

Games with names

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What this talk is about

Generation of **new resources** is a pervasive feature in computation (references, objects, channels, etc.)

We call these **names**

We present **game semantics** for computation with names


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- Notion of *resource (name)*:
 - atomic values
 - infinitely many
 - comparable for equality

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In call-by-name IA:

- Equivalence *not* affected by `mkvar`
- Approximation *is* affected

Both affected in:

- CBN IA + control
- CBN IA + non-det.
- call-by-value IA

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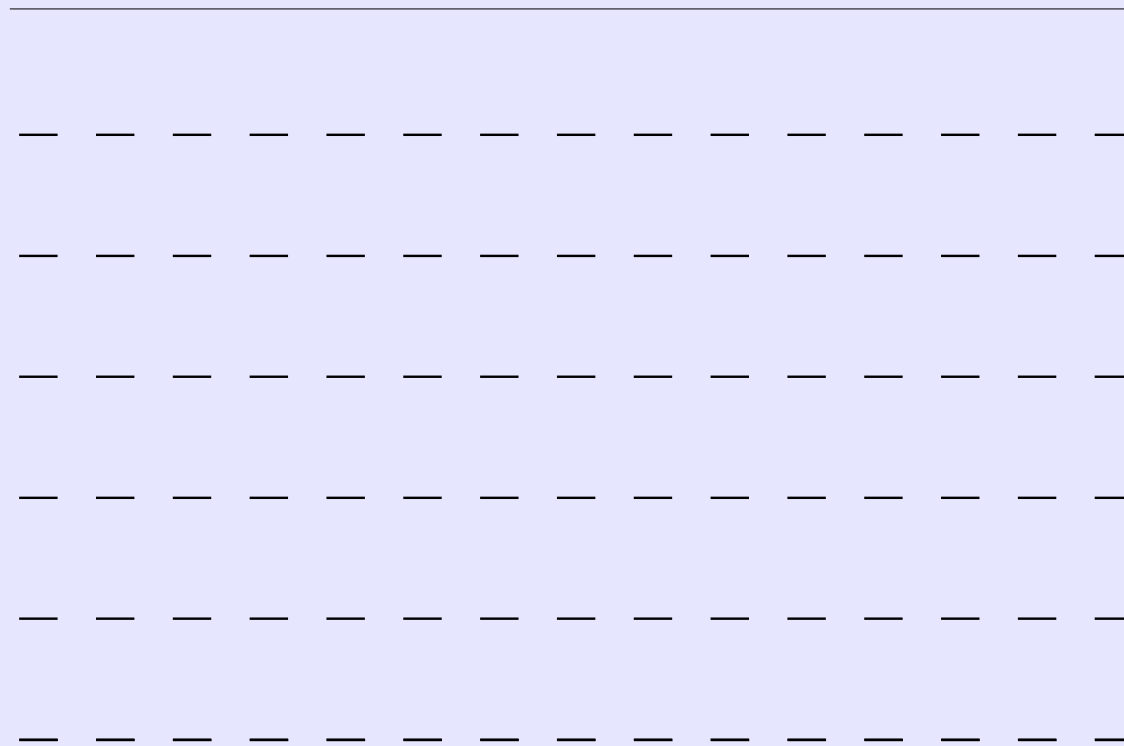
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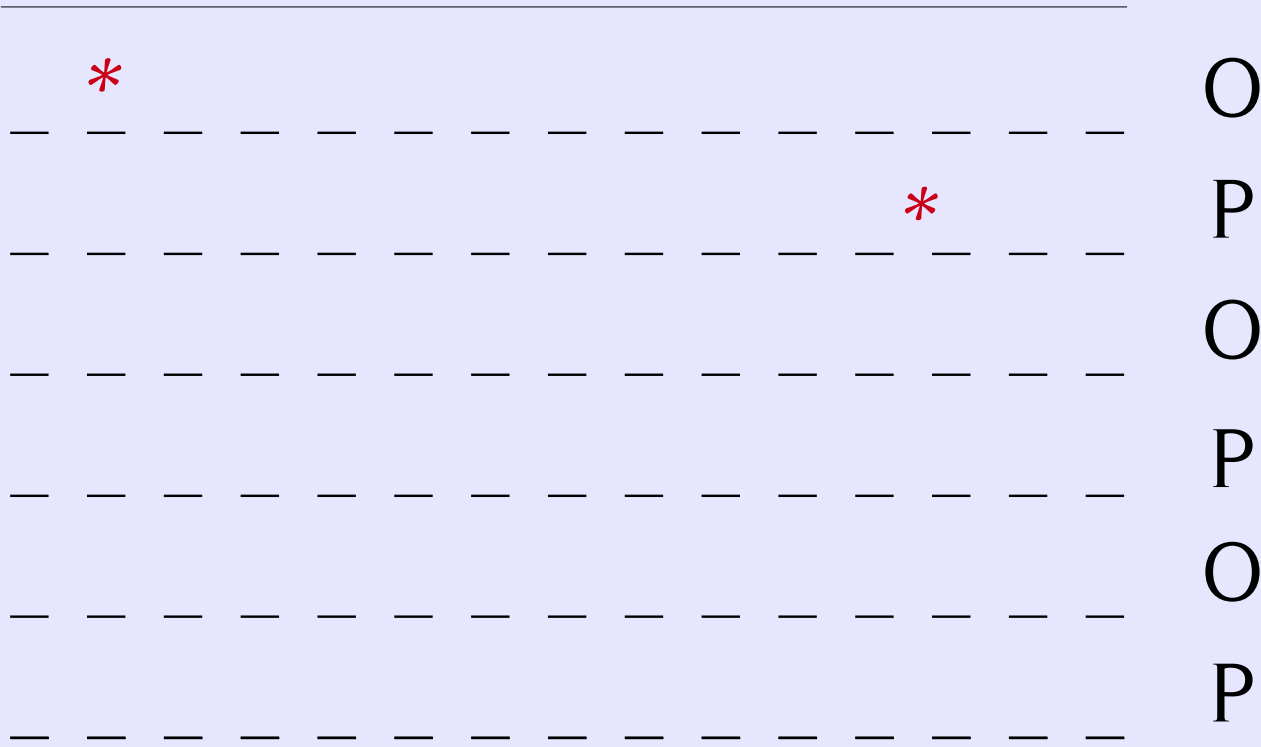


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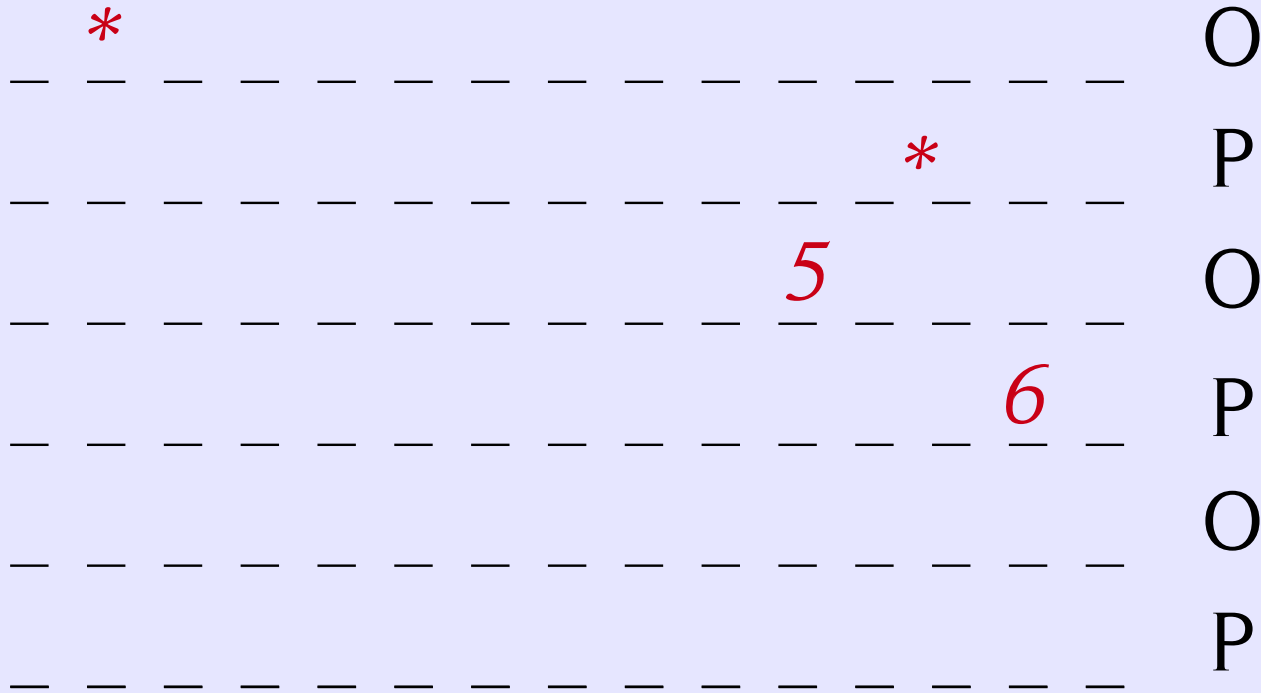
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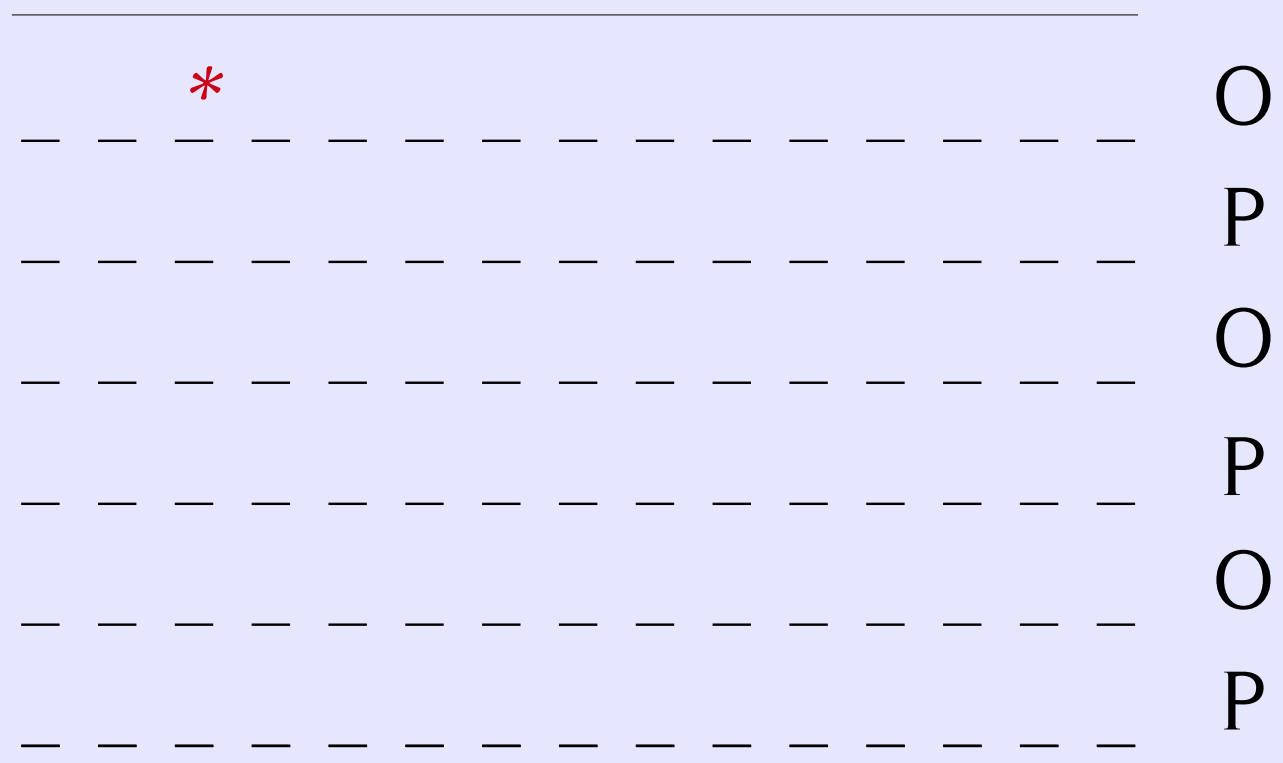
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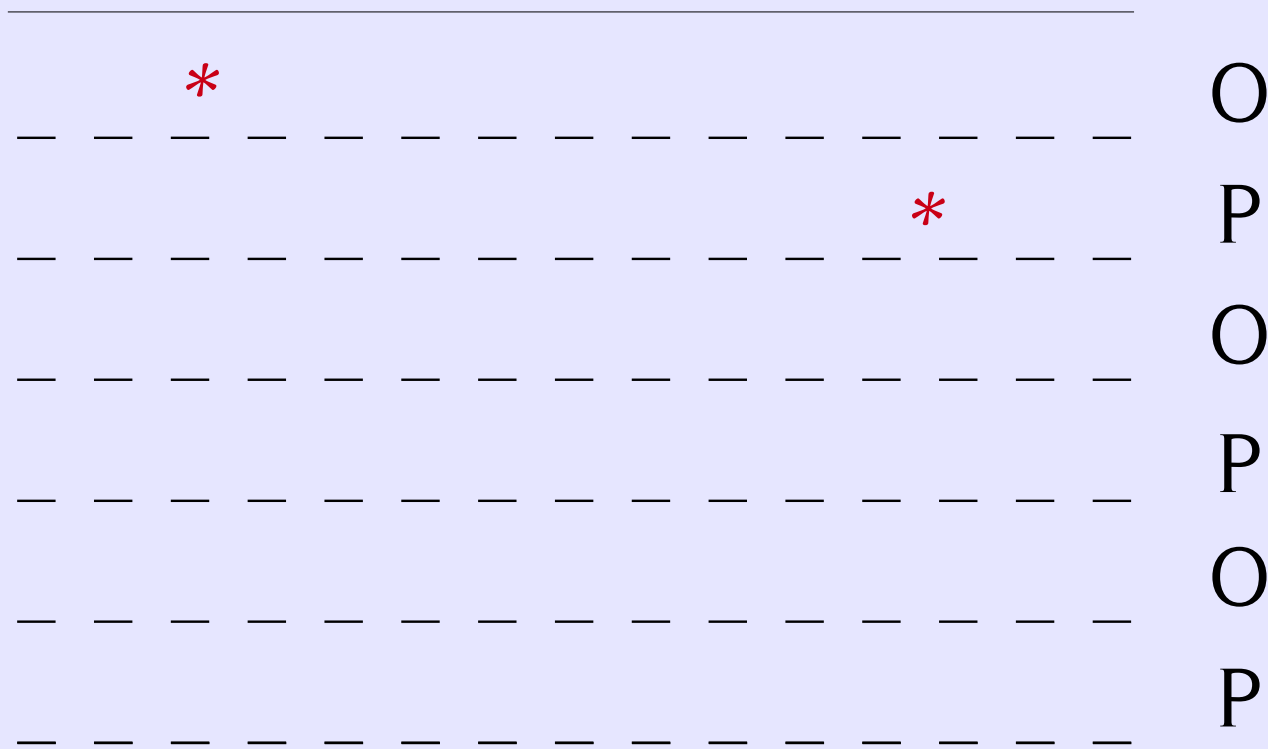
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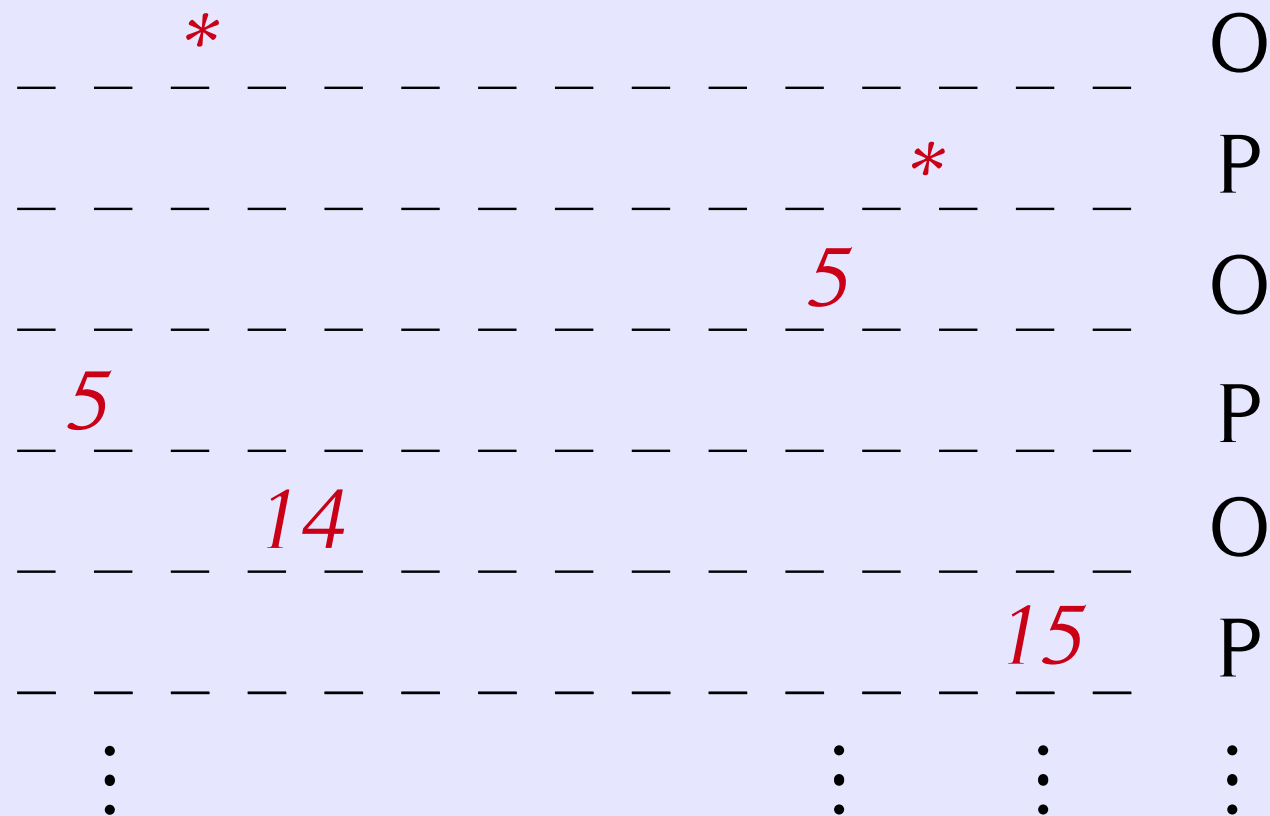
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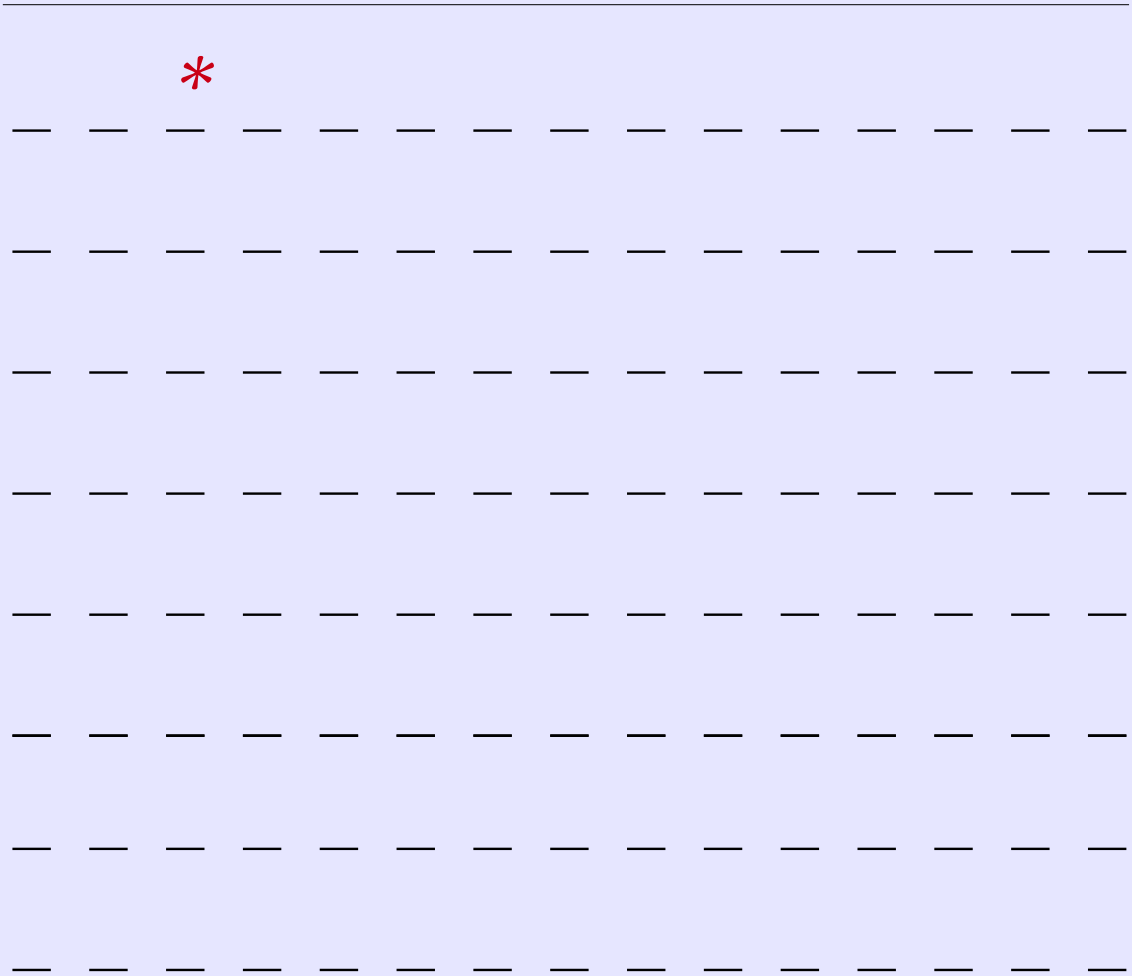
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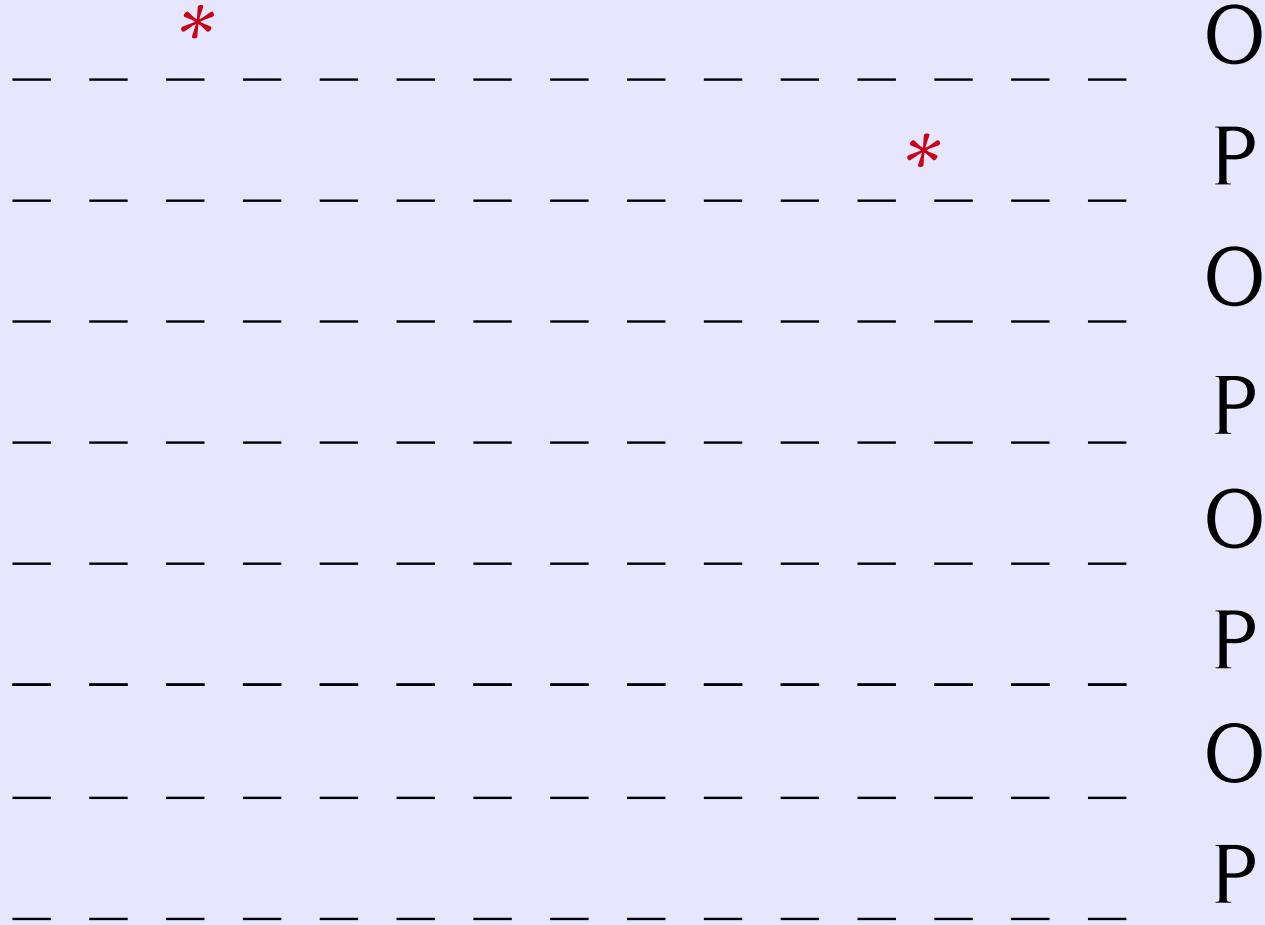
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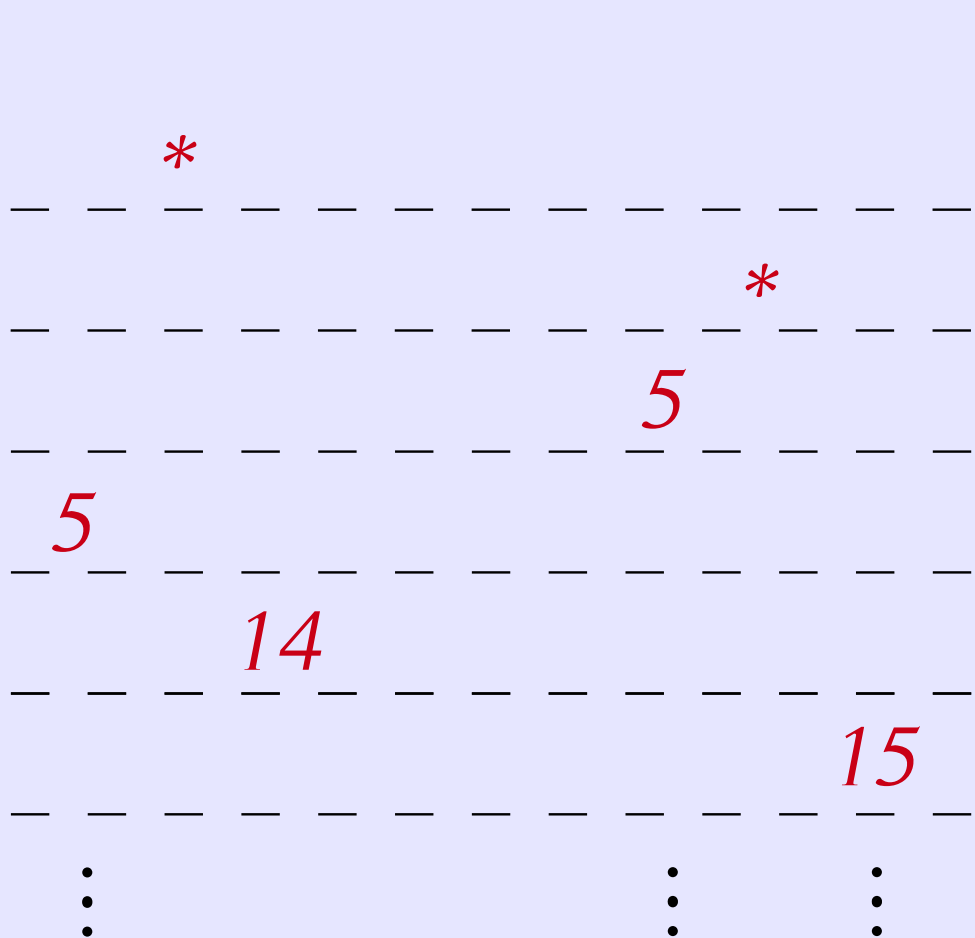
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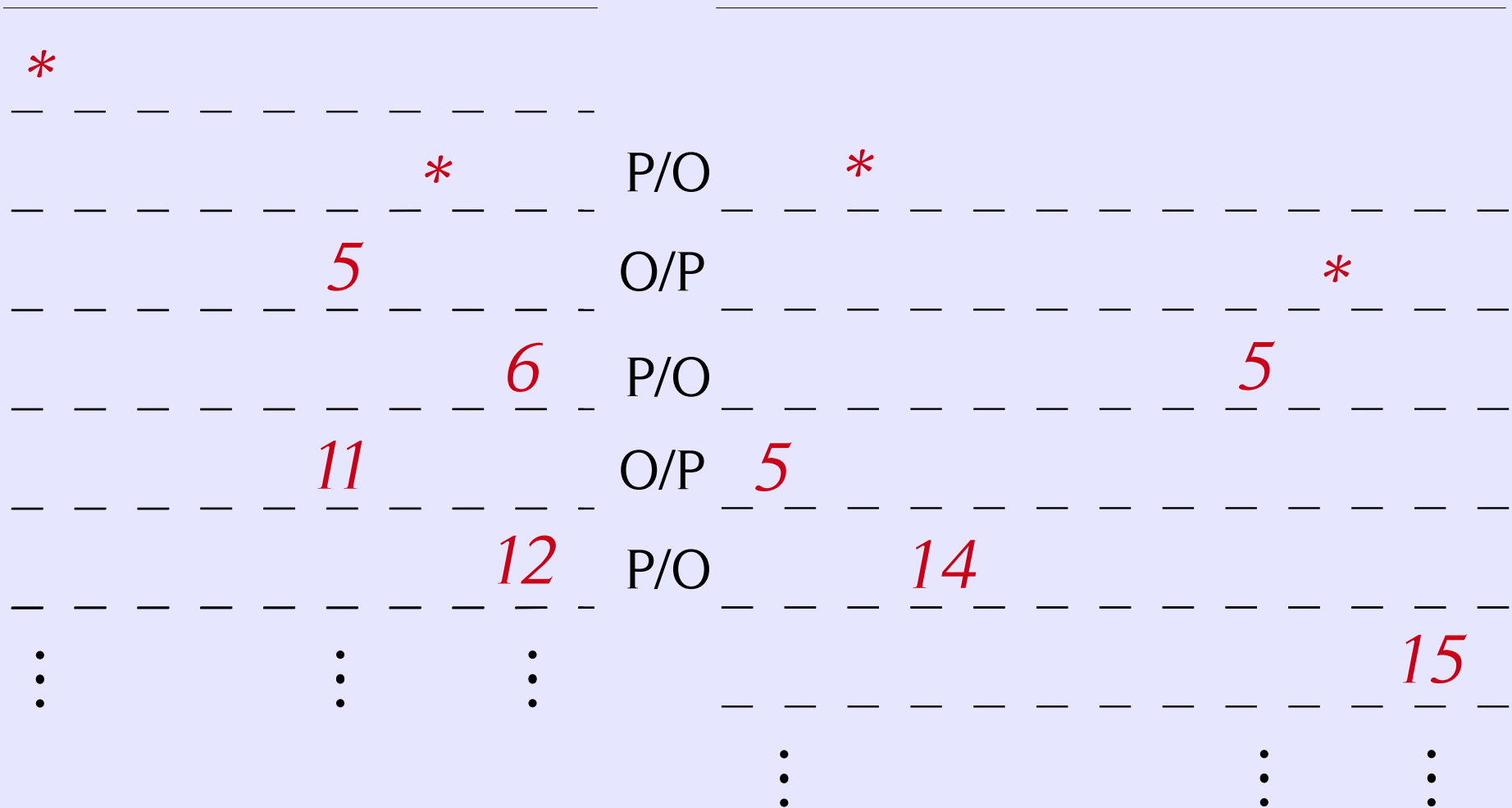
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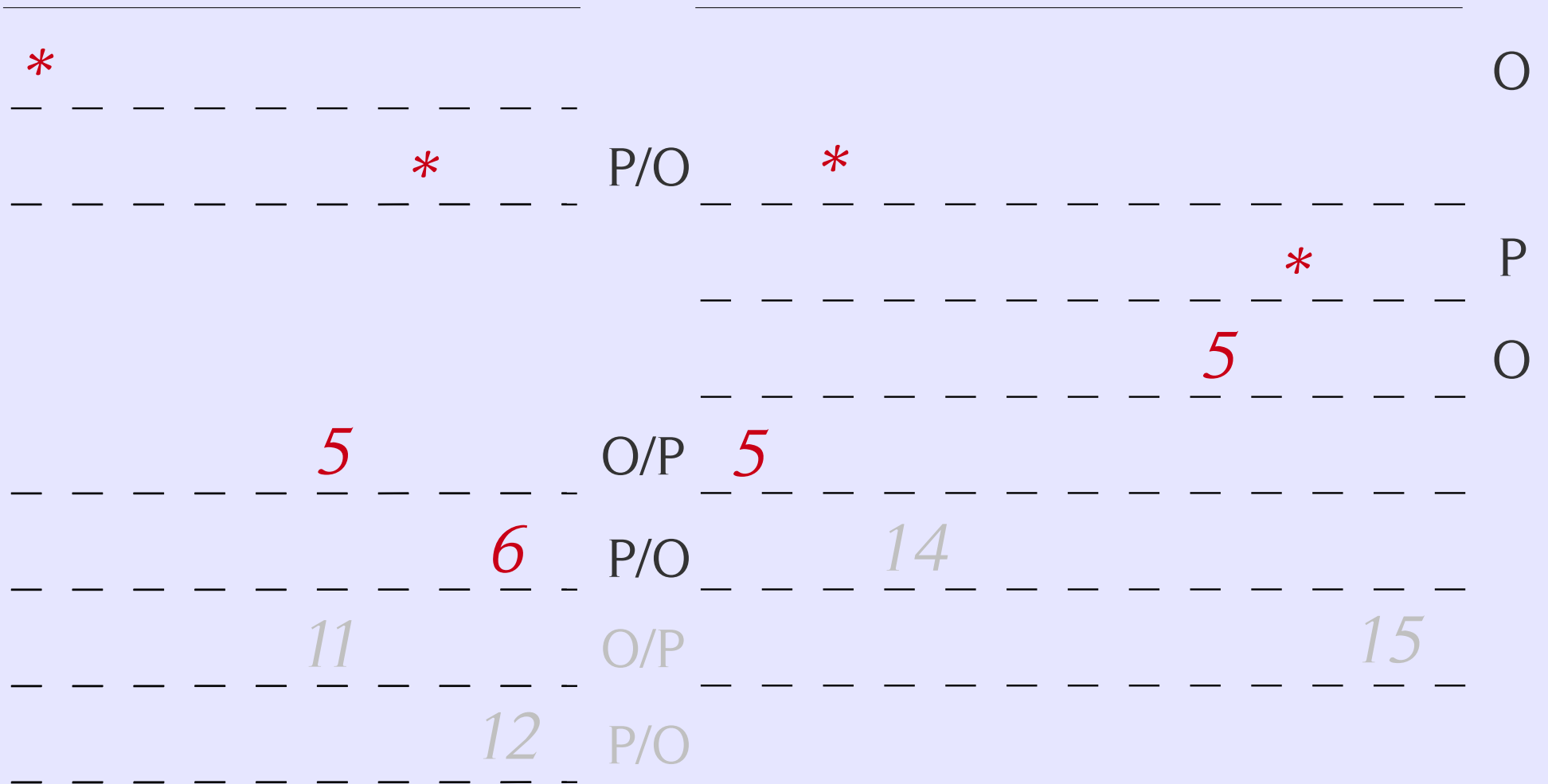
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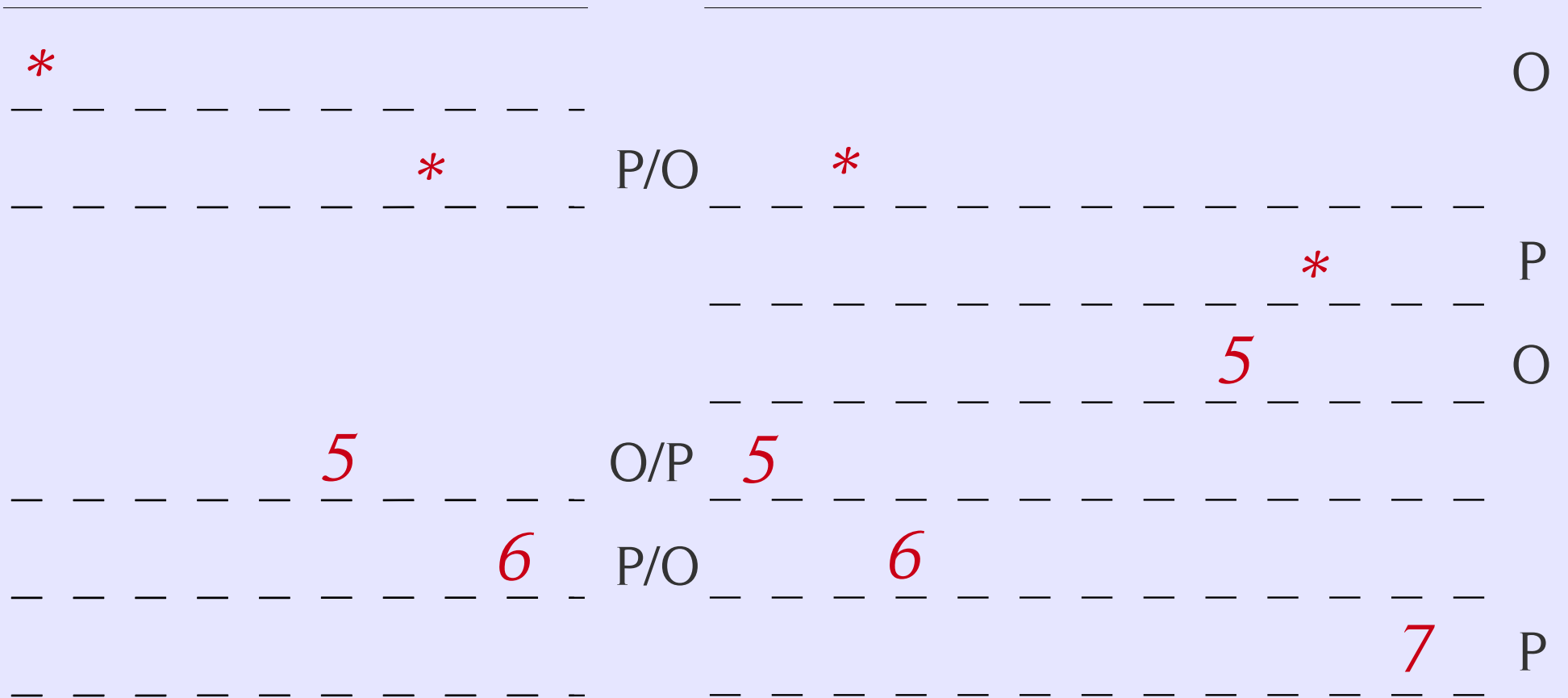
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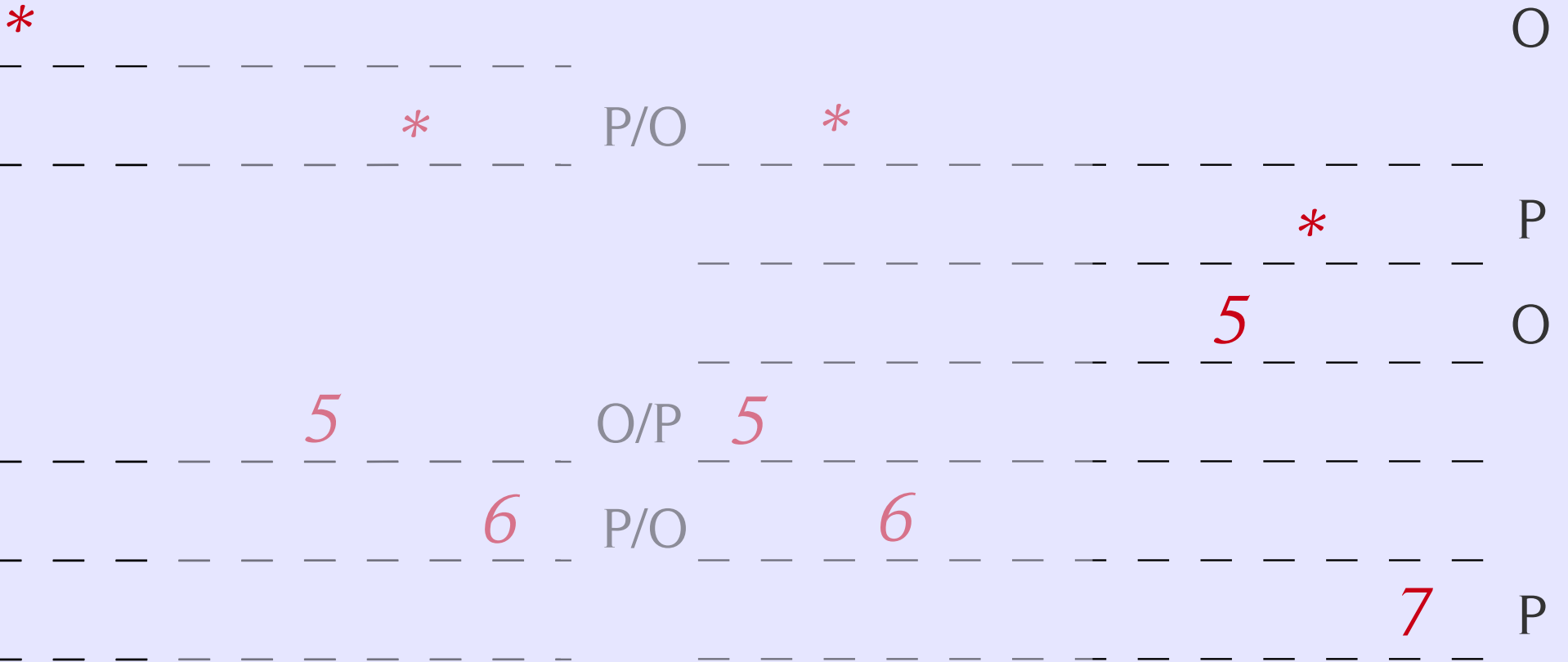
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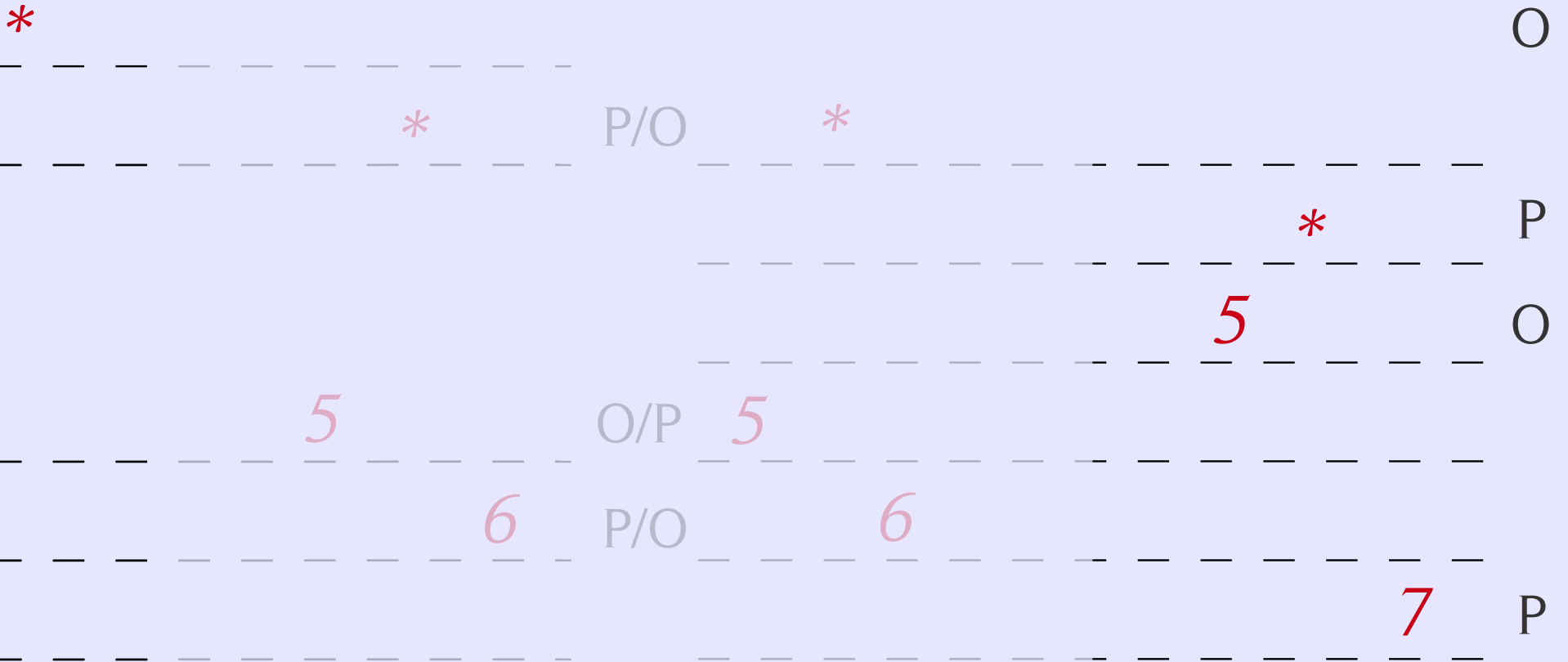
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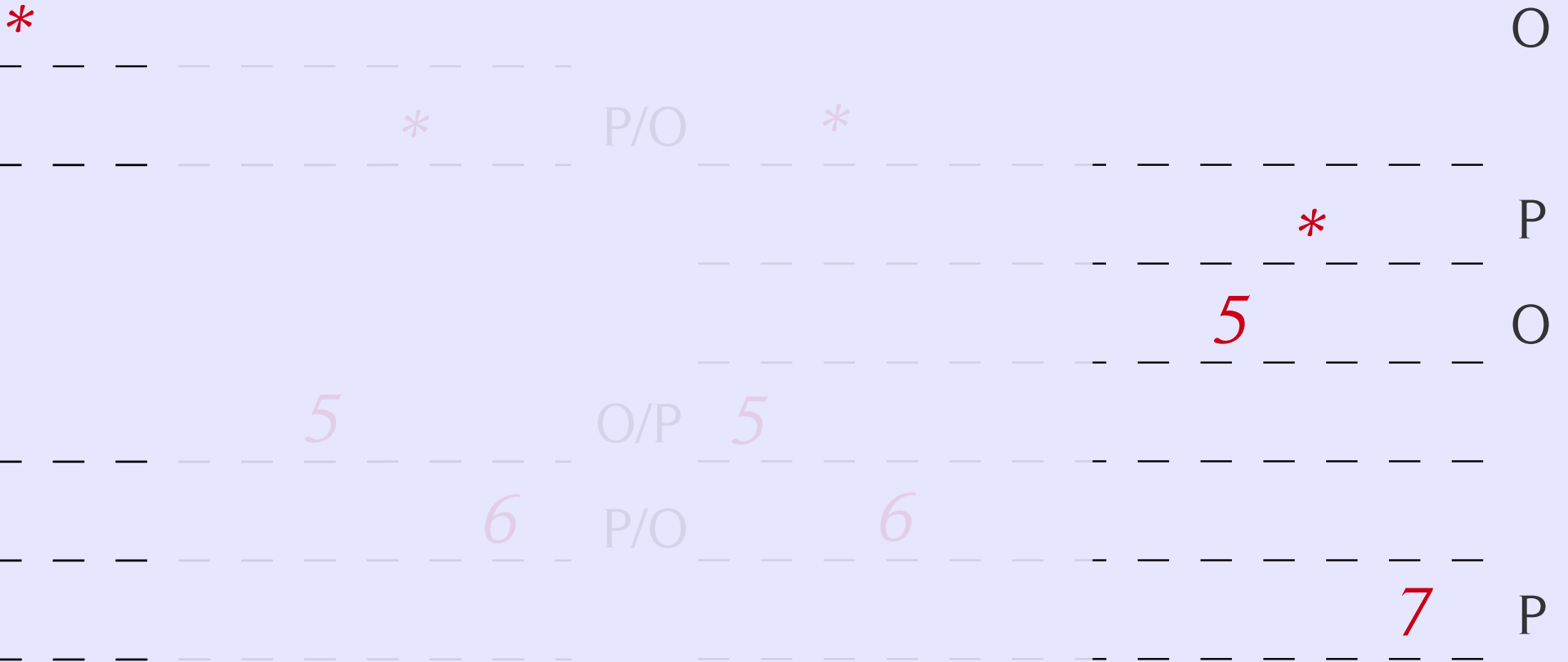
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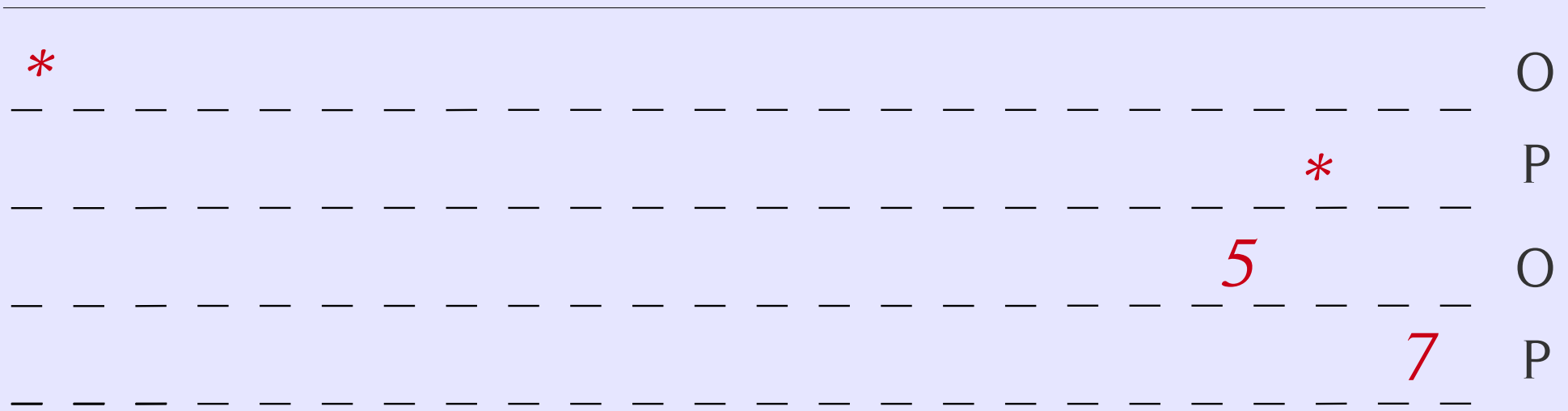
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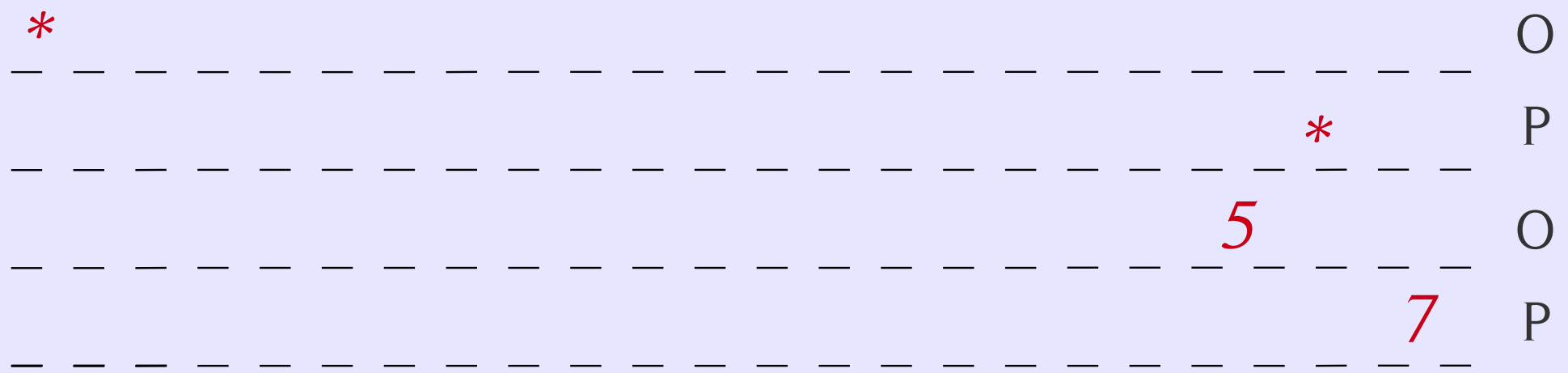


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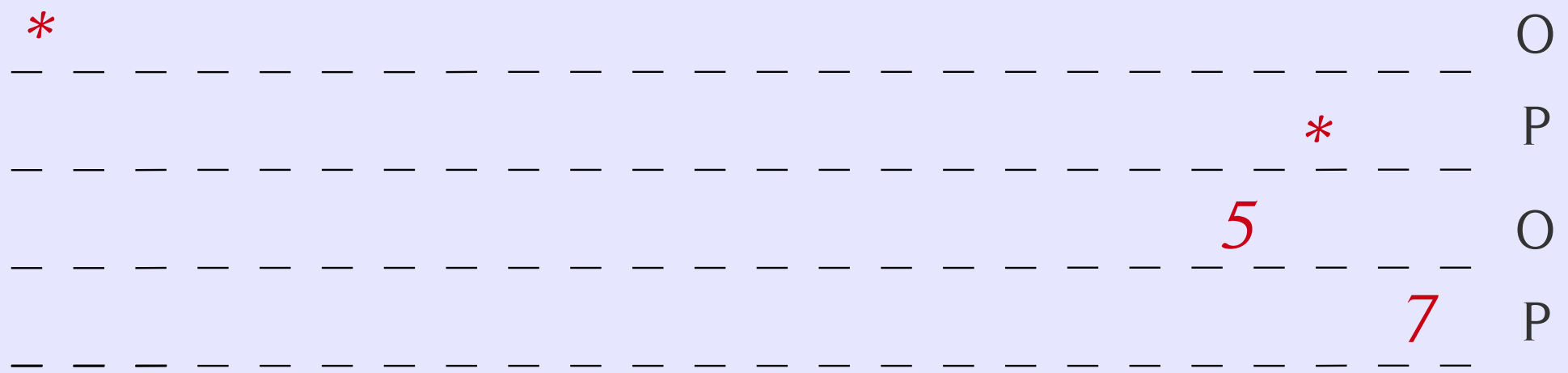
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 - an action $\bullet : \text{PERM}(\mathcal{N}) \times X \longrightarrow X$
e.g. $(n_1 n_2) \bullet n_1 n_1 n_2 n_1 = n_2 n_2 n_1 n_2$
 - all elements of X have **finite support**
- NOM: nominal sets and equivariant functions

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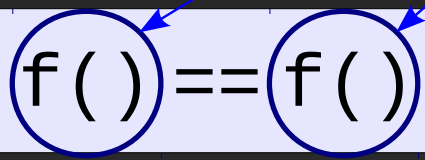
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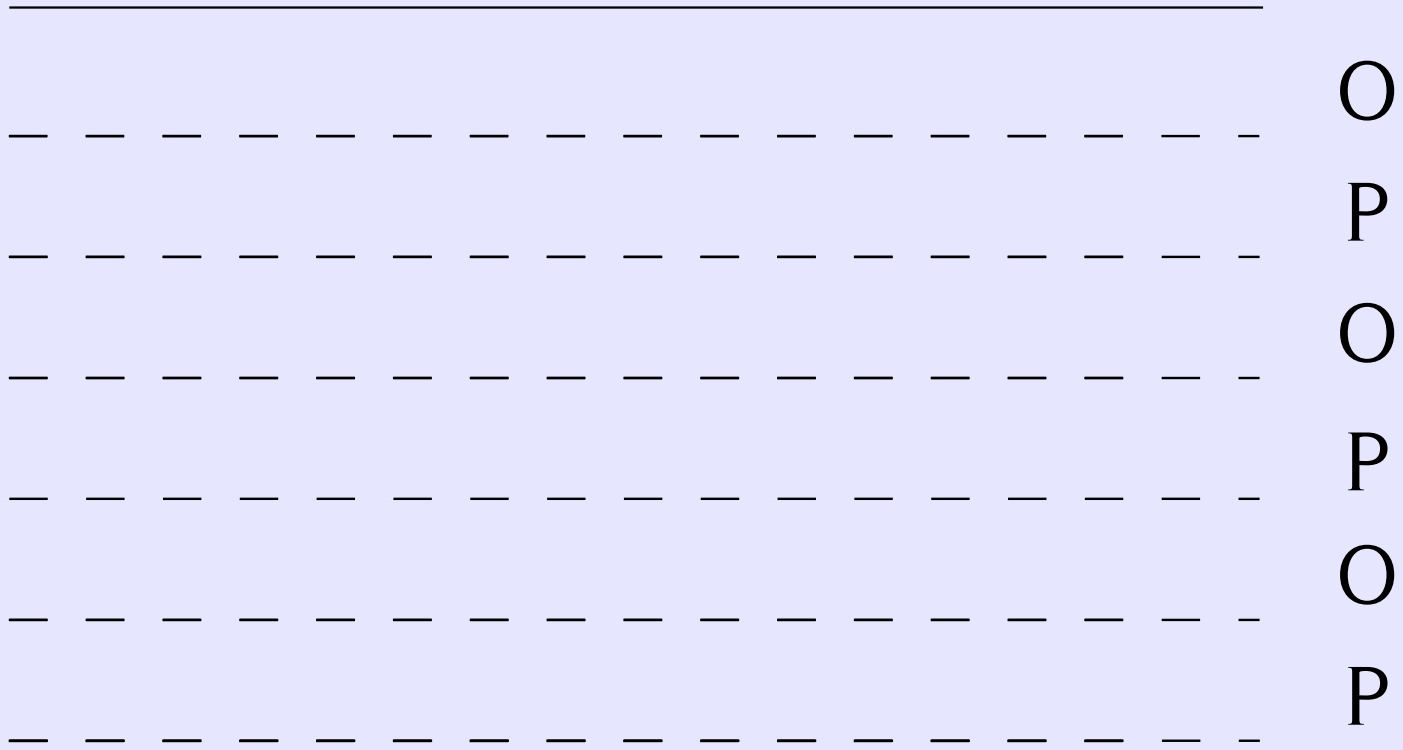
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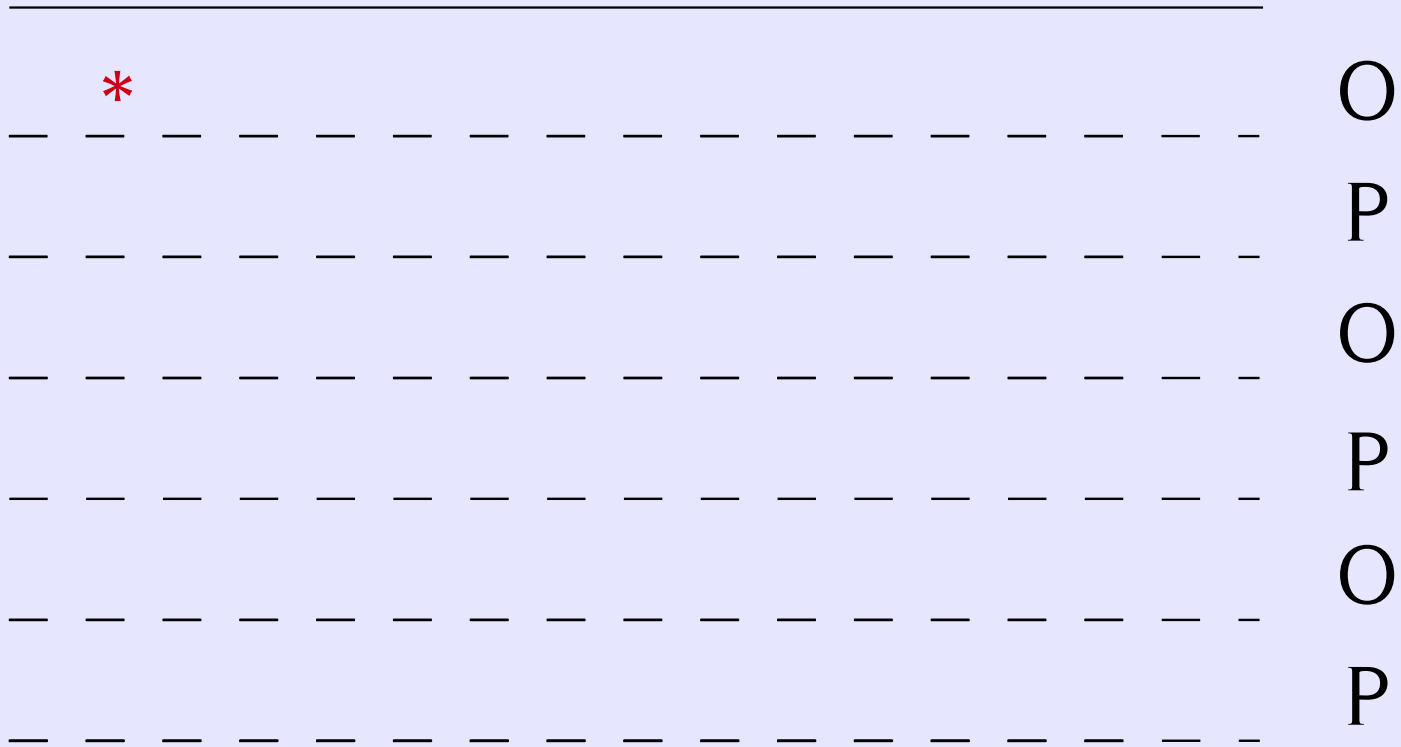
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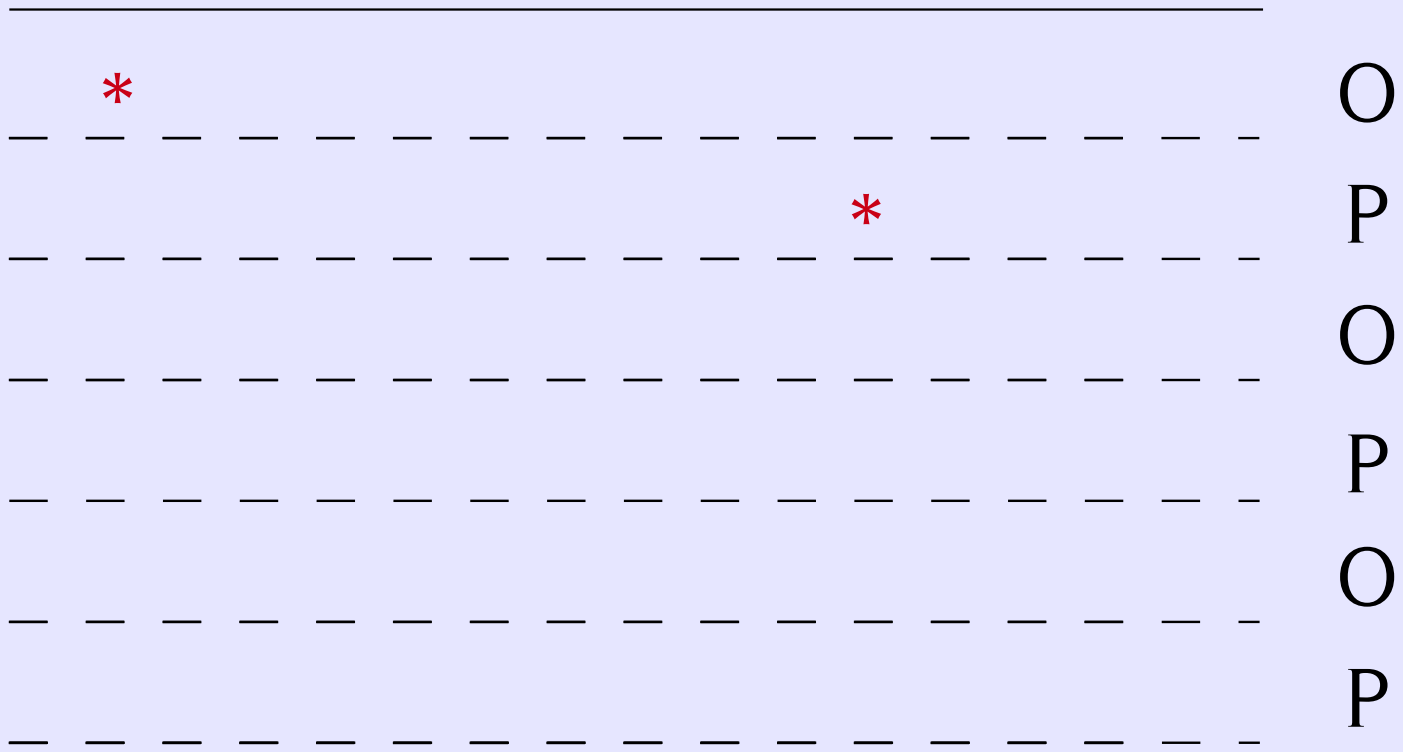
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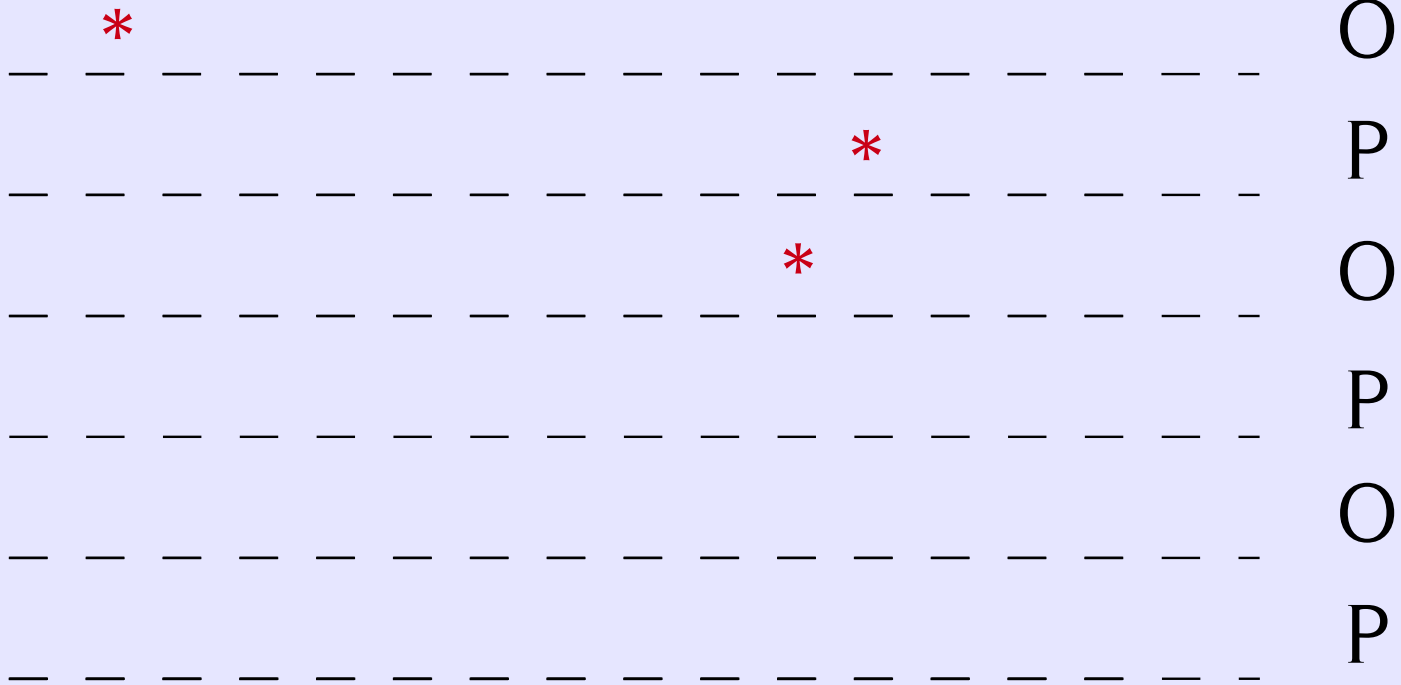
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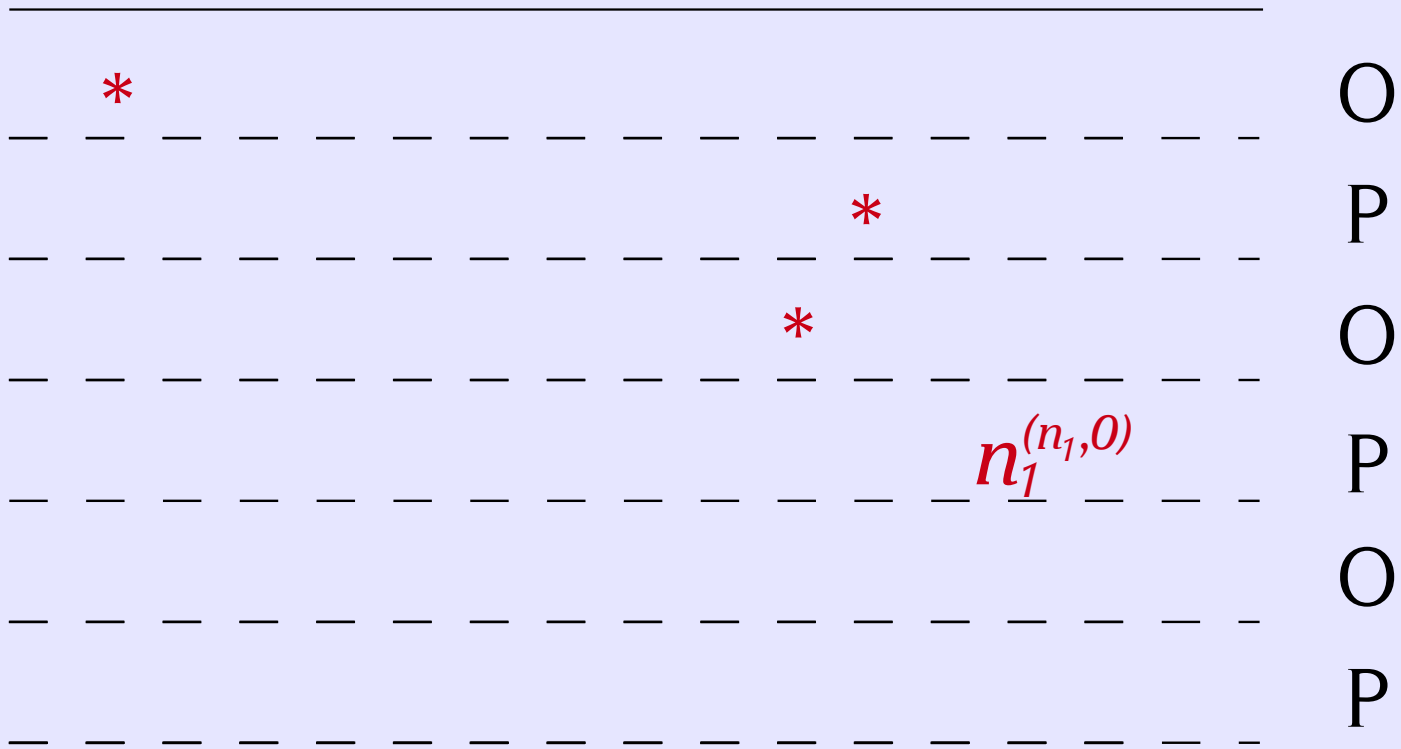
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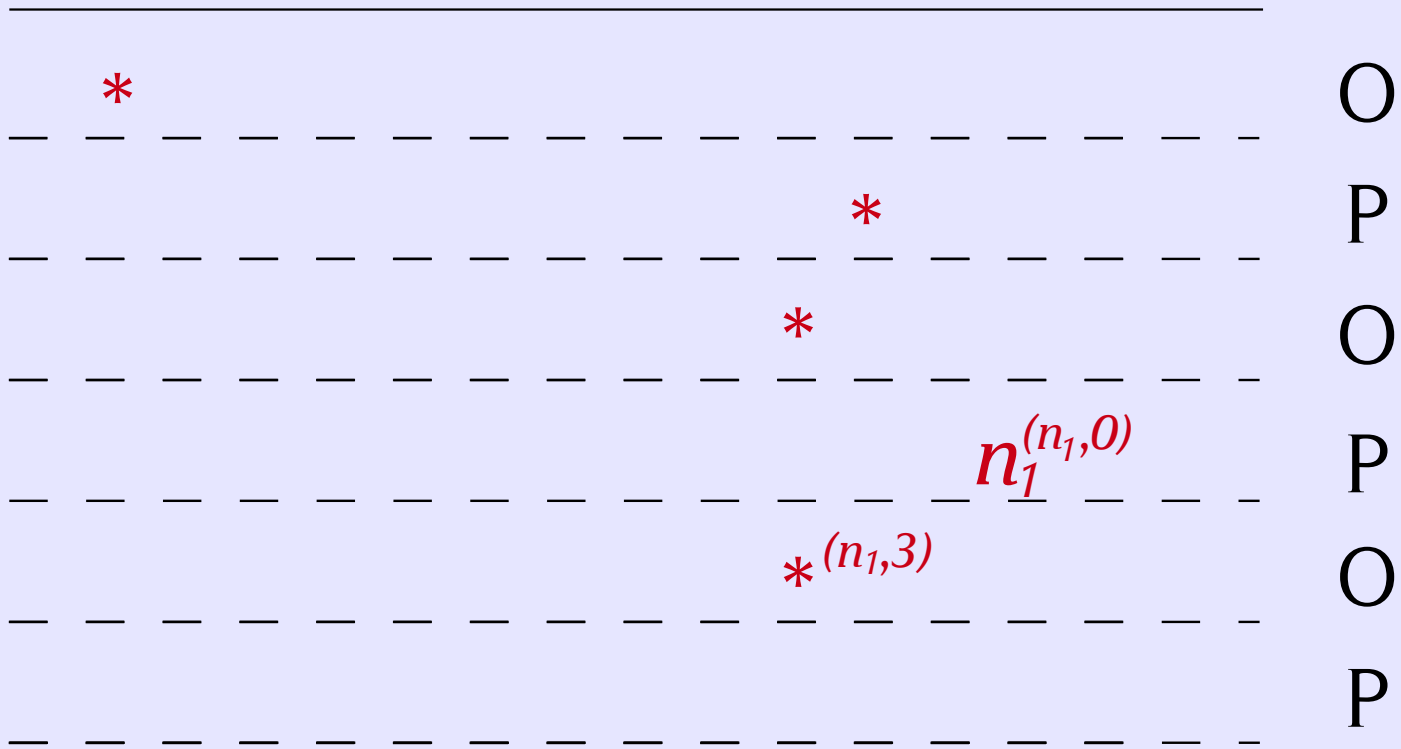
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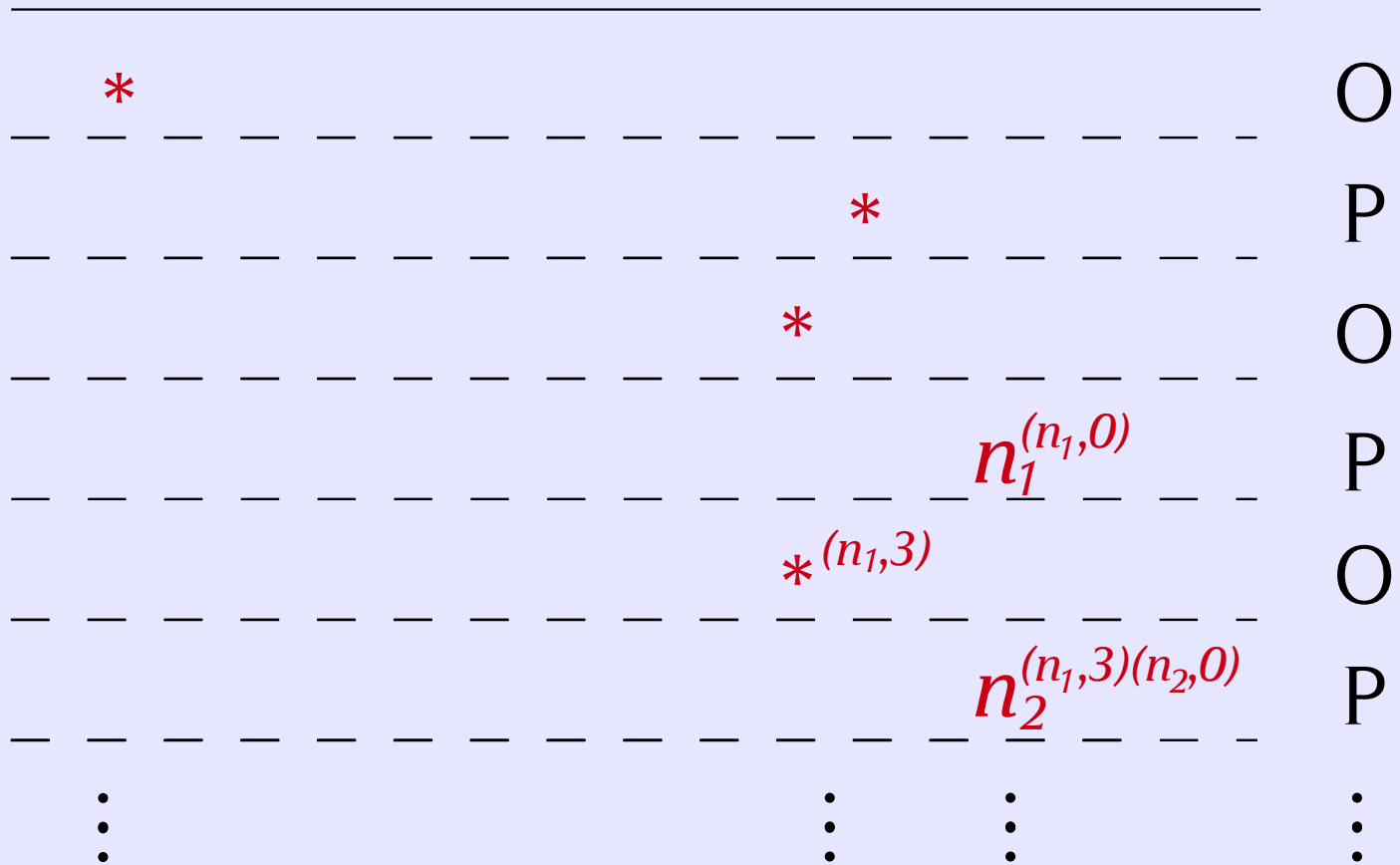
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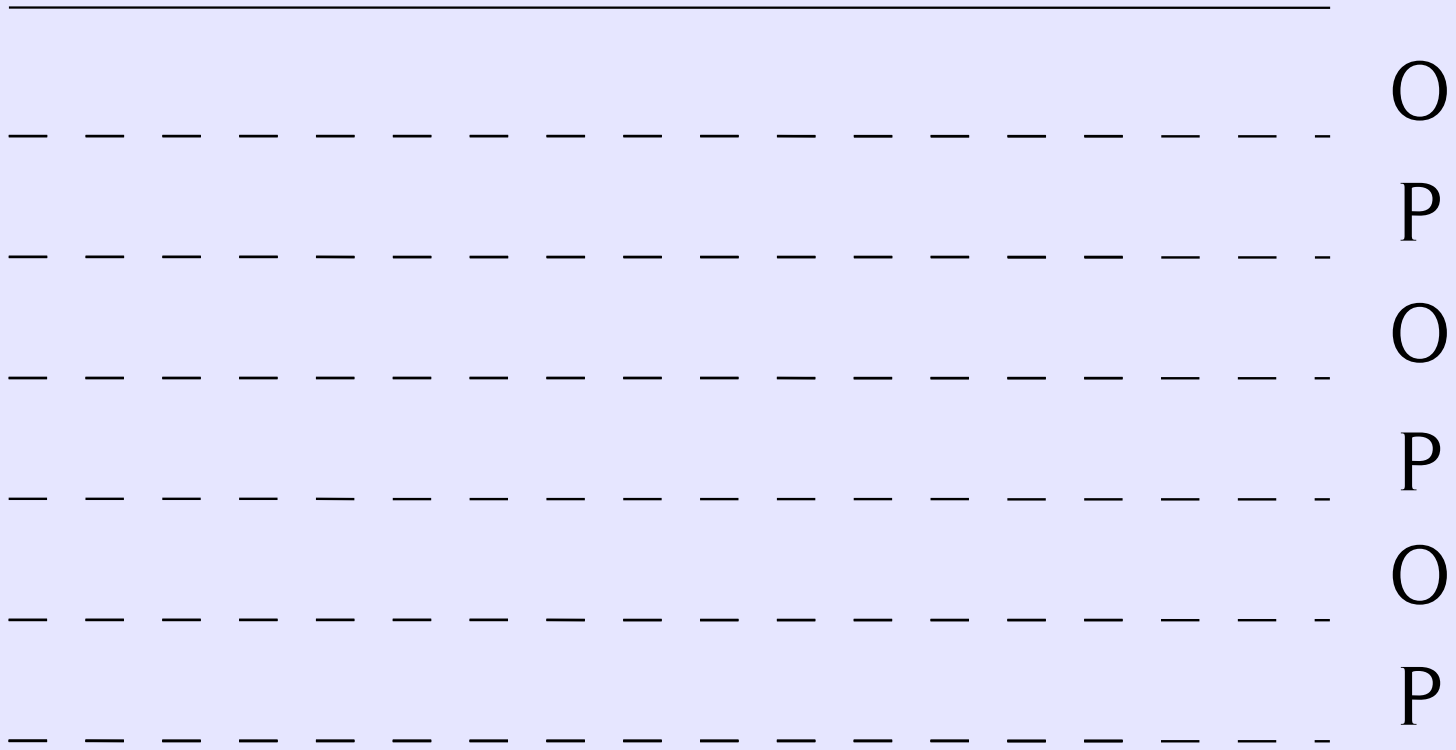
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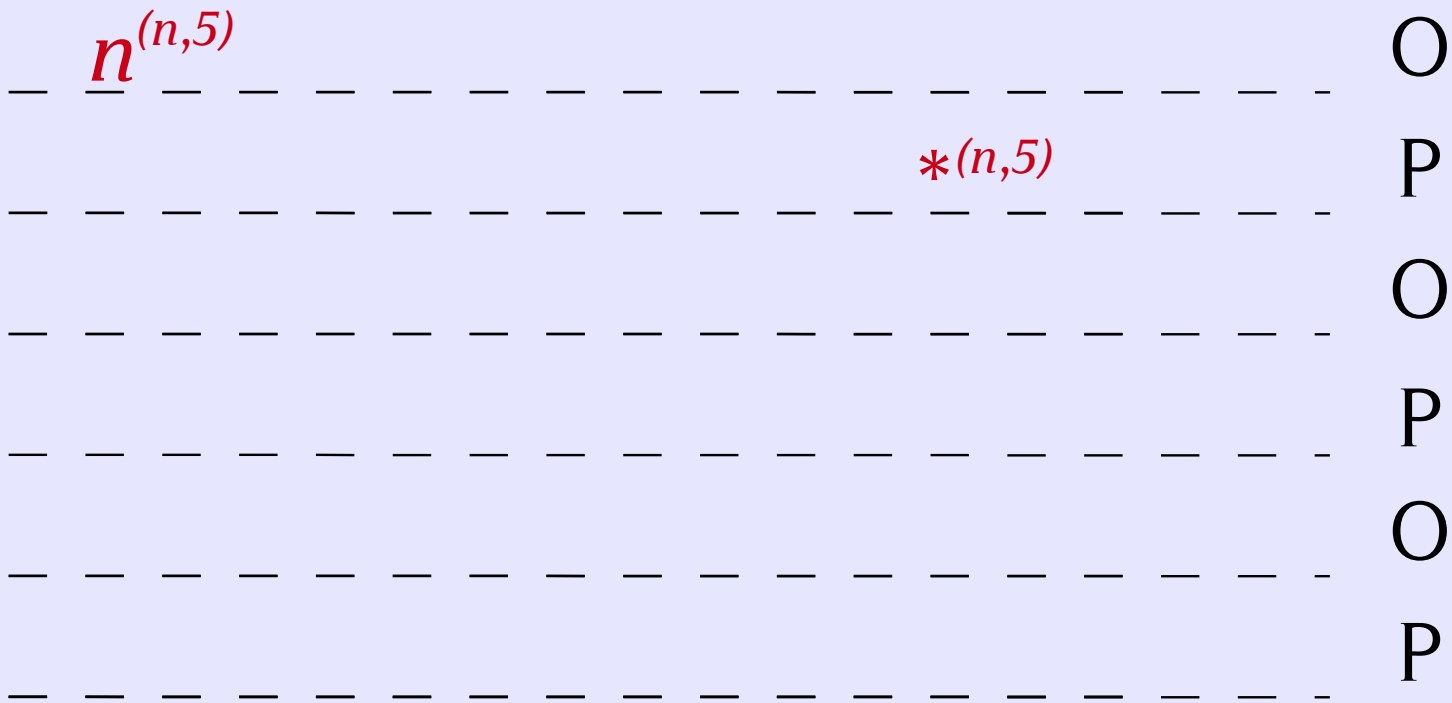
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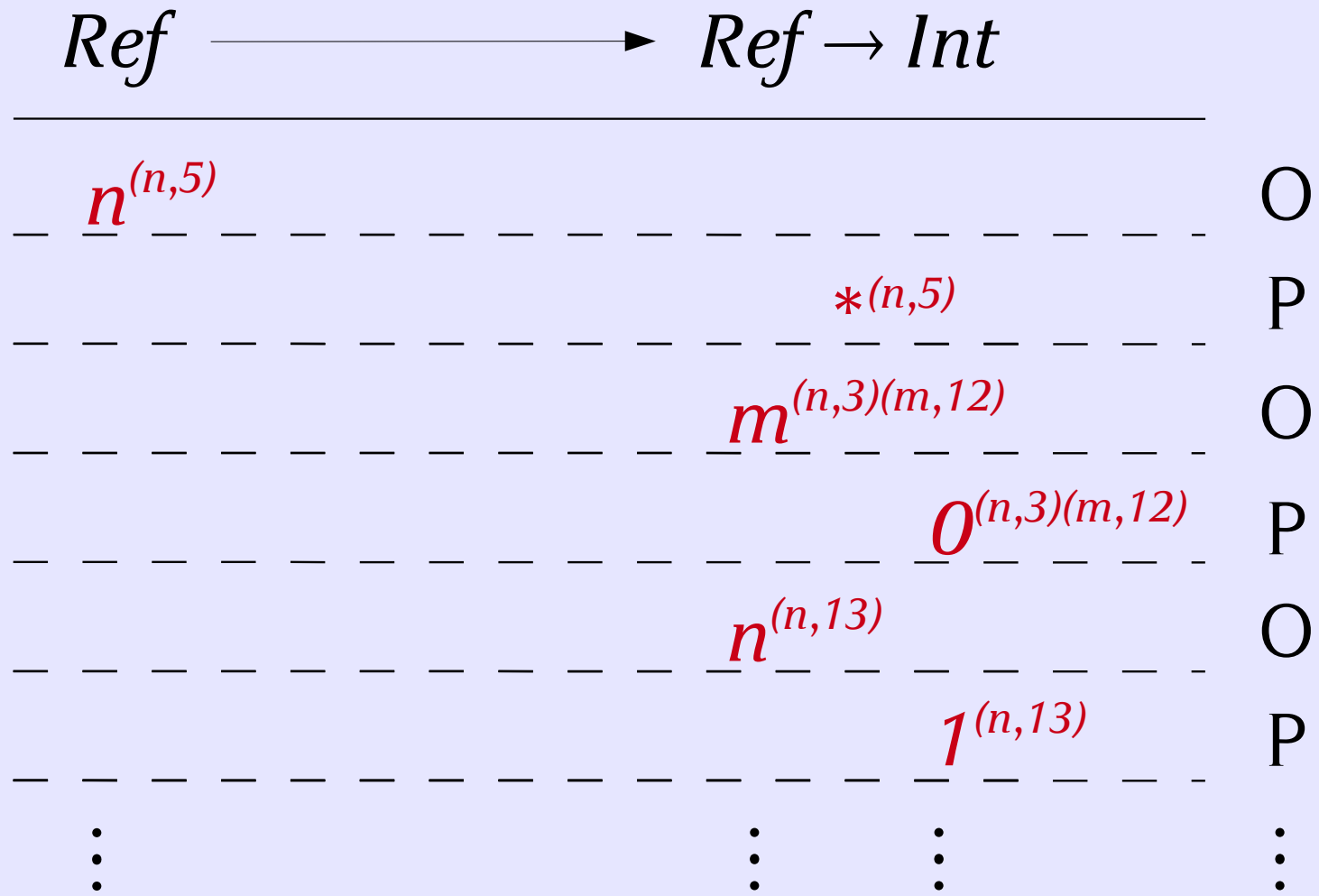
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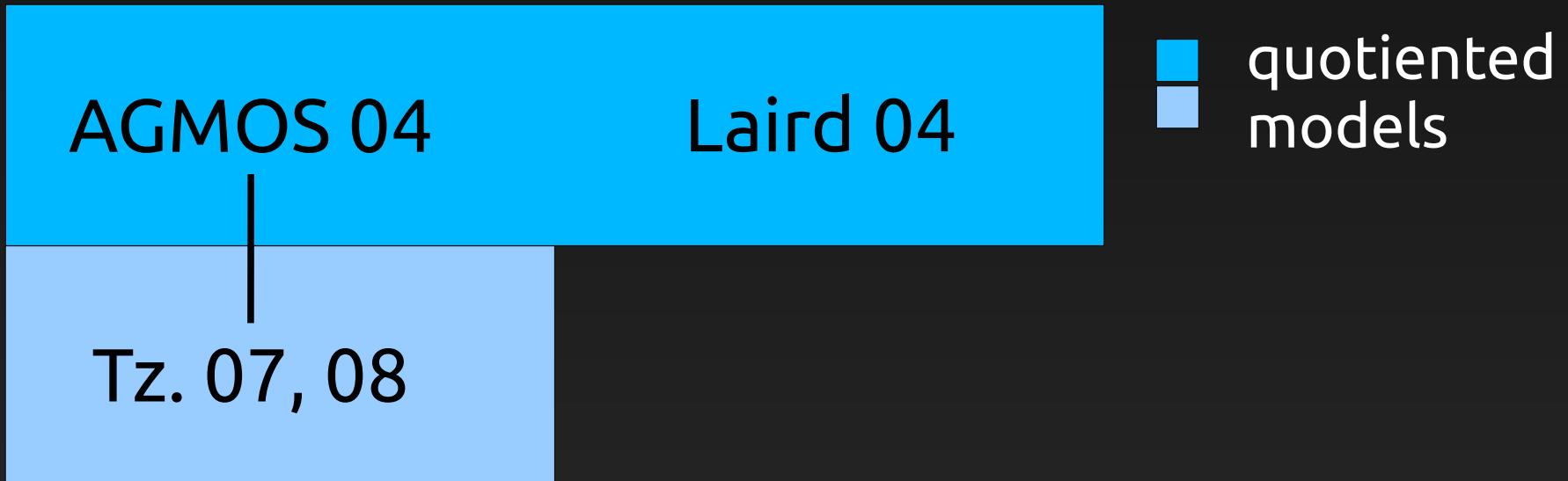
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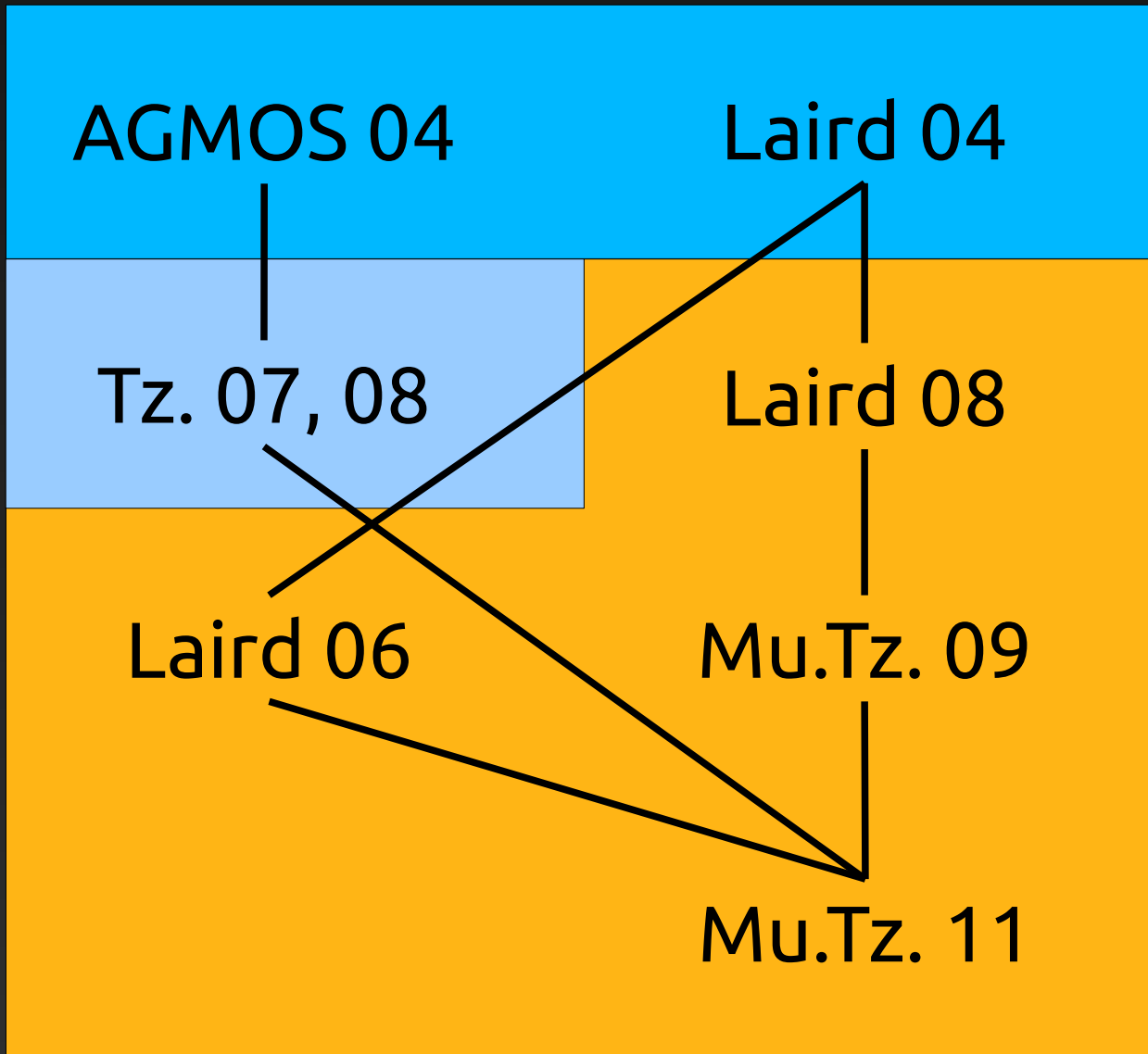
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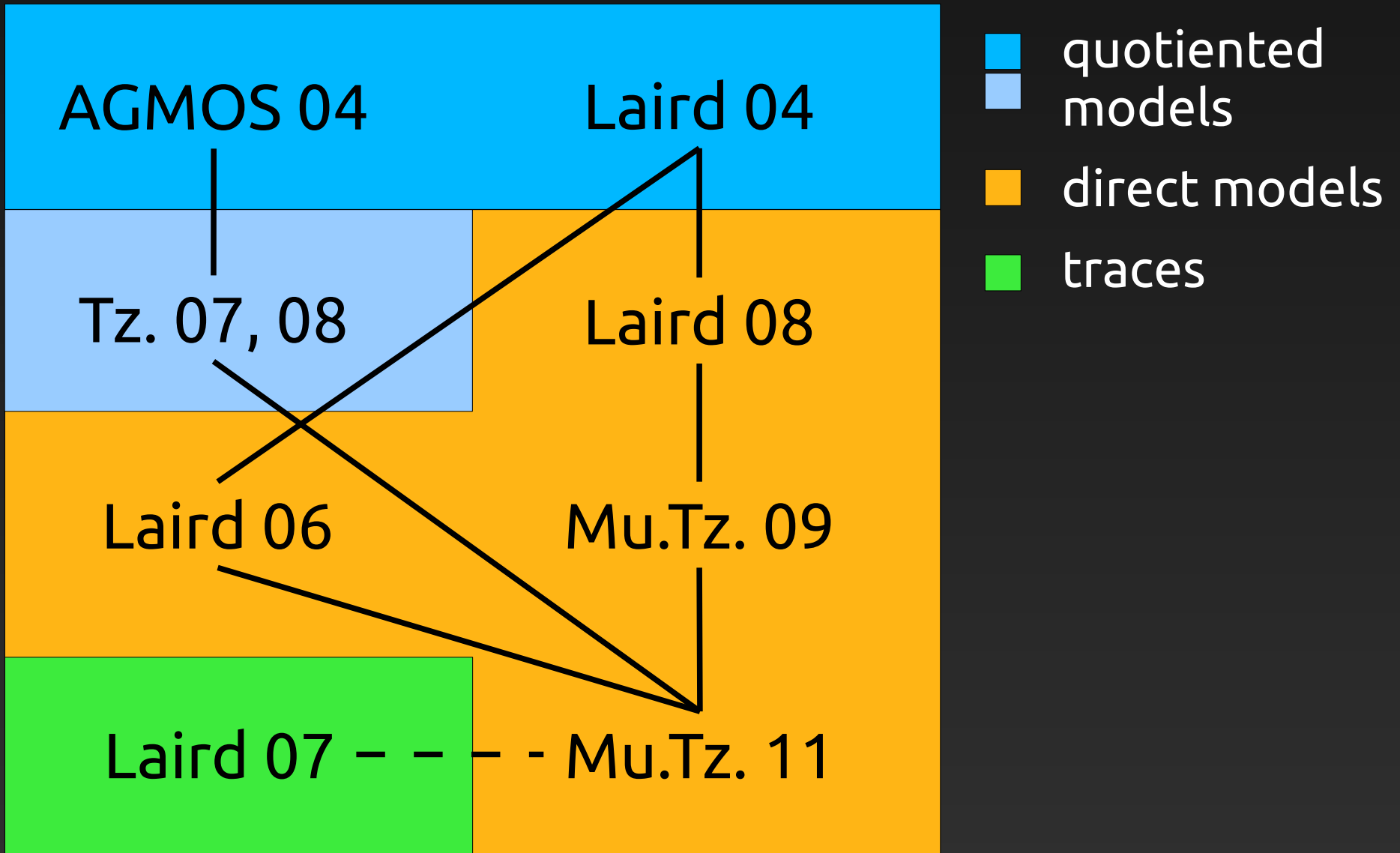


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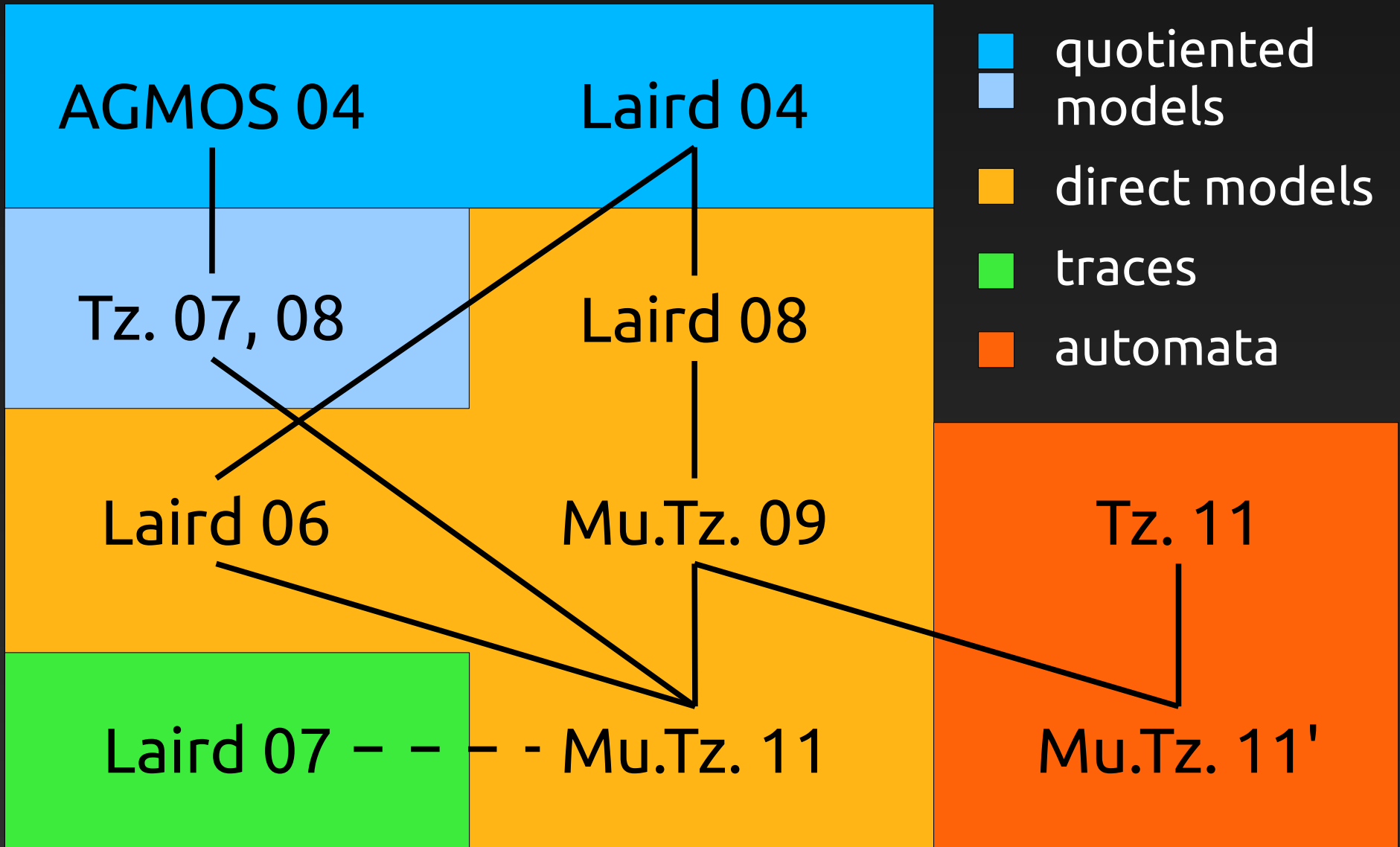


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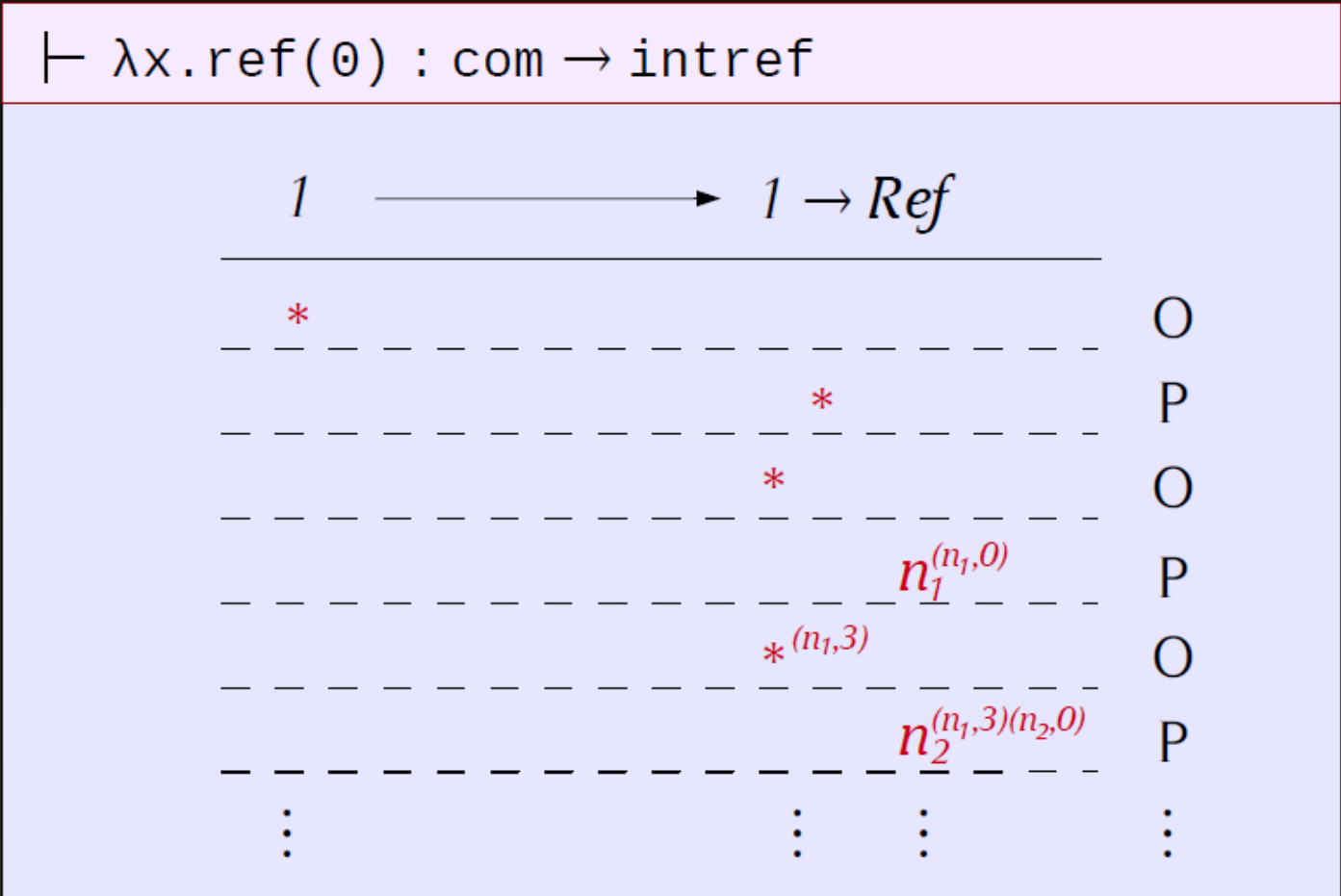
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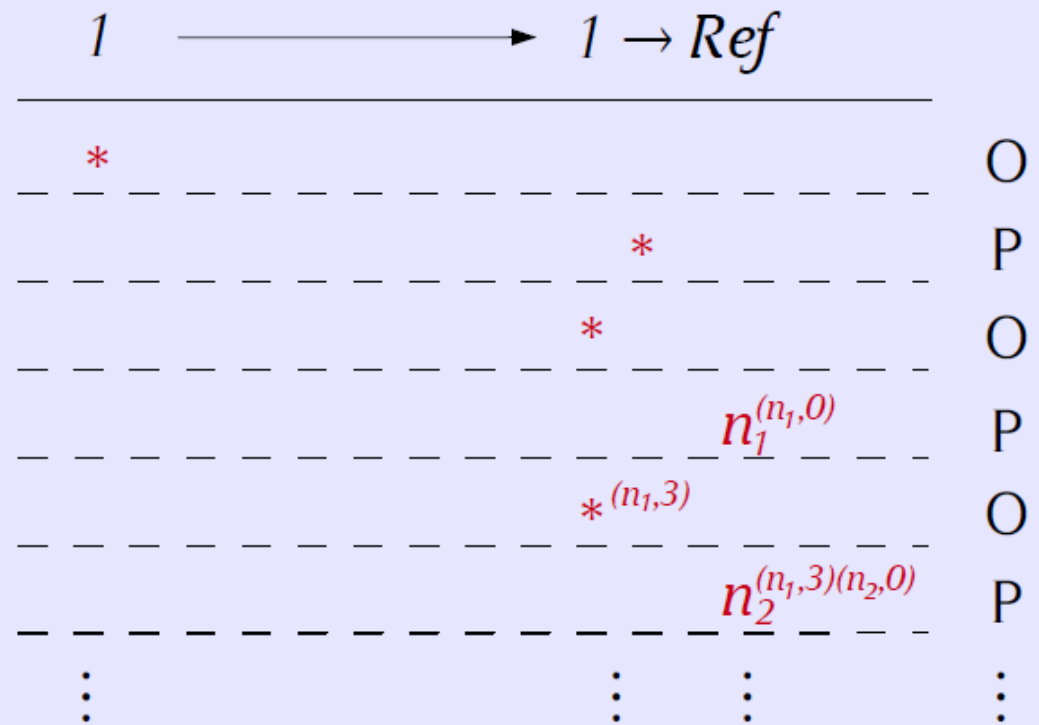
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Algorithmics

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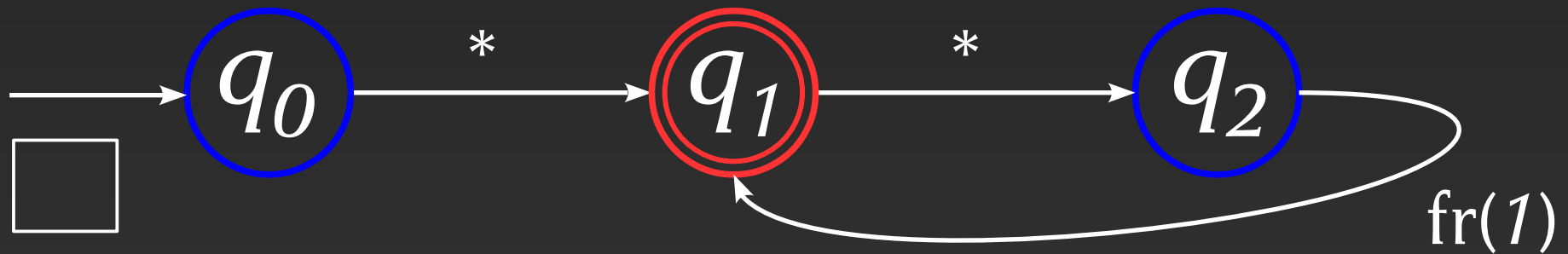
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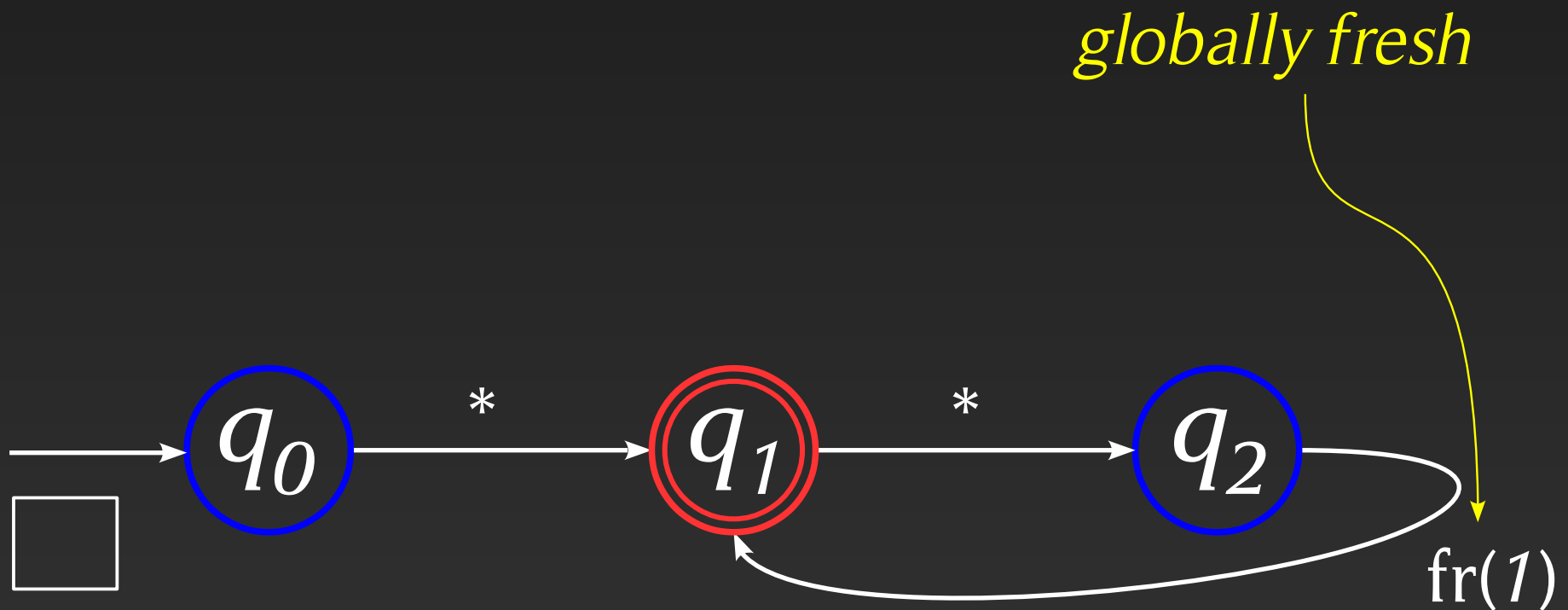
- Infinite alphabet \mathcal{N}
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Finite-state machines with registers

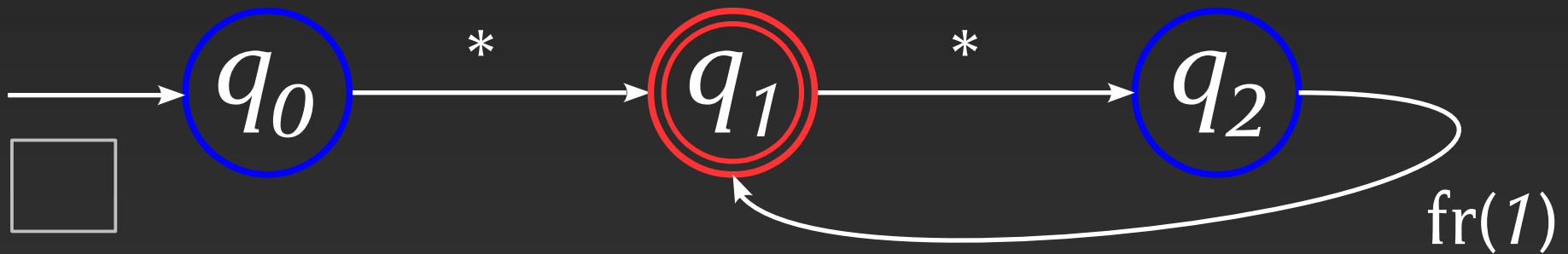
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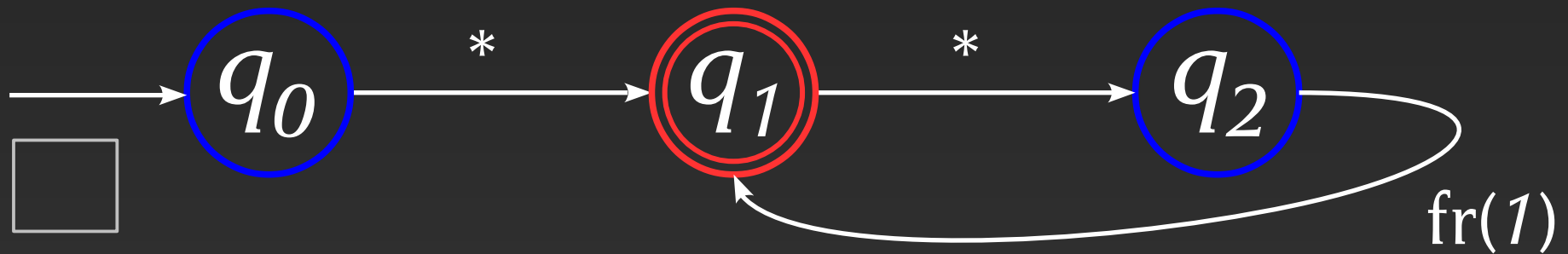
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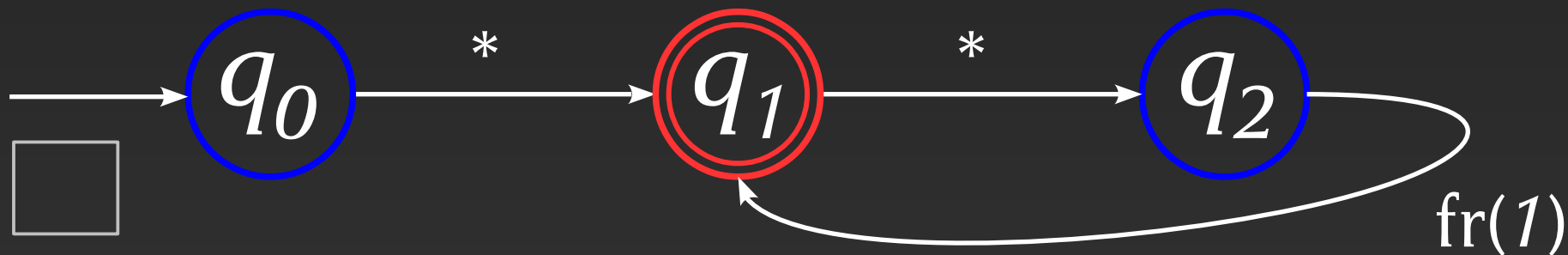
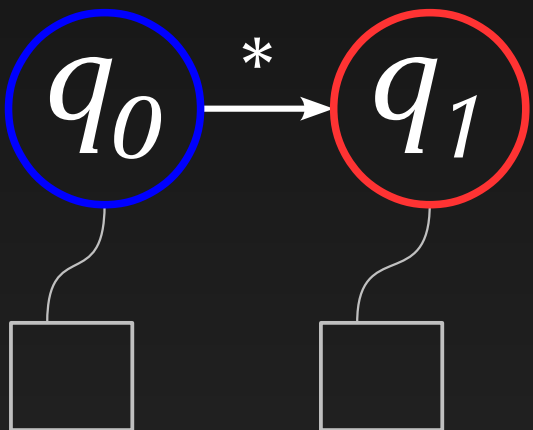
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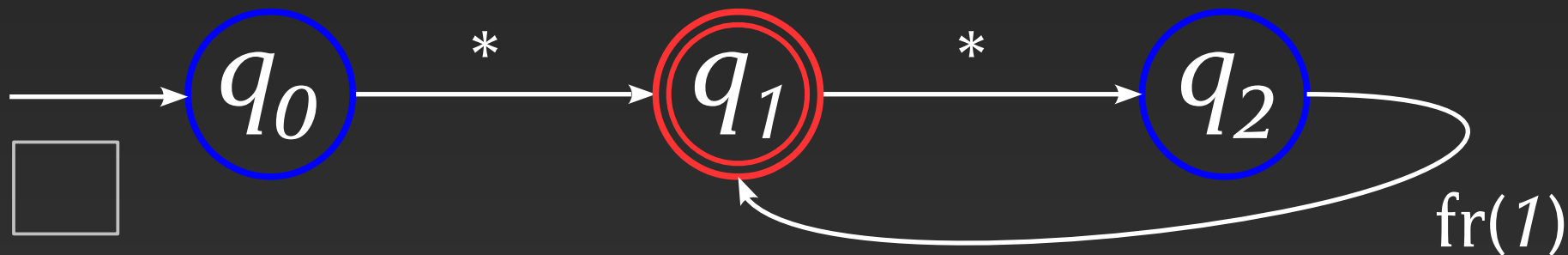
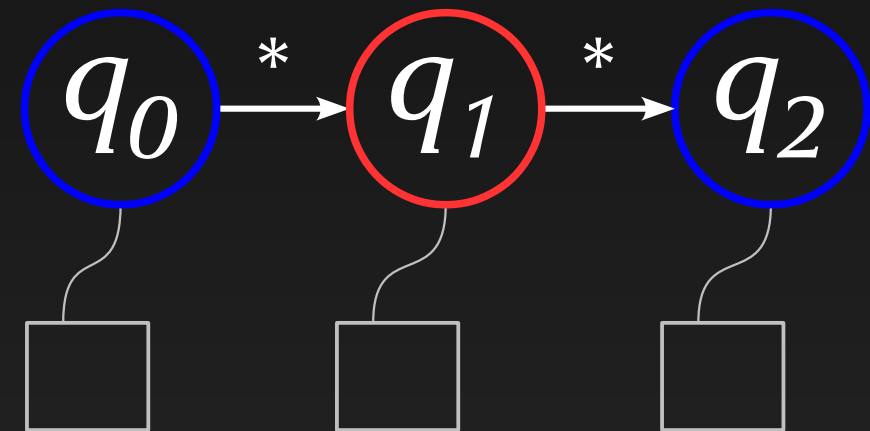
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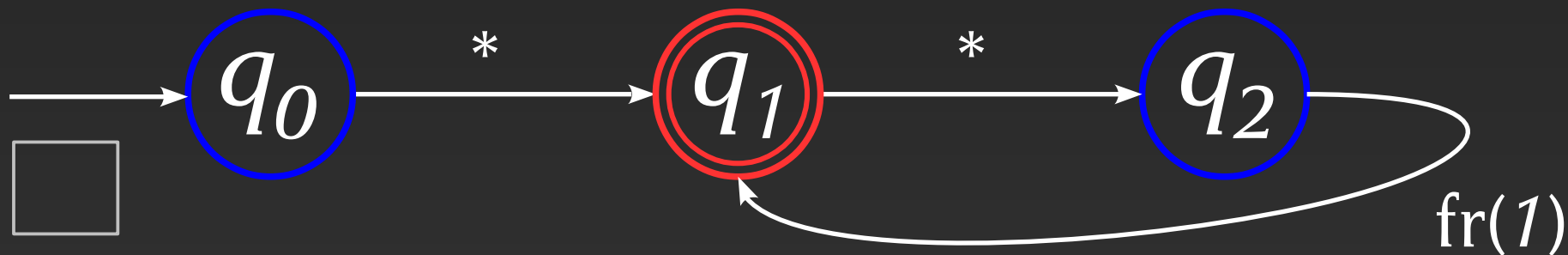
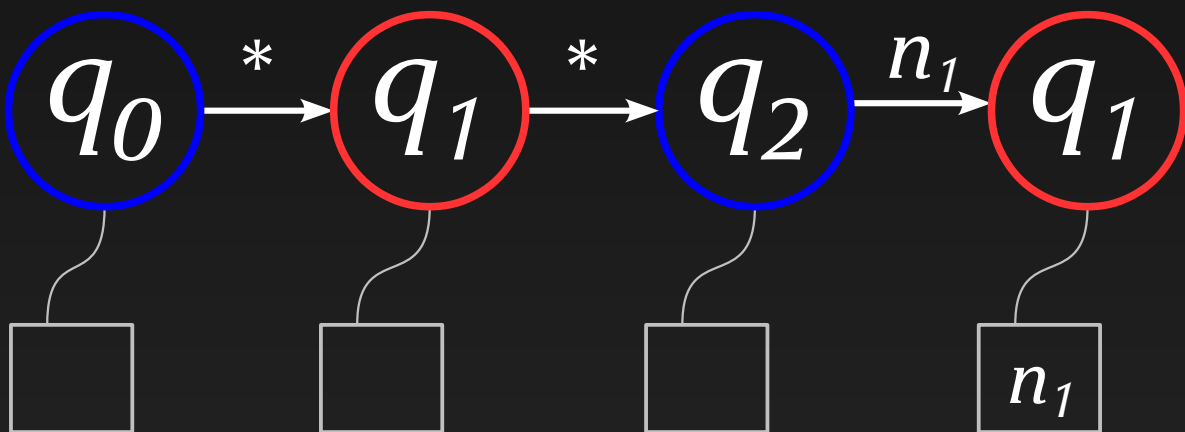
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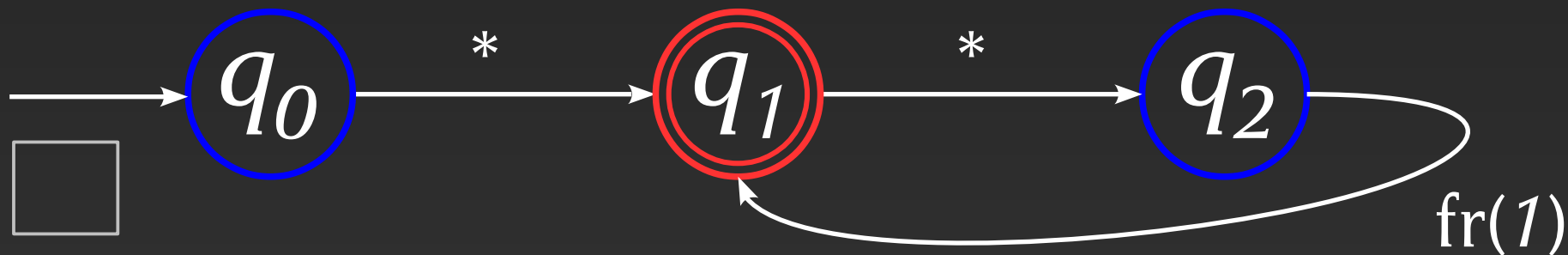
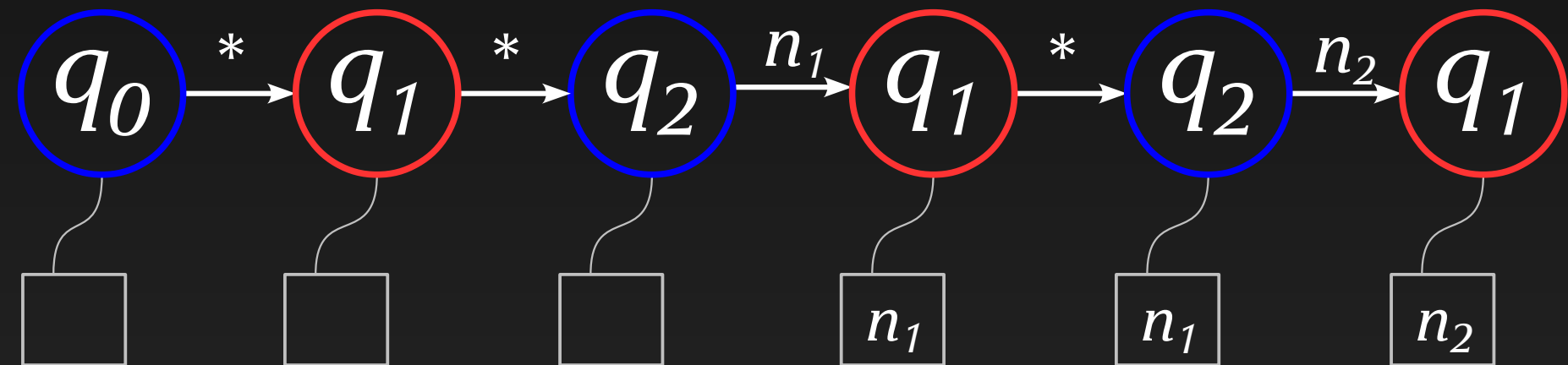
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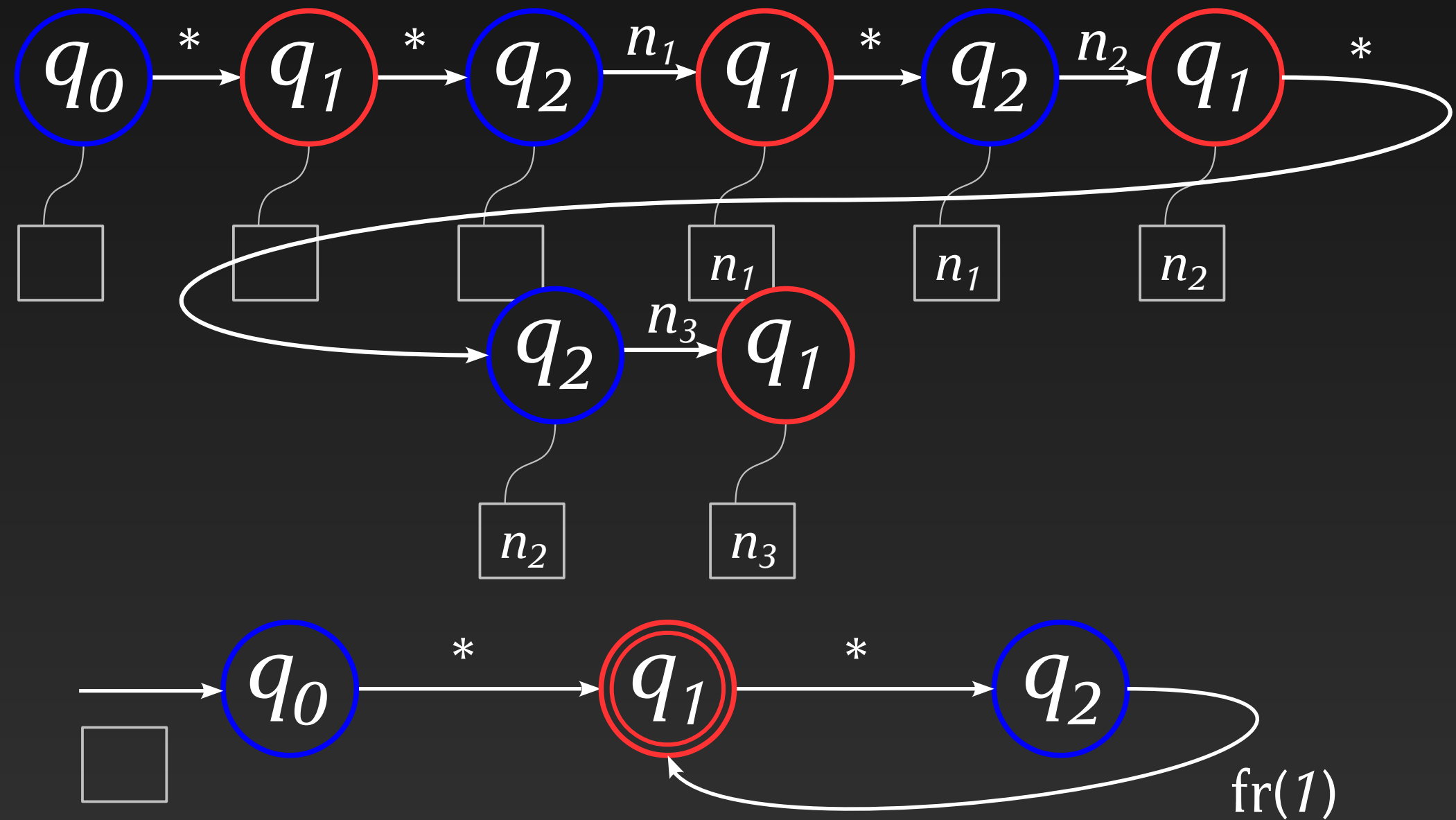
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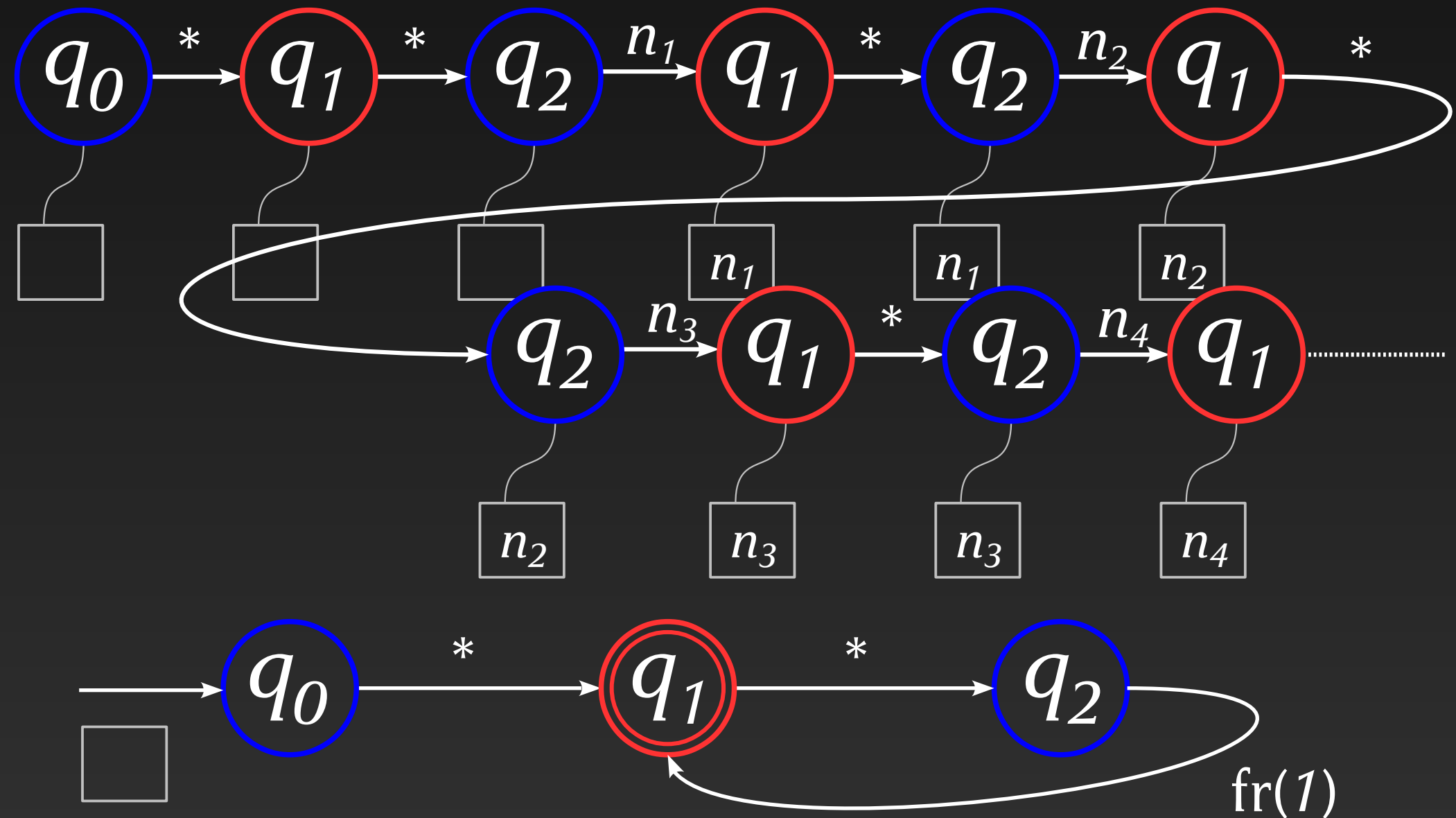
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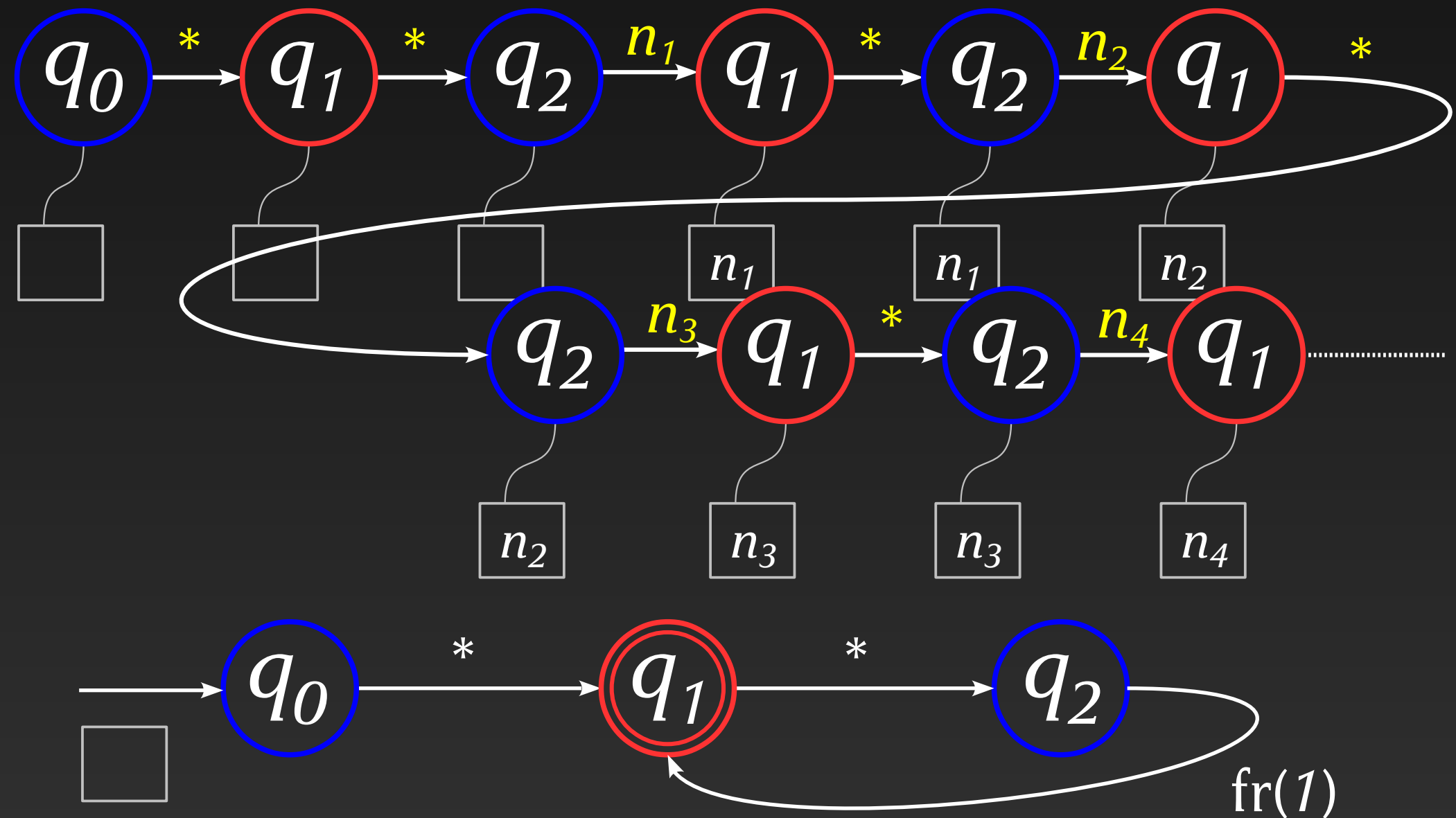
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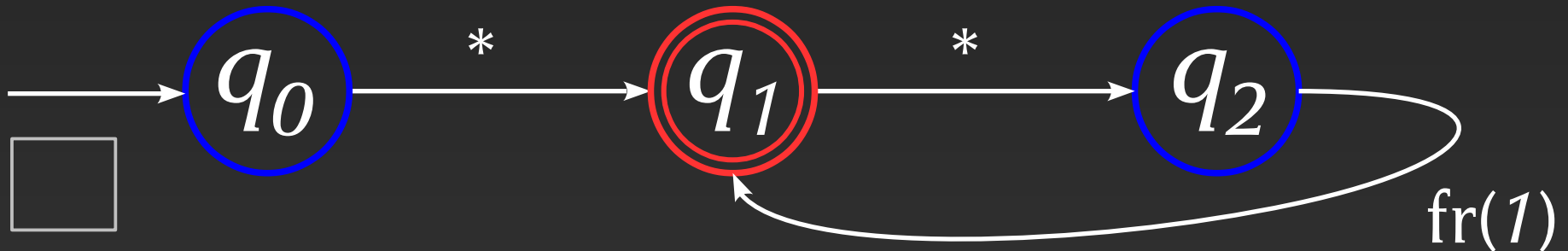
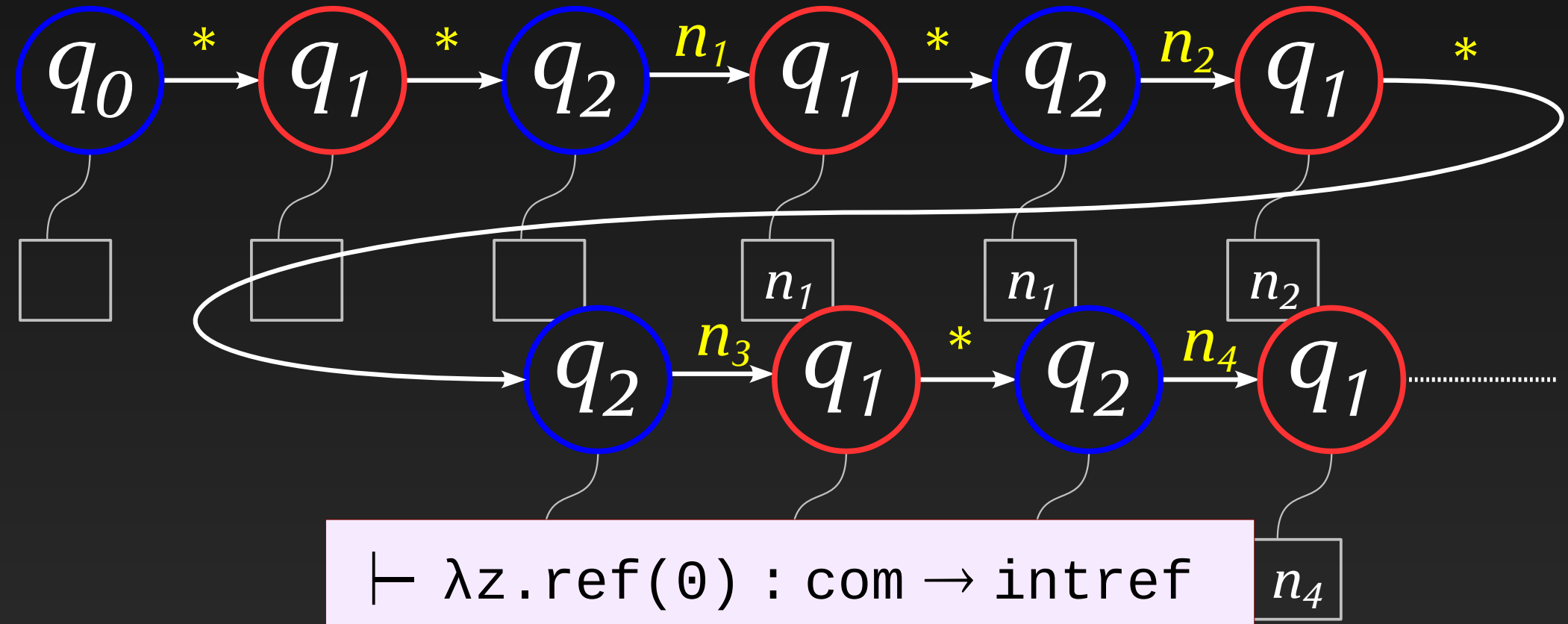
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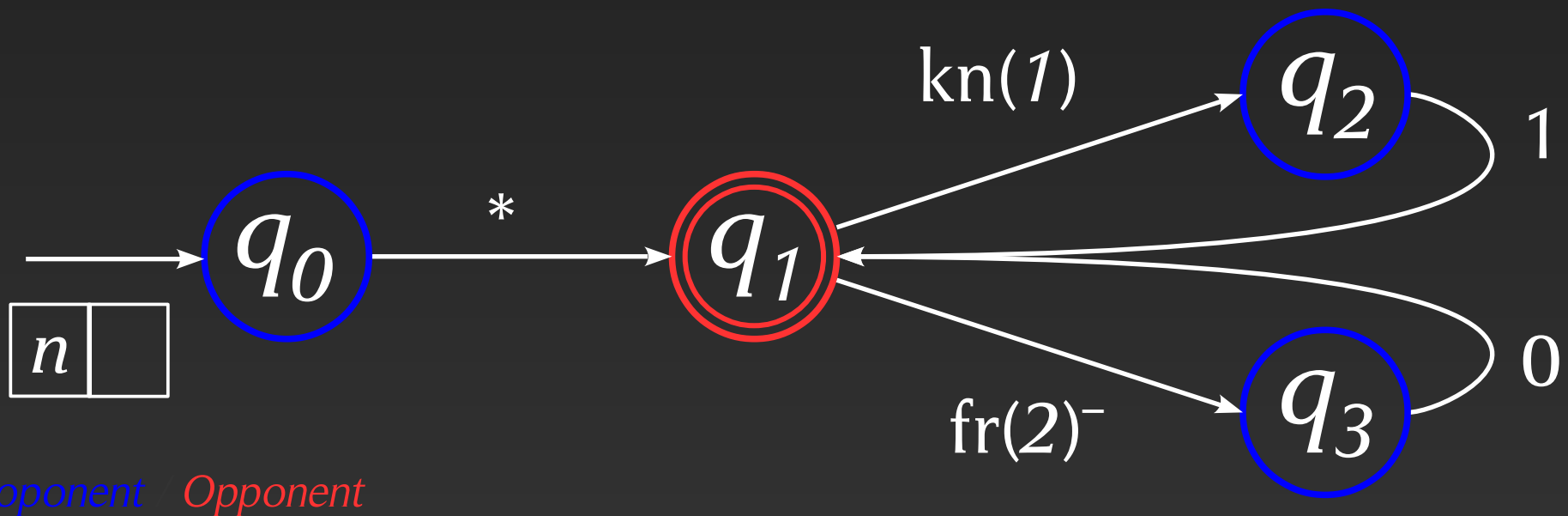
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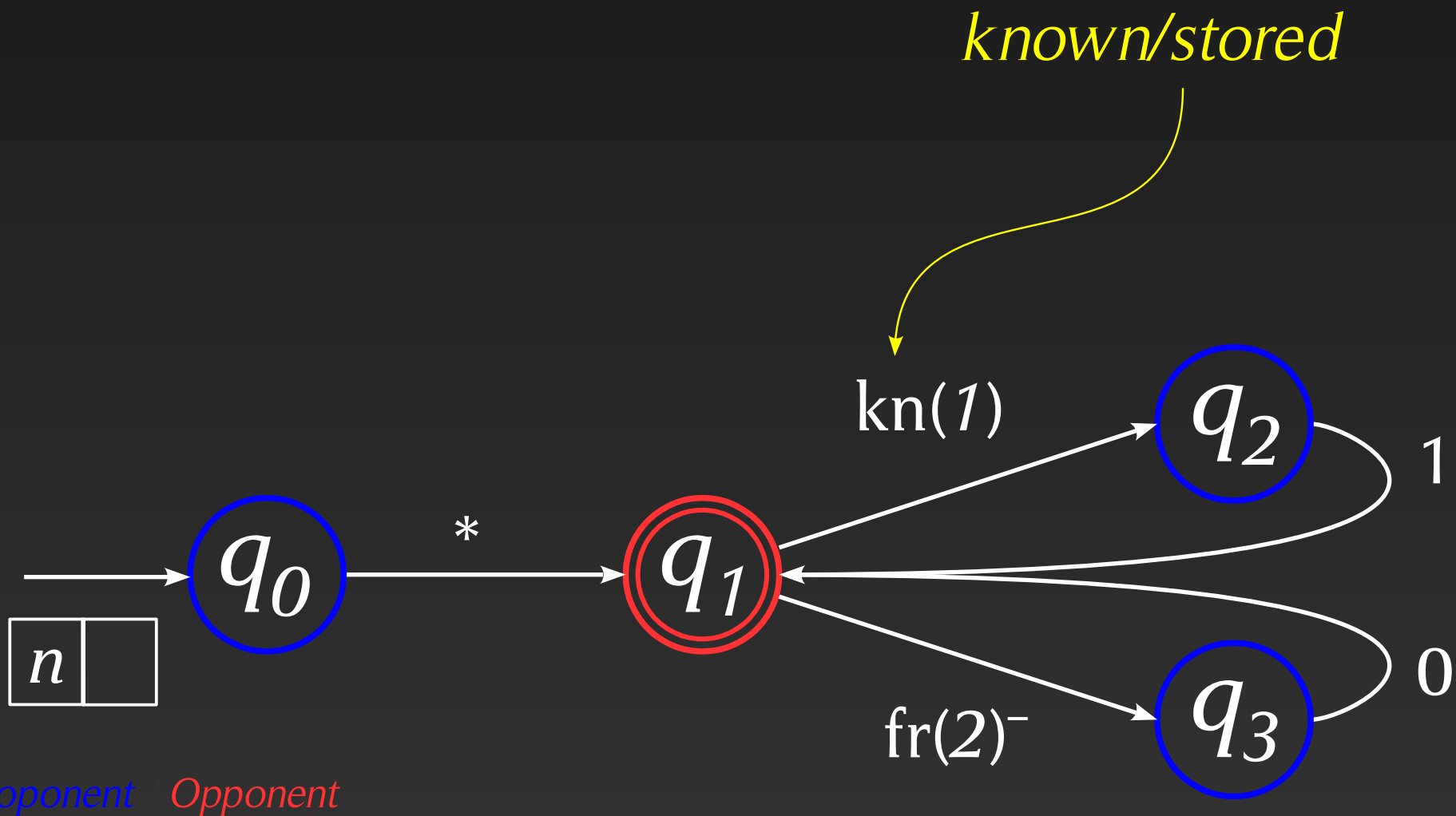
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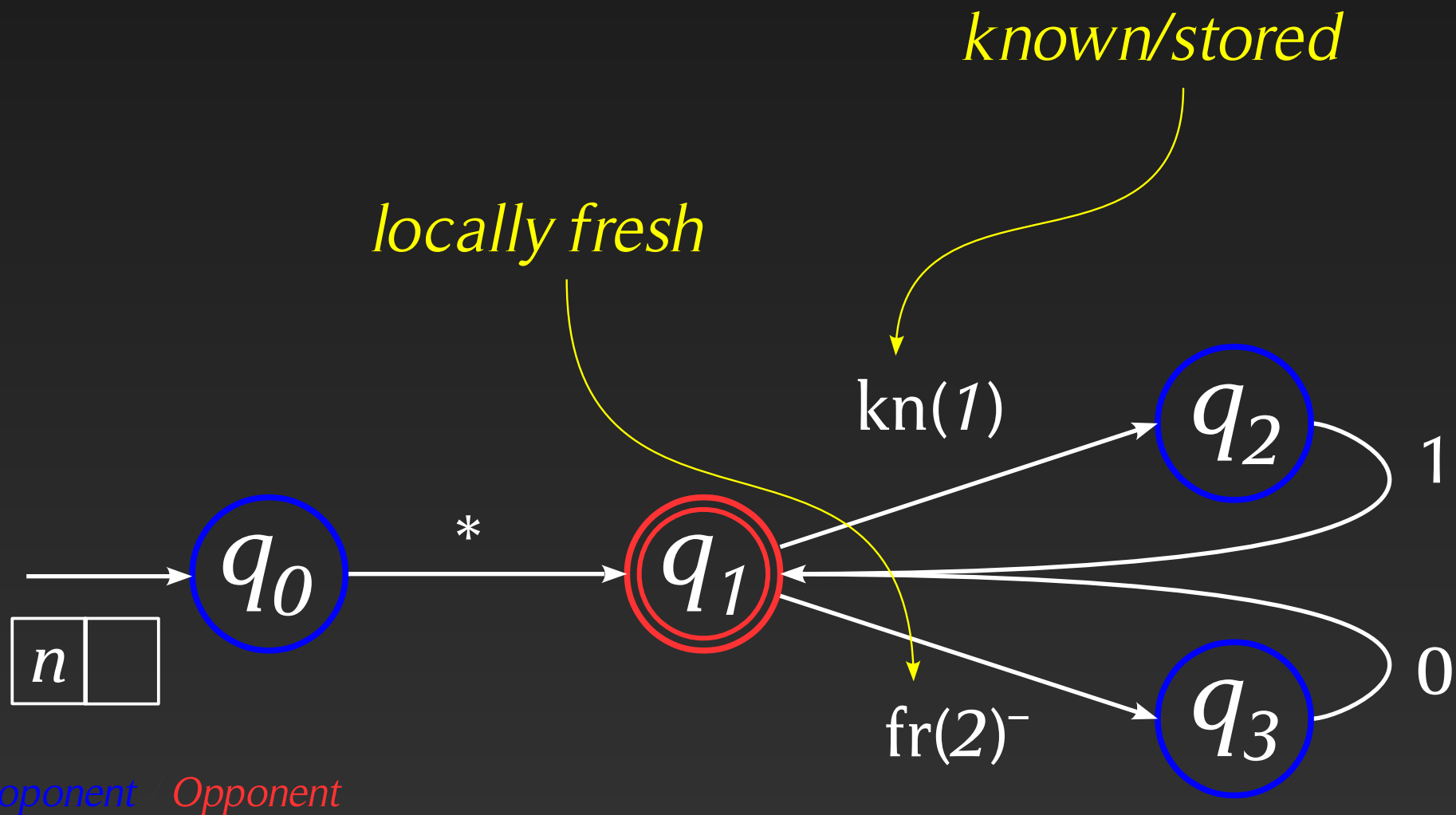
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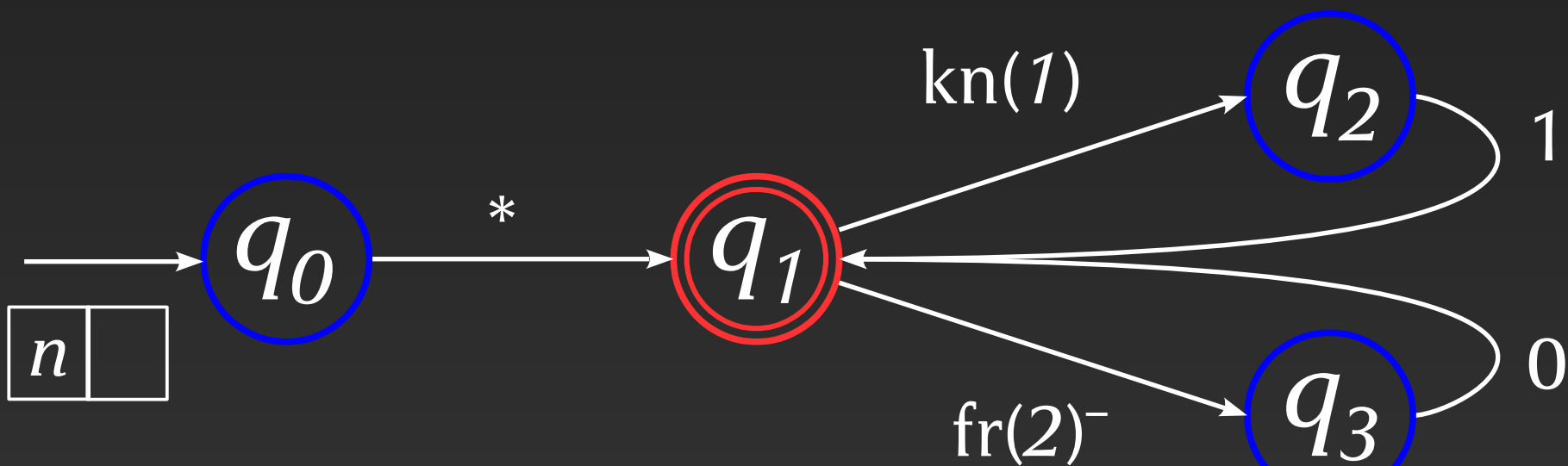
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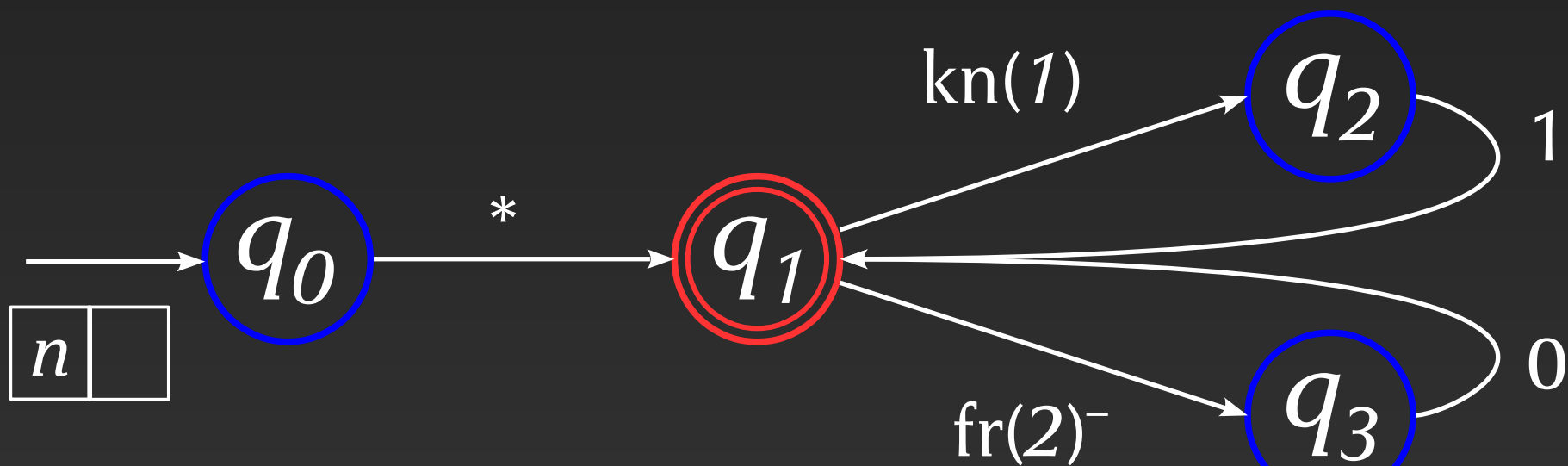
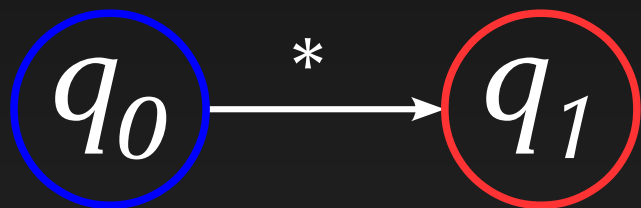


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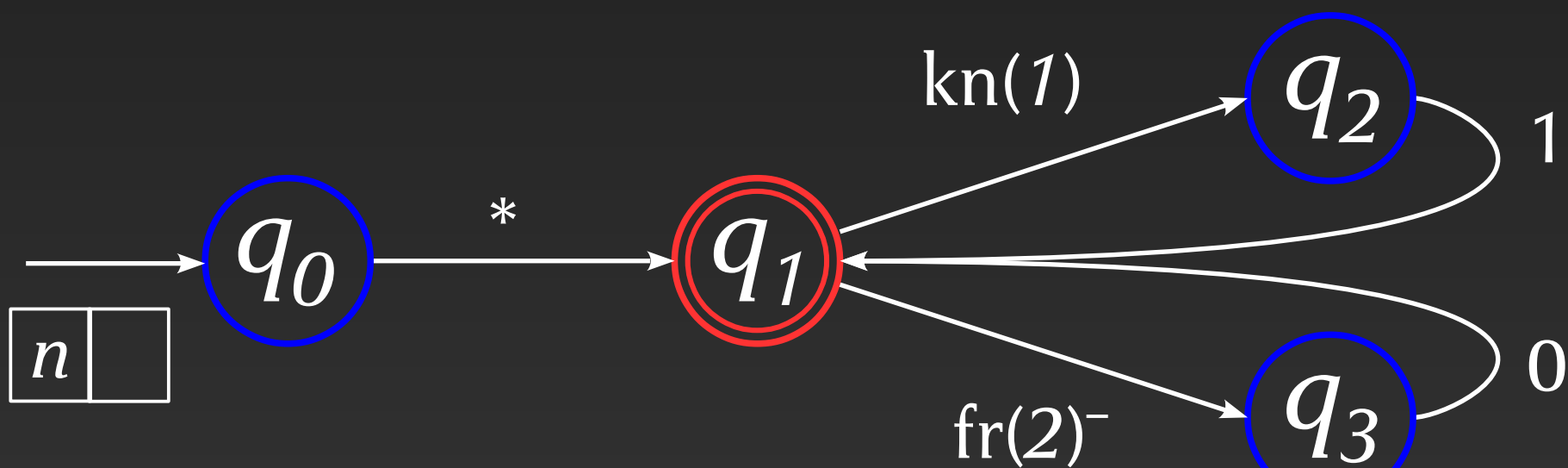
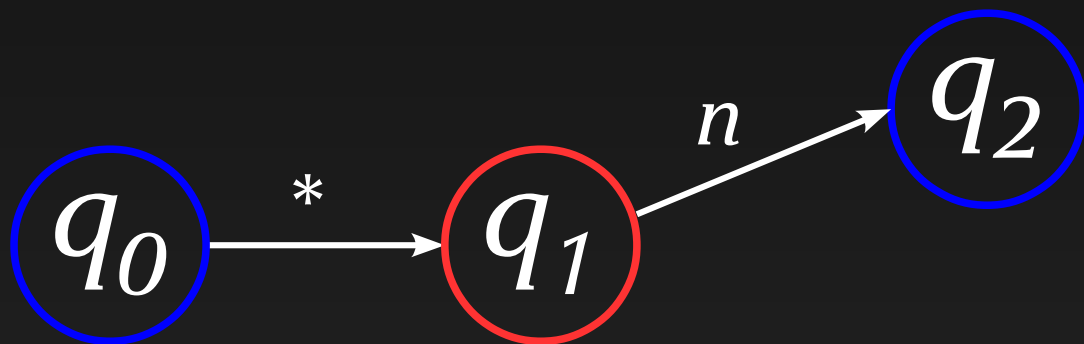
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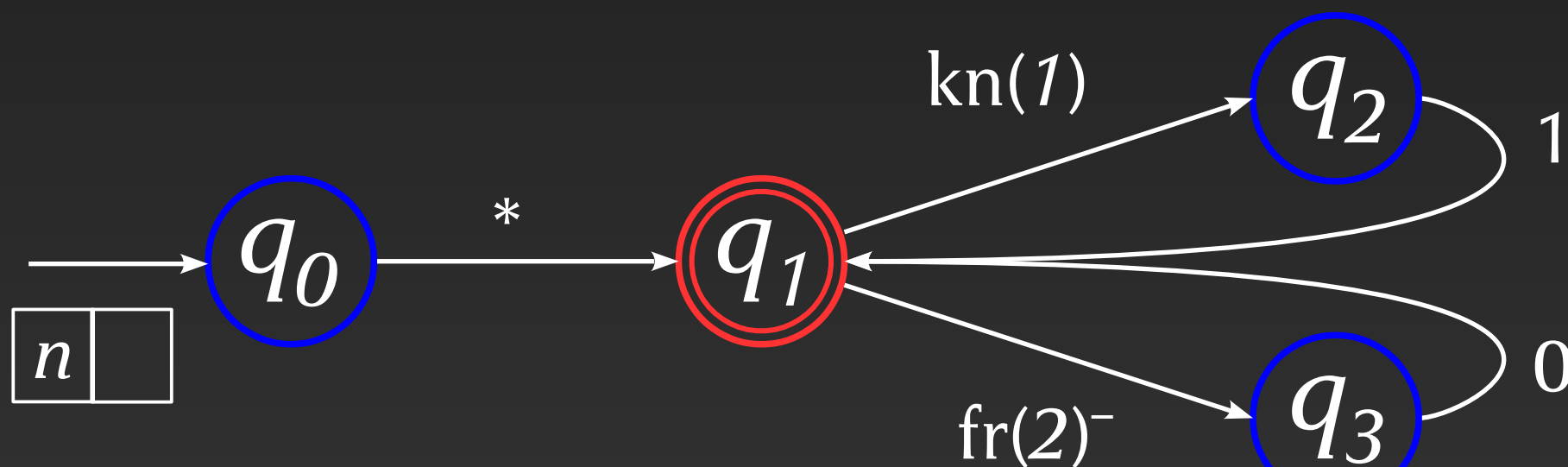
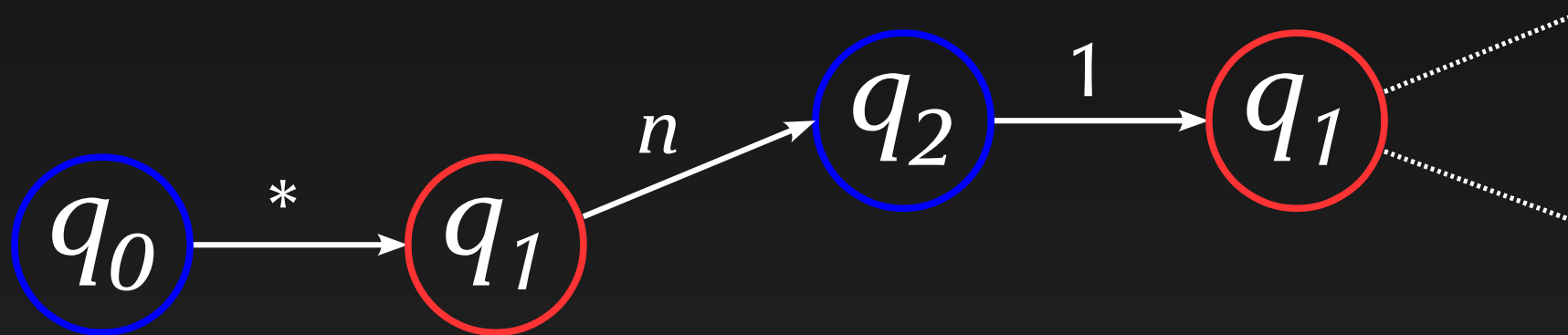
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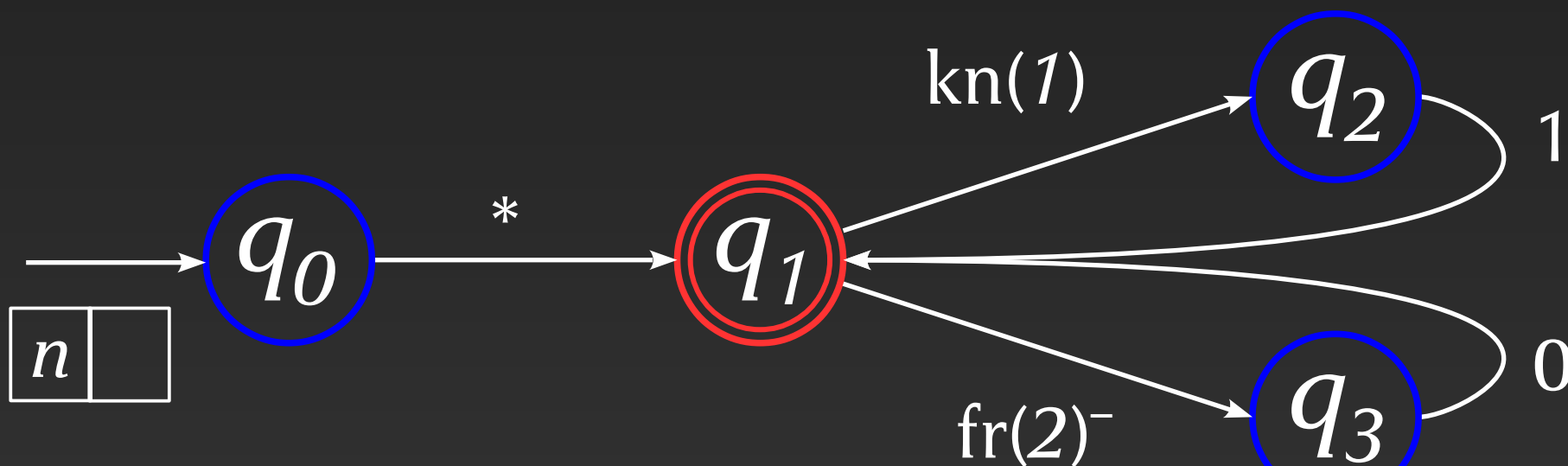
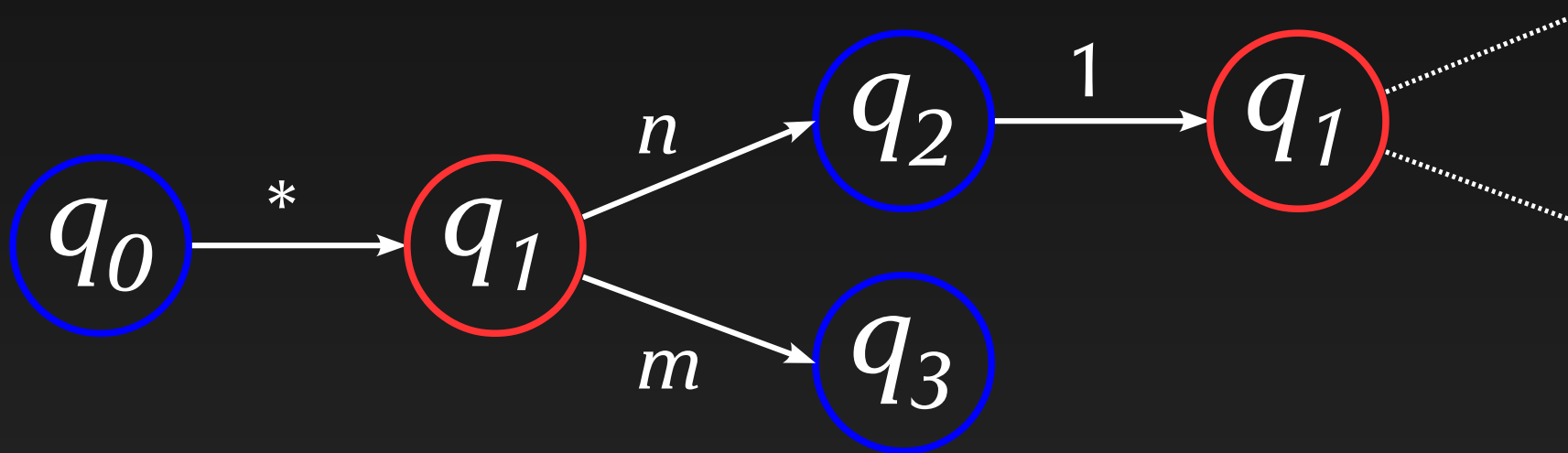
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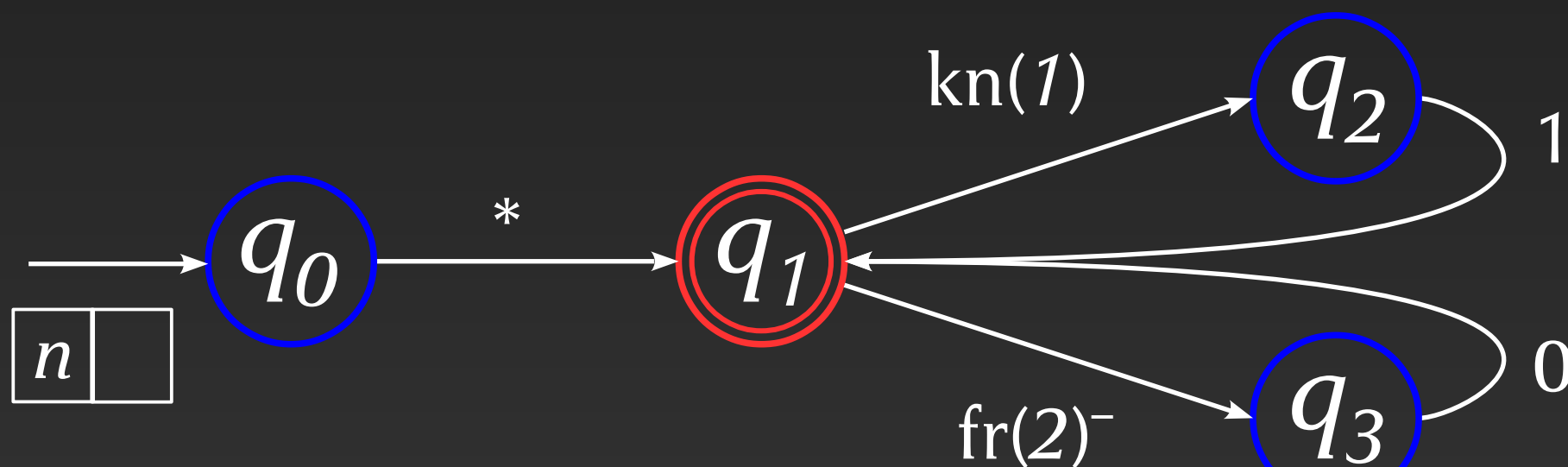
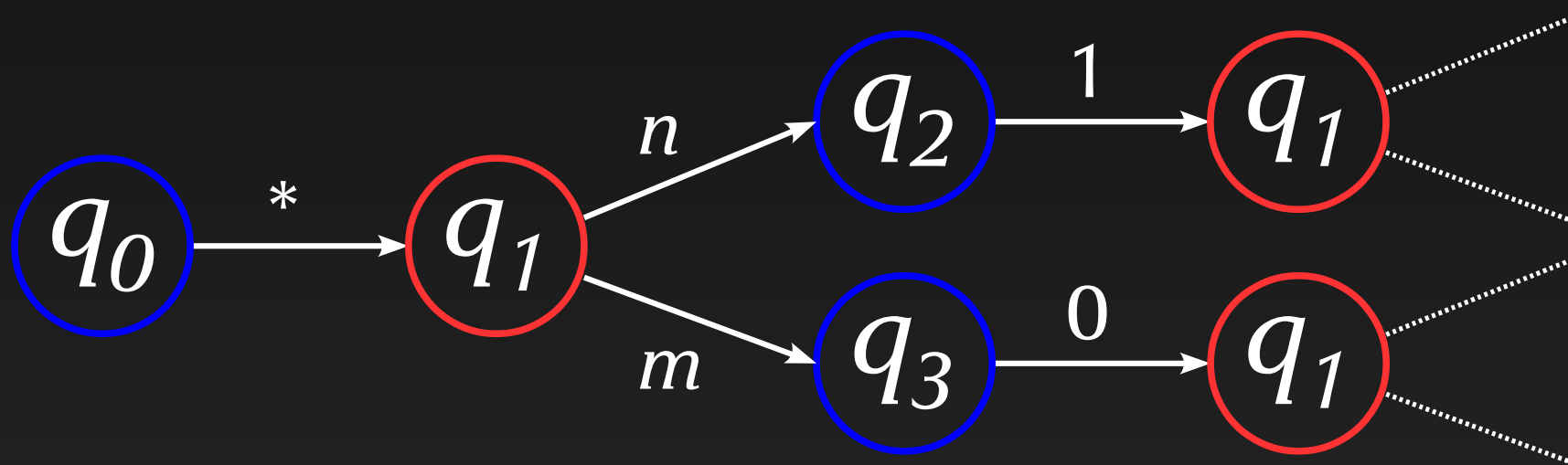
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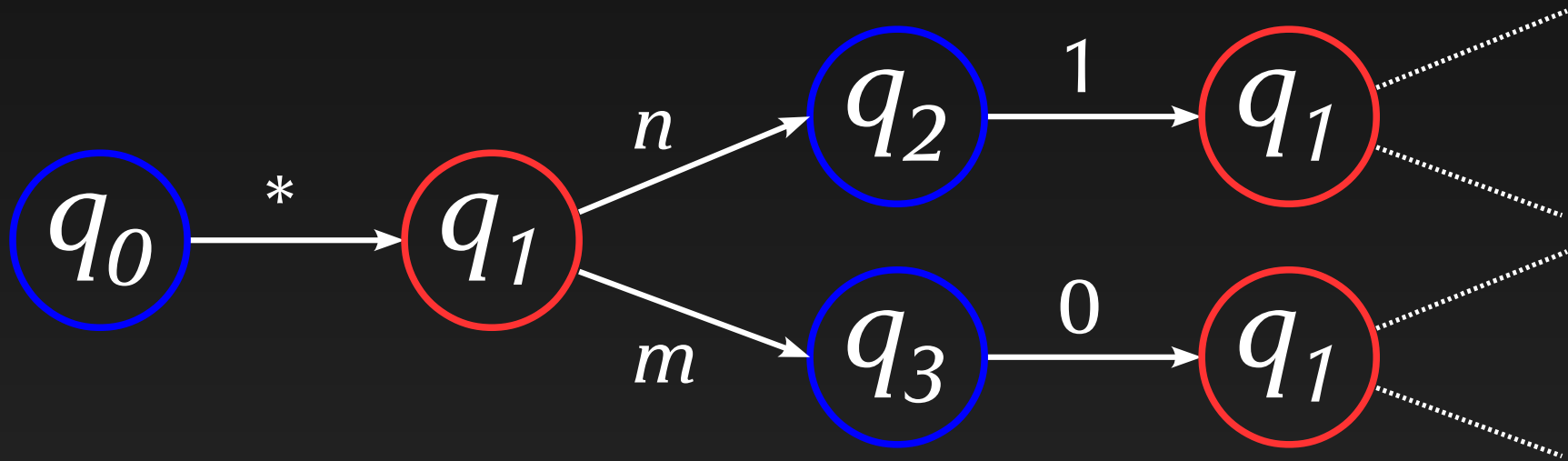
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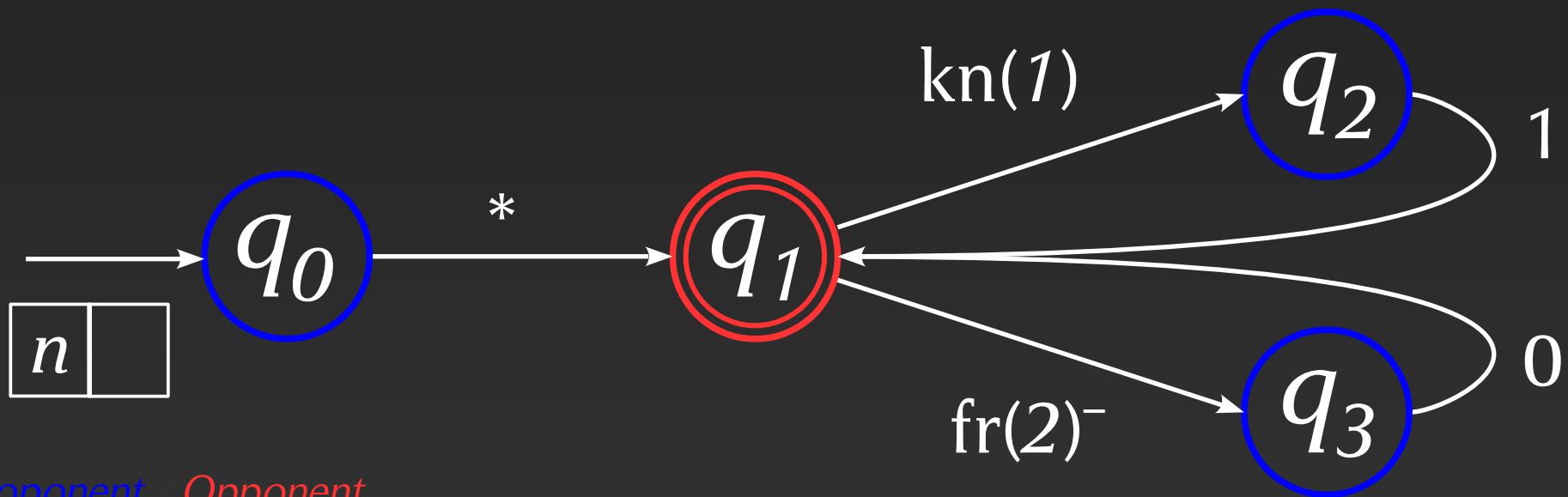


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 - Closure (\cap, \cup), non-closure ($\bullet, *, \bar{}$)
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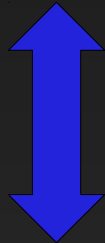
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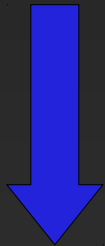
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Games with names

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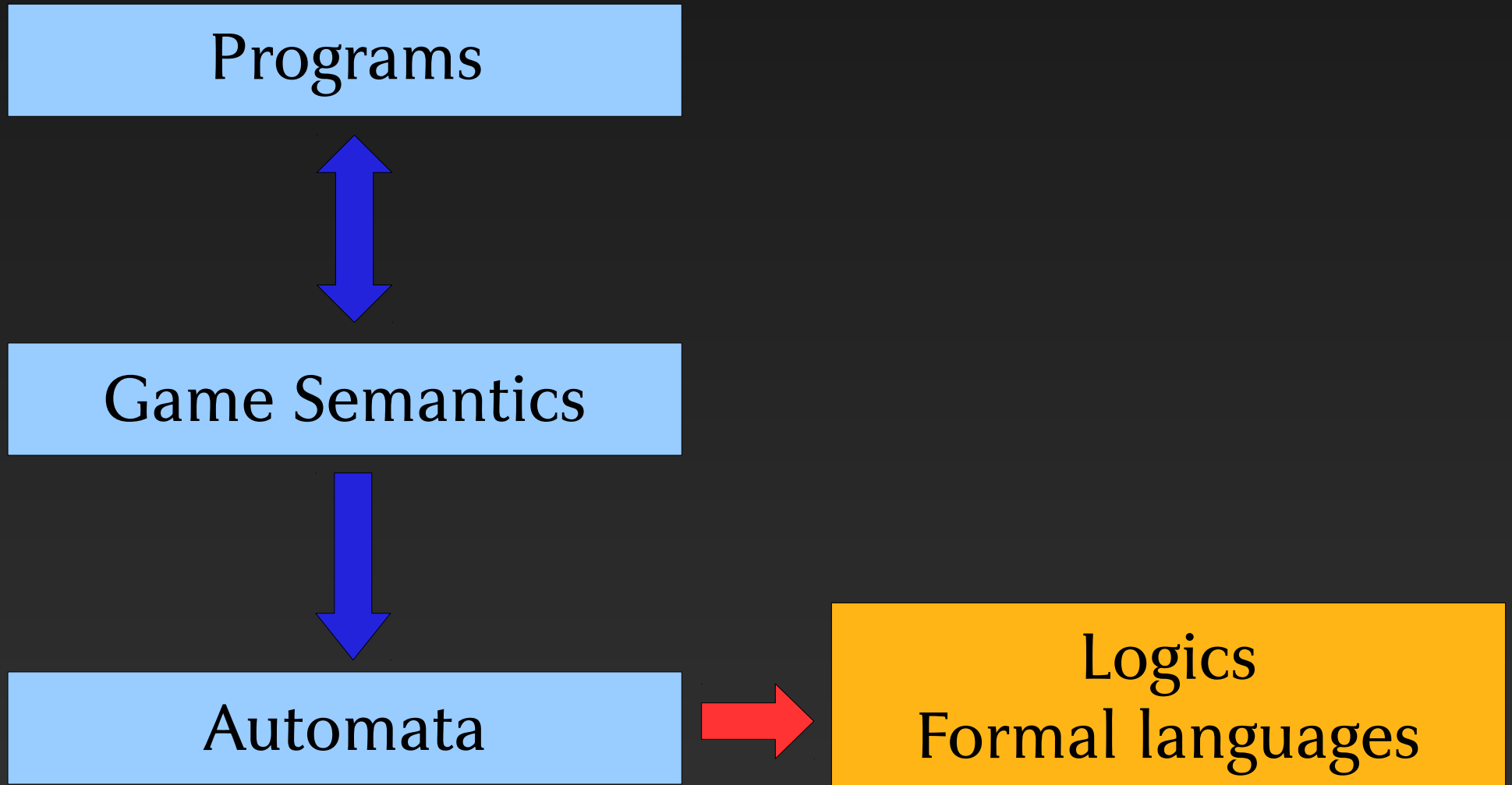


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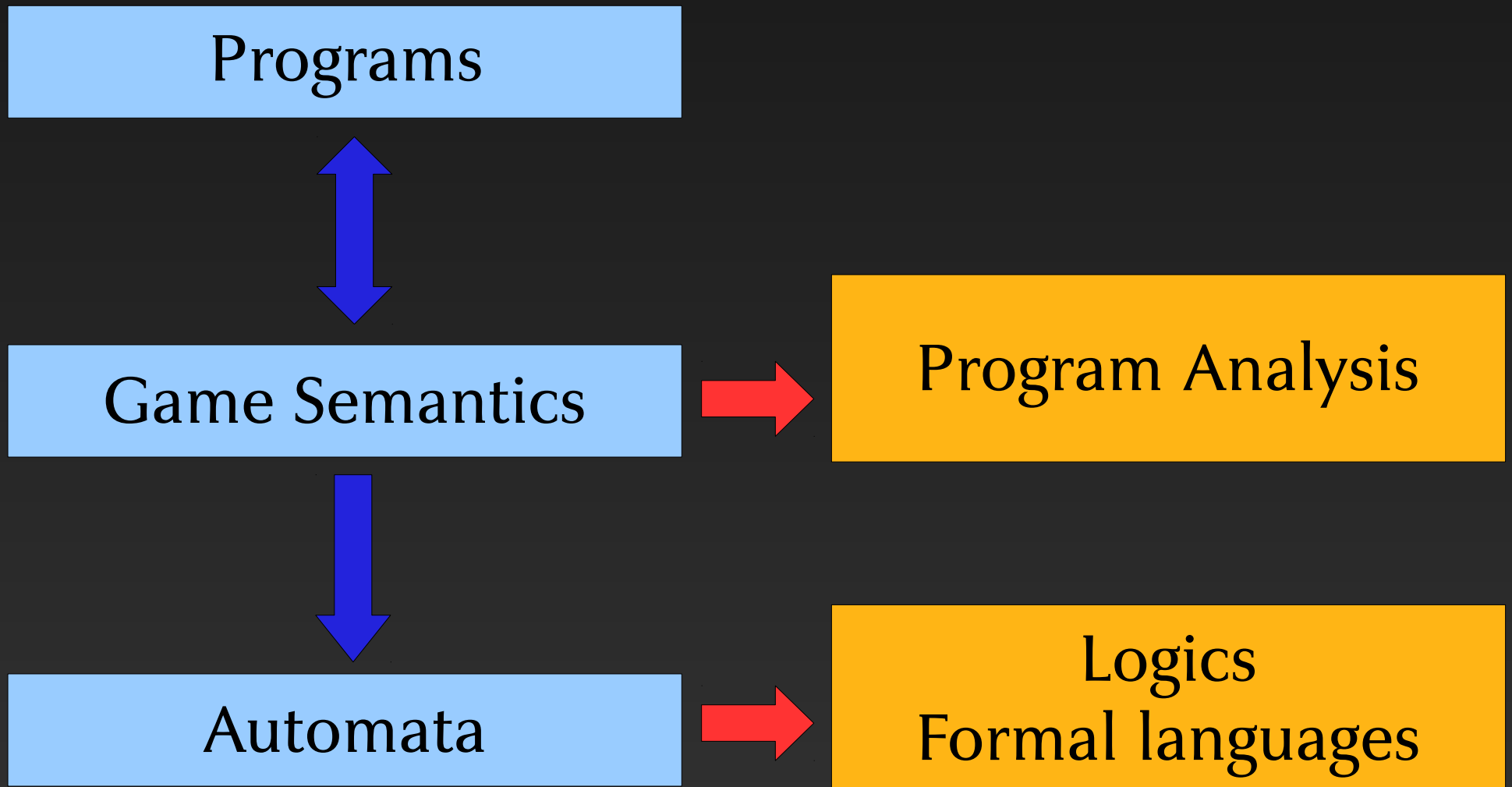


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