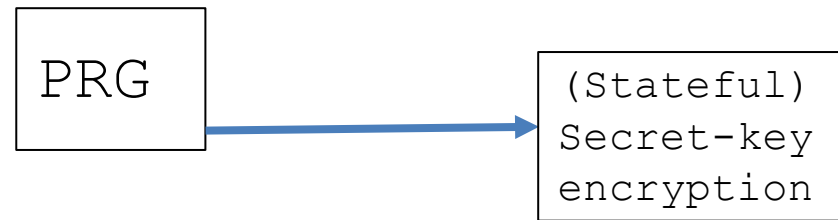


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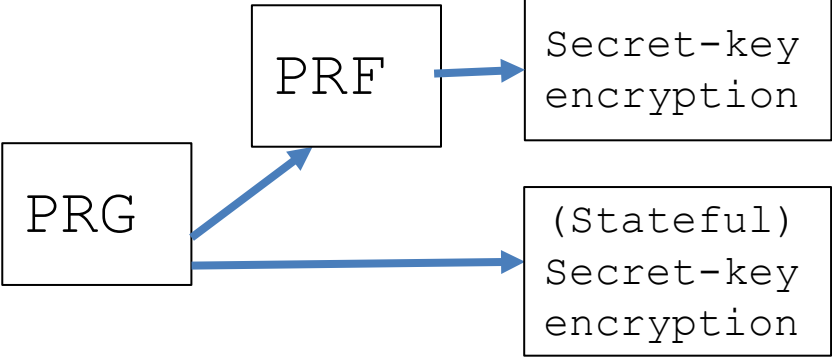
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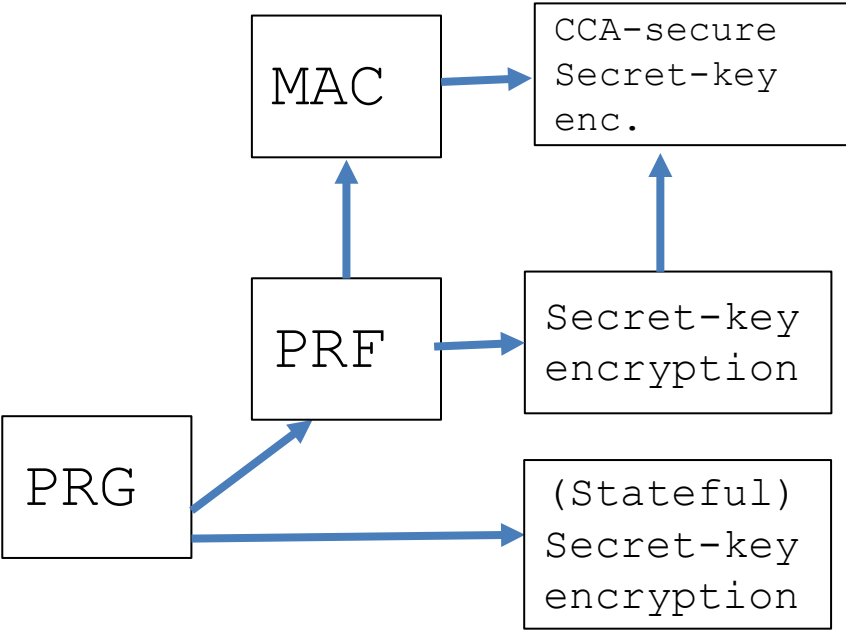
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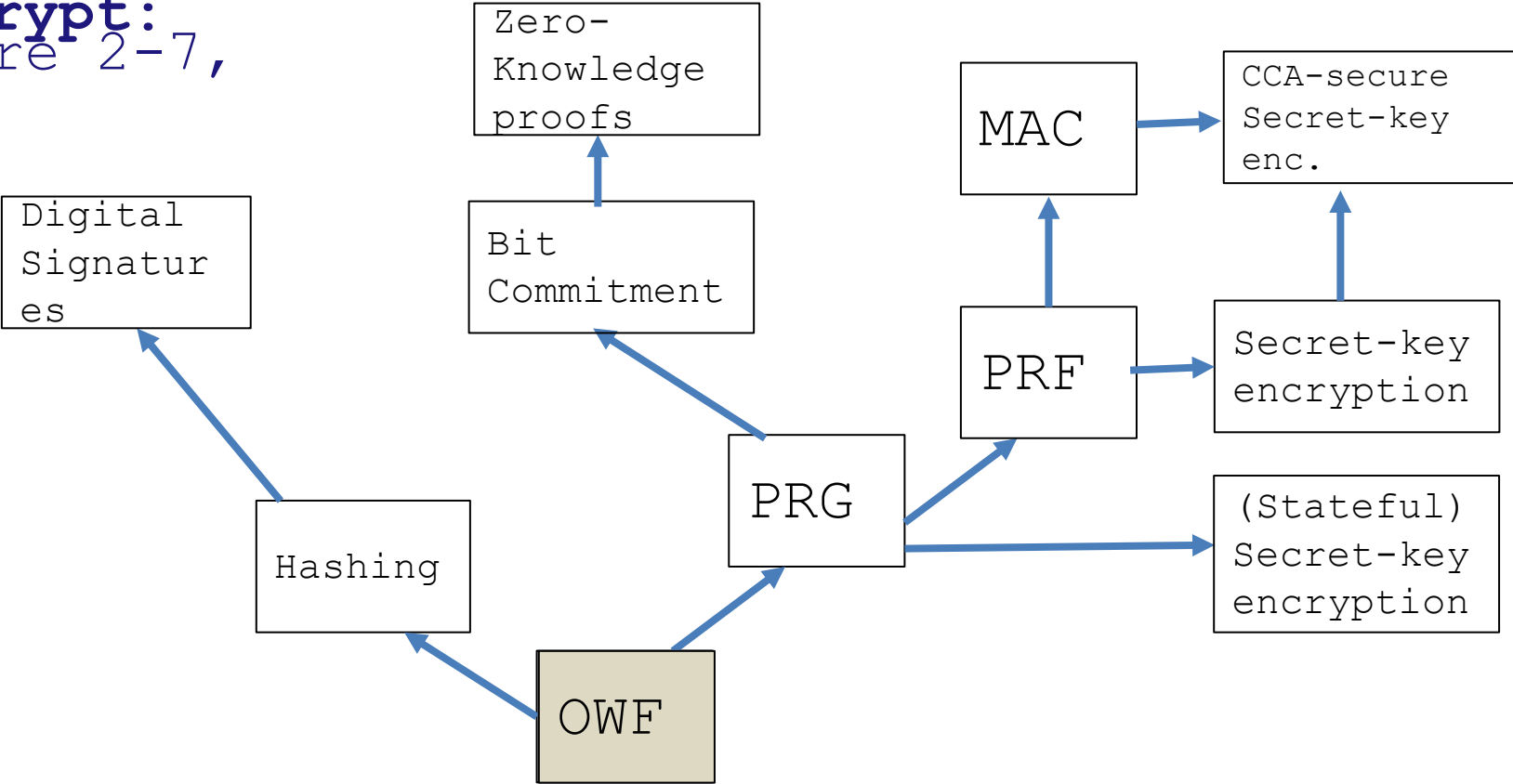


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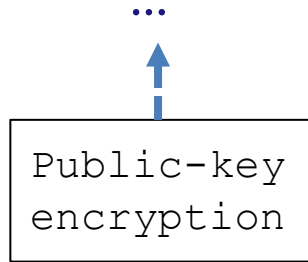
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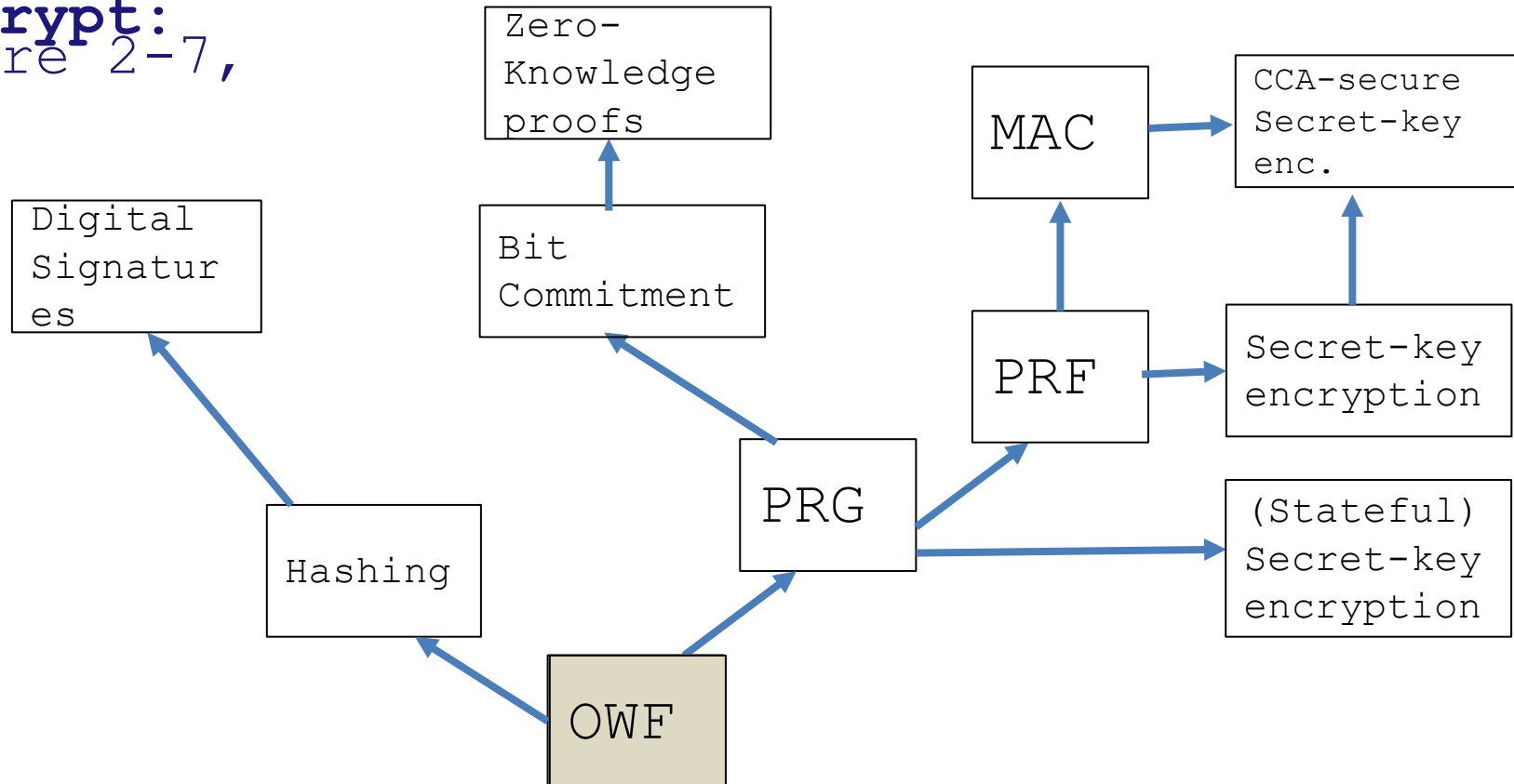
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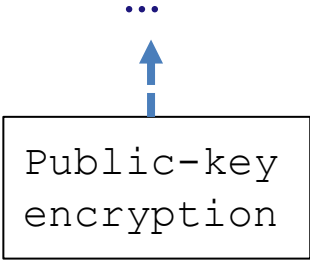
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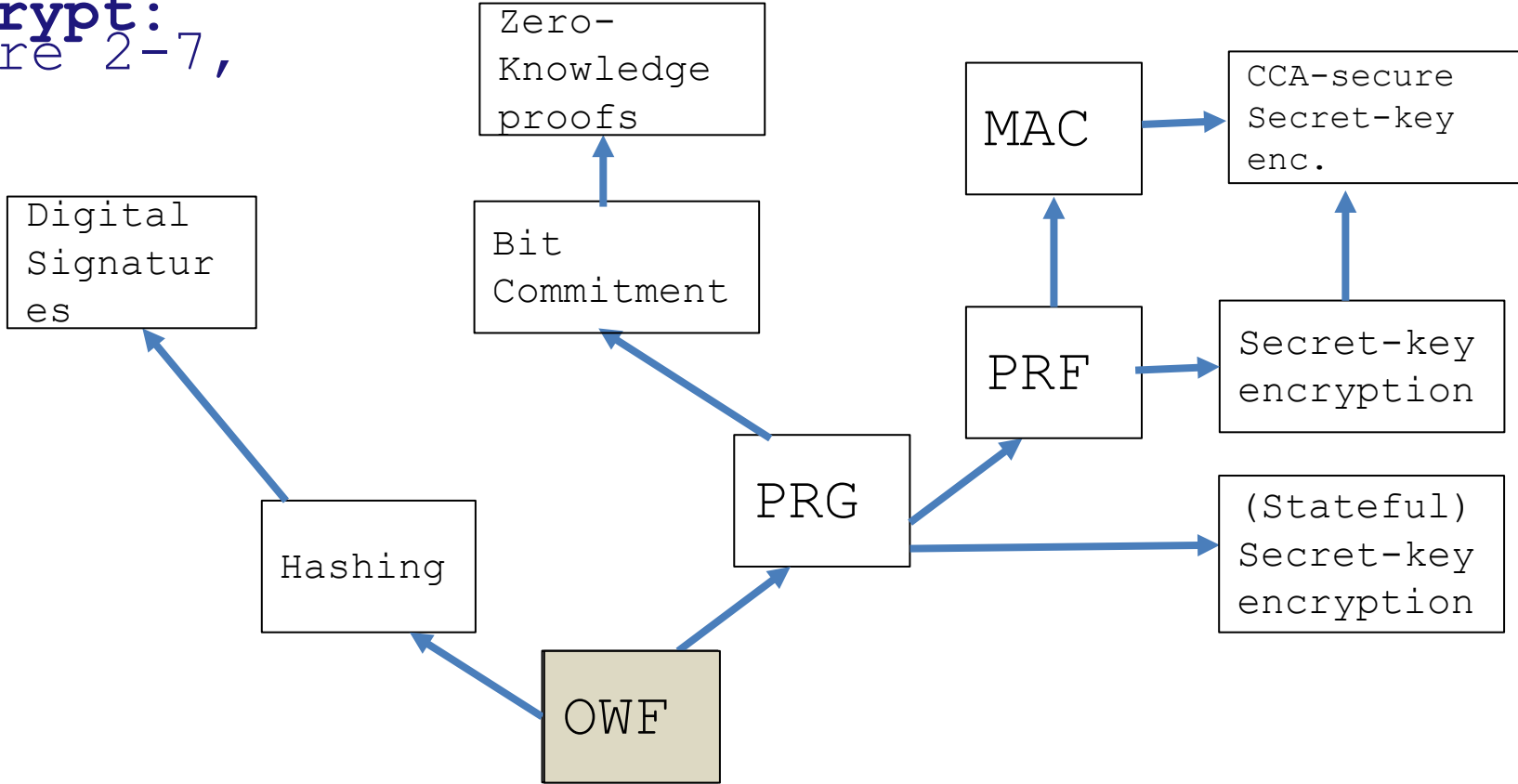


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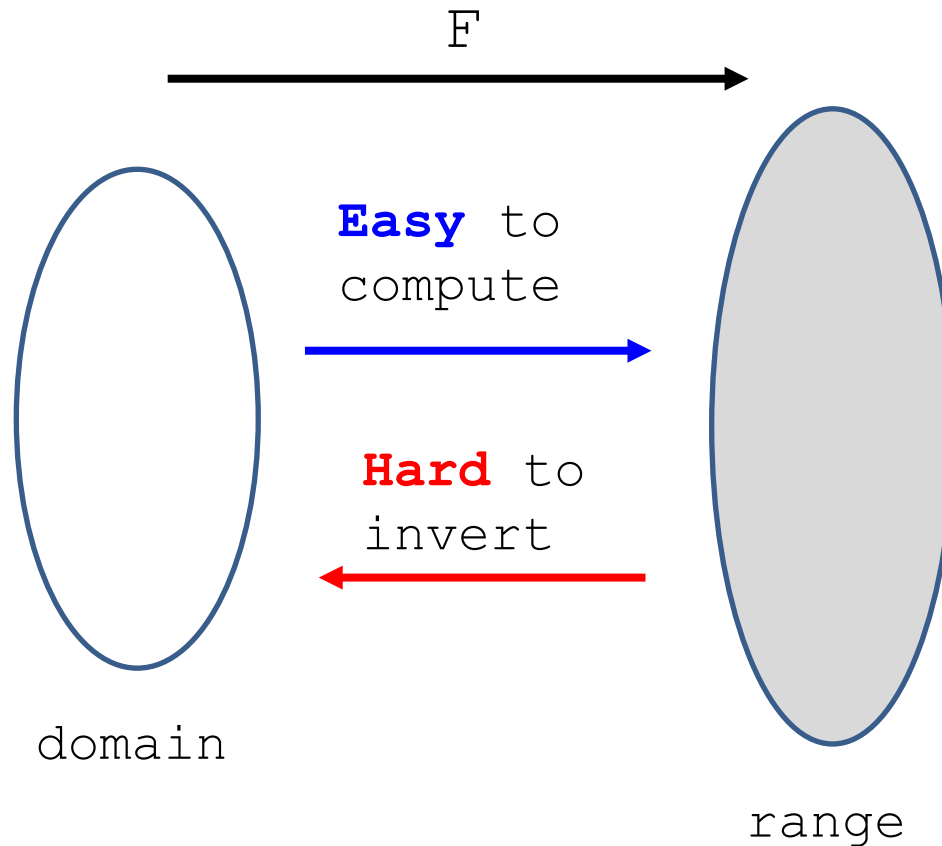
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So, we will generalize the notion of a hardcore “bit”.

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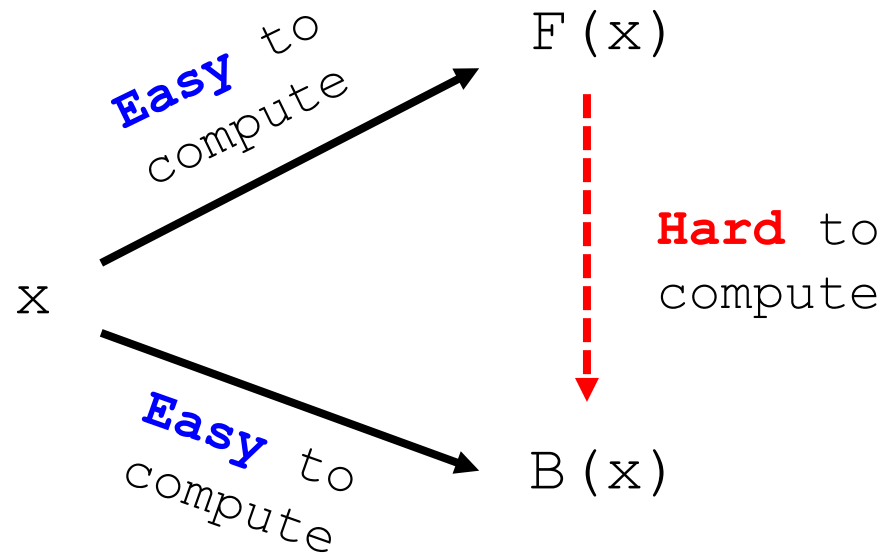
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be a collection of predicates (one for each r). Then, a **random** B_r is hardcore for **every** one-way function F . That is, for every one-way function F , every PPT A , there is a negligible function μ s.t.

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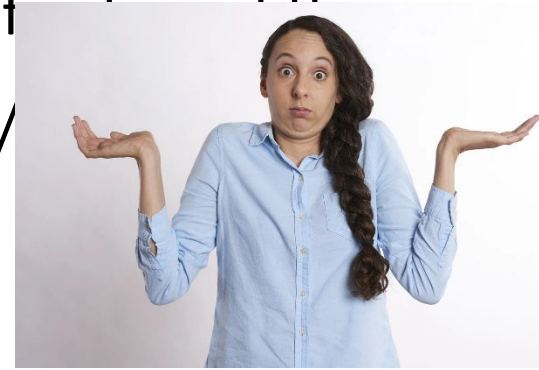


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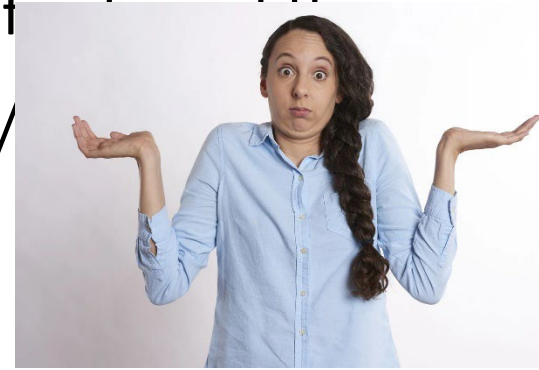
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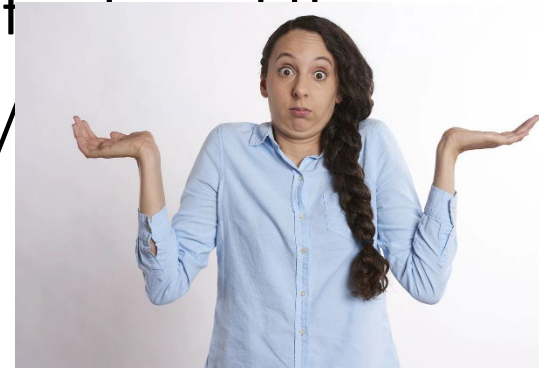
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A hardcore-bit predictor gives us access to a corrupted codeword. Running the list-decoder on it gives us the list of possible inverses. The fact that the OWF is easy to compute means that we can filter out the bogus (non-)inverses.

Recap

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3. Goldreich-Levin Theorem: every OWF has a hardcore bit.
(showed proof for an important special case)
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(in fact, one-way functions \Rightarrow PRG, but that's a much harder theorem)

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