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Candidate owf: $f_{p,g}(x) = g^x \bmod p$

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Key observation in the analysis: note that $f(x)$ is uniformly distributed, since x is uniform, and f is a permutation.

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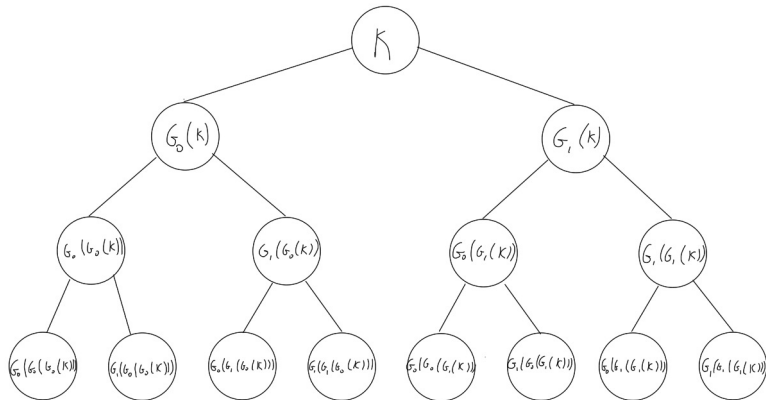
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