



# Ribbon Proofs for Separation Logic

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# Talk outline

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mchunkptr b, p;
idx += ~smallbits & 1; /* Uses next bin if idx empty */

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// rename U_idx to U_idx++[p+2w->8idx-1w]

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//assert(chunks(p) == small_index2size(idx));
unlink_first_small_chunk(gm, b, p, idx);

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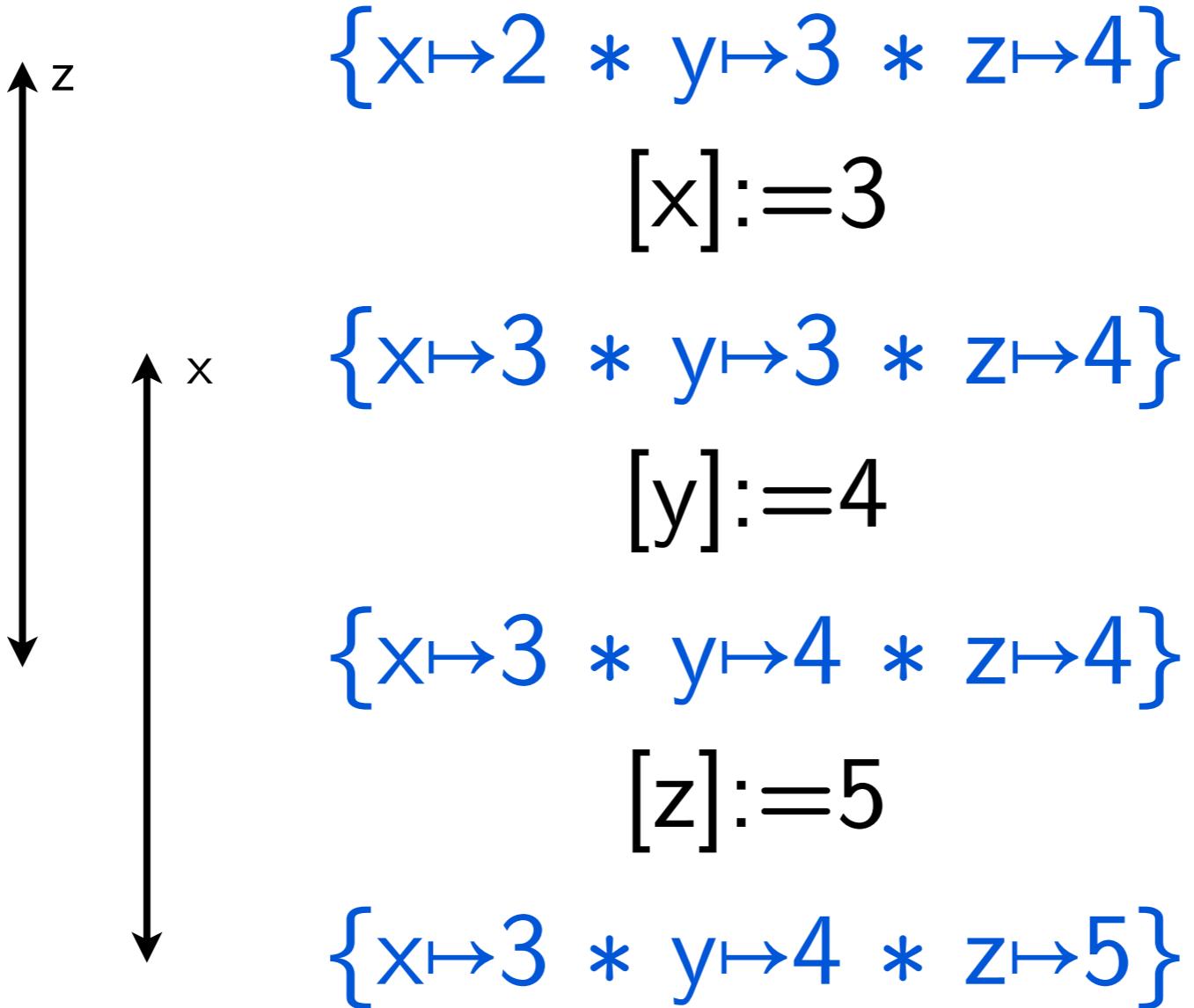
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# Box proofs

1  $P \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow R)$

2  $P \rightarrow Q$

3  $P$

4  $Q$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{E}(2, 3)$

5  $Q \rightarrow R$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{E}(1, 3)$

6  $R$

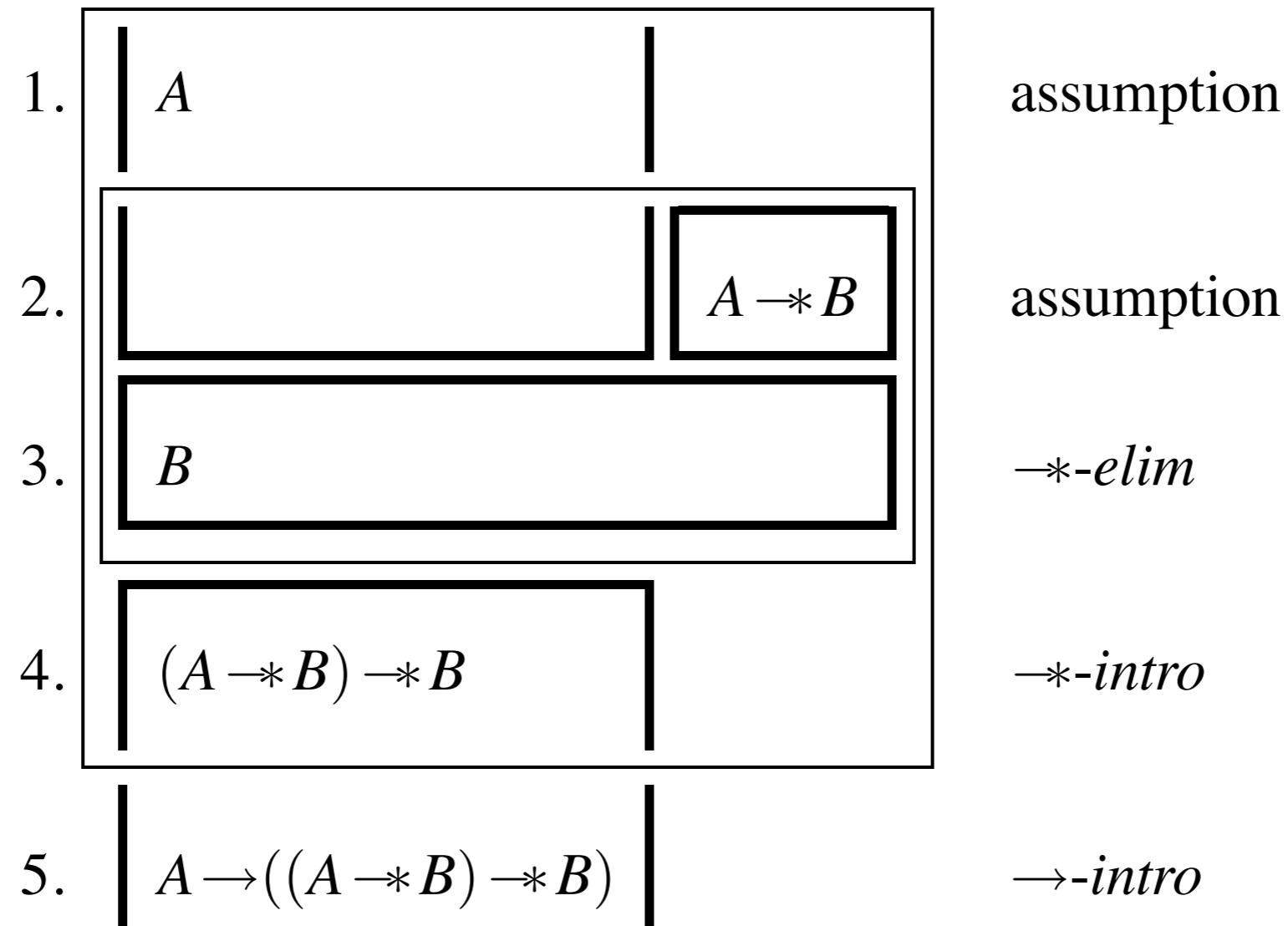
$\rightarrow \mathcal{E}(5, 4)$

7  $P \rightarrow R$

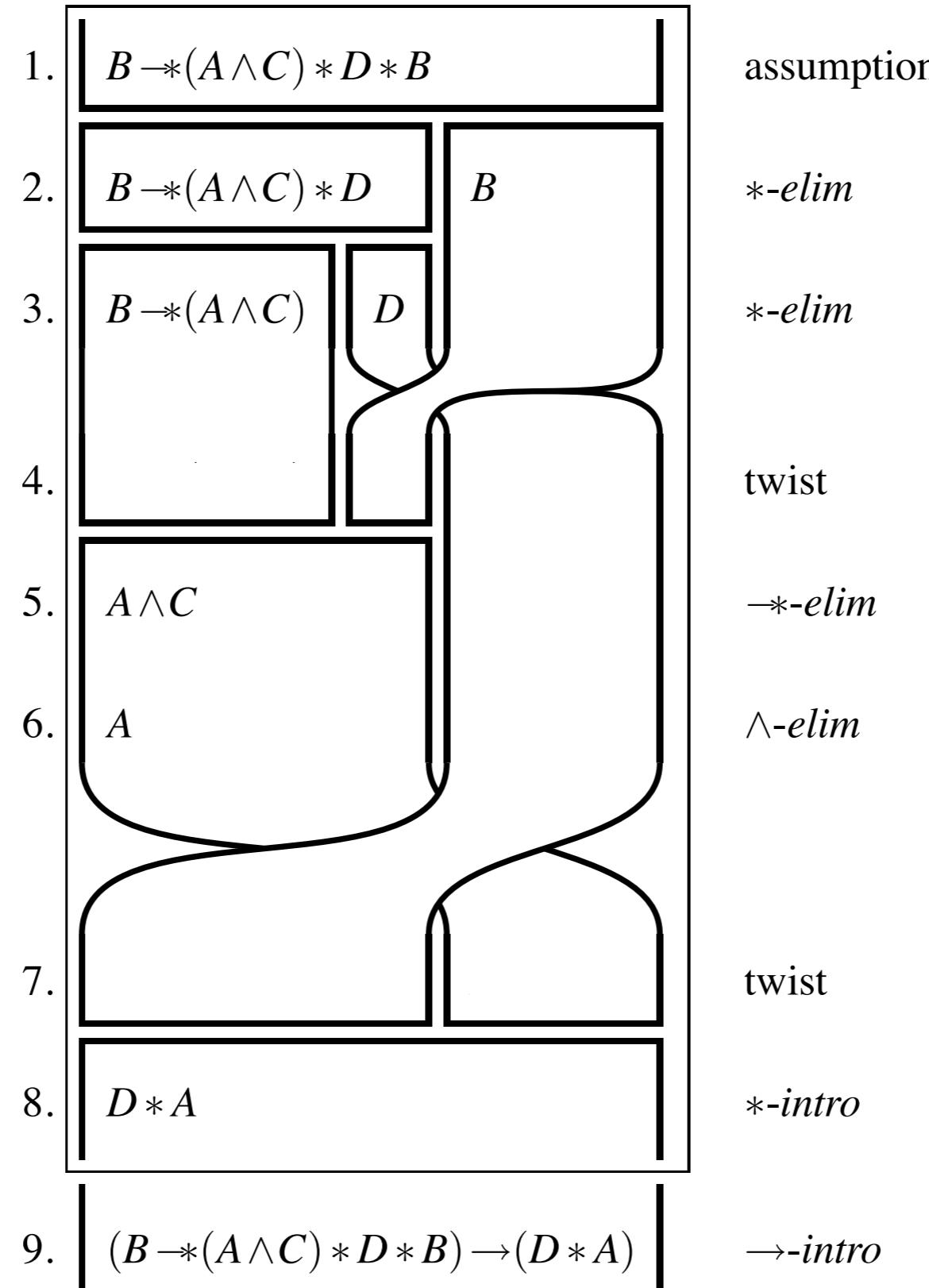
$\rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

8  $(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$

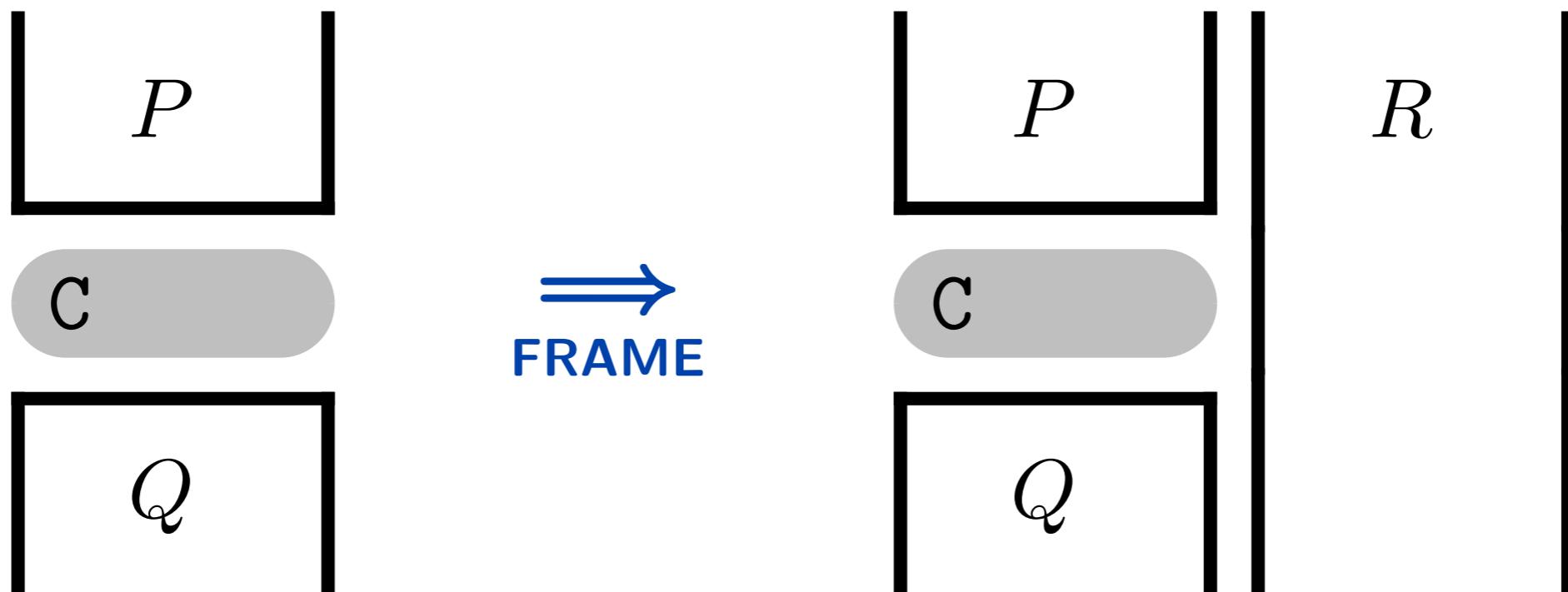
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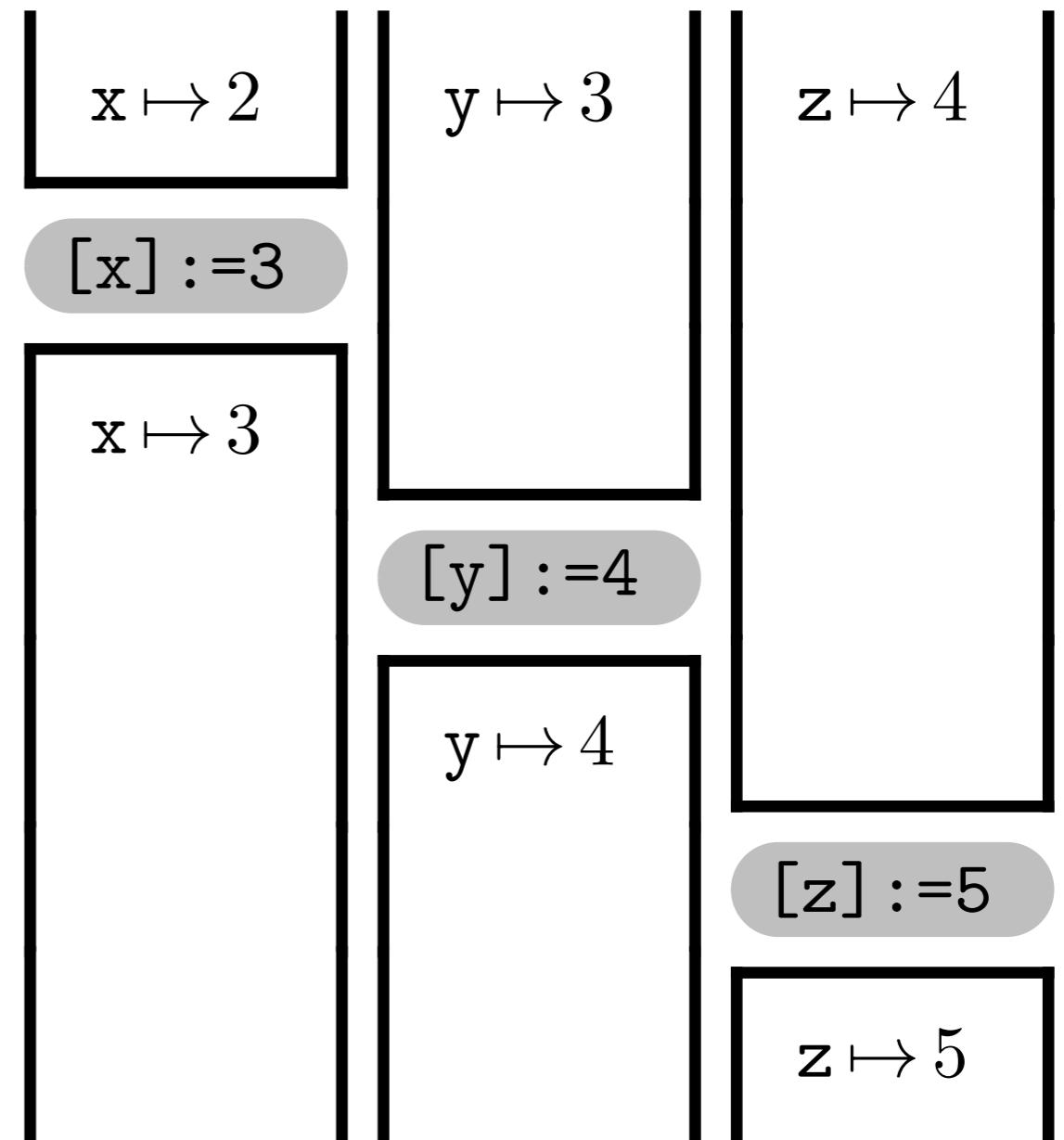
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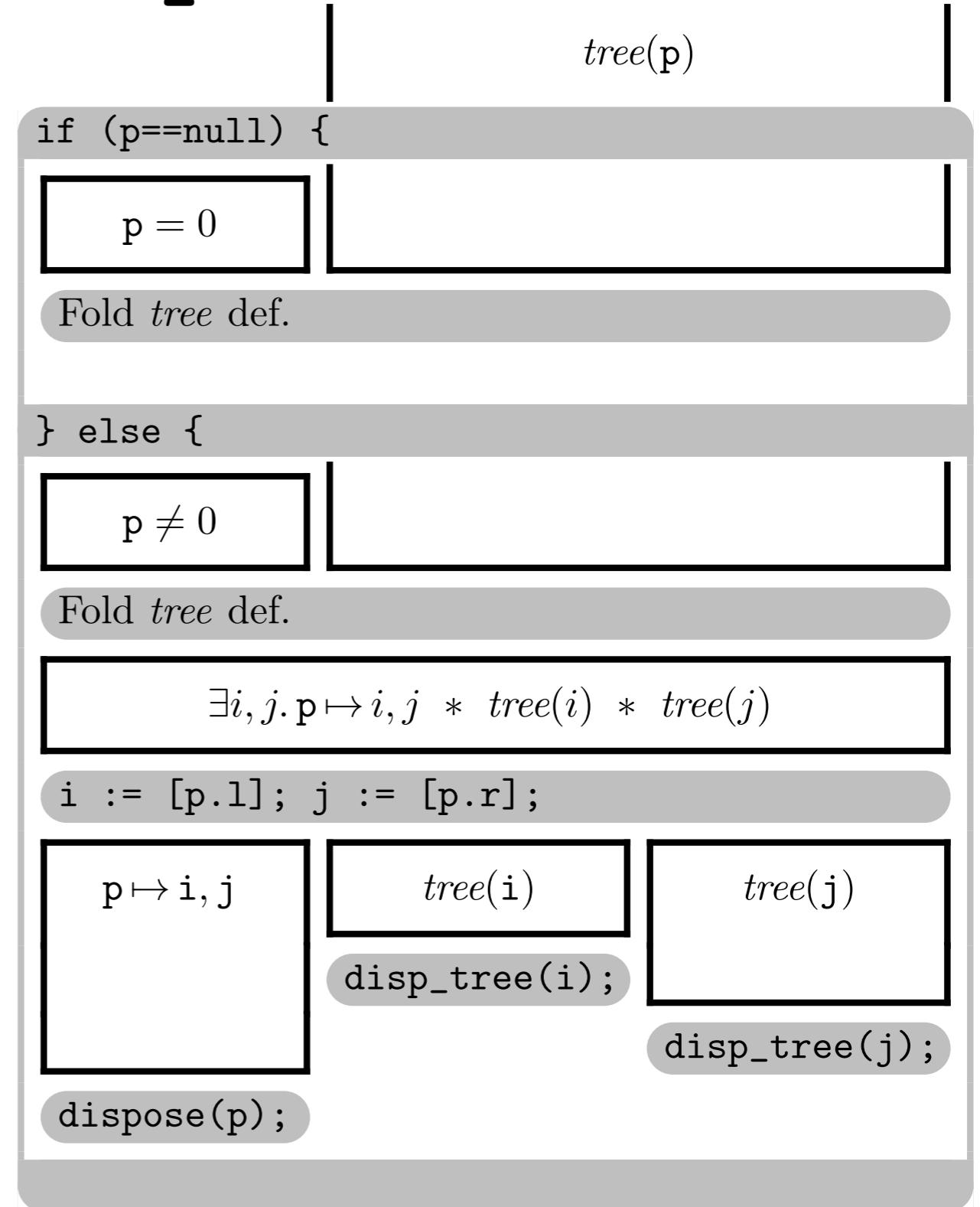
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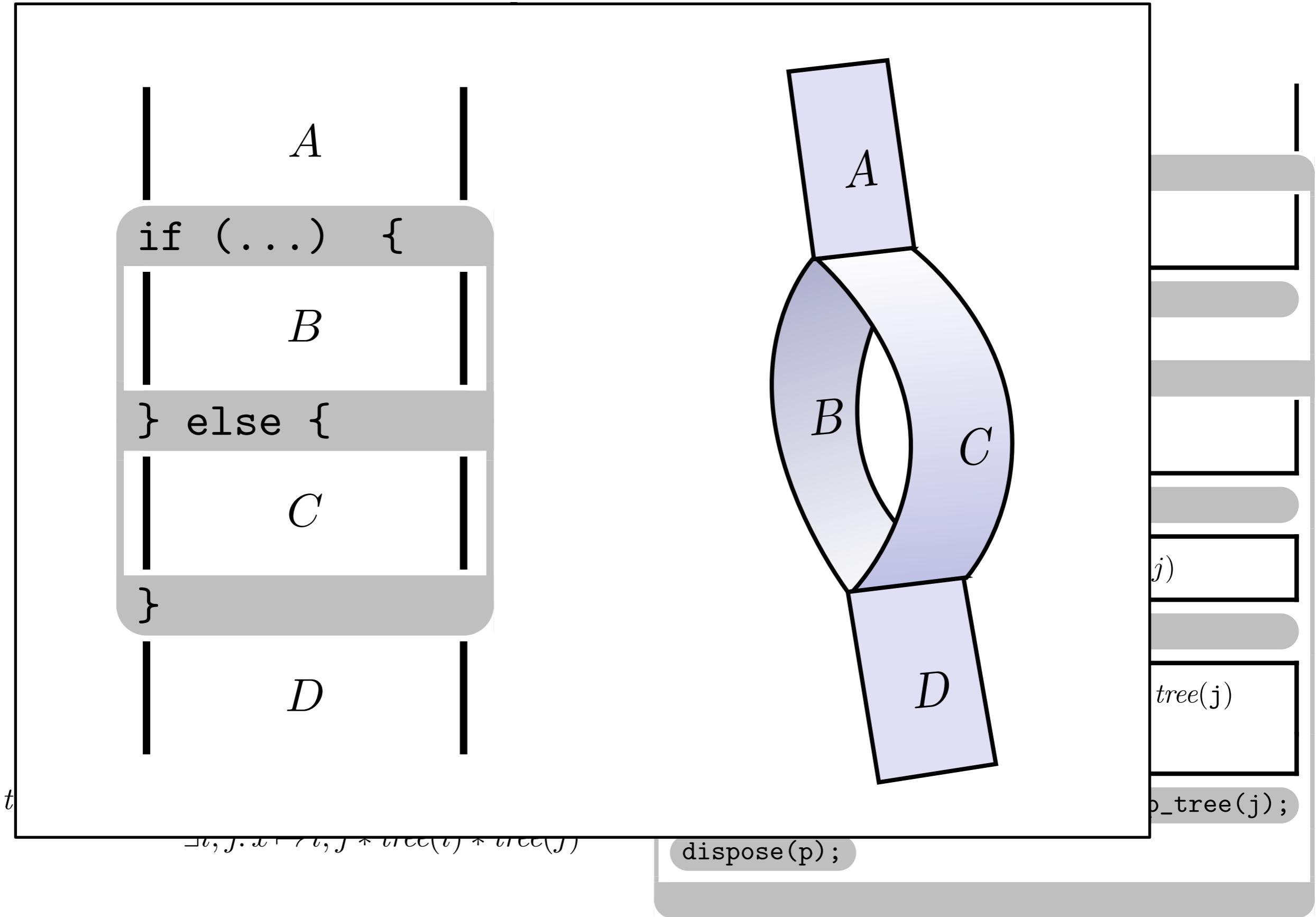
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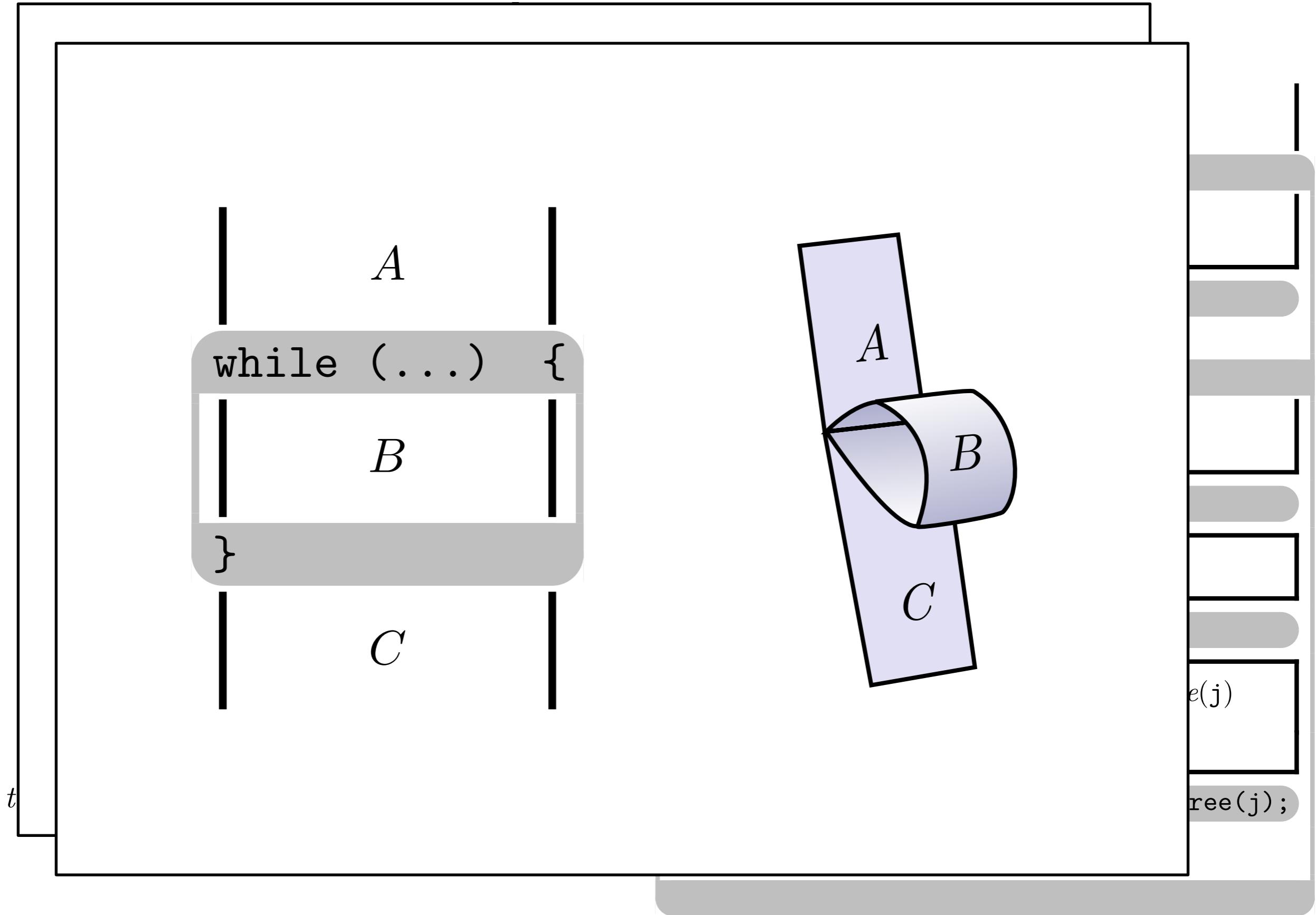
disp_tree(p) {
    local i,j;
    if (p==null) {
        /* skip */
    } else {
        i := [p.l];
        j := [p.r];
        disp_tree(i);
        disp_tree(j);
        dispose(p);
    }
}

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$$tree(x) \iff x = 0 \wedge emp \vee \exists i, j. x \mapsto i, j * tree(i) * tree(j)$$





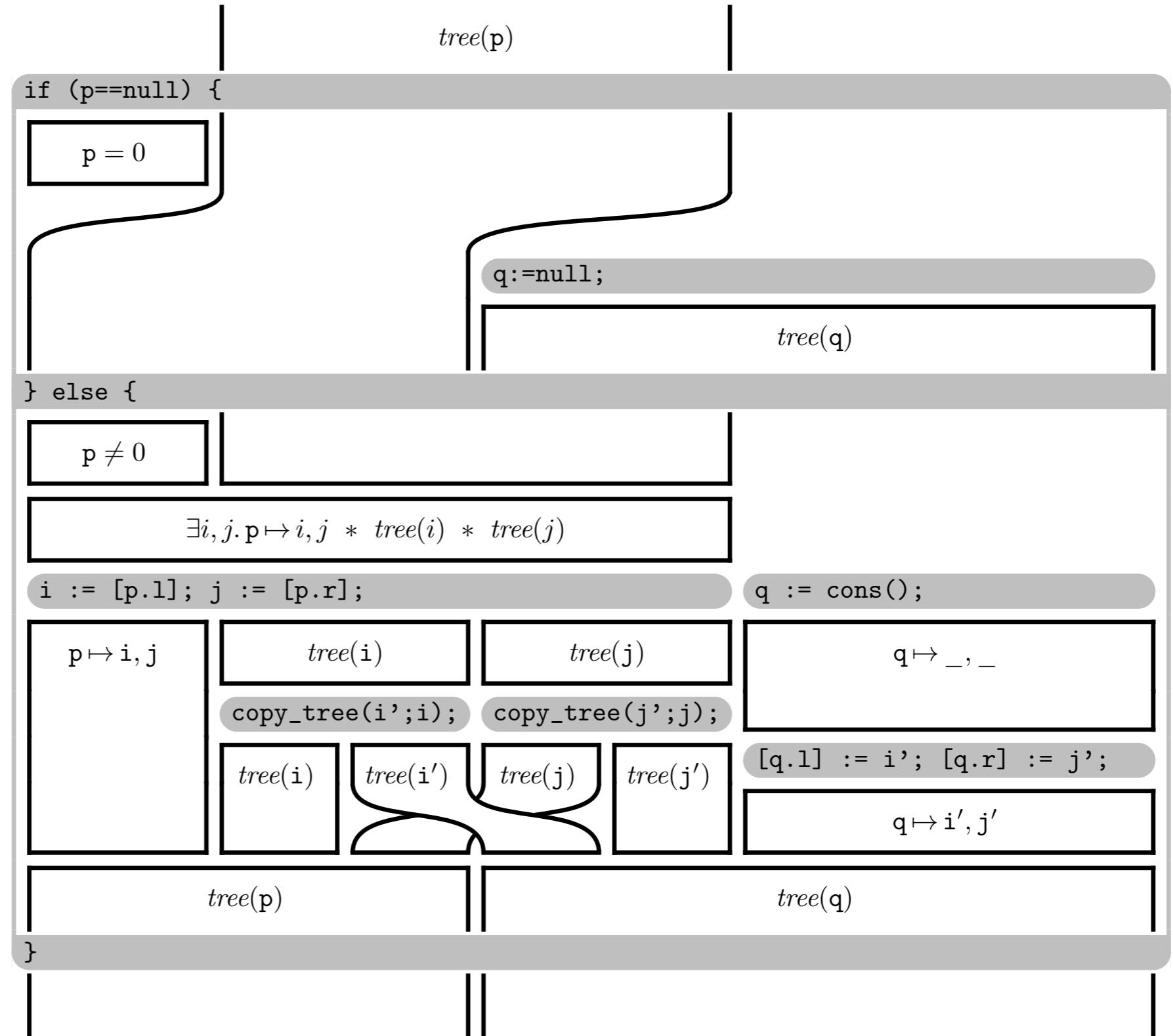


# Example: copy-tree

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copy_tree(q;p) {
local i,j,i',j';
if (p==null) {
    q:=null
} else {
    i := [p.l];
    j := [p.r];
    copy_tree(i';i);
    copy_tree(j';j);
    q:=cons();
    [q.l] := i';
    [q.r] := j';
}
}

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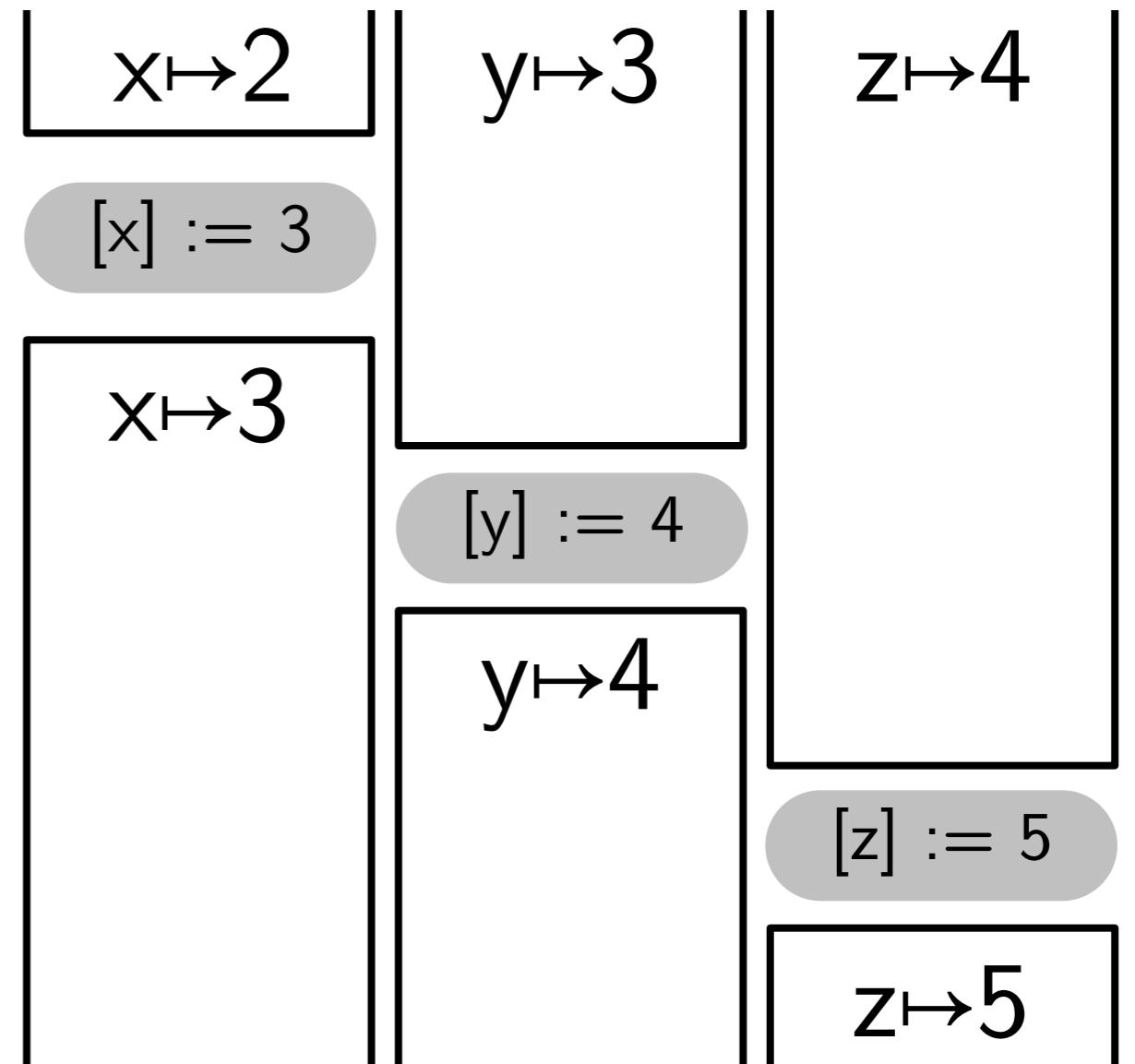
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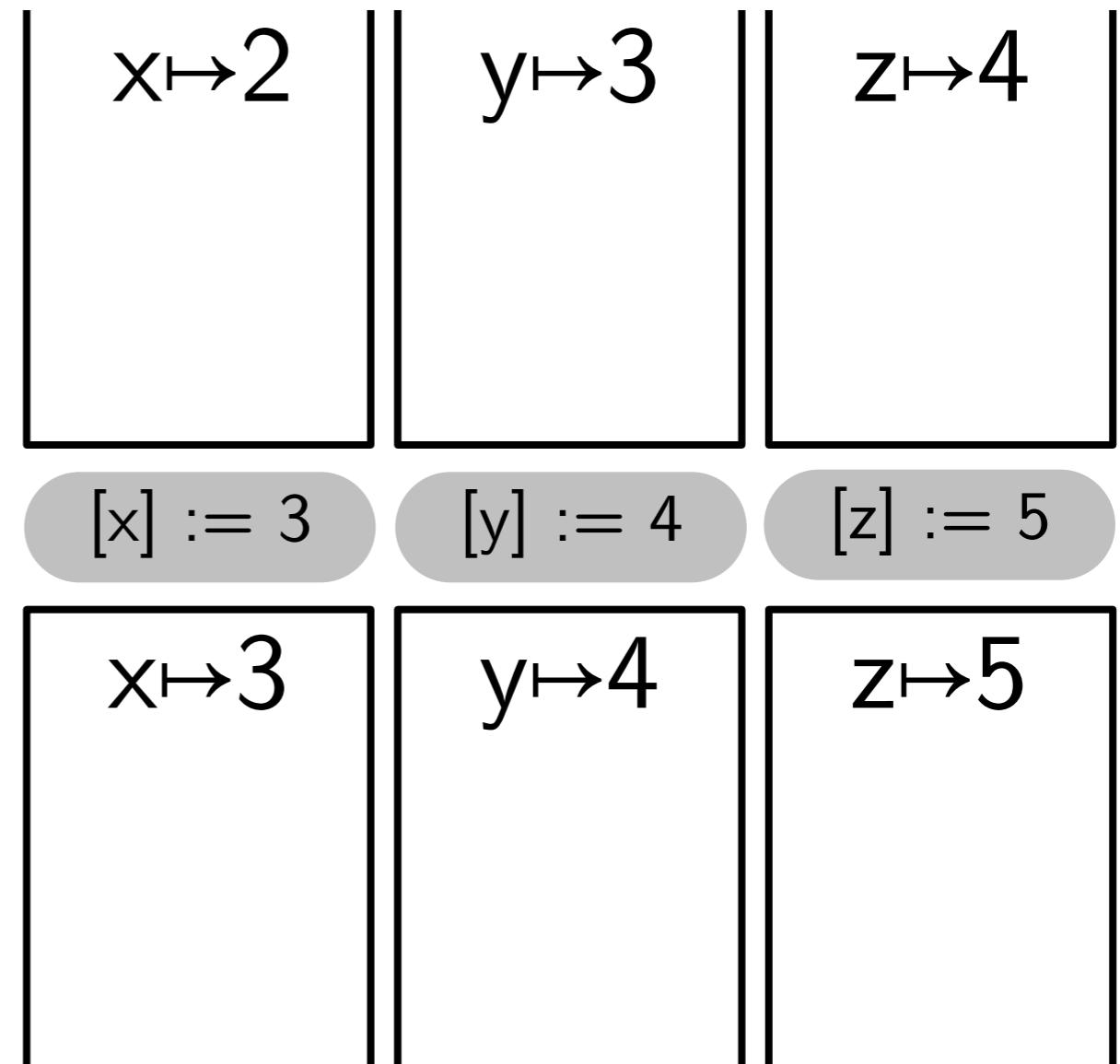
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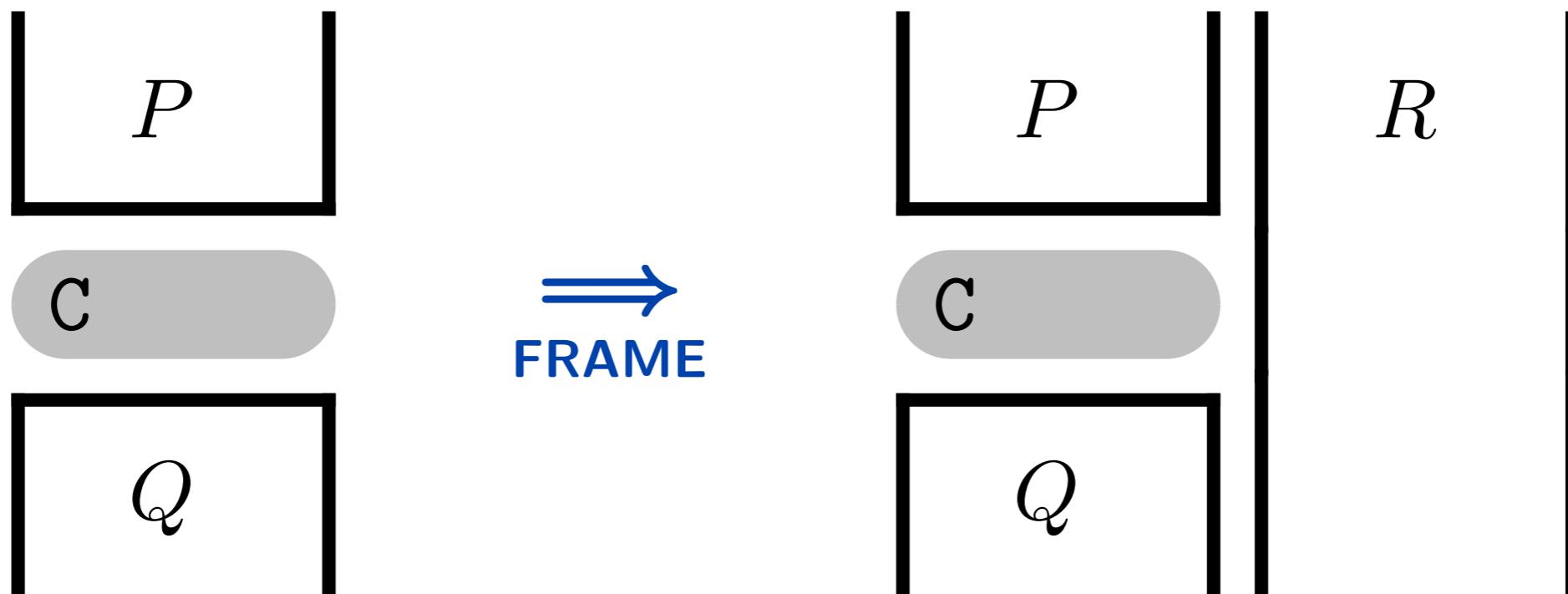
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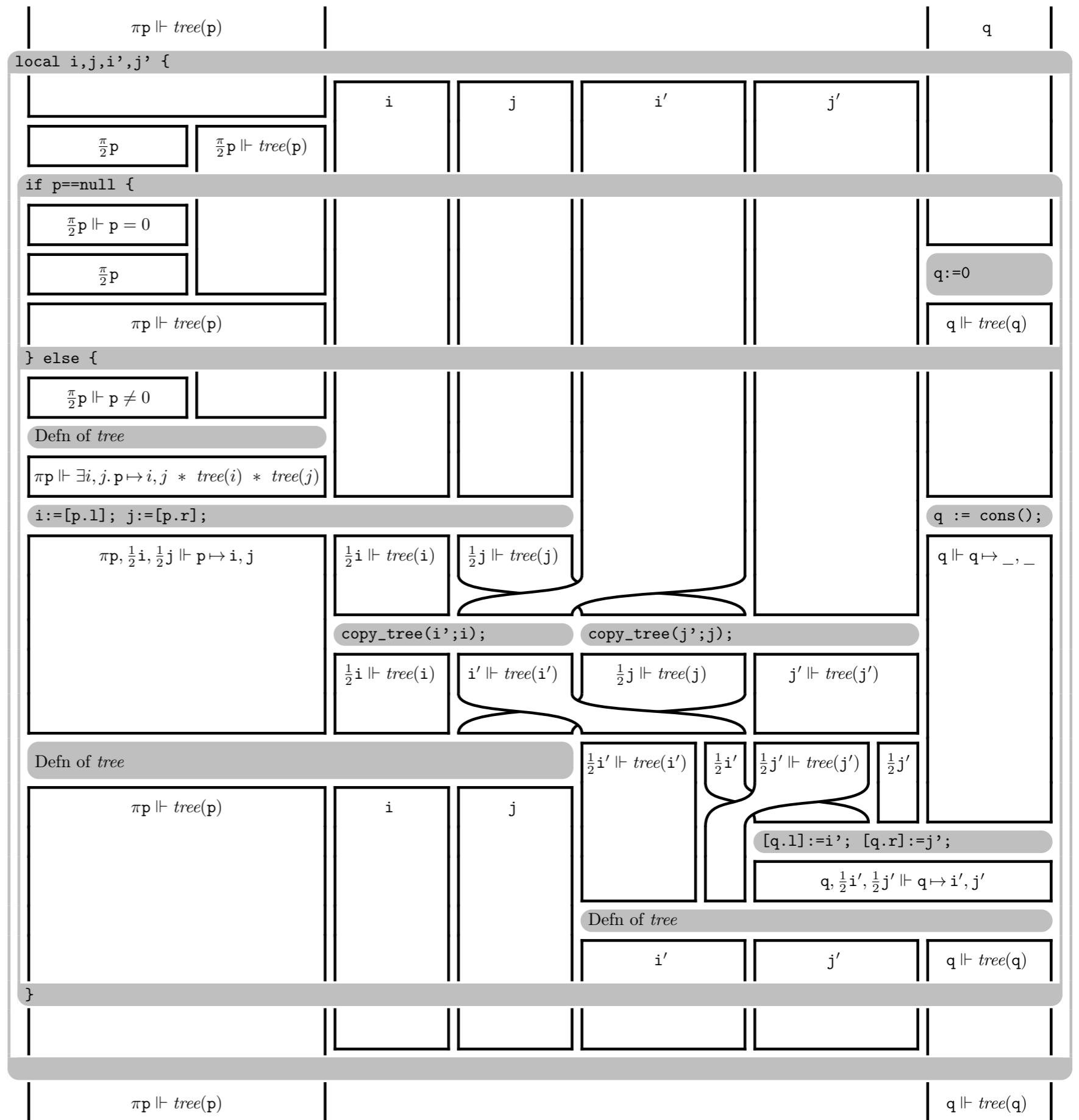
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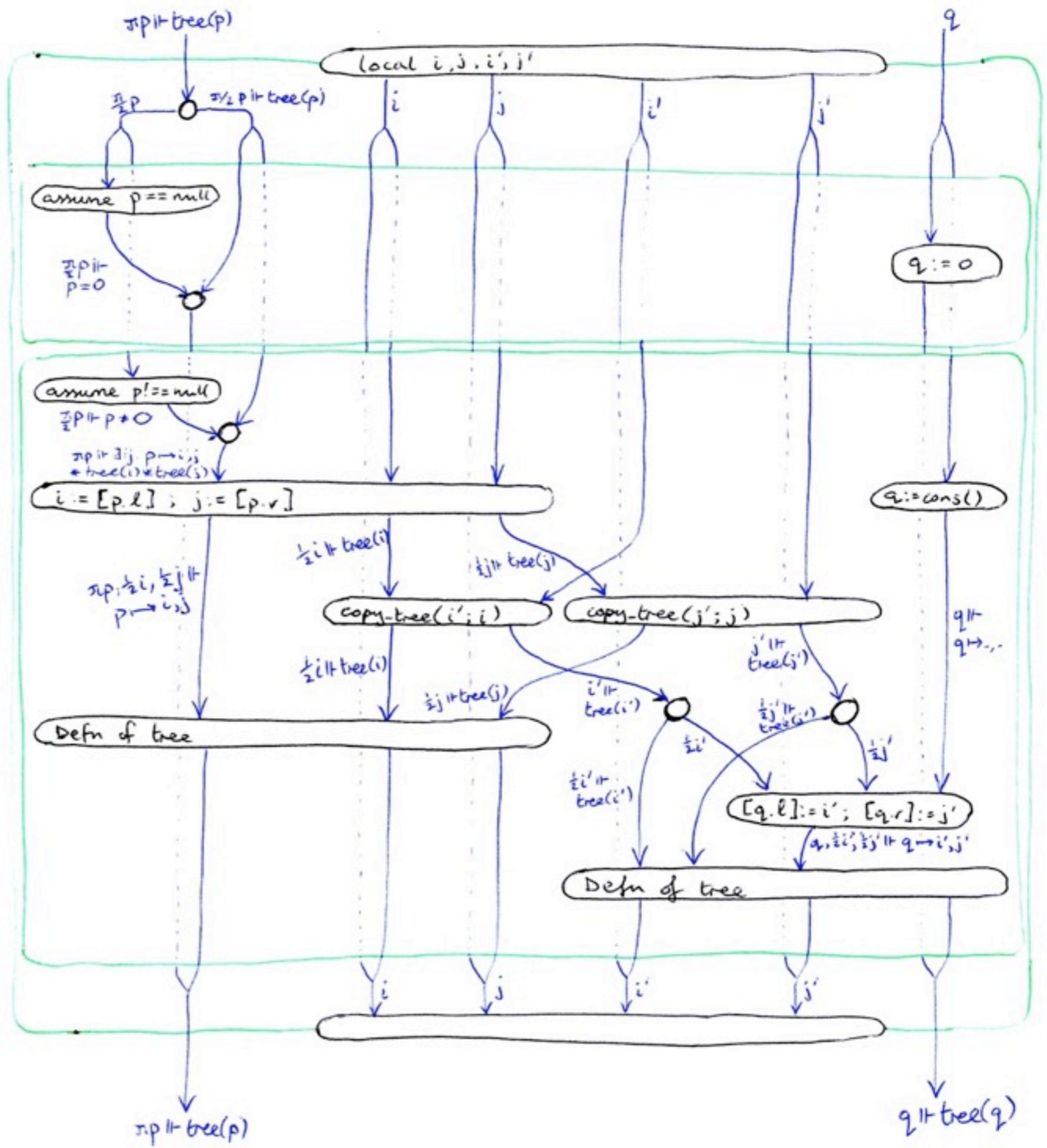


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## Proof of unlink\_first\_small\_chunk

$smallbin_{\lfloor S/8 \rfloor}(U \uplus \{P + 2w \mapsto S - 1w\})$

Defn of  $smallbin$

$\exists x$

$\exists i$

$S = 8i * 0 \leq i < 32$   
 $* x = smallbin + 2iw$

$bin(|i|, x, U \uplus \{P + 2w \mapsto S - 1w\})$

$smallmap[i] = 1$

Defn of  $bin$

$\exists y$

$x \xrightarrow{fd} y$

$y \xrightarrow{bk} x$

$(bnode |i|)^*(y, x, U \uplus \{P + 2w \mapsto S - 1w\})$

Split  $bnode$  list into three.

$\exists U_1, U_2$

$U = U_1 \uplus U_2$

$(bnode |i|)^*(y, P, U_1)$

Unroll RTC one step.

$(y = P * U_1 = \{\}) \vee (\exists B.$   
 $(bnode |i|)^*(y, B, U_1 \uplus \{B + 2w \mapsto \_\})$   
 $* B \xrightarrow{fd} P * P \xrightarrow{bk} B)$

$\exists F. P \xrightarrow{fd} F$

$* F \xrightarrow{bk} P$

$* \frac{1}{2}(P \xrightarrow{size} S)$

$* (bnode |i|)^*(F, x, U_2)$

Extend scope of  $\exists B$ . Choose  $B = x$  in first disjunct.

$\exists B$

$(y = P * U_1 = \{\} * B = x) \vee$   
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`mchunkptr F = P->fd;`

$F \xrightarrow{bk} P$

$(bnode |i|)^*(F, x, U_2)$

$P \xrightarrow{fd} F$

$\frac{1}{2}(P \xrightarrow{size} S)$

Distribute  $x \xrightarrow{fd} y * y \xrightarrow{bk} x$  into disjunction.

$(B \xrightarrow{fd} P * P \xrightarrow{bk} B * y = P * U_1 = \{\} * B = x) \vee$   
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Distribute  $B \xrightarrow{fd} P * P \xrightarrow{bk} B$  out of disjunction. Forget  
 $y = P$  from first disjunct.

$(U_1 = \{\} * B = x) \vee$   
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 $* x \xrightarrow{fd} y * y \xrightarrow{bk} x)$

$B \xrightarrow{fd} P$

$P \xrightarrow{bk} B$

`mchunkptr B = P->bk;`

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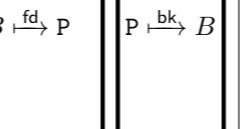
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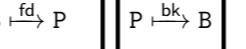
$y = P$  from first disjunct.

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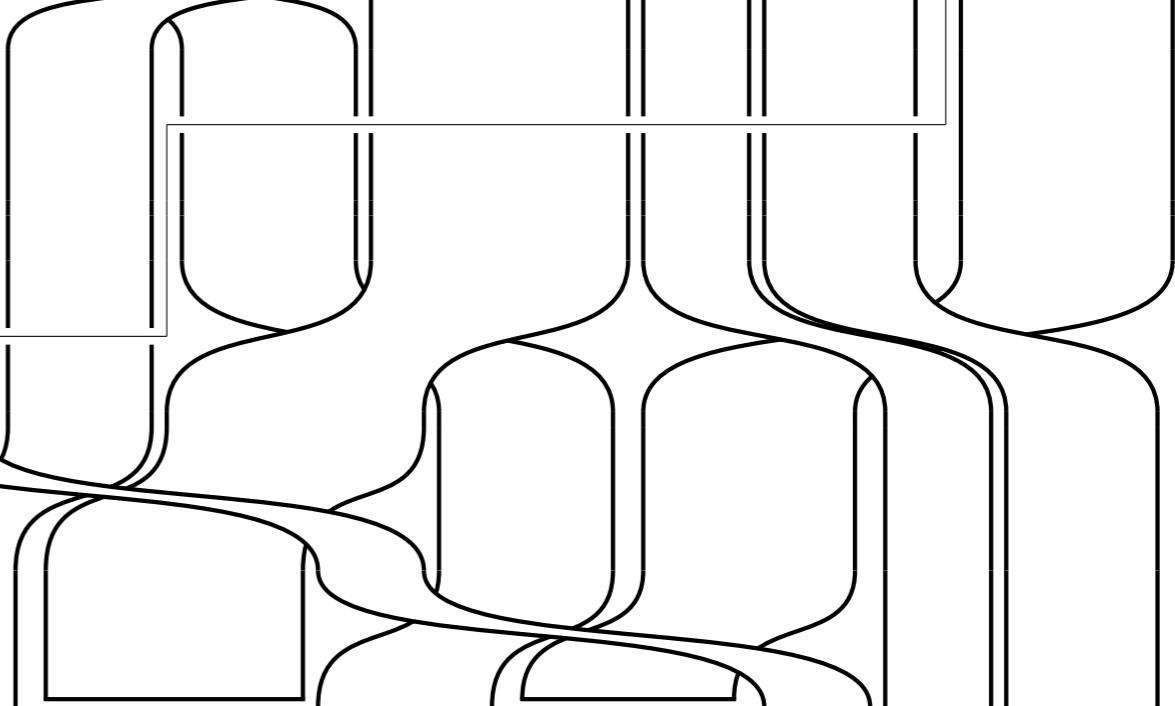


mchunkptr B = P->bk;

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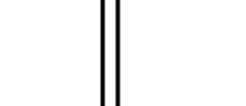
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bindex\_t I = small\_index(S);

$$S = 8I * 0 \leq I < 32 * x = \text{smallbin} + 2Iw$$

$$(U_1 = \{\} * B = x) \vee \exists y. ((bnode |I|)^*(y, B, U_1 \uplus \{B + 2w \mapsto \_ \}) * x \xrightarrow{fd} y * y \xrightarrow{bk} x)$$



$$(bnode |I|)^*(F, x, U_2)$$

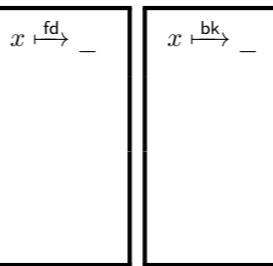
$$\text{smallmap}_{[I]} = 1$$

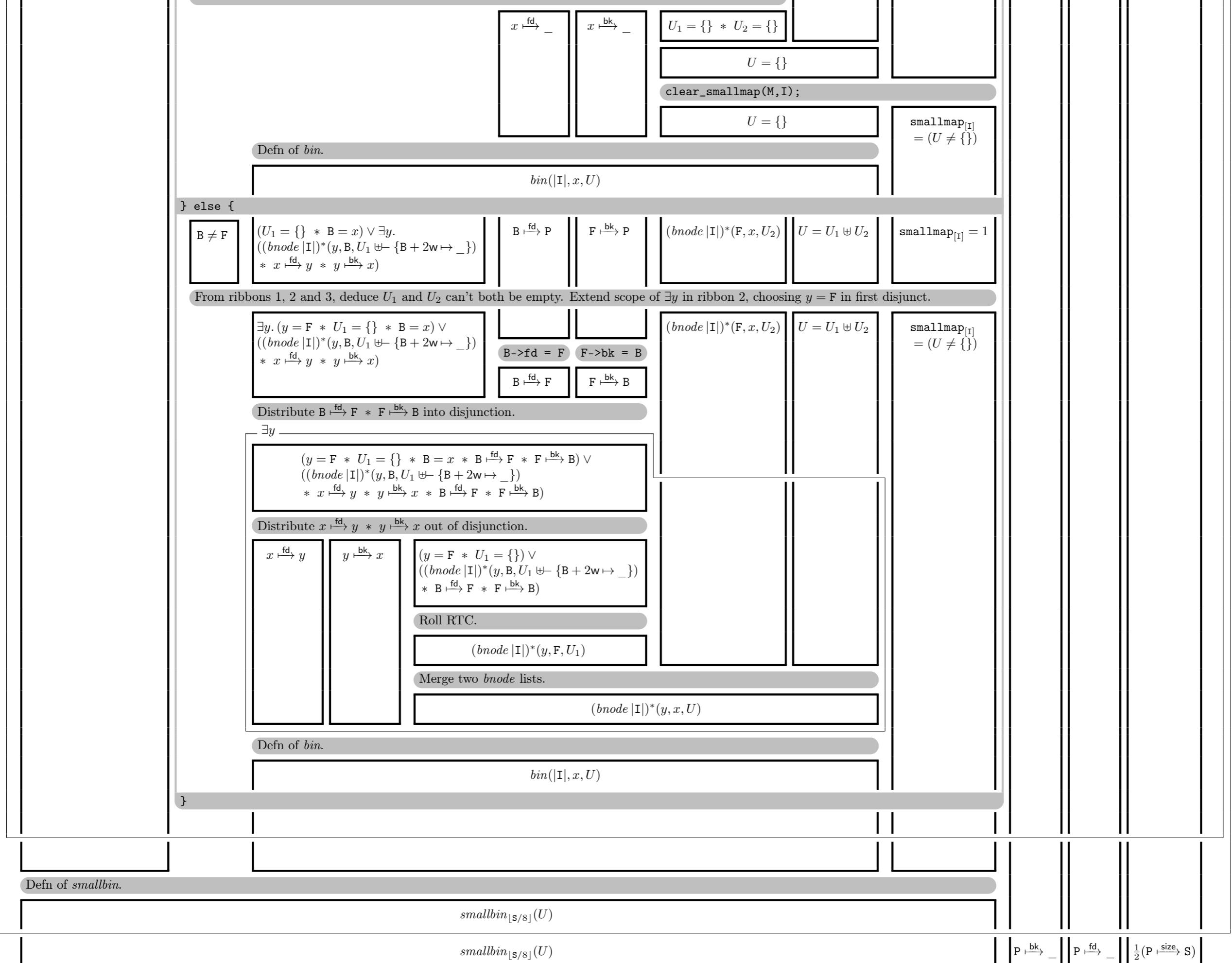
$$P \xrightarrow{bk} \_ \quad P \xrightarrow{fd} \_$$

if (F==B) {

$$B = F$$

Ribbons 1 and 4 contradict second disjunct of ribbon 2; hence  $B = F = x$  and  $U_1 = \{\}$ . Since  $F = x$ , ribbon 5 implies  $U_2 = \{\}$ . (See Lemma 1, above.)





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# Example: list-rev

{list  $\delta$  x}

y := 0;

while { $\exists \alpha, \beta. \text{list } \alpha x * \text{list } \beta y * \delta \doteq -\beta \cdot \alpha$ } ( $x \neq 0$ ) do {

{ $\exists i, \alpha, \beta, Z. x \mapsto i, Z * \text{list } \alpha Z * \text{list } \beta y * \delta \doteq -\beta \cdot i \cdot \alpha$ }

z := [x+1];

{ $\exists i, \alpha, \beta. x \mapsto i, z * \text{list } \alpha z * \text{list } \beta y * \delta \doteq -\beta \cdot i \cdot \alpha$ }

[x+1] := y;

{ $\exists i, \alpha, \beta. x \mapsto i, y * \text{list } \alpha z * \text{list } \beta y * \delta \doteq -\beta \cdot i \cdot \alpha$ }

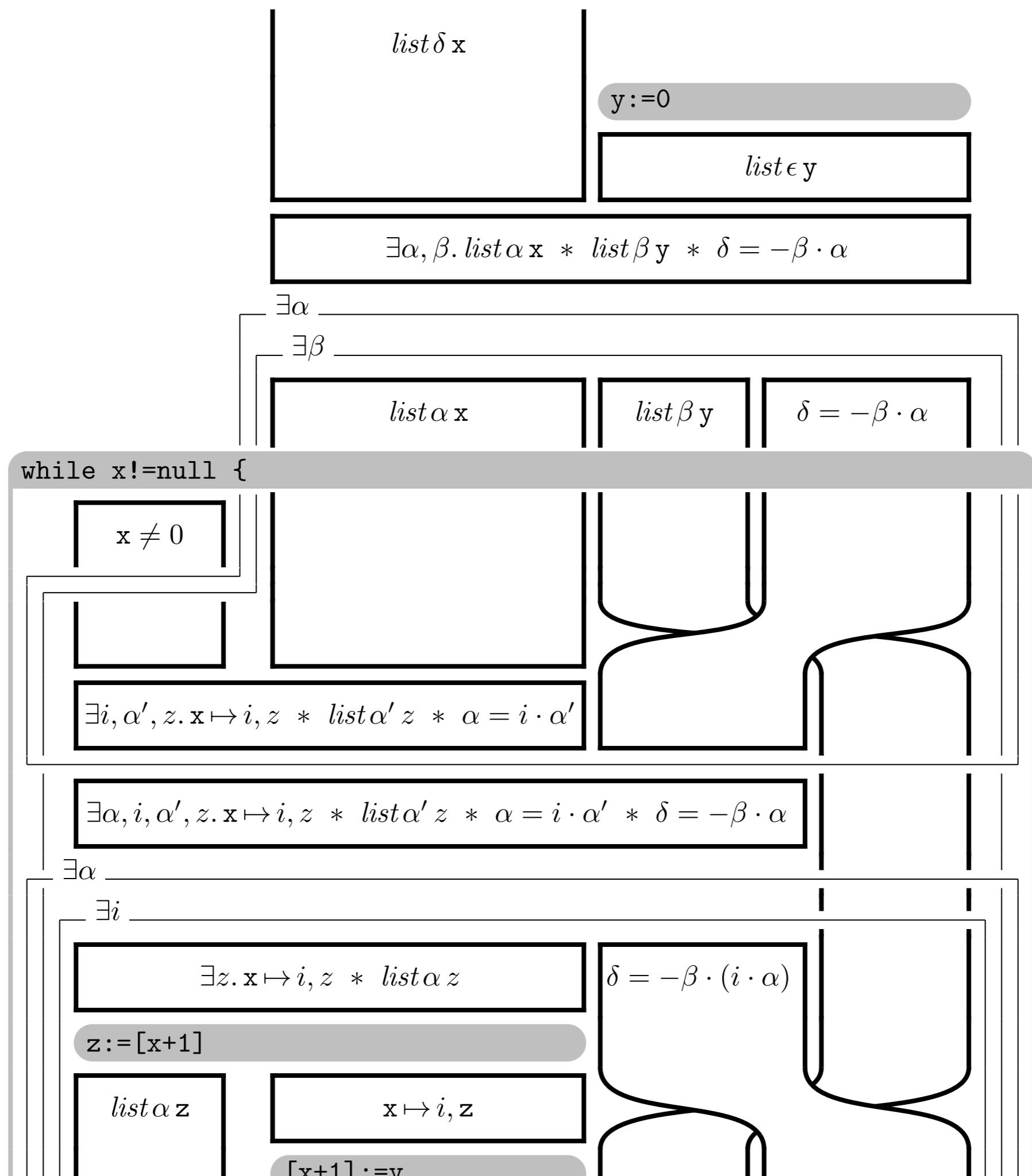
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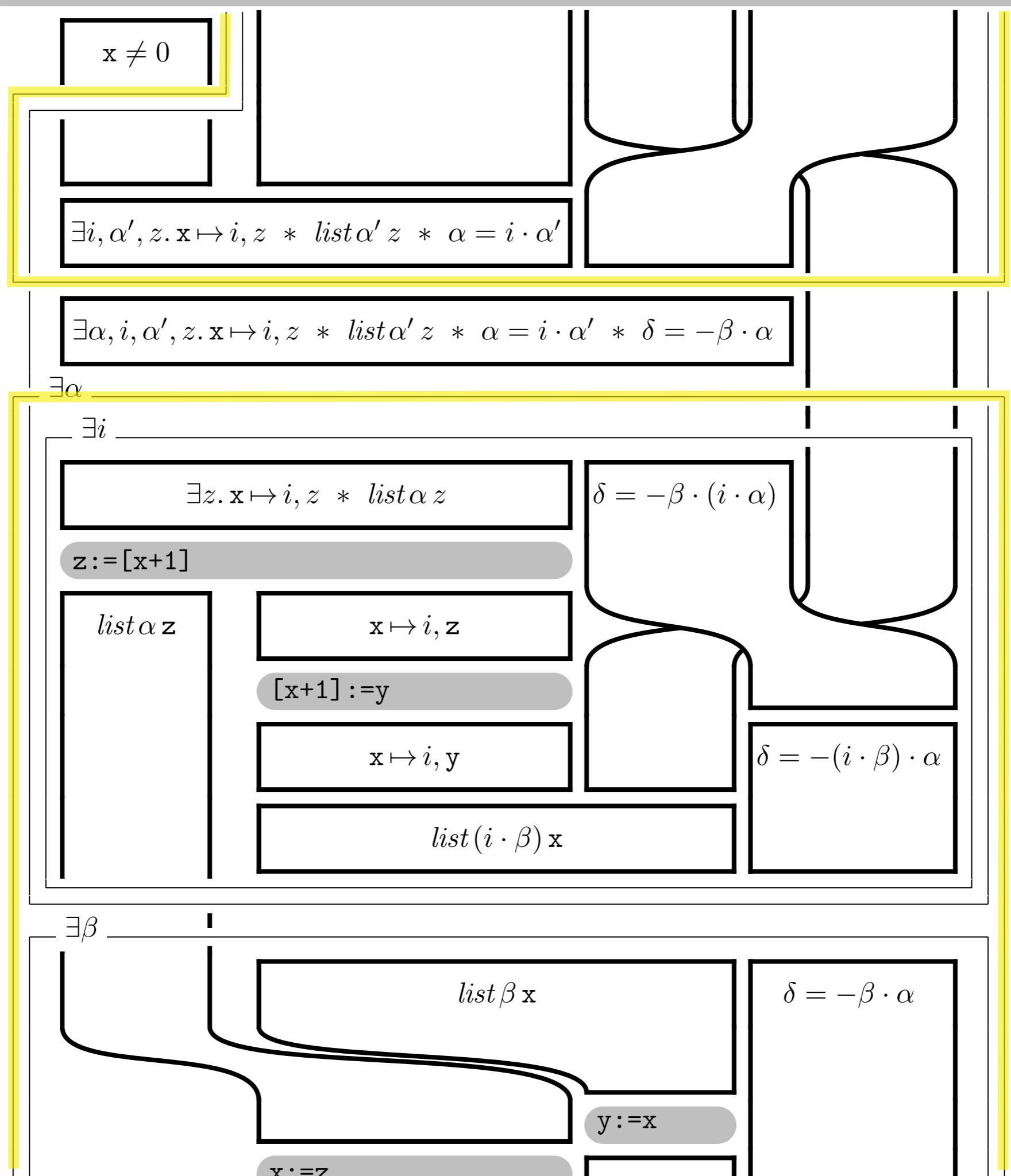
y := x; x := z;

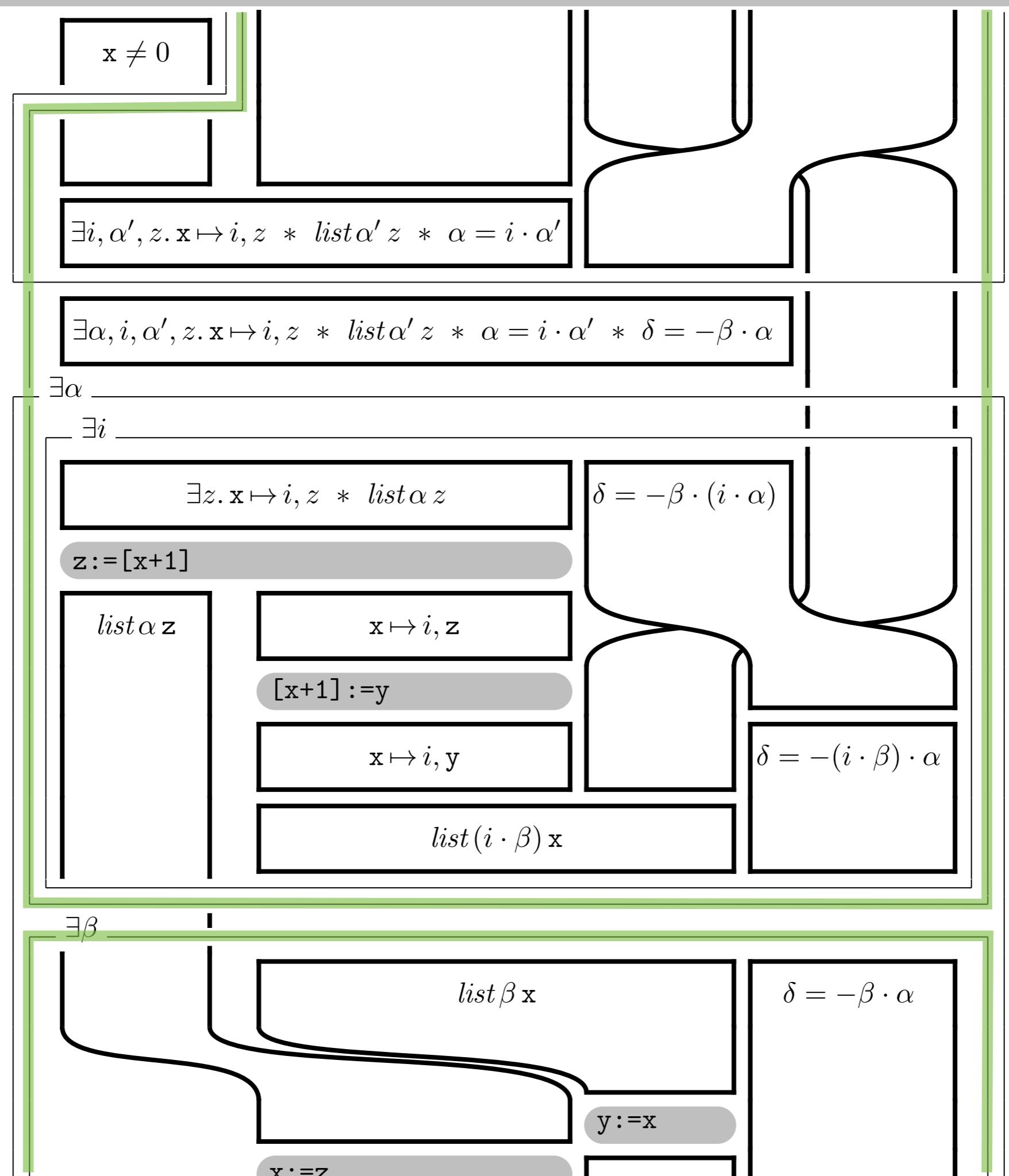
{ $\exists \alpha, \beta. \text{list } \alpha x * \text{list } \beta y * \delta \doteq -\beta \cdot \alpha$ }

}

{list  $-\delta$  y}







[x+1] :=y

x ↦ i, y

list(i · β) x

$\delta = -(i \cdot \beta) \cdot \alpha$

$\exists \beta$

list β x

$\delta = -\beta \cdot \alpha$

x := z

y := x

list β y

list α x

}

x = 0

$\alpha = \epsilon$

$\delta = -\beta$

list(-δ) y

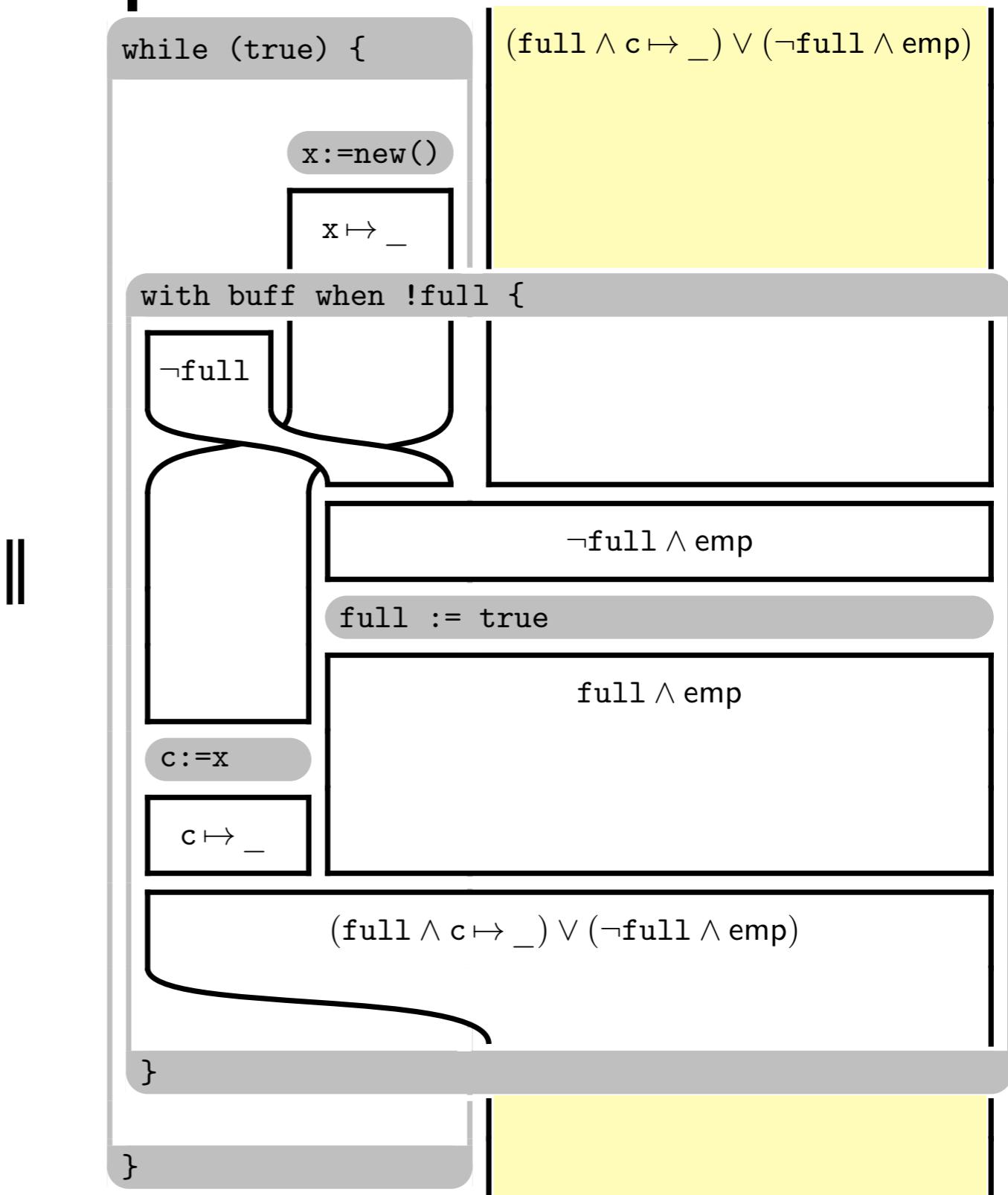
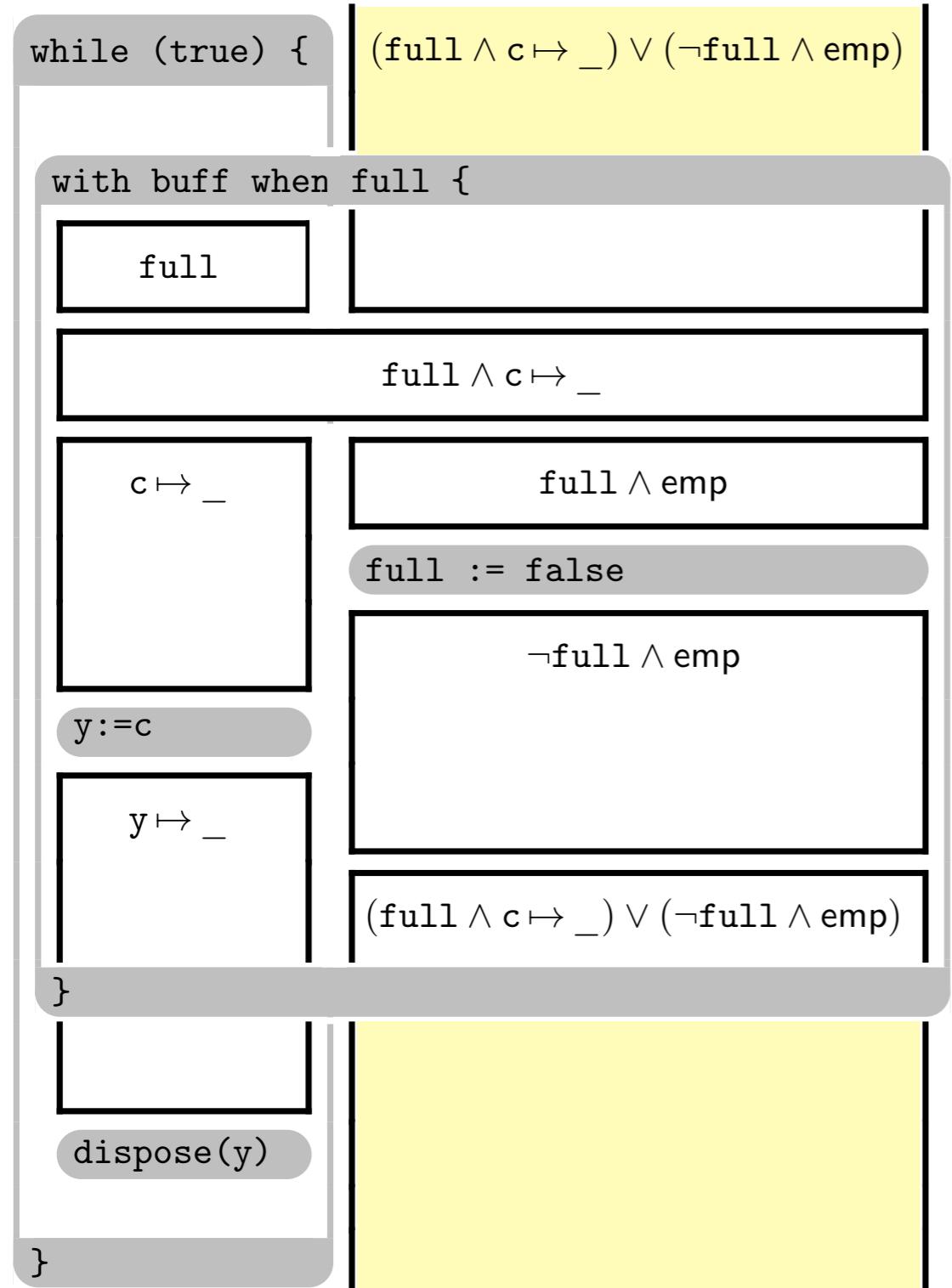
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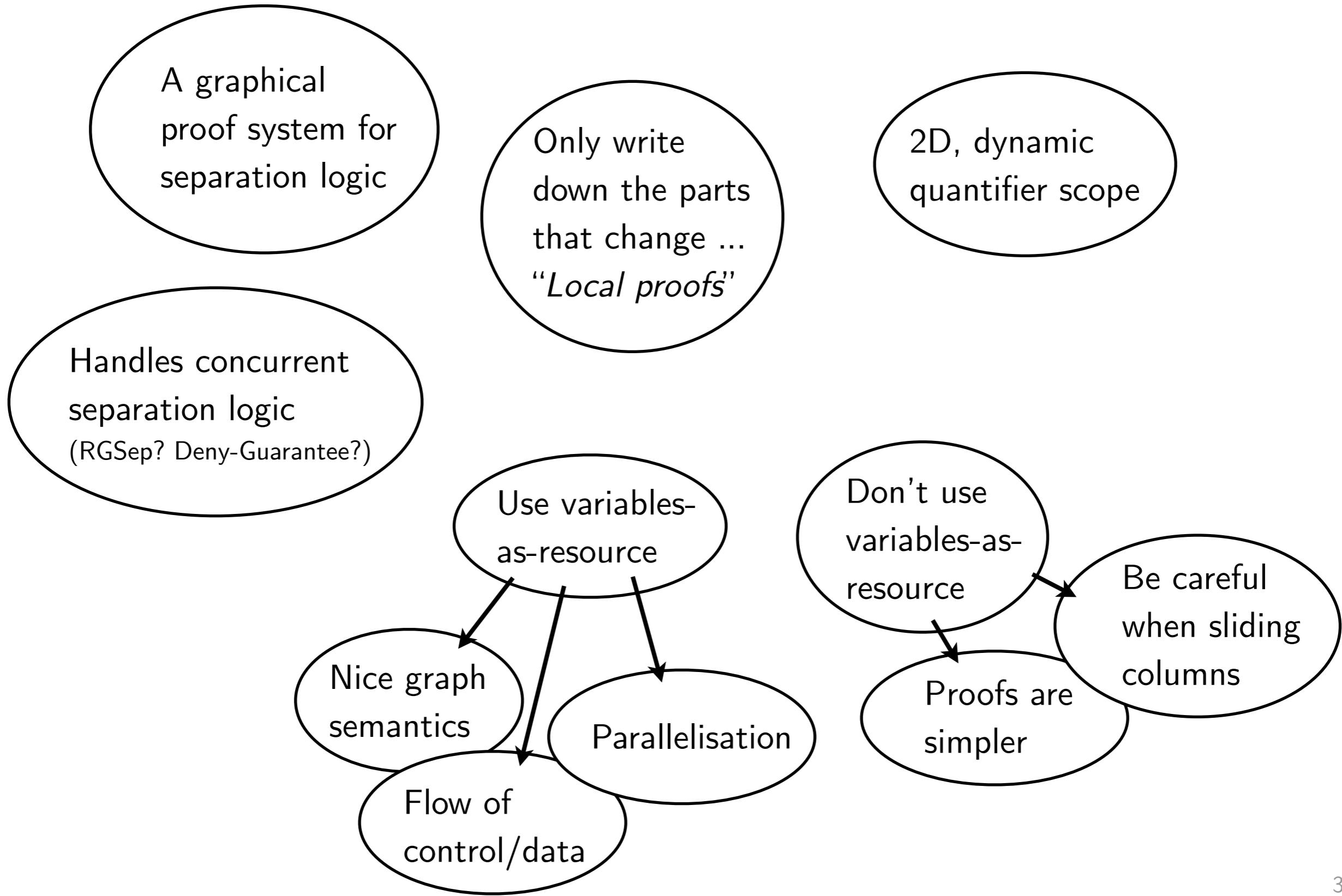
# Example: one-place buffer

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while (true) {                                while (true) {  
    with buff when full {  
        full := false;  
        y := c;  
    }  
    dispose(y);  
}  
  
||  
    x := new();  
    with buff when ¬full {  
        full := true;  
        c := x;  
    }  
}
```

# Example: one-place buffer



# In conclusion





# Thanks for listening

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