

Pliable Index Coding

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Motivation

Broadcast channel with message side information

- Broadcast nature of wireless communication.
 - Wireless communication is a crucial part of wireless communication network.
 - Broadcast Internet services (e.g. video/audio streaming) are popular.
- Receivers have more powerful processor and more storage.
 - Devices (e.g. smartphone) become more and more powerful.
 - Storage becomes cheaper and cheaper.

The coding scheme at the transmitter can leverage the computation and storage resources and the receiver.

Satellite communication

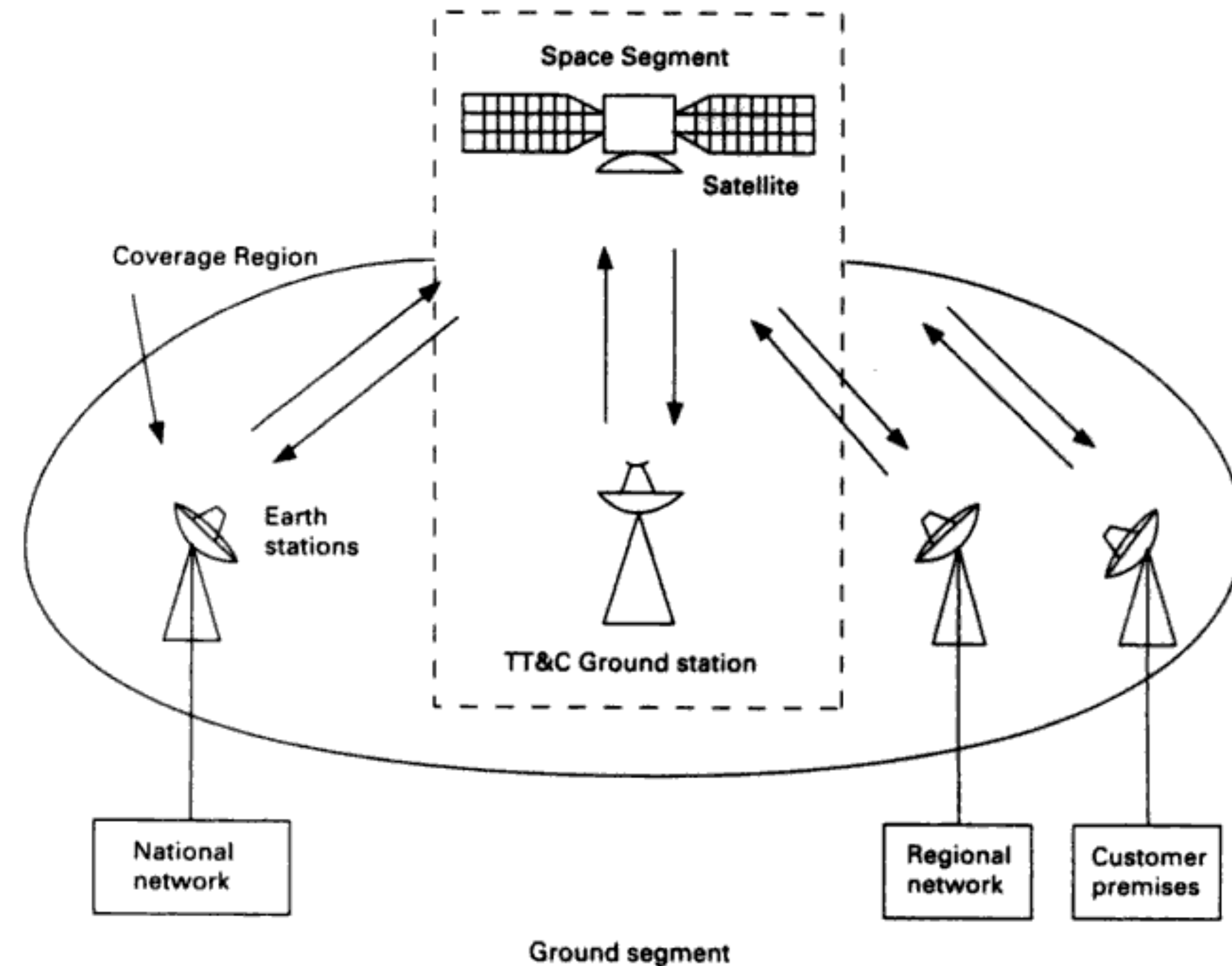


Figure: Satellite communication network with basestations from different

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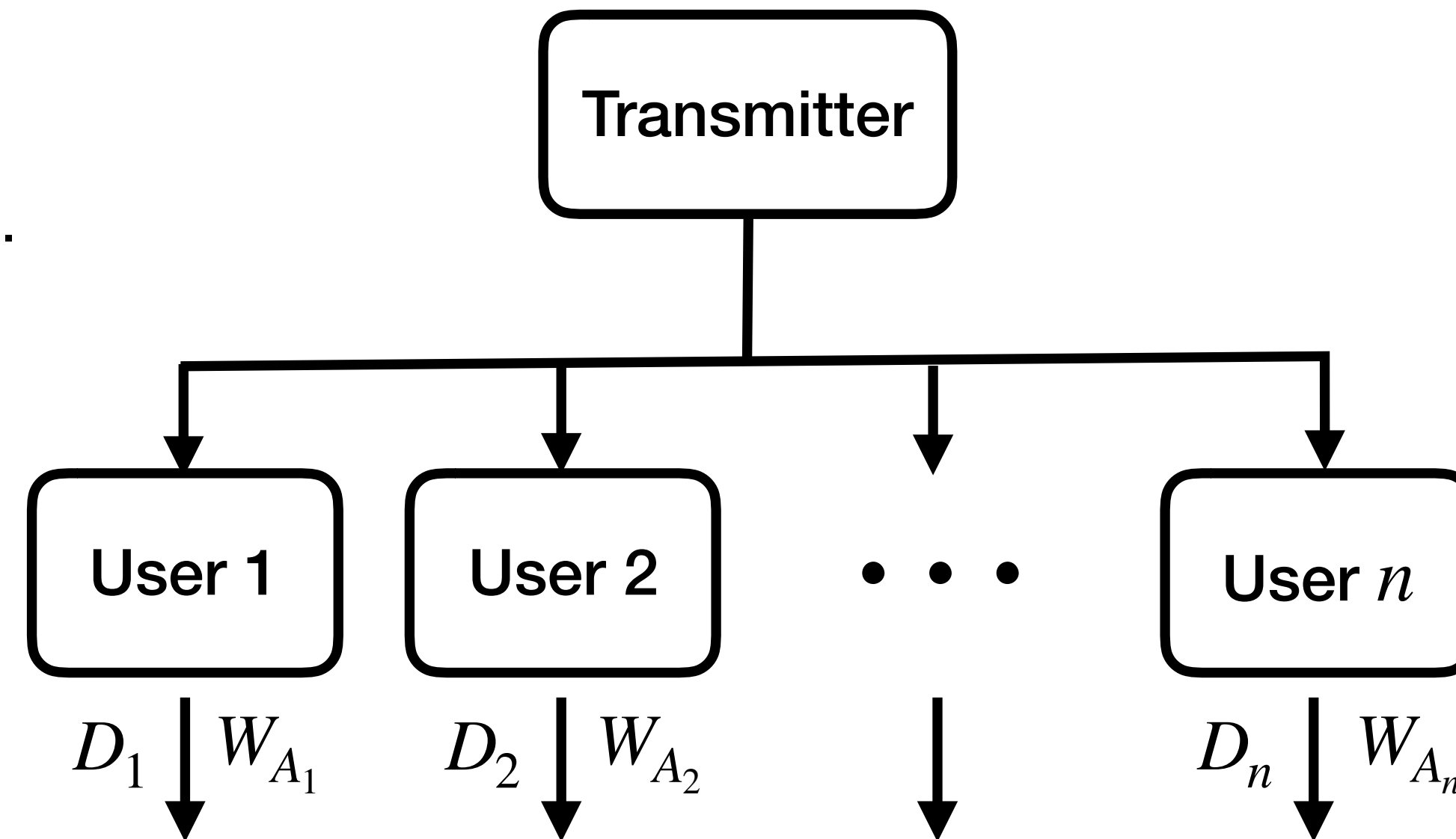
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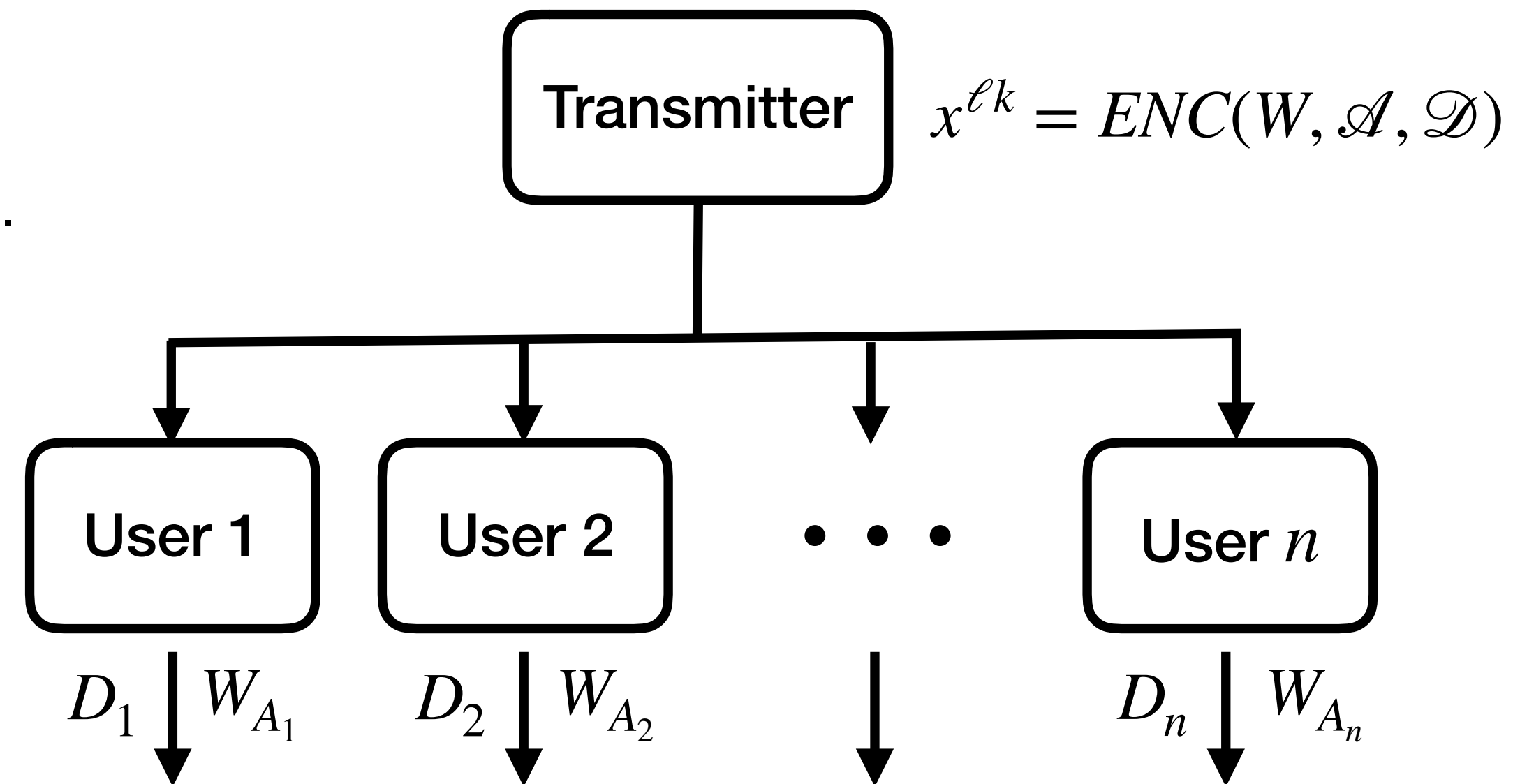
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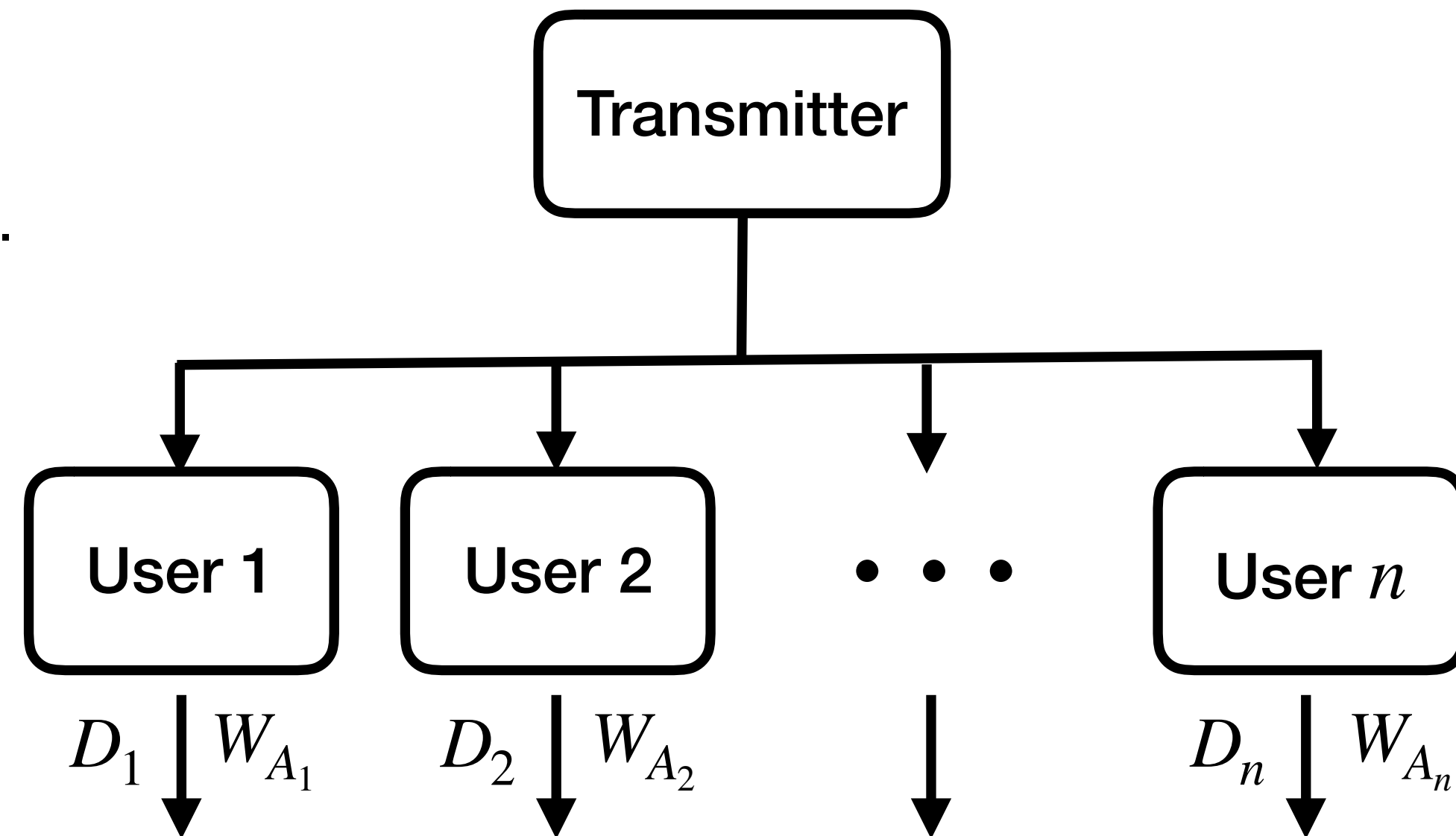
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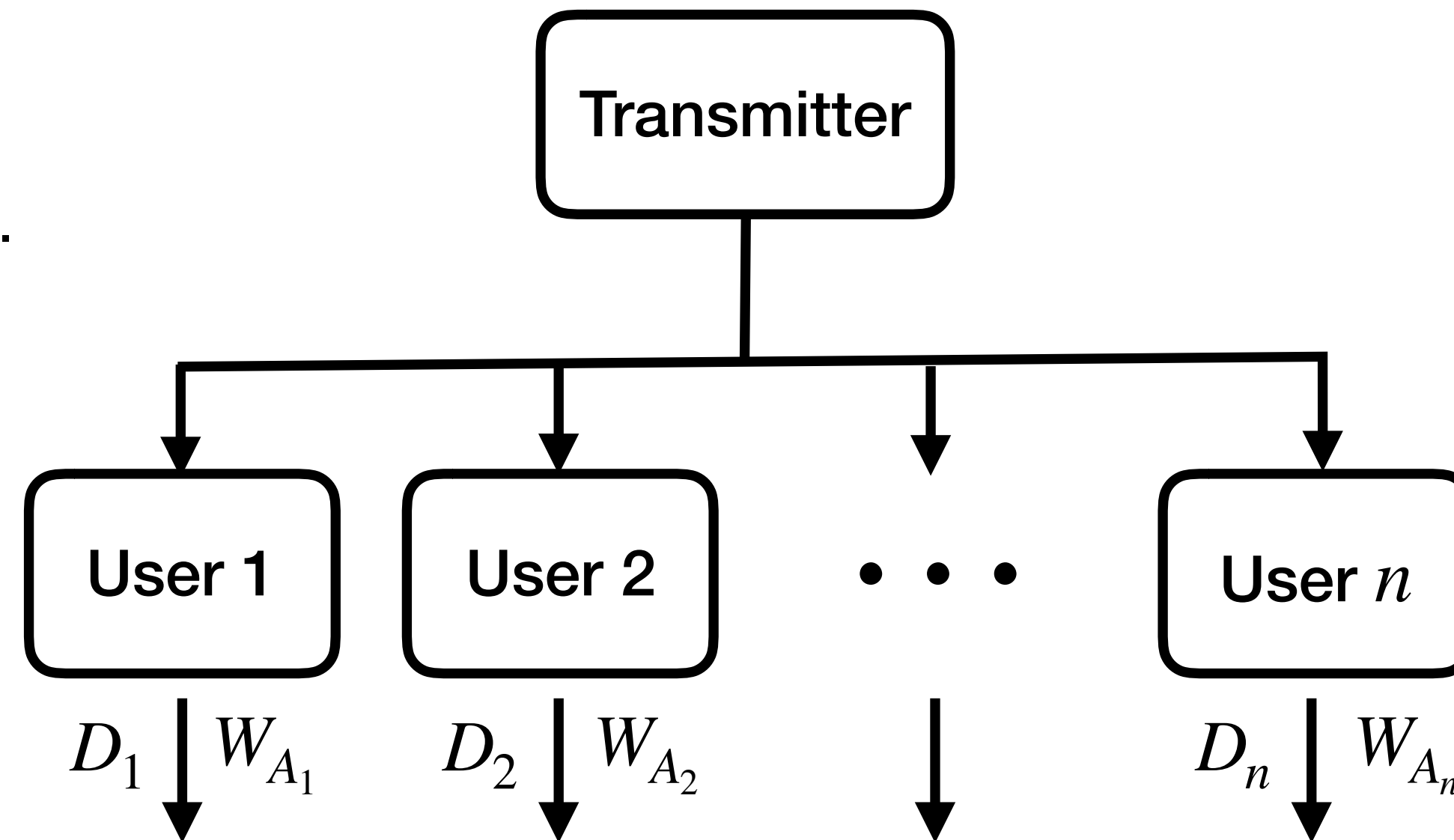
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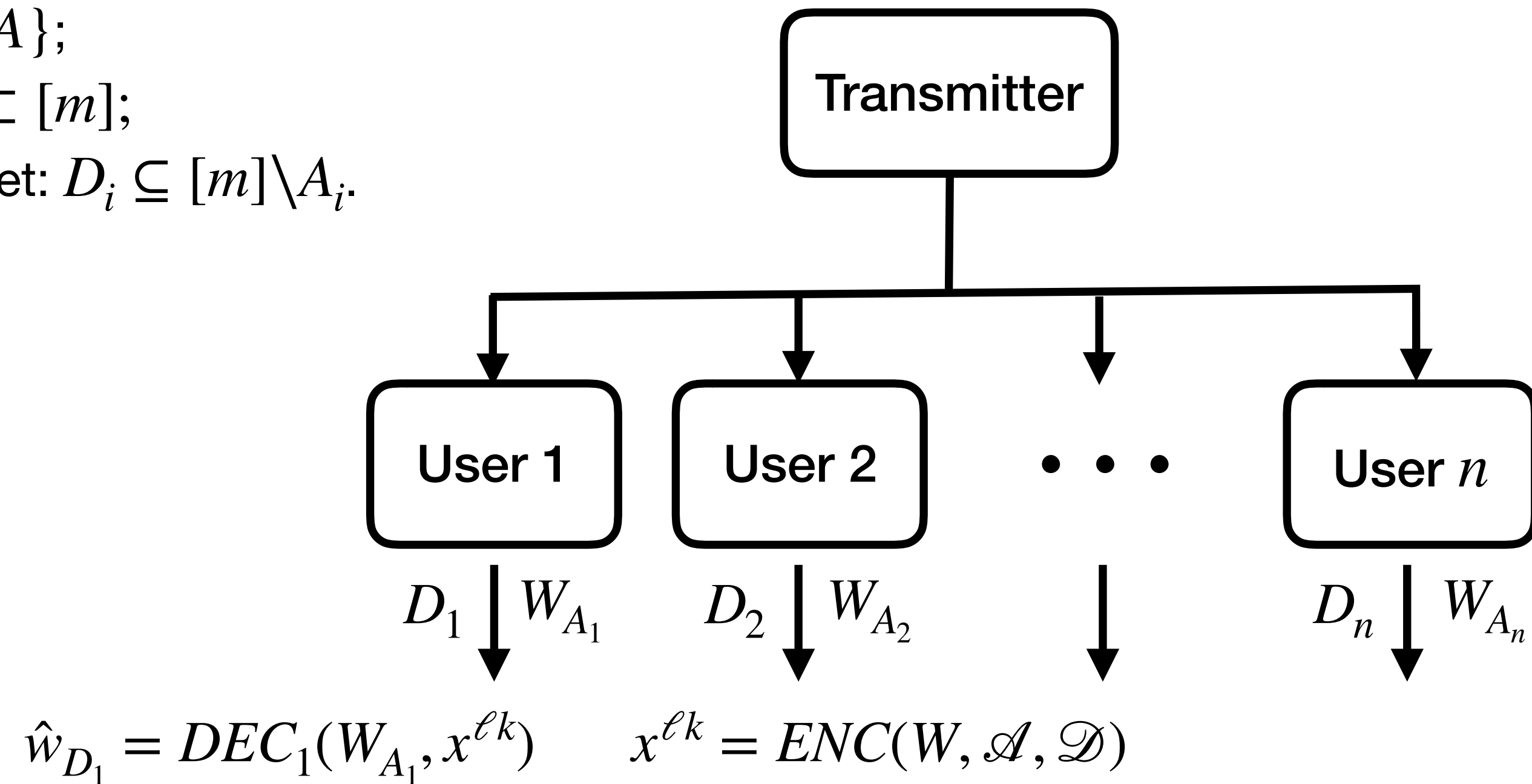
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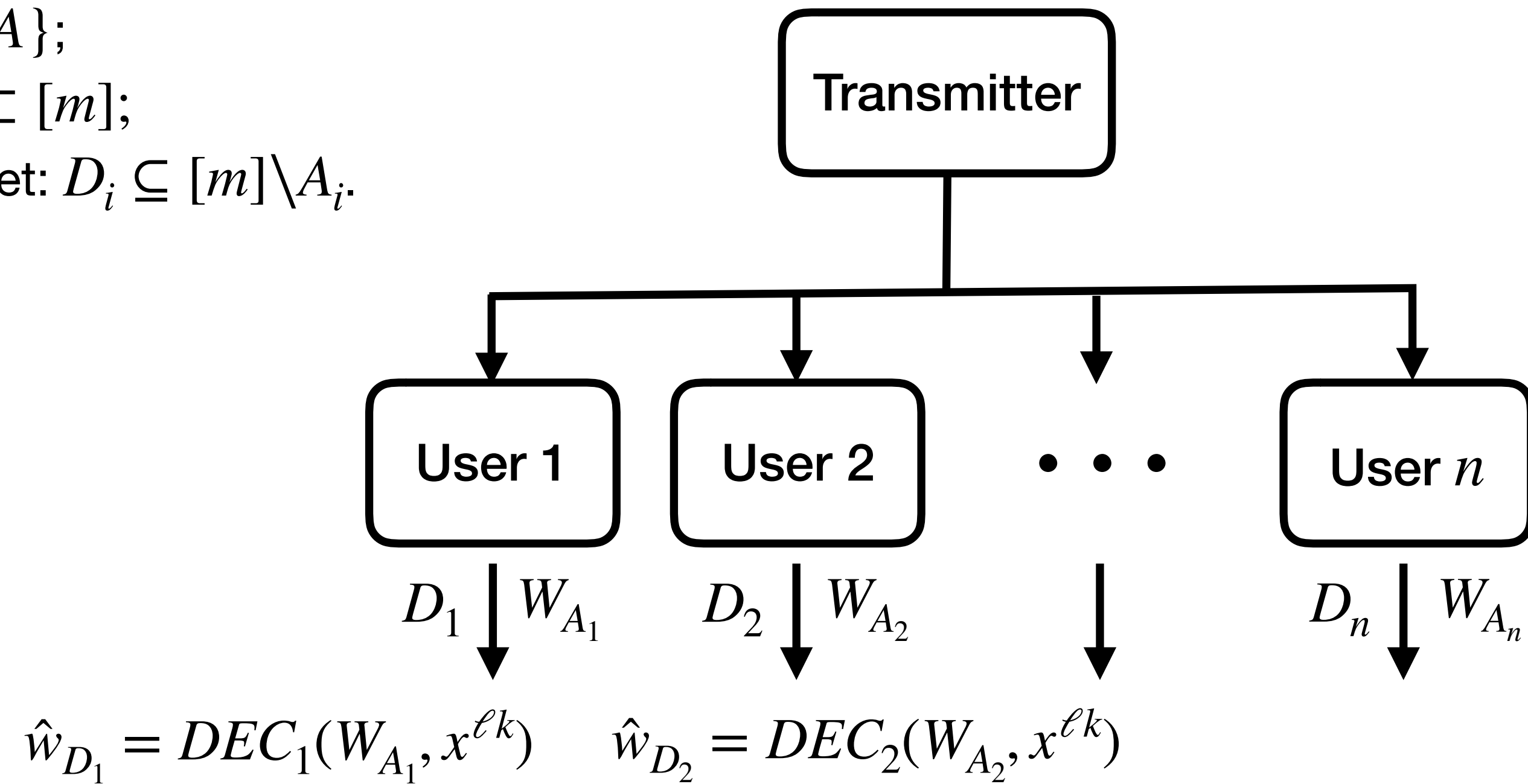
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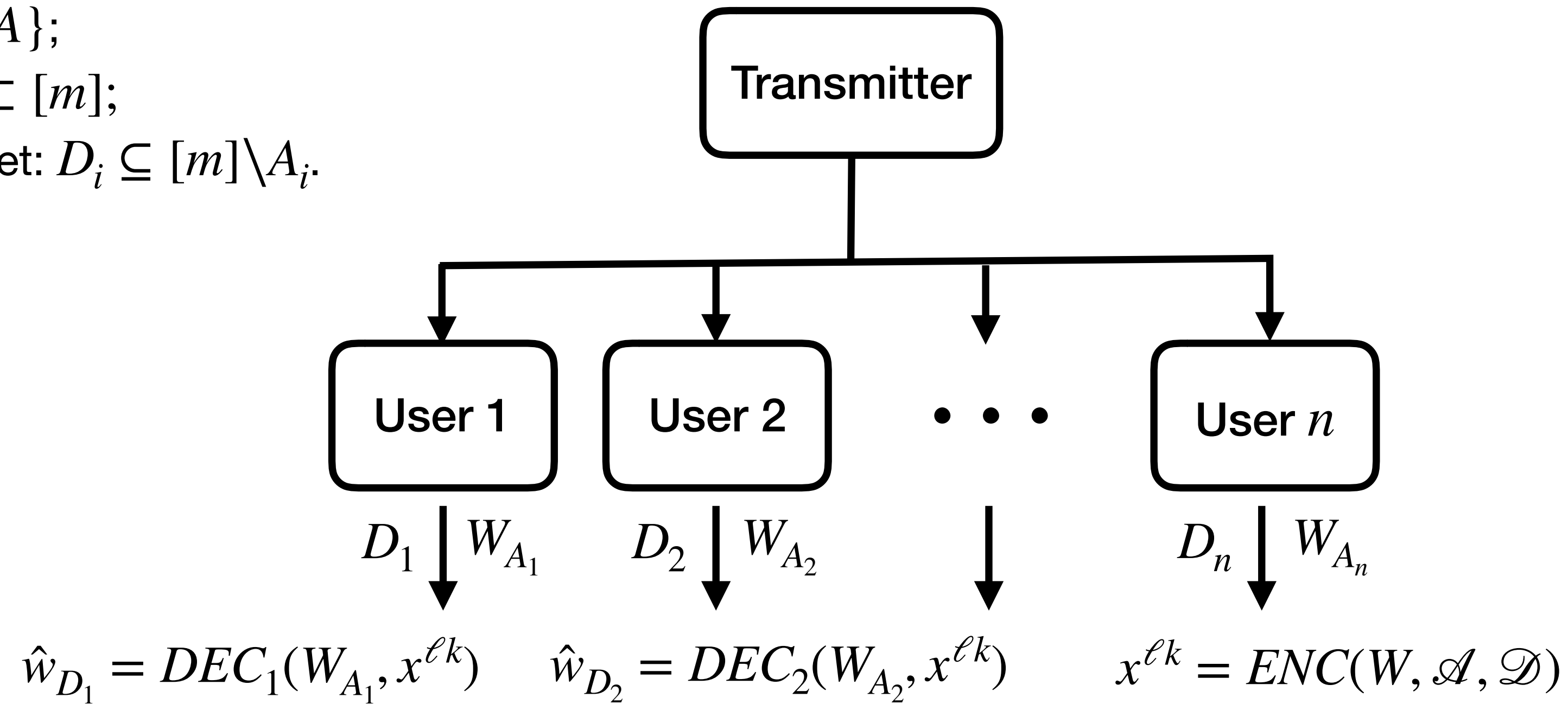
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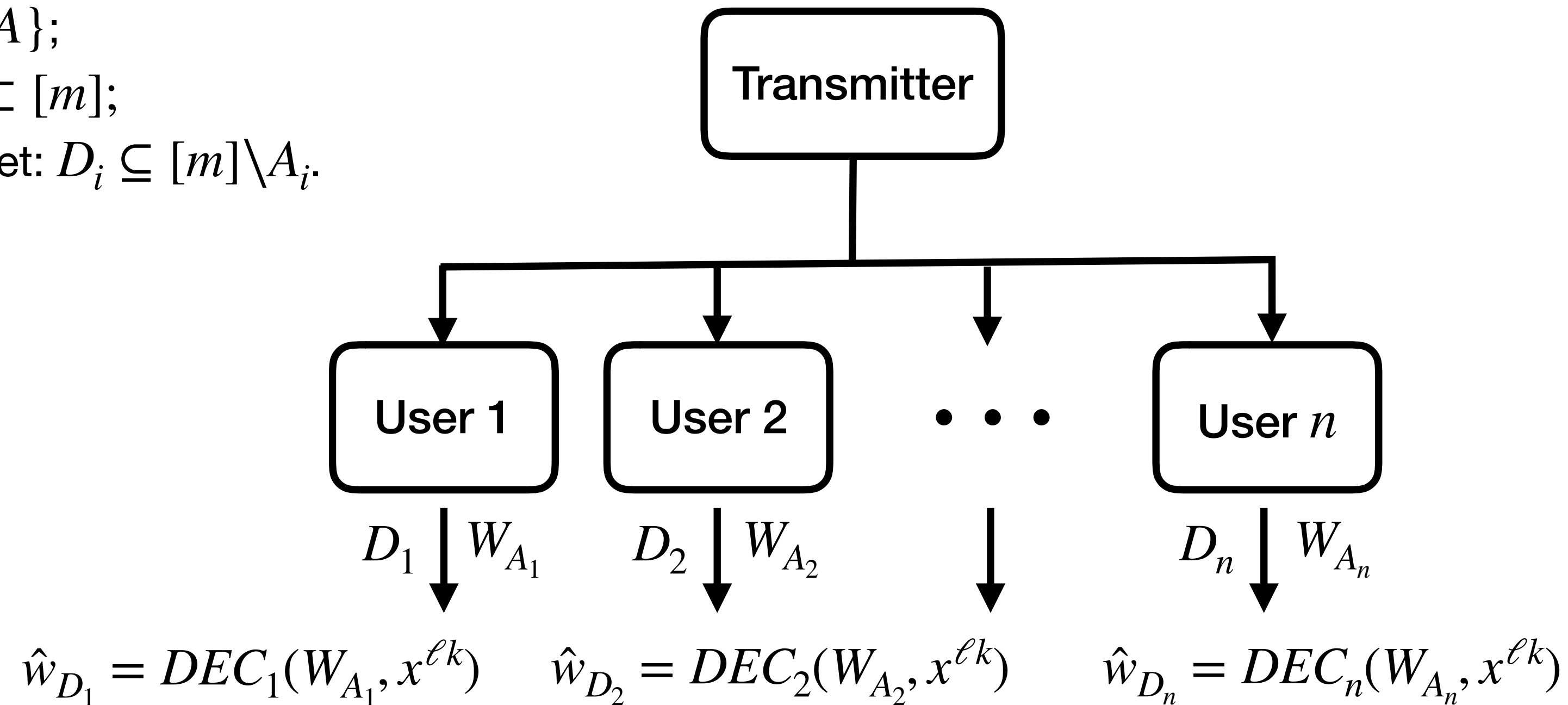
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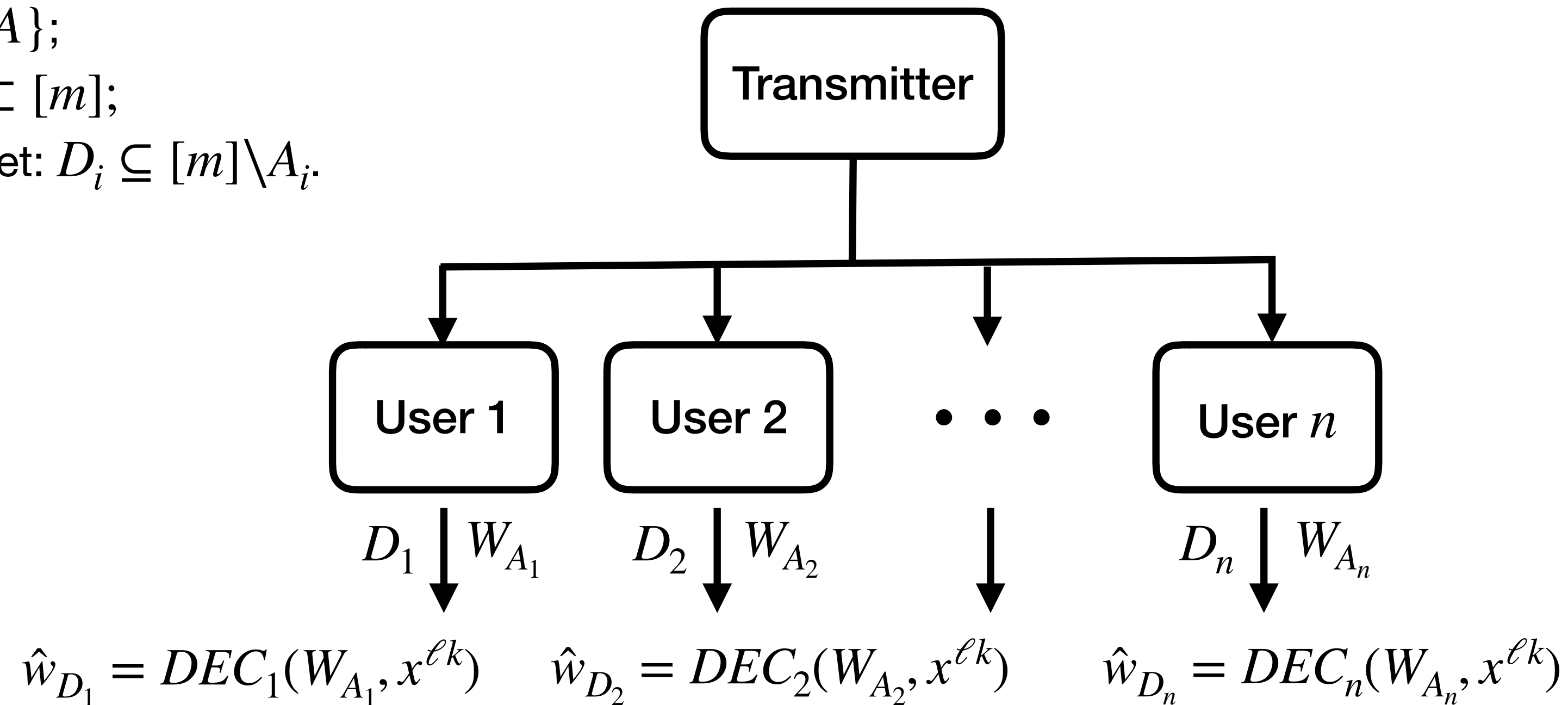
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Pliability in the choice of desired message

- There are scenarios where users do not want a specific message.
- The transmitter can choose the desired message for the users to reduce the number of transmissions, as long as users do not have the messages already.
- Goal: find the one with the shortest codelength among all index coding instances with the same users' side information sets.

Application: advertising network

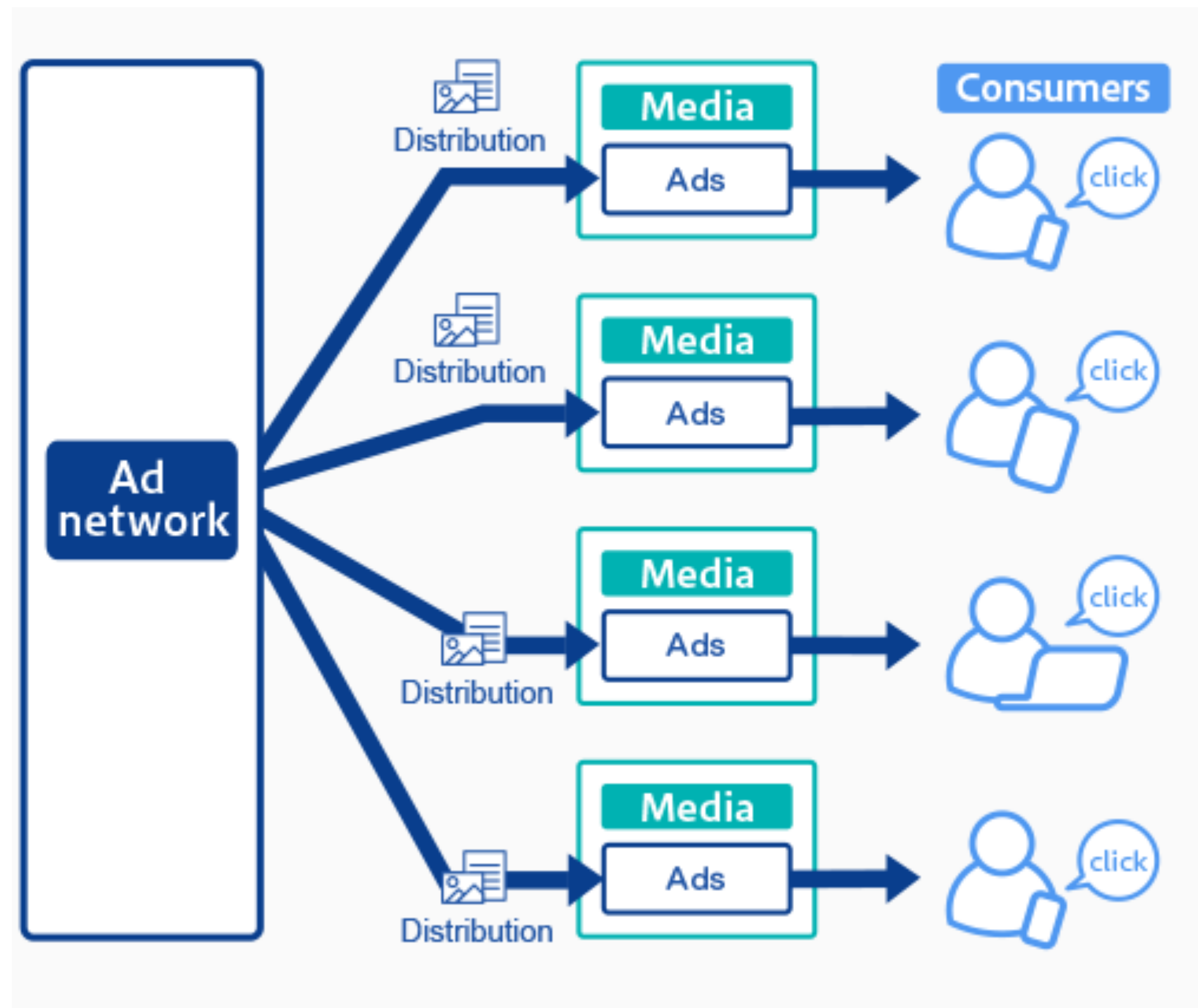


Figure: Advertising network.

- All advertisements are distributed by a single transmitter.
- Consumers may have preference, but do not request a specific ad.
- Distribution/transmission of the ads can leverage this pliability.

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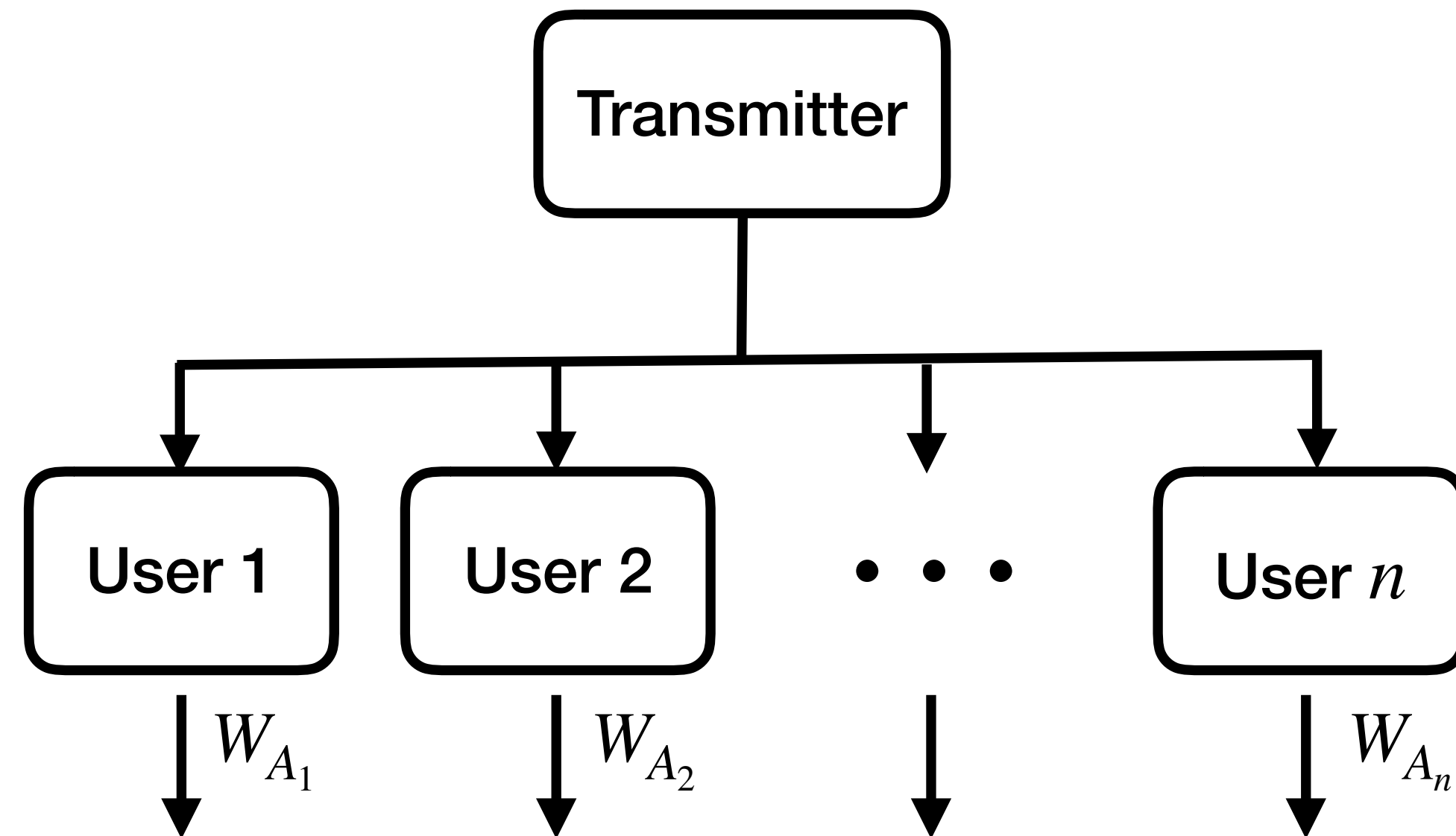
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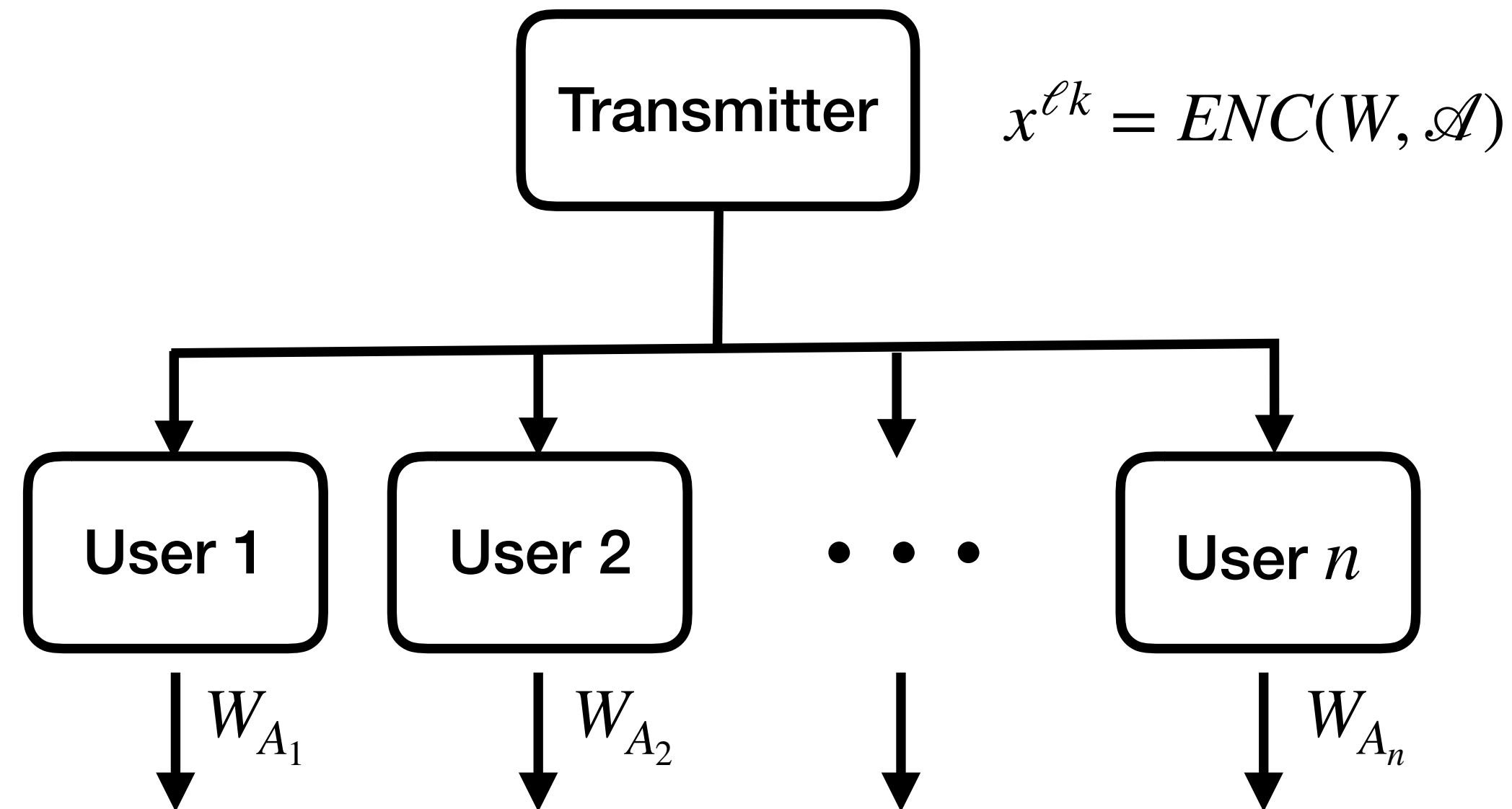
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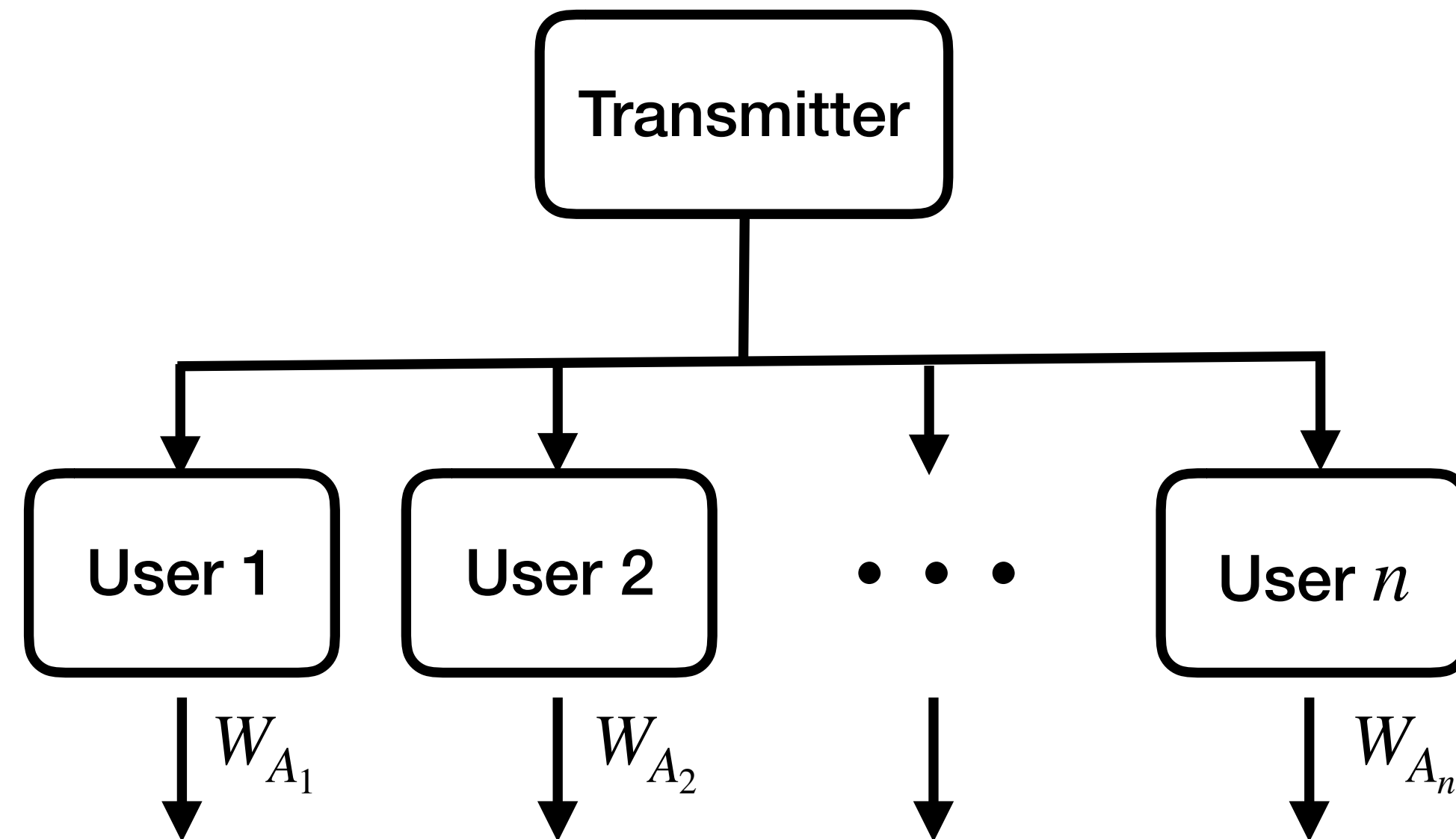
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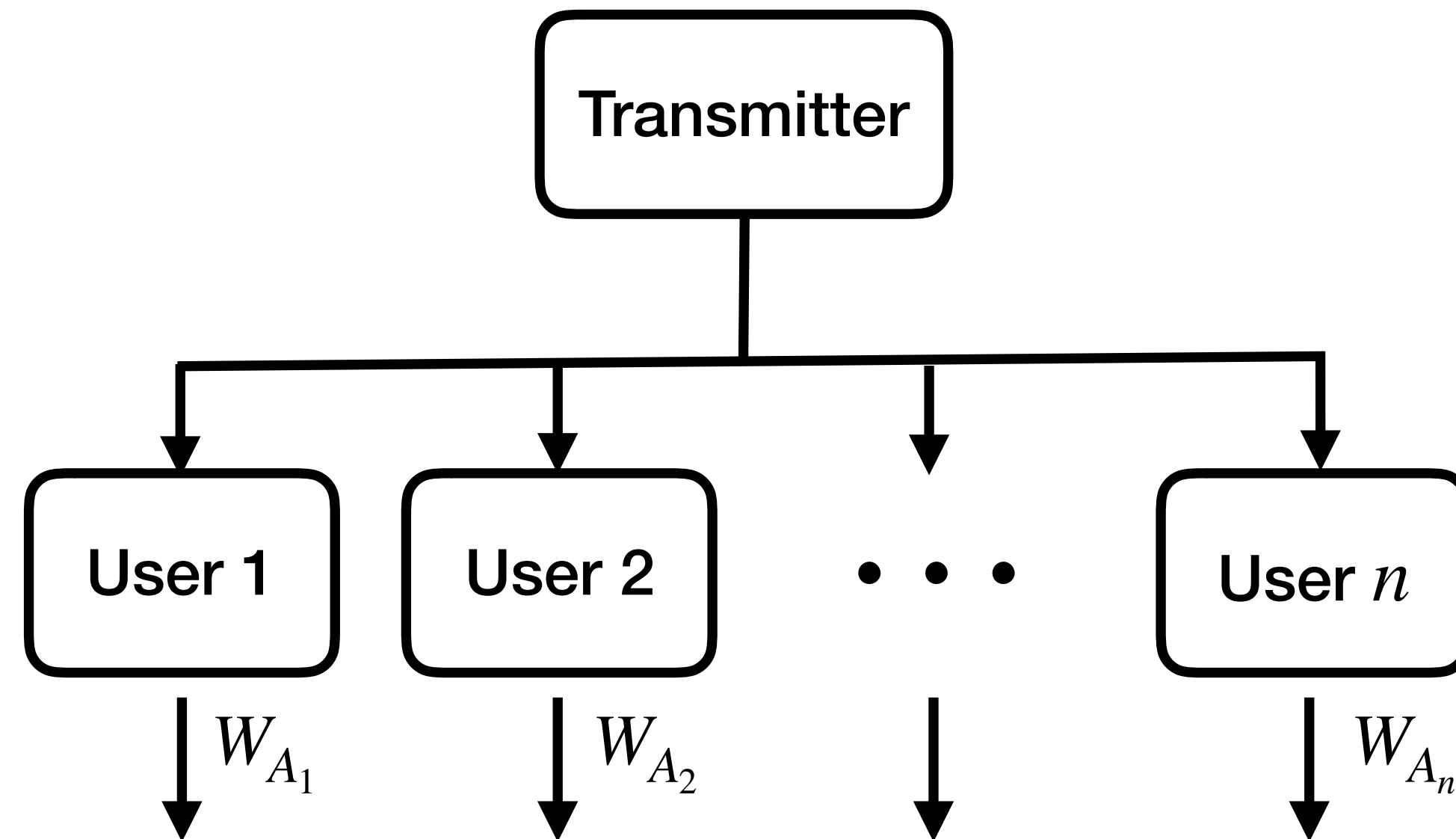
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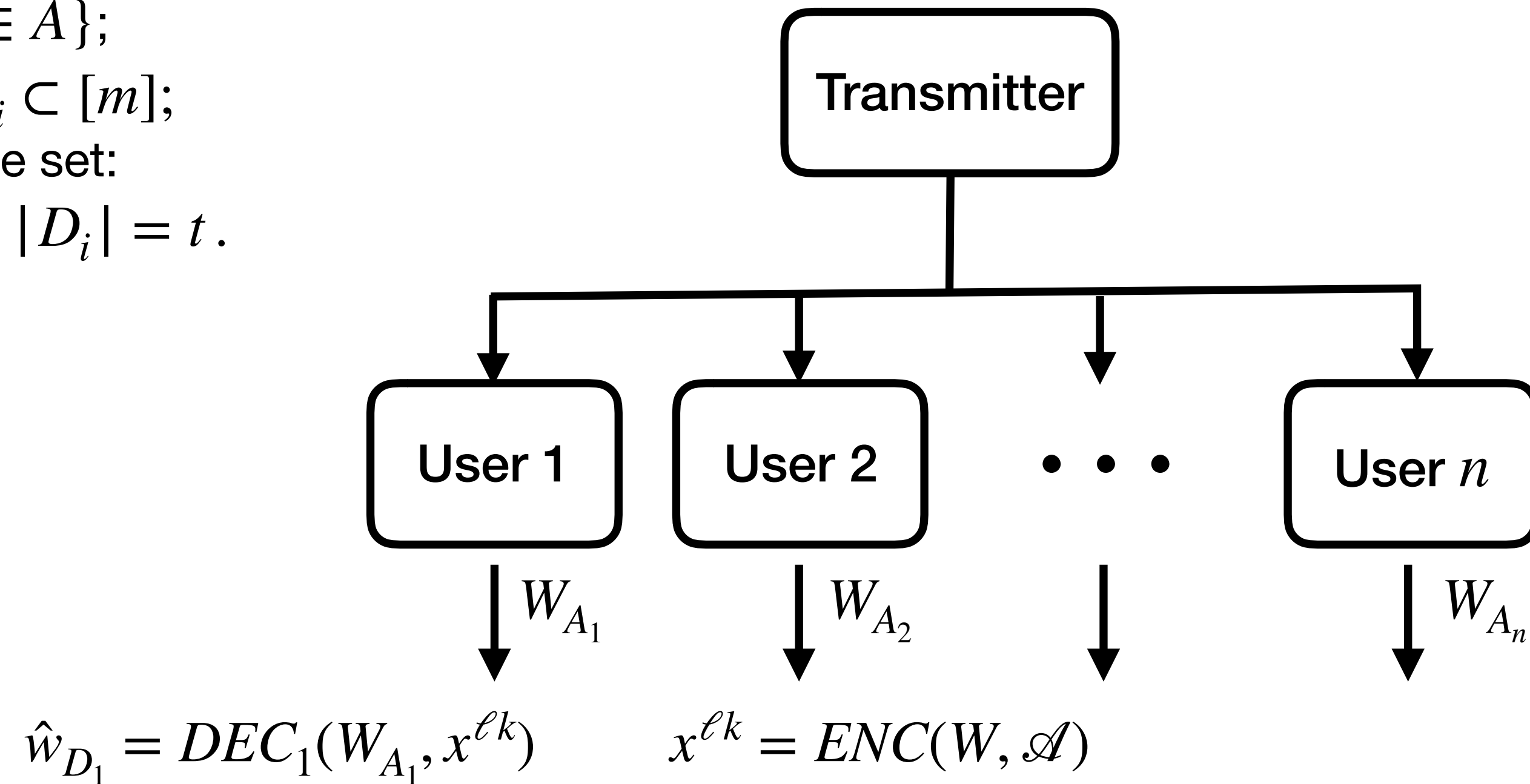
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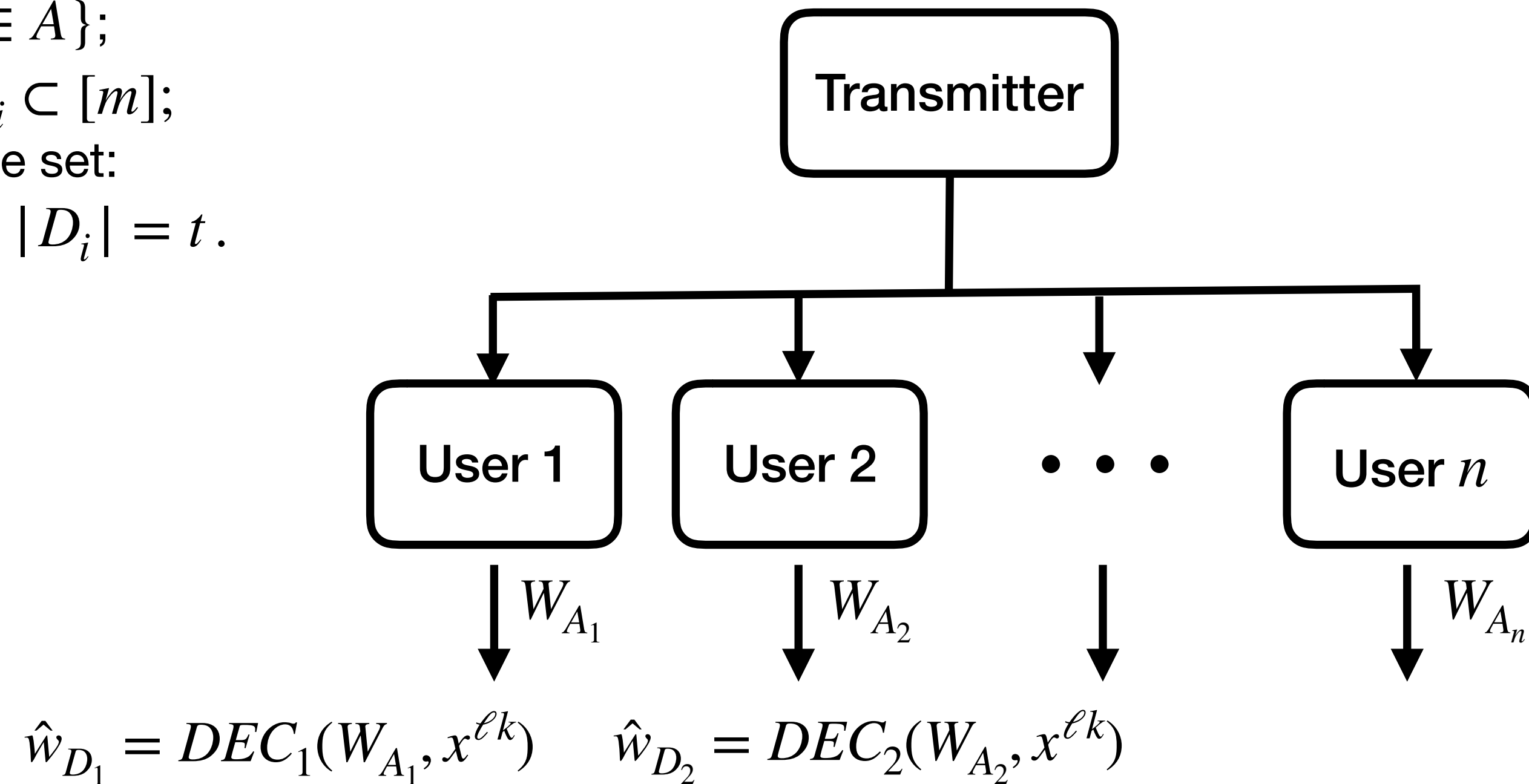
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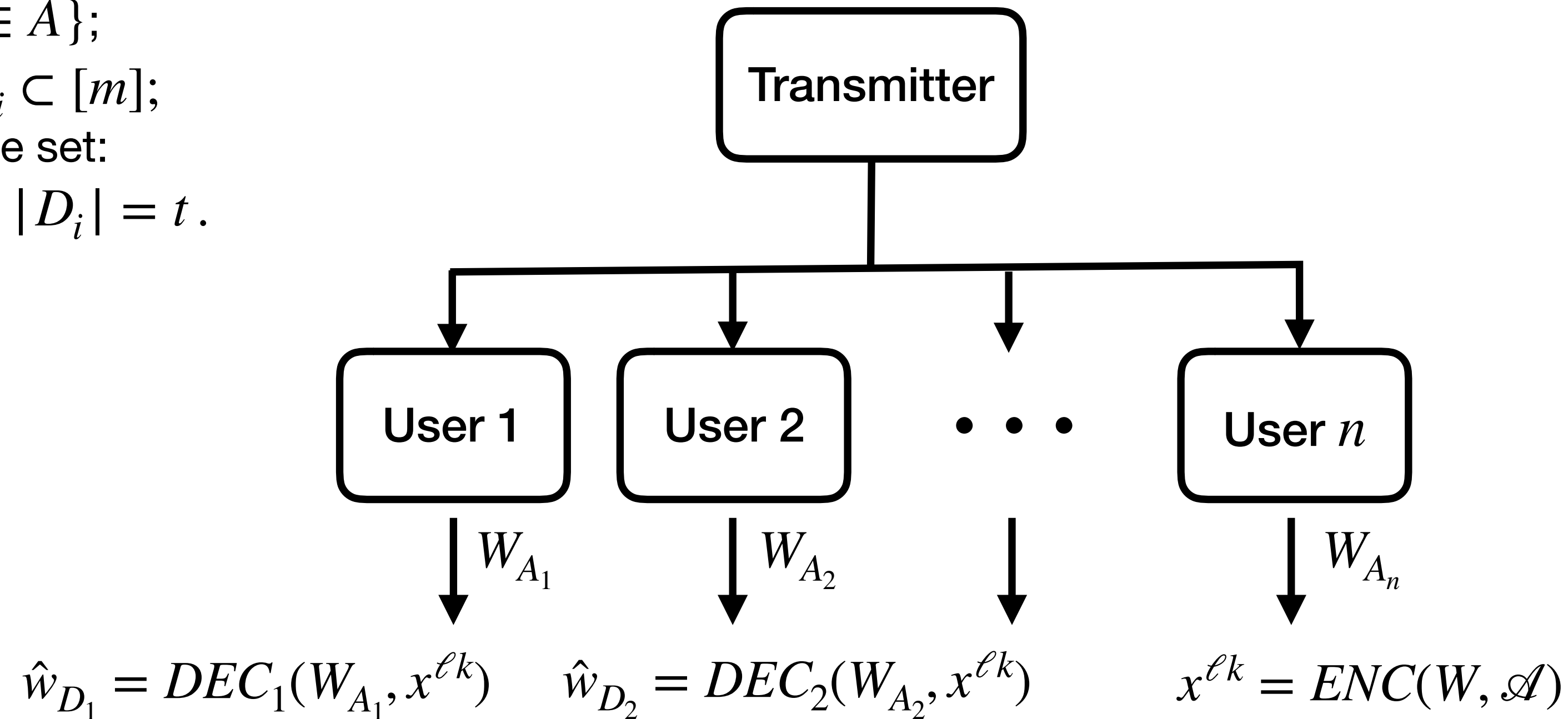
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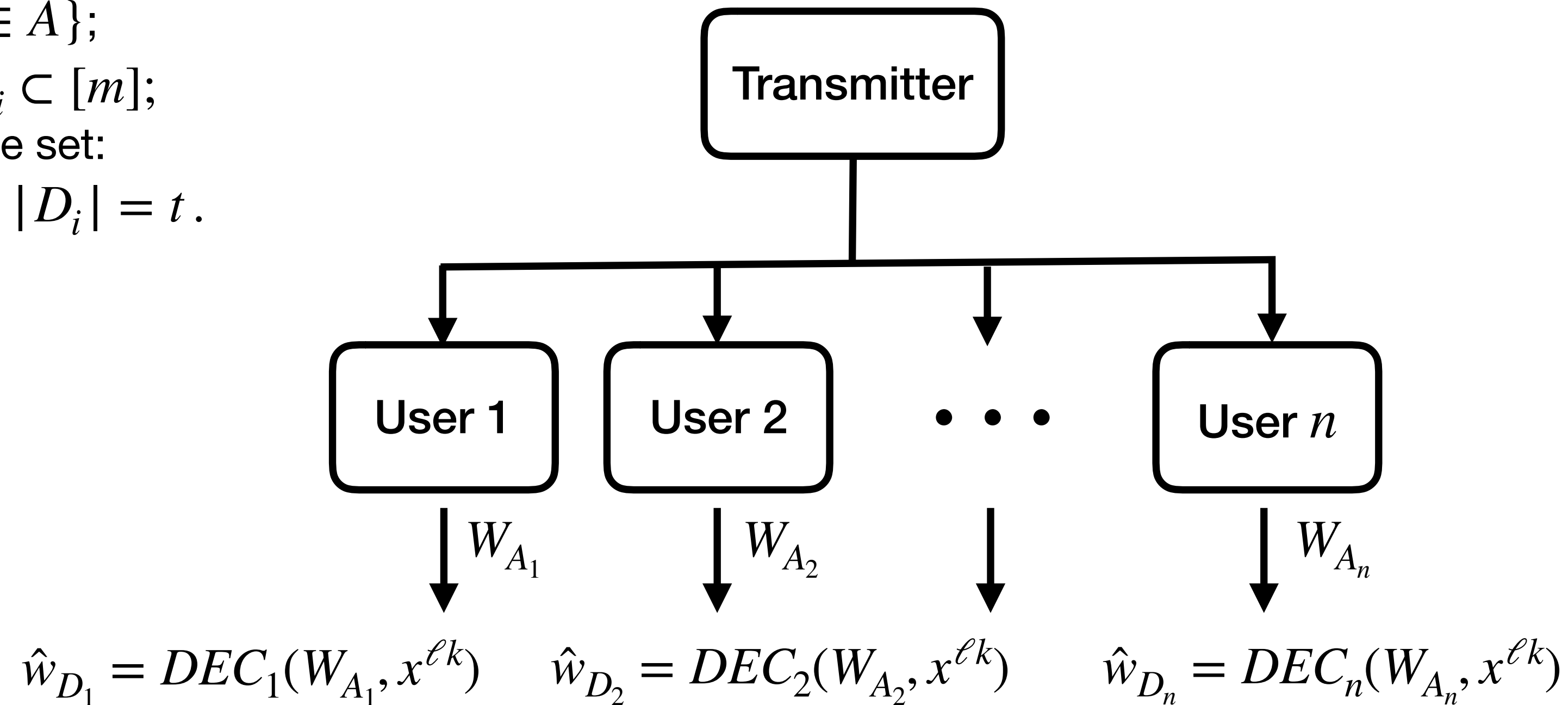
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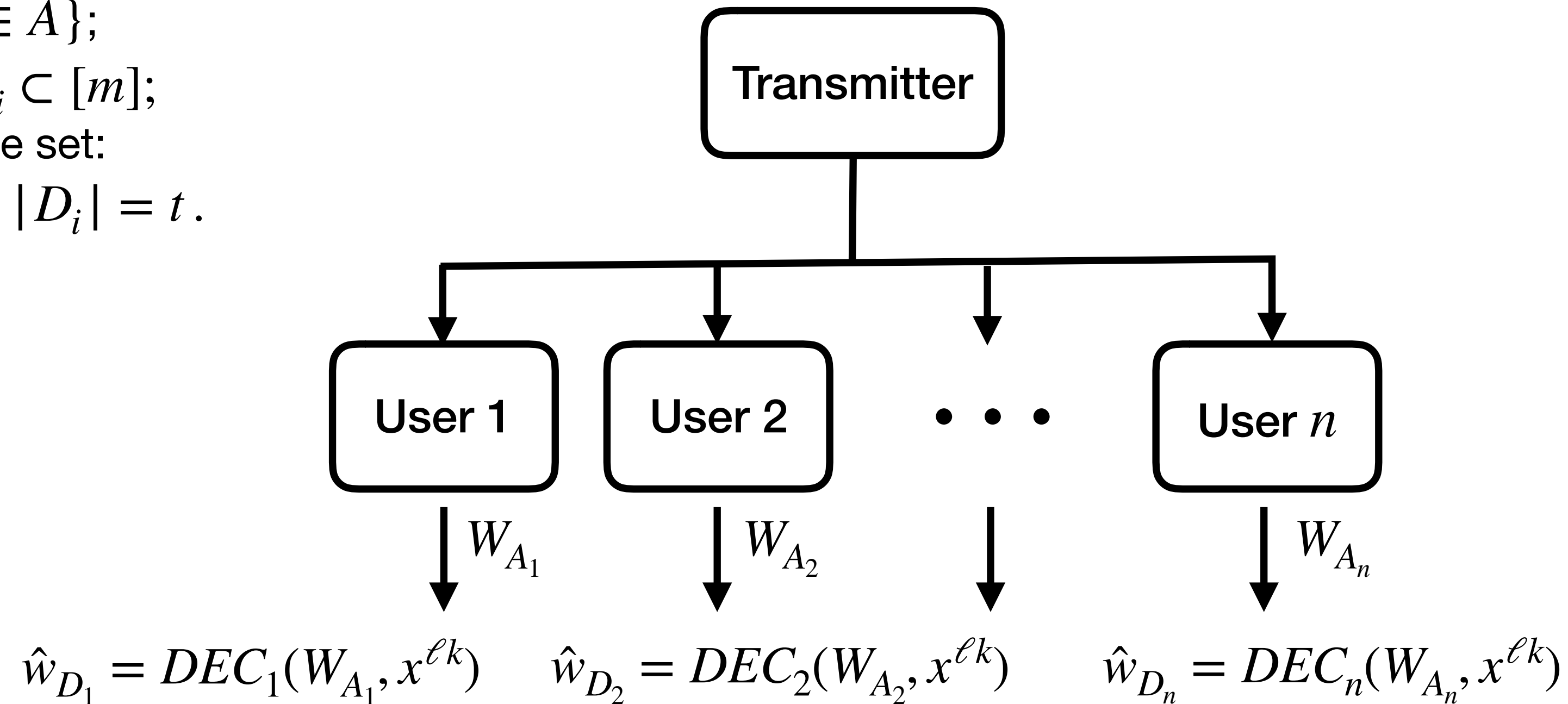
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Decentralized system

- No centralized controller/distributer/transmitter. All transmissions are done by the users in the system.
- The codewords are generated by the users based on their side information set. Decentralized system is “weaker” compared to centralized system in terms of transmission rate.
- Examples: ad-hoc network, p2p network, distributed storage...

Application of decentralized system

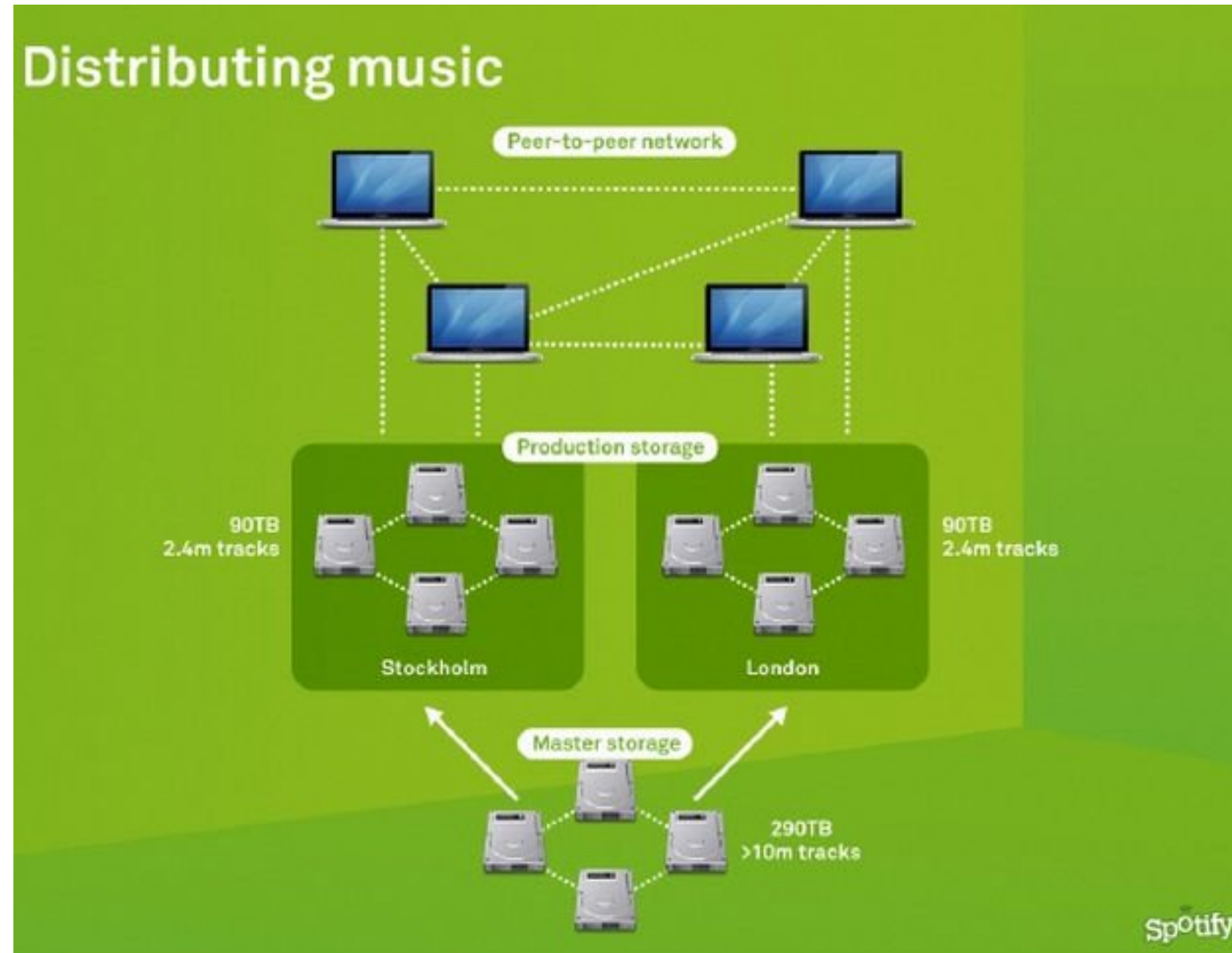


Figure: Distributed music by Spotify

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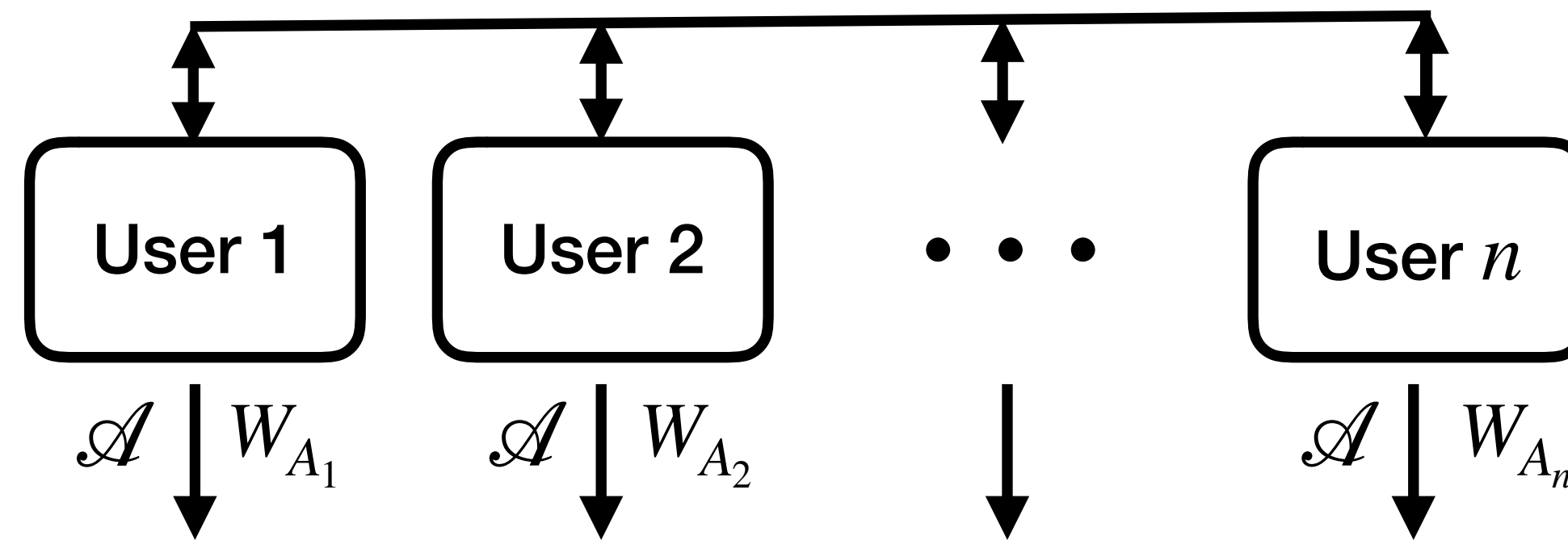
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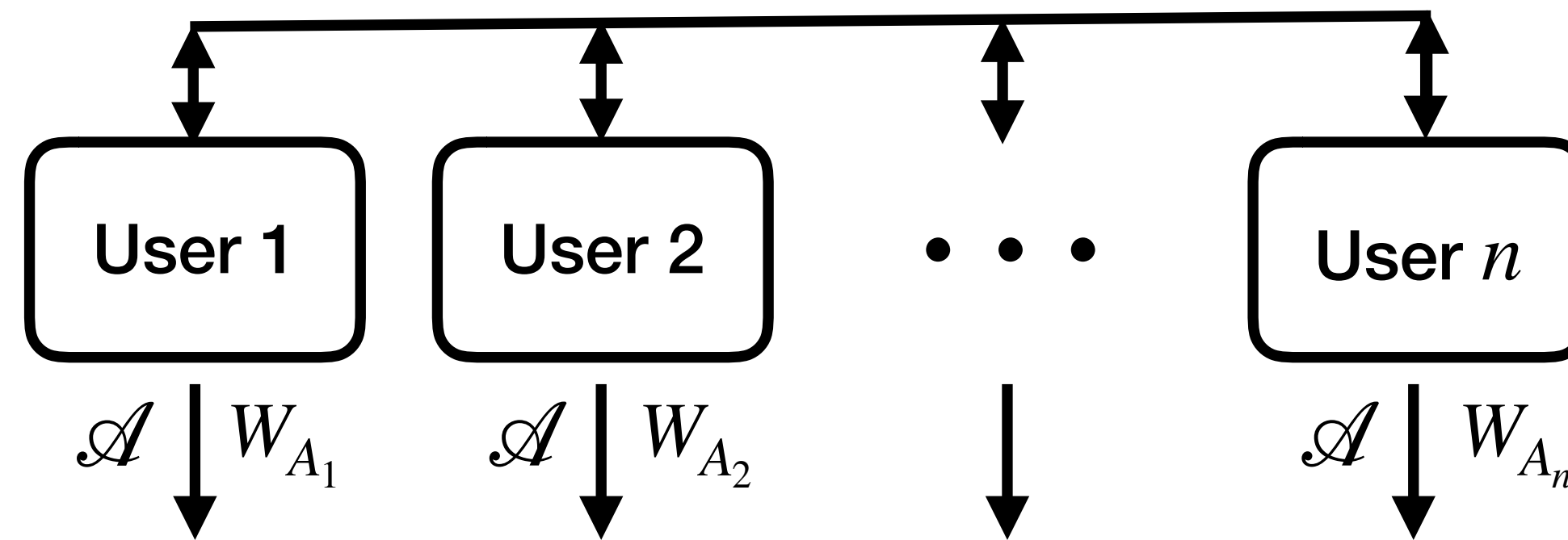
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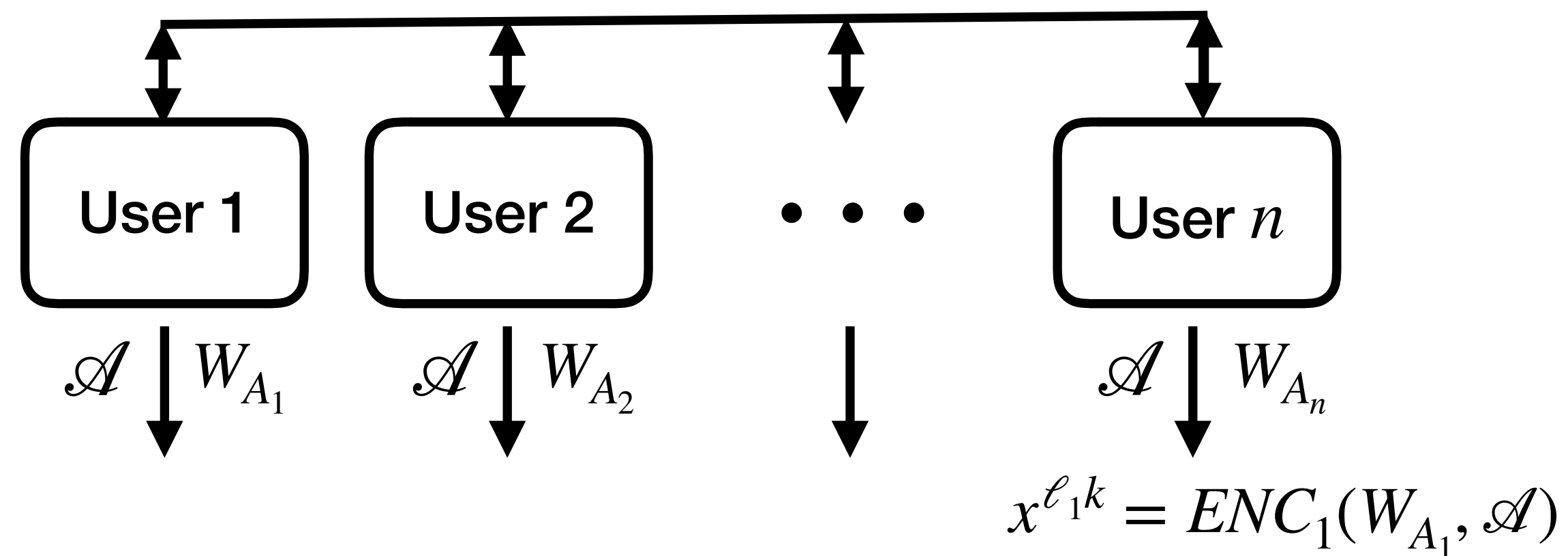
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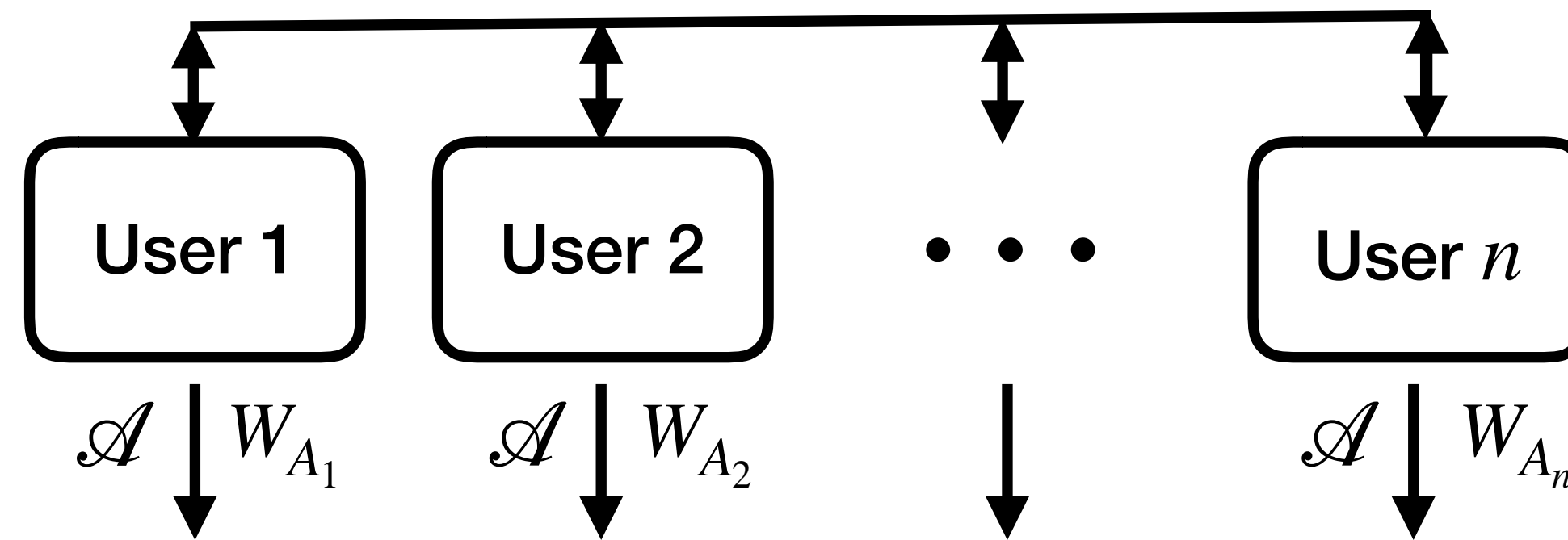
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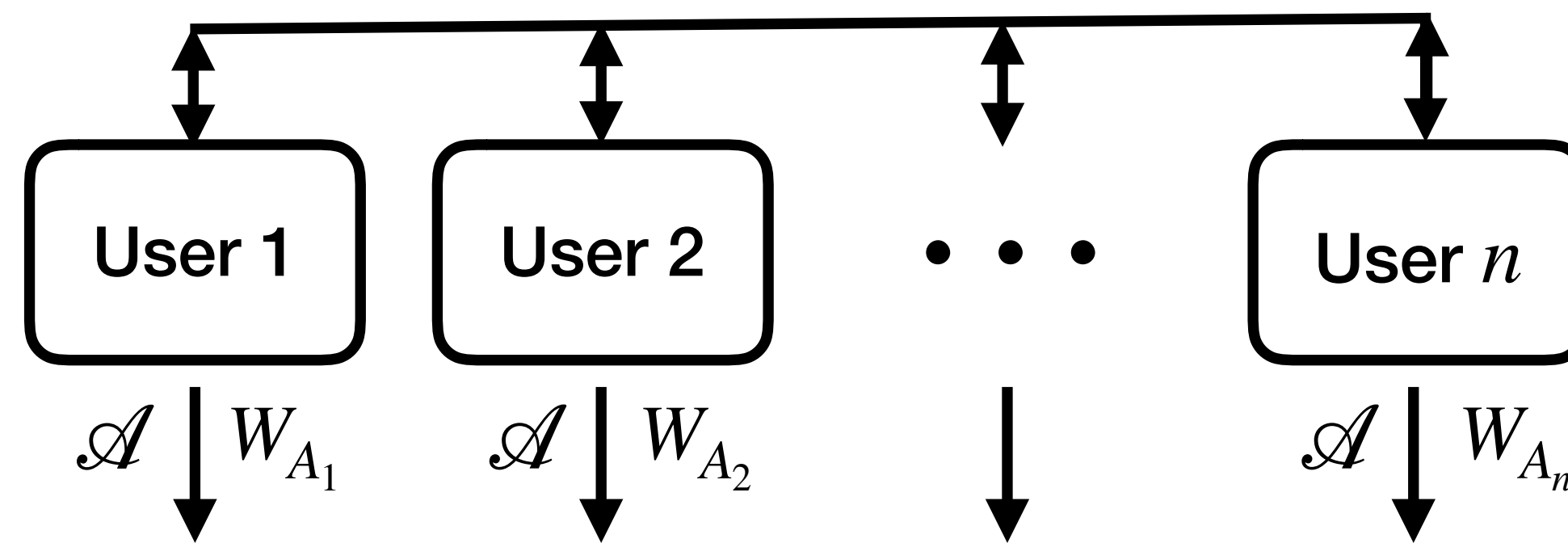
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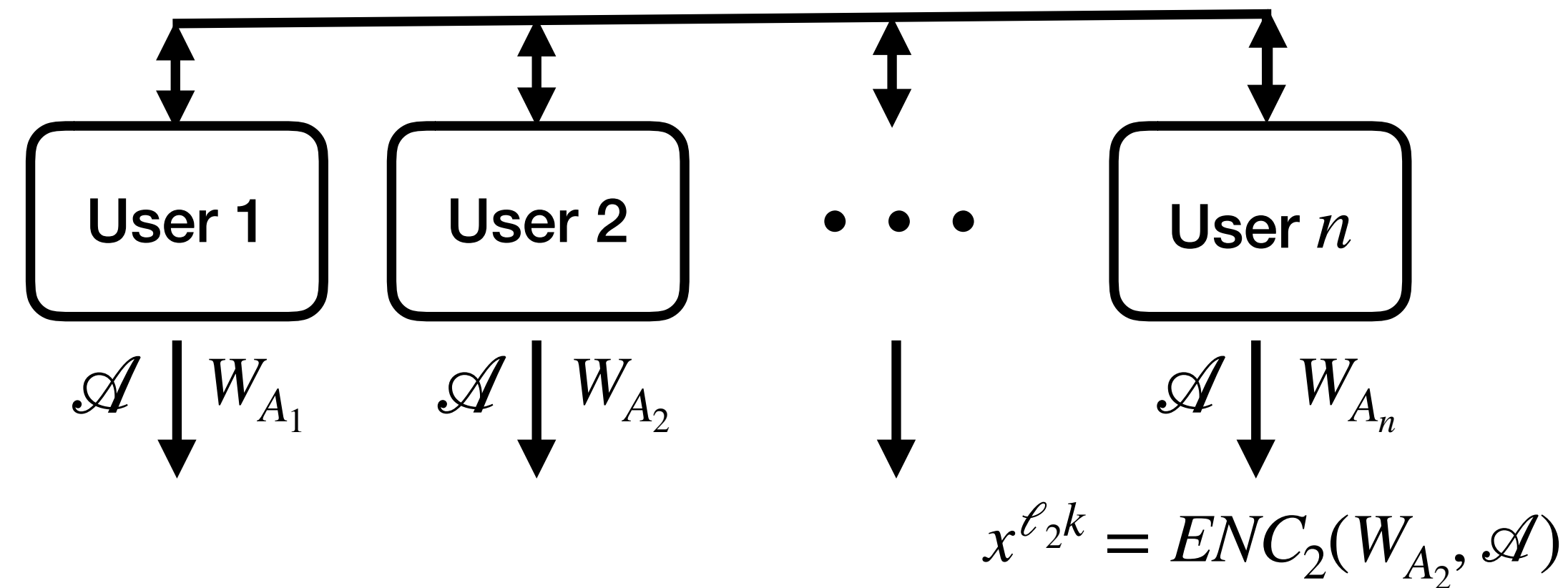
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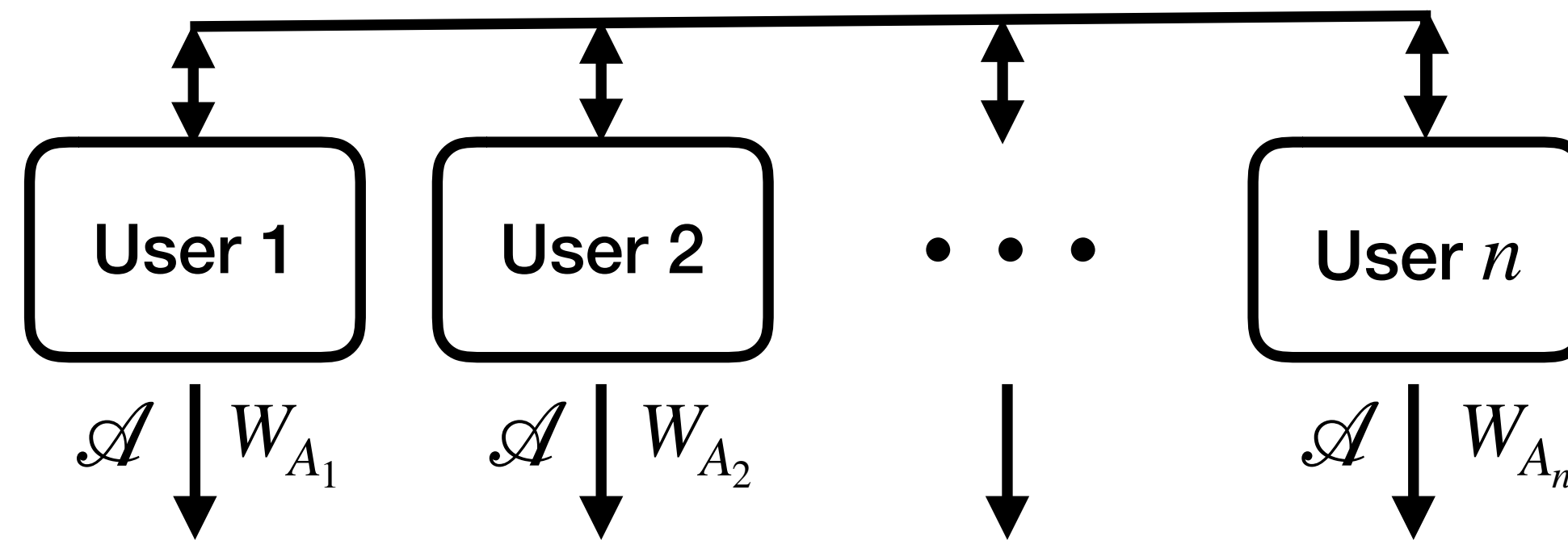
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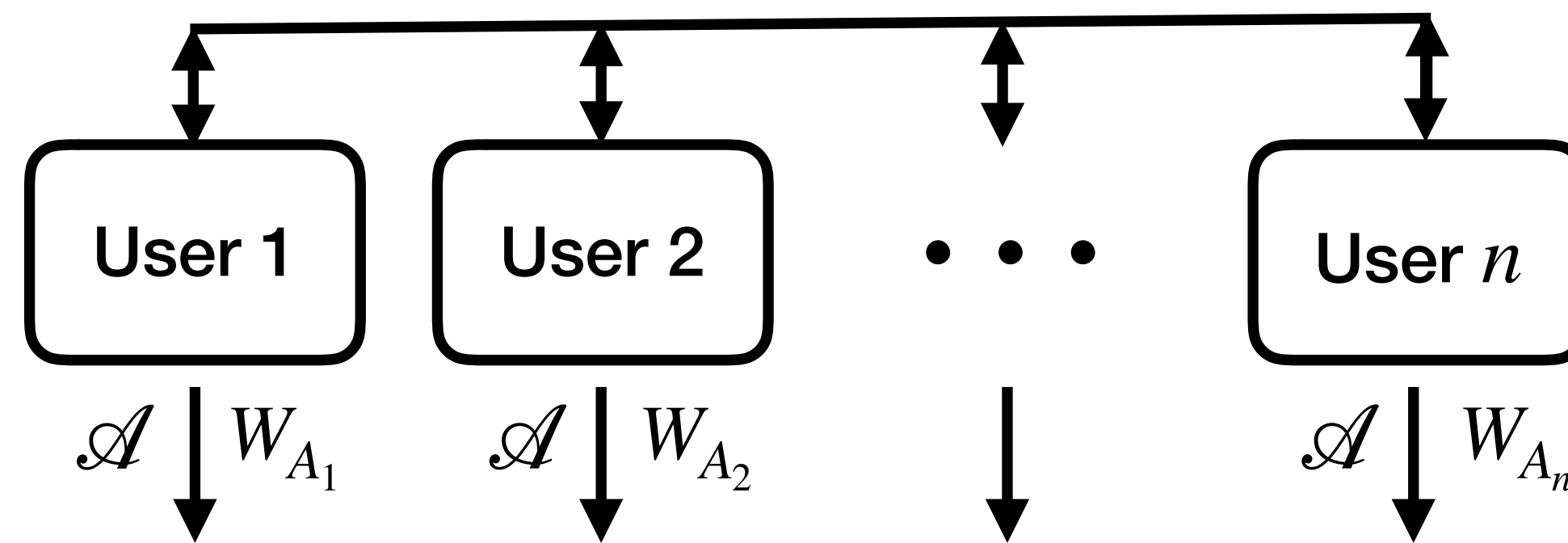
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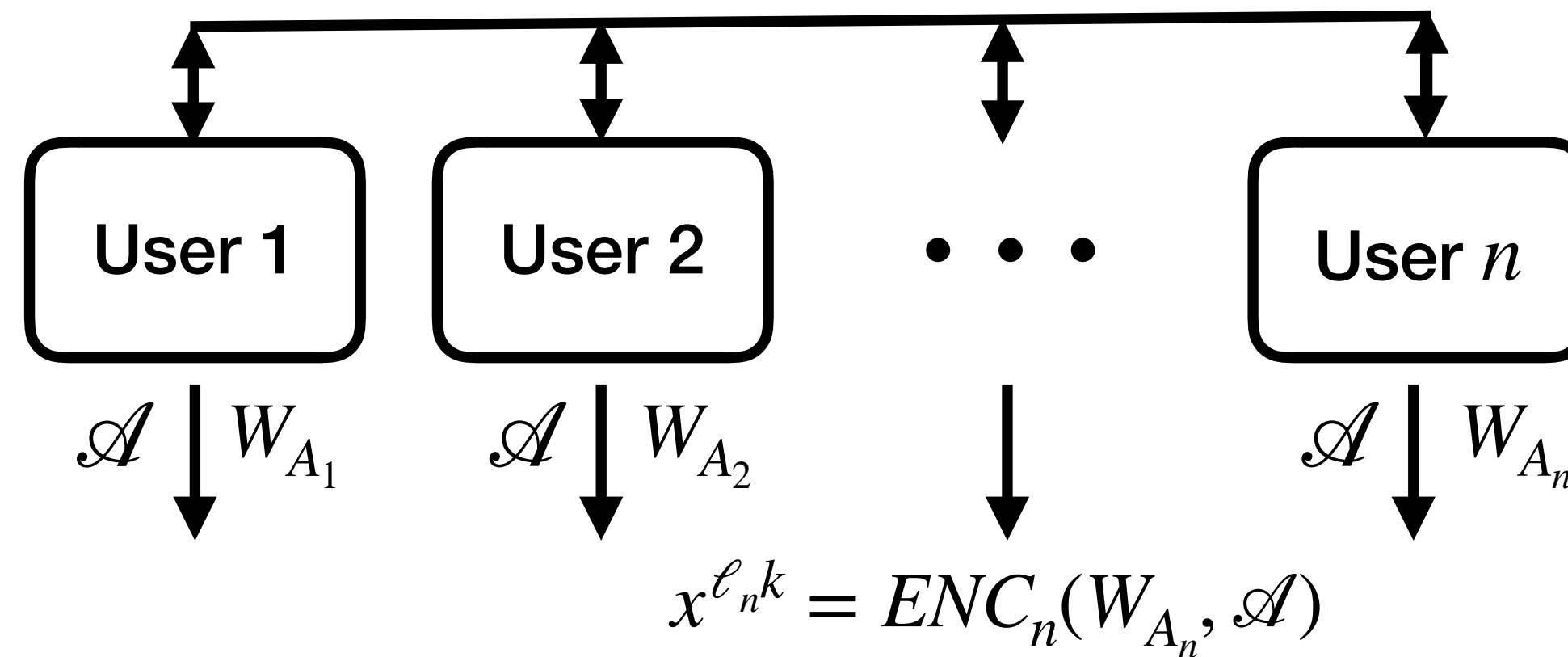
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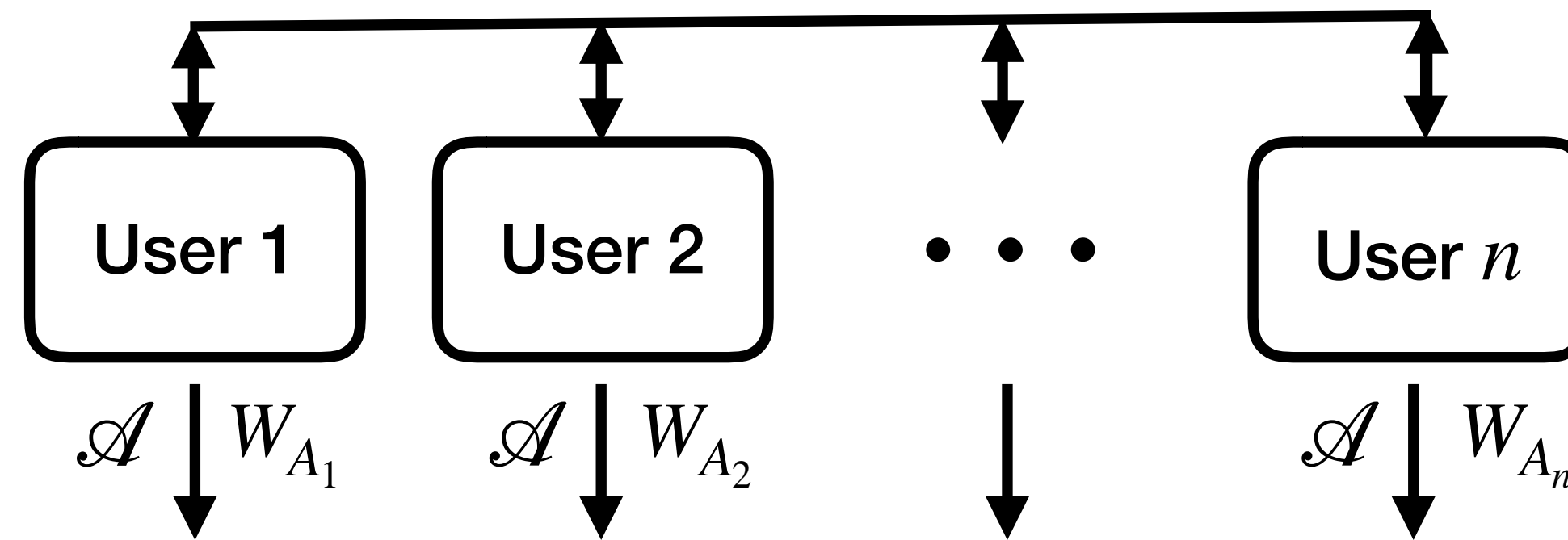
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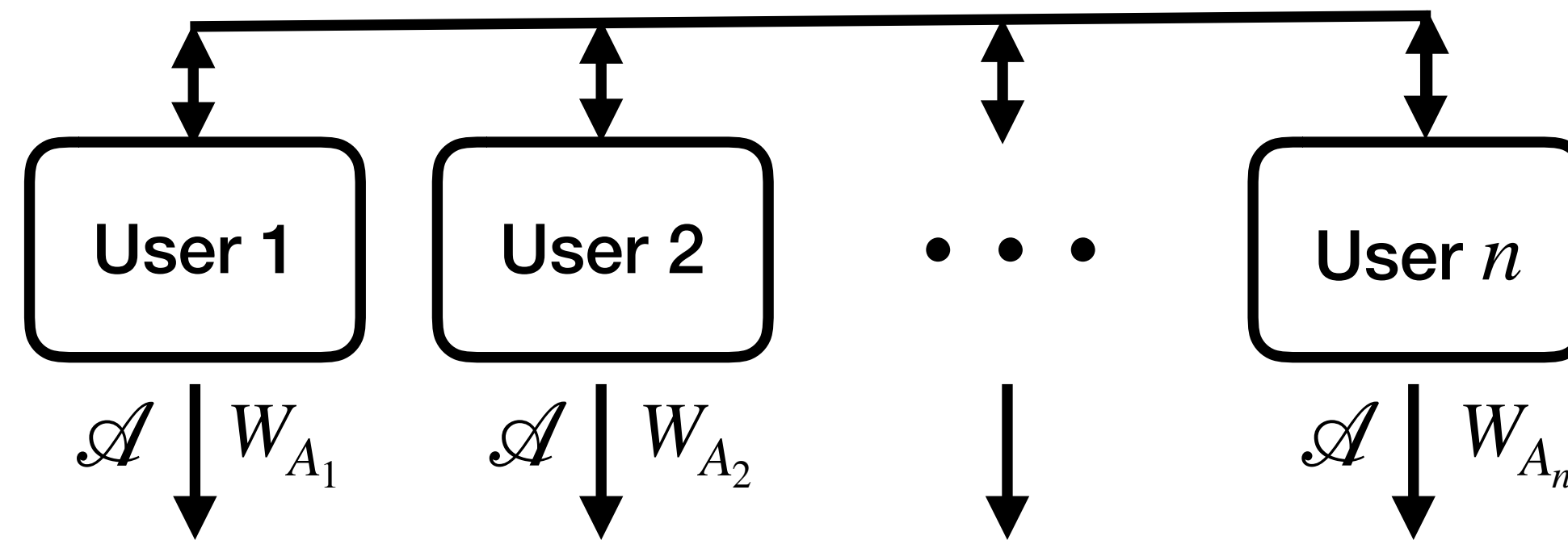
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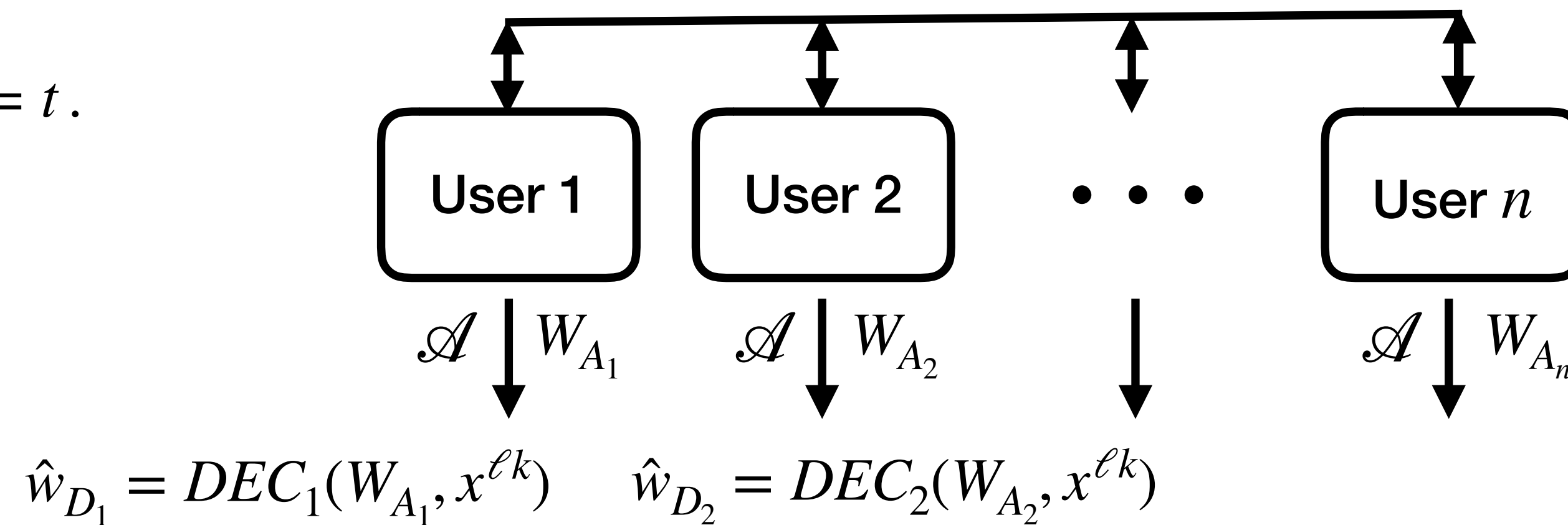
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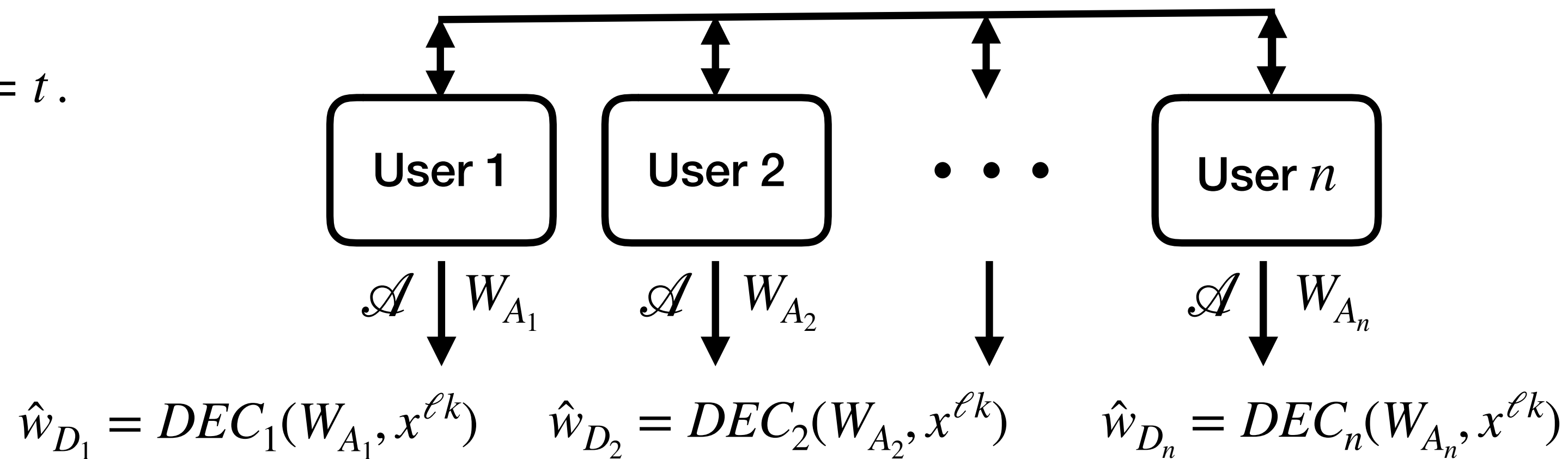
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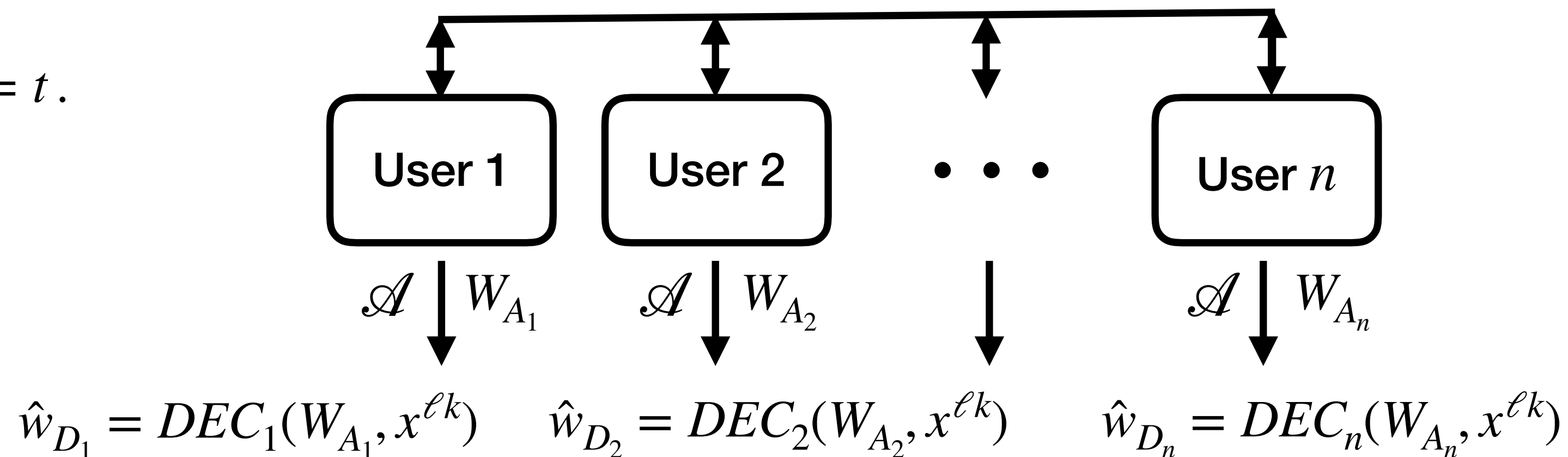
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- The codewords are generated by the users based on their side information sets and globally known side information structure.
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Security in PICOD

- Security is a major concern in today's communication. A message should not be decoded at the users for which the message is not intended for.
- Information theoretical security provides guarantee regardless of the computational power of the attacker/eavesdropper/non-intended party.
- In broadcast channels, without explicitly imposing security constraints, the information is likely to be overheard by multiple users.
- Strong security constraint: $H(W_{[m]\setminus(A_i\cup D_i)} | x^{\ell_k}, W_{A_i}) \geq H(W_{[m]\setminus(A_i\cup D_i)}) - \epsilon_k, \forall i \in [n]$
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 $H(w_j | x^{\ell_k}, W_{A_i}) \geq H(w_j) - \epsilon_k, \forall i \in [n], \forall j \in [m]\setminus(A_i \cup D_i)$

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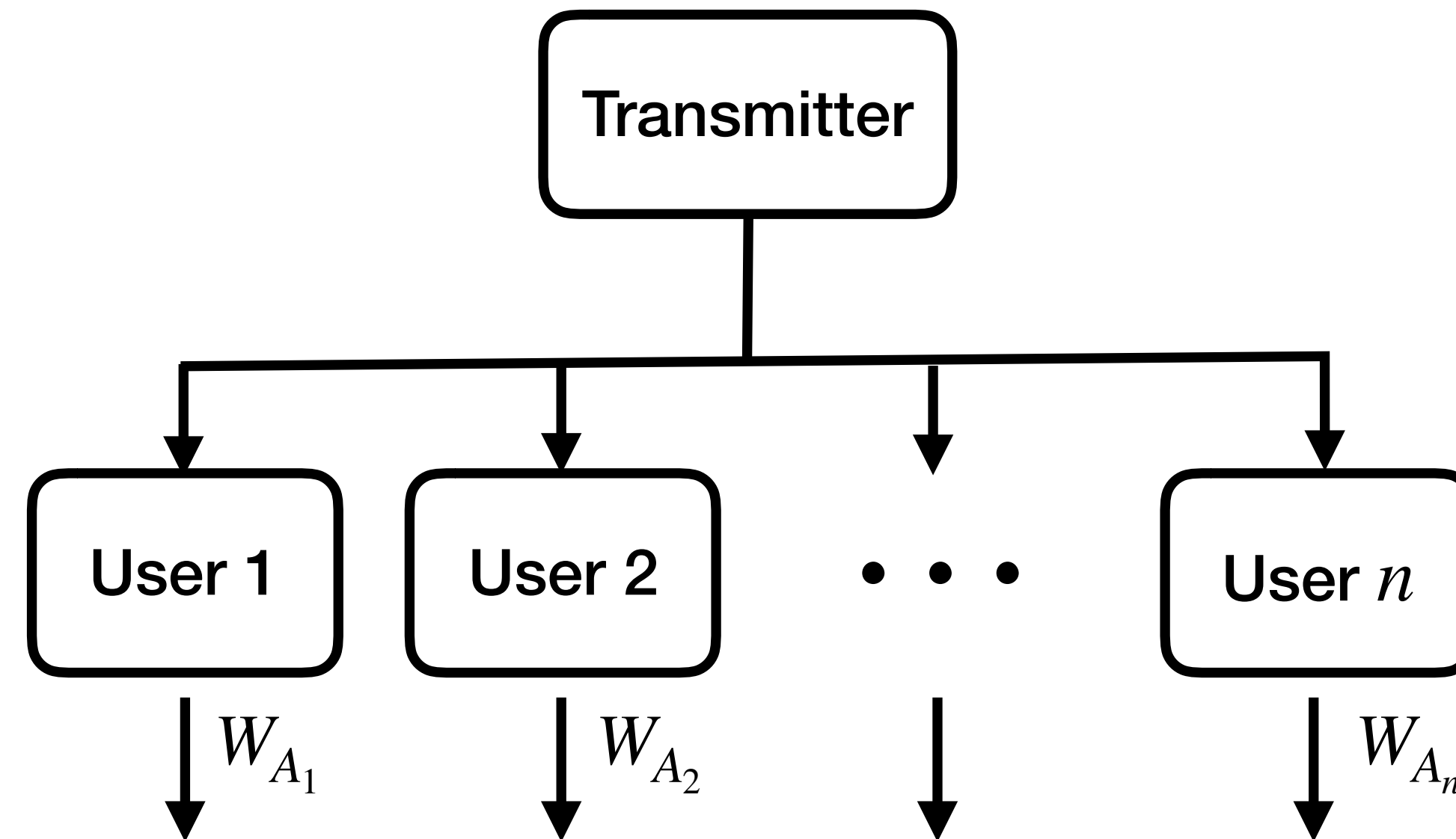
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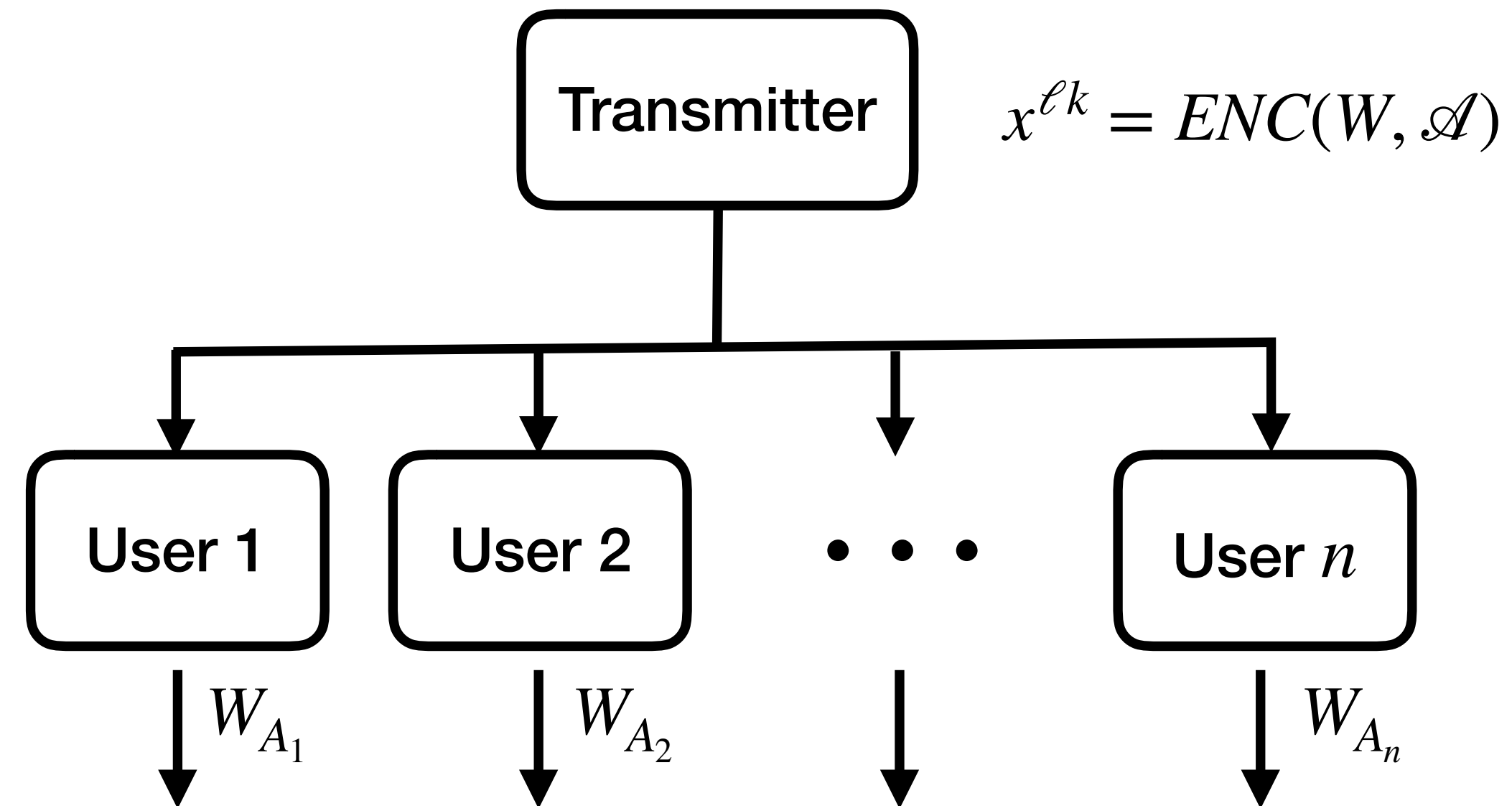
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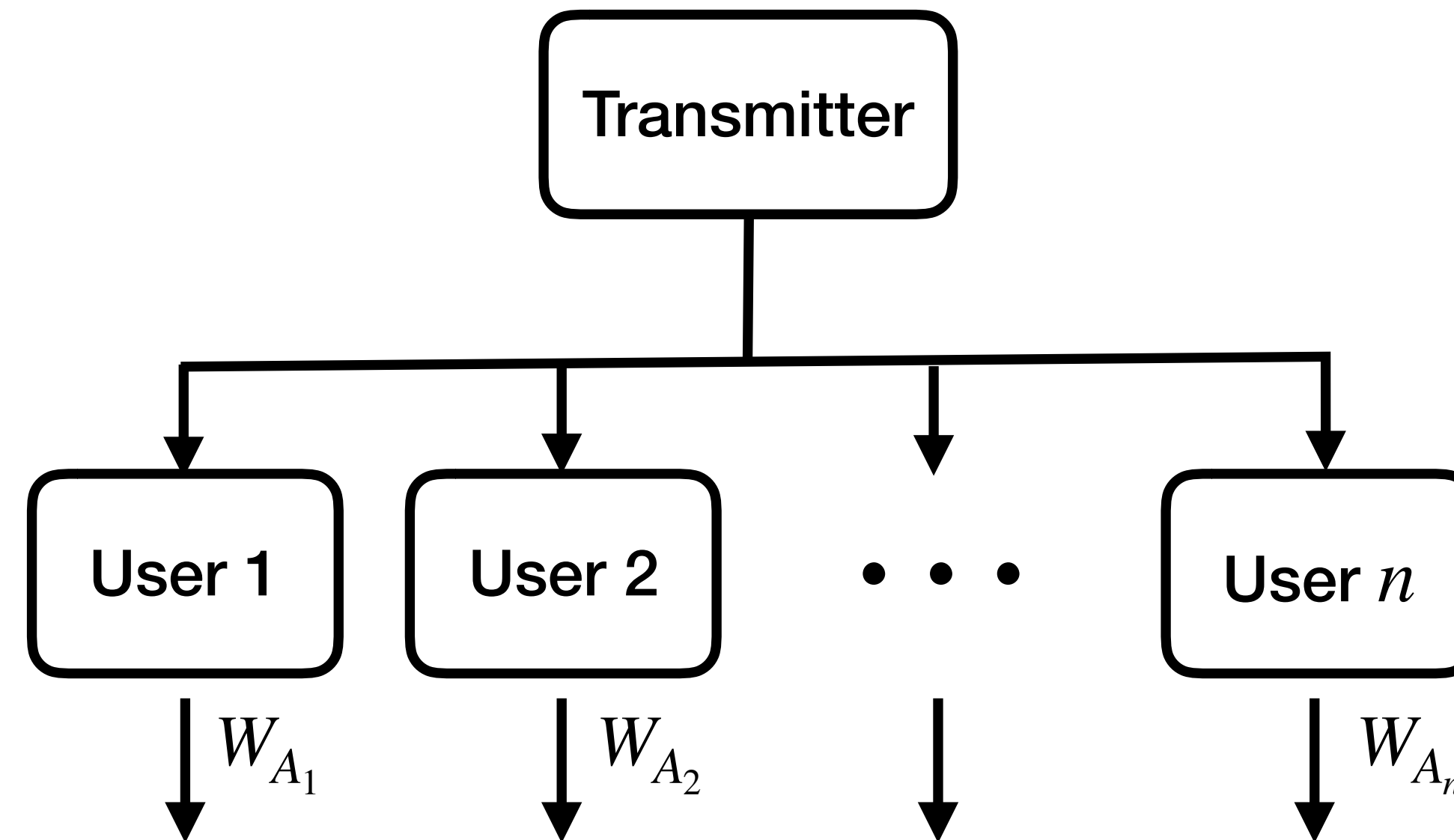
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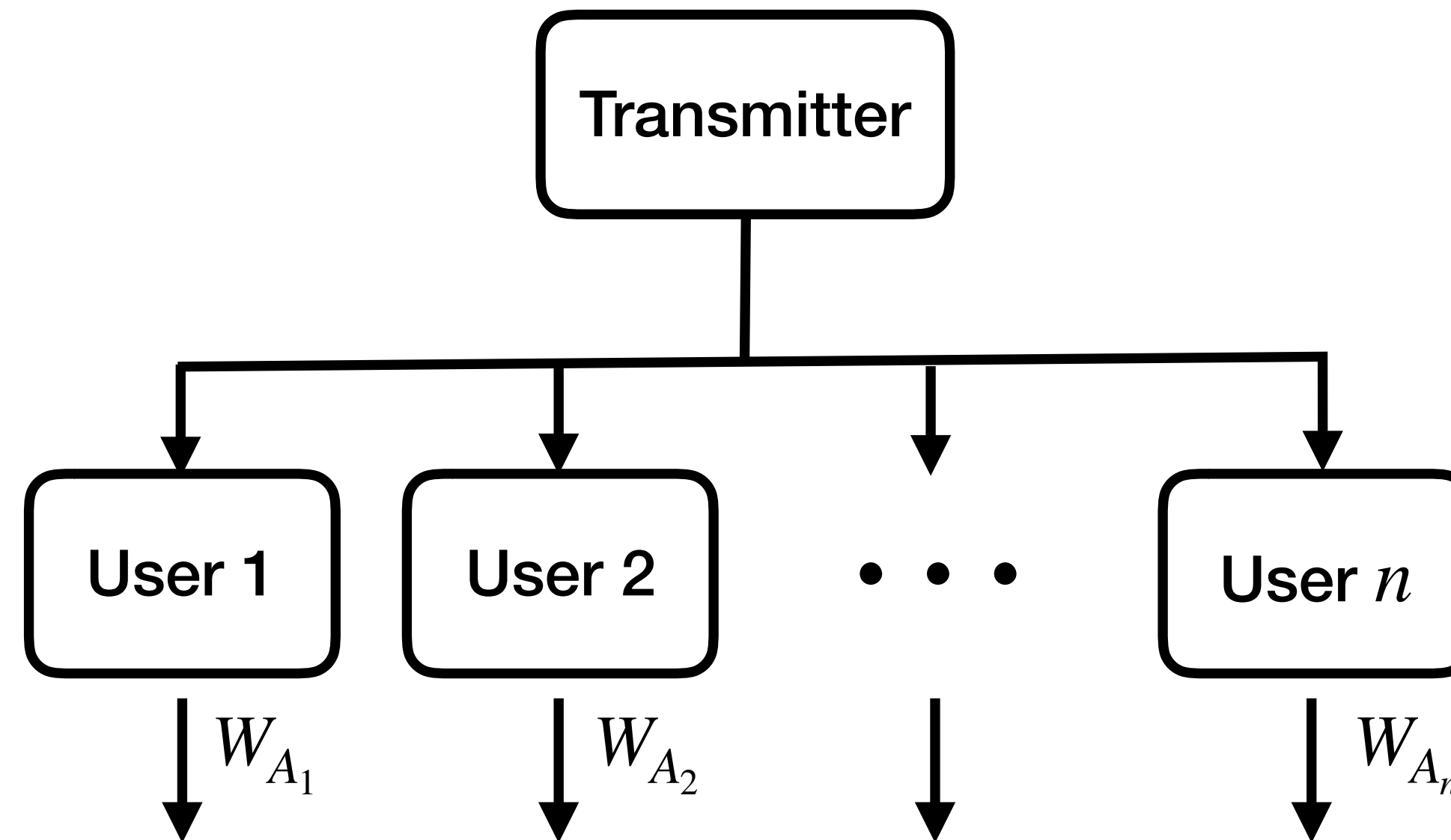
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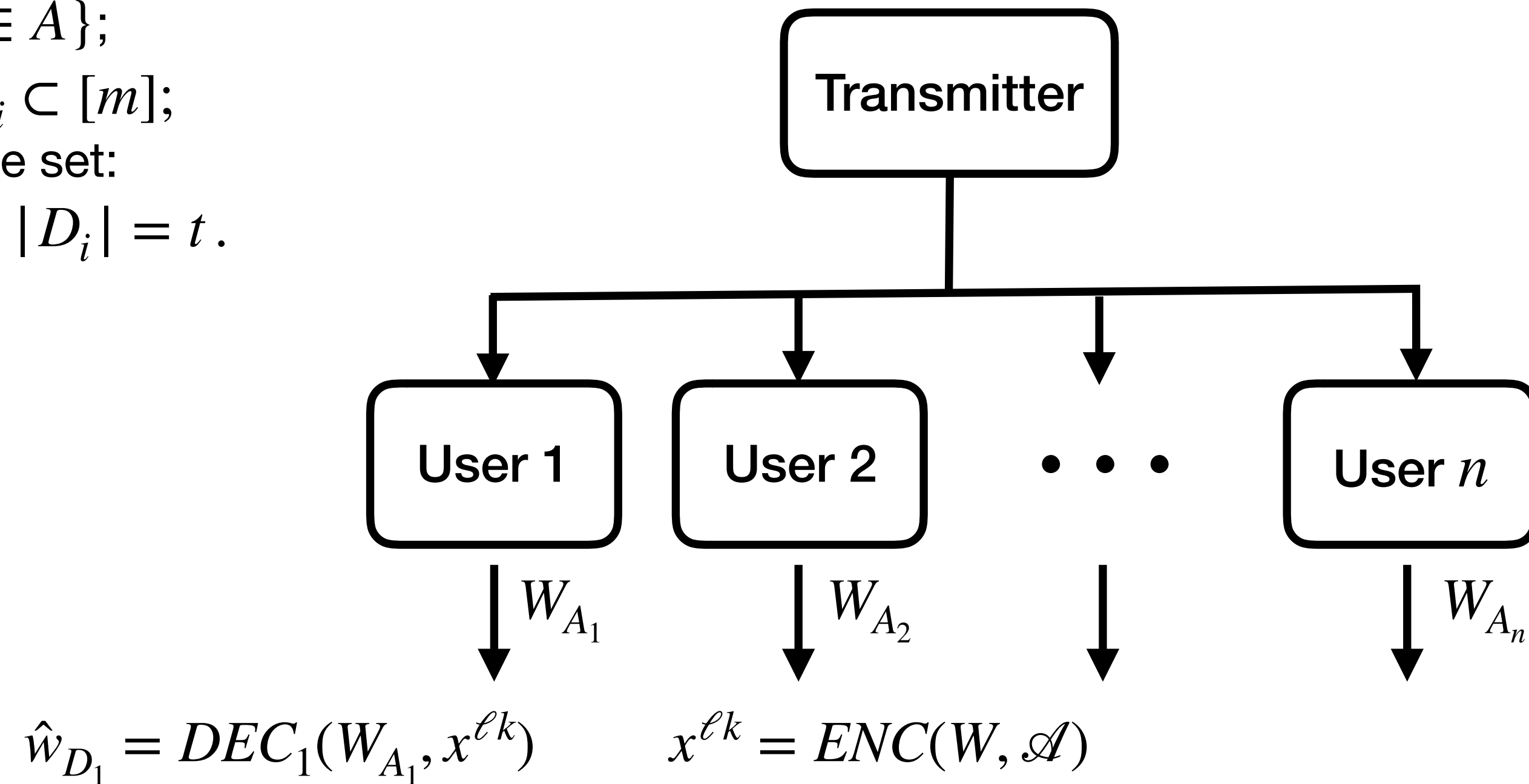
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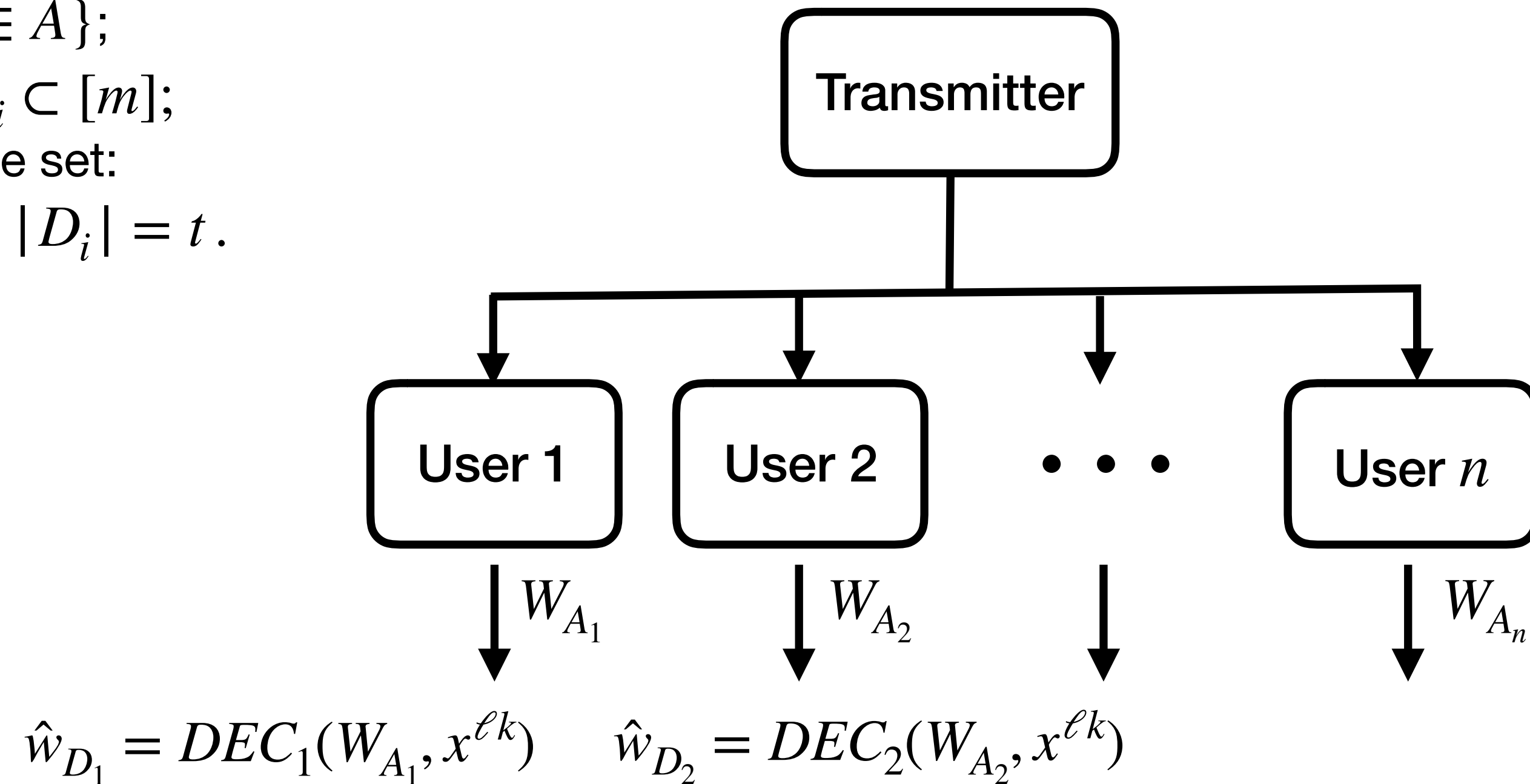
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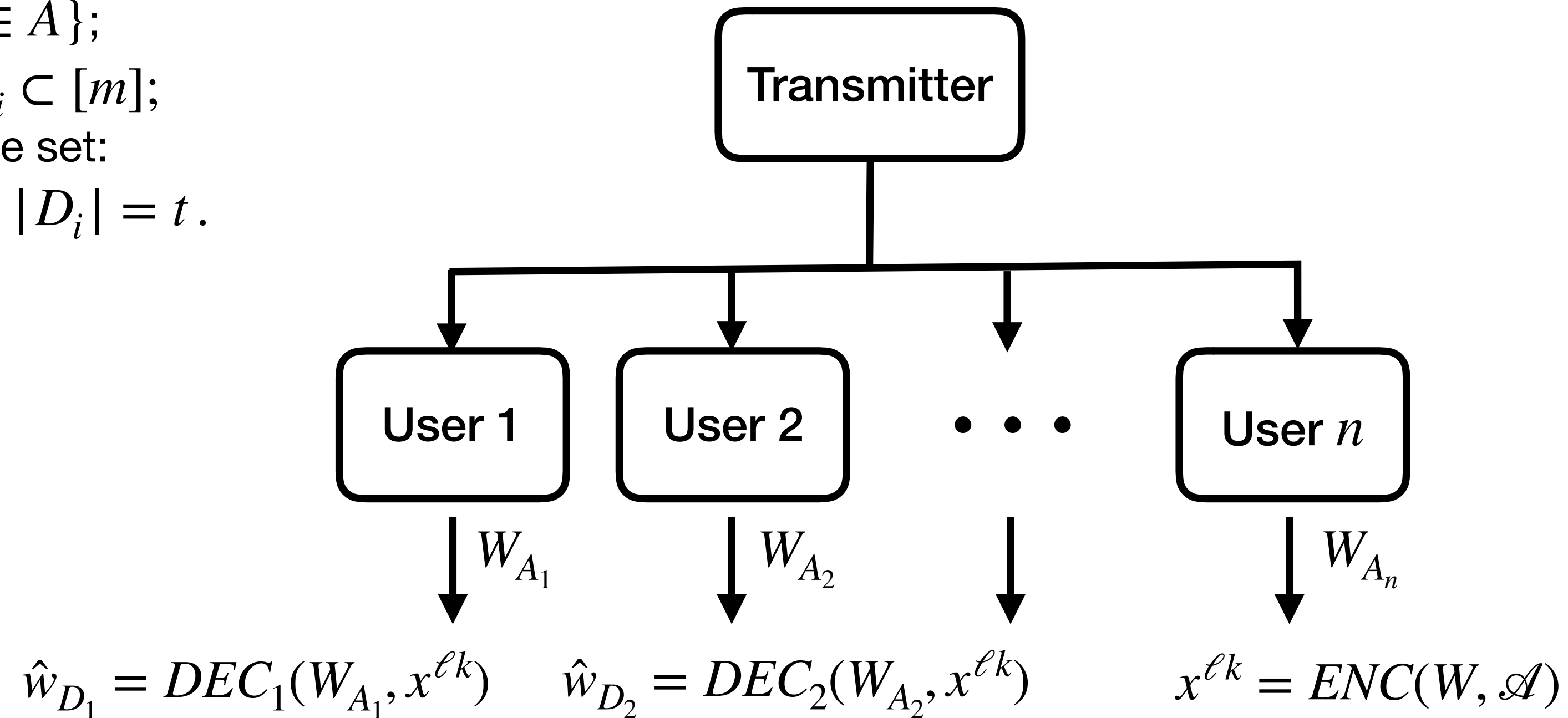
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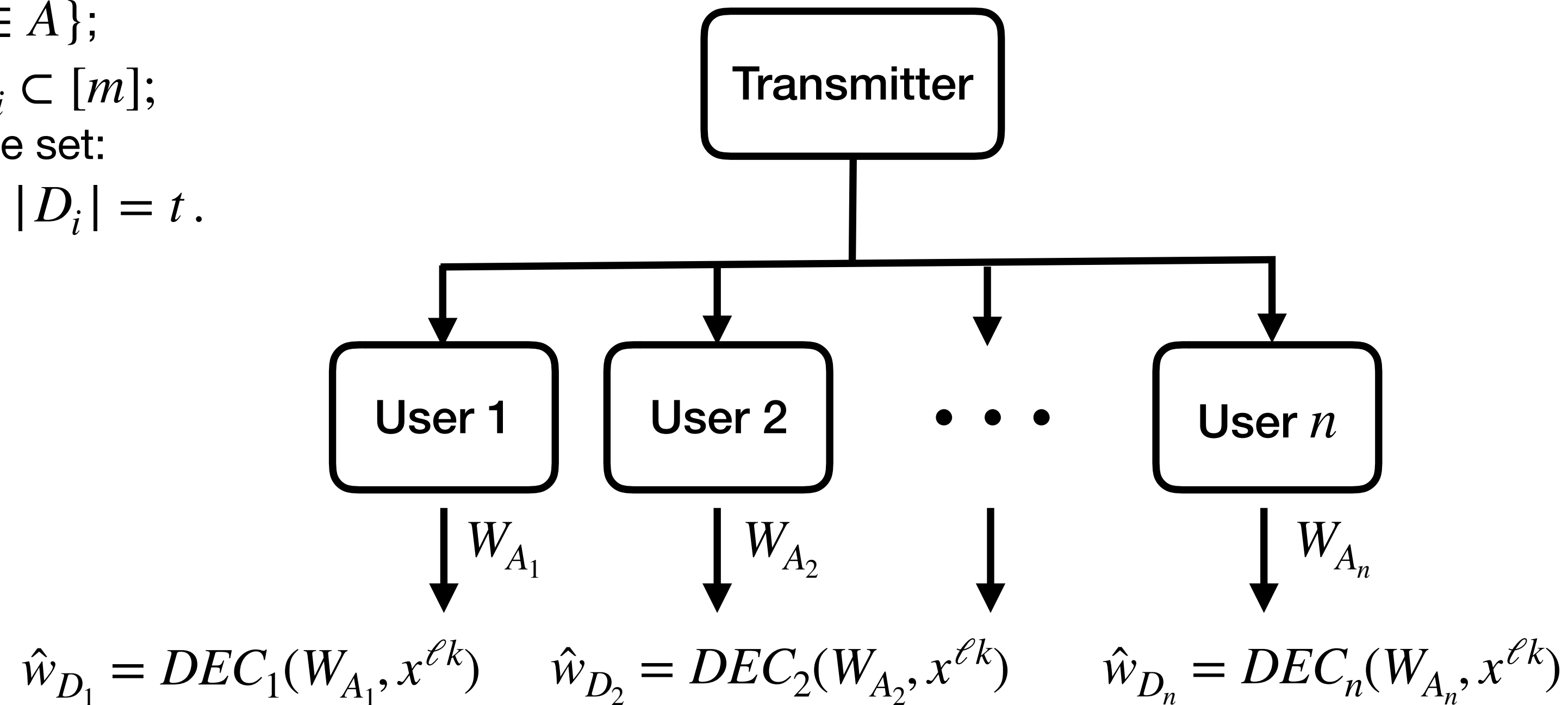
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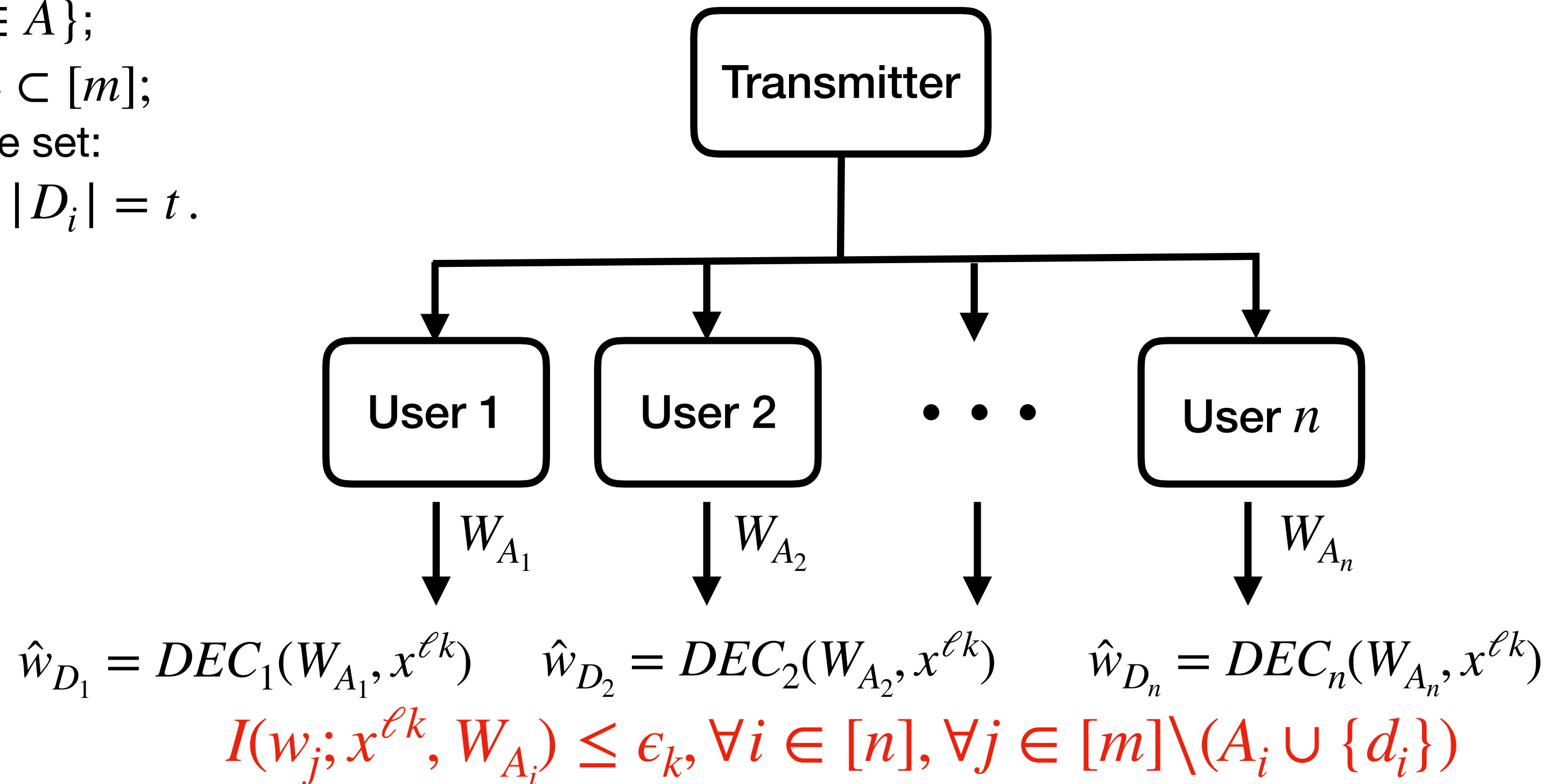
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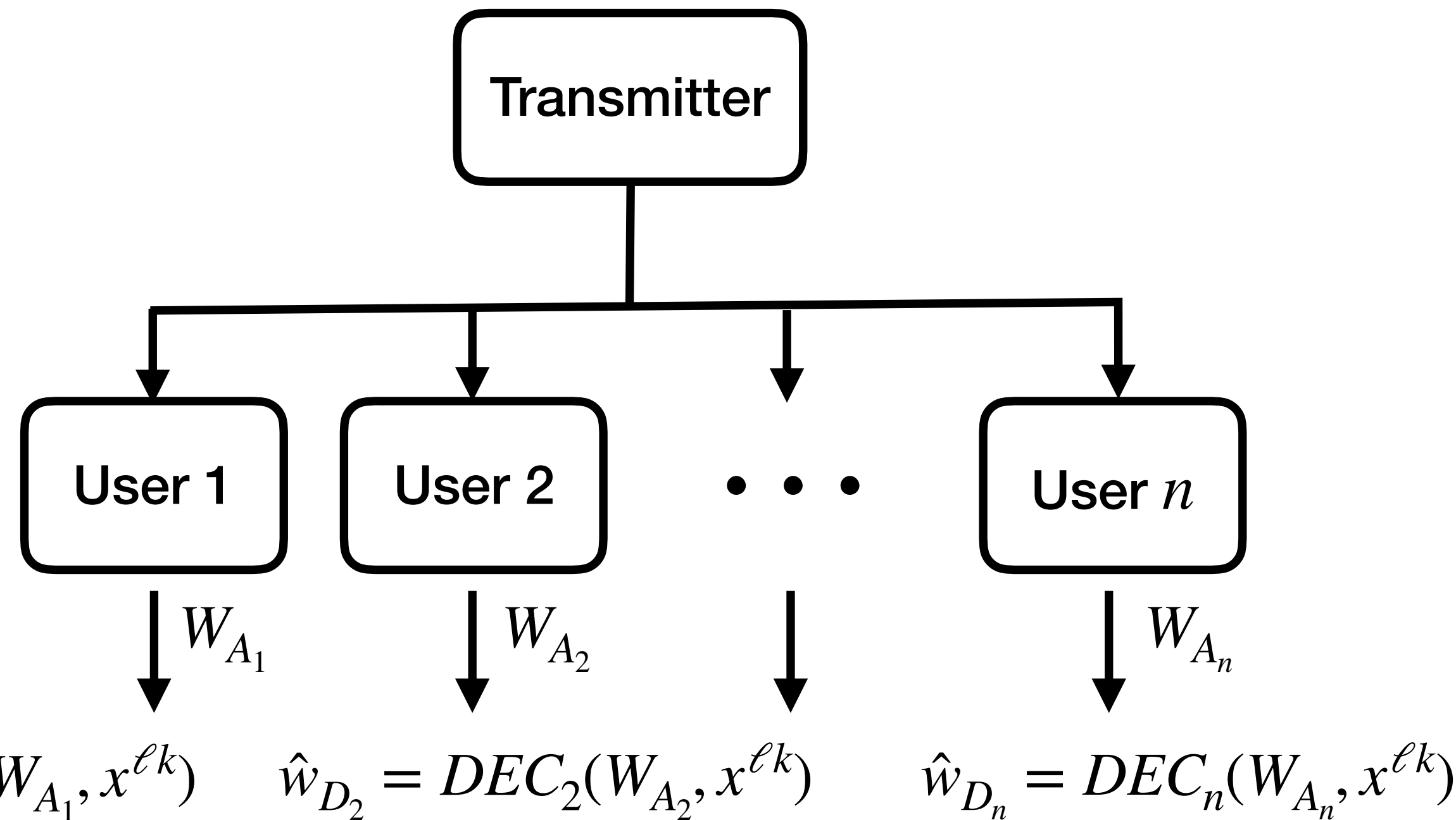
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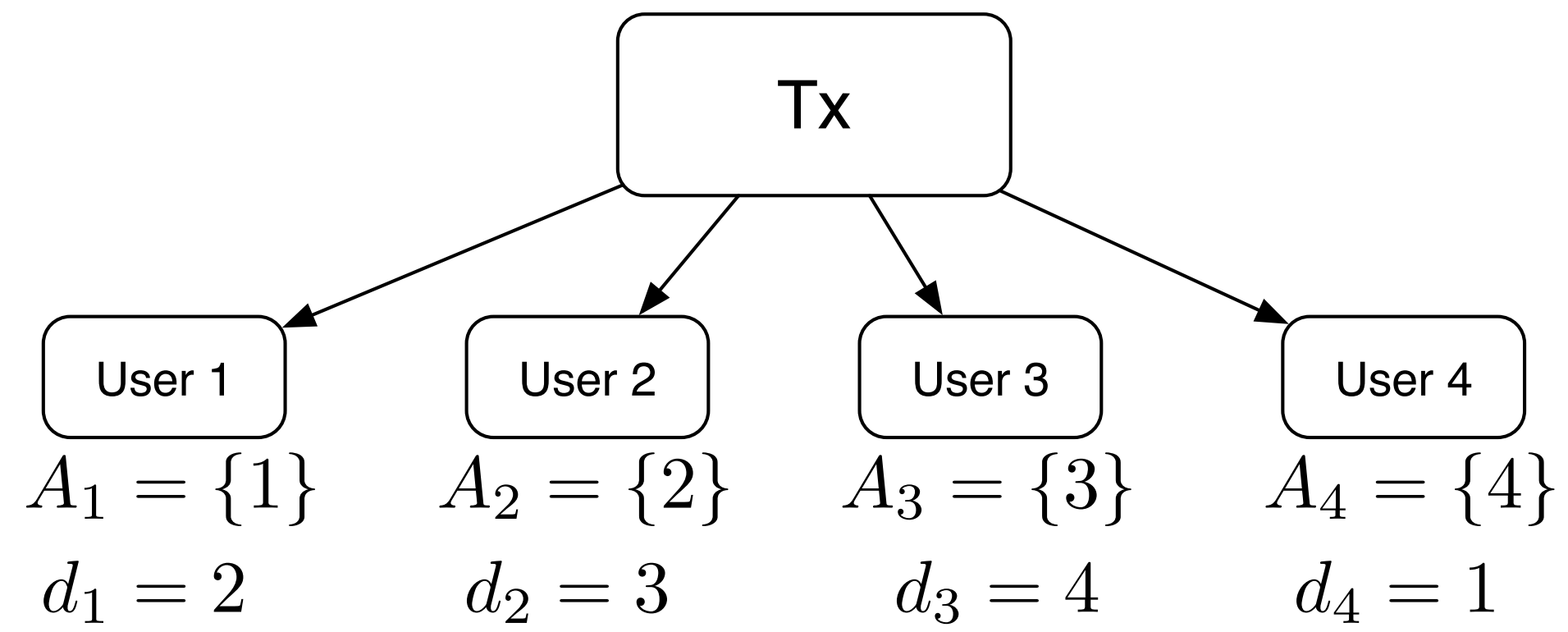


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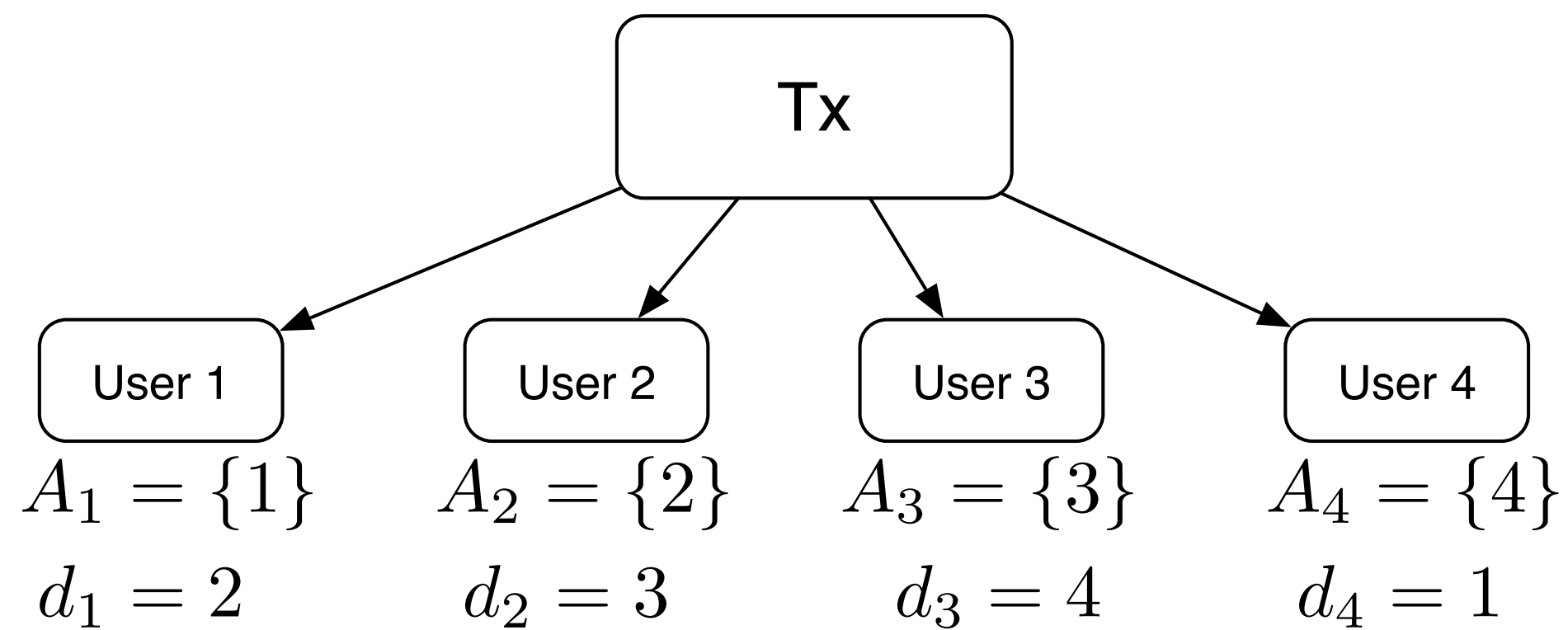


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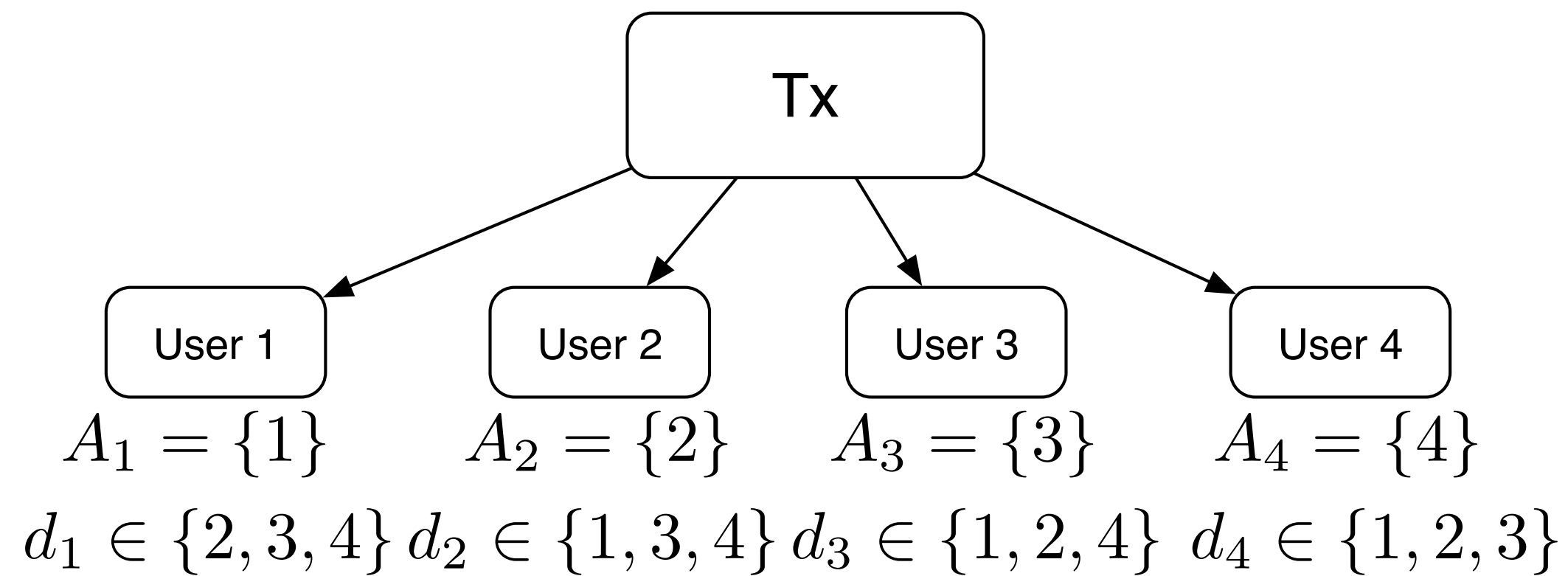


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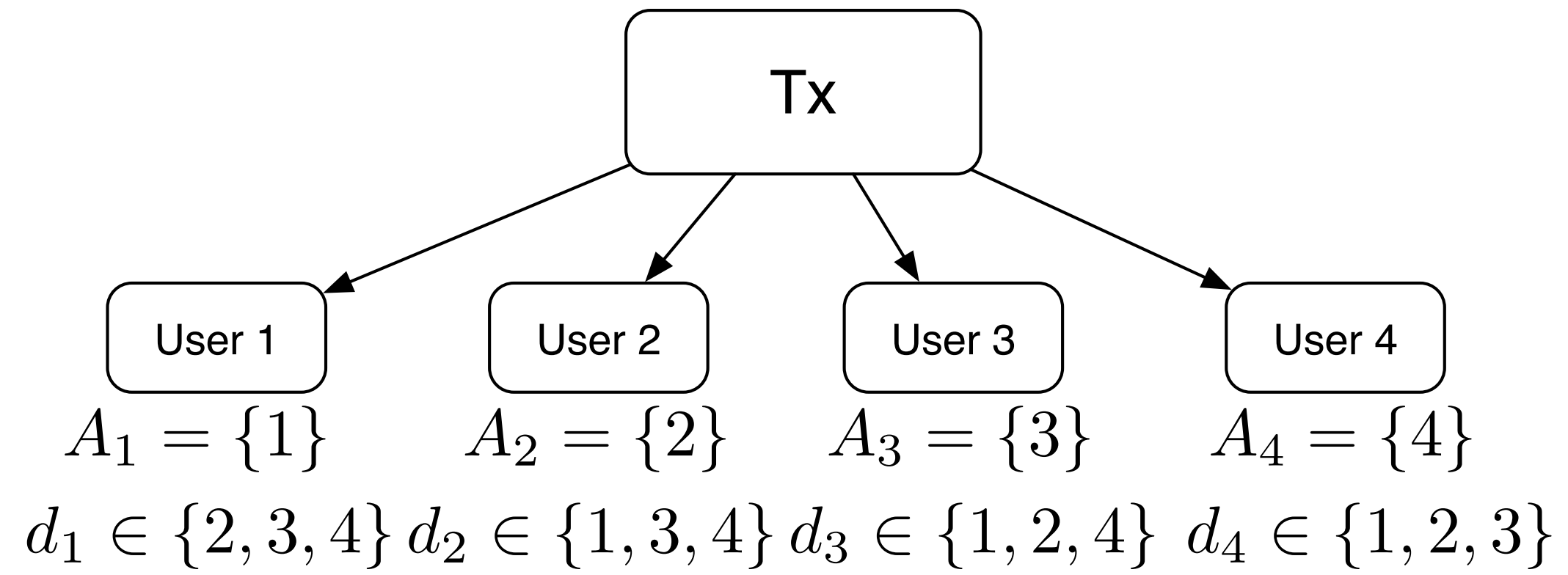


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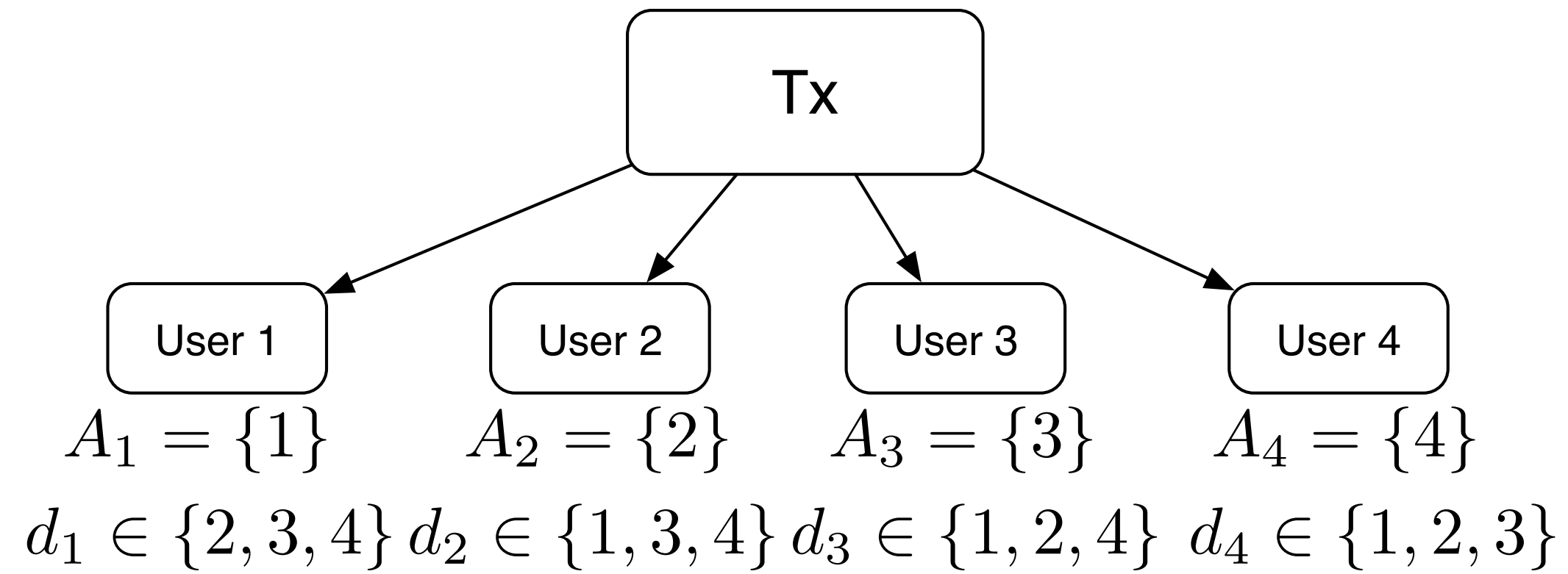


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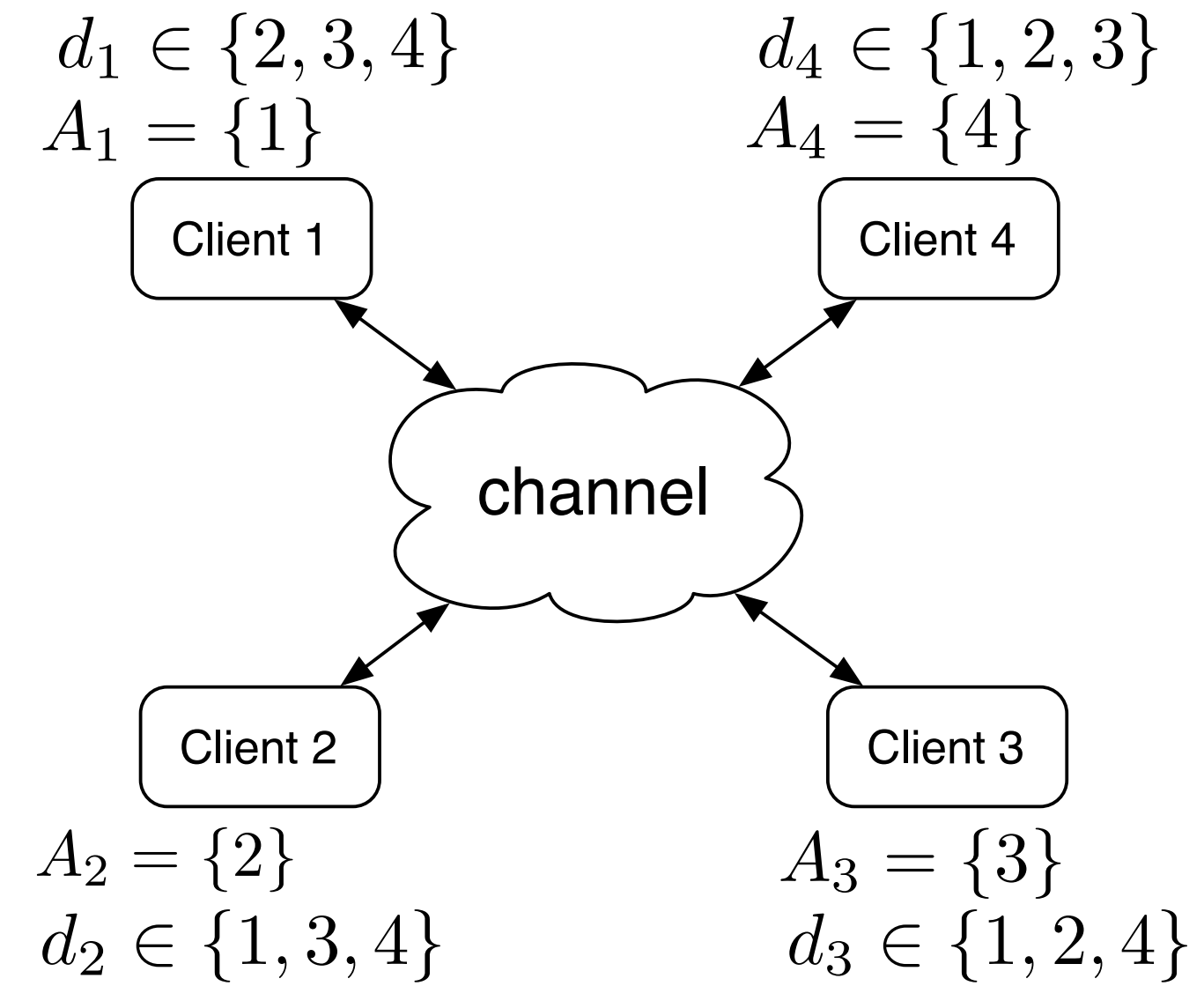


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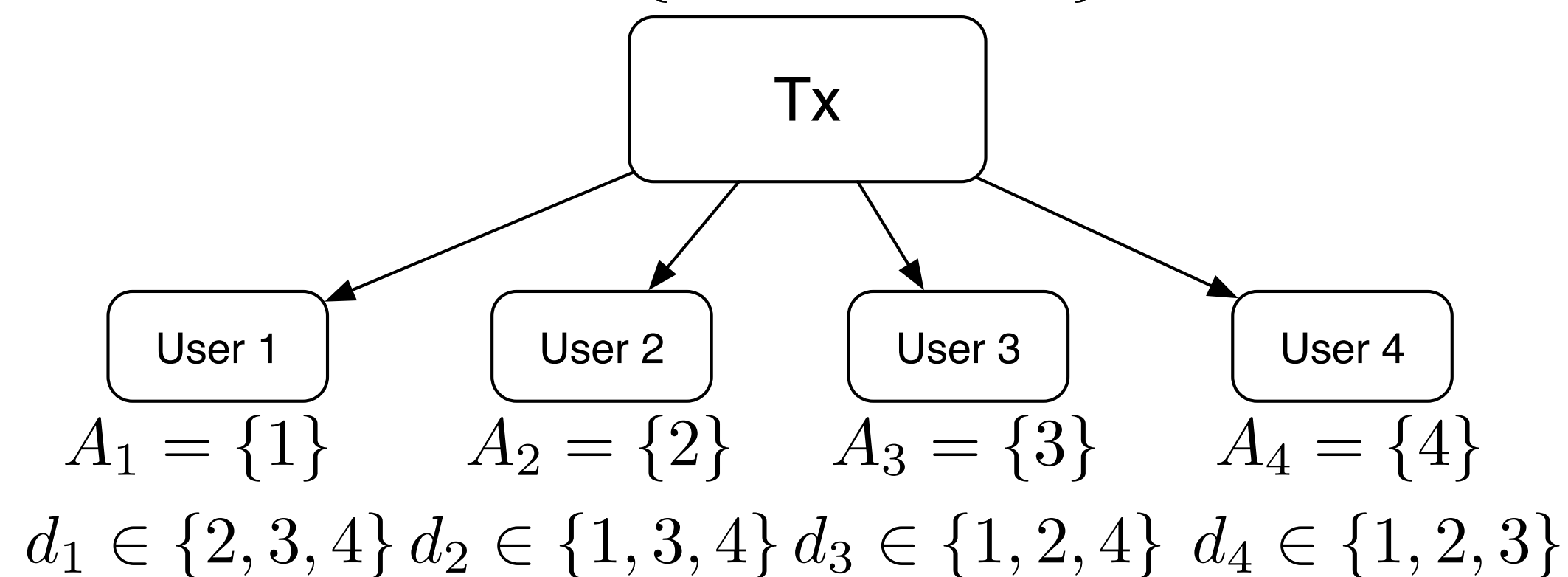


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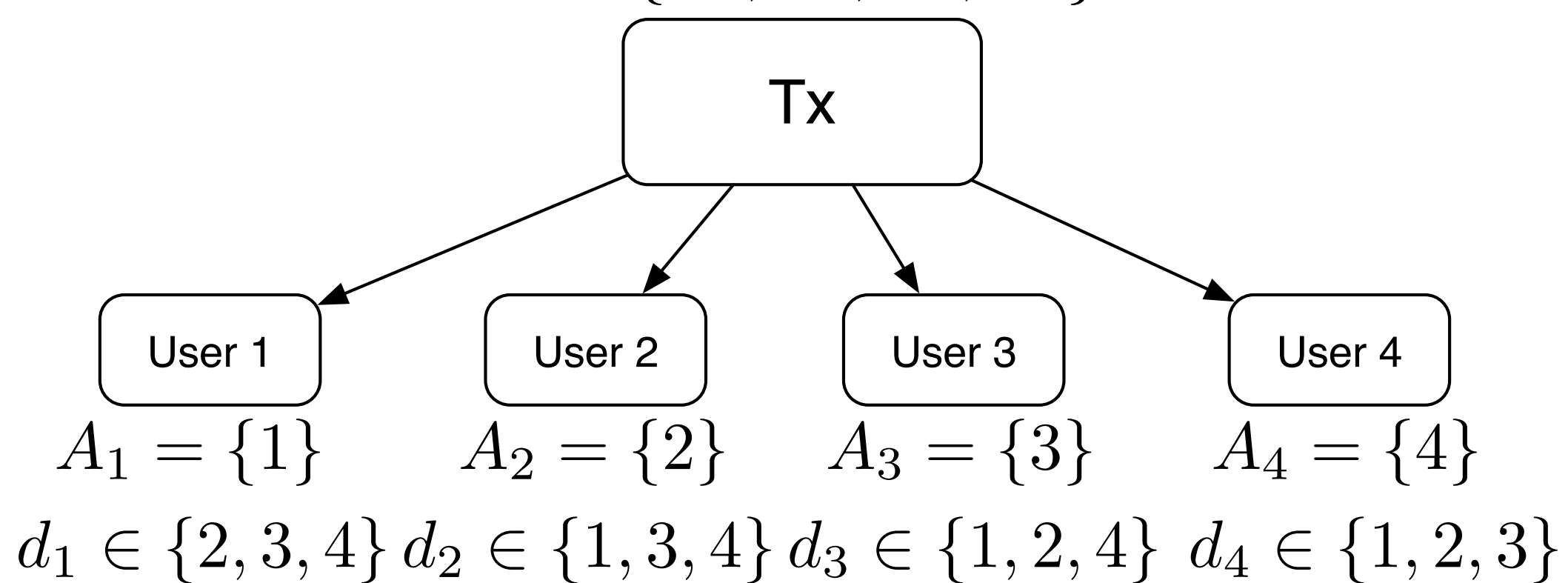


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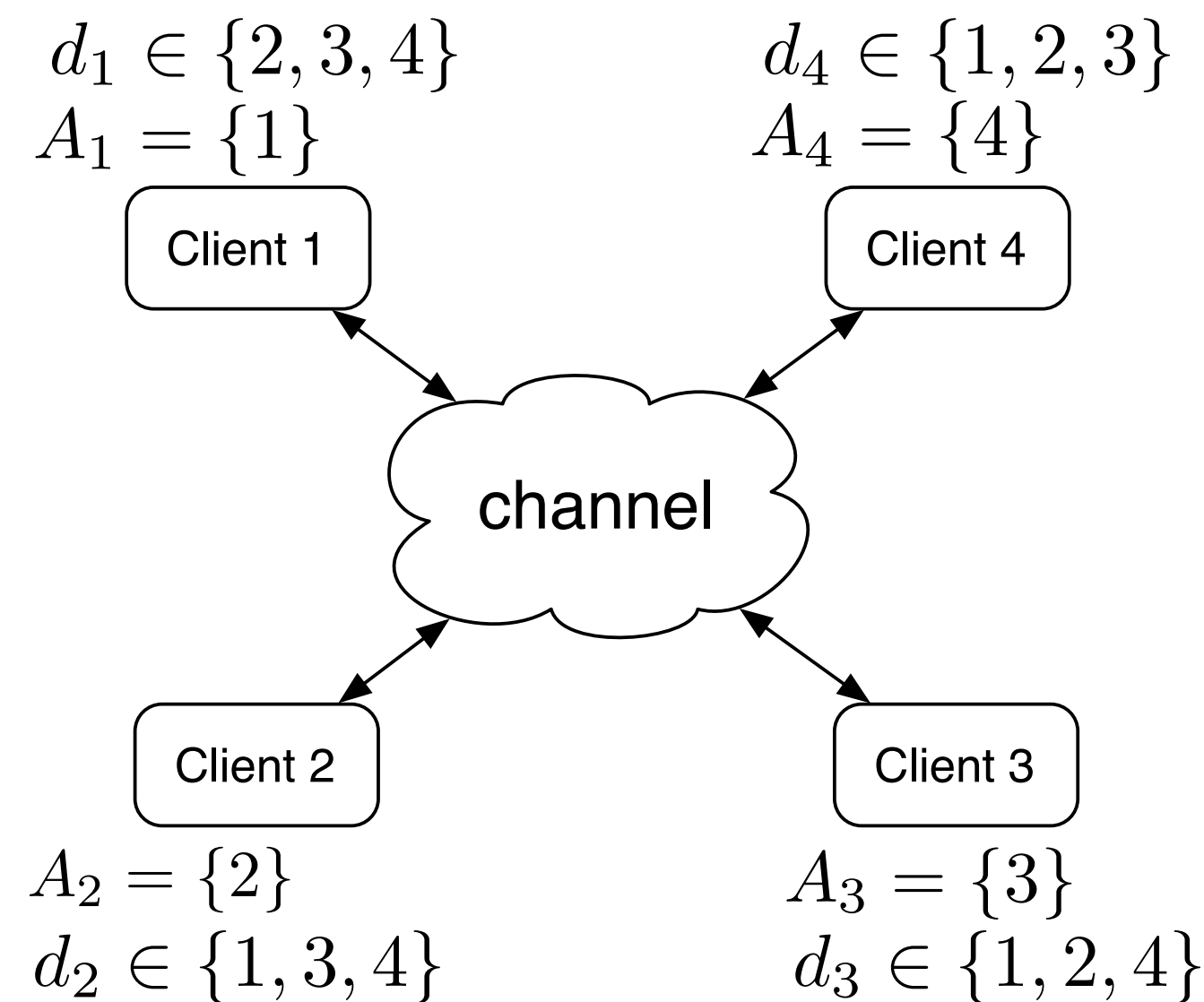


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Relevant past work

Index Coding

- General index coding problem is open.
- Index coding is equivalent to network coding^[1].
- There are index coding instances that require non-Shannon type of inequalities^[2] (non-negativity of conditional mutual information).
- There are index coding instances where nonlinear schemes strictly outperforms all linear schemes^[3].

We do not solve PICOD by solving the corresponding family of IC.

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PICOD(t)

$m = \#$ of messages; $s_{\max}/s_{\min} = \text{maximum/minimum size of side information set}$; $t = \#$ of desired message per user.

- **Past work**

- Achievability:

- Sufficiency of $O(\log n)$ transmissions for PICOD(1) if each user has side information set of the same size ($|A_i| = s, \forall i$)^[1].
- Sufficiency of $O(t \log(n) + \log^2(n))$ transmissions for PICOD(t)^[2].

- Linear converse:

- Necessity of $\min\{s_{\max} + t, m - s_{\min}\}$ transmissions for linear scheme in PICOD(t) where transmitter only knows side information size range $[s_{\min} : s_{\max}]$ ^[1].
- Necessity of $\log(n)$ transmissions for linear scheme in a construction of PICOD(1)^[2].

- **Our contributions**

- For PICOD(1) with same size of side information at the users, one transmission satisfies at least

$$\max\left\{\left(1 - \frac{s}{m}\right)^{\frac{m}{s}-1} e \left(1 - \frac{1}{s}\right)^{s-1}, \frac{s}{m}\right\} \geq 1/e \text{ fraction of unsatisfied users in the system}^{[3]}.$$

- Information theoretical optimality for some complete-S PICOD(t) and PICOD(1) with circular-arc side information^[4,5,6].

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Decentralized PICOD(t)

- **Past work (decentralized IC)**
 - IC with multiple transmitters/distributed IC^[1]: capacity up to 3 messages.
 - Decentralized/embedded IC^[2]: multiplicative gap 2 to the centralized version.
 - Data exchange problem^[3]: users request all messages that are not in the side information.
- **Our contributions**^[4,5]
 - Achievability scheme based on vector index coding and decentralized MDS code for decentralized complete—S PICOD(t) and PICOD(1) with circular-arc side information.

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Secure PICOD(1)

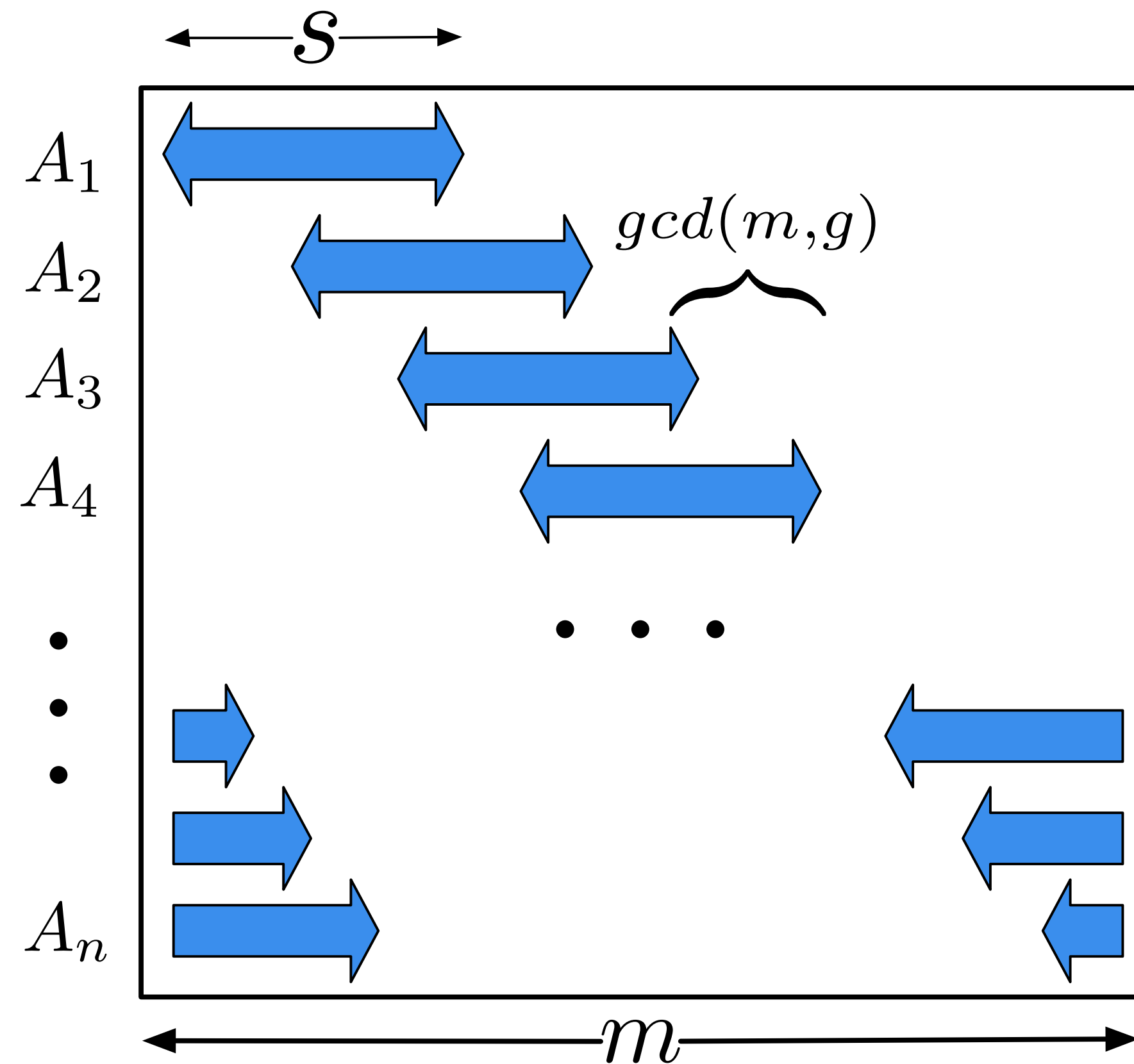


Figure: Circular shift side

- **Past work**^[1]
 - # of messages = # of users = m ; side information size = s ; side information shift = 1.
 - Under linear encoding constraint
 - Unfeasible cases.
 - Optimality for $s > m/2$.
- **Our contributions**^[2,3]
 - Generalized model: # of messages = m , side information size = s , side information shift = g .
 - Information theoretical converse tight for some cases.
 - Universal achievable scheme that differ from optimality by one transmission under the linear encoding constraint.

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1. For PICOD(1) where all users have the same size of side information, there exists a scheme that satisfies at least a constant fraction of unsatisfied users at each transmission [1]. **Deterministic construction and better fraction guarantee.**
2. Information theoretical optimality for some complete-S PICOD(t) and PICOD(1) with circular-arc side information [2,3,4]. **Novel converse bound rooted in combinatorics.**
3. Information theoretical optimality for some decentralized complete-S PICOD(t) and PICOD(1) with circular-arc side information [5,6]. **First to pose and study the problem.**
4. Linear near optimality for individual message secure PICOD(1) with circular-arc side information [7,8]. **Improved scheme and information theoretic optimality in some cases.**

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**Proofs in a longer version on these slides. See
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Future work

- Combine our method with others (e.g., absent user^[1], weighted alignment chain^[2]) for improved converse bounds.
- Understand fundamental differences between PICOD and decentralized or secure version.
- Secure vs Privacy^[3] in PICOD.

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