

Non-Step-Indexed Separation Logic with Invariants and Rust-Style Borrows

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Foundational & General (Hoare '69) etc.

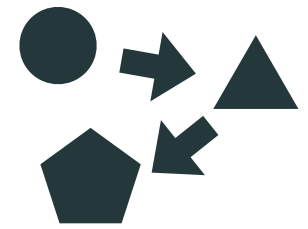
**Explore sound & powerful
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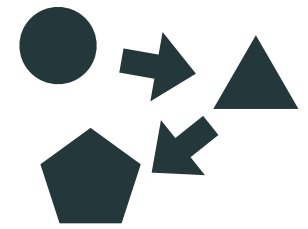
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Scalable program logic for mutable state

Actively studied, de facto standard program logic for mutable state

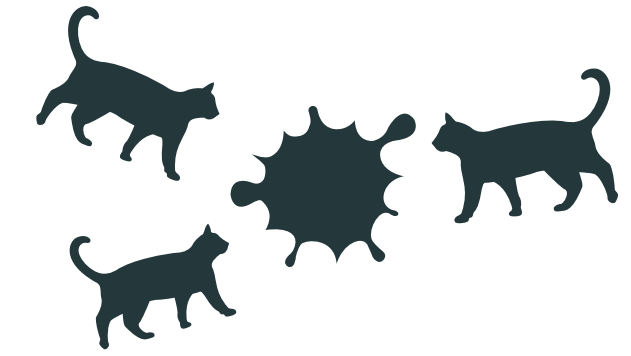
Key idea Use **ownership**  to eliminate aliasing

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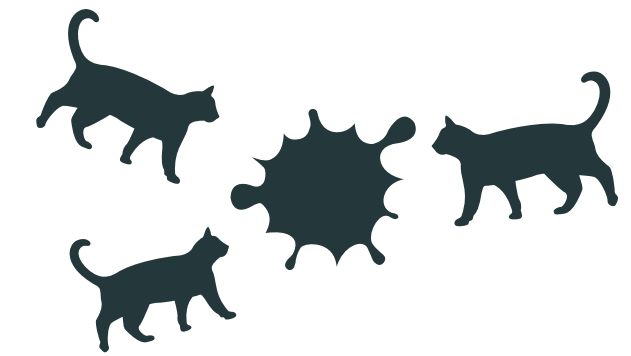
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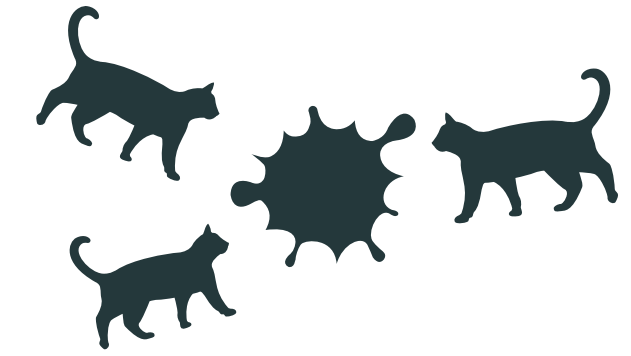
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Existing work **Later modality** ▷ → **Can't verify liveness**

termination etc.

High-level overview

Core contribution

Mechanization

Future applications

Core contribution of my work

Verification goals

Separation logic * *Scalable program logic for mutable state*

Basic SLs

Recent SLs

Iris (Jung+ '15) etc.

My work Nola

Framework for building SLs

Liveness ♥

Termination etc.



Later modality ▷



Propositional Sharing ↻



Later-free Syntax for SL props



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General library on Iris* (Jung+ '15)  SL framework used in various studies
Won Alonzo Church Award '23

Can be combined with diverse Iris-based studies

Publicly available at <https://github.com/hopv/nola>

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✦ **Verifying program optimization algorithms**

- ▶ Leverage **Rust's types etc.** ← Propositional sharing
- ▶ Verify **(fair) termination preservation** ← Liveness ← Later-free
SL such as Simuliris (Gäher+ '22), ...

General background

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Infinite loop  $-1 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow -3 \rightarrow \dots$

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Terminate! \therefore Induction by $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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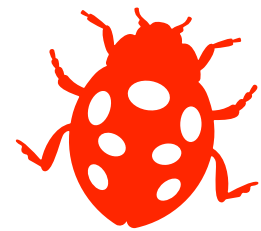
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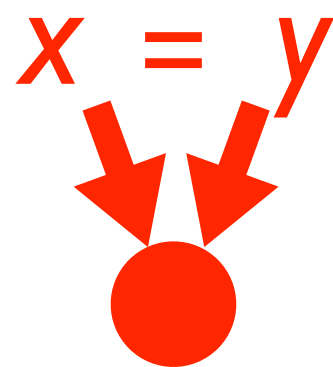
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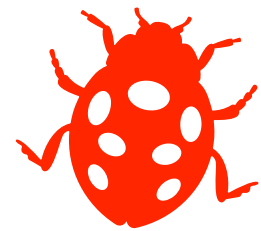
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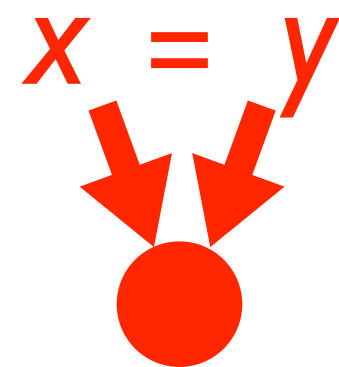
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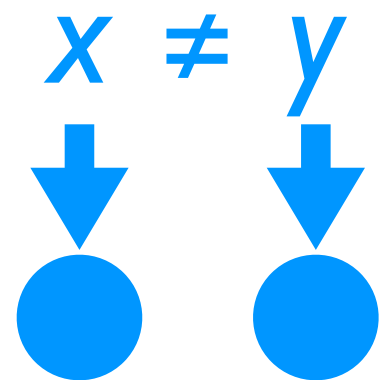
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$$[x \neq y \wedge x \mapsto 0 \wedge y \mapsto 0] \ x \ += \ 1; \ y \ += \ 1 \ [x \mapsto 1 \wedge y \mapsto 1]$$

Manually eliminate aliasing → Not scalable

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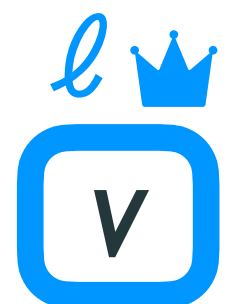

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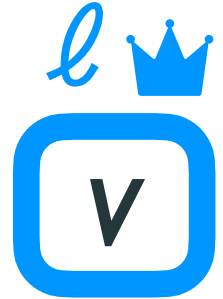

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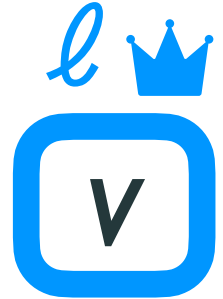

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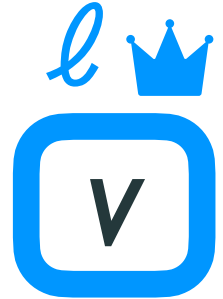

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Concurrency **Thread-local reasoning**

$$\frac{\left[P \right] e \left[Q \right] \quad \left[P' \right] e' \left[Q' \right]}{\left[P * P' \right] e \parallel e' \left[Q * Q' \right]}$$

Separation between threads

Direct background

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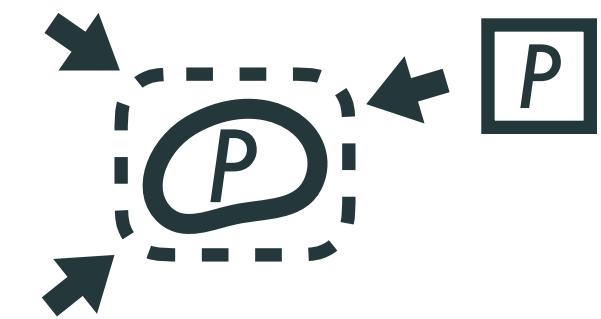
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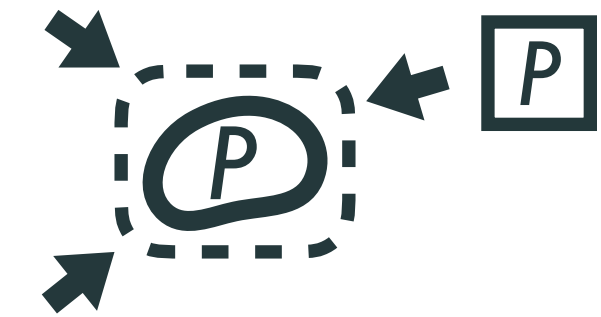
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Example **Shared mutable ref**

$\ell: \text{ref bool}$ 

$\boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}}$

$\{ \ell \mapsto \text{true} \}$ skip $\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \}$ Allocate

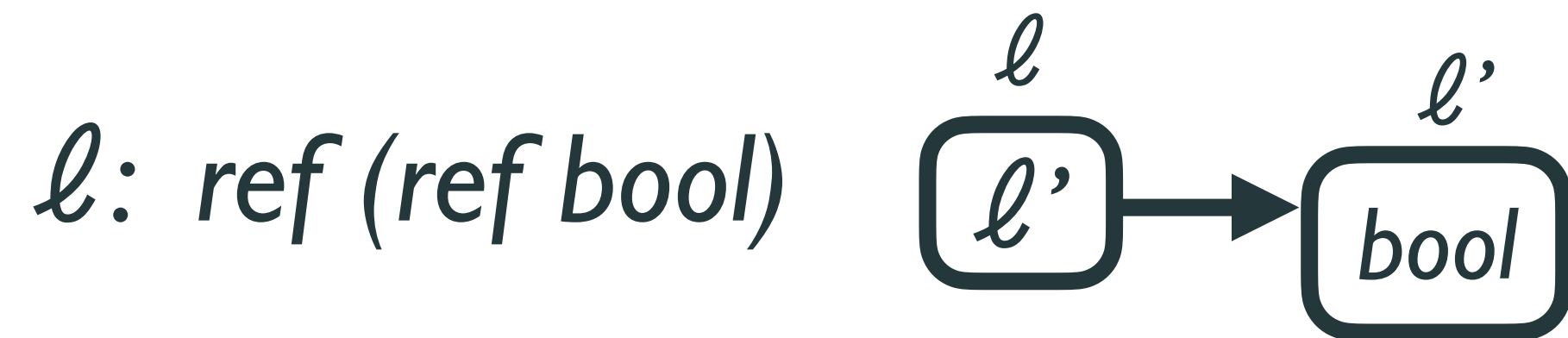
$\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \}$ $\ell \leftarrow \text{false}$ $\{ \top \}$ Store

$\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \}$ $!\ell$ $\{ \lambda v. v = \text{true} \vee v = \text{false} \}$ Load

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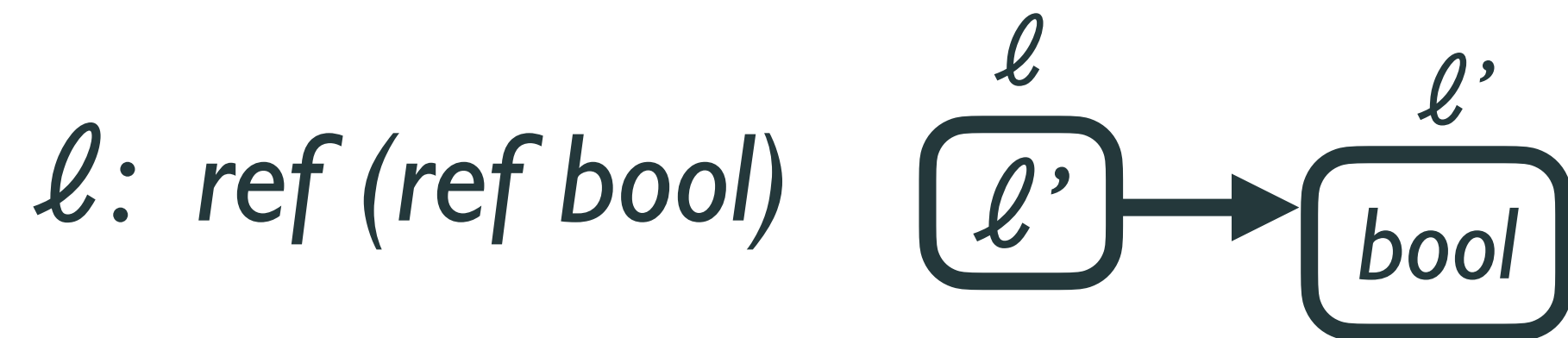


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Example **Thread-safe ref to a mutex-guarded object**



$$\boxed{(\ell \mapsto \text{false} * T(\ell+1)) \vee \ell \mapsto \text{true}}$$

Unlocked *Locked*

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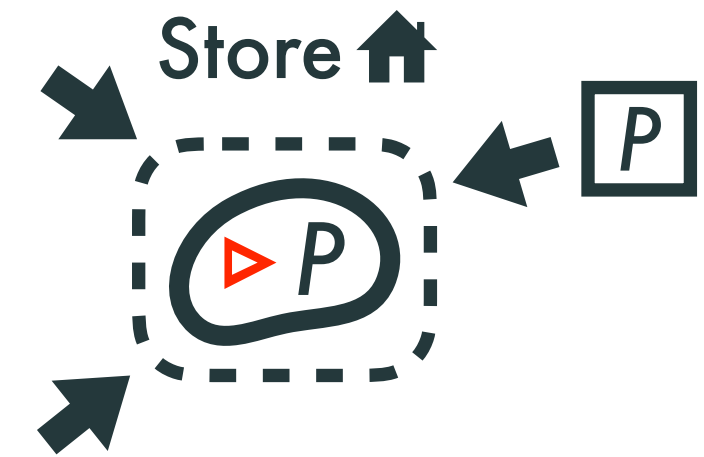
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Invariant access rule

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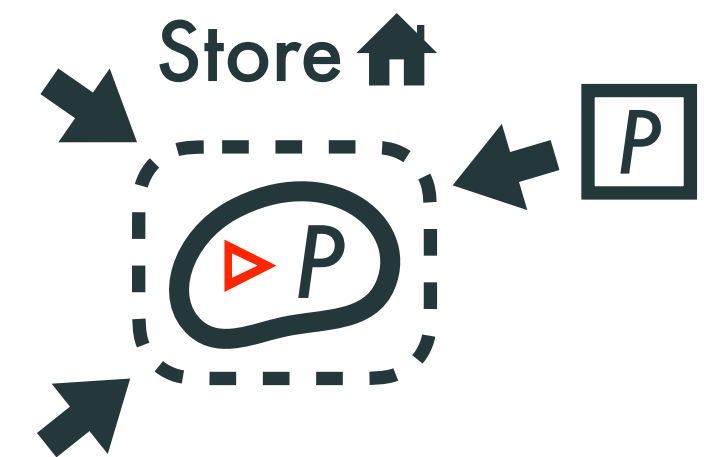
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Under \diamond



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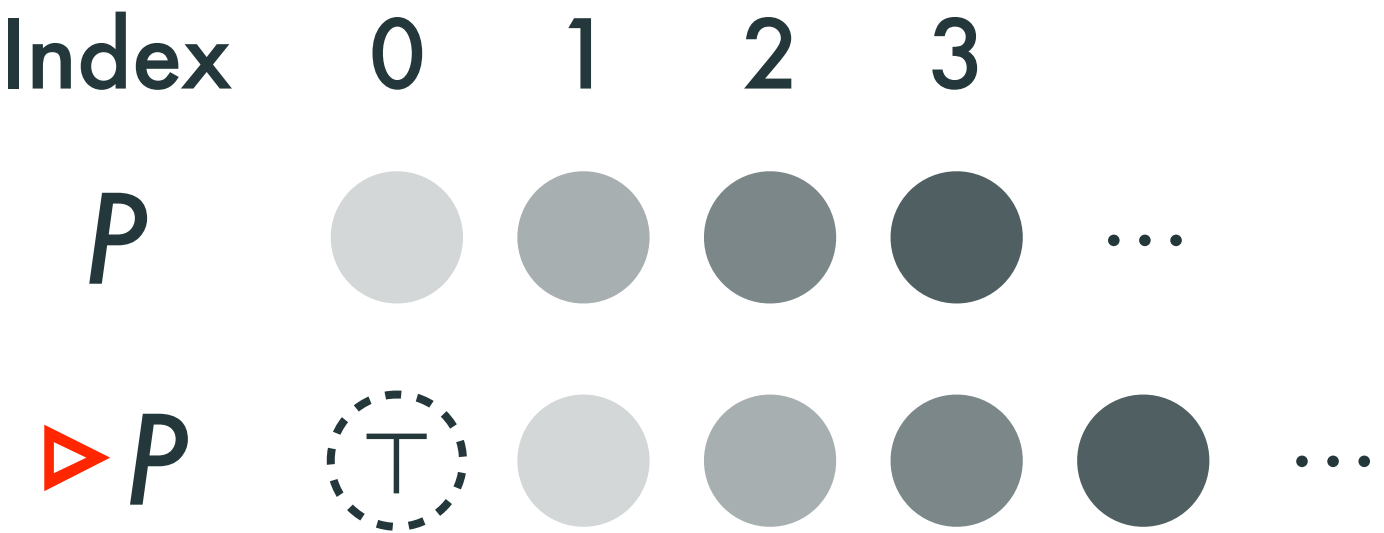
Termination guarantee lost

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Indexing

Technique of semantics construction



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Non-idempotent
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 P ● ● ● ● ...

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For propositional sharing  $\text{Ir}^*(S)$ (Jung+ '15) etc.

✗ Ill-defined

$\text{State} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ? F \text{ iProp} \quad \text{iProp} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ? \text{State} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$

Defer by later

$\text{State} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} F (\triangleright \text{iProp}) \quad \text{iProp} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \text{State} \rightarrow \widetilde{\text{Prop}}$

Later ▷ in store 

Why later ▷ damages liveness

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Model

Safety $\{P\} e \{\Psi\} \triangleq \square (P \rightarrow \text{wp } e \{\Psi\})$
 $\text{wp } e \{\Psi\} \triangleq_{\nu} \dots \vee \forall e' \leftarrow e. \text{wp } e' \{\Psi\}$
Coinductive Greatest fixpoint

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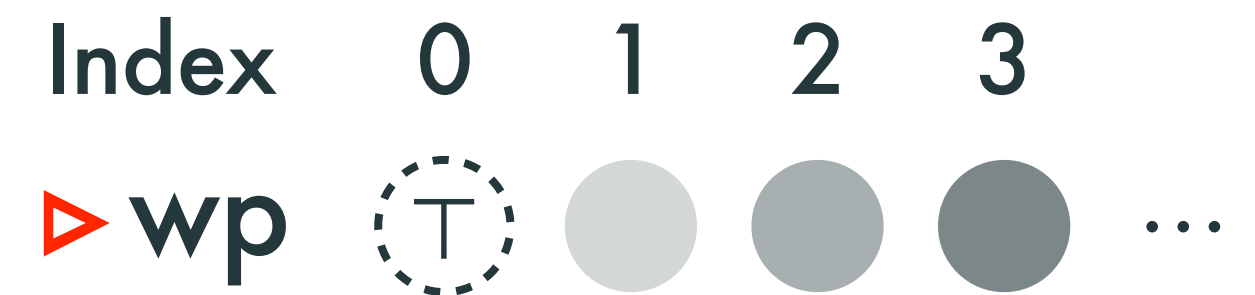
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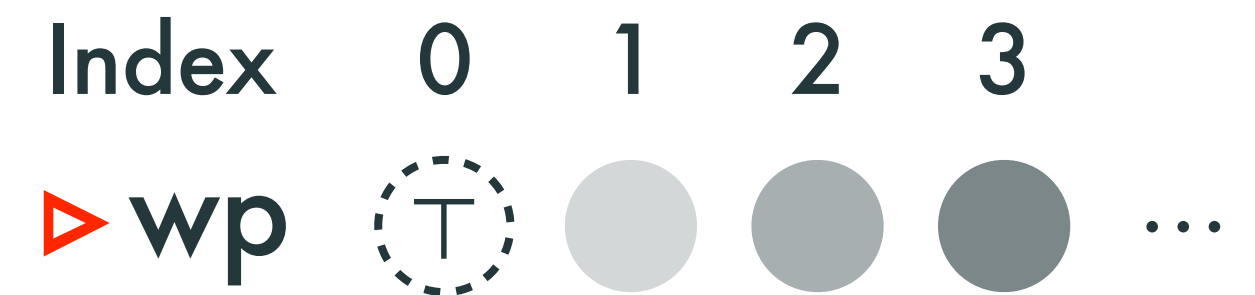
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$$\llbracket P \rrbracket e \llbracket \Psi \rrbracket' \triangleq \llbracket P \rrbracket e \llbracket \Psi \rrbracket^{\text{Winv } \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket} \quad \text{Access the store}$$

No step-indexing \rightarrow \checkmark Liveness \heartsuit

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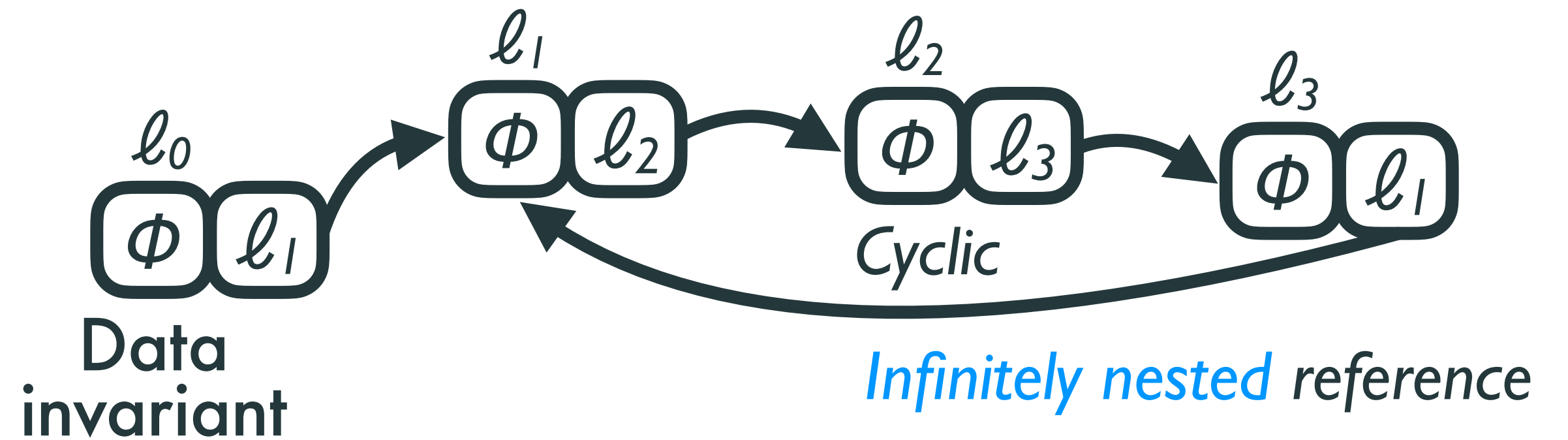
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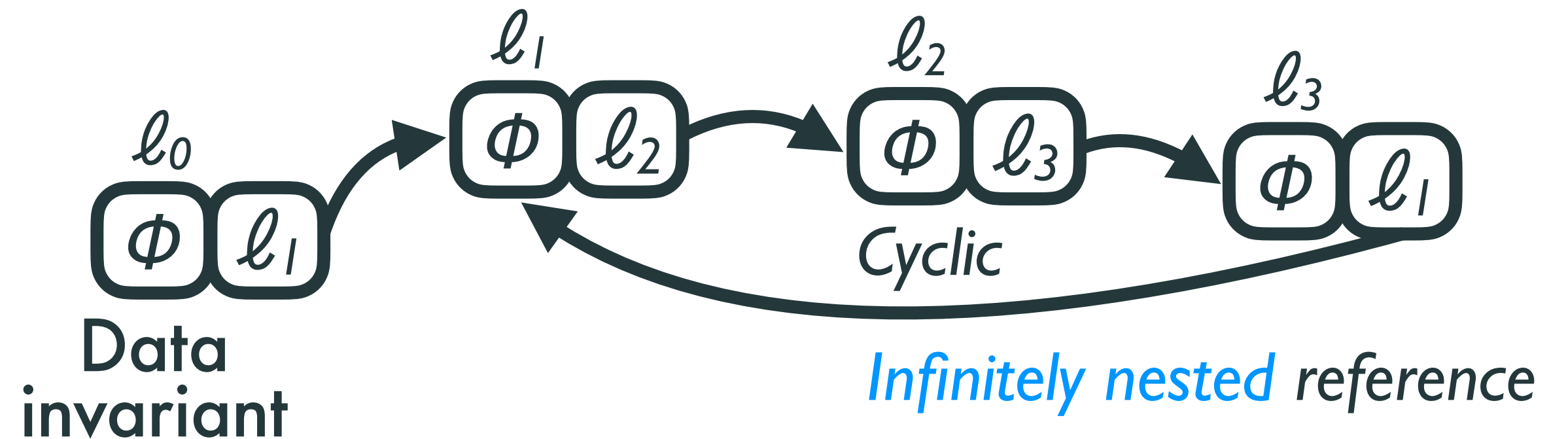
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Verify Iterative **mutation** $\text{fun iter}(\ell) \{ \text{if } !c \neq 0 \{ f(\ell); c \leftarrow !c - 1; \text{iter}(!(\ell + 1)) \} \}$

over a list **safely terminates** ♥ if f safely terminates under Φ

E.g., $\text{fun } f(\ell) \{ \ell \leftarrow !\ell + 3 \} \quad \Phi \lambda \ell. \exists k. \ell \mapsto 3k$

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$$\frac{\forall \ell. \llbracket \text{inv } (\Phi \ell) \rrbracket f(\ell) \llbracket \top \rrbracket'}{\llbracket \llbracket \text{list } \Phi \ell \rrbracket * c \mapsto n \rrbracket \text{iter}(\ell) \llbracket c \mapsto 0 \rrbracket'}$$

\because *Induction* over $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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Later-free access

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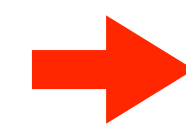


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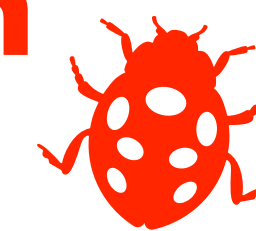


Fancy update "Logical function"



Contradiction

$\models \Rightarrow \perp$



Later-free invariant

$P \models \Rightarrow \boxed{P}$

$$\frac{P * Q \models \Rightarrow (P * R)}{\boxed{P} * Q \models \Rightarrow R}$$

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Challenge **Construct sound & complete-ish derivability der**

Novel general approach to constructing der

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Construct parameterized semantics Defer by parameterization

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Complete-ish w.r.t. \forall over *Deriv*

$$(\forall \delta \in \text{Deriv}. * \overline{\llbracket J' \rrbracket_{\delta}^+} -* \llbracket J \rrbracket_{\delta}^+) \vDash \forall \delta \in \text{Deriv}. * \overline{\delta J'} -* \delta J \quad \text{etc.}$$

Semantic alteration generally solved!

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Solution **Model type system with Nola invariants** 🌟

Semantic type judgment $\llbracket \overline{v : U} \vdash e :_i T \rrbracket \triangleq \left[* \llbracket U \rrbracket v \right] e \left[\llbracket T \rrbracket \right]^{*_{k < i} \text{Winv} \llbracket \rrbracket_k^*}$

$\llbracket \text{ref } T \rrbracket v \triangleq \exists \ell = v. \text{inv}(\ell \mapsto T) \quad \llbracket \ell \mapsto T \rrbracket^* \triangleq \exists w. \ell \mapsto w * \llbracket T \rrbracket w$

$\llbracket T \rightarrow_j U \rrbracket v \triangleq \forall u. \left[\llbracket T \rrbracket u \right] v(u) \left[\llbracket U \rrbracket \right]^{*_{k < j} \text{Winv} \llbracket \rrbracket_k^*}$

Construct interpretation by induction over the level

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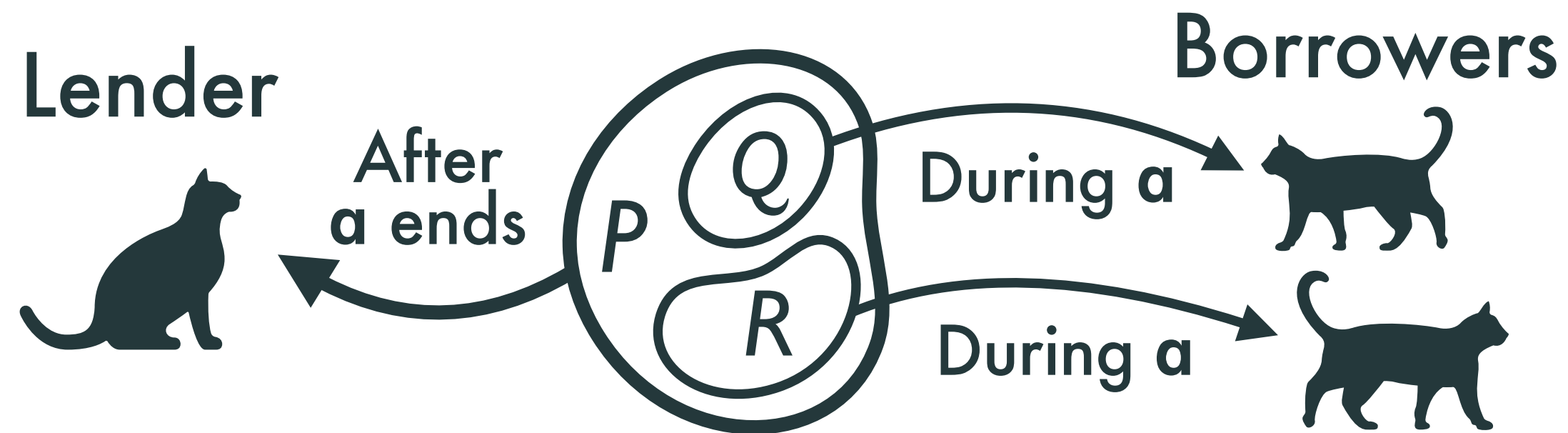
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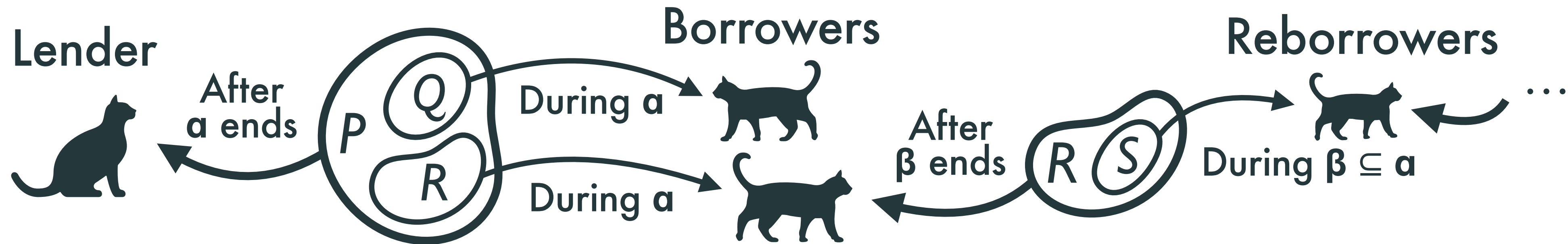


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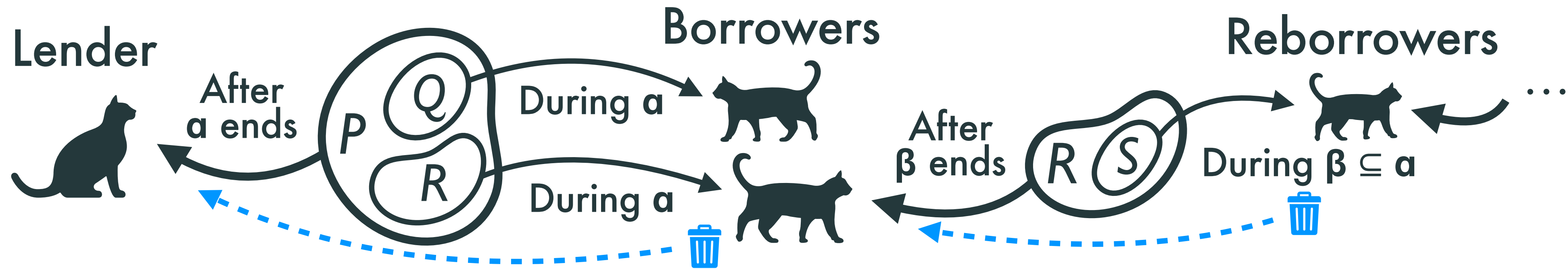


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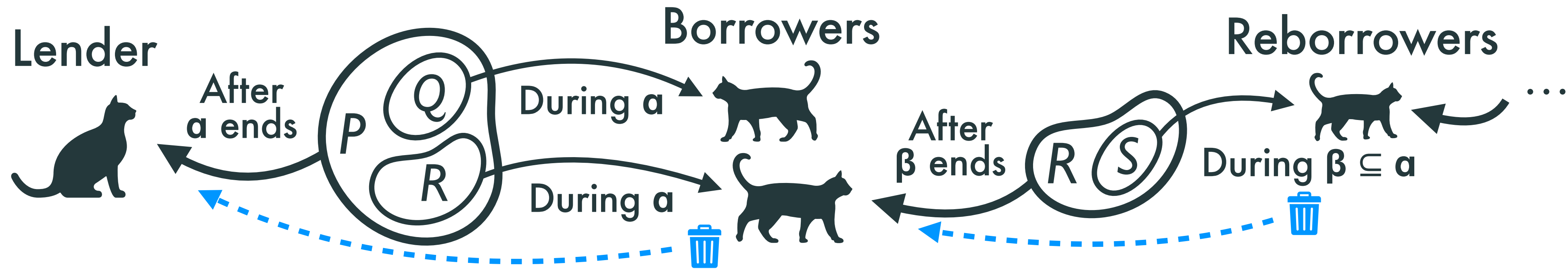
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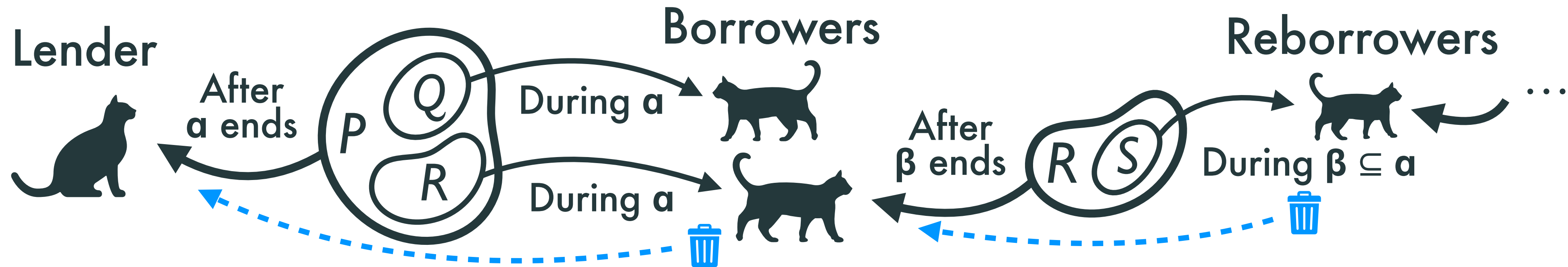
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Custom $nProp$ & $[[\]]$
Just like invariant

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