

Compiler Assisted Masking

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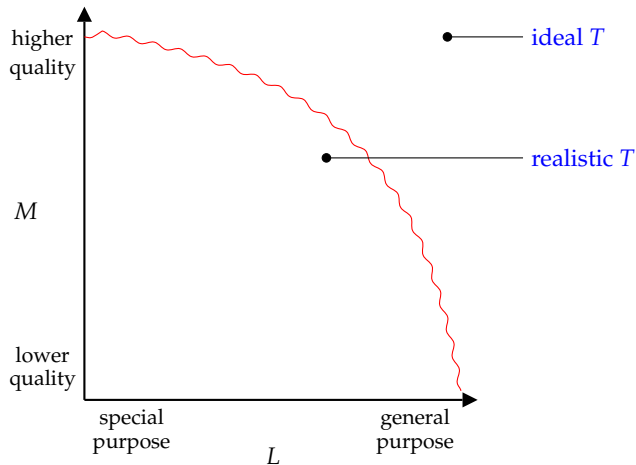
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- ▶ A **program transformation** T
 1. takes a source program S , then
 2. produces a target program $S' = T(S)$ st.
 - ▶ function is preserved, i.e., for all input x , $S'(x) \equiv S(x)$,
 - ▶ quality is improved, i.e., for some metric M , $M(S') > M(S)$.
- ▶ Clearly one can repeat as necessary: a **compiler** C for some source language L basically just means for $S \in L$,

$$C(S) = (T_{n-1} \circ \dots \circ T_1 \circ T_0)(S).$$

Context



- ▶ The **premise**
 1. secure software development is challenging, so
 2. automatic program transformation is of value since it reduces barriers which prevent use, plus workload and errormotivated FP7 CACE project.
- ▶ **Goal**: security-conscious selections of T and hence M within some $C \dots$ or (much) more specifically

$T \simeq$ apply a Boolean **masking scheme**

$M \simeq$ *improve* resilience against **DPA attack**, while *reducing* associated user intervention

- ▶ **Option #1: experimental** (cf. Bayrak et al. [1]).
- ▶ **Option #2: formal**, using a style of **information flow** by
 1. adding type annotation to support feed-forward type inference,
 2. applying recovery rules to cope with type errors, then
 3. generating target program for ARM, inc. support code where necessarywith the underlying aim to *model* what a human programmer would do.

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 1. **concrete**, say m , **or**
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Syntax: $\text{byte } x : \{ L \} \equiv \text{byte } x$

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- ▶ The **type inference** processes propagates this annotation:

- ▶ **Case #1:** low-security

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- ▶ **Case #2:** mixed-security

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- ▶ **Case #3:** high-security

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- ▶ Heuristic recovery rules allow correction of (some) **type errors**:

- ▶ **Error #1**: a **weak map** wrt.

$$r := m[i];$$

is where a high-security i indexes a low-security m .

- ▶ **Error #2**: a **weak store** wrt.

$$r := x;$$

is where a high-security x is assigned to a low-security r .

- ▶ **Error #3**: a **mask collision** wrt.

$$r := x;$$

is where a high-security x is assigned to a high-security r with a different mask set.

- ▶ **Error #4**: a **mask revelation** wrt.

$$r := x \wedge y;$$

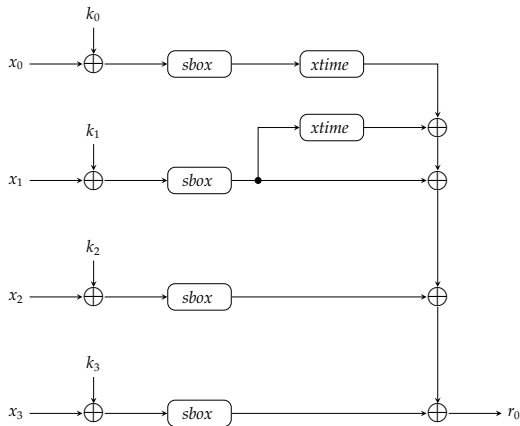
is where computation involving a high-security x and y results in a low-security result.

Illustrative Example

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1 typedef byte := bits[ 8 ];
2 typedef col := vector[ 4 ] of byte;
3
4 def sbox : map[ byte -> byte ];
5 def xtime : map[ byte -> byte ];
6
7 def mix( x : col { H<a> }, k : col ) : col : { H<b> } {
8
9   def t : col, r : col { H<b> };
10
11  seq i := 0 to 3 {
12    t[ i ] := sbox[ x[ i ] ^ k[ i ] ];
13  }
14
15  seq i := 0 to 3 {
16    r[ i ] := xtime[ t[ ( i + 0 ) % 4 ] ] ^ // 2 t_0 => 2 t_0
17              xtime[ t[ ( i + 1 ) % 4 ] ] ^ // + 2 t_1 => 2 t_0 + 2 t_1
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19              t[ ( i + 2 ) % 4 ] ^ // + t_2 => 2 t_0 + 3 t_1 + t_2
20              t[ ( i + 3 ) % 4 ] ; // + t_3 => 2 t_0 + 3 t_1 + t_2 + t_3
21  }
22
23  return r;
24 }
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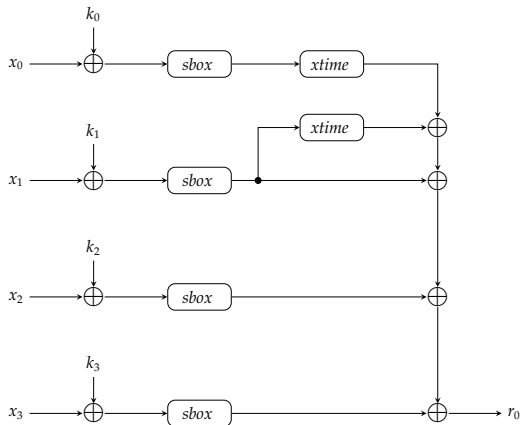
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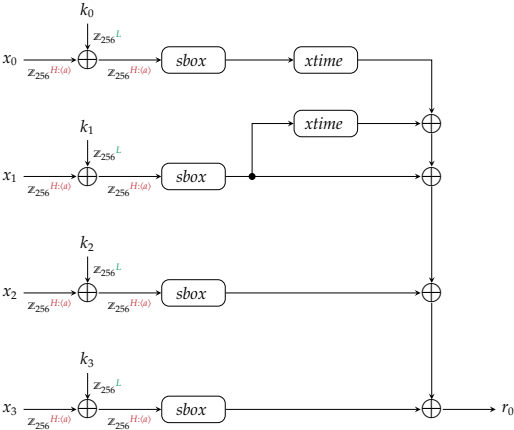
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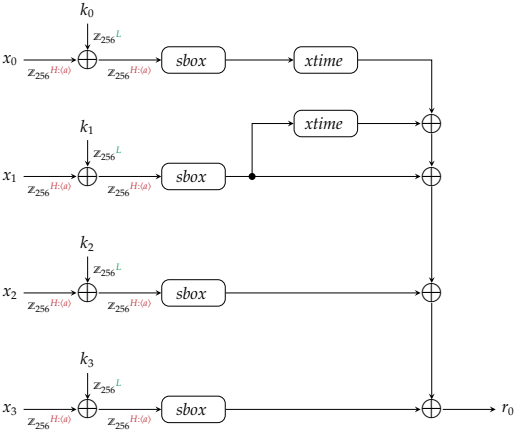


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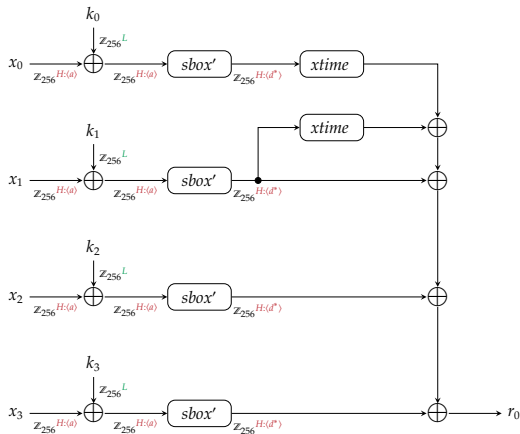


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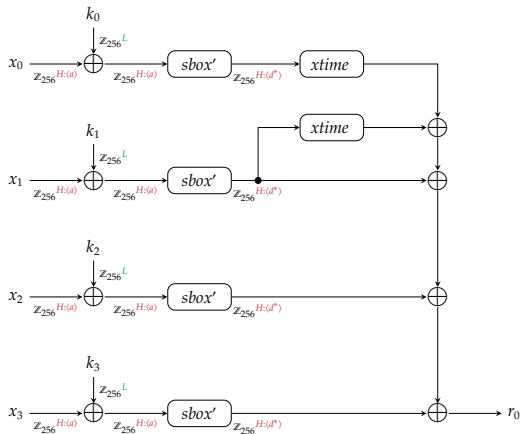


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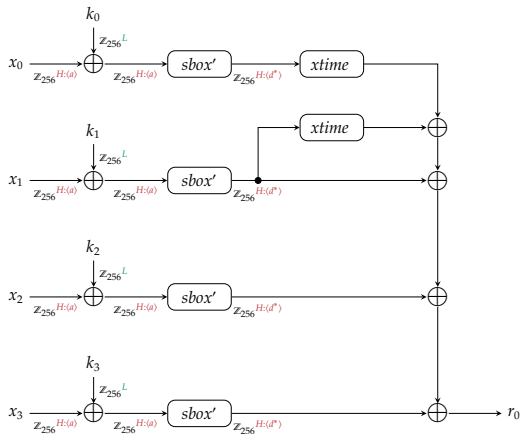


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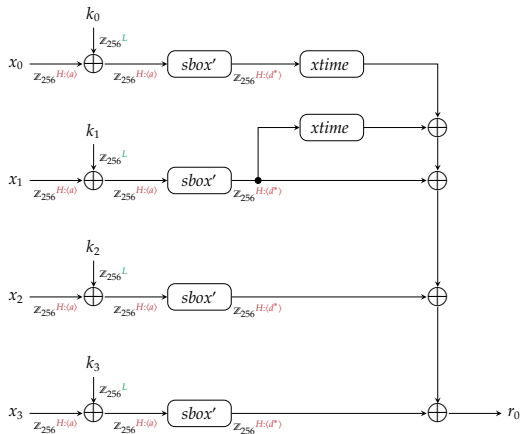


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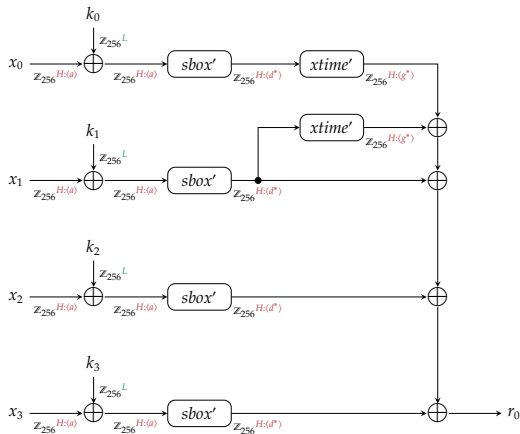


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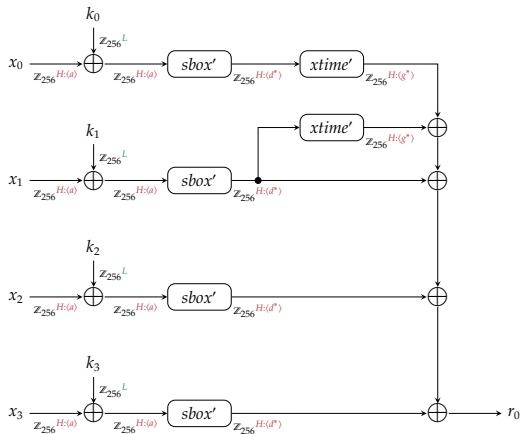
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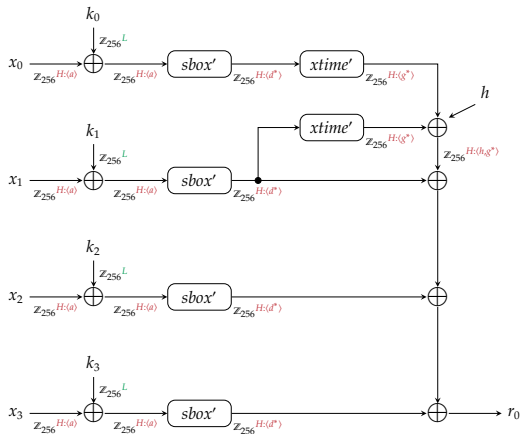
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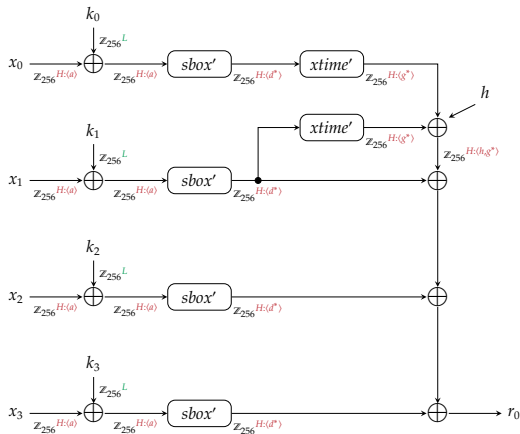
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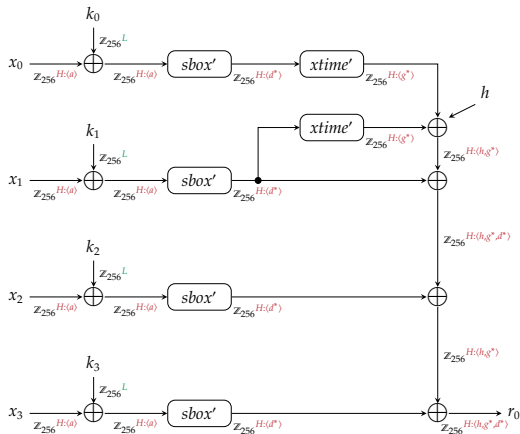
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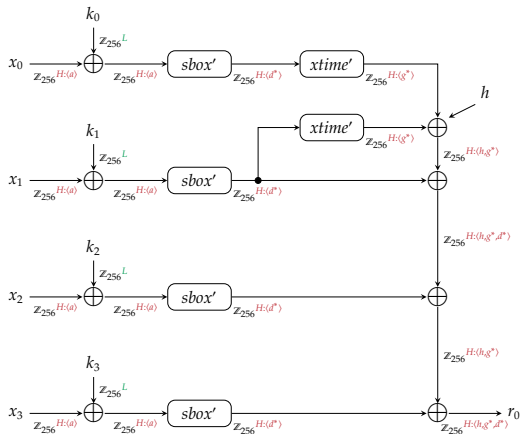


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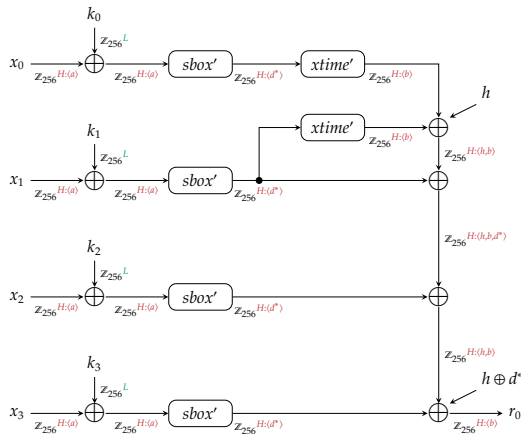


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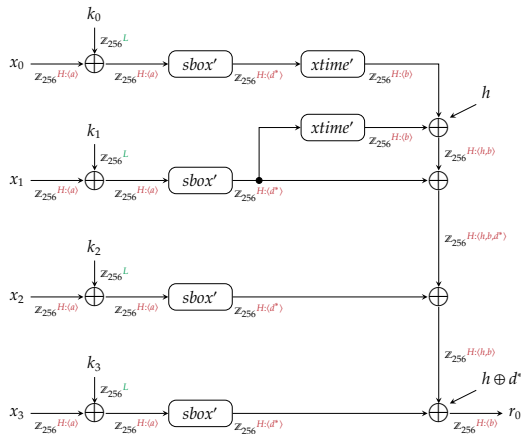
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- ▶ **Result:** all intermediates have non-empty mask sets \therefore success.

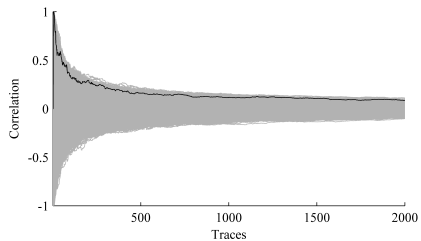
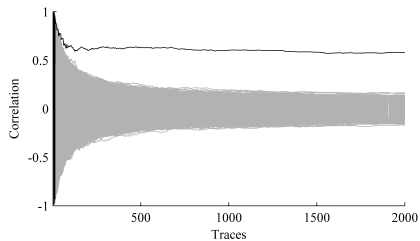


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- ▶ There's no magic here, the result
 1. is *at best* as good as the masking scheme (which resists 1-st order DPA only), plus
 2. *only* guarantees necessary condition of mask validity, not (various other) sufficient conditions.
 - ▶ Even so, we'd like to evaluate the result wrt. some M :
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 1. function is preserved, e.g., automatically masked AES still computes AES,
 2. quality is improved, i.e., automatically masked AES gives intended security advantage.
 - ▶ **Option #2: user studies!**
 - ▶ **Option #3: experimental:**
 1. apply representative DPA attack, and
 2. measure performance
- relative to unprotected reference, plus hand-written version.

Evaluation

► The good:



- ▶ The **bad**: even with a small example, we migrate towards a special-purpose language:
 1. we already need annotation (although this could be performed via **pragma** or similar) and somewhat rich type system,
 2. masking (full) AES requires description of interface with caller,
 3. masking PRESENT, for example, requires description of permutation.

Conclusions

- ▶ This first step
 - ▶ satisfies *most* initial goals, but
 - ▶ implies some unattractive residual requirements.
- ▶ Improvements could target a host of **open questions**, e.g., how to
 1. integrate within a non-prototype compiler (e.g., LLVM),
 2. deal efficiently with control-flow,
 3. generalise to other and mixed forms of masking, and
 4. control interaction between other tool-chain components (e.g., instruction scheduling, register allocation)

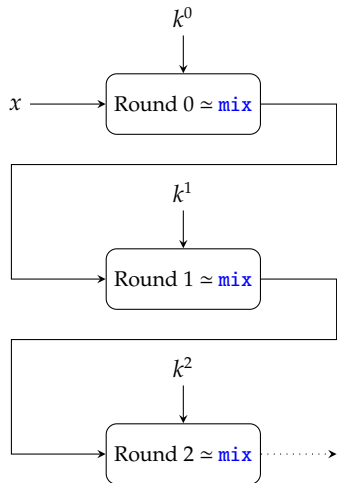
some of which hint at a need to *unify* underlying theme of “**computing on encrypted data**” (cf. FHE and friends).

Questions?

References and Further Reading

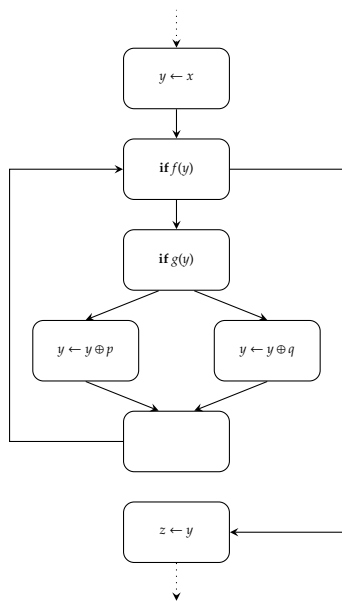
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Extra: extending to full AES



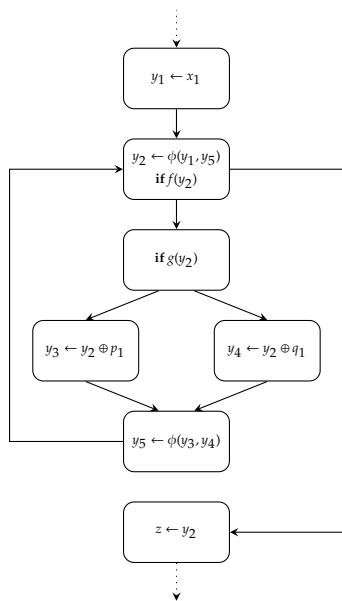
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 - ▶ **solution #2:** delegate to programmer to guide compiler into injection of inter-round remasking
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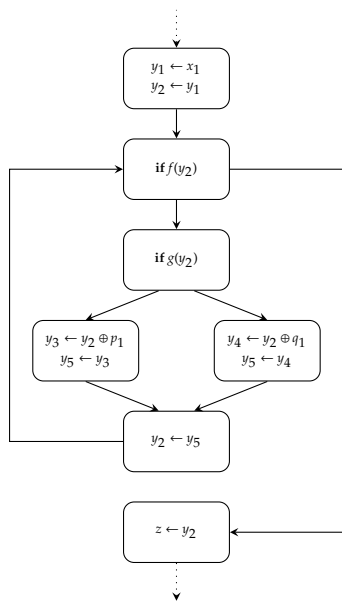
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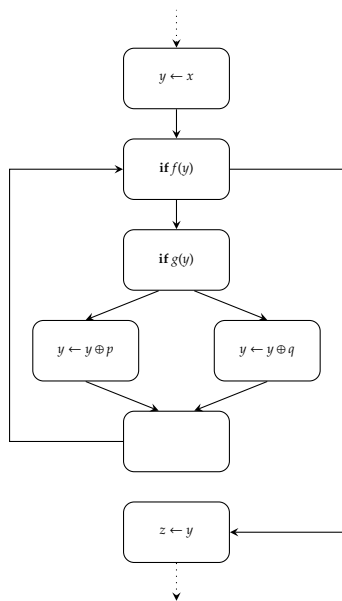
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