

# *iO* from Well-Founded Assumptions

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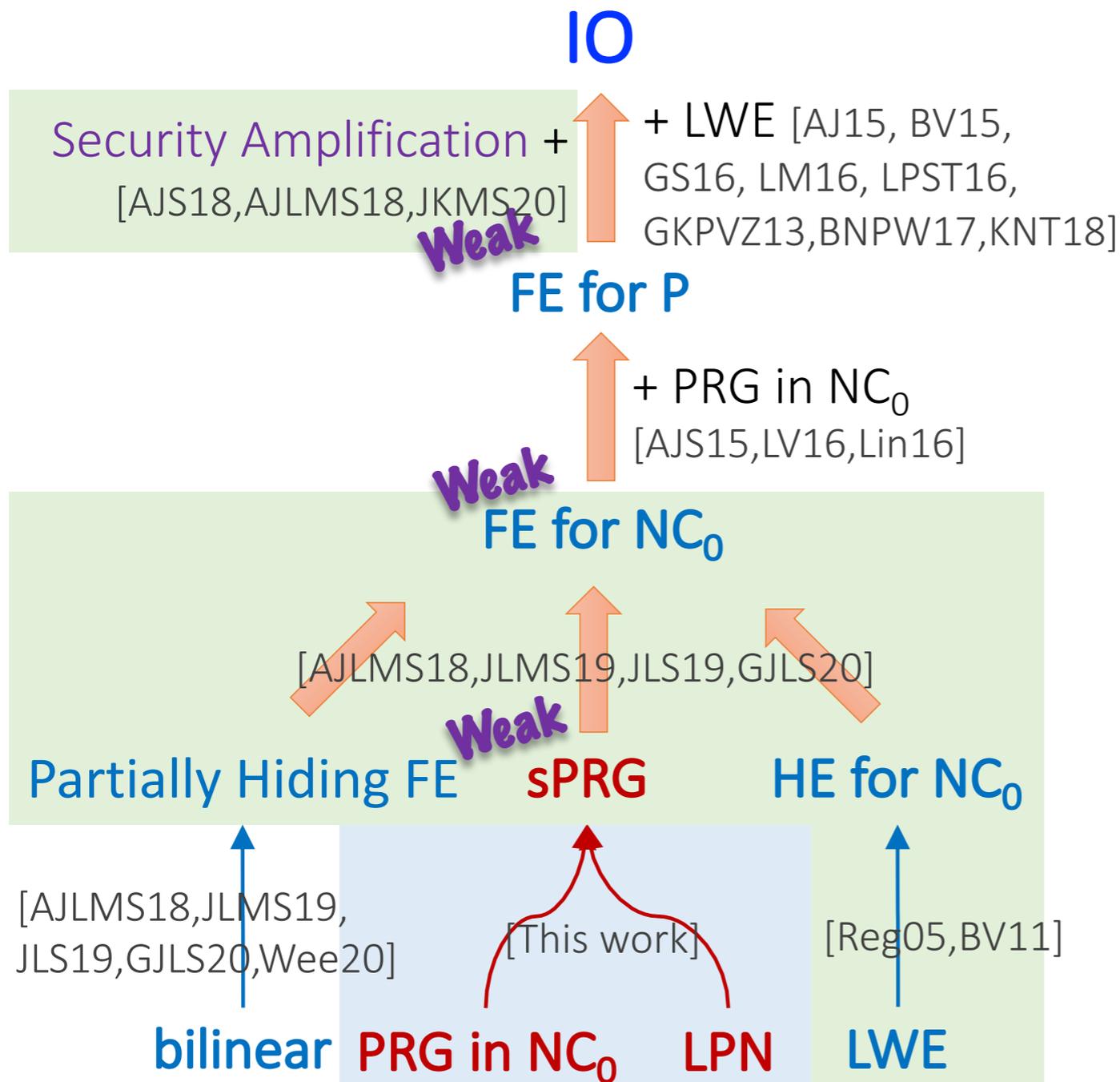
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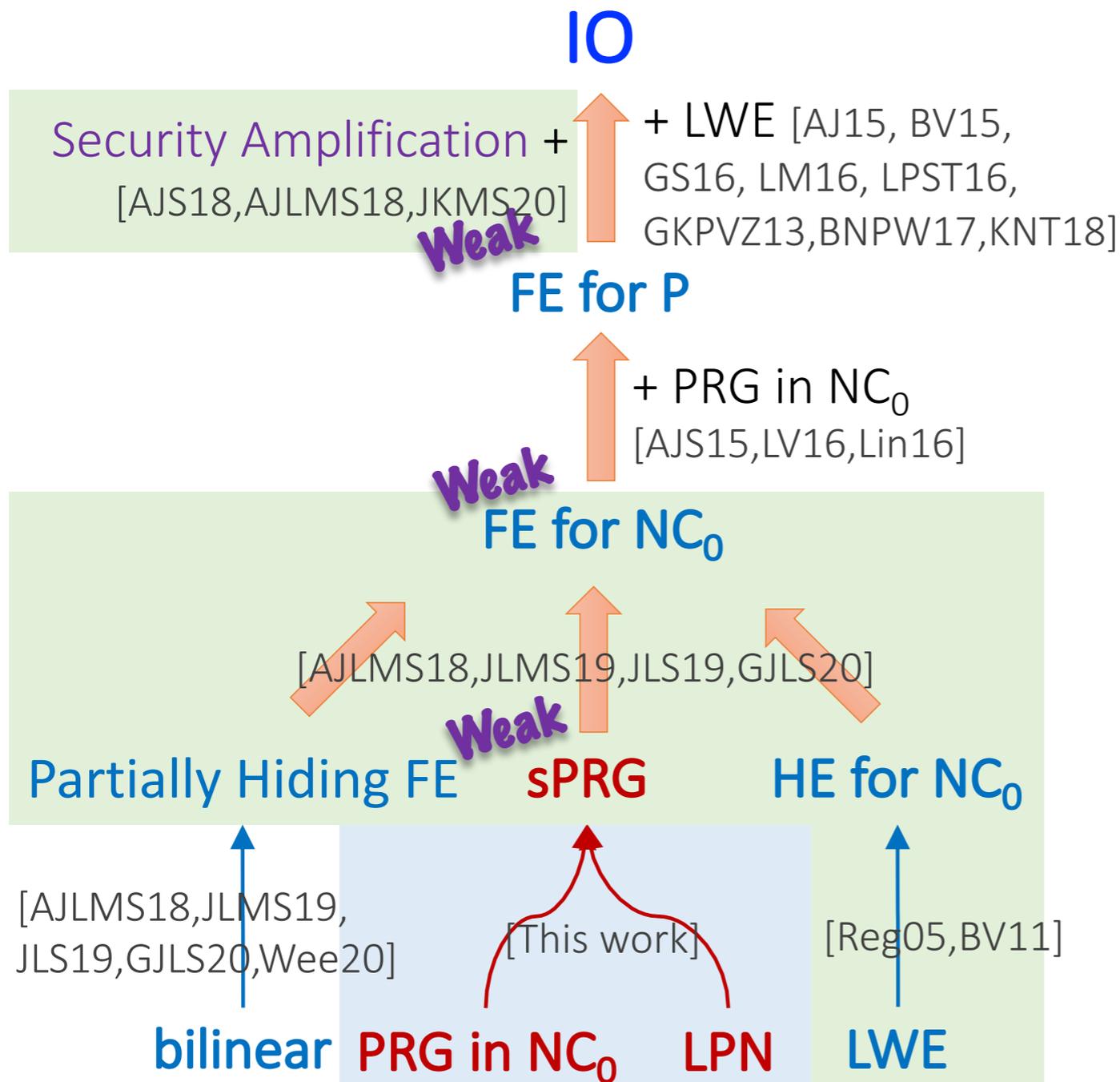
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**This Talk: sPRG from**

1. LPN over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
2. PRGs in  $NC^0$

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# Learning Parity with Noise

[BFKL 93, IPS 09]

$$\{\vec{a}_i, \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{s} \rangle + e_i \pmod{p}\}_{i \in [n]} \approx_c \{\vec{a}_i, u_i\}_{i \in [n]}$$

$n = \text{poly}(\ell)$   
 $\vec{a}_i, \vec{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell$   
 $e_i := \begin{cases} e_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p & \text{Pr. } \ell^{-\delta} \\ e_i = 0 & \text{Pr. } 1 - \ell^{-\delta} \end{cases}$   
 $\delta \in (0, 1)$   
 $\vec{u} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^{n \times 1}$

**Search  $\equiv$  Decision**

[MP13, BFKL 93, Reg 05]

Within sub-exp factors.

**Best Known Attack:**  $O(2^{\ell^{1-\delta}})$  [EKM 17]

**We use  $\delta > 0$  arbitrarily small constant.**

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**Extensively studied [Gol 00, CM 01, MST 03, IKOS 08, ABR 12, BQ 12, App 12, KMOW 17, CDM+18....].**

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**Is a public-seed (leakage) necessary?**

**Does degree-2 in secret seed suffice?**

Previous degree-2 PRGs (without public seed)  
attacked [LT 17, AJS 18a, Agr 18, LM 18a]

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**Sampling Details:**

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$$\Pr[e_i \neq 0] = \ell^{-\delta}$$

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**Known to Attacker**

The diagram shows a white box on the left containing 'Desired Input' and 'Private Seed S'. A white box on the right contains 'Desired Output' and 'Public Seed P'. Two pink arrows originate from the text 'Known to Attacker' at the bottom left. One arrow points to the 'Desired Output' box, and the other points to the 'Public Seed P' box. The 'Desired Output' and 'Public Seed P' boxes are highlighted with a light blue background.

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**Missing Piece:**

- How does  $S$  look like?
- How to Evaluate it?

# sPRG Construction Details

# How to Construct sPRG?

## sPRG Desiderata:

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**Goal:** Find  $S$  such that,

**Computation:**  $\vec{y} = G(\sigma)$

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**Size:**

$$|P| + |S| \ll m$$

## Sampling Details

$$\begin{aligned} \{\vec{a}_i\}_{i \in [n]}, \vec{s} &\leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^\ell \\ e_i &\leftarrow \text{Ber}(\ell^{-\delta}) \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p \\ \sigma &\leftarrow \{0,1\}^n \end{aligned}$$

$G$  is a degree- $d$  PRG  
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**Takeaway:** Any given output is already correct with prob.  $1 - \ell^{-\delta}$

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**Problem: No Security.**

**BAD reveals locations of errors in LPN Samples.**

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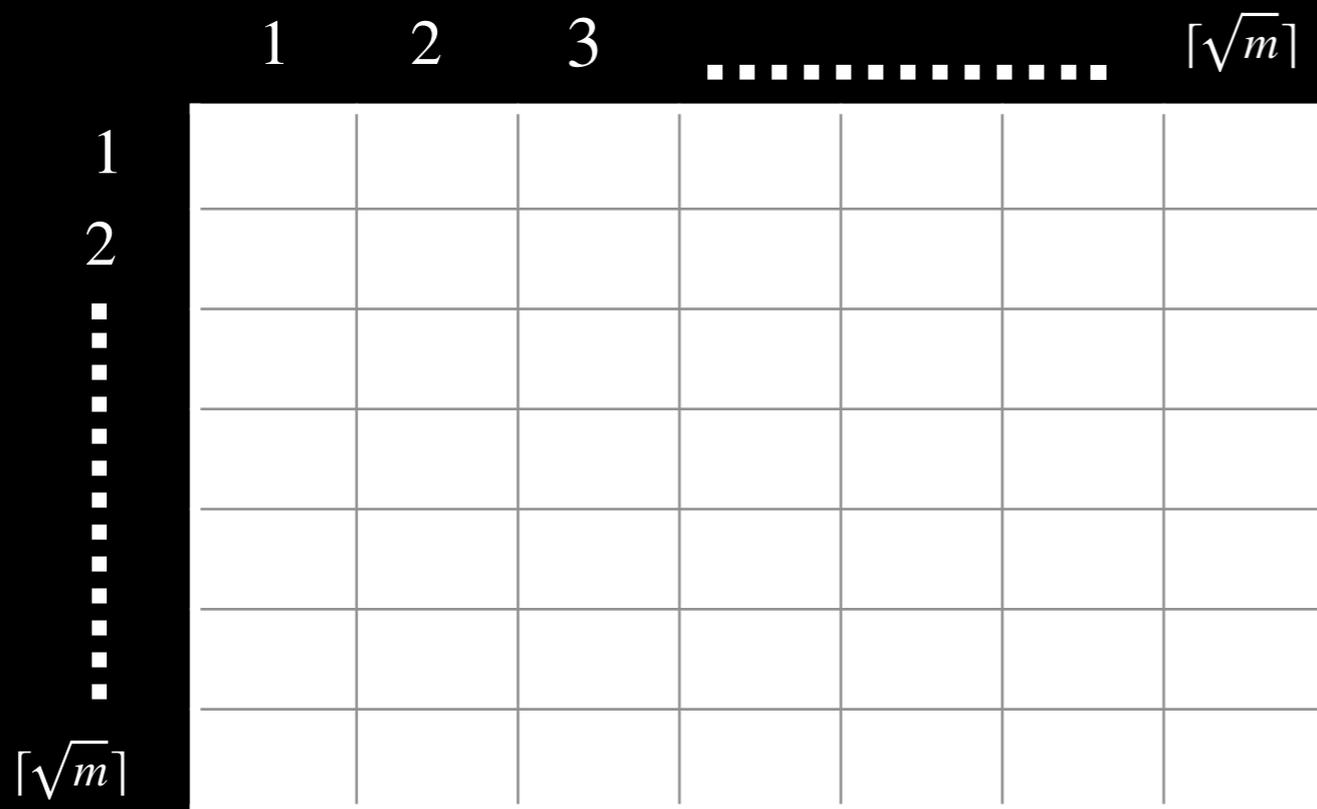
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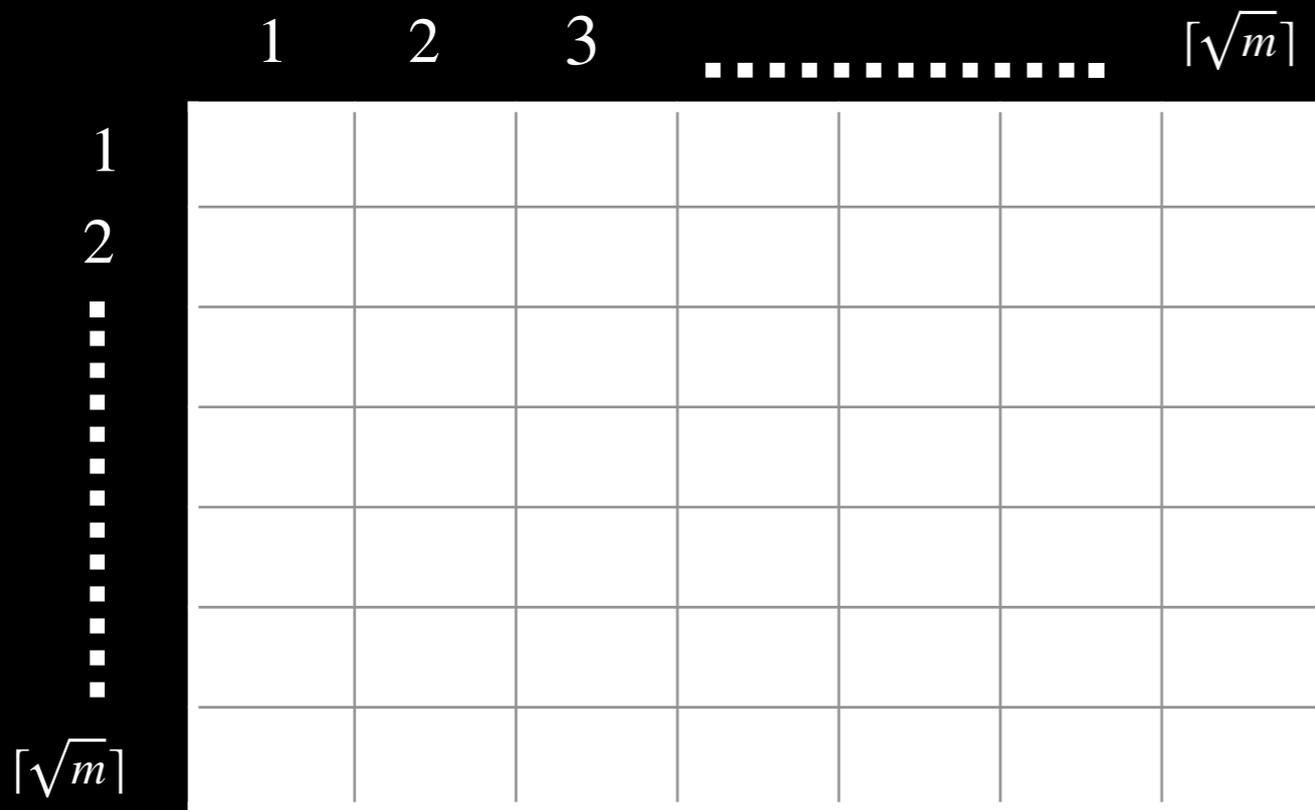
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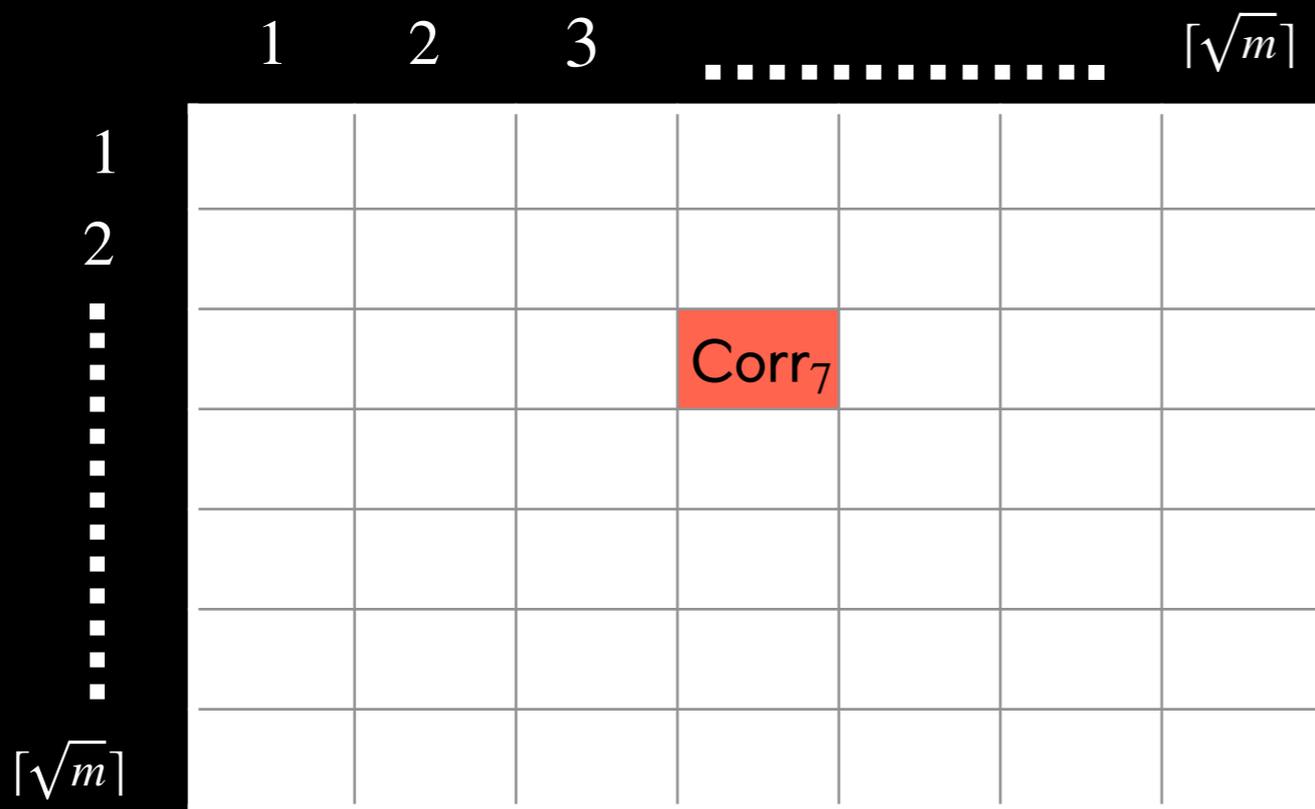
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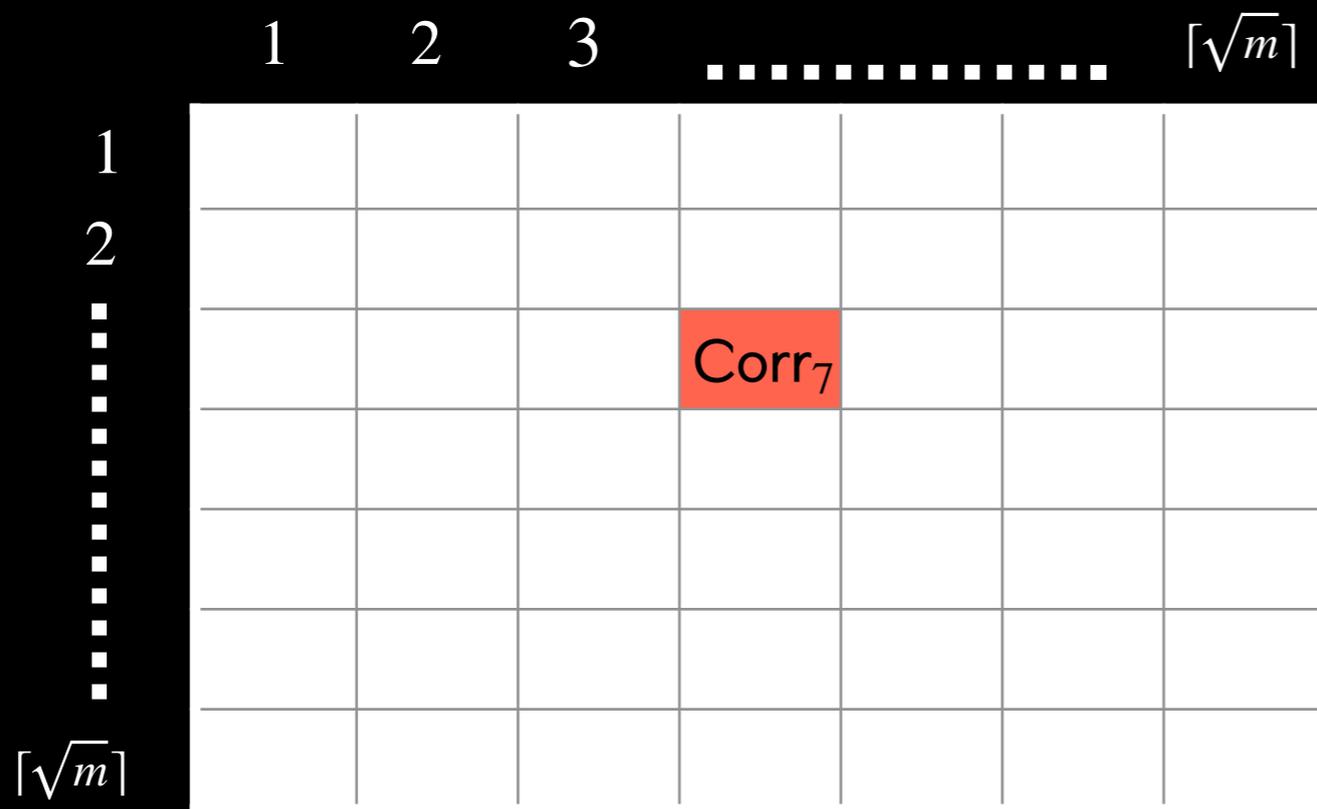
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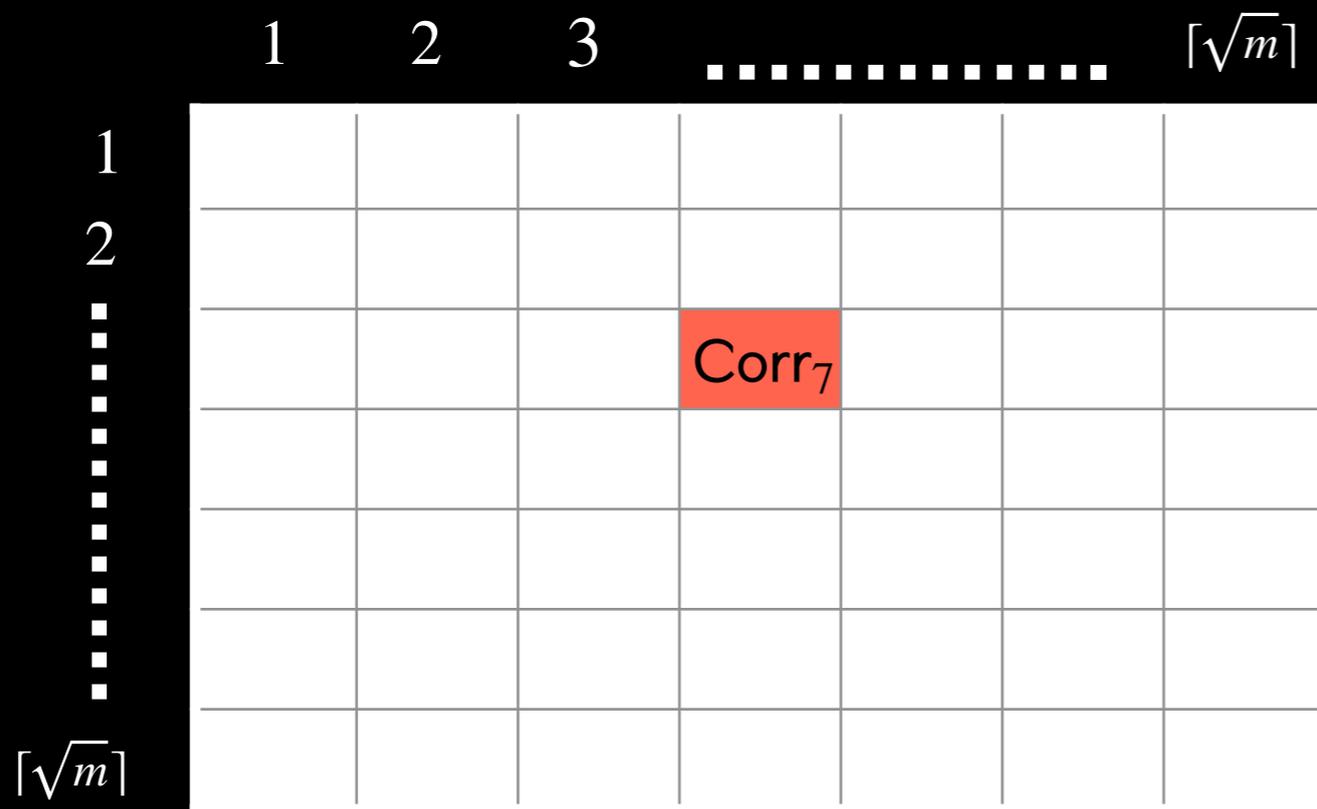
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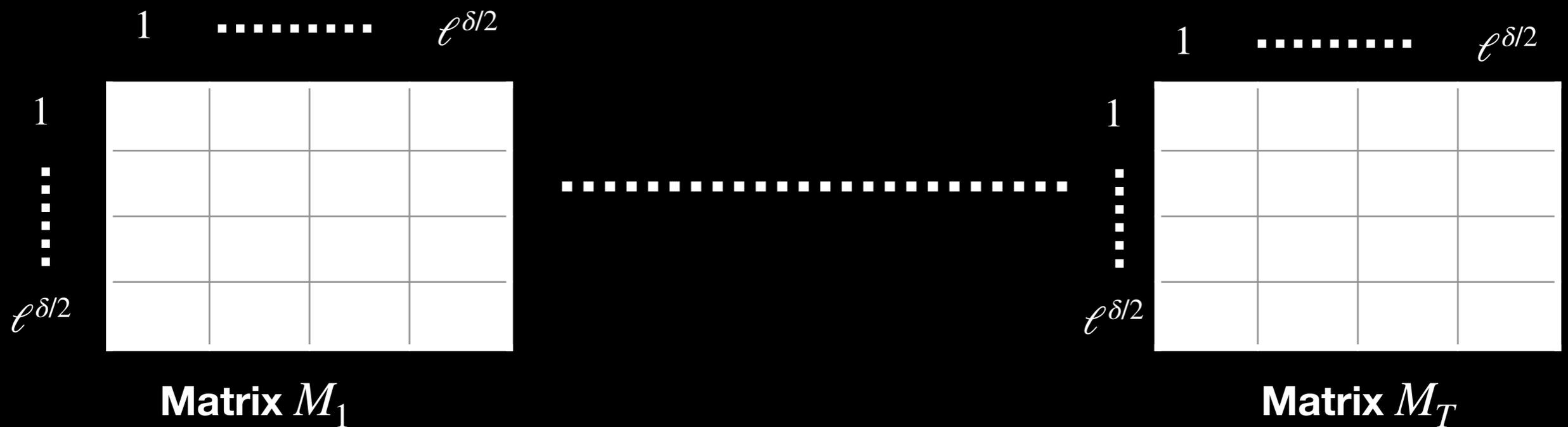
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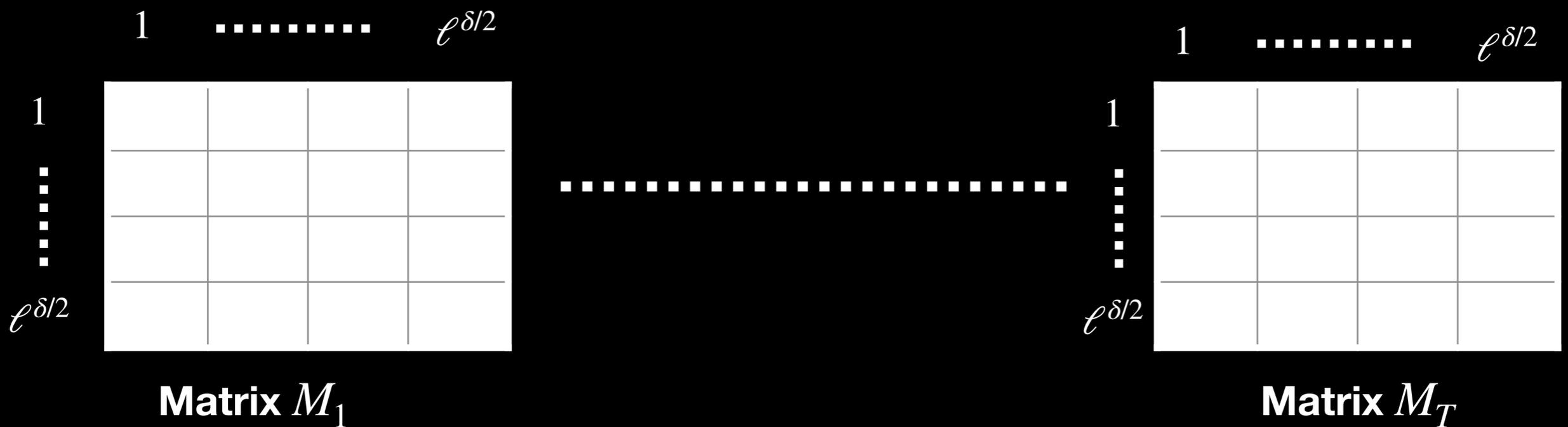
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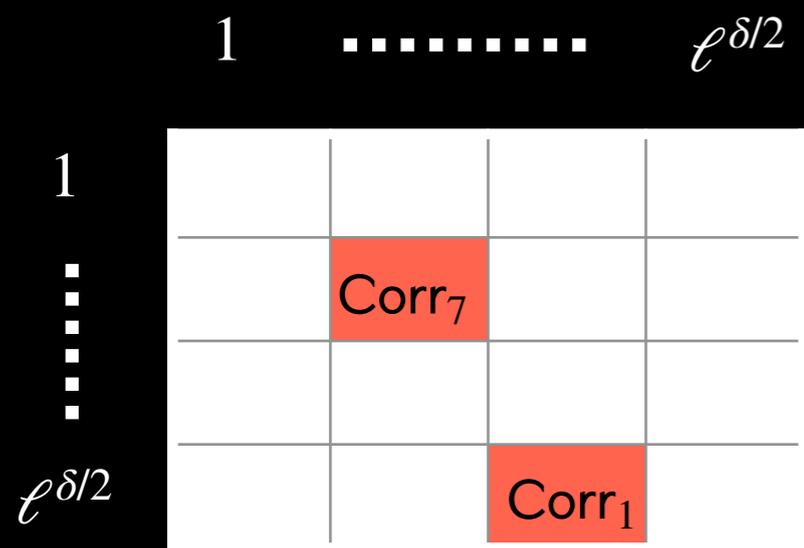
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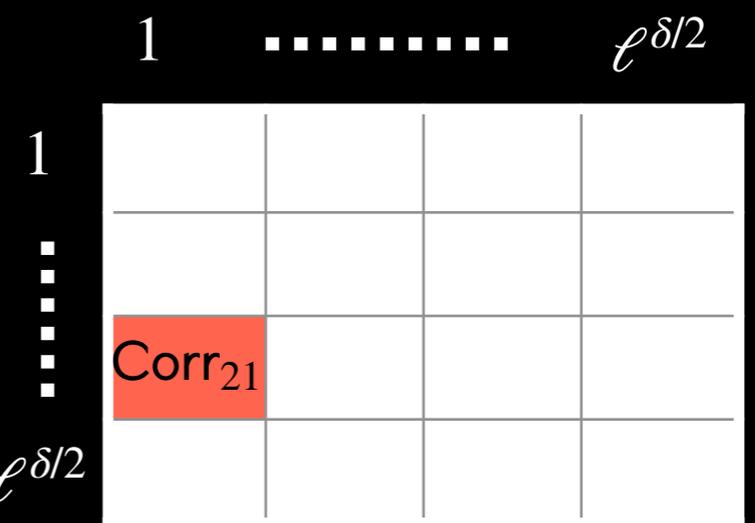


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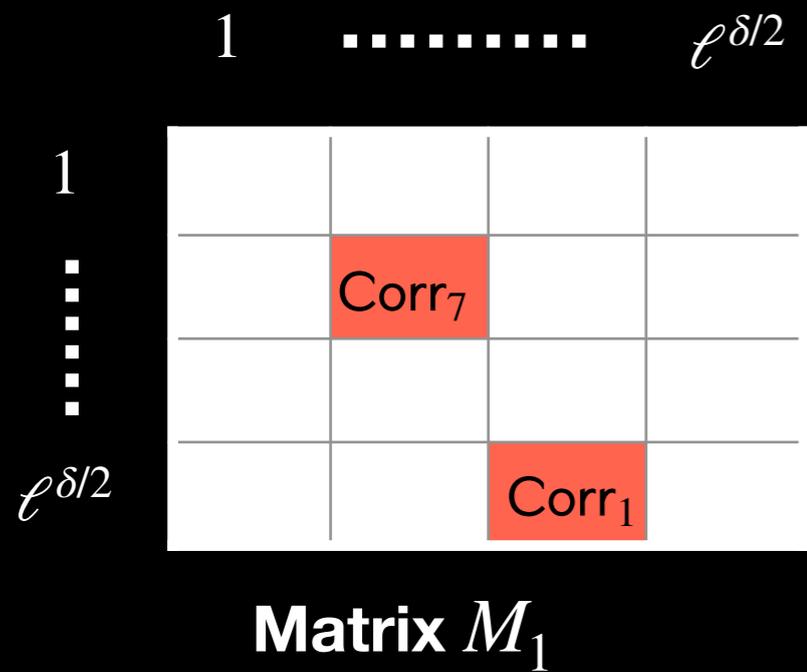
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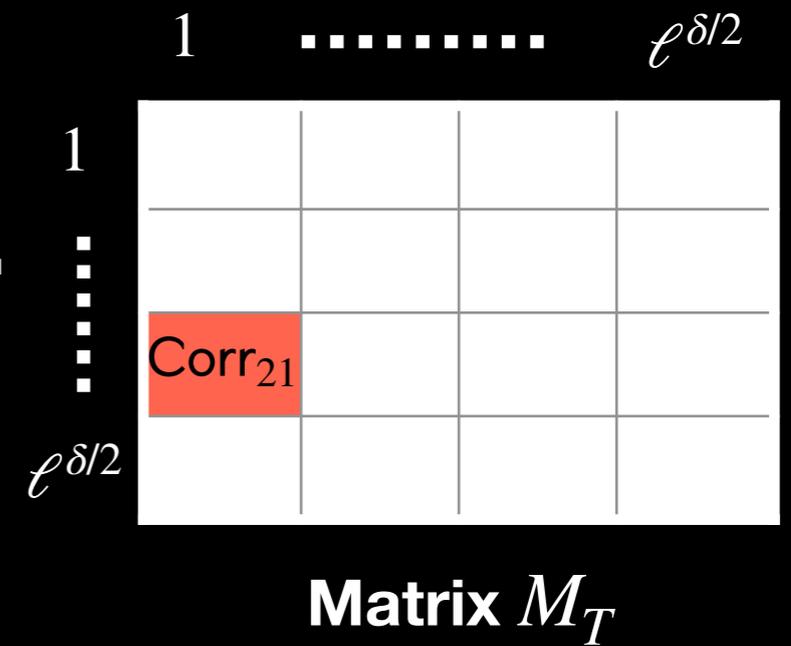
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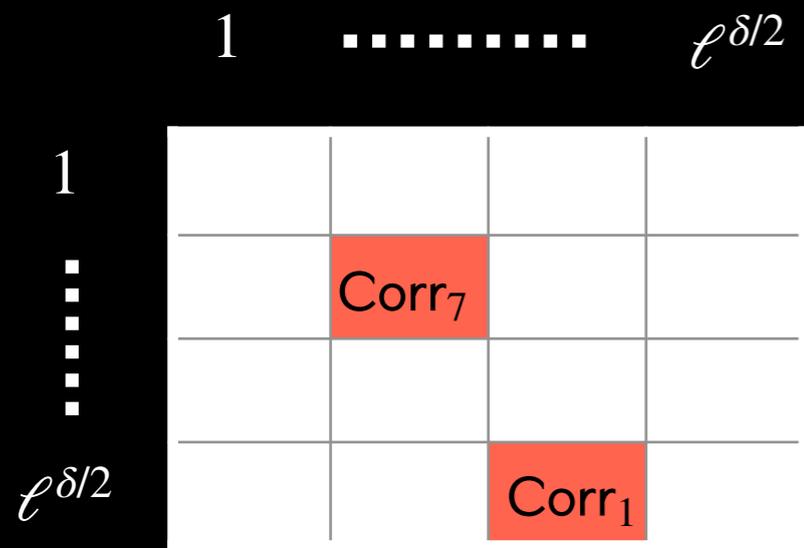
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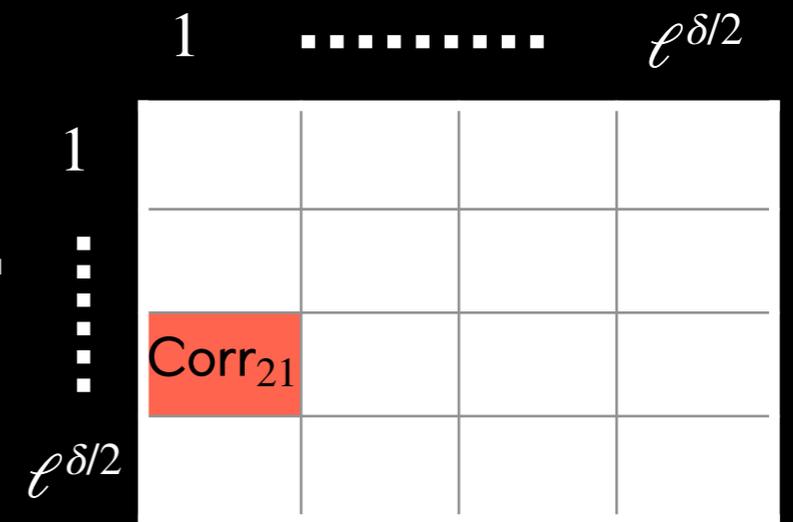


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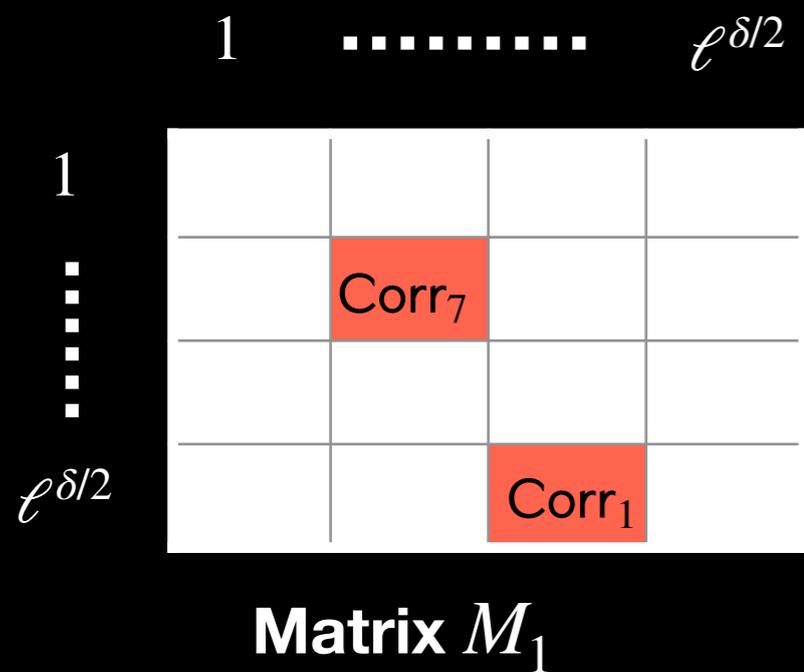


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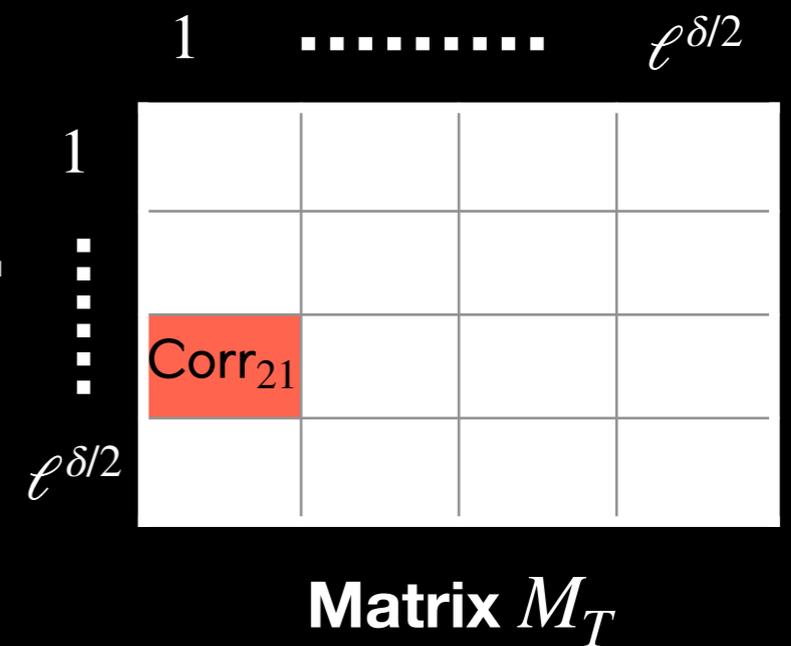
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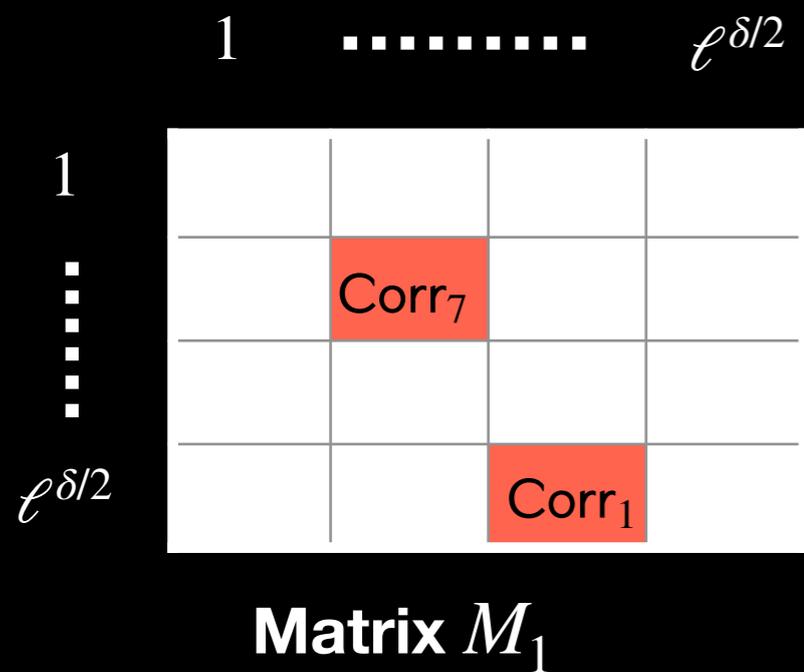


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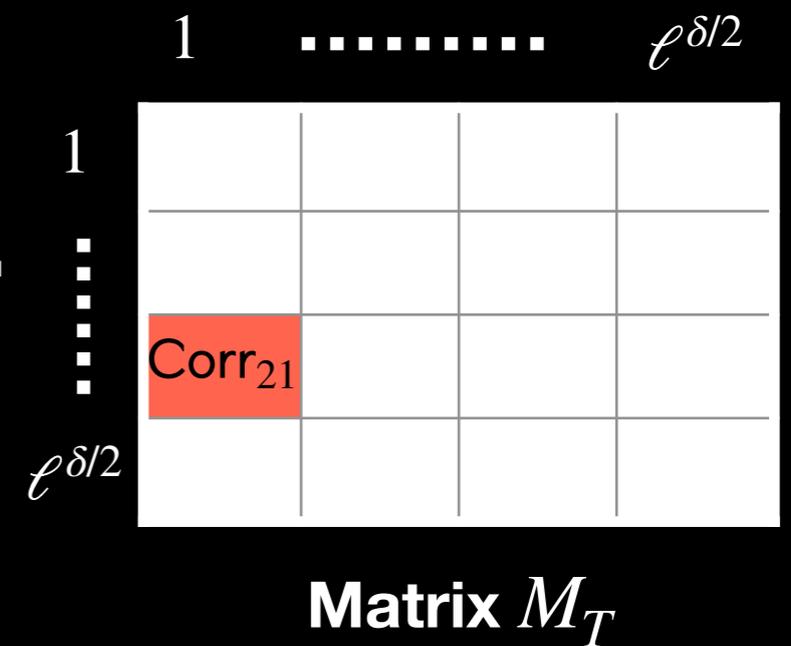
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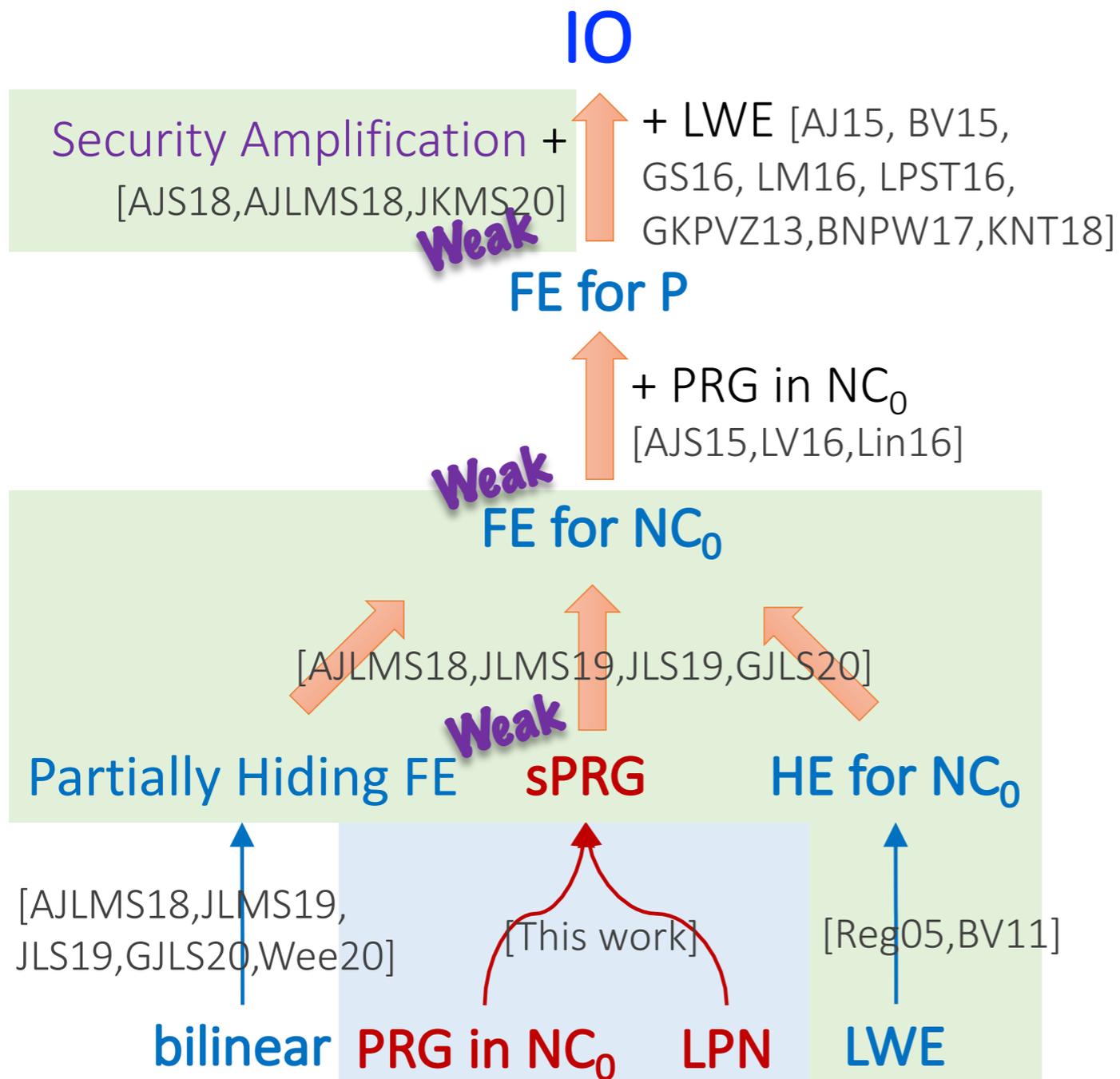
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