Secure Nearest Neighbor Revisited

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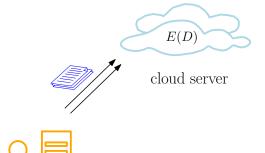


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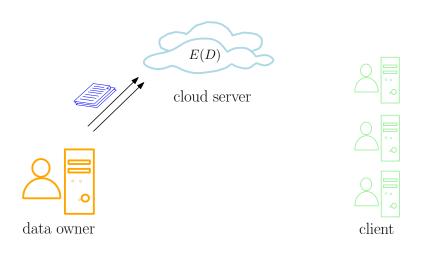
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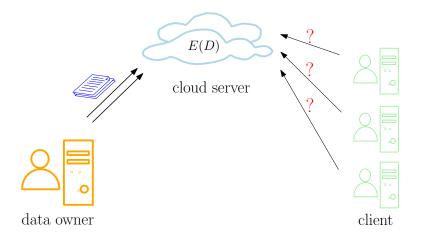




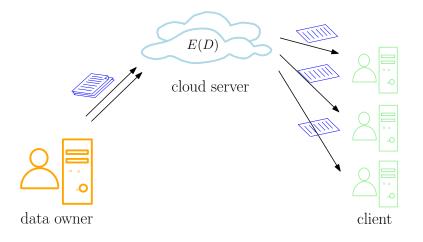
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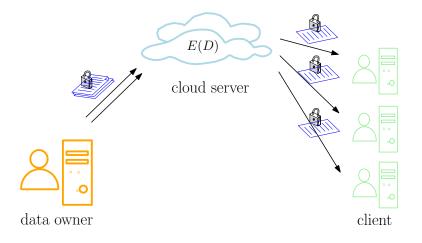
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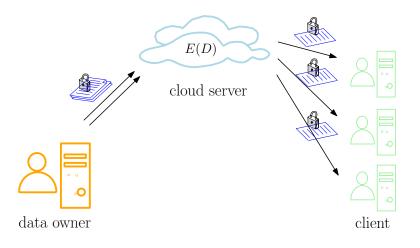
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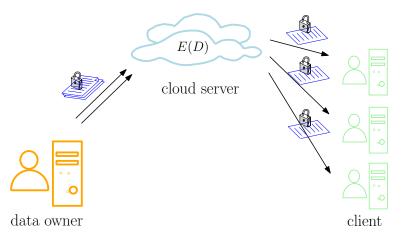
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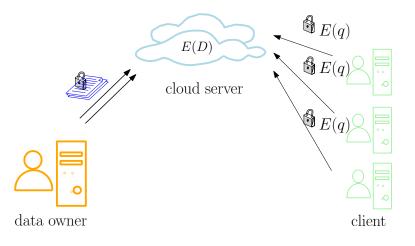
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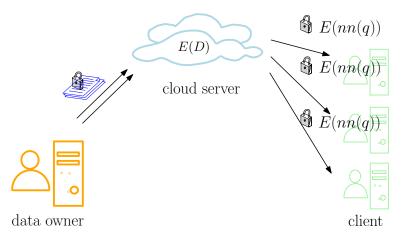
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Theorem

A truly secure OPE does not exist in standard security models, such as IND-CPA. It also does not exist even in much relaxed security models, such as the indistinguishability under ordered chosen-plaintext attack (IND-OCPA).

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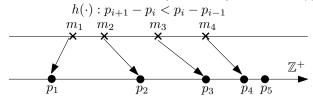
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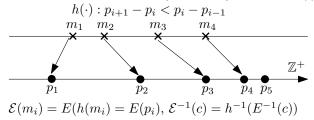
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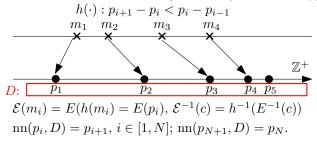
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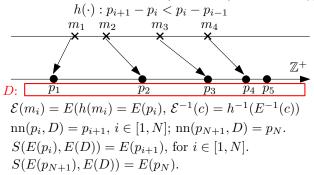
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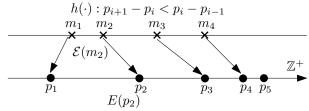
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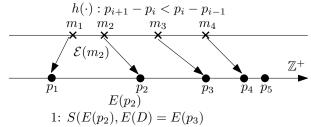
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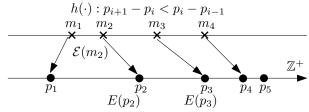
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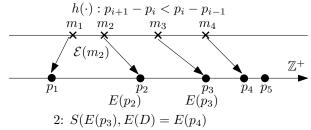
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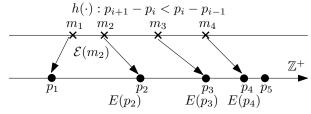
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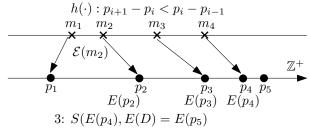
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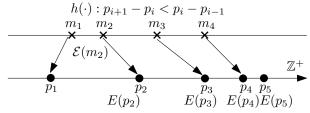
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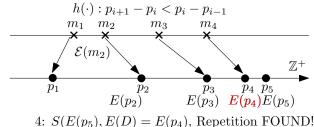
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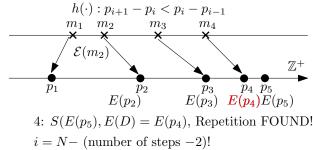
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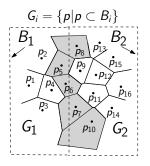
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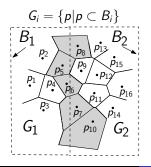
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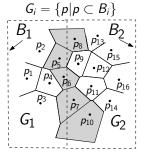
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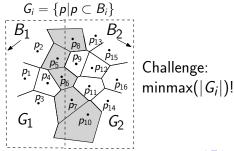
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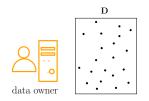
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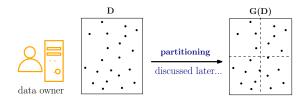
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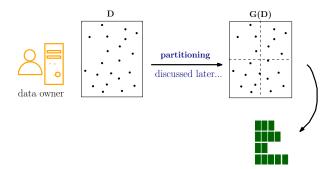
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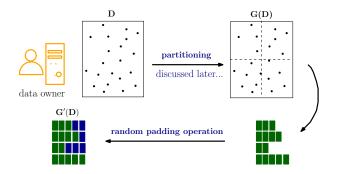
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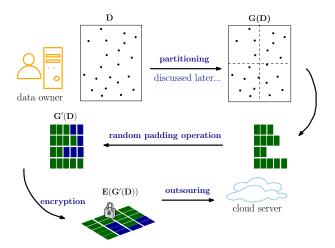
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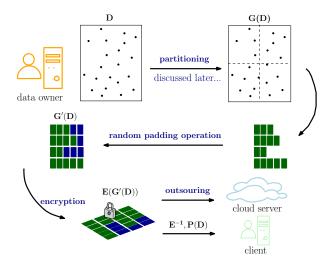
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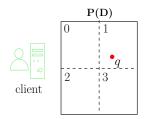
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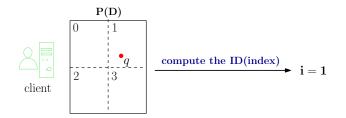
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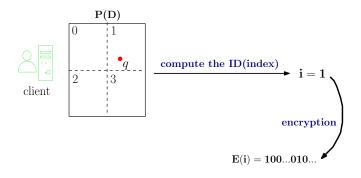
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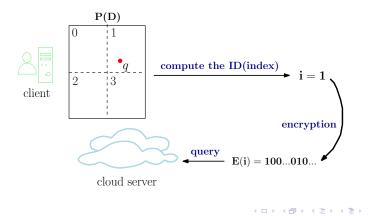
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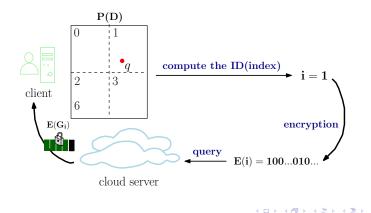


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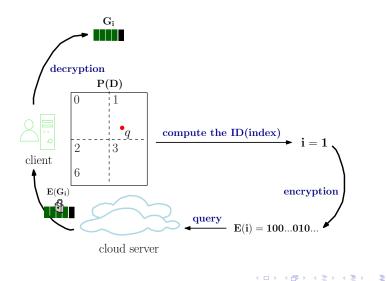
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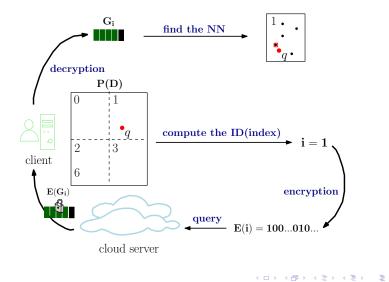
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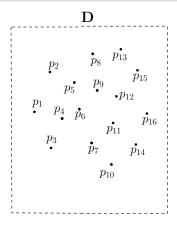
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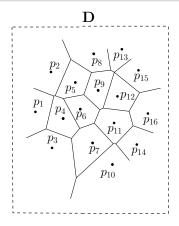


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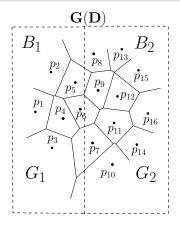
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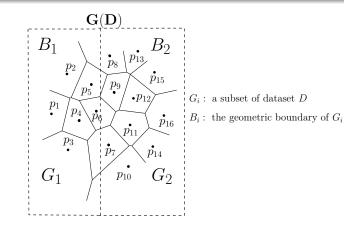


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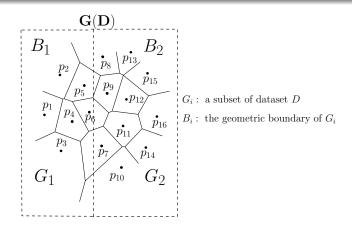
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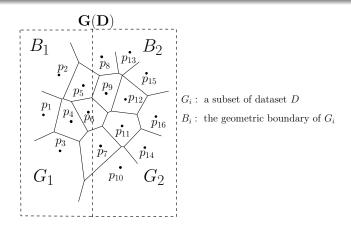
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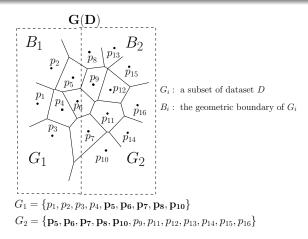
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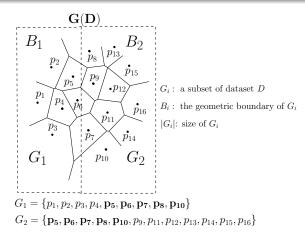
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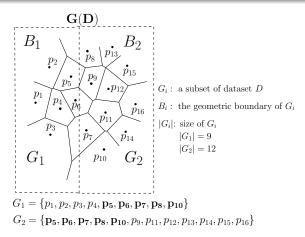
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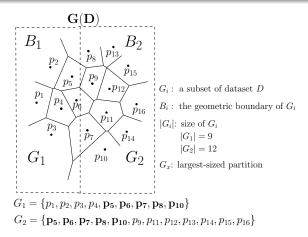
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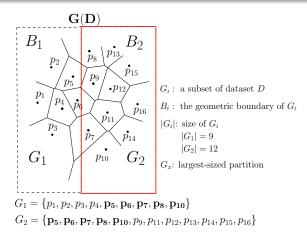
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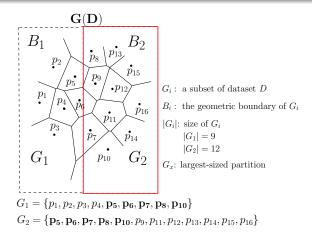
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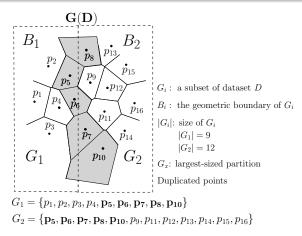
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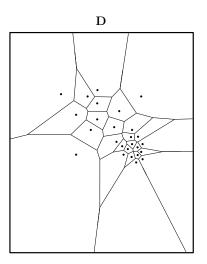
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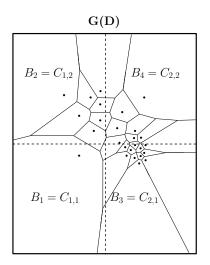
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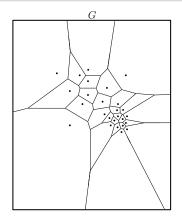
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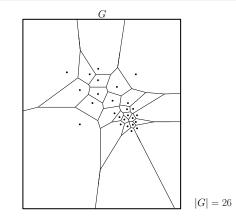
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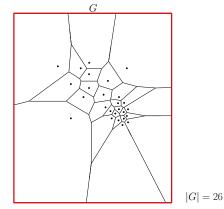
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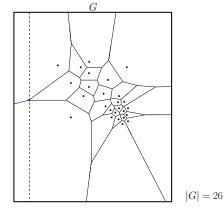
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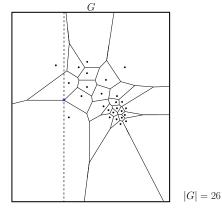
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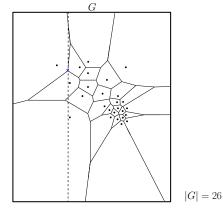
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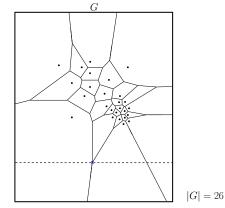
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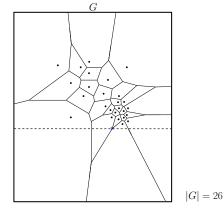
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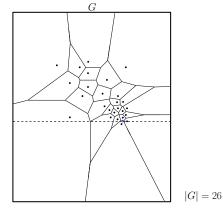
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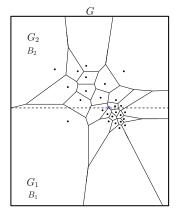


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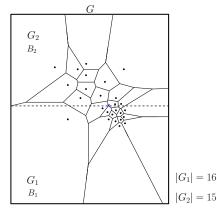
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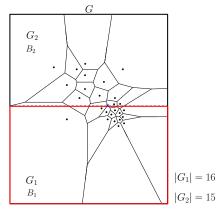


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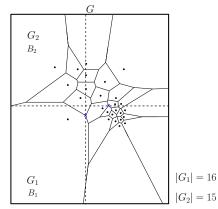


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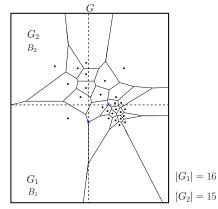
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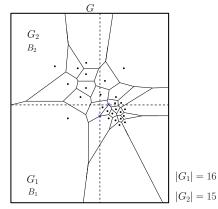
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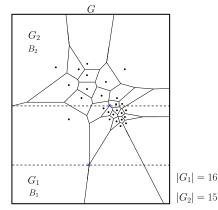
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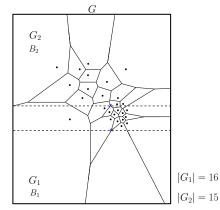


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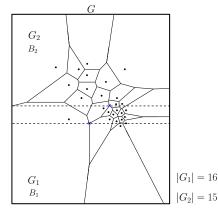
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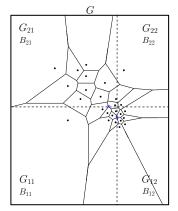


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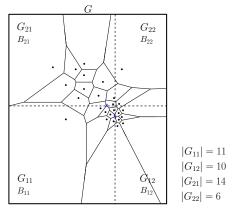


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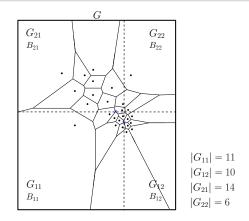
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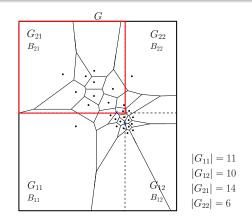
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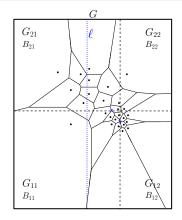
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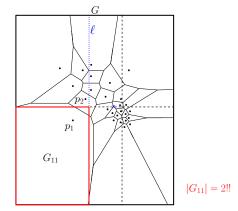
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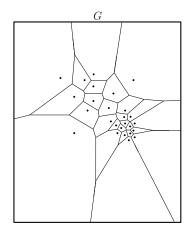
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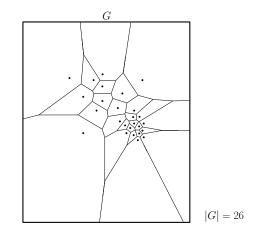
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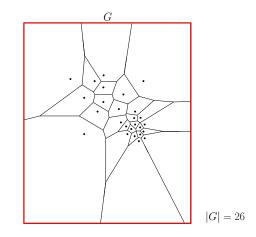
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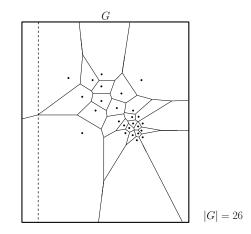
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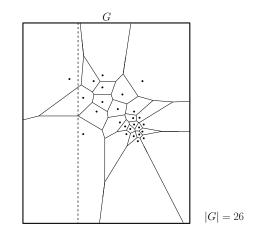
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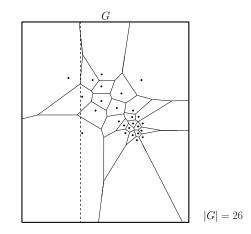
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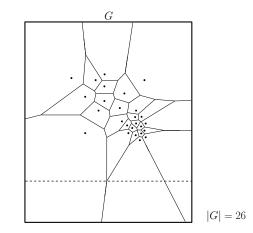
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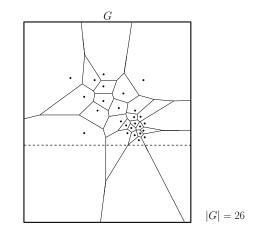
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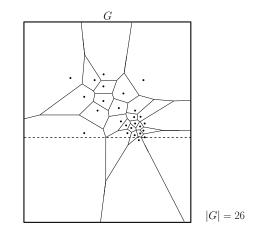
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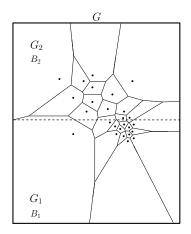
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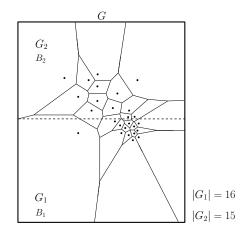
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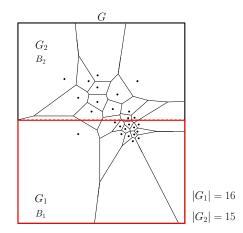
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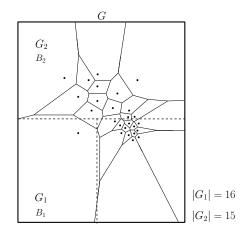
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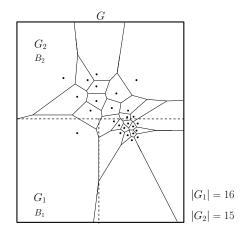
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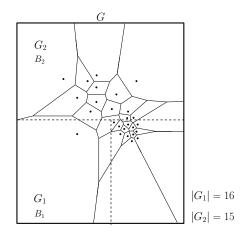
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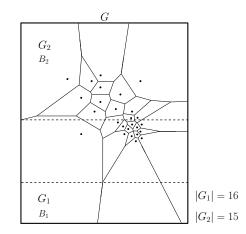
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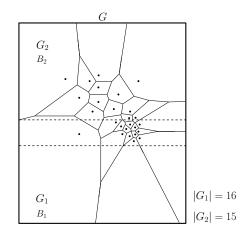


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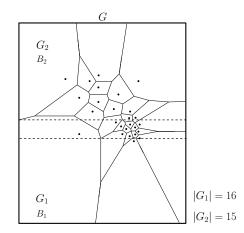


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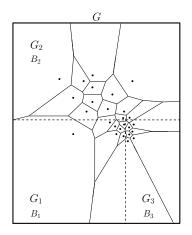
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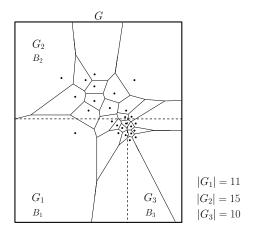
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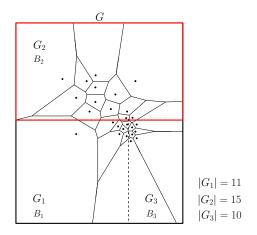
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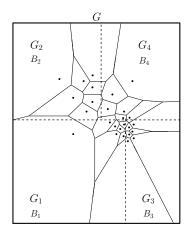
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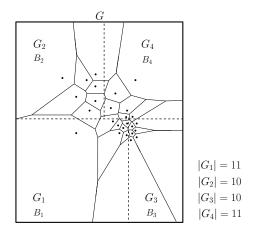
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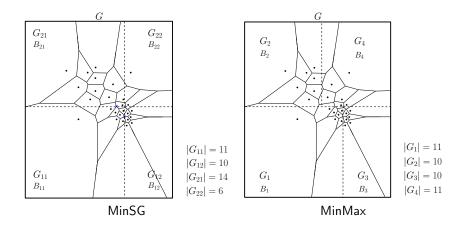
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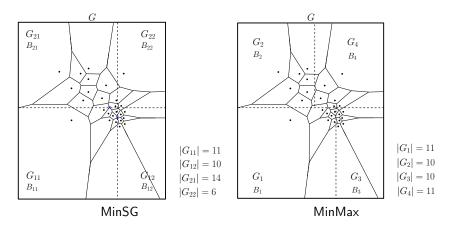
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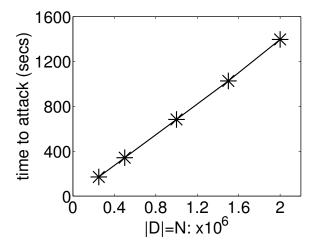
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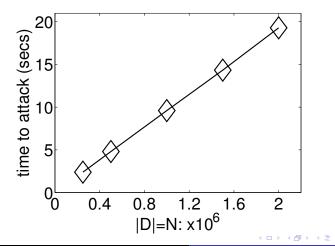
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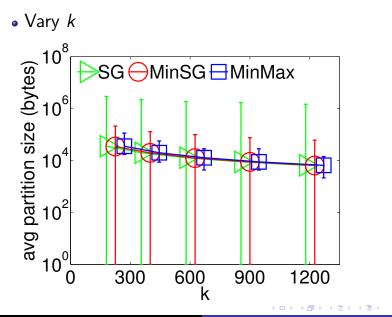


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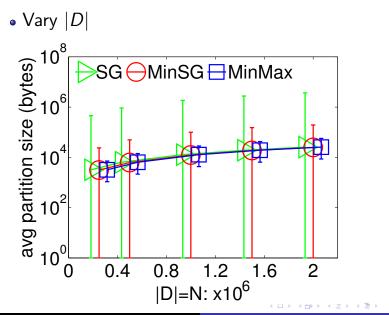
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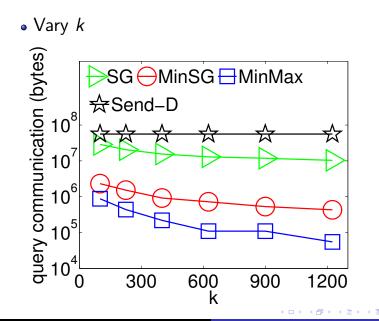
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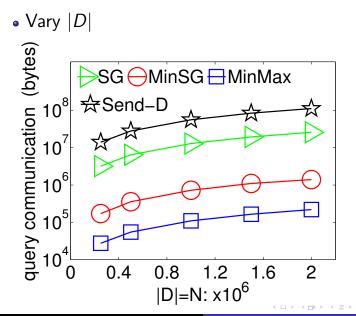


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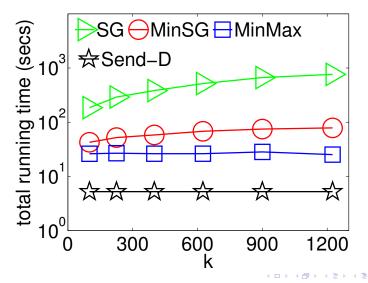
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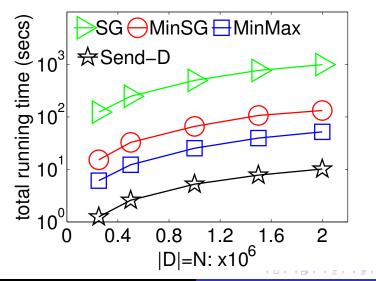
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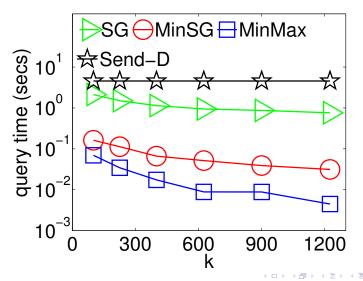
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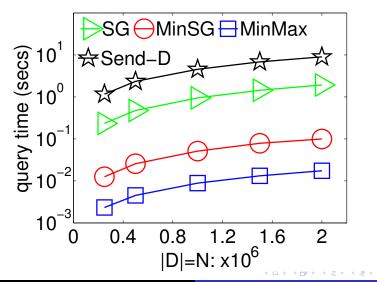
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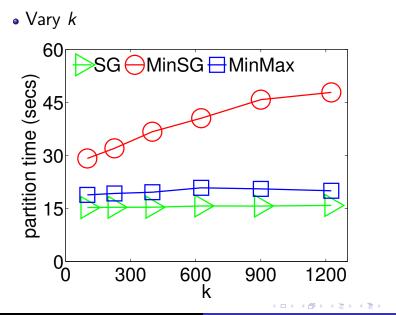


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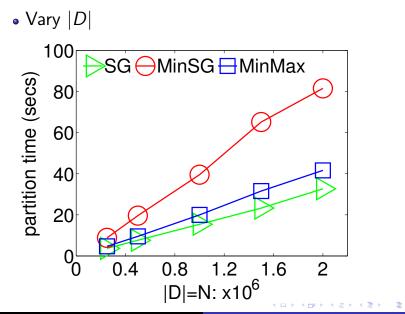
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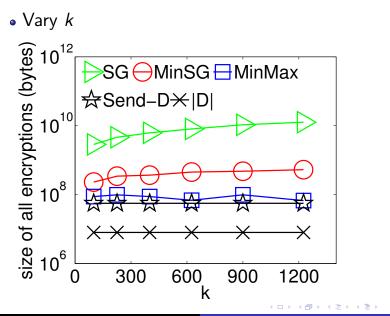
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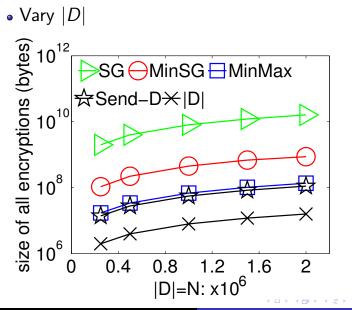
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Thank You

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