

# Minimum Energy Encoding for Networked Control Systems

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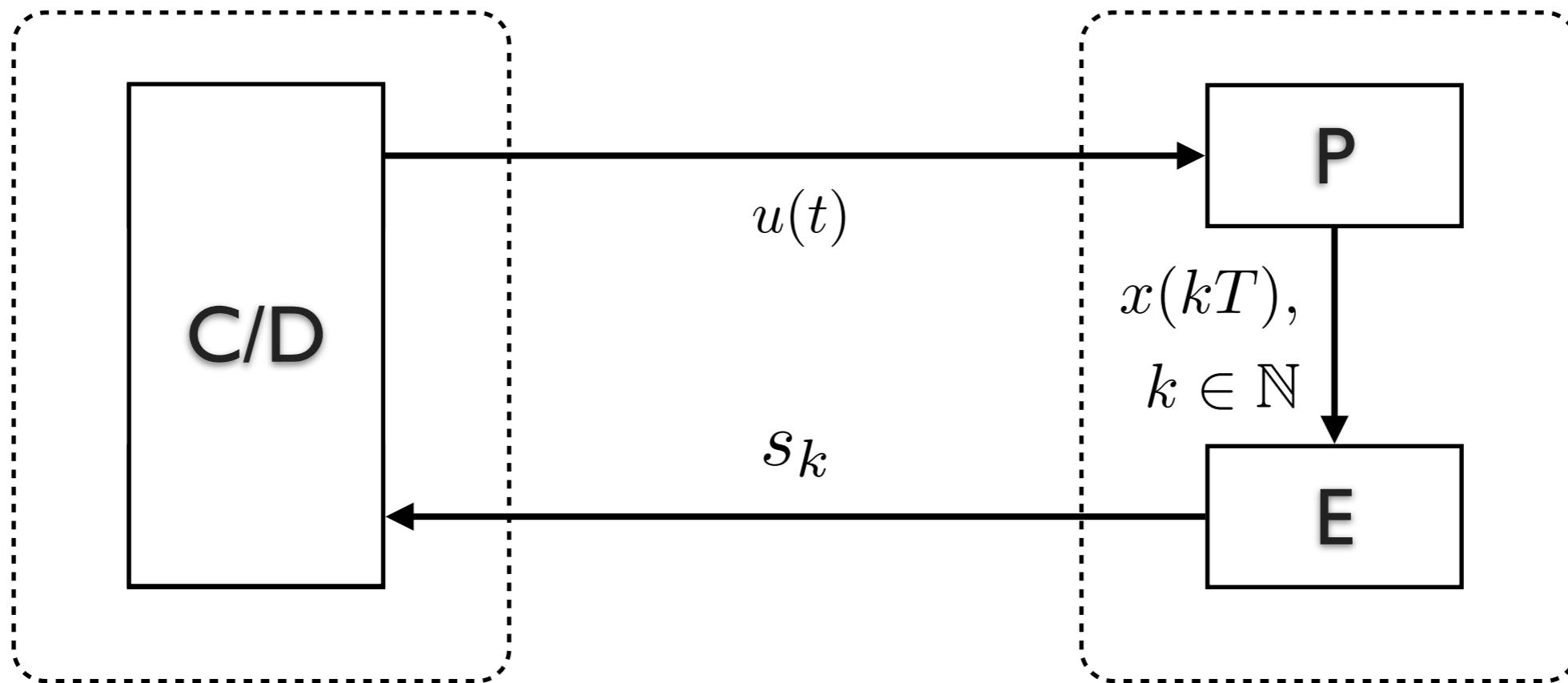
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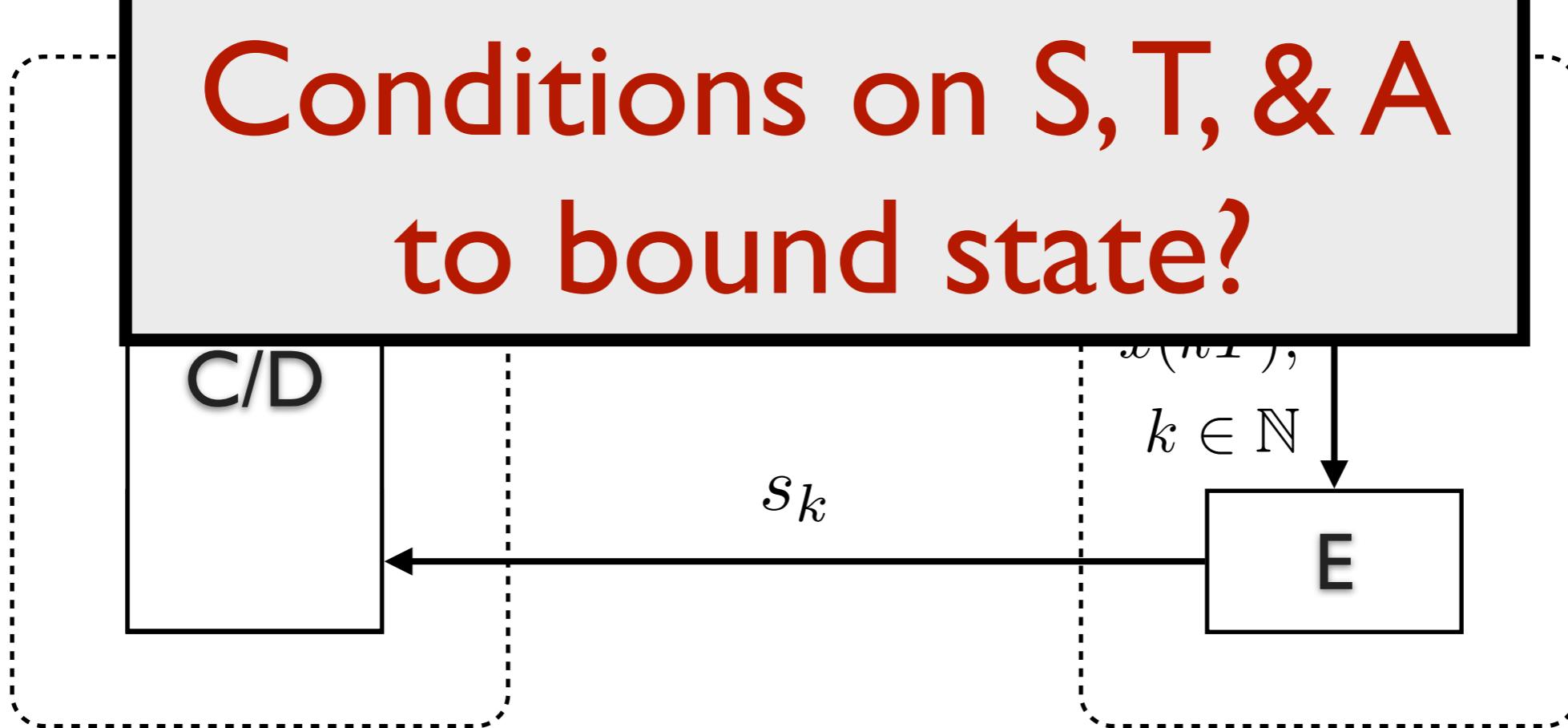
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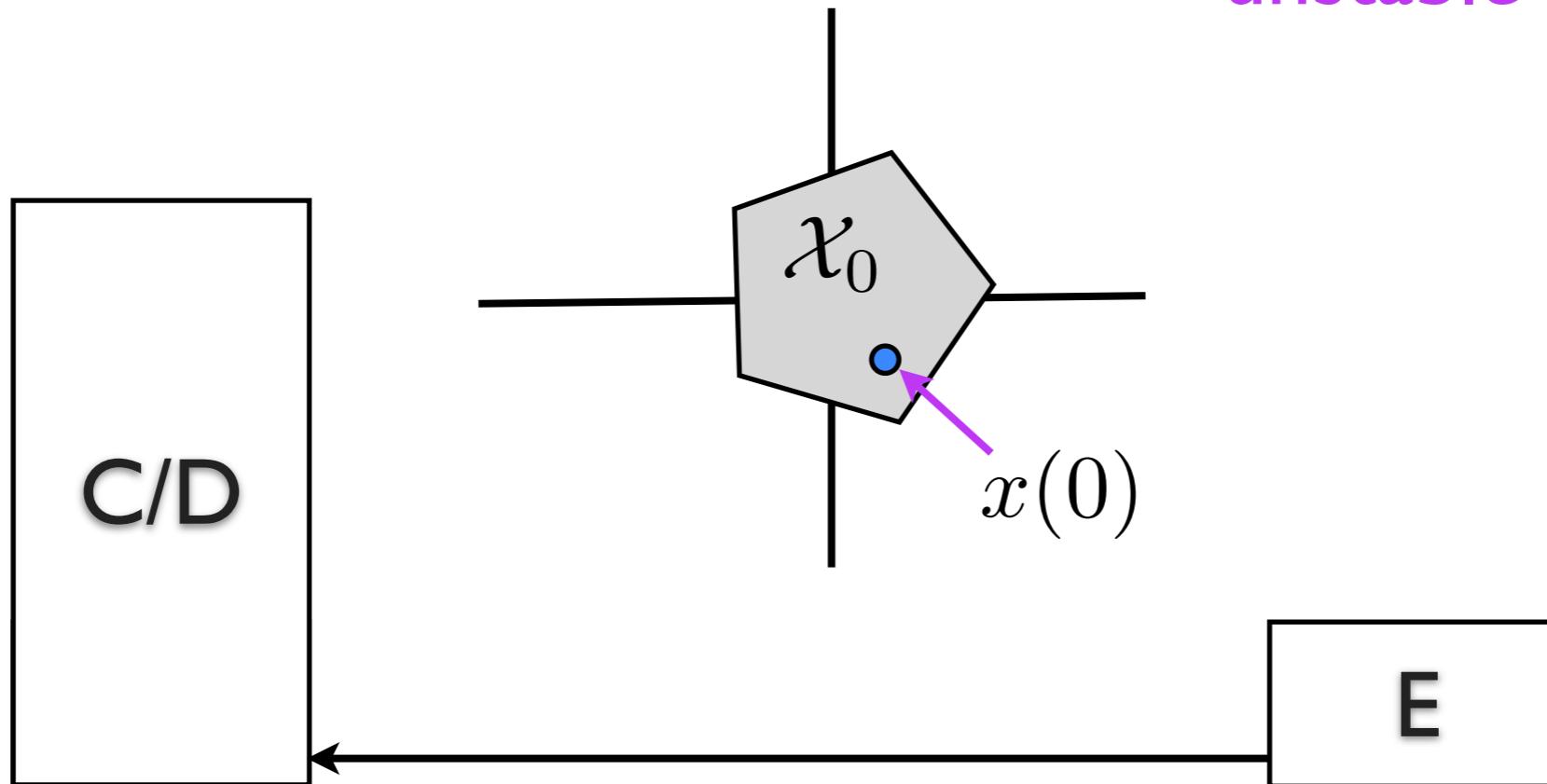
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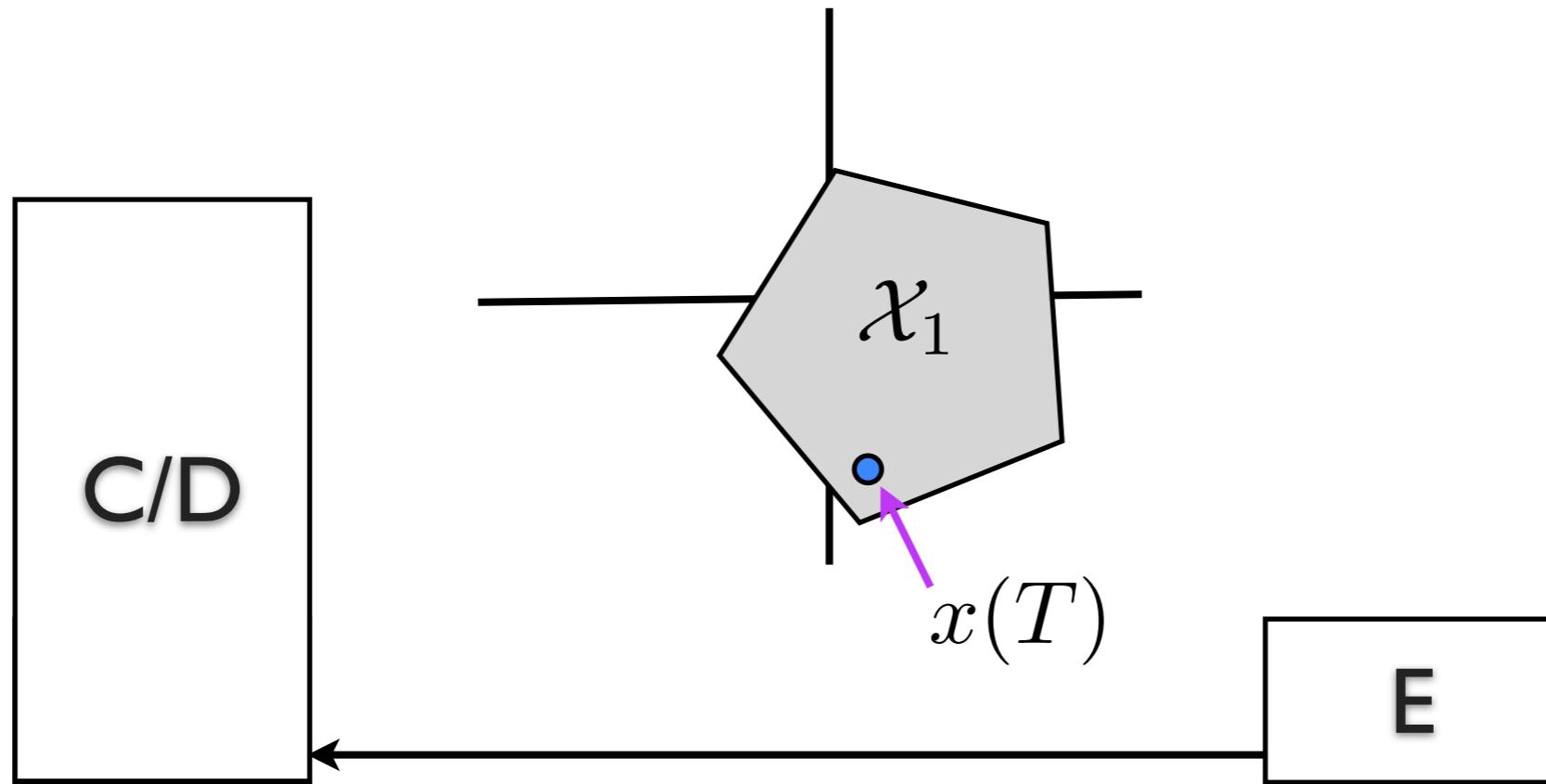
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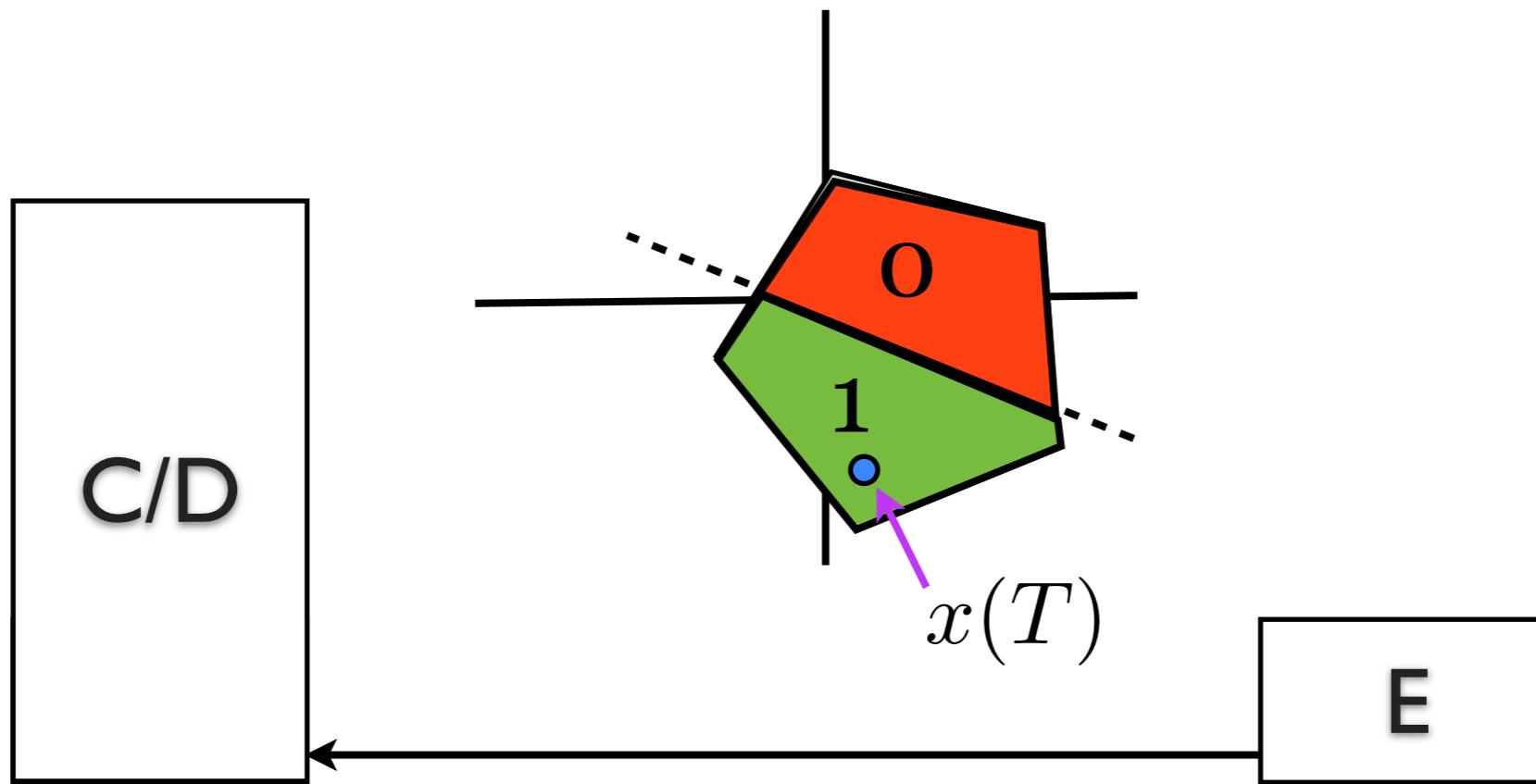
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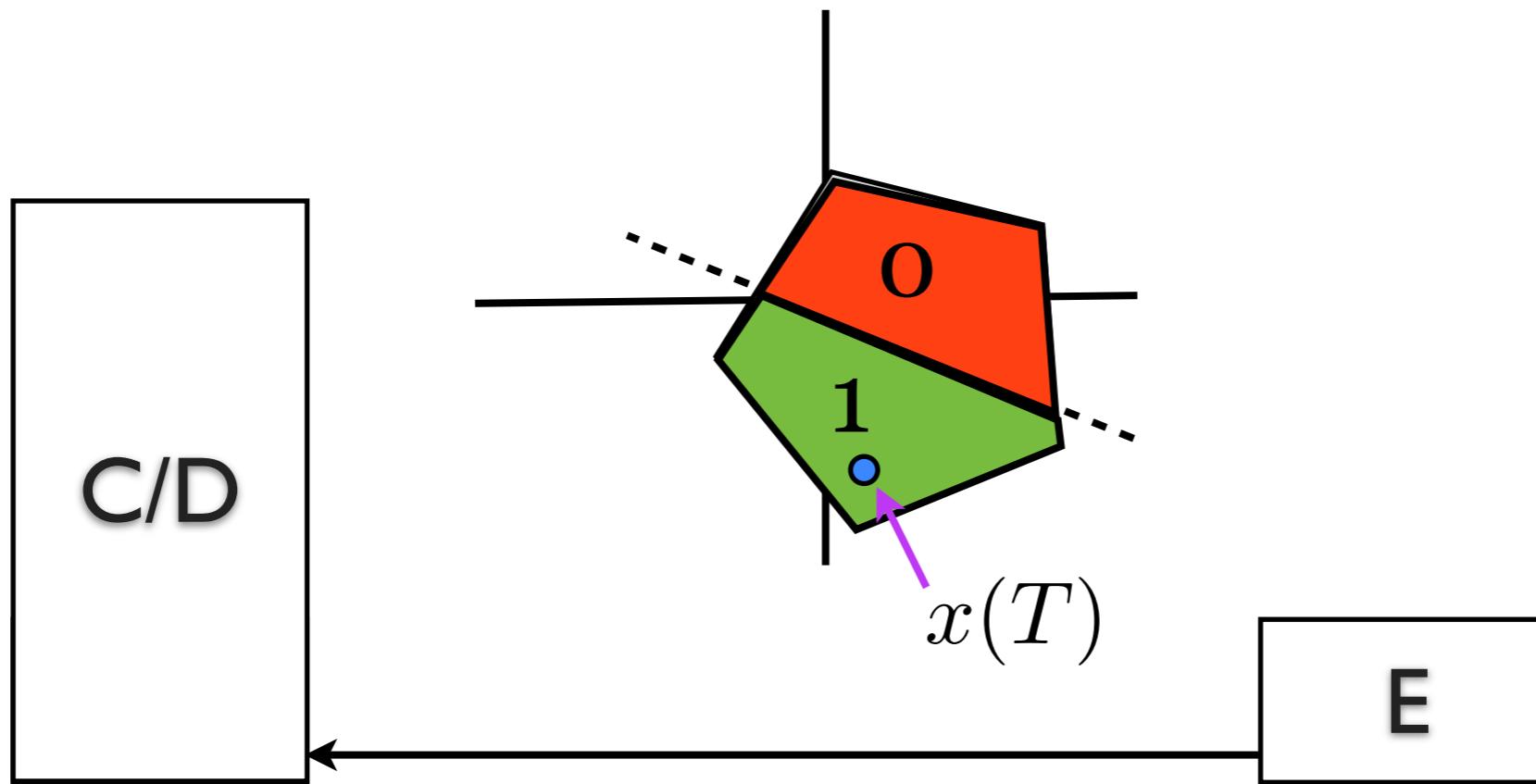
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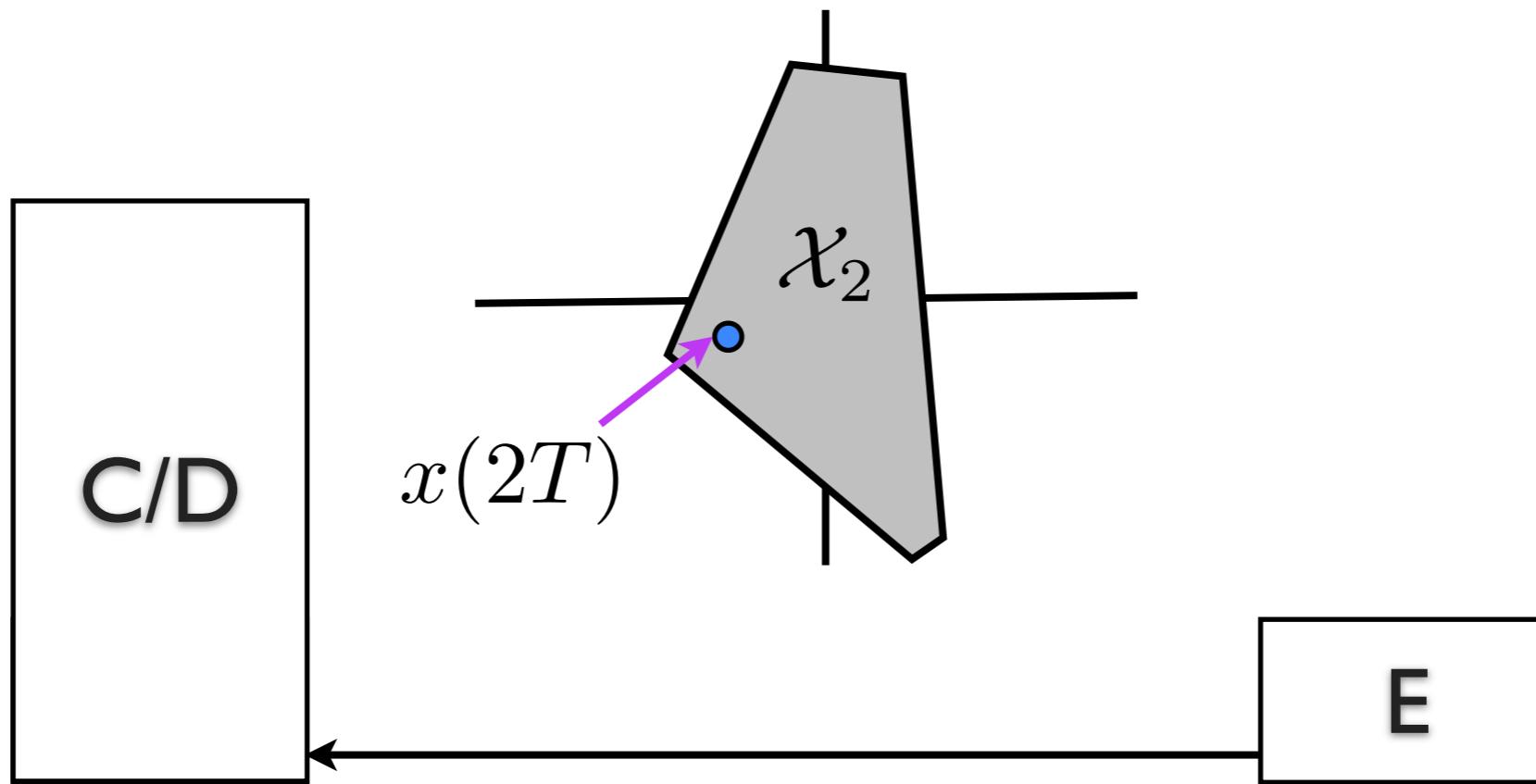
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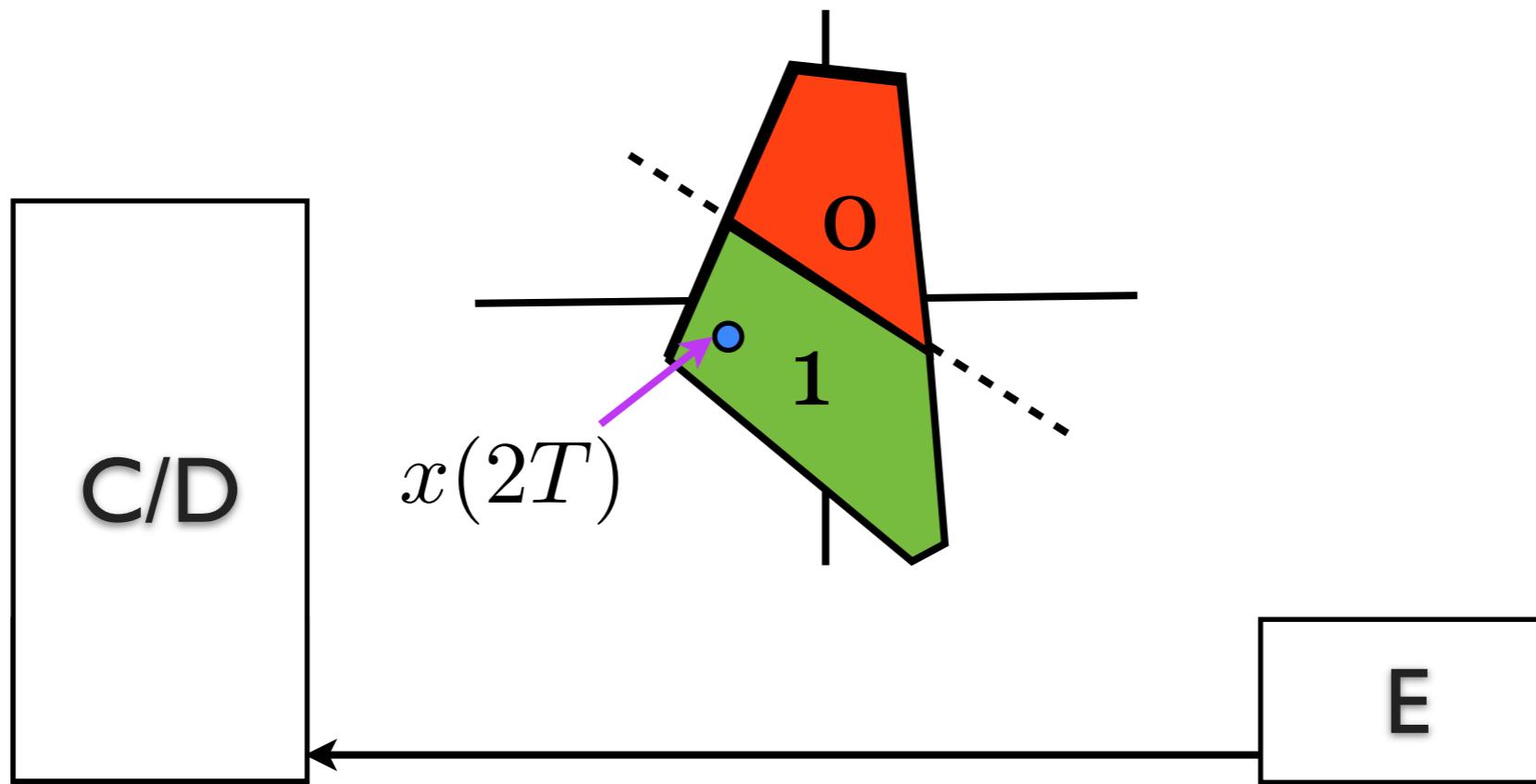
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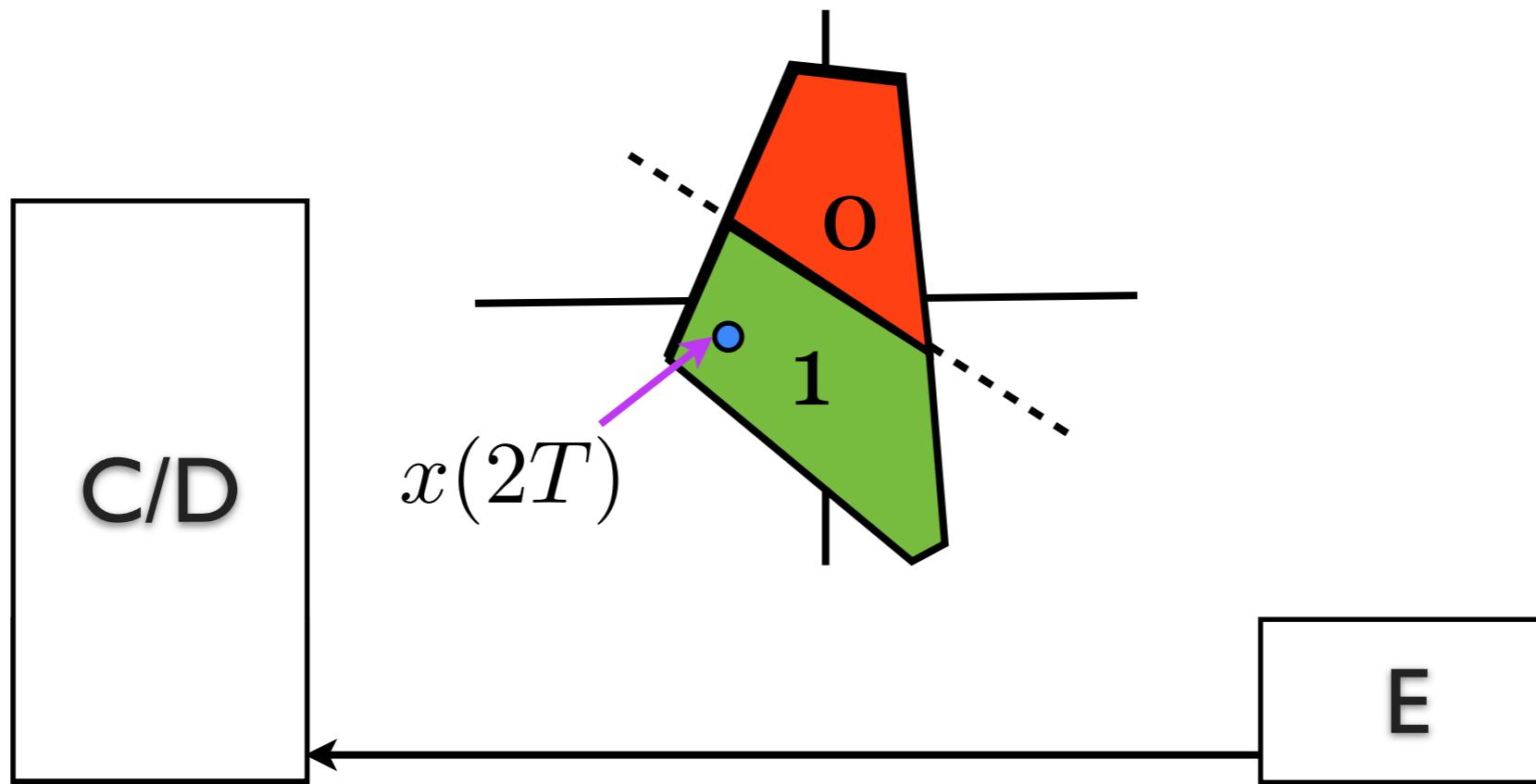
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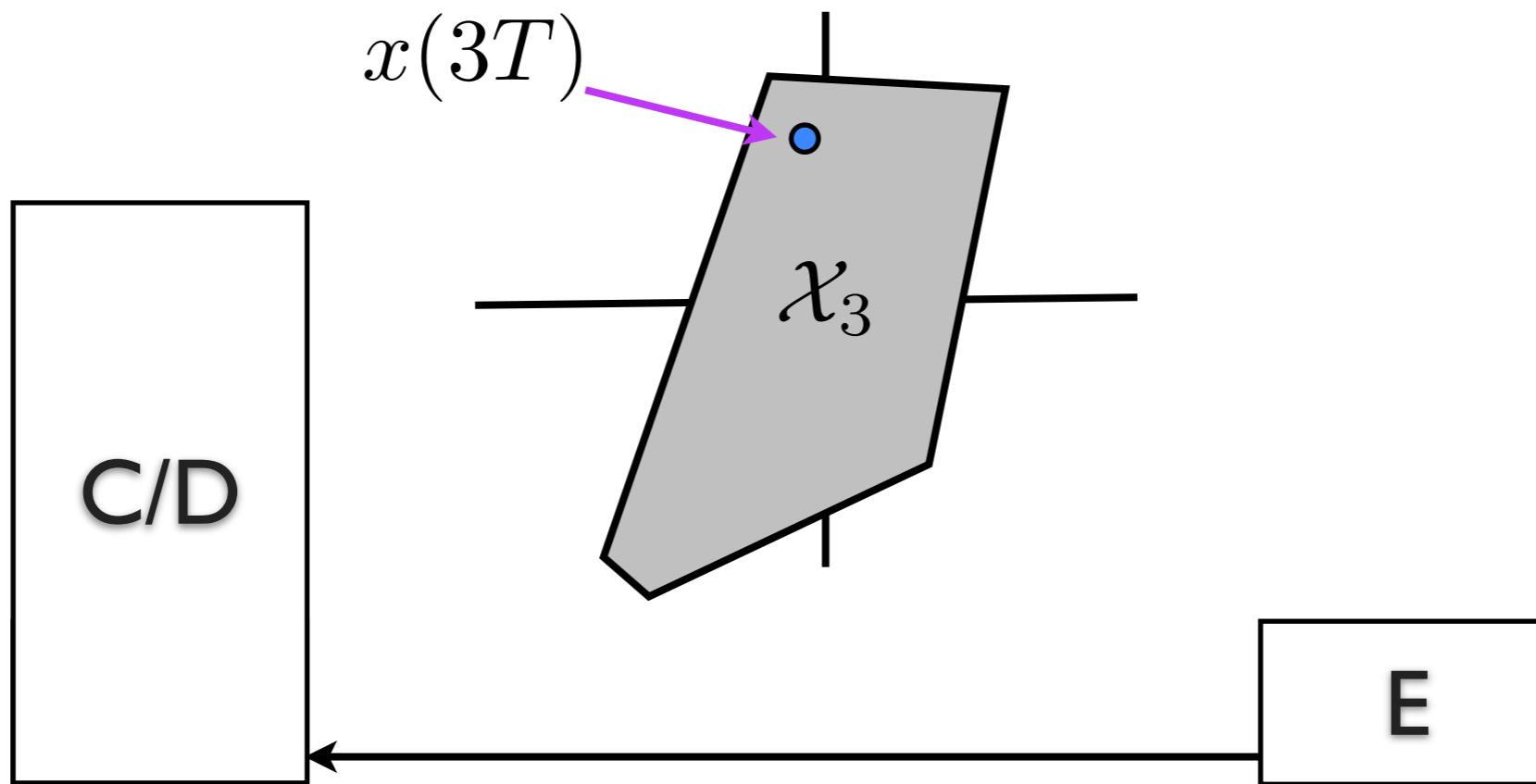
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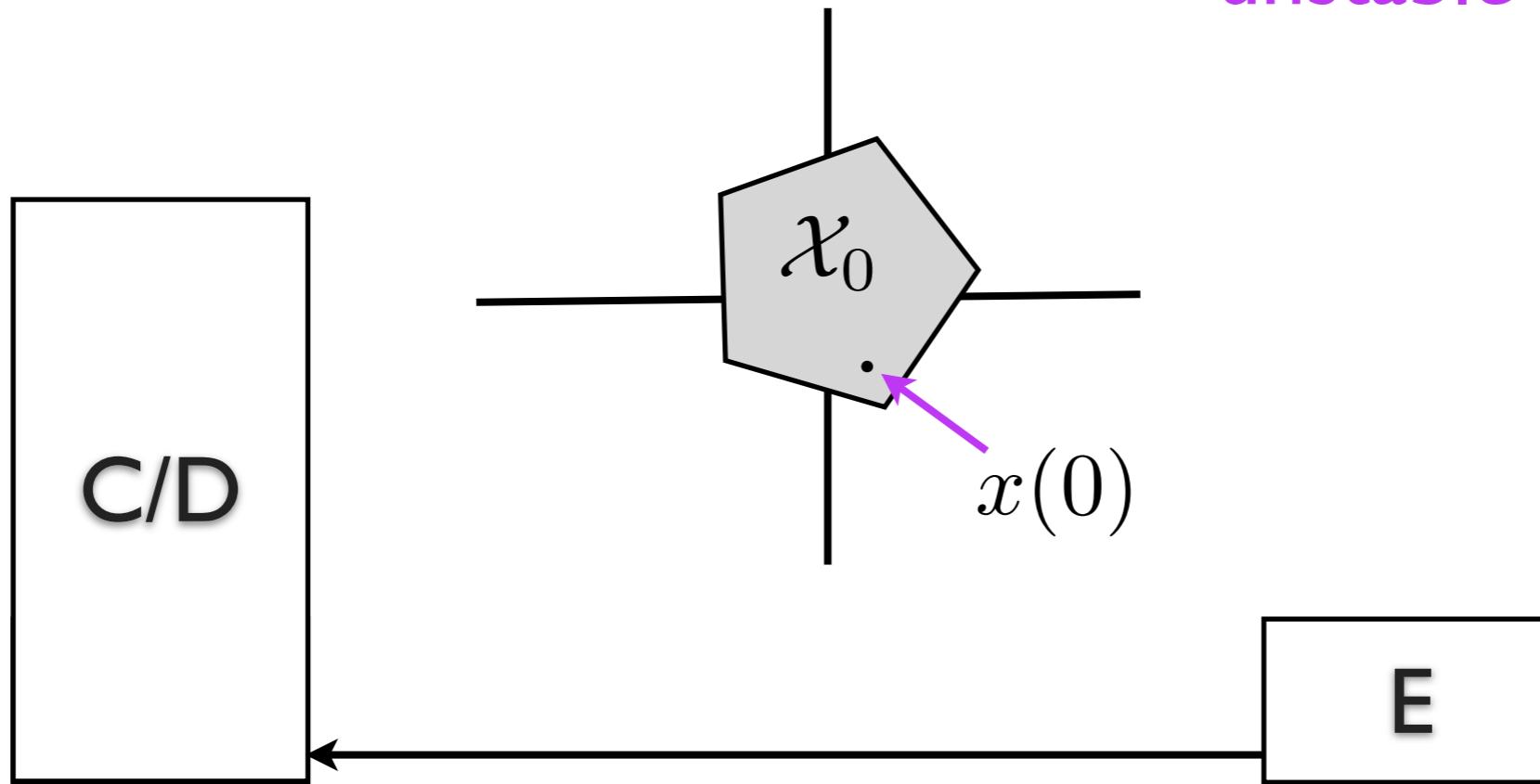


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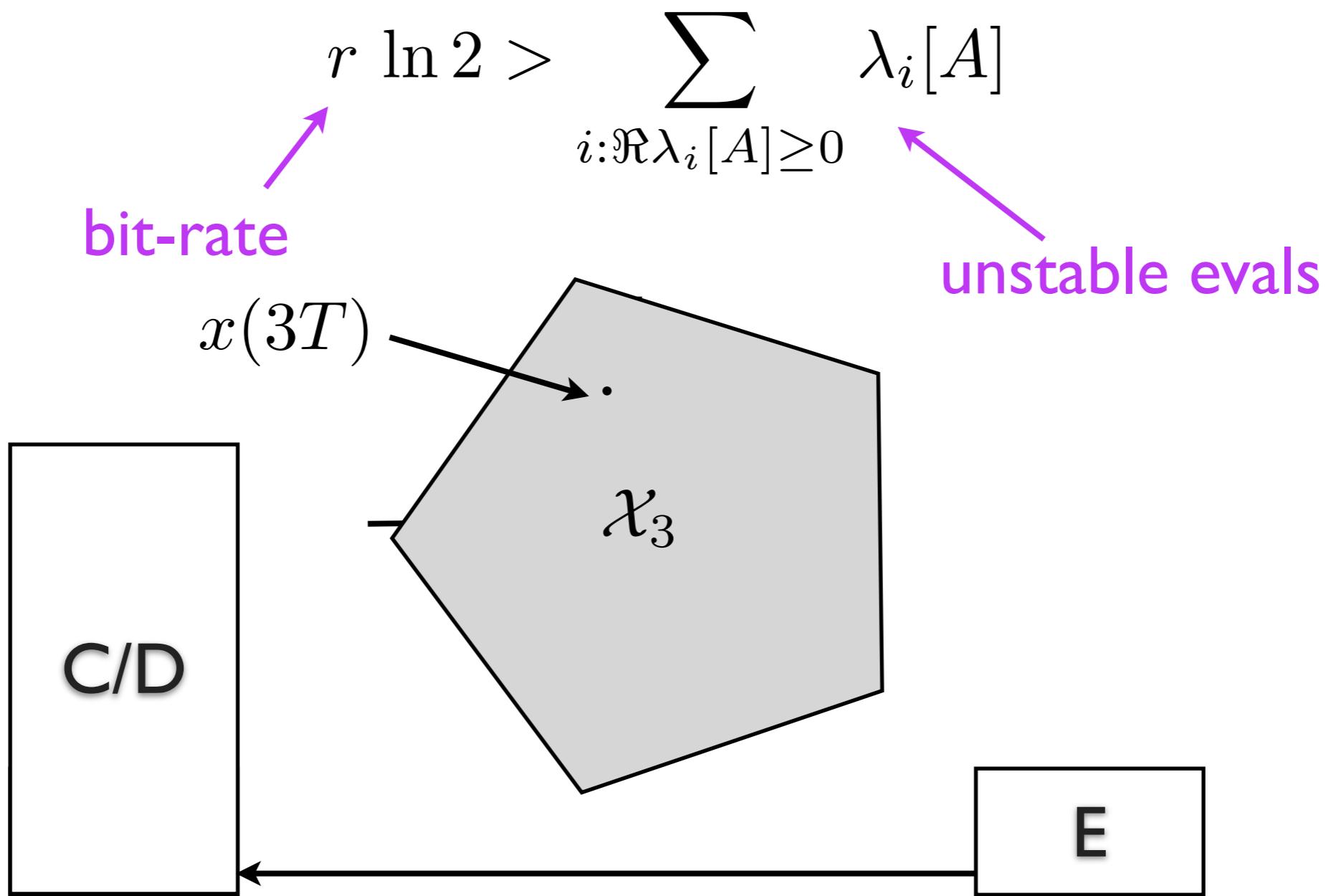
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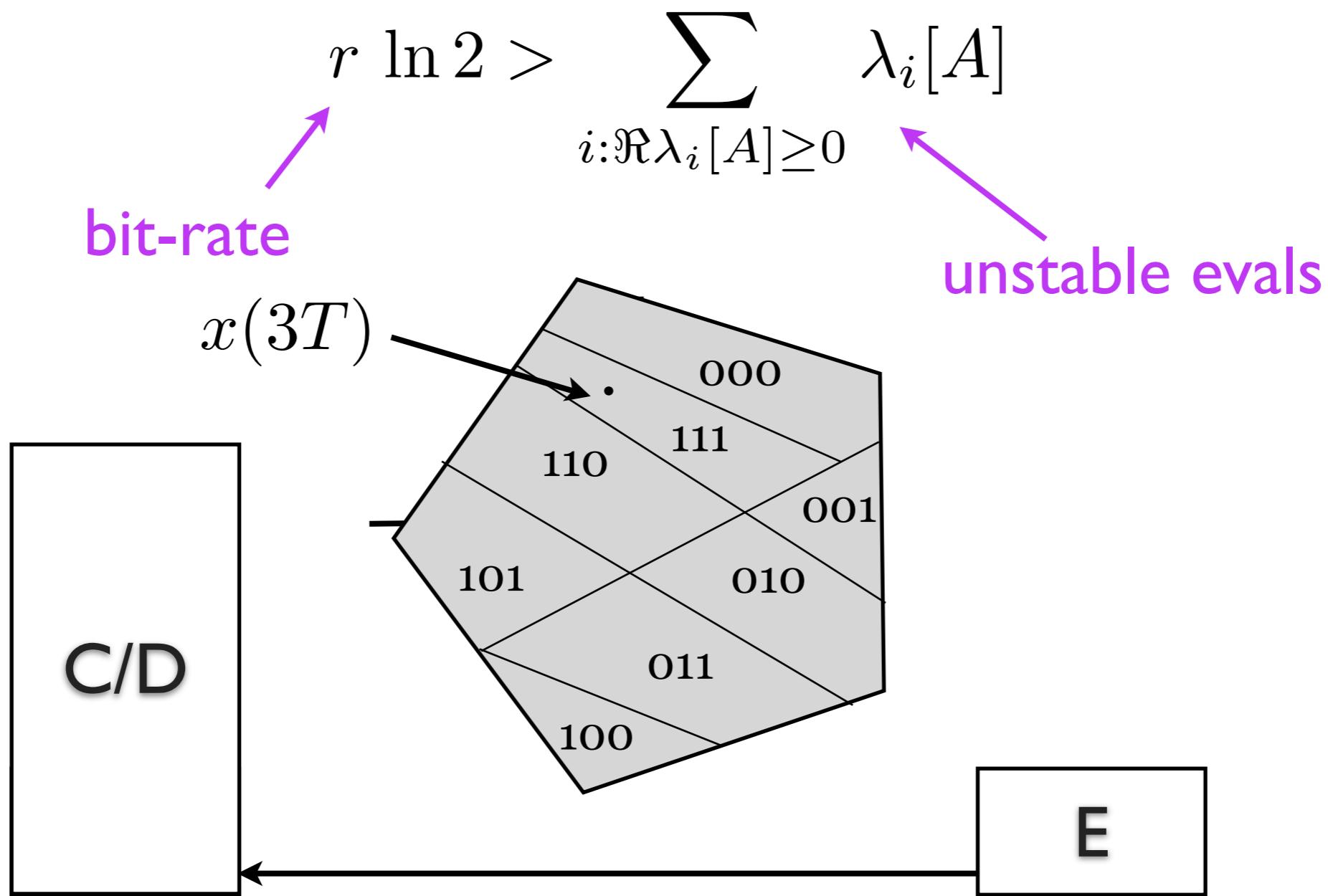
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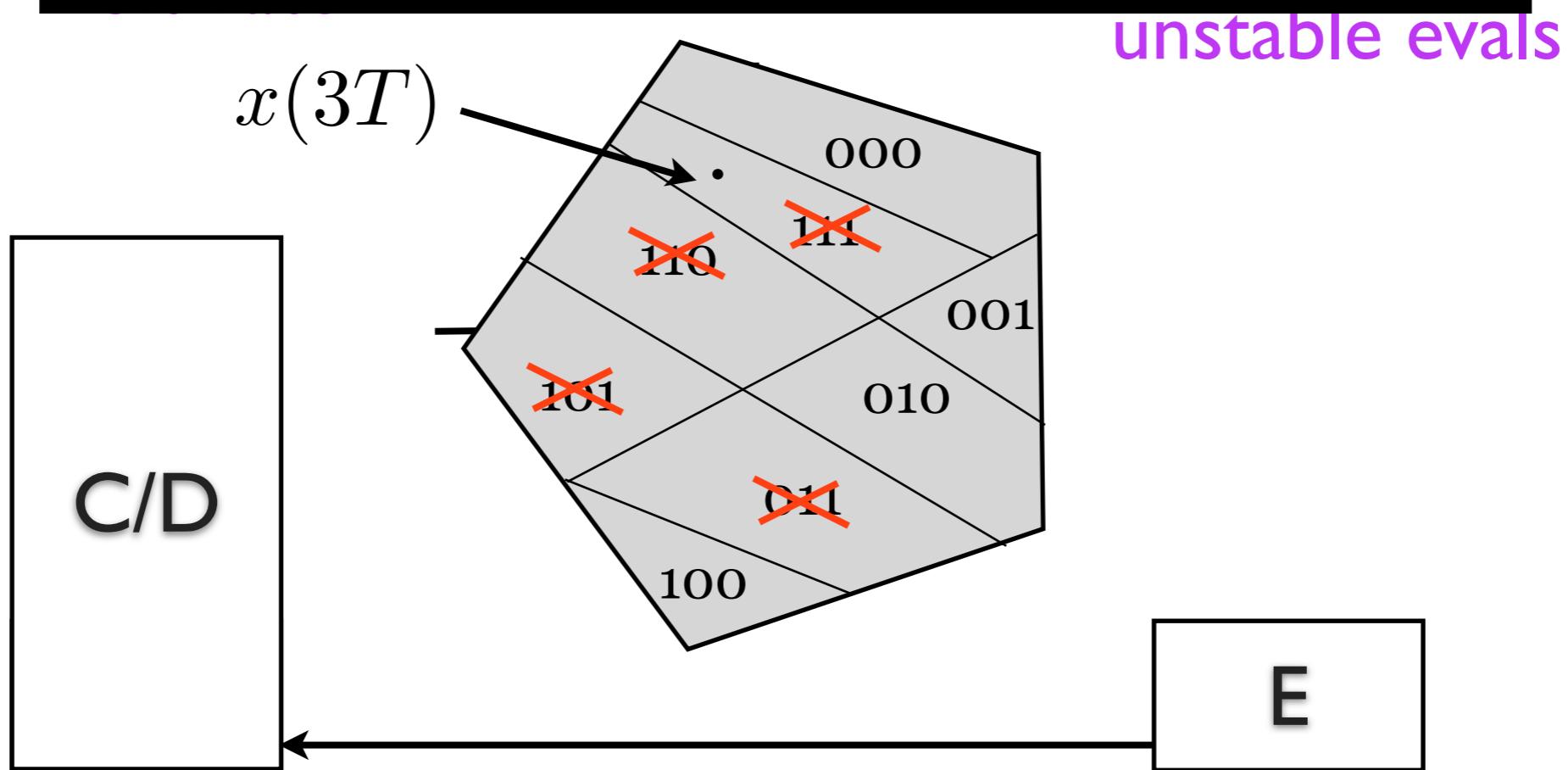


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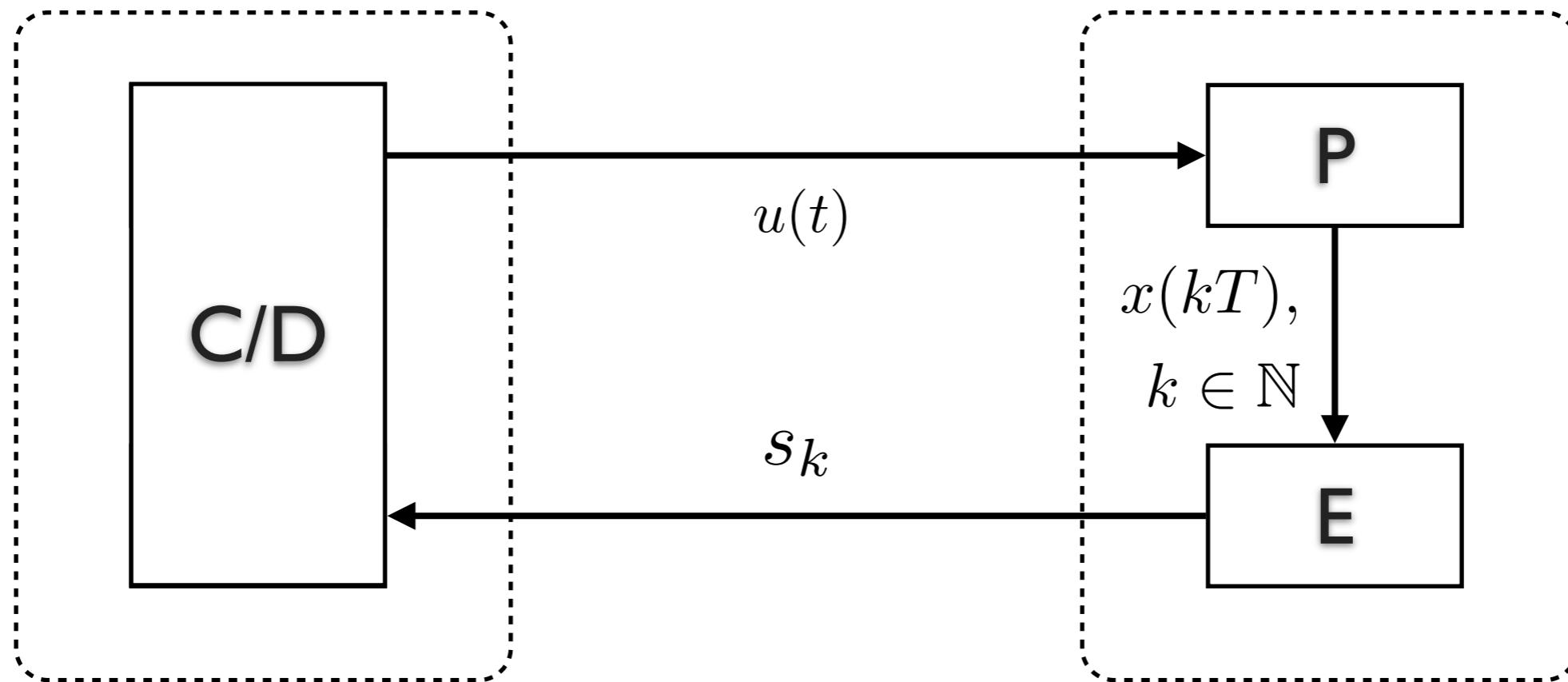
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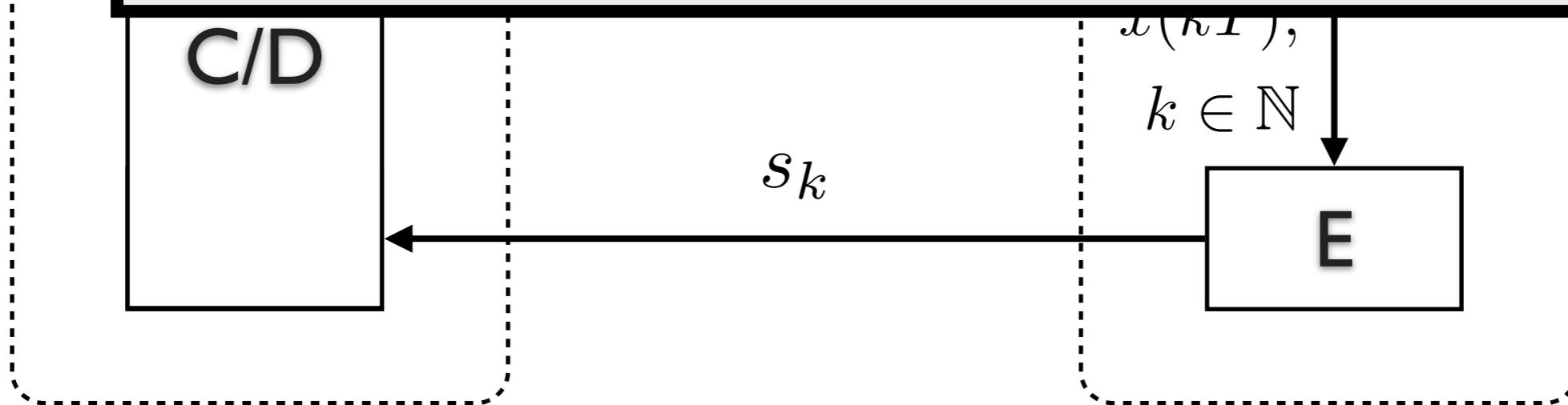
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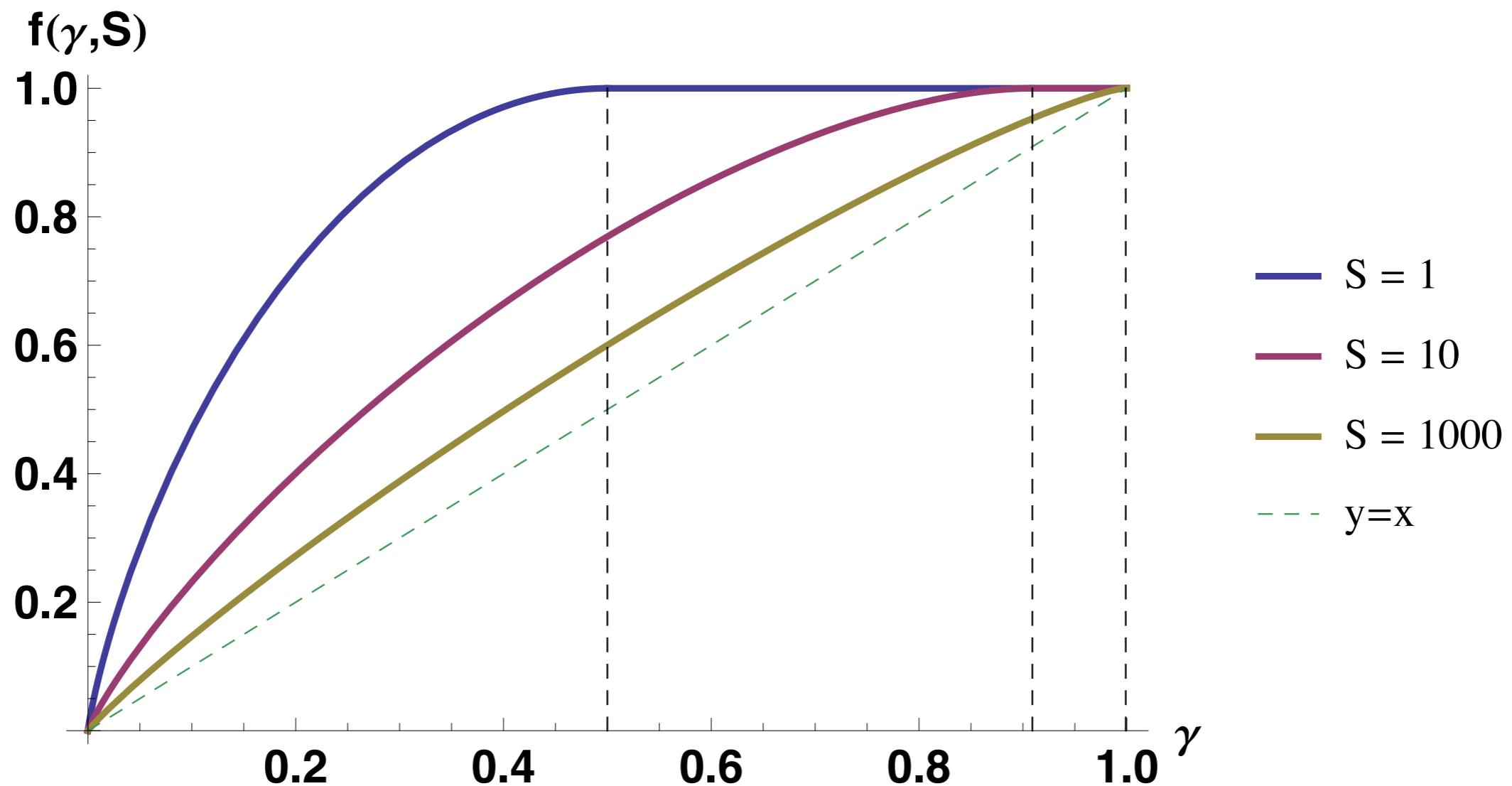
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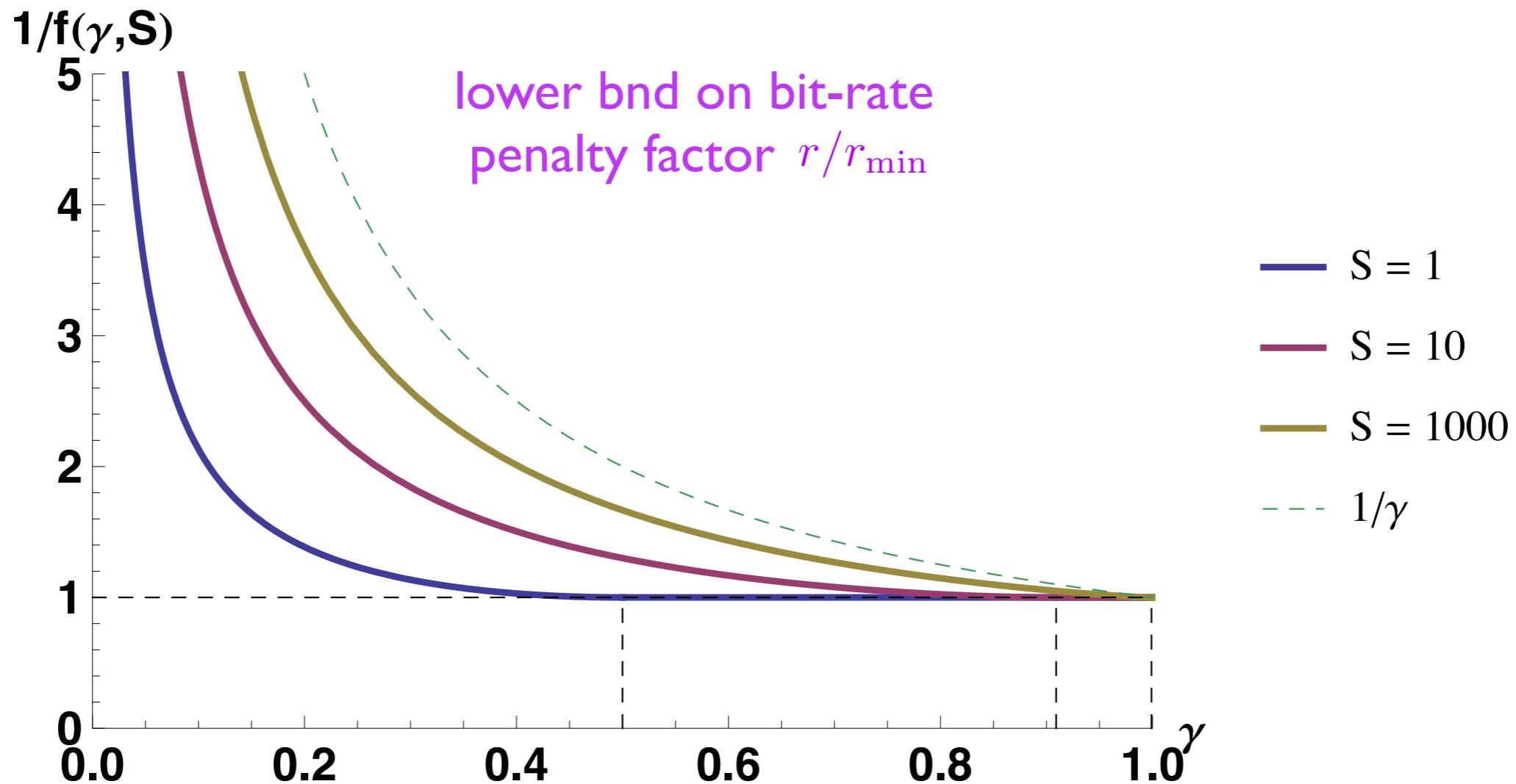
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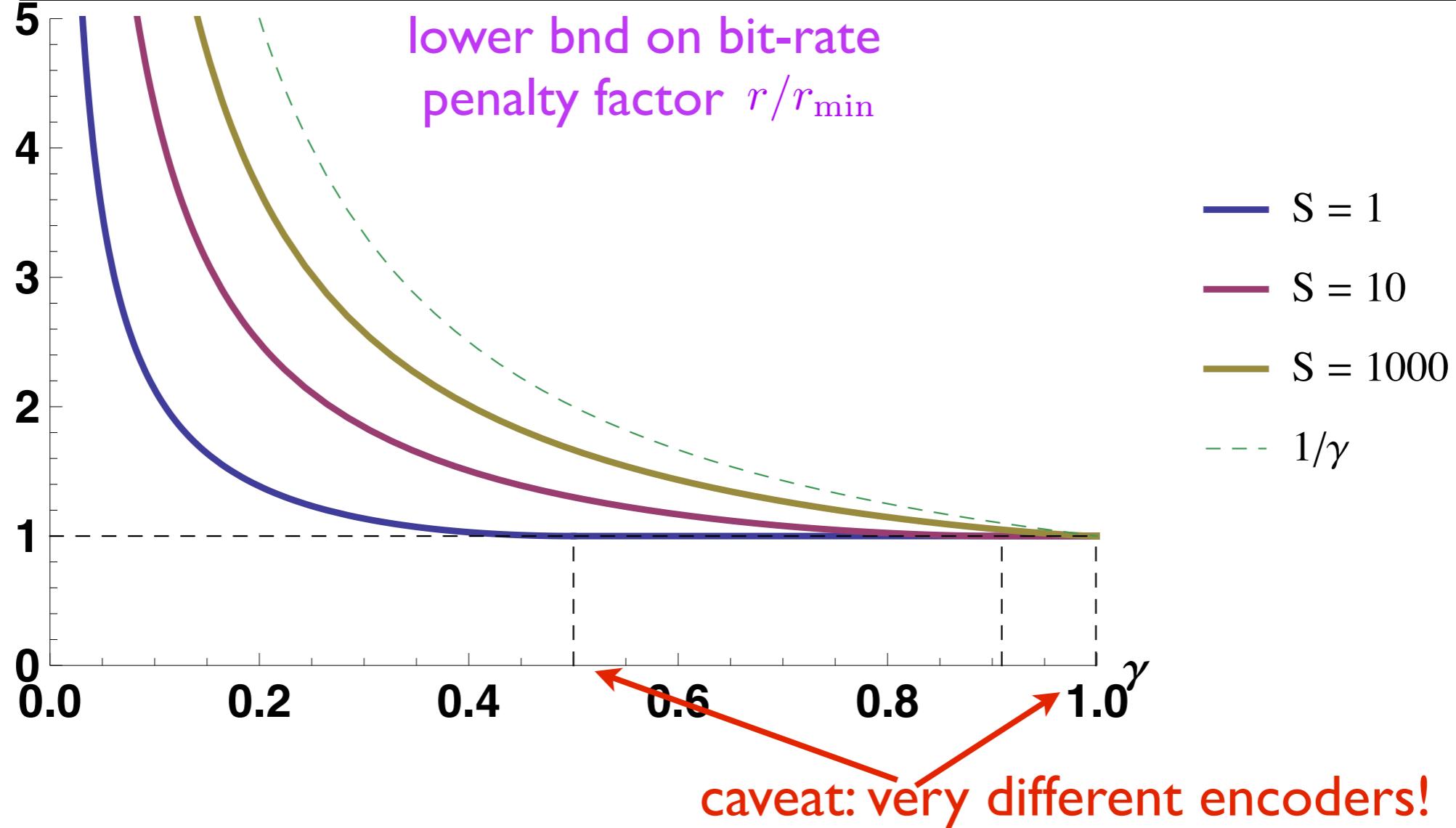


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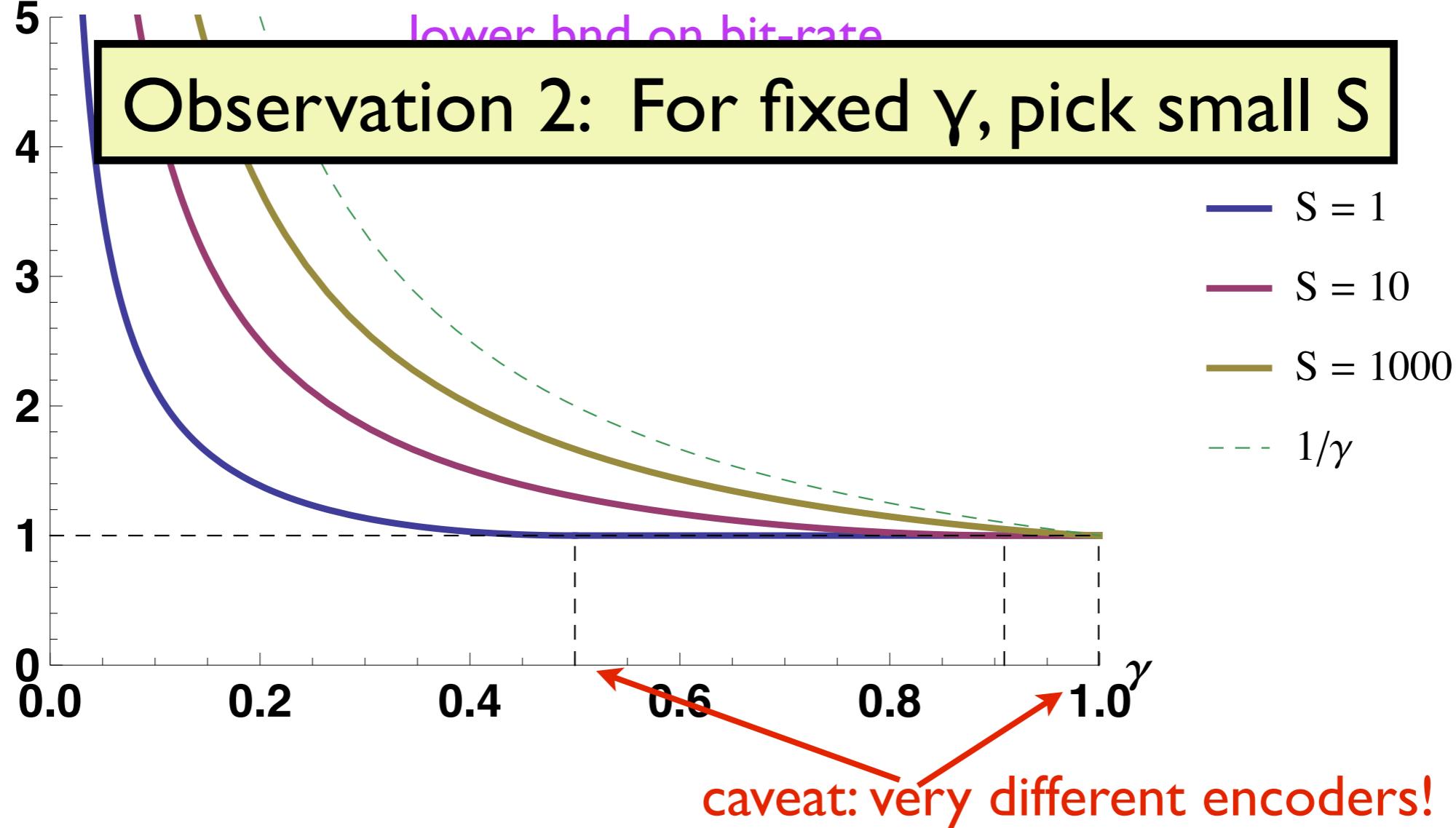


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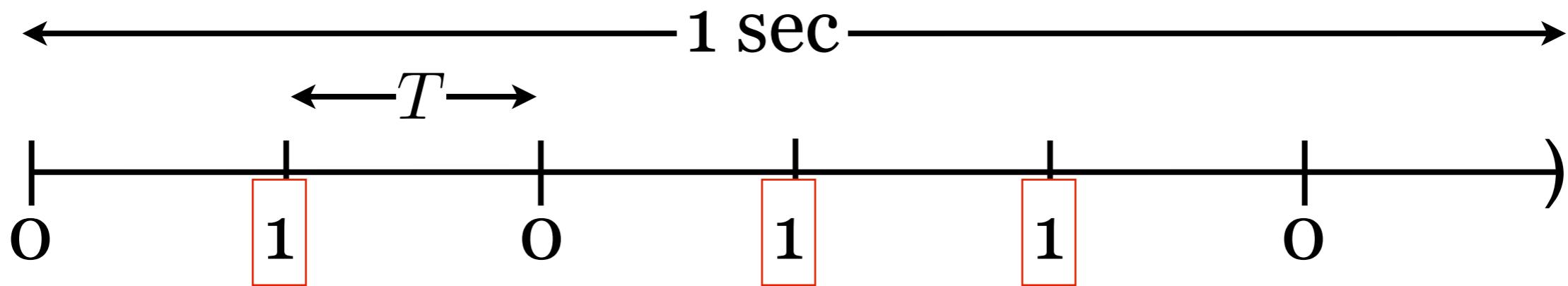
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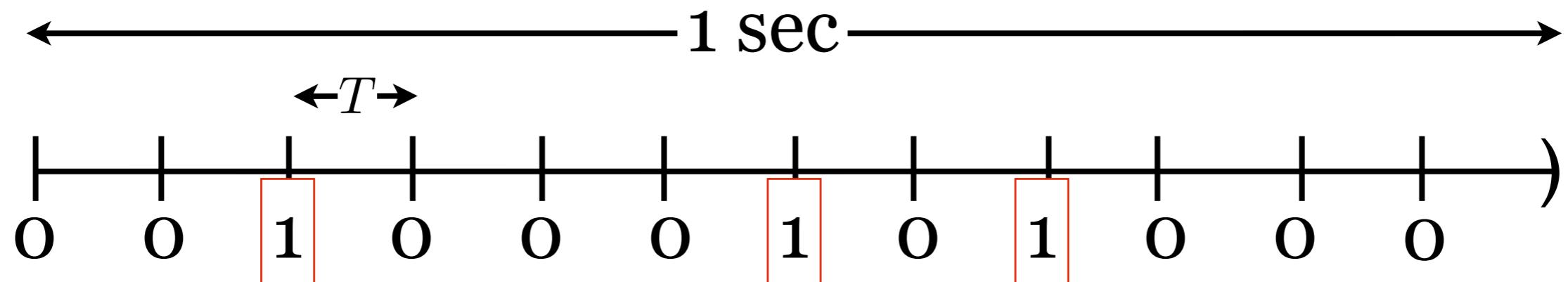
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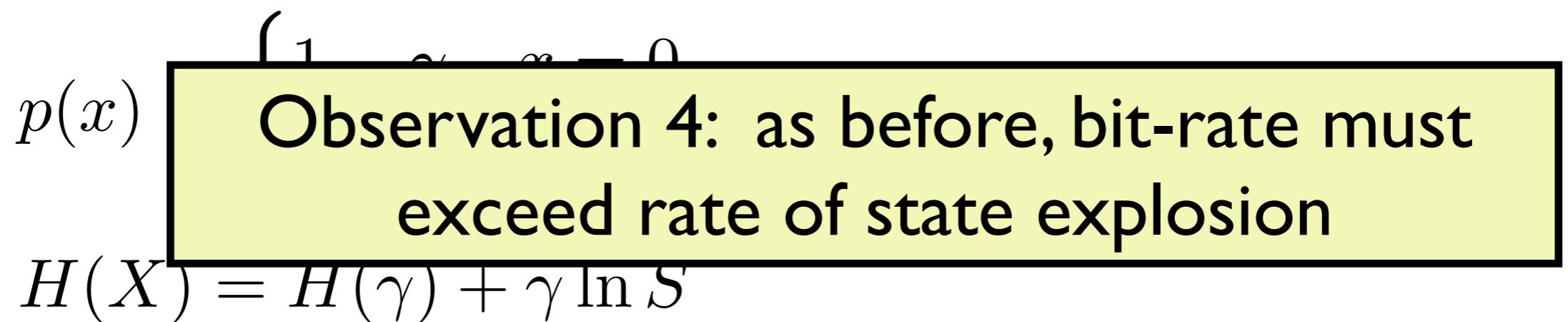
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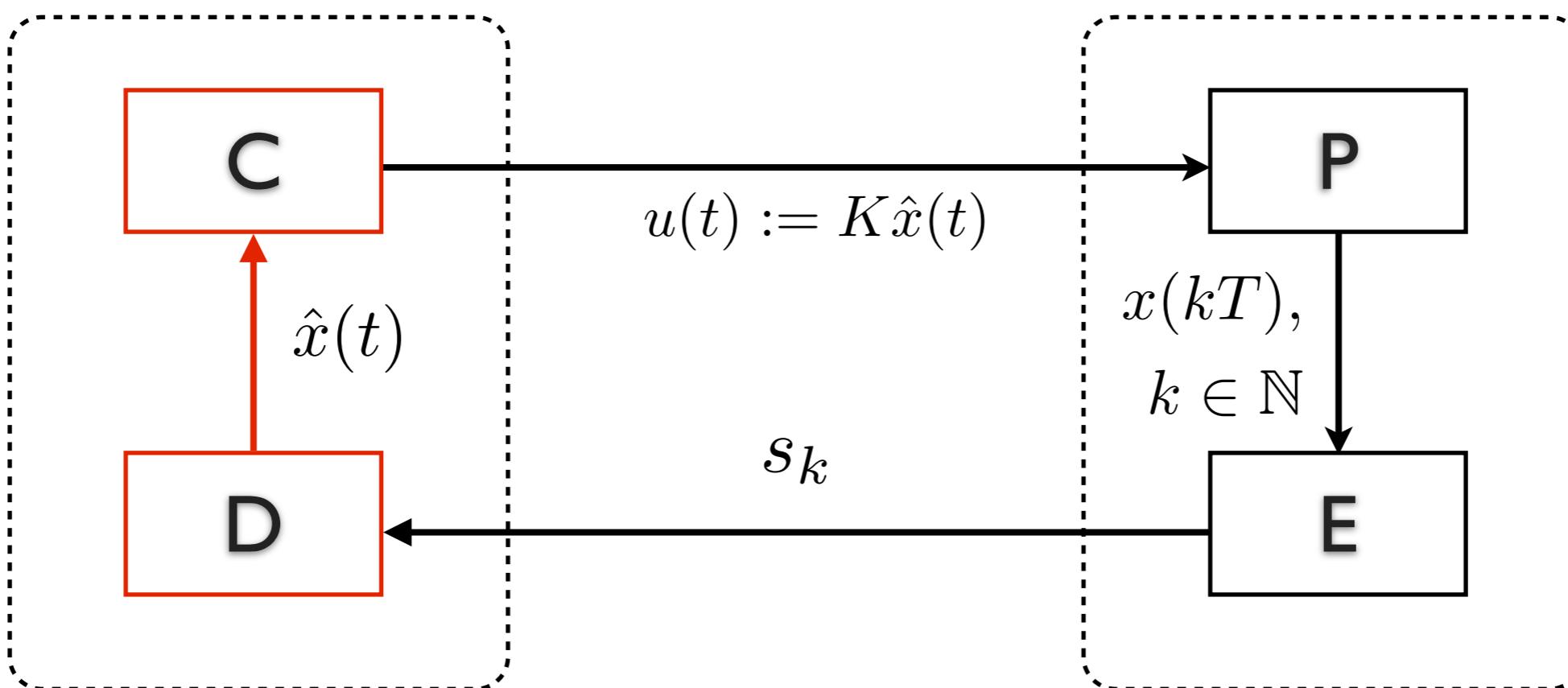


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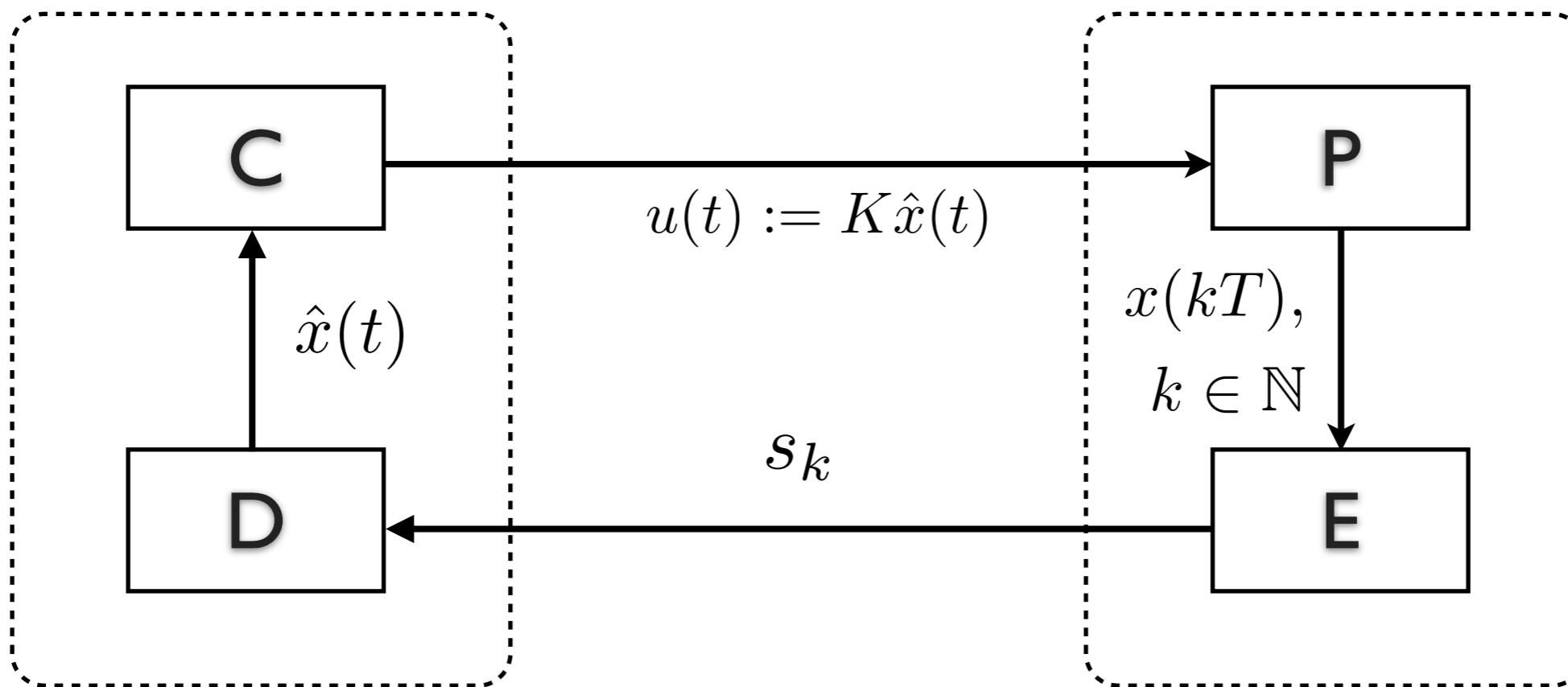
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- “Emulation-based” controller:
  - $u(t) := Kx(t)$  stabilizes original process
  - (Assume  $A-BK$  is Hurwitz)
- “Event-based” encoder/decoder pair
  - 0 : absence of an event



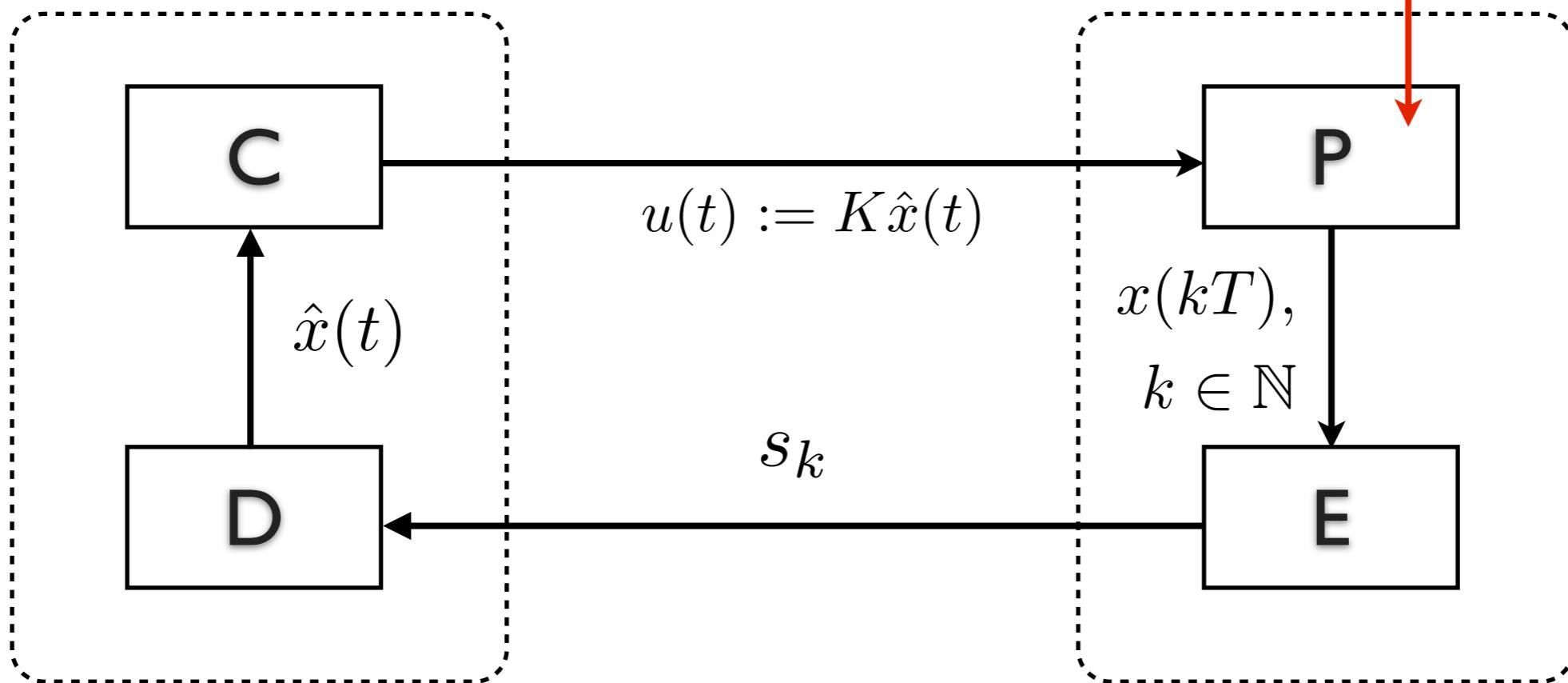
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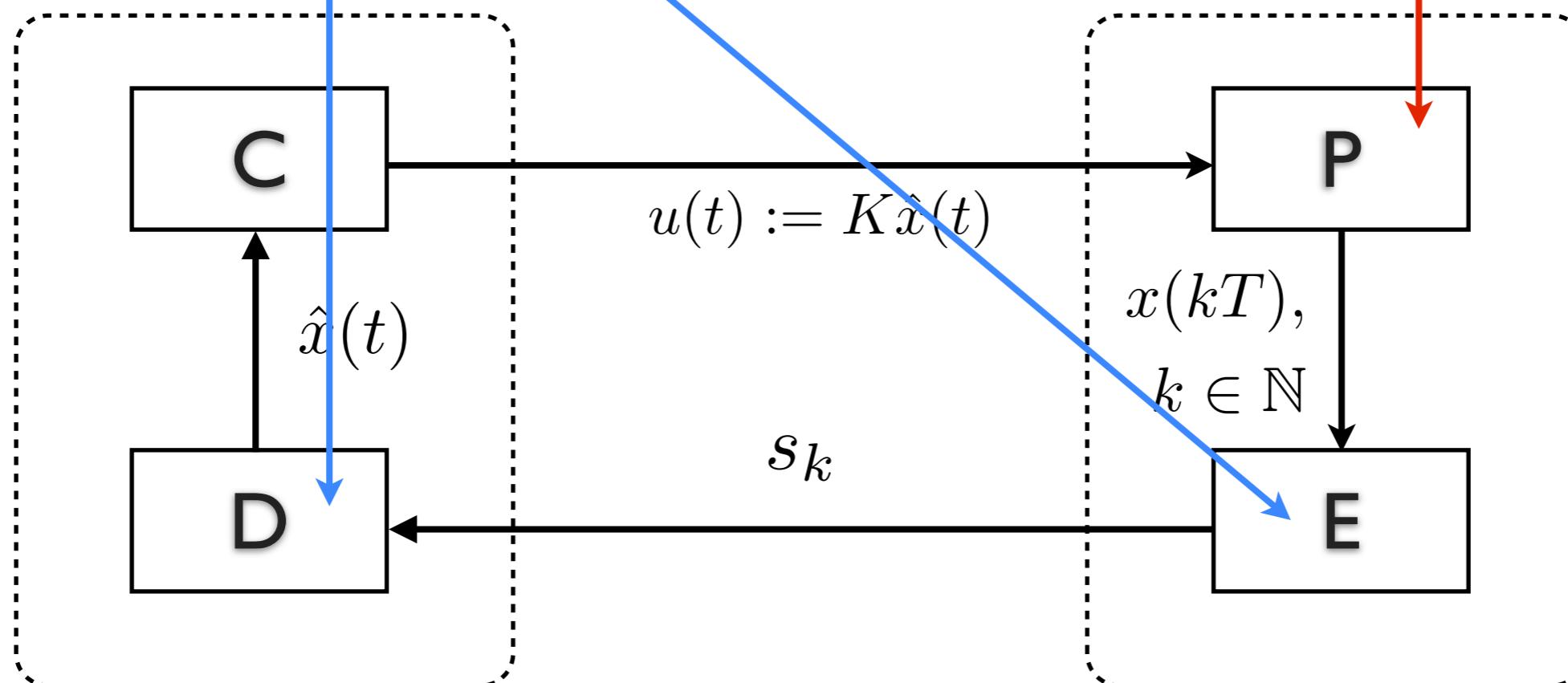
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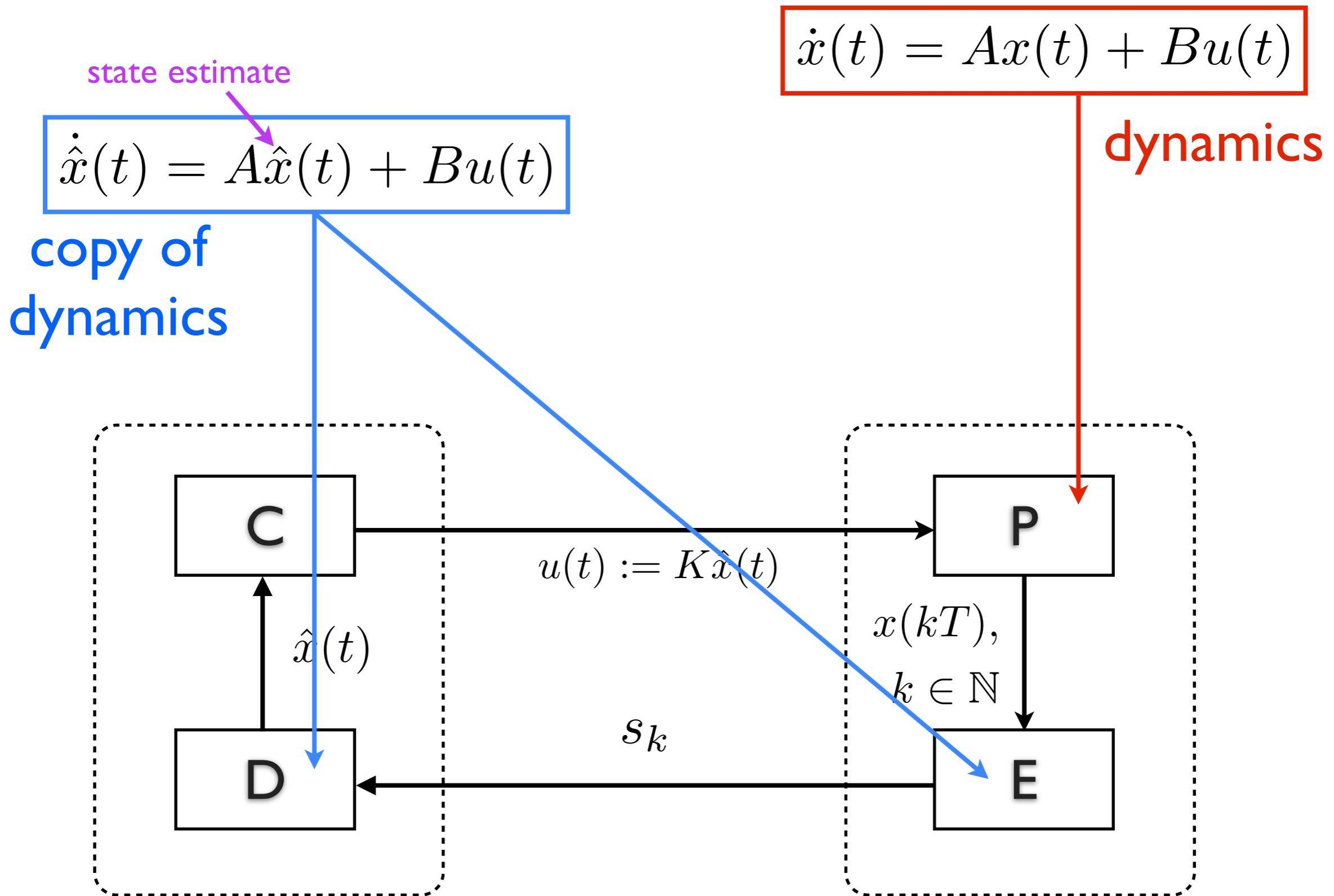
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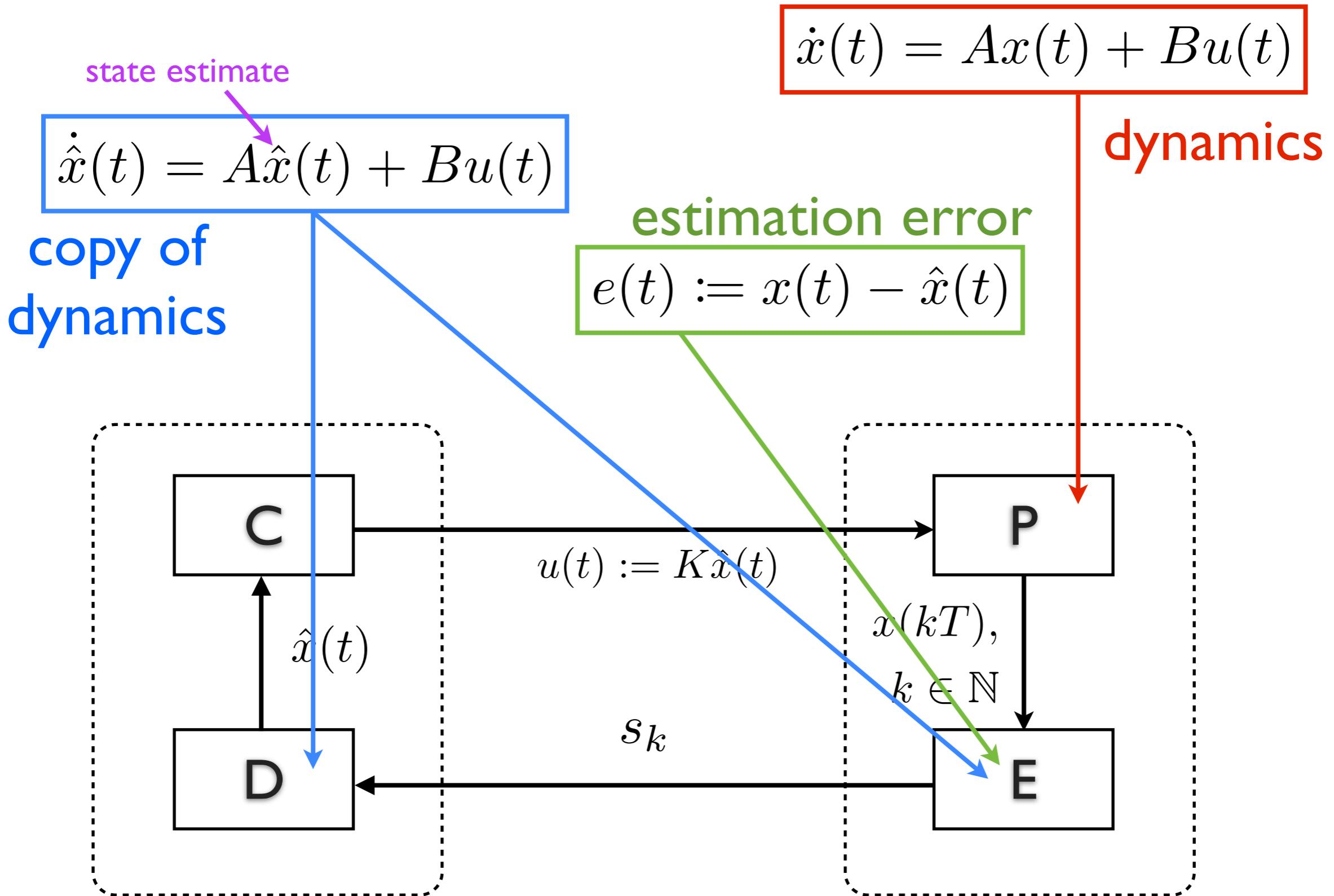
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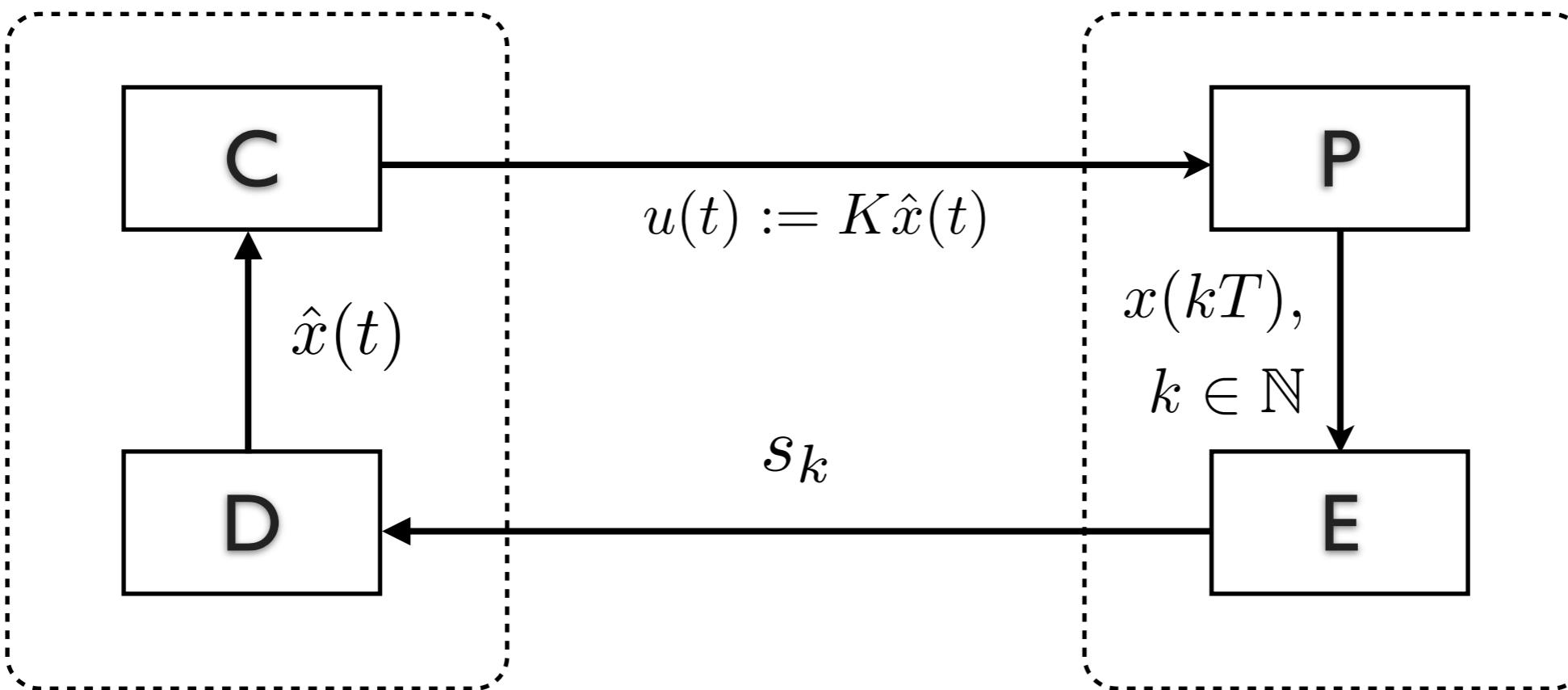
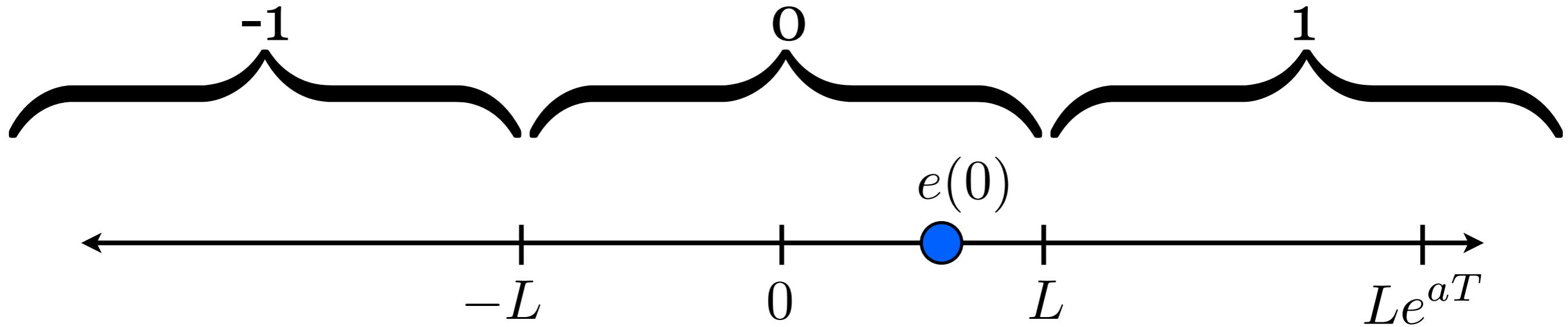
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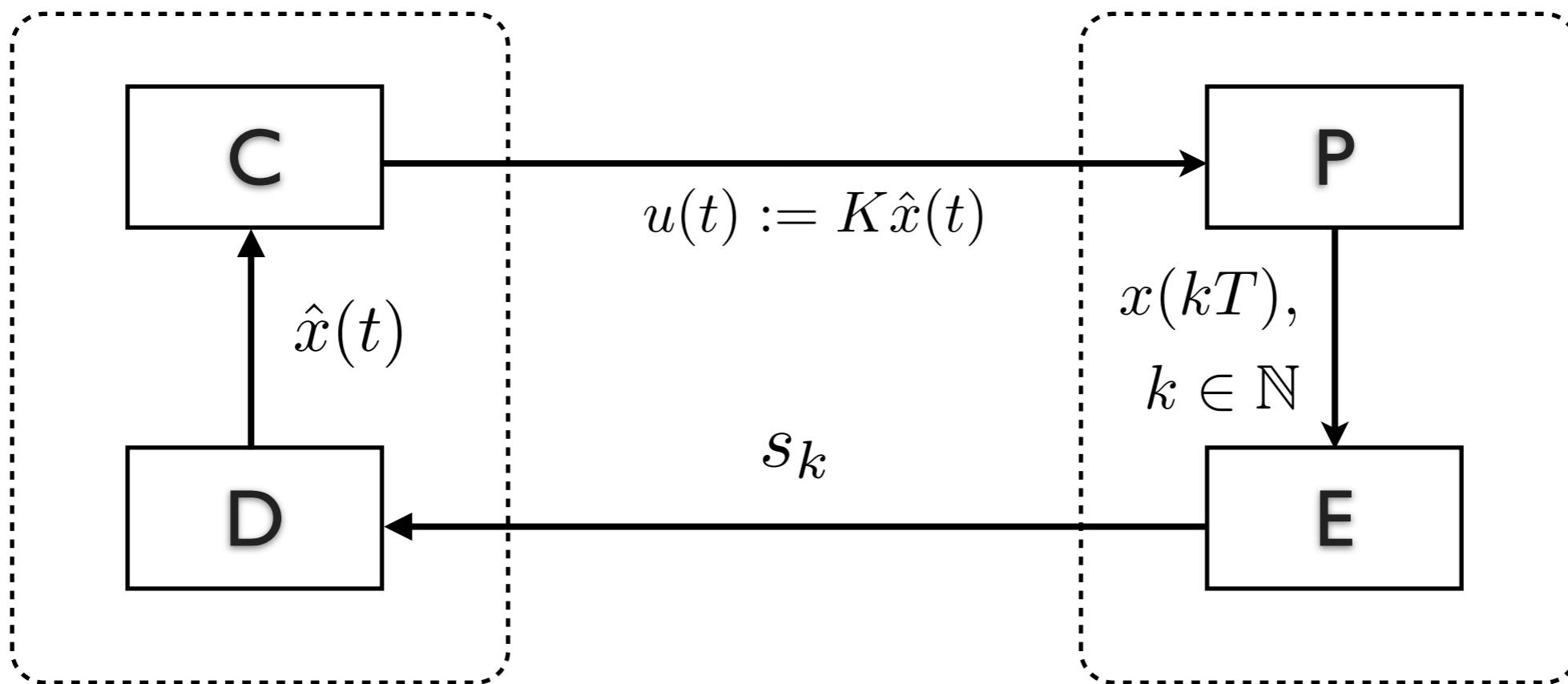
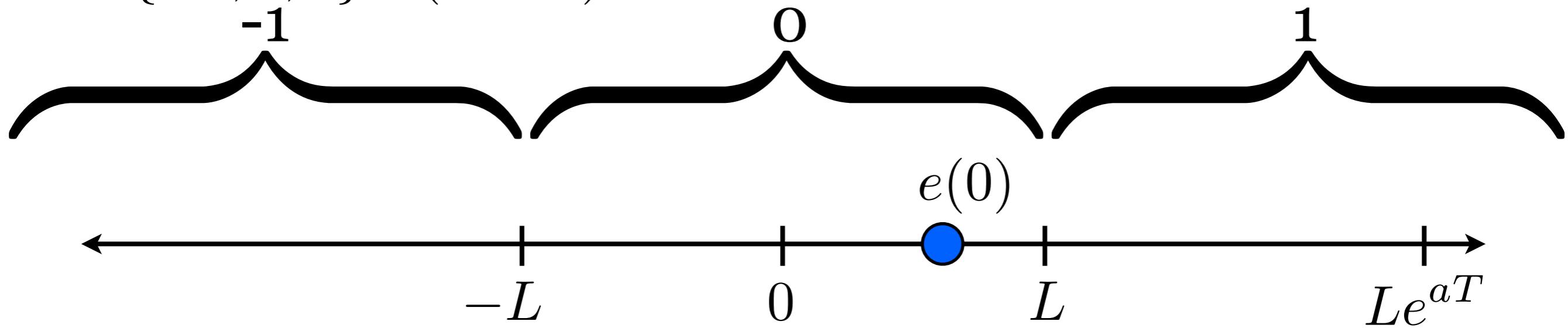


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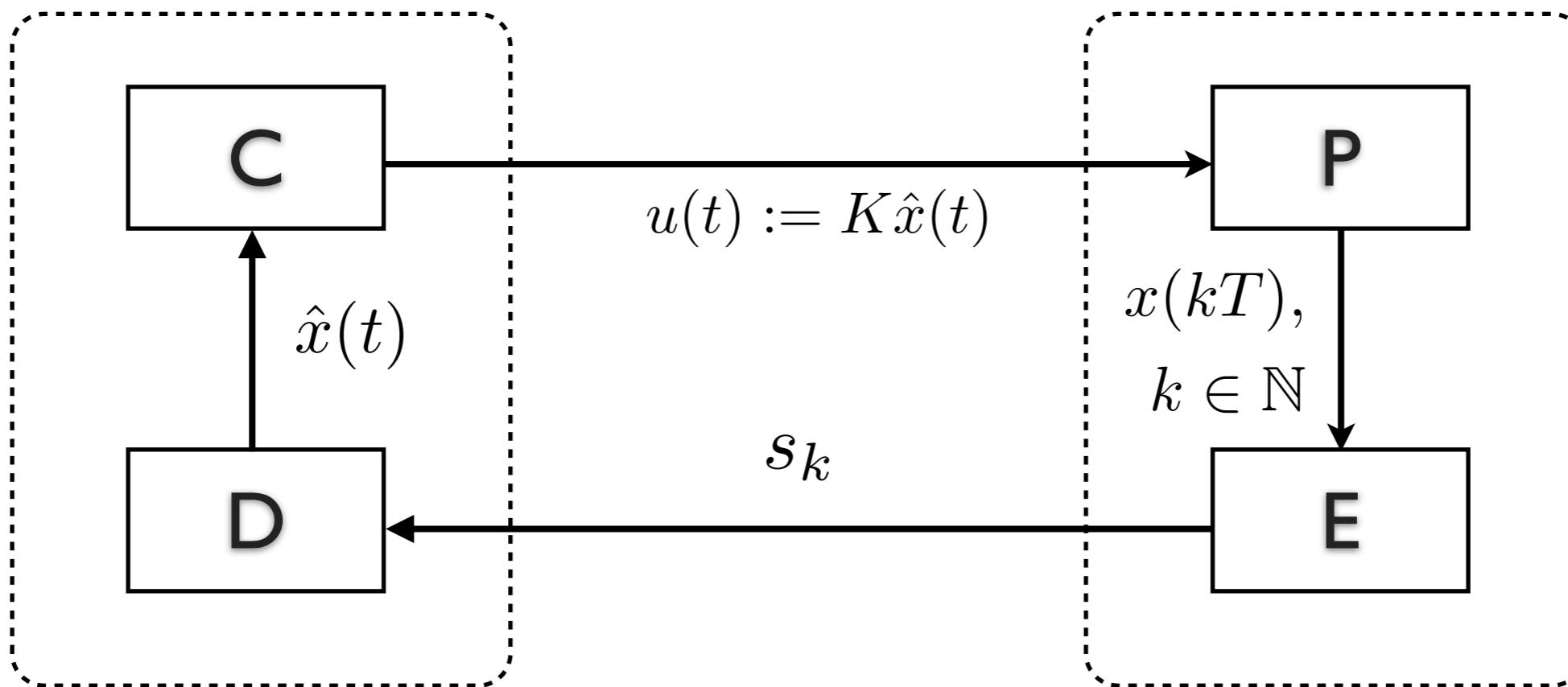
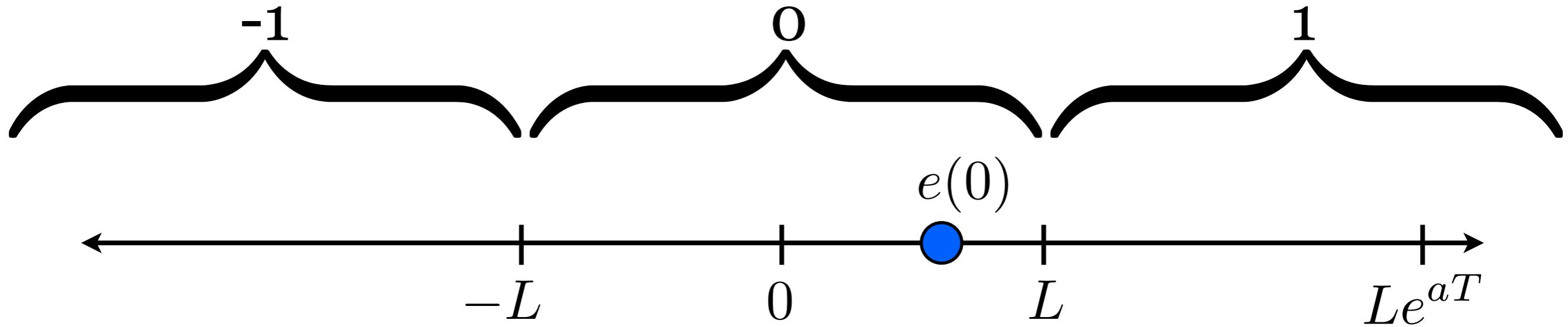


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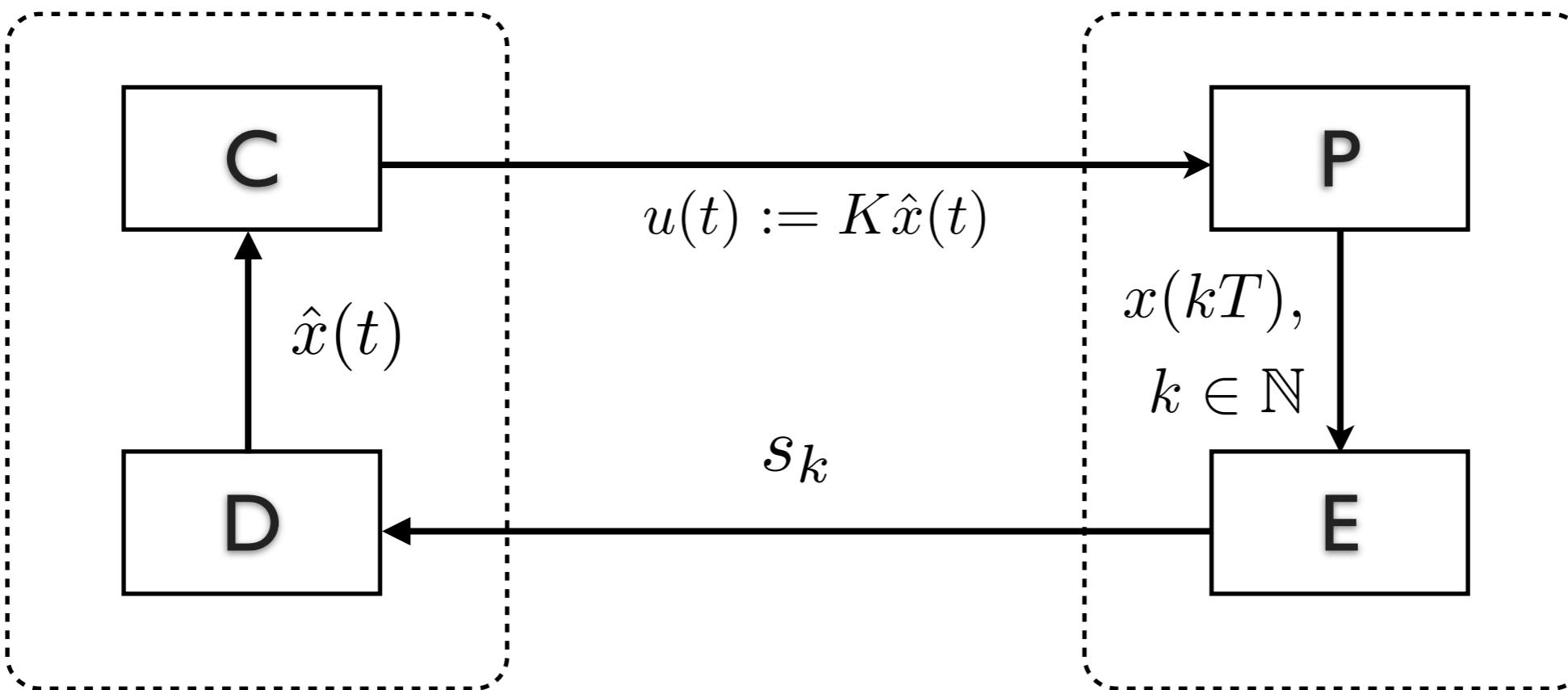
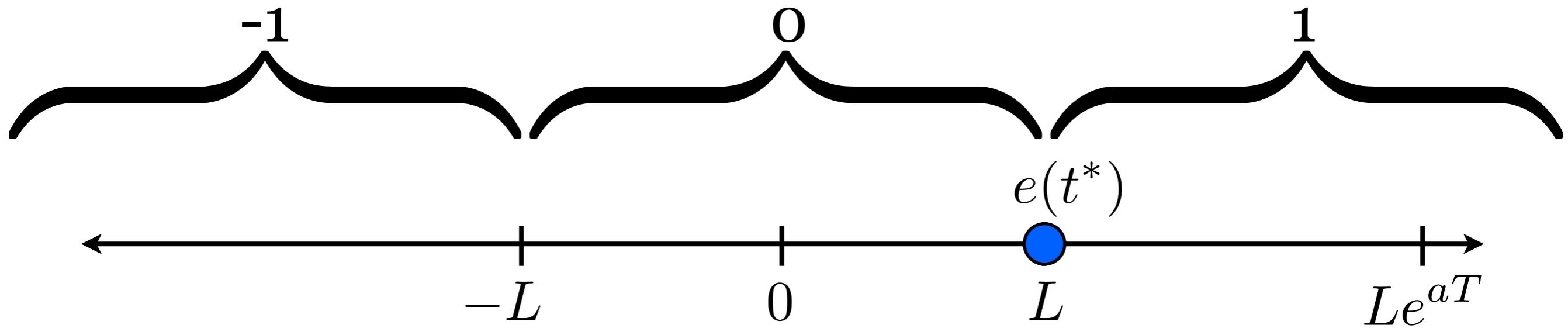
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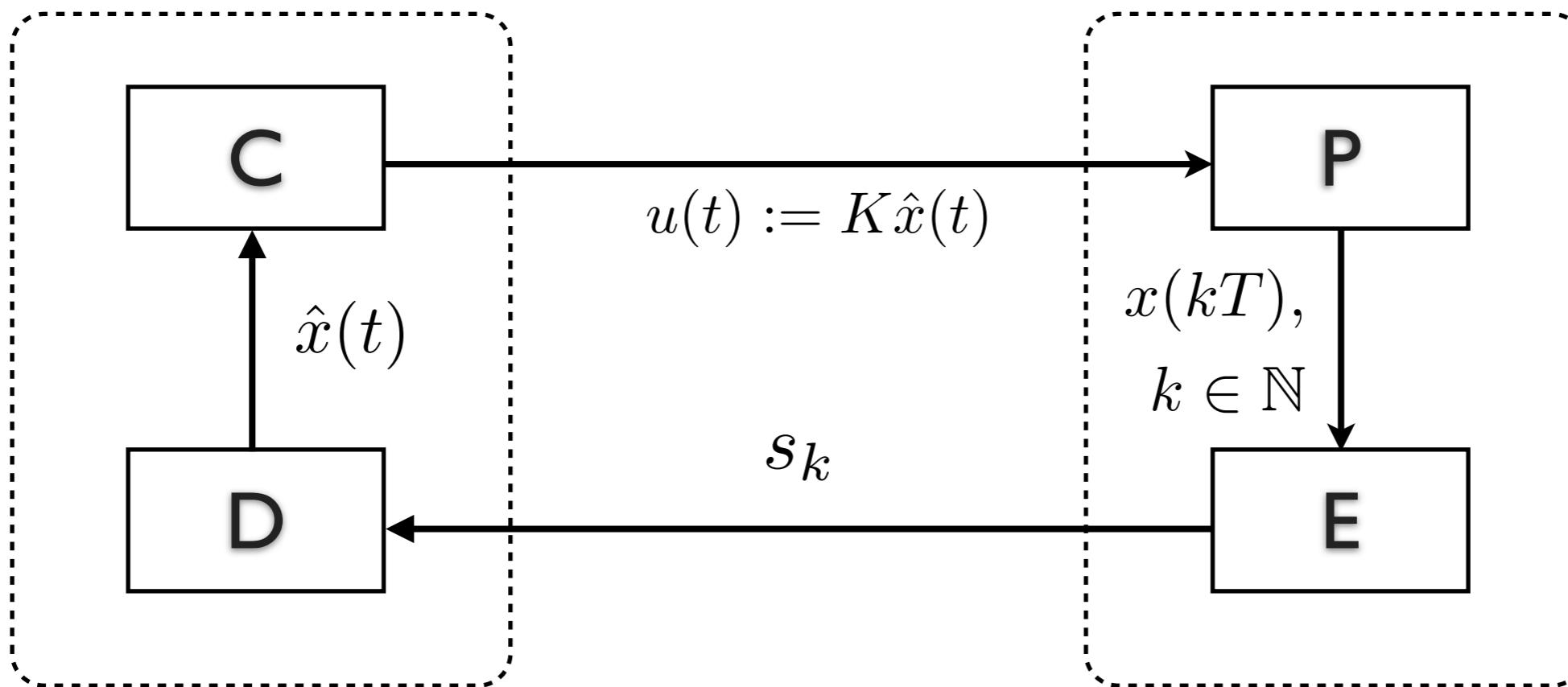
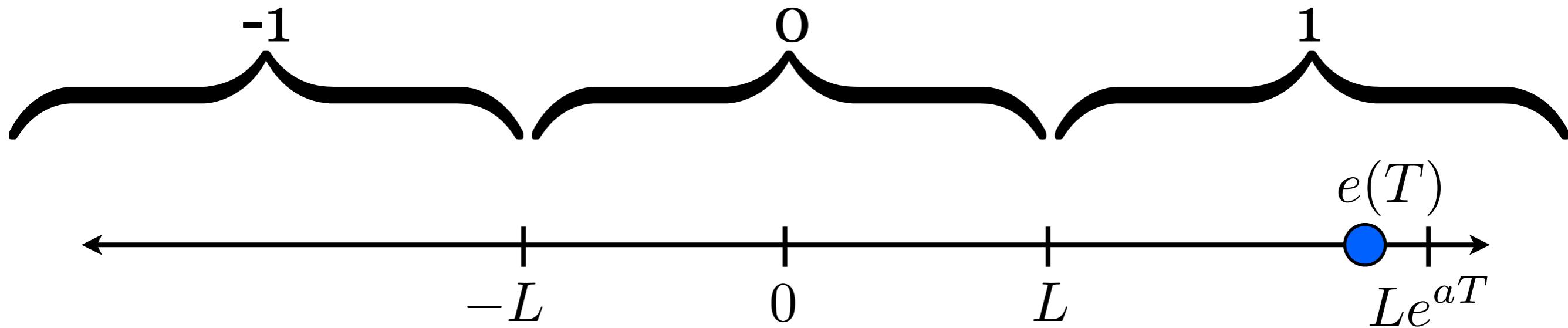
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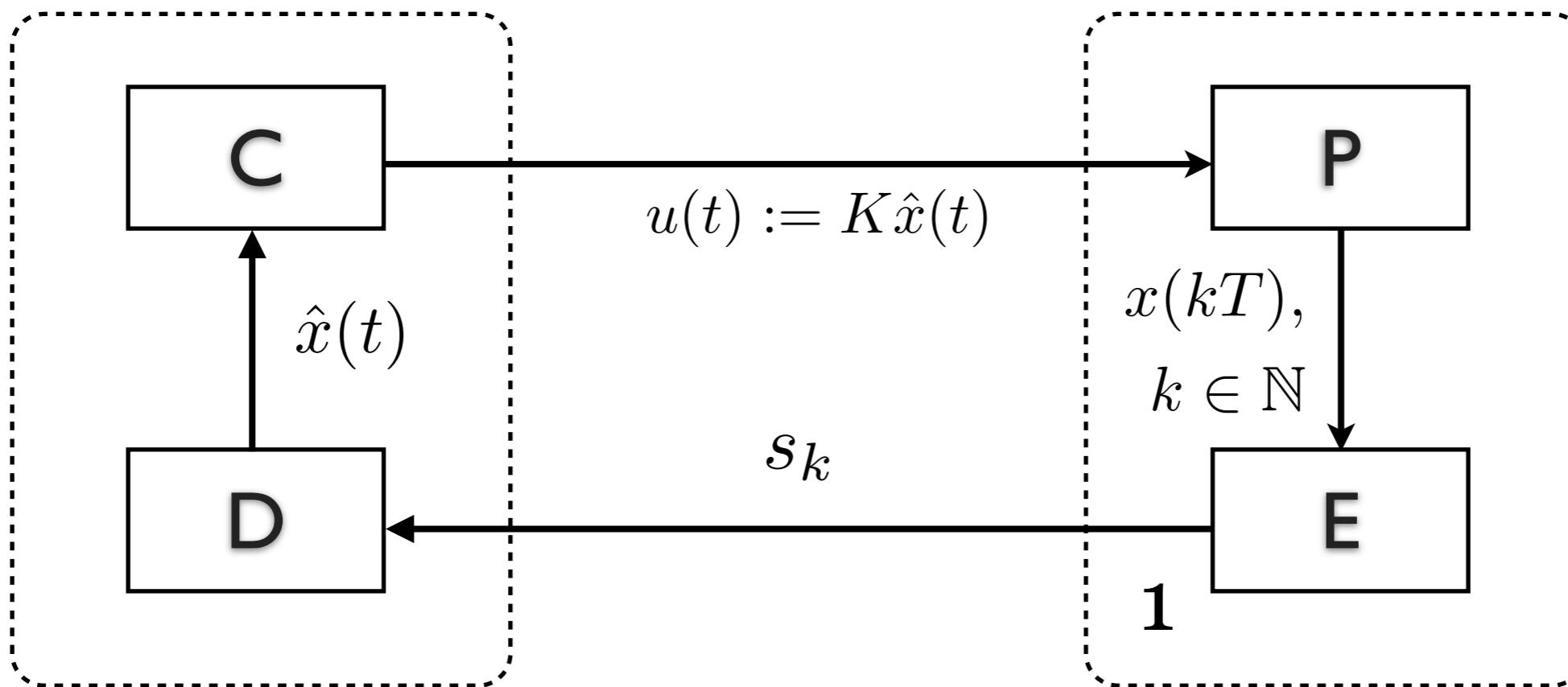
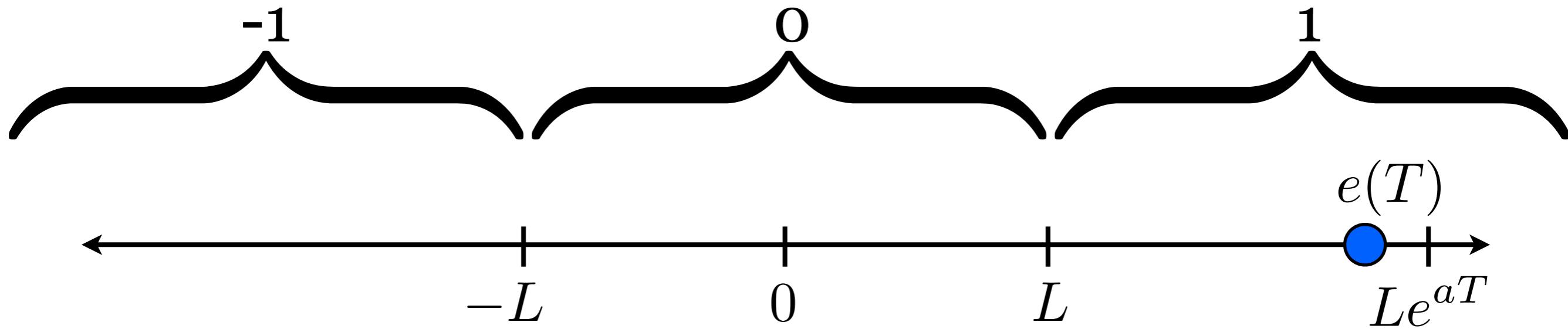
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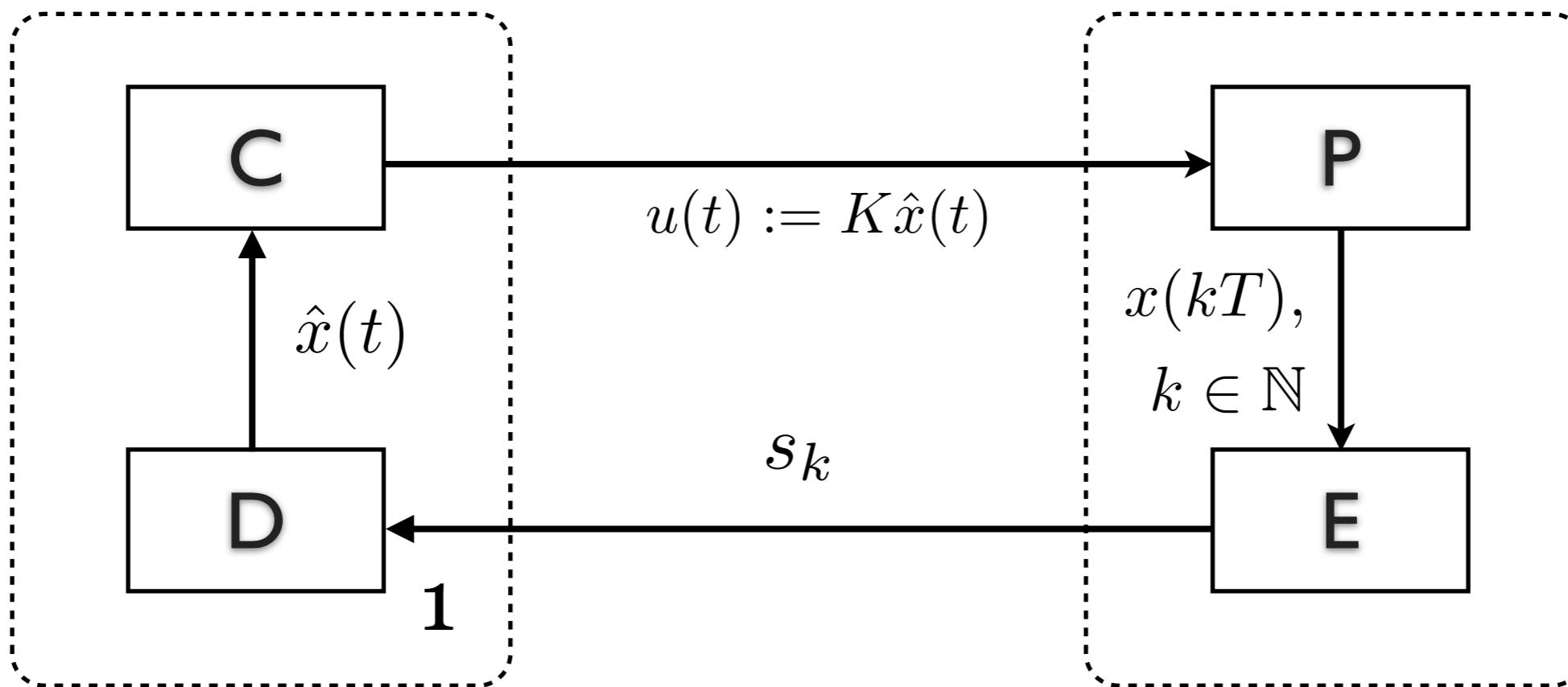
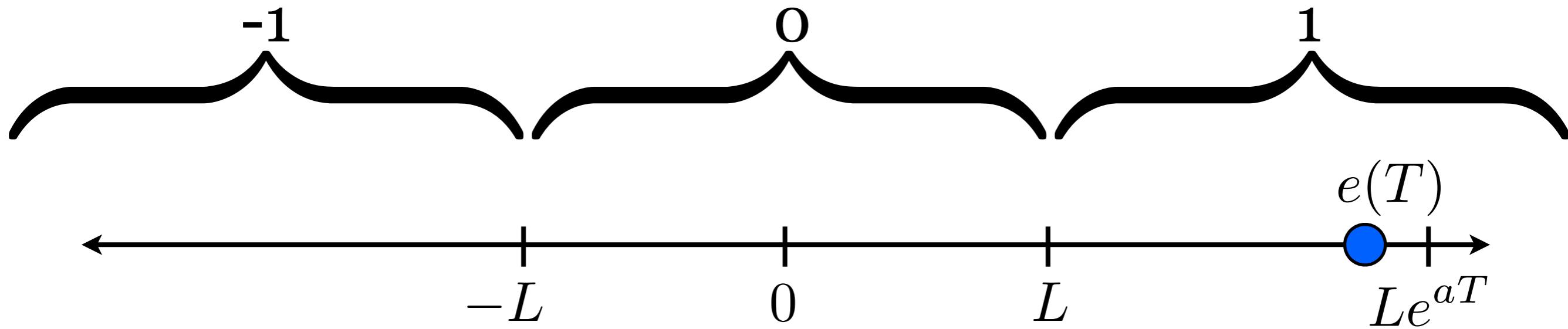
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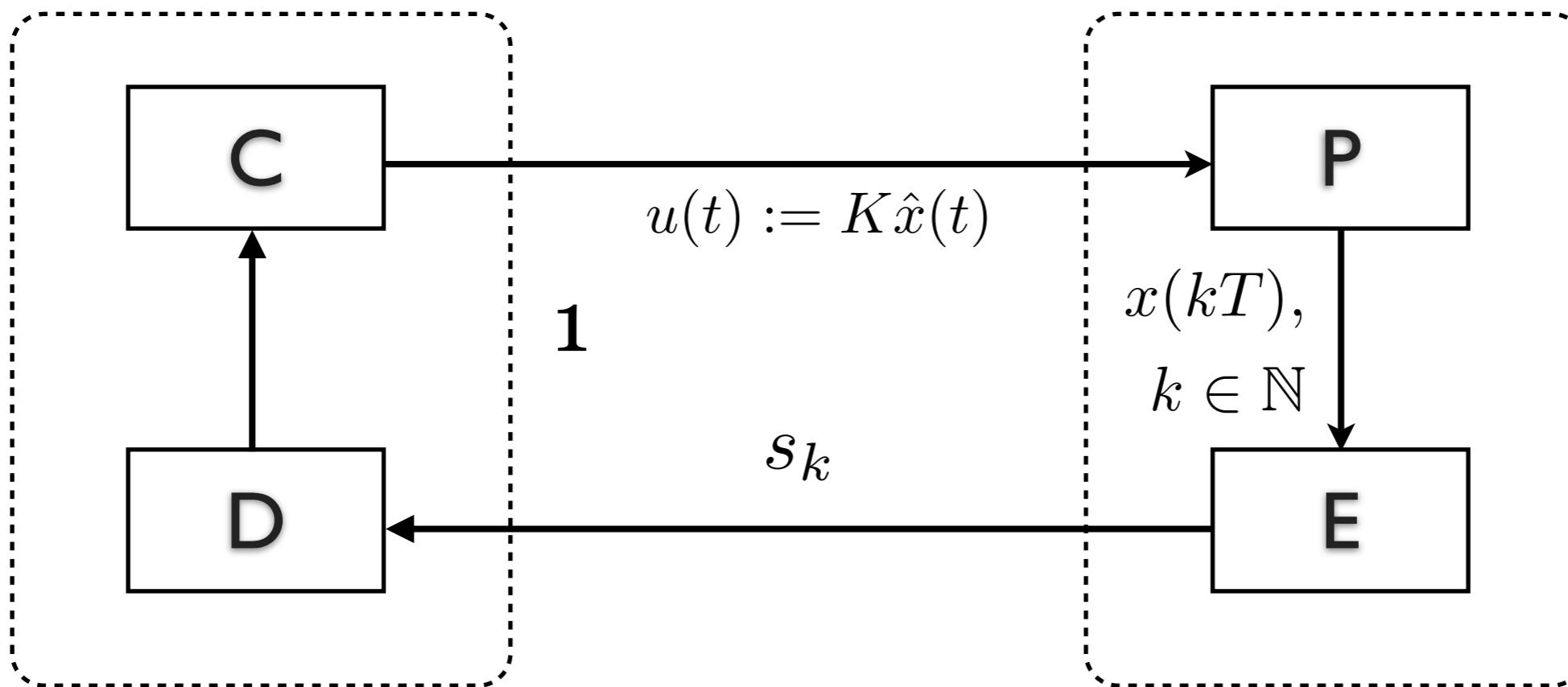
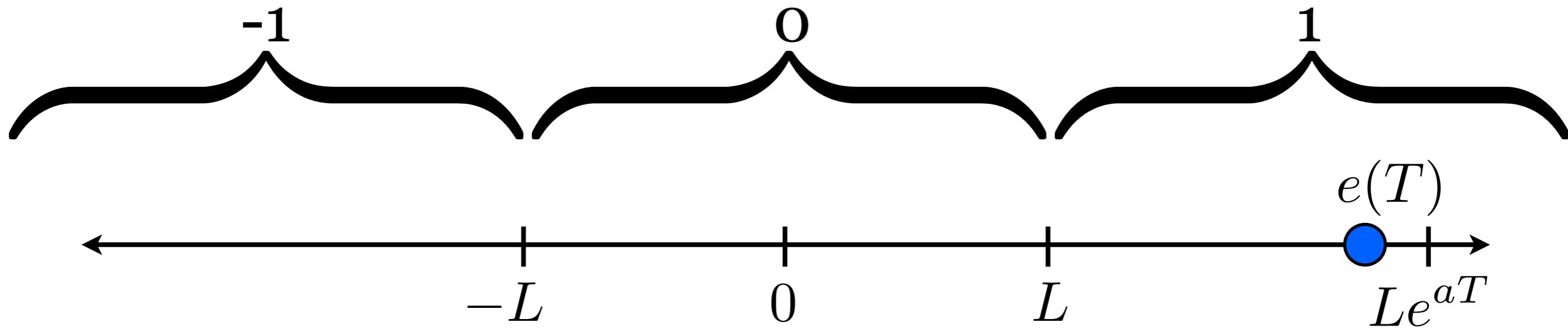
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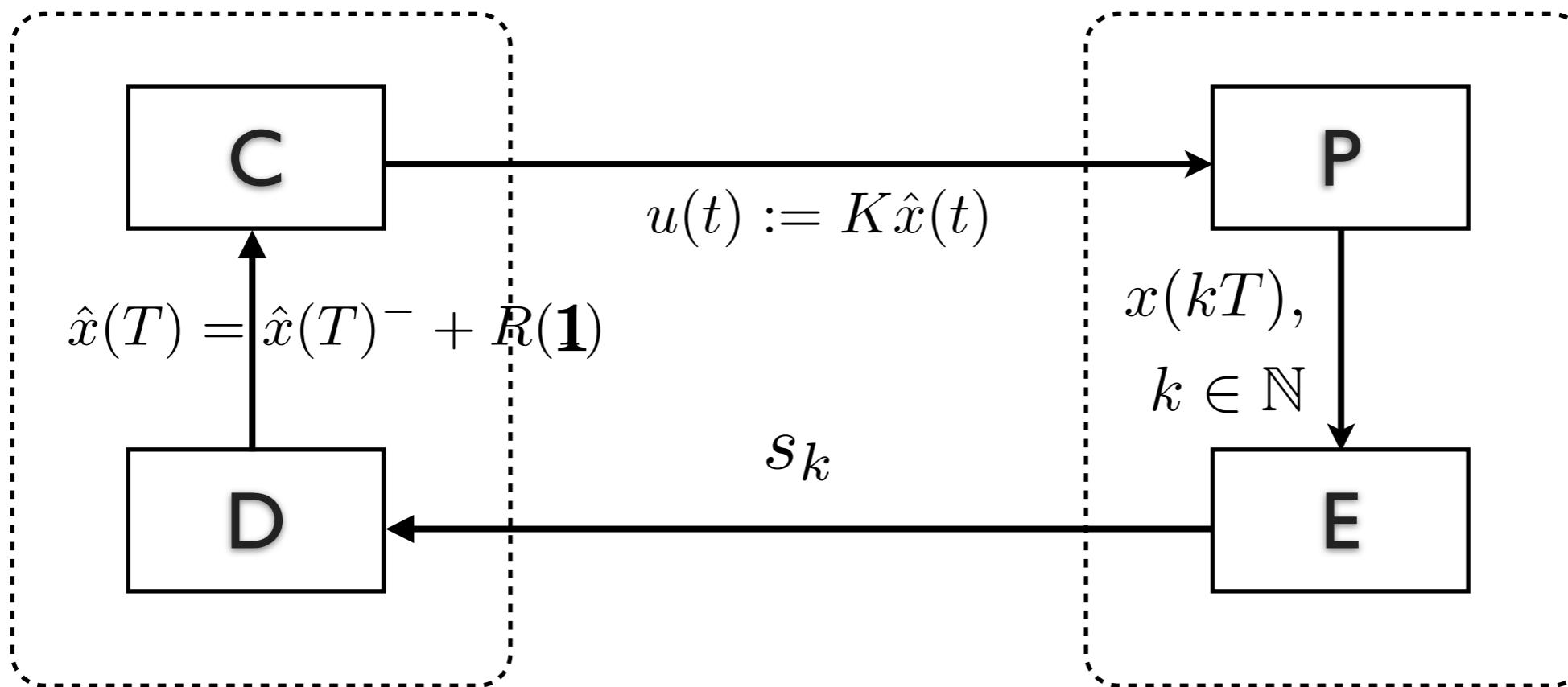
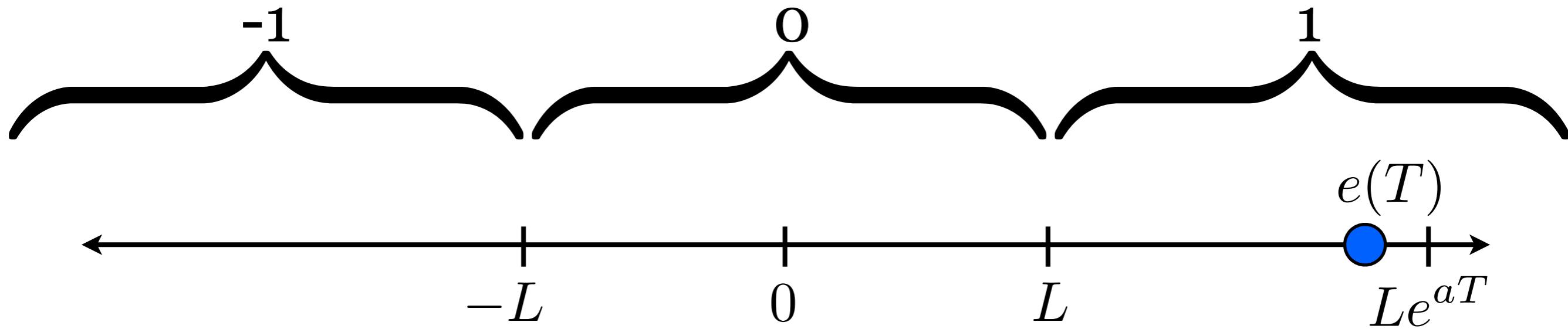
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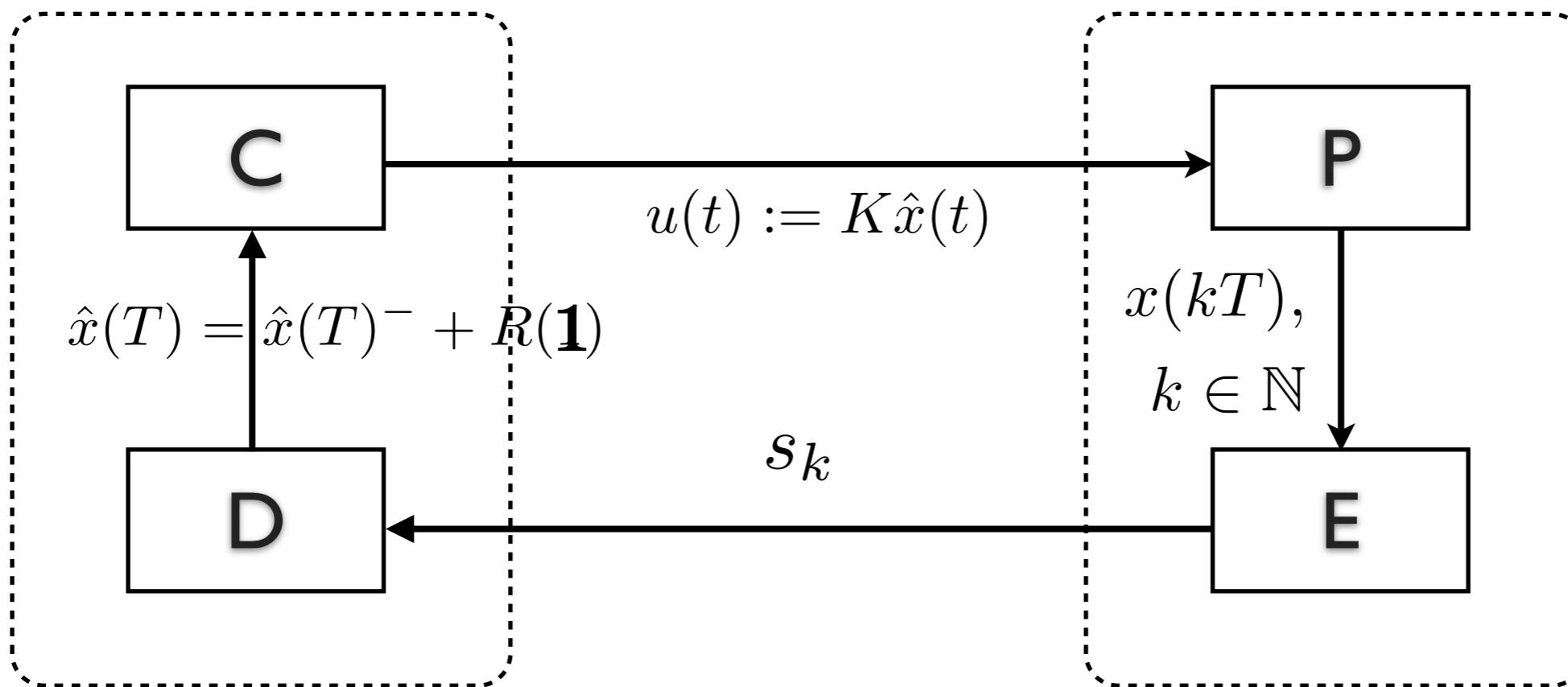
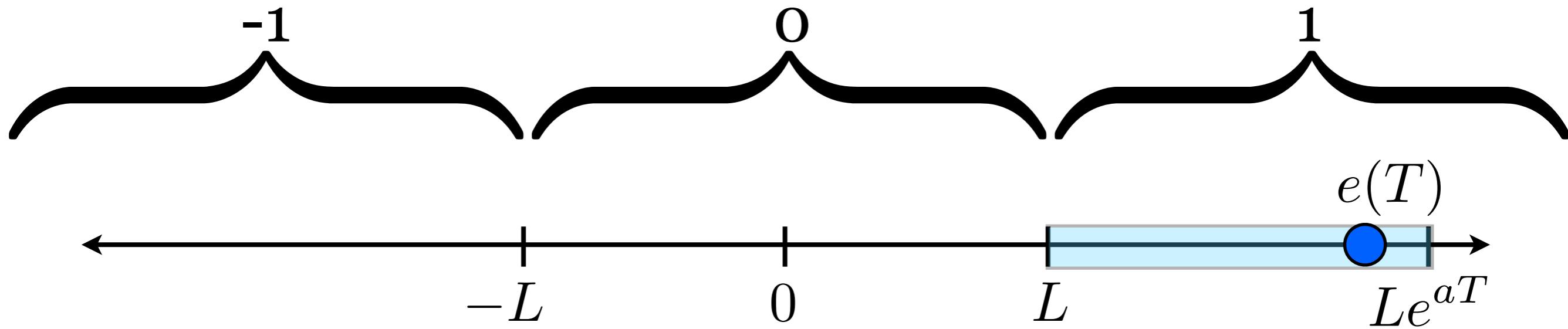
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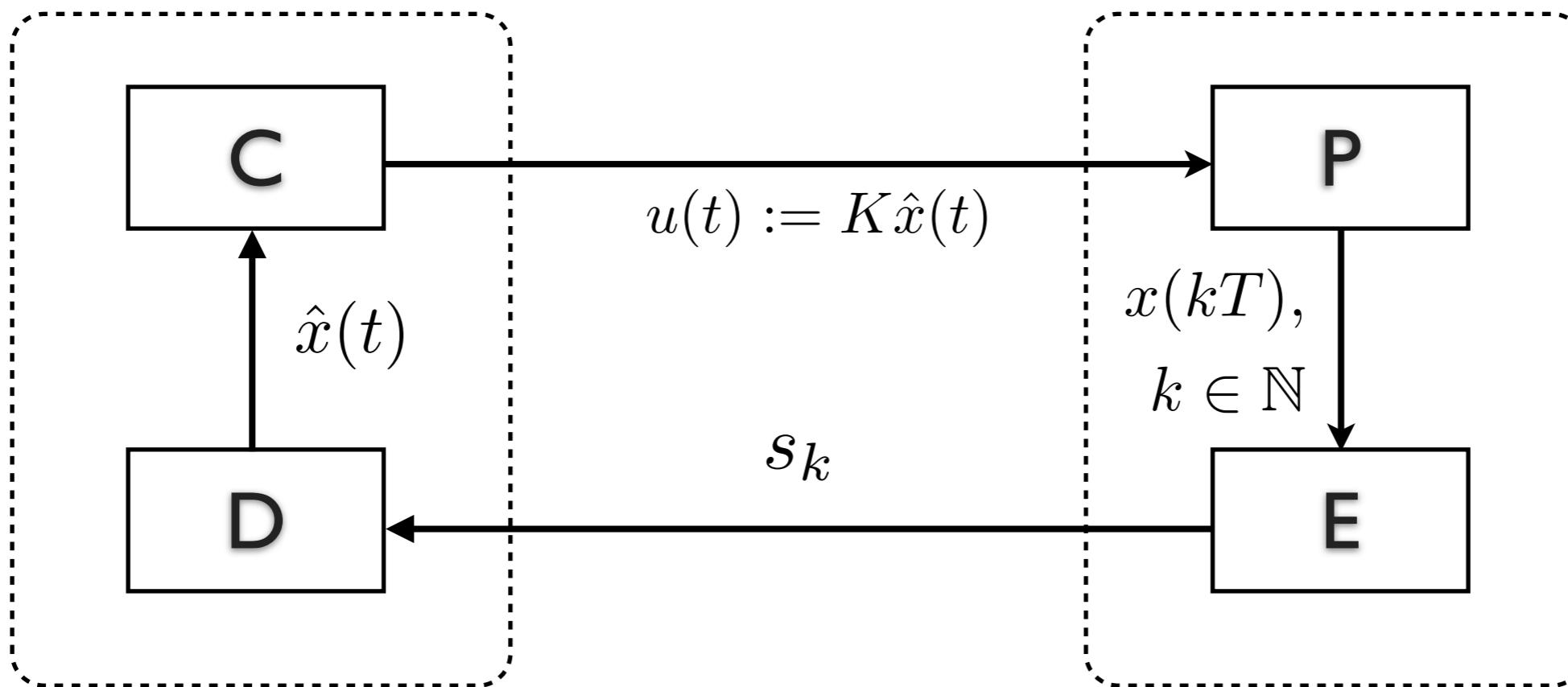
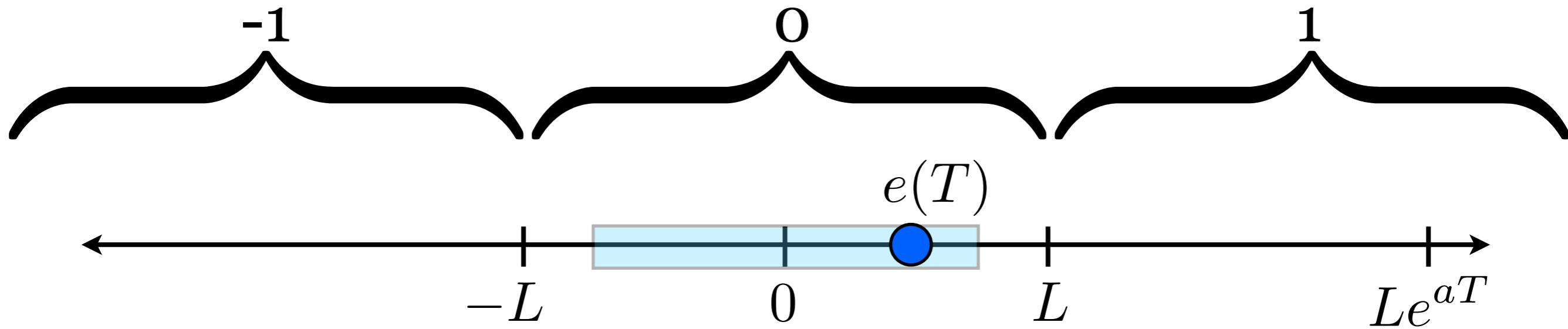
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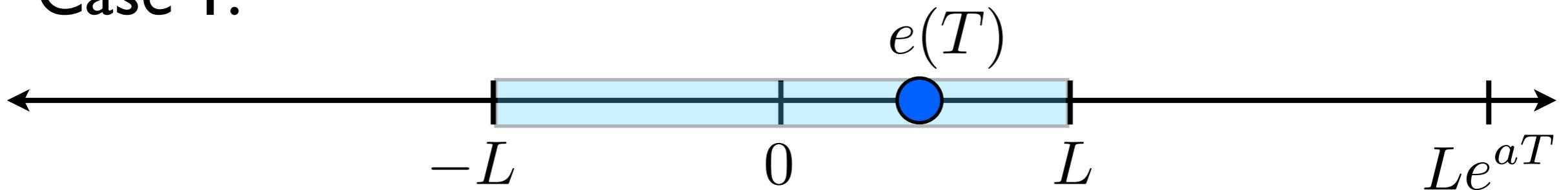


# Event-based Encoding



# Event-based Results

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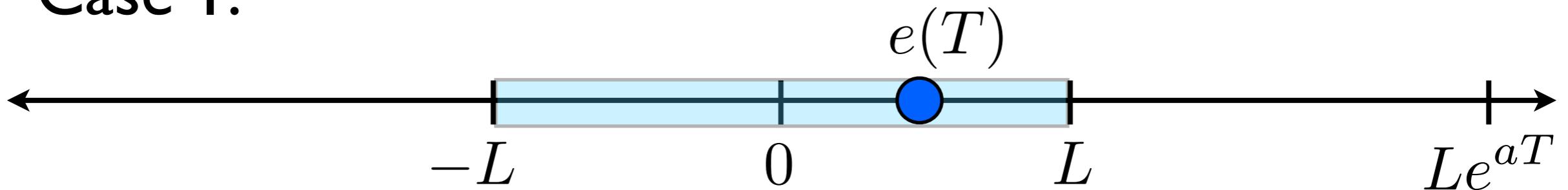
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then an emulation-based controller and event-based encoder/decoder pair exist with bit-rate  $r$  which bound  $x(t)$

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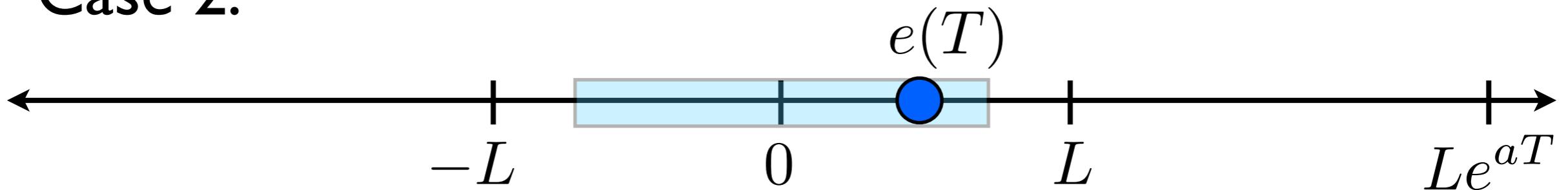
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(encoder will have  $\gamma=1$ )

# Event-based Results

Case 2:



If  $r$ ,  $\gamma_{\max}$ , and  $A$  satisfy

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

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**

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3} \ln 2 &\geq \sum_{i: \Re \lambda_i[A] \geq 0} \lambda_i[A] \\ \text{event-based: } \frac{r}{r_{\min}} &\geq \frac{1}{\frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3}} \\ \text{nec/suff: } \frac{r}{r_{\min}} &\geq \frac{1}{f(\gamma_{\max}, S)} \end{aligned}$$

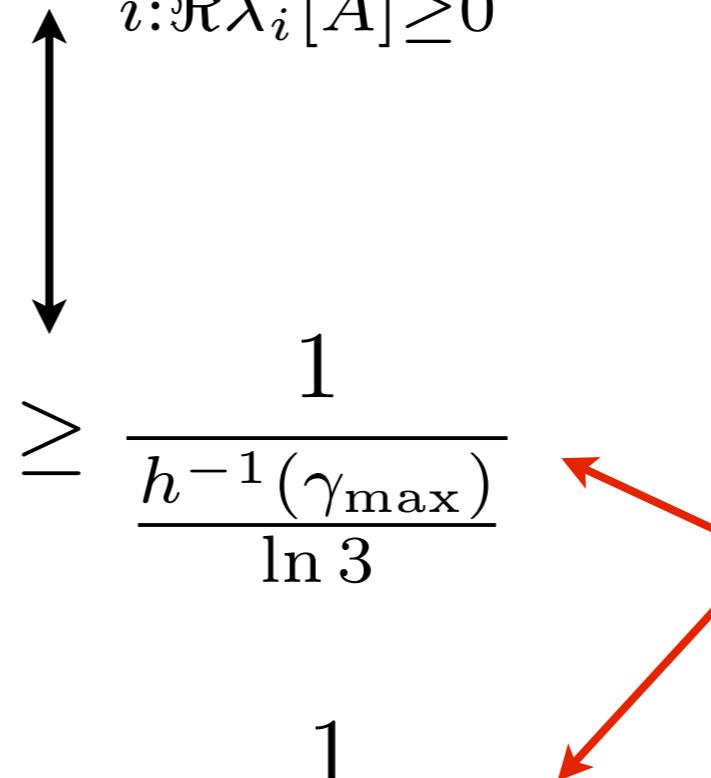
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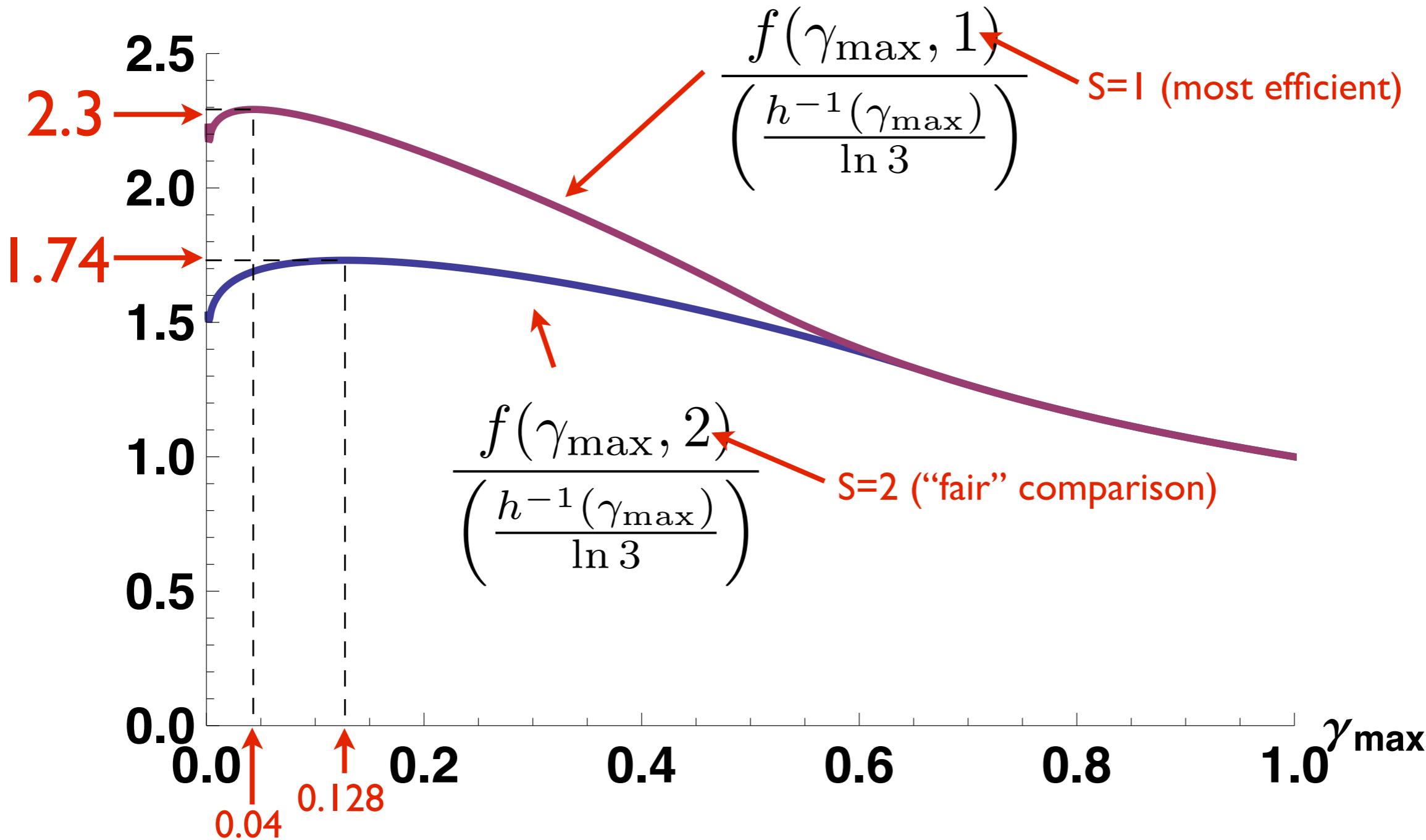
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ratio: how  
conservative is  
event-based?

# Event-based Results

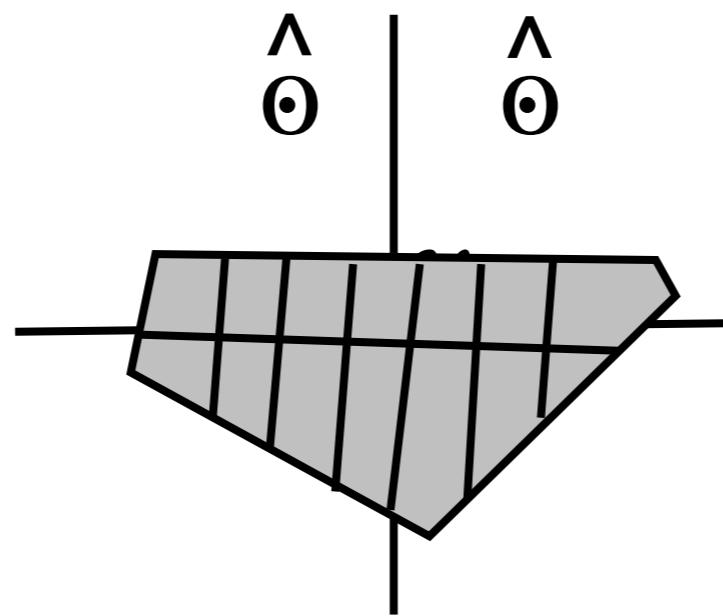
Event-based encoder has a bit-rate  $<2.3x$  that of any other bounding encoder with ave comm  $\gamma_{\max}$



# 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

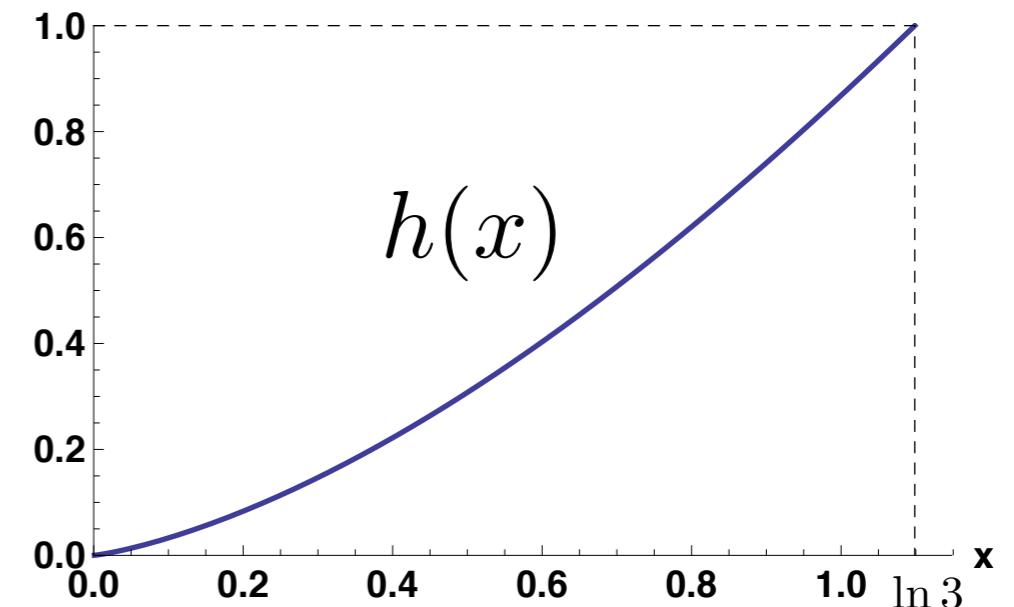
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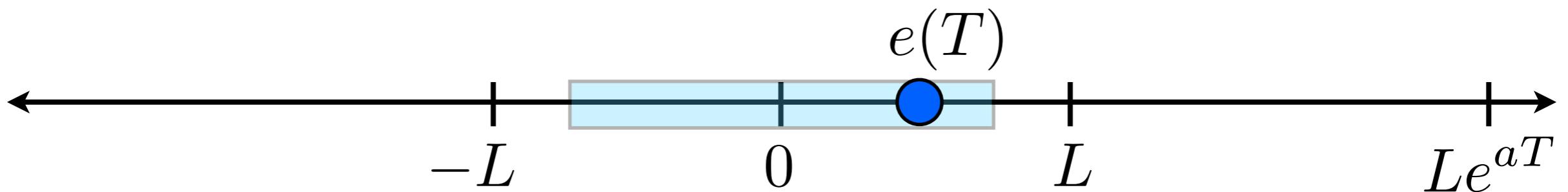
$$r \frac{h^{-1}(\gamma_{\max})}{\ln 3} \ln 2 \geq \sum_{i: \Re \lambda_i[A] \geq 0} \lambda_i[A]$$

new

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# Example

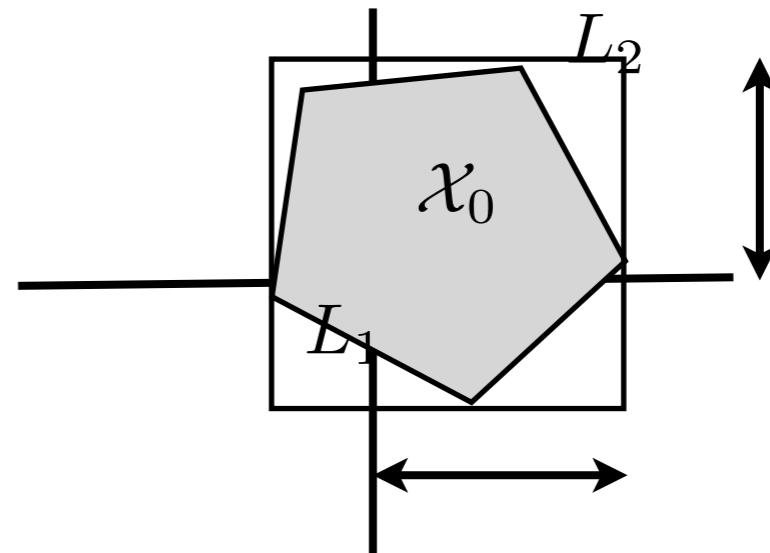
- $S=1$  (bits)
- (animated example?)
- $N=5$  (show codewords?)
- Show M-of-N encoders?
- show example of  $\{0,1\}, T=0.1$  versus  $\{0,\dots,64000\}, T=1$  which have the same bit-rate but the bigger alphabet is not better.

# 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

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

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  $L(N, N \text{ gam}, S) \rightarrow H(X)$