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# Structural Testing with Homomorphic Encryption

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# Agenda

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2. Mathematical Background
3. Structural Testing Protocol: Definition and Guarantees
4. Conclusion

See the paper for proofs, a specialization to real-valued polynomials, and extended discussion on applications/future work!

Part 01



# Introduction

# Homomorphic Encryption

Homomorphic encryption allows computations over encrypted values – the result is also encrypted

Encryption function is an isomorphism:

$$\text{encrypt}(x_1) + \text{encrypt}(x_2) = \text{encrypt}(x_1 + x_2)$$

The decryption (~inverse) can be evaluated only with a private key

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Partially homomorphic encryption: Allows for a limited number of operators (e.g. addition only)

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Somewhat and levelled homomorphic encryption: allows for a larger number of operators with limited number of operations

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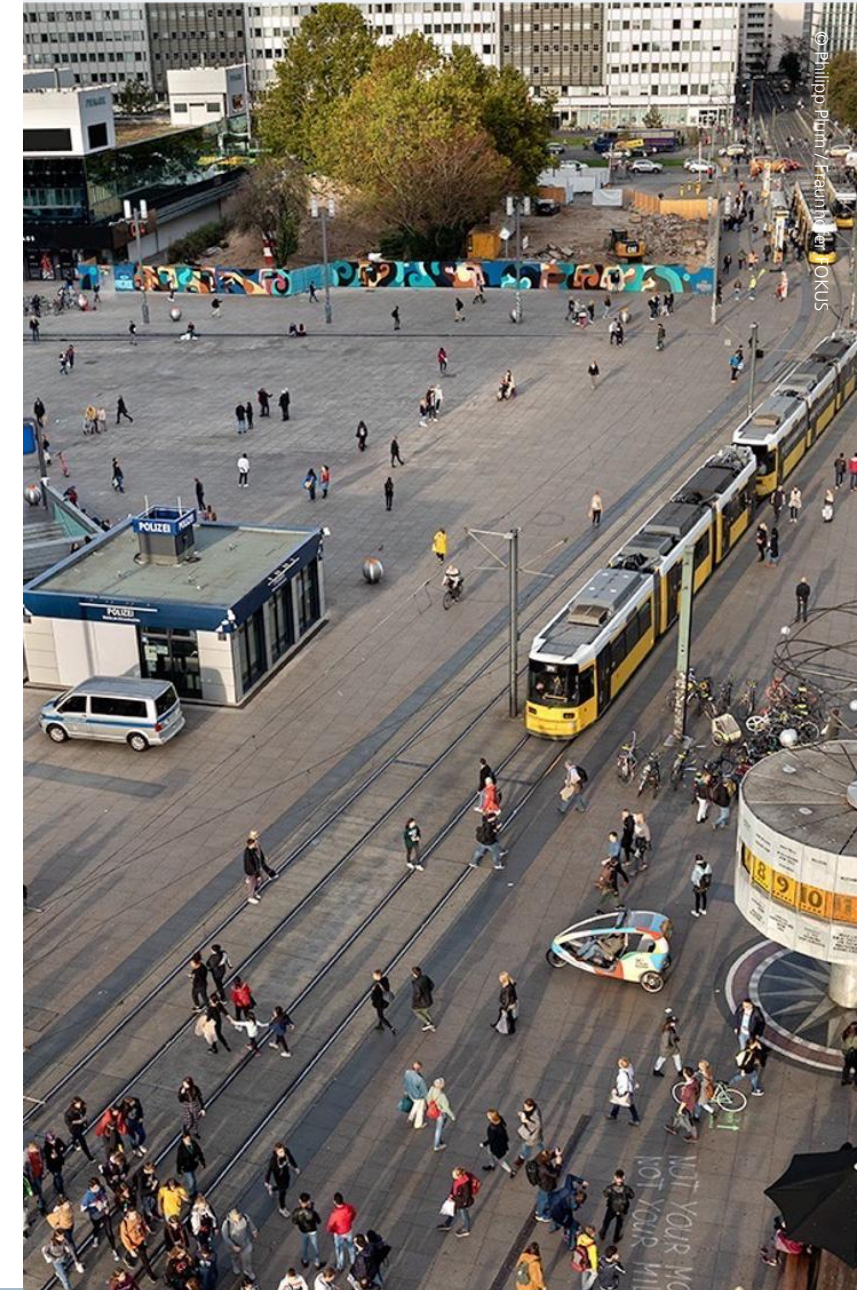
Fully homomorphic encryption: any computable function

# Structural Testing with Homomorphic Encryption

**1** **Assumption 1:** there is a homomorphic encryption for any algebra with binary operations.

**2** **Assumption 2:** every homomorphic encryption only allows operations it was designed for and fails otherwise (non-collision).

**3** **Result:** there is a protocol that checks in a black-box setting: given a program  $P$ , is  $P$  constructed out of operations of a given algebra  $A$ ?



# Structural Testing

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## **Structural specification**

A set of algebraic operations a program under test is permitted to use

## **Structural testing**

Checking whether a program satisfies structural specifications (uses permitted operations only)

## **This work**

A black-box structural testing protocol

# Motivation for Black Box Structural Testing

## 1. Enhances black-box testing with new guarantees:

- Checking not only “what” a program does, but also “how”
- Potential to reduce test set sizes using deductive reasoning

## 2. Complements property testing and polynomial learning:

- Probabilistic results often rely on algebraic assumptions

**Theorem 1** (Schwartz, Zippel). Let

$$P \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$$

be a non-zero polynomial of total degree  $d \geq 0$  over an integral domain  $R$ . Let  $S$  be a finite subset of  $R$  and let  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$  be selected at random independently and uniformly from  $S$ . Then

$$\Pr[P(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) = 0] \leq \frac{d}{|S|}.$$

[Schwartz-Zippel lemma - Wikipedia](#)

**THEOREM 1.3.** For every prime power  $q$ , there exist constants  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 > 0$  such that for every  $d$  and  $n$  and every function  $f : \mathbb{F}_q^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$ , it is the case that  $\rho_d(f, t_{d,q}) \geq \min\{\epsilon_1 q^{t_{d,q}} \delta(f), \epsilon_2\}$ . In other words, the  $t_{q,d}$ -dimensional test rejects  $f$  with probability  $\min\{\epsilon_1 q^{t_{q,d}} \delta(f), \epsilon_2\}$ , where  $t_{q,d}$  is the testing dimension for degree  $d$  polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Haramaty, E., Shpilka, A., & Sudan, M. (2013). Optimal testing of multivariate polynomials over small prime fields. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 42(2), 536-562.

Part 02



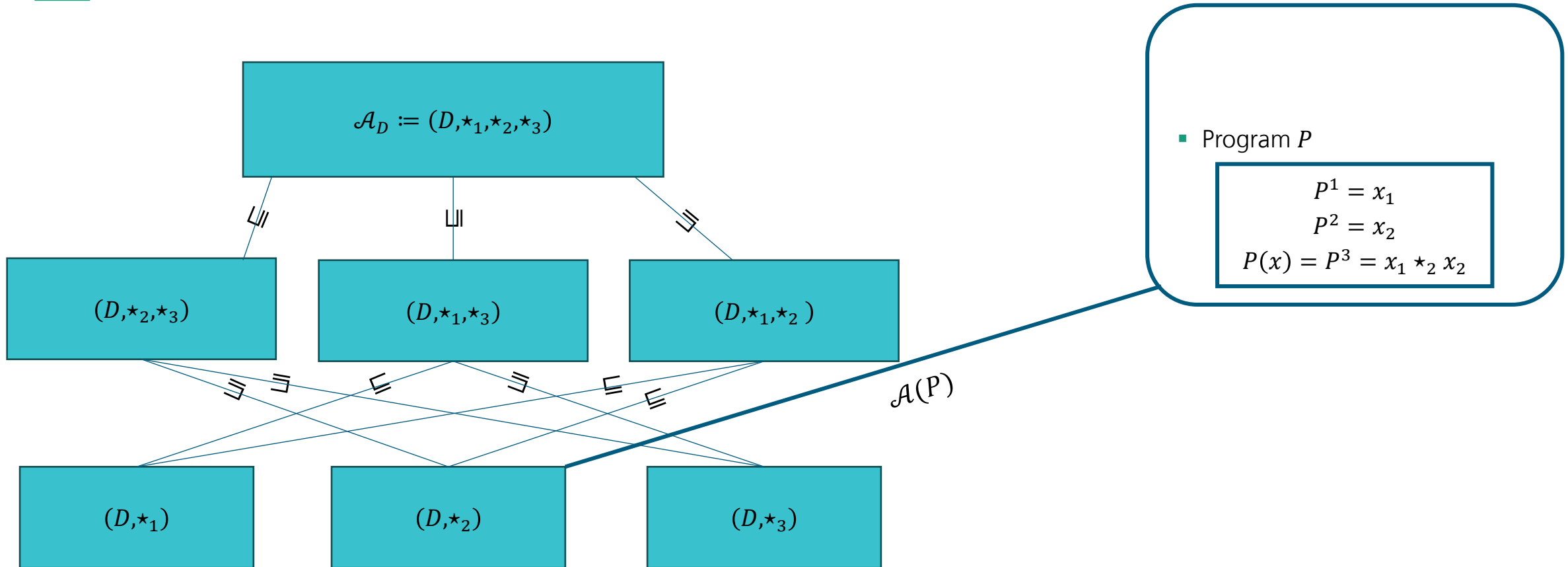
# Mathematical Background

# Algebras and Programs

- **Base Algebra:**  $\mathcal{A}_D := (D, \star_1, \star_2, \dots, \star_b)$  with  $b$  binary operations  $\star_i: D \times D \rightarrow D$
- **Set of Operations:**  $I_{\mathcal{A}}$ , e.g.,  $I_{\mathcal{A}_D} = \{\star_1, \star_2, \dots, \star_b\}$
- **Algebraic Program:** a function  $P: D^n \rightarrow D$  with input variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in D$  represented by a finite recurrence of depth  $J > n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P^1 &= x_1, P^2 = x_2, \dots, P^n = x_n \\ P^j &= P^{j_1} \star_j P^{j_2} \quad n < j < J, j_1 < j, j_2 < j, \star_j \in I_{\mathcal{A}_D} \\ P(x) &= P^J \end{aligned}$$
- **Necessary Operation Set:**  $\mathcal{P}(P) \subseteq I_{\mathcal{A}_D}$  of a program  $P$  is the minimal subset of  $I_{\mathcal{A}_D}$  such that for every program term  $P^j = P^{j_1} \star_j P^{j_2}$  holds that  $\star_j \in \mathcal{P}(P)$ .
- **Reduced Algebra:** an algebra  $A_r$  is a reduced algebra of  $A$  if  $I_{A_r} \subseteq I_A$ . The comparison of two algebras  $A_r \sqsubseteq A$  is true if and only if there is an algebra isomorphic to  $A_r$  that is a reduced algebra of  $A$ .
- **Necessary Algebra:** for a program  $P$ , the necessary algebra  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  is a reduced algebra of  $\mathcal{A}_D$  such that  $I_{\mathcal{A}(P)} = \mathcal{P}(P)$ .

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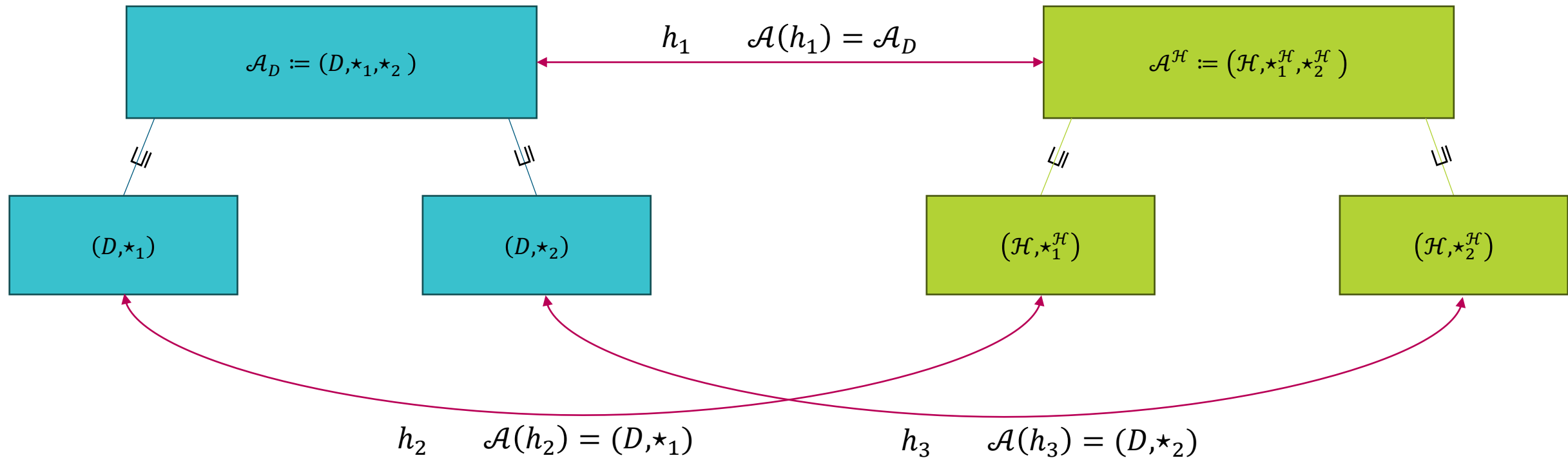


# Homomorphic Encryption and Lifting

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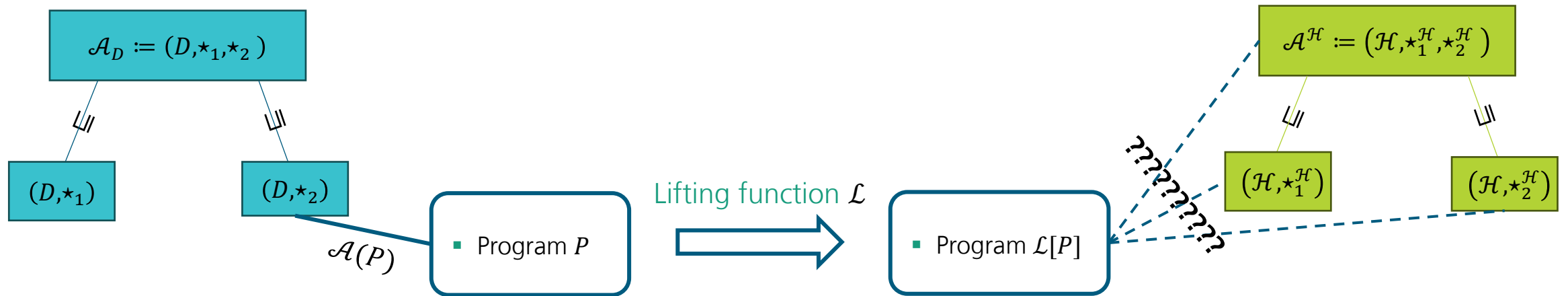


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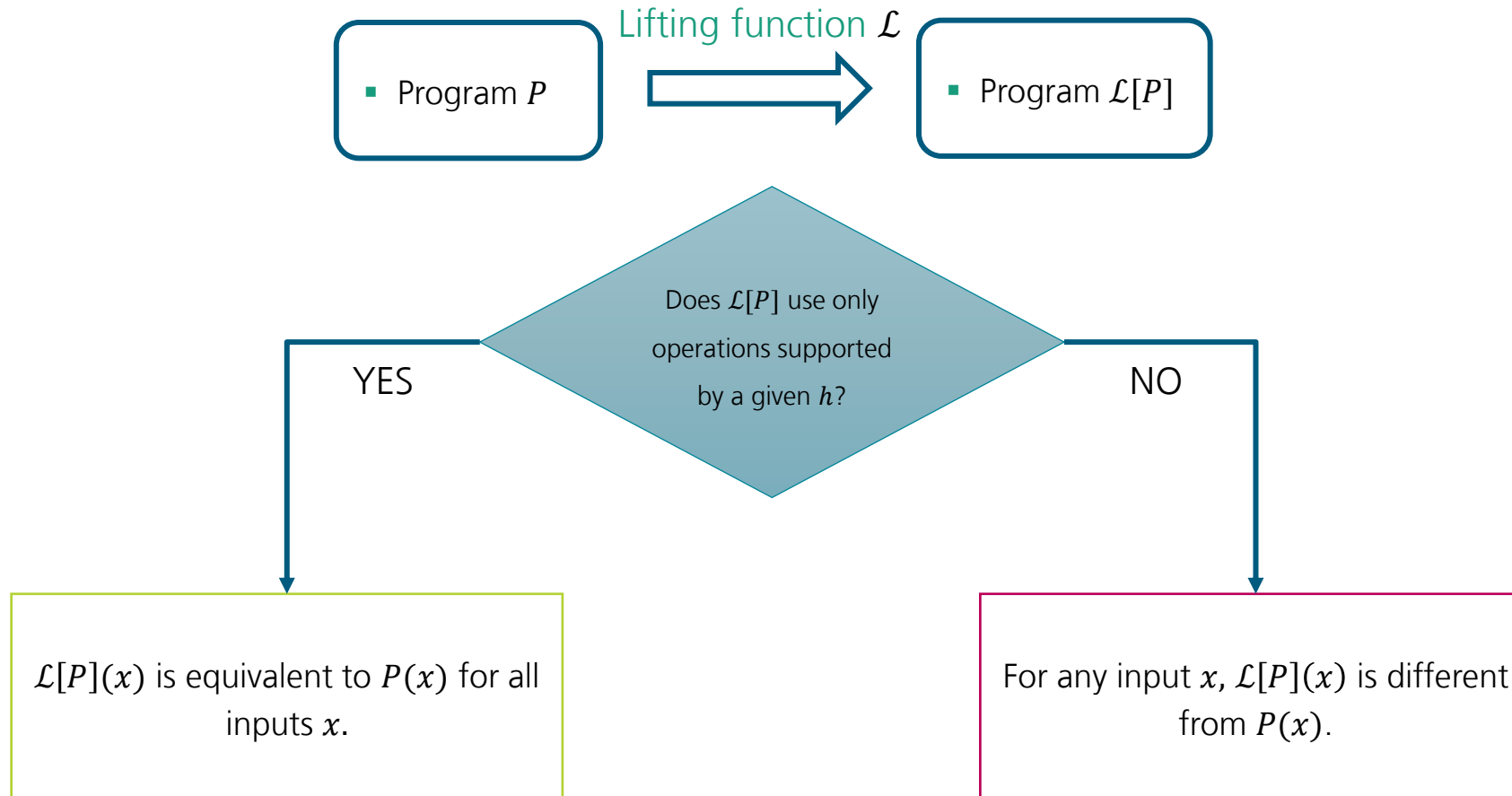
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- **Lifting:** let  $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{A}}$  be a space of all possible programs over  $\mathcal{A}$ . A lifting function is a total function  $\mathcal{L}: \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{A}_D} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{H}}}$ . We call the result  $\mathcal{L}[P]$  a lifting of  $P$ .

# Homomorphic Encryption and Lifting



# Non-Collision Assumption



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- **Non-Collision Assumption:** for all lifting functions  $\mathcal{L}$ , all  $P \in \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{A}_D}$ , and all homomorphic encryptions  $h$ , the following two hold:
  1.  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L}[P]) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{A}(h)$  if and only if for all  $x \in D^n$ ,  $h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}[P](h(x))) = P(x)$ ,
  2.  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L}[P]) \not\sqsubseteq \mathcal{A}(h)$  if and only if for all  $x \in D^n$ ,  $h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}[P](h(x))) \neq P(x)$ .

Part 03

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# Structural Testing Protocol: Definition and Guarantees

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol

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Agent  $A$  (the client)

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol

Agent  $A$  (the client)

Test set  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq D^n$

Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

## Step 1

The client securely generates a test set

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol

Agent  $A$  (the client)

Test set  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq D^n$

Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

Encryption  $h$  with  
 $\mathcal{A}(h) = \mathcal{A}(P_A)$

**Step 2**  
The client selects a homomorphic encryption and notifies the service about it

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

Notification

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Agent  $A$  (the client)

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Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

Encryption  $h$  with  
 $\mathcal{A}(h) = \mathcal{A}(P_A)$

**Step 3**  
The service constructs a lifting of  
program under test

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

Lifting  $\mathcal{L}[P_B]$

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol

Agent  $A$  (the client)

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Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

Encryption  $h$  with  
 $\mathcal{A}(h) = \mathcal{A}(P_A)$

Lifting test results  
 $h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}[P_B](x)),$   
 $x \in \mathcal{X}$

**Step 4**  
The client performs encrypted testing of the lifting

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

Lifting  $\mathcal{L}[P_B]$

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Encryption  $h$  with  
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**Step 5**  
The client performs testing of the program

Program test results  
 $P_B(x), x \in \mathcal{X}$

Agent  $B$  (the service)

Program  $P_B$   
(under test)

Lifting  $\mathcal{L}[P_B]$

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol

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Test set  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq D^n$

Lifting test results  
 $h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}[P_B](x)),$   
 $x \in \mathcal{X}$

**Step 6**  
The client compares both test results with the test oracle, returns true  $\top$  if all three equal, else false  $\perp$

Program  $P_A$   
(test oracle)

Encryption  $h$  with  
 $\mathcal{A}(h) = \mathcal{A}(P_A)$

Program test results  
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Agent  $B$  (the service)

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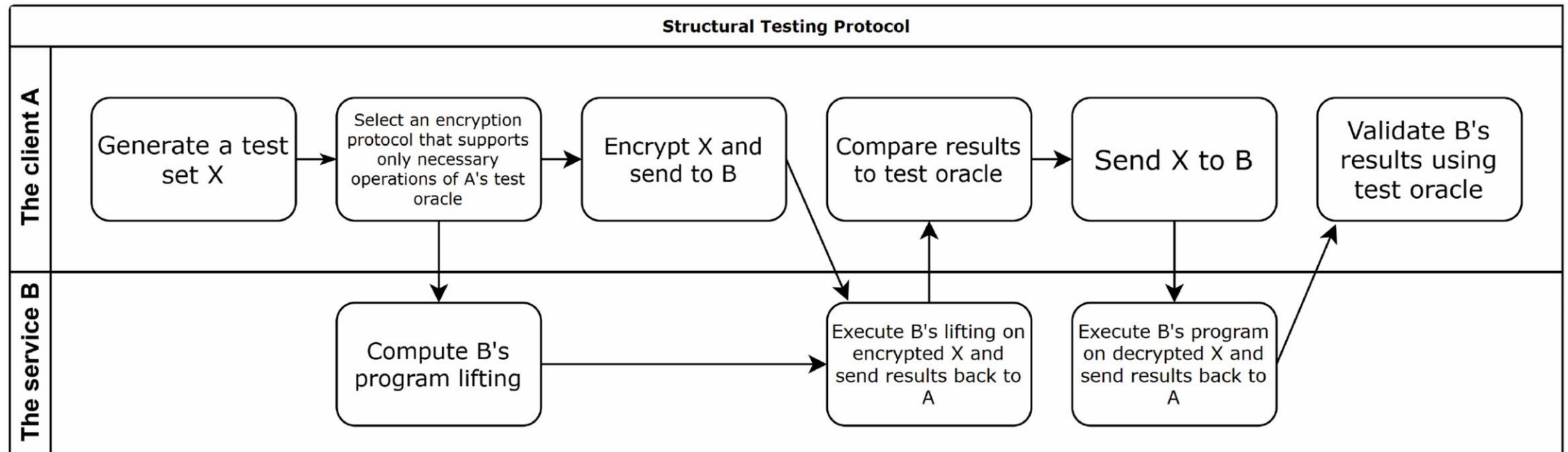
# Protocol Guarantee

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**Theorem 1 (Protocol Correctness).** For all programs  $P_A, P_B: D^n \rightarrow D$ , after an execution of the black-box structural testing protocol, the following two statements are equivalent:

1. The protocol returns T.
2.  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{L}[P_B]) \sqsubseteq \mathcal{A}(P_A)$  and for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  $P_A(x) = P_B(x) = h^{-1}(\mathcal{L}[P_B](h(x)))$ .

# Black-Box Structural Testing Protocol



Part 04



# Conclusion

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## Summary

- Structural testing – checking that a program uses only permitted operations.
- Main result: a protocol for black-box structural testing.
- Limitations: mathematical assumptions, implementation hurdles.

## Future work

- Design of encryption protocols supporting the assumptions.
- Identification of useful algebras for structural testing.
- Developing algorithms for liftings.
- Possible impact: turning black-box into gray-box, reducing test effort through deduction.



## Structural Testing with HE

We did prove that there is a theoretical possibility to extend black-box testing with a structural specification – a set of permitted operations

# Thank you for your attention!

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