

What **WE CAN** do with Diophantine
problems
and what **WE CANNOT** do

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Hilbert's 10th Problem is the cases $\mathfrak{M} = \{0\}$ and its complement $\mathfrak{M} = \{1, 2, \dots, \aleph_0\}$.

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Main Lemma. If $\mathfrak{M} \subset \mathfrak{N}$ and neither $\mathfrak{M} = \emptyset$ nor $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{N}$ then given an arbitrary Diophantine equation $P(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ WE CAN construct another equation $Q(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0$ and reduce the question

$$\#(P(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0) \stackrel{?}{=} 0$$

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Hypothetical Theorem. *An equation*

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$$\vdots$$

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Hypothetical Main Lemma. There is a polynomial $R(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ with rational integer coefficients such that

- ▶ in every solution of equation

$$R(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) = 0 \quad (*)$$

in rational numbers x, y_1, \dots, y_n the value of x is an integer;

- ▶ for every integer x there are rational numbers y_1, \dots, y_n satisfying $(*)$.

Barry Mazur [1992,1994] put forward a number of conjectures which imply the impossibility to construct such a polynomial $R(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$.

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An Equivalent Question:

*CAN WE algorithmically decide, given an arbitrary **homogeneous** Diophantine equation, whether it has a solution **in integers**?*

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From Gaussian Integers to Rational Integers

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Theorem (Jan Denef [1975]). **WE CAN** find a polynomial $D(x, y_1, \dots, y_n)$ with rational integer coefficients such that

- ▶ in every solution of equation

$$D(x, y_1, \dots, y_n) = 0 \tag{*}$$

in Gaussian integers x, y_1, \dots, y_n the value of x is a rational integer;

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Theorem (Robert S. Roumely [1986]). WE CAN algorithmically decide, given an arbitrary Diophantine equation, whether it has a solution in arbitrary algebraic integers.

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Consider the set \mathfrak{M} such that

$$\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in \mathfrak{M} \iff \exists x_1 \dots x_m \{ P(a_1, \dots, a_n, x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0 \}.$$

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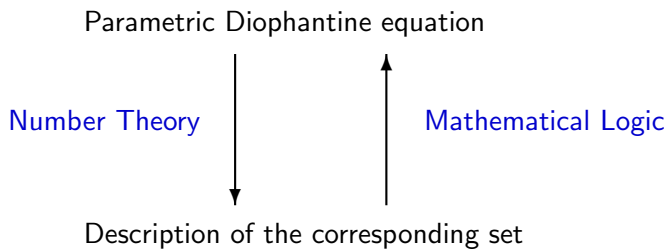
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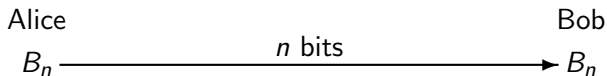
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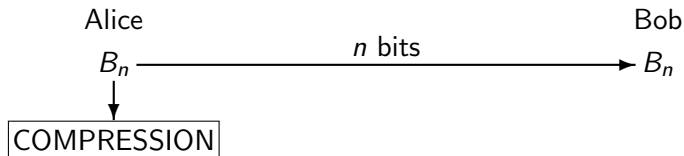


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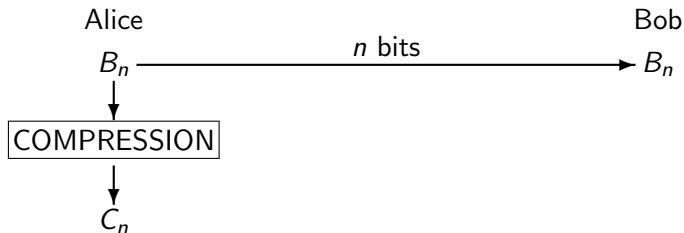


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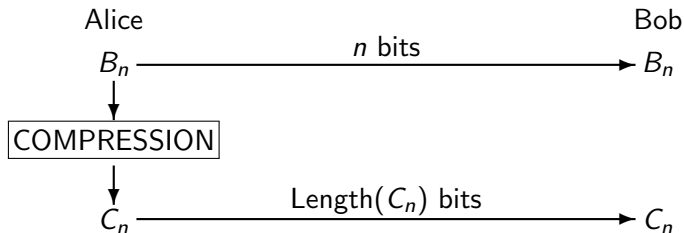


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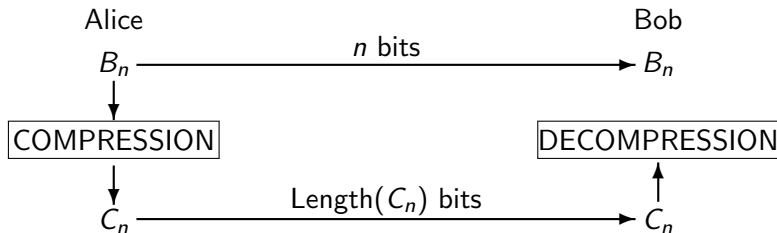


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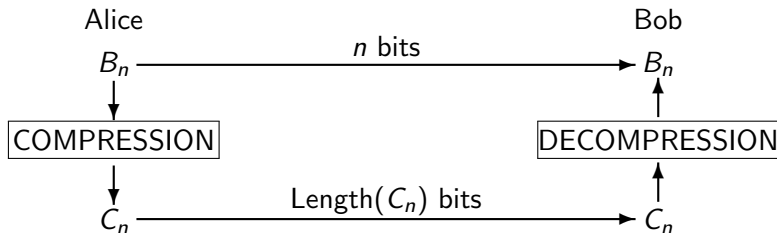


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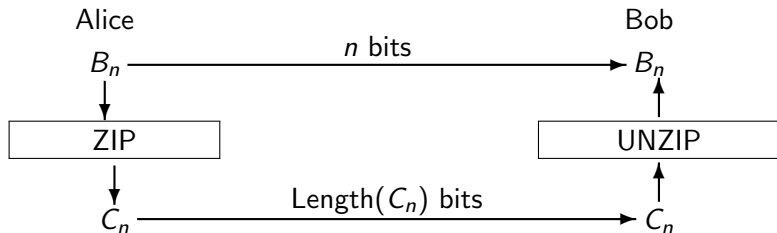


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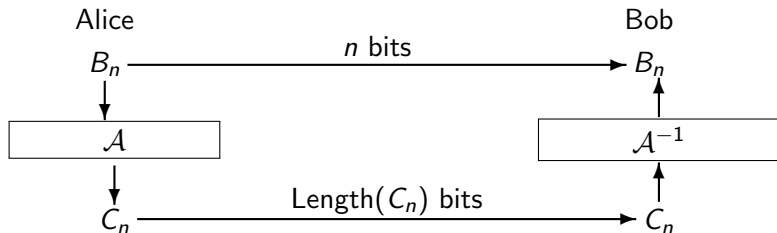


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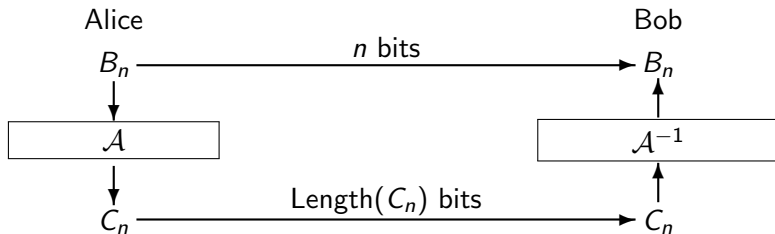
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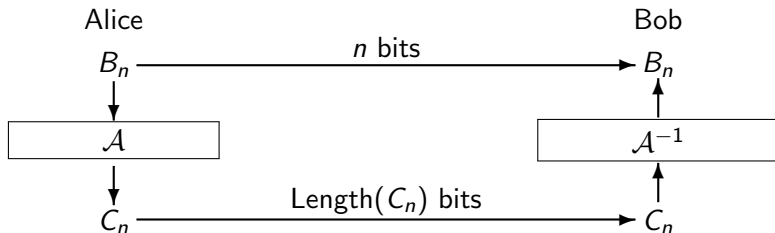
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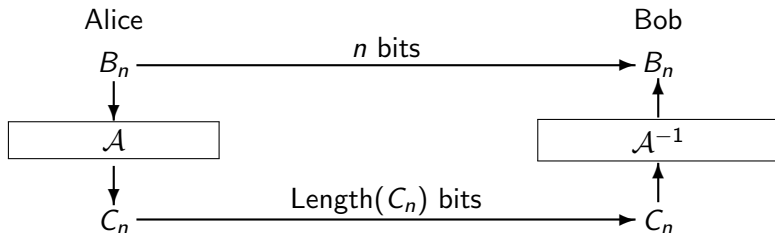


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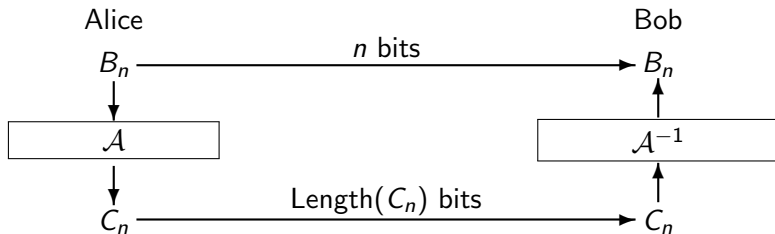


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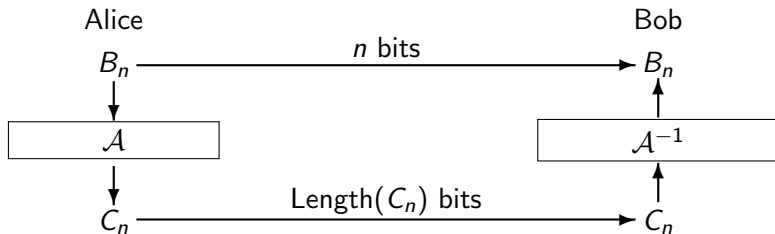


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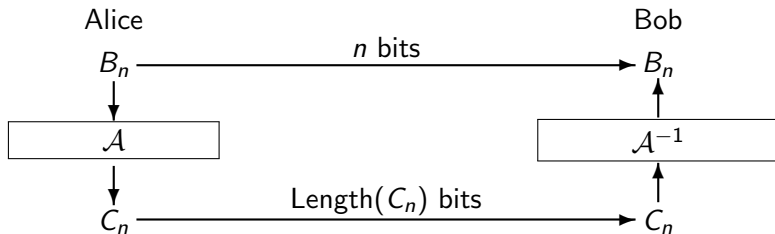


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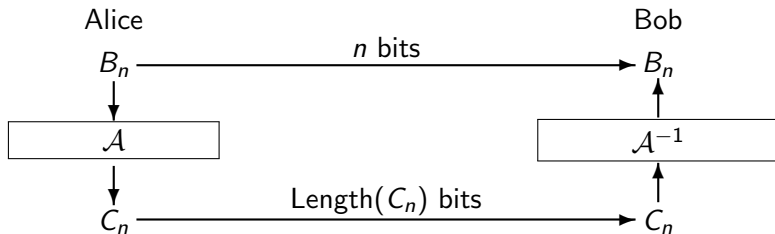


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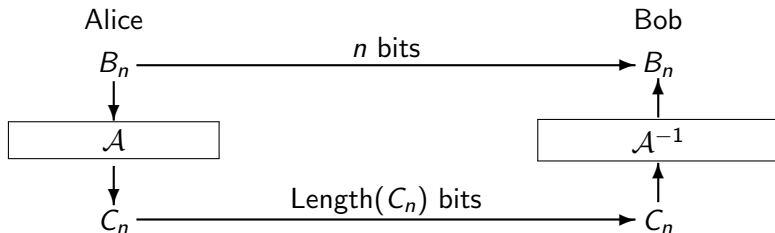
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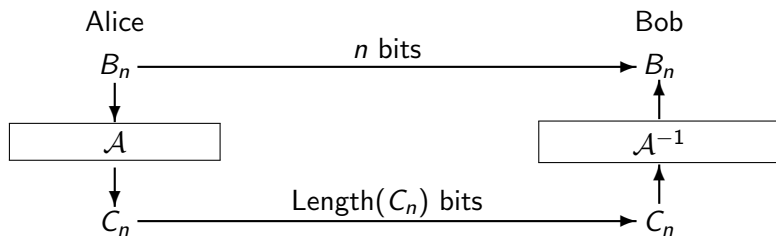
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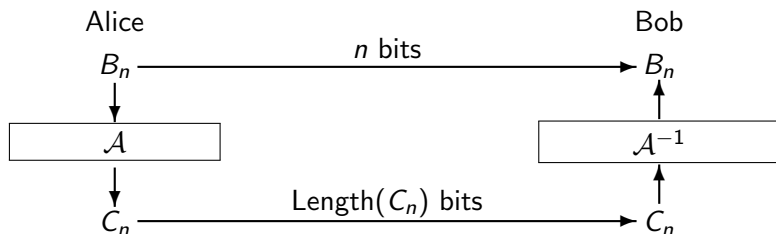
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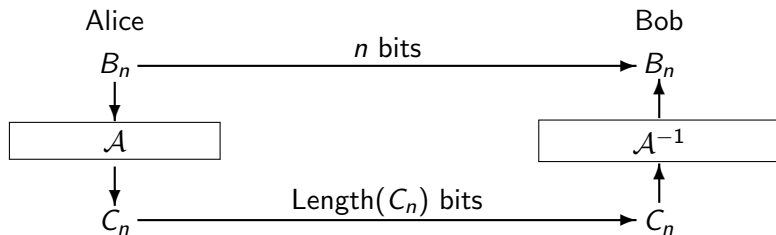
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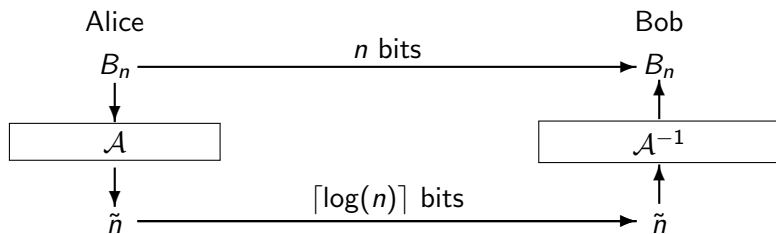
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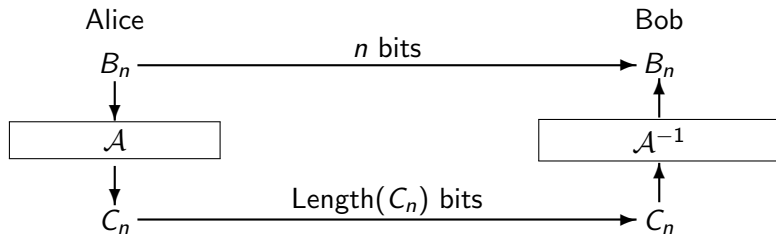
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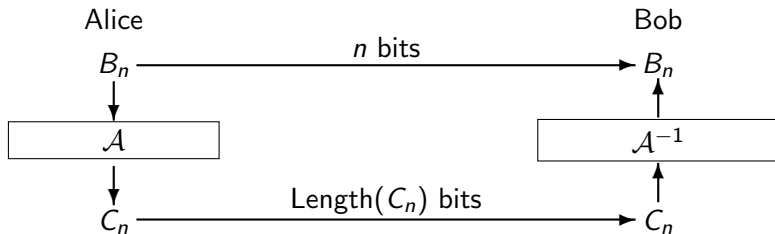


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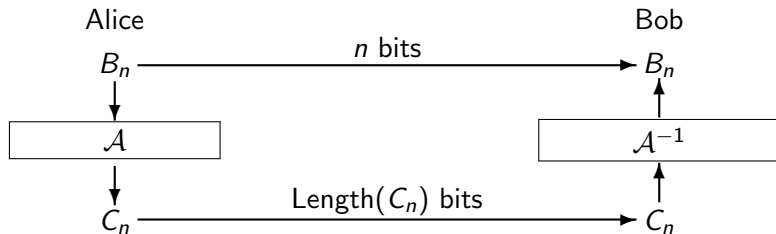
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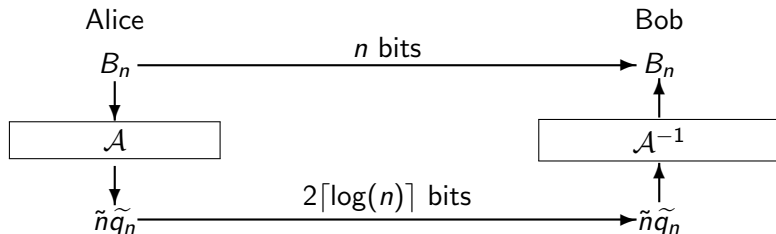
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Theorem (James Jones[1982]) *In the Diophantine game*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\{ \left\{ a_1 + a_6 + 1 - x_4 \right\}^2 \cdot \left\{ \left\langle (a_6 + a_7)^2 + 3a_7 + a_6 - 2x_4 \right\rangle^2 \right. \right. \\
 & + \left\langle \left[(x_9 - a_7)^2 + (x_{10} - a_9)^2 \right] \left[(x_9 - a_6)^2 + (x_{10} - a_8)^2 \left((x_4 - a_1)^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. (x_{10} - a_9 - x_1)^2 \right) \right] \left[(x_9 - 3x_4)^2 + (x_{10} - a_8 - a_9)^2 \right] \left[(x_9 - 3x_4 - 1)^2 \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. (x_{10} - a_8 a_9)^2 \right] - a_{12} - 1 \right\rangle^2 + \left\langle \left[x_{10} + a_{12} + a_{12} x_9 a_4 - a_3 \right]^2 \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. \left[x_5 + a_{13} - x_9 a_4 \right]^2 \right\rangle \right\} - x_{13} - 1 \left\{ a_1 + x_5 + 1 - a_5 \right\} \left\{ \left\langle (x_5 - x_6)^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. 3x_6 + x_5 - 2a_5 \right\rangle^2 + \left\langle \left[(a_{10} - x_6)^2 + (a_{11} - x_8)^2 \right] \left[(a_{10} - x_5)^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. (a_{11} - x_7)^2 \left((a_5 - a_1)^2 + (a_{11} - x_8 - a_2)^2 \right) \right] \left[(a_{10} - 3a_5)^2 \right. \right. \right. \\
 & + \left. \left. \left. (a_{11} - x_7 - x_8)^2 \right] \left[(a_{10} - 3a_5 - 1)^2 + (a_{11} - x_7 x_8)^2 \right] - x_{11} - 1 \right\rangle^2 \right. \\
 & \left. + \left\langle \left[a_{11} + x_{11} + x_{11} a_{10} x_3 - x_2 \right]^2 + \left[a_{11} + x_{12} - a_{10} x_3 \right]^2 \right\rangle \right\} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Ursula has a winning strategy but no computable winning strategy.