

Compositional Shape Analysis by means of Bi-Abduction

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A lot of real code out there uses pointer manipulation...

```
void t1394Diag_CancelIrp(PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject, PIRP Irp)
{
    KIRQL          Irql, CancelIrql;
    BUS_RESET_IRP *BusResetIrp, *temp;
    PDEVICE_EXTENSION deviceExtension;

    deviceExtension = DeviceObject->DeviceExtension;

    KeAcquireSpinLock(&deviceExtension->ResetSpinLock, &Irql);

    temp = (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension;
    BusResetIrp = (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension->Flink2;

    while (BusResetIrp) {

        if (BusResetIrp->Irp == Irp) {
            temp->Flink2 = BusResetIrp->Flink2;
            free(BusResetIrp);
            break;
        }
        else if (BusResetIrp->Flink2 == (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension) {
            break;
        }
        else {
            temp = BusResetIrp;
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        }
    }

    KeReleaseSpinLock(&deviceExtension->ResetSpinLock, Irql);

    IoReleaseCancelSpinLock(Irp->CancelIrql);
    Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_CANCELLED;
    IoCompleteRequest(Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
} // t1394Diag_CancelIrp
```

Is this correct?

Or at least: does it basic properties like it won't crash or leak memory?

We want to build tool that **automatically** answer such questions

Crash course on Separation Logic

Simple Imperative Language

- Safe commands:

- $S ::= \text{skip} \mid x := E \mid x := \text{new}(E_1, \dots, E_n)$

- Heap accessing commands:

- $A(E) ::= \text{dispose}(E) \mid x := [E] \mid [E] := F$

where E is an expression x, y, nil , etc.

- Command:

- $C ::= S \mid A \mid C_1; C_2 \mid \text{if } B \{ C_1 \} \text{ else } \{ C_2 \} \mid$
 $\text{while } B \text{ do } \{ C \}$

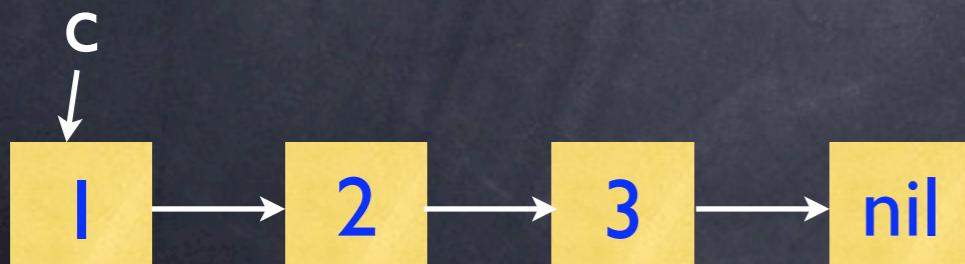
where B boolean guard $E = E, E \neq E$, etc.

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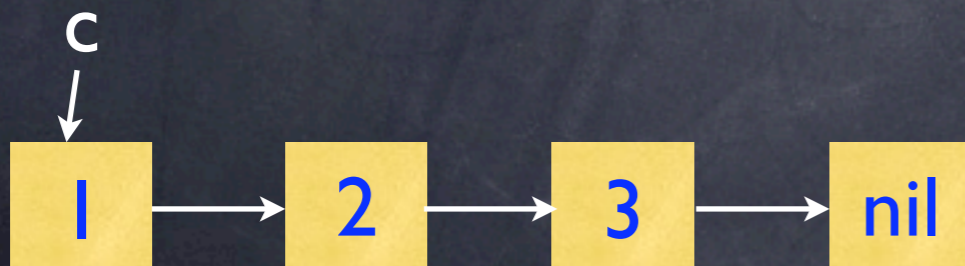
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Some properties
we would like to prove:

Does the program preserve
acyclicity/cyclicity?

Does it core-dump?

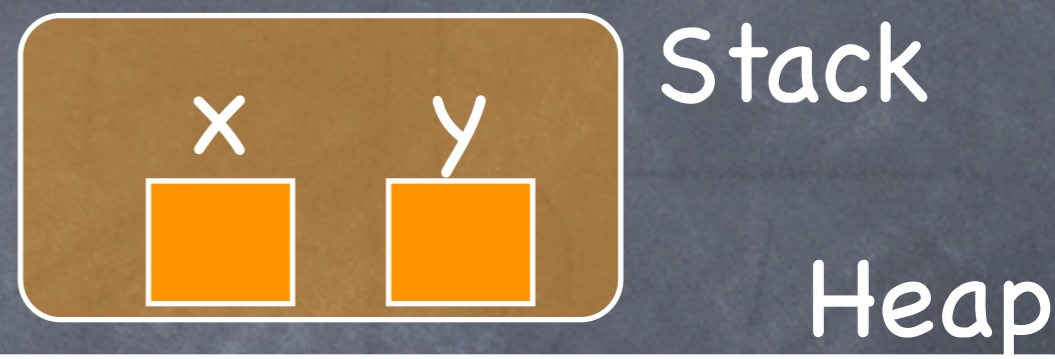
Does it create garbage?



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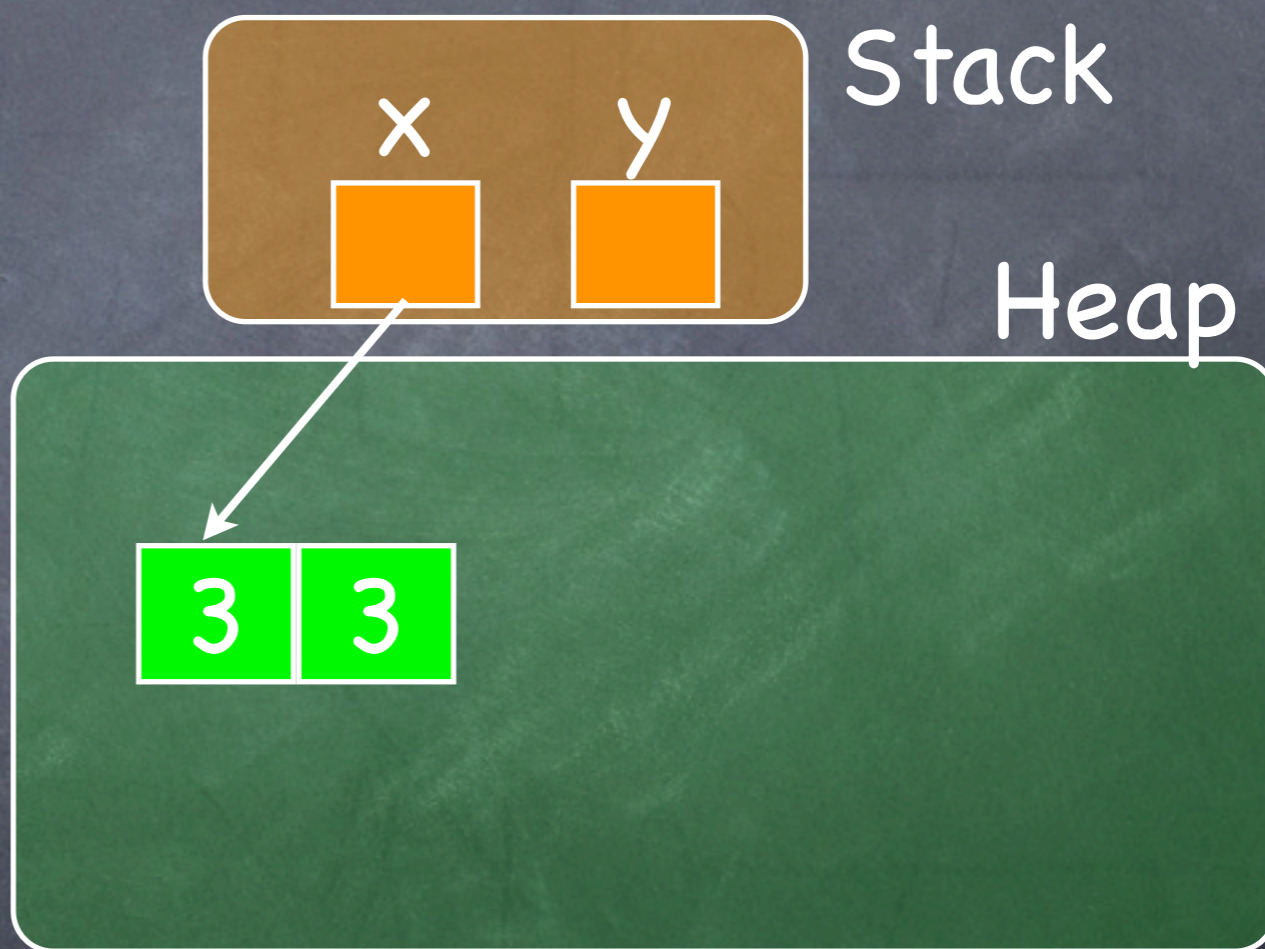
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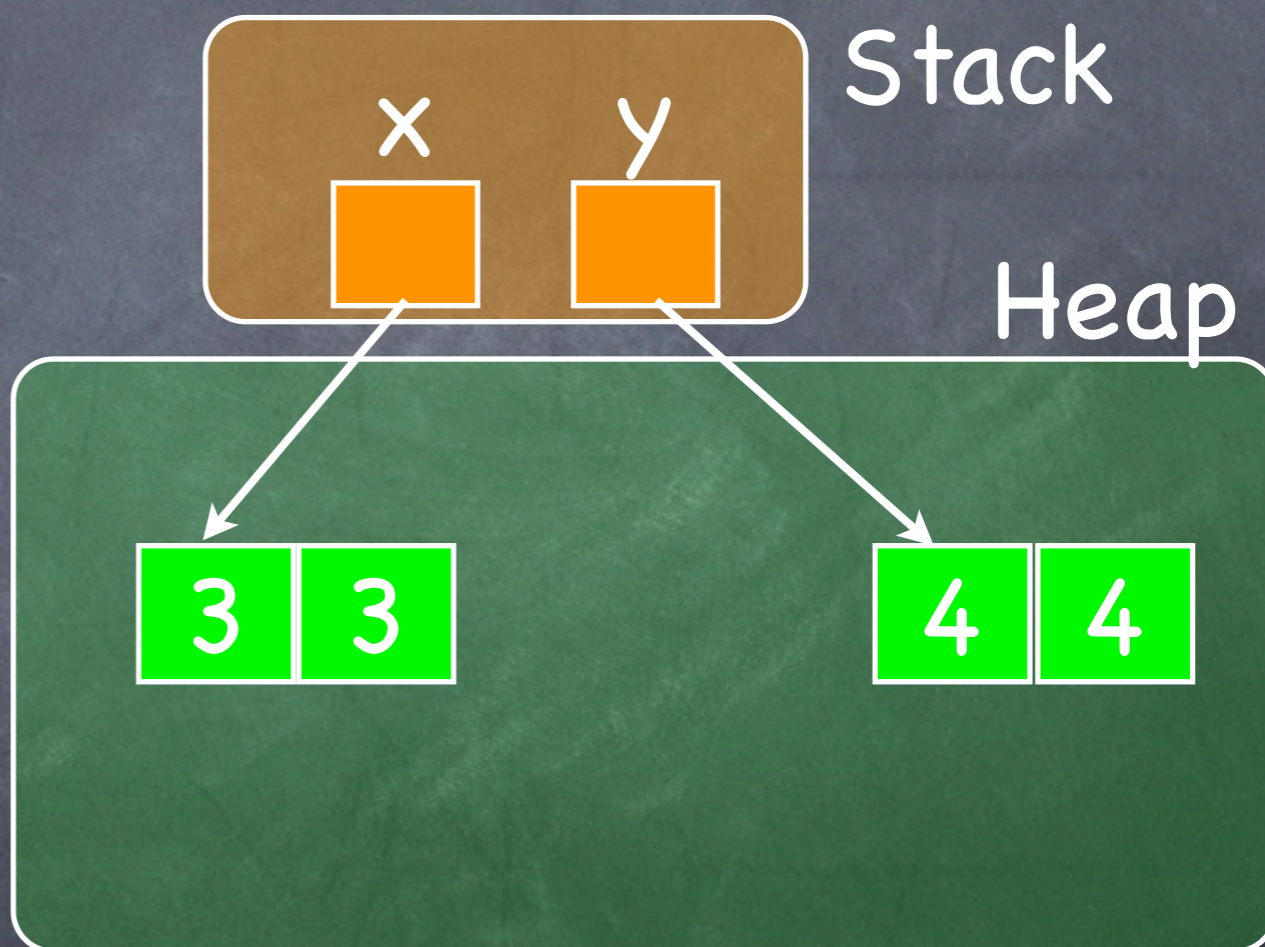
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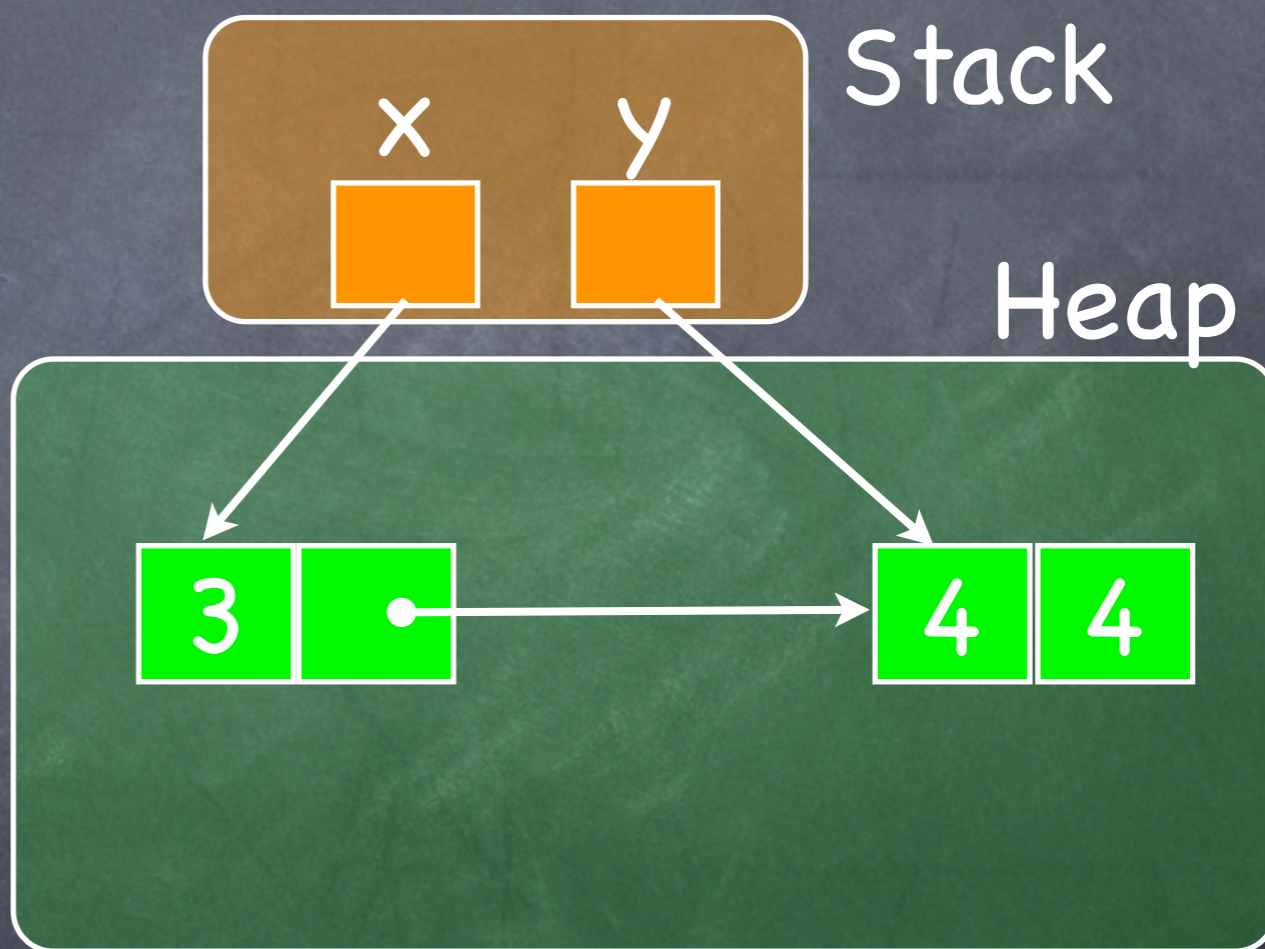
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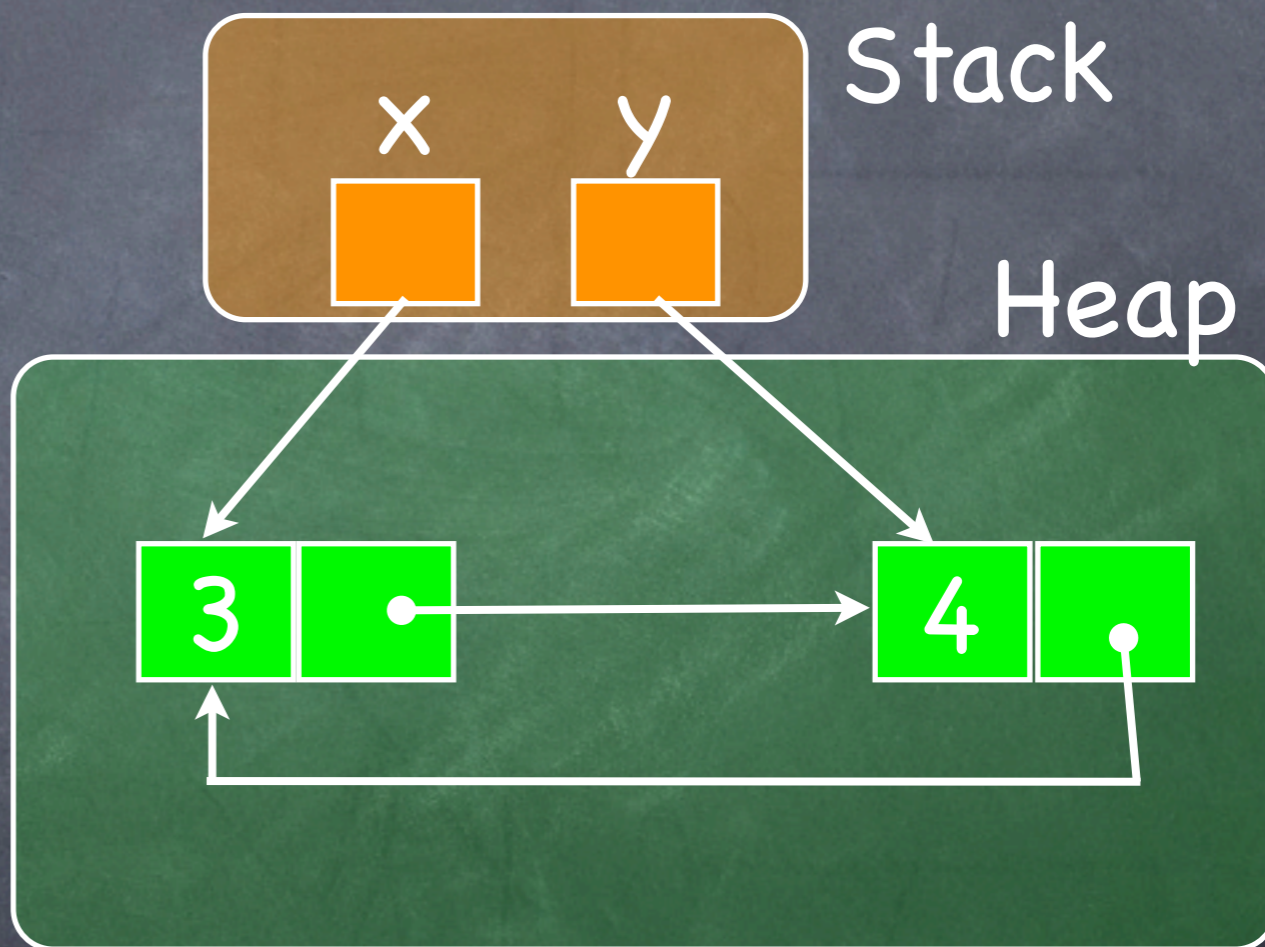
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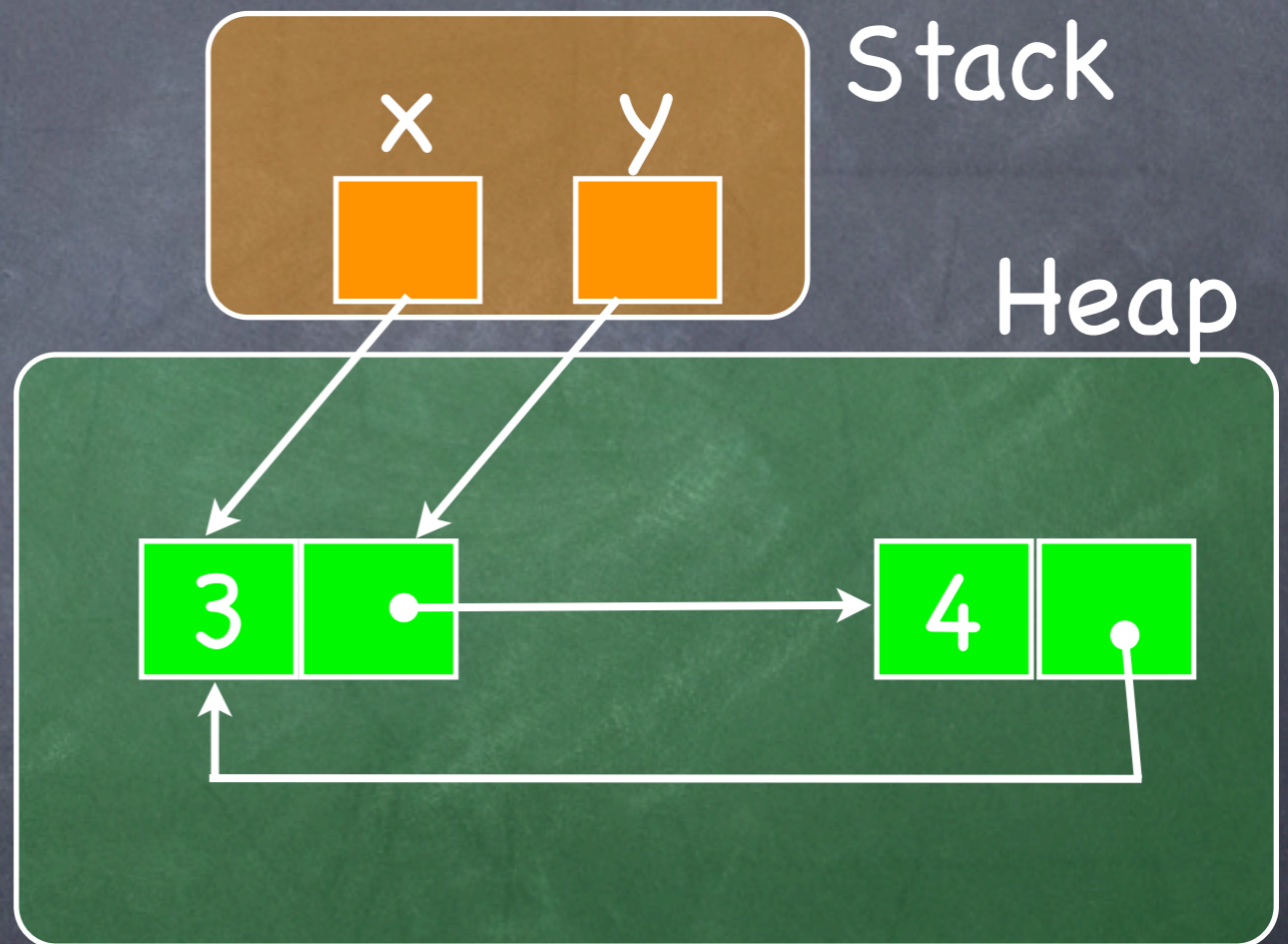
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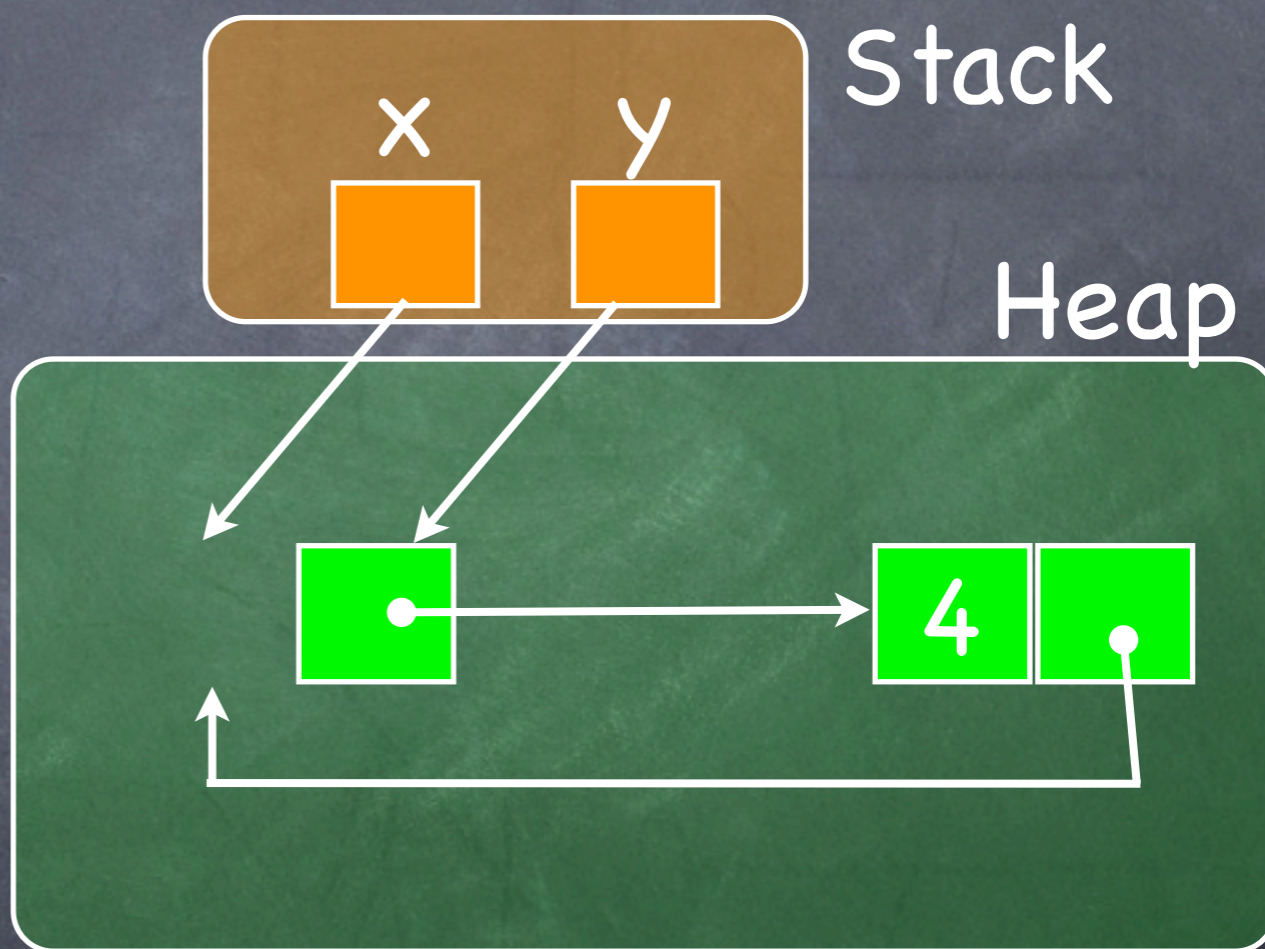
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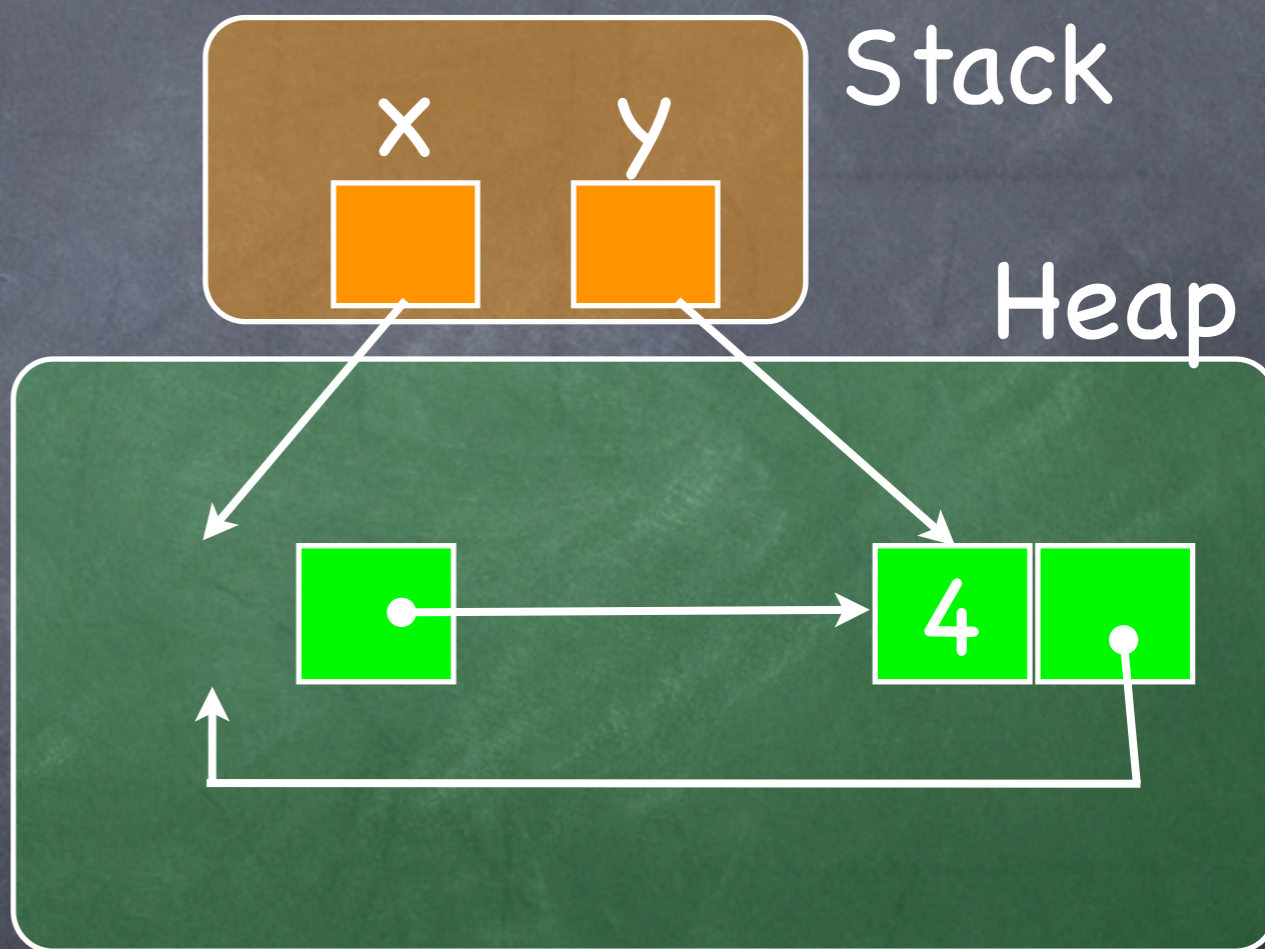
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Assume([x] = 3 && x!=y && x!=z)

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This is where separation logic comes in

$$\frac{\{P\} C \{Q\}}{\{R \ * \ P \} C \{Q \ * \ R \}}$$

Introduces new connective $*$ used to separate state.

Storage Model

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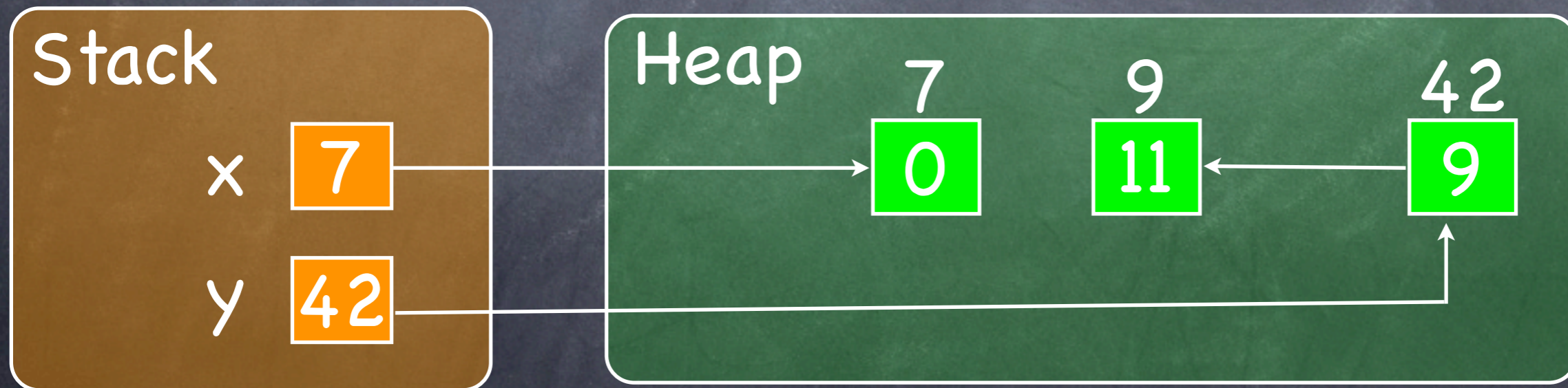
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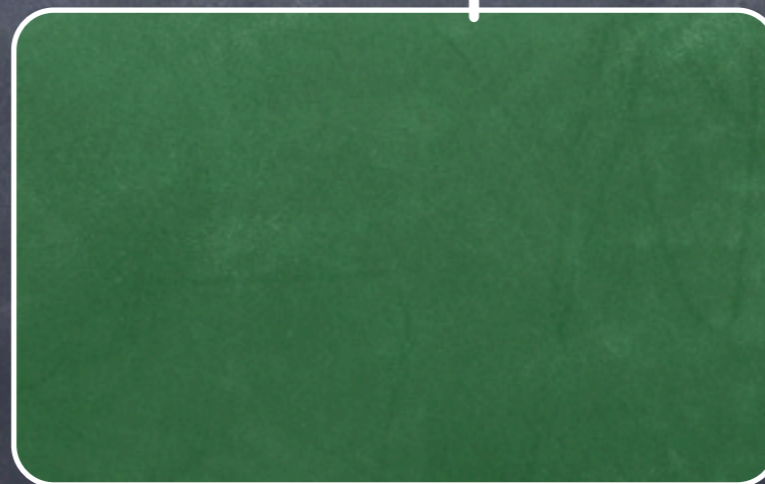
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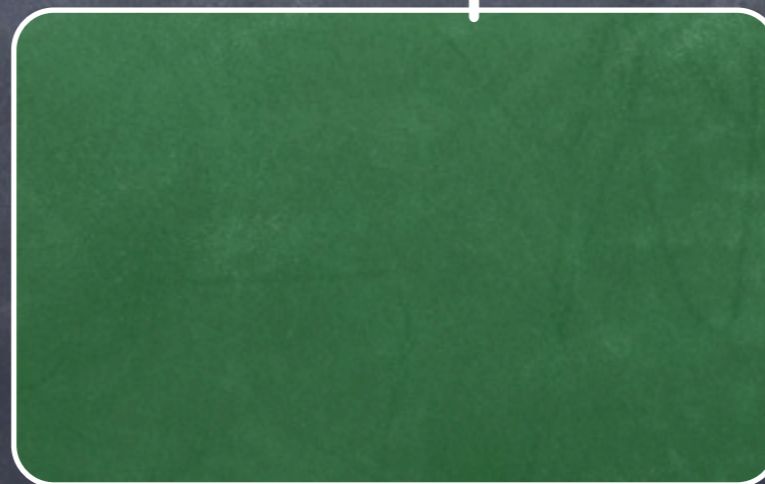


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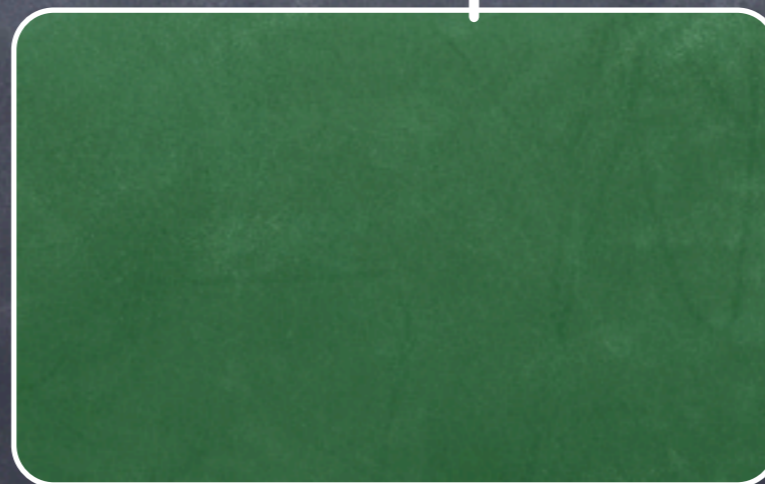


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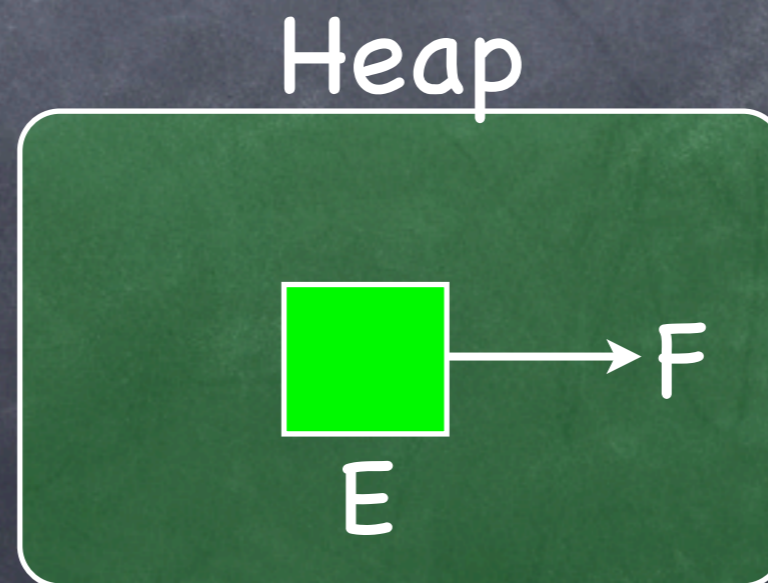
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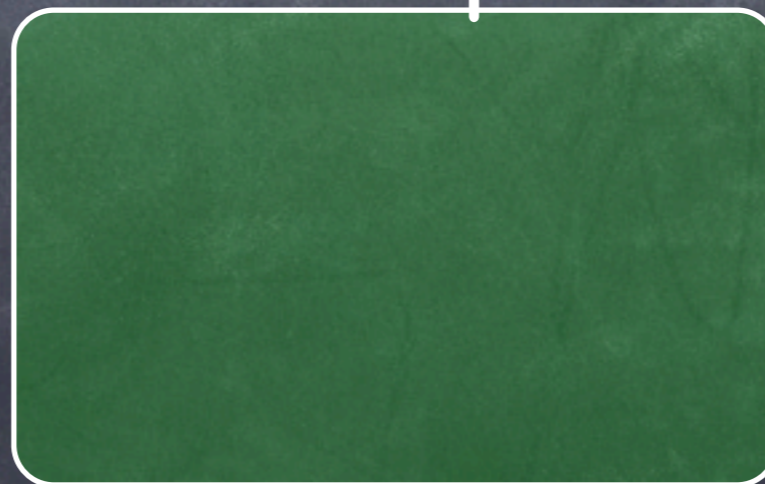


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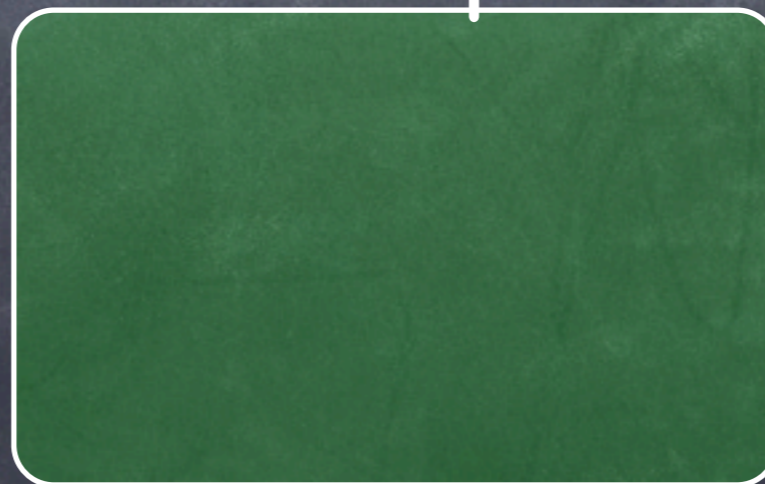


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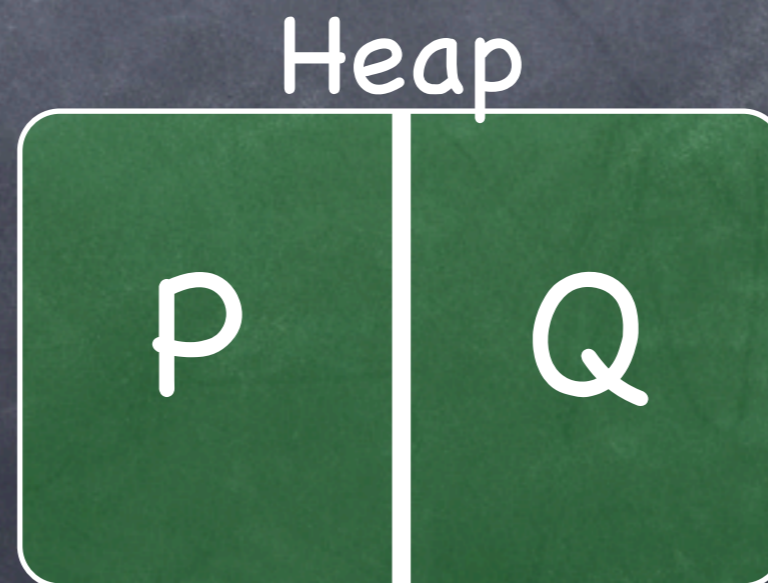
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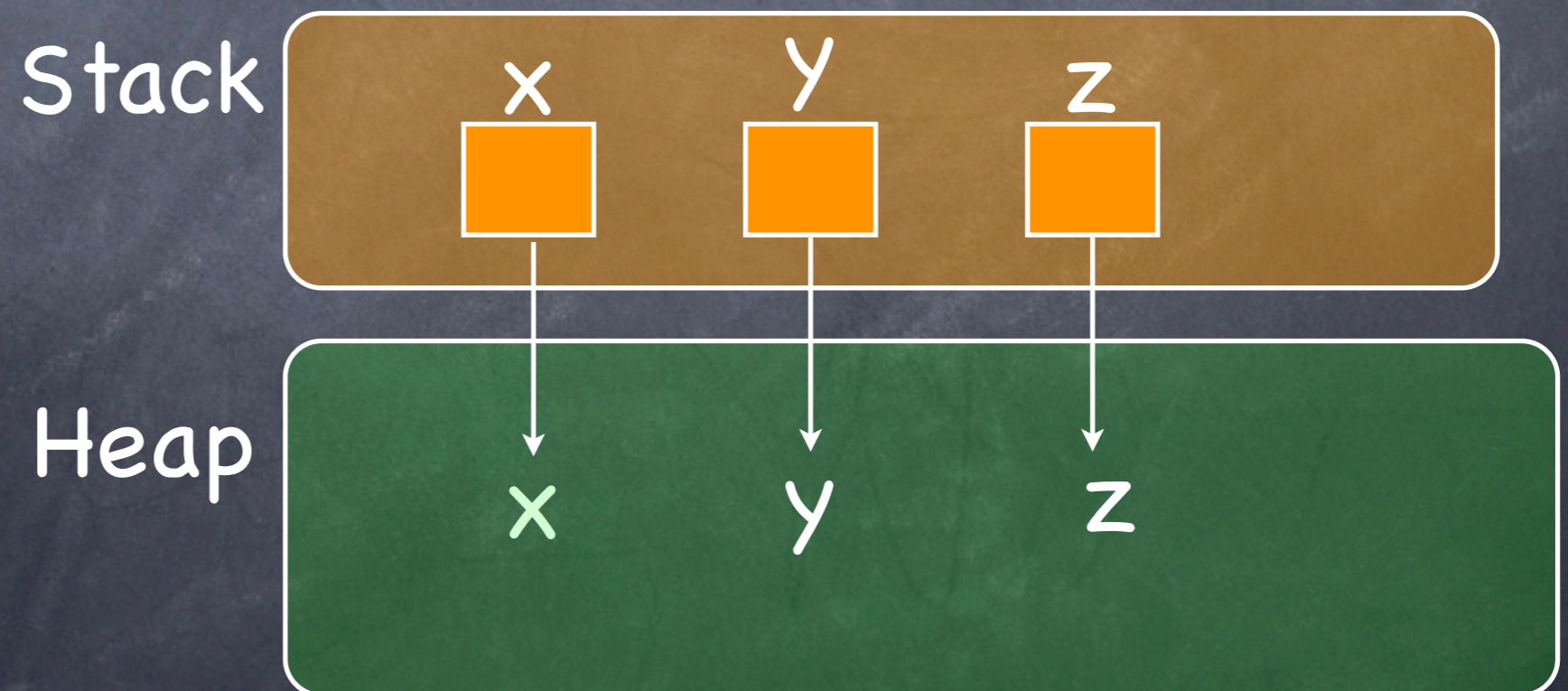
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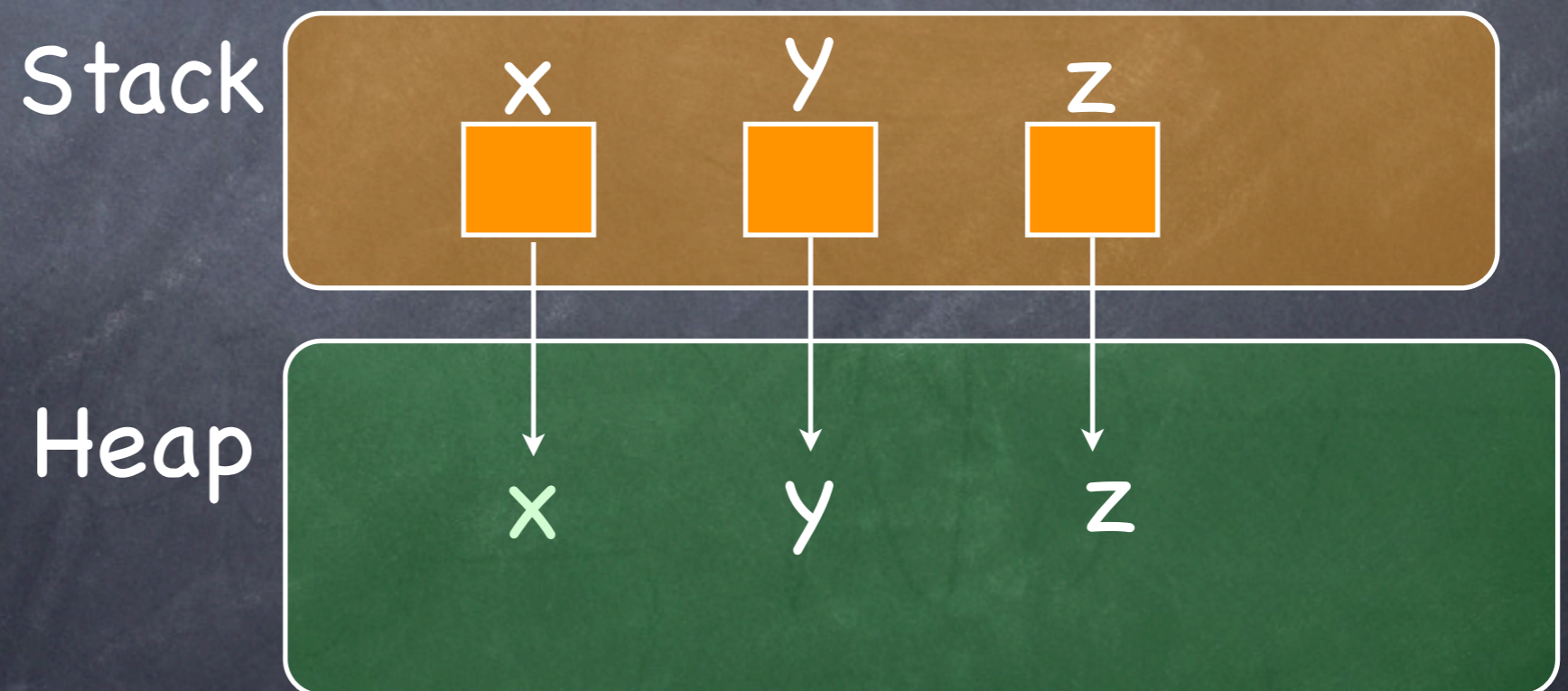
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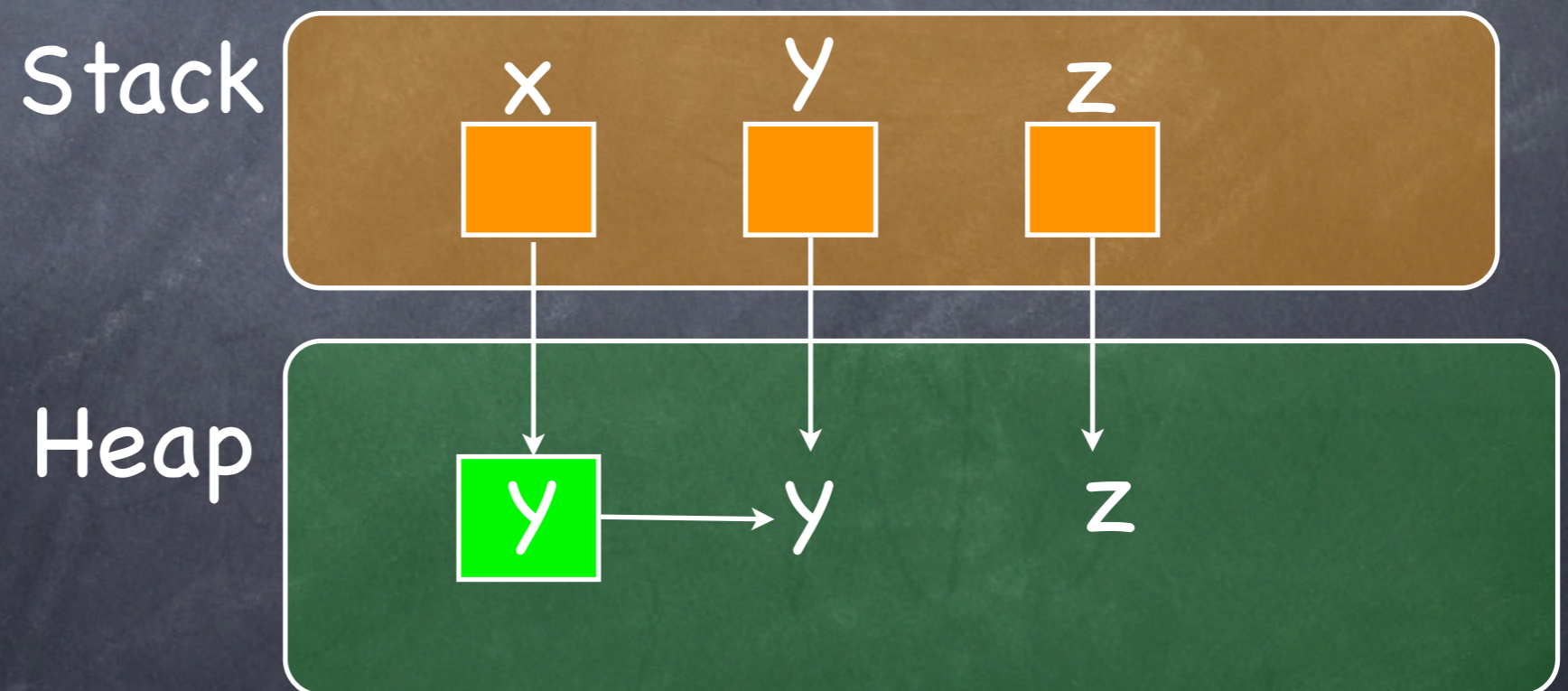
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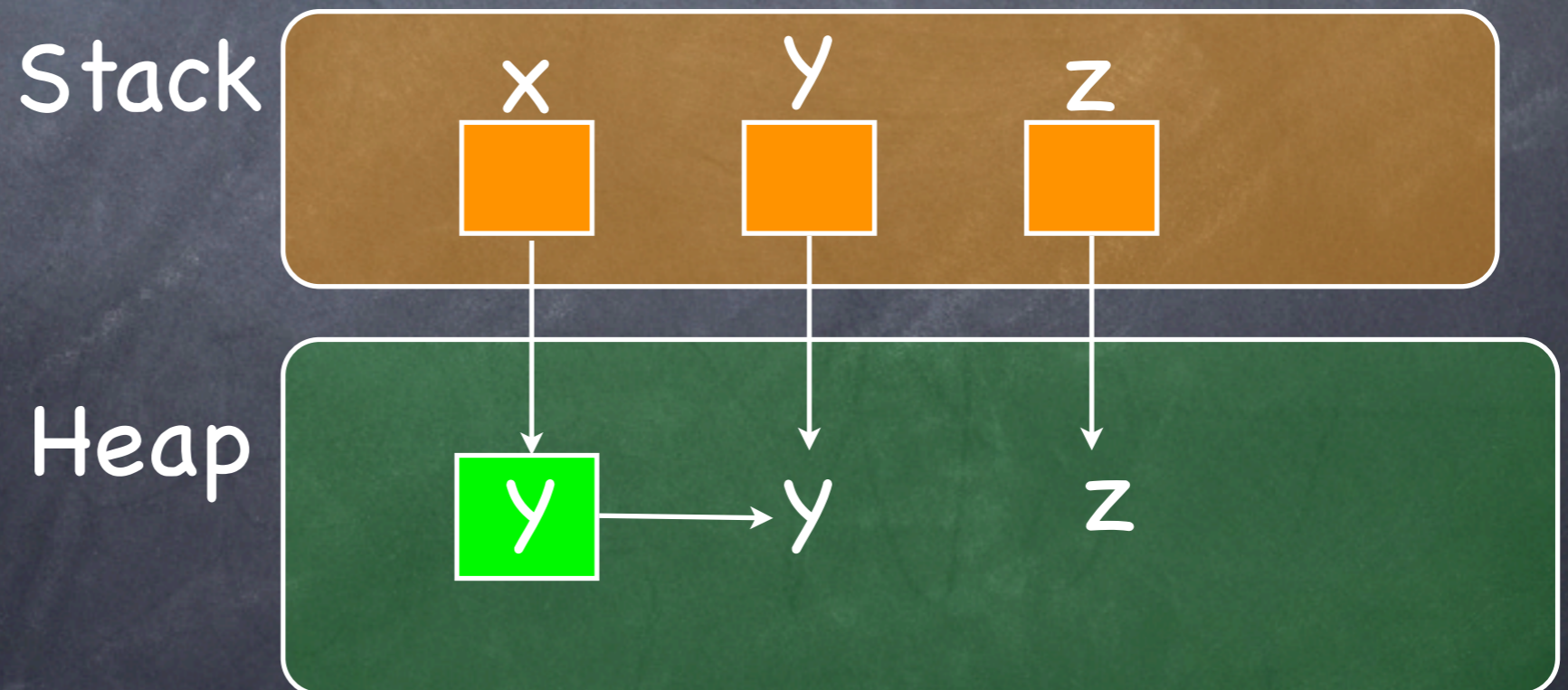
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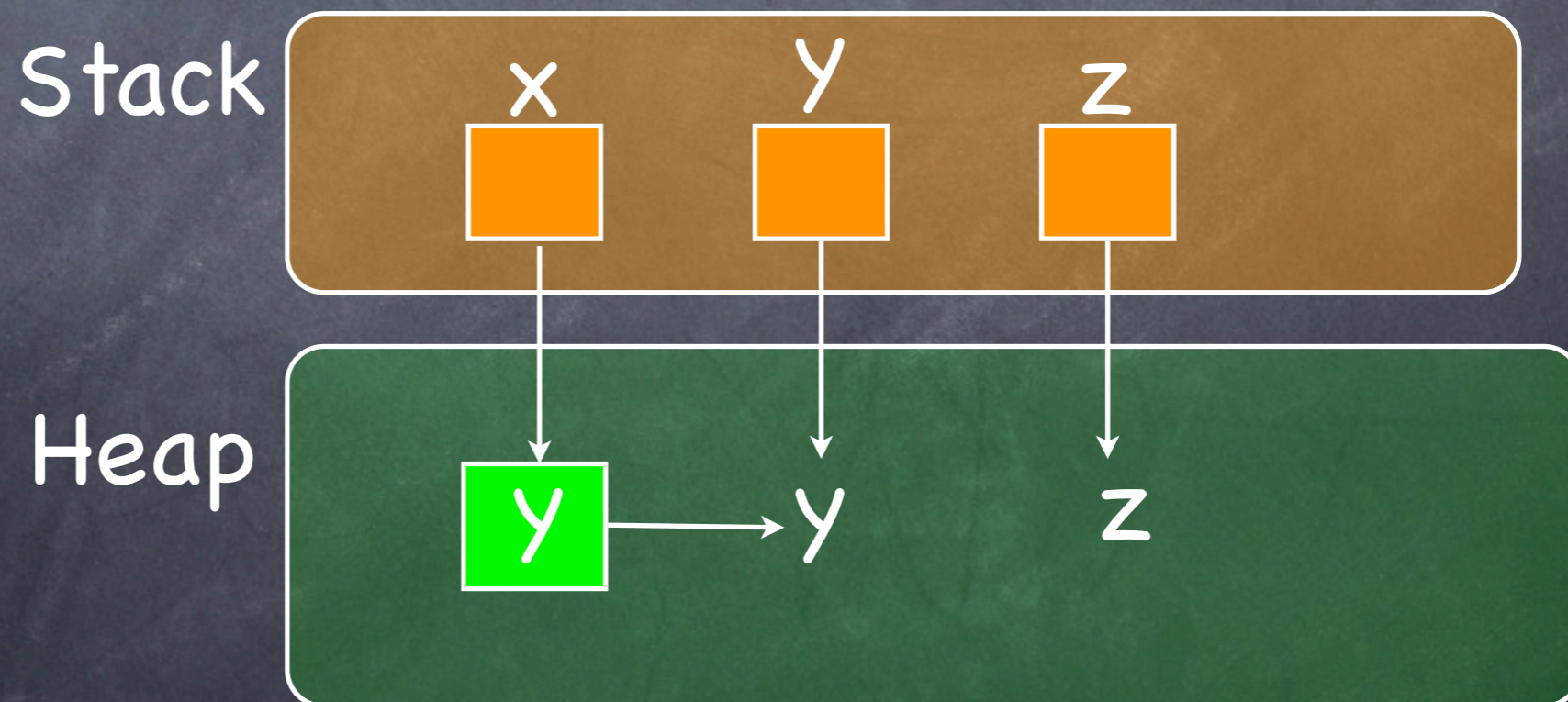
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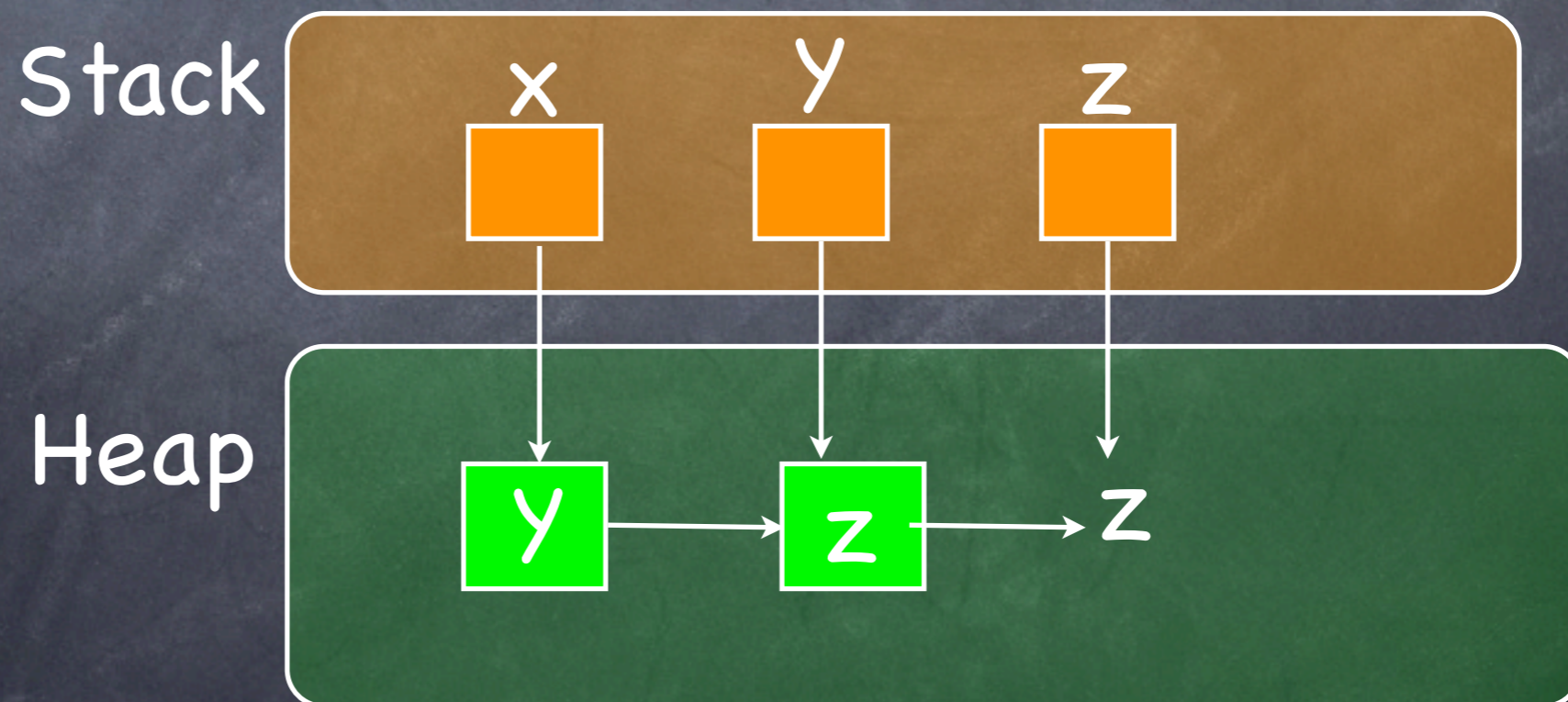
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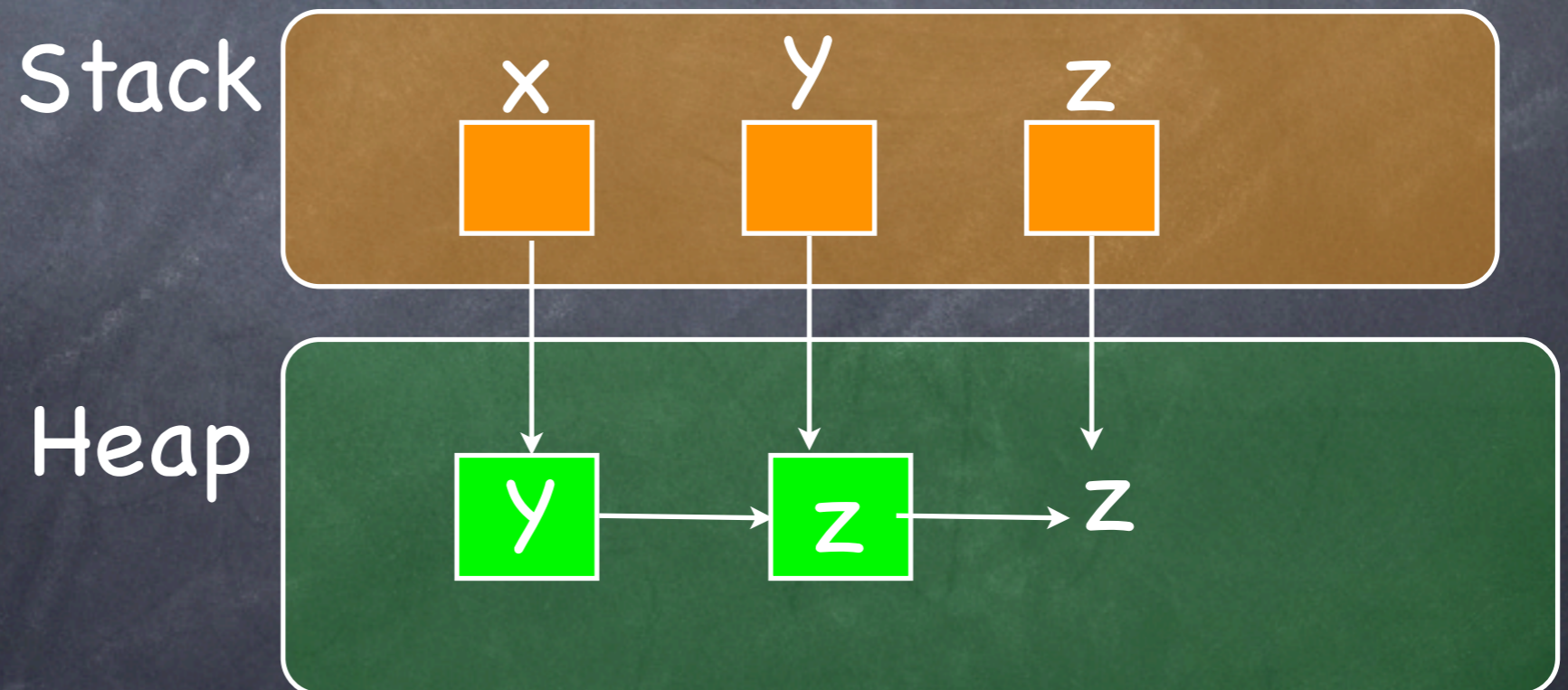
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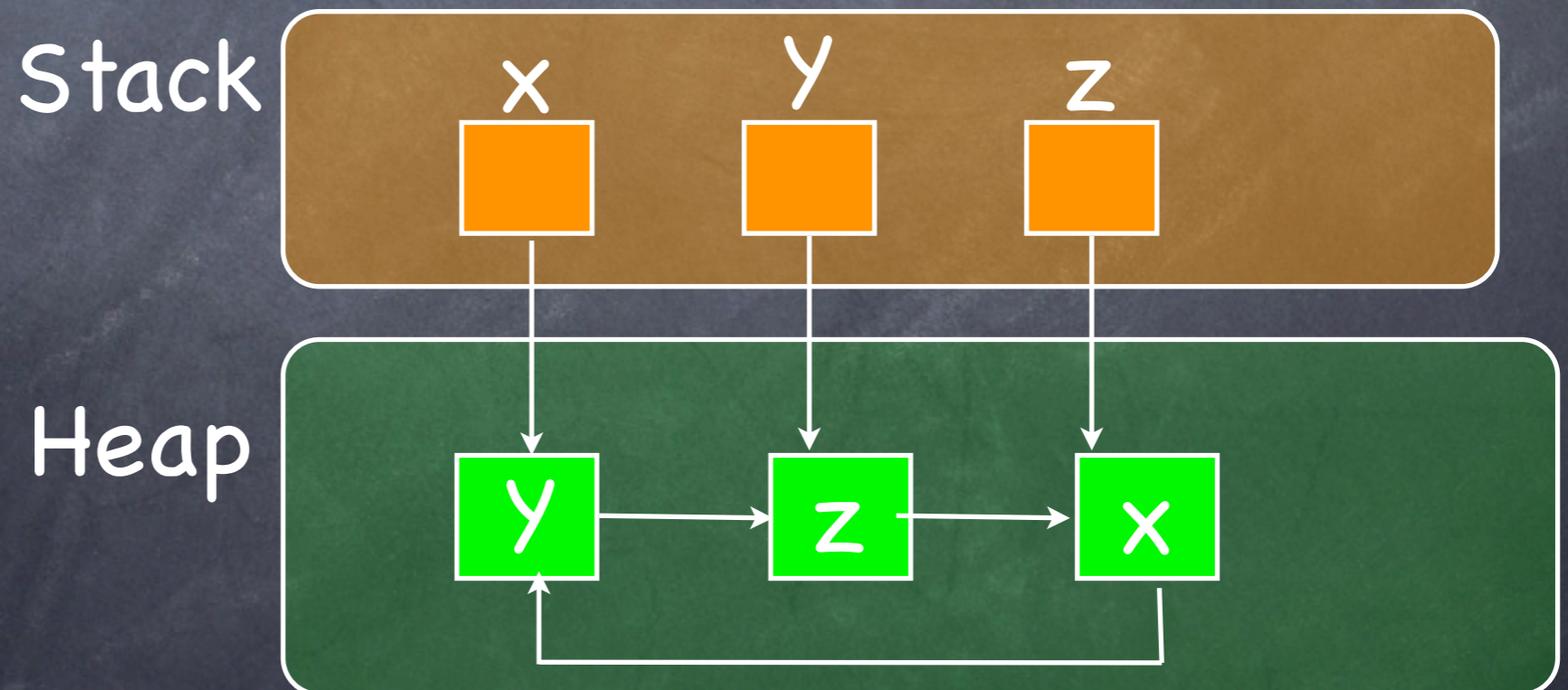
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Semantics of Assertions

$$(s, h) \models P$$

$$s, h \models E \mapsto F \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{dom}(h) = \{[[E]]_s\} \text{ and } h([[E]]_s) = [[F]]_s$$

$$s, h \models \text{emp} \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{dom}(h) = \emptyset$$

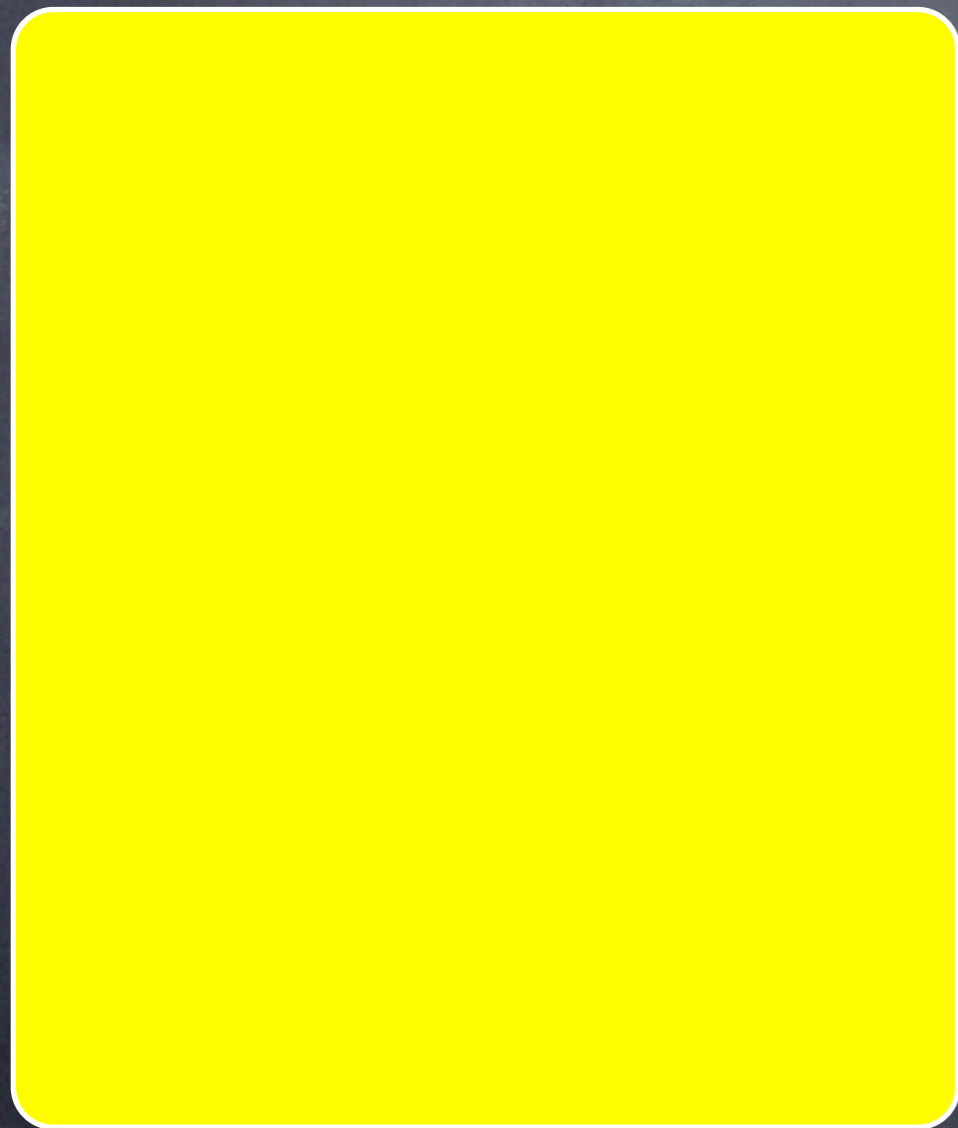
$$s, h \models P * Q \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists h_0, h_1. \text{dom}(h_0) \cap \text{dom}(h_1) = \emptyset \text{ and } h_0 \cdot h_1 = h \\ \text{and } s, h_0 \models P \text{ and } s, h_1 \models Q$$

$$s, h \models P \wedge Q \quad \text{iff} \quad s, h \models P \text{ and } s, h \models Q$$

where meaning of expressions

$$[[E]] : \text{Stacks} \rightarrow \text{Vals}$$

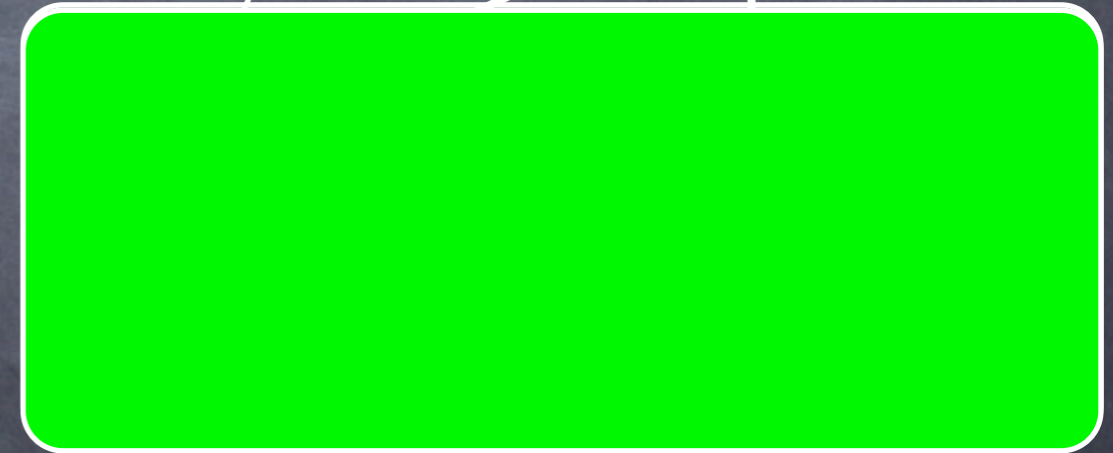
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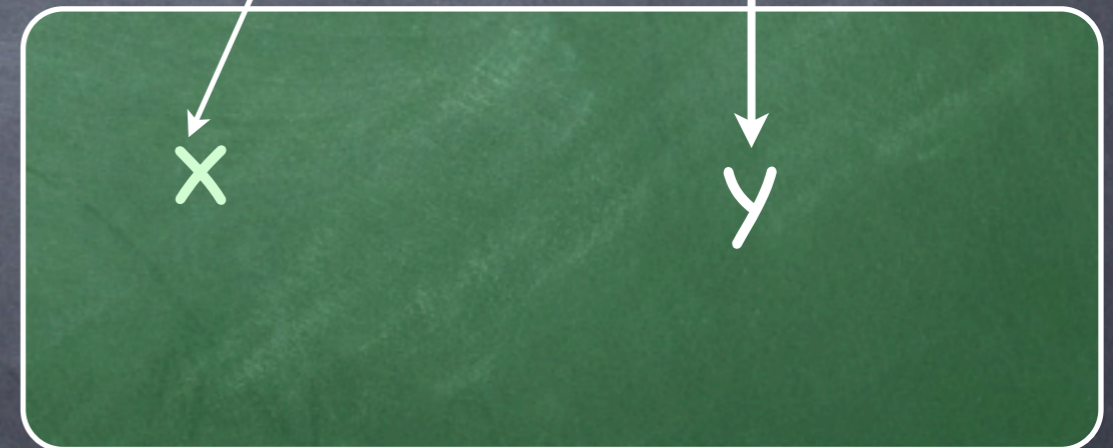
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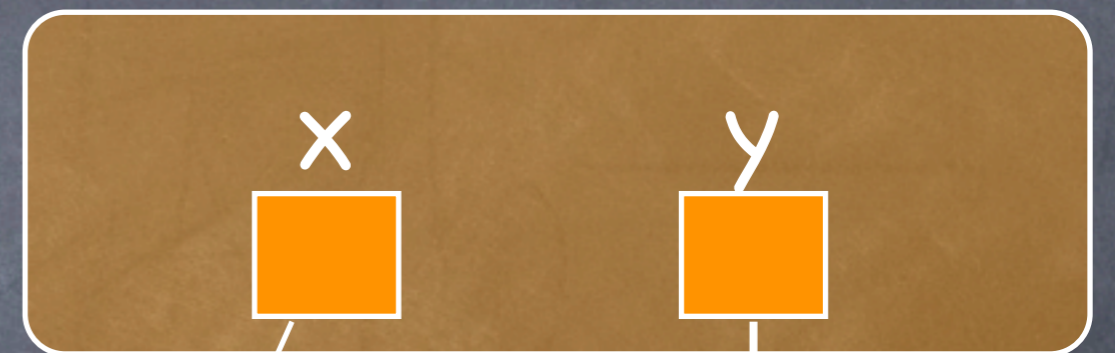
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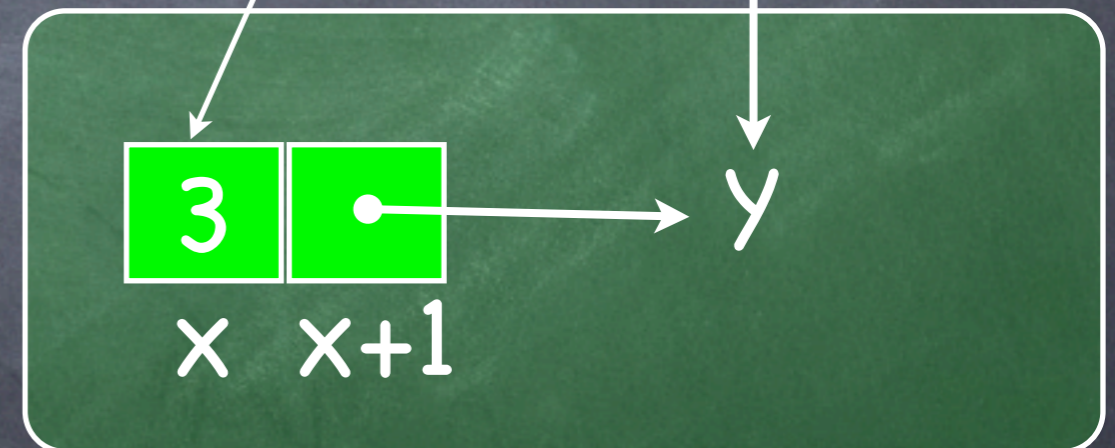
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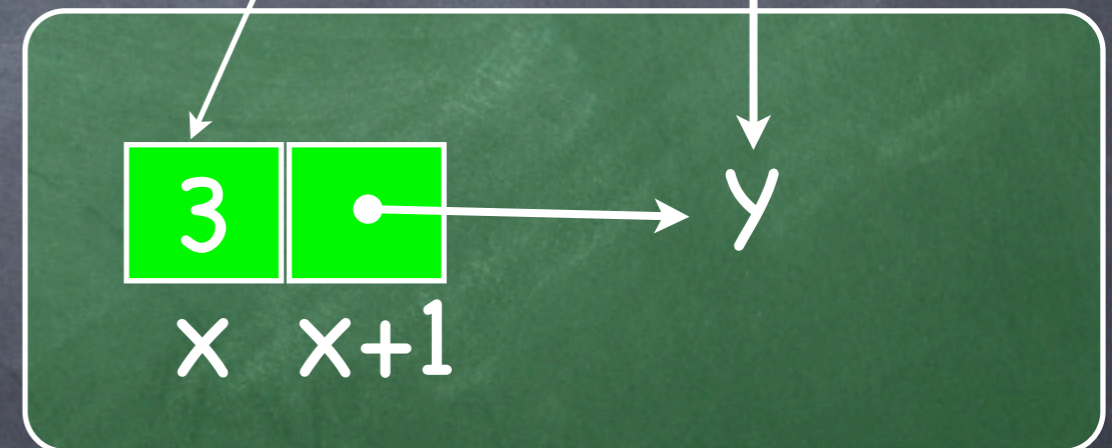
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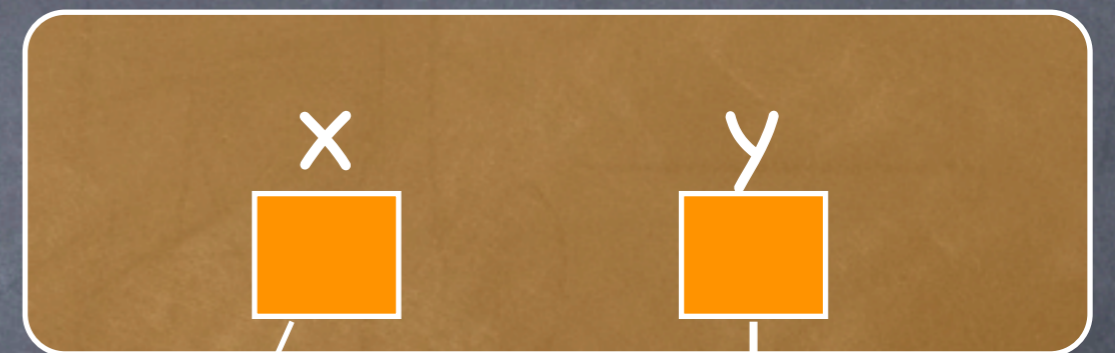
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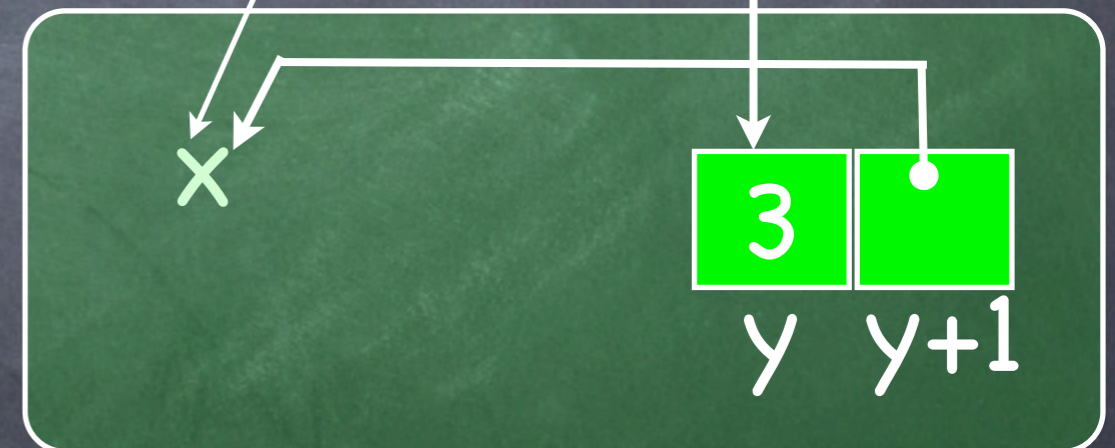
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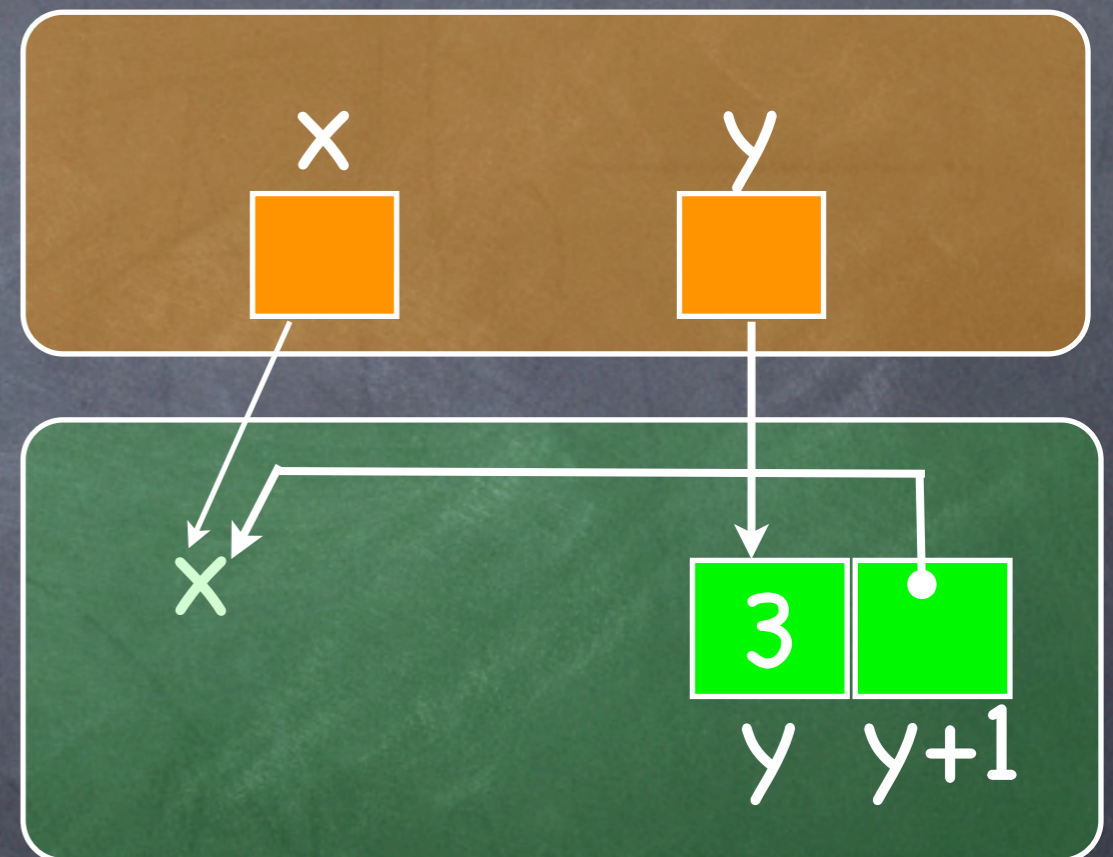
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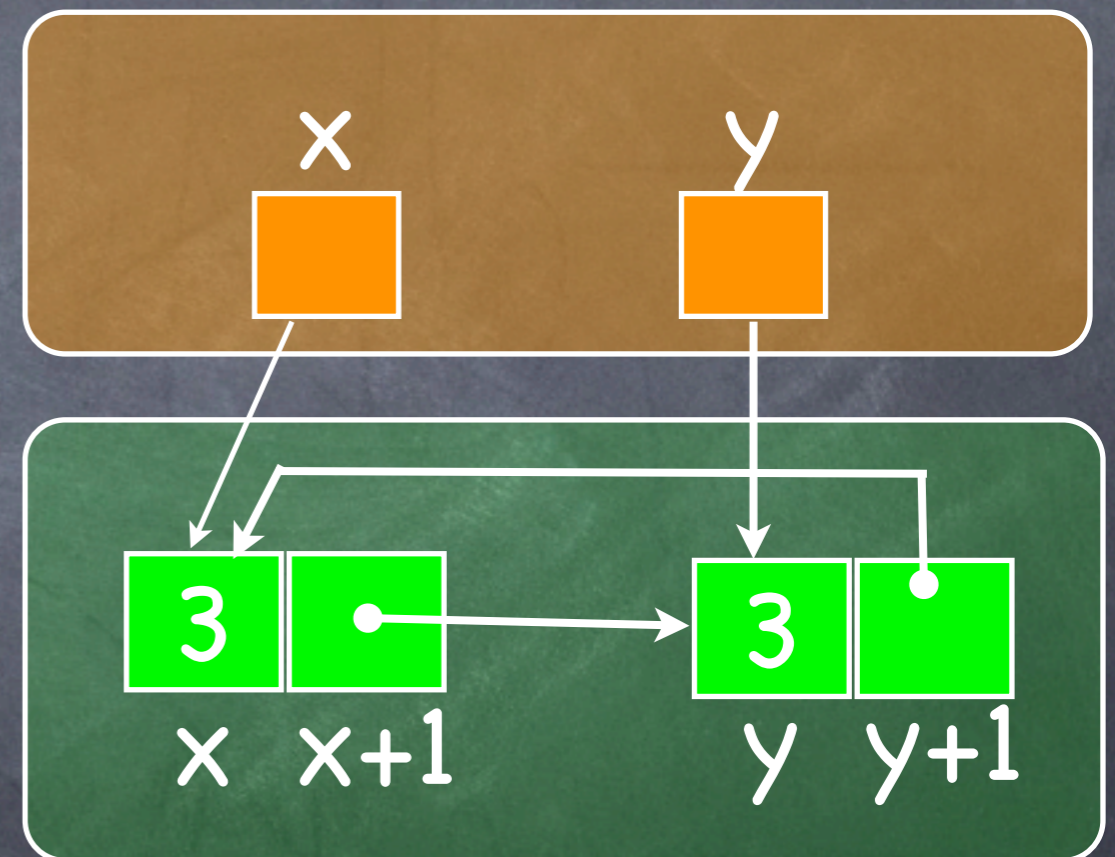
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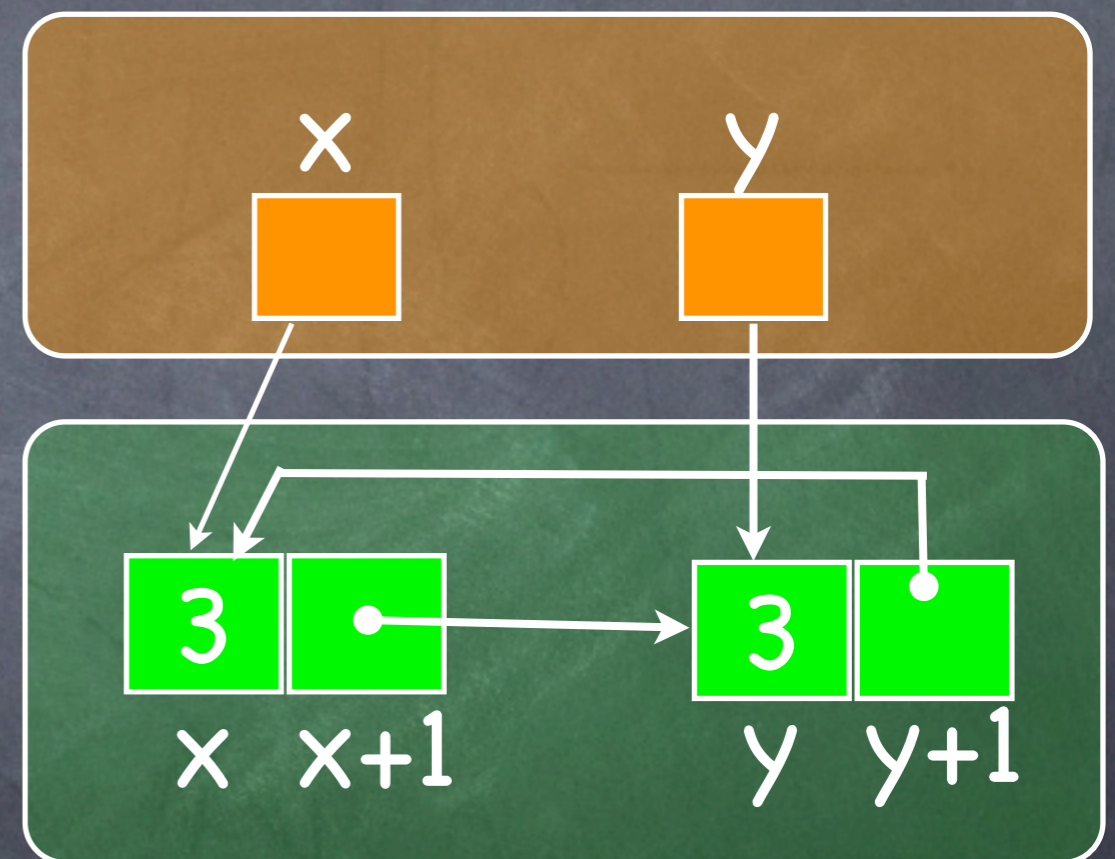
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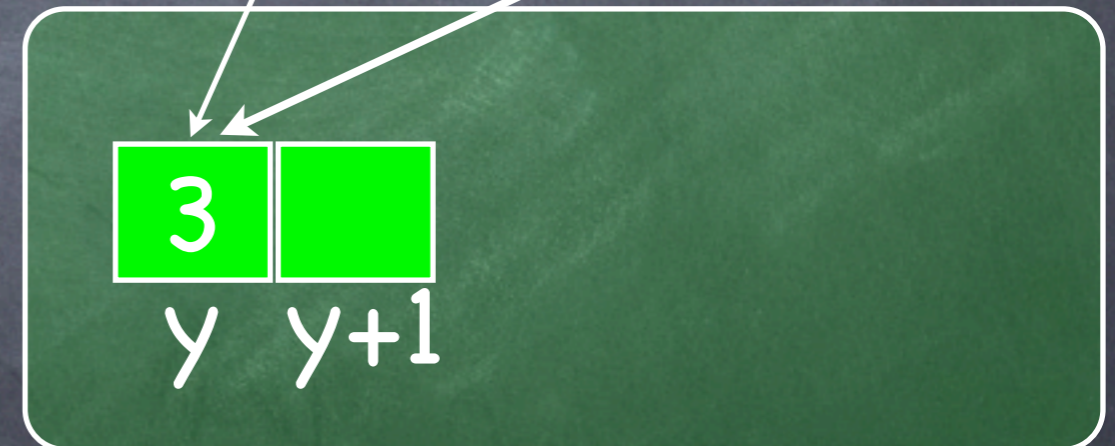
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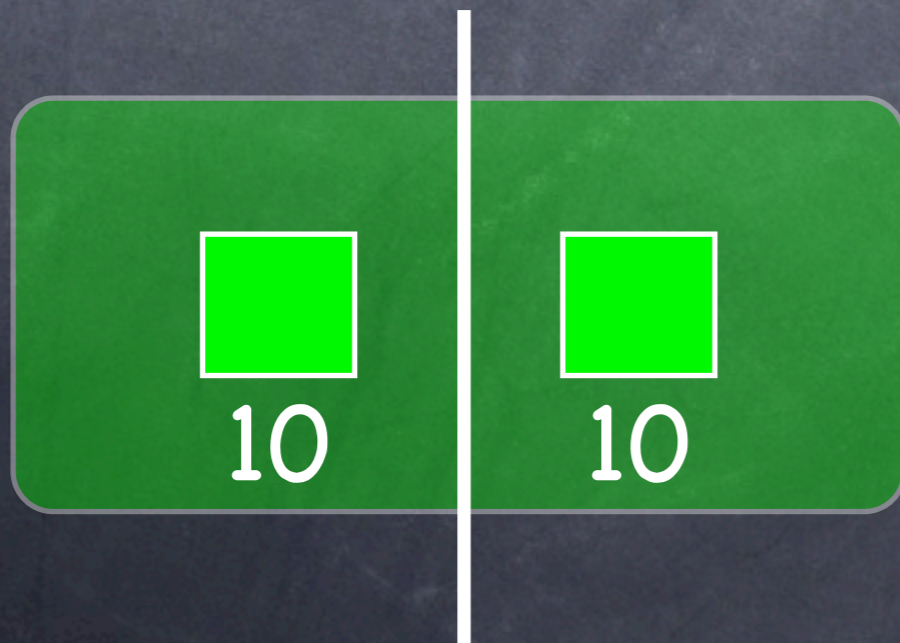
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Try to be in two places
at the same time

...back to the real stuff:

Compositional Shape Analysis
by means of Bi-Abduction

Literature

- ✦ C. Calcagno, D. Distefano, P. O'Hearn and H. Yang. *Compositional Shape Analysis by Means of Bi-Abduction*. POPL 2009.
- ✦ D. Distefano. *Attacking Large Industrial Code with Bi-Abductive Inference*. FMICS 2009

A lot of real code out there uses pointer manipulation...

```
void t1394Diag_CancelIrp(PDEVICE_OBJECT DeviceObject, PIRP Irp)
{
    KIRQL          Irql, CancelIrql;
    BUS_RESET_IRP *BusResetIrp, *temp;
    PDEVICE_EXTENSION deviceExtension;

    deviceExtension = DeviceObject->DeviceExtension;

    KeAcquireSpinLock(&deviceExtension->ResetSpinLock, &Irql);

    temp = (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension;
    BusResetIrp = (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension->Flink2;

    while (BusResetIrp) {

        if (BusResetIrp->Irp == Irp) {
            temp->Flink2 = BusResetIrp->Flink2;
            free(BusResetIrp);
            break;
        }
        else if (BusResetIrp->Flink2 == (PBUS_RESET_IRP)deviceExtension) {
            break;
        }
        else {
            temp = BusResetIrp;
            BusResetIrp = (PBUS_RESET_IRP)BusResetIrp->Flink2;
        }
    }

    KeReleaseSpinLock(&deviceExtension->ResetSpinLock, Irql);

    IoReleaseCancelSpinLock(Irp->CancelIrql);
    Irp->IoStatus.Status = STATUS_CANCELLED;
    IoCompleteRequest(Irp, IO_NO_INCREMENT);
} // t1394Diag_CancelIrp
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Is this correct?

Or at least: does it basic properties like it won't crash or leak memory?

We want to build tool that **automatically** answer such questions

Space Invader analyzer: overview

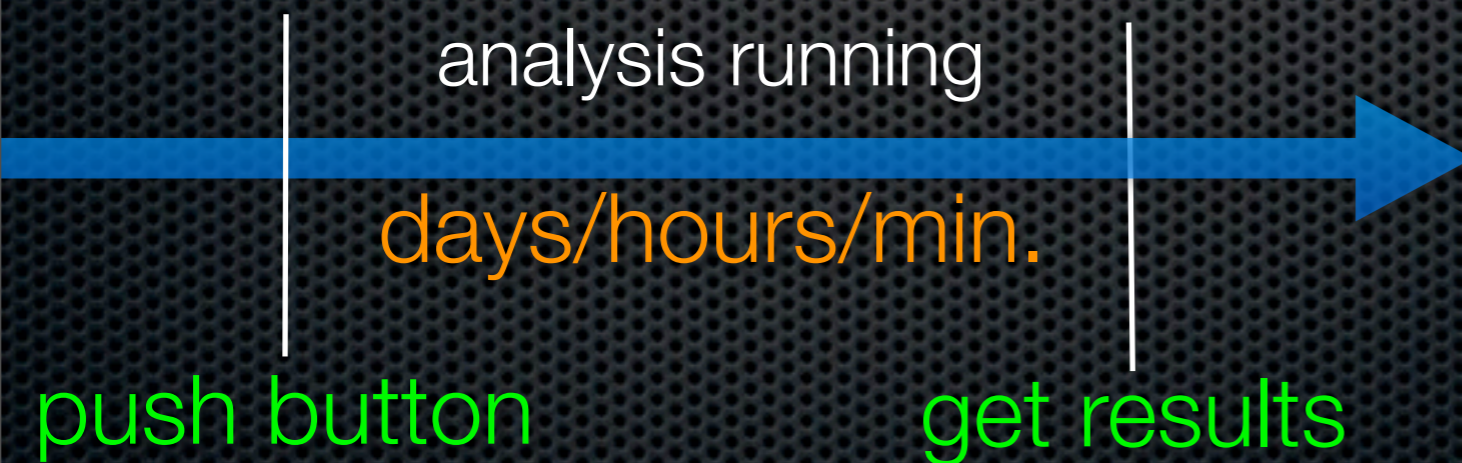
- Shape analyses discover deep properties about the heap: e.g., a variable points to a cyclic/acyclic doubly linked list,...
- Space Invader is Inter-procedural shape analysis for C programs
- Based on Separation Logic and Abstract interpretation to infer invariants
- Builds proofs or reports possible memory faults or memory leaks

Shape Analysis and Real Code

- So far shape analysis mostly applied to toy programs

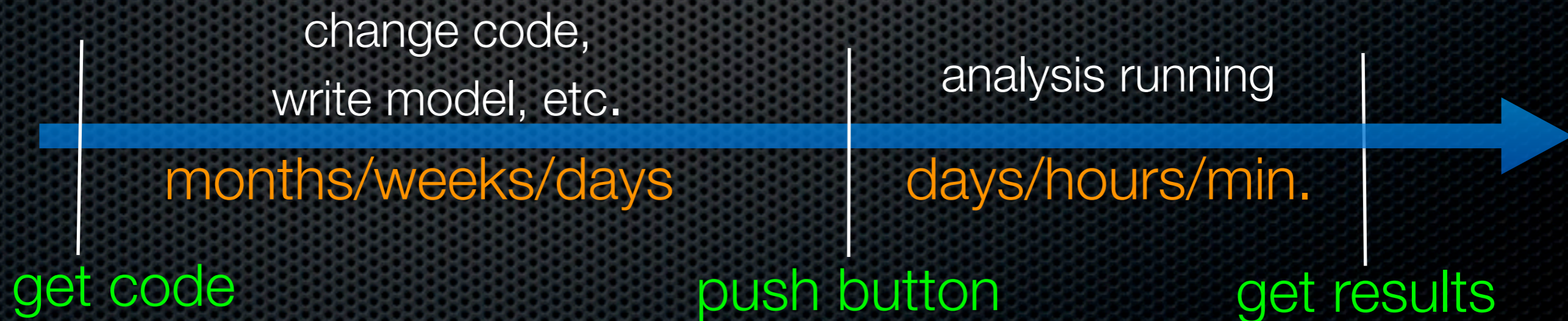
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Fiction:

“no worries, device drivers use mostly lists”


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    PDEVICE_OBJECT      StackDeviceObject;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT      PortDeviceObject;
    PDEVICE_OBJECT      PhysicalDeviceObject;

    UNICODE_STRING      SymbolicLinkName;
    KSPIN_LOCK          ResetSpinLock;
    KSPIN_LOCK          CromSpinLock;
    KSPIN_LOCK          AsyncSpinLock;
    KSPIN_LOCK          IsochSpinLock;
    KSPIN_LOCK          IsochResourceSpinLock;

    BOOLEAN             bShutdown;
    DEVICE_POWER_STATE  CurrentDevicePowerState;
    SYSTEM_POWER_STATE  CurrentSystemPowerState;

    ULONG               GenerationCount;
    PASYNC_ADDRESS_DATA Flink1;
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    PCROM_DATA          Flink3;
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typedef struct ASYNC_ADDRESS_DATA {
    struct ASYNC_ADDRESS_DATA* Flink1;
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    _PDEVICE_EXTENSION         DeviceExtension;
    PVOID                       Buffer;
    ULONG                       nLength;
    ULONG                       nAddressesReturned;
    PADDRESS_RANGE              AddressRange;
    HANDLE                      hAddressRange;
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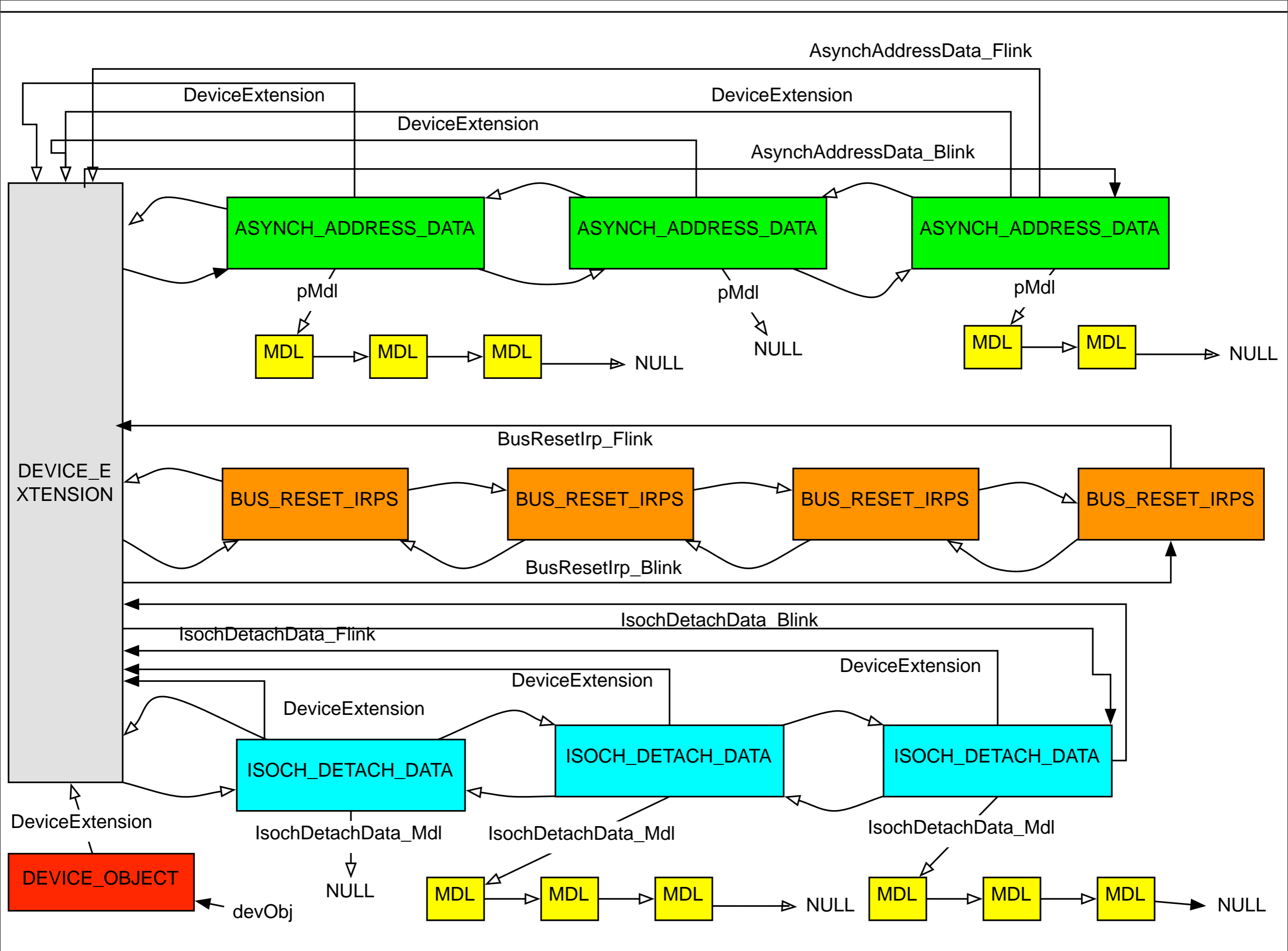
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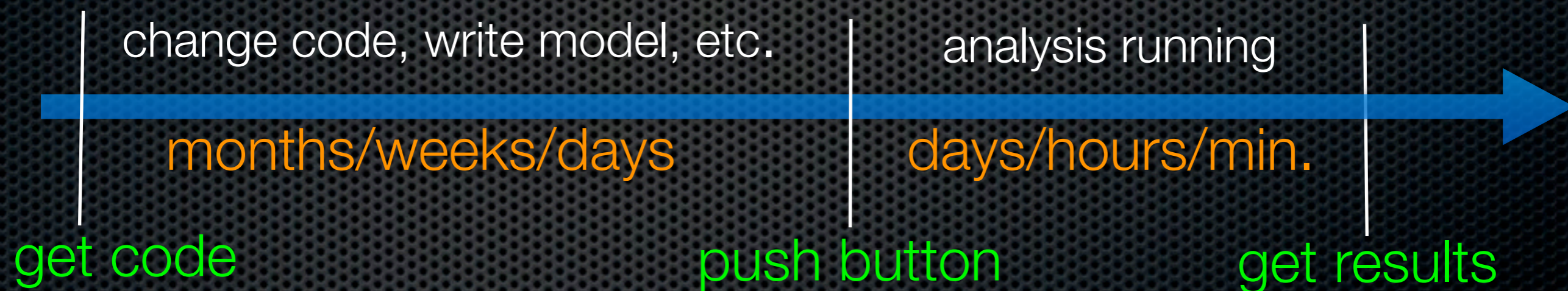


Fact:

Real device drivers use lists in combination, resulting in more complicated data structures than those found in previous papers on shape analysis

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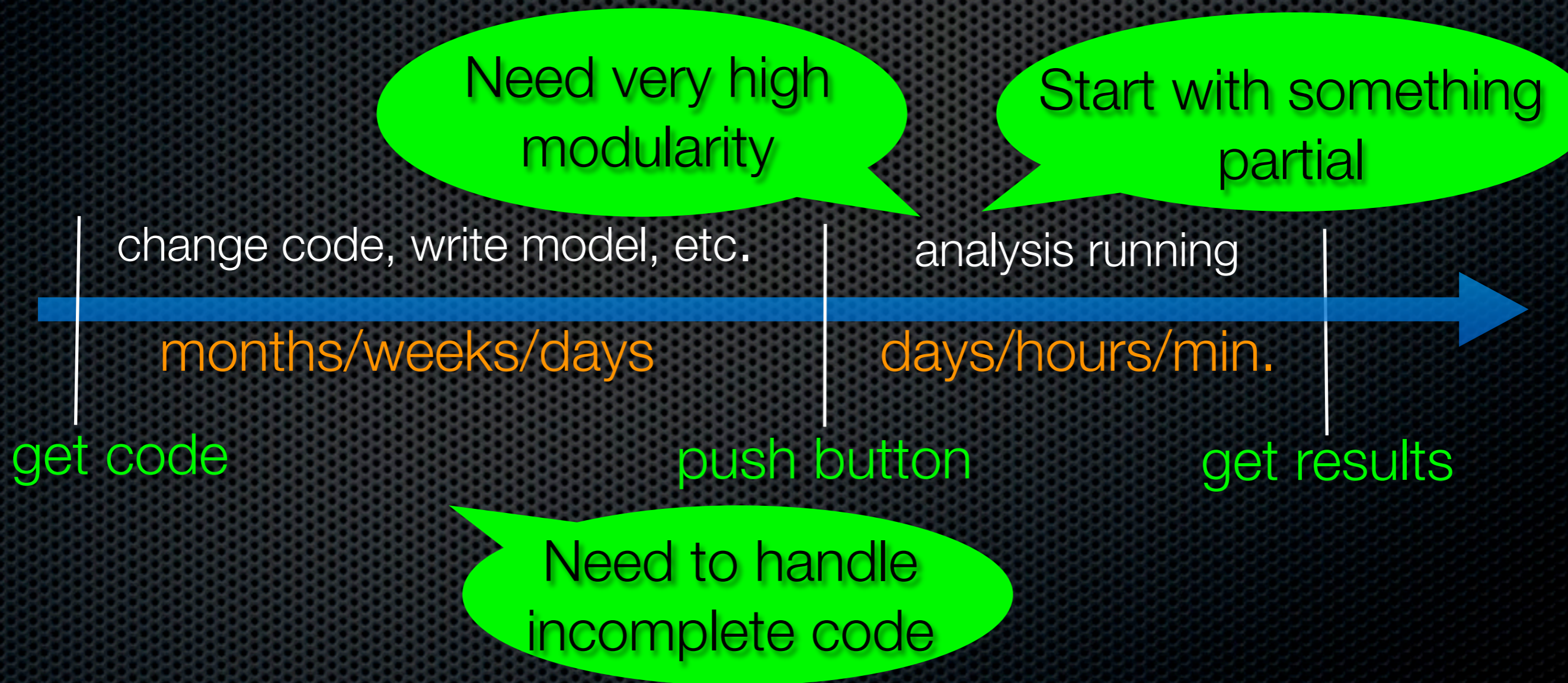
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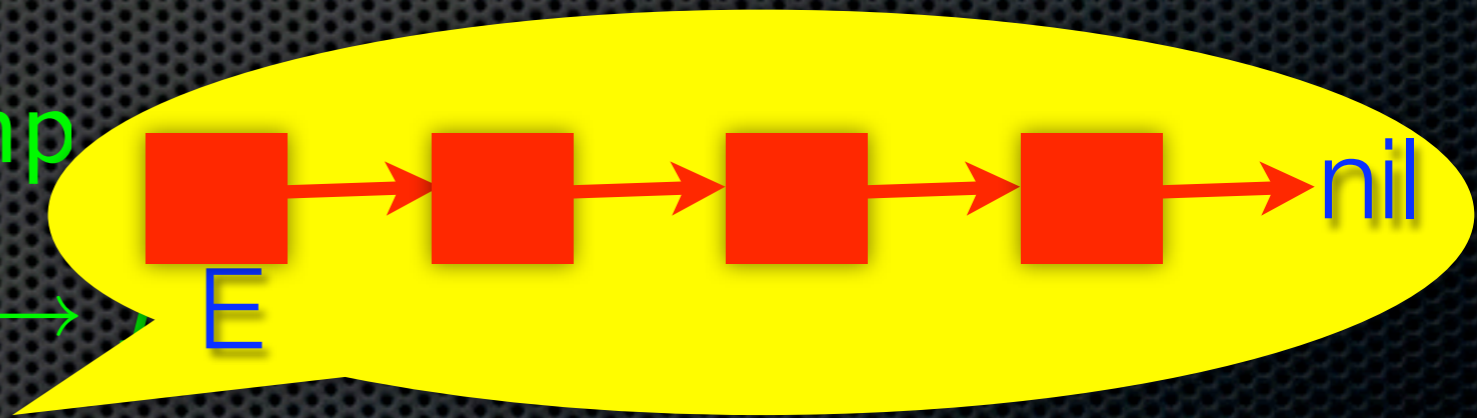
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(Charles Peirce, circa 1900, writing about the scientific process)



“Abduction is the process of forming an explanatory hypothesis. It is the only logical operation which introduces any new idea”

“A man must be downright crazy to deny that science has made many true discoveries. But every single item of scientific theory which stands established today has been due to Abduction.”

The Collected Papers of Charles Sanders Peirce, Volume V,
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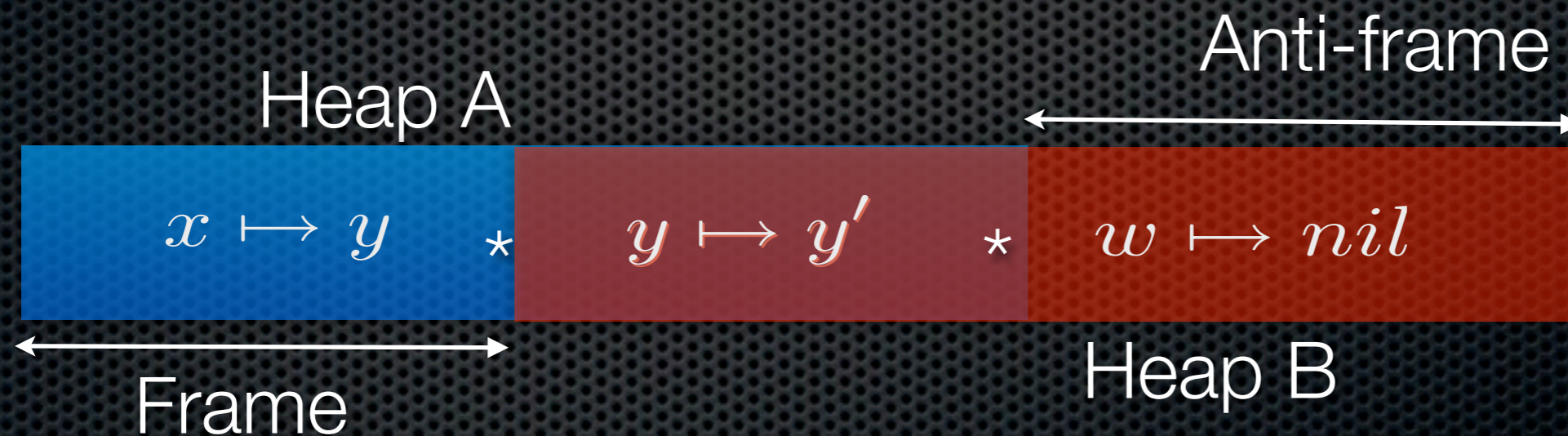
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Our POPL'09 paper defines a theorem prover for Bi-Abduction

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```
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Post: $list(x)$



```
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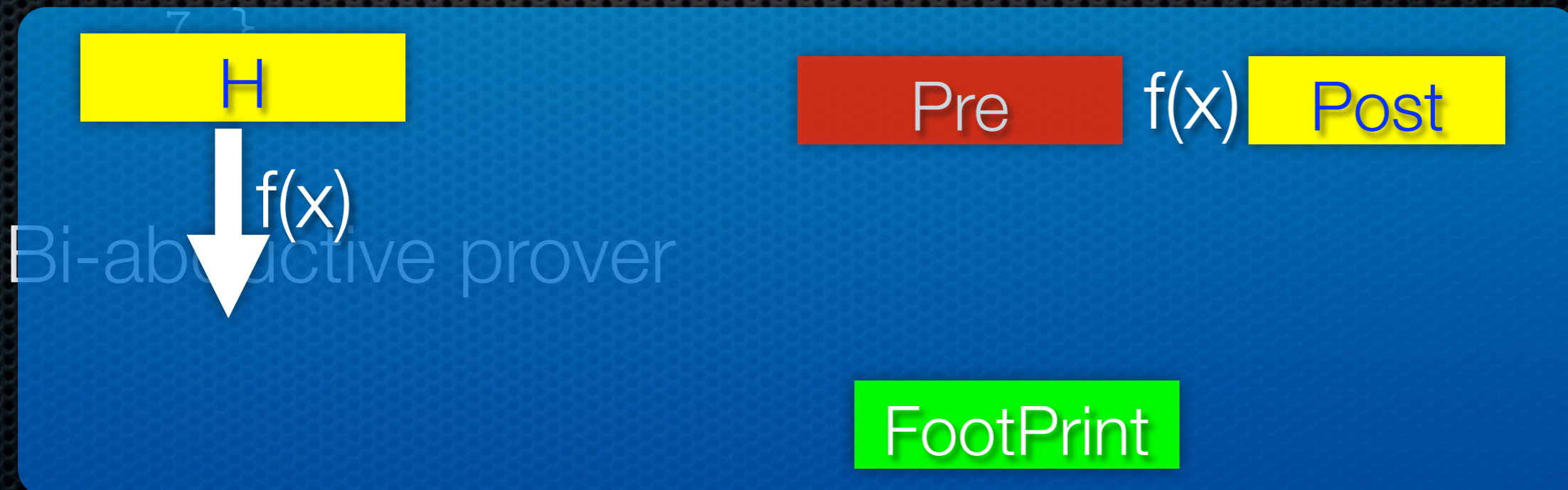
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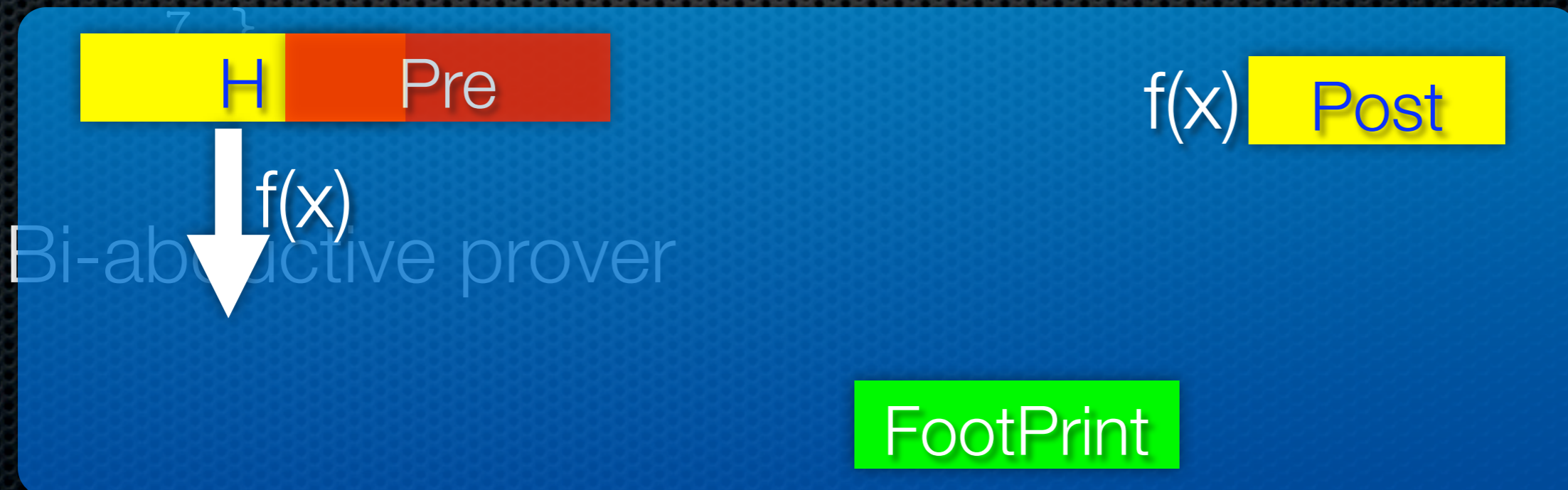
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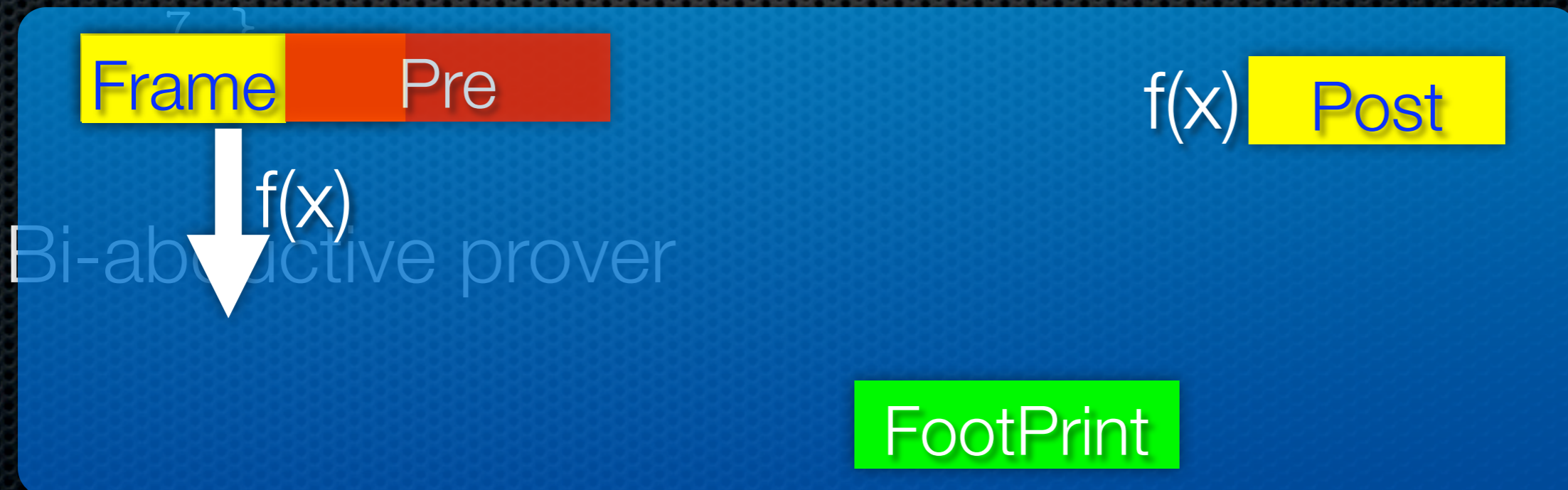
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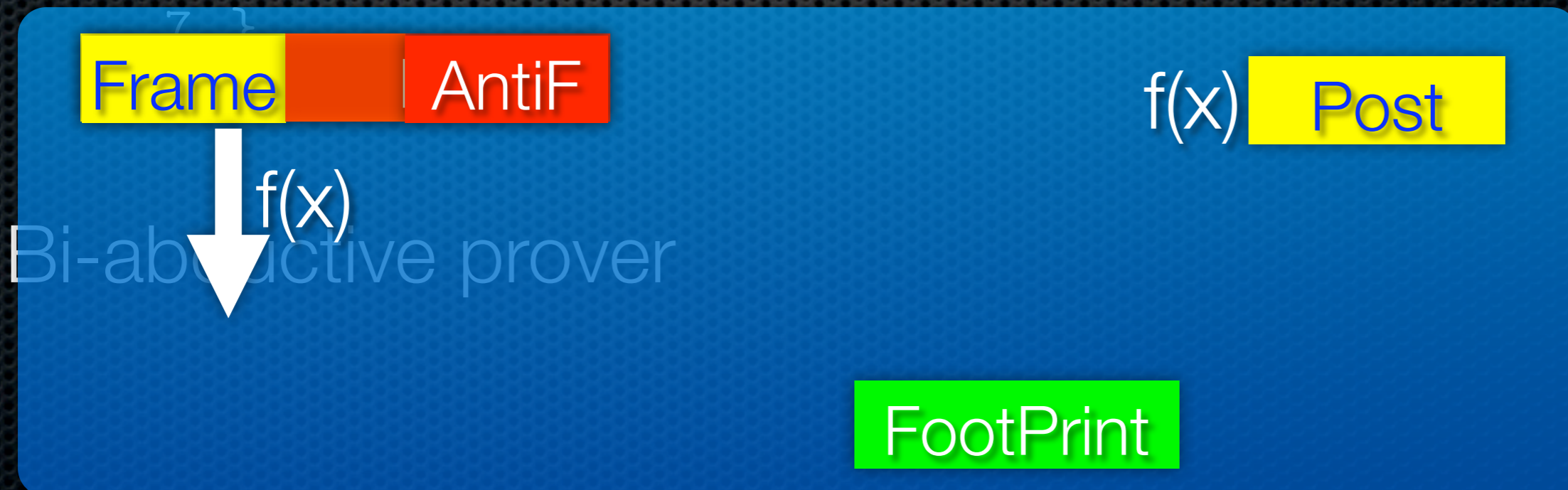
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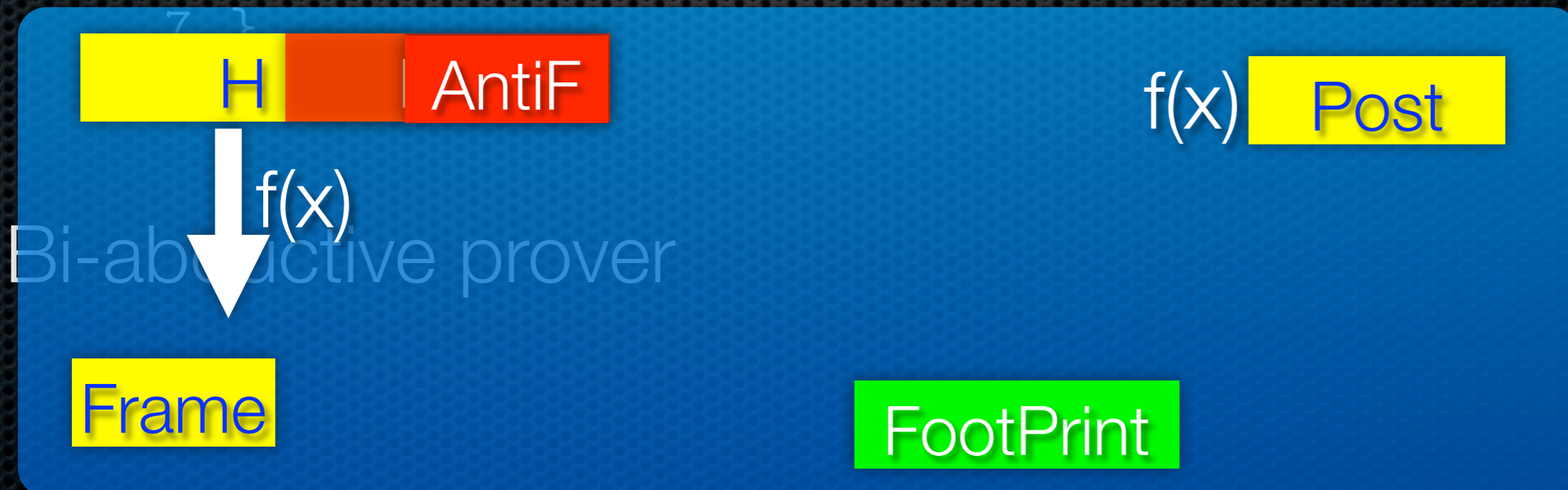
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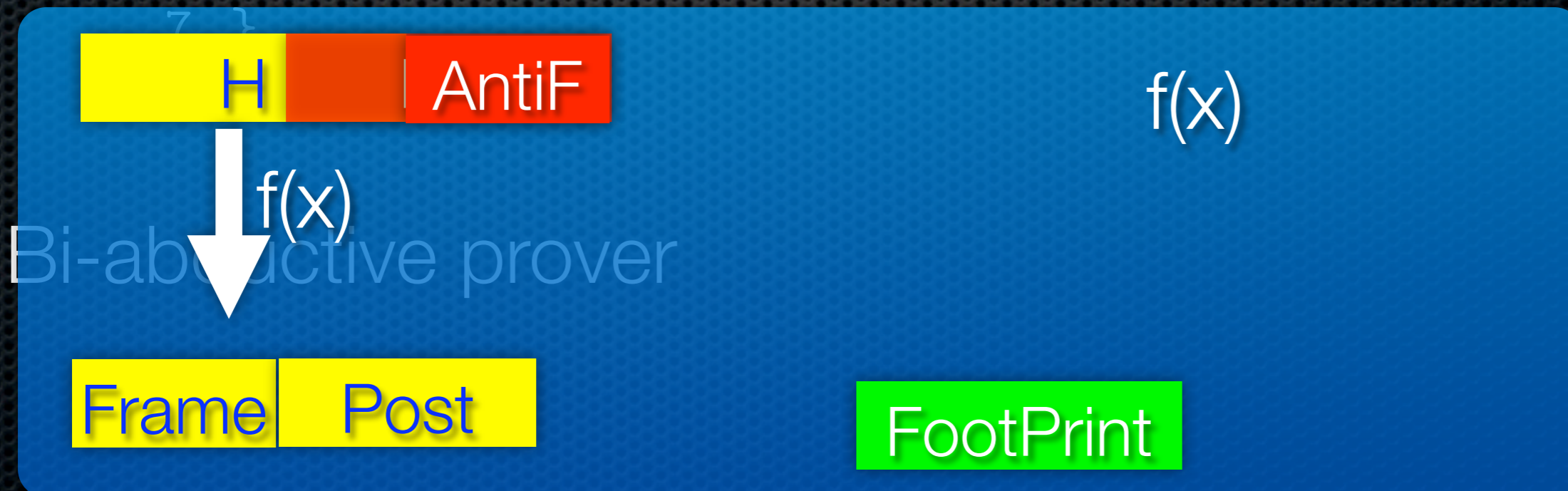
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General Schema Compositional Analysis

For function in the program we compute tables of specs

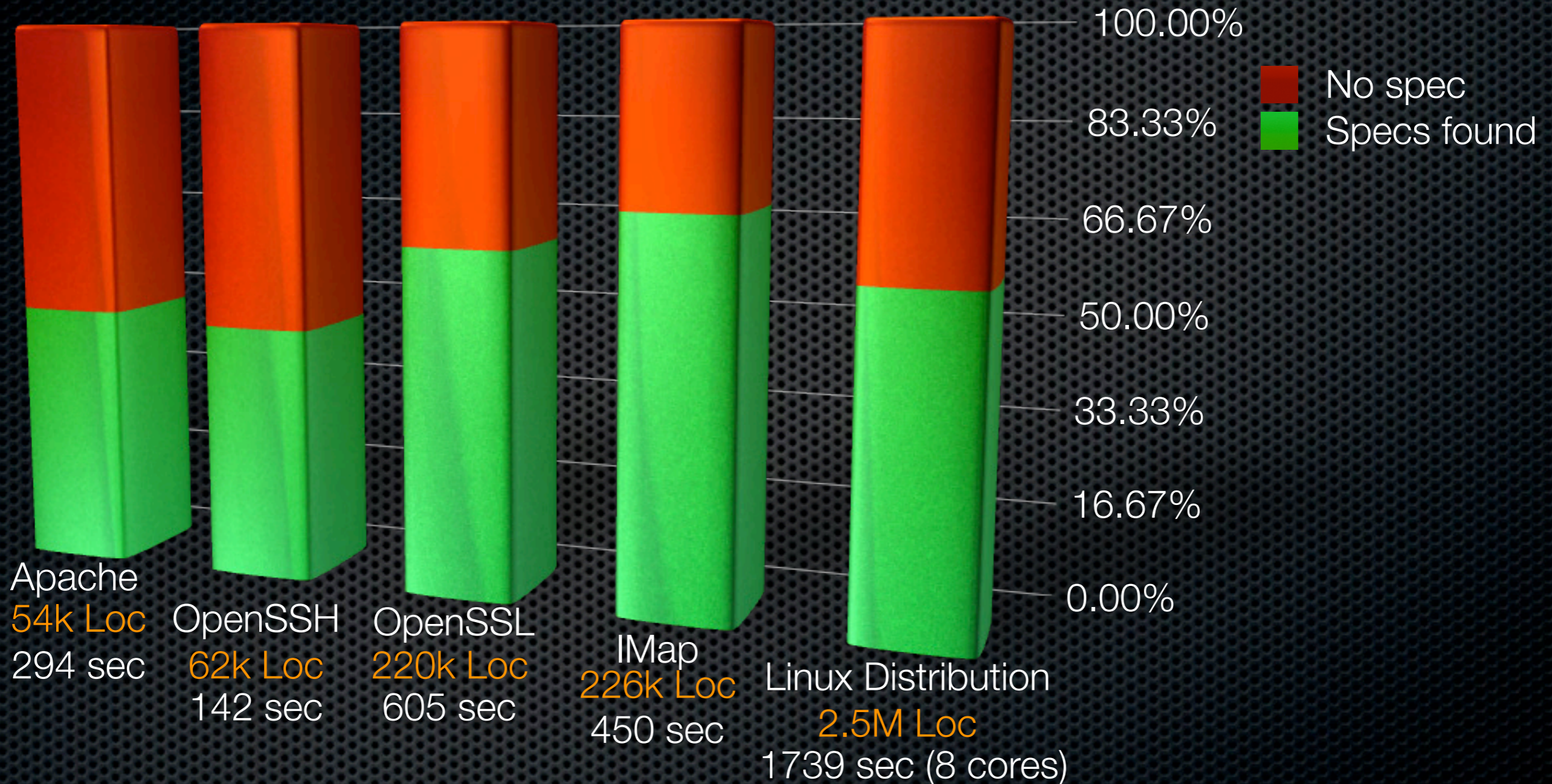
$$\{T_{f_1}, \dots, T_{f_n}\}$$

Tables are sets of entries of type: $(pre, \{post_1, post_2, \dots\})$

The computation follows the call graph (start from leaves)

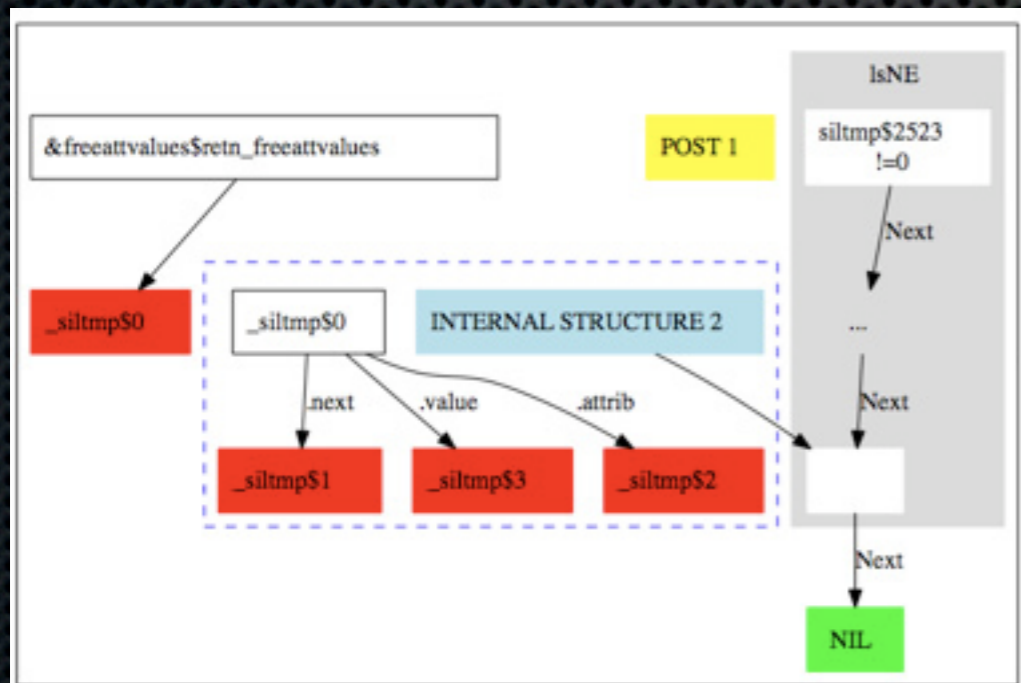
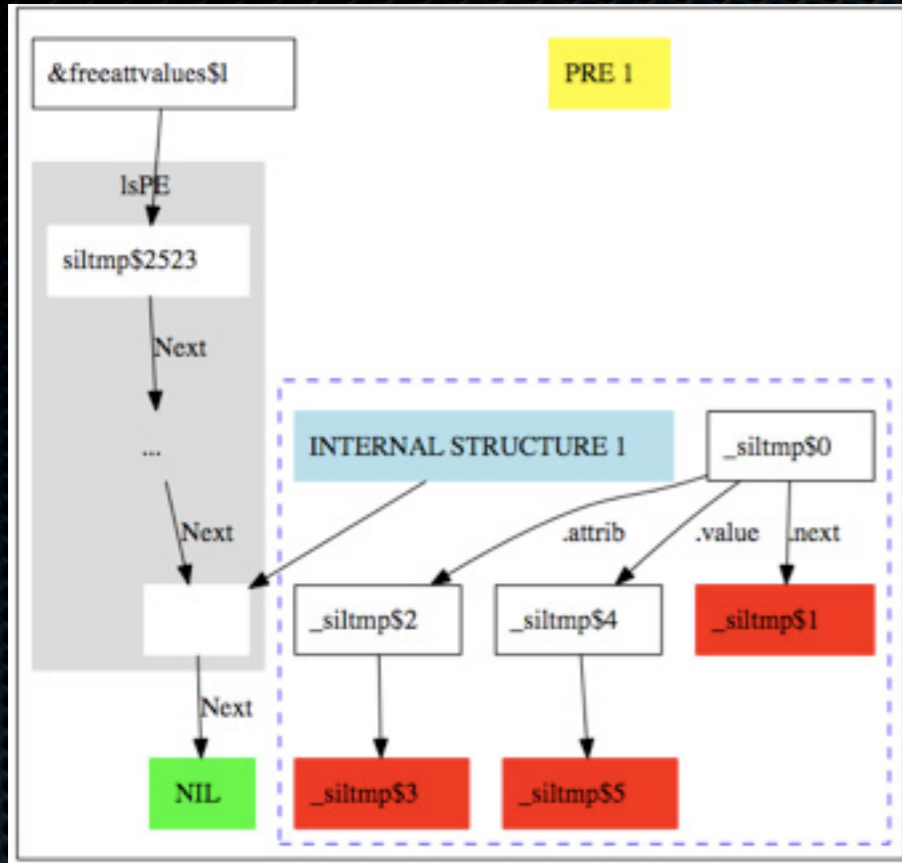
Recursive function are analyzed with an iterative method until it reaches fixed point

Running on really big code

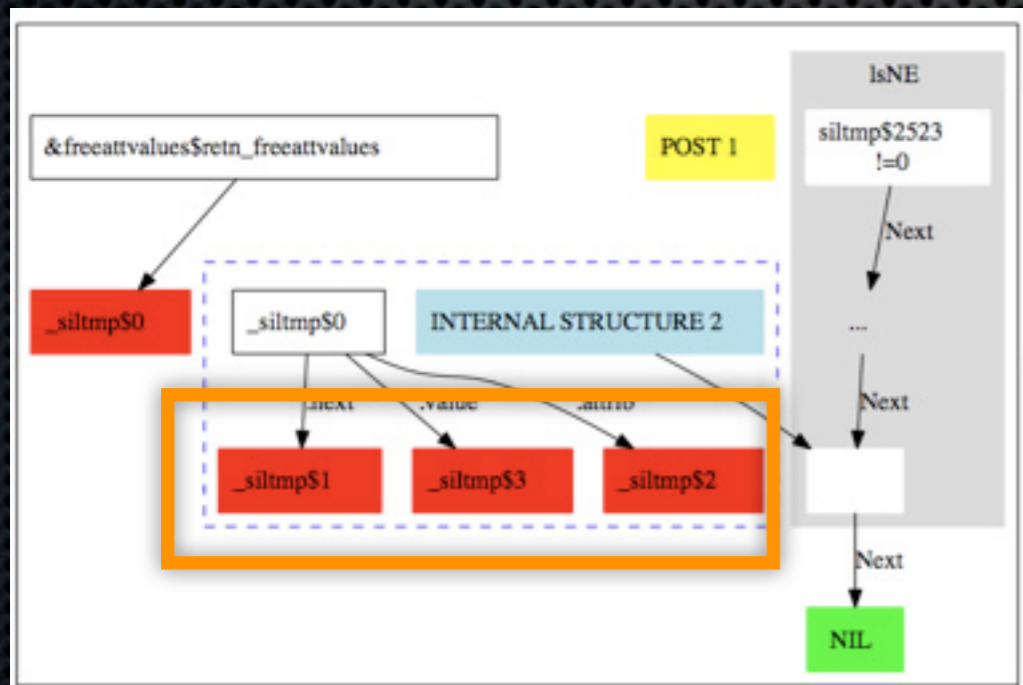
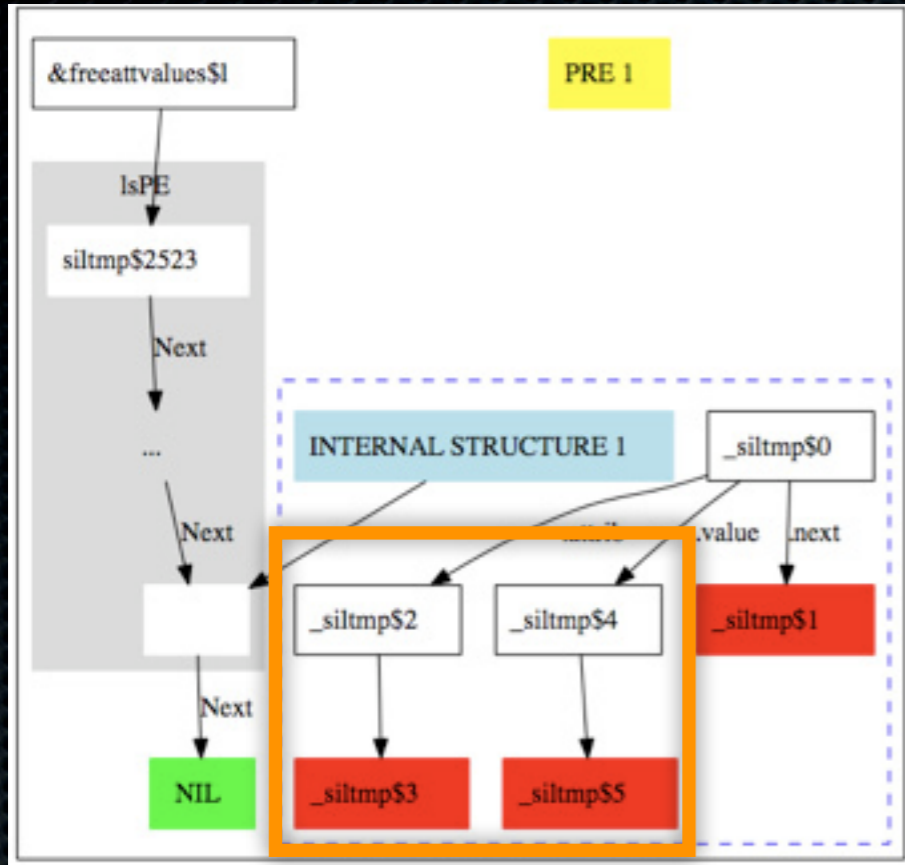


Test for precision: run on Firewire device driver and small recursive procedures handling nested data structures

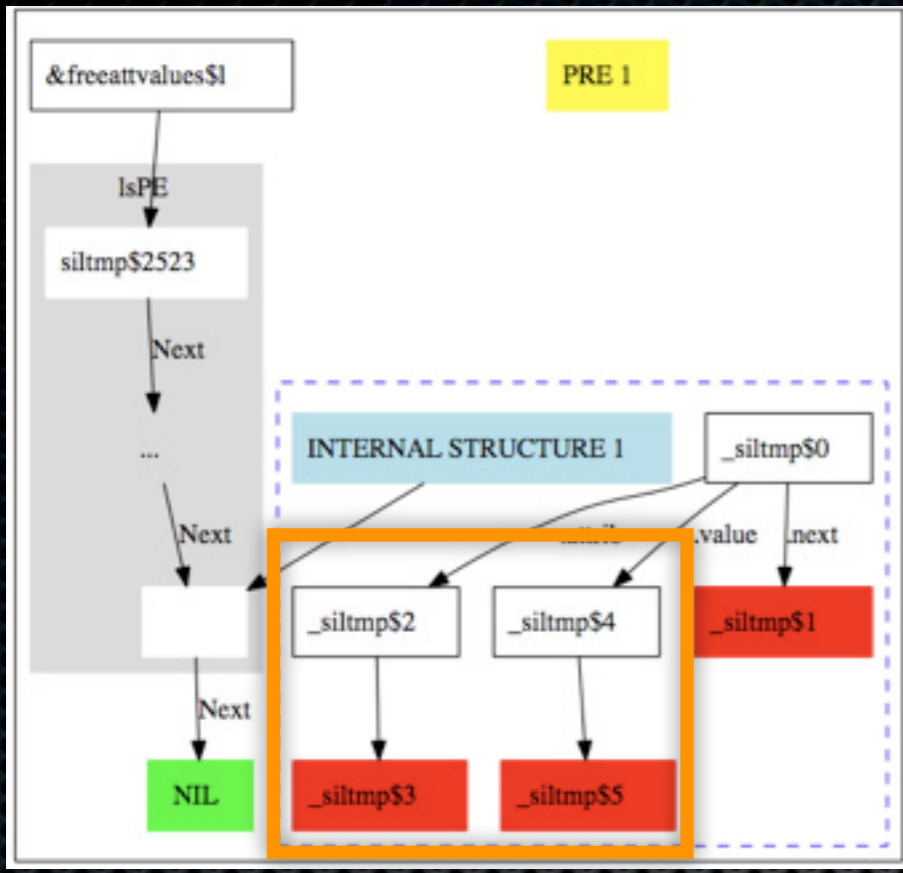
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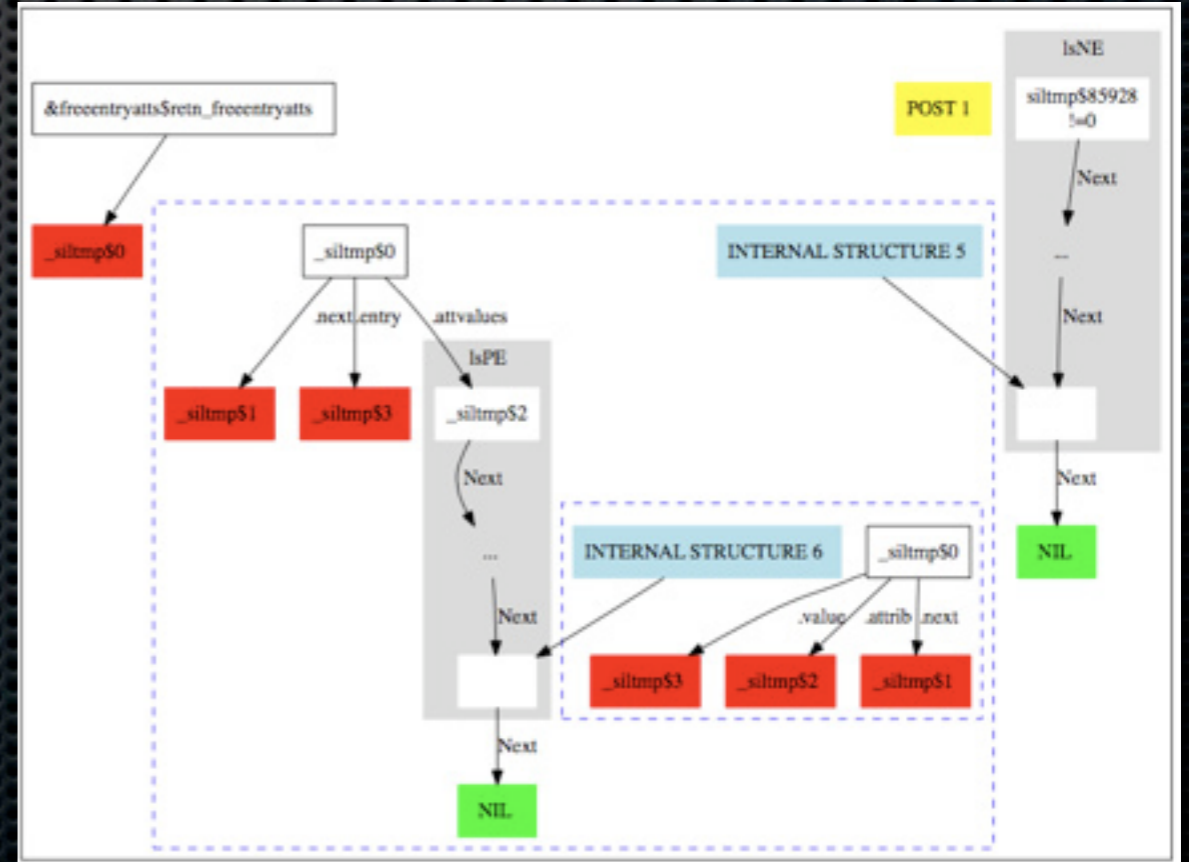
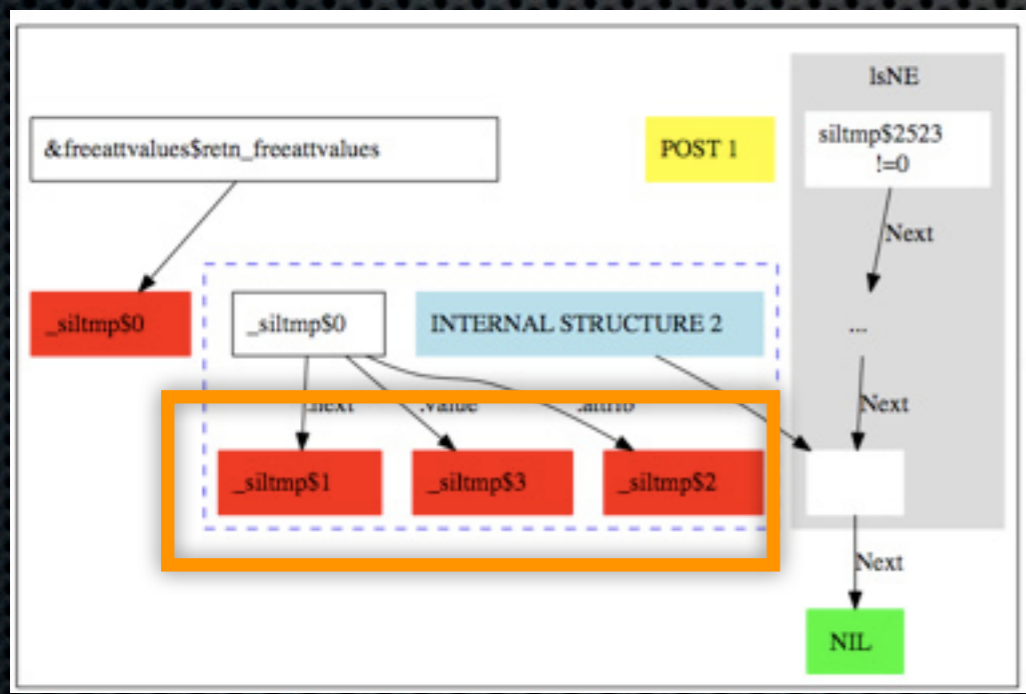
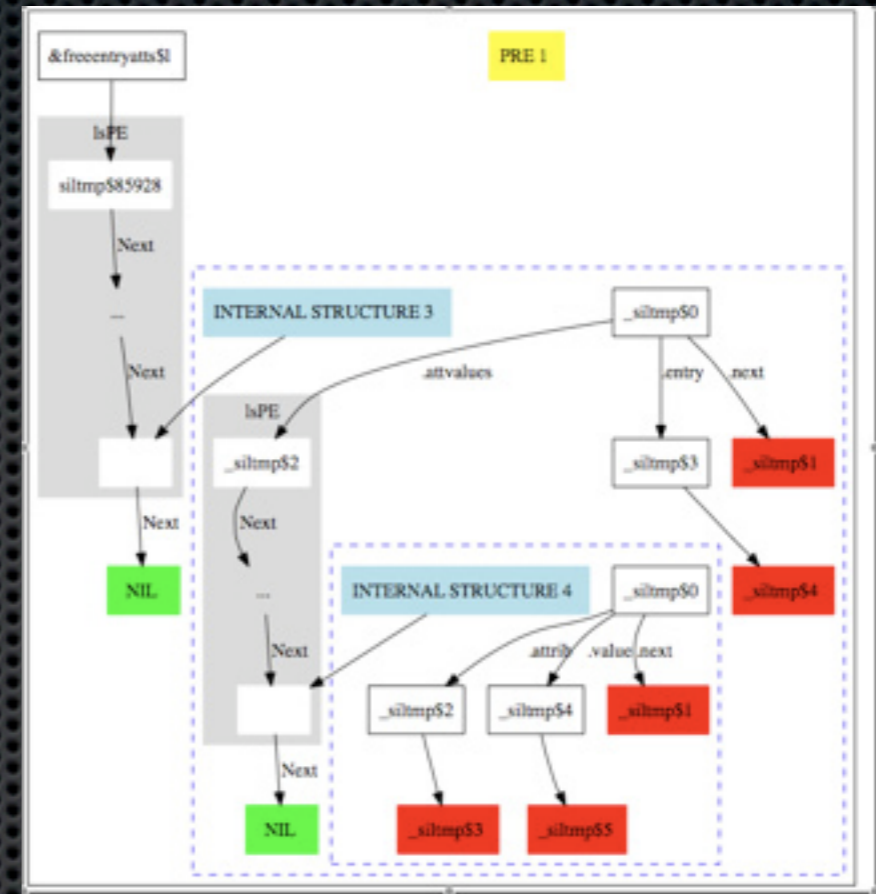
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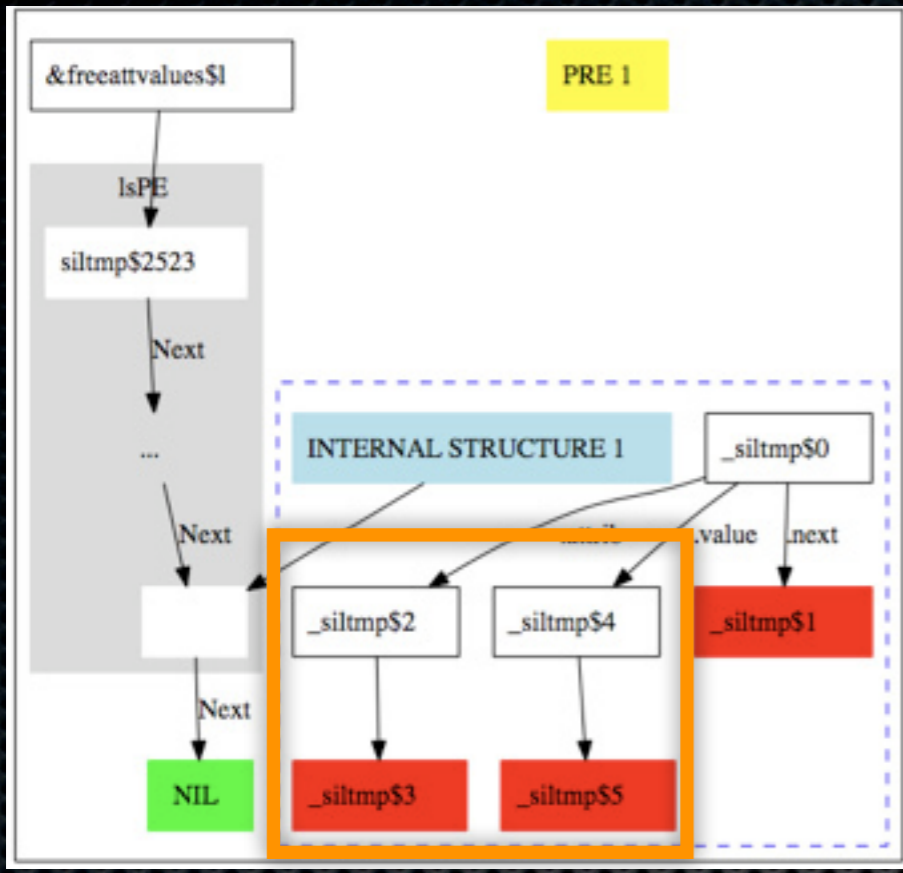
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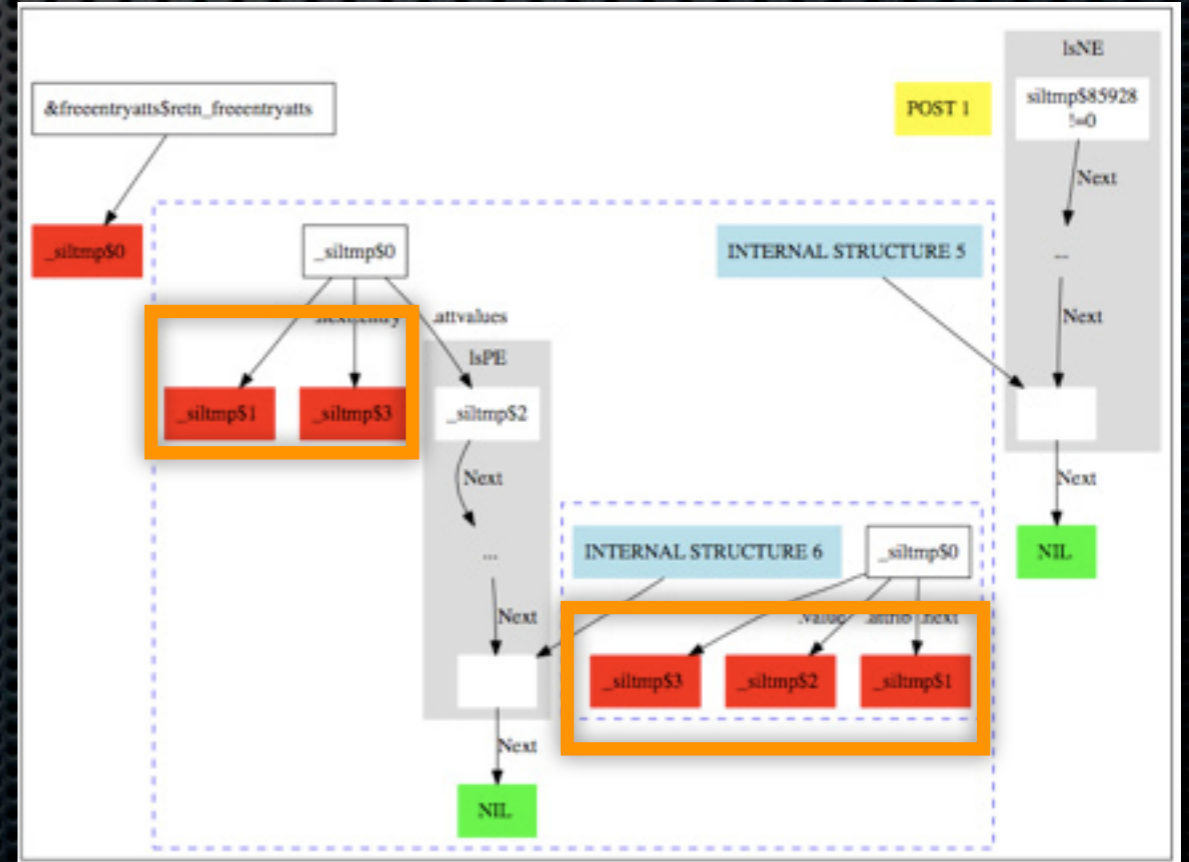
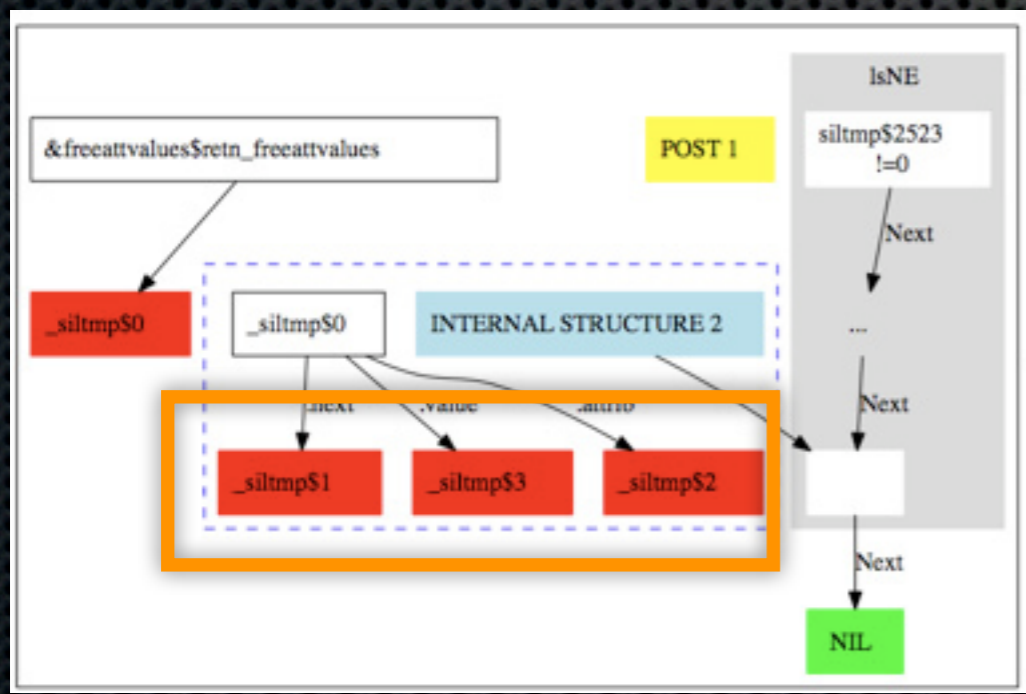
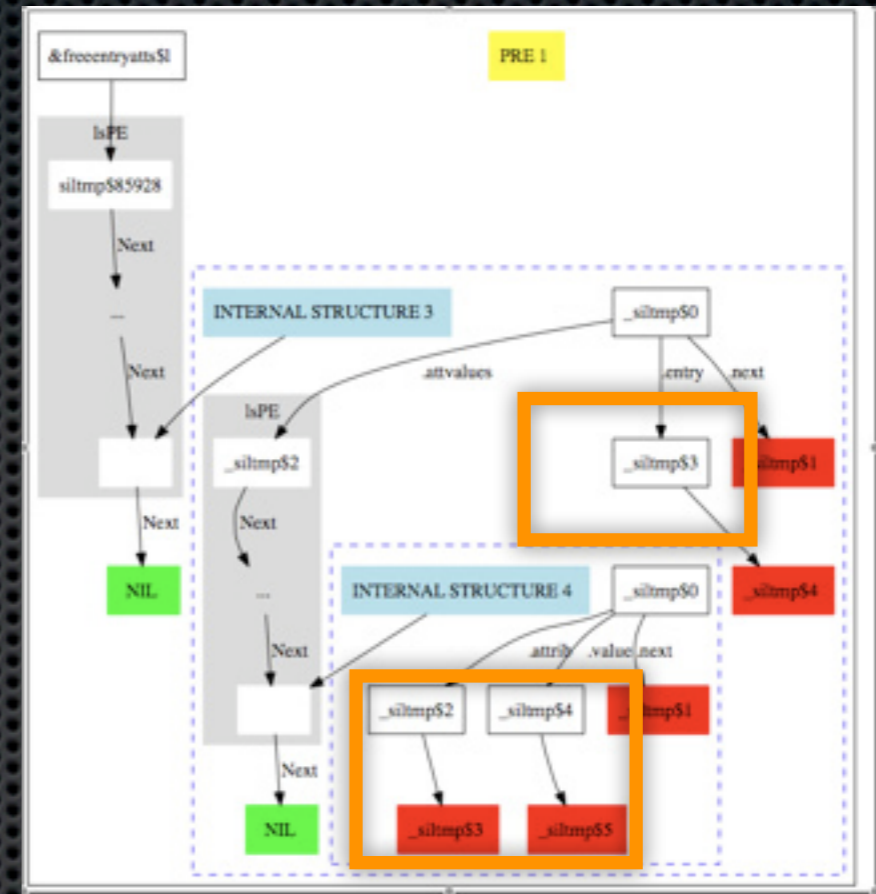
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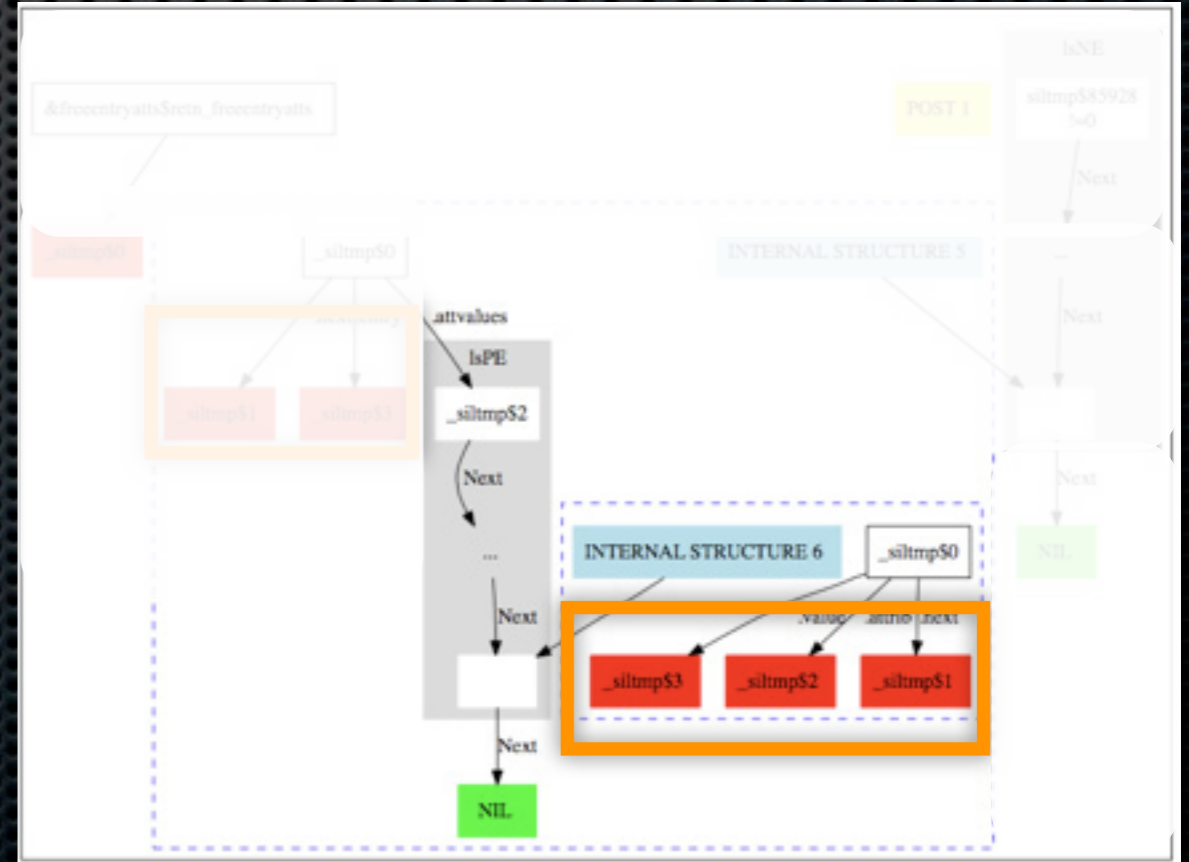
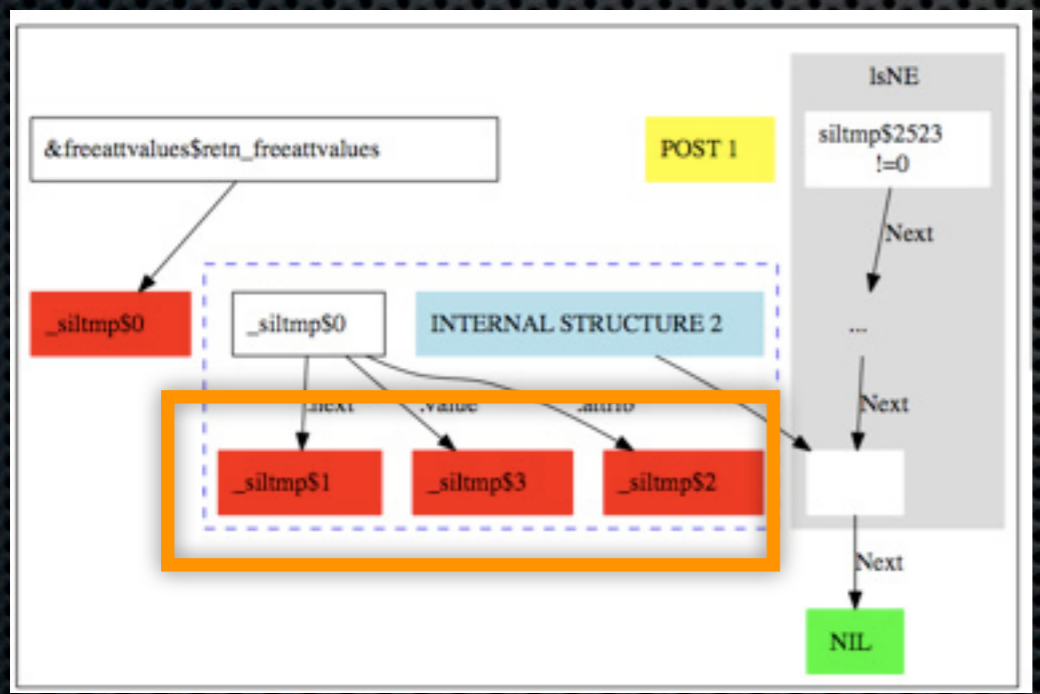
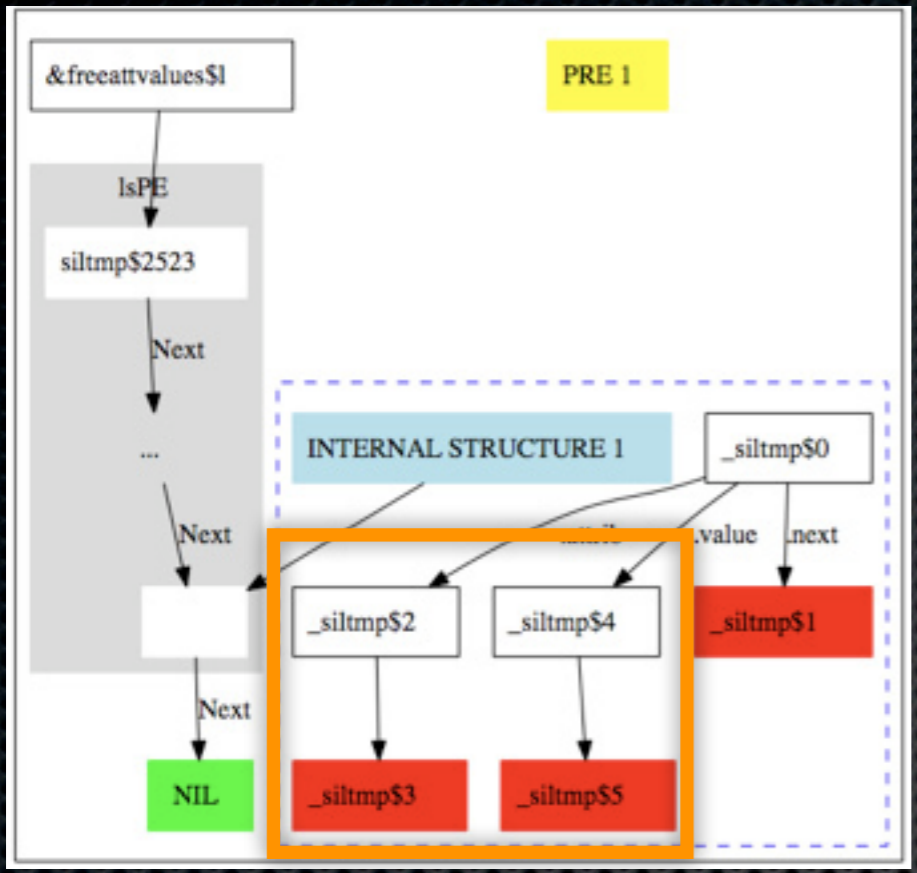


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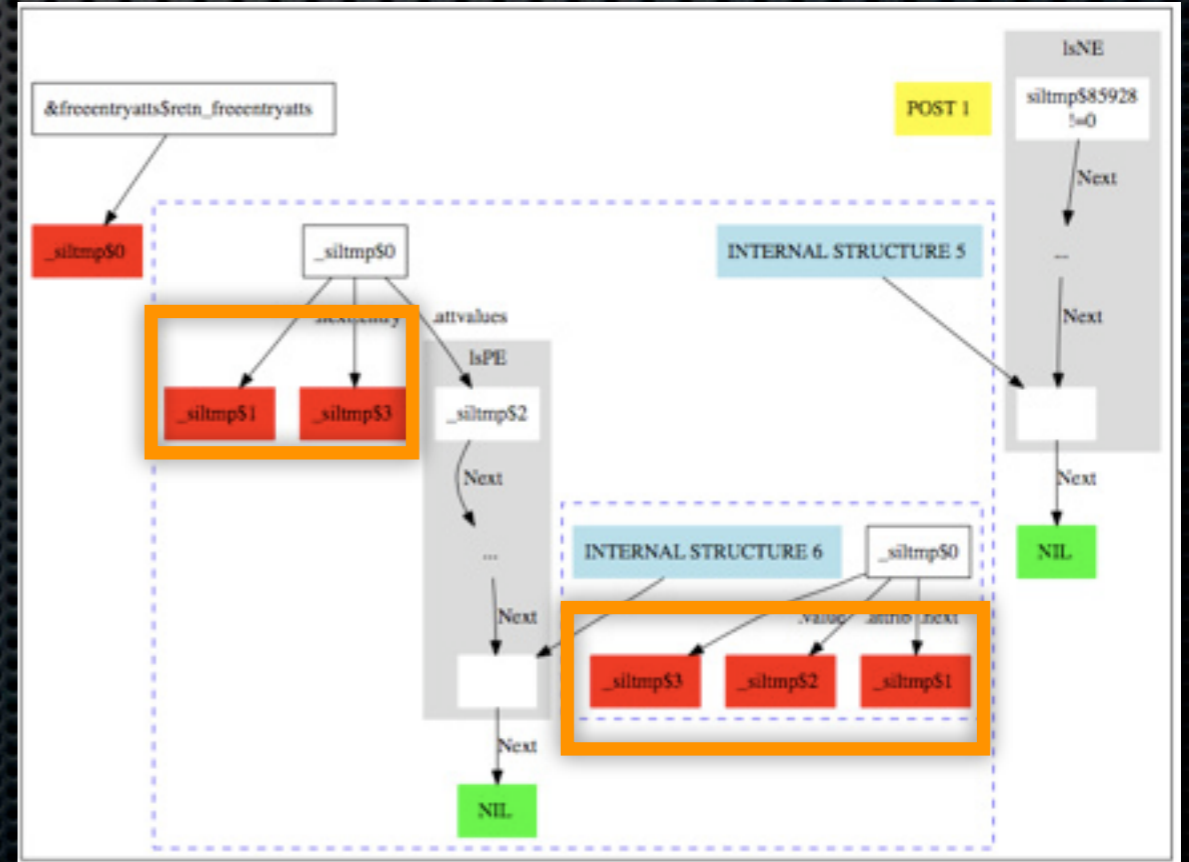
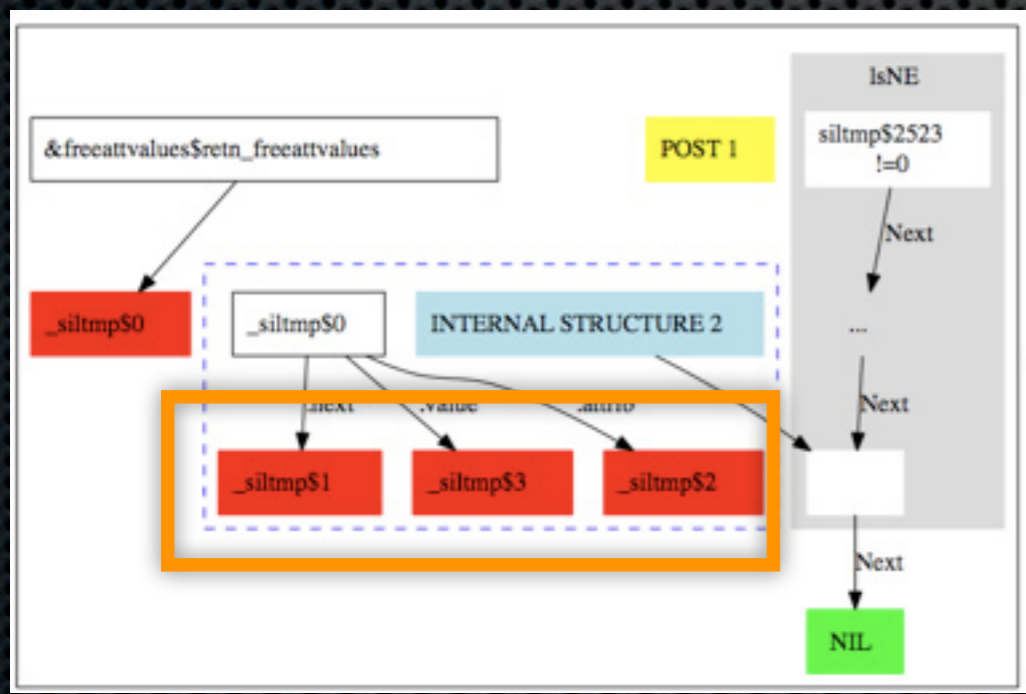
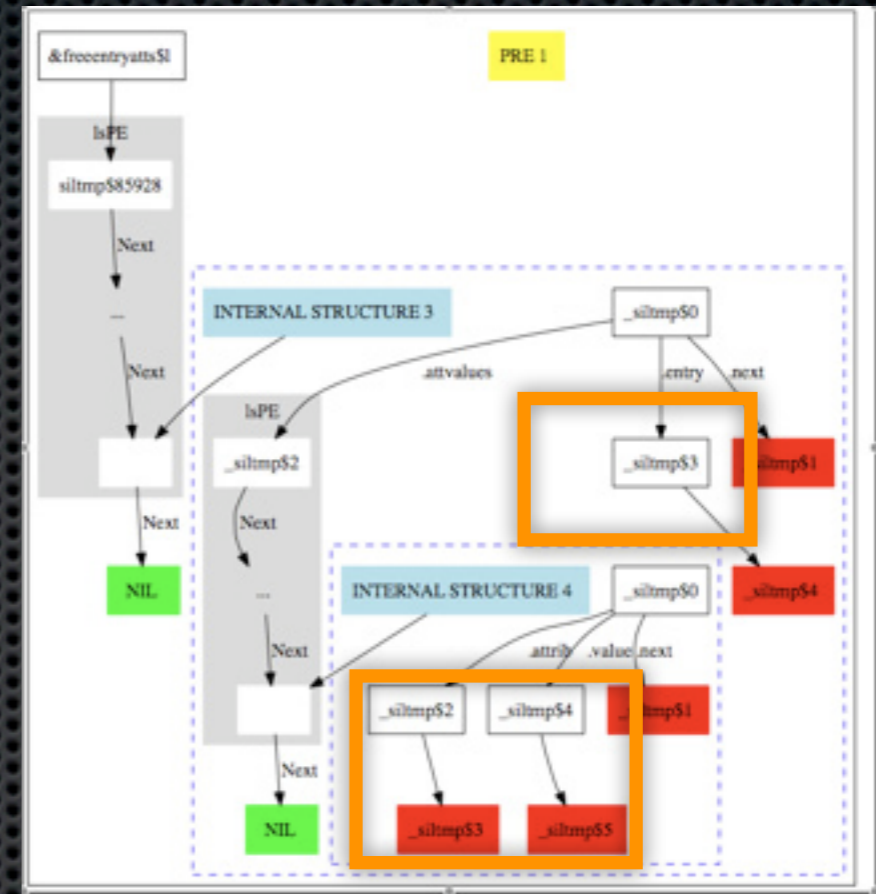
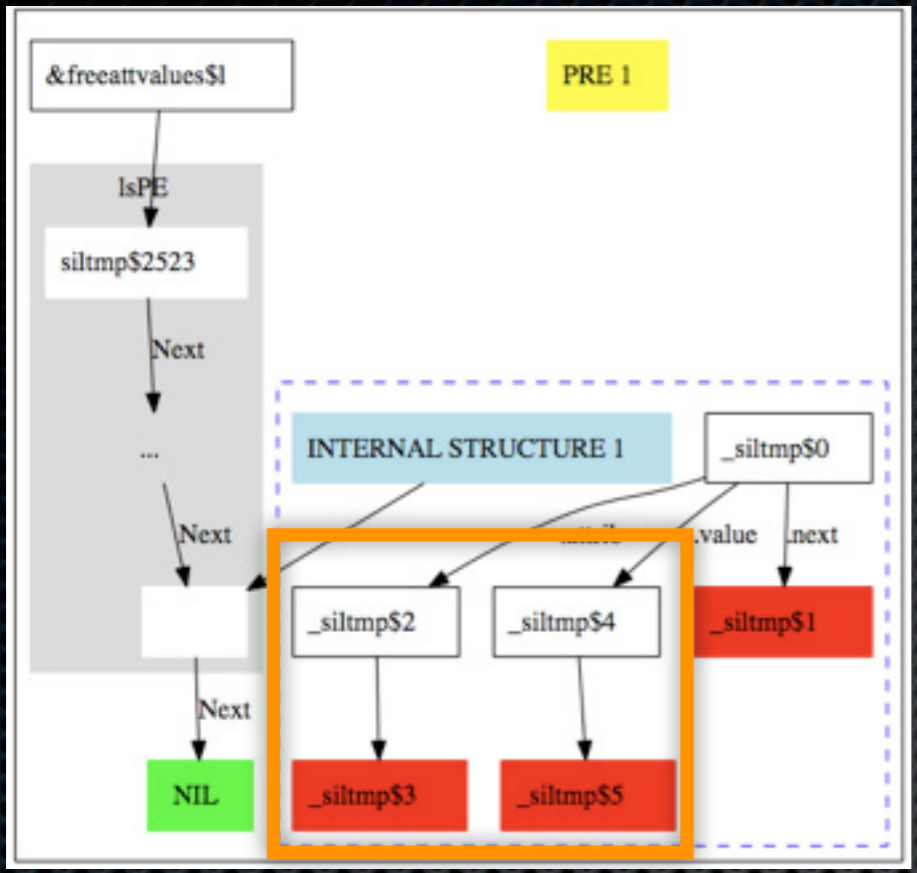
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- Abduction $A * X \vdash B$ helps to synthesize small specs
- Their combination, bi-abduction

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helps to achieve compositional bottom-up analysis.
Furthermore it brings the benefits of local reasoning (as introduced in Separation Logic) to automatic program verification