Algorithmic Verification of Procedural Programs in the Presence of Code Variability

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Problem Statement

Goal

- Algorithmic and practical verification

Properties

- Temporal properties (we focus on safety properties)

Systems under consideration

- Sequential procedural programs with unbounded recursive calls
- In the presence of code variability

Variability Scenarios

Incomplete Programs

- E.g., open platforms

Mobile Code

- E.g., add-ons, extensions

Code Evolution

- E.g., application updates, self adaptive systems

Multiple Implementations

- E.g., product families

Variability

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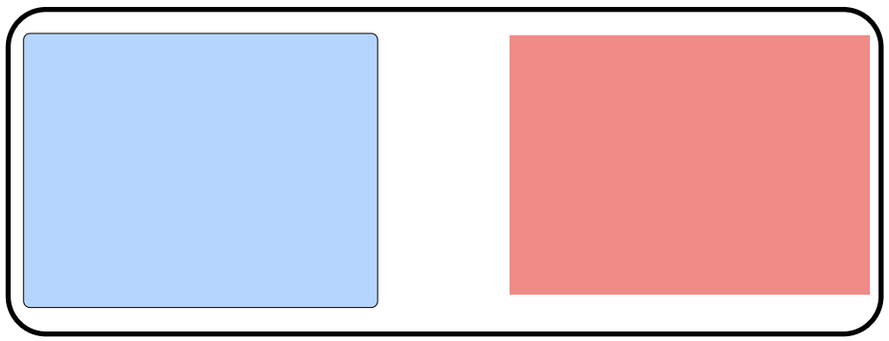

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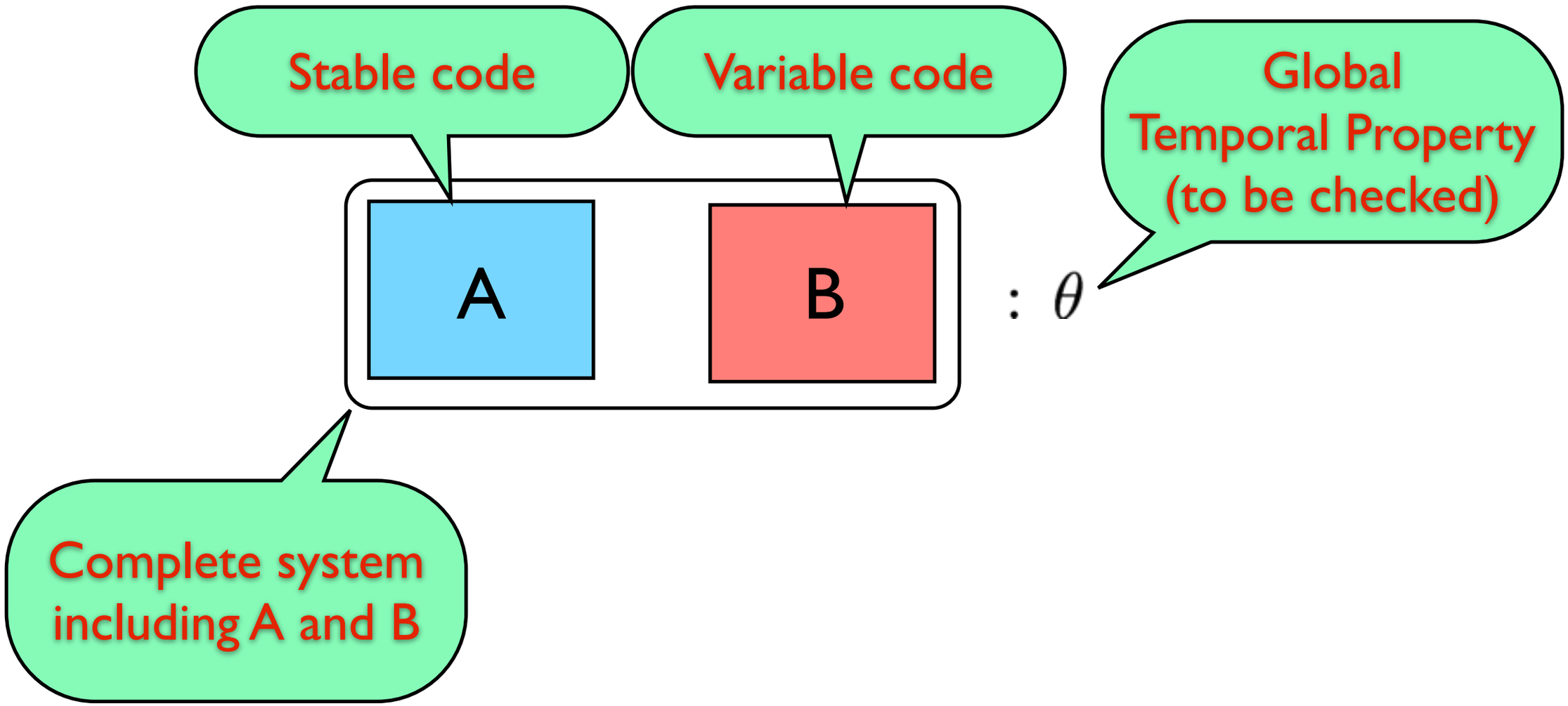
Verifying Variable Systems



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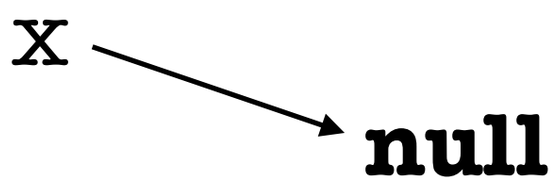

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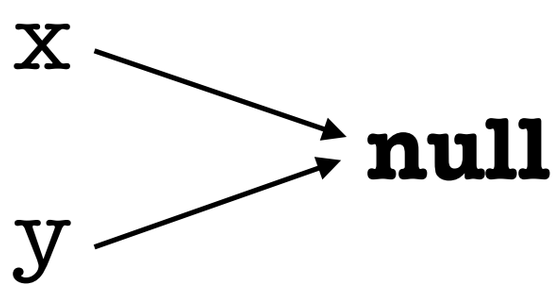

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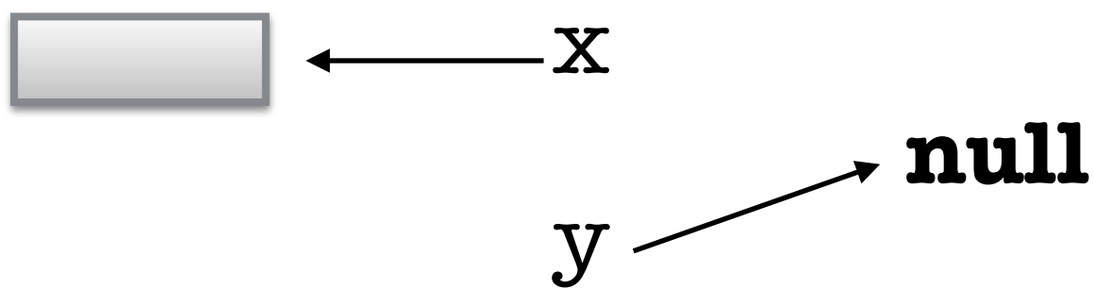

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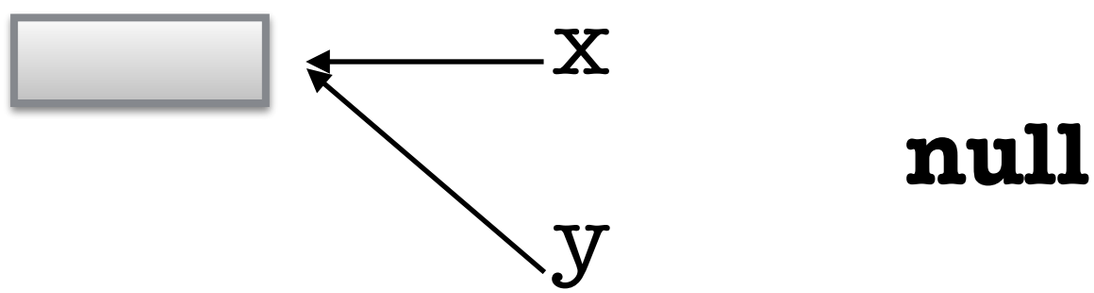

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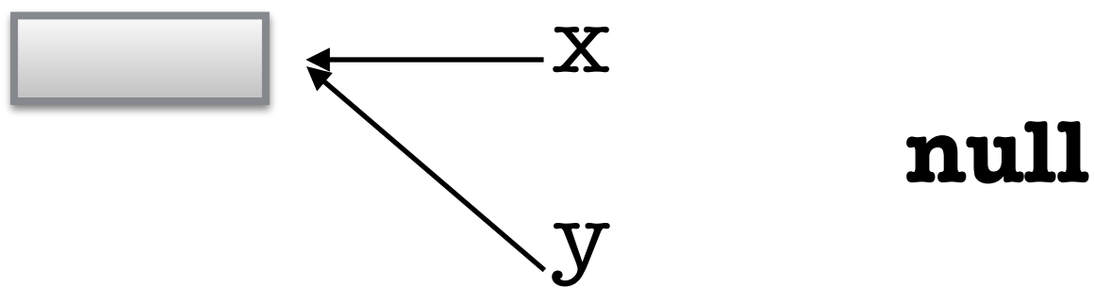

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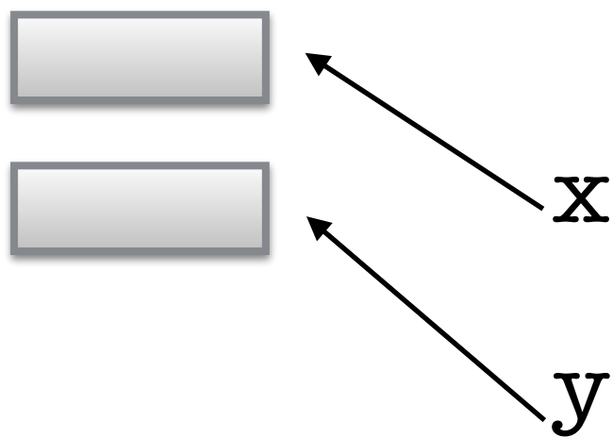

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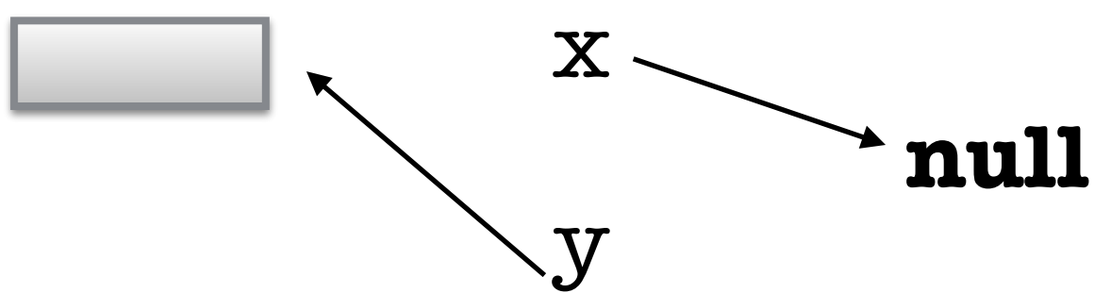

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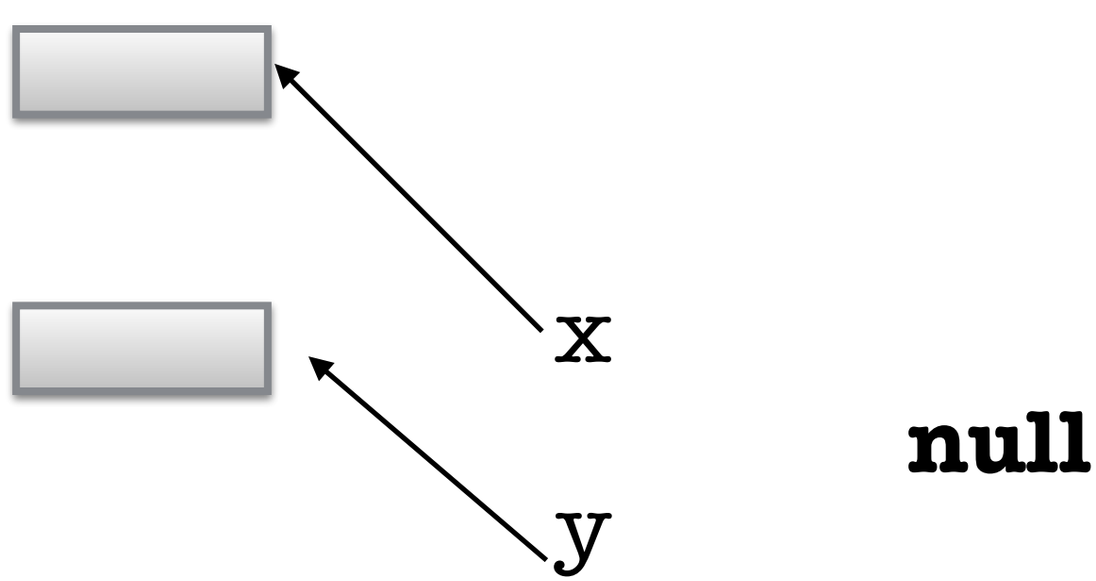

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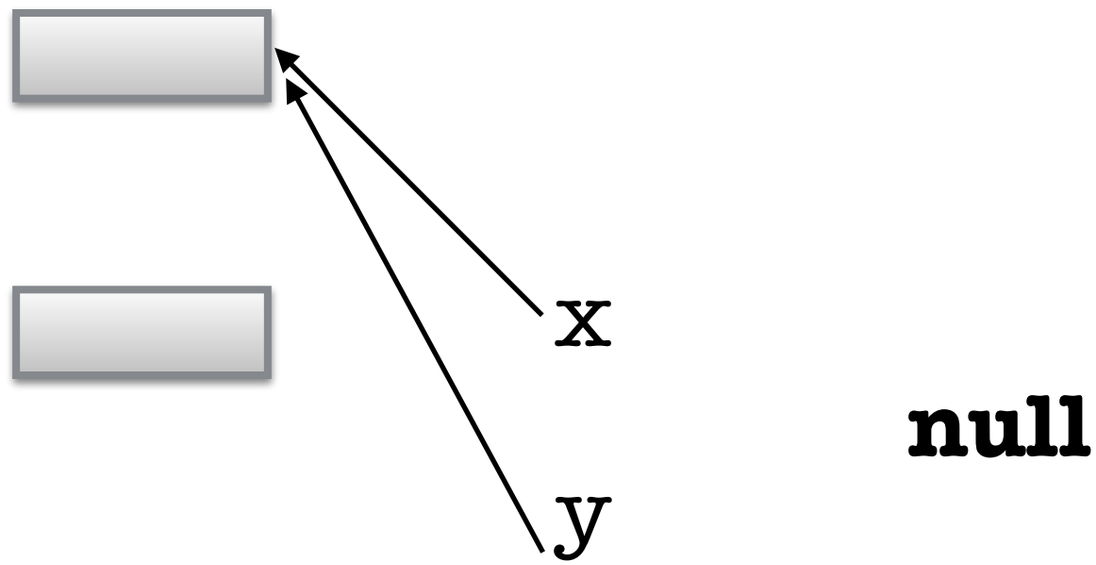

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Constraint on the Implementation of Foo

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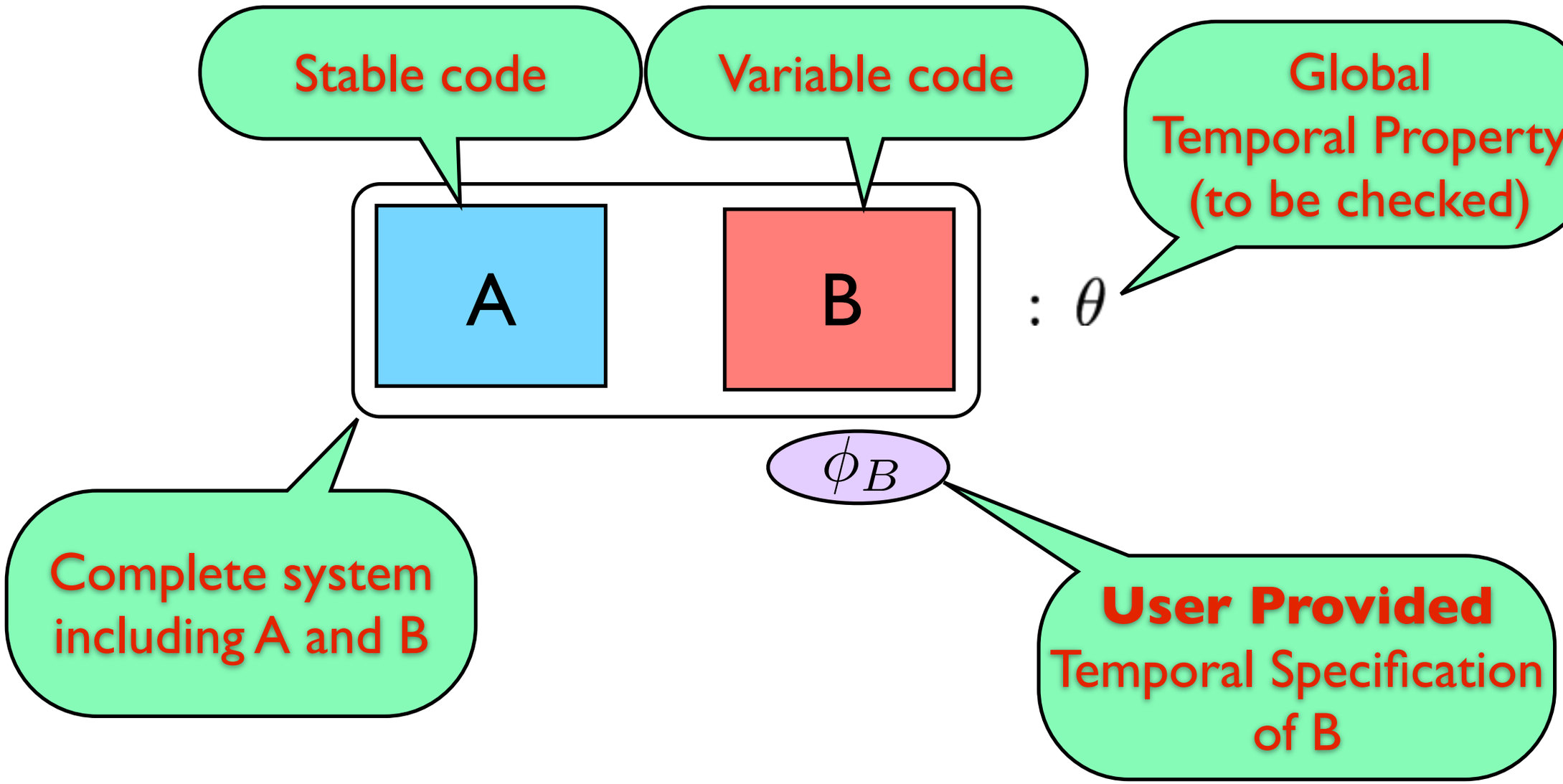

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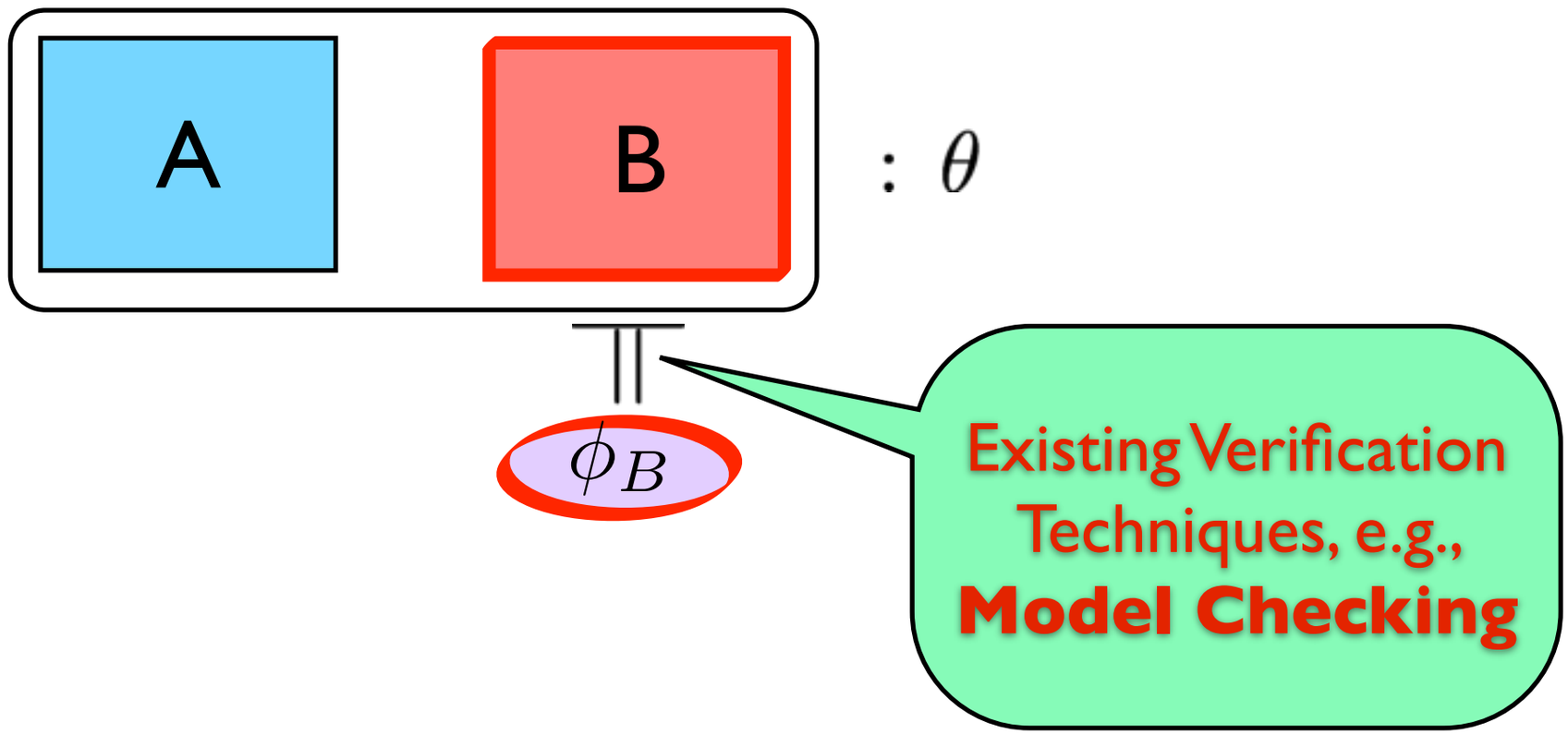

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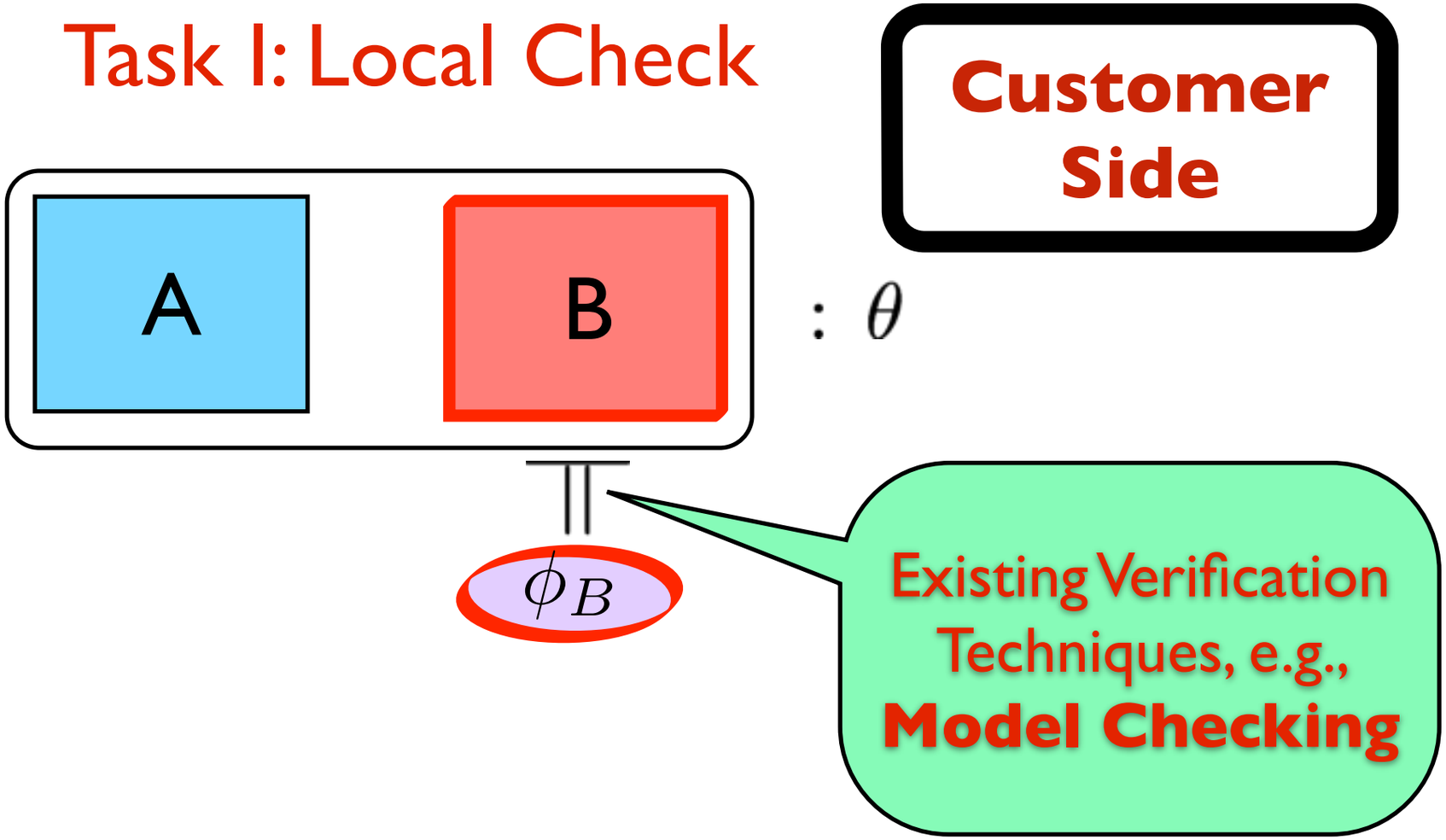

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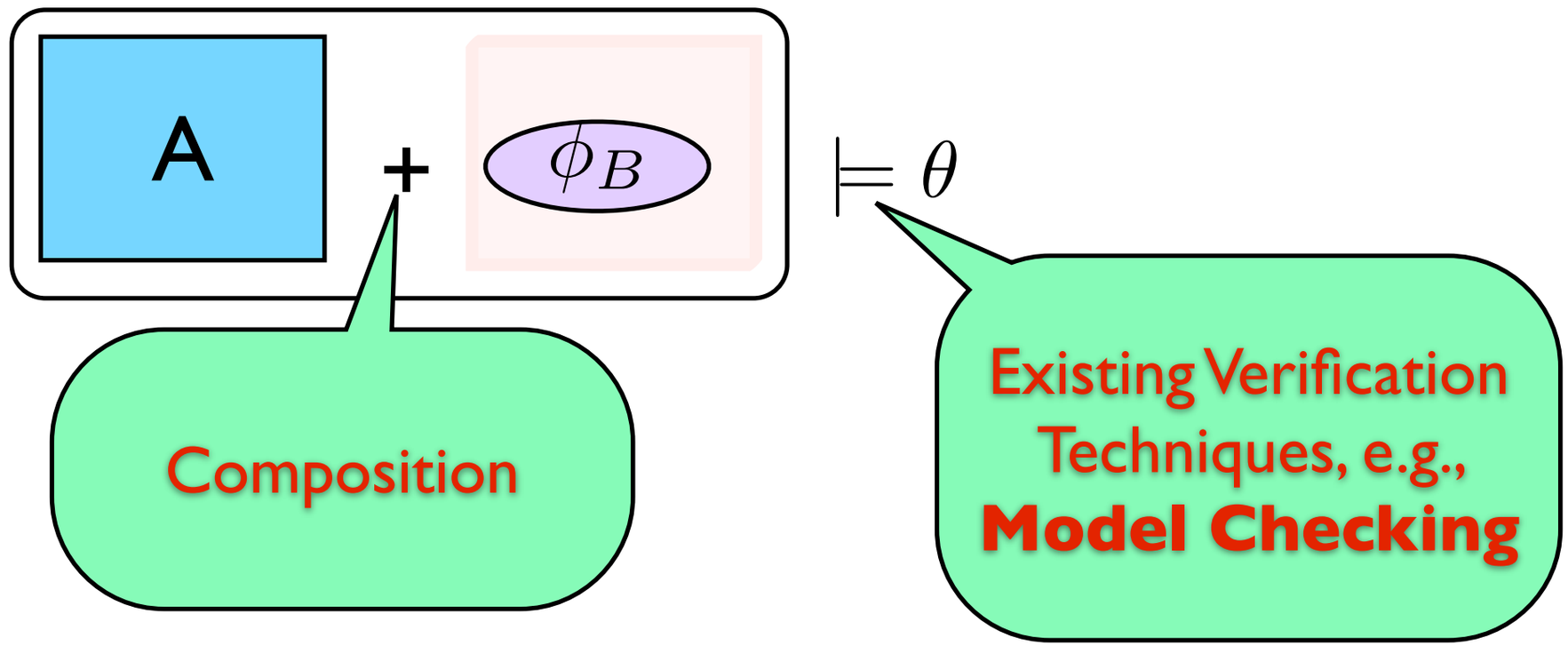

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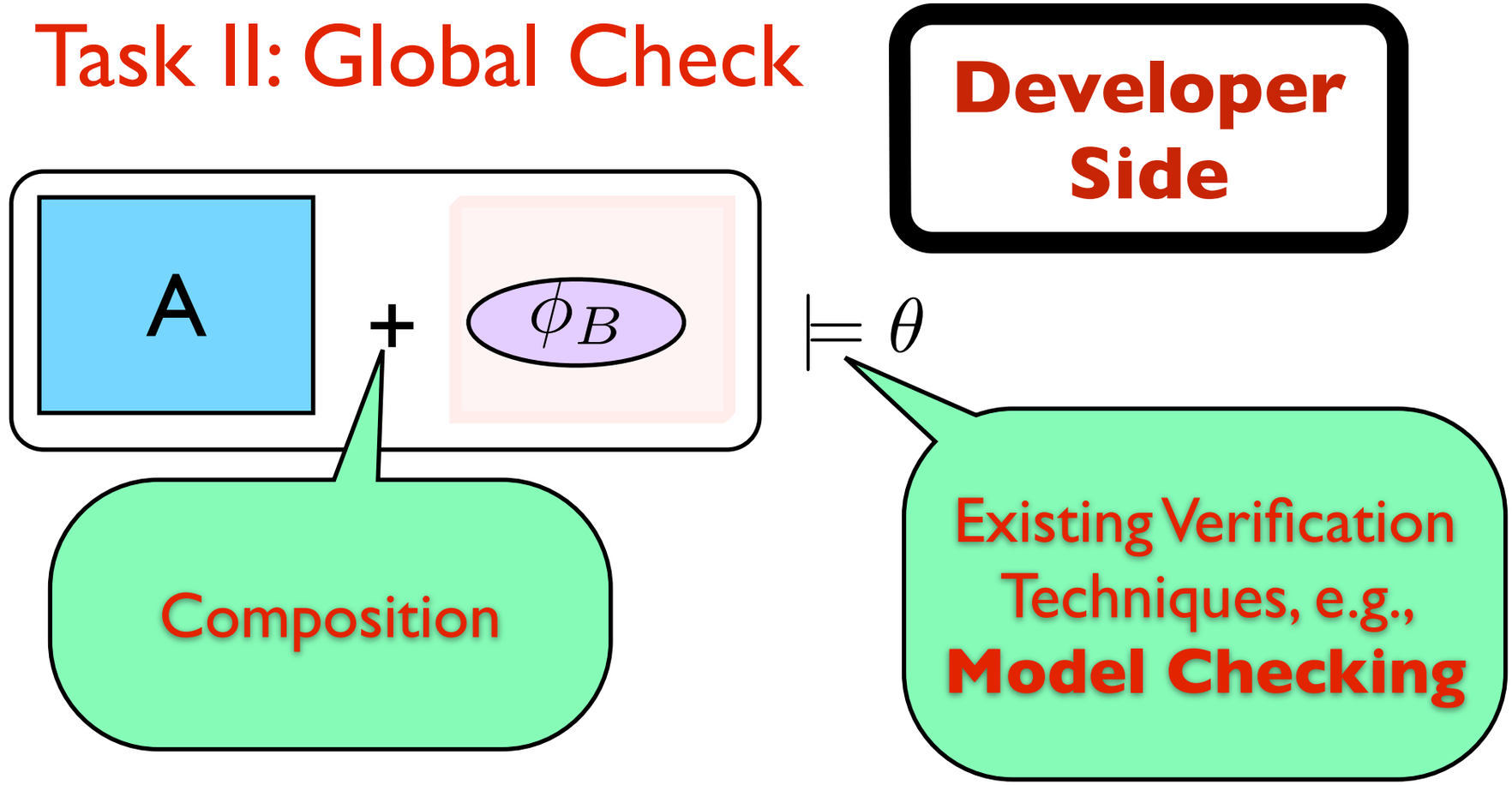

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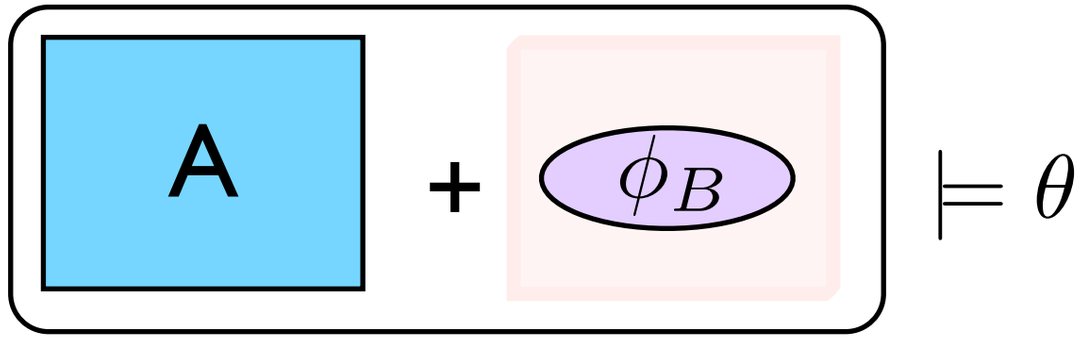


Existing Approaches

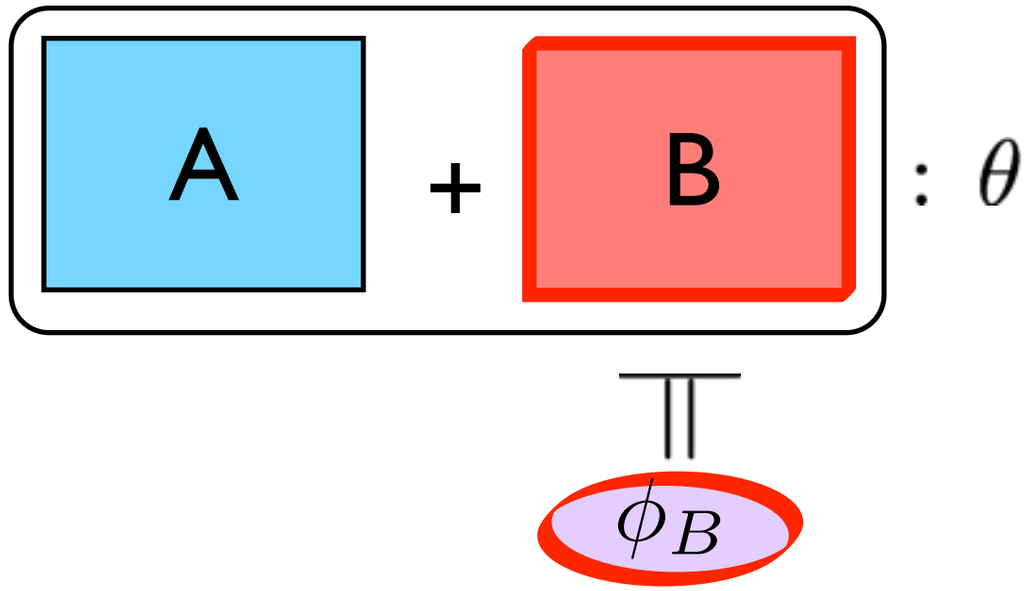
- Modular verification of procedural programs: "built-in" for **Hoare-logic** based approaches

Not for Temporal Properties

- Modular model checking: based on **maximal model construction**
  Grumberg & Long 1994: ACTL
  Kupferman & Vardi 2000: ACTL*

Finite Systems (not procedural programs)

Verification based on Maximal Models



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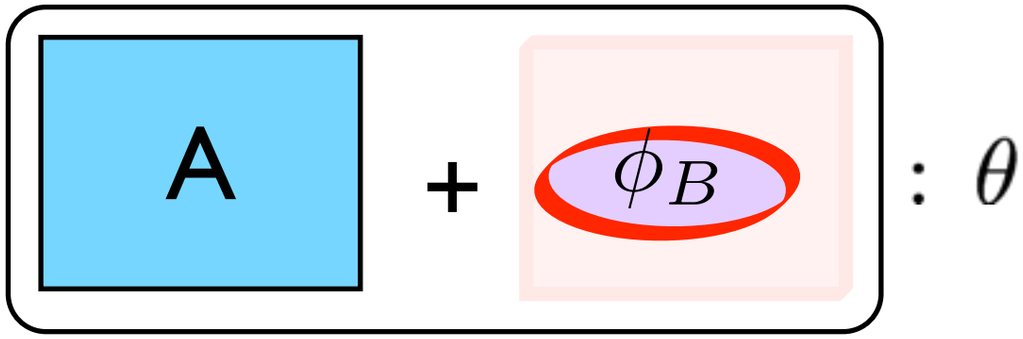

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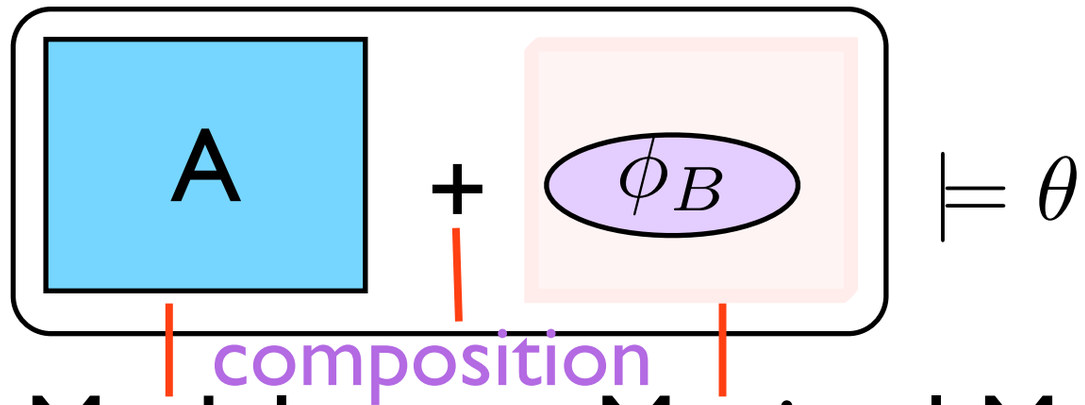

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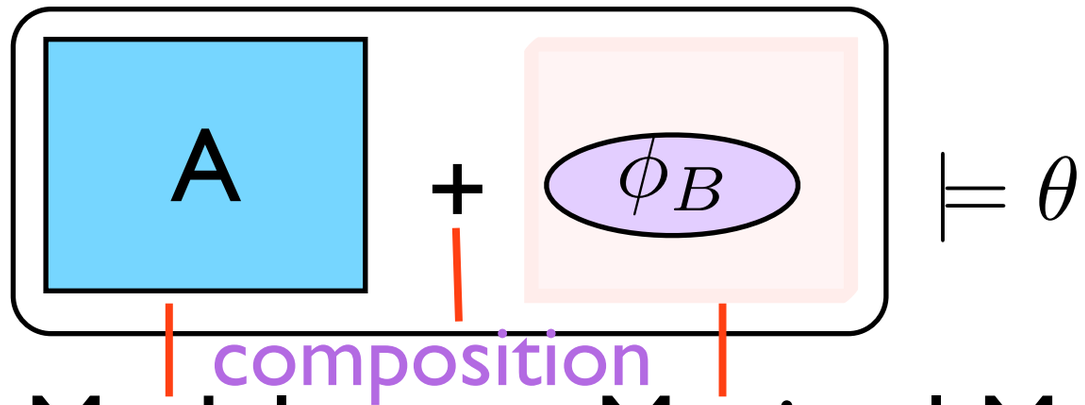

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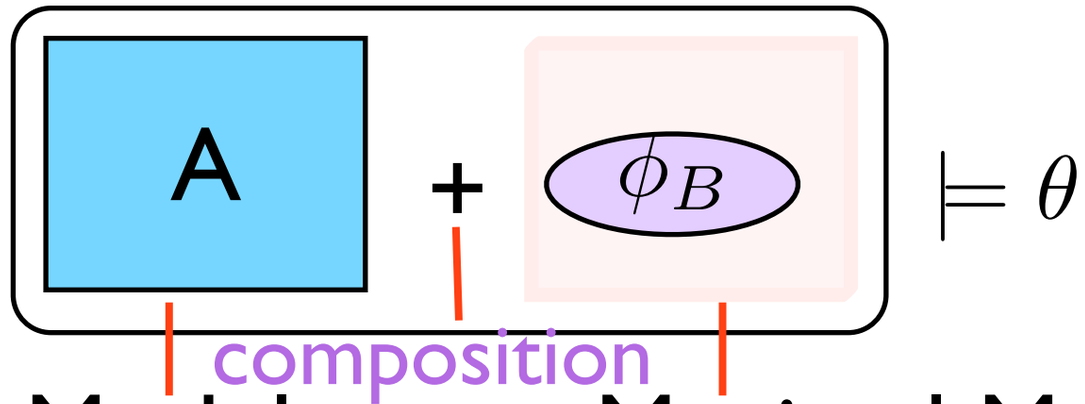

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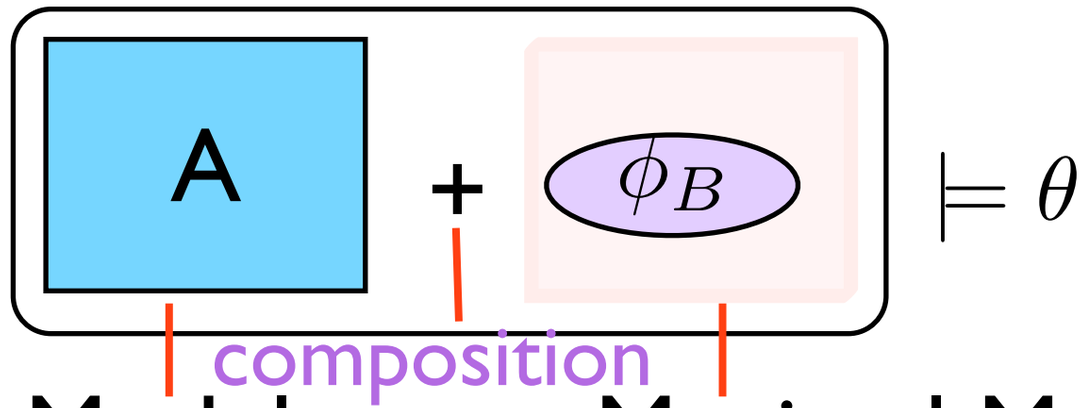

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Program Model Maximal Model $\models \theta$

Maximal Models

- A maximal model for ϕ_B is the most general model that satisfies it
  - represents all models that satisfy ϕ_B
  - models represent code, thus a maximal model for ϕ_B represents any code that its model satisfies ϕ_B

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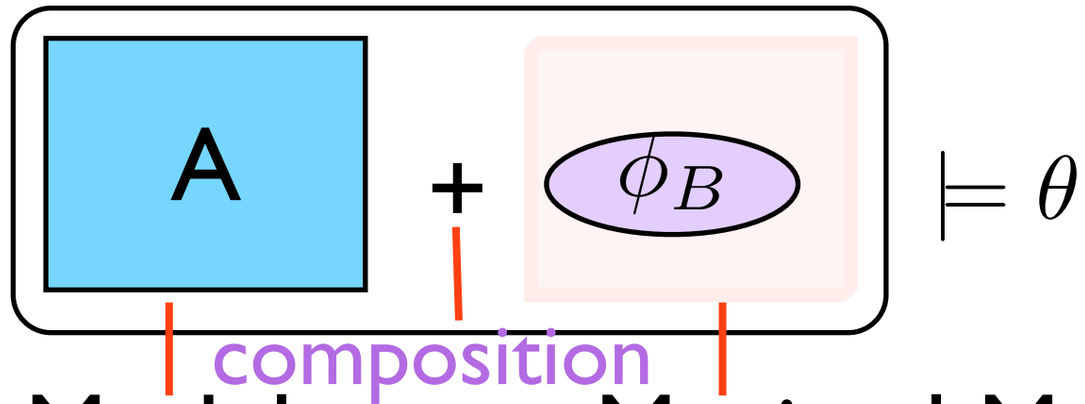

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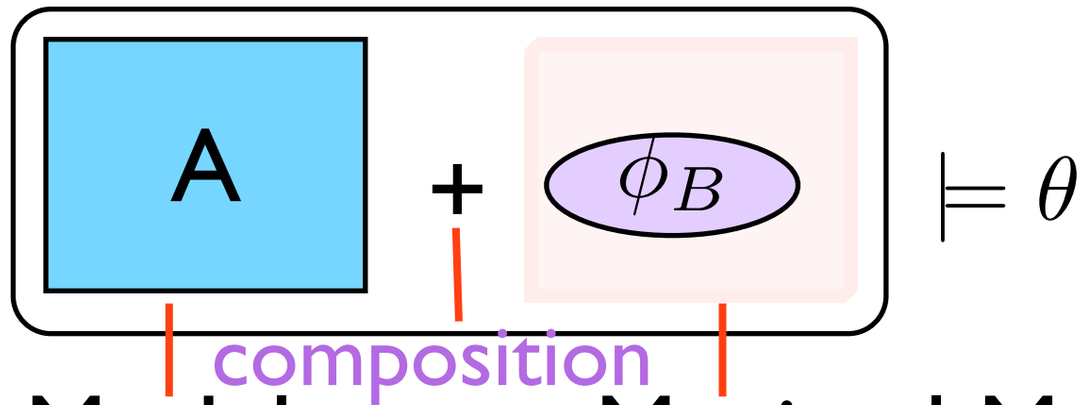

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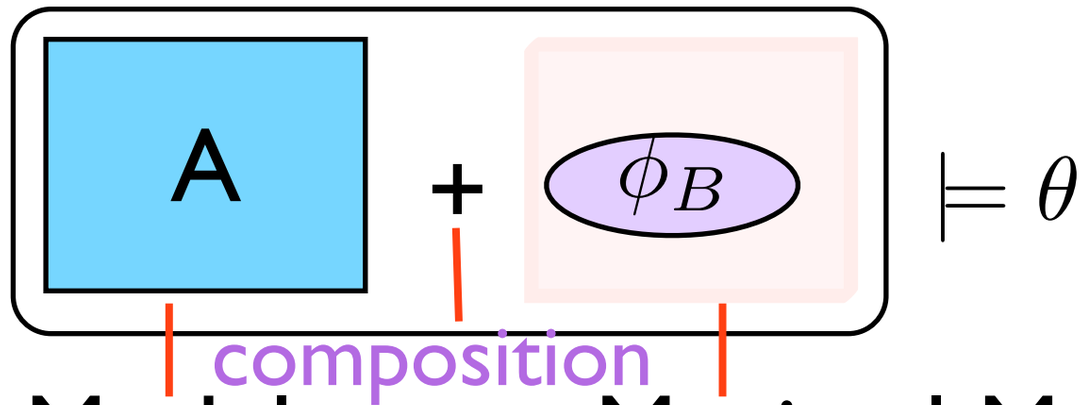

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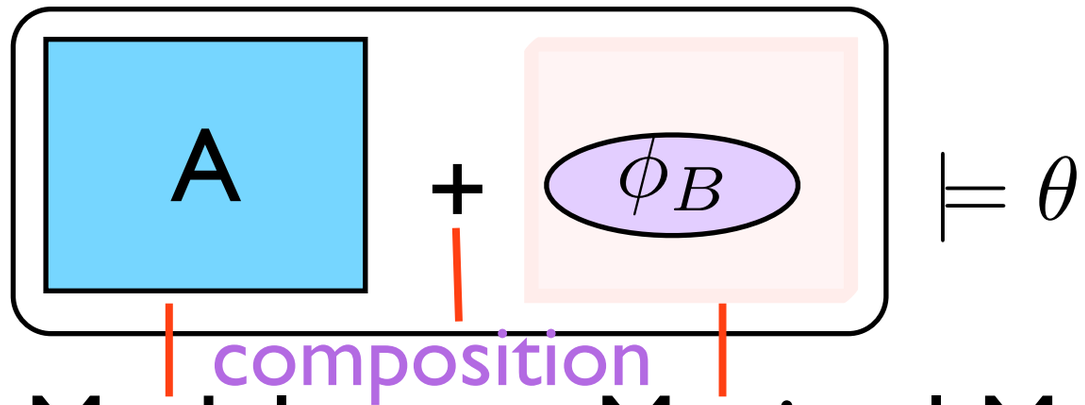

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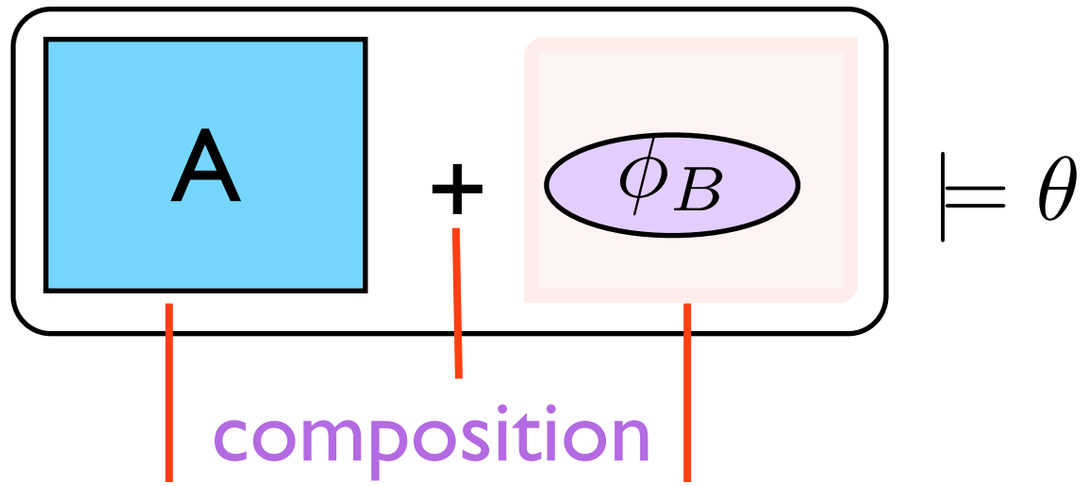

Program Model Maximal Model $\models \theta$

Challenges

- Algorithmic solution (procedural programs, i.e., pushdown systems)
- Practical
  - Task I (user side task) efficient and with minimal manual effort
  - complexity of the maximal model construction
  - difficulty and complexity of specifying specifications and models
  - Independent from programming languages

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Practical Specification

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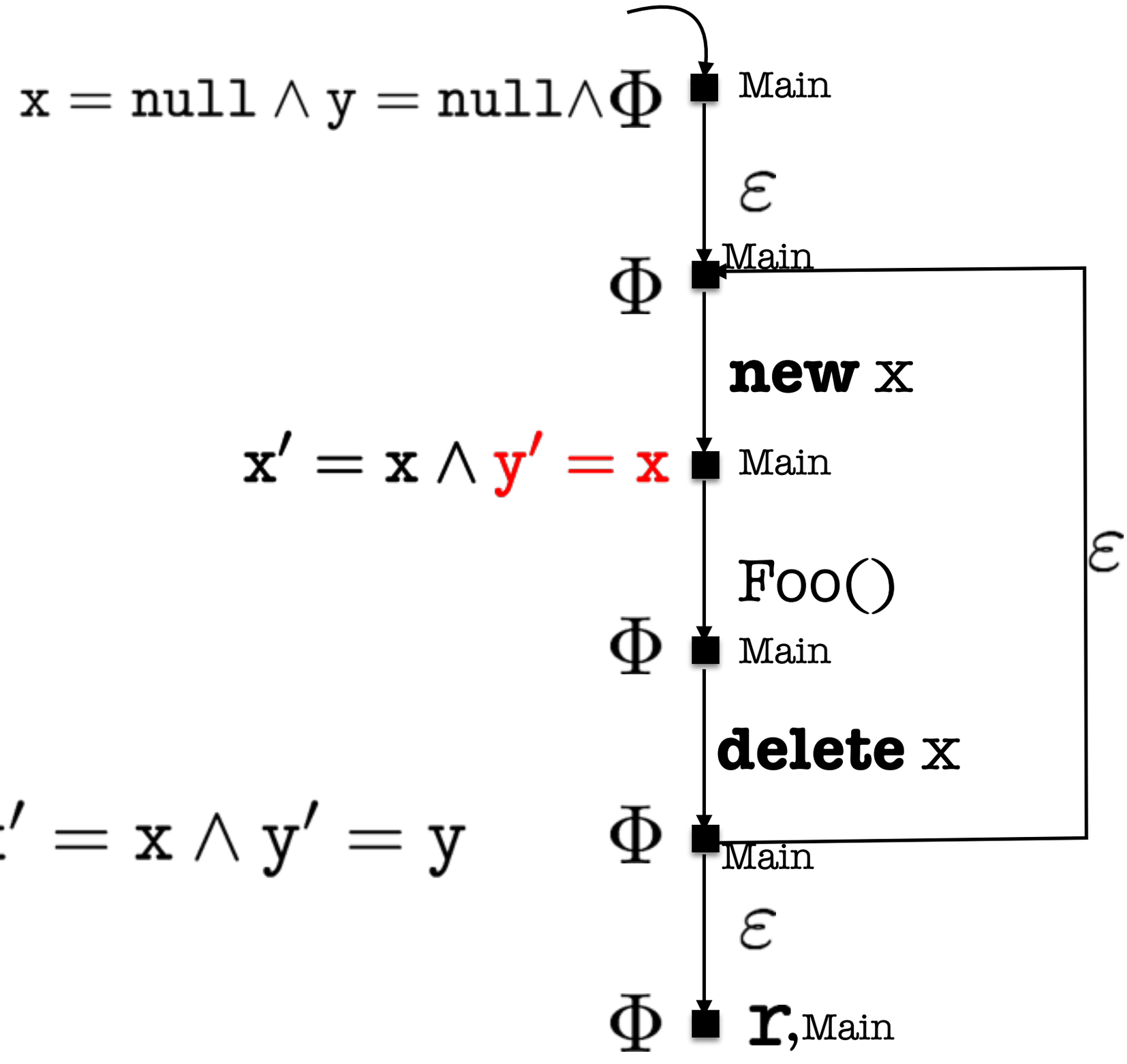

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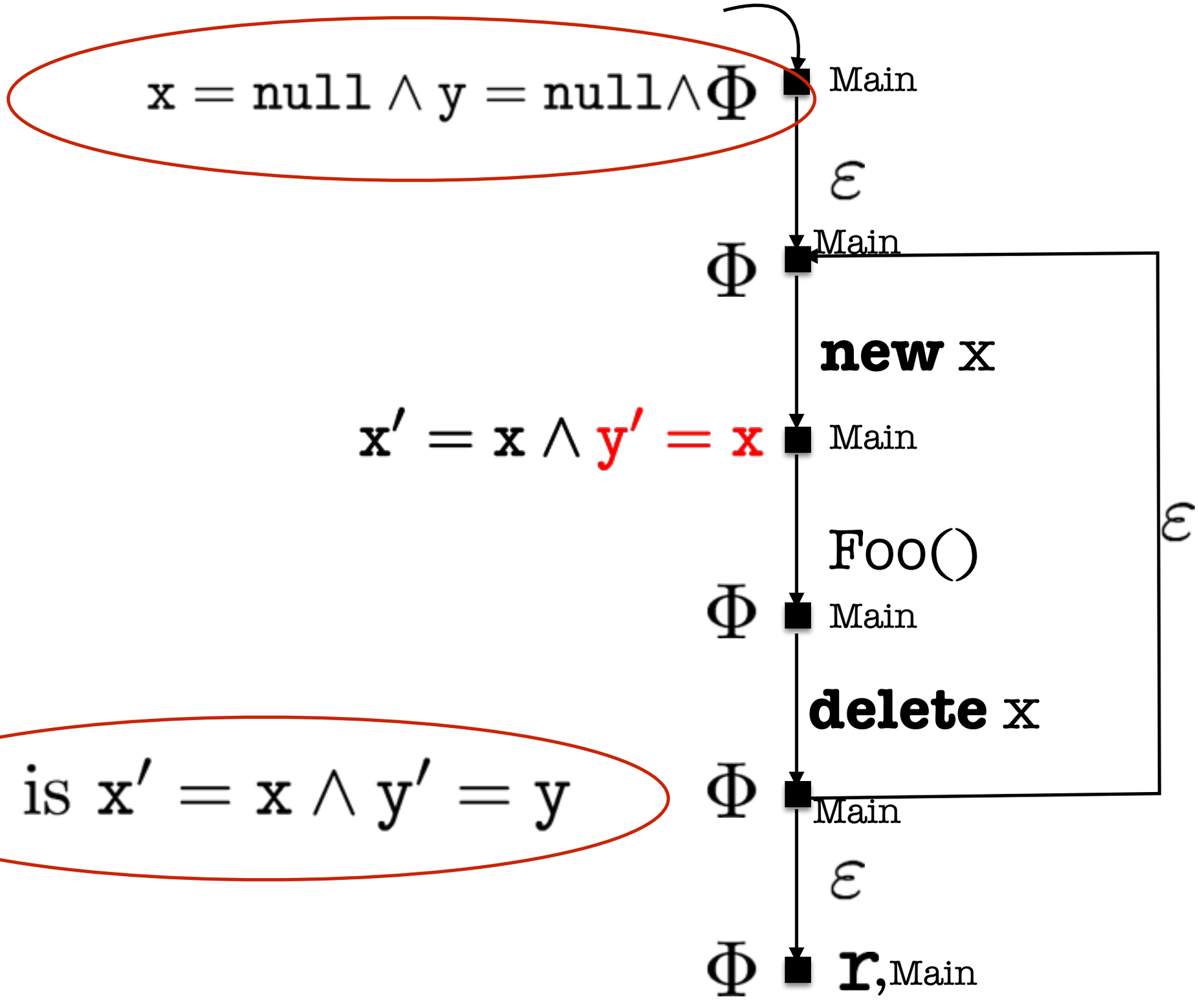

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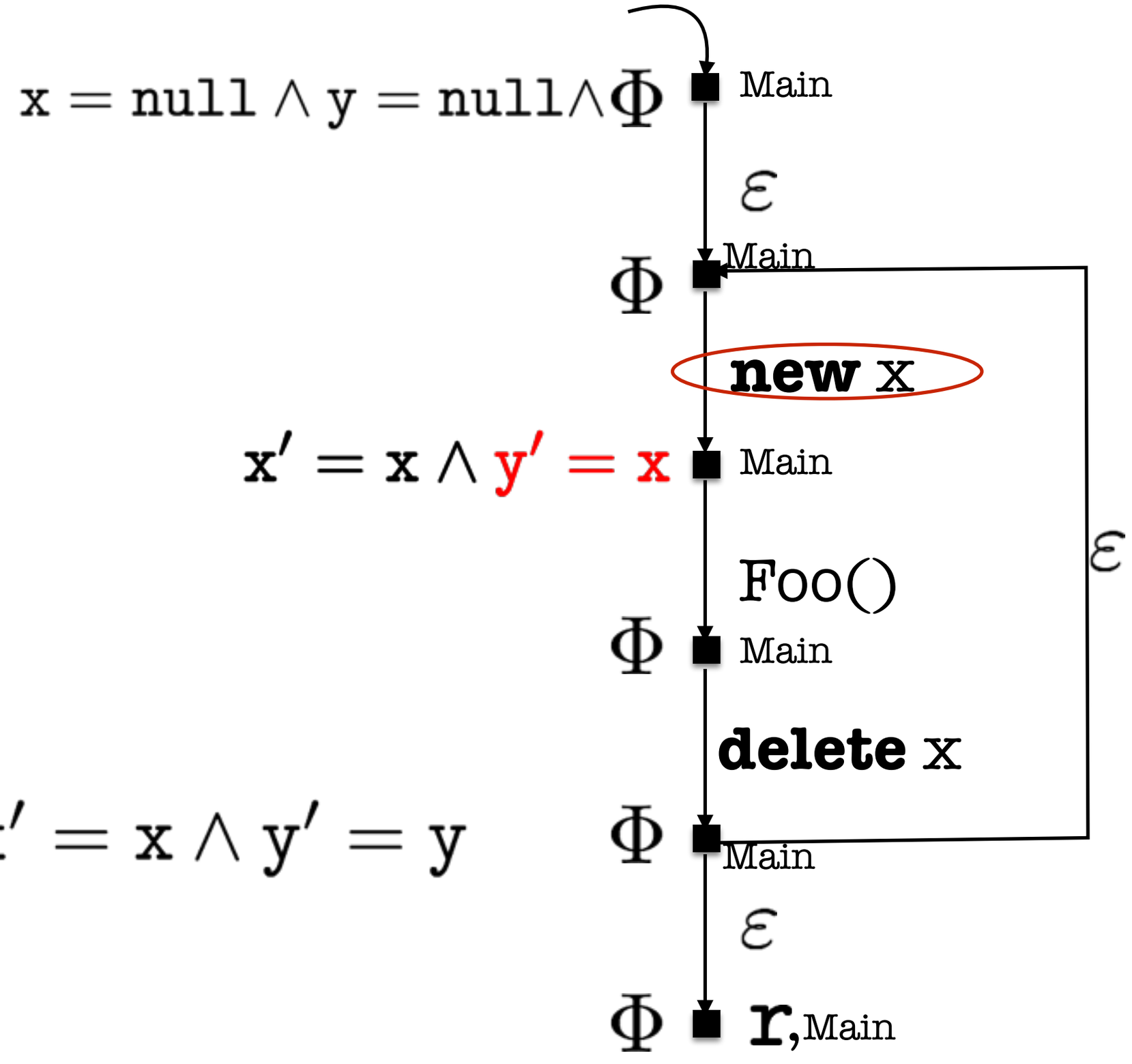

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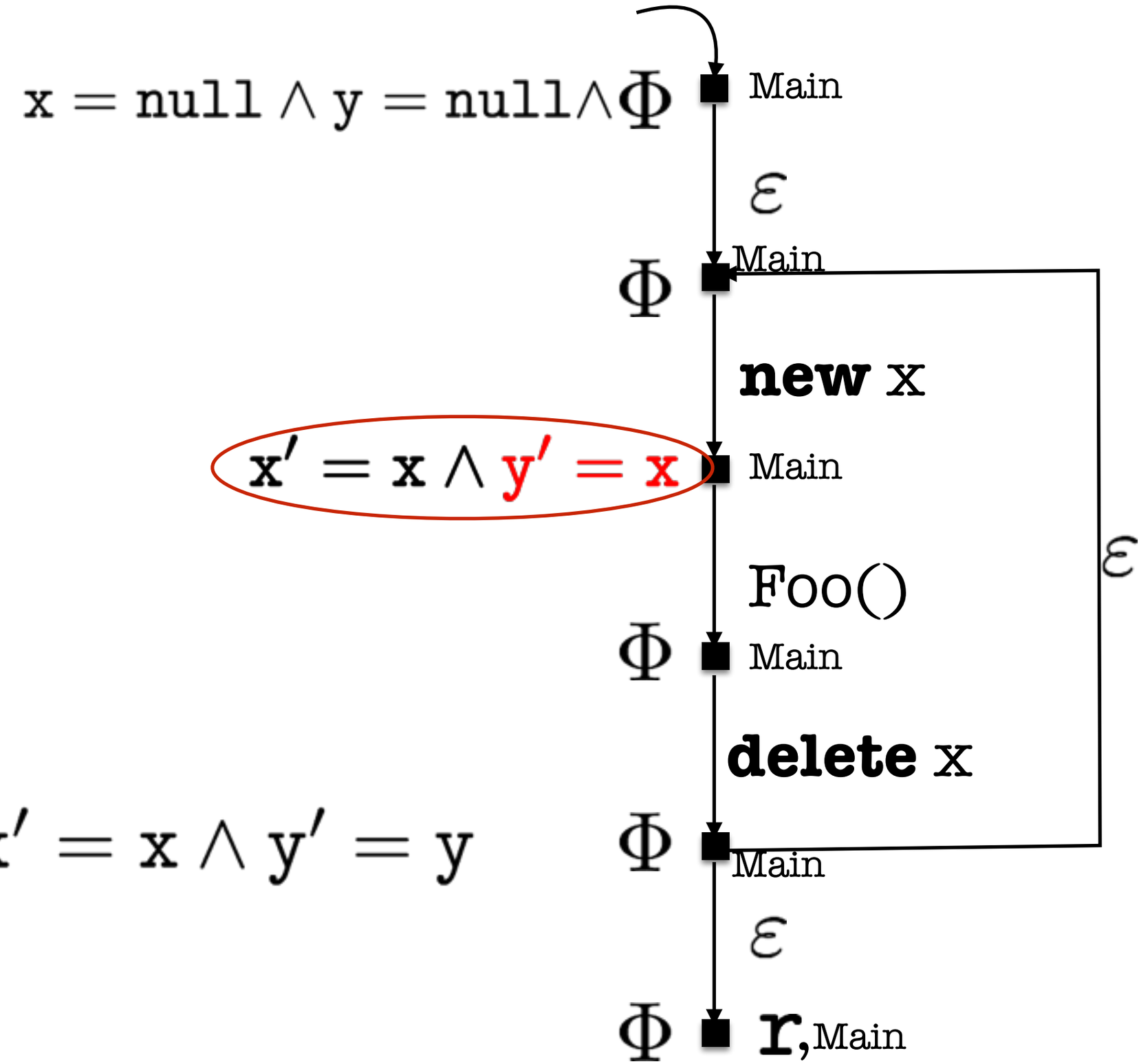

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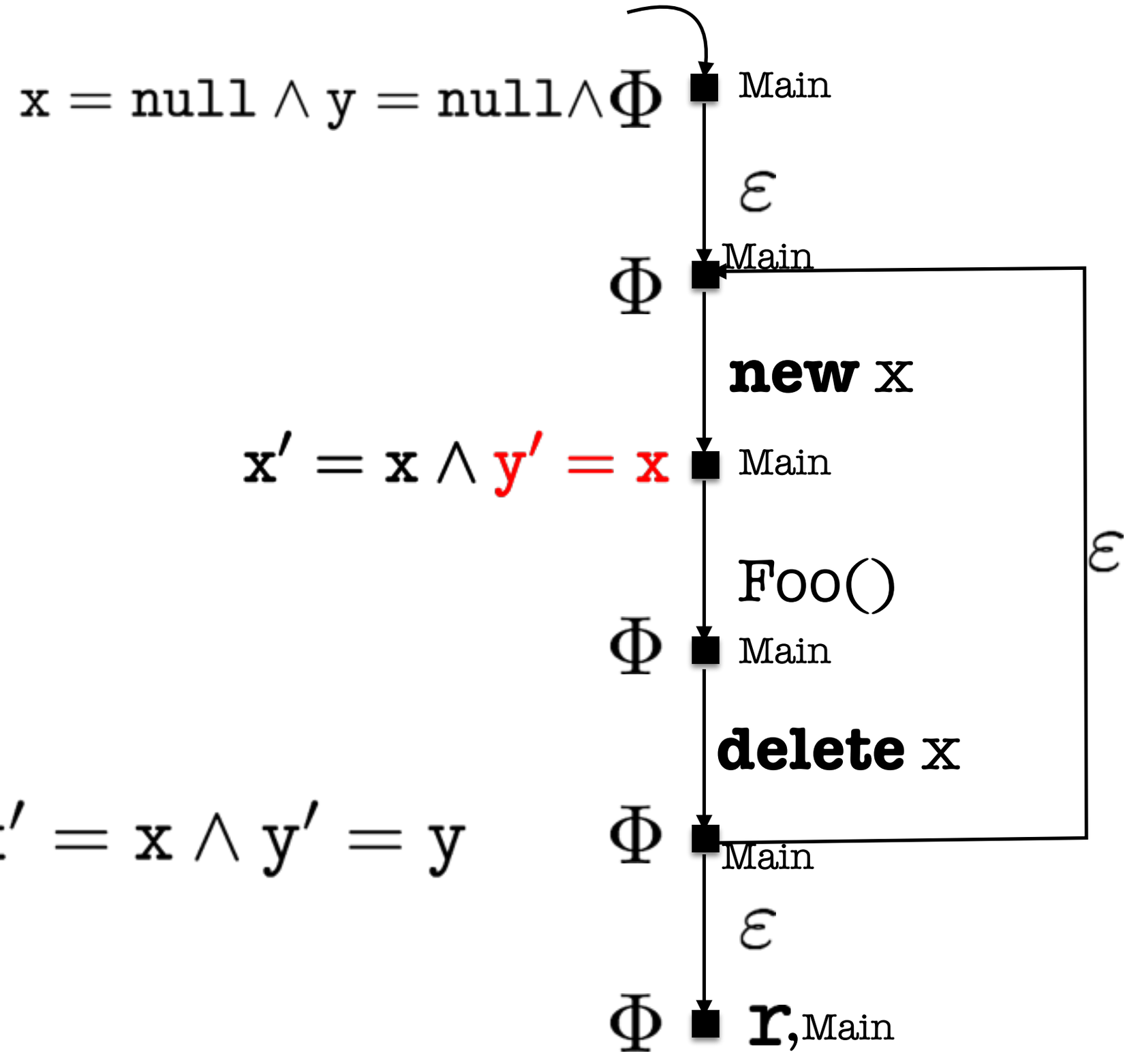

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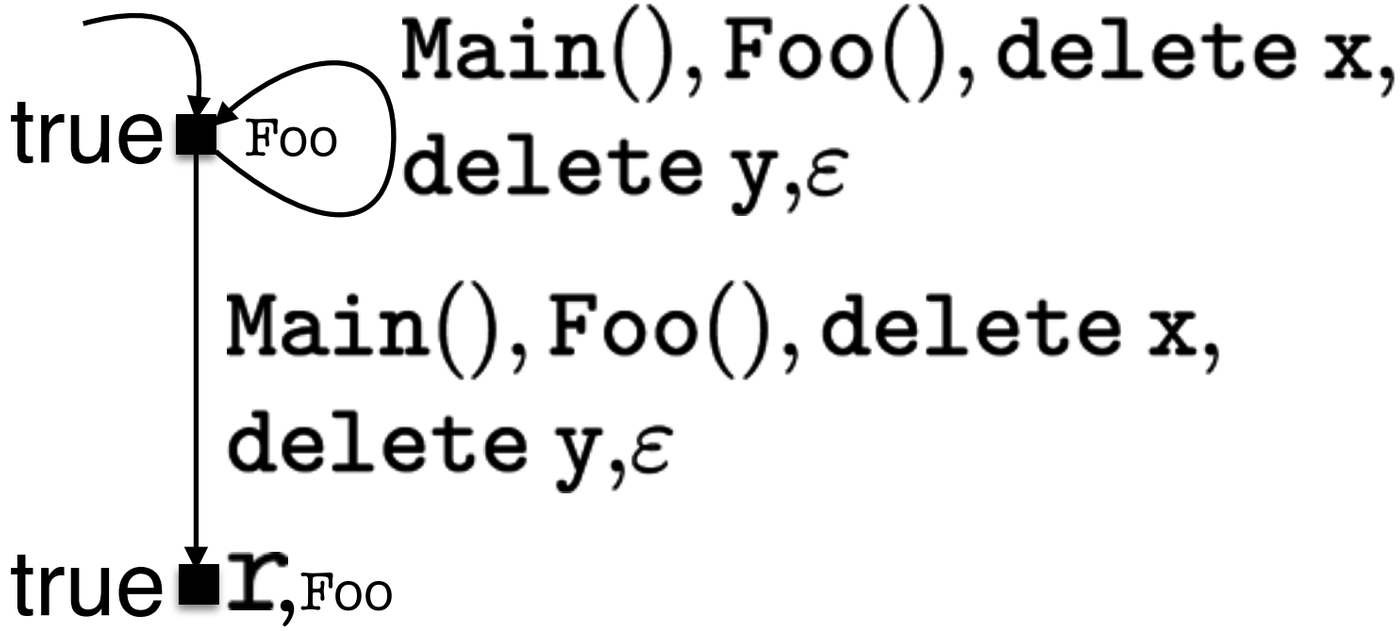

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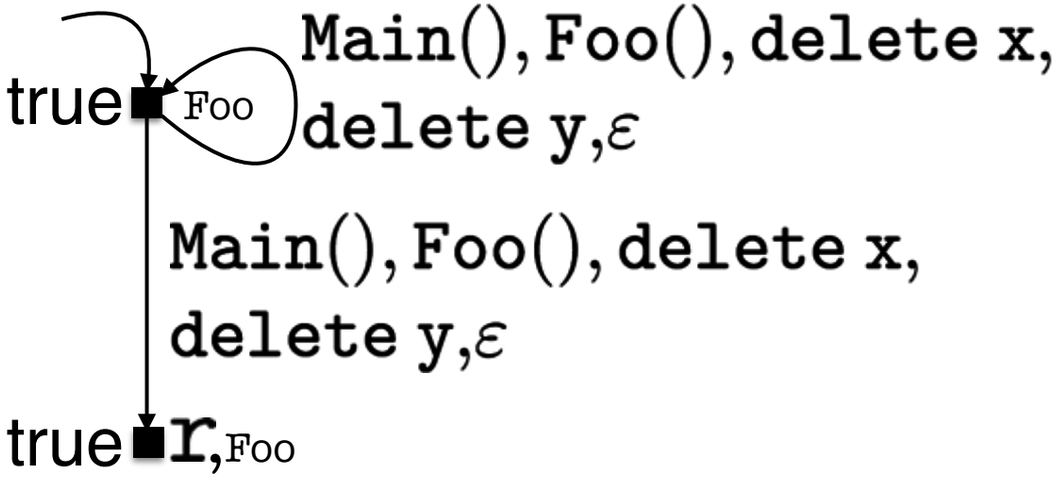

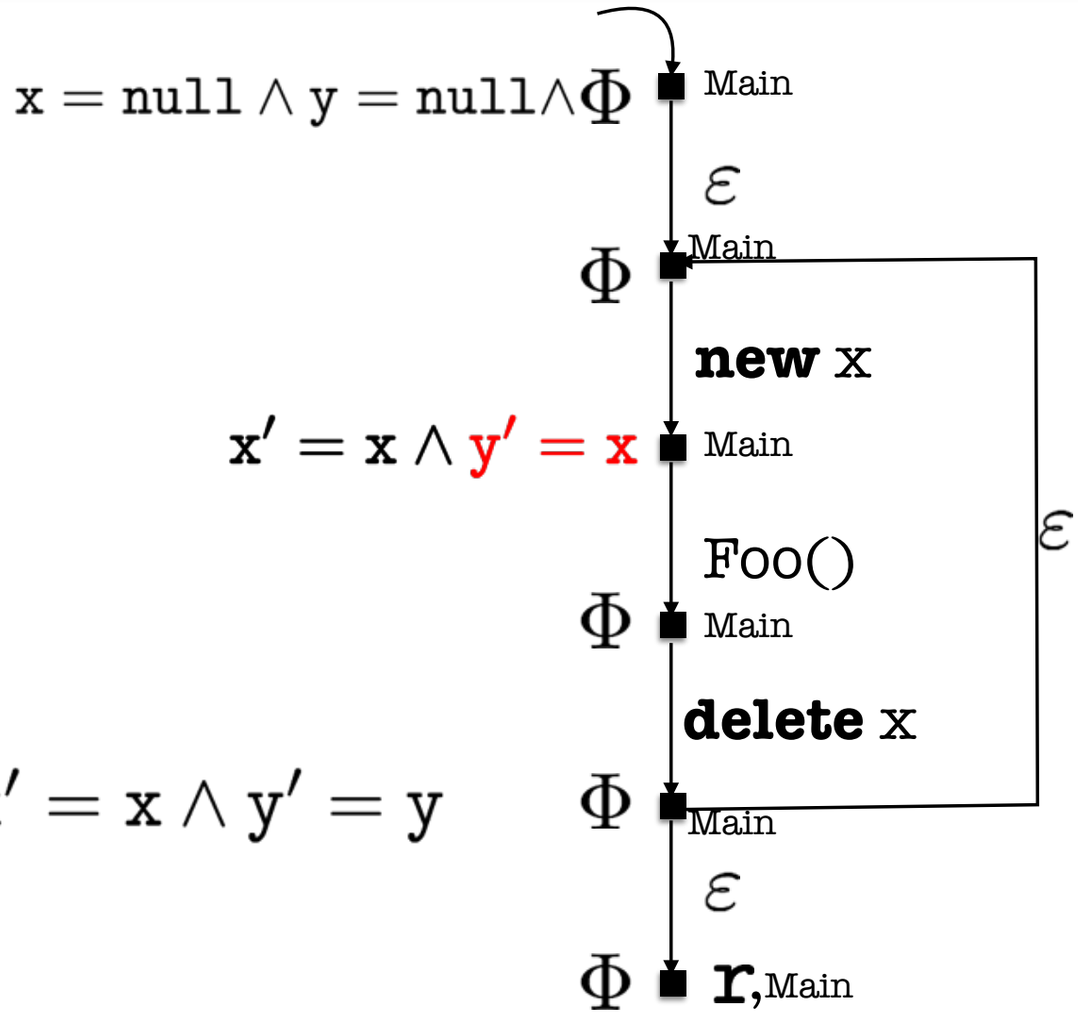

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Instantiations of the Framework

Instantiation for Program Models without Data

- No observed instruction
  - Labels: function calls and ε
- Abstract away all program data (no assertions, semantic entailment)

Instantiation for Program Models with Boolean Data

- No observed instruction
  - Labels: function calls and ε
- Assertions capture the effect of assignments and conditions

Instantiation for Program Models with Pointer Data

- Observed instruction: **new, delete**
  - Labels: function calls, new, delete and ε
- Assertions capture the effect of assignments and conditions

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Tool Support:

1. A set of stand alone tools, CVPP toolset (existed before)
2. A fully automated tool for procedure-modular verification of programs with full data abstraction
   ProMoVer

   - Siavash Soleimanifard, Dilian Gurov, and Marieke Huisman. *Procedure-modular verification of control flow safety properties.* In FTfJP '10

   - Siavash Soleimanifard, Dilian Gurov, and Marieke Huisman. *ProMoVer: Modular verification of temporal safety properties.* In SEFM '11

   - Siavash Soleimanifard, Dilian Gurov, and Marieke Huisman. *Procedure-modular specification and verification of temporal safety properties.* In Journal of Software and System Modelling. **(Paper I)**

Contributions cont.

Verification of product families:

1. A hierarchical variable model for capturing commonality and variability of products

2. A extension of our verification technique for the efficient verification of product families represented by hierarchical variability models

- Ina Schaefer, Dilian Gurov, and Siavash Soleimanifard. *Compositional algorithmic verification of software product lines.* In FMCO '10.

- Siavash Soleimanifard, Dilian Gurov, Bjarte Østvold, and Minko Markov.
  Model Mining and Efficient Verification of Software Product Lines.
  Submitted to Journal of Logic and Algebraic Programming. **(Paper II)**

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Development of the framework:

1. A framework for compositional verification with full data abstraction (existed before)

2. A generic framework for verification of procedural programs in the presence of variability

   - Three instantiations of the framework

   - Siavash Soleimanifard, and Dilian Gurov. *Algorithmic verification of procedural programs in the presence of code variability*. *In FACS '14*.

   - Siavash Soleimanifard, and Dilian Gurov. *Algorithmic verification of procedural programs in the presence of code variability*. *Technical Report* **(Paper III)**

ProMoVer

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Fully automated tool for **procedure-modular** verification of **Java** programs with **data-less instantiation** of the generic framework

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Verification Result:
YES/NO

$$(\texttt{even}, \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{\texttt{even call odd}} (\texttt{odd}, \texttt{even}) \xrightarrow{\texttt{odd ret even}} (\texttt{even}, \varepsilon)$$

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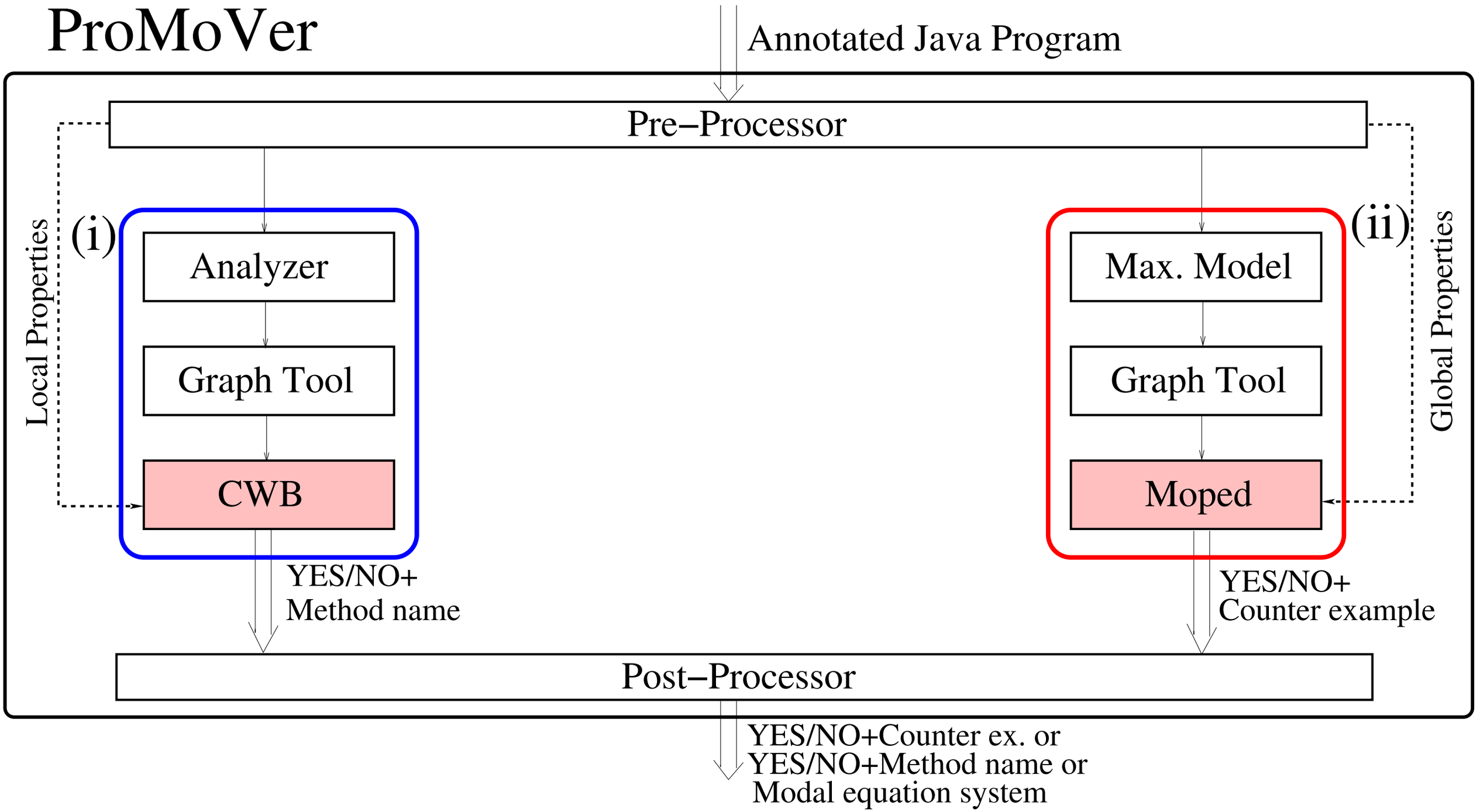
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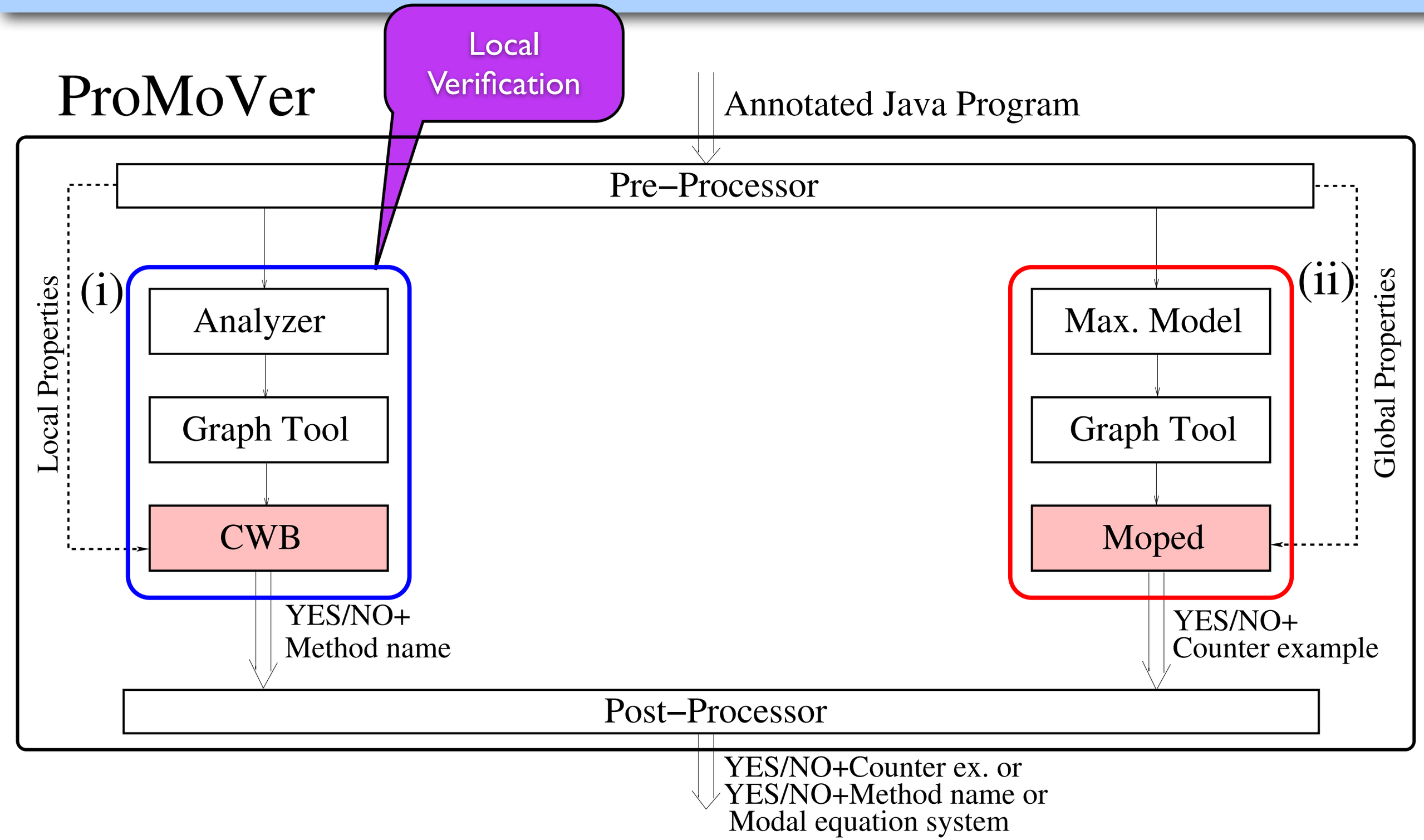
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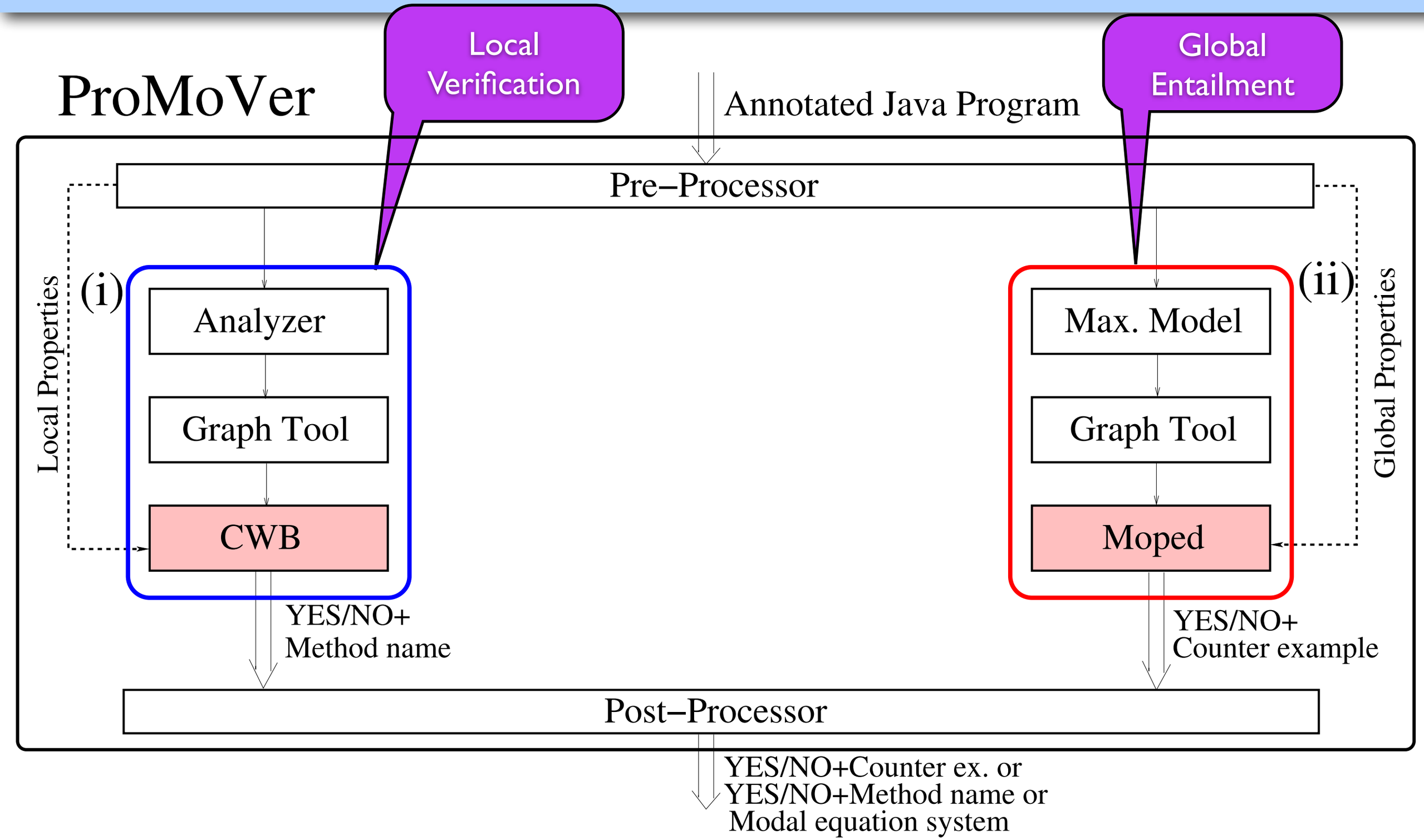
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ProMoVer -- Advanced Features

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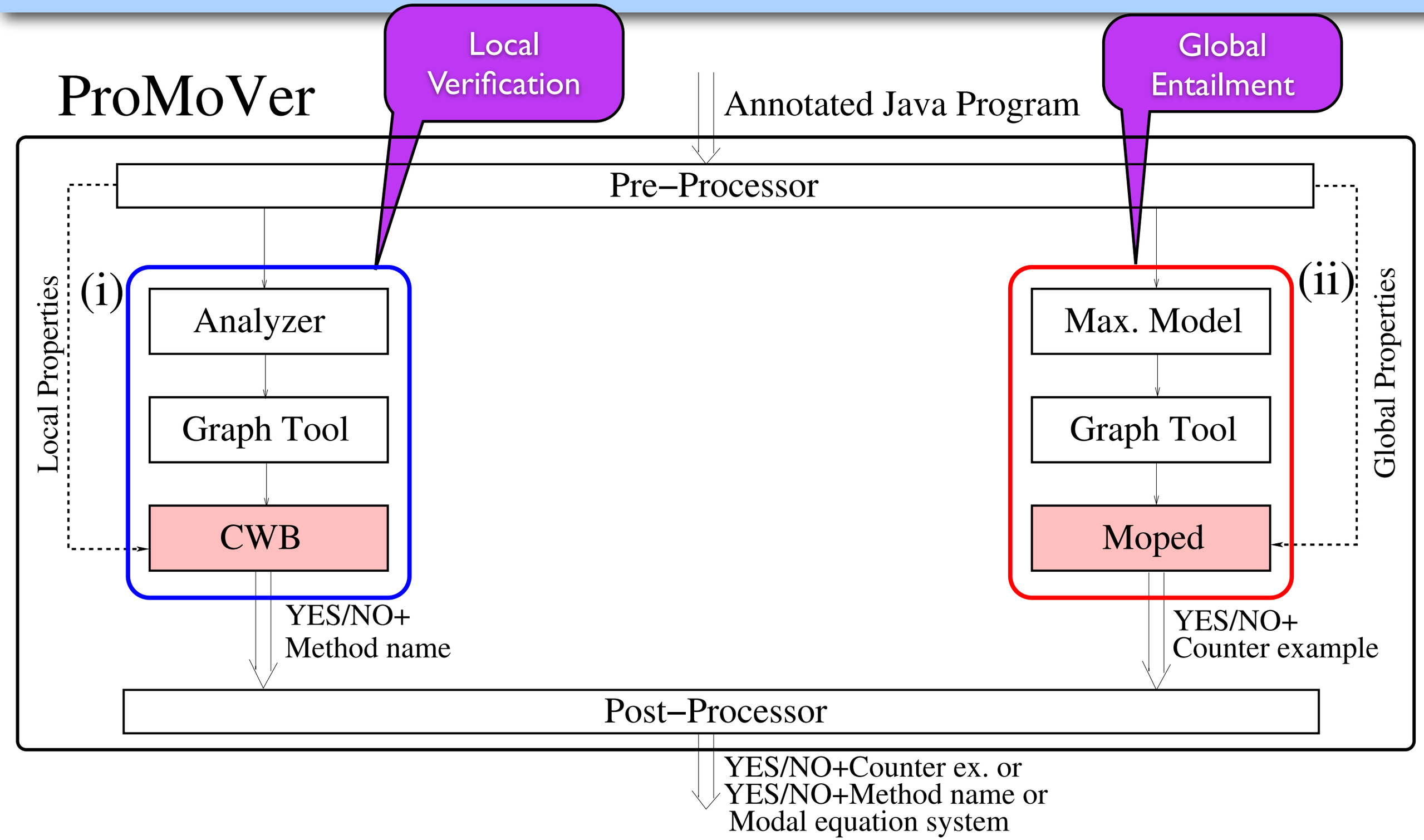
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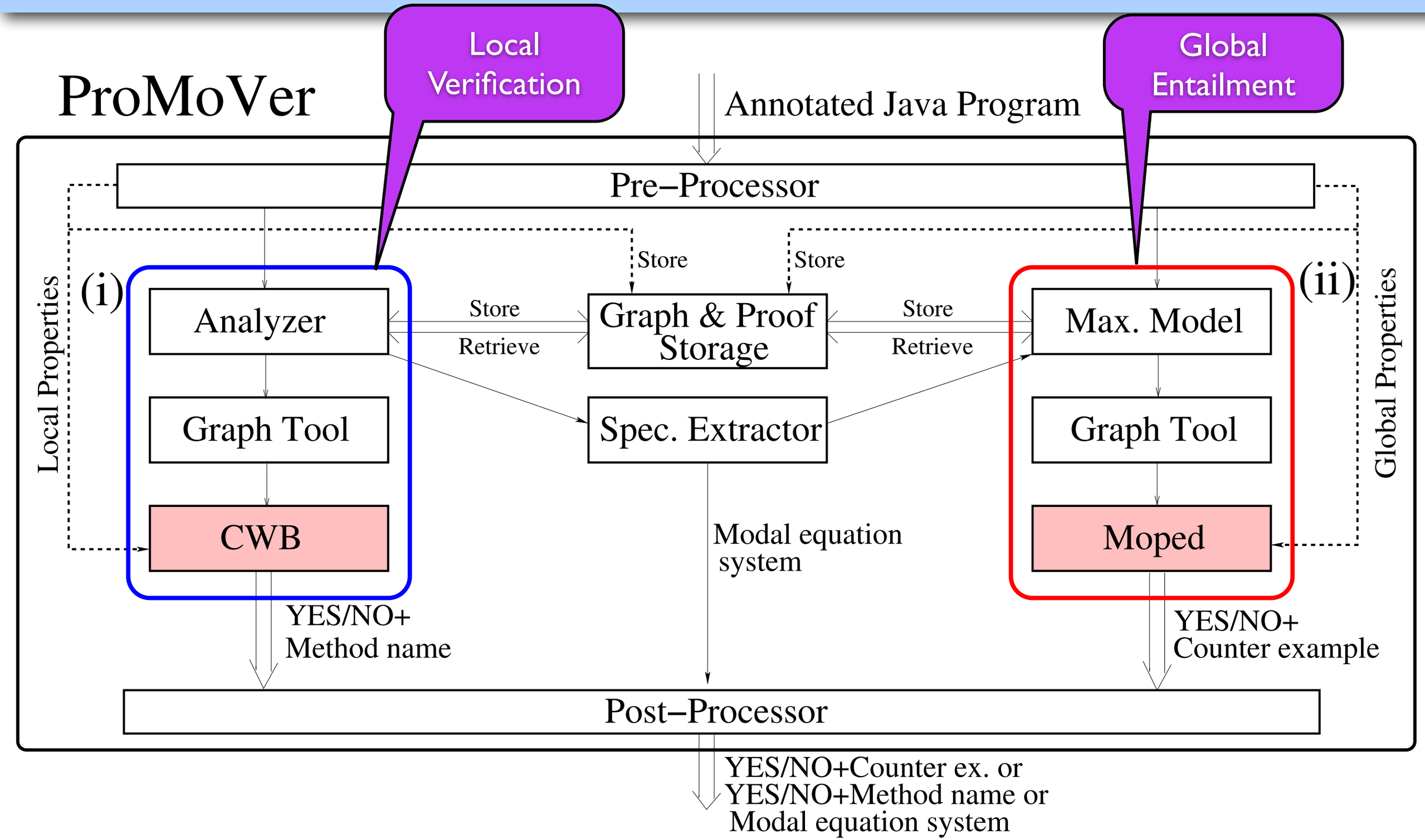

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Sail-Web app. Full-version	10844	32 sec	NA	NA	32 sec

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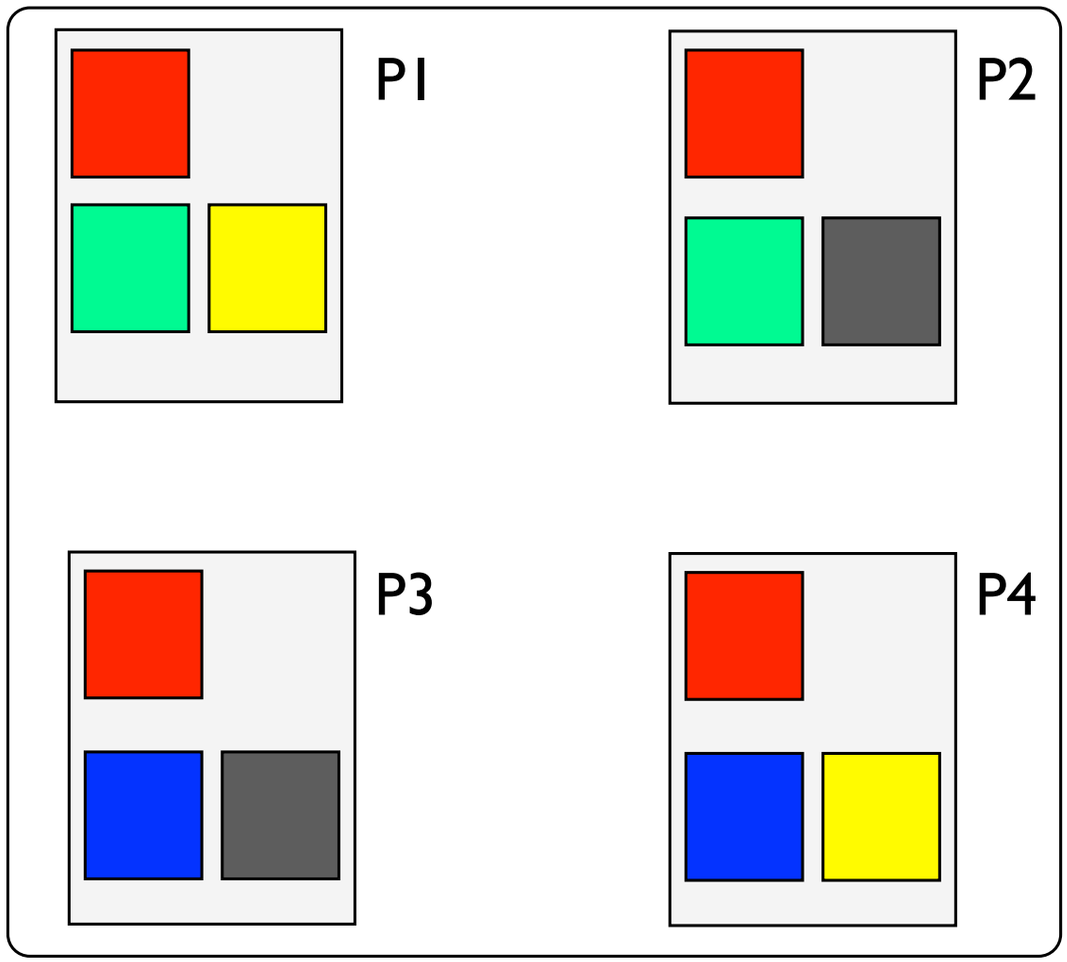

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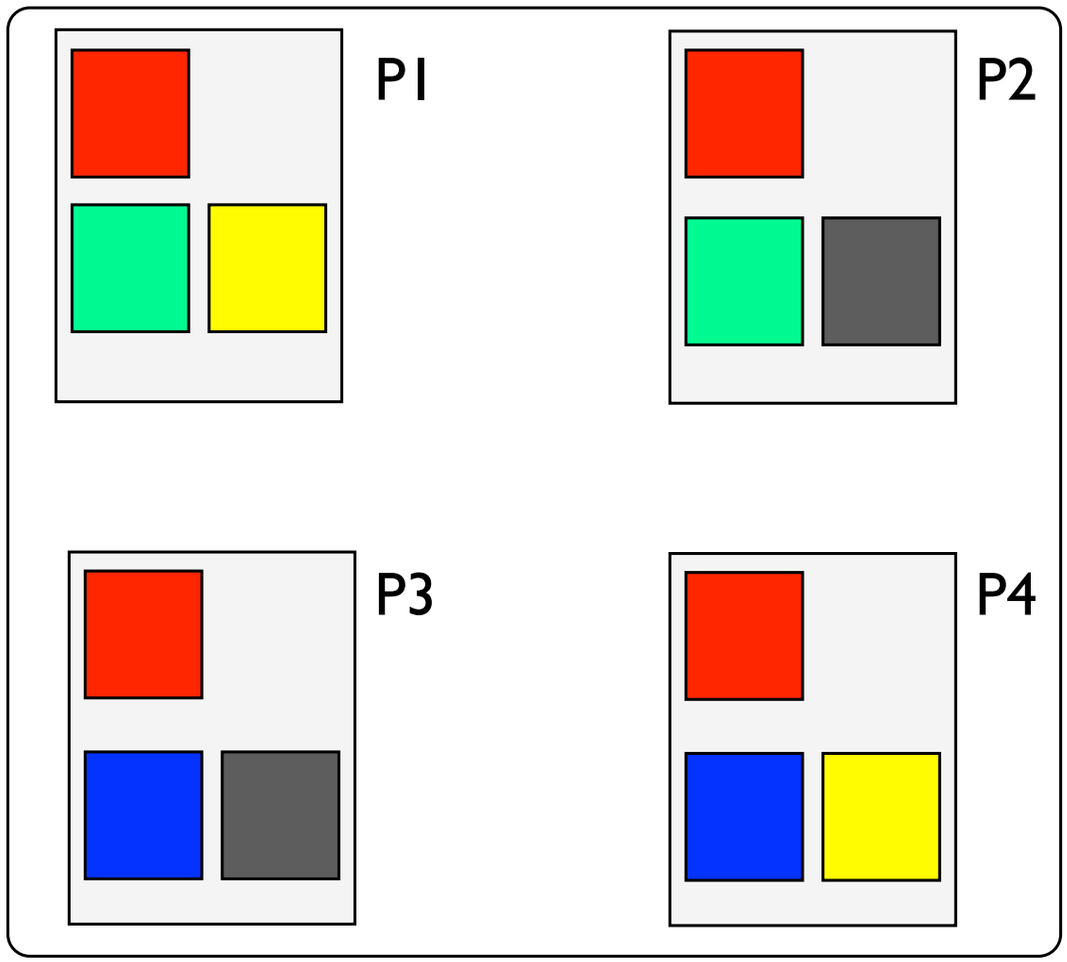

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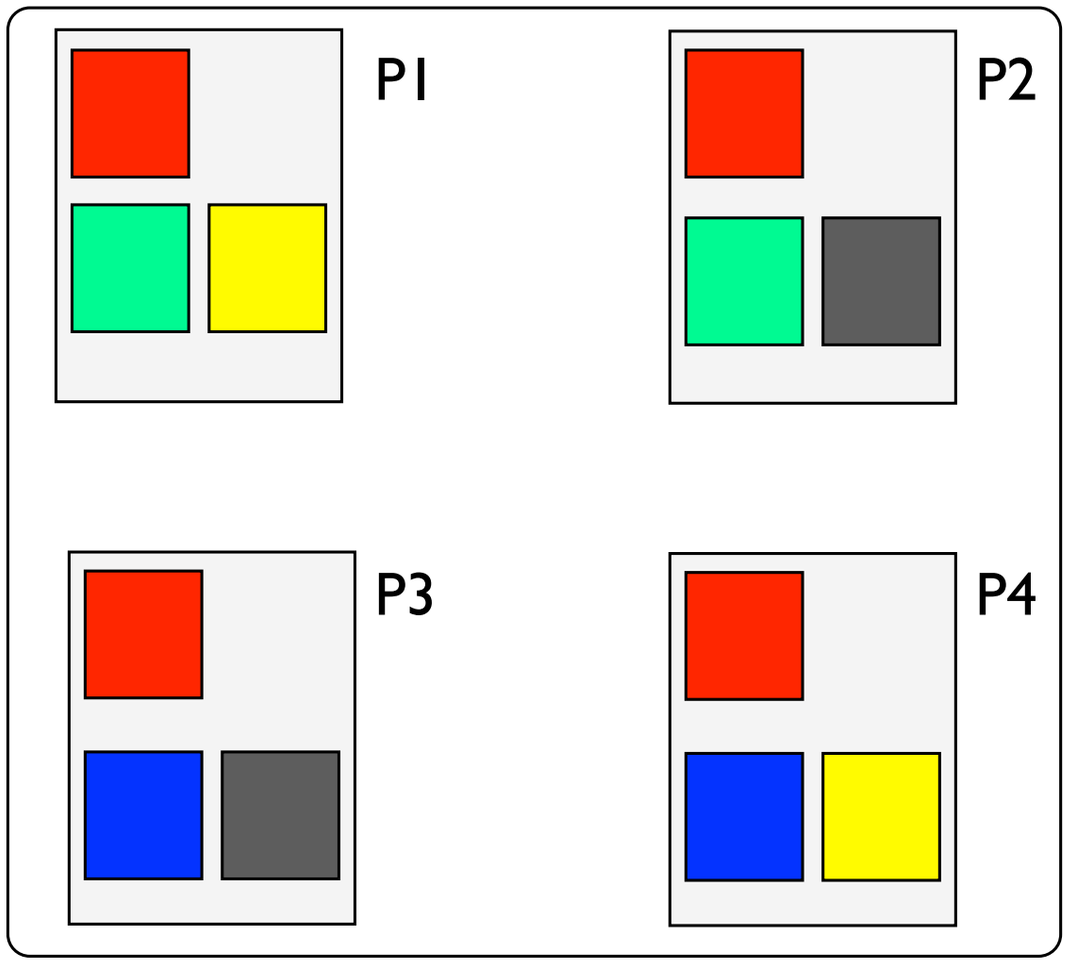

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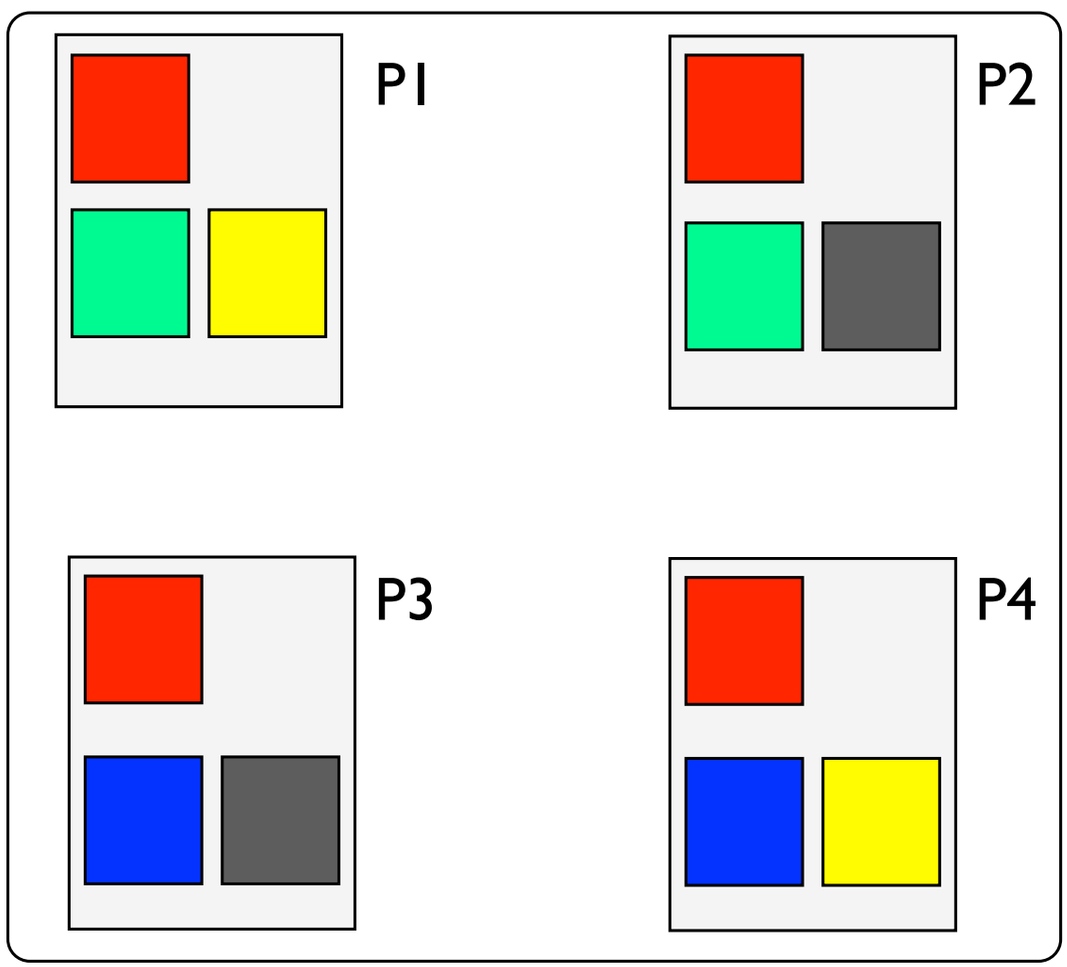

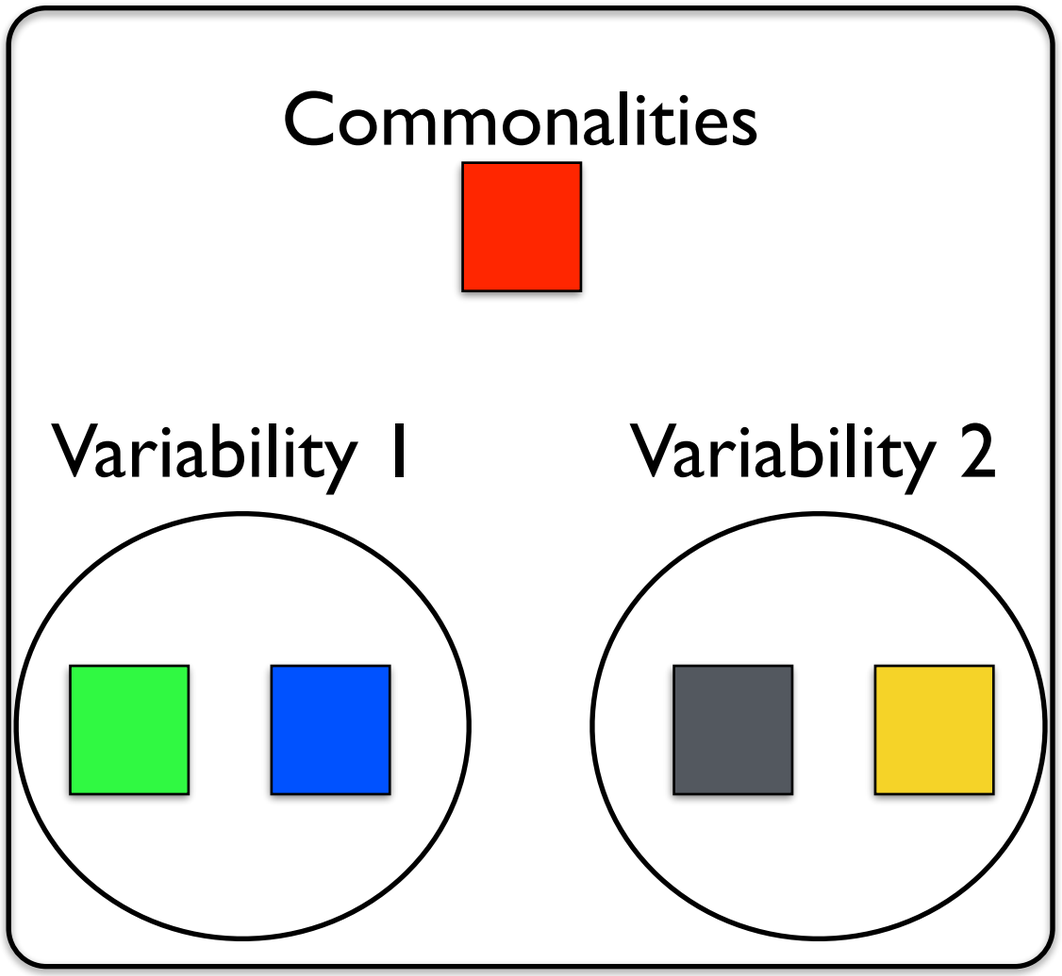

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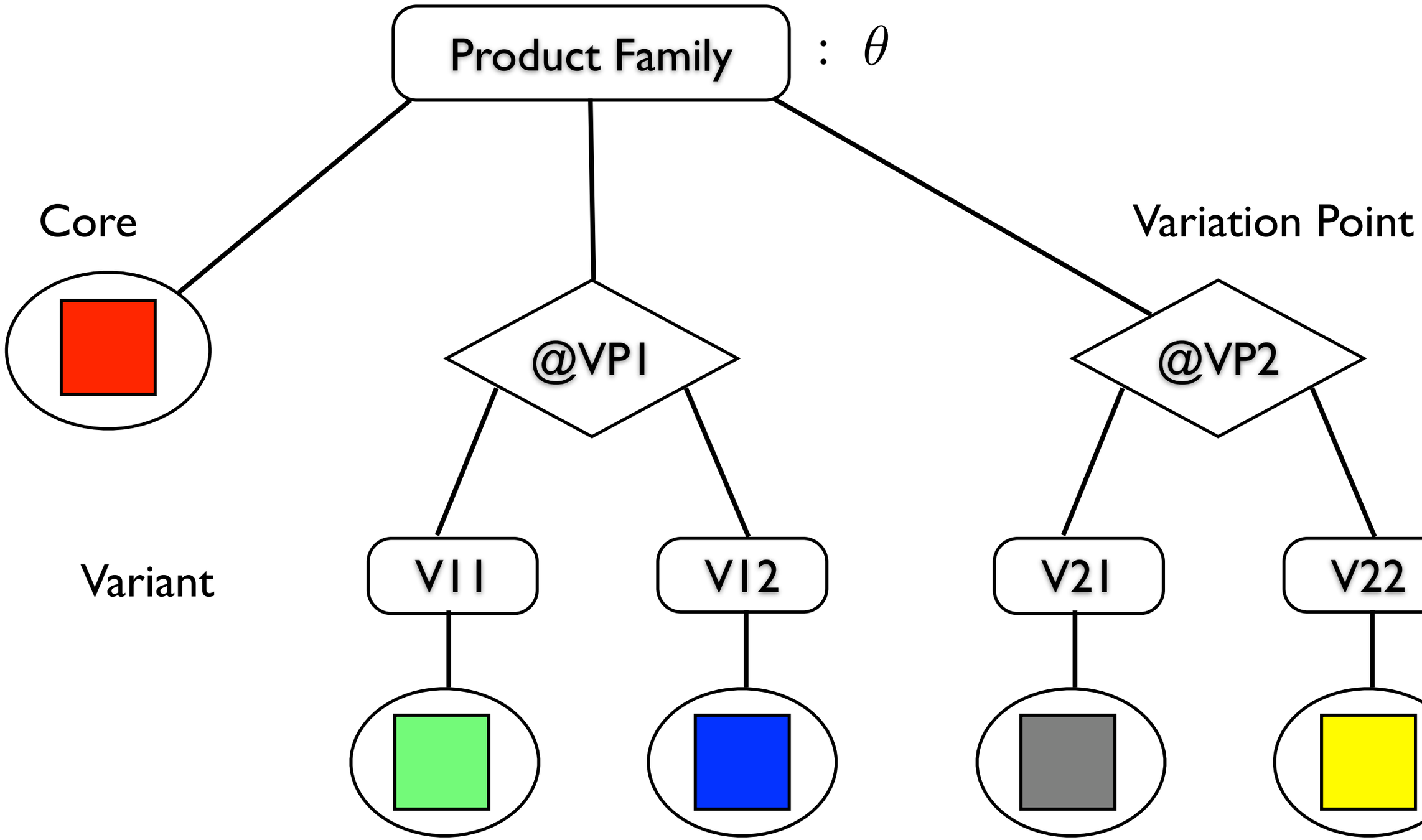

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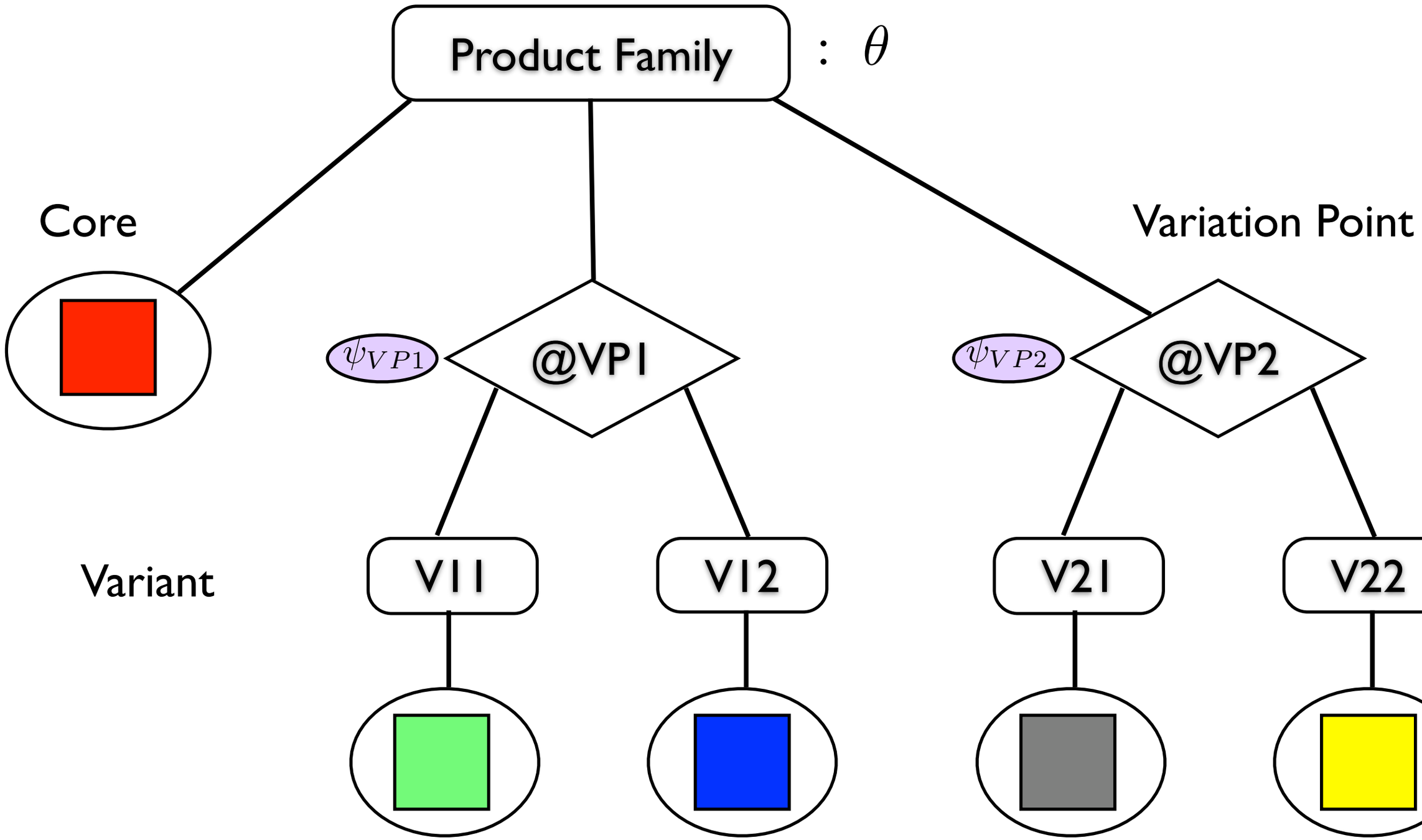

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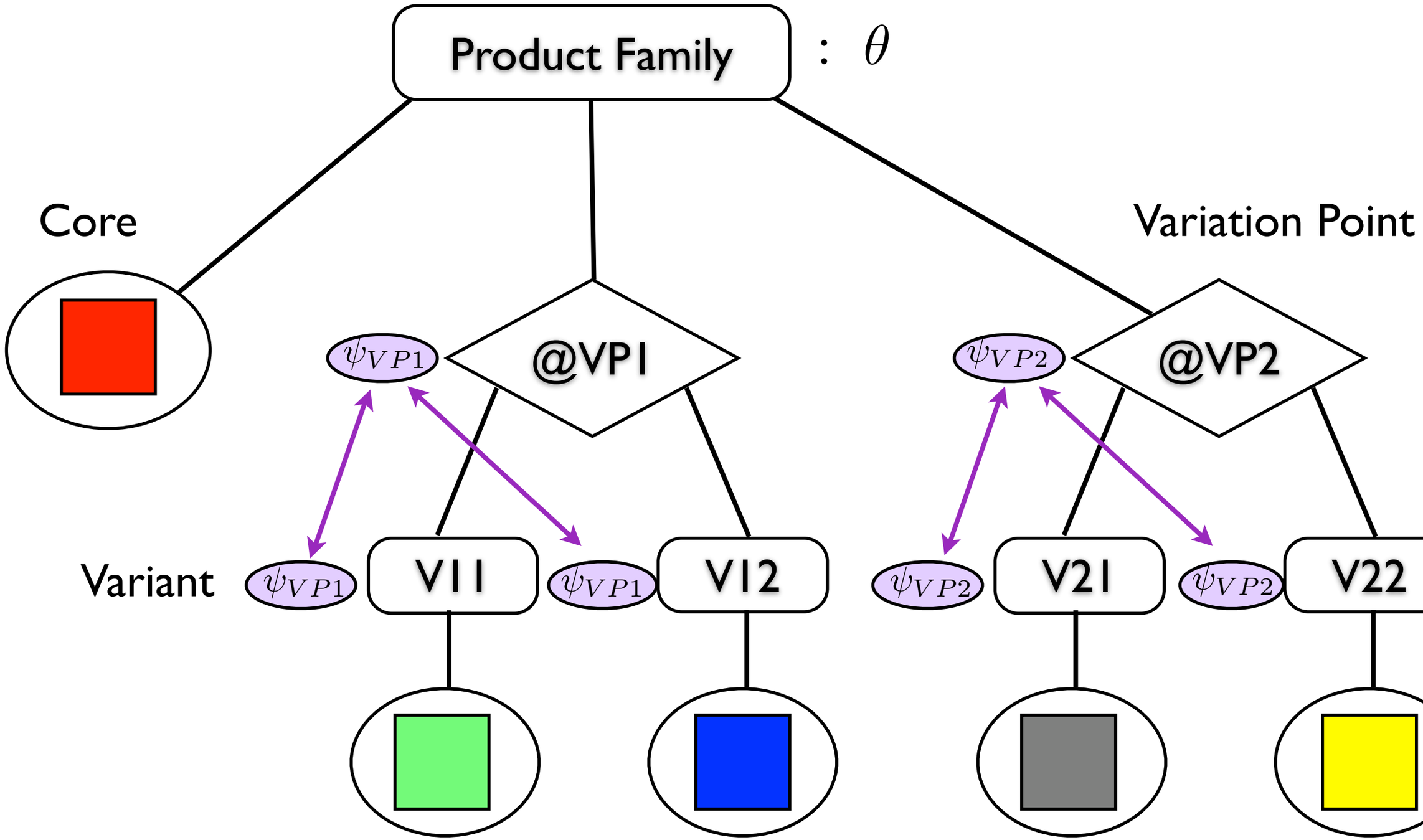

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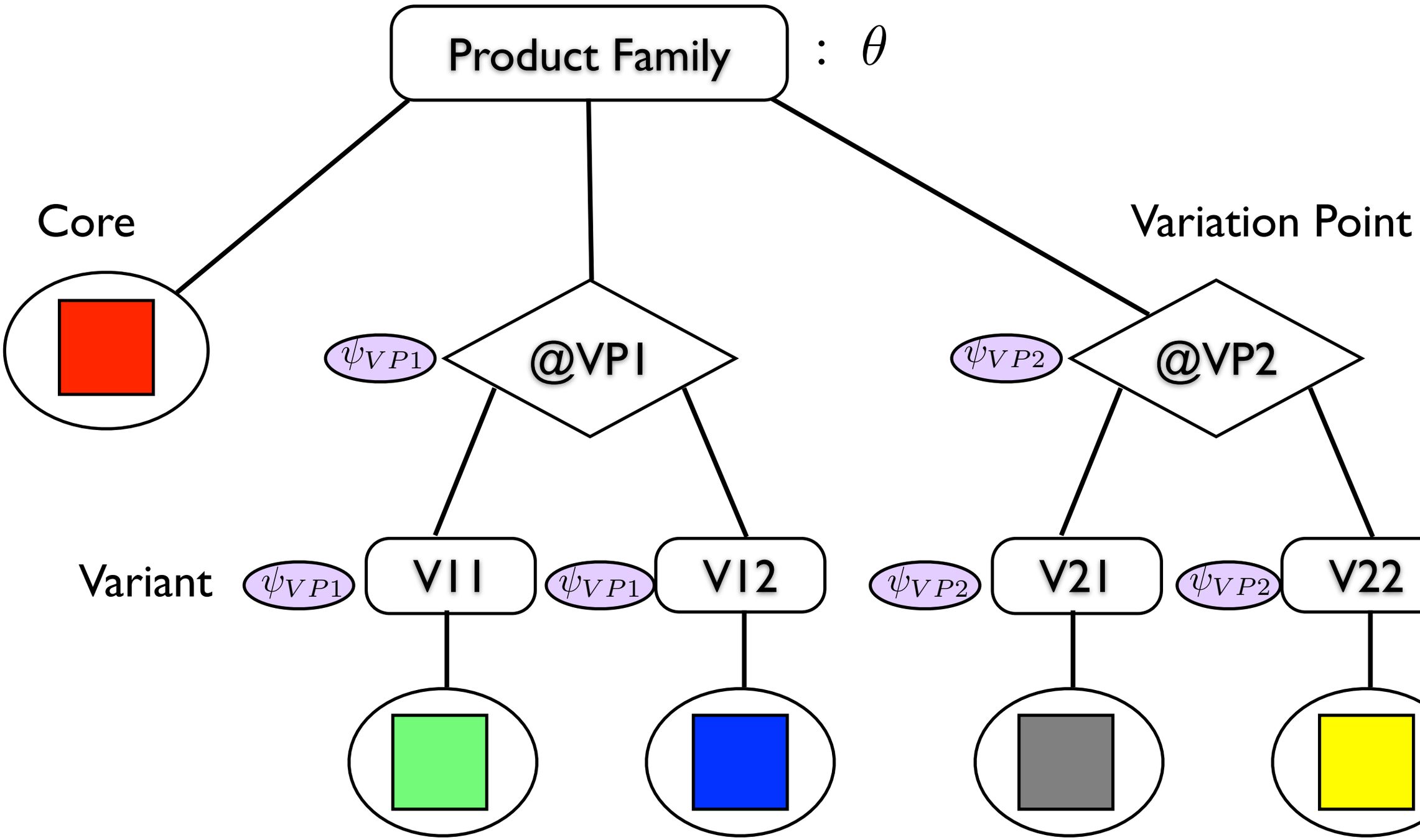

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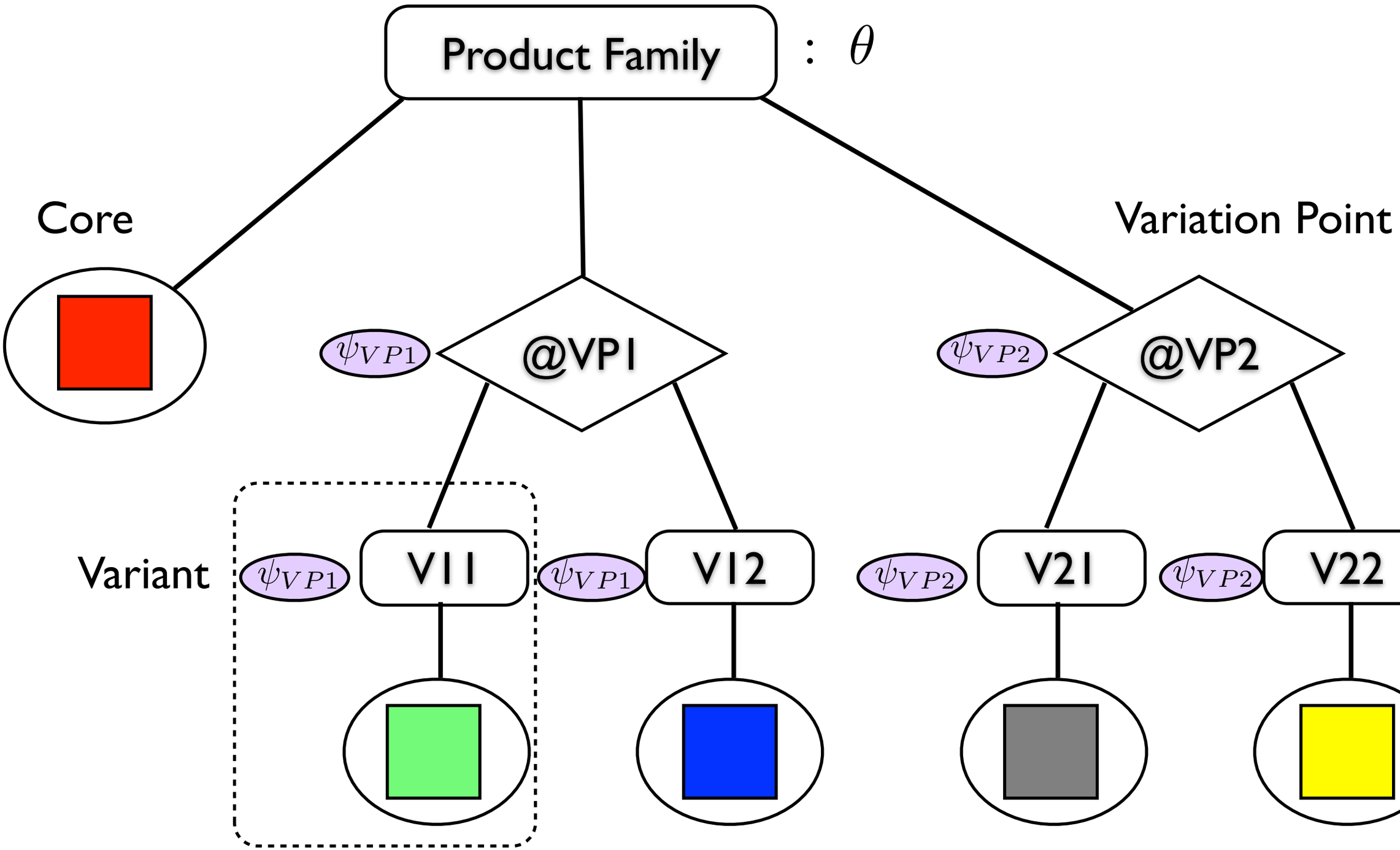

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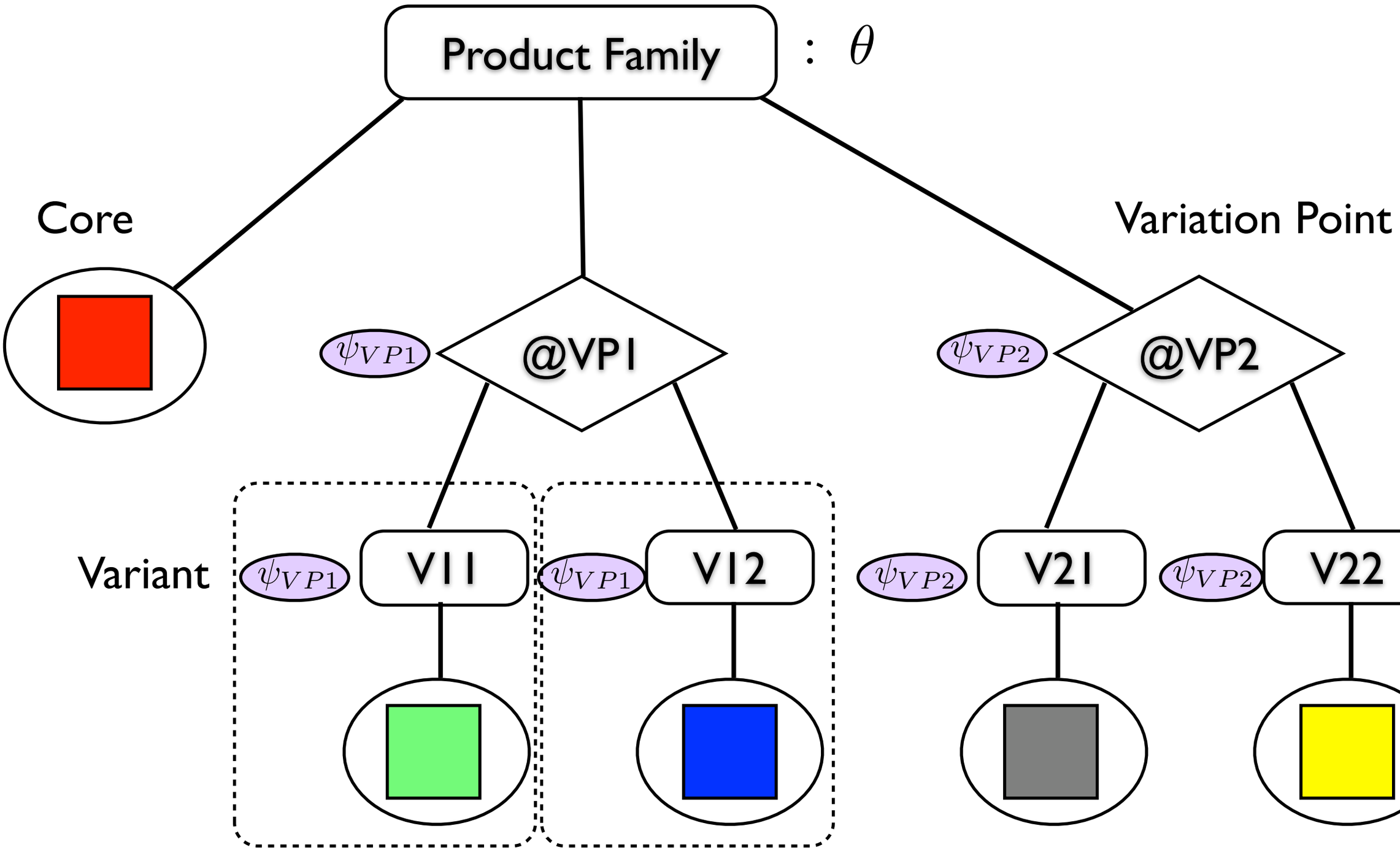

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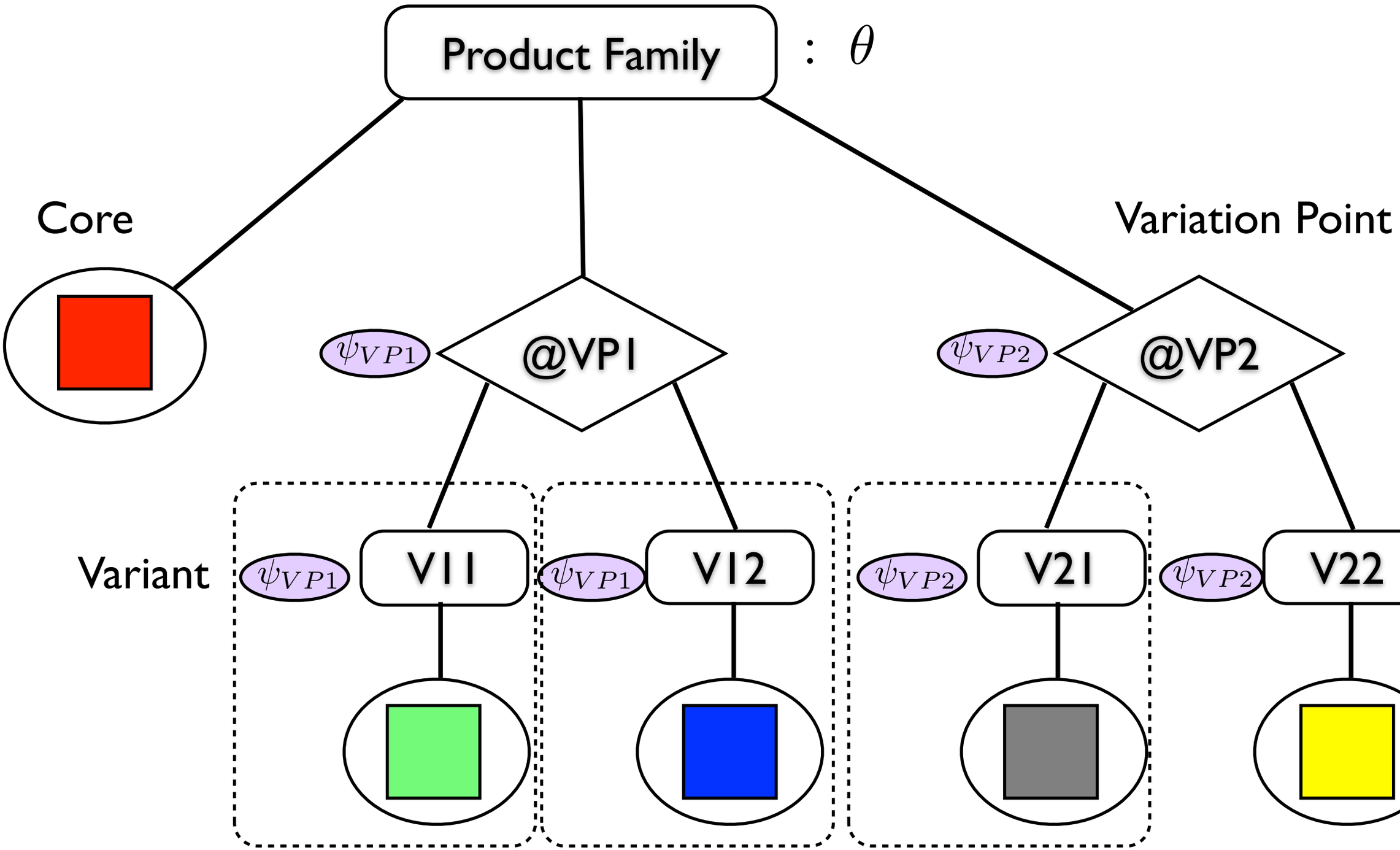

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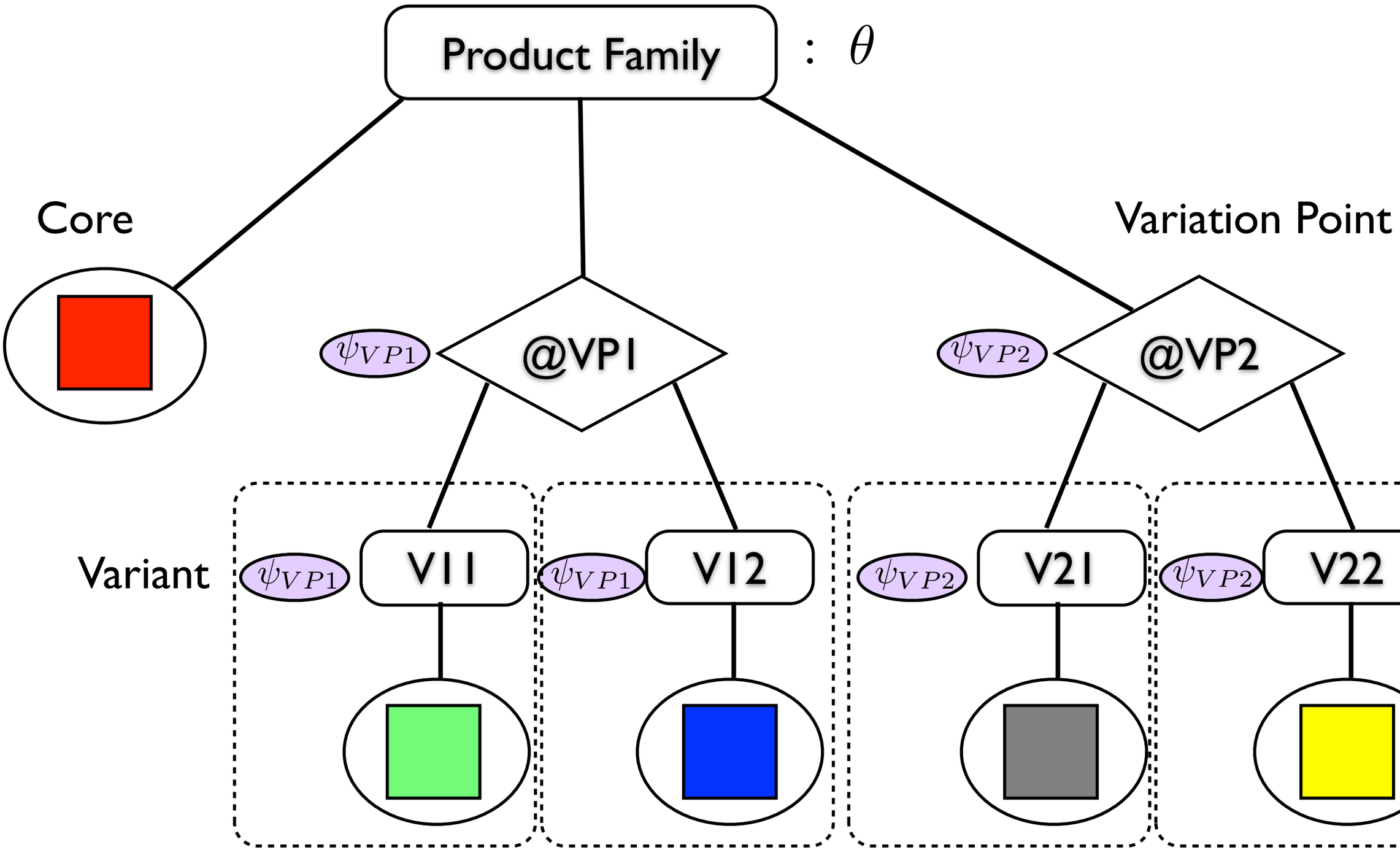

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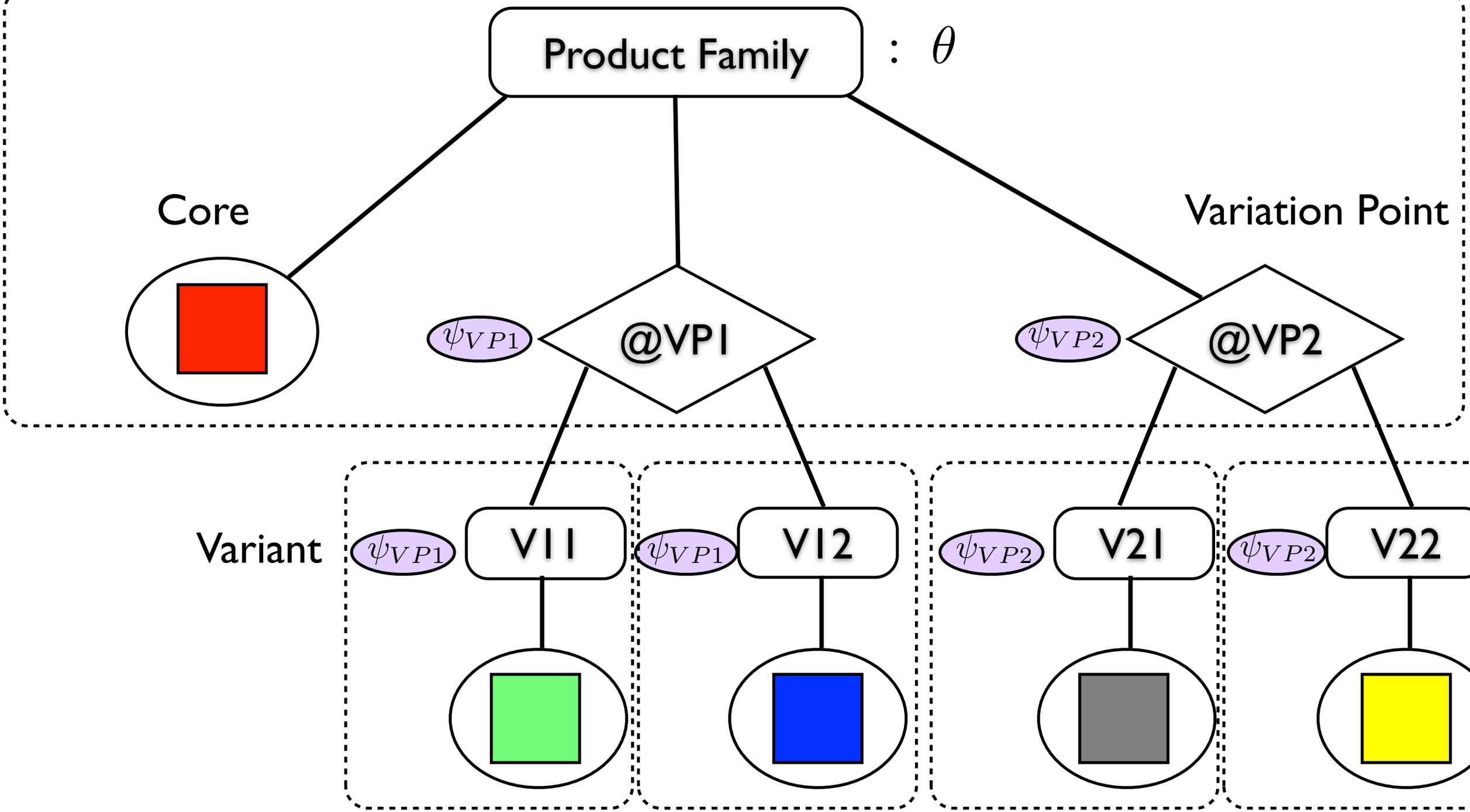

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