

# Proving Termination of Heap-Manipulating Java Programs

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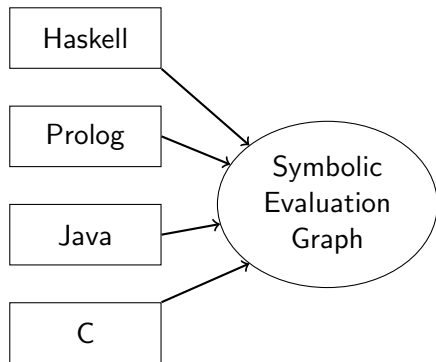
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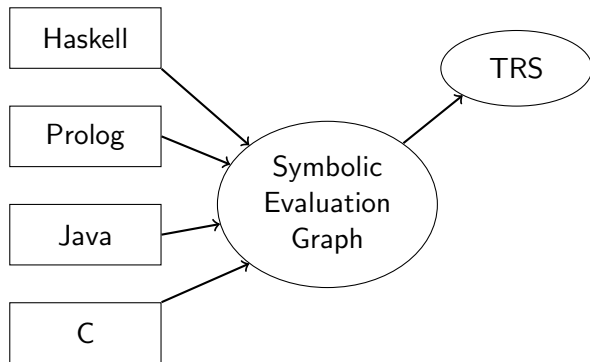
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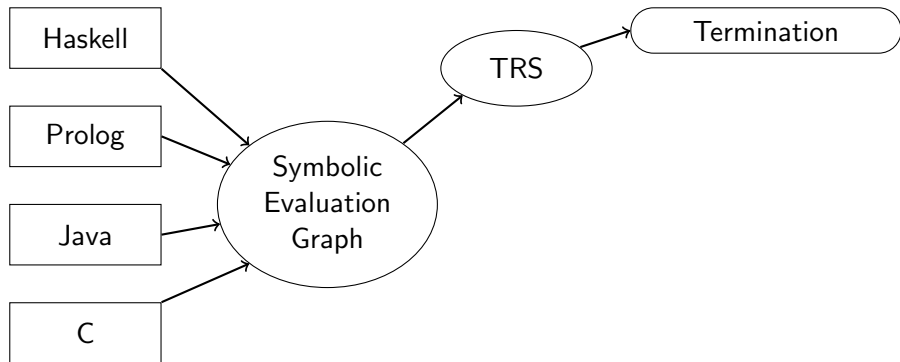
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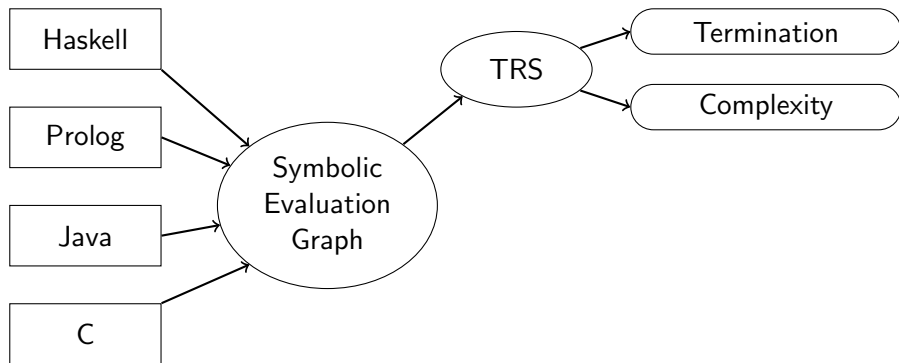
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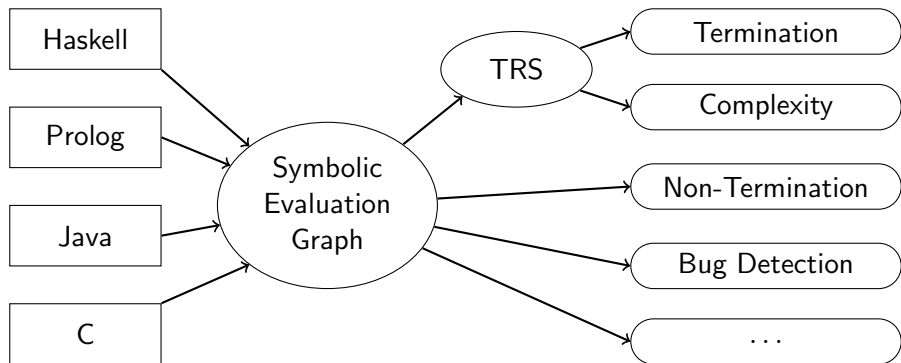
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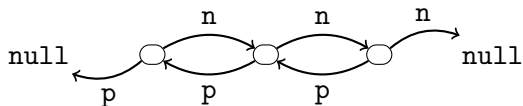
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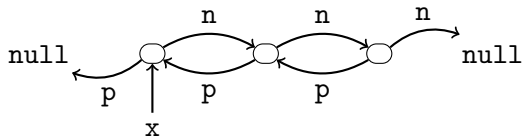
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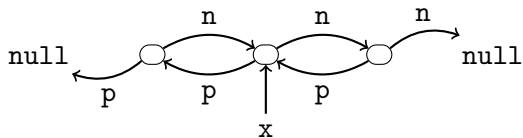
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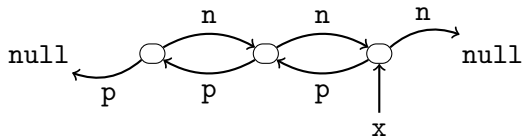
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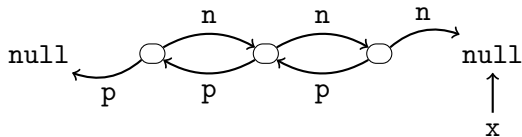
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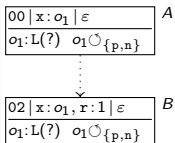
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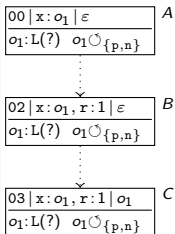
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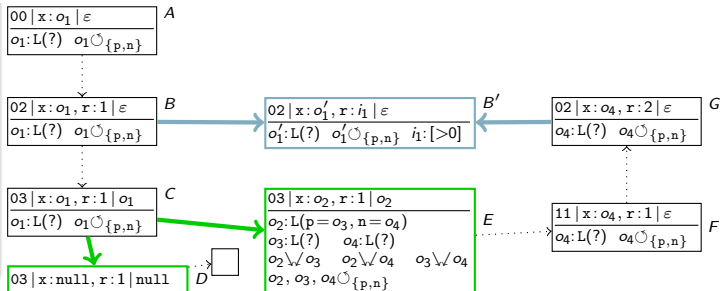
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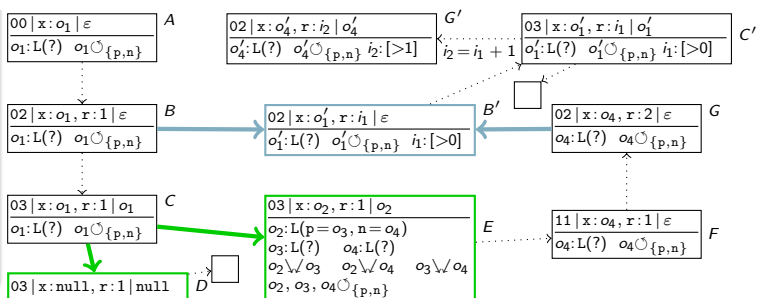
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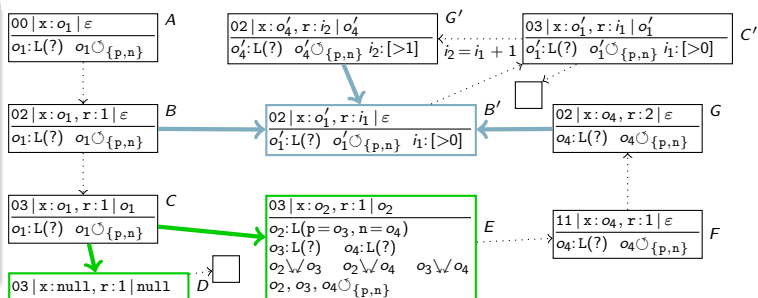
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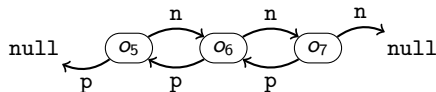
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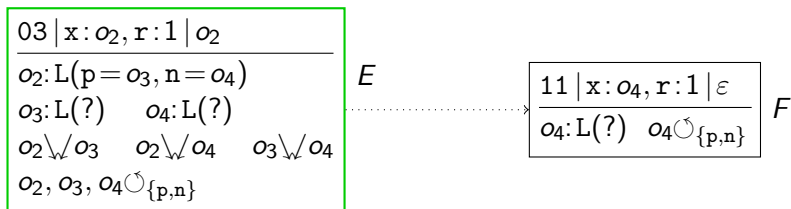
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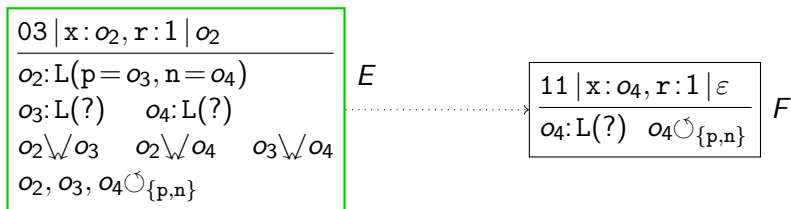
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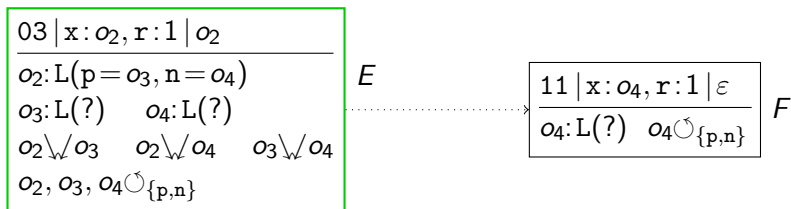
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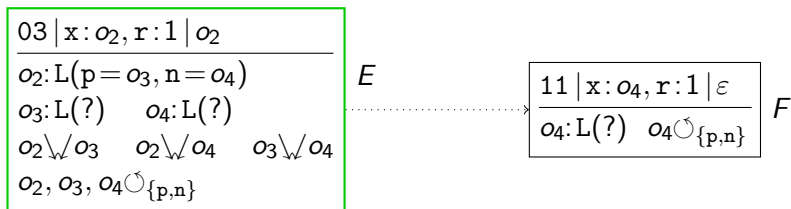
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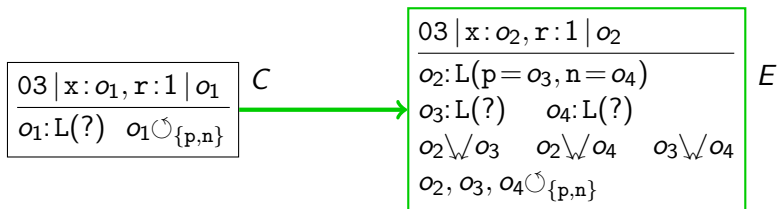
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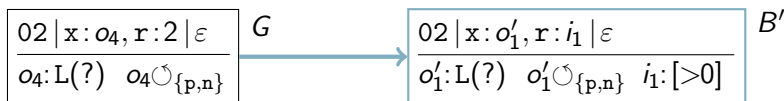
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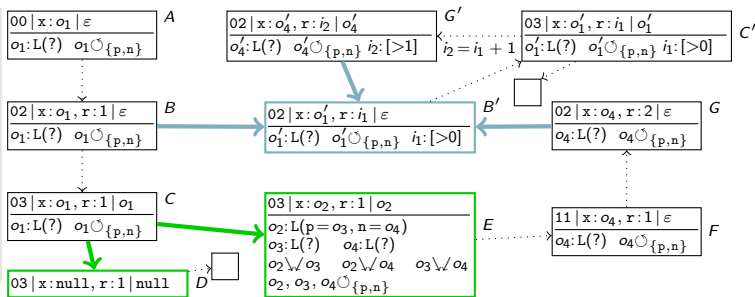
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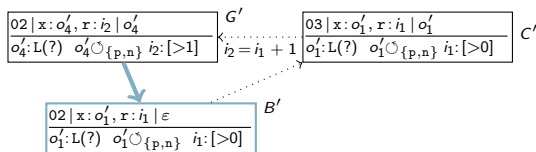
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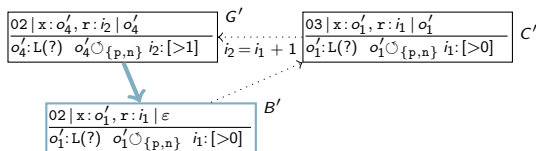
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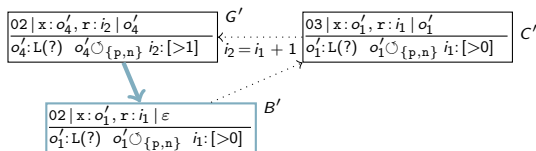


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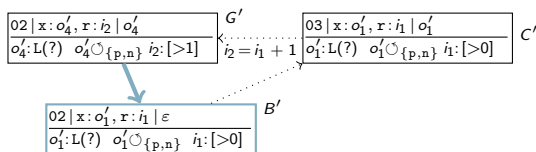
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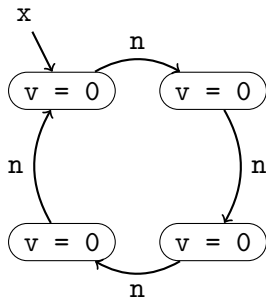
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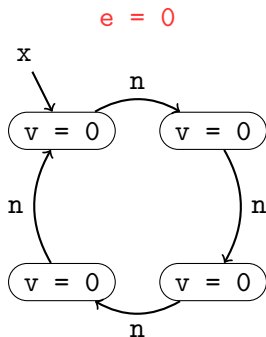
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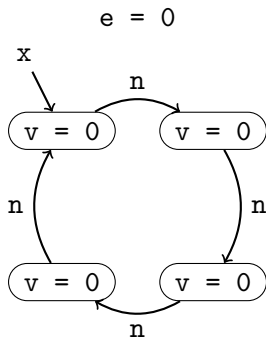
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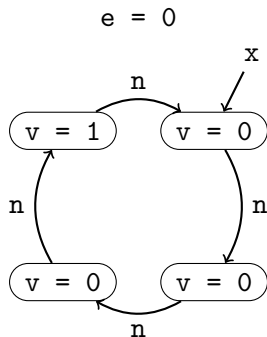
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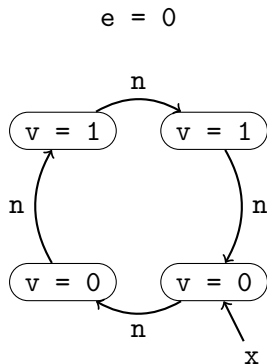
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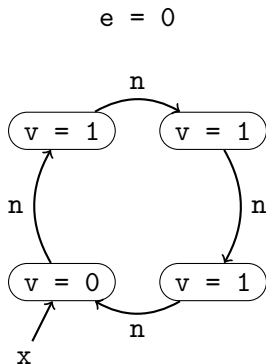
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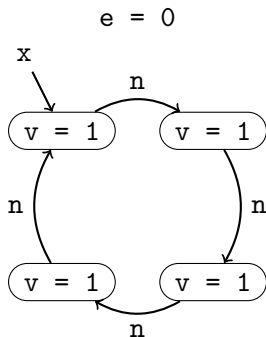
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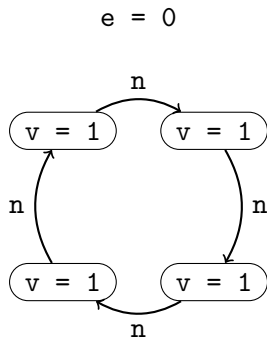


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09: iload_1      #load e  
10: if_icmpne 28 #jump if x.v != e  
13: aload_0      #load x  
14: iload_1      #load e  
15: iconst_1     #load 1  
16: iadd         #add e and 1  
17: putfield v   #store to x.v  
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21: getfield n   #get n from x  
24: astore_0     #store to x  
25: goto 5  
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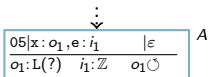
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```



### State A:

- x some (possibly cyclic) list
- e some integer

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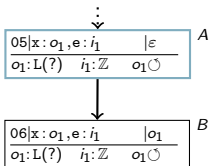
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State *B*:

- Evaluation between *A* and *B*
- Need field of  $\sigma_1$

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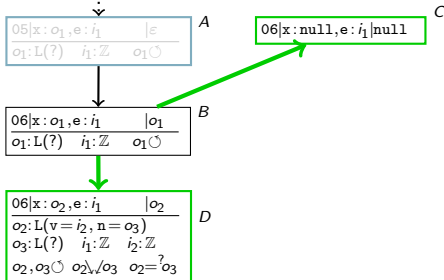
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## States *B*, *C*, *D*:

- Evaluation between *A* and *B*
- Need field of  $o_1 \Rightarrow$  Refinement:
  - In *C*:  $o_1$  is null
  - In *D*:  $o_1$  renamed to  $o_2$ , pointing to L-object with successor  $o_3$ :
    - $o_3$  possibly cyclic
    - $o_3$  possibly equal to  $o_2$  and may reach  $o_2$

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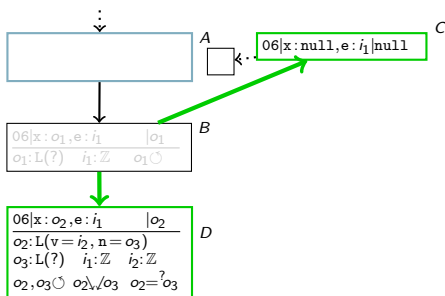
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```



## States B, C, D:

- Evaluation between A and B
- Need field of  $\sigma_1 \Rightarrow$  Refinement:
  - In C:  $\sigma_1$  is null (program crashes)
  - In D:  $\sigma_1$  renamed to  $\sigma_2$ , pointing to L-object with successor  $\sigma_3$ :
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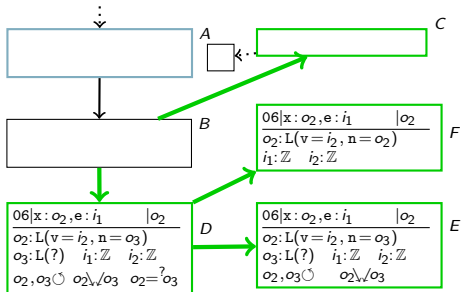
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States  $E, F$ :

- Need to read field of  $\sigma_2 \Rightarrow$  Refinement
  - In  $E$ :  $\sigma_2 \neq \sigma_3$
  - In  $F$ :  $\sigma_2 = \sigma_3$

```

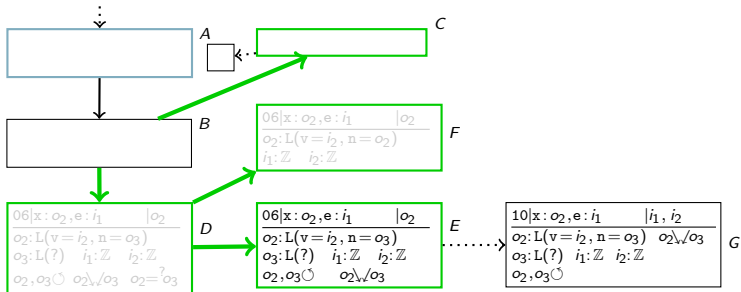
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### State G:

- Evaluation: Read  $v$ , loaded  $e$
- Need to decide  $i_1 \neq i_2$

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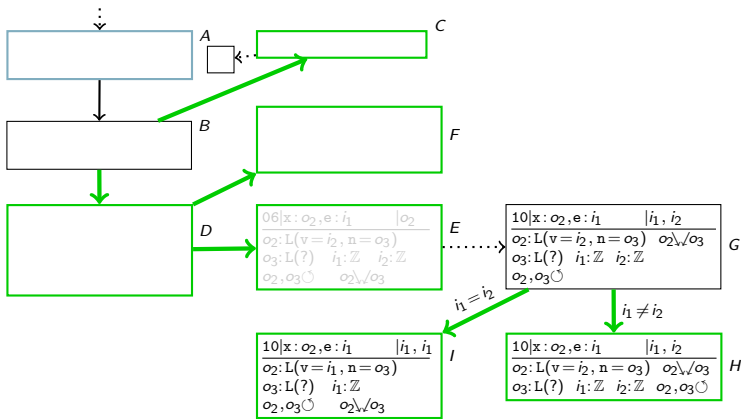
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## States $G, I, H$ :

- Evaluation: Read  $v$ , loaded  $e$
- Need to decide  $i_1 \neq i_2 \Rightarrow$  Refinement:
  - In  $I$ :  $i_1 = i_2$
  - In  $H$ :  $i_1 \neq i_2$

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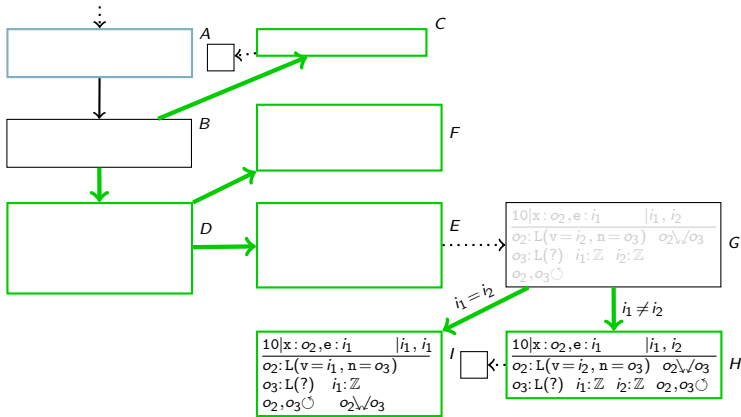
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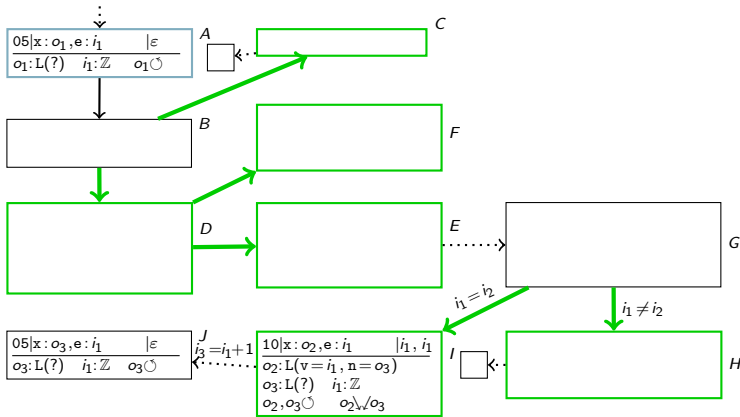
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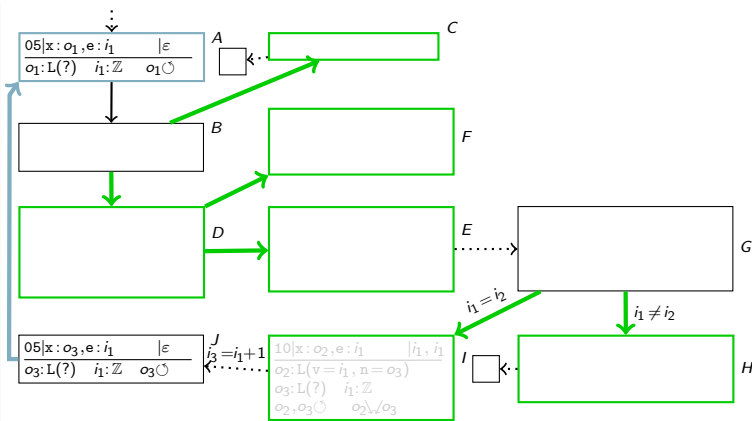
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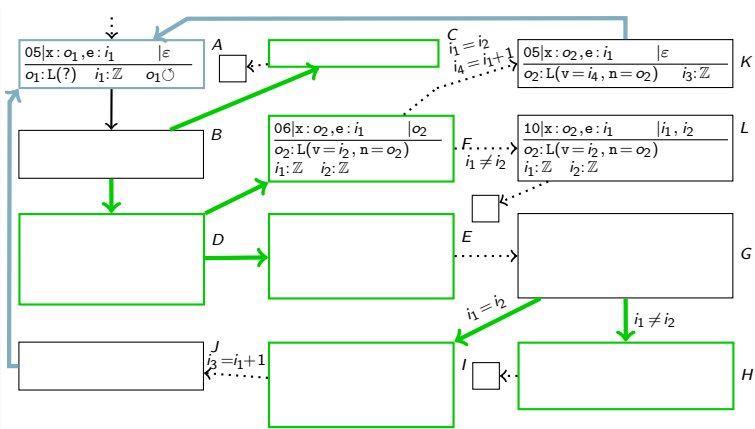
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States *K*, *L*: Analogous for one-element list

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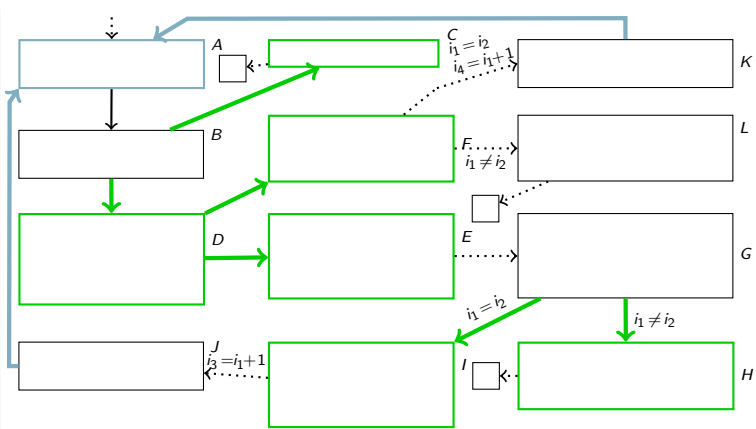
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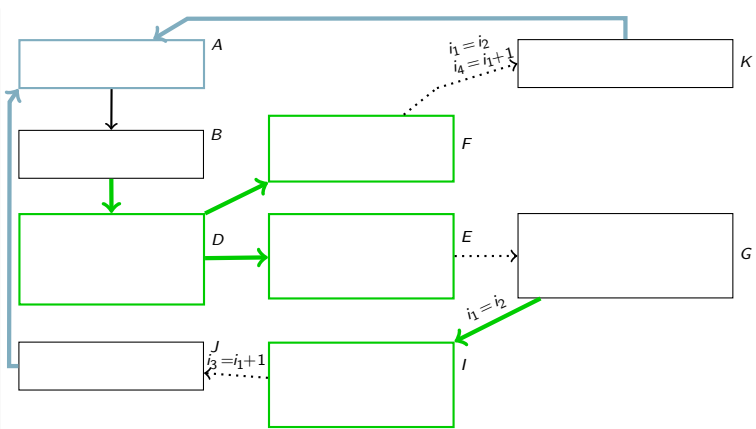
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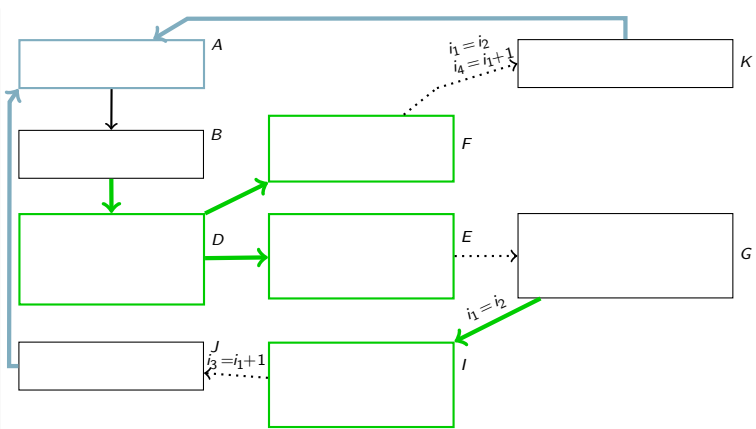
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High-level argument: Number of unvisited elements strictly decreasing

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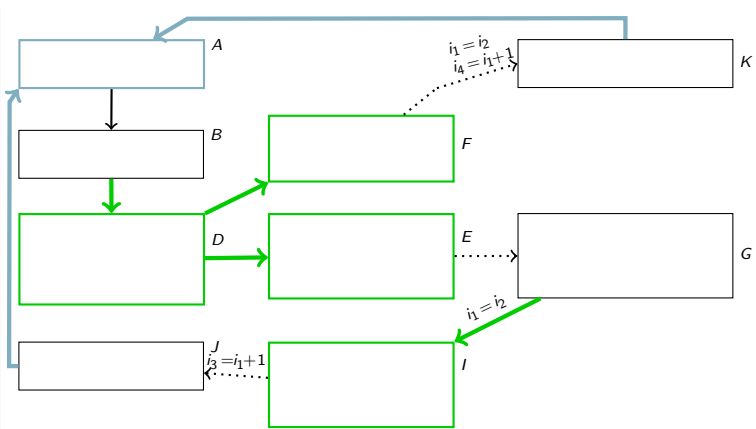
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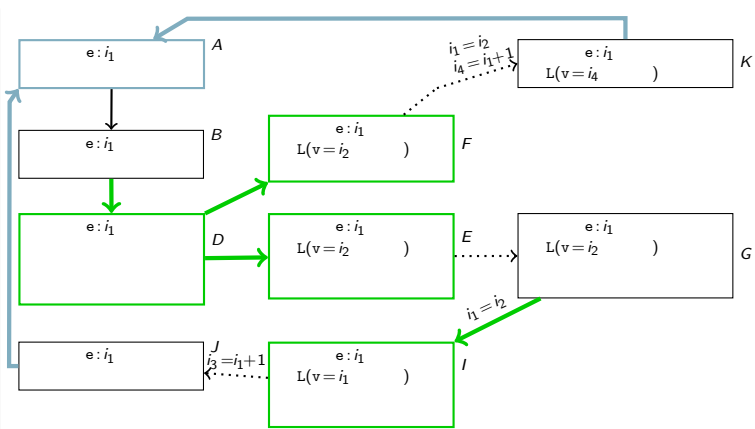
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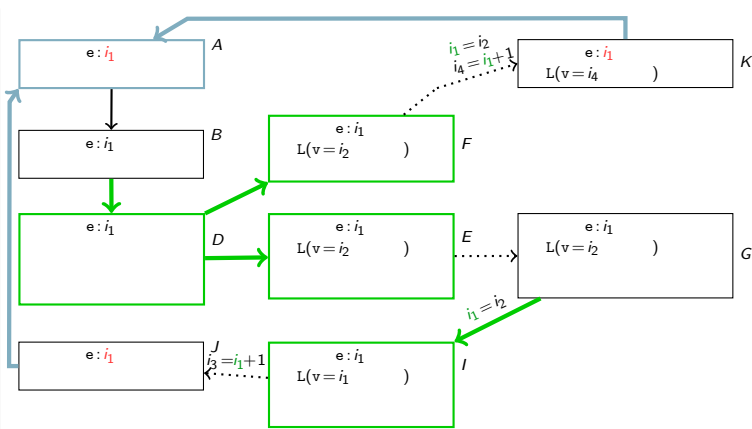
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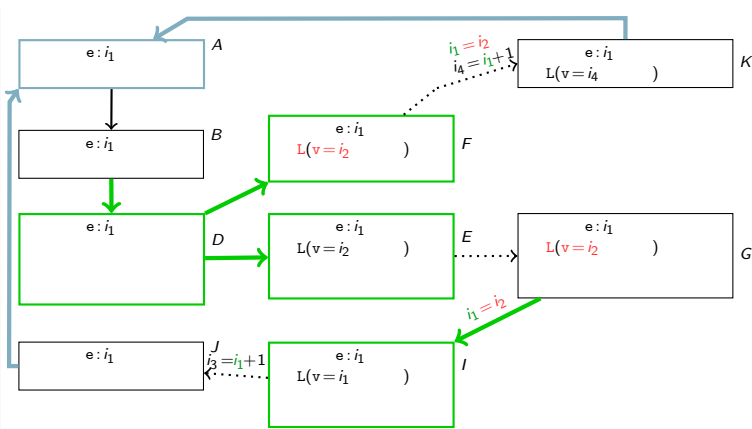
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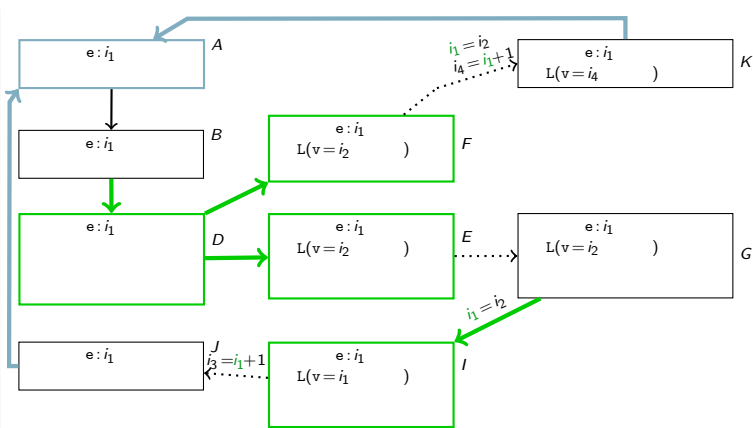
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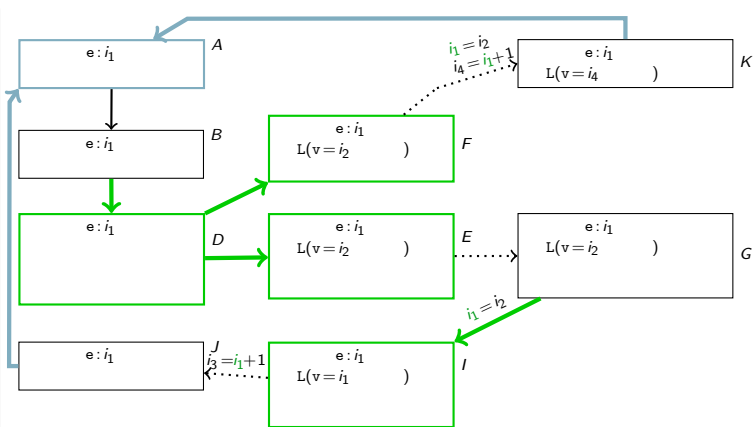
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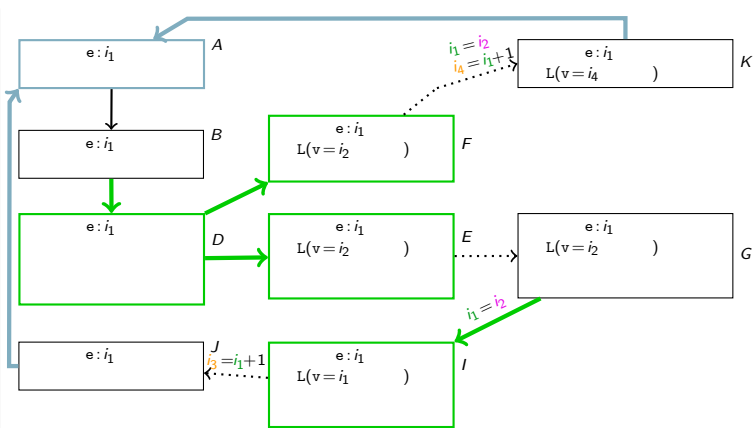


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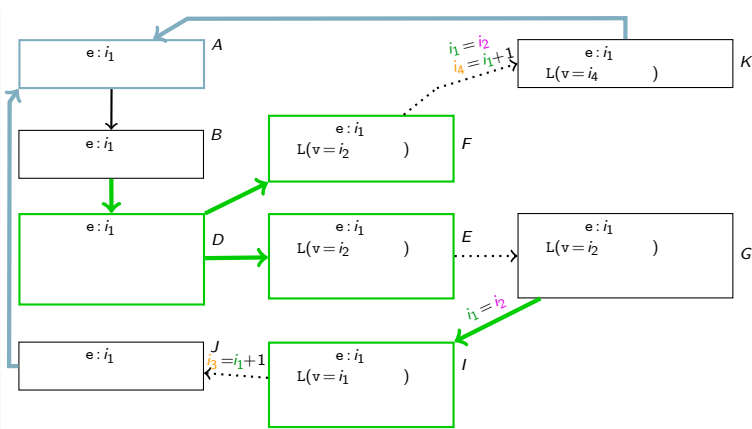
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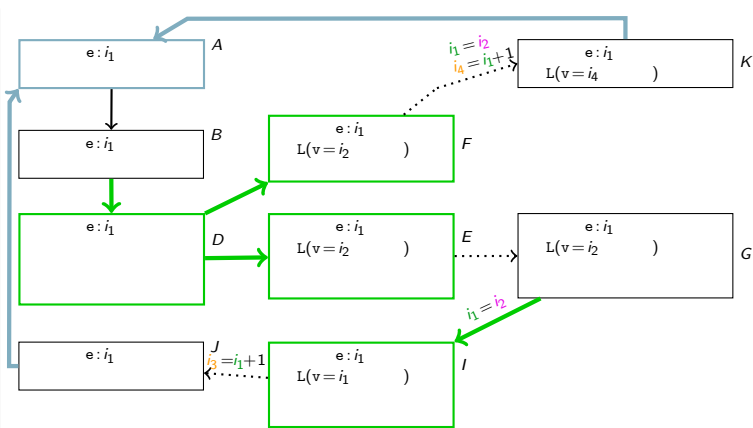
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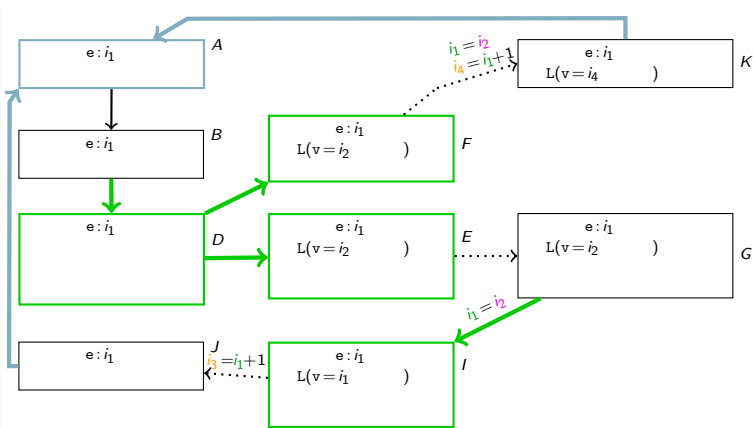
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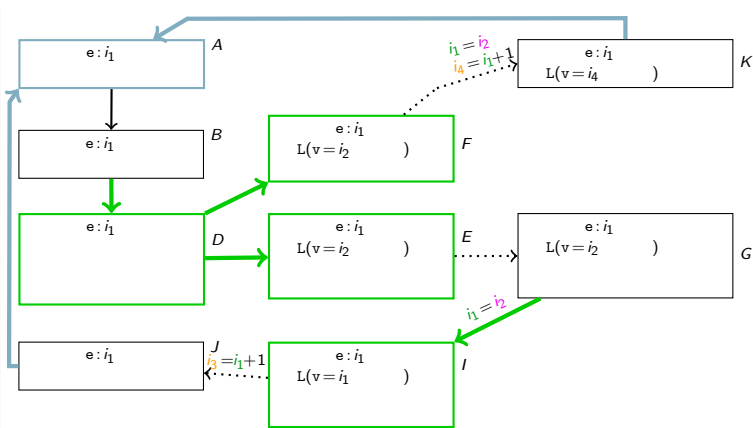
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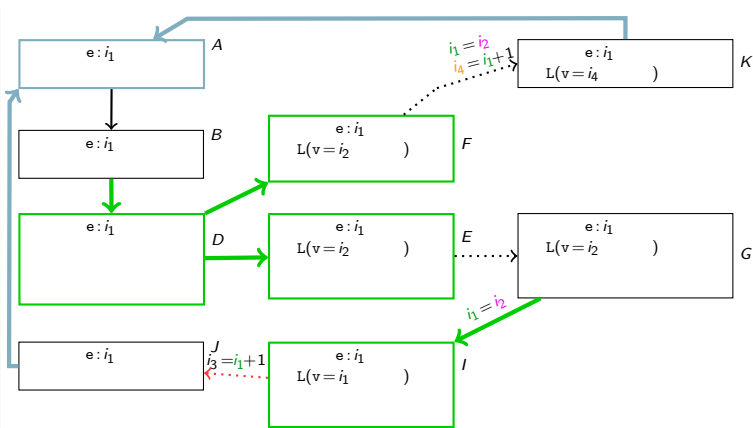
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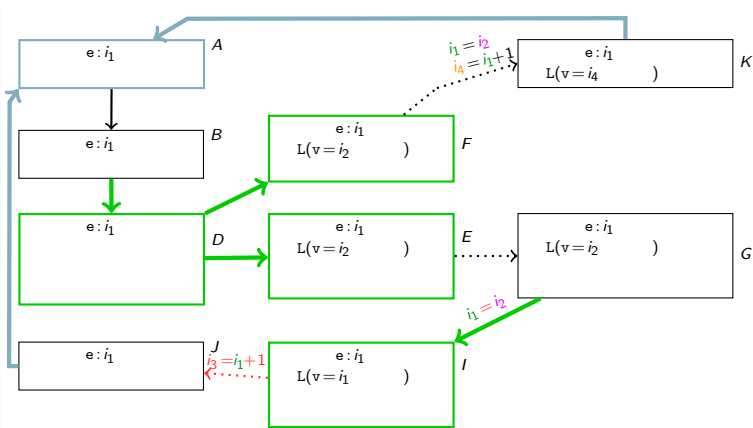
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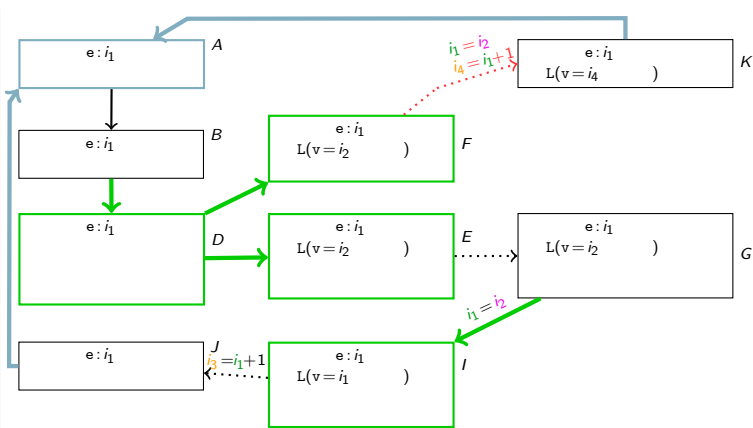
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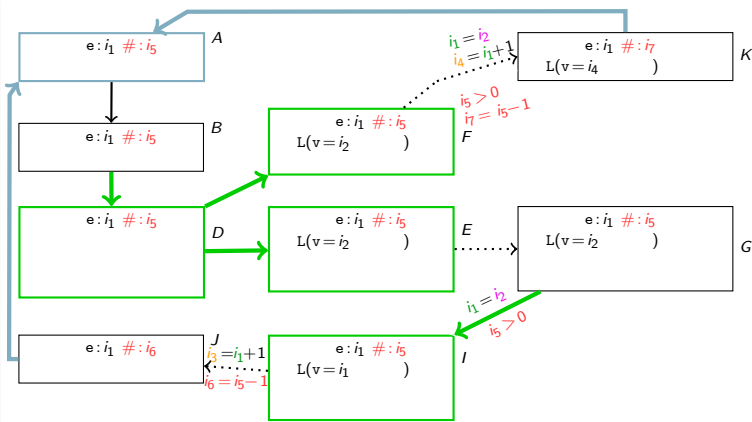
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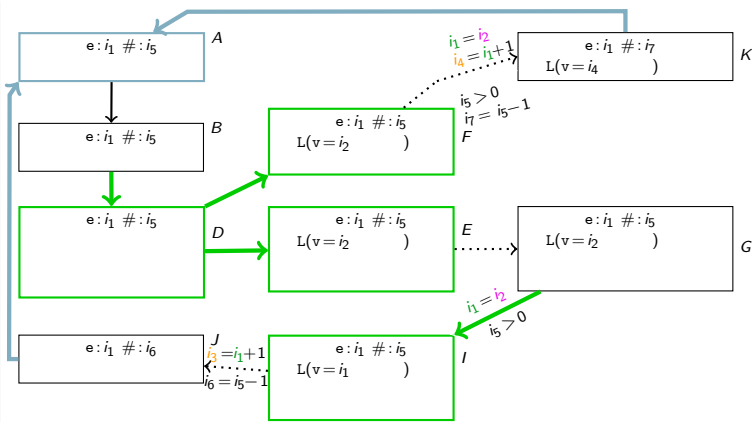


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