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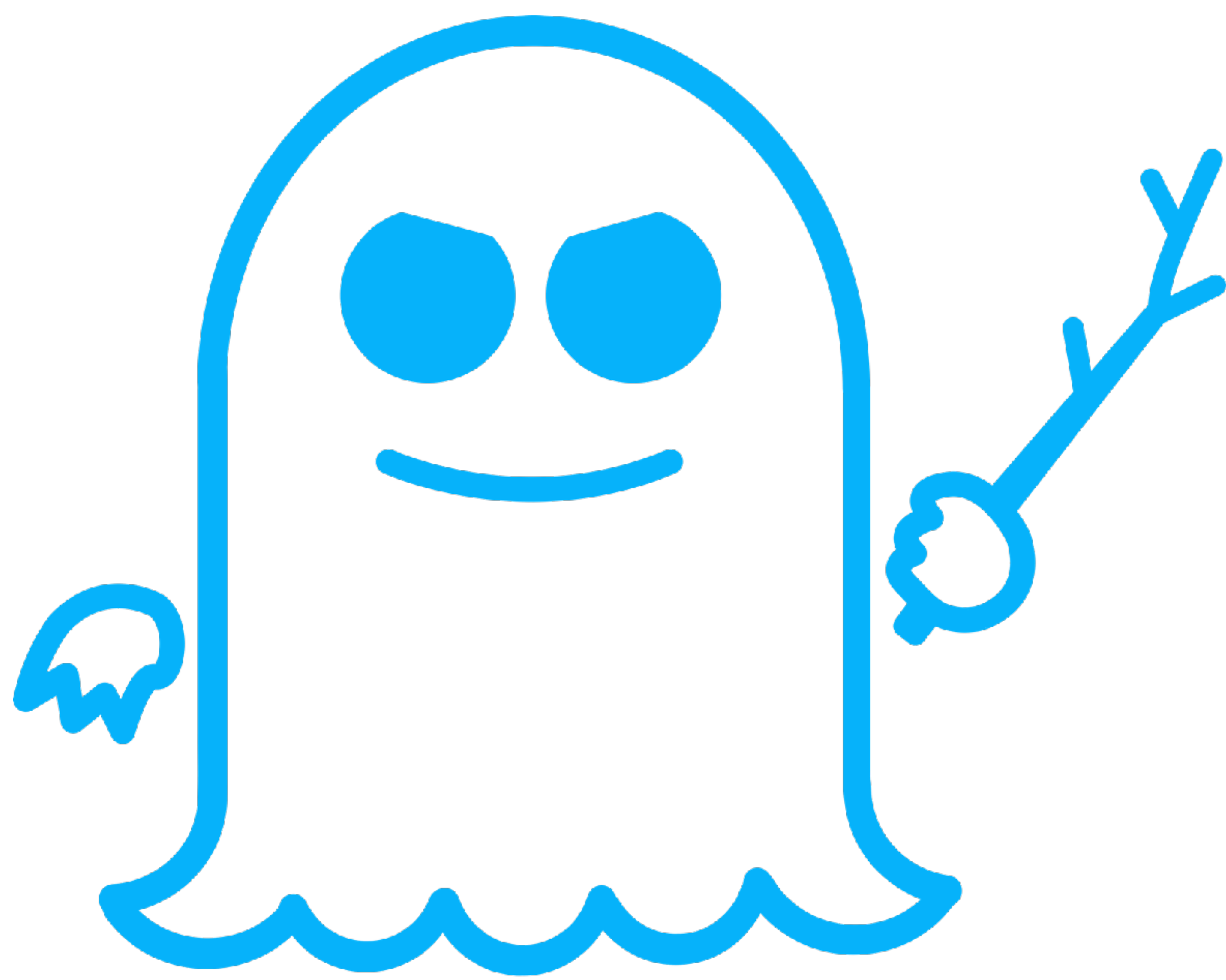
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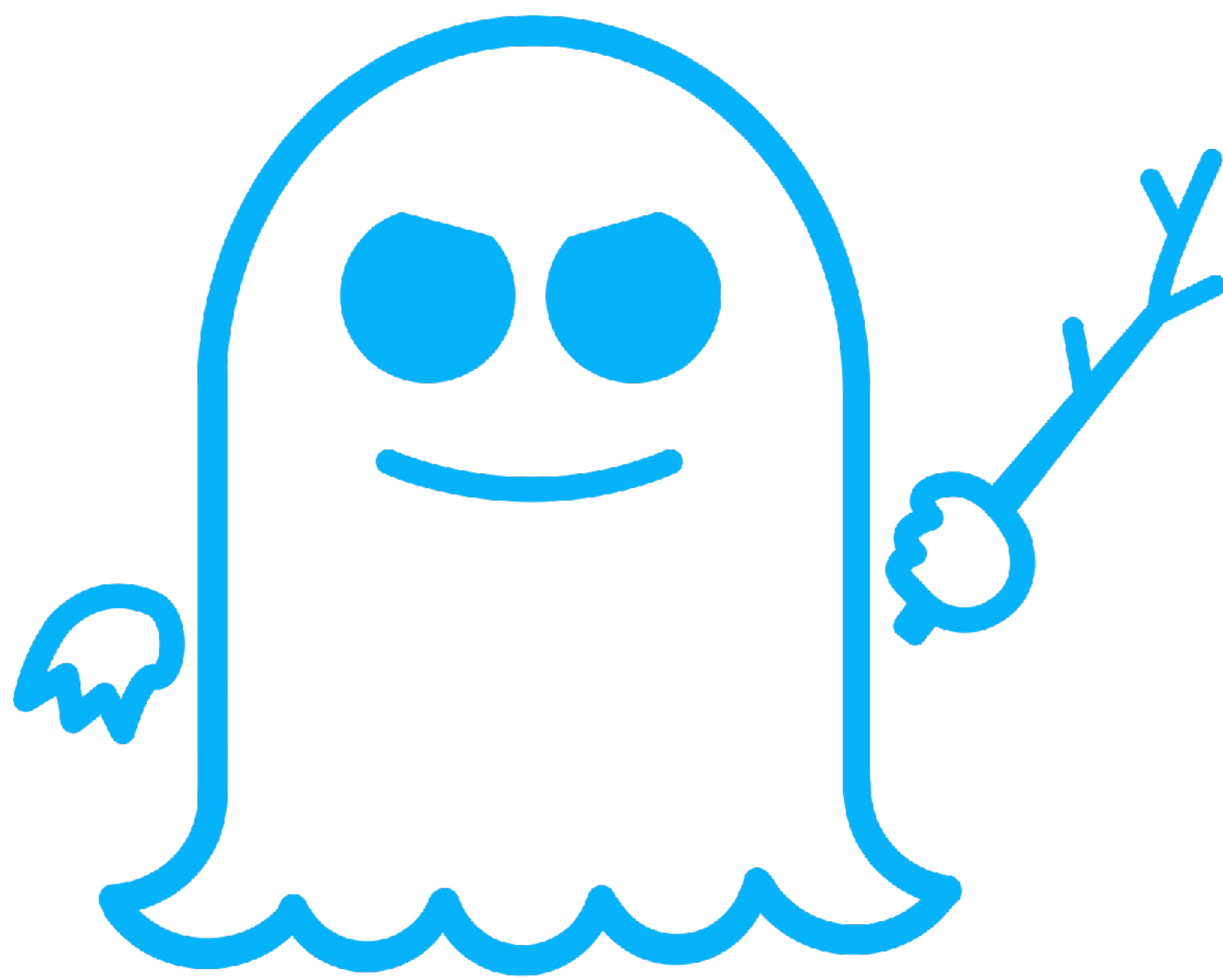
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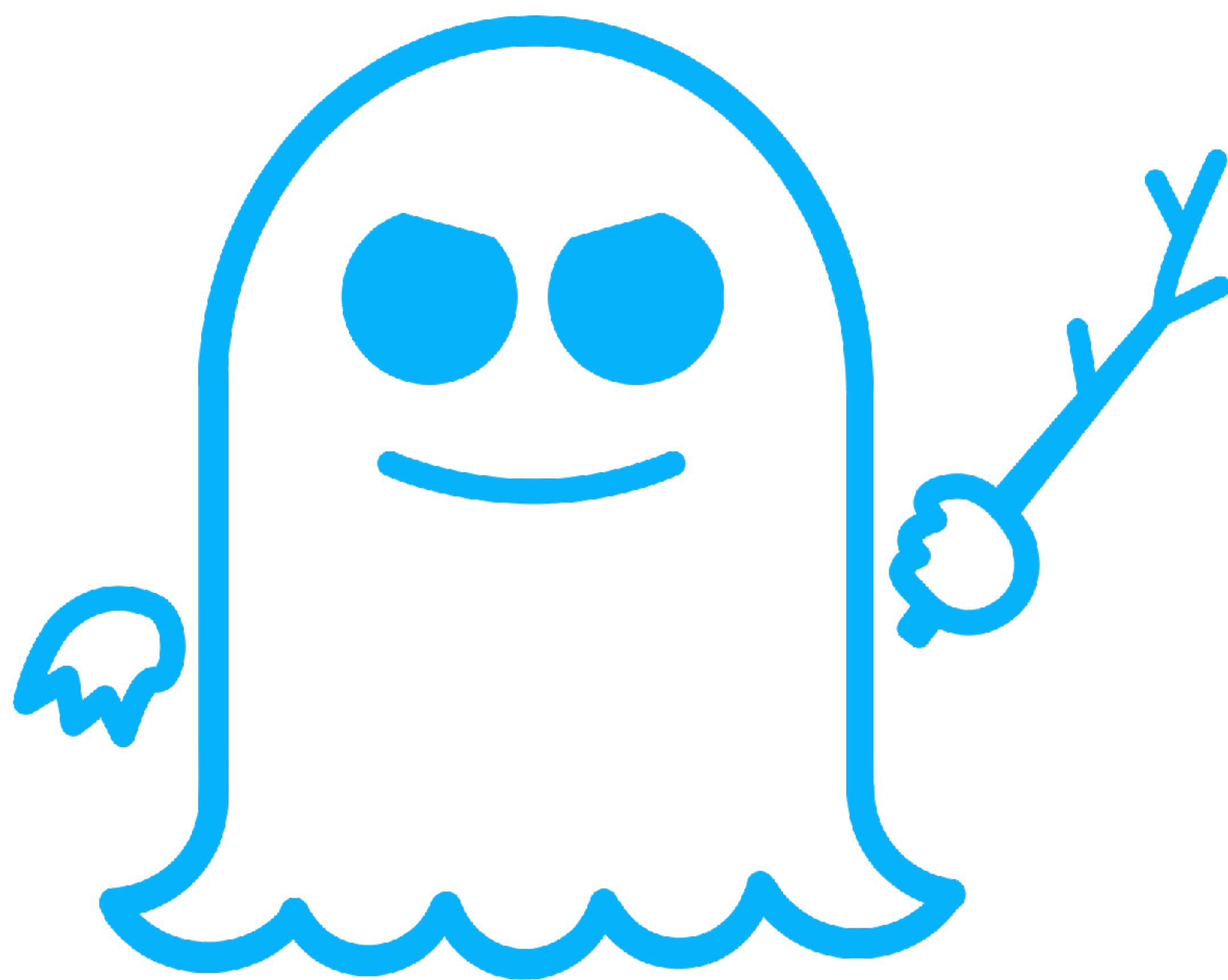


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2. Static analysis to **detect vulnerability**
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1. Speculative execution attacks
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3. Spectector: Detecting speculative leaks
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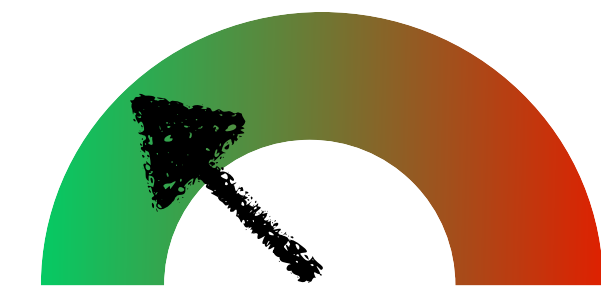
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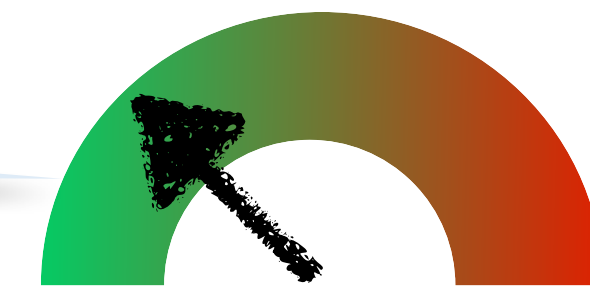


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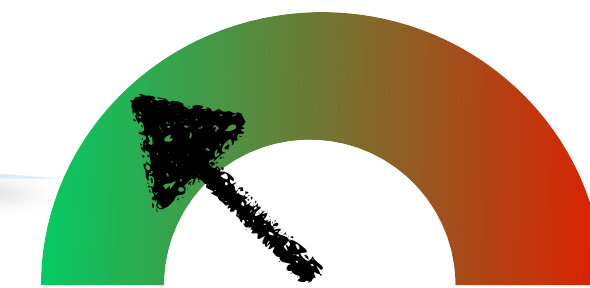


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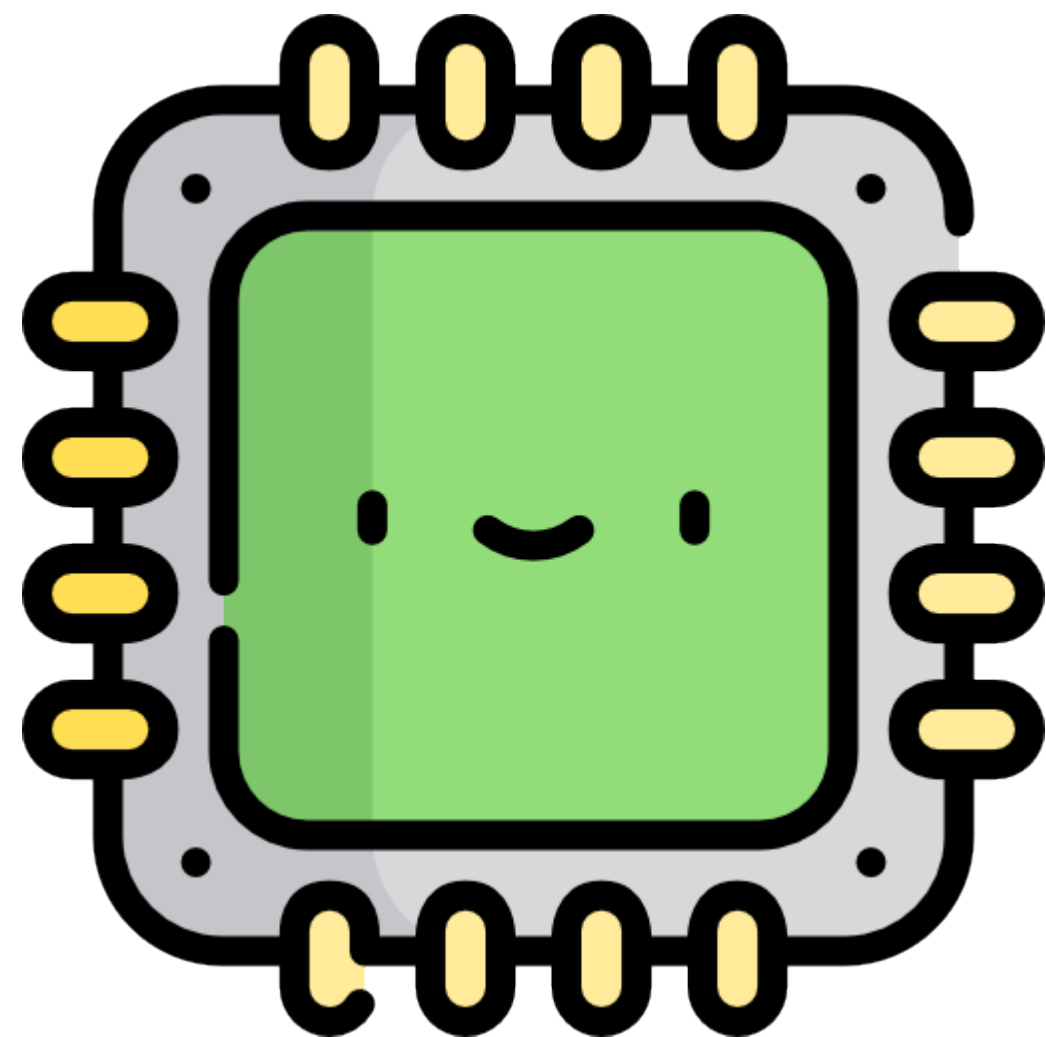


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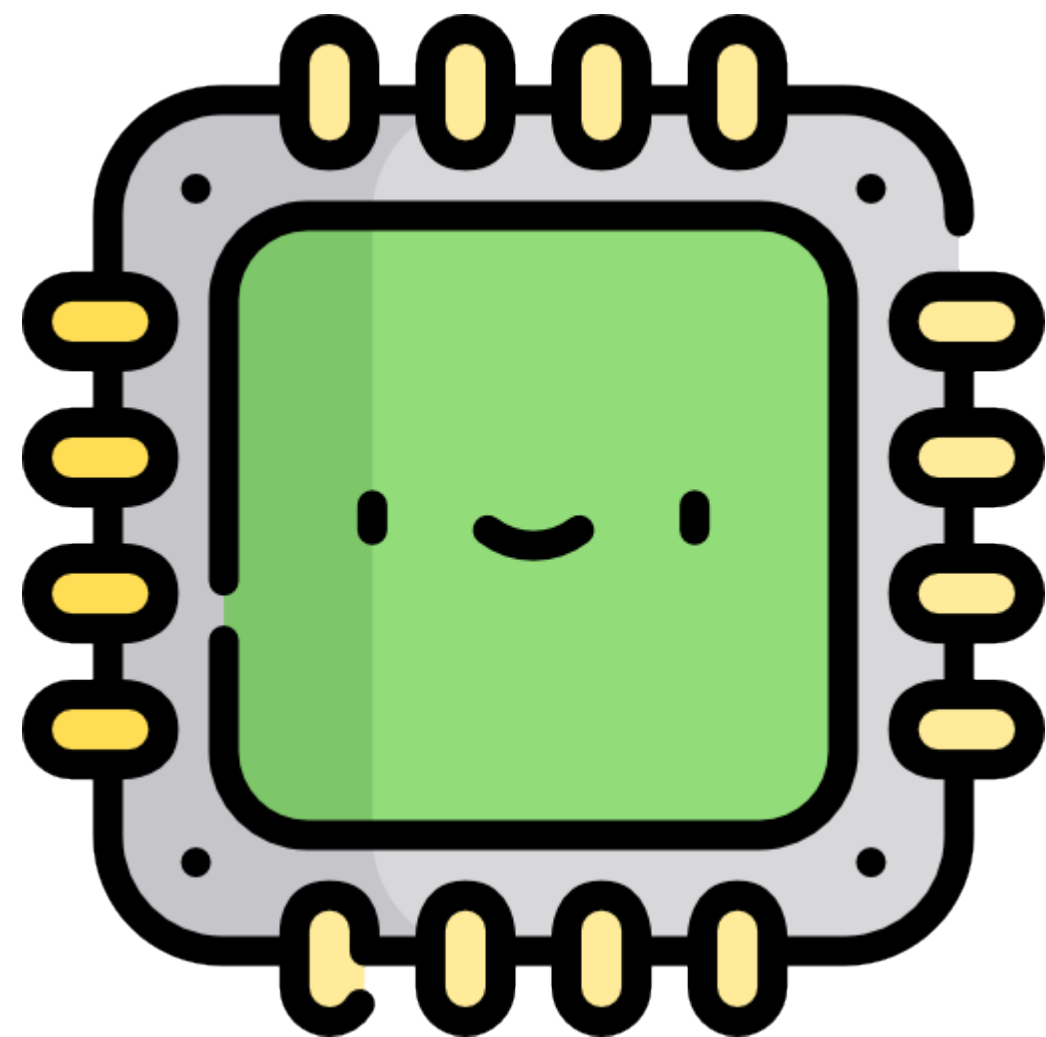
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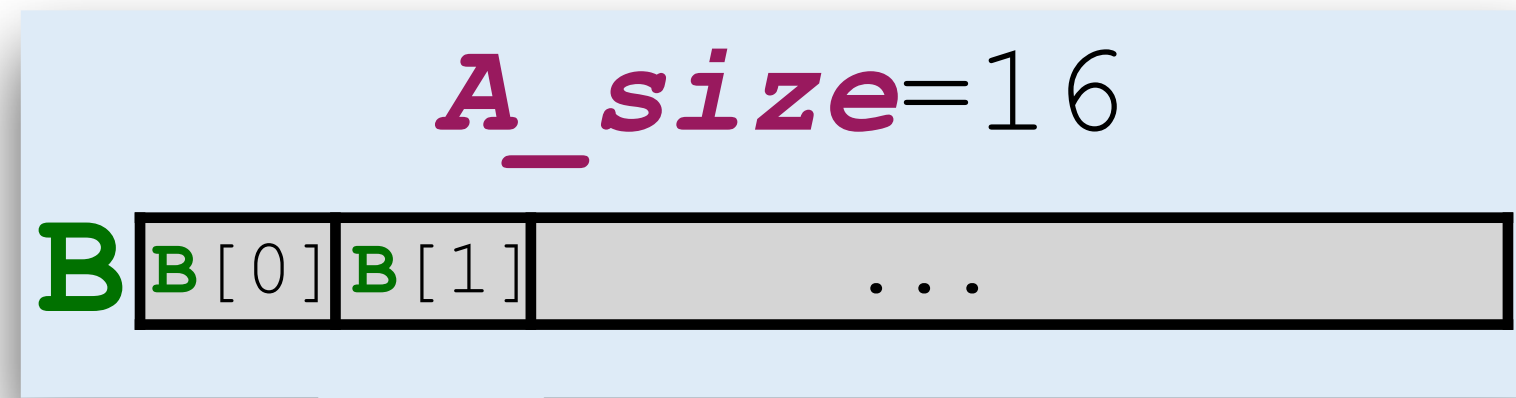
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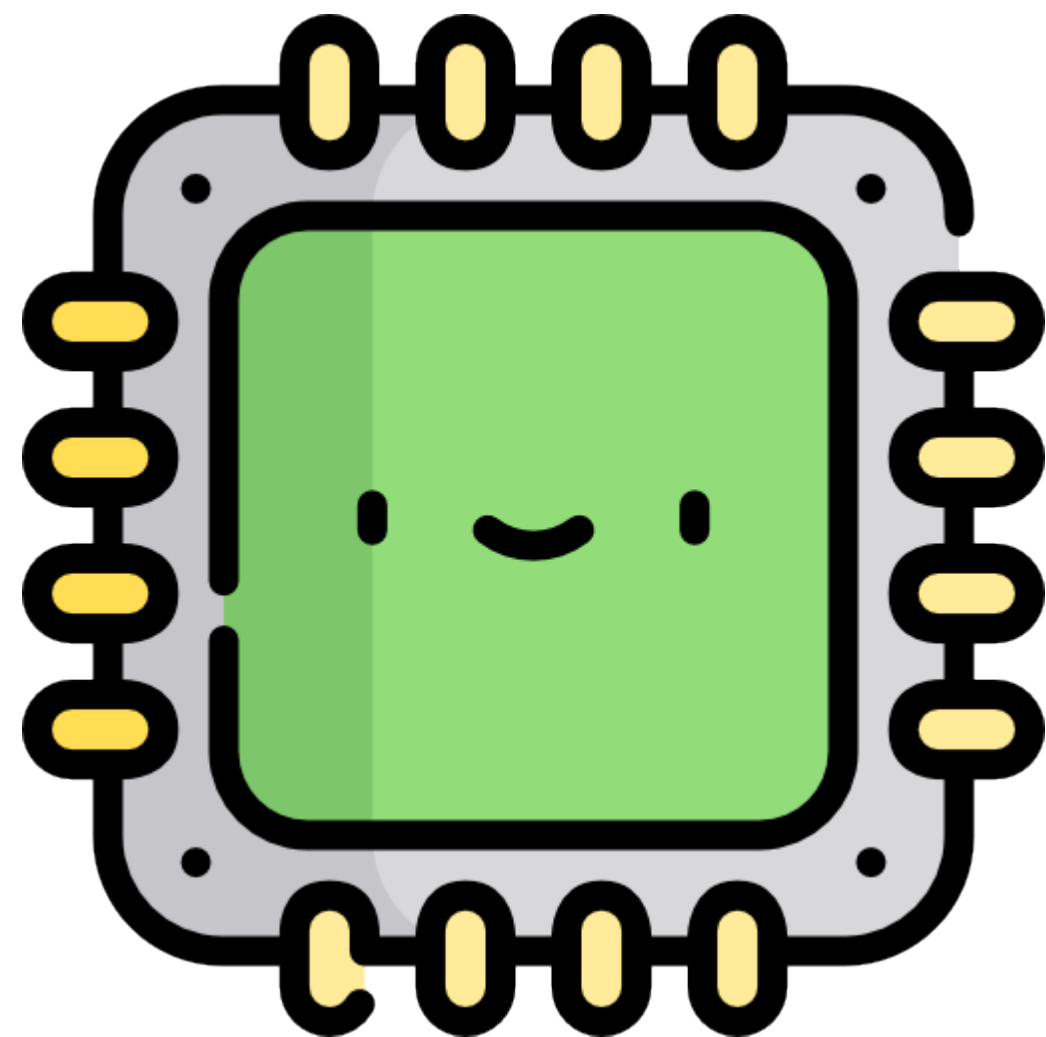


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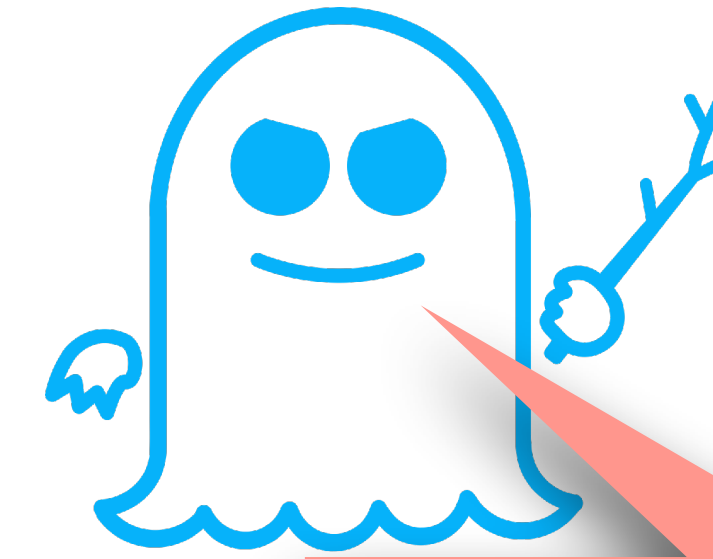


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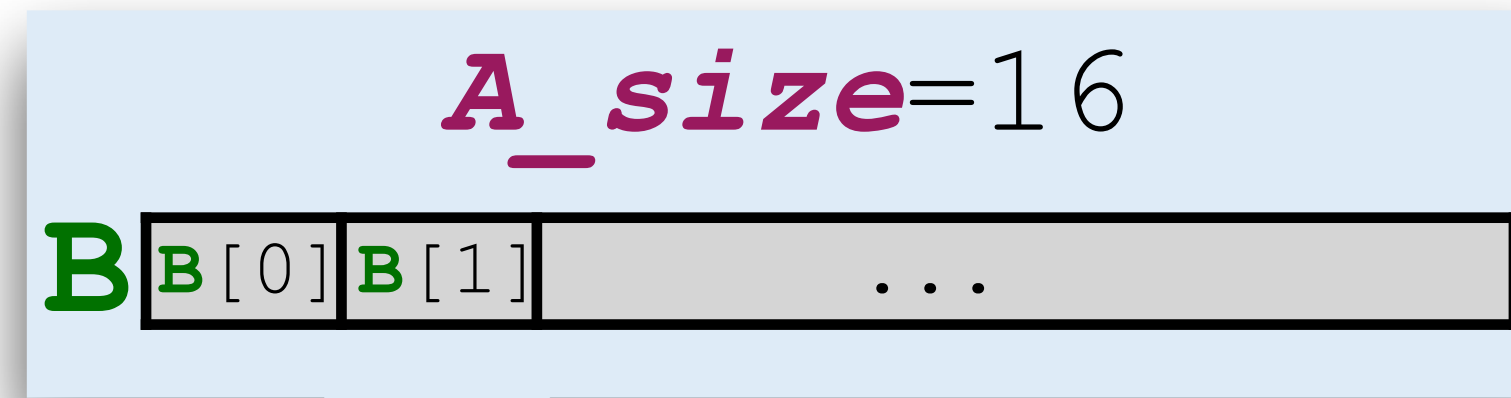


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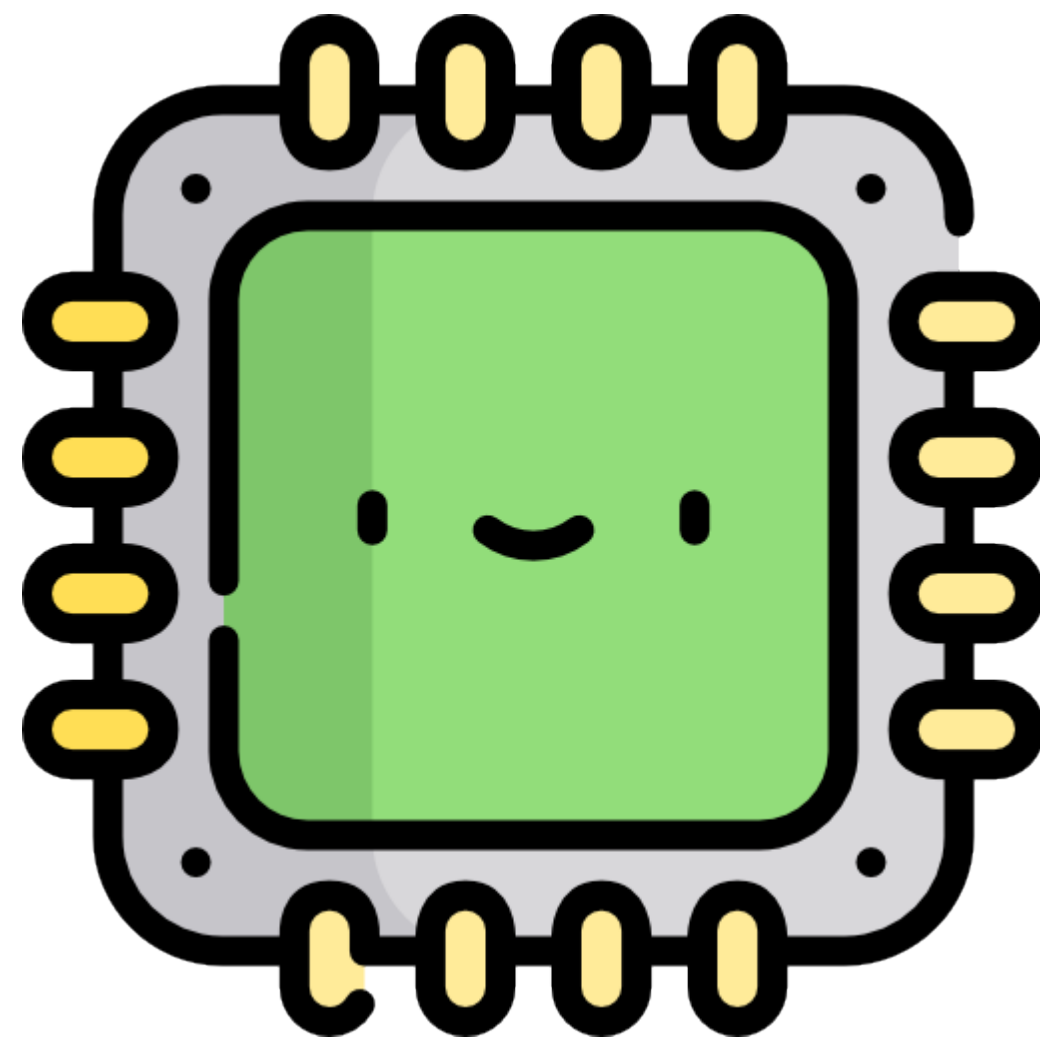
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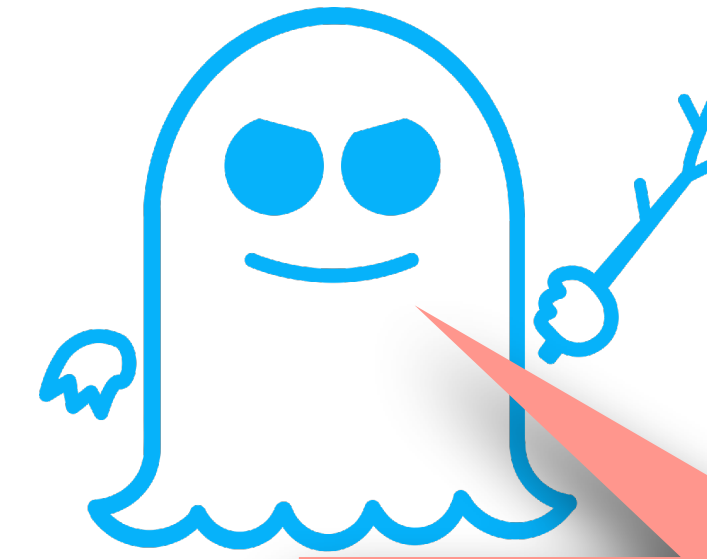


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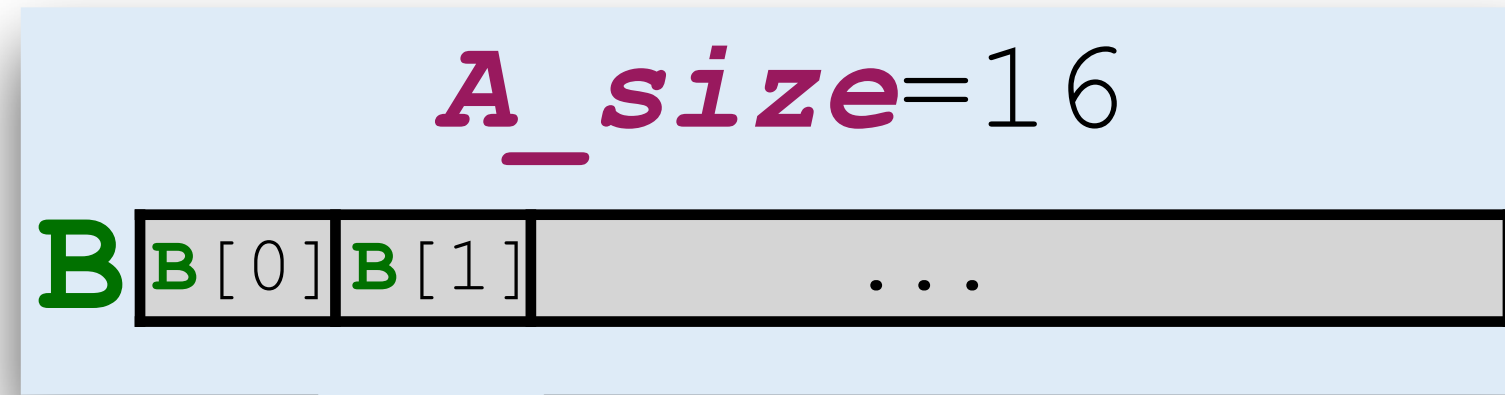


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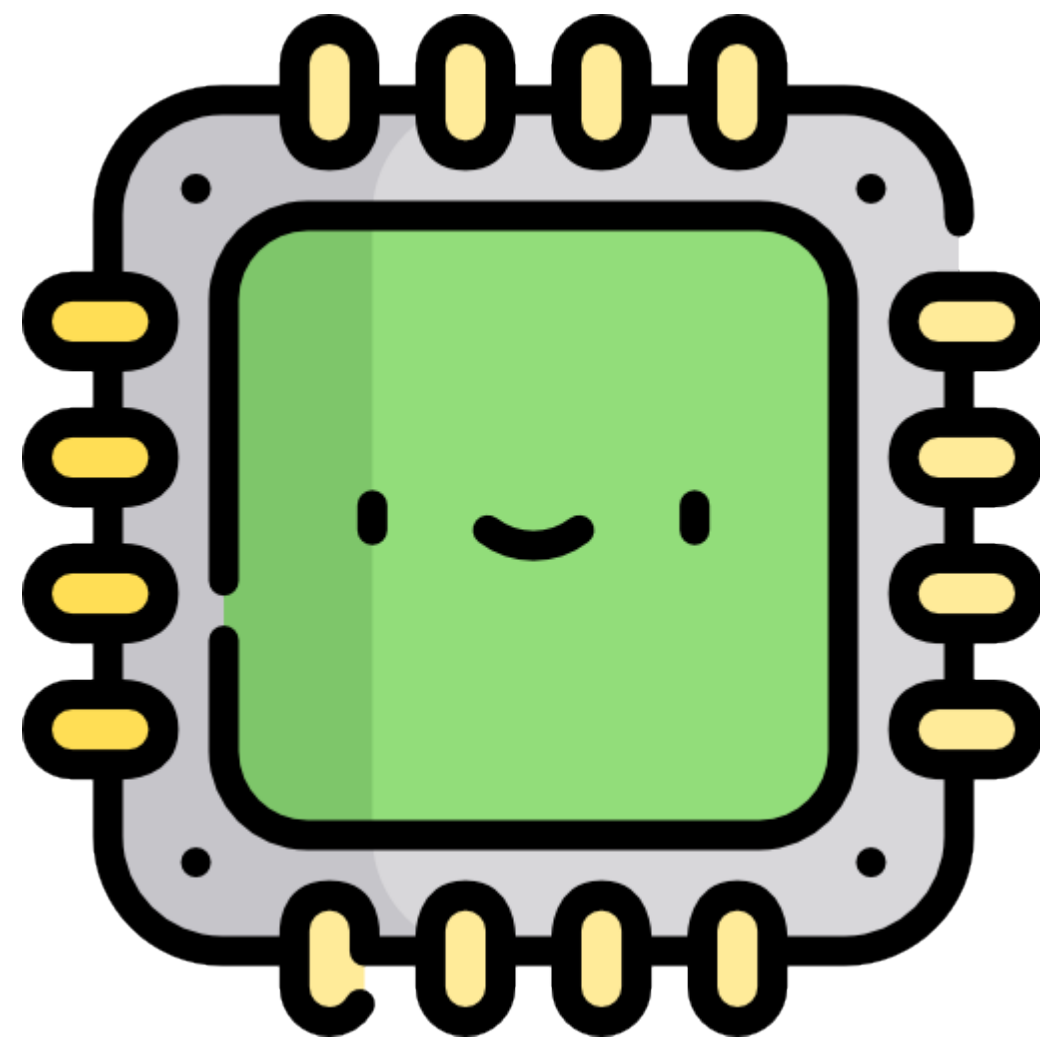


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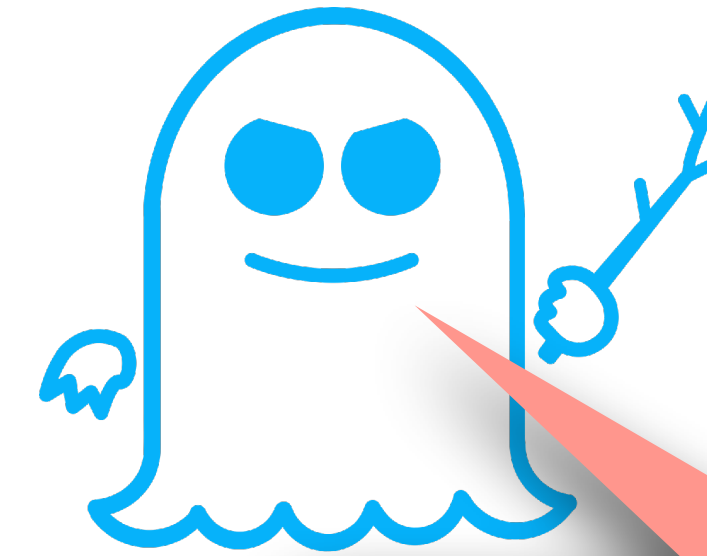
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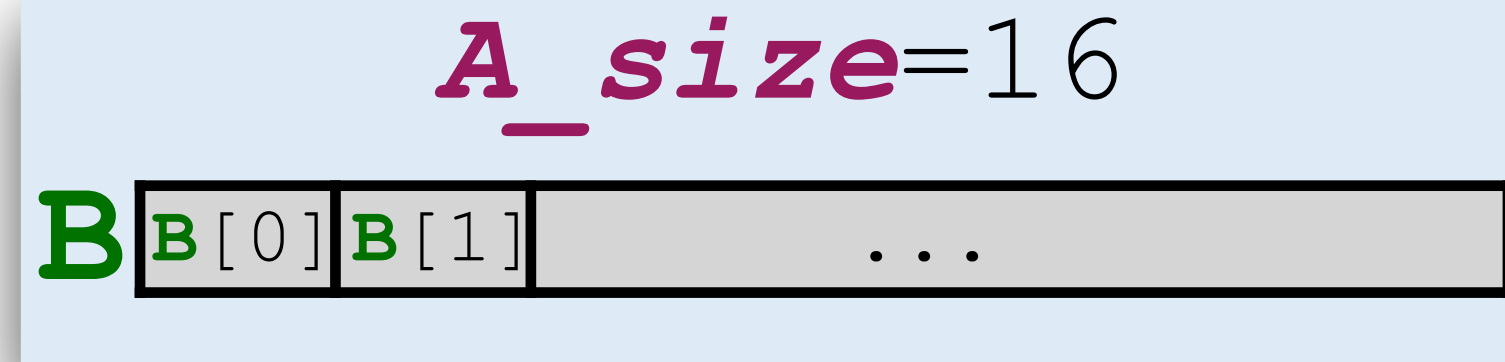


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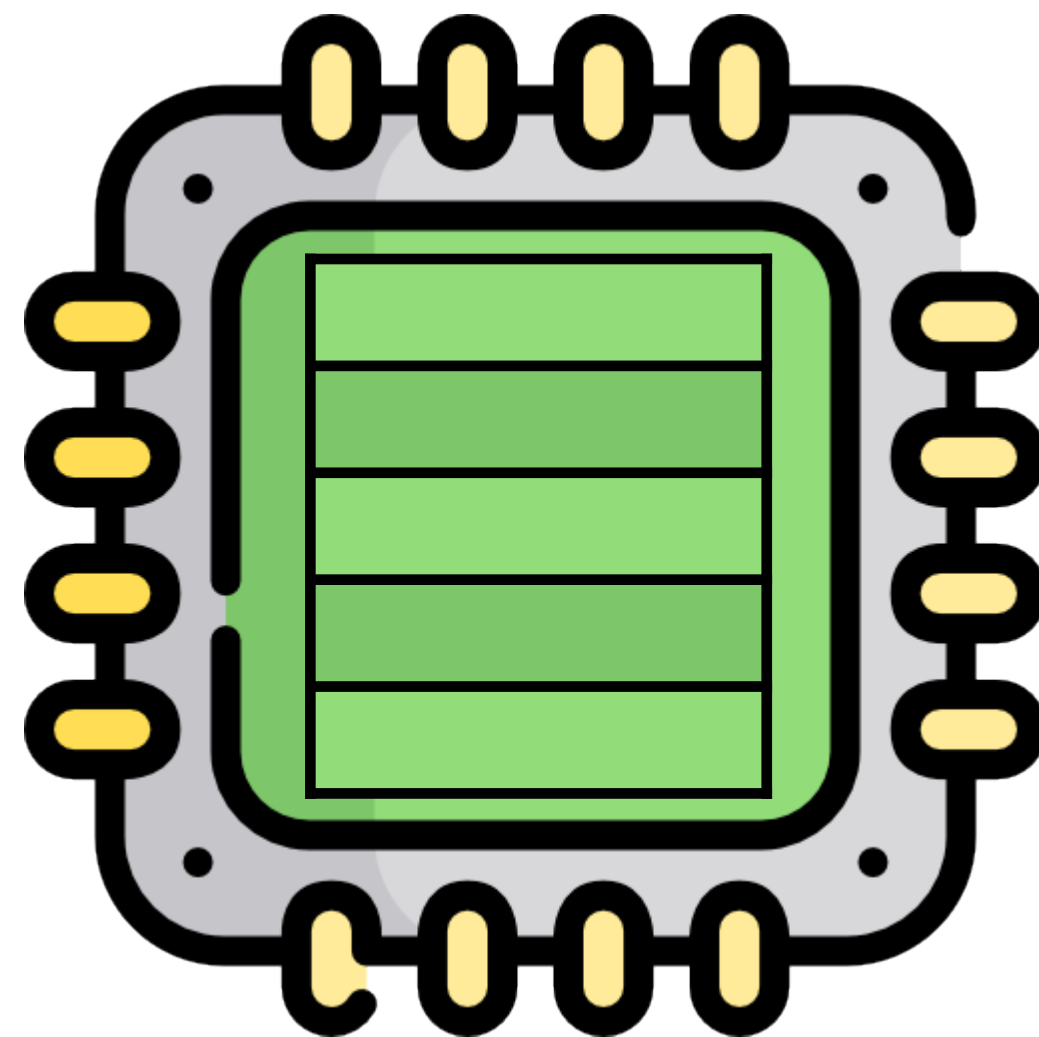


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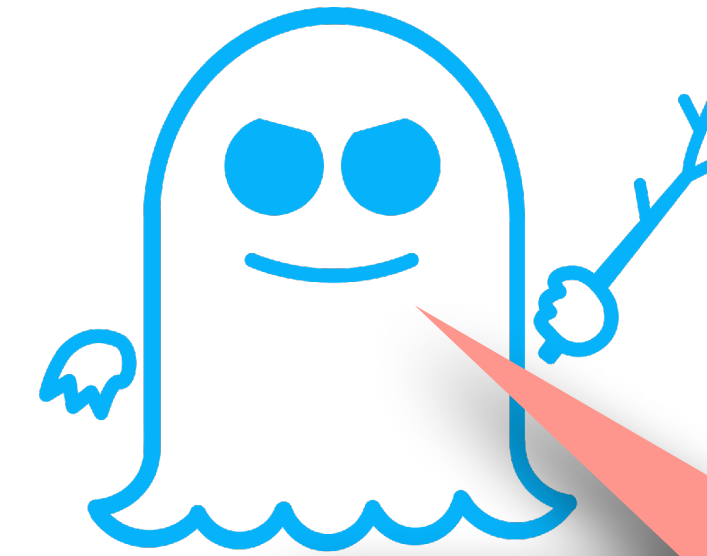
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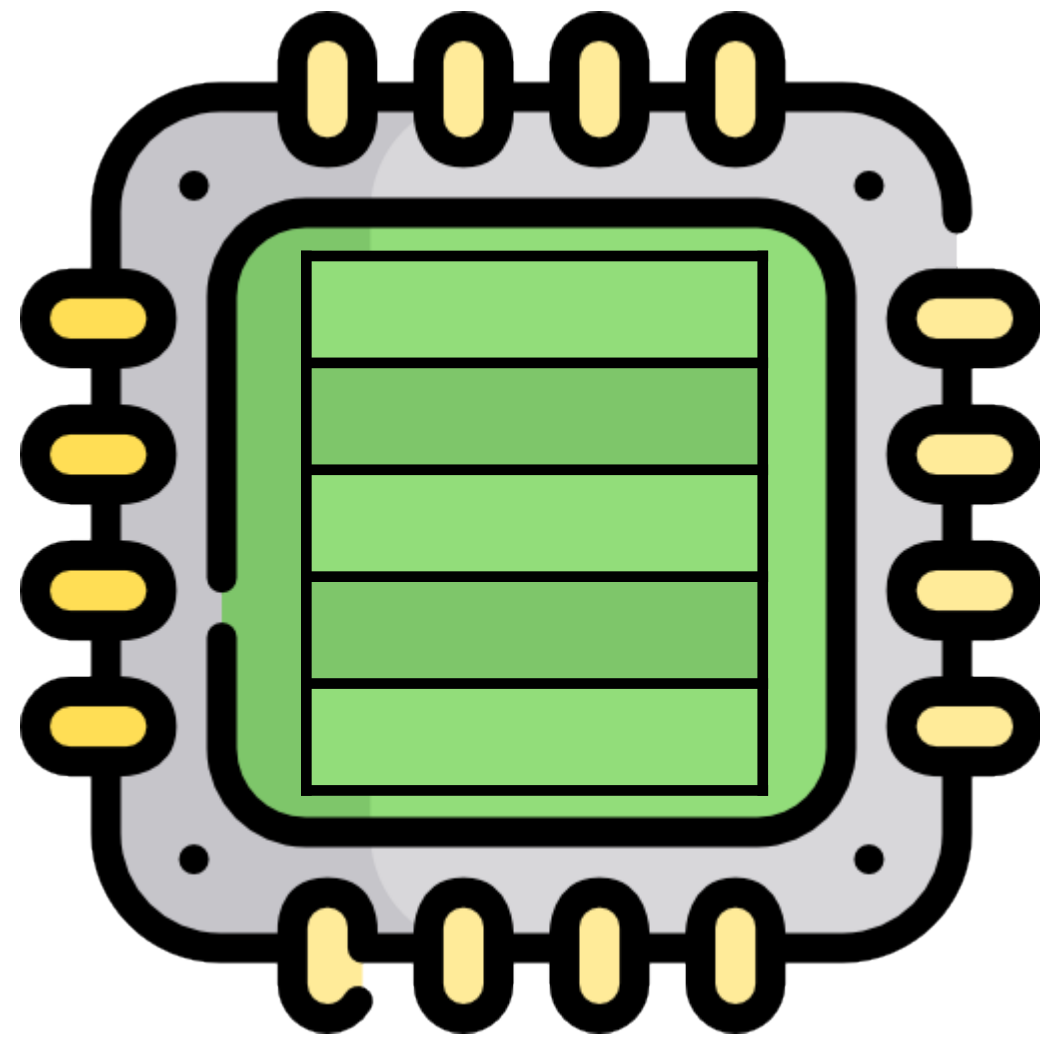


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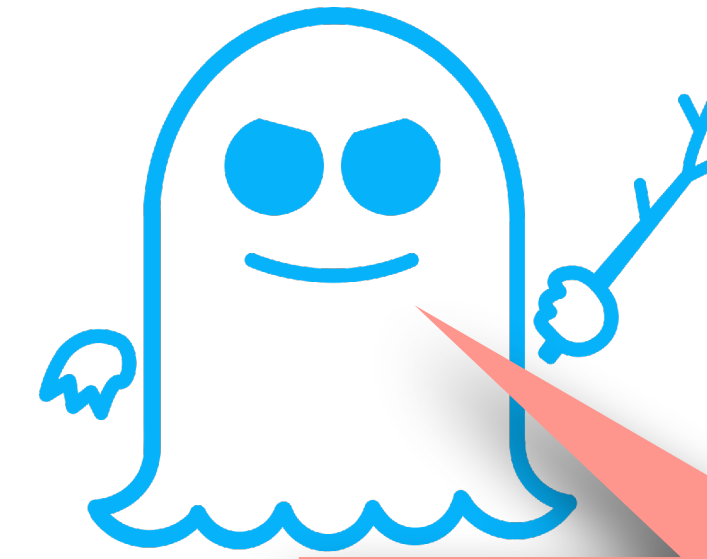
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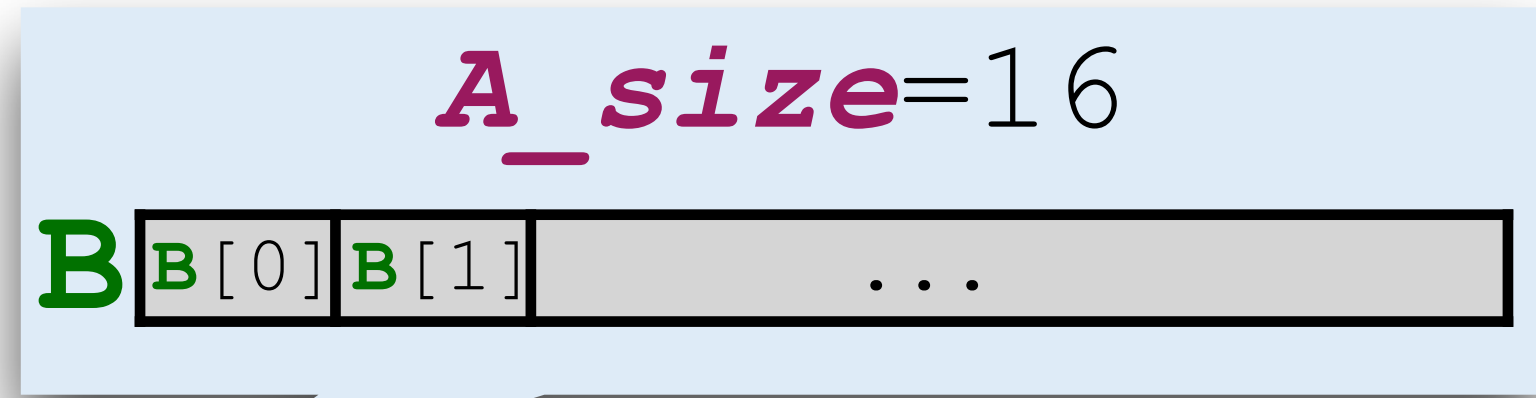


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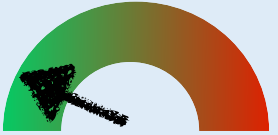
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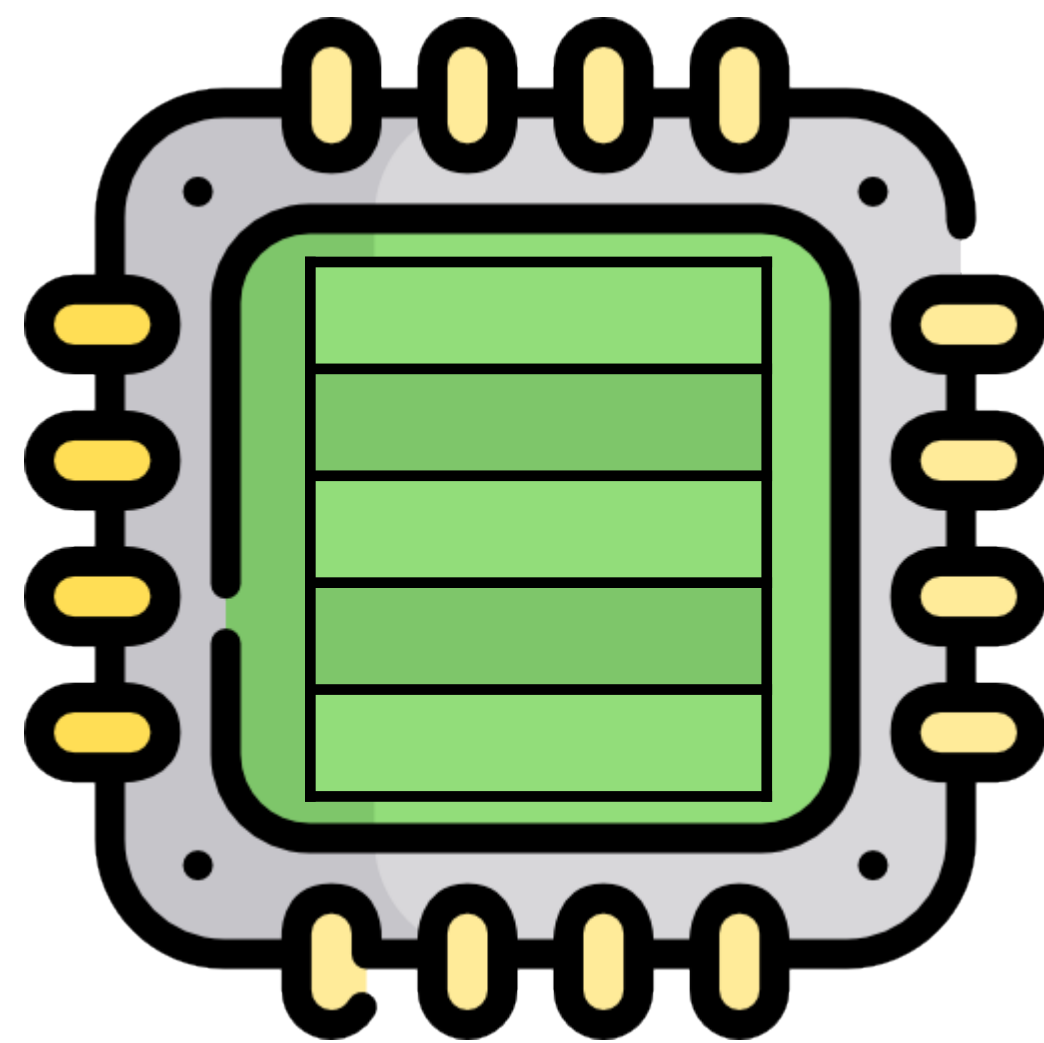


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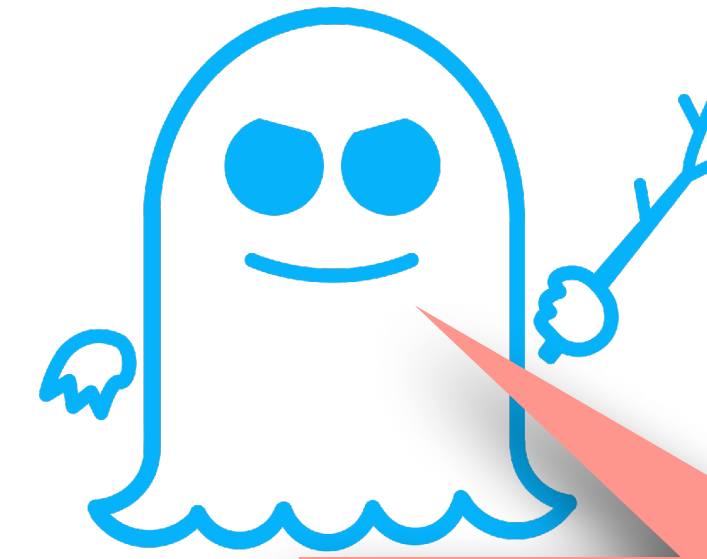
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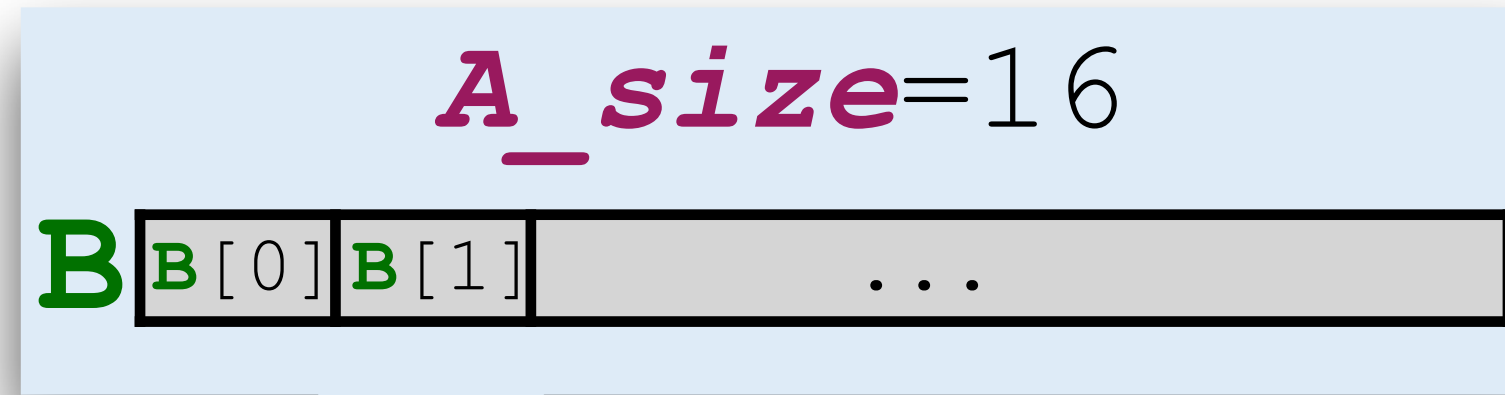


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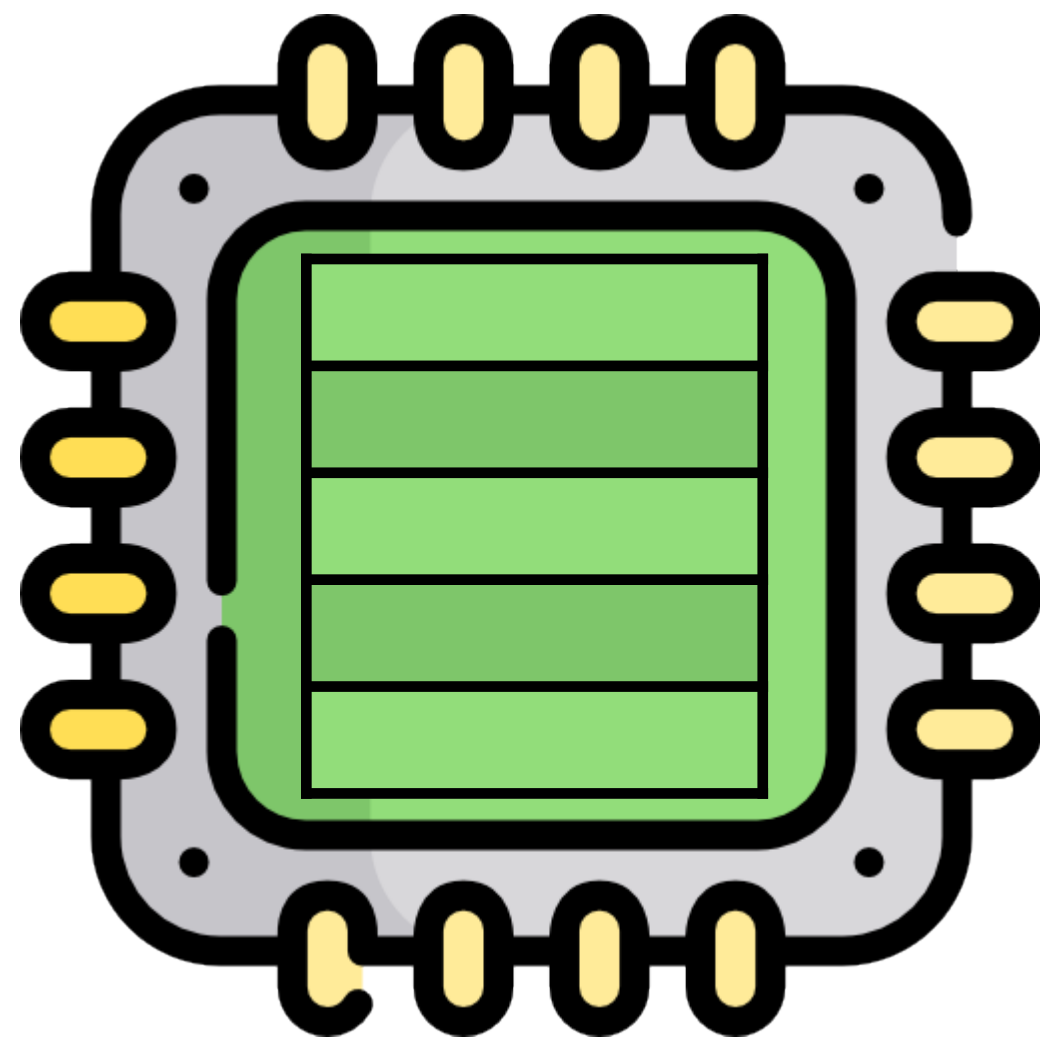


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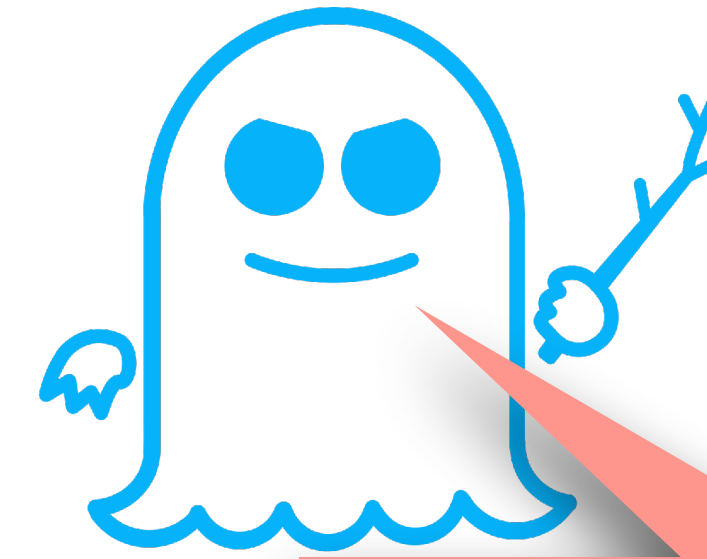
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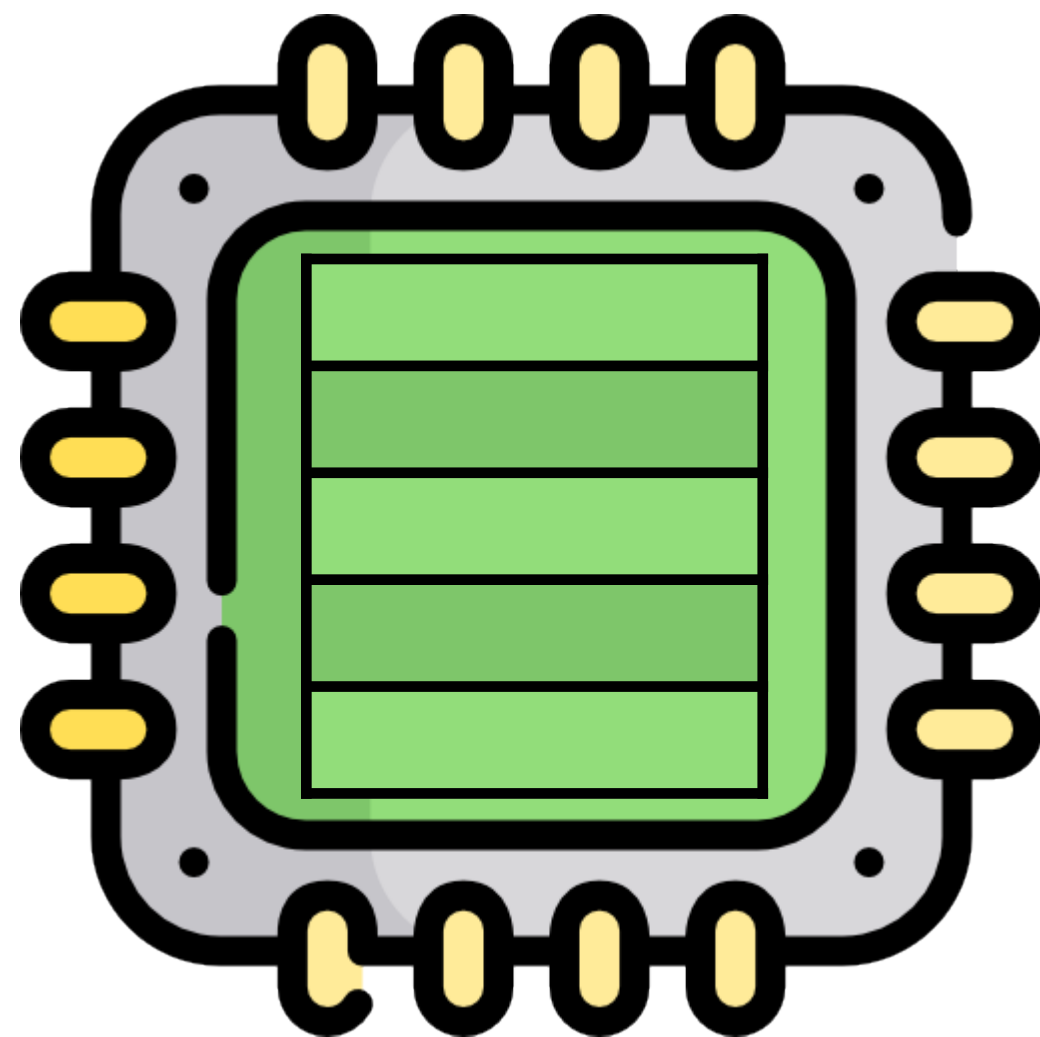
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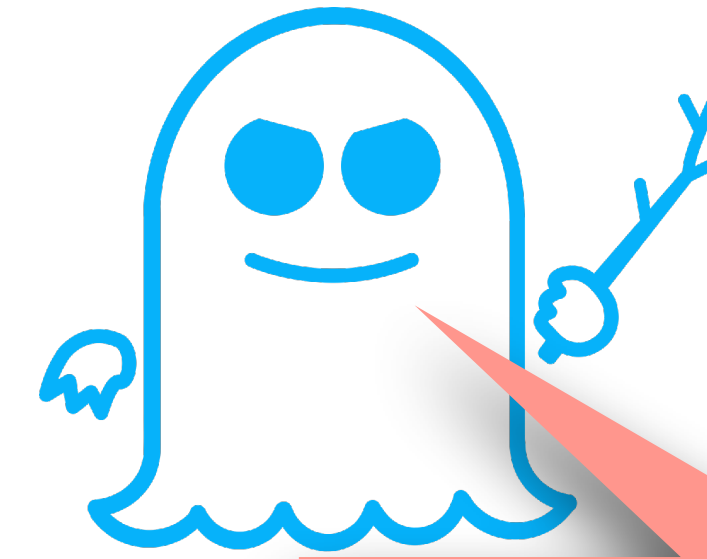
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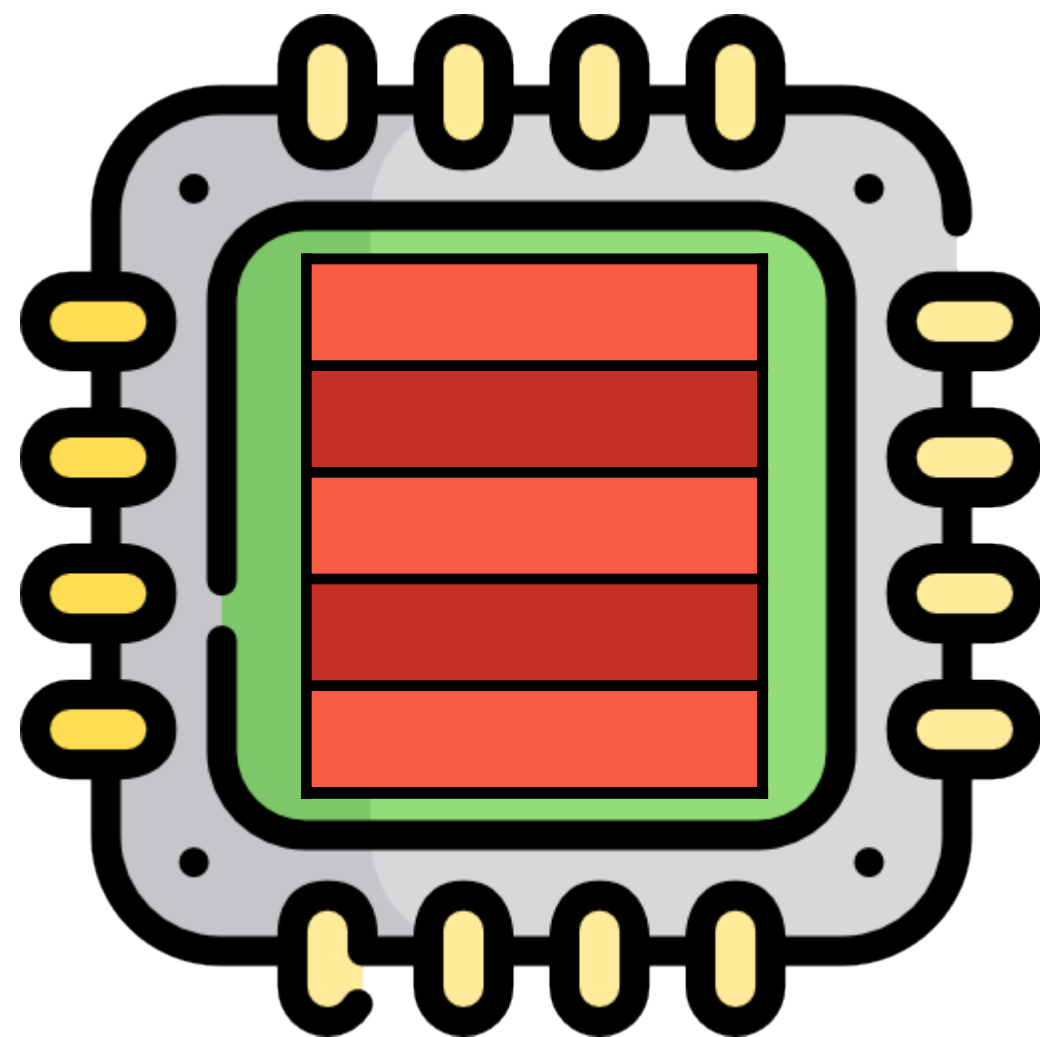
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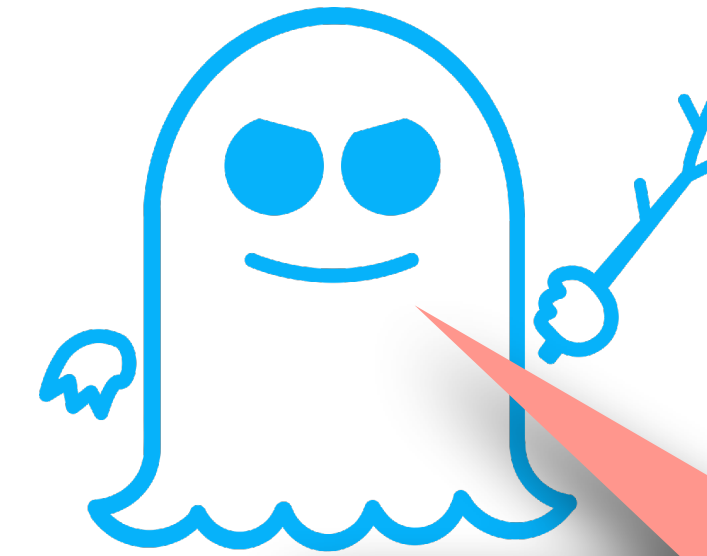
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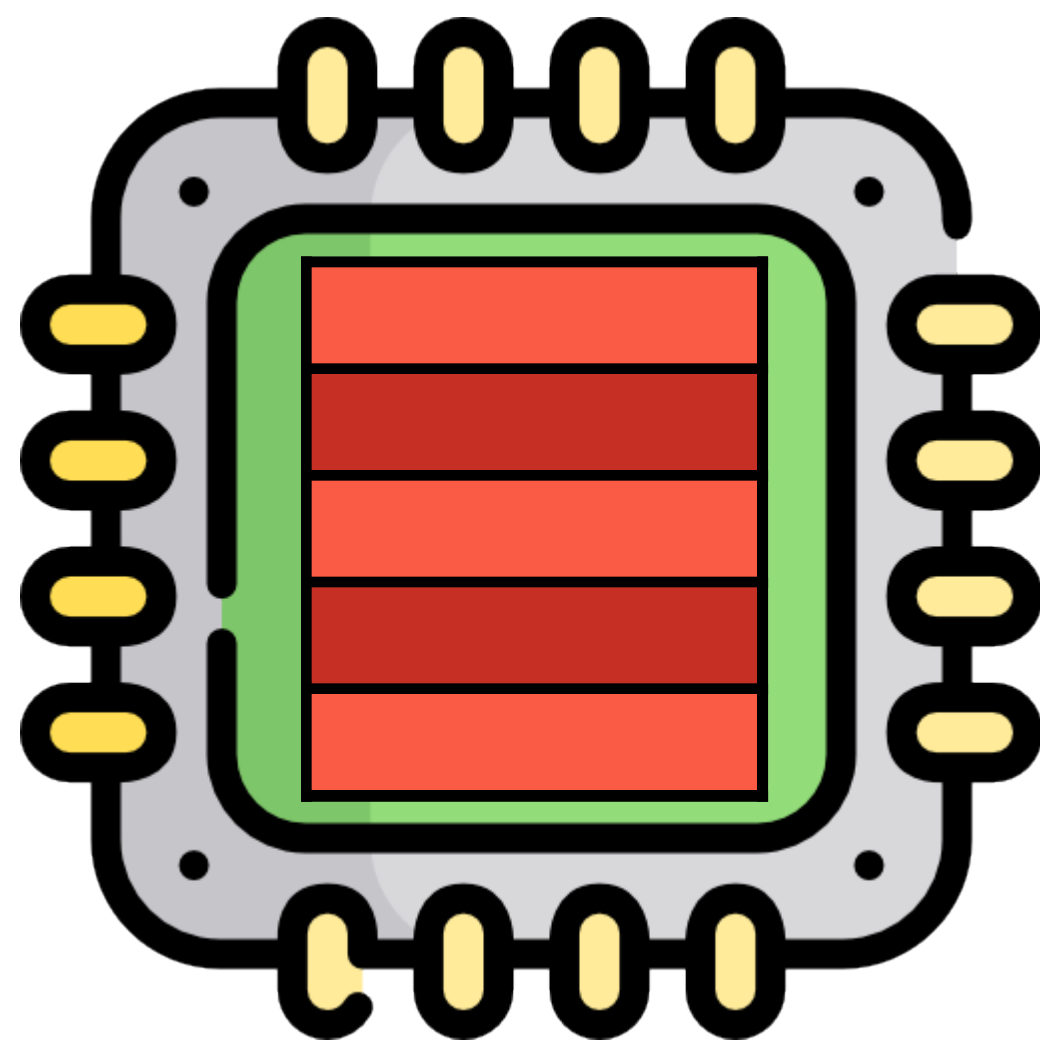


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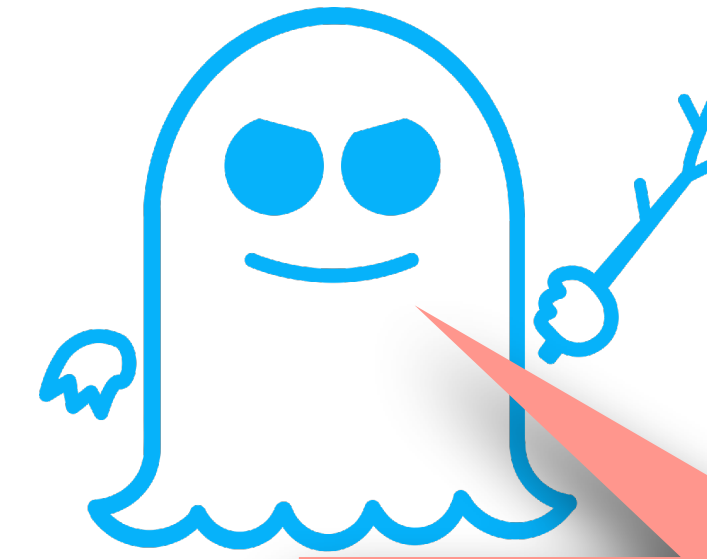
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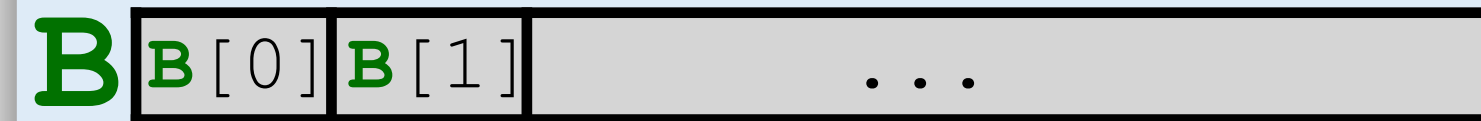
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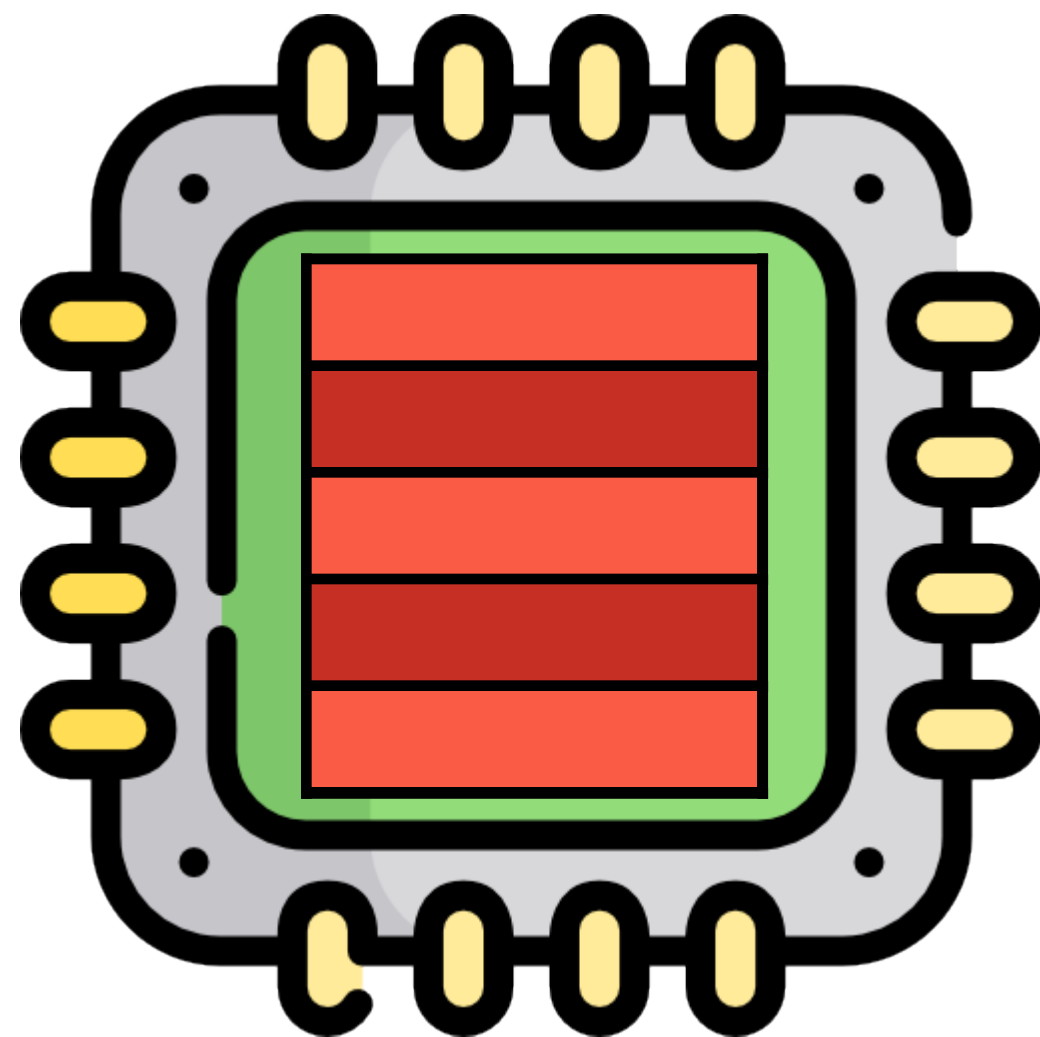


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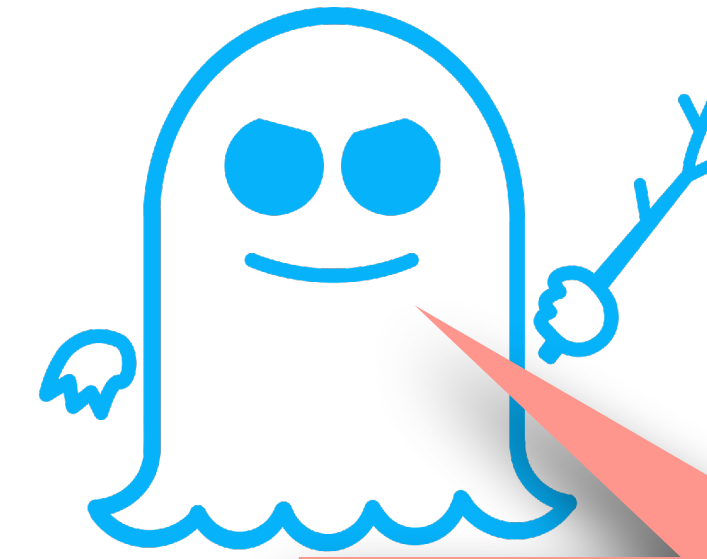
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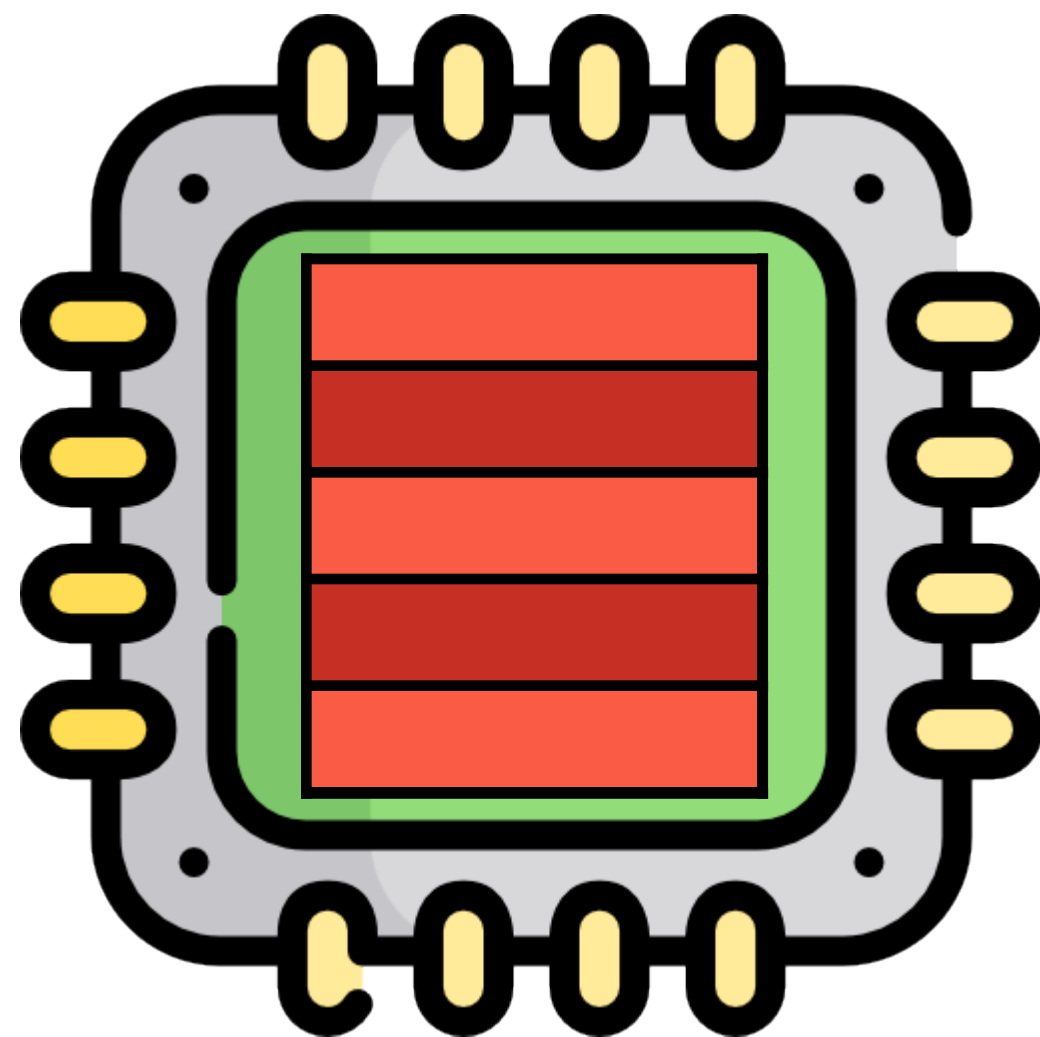


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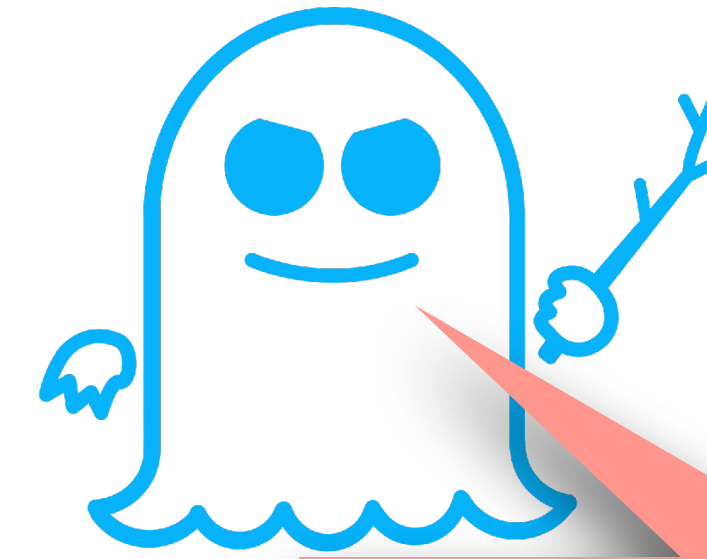
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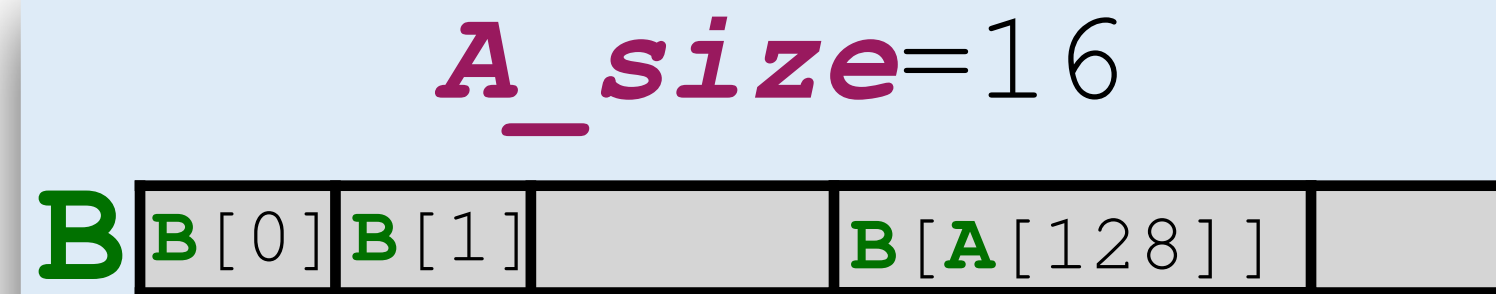


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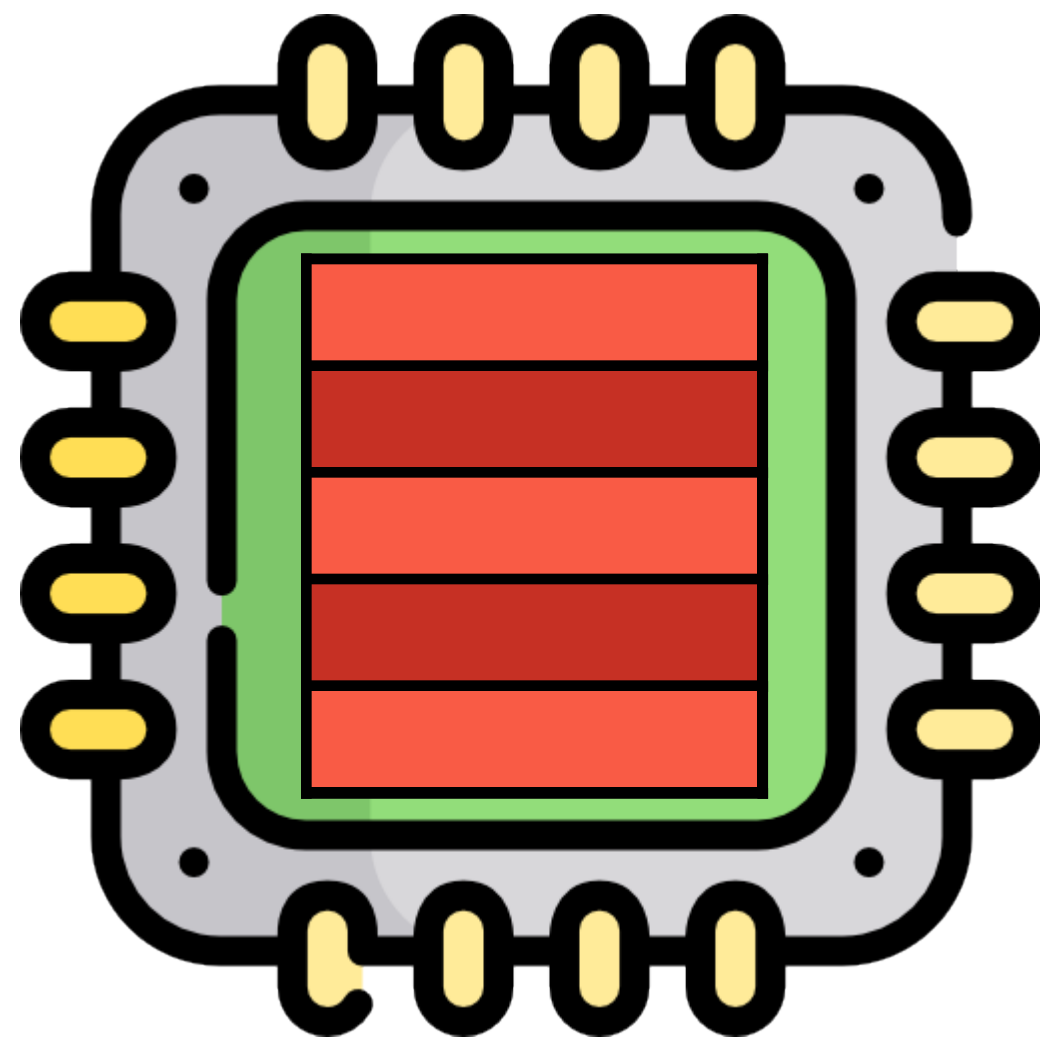


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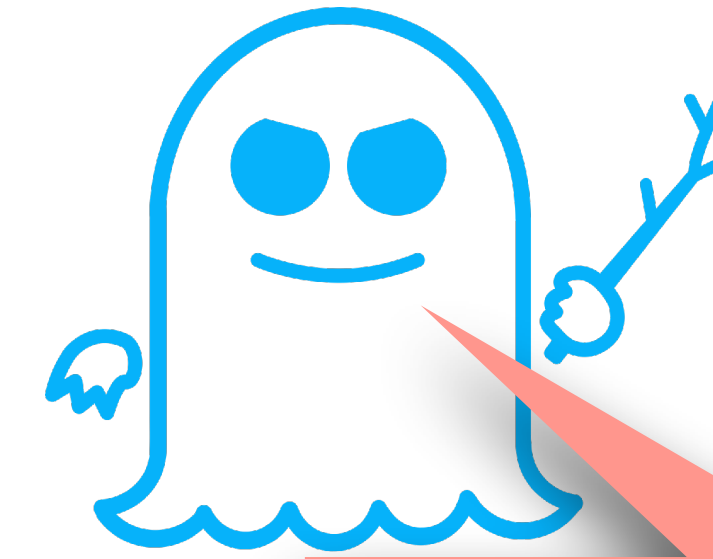
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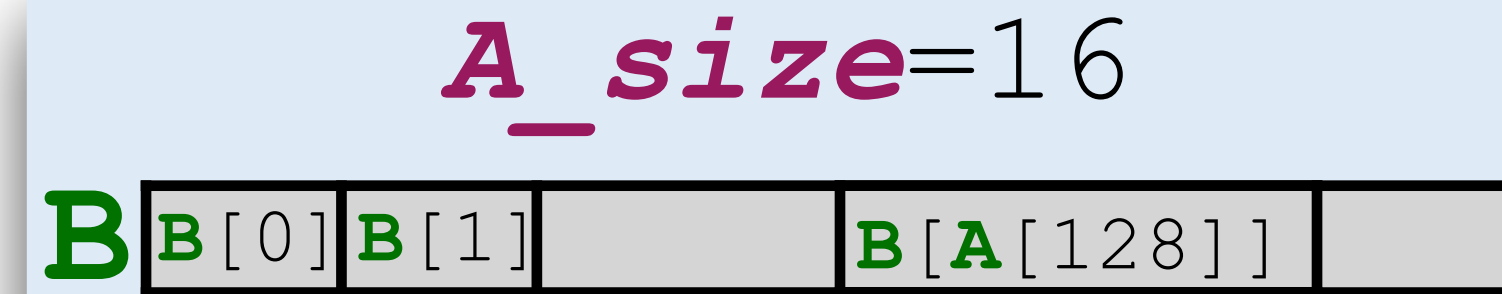


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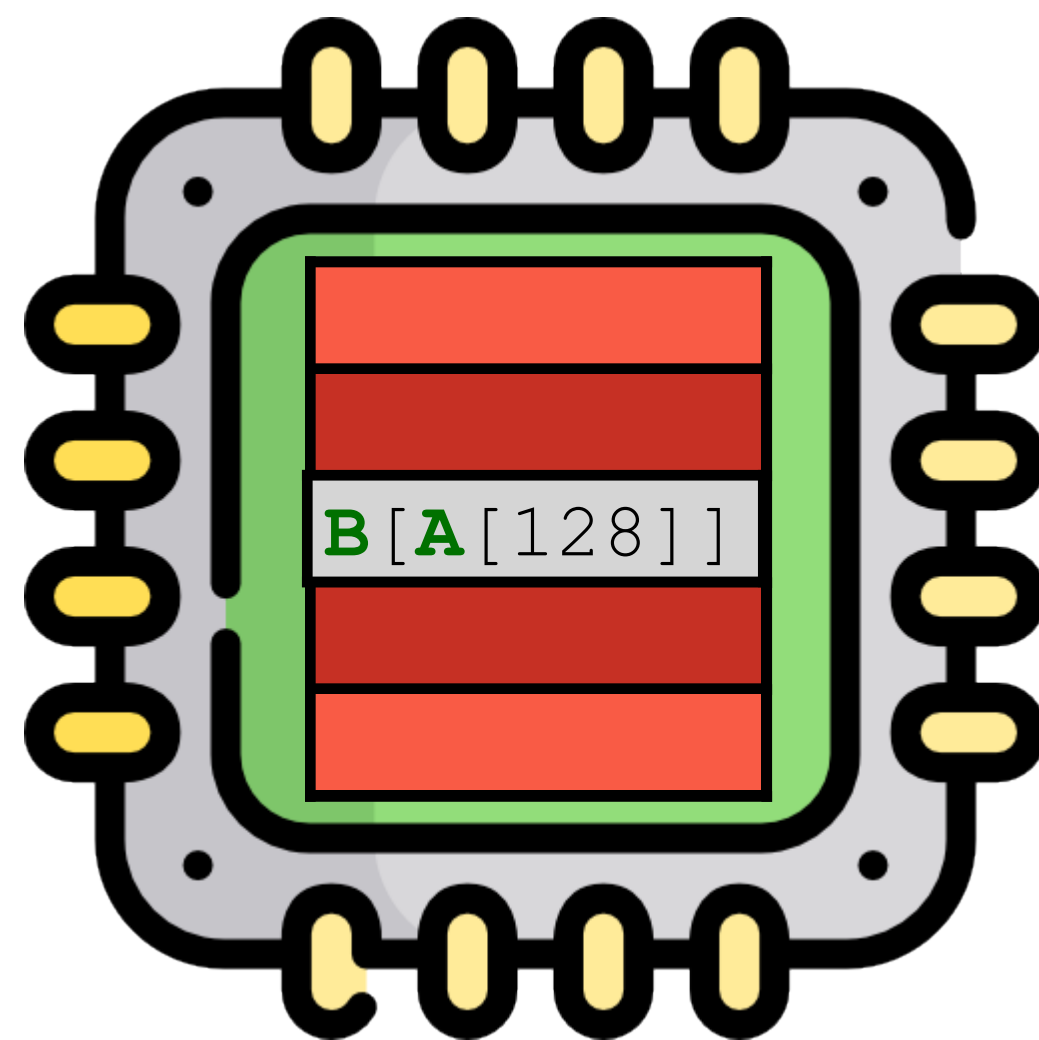


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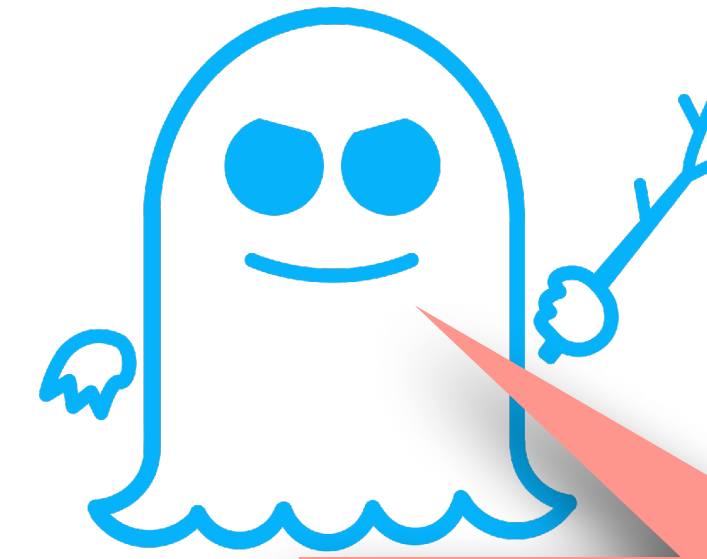
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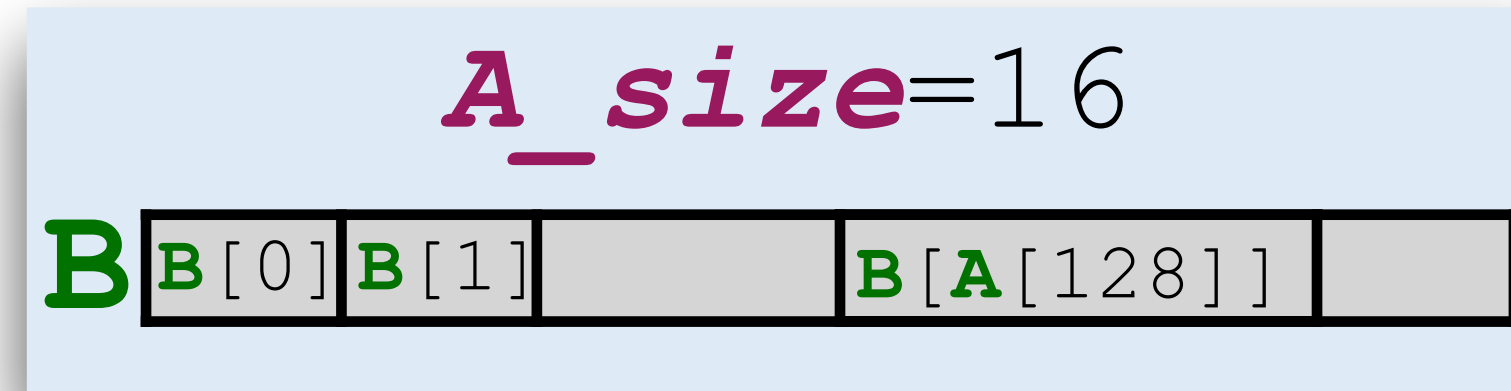


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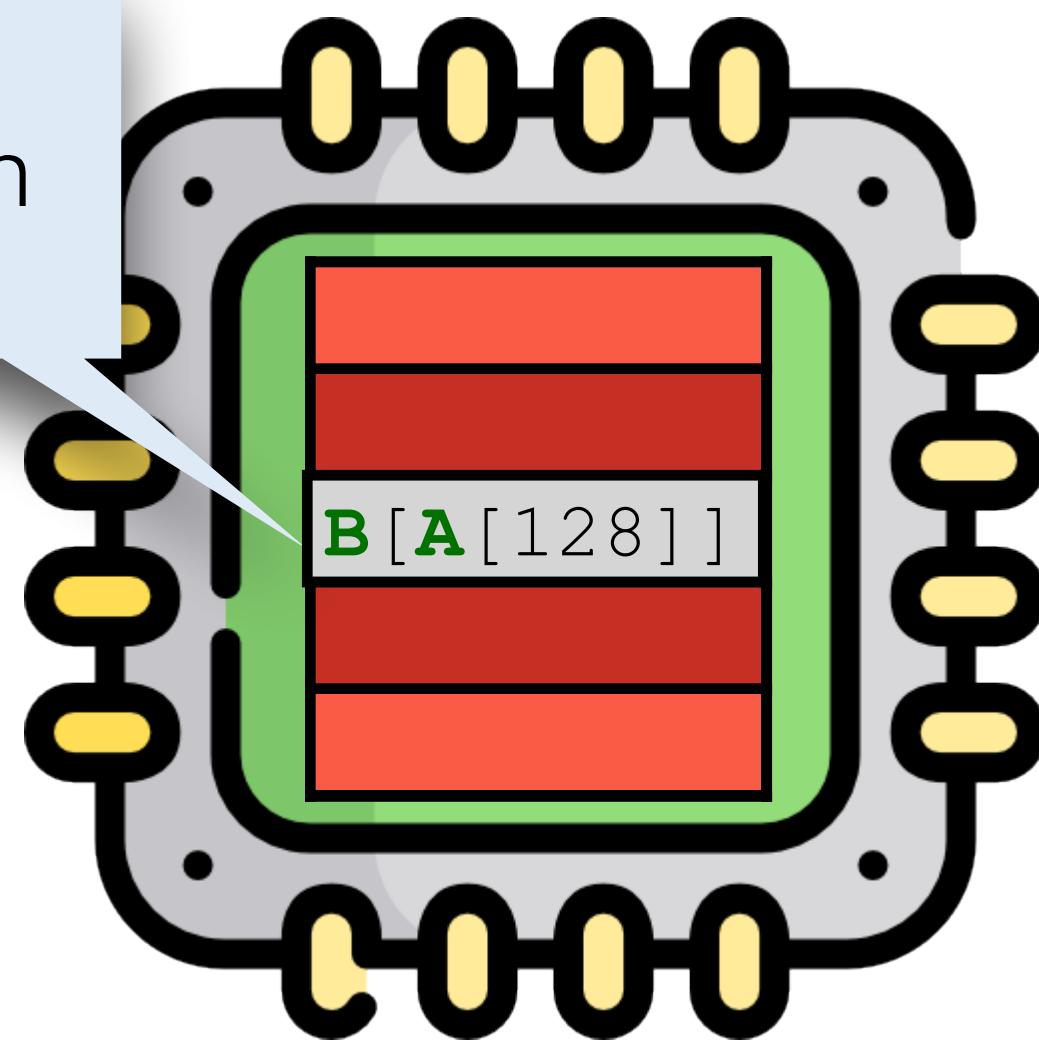
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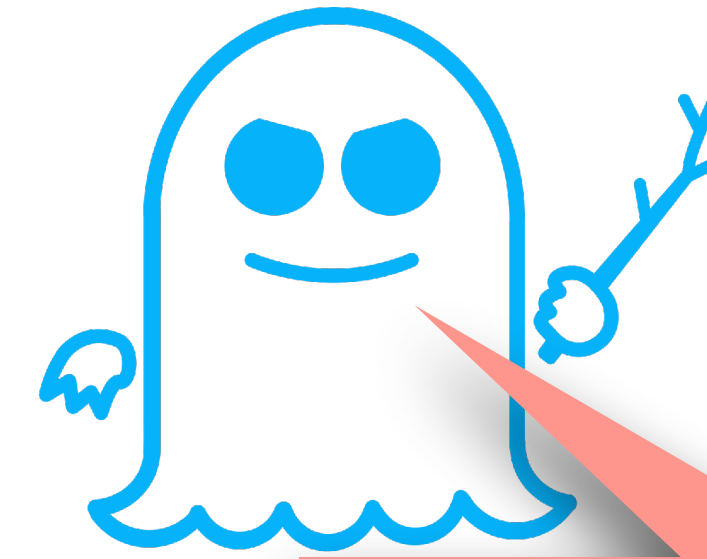
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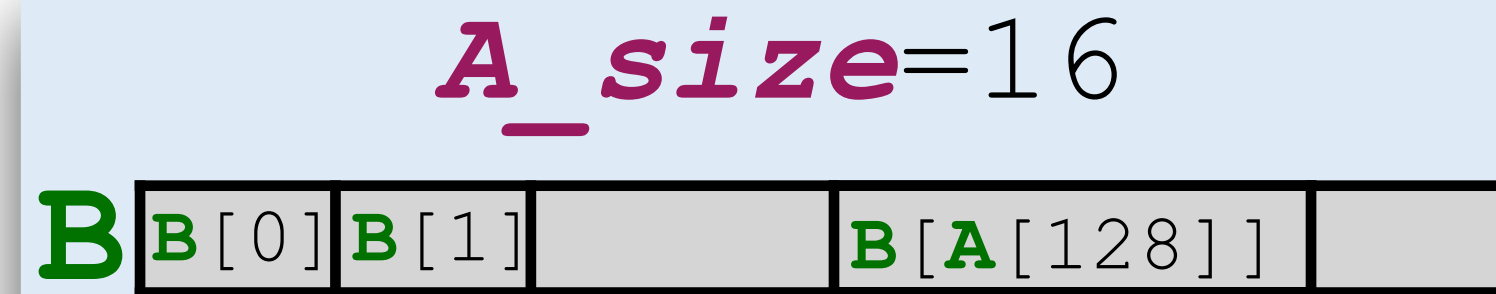


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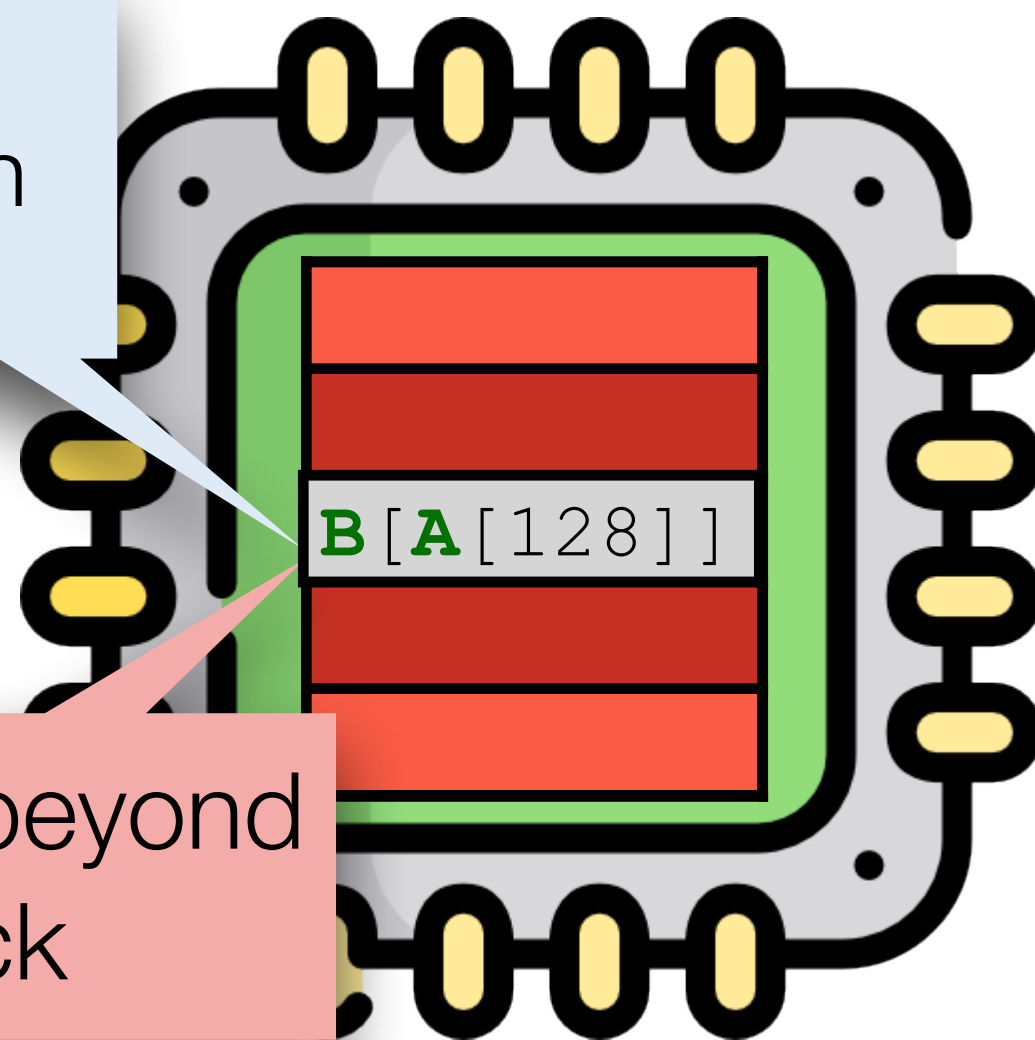
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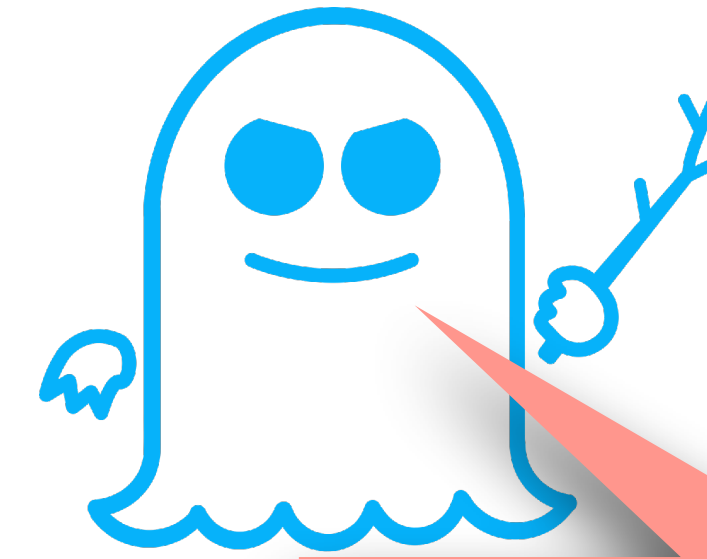
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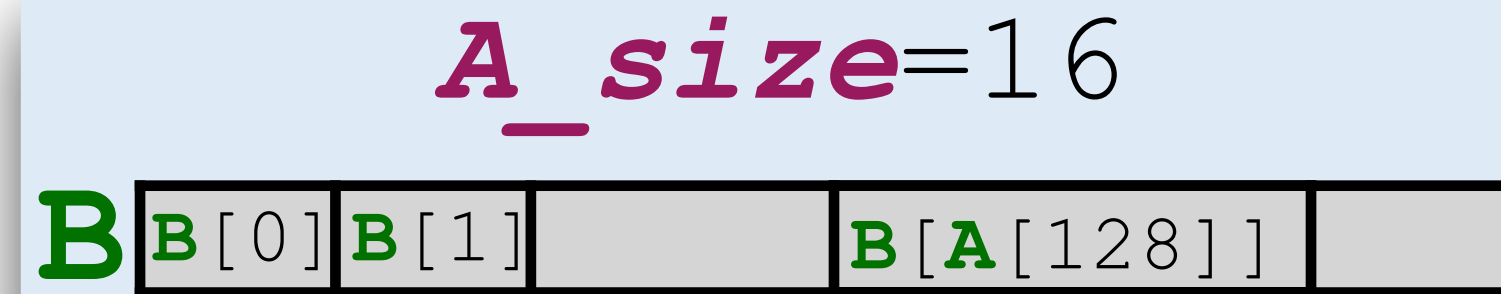
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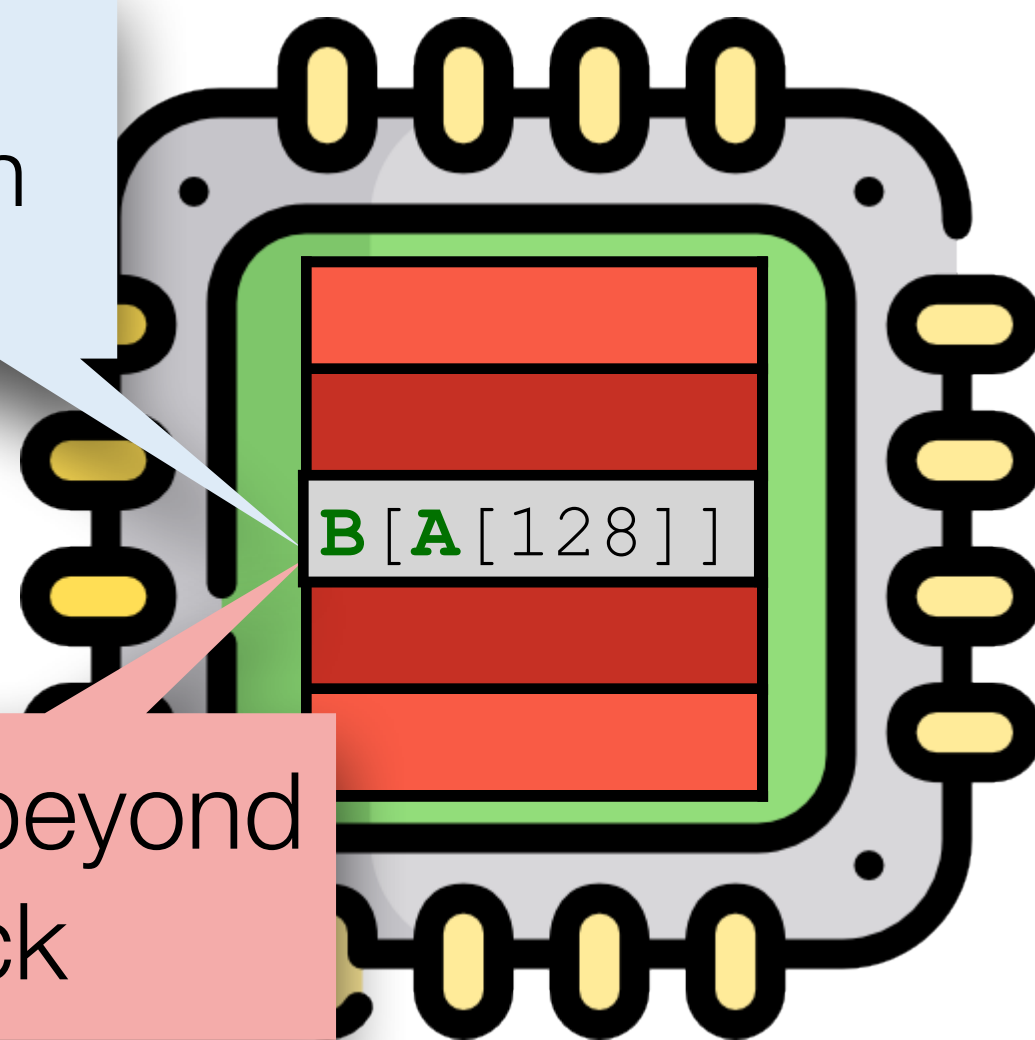
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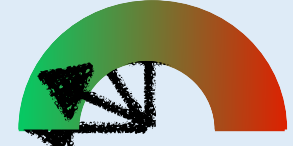


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2. Speculative non-interference

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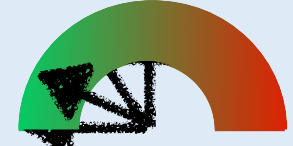
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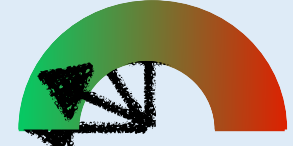
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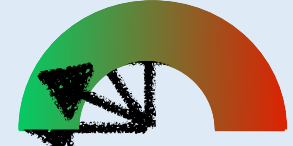
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2) Leaks information into microarchitectural state

3) Extracts information from microarchitecture

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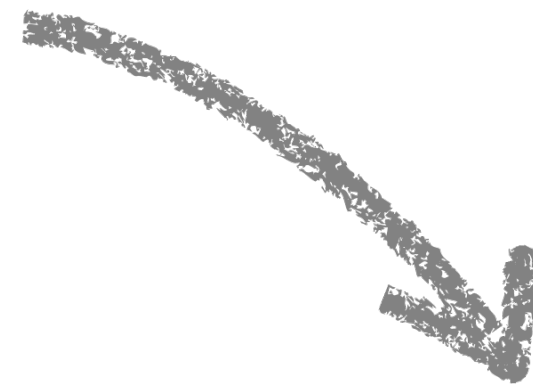
Speculative semantics

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Attacker/Observer model

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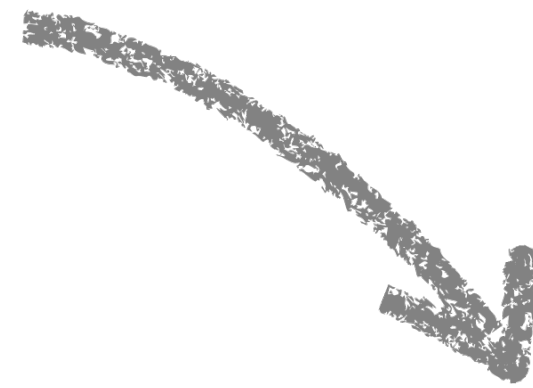
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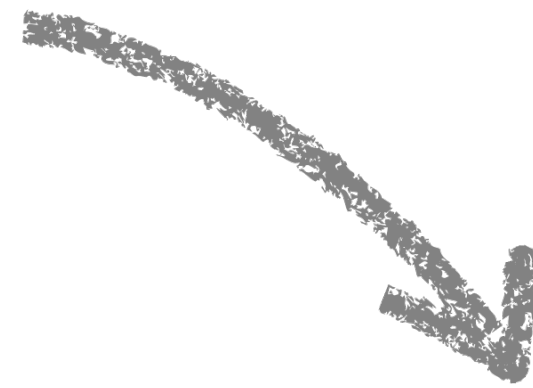
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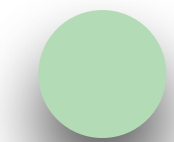
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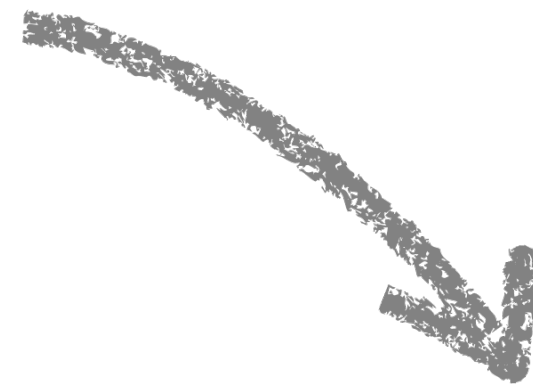


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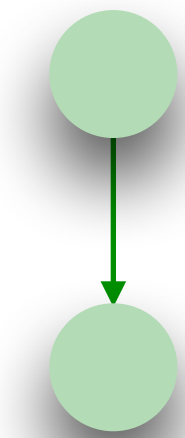


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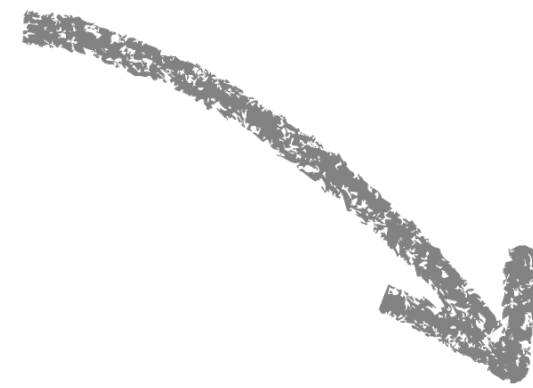


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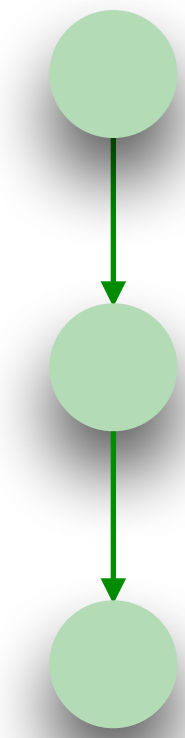


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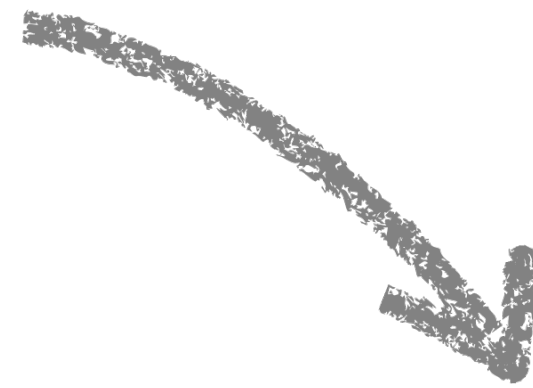


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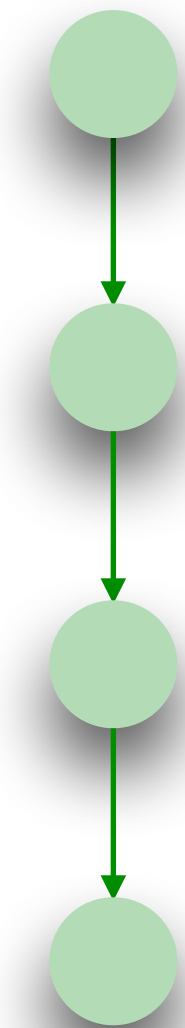
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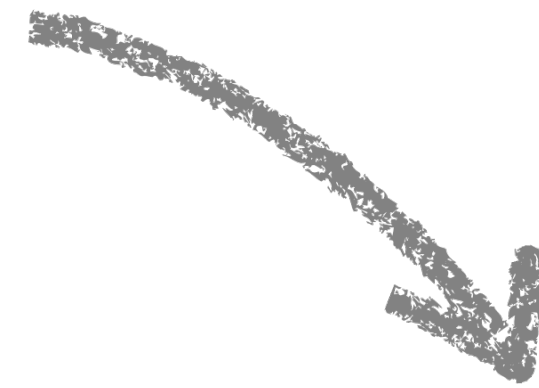
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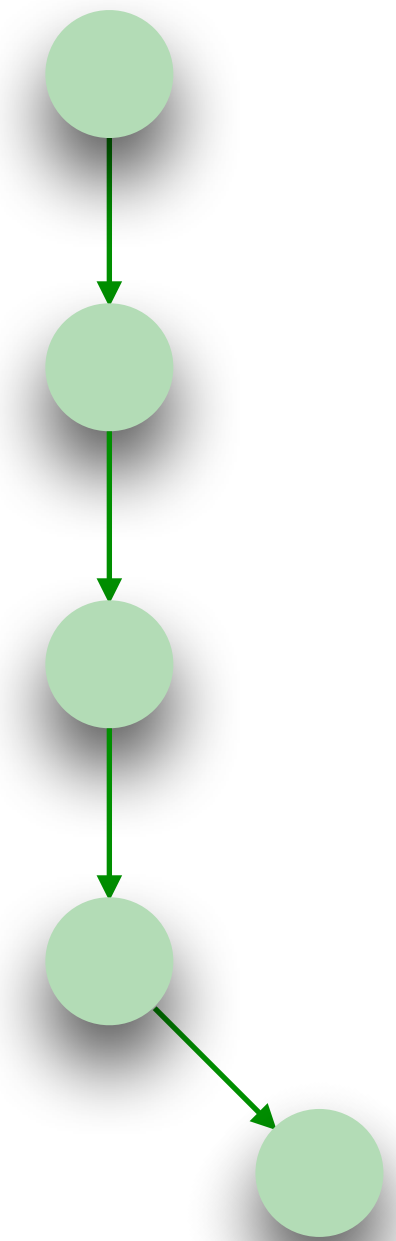


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Non-speculative semantics: Inference Rules

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Instruction evaluation

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BARRIER

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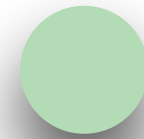
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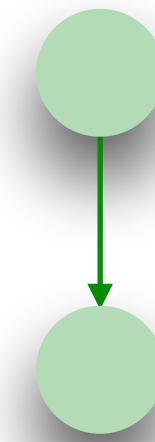
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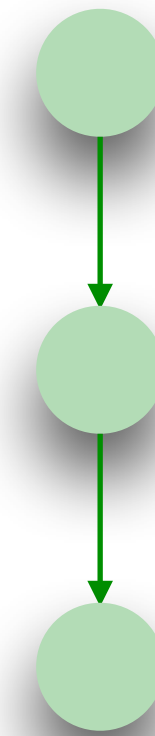
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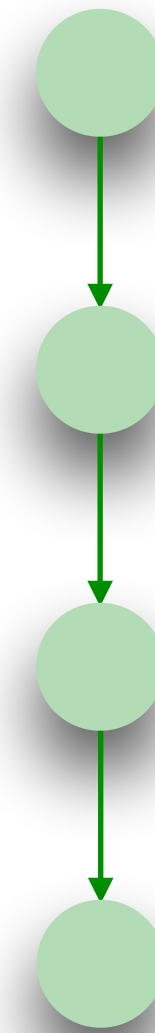
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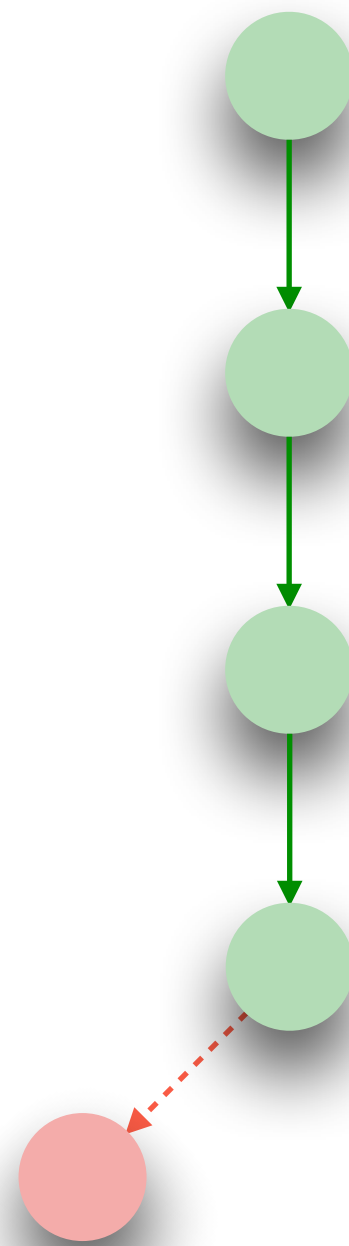
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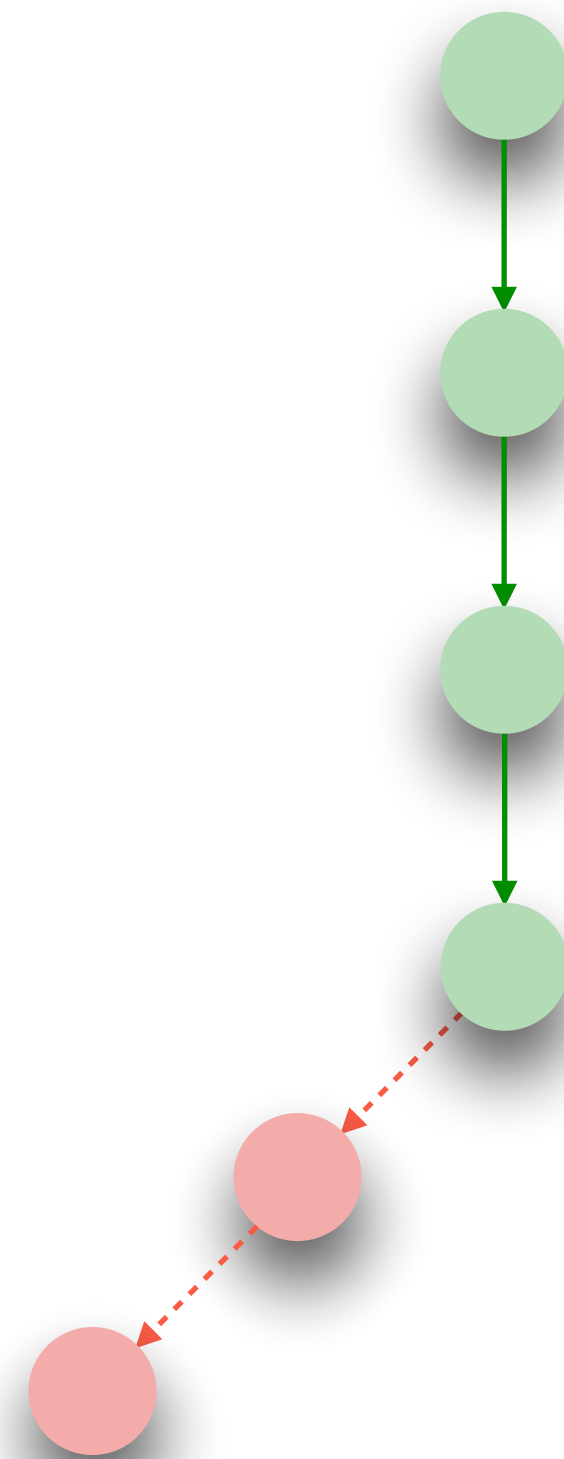
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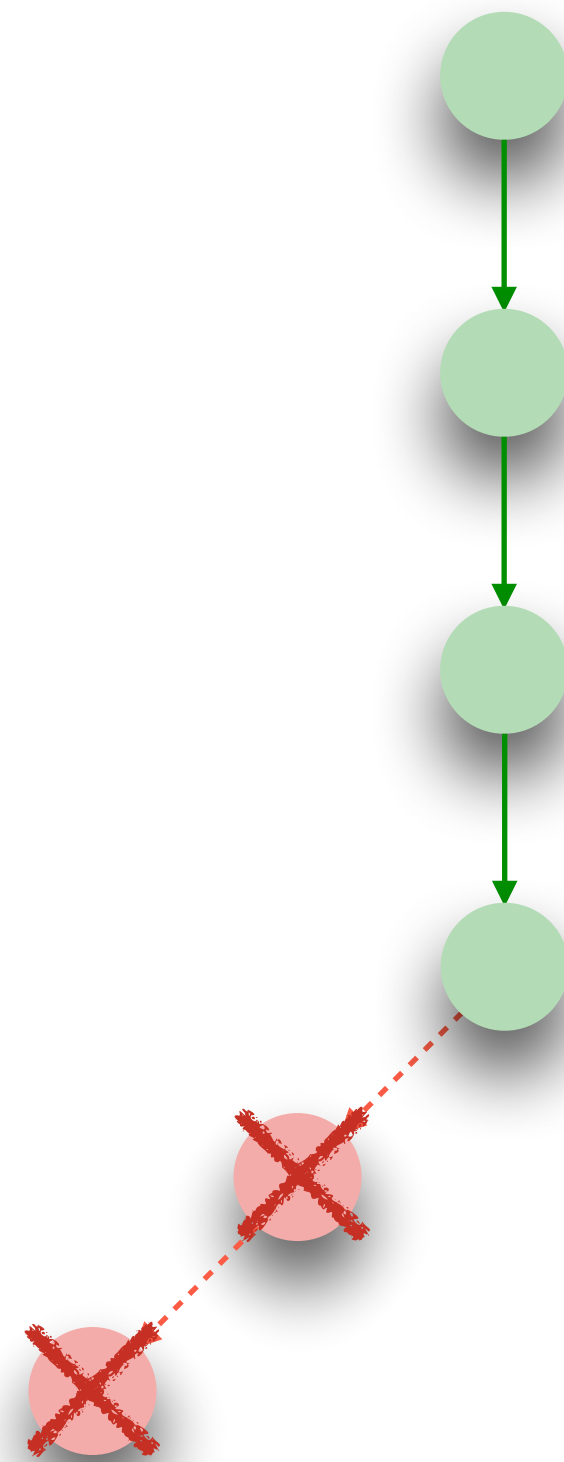
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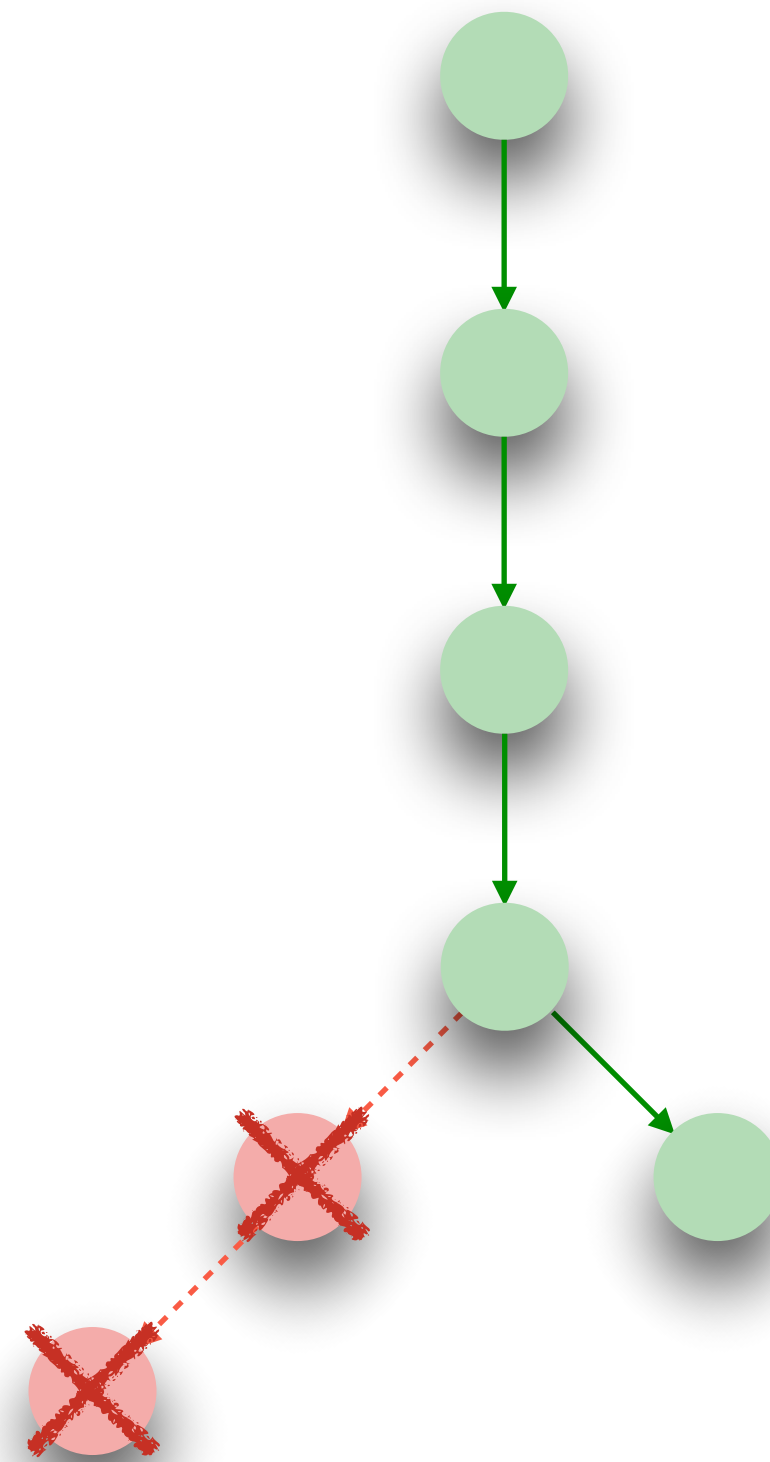
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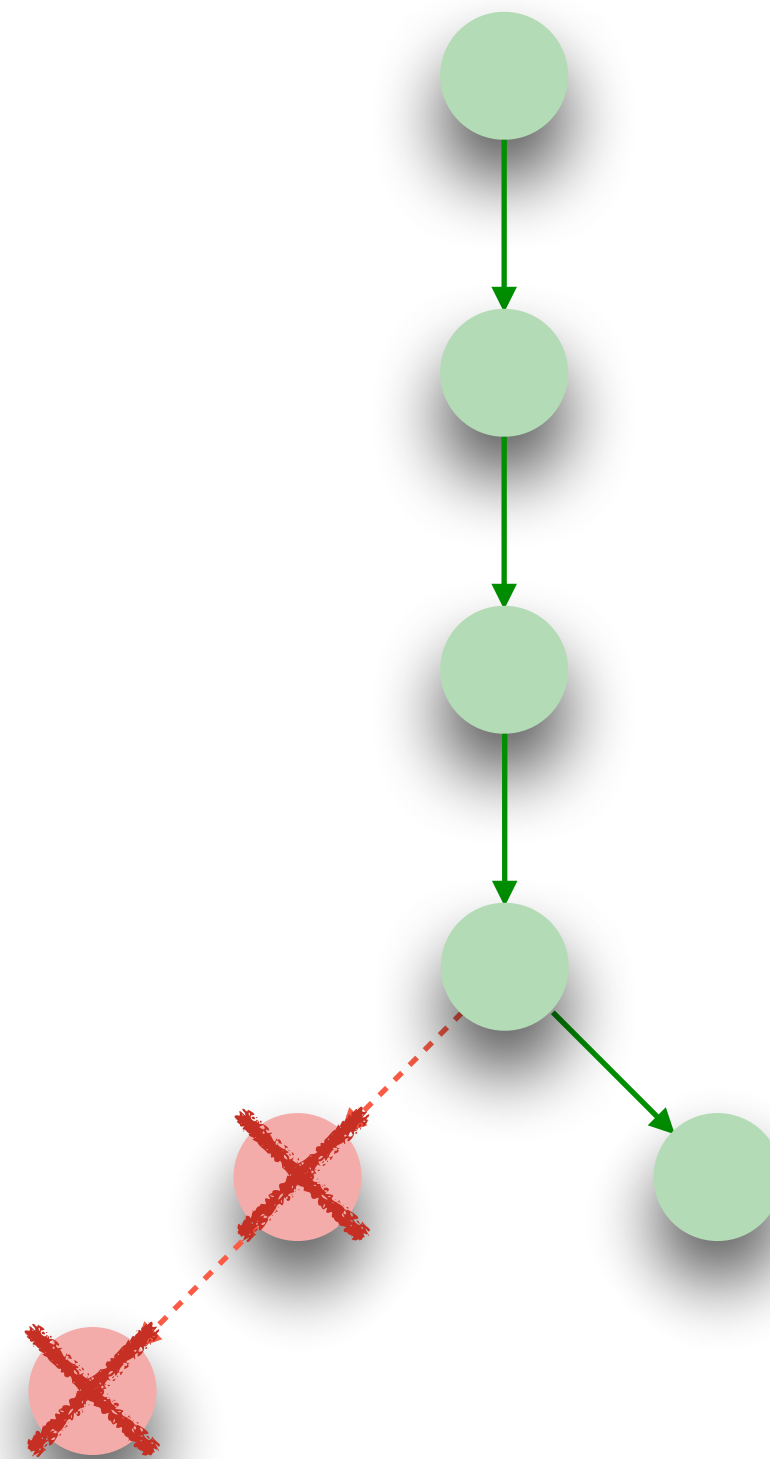
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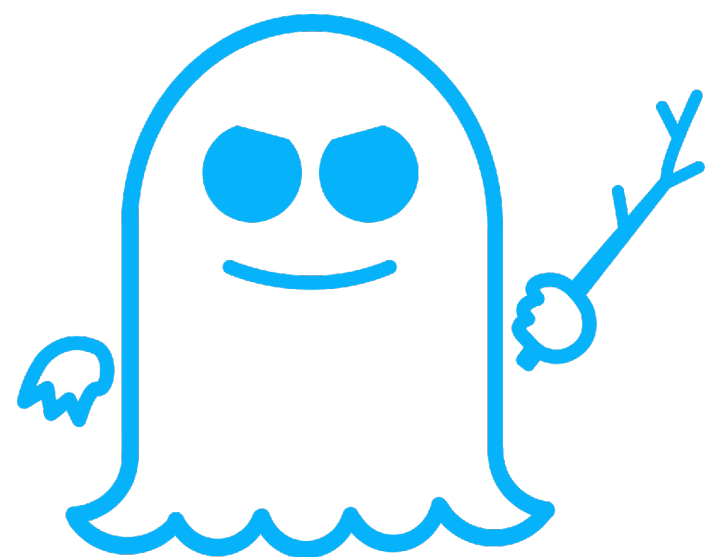
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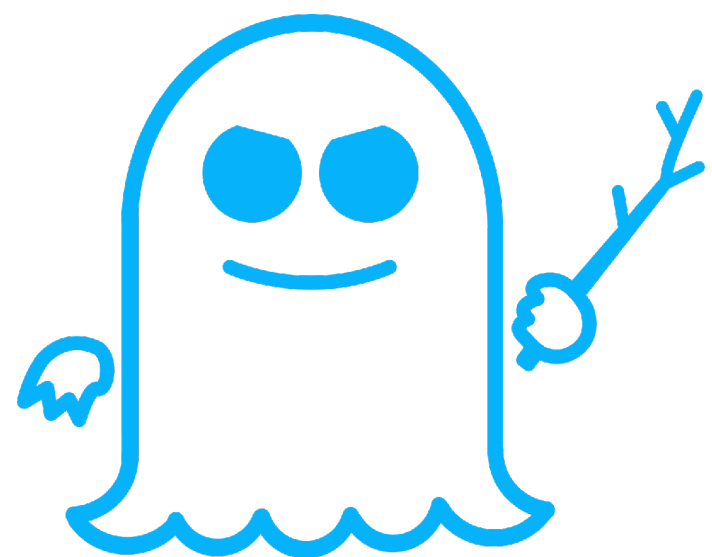
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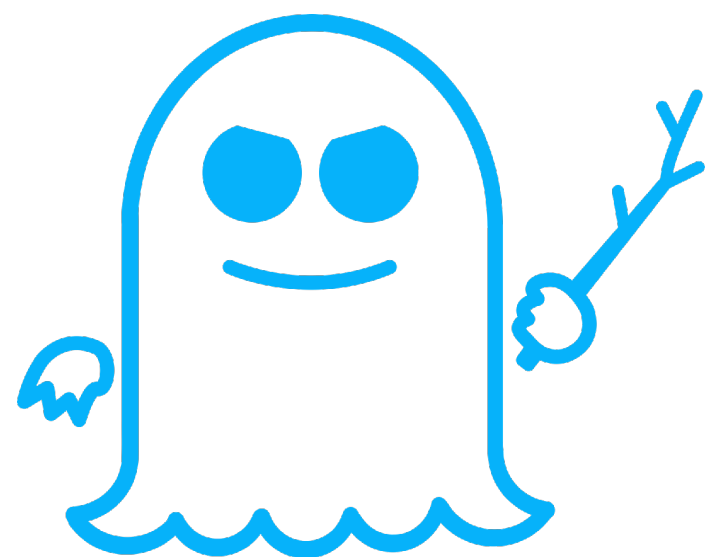
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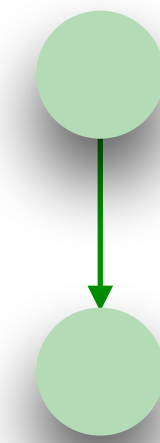
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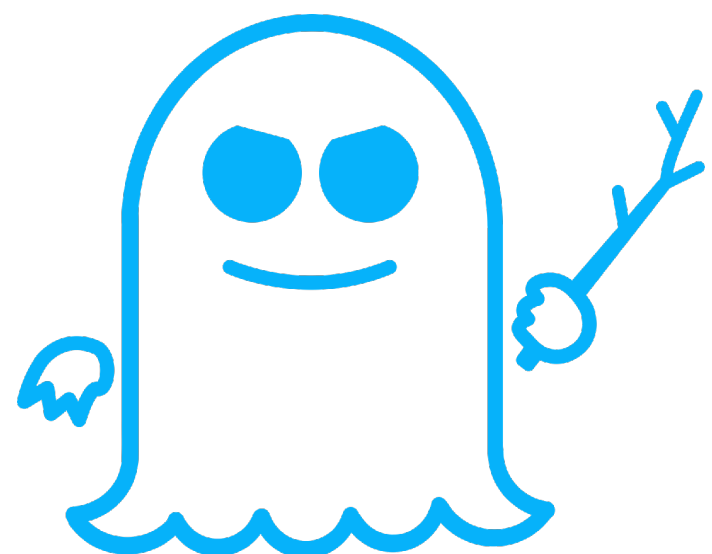
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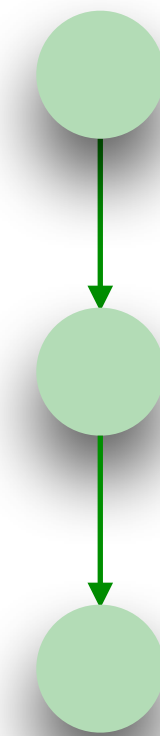
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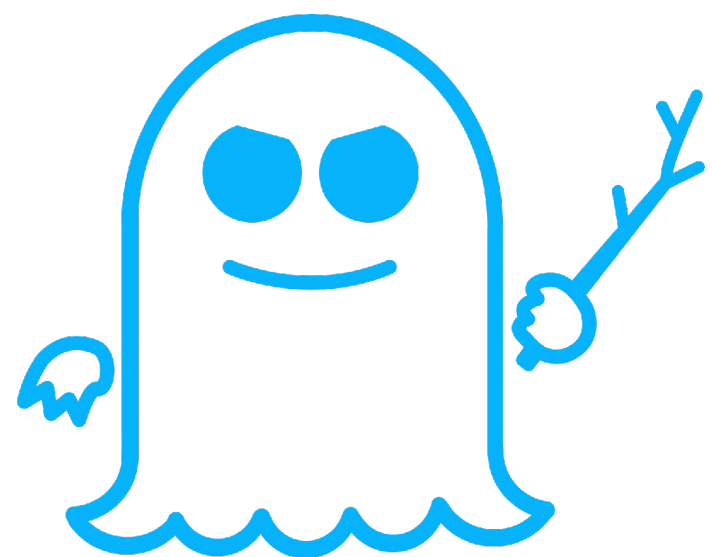
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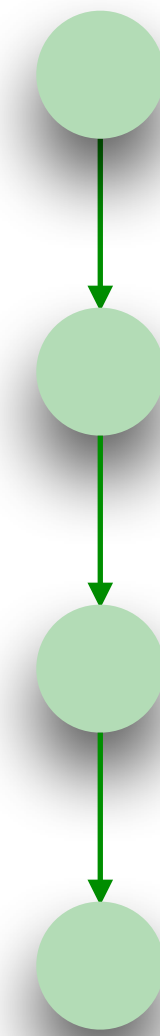
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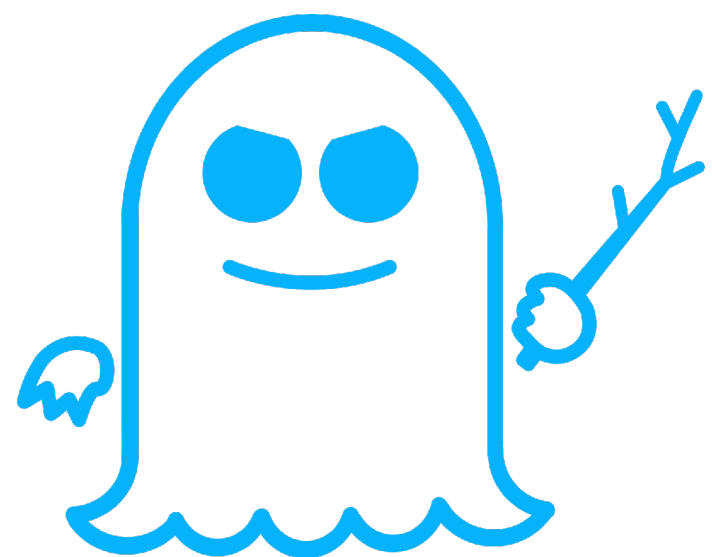
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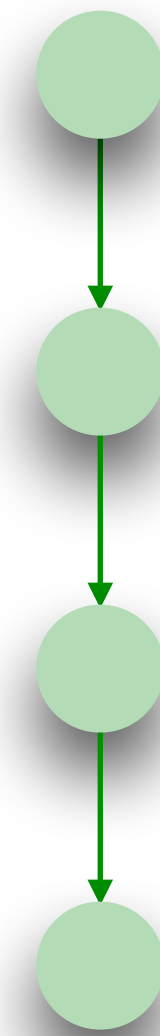
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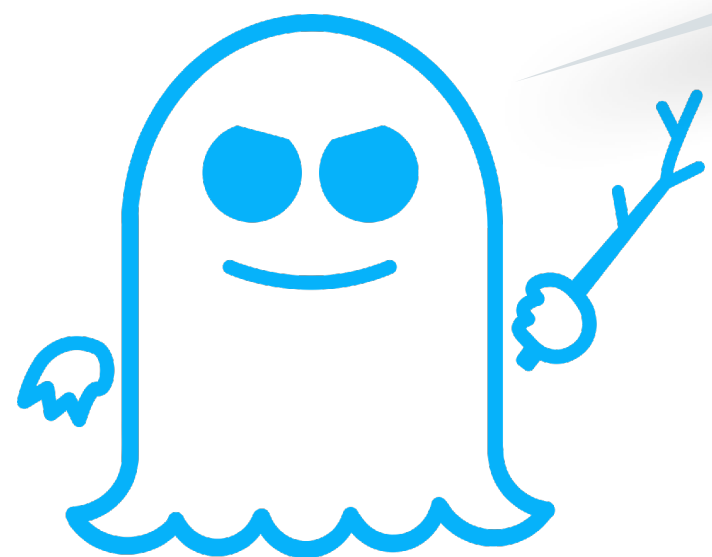
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pc L1
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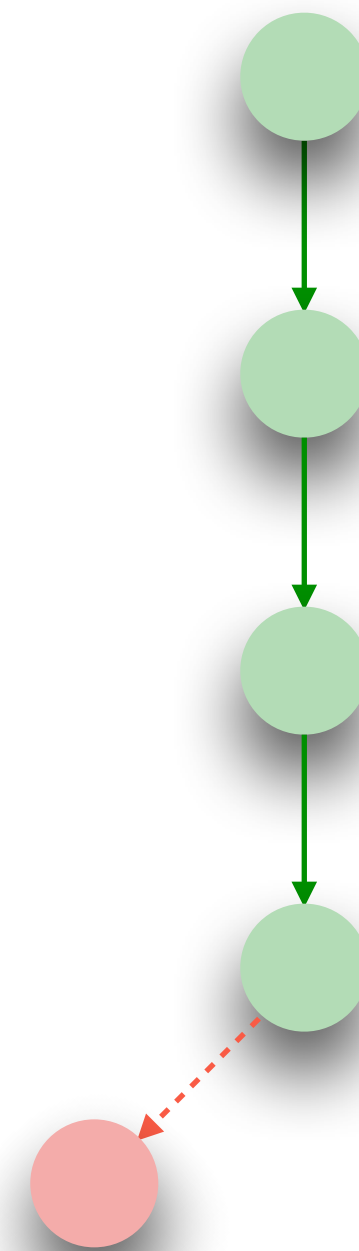
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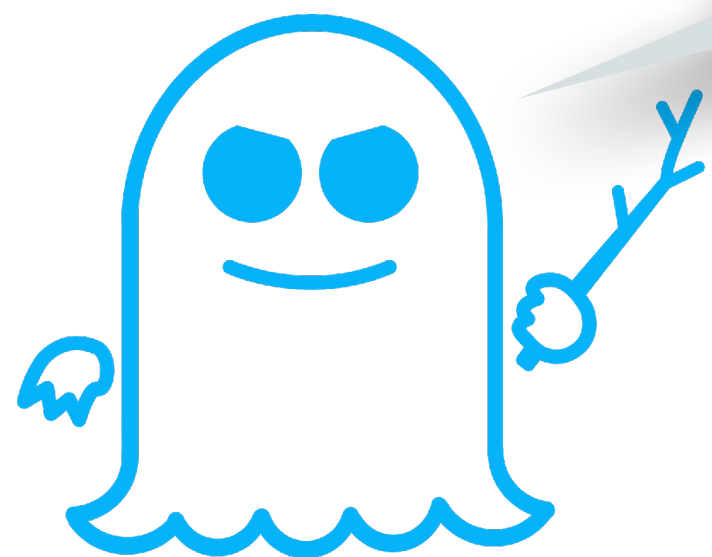
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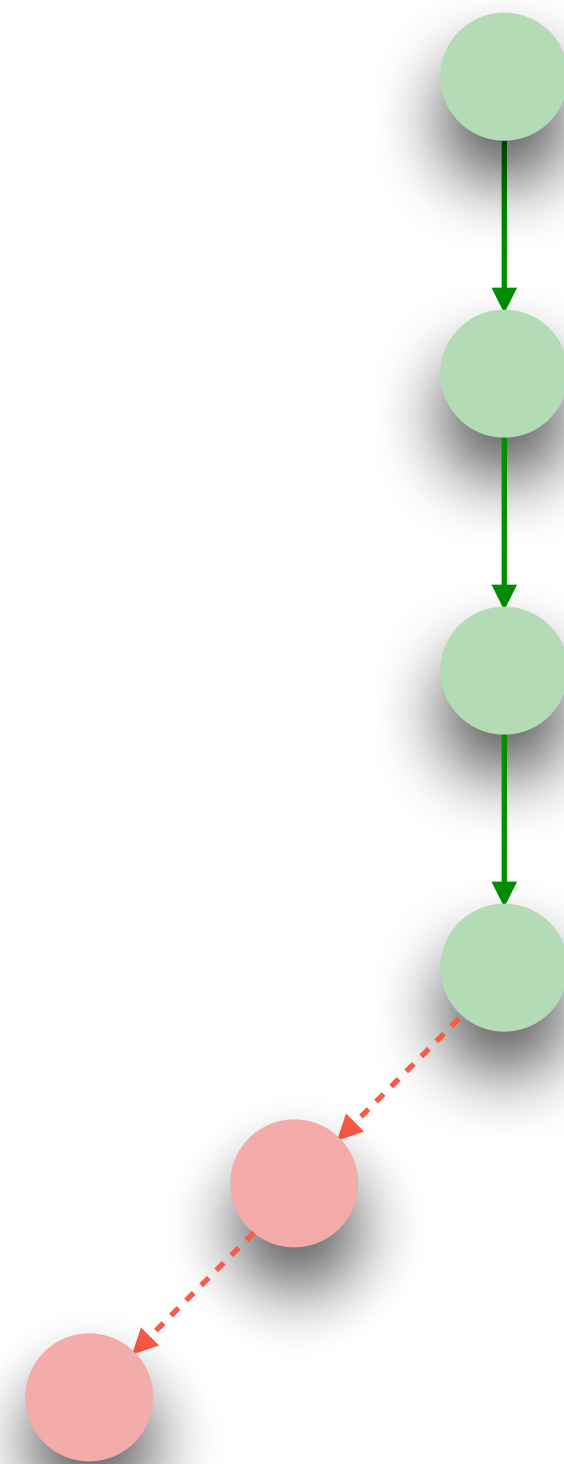
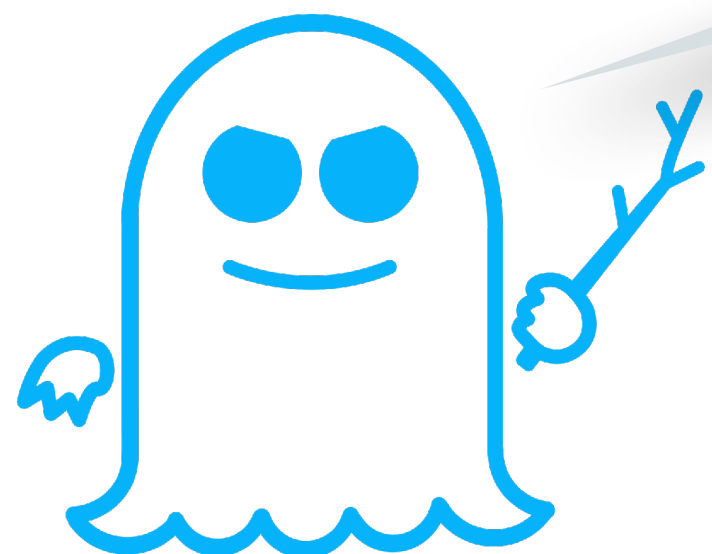
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```

```
L1: load rax, A + rcx
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```
load rax, B + rax
```

```
END:
```

load **B+A[x]**



Attacker can observe:

- locations of **memory accesses**
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- **start/end** speculative execution

Observer model: Leakage into μ architectural state

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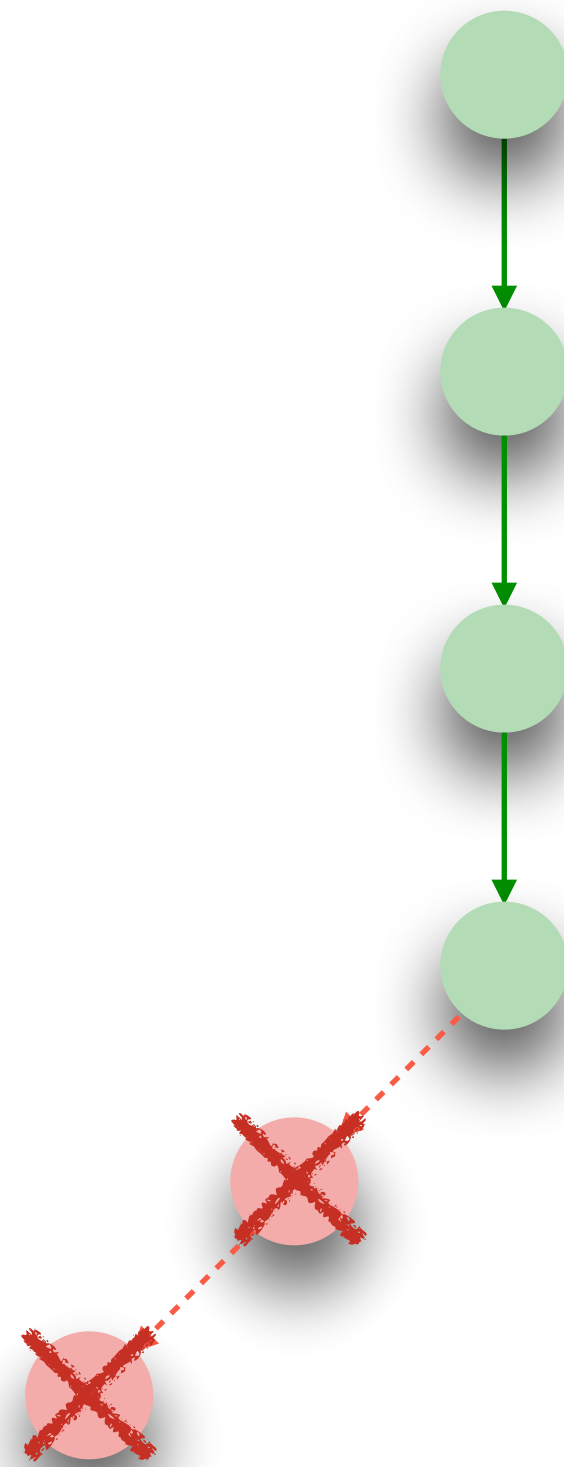
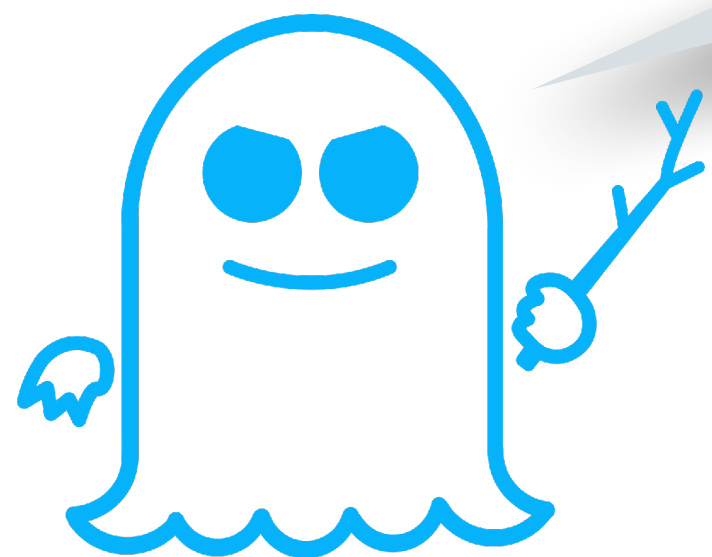
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```

```
END:
```

```
rollback;  
pc END
```



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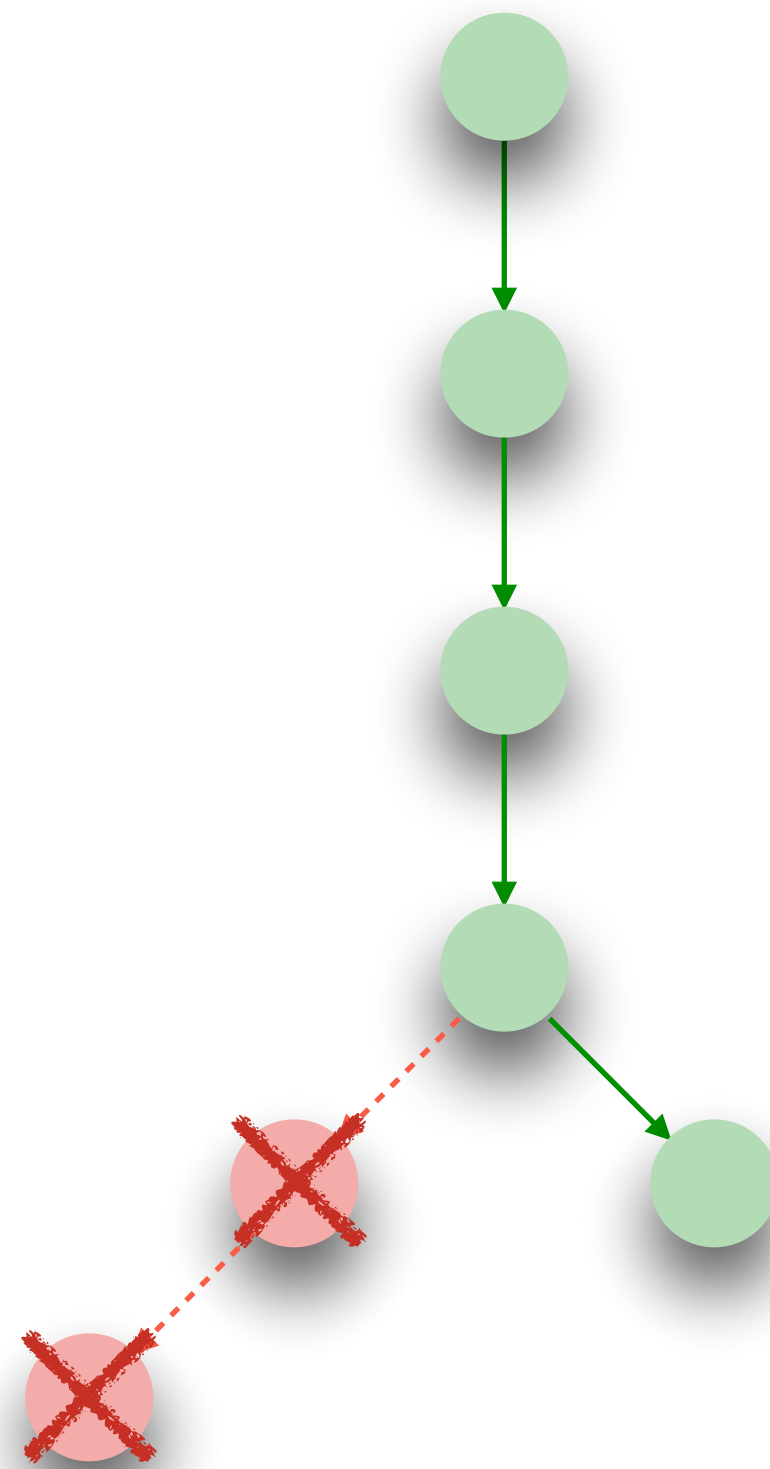
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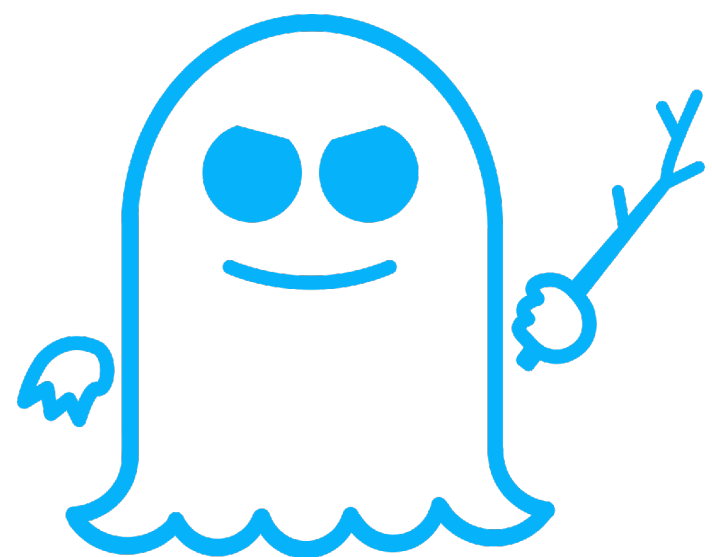
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```

```
END:
```



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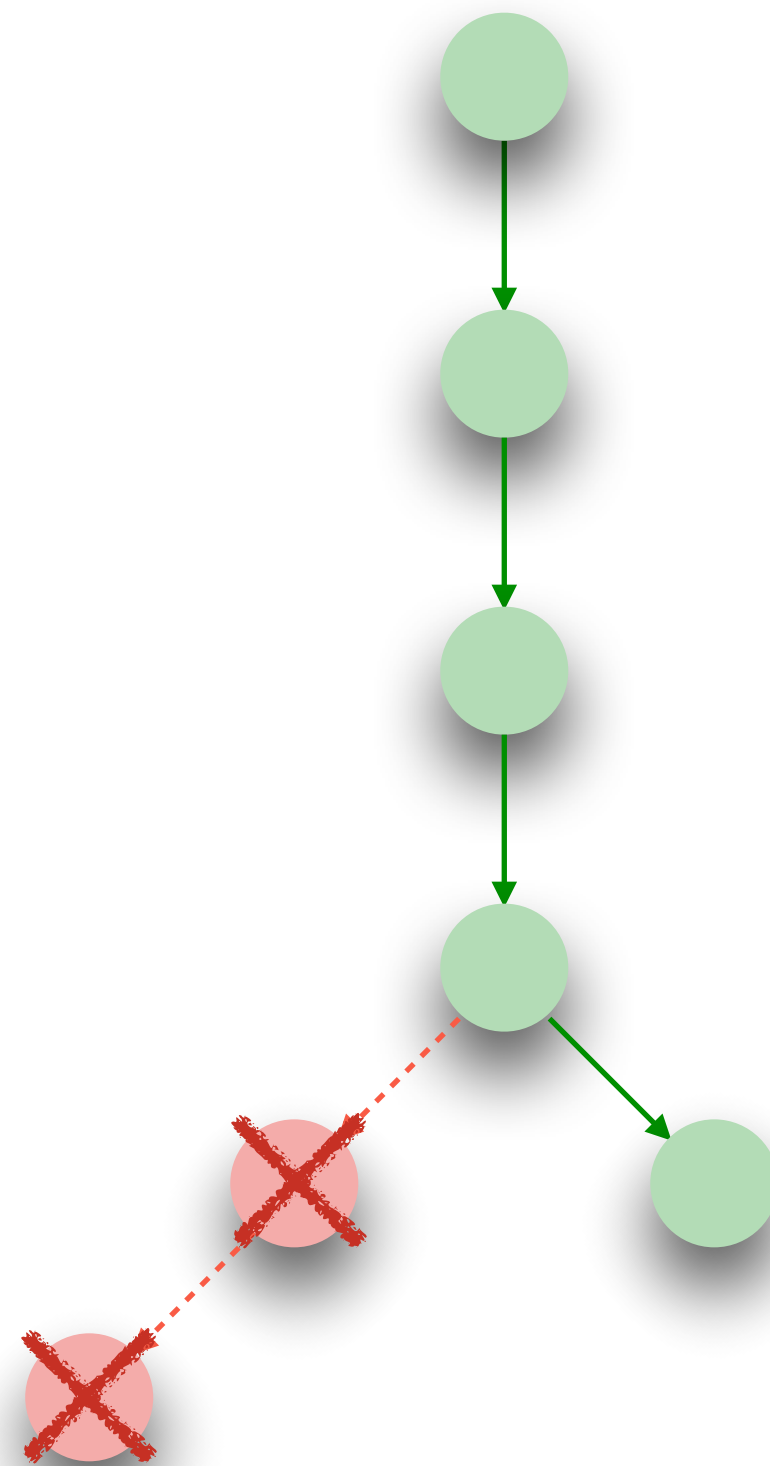
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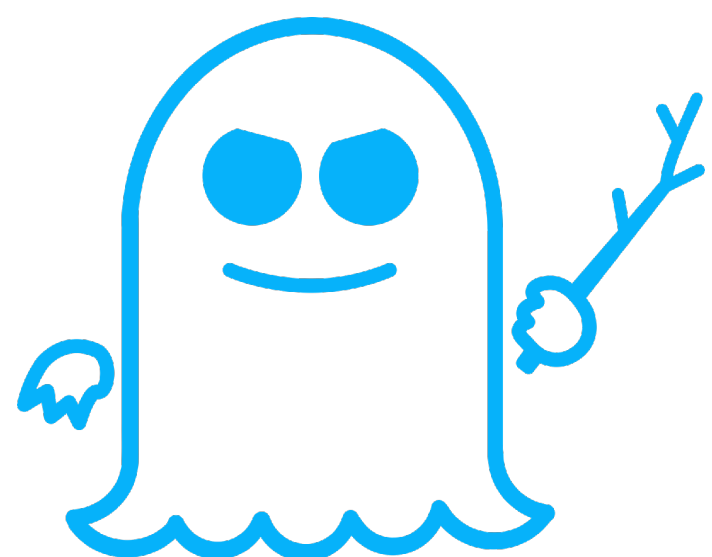
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END:
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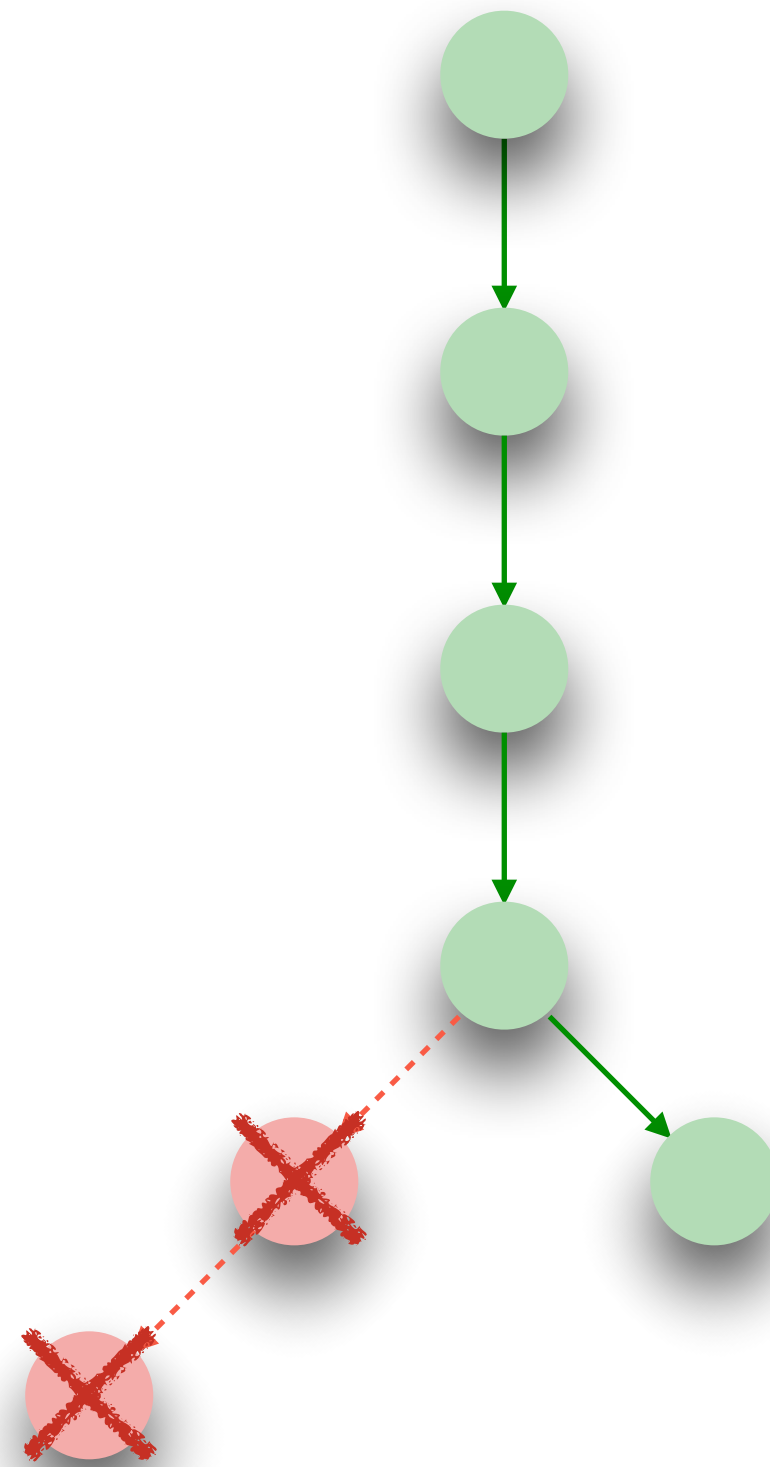
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Inspired by “constant-time” programming requirements



Observer model: Leakage into μ architectural state

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END:
```



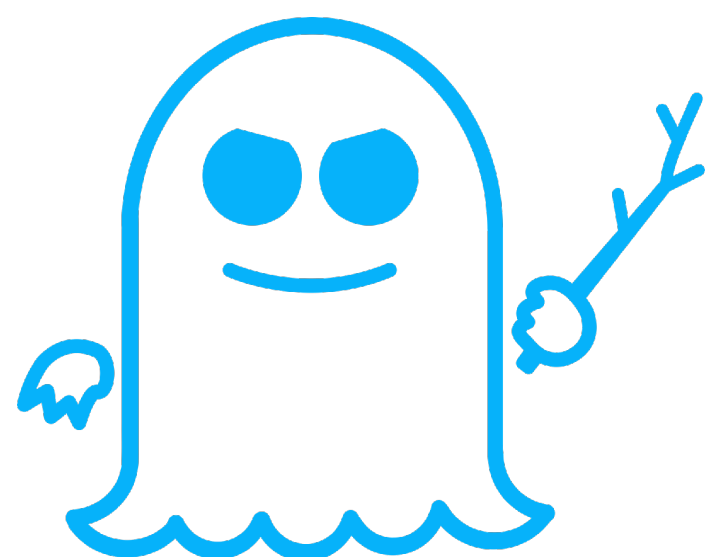
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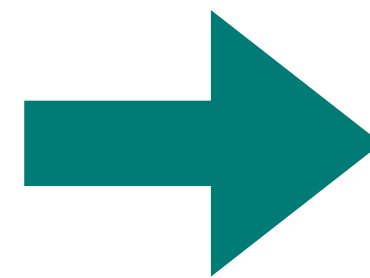
No need for detailed model of memory hierarchy:

- **possibly pessimistic**
- **more robust**



Reasoning about arbitrary prediction oracles

Speculative semantics
+
Prediction oracle



Always-mispredict
speculative semantics

Always-mispredict speculative semantics

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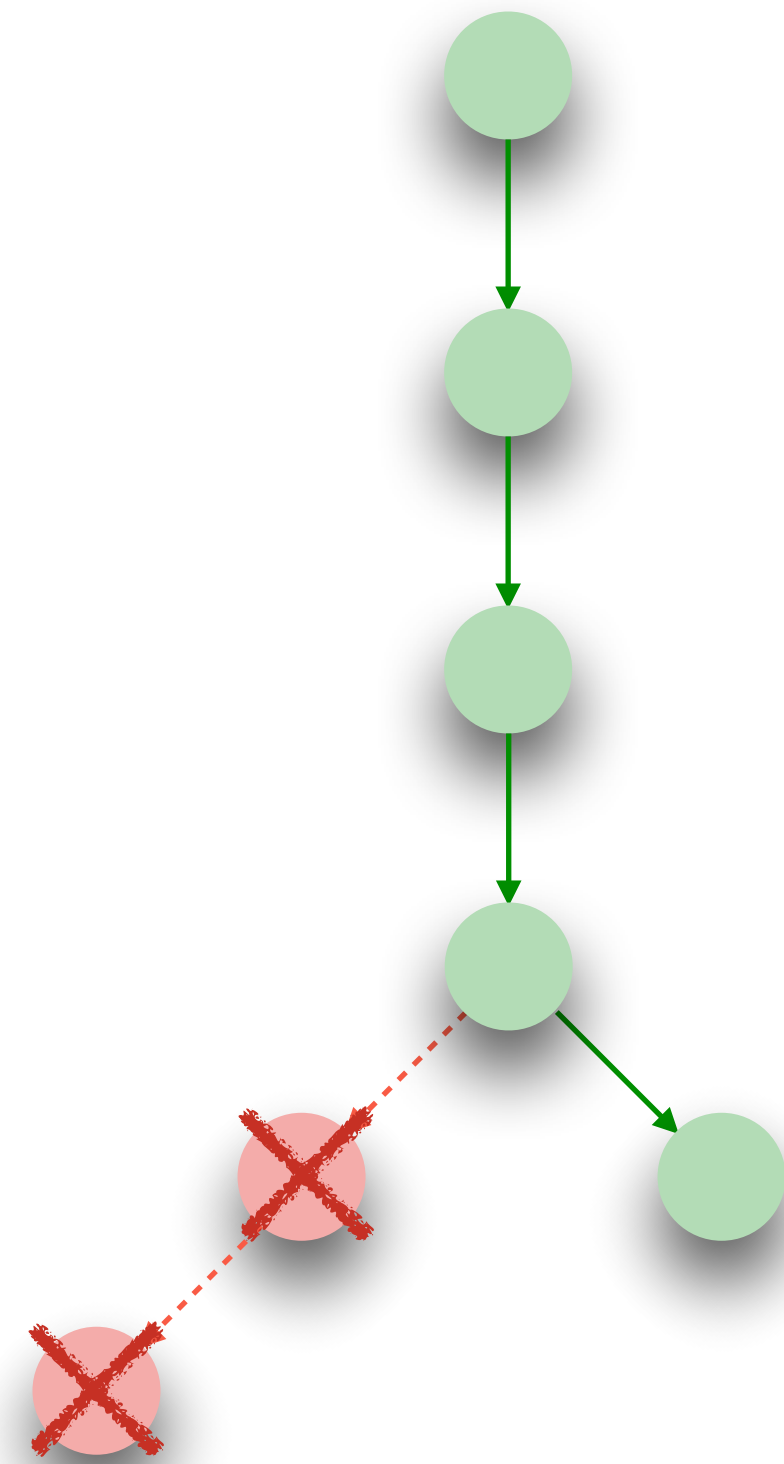
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Always-mispredict speculative semantics

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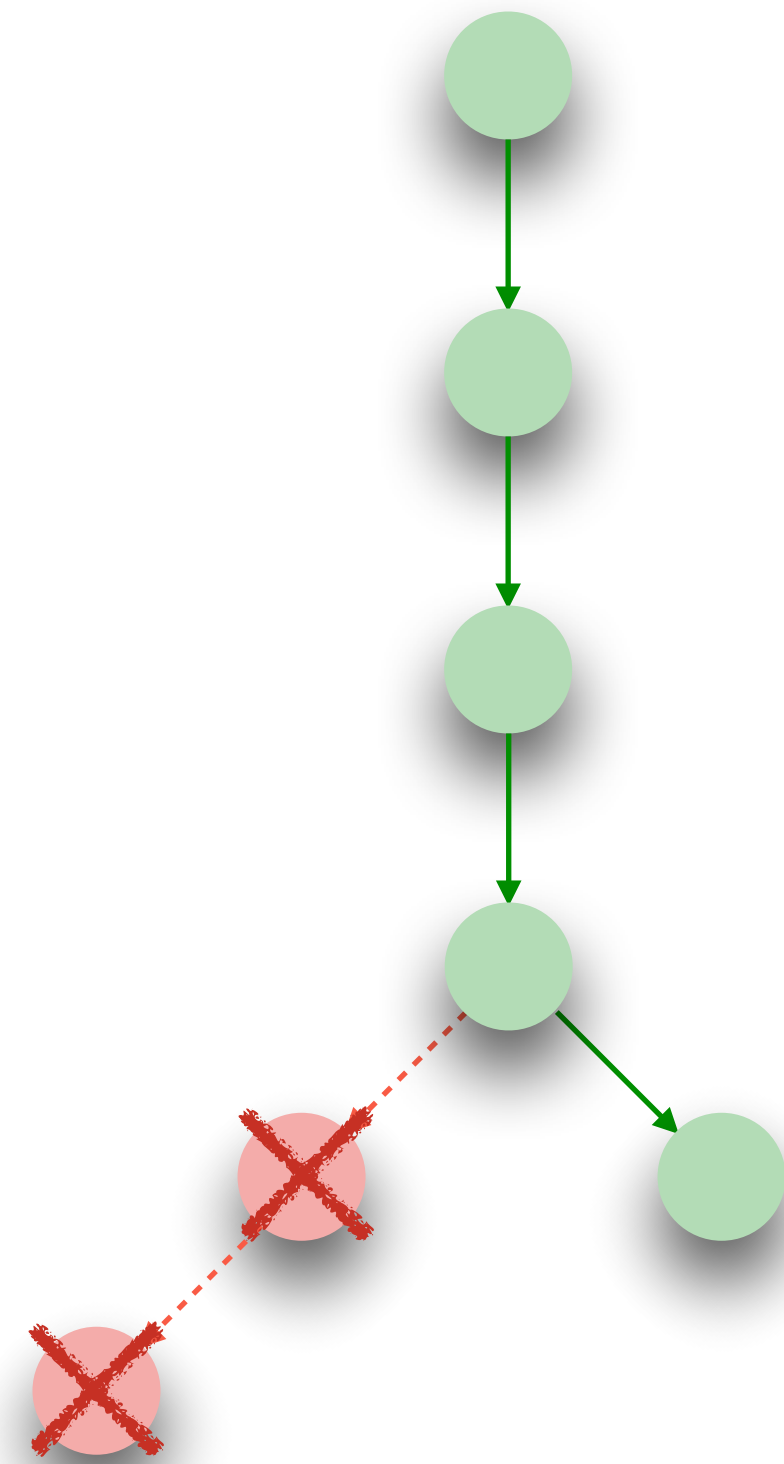
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Always mispredict branch instructions' outcomes

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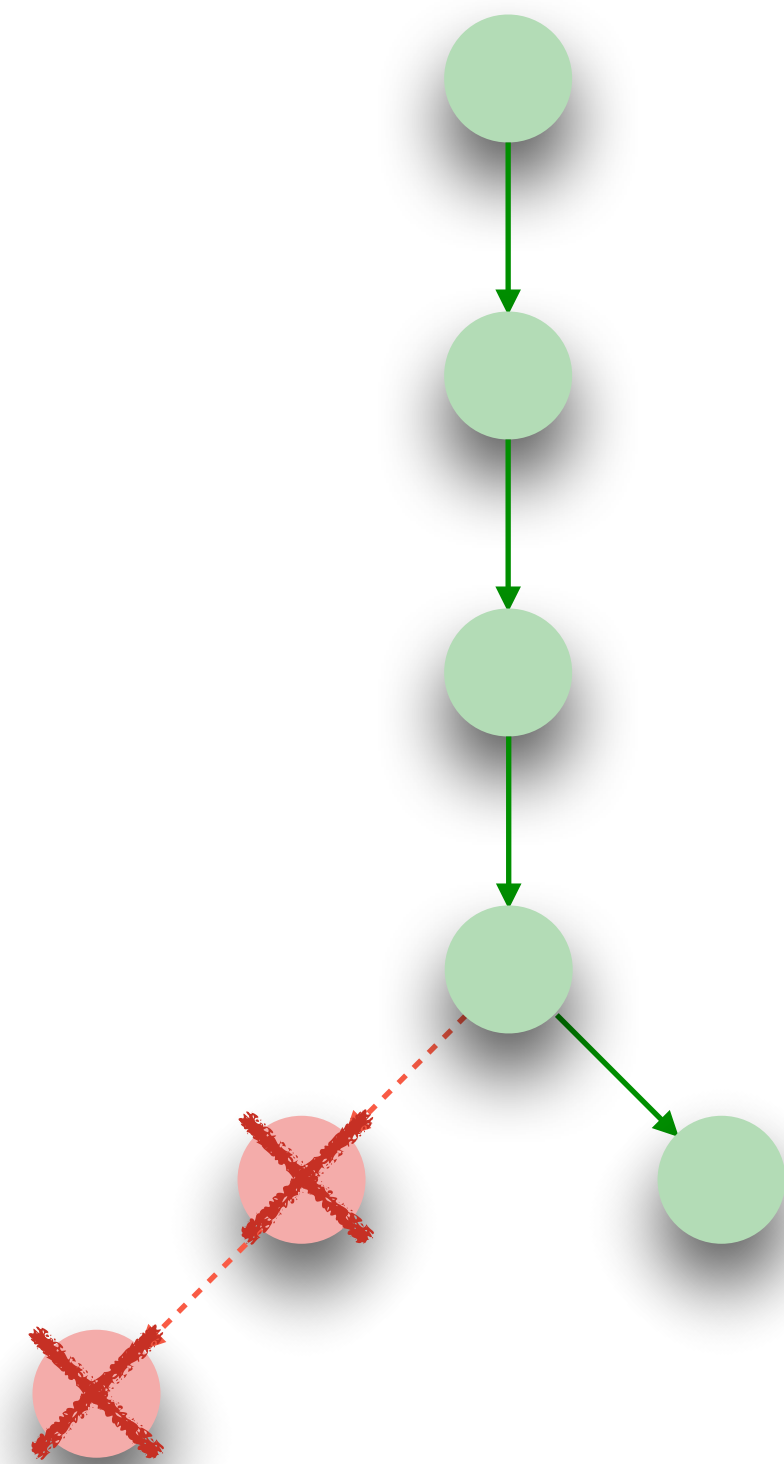
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Always mispredict branch instructions' outcomes

Fixed speculative window

Always-mispredict speculative semantics

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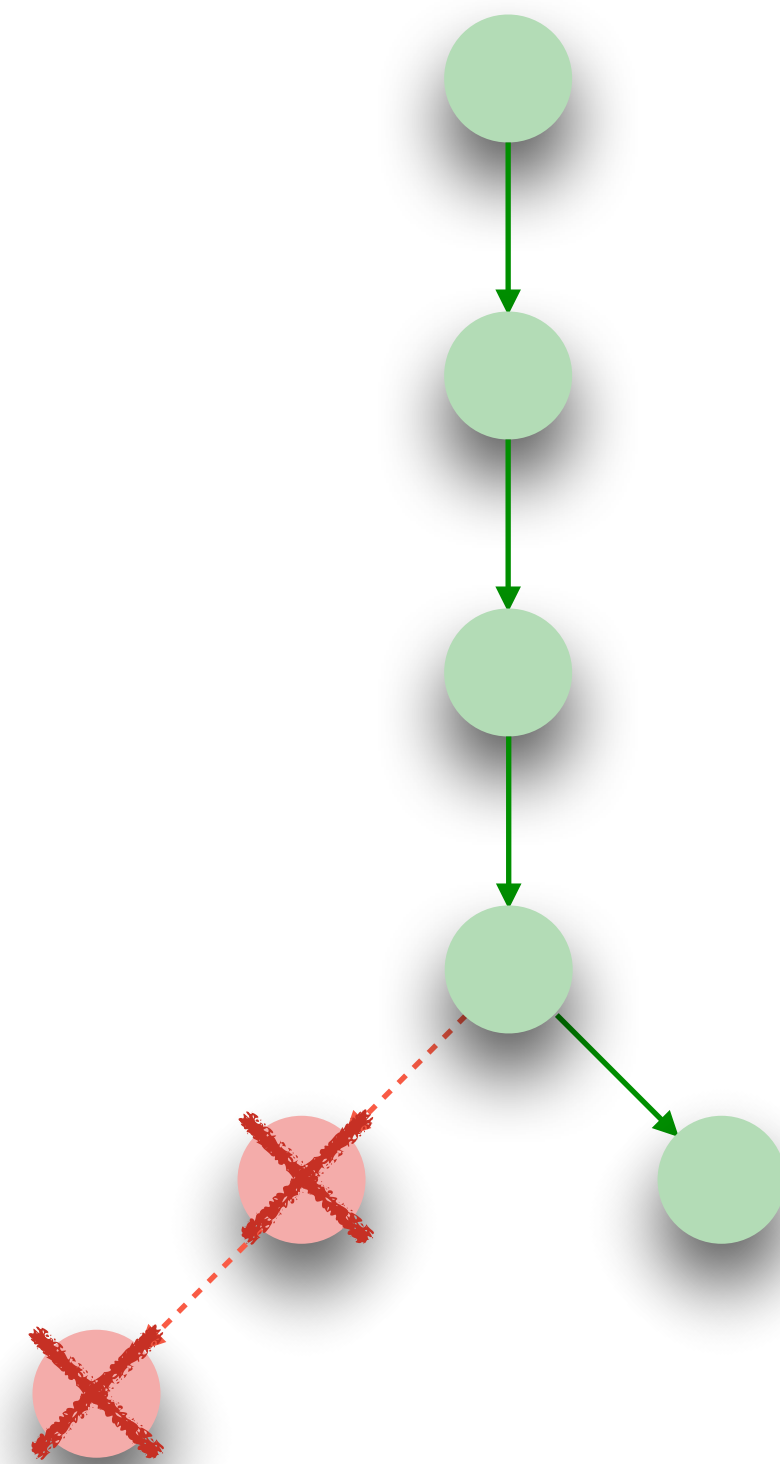
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```

```
END:
```



Always mispredict branch instructions' outcomes

Fixed speculative window

Rollback of every transaction

Always-mispredict speculative semantics: Inference Rules

SE-NOBRANCH

$$\begin{array}{c}
 p(\sigma(\mathbf{pc})) \neq \mathbf{beqz} \ x, \ell \quad \sigma \xrightarrow{\tau}_s \sigma' \quad \mathit{enabled}'(s) \\
 s' = \begin{cases} \mathit{decr}'(s) & \text{if } p(\sigma(\mathbf{pc})) \neq \mathbf{spbarr} \\ \mathit{zeroes}'(s) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 \hline
 \langle \mathit{ctr}, \sigma, s \rangle \xRightarrow{\tau}_s \langle \mathit{ctr}, \sigma', s' \rangle
 \end{array}$$

SE-BRANCH-SYMB

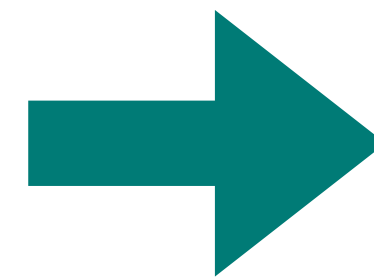
$$\begin{array}{c}
 p(\sigma(\mathbf{pc})) = \mathbf{beqz} \ x, \ell'' \quad \mathit{enabled}'(s) \\
 \sigma \xrightarrow{\mathit{symPc}(se).\mathbf{pc} \ \ell'}_s \sigma' \quad \ell = \begin{cases} \sigma(\mathbf{pc}) + 1 & \text{if } \ell' \neq \sigma(\mathbf{pc}) + 1 \\ \ell'' & \text{if } \ell' = \sigma(\mathbf{pc}) + 1 \end{cases} \\
 s' = s \cdot \langle \sigma, \mathit{ctr}, \min(w, \mathit{wndw}(s) - 1), \ell \rangle \quad \mathit{id} = \mathit{ctr} \\
 \hline
 \langle \mathit{ctr}, \sigma, s \rangle \xRightarrow{\mathit{symPc}(se).\mathbf{start} \ \mathit{id}.\mathbf{pc} \ \ell}_s \langle \mathit{ctr} + 1, \sigma[\mathbf{pc} \mapsto \ell], s' \rangle
 \end{array}$$

SE-ROLLBACK

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \sigma' \xrightarrow{\tau}_s \sigma'' \\
 \hline
 \langle \mathit{ctr}, \sigma, s \cdot \langle \sigma', \mathit{id}, 0, \ell \rangle \rangle \xRightarrow{\mathit{rollback} \ \mathit{id}.\mathbf{pc} \ \sigma''(\mathbf{pc})}_s \langle \mathit{ctr}, \sigma'', s \rangle
 \end{array}$$

Always-mispredict leaks maximally

Speculative semantics
+
Prediction oracle



Always-mispredict
speculative semantics

For all program states s and s' :

$$P_{\text{spec}}(s) = P_{\text{spec}}(s')$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall O: P_{\text{spec},O}(s) = P_{\text{spec},O}(s')$$

Recap: Speculative non-interference

Program P is **speculatively non-interferent** if

For all program states s and s' :

$$P_{\text{non-spec}}(s) = P_{\text{non-spec}}(s')$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\text{spec}}(s) = P_{\text{spec}}(s')$$

Speculative non-interference: Example

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rax <- A_size
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```
END:
```

Speculative non-interference: Example

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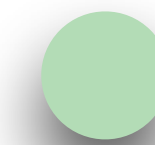
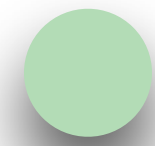
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END:
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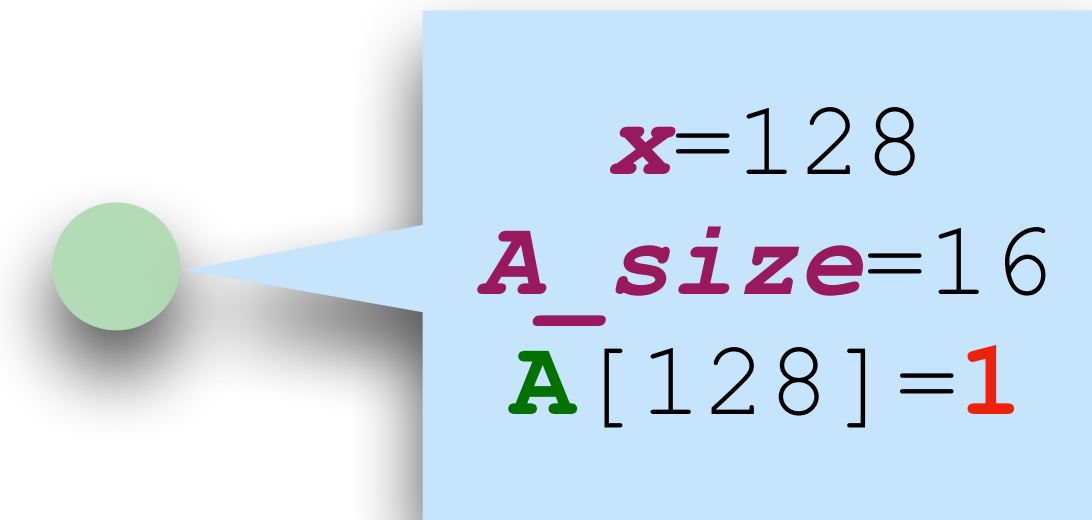
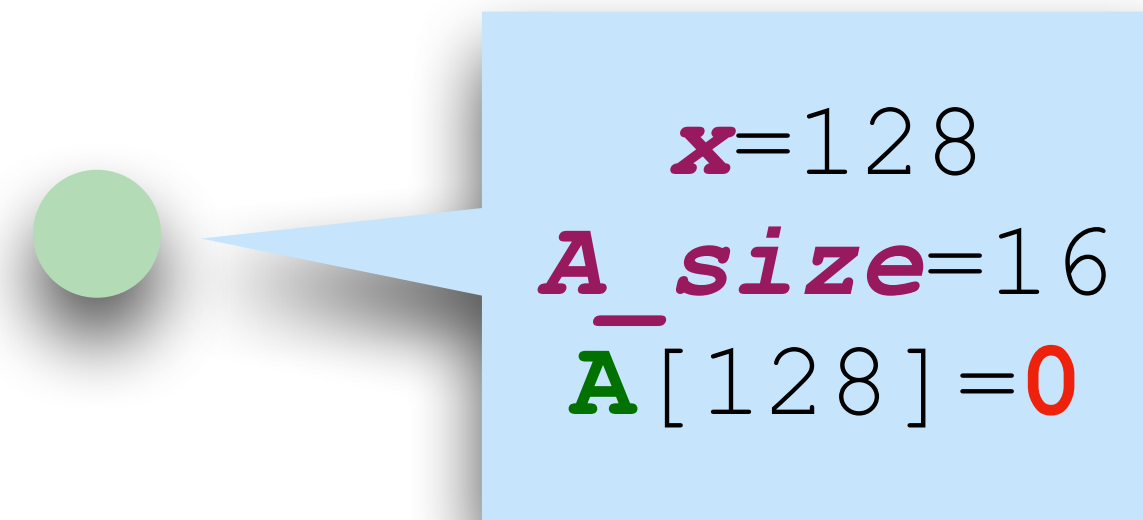
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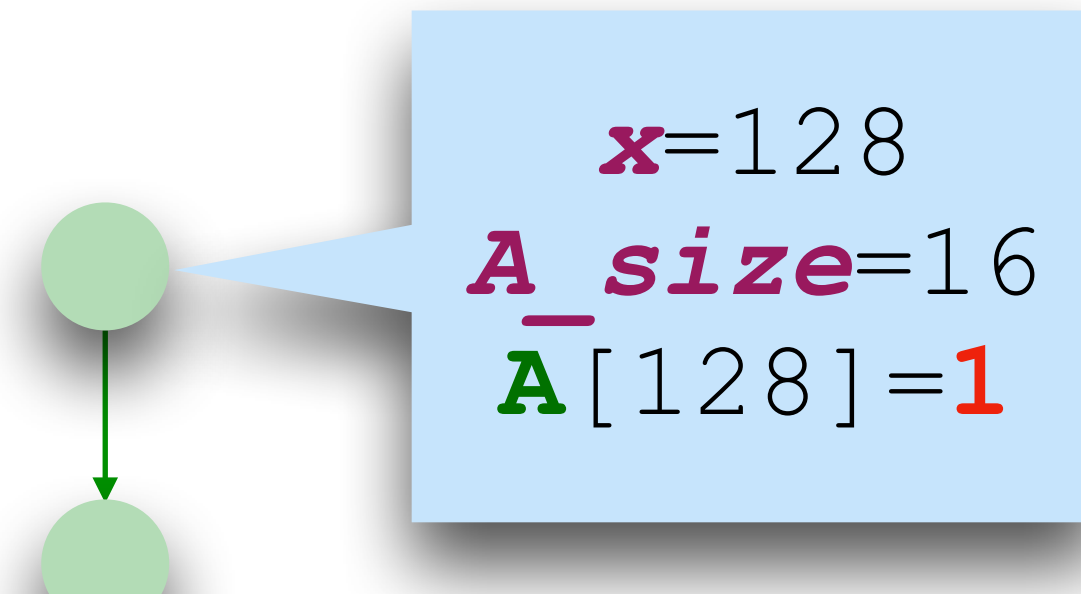
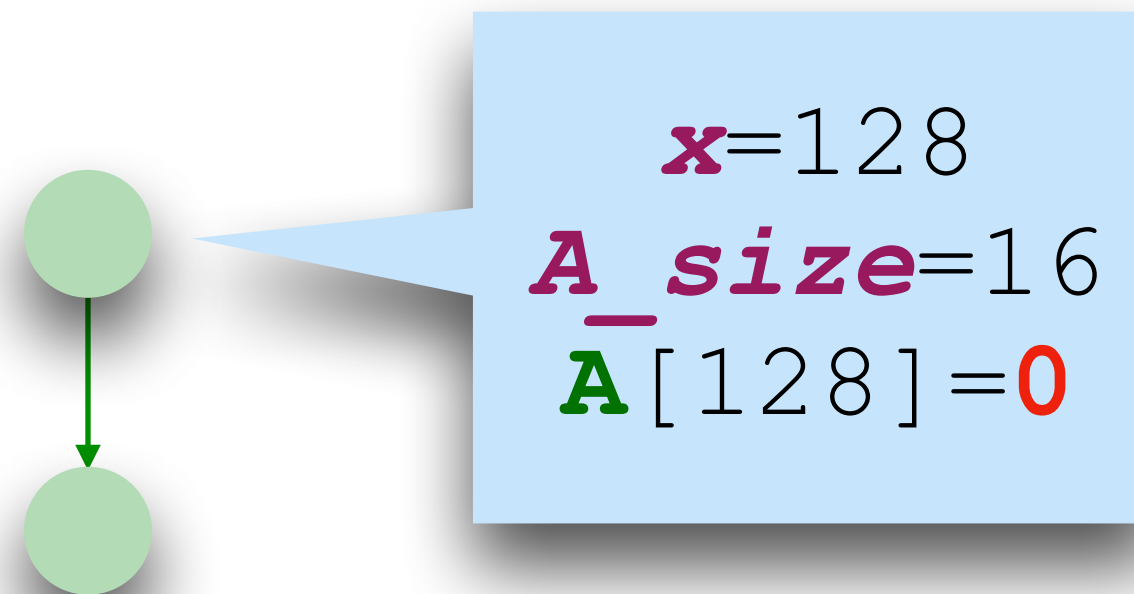
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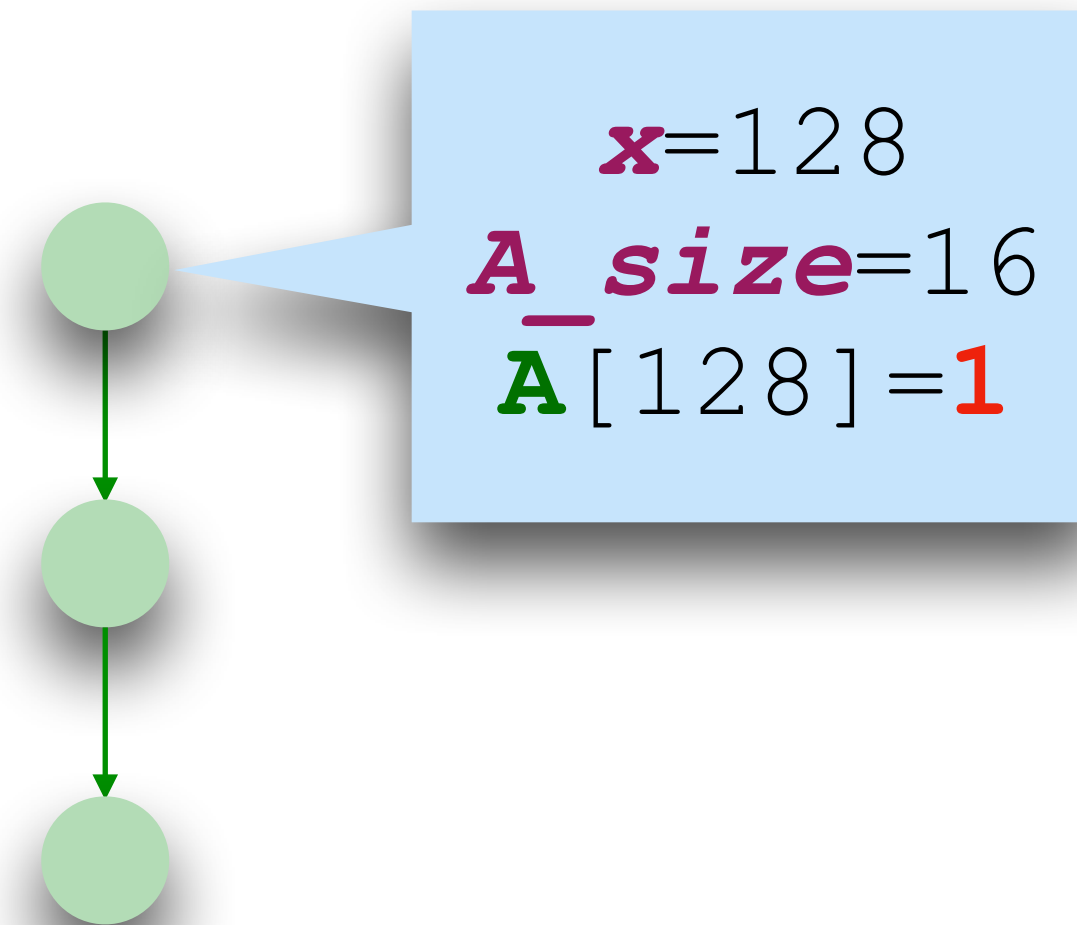
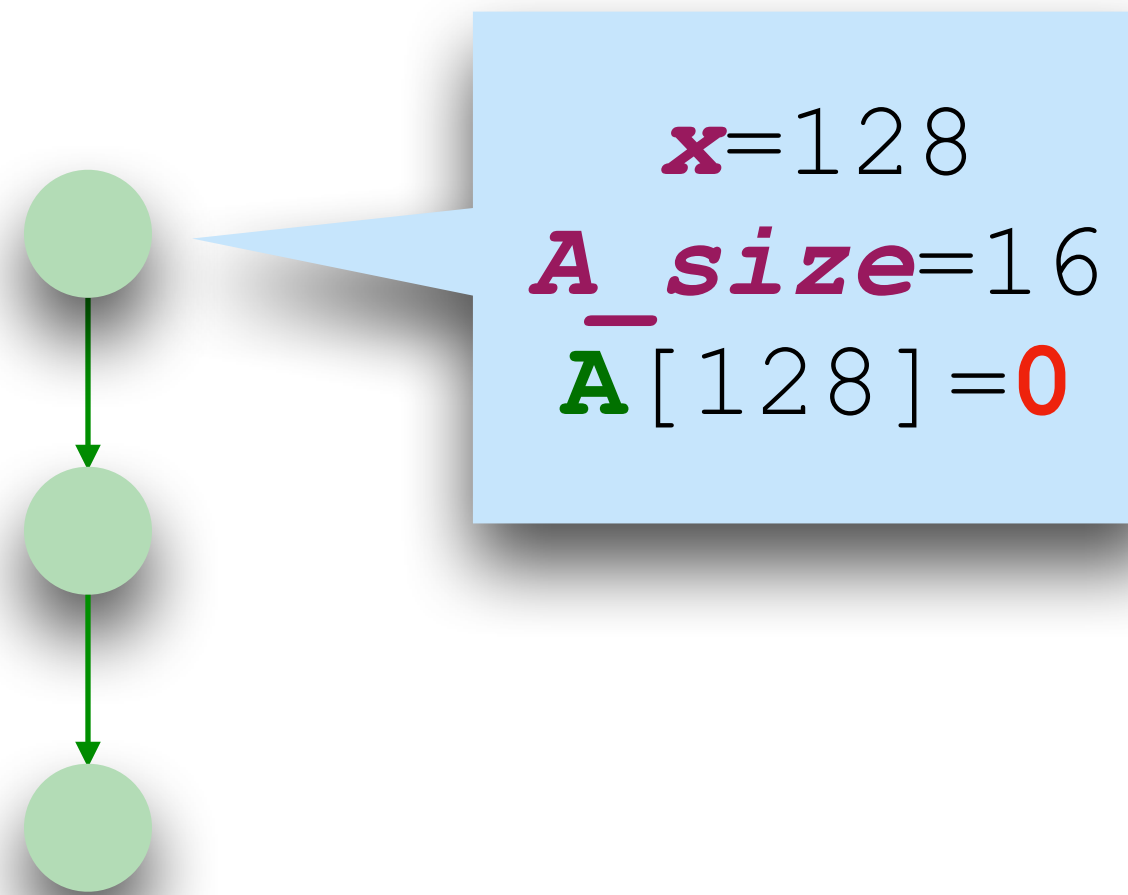
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Speculative non-interference: Example

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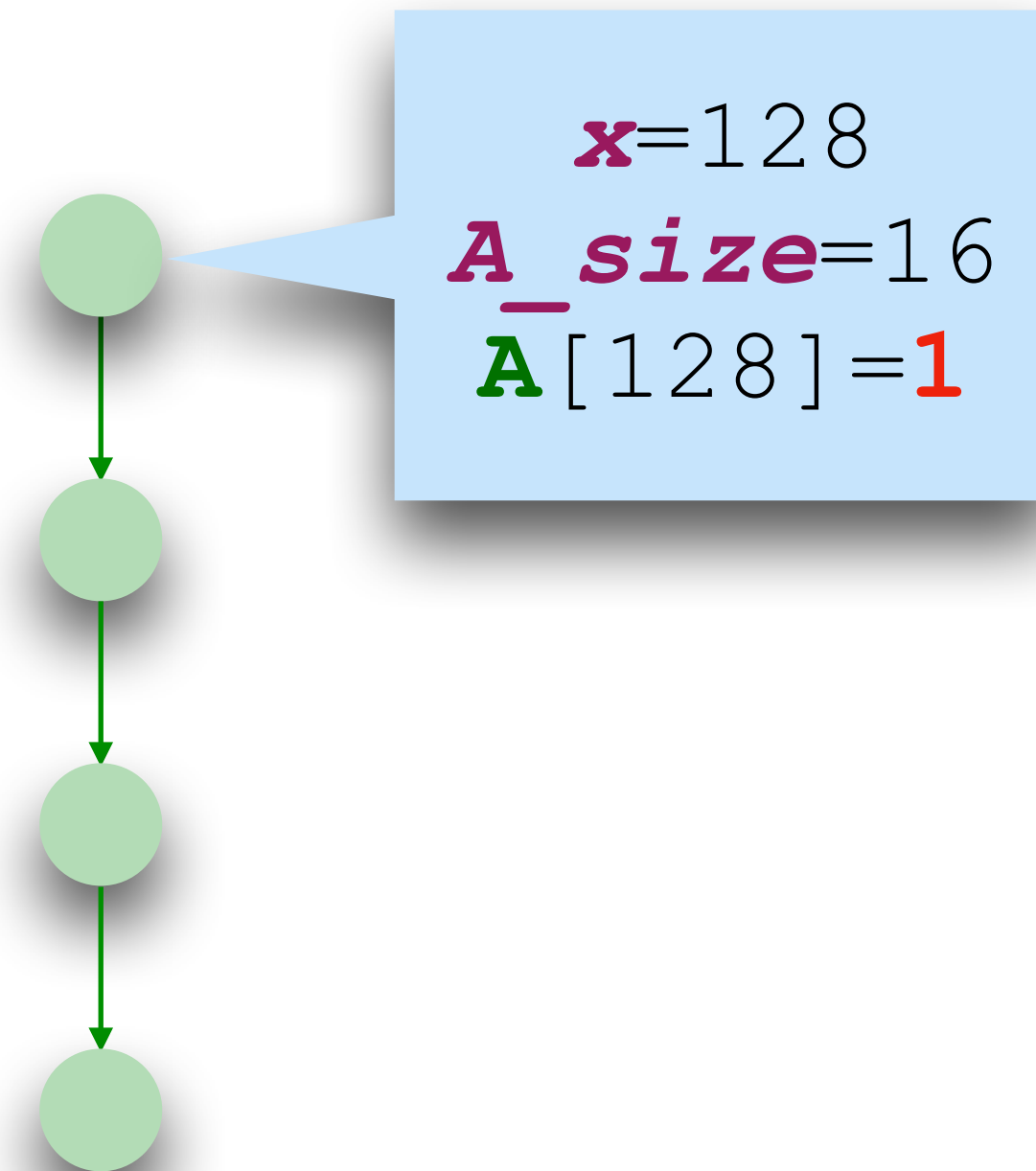
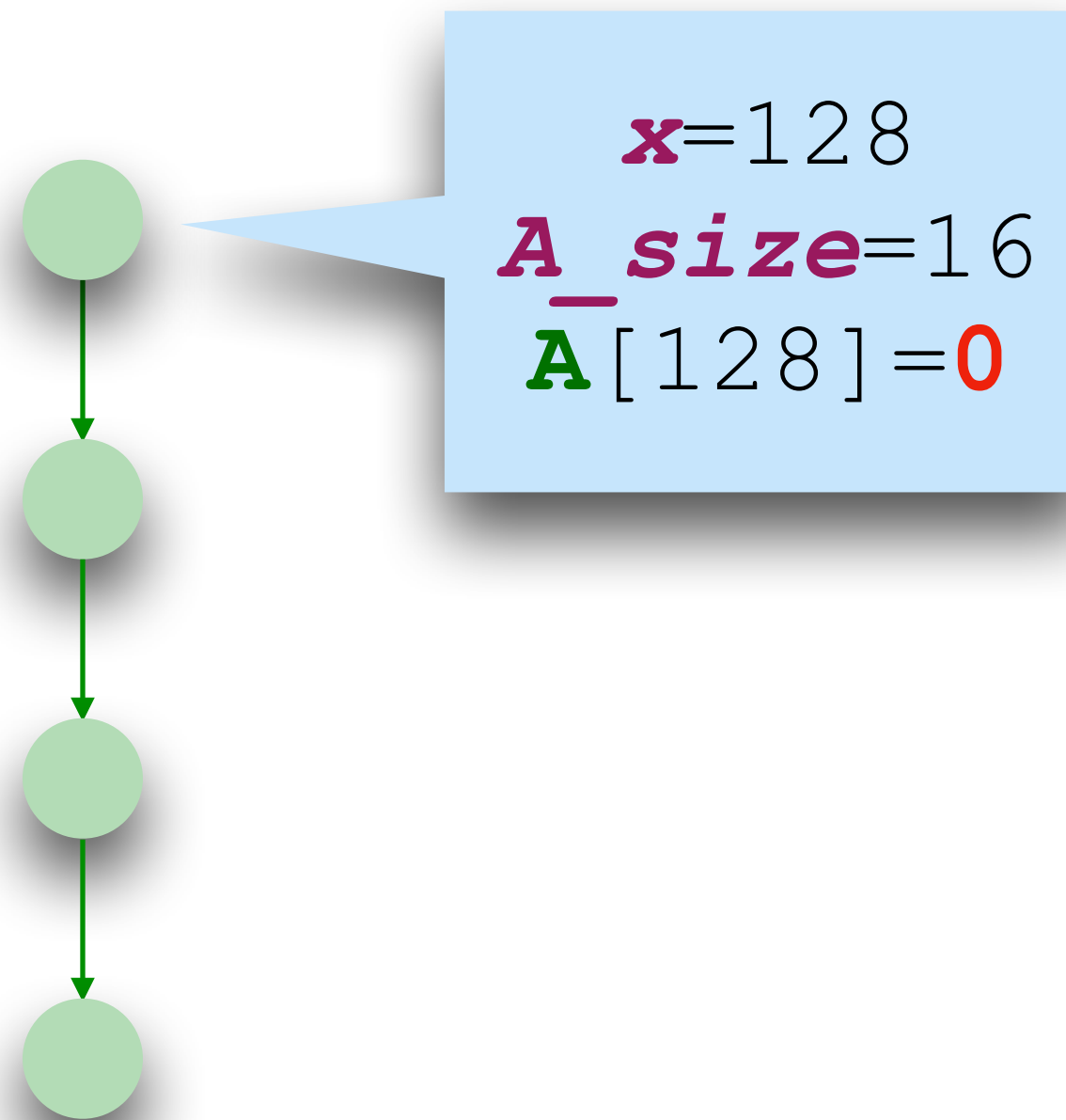
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Speculative non-interference: Example

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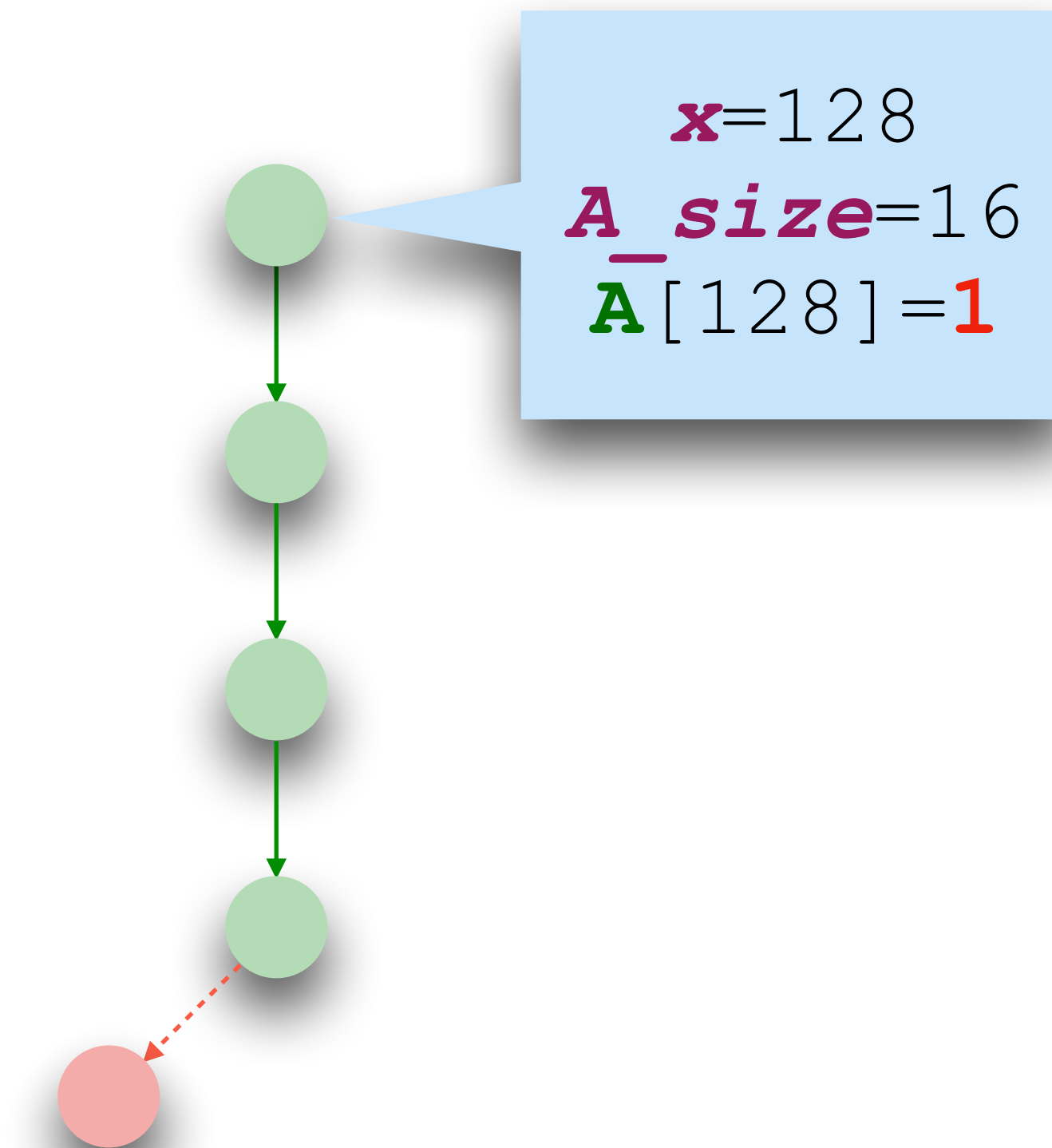
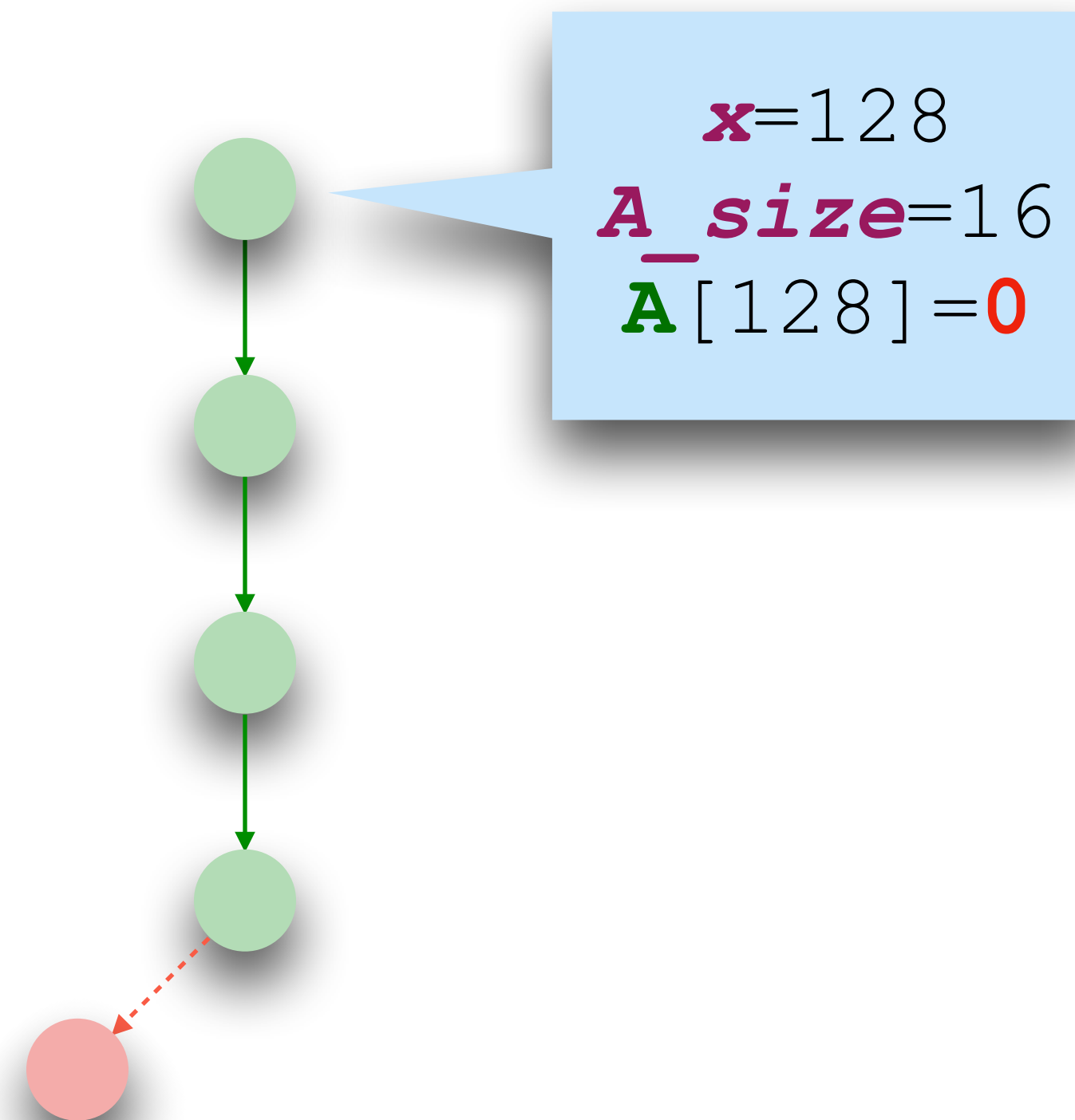
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```
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```

```
END:
```

load **A**+128

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x=128
A_size=16
A[128]=0

x=128
A_size=16
A[128]=1

Speculative non-interference: Example

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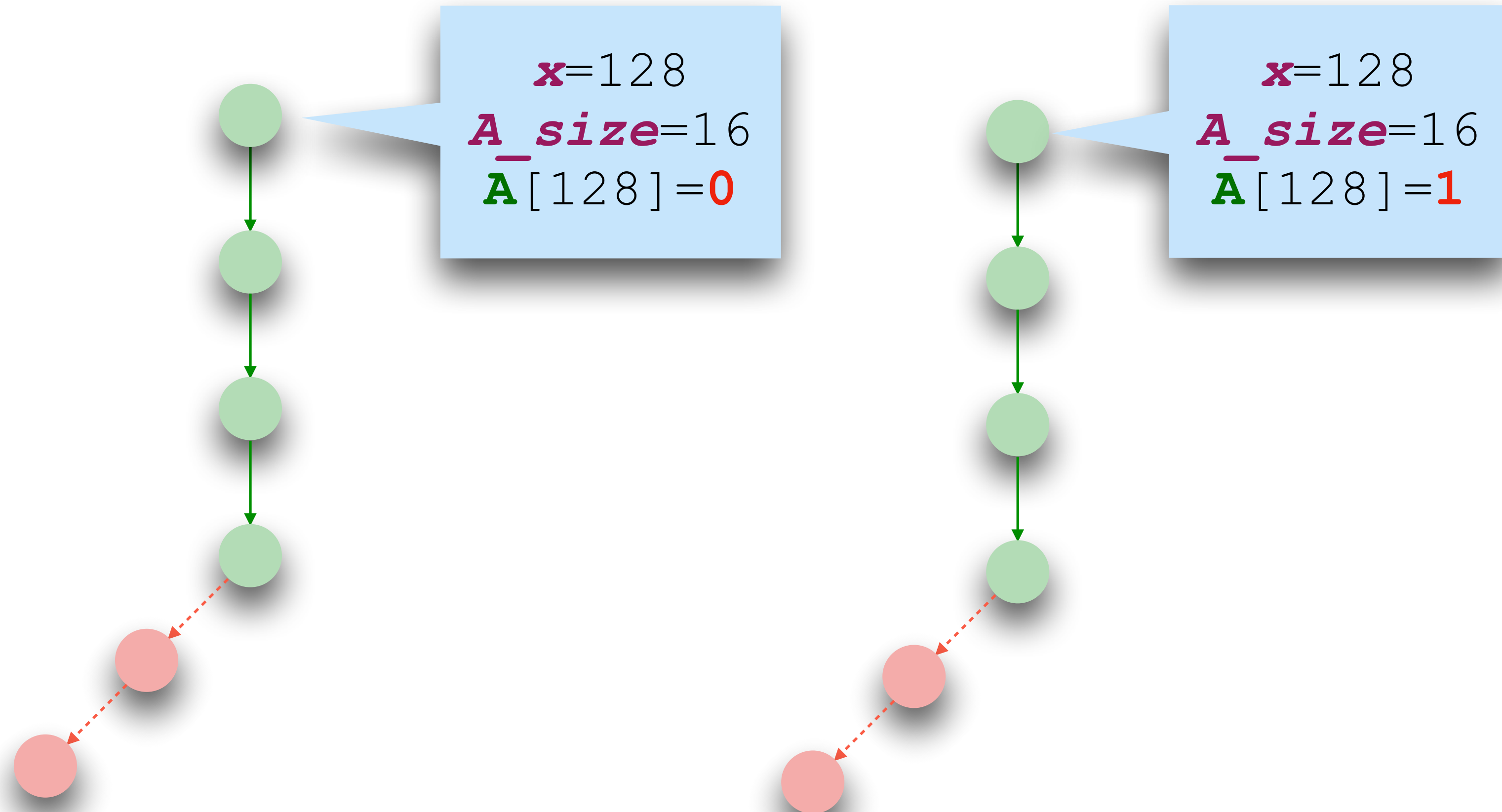
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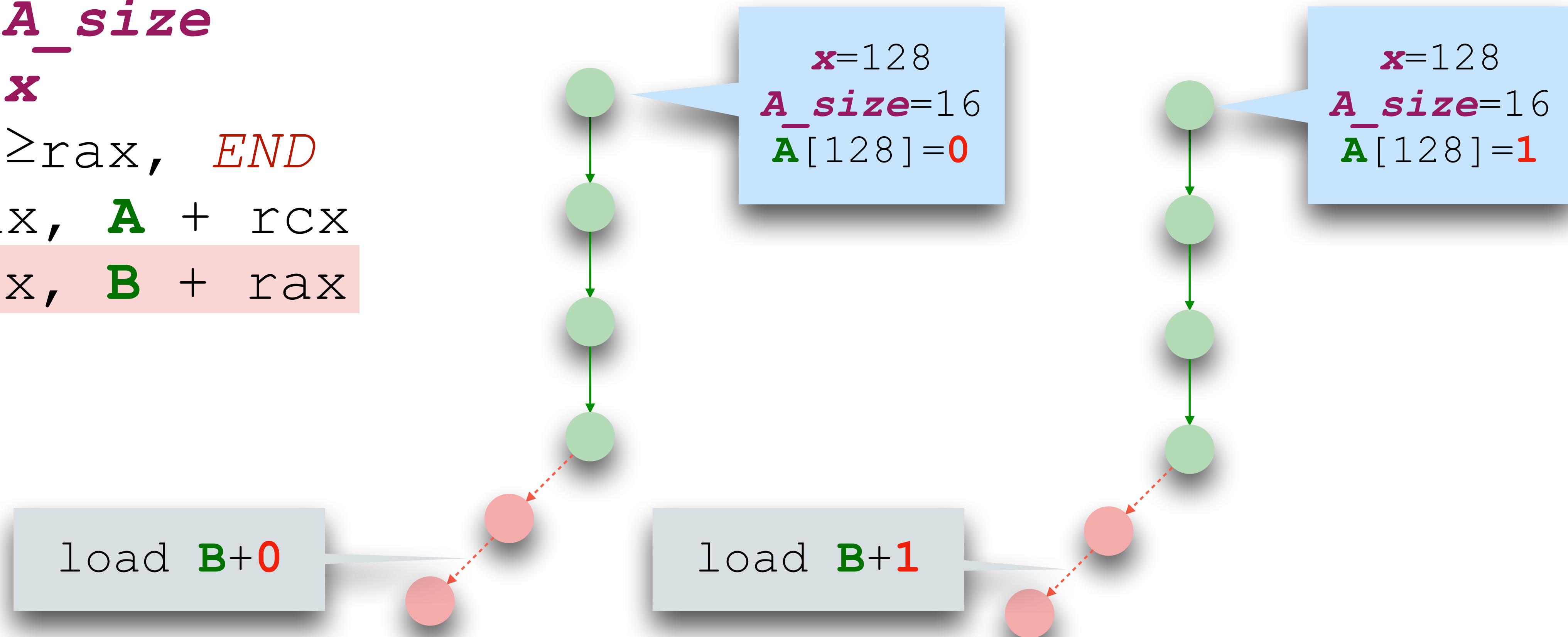
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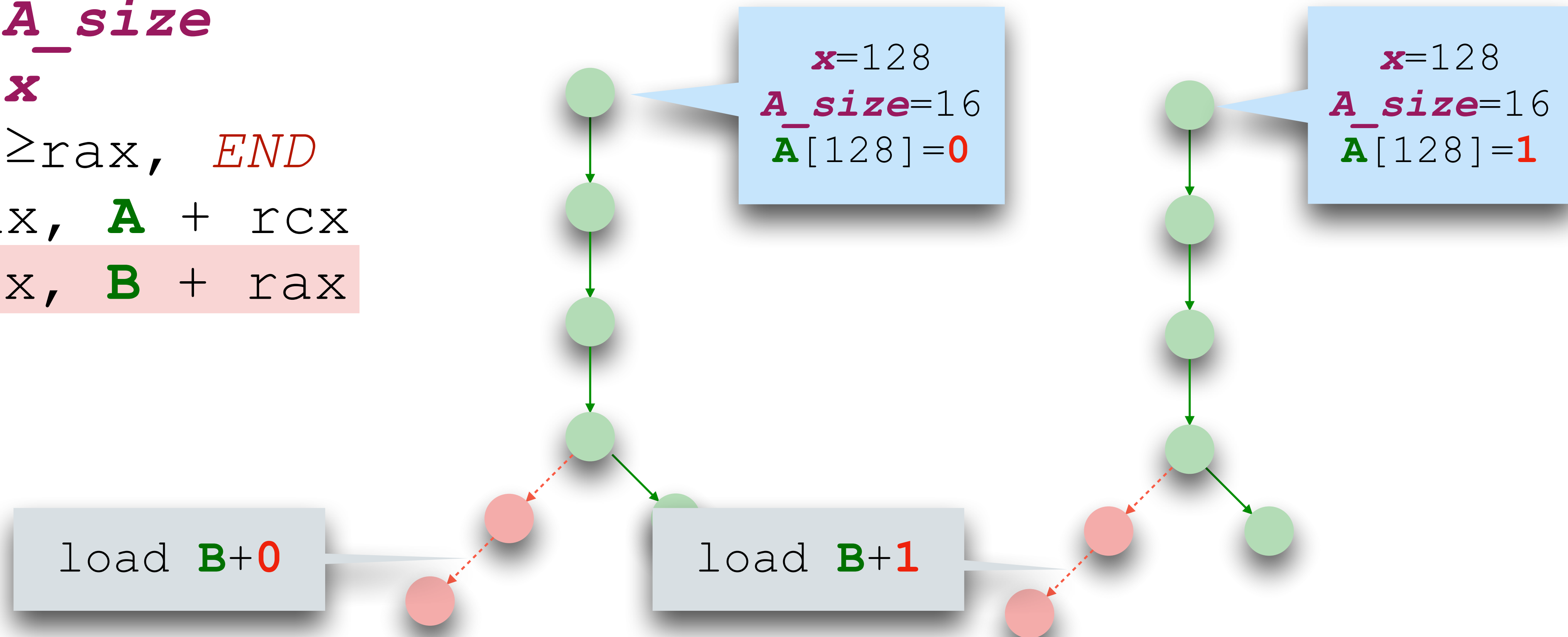
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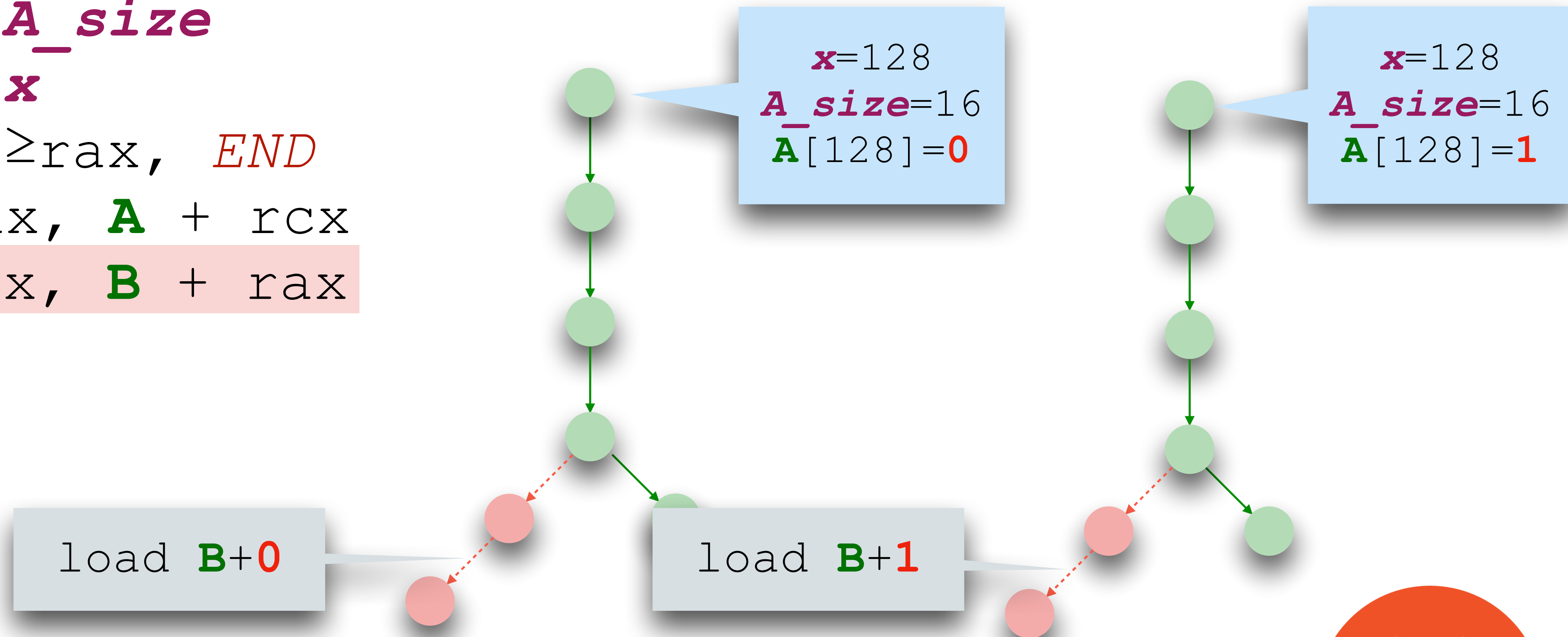
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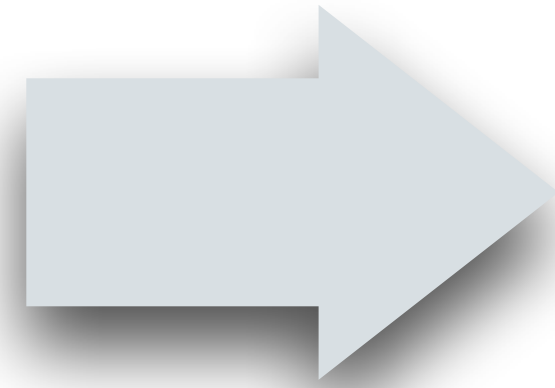
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Spectector: Detecting speculative leaks



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Symbolic
execution



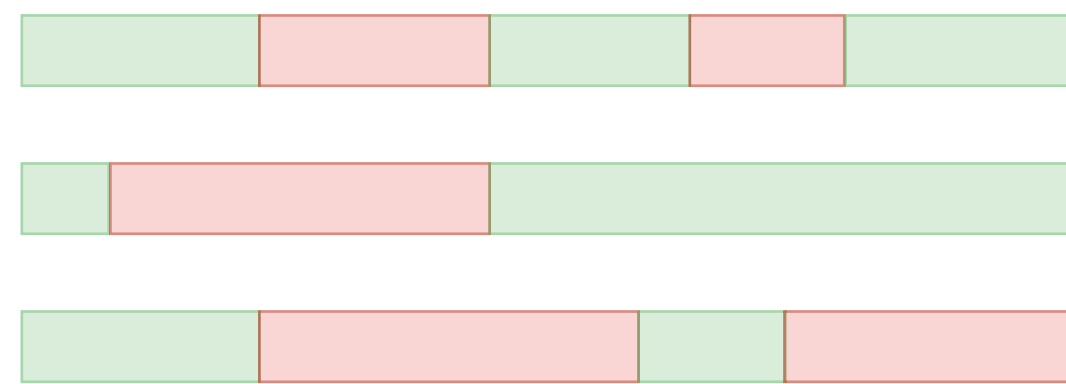
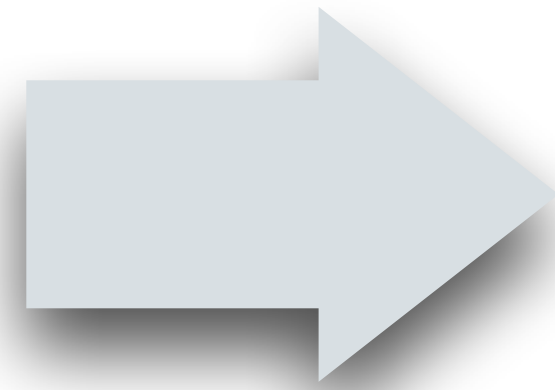
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Spectector: Detecting speculative leaks



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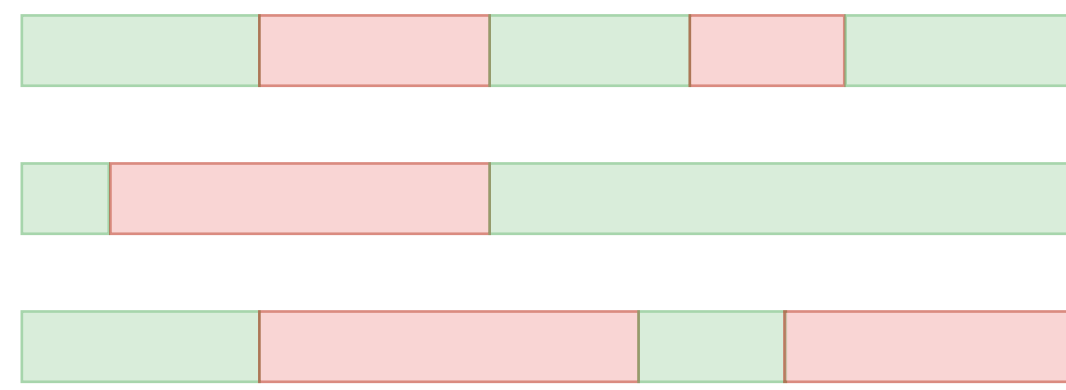
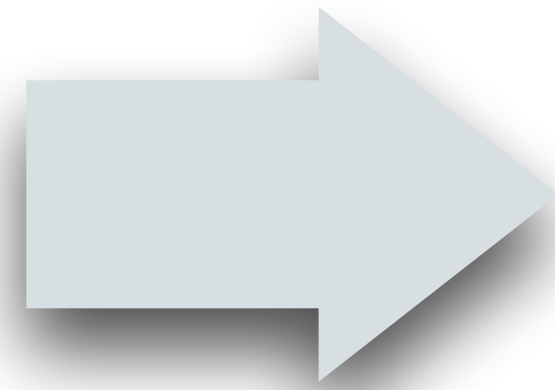


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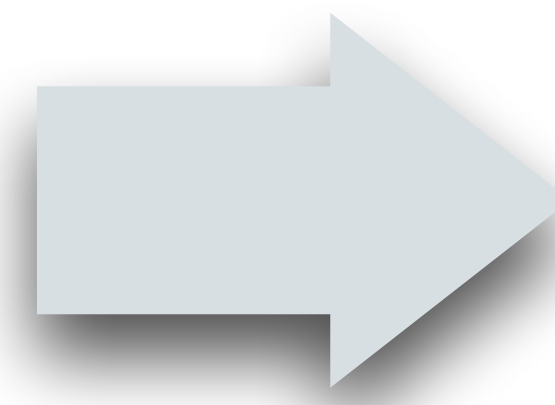


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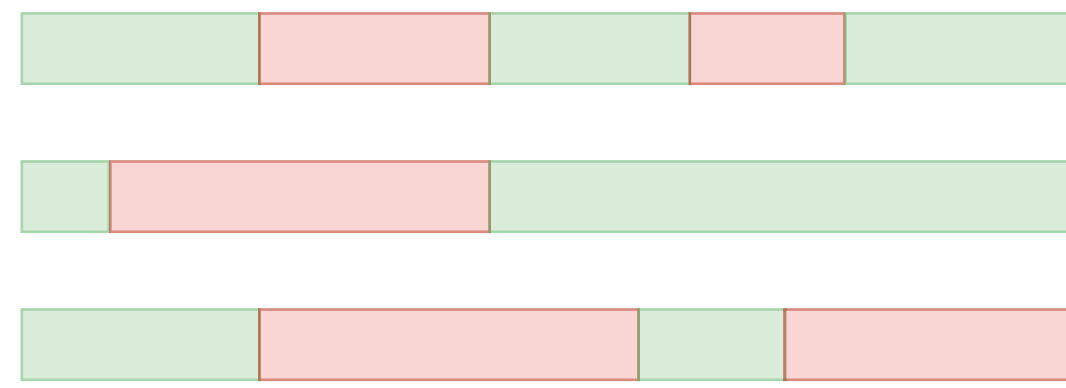
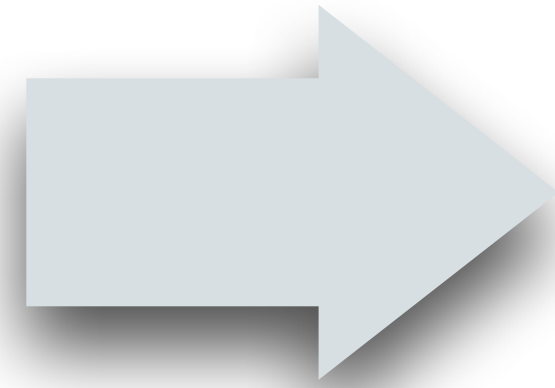


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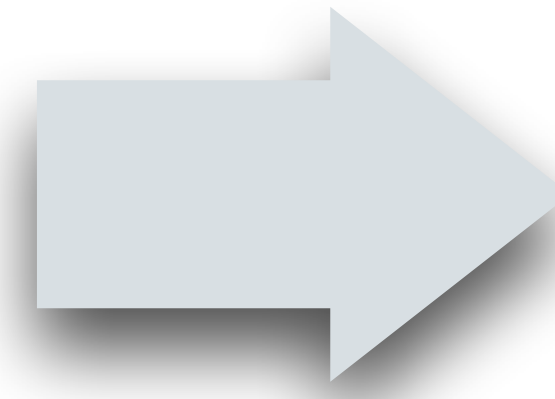


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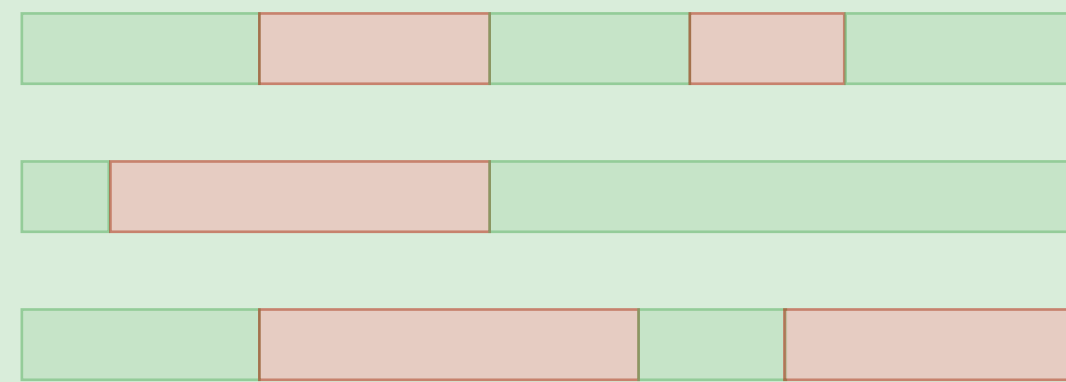
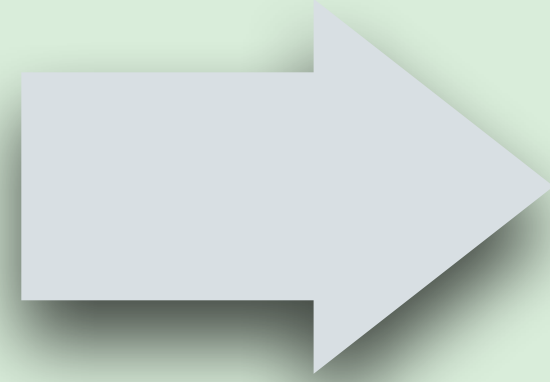


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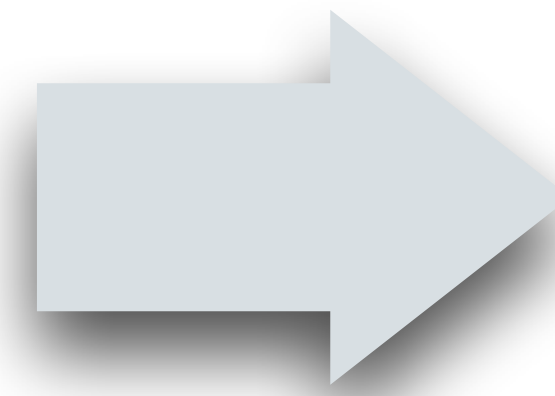


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Symbolic
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Symbolic execution

Symbolic execution

- Program analysis technique



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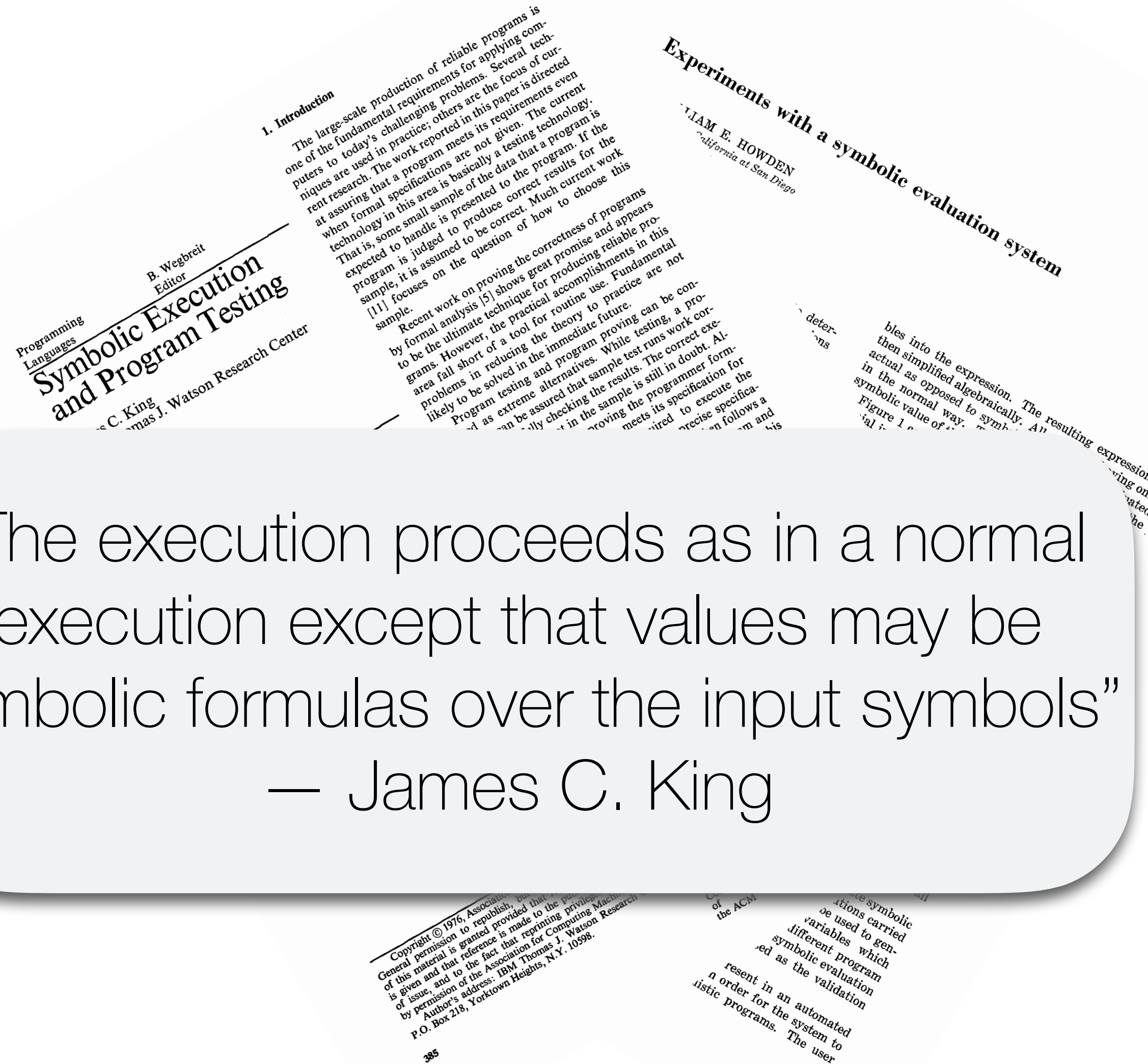
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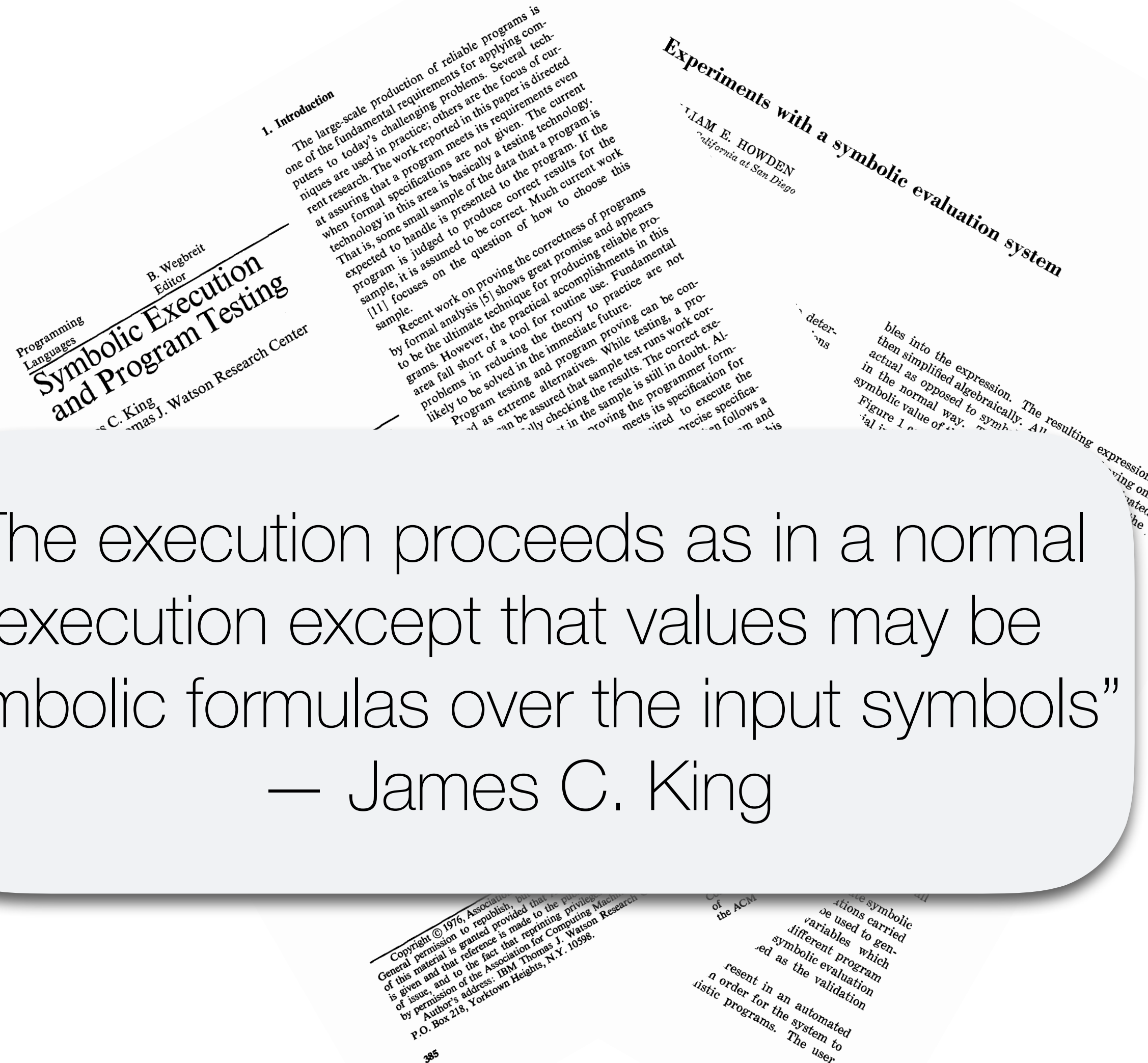
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Symbolic execution

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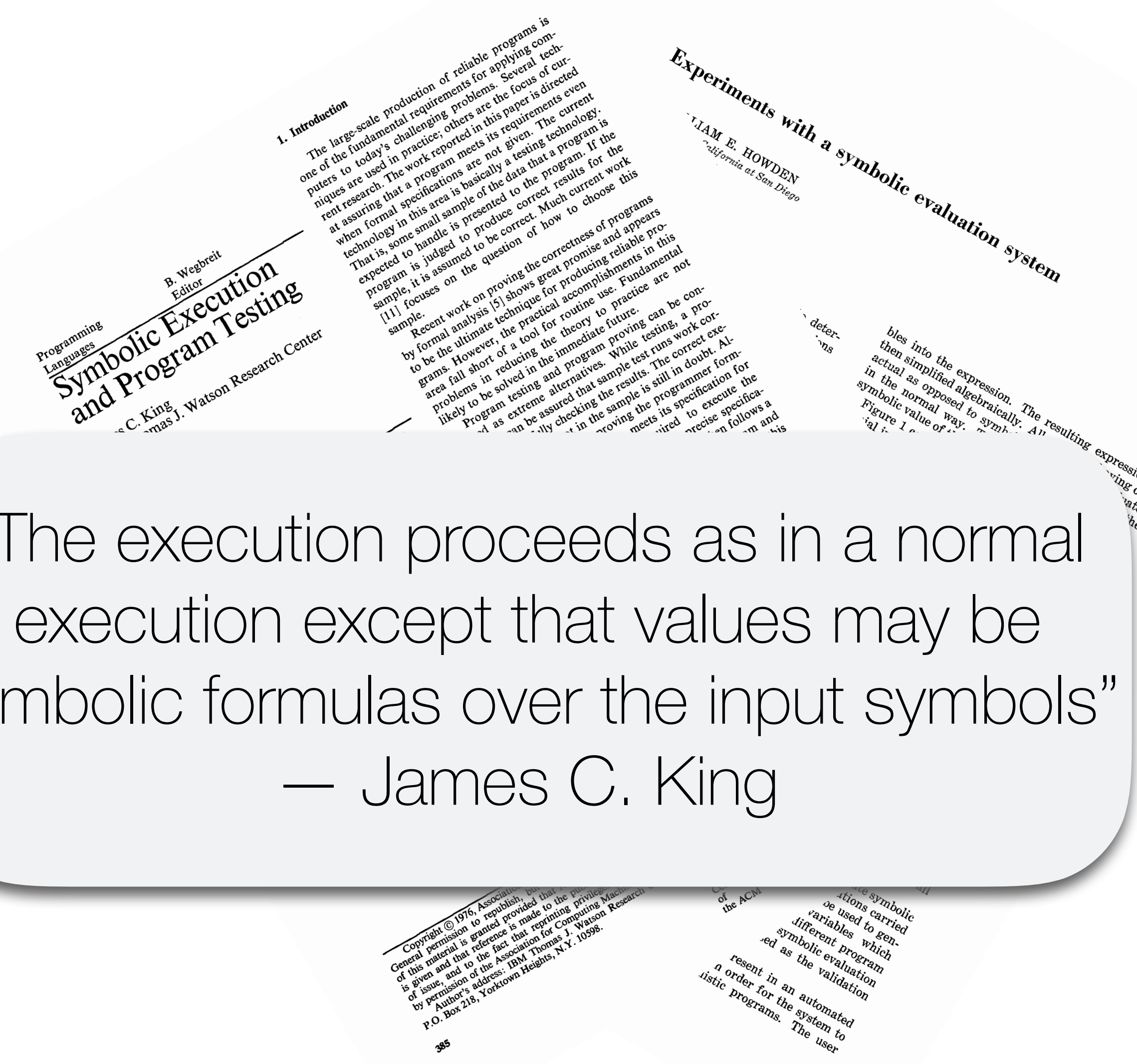
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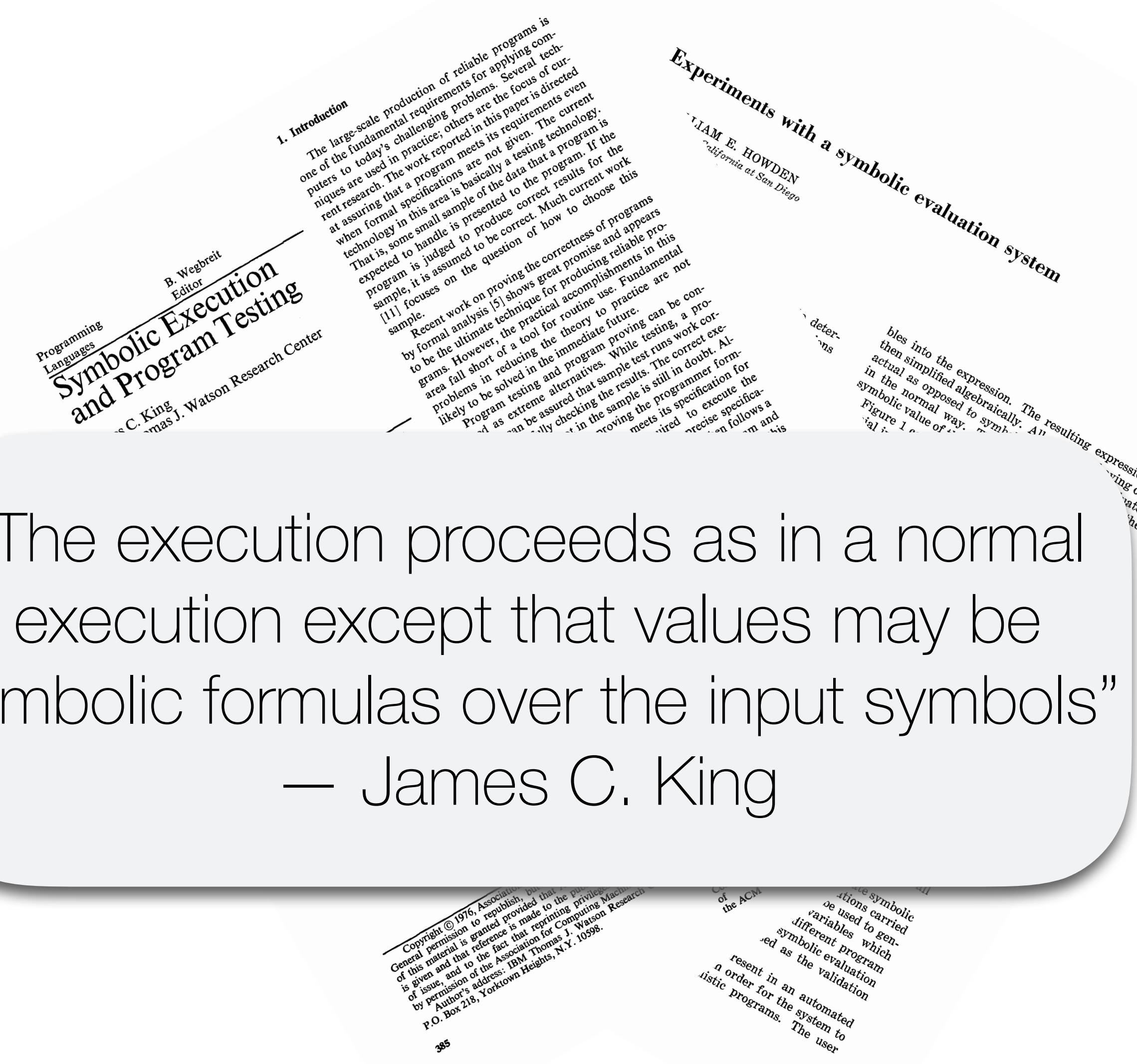
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Symbolic execution

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 - Branch and jump instructions: fork paths and update path constraint

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Symbolic execution

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END:
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Symbolic execution

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rax <- A_size
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rcx <- x
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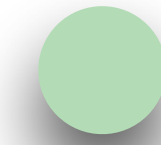
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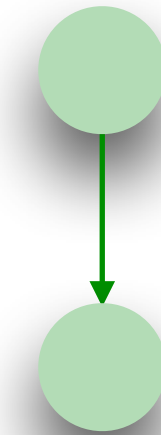
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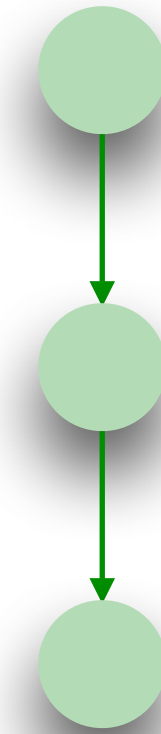
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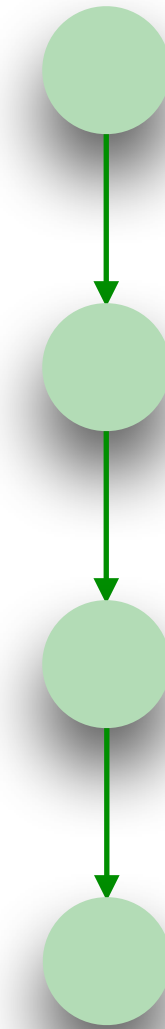
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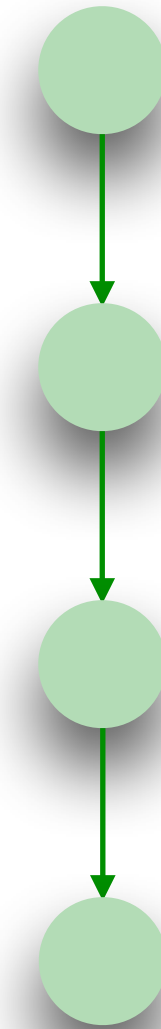
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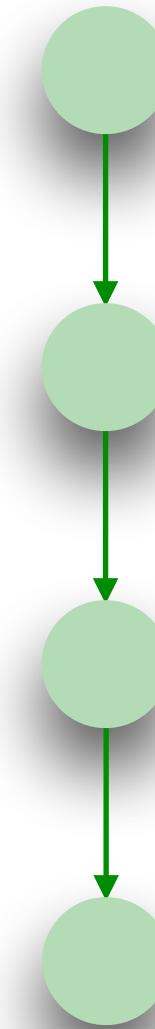
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```
END:
```

x ≥ *A_size*



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Symbolic execution

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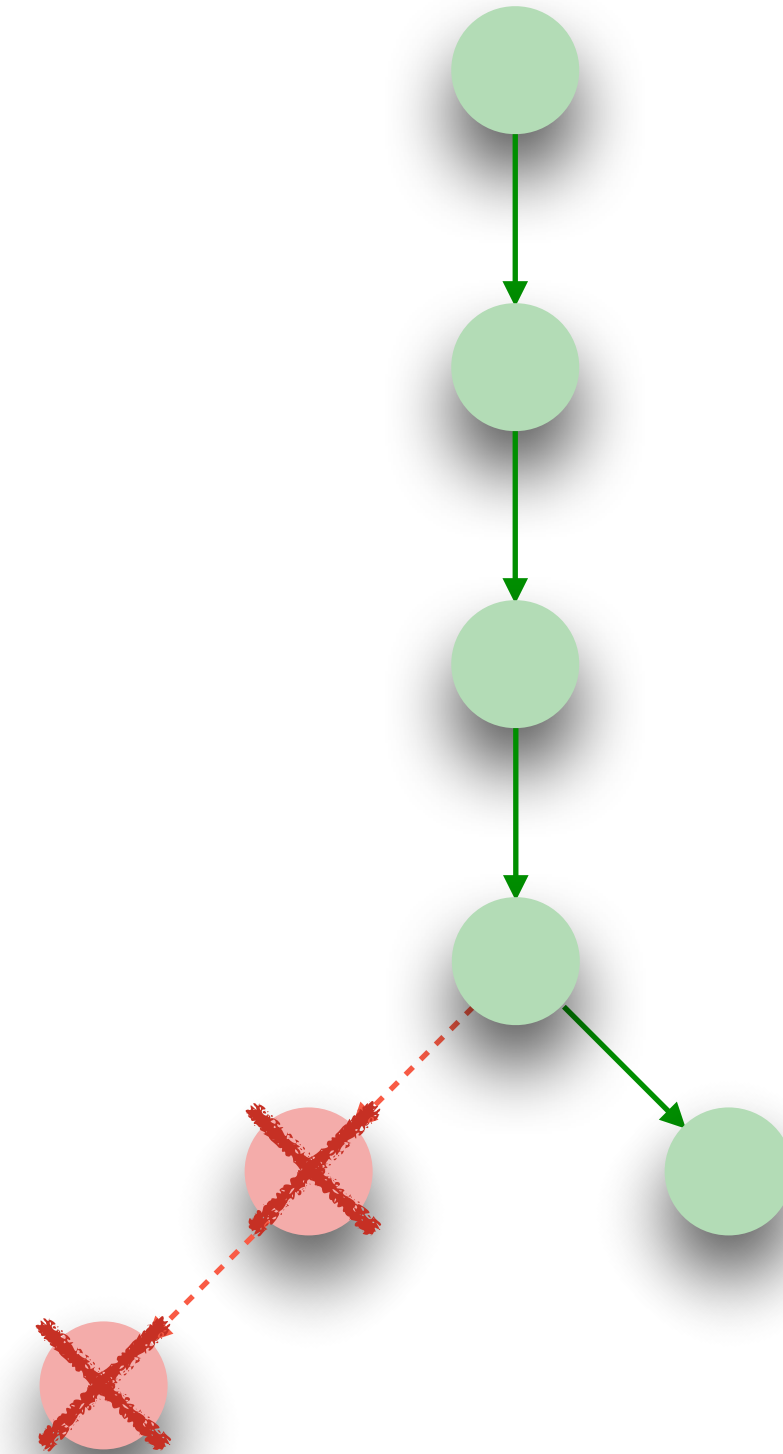
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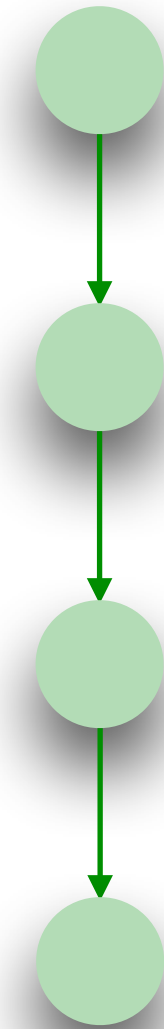
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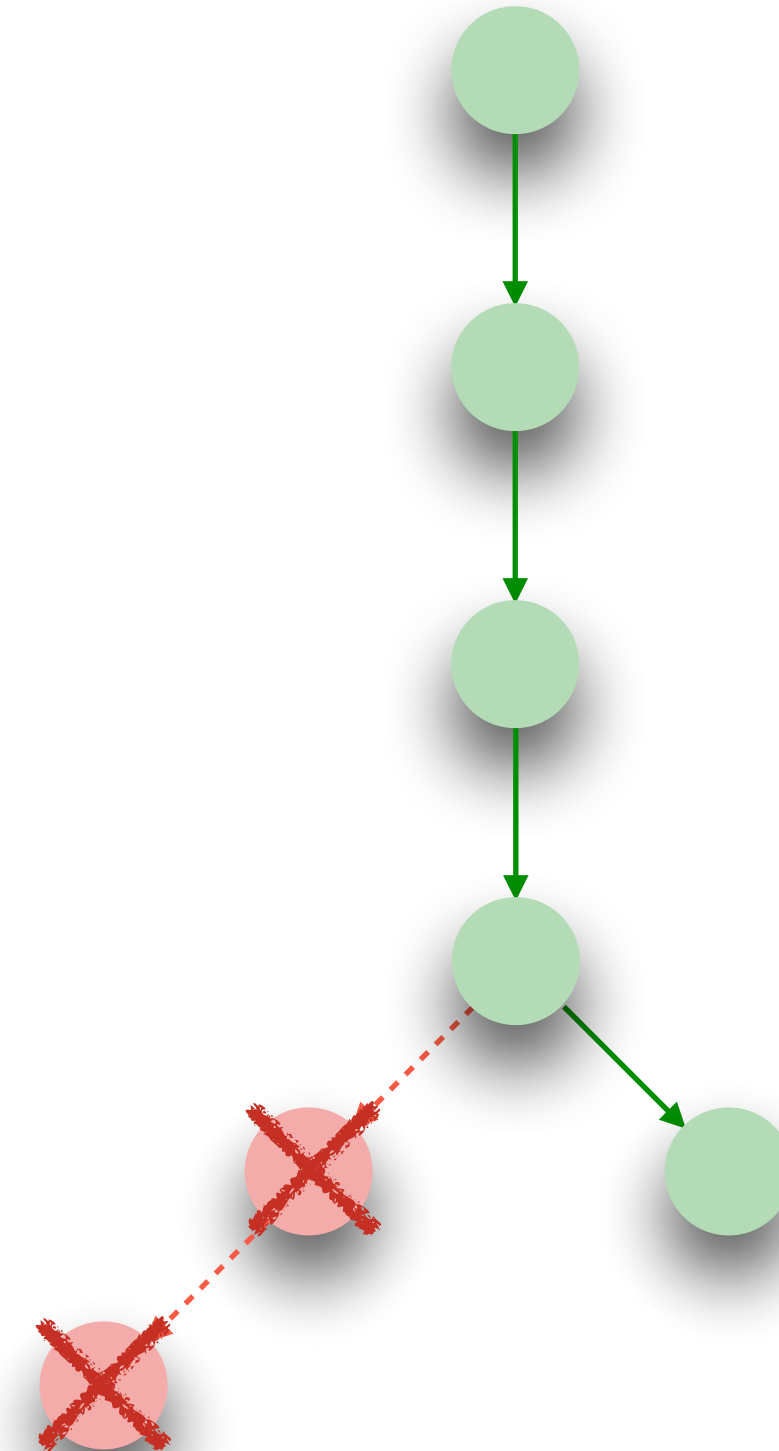
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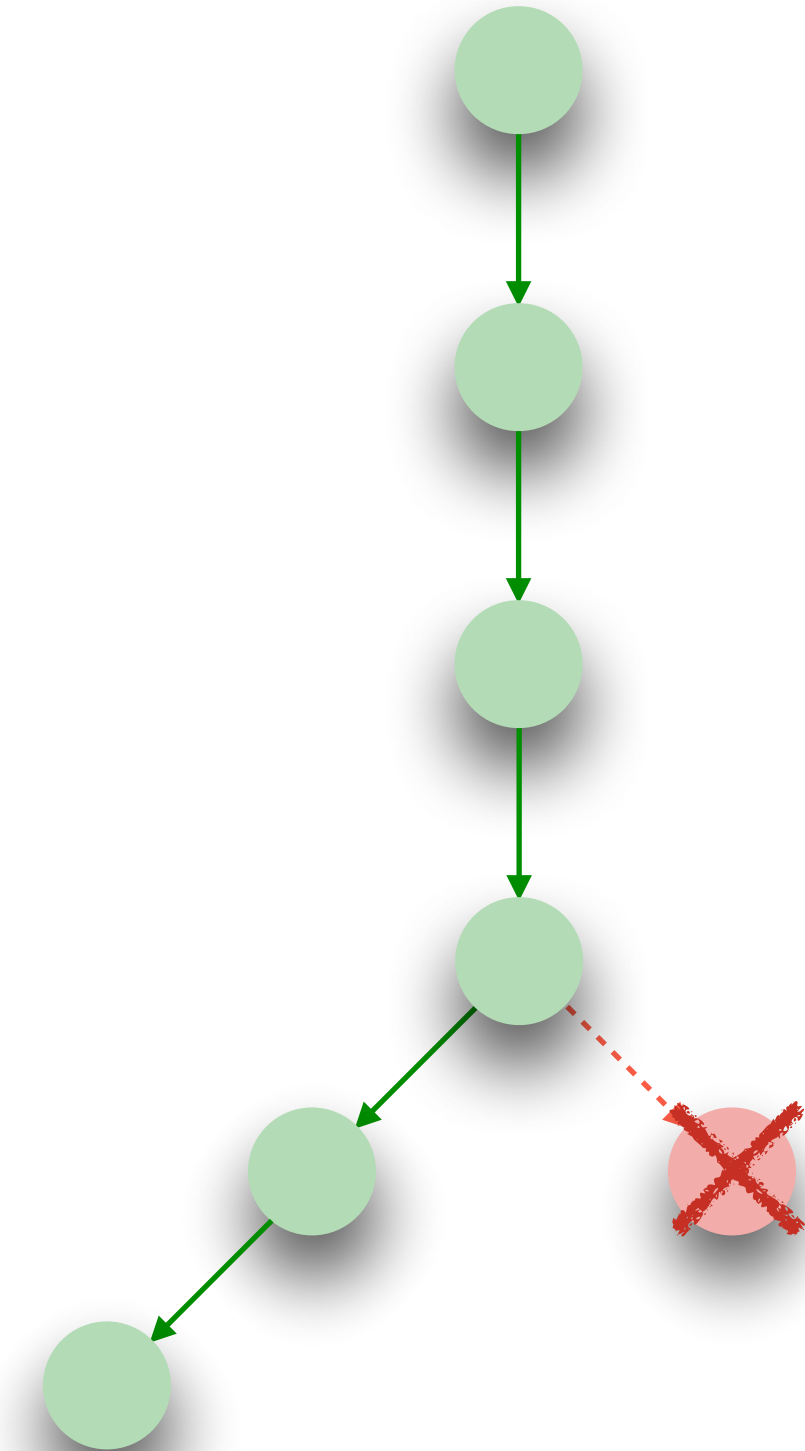
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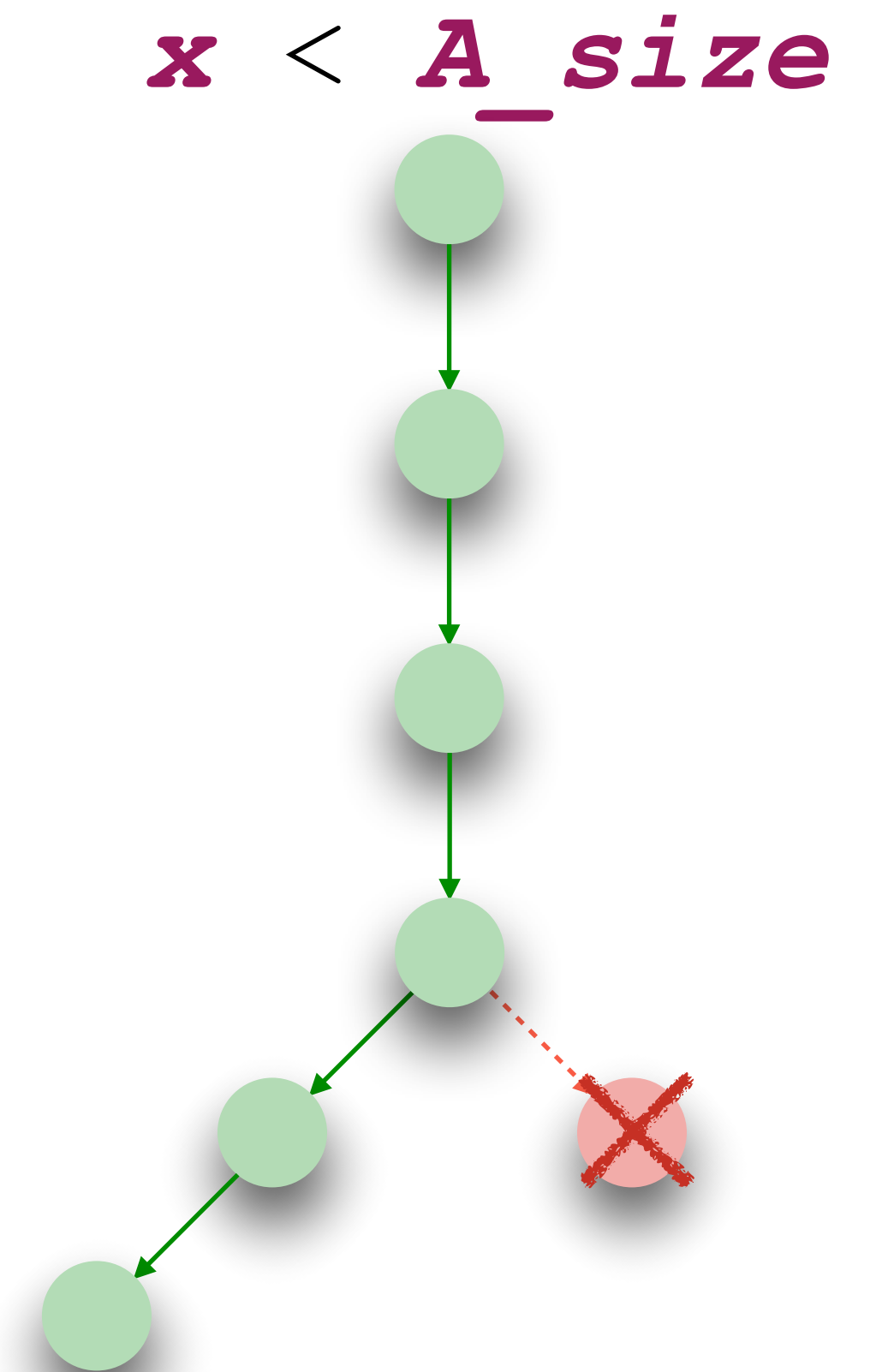
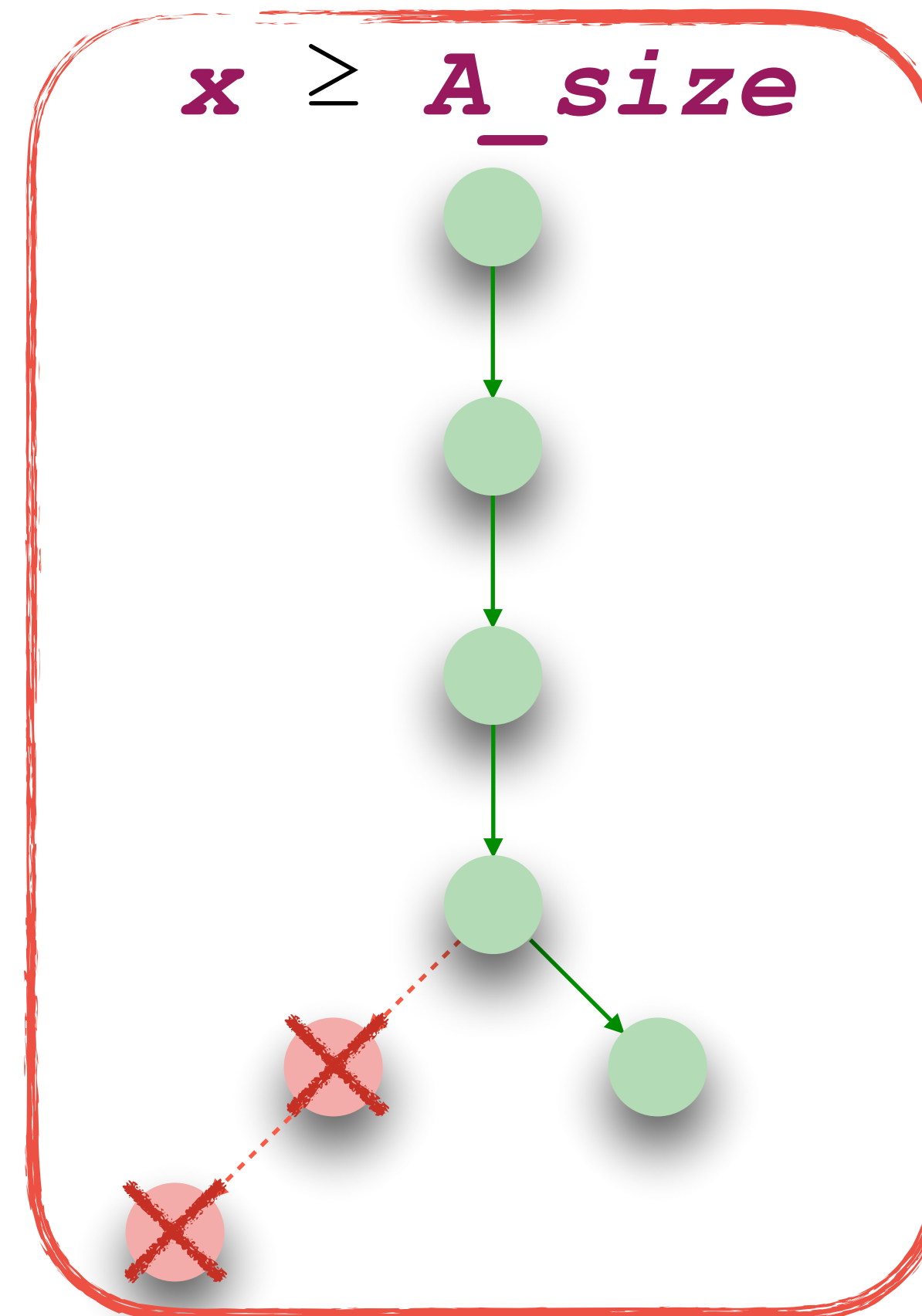
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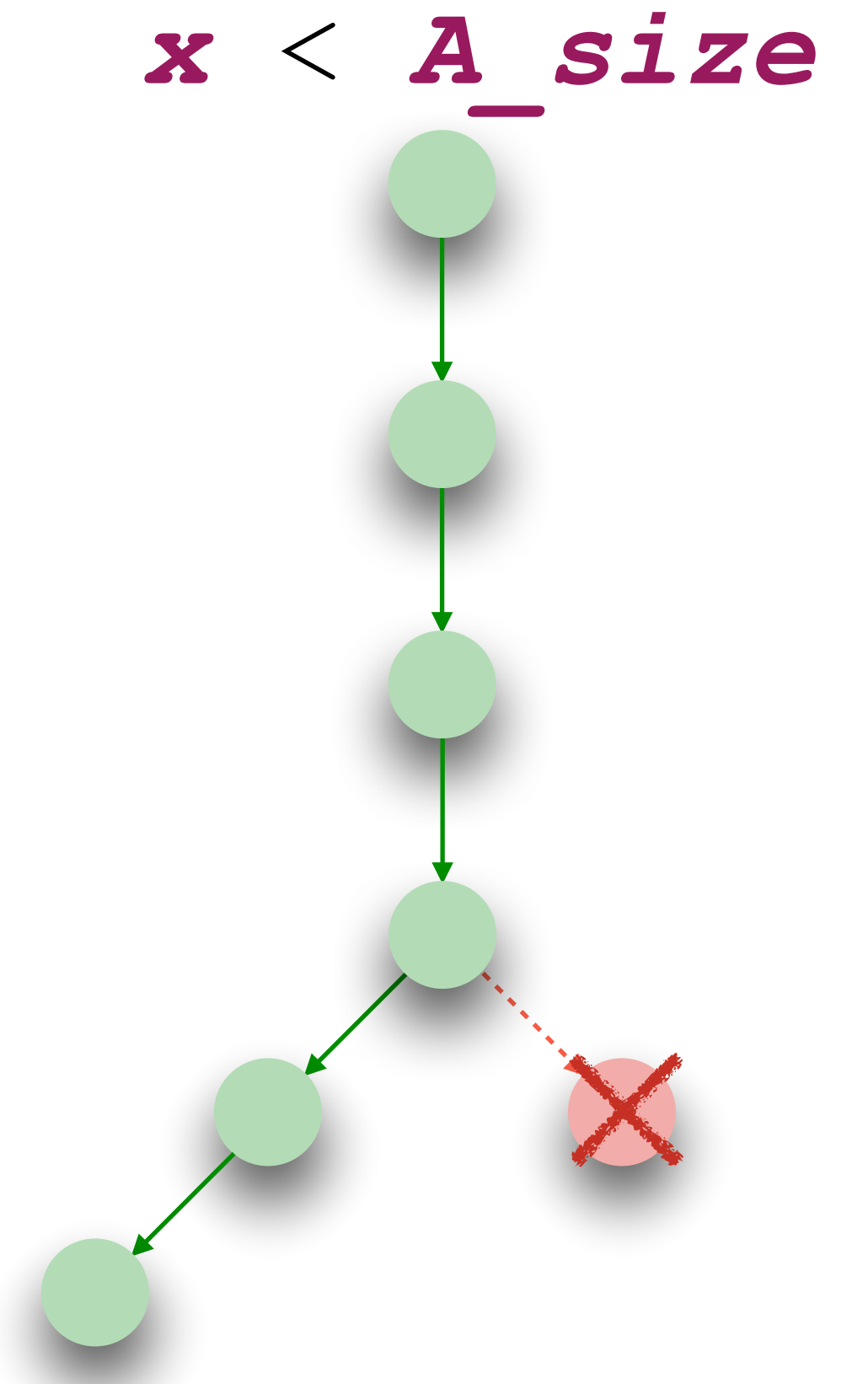
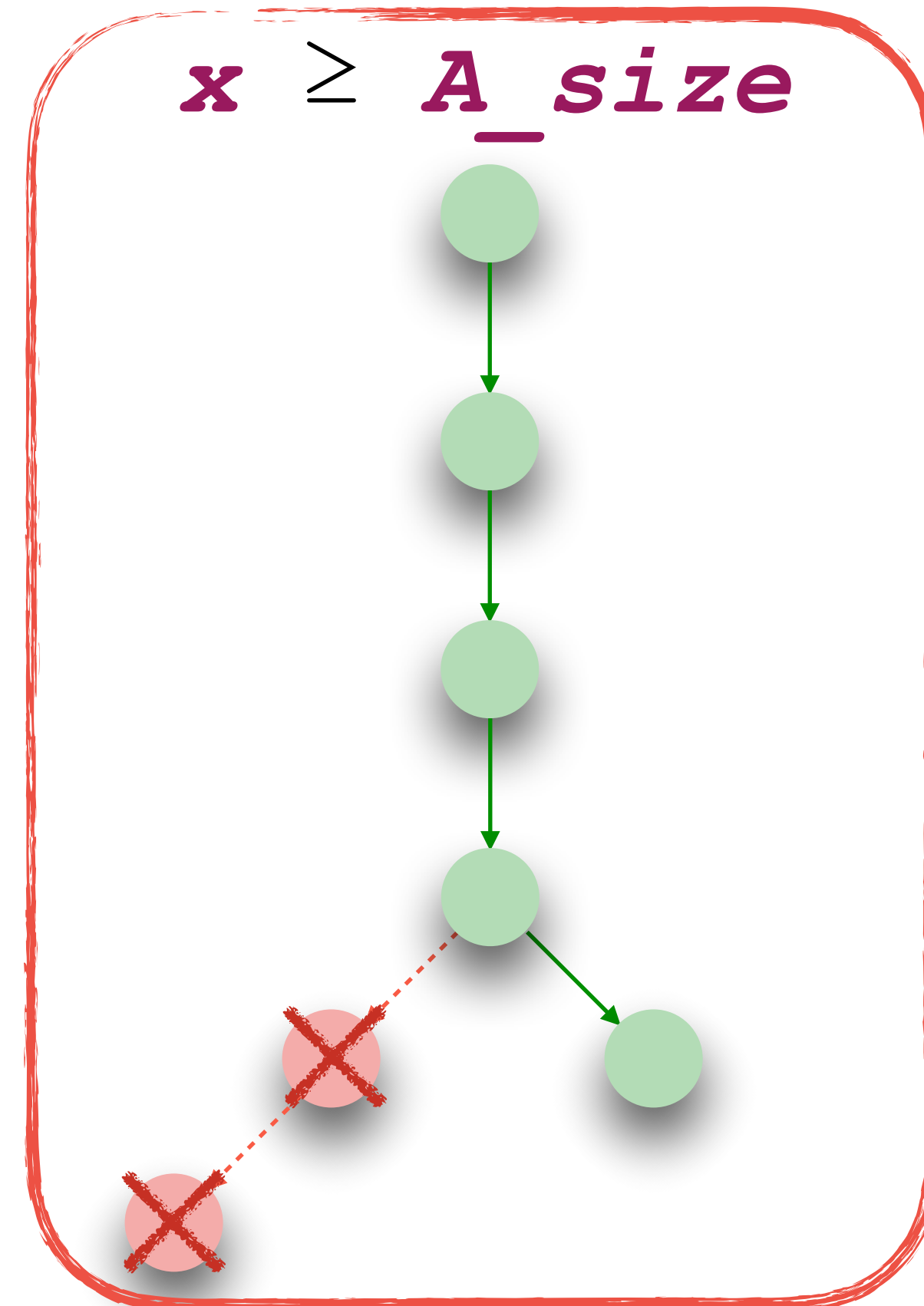
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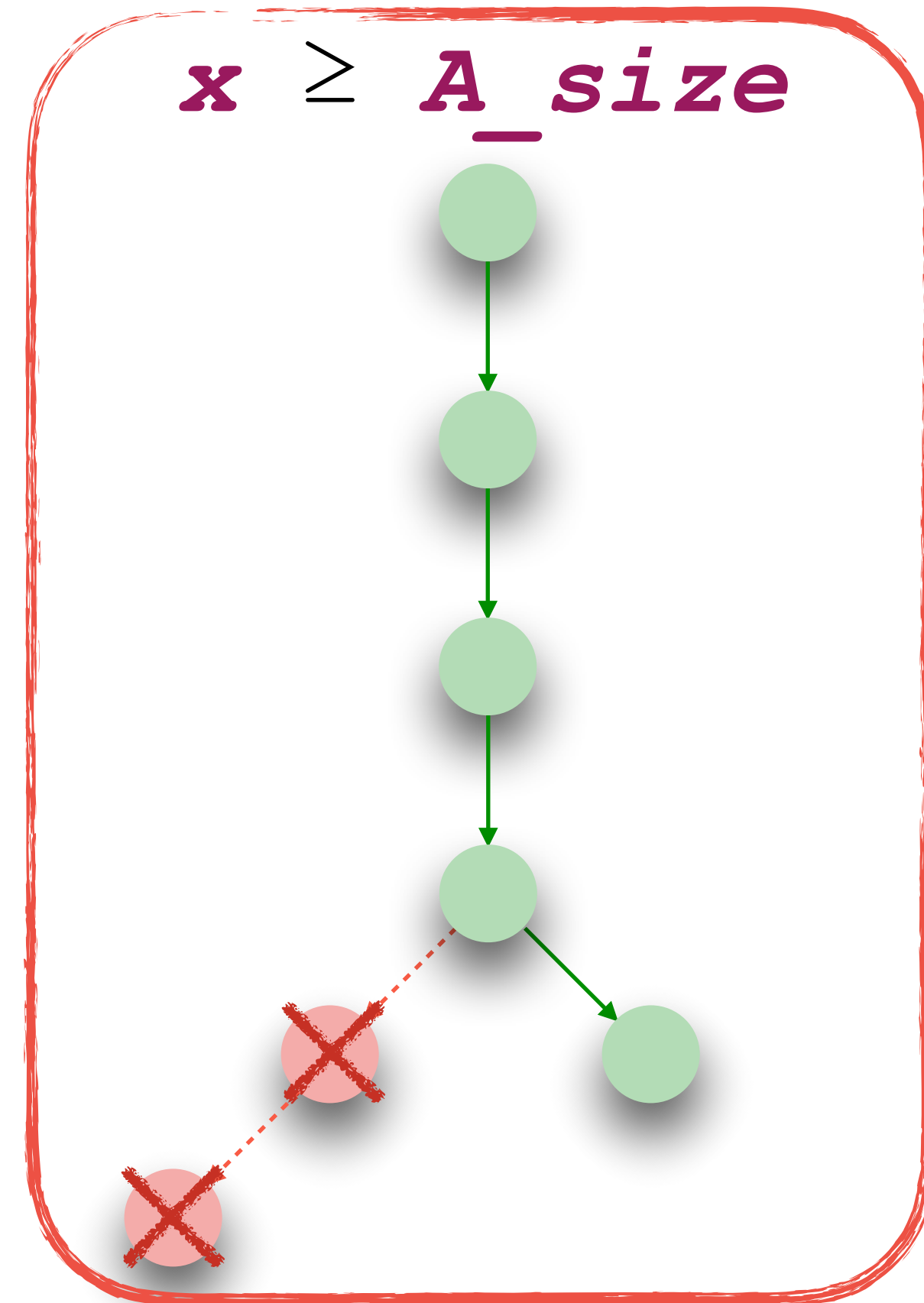
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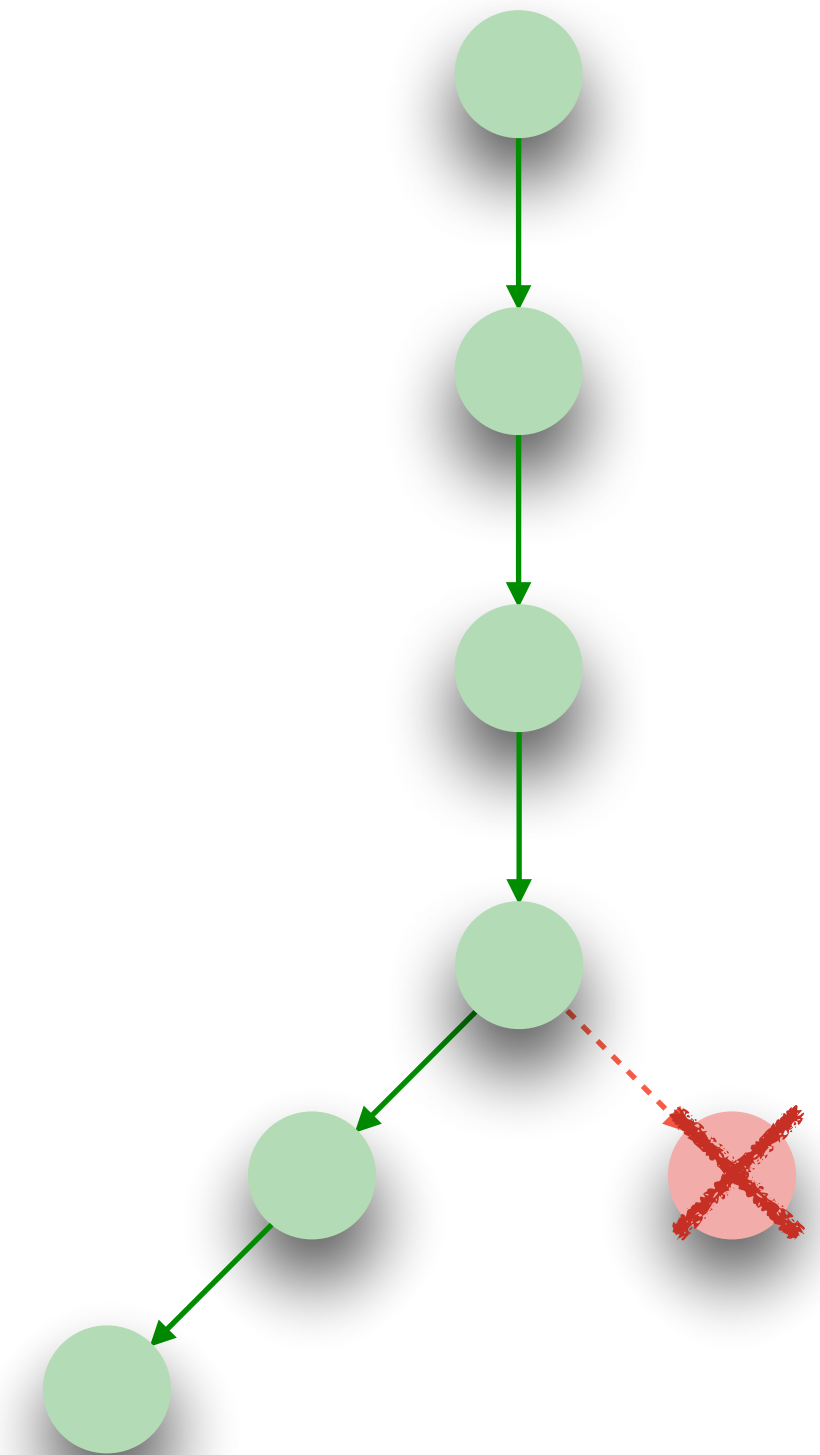
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```

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```



$x < A_size$



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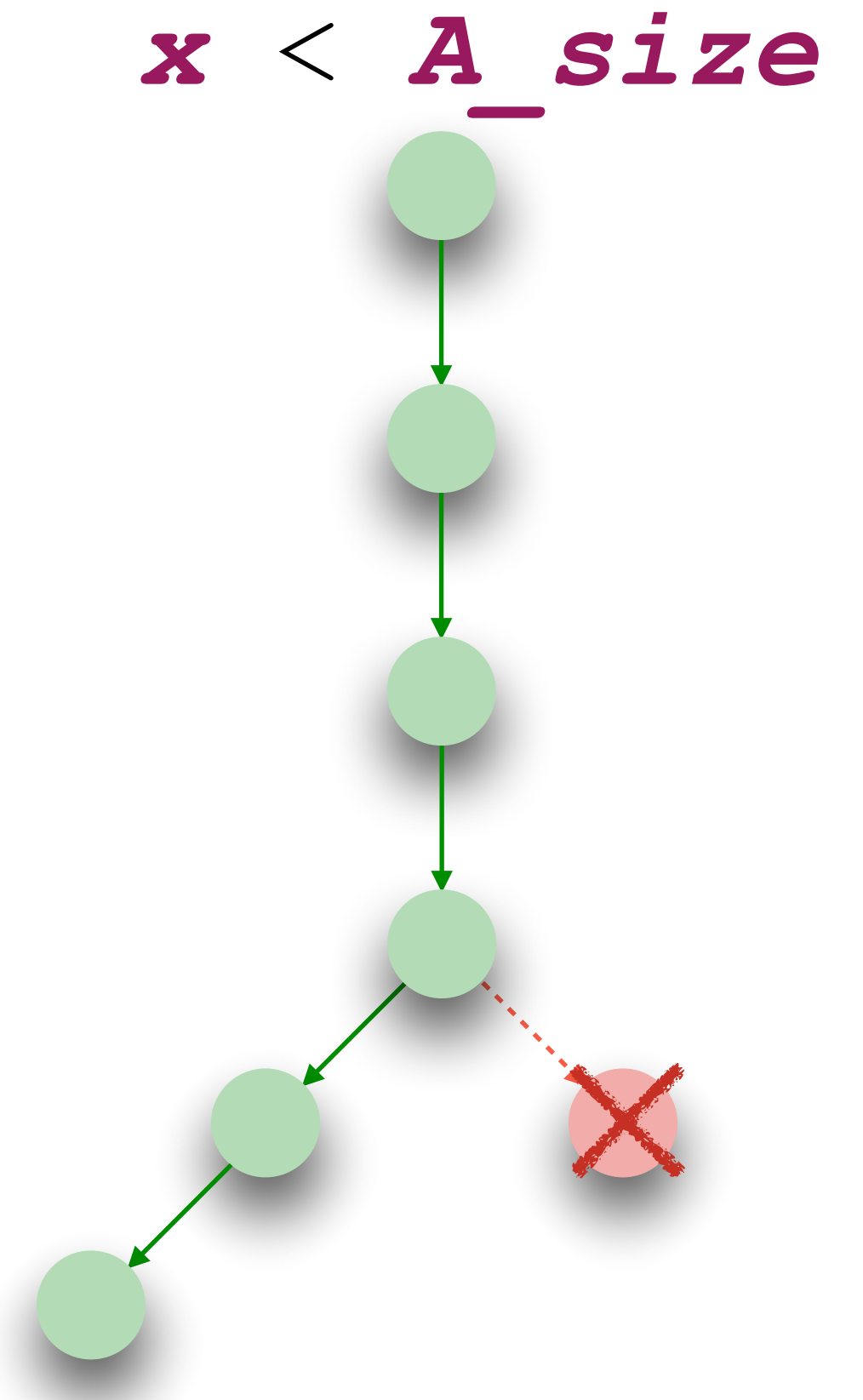
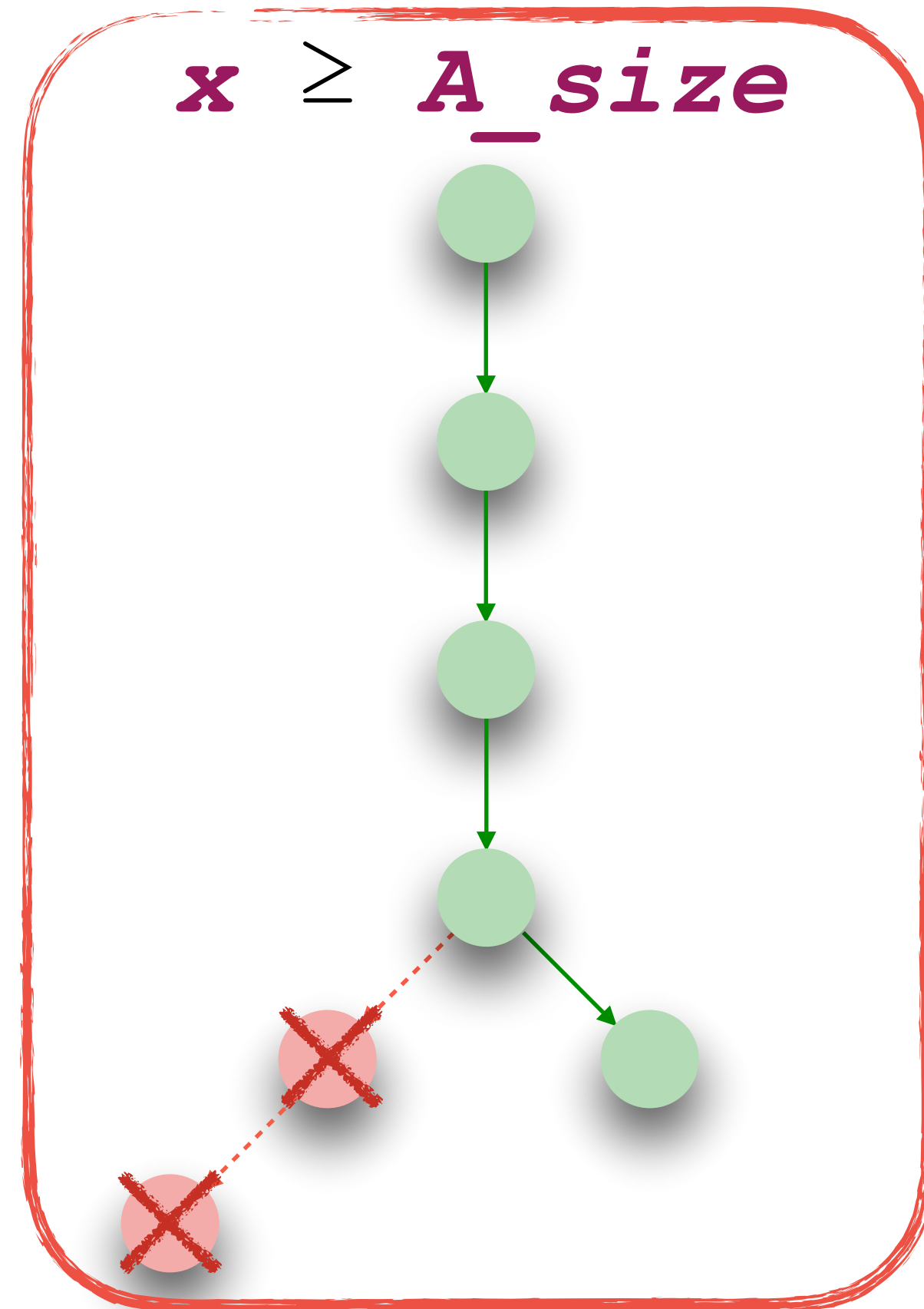
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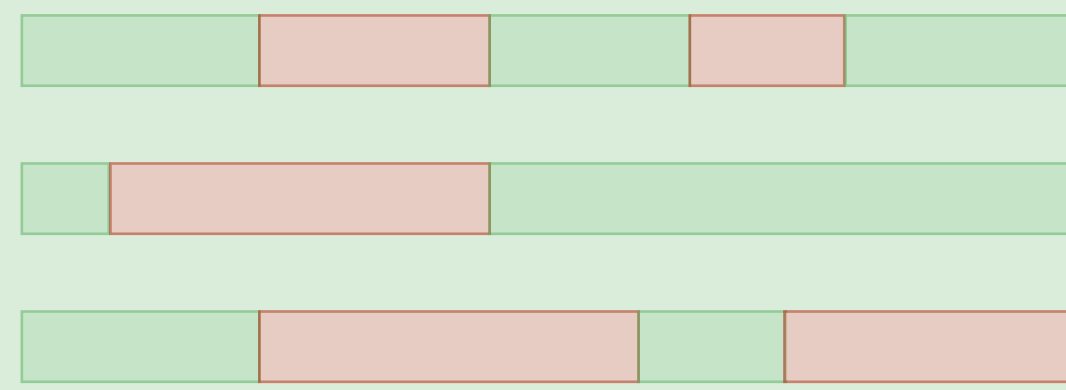
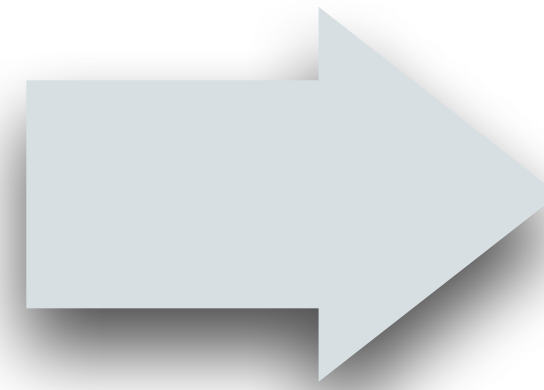
Detecting speculative leaks



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load rax, B + rax
```

END:

Symbolic
execution



Detect leaks



Detecting speculative leaks



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load rax,
```

END:

```
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  if MemLeak( $\tau$ ) then  
    return INSECURE  
  if CtrlLeak( $\tau$ ) then  
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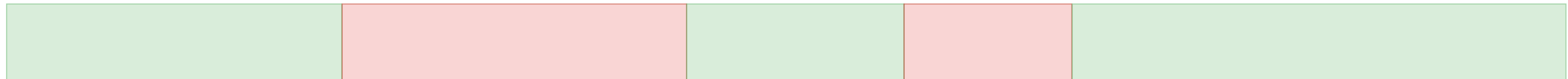
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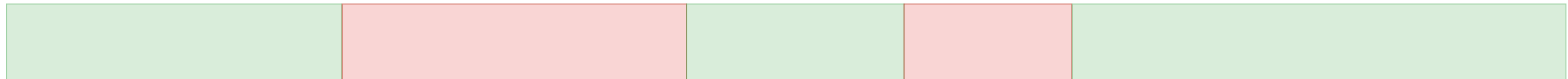
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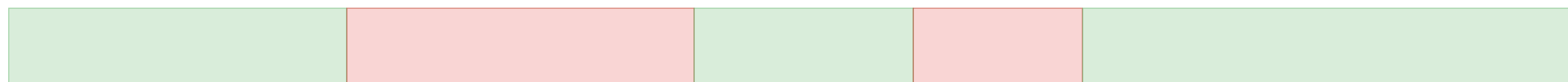


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s_1

s_2

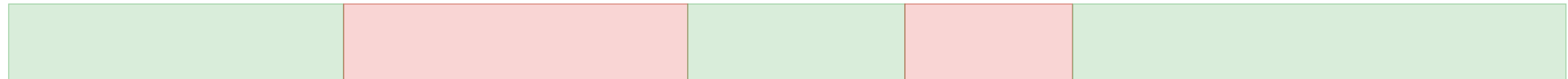


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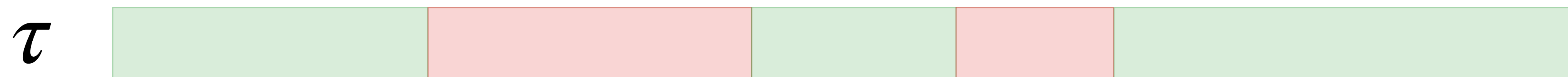
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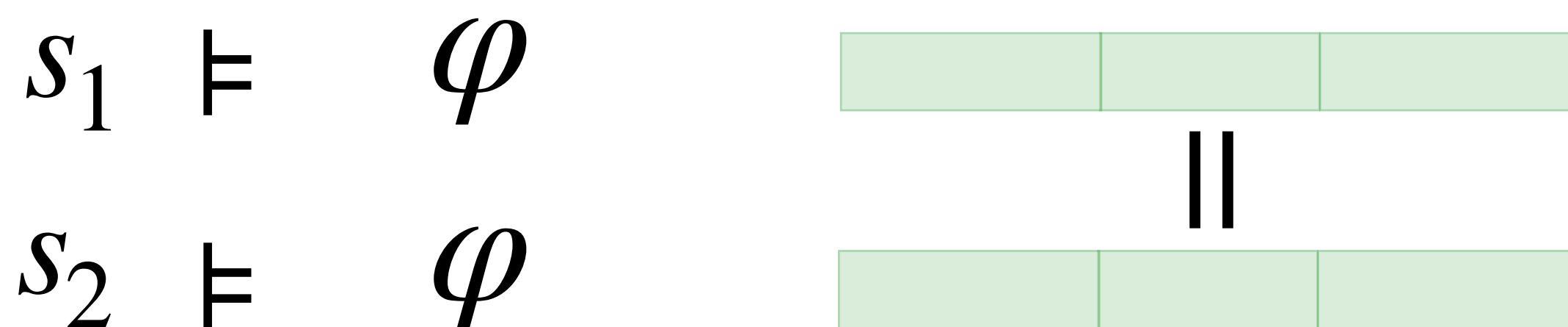
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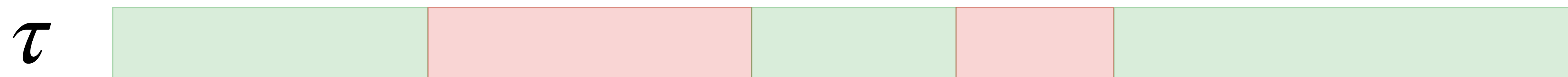




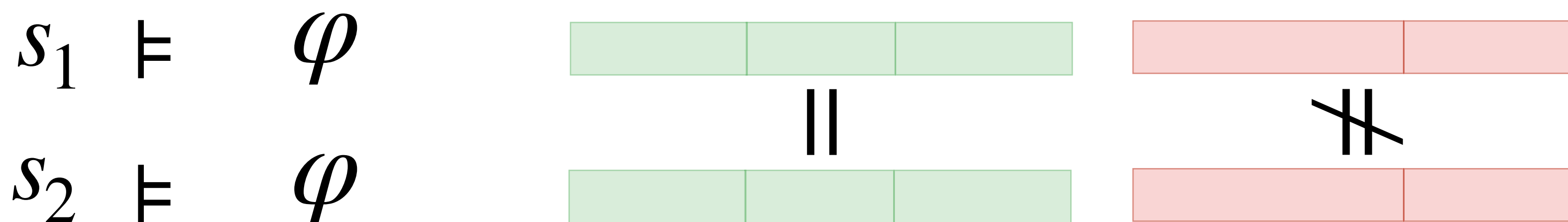
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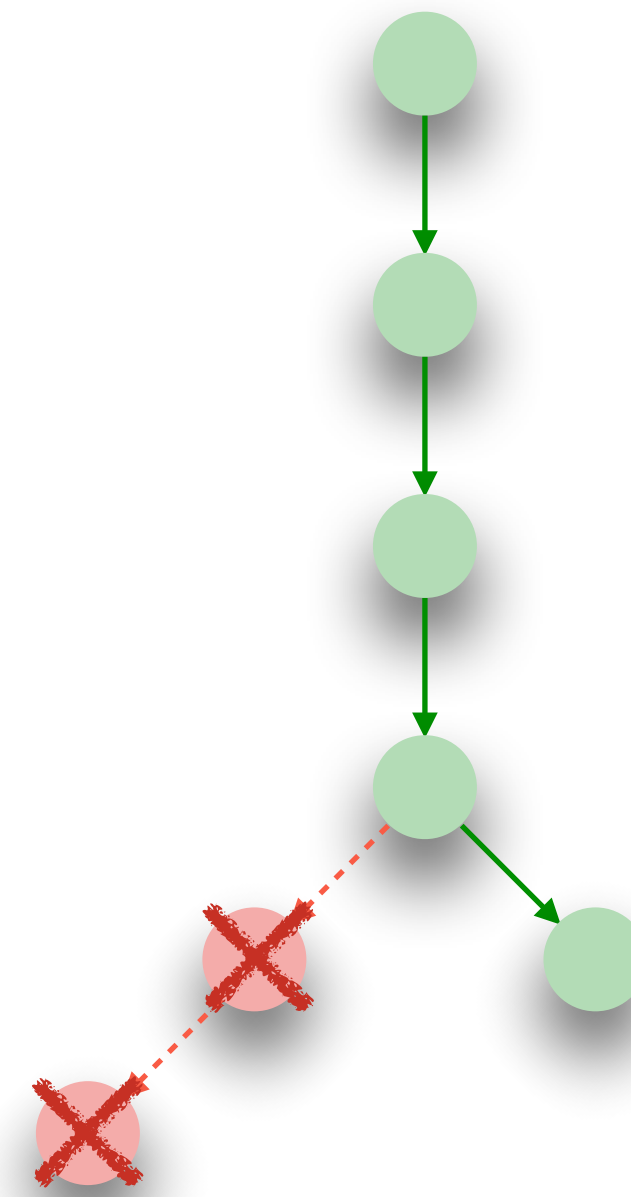
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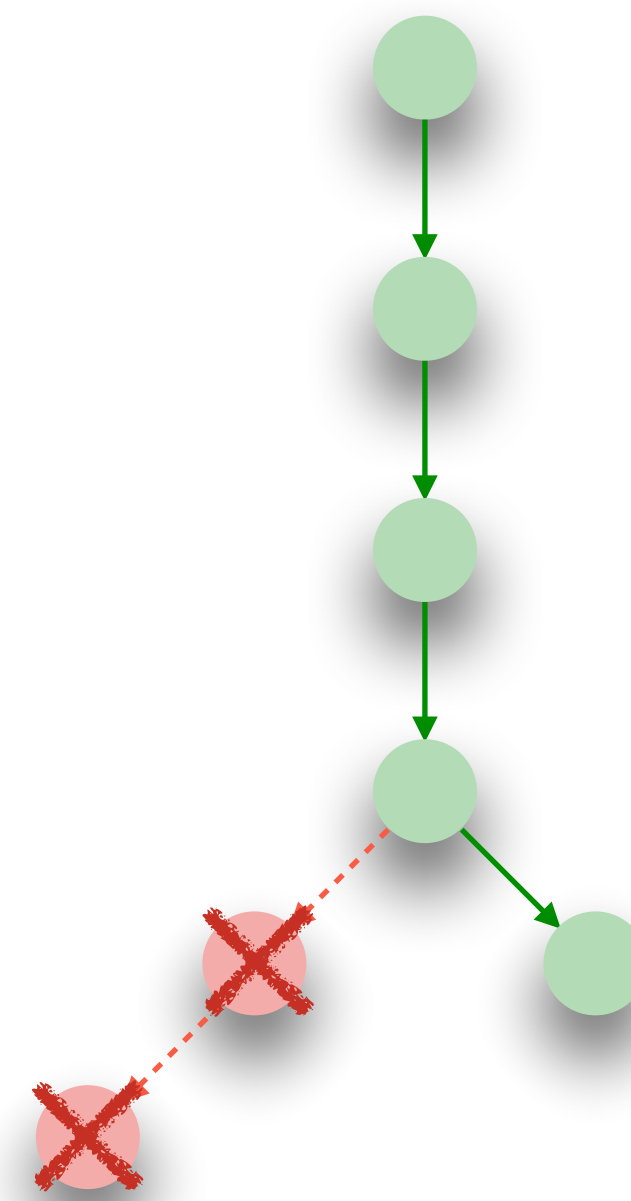
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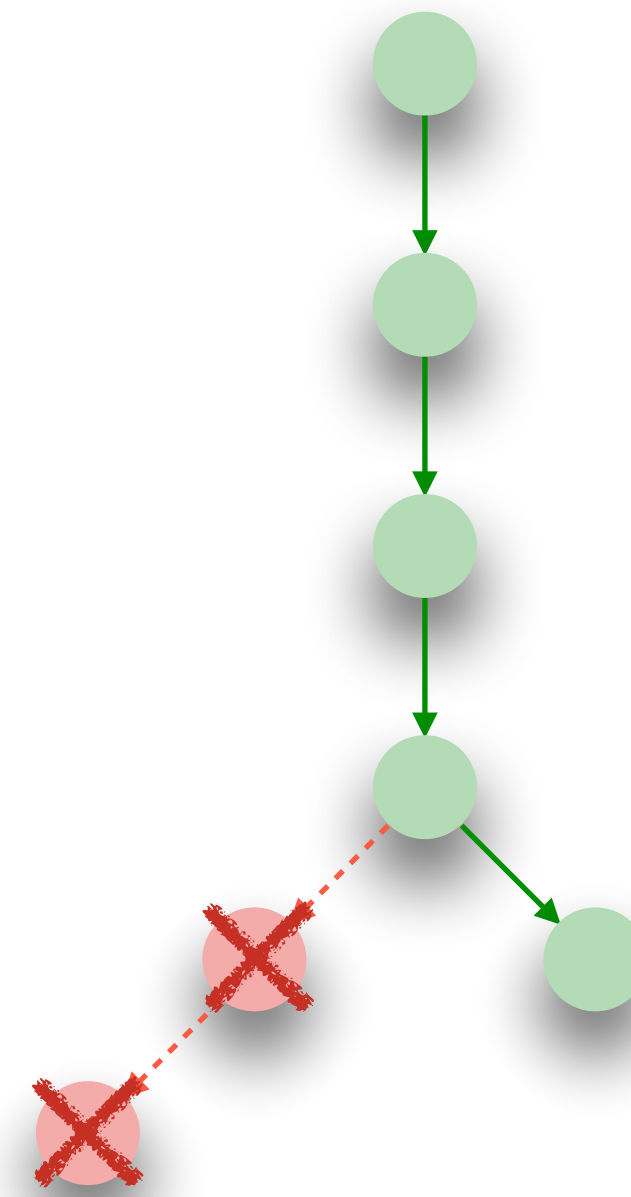
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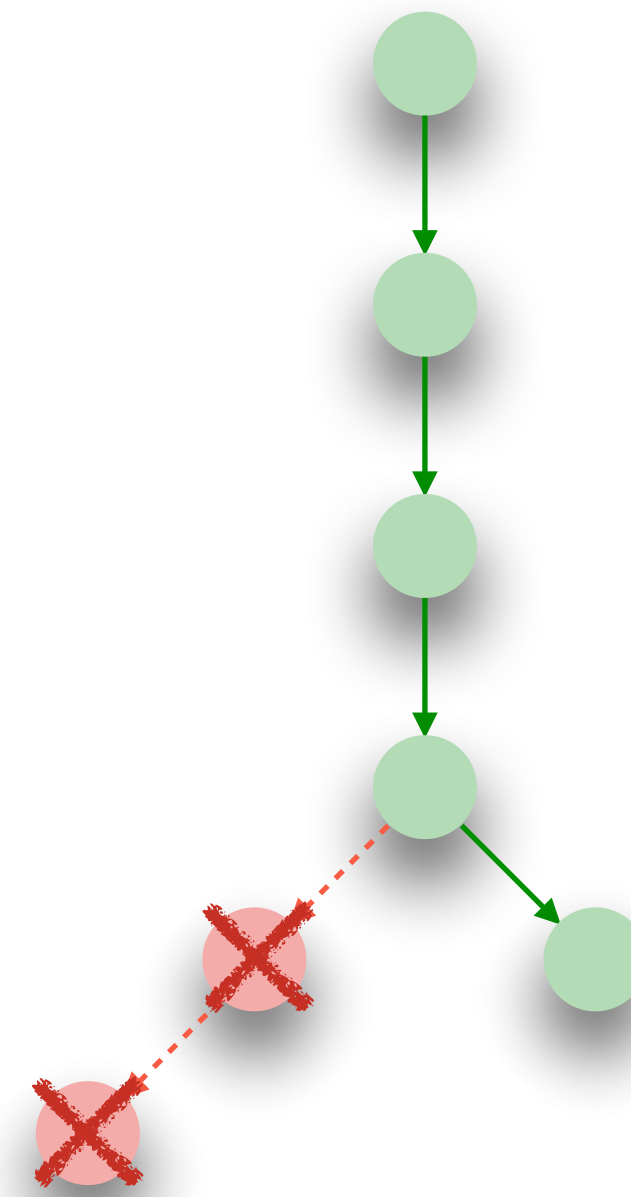
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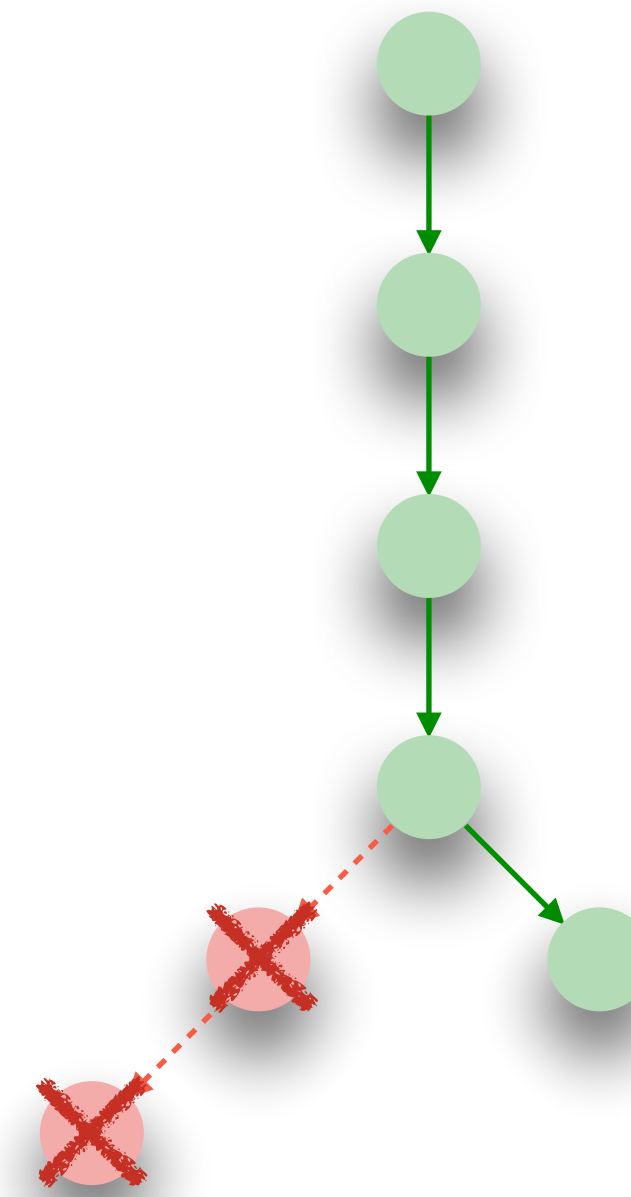
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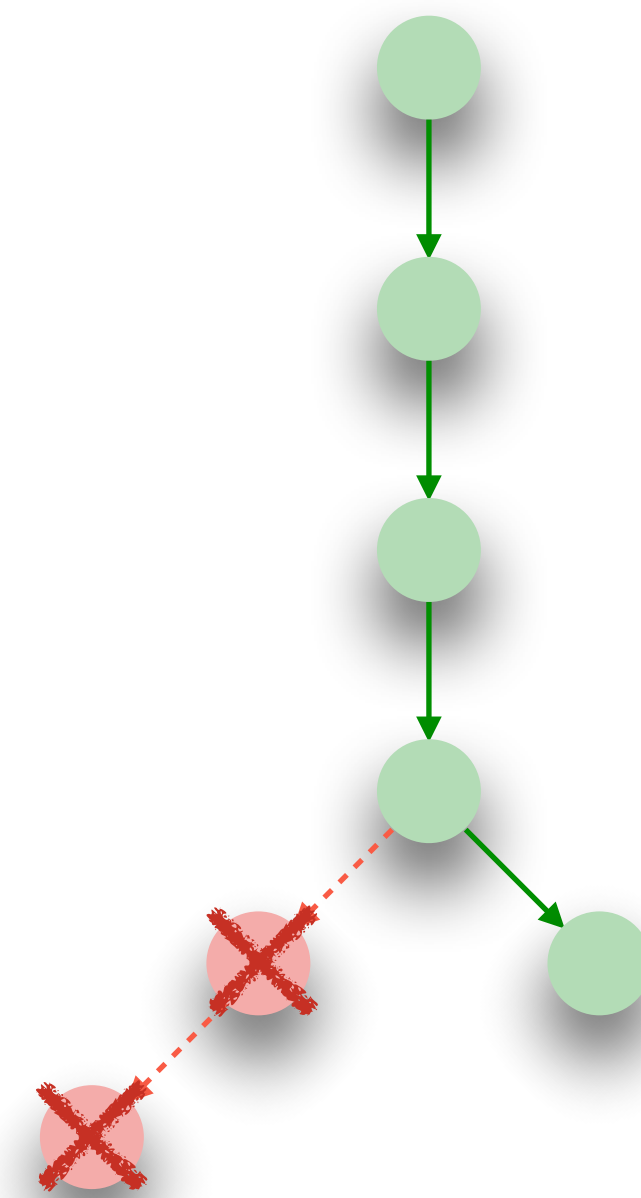


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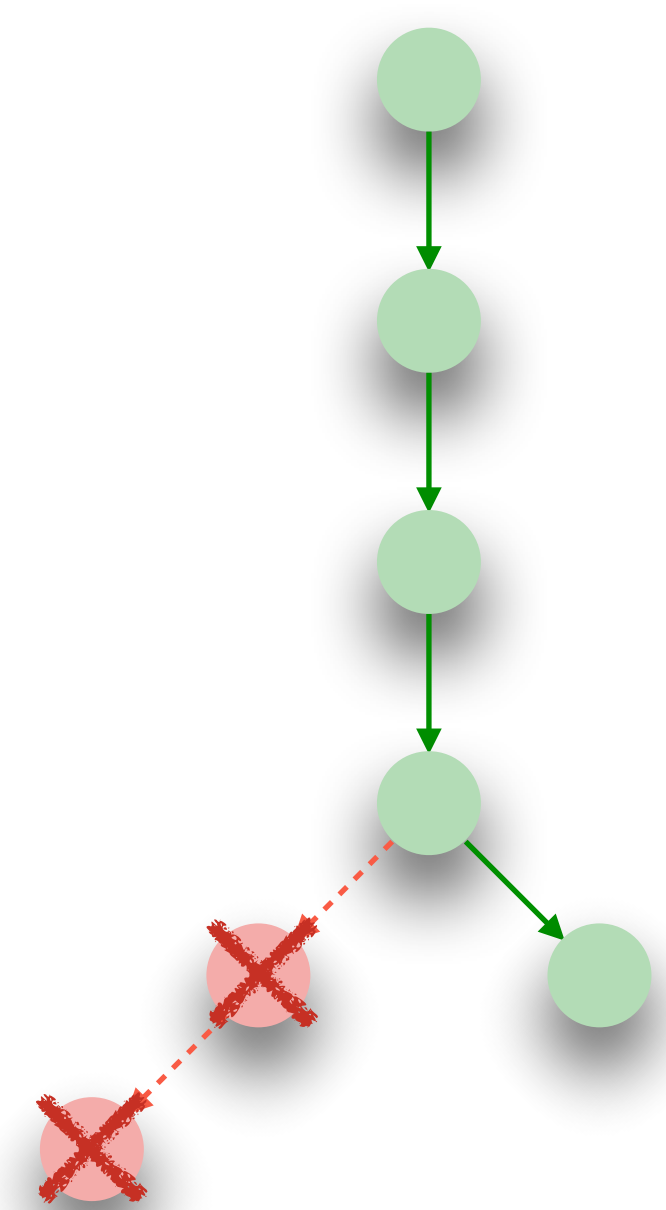


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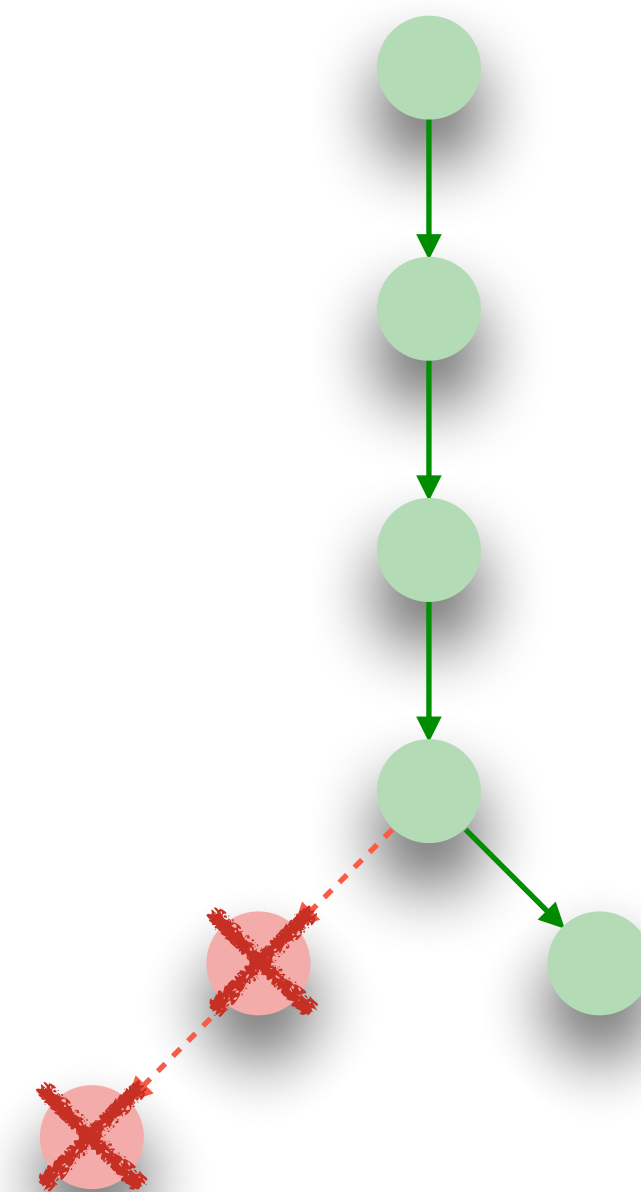
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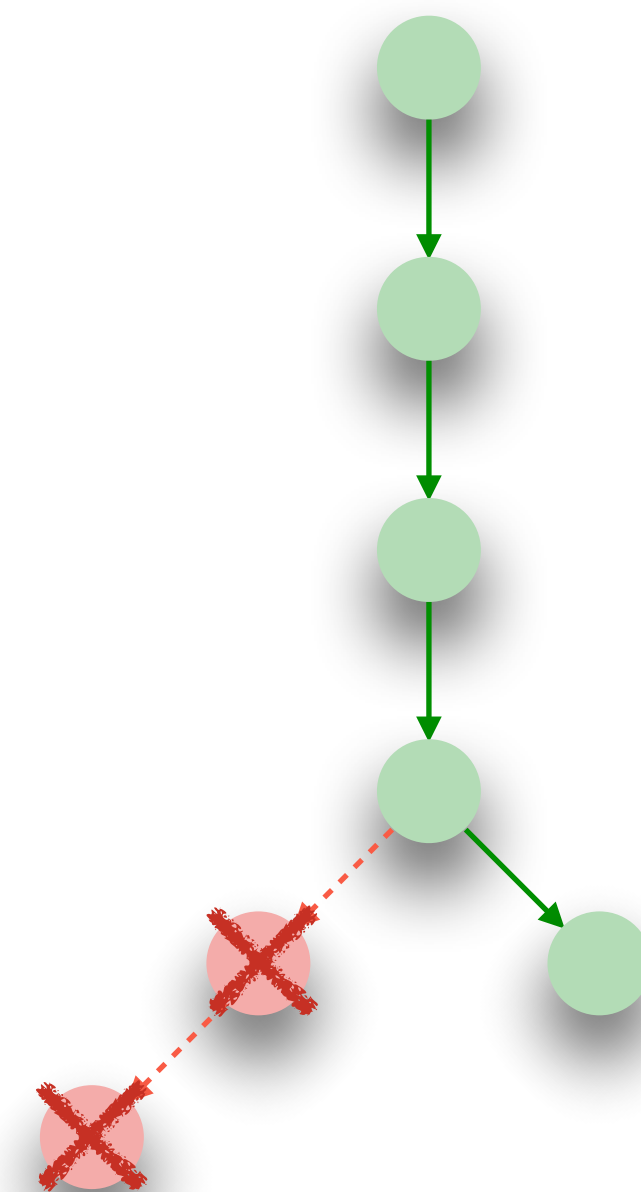
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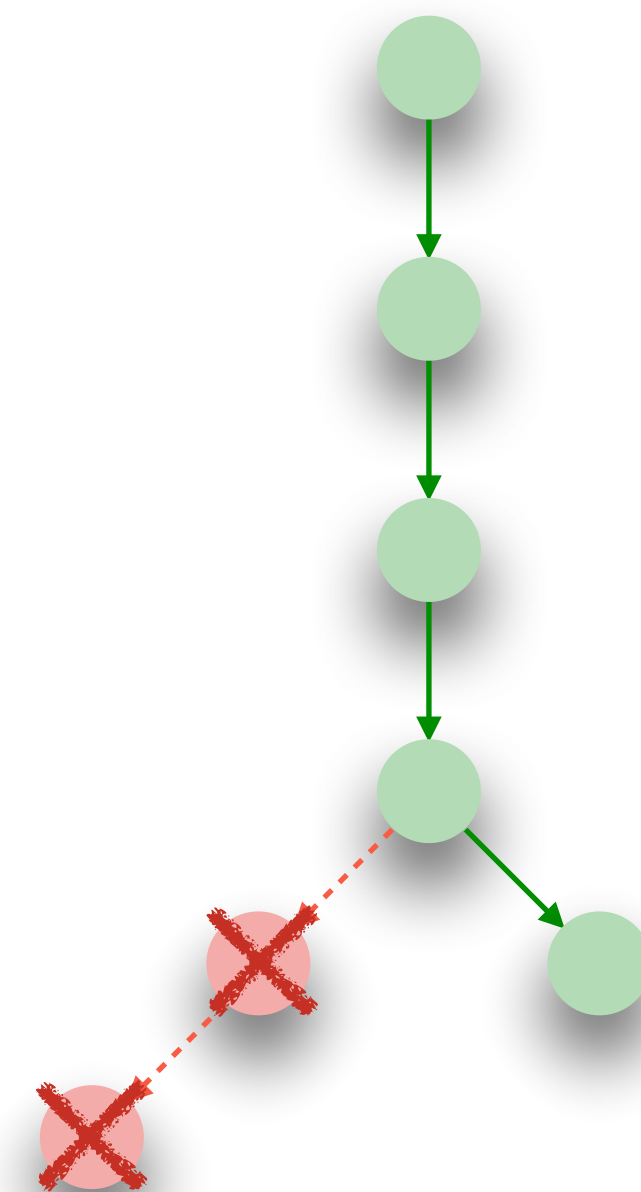
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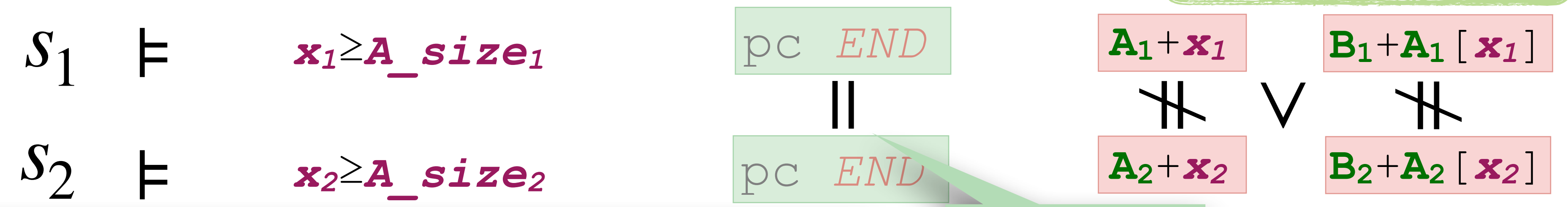
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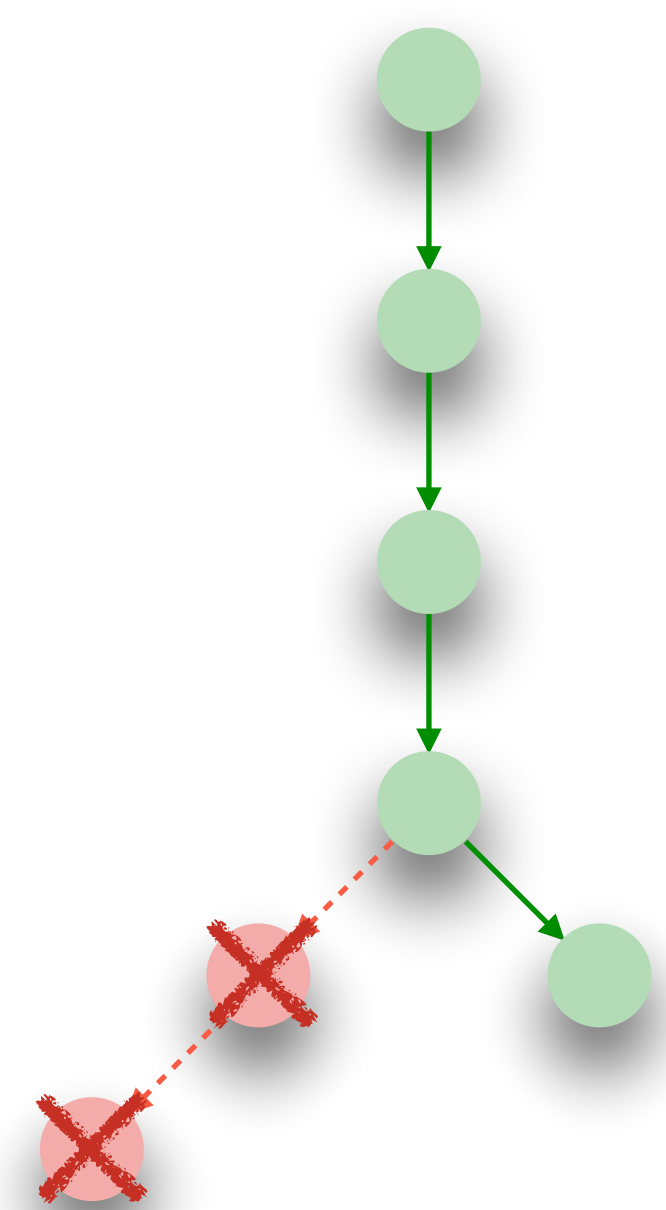
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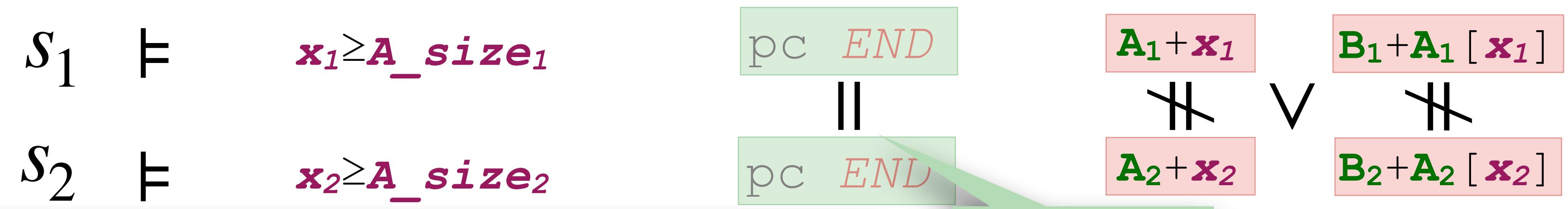


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Experimental results

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG					
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Experimental results

15 Spectre variants from Paul Kocher

	UNP				ICC				CLANG				SLH			
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH			
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02		
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
02	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Experimental results

15 Spectre variants from Paul Kocher

	UNP				FEN				ICC				CLANG			
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH			
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02		
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03	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
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15	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

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if (x < A_size)
    y = B[A[x] * 512]
    
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Experimental results

15 Spectre variants from Paul Kocher

	UNP				ICC				CLANG					
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH	
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
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03	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
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y = B[A[x < A_size ? (x+1) : 0] * 512]
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Experimental results

15 Spectre variants from Paul Kocher

	GCC				ICC				CLANG					
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH	
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
02	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
03	○	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
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15	○	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	●

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if (x < A_size)
    if (A[x] == k)
        y = B[0]
    
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Experimental results

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG							
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH			
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02		
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
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Experimental results

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG							
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH			
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02		
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●
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No countermeasures

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG					
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH	
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02
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Experimental results

Automated insertion of fences

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG					
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH	
	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02	-00	-02
01	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●
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Experimental results

Speculative load
hardening

Ex.	VISUAL C++				ICC				CLANG							
	UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		UNP		FEN		SLH			
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Experimental results

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Experimental results

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Experimental results

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Summary

- Leaks in all unprotected programs (except example #08 with optimizations)
- Confirm all vulnerabilities in VCC pointed out by Paul Kocher
- Programs with fences (ICC and Clang) are secure
 - But: Unnecessary fences
- Programs with SLH are secure except #10 and #15

Experimental results

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02	○	○	●										●	●	●	●
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Performance

- Programs ~20-200 lines of assembly code
- Analysis terminates in less than 30 sec
- Except for example #05 (< 2 min)

4. Challenges

Scalable analysis

Goal:

Analysis of large, security-critical applications:

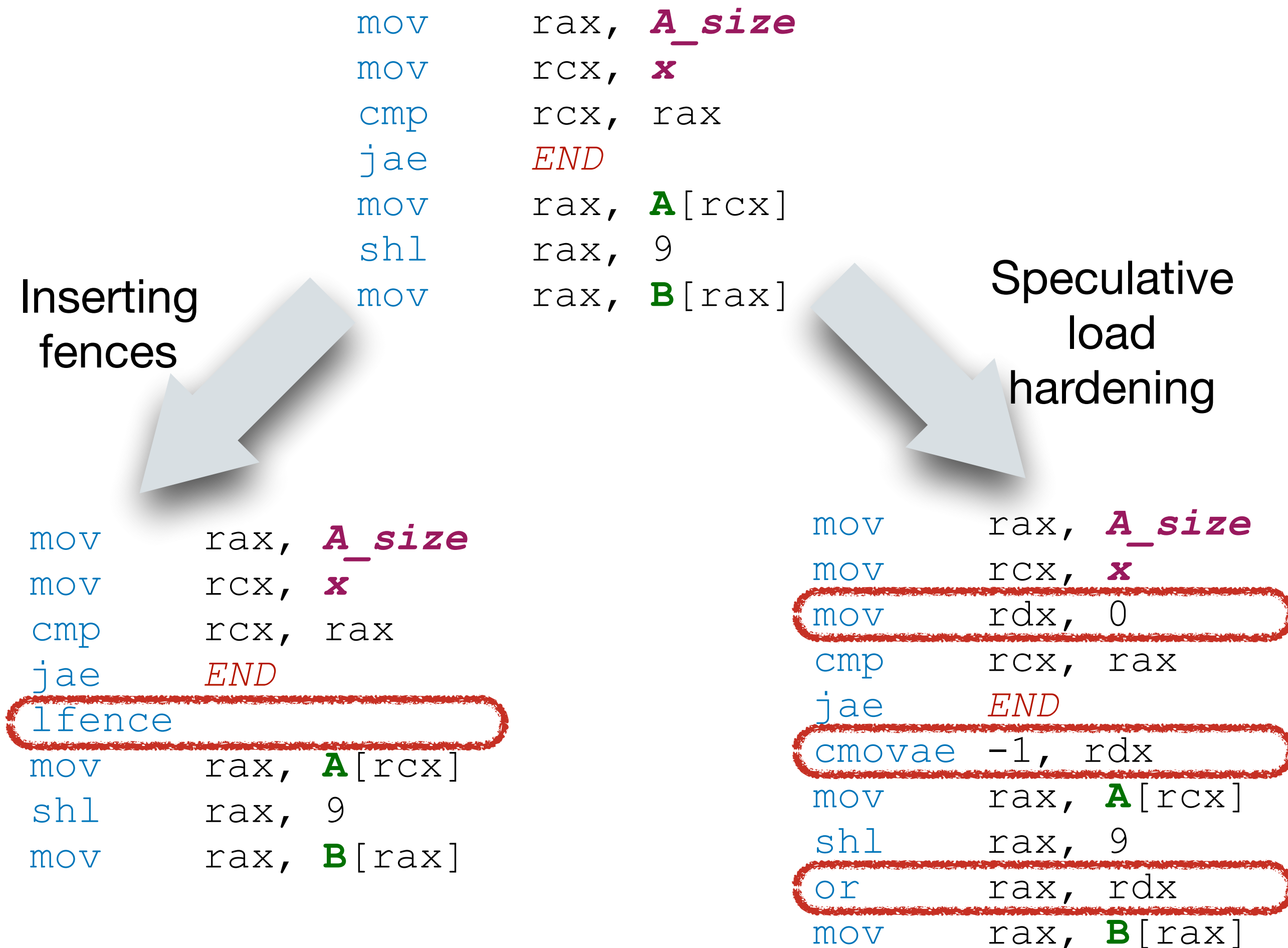
- Intel SGX SDK
- Xen hypervisor
- microkernels



Need: Scalable analysis of speculative non-interference

- Exploit “locality” of speculative execution
- Develop scalable abstractions

Verifying compiler-level countermeasures



How can we **verify** such countermeasures?

A sound HW/SW security contract

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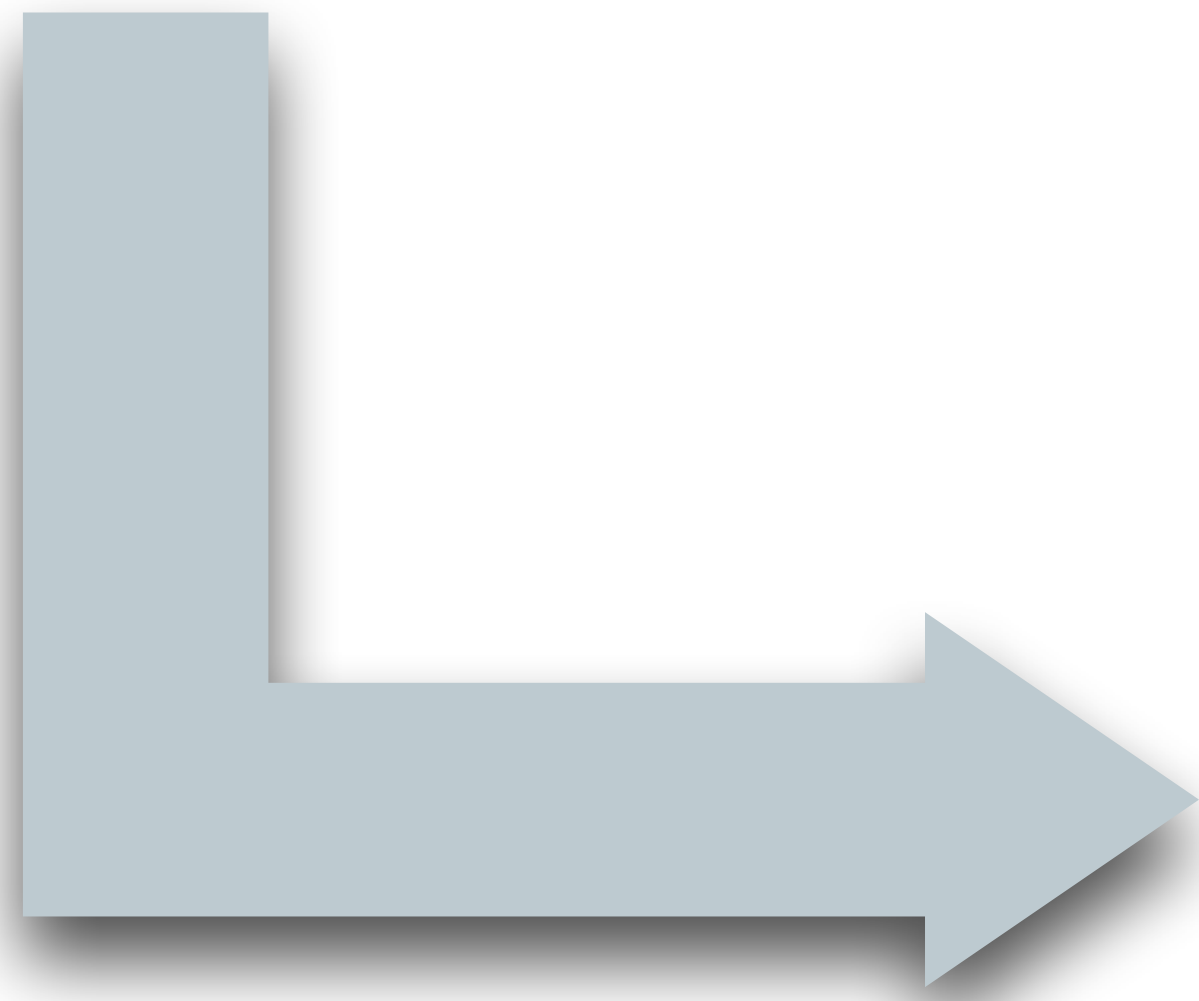
Backup

Example #01 - SLH

```
if (x < A_size)  
    y = B[A[x]*512]
```

Example #01 - SLH

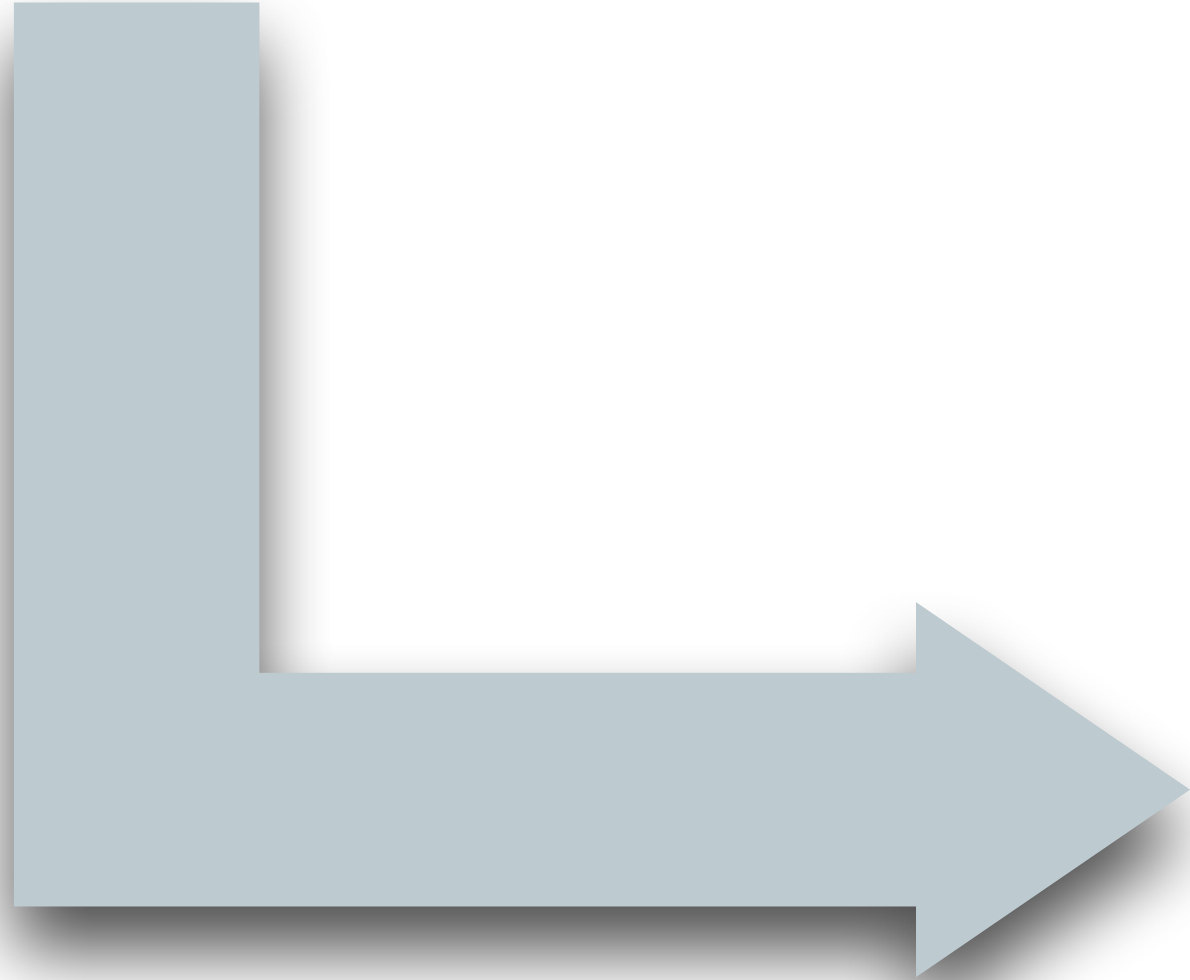
```
if (x < A_size)
    y = B[A[x]*512]
```



```
mov     rax, A_size
mov     rcx, x
mov     rdx, 0
cmp     rcx, rax
jae     END
cmovae -1, rdx
mov     rax, A[rcx]
shl    rax, 9
or     rax, rdx
mov     rax, B[rax]
```


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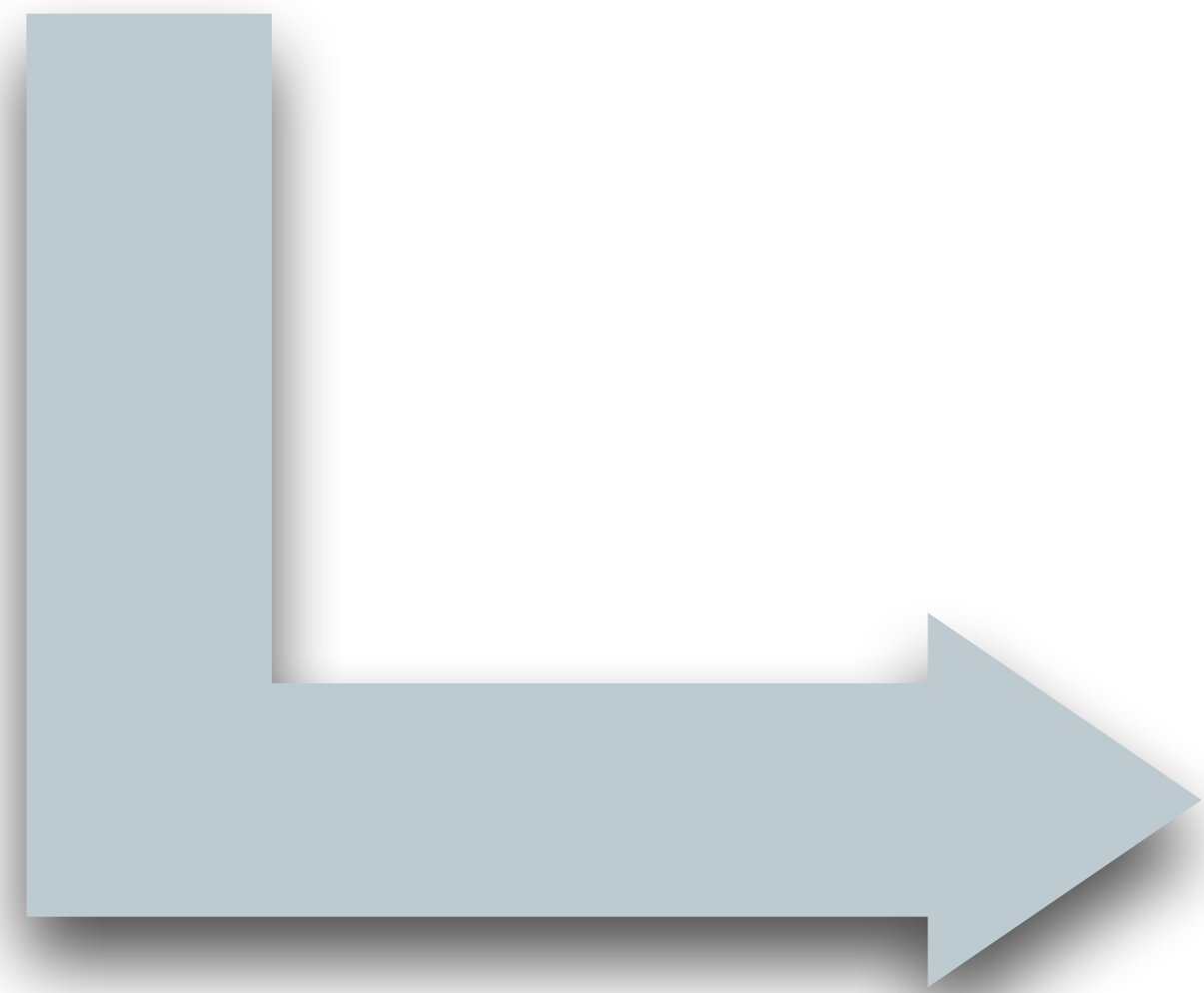
rax is -1 whenever $x \geq A_size$
We can prove security

Example #10 - SLH

```
if (x < A_size)  
    if (A[x] == 0)  
        y = B[0]
```

Example #10 - SLH

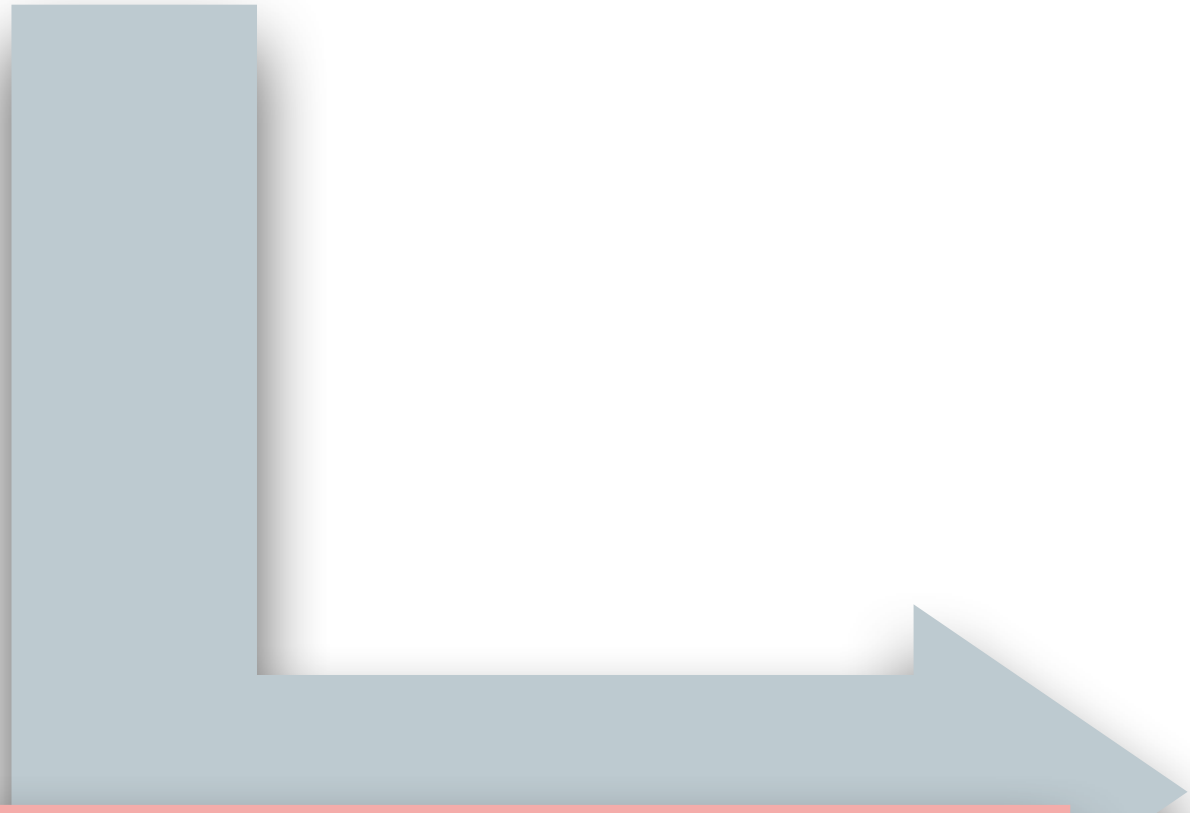
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if (x < A_size)
    if (A[x] == 0)
        y = B[0]
```



```
mov     rax, A_size
mov     rcx, x
mov     rdx, 0
cmp     rcx, rax
jae     END
cmovae  -1, rdx
mov     rax, A[rcx]
jne     rax, END
cmovne  -1, rdx
mov     rax, [B]
```

Example #10 - SLH

```
if (x < A_size)
  if (A[x] == 0)
    y = B[0]
```



Leaks `A[x] == 0` via
control-flow
We detect the leak!

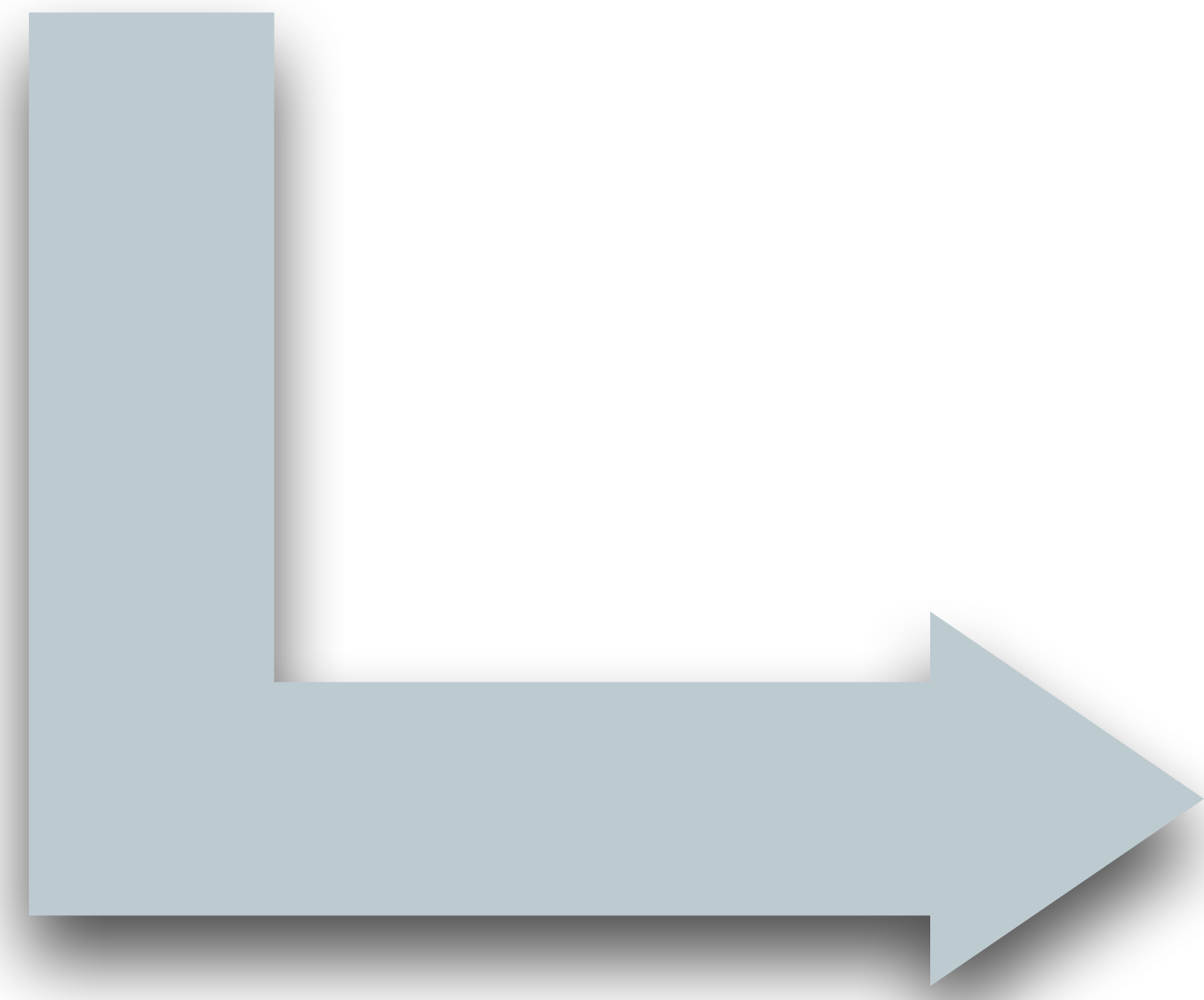
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mov    rcx, x
mov    rdx, 0
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jae    END
cmovae -1, rdx
mov    rax, A[rcx]
jne    rax, END
cmovne -1, rdx
mov    rax, [B]
```

Example #08 - FEN

```
y = B[A[x < A_size? (x+1) : 0] * 512]
```

Example #08 - FEN

$y = B[A[x < A_size ? (x+1) : 0] * 512]$



```
mov     rax, A_size
mov     rcx, x
lea     rcx, [rcx+1]
xor     rdx, rdx
cmp     rcx, rax
cmovae rdx, rcx
mov     rax, A[rdx]
shl    rax, 9
lfence
mov     rax, B[rax]
```

Example #08 - FEN

$y = B[A[x < A_size ? (x+1) : 0] * 512]$



lfence is unnecessary

```
mov    rax, A_size
mov    rcx, x
lea    rcx, [rcx+1]
xor    rdx, rdx
cmp    rcx, rax
cmovae rdx, rcx
mov    rax, A[rdx]
shl   rax, 9
lfence
mov    rax, B[rax]
```