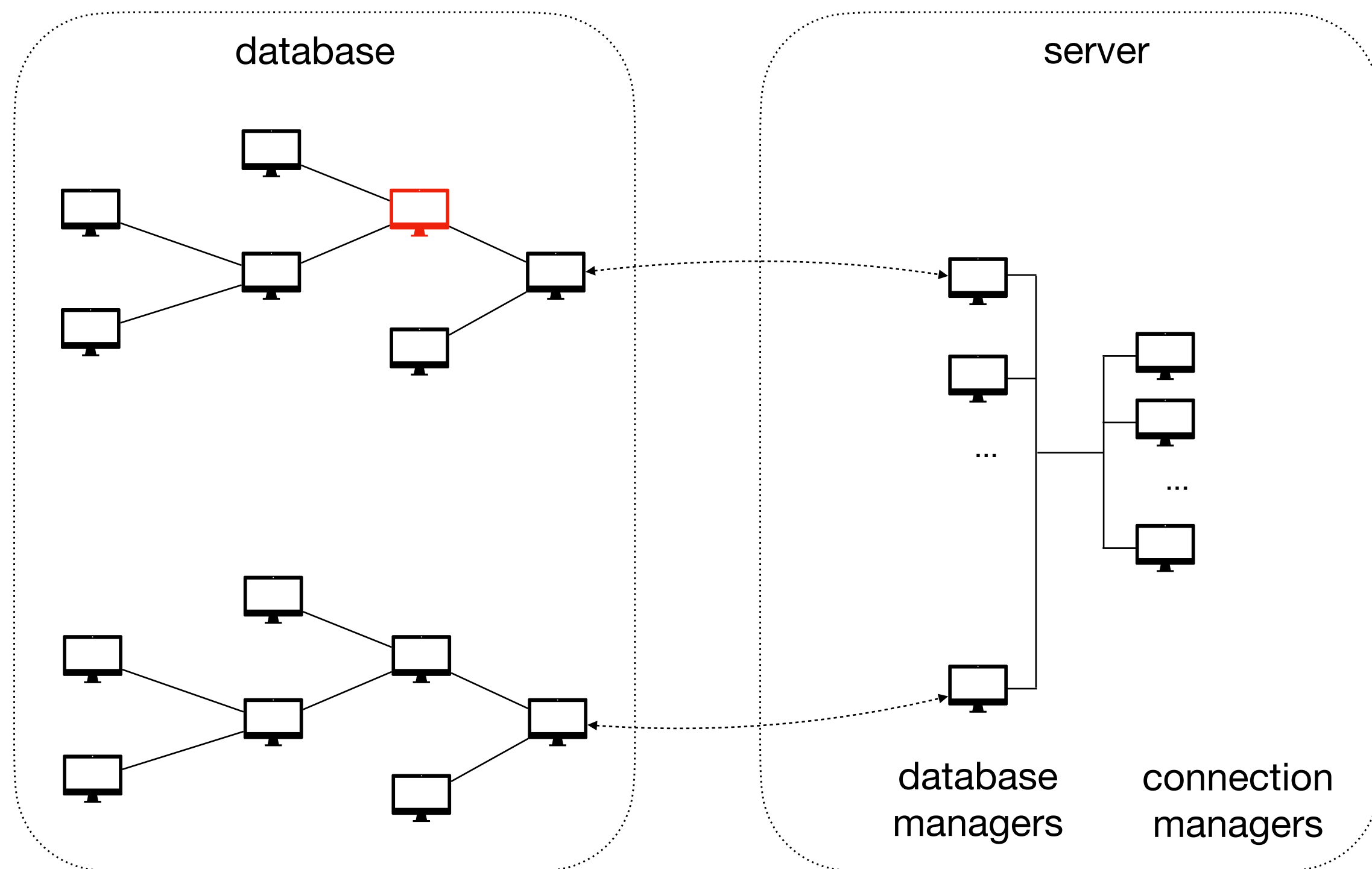


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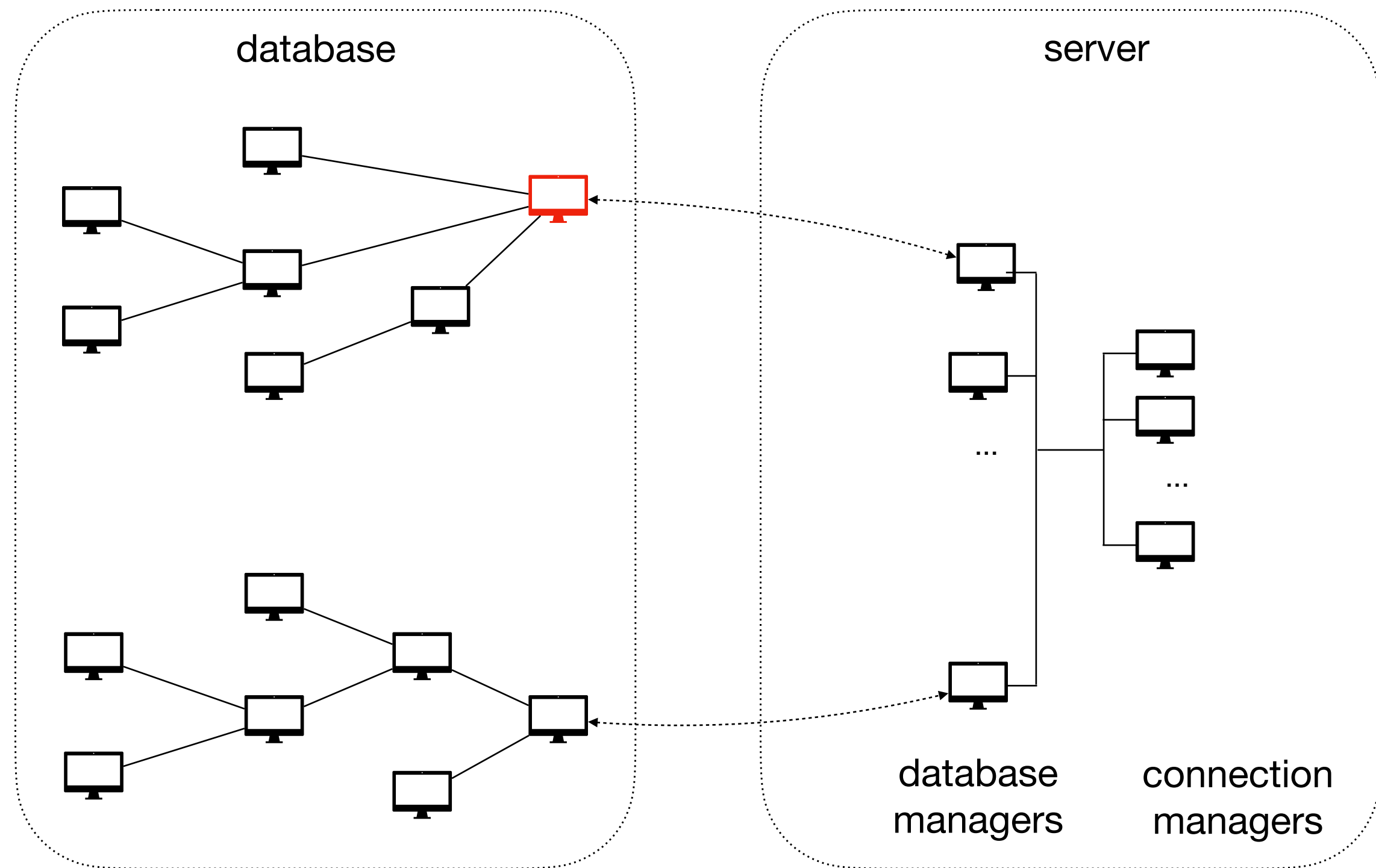
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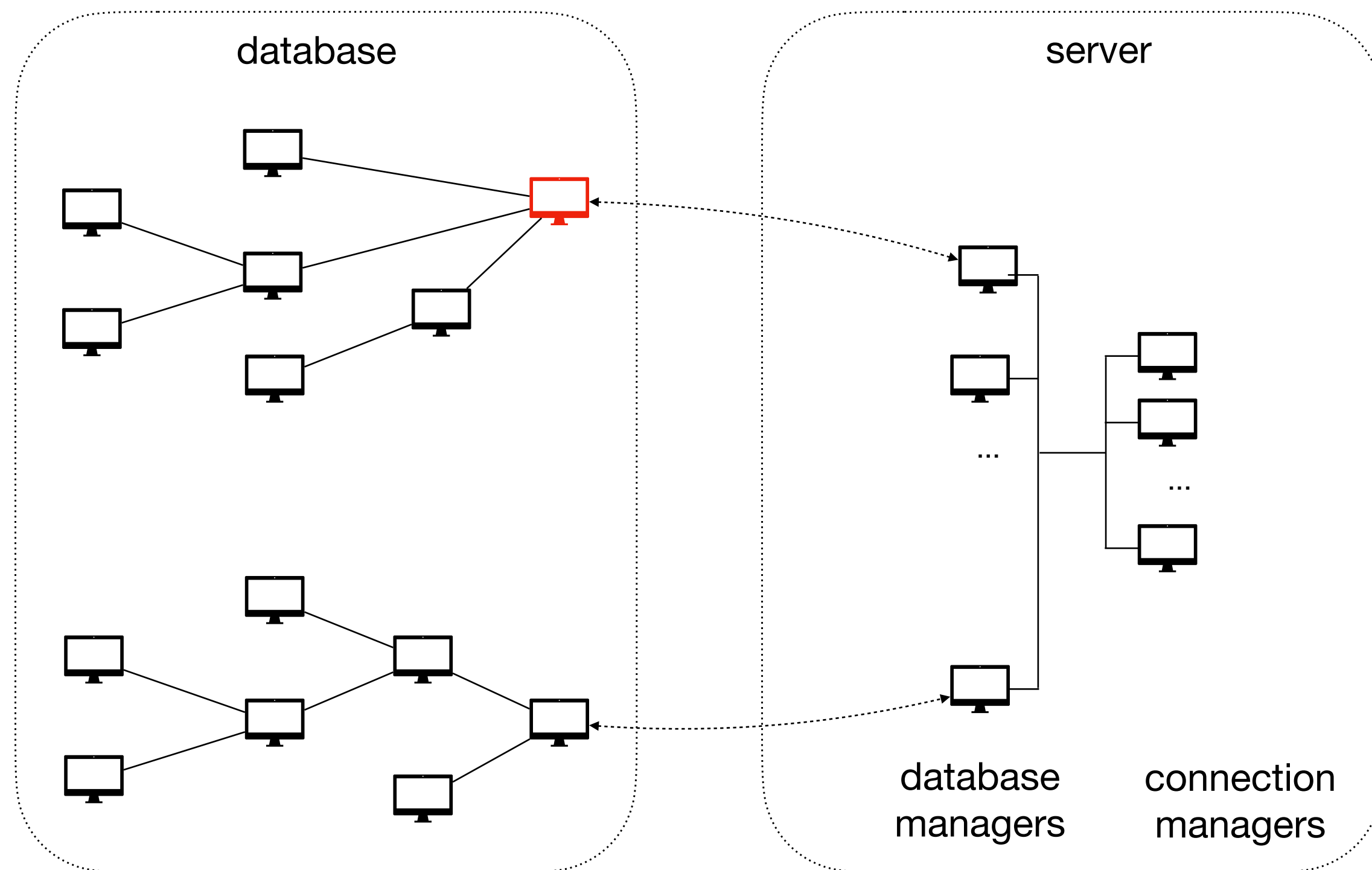
Architectural styles  
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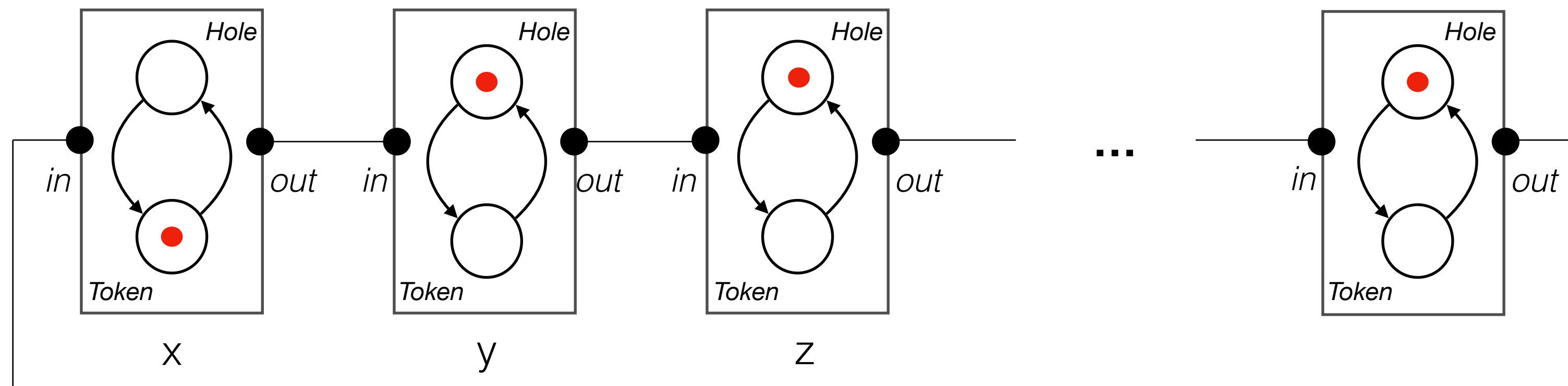
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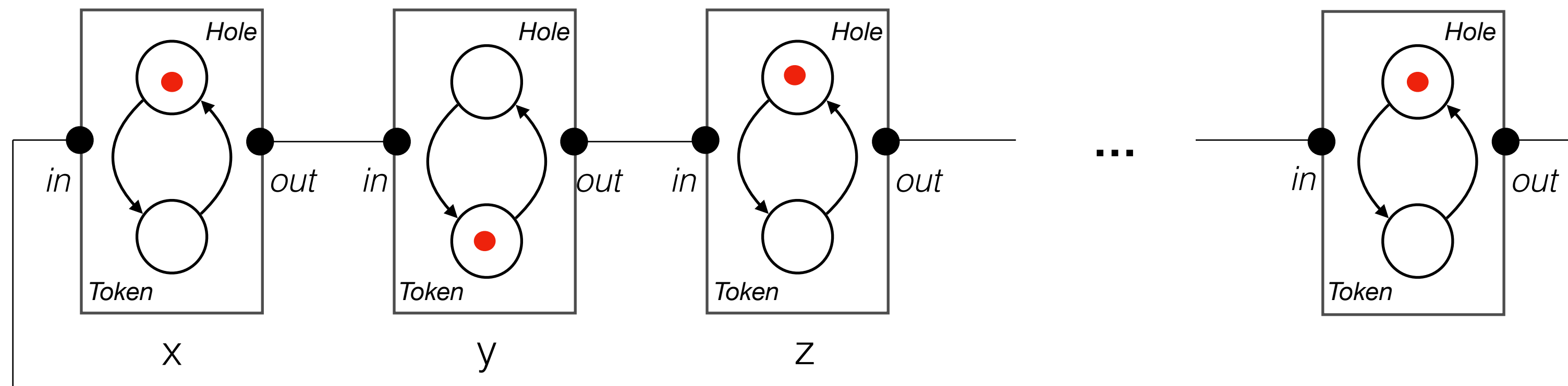
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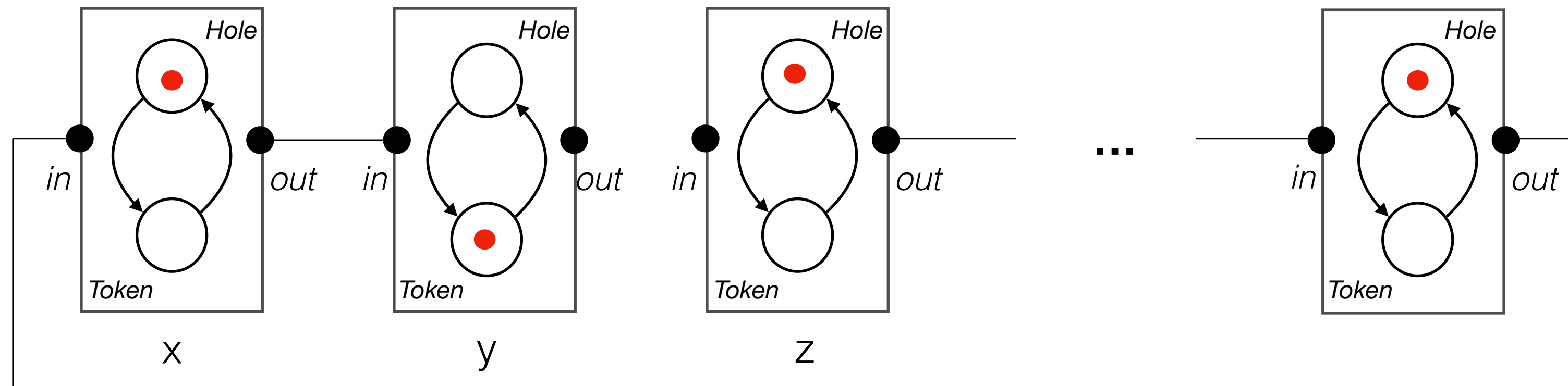
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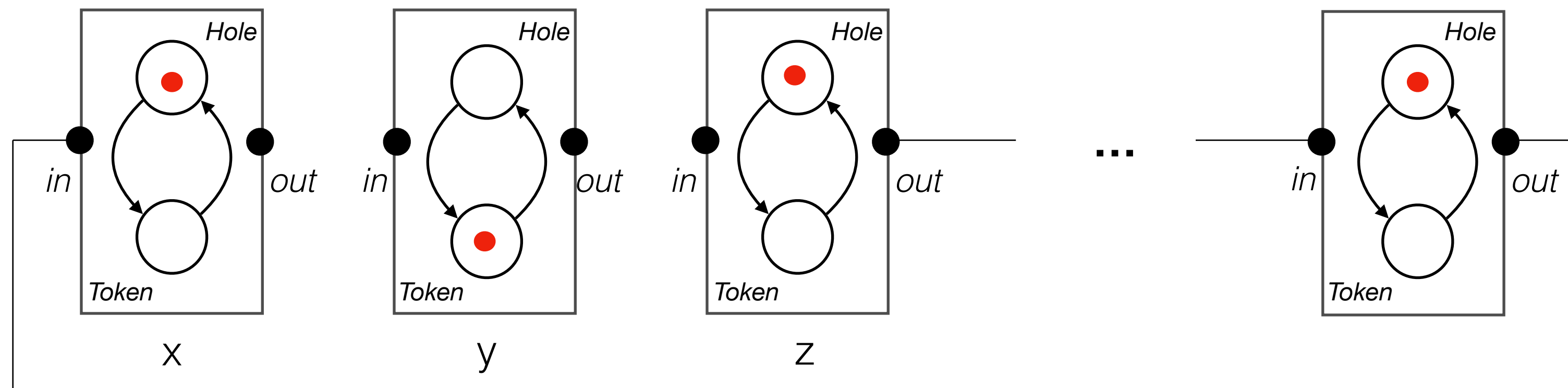


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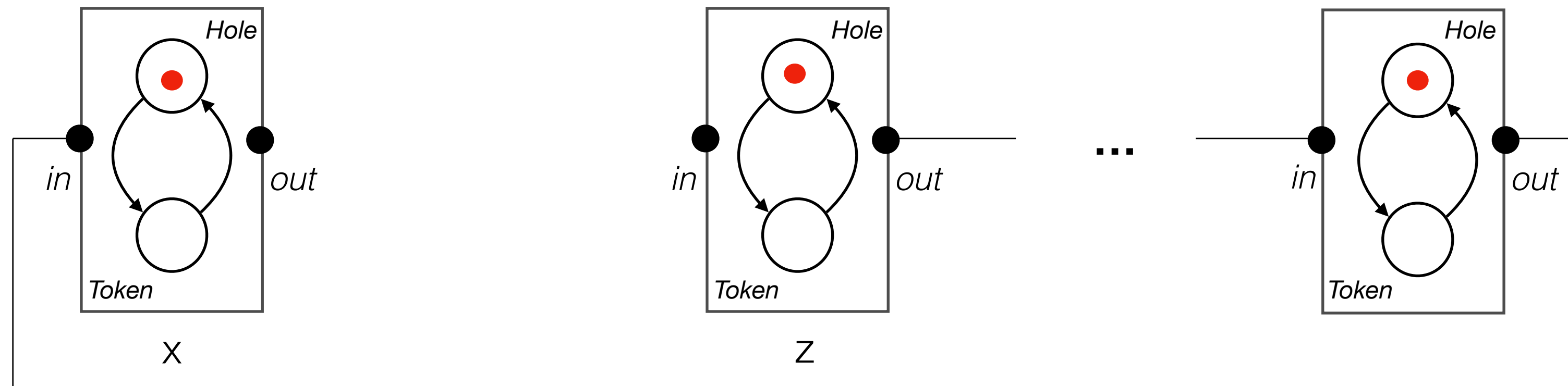


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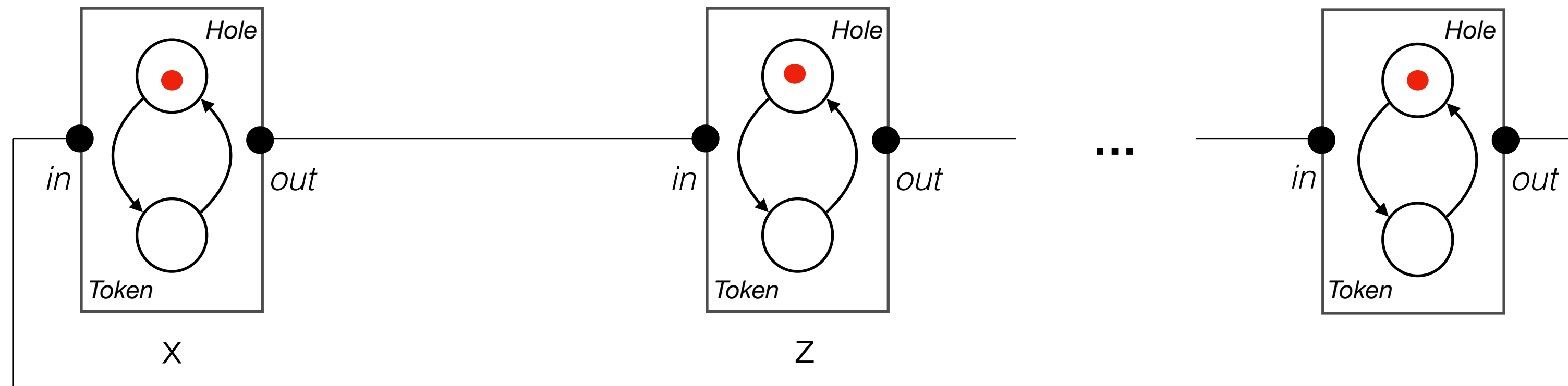
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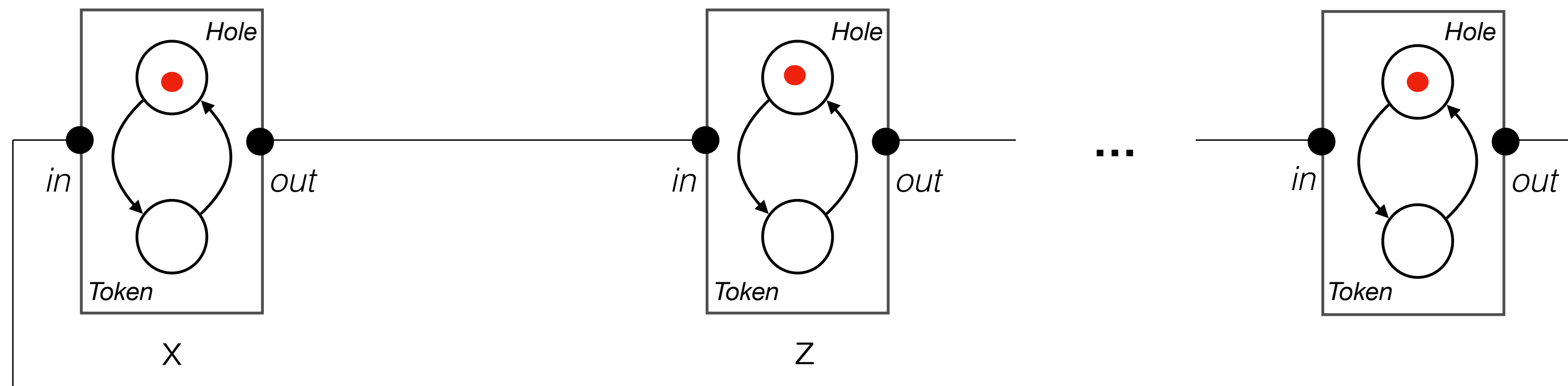
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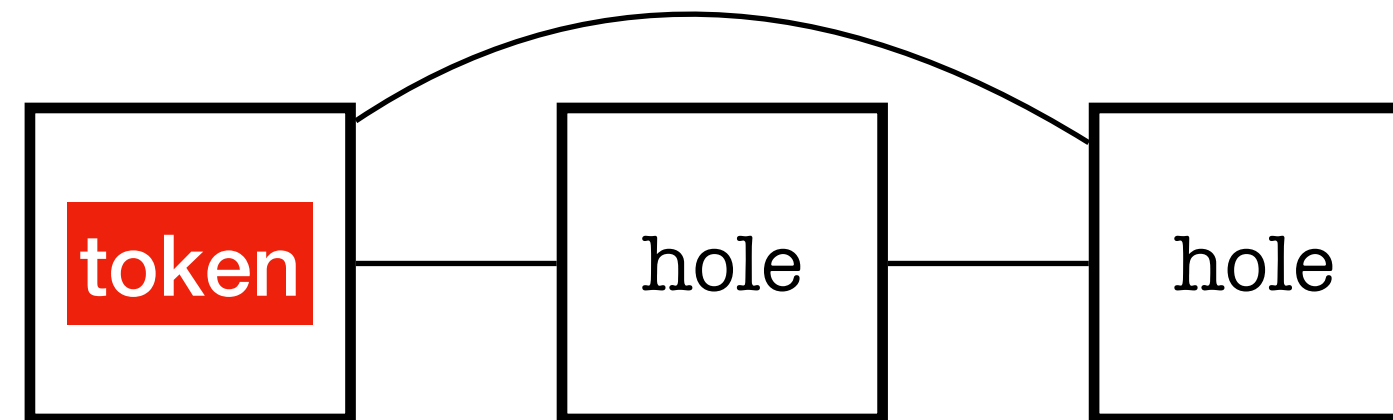
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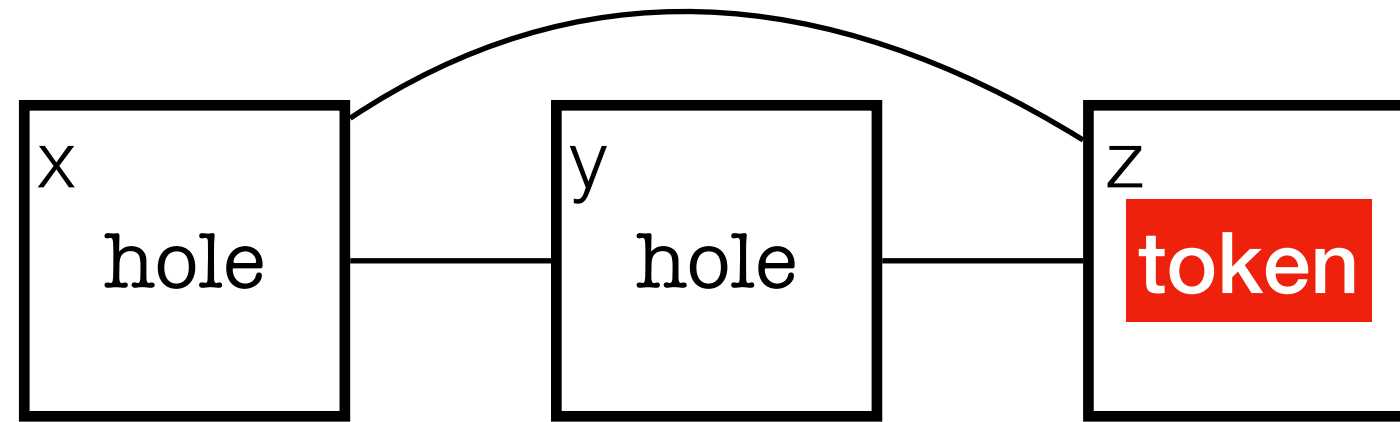
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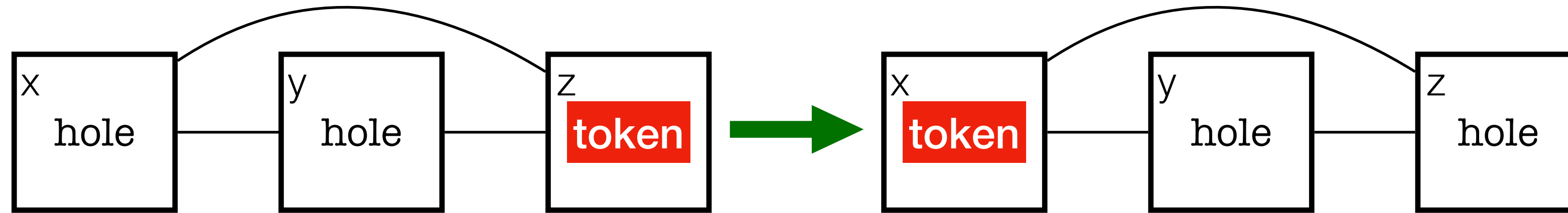


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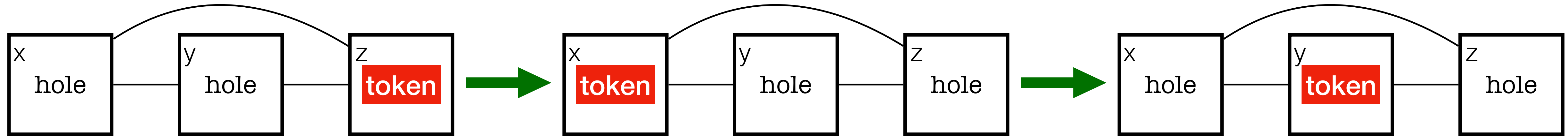
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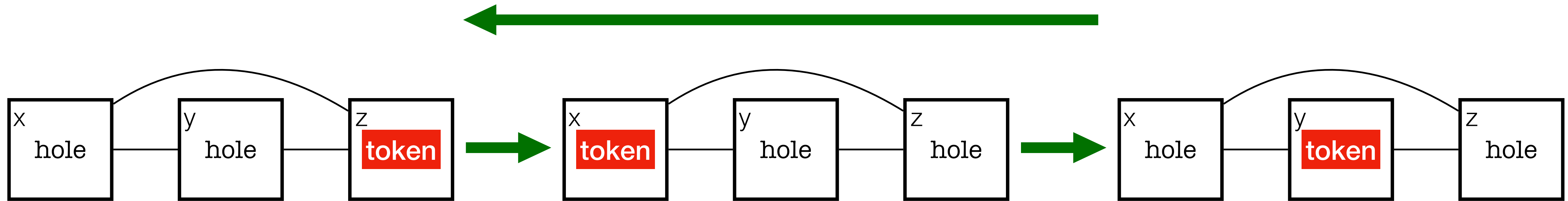
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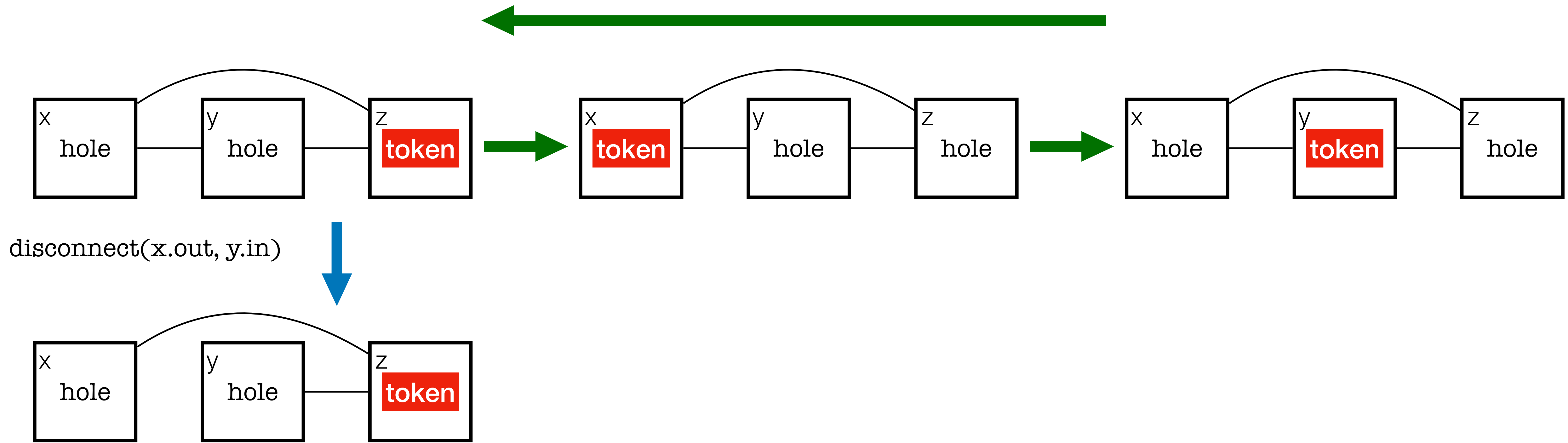


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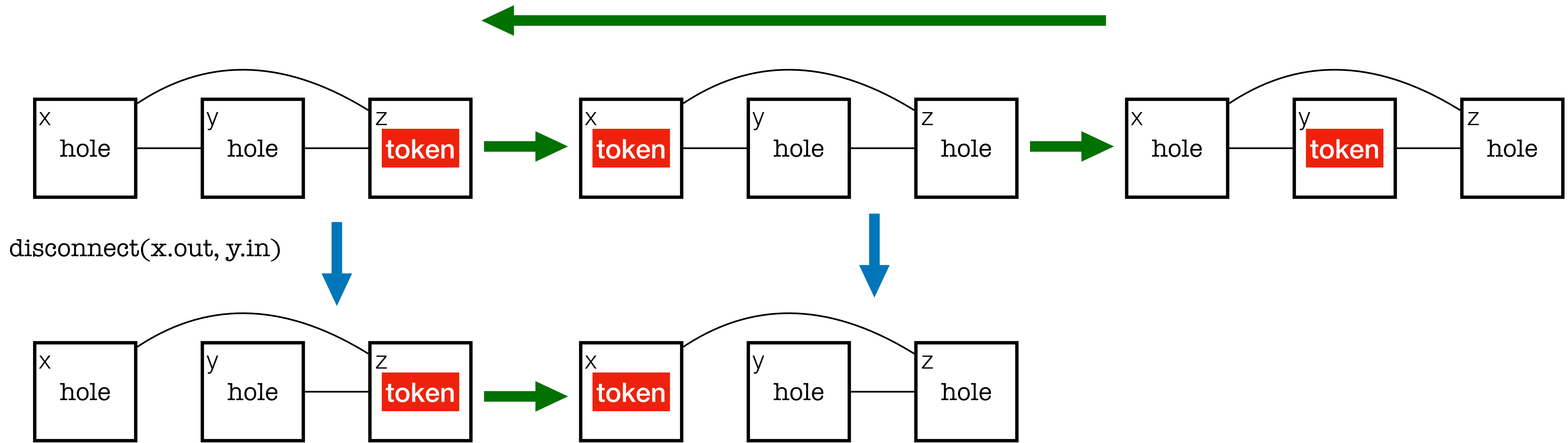




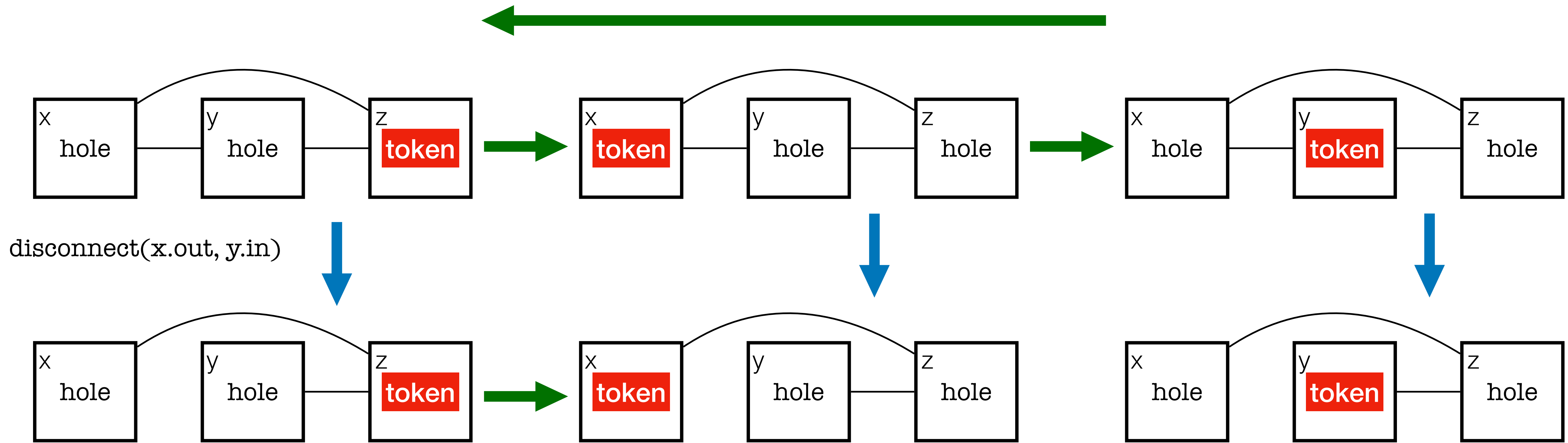
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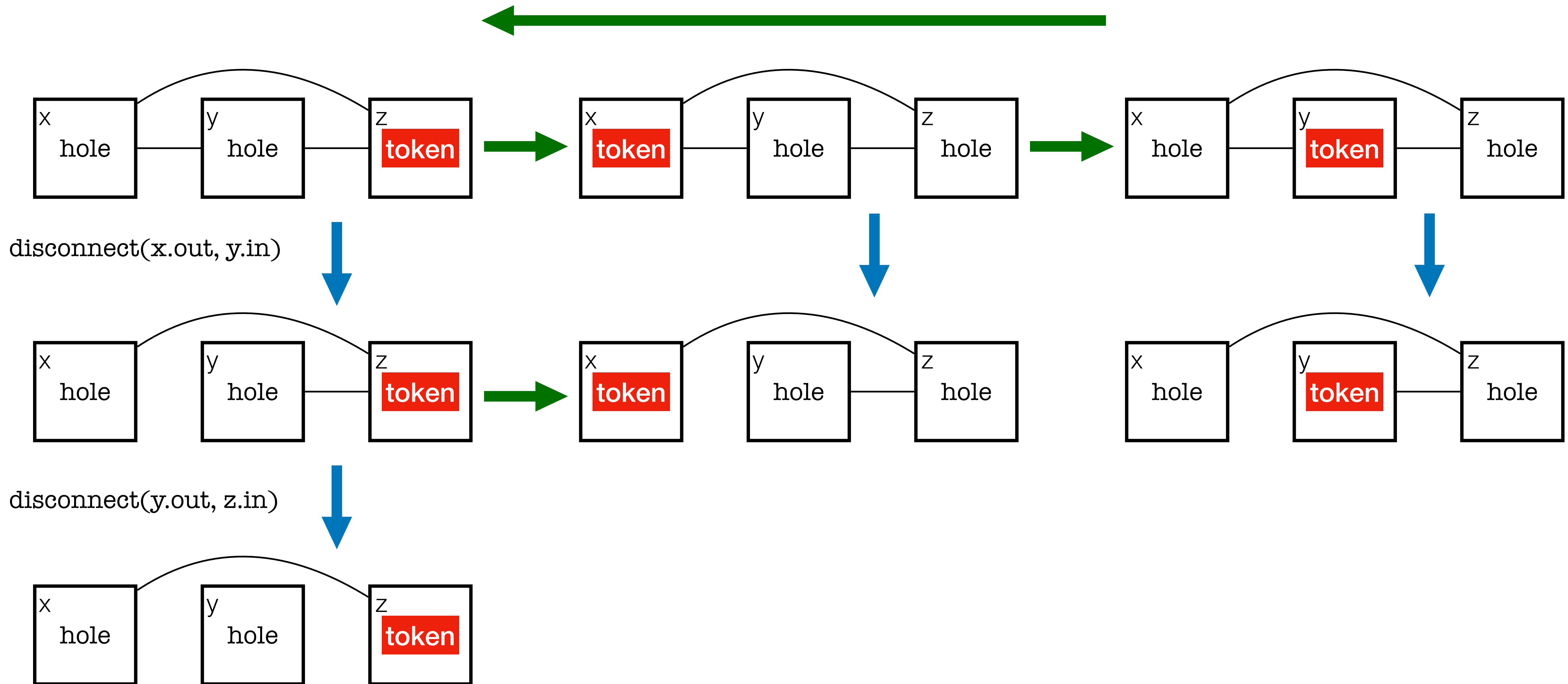
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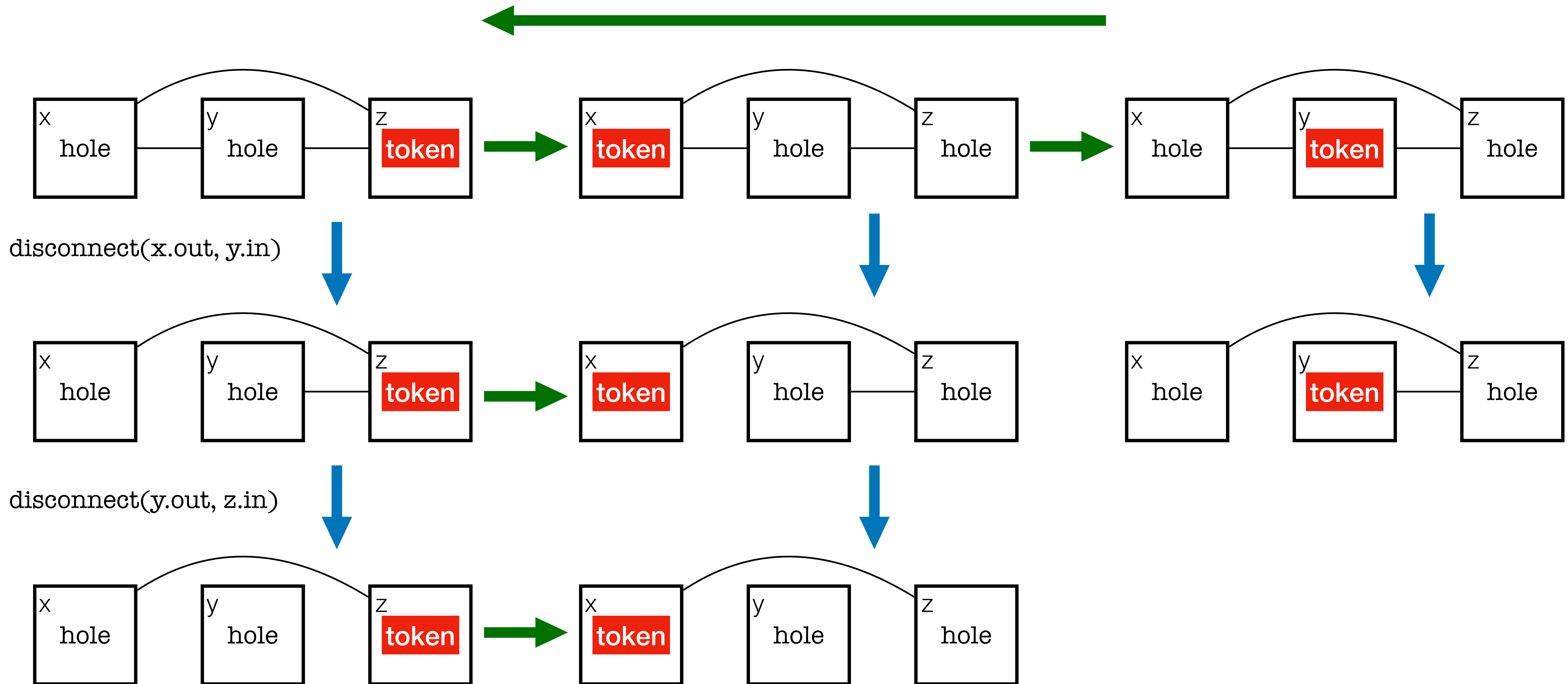
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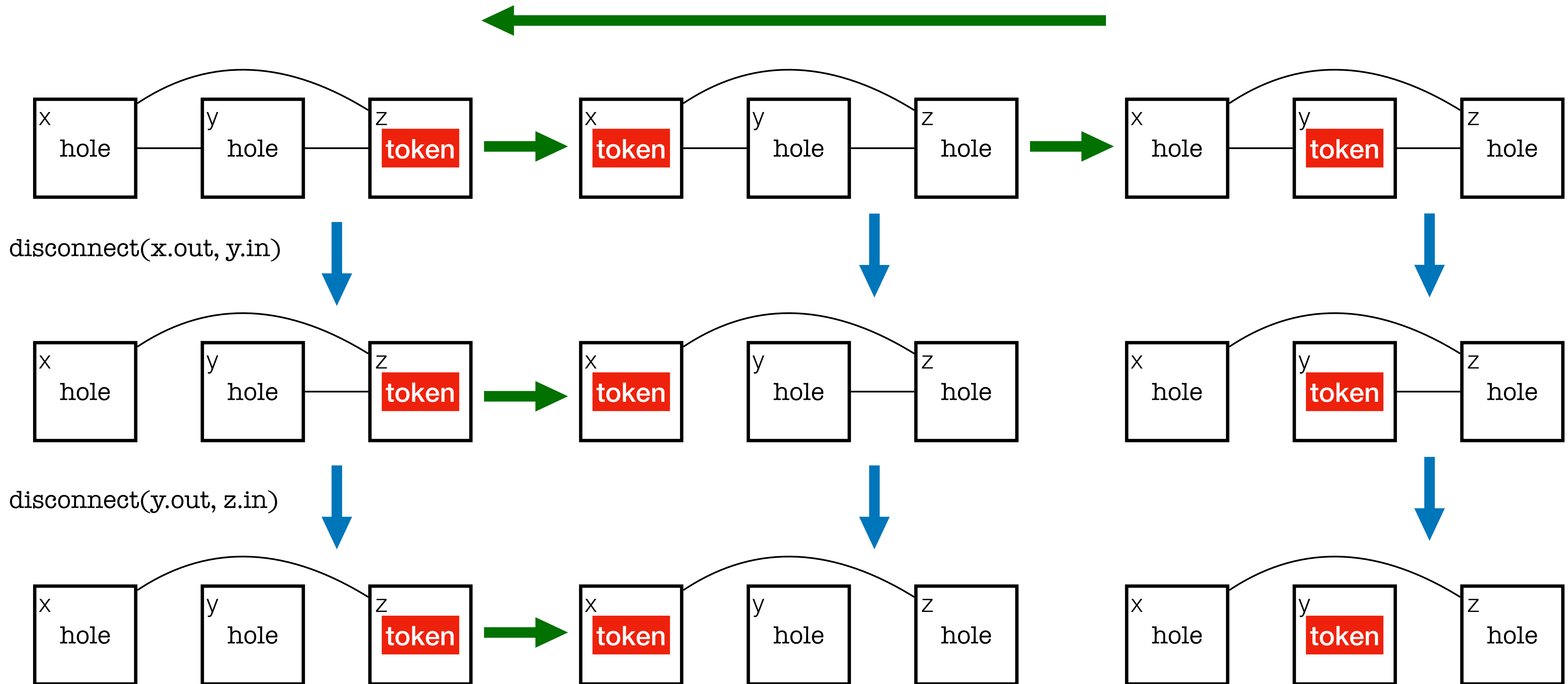
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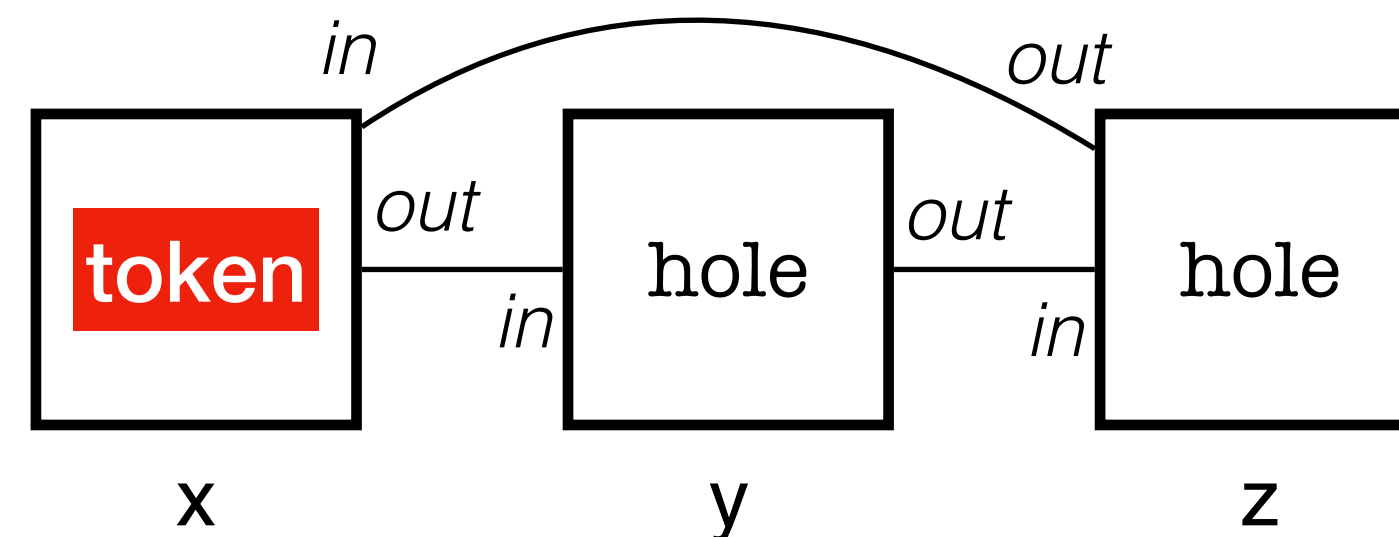
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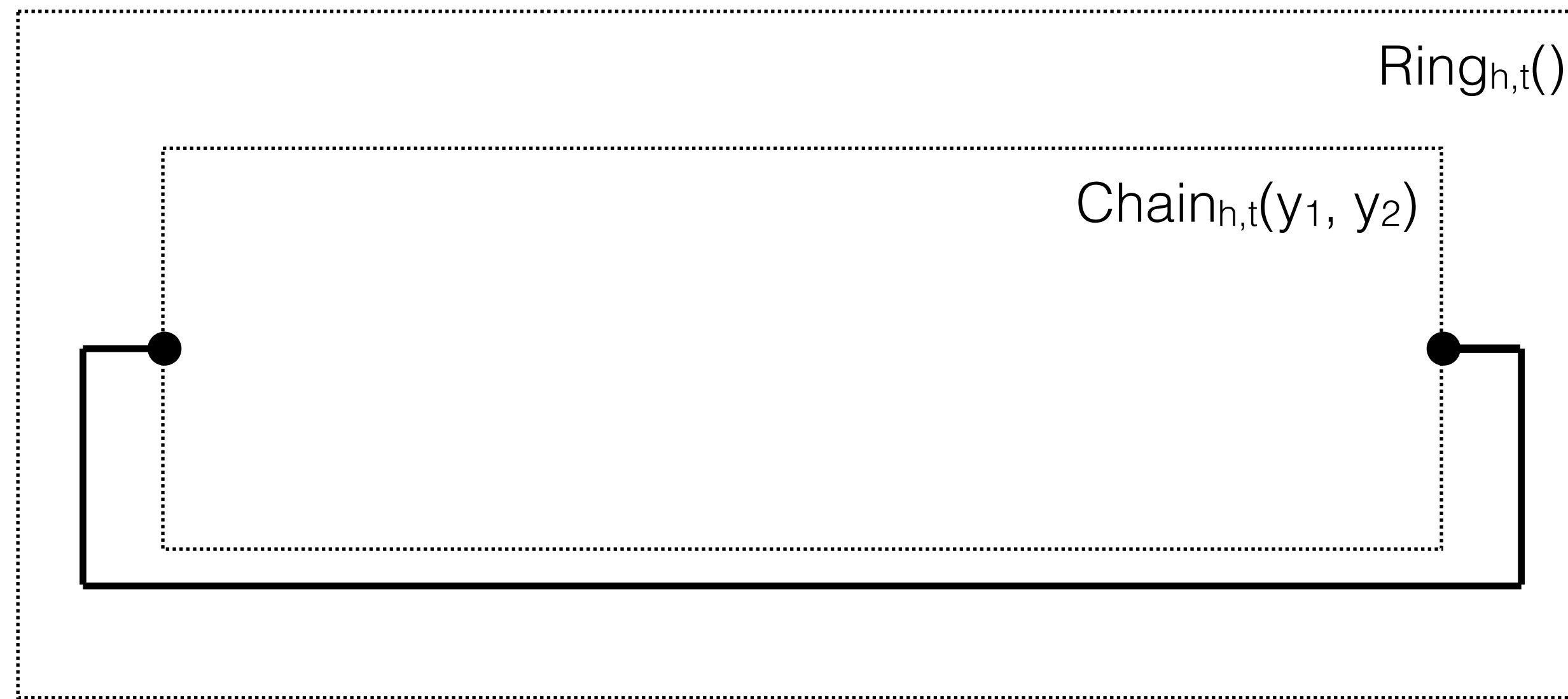
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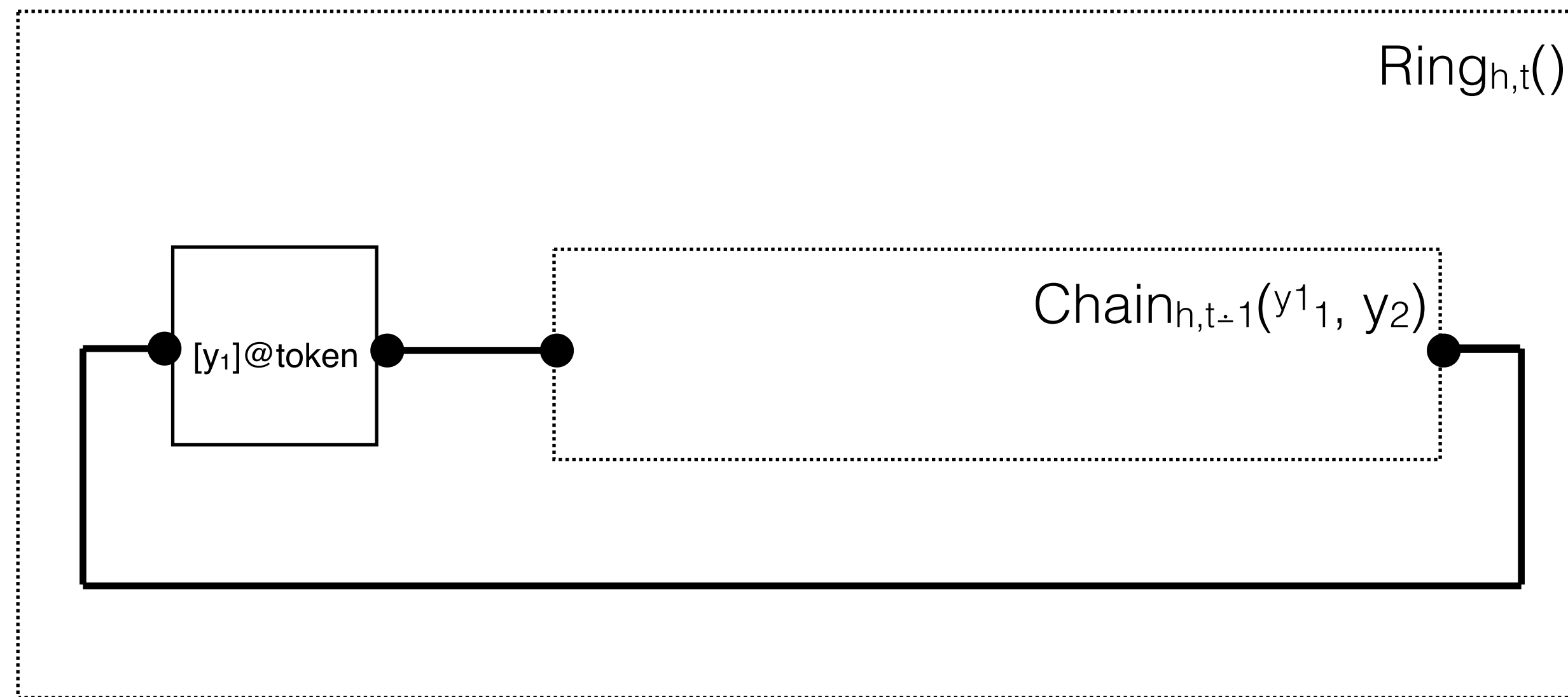


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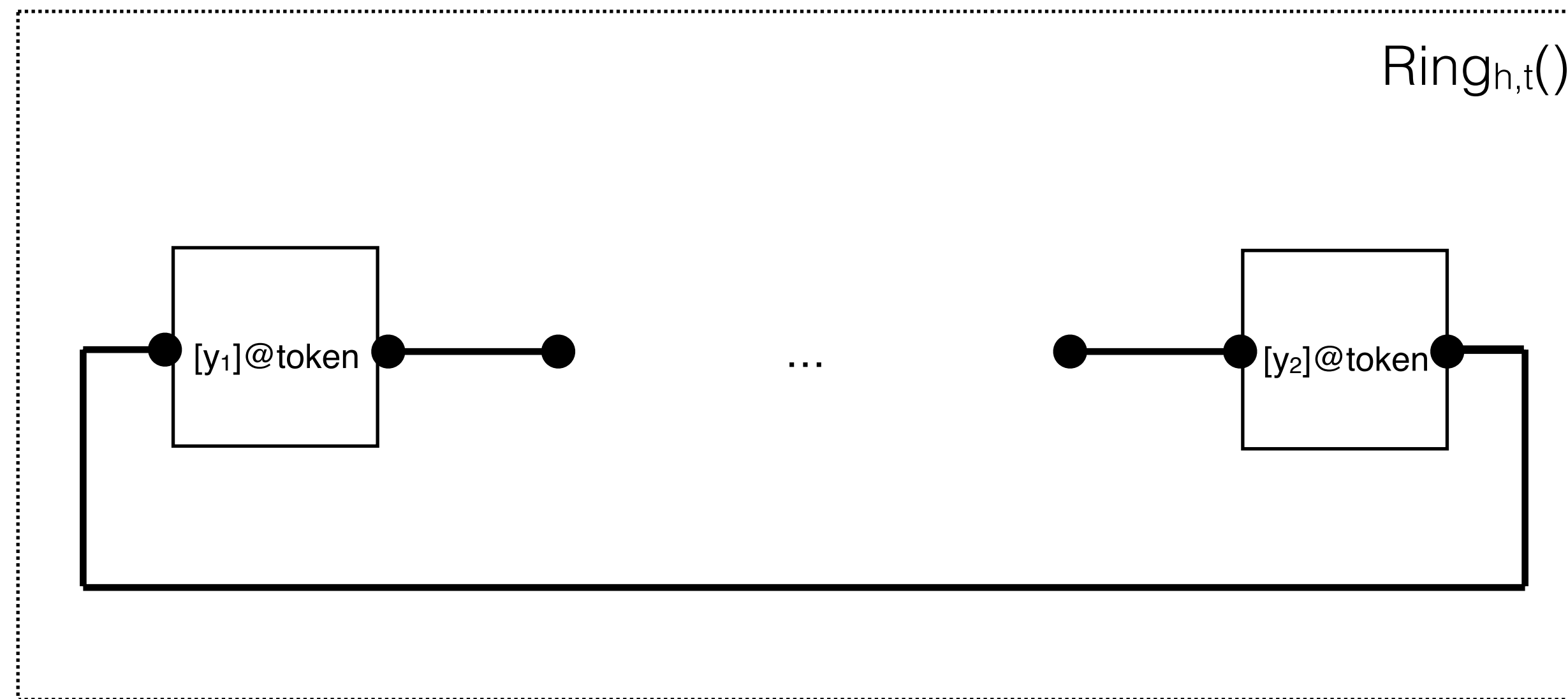


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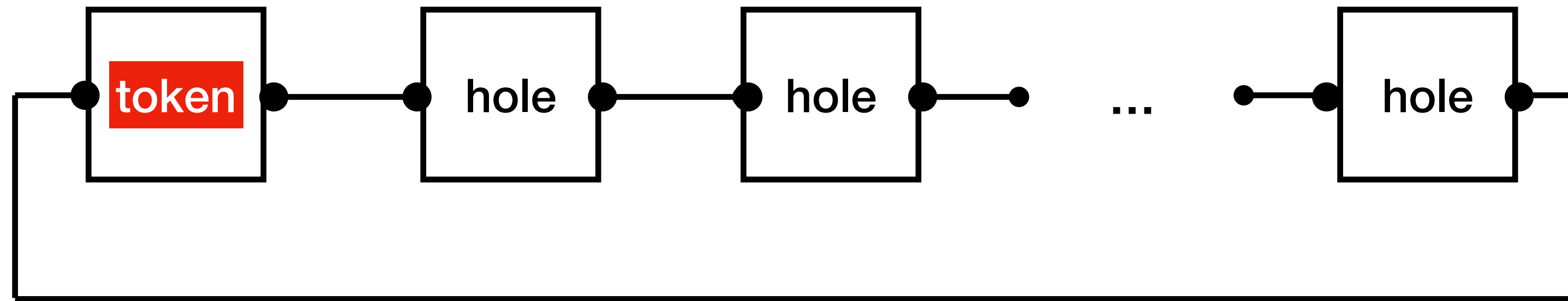
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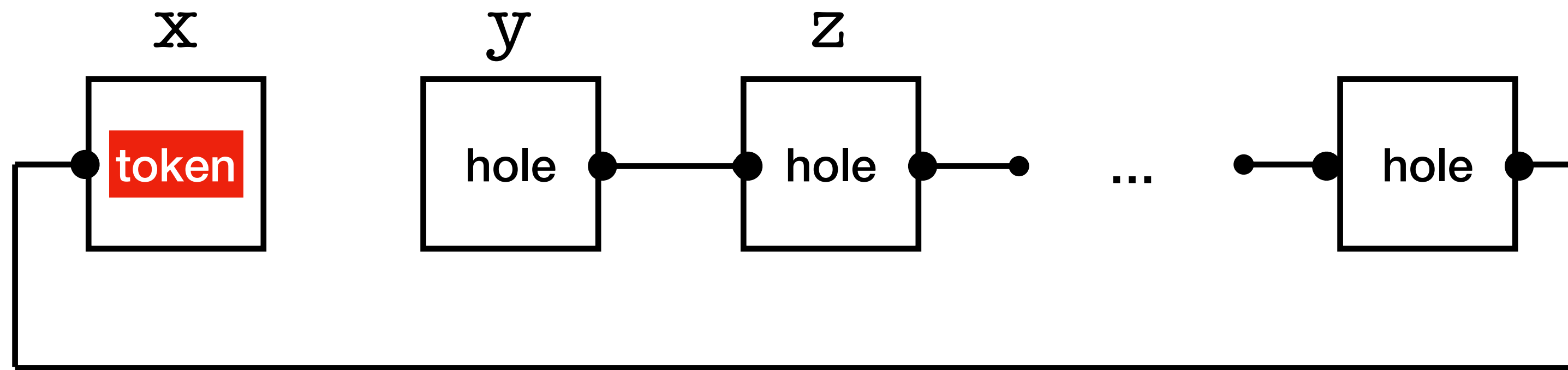
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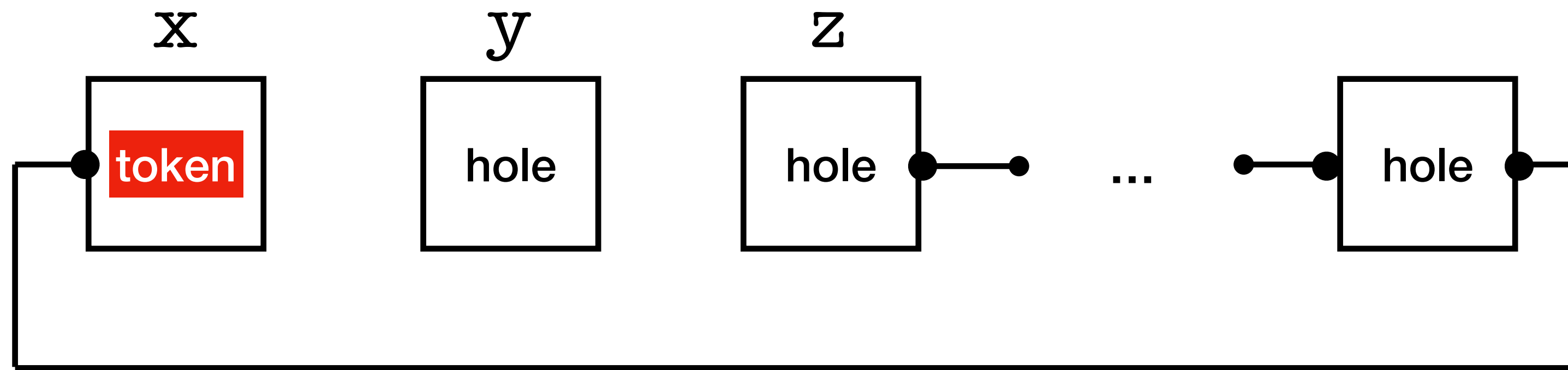


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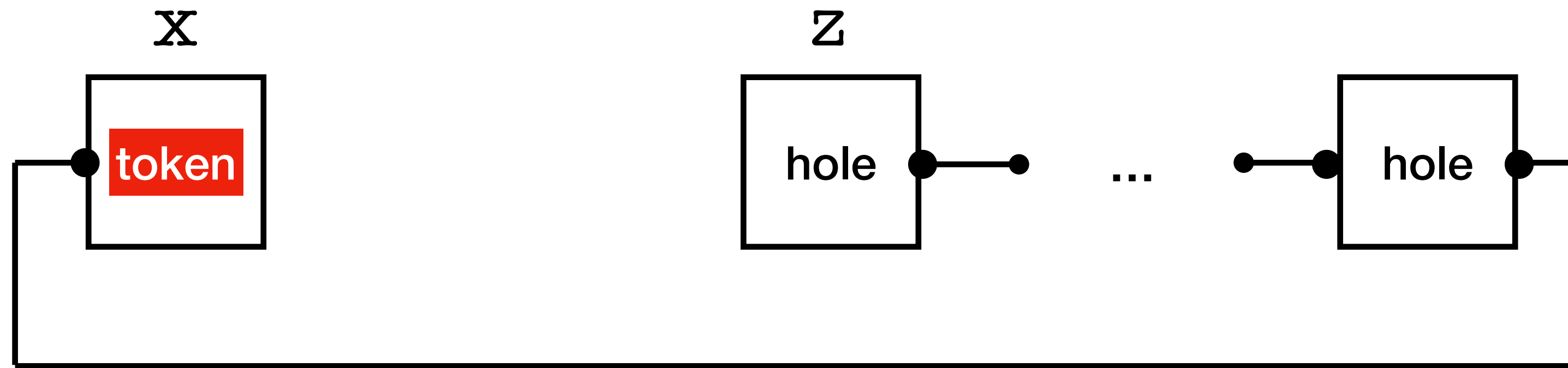
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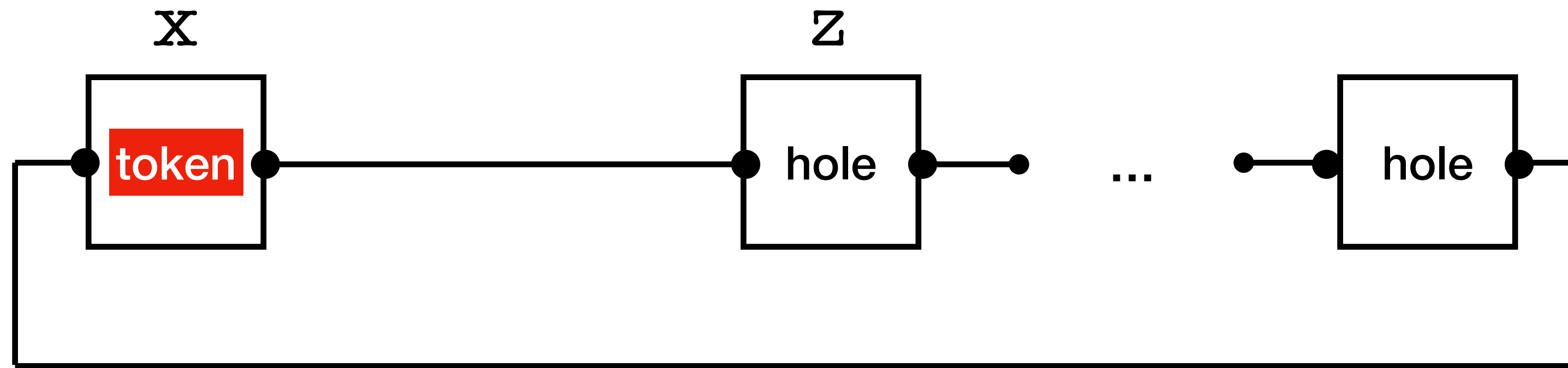
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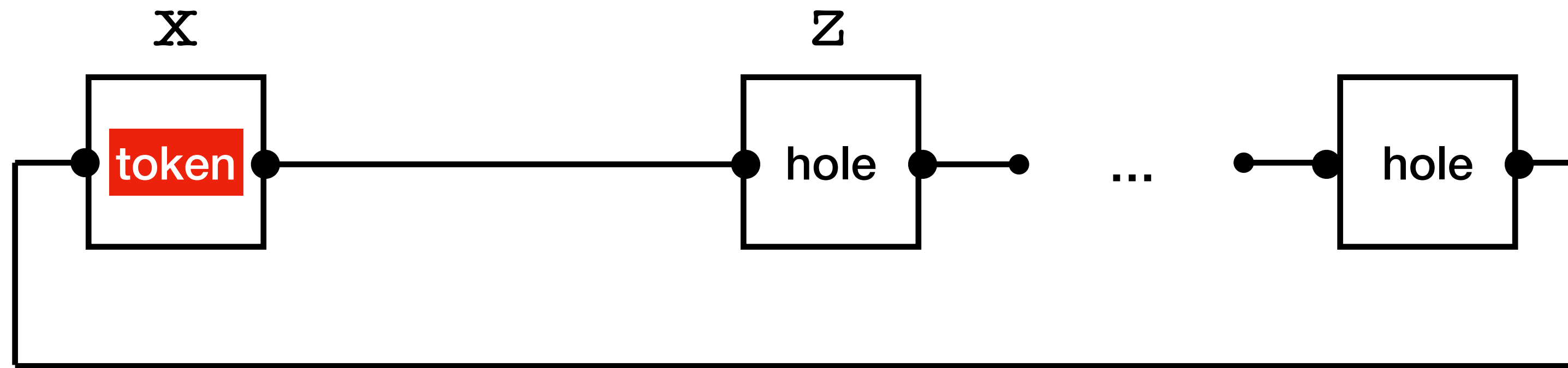


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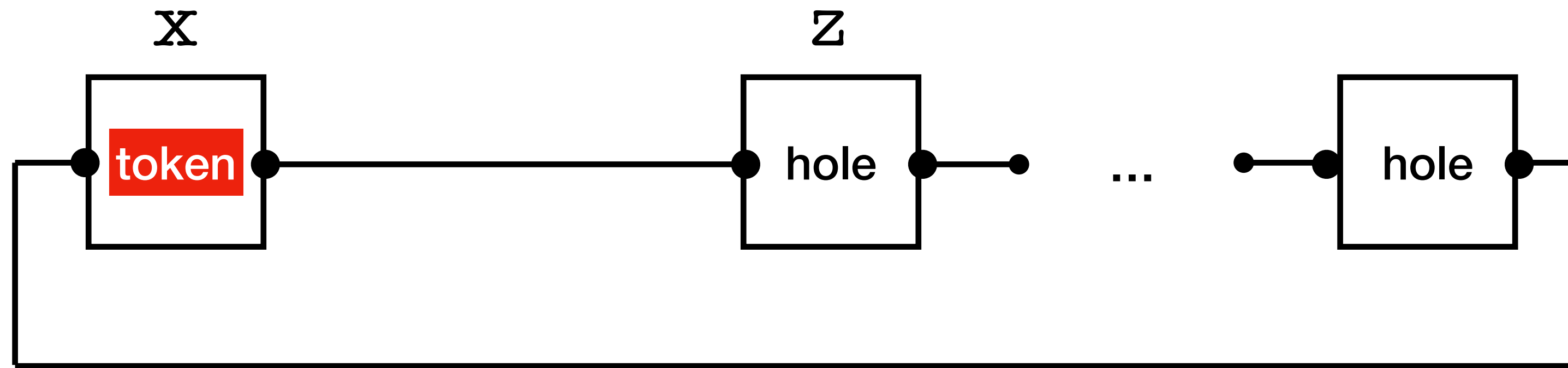
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A formula  $\phi$  is **havoc invariant**  $\Leftrightarrow$  *for each model  $\gamma$  of  $\phi$  and each state change  $\gamma \rightarrow^* \gamma'$  corresponding to firing one or more interactions enabled in  $\gamma$ ,  $\gamma'$  is a model of  $\phi$*

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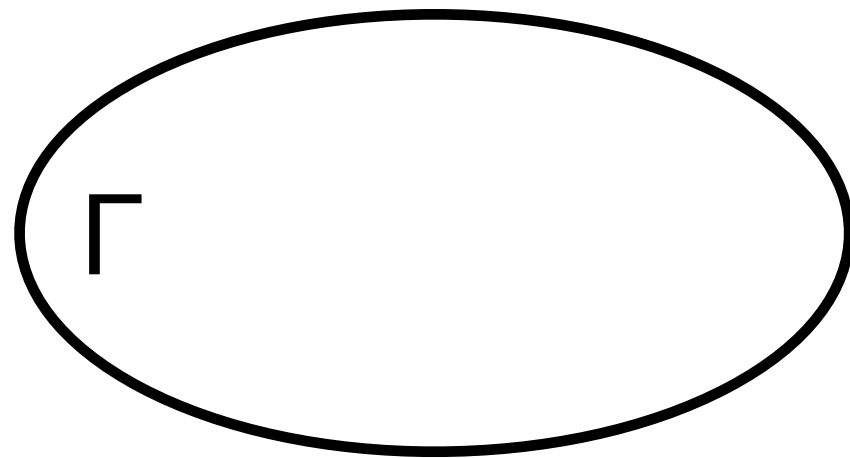
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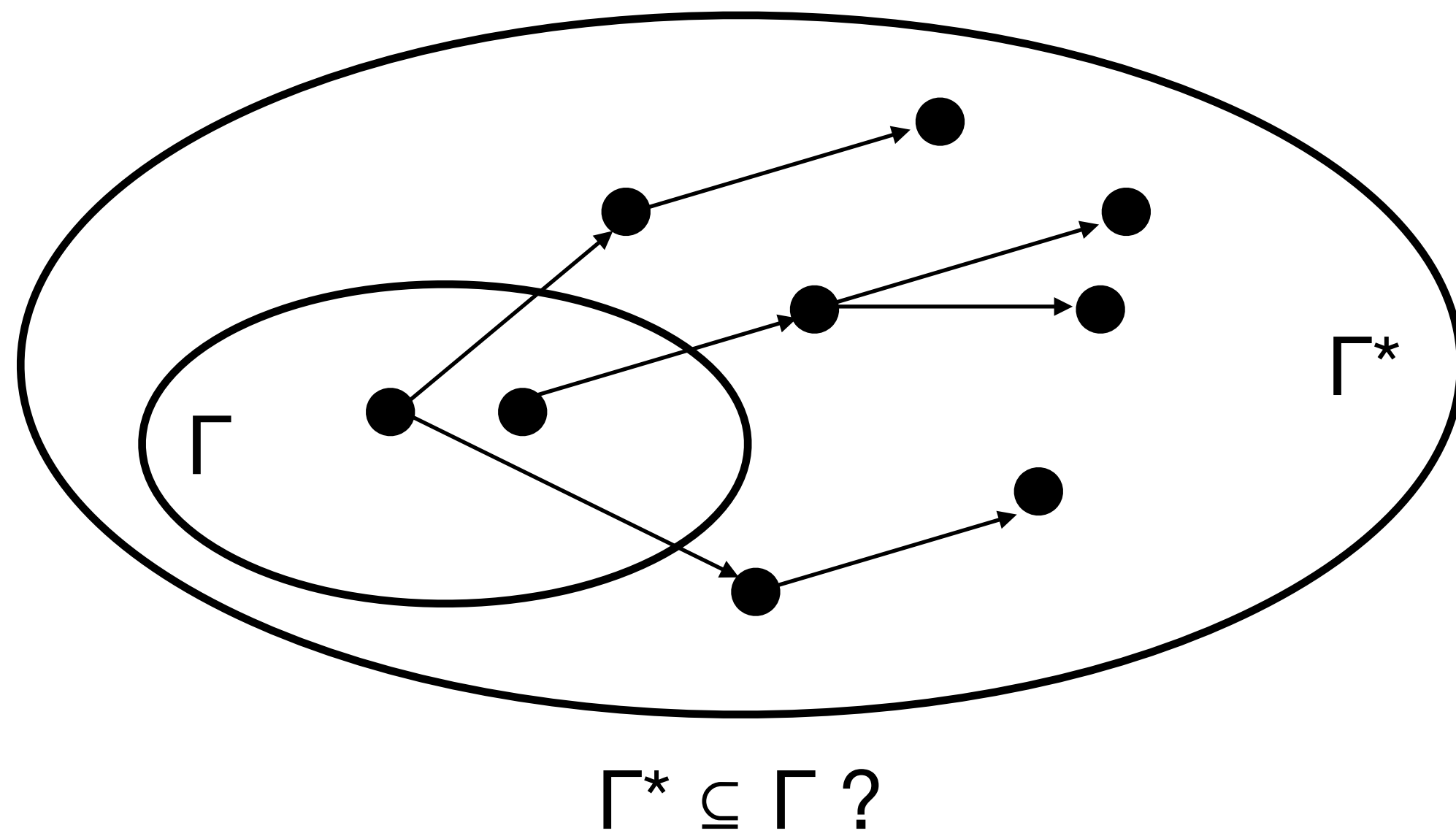




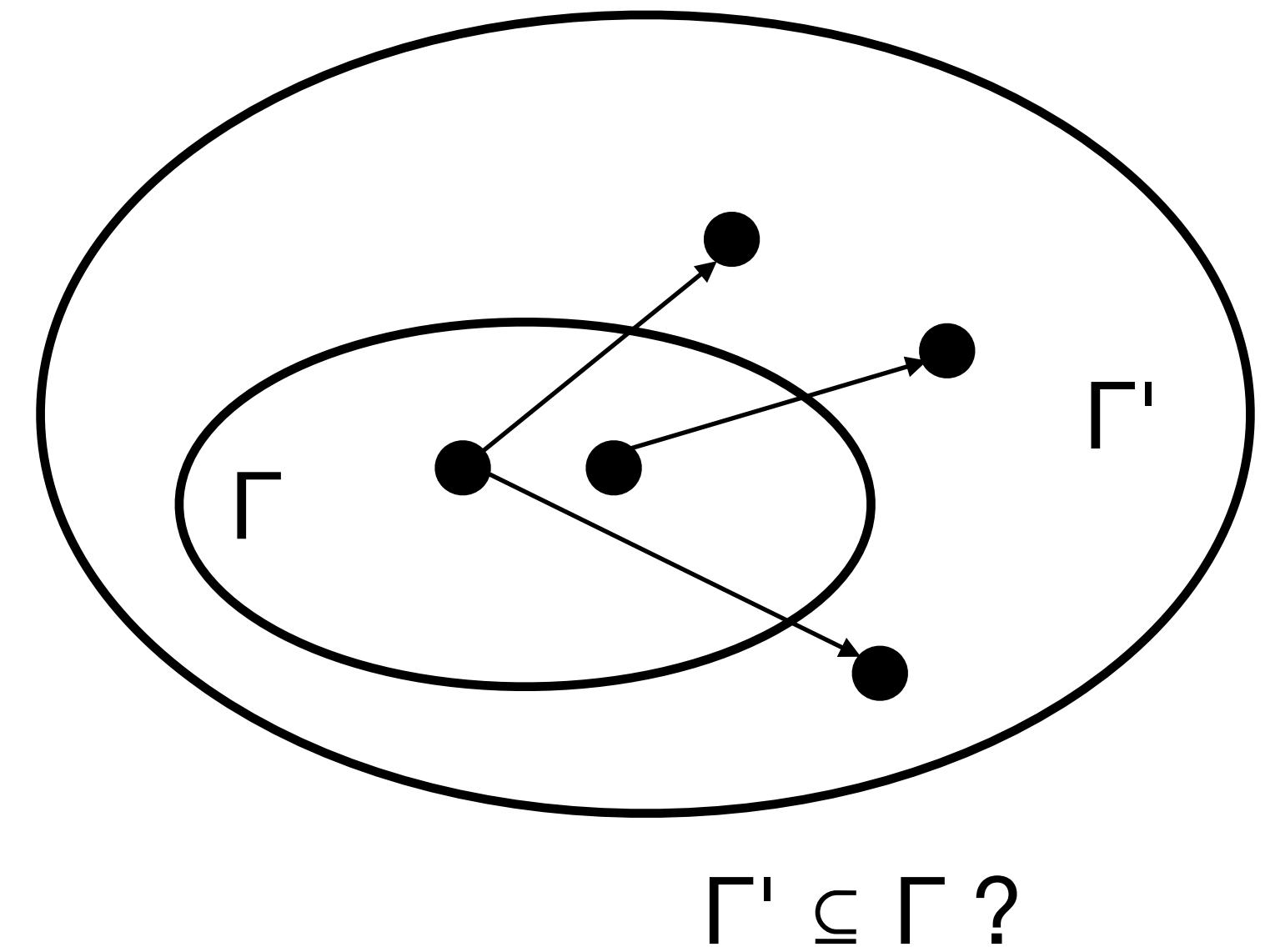
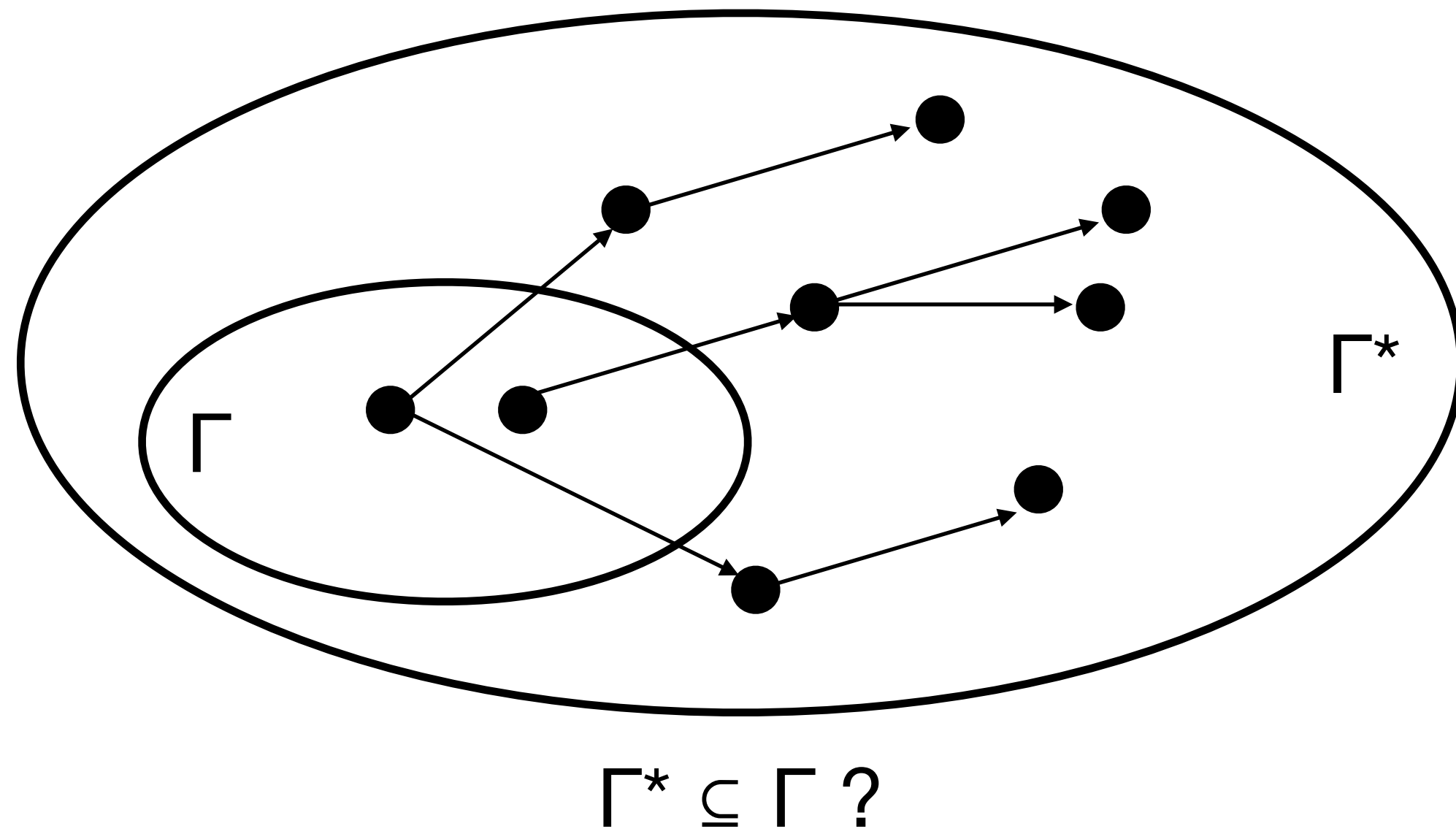
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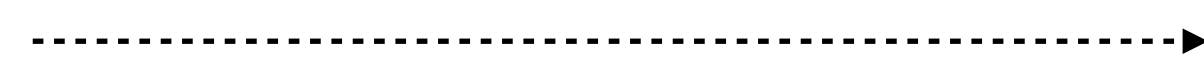


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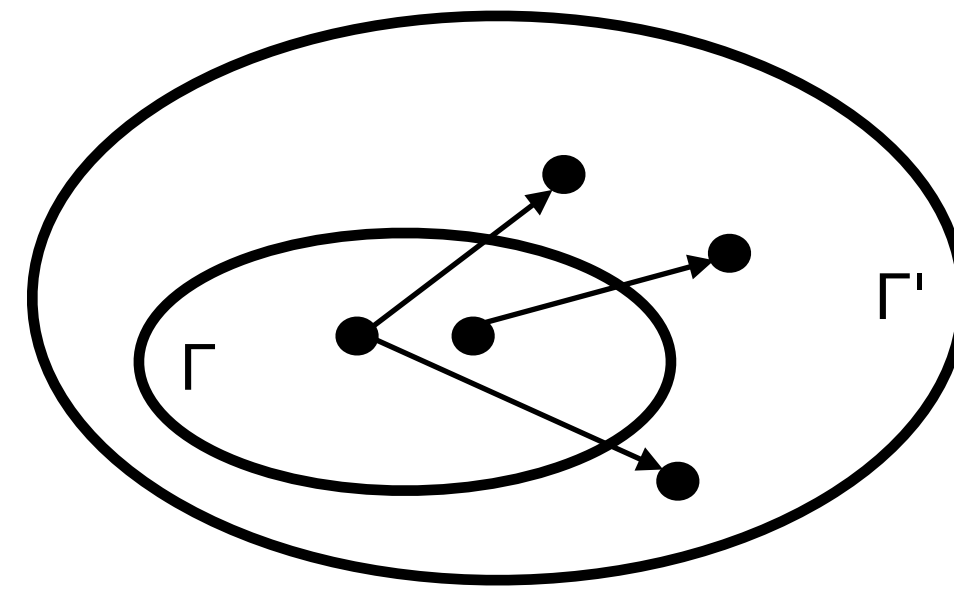


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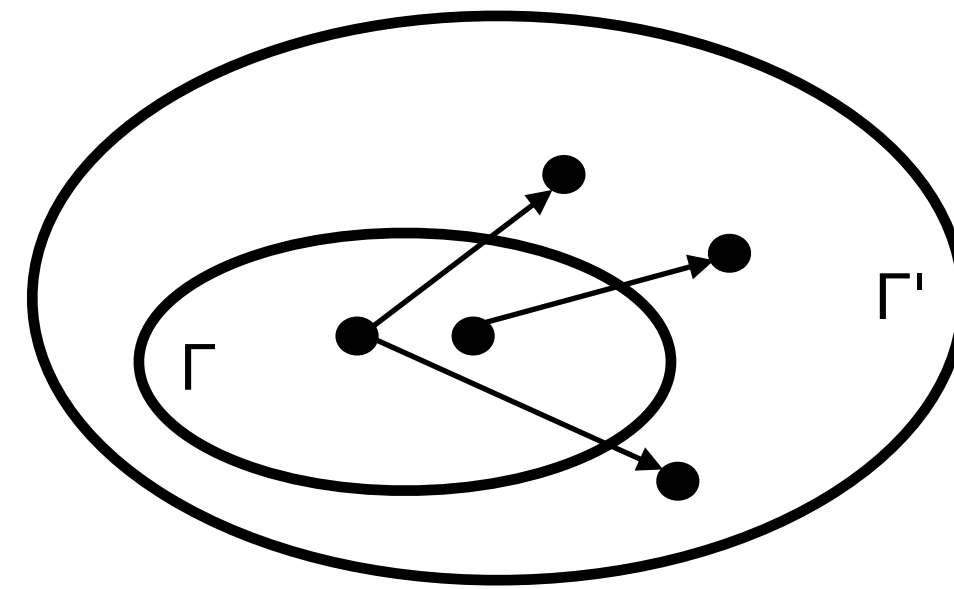
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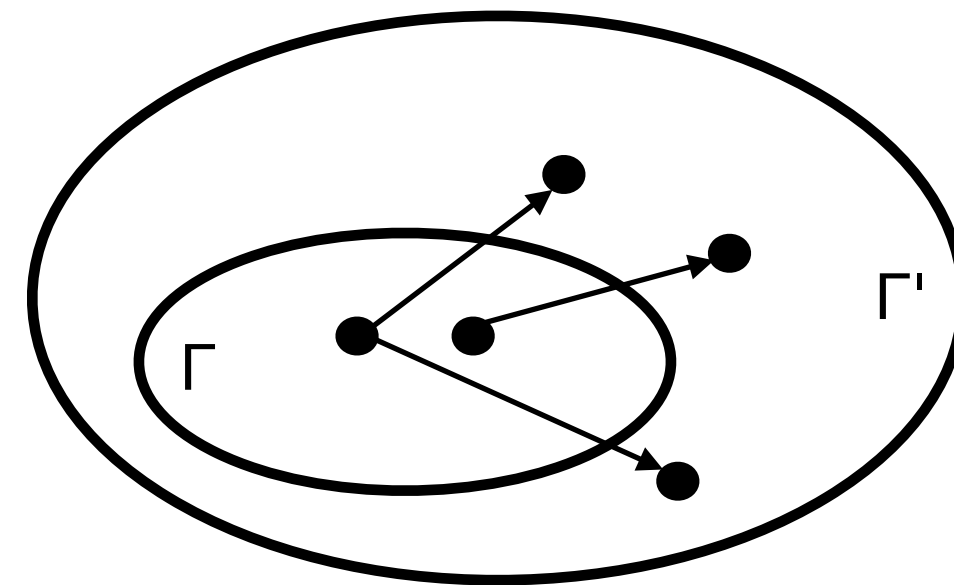
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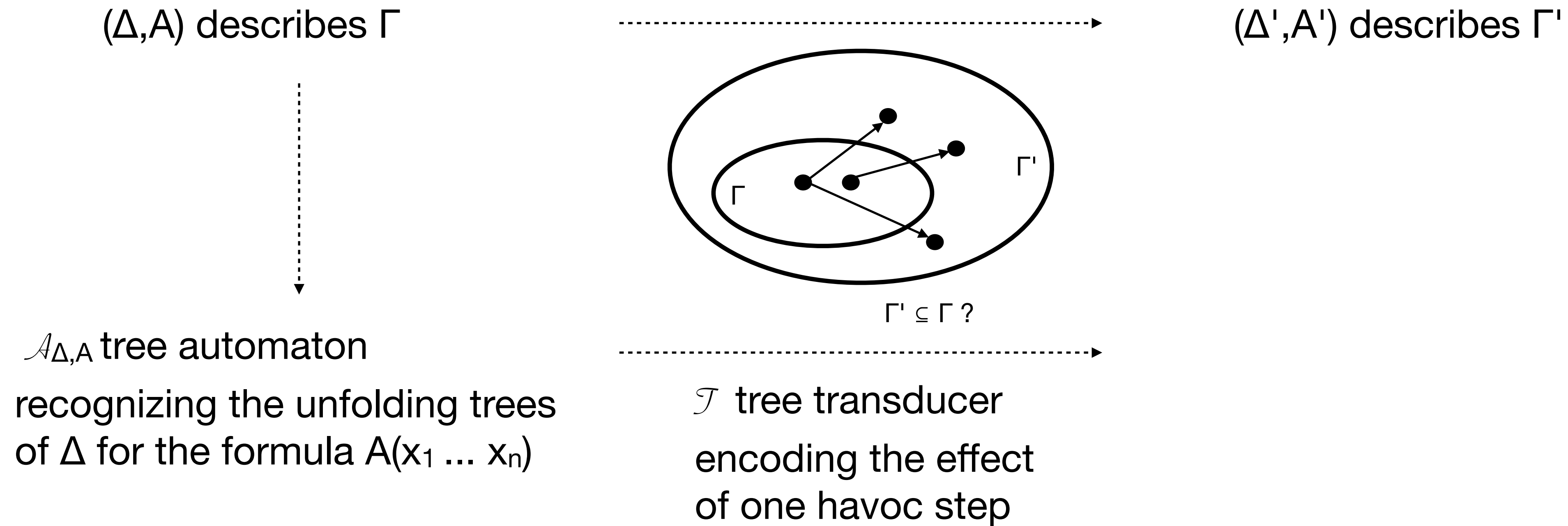
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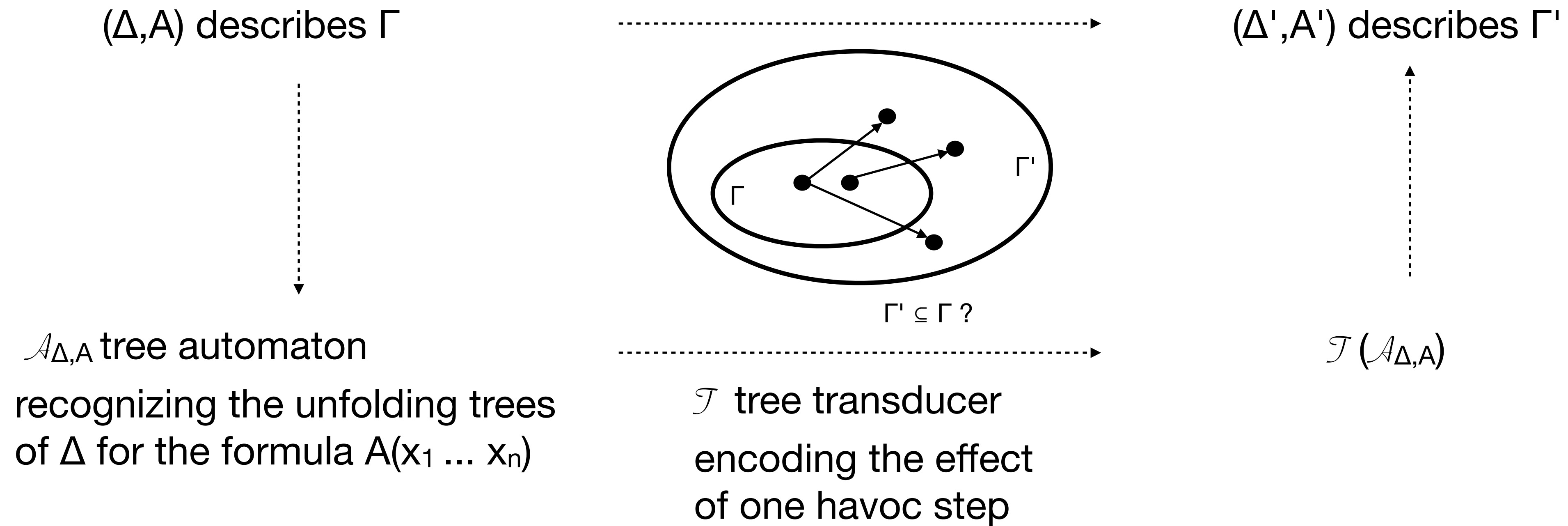
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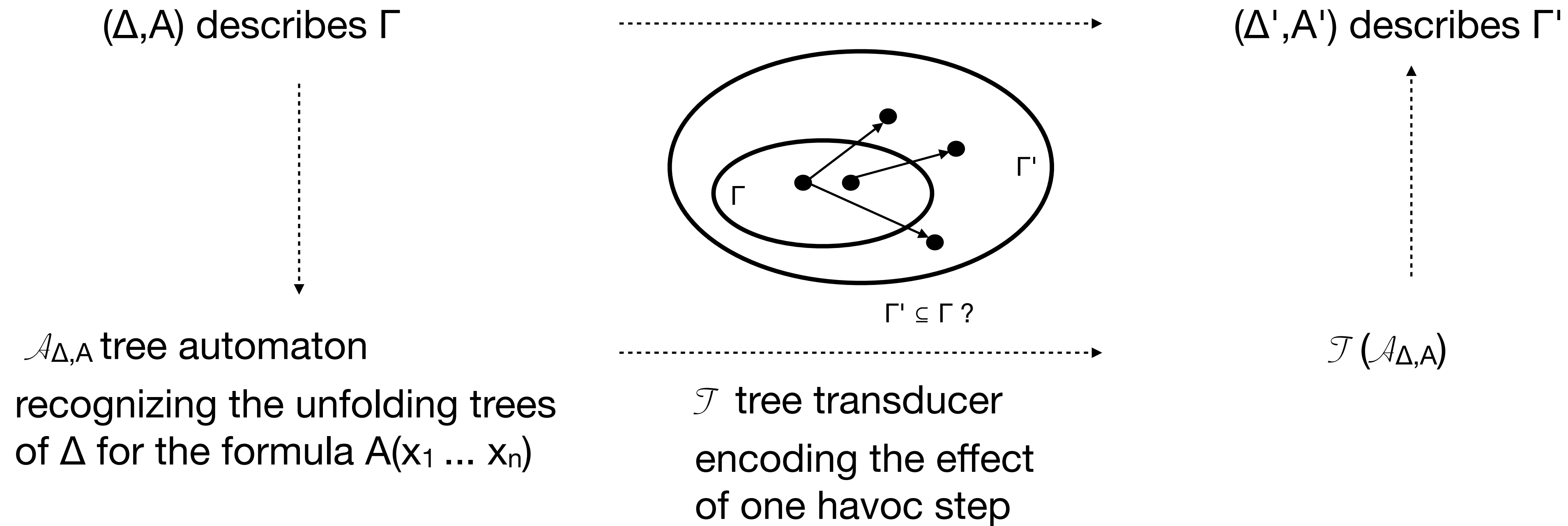
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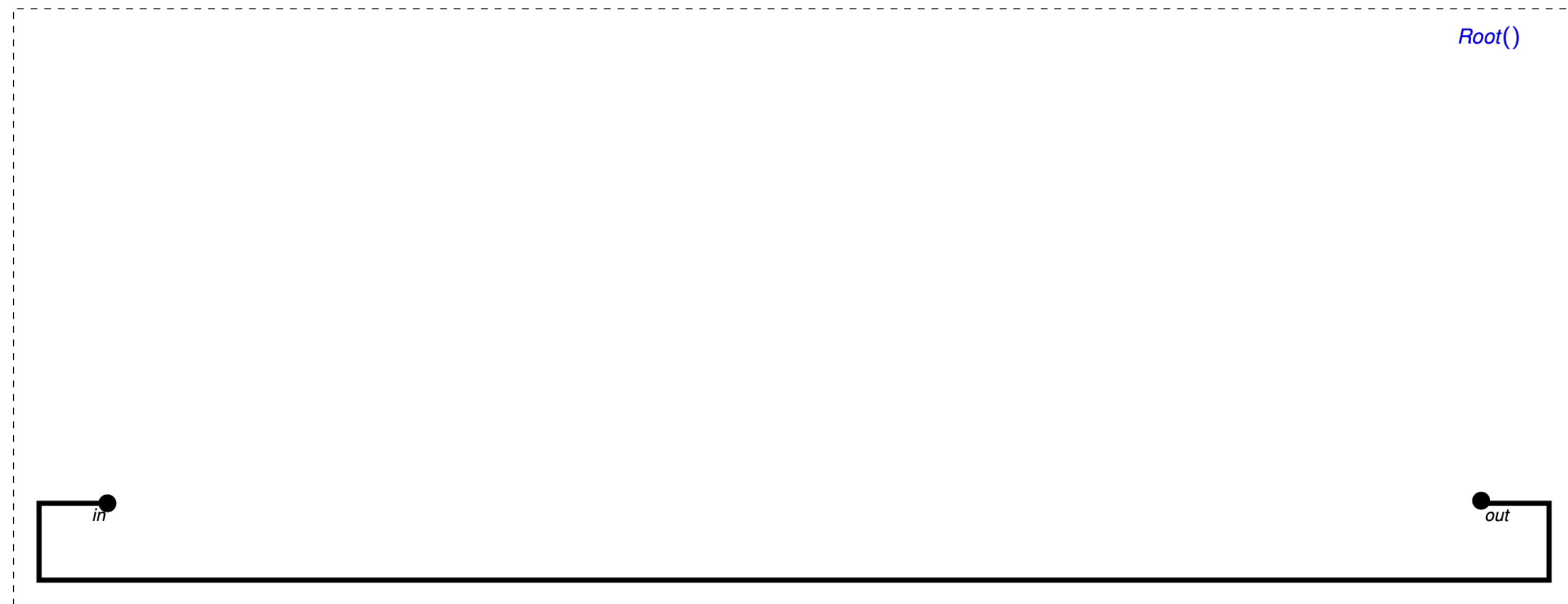


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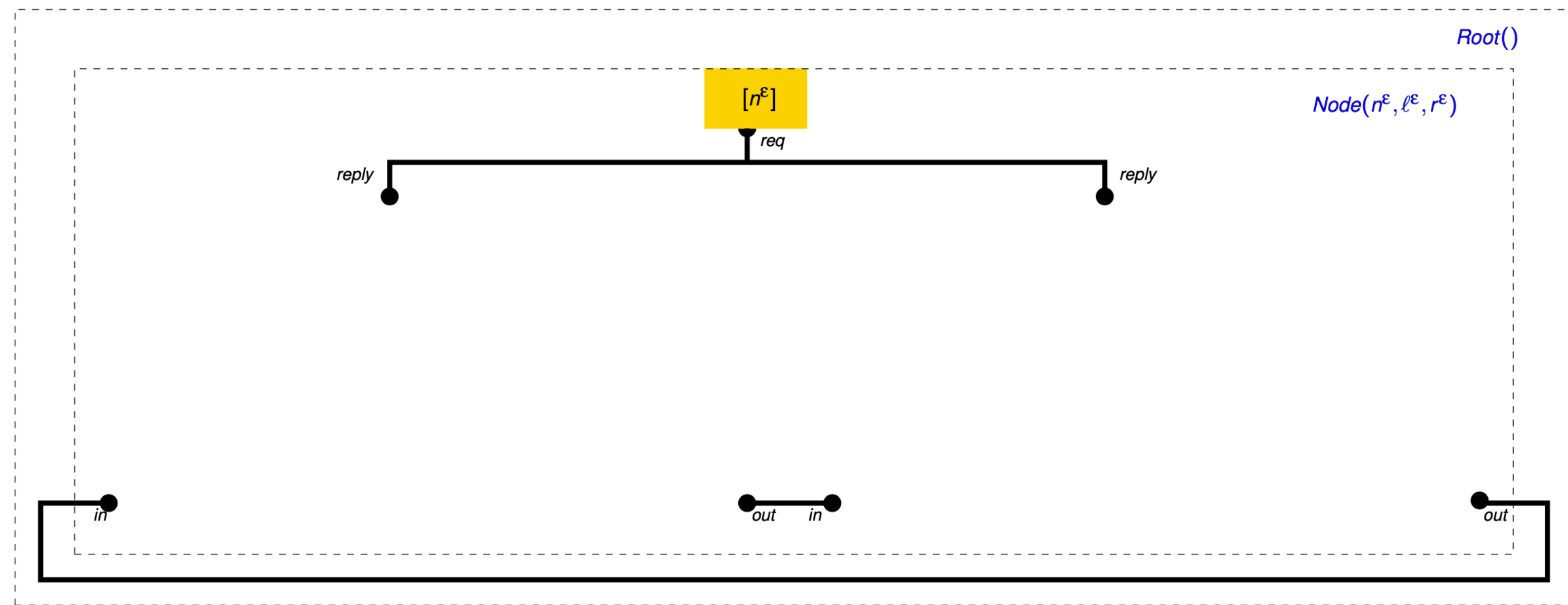
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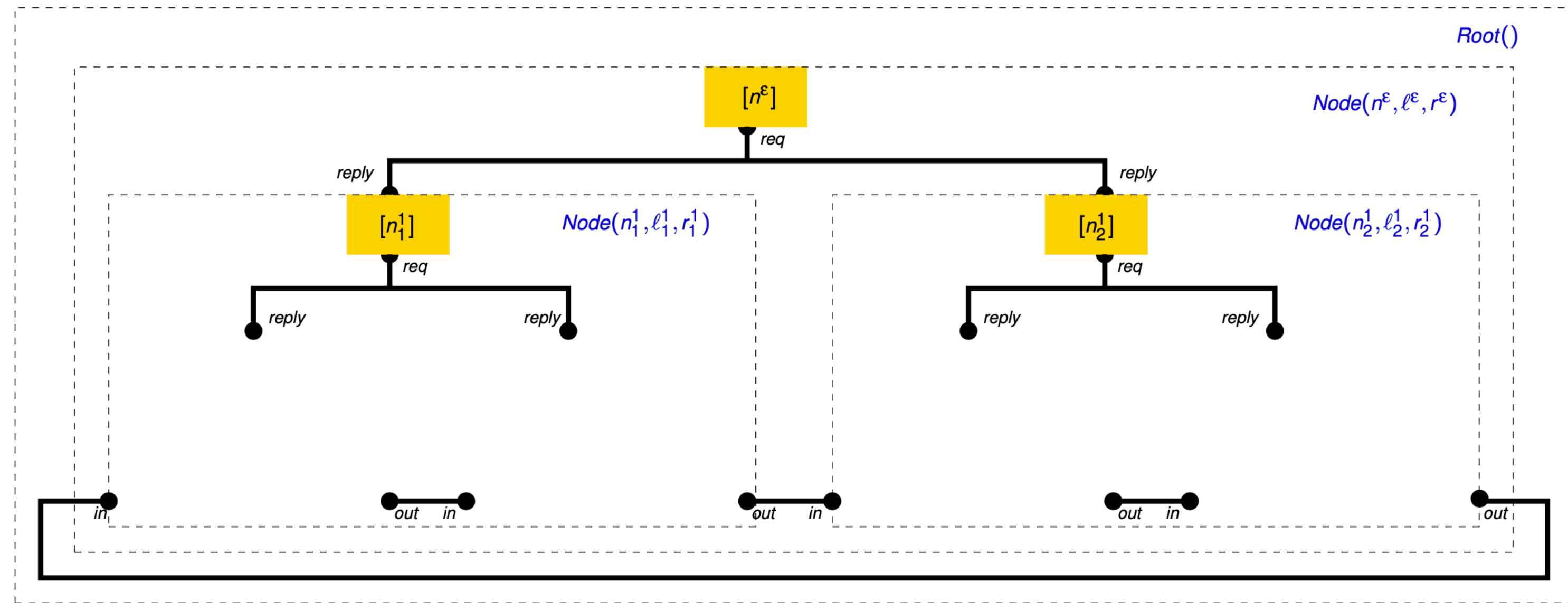
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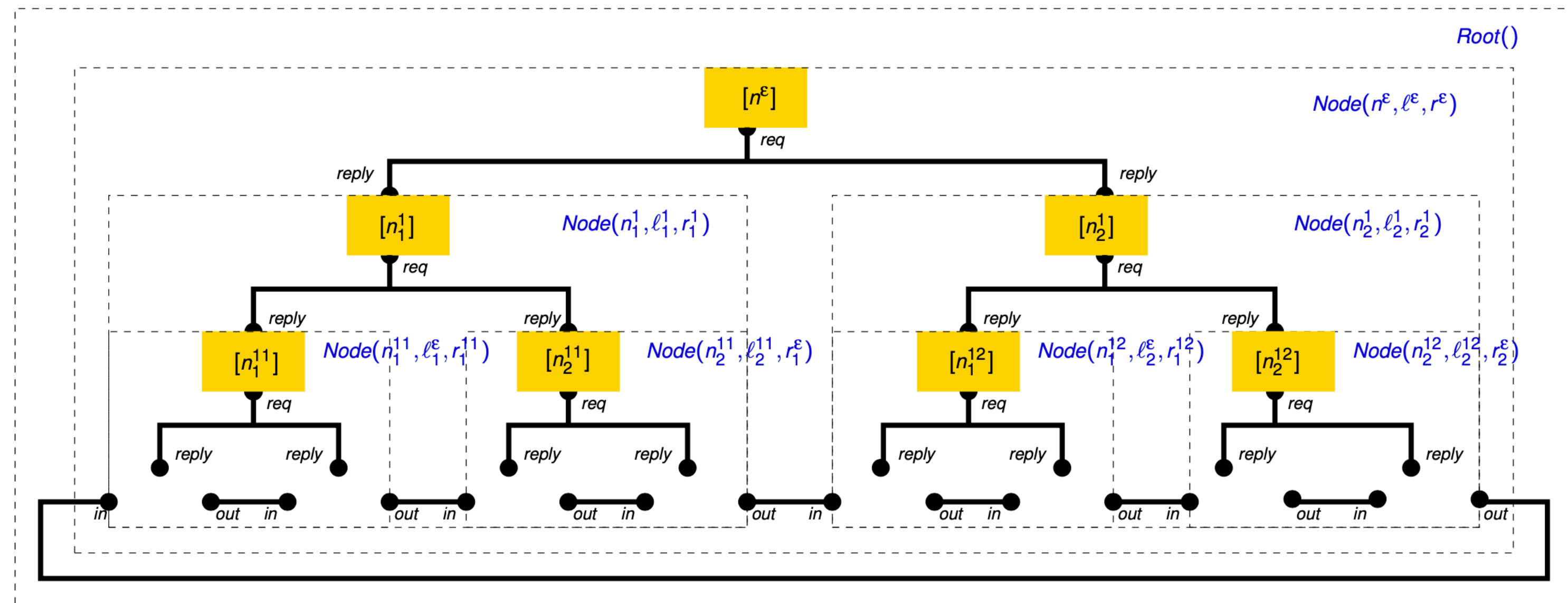
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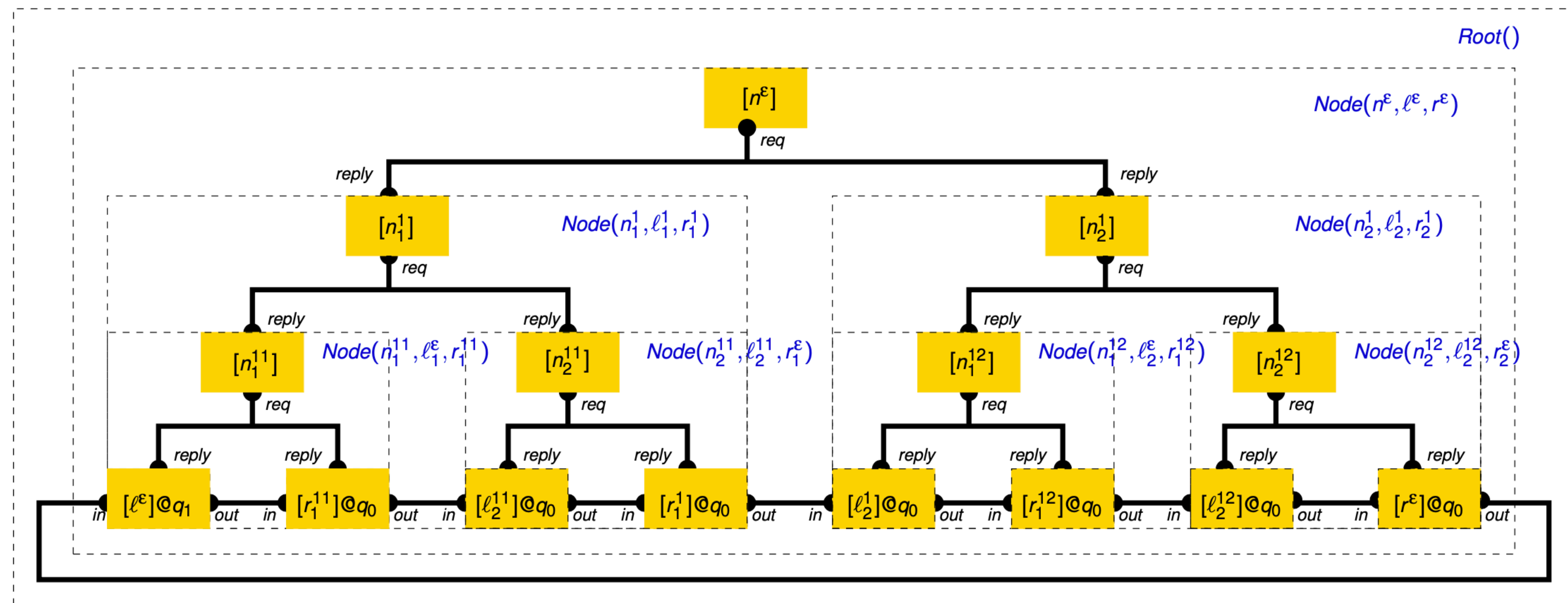
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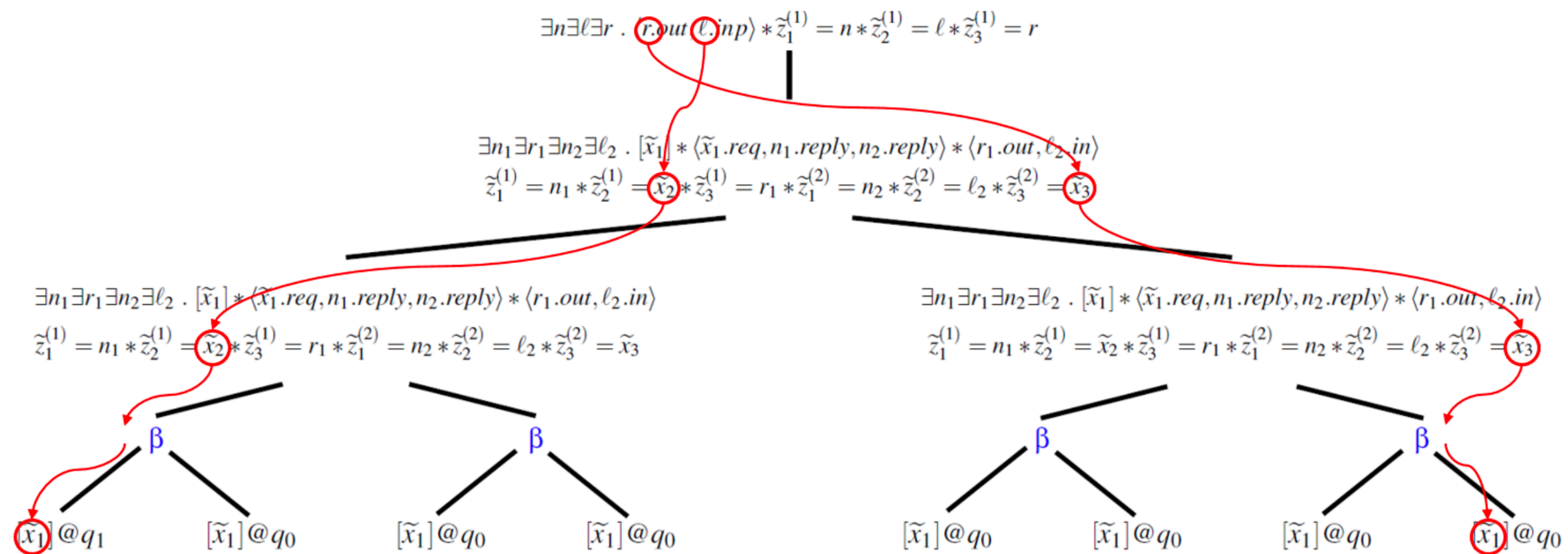
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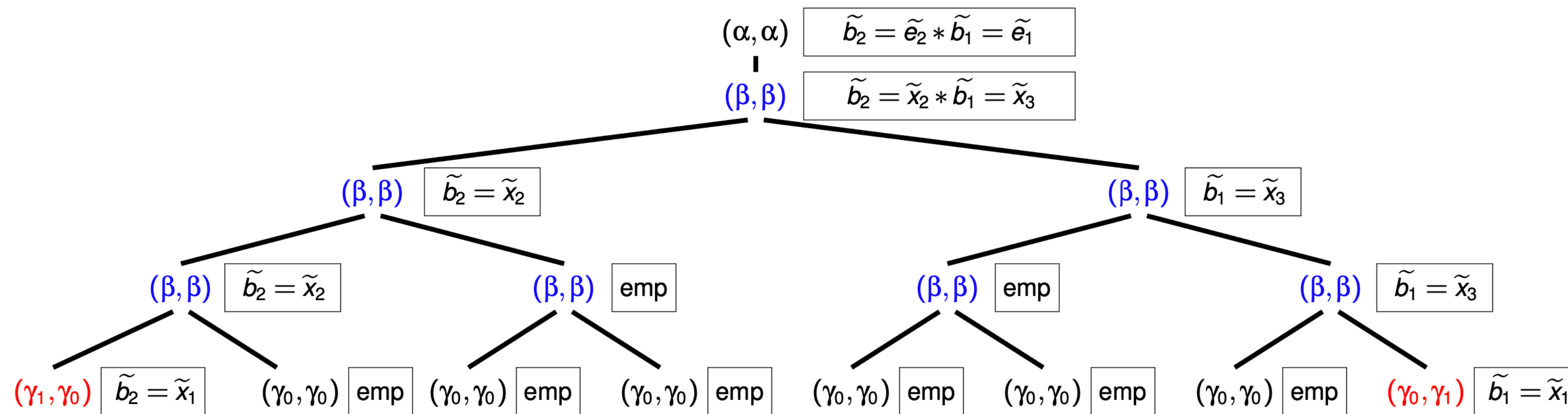
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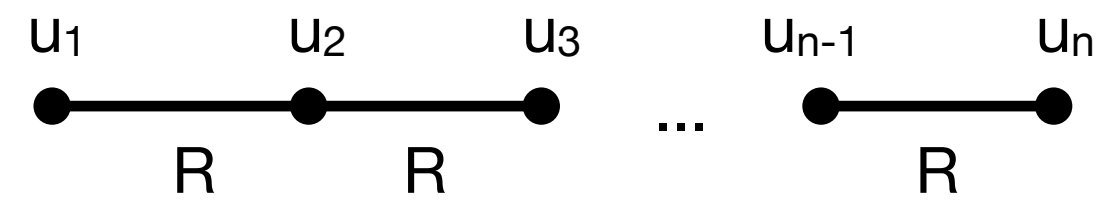
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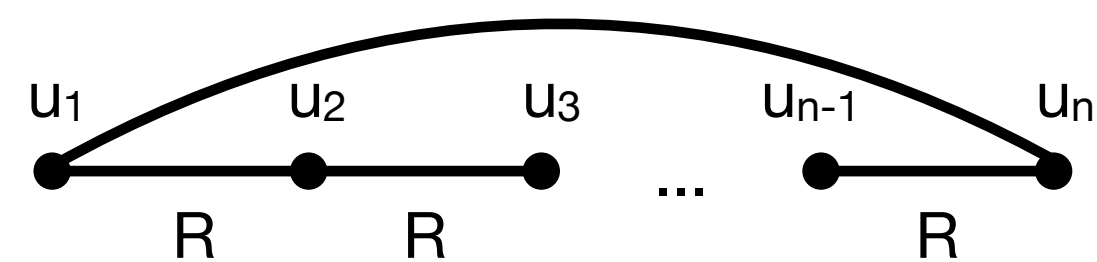
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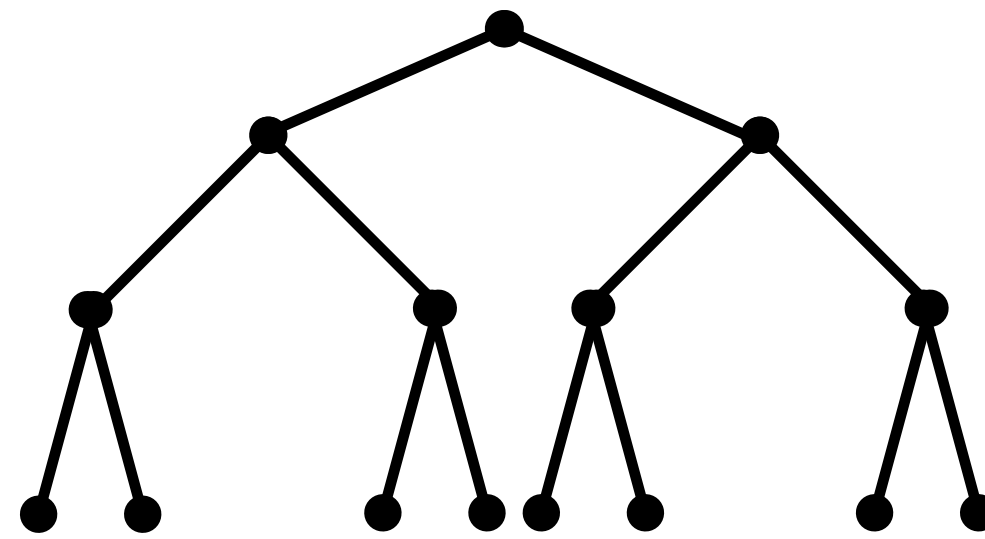
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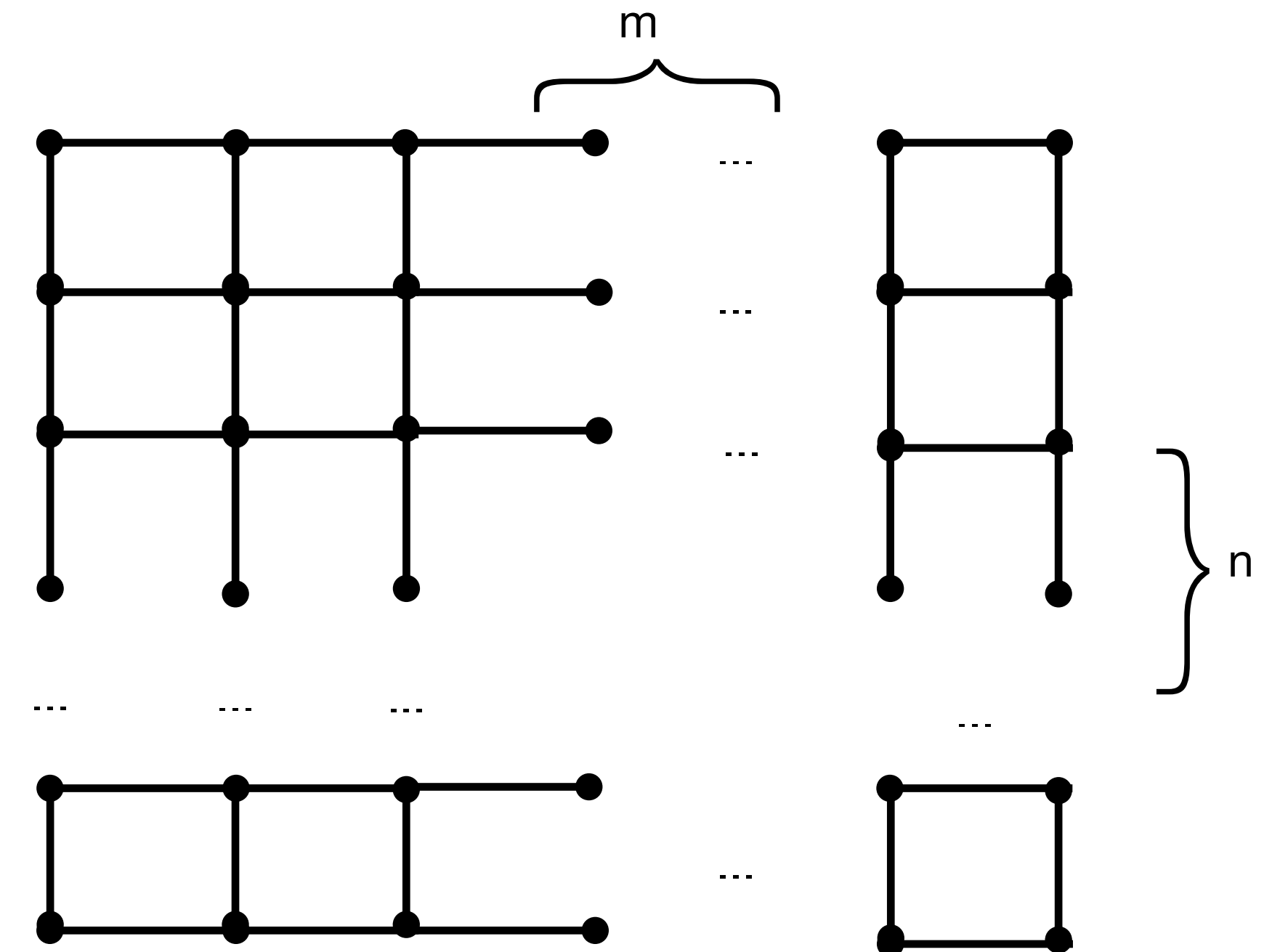
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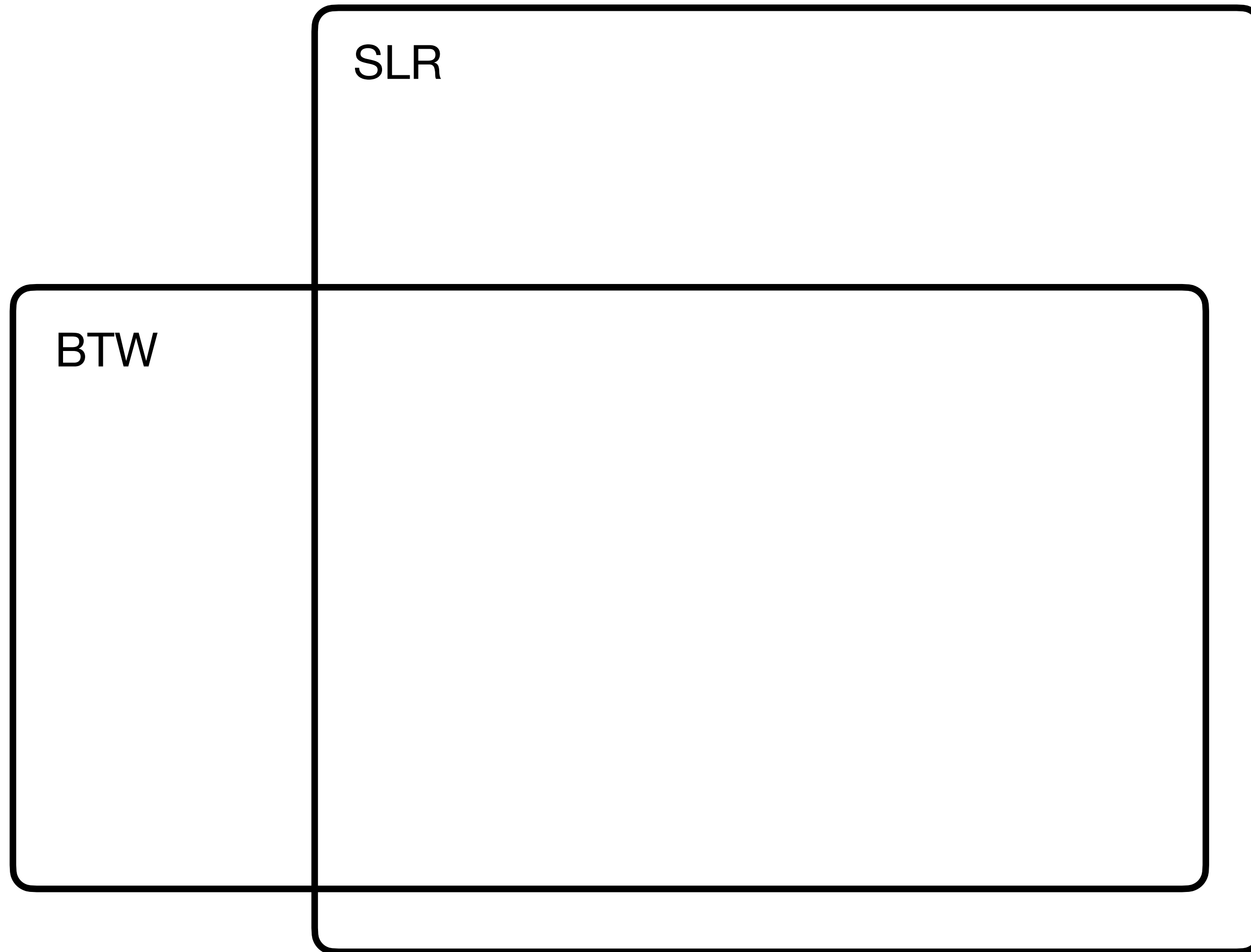
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MSO is the yardstick of graph description logics:

- Decidable for structures of bounded tree-width [Courcelle'90]
- Each class of structures with a decidable MSO theory has bounded tree-width [Seese'91]

# The Big Picture

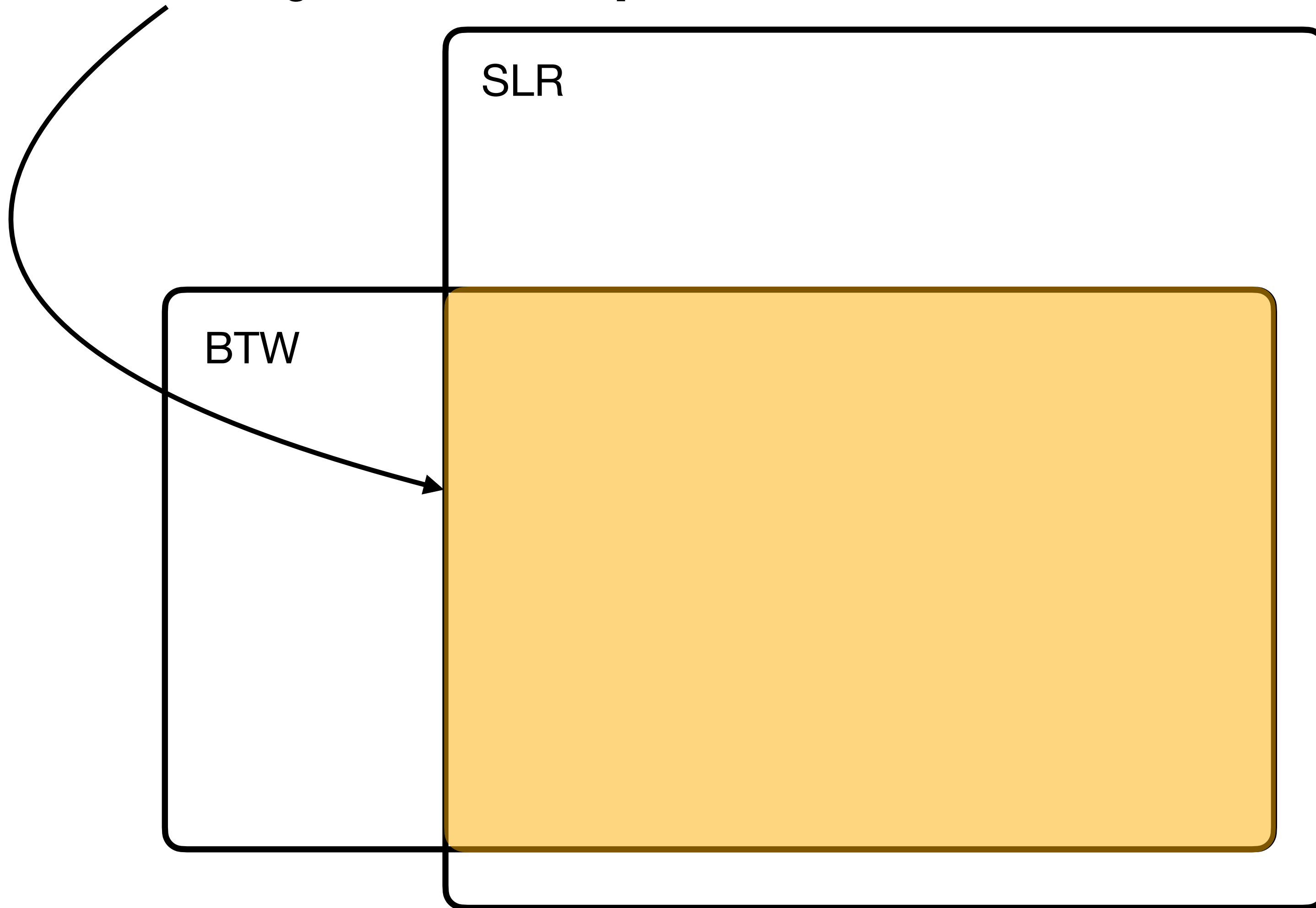




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A decidable characterization

[Bozga, Bueri, I, Zuleger ARXIV 2023a]



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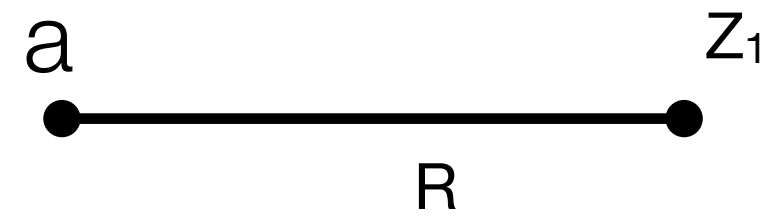
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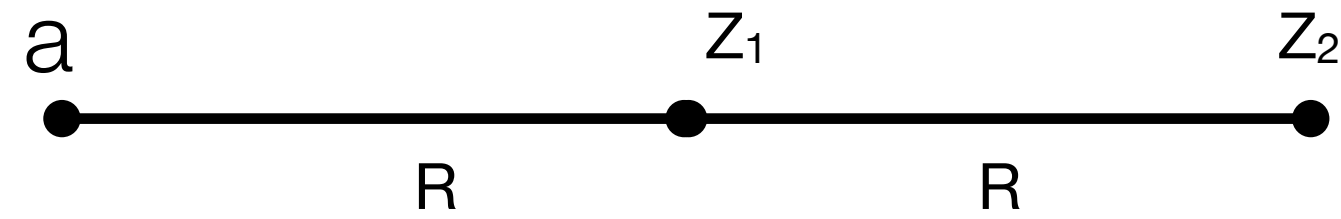


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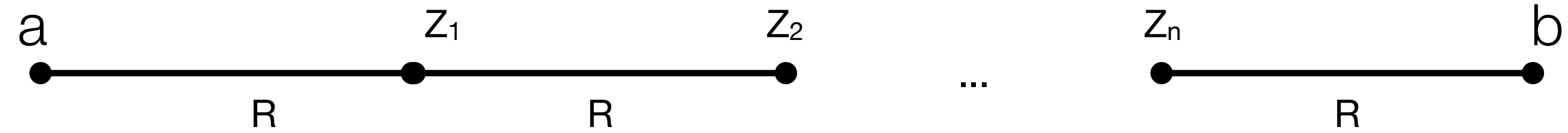


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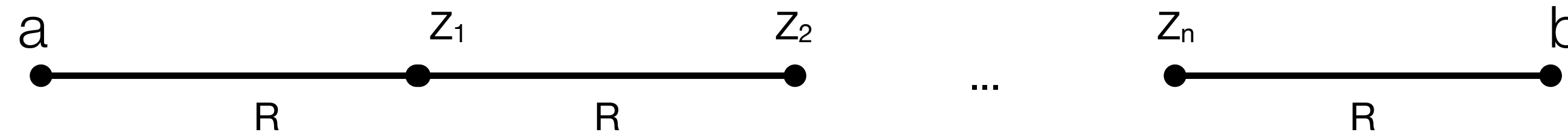


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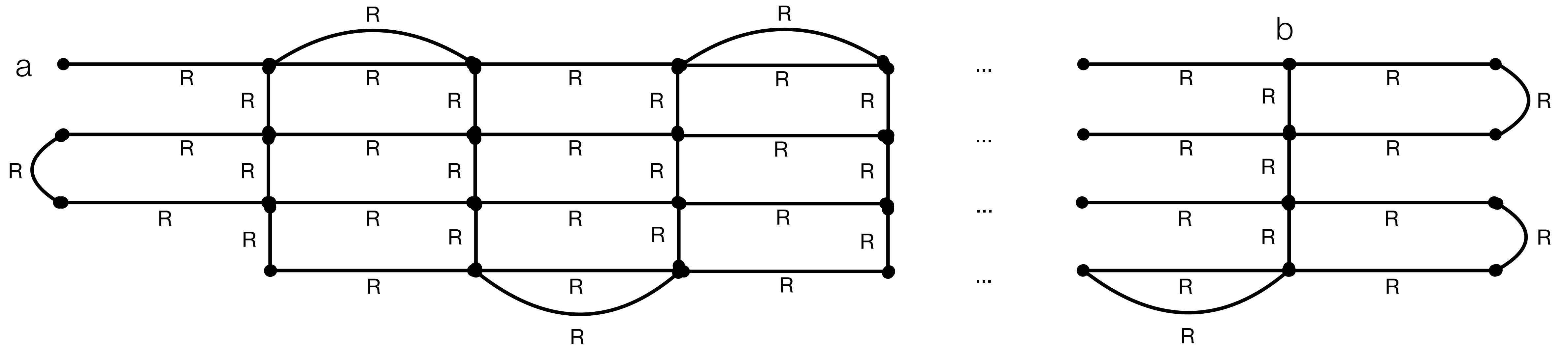
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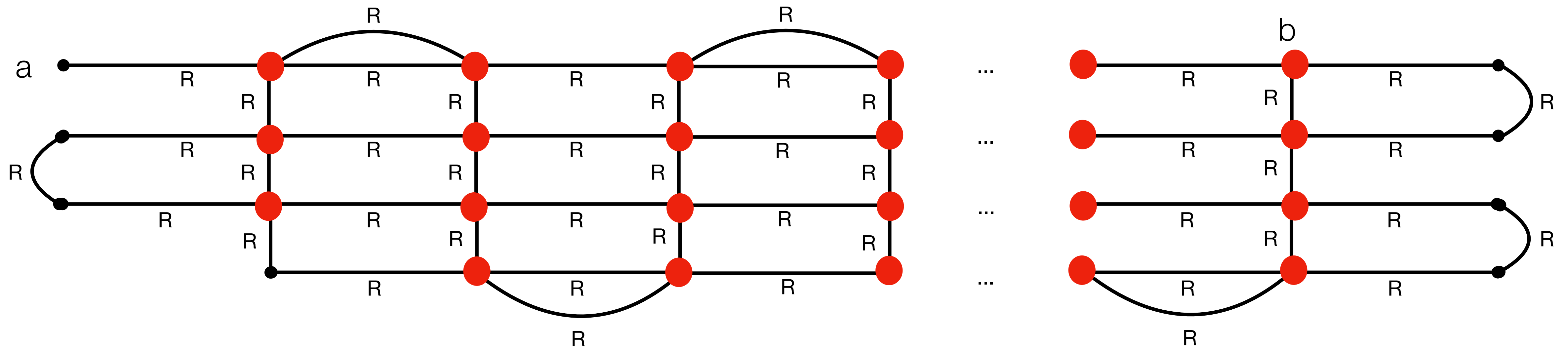


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Each model is obtained from a canonical model by **internal fusion**

- produces unbounded tree-width sets of models



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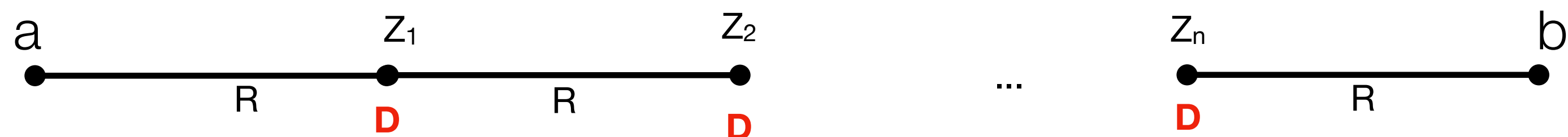
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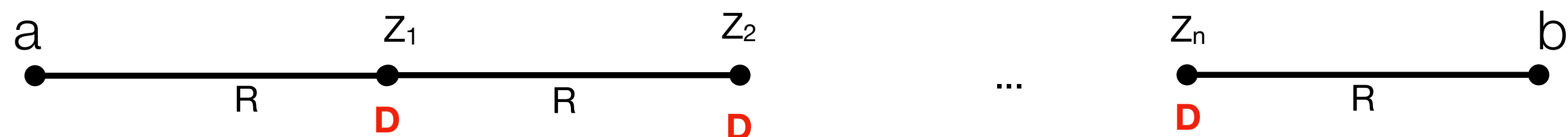
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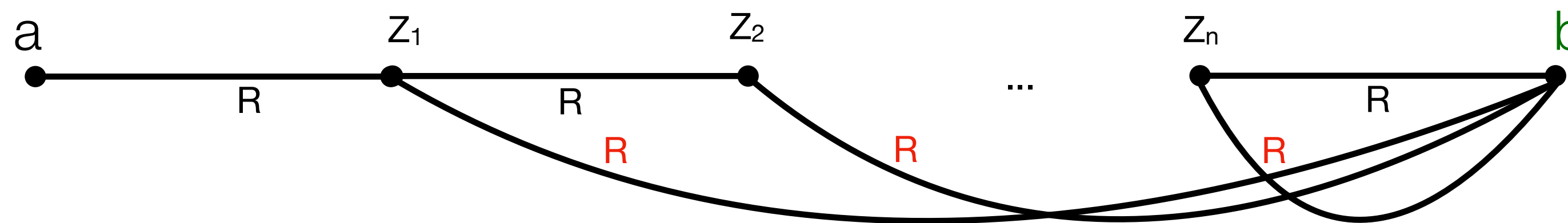
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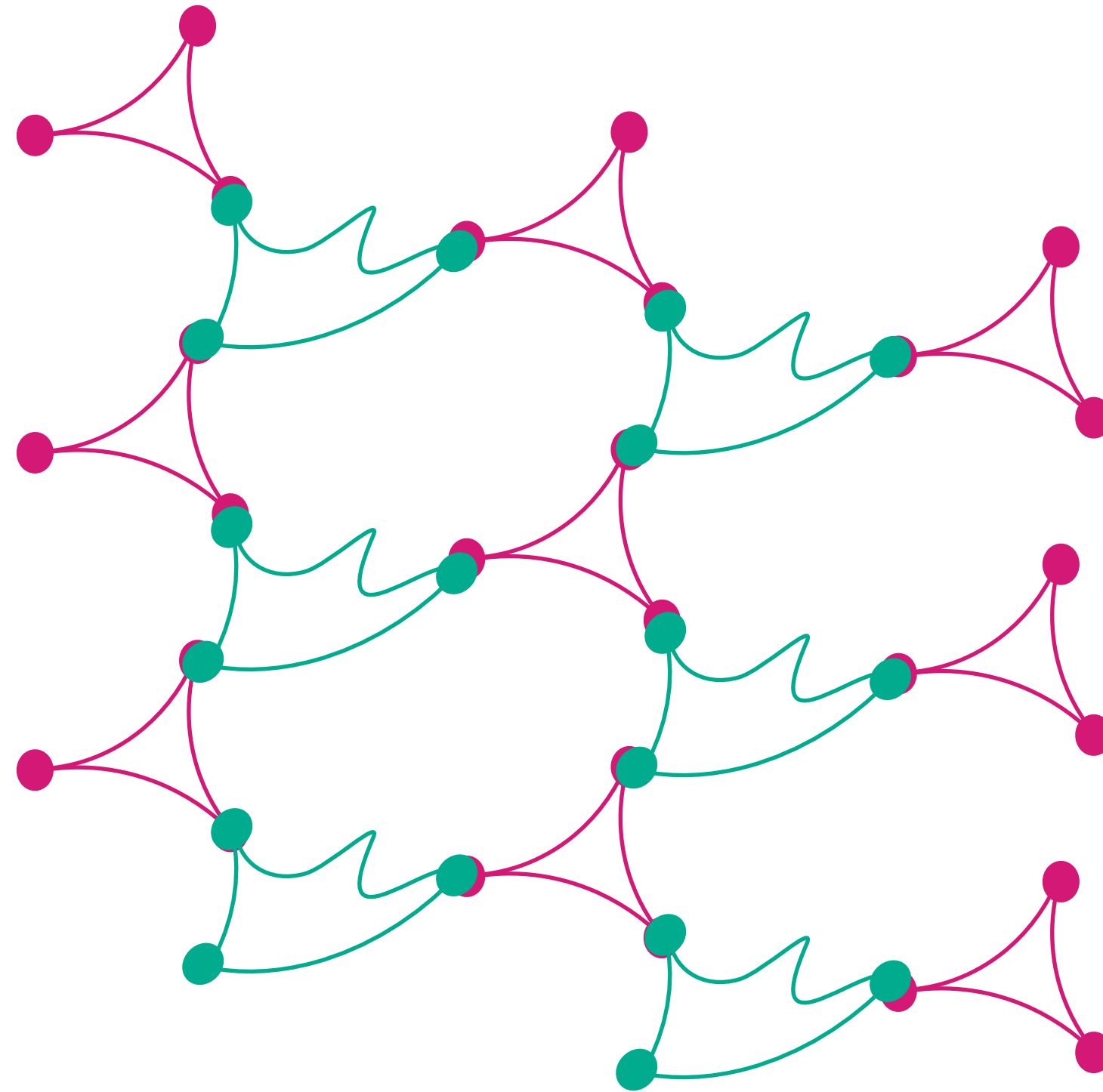
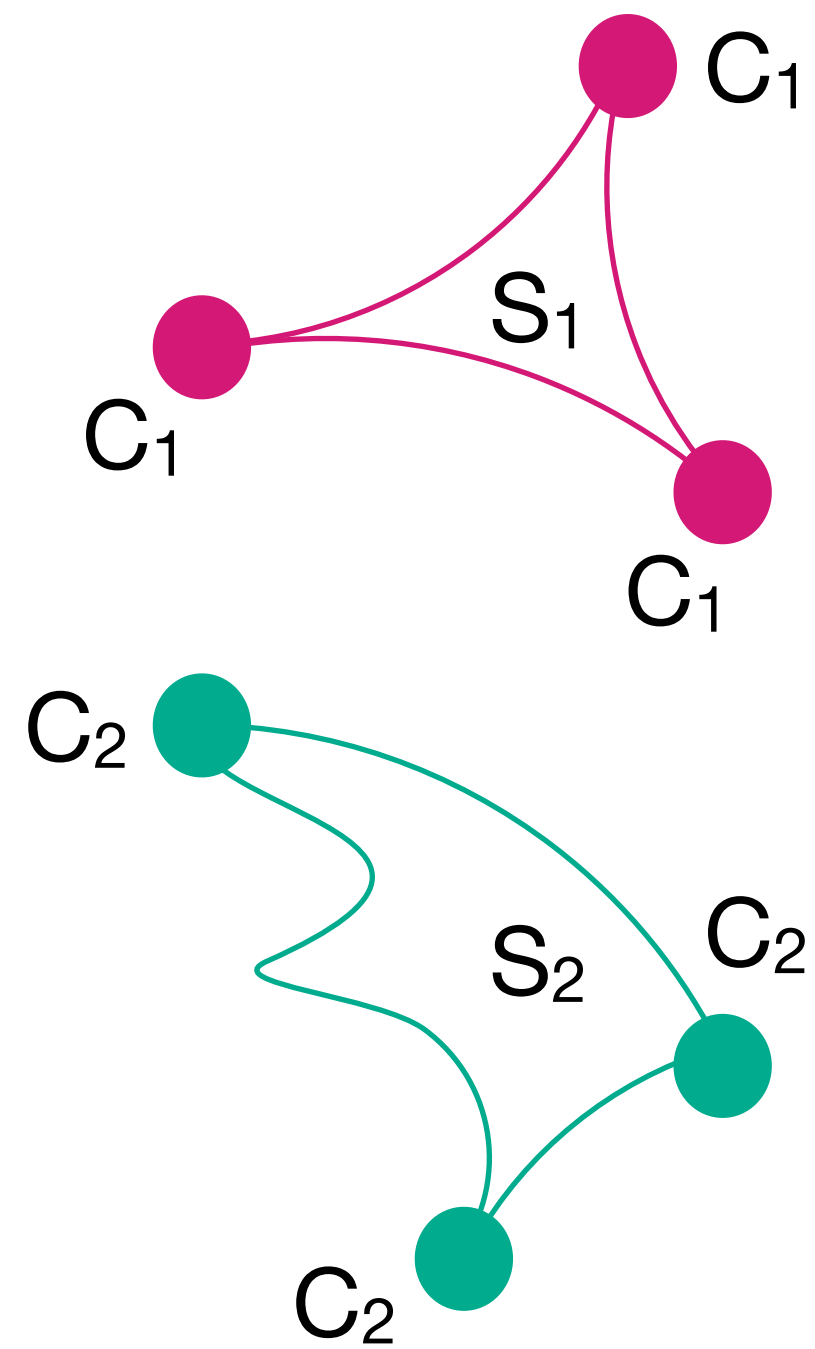
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- persistent variables can be detected by a greatest fixpoint iteration over the set of inductive definitions

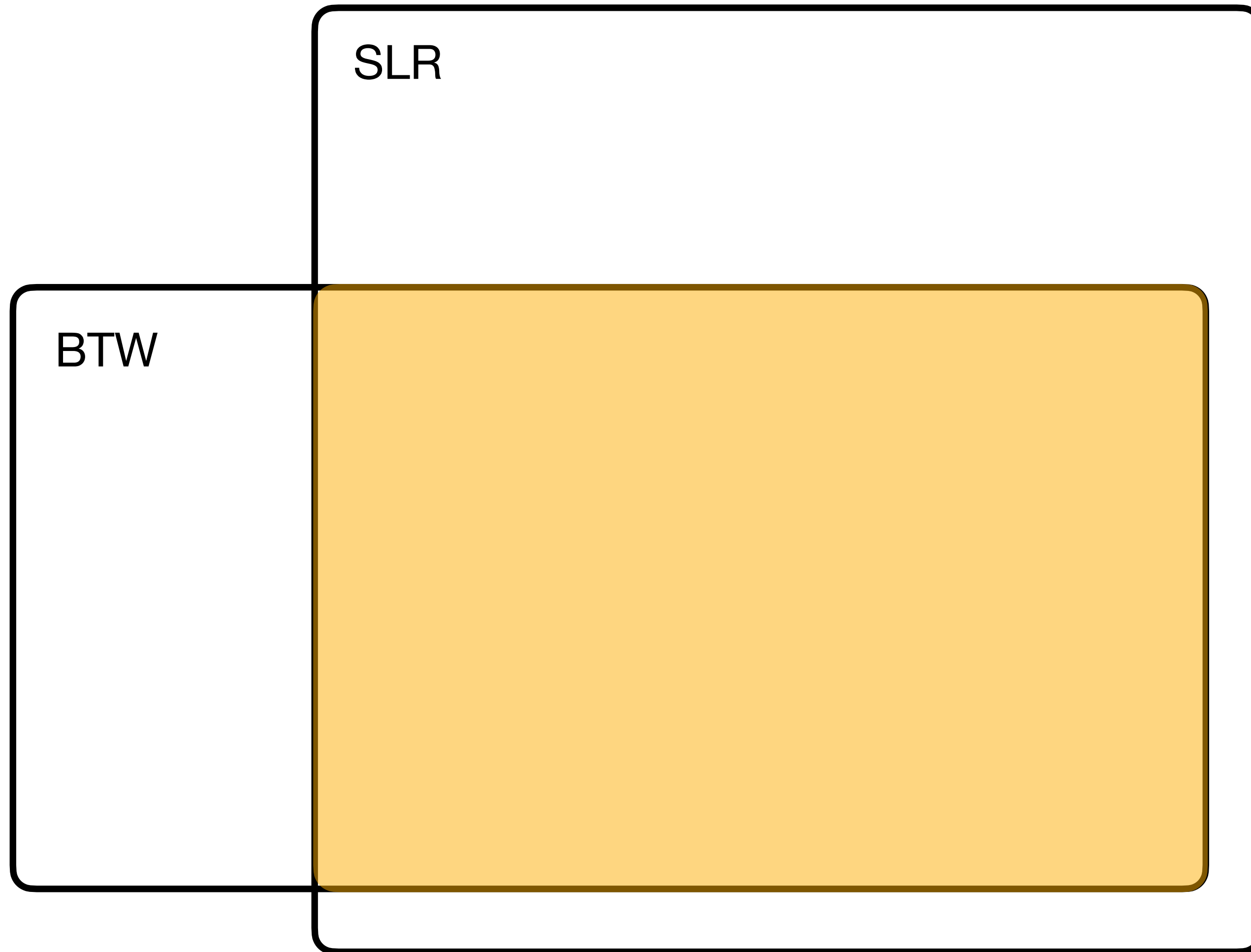
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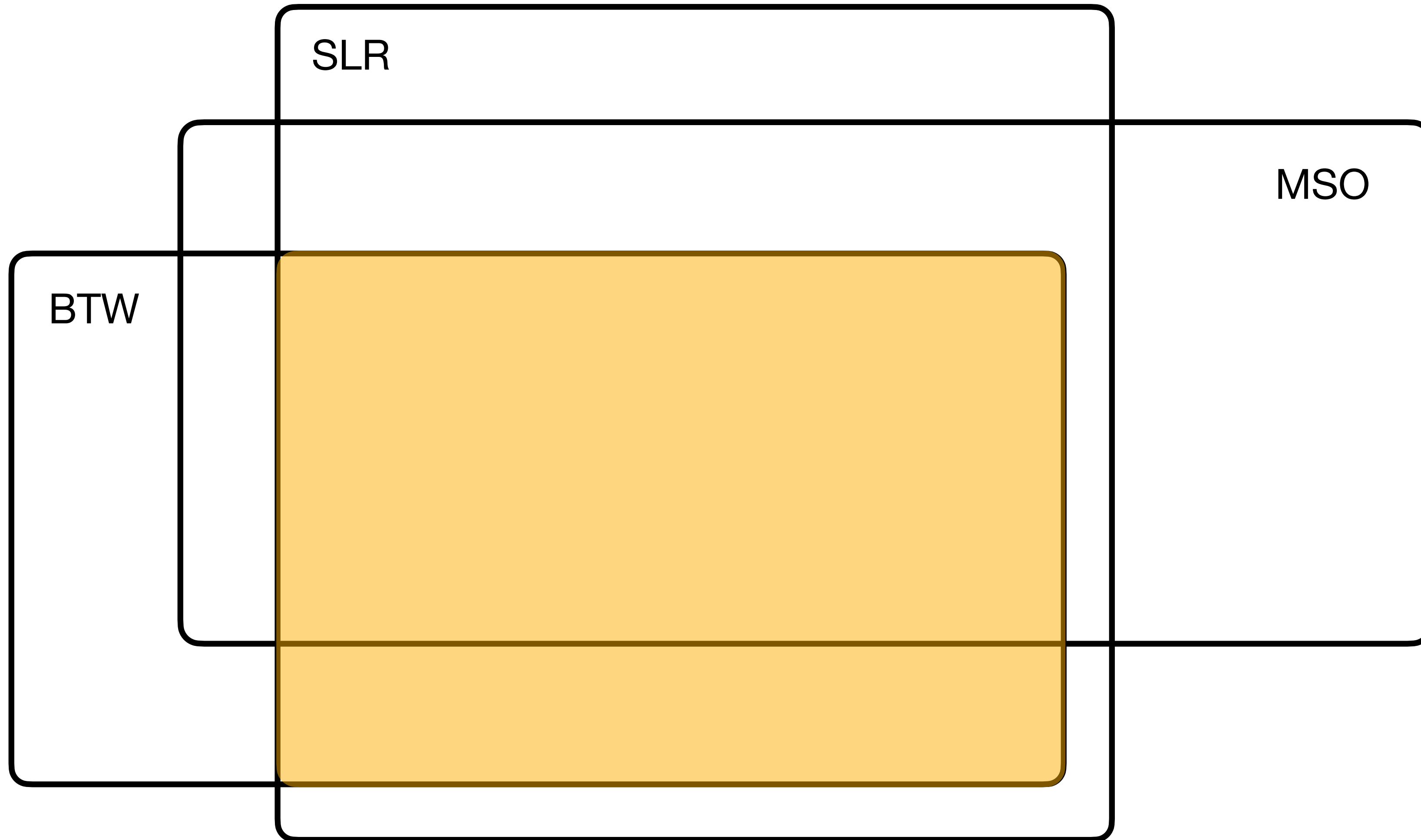
Given an SID  $\Delta$ , the set of  $\Delta$ -models of a given sentence  $\phi$  is tree-width unbounded IFF there exist connected structures  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  satisfying the following conditions [Bozga, Bueri, I, Zuleger ARXIV 2023a]:

1. for each  $k \geq 1$  there exists  $n \geq k$ , such that  $n$  copies of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  can be embedded in some  $\Delta$ -model of  $\phi$
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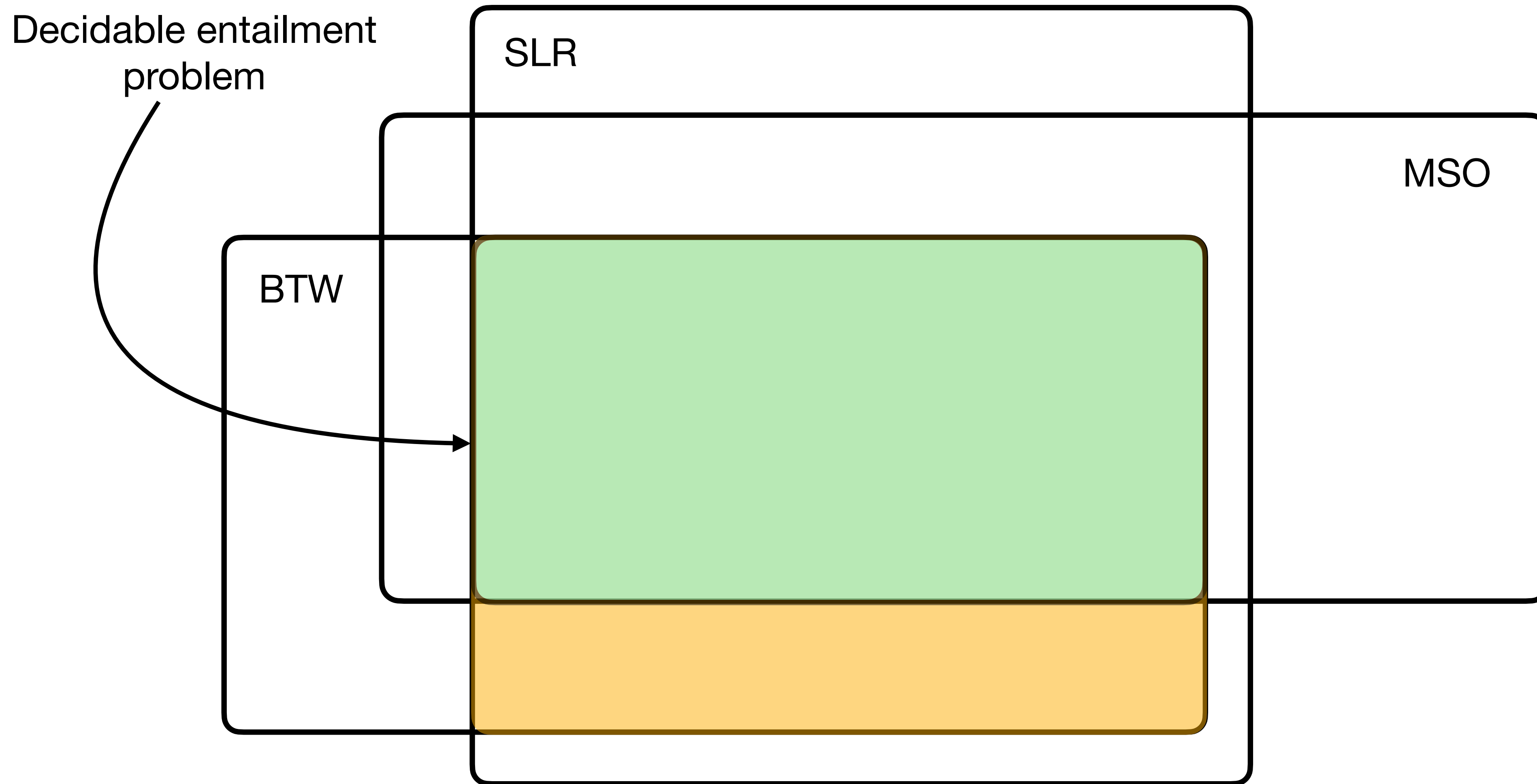
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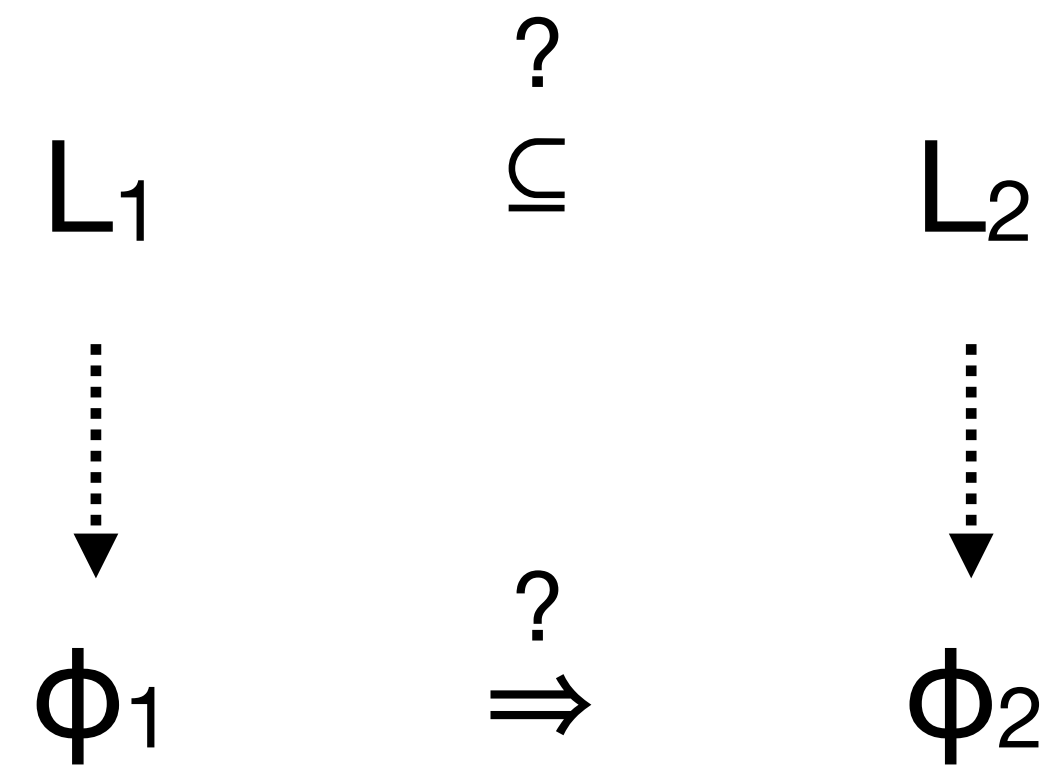




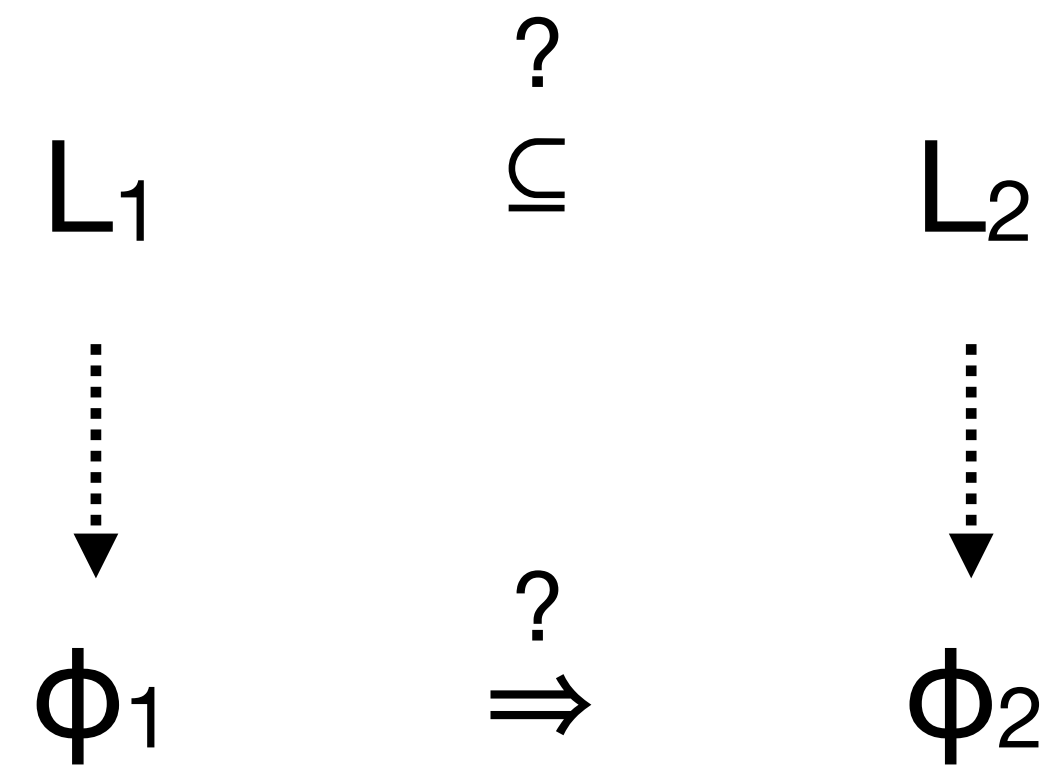
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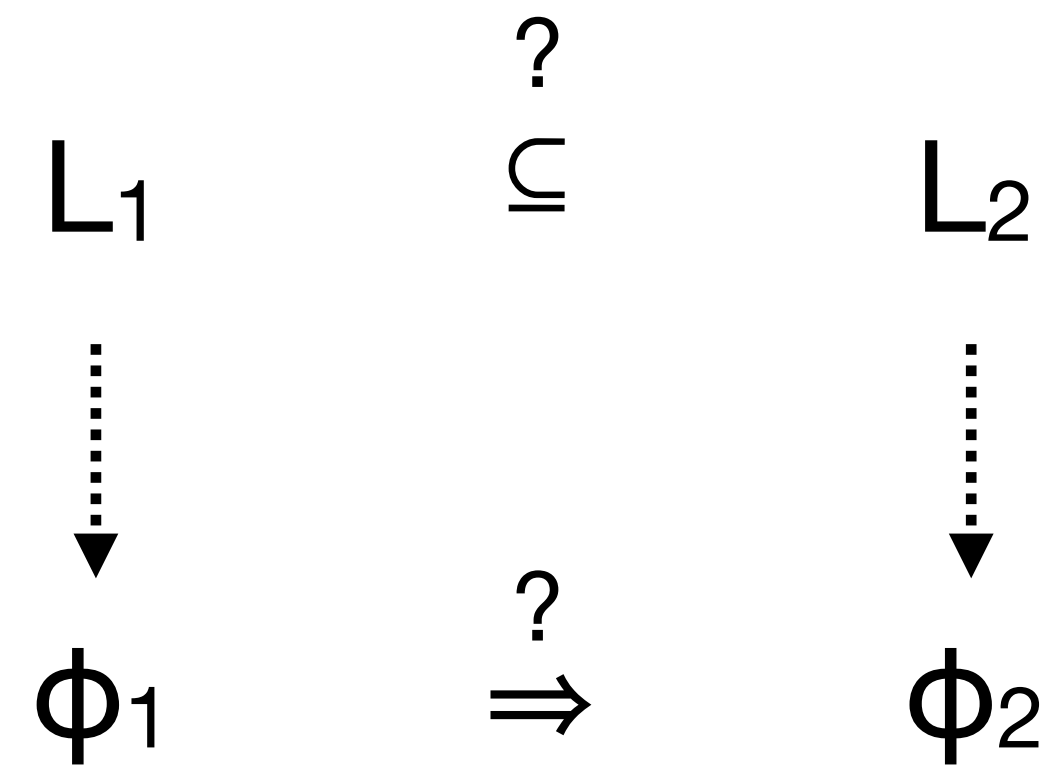


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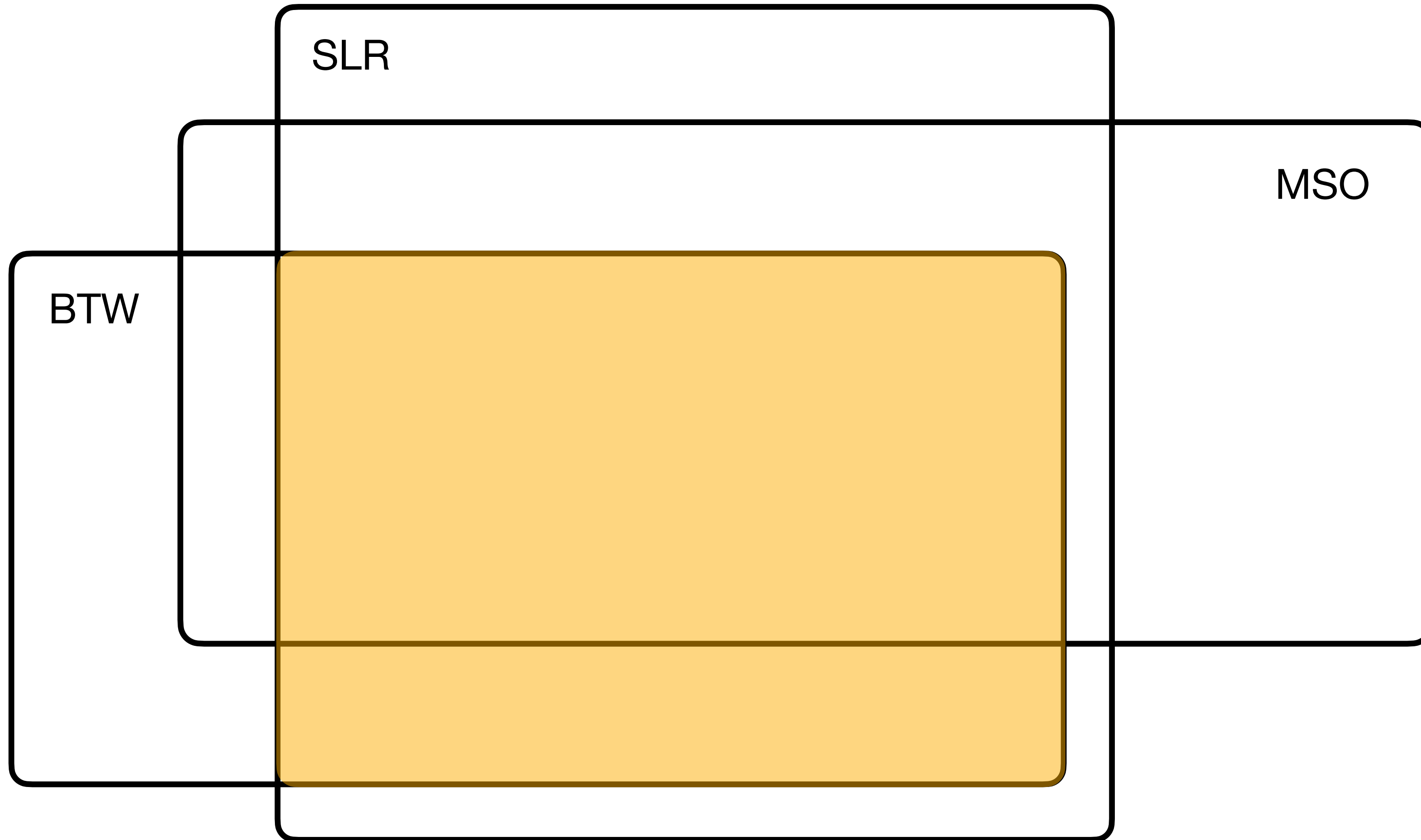
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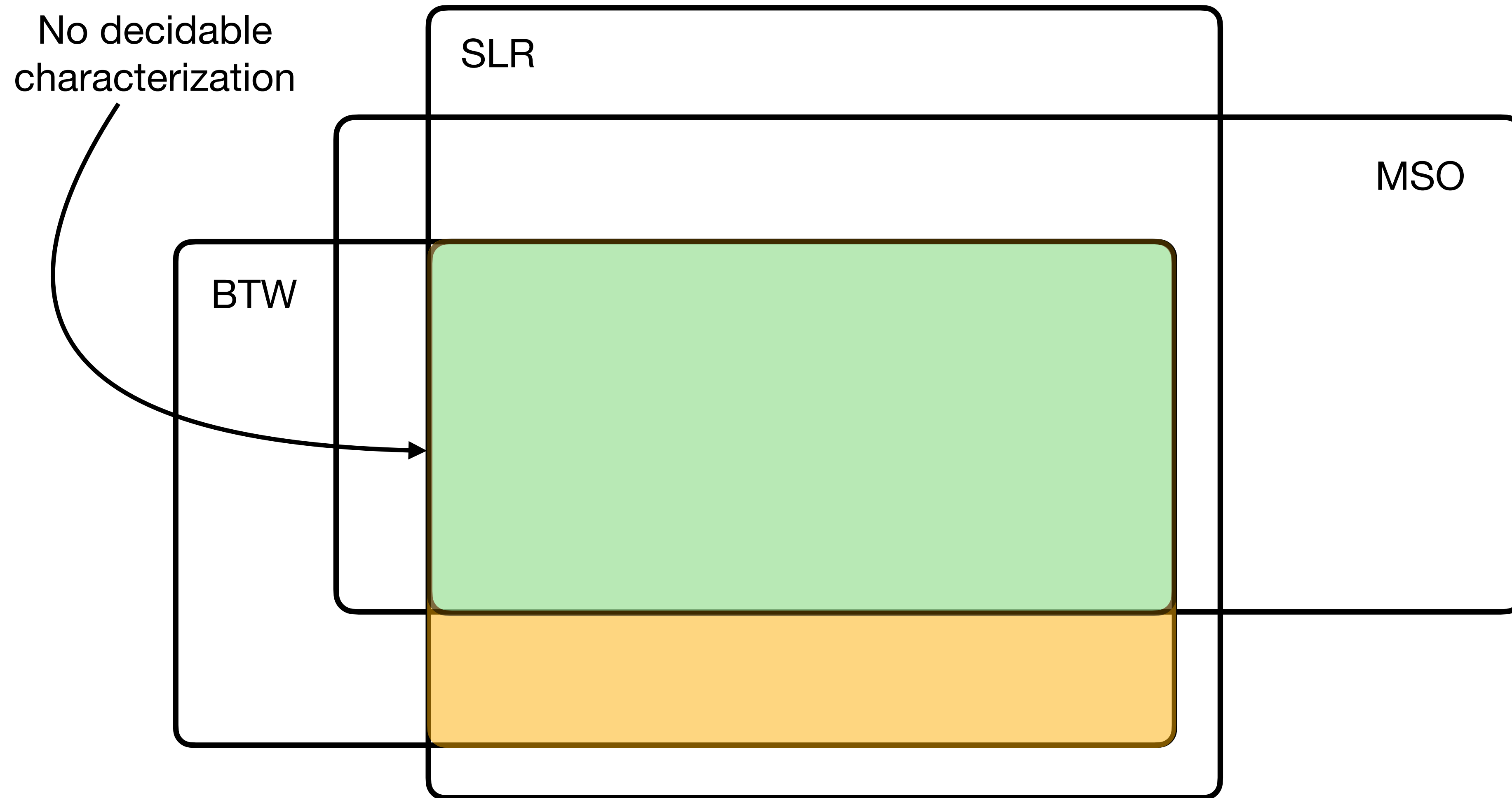
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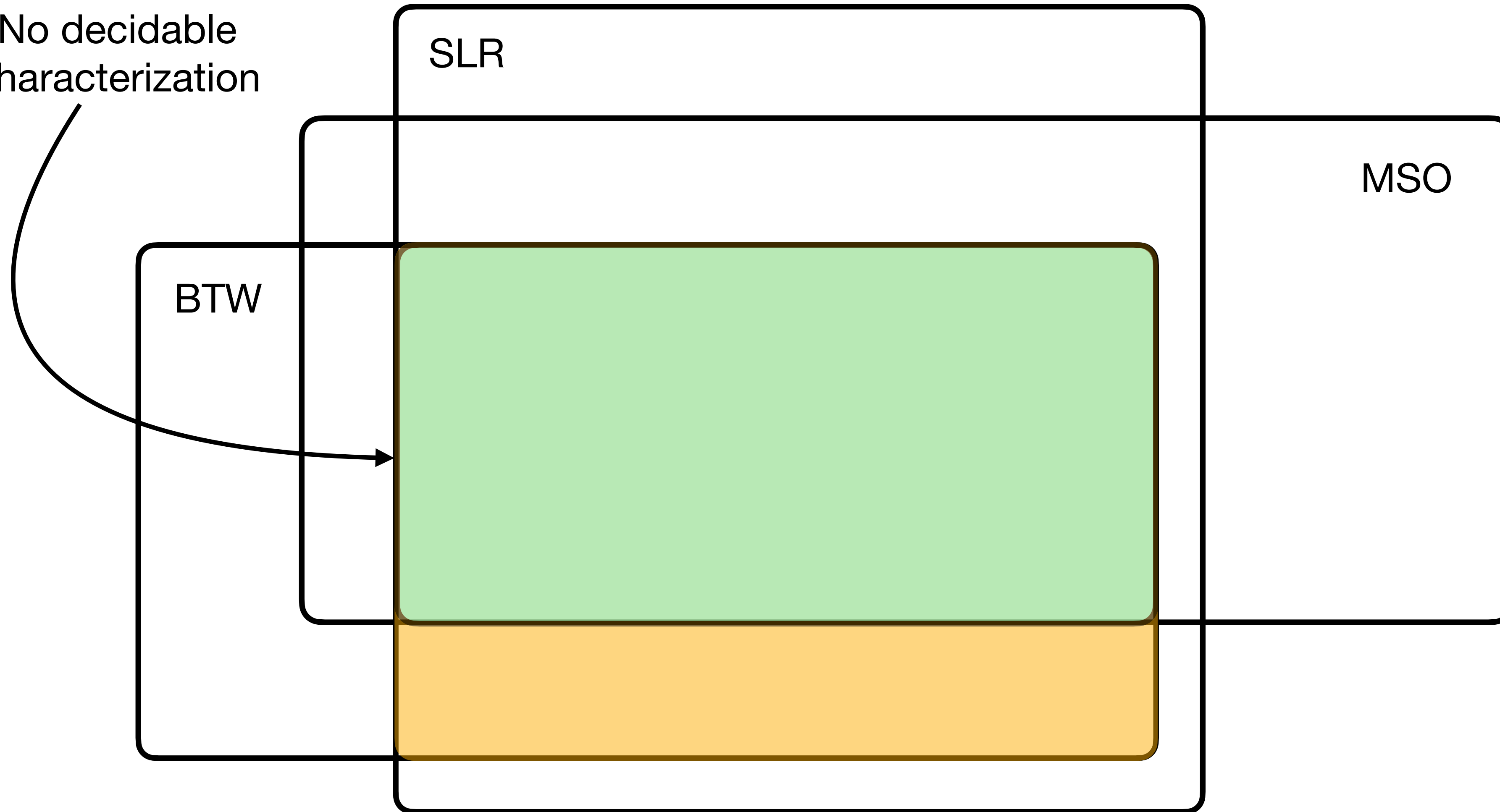
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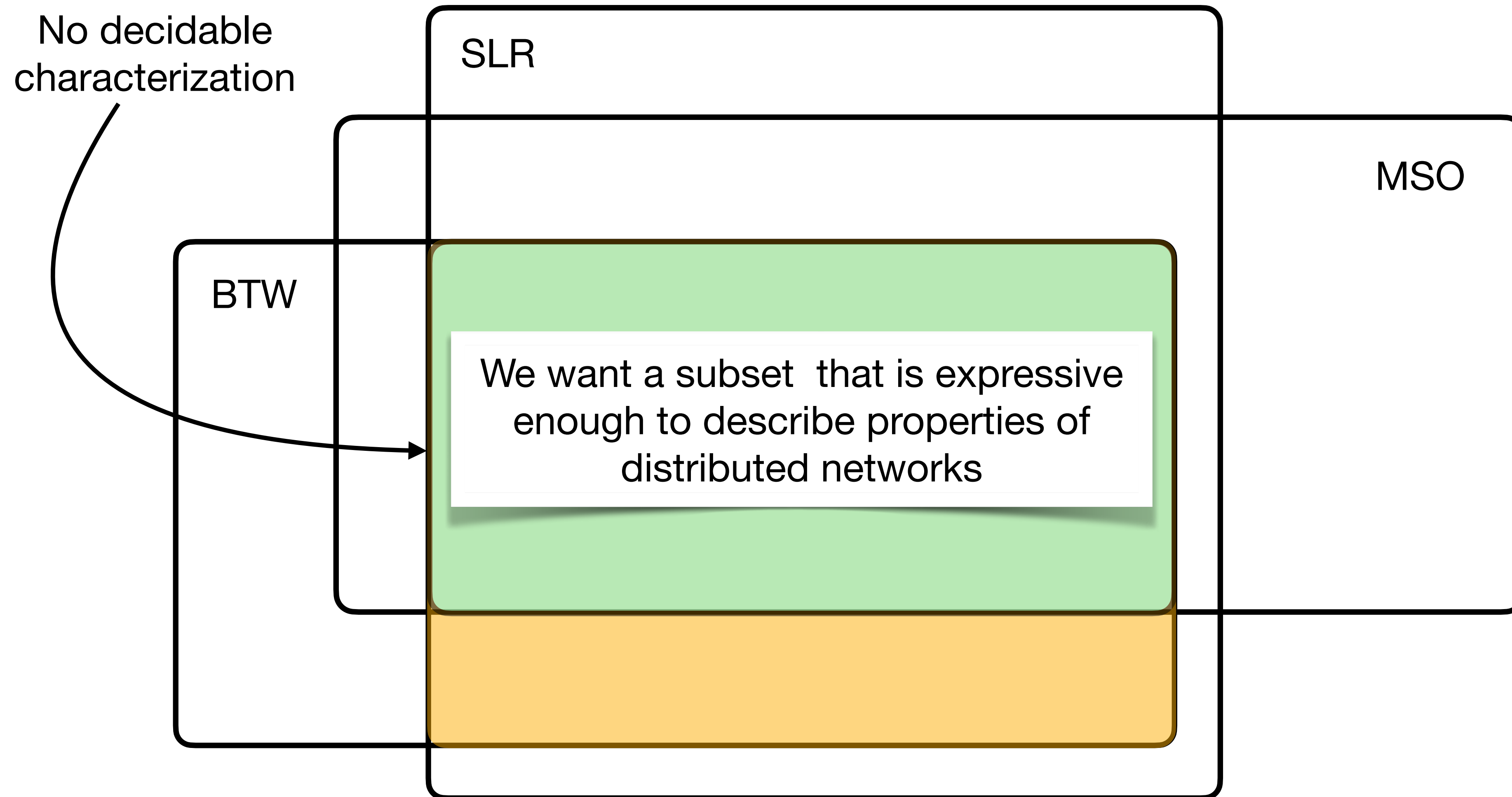
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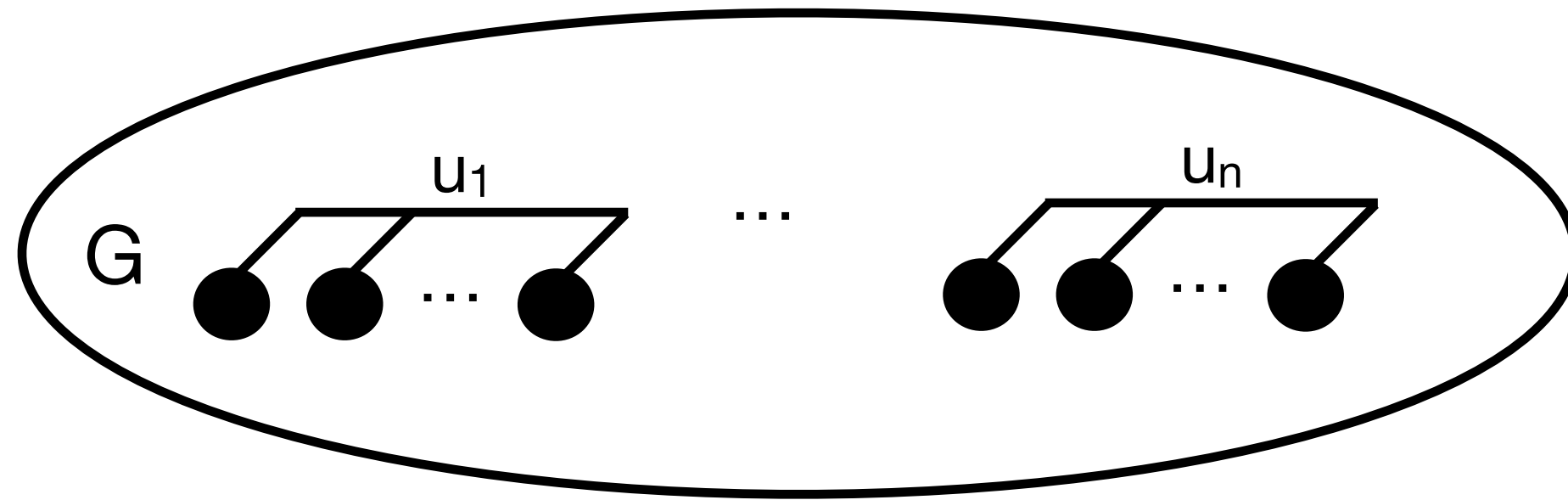
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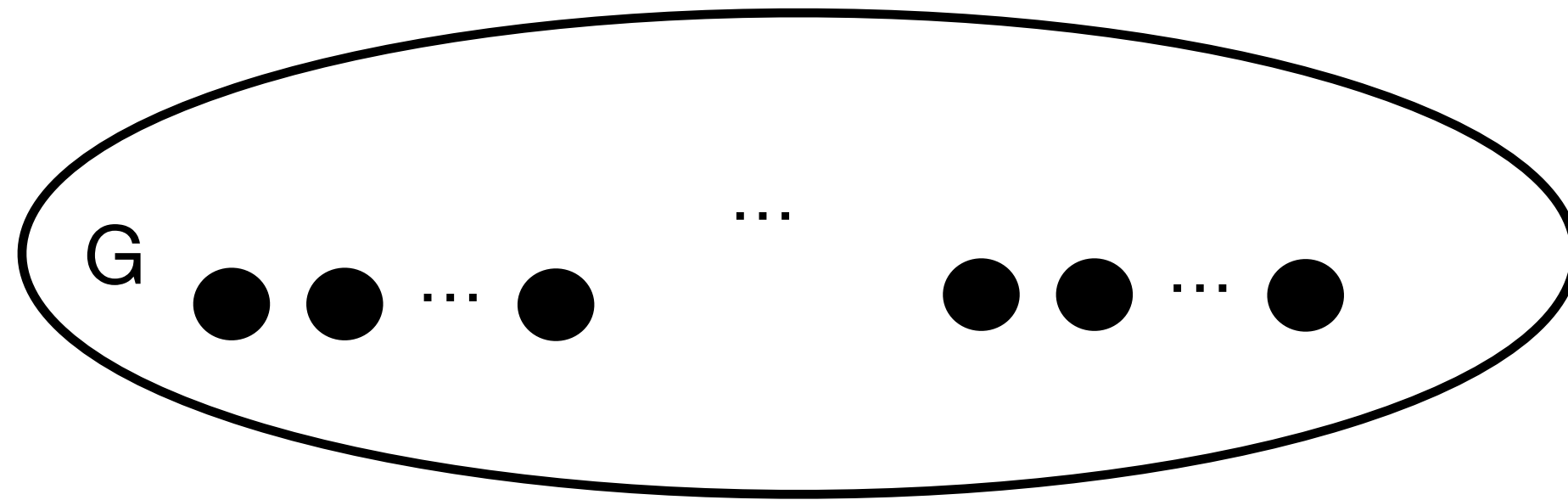
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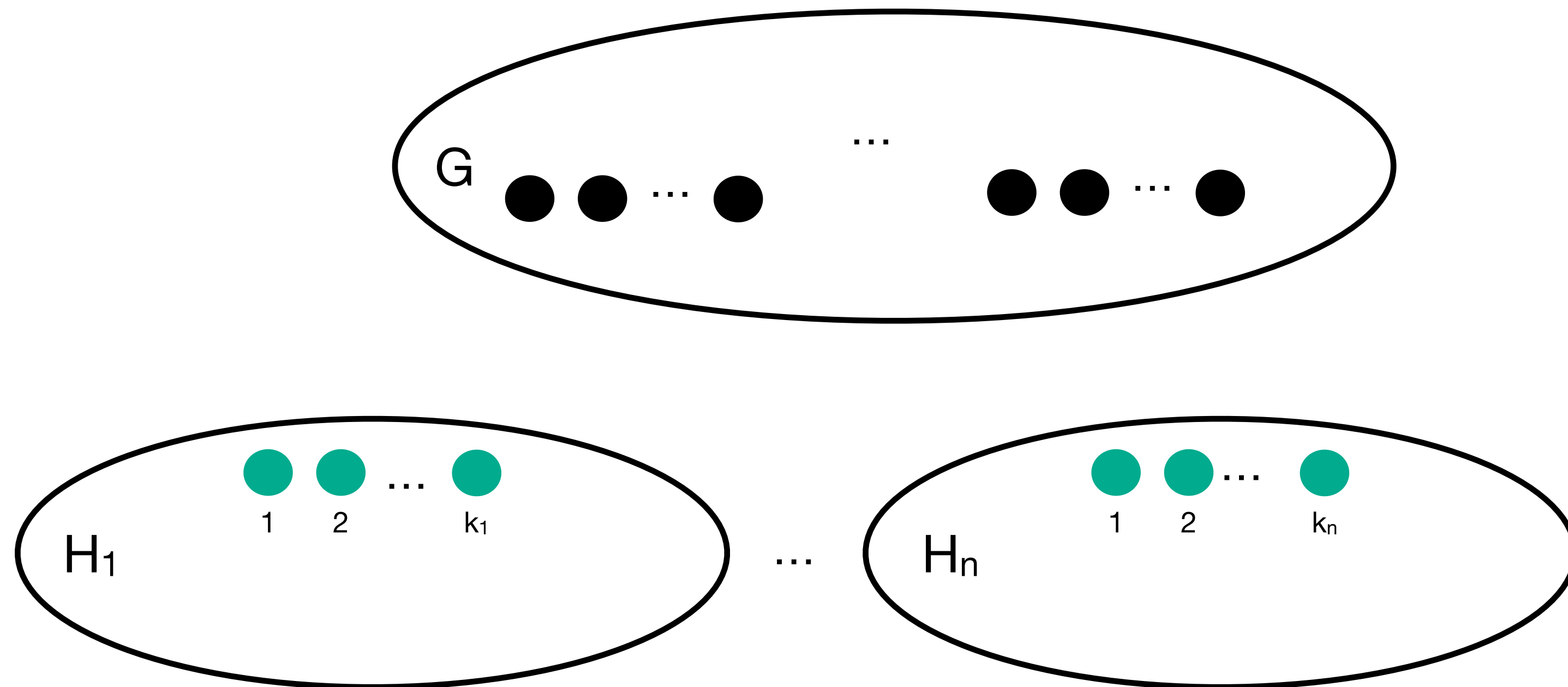
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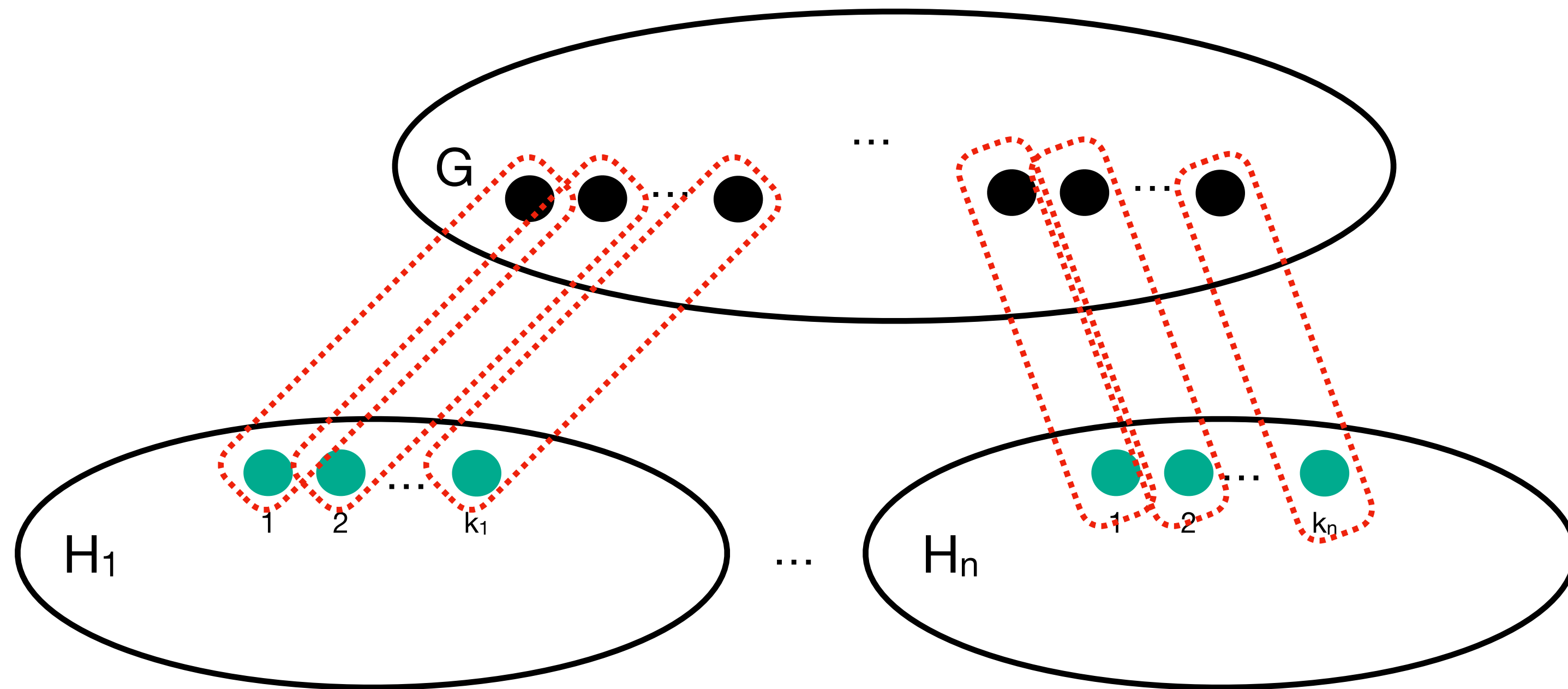
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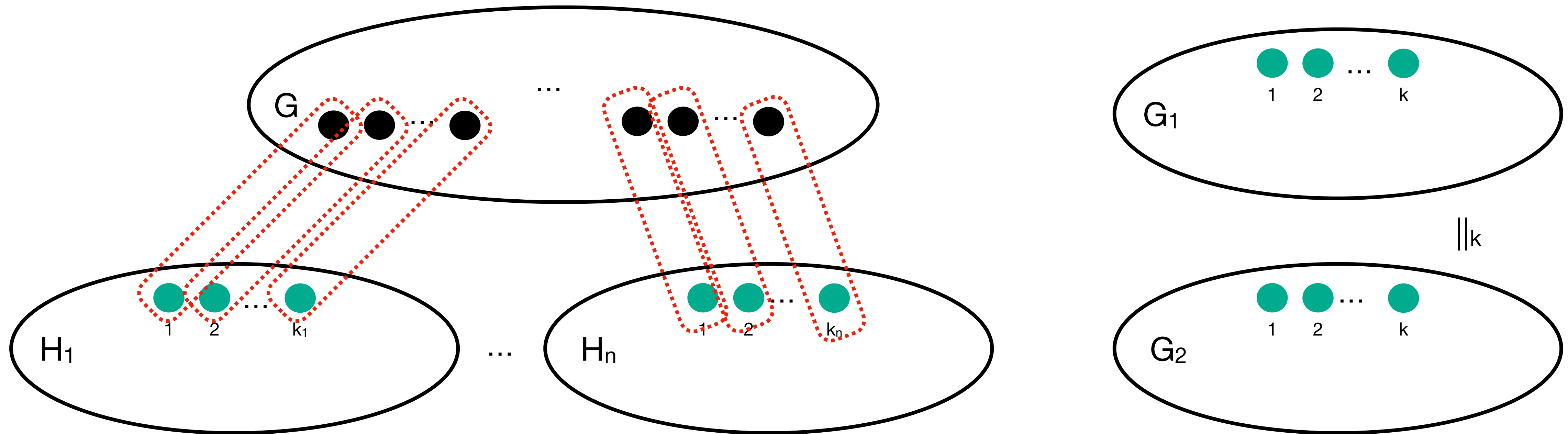
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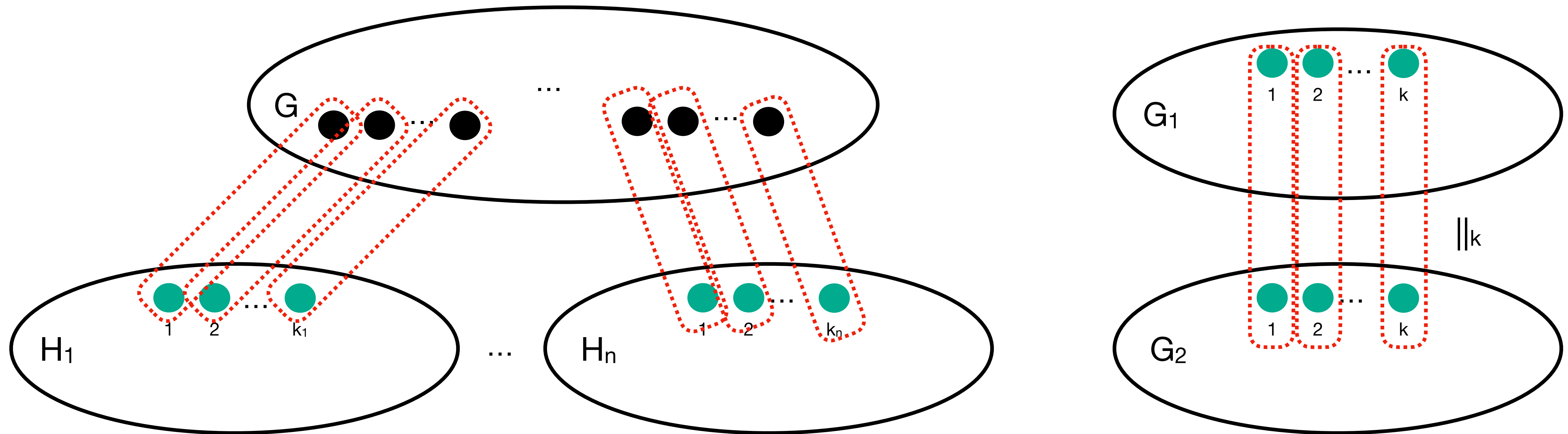
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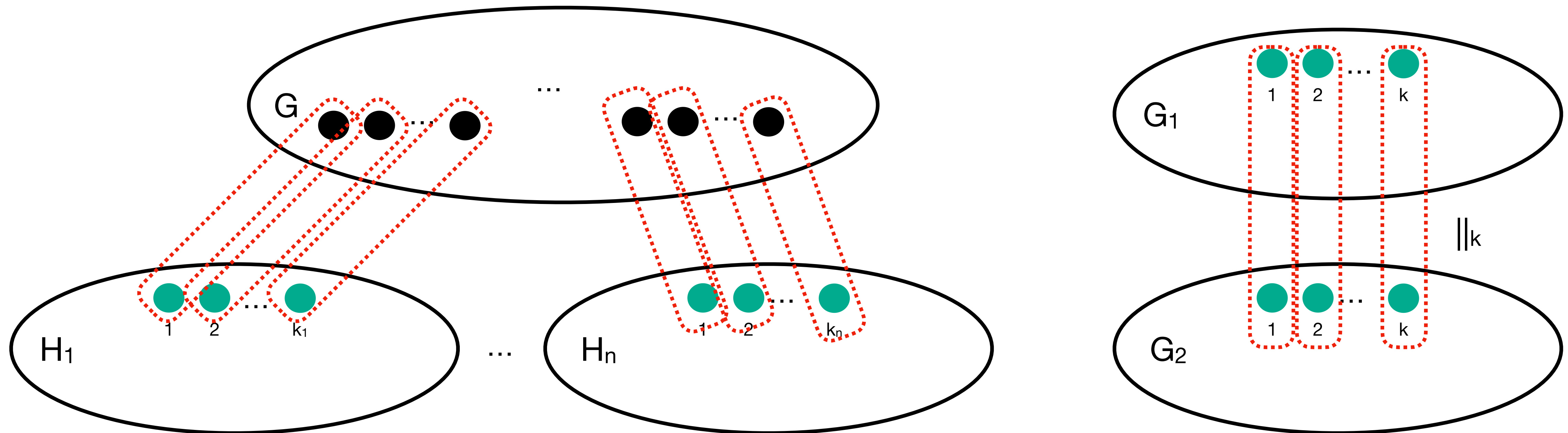
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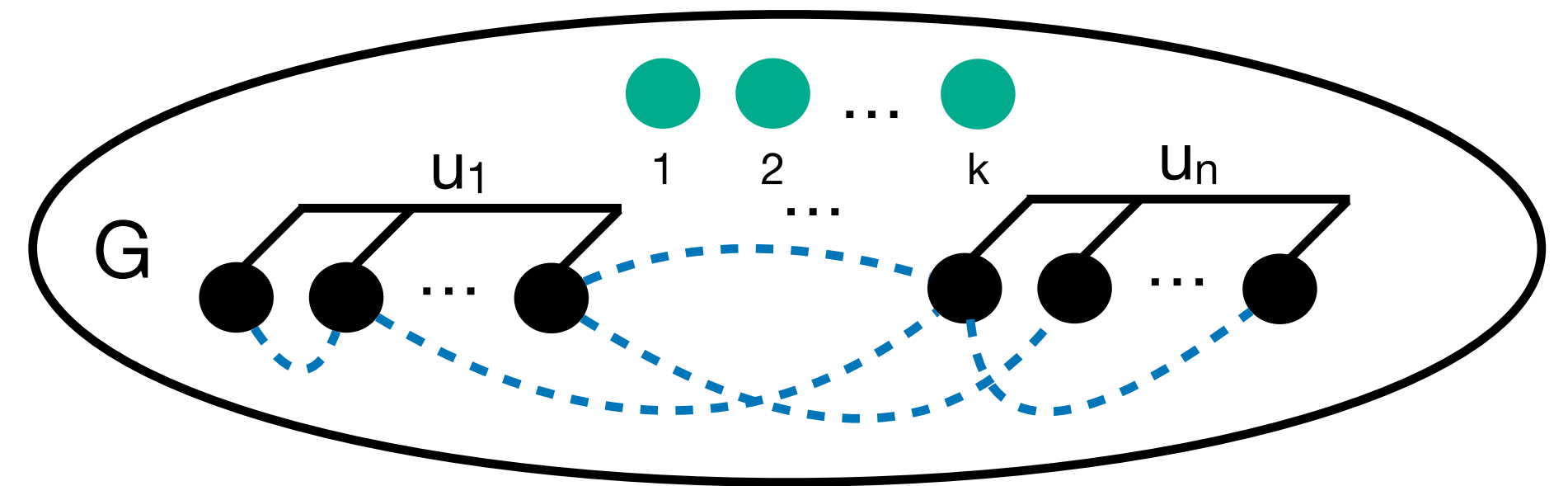
A context-free graph language is a component of the least solution (with rules viewed as set constraints)

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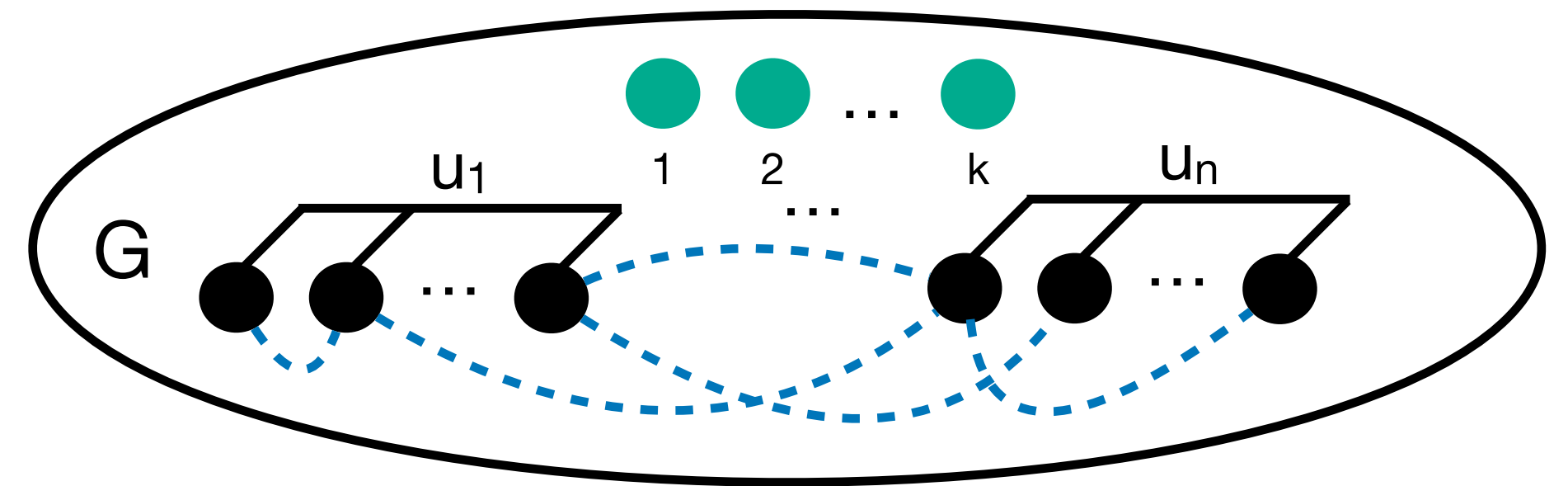


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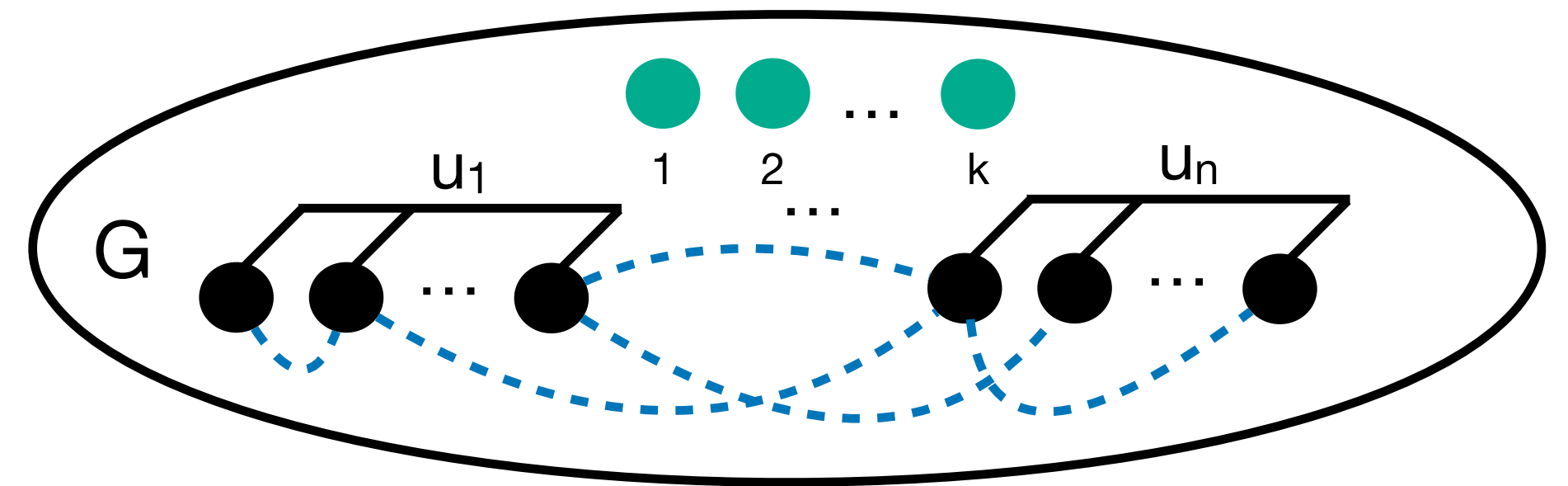
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The context-free sets produced by regular graph grammars are MSO-definable [Courcelle'92]

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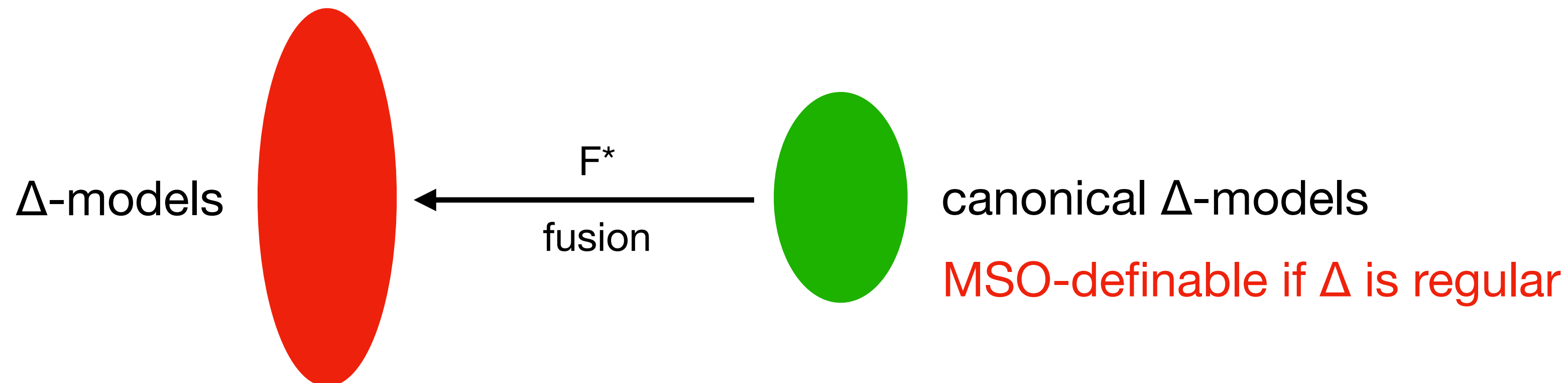
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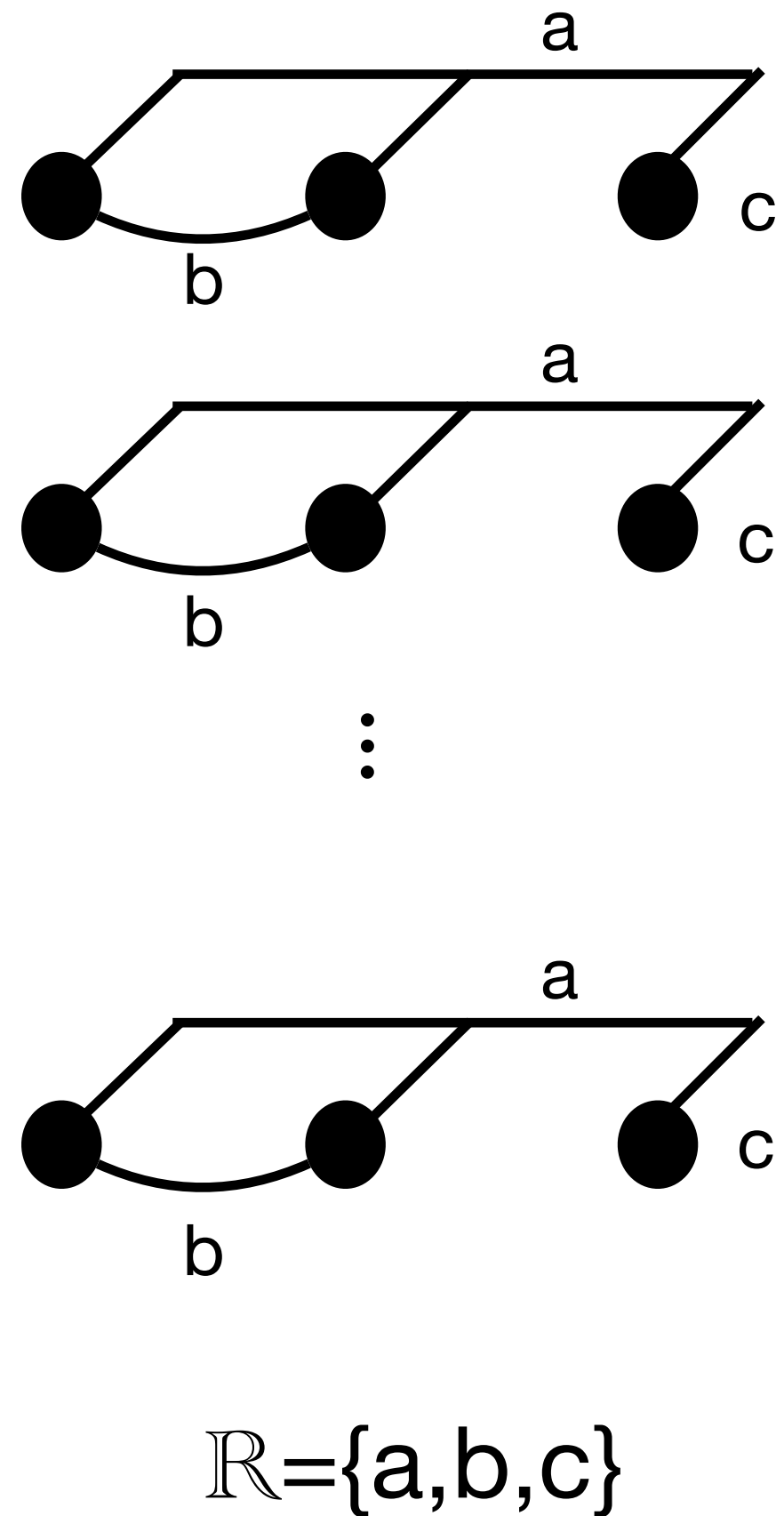
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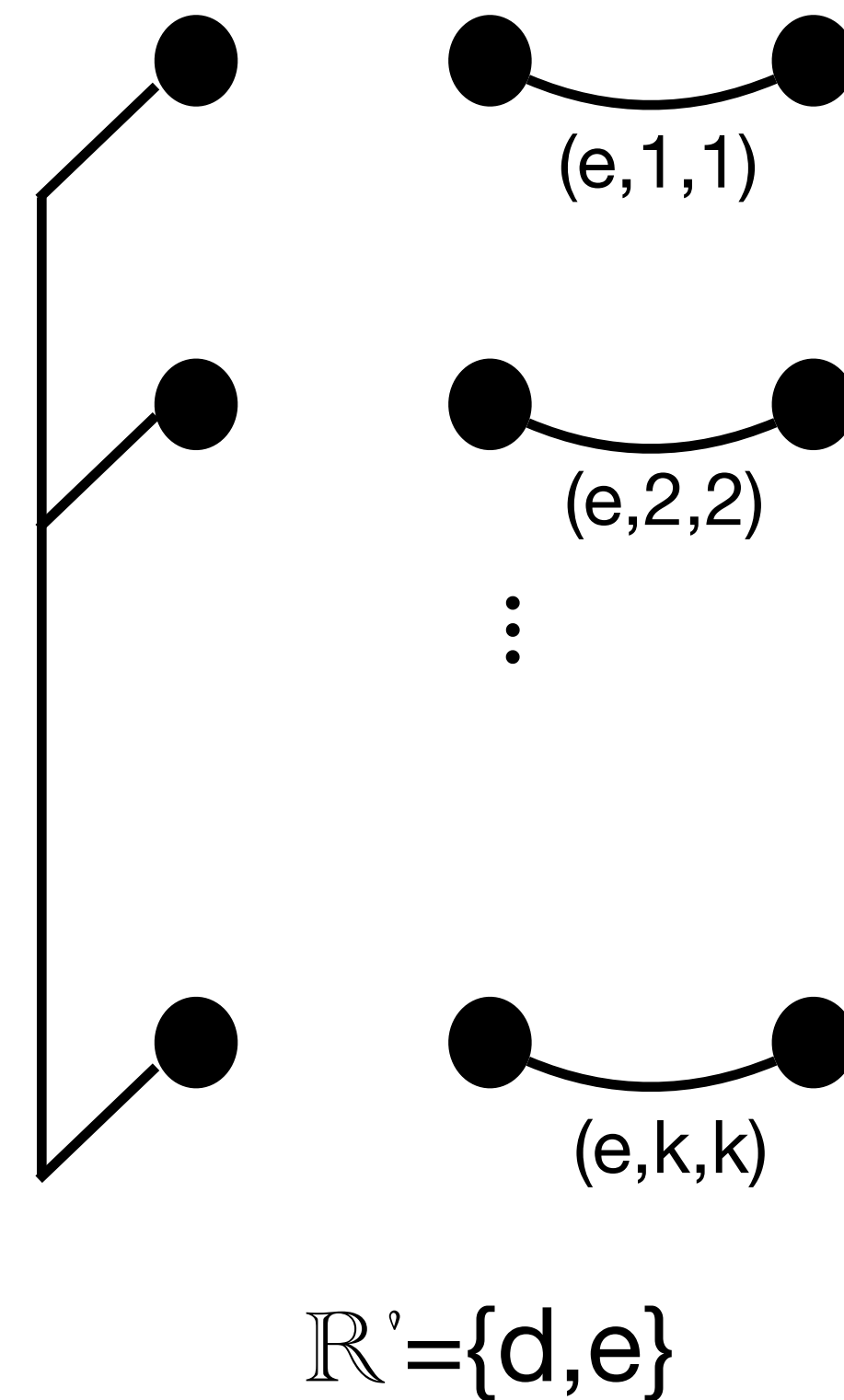


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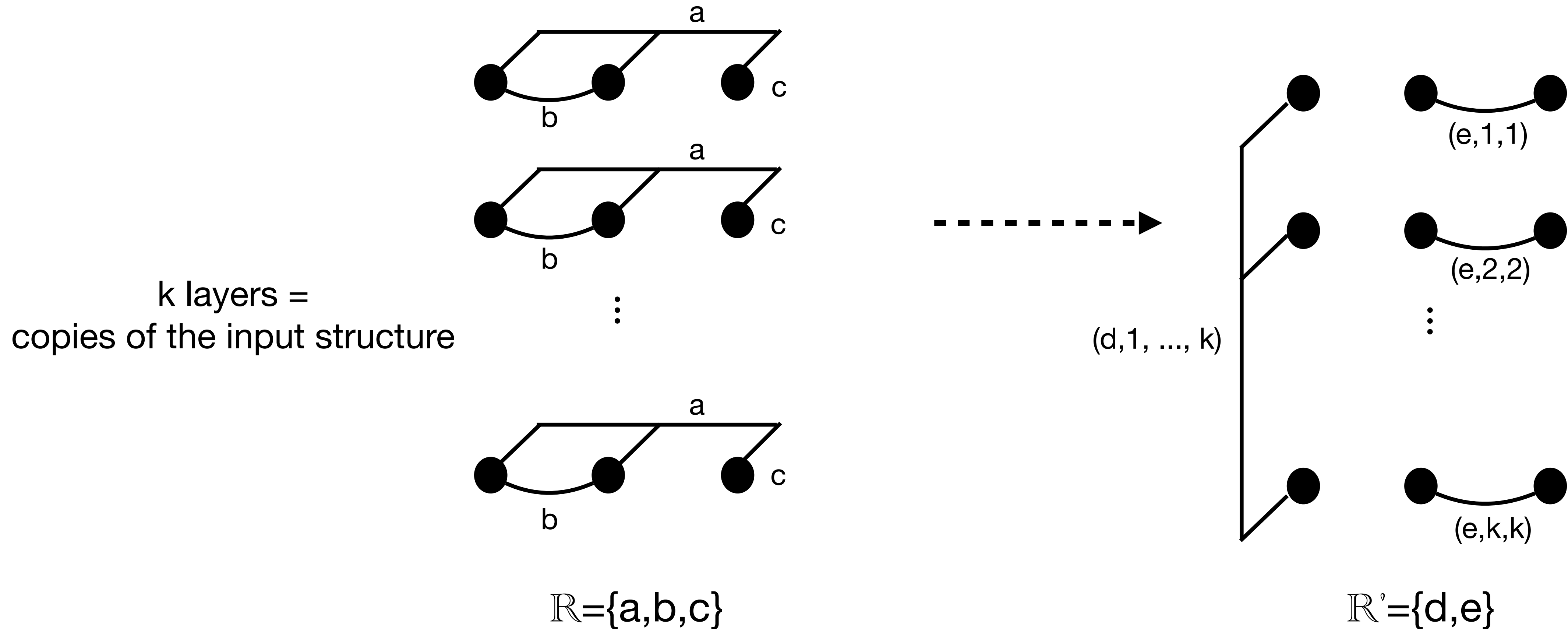
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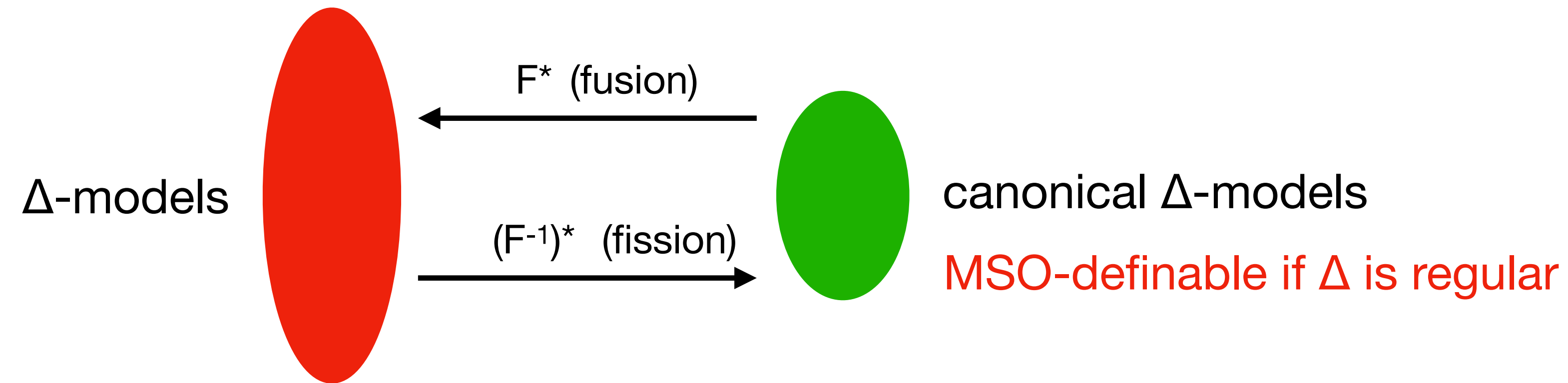
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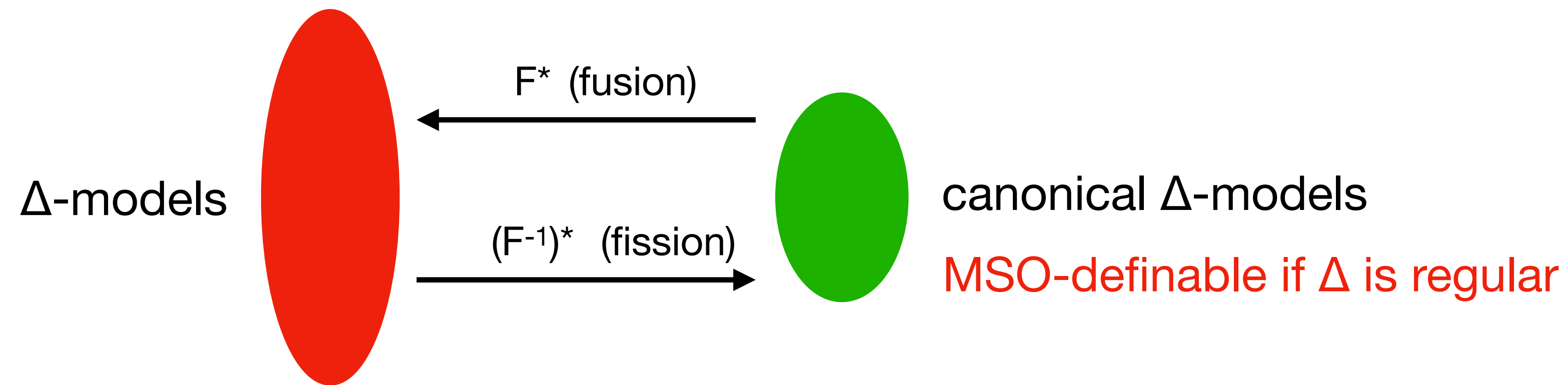
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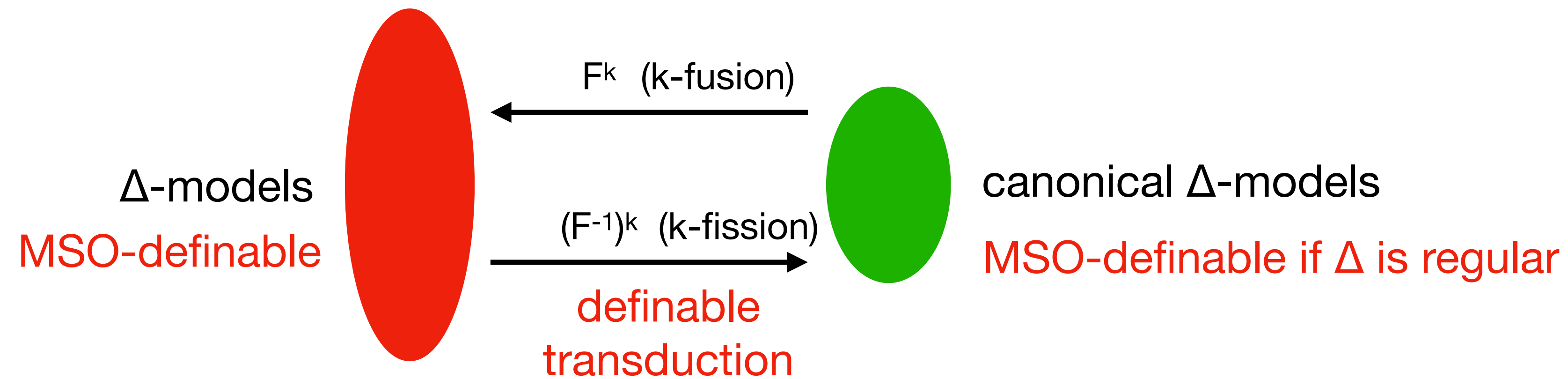


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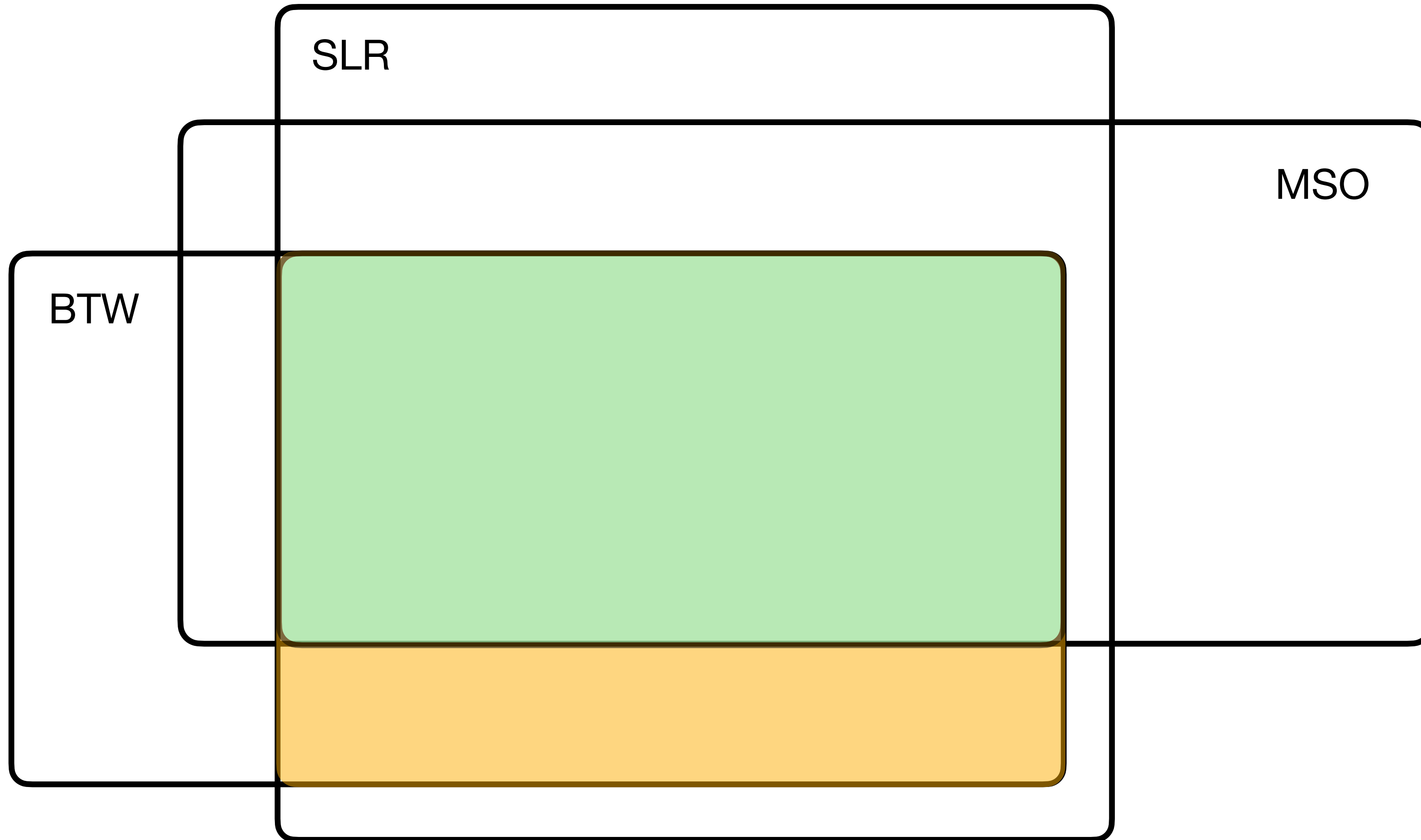


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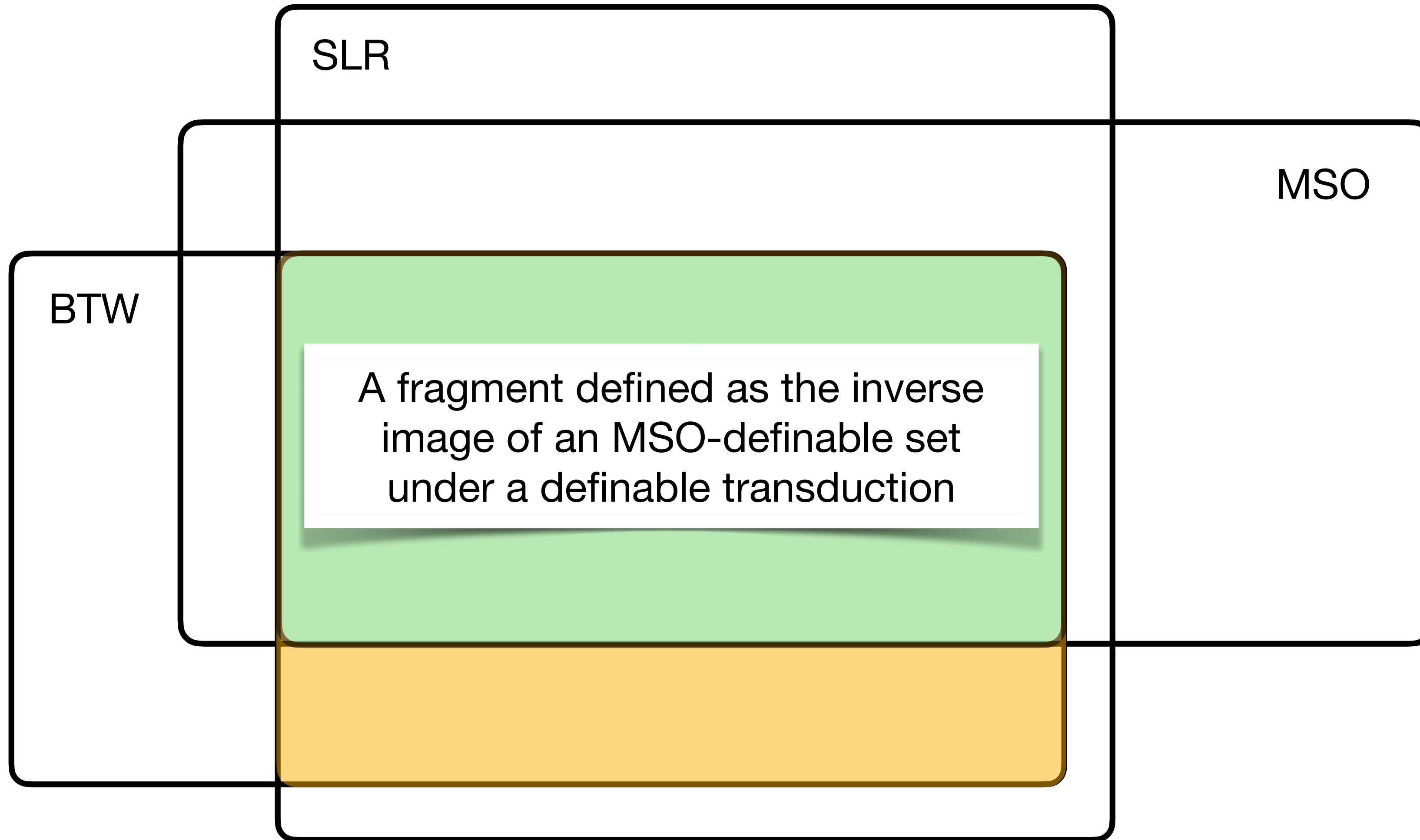
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