

# Practical Card-Based Cryptography

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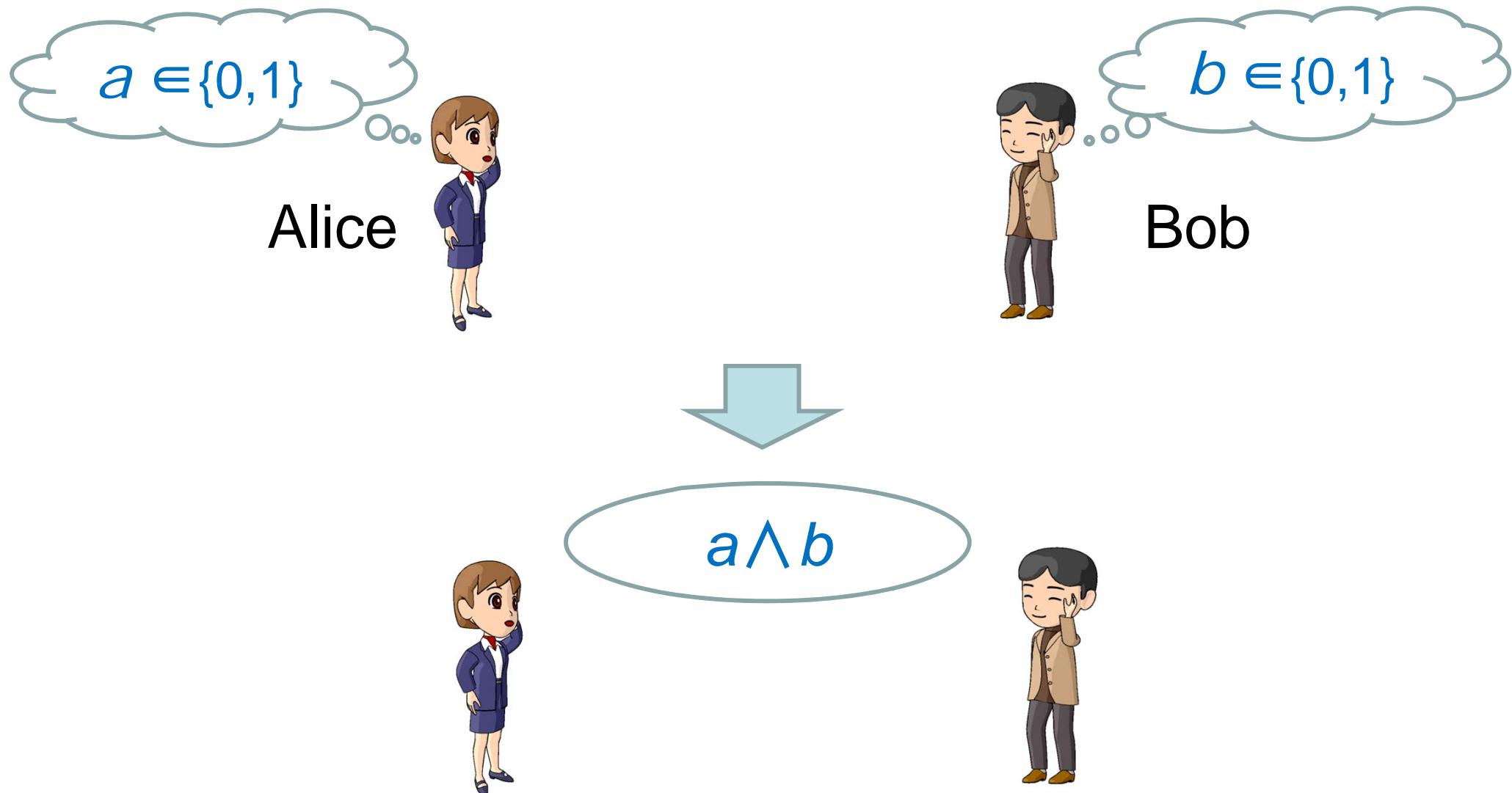


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# Secure computation

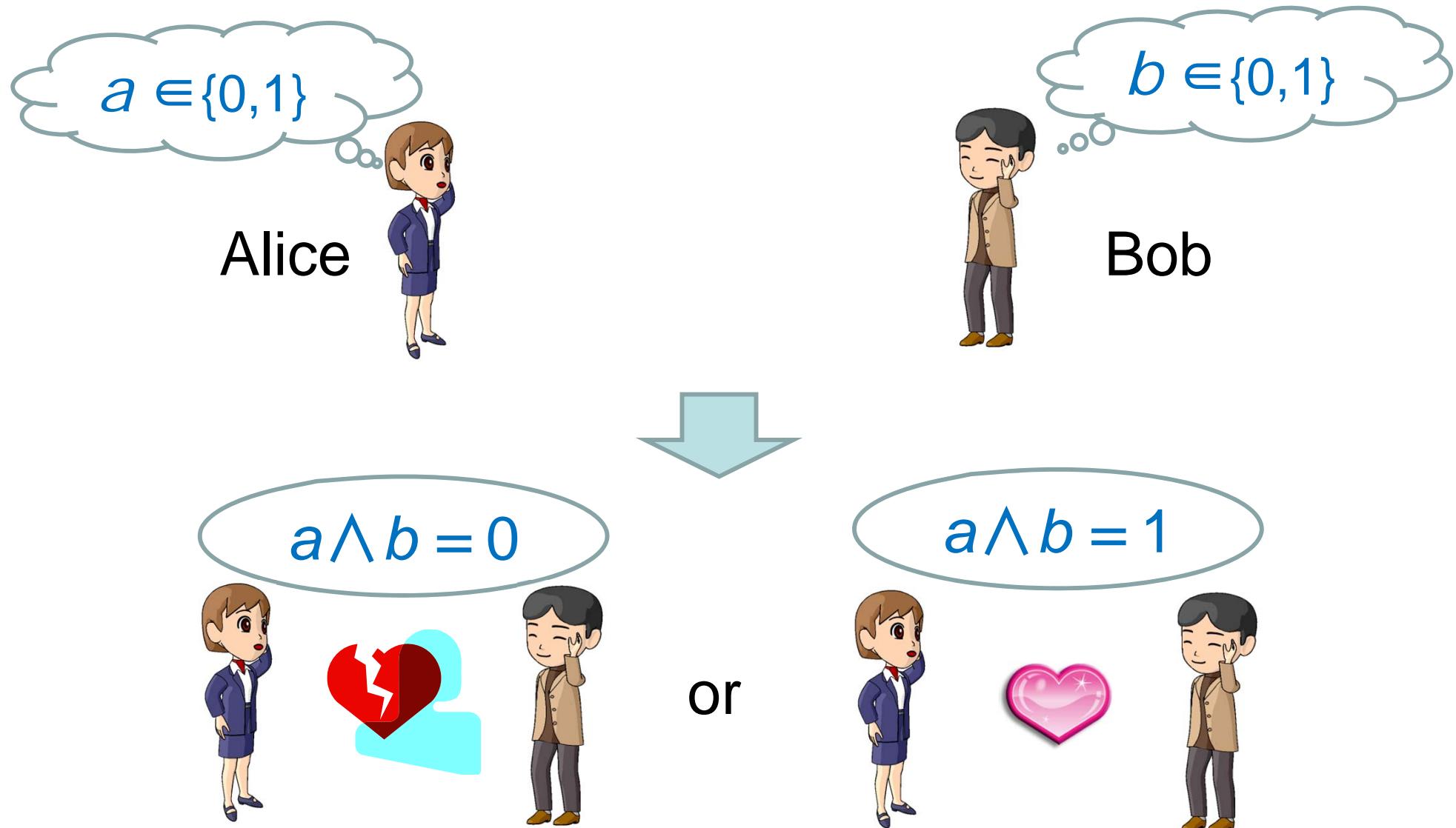


Alice and Bob want to **securely compute AND** without revealing more of their inputs than necessary.

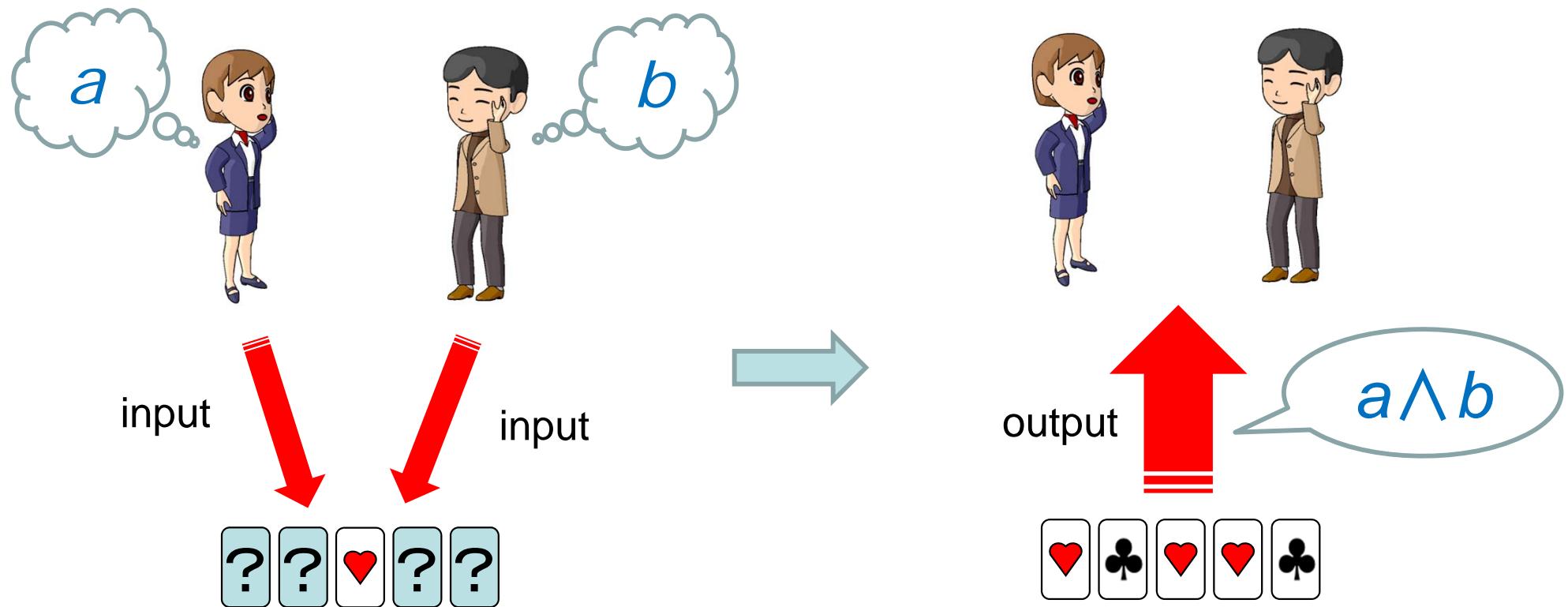


# Secure computation; *an application*

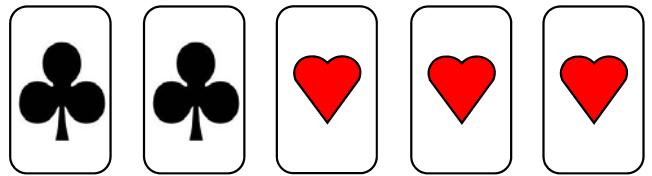
Secure AND can be used to decide whether they go on a date or not **without being embarrassed**.



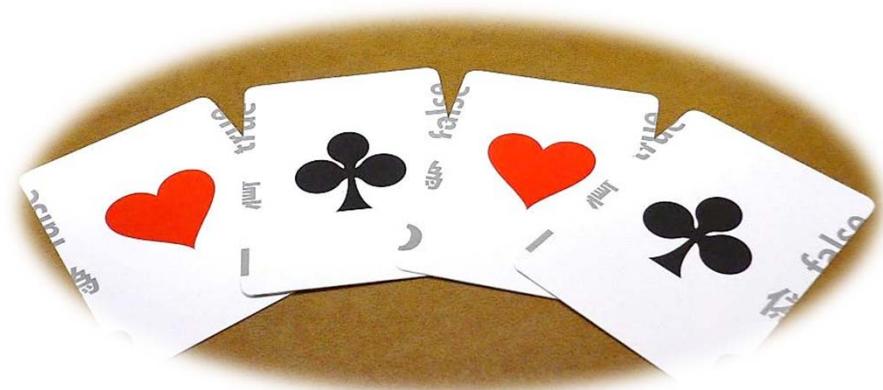
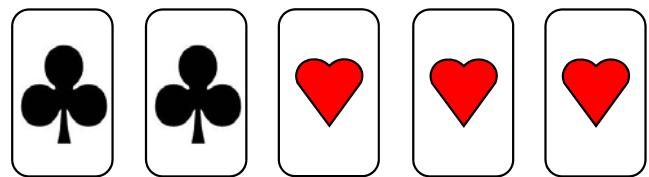
The *Five-Card Trick* [3] (den Boer, Eurocrypt '89) achieves such a secure computation of AND using 3 red and 2 black cards.



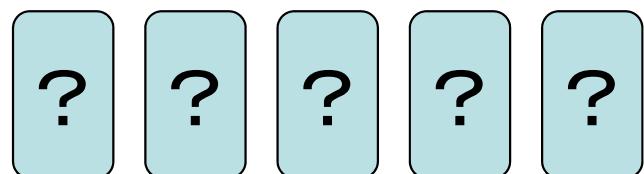
[3] B. den Boer, "More efficient match-making and satisfiability: the five card trick," EUROCRYPT '89, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 434, pp. 208–217, Springer-Verlag, 1990.



face-up



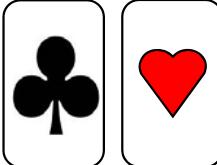
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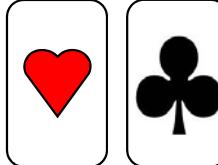


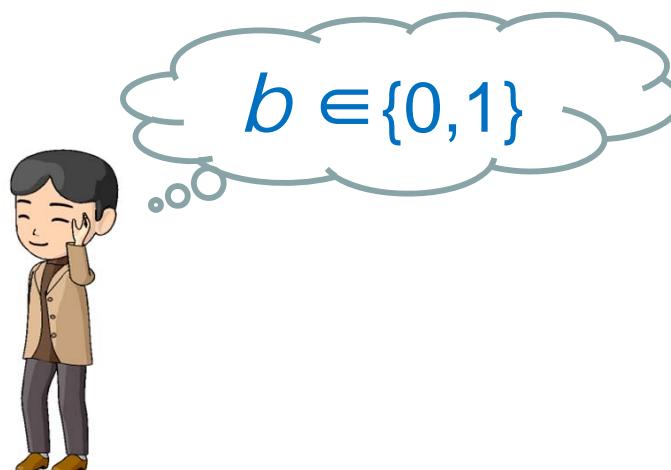
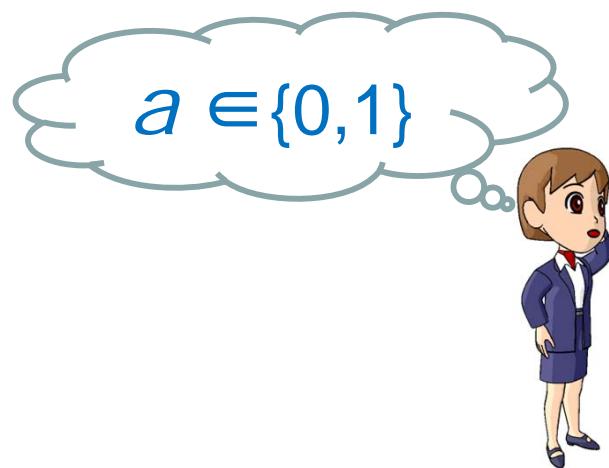
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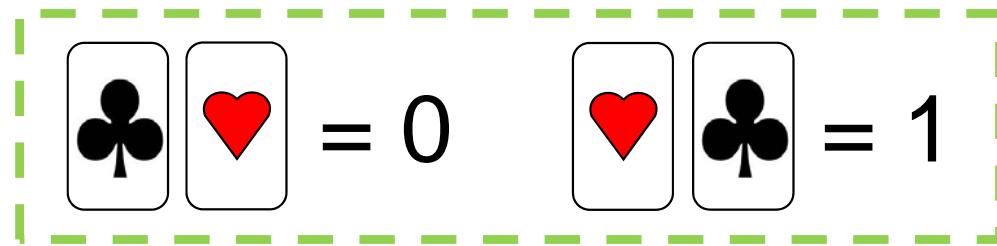


To deal with Boolean values, this encoding is used:

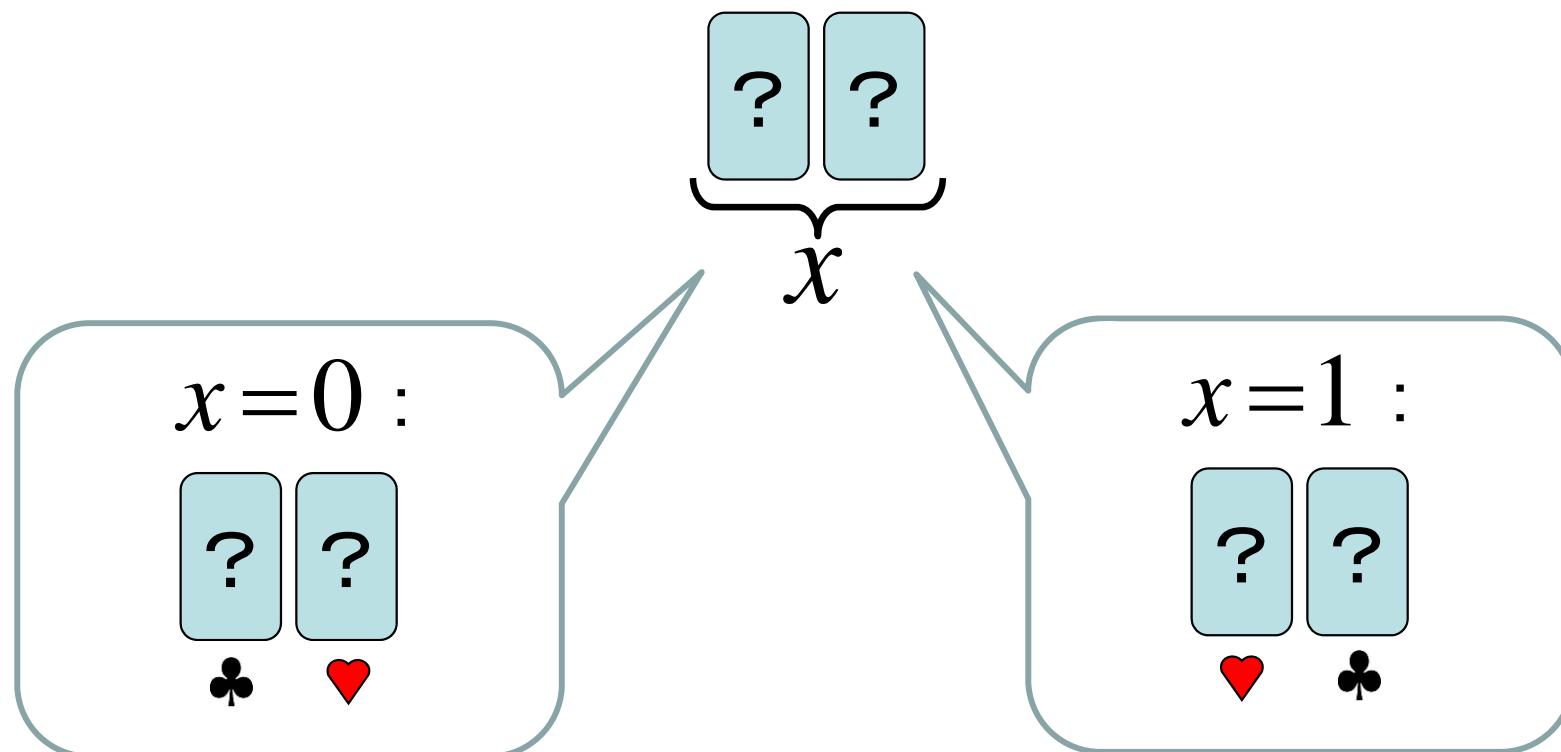

$$= 0$$


$$= 1$$



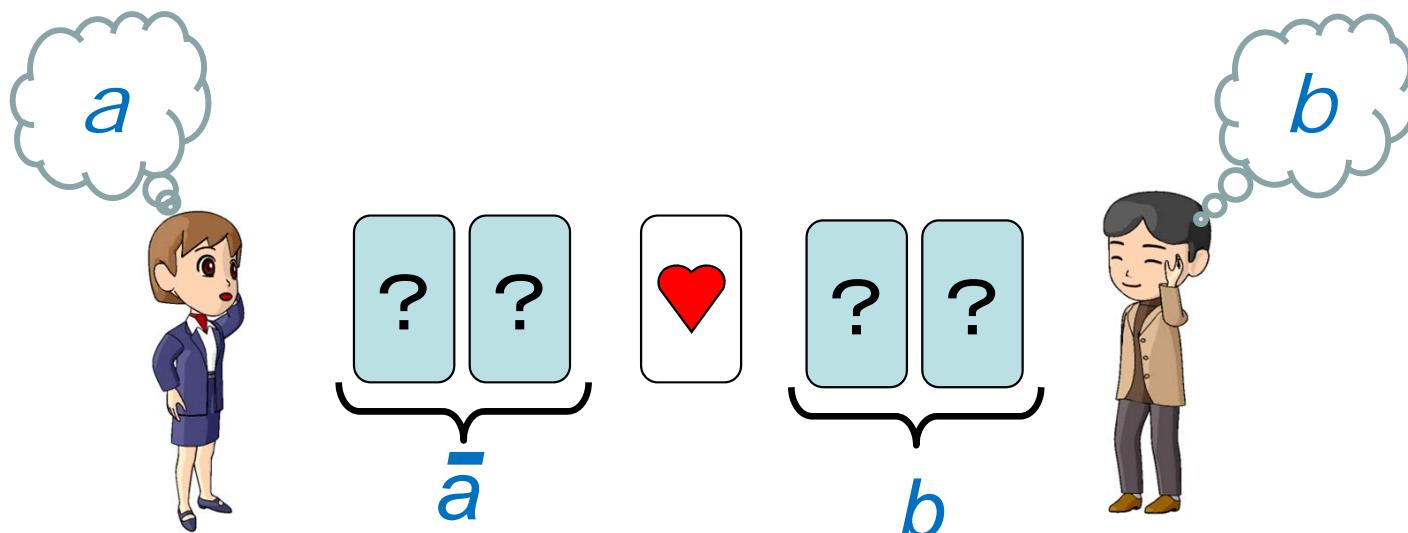


A ***commitment*** to a bit is a pair of face-down cards following the encoding.



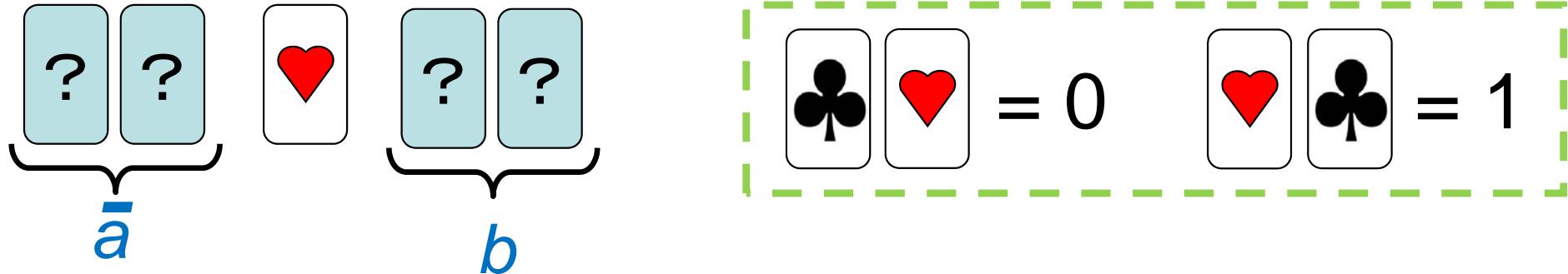
# Five-Card Trick; step 1

- Alice arranges a commitment to the negation  $\bar{a}$  of  $a$ .
- Bob arranges a commitment to  $b$ .
- They put them forth with a red card.



$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \clubsuit \quad \heartsuit \\ = 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \heartsuit \quad \clubsuit \\ = 1 \end{array}}$$

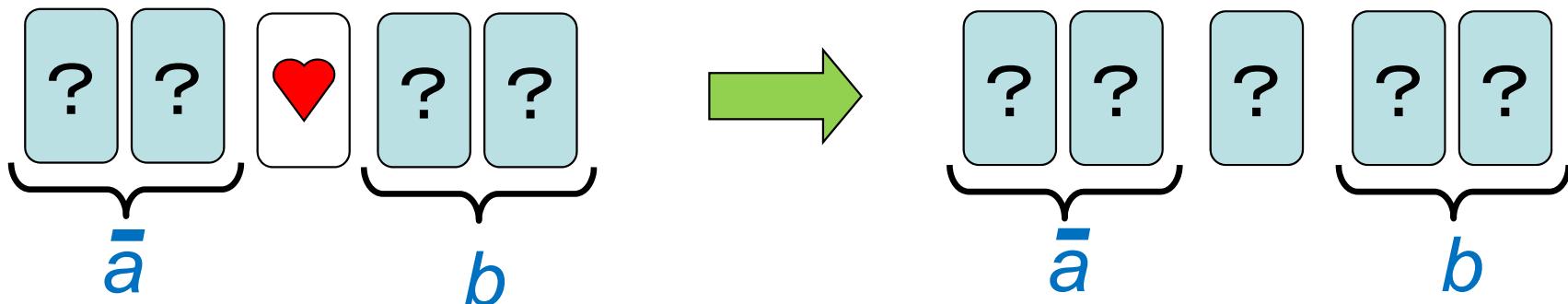
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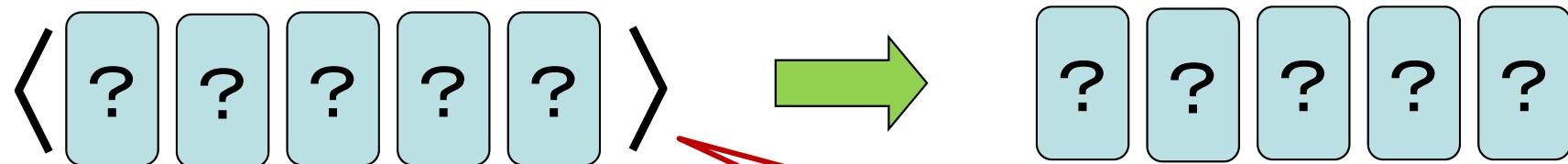
Note that the 3 cards in the middle would be red (namely  $\heartsuit \heartsuit \heartsuit$ ) only when  $a = b = 1$ .

# Five-Card Trick; **step 2**

- Turn the centered card face down:



- Apply a *random* cut:

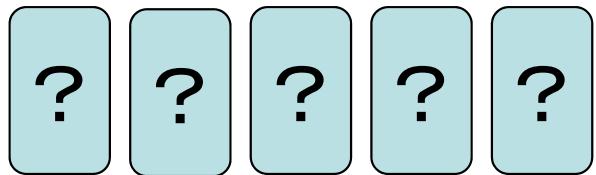


random cut  
( = cyclic shuffling or random cyclic shift)

# Five-Card Trick; **step 3**



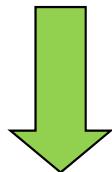
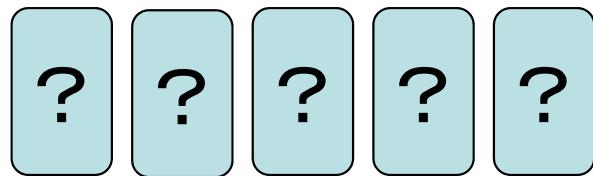
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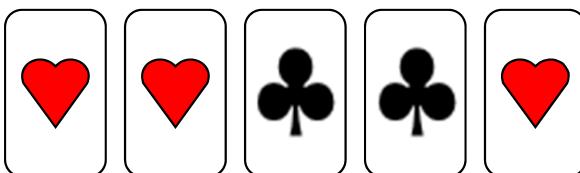
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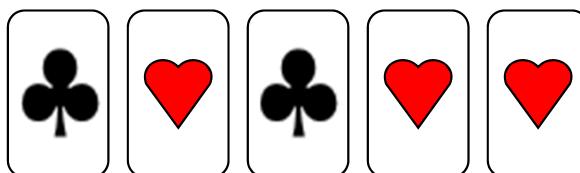
are cyclically consecutive.



$$a \wedge b = 1$$

or

They are not.

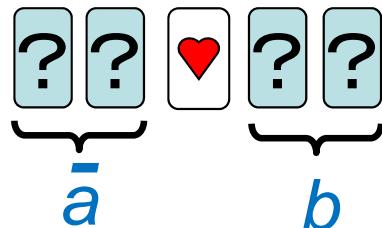


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# Five-Card Trick; **full description**

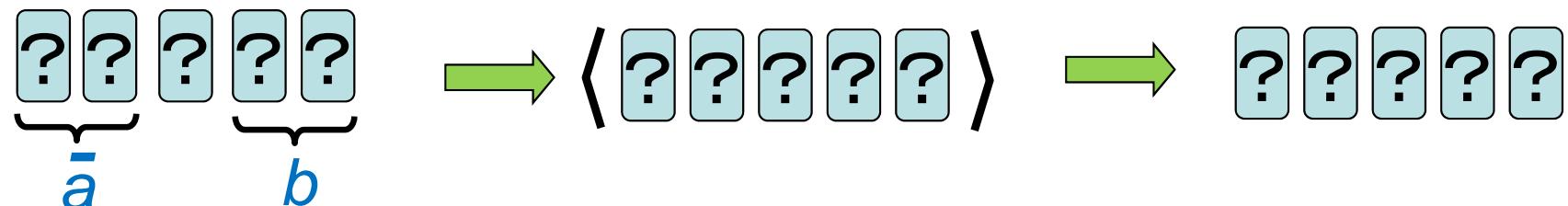


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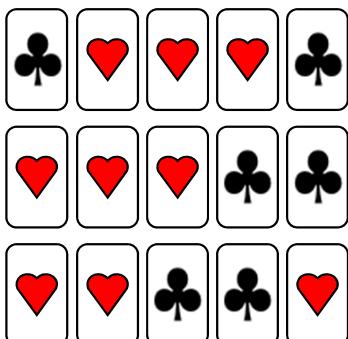


$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \boxed{\text{Clubs}} \quad \boxed{\text{Hearts}} = 0 \quad \boxed{\text{Hearts}} \quad \boxed{\text{Clubs}} = 1 \end{array}$$

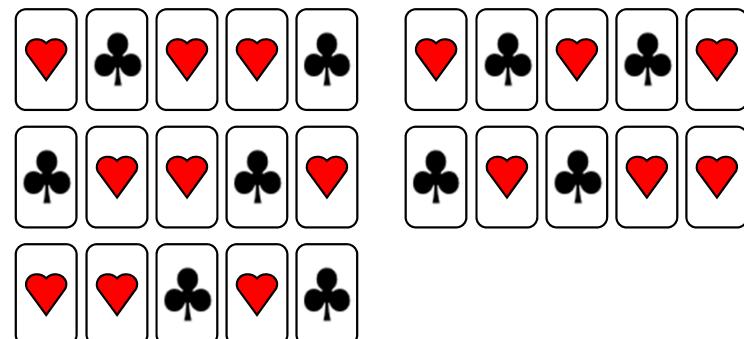
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### 3. Reveal all 5 cards:



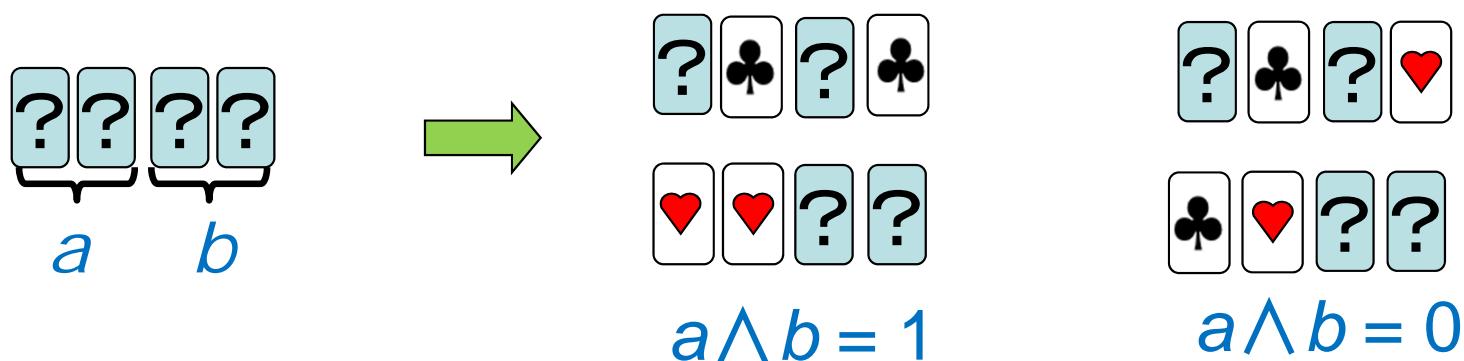
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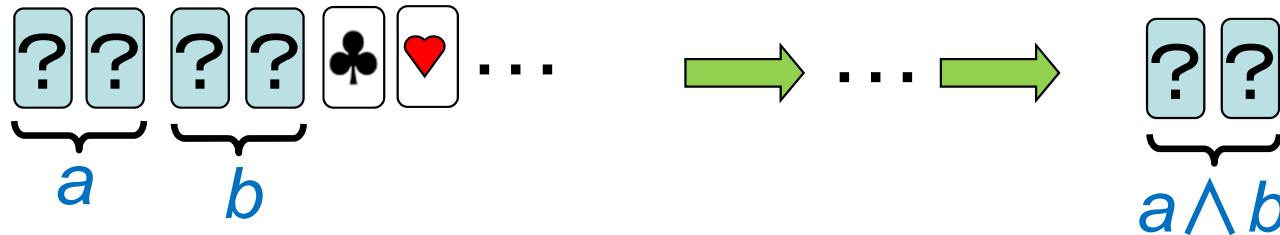
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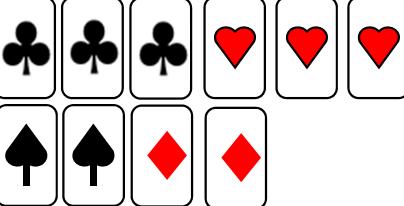
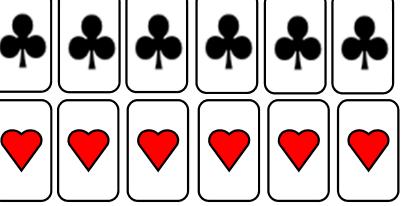
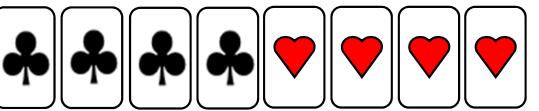
# Other Existing Protocols

	No. of cards	random cut	bisection cut
den Boer [Eurocrypt '89]	5 	✓	
Mizuki- Kumamoto- Sone [Asiacrypt 2012]	4 	✓	✓

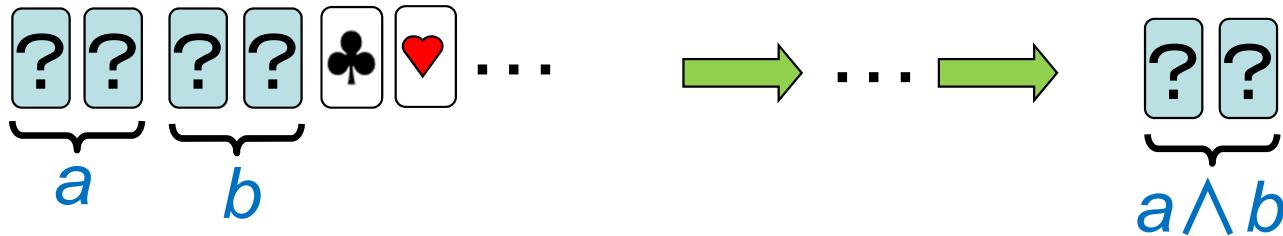


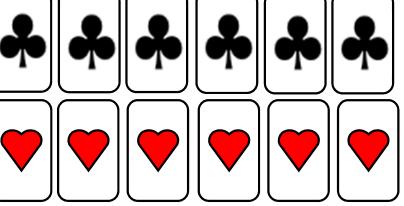
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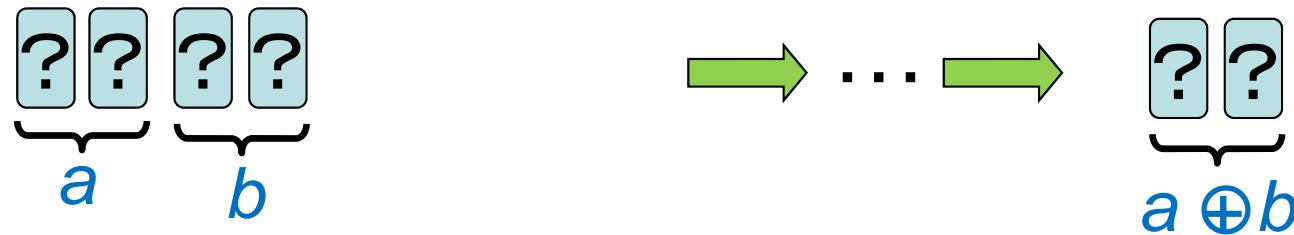
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Crepeau-Kilian [CRYPTO '93]	10 	✓		6
Niemi-Renvall [TCS, 1998]	12 	✓		2.5
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# Secure AND in a committed format



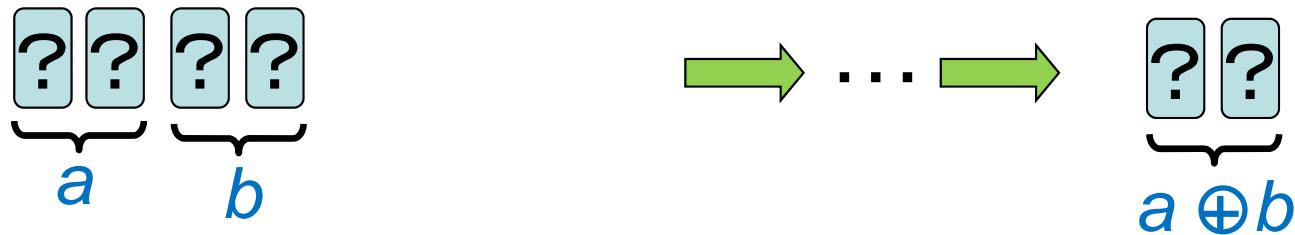
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# Secure XOR



	No. of cards	No. of colors	random cut	bisection cut	average No. of trials
Crepeau-Kilian [CRYPTO '93]	14	4	✓		6
Mizuki, et. al [AJoC, 2006]	10	2	✓		2
Mizuki-Sone [FAW 2009]	4	2		✓	1

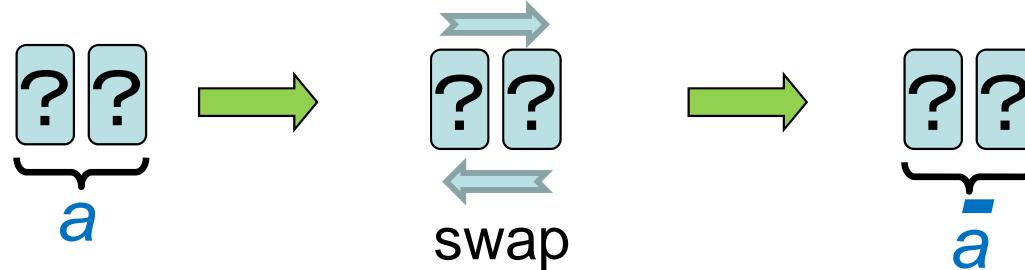
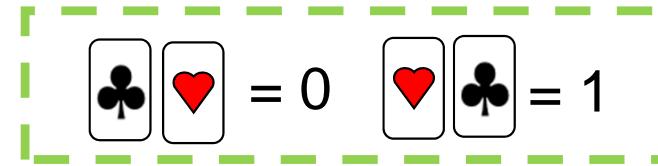
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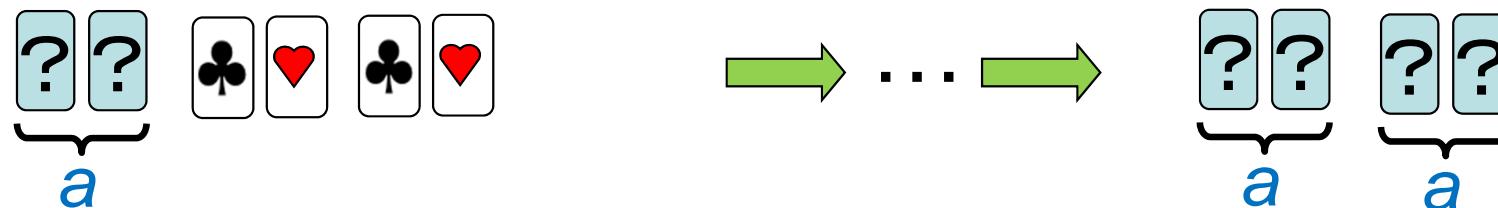
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Secure NOT is trivial:



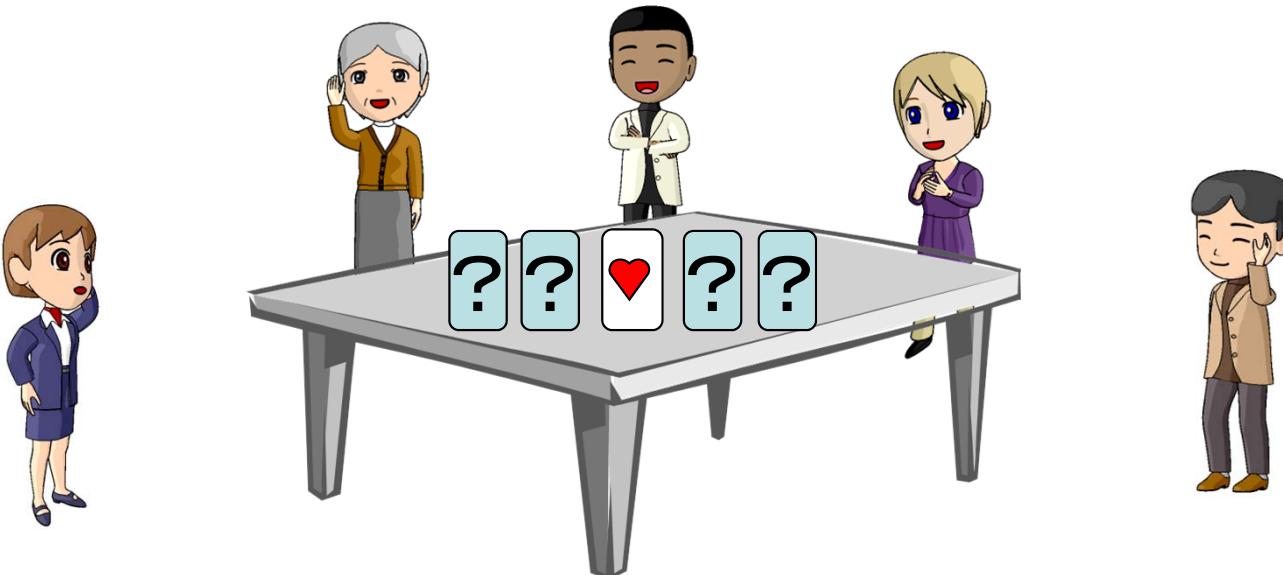
There are protocols for copying a commitment:



Combining these AND/XOR/NOT/copy protocols, we can securely compute **any** function.

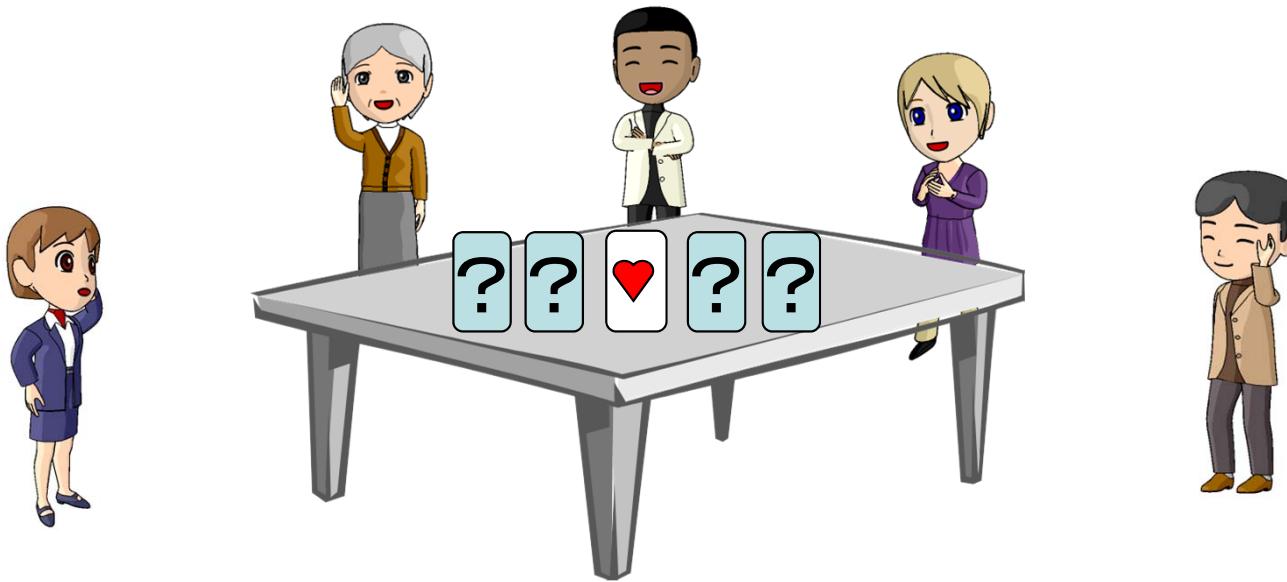
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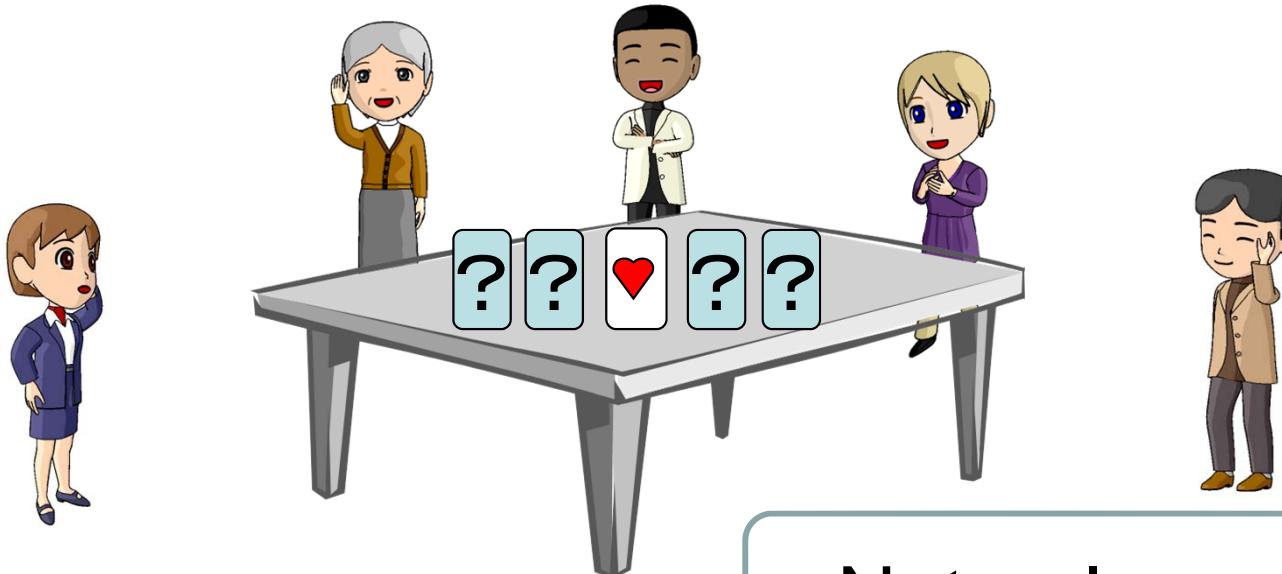


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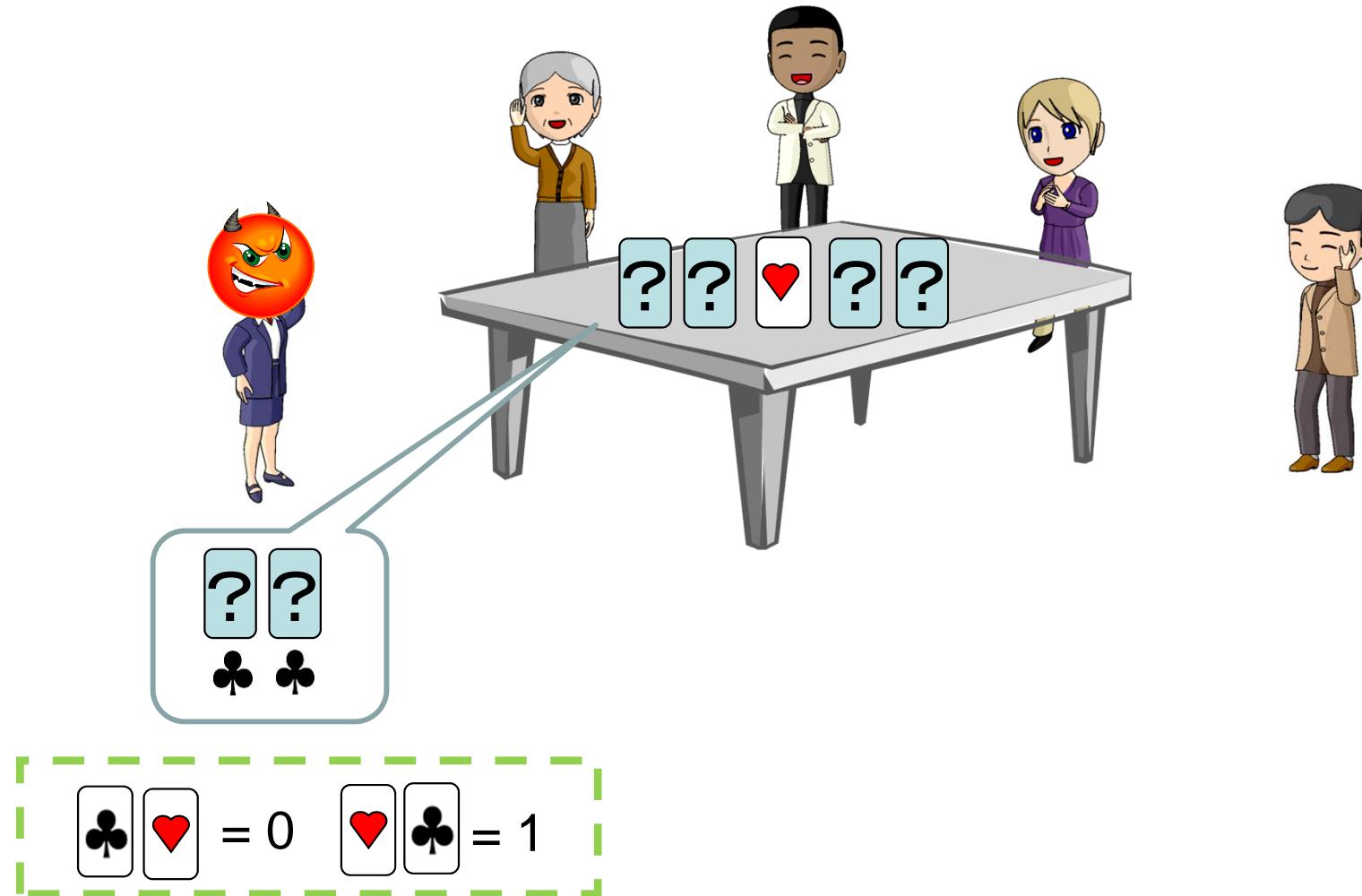
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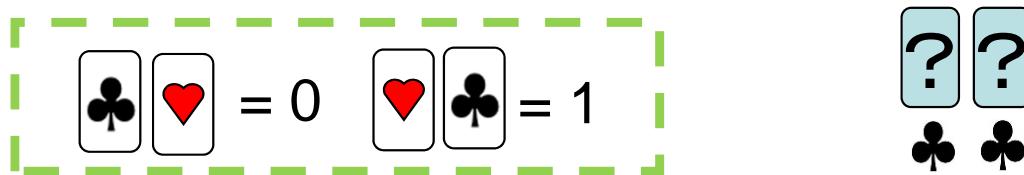
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However, when placing a pair of face-down cards as a commitment, a player may be able to act maliciously.

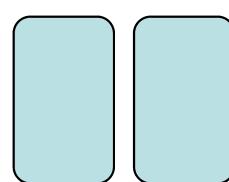


# Our main results

- ✓ An attack exploiting input format and its countermeasure

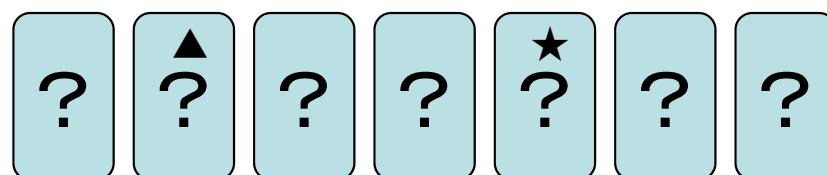


- ✓ Backs with a Rotationally Symmetric Pattern



Pros and Cons

- ✓ Backs with Scuff Marks



Method to maintain secrecy

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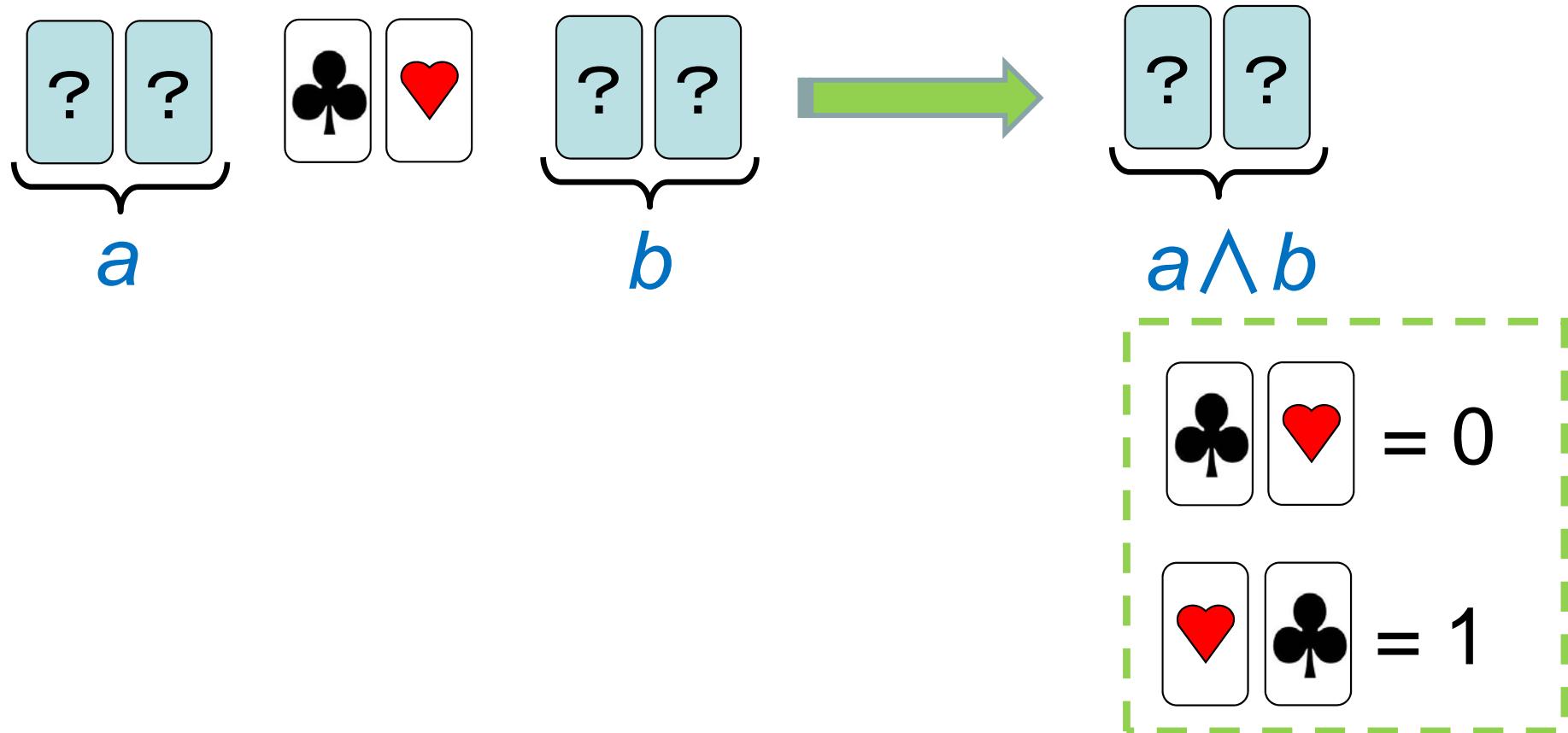


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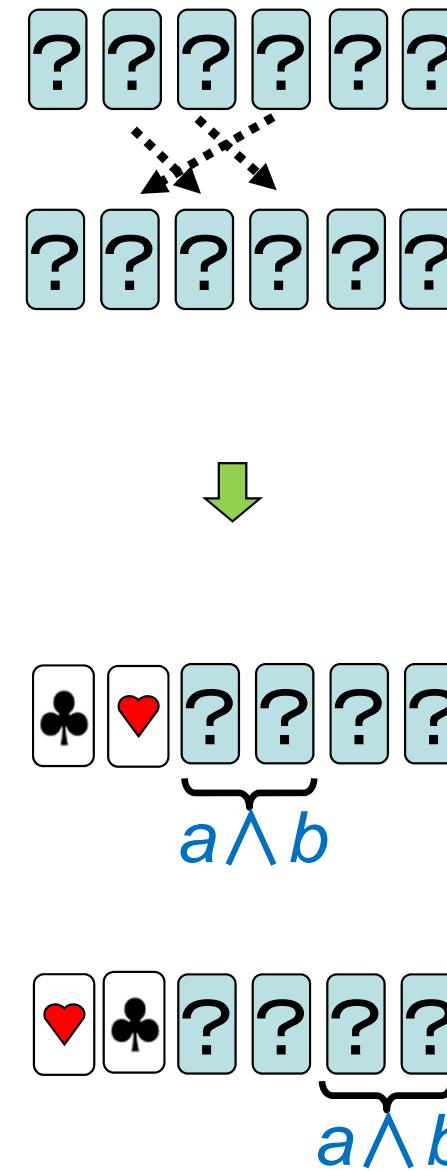
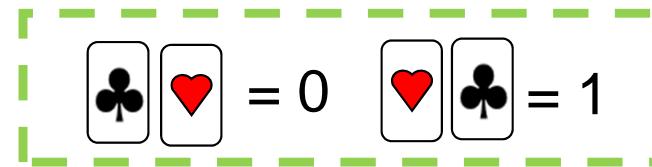
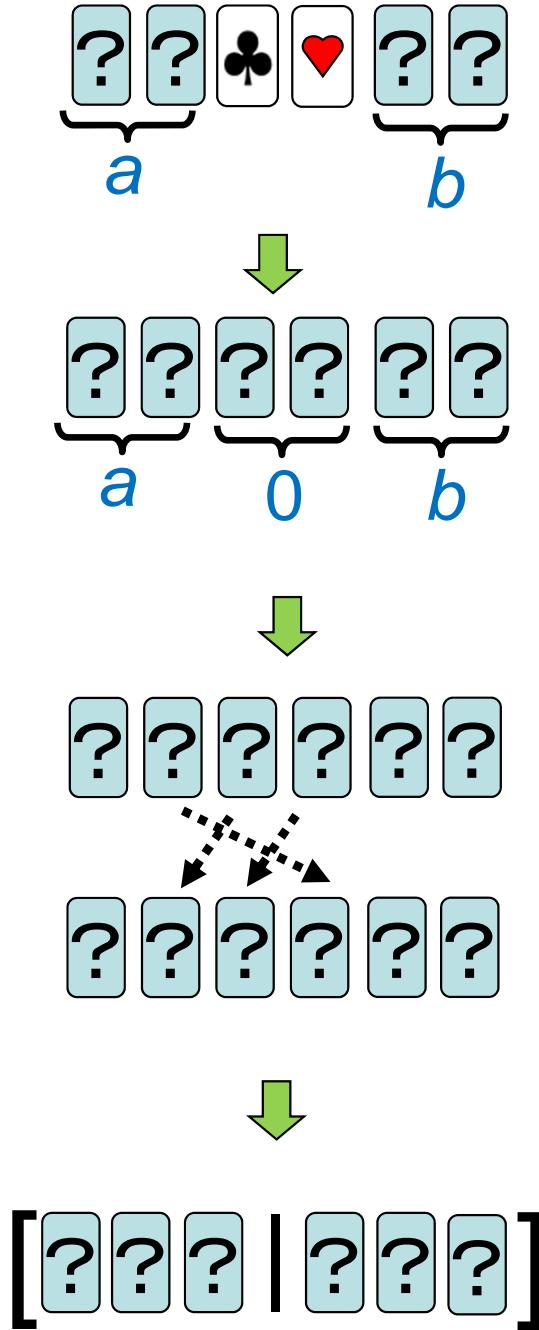
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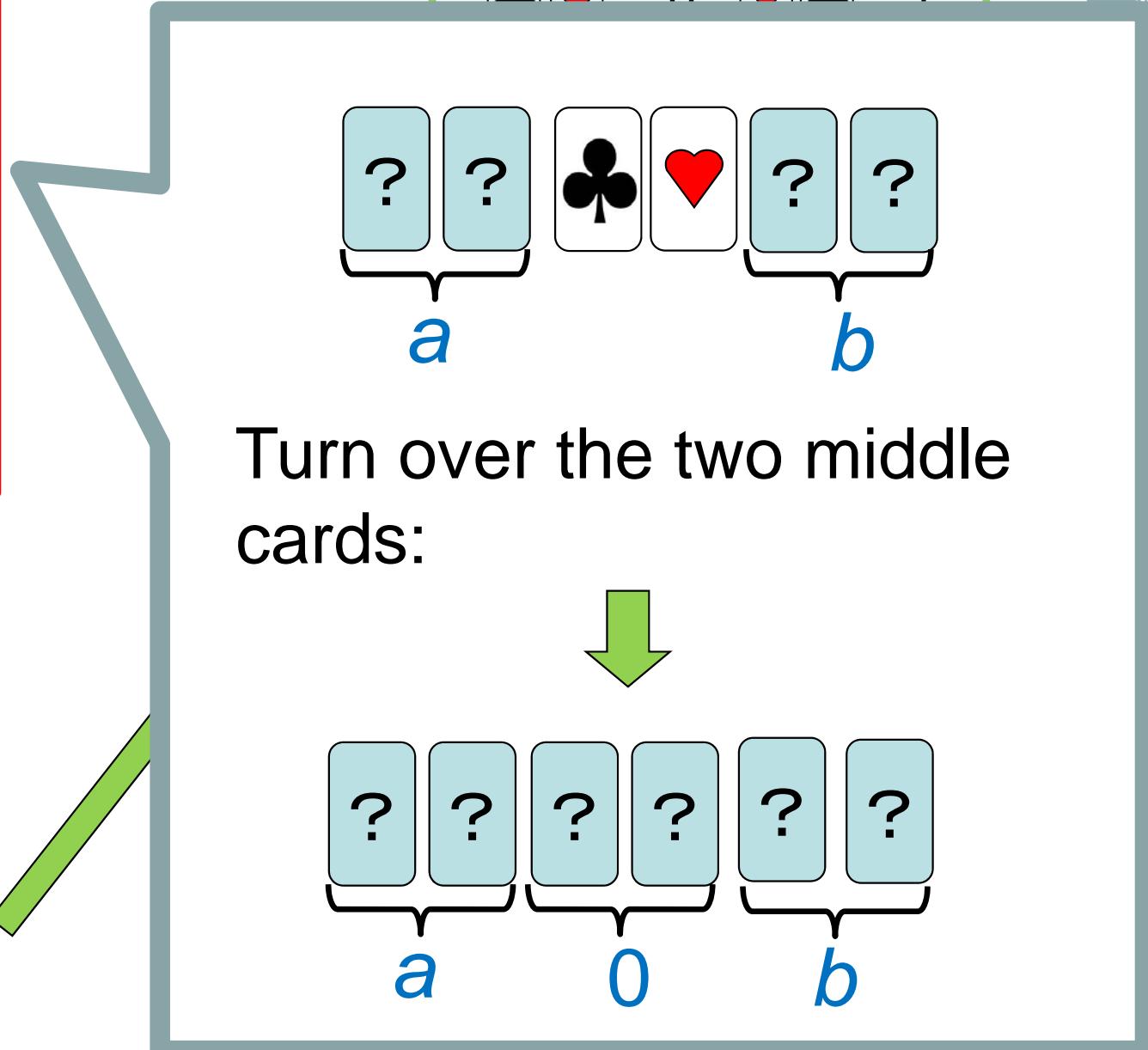
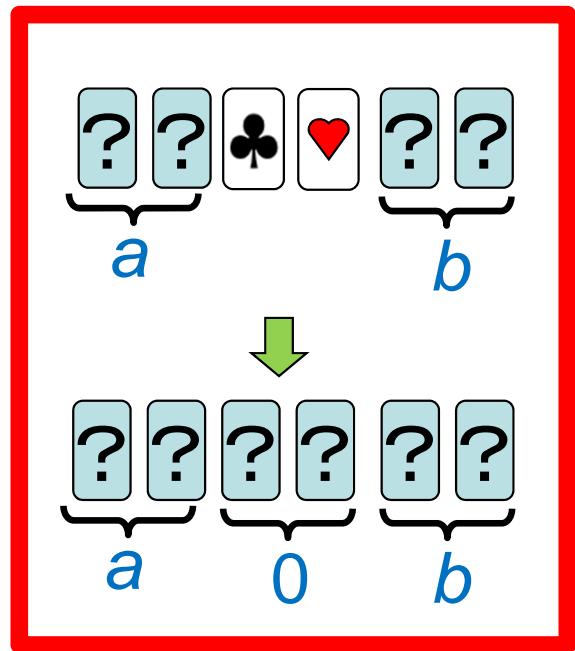


A commitment to  $a \wedge b$  can be obtained using 6 cards [5].



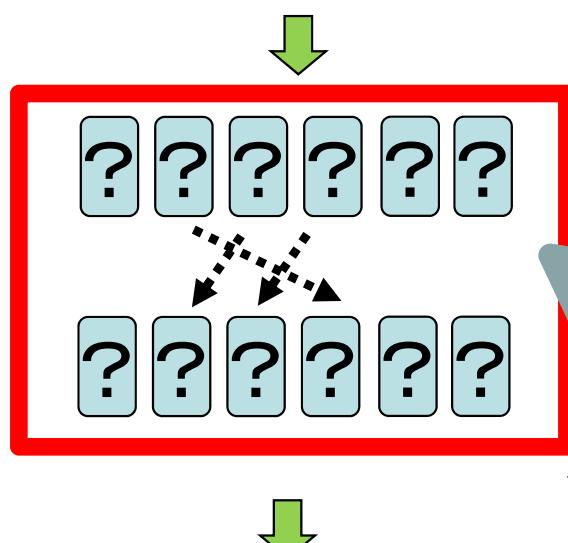
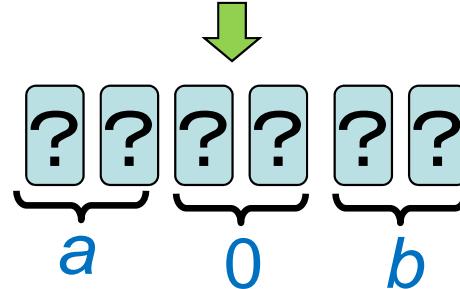
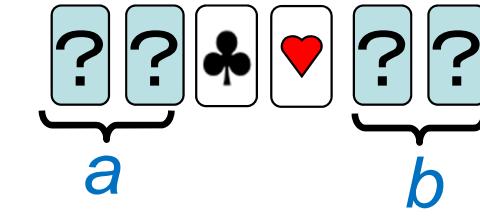
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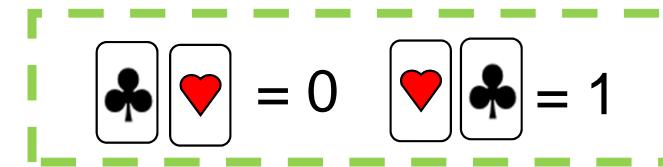
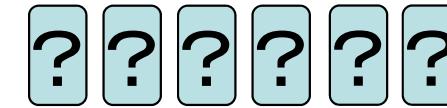
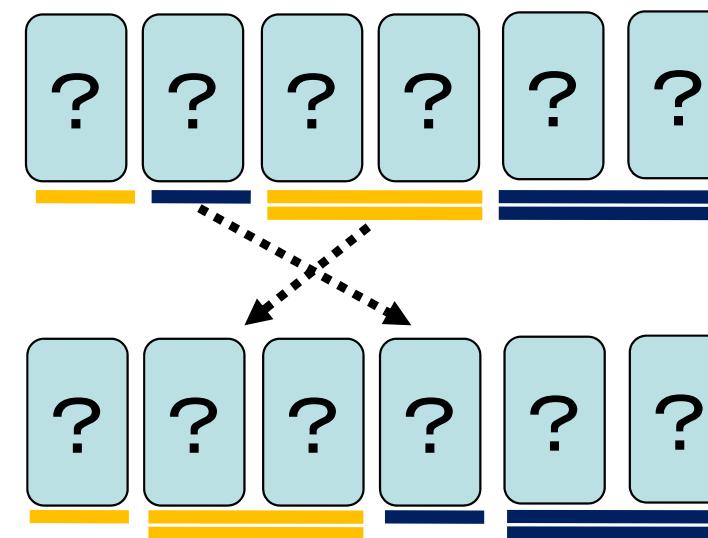


Diagram showing the assignment of values to card pairs. A dashed green box encloses two pairs of cards: one with a club and one with a heart. The assignment is summarized as follows:

$\clubsuit \heartsuit$	$= 0$	$\heartsuit \clubsuit$	$= 1$
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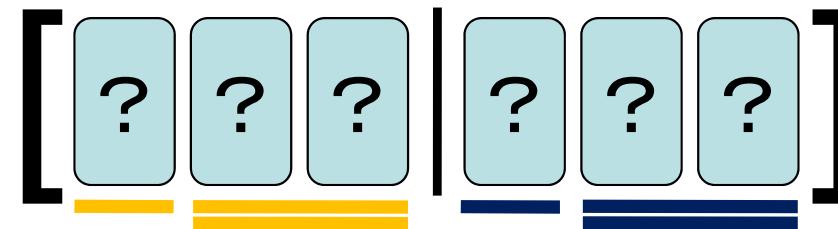
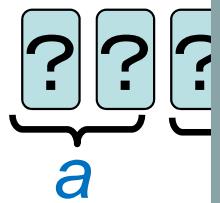
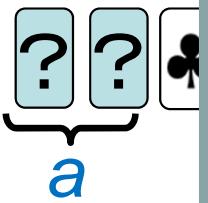


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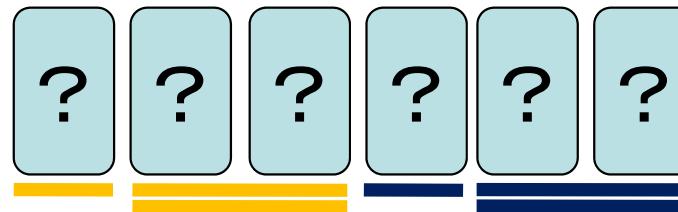
$a \wedge b$

# Apply a random bisection cut:

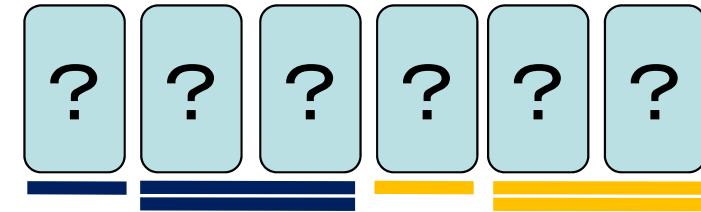


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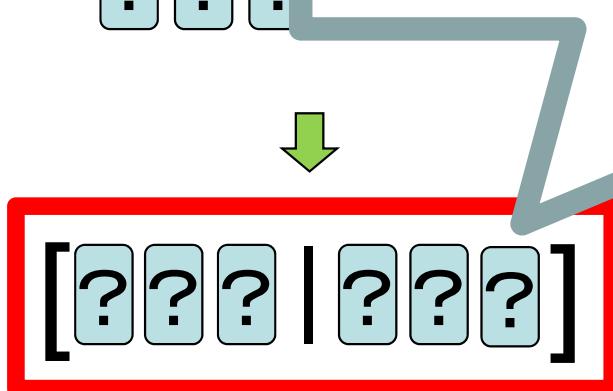
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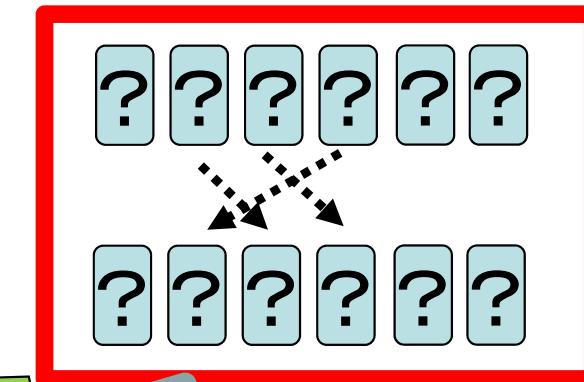
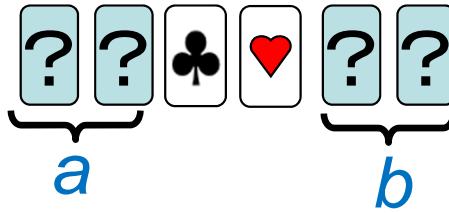


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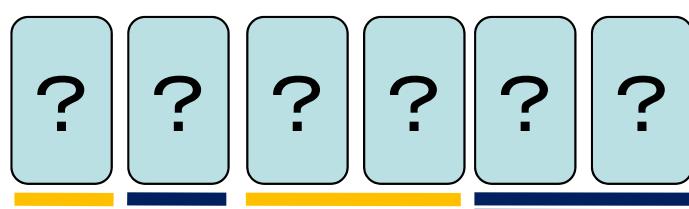
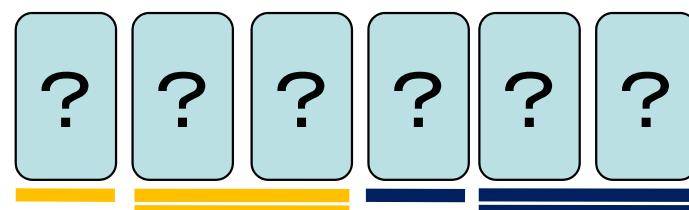
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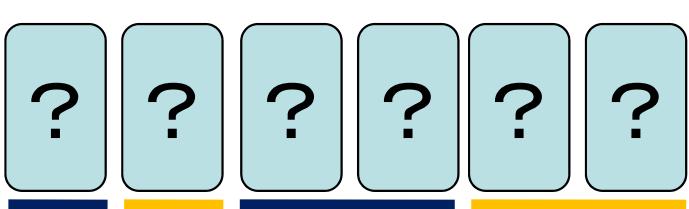
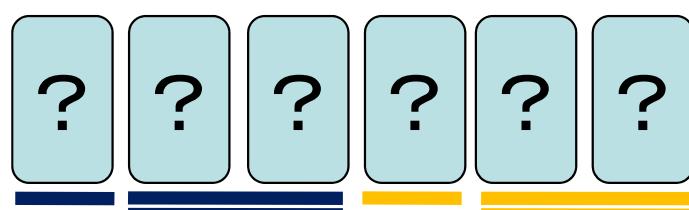


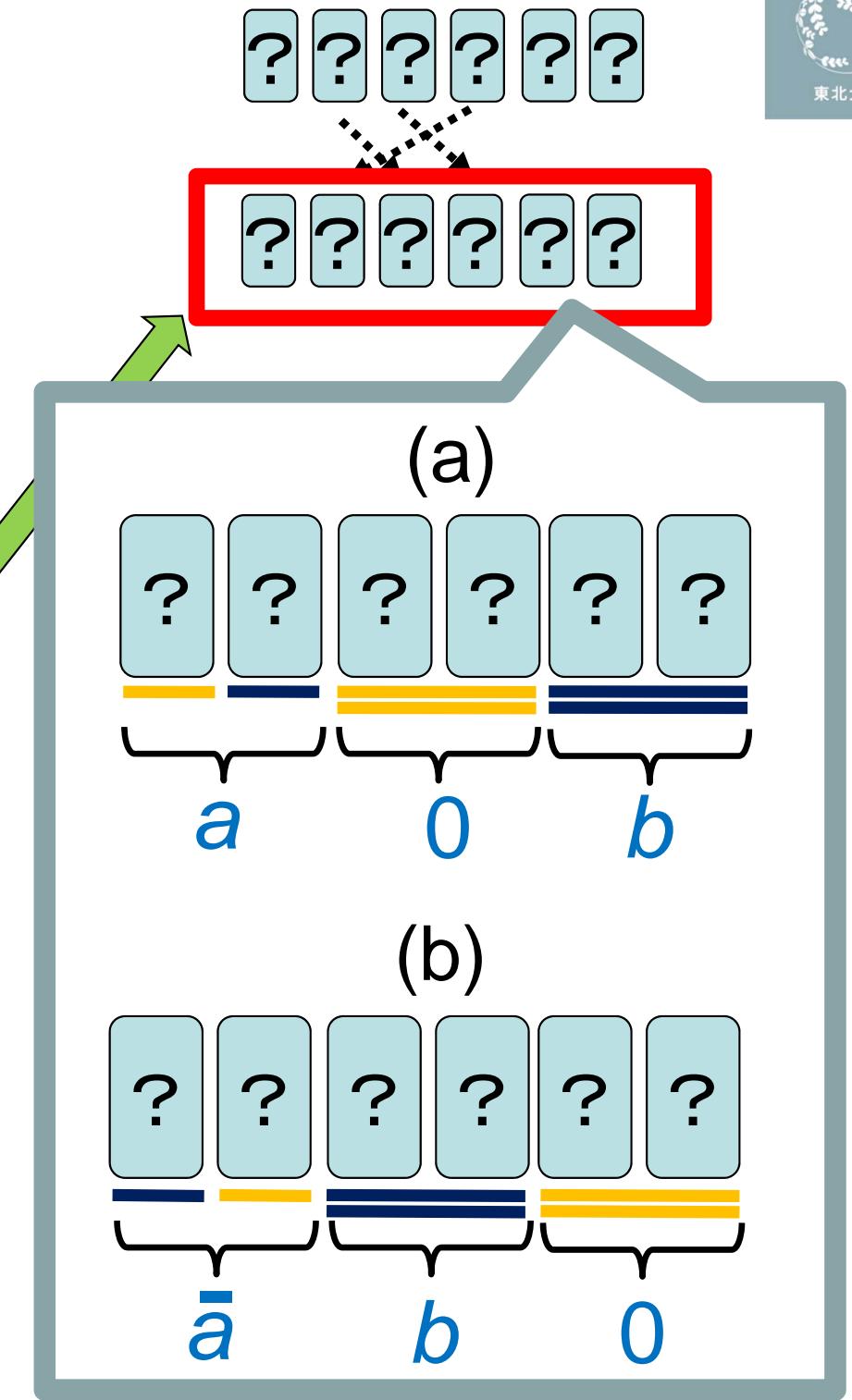
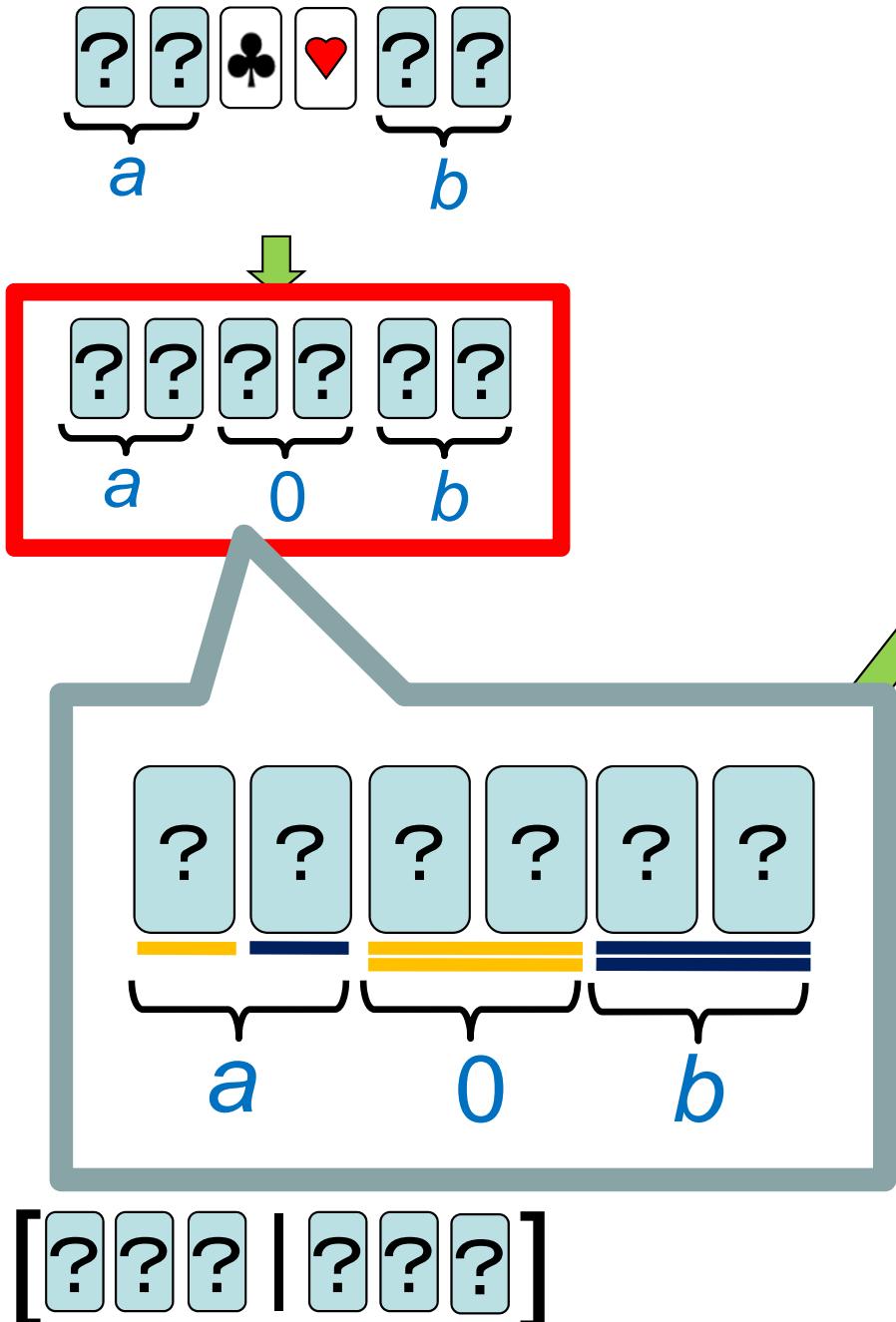
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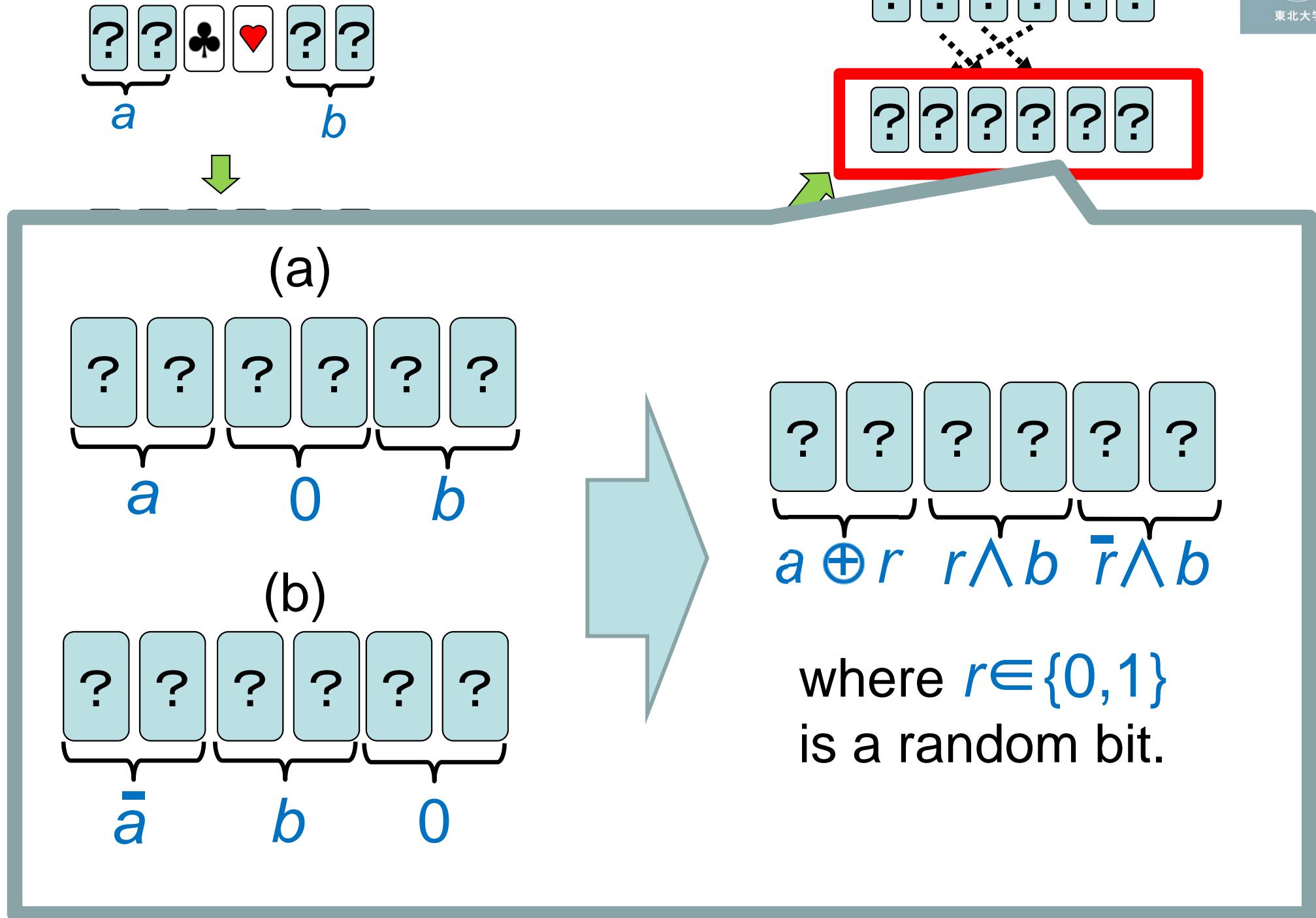
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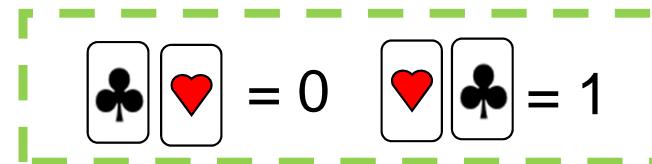


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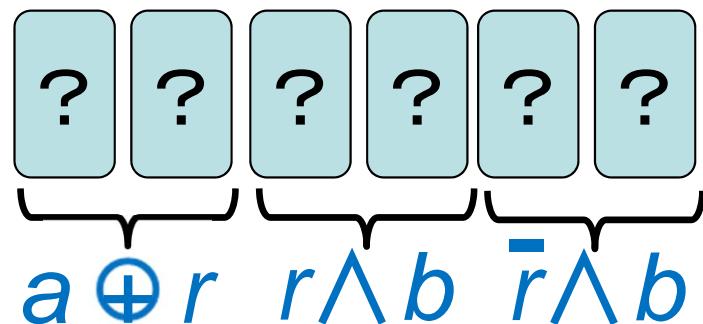




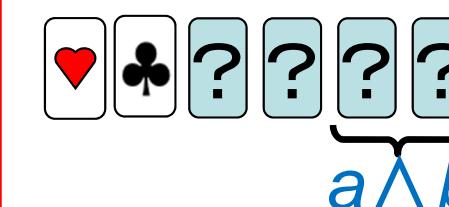
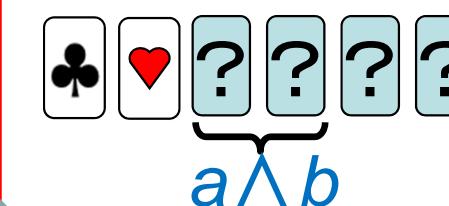
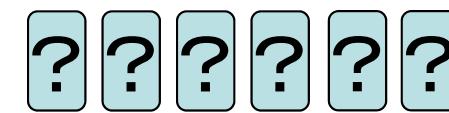
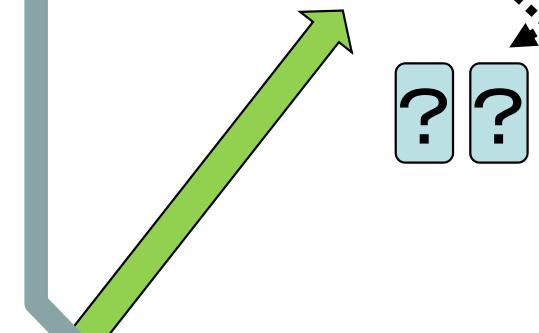




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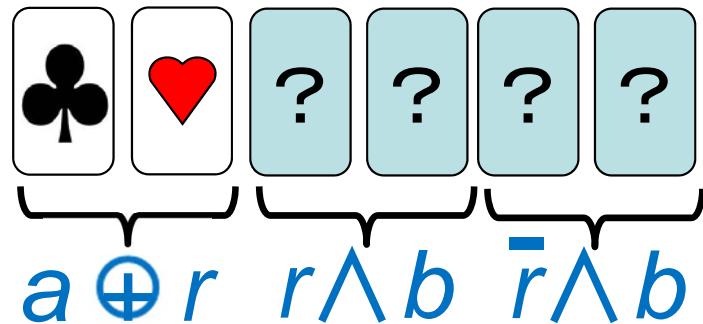


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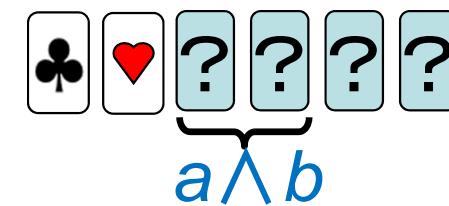
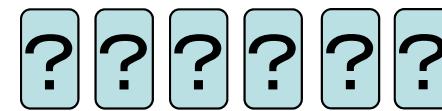
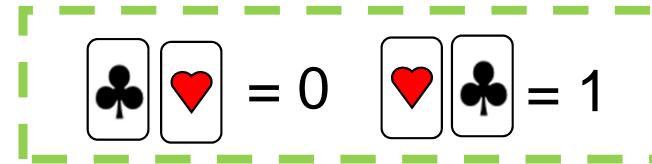
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$a \oplus r = 0$ , i.e.,  $a = r$

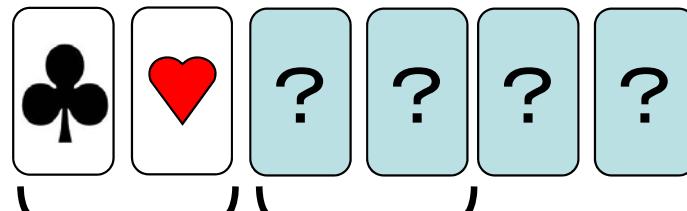


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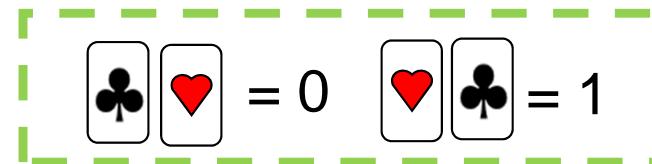
$$a \oplus r \quad r \wedge b$$

$$= a \wedge b$$

$$a \oplus r = 0, \text{ i.e., } a = r$$



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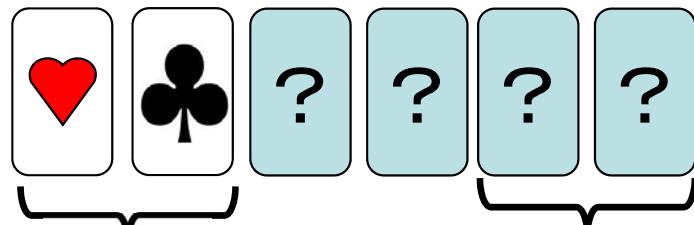
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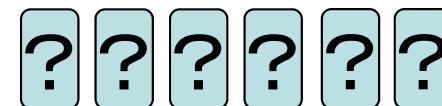
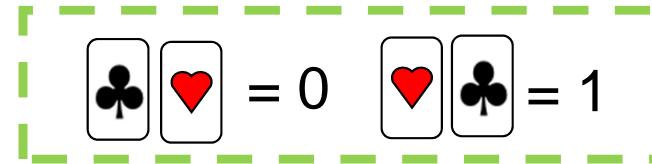
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$$\bar{r} \wedge b$$

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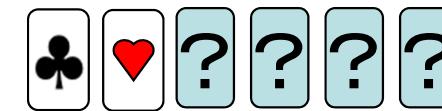
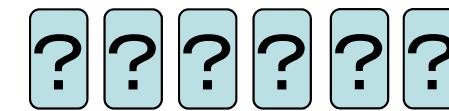
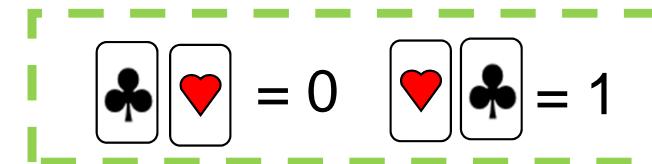
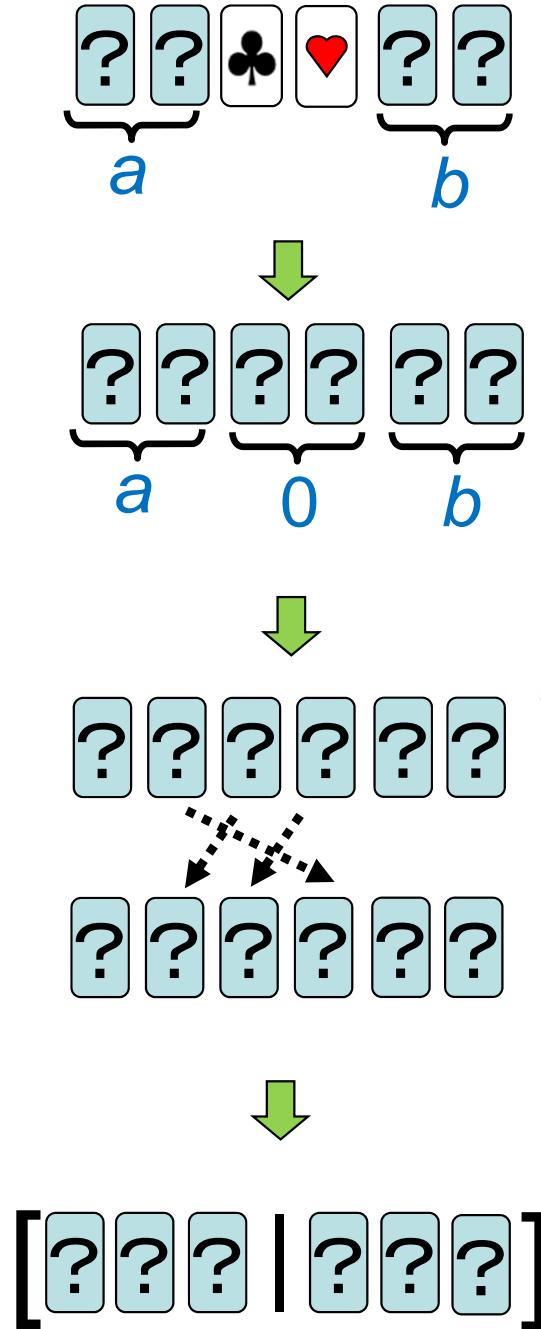
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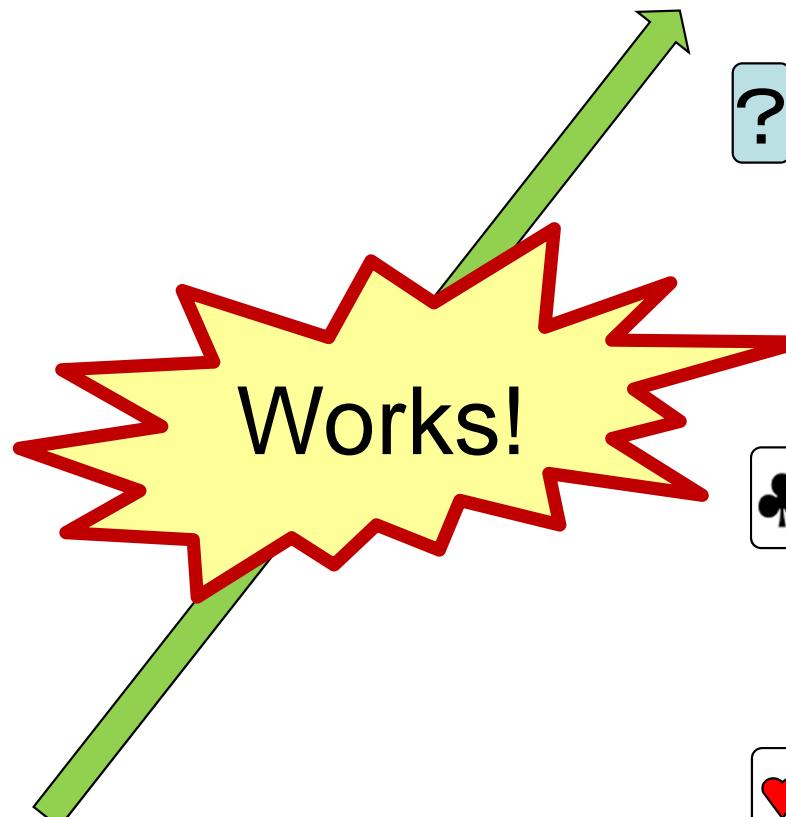
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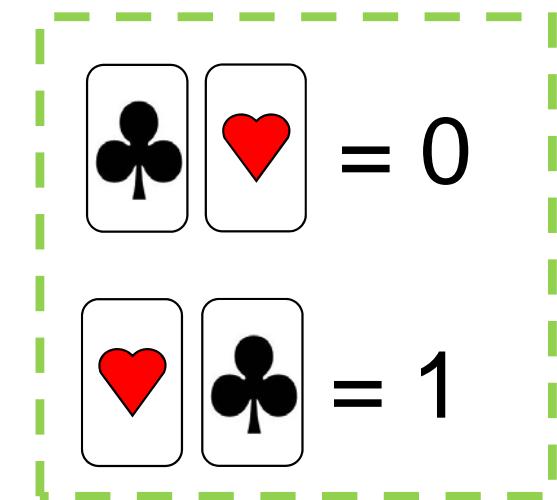
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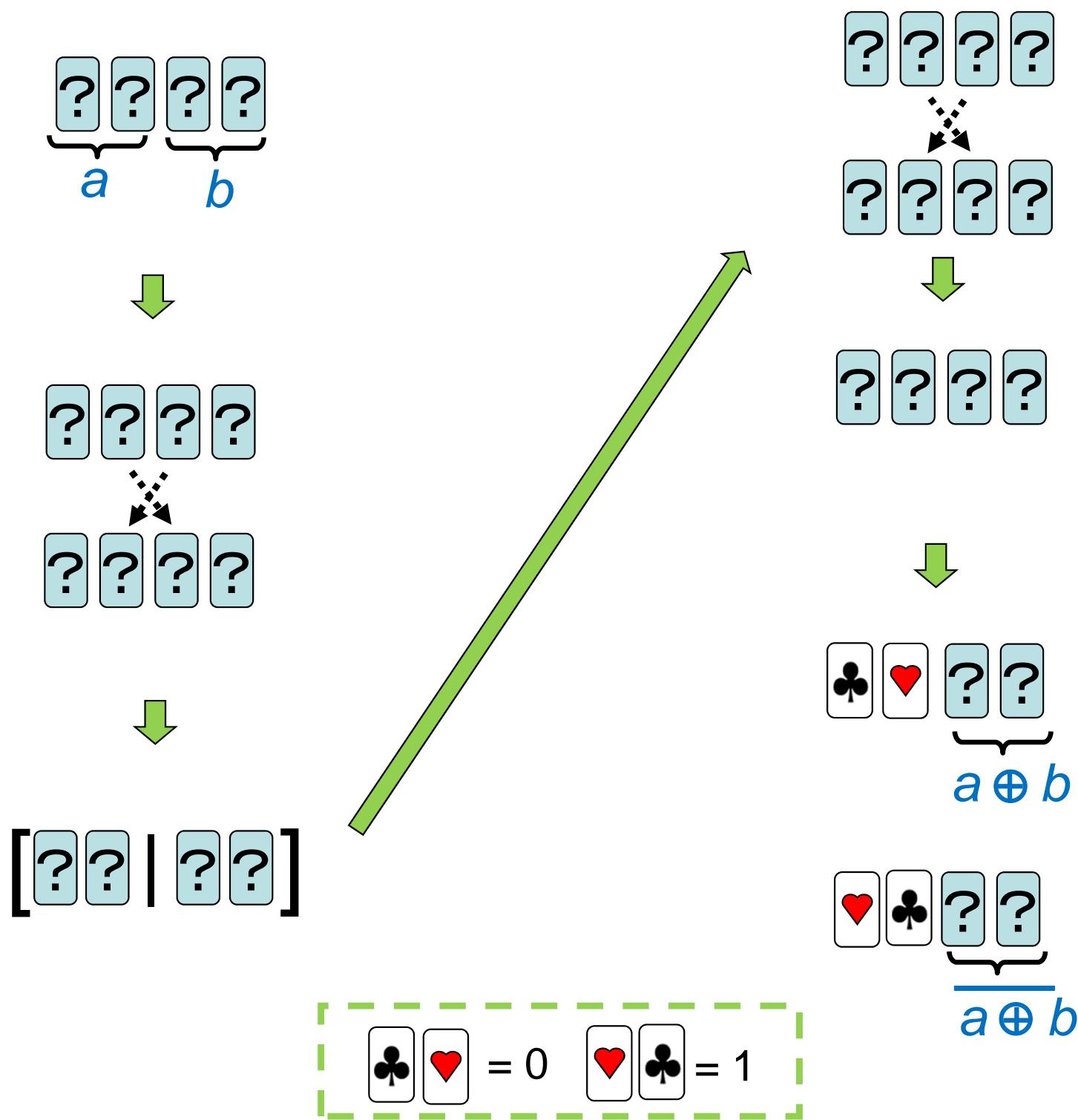
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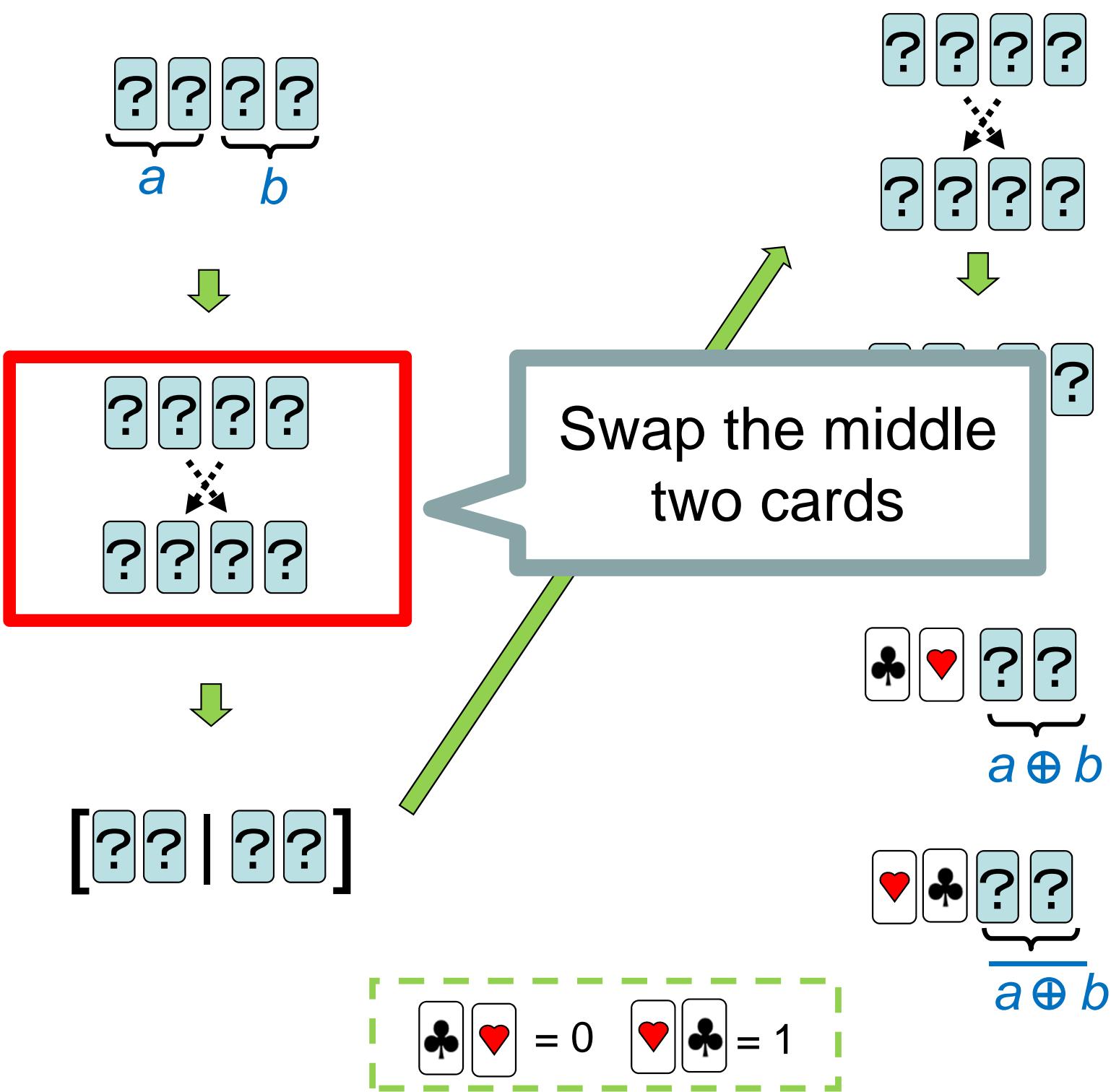


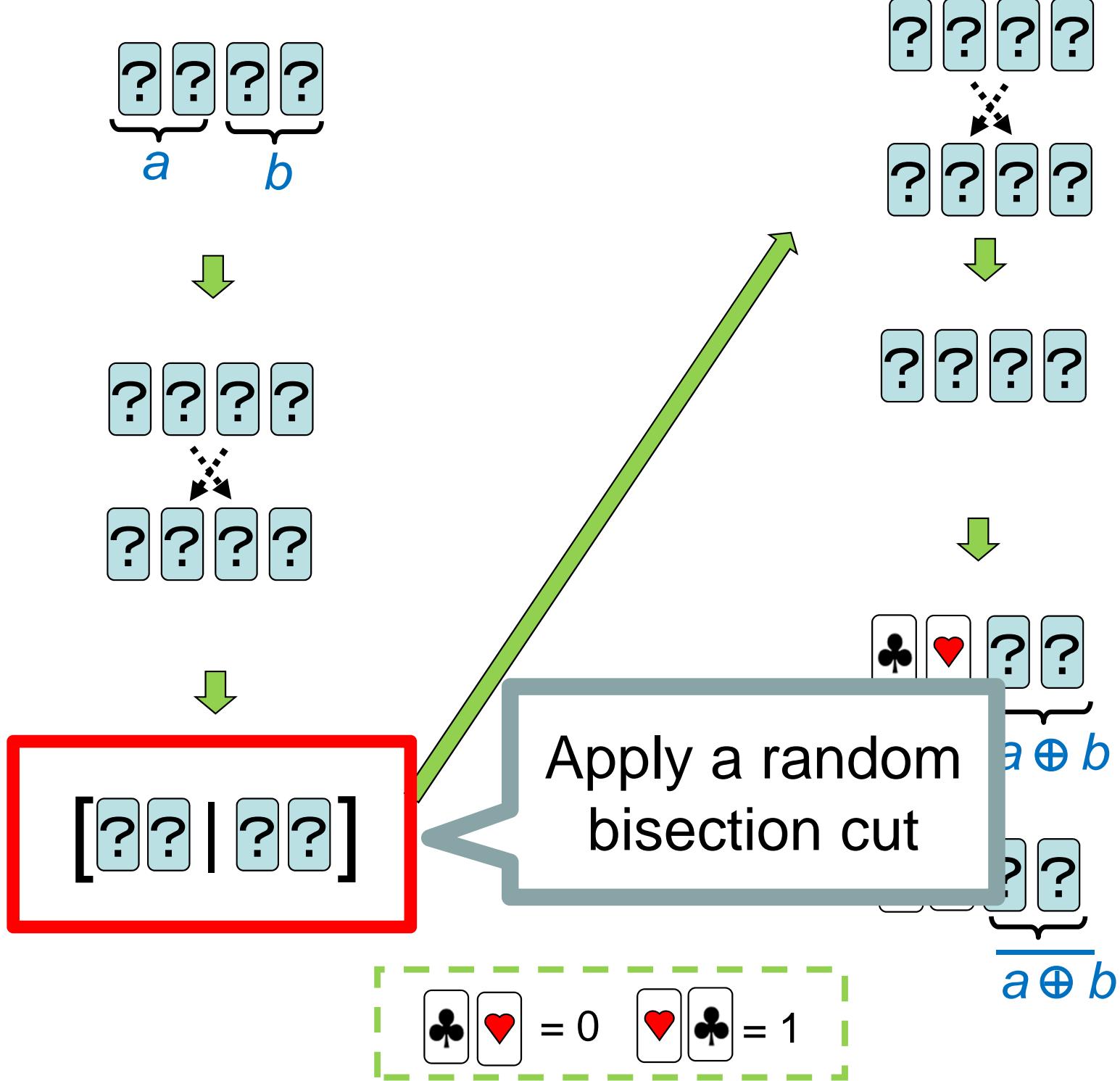
Secure XOR can be done with 4 cards [6].



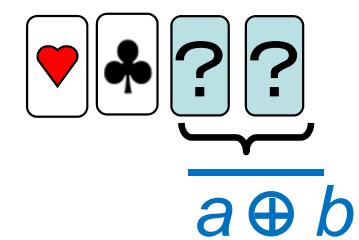
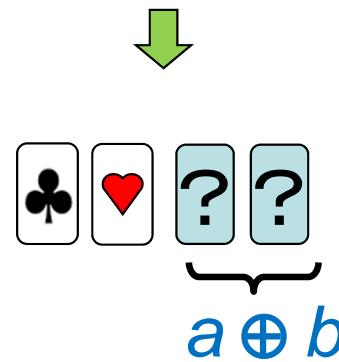
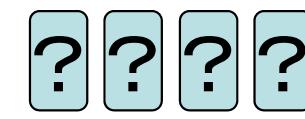
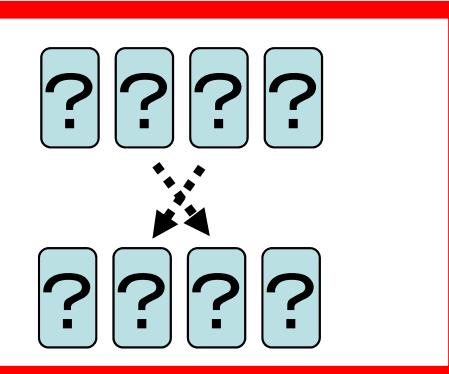
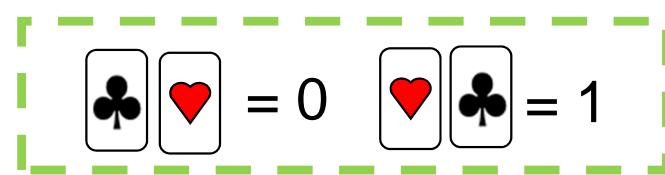
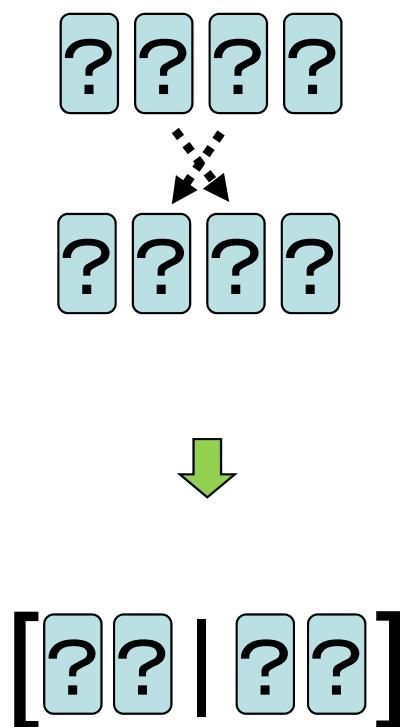
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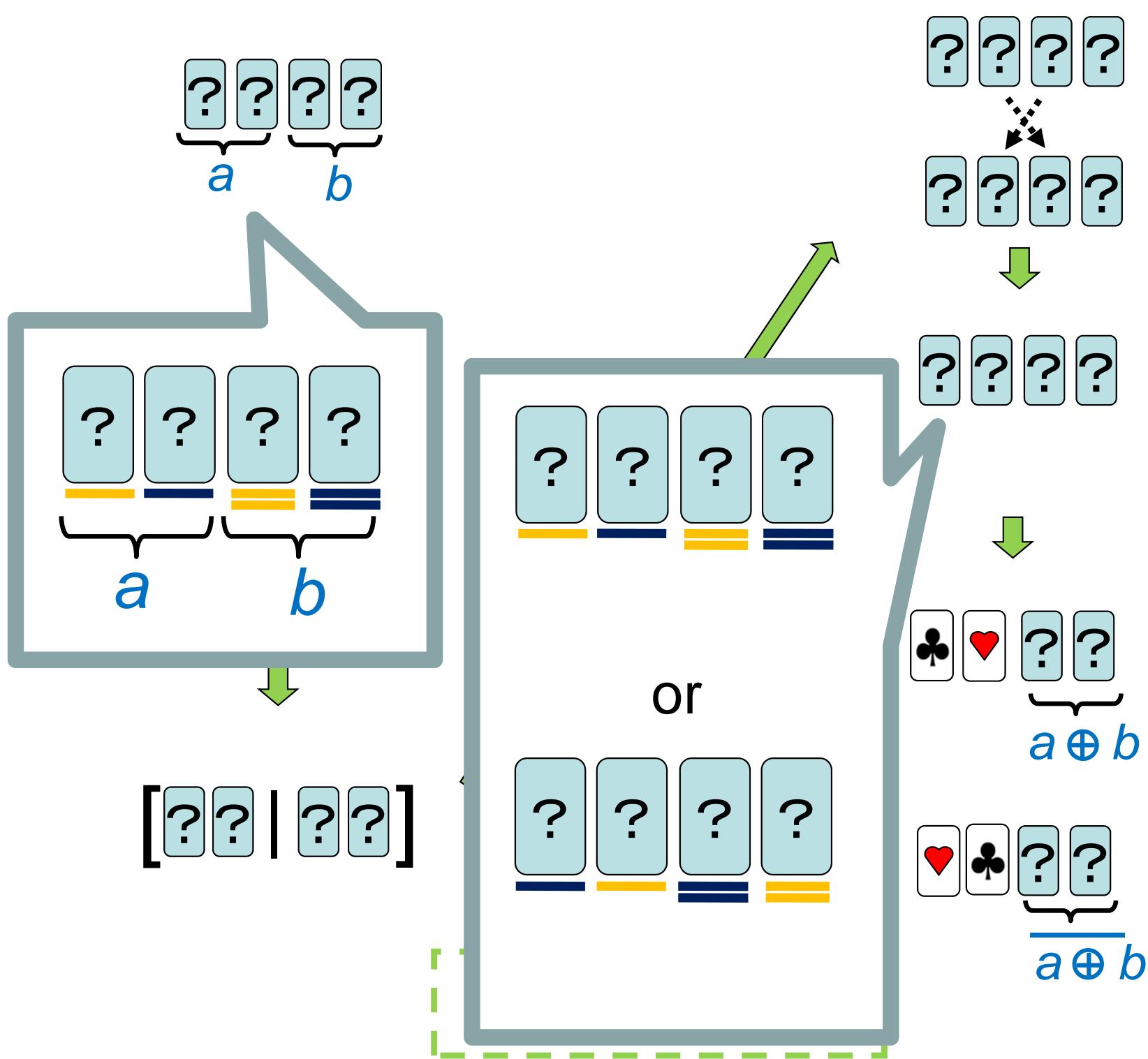


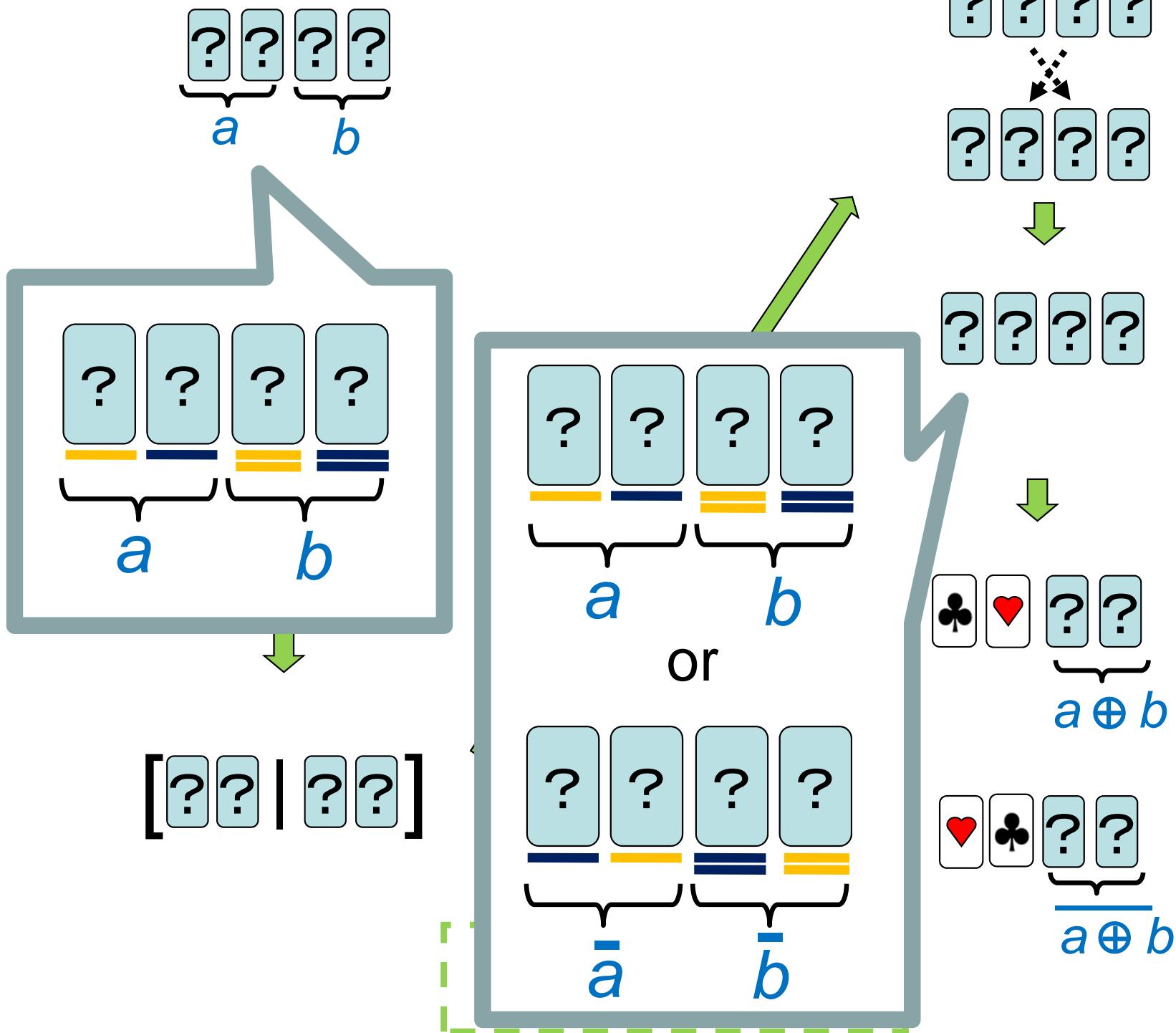


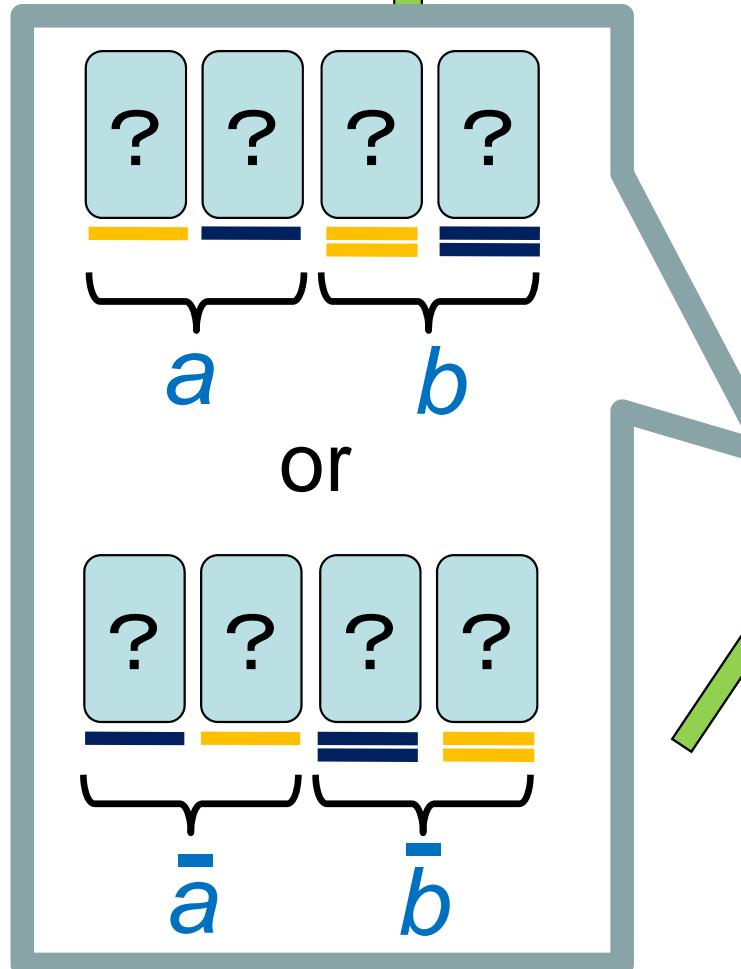


Swap the middle  
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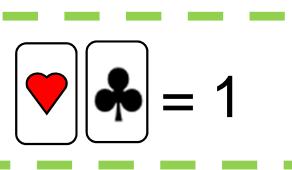


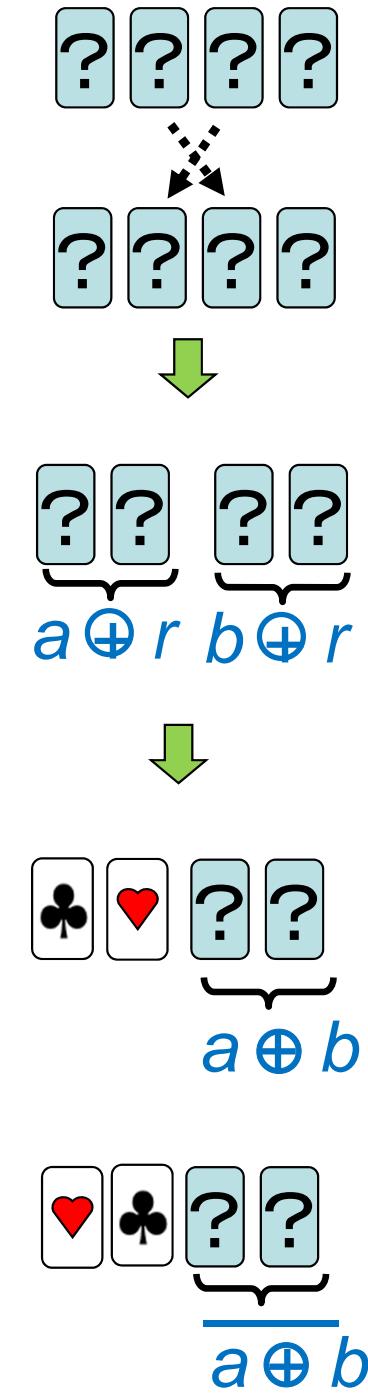


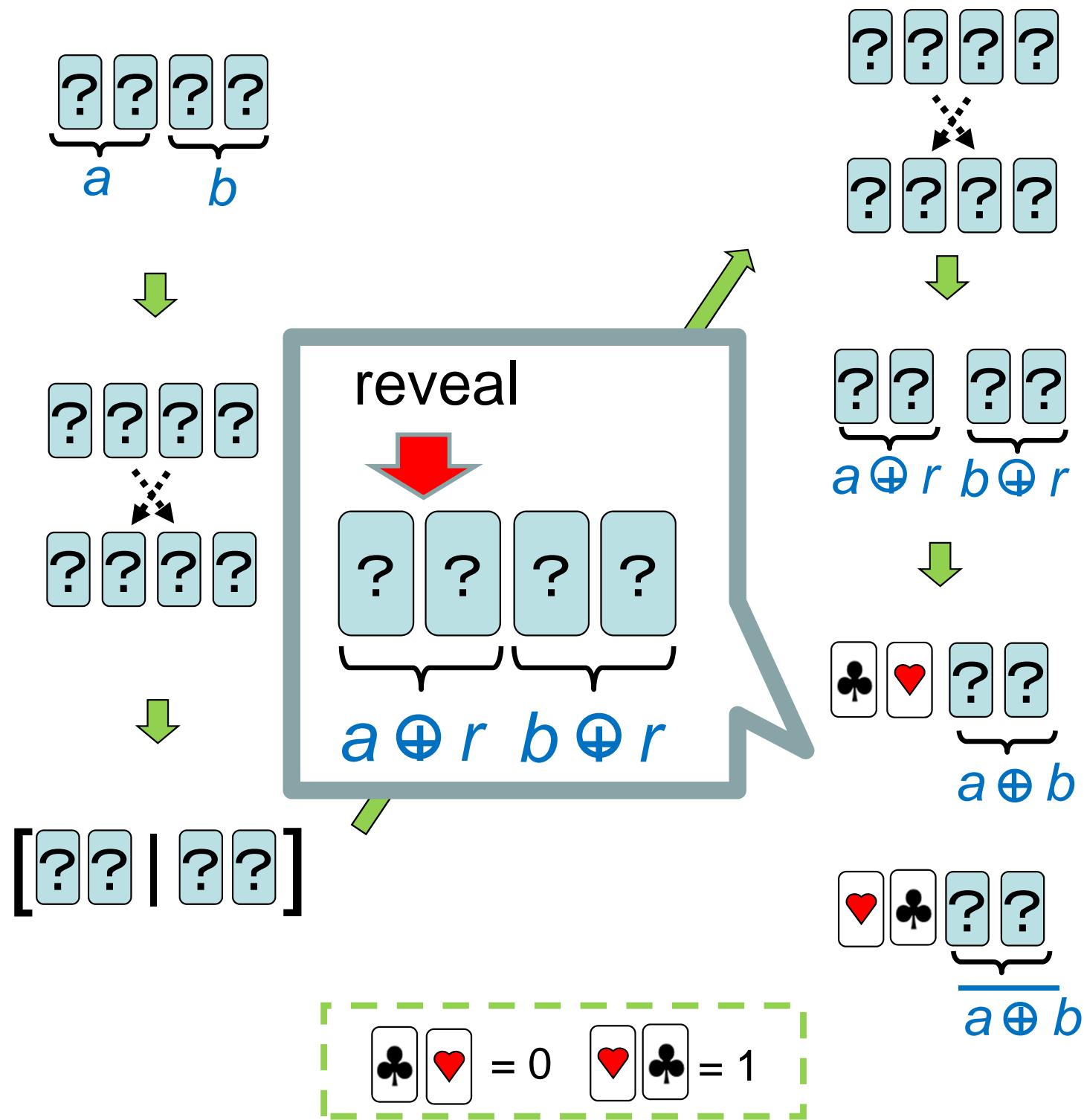


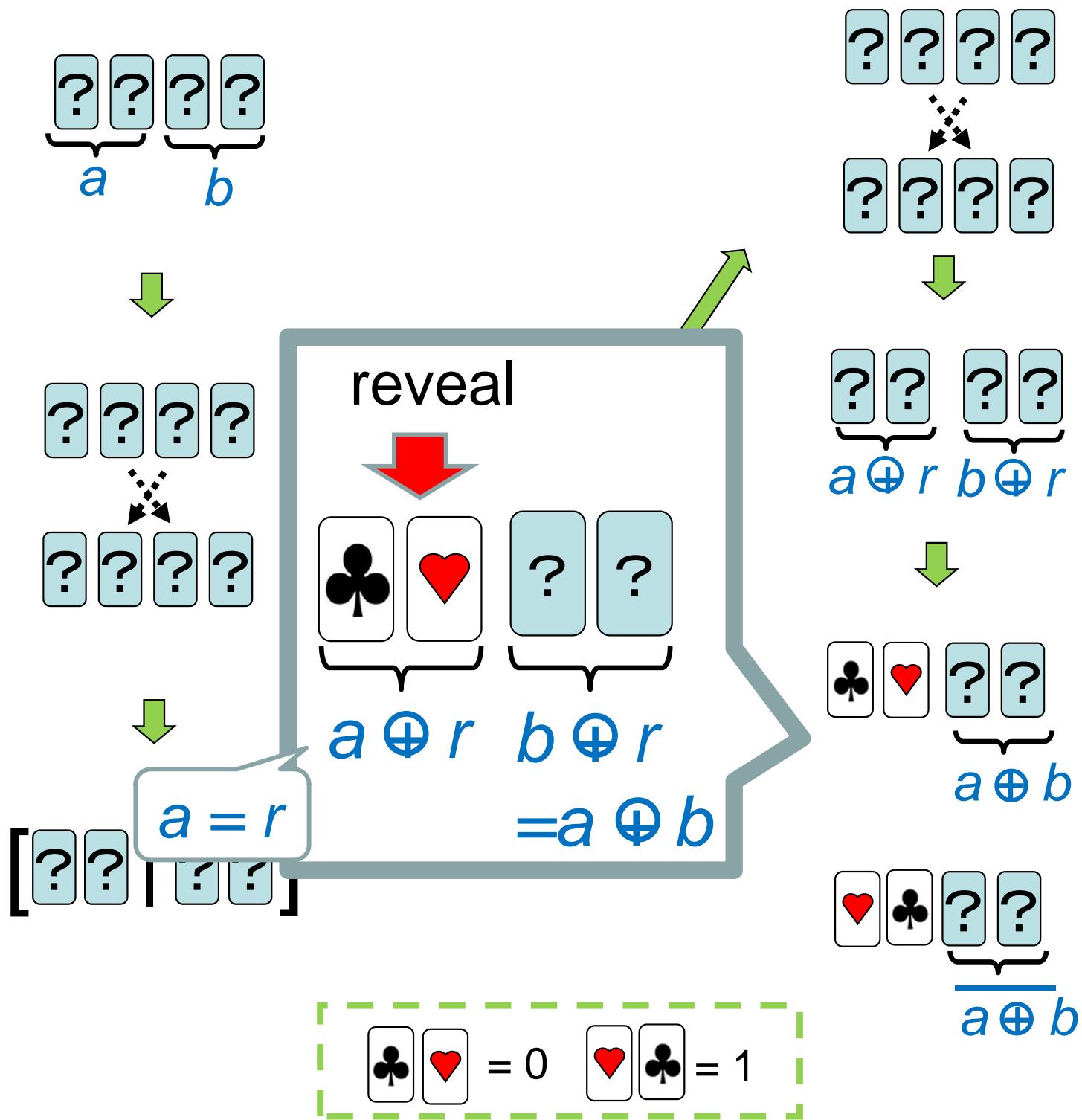


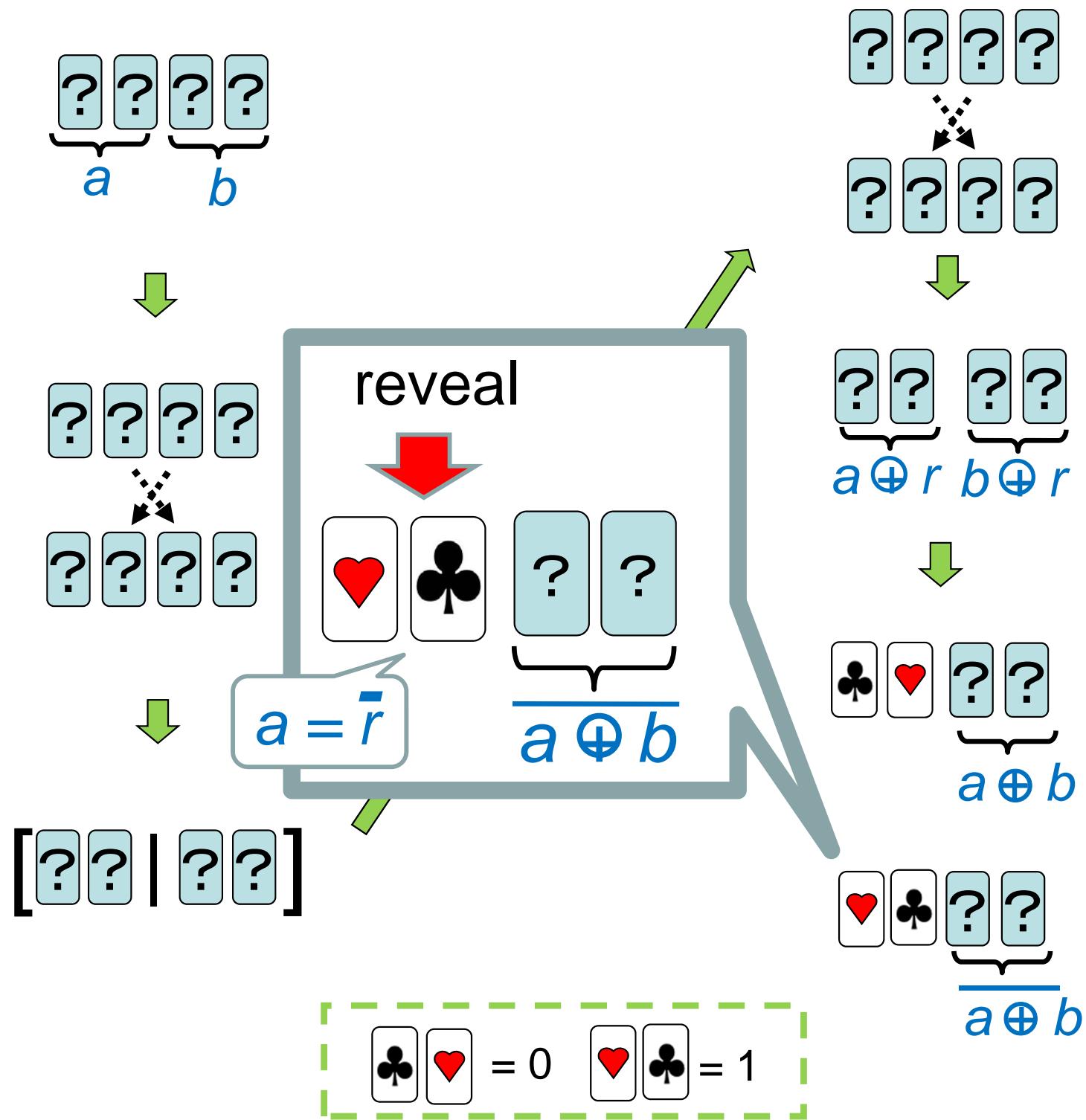
$a \oplus r$     $b \oplus r$   
 where  $r$  is a random bit.

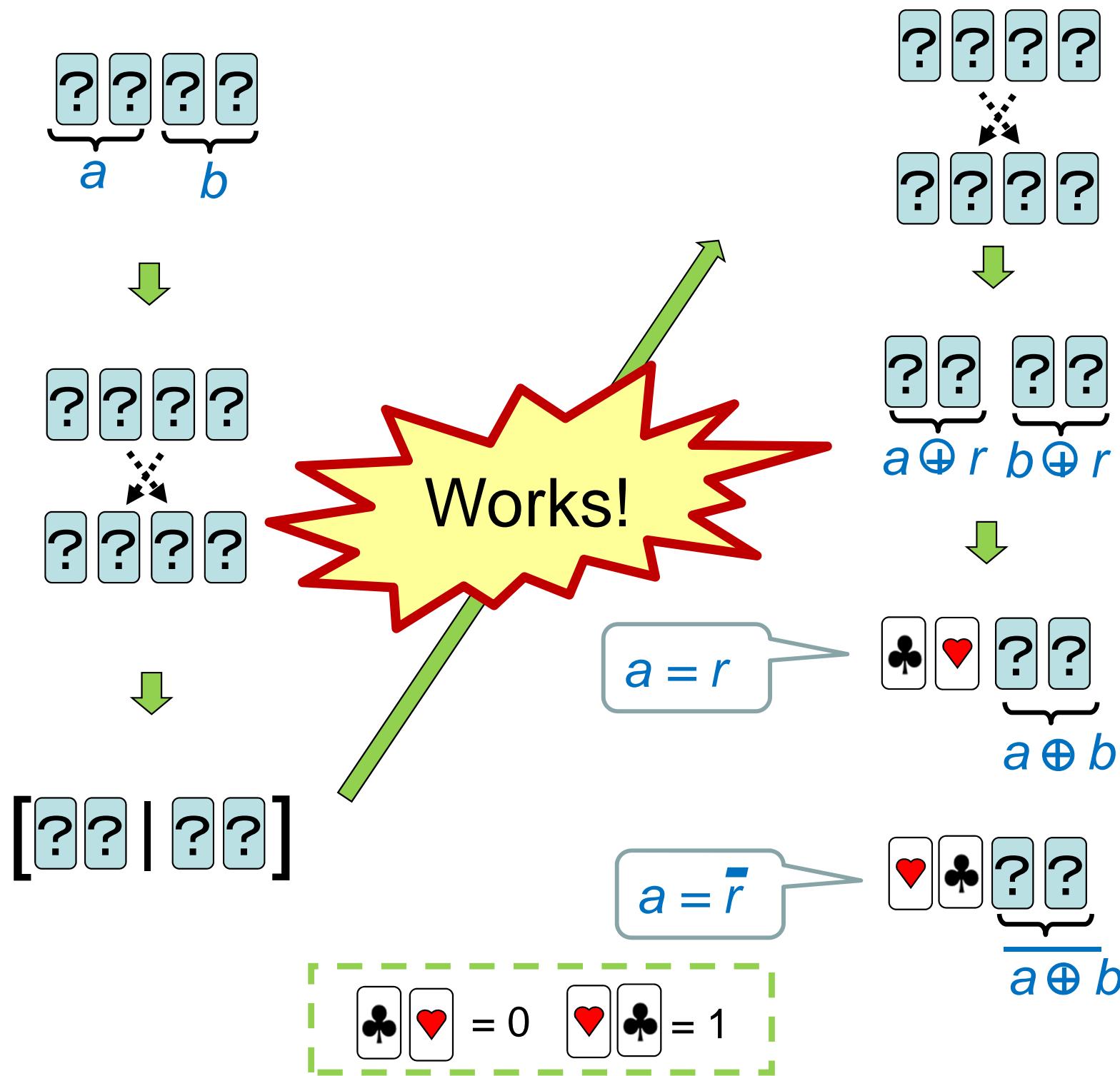

 $= 0$ 

 $= 1$











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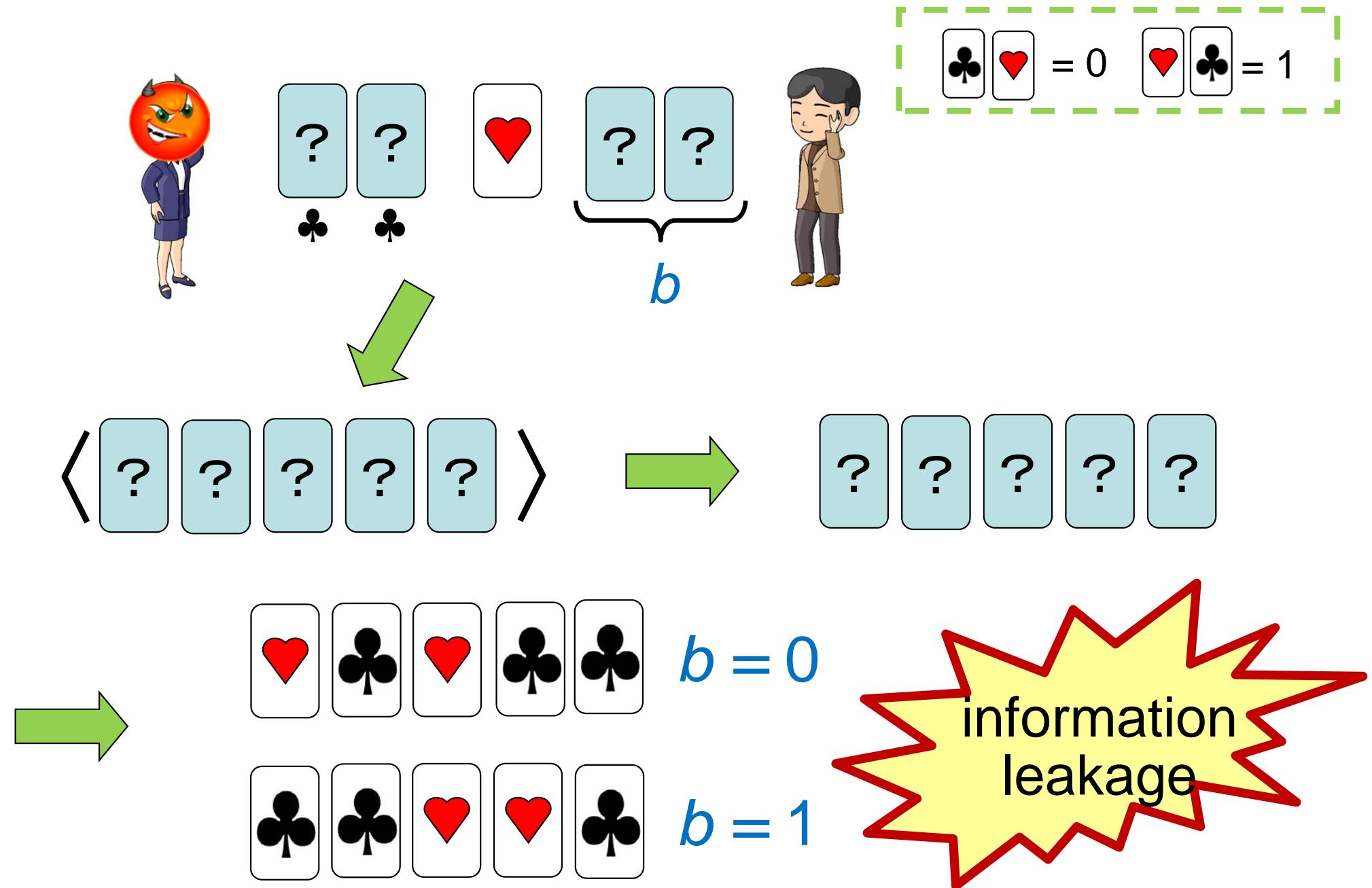
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# “Injection Attack”: not following the encoding rule

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \clubsuit & \heartsuit \\ \heartsuit & \clubsuit \end{array}} = 0 \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \heartsuit & \clubsuit \\ \clubsuit & \clubsuit \end{array}} = 1$$

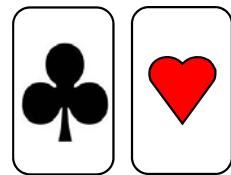


# An attack example for the five-card trick



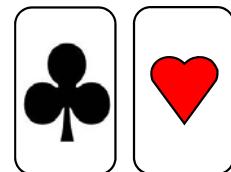
One possible way:

To hand only one pair of a black card and a red one to Alice.

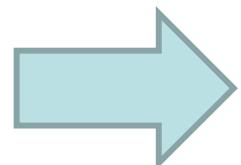
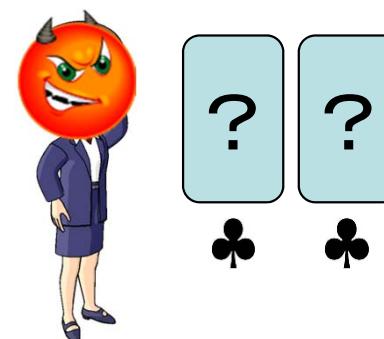


One possible way:

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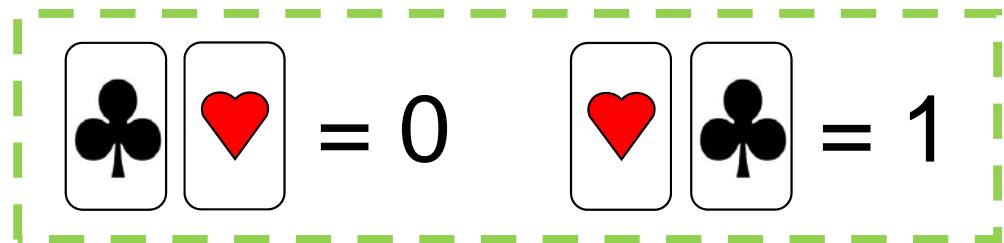
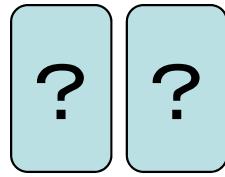
However, it is possible that Alice could conceal her action when she makes her commitment, and hence, the situation where she is able to input an “injection” covertly may reasonably occur.



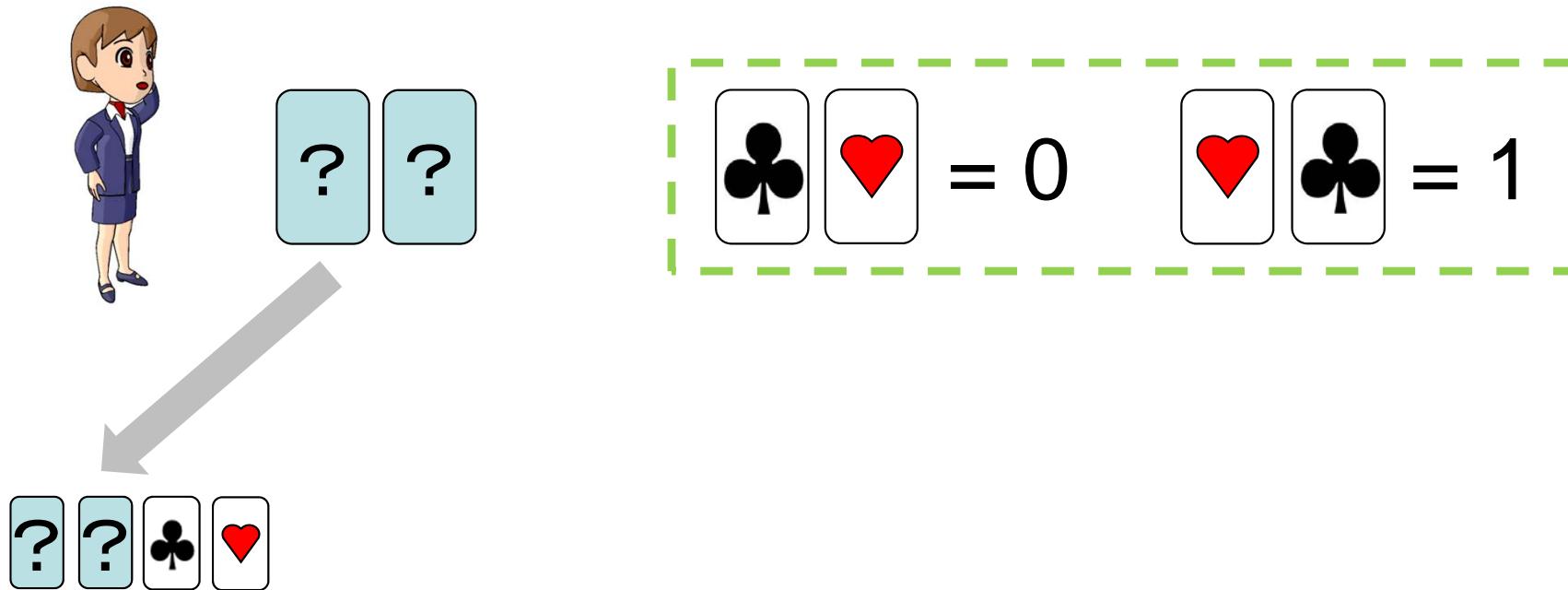
We need a more general solution.

# Our countermeasure

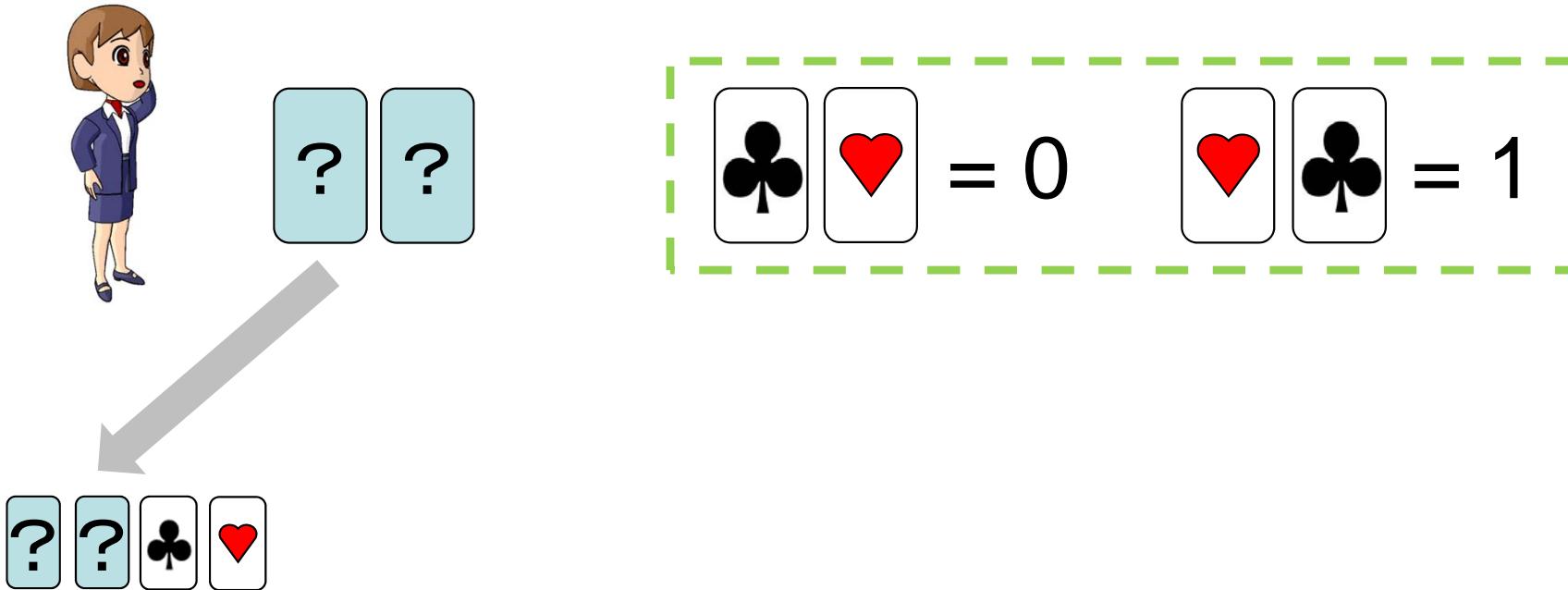
The idea : to check if a pair follows the encoding



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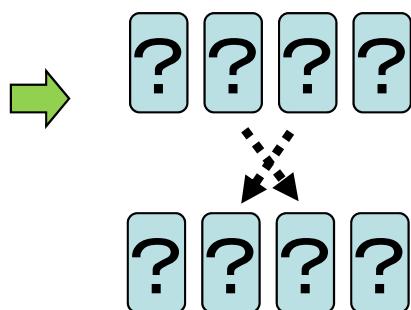
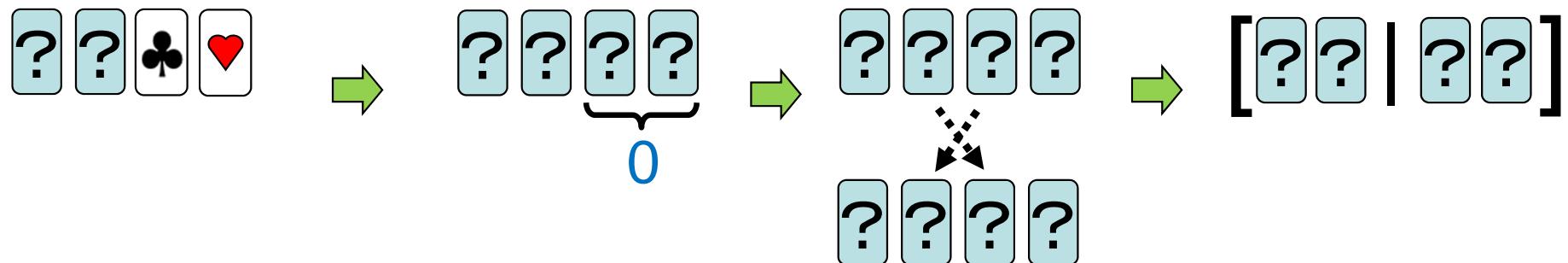
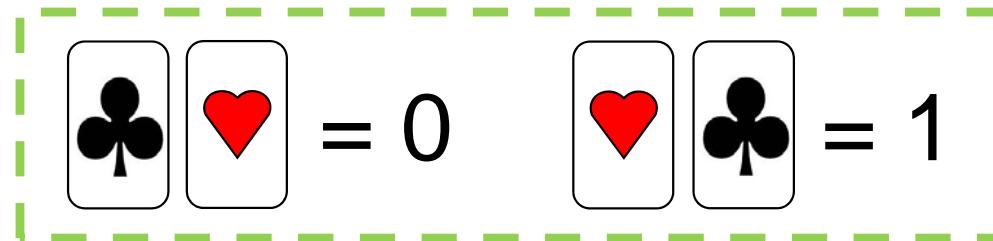
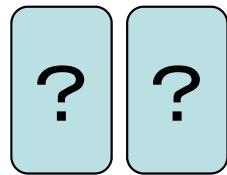


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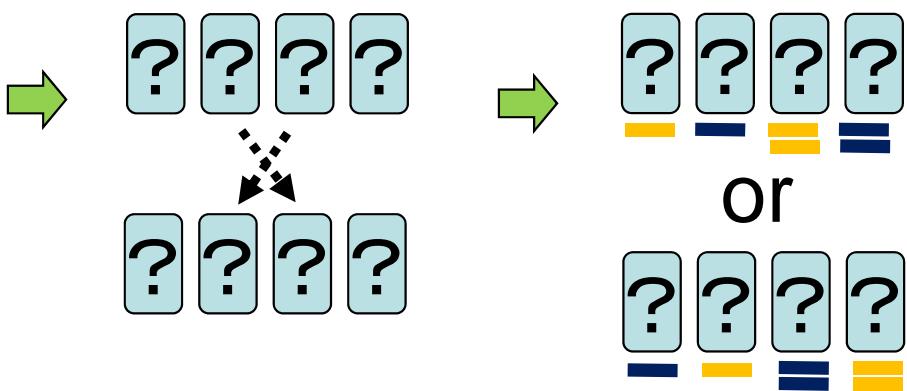
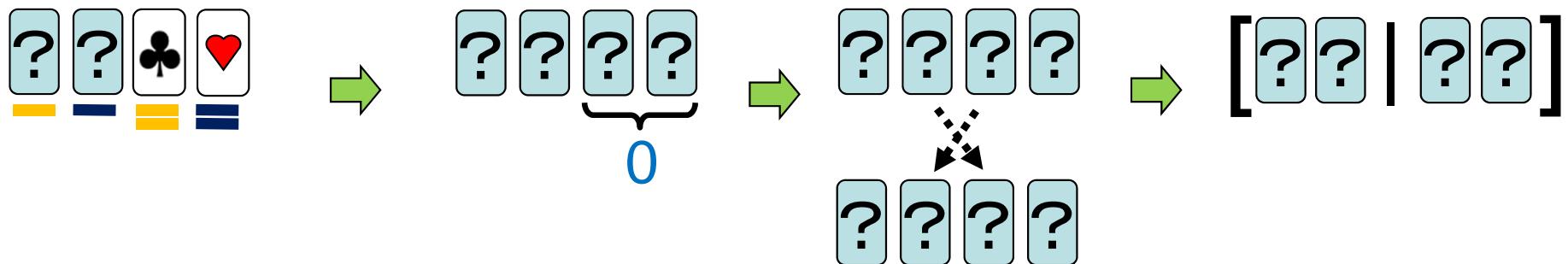
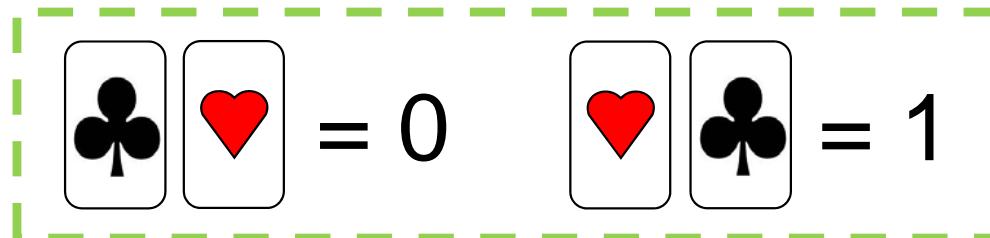
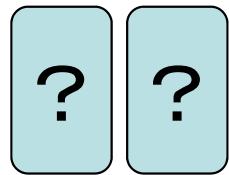


Apply the same procedure as the 4-card XOR protocol mentioned in the previous section.

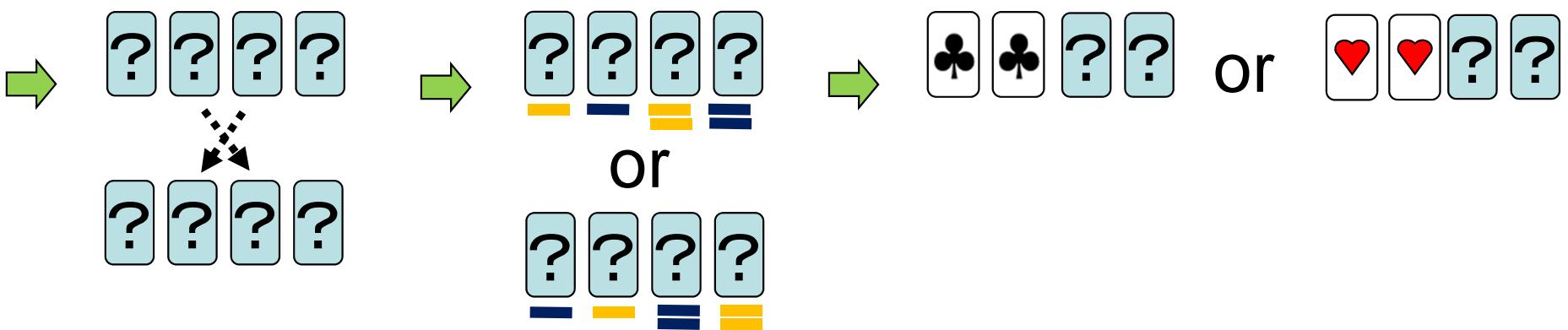
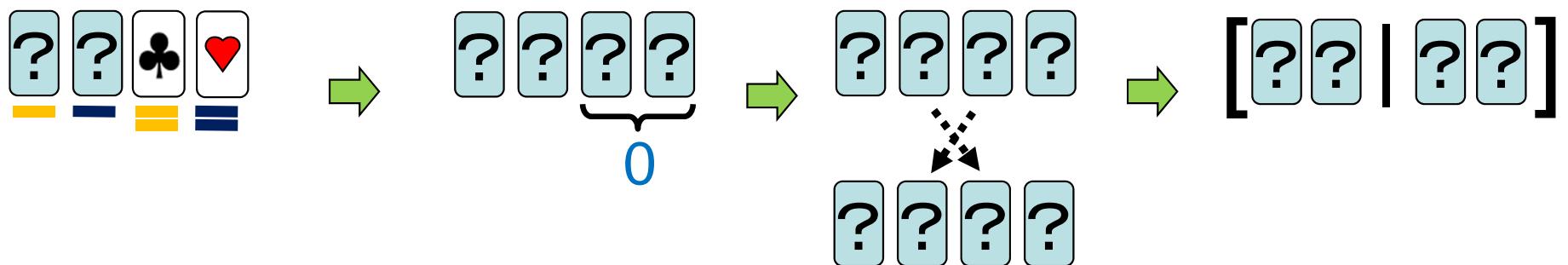
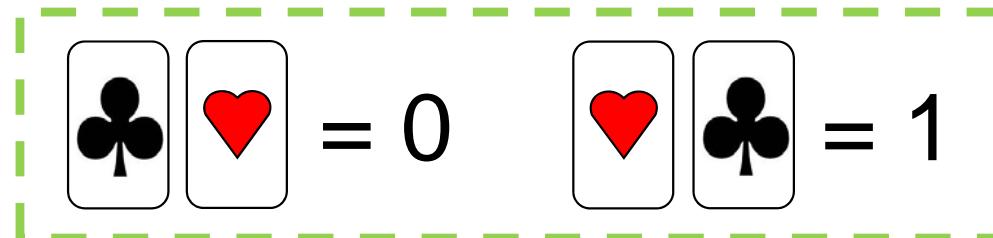
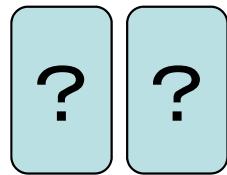
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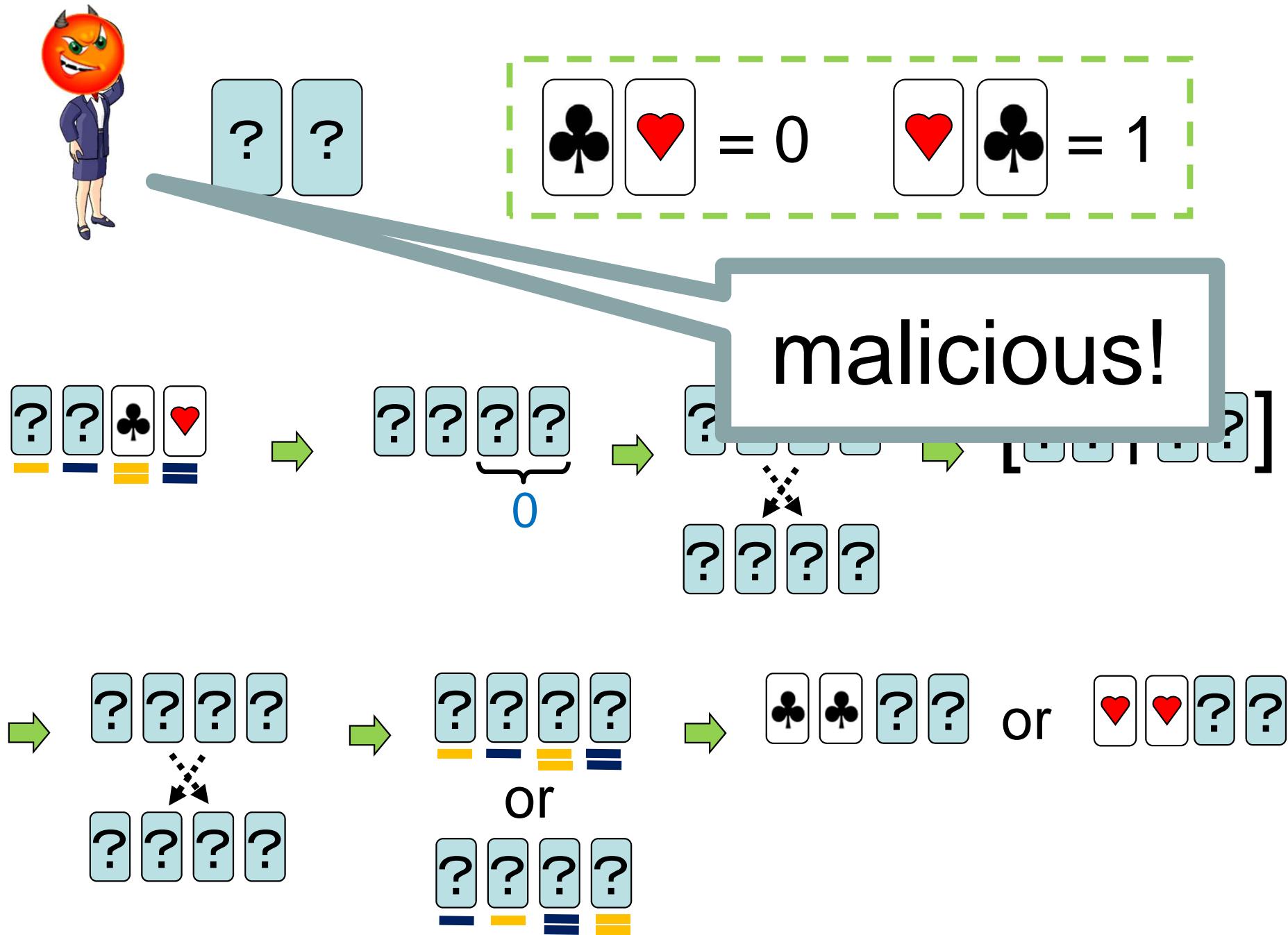
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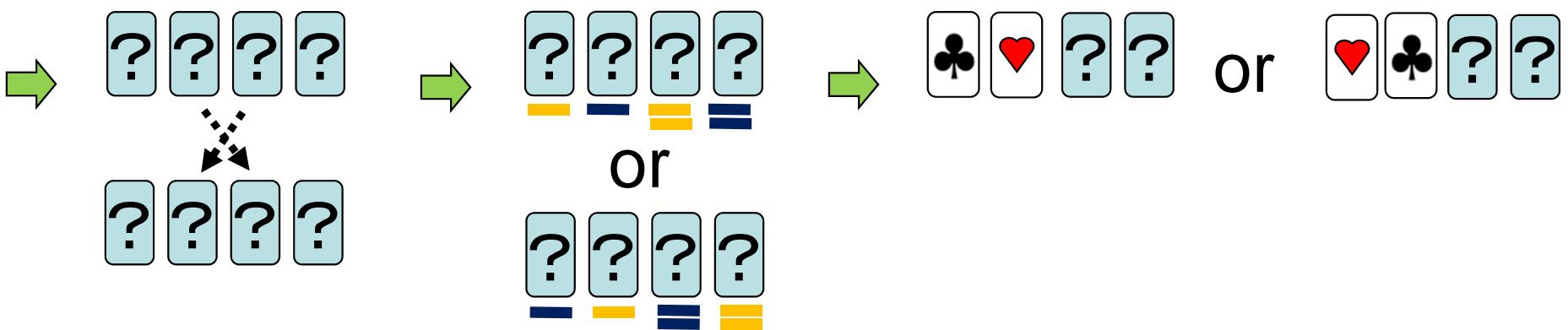
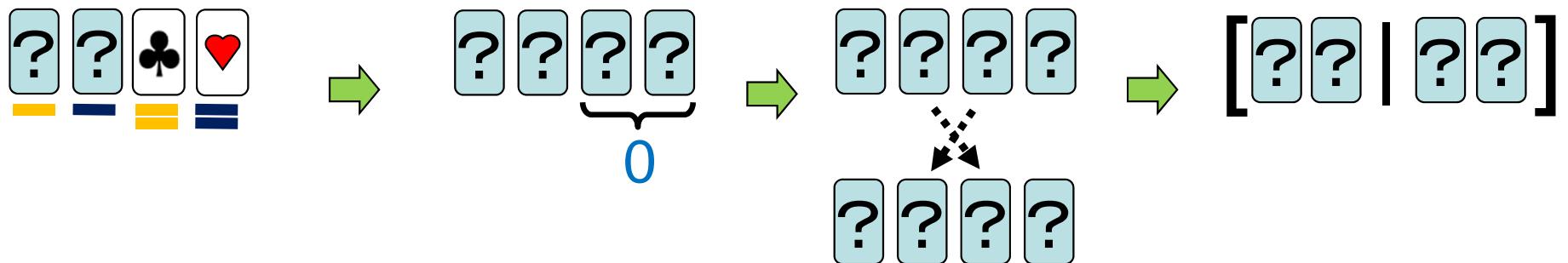
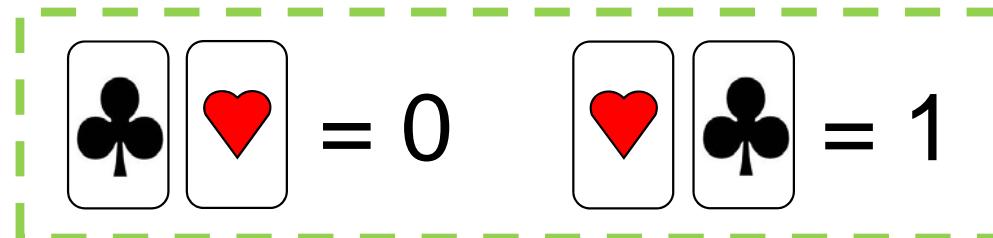
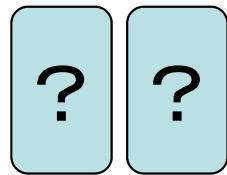
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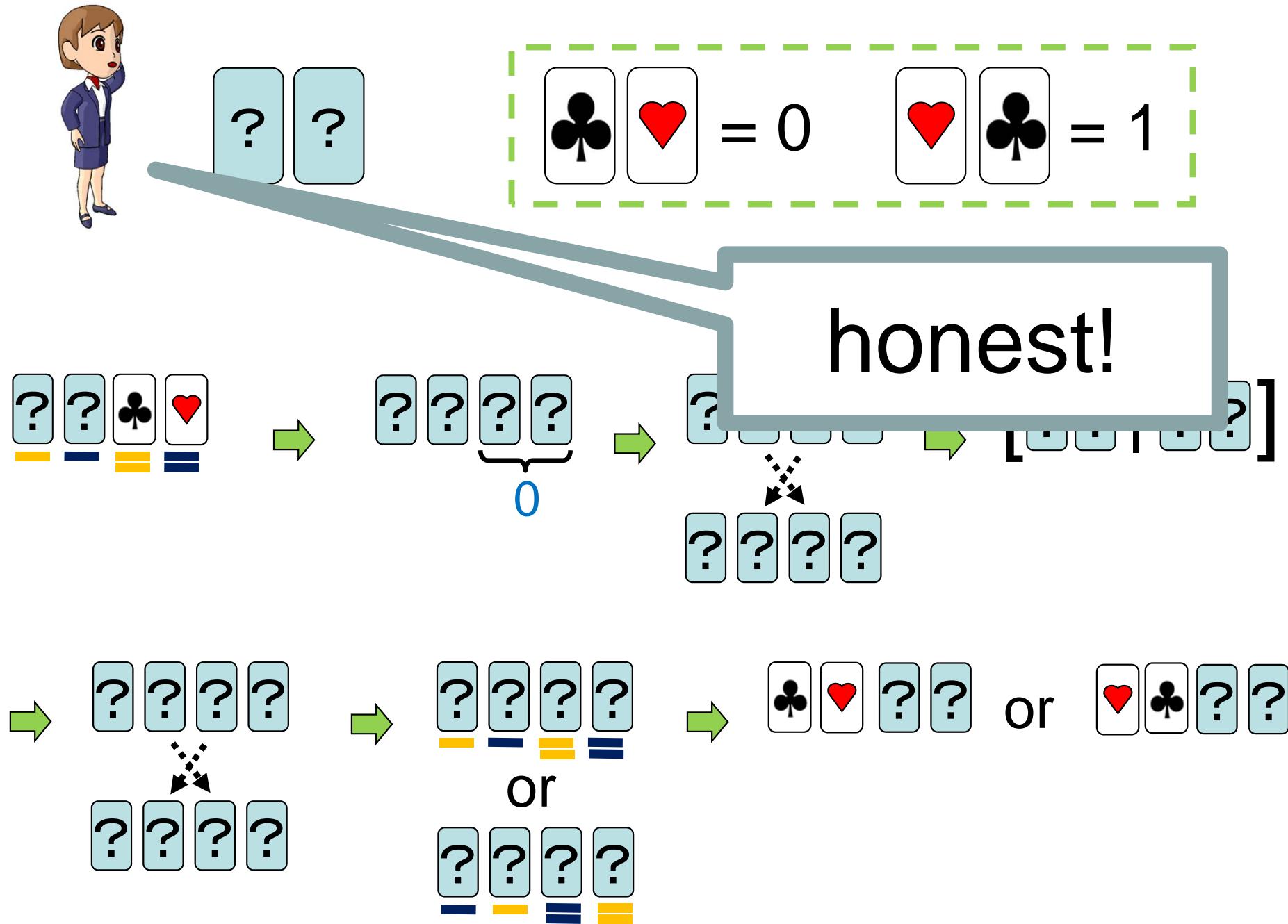
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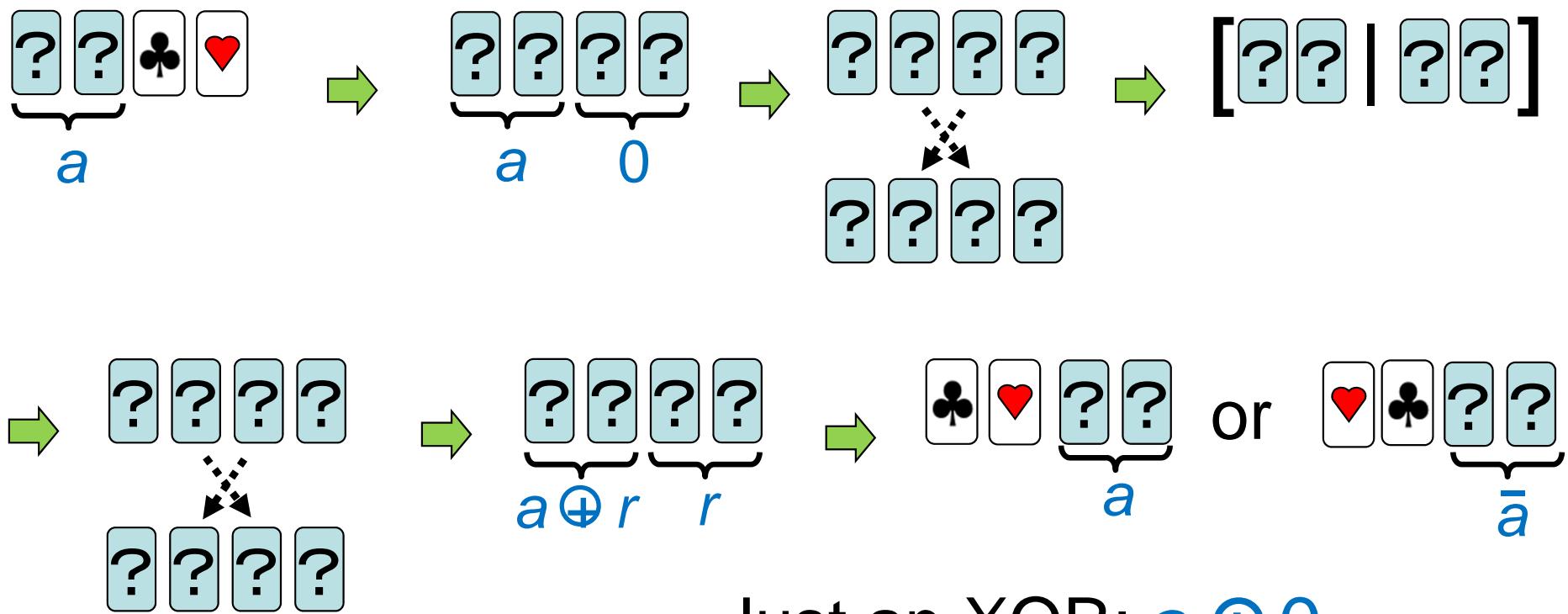
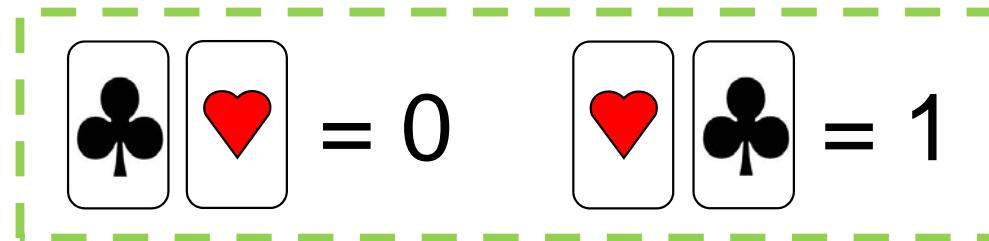
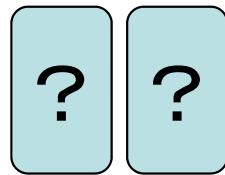
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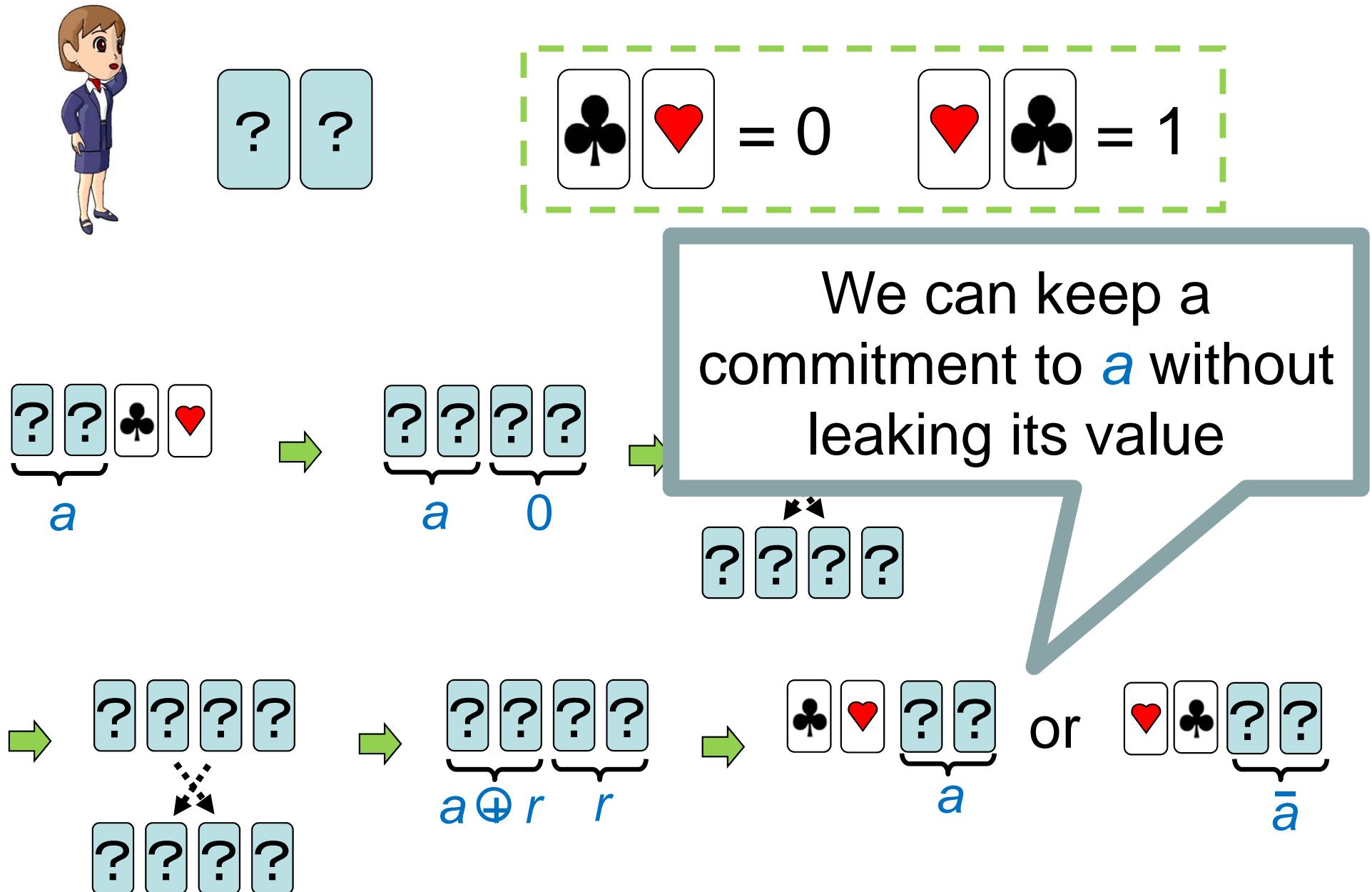
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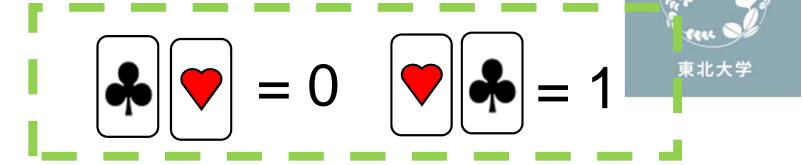
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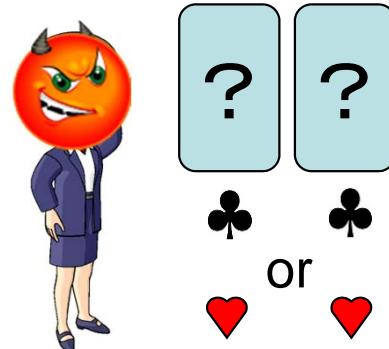
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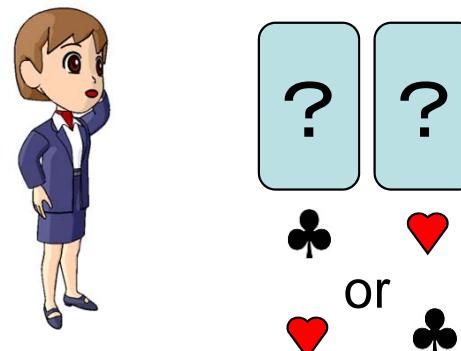
# Summary of our countermeasure:



If the input is not in a correct format, we can detect it.



If the input is in a correct format, we can prove it without leaking any information of the secret bit.

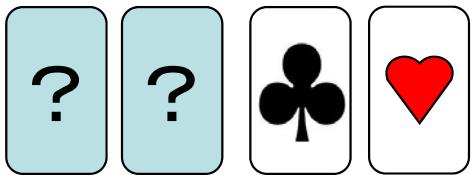


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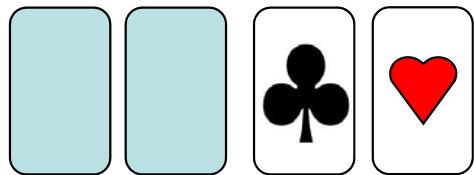


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# Backs with a non-rotationally symmetric pattern



# Backs with a rotationally symmetric pattern

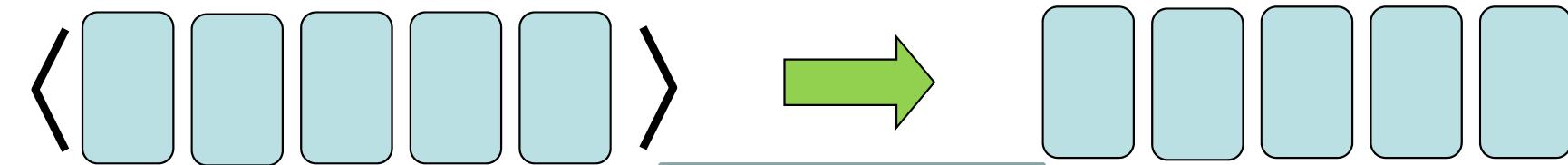
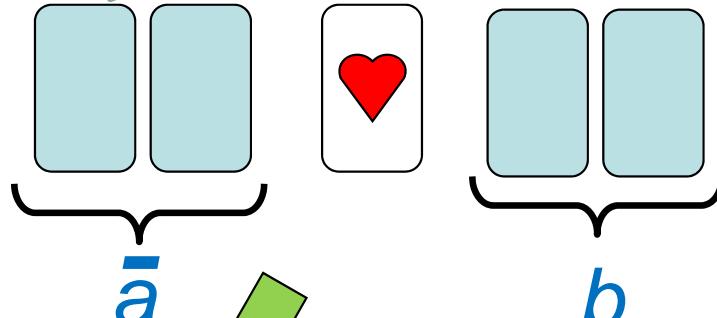


(plain-colored backs)  
Pros and Cons

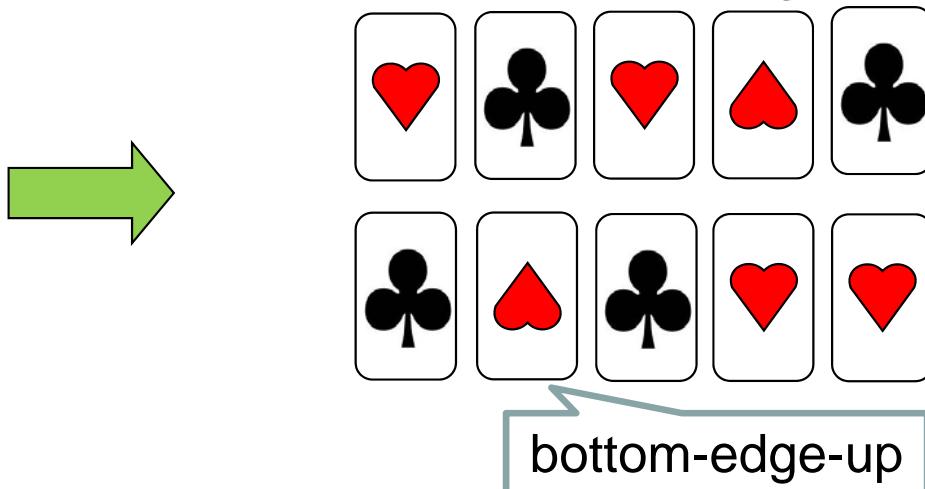
# Disadvantages:

Bottom edge is up

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \end{array} = 0 \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \quad | \\ \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} | \\ \text{---} \\ | \end{array} = 1$$

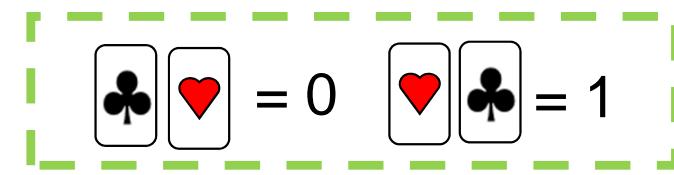
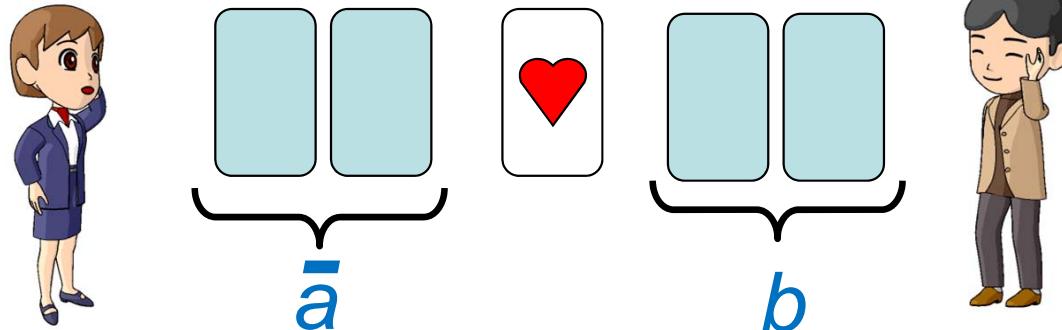


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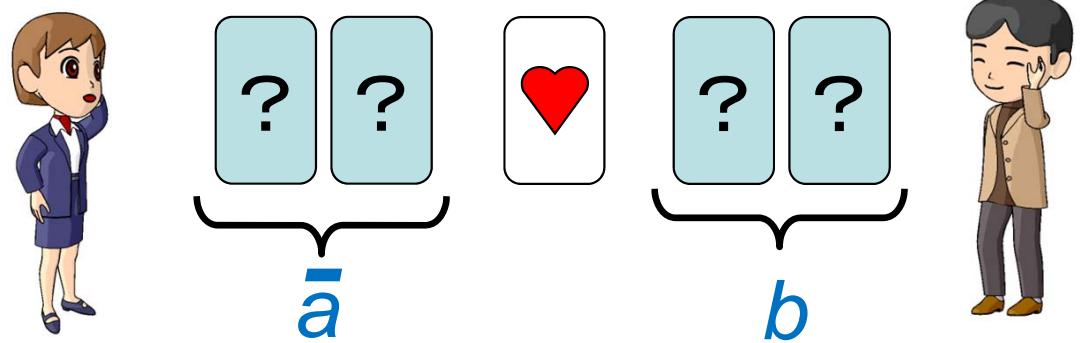
information leakage

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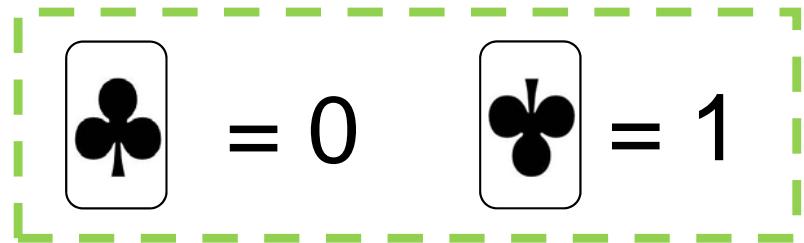


One should note up/down directions of cards.  
One can utilize the format-check method given in  
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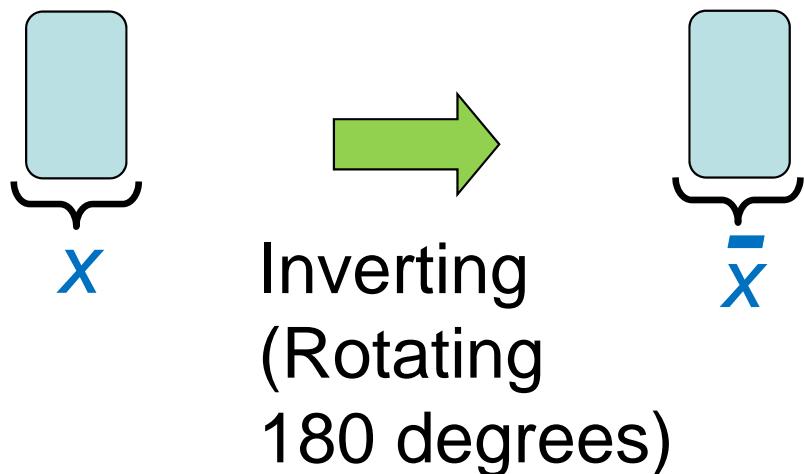
In this sense, non-rotationally symmetric backs  
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# Advantages:

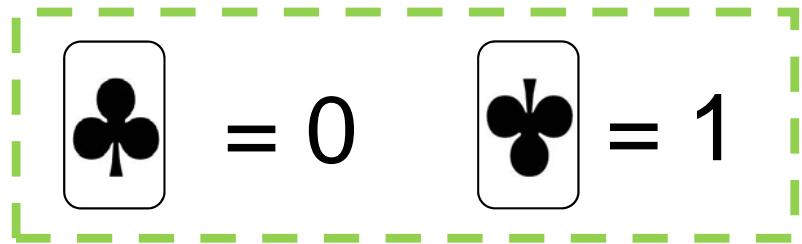


Encoding a bit with  
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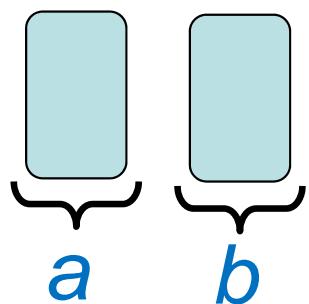


NOT  
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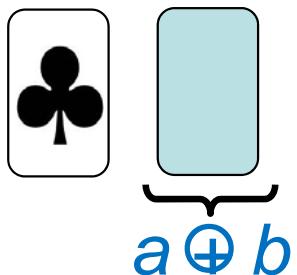
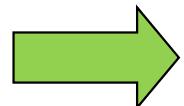
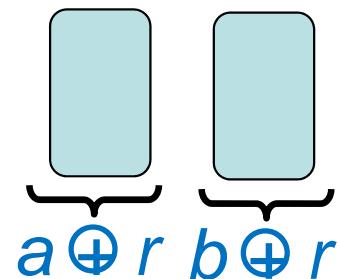
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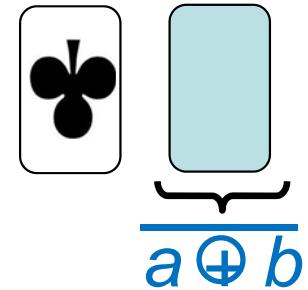
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Inverted together  
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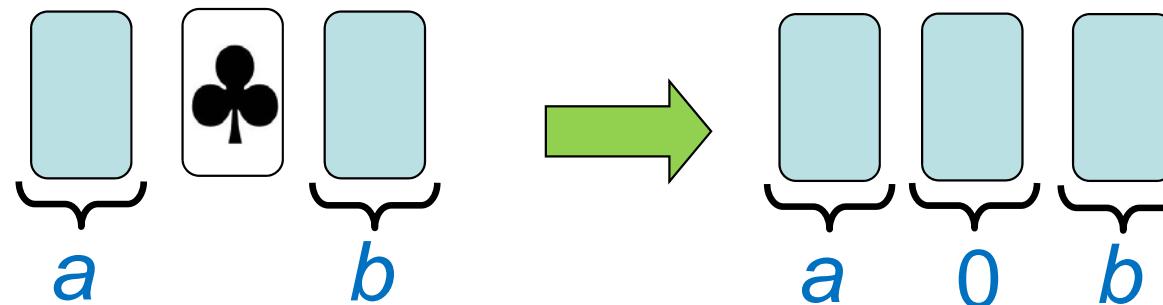
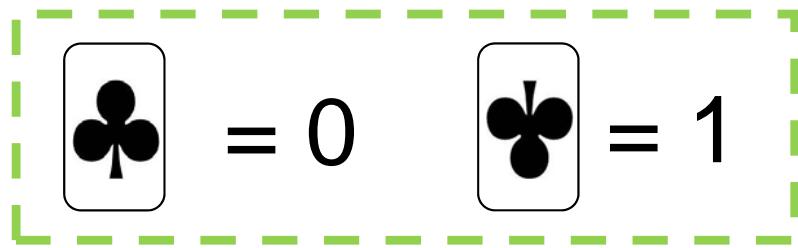


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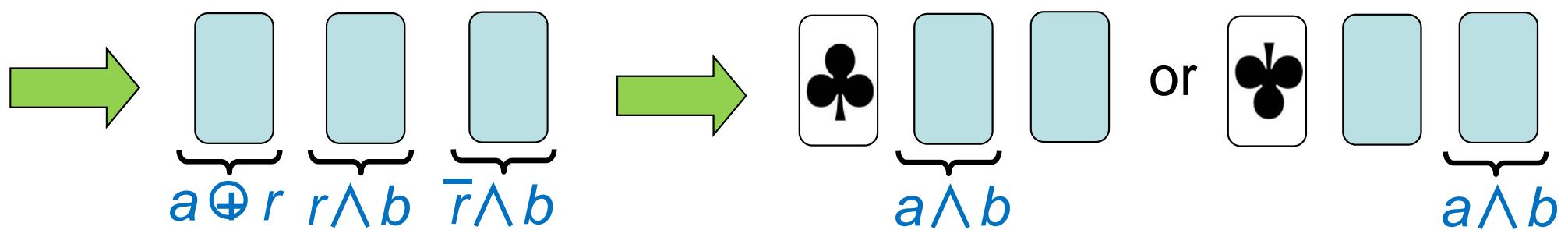


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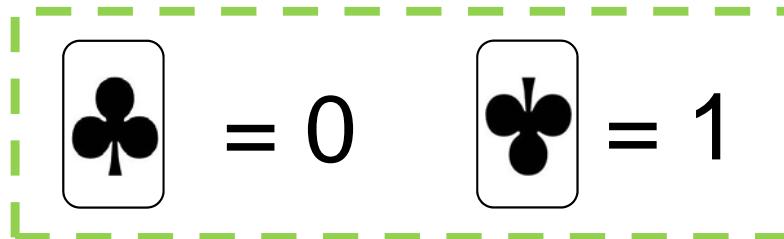
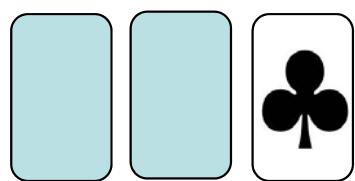
## AND computation



A shuffle where the actions of inverting the first card and swapping the last two cards are synchronized



# Advantages; summary



Computations can be done with a single color and half of the number of cards.

There remains an implementation issue for AND.

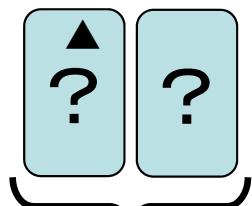
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# Backs with Scuff Marks

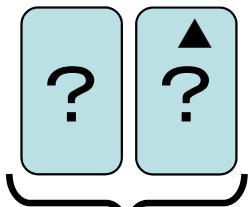


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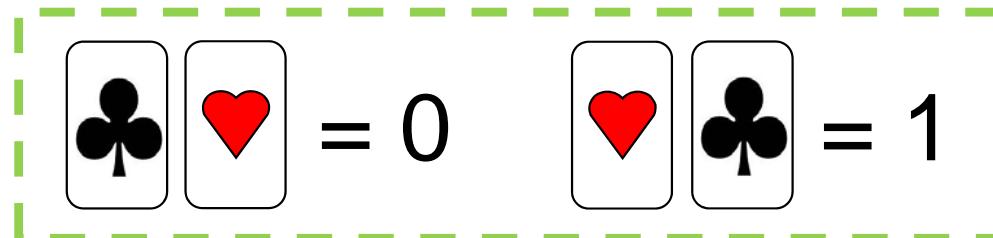
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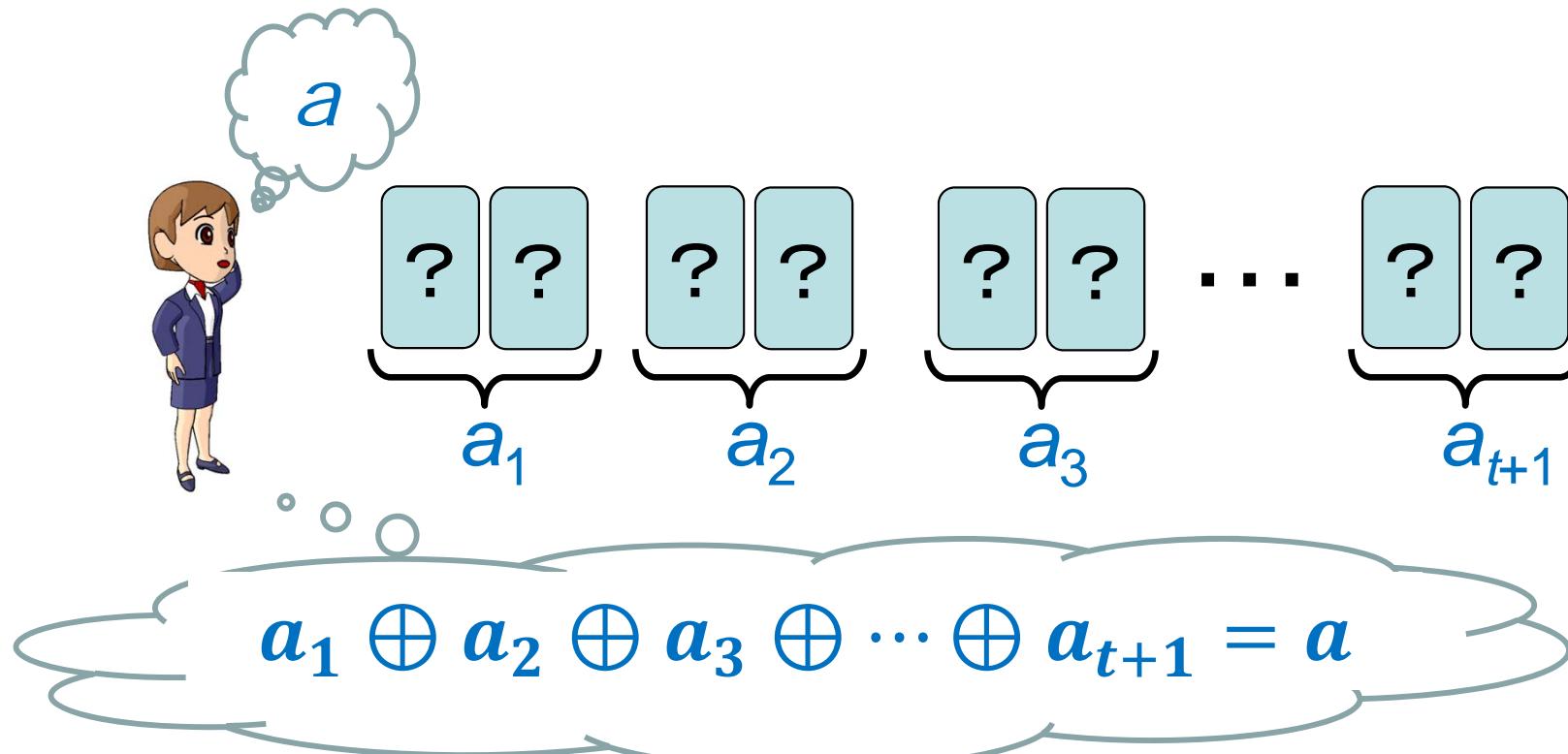


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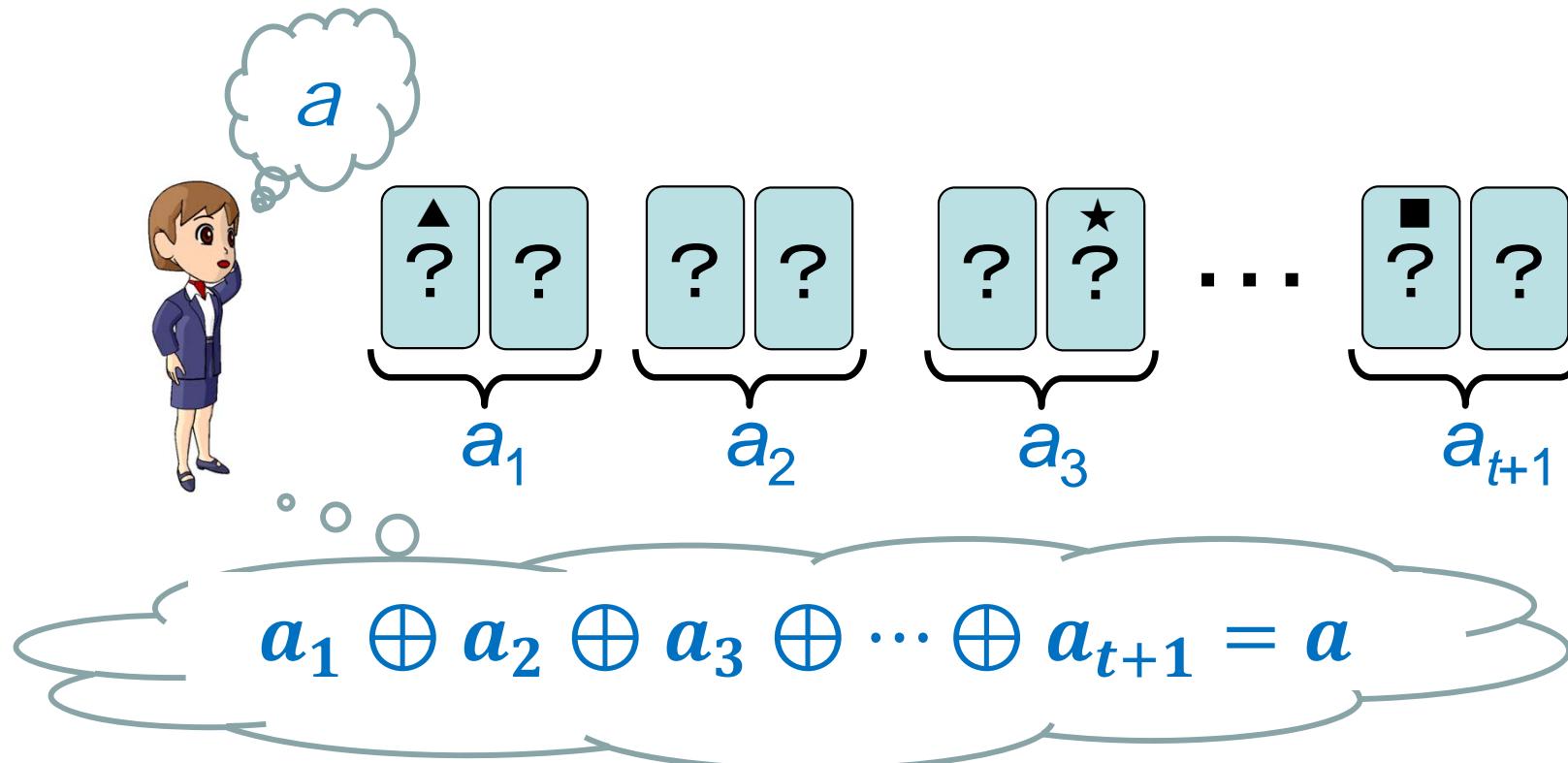
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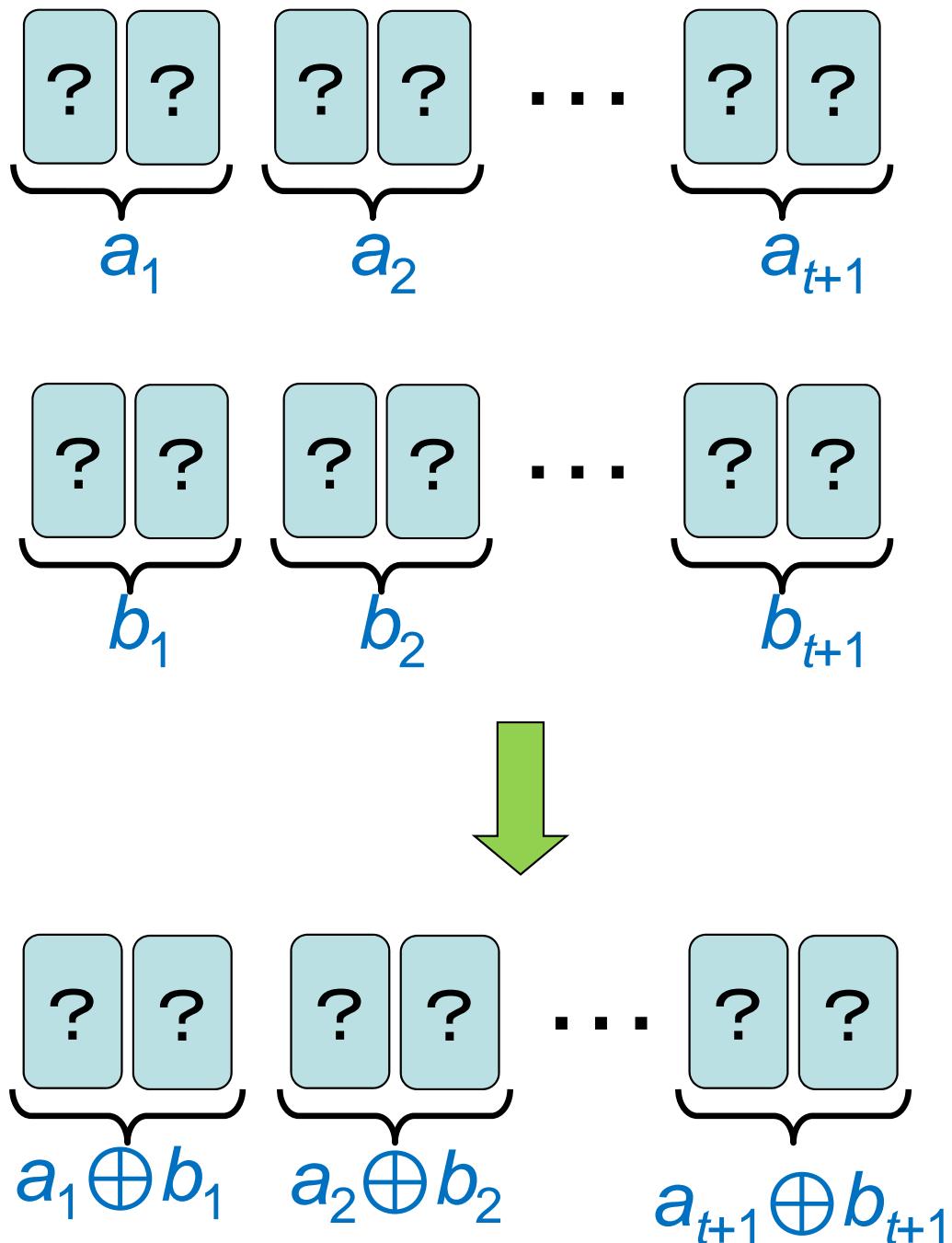
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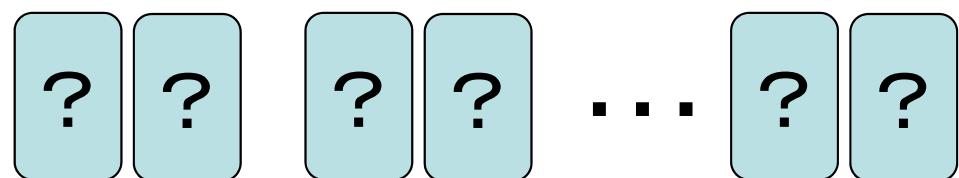
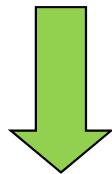
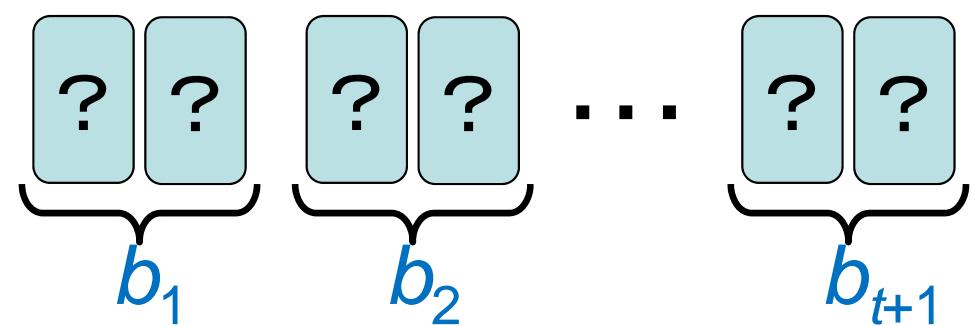
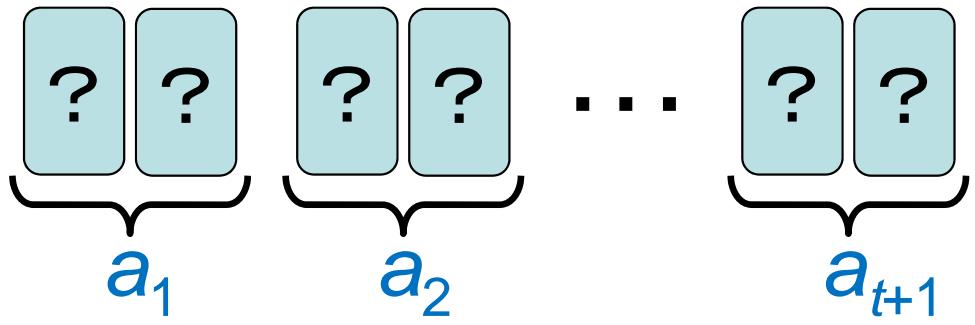
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Even if at most  $t$  cards are flawed,  
the value of  $a$  is kept secret.



## Scuff-proof XOR protocol



## Scuff-proof AND protocol

shared commitment  
to  $a \wedge b$

The details are omitted

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# Conclusion

- An attack exploiting input format and its countermeasure
- Backs with a Rotationally Symmetric Pattern
- Backs with Scuff Marks

Pros and Cons

Method to keep secrecy

A (real) deck of cards available to the first several people; please contact the speaker.

