

# CS 591: Formal Methods in Security and Privacy

Probabilistic Noninterference

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# From the previous classes

# An example

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# Probabilistic While (PWhile)

```
c ::= abort
    | skip
    | x := e
    | x := $ d
    | c; c
    | if e then c else c
    | while e do c
```

$d_1, d_2, \dots$  probabilistic expressions

# Semantics of Commands

This is defined on the structure of commands:

$$\{ \text{abort} \}_m = O$$

$$\{ \text{skip} \}_m = \text{unit}(m)$$

$$\{ x := e \}_m = \text{unit}(m[x \leftarrow \{ e \}_m])$$

$$\{ x := \$ d \}_m = \text{let } a = \{ d \}_m \text{ in } \text{unit}(m[x \leftarrow a])$$

$$\{ c ; c' \}_m = \text{let } m' = \{ c \}_m \text{ in } \{ c' \}_{m'}$$

$$\{ \text{if } e \text{ then } c_t \text{ else } c_f \}_m = \{ c_t \}_m \text{ if } \{ e \}_m = \text{true}$$

$$\{ \text{if } e \text{ then } c_t \text{ else } c_f \}_m = \{ c_f \}_m \text{ if } \{ e \}_m = \text{false}$$

$$\{ \text{while } e \text{ do } c \}_m = \sup_{n \in \text{Nat}} \mu_n$$

$$\mu_n = \text{let } m' = \{ (\text{while}^n e \text{ do } c) \}_m \text{ in } \{ \text{if } e \text{ then } \text{abort} \}_{m'}$$

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How do we formalize this?

# Probabilistic Noninterference

A program `prog` is probabilistically noninterferent if and only if, whenever we run it on two `low` equivalent memories  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  we have that the probabilistic distributions we get as outputs are the same on public outputs.

# Low equivalence on distributions

Two distributions over memories  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are **low equivalent** if and only if they coincide after projecting out all the private variables.

In symbols:  $\mu_1 \sim_{\text{low}} \mu_2$

# Example: Low equivalence on distributions

Consider memories with  $x$  private and  $y$  public. The distributions  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  defined as:

$$\mu_1([x=2, y=0]) = 2/3, \quad \mu_1([x=3, y=1]) = 1/3$$

and

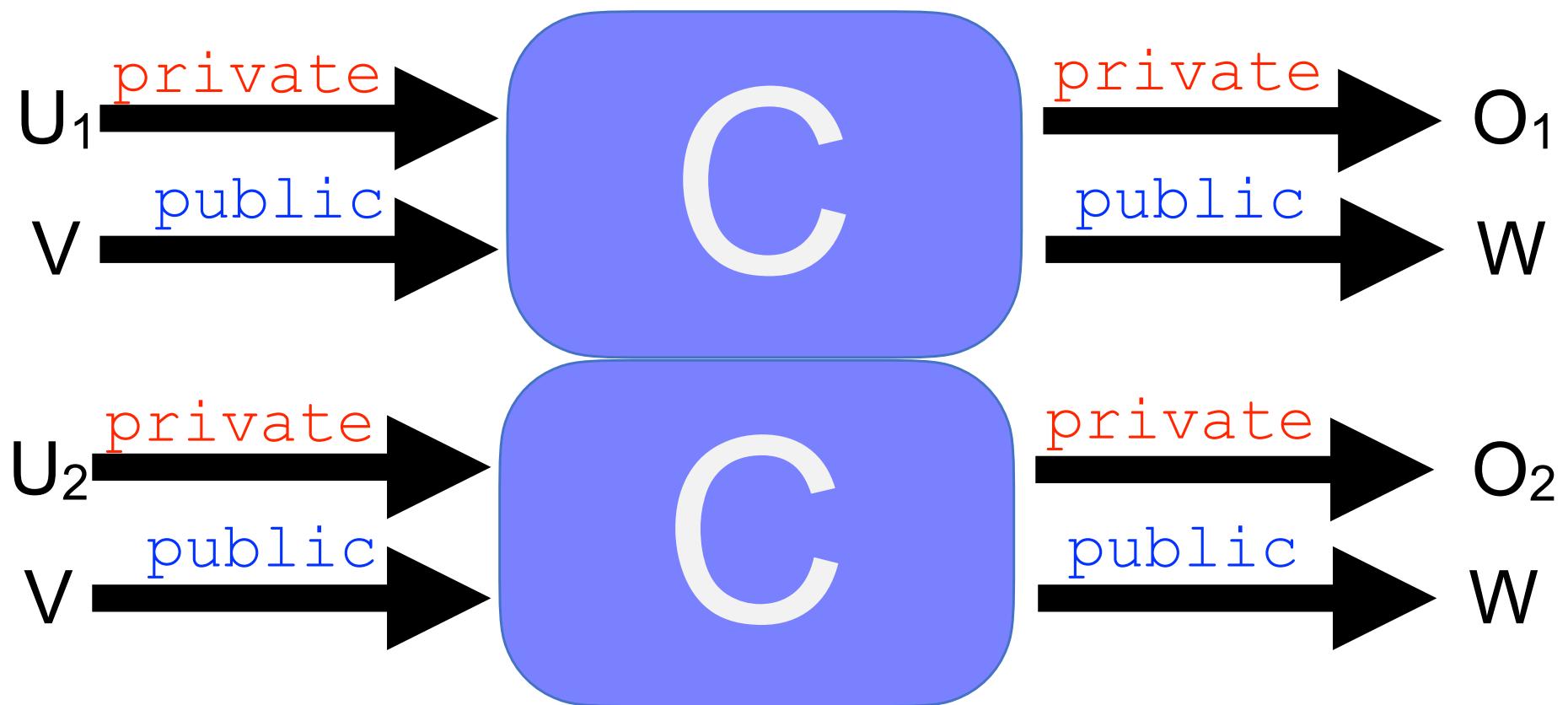
$$\mu_2([x=1, y=0]) = 1/3, \quad \mu_2([x=5, y=0]) = 1/3,$$
$$\mu_2([x=4, y=1]) = 1/3$$

are low equivalent.

# Noninterference as a Relational Property

In symbols,  $c$  is **noninterferent** if and only if for every  $m_1 \sim_{\text{low}} m_2$  :

$\{c\}_{m_1} = \mu_1$  and  $\{c\}_{m_2} = \mu_2$  implies  $\mu_1 \sim_{\text{low}} \mu_2$



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How can we prove that this is noninterferent?

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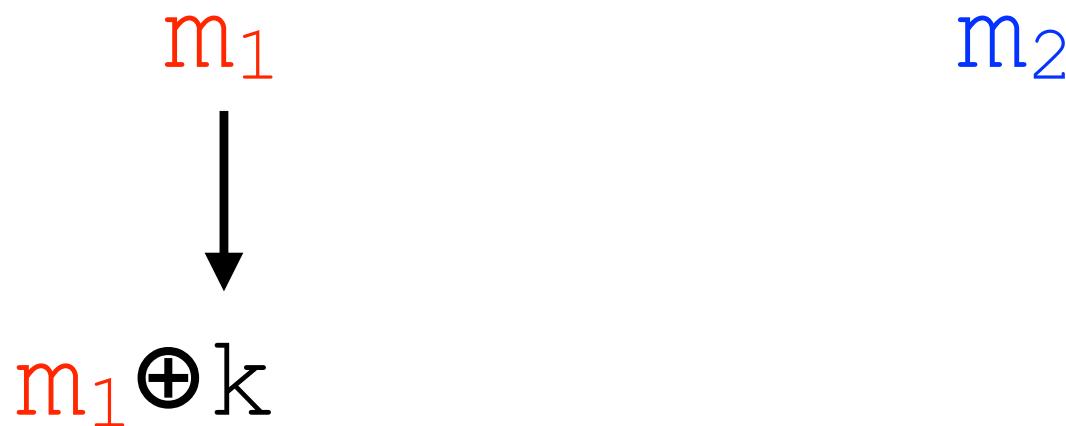
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$m_1 \oplus k$

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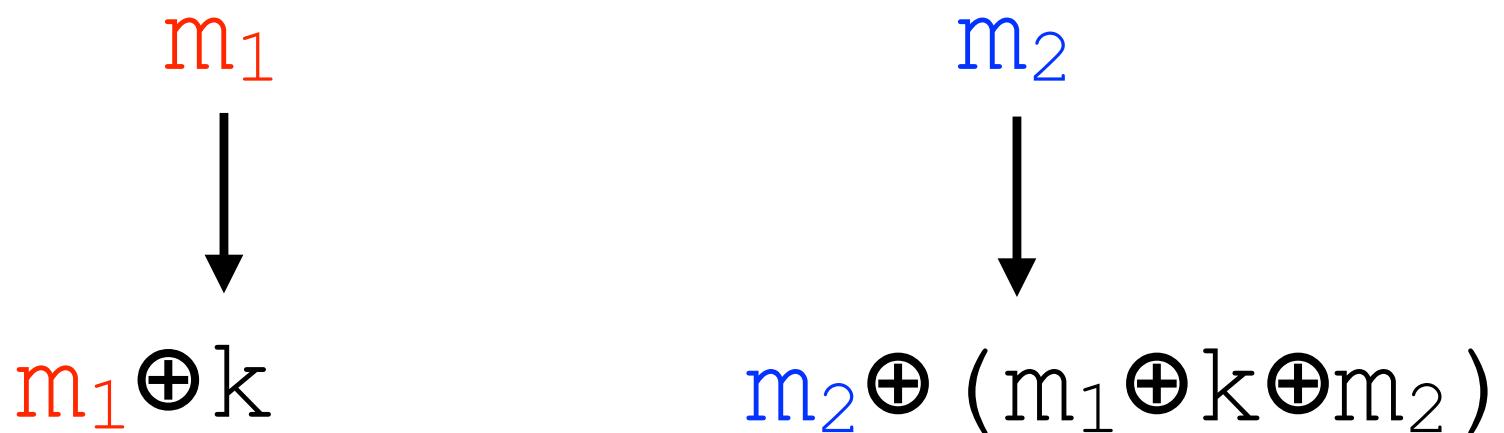
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Example:

$$100 \oplus (101 \oplus 100) =$$

$$100 \oplus 001 = 101$$

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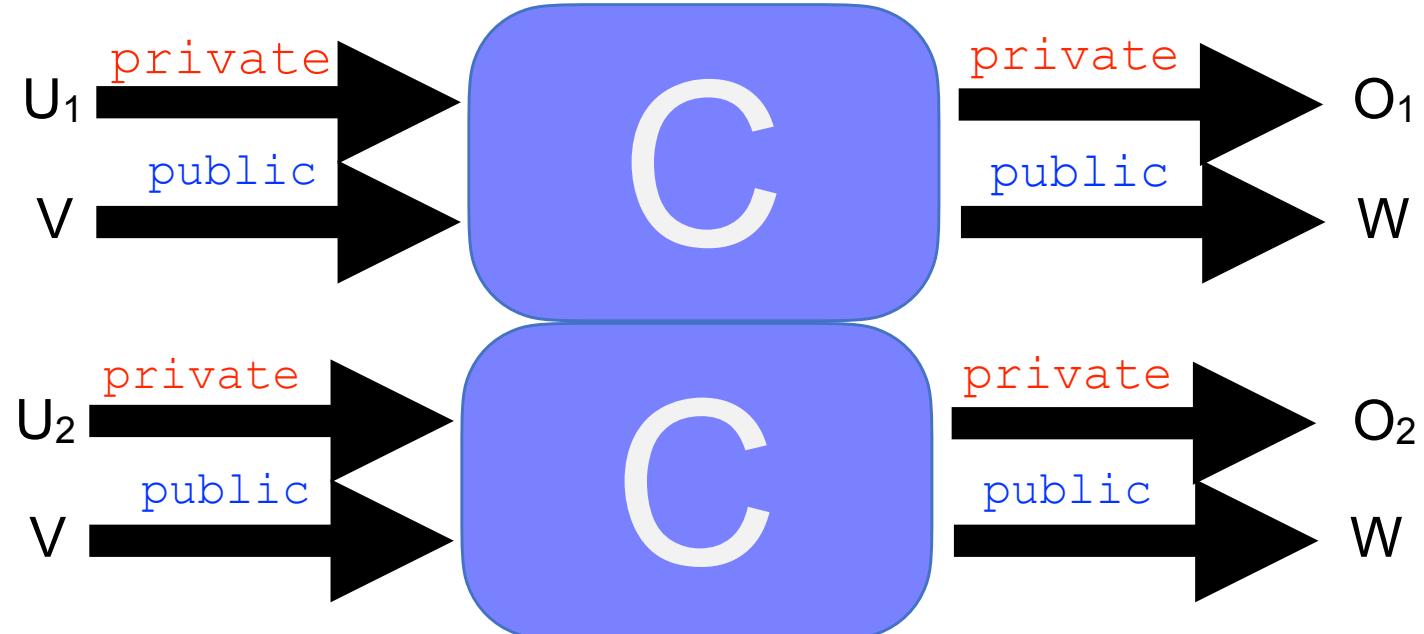
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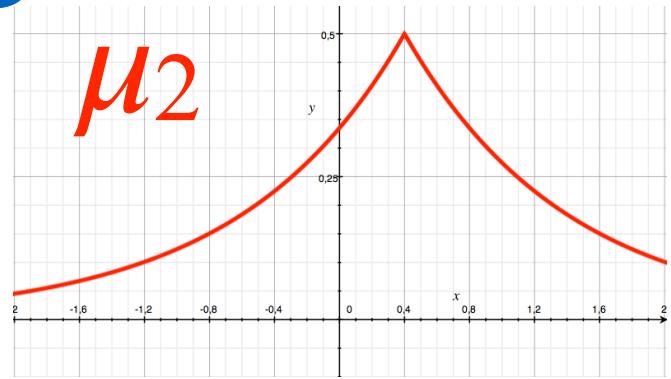
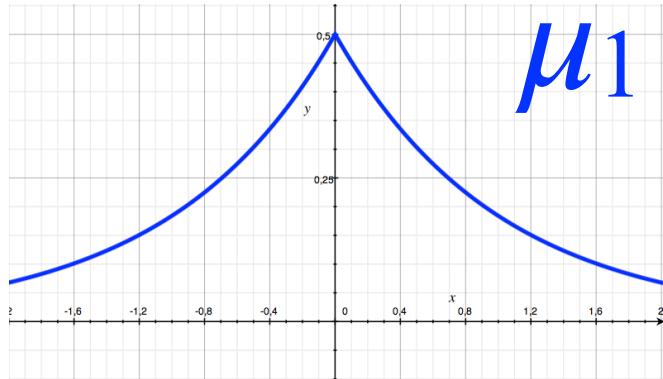
Applying the property above

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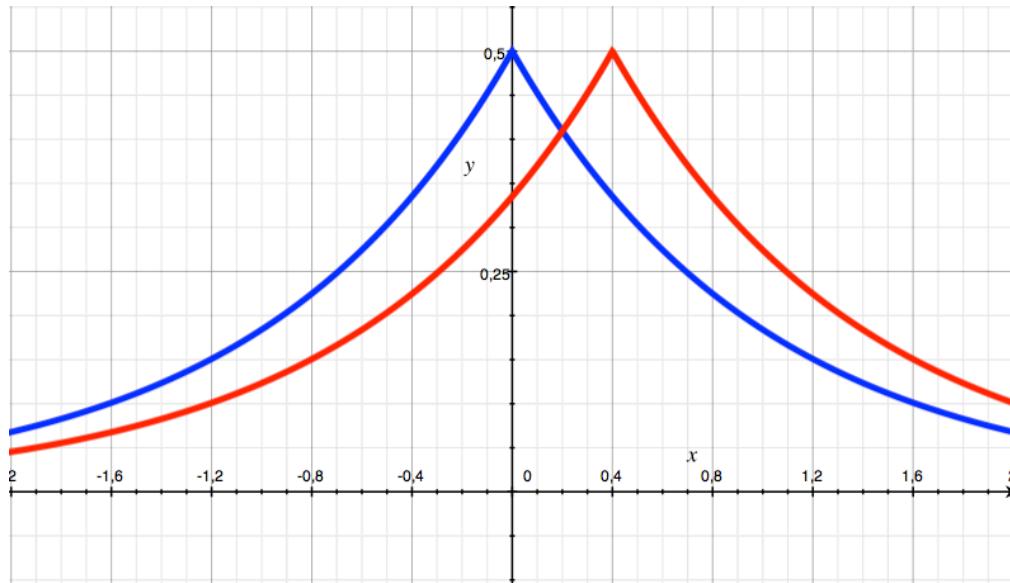
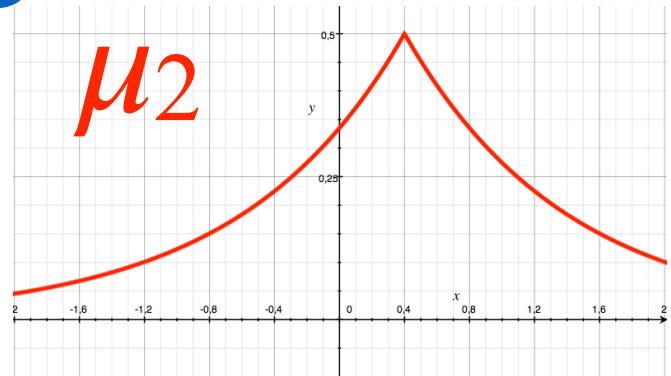
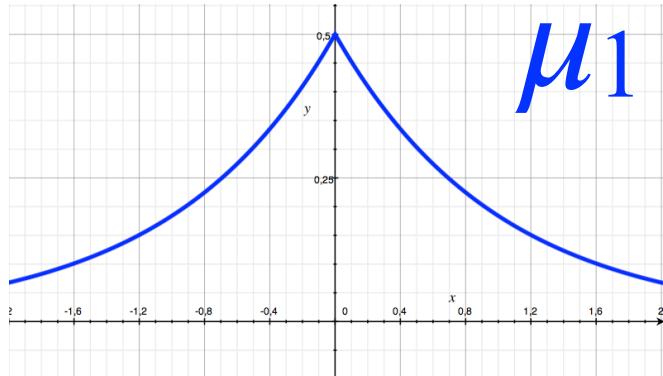
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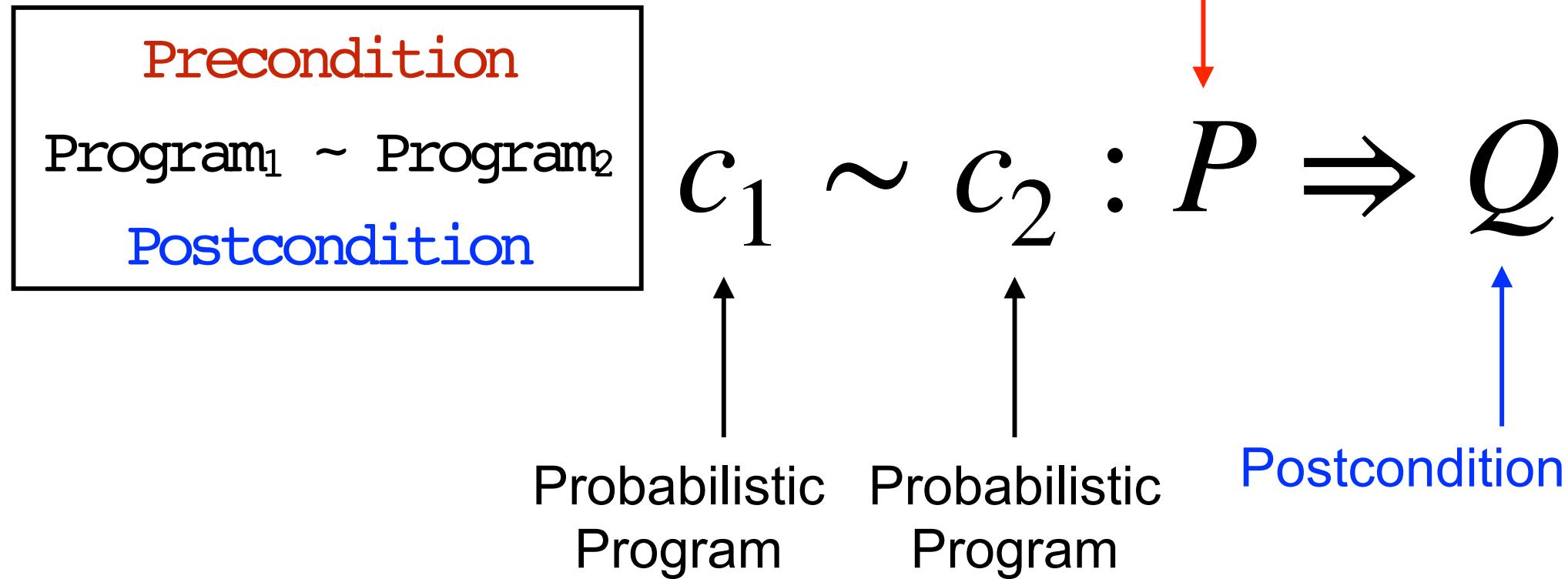
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# Coupling formally

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$$\pi_1(\mu)(a) = \sum_b \mu(a, b) \qquad \pi_2(\mu)(b) = \sum_a \mu(a, b)$$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Quadruples



# Validity of Probabilistic Hoare quadruple

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Is this correct?!?

# Relational Assertions

$$c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q$$


logical formula      logical formula  
over pair of memories    over ????  
(i.e. relation over memories)

# R-Coupling

Given two distributions  $\mu_1 \in D(A)$ , and  $\mu_2 \in D(B)$ , an **R-coupling** between them, for  $R \subseteq A \times B$ , is a joint distribution  $\mu \in D(A \times B)$  such that:

- 1) the marginal distributions of  $\mu$  are  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , respectively,
- 2) the support of  $\mu$  is contained in  $R$ . That is, if  $\mu(a, b) > 0$ , then  $(a, b) \in R$ .

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Does it remind you something?

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# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Skip

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$$\vdash \text{skip} \sim \text{skip} : P \Rightarrow P$$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic Assignment

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$\vdash x_1 := e_1 \sim x_2 := e_2 :$

$P[e_1 < 1 > / x_1 < 1 >, e_2 < 2 > / x_2 < 2 >] \Rightarrow P$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Composition

$$\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow R \quad \vdash c_1' \sim c_2' : R \Rightarrow S$$

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$$\vdash c_1 ; c_1' \sim c_2 ; c_2' : P \Rightarrow S$$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Consequence

$$\frac{P \Rightarrow S \quad \vdash C_1 \sim C_2 : S \Rightarrow R \quad R \Rightarrow Q}{\vdash C_1 \sim C_2 : P \Rightarrow Q}$$

We can **weaken** P, i.e. replace it by something that is implied by P.  
In this case S.

We can **strengthen** Q, i.e. replace it by something that implies Q.  
In this case R.

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## If-then-else

$$P \Rightarrow (e_1 < 1 \rangle \Leftrightarrow e_2 < 2 \rangle)$$

$$\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : e_1 < 1 \rangle \wedge P \Rightarrow Q$$

$$\vdash c_1' \sim c_2' : \neg e_1 < 1 \rangle \wedge P \Rightarrow Q$$

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \text{if } e_1 \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_1' \\ \vdash \qquad \sim \qquad \qquad : P \Rightarrow Q \\ \text{if } e_2 \text{ then } c_2 \text{ else } c_2' \end{array}}{\quad}$$

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## While

$$P \Rightarrow (e_1 <1> \Leftrightarrow e_2 <2>)$$

$$\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : e_1 <1> \wedge P \Rightarrow P$$

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while  $e_1$  do  $c_1$

$$\vdash \text{while } e_1 \text{ do } c_1 \sim \text{while } e_2 \text{ do } c_2 : P \Rightarrow P \wedge \neg e_1 <1>$$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## If-then-else - left

$$\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : e <1> \wedge P \Rightarrow Q$$

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$$\begin{array}{c} \text{if } e \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_1' \\ \vdash \quad \sim \quad : P \Rightarrow Q \\ \quad \quad \quad c_2 \end{array}$$

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## If-then-else - right

$$\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : e <2> \wedge P \Rightarrow Q$$

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$$\vdash \text{if } e \text{ then } c_2 \text{ else } c_2' \quad \begin{matrix} c_1 \\ \sim \\ : P \Rightarrow Q \end{matrix}$$

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Assignment - left

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$$\vdash x := e \sim \text{skip} : P [e <1> / x <1>] \Rightarrow P$$

How about the random assignment?

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Random Assignment

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$$\vdash x_1 := \$\ d_1 \sim x_2 := \$\ d_2 : ??$$

# We would like to have:

$$P(m_1, m_2)$$
 $\Rightarrow$ 
$$\text{let } a = \{d_1\}_{m_1} \text{ in } \text{unit}(m_1[x_1 \leftarrow a])$$
 $Q^*$ 
$$\text{let } a = \{d_2\}_{m_2} \text{ in } \text{unit}(m_2[x_2 \leftarrow a])$$

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What is the problem with this rule?

# Restricted Probabilistic Expressions

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Notice that we don't need a memory anymore to interpret them

# A sufficient condition for R-Coupling

Given two distributions  $\mu_1 \in D(A)$ , and  $\mu_2 \in D(B)$ , and a relation  $R \subseteq A \times B$ , if there is a mapping  $h: A \rightarrow B$  such that:

- 1)  $h$  is a bijective map between elements in  $\text{supp}(\mu_1)$  and  $\text{supp}(\mu_2)$ ,
- 2) for every  $a \in \text{supp}(\mu_1)$ ,  $(a, h(a)) \in R$
- 3)  $\Pr_{x \sim \mu_1} [ x = a ] = \Pr_{x \sim \mu_2} [ x = h(a) ]$

Then, there is an **R-coupling** between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ .  
We write  $h \triangleleft (\mu_1, \mu_2)$  in this case.

# Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

## Random Assignment

$$h \triangleleft (\{d_1\}, \{d_2\})$$
$$P = \forall v, v \in \text{supp}(\{d_1\})$$
$$\Rightarrow Q[v/x_1<1>, h(v)/x_2<2>]$$

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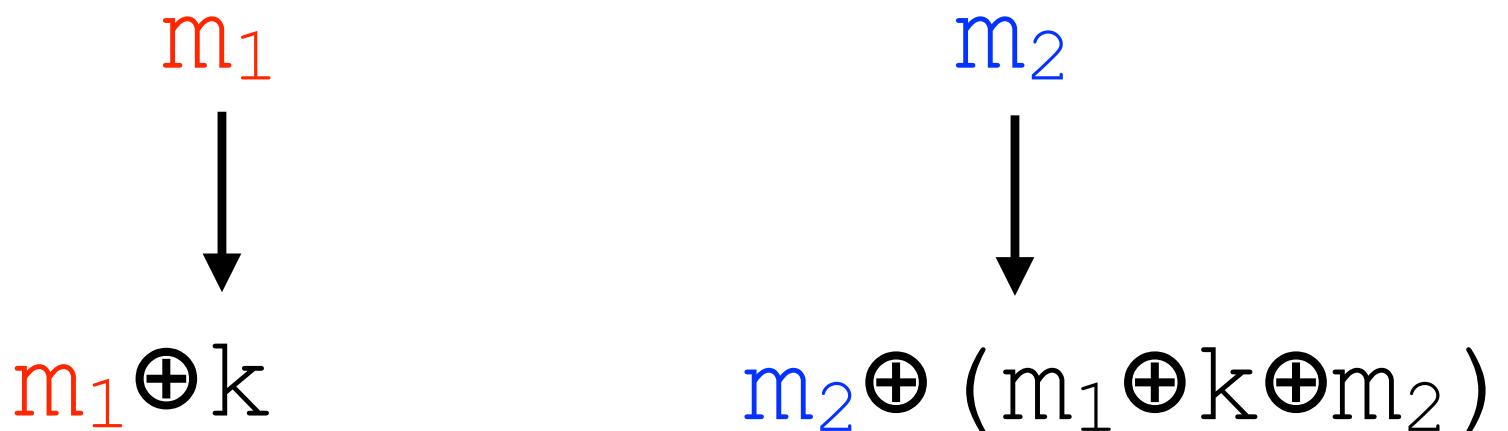
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It is a good map!

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Using the assignment rule, we can conclude.

# Soundness

If we can derive  $\vdash c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q$  through  
the rules of the logic, then the quadruple  
 $c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q$  is valid.

# Completeness?