

# Hardness of Non-Interactive Differential Privacy from One-Way Functions

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# Results:

Hardness results for answering statistical queries  
with differential privacy

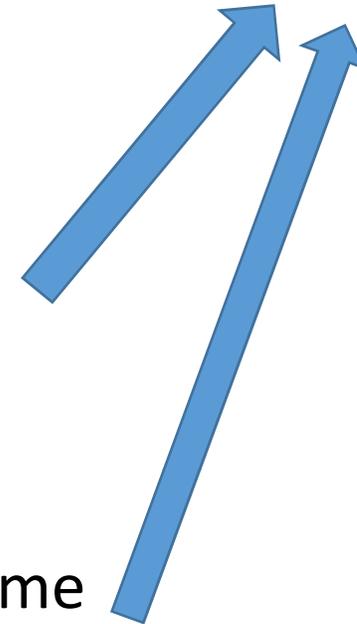
# From Traitor-Tracing to Differential Privacy Hardness:

traitor-tracing scheme  $\longrightarrow$  differential privacy hardness result  
[DworkNaorReingoldRothblumVadhan09]

iO + OWF  $\longrightarrow$  traitor-tracing scheme  
[BonehZhandry14]

Bilinear Groups  $\longrightarrow$  *risky* traitor-tracing scheme  
[GoyalKoppulaRussellWaters18]

OWF  $\longrightarrow$  *even weaker* traitor-tracing scheme  
[KowalczykMalkinUllmanWichs18]



# Answering Statistical Queries with Differential Privacy:

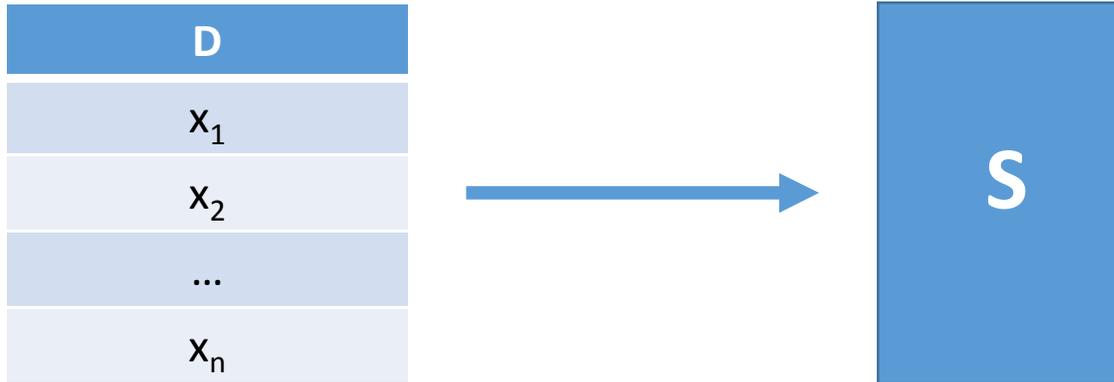
Consider a dataset  $D \in X^n$  where each of the  $n$  elements is some user's data, and each individual's data comes from some **data universe**  $X$

We'd like to be able to efficiently answer **statistical queries** on  $D$ , which are queries of the form:

“What fraction of individuals in  $D$  satisfy predicate  $p$ ?”  
for  $p$  in some **query set**  $Q$ .

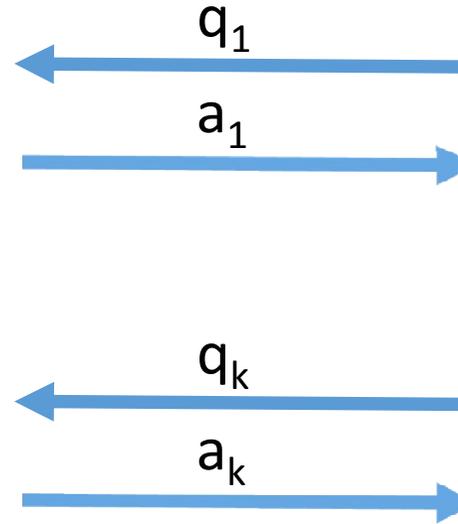
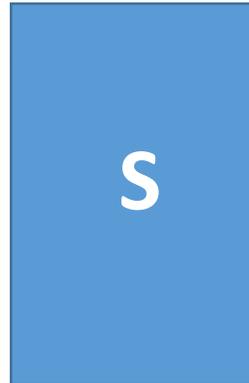
**Differential privacy** requires that we do so in such a way that no one individual's data has significant influence on the answers.

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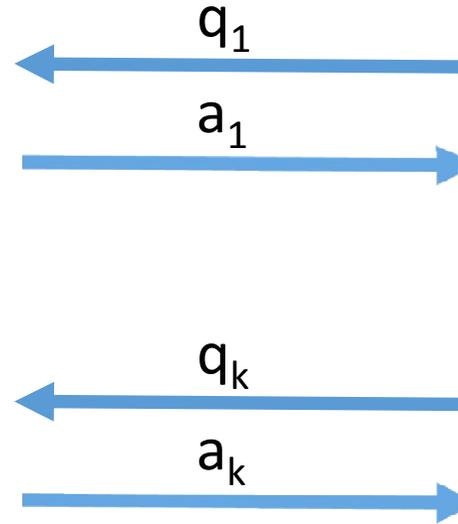
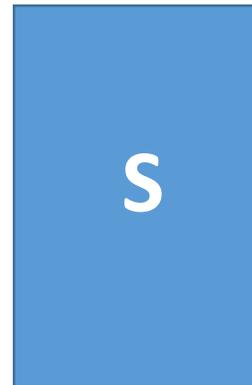


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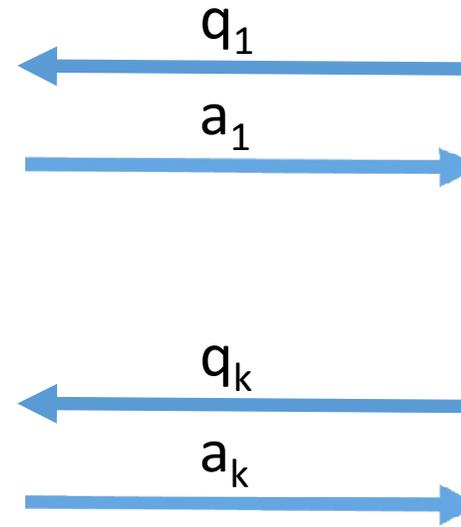
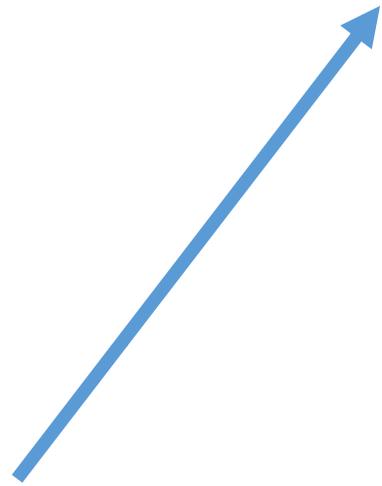
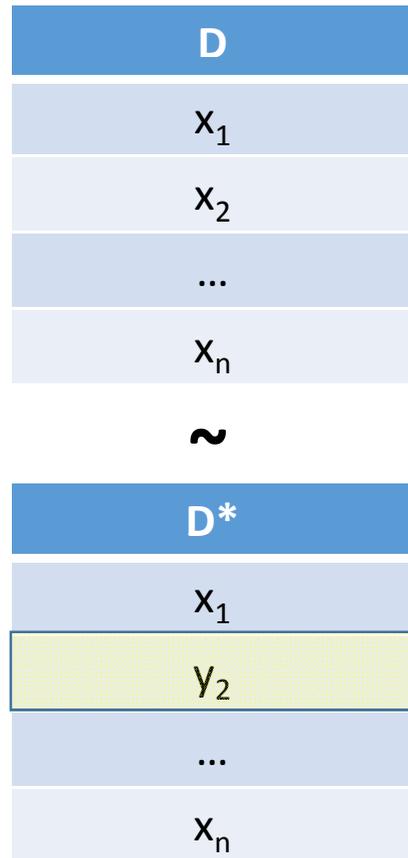
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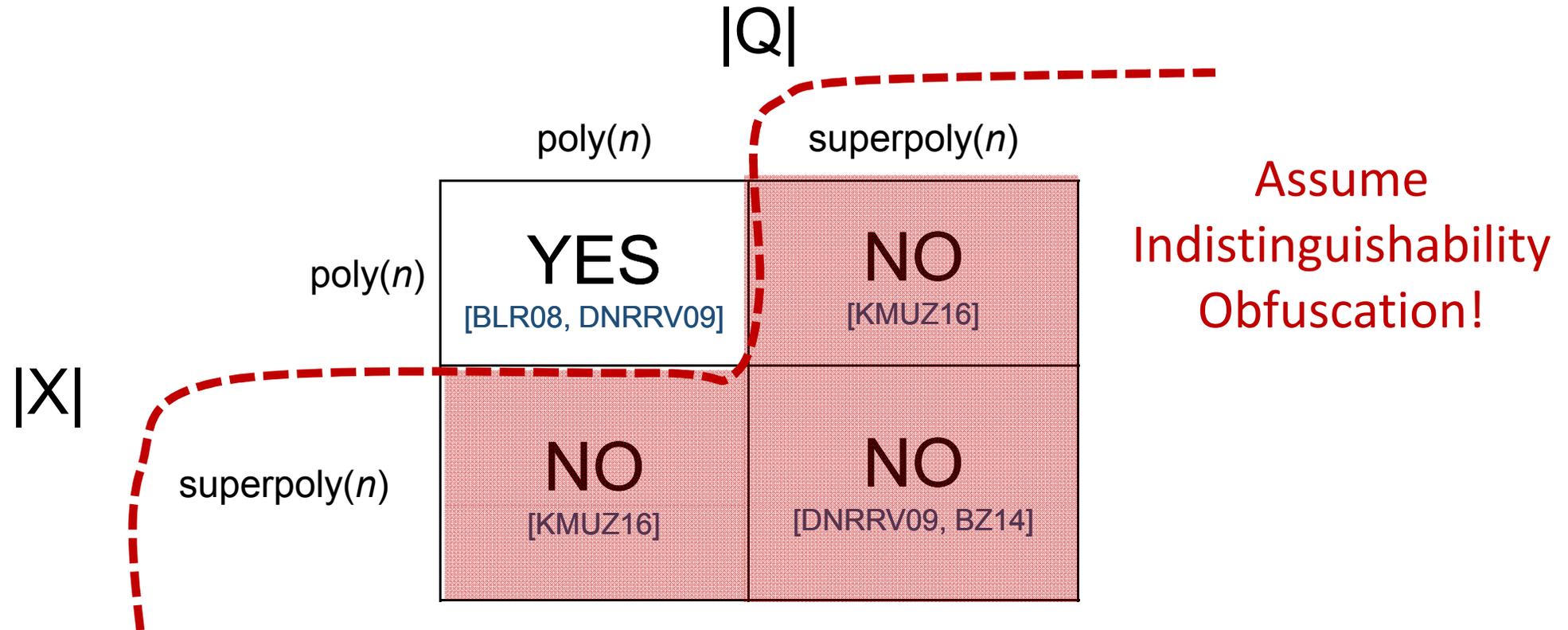
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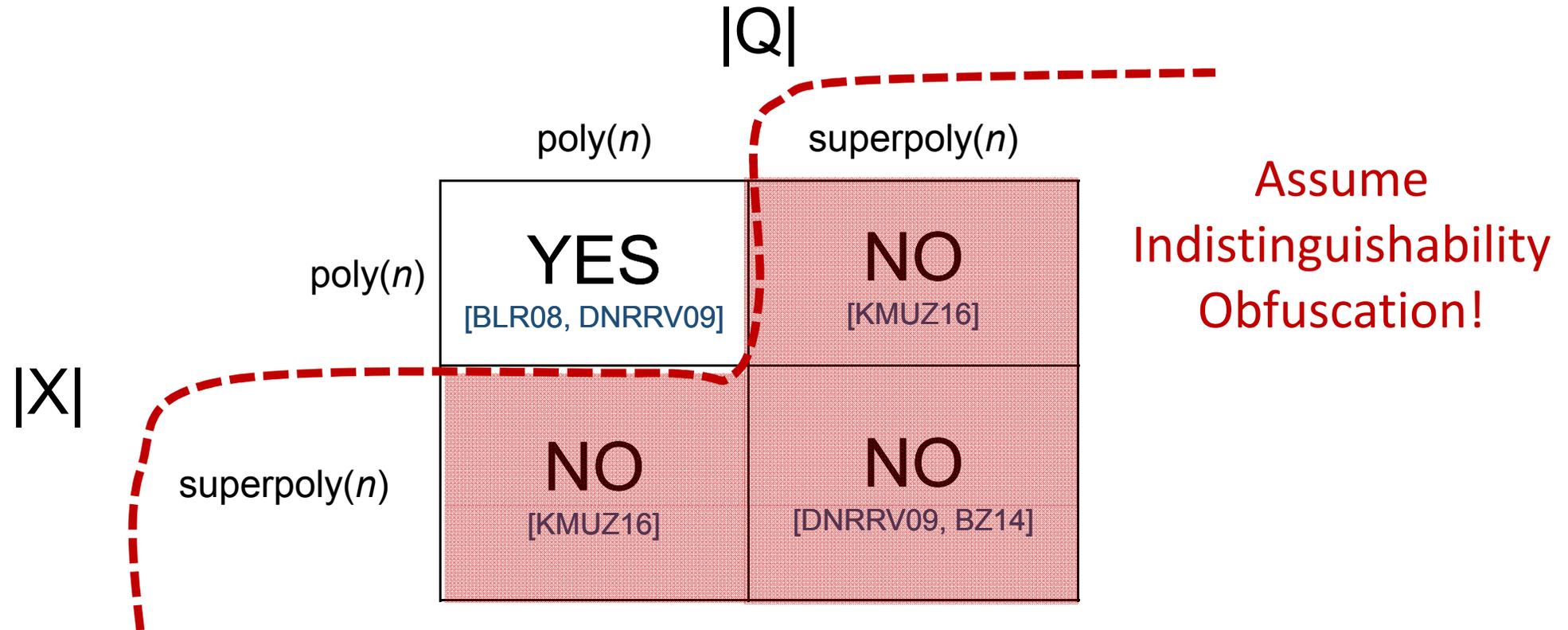
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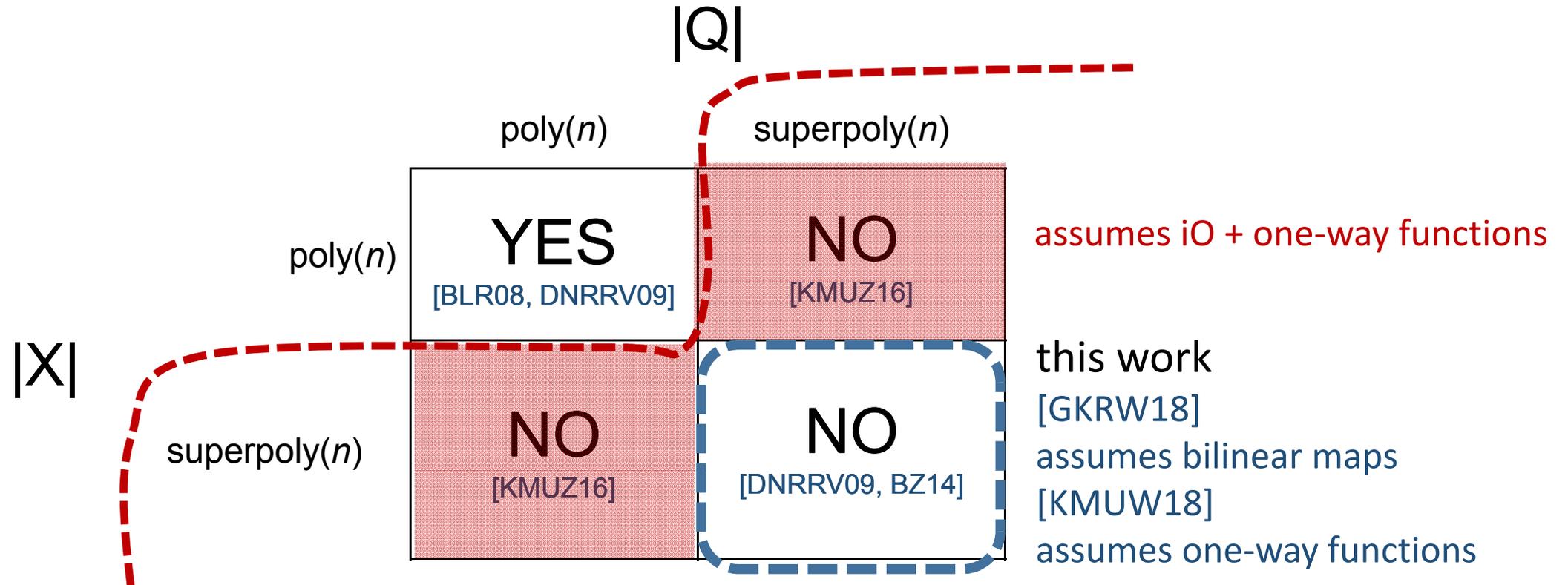
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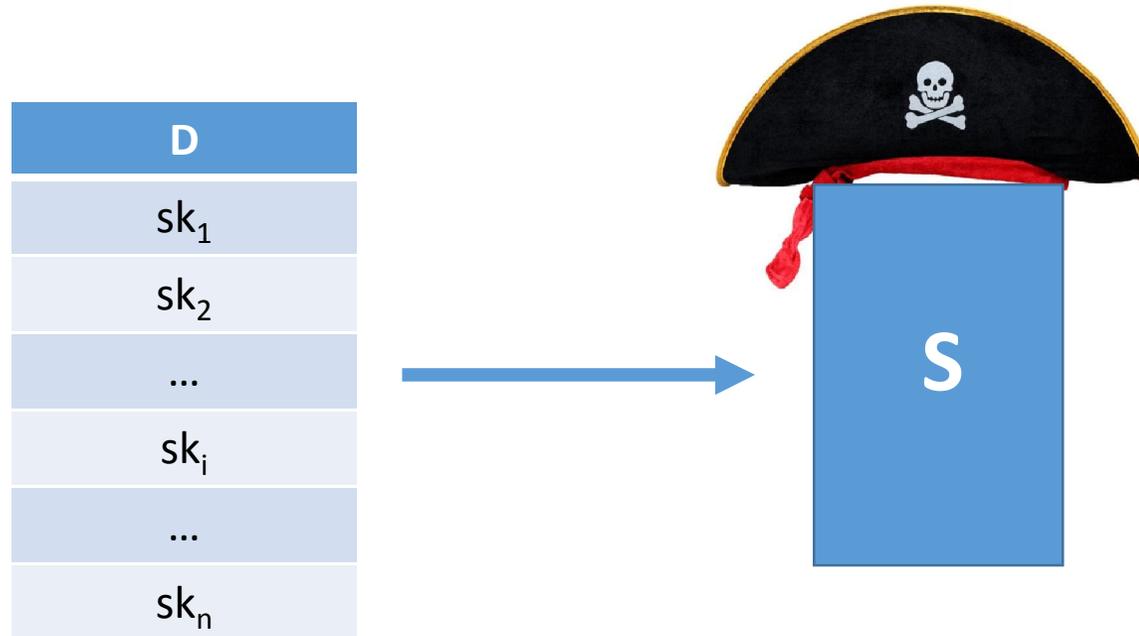
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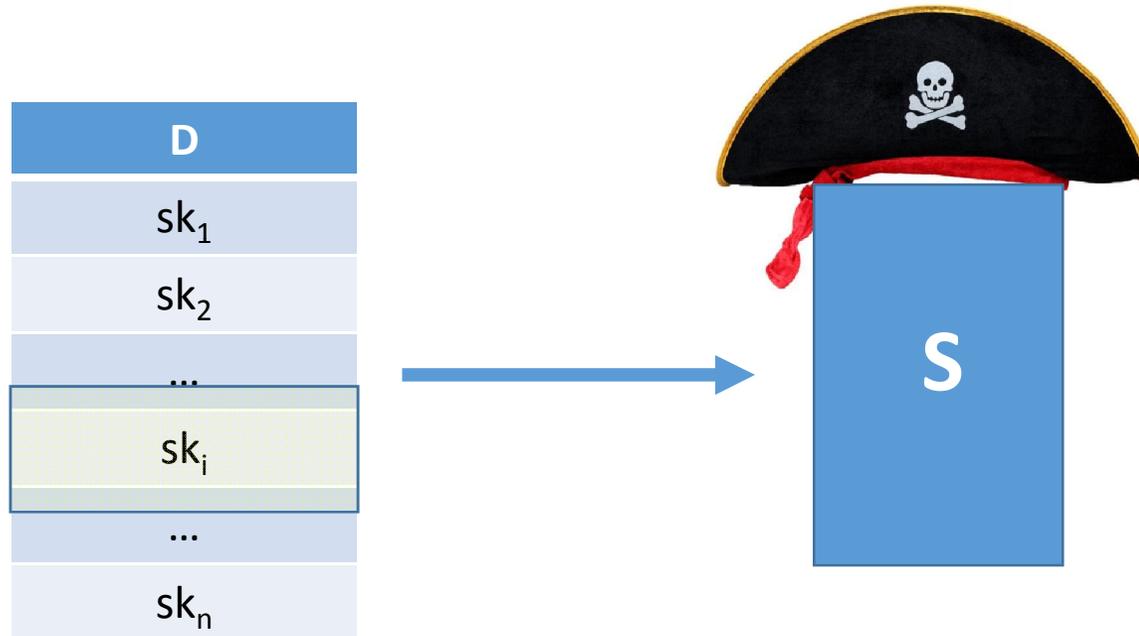
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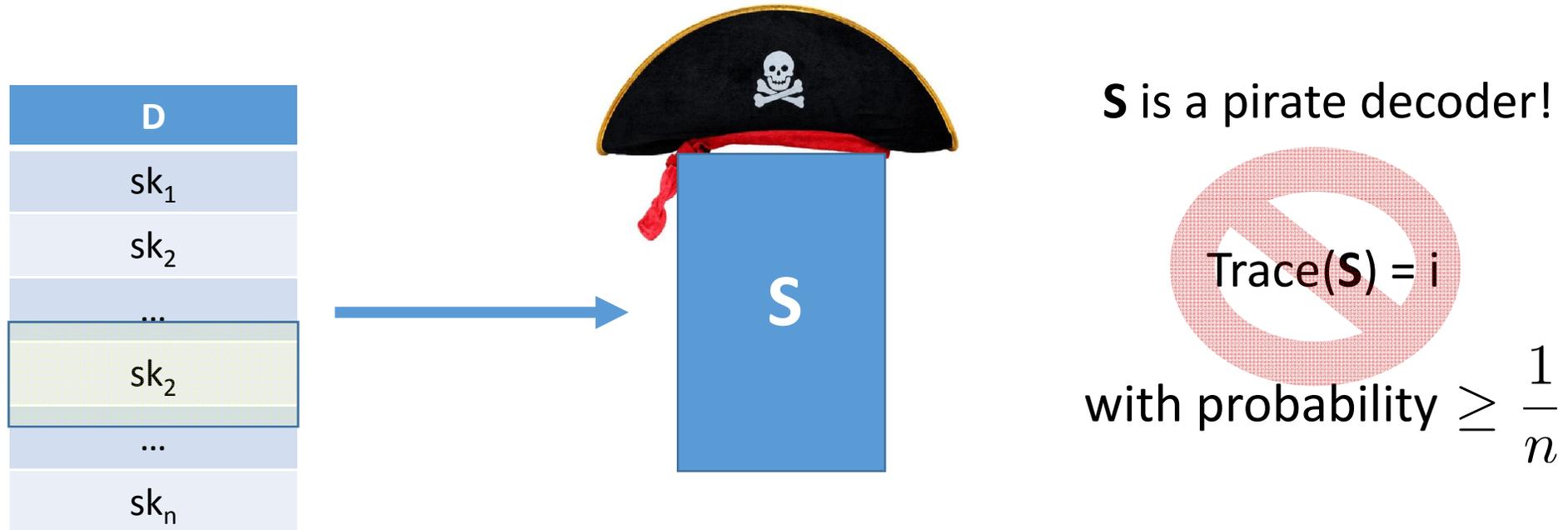
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with probability  $\geq \frac{1}{n}$

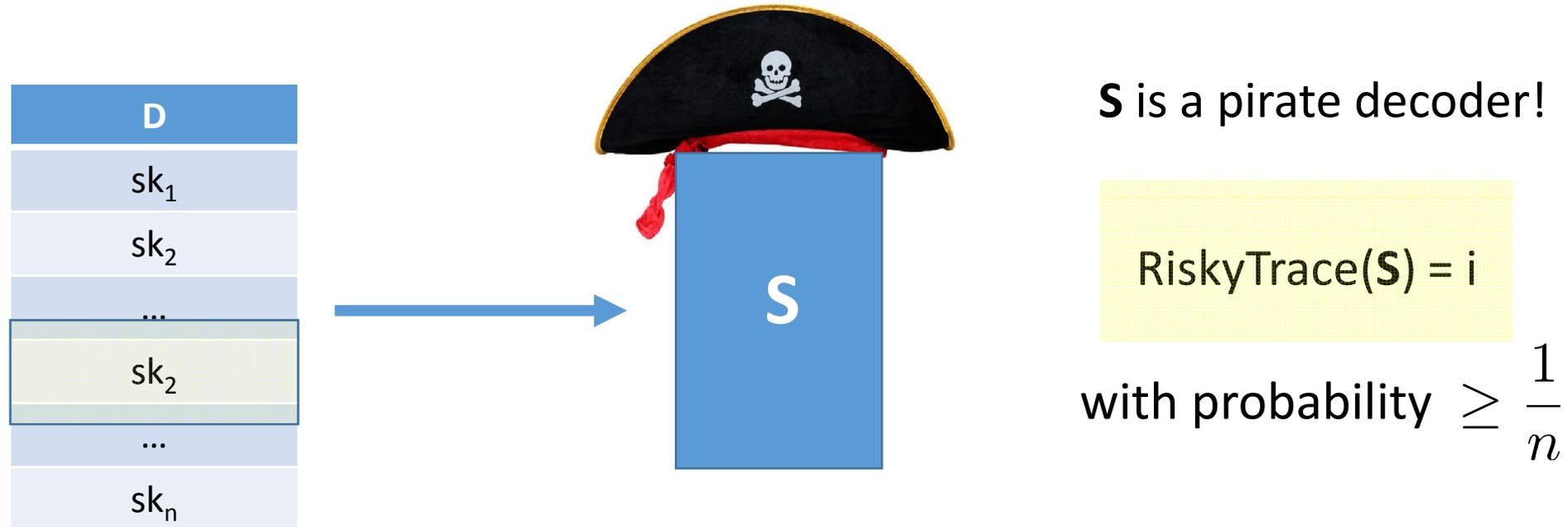
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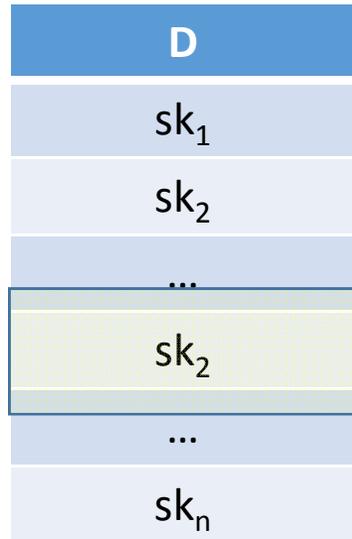


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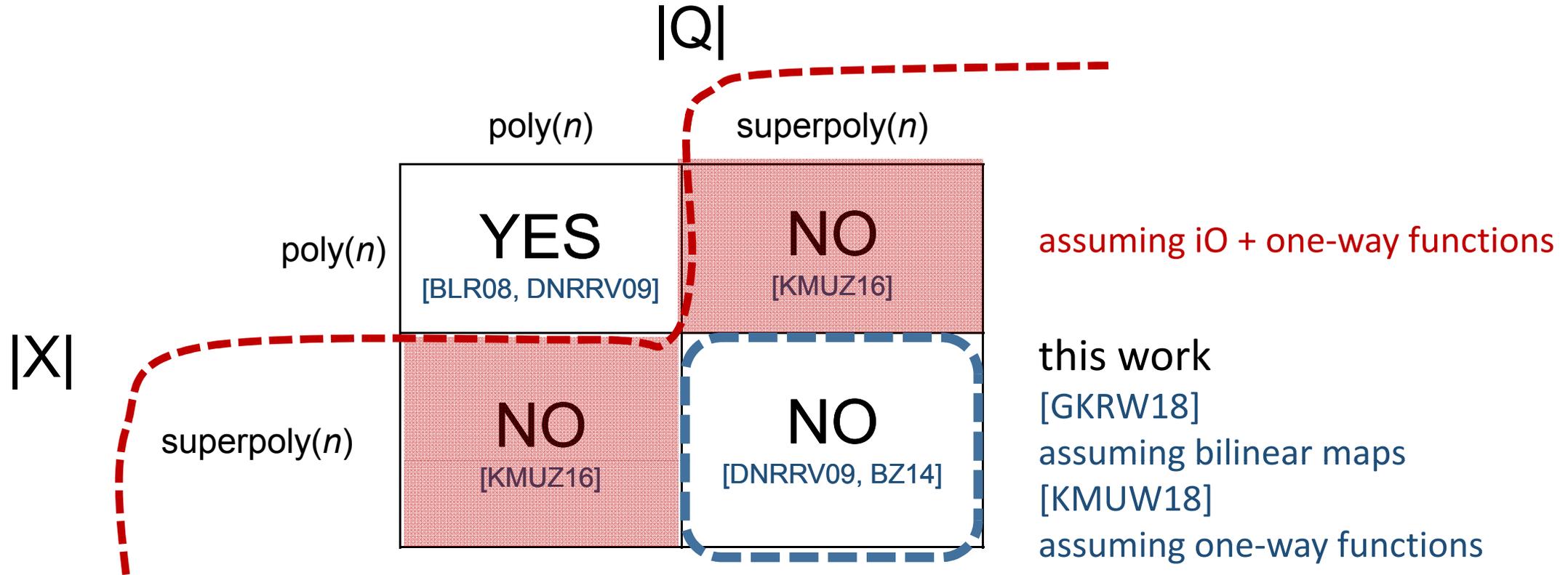
-Traitor-tracing scheme need not be public-key!

- $S$  is created without any knowledge of ciphertexts

-achievable from functional encryption for comparisons via modified construction of [\[GVW12\]](#)

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# Recap: Can we efficiently answer statistical queries with diff. privacy?



thank you!