

# Sequence Reconstruction for Non-Identical Channels

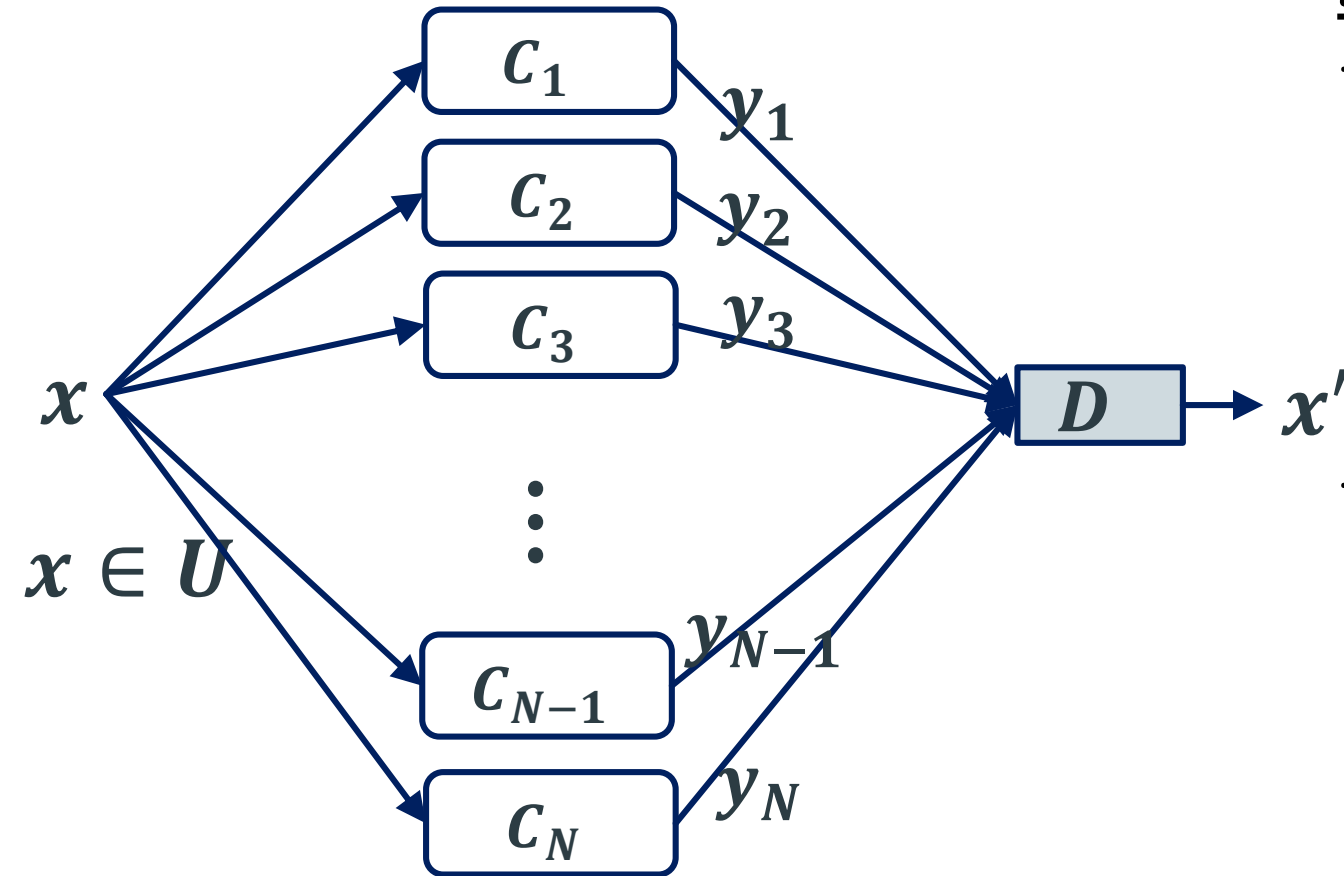
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## Motivation:

- Chemical and biological processes where the information is replicated and can be read from different noisy sources.
- Storage technologies, where the stored information has multiple copies or a single copy is read by several different read heads, e.g., DNA storage.

Levenshtein, "Efficient reconstruction of sequences,"  
IEEE Trans. on Inform. Theory, 2001.

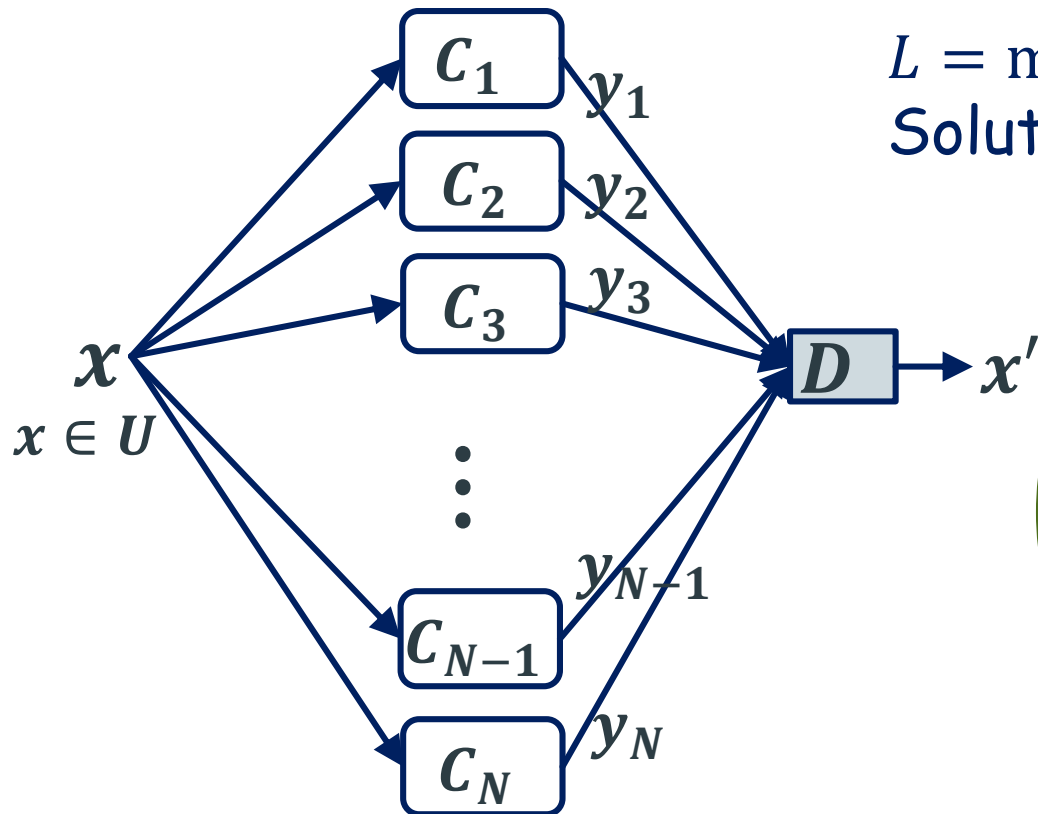
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A channel system of size  $N$   
 A  $t$ -error channel -  
 a channel causes at most  $t$   
 errors.

Goal:  $\forall x \in U: x' = x$  - Exact reconstruction.

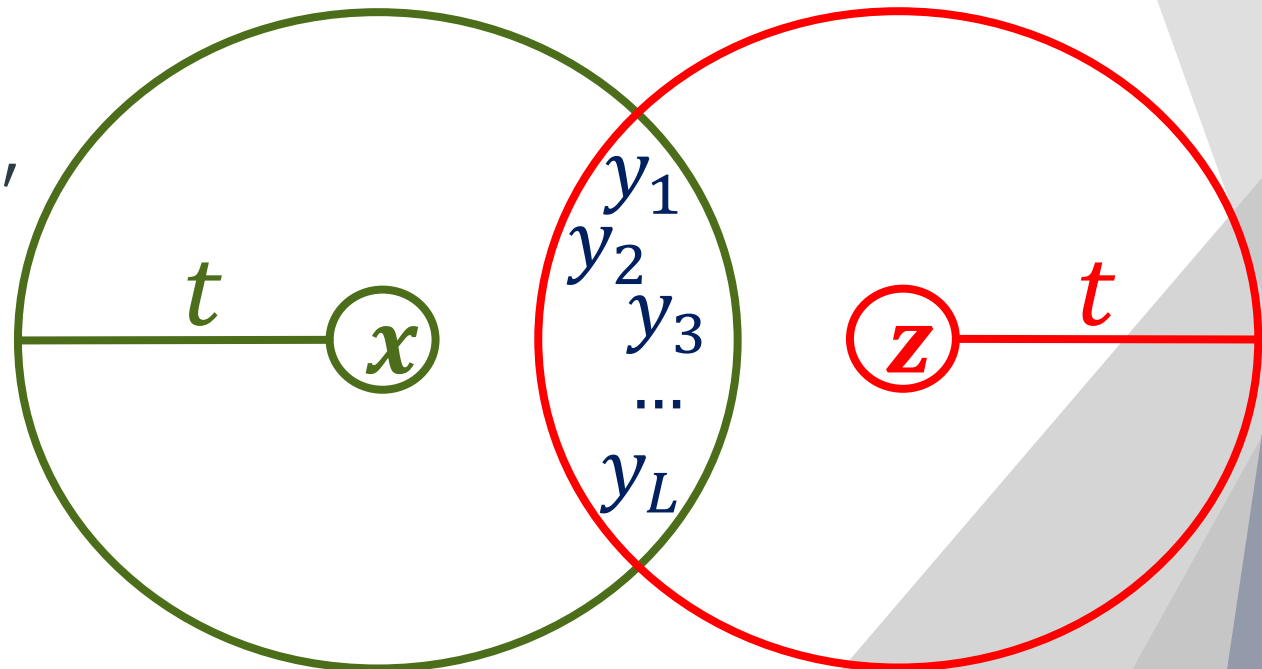
Given:  $U$ , the channels are  $t$ -error.

Q: What is the minimal  $N$  for exact reconstruction?



$$L = \max \{|B_t(x) \cap B_t(z)| : x, z \in U\}$$

Solution:  $L + 1$  (Levenshtein'01)

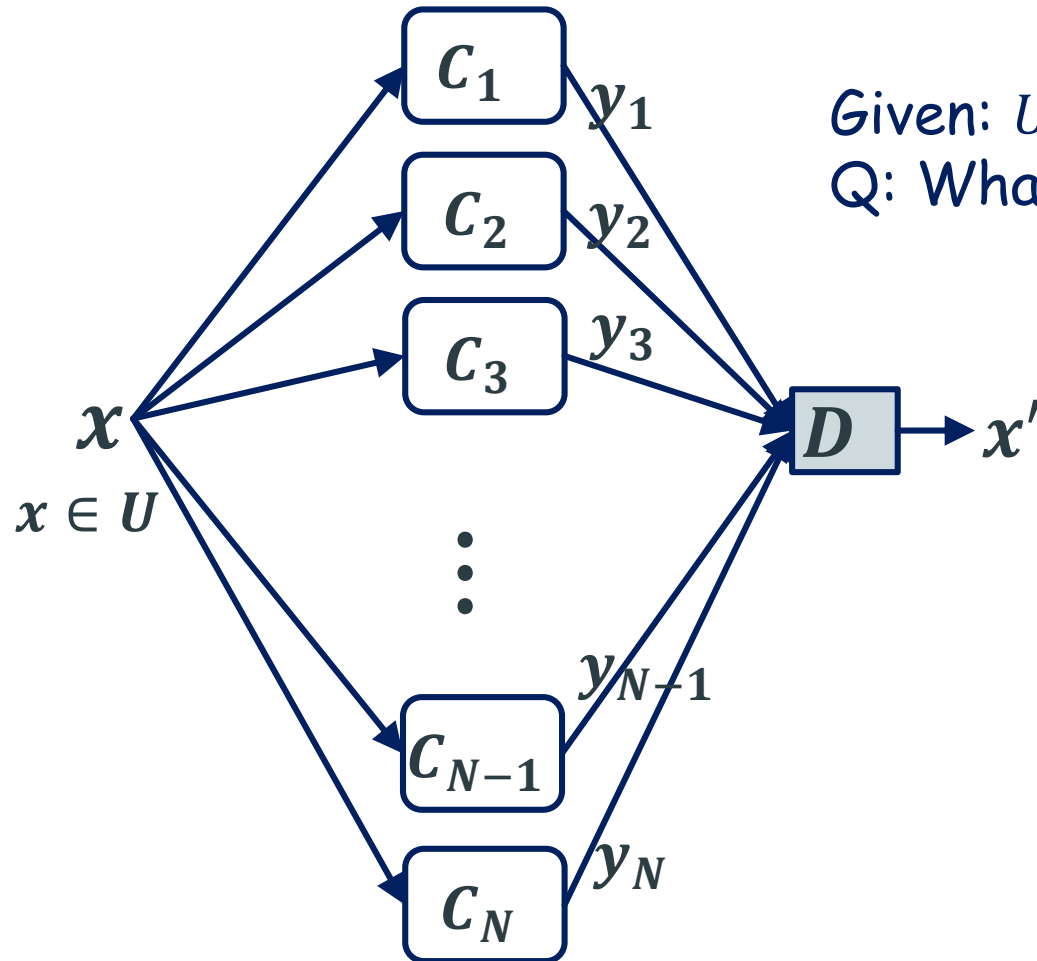


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Examples for data about the errors:

1. 1/2 of the channels are  $t_1$ -error, and 1/2 are  $t_2$ -error.
2. The first 1/2 of the channels are  $t_1$ -error, and the rest are  $t_2$ -error.
3. The average number of errors is given

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## References

- Problem presentation. substitution errors, Johnson graphs, deletions, insertions, and more general metric distances. Le'01.
- Some general error graphs  
LeKM'08, LeSi'09
- Permutations - K'07, K'08, KLeSi'07,
- Kendall's  $\tau$  : YSwLaB'13
- Insertions - SGSD'15, GY'16
- Deletions -YG'16

D=Dolecek  
G=Gabrys  
K=Konstantinova,  
La= Langberg,  
Le=Levenshtein  
M=Molodtsov  
Sa=Sala  
Si=Siemons,  
So=Schoeny  
Sw=Schwartz  
Y=Yaakobi

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- Problem setup
- Two types of channels
  - ❖ General case
  - ❖ Substitutions errors
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# Sequence Reconstruction - Problem

$V$ -a finite set.  $U \subseteq V$ .

$\rho: V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ : a distance function

$T = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\ell), t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_\ell \in \mathbb{N}$

$P = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_\ell), 0 < p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_\ell = 1$

## Models:

**A  $(T, P)$ -channel system:**

$$N^u(T, P, U)$$

$[p_i N]$  channels are  $t_i$ -error.

**A  $(T, P)$ -sequenced channel system:**

$$N^k(T, P, U)$$

The first  $[p_i N]$  channels are  $t_i$ -error

**A  $t$ -channel system:**

$$N(t, U)$$

The average number of errors is  $t$

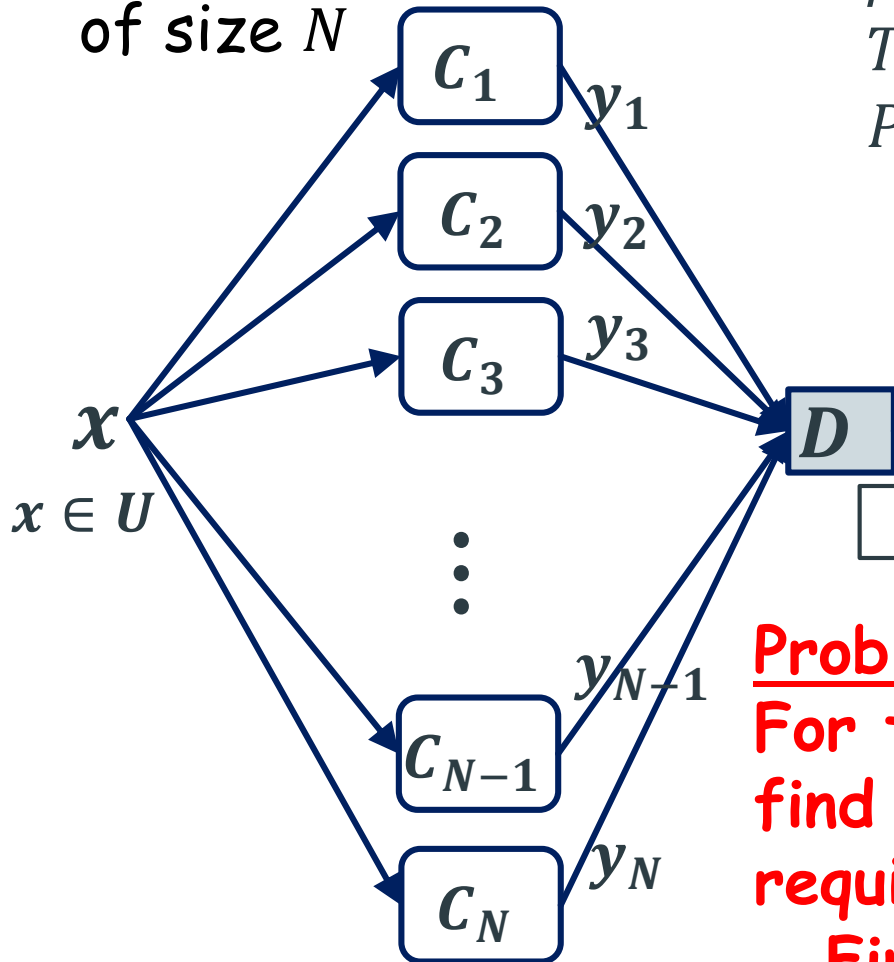
## Problem:

For these three models -  
find the minimum size of a channel system  
required for exact reconstruction

- Find  $N^u(T, P, U), N^k(T, P, U), N(t, U)$

- Clearly:  $N^u(T, P, U) \geq N^k(T, P, U)$

A channel system  
of size  $N$



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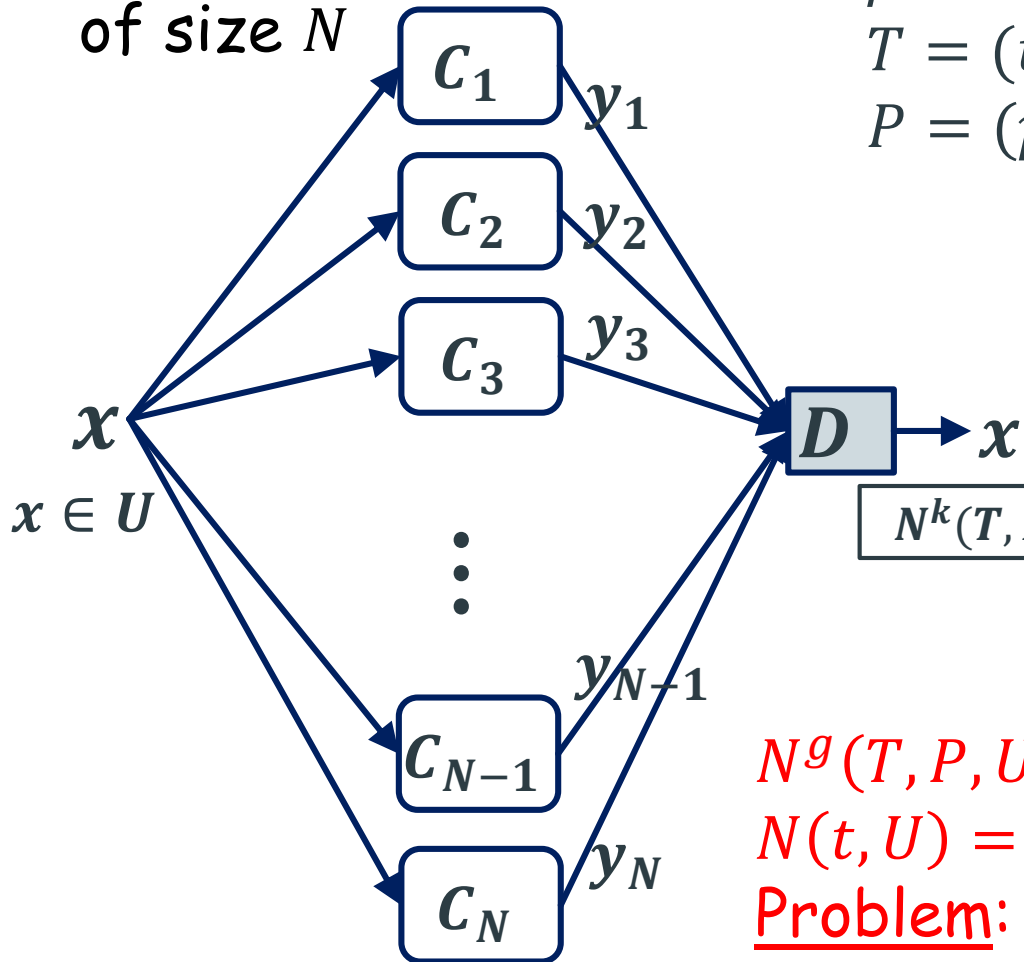
$$N^g(T, P, U) = \max\{N^g(T, P, \{x, z\}) : x, z \in U\}, g \in \{u, k\}$$

$$N(t, U) = \max\{N(t, \{x, z\}) : x, z \in U\}$$

**Problem:** For  $U = \{x, z\}$

Find  $N^u(T, P, U), N^k(T, P, U), N(t, U)$

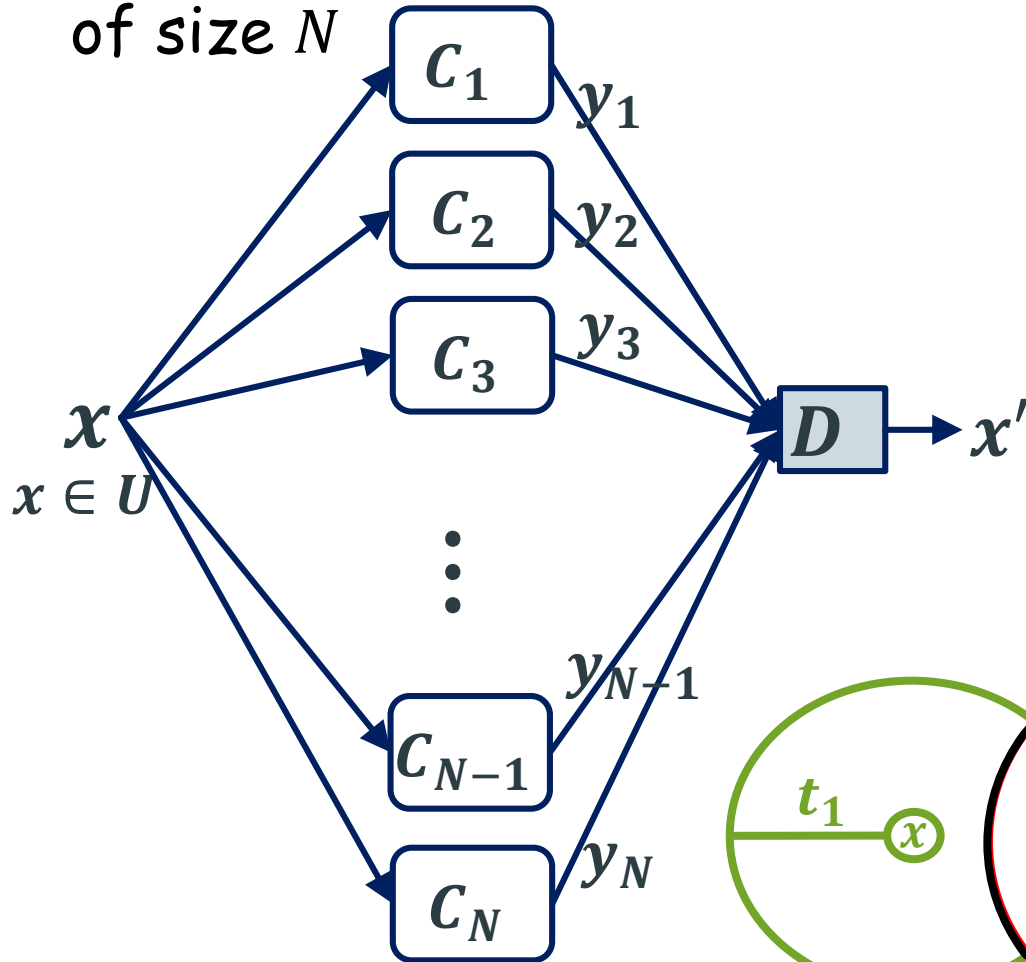
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# Sequence Reconstruction - Notations

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$U \subseteq V$

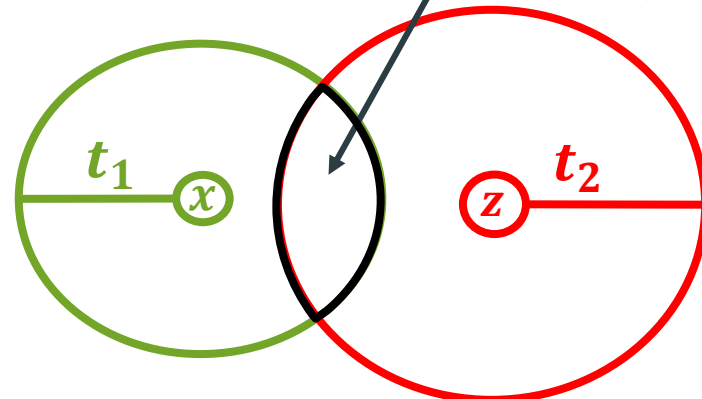
$B_t(x) = \{y : \rho(x, y) \leq t\}$

$I(x, z, t_1, t_2) = B_{t_1}(x) \cap B_{t_2}(z)$

$I(x, z, t) = B_t(x) \cap B_t(z)$

$N(x, z, t_1, t_2) = |I(x, z, t_1, t_2)|$

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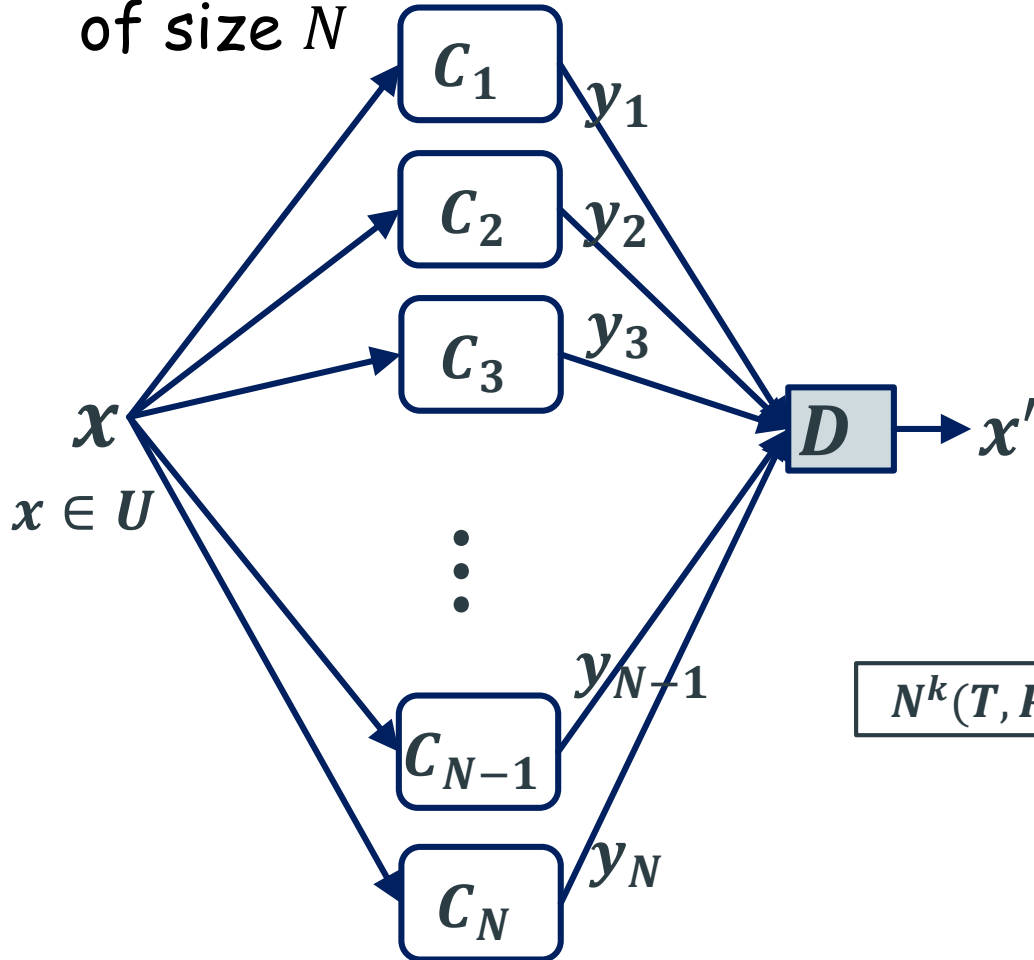
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# Sequence Reconstruction - $\ell = 2$

A channel system of size  $N$



$$U = \{x, z\} \subseteq V, \rho,$$

$$T = (t_1, t_2), t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}$$

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$$N^u(T, P, U)$$

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$$N^k(T, P, U)$$



# Sequence Reconstruction - $\ell = 2$

## Sequenced Model

$x, z \in V, \rho, T = (t_1, t_2), t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}, P = (p, 1), 0 < p < 1$

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The first  $\lceil pN \rceil$  channels are  $t_1$ -error

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Problem:  $N^k(T, P, \{x, z\}) = ?$

Solution:

$$N^k(T, P, \{x, z\}) = L + 1$$

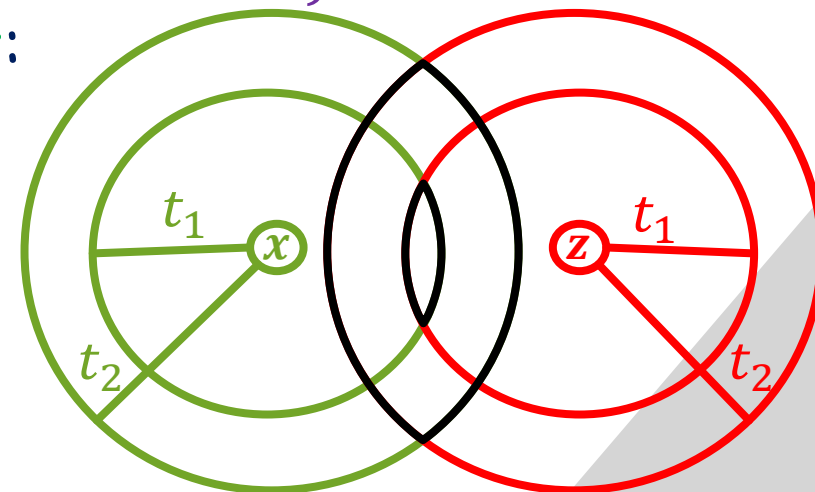
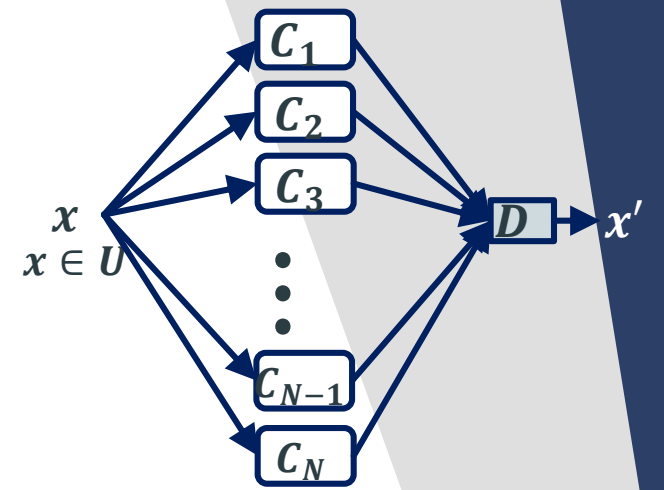
$$L = \min \left\{ \left\lceil \frac{N(x, z, t_1)}{p} \right\rceil, N(x, z, t_2) \right\}$$

Proof: first part:  $N \geq L + 1$  is sufficient:

- $N > N(x, z, t_2)$

OR

- $N > \left\lceil \frac{N(x, z, t_1)}{p} \right\rceil \Rightarrow \lceil pN \rceil > N(x, z, t_1)$



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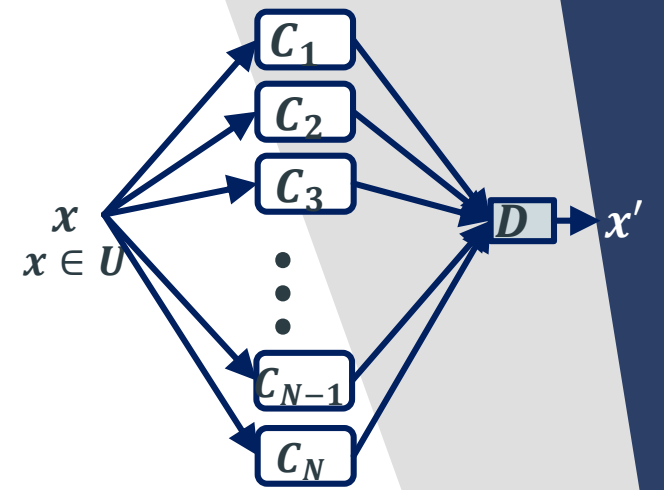
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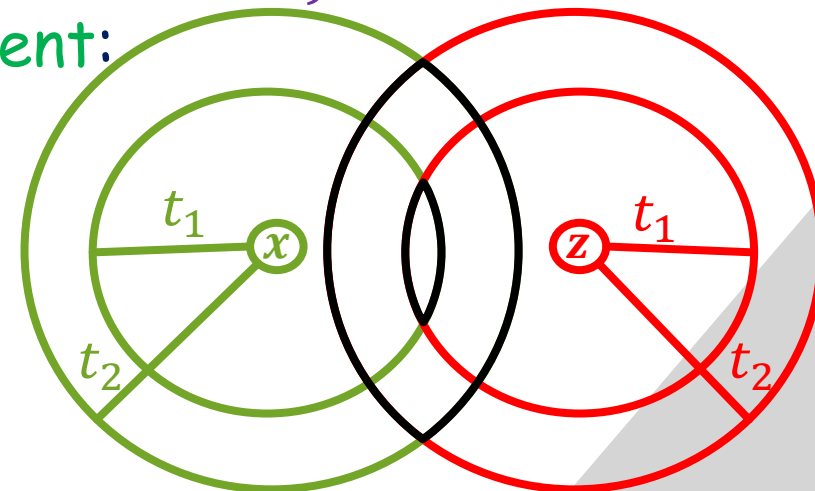
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Proof: second part:  $N \leq L$  is not-sufficient:

- $N \leq N(x, z, t_2)$

AND

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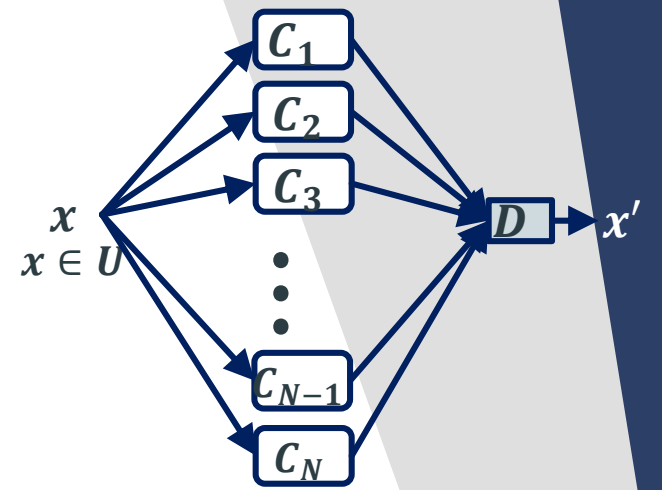
## Non-Sequenced Model

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**Problem:**  $N^u(T, P, \{x, z\}) = ?$

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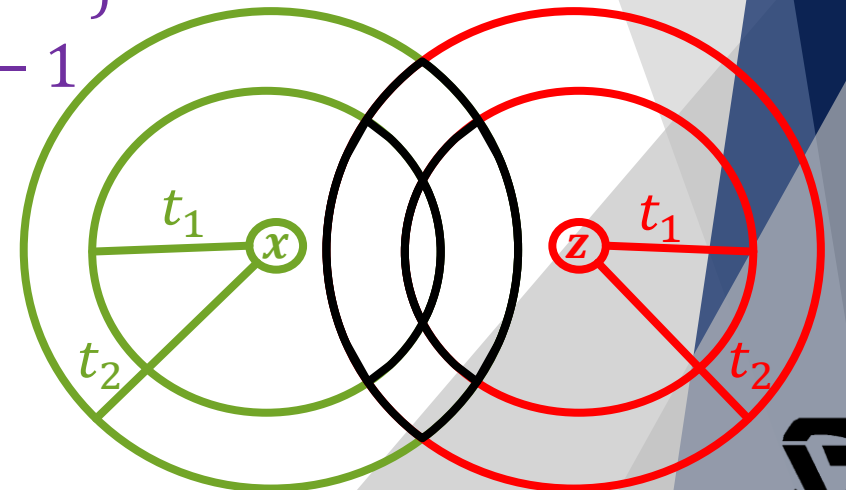
**Proof:** first part:  $N \geq L + 1$  is sufficient:

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3)  $N > \left\lfloor \frac{N(z, x, t_1, t_2)}{p} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow [pN] > N(z, x, t_1, t_2)$  OR

4)  $N = L + 1 \Rightarrow 2[pN] - N > N(x, z, t_1) \Rightarrow 2[pN] - N(x, z, t_1) > N$



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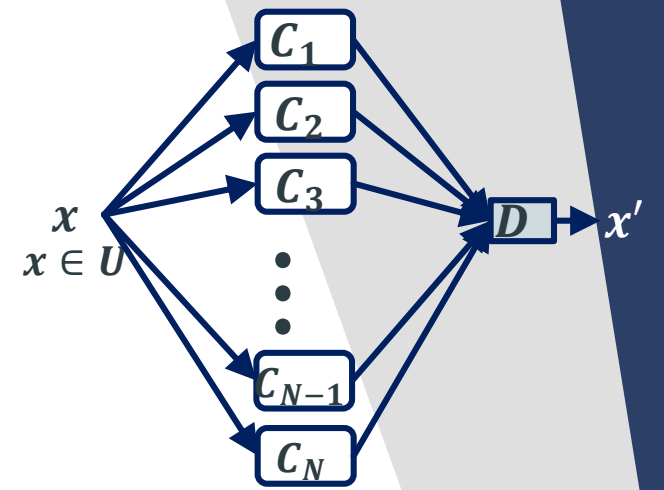
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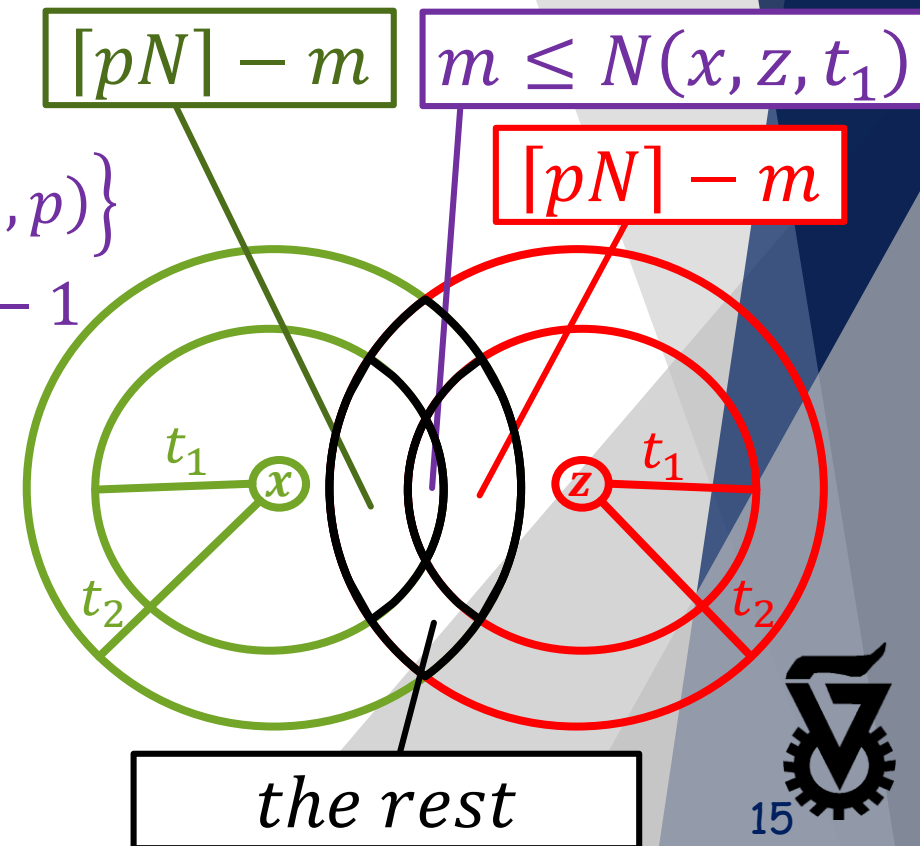
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4)  $N \leq N'(x, z, t_1, p) \Rightarrow 2[pN] - N(x, z, t_1) \leq N$



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## Summarize - a $(T, P)$ -Channel System

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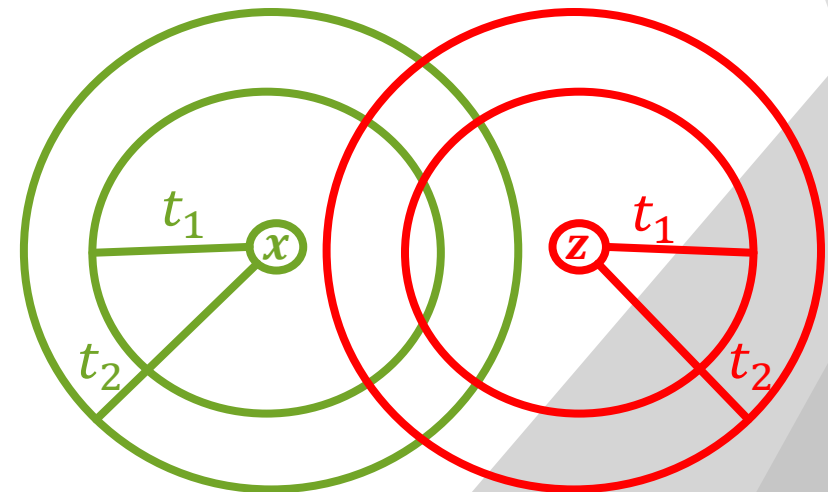
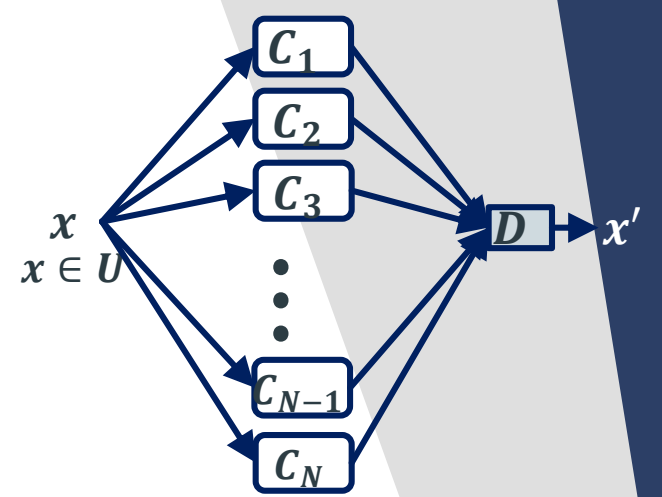
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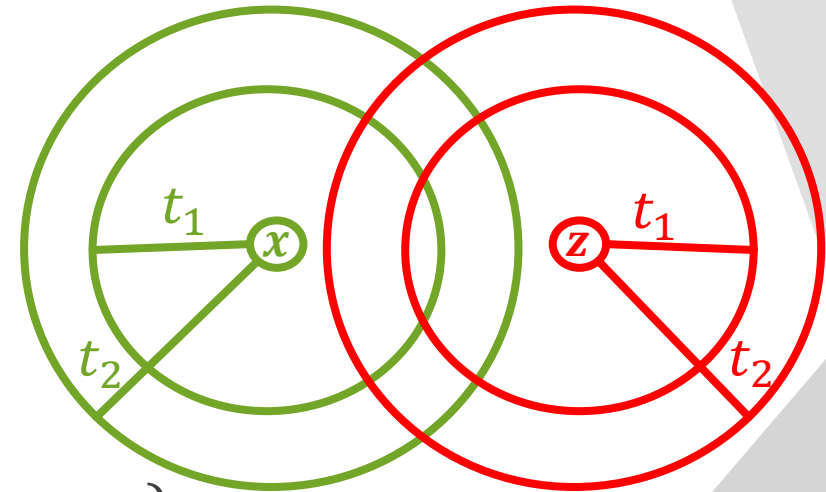
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# Sequence Reconstruction - $\ell = 2$ Substitution (Hamming)

$x, z \in V$ ,  $\rho, d = \rho(x, z)$ ,  $T = (t_1, t_2)$ ,  $t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P = (p, 1)$ ,  $0 < p < 1$   
 $[pN]$  channels are  $t_1$ -error, all channels are  $t_2$ -error.

- $N(d, t_1, t_2) = N(x, z, t_1, t_2)$
- $N^g(T, P, d) = N^g(T, P, \{x, z\})$
- $N^g(T, P, d) \geq N^g(T, P, d + 1)$
- $N^k(T, P, d) = \min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{N(d, t_1)}{p} \right\rfloor, N(d, t_2) \right\}$
- $N^u(T, P, d) = \min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{N(d, t_1, t_2)}{p} \right\rfloor, N(d, t_2), N'(d, t_1, p) \right\}$   
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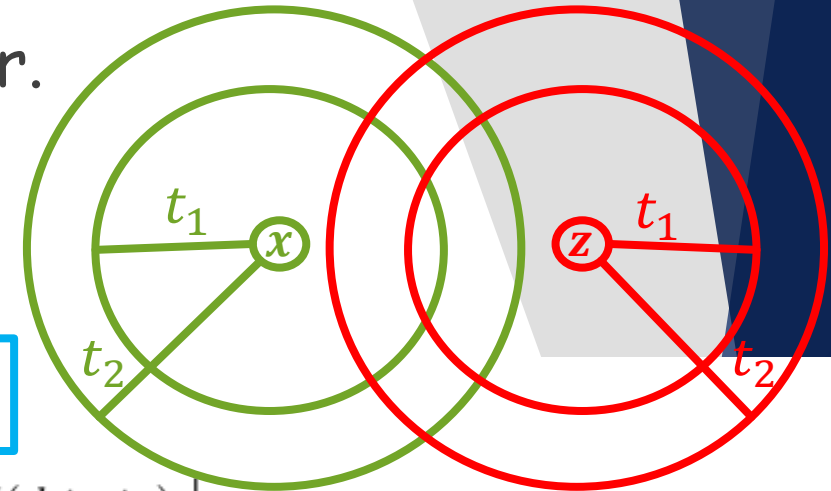
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For  $0 < p \leq 1/2$ :

$$N^u(T, P, d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d > 2t_1 \\ N(d, t_2) + 1 & \text{otherwise,} \\ \lfloor N(d, t_1, t_2)/p \rfloor + 1 & \text{and } t_2 = \\ \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$N^u(T, P, d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d > 2t_1, \\ \Theta(n \lfloor \frac{t_1 + t_2 - d}{2} \rfloor) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For  $1/2 < p < 1$ :

$$N^u(T, P, d) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{N(d, t_1, t_2)}{p} \right\rfloor & \text{if } d \text{ is even, } t_2 = t_1 + 1, \\ \text{and } \left( \left( \frac{1}{2} < p \leq \frac{2}{3} \right) \vee \right. \\ \left. \left( \frac{2}{3} < p < \frac{3}{4} \wedge d < \frac{2-2p}{3p-2} \right) \right), \\ N'(d, t_1, p) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$N^u(T, P, d) = \Theta(n \lfloor \frac{2t_1 - d}{2} \rfloor)$$

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## Substitution (Hamming) - Non-Sequenced Model

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$$N^u(T, P, d) = \Theta(n^{\lfloor \frac{2t_1 - d}{2} \rfloor})$$

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	All channels are identical	A $(T, P)$ -channel system
$0 < p \leq \frac{1}{2}, d = 1, T = (2, 4)$	$\Theta(n^3)$	$\Theta(n^2)$
$0 < p \leq \frac{1}{2}, d = 1, T = (2, 8)$	$\Theta(n^7)$	$\Theta(n^4)$
$\frac{1}{2} < p \leq \frac{2}{3}, d = 2, T = (4, 5)$	$\Theta(n^4)$	$\Theta(n^3)$

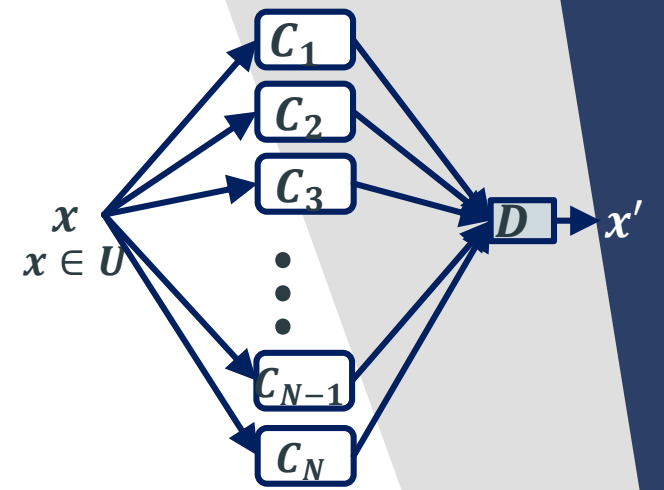
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# Sequence Reconstruction - A $(T, i, b)$ -Channel System

$x, z \in V, \rho, T = (t_1, t_2), t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}, b \in \mathbb{N}, i \in \{1, 2\}$



A  $(T, i, b)$ -sequenced channel system:

The first  $b$  channels are  $t_i$ -error

All channels are  $t_{3-i}$ -error

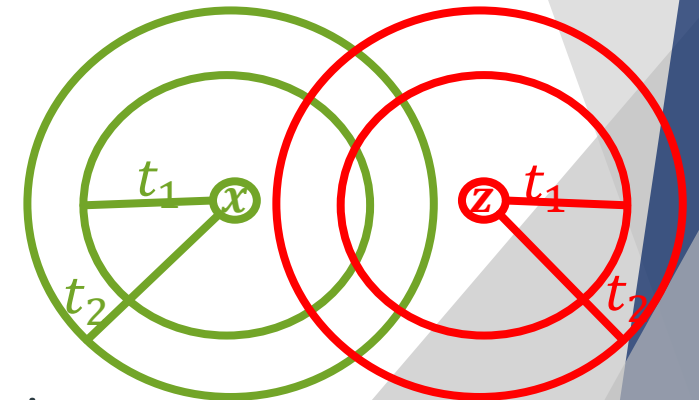
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# Sequence Reconstruction

## A $(T, 1, b)$ -Channel System

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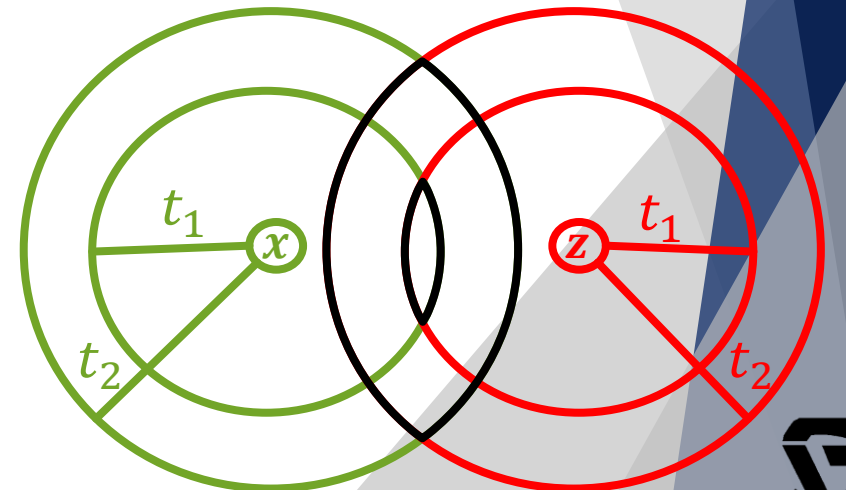
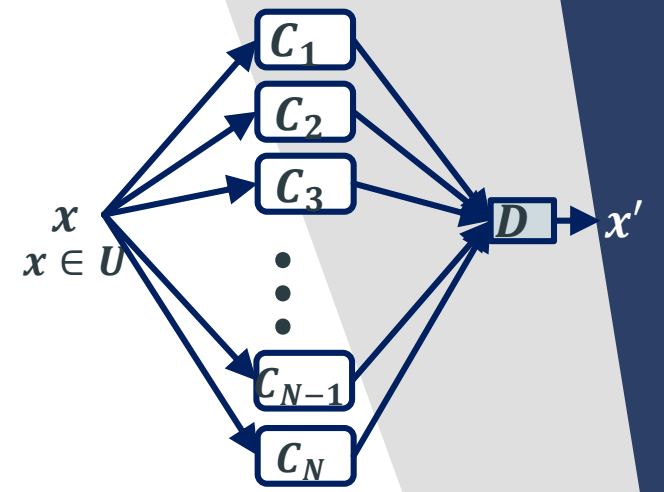
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All channels are  $t_2$ -error

Problem:  $N^k(T, 1, b, \{x, z\})=?$ ,  $N^u(T, 1, b, \{x, z\})=?$

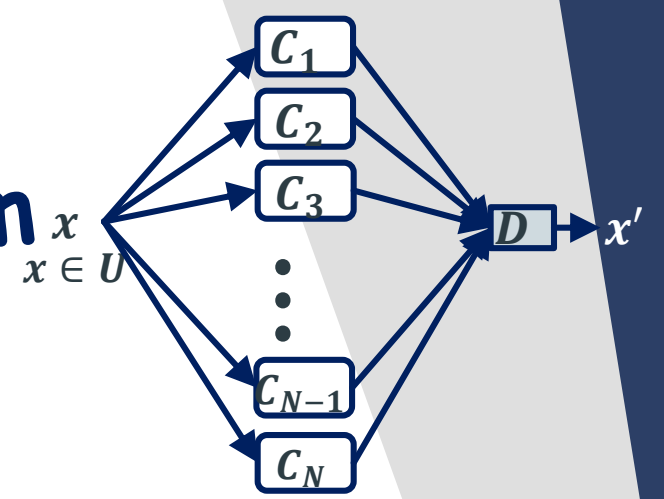
Solution:  $N^k(T, 1, b, \{x, z\}) = N^u(kT, 1, b, \{x, z\}) = L + 1$

$$L = \begin{cases} N(x, z, t_2), & \text{if } N(x, z, t_1) \geq b \\ N(x, z, t_1), & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



# Sequence Reconstruction

## A $(T, 2, b)$ -Sequenced Channel System



$$x, z \in V, \rho, T = (t_1, t_2), t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}, b \in \mathbb{N}$$

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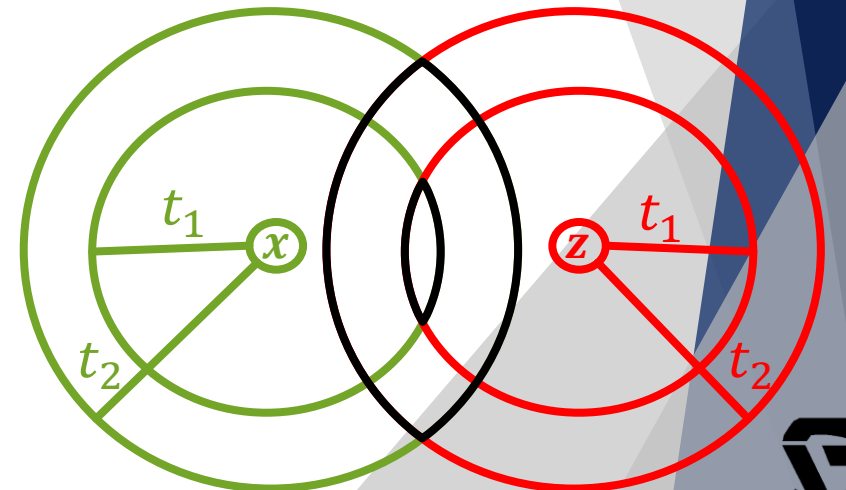
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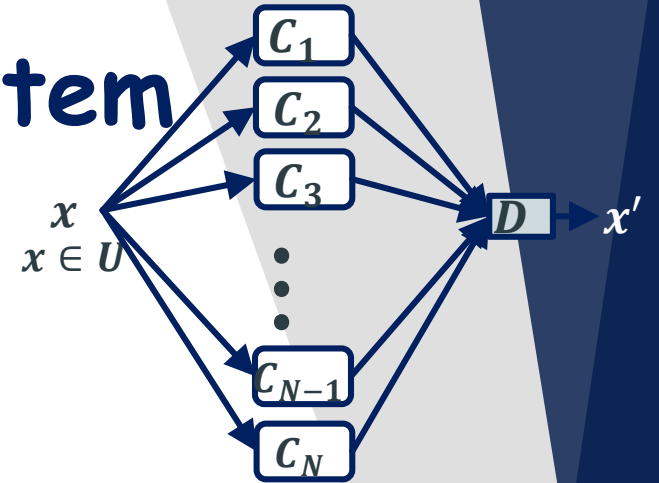
## A $(T, 2, b)$ -Non-Sequenced Channel System

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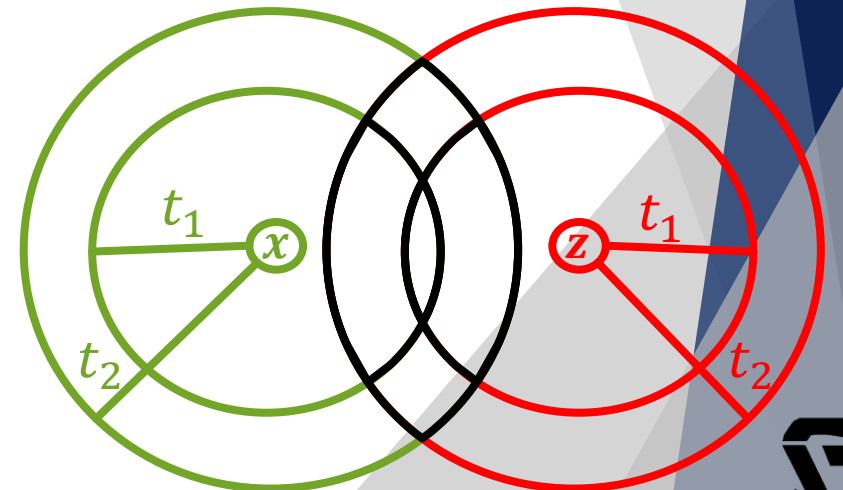
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# Sequence Reconstruction - $\ell = 2$

$x, z \in V, \rho, T = (t_1, t_2), t_1 < t_2 \in \mathbb{N}, P = (p, 1), 0 < p < 1, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Solution:**  $N = L + 1$ , where  $L =$

	Sequenced	Non-Sequenced
$A(T, P)$ -channel system	$\min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{N(x, z, t_1)}{p} \right\rfloor, N(x, z, t_2) \right\}$	$\min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left\lfloor \frac{N(x, z, t_1, t_2)}{p} \right\rfloor \\ \left\lfloor \frac{N(z, x, t_1, t_2)}{p} \right\rfloor \\ N(x, z, t_2), N'(x, z, t_1, p) \end{array} \right\}$
$A(T, 1, b)$ -channel system	$\begin{cases} N(x, z, t_2), & \text{if } N(x, z, t_1) \geq b \\ N(x, z, t_1), & \text{else} \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} N(x, z, t_2), & \text{if } N(x, z, t_1) \geq b \\ N(x, z, t_1), & \text{else} \end{cases}$
$A(T, 2, b)$ -channel system	$\min\{N(x, z, t_1) + b, N(x, z, t_2)\}$	$\min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} N(x, z, t_1, t_2) + b, \\ N(z, x, t_1, t_2) + b, \\ N(x, z, t_2), \\ N(x, z, t_1) + 2b \end{array} \right\}$

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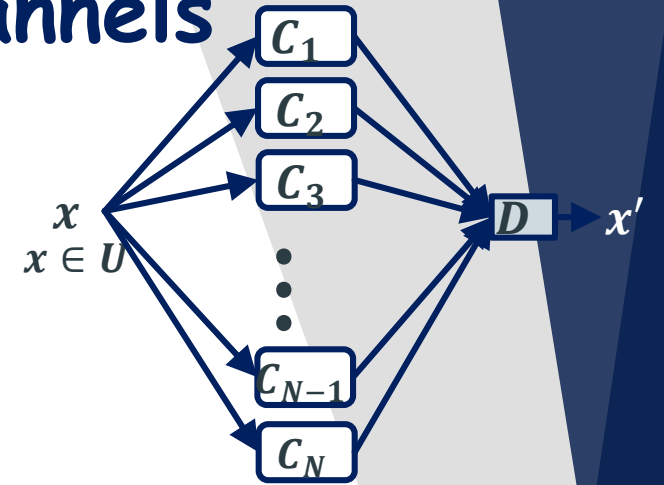
# Sequence Reconstruction - $\ell$ Types of Channels

## Sequenced Model

$$x, z \in V, \rho,$$

$$T = (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_\ell), t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_\ell \in \mathbb{N},$$

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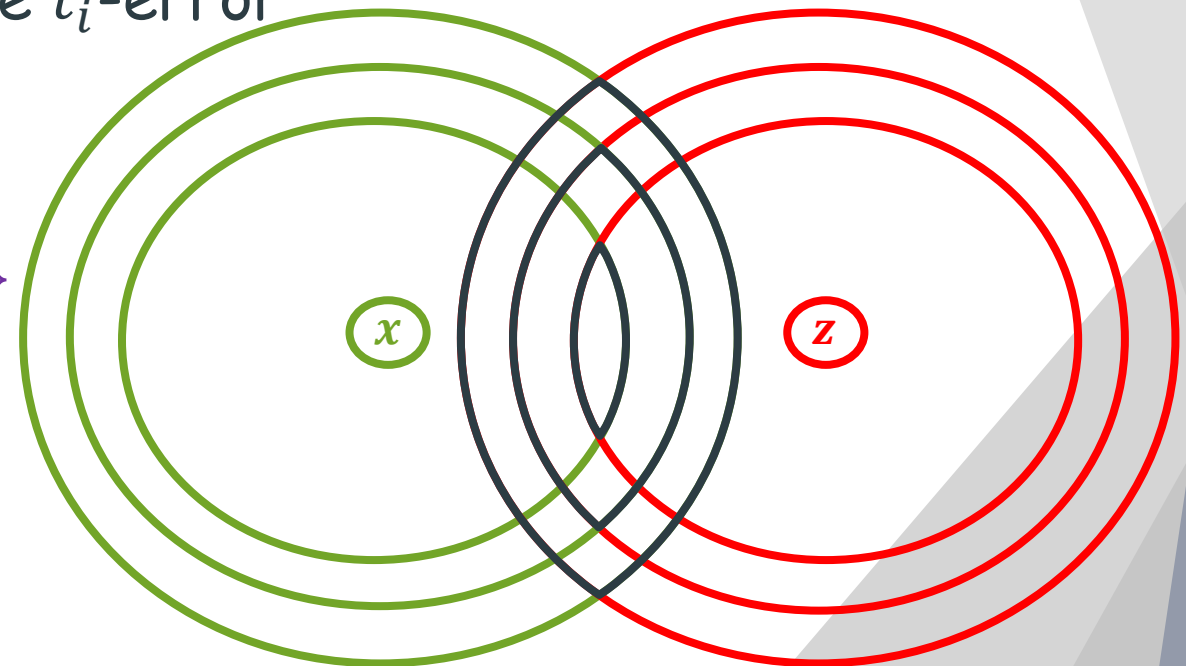


**A  $(T, P)$ -sequenced channel system:**

The first  $\lceil p_i N \rceil$  channels are  $t_i$ -error

$$N^k(T, P, U) = L + 1$$

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**A  $(T, P)$ -channel system:**

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$$N^u(T, P, U) = \min\{L_1, L_2, L_3\} + 1$$

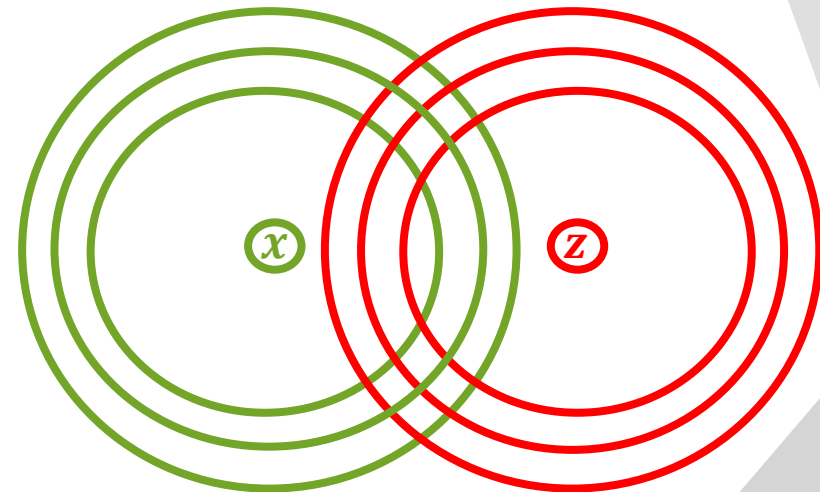
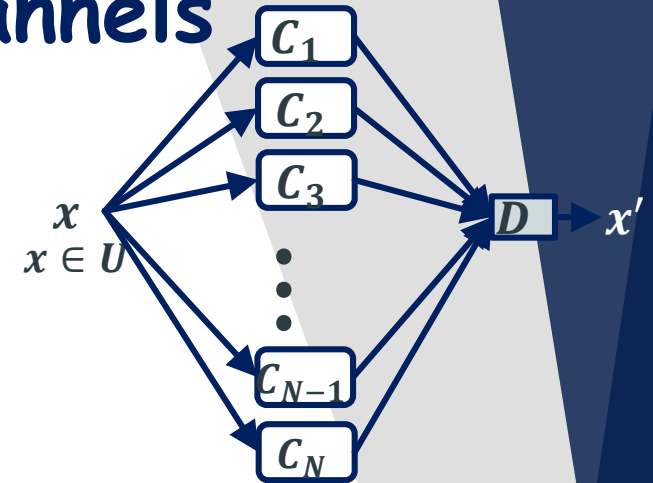
$$L_1 = \min \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{N(x, z, t_i, t_\ell)}{p_i} \right\rfloor : 1 \leq i < \ell \right\}$$

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$$L_2 = N(x, z, t_\ell)$$

$$L_4 = \min\{N'(x, z, t_i, t_j, p_i, p_j) : 1 \leq i, j < \ell\}$$

$$N'(x, z, t_i, t_j, p_i, p_j) = \min\{J : [p_i J] + [p_j J] - J > N(x, z, t_i, t_j), J \geq 1\} - 1$$



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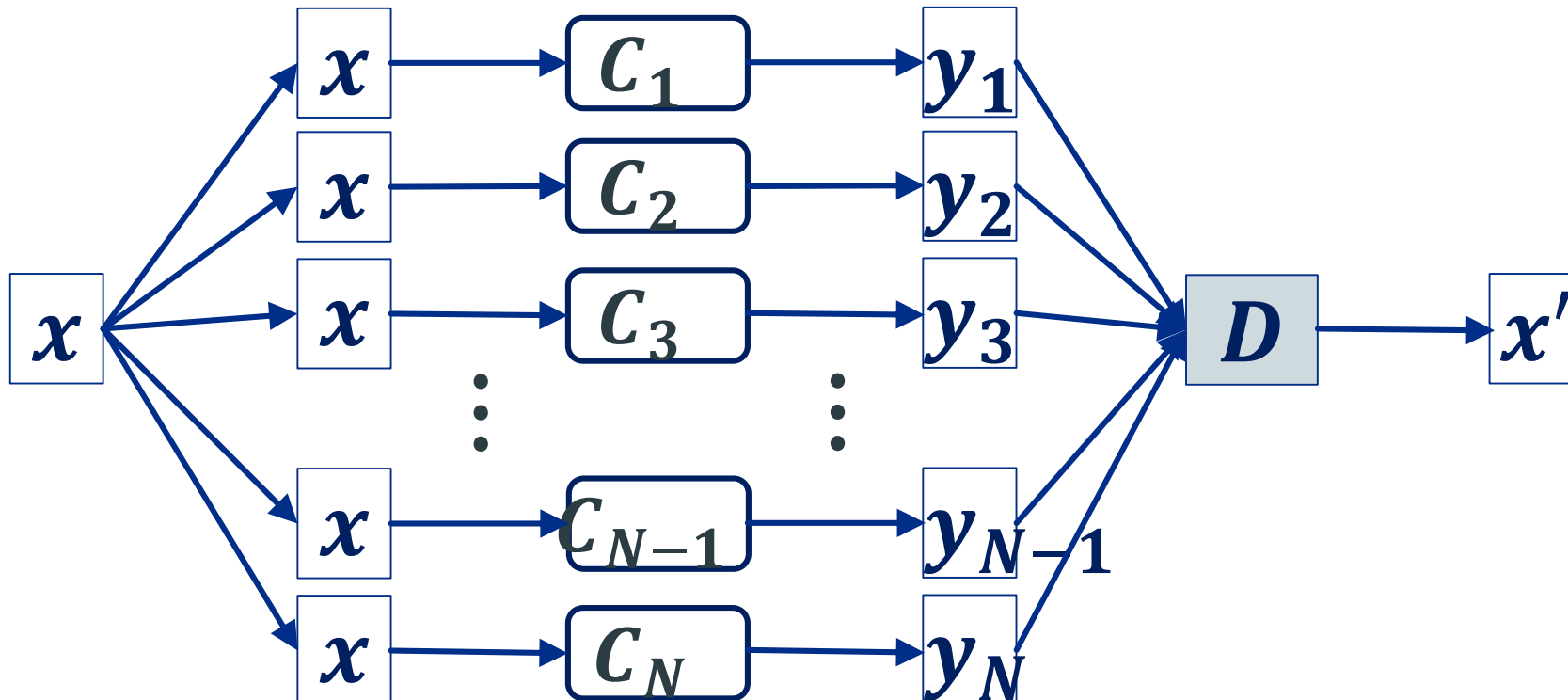
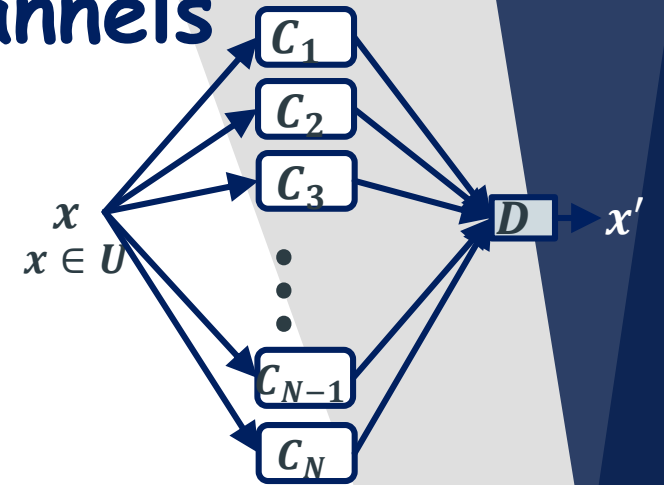
$$x, z \in V, \rho, t \in \mathbb{N}, d = \rho(x, z)$$

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The average number of errors is  $t$

Solution: If  $d > 2t$  then  $N(t, U) = 1$ .

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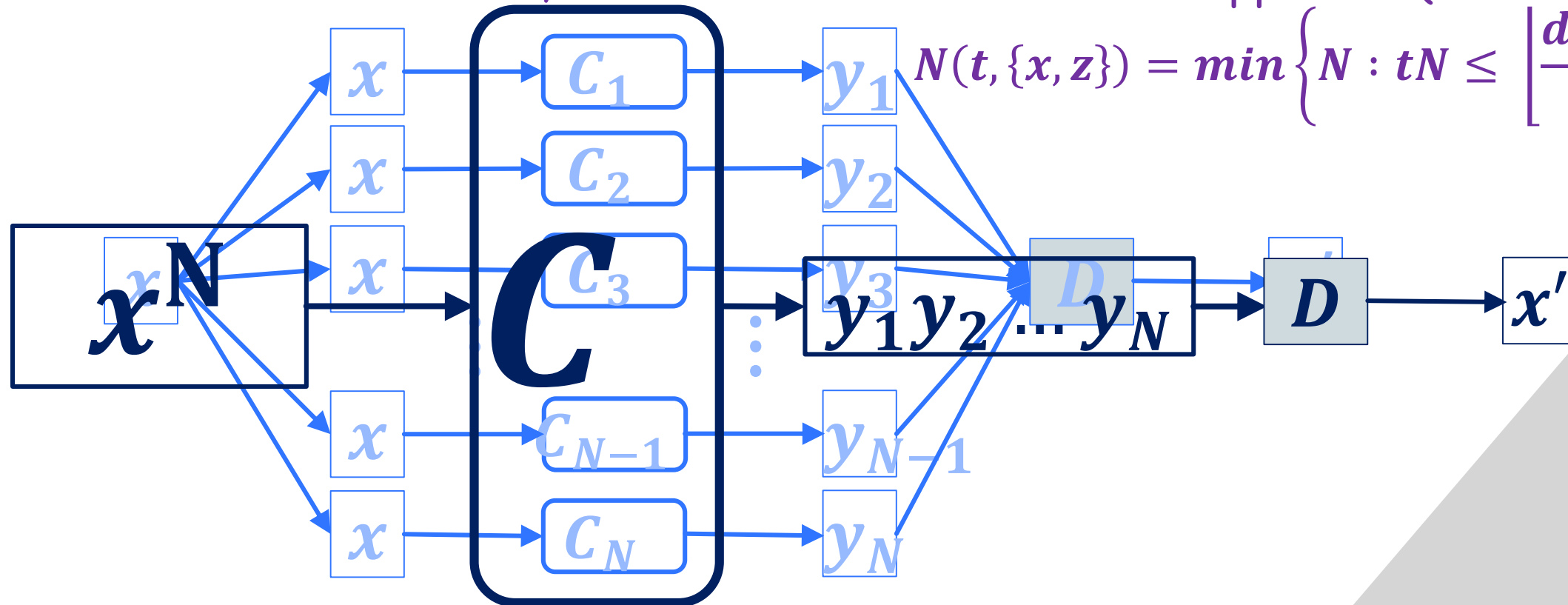
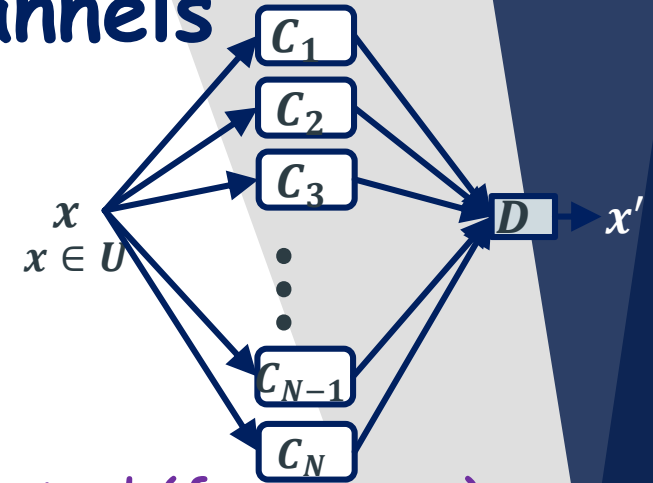
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$$N(t, \{x, z\}) = \min \left\{ N : tN \leq \left\lfloor \frac{dN - 1}{2} \right\rfloor \right\}$$

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## Open Problems

Given:  $U$ , channels types.

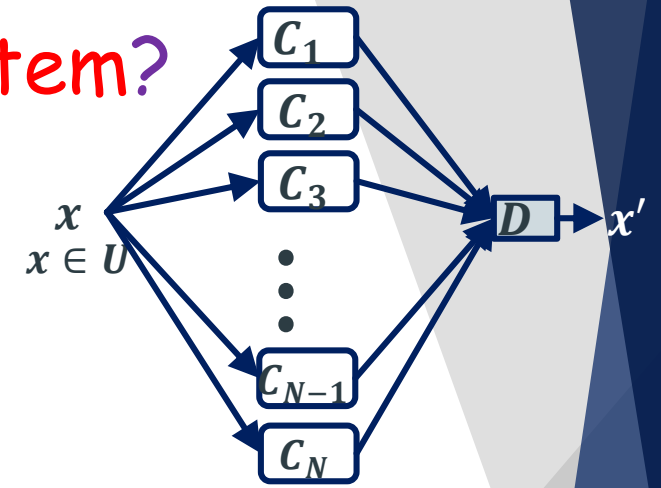
Q: What is the **minimal size of a channel system?**

- ❖ Combination of types of errors.
- ❖ Other data about the number of errors.

Given: A channel system of size  $N$ .

Q: What is the **minimal distance of the input?**

- ❖ Combination of types of errors.
- ❖ Some data about the number of errors.



Thank You!

