What is equivalence?

Given two resolvers A and B, equivalence is <u>the claim</u> that A and B can provide the same upper-layer DNS function (i.e. response messages) towards the client. This does not include the DNS transport protocol (e.g. Do53 or DNS-over-HTTPS) which can differ between equivalent resolvers.

Described modes of asserting the claim

- Network-identified: The network (e.g. through DHCP or RA) says that B is equivalent to A.
- Resolver-identified: Resolver A (whether Do53, or not) says that B is equivalent to it.