

# Trace-based Deductive Verification

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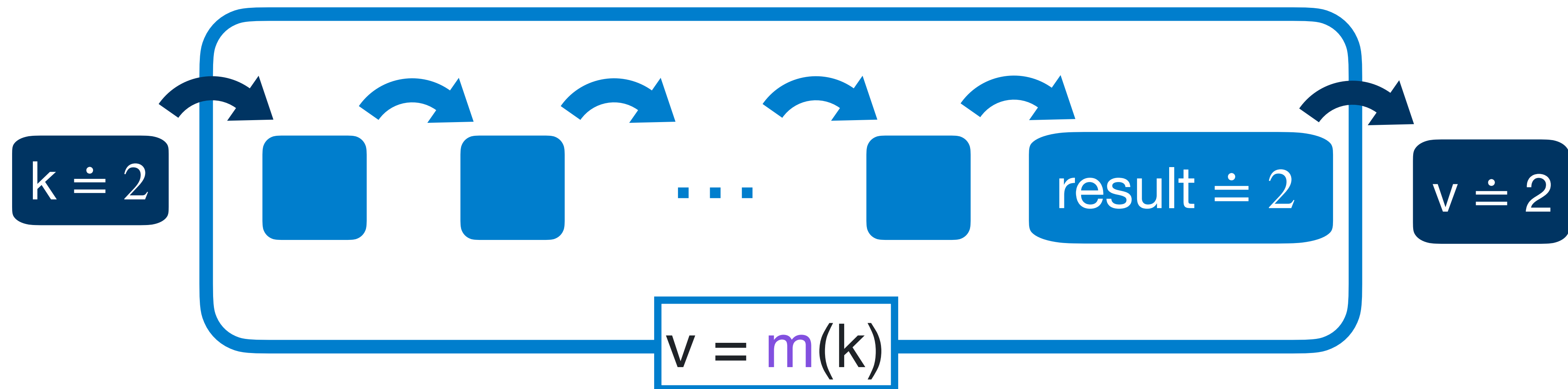
# Part I

## State-based Contracts

And their limitations

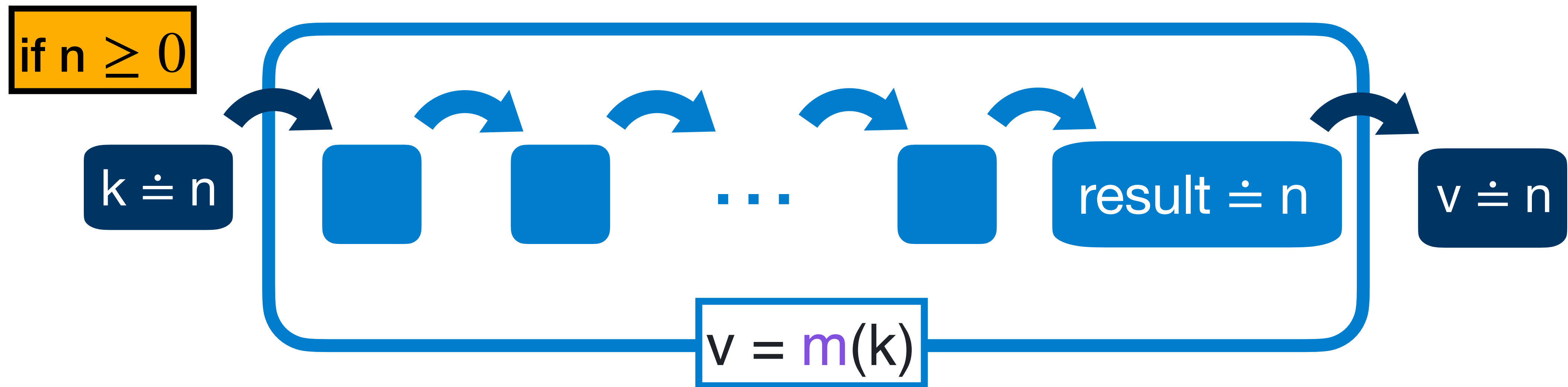
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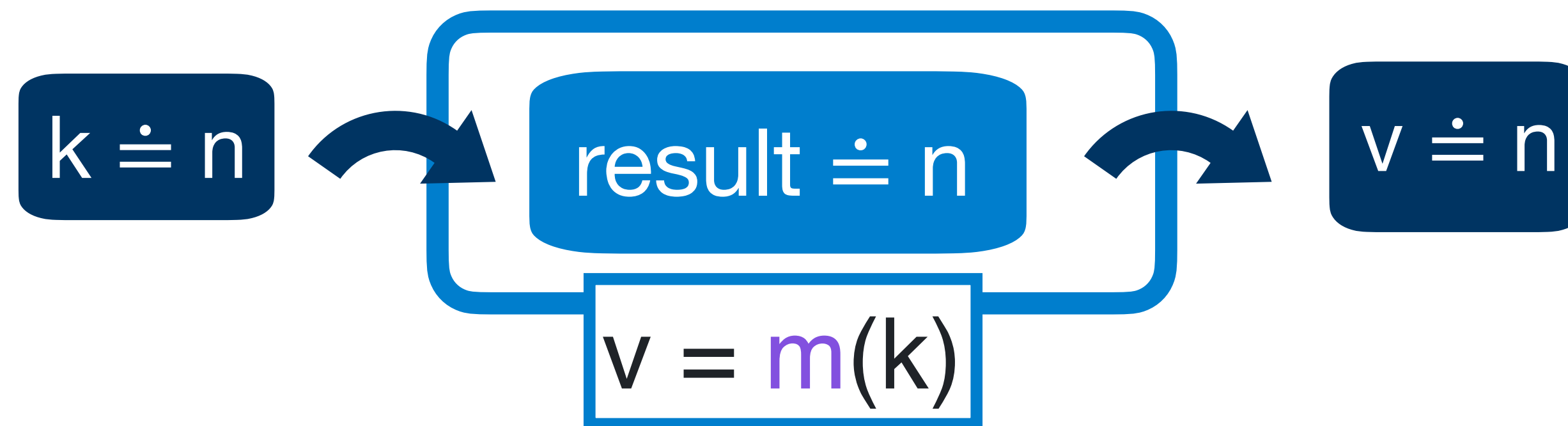
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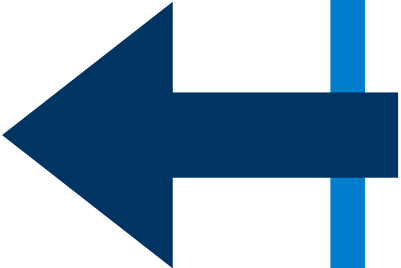
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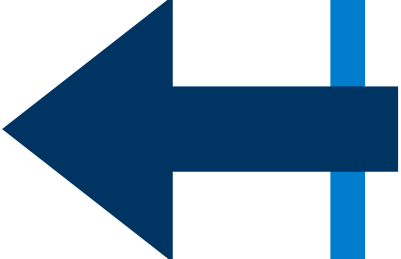
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Modular Verification  
of Recursive Procedure!

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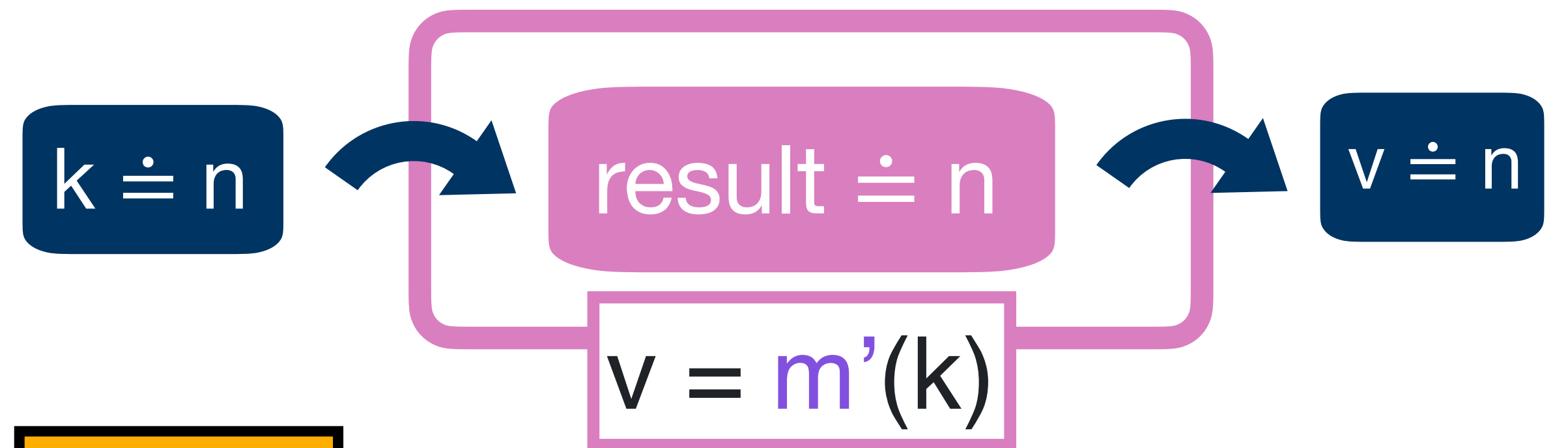


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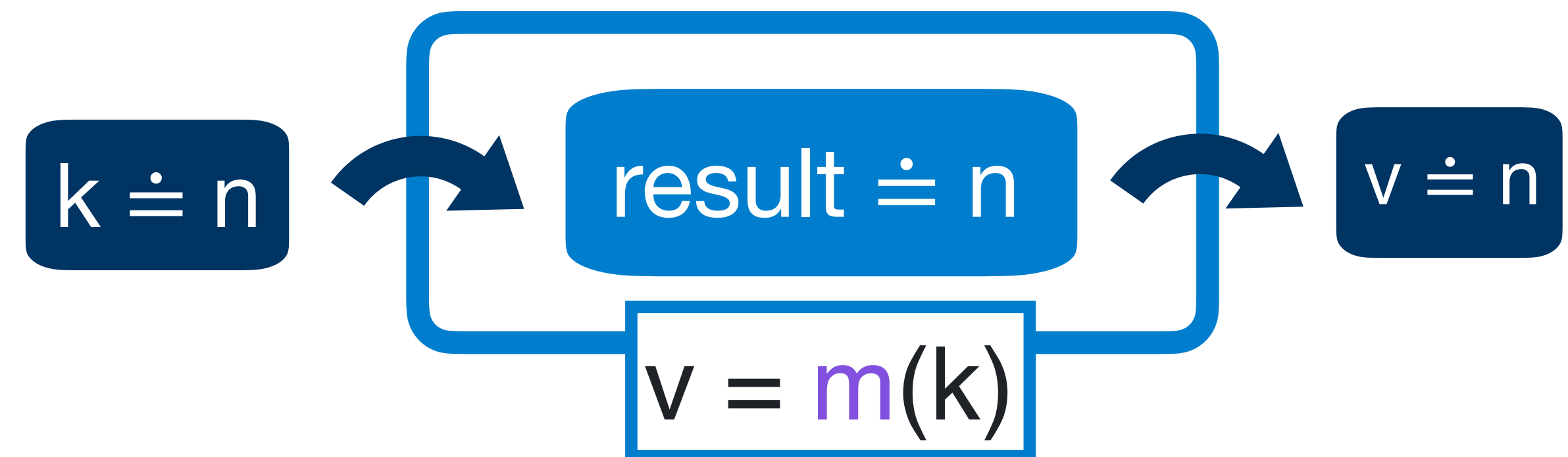
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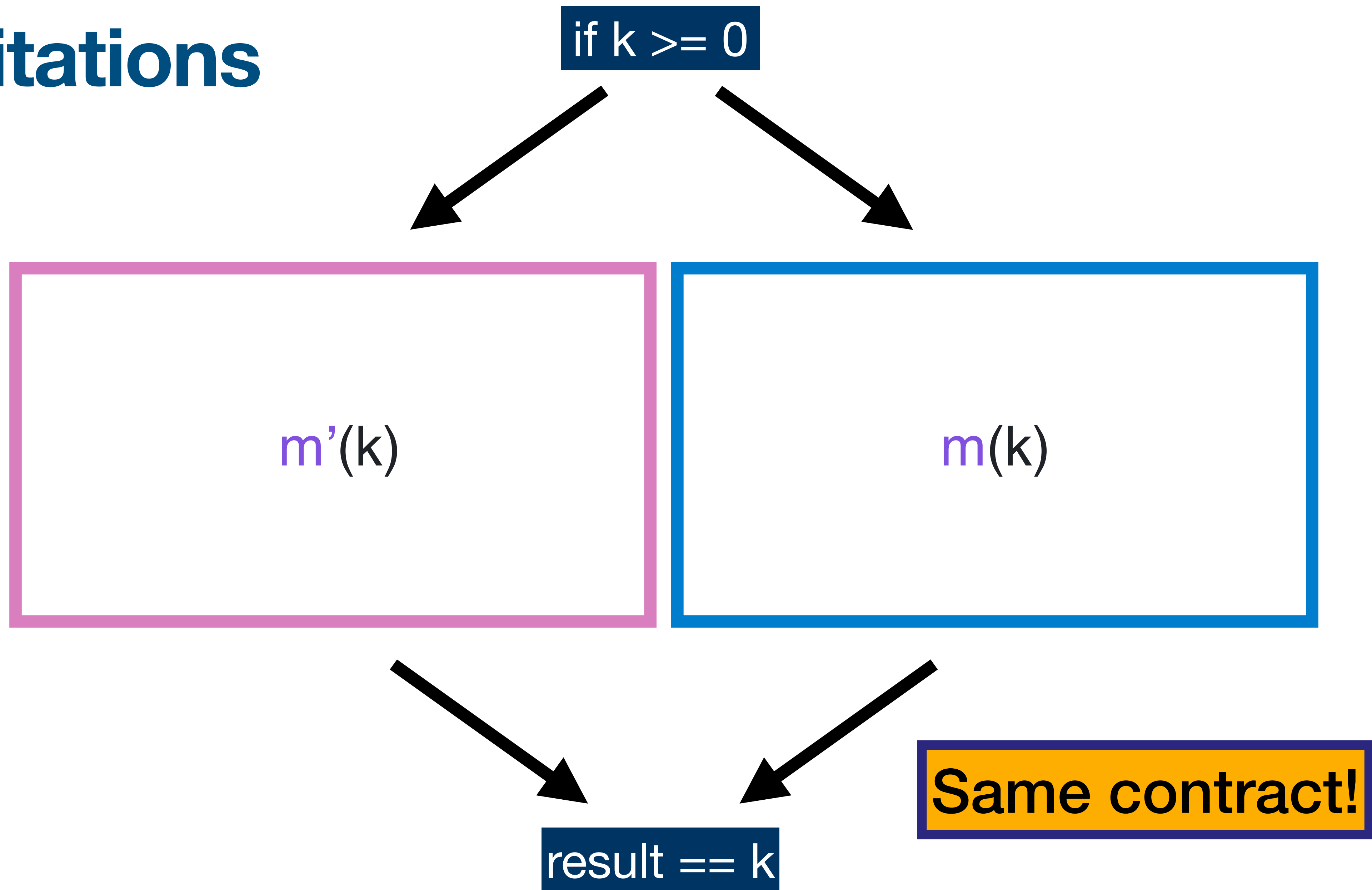
Aren't we abstracting too much?



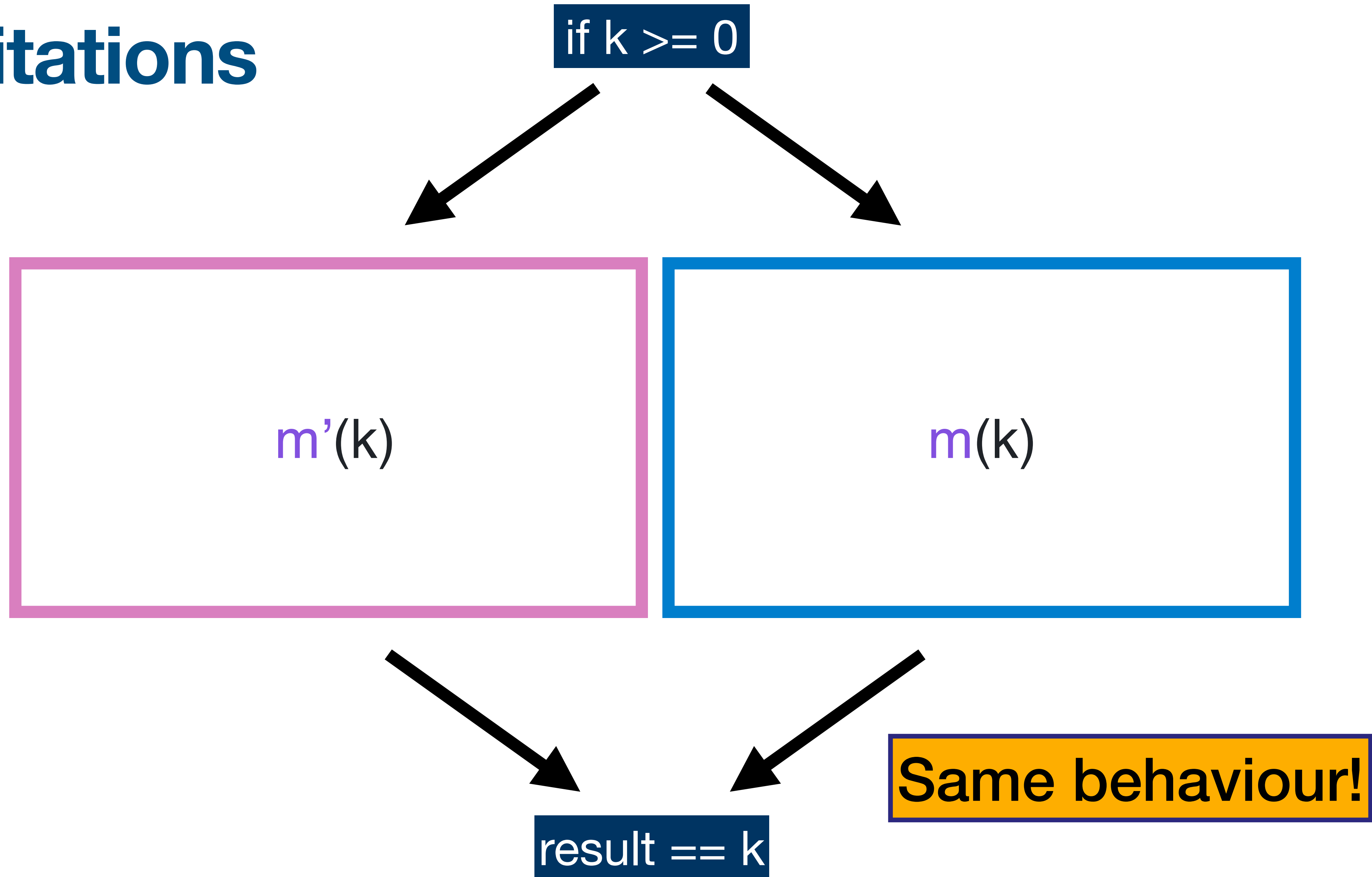
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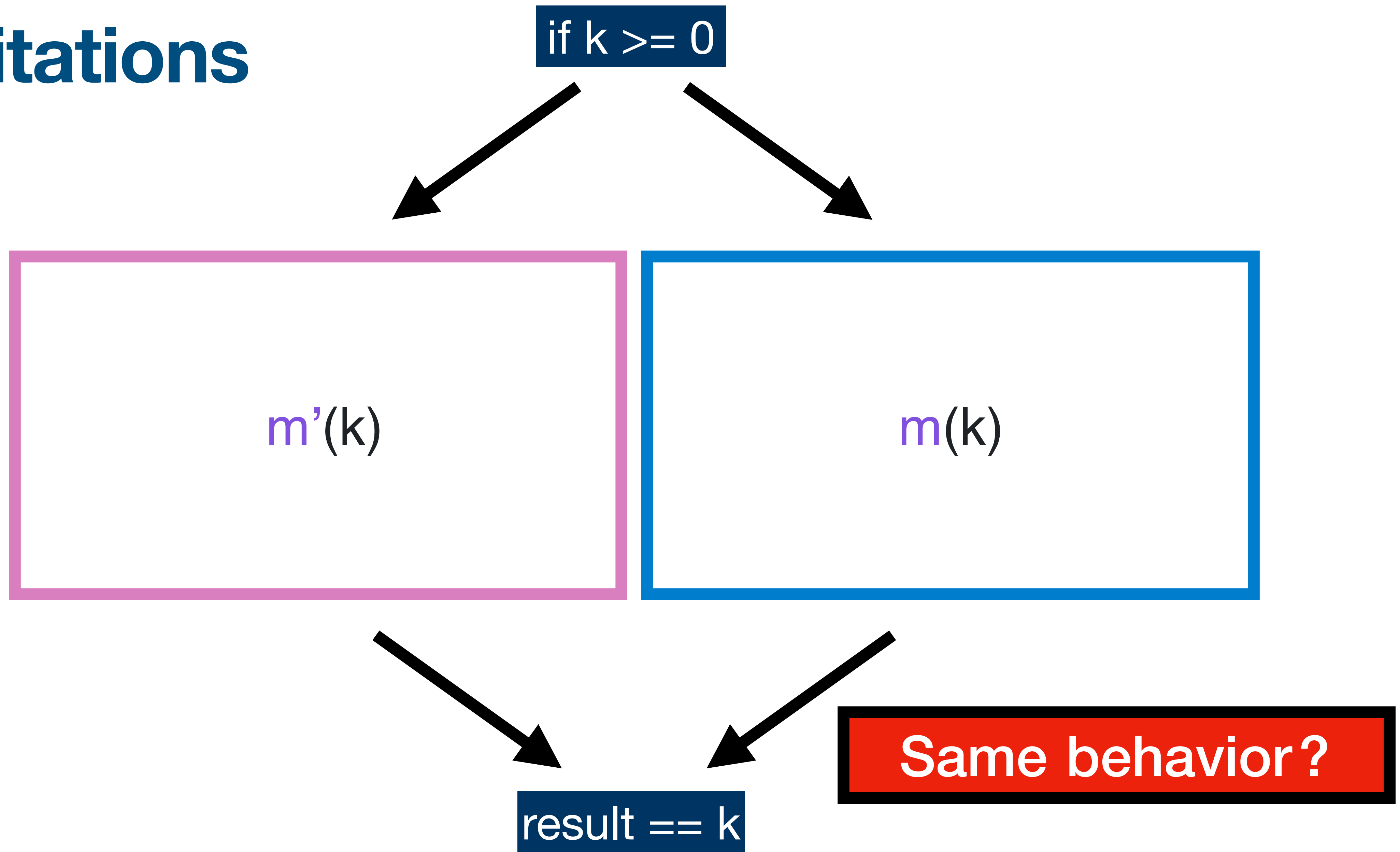
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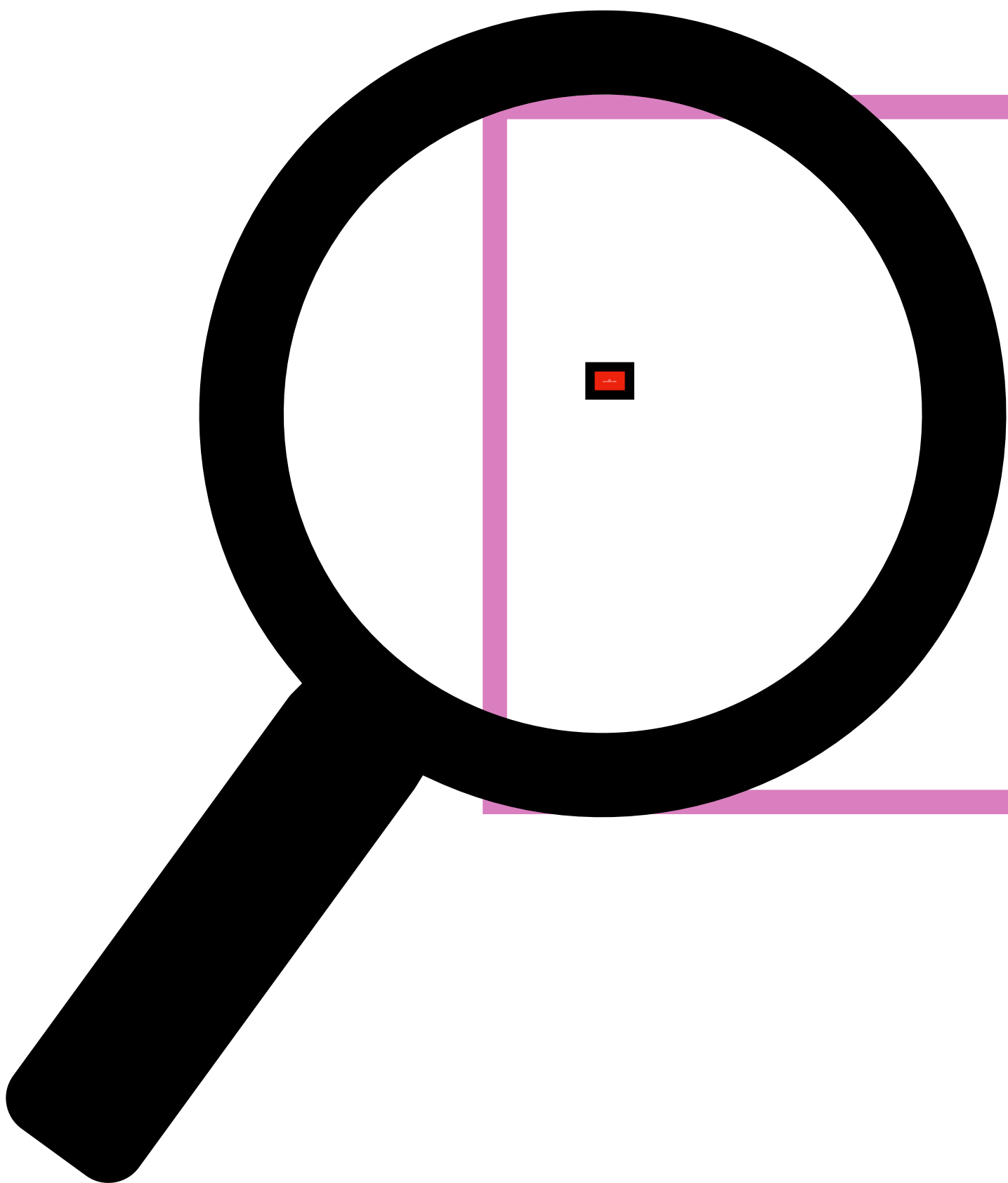
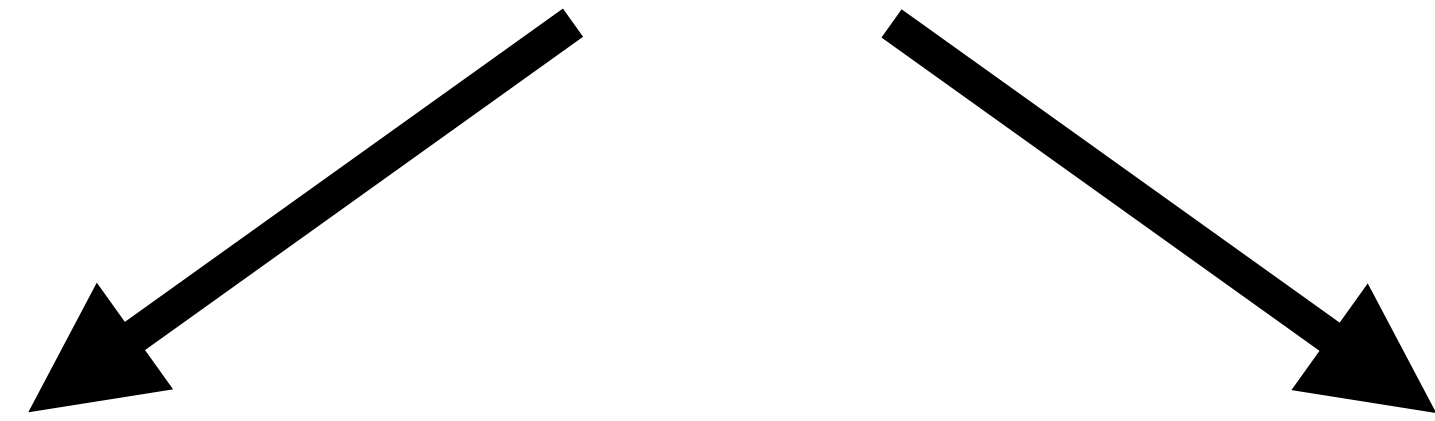


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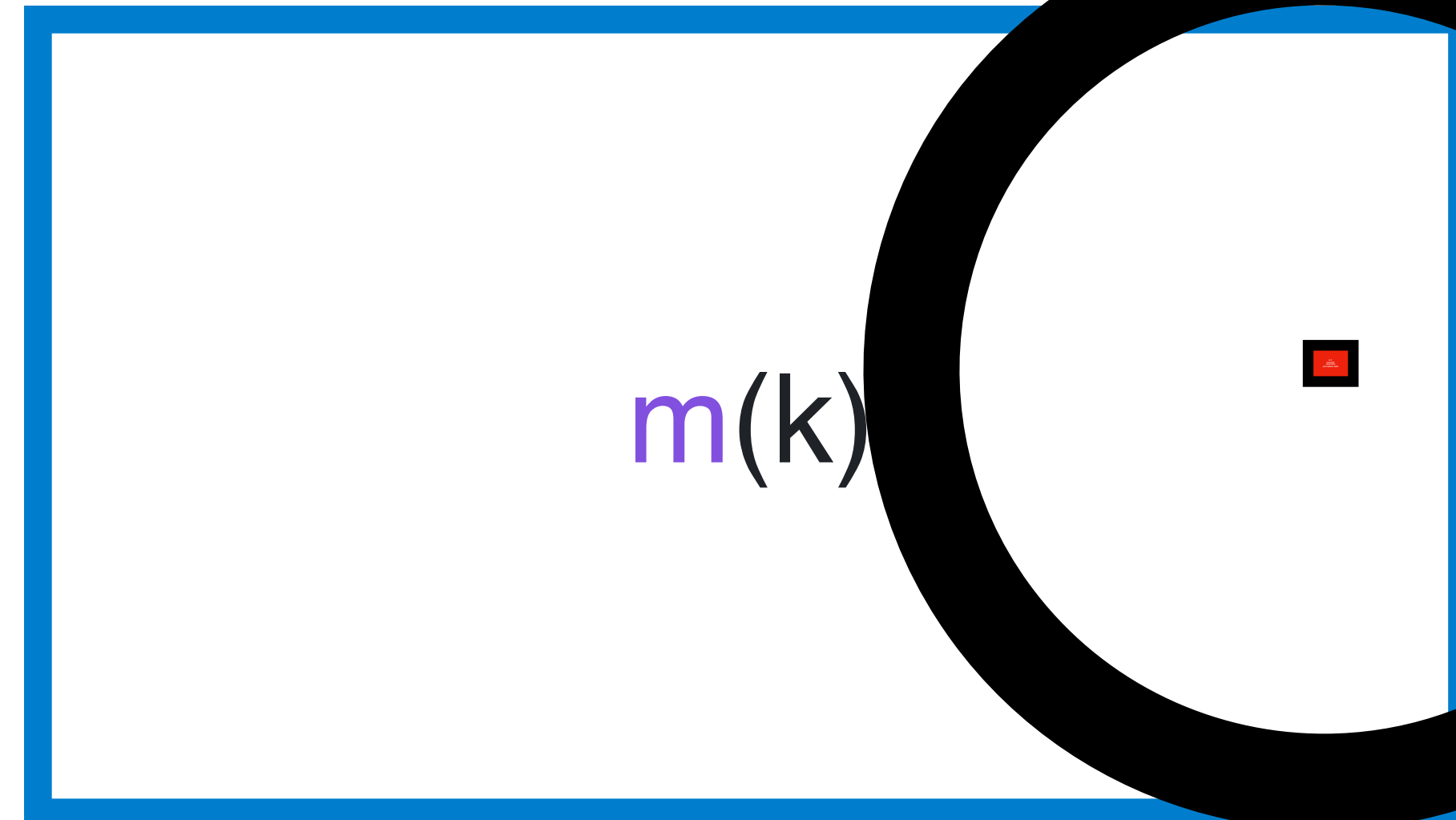


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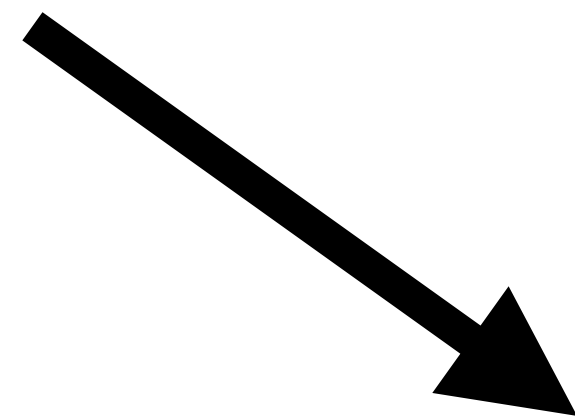
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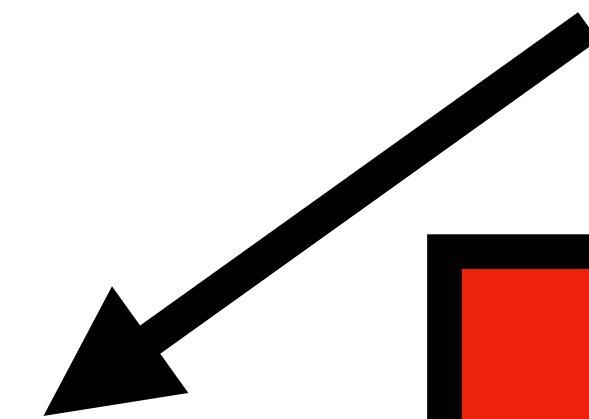
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$m(k)$



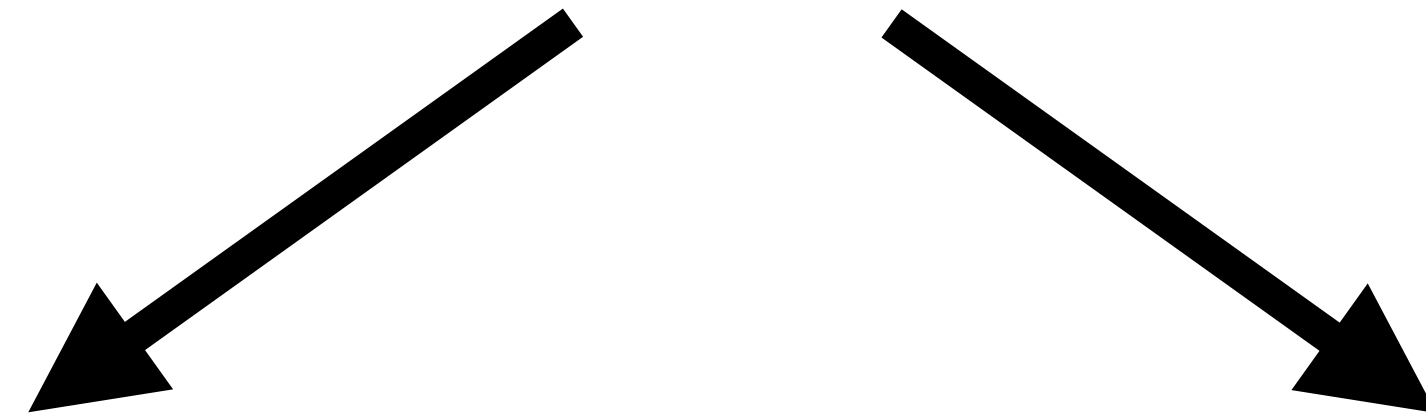
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Same behavior?

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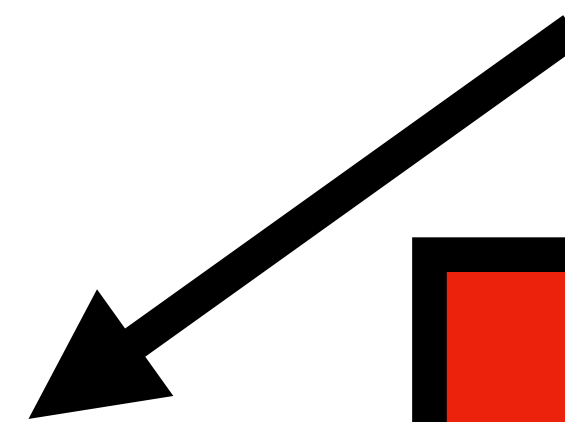
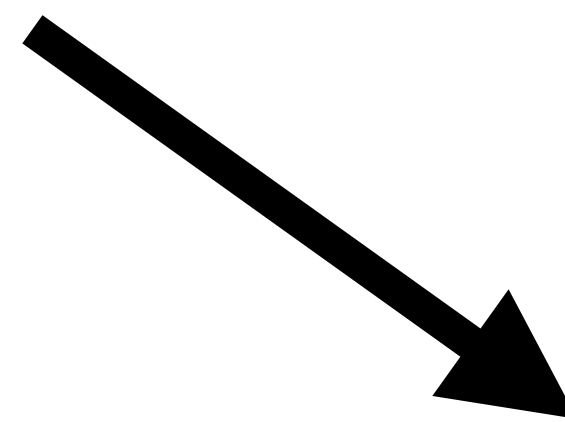


No  
procedure calls

$m'(k)$

$m(k)$

$k-1$   
non-tail  
recursive  
procedure calls



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# What Happens During Execution?

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Intermediate annotations?

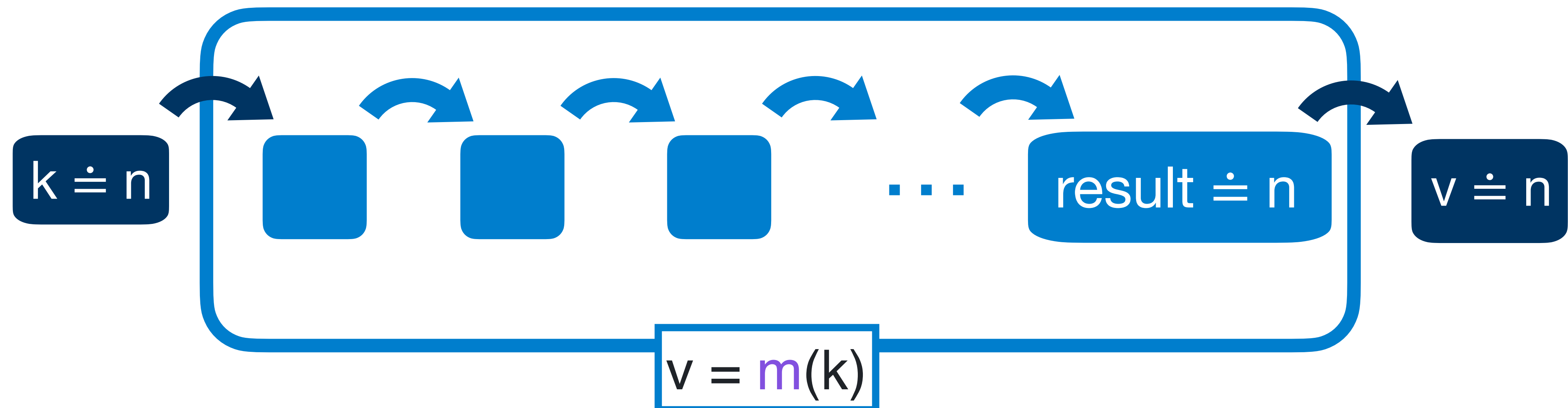
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Low readability!

No independence of the code!

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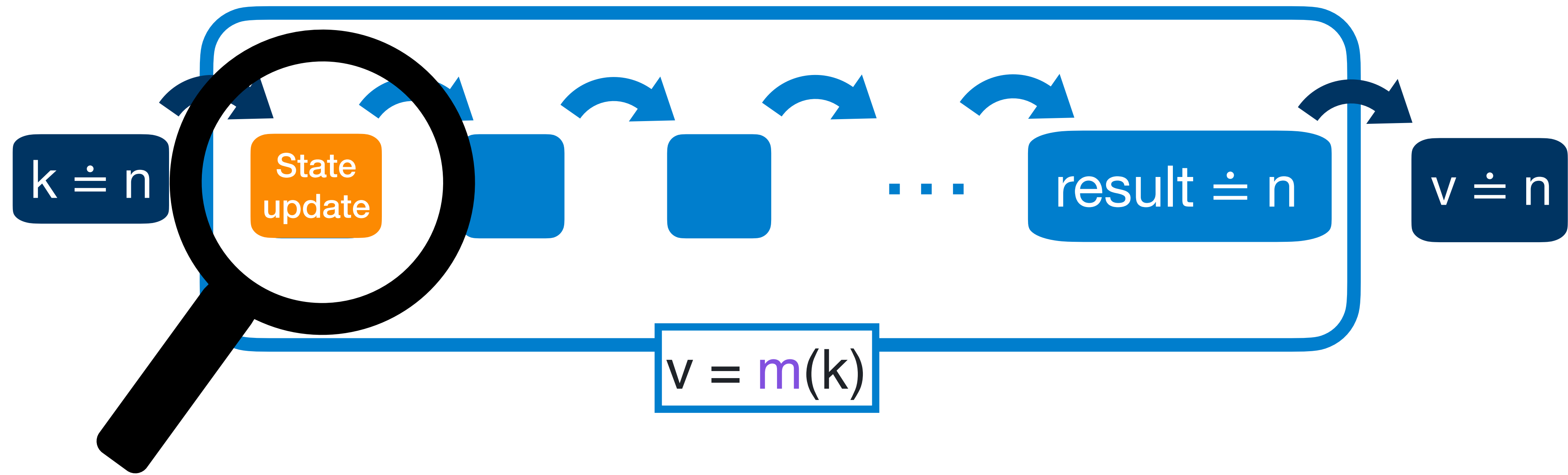
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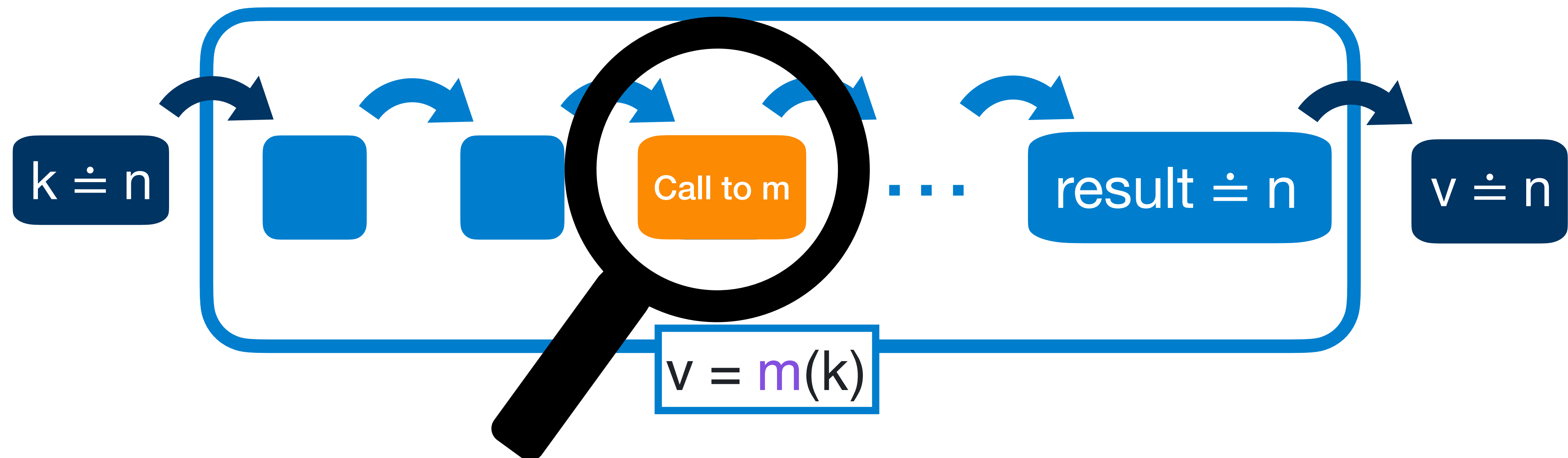
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# Part II

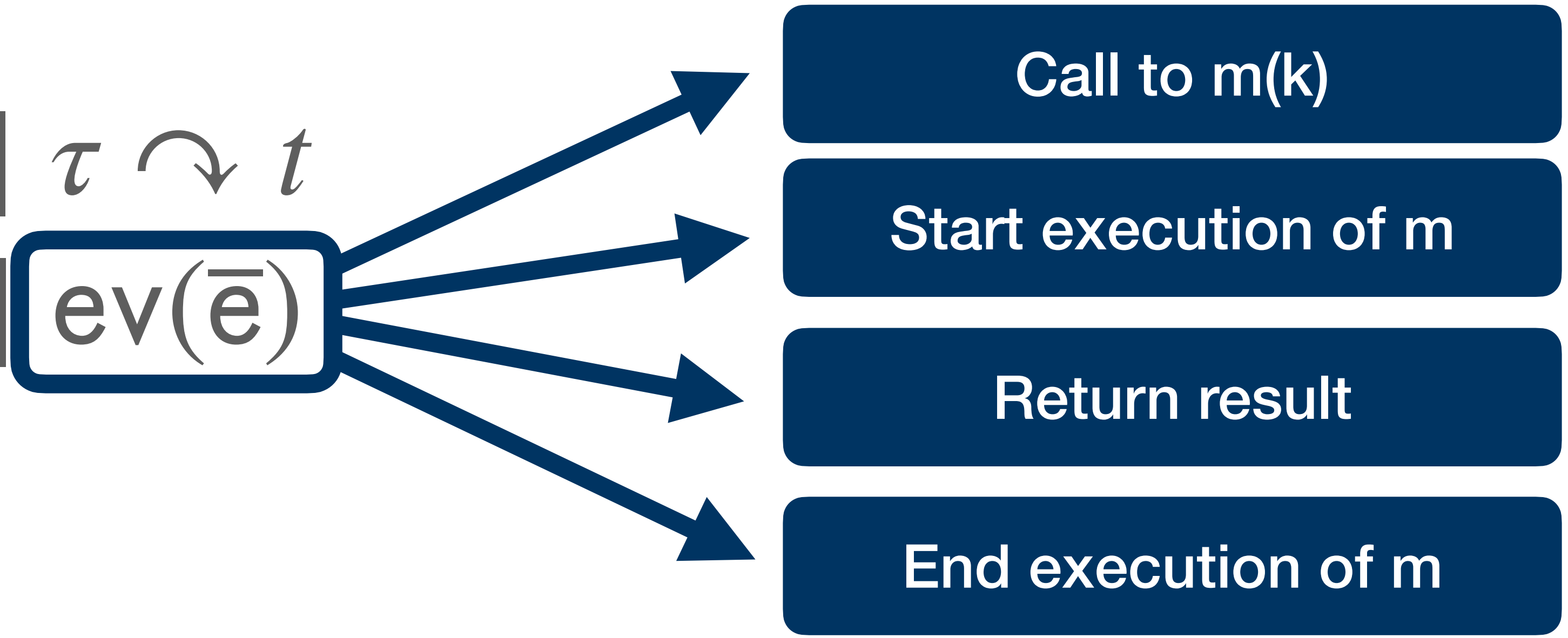
# A Trace Semantics

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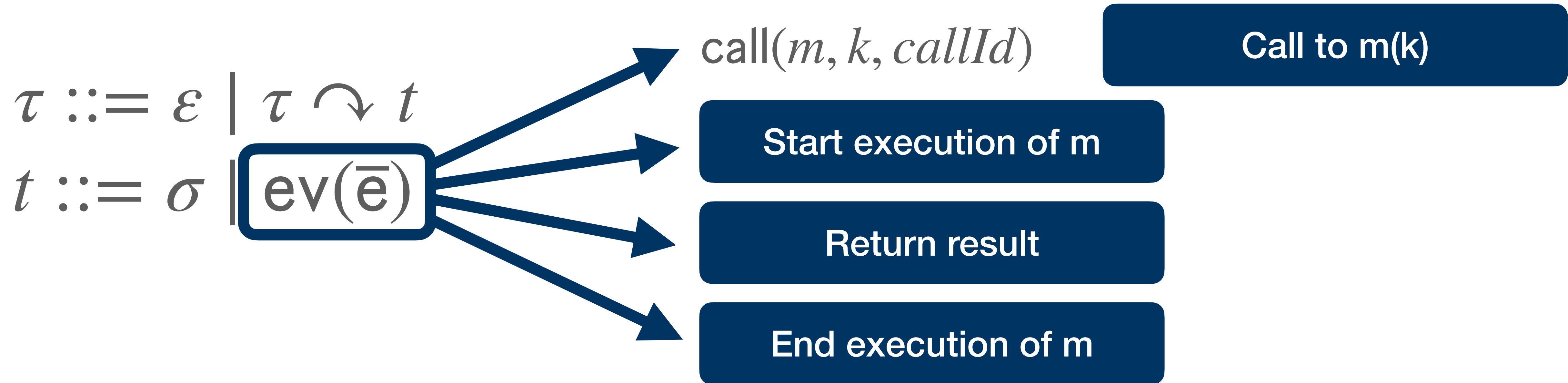
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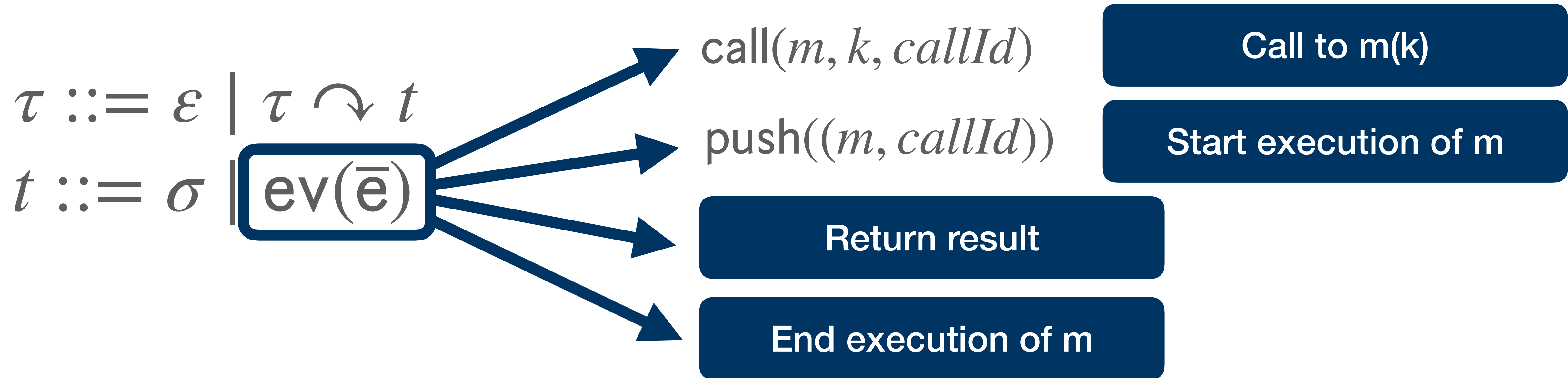
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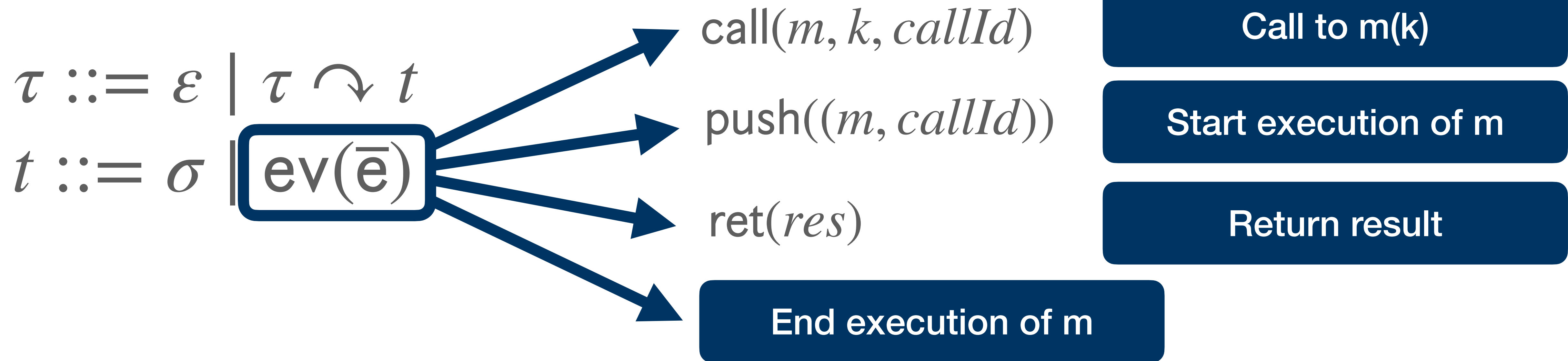
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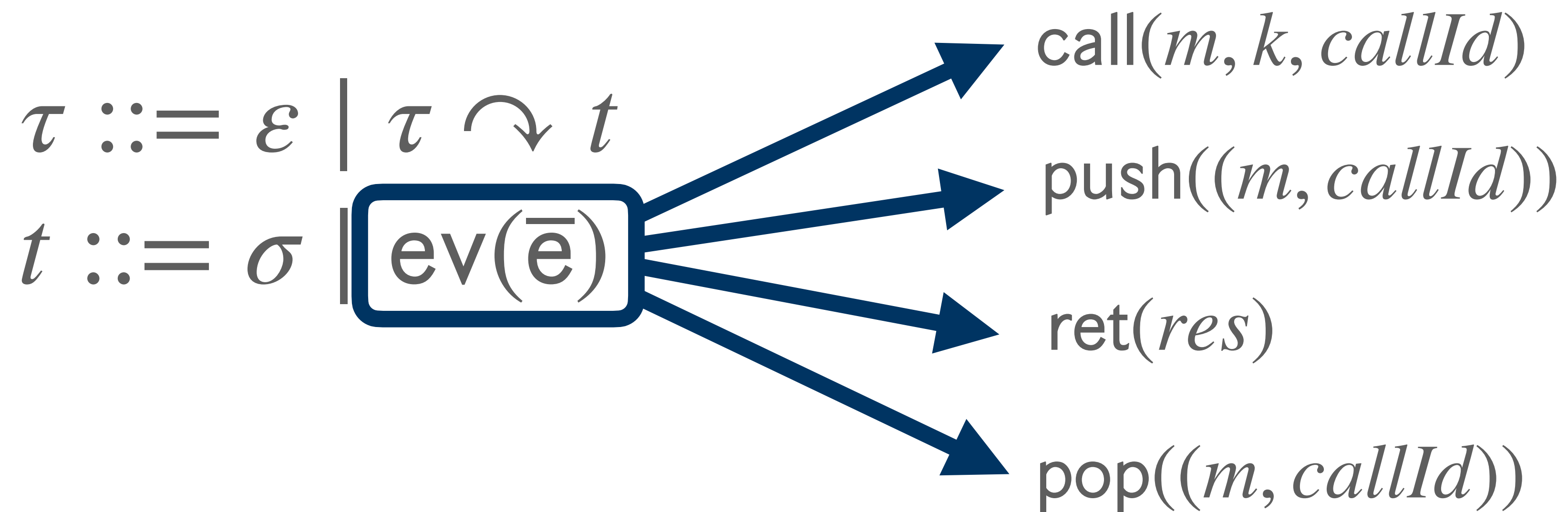


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Call to  $m(k)$

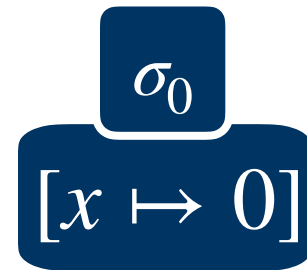
Start execution of  $m$

Return result

End execution of  $m$

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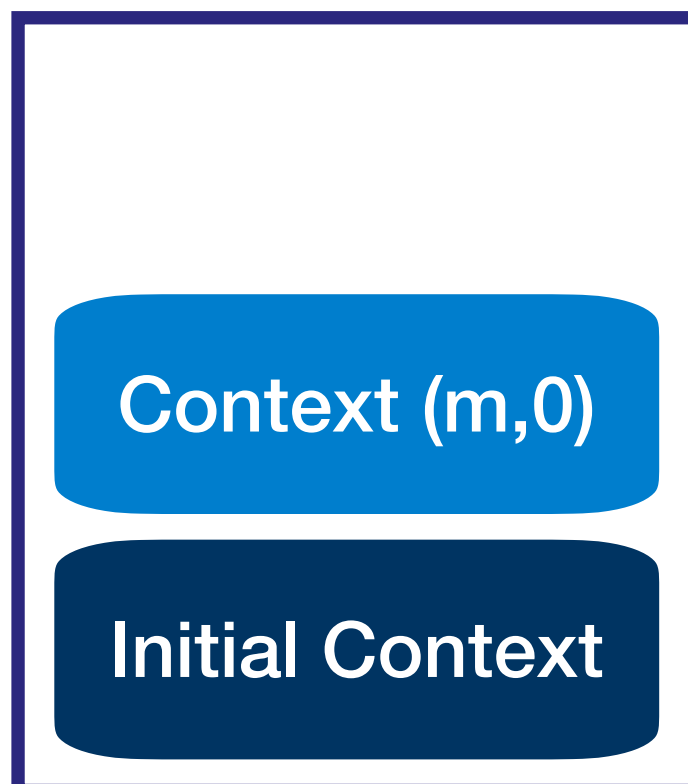
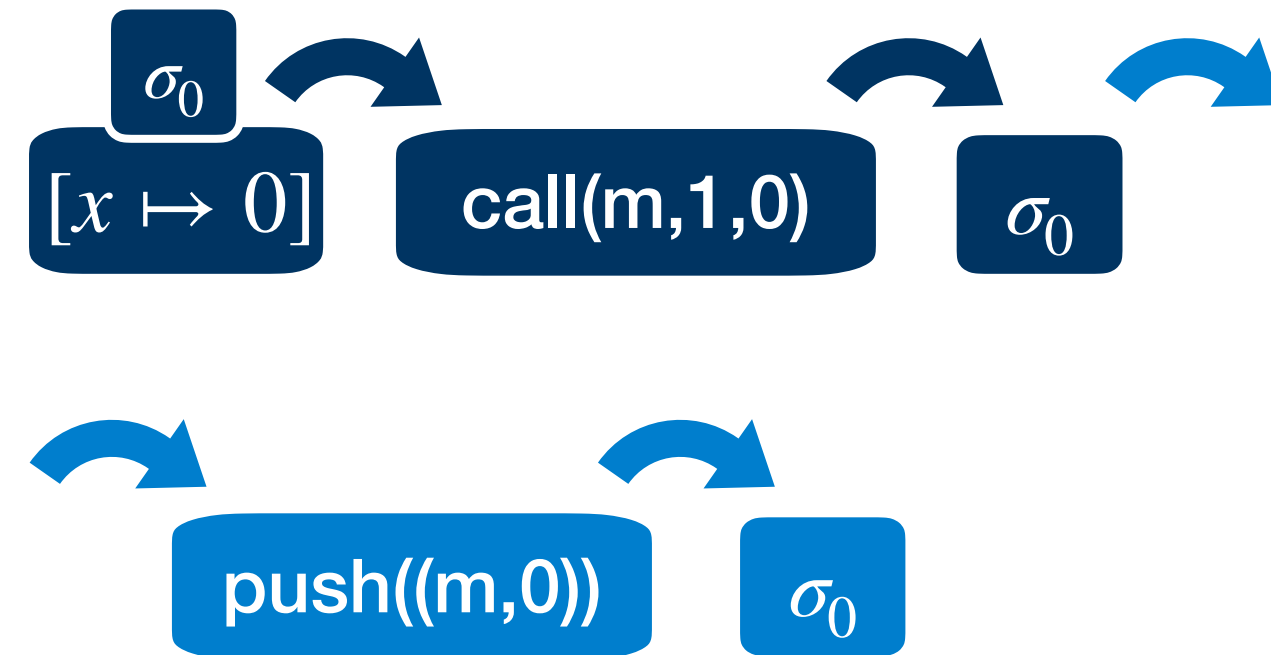
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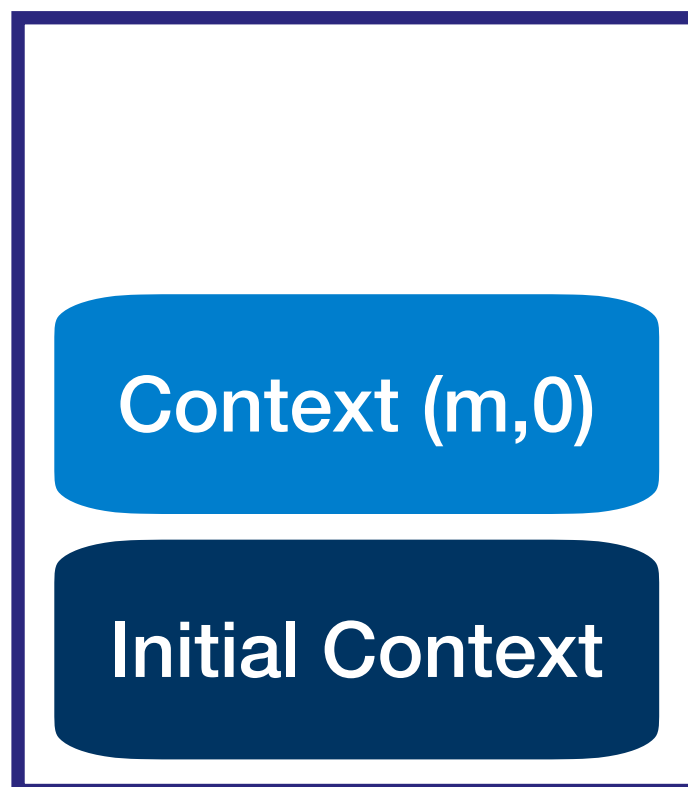
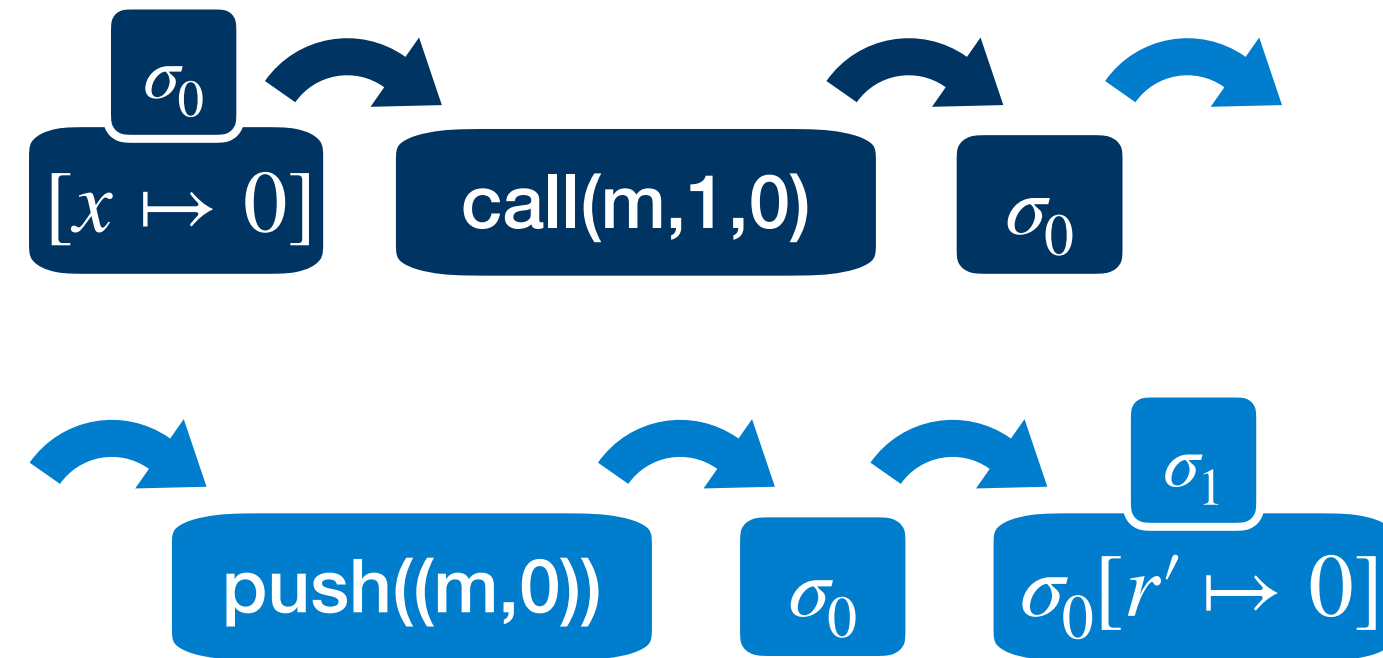
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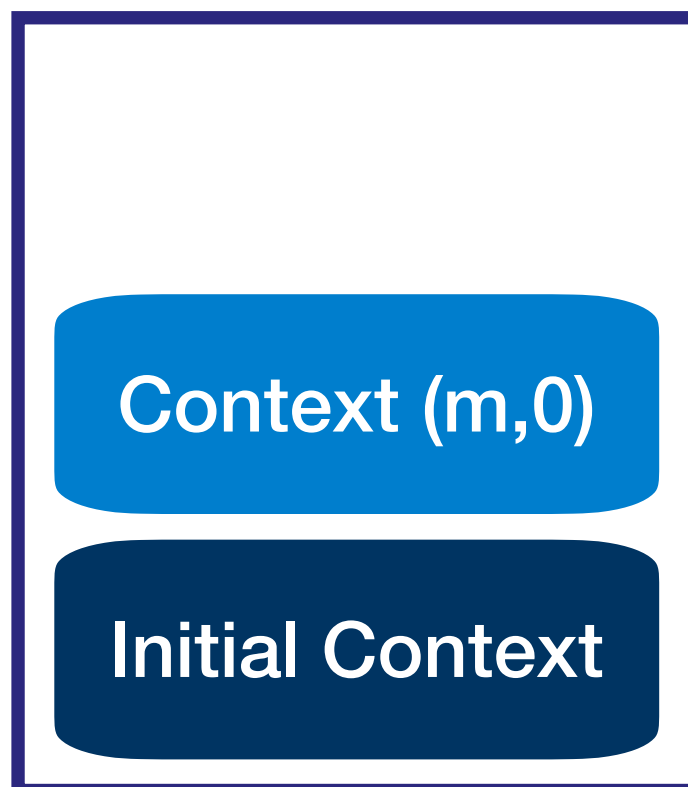
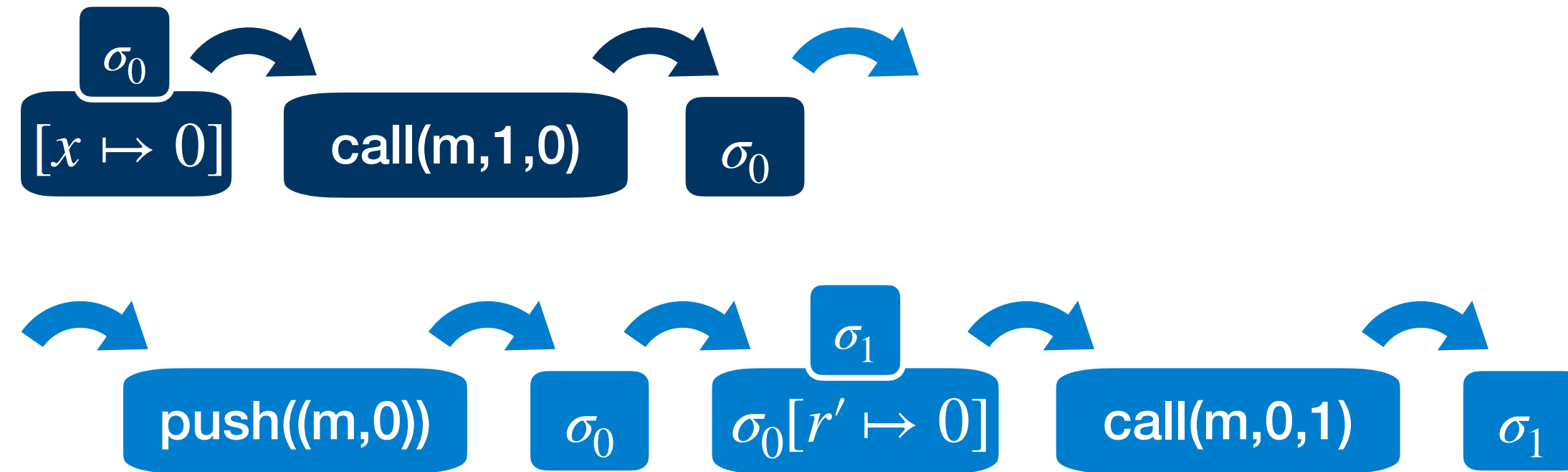
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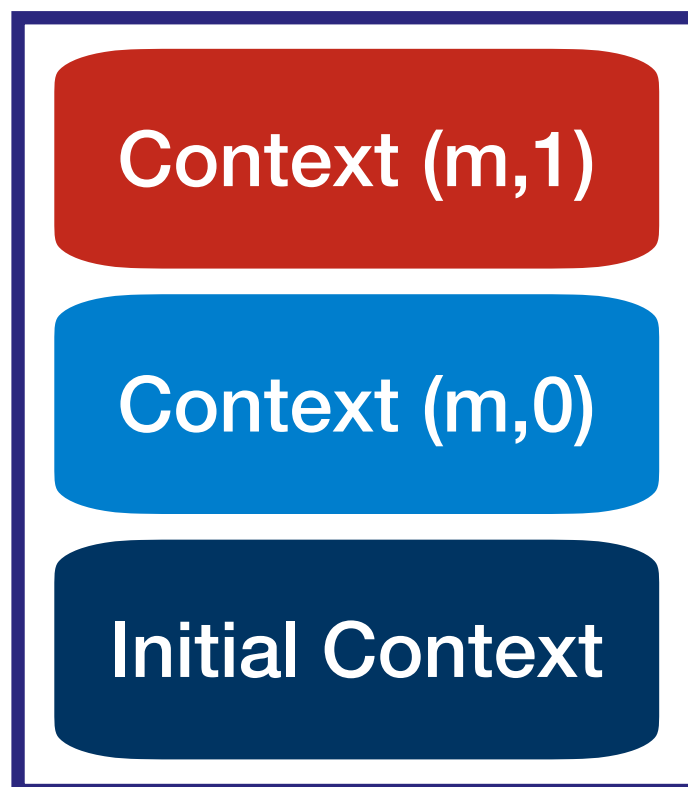
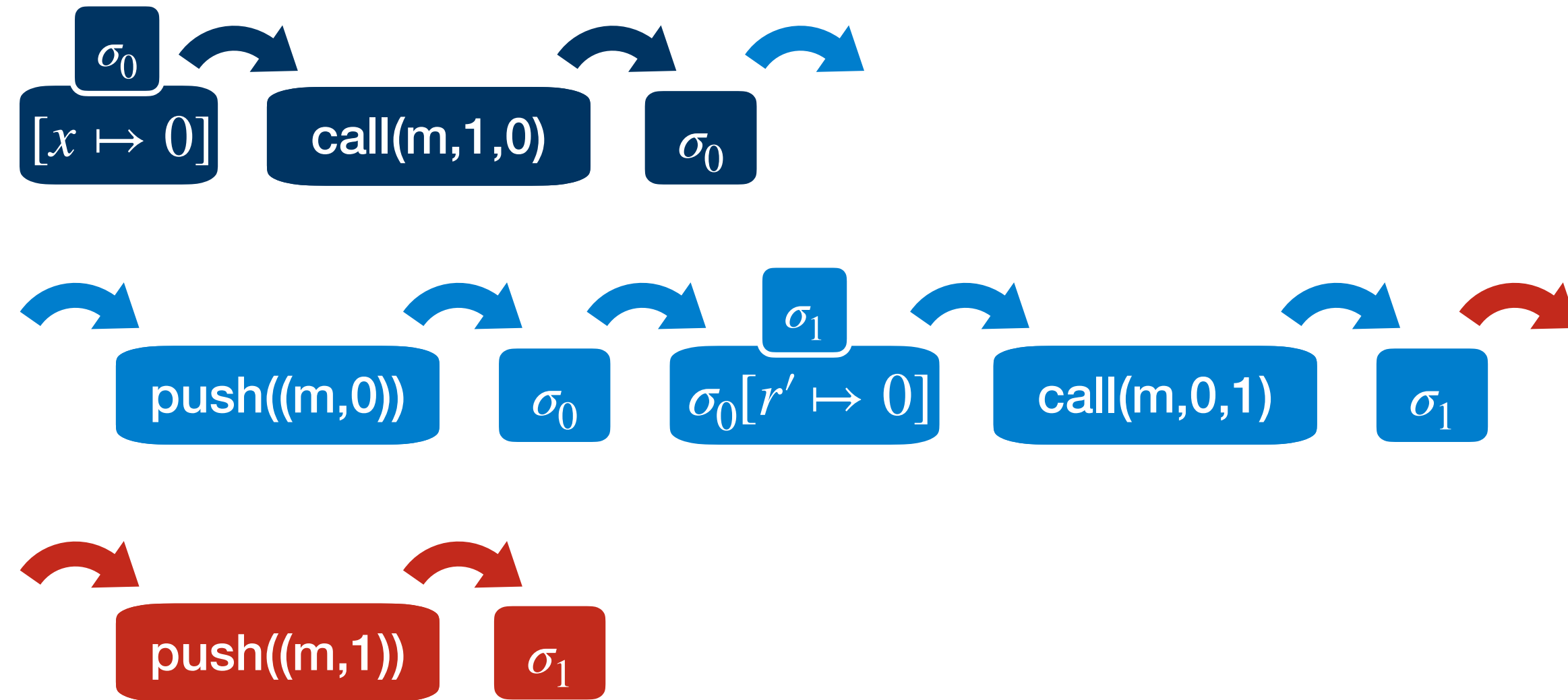
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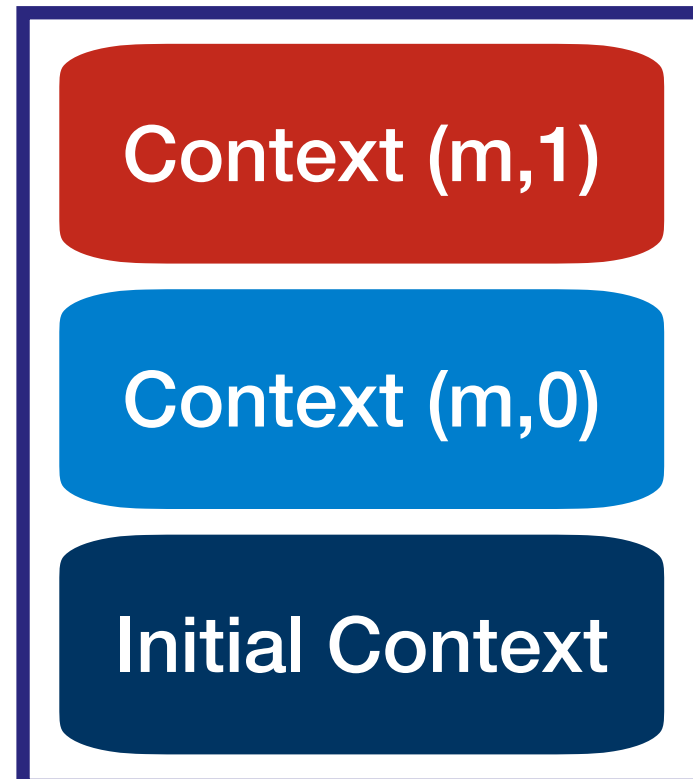
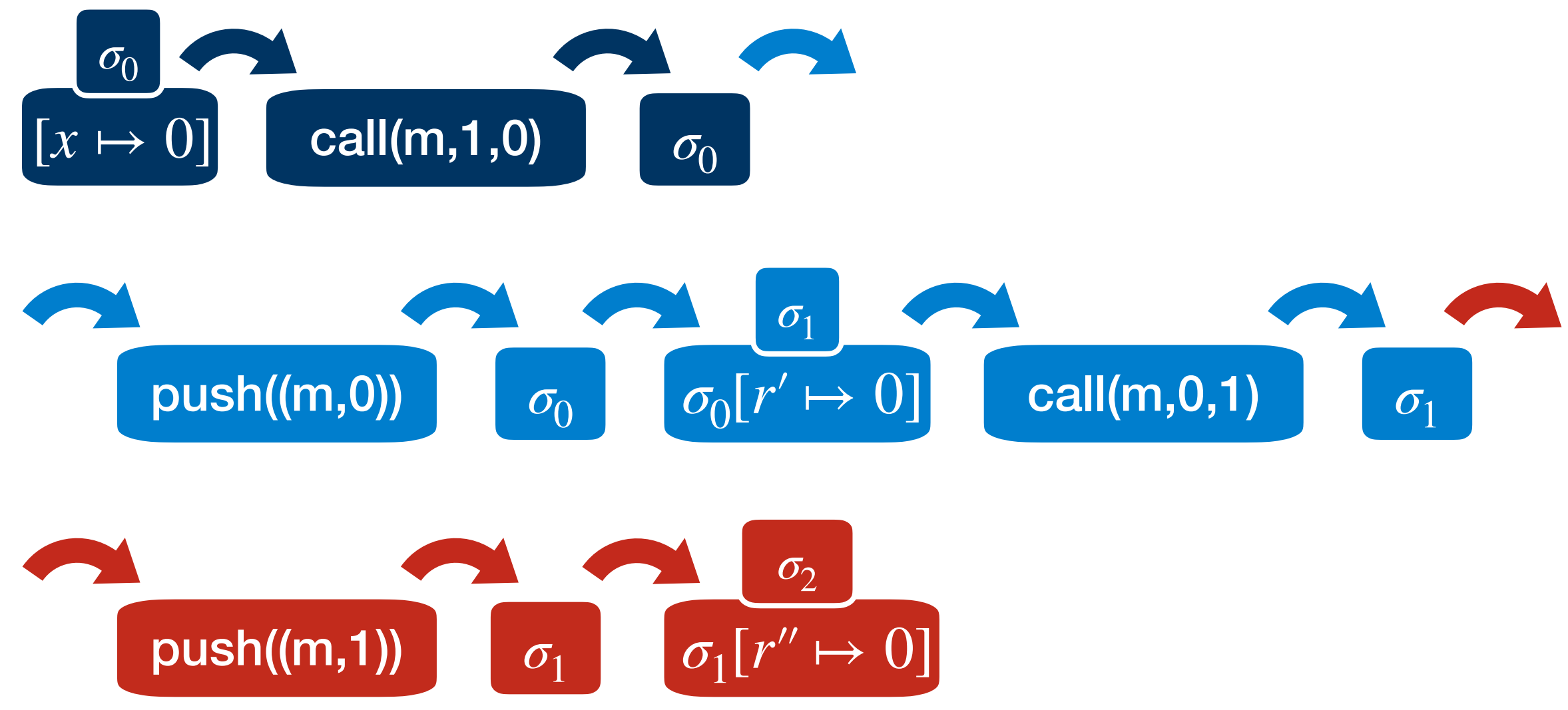
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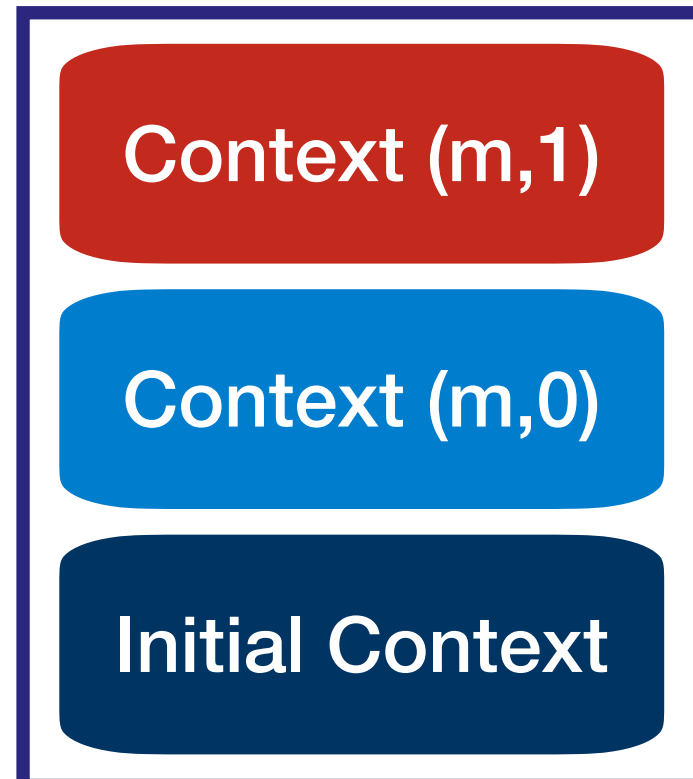
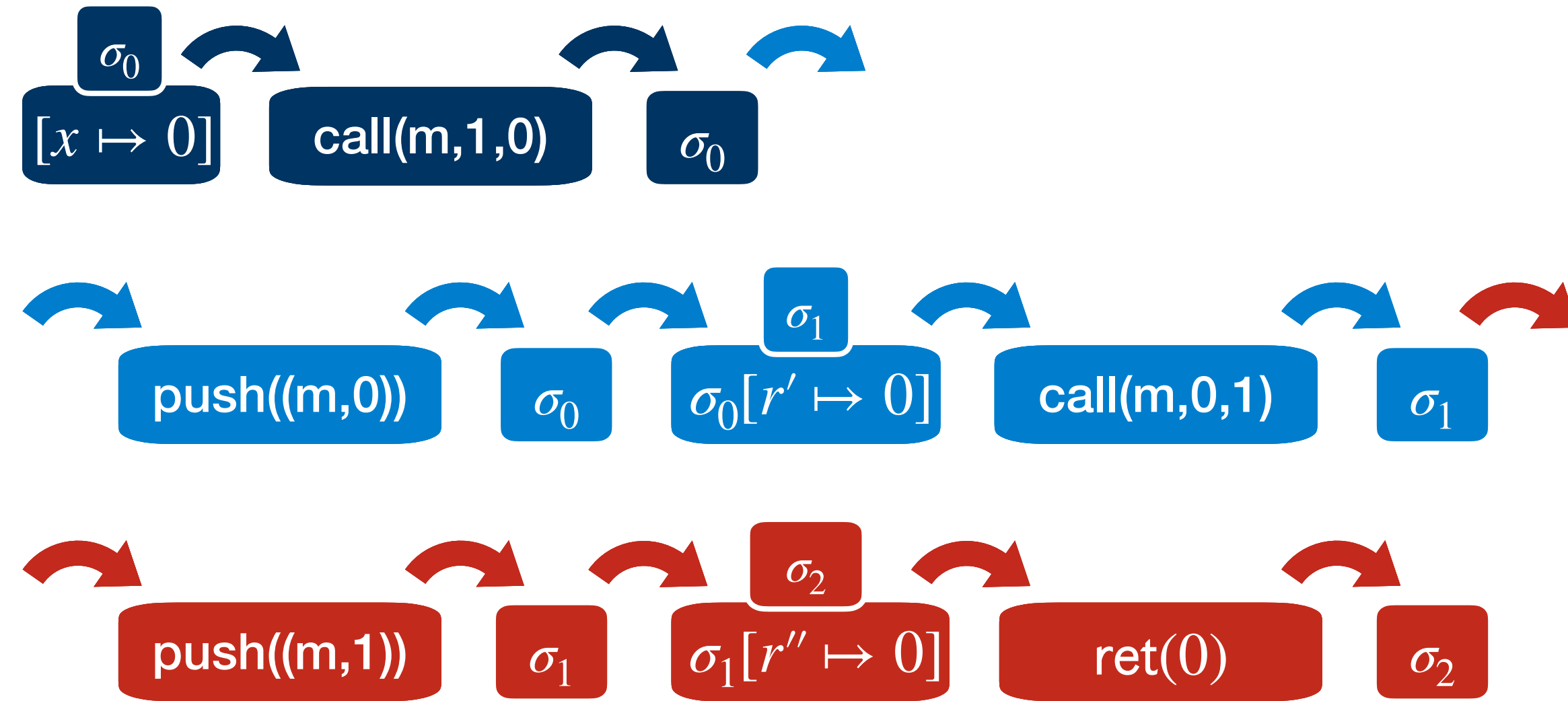


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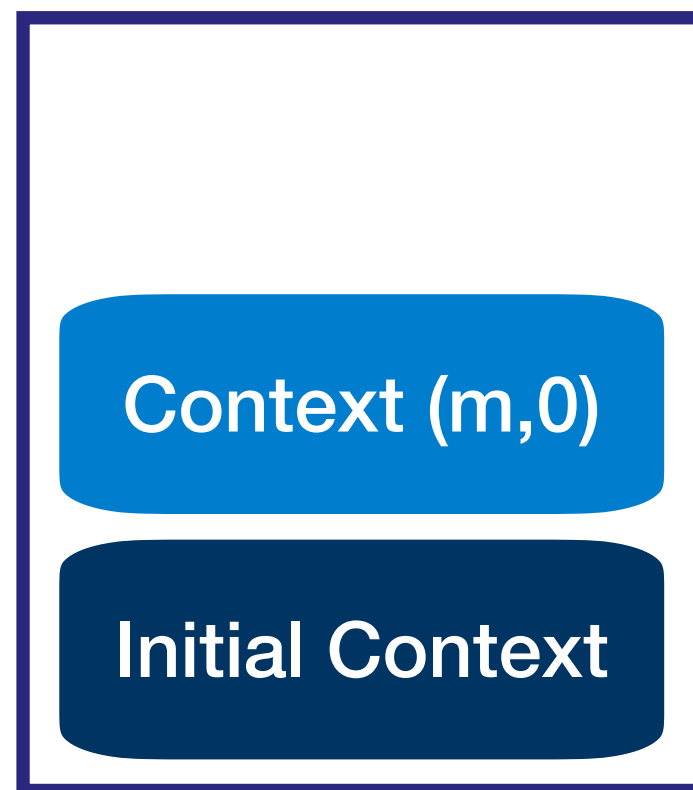
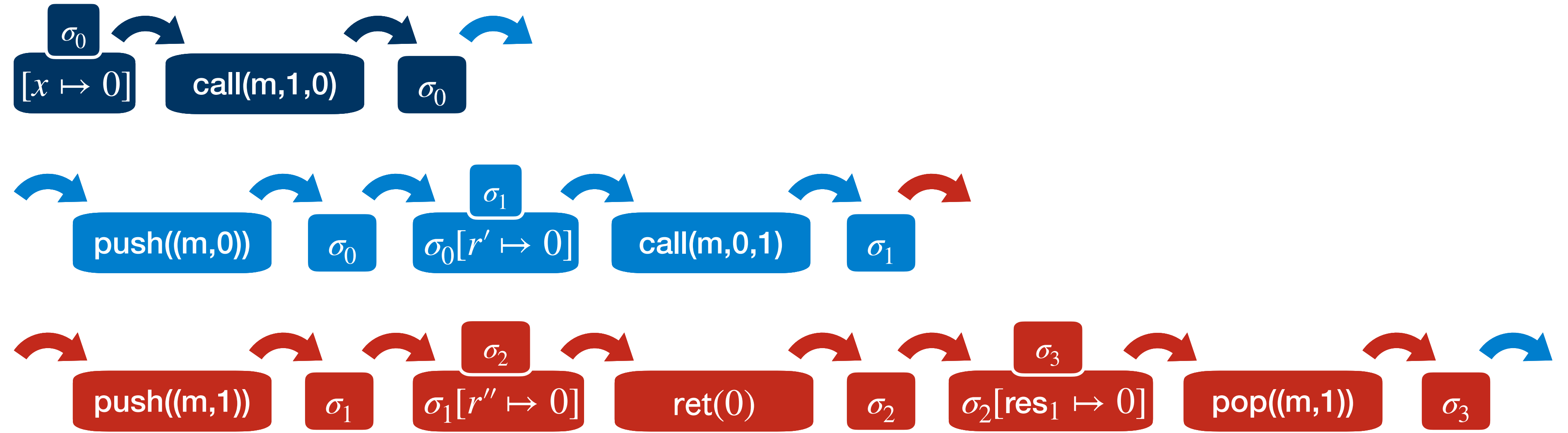
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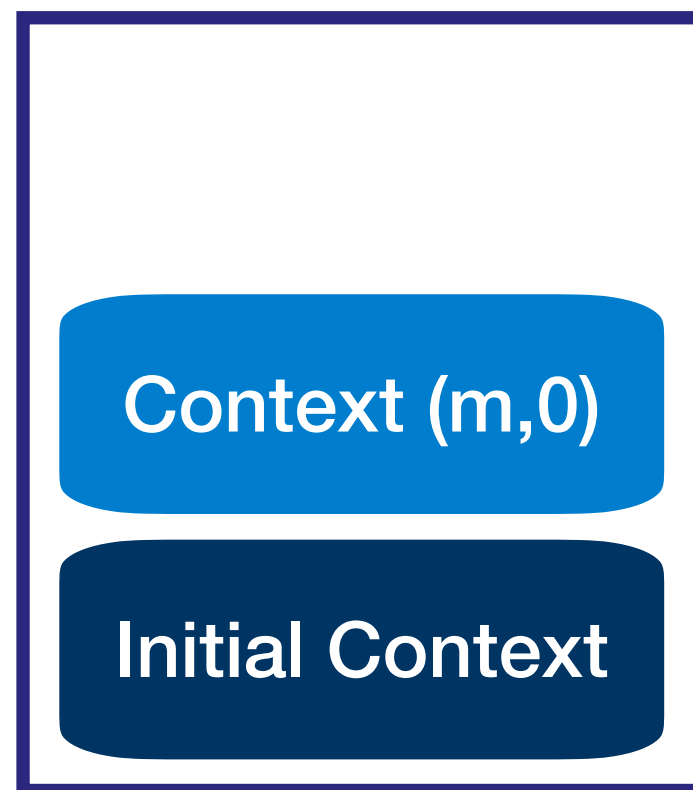
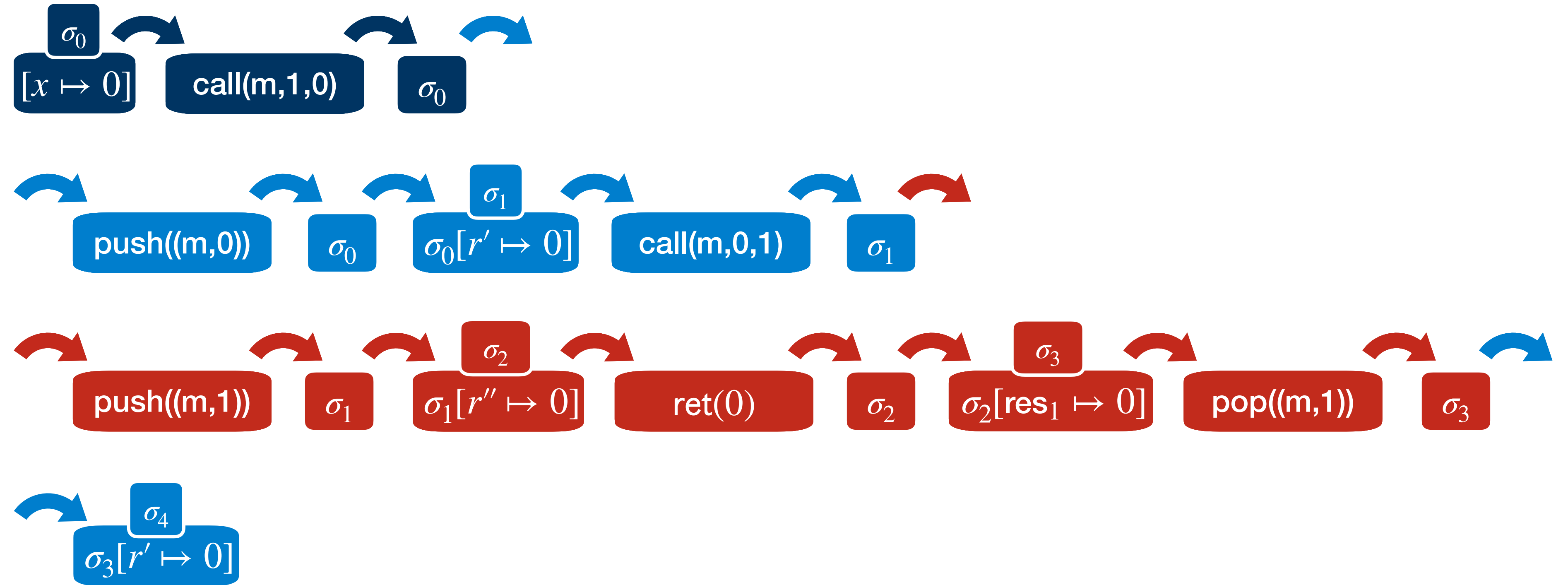
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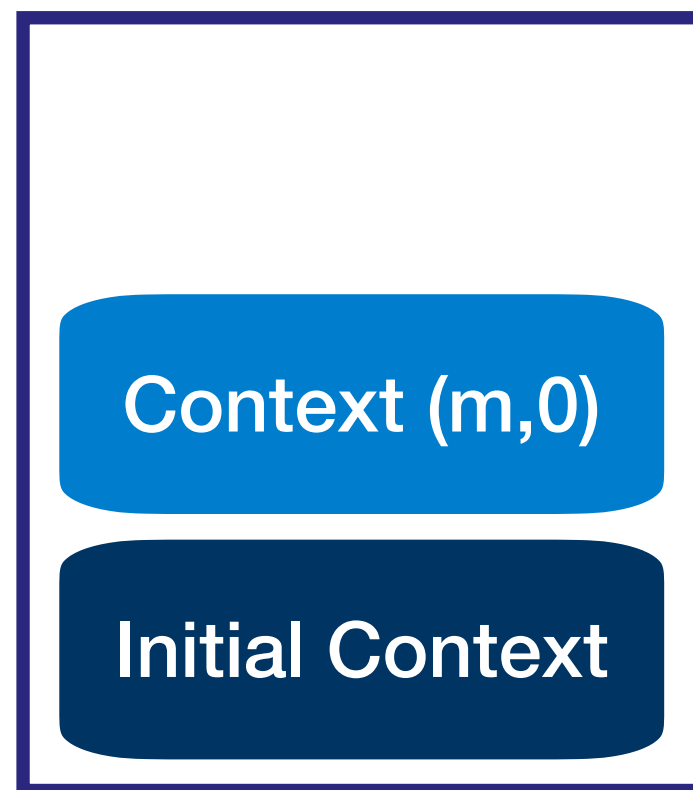
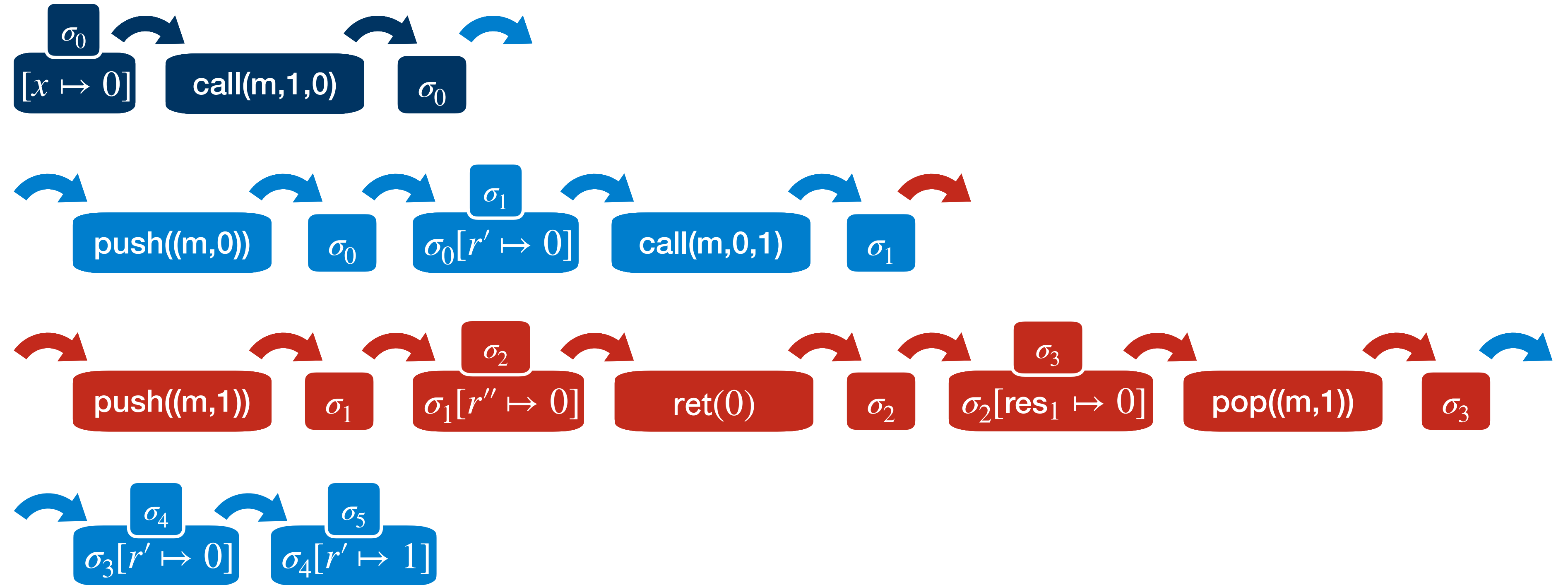
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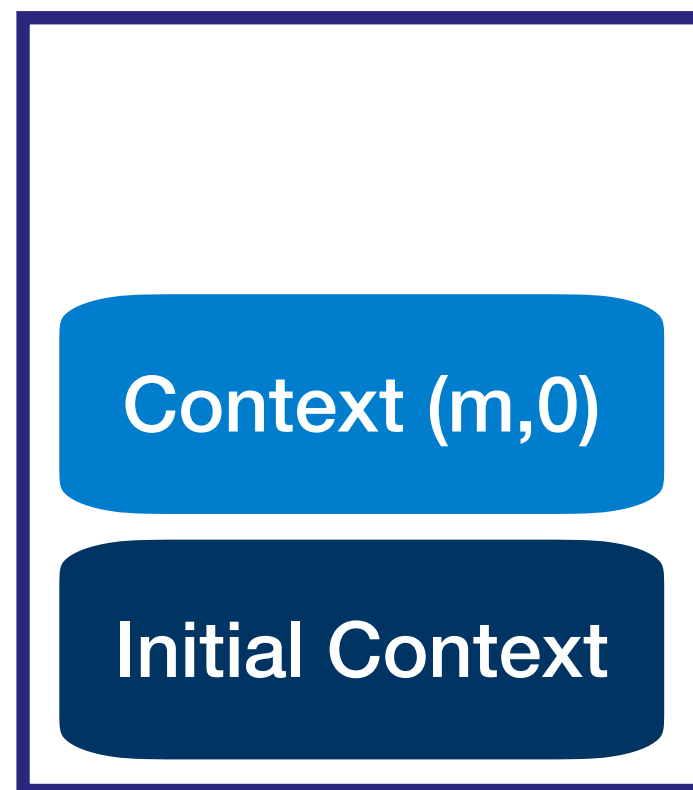
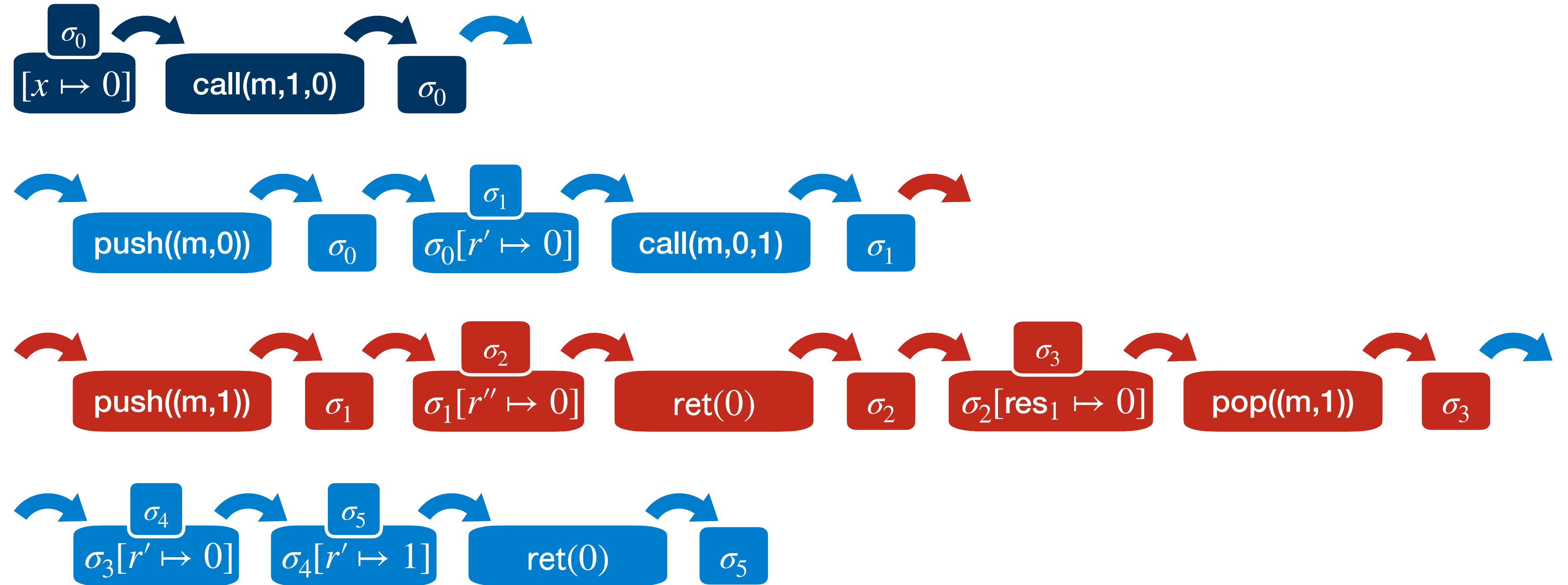
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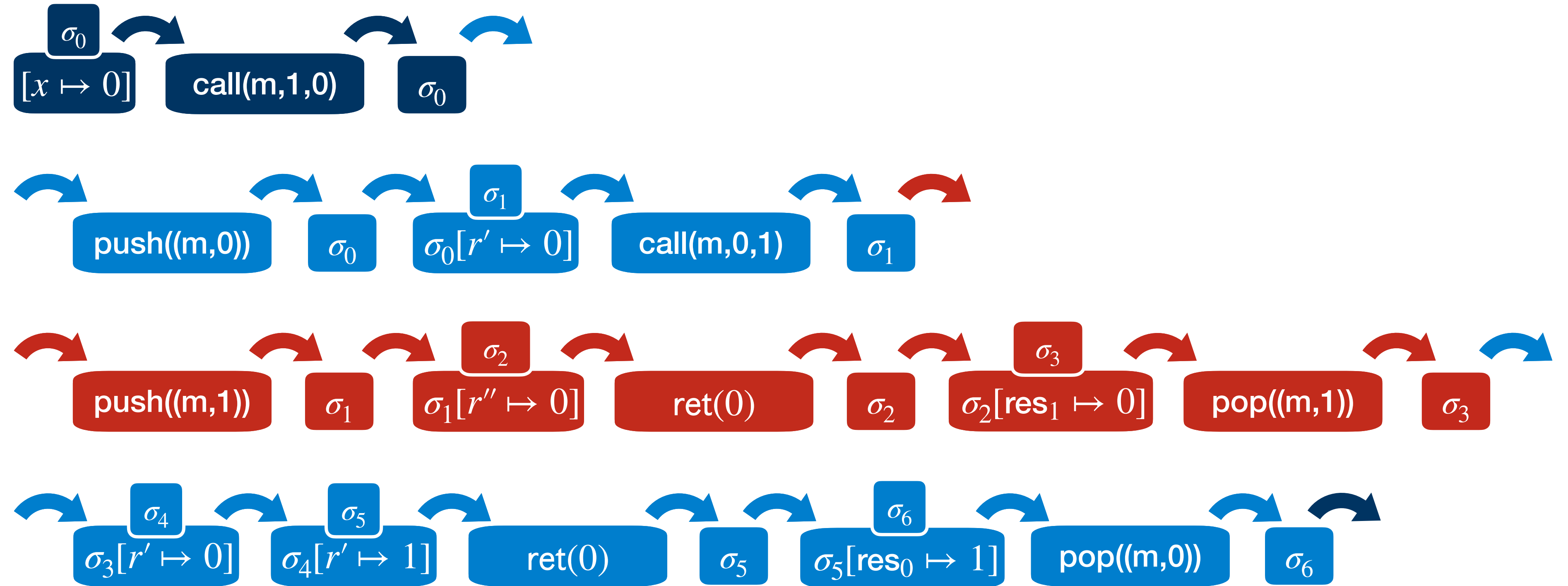
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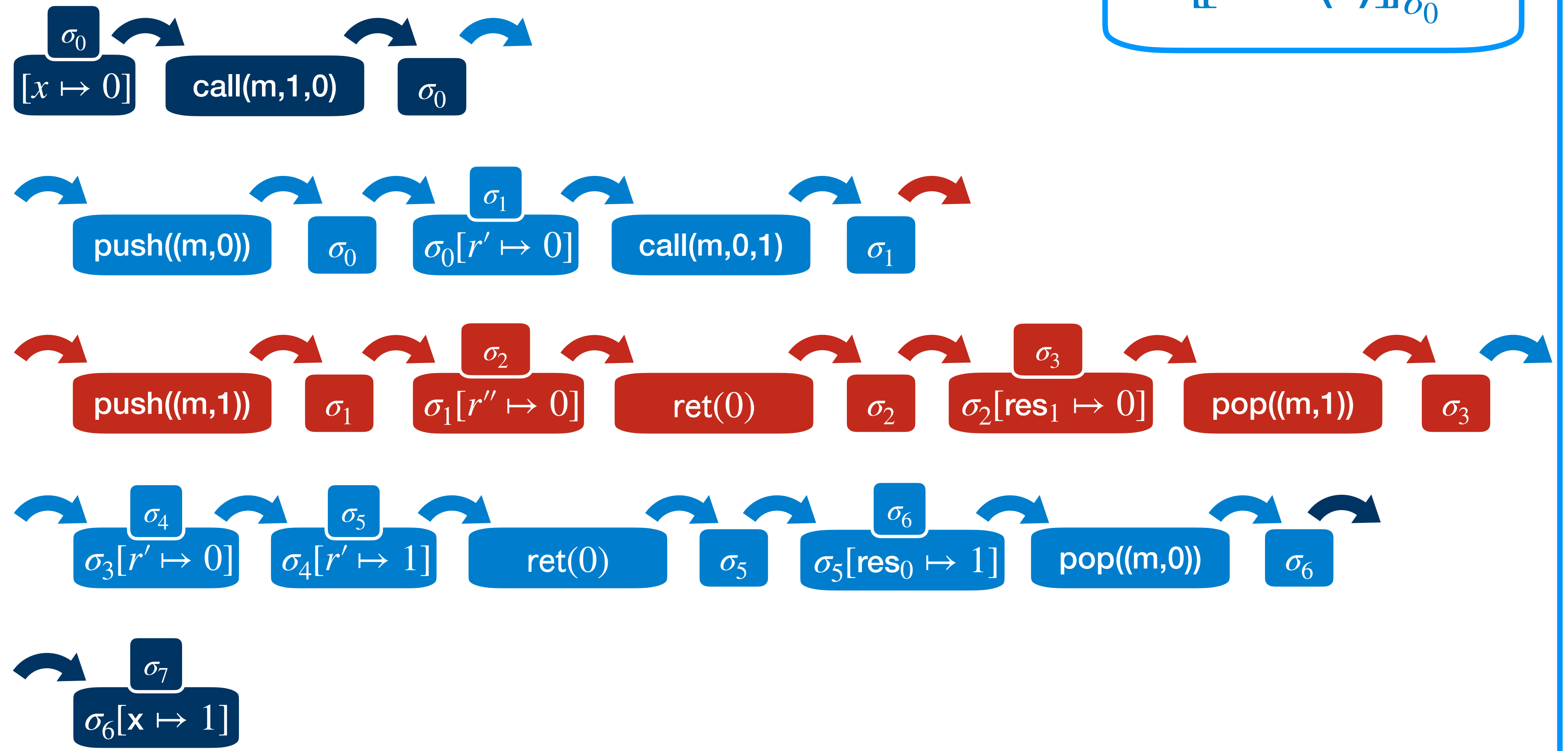
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Initial Context

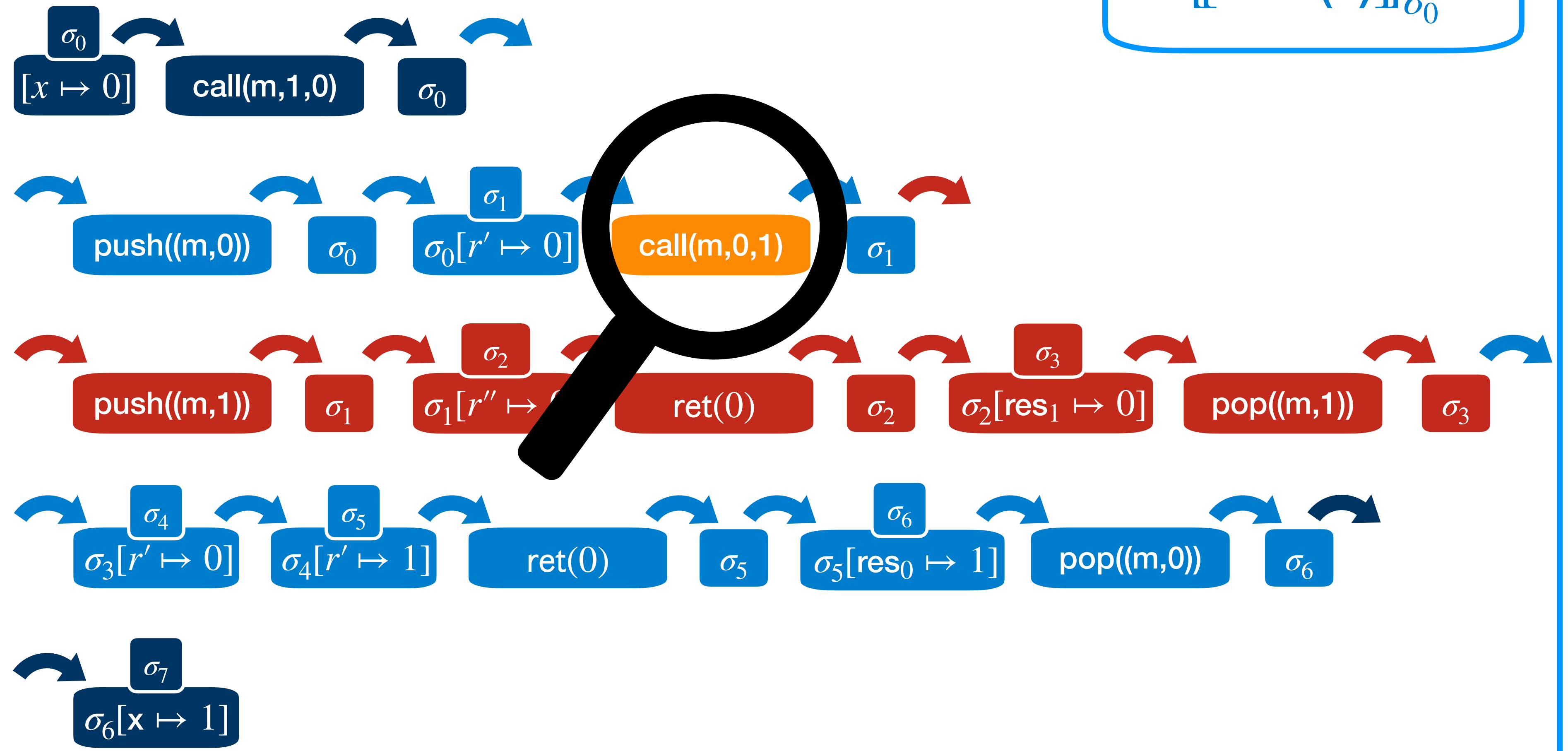
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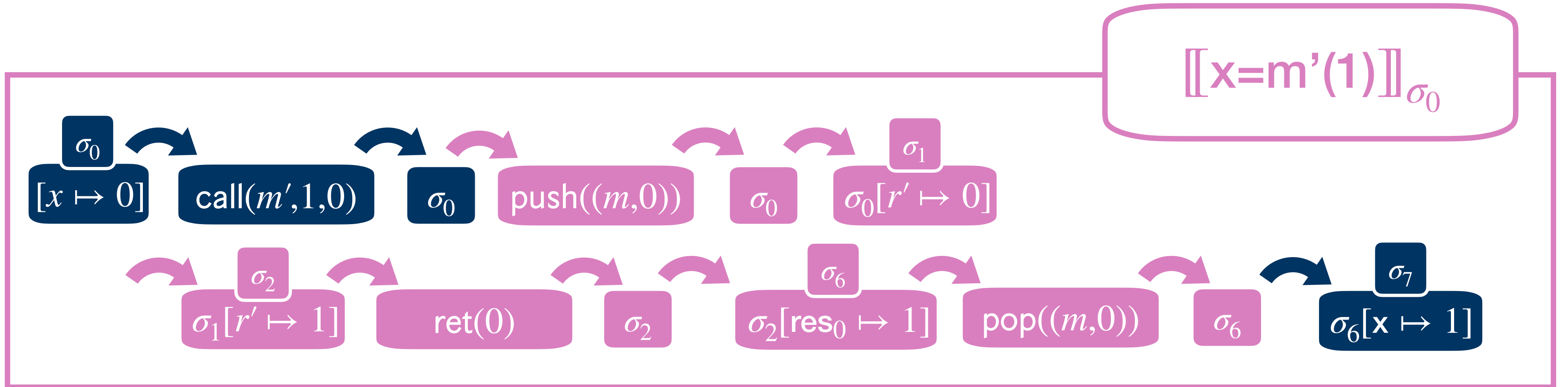
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No procedure calls in  $m'$

## **Part III**

# **A Logic for Trace Contracts**

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## Syntax

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Trace formula

$$\Phi_1 = [n \doteq 0]$$

Semantics  
(set of traces)

$$[[\Phi_1]] = \text{set of traces of length 1 with } n \doteq 0$$

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startEv(m,par), finish(m,res)

$[true] \vee \text{Ev}(\bar{m})$

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$\Psi = \mu X(\text{Anything} \vee \text{Anything} \cdot X)$

$\Psi^0 = \text{Anything}$

0th unfold

$\Psi^1 = \text{Anything} \cdot \Psi$

1st unfold

$\Psi^2 = \text{Anything} \cdot \text{Anything} \cdot \Psi$

2nd unfold

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Any terminating program is conforming to  $\Psi$

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$[[v = m(n)]]_{\sigma} \in [[\Psi]]$

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With  $\sigma \models n \geq 0$

Assignments with  $m$  and  $m'$  are conforming to  $\Psi$

# A Logic for Trace Contracts

Syntax

$\Phi ::= [P] \mid \text{Ev} \mid \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \Phi \vee \Phi \mid \Phi \cdot \Phi \mid \Phi ** \Phi \mid \mu X(\bar{y})(\bar{t}) \mid X(\bar{t})$

Trace formula

$\Psi = \mu X(\text{noEv}(m) \vee [\text{noEv}(m)] \cdot X)$

Semantics  
(set of traces)

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Non conforming

$\llbracket v = m(n) \rrbracket_{\sigma} \notin \llbracket \bar{m} \cdot \cdot \rrbracket$

Calls to m generate events with m!

Conforming

$\llbracket v = m'(n) \rrbracket_{\sigma'} \in \llbracket \bar{m} \cdot \cdot \rrbracket$

With  $\sigma' \models n \geq 0$

m' does contains calls to m



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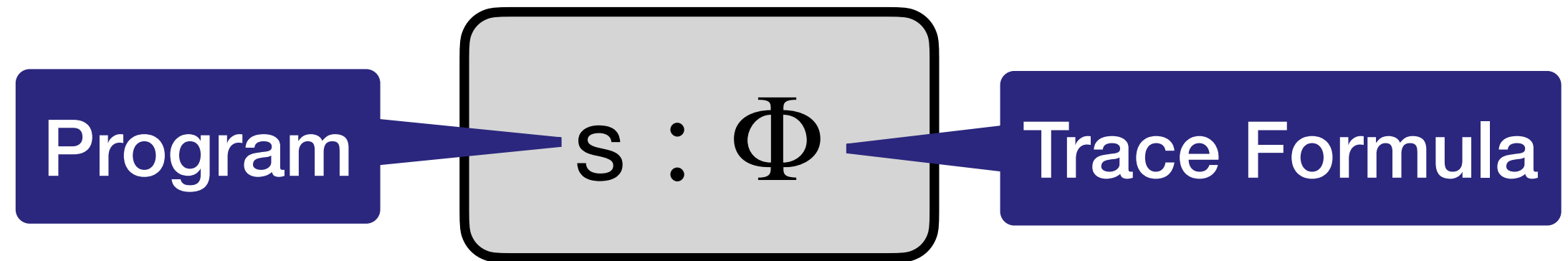
With  $\sigma \models n > 0$

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m contains a call to m!

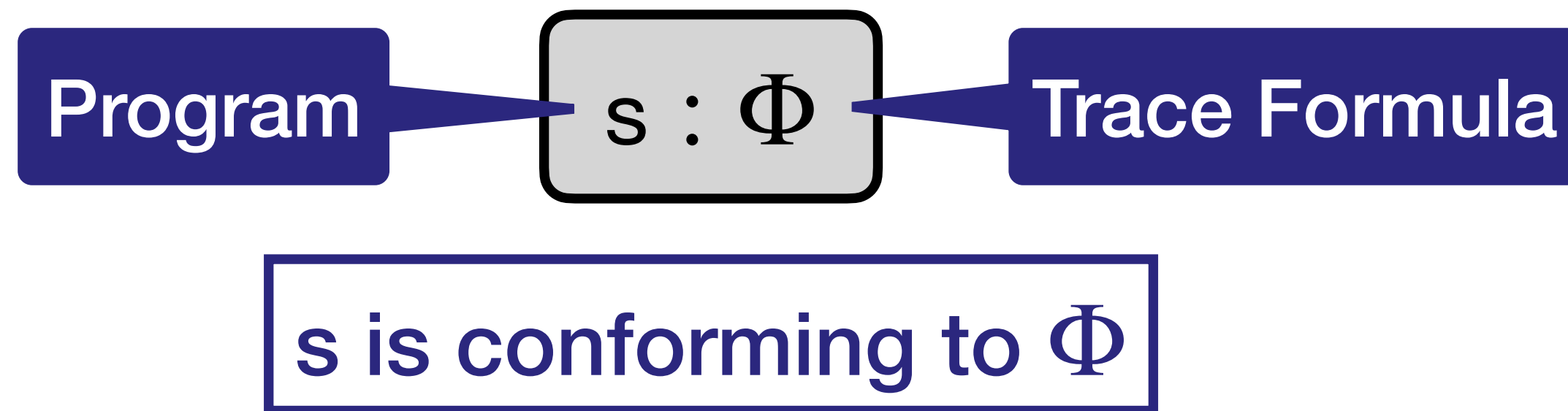
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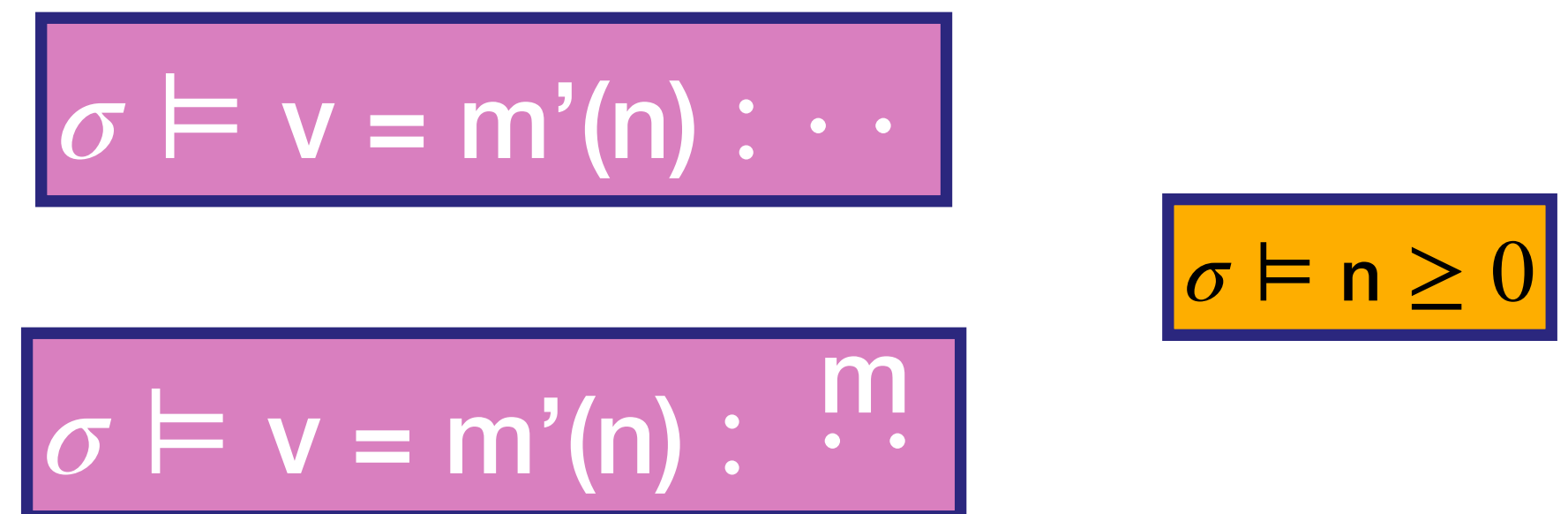
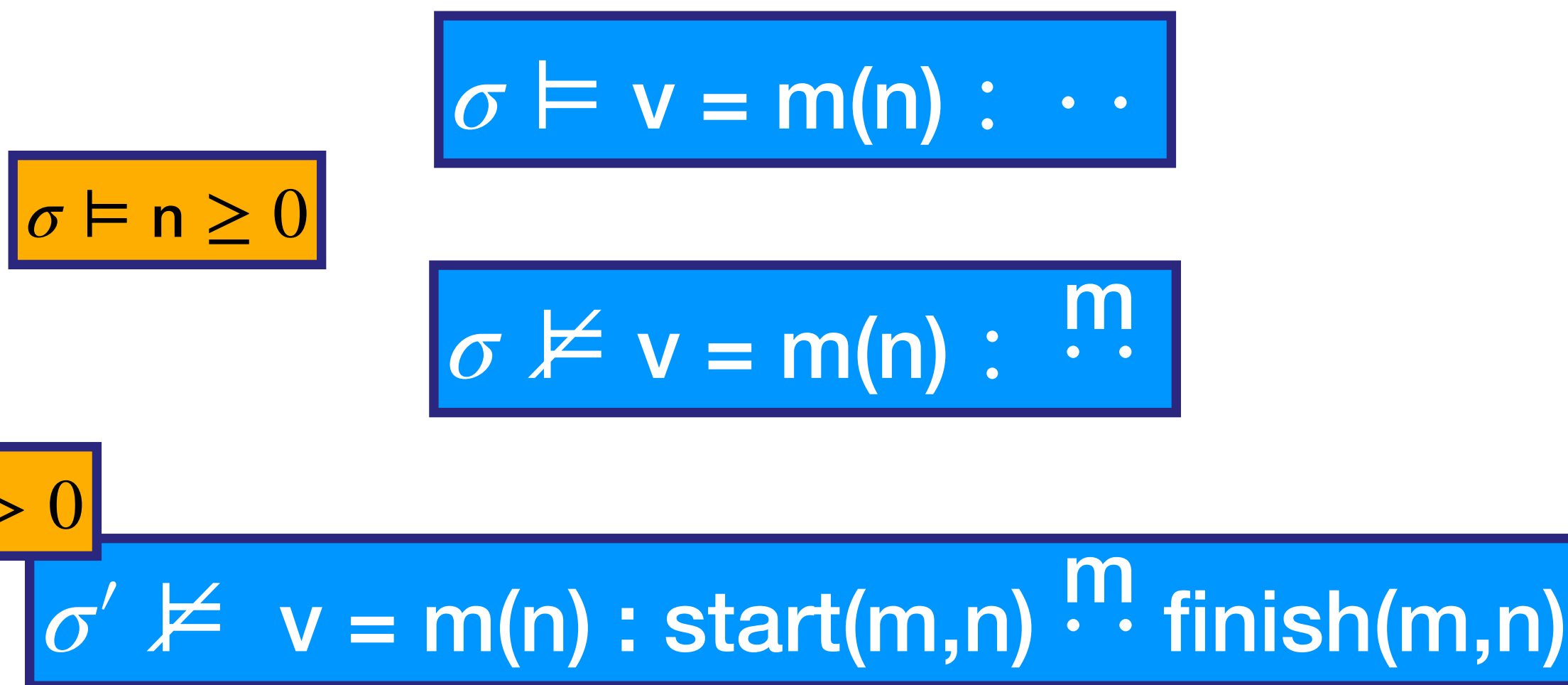
$s$  is conforming to  $\Phi$

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## **Part IV**

# **A Calculus for Deductive Verification**

# Symbolic Execution with Trace Updates

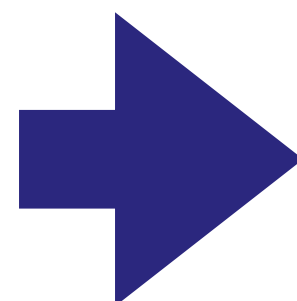
$$\mathcal{U} ::= \epsilon \mid \{v := e\} \mathcal{U} \mid \{\text{Ev}(\bar{e})\} \mathcal{U}$$

Sequent

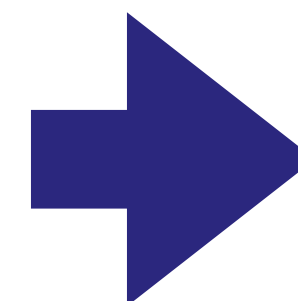
$$\Gamma \vdash \mathcal{U} s : \Phi$$

Judgement with leading trace update

$$\Gamma \vdash s : \Phi$$



Symbolic Execution



$$\Gamma' \vdash \mathcal{U} s : \Phi$$

# Example

No procedure calls:  
No need for contracts!

## Symbolic Execution of $m'$

**Return**  $\frac{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U} \{r := k - 1\} \{r := r + 1\} \{\text{finishEv}(m', r)\} \{\text{res} := r\} : \Phi}{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U} \{r := k - 1\} \{r := r + 1\} \text{ return } r : \Phi}$

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Leading Update  
 $\mathcal{U} \equiv \{\text{startEv}(m', k)\} \{r := 0\}$

Body of  $m'$

# Example

A procedure call:  
We need to use the contract of m!

## Symbolic Execution of m

**Return**  $\frac{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U} \{r:=m(k-1)\} \{r := k+1\} \{\text{finishEv}(m, r)\} \{\text{res}:= r\} : \Phi}{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U} \{r:=m(k-1)\} \{r := r+1\} \text{ return } r : \Phi}$

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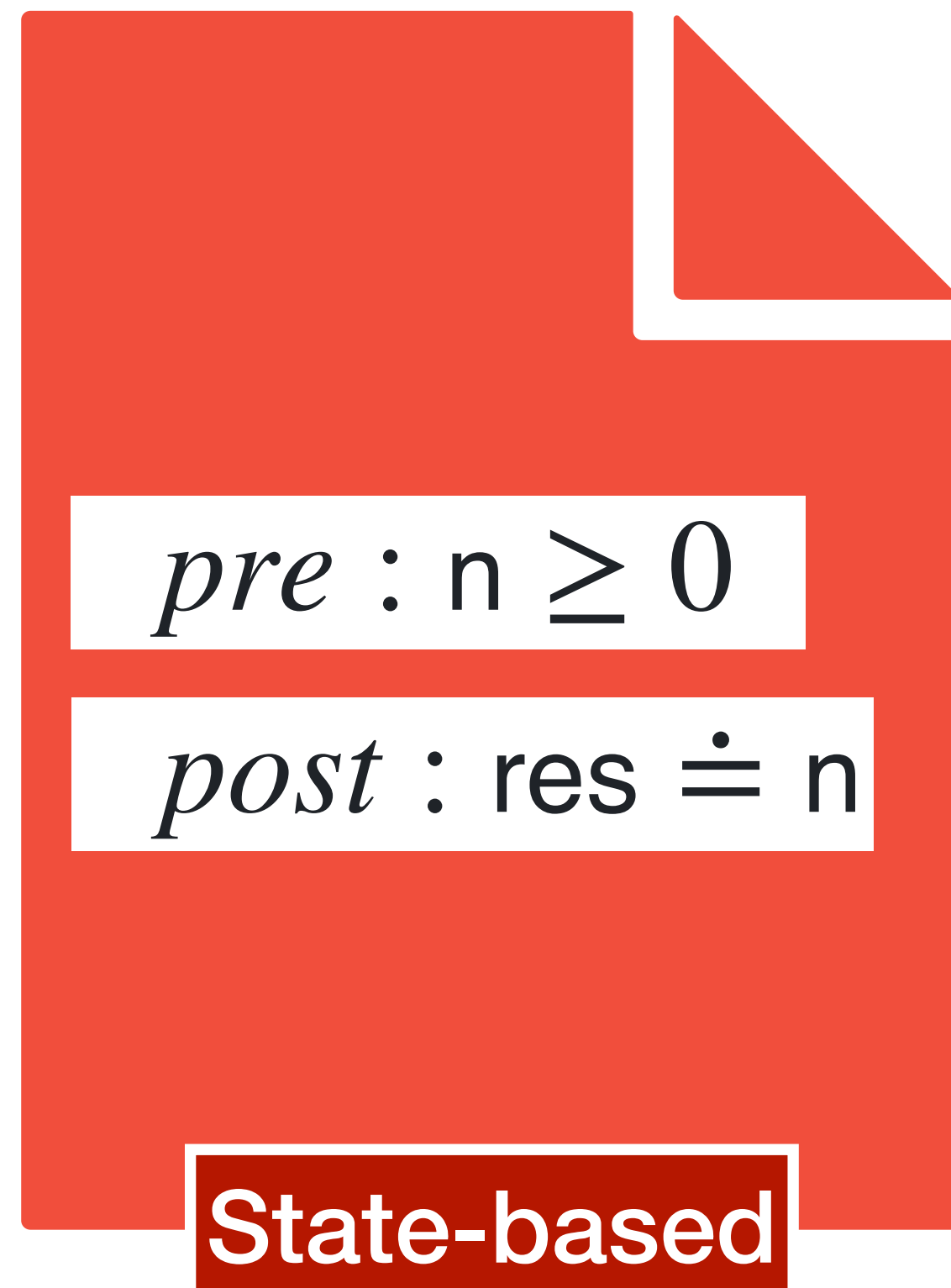
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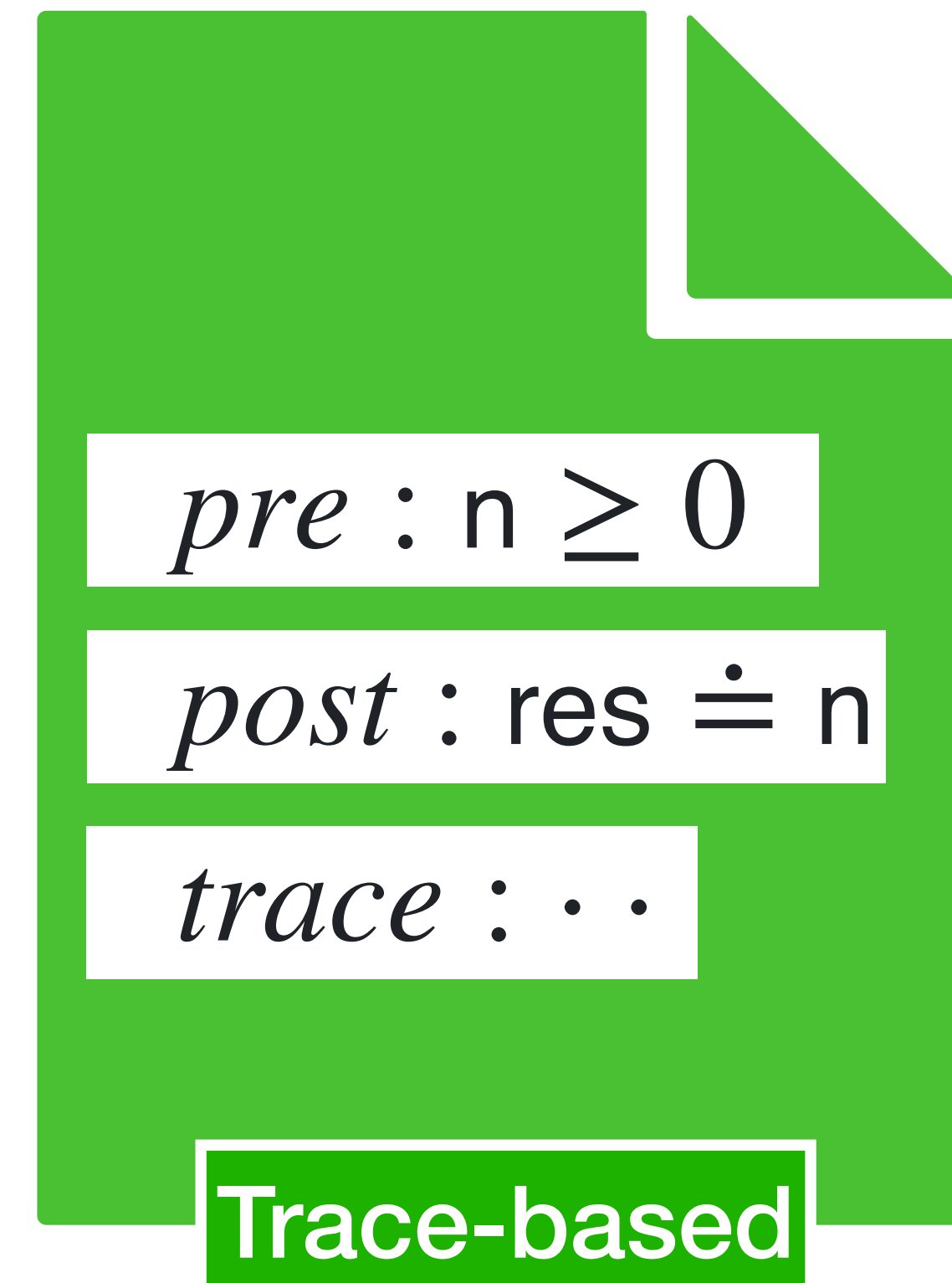
Body of m

# State- vs Trace-based Contracts



$pre : n \geq 0$   
 $post : res \doteq n$

State-based



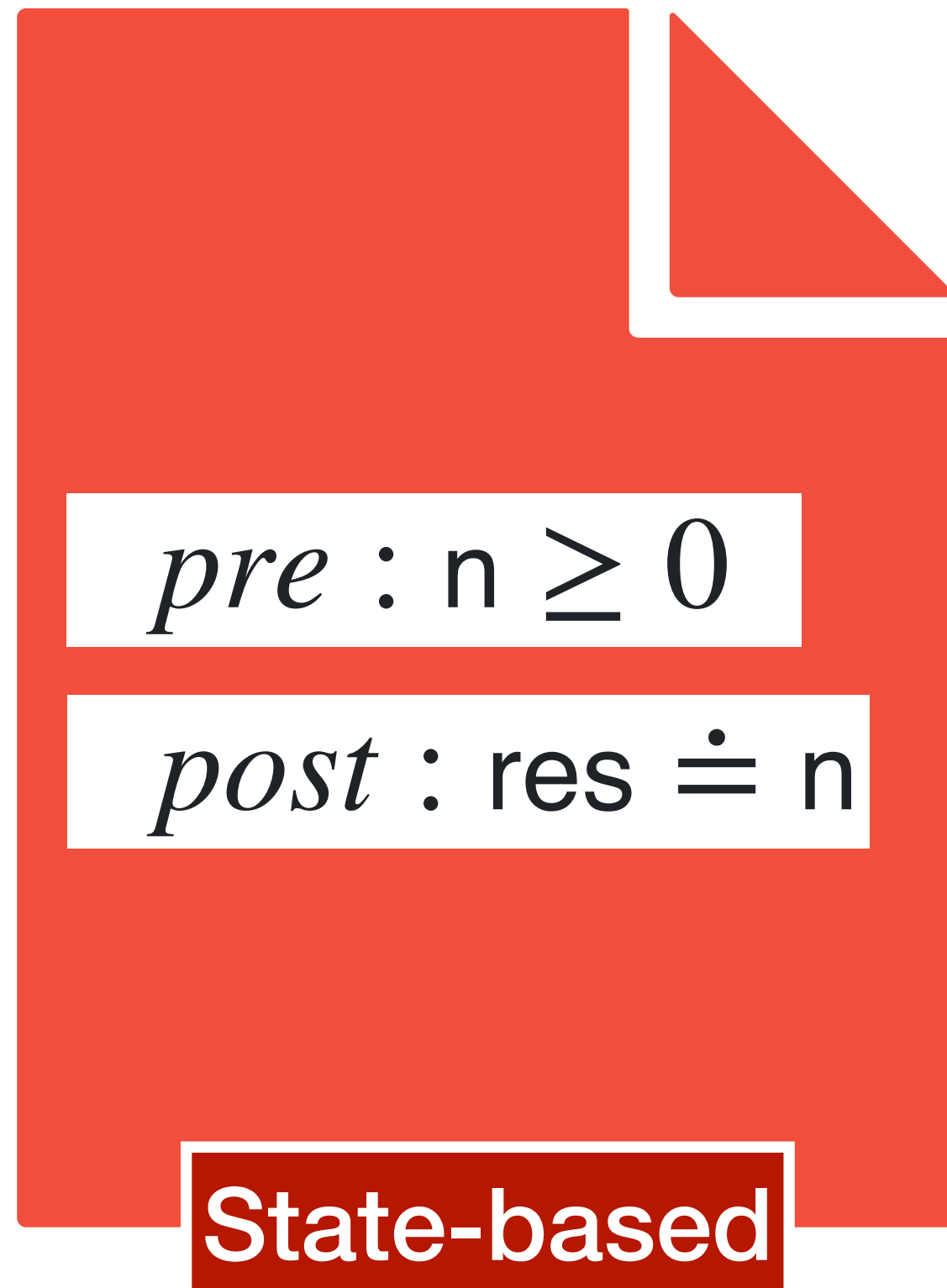
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Trace-based

**Fulfilled by the same programs!**



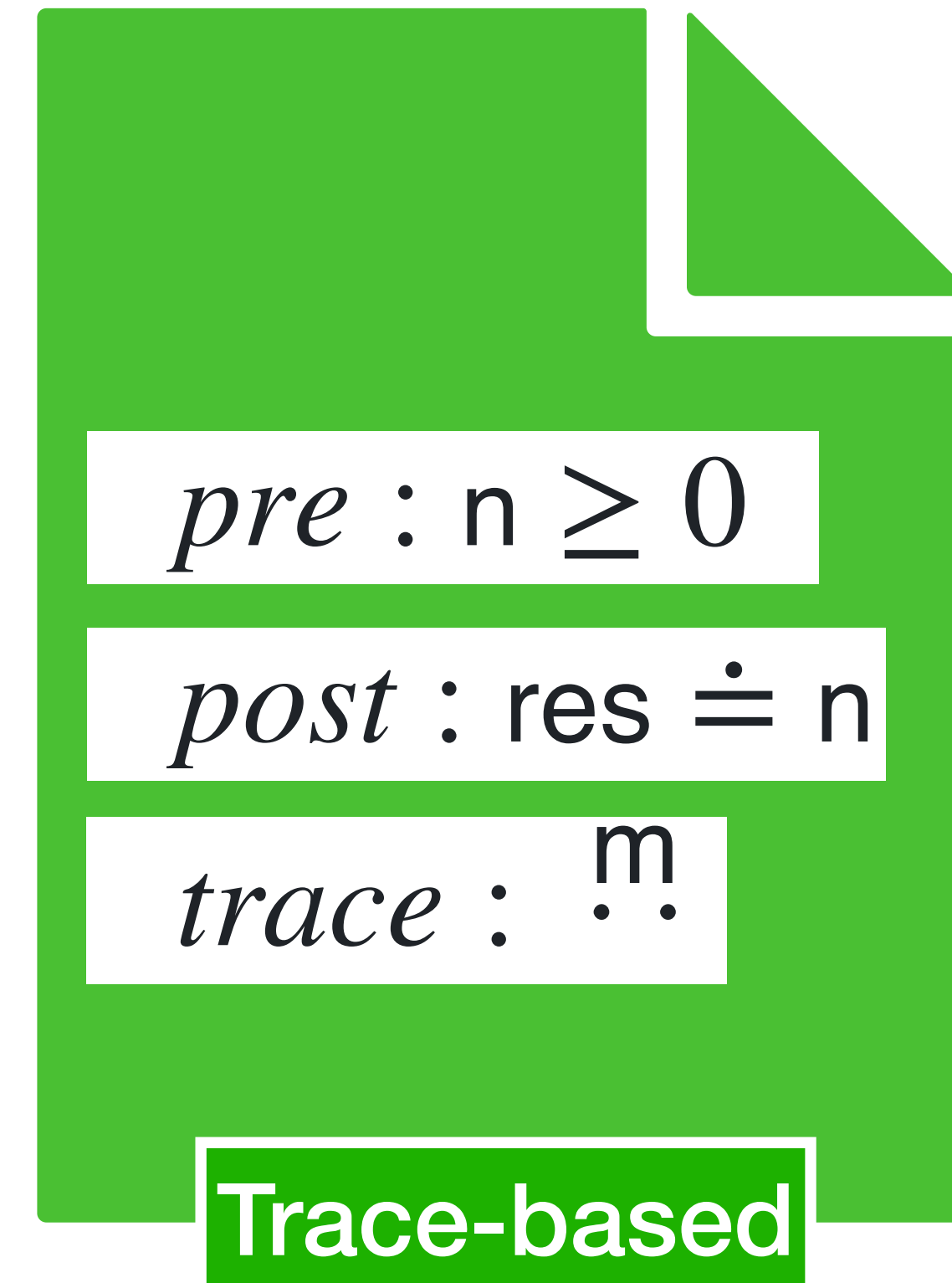
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State-based

Fulfilled by  $m$  and  $m'$



$pre : n \geq 0$   
 $post : res \doteq n$   
 $trace : \cdot^m$

Trace-based

Not fulfilled by  $m$

# Trace-based Contracts

*pre* :  $n \geq 0$

*post* :  $\text{res} \doteq n$

*trace* :  $\Phi_m$

Contract of *m*

How does  $\Phi_m$  look like?

# Trace-based Contracts

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No calls to m.  
Contract not needed

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$$\vdots$$

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# Closing the Proof

Sound Calculus!

$$\frac{k > 0 \vdash \{\text{startEv}(m, k)\}\{r := 0\}\{r := k-1\} : [k > 0] ** \text{start}(m, k) \cdot^m}{(a)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \{r:=k-1\}\{r := r+1\}\{\text{finish}(m, r)\}\{\text{res} := r\} : \cdot^m \text{finish}(m, k) [\text{res} \doteq k]}{(b)}$$

**TrAbs**

$$\frac{\frac{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U}_1 : \Phi_1 \quad k > 0 \vdash k \geq 0}{k > 0 \vdash \mathcal{U}_1 : \Phi_1} \quad \frac{\mathbf{C}_m \vdash \{r:=k-1\}\mathcal{U}_2 : \Phi_2}{\mathbf{C}_m \vdash \{r:=k-1\}\mathcal{U}_2 : \Phi_2}}{k > 0, \mathbf{C}_m \vdash \mathcal{U}_1\{r:=m(k-1)\}\mathcal{U}_2 : \Phi_1 ** \Phi_m(k-1) ** \Phi_2}$$

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# Conclusion

**Part I**  
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**Part II**  
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**Part III**  
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# Conclusion

## Part I State-based Contracts

Modular Verification of Recursive Procedures

Used by state-of-the-art deductive verifiers

What happens during execution? (Intermediate Annotations)

Low readability

No independence of the code

# Conclusion

## Part II Trace Semantics

For sequential programs with recursive calls

Events to capture properties of the execution



# Conclusion

## Part III A Logic for Trace Contracts

Specifying properties over finite program traces

Trace contracts

Judgments to express correctness of trace contracts

# Conclusion

## Part IV Deductive Verification

Sound Calculus: Verifying trace contracts

Symbolic Execution & Trace Abstraction

Modular Verification!

# Conclusion

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**State-based Contracts**  
And their limitations

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