


IOTA TUTORIAL 17

Create & validate a signature



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INTRO

- In this video I will explain how a signature is created and validated.

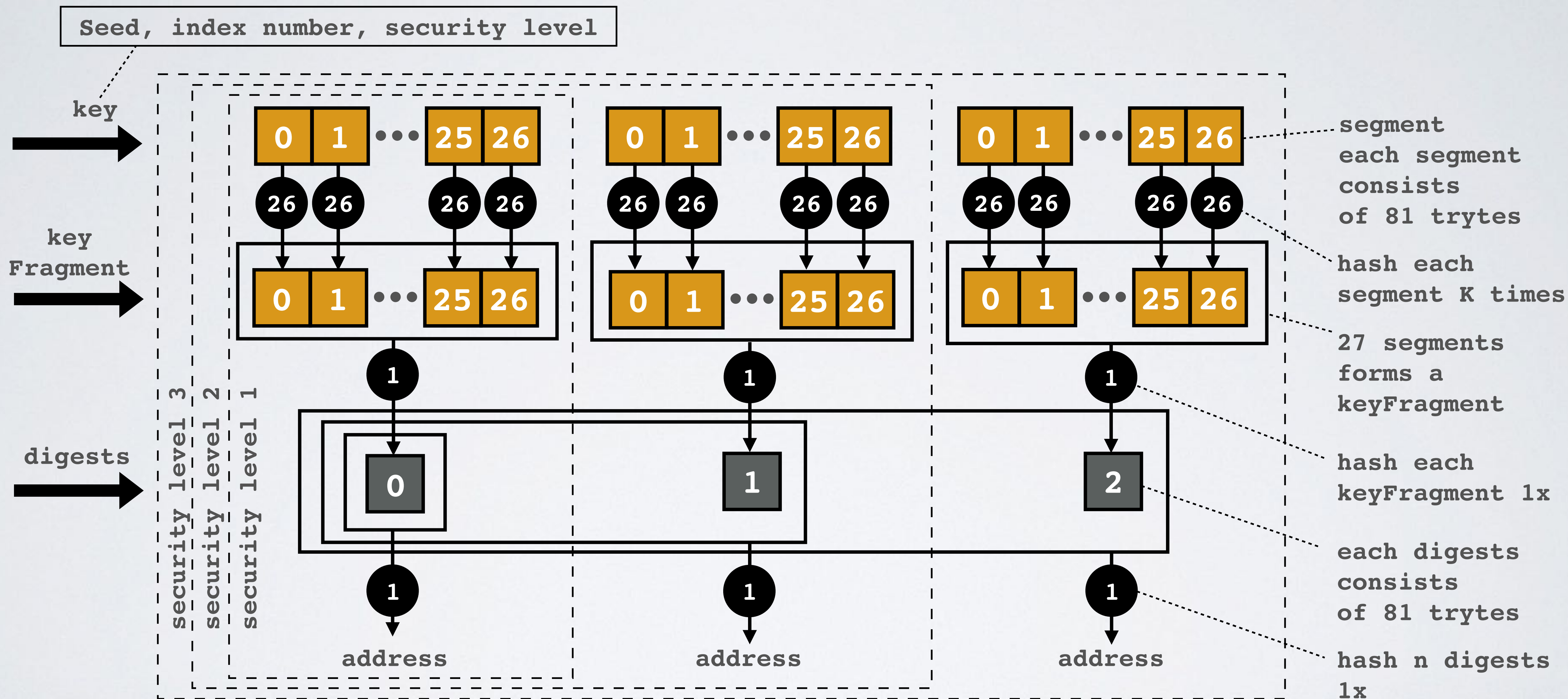
HOW AN ADDRESS IS CALCULATED

- Before I explain how a signature in a bundle is created and validated, it is important to understand how IOTA addresses are calculated.
- In IOTA tutorial 9.1, I have explained in detail how the key, digests and address are created.
- Here is a short explanation:
 - A key (= private key) is generated using the seed, index number and security level.
 - The index number is an integer (0,1,2 9007199254740991) and every address has a corresponding index number.

HOW AN ADDRESS IS CALCULATED

- The generated key is divided in segments of 81 trytes each.
- Depending on the selected security level (1,2 or 3) you will have ($1 \times 27 =$) 27, ($2 \times 27 =$) 54 or ($3 \times 27 =$) 81 segments.
- Each key segment is hashed 26 times.
- 27 key segments together forms a keyFragment and each keyFragment is hashed one time to create a digests.
- Depending on the selected security level, 1, 2 or 3 digests are combined together.
- The combined digests are hashed one time to create the address.

CALCULATE ADDRESS



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- Depending on the selected security level (1,2 or 3) you will have $(1 \times 27 =)$ 27, $(2 \times 27 =)$ 54 or $(3 \times 27 =)$ 81 segments.
- To create a signature:
 - Calculate the `normalizedBundleHash = normalizedBundle(bundleHash)`
The `bundleHash` is explained in IOTA tutorial 15.
The `normalizedBundleHash` is explained in IOTA tutorial 16.
 - Convert each tryte in the `normalizedBundleHash` to its decimal value.

HOW A SIGNATURE IS CREATED

- Apply for each decimal value the following calculation: $K = 13 - \text{decimal value}$.
- Each key segment must be hashed K times.
- Combine the 27 hashed key segments to a signatureFragment.
A signatureFragment has $(27 \times 81 =) 2187$ trytes.
- Depending on the selected security level you will have 1, 2 or 3 signatureFragments.
- A transactionObject stores a signatureFragment in the signatureMessageFragment field. This field size is 2187 trytes. Additional transactionObjects are needed to store the remaining signatureFragments.
- Note: signatureMessageFragments is the same as signatureFragments.

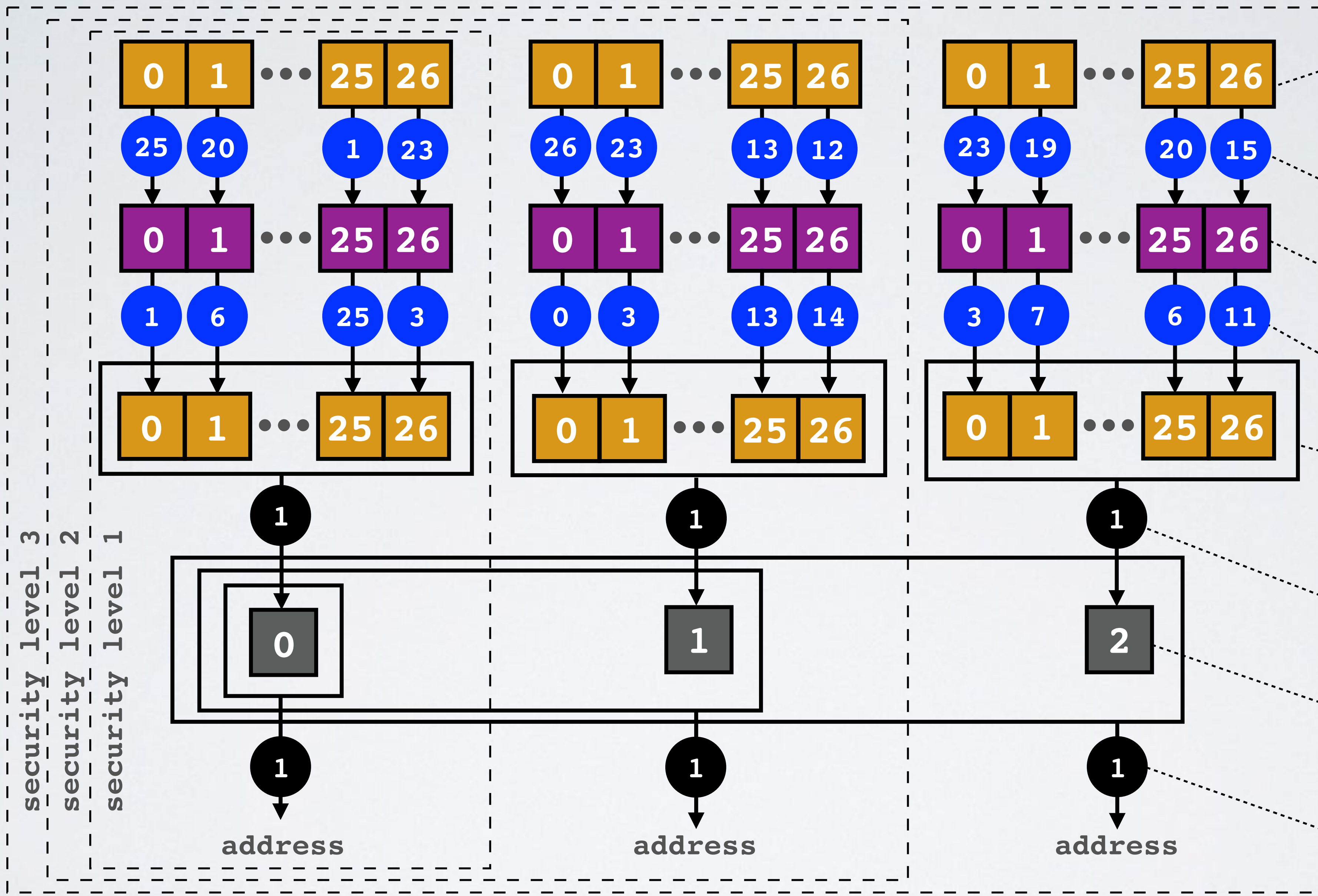
Seed, index number, security level

key
→

signature
Fragment
→

key
Fragment
→

digests
→



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consists
of 81 trytes

hash each
segment K times

fragment stored
in bundle

hash each
segment K times

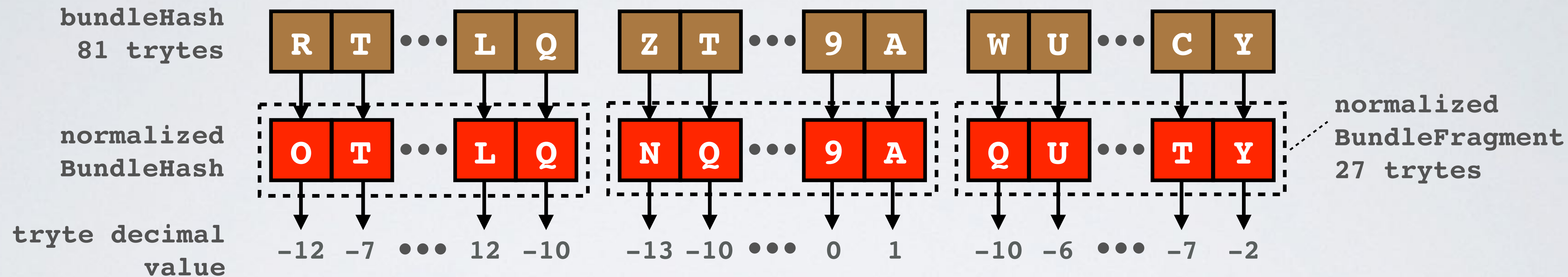
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hash each
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hash n digests
1x

CALCULATE NUMBER OF HASHES



HOW A SIGNATURE IS VALIDATED

- To validate a signature in a transaction bundle:
 - Extract all corresponding signatureMessageFragments from the bundle. Depending on the selected security level you will have 1, 2 or 3 signatureMessageFragments.
 - The combined signatureMessageFragments is called the signature.
 - Extract the bundlehash from the bundle.
Note: The bundleHash value is the same within the bundle.

TRANSACTIONOBJECT EXAMPLE PART 1 OF 2

- A transactionObject in a bundle (security level 2).

```
{
  "hash": "YDDQ...A9999",
  "signatureMessageFragment": "JHAK...MVGY",
  "address": "HRKD...XKHX",
  "value": -3,
  "obsoleteTag": "99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "timestamp": 1515494426,
  "currentIndex": 1,
  "lastIndex": 2,
  "bundle": "RTGX...LQCY",
  "trunkTransaction": "WVCLP...99999",
  "branchTransaction": "DOXV...X999",
  "tag": "99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "attachmentTimestamp": 1515496571334,
  "attachmentTimestampLowerBound": 0,
  "attachmentTimestampUpperBound": 3812798742493,
  "nonce": "AZ999IOB99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "persistence": true
},
```

2187 trytes

81 trytes

TRANSACTIONOBJECT EXAMPLE PART 2 OF 2

- A transactionObject in a bundle (security level 2).

```
{
  "hash": "WVCL...OUCPM",
  "signatureMessageFragment": "ZRUE...AWFY",
  "address": "HRKD...XKHX",
  "value": 0,
  "obsoleteTag": "99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "timestamp": 1515494426,
  "currentIndex": 2,
  "lastIndex": 2,
  "bundle": "RTGX...LQCY",
  "trunkTransaction": "WVCLP...99999",
  "branchTransaction": "DOXV...X999",
  "tag": "99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "attachmentTimestamp": 1515496561769,
  "attachmentTimestampLowerBound": 0,
  "attachmentTimestampUpperBound": 3812798742493,
  "nonce": "JA999ISA99999999999999999999999999999999",
  "persistence": true
},
```

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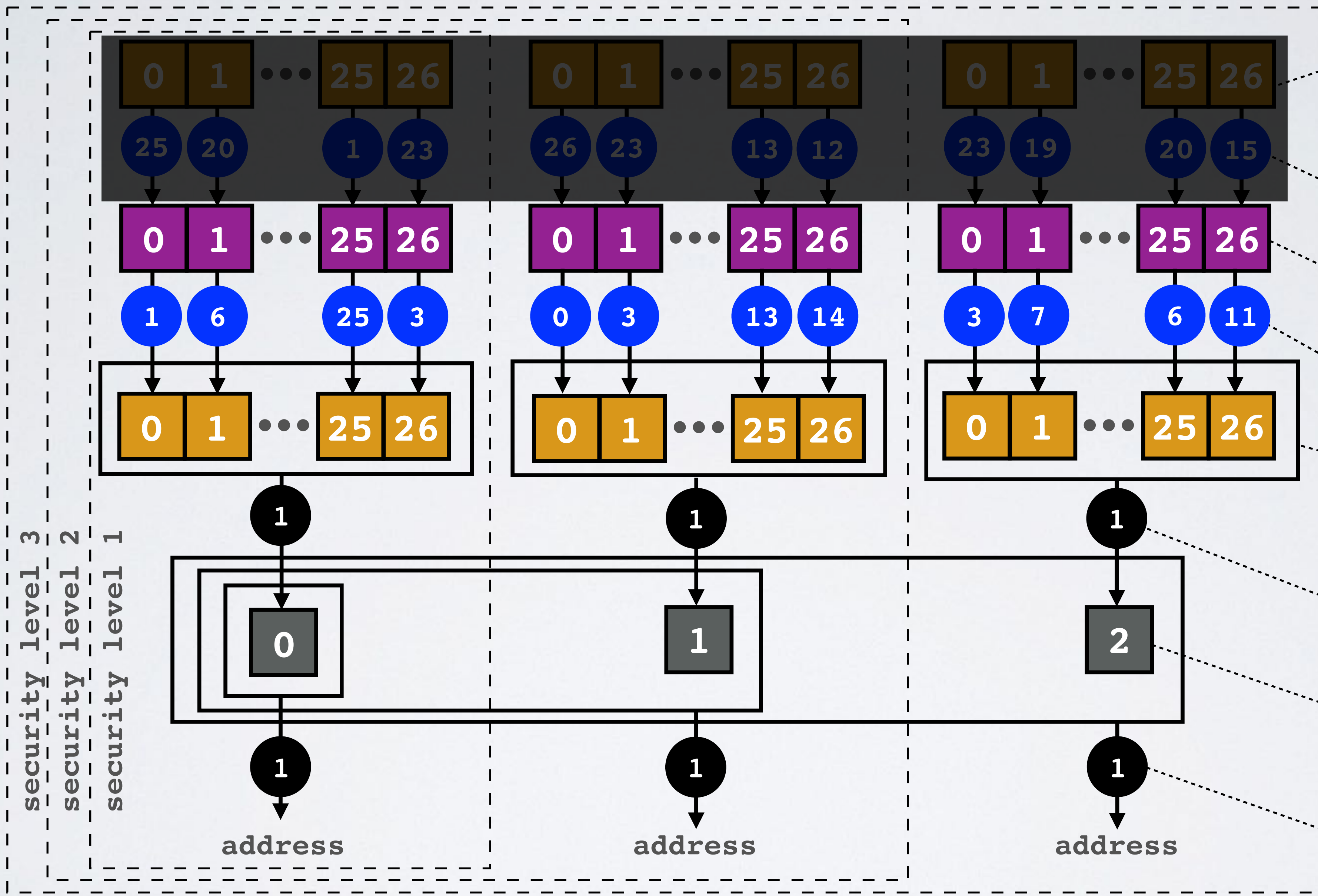
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→

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Fragment
→

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→

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HOW A SIGNATURE IS VALIDATED

- Validate a signature.

<https://github.com/iotaledger/iota.lib.js/blob/v0.4.7/lib/crypto/signing/signing.js>

```
var validateSignatures = function(expectedAddress,  
signatureFragments, bundleHash)
```

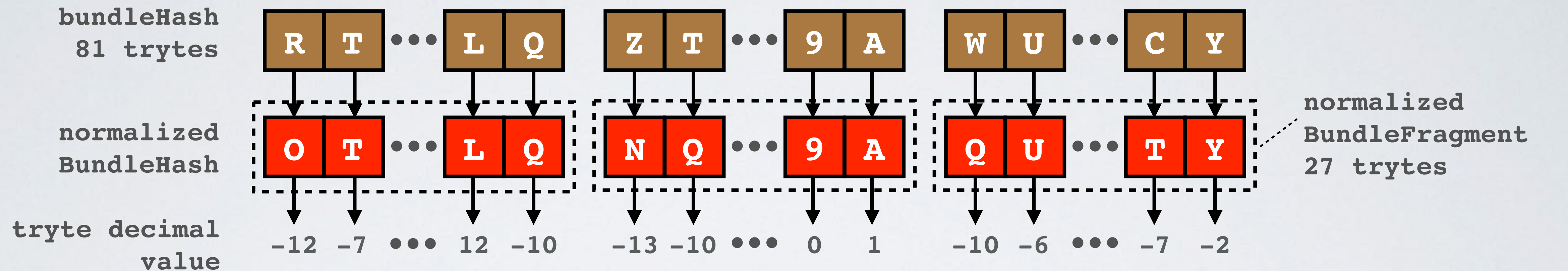
HOW A SIGNATURE IS VALIDATED

- A signature consists of 1,2 or 3 signatureMessageFragments (= signatureFragments) , depending on the selected security level.
- To validate a signature:
 - Calculate the normalizedBundleHash = normalizedBundle(bundleHash)
 - Convert each tryte in the normalizedBundleHash to its decimal value.
 - Apply for each decimal value the following calculation: $K = 13 + \text{decimal value}$.
 - Each signatureFragment segment must be hashed K times.

HOW A SIGNATURE IS VALIDATED

- Combine the 27 hashed signatureFragment segments to a keyFragment. A keyFragment has $(27 \times 81 =)$ 2187 trytes.
- Each keyFragment is hashed one time to create a digests.
- Depending on the selected security level, 1, 2 or 3 digests are combined together.
- The combined digests are hashed one time to create the address.
- If this calculated address is the same as the address taken from the transactionObject in the bundle, than the signature is valid.

CALCULATE NUMBER OF HASHES



CREATE AND VALIDATE SIGNATUREFRAGMENT

- Create signatureFragment.

<https://github.com/iotaedger/iota.lib.js/blob/v0.4.7/lib/crypto/signing/signing.js>

```
var signatureFragment =  
function(normalizedBundleFragment, keyFragment)
```

- Validate signatureFragment.

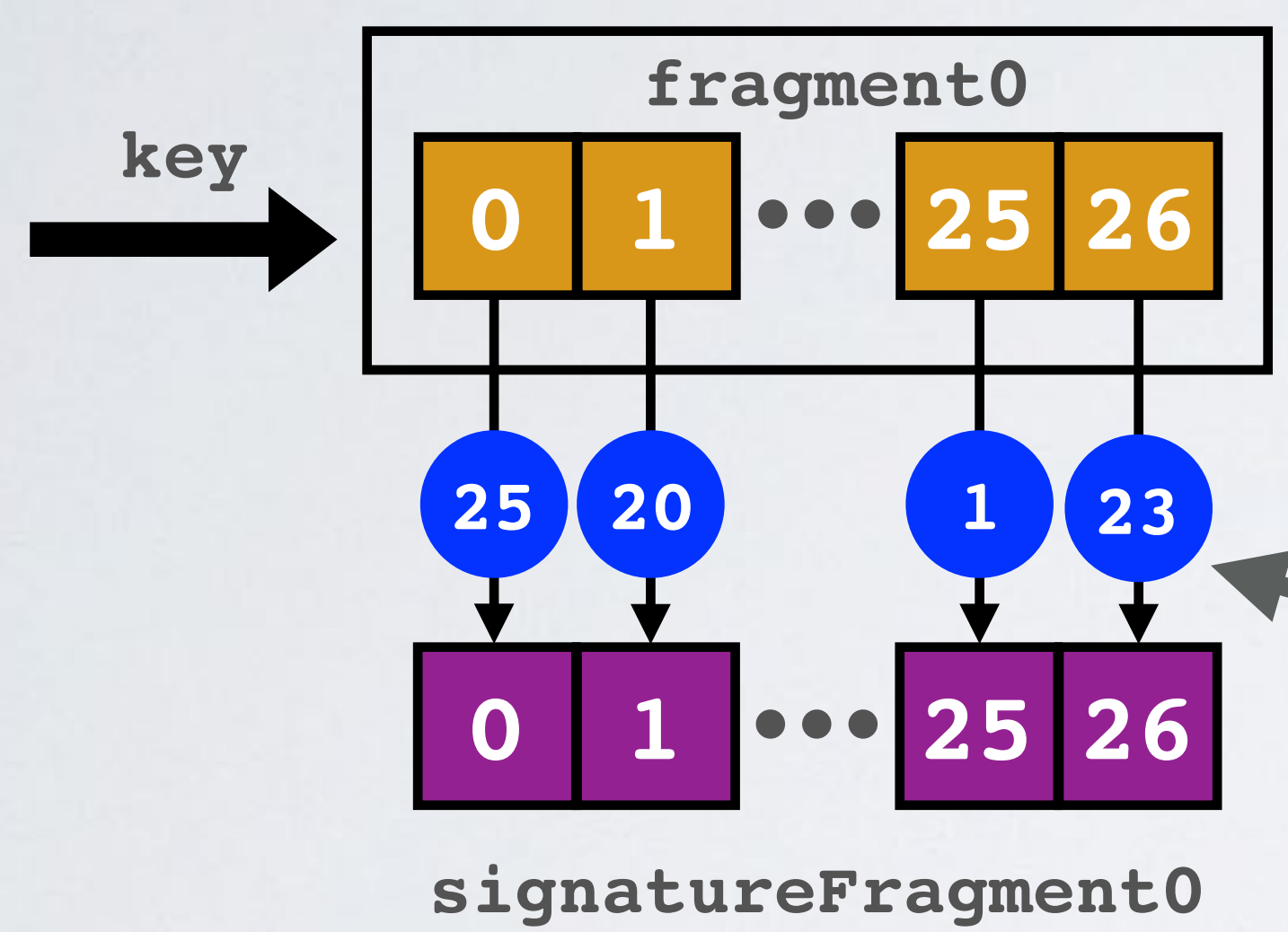
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```
var validateSignatures = function(expectedAddress,  
signatureFragments, bundleHash)
```

```
var digest = function(normalizedBundleFragment,  
signatureFragment)
```

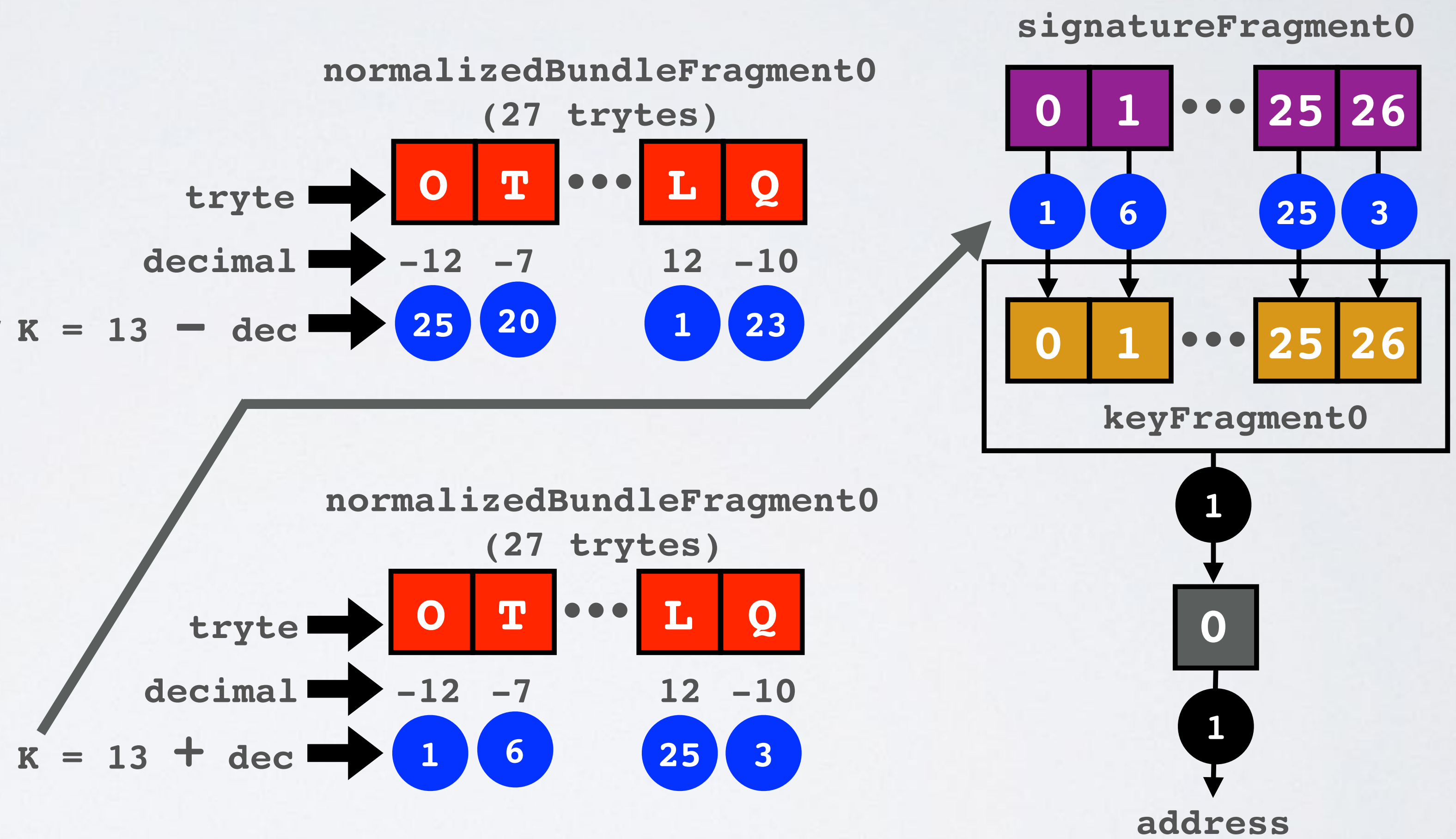
CREATE AND VALIDATE A SIGNATURE

Creating a signature



Security level 1

Validating a signature



IOTA TRYTE ALPHABET

| Trits | Dec | Tryte | | Trits | Dec | Tryte |
|-----------|-----|-------|--|------------|-----|-------|
| 0, 0, 0 | 0 | 9 | | | | |
| 1, 0, 0 | 1 | A | | -1, -1, -1 | -13 | N |
| -1, 1, 0 | 2 | B | | 0, -1, -1 | -12 | O |
| 0, 1, 0 | 3 | C | | 1, -1, -1 | -11 | P |
| 1, 1, 0 | 4 | D | | -1, 0, -1 | -10 | Q |
| -1, -1, 1 | 5 | E | | 0, 0, -1 | -9 | R |
| 0, -1, 1 | 6 | F | | 1, 0, -1 | -8 | S |
| 1, -1, 1 | 7 | G | | -1, 1, -1 | -7 | T |
| -1, 0, 1 | 8 | H | | 0, 1, -1 | -6 | U |
| 0, 0, 1 | 9 | I | | 1, 1, -1 | -5 | V |
| 1, 0, 1 | 10 | J | | -1, -1, 0 | -4 | W |
| -1, 1, 1 | 11 | K | | 0, -1, 0 | -3 | X |
| 0, 1, 1 | 12 | L | | 1, -1, 0 | -2 | Y |
| 1, 1, 1 | 13 | M | | -1, 0, 0 | -1 | Z |