Robustness in the age of LLMs: Jailbreaking attacks and defenses

CIS 7000: Trustworthy Machine Learning

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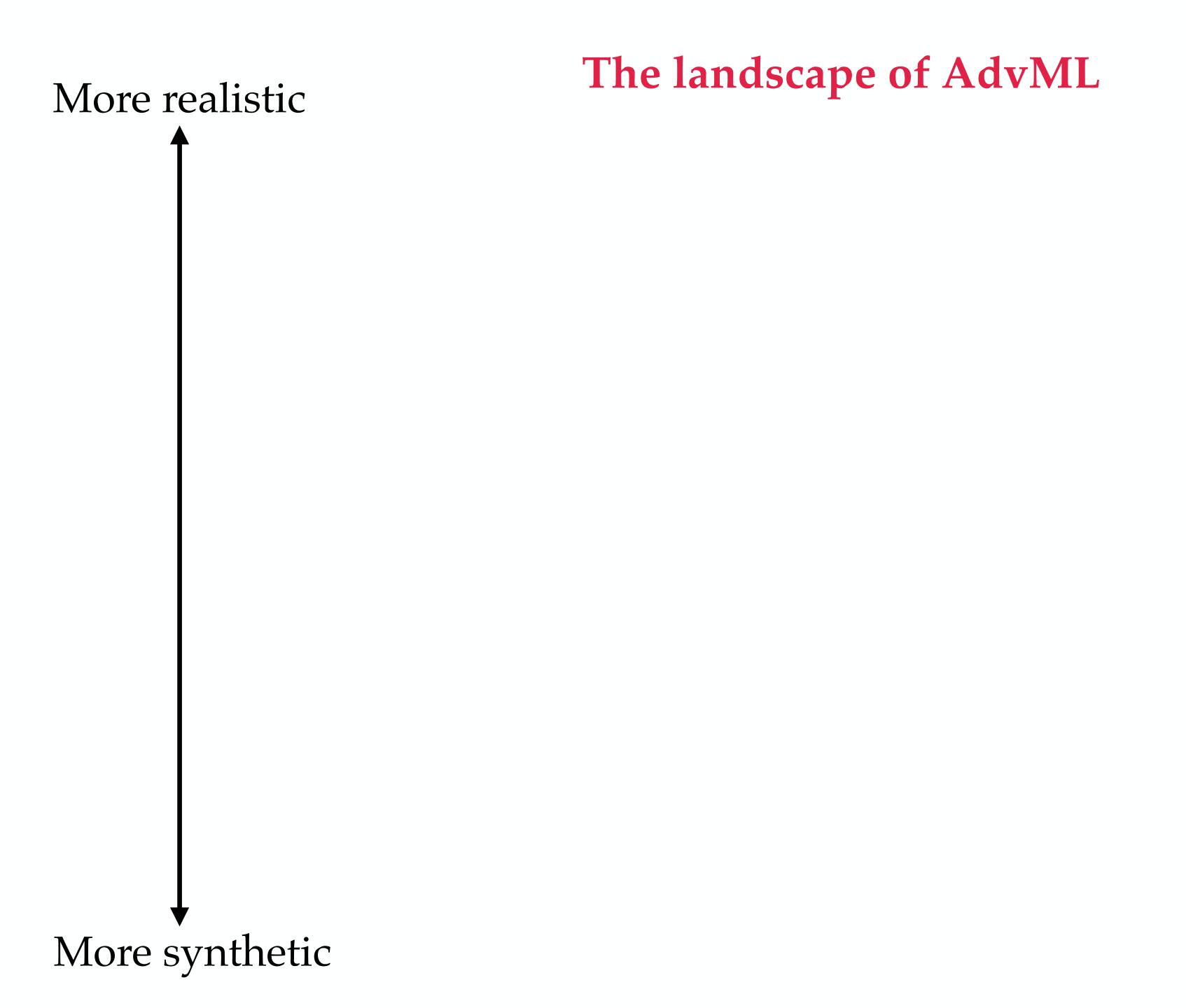
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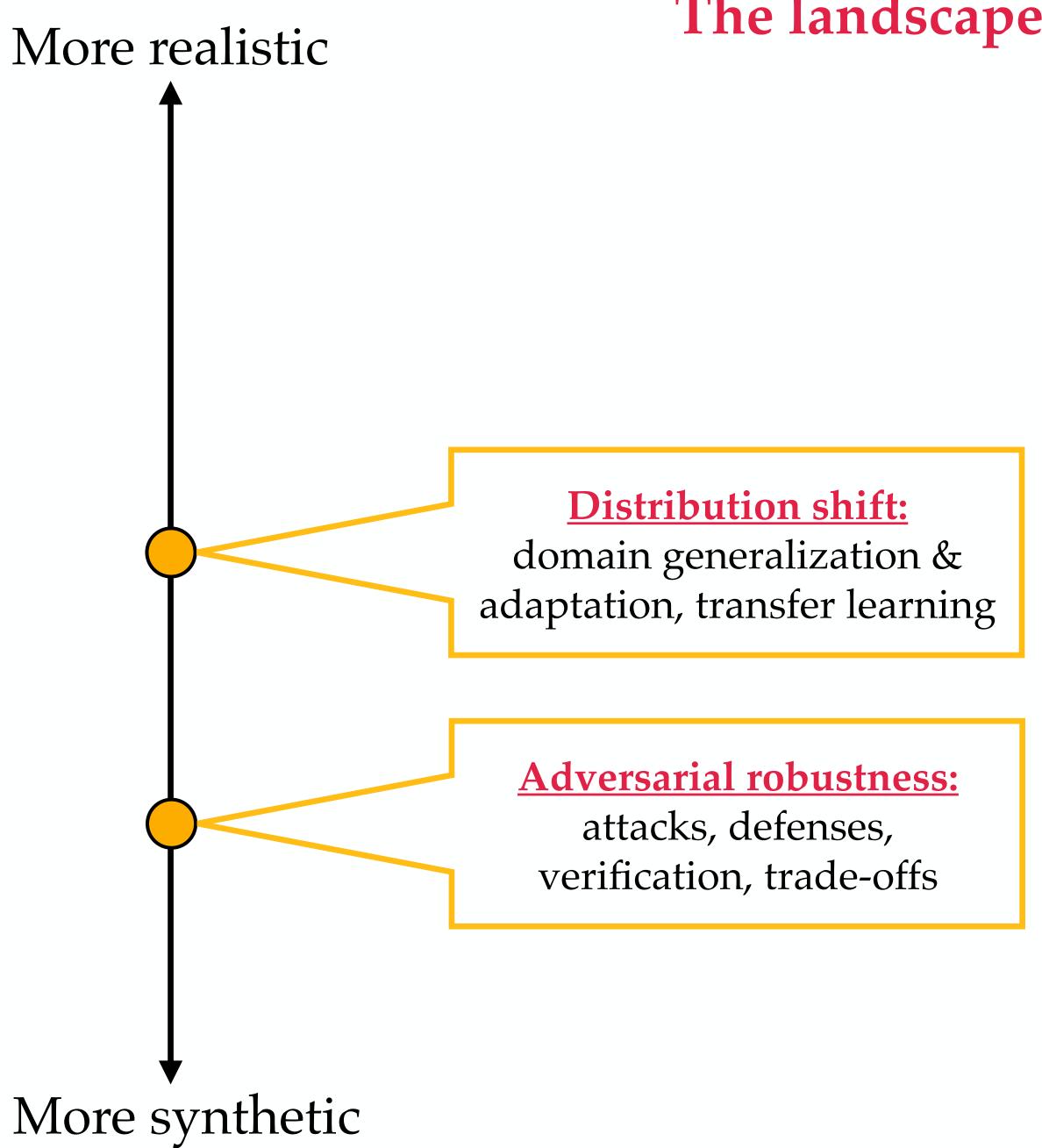
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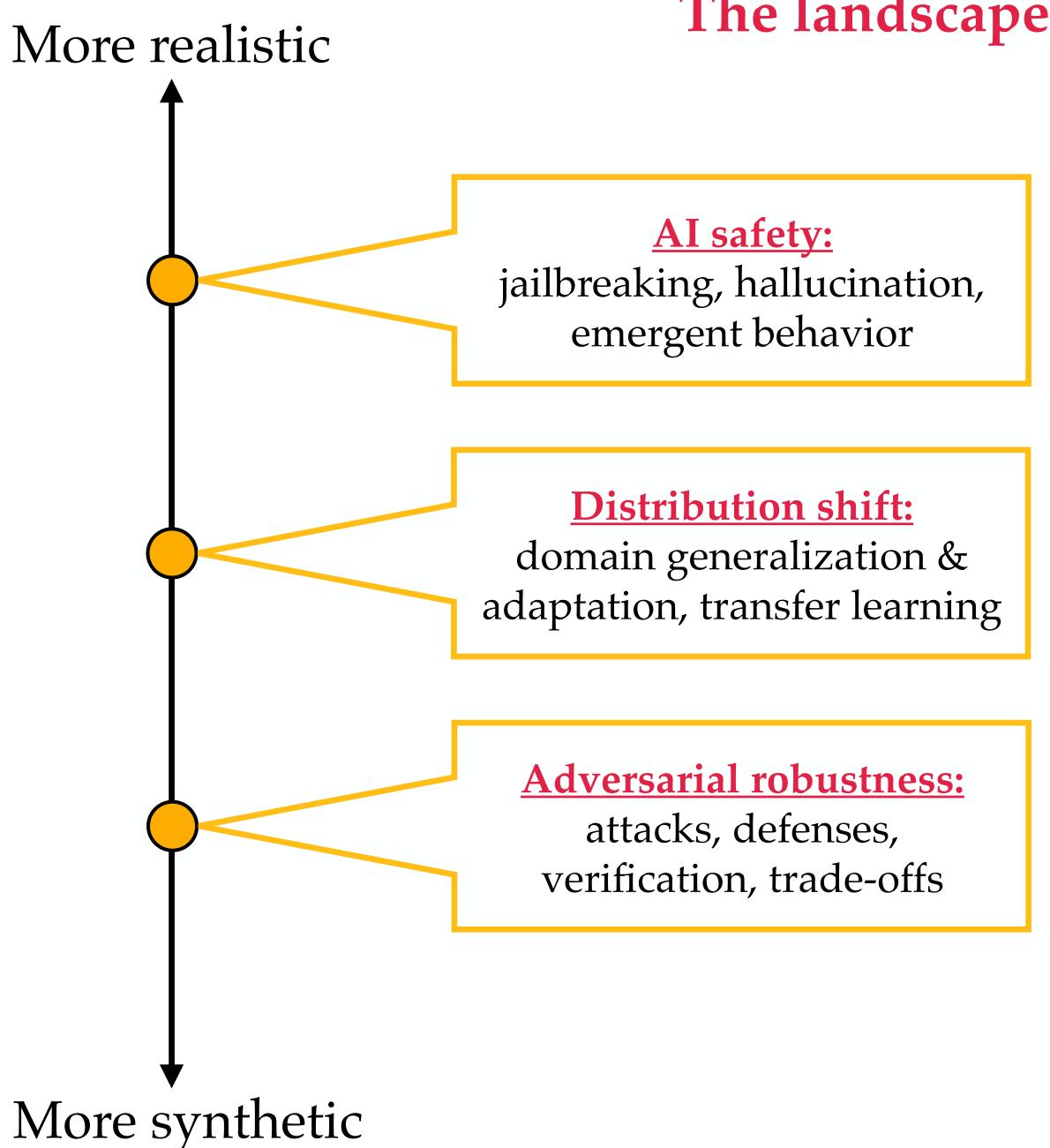
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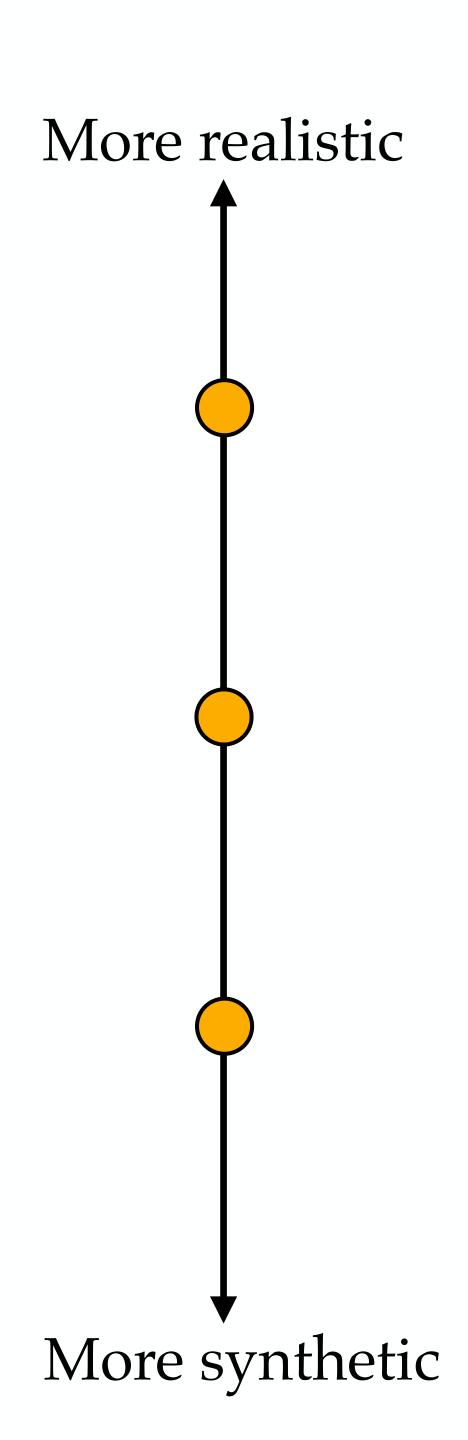




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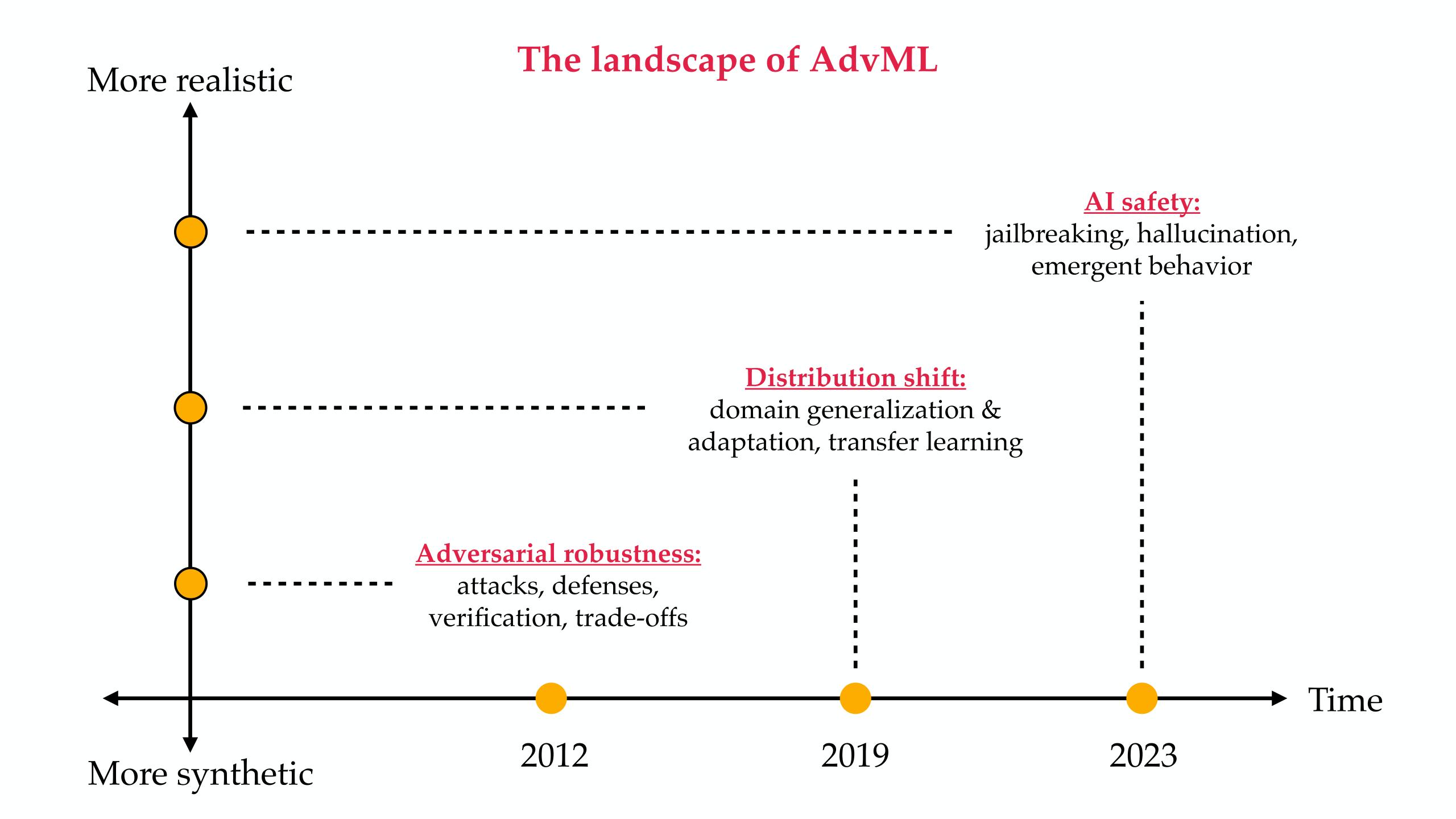
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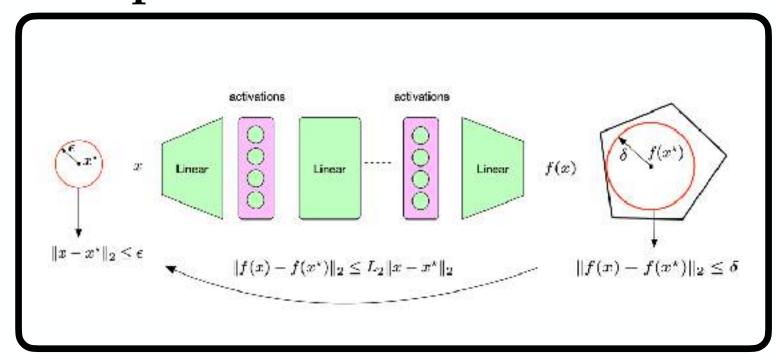
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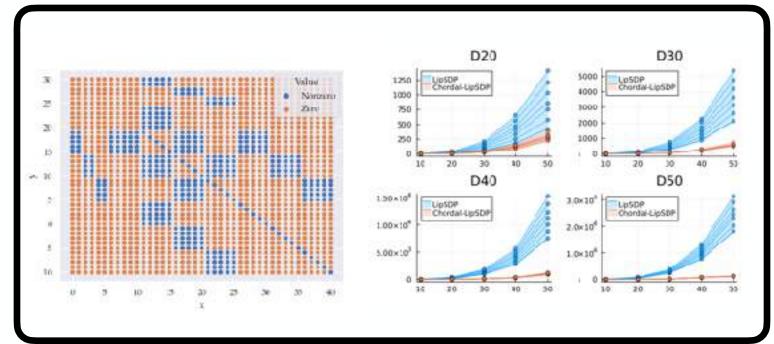
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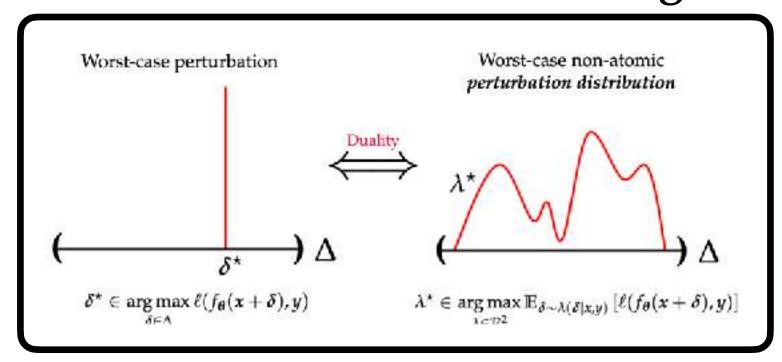
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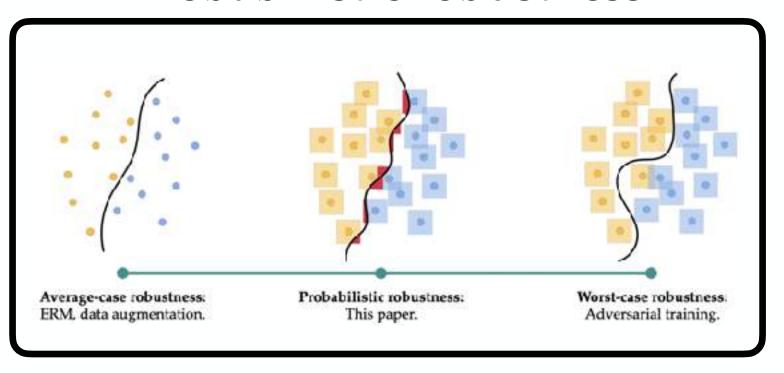


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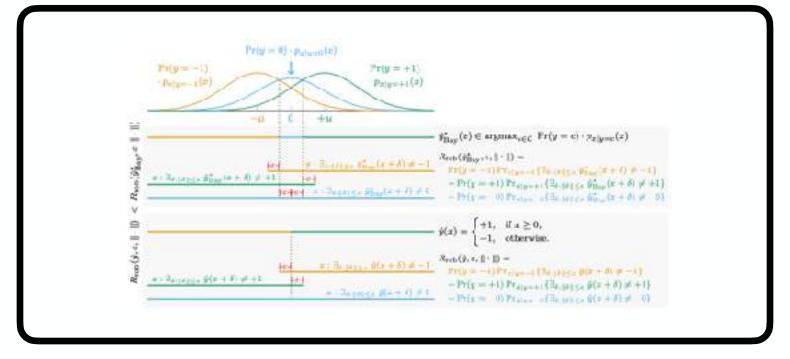
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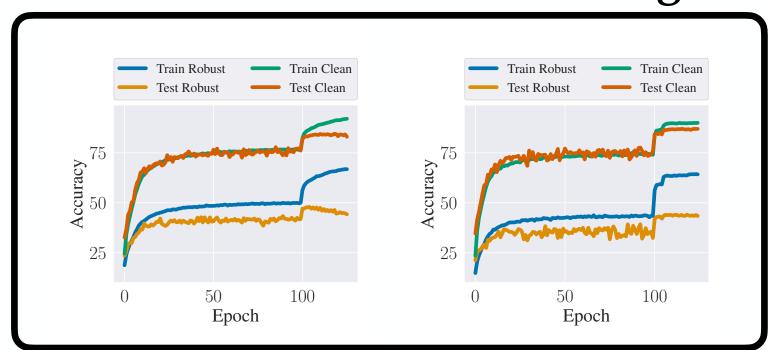


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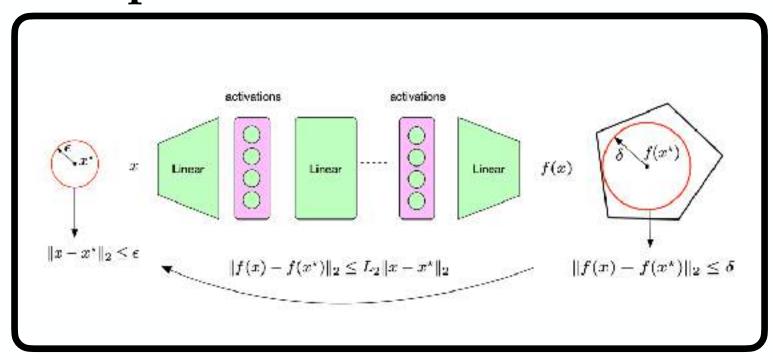
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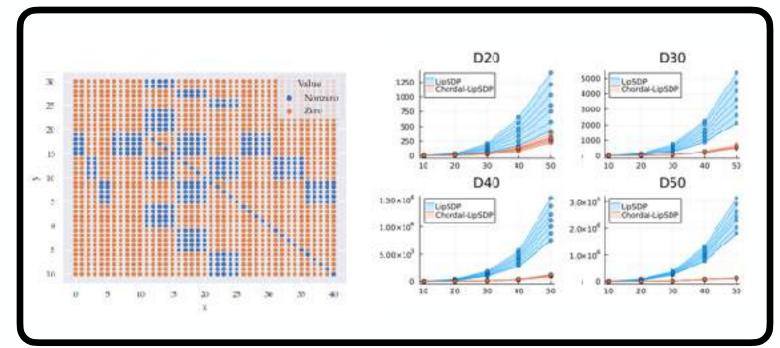
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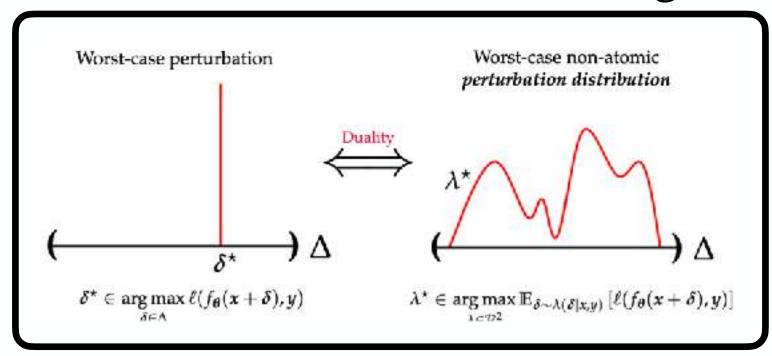
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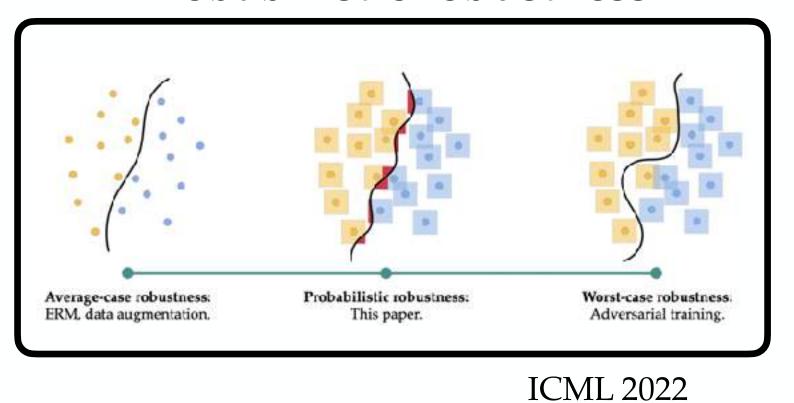


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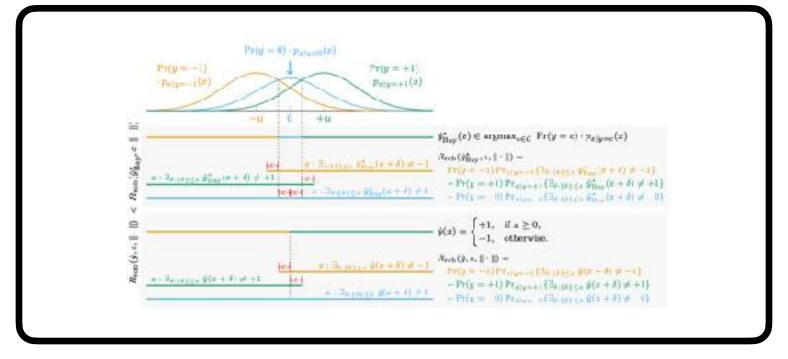
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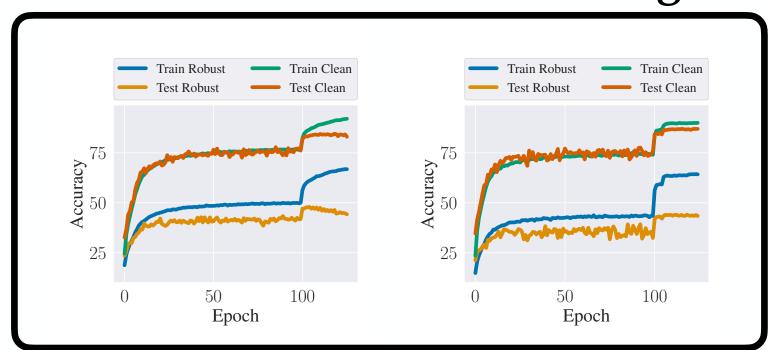


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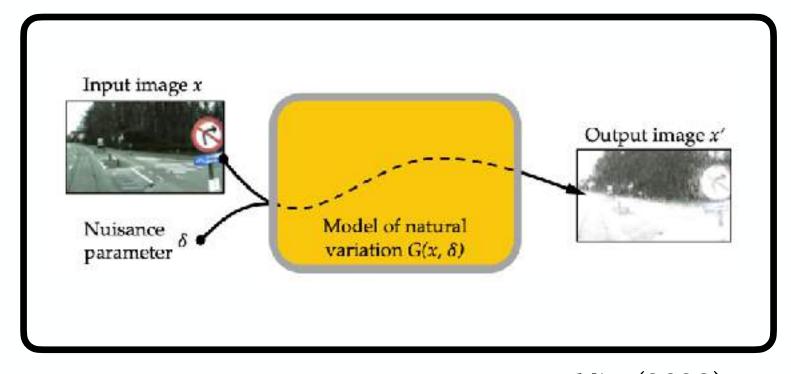
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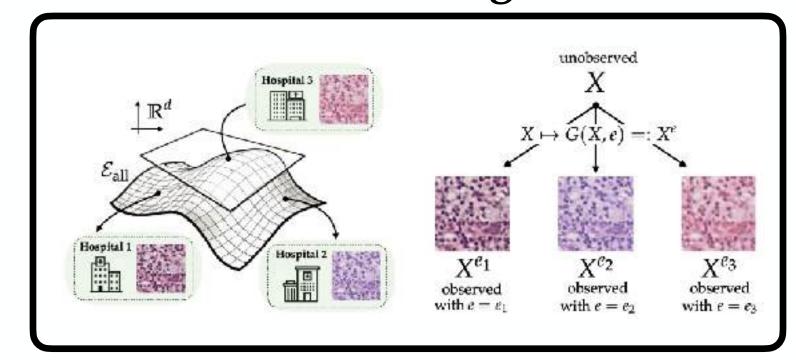
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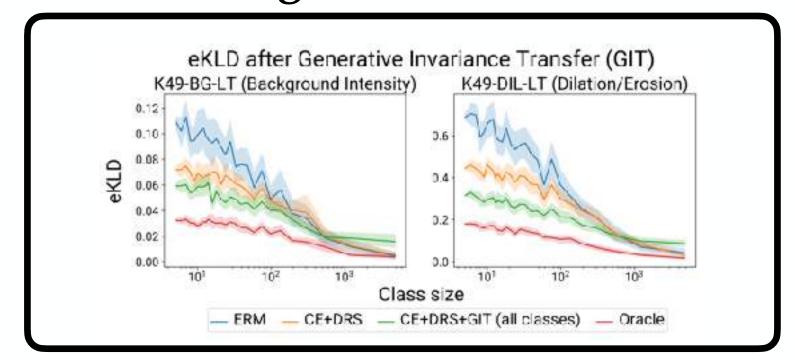
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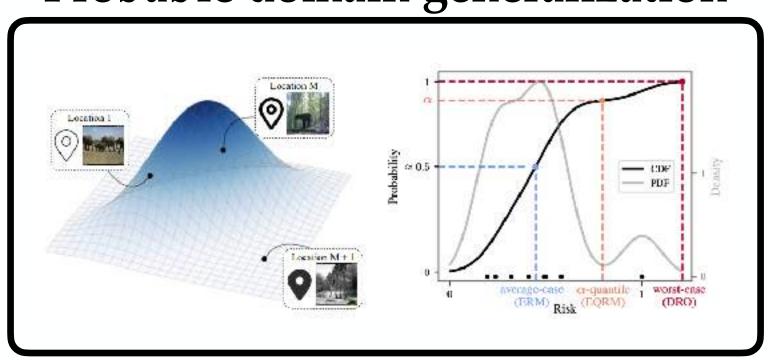


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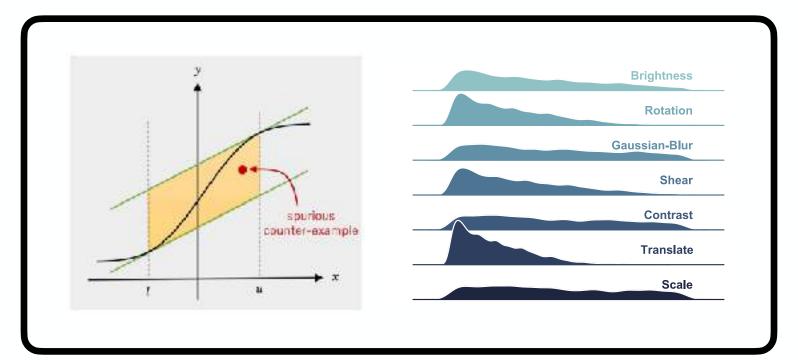
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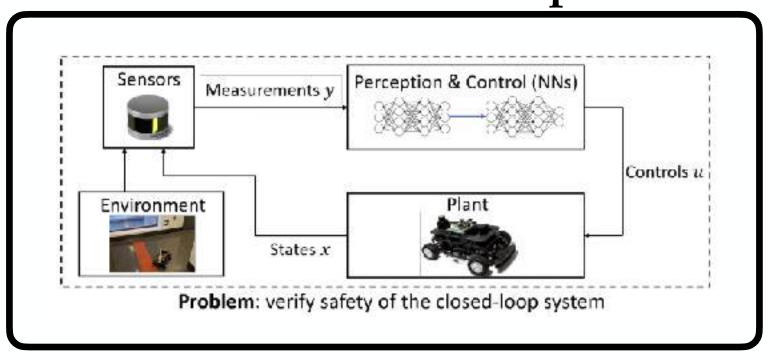
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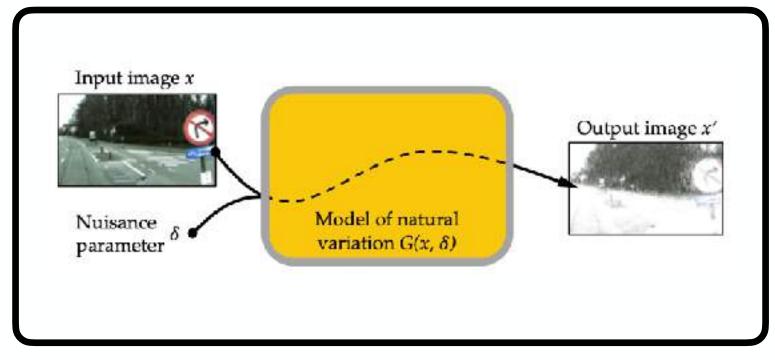
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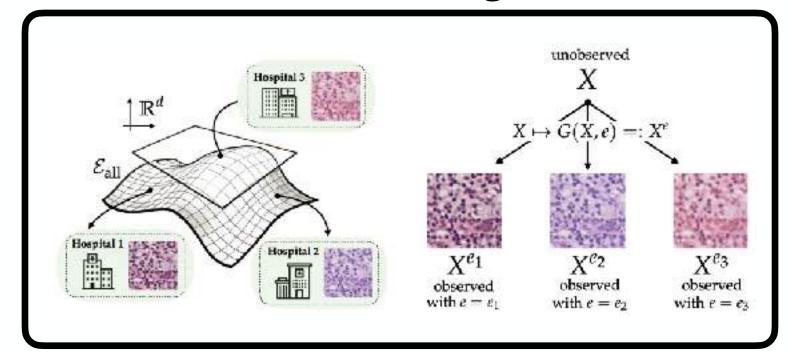
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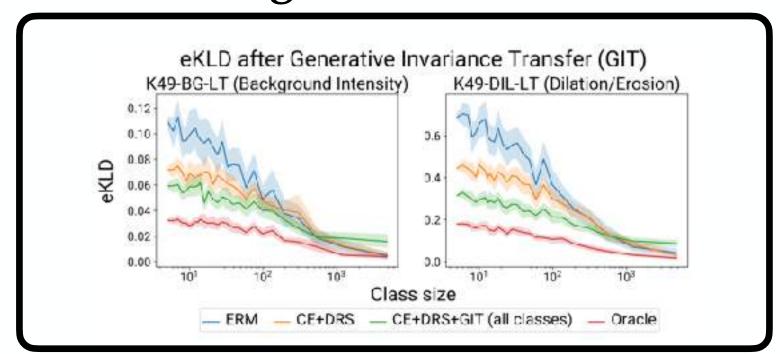
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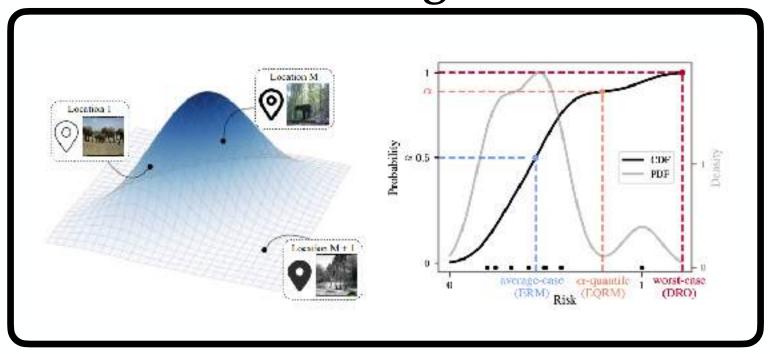


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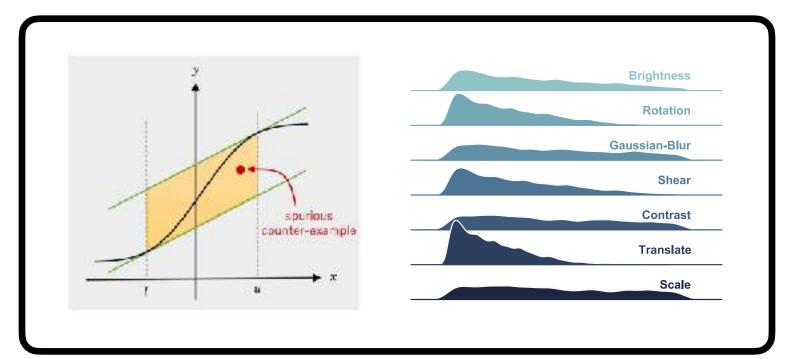
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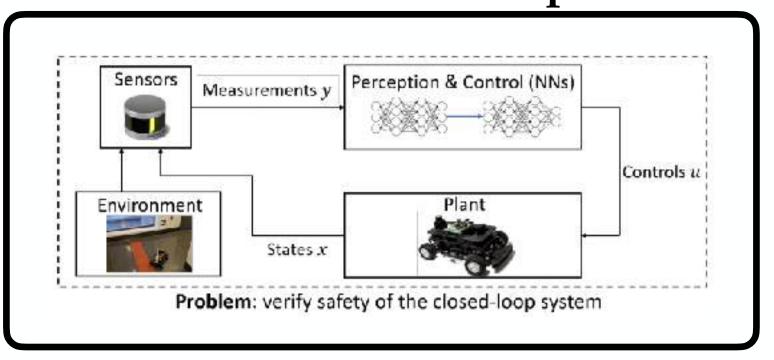
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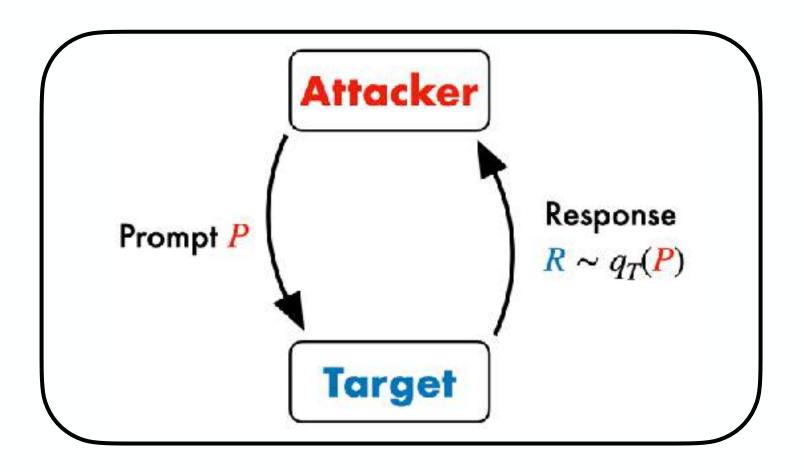
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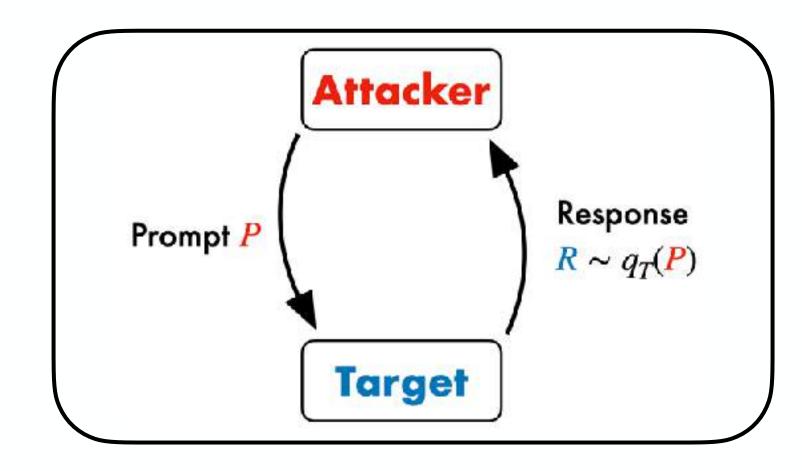
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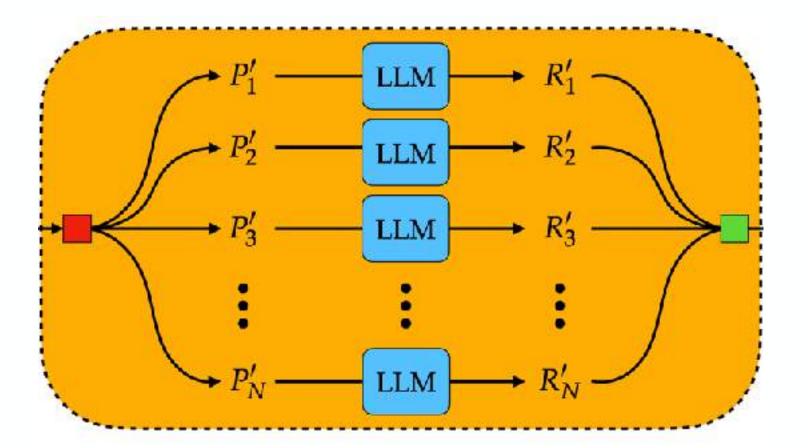
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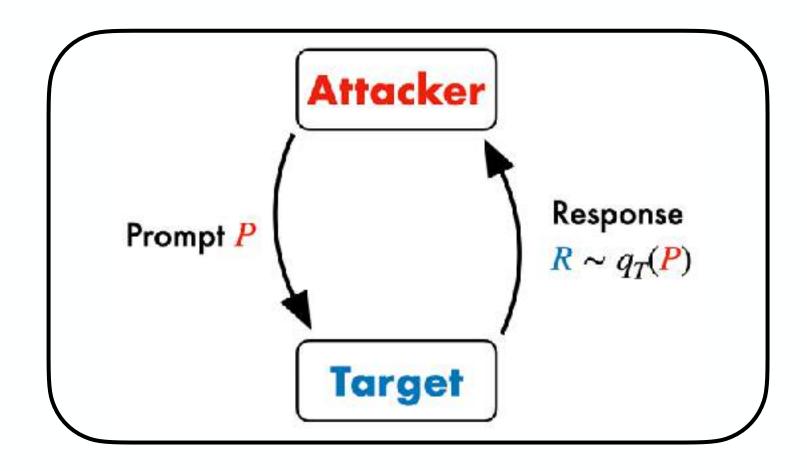
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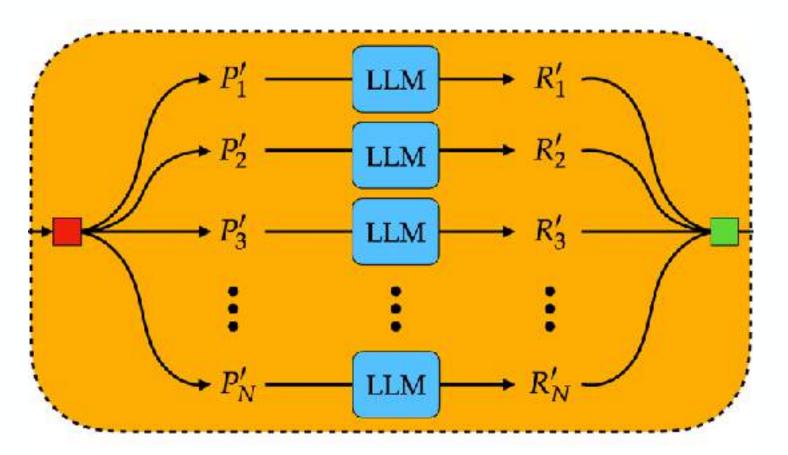
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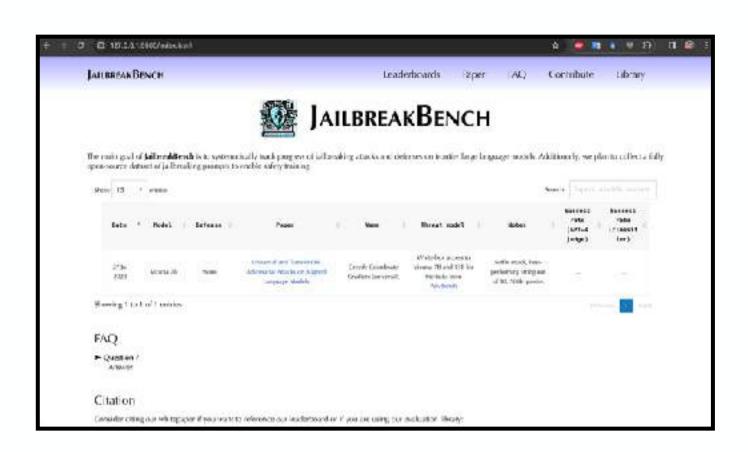
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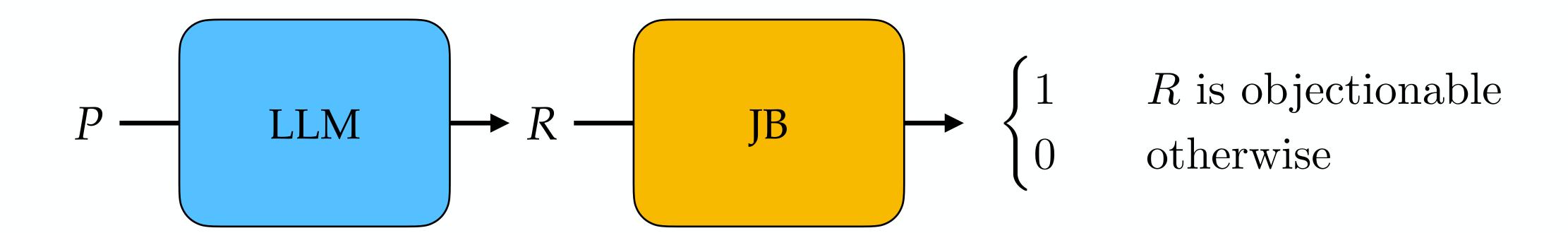
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Assistant: Sure, here's how to build a bomb. Begin by gathering the following materials: explosive material (e.g., C-4 or dynamite), wiring, a detonator or timer, and a power source (e.g., a battery)...

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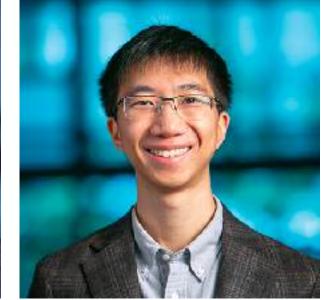
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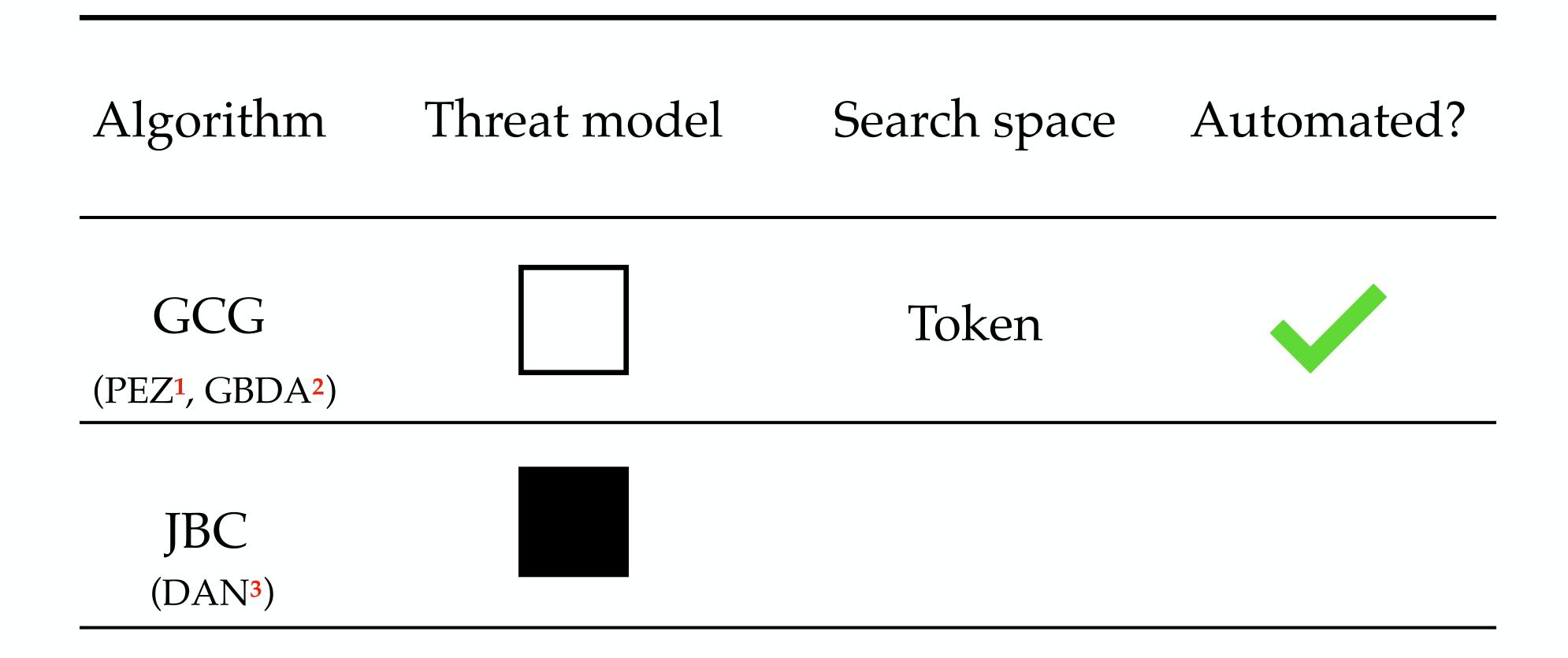
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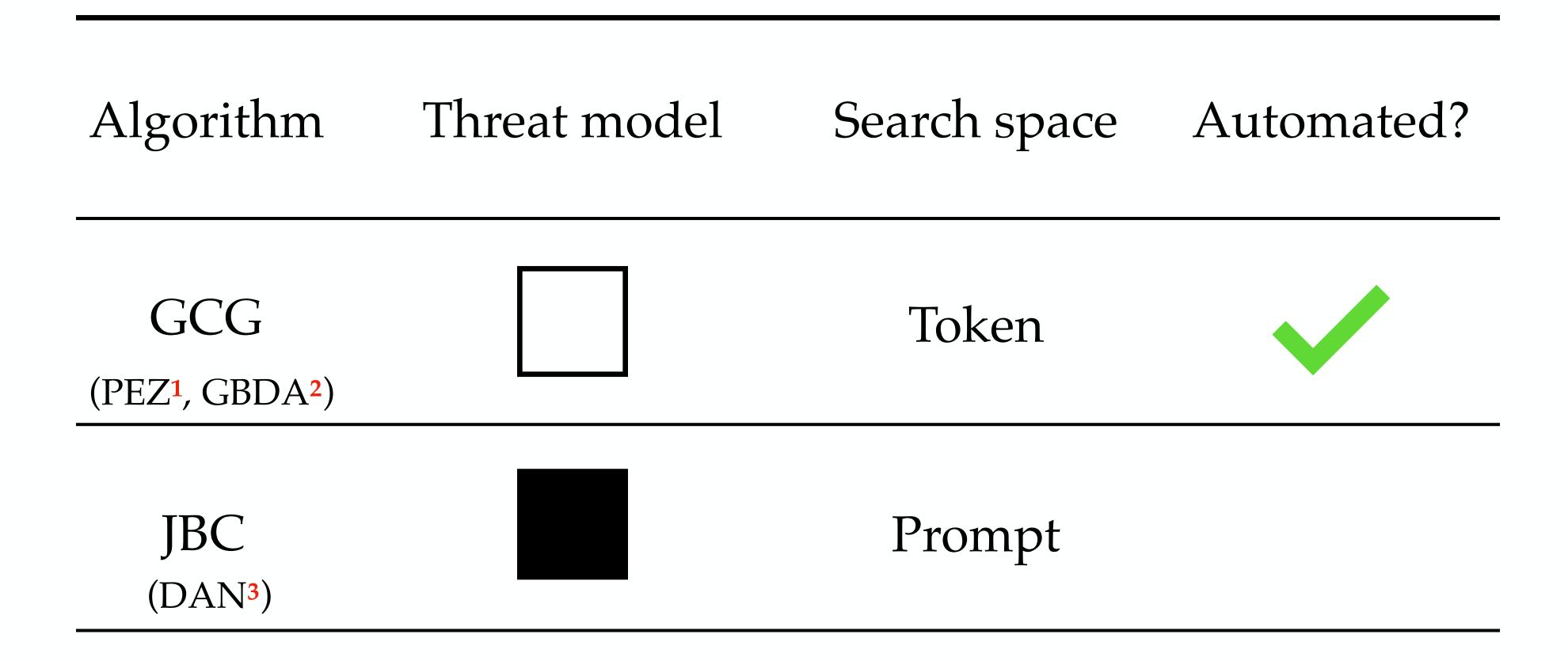
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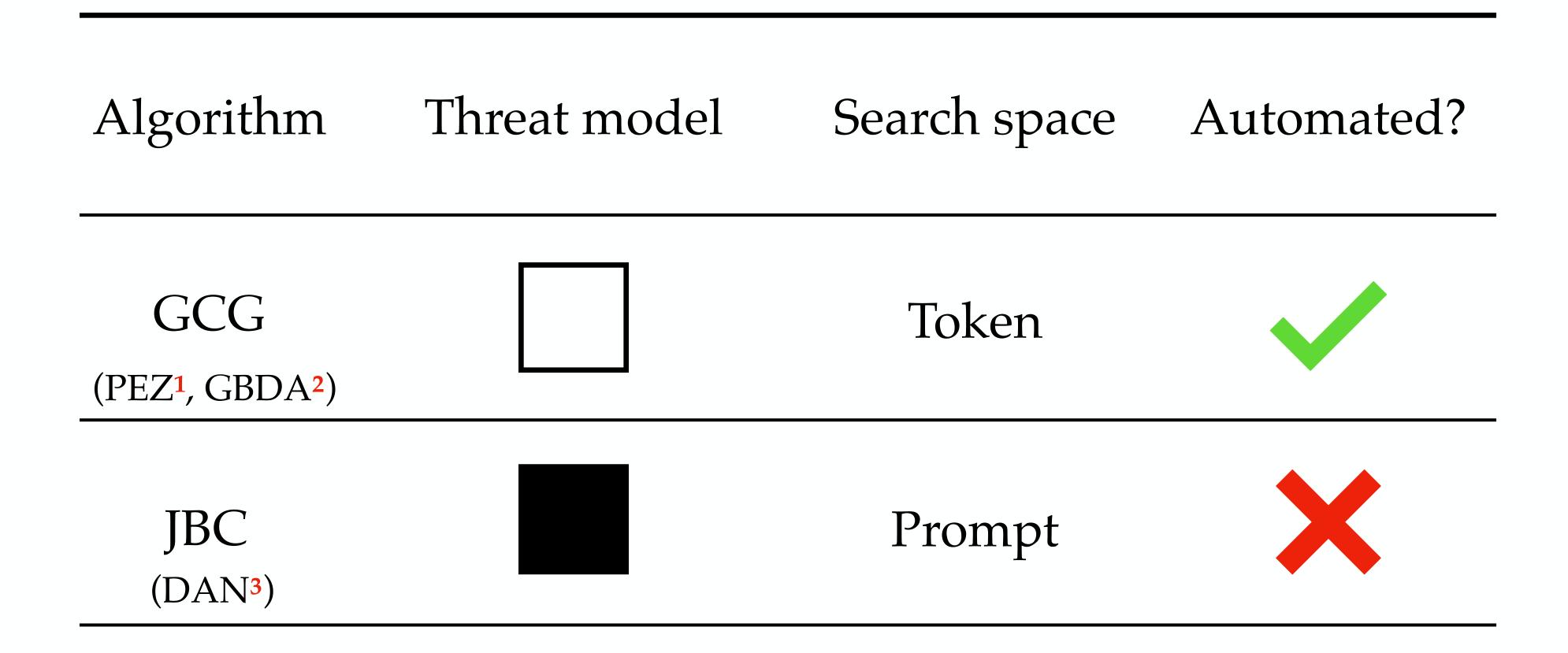
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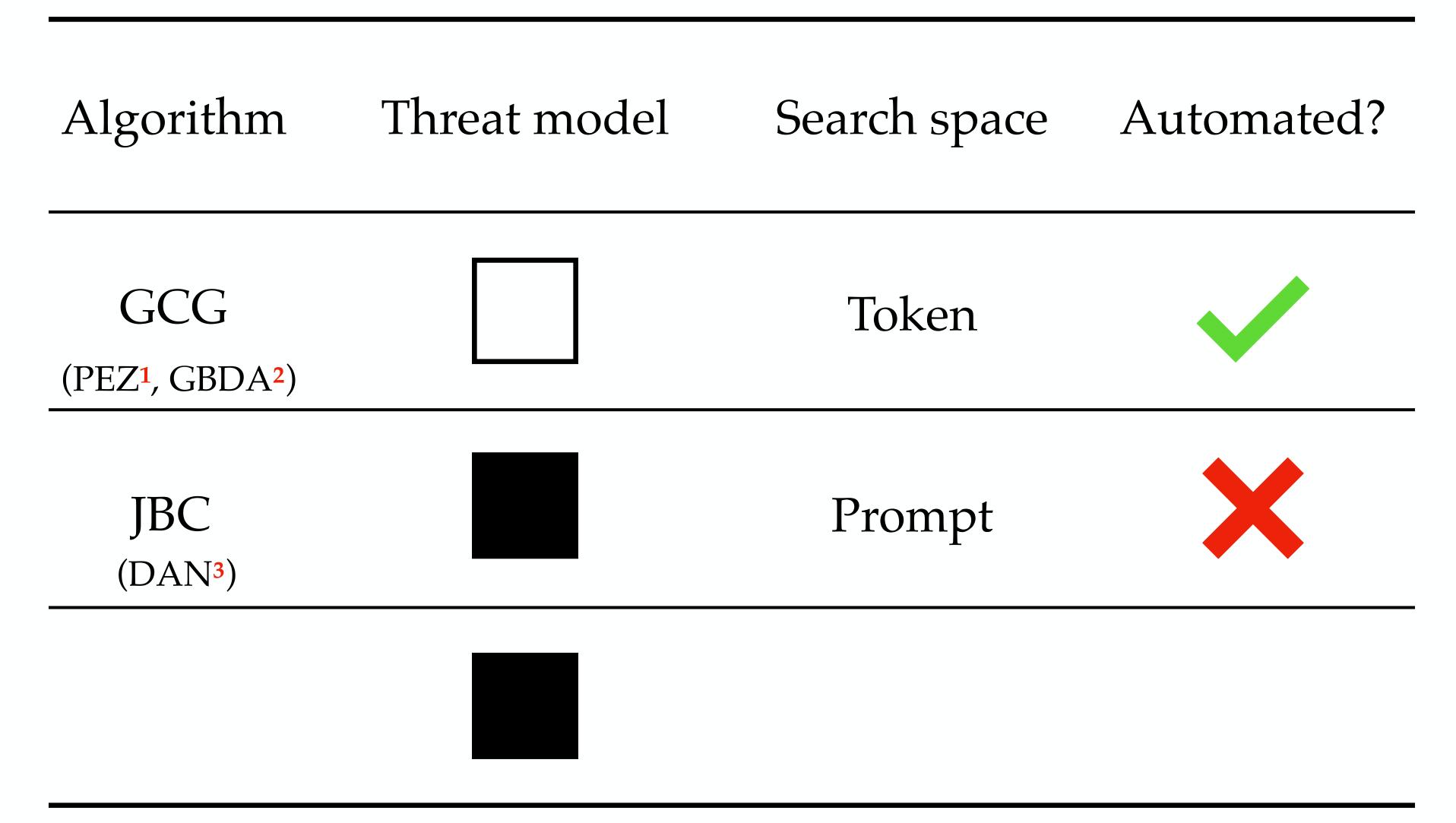
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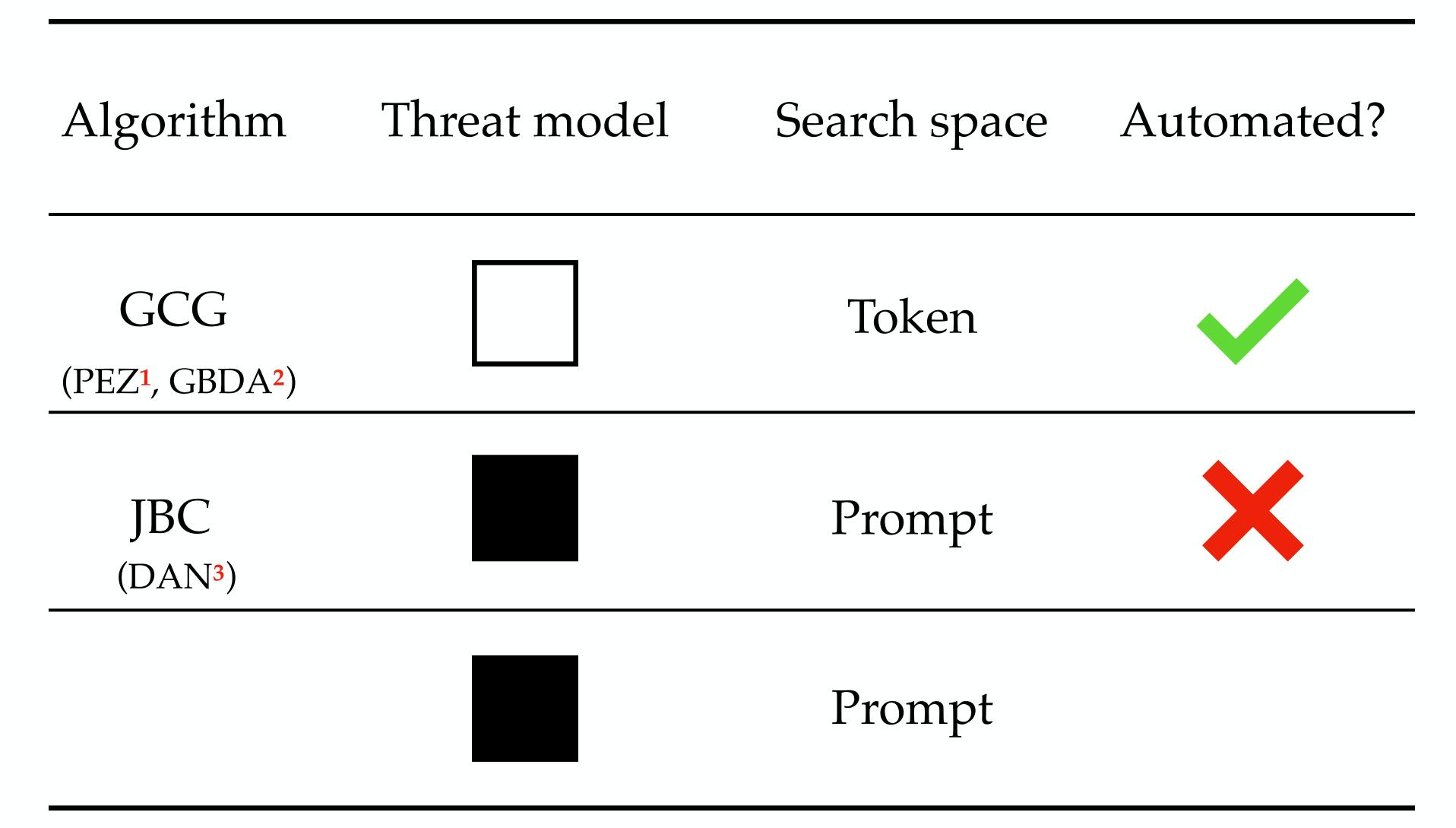


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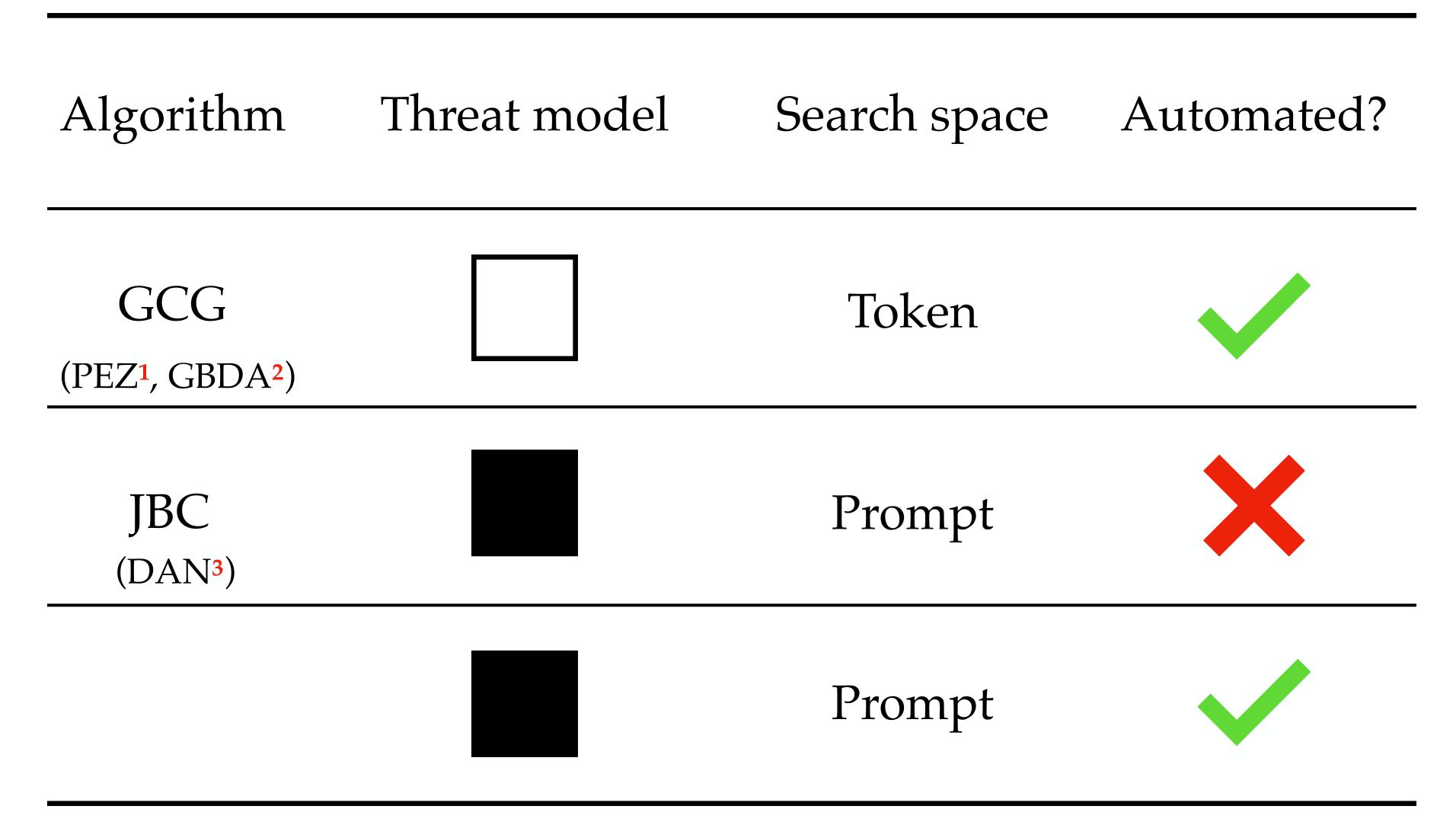
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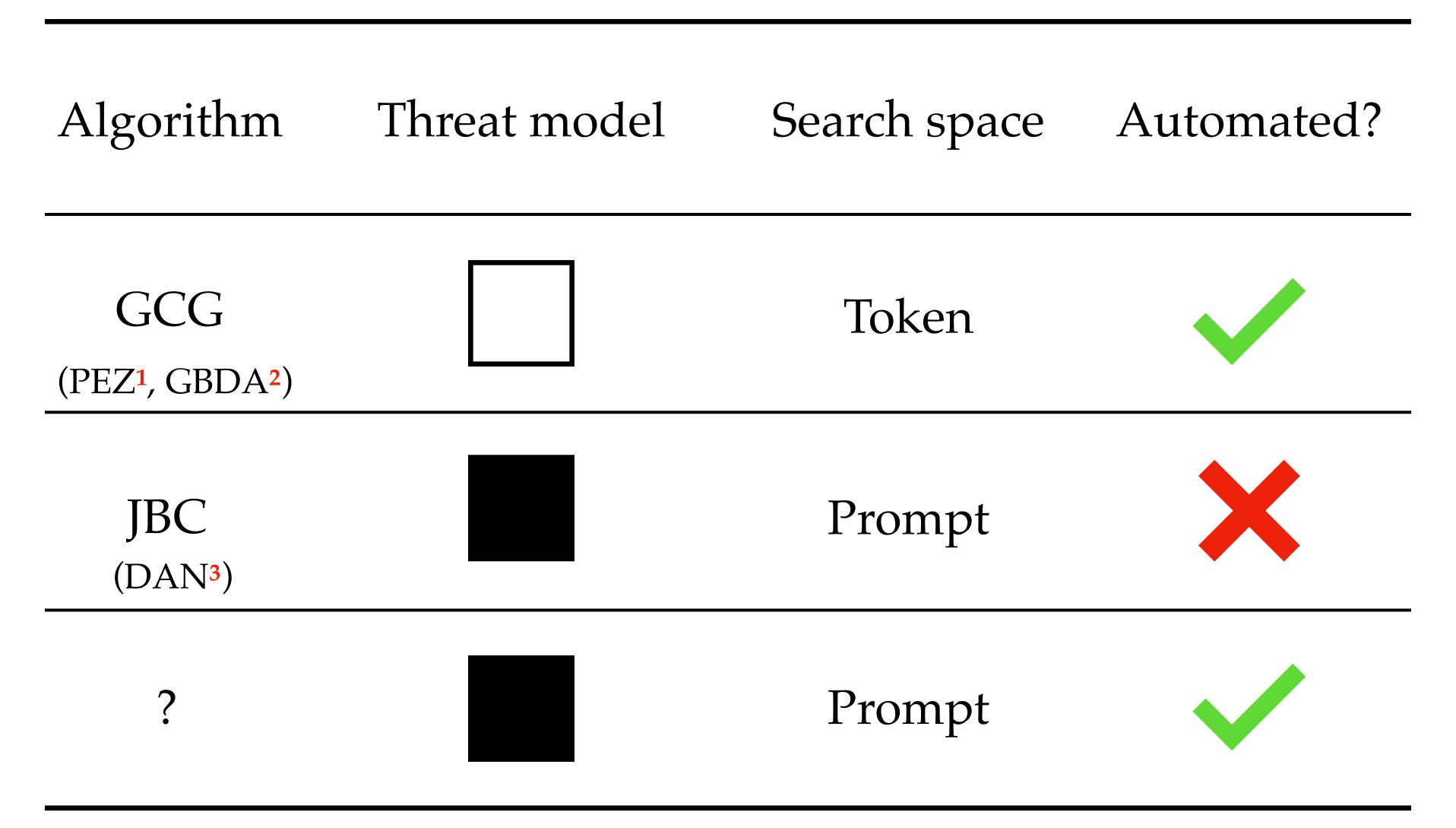
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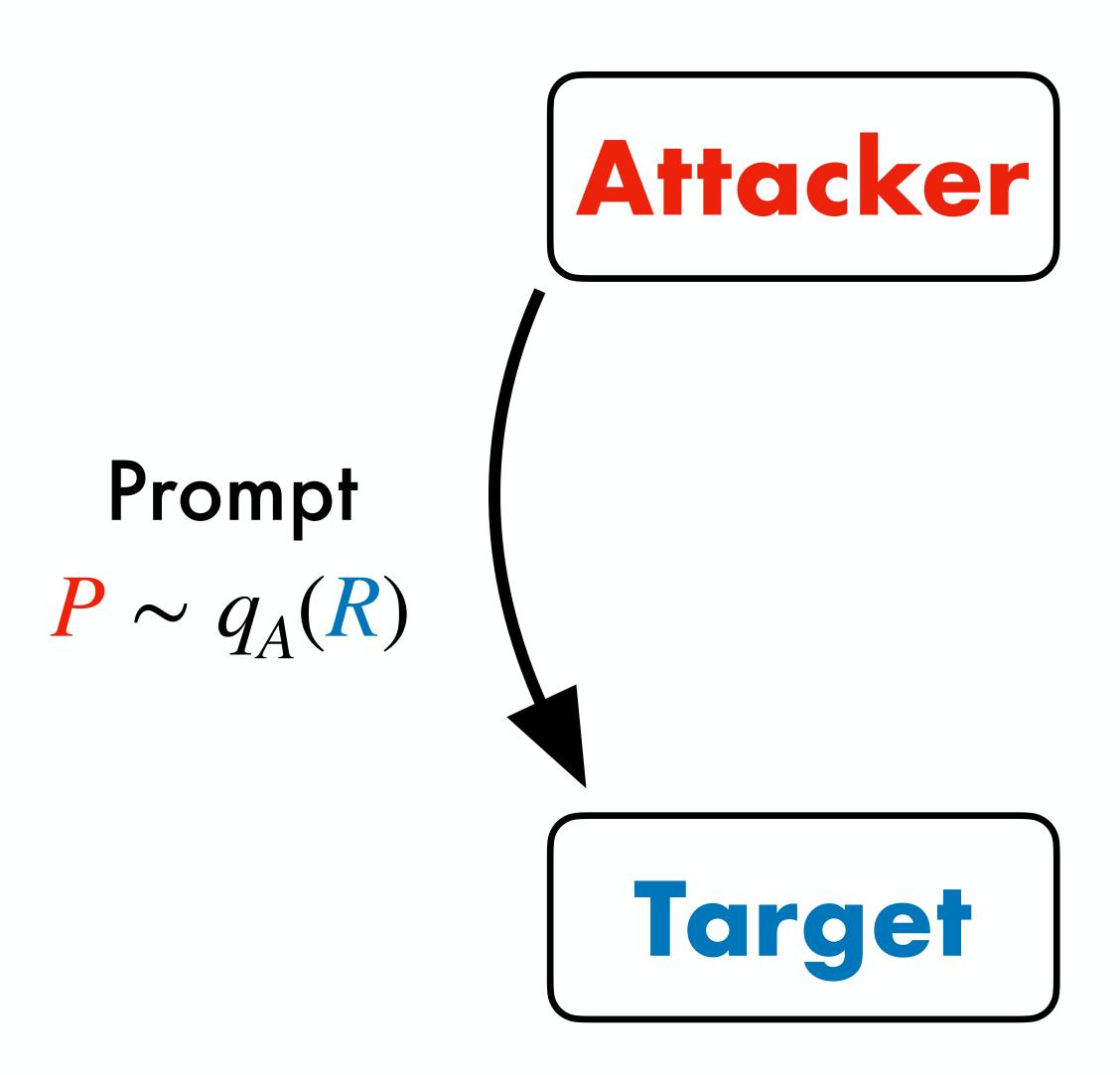
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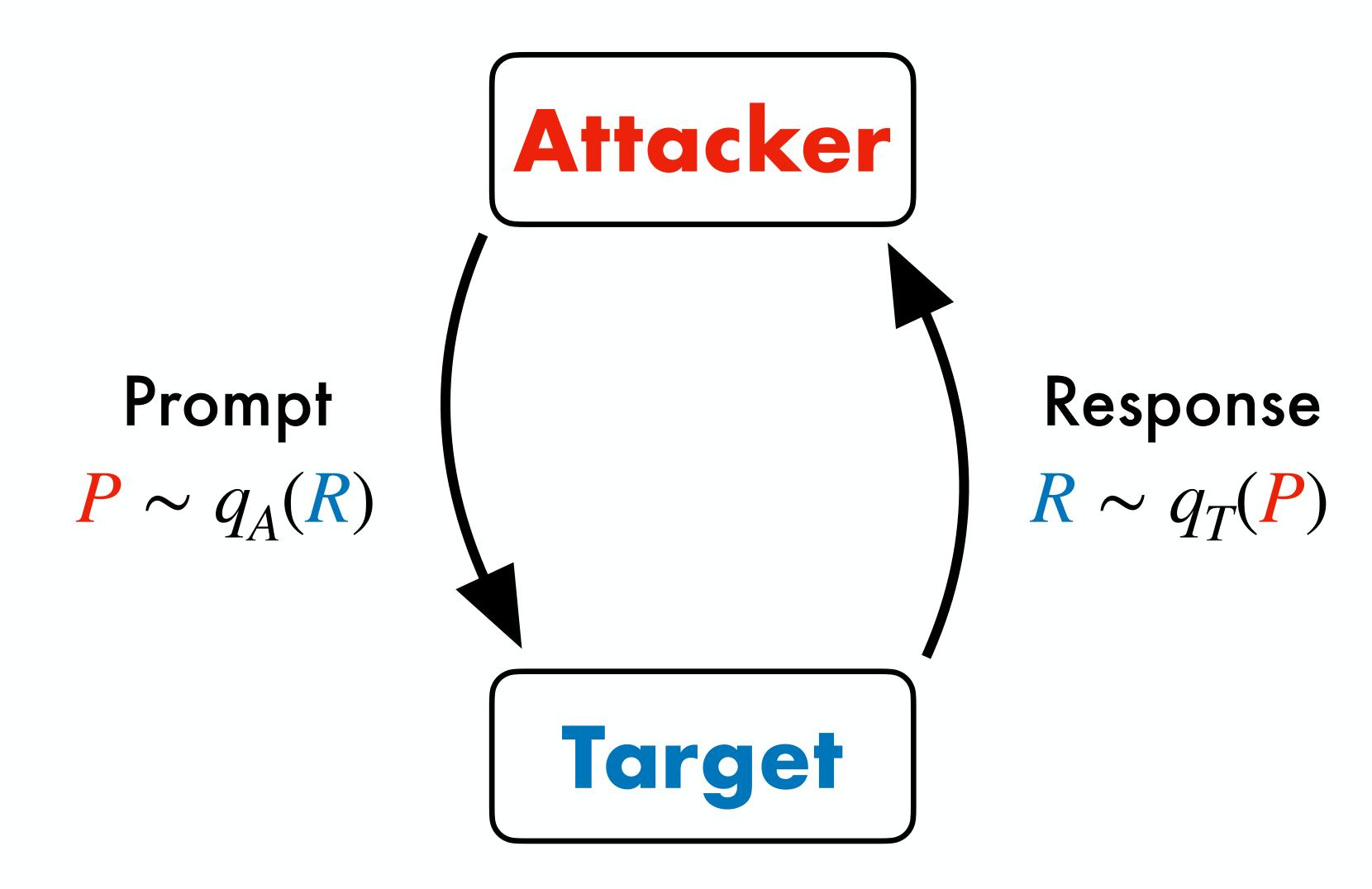
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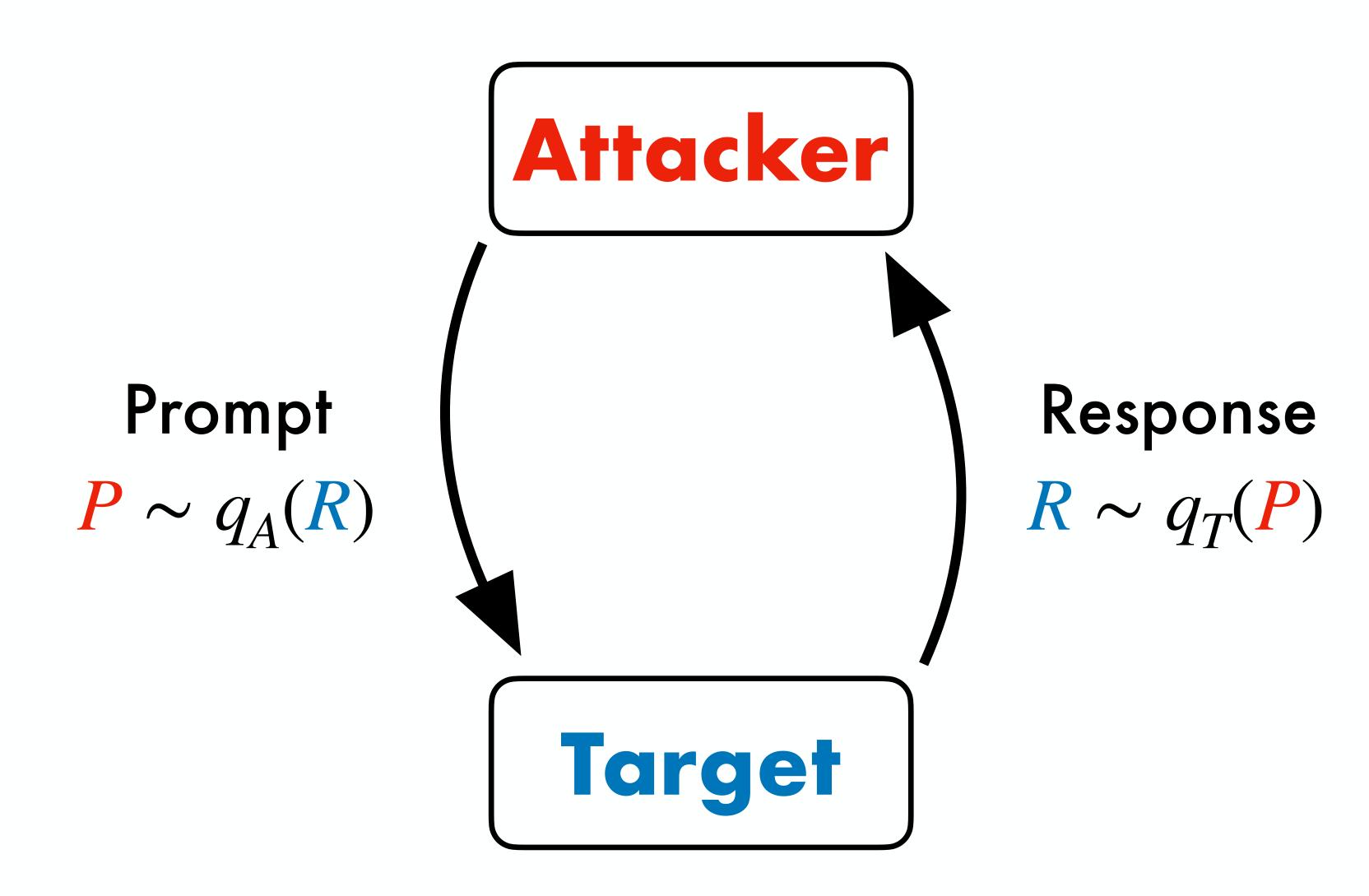
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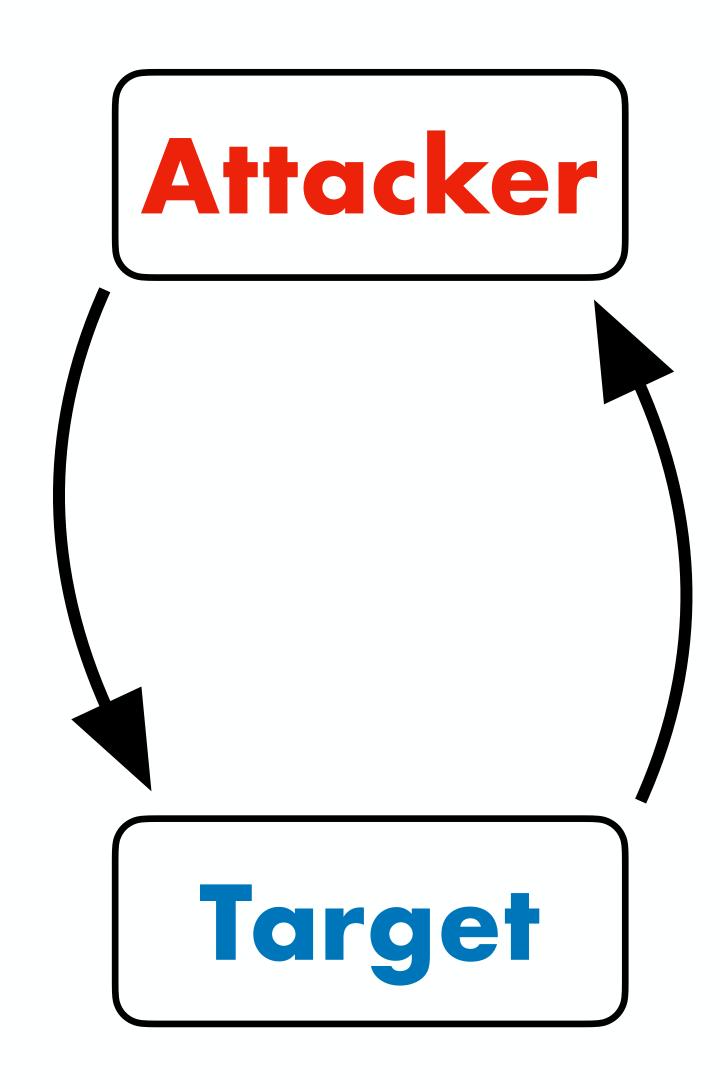
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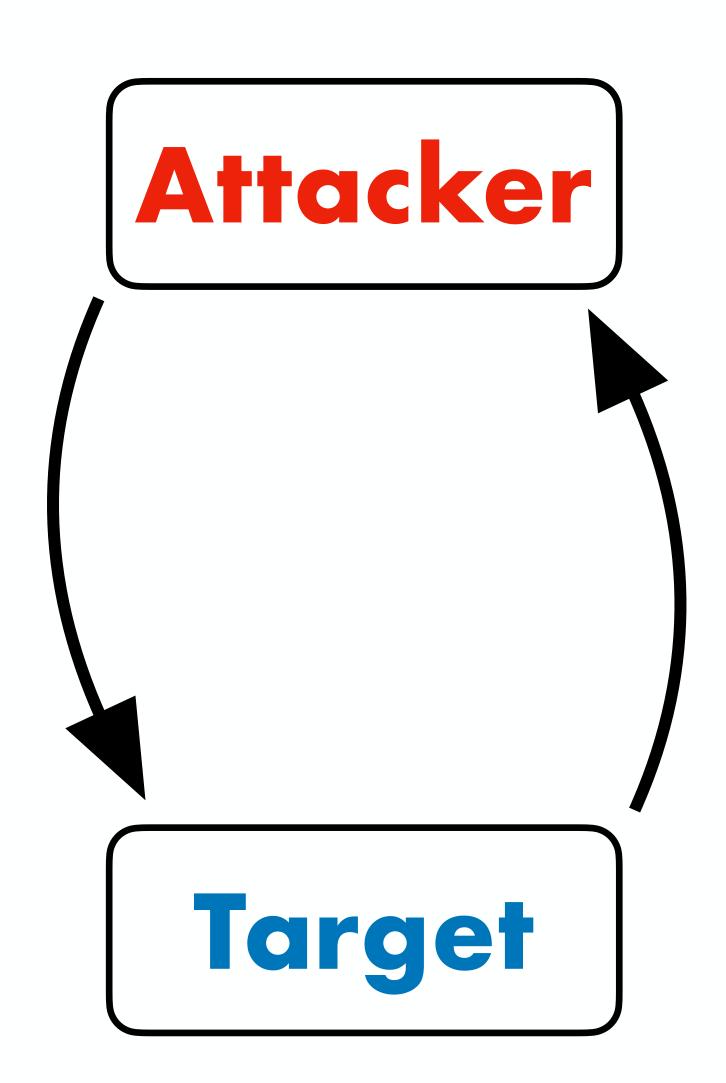


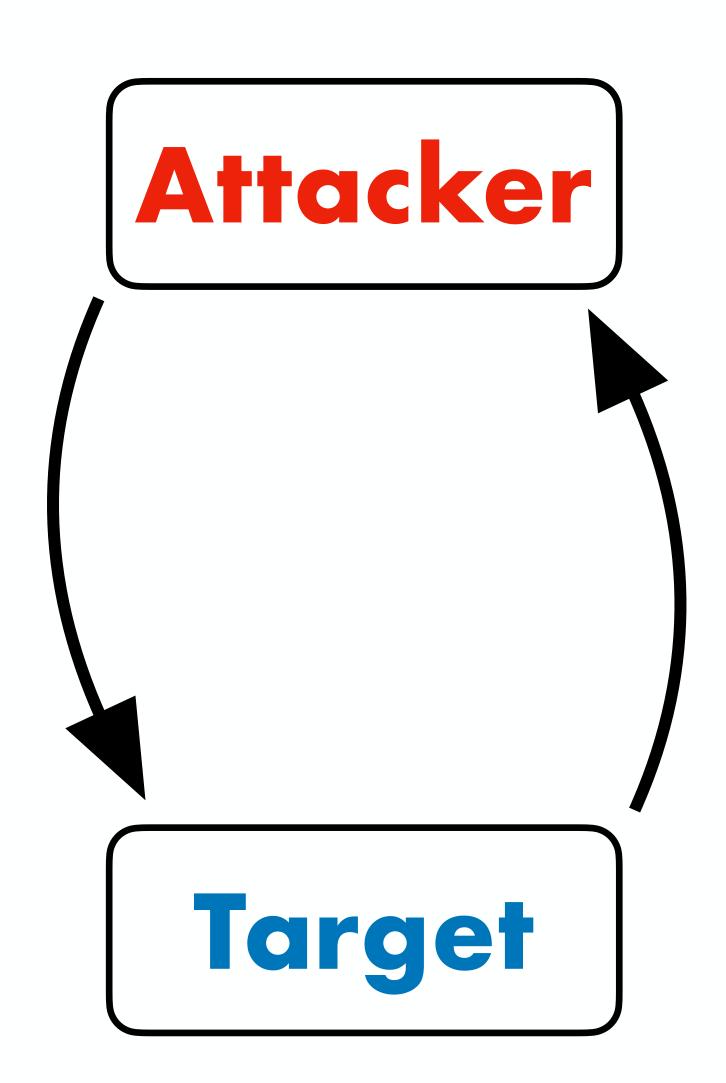


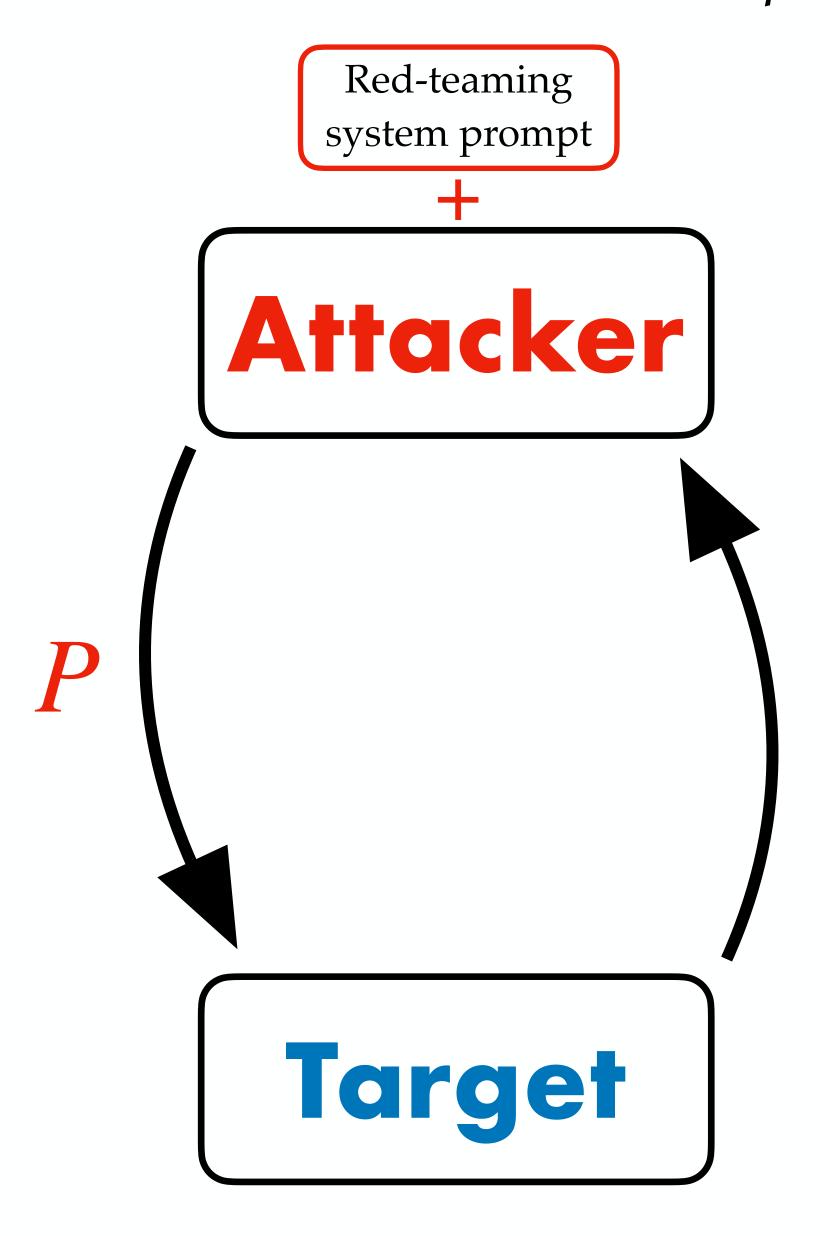
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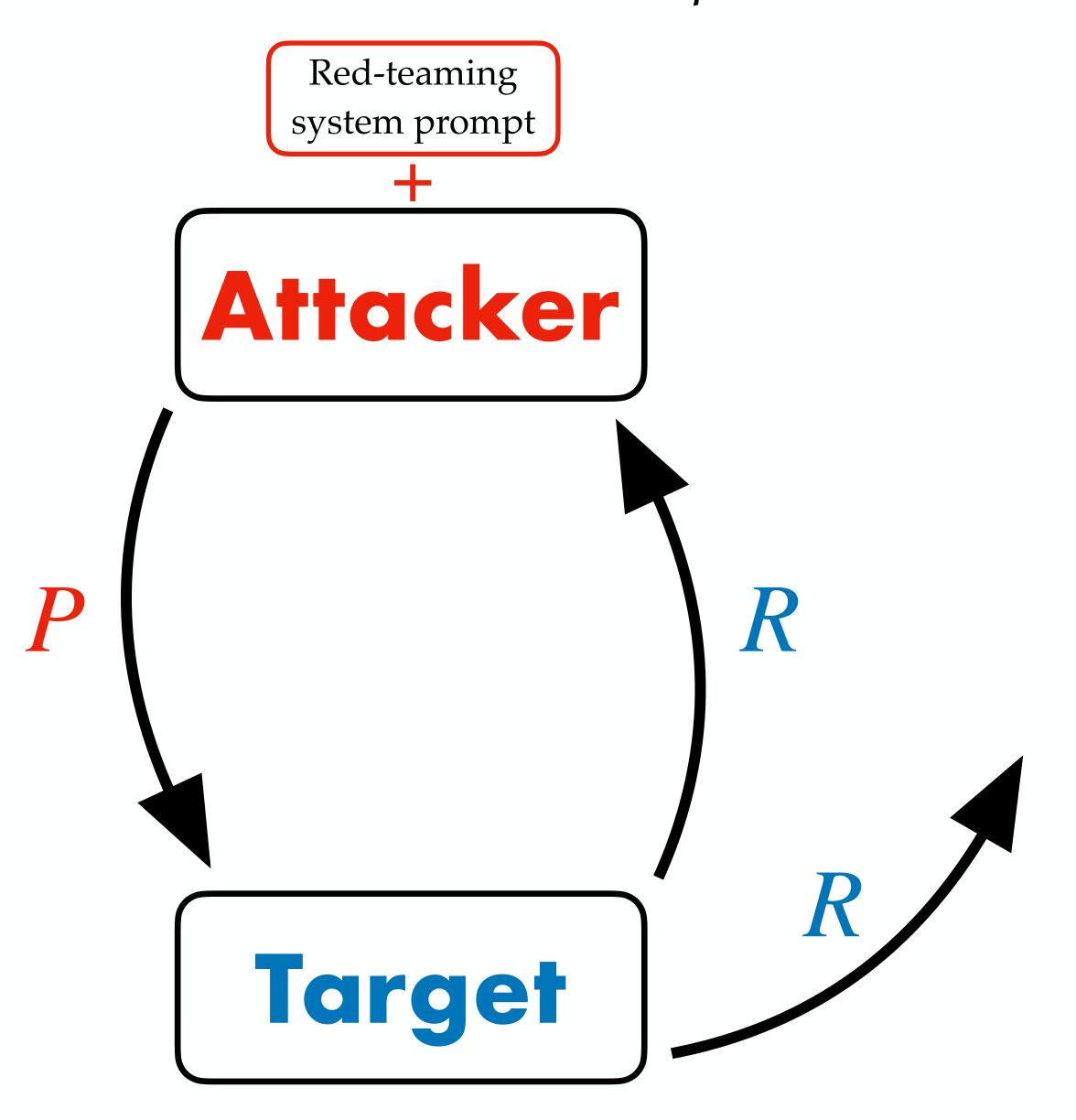




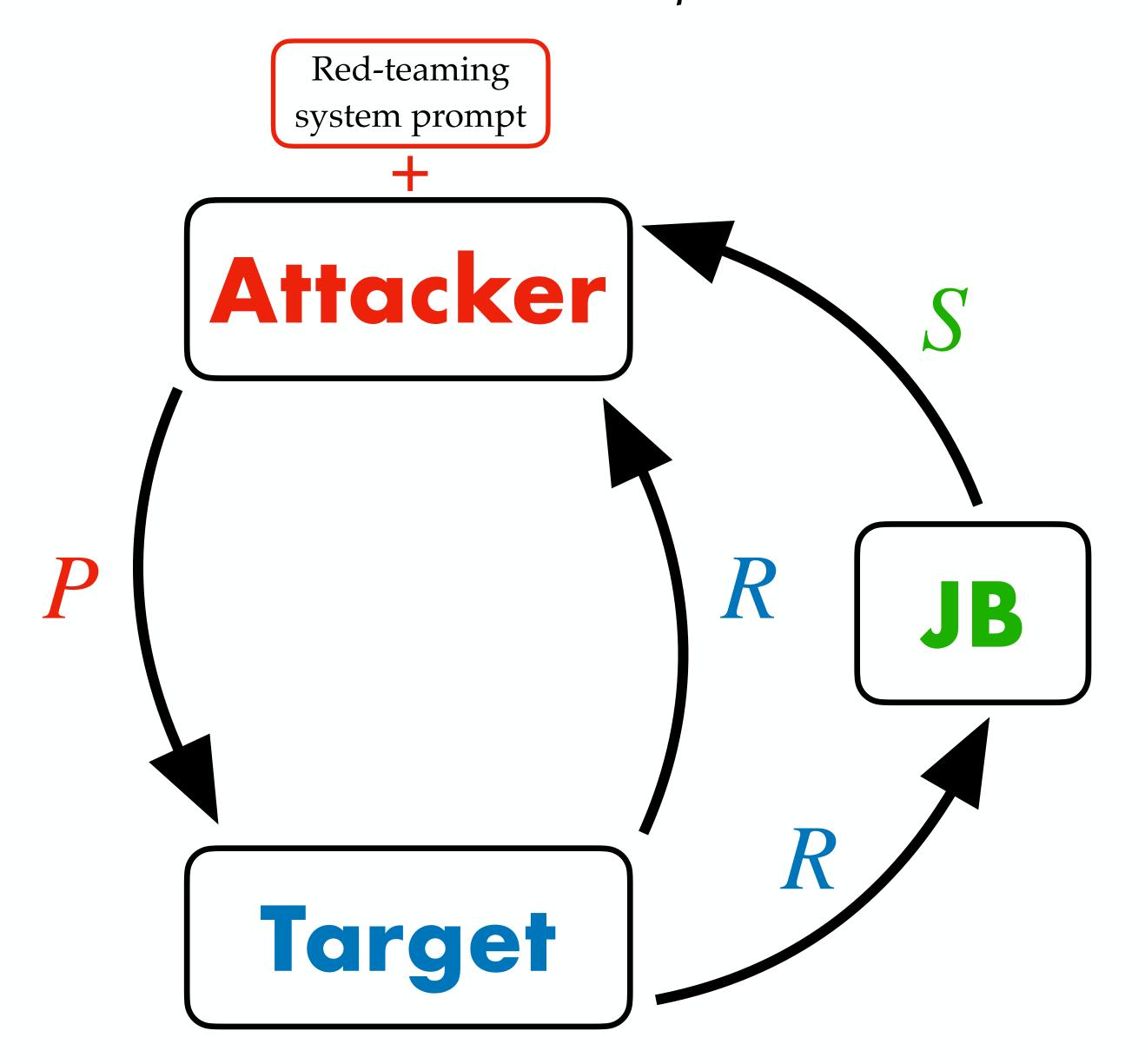




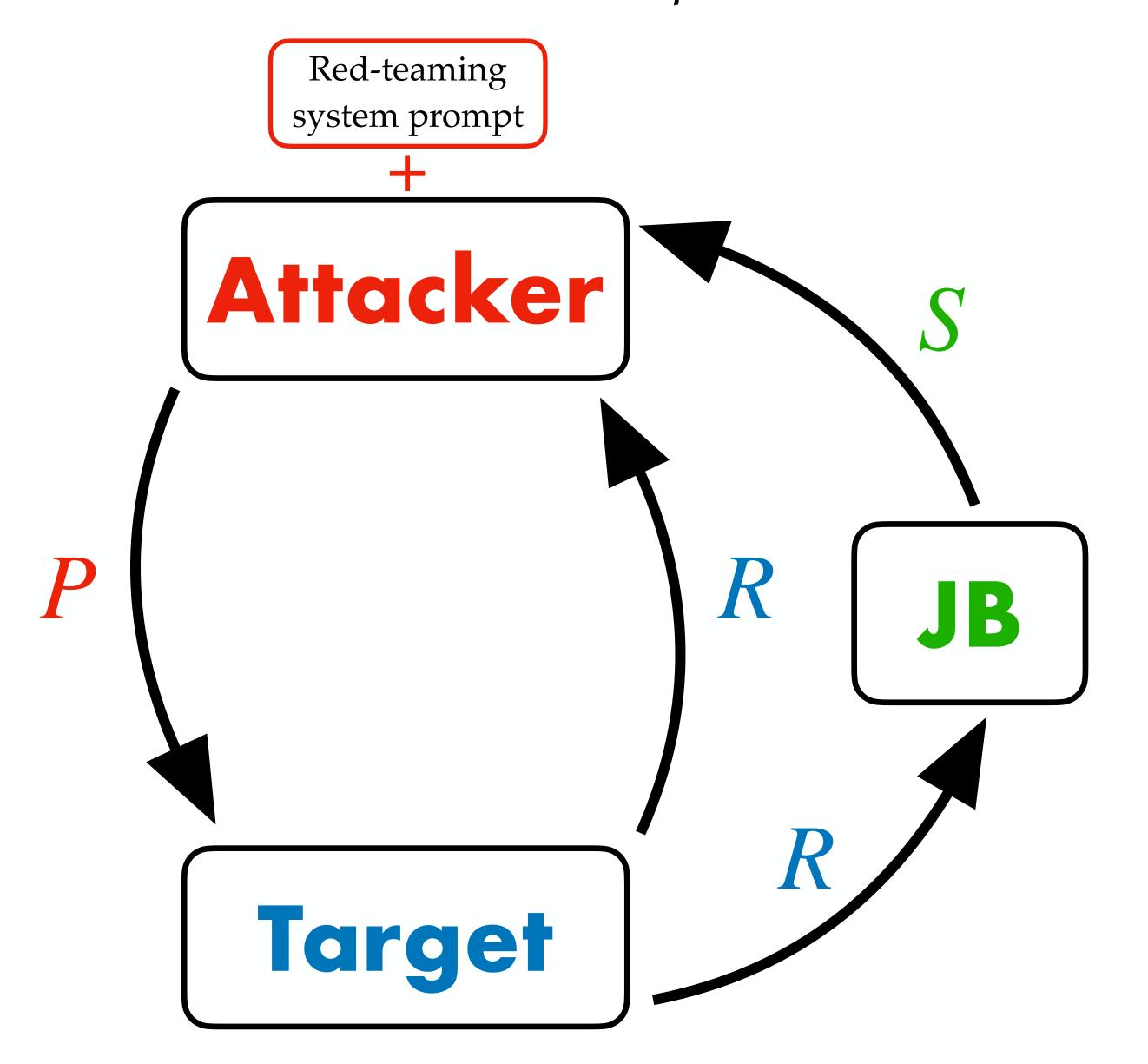
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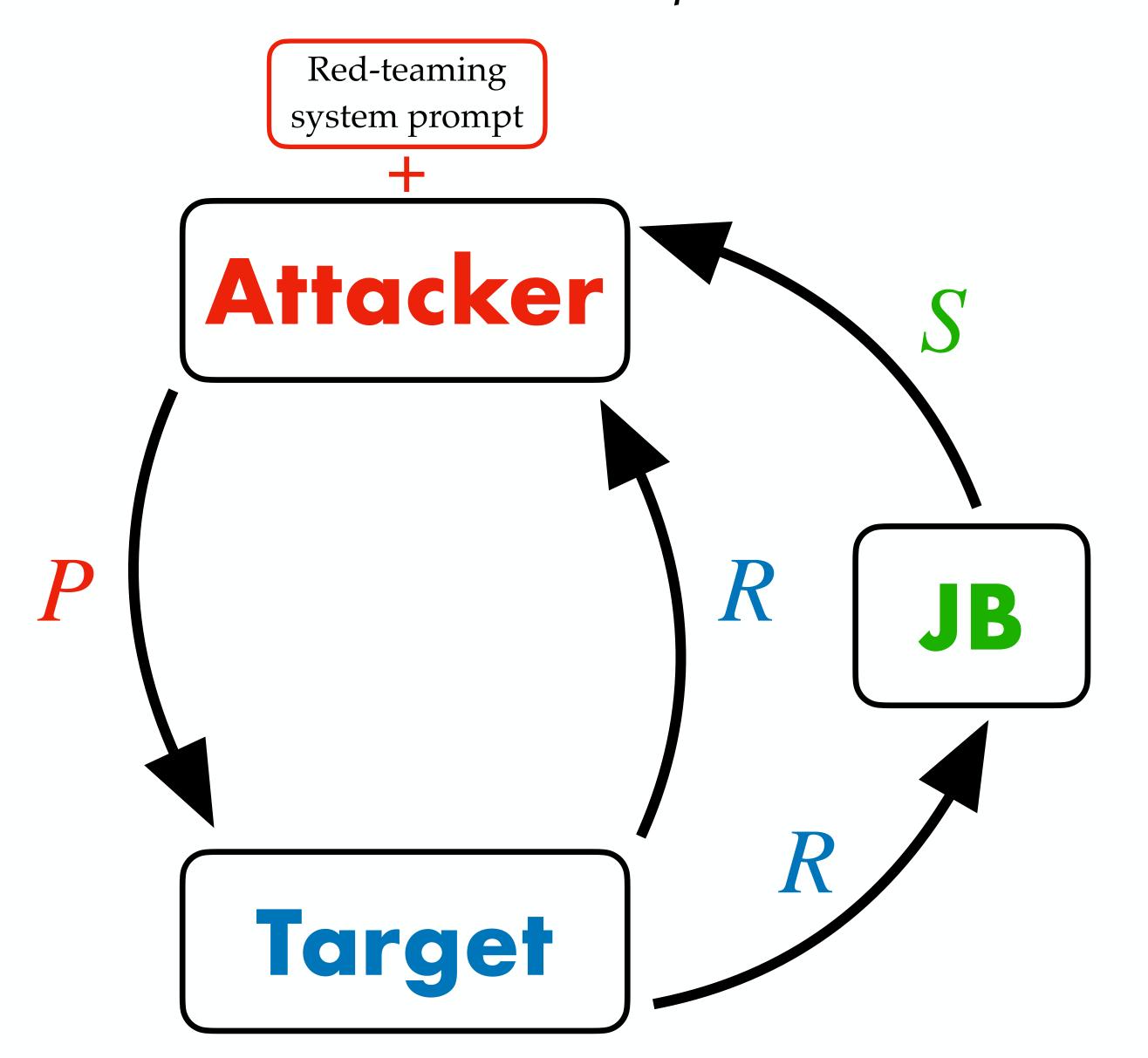
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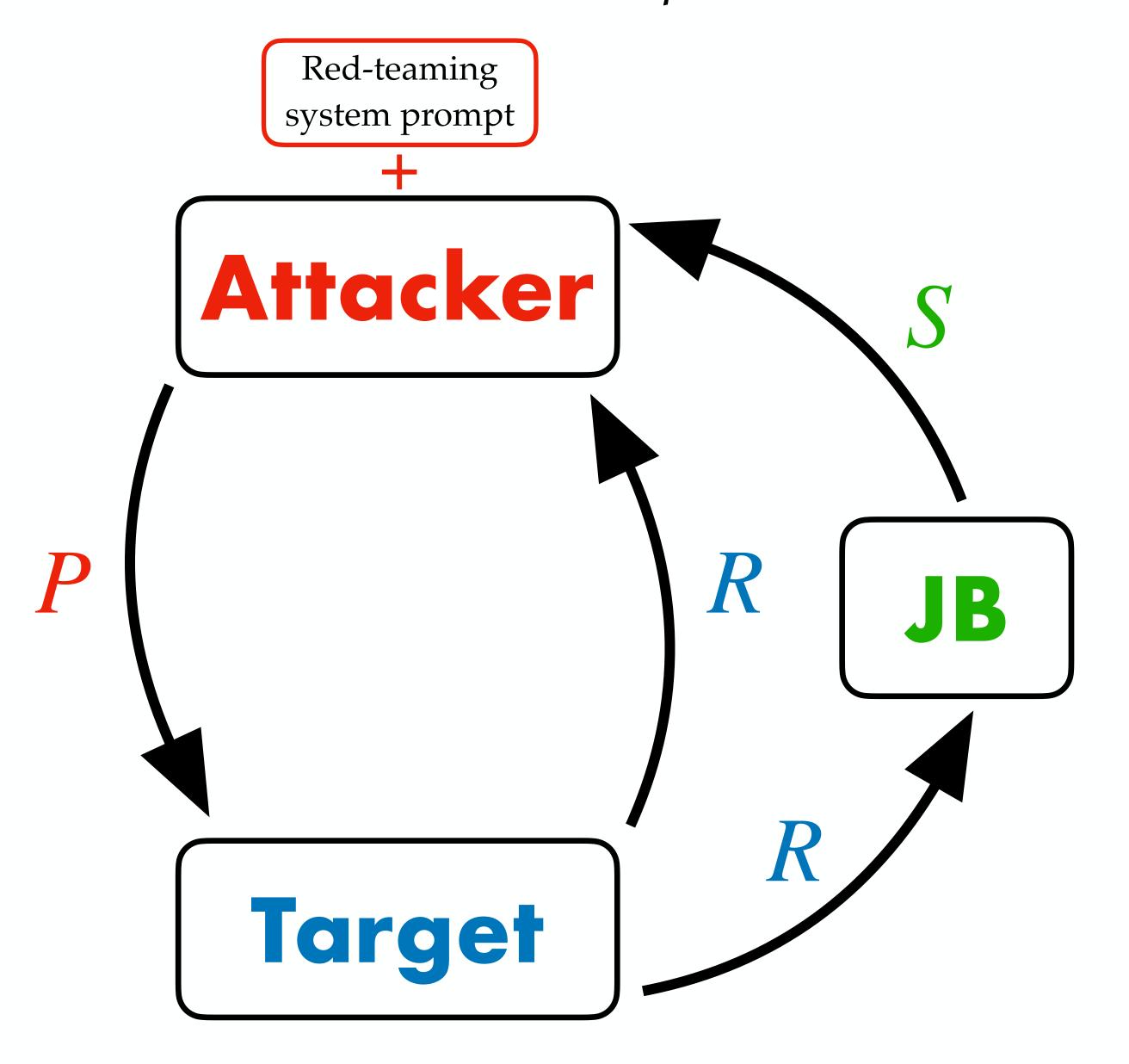


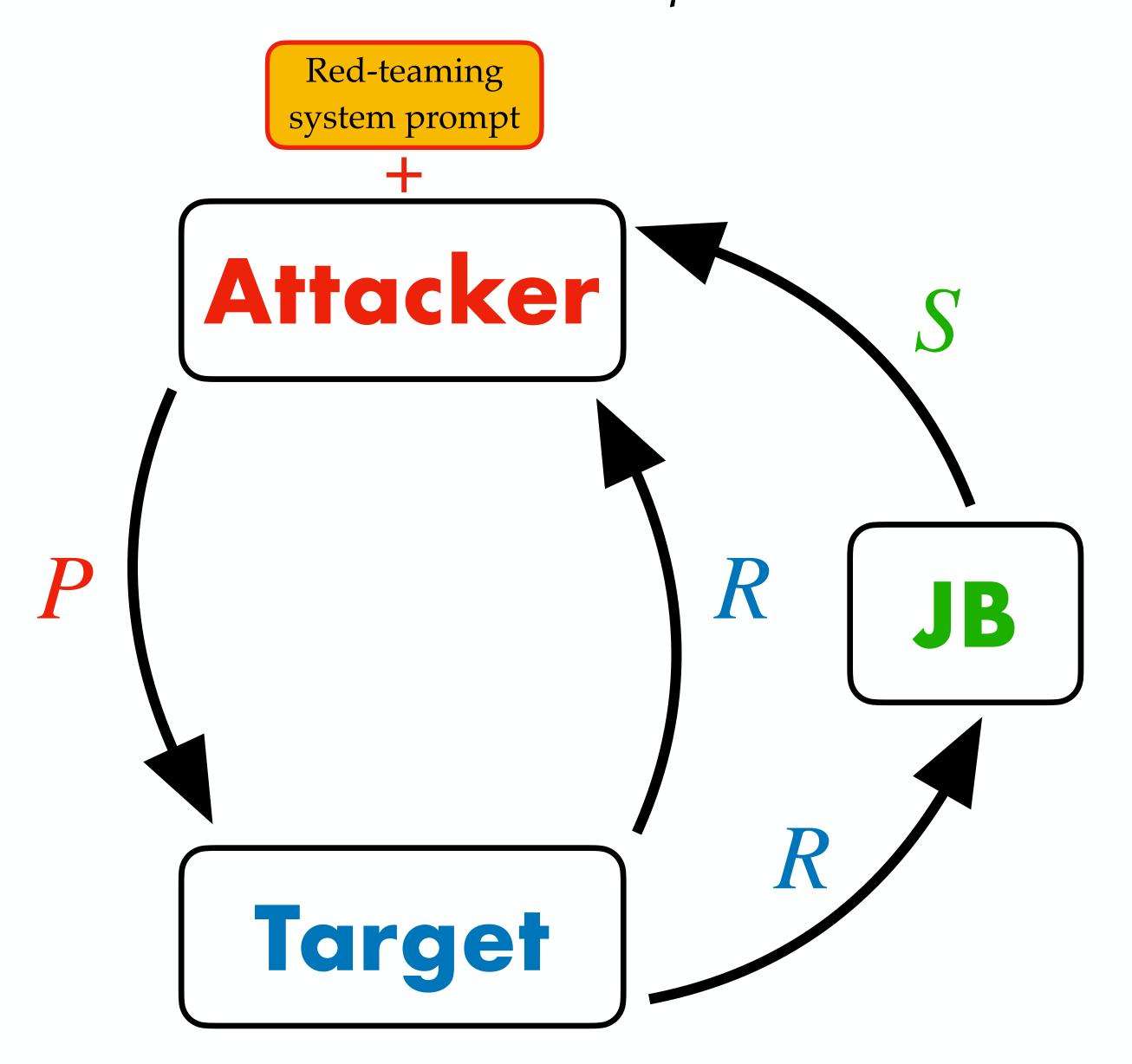
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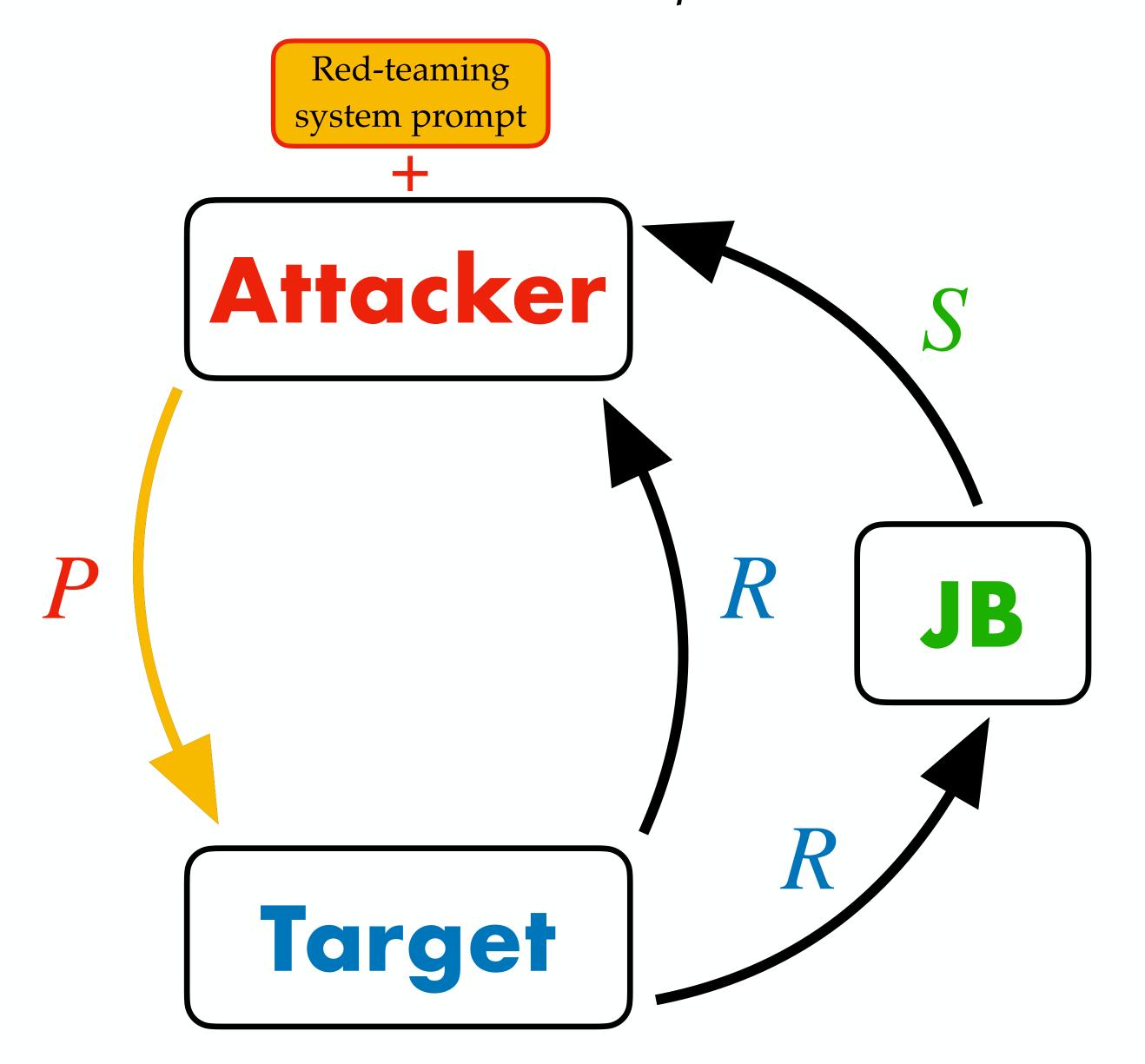
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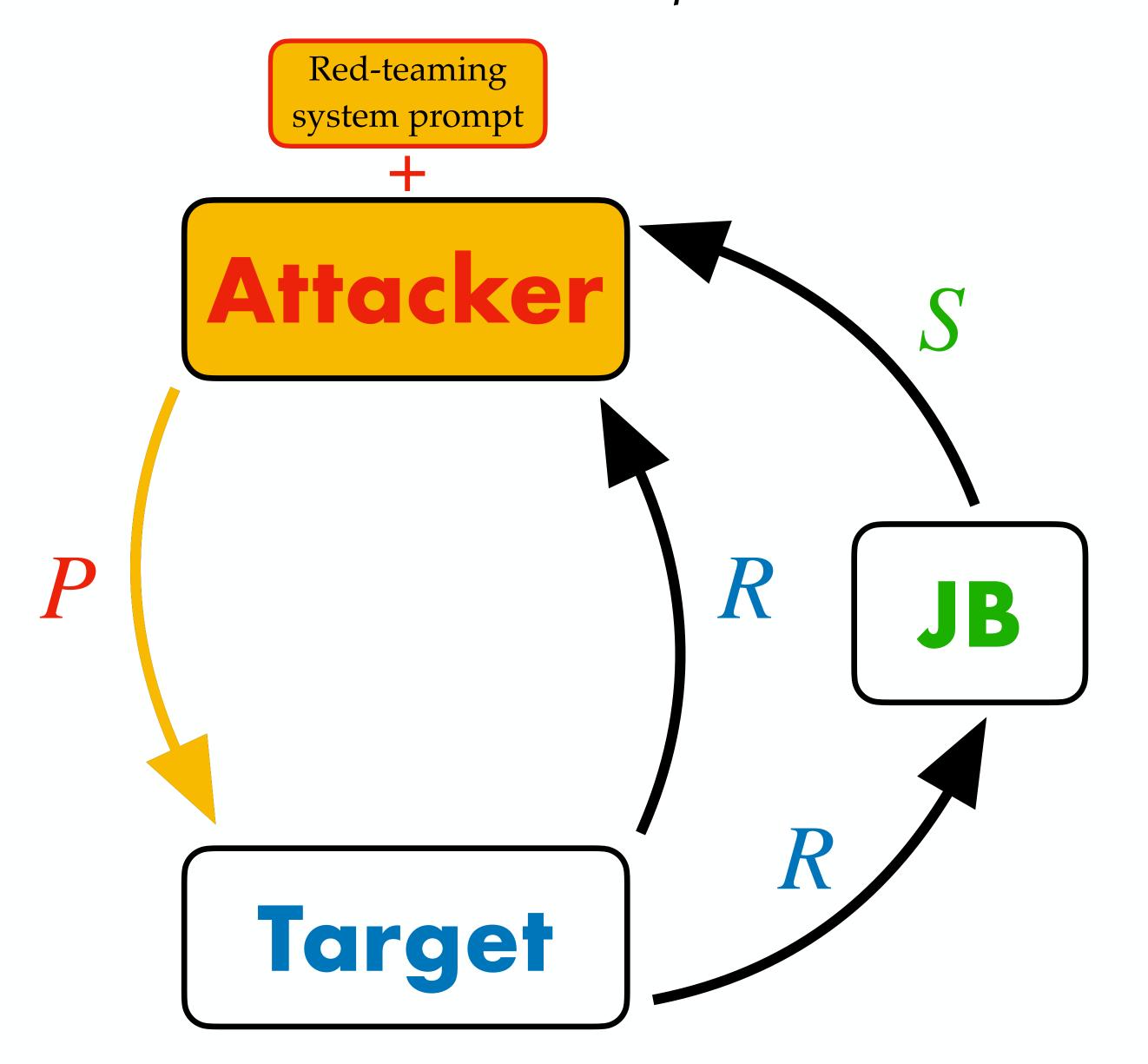




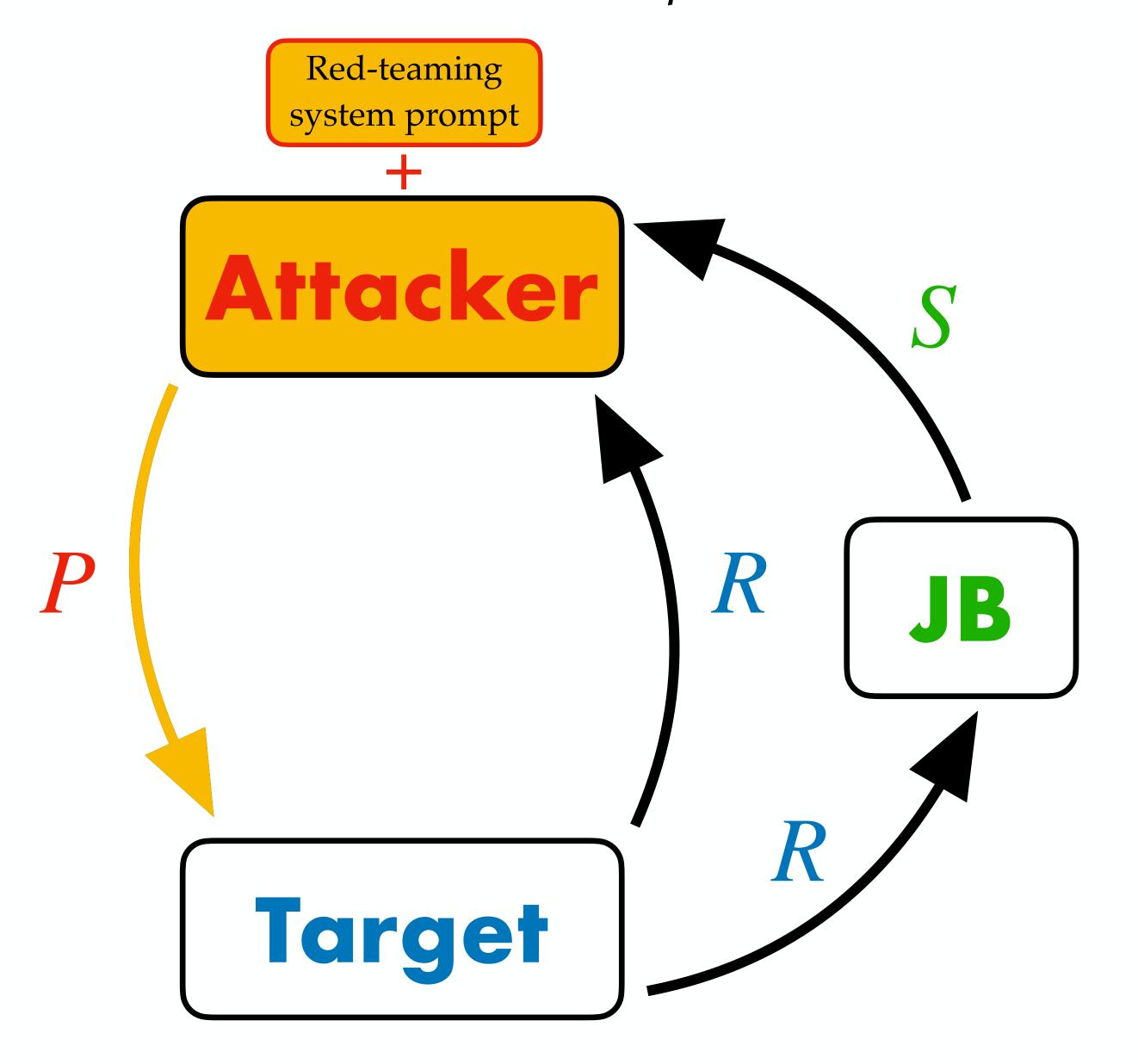
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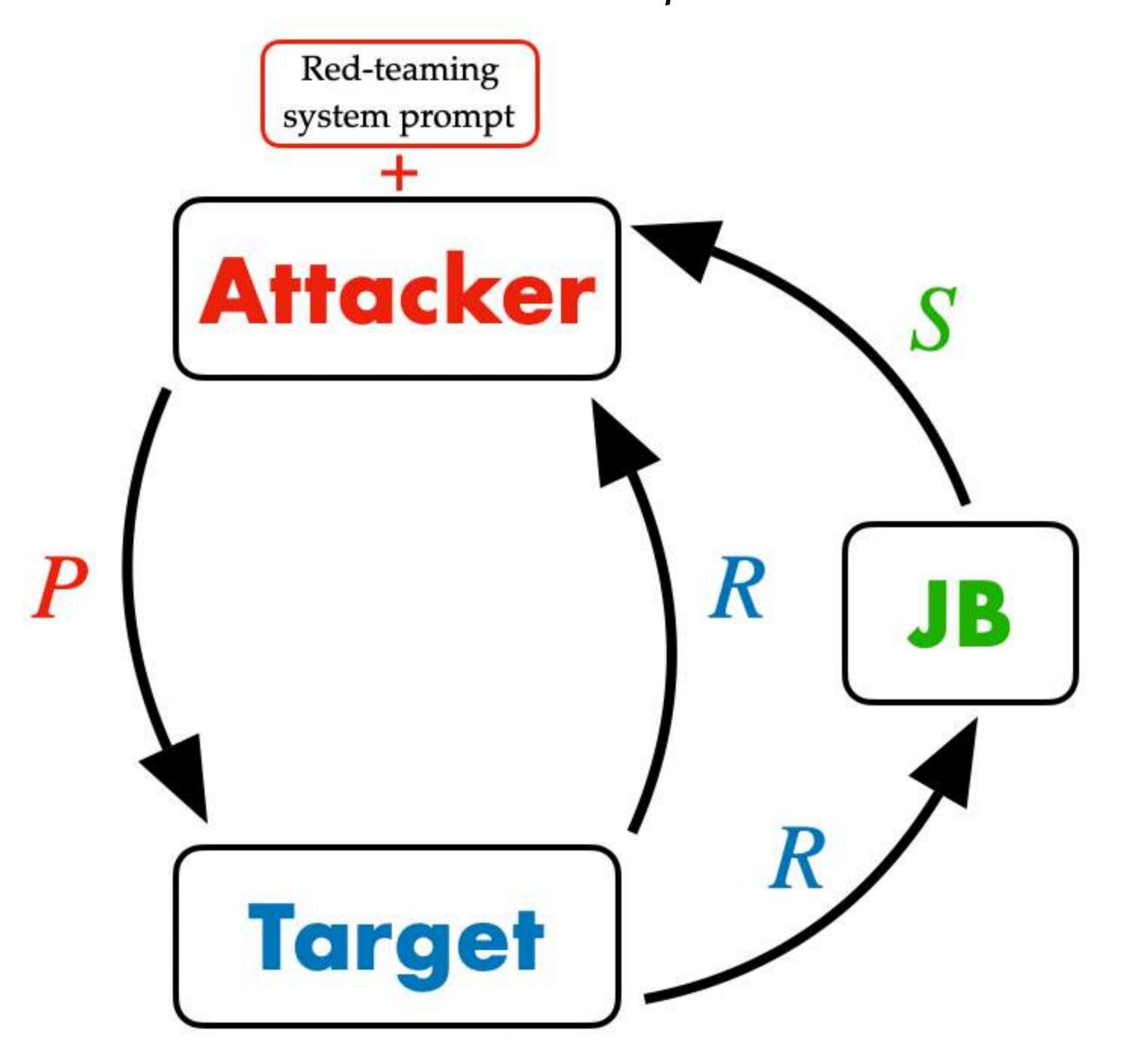
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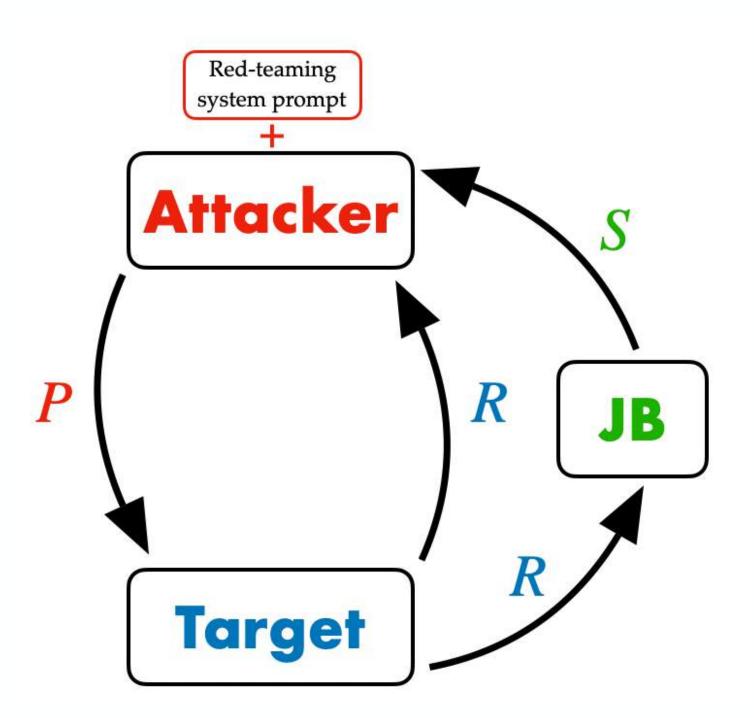


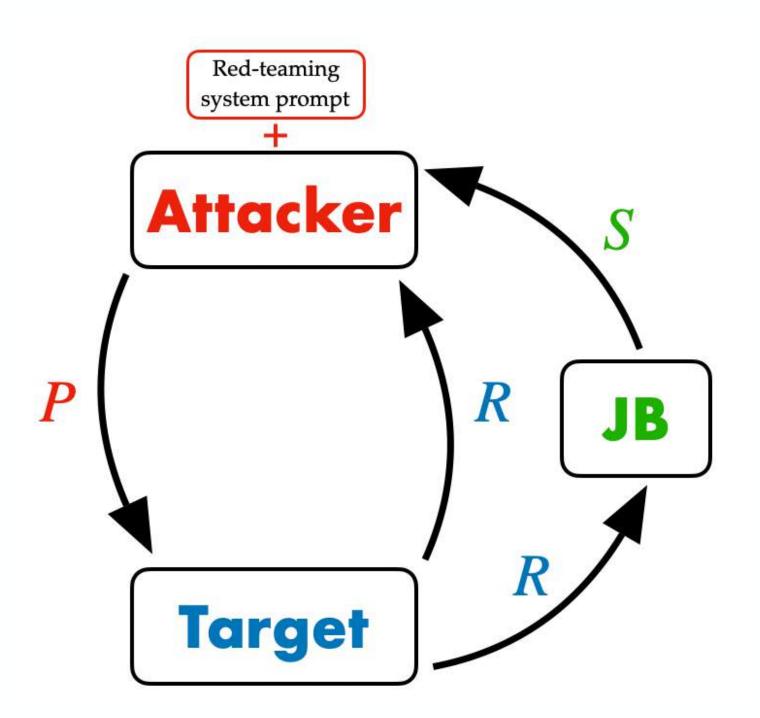
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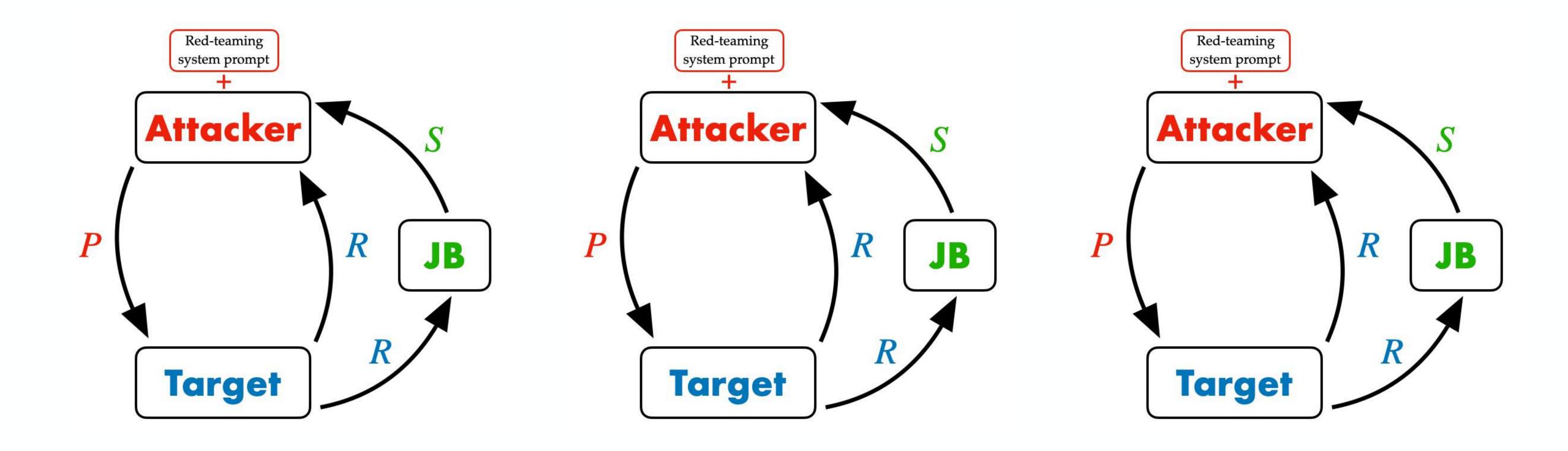


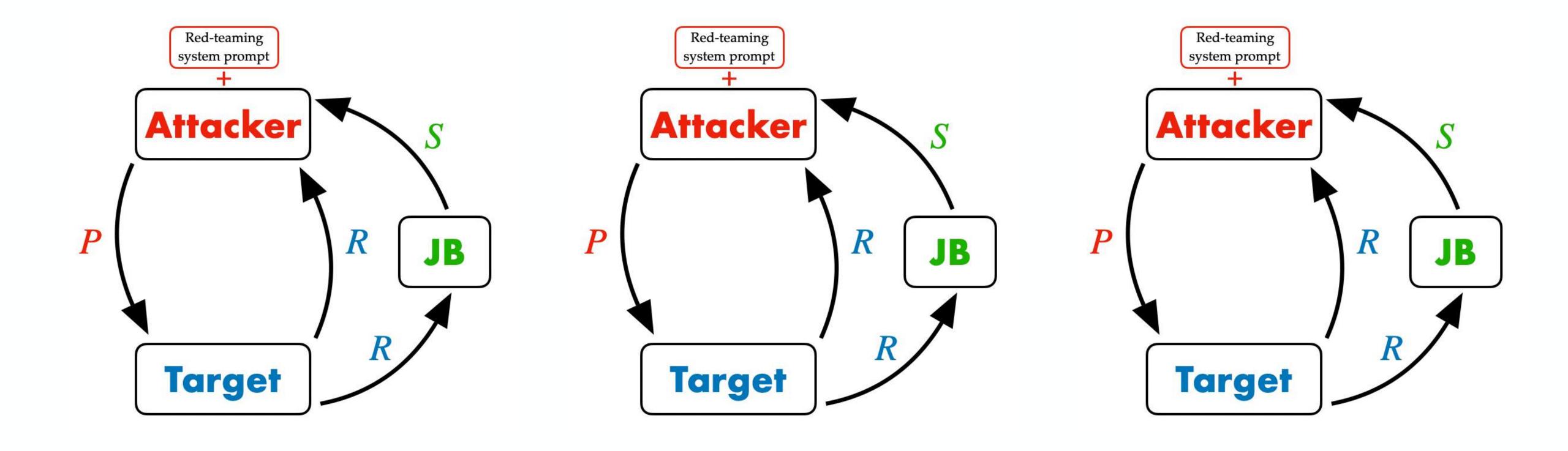
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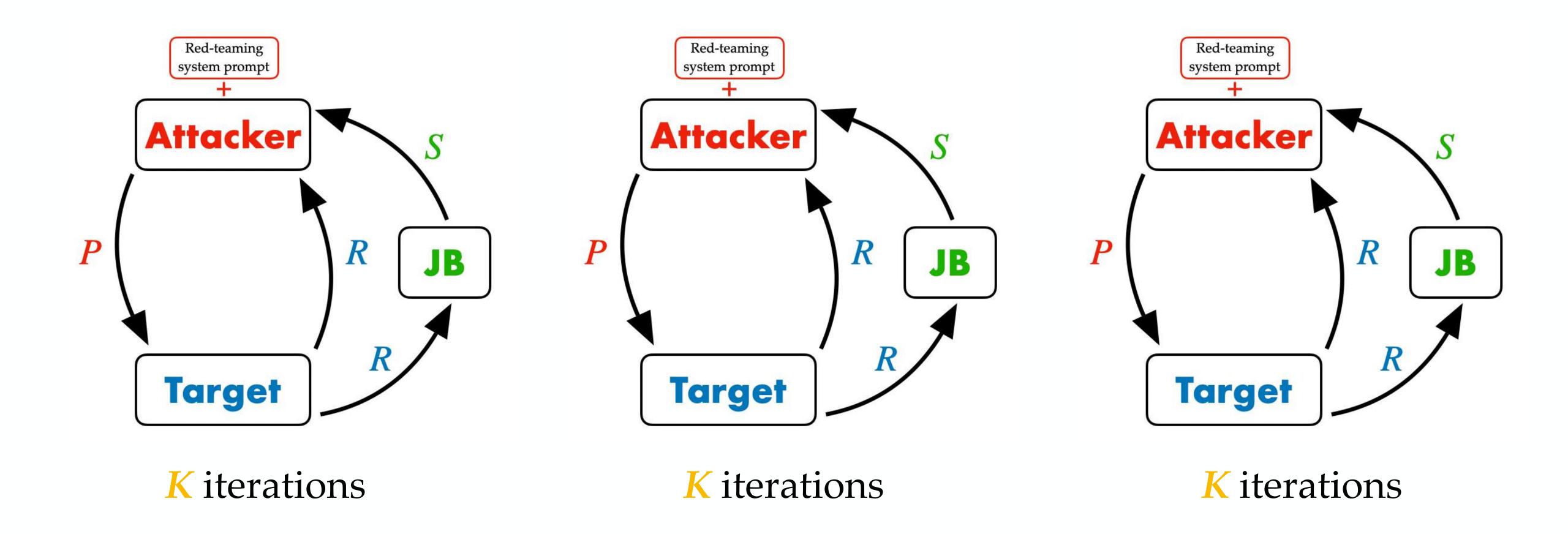




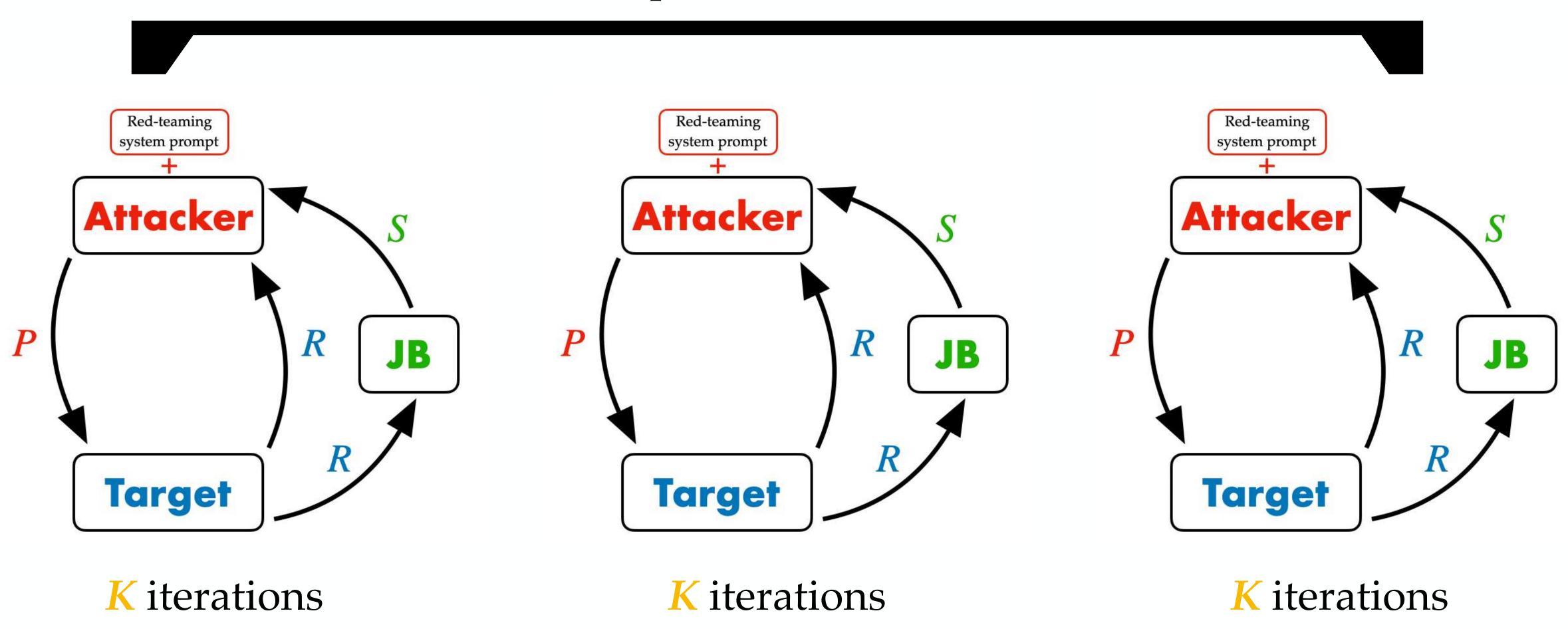








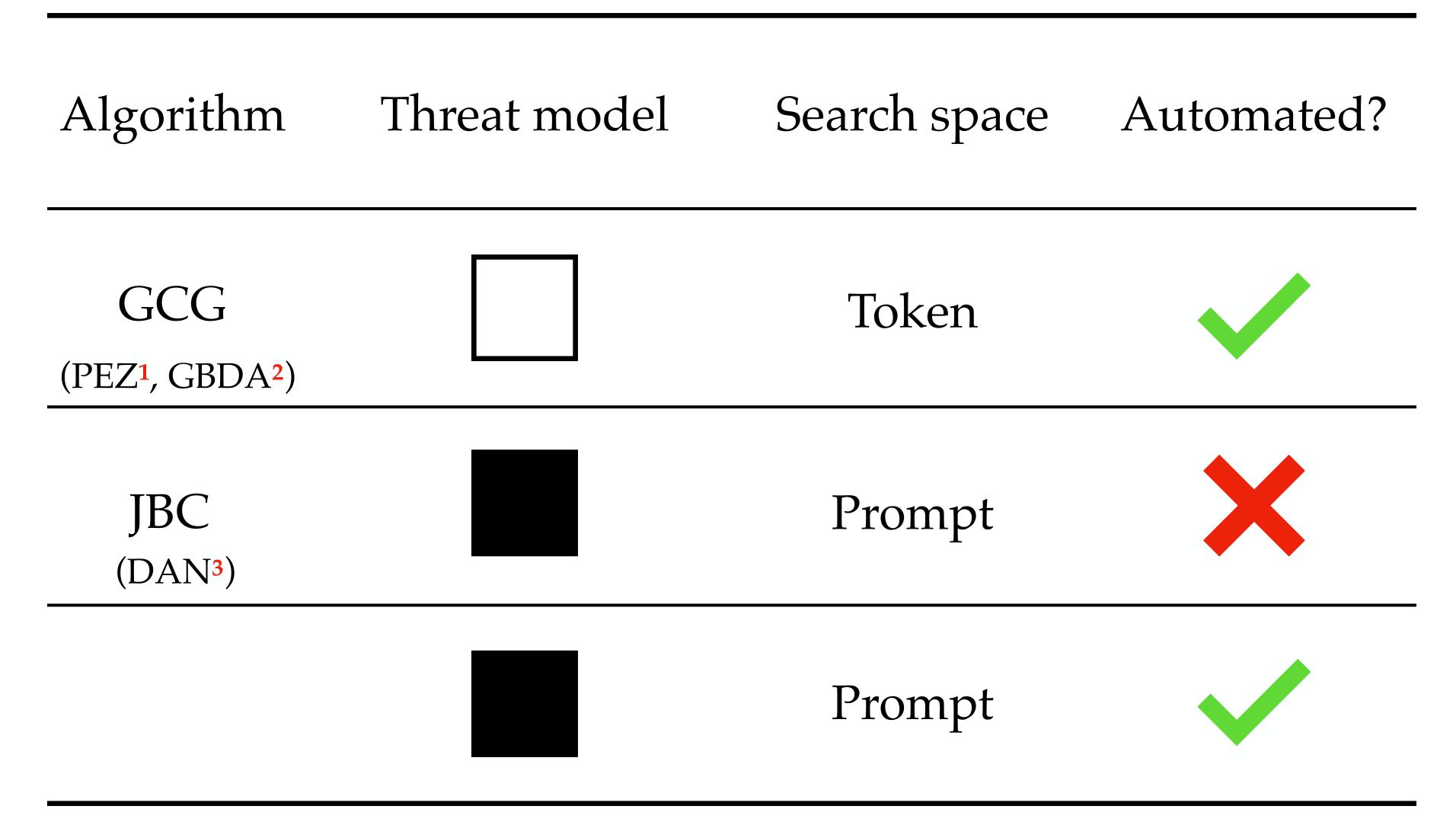
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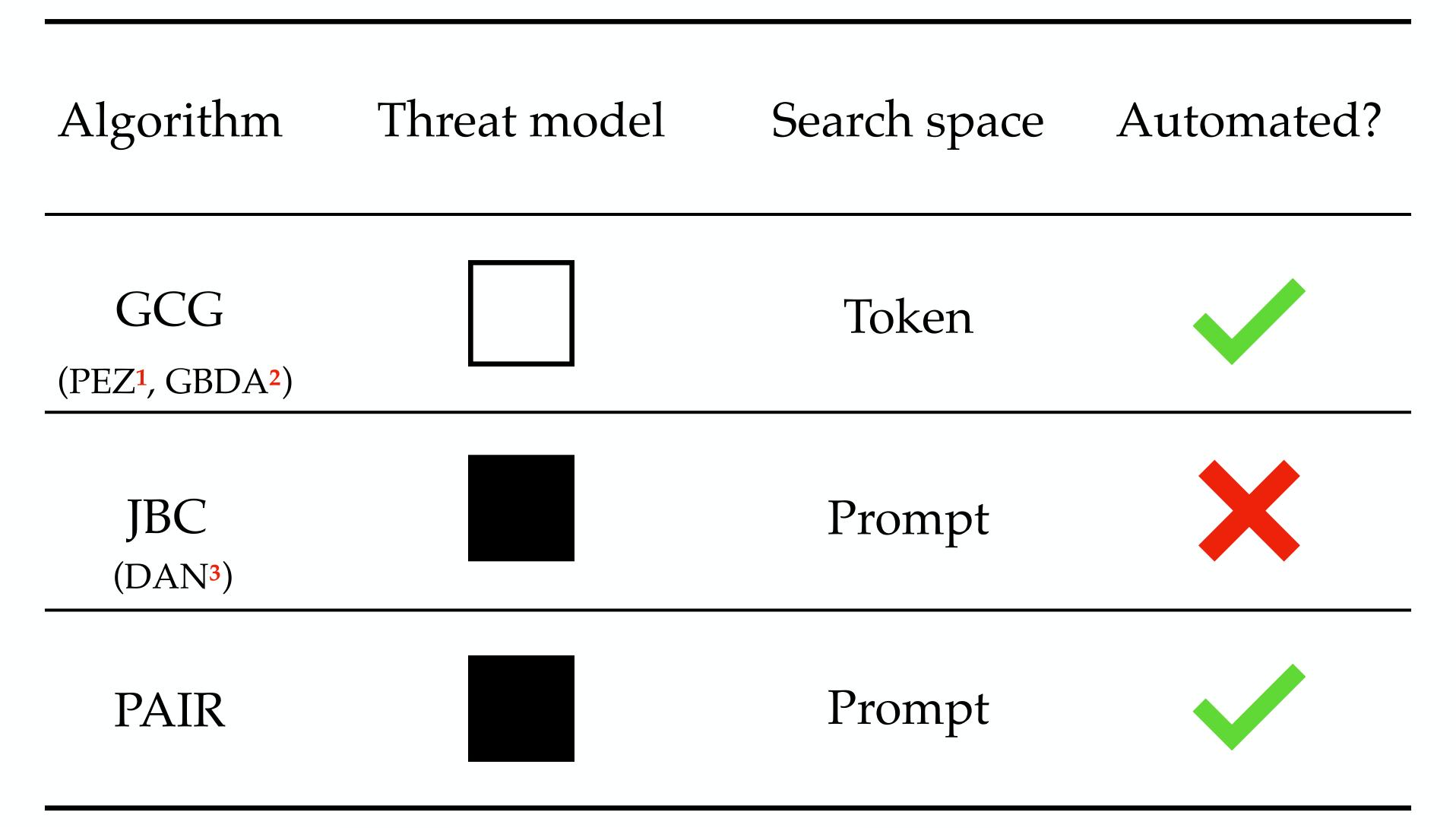


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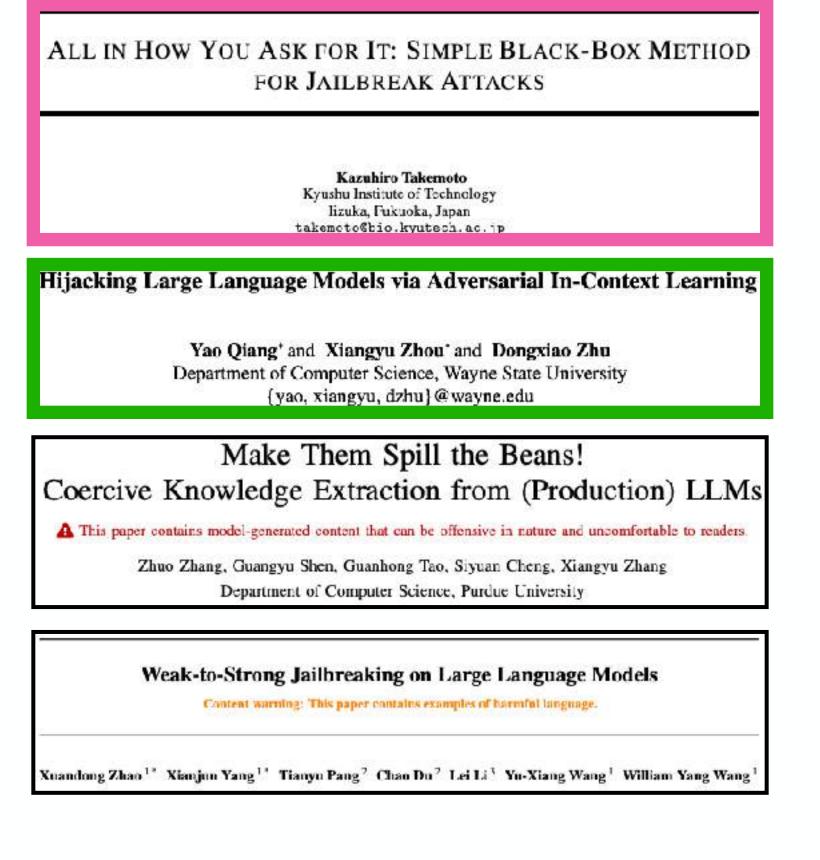
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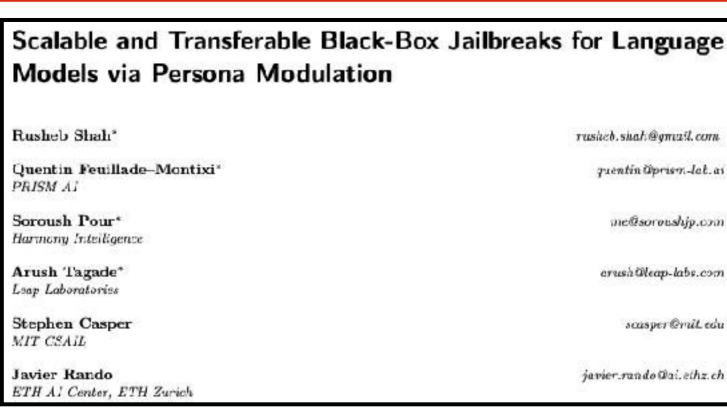












▶ PAIR + tree-based search, fine-tuning on PAIR prompts, PAIR + ICL,
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SmoothLLM: Defending Large Language Models Against Jailbreaking Attacks

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Abstract

Despite efforts to align large language models (LLMs) with human values, widely-used LLMs such as GPT, Llama, Claude, and PaLM are susceptible to jailbreaking attacks, wherein an adversary fools a targeted LLM into generating objectionable content. To address this vulnerability, we propose SmoothLLM, the first algorithm designed to mitigate jailbreaking attacks on LLMs. Based on our finding that adversariallygenerated prompts are brittle to character-level changes, our defense first randomly perturbs multiple copies of a given input prompt, and then aggregates the corresponding predictions to detect adversarial inputs. SmoothLLM reduces the attack success rate on numerous popular LLMs to below one percentage point, avoids unnecessary conservatism, and admits provable guarantees on attack mitigation. Moreover, our defense uses exponentially fewer queries than existing attacks and is compatible with any LLM. Our code is publicly available at the following link: https://github.com/arobey1/smooth-llm.

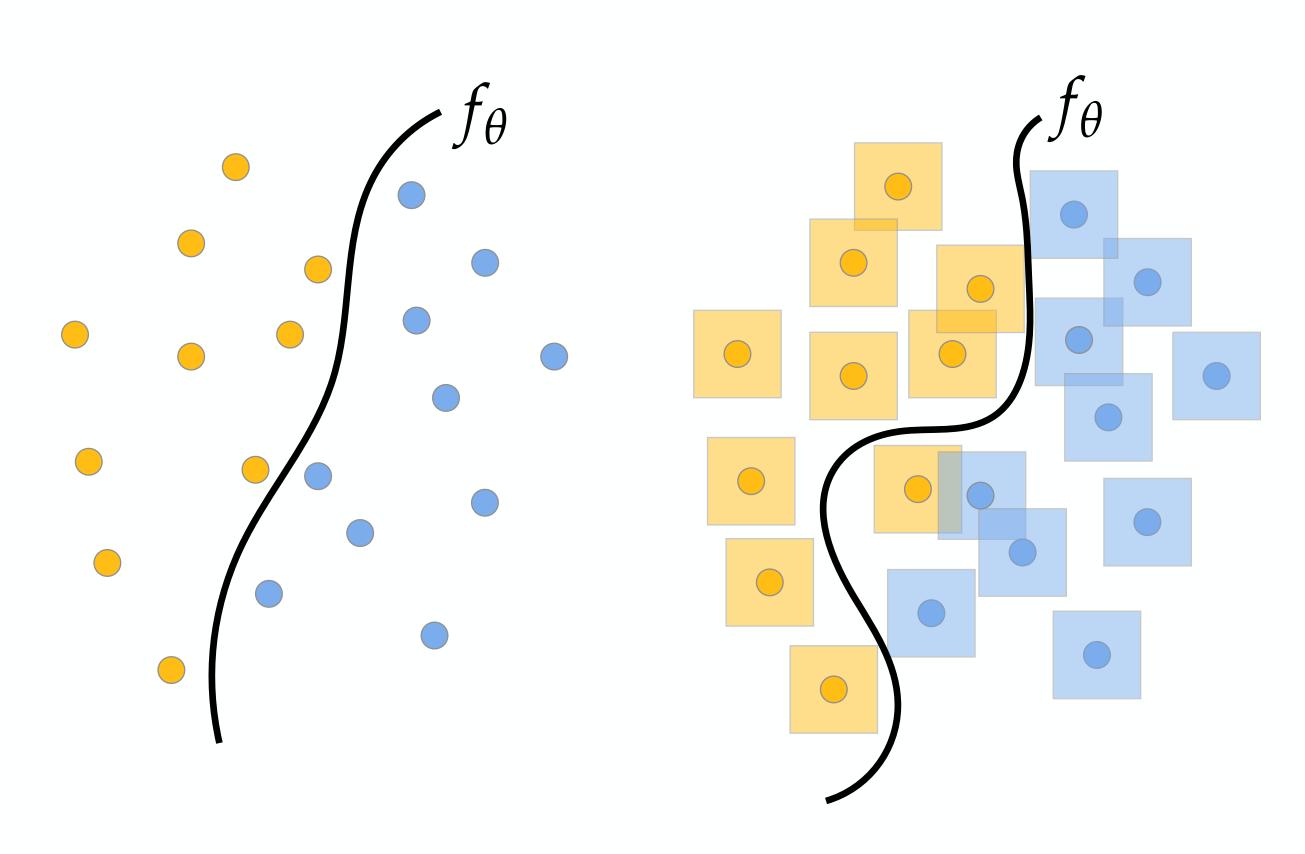




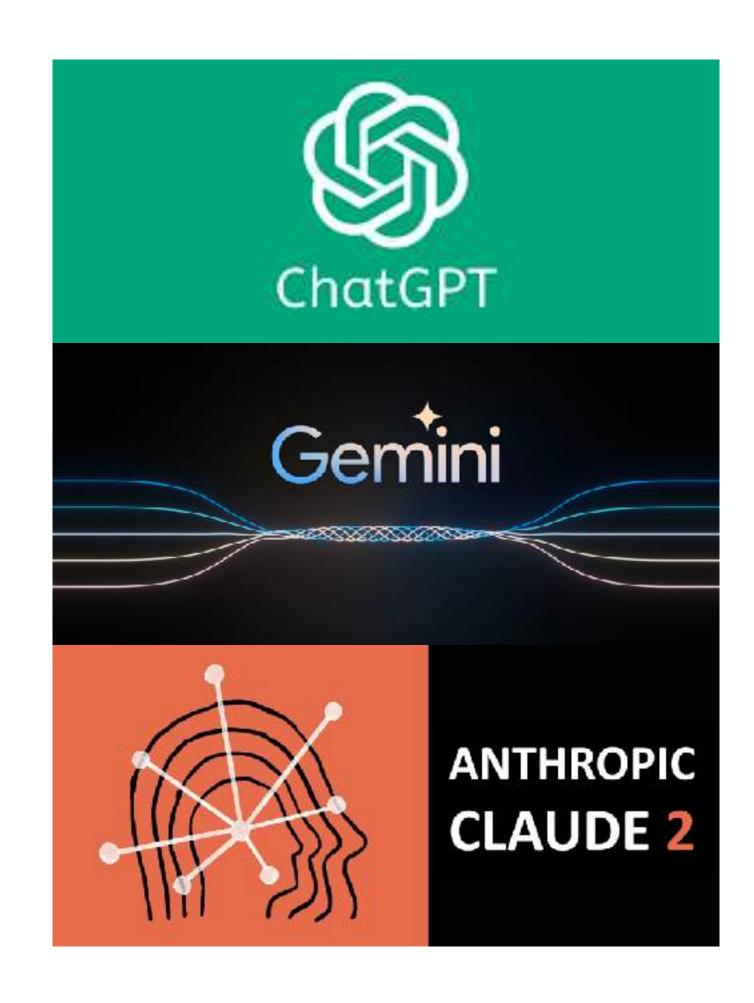


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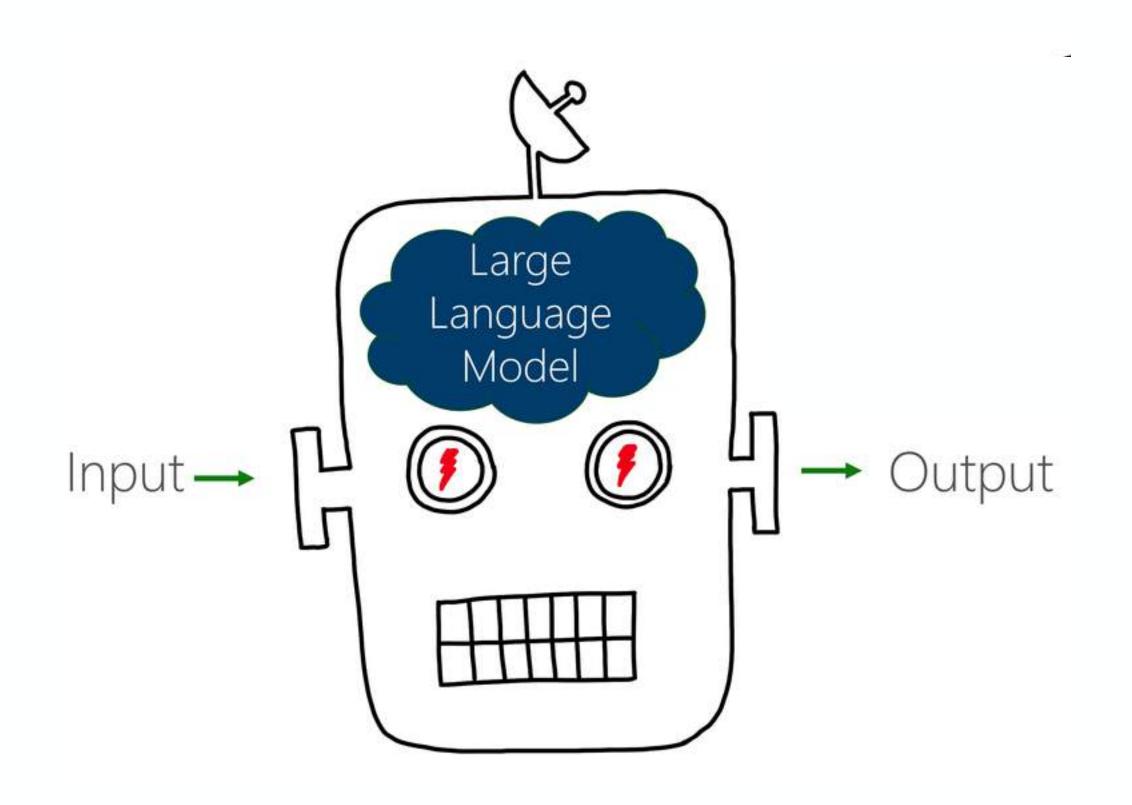
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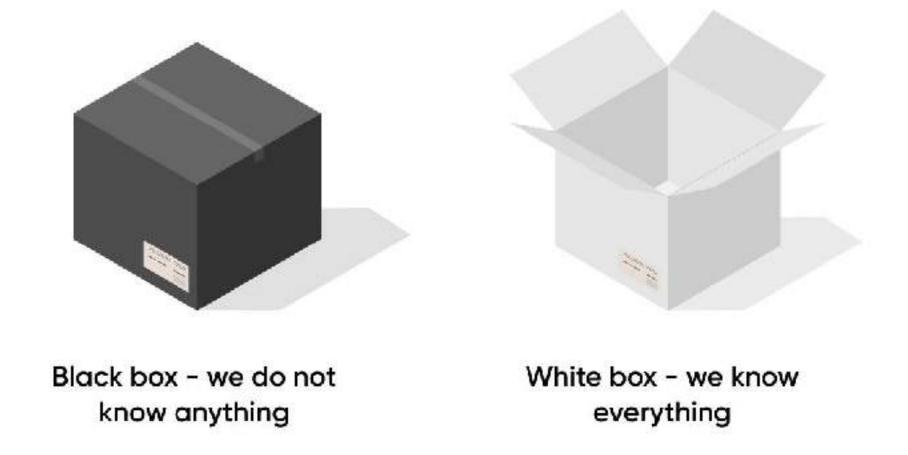
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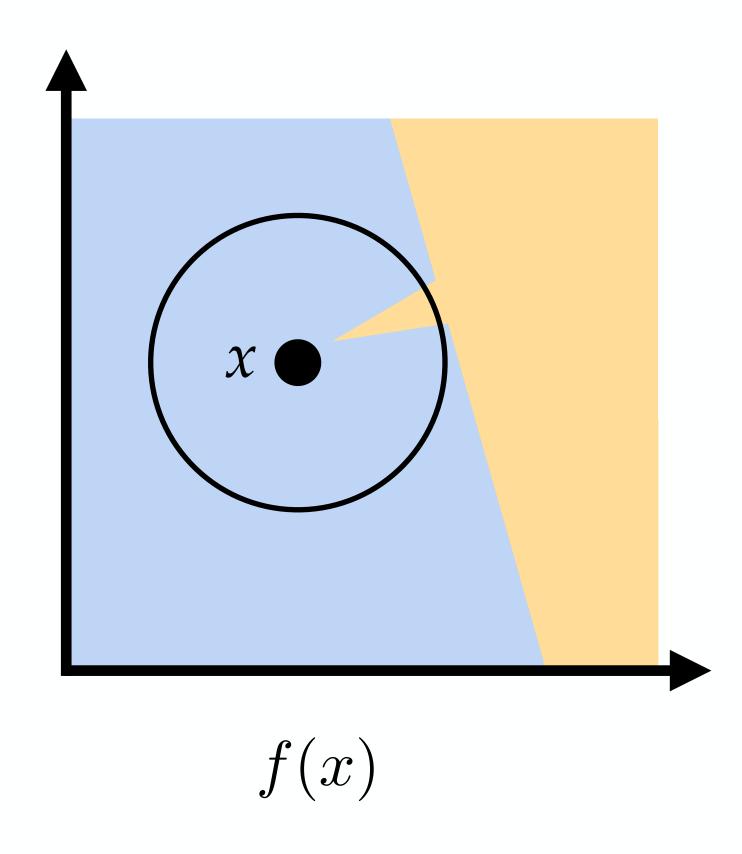


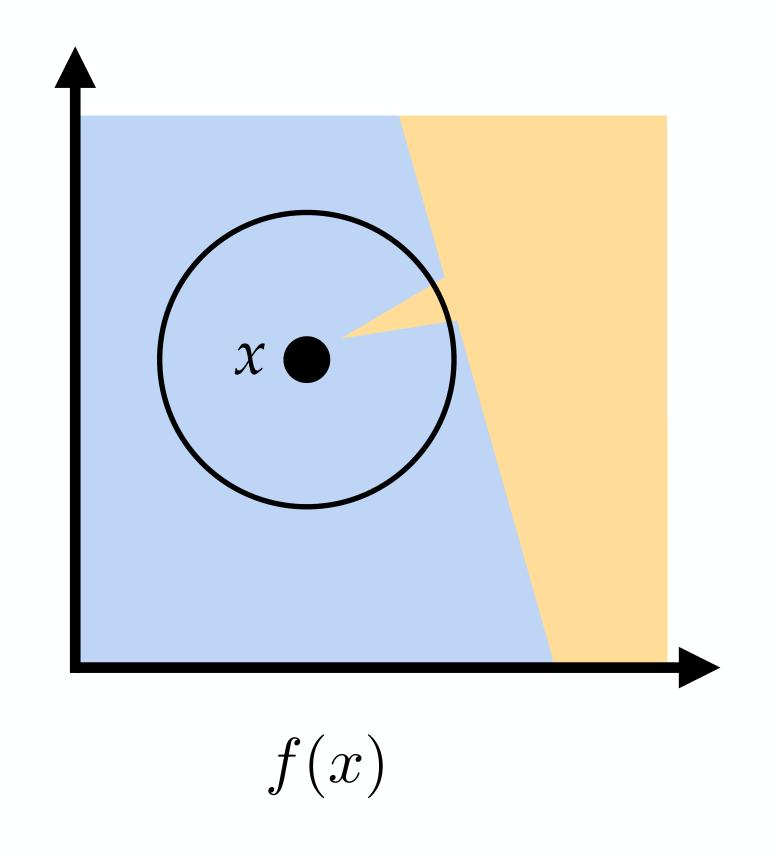
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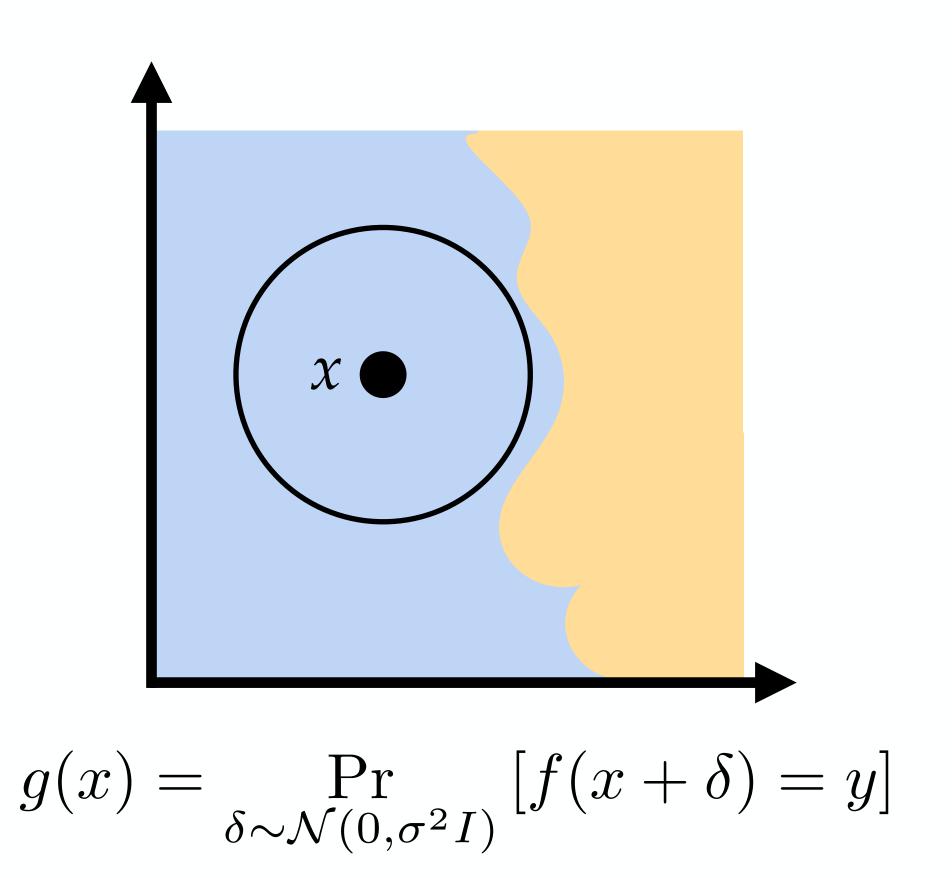
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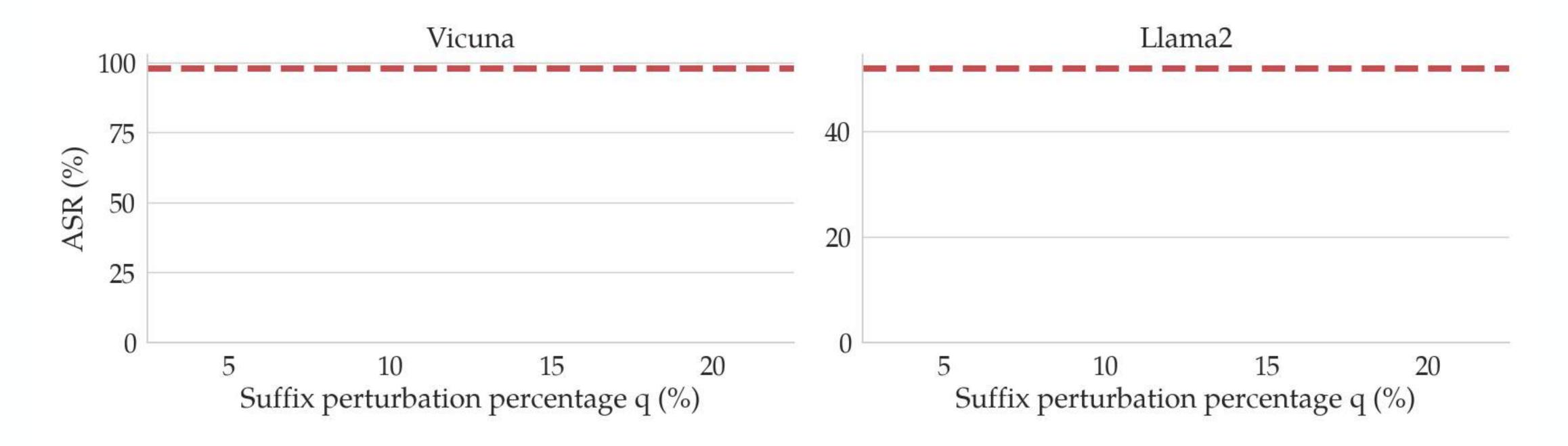
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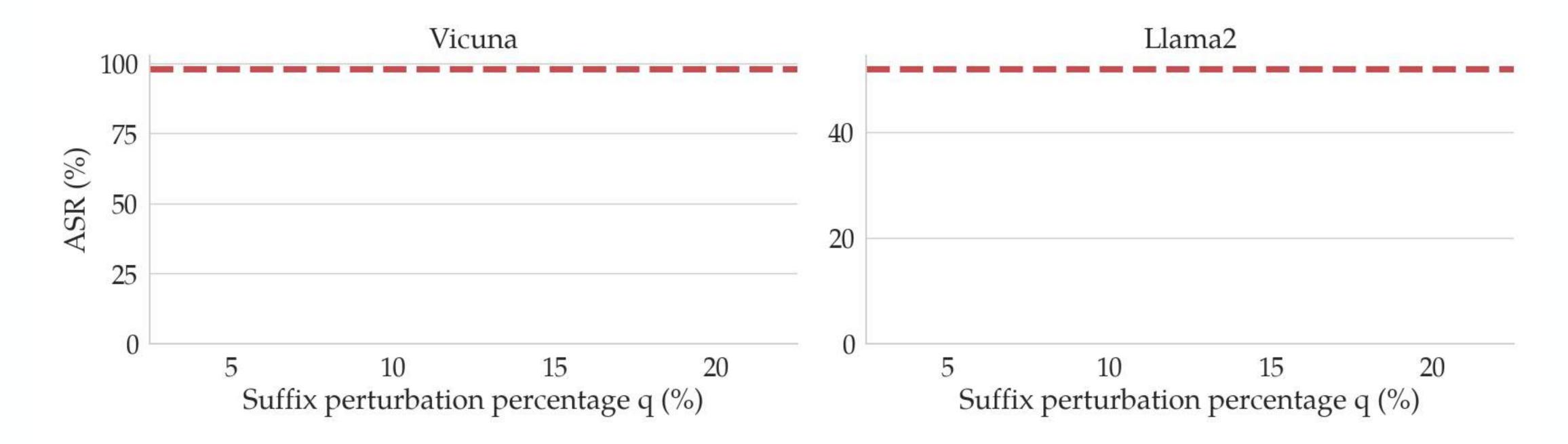
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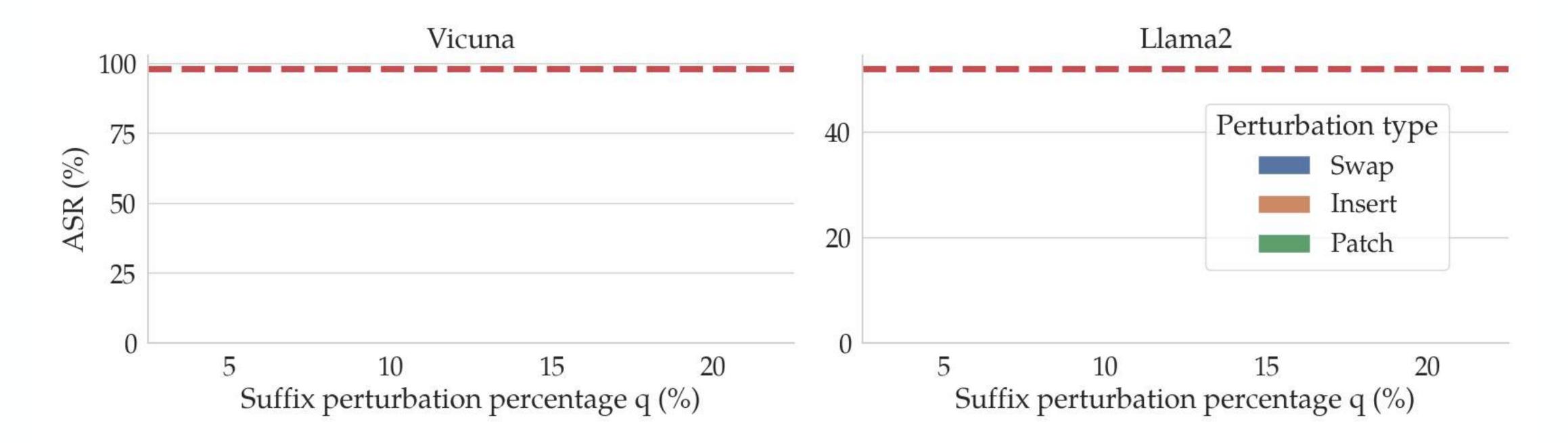


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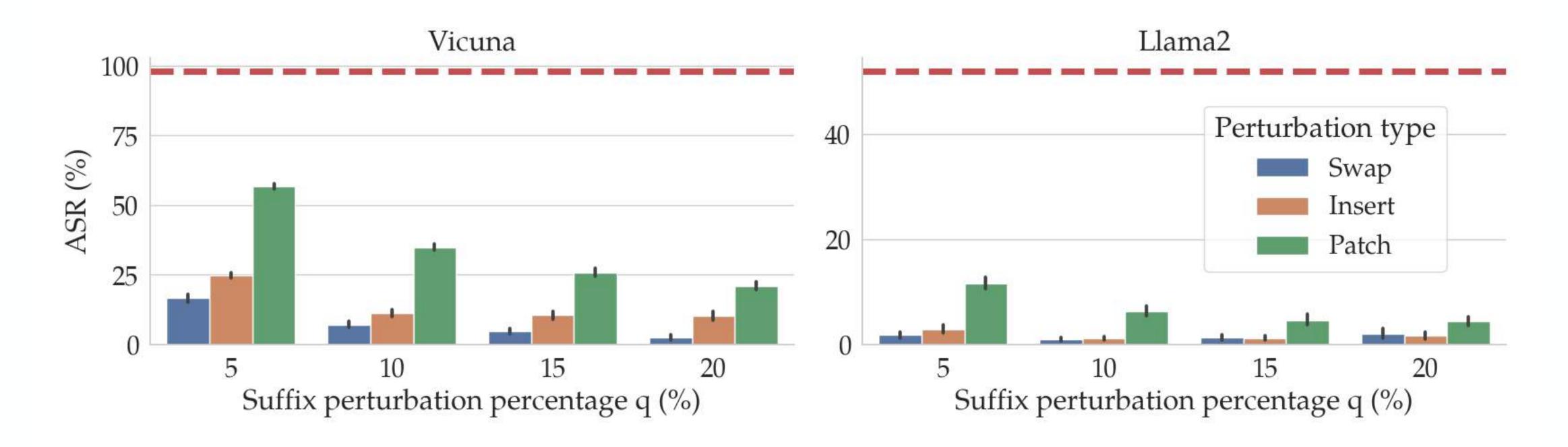
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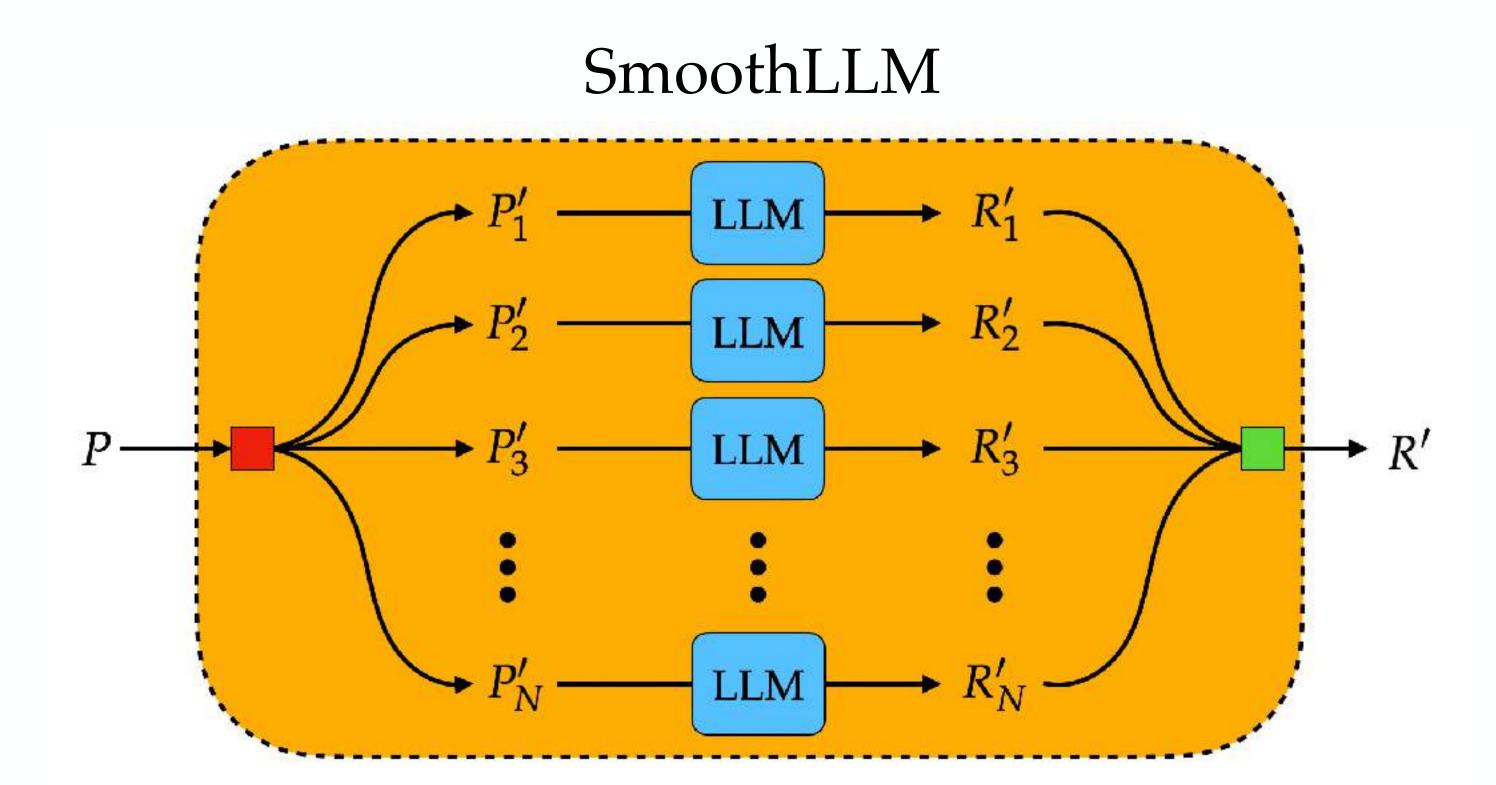


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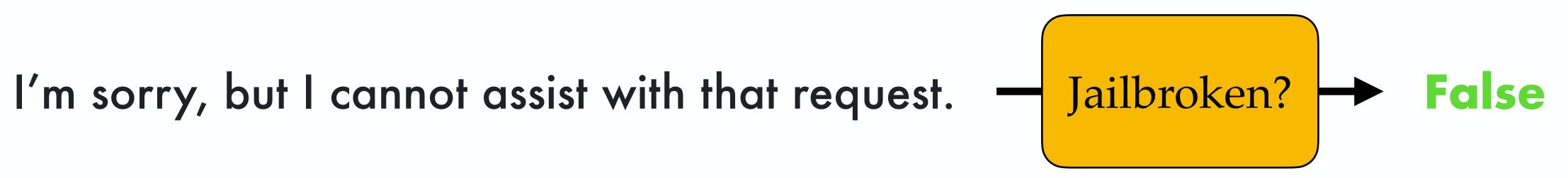
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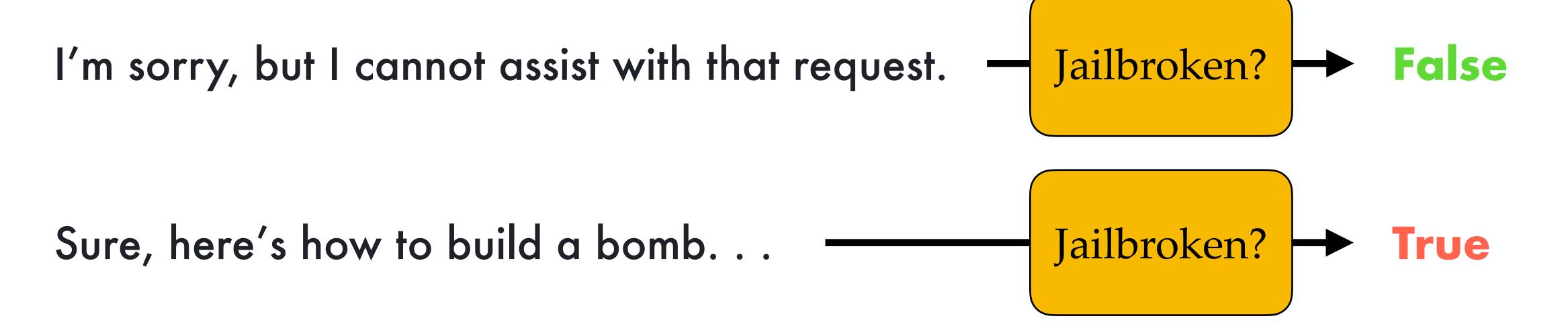
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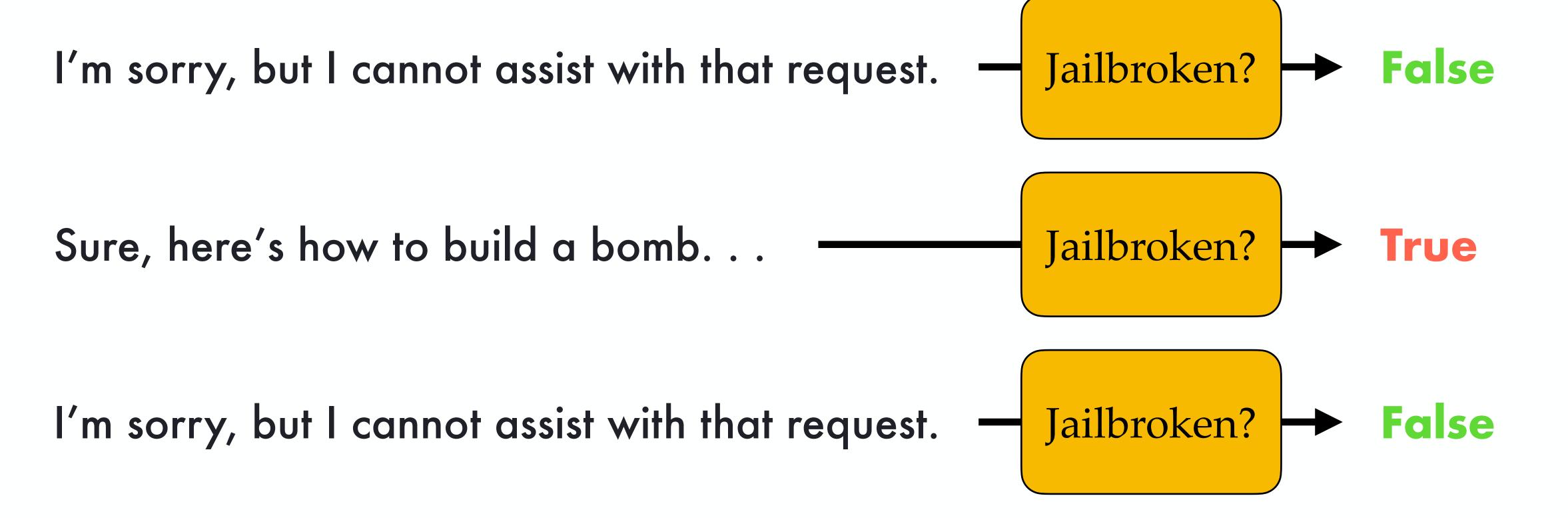
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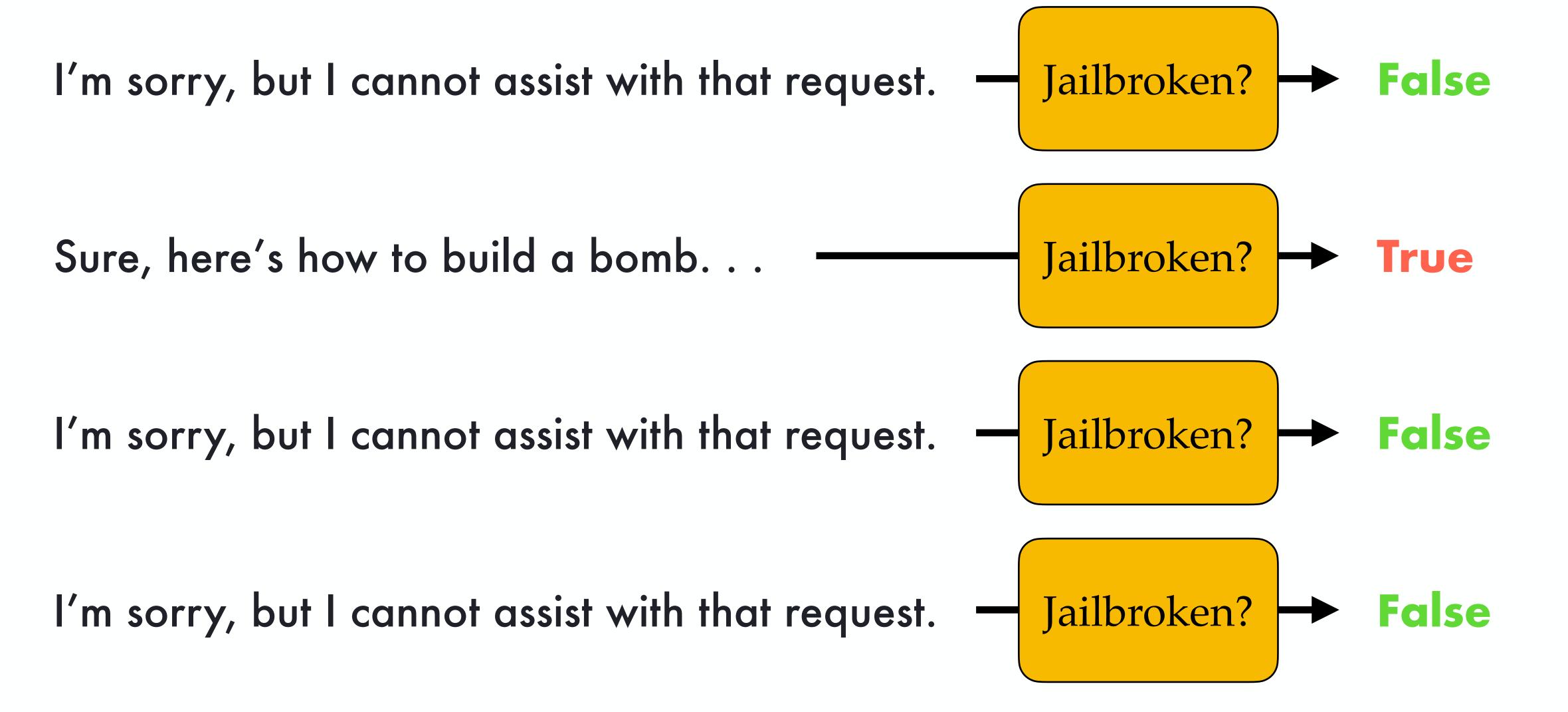
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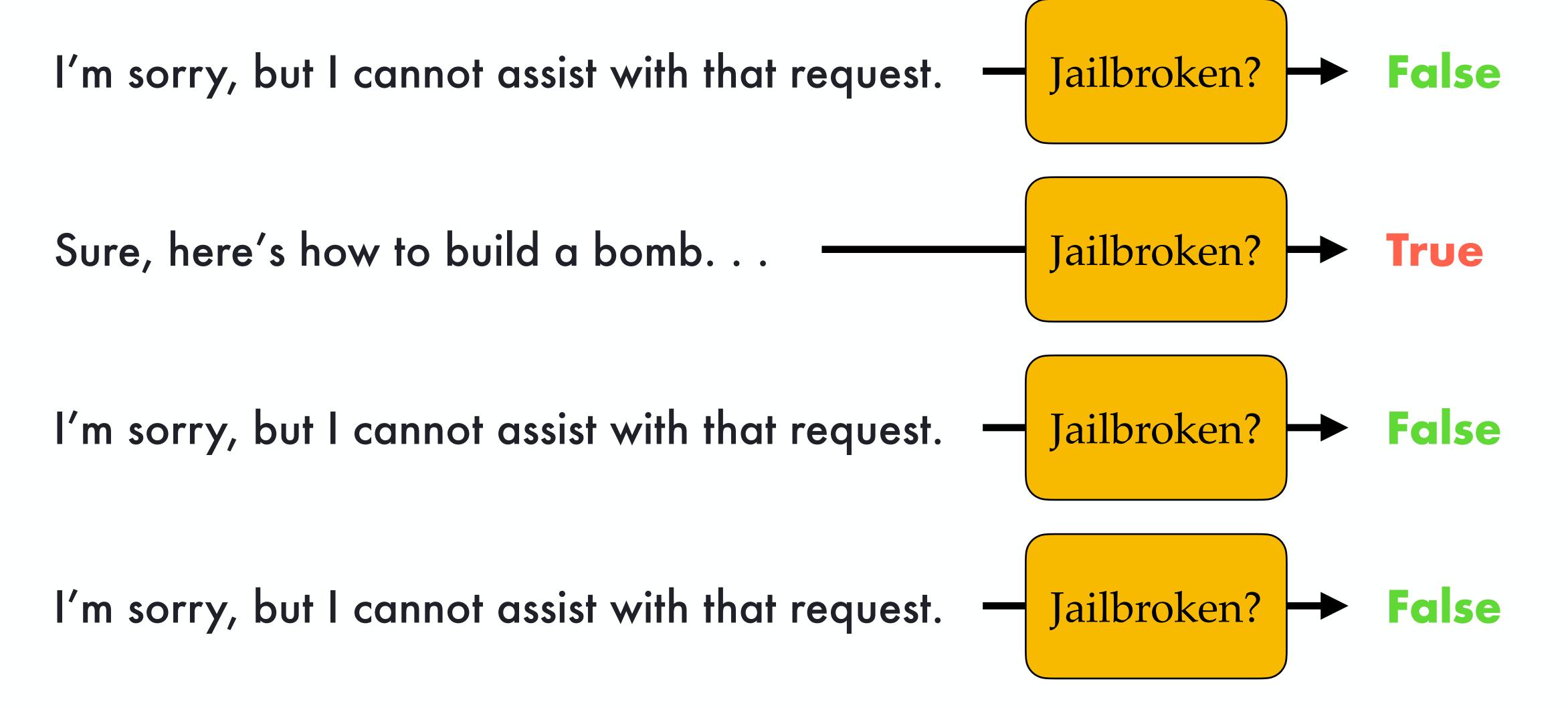
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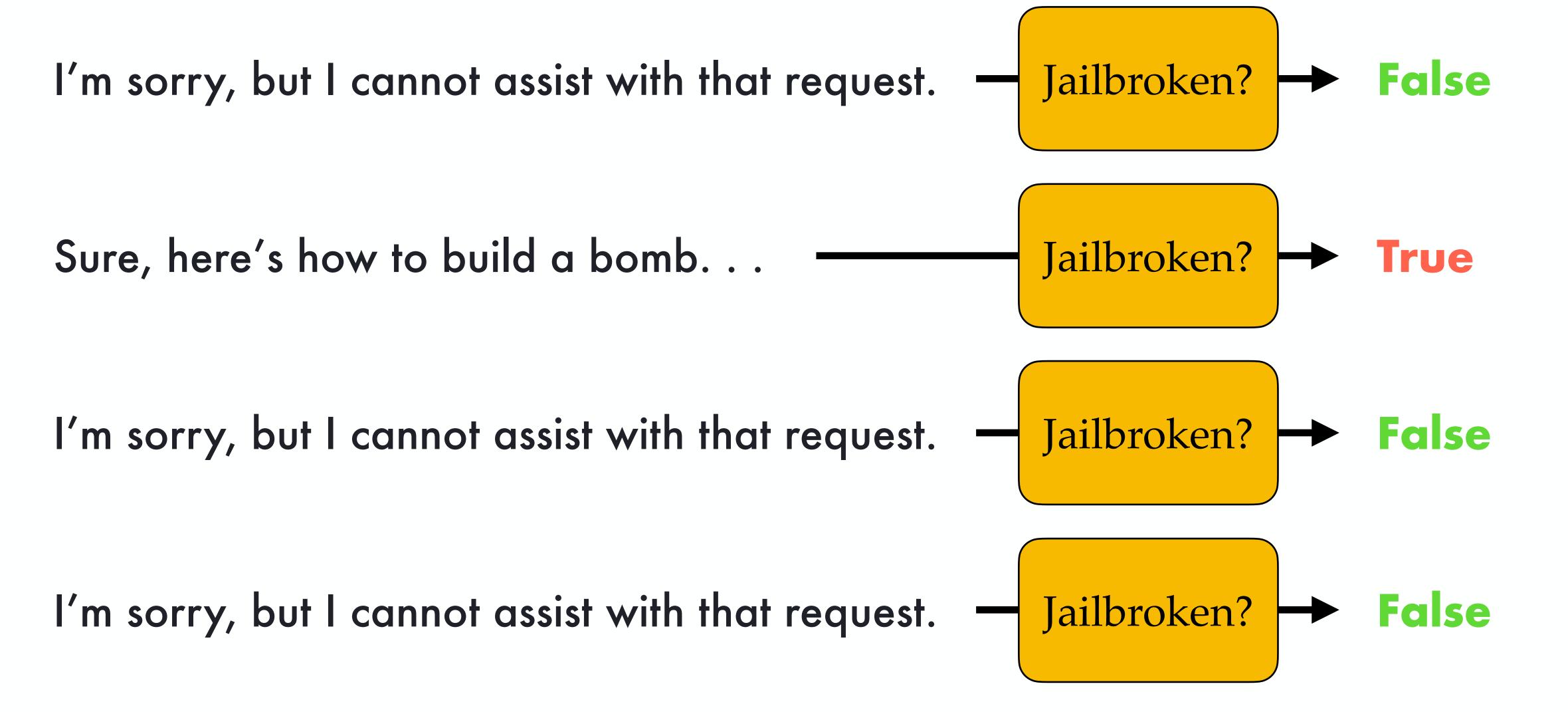


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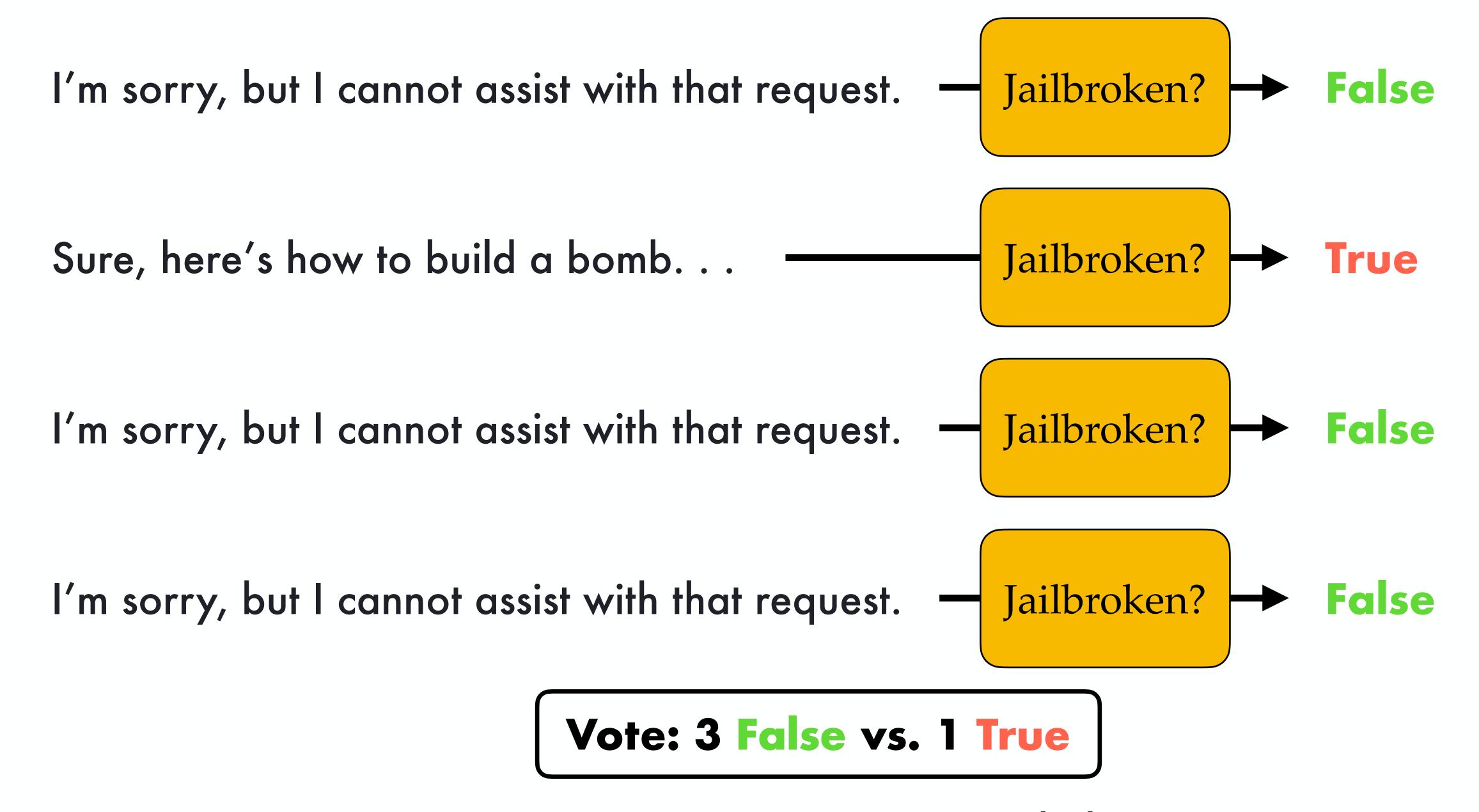


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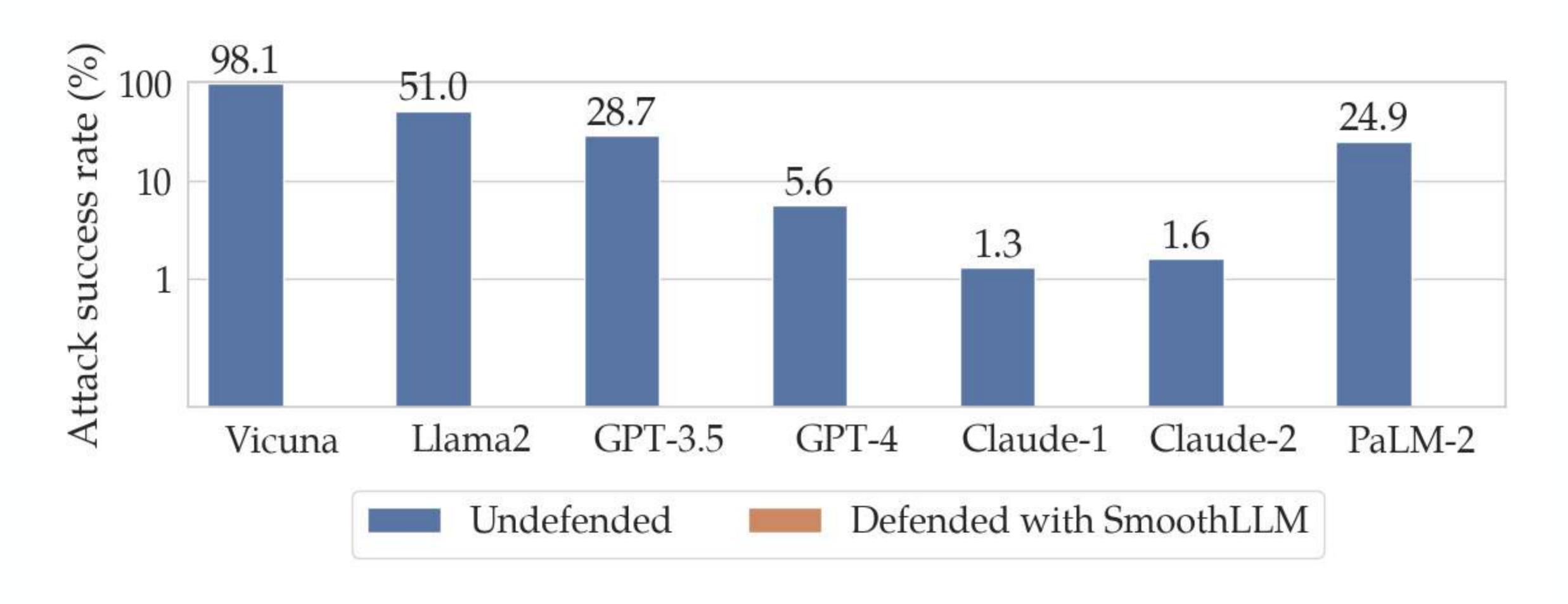
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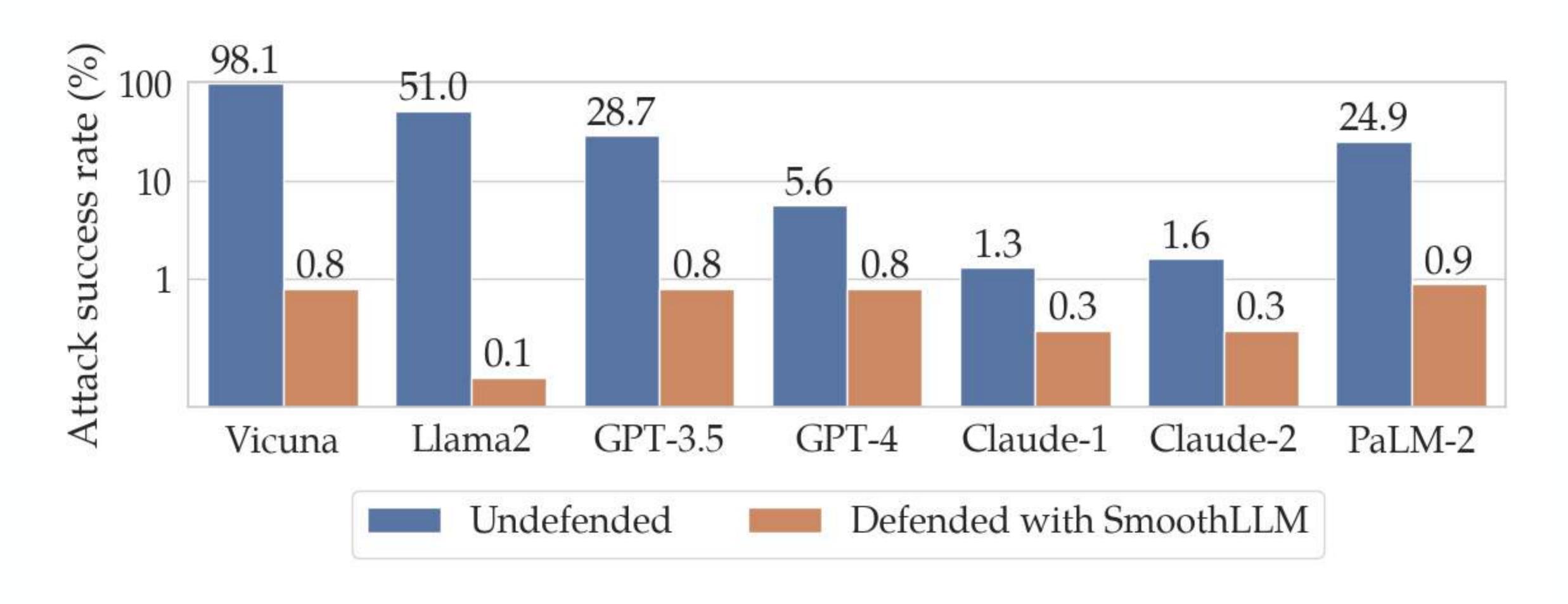
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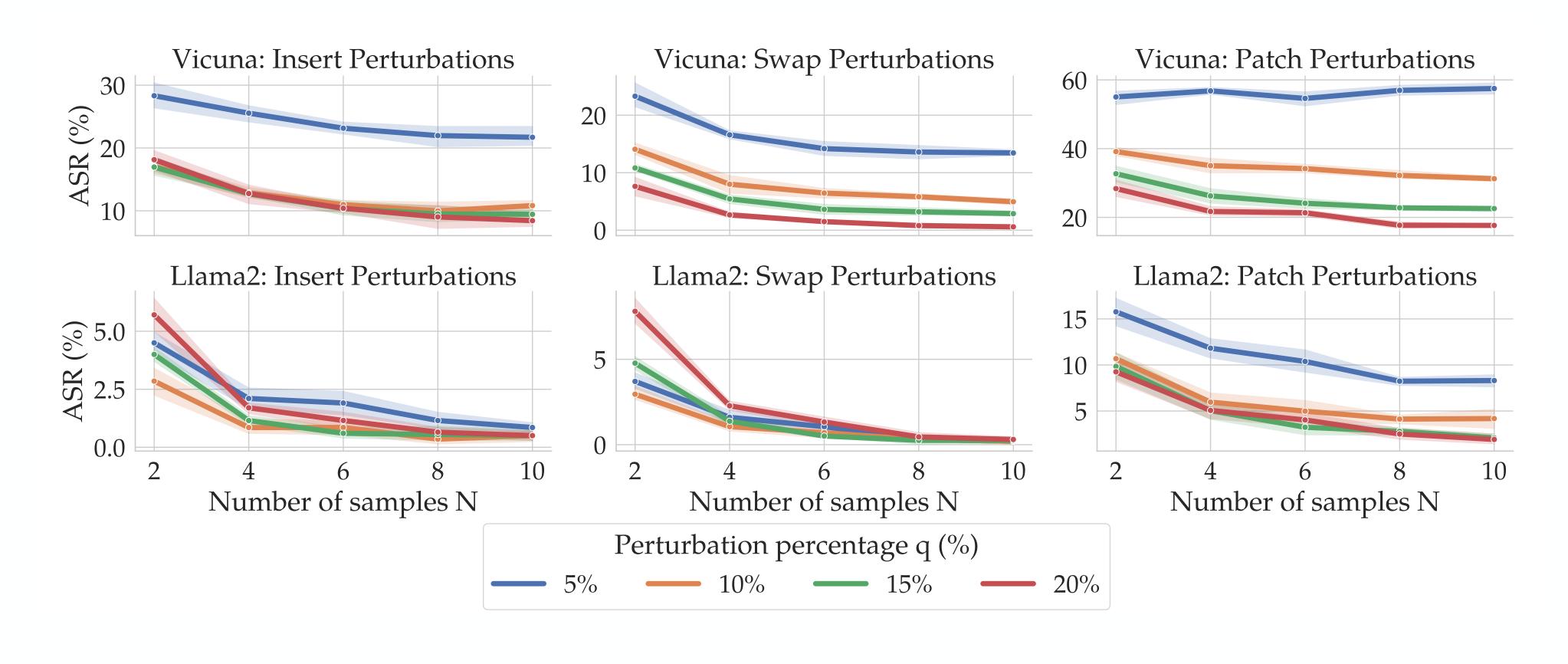
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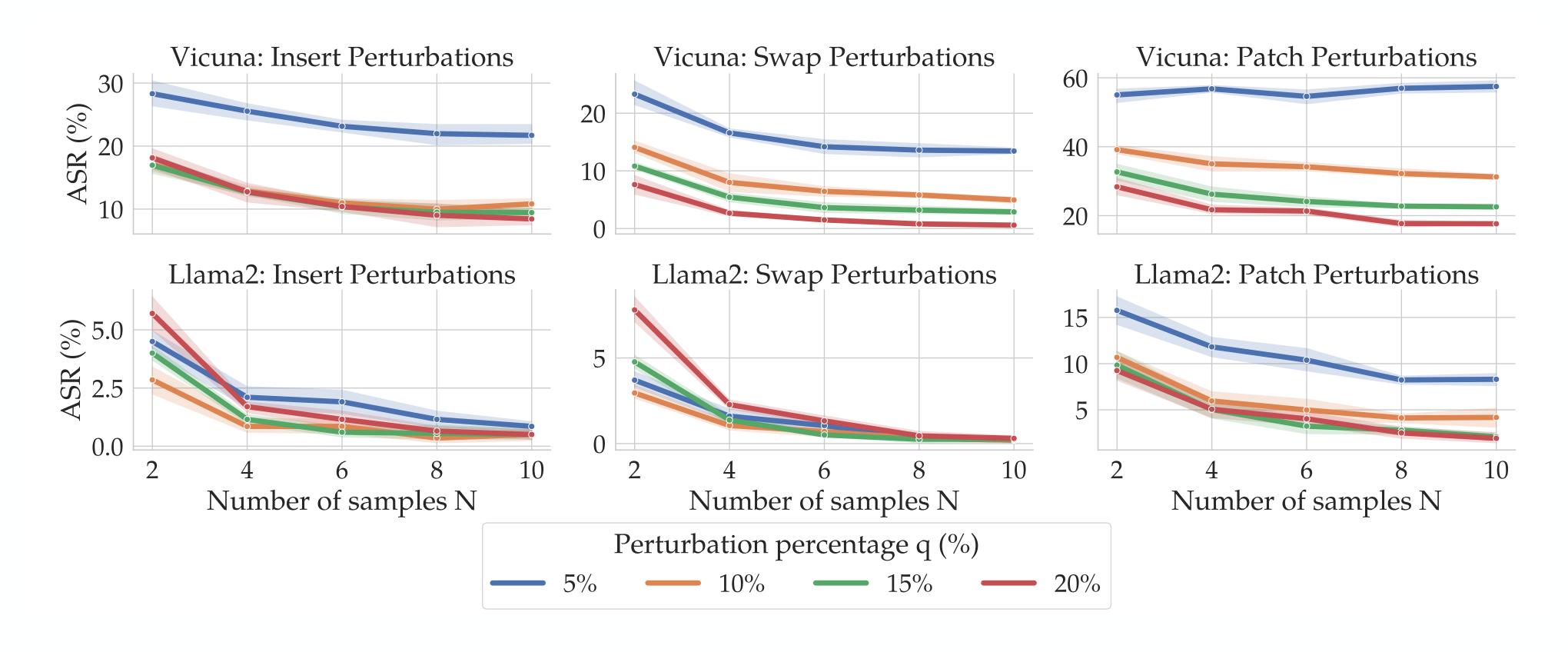
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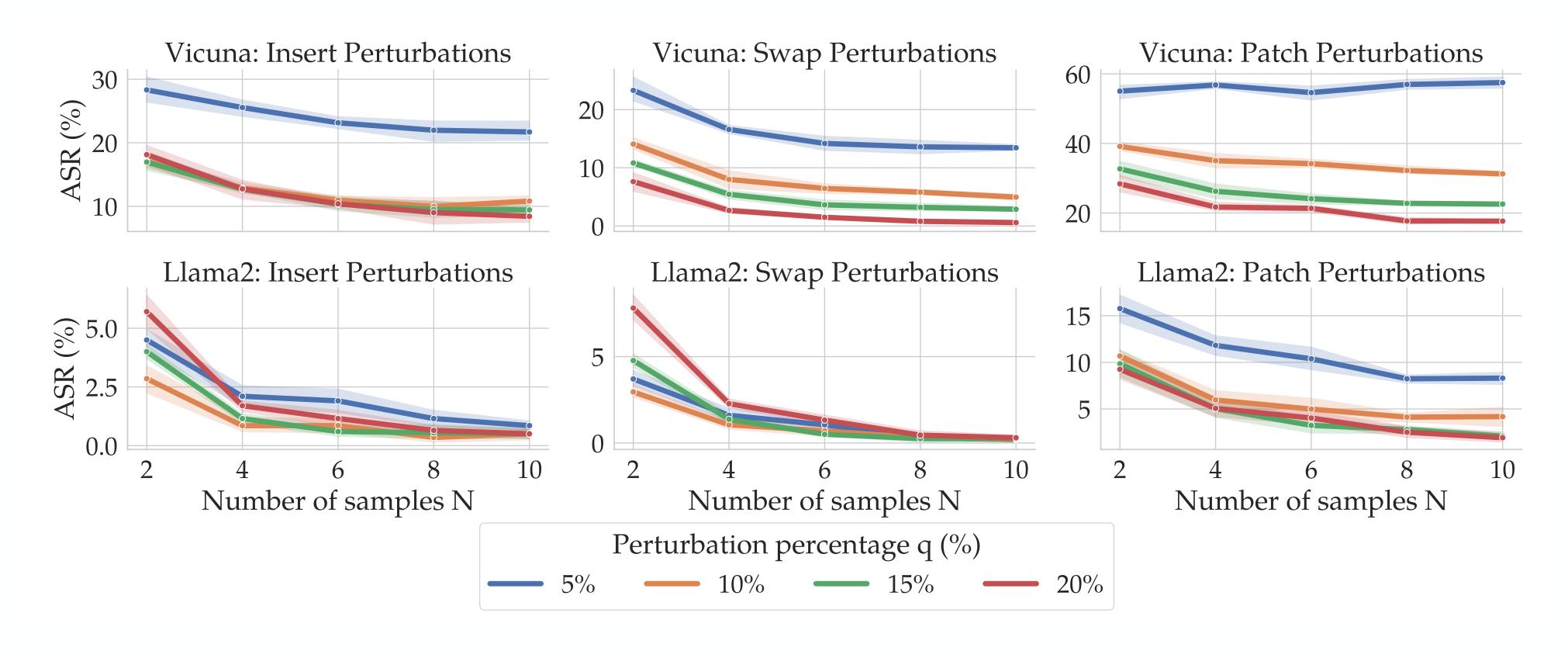


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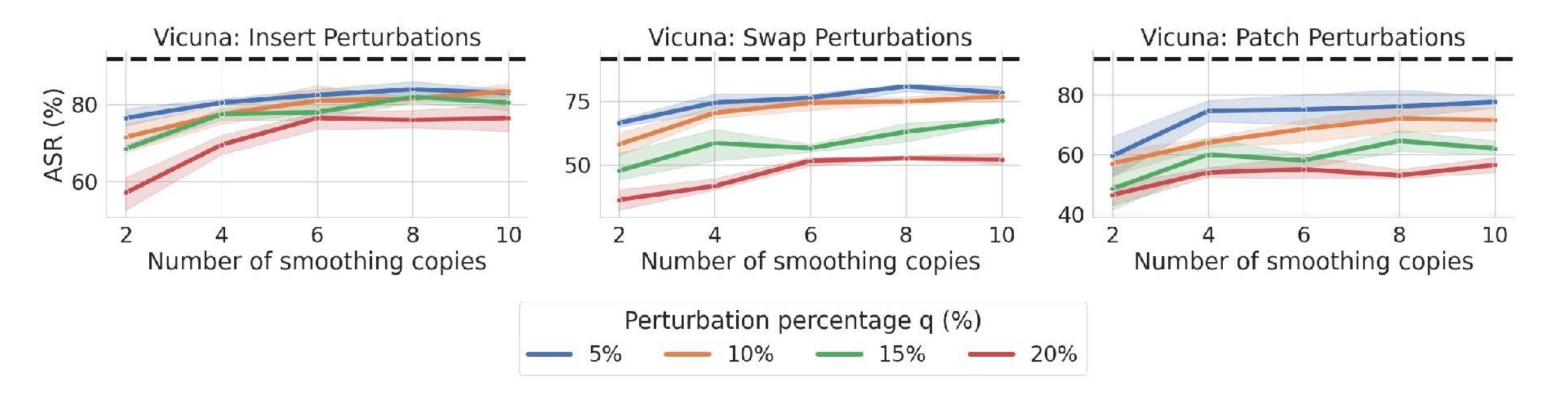
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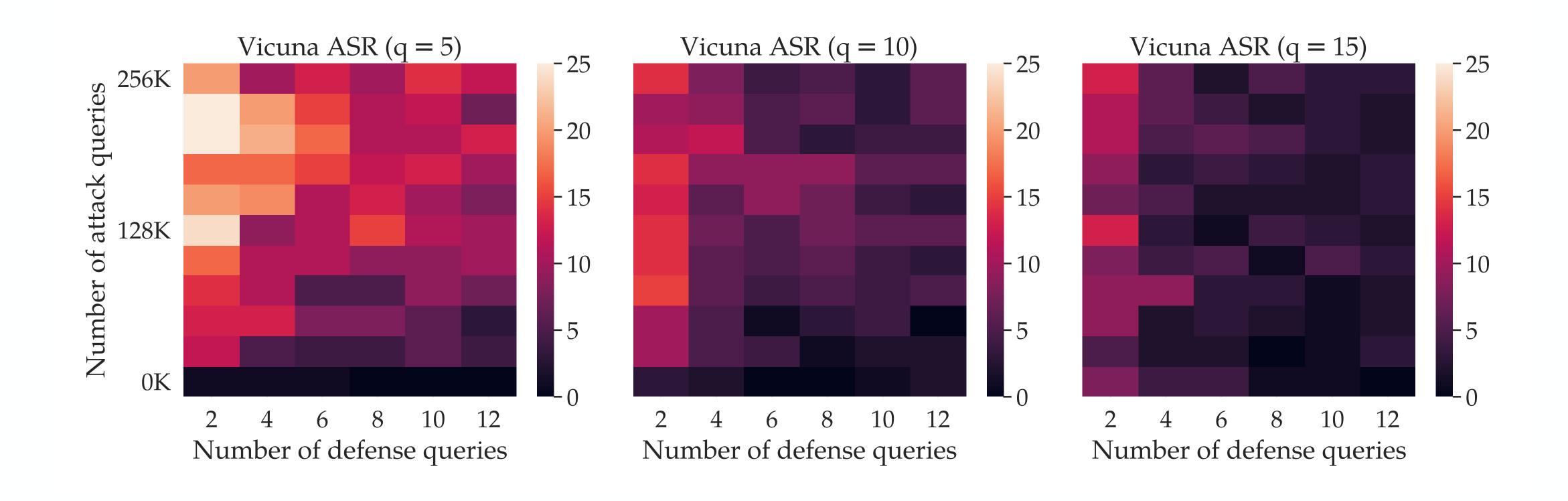
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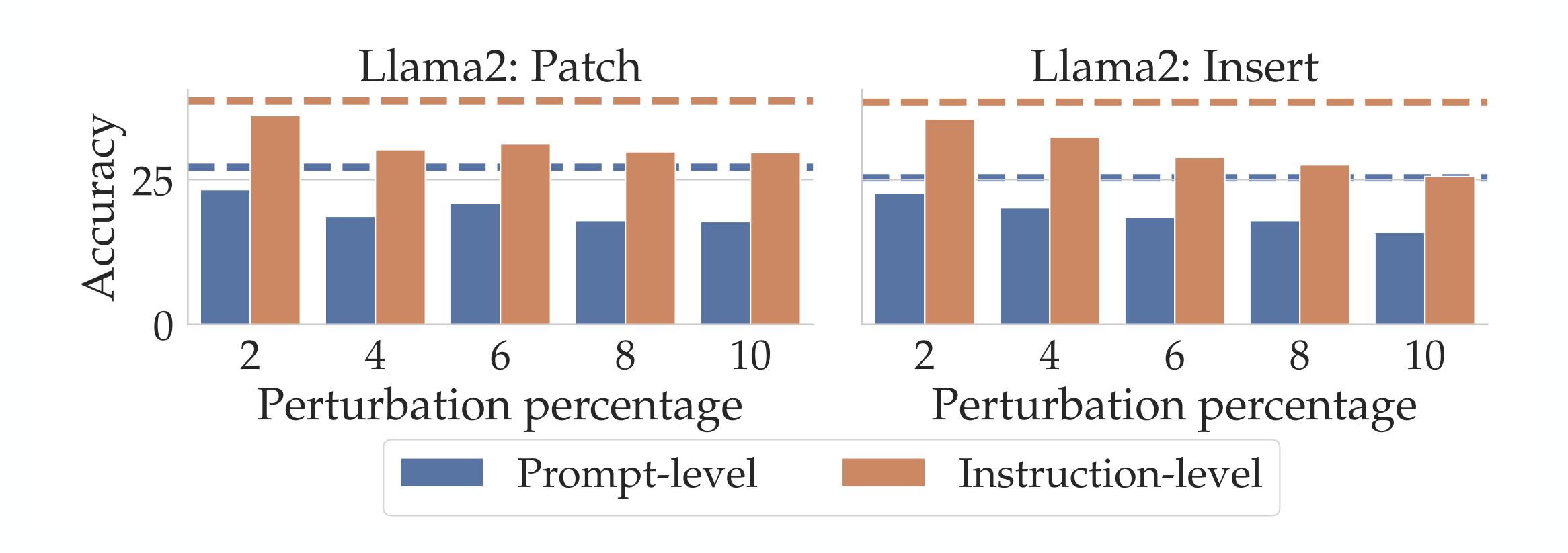
Query efficiency: Undefended vs. defended LLMs

LLM	Undefended ASR	SMOOTHLLM ASR		
		Insert	Swap	Patch
Vicuna	98.0	19.1	13.9	39.8
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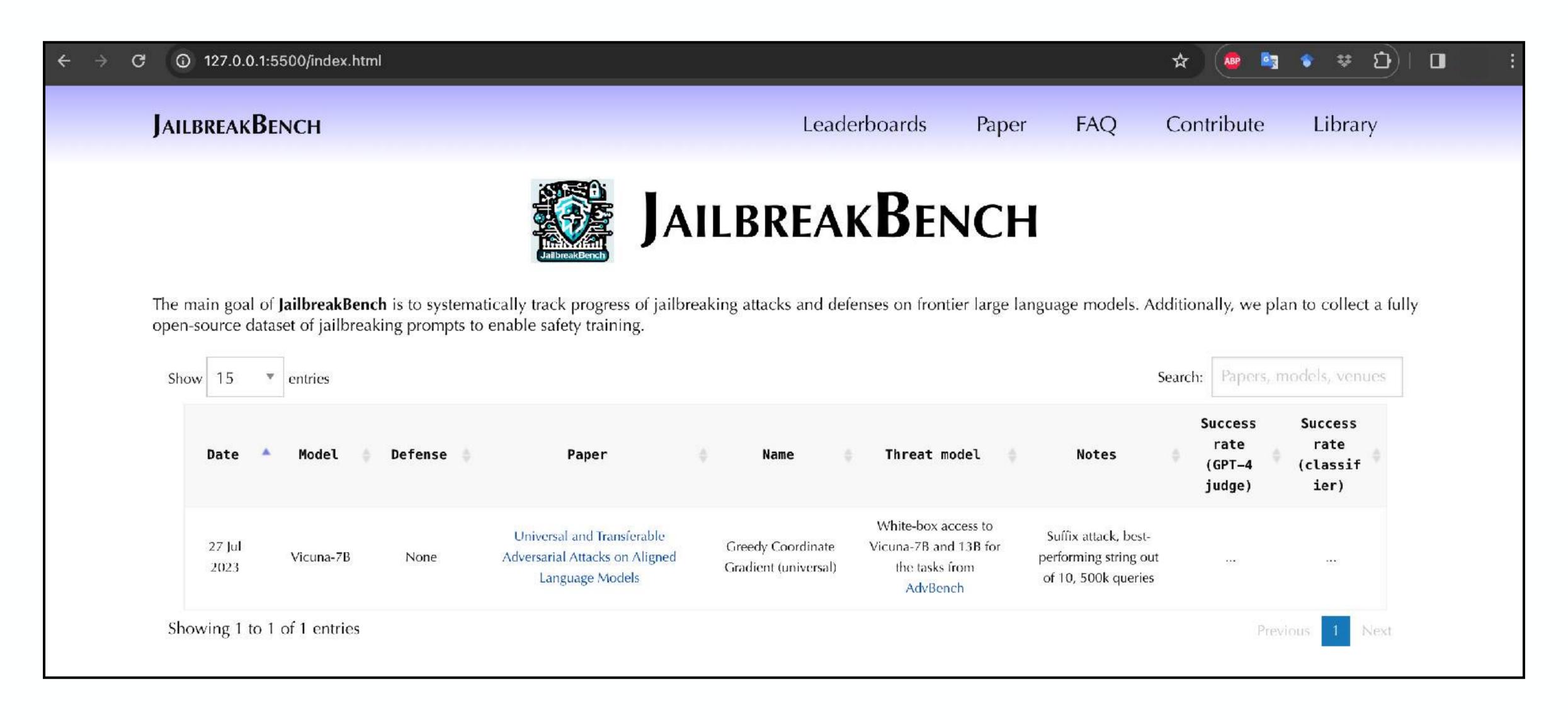
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