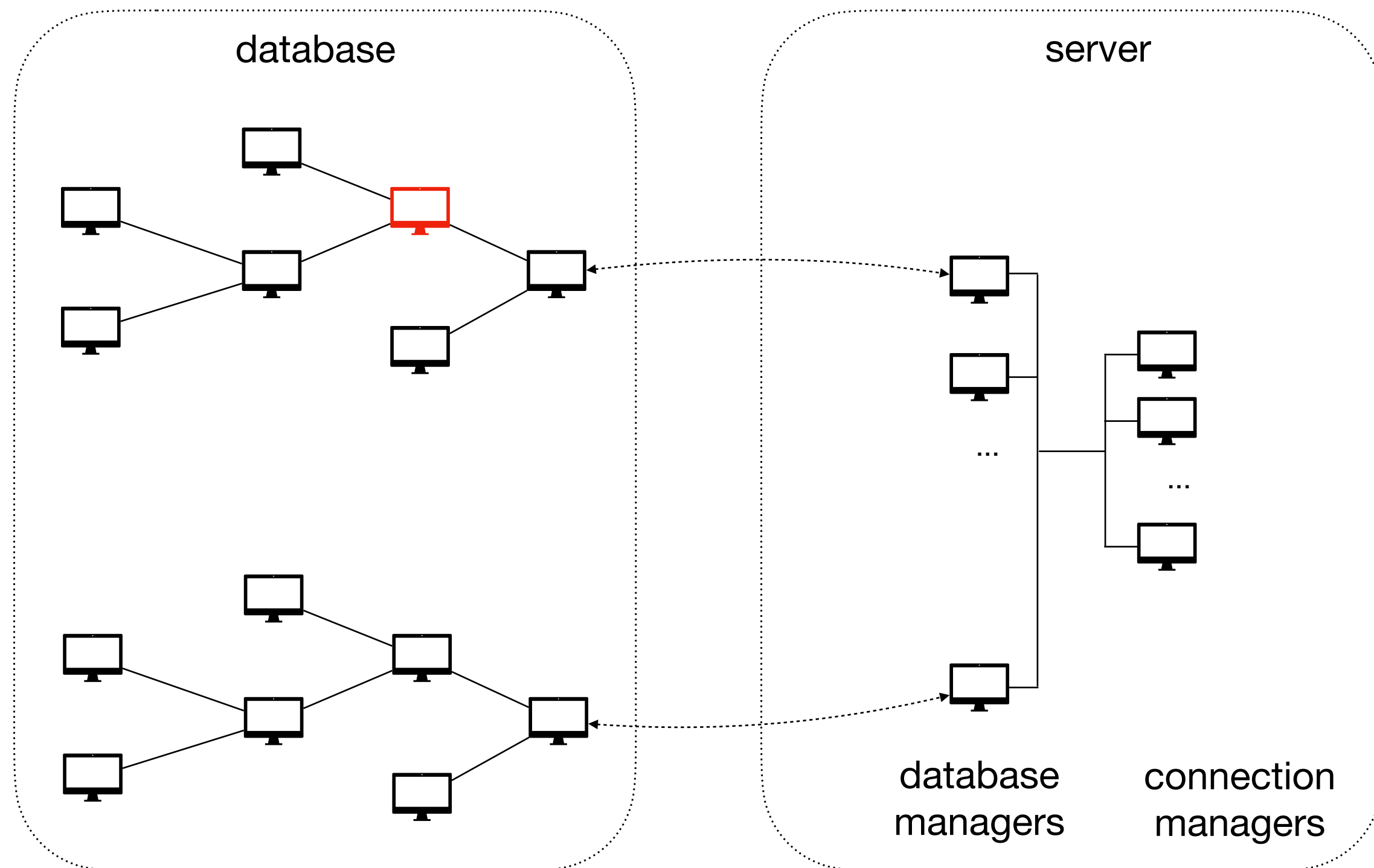


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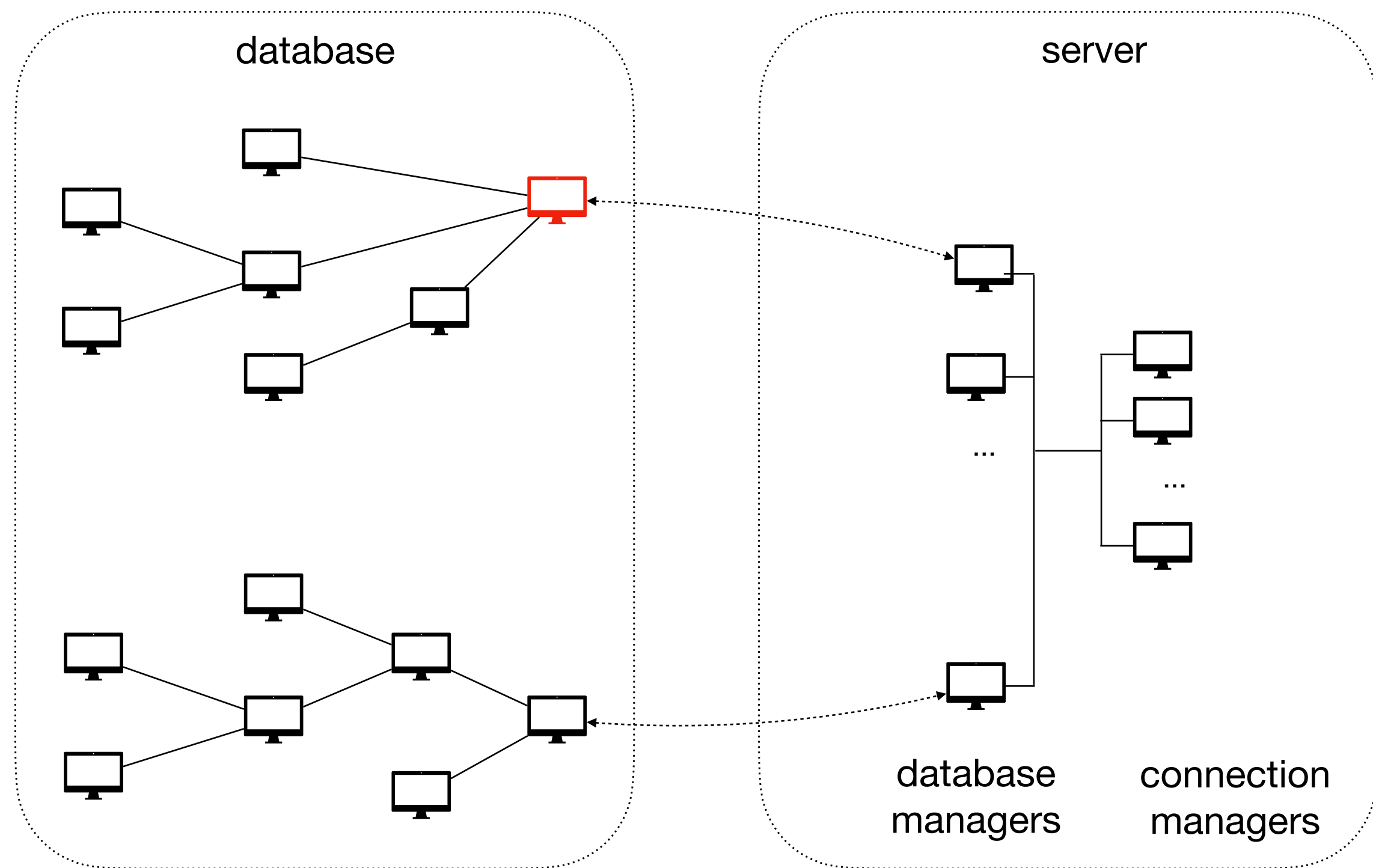
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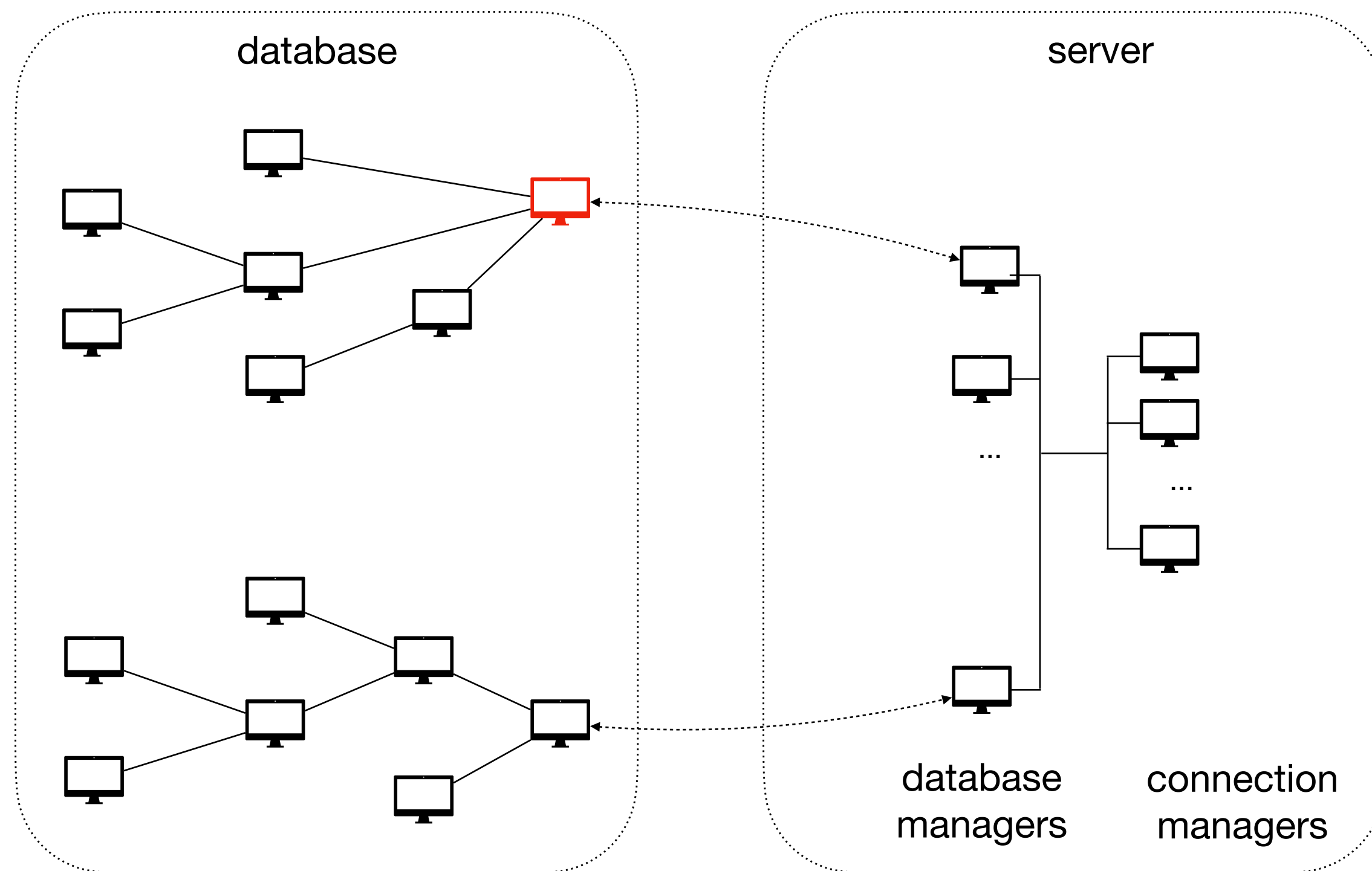
Architectural styles
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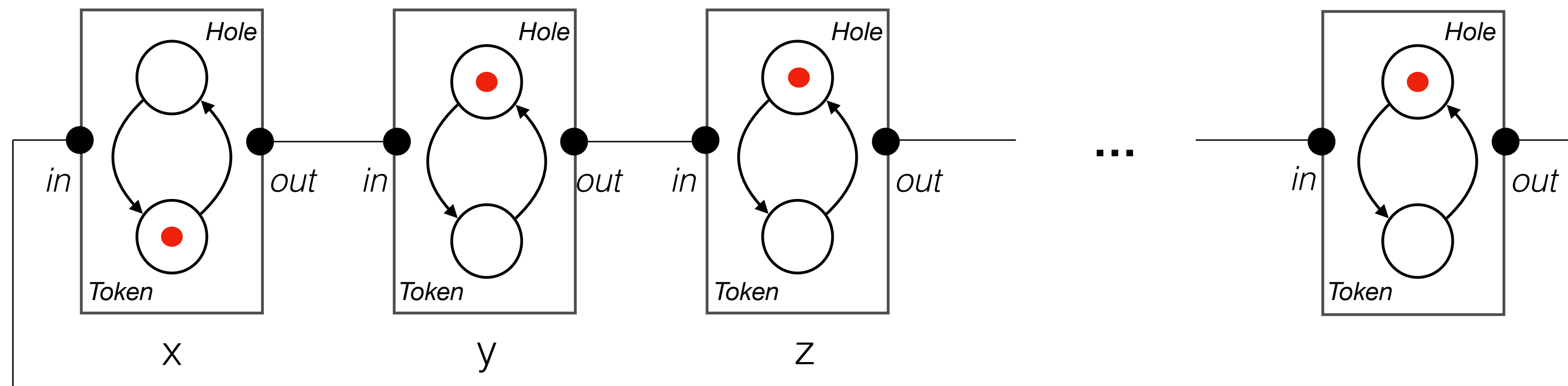
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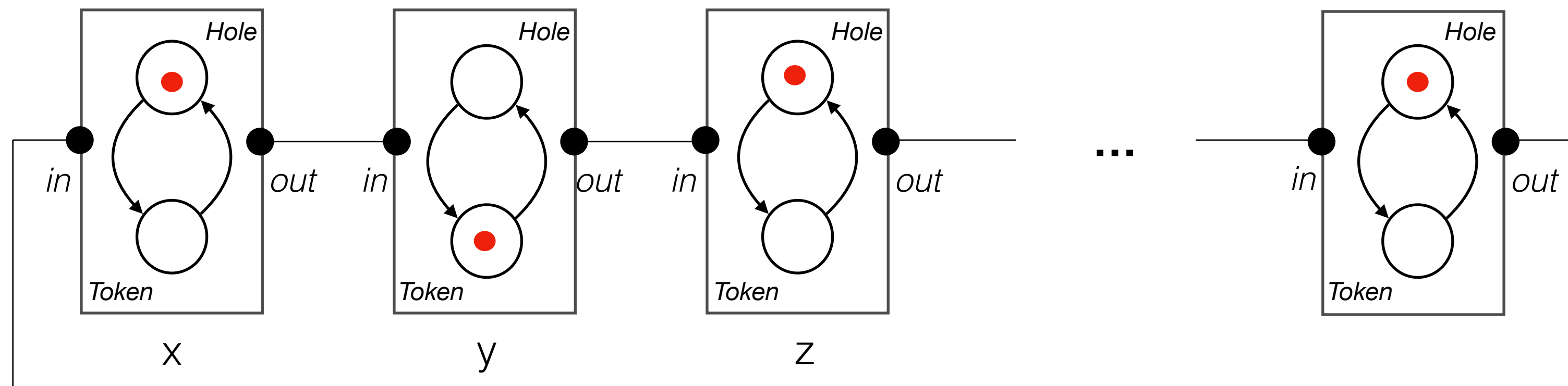
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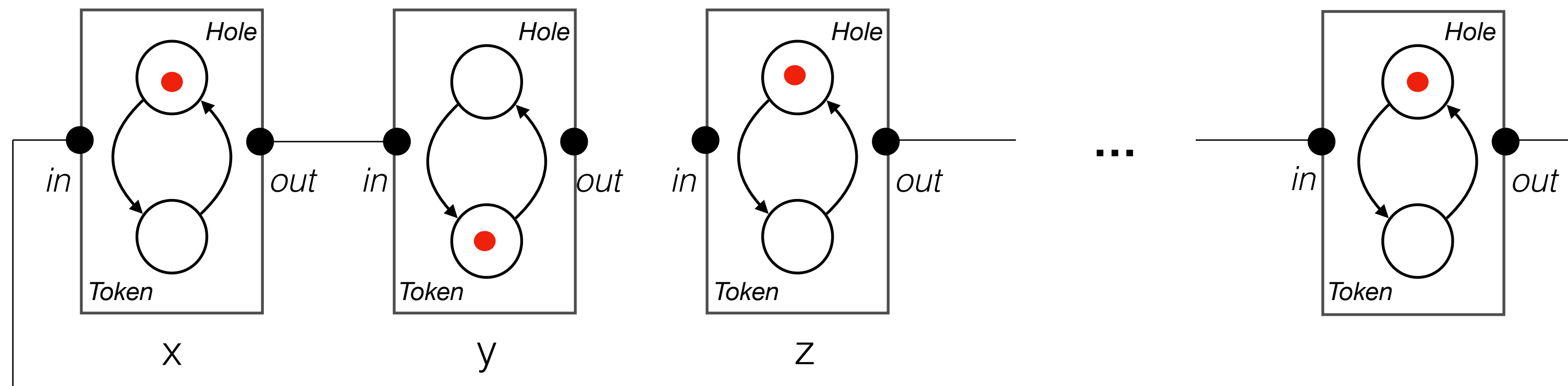
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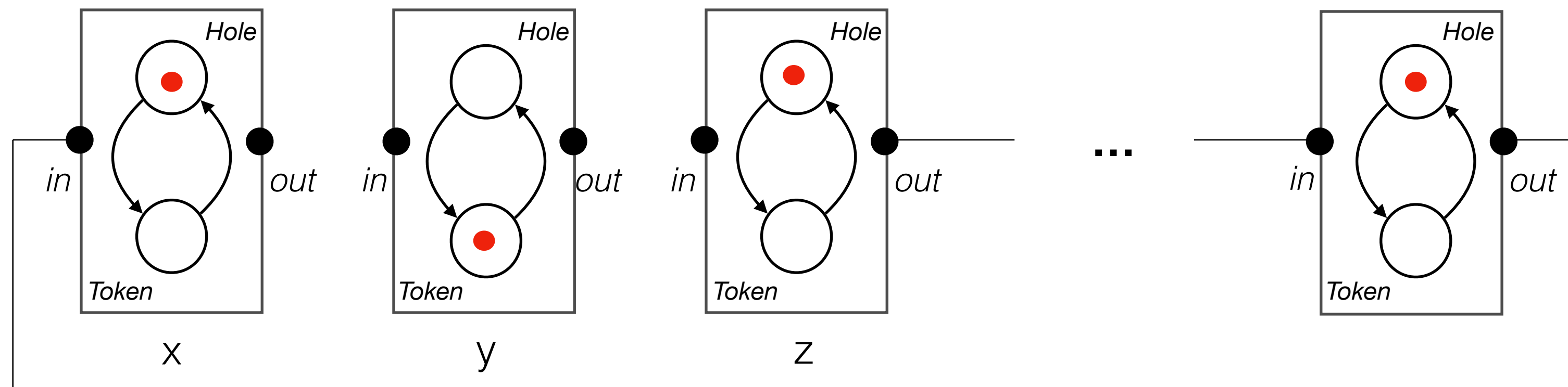


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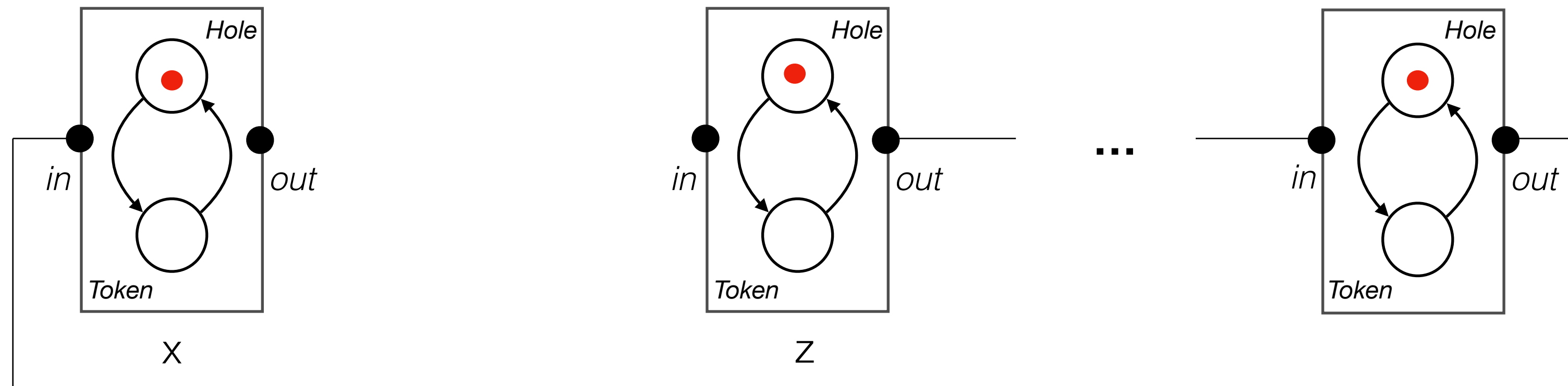
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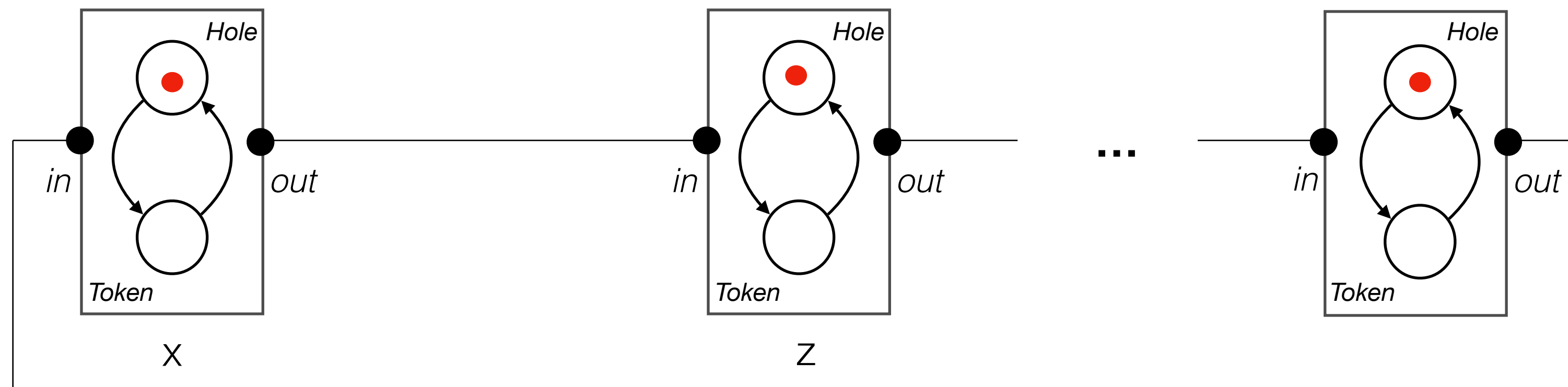
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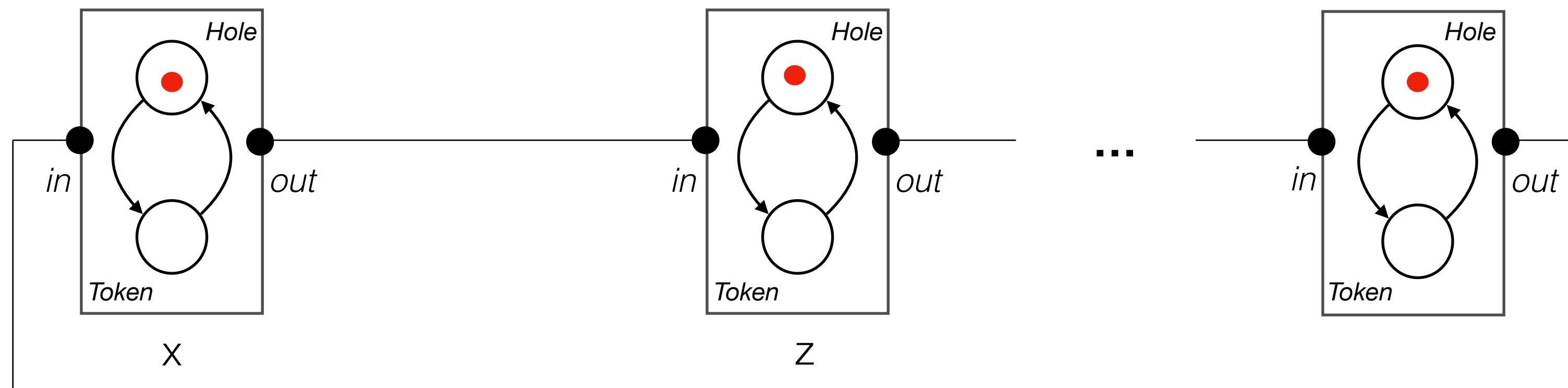
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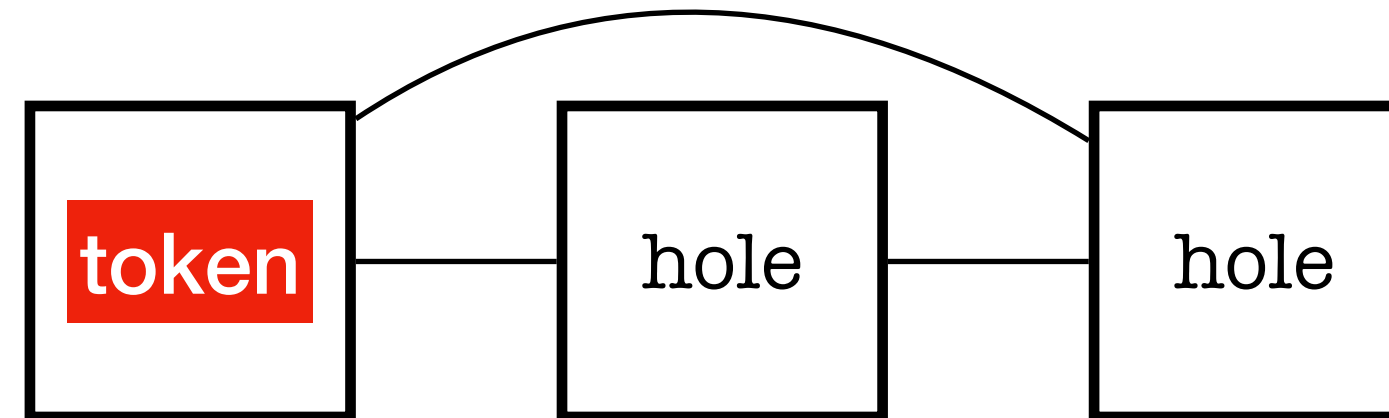
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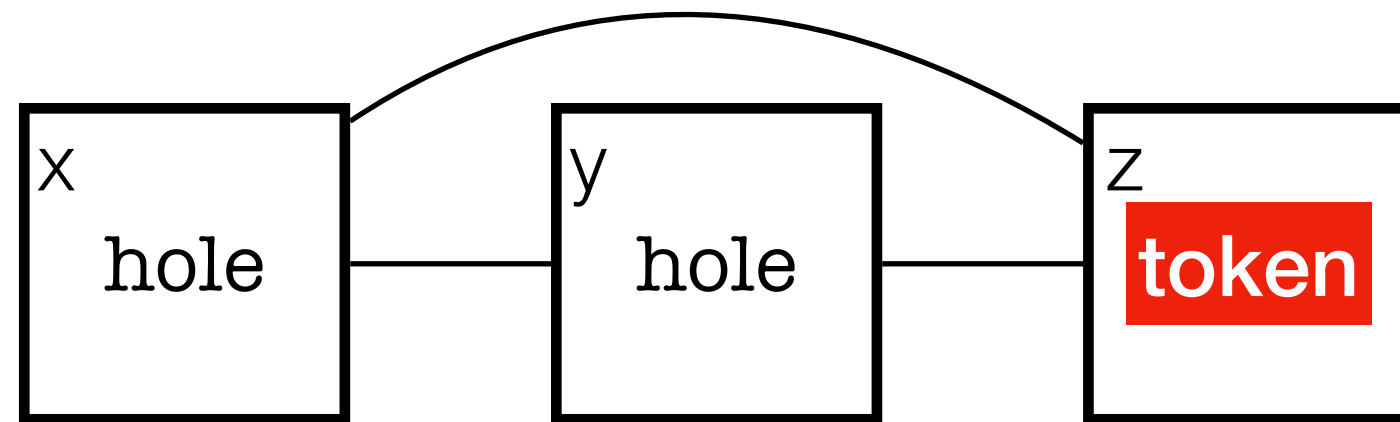
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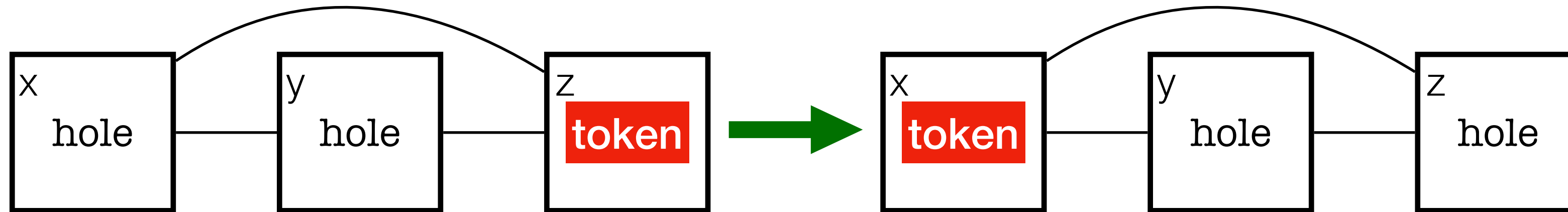


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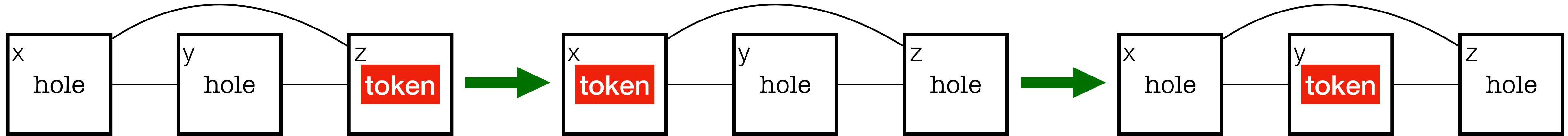
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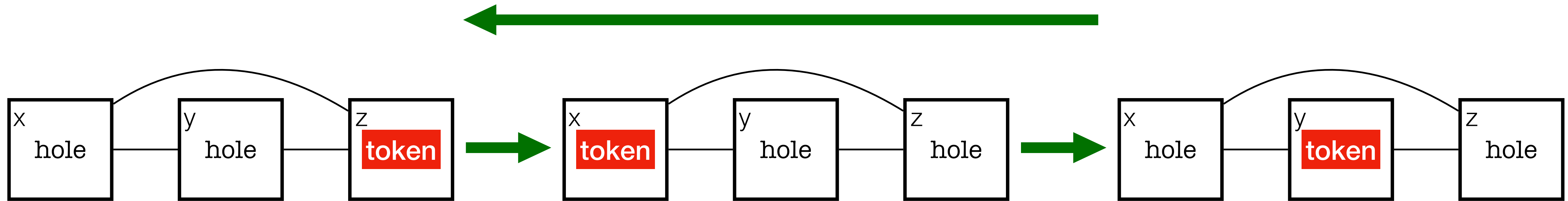
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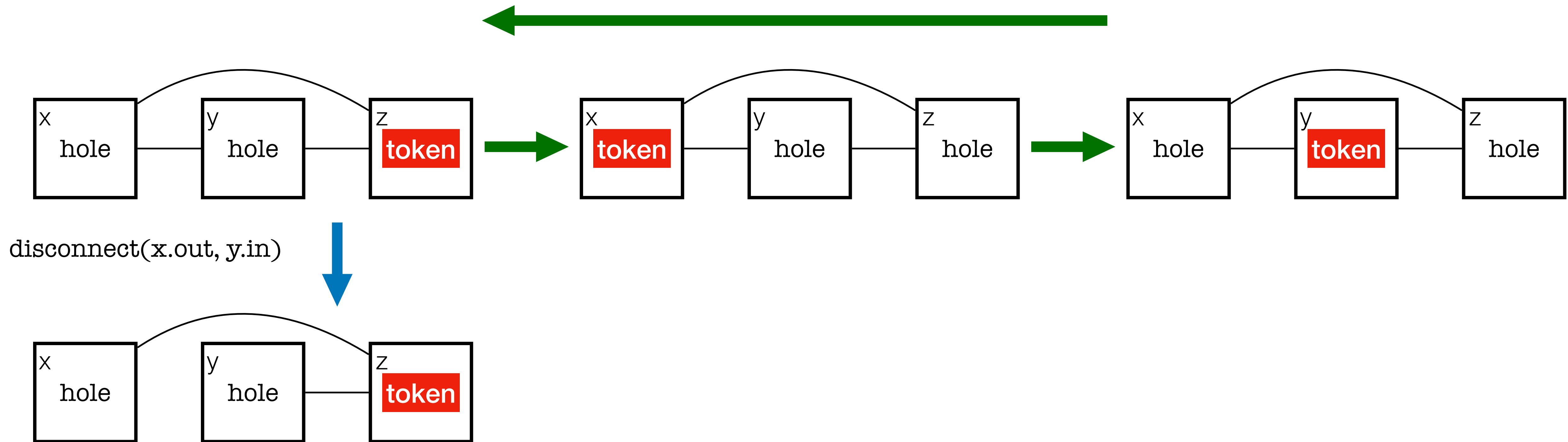
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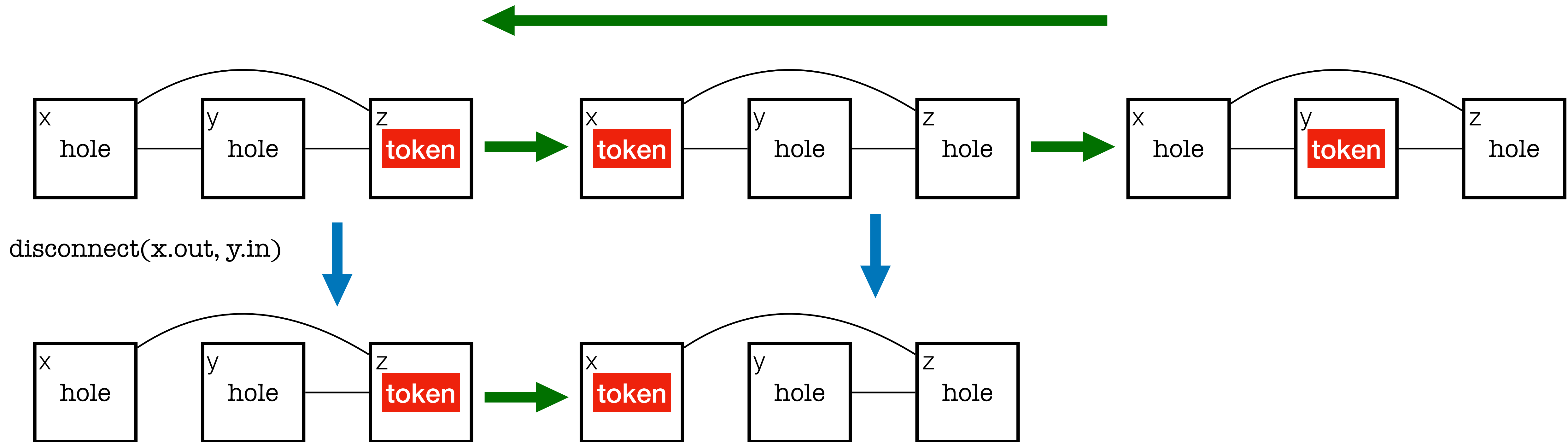
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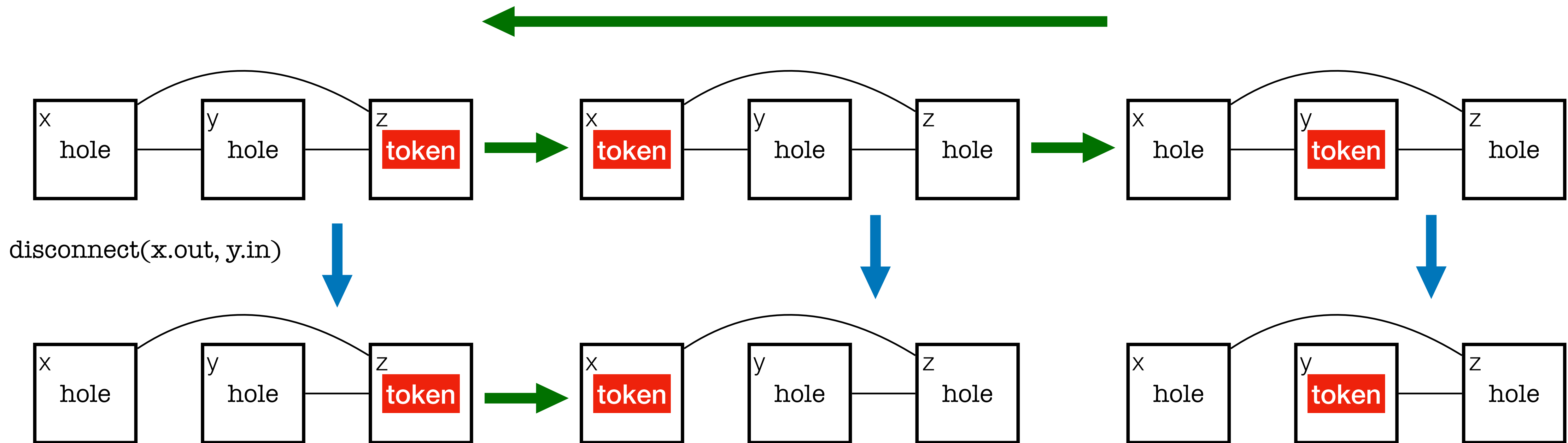
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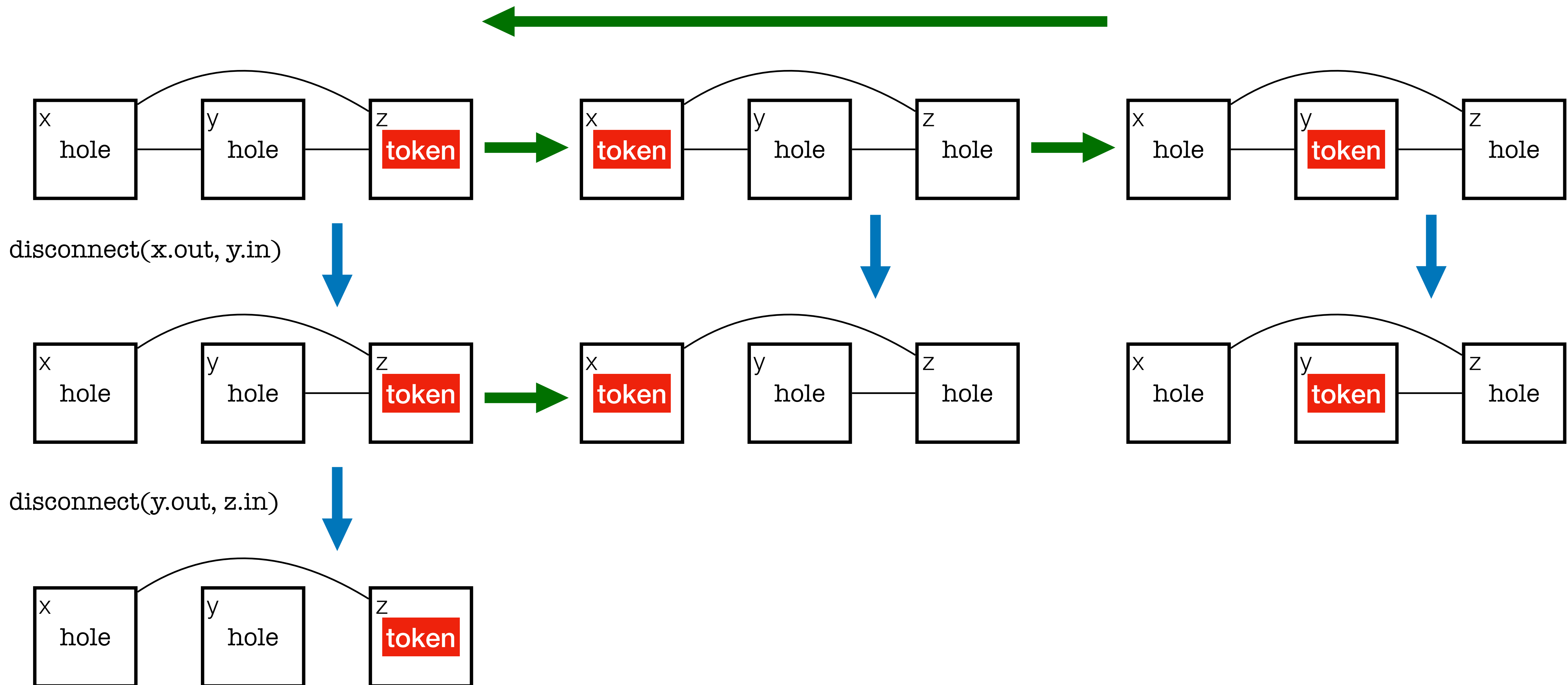
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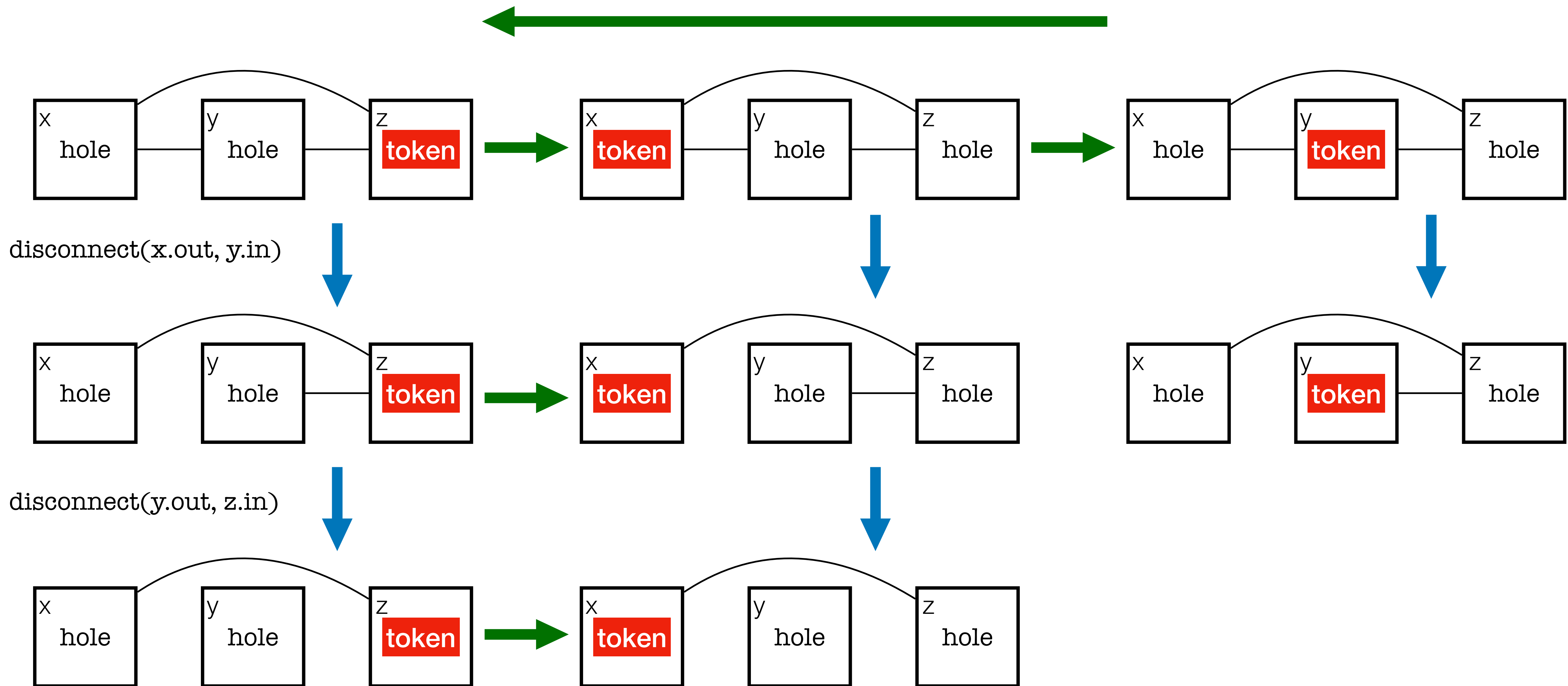
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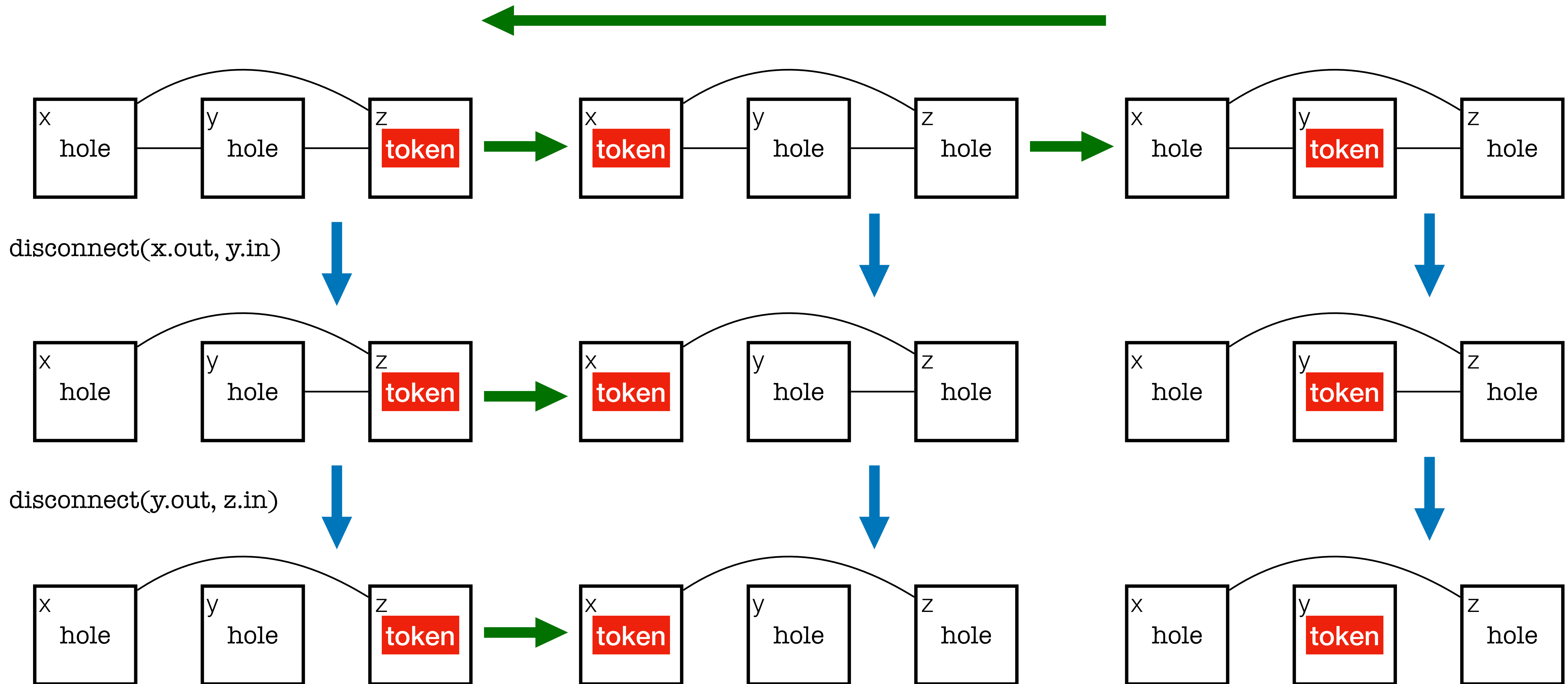
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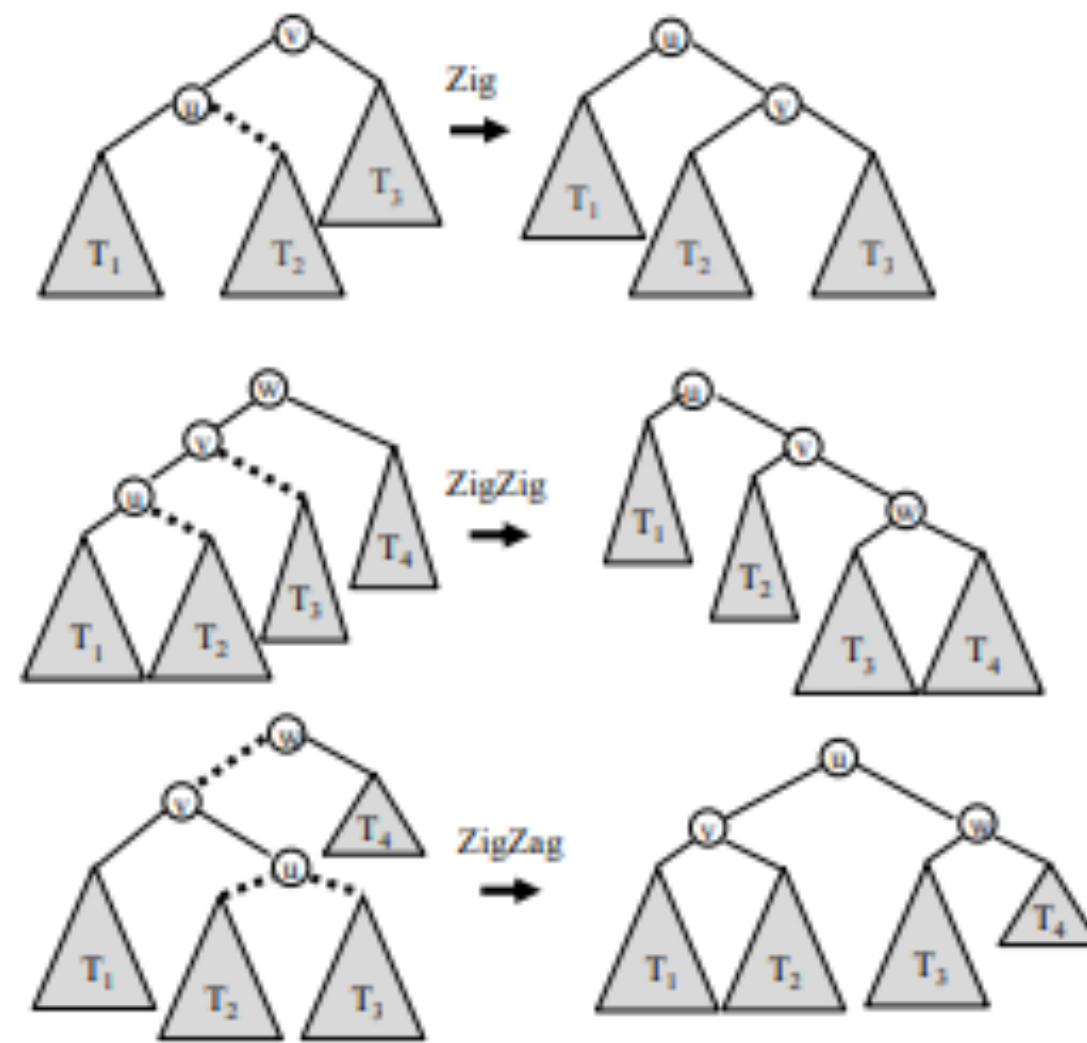
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 - proving safety of assertions using **parametric model checking** techniques [Bozga, I, Sifakis, TCS' 23]

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SplayNet: Towards Locally Self-Adjusting Networks

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Abstract—This paper initiates the study of locally self-adjusting networks: networks whose topology adapts dynamically and in a decentralized manner, to the communication pattern σ . Our vision can be seen as a distributed generalization of the self-adjusting datastructures introduced by Sleator and Tarjan [22]: In contrast to their splay trees which dynamically optimize the lookup costs from a *single node* (namely the tree root), we seek to minimize the routing cost between arbitrary *communication pairs* in the network.

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- Used to design efficient routing algorithms that minimize internal traffic in datacenters
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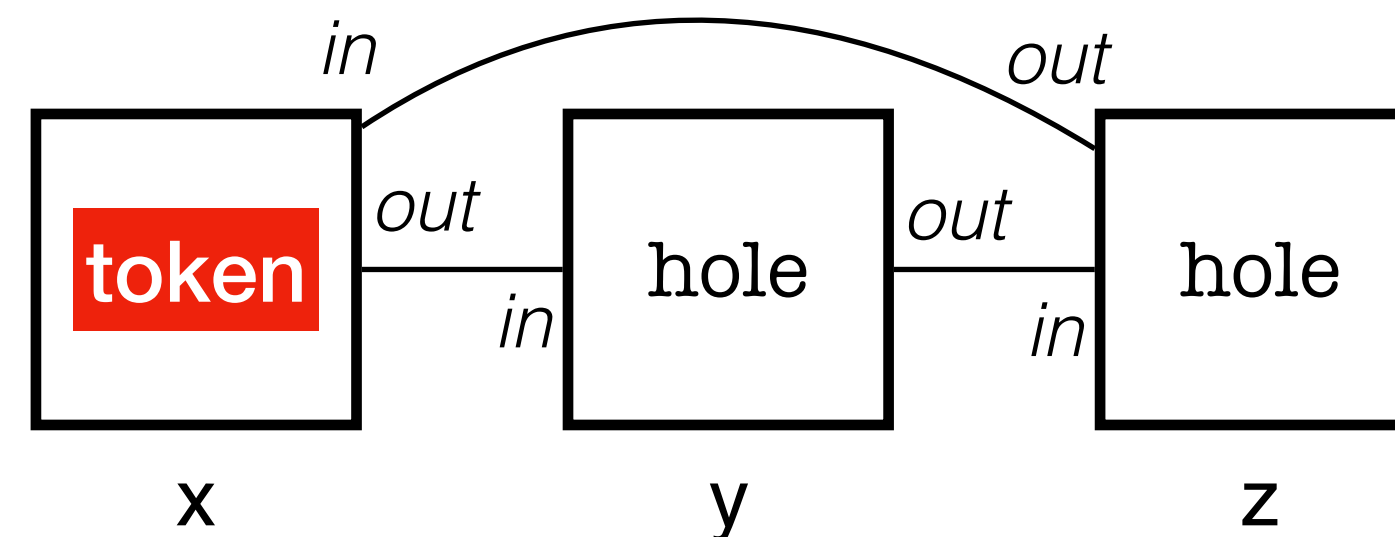
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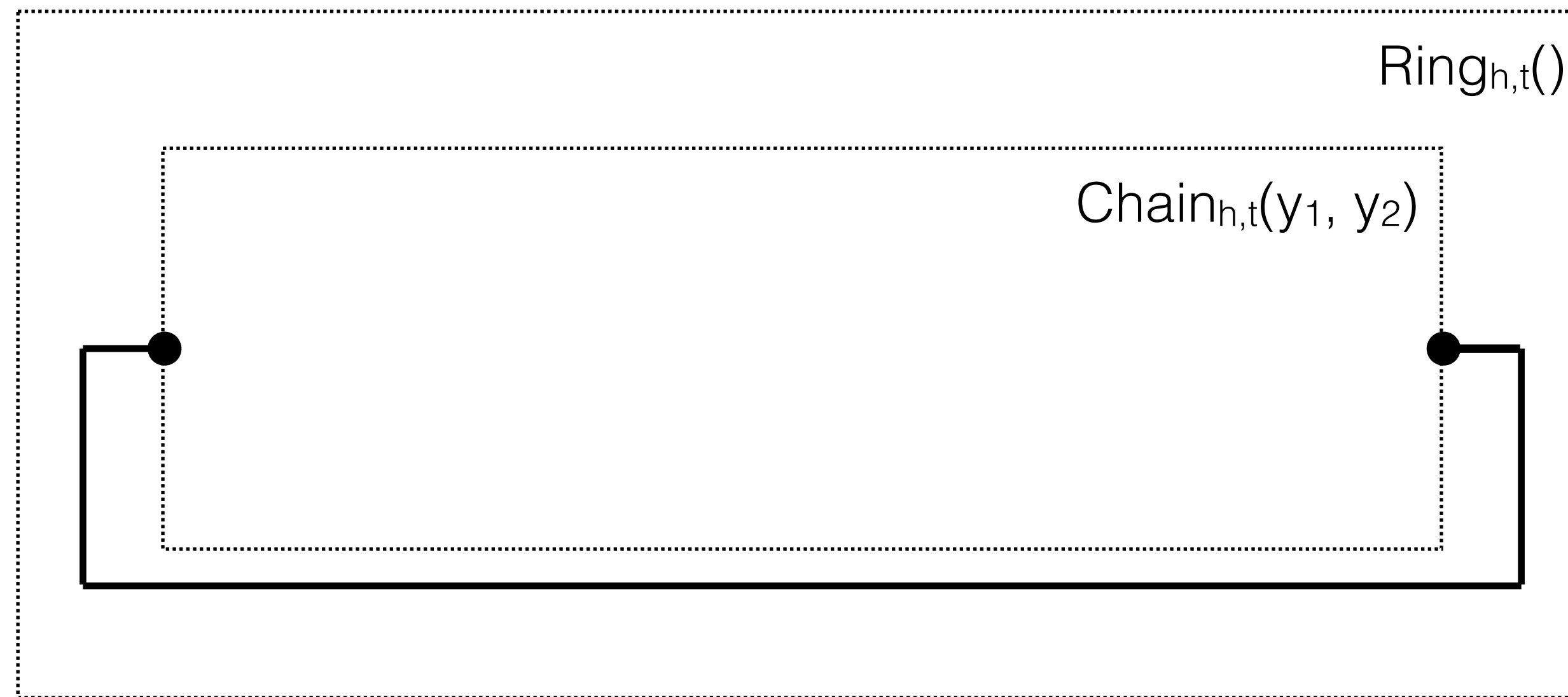
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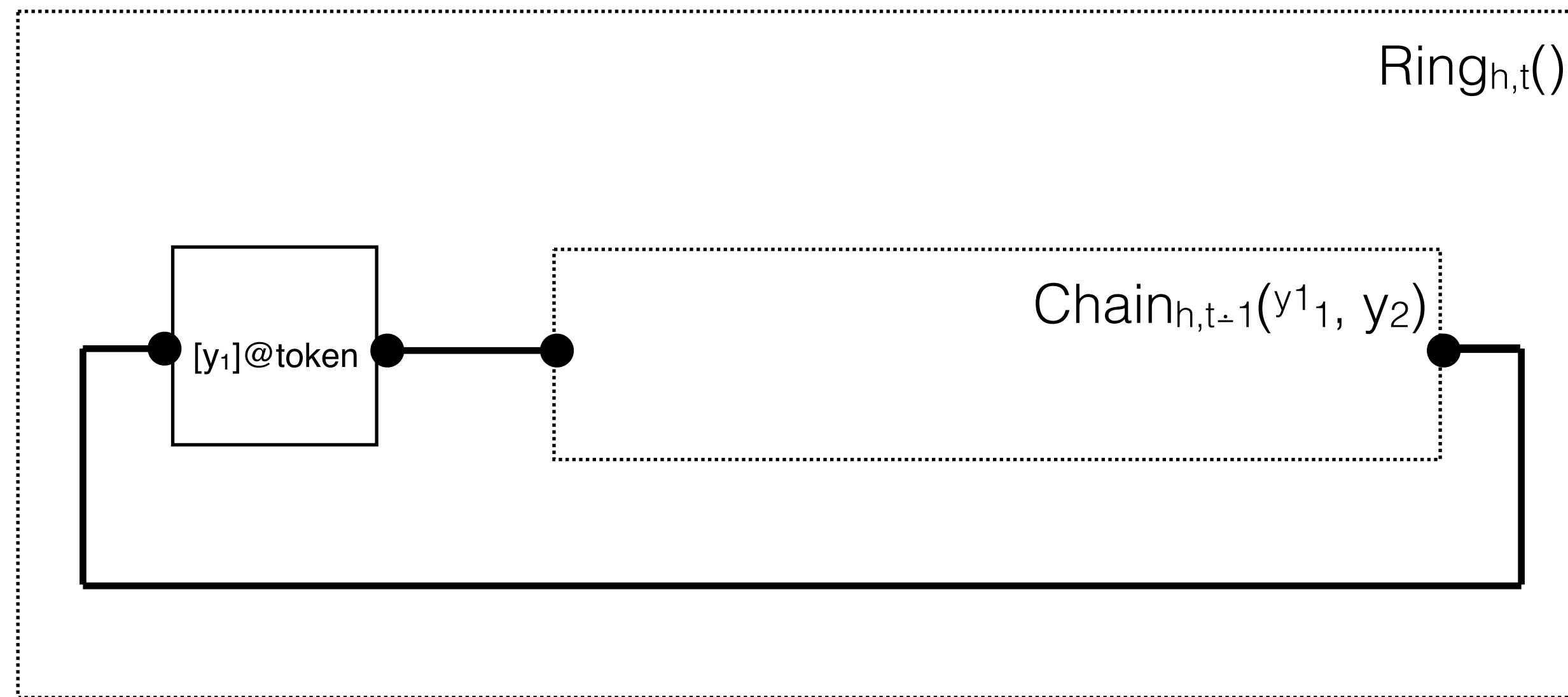


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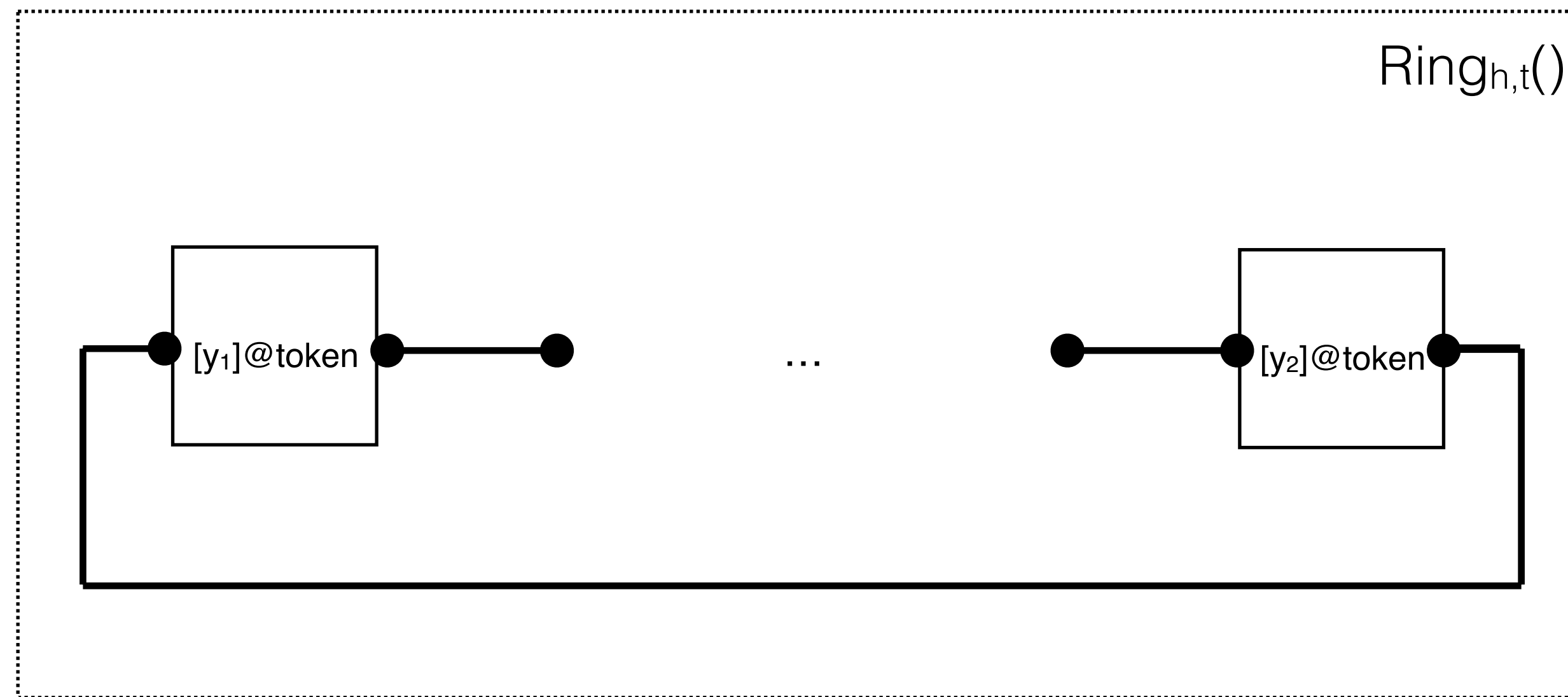


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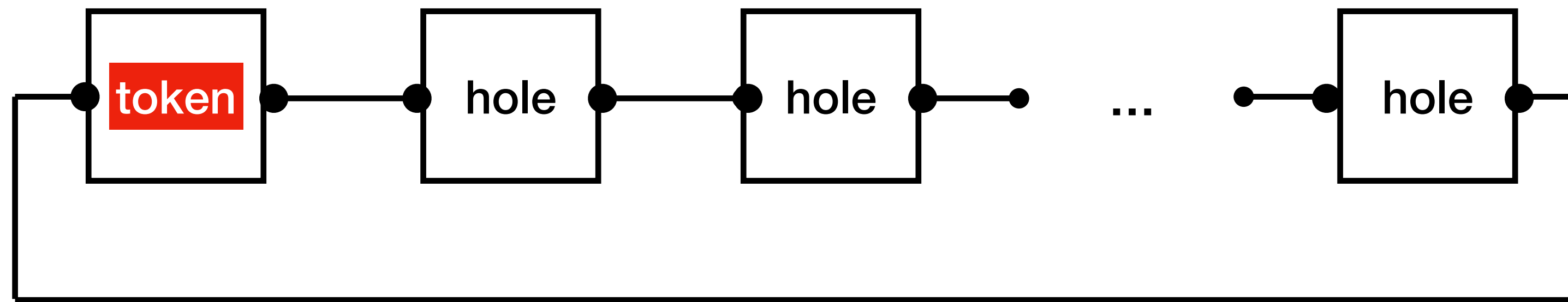
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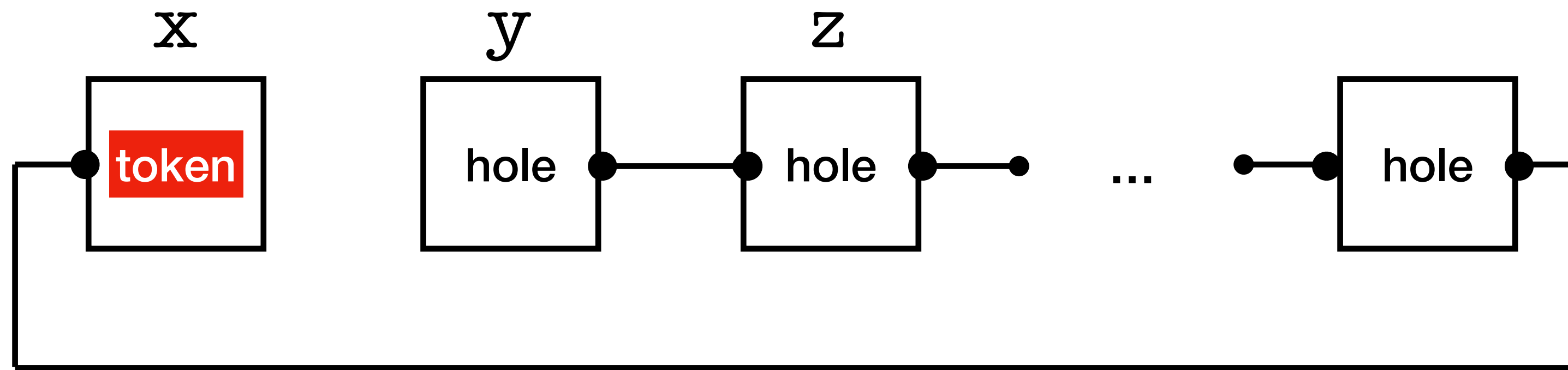
Programmed reconfigurability

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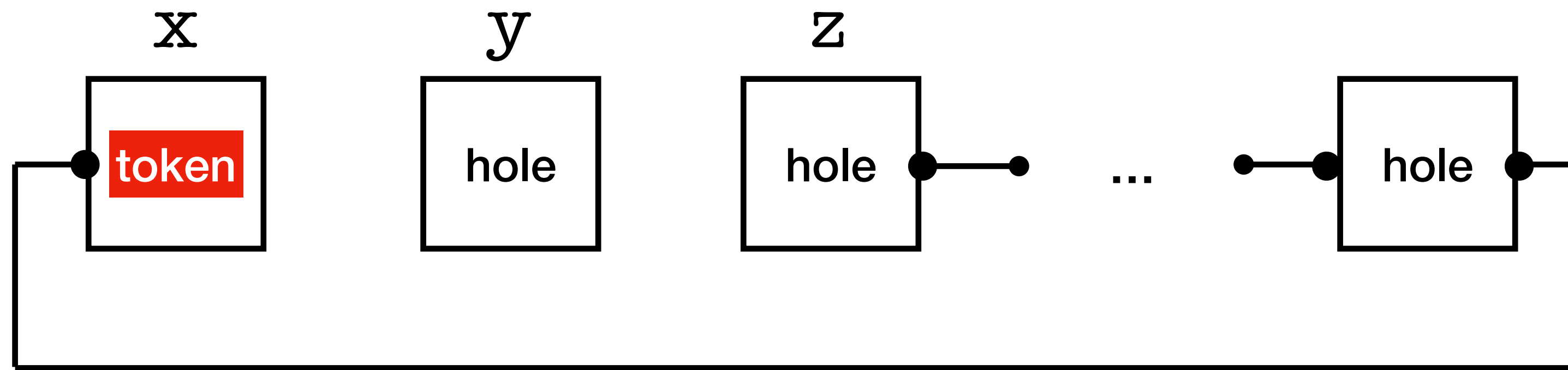


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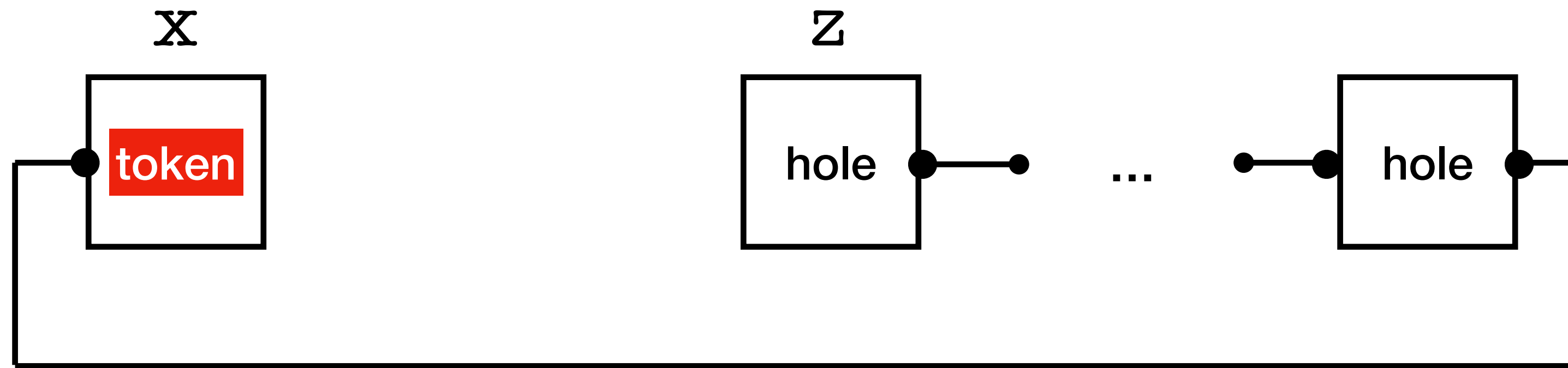
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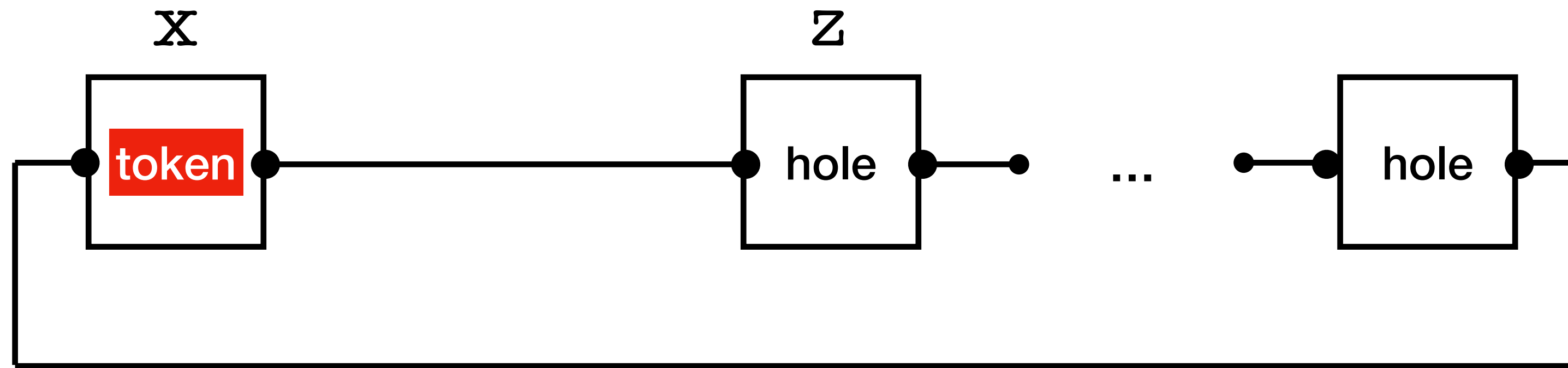
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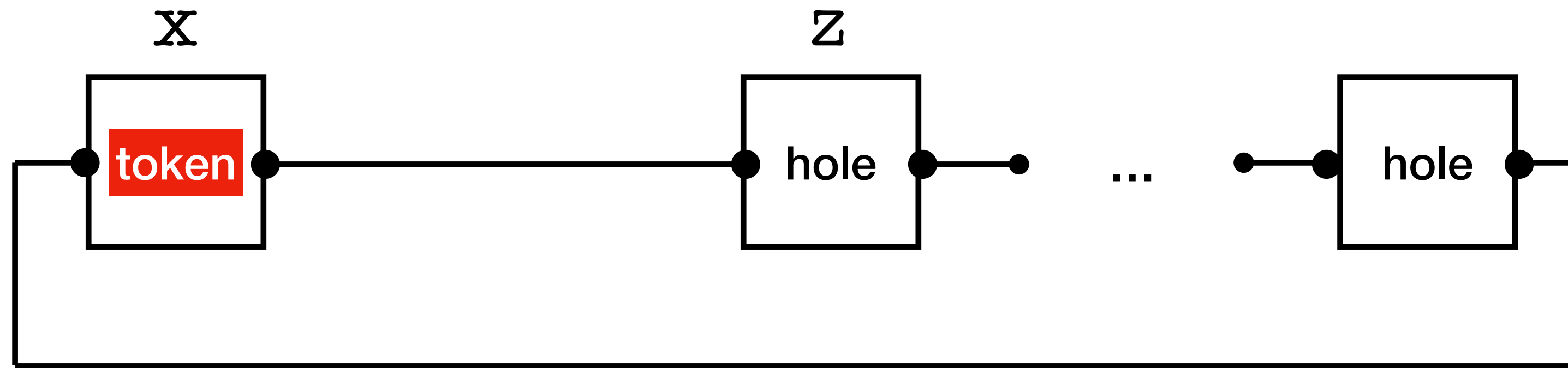
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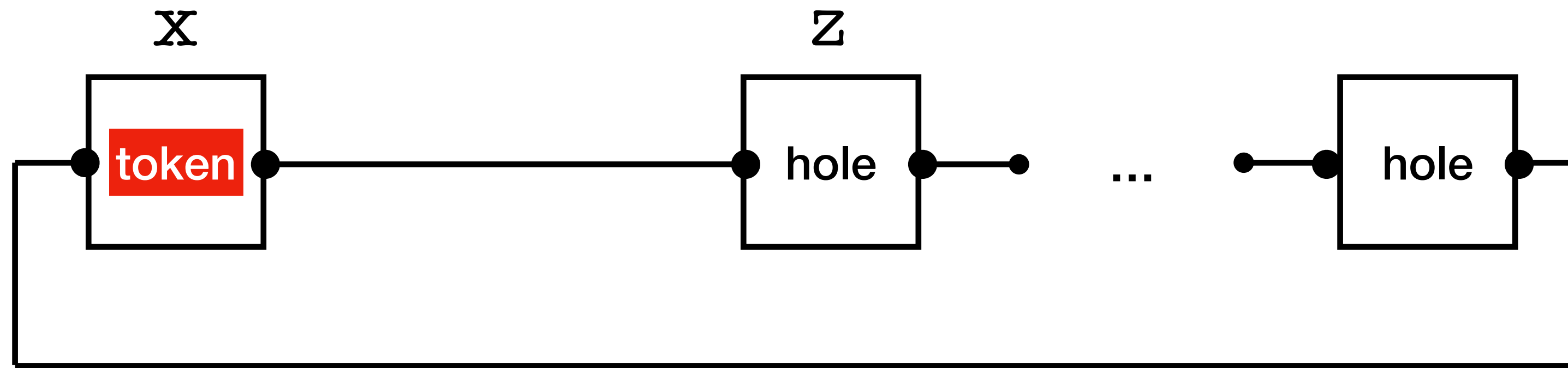
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A formula ϕ is **havoc invariant** \Leftrightarrow *for each model γ of ϕ and each state change $\gamma \rightarrow^* \gamma'$ corresponding to firing one or more interactions enabled in γ , γ' is a model of ϕ*

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The boolean conjunction can be eliminated by solving a **frame inference** problem:

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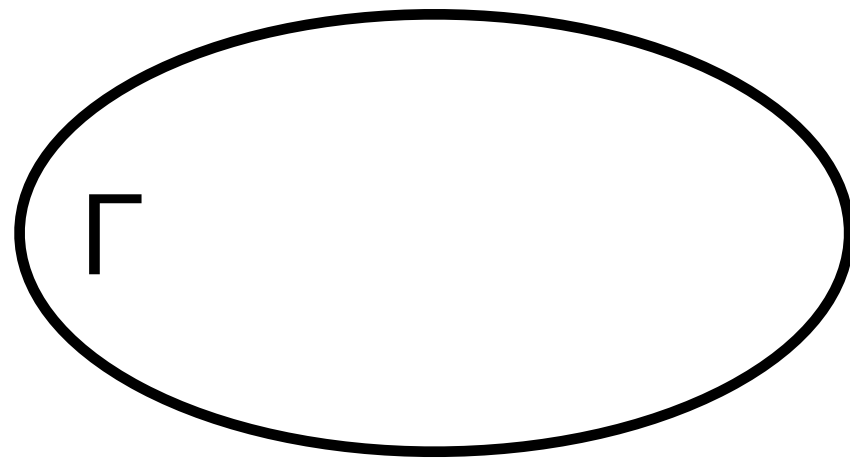

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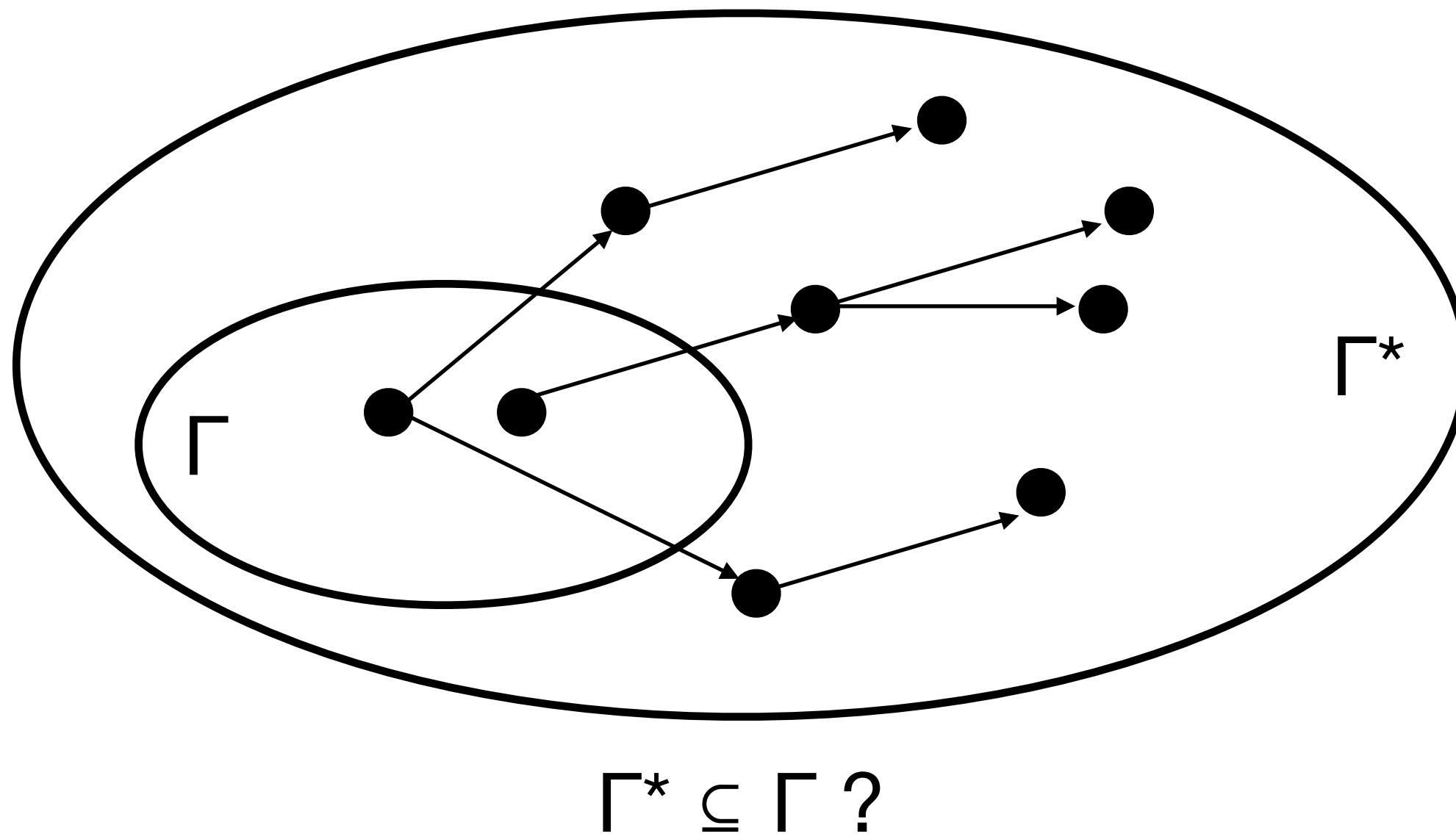
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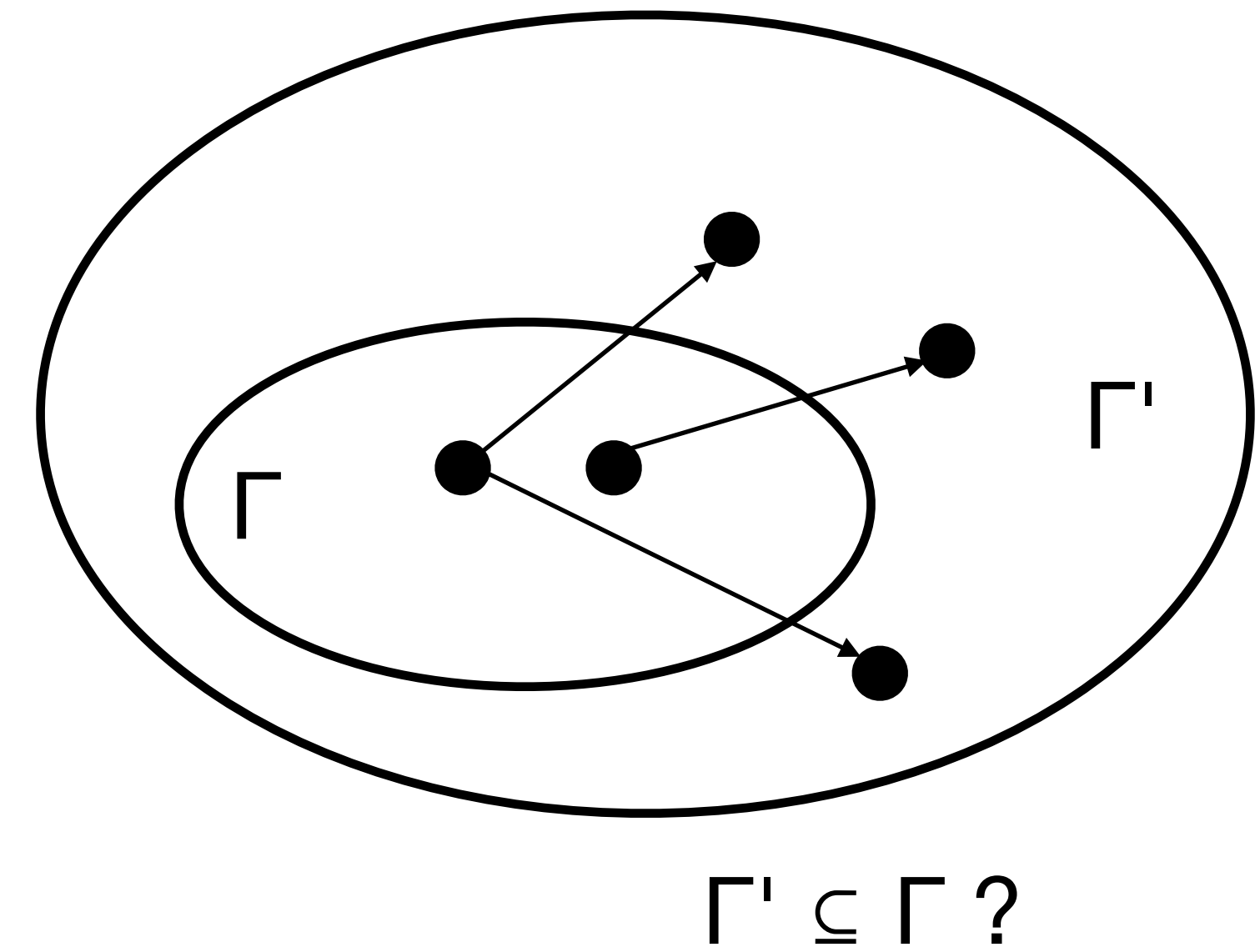
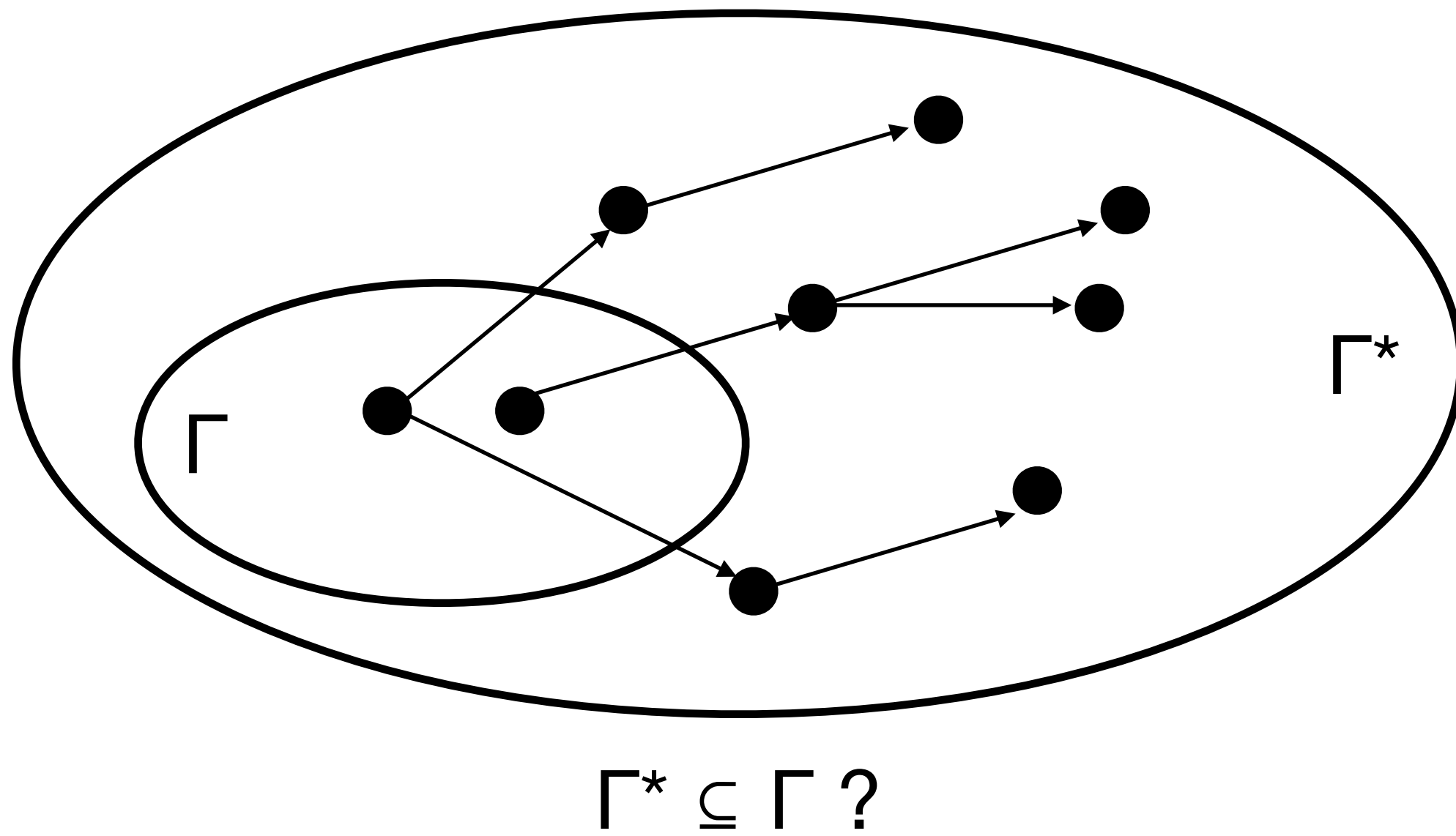
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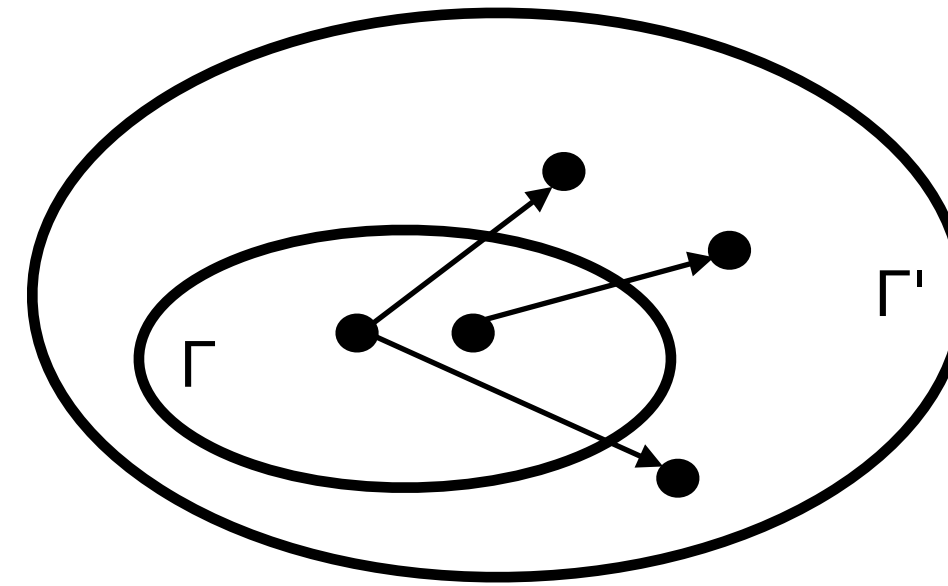


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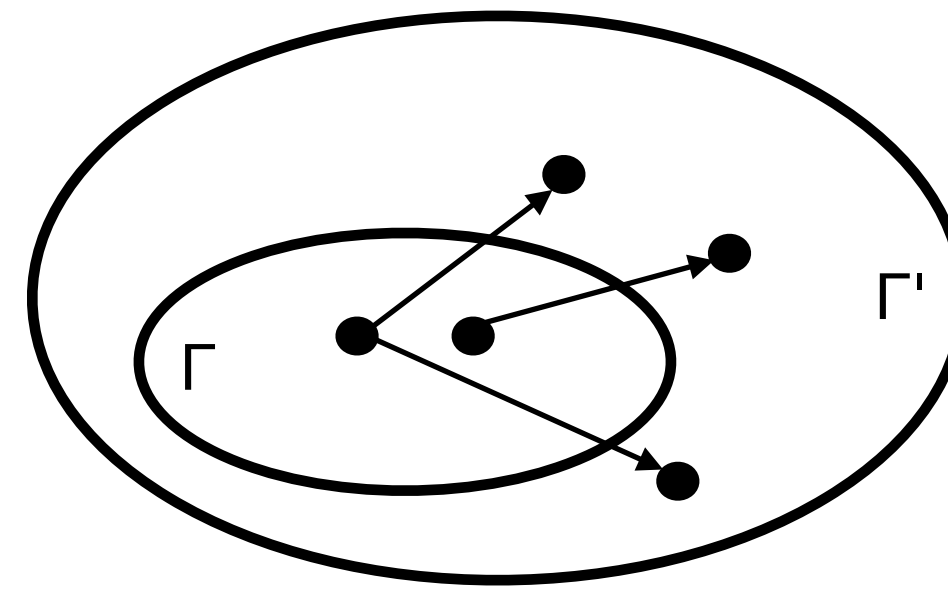
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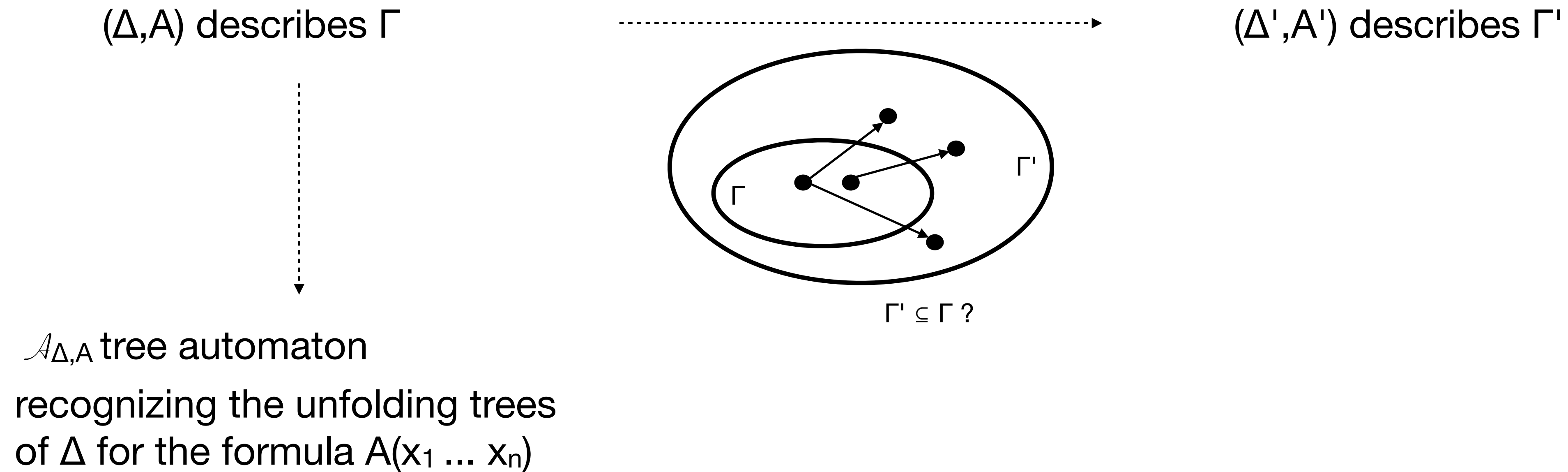
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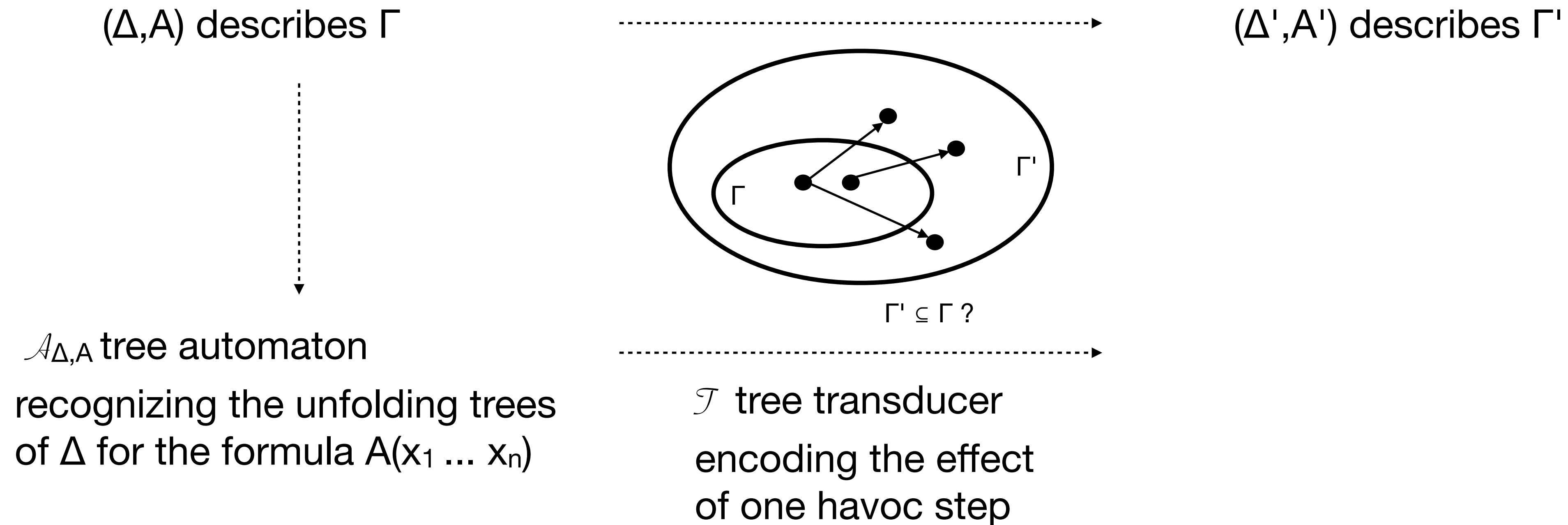
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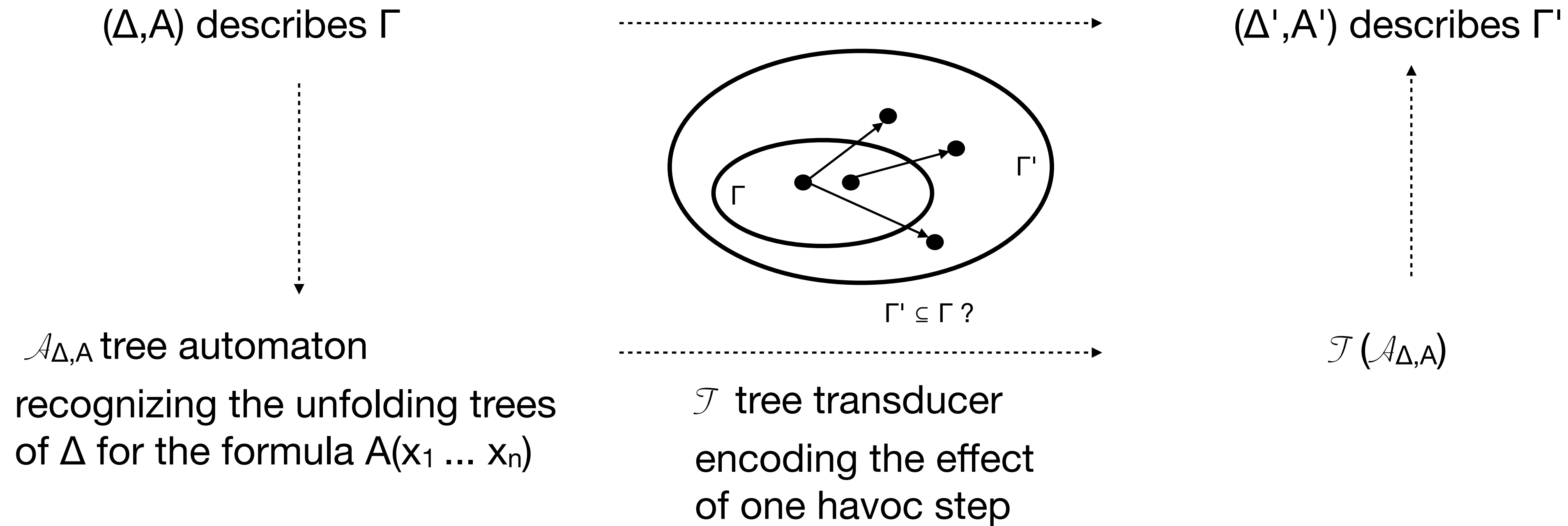
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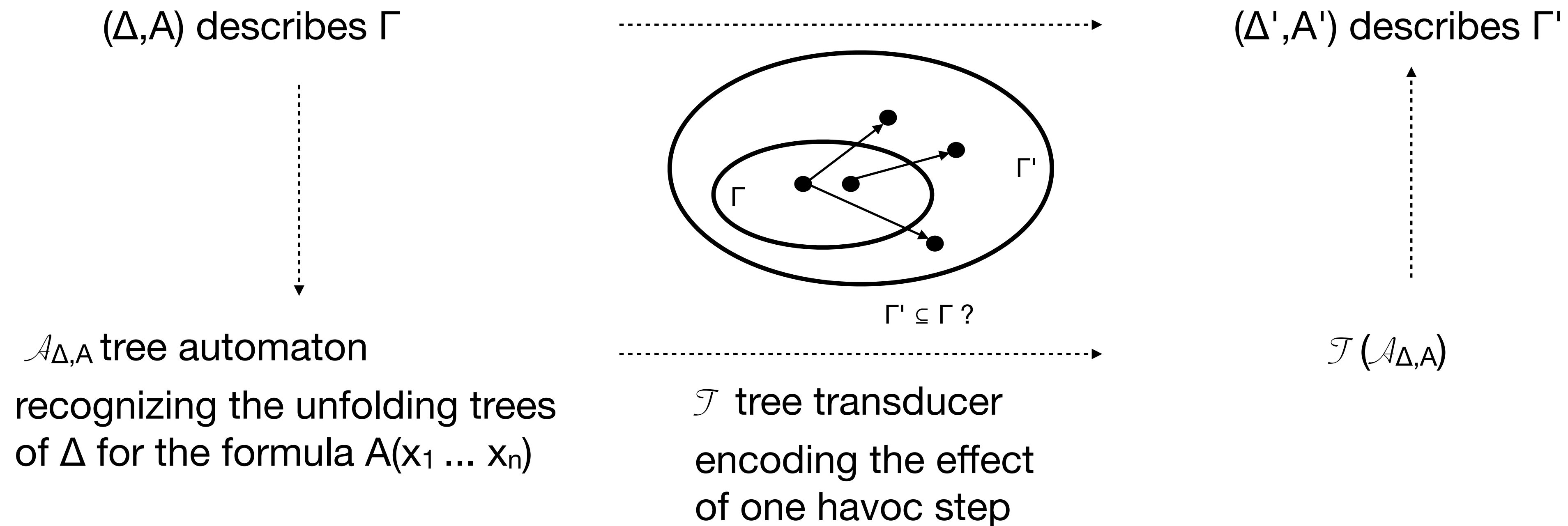
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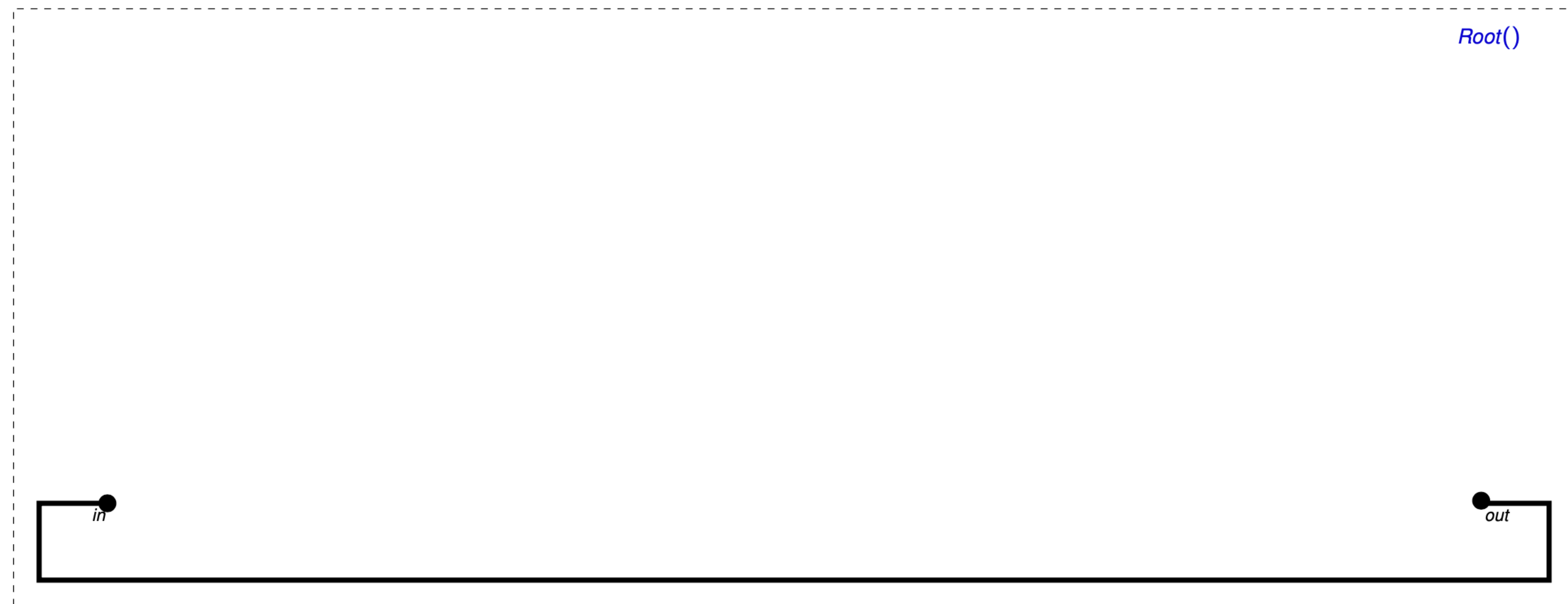


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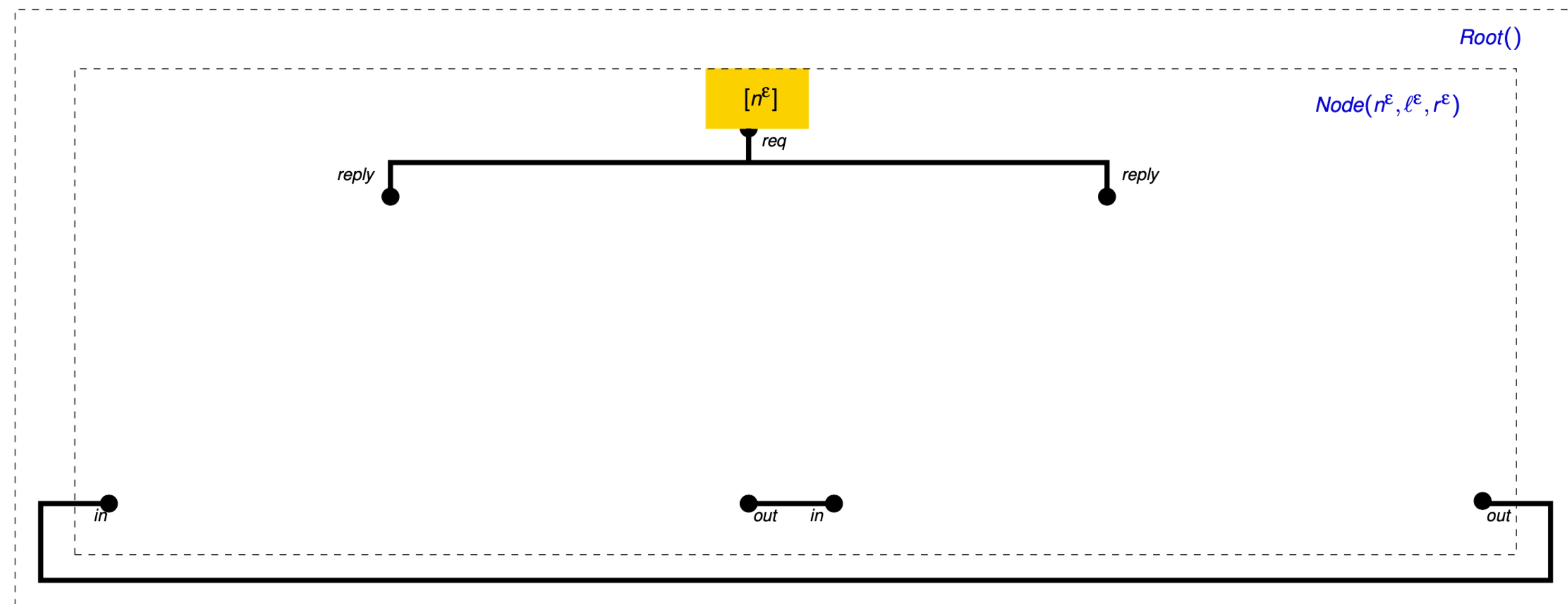
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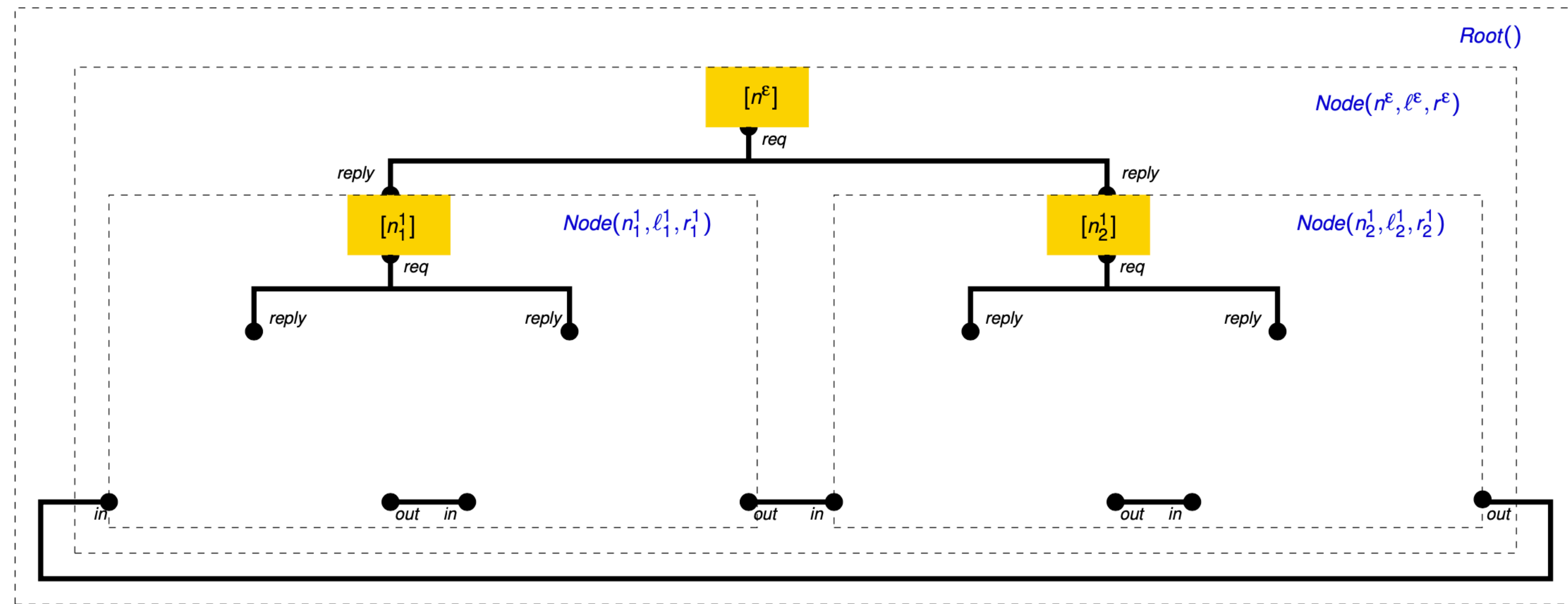
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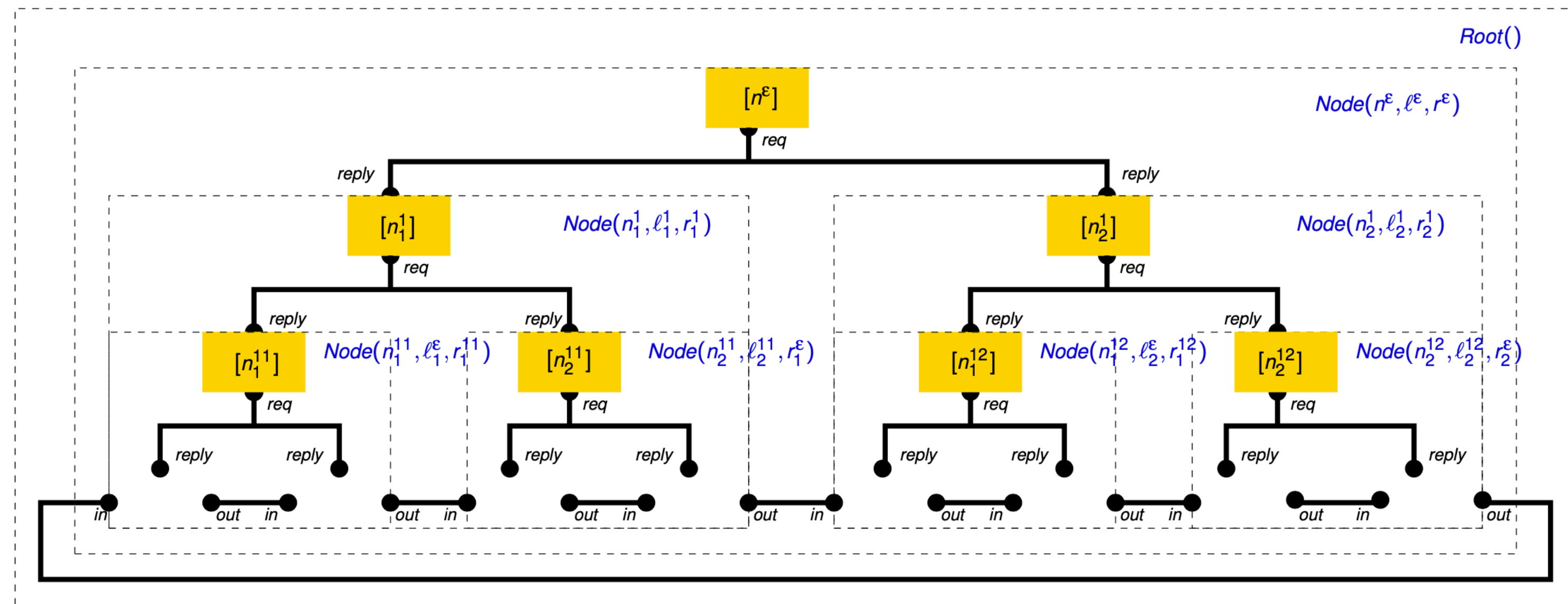
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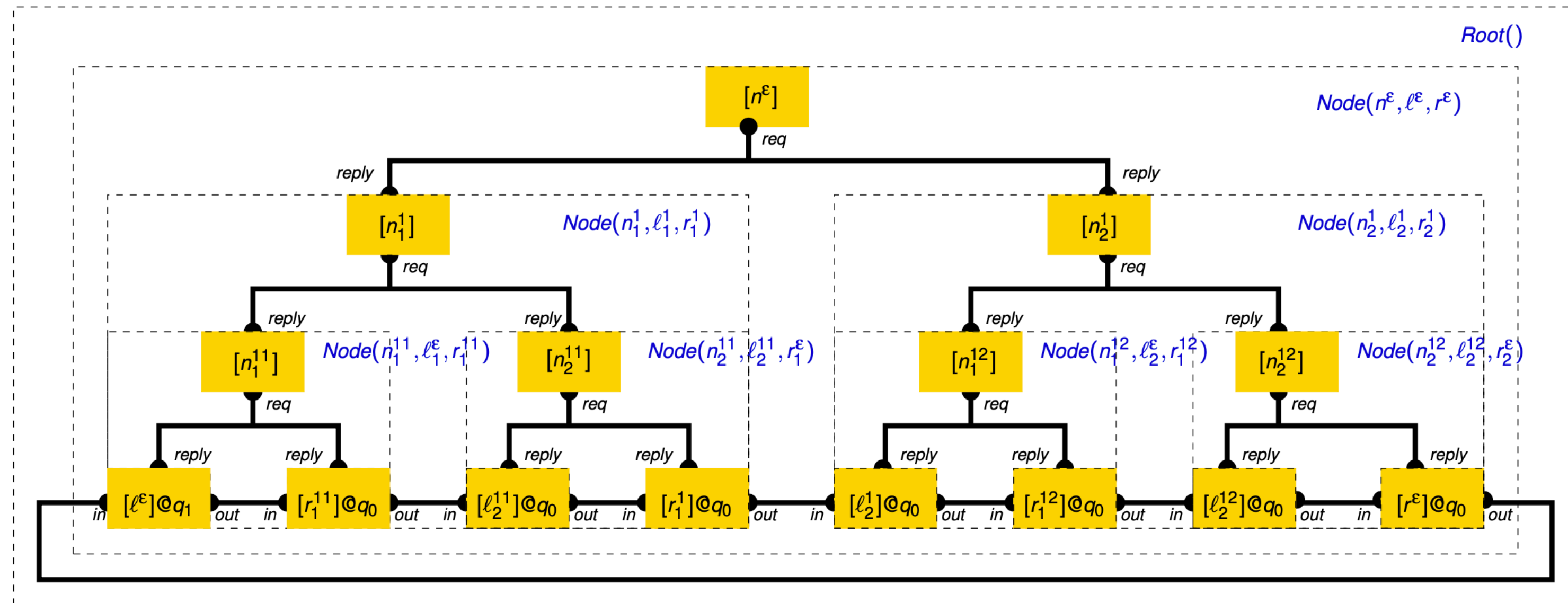
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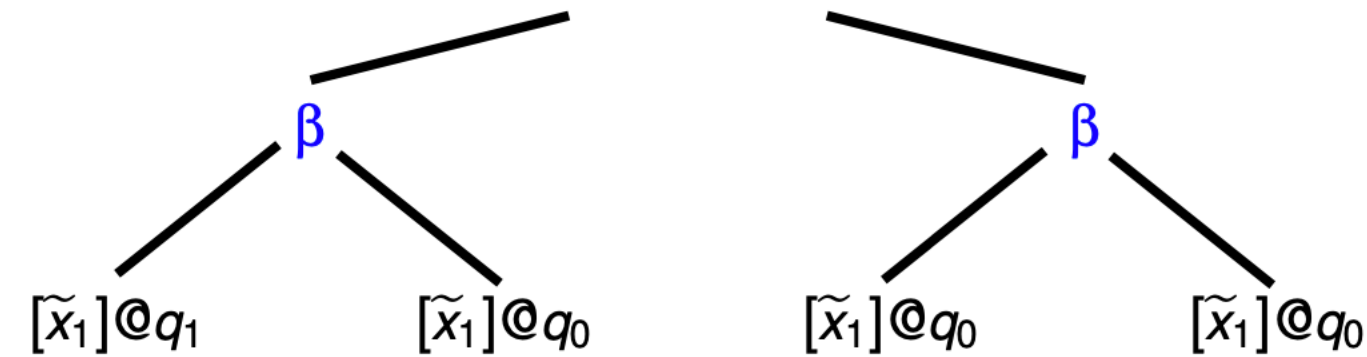
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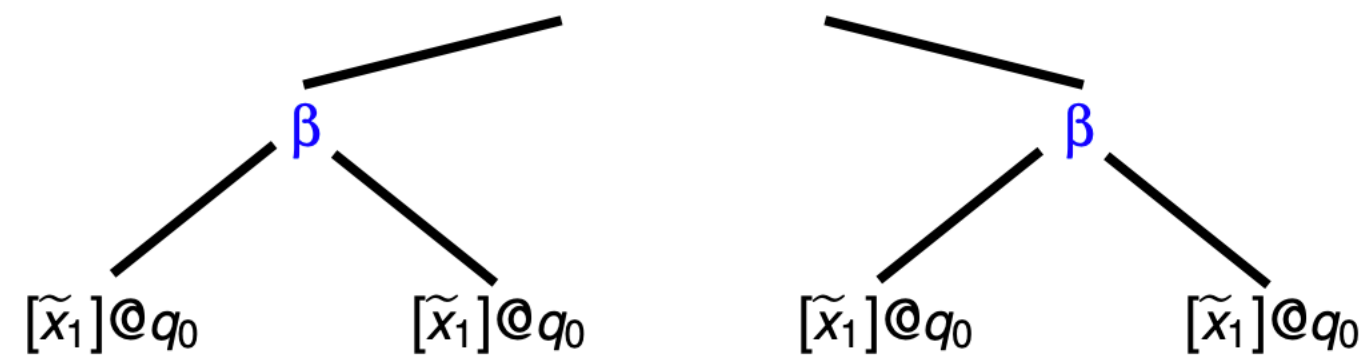
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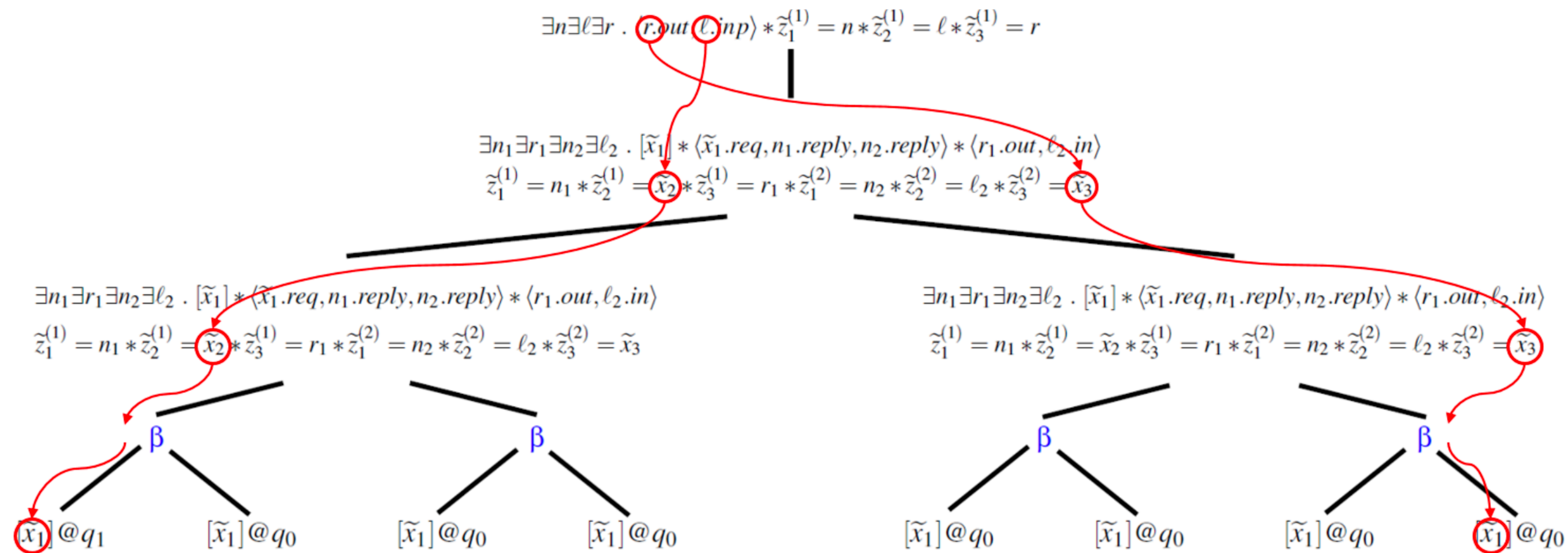


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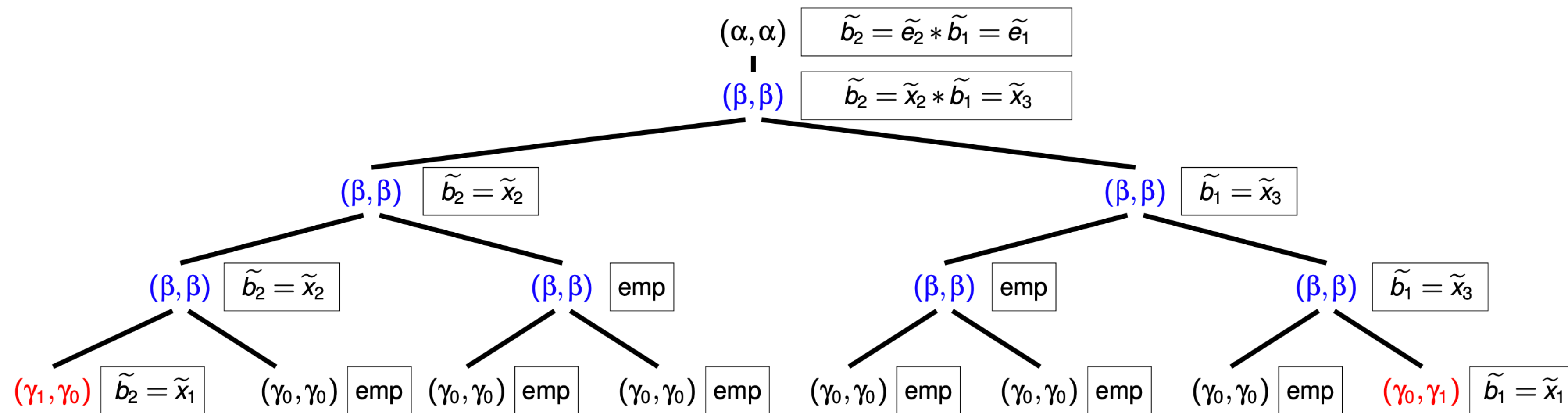
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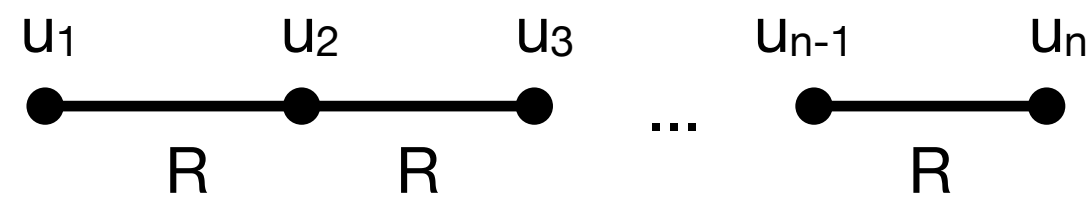
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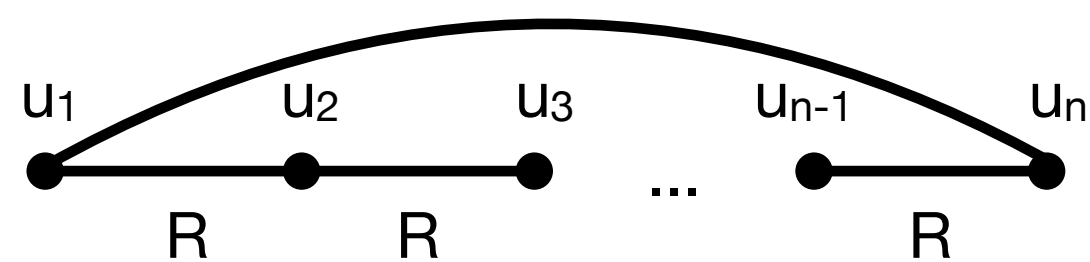
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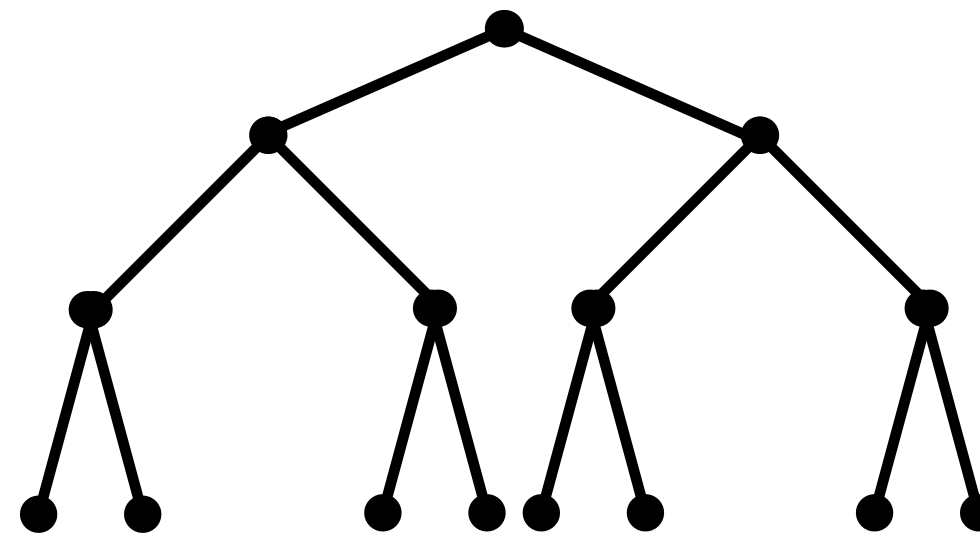
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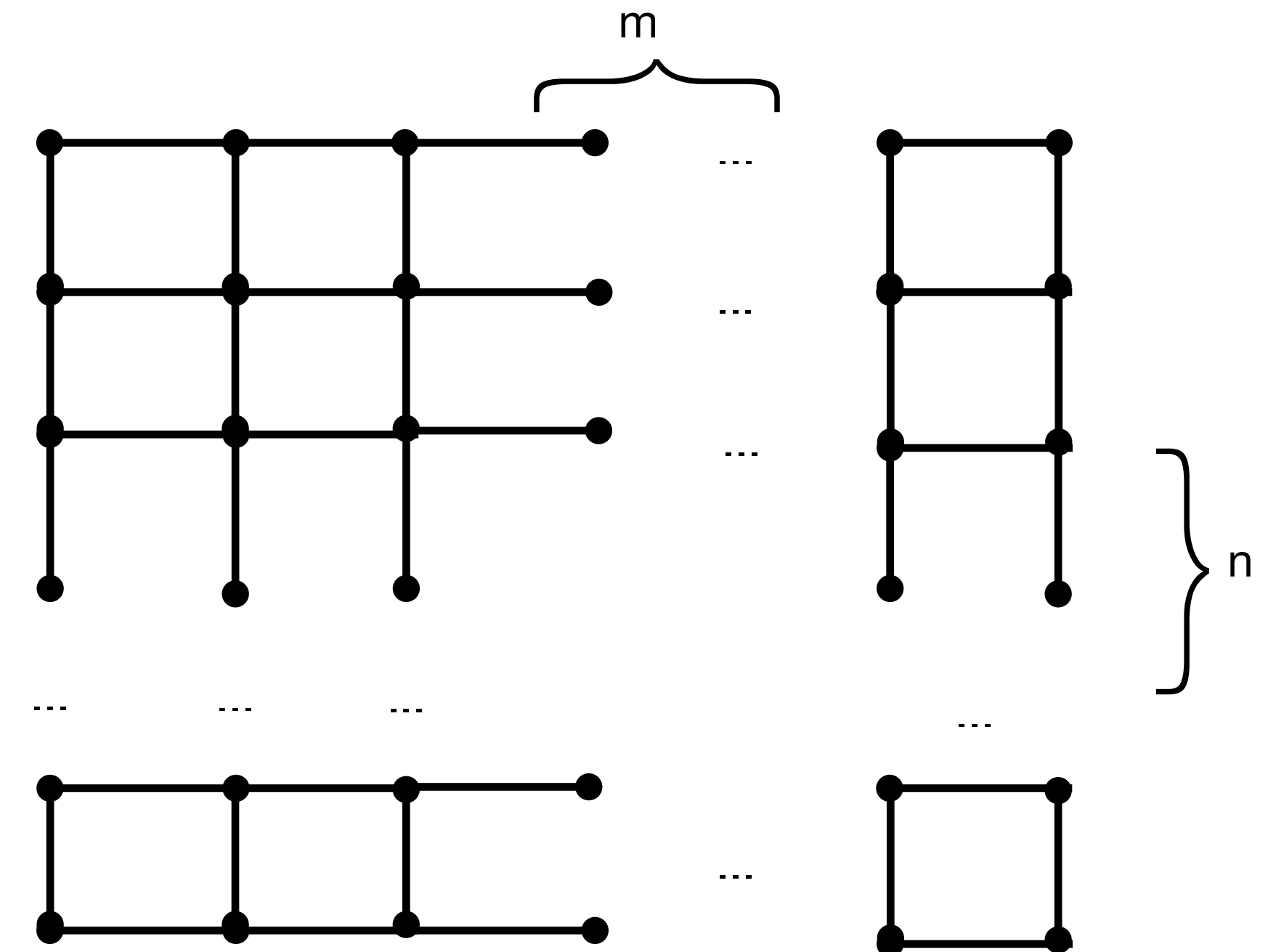
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quantification over individual elements of U

$\exists X. \phi(X)$

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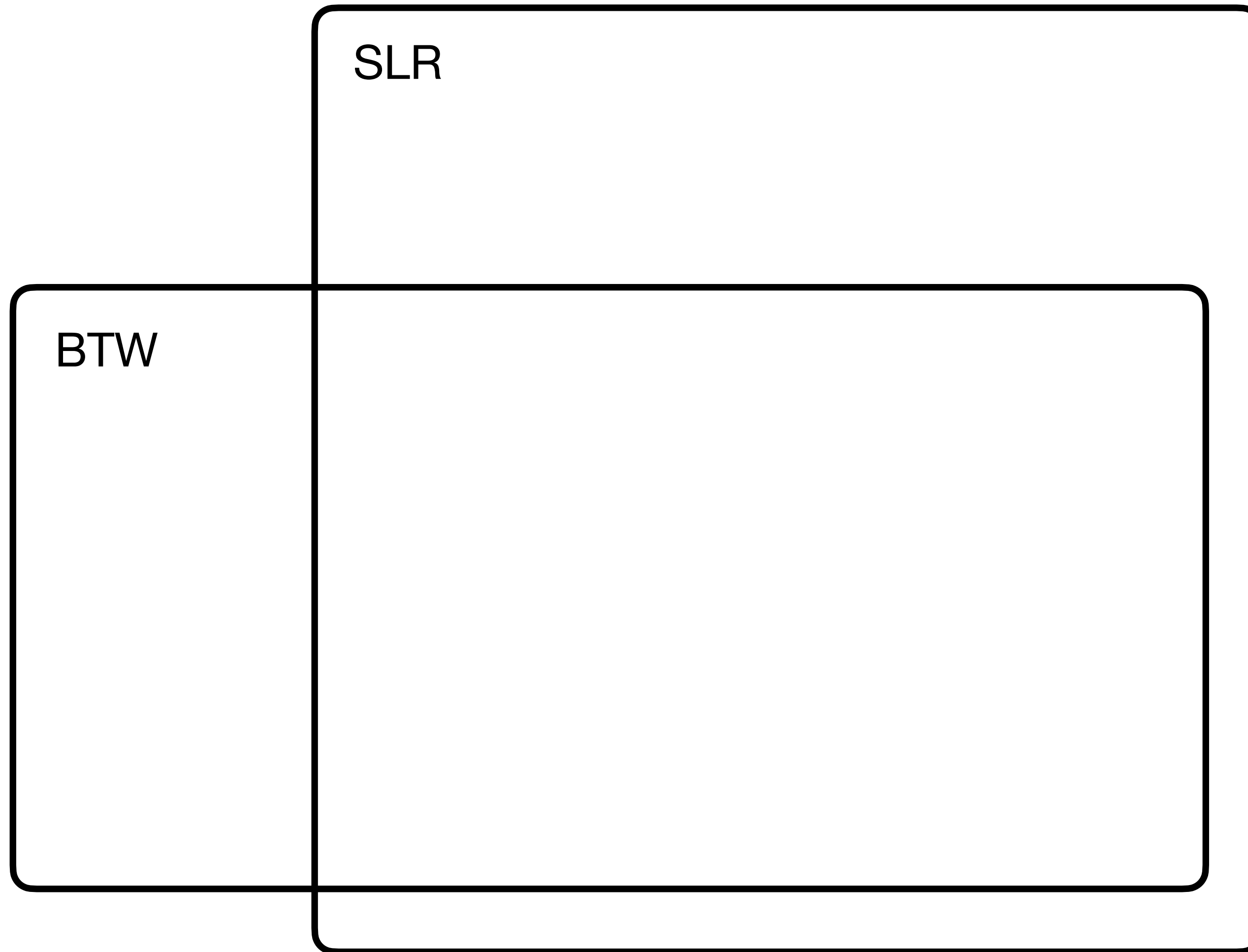
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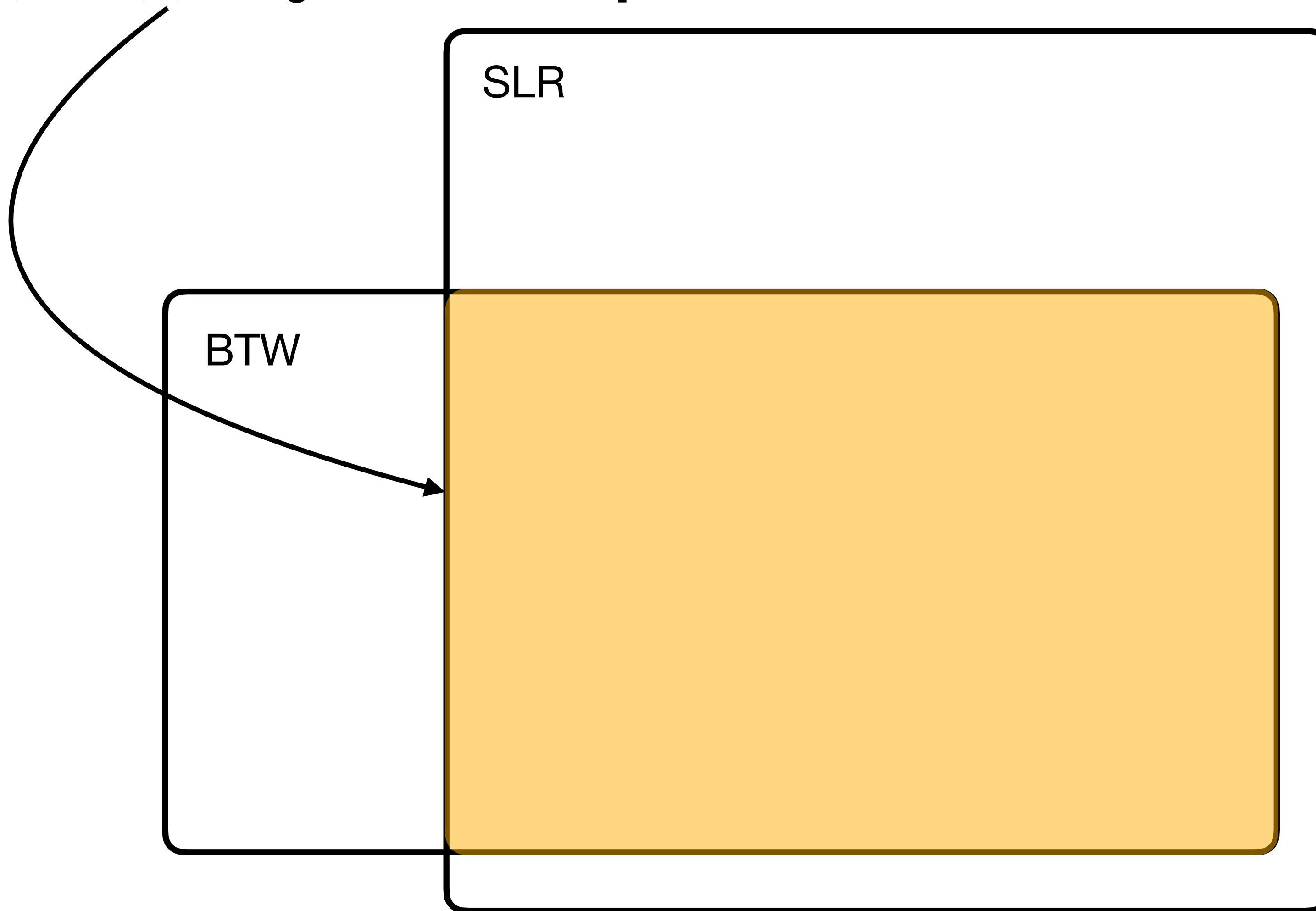
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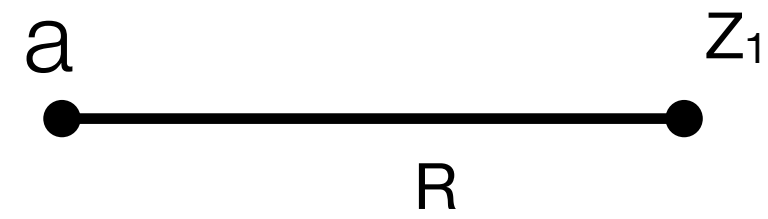
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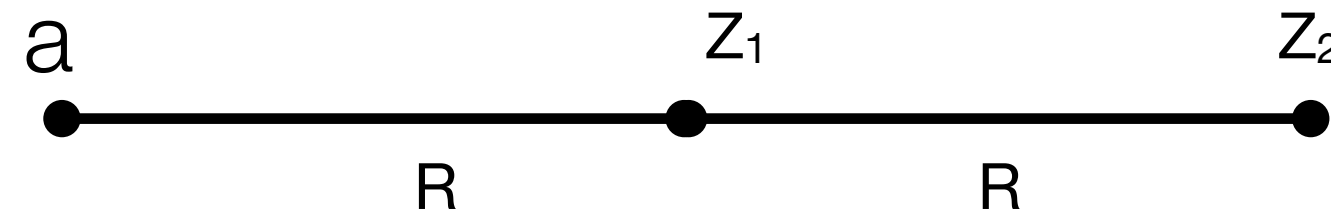


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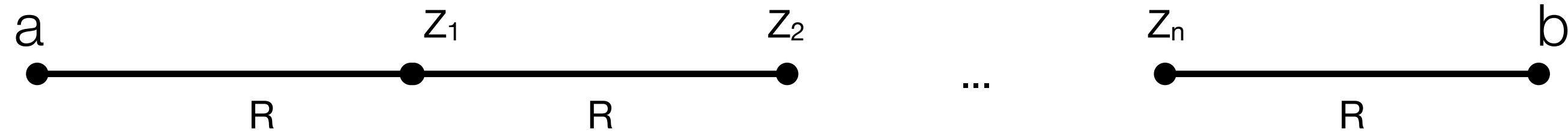


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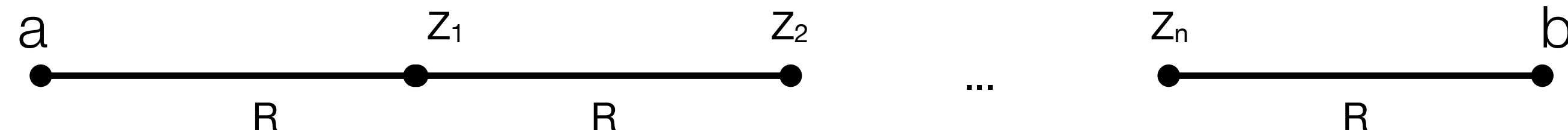


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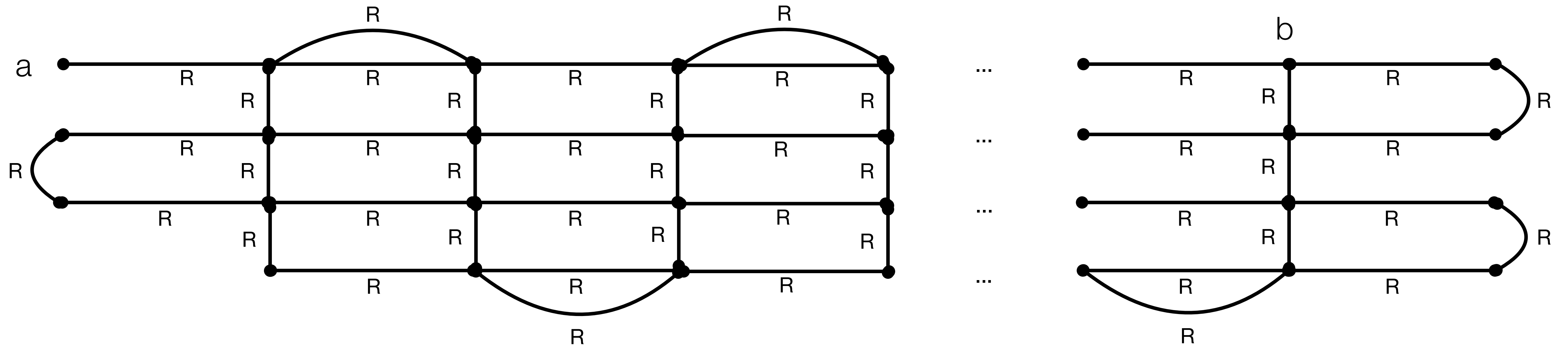
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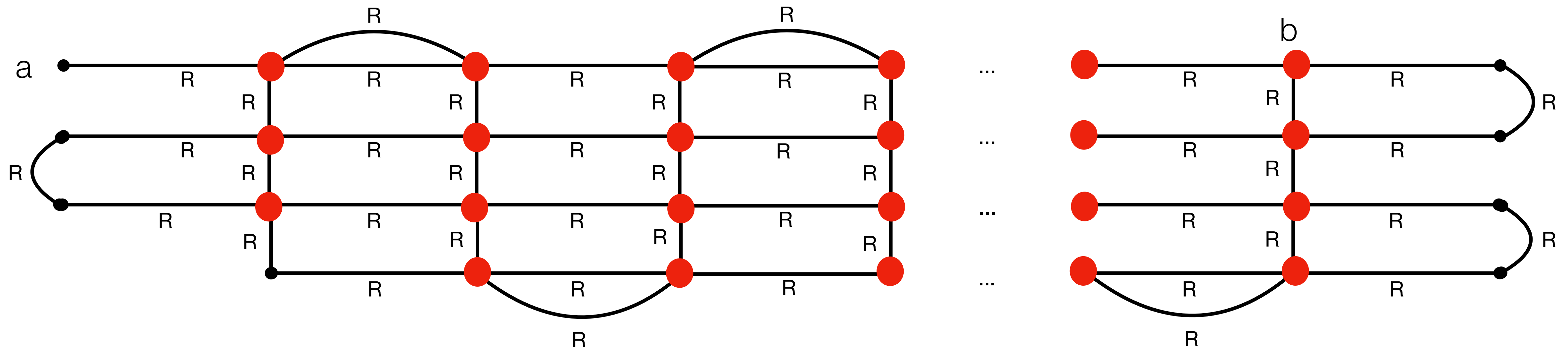


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Each model is obtained from a canonical model by **internal fusion**

- produces unbounded tree-width sets of models

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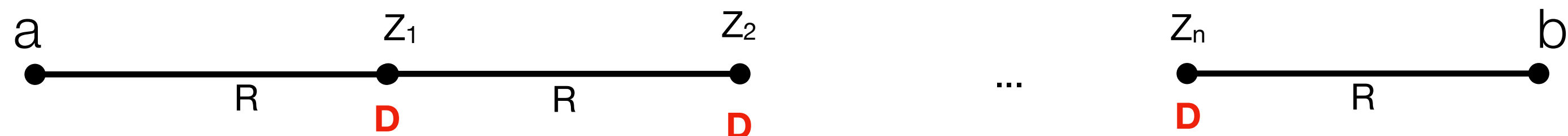
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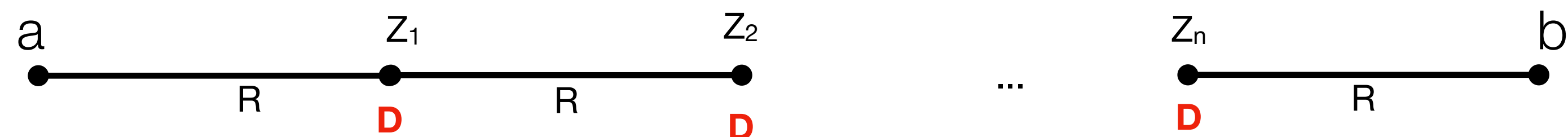
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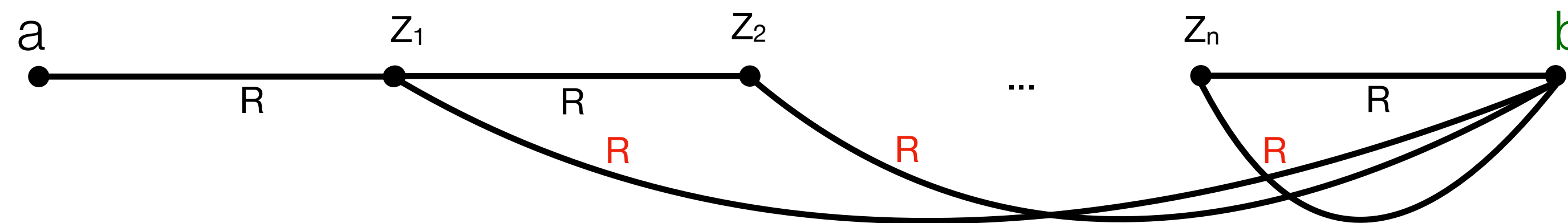
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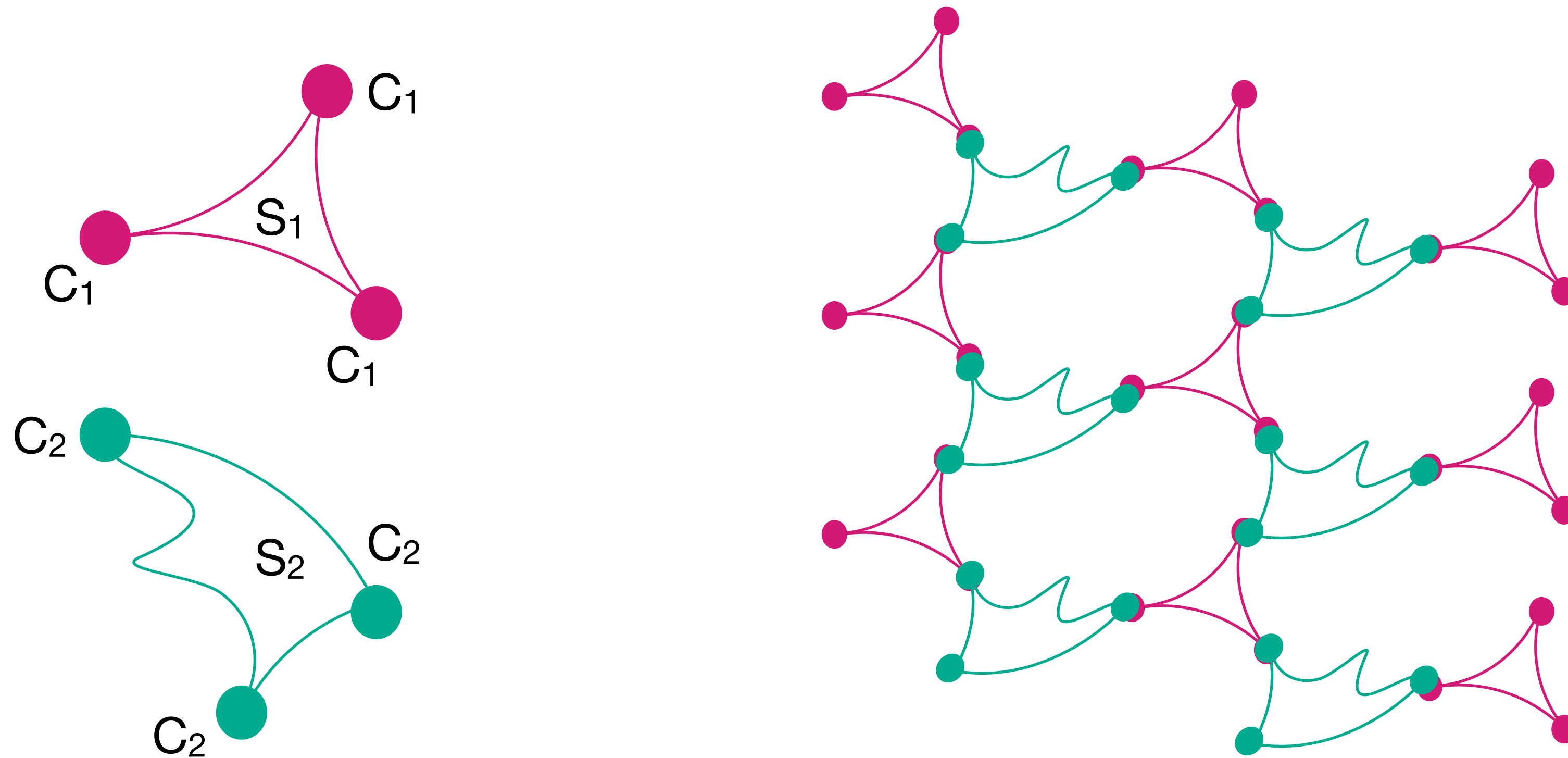
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- persistent variables can be detected by a greatest fixpoint iteration over the set of inductive definitions

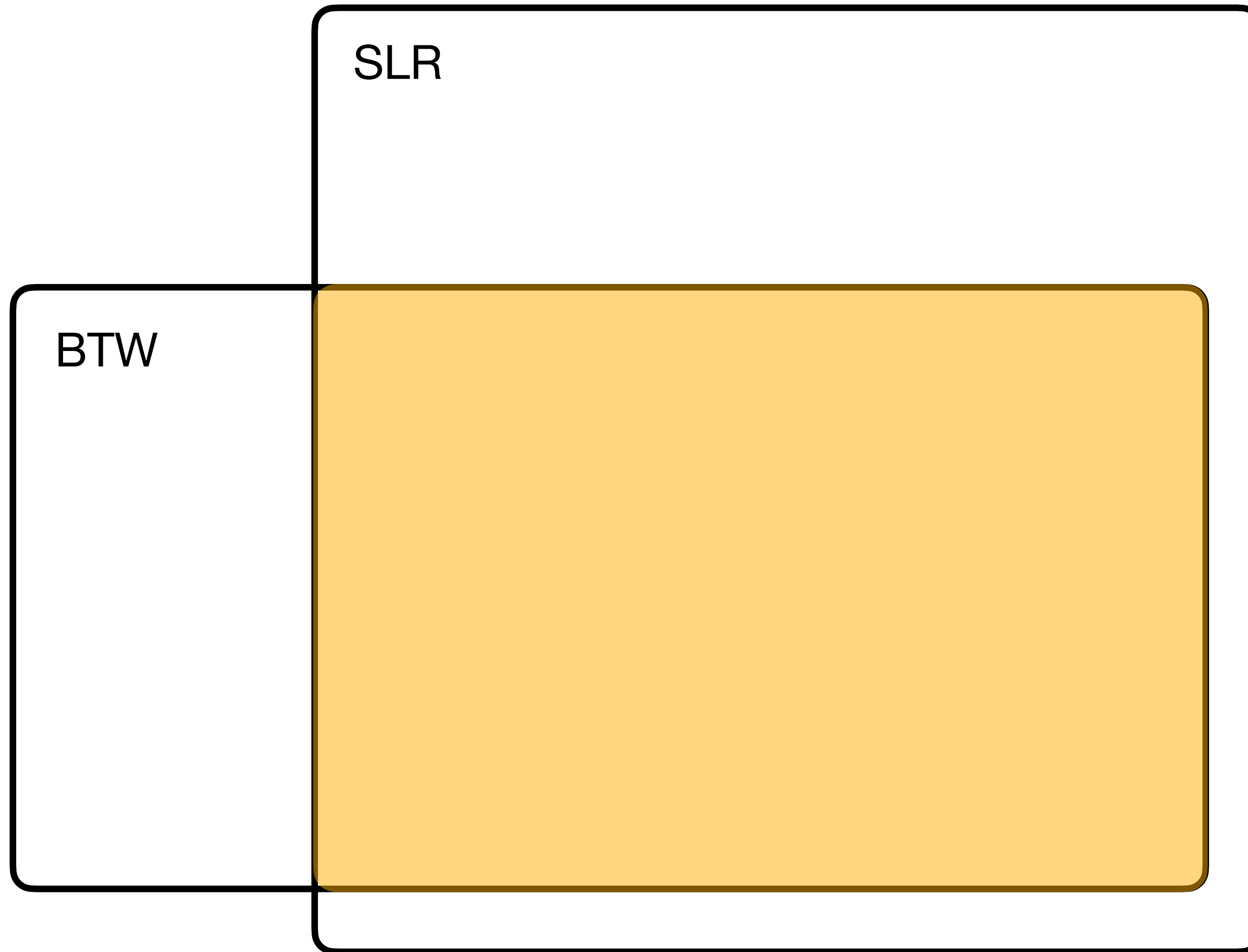
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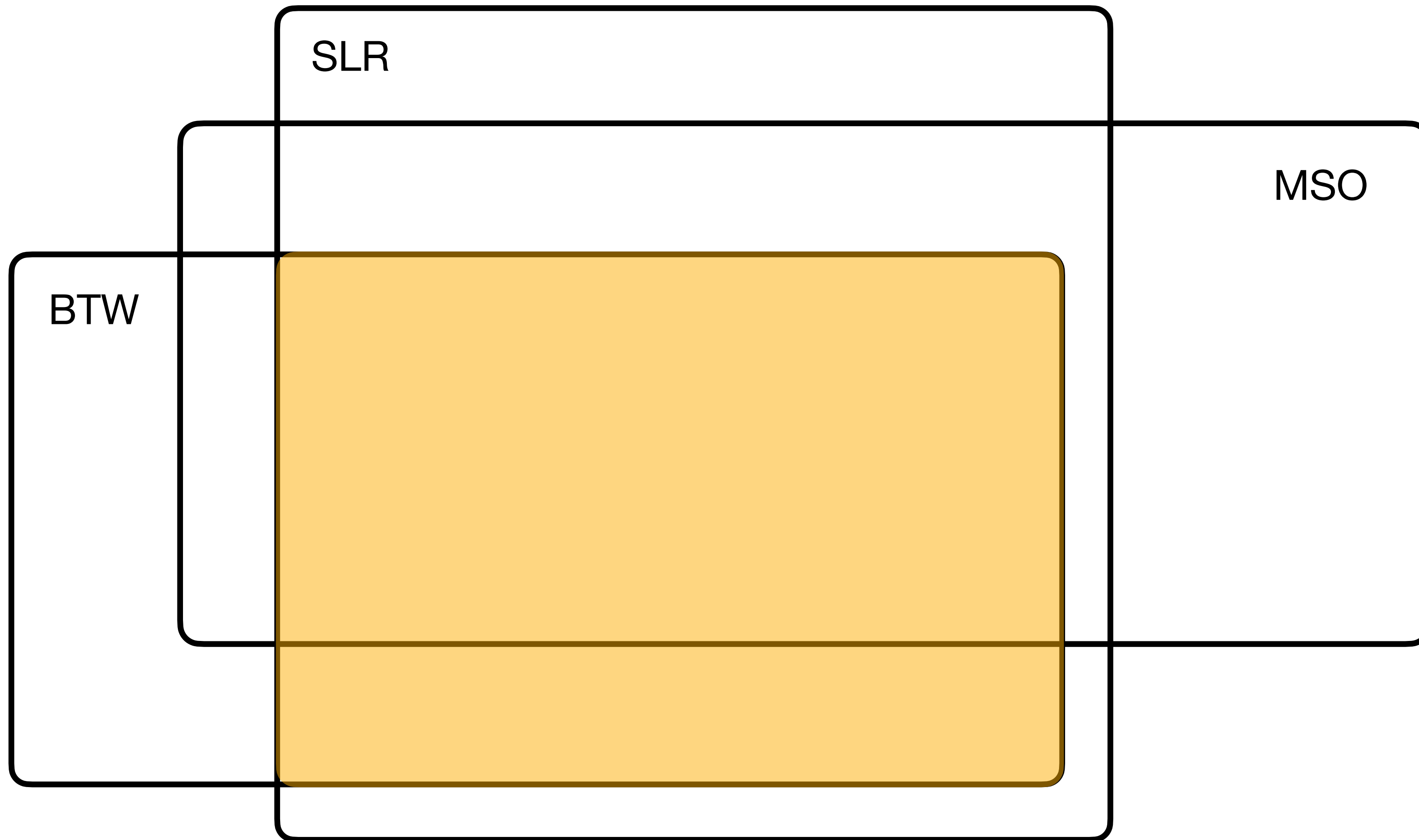
Given an SID Δ , the set of Δ -models of a given sentence ϕ is tree-width unbounded IFF there exist connected structures S_1 and S_2 satisfying the following conditions [Bozga, Bueri, I, Zuleger ARXIV 2023a]:

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 Δ -model of ϕ
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3. $C_1 \cap C_2 = \emptyset$

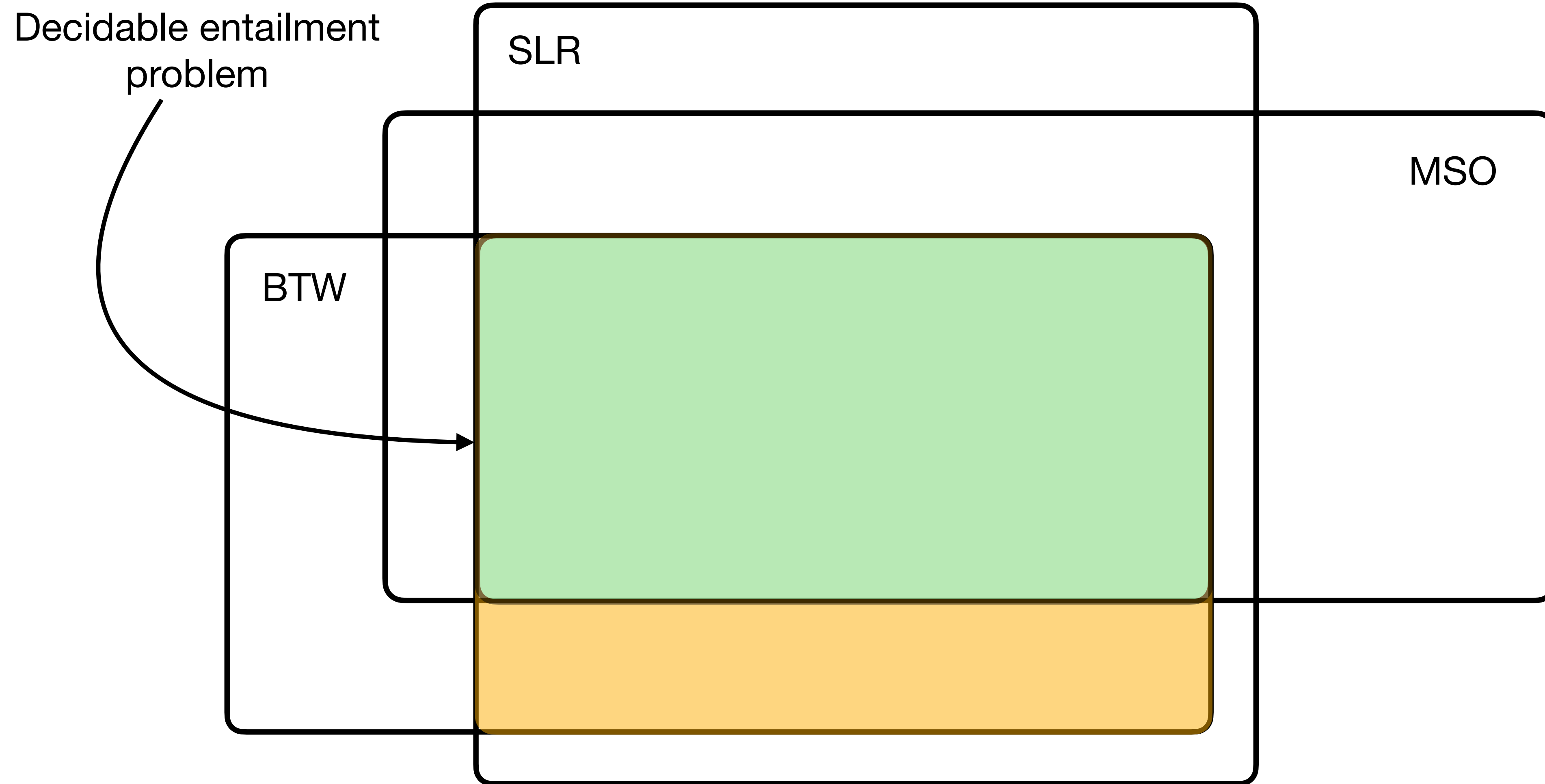
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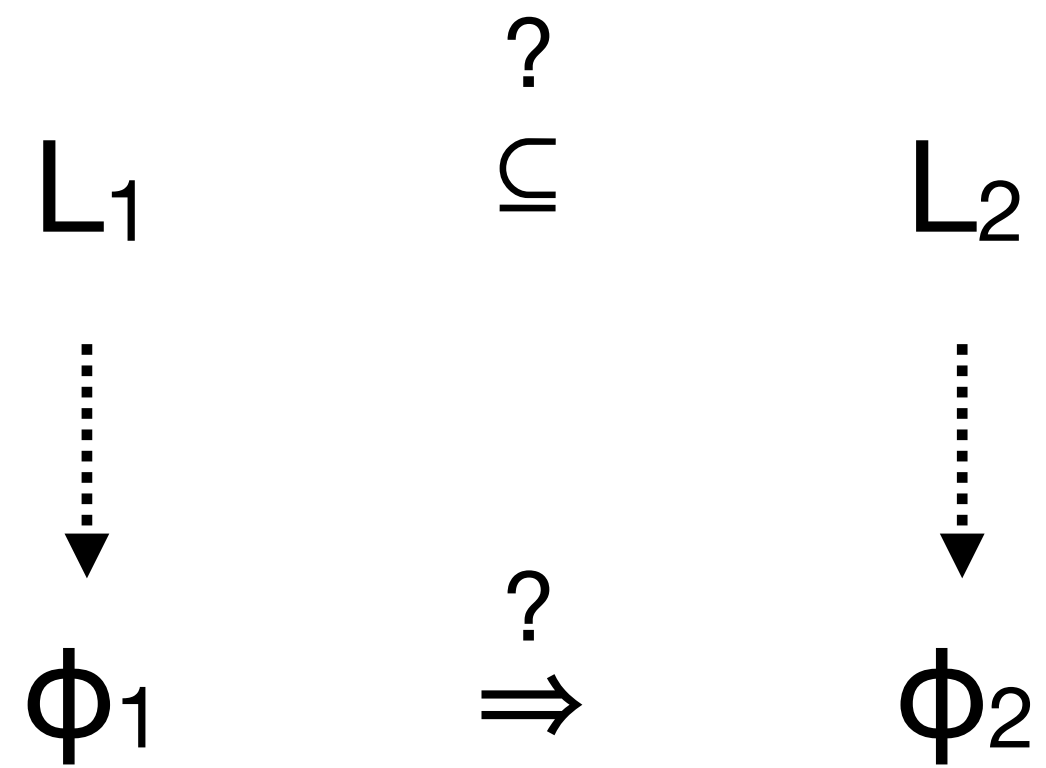
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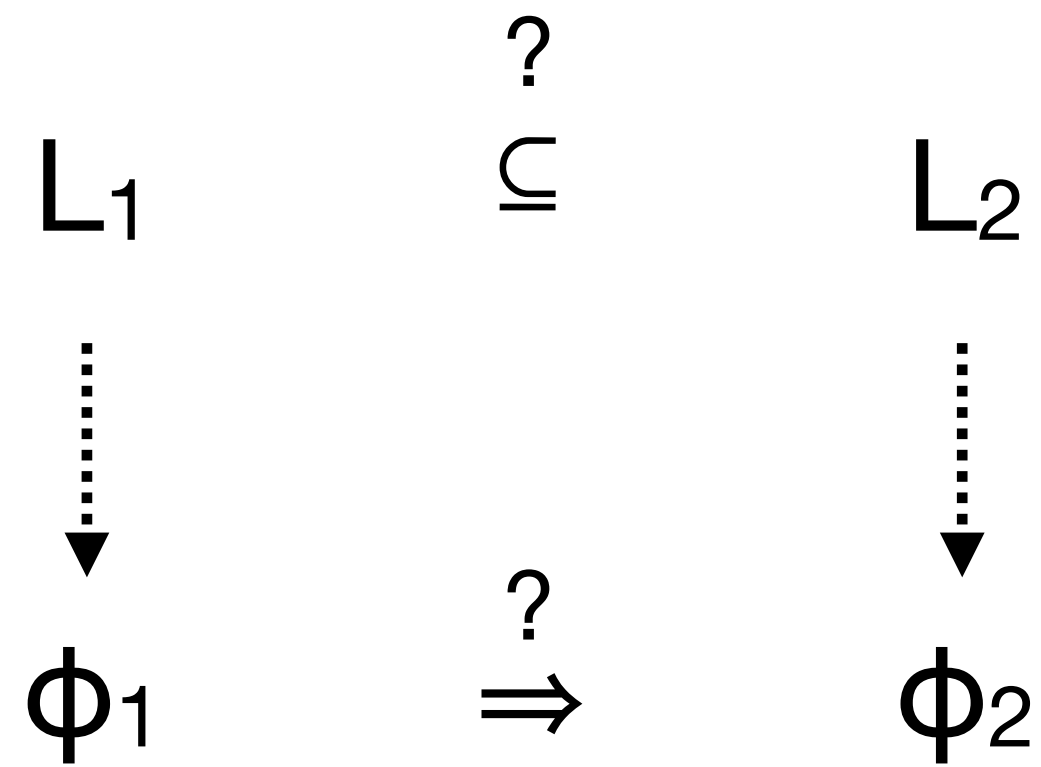
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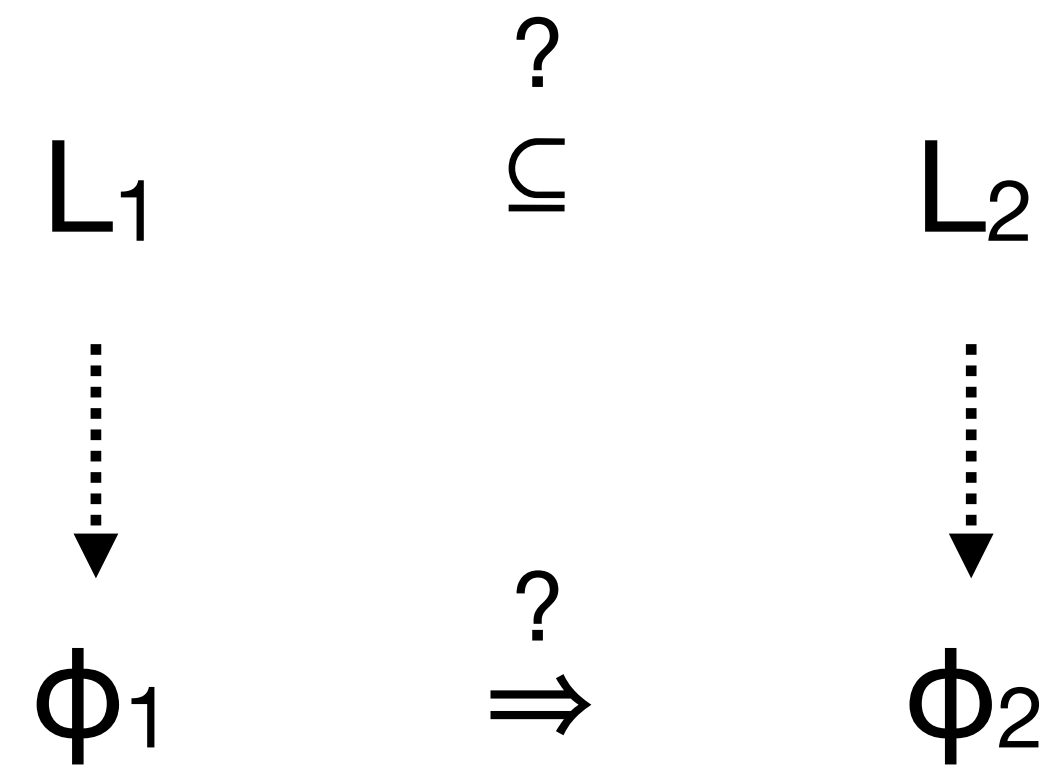


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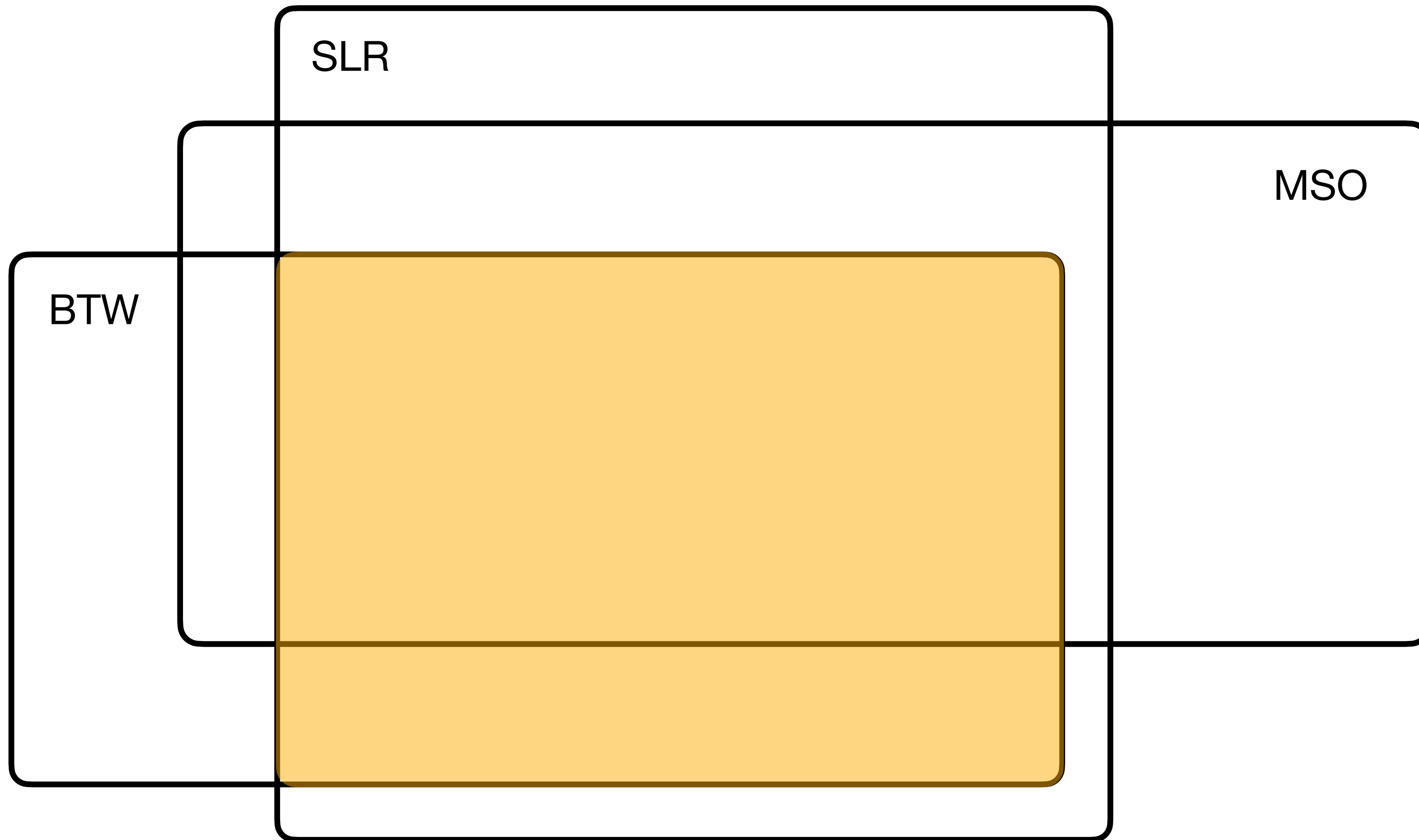
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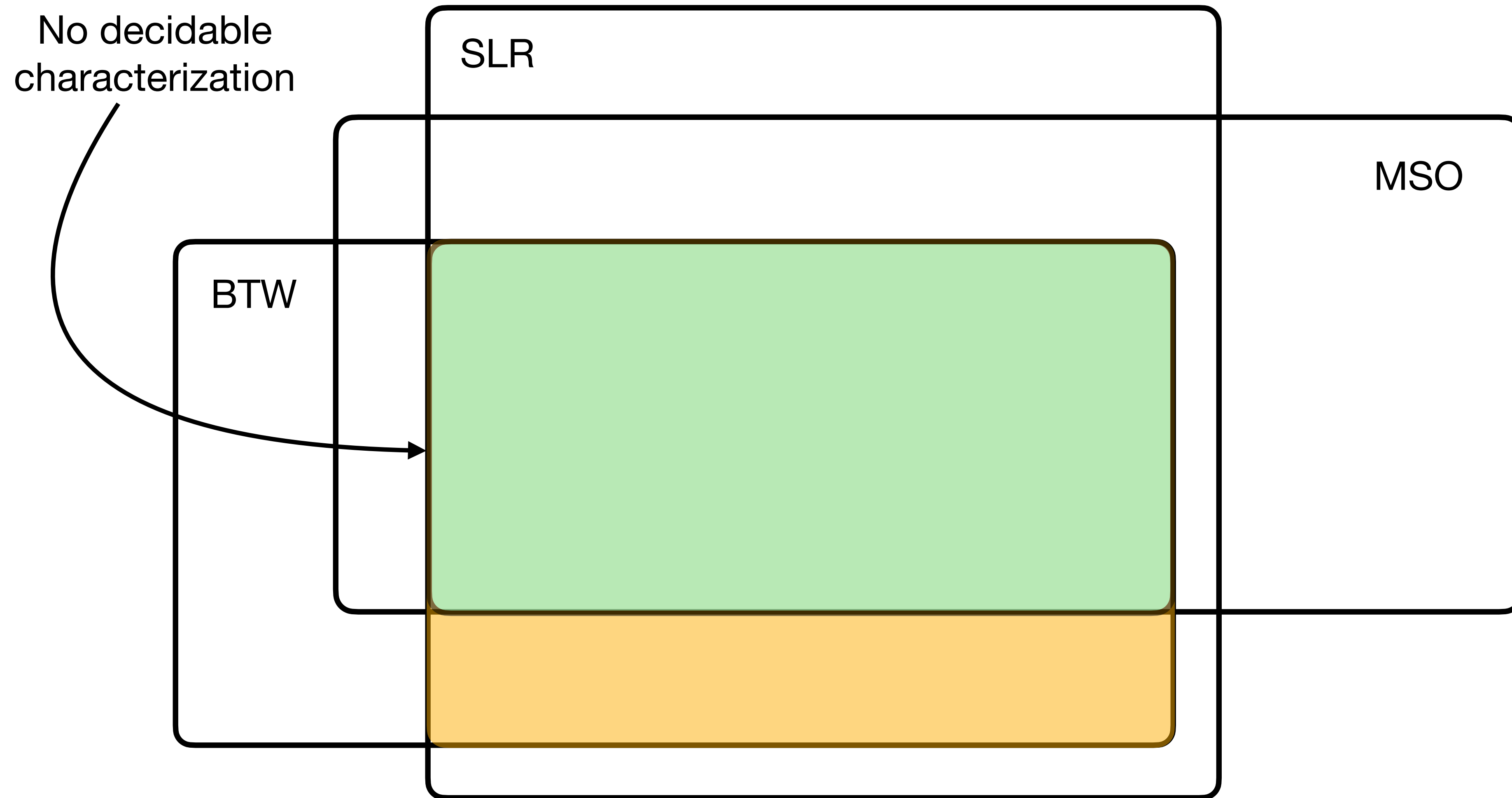
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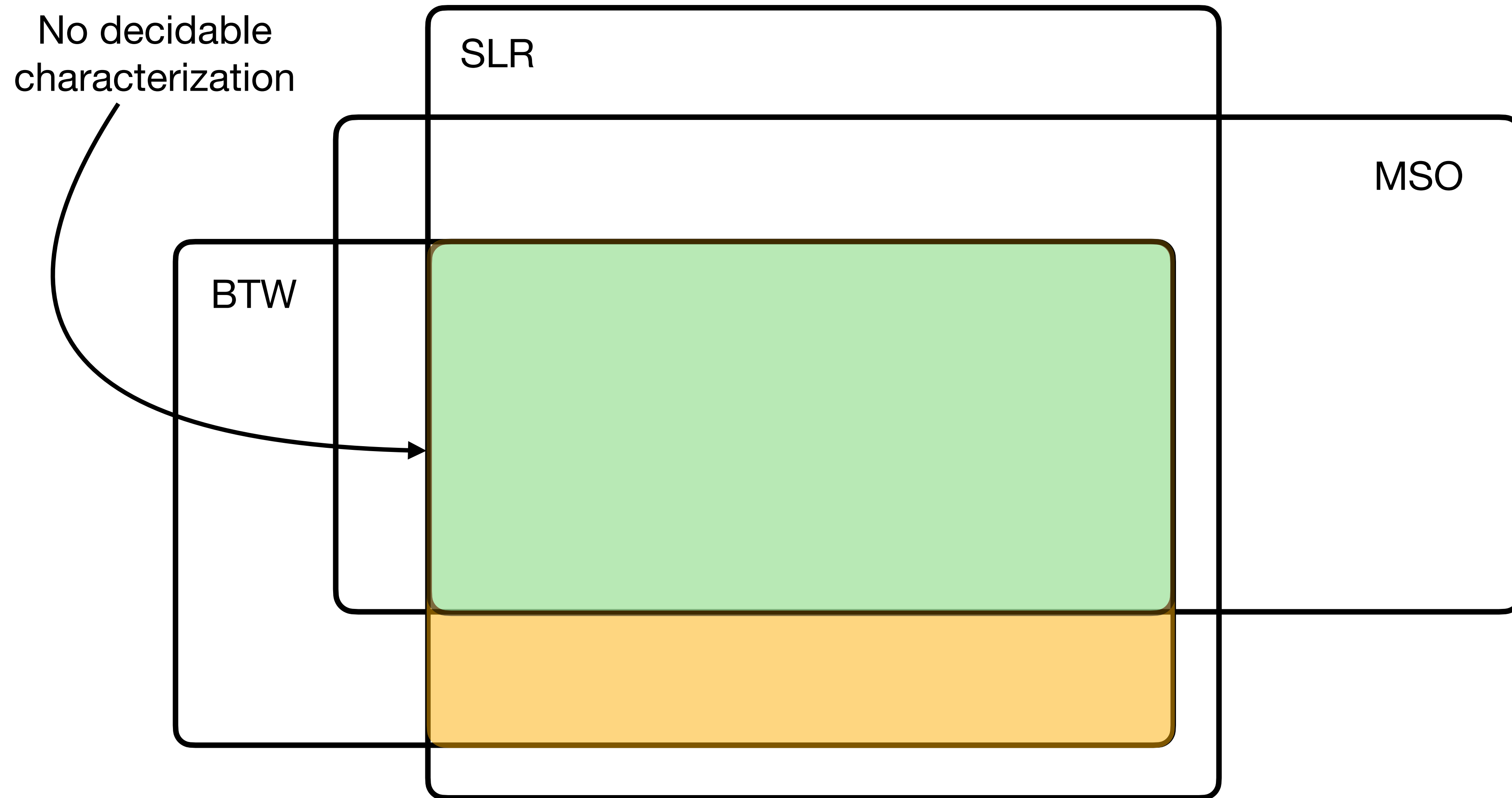


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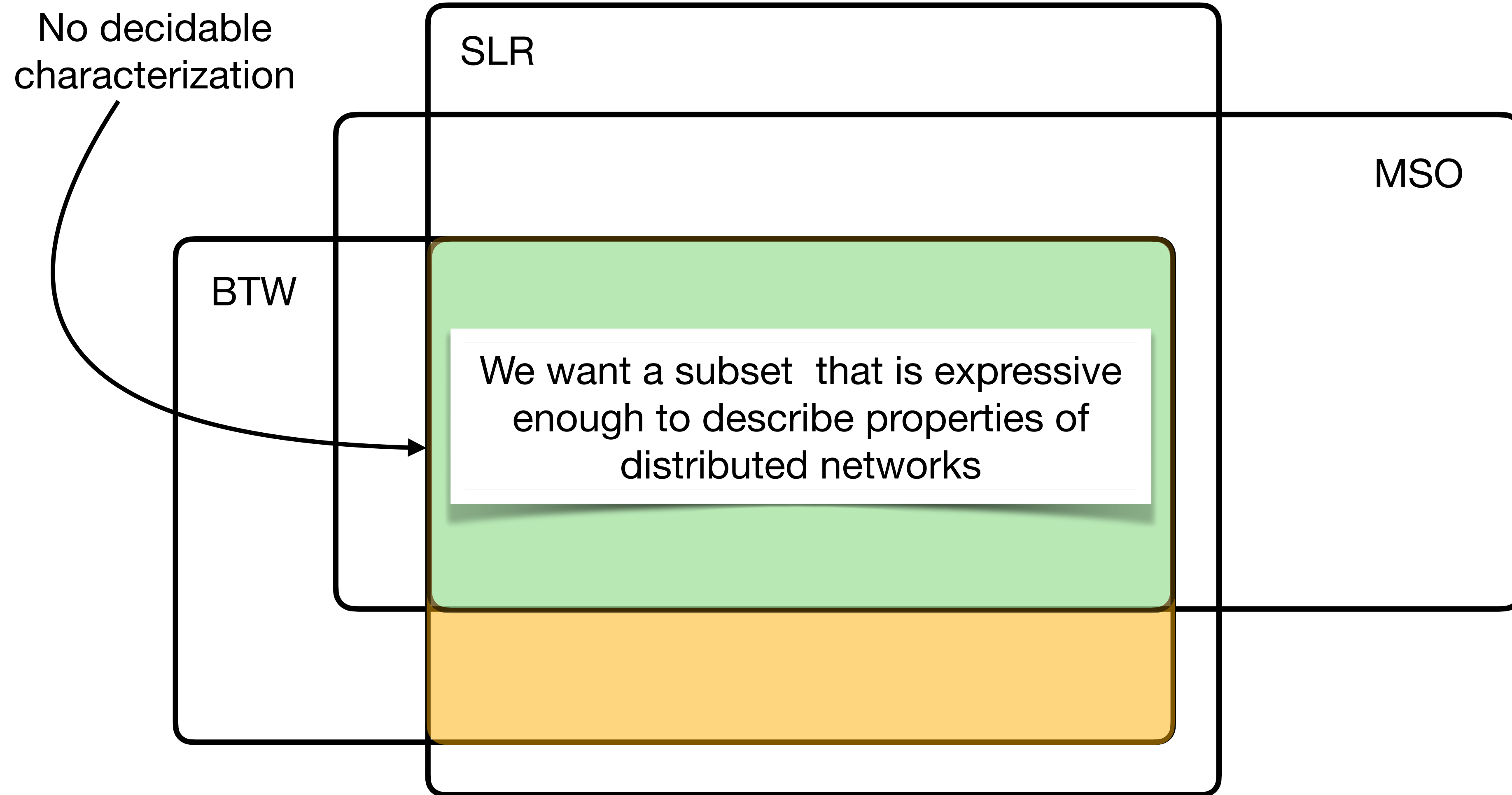
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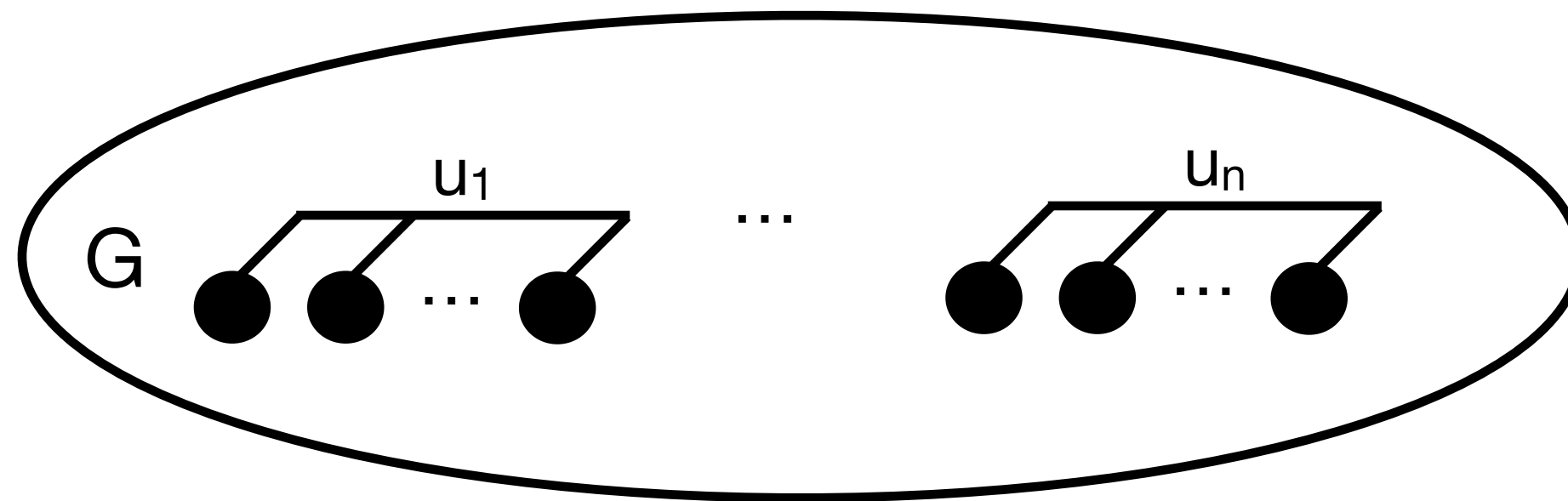
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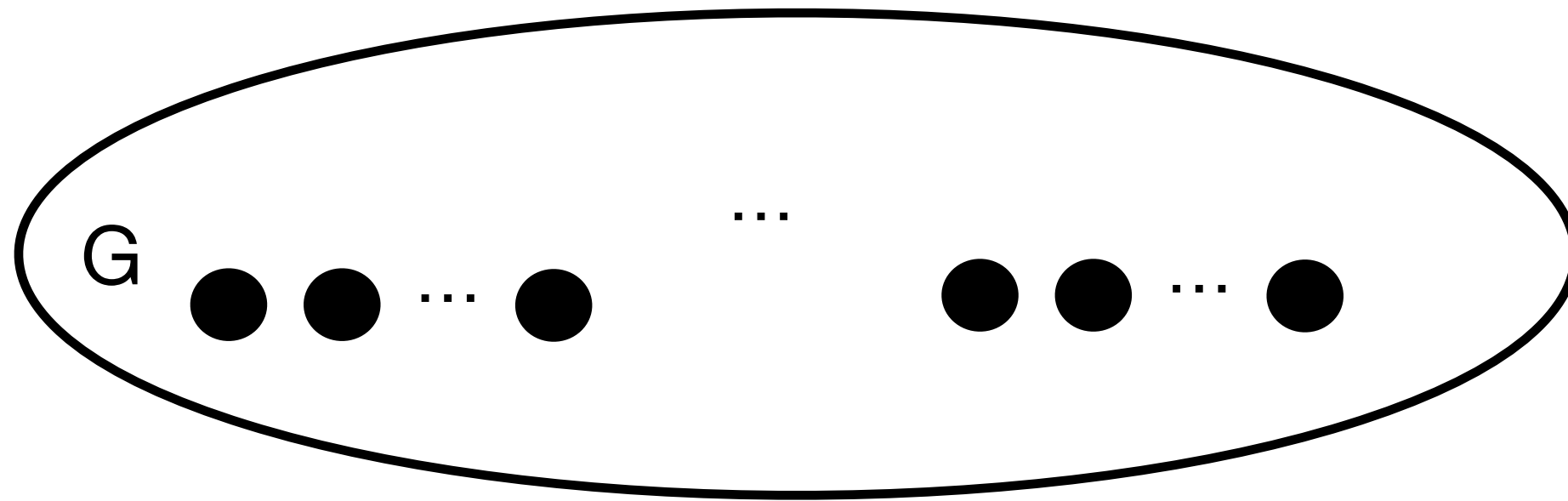
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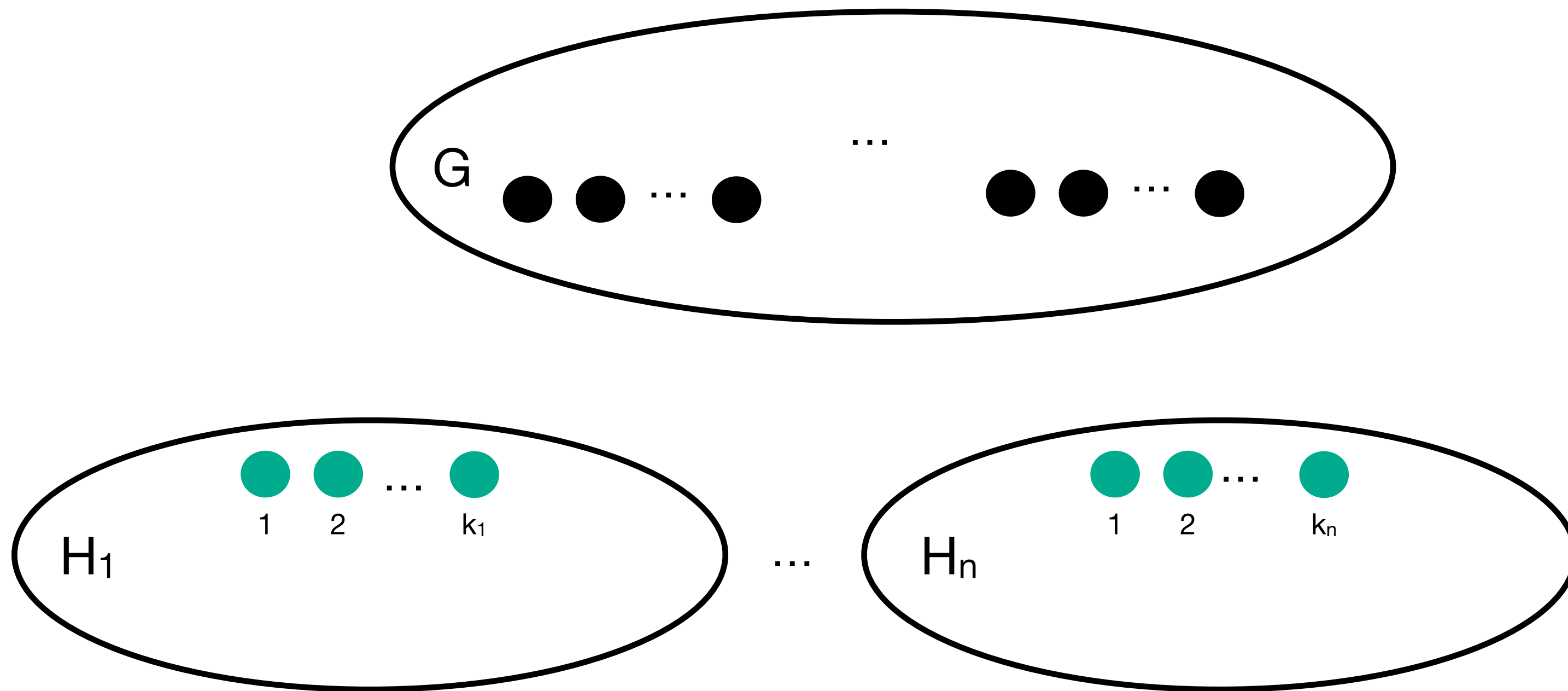
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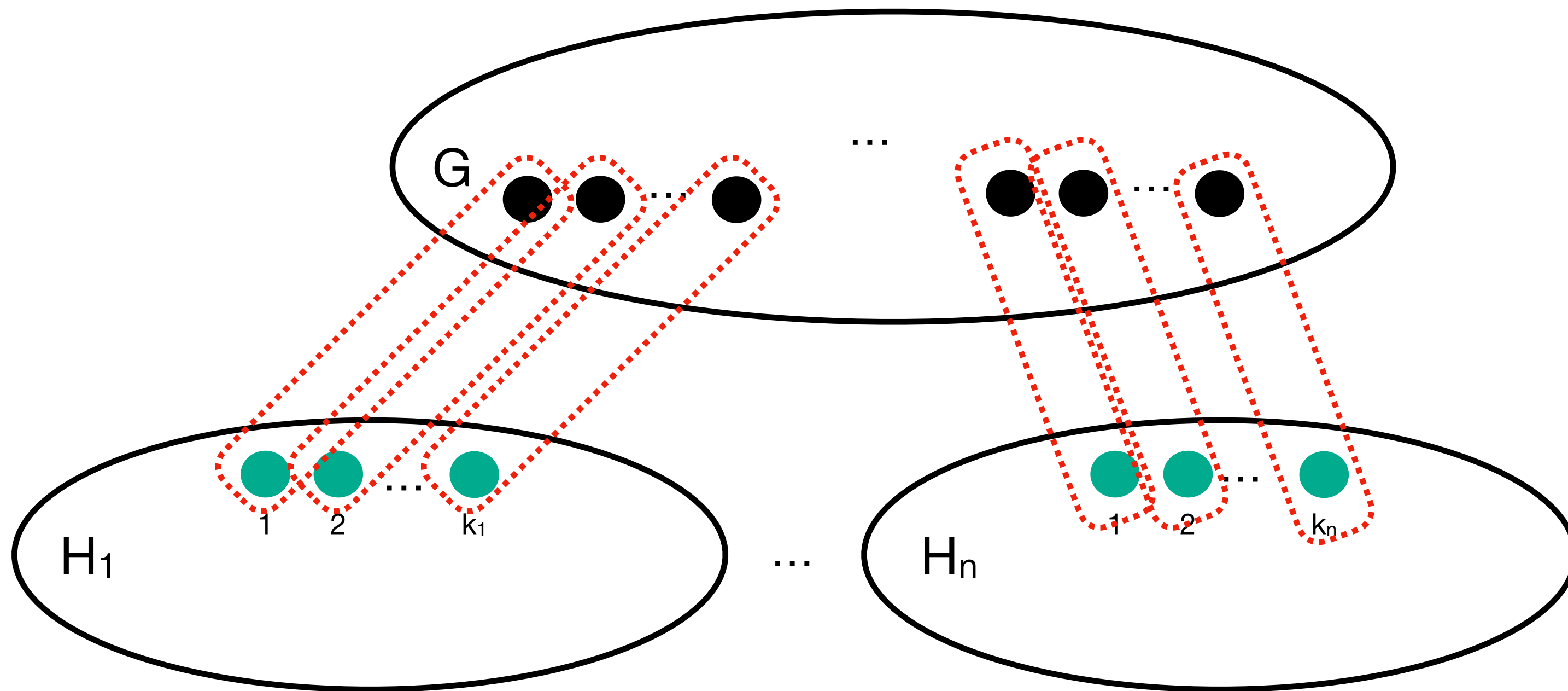
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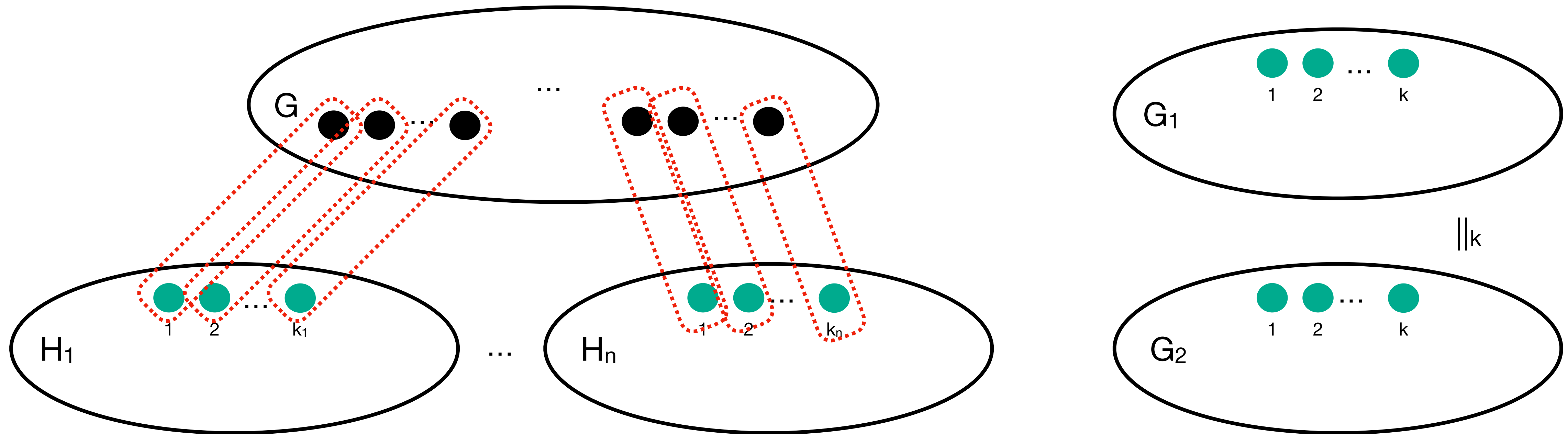
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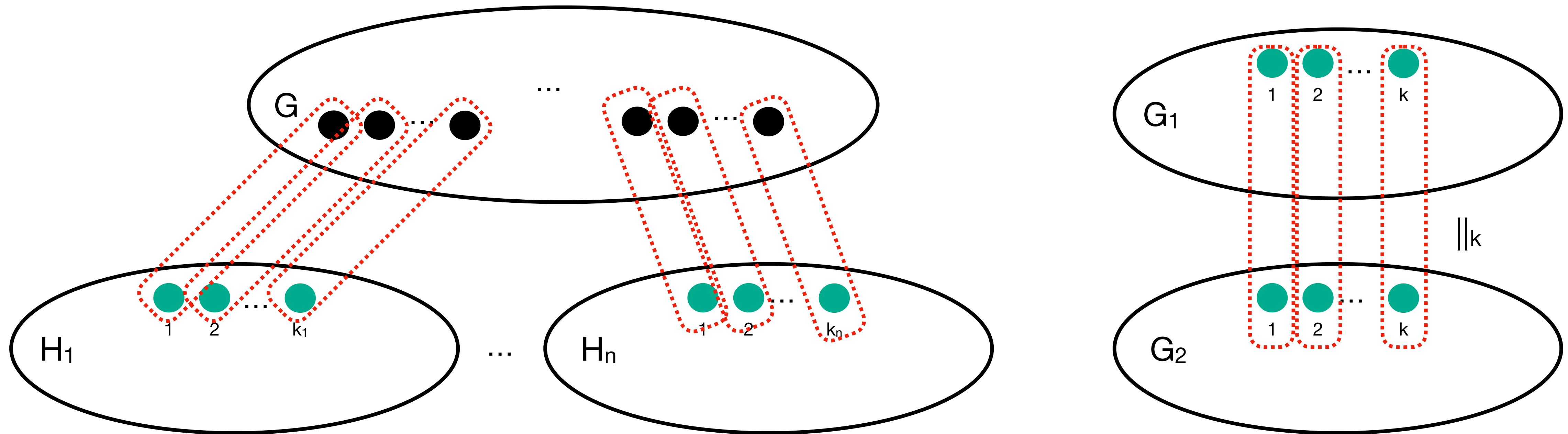
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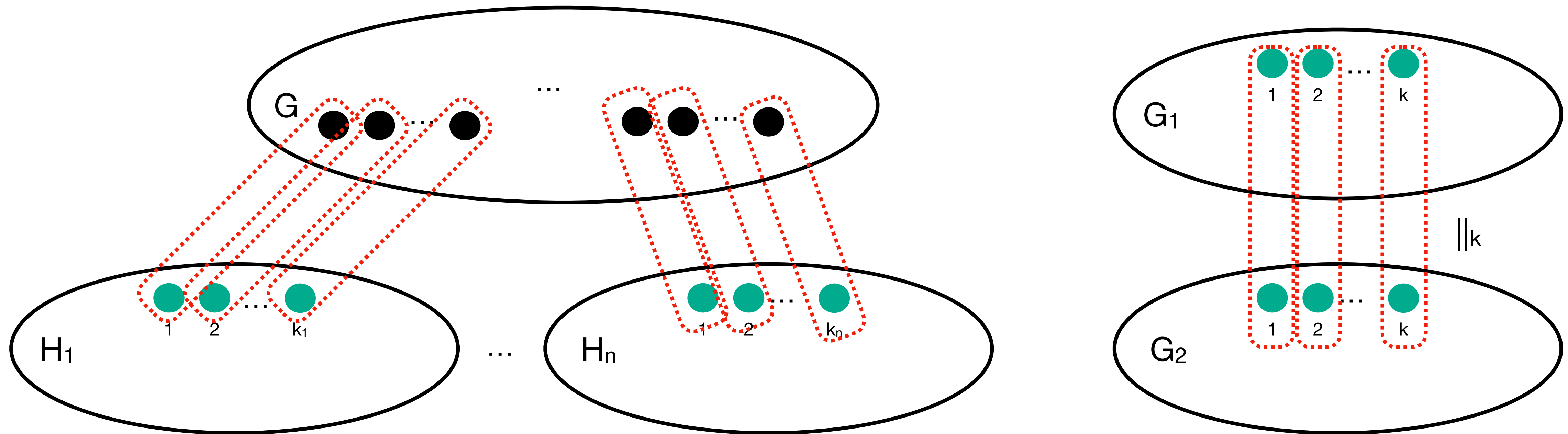
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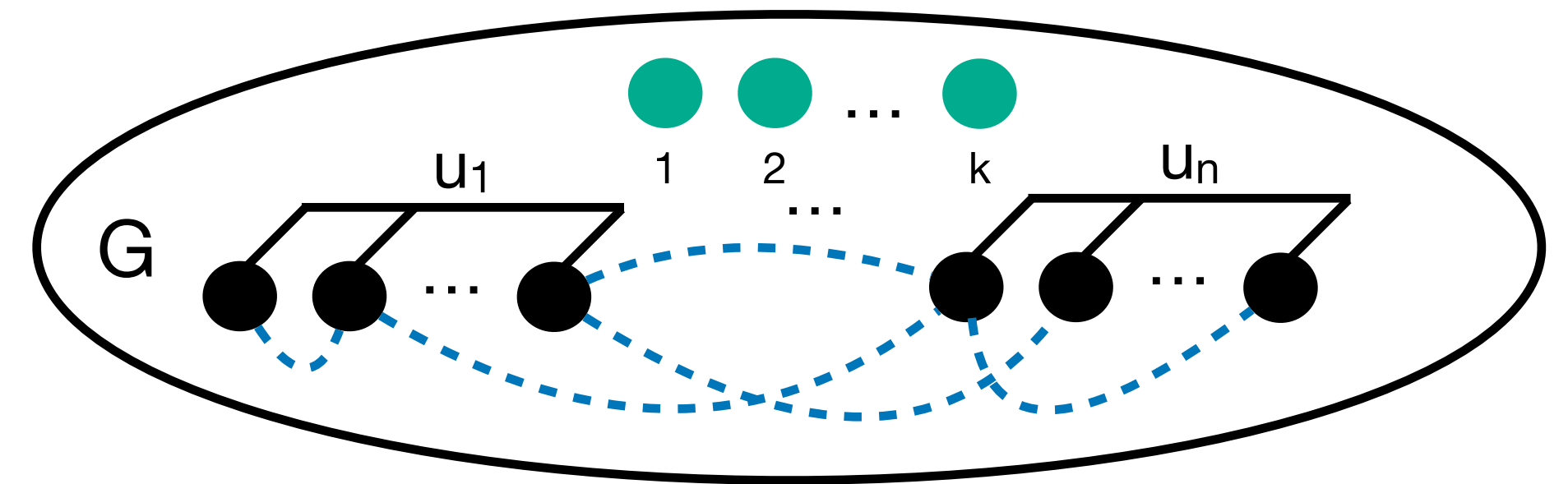
A context-free graph language is a component of the least solution (with rules viewed as set constraints)

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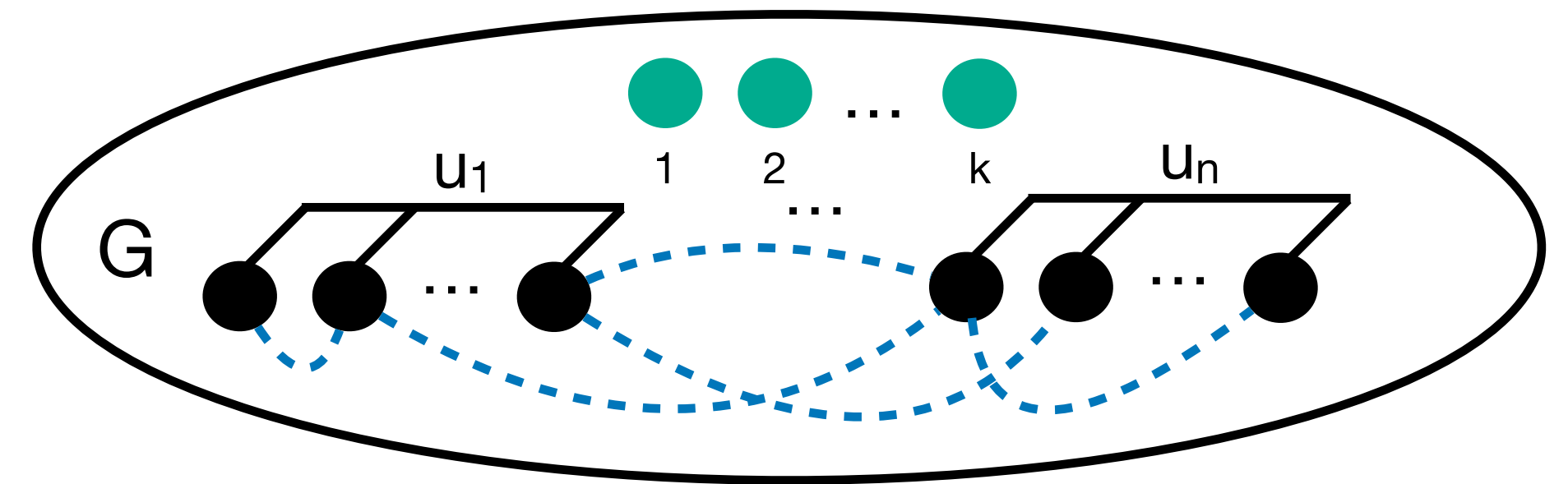


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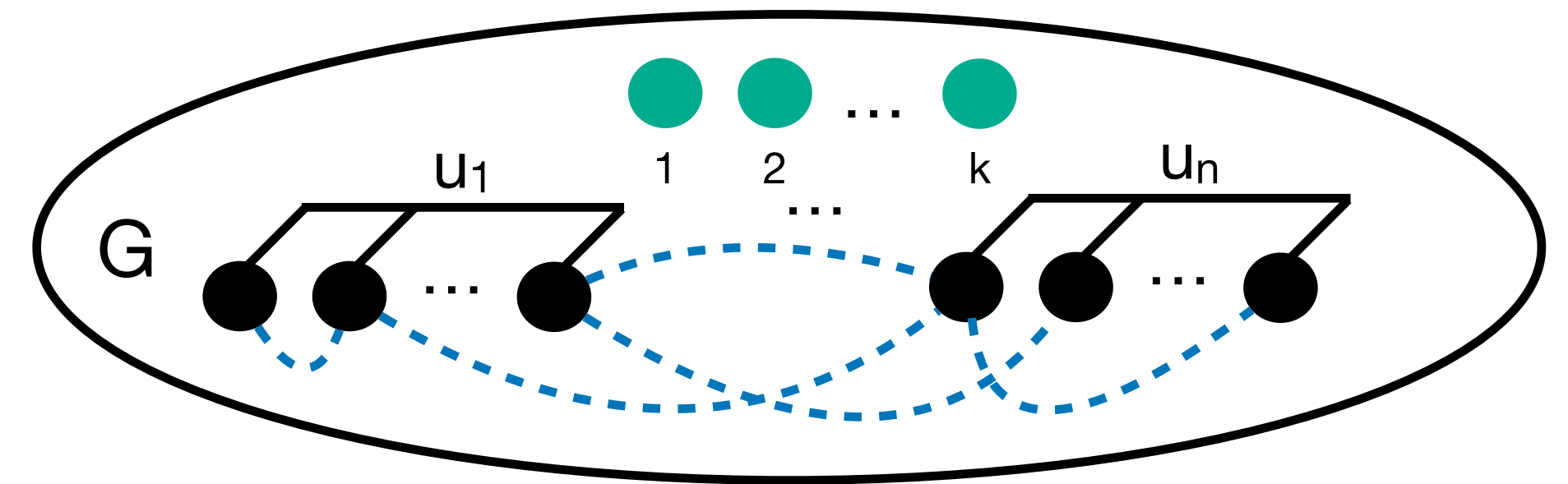
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The context-free sets produced by regular graph grammars are MSO-definable [Courcelle'92]

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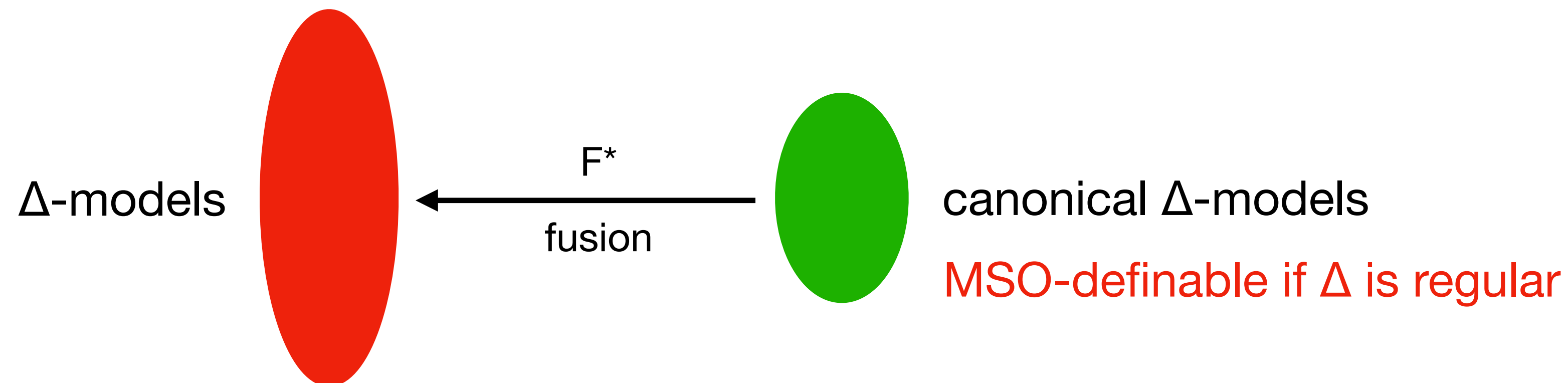
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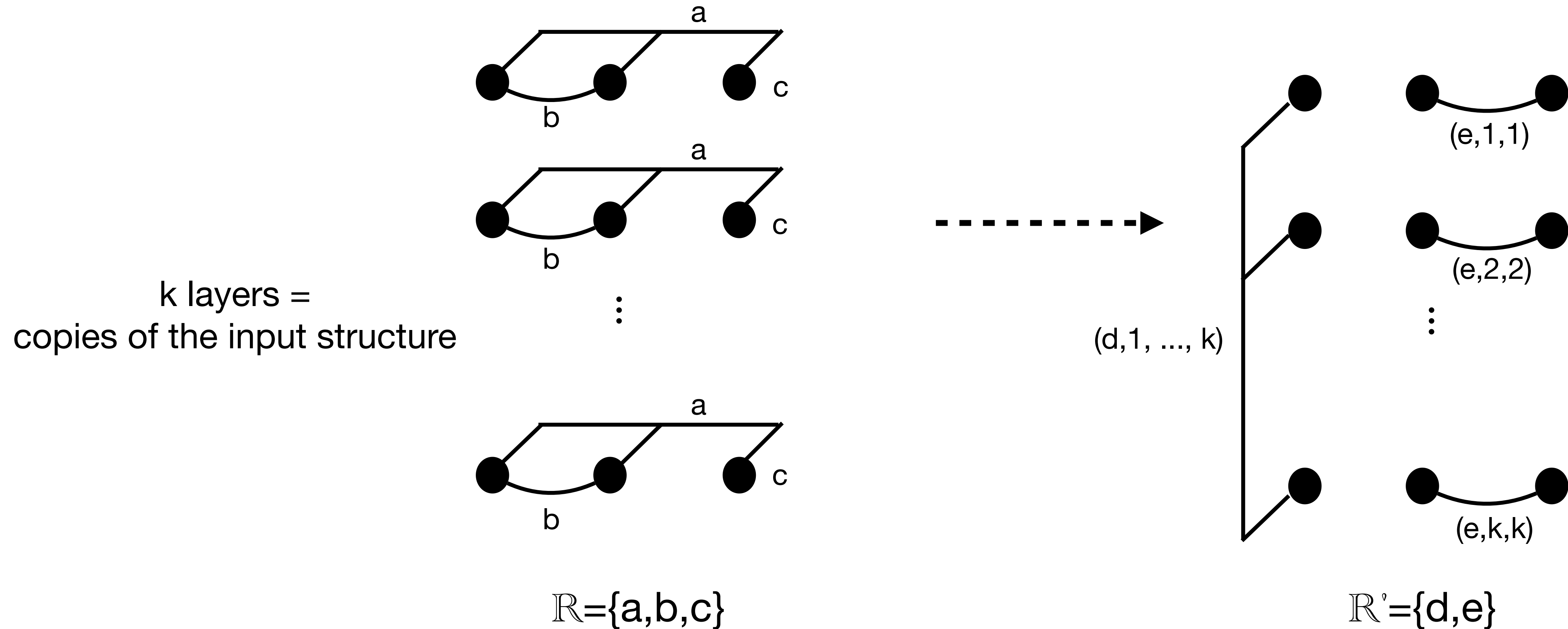


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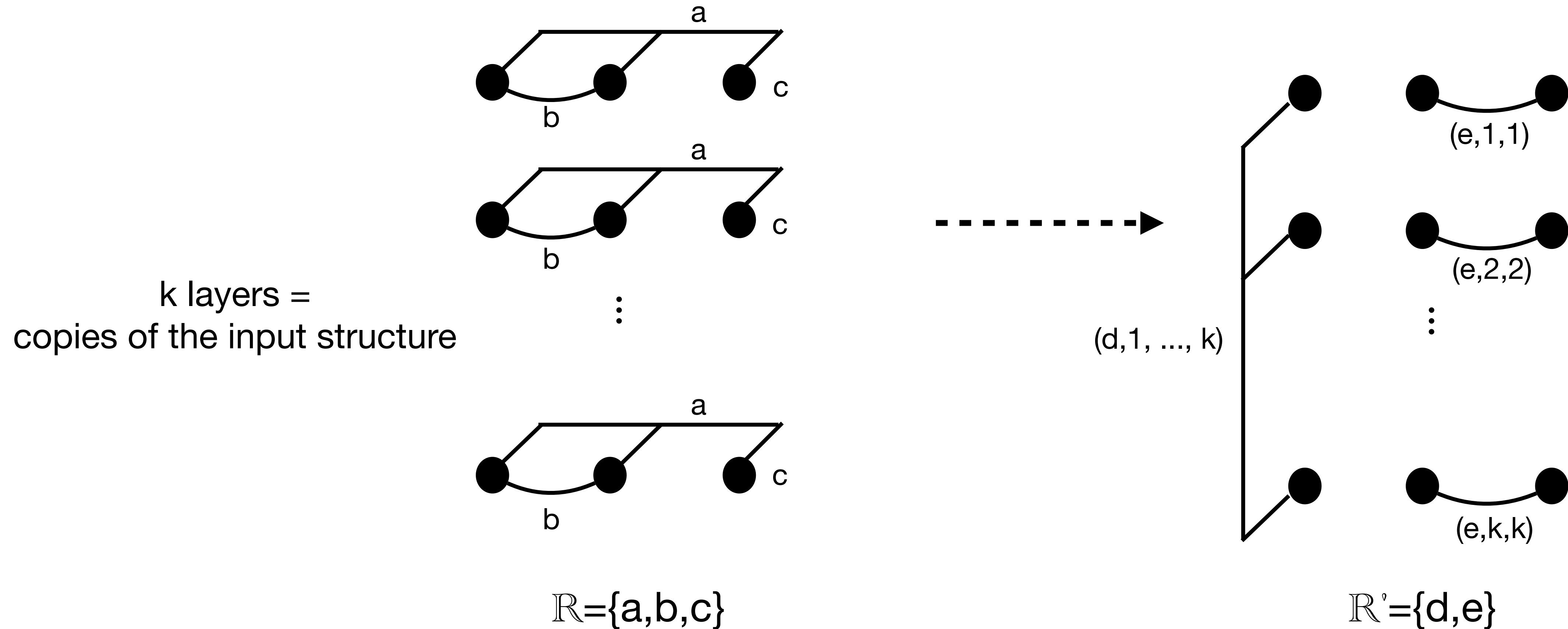
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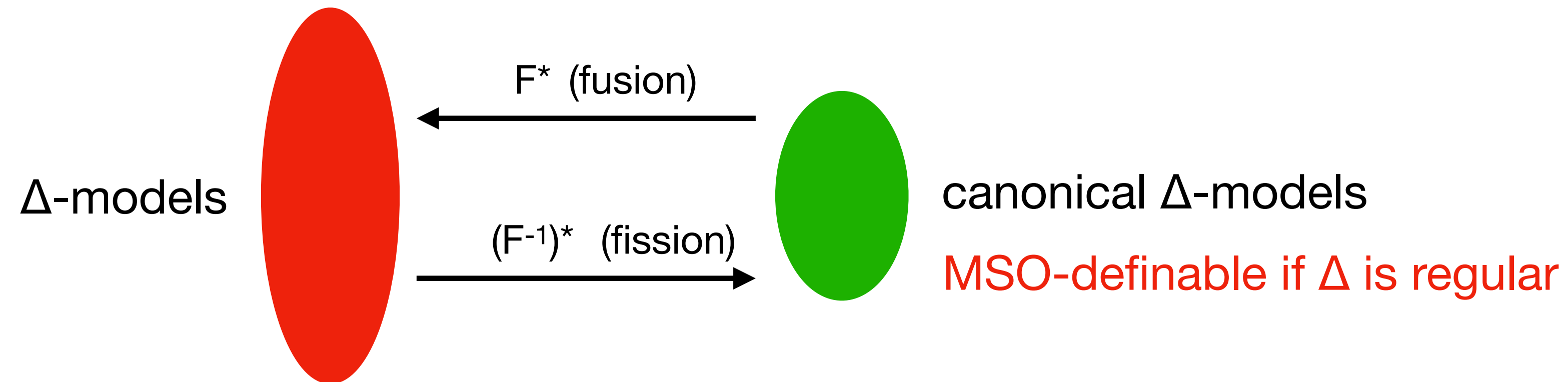


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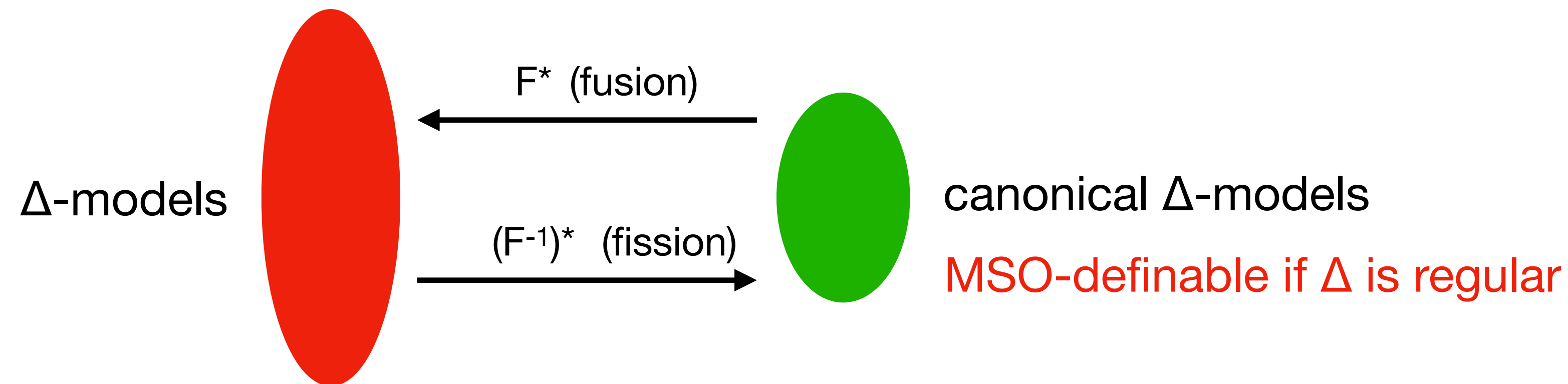


If $L' \subseteq \text{Struc}(\mathbb{R}')$ is MSO-definable and R is a definable \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}' transduction then $R^{-1}(L') \subseteq \text{Struc}(\mathbb{R})$ is MSO-definable

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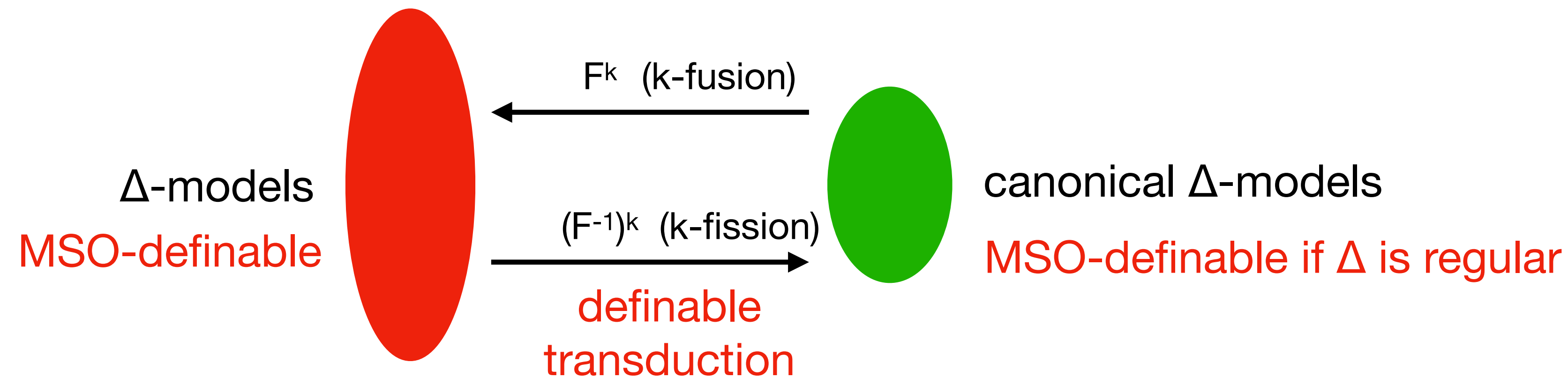


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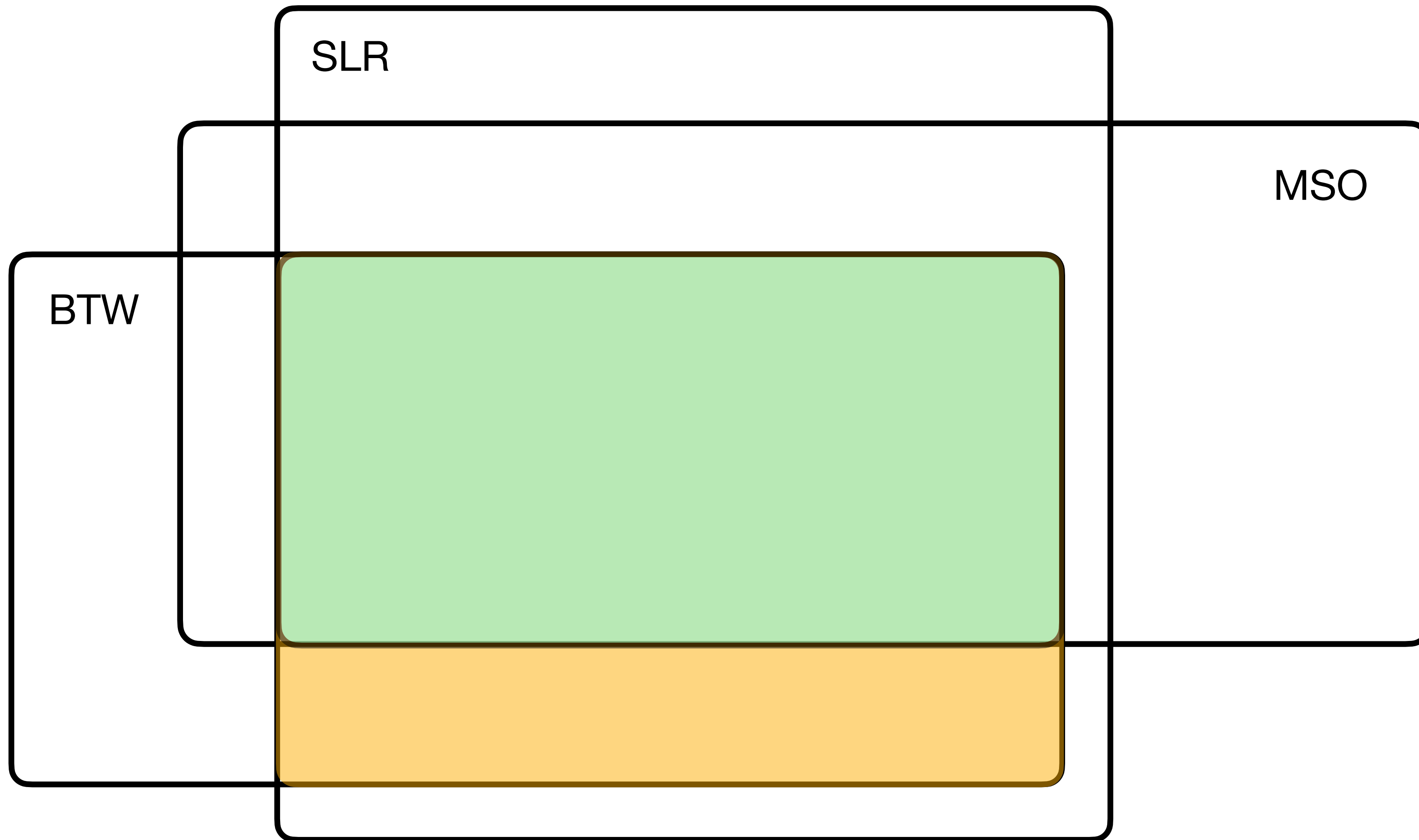


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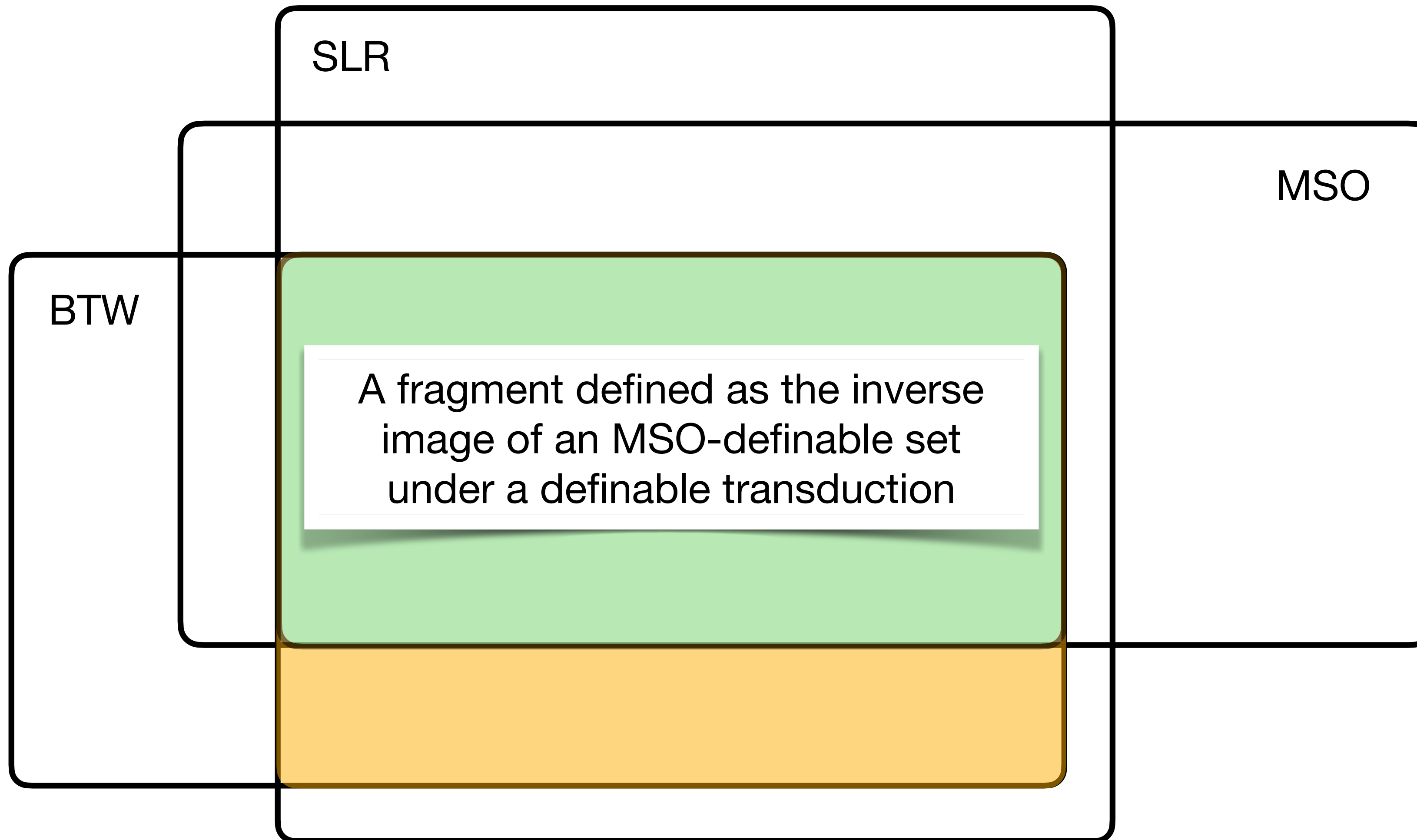
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- ▶ the idea can be used starting with other MSO-definable HR grammars (e.g., series-parallel graphs)

Future Work

- ▶ A grammar-based characterization of HR and (C)MSO-definable sets
- ▶ Complexity for entailments between SLR \cap BTW \cap CMSO sets