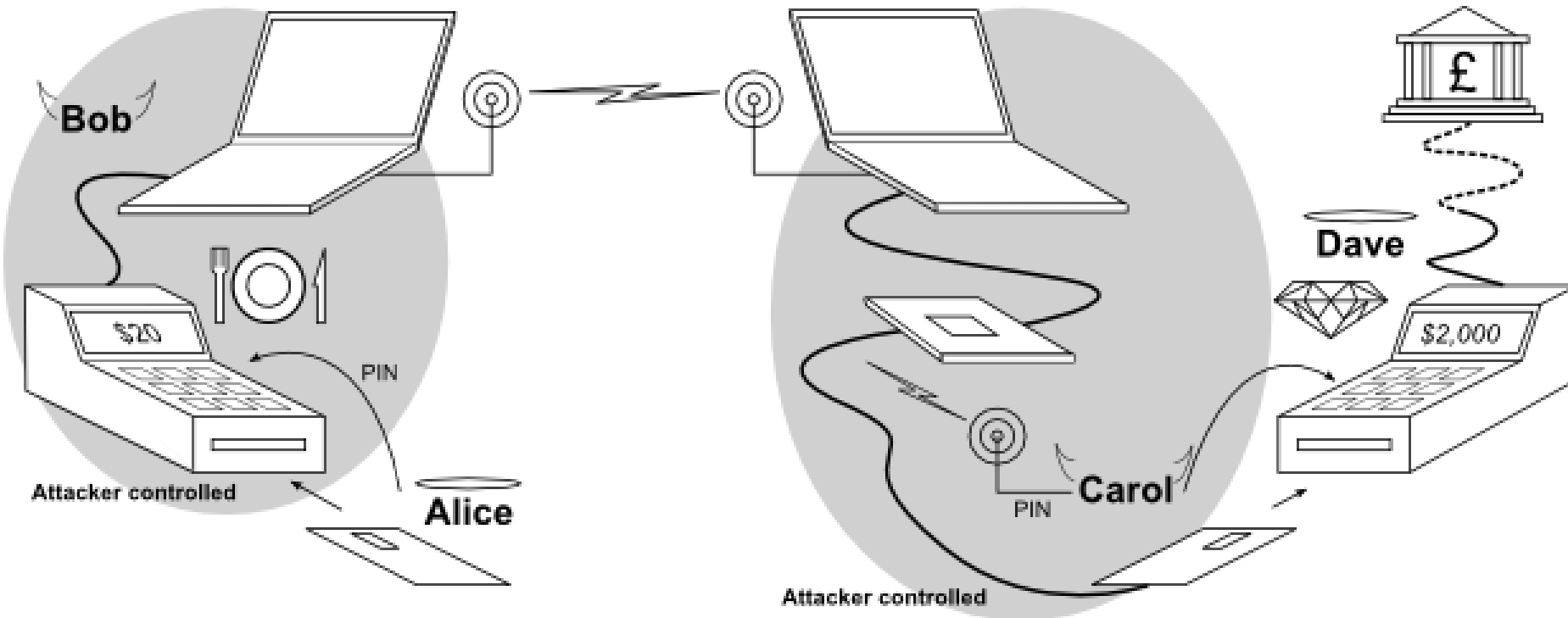
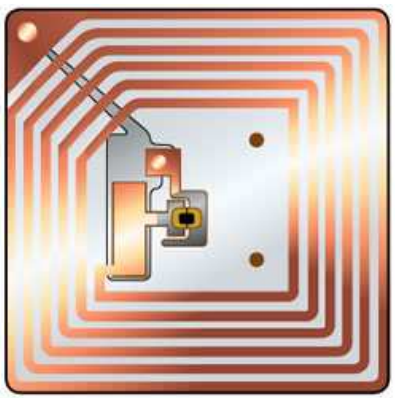
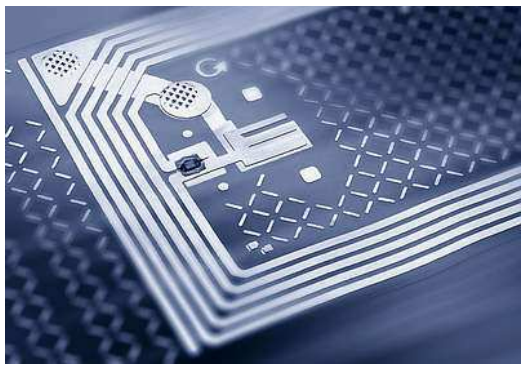


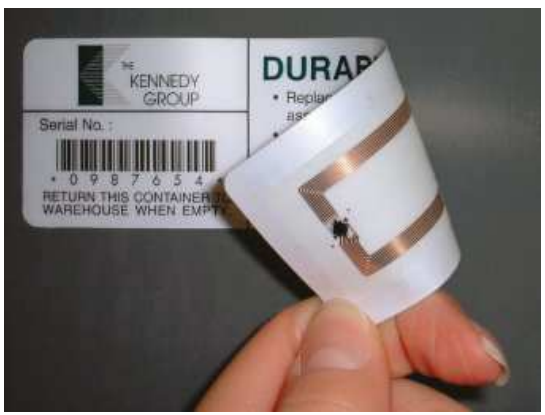
Many more practical attacks, e.g.

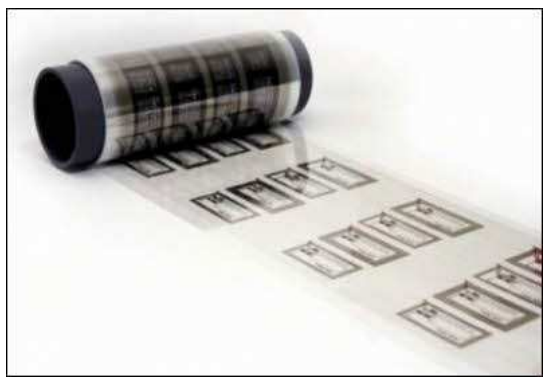
- Passive keyless entry and start systems used in modern cars (Francillon 2012)
- Google Wallet Relay Attack (Roland 2013)

RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification)









Properties of RFID

- Communication is contactless.
- Line-of-sight is not necessary.
- Messages are broadcast.
- Limited resources
  (memory, processor speed, energy, interaction time).

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Note that relaying is not always an attack
(e.g. store-and-forward in communication network).

Solution: Distance bounding protocols

Definition (Distance Bounding)

A distance bounding protocol is an authentication protocol that in addition checks the distance between tag and reader. The computed distance is an upper-bound on their actual distance.

Attacks on distance-bounding protocols

We will focus on, so-called, Mafia fraud attacks.

Definition (Mafia fraud)

A mafia fraud attack is an attack where an adversary defeats a distance bounding protocol using a man-in-the-middle between the reader and an honest tag located outside the neighborhood.

A few distance bounding protocols

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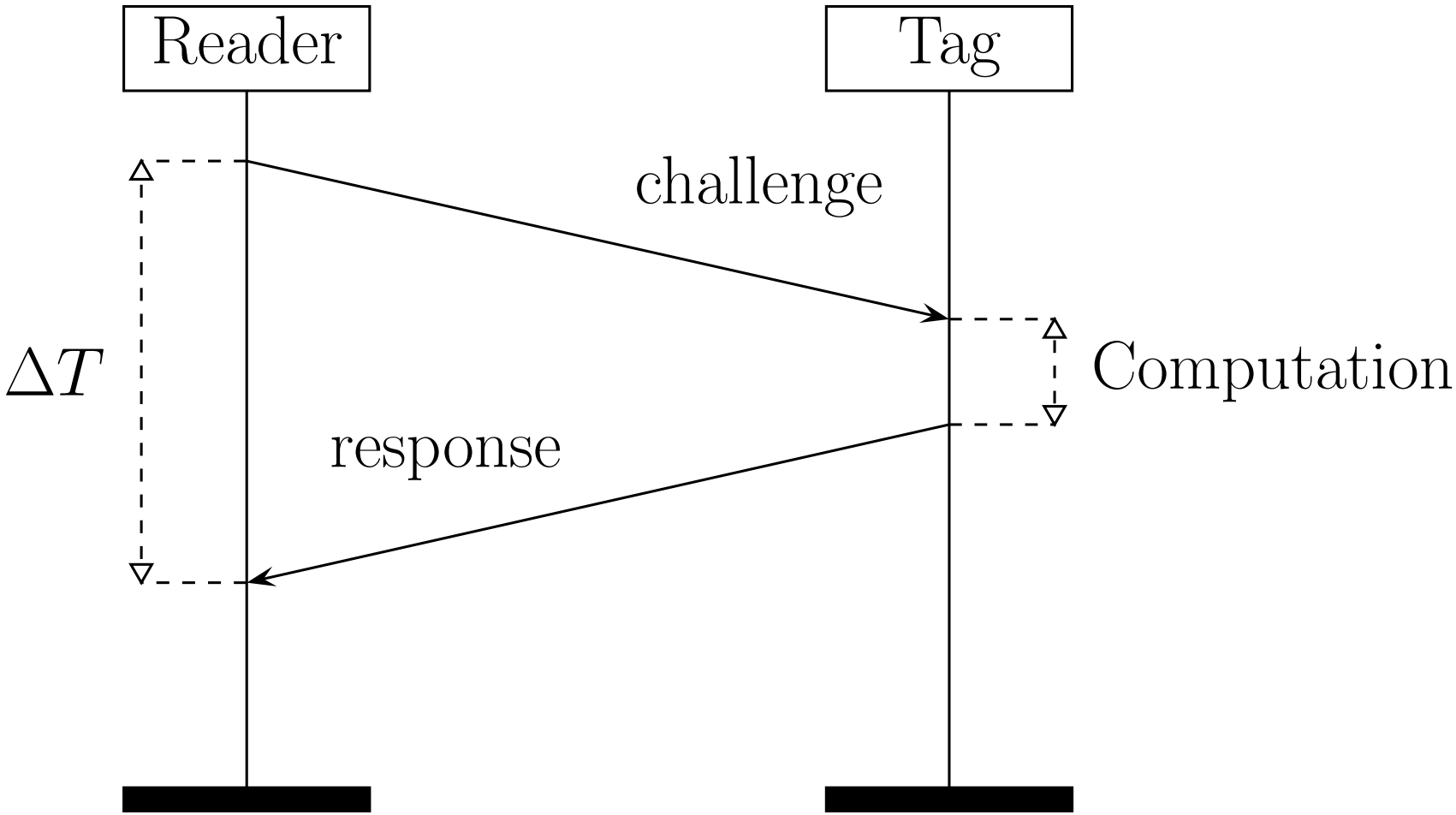
- Slow phase: generation of random values, exchange of parameters, preparation of data structures.
- Fast phase: 1-bit messages, tag performs at most lookup/and/xor/...; repeat this n times.

One challenge-response round



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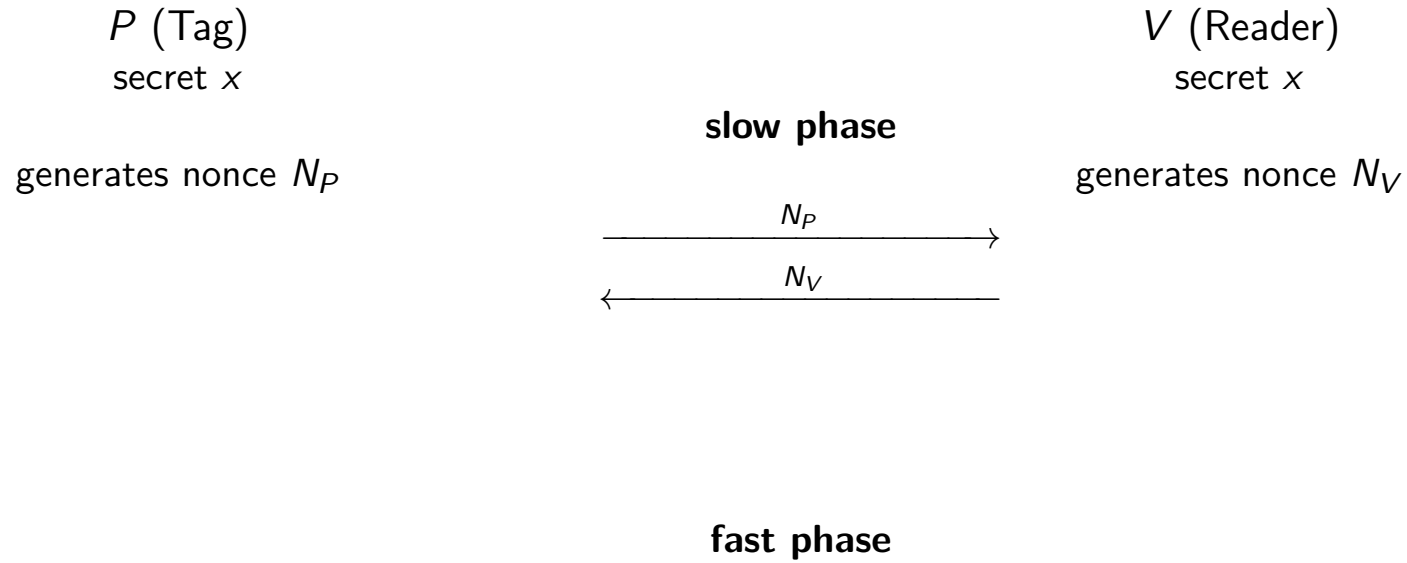

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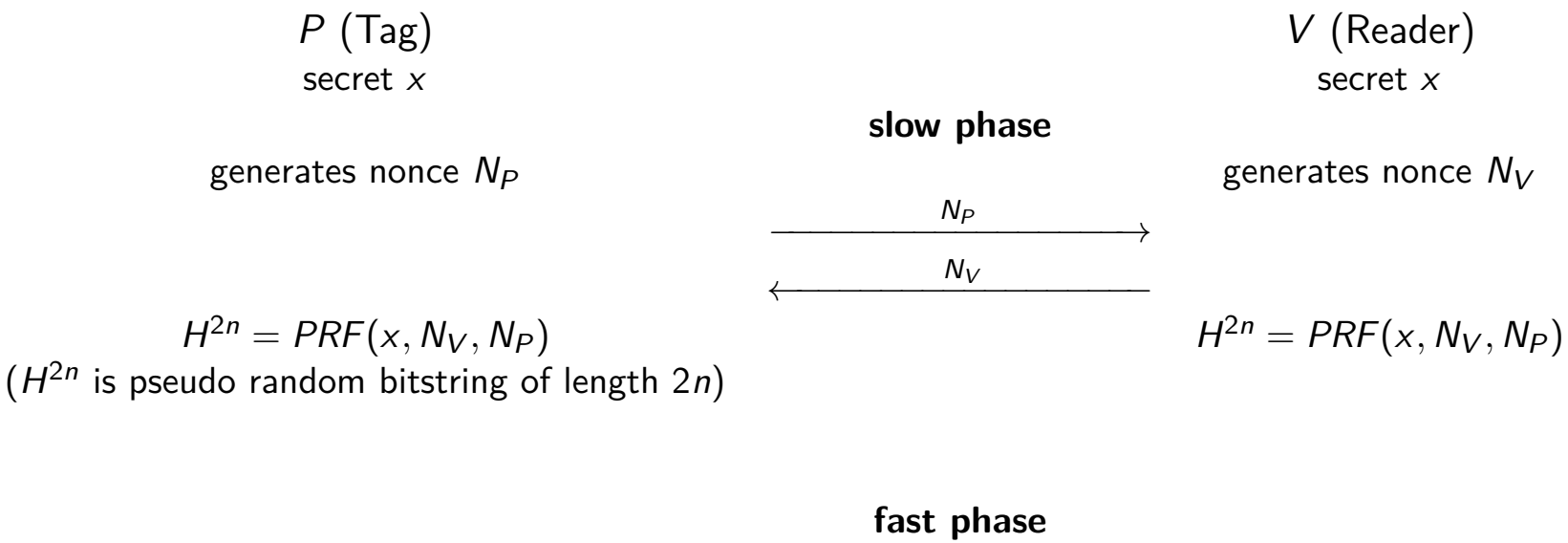

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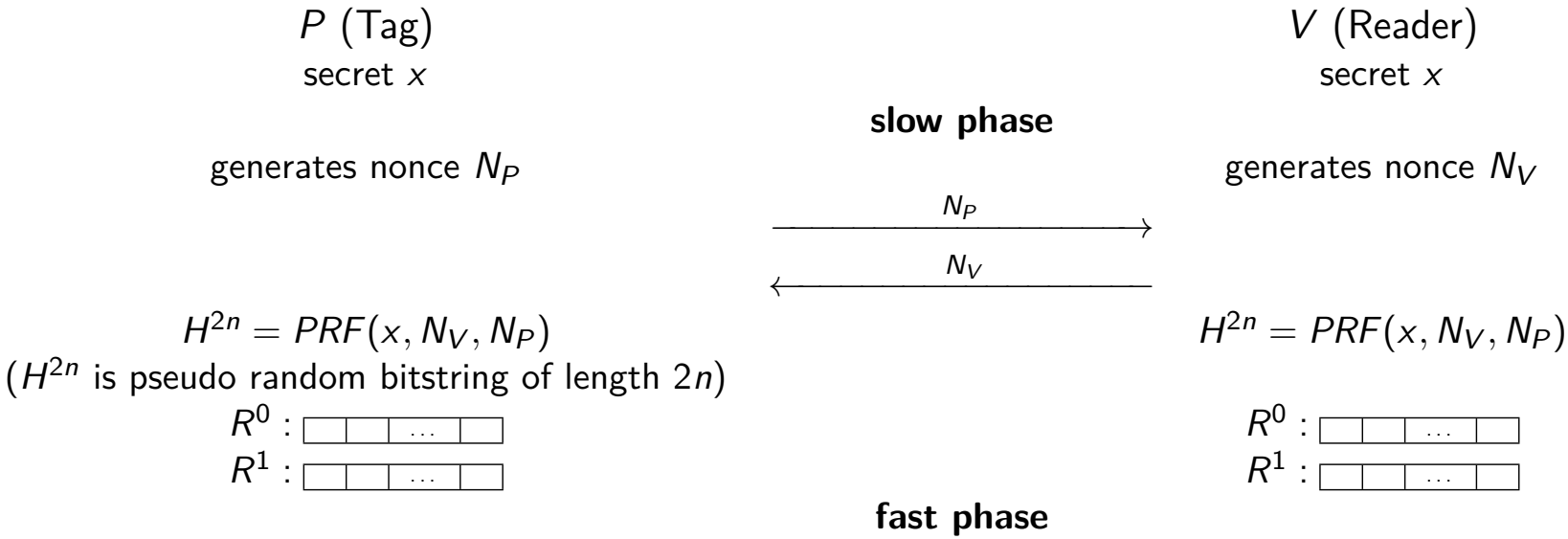

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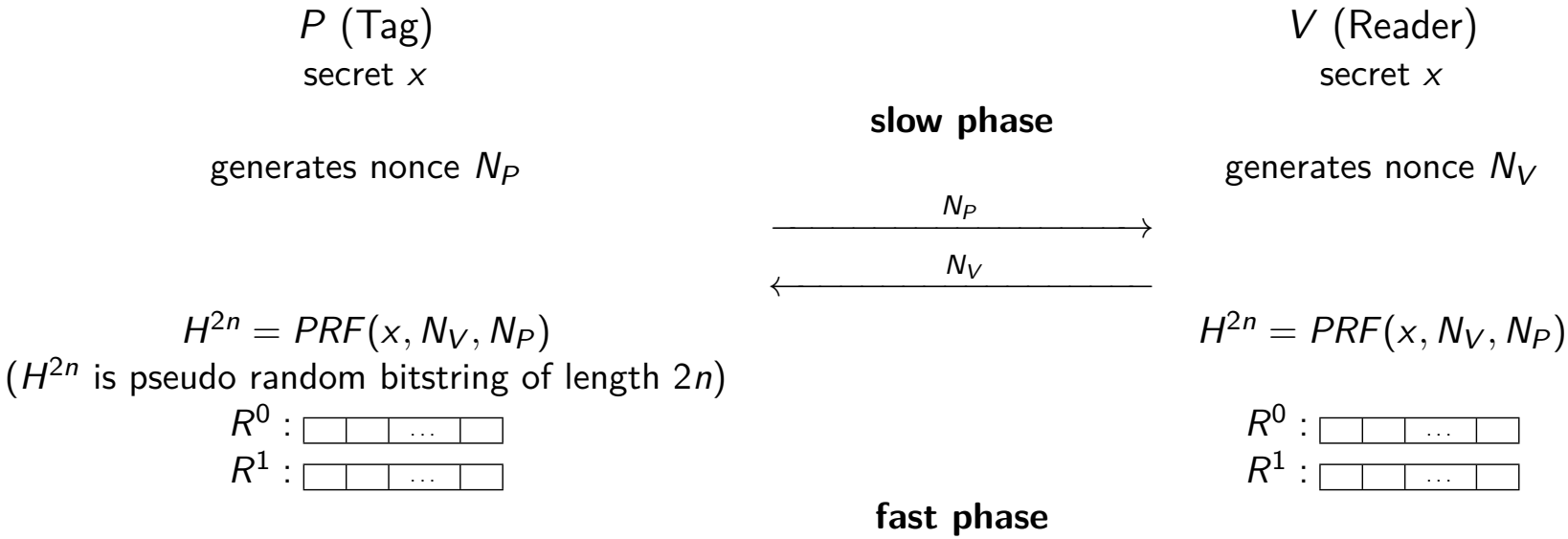

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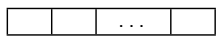
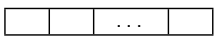
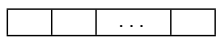
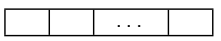
R^0 : 		R^0 : 
R^1 : 		R^1 : 
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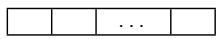
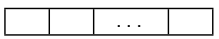
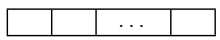
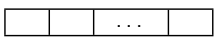
R^0 : 		R^0 : 
R^1 : 		R^1 : 
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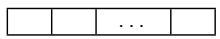
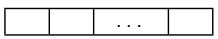
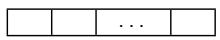
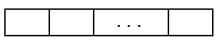
R^0 : 		R^0 : 
R^1 : 		R^1 : 
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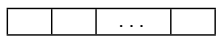
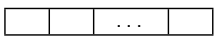
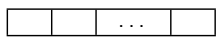
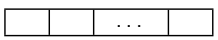
R^0 : 		R^0 : 
R^1 : 		R^1 : 
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Hancke and Kuhn's proposal (2005)

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generates nonce N_P		generates nonce N_V
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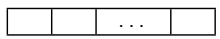
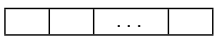
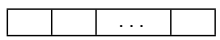
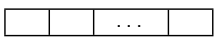
R^0 : 		R^0 : 
R^1 : 		R^1 : 
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Can the attacker do better?

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$A \xrightarrow{0} P$ **(tag)**

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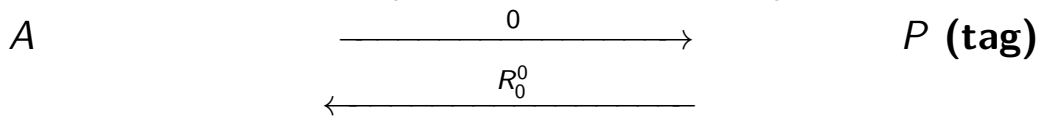

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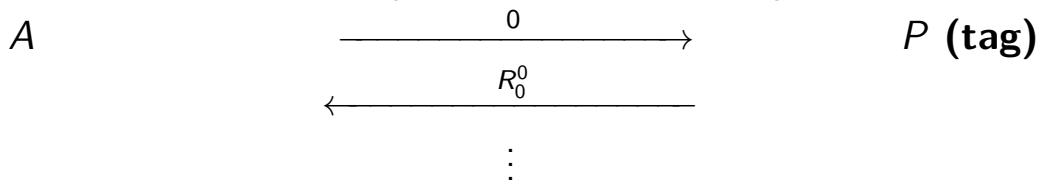

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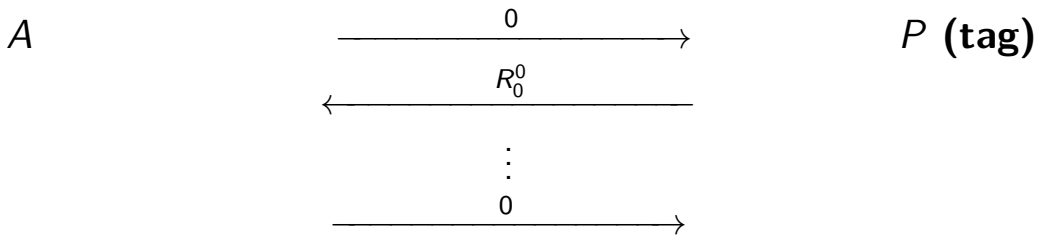

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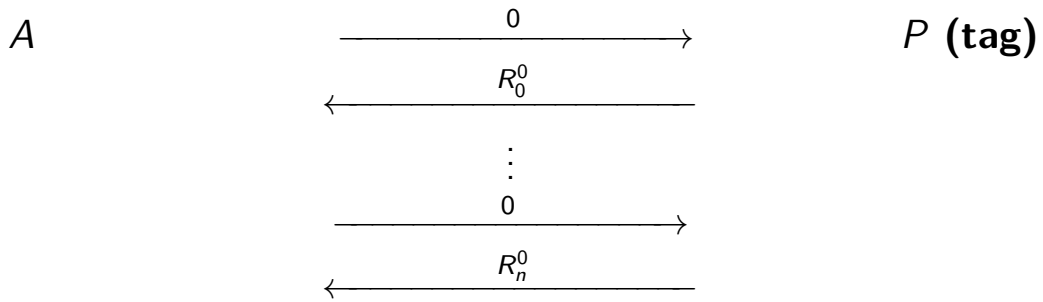

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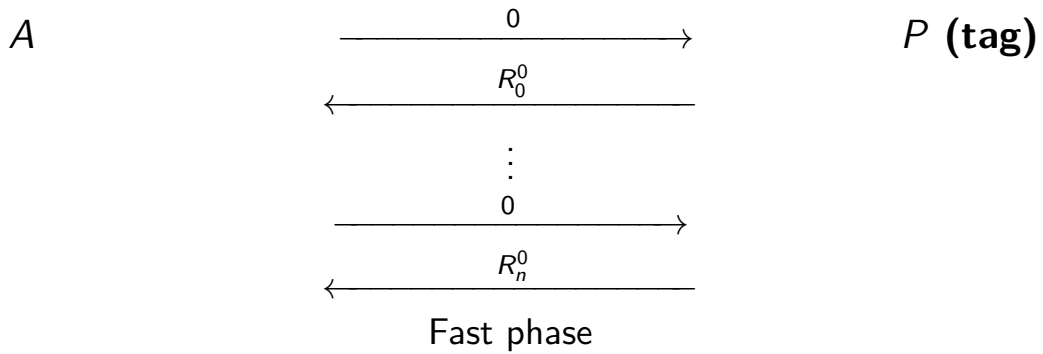

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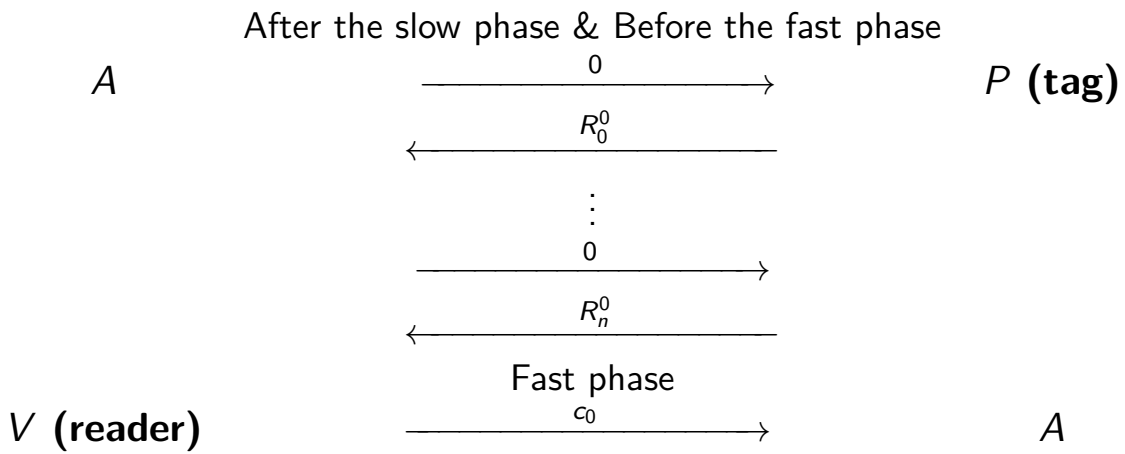

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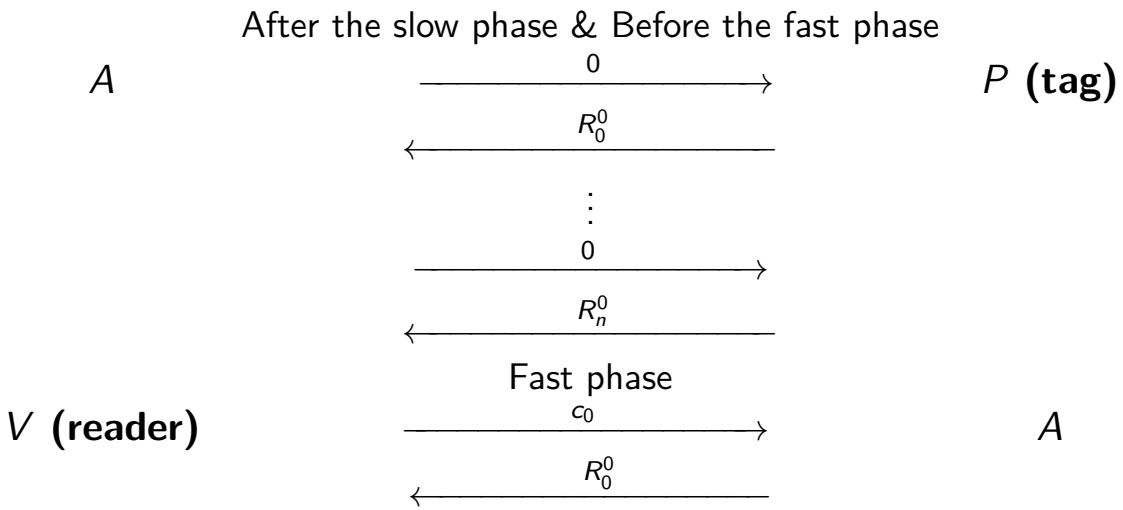

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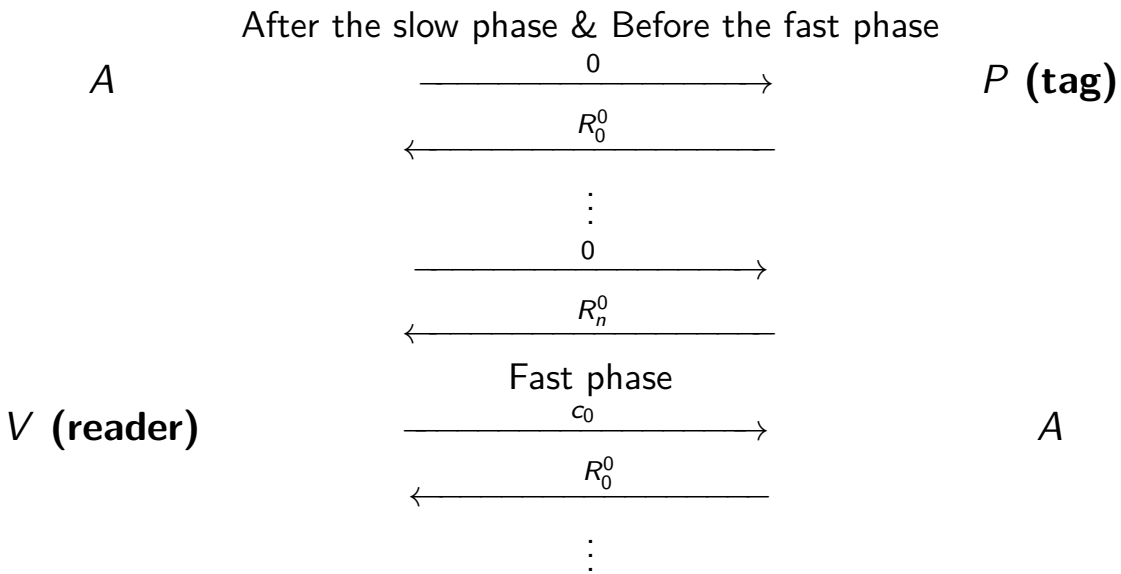

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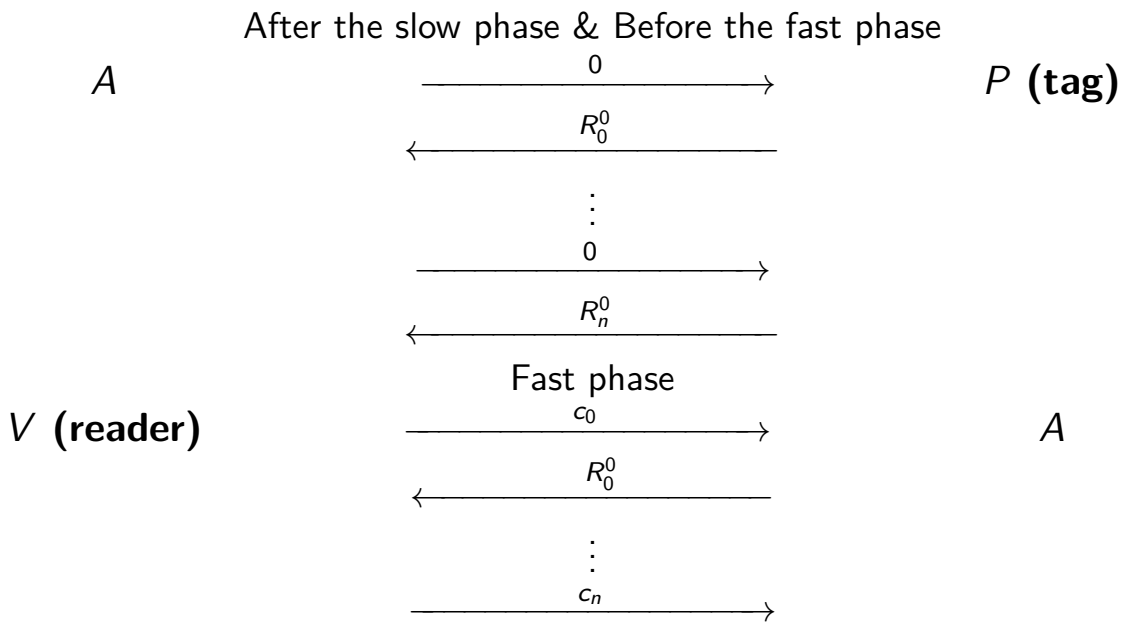

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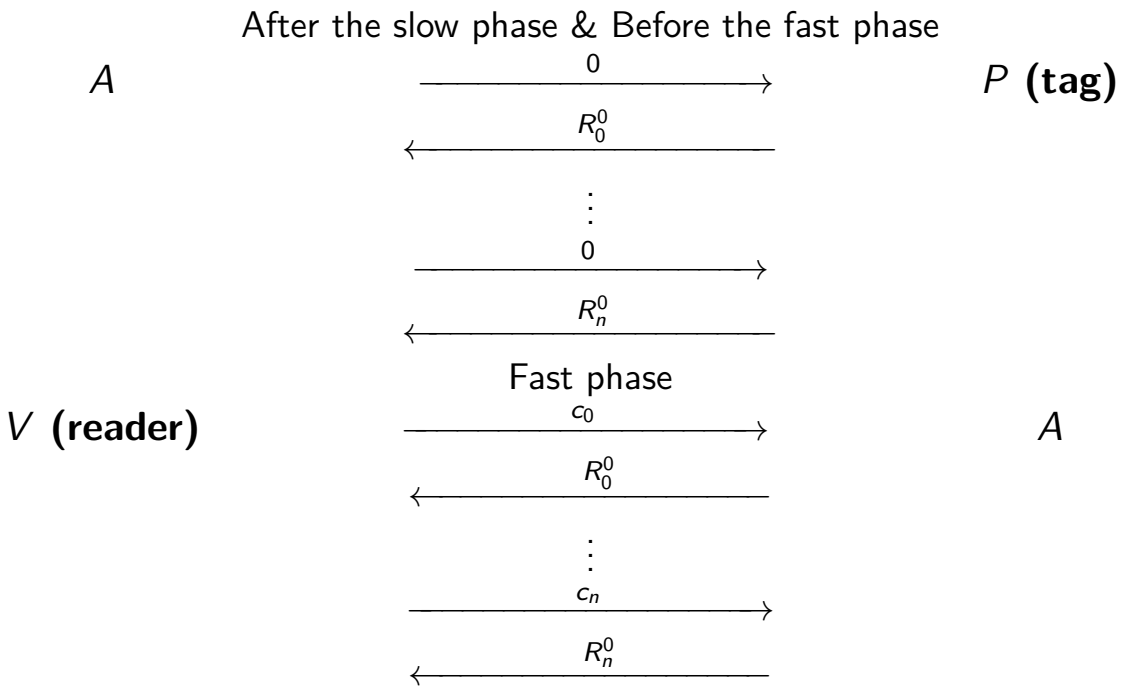

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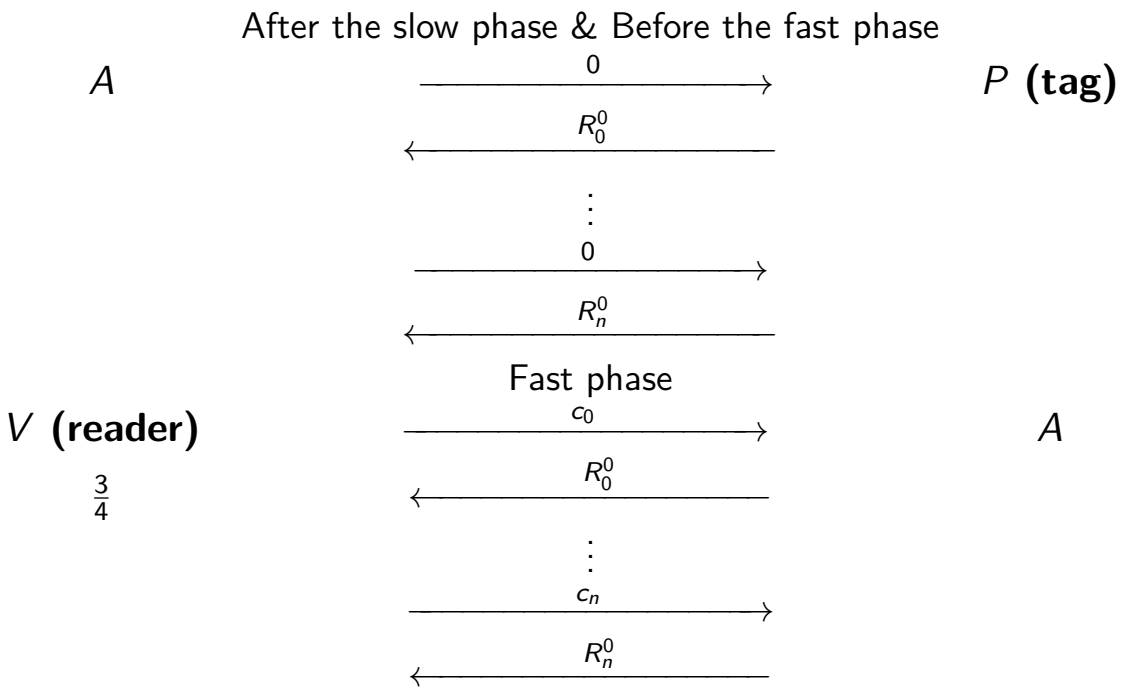

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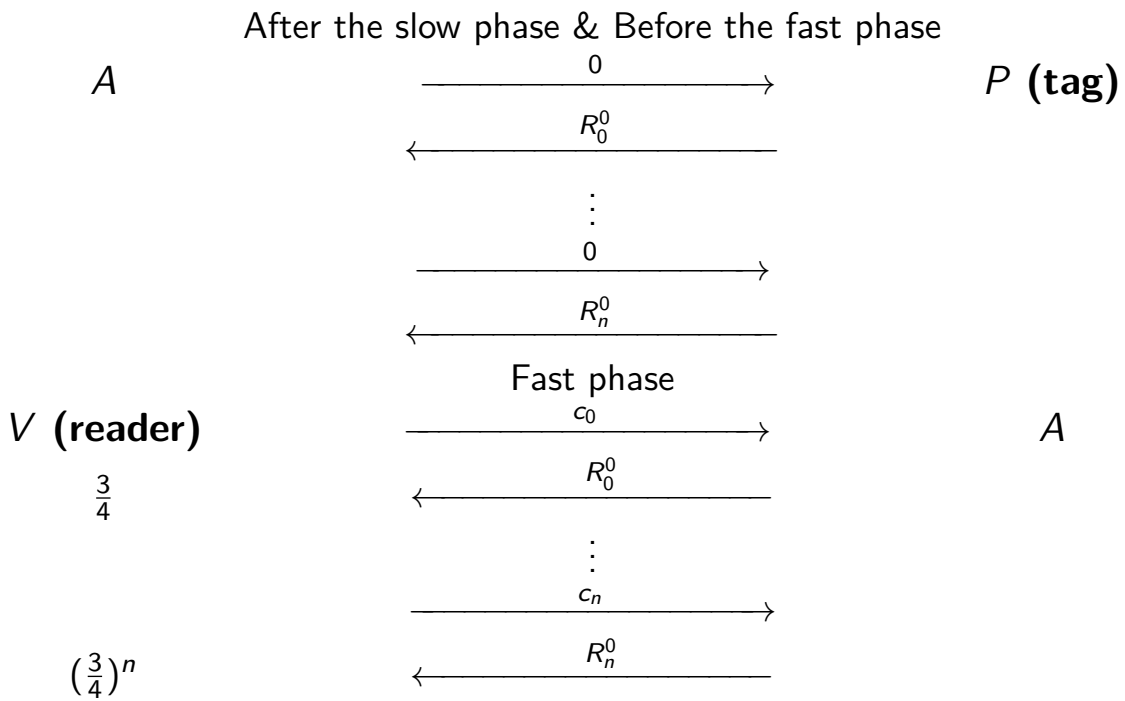

For $n = 10$: 0.056

Time to think

Can this protocol be improved?

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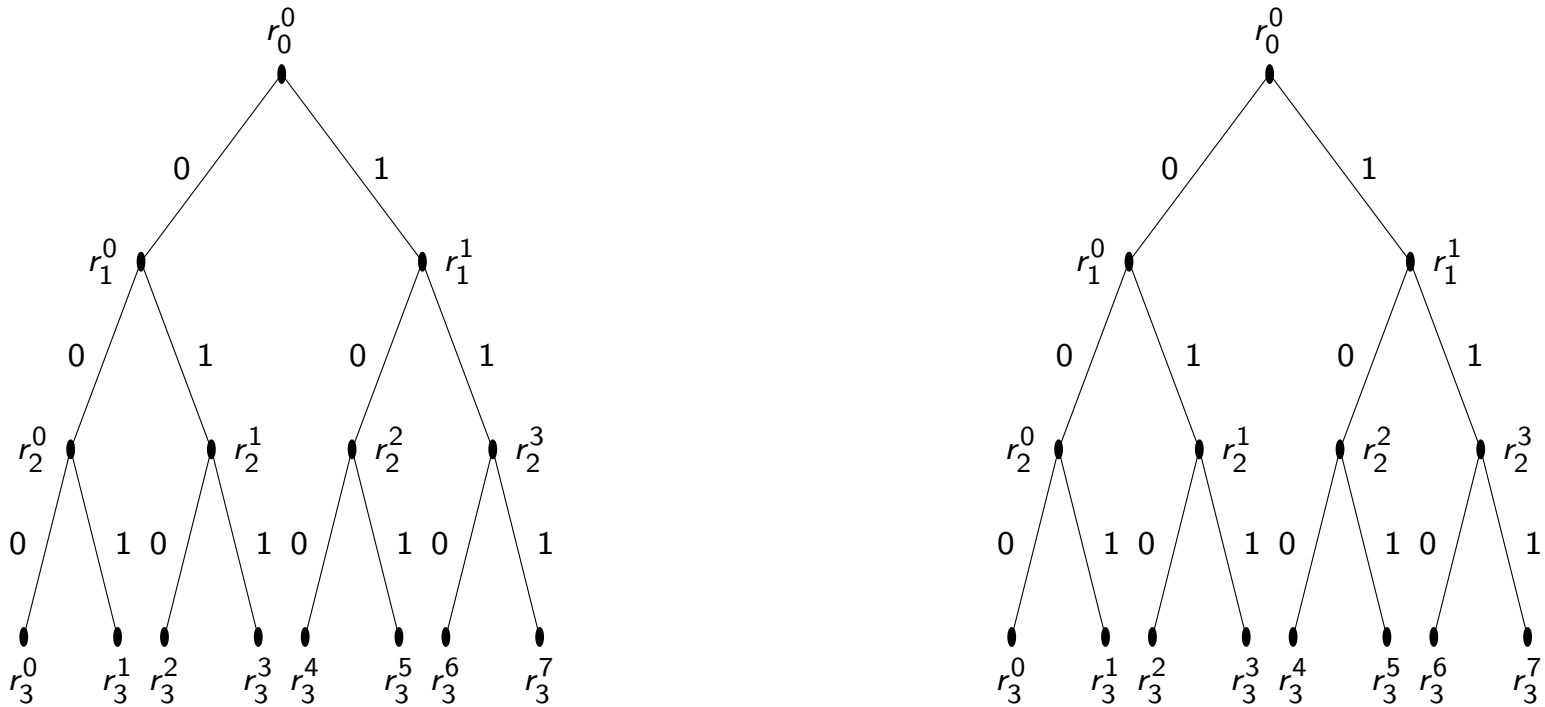

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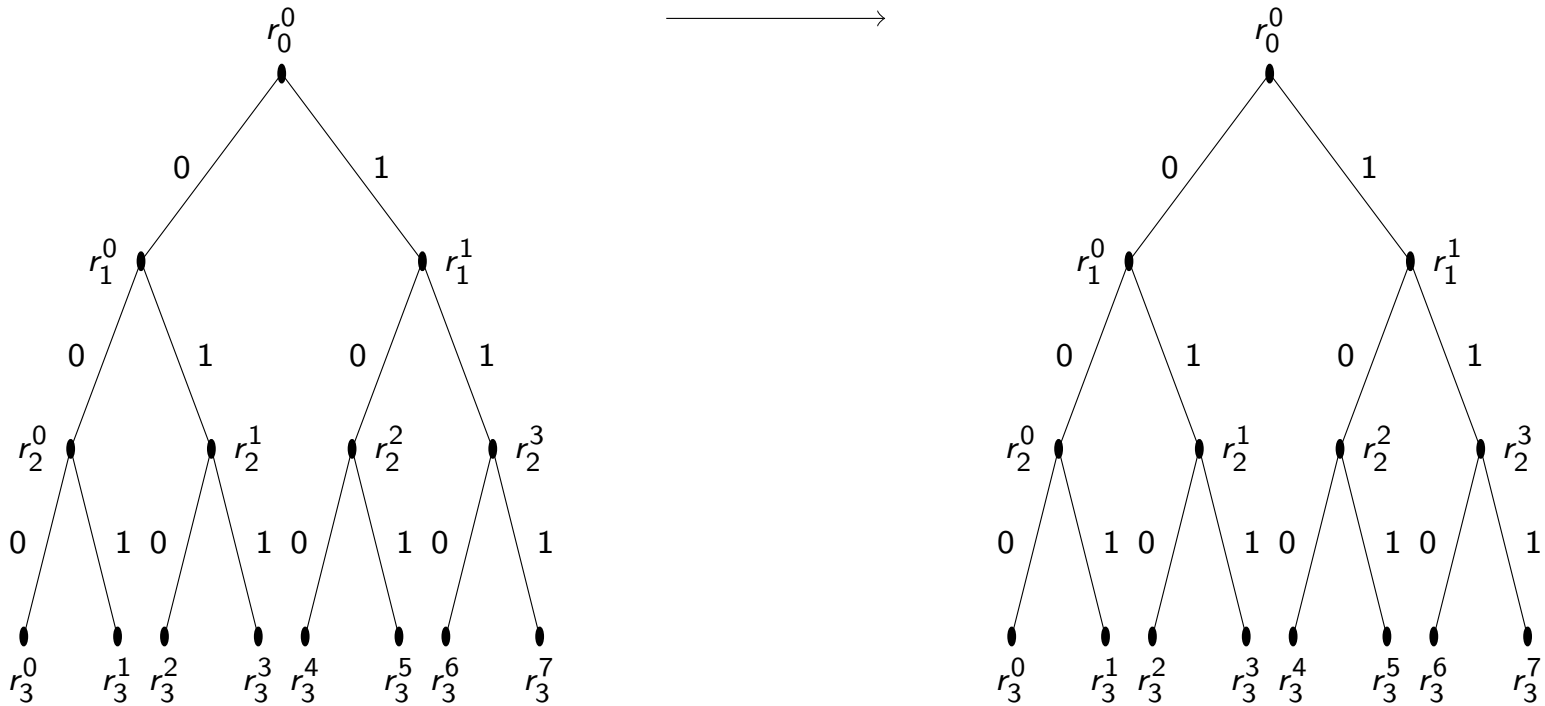

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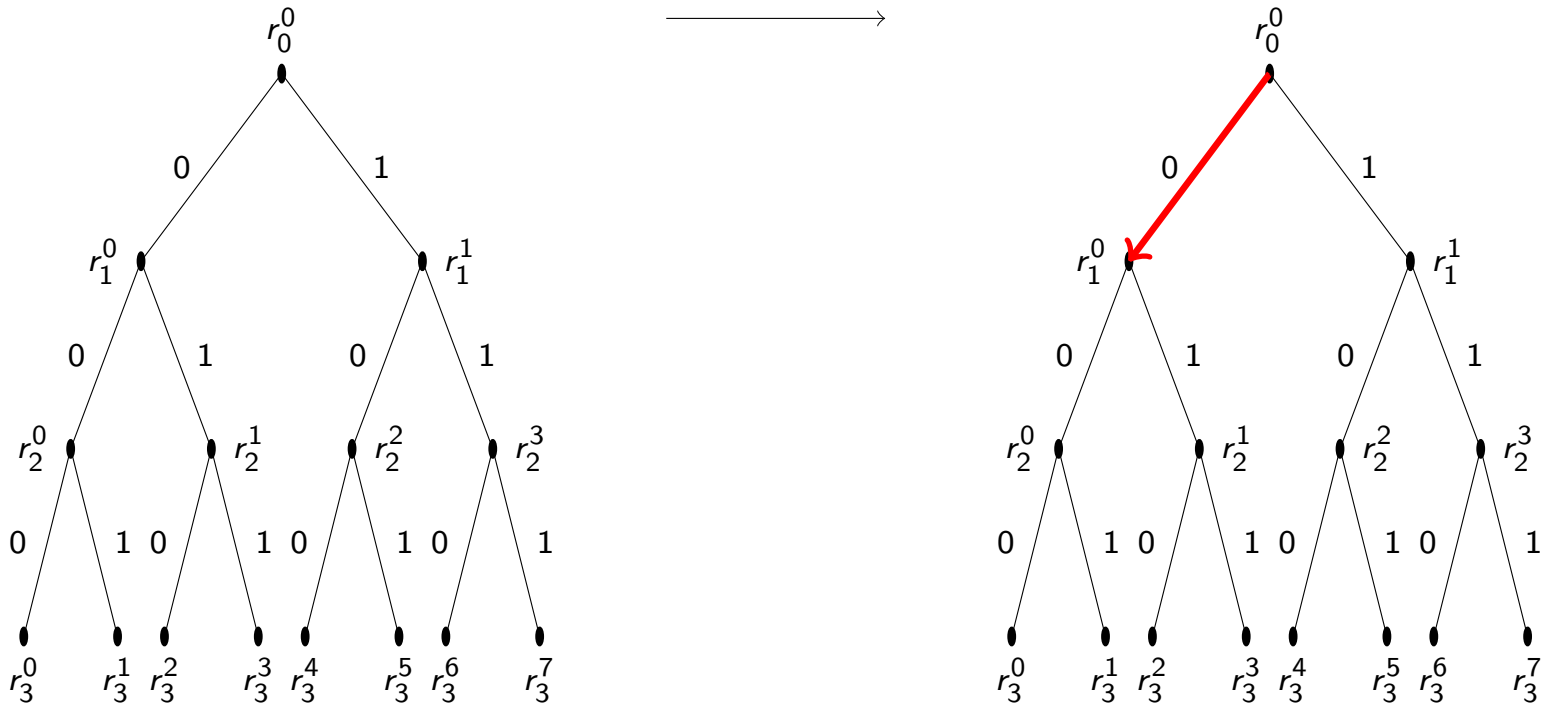

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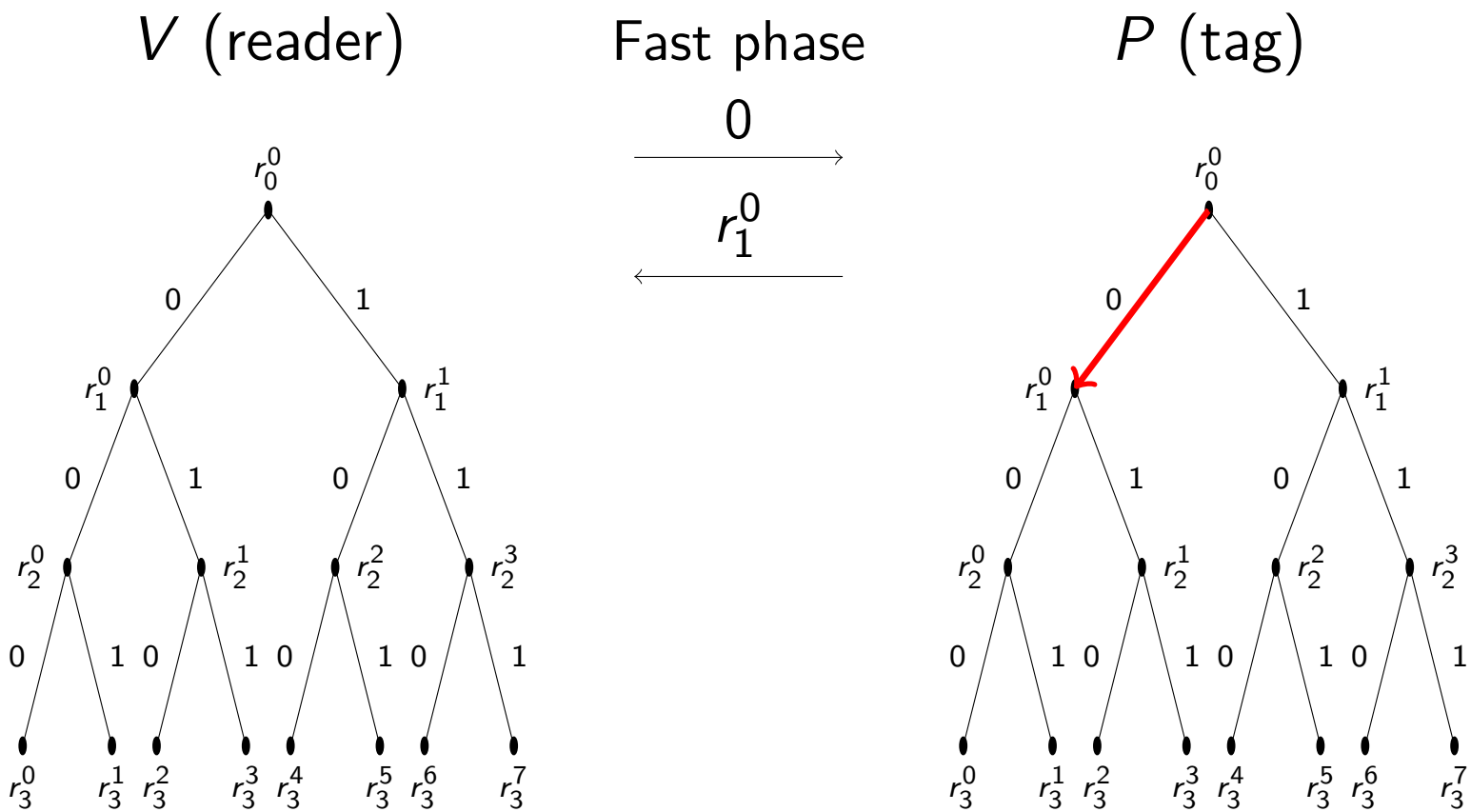

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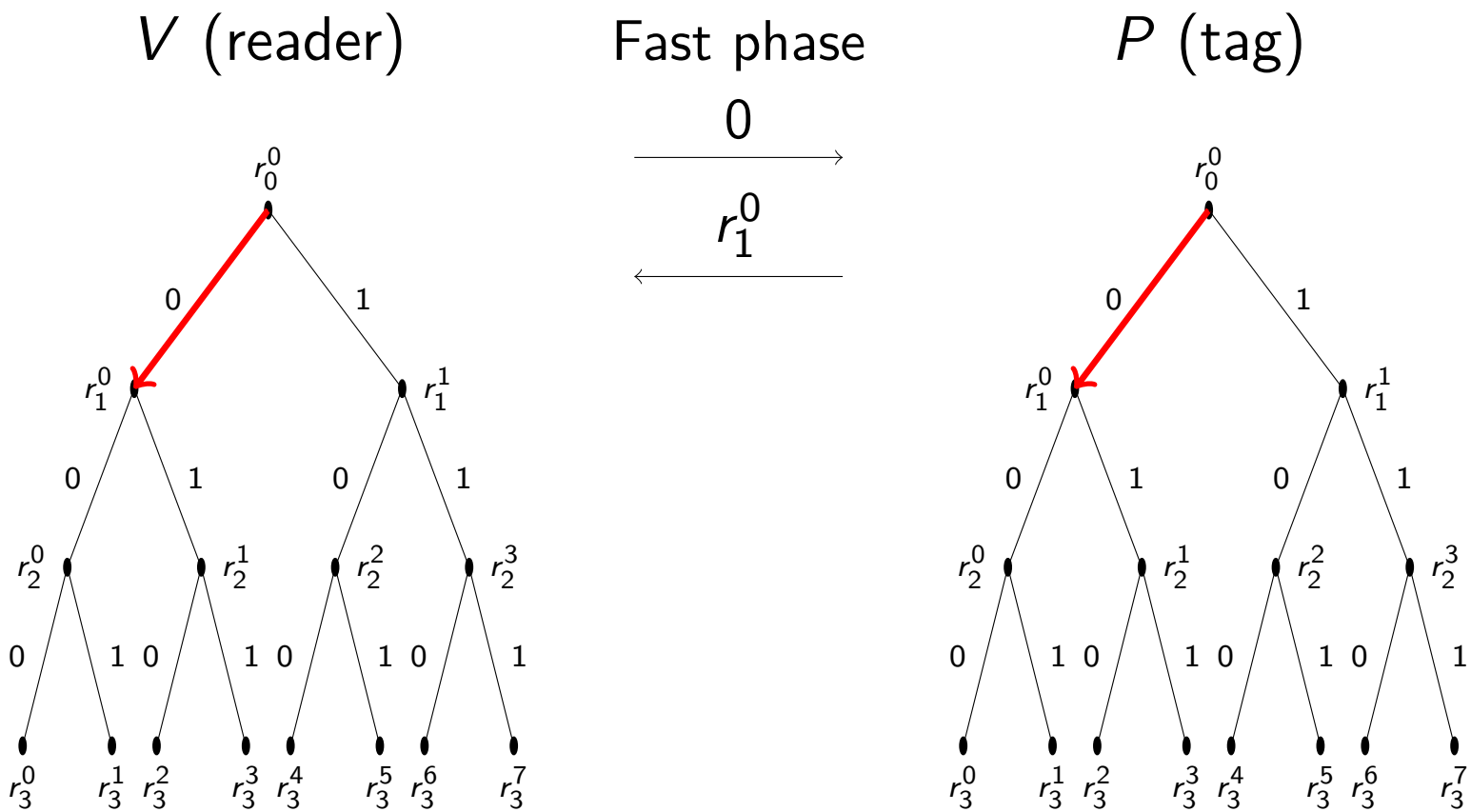

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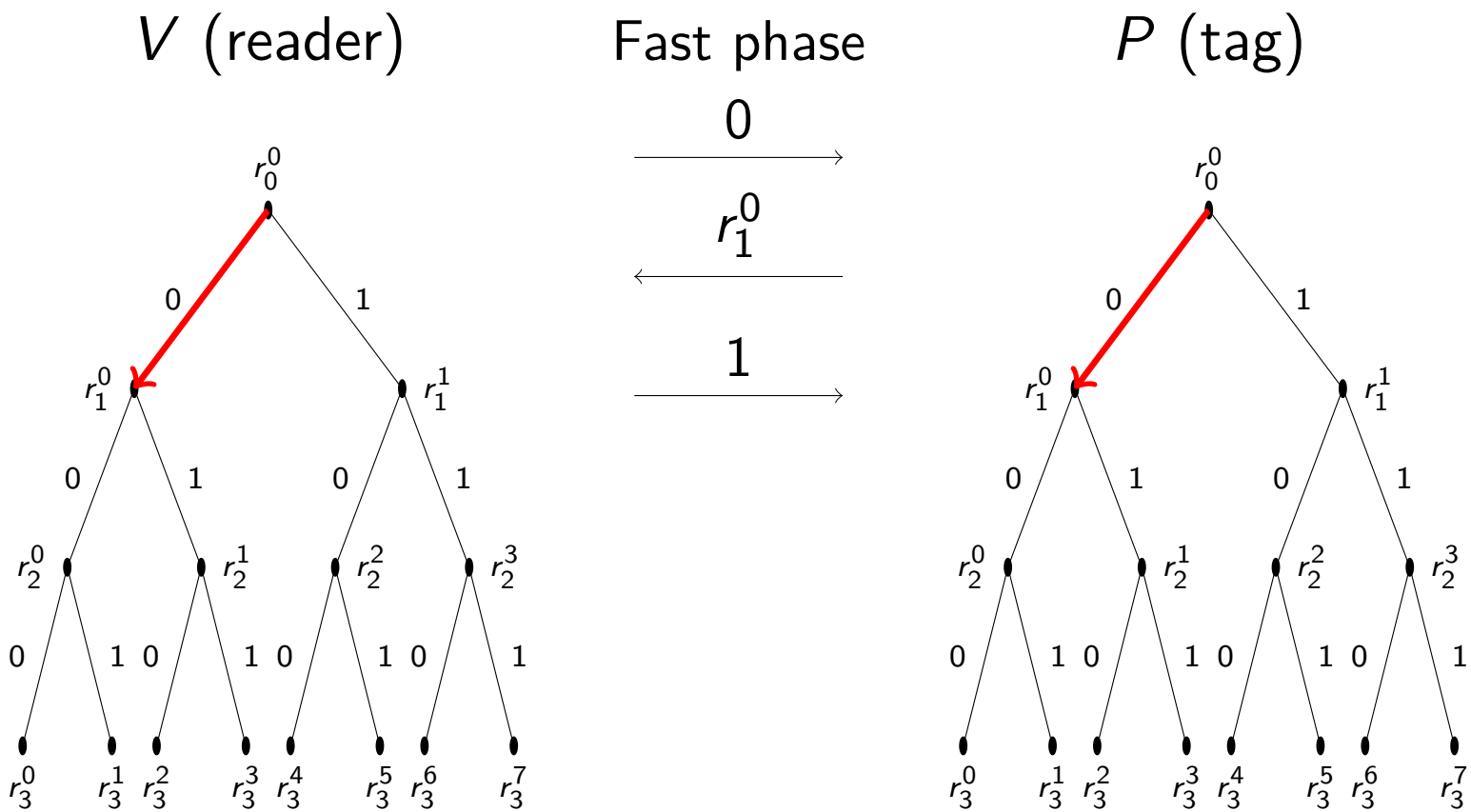

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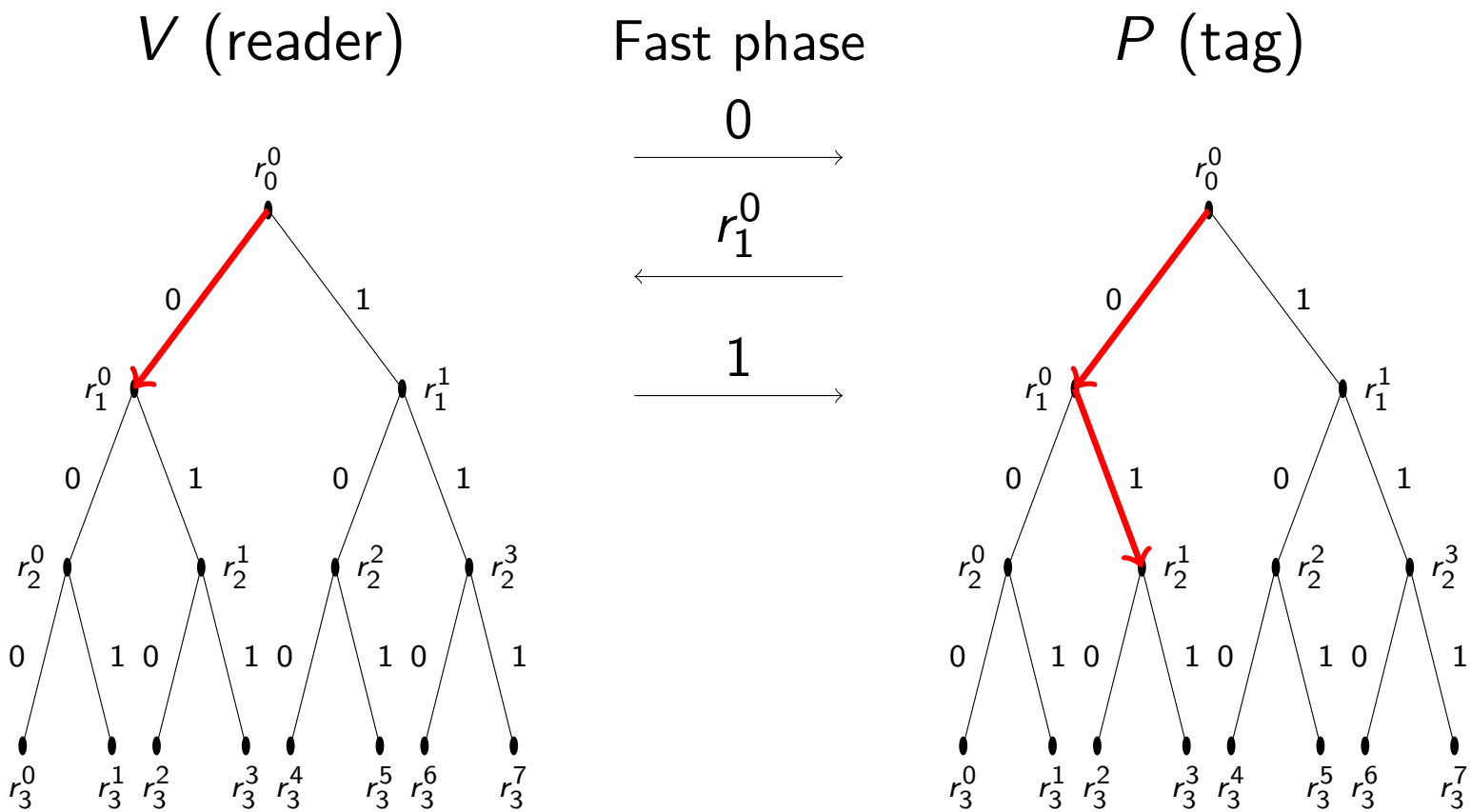

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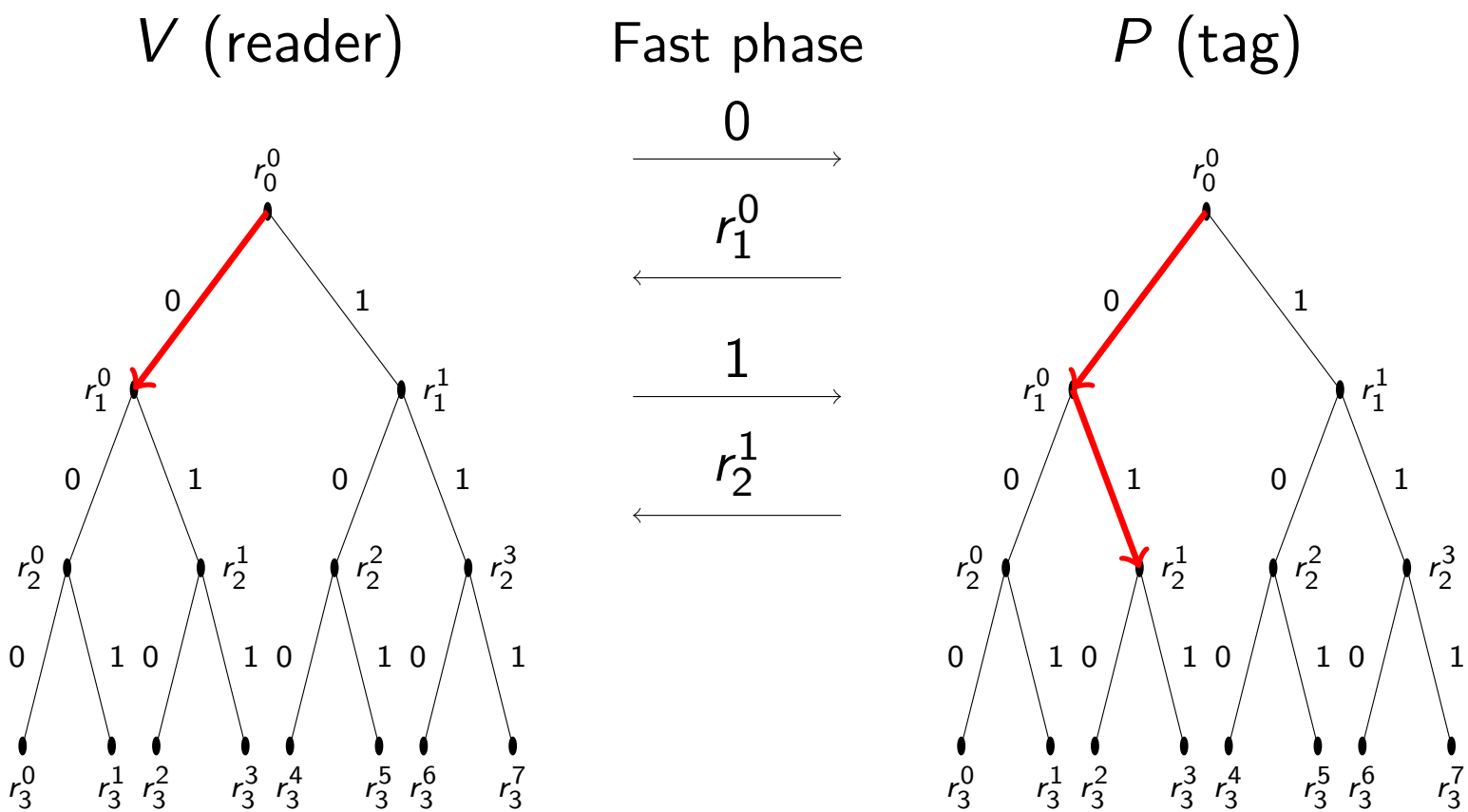

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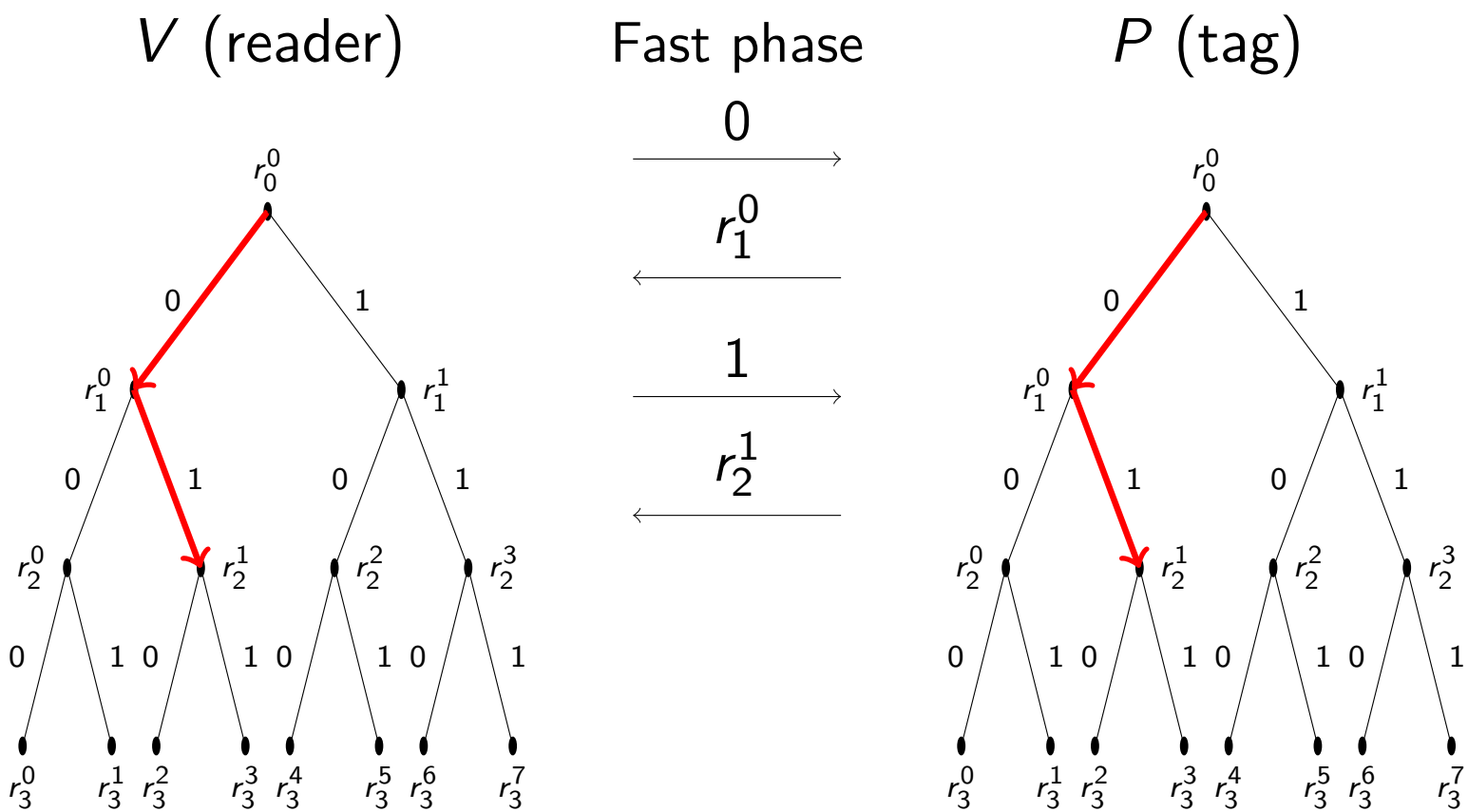

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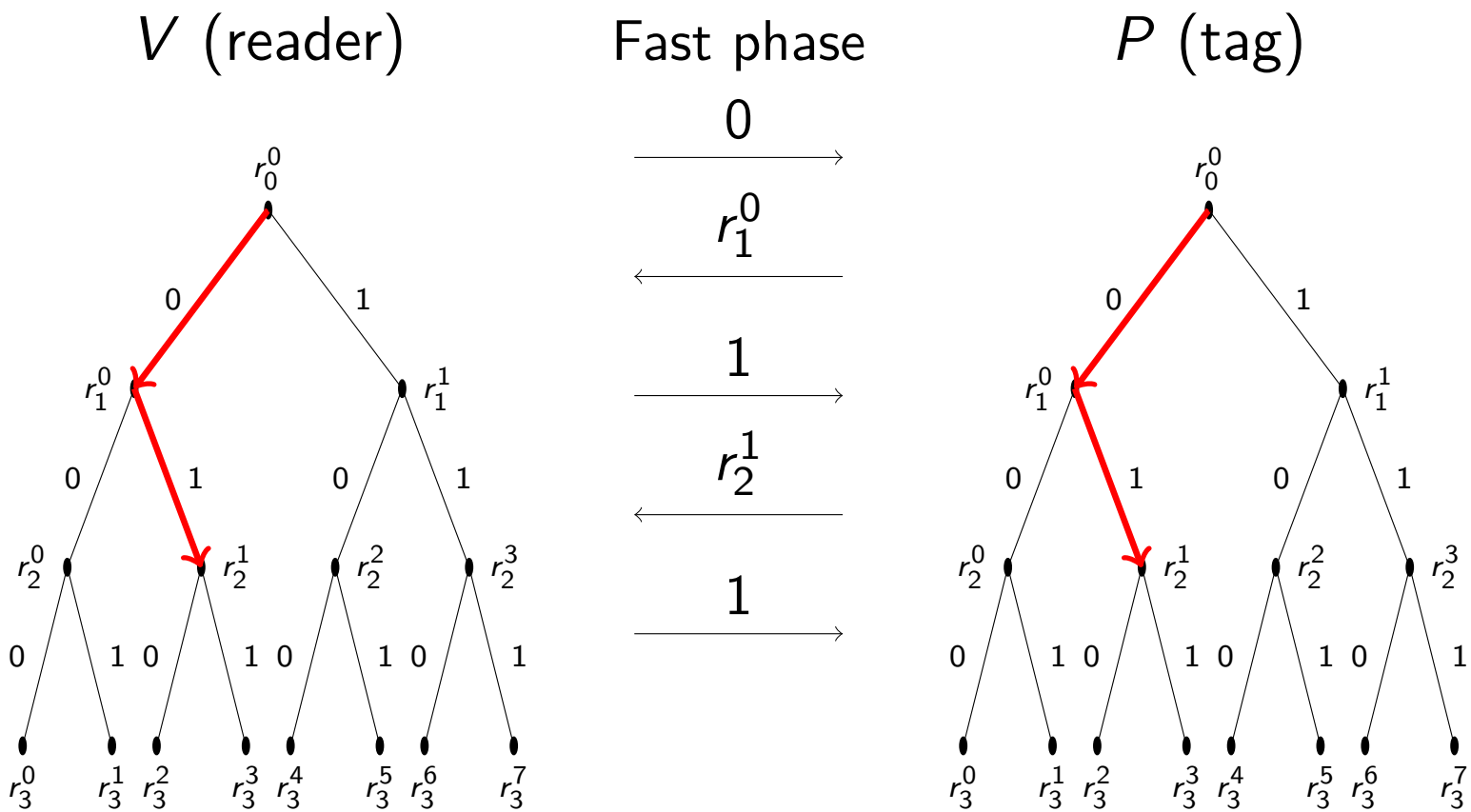

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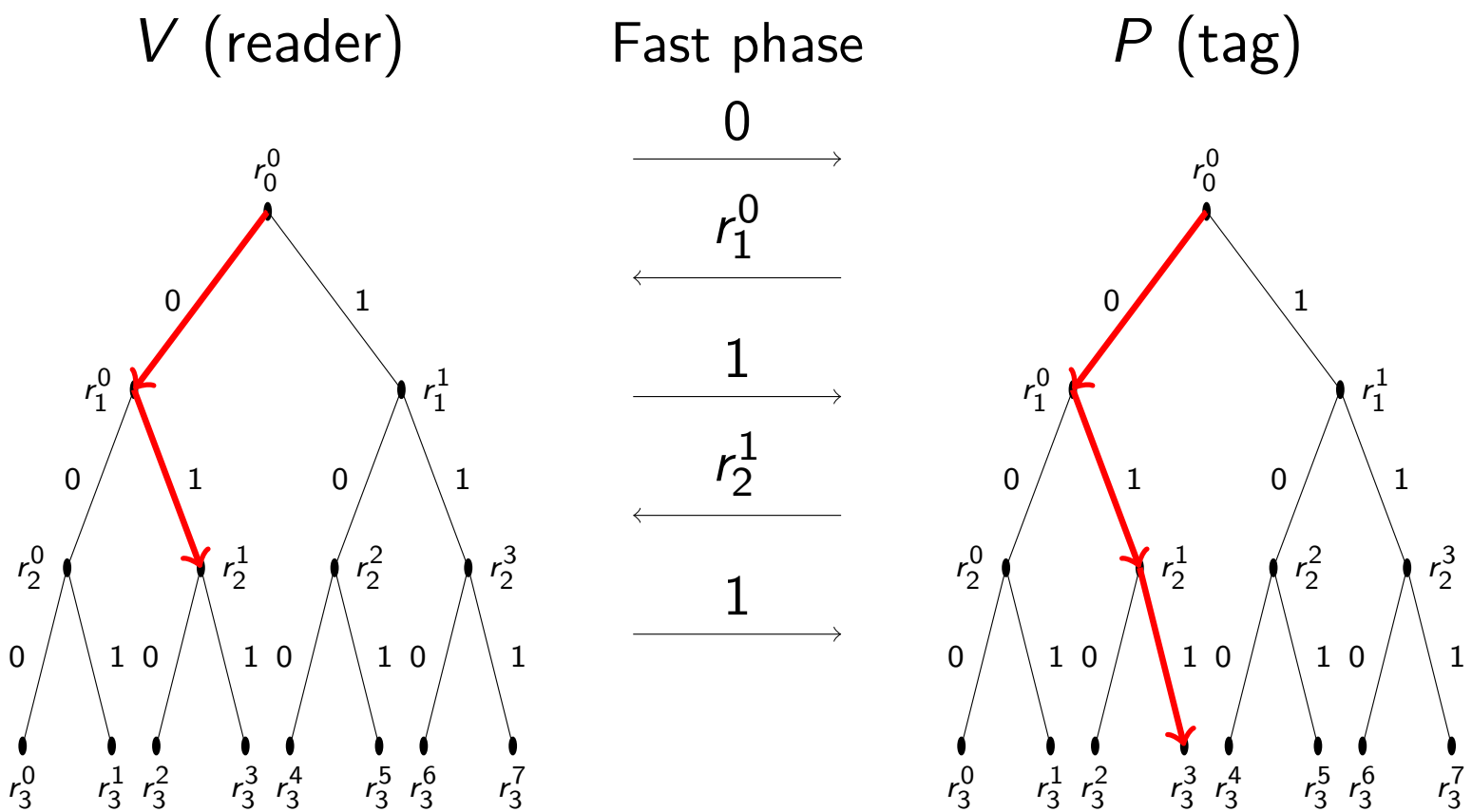

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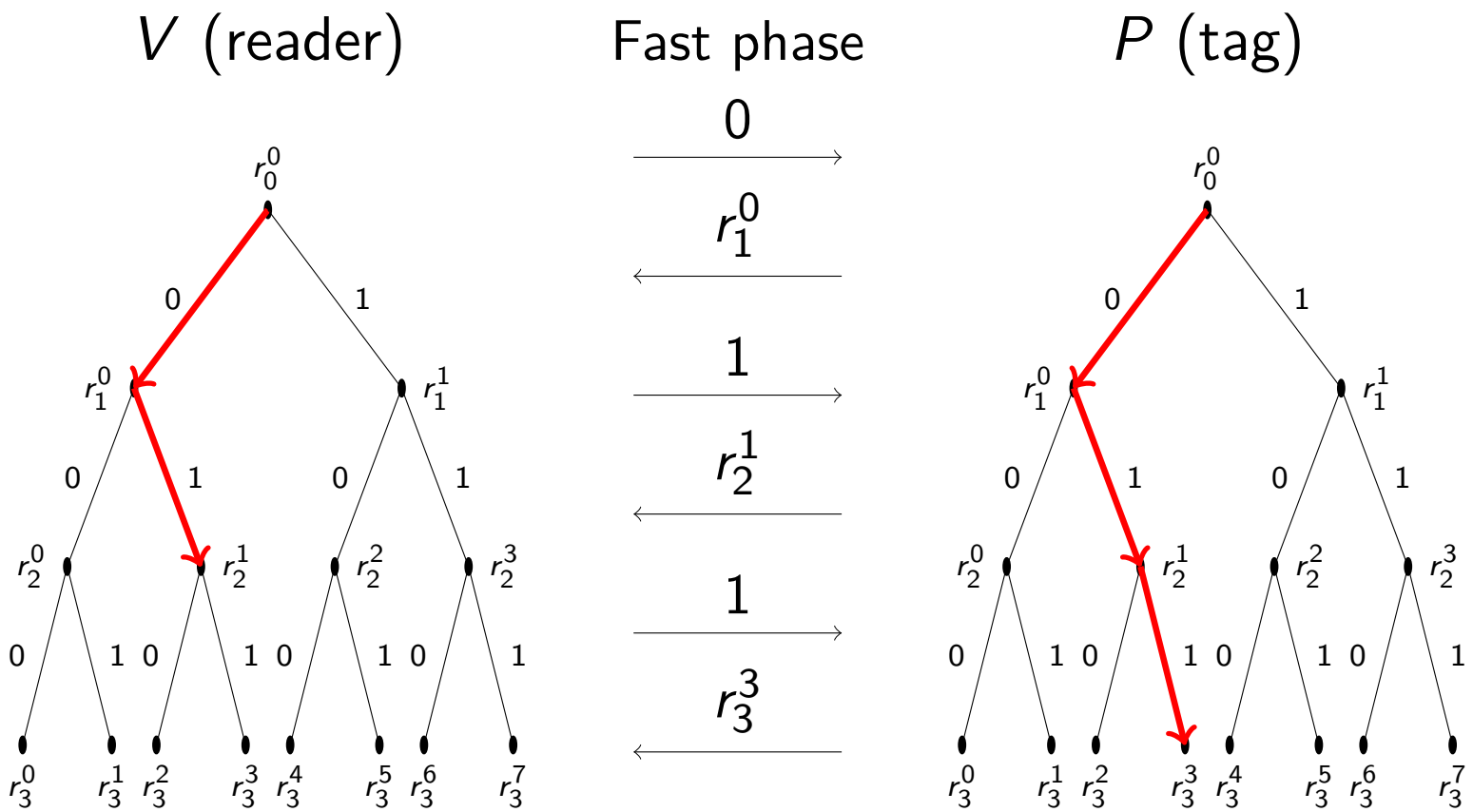

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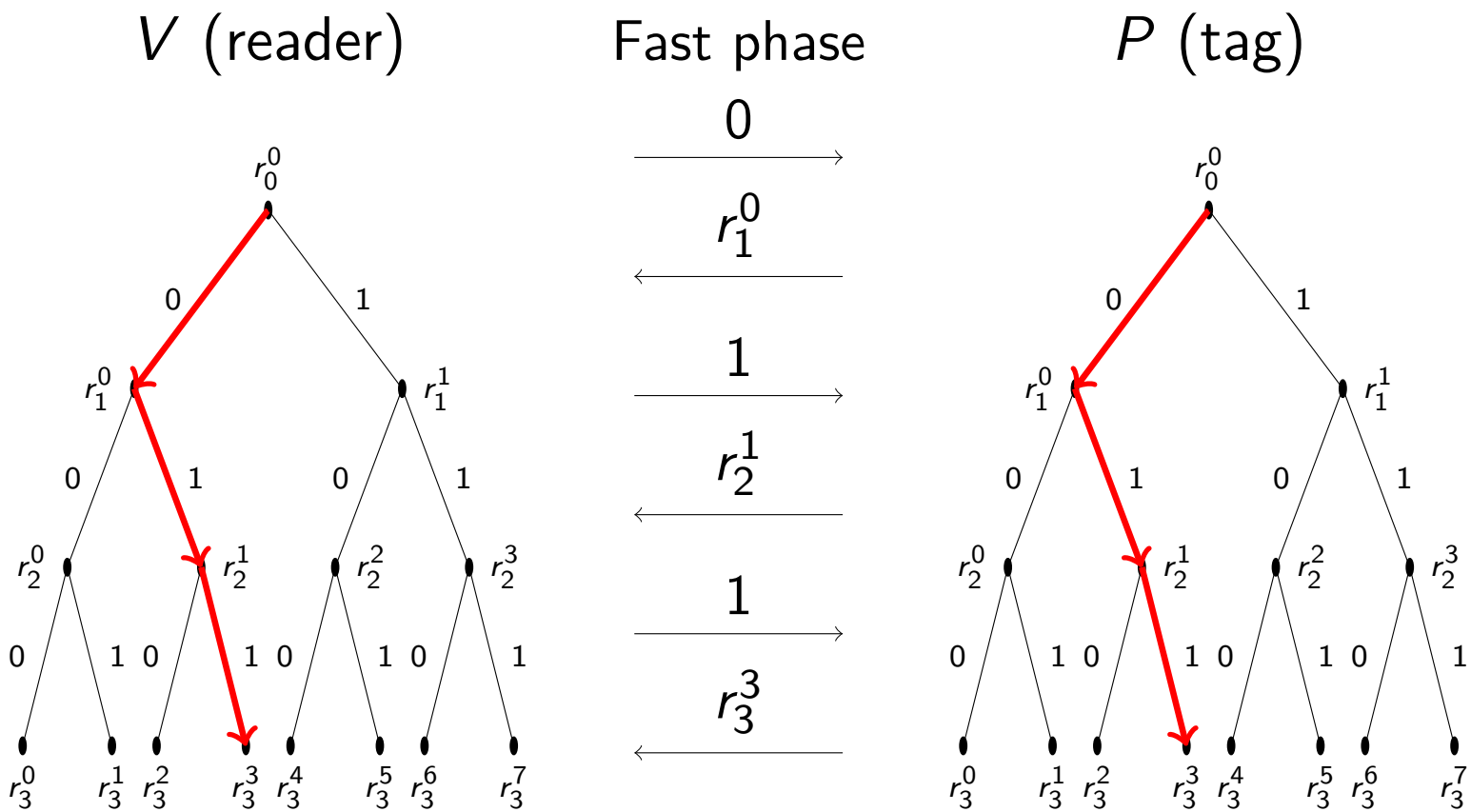

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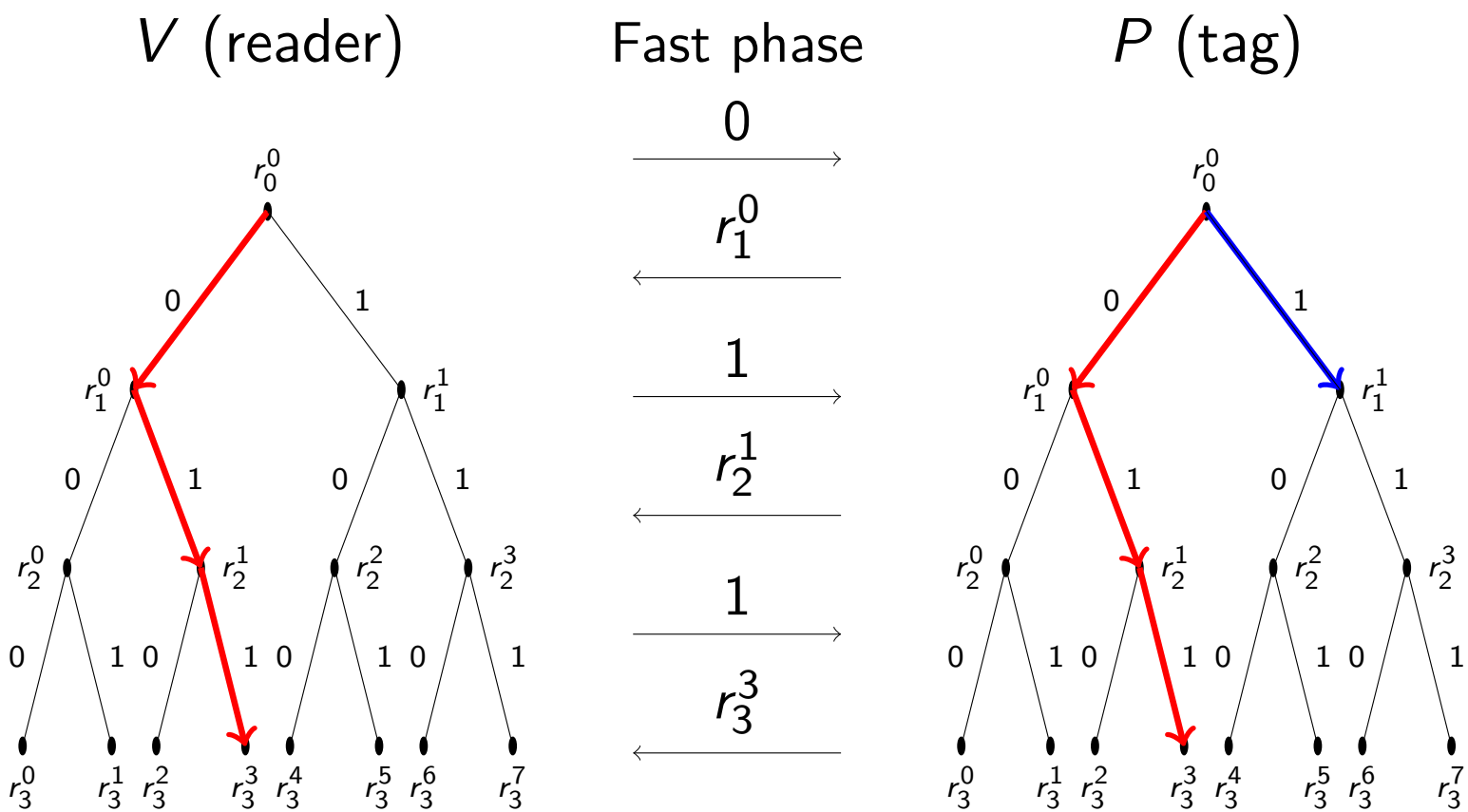

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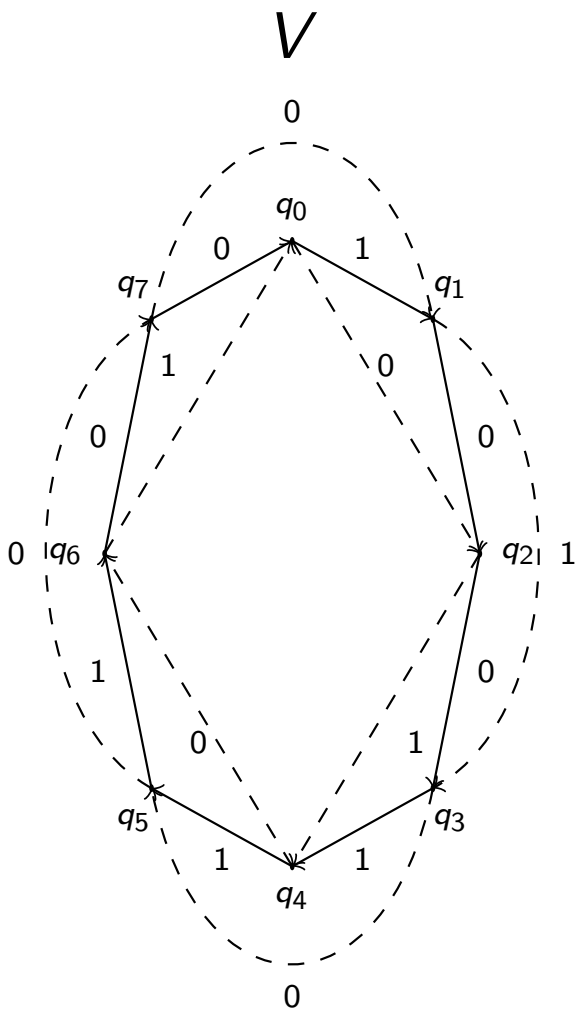

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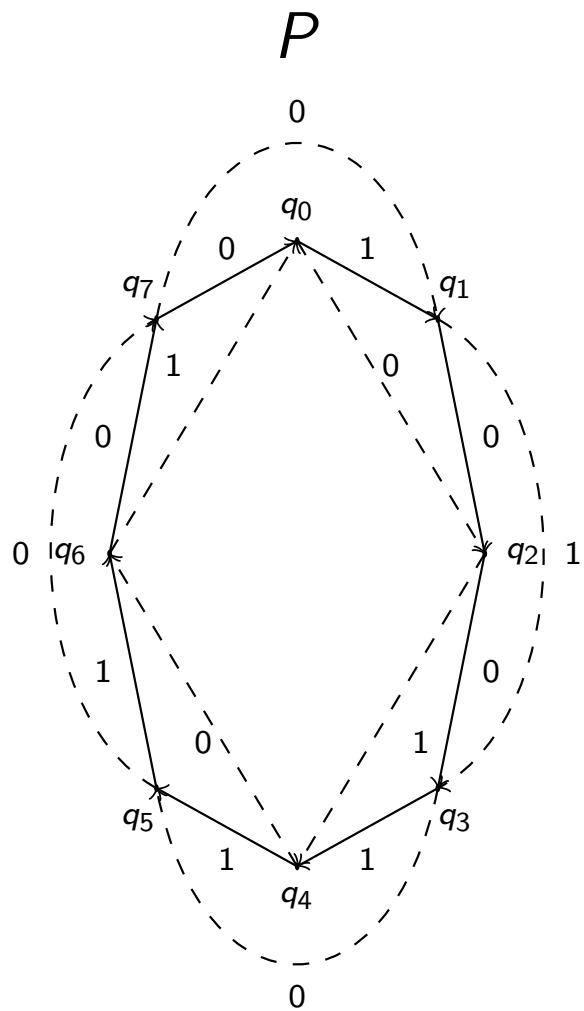

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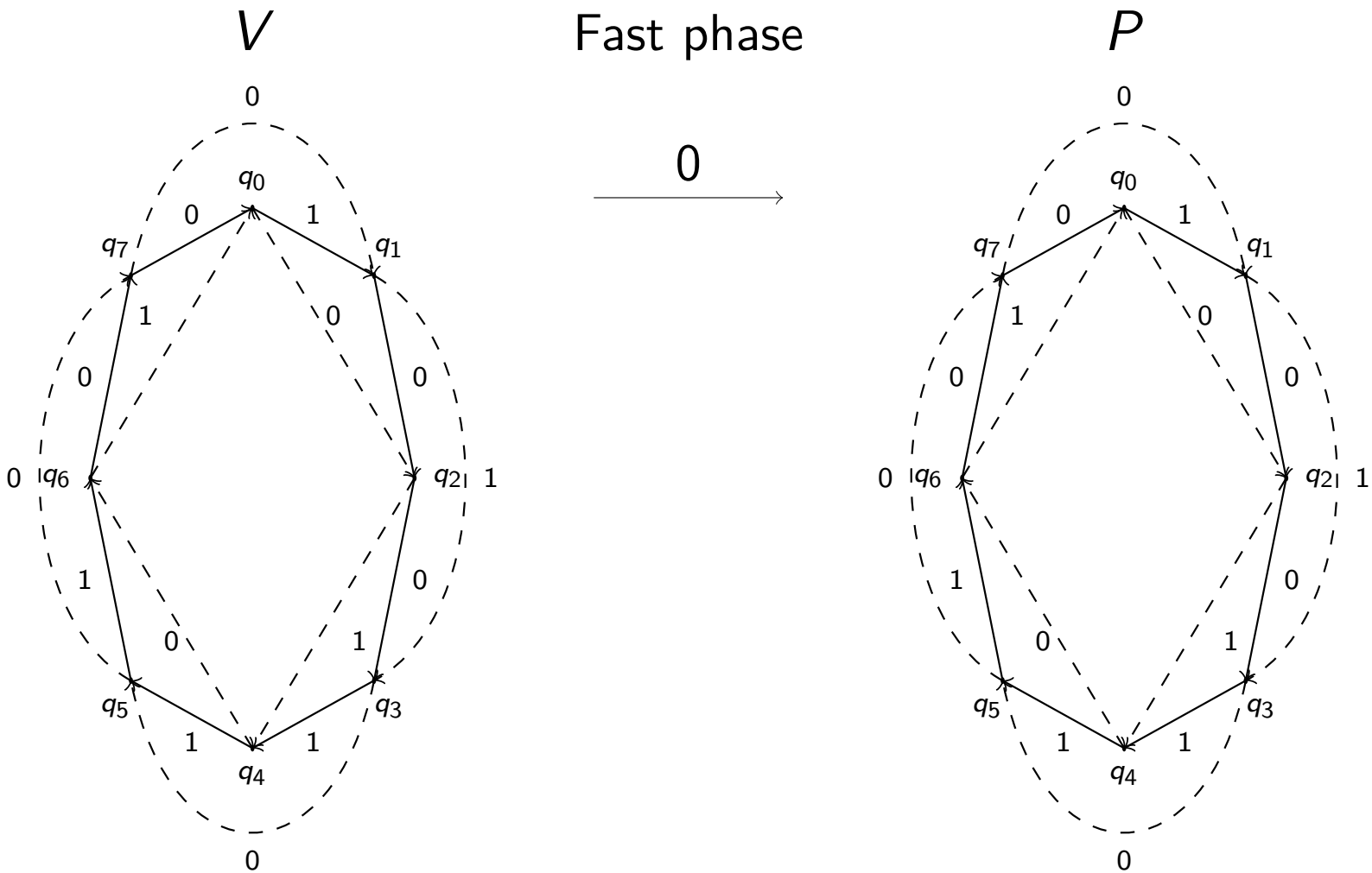

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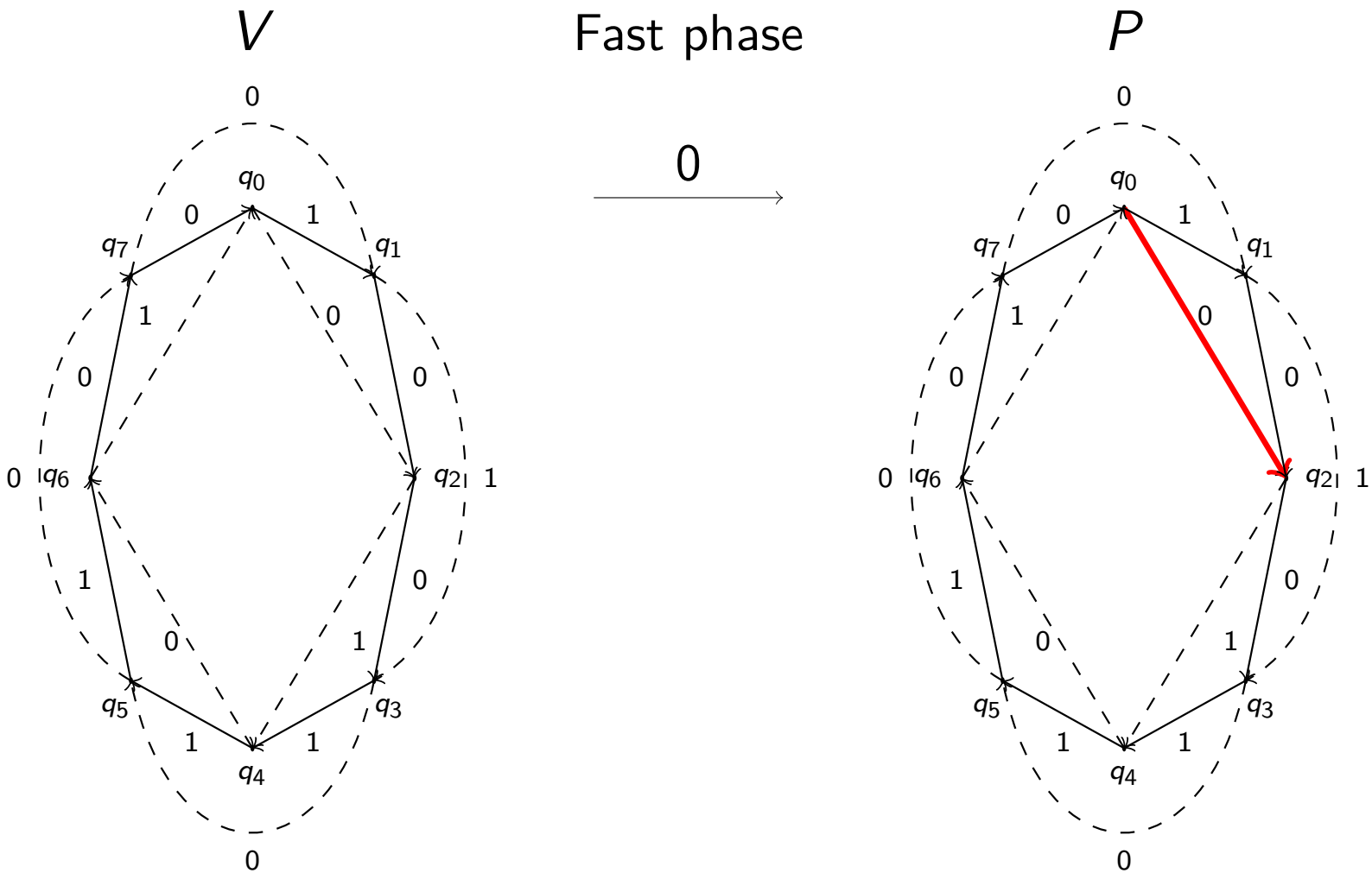

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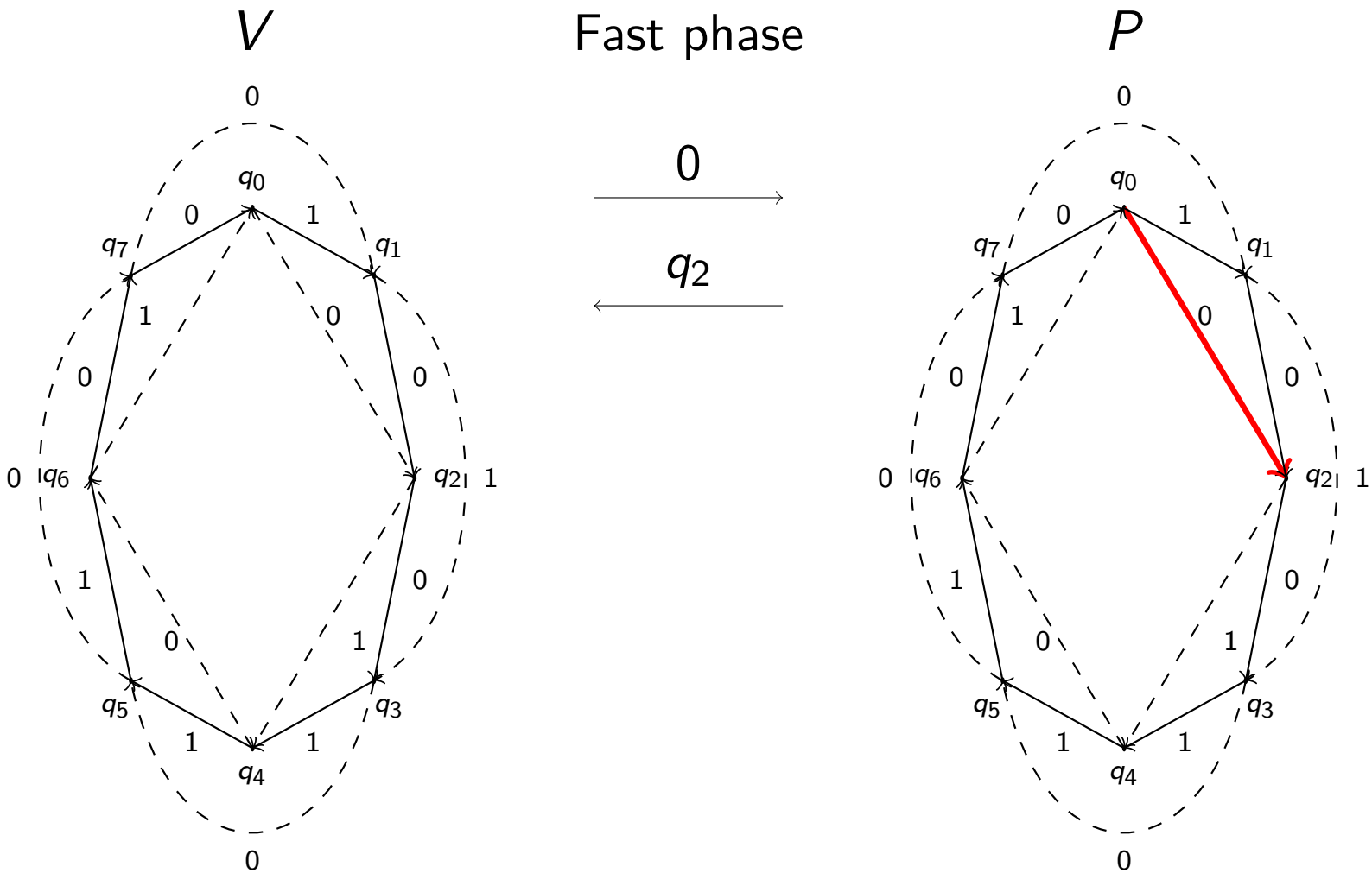

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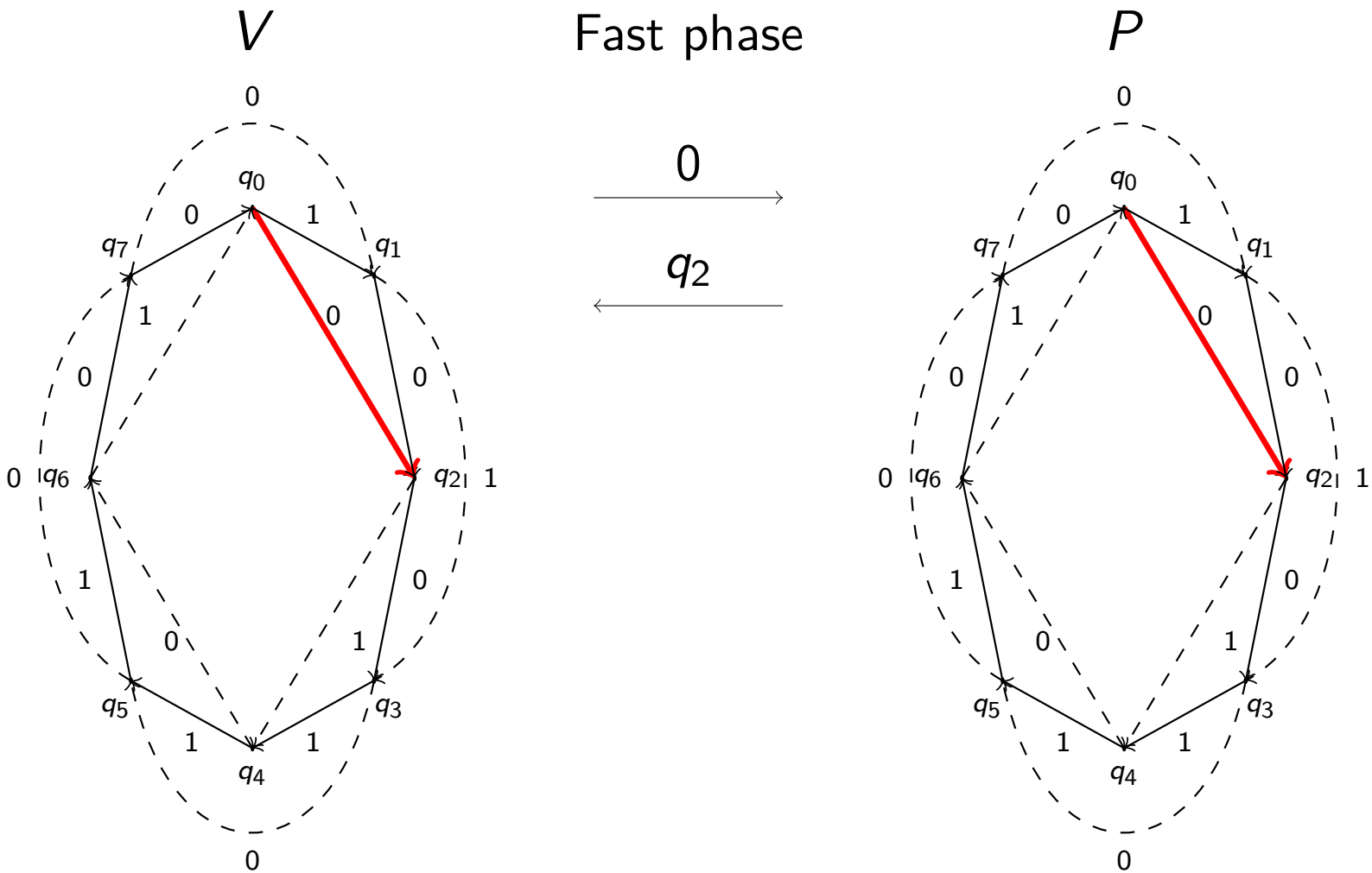

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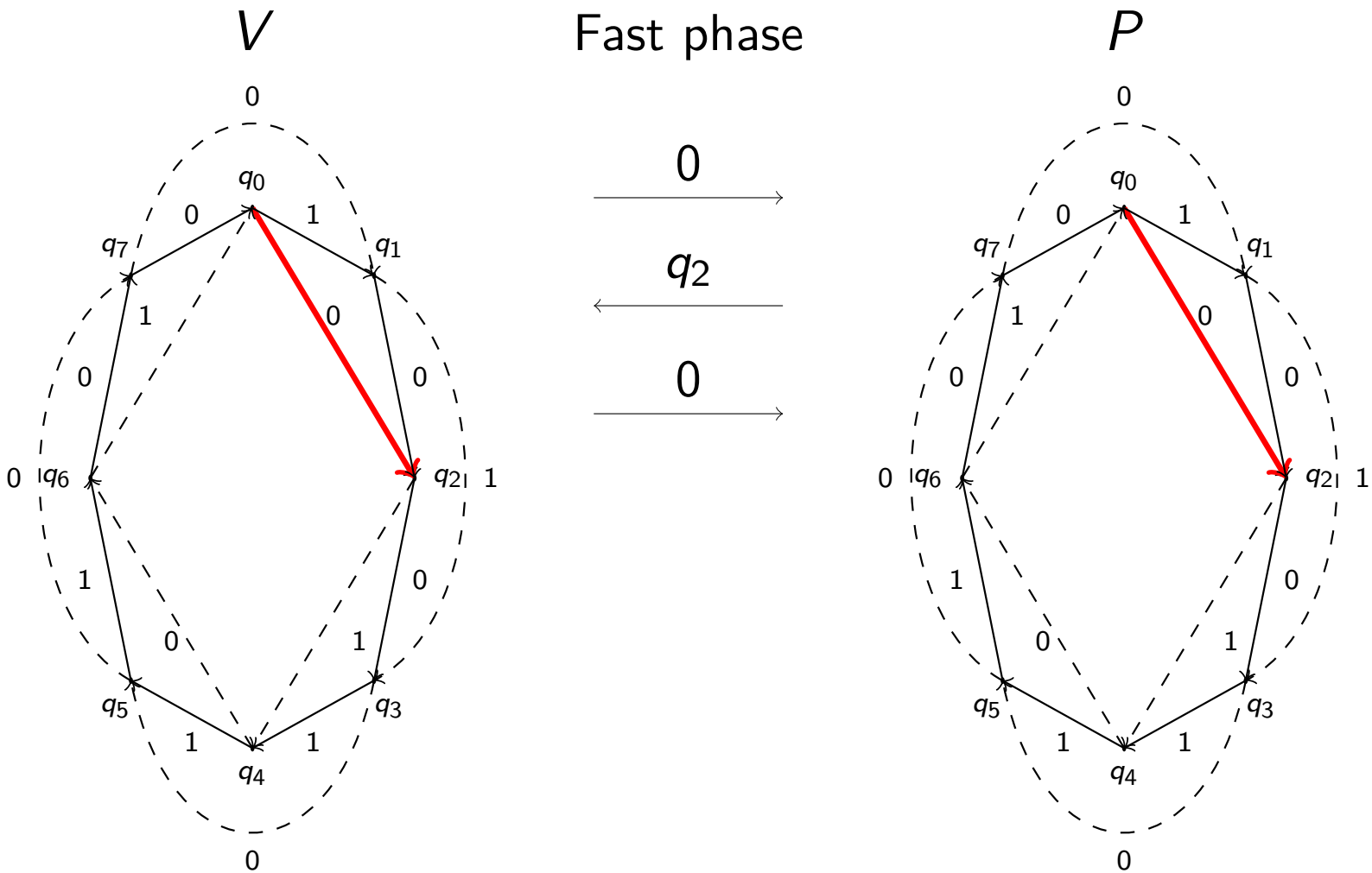

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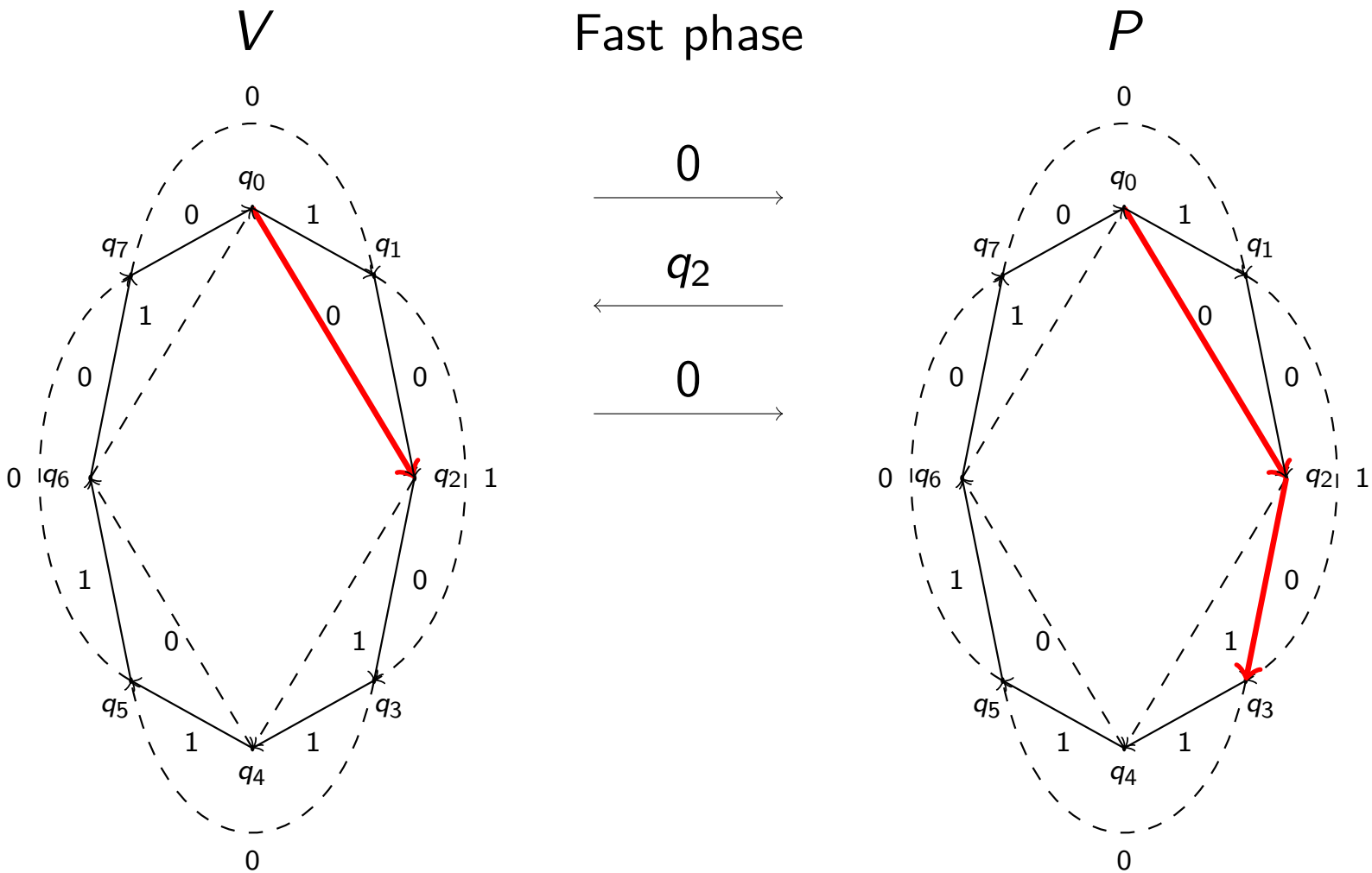

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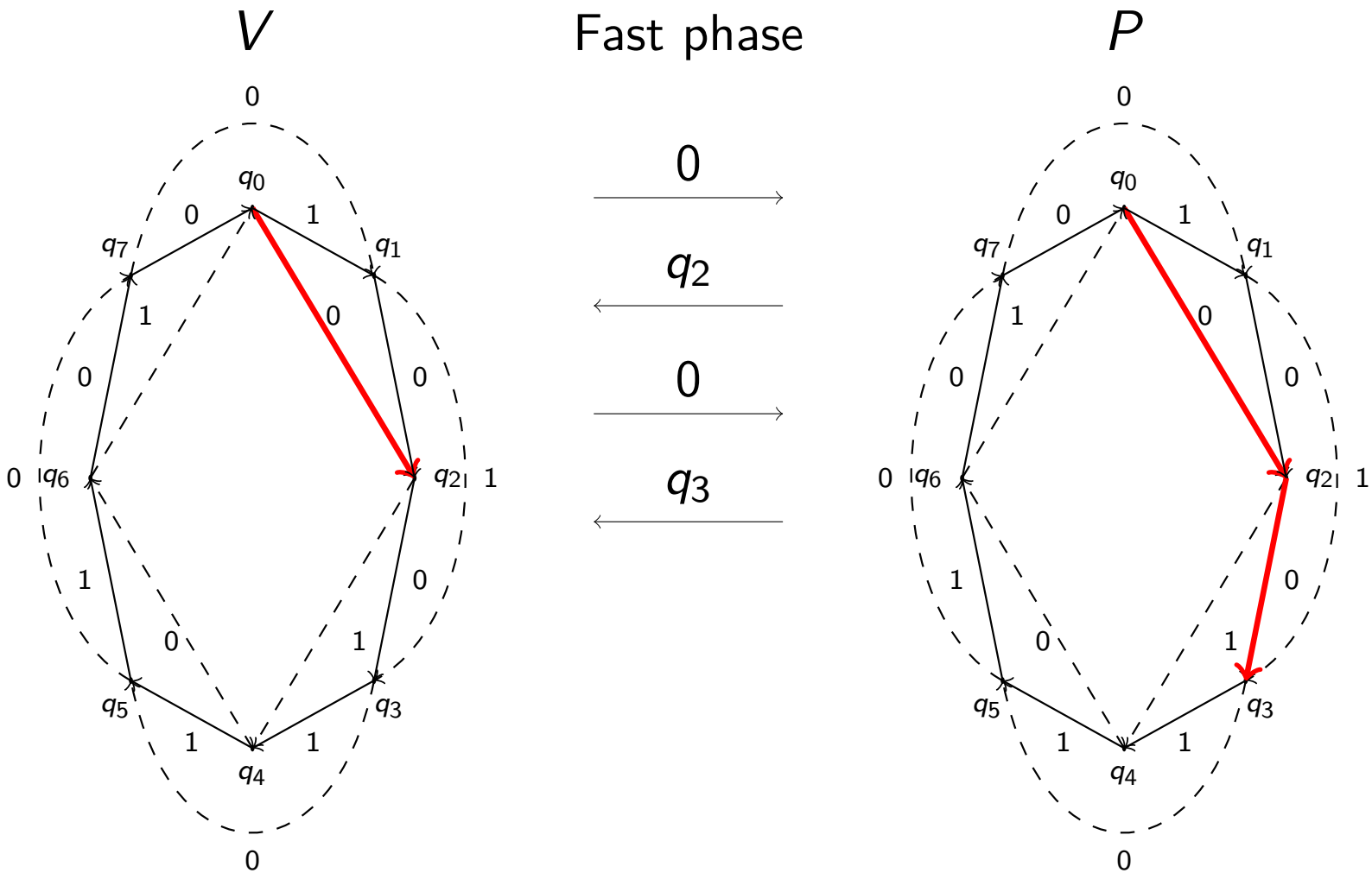

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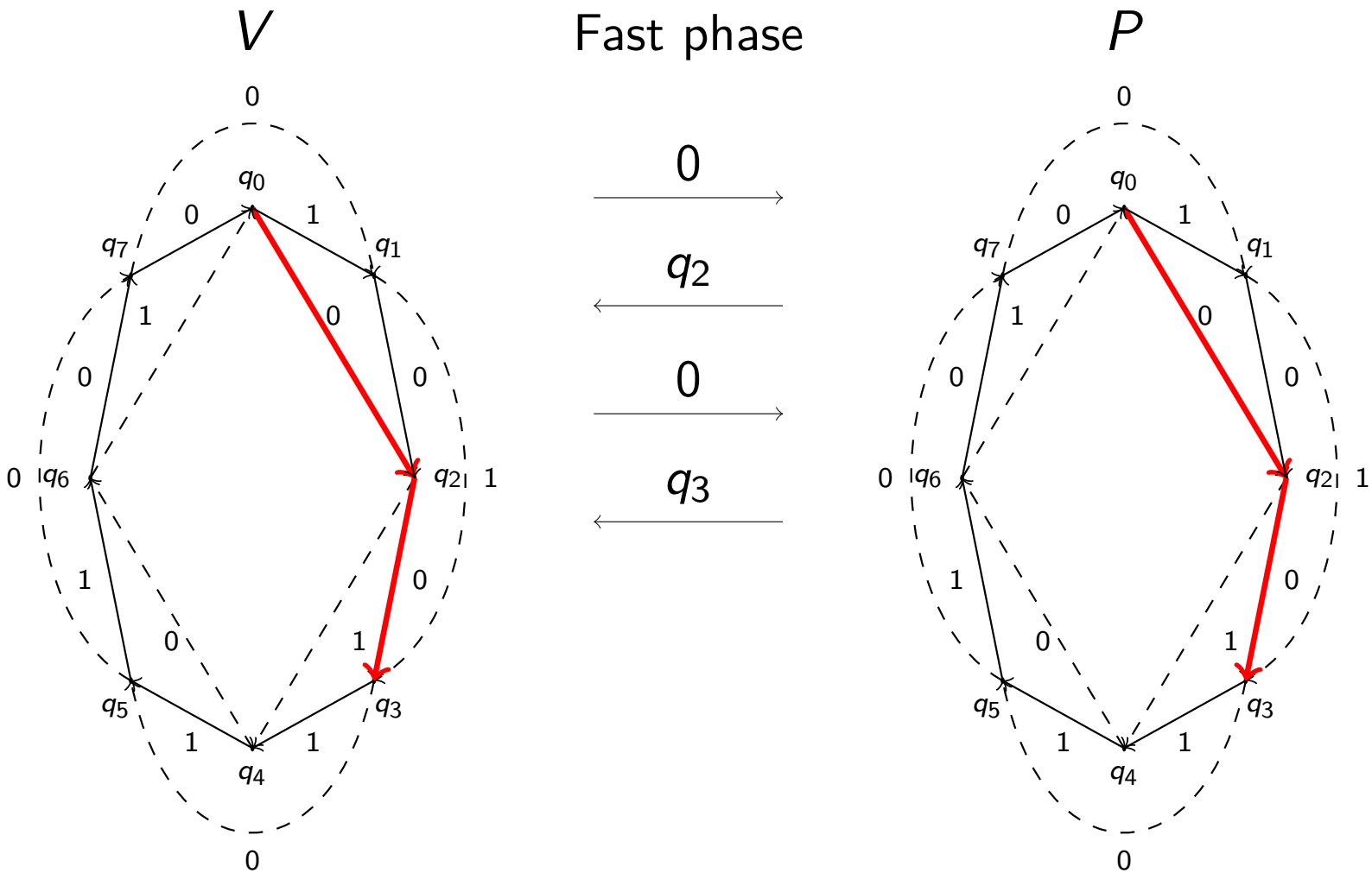

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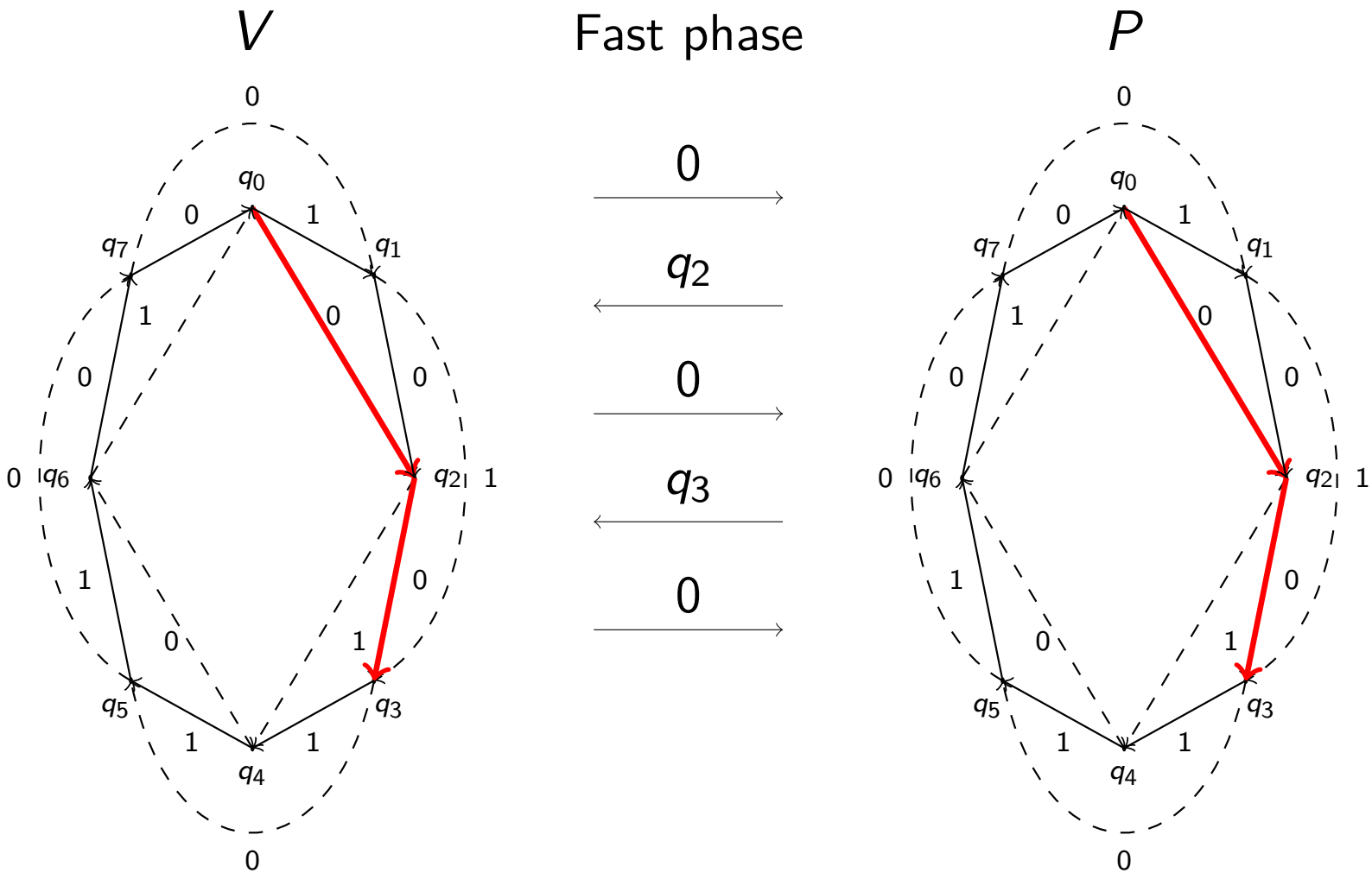

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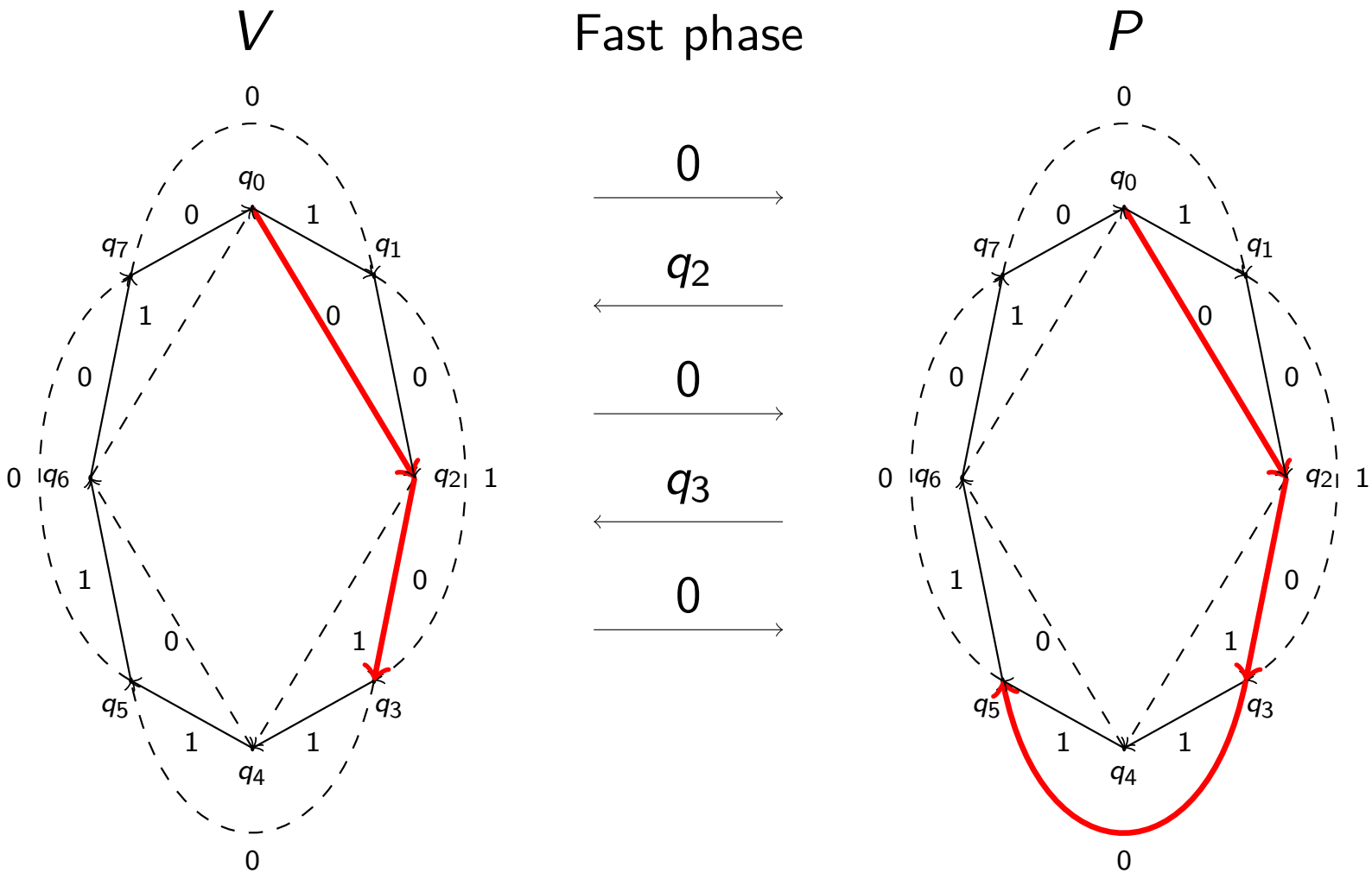

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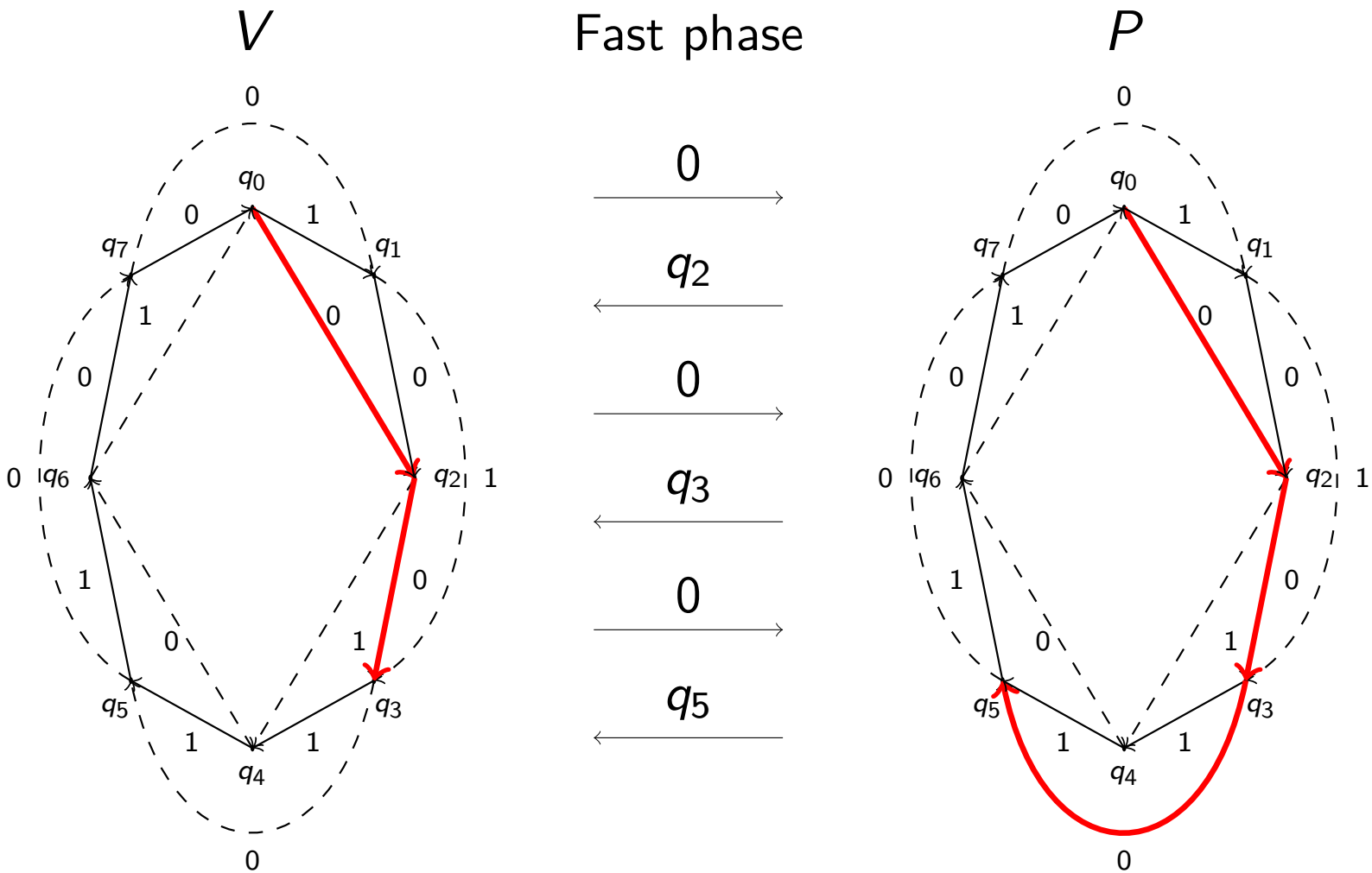

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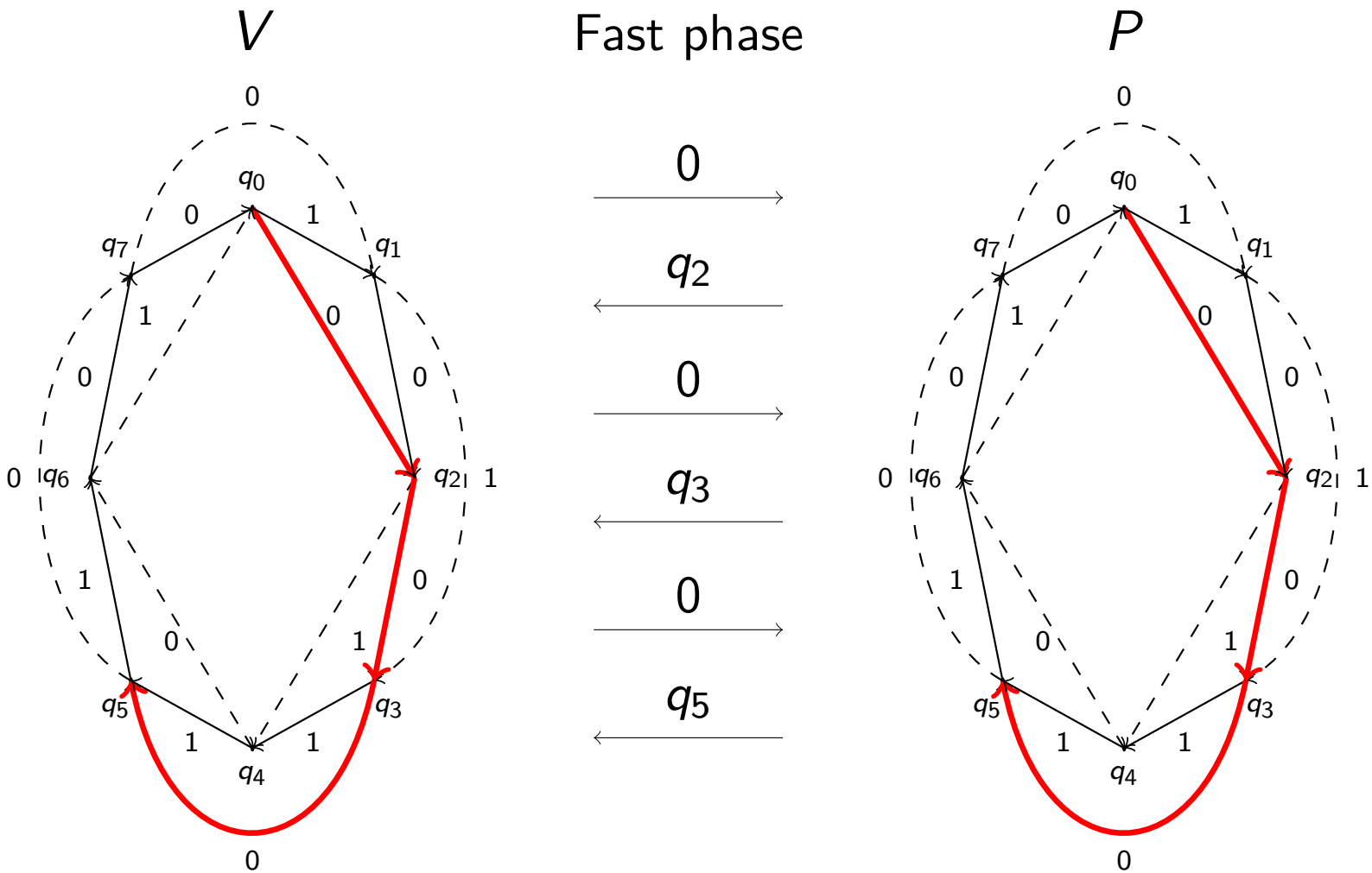

Questions with respect to distance bounding

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Current objective: distance-bounding grouping protocols.

- Requirements
- Design of novel protocols
- Formal verification

Summary

- Our physical technology has evolved such that security properties are obvious.
- With the transition to the digital world, these properties are not straightforwardly true.
- Don't forget that our physical world largely depends on trust, which is harder to achieve in the digital world.
- Practice: technology first, security later.
- Challenge to combine features (grouping, distance bounding).

Thanks for your attention!