

Minimum Energy Encoding for Networked Control Systems

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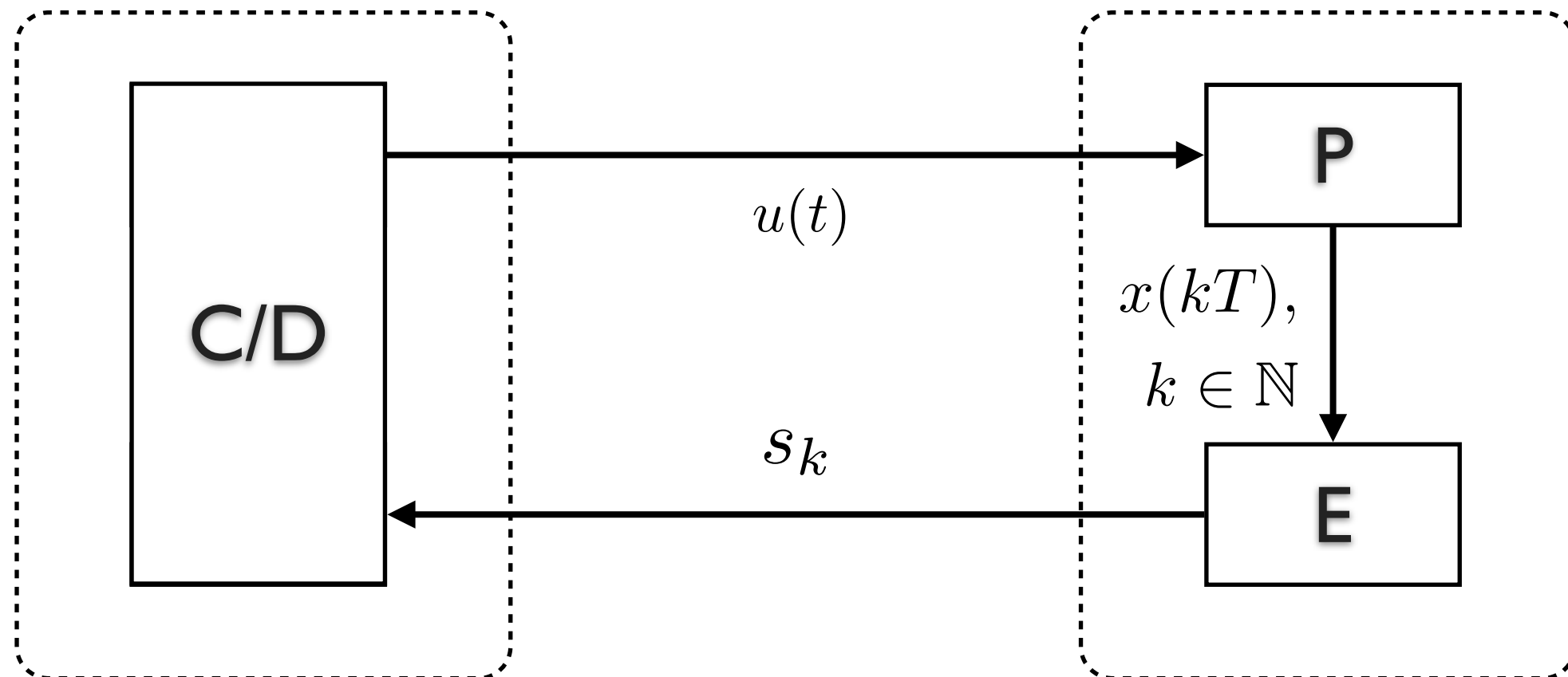
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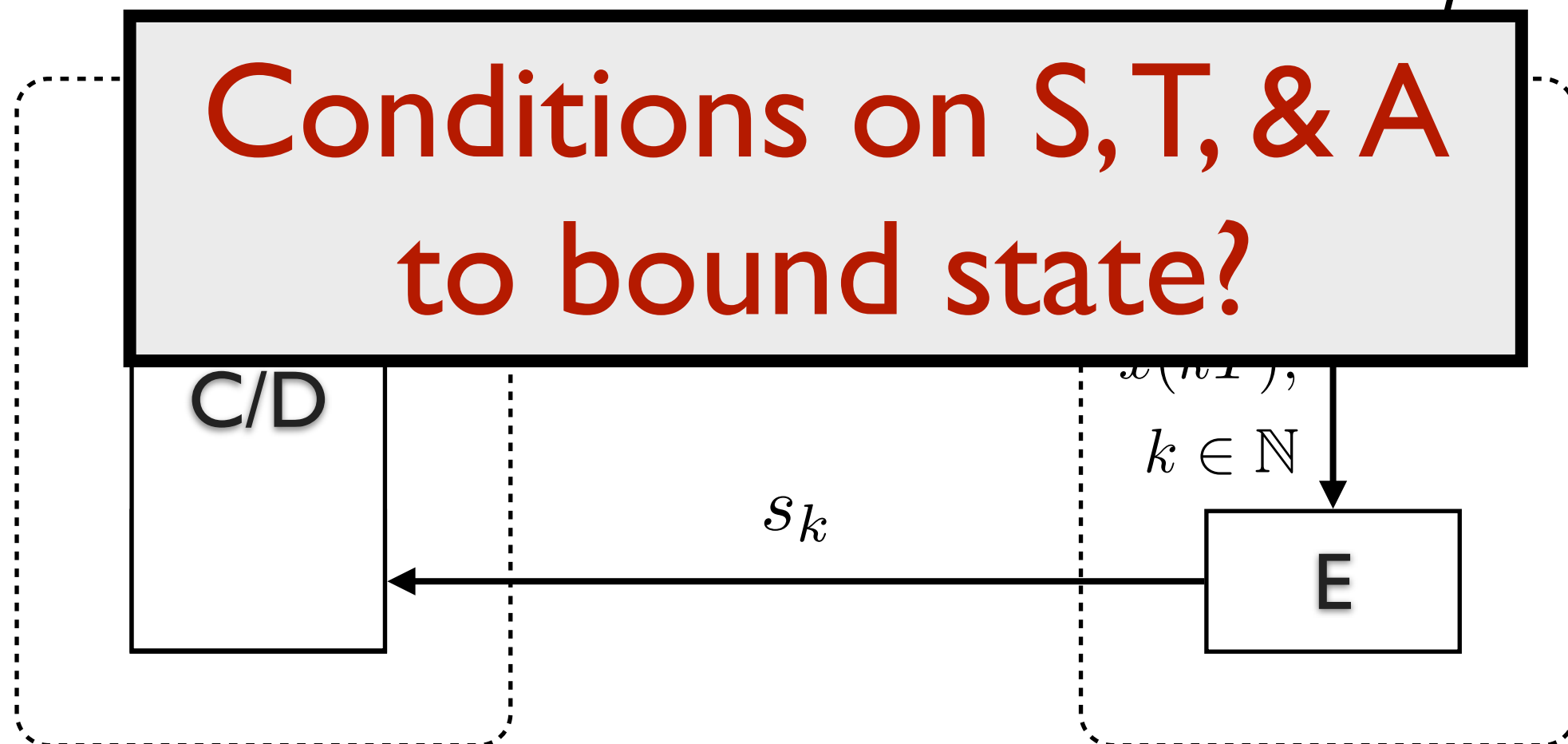
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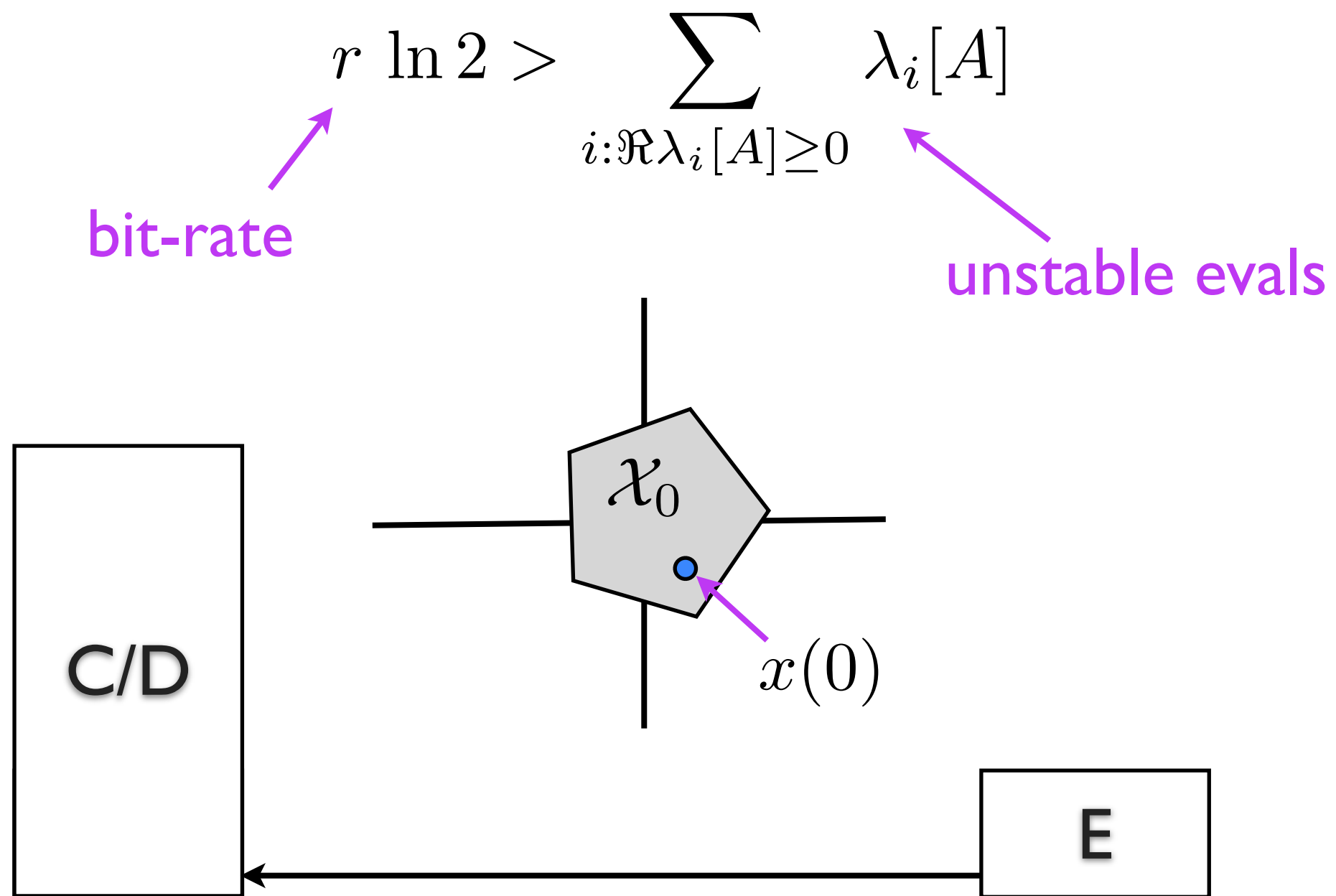
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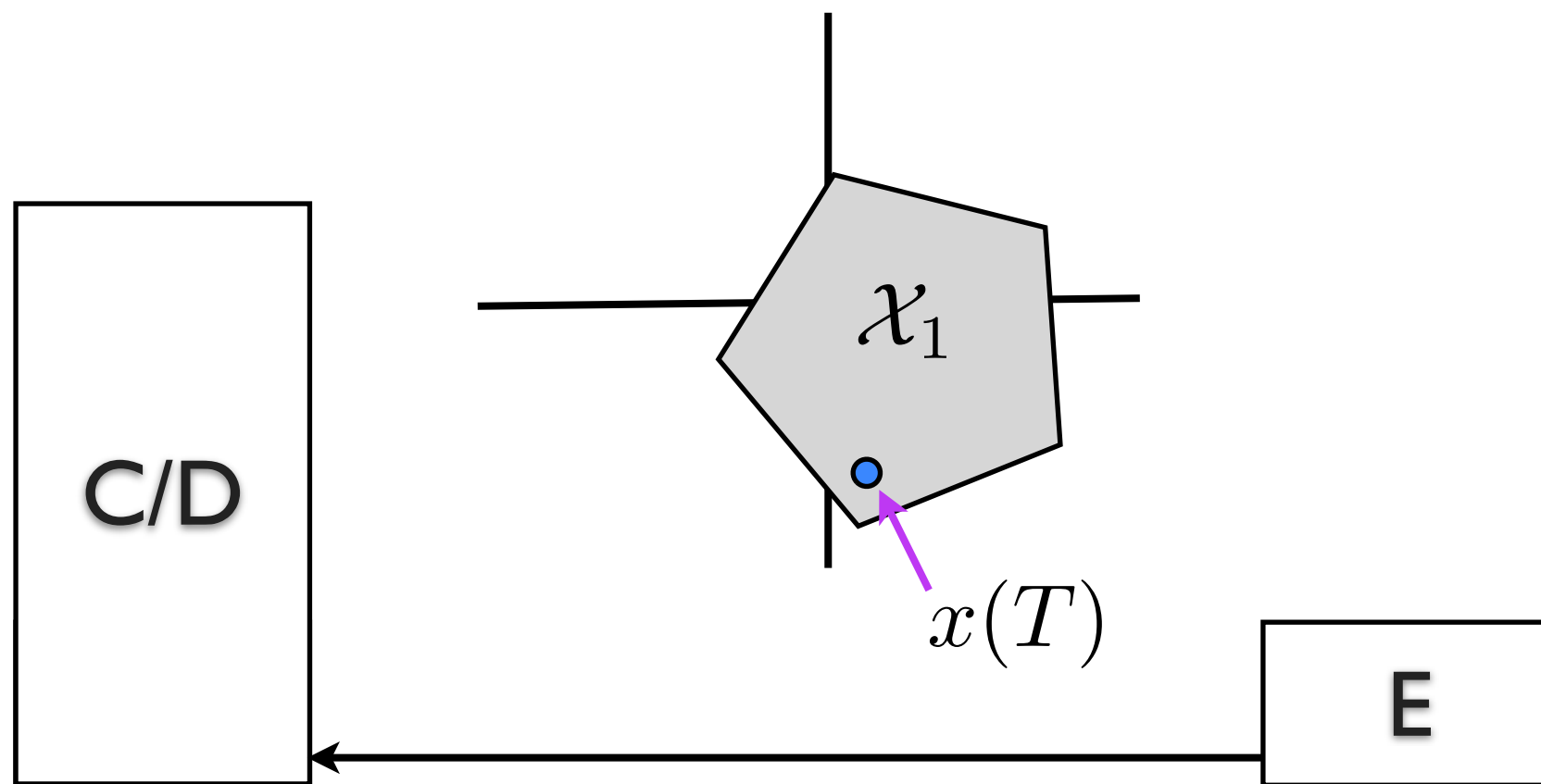
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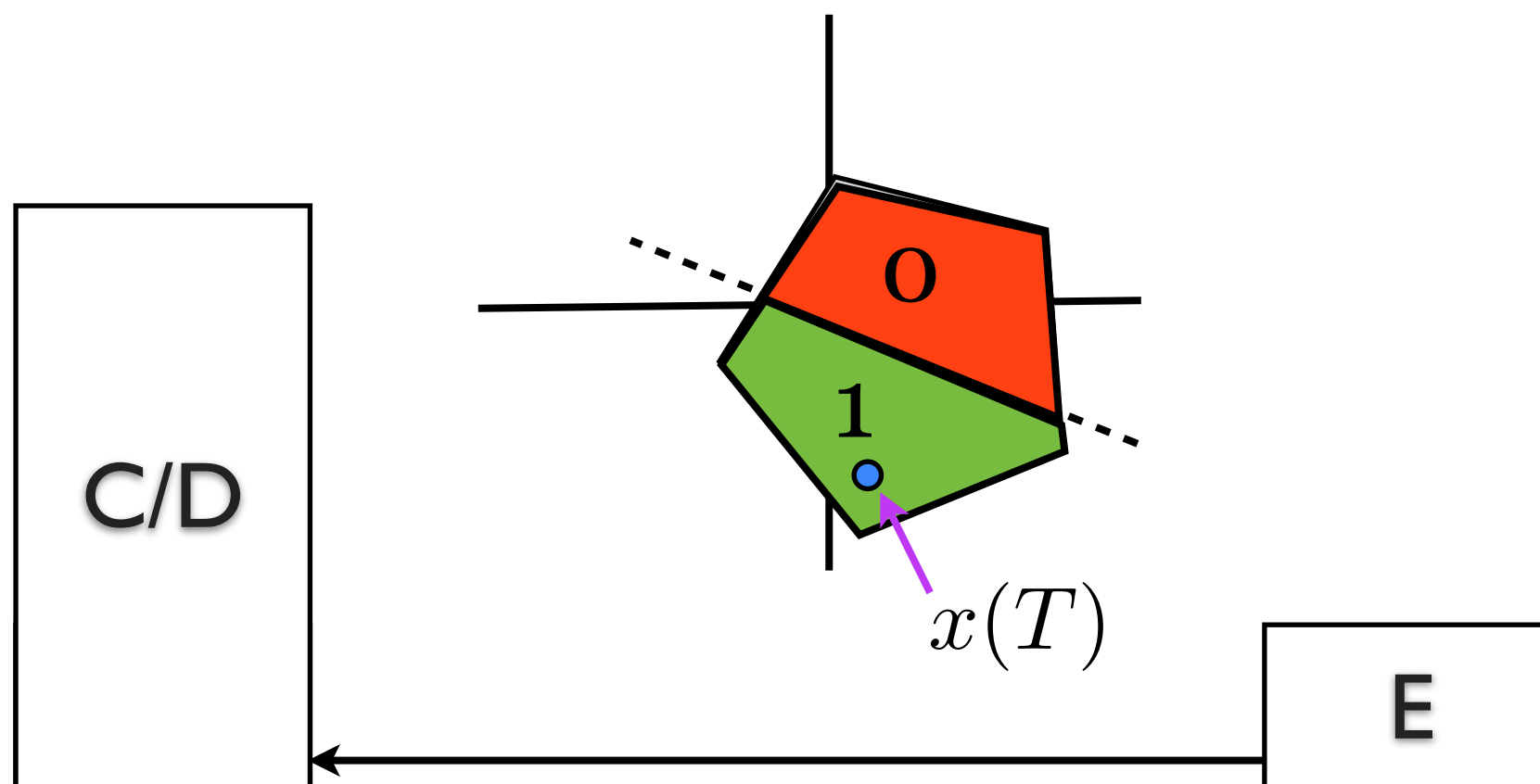
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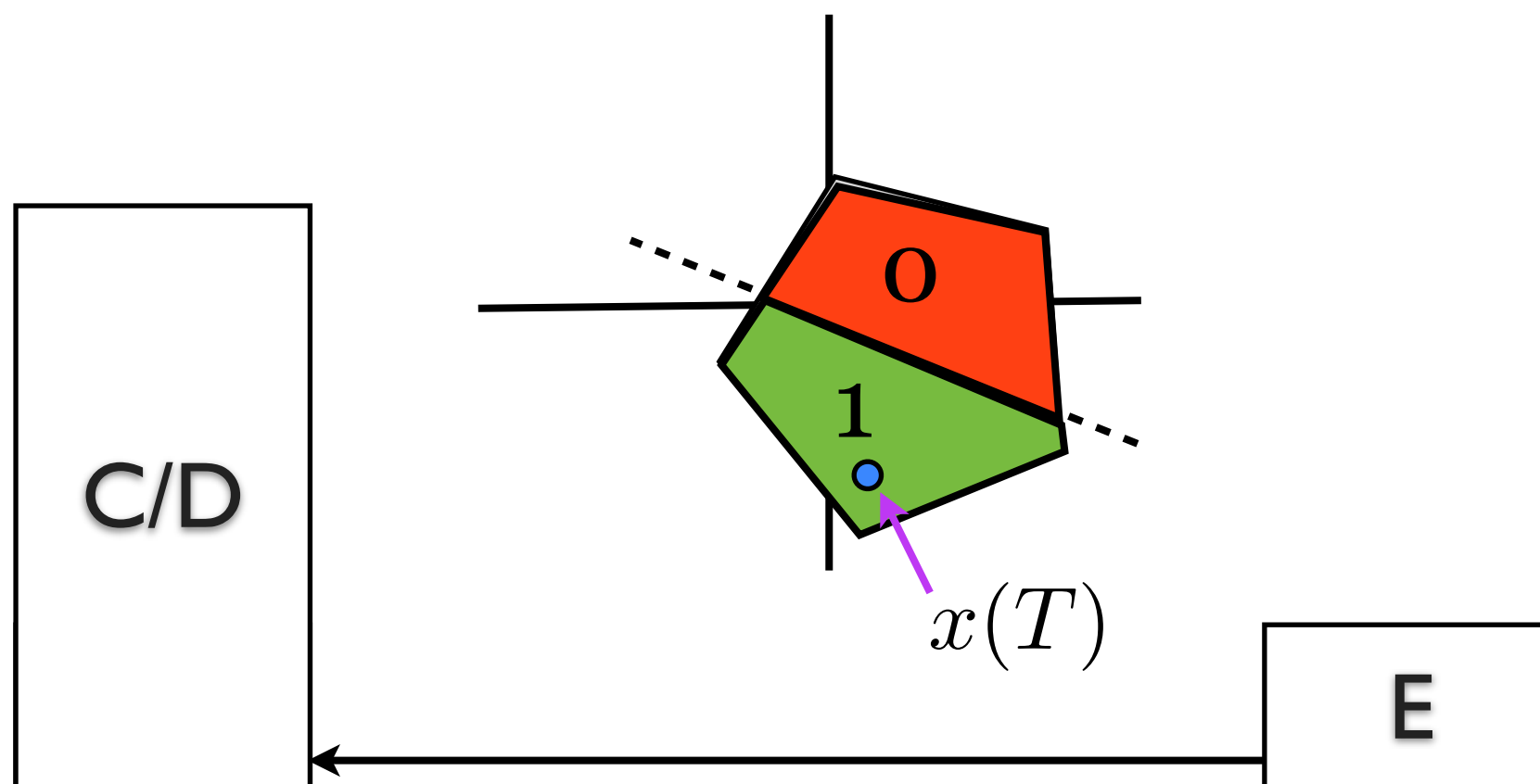
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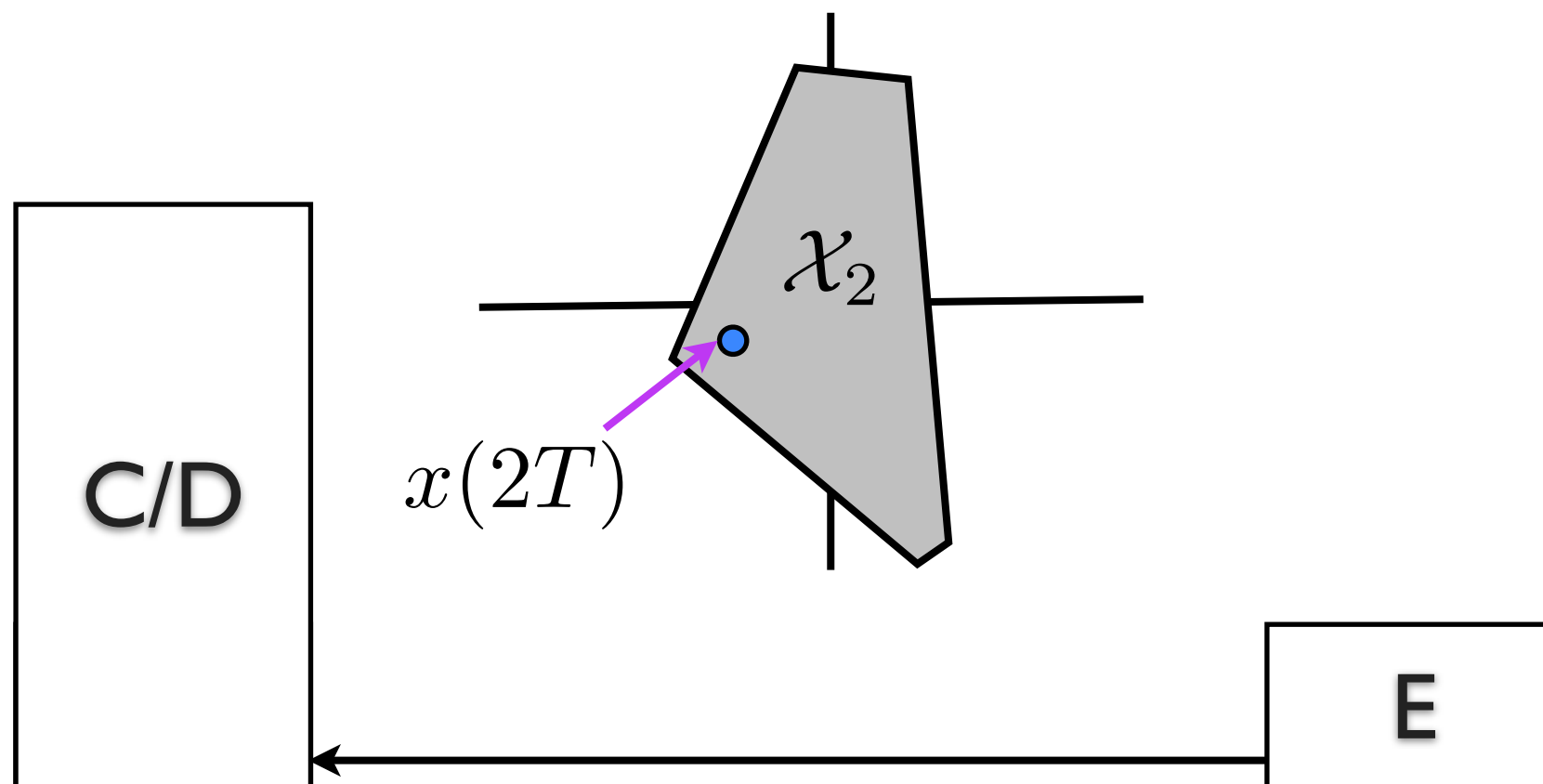
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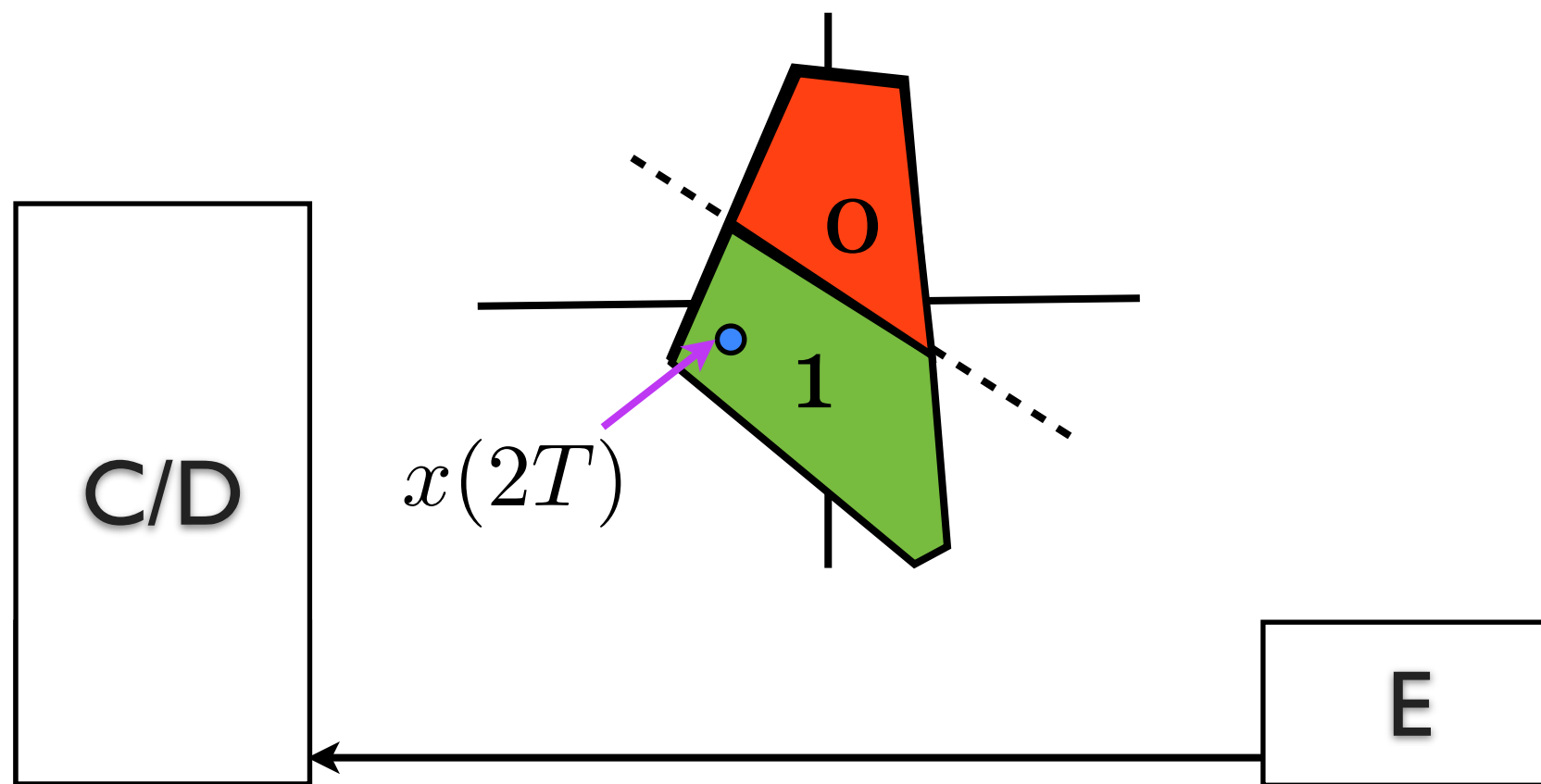
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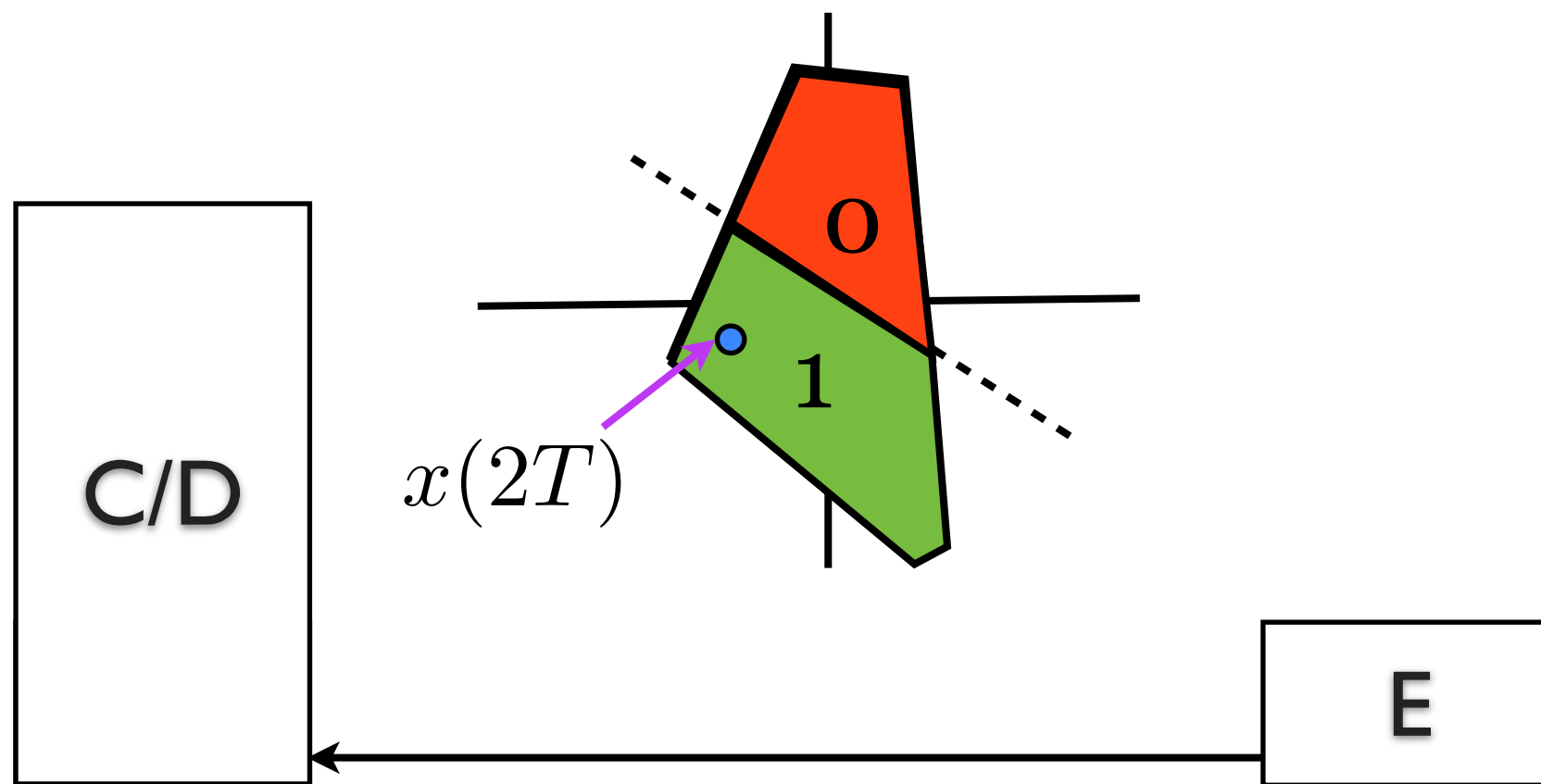
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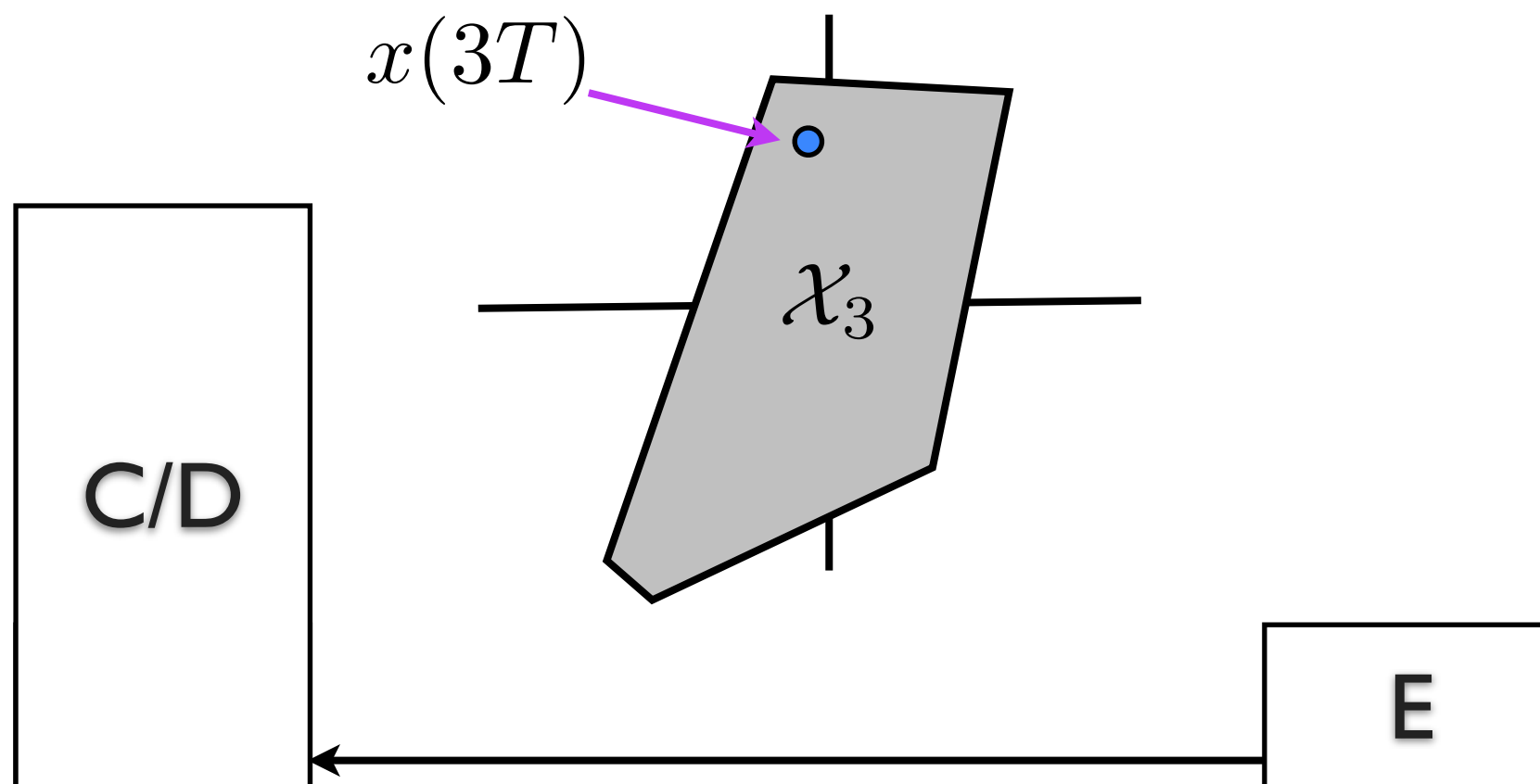
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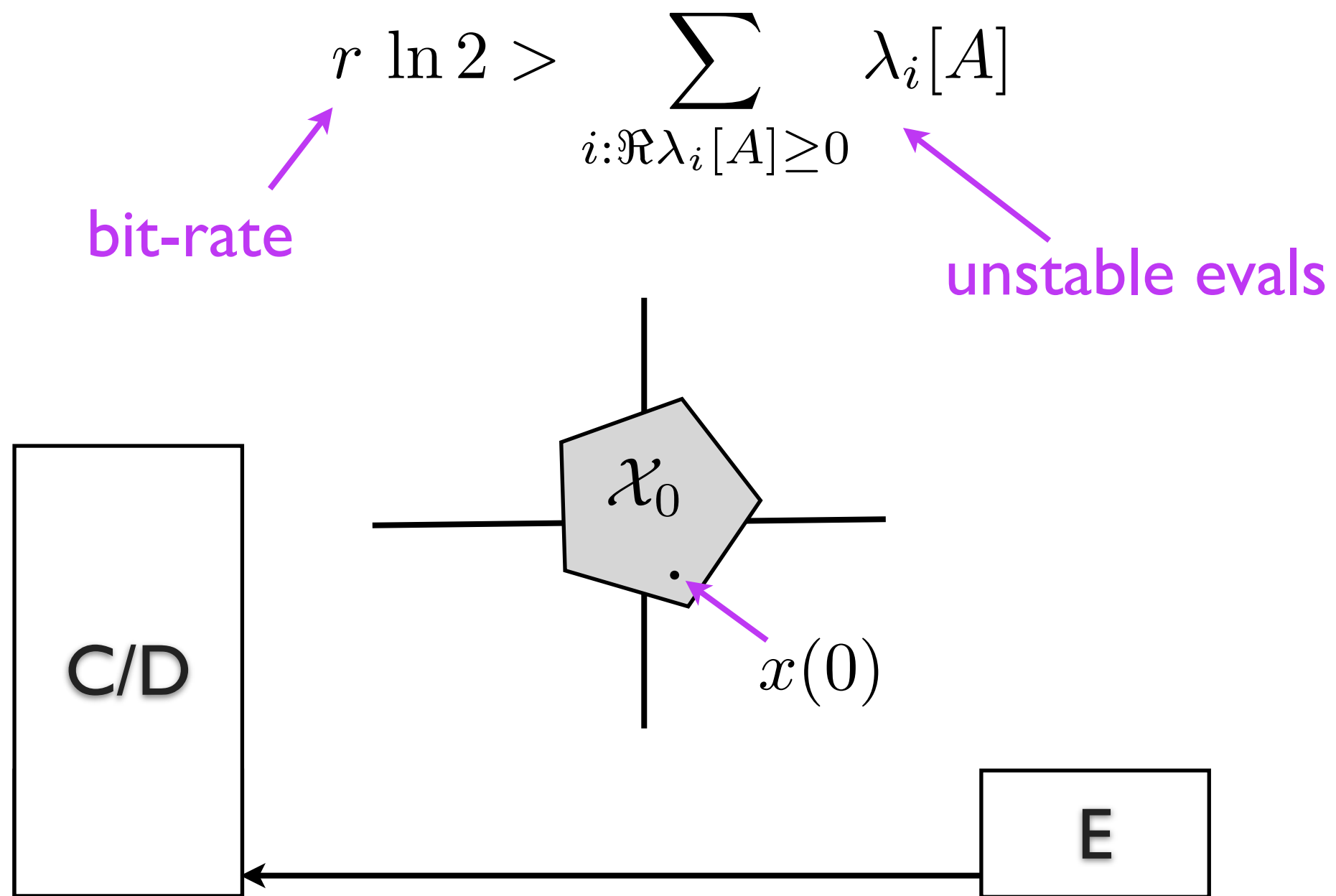


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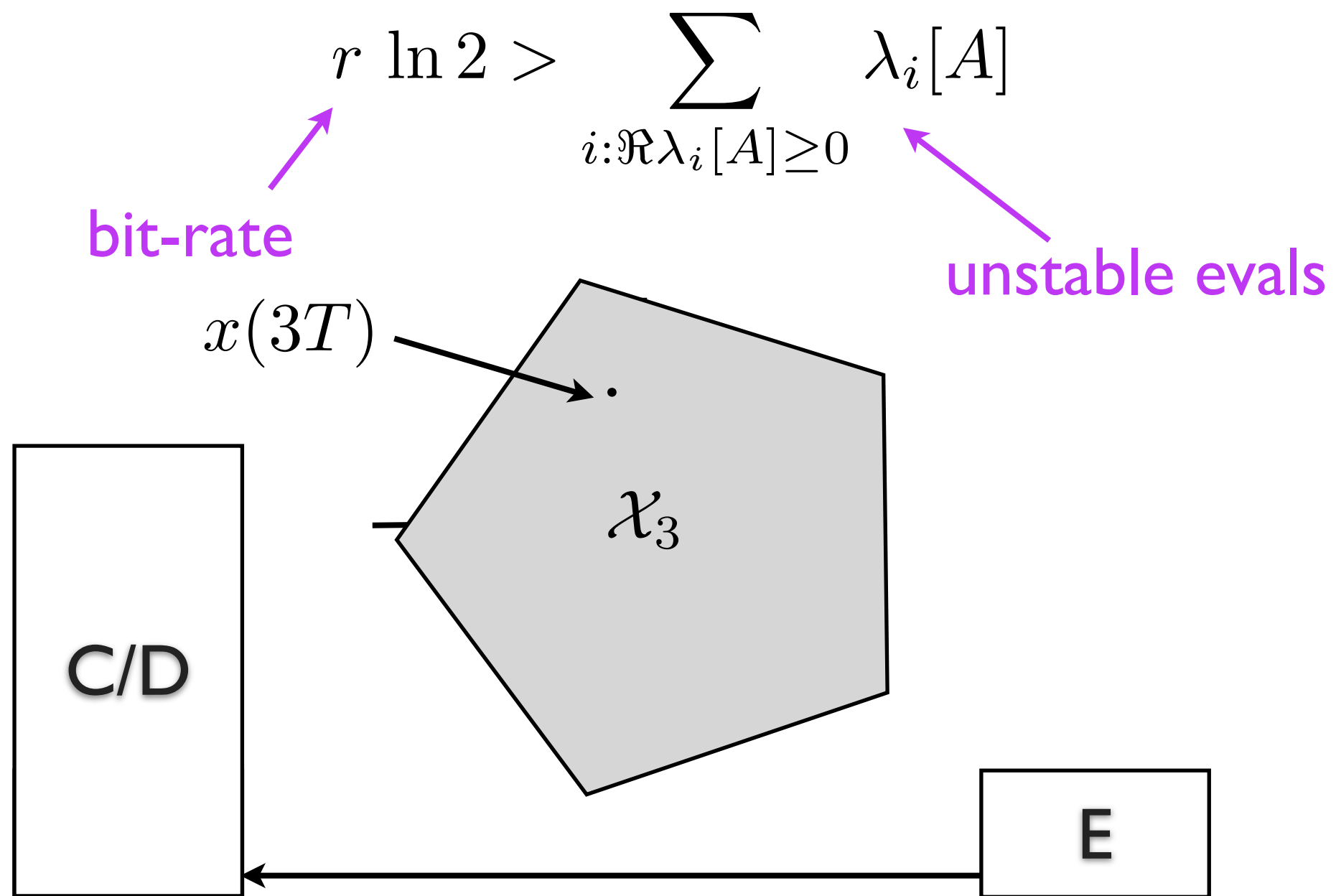
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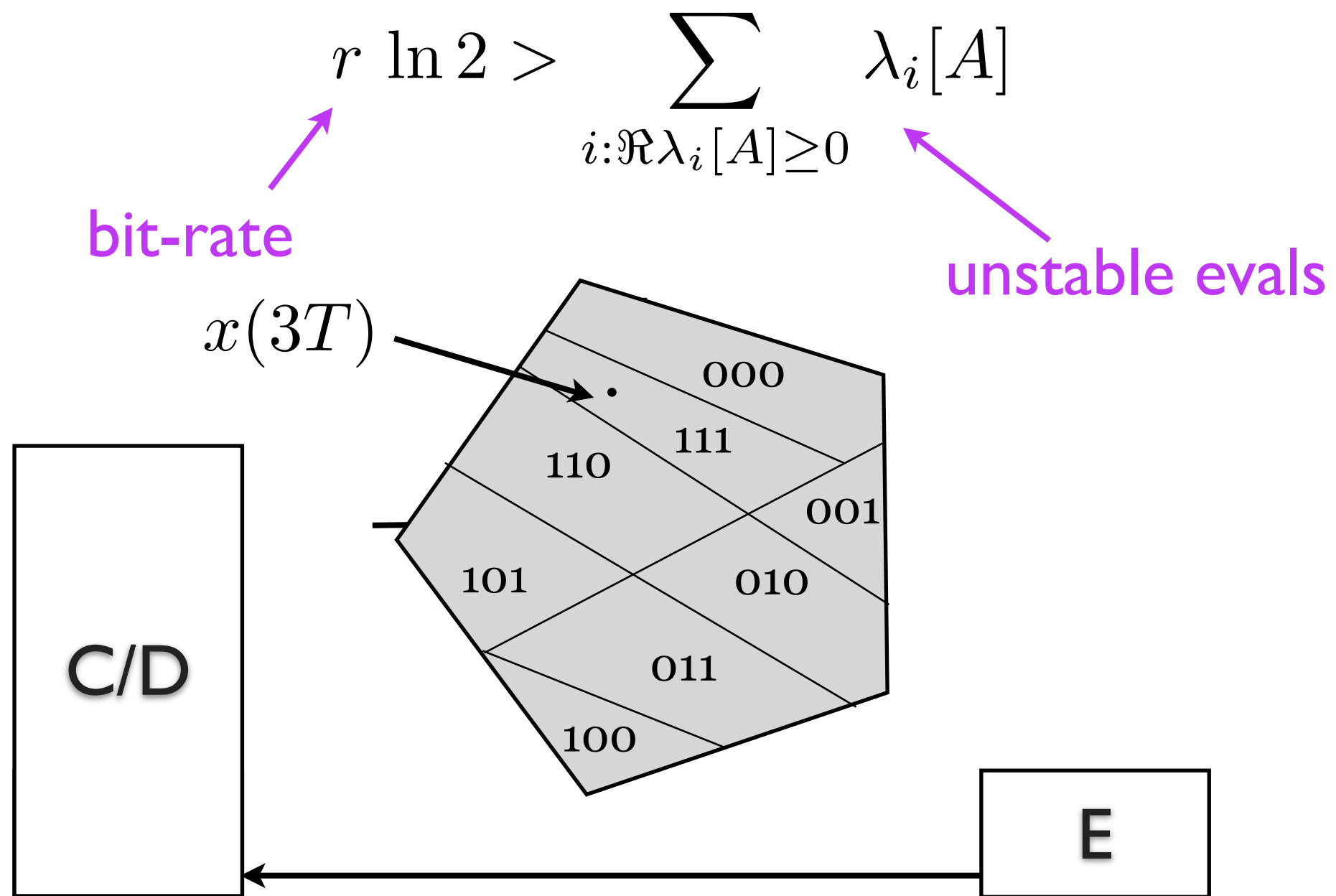
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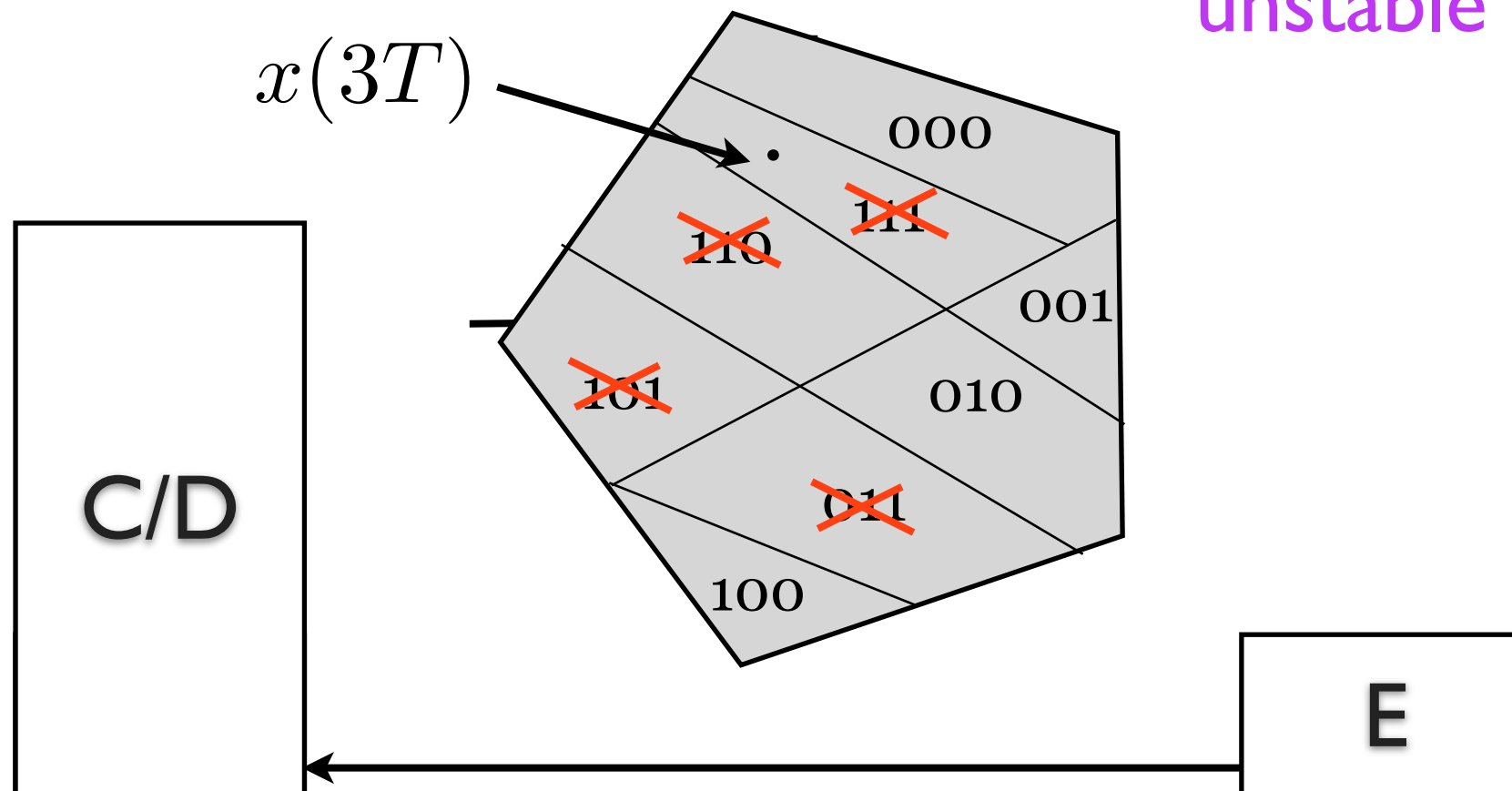
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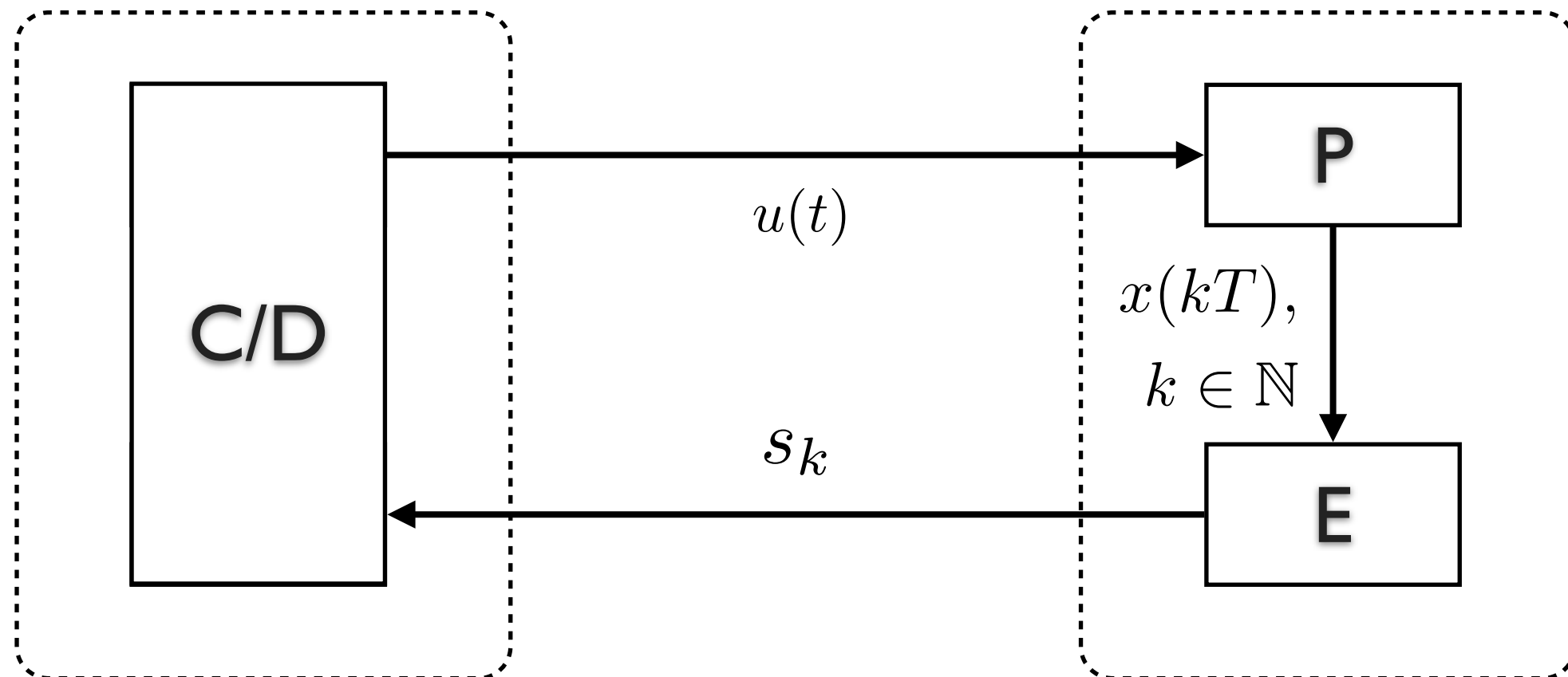
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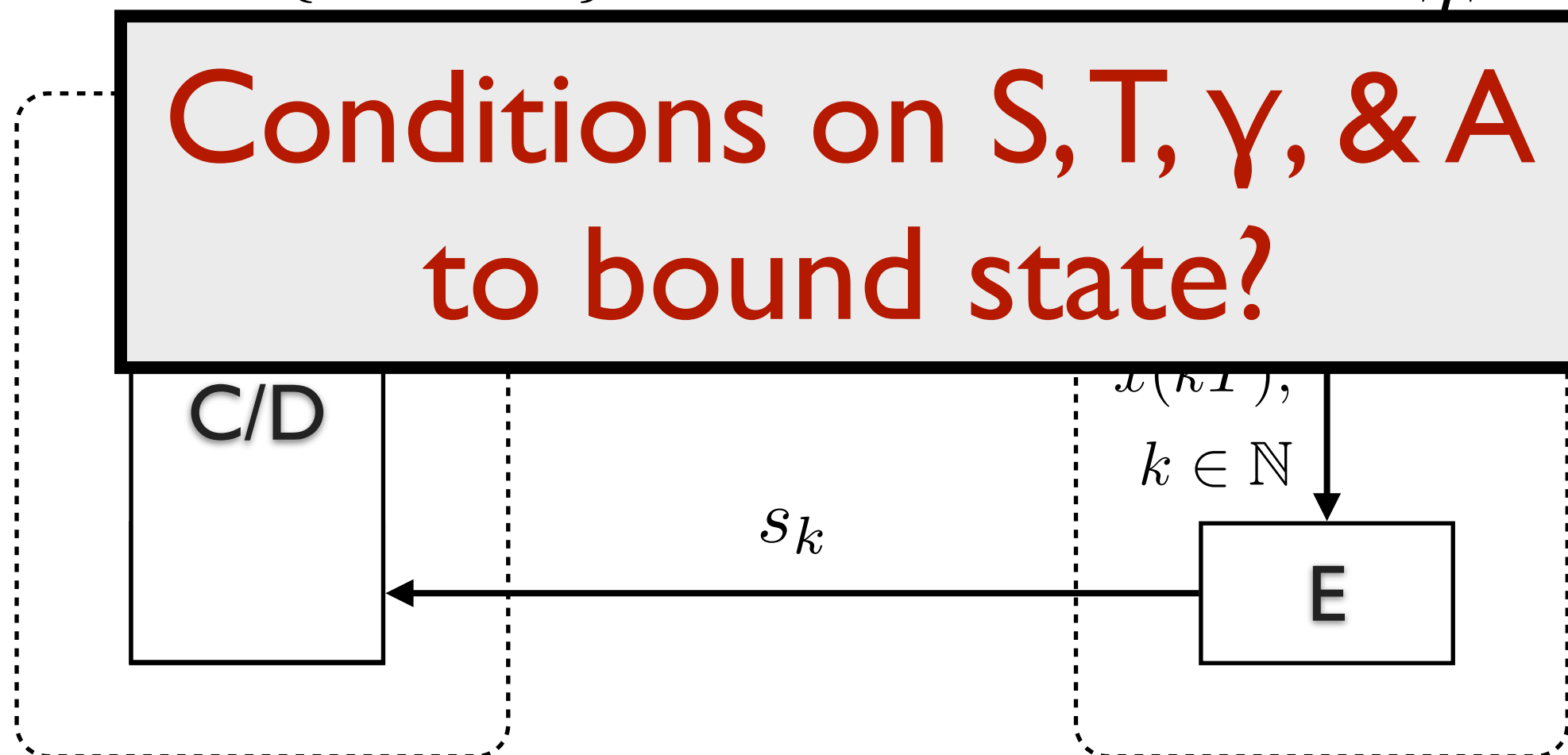
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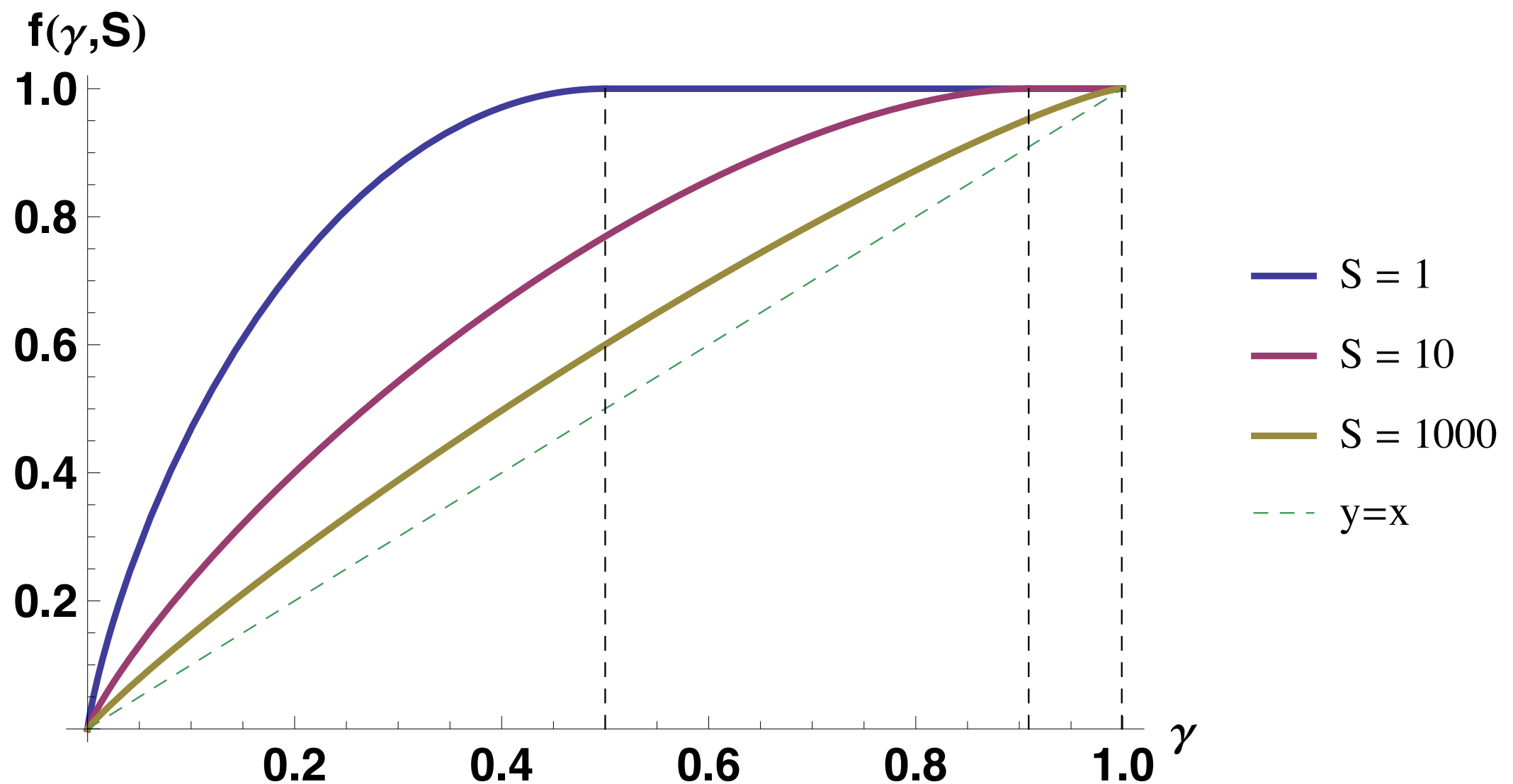
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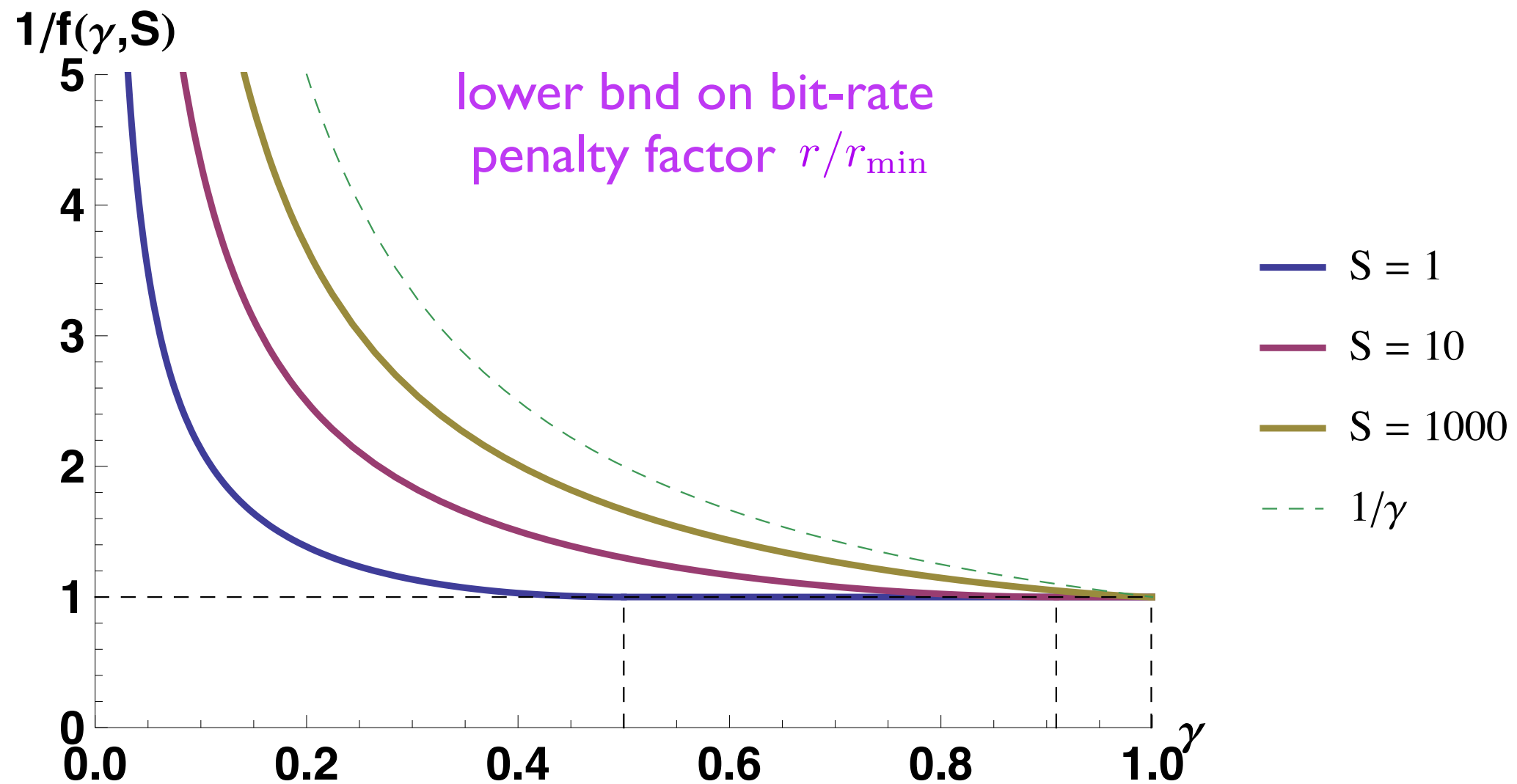
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bit-rate penalty factor

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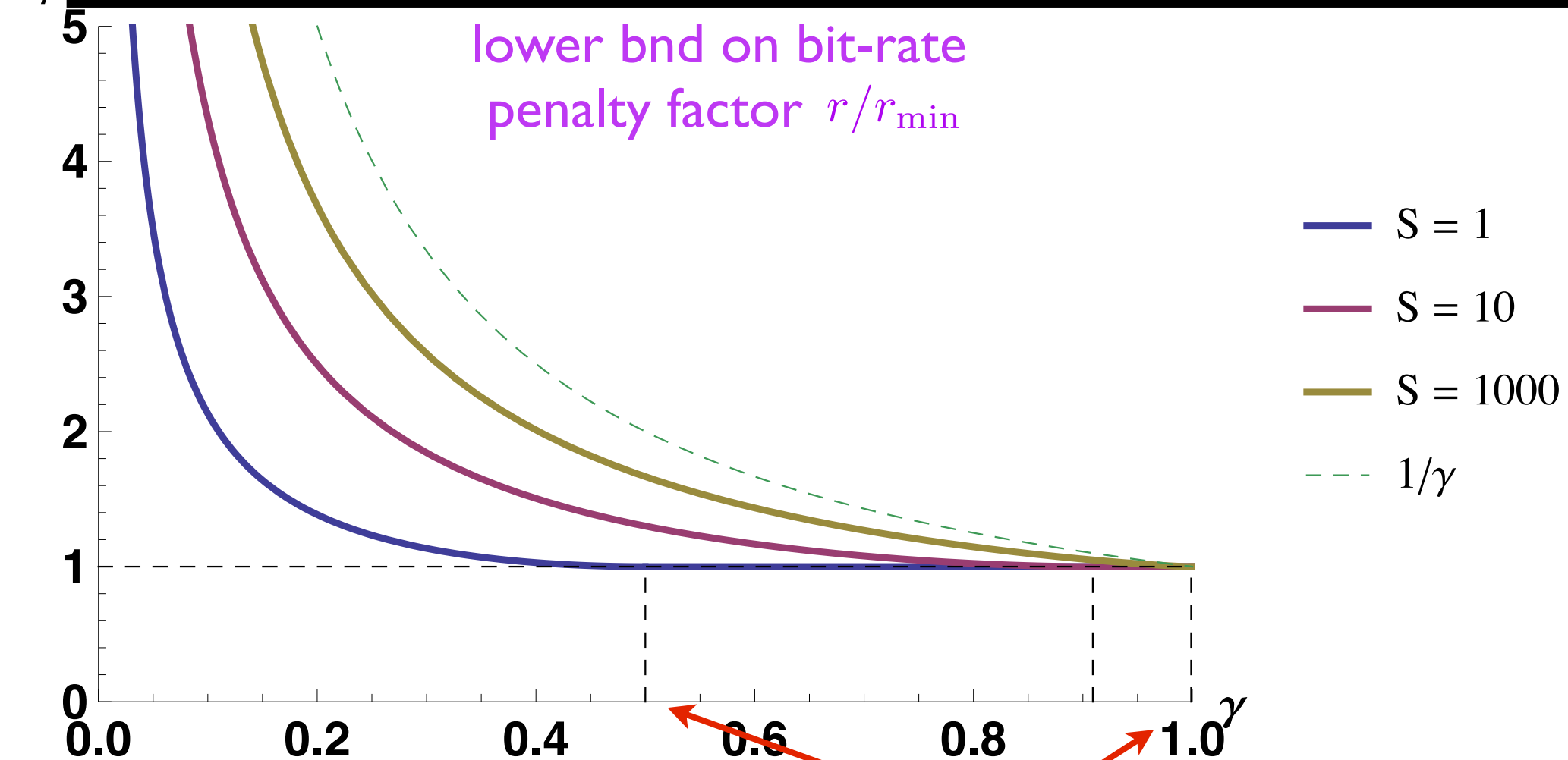


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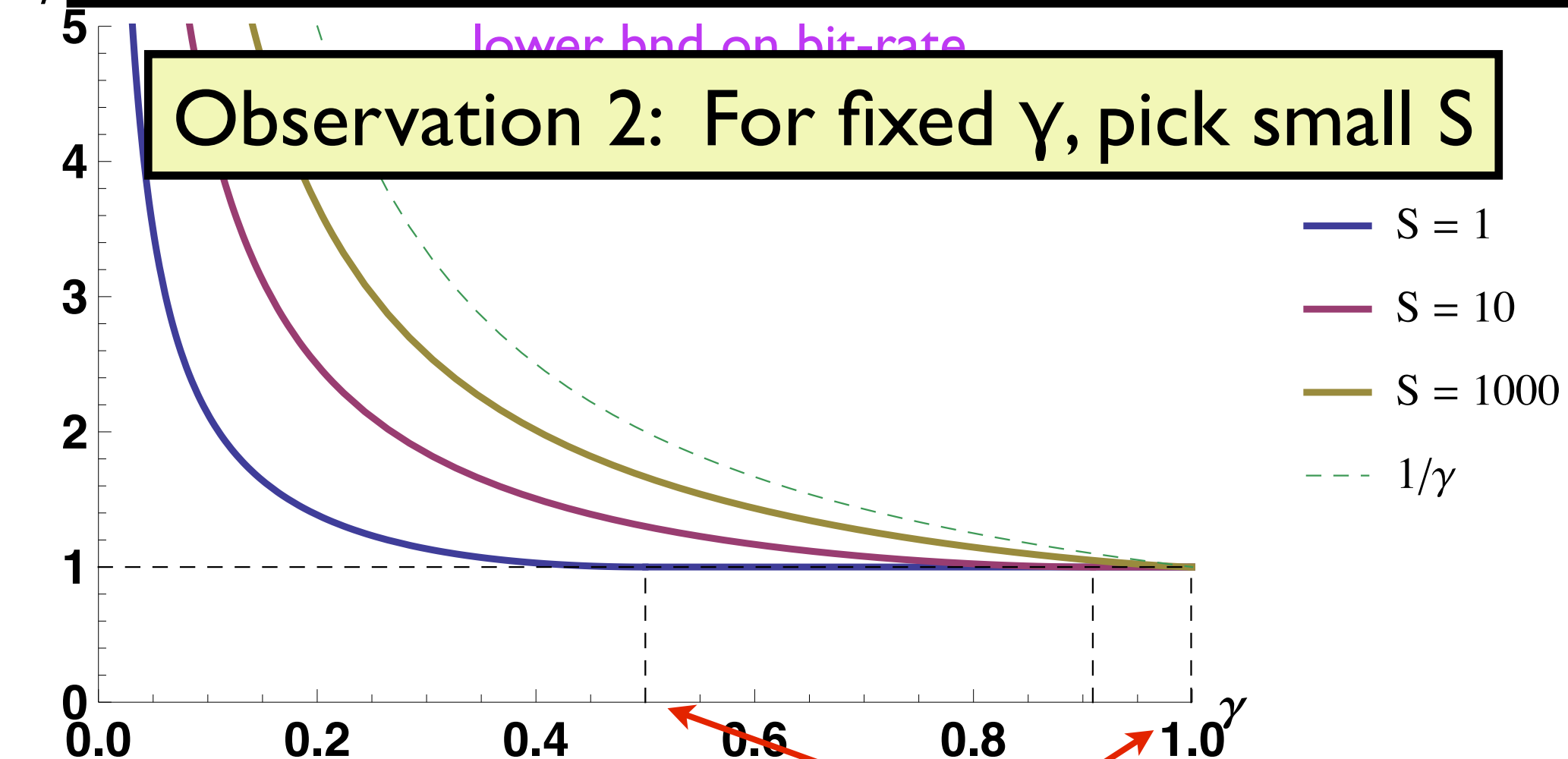
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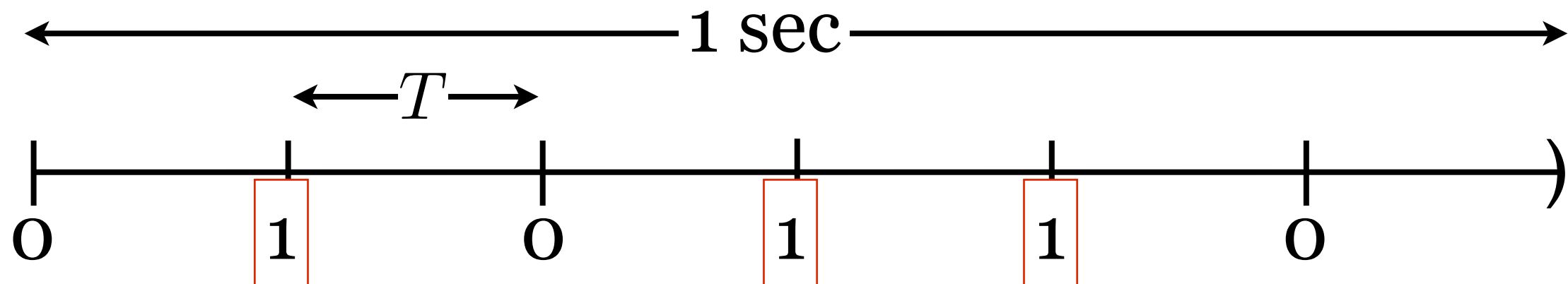
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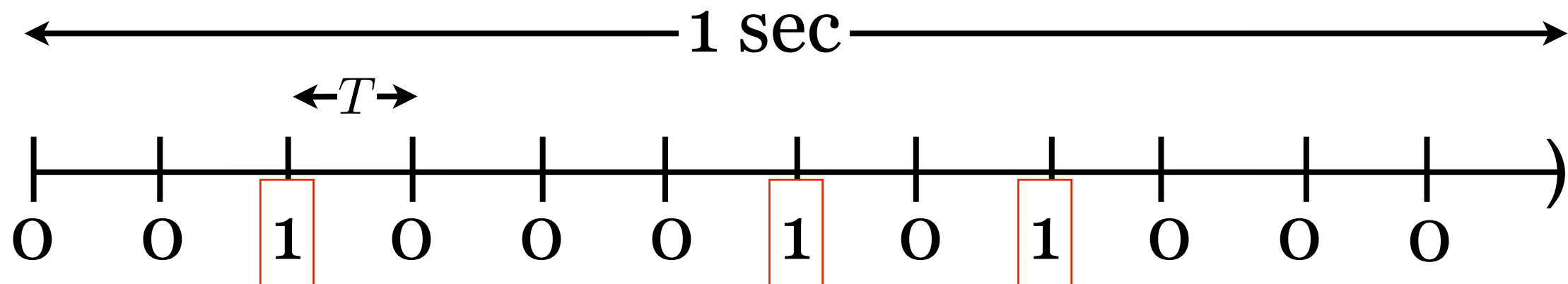
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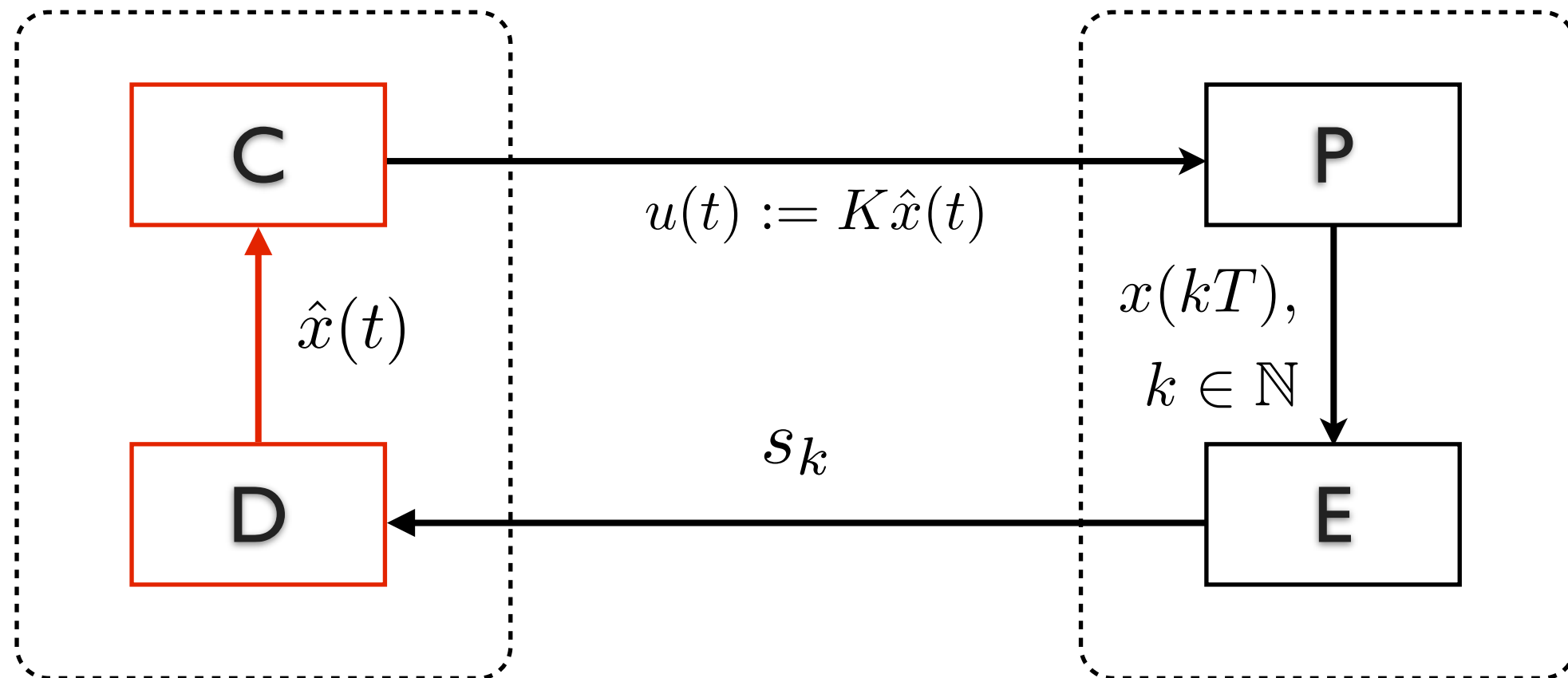
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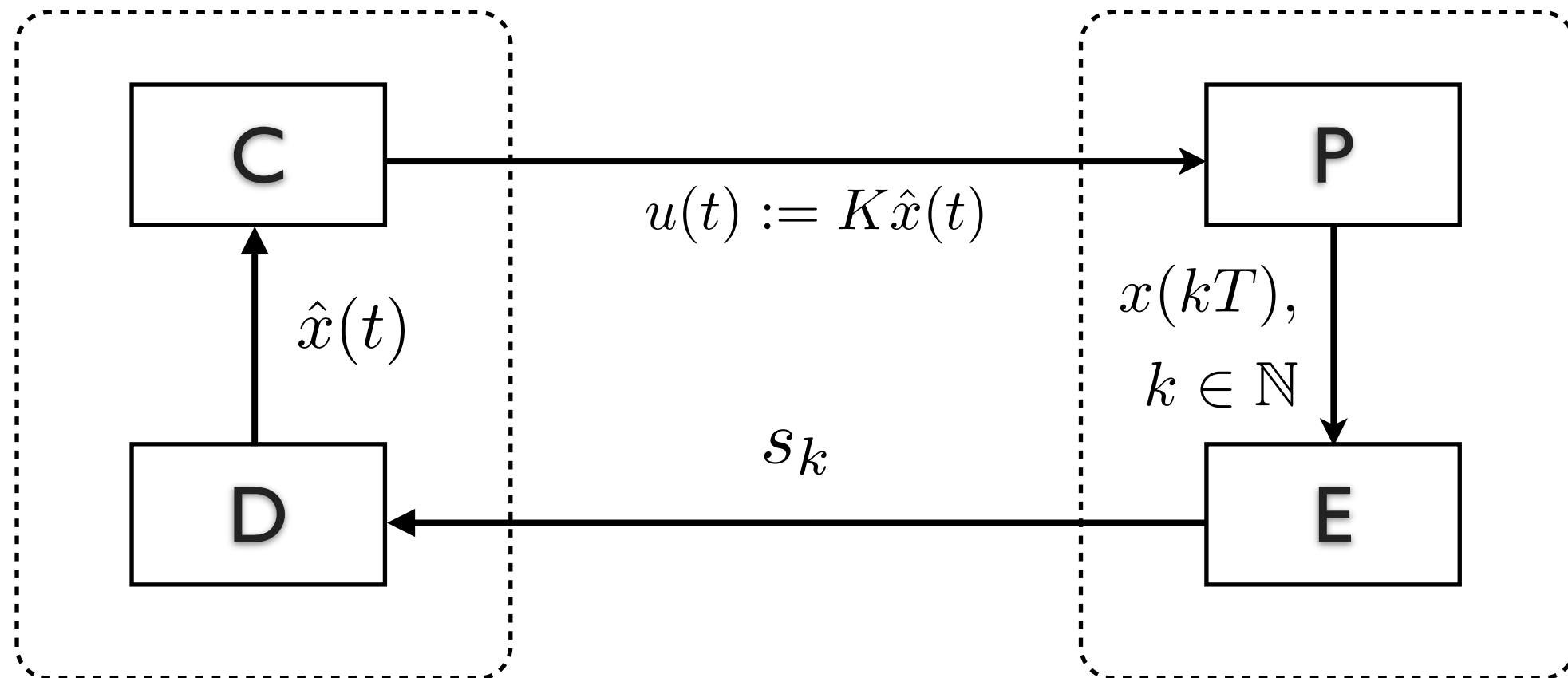
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- “Emulation-based” controller:
 - $u(t) := Kx(t)$ stabilizes original process
 - (Assume $A-BK$ is Hurwitz)
- “Event-based” encoder/decoder pair
0 : absence of an event



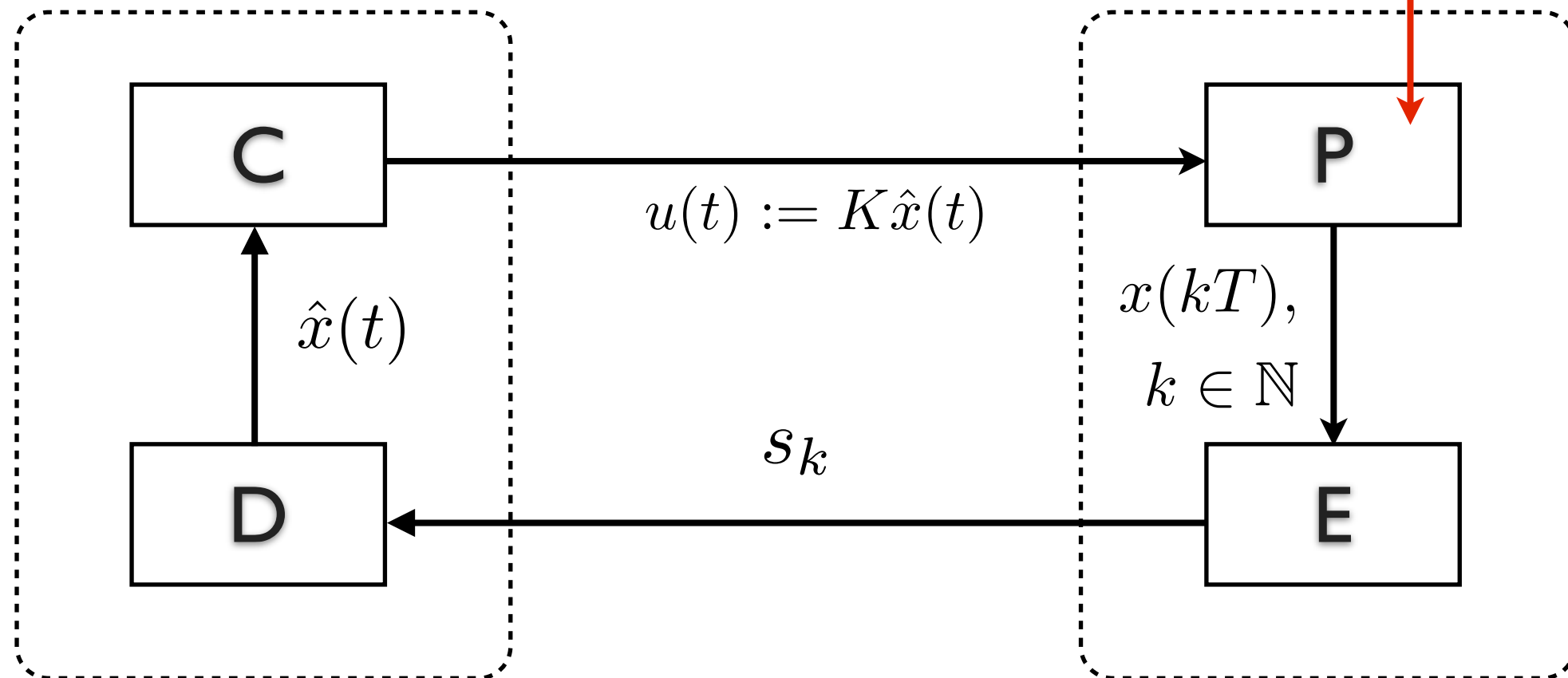
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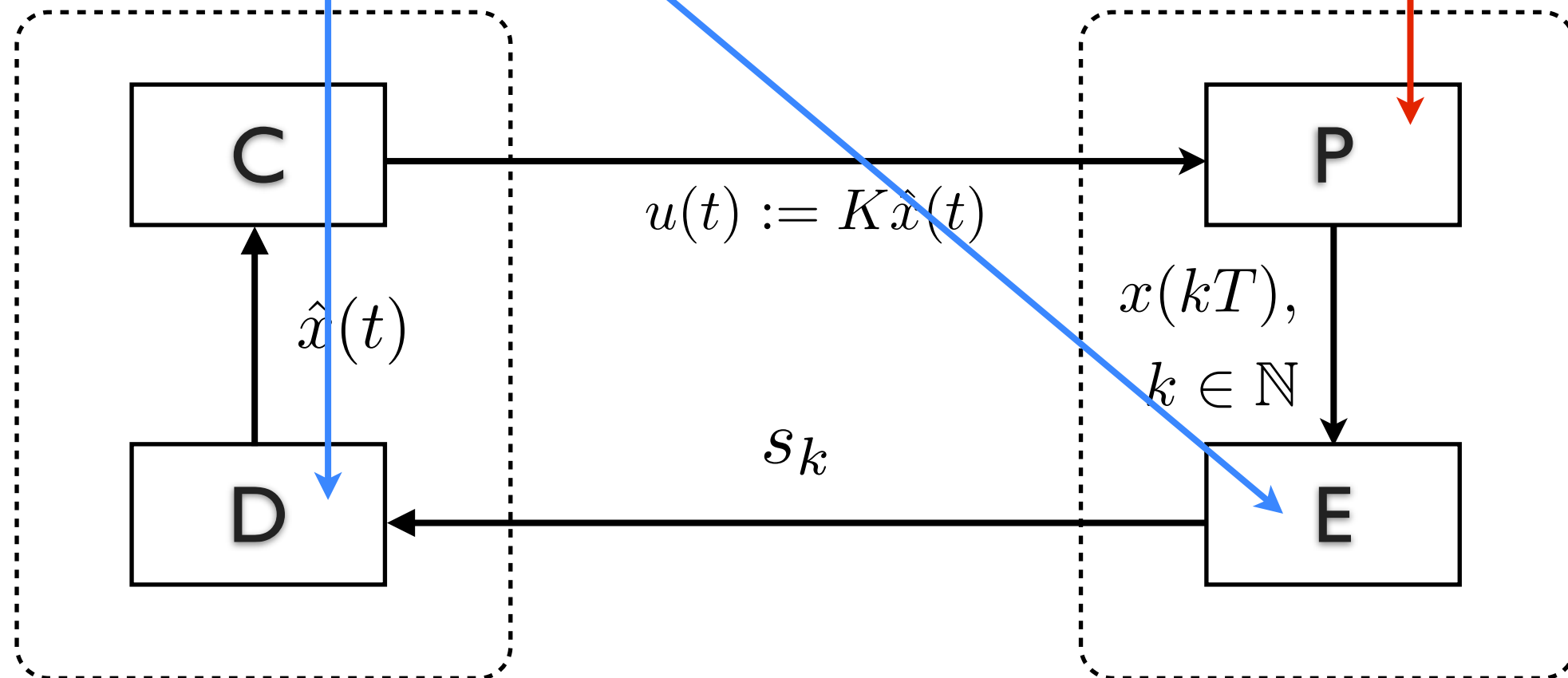
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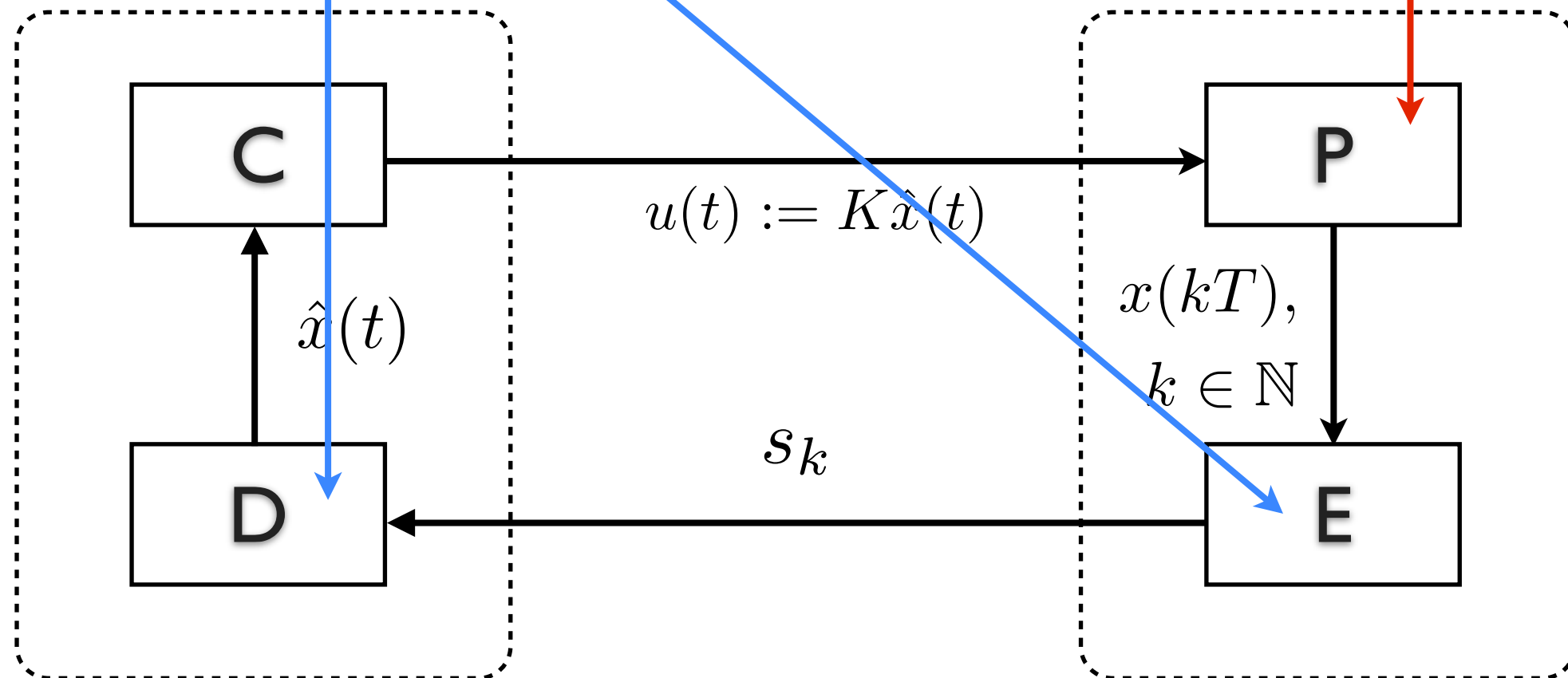
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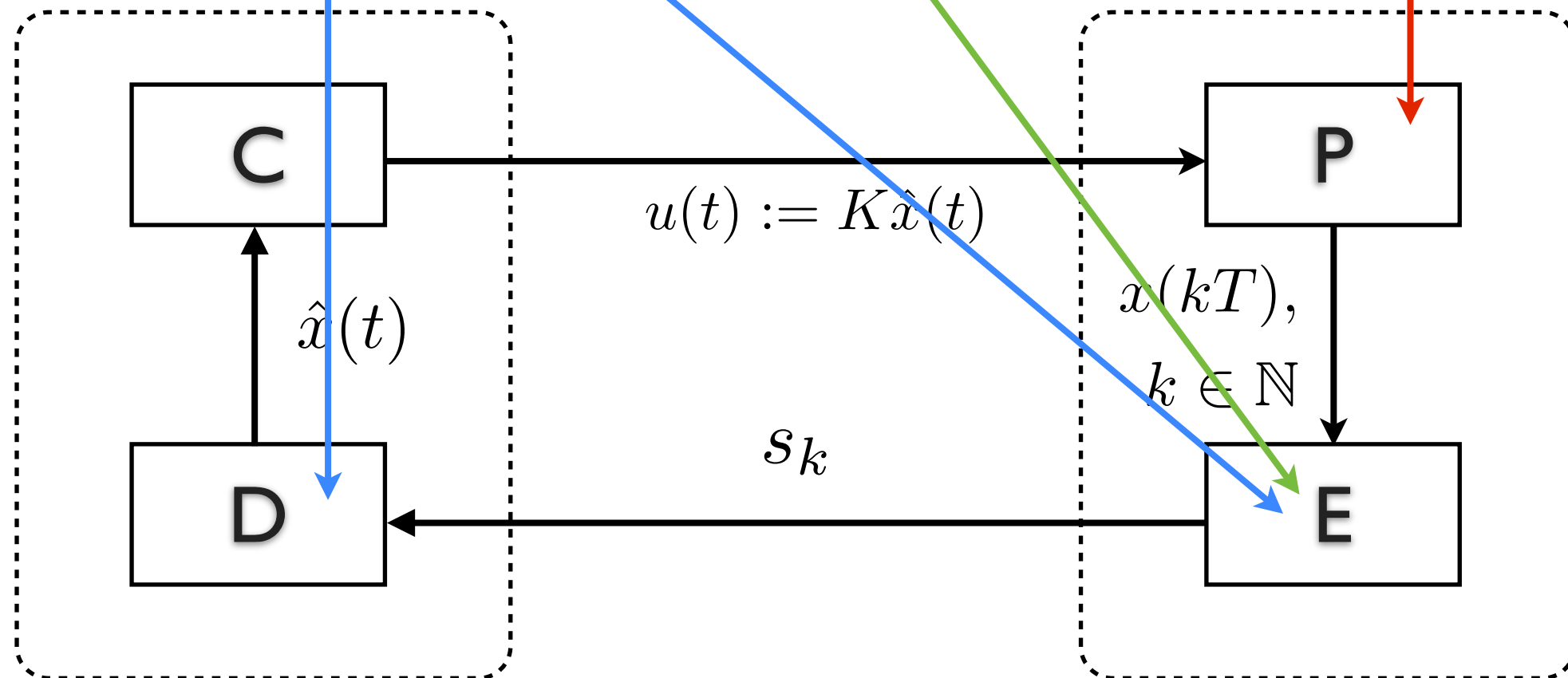
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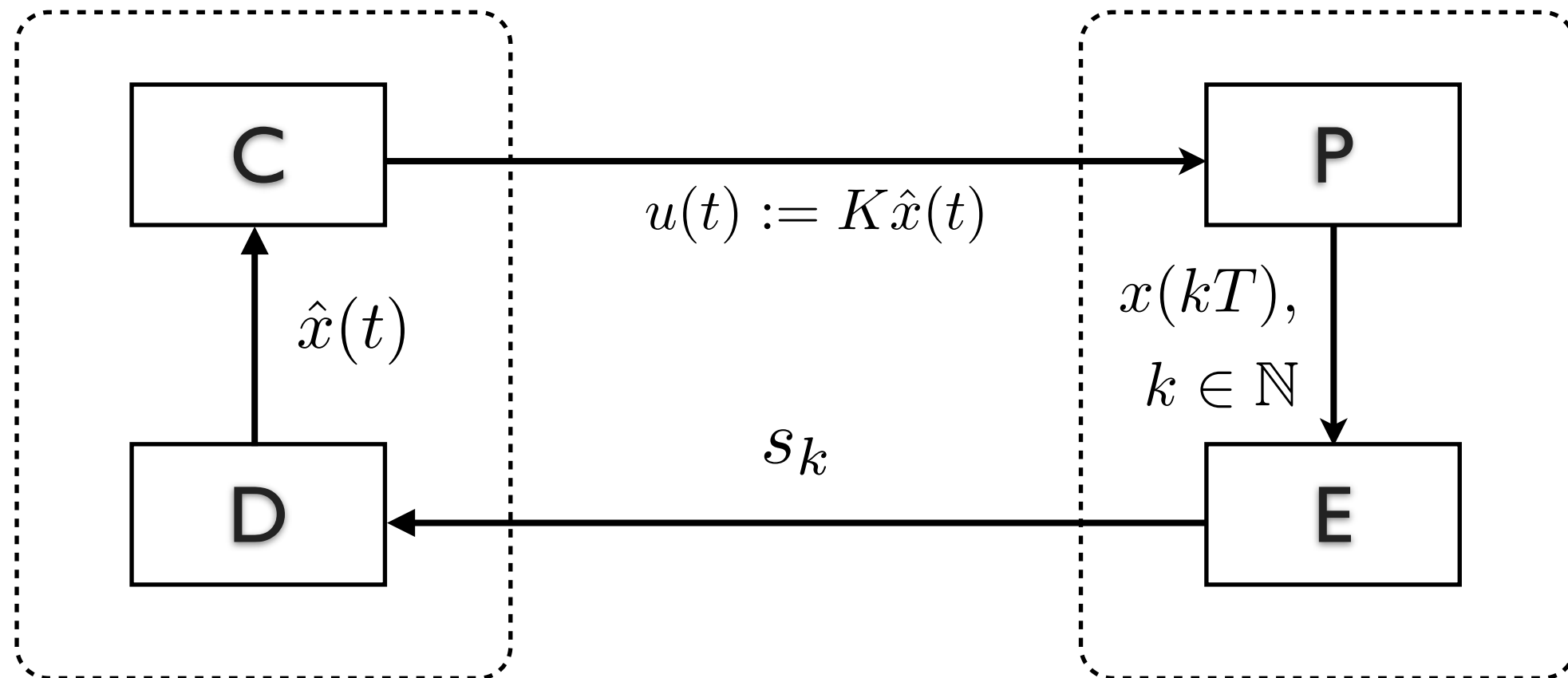
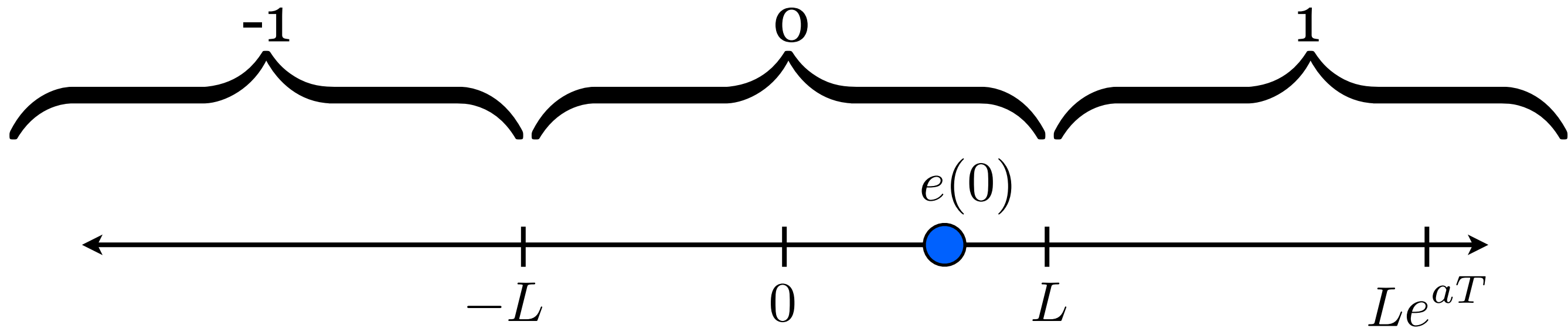
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estimation error

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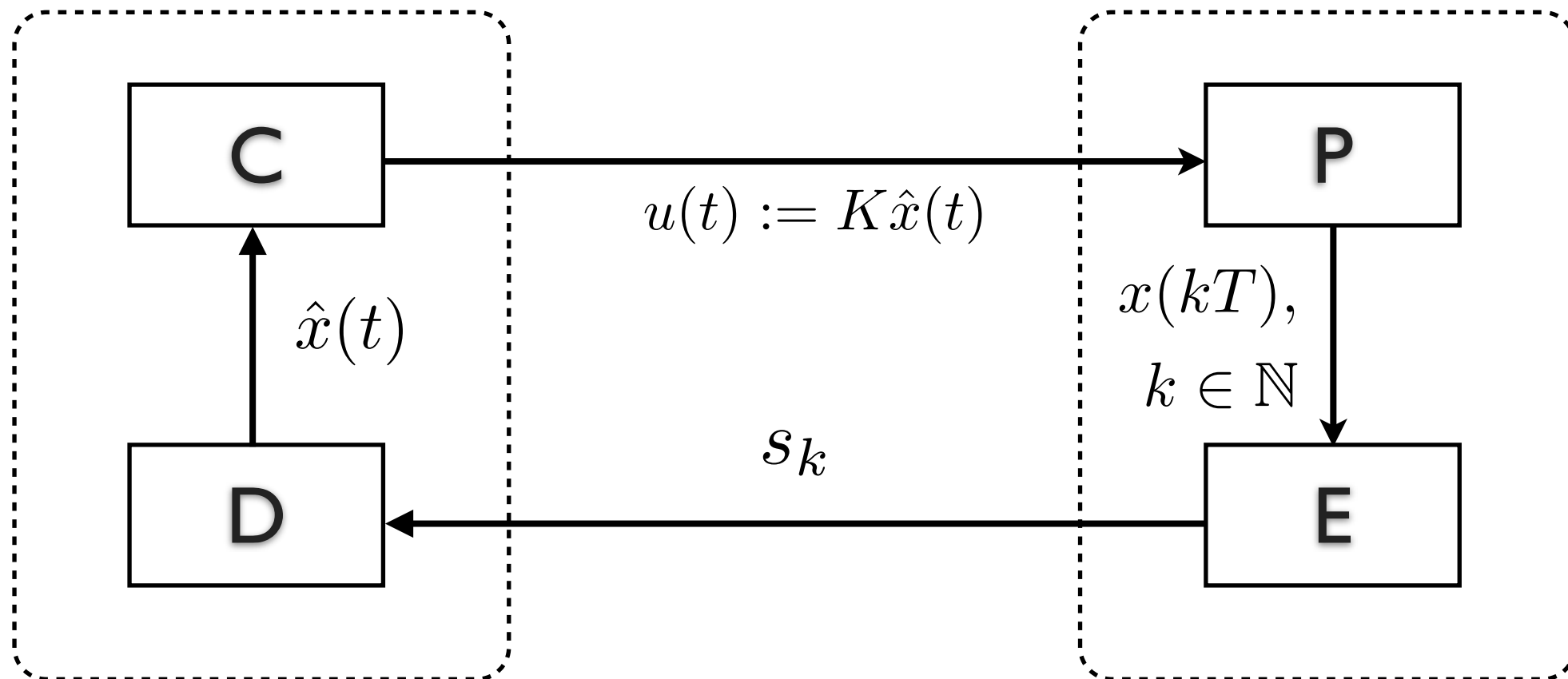
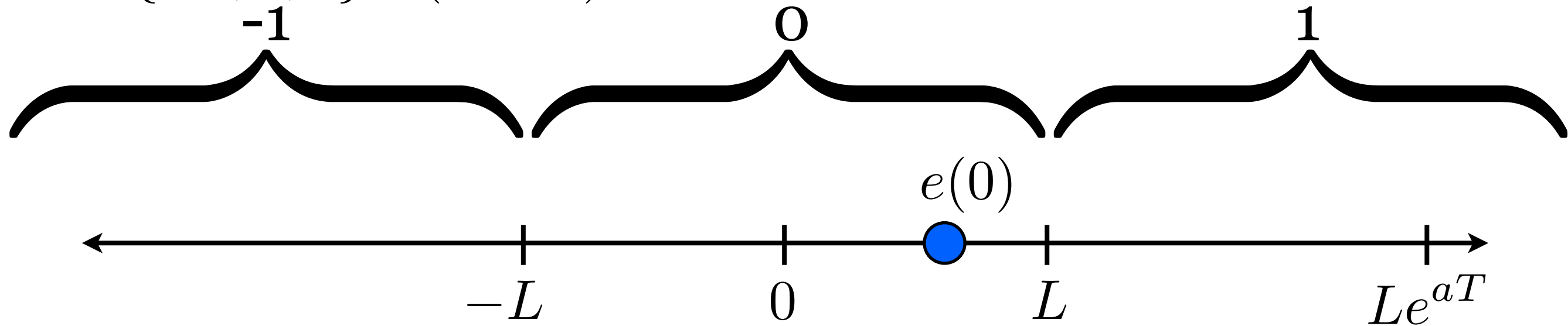


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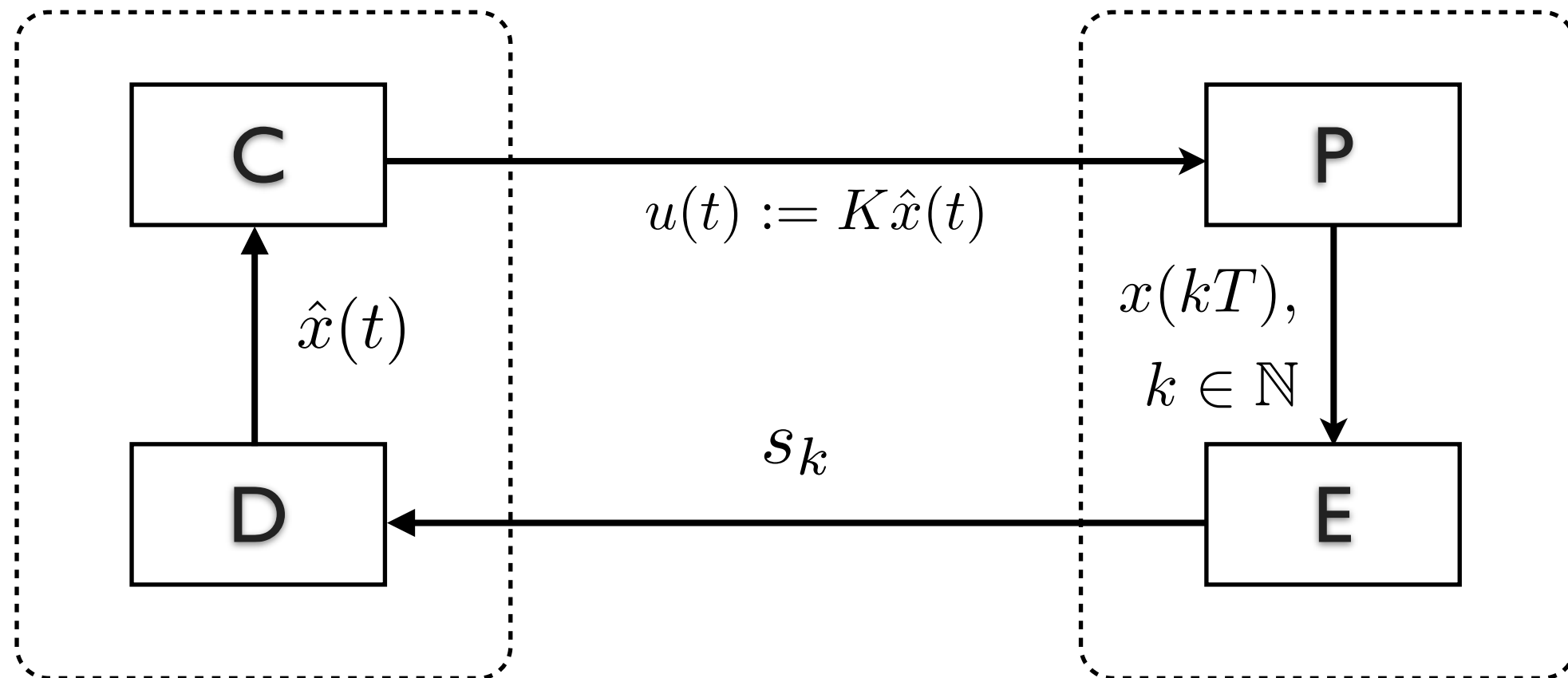
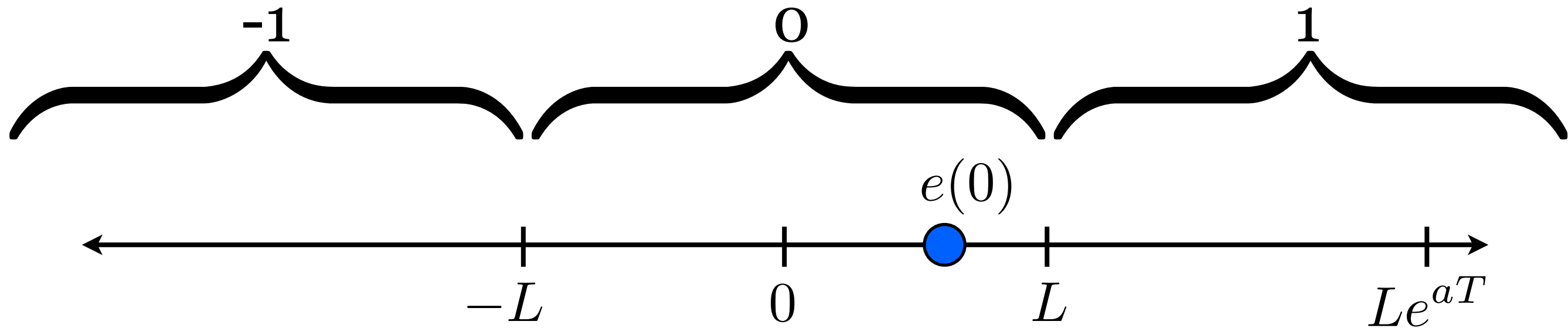


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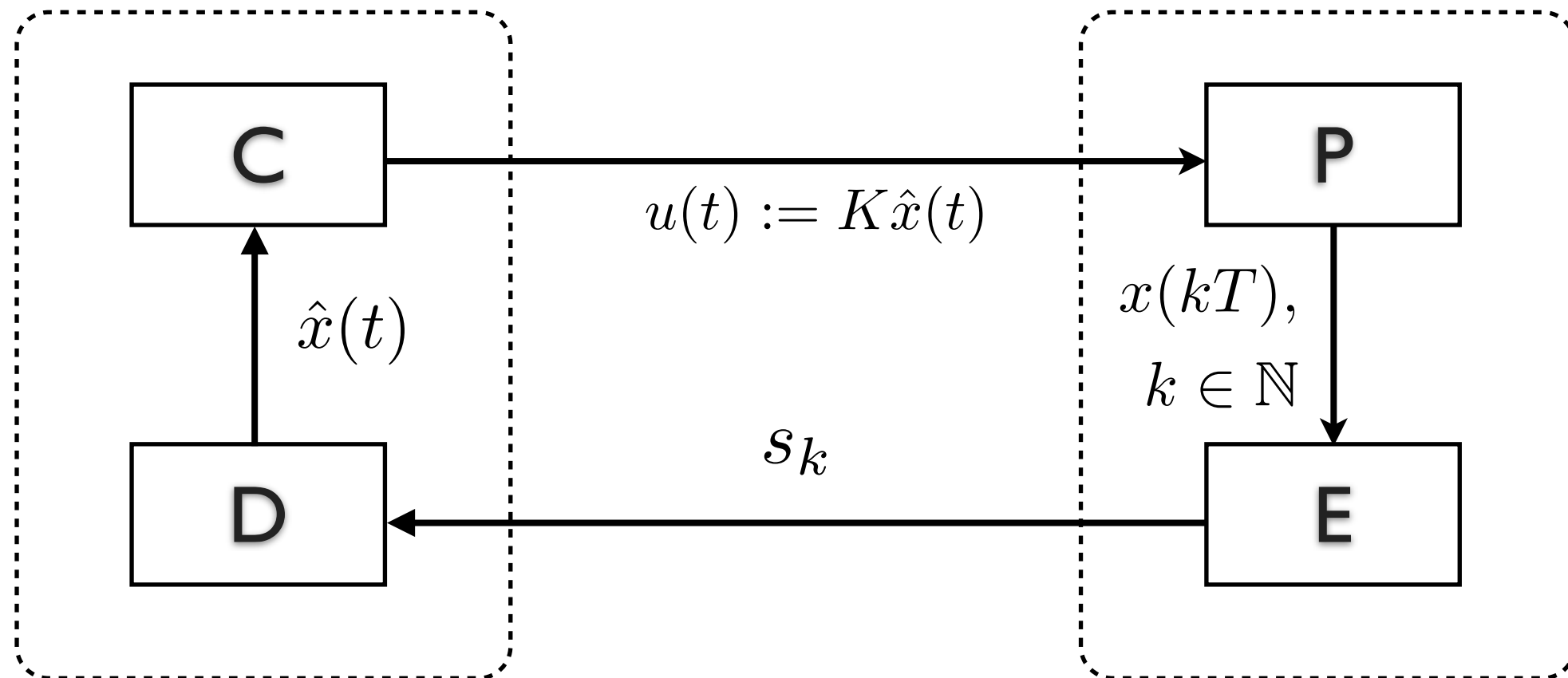
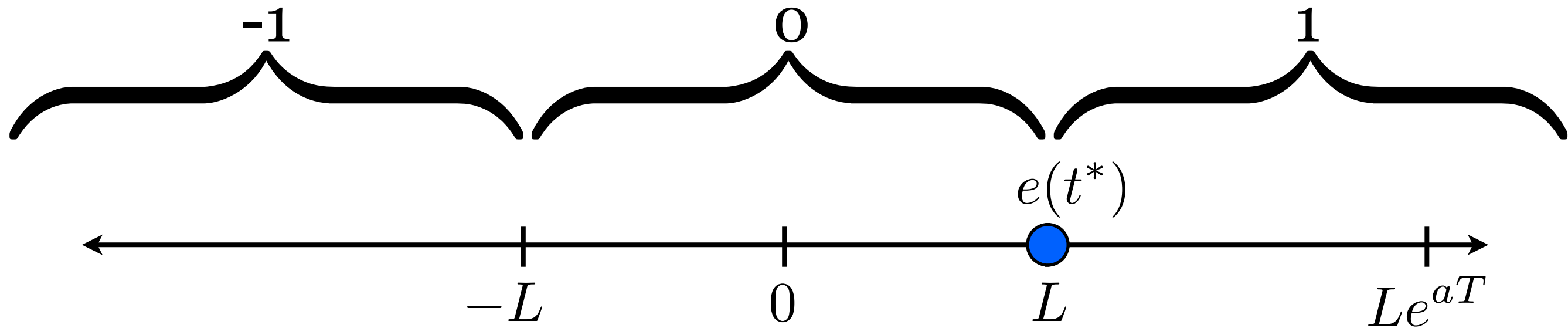
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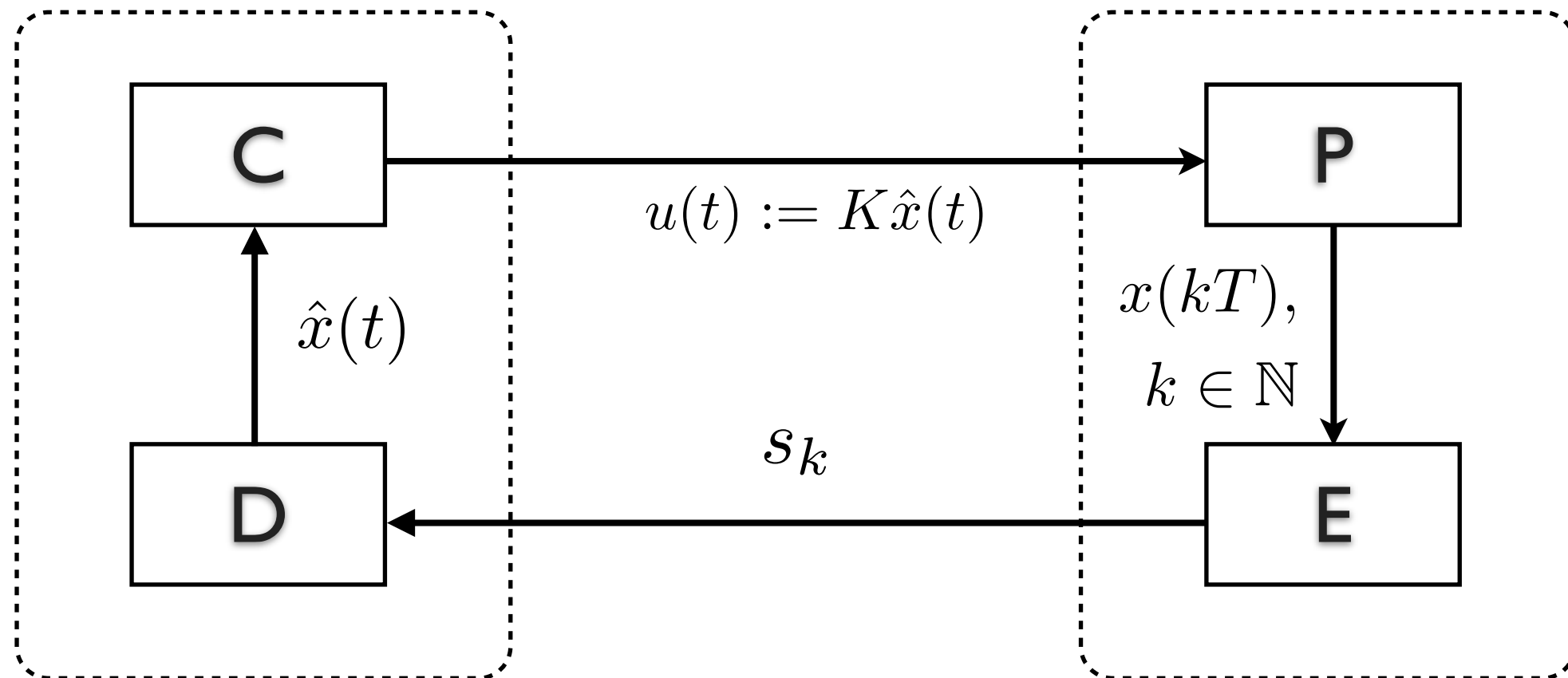
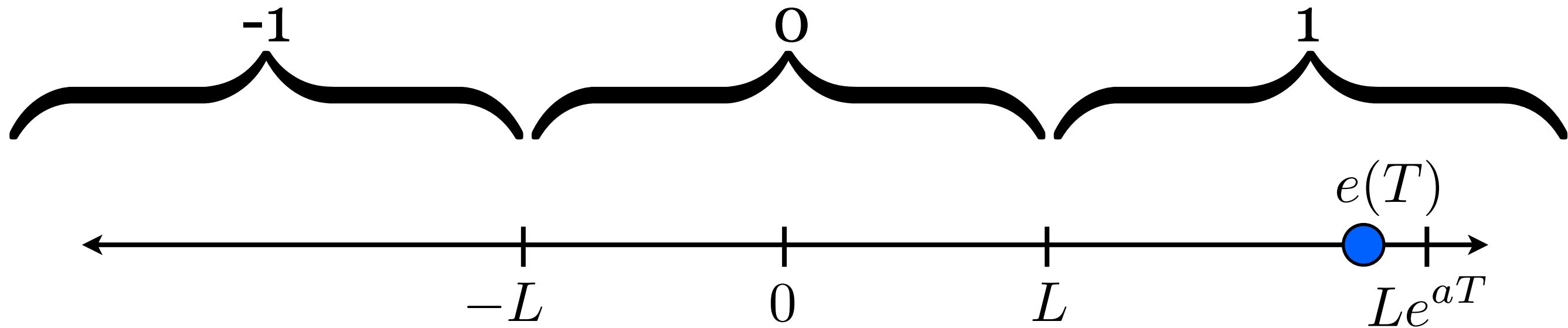
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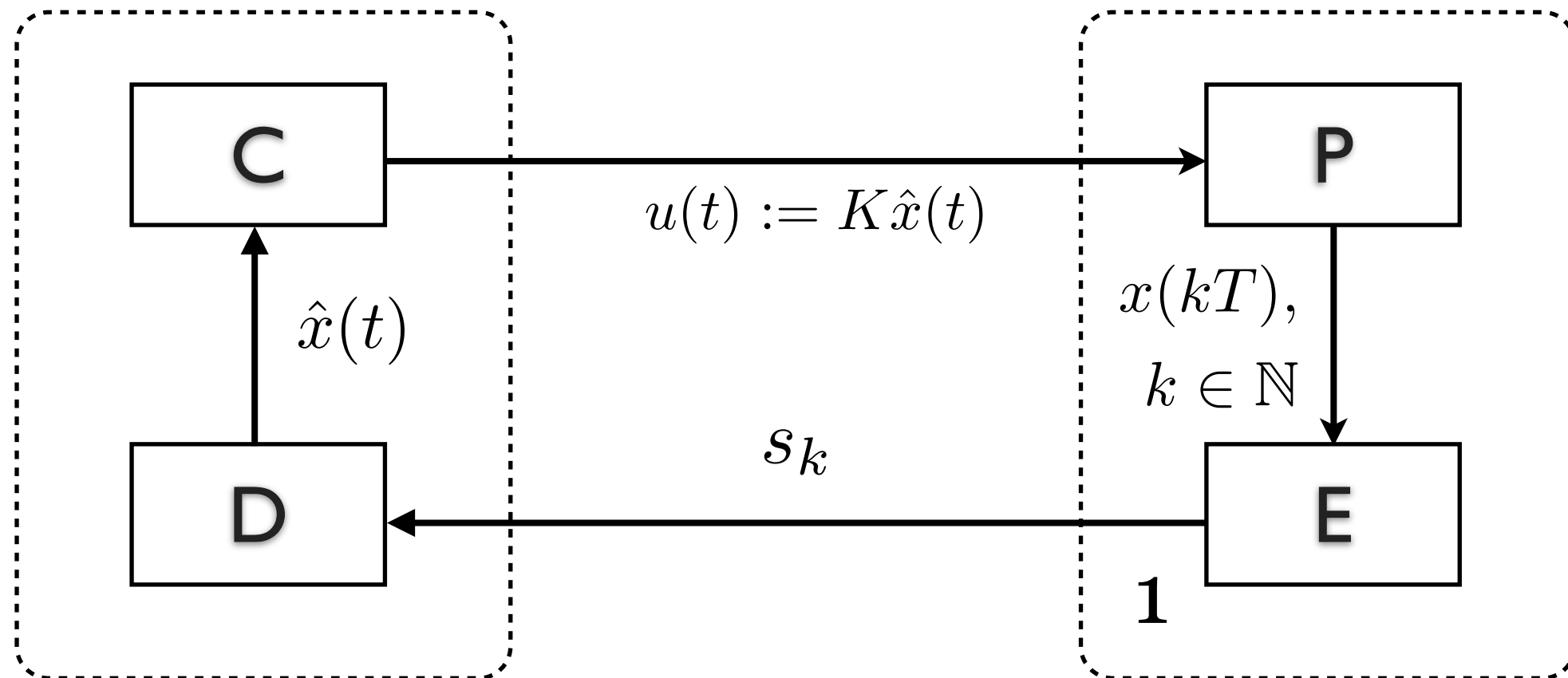
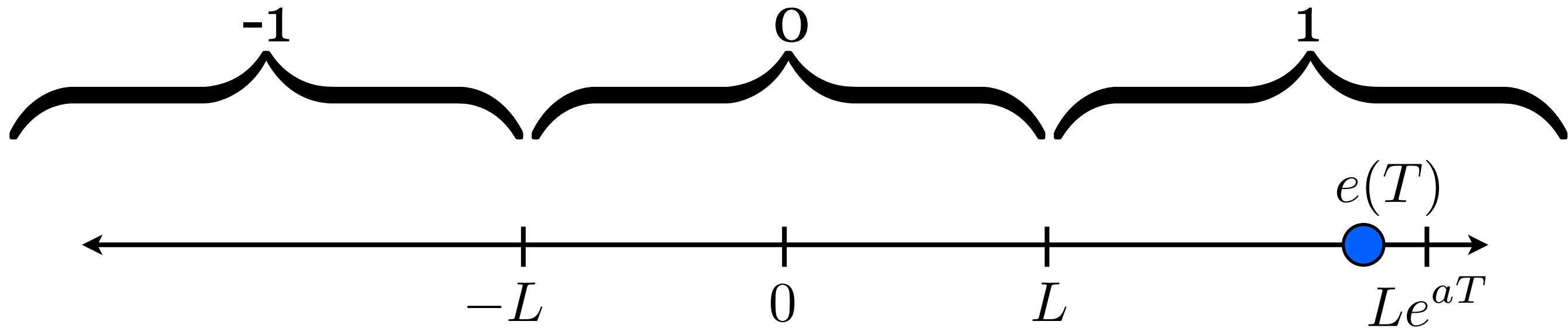
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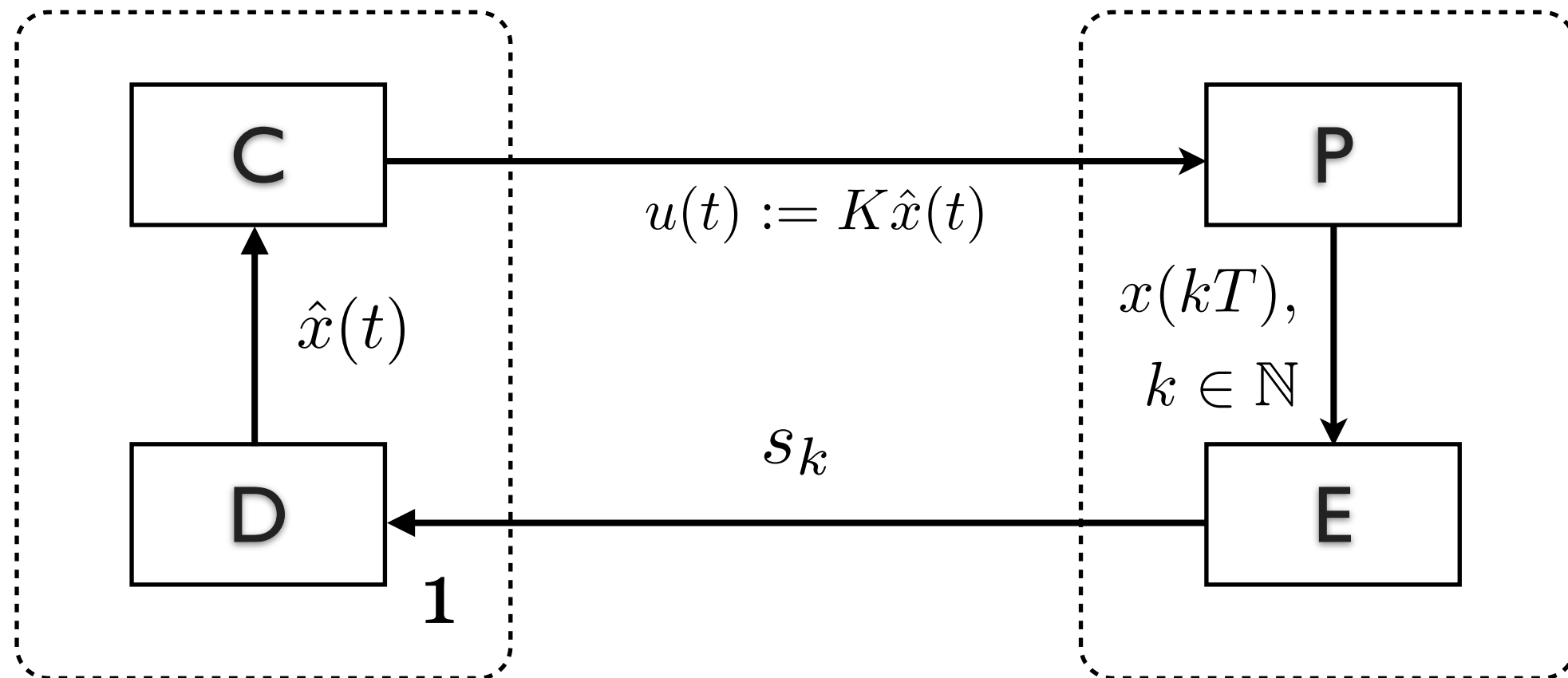
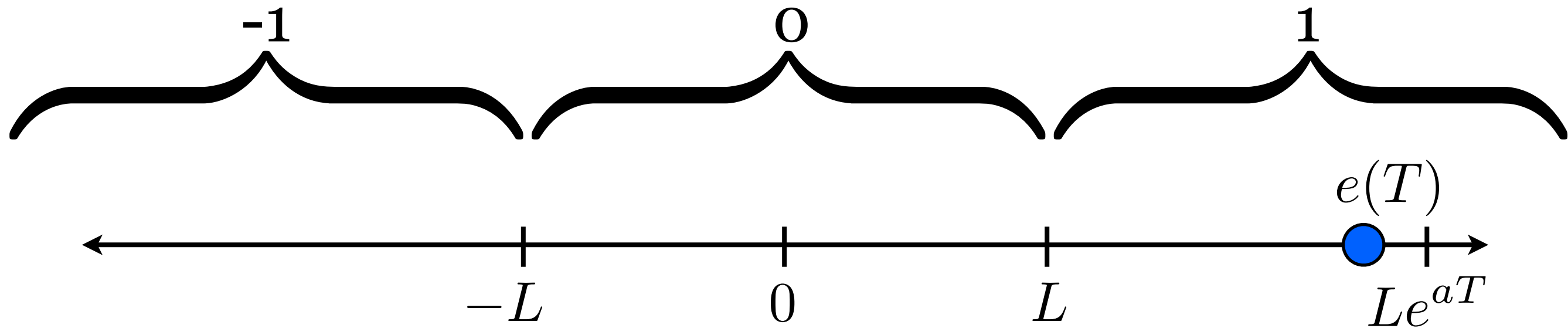
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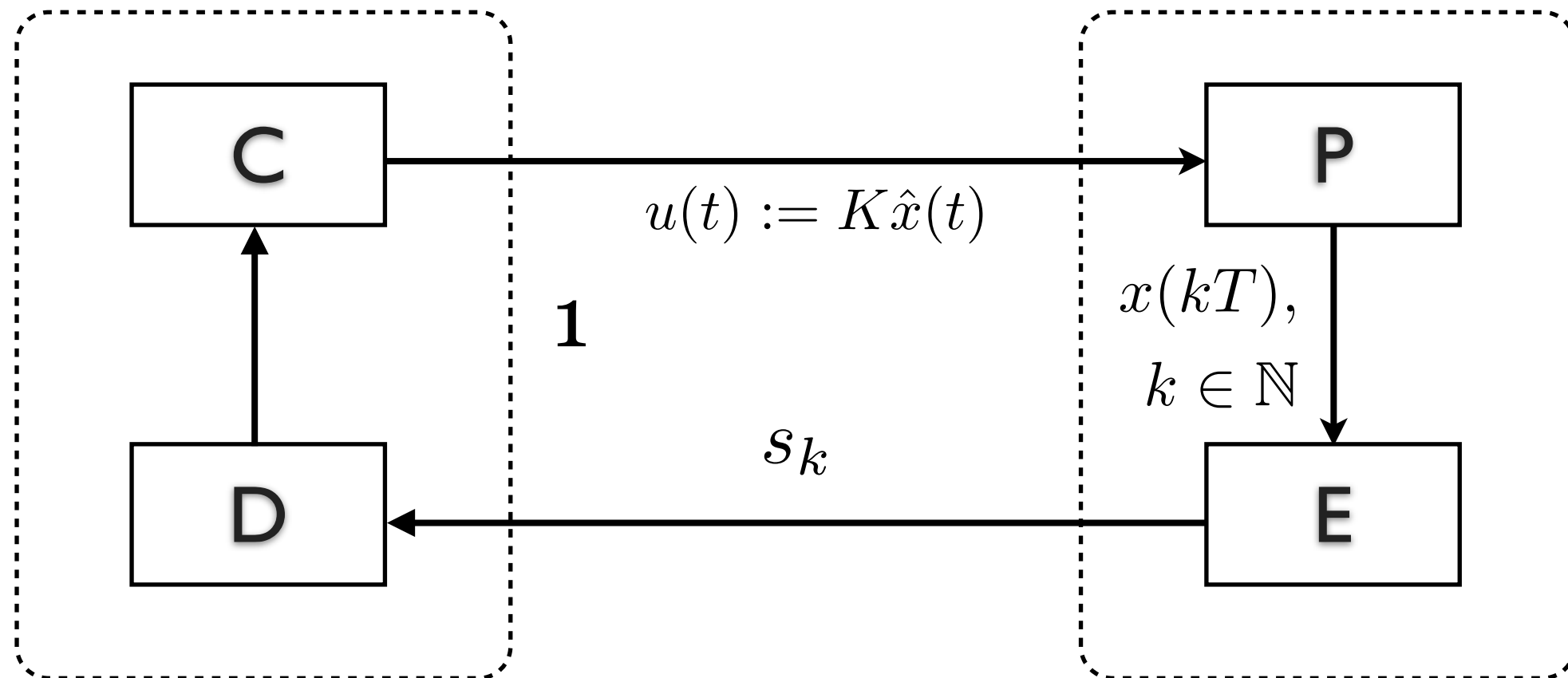
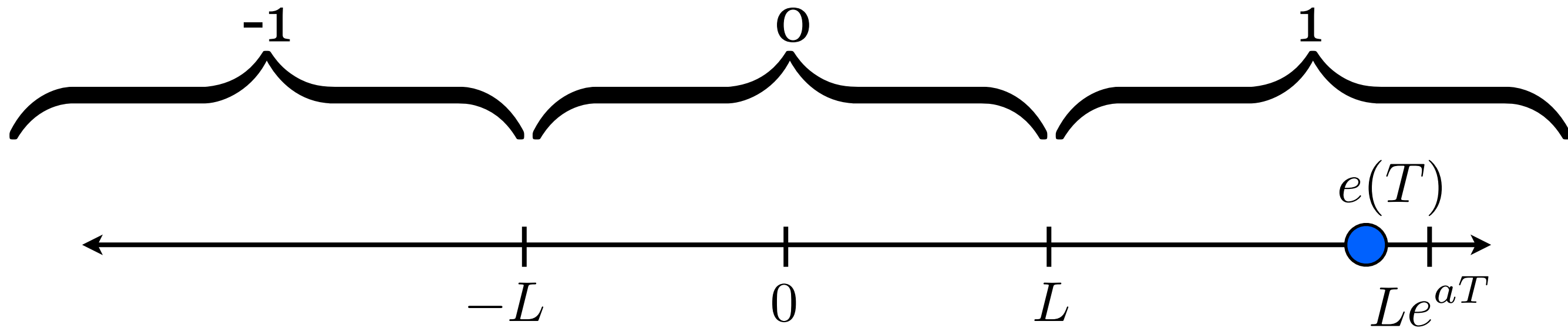
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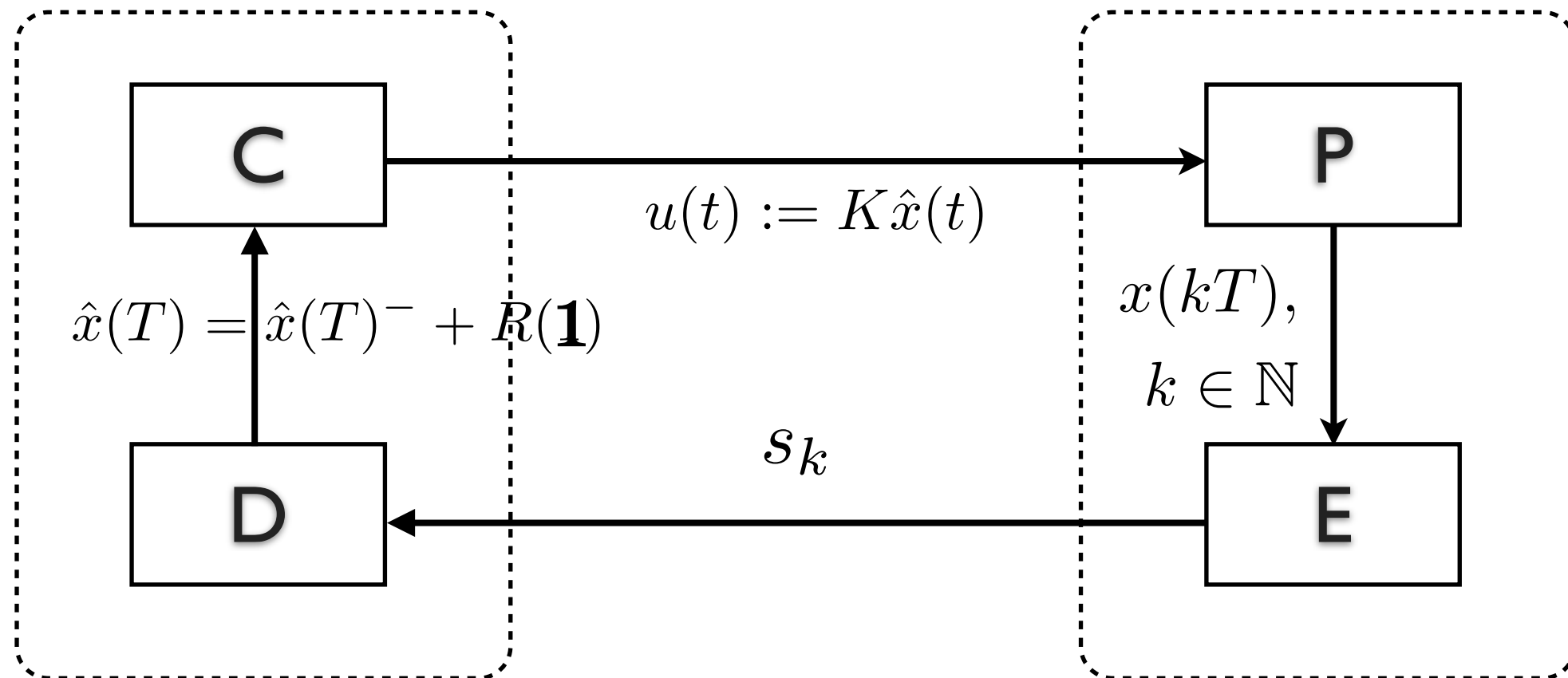
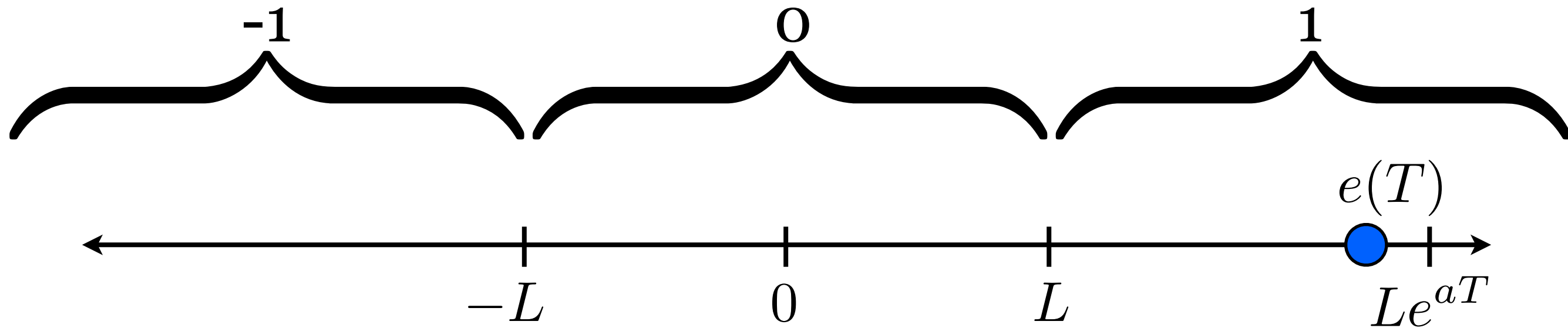
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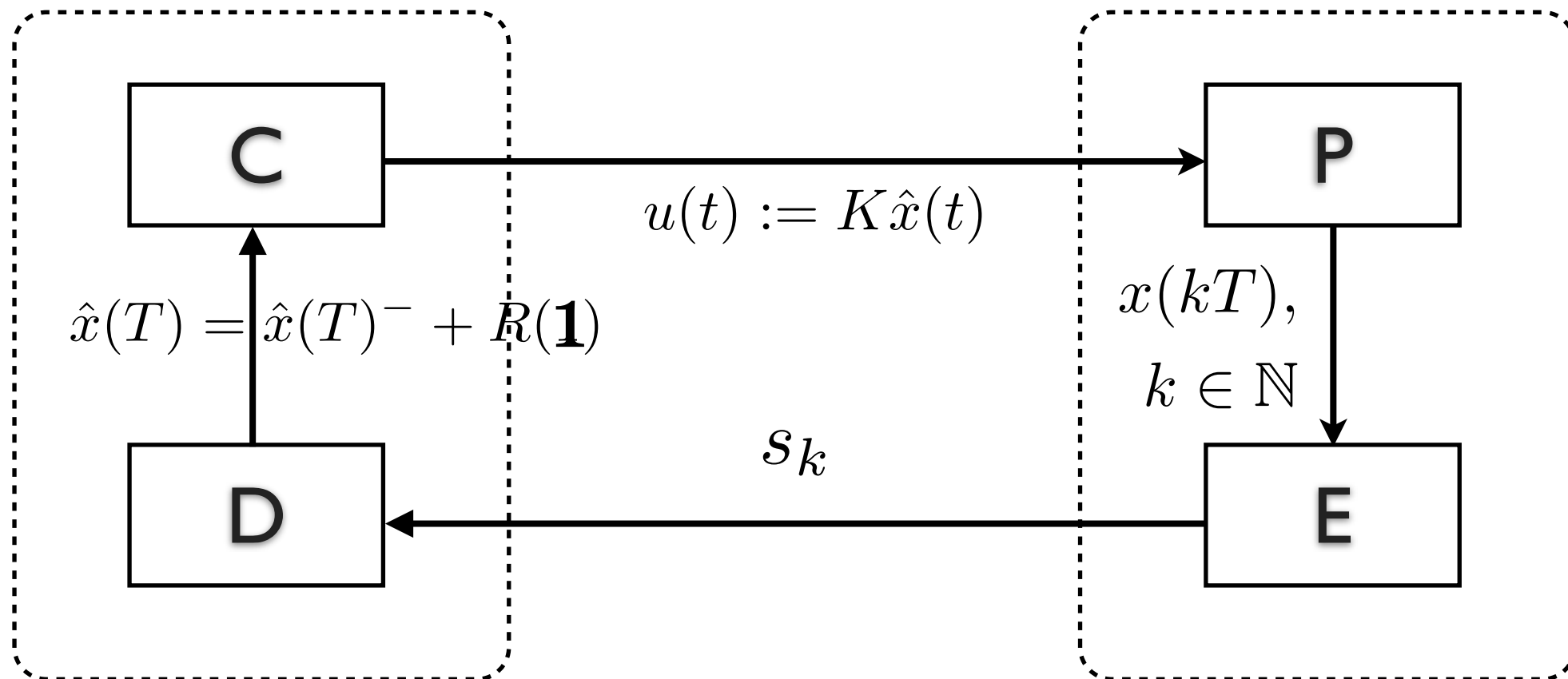
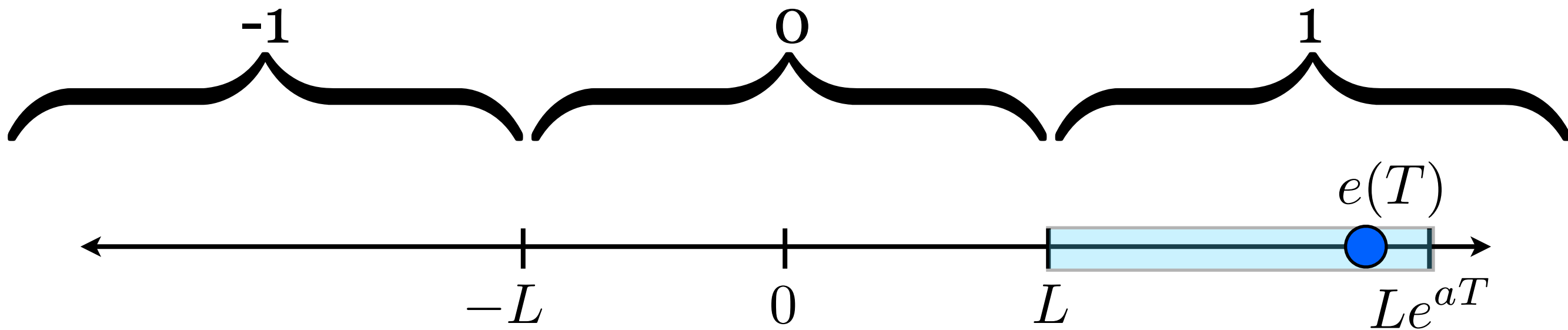
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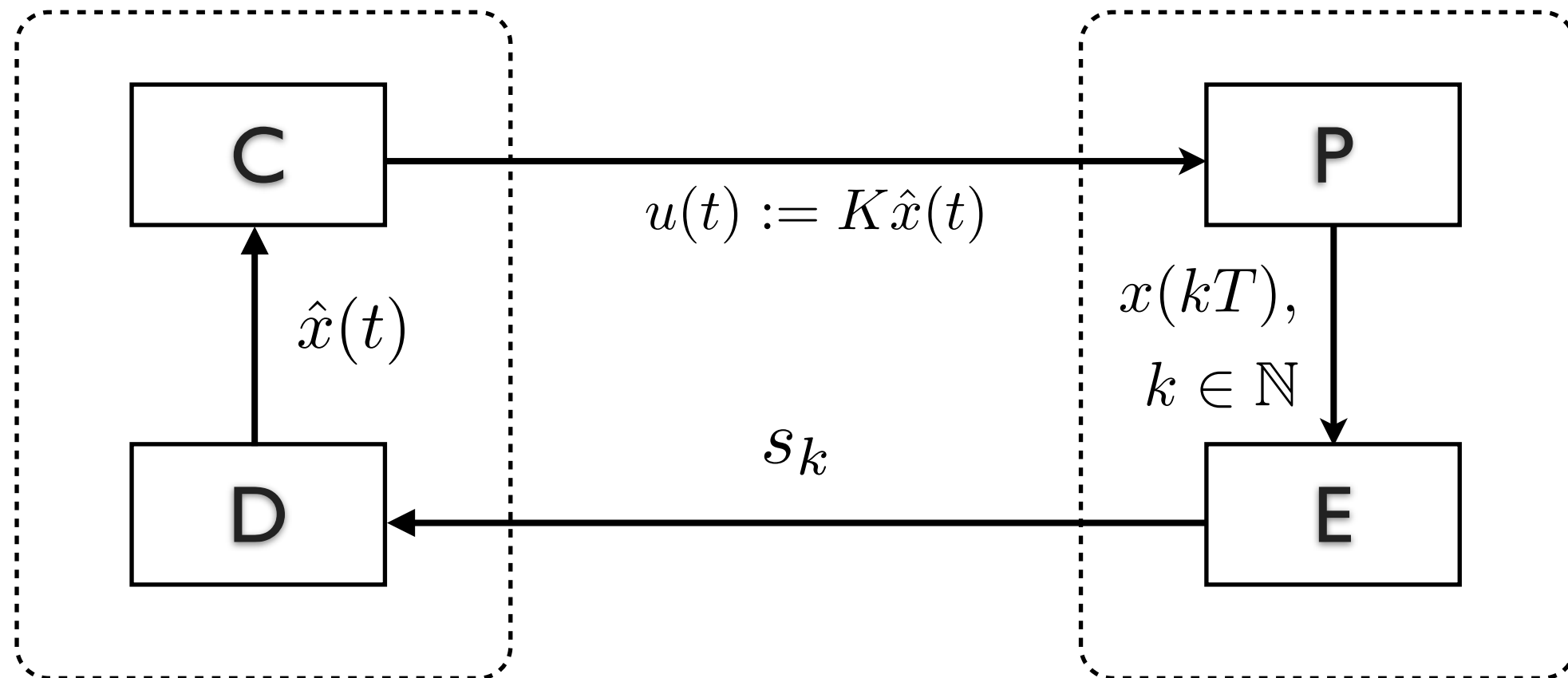
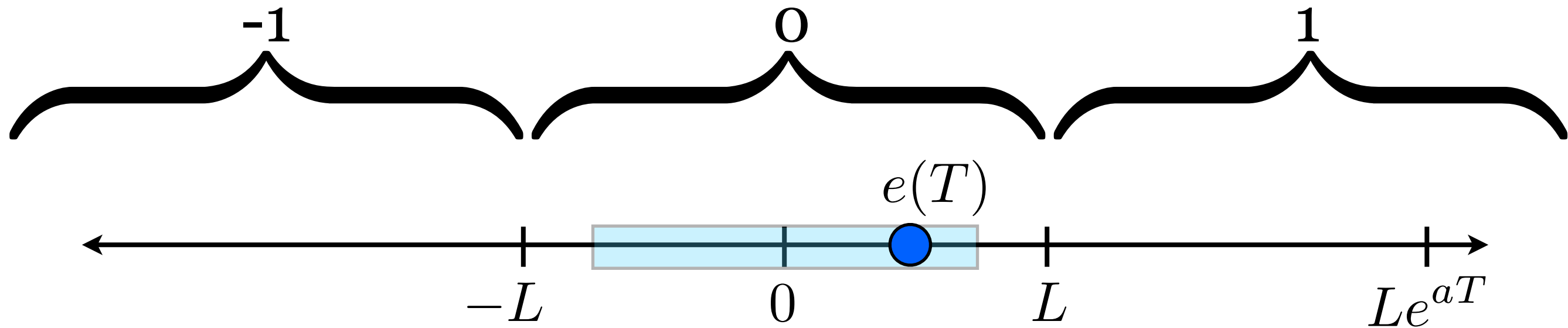
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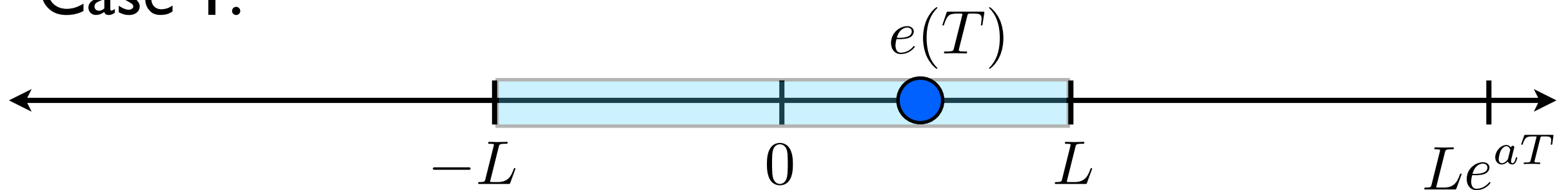


Event-based Encoding



Event-based Results

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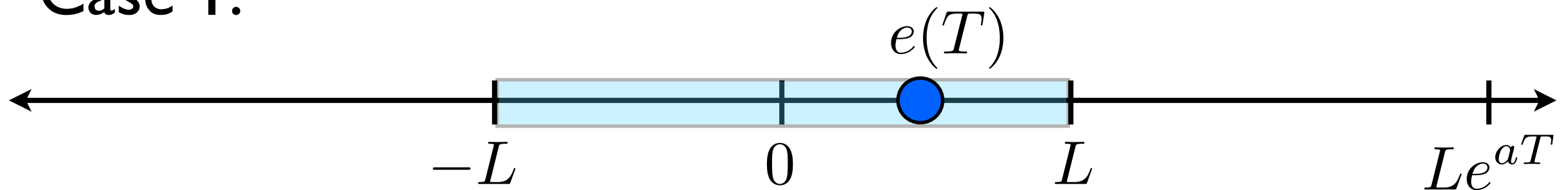
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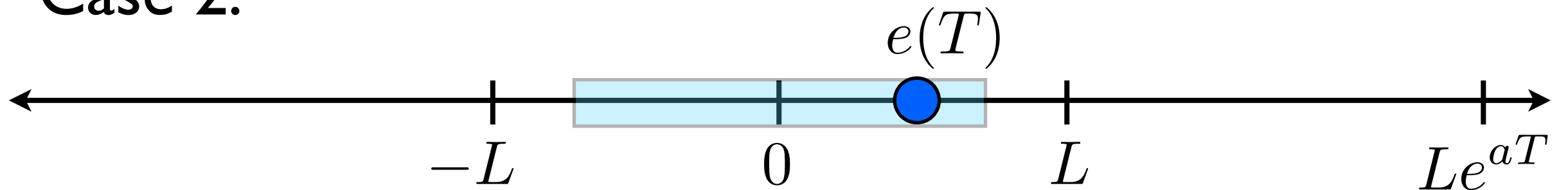
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(encoder will have $\gamma=1$)

Event-based Results

Case 2:



If r , γ_{\max} , and A satisfy

$$r \underbrace{\frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3}}_{\text{new}} \ln 2 \geq \sum_{i: \Re \lambda_i[A] \geq 0} \lambda_i[A] \quad h(x) := \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{x} \ln \frac{2}{e^x - 1}}$$

then an emulation-based controller and event-based encoder/decoder pair exist with bit-rate r and **with ave. comm. $\leq \gamma_{\max}$** which bound $x(t)$

Event-based Results

Compare the two lower bounds on **bit-rate penalty factor**

$$r \frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3} \ln 2 \geq \sum_{i: \Re \lambda_i[A] \geq 0} \lambda_i[A]$$

event-based: $\frac{r}{r_{\min}} \geq \frac{1}{\frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3}}$

nec/suff: $\frac{r}{r_{\min}} \geq \frac{1}{f(\gamma_{\max}, S)}$

Event-based Results

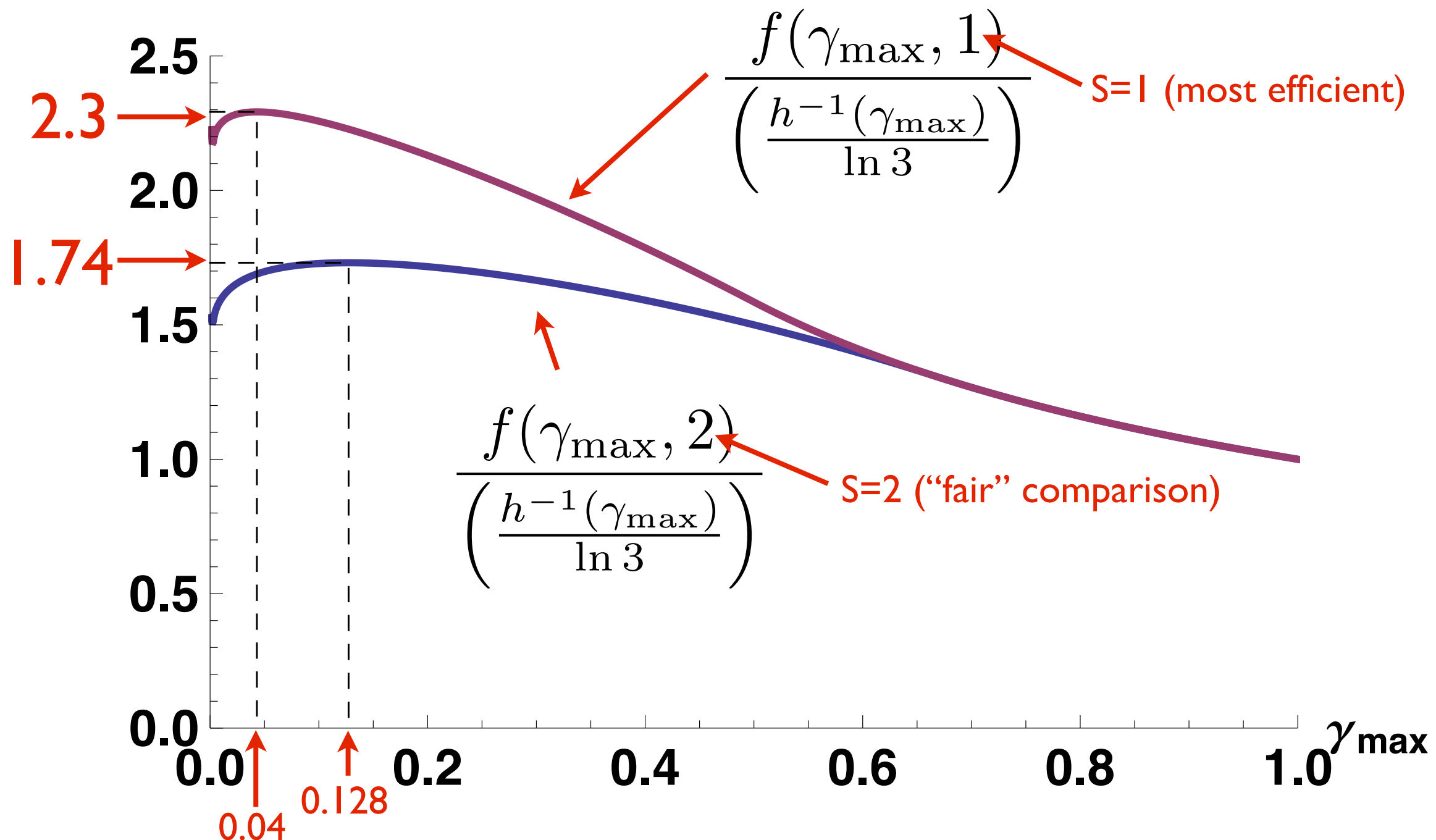
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 & \updownarrow & \\
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 \end{array}$$

ratio: how conservative is event-based?

Event-based Results

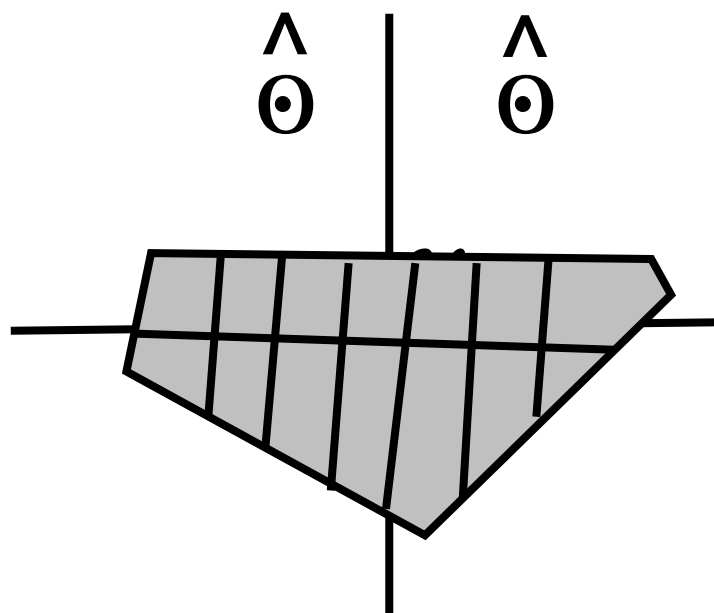
Event-based encoder has a bit-rate $< 2.3\times$ that of any other bounding encoder with ave comm γ_{\max}



Conclusion

- Control a linear system under bit-rate & communication constraints
- Nec/suff condition for a bounding enc/dec
- Easily-implemented event-based enc/dec within 2.3x of lowest possible bit-rate

Thanks



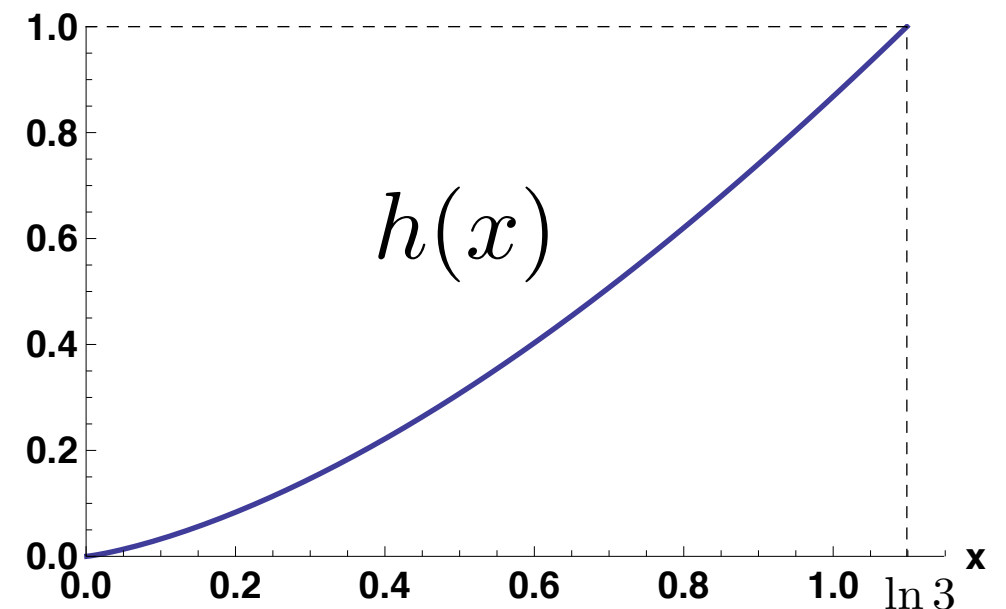
Backup/Cool Slides

Event-based Results

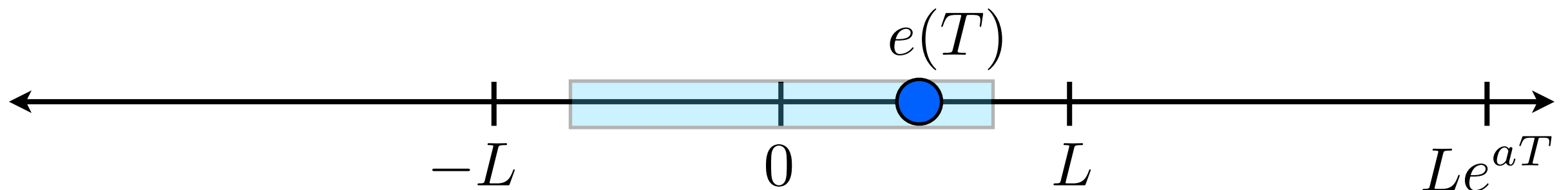
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Example

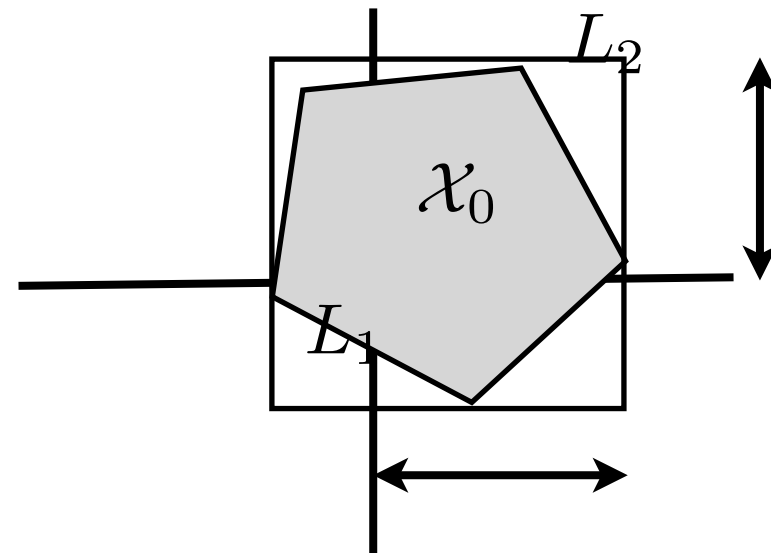
- $S=1$ (bits)
- (animated example?)
- $N=5$ (show codewords?)
- Show M-of-N encoders?
- show example of $\{0,1\}, T=0.1$ versus $\{0,\dots,64000\}, T=1$ which have the same bit-rate but the bigger alphabet is not better.

Event-based enc/dec

- The enc has n “sub-encoders” which send one of $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ every T_i sec if $|x_i| > L_i$, with

$$T_i := \frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\lambda_i[A]}$$

$$L_i := \sup_{z \in \mathcal{X}_0} |z_i|,$$



Event-based enc/dec

At each timestep $t_{i,k} := T_i k$ with $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, k \in \mathbb{N}$, the i th sub-encoder sends symbol $s_{i,k} \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ according to

$$s_{i,k} = \begin{cases} -1 & e_i(T_i k) < -L_i \\ 0 & e_i(T_i k) \in [-L_i, L_i] \\ 1 & e_i(T_i k) > L_i \end{cases}, \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (1)$$

This concludes the description of the encoder. Unlike the encoder, the decoder does not have access to $x(t)$, so it cannot compute the estimation error $e(t)$. It has access to only its own internal state estimate $\hat{x}(t)$, the received symbols $s_{i,k}$, and each sub-encoder's T_i and L_i . At timestep $t_{i,k} := T_i k$, the decoder receives symbol $s_{i,k}$ and at that time it and the encoder each update the i th component of their state estimates $\hat{x}_i(T_i k)$ as

$$\hat{x}_i(T_i k) = \hat{x}_i(T_i k)^- + R_i(s_{i,k}), \quad i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (2)$$

where for each dimension i , the decoding function $R_i : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as

$$R_i(s) := \begin{cases} -\frac{L_i}{2}(1 + \exp(h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max}))) & s = -1 \\ 0 & s = 0 \\ \frac{L_i}{2}(1 + \exp(h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max}))) & s = 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

(N,M,S) Encoders

- Introduce (N,M,S) encoders
- Show that any S -library encoder is (N,M,S) for some N,M
- Show that $L(N,N_{\text{gam}},S) \rightarrow H(X)$