

Games with names

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What this talk is about

Generation of **new resources** (*names*)
is a pervasive feature in computation

We present games and related formalisms
for the semantics of new resources

Ingredients

Game Semantics

Nominal Sets

Fresh-Register Automata

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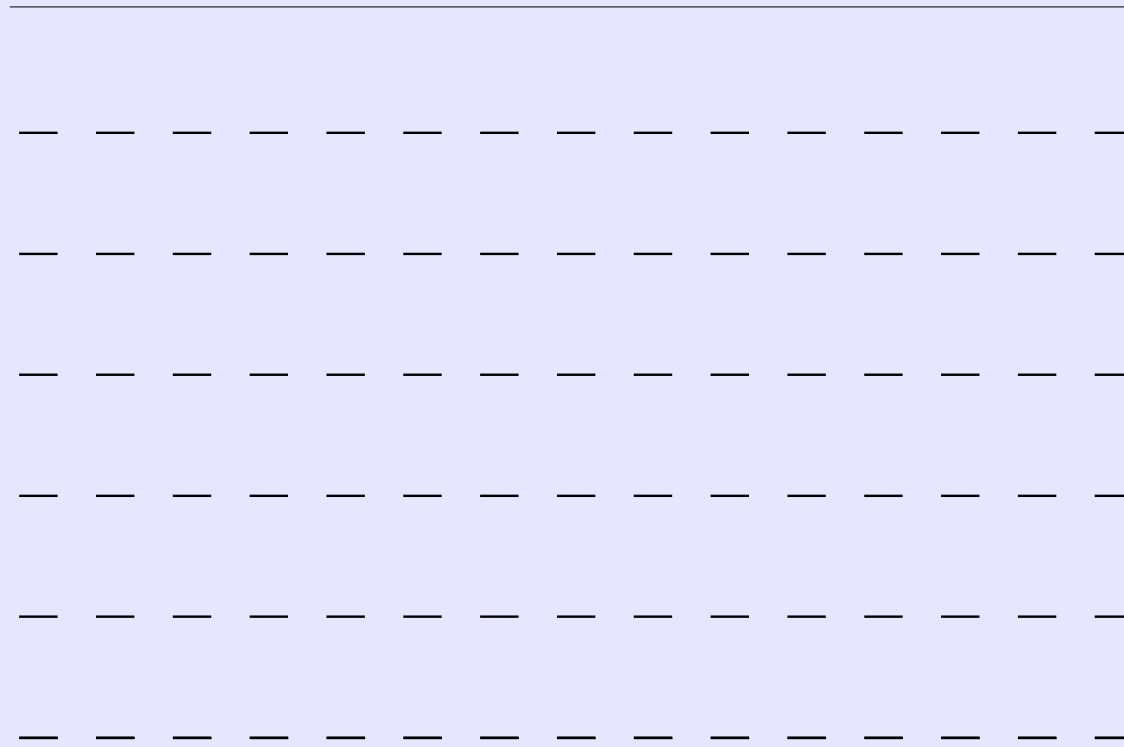
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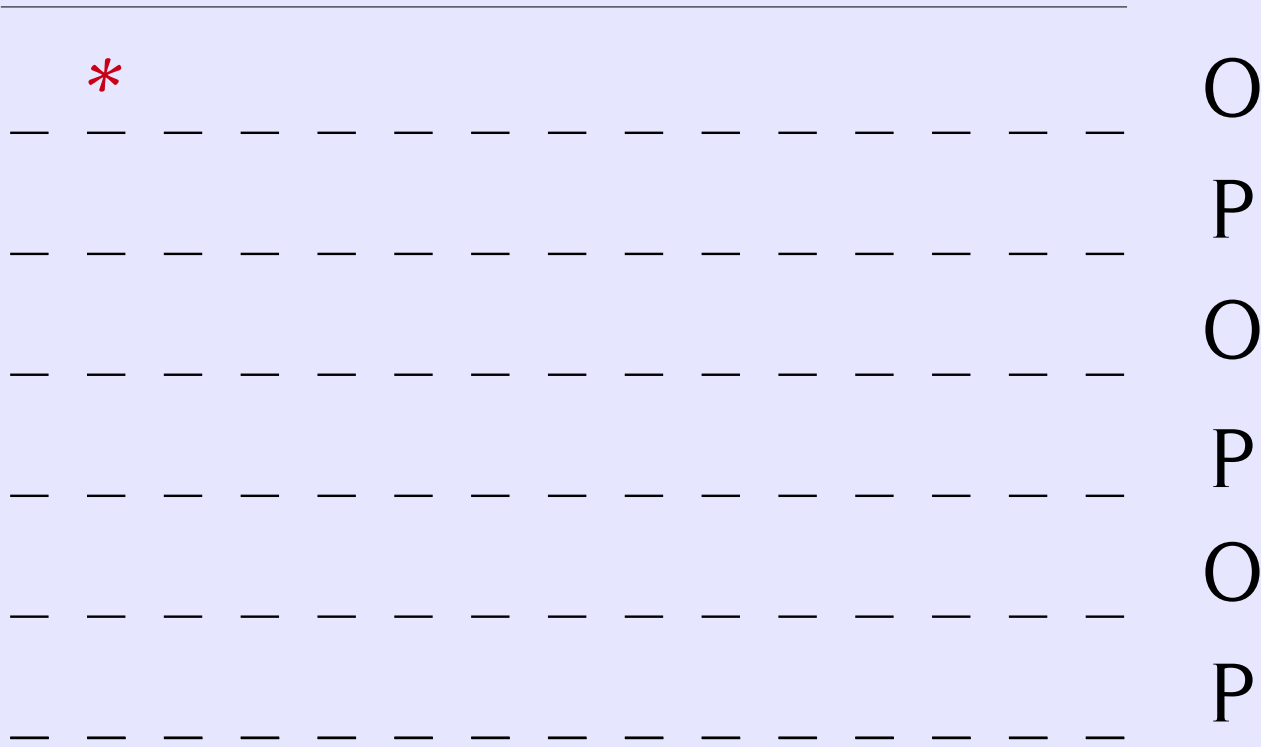


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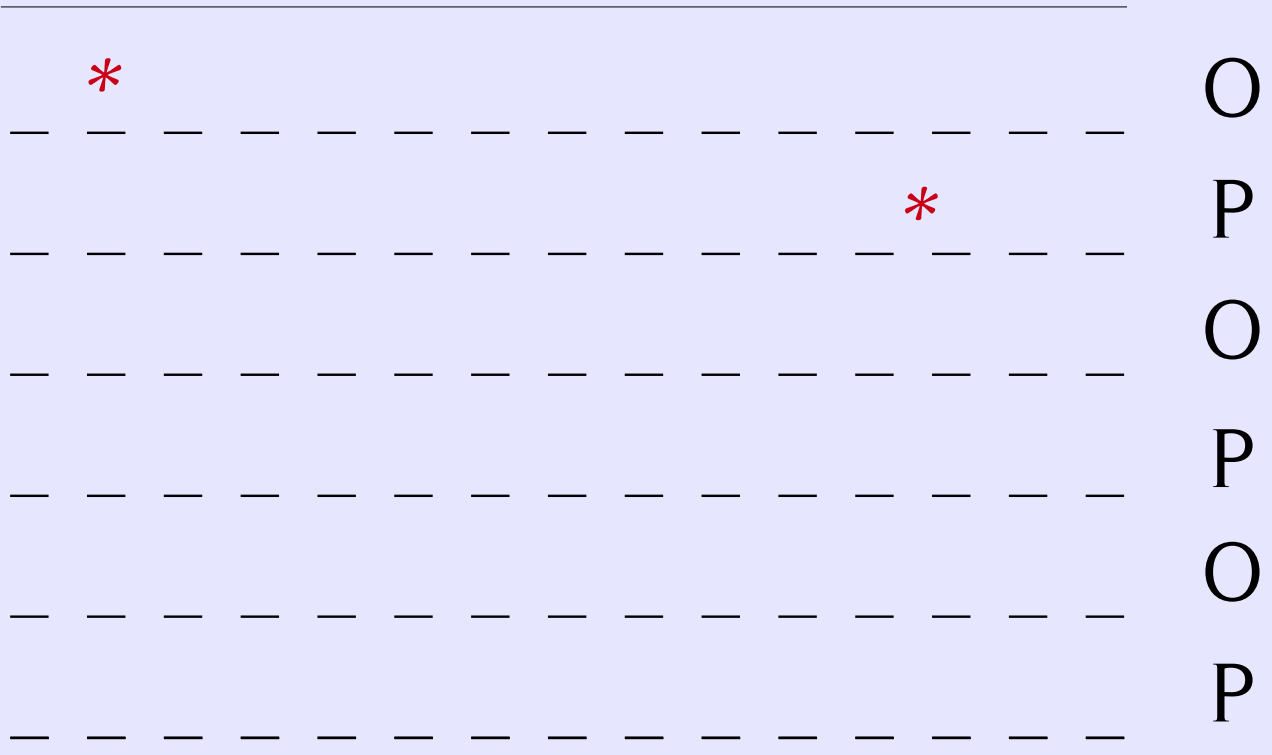
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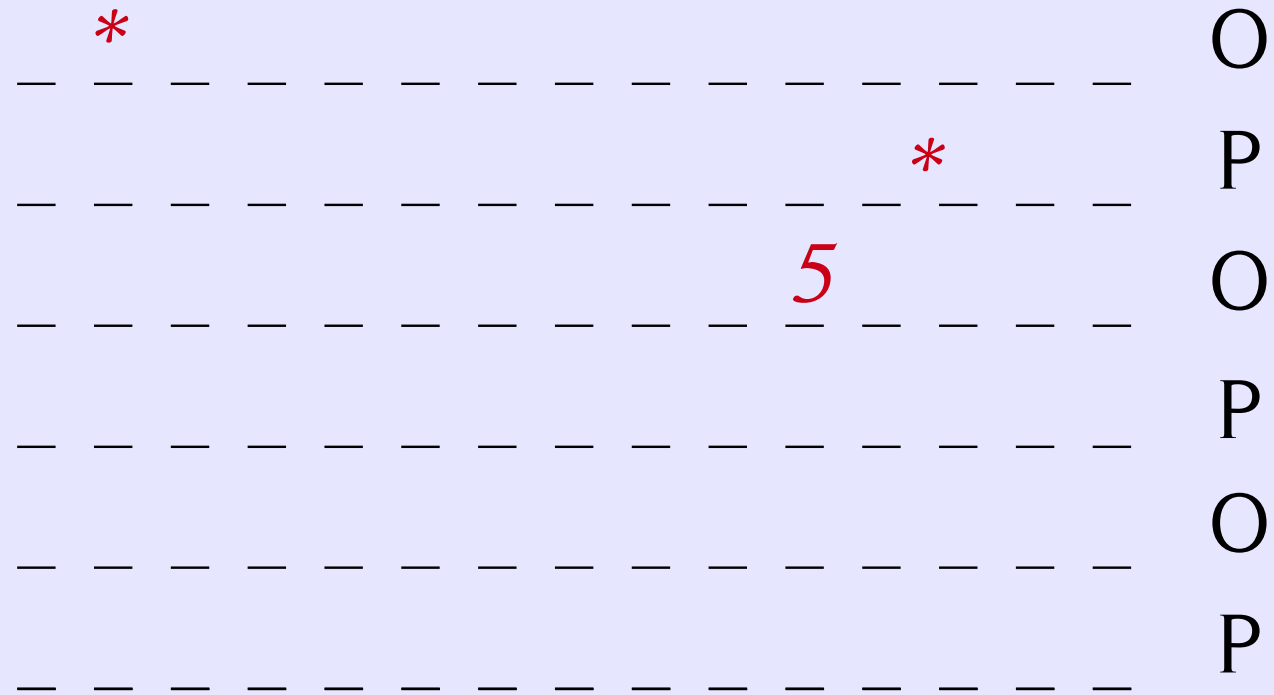
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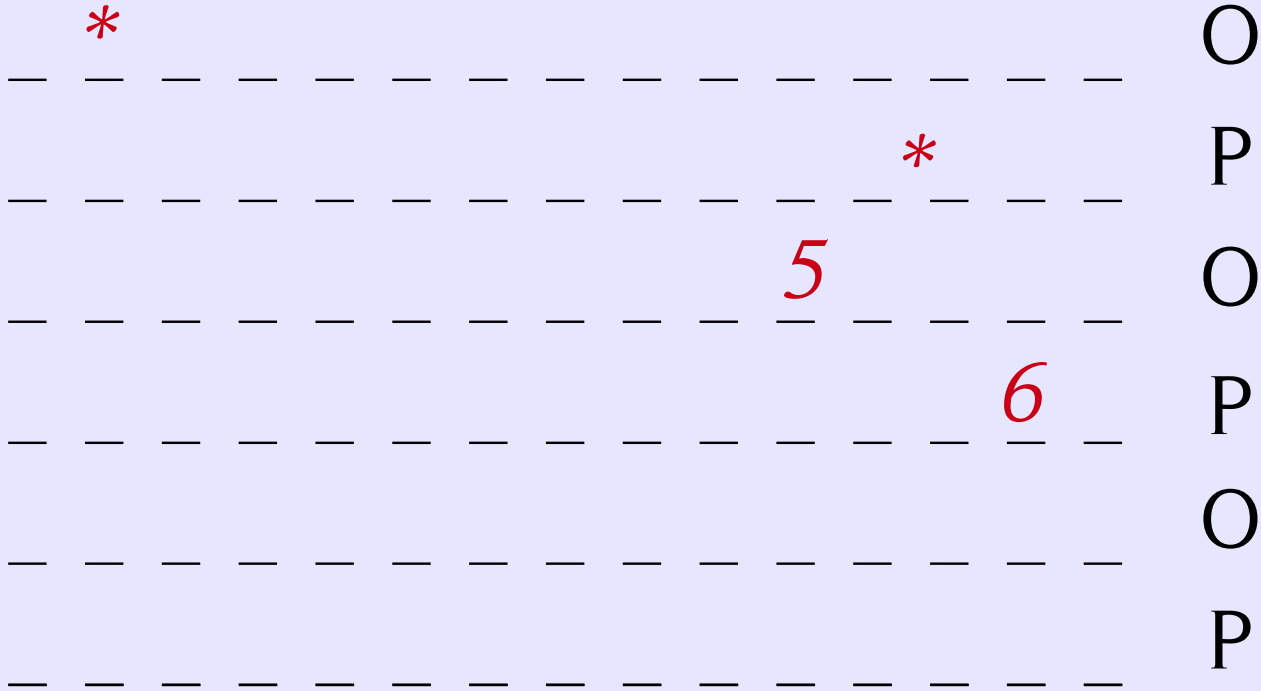
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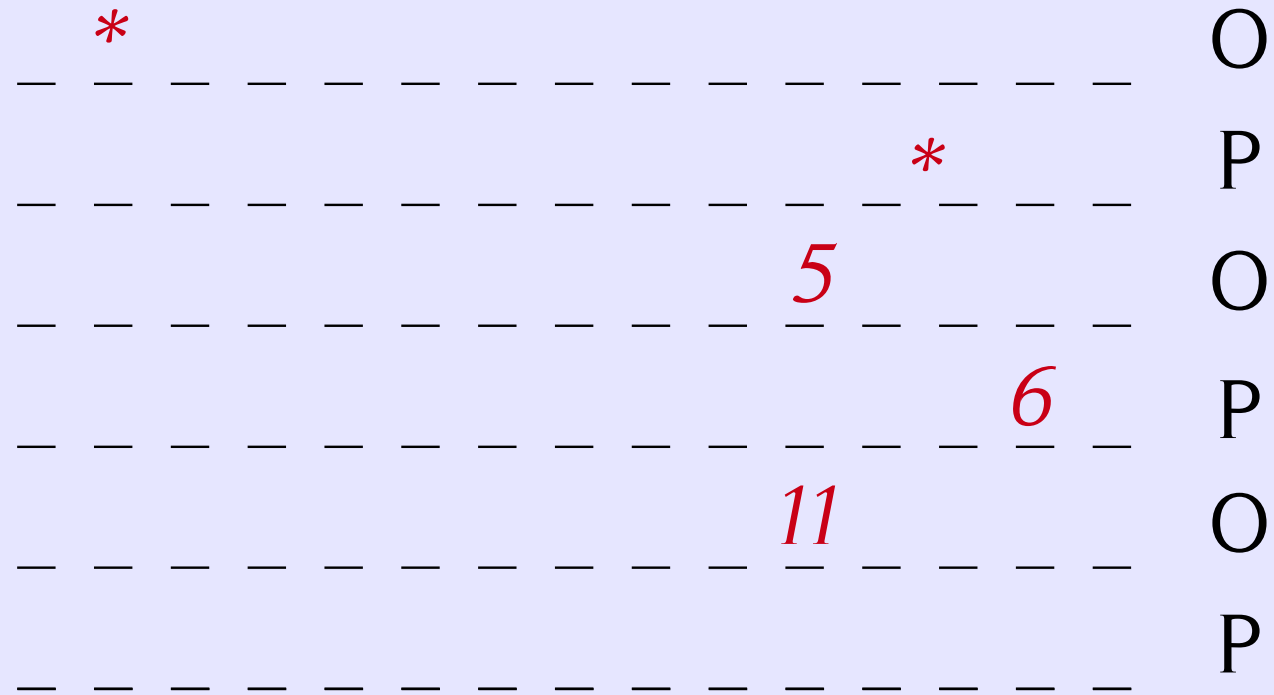
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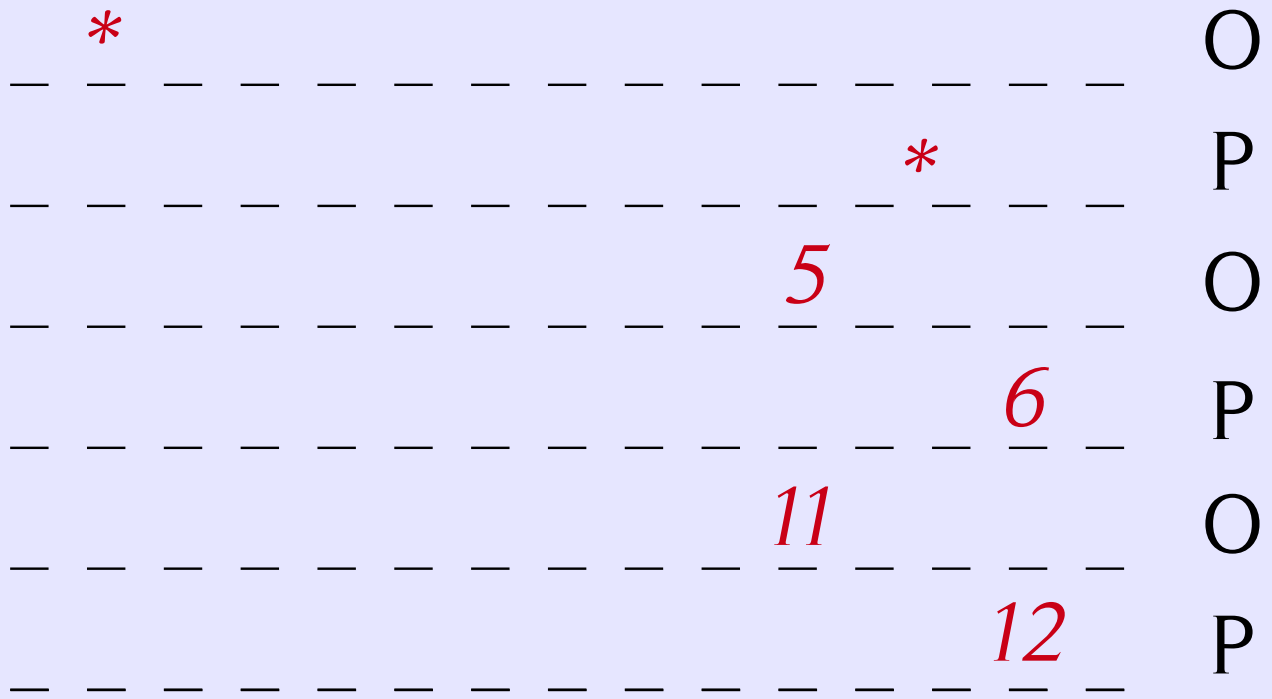
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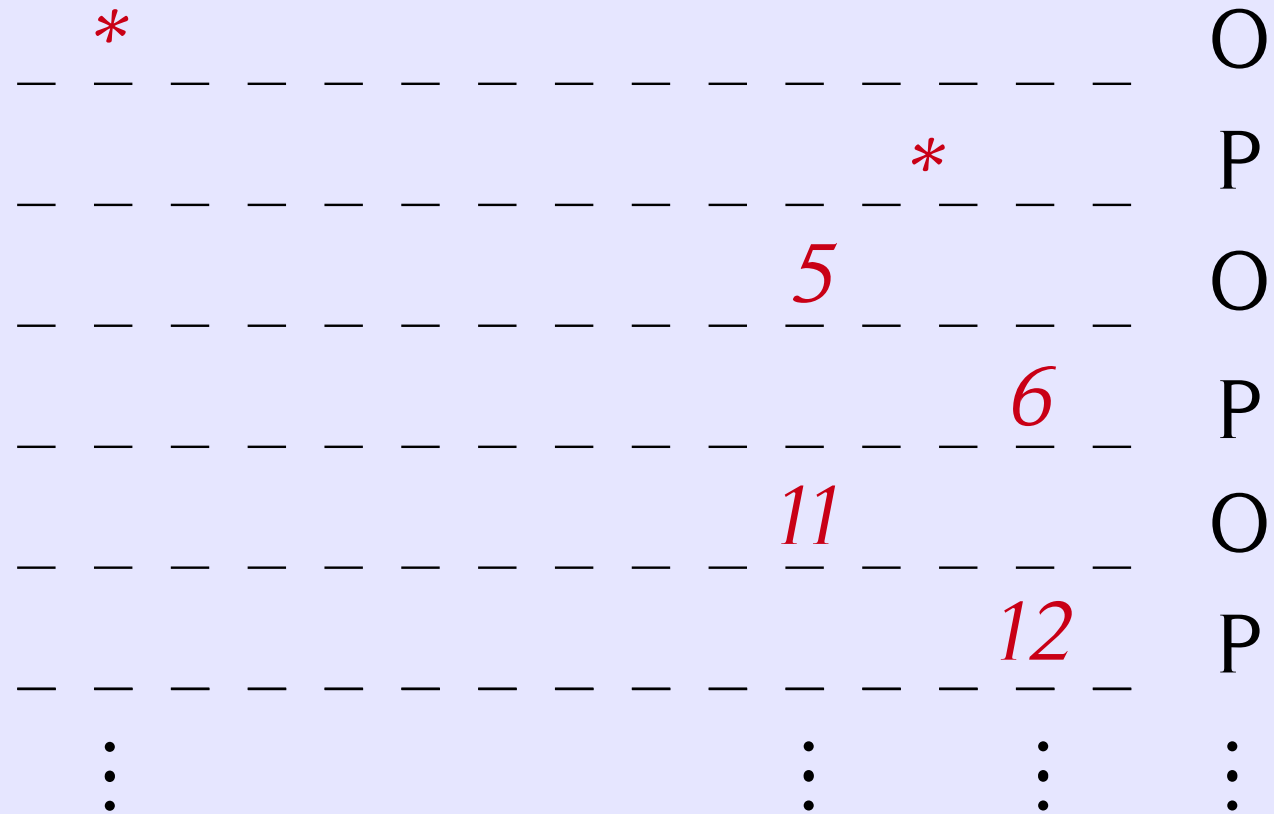
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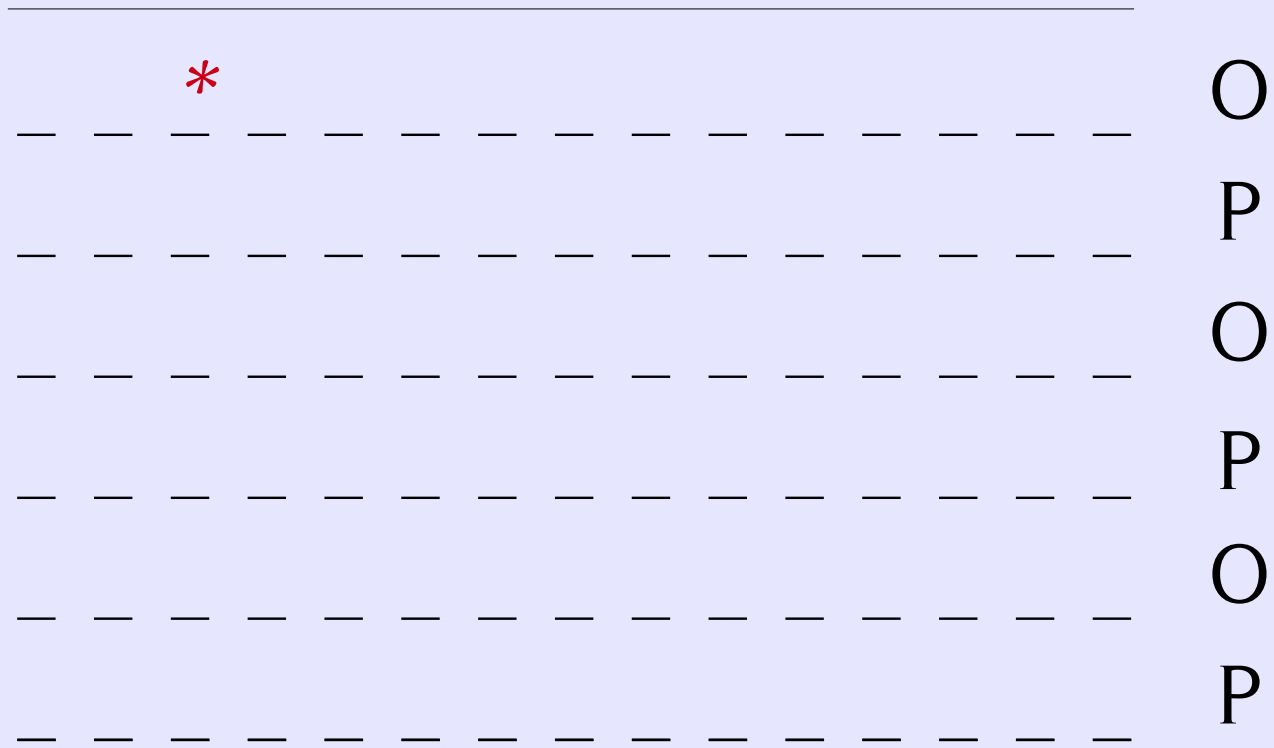
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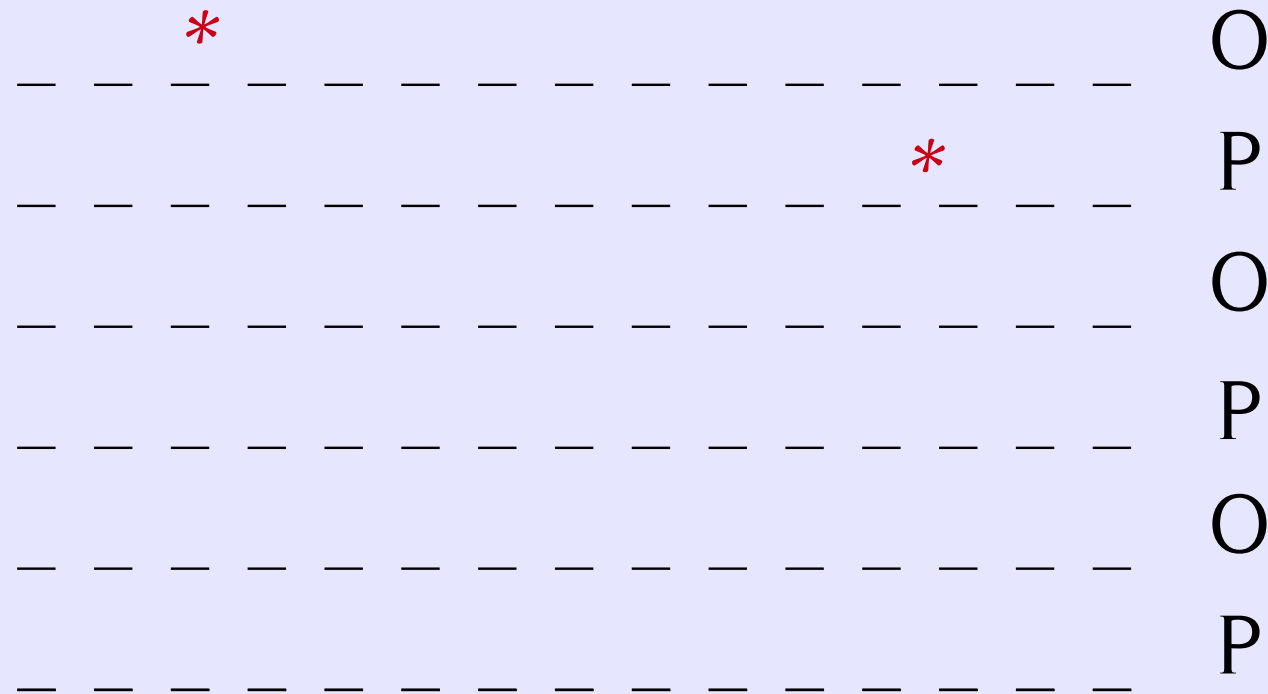
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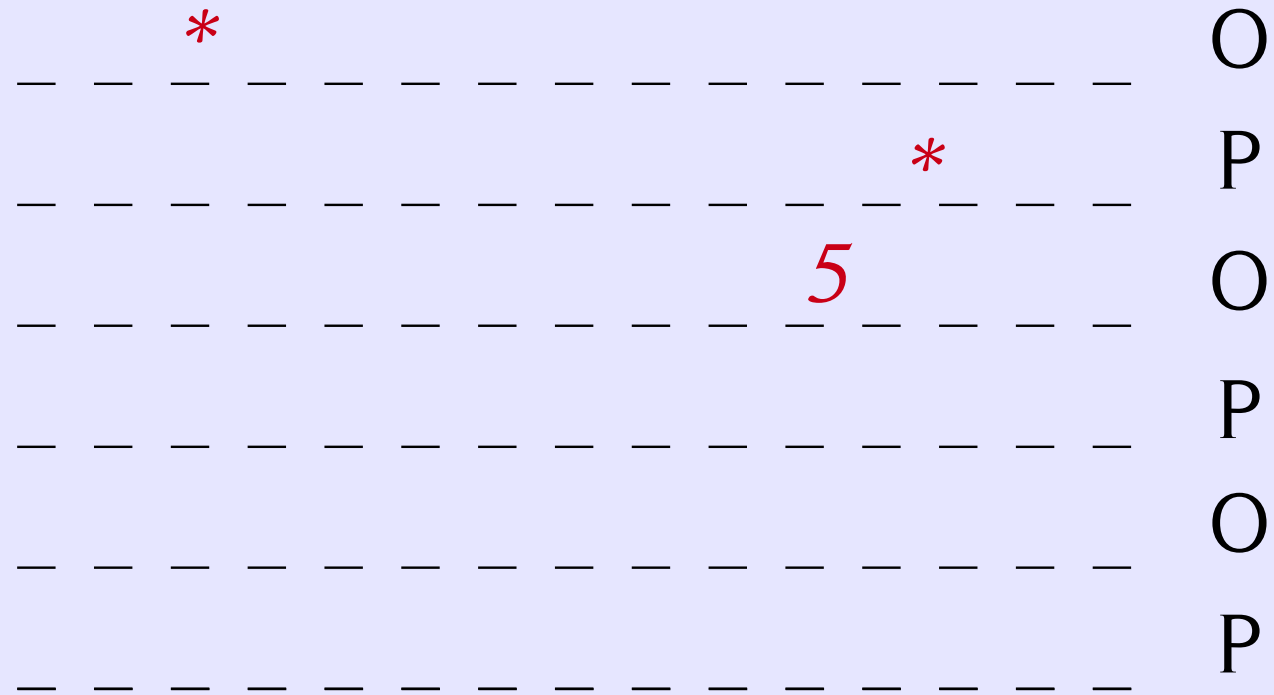
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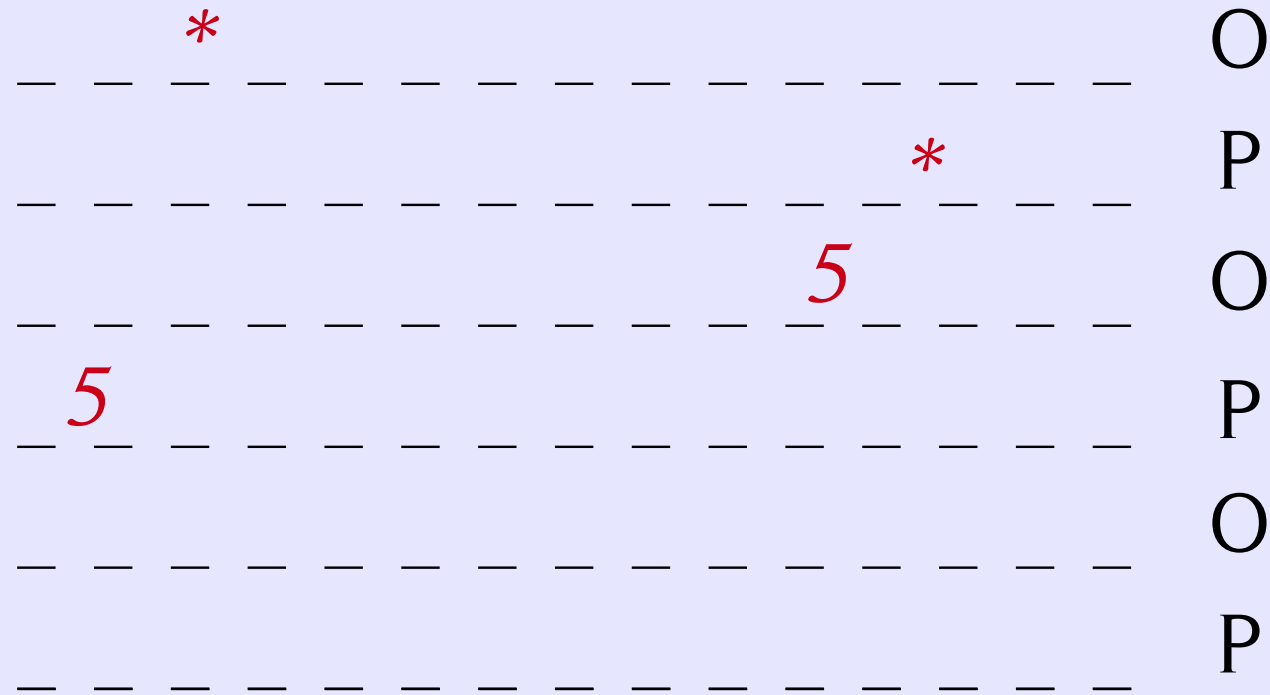
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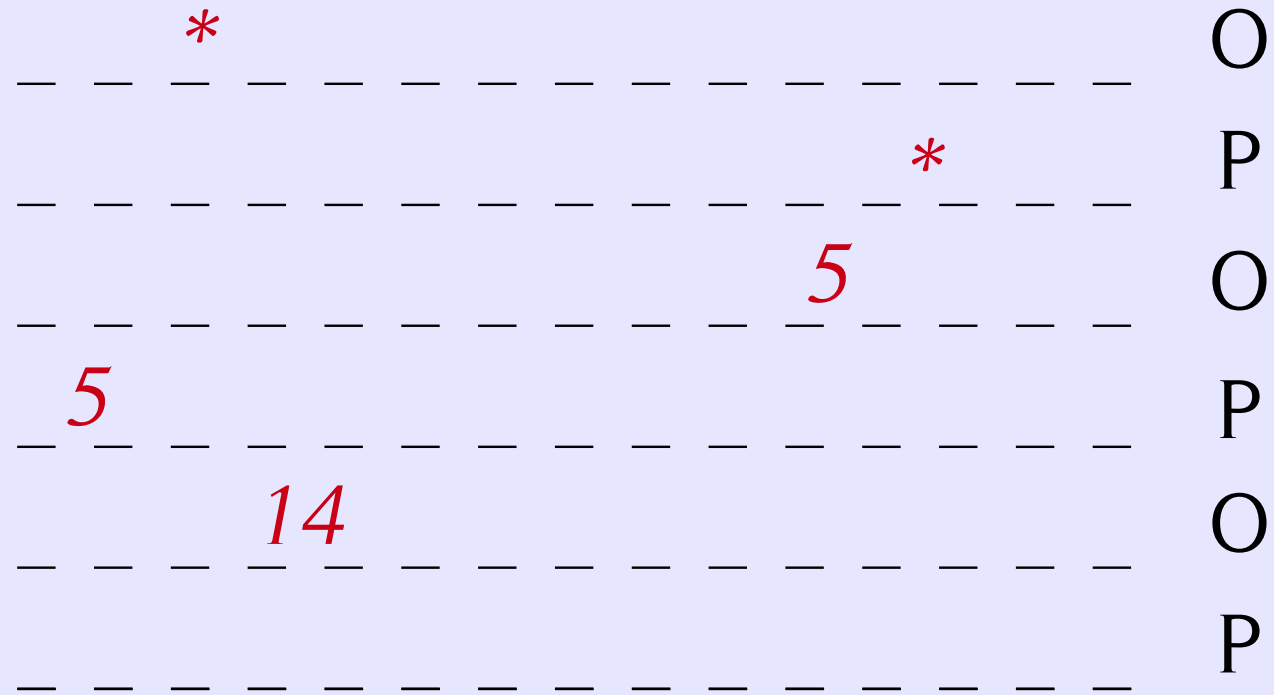
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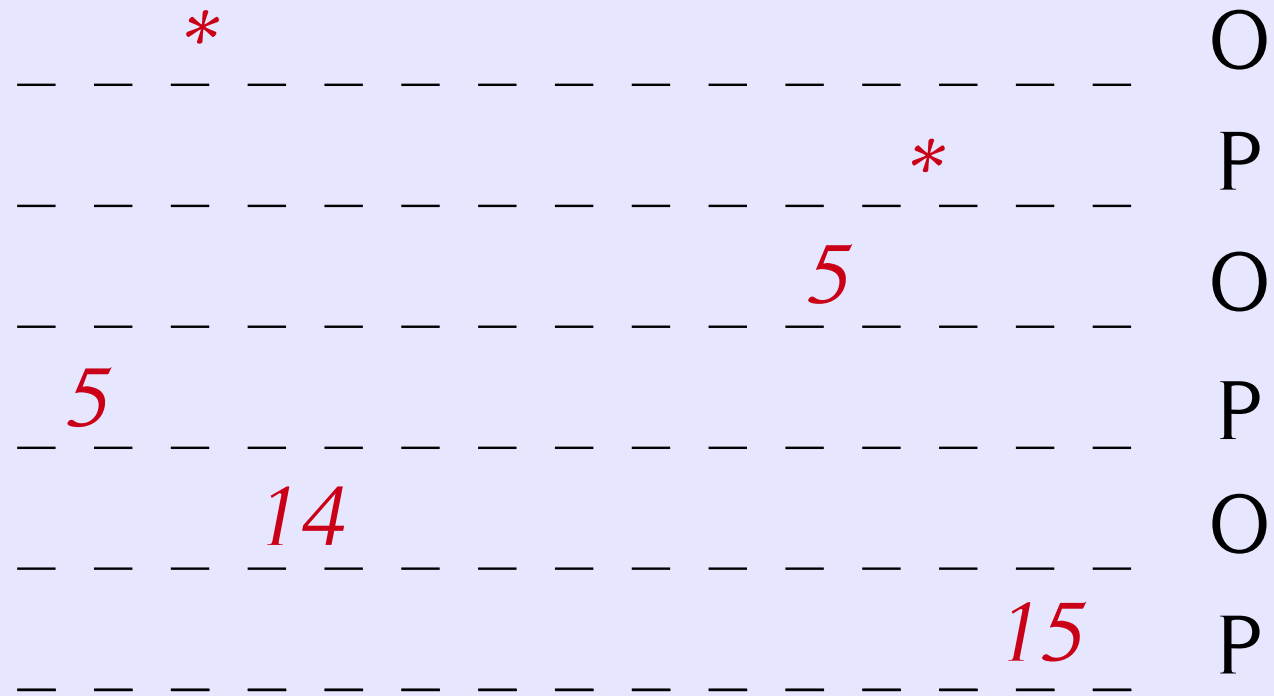
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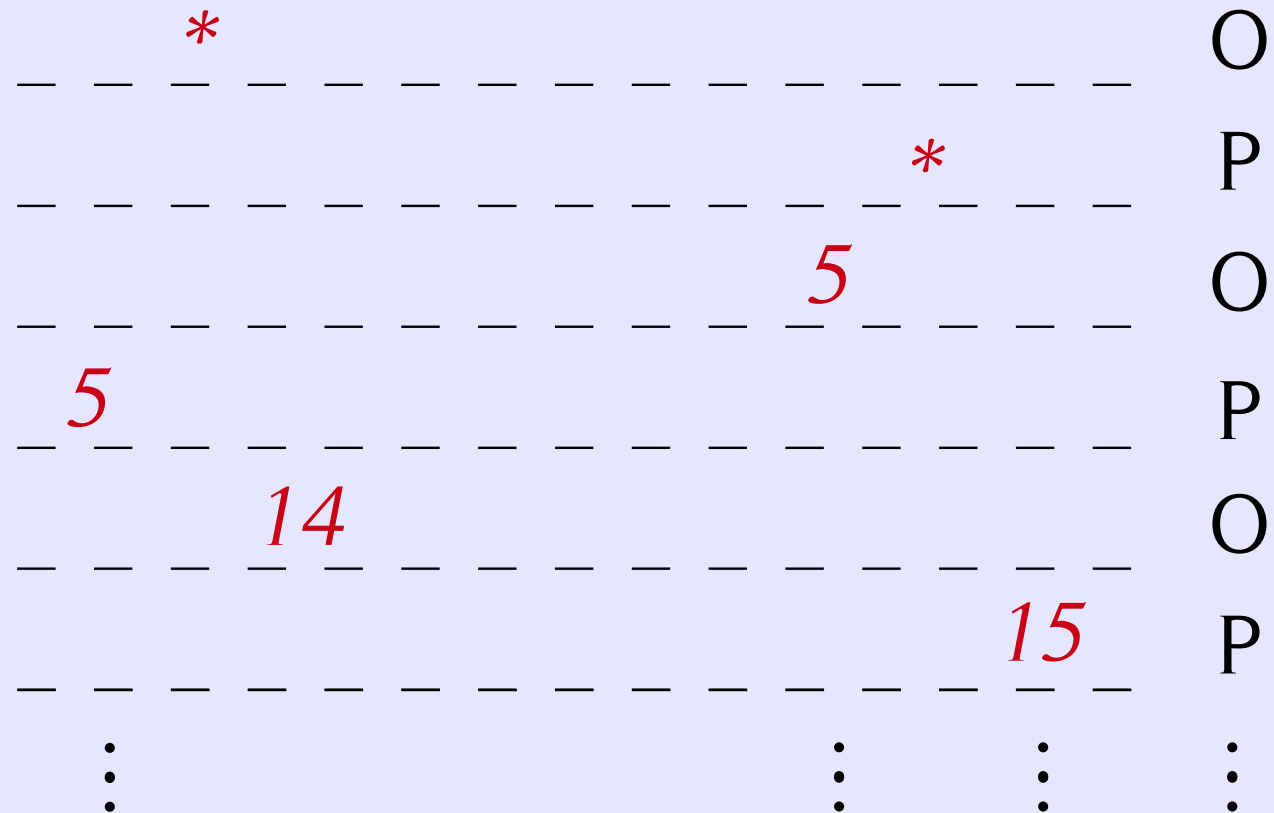
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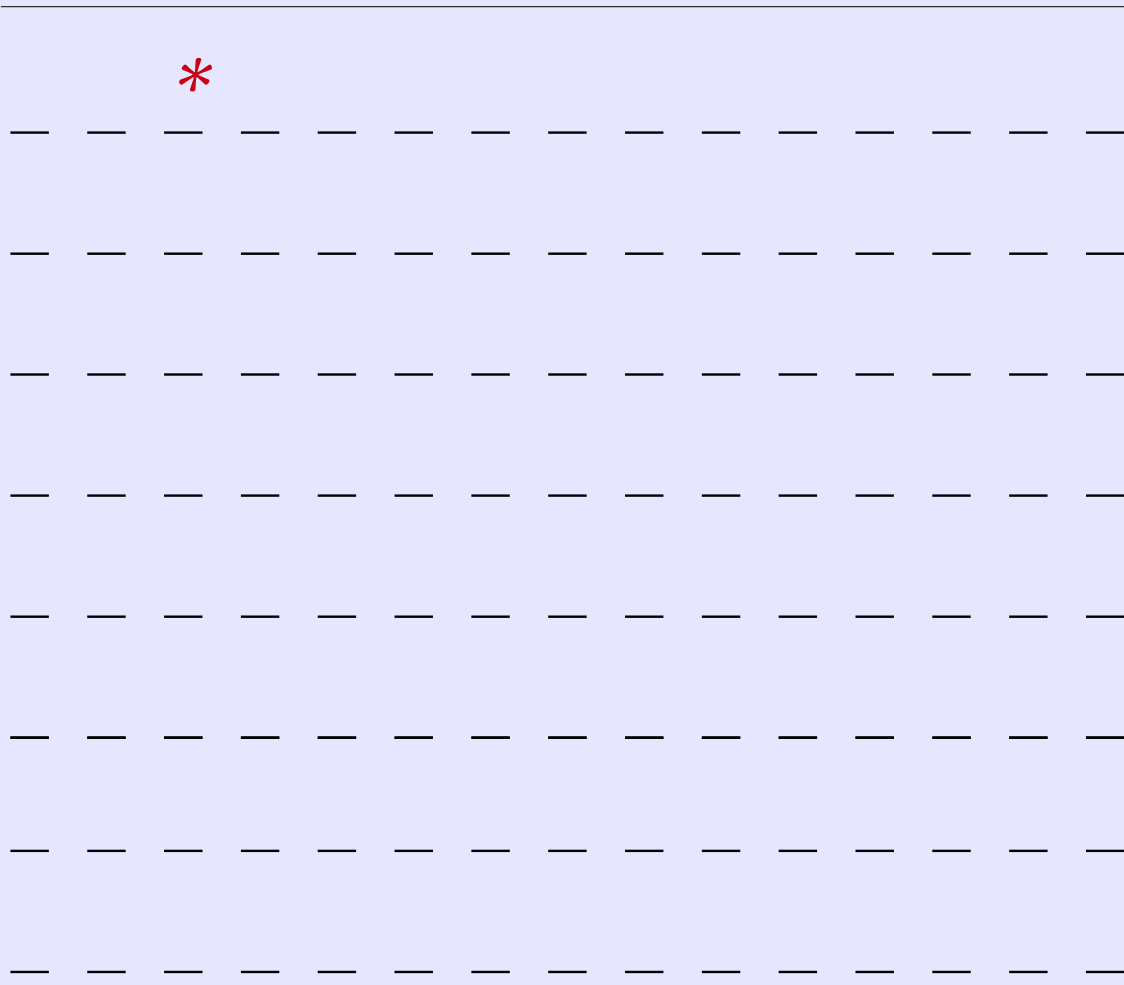
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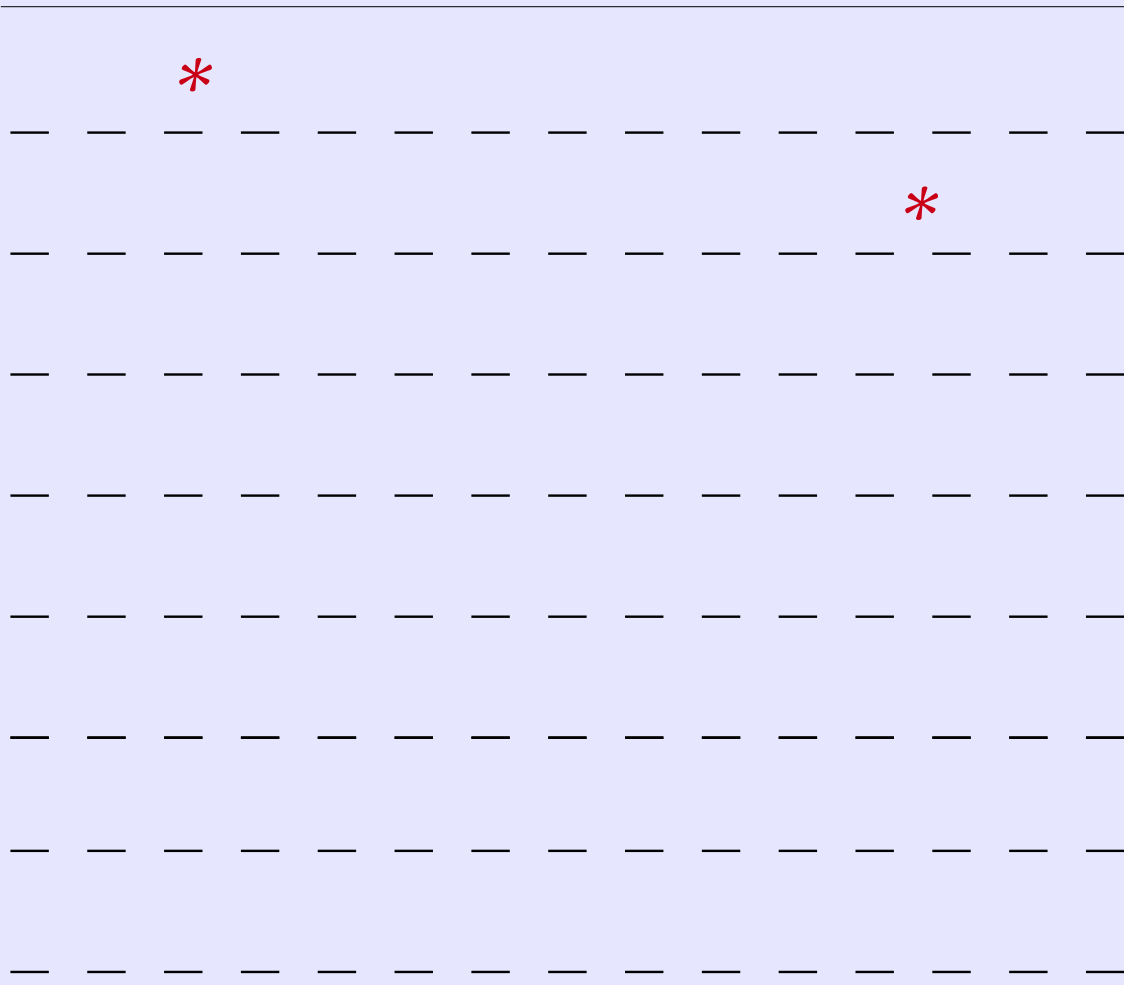
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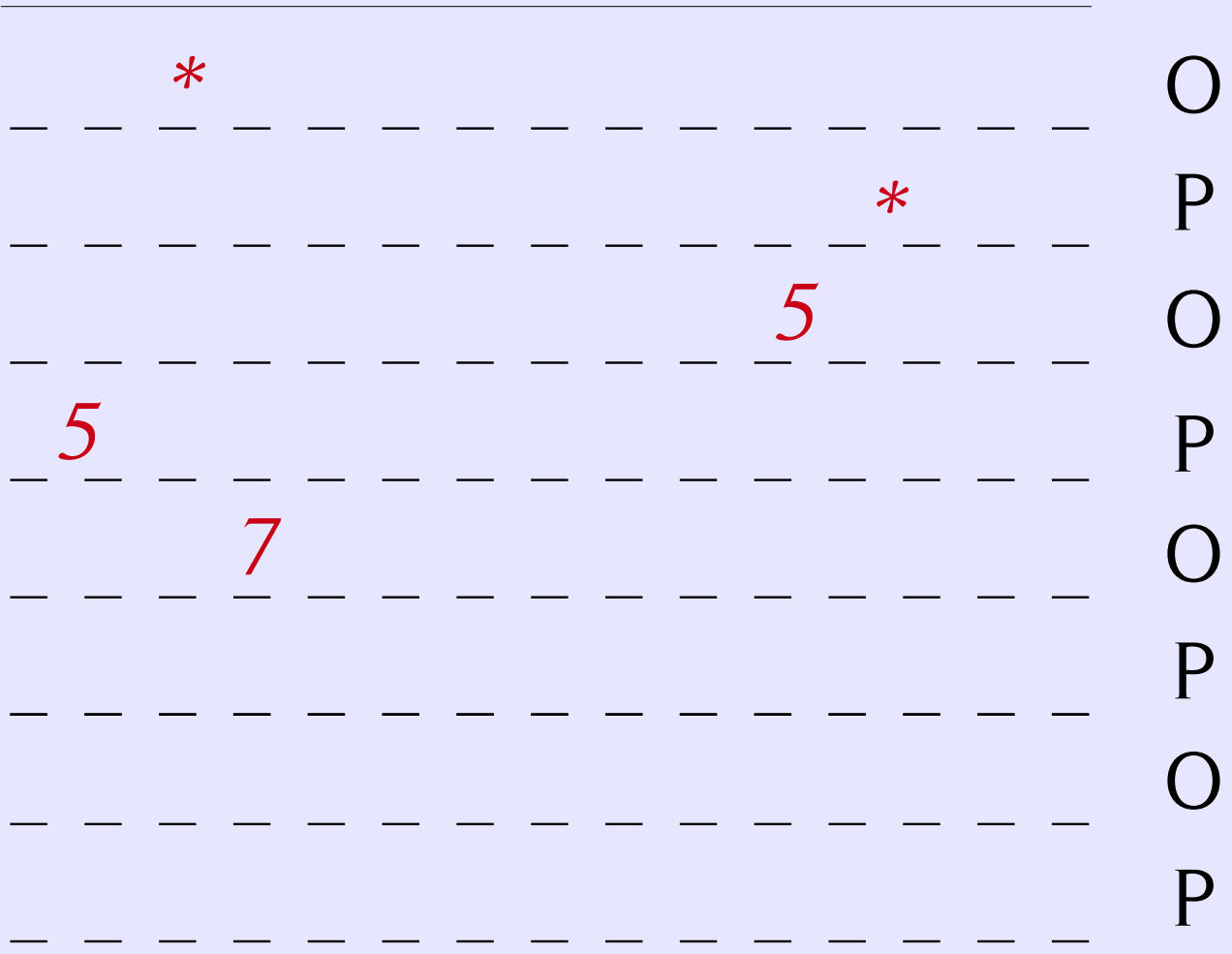
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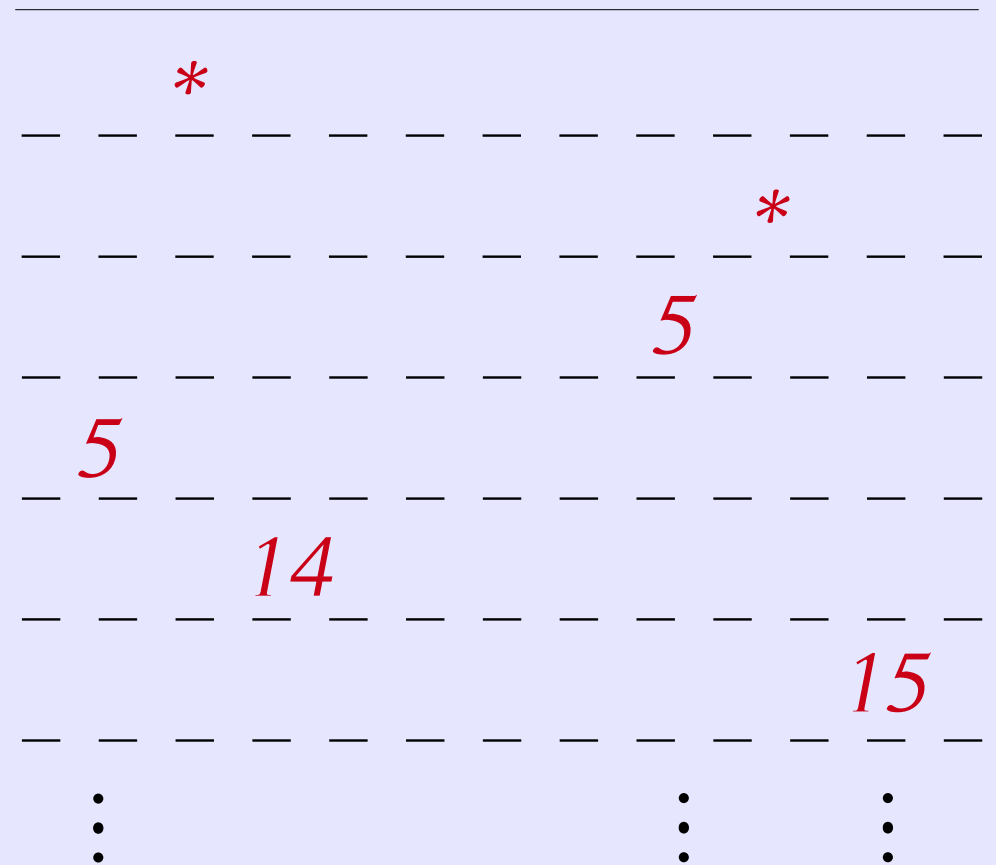
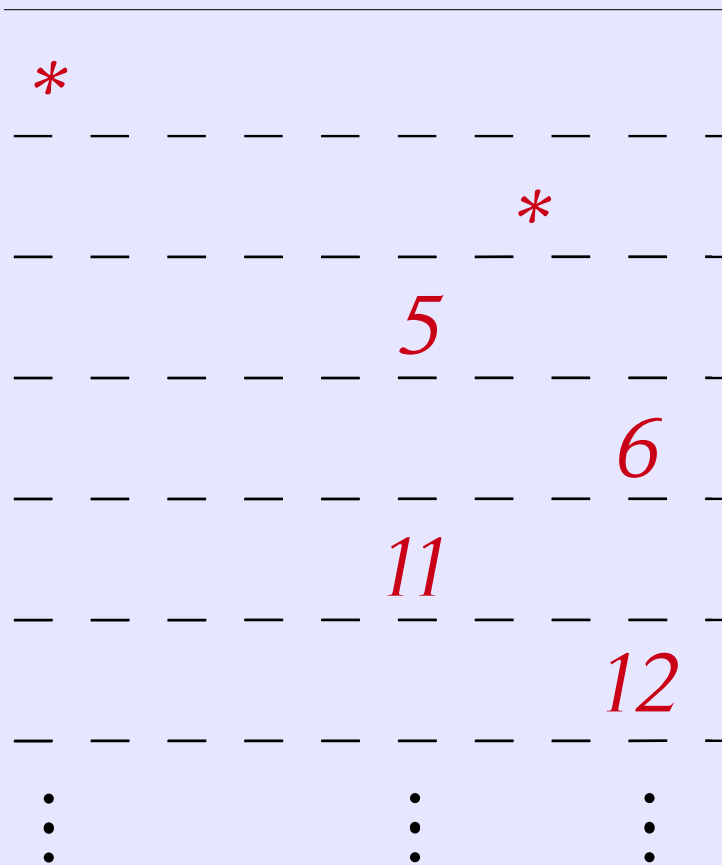
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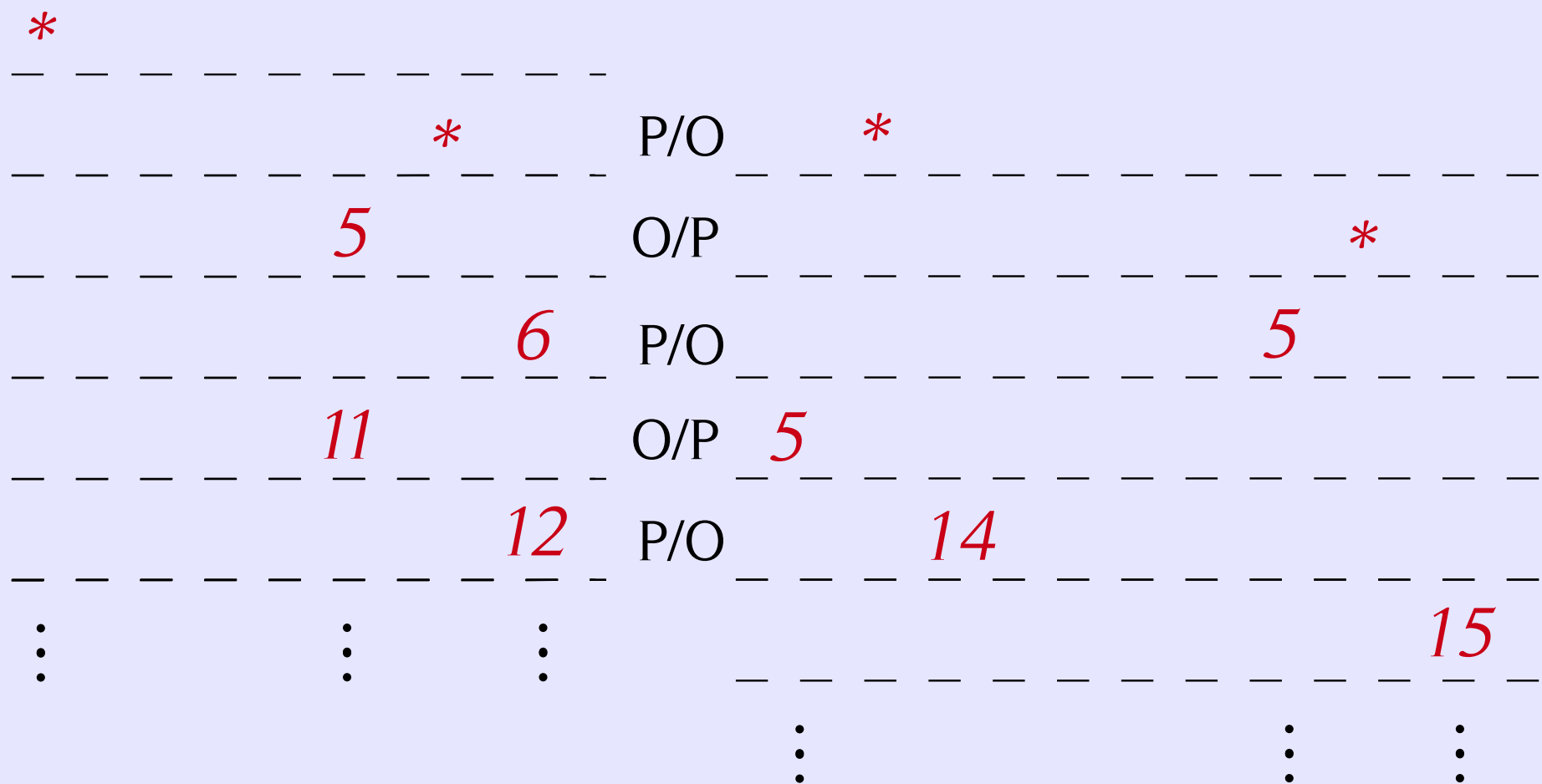
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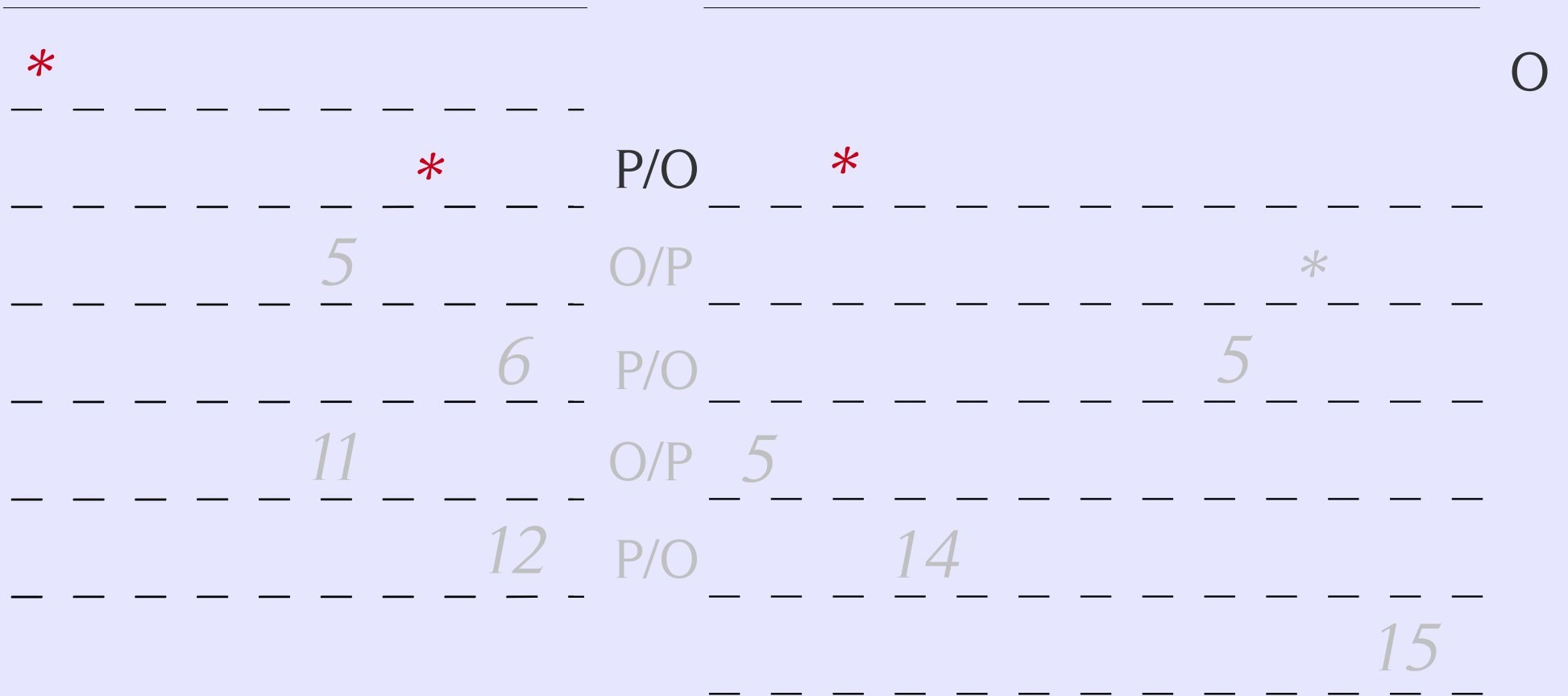
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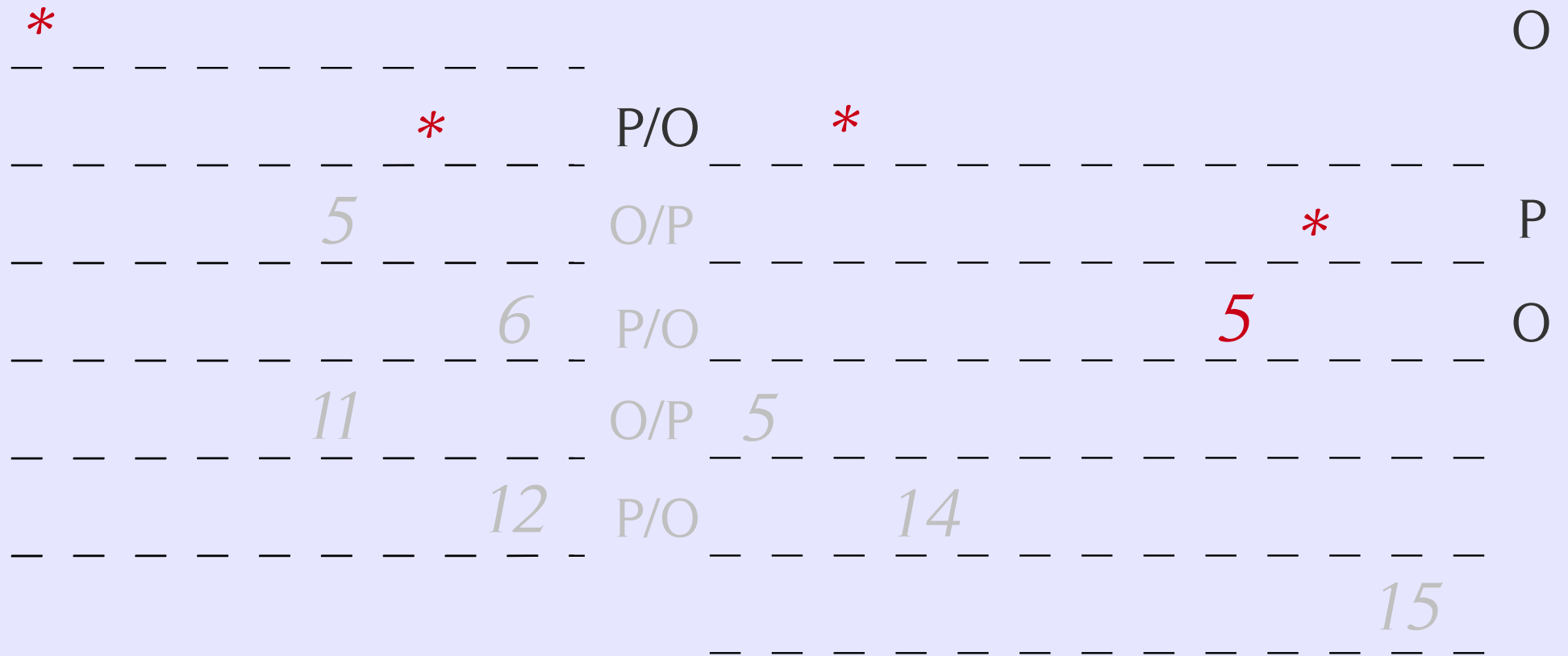
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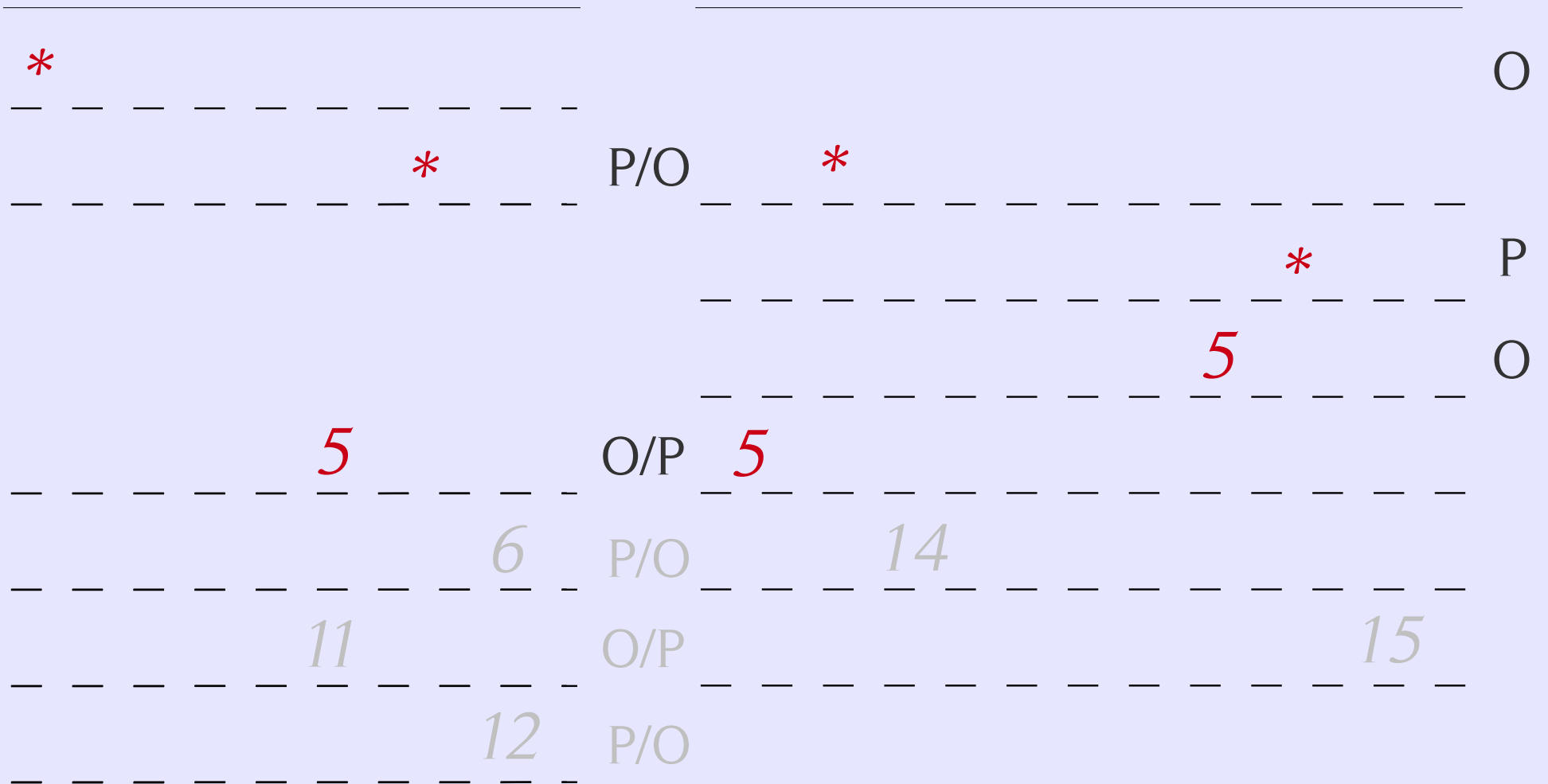
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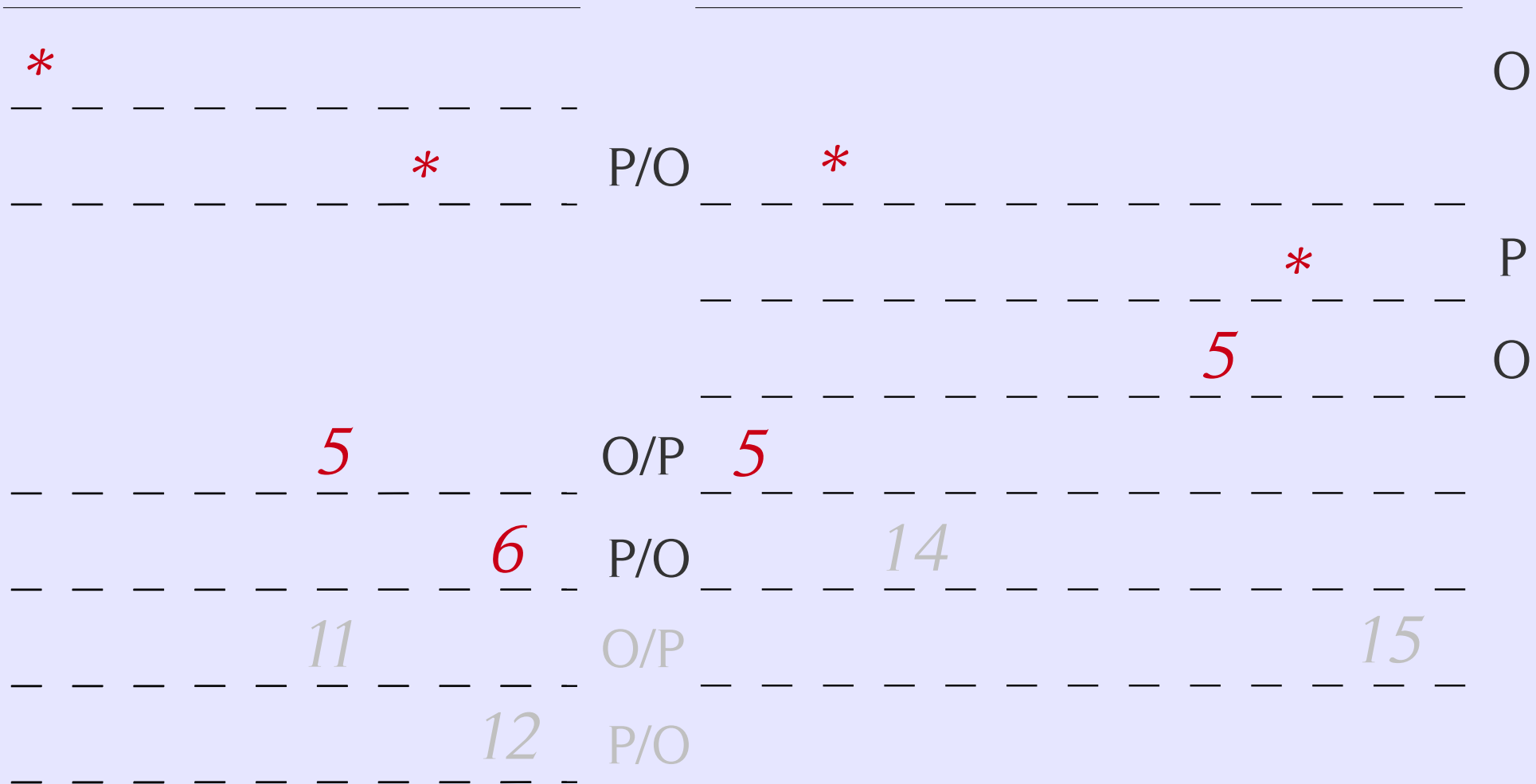
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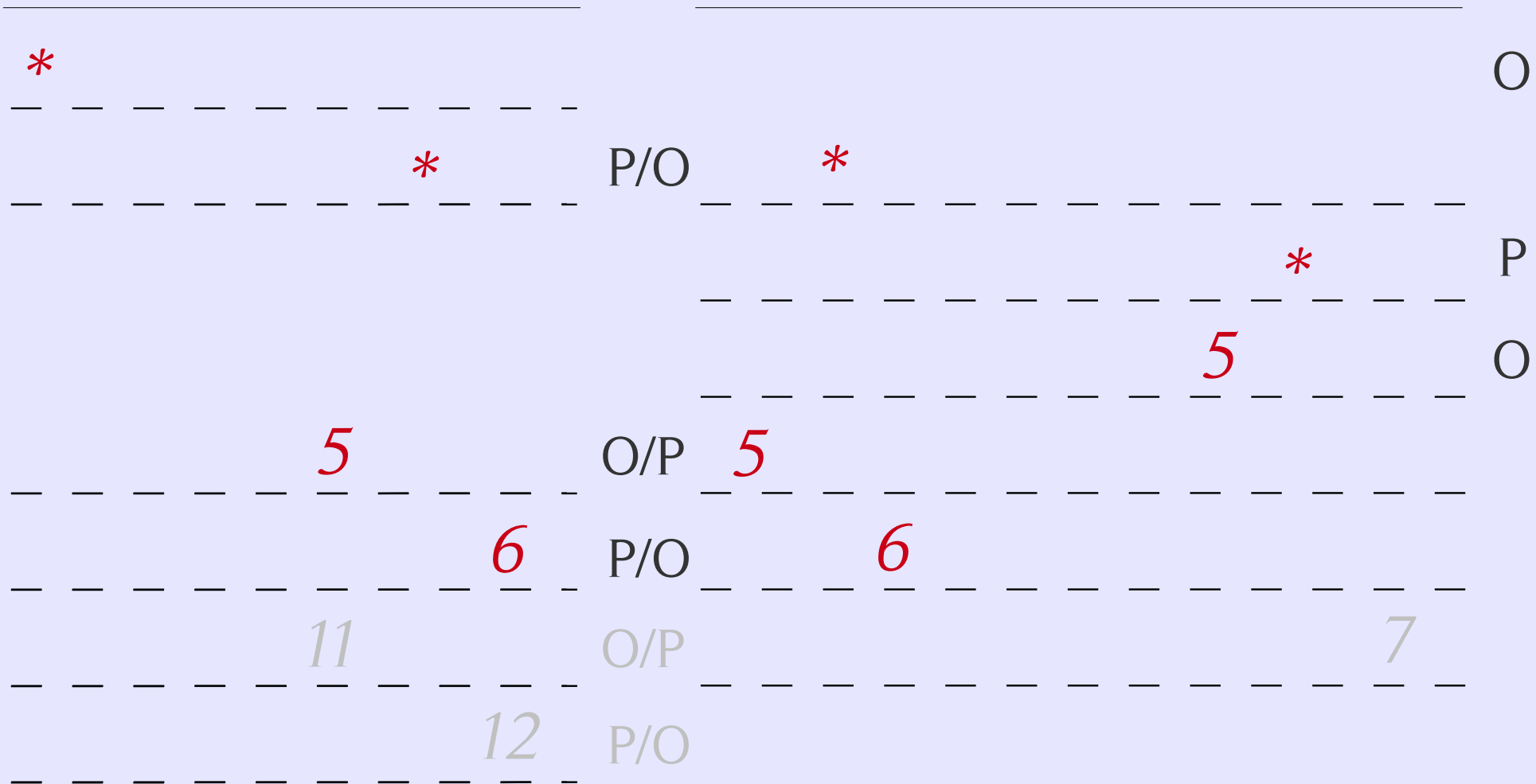
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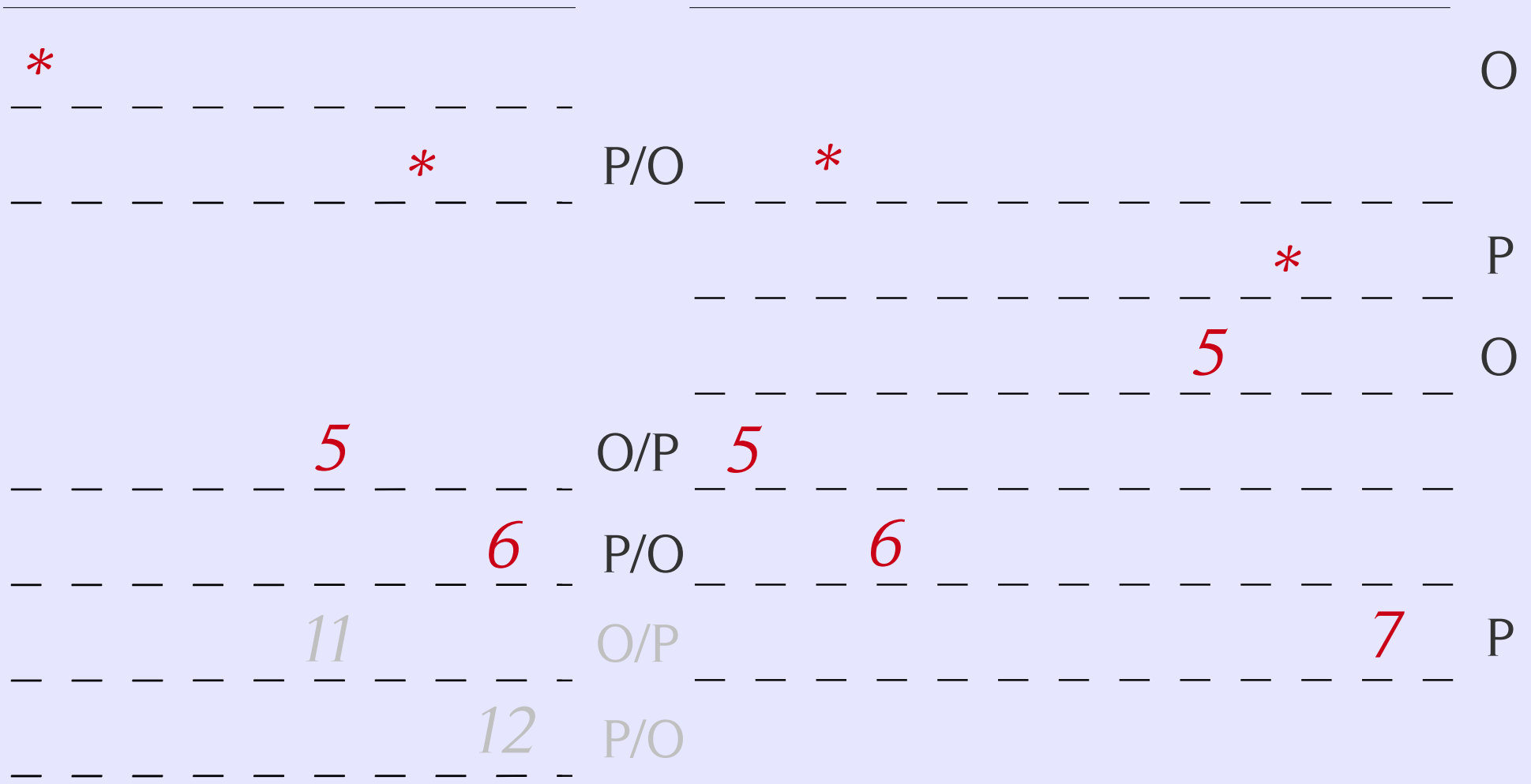
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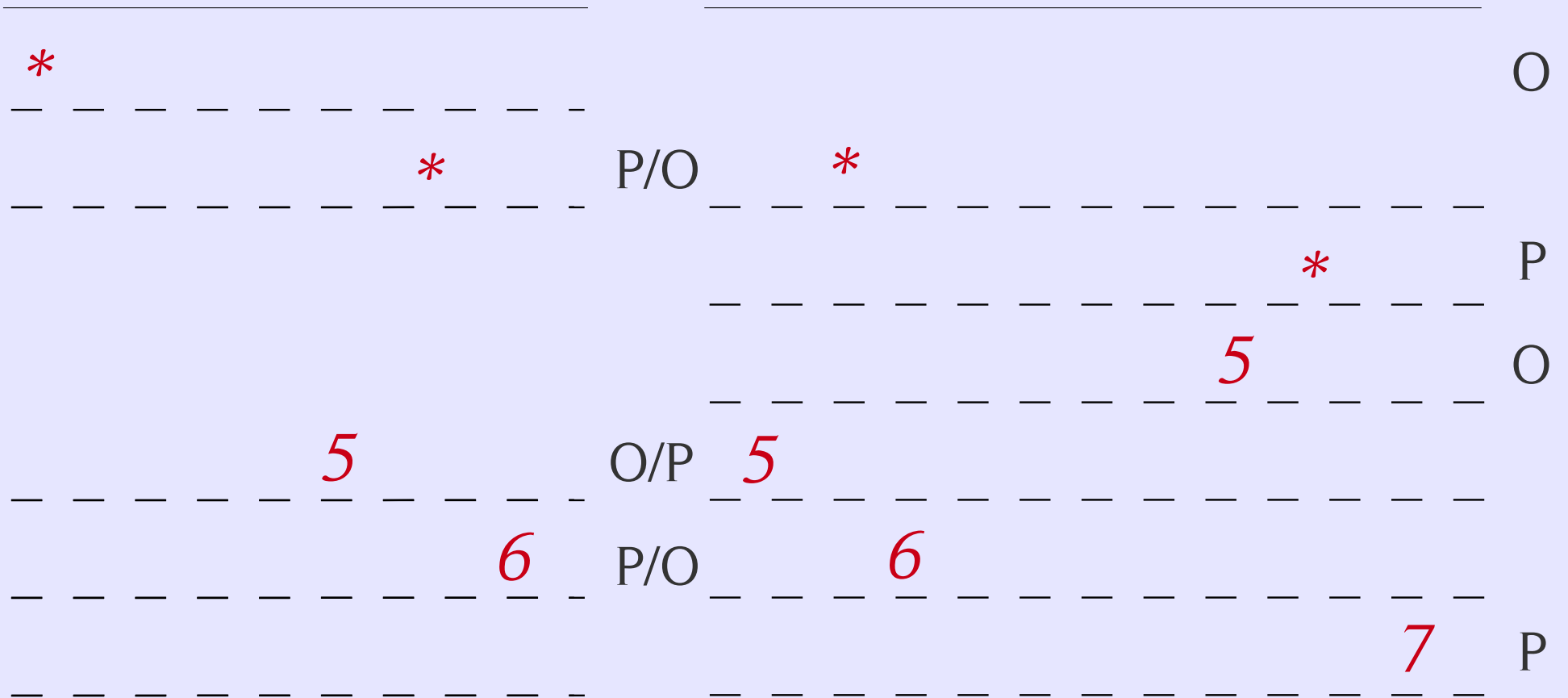
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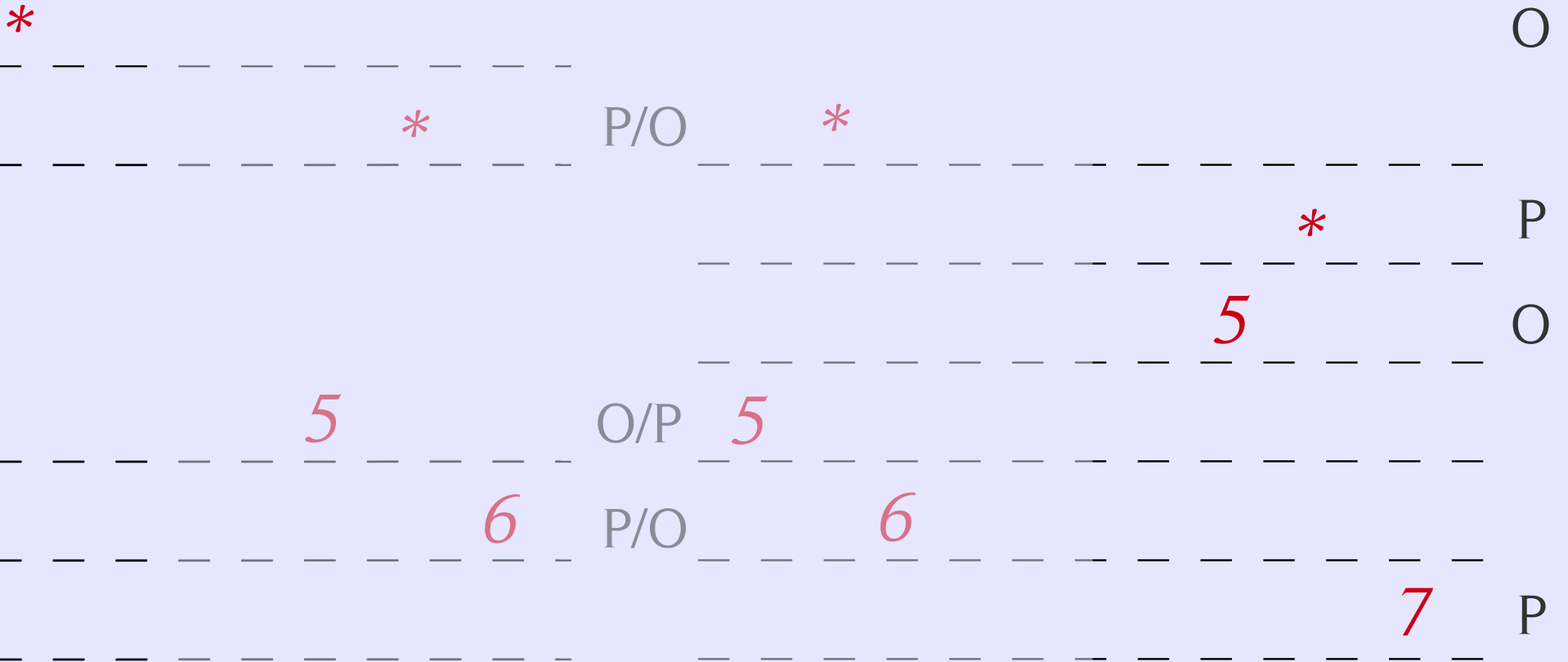
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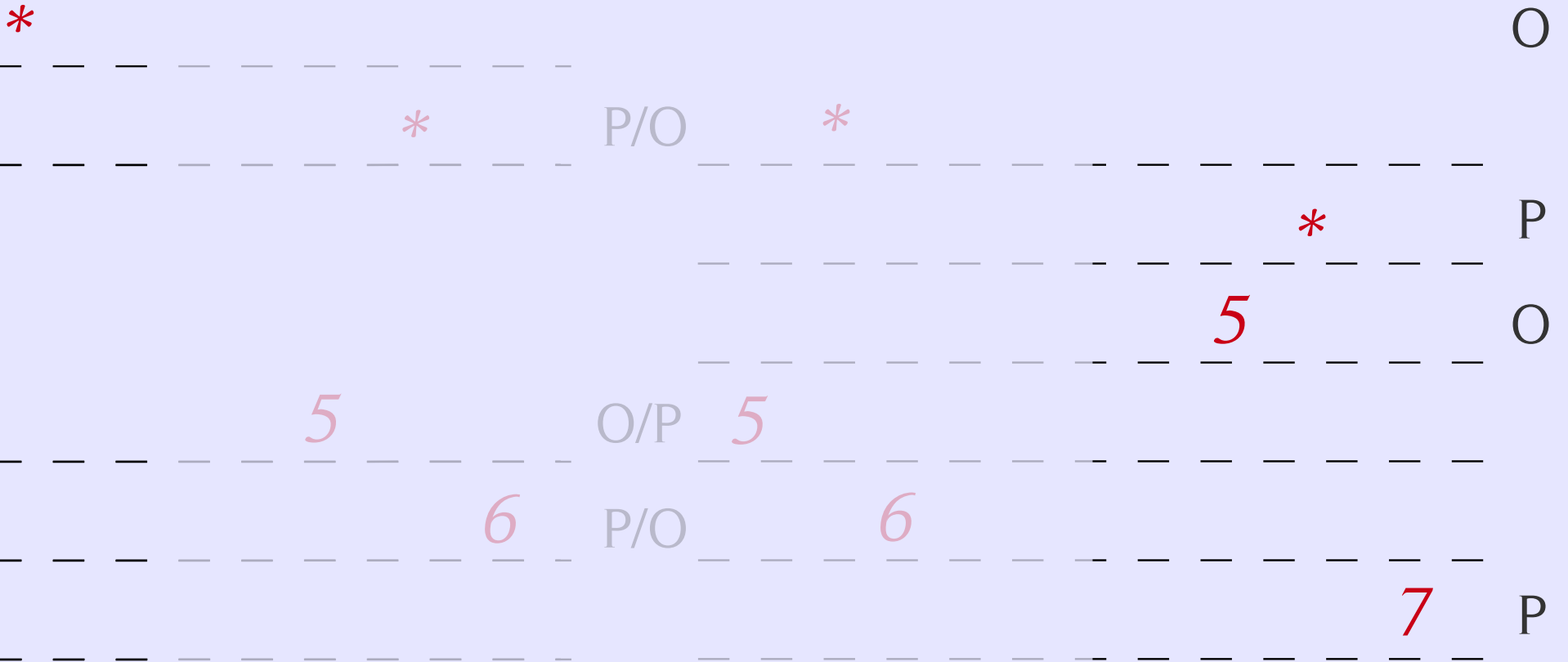
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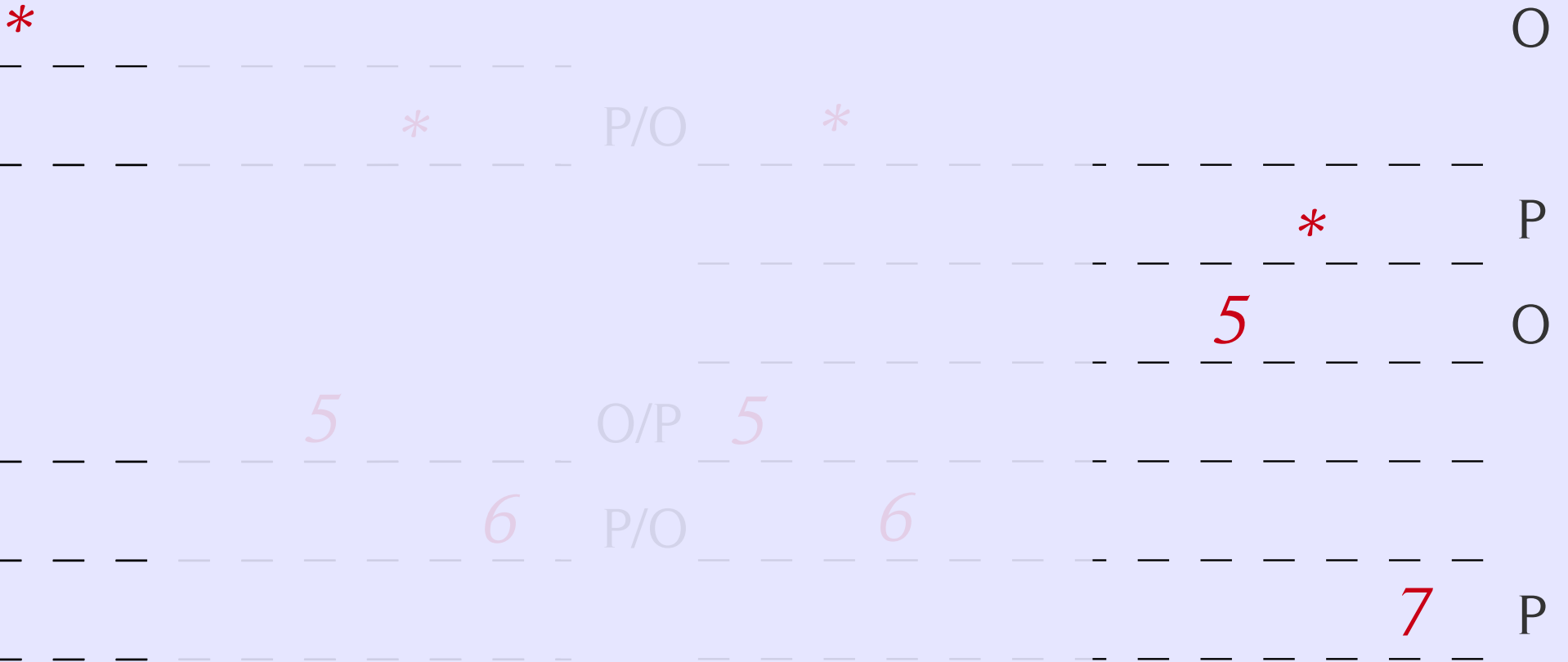
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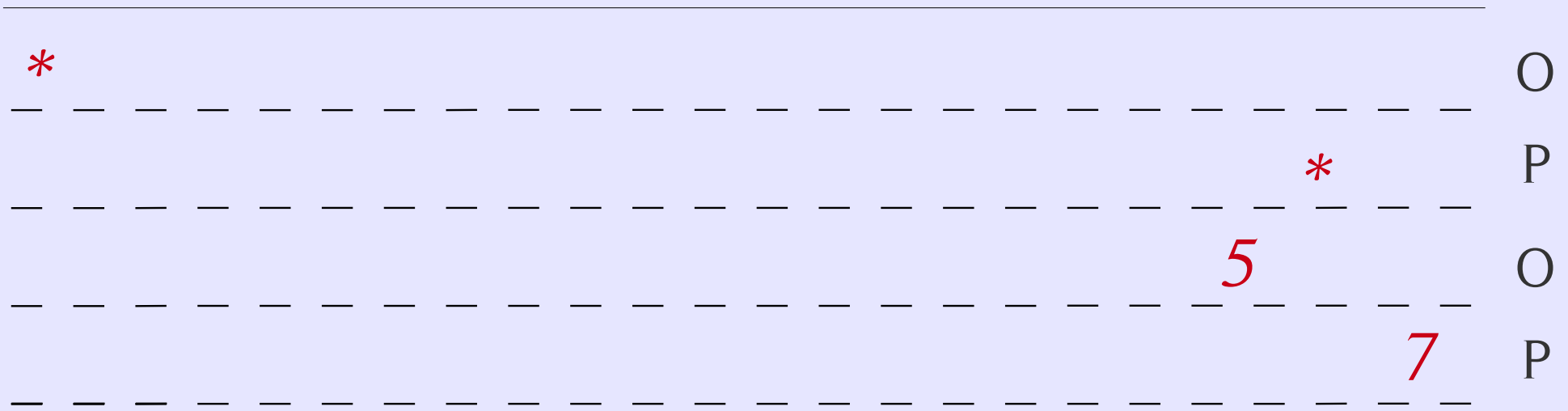
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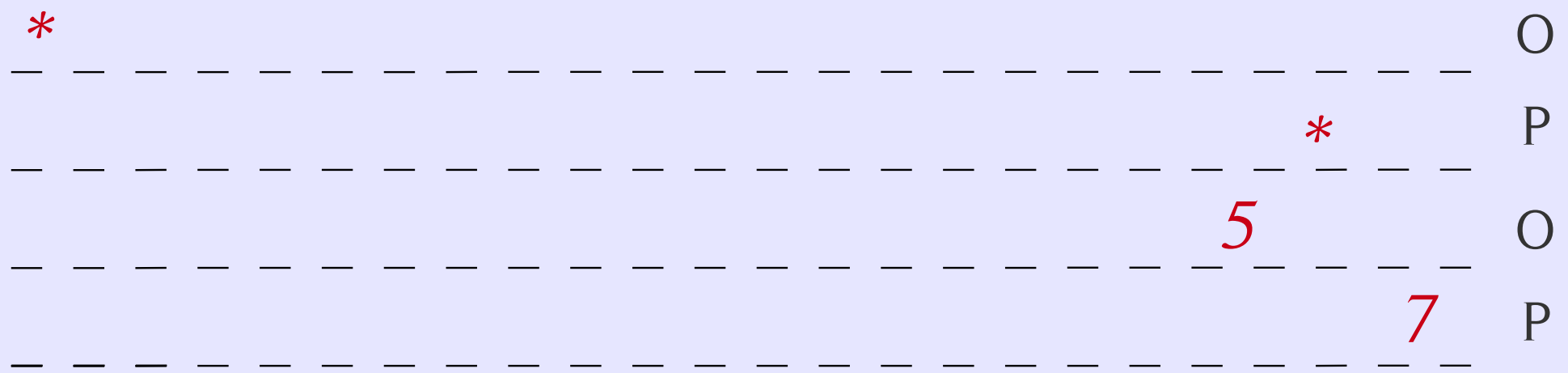


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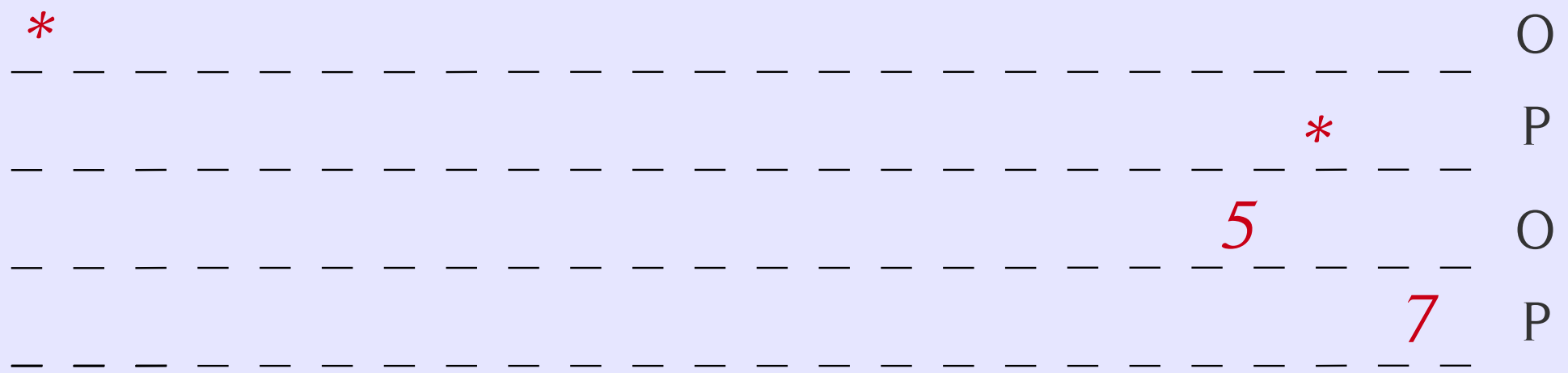
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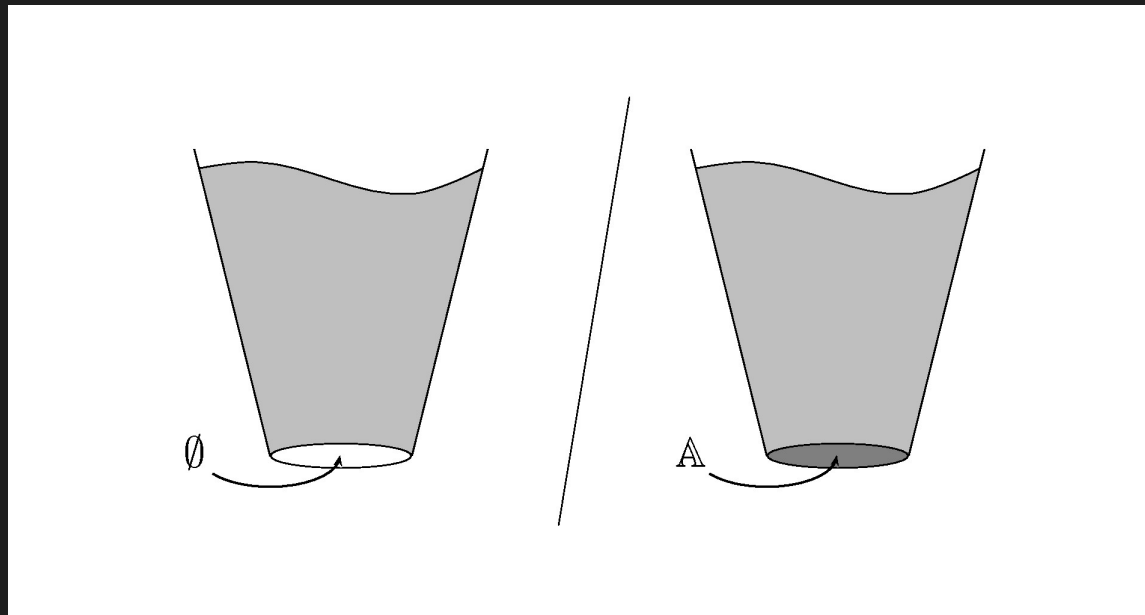
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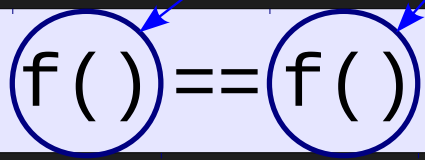
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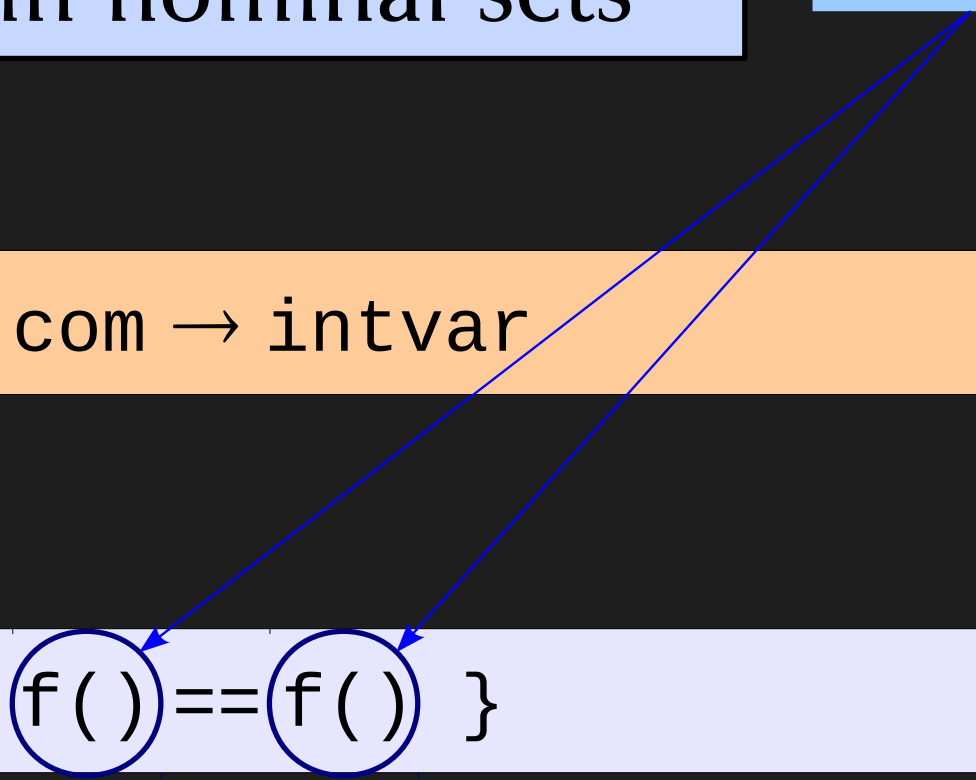
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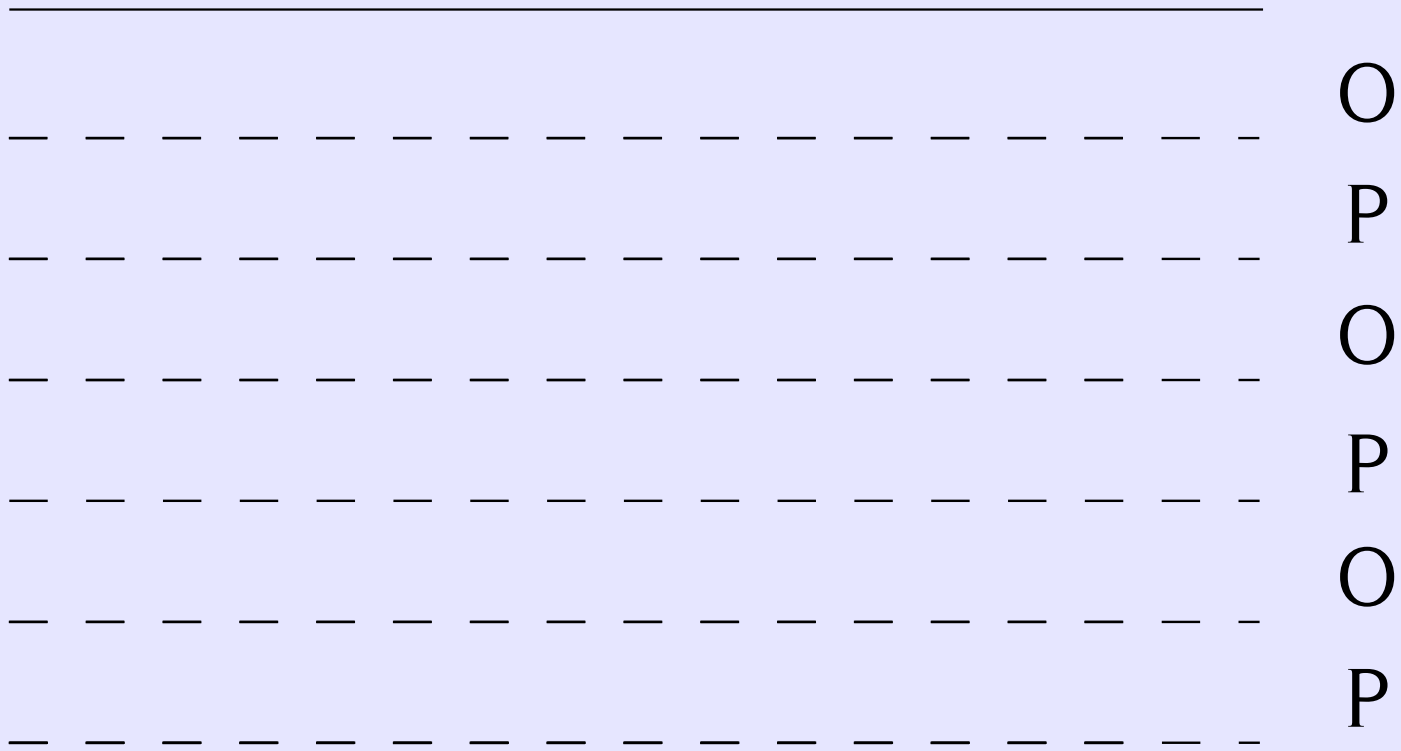
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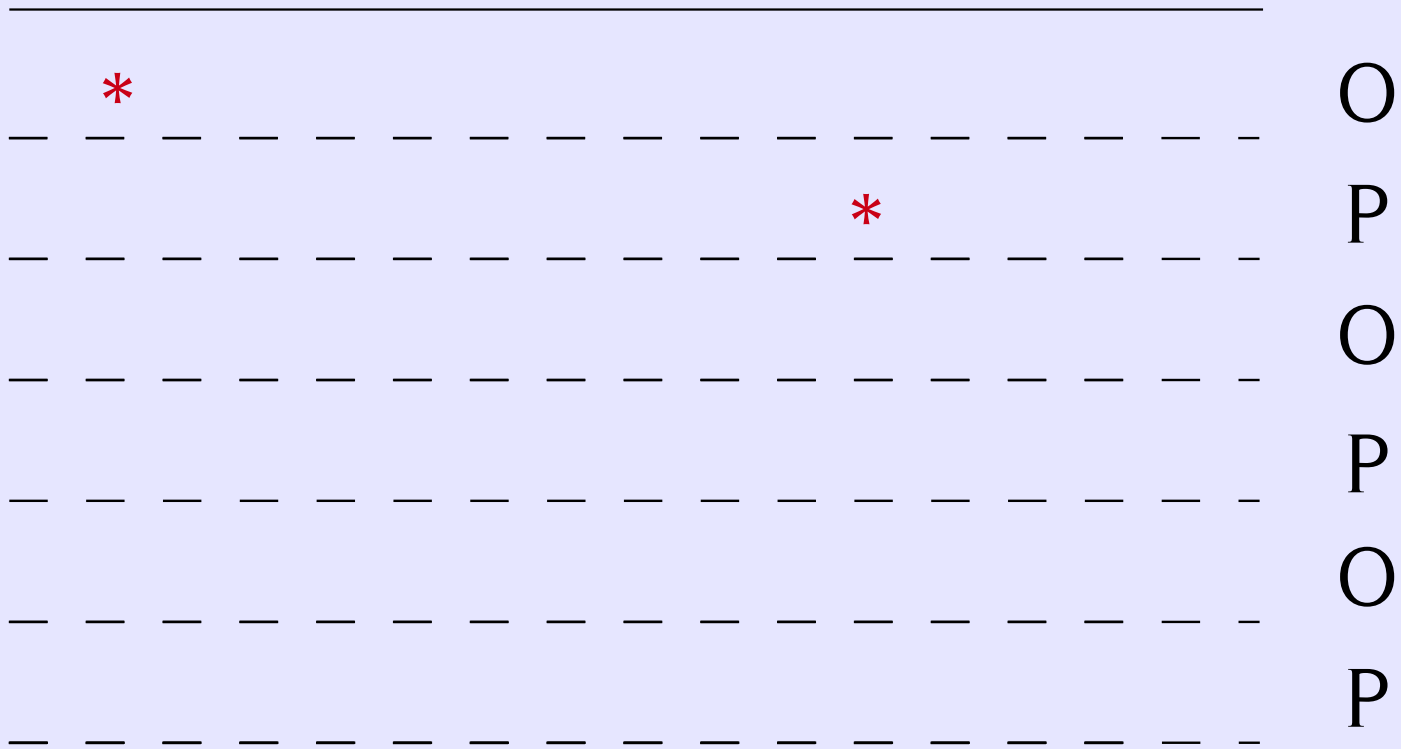
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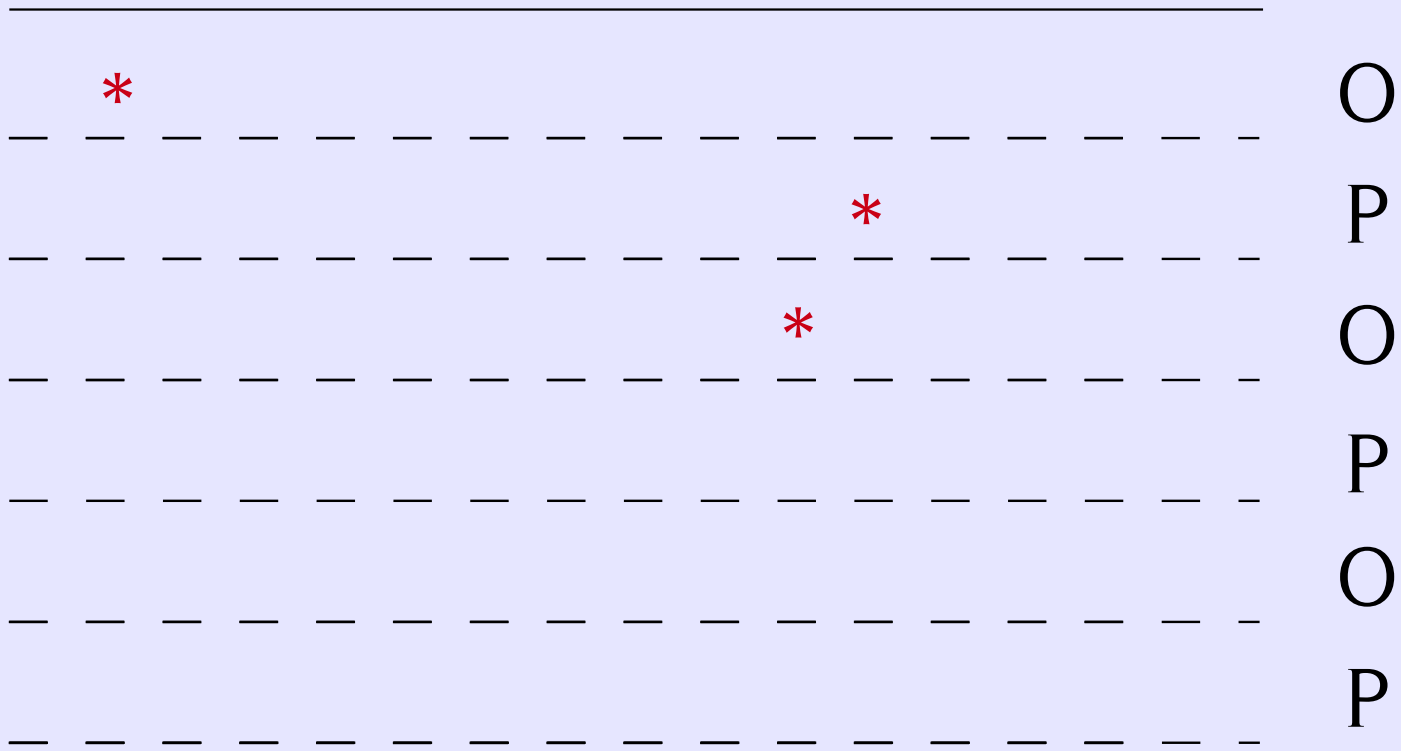
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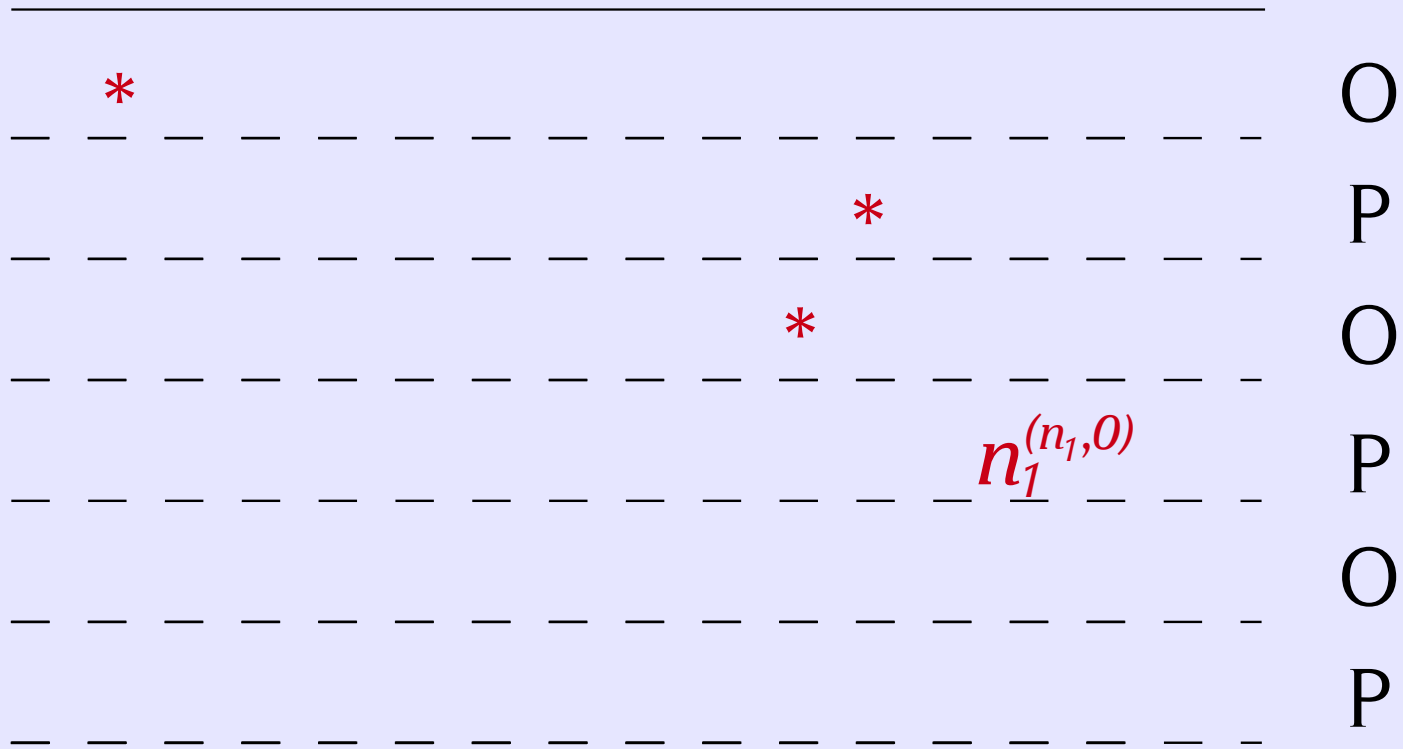
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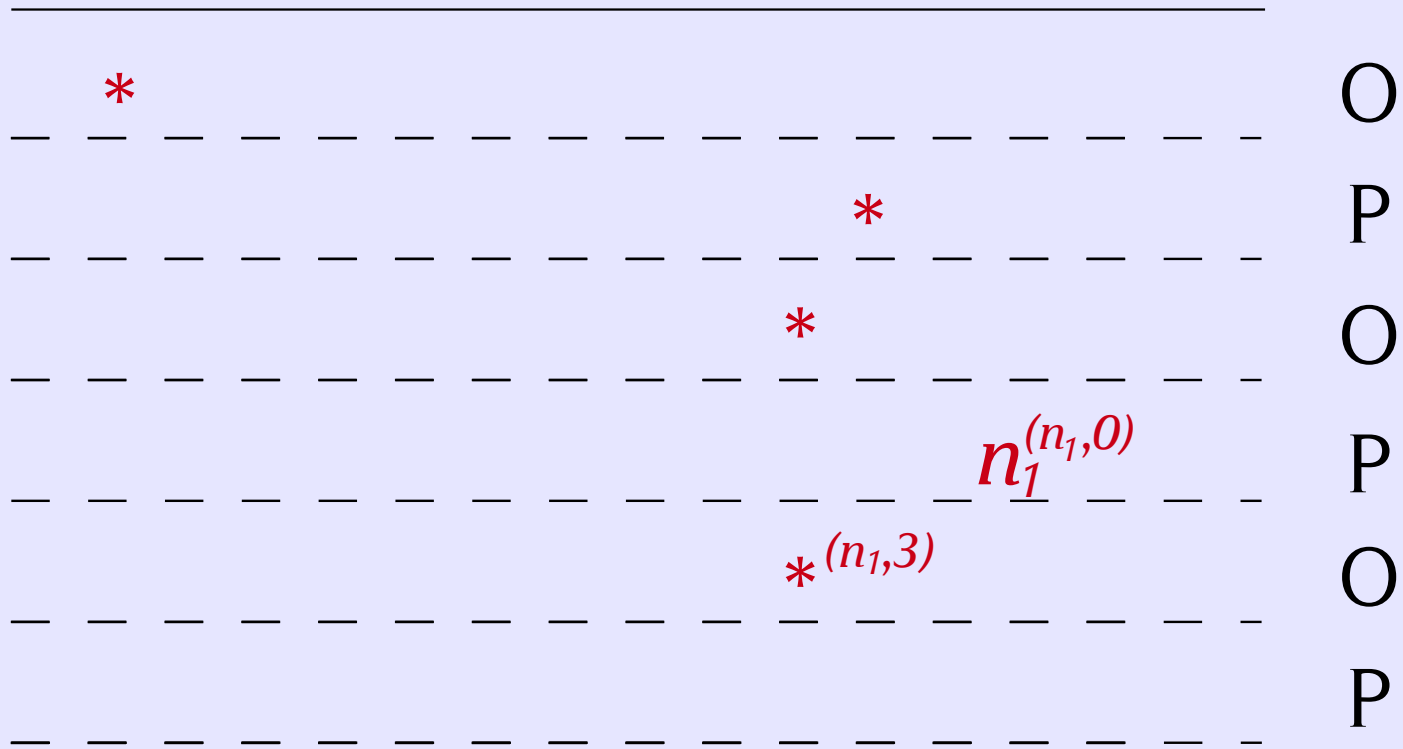
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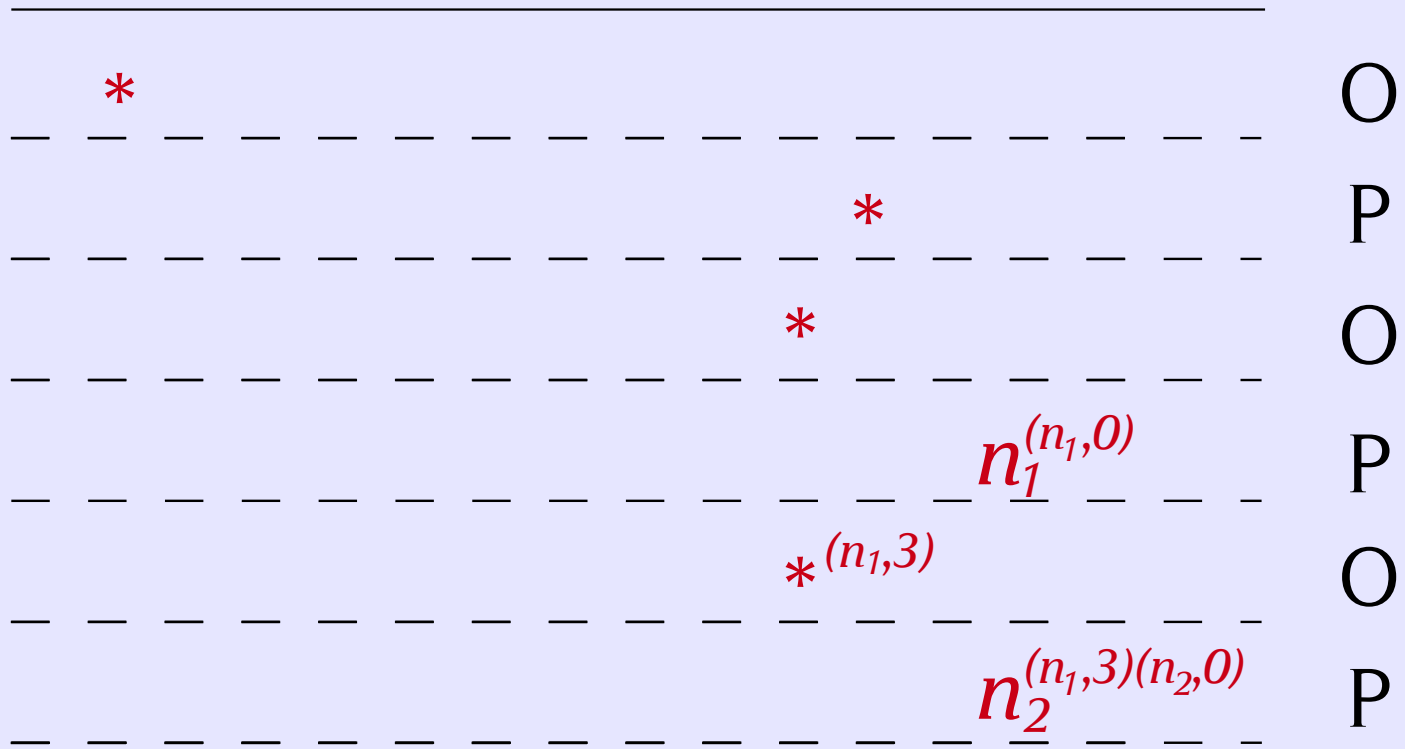
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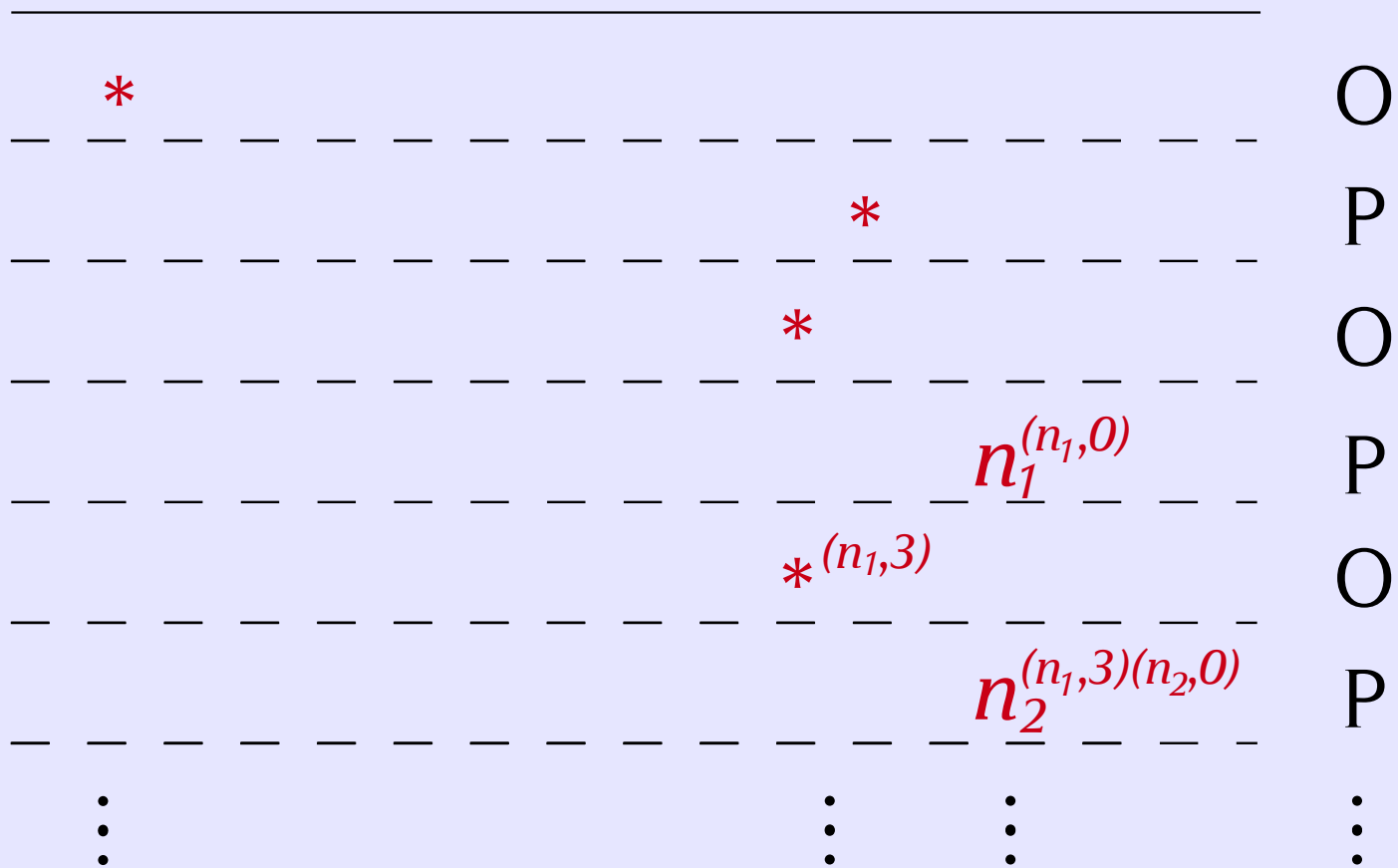
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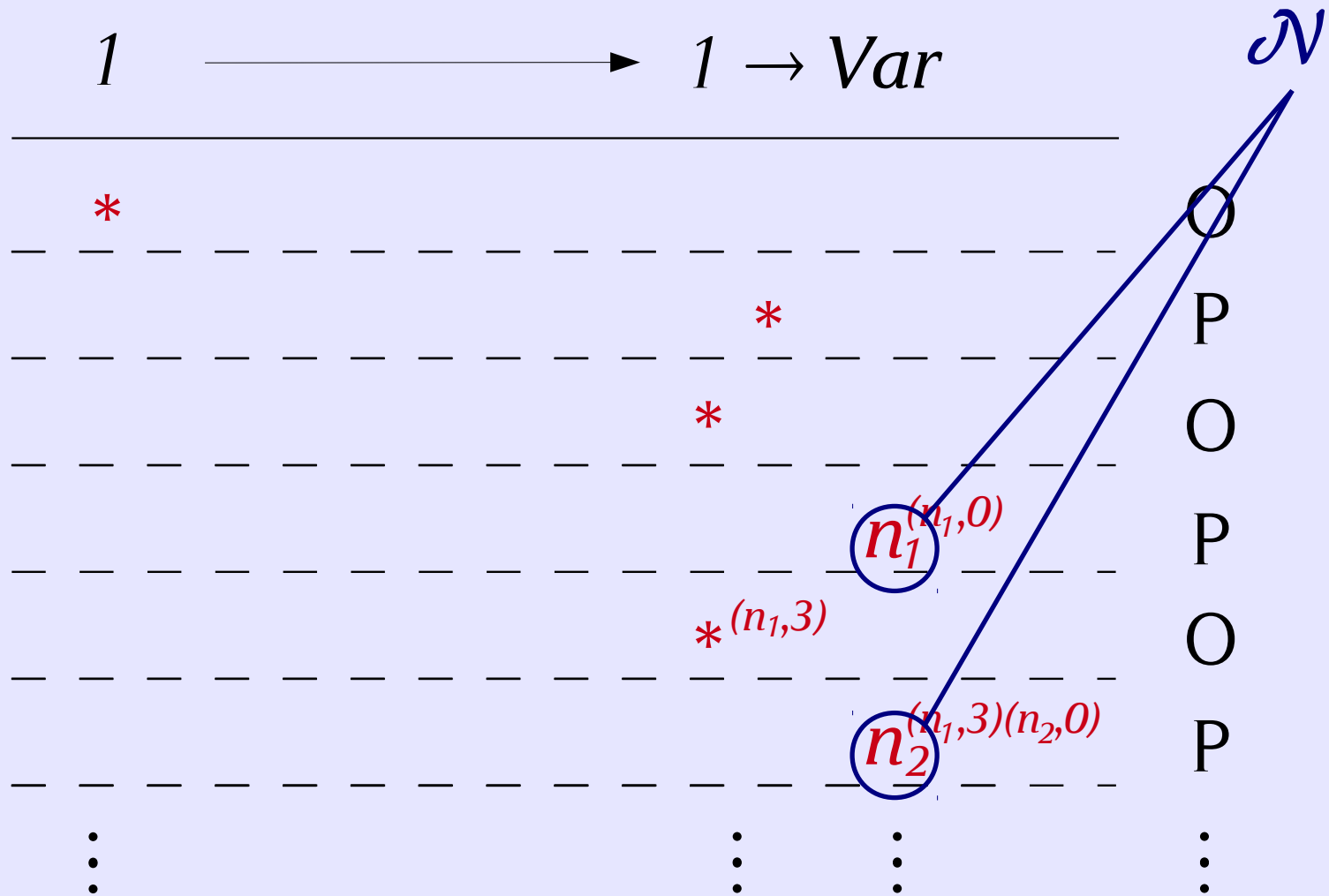
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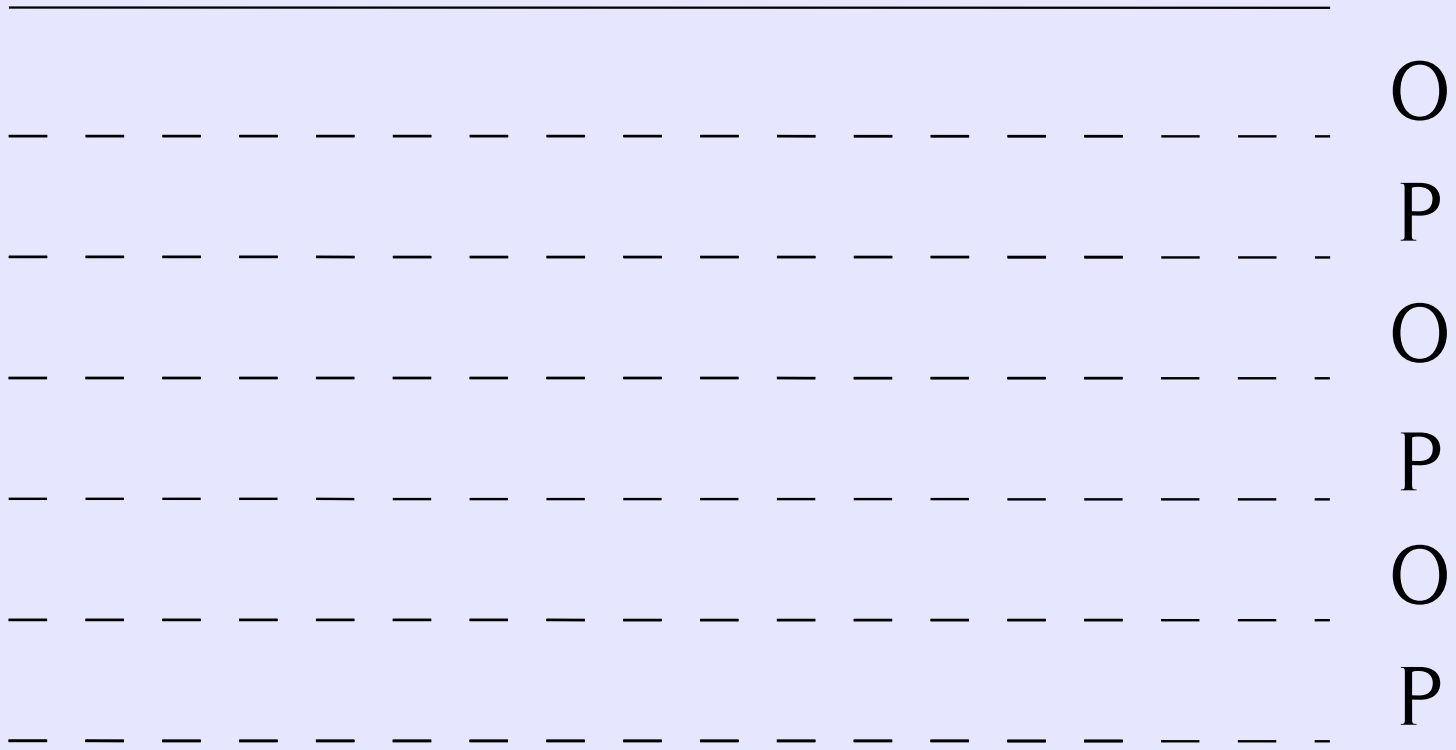
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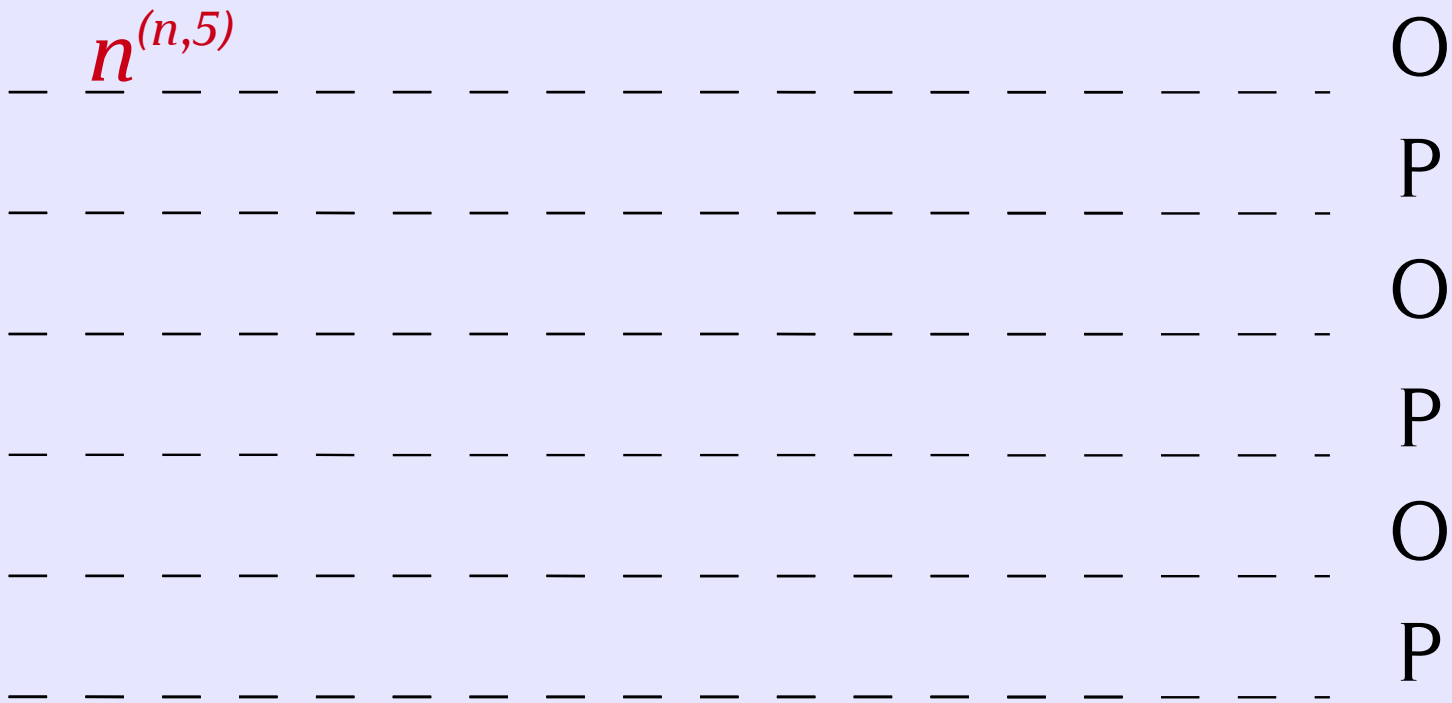
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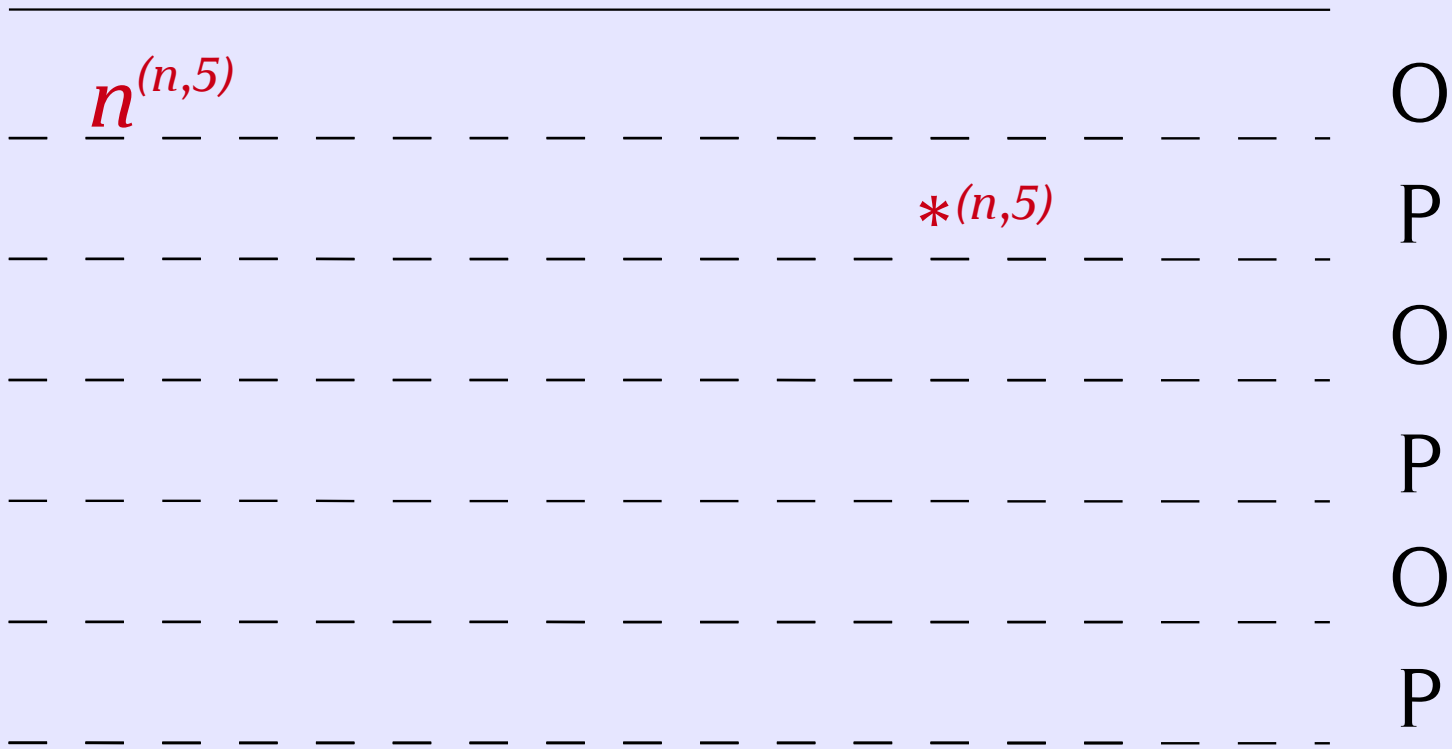
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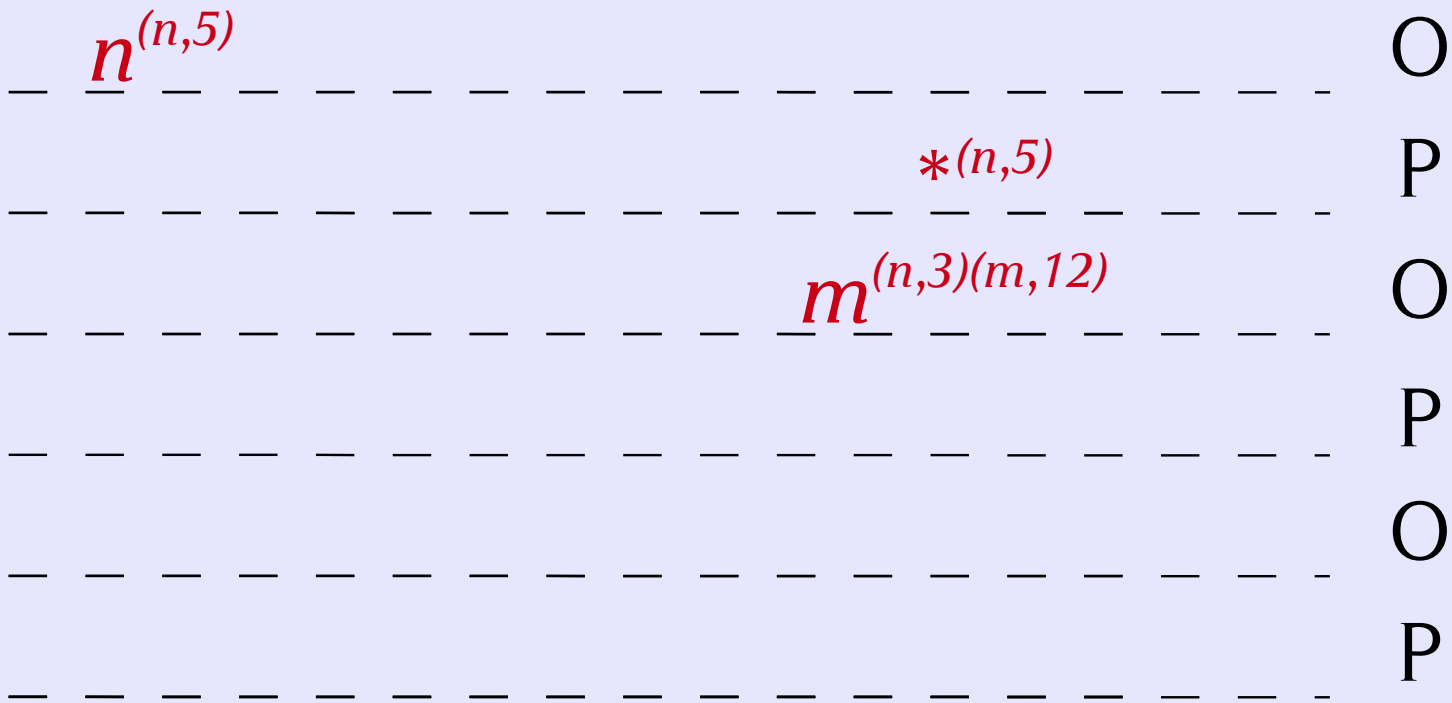
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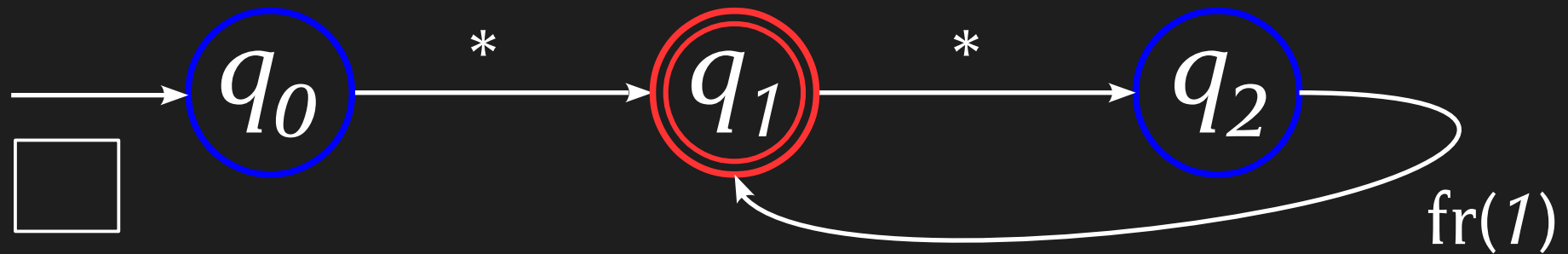
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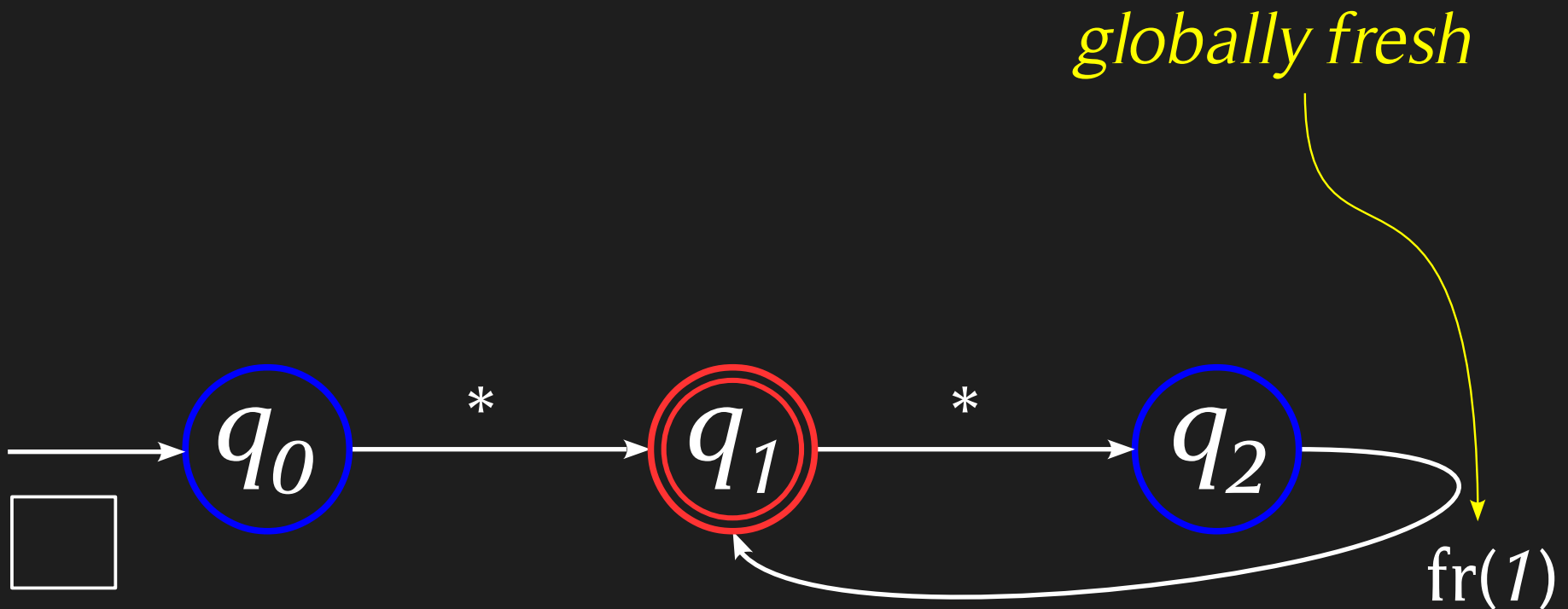
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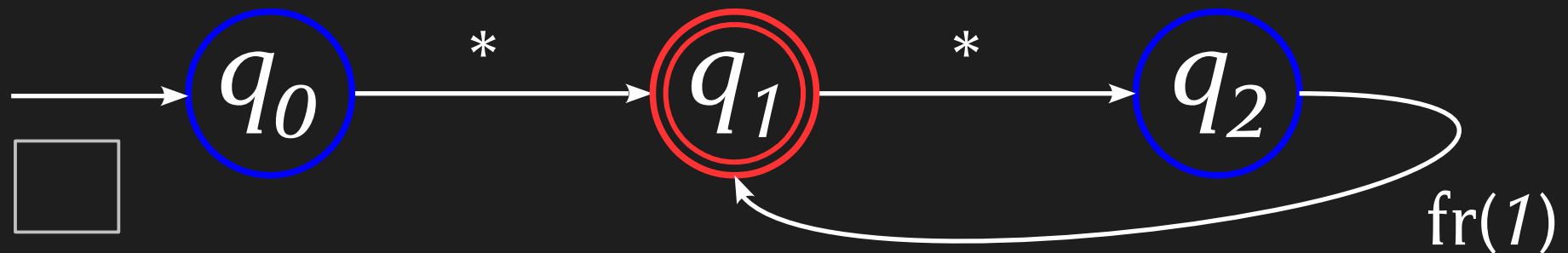
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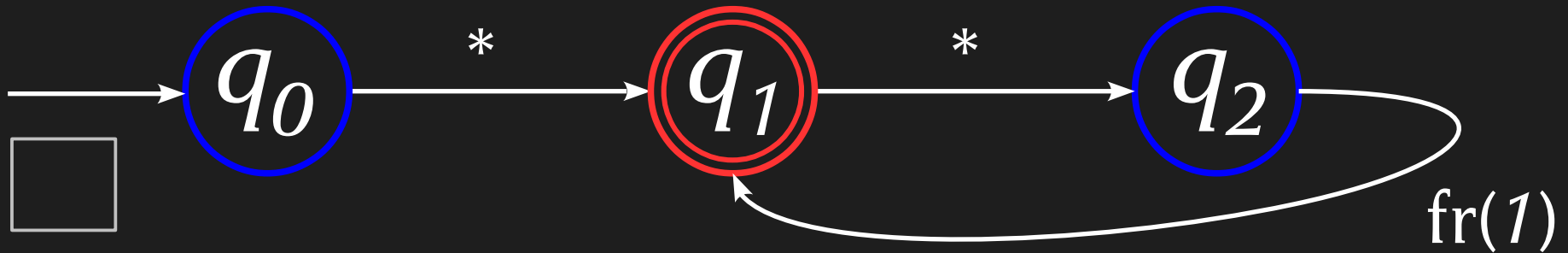
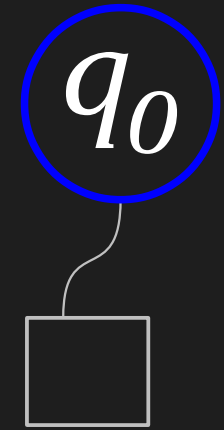
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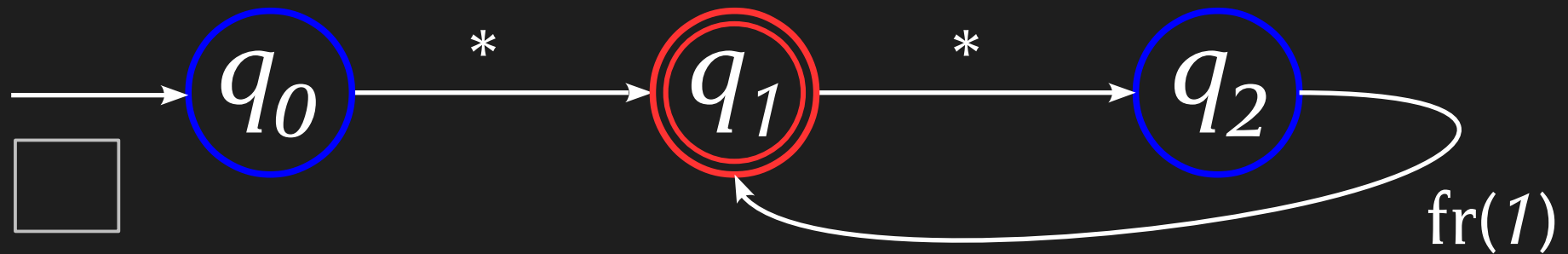
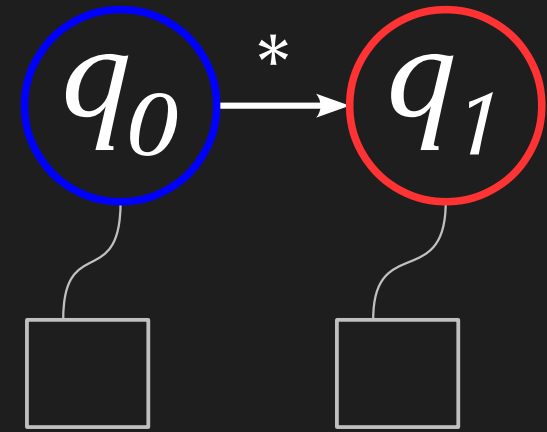
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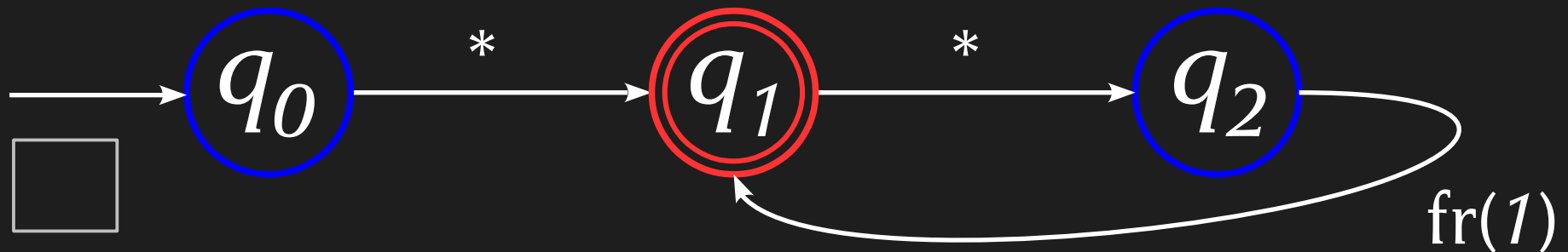
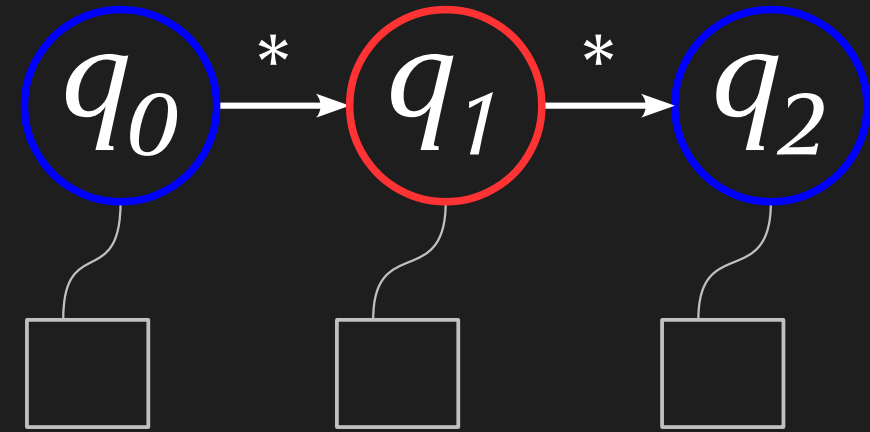
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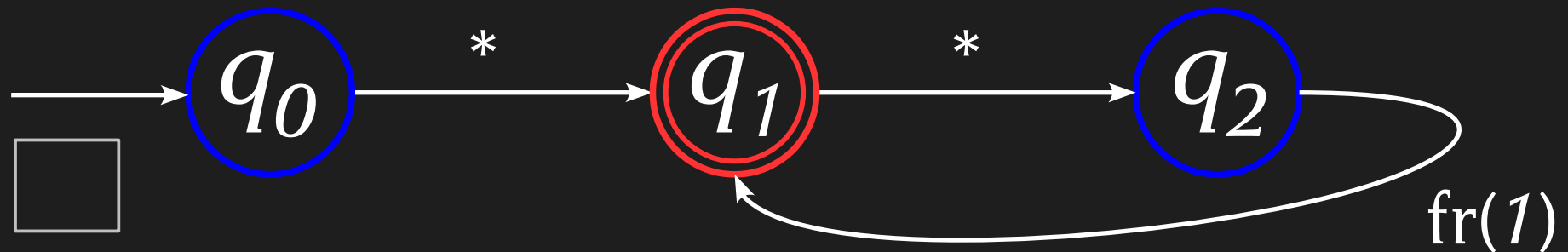
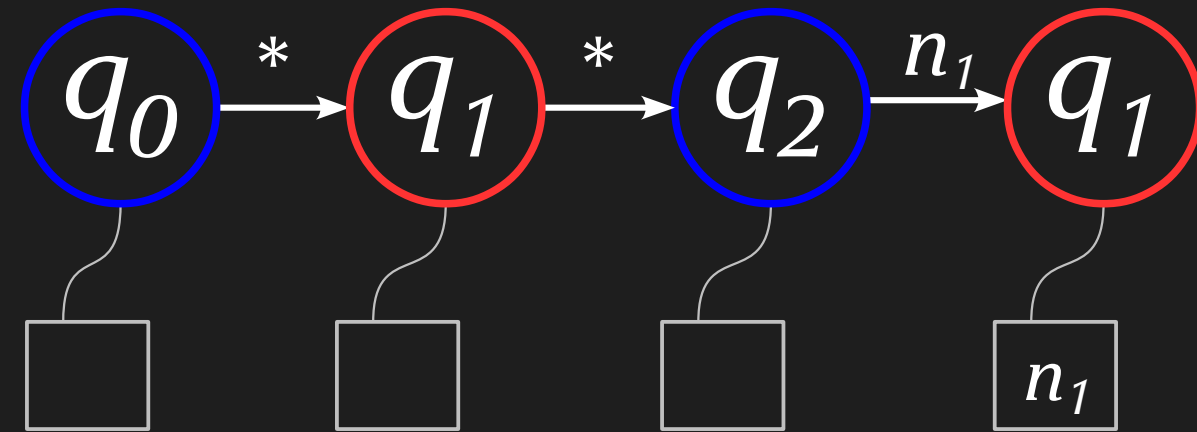
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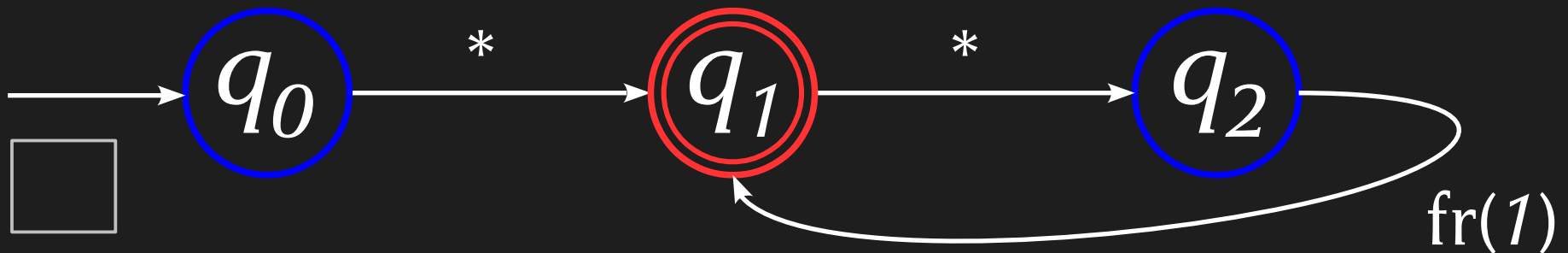
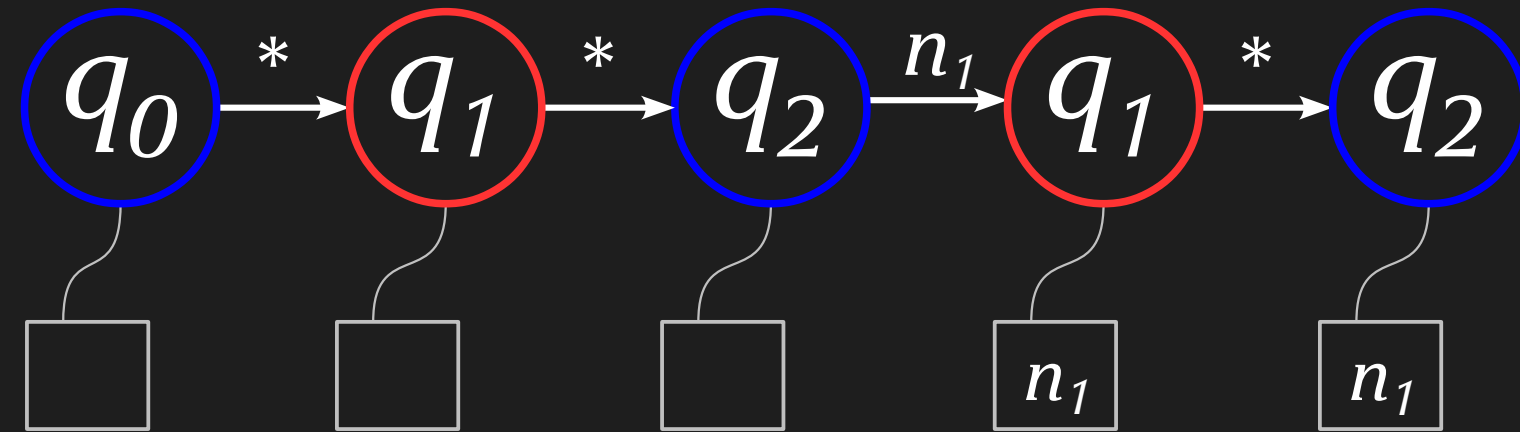
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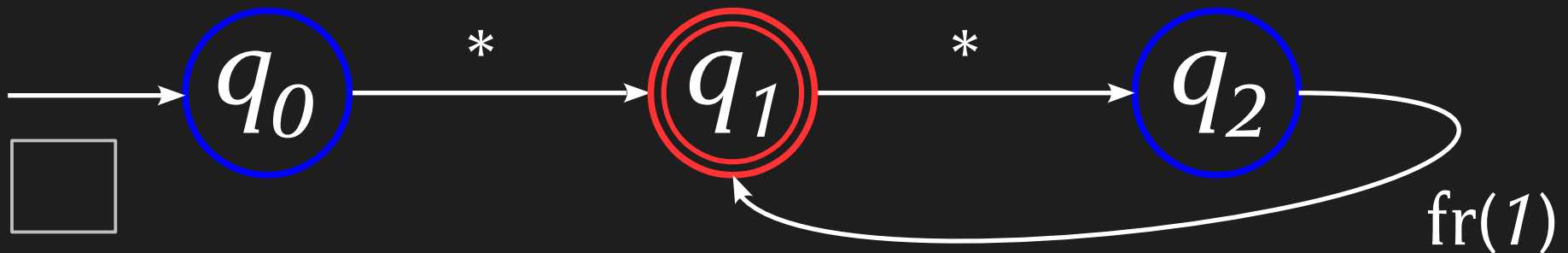
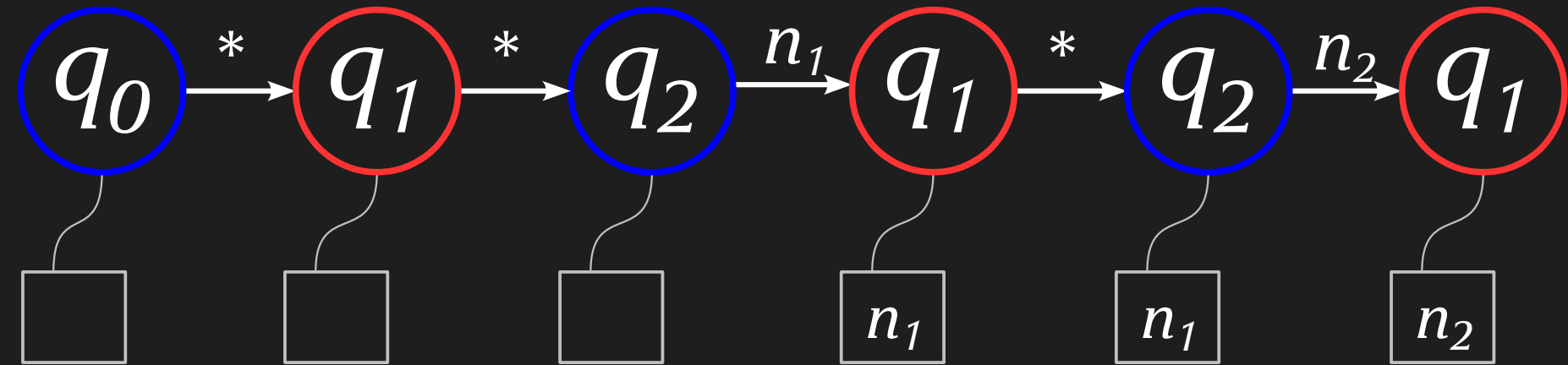
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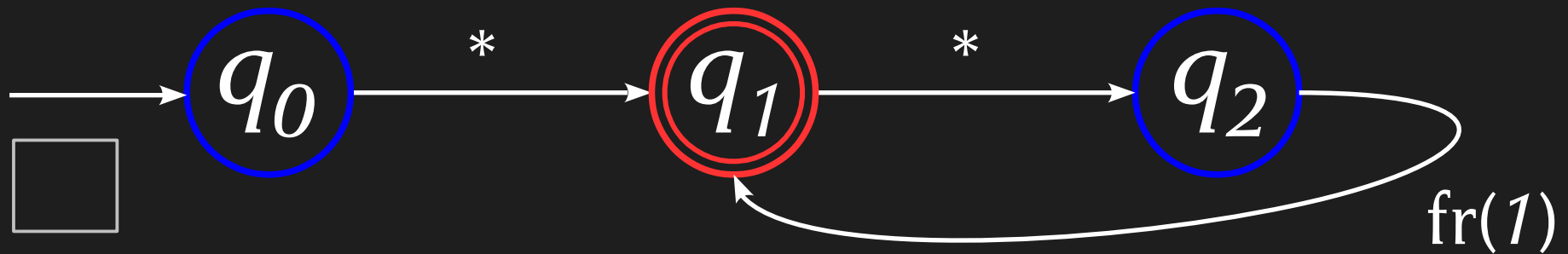
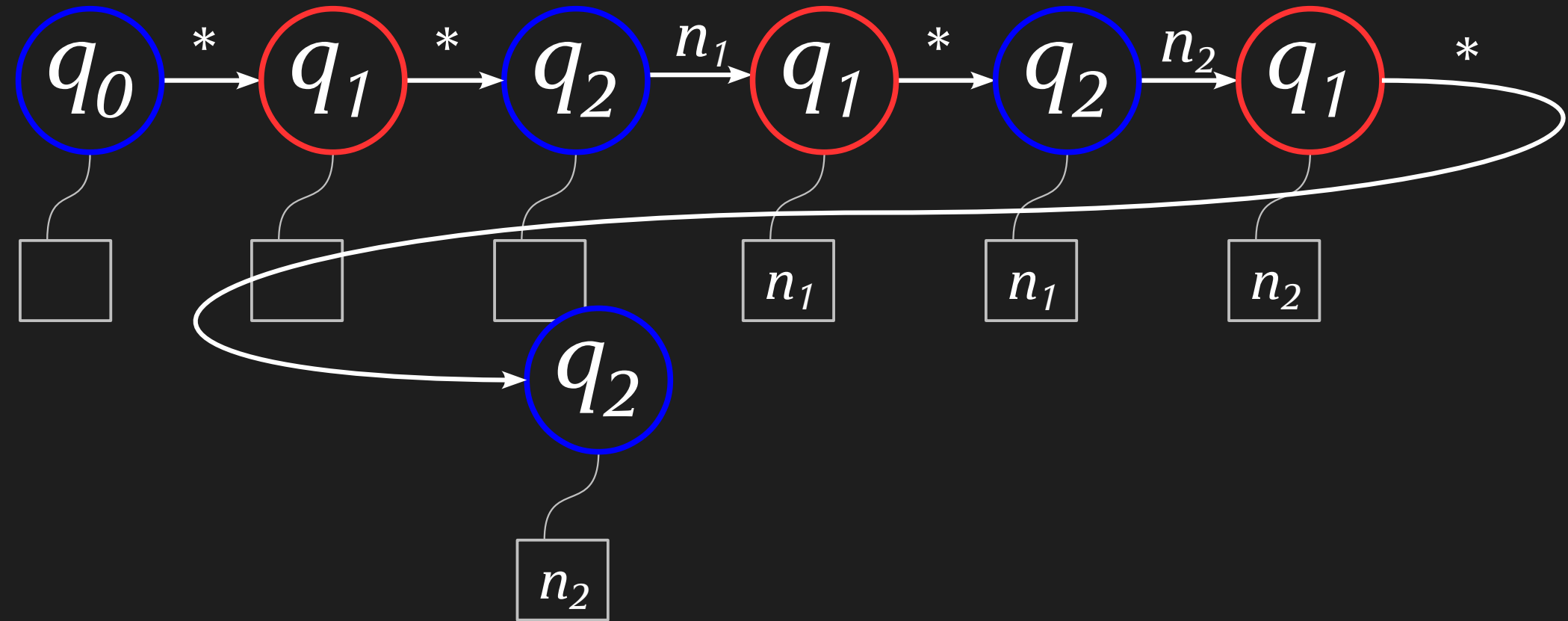
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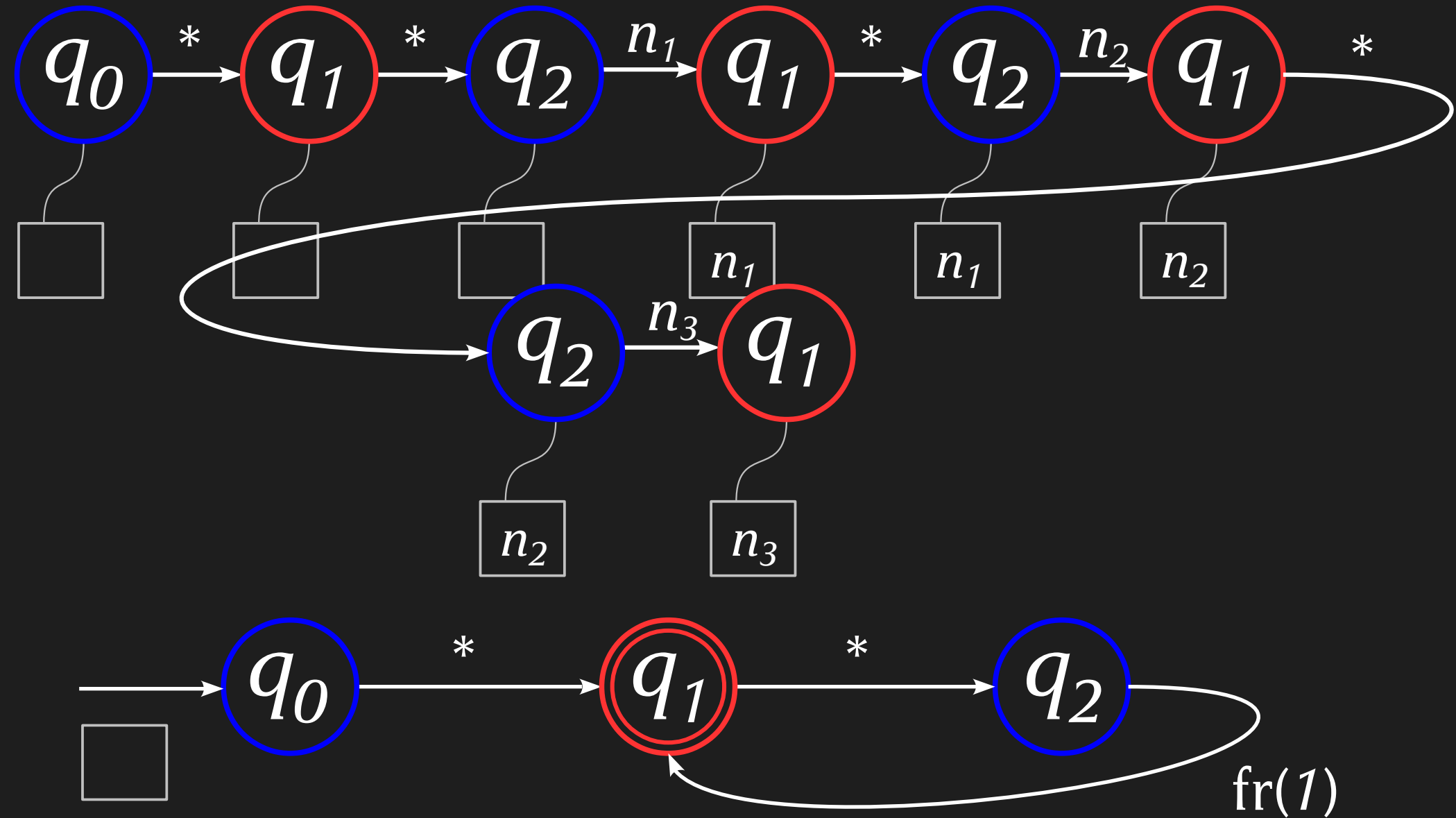
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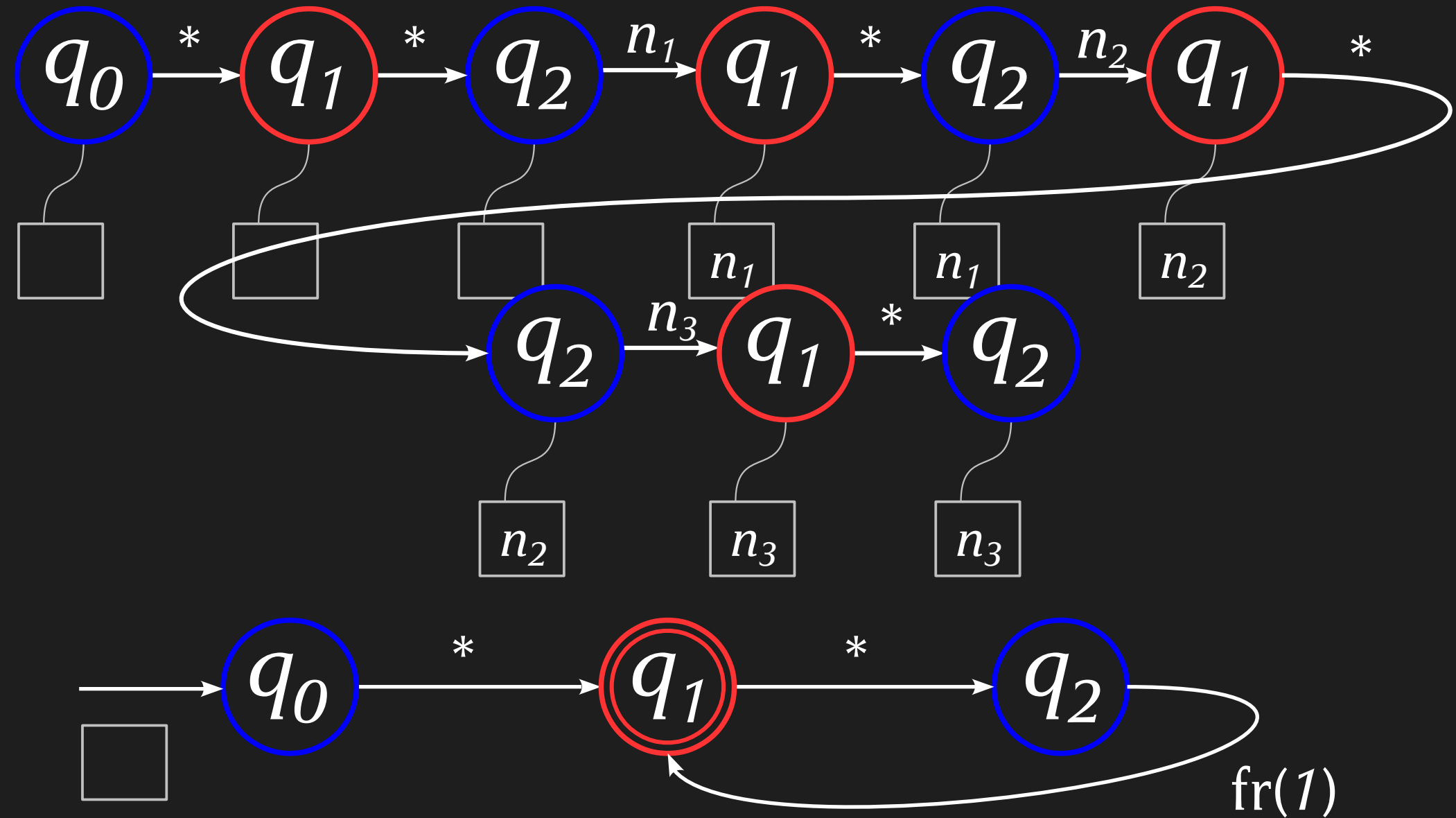
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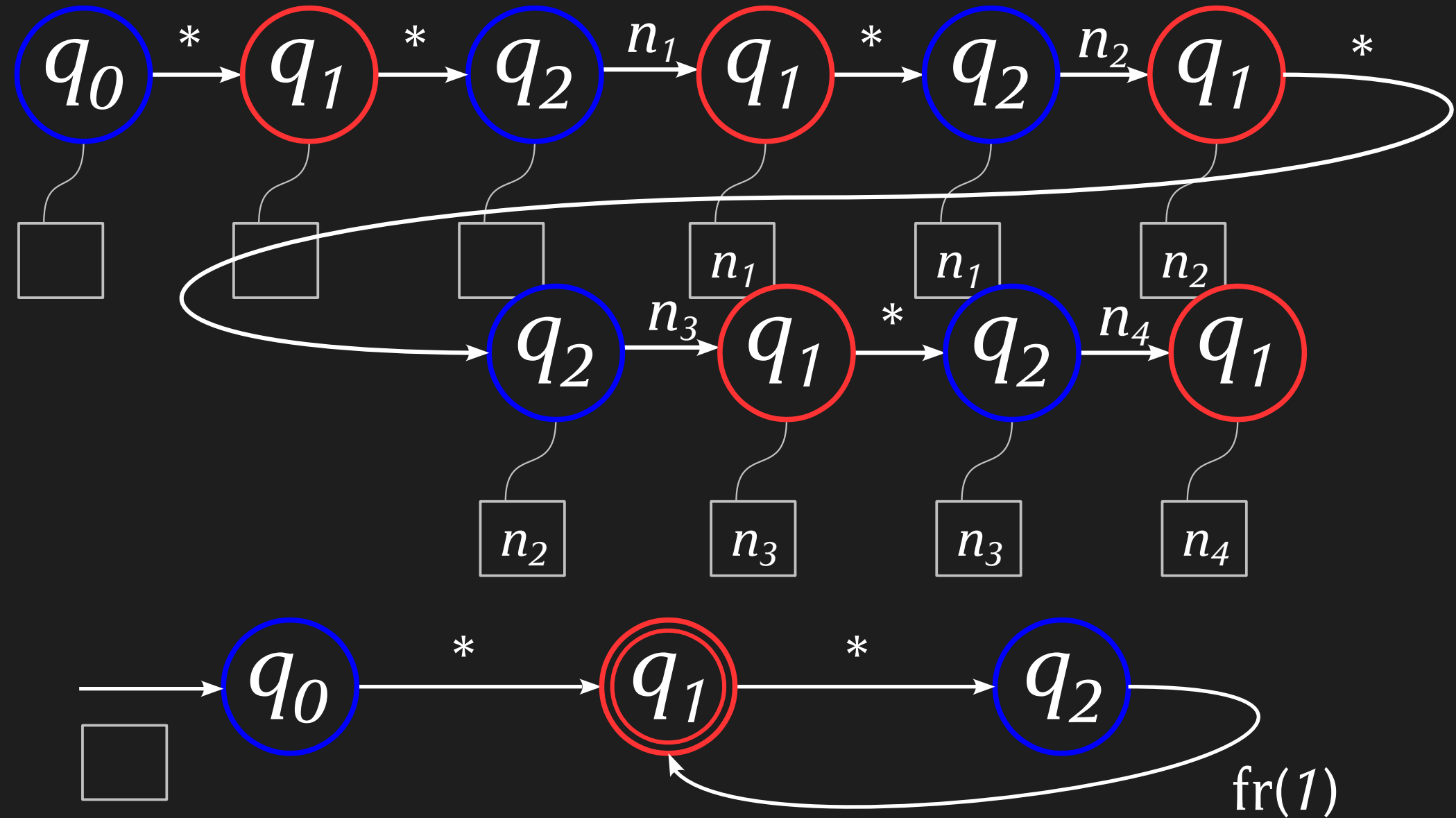
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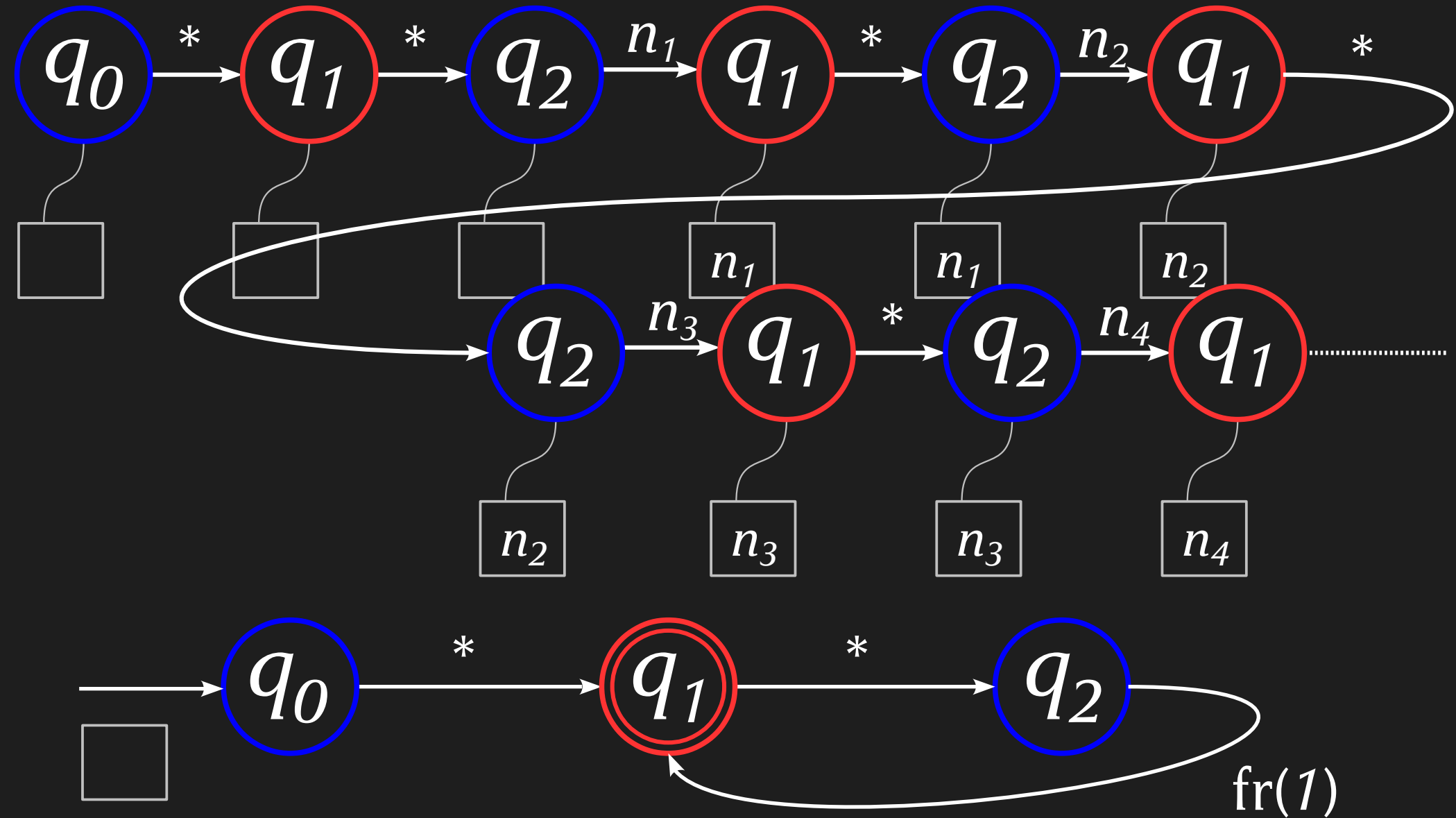
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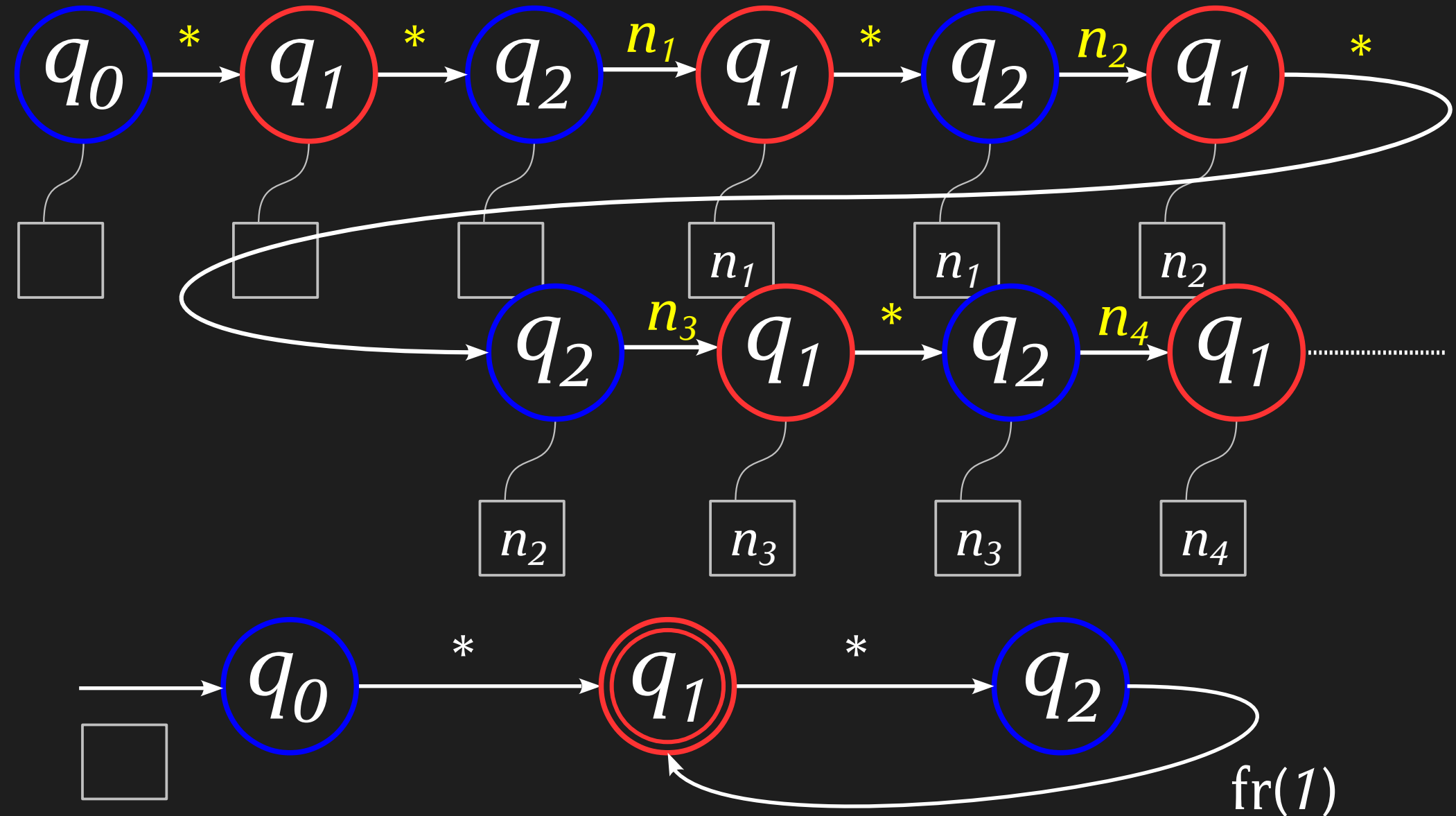
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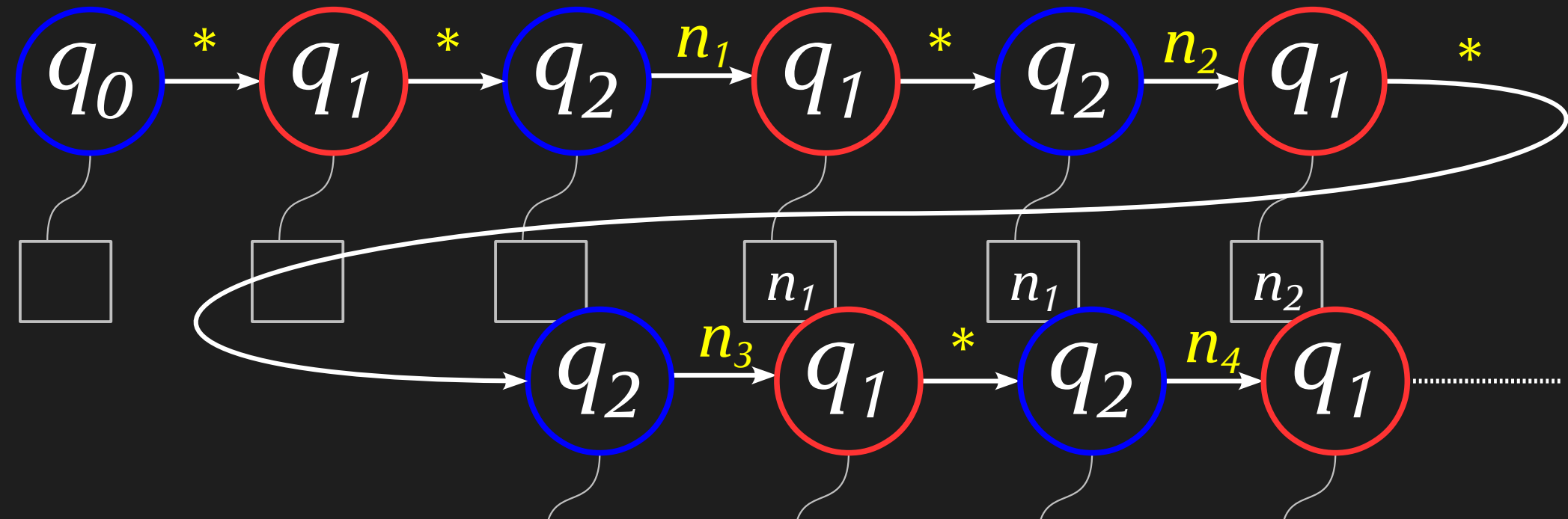
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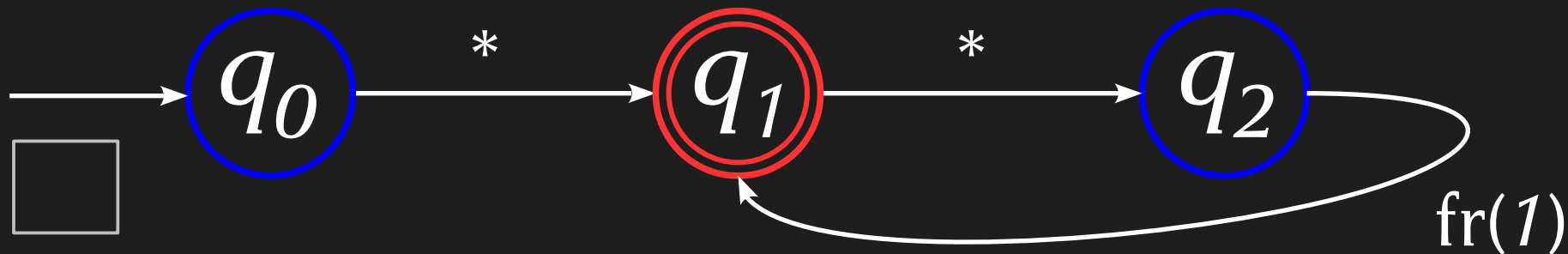
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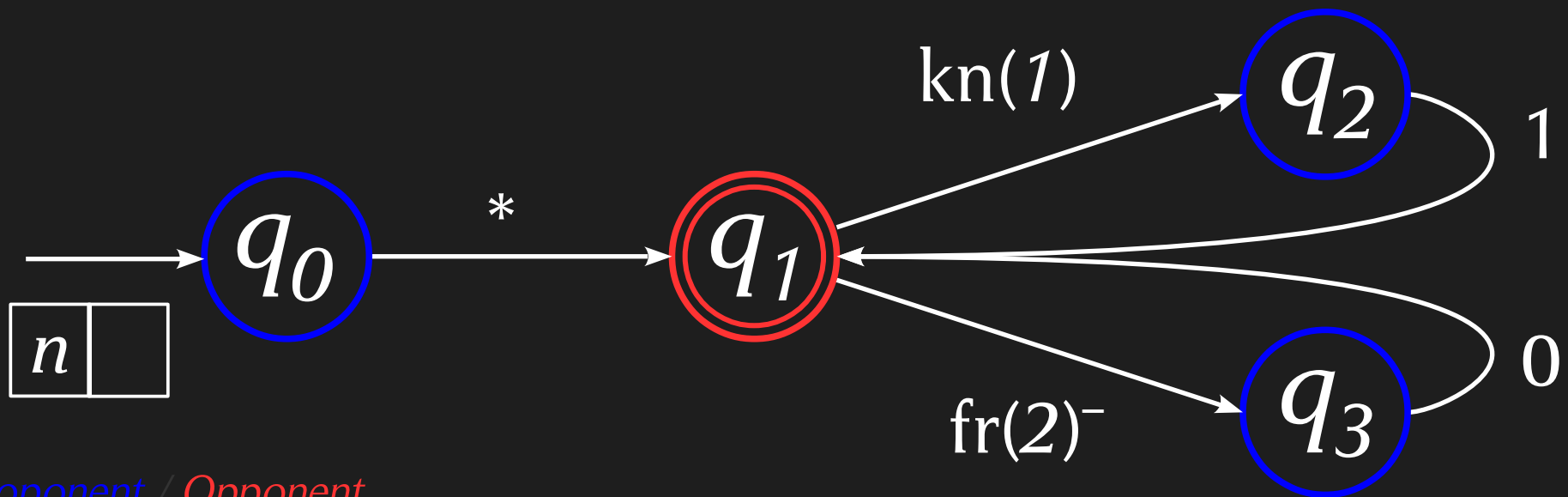
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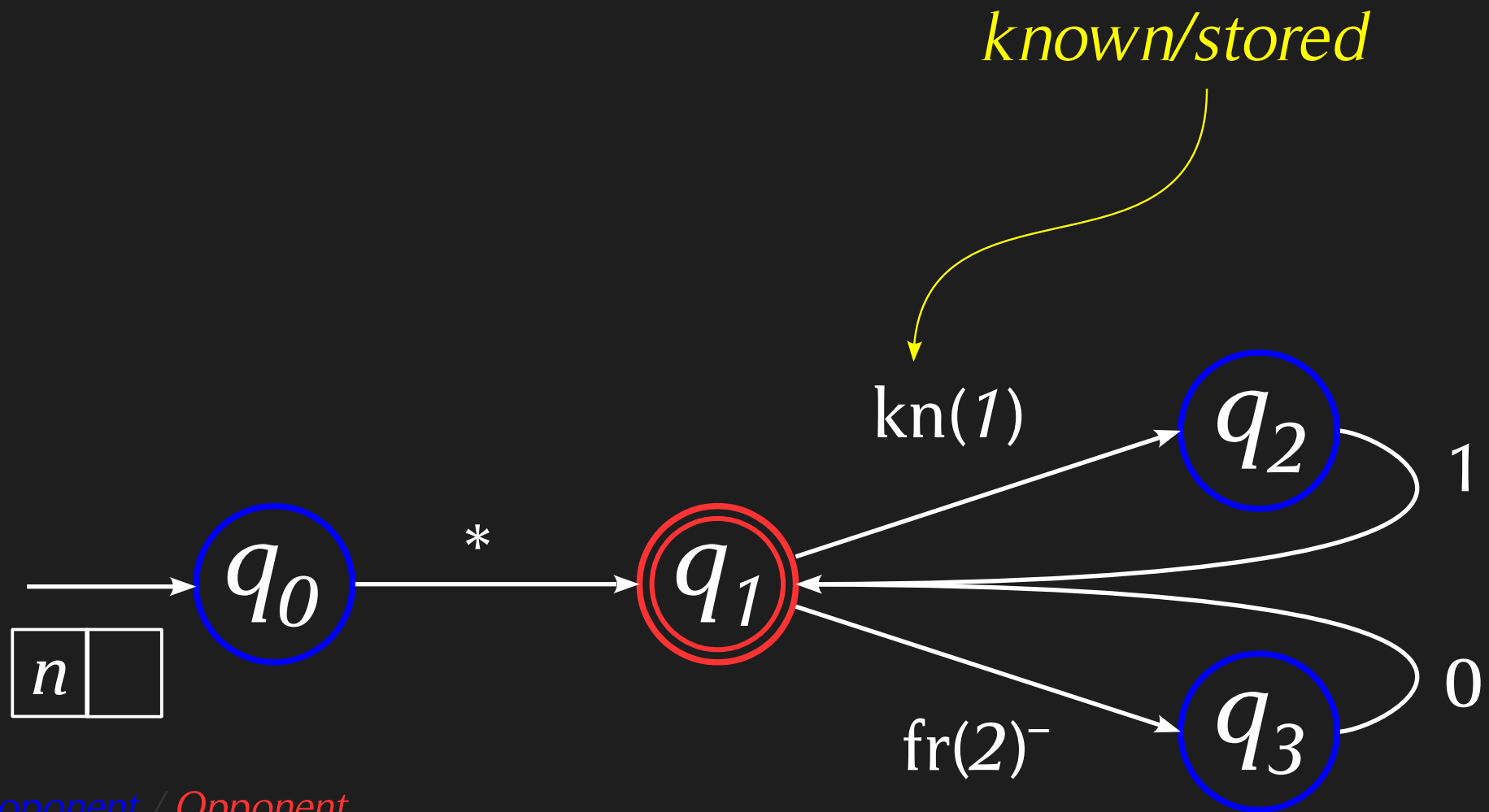
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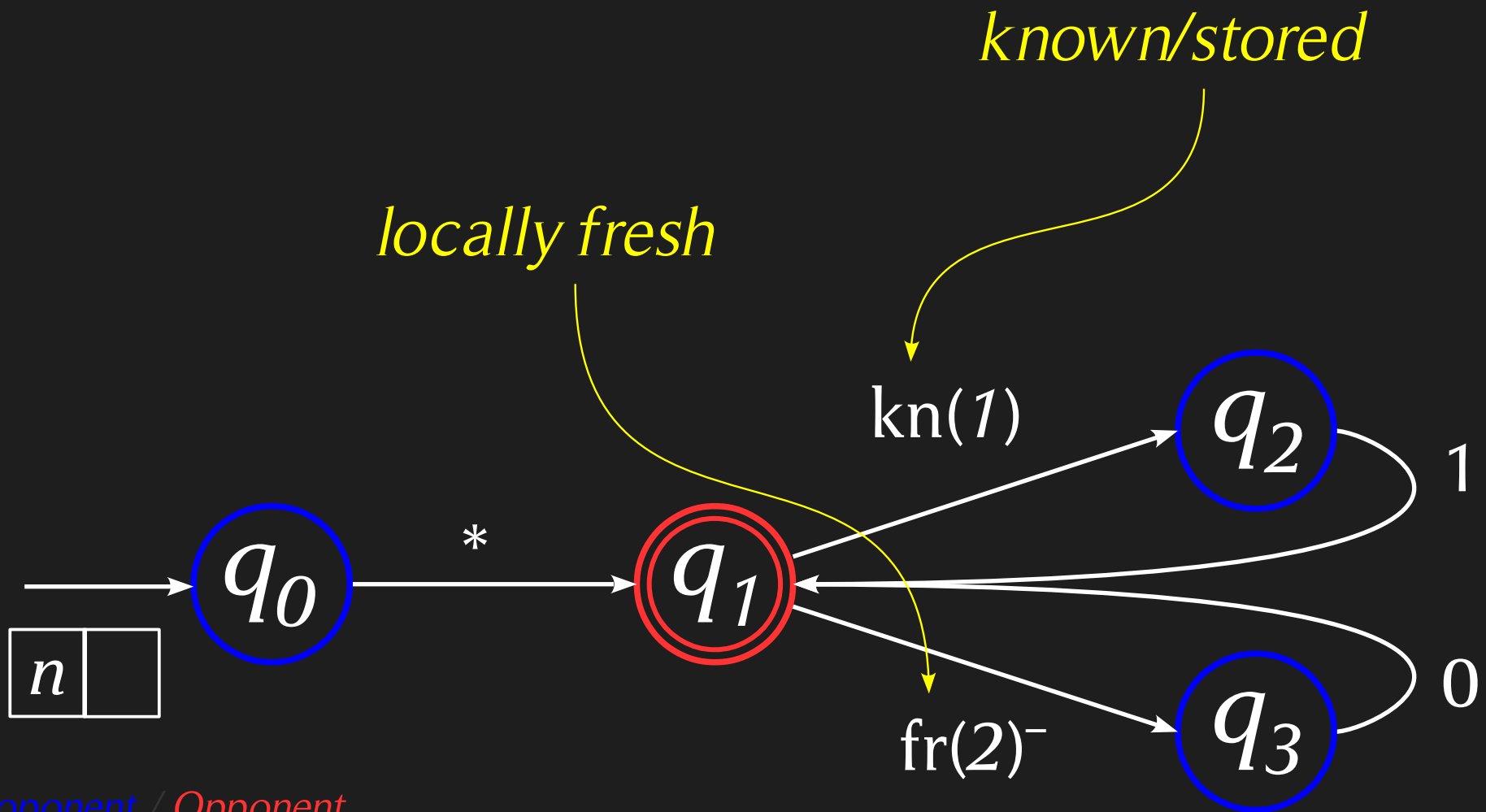
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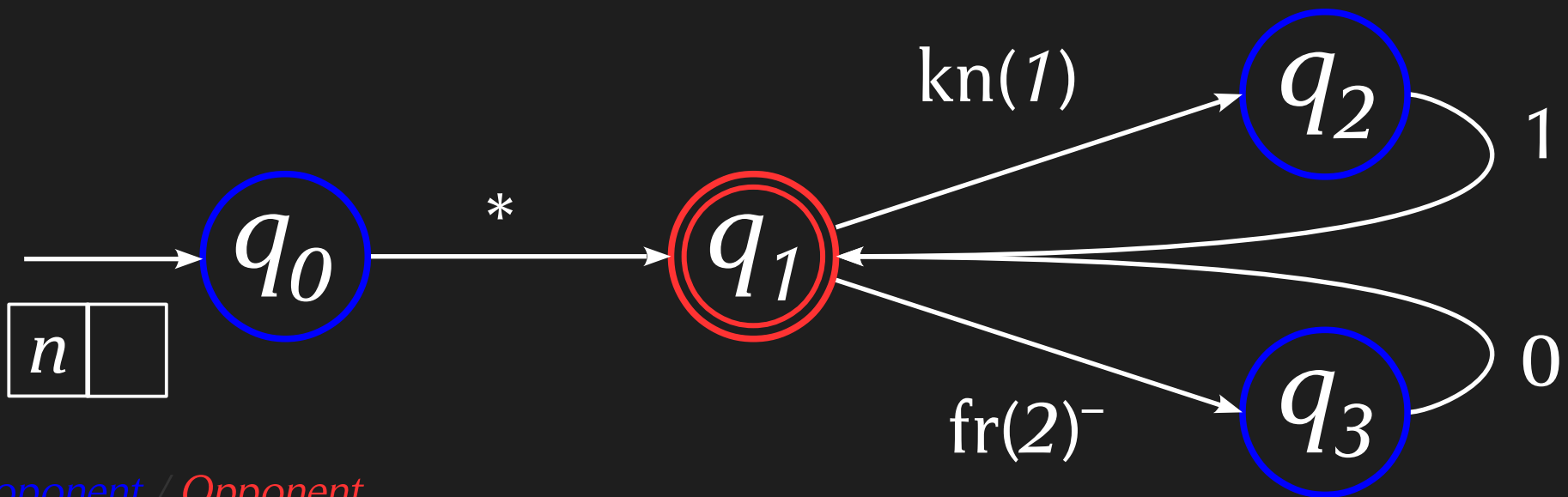
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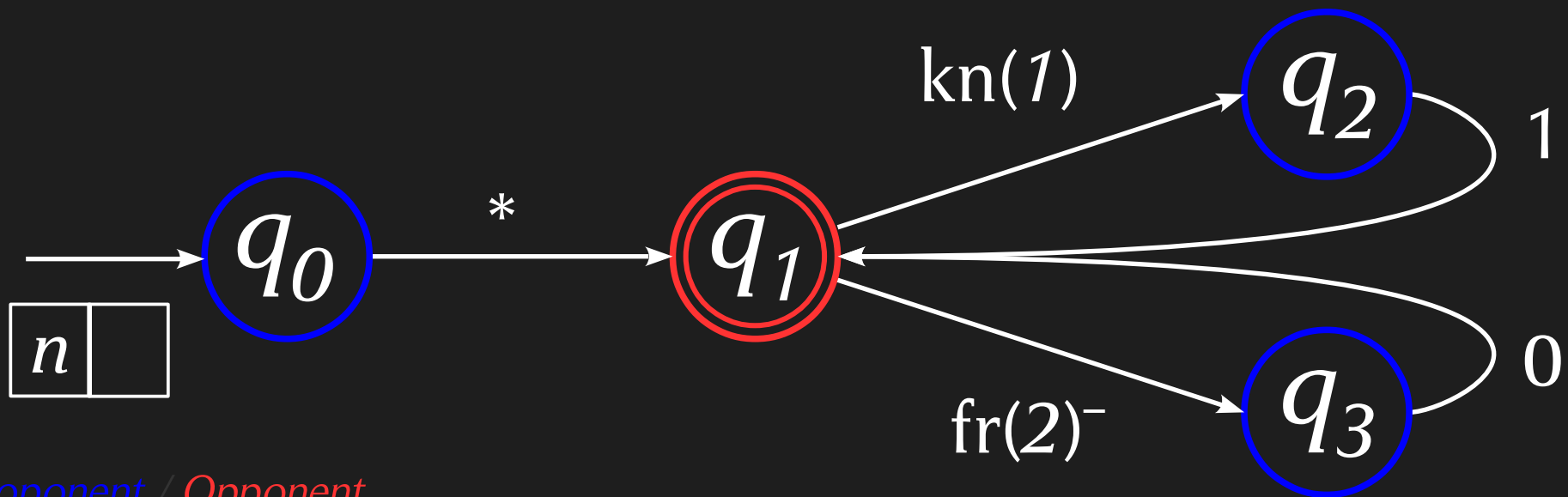
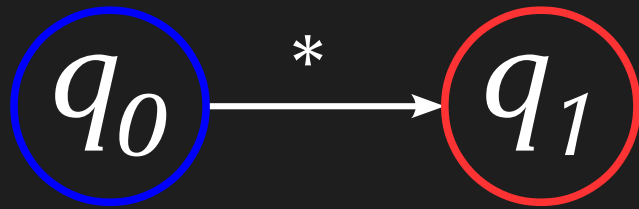
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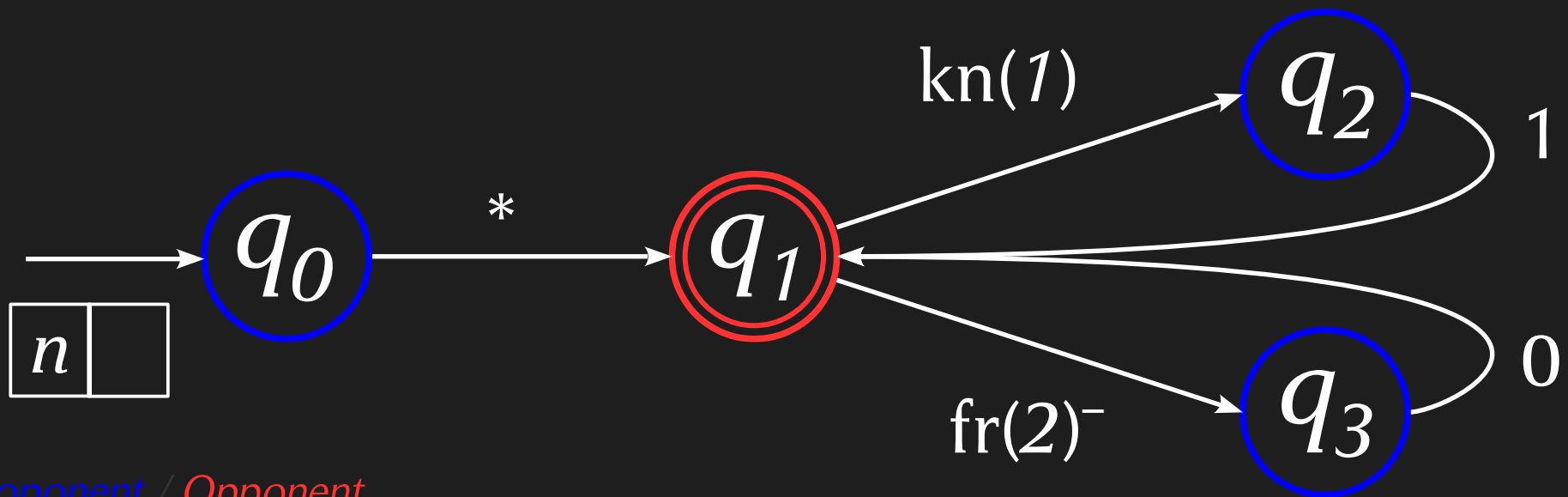
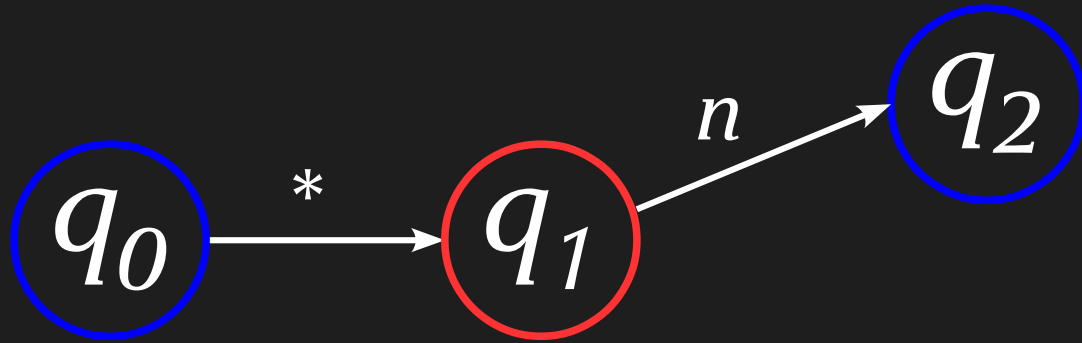
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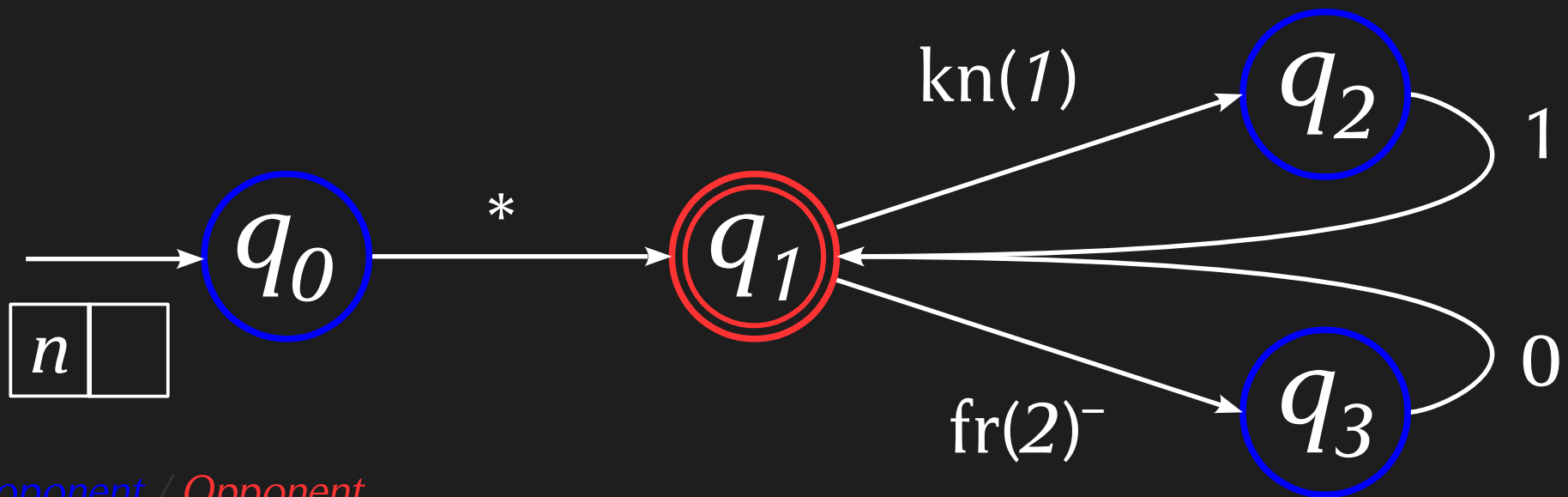
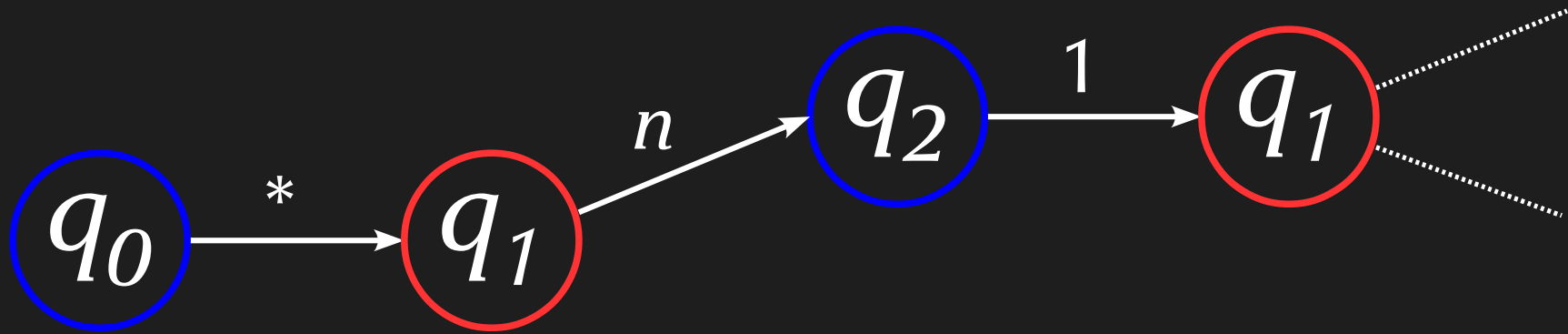
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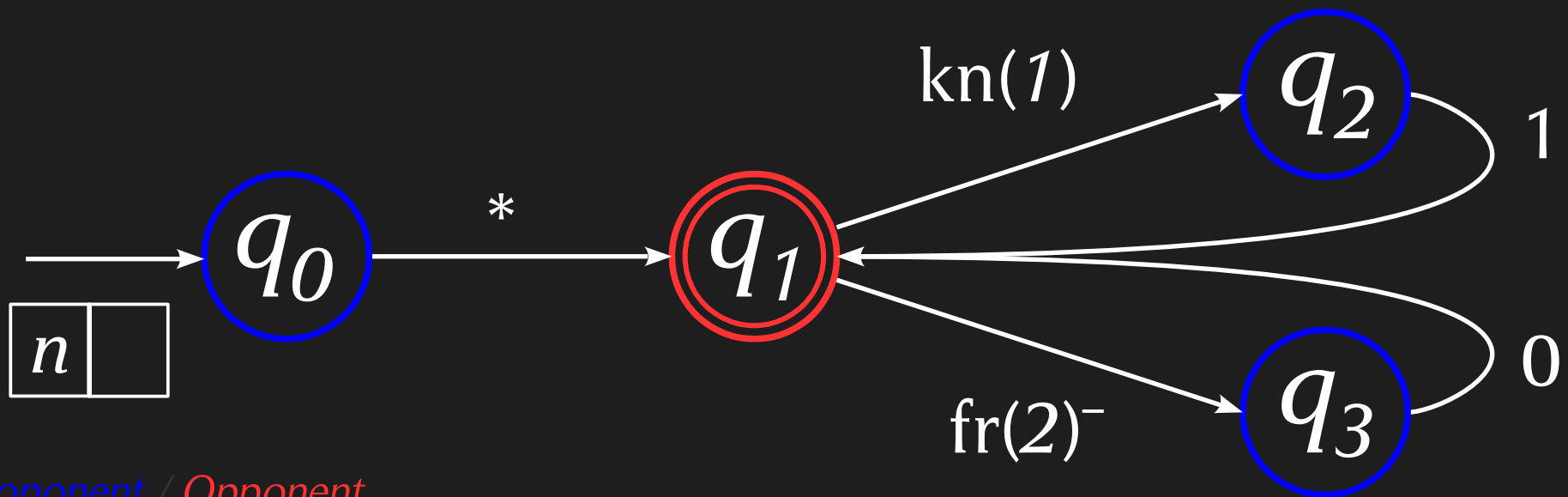
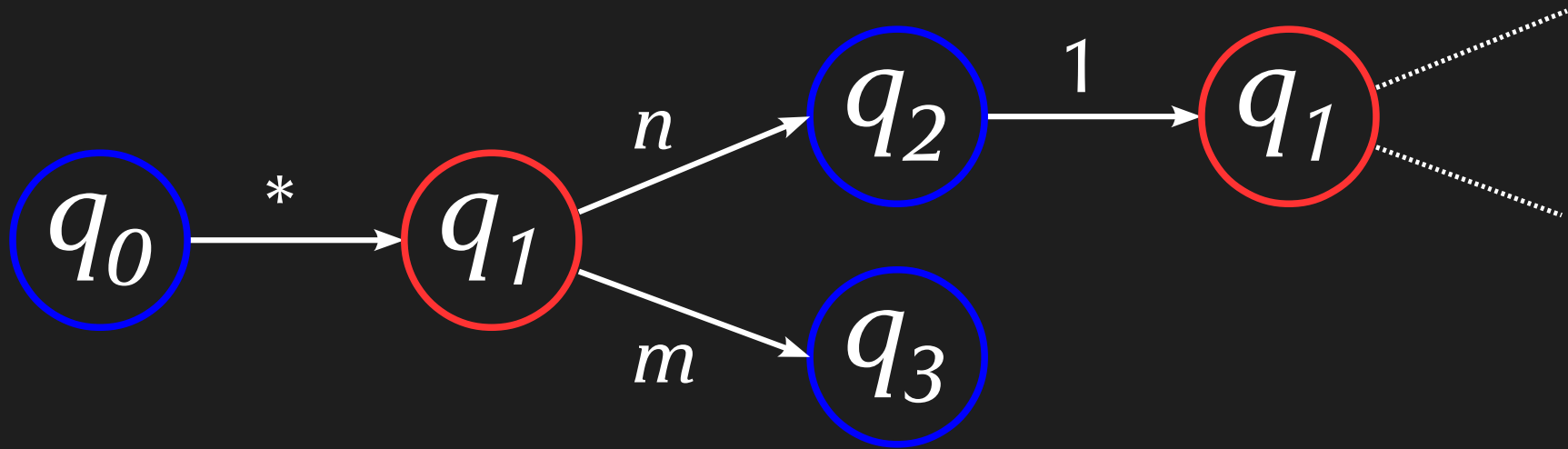
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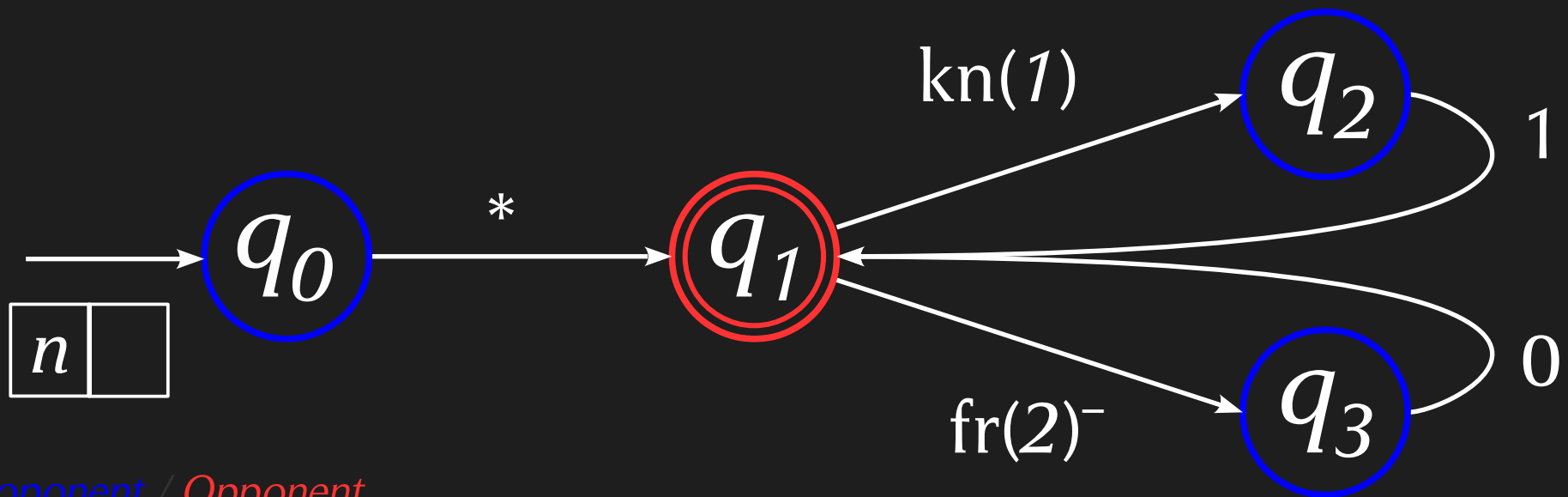
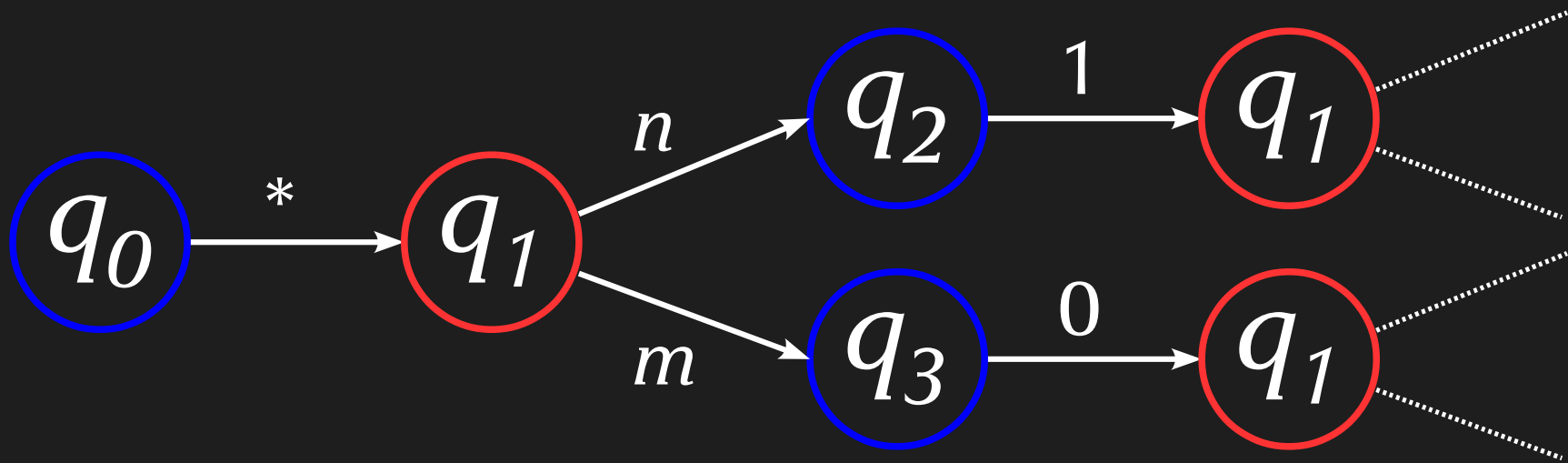
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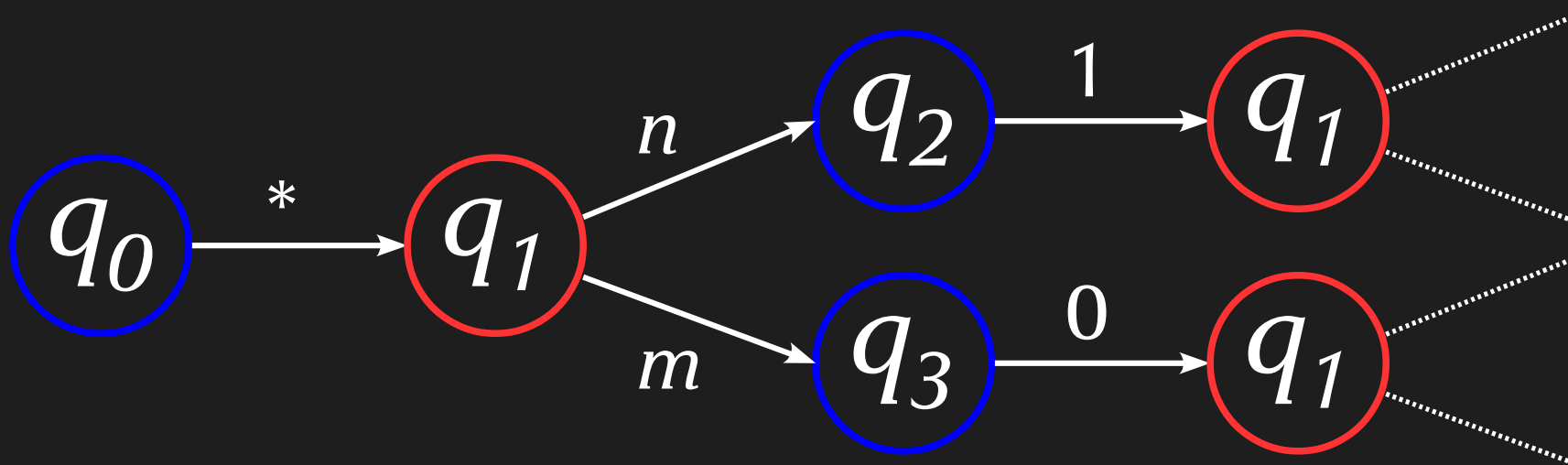
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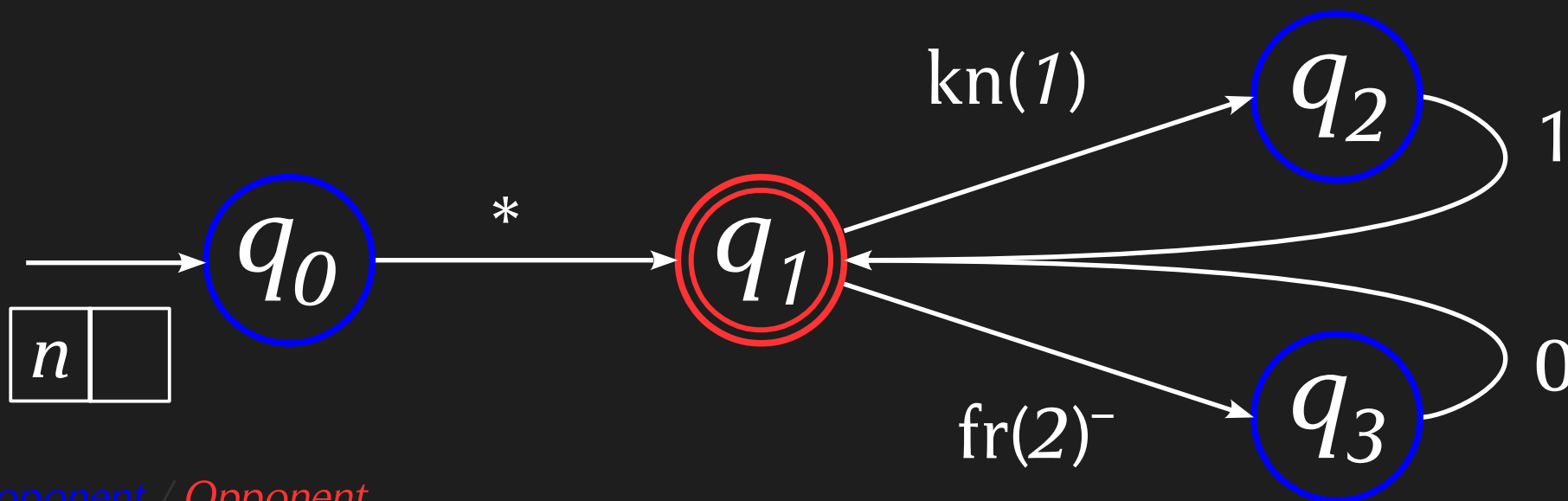
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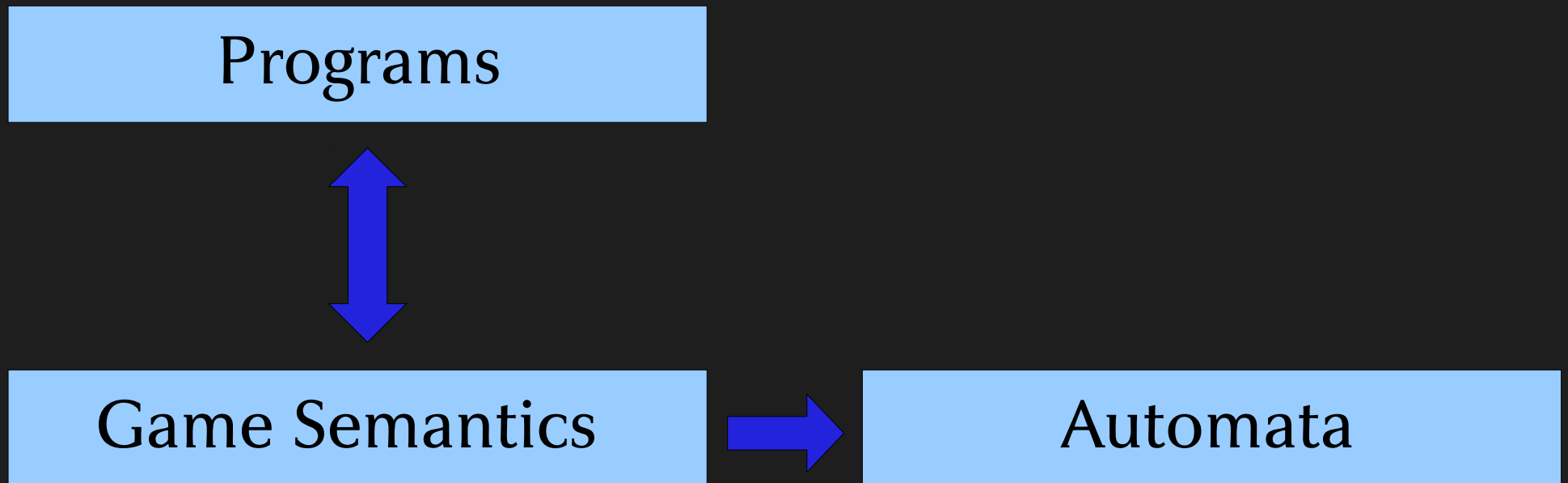
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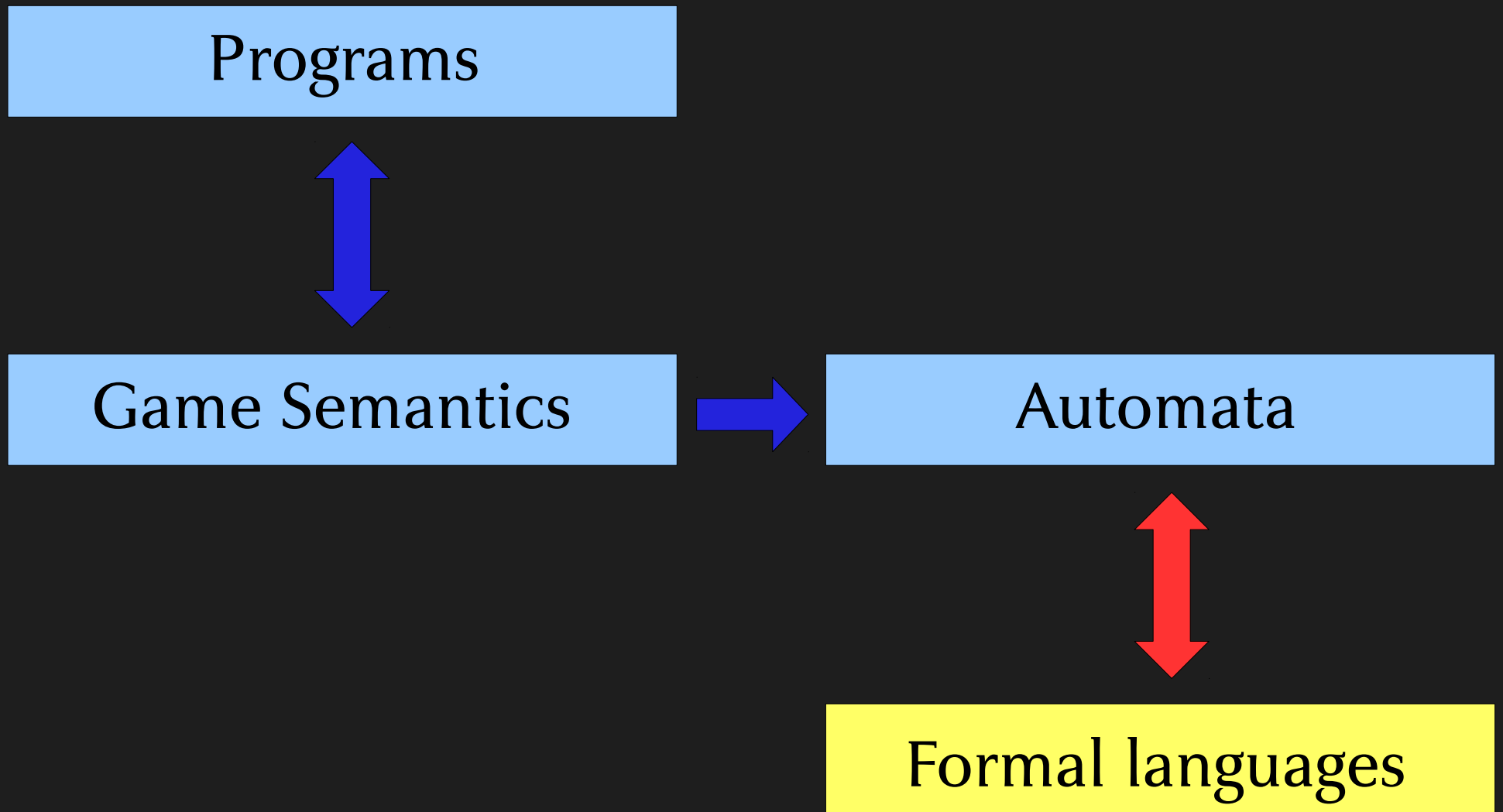
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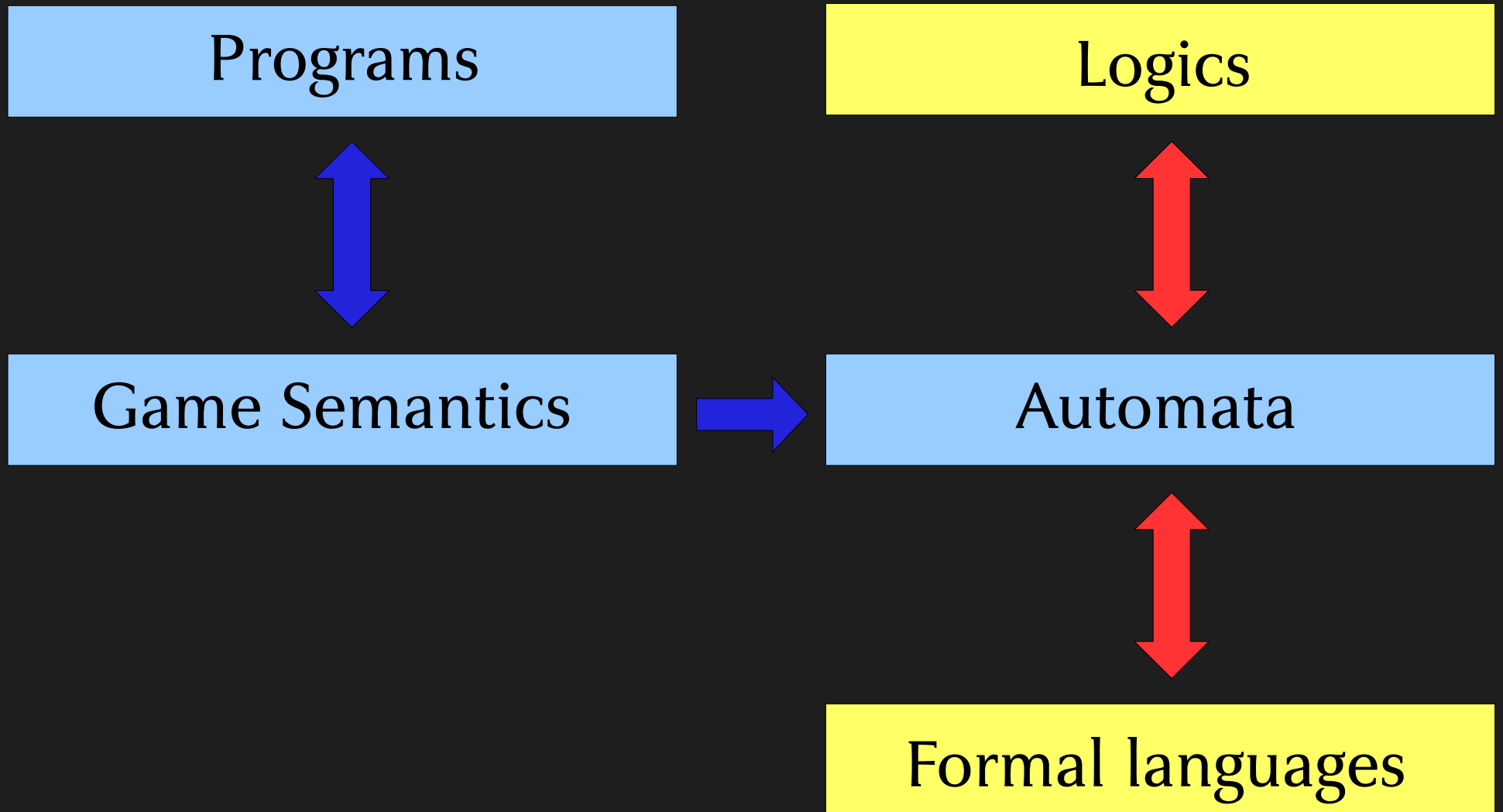
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