Abstract interpretation of concurrent, higher-order programs

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Goal: MHP & CFA for concurrent, higher-order programs

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- CFA = re-abstraction of MHP semantics

Theme: Semantic design

More in paper

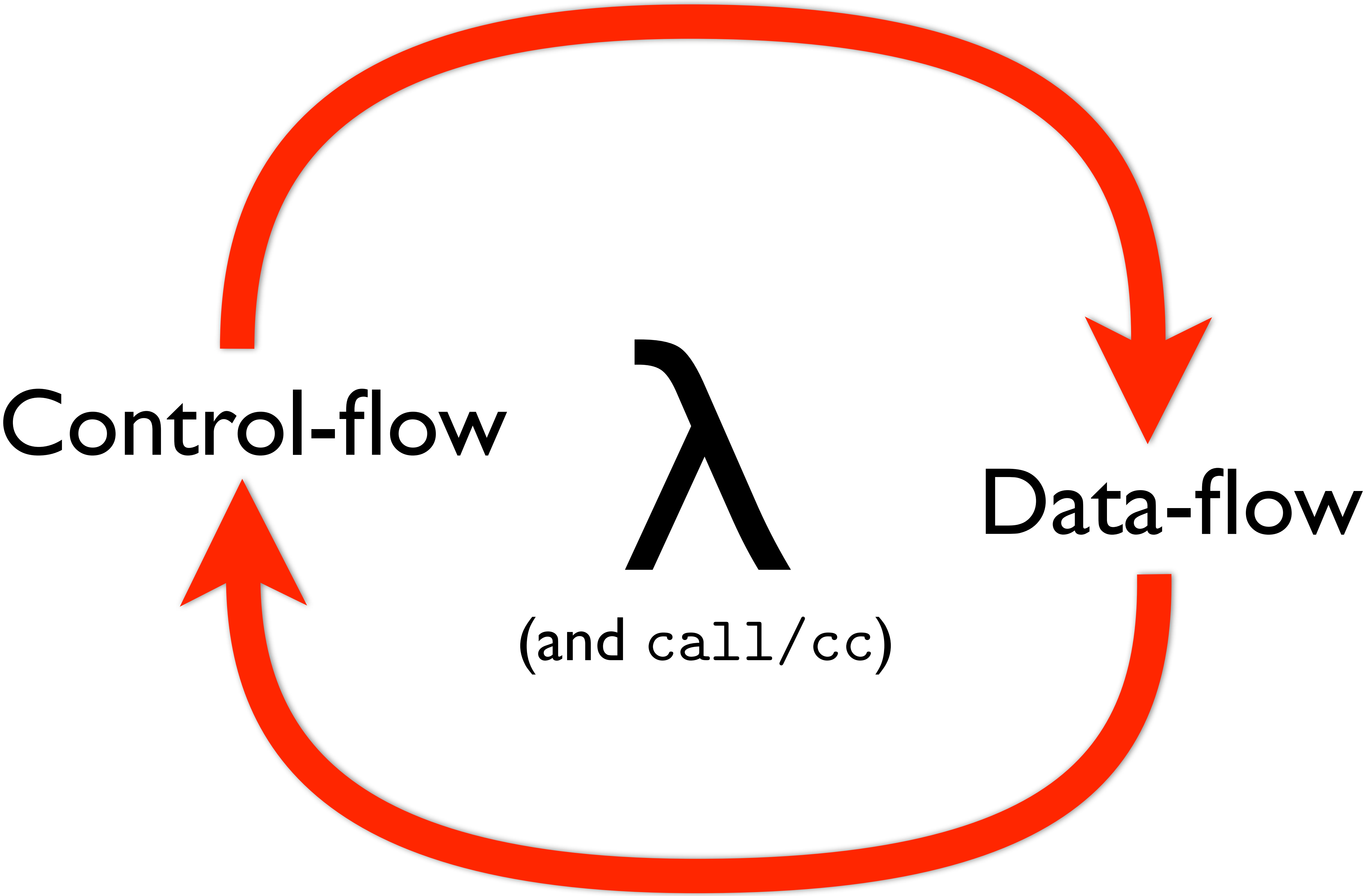
- A desugaring of `future`
- Thread polyvariance
- More formal semantics
- More on parallel `call/cc`

Challenges

Higher-order is hard.

λ

(and `call/cc`)


Control-flow
λ
(and call/cc)
Data-flow

But, we can do it.

(Jones, 1981)
(Shivers, 1988)

Parallelism is hard.

Thread 1

```
a := 3
b := x + y
c := z * x
```

Thread 2

```
x := 10
y := a + b
z := c + x
```

Thread 1 | Thread 2

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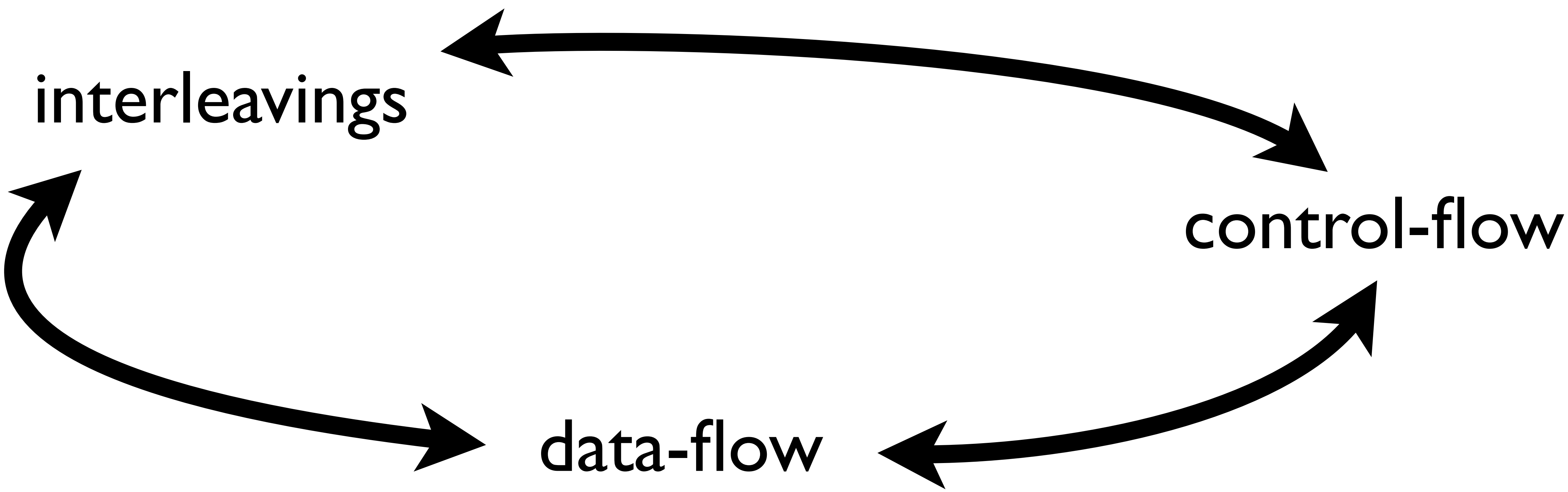
a := 3
x := 10
b := x + y
y := a + b
c := z * x
z := c + x
```

But, we can do that too.

(Yahav, 2001)

Parallel & higher-order?


interleavings
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Close in one; call in another.

$$\Big\downarrow$$

λ

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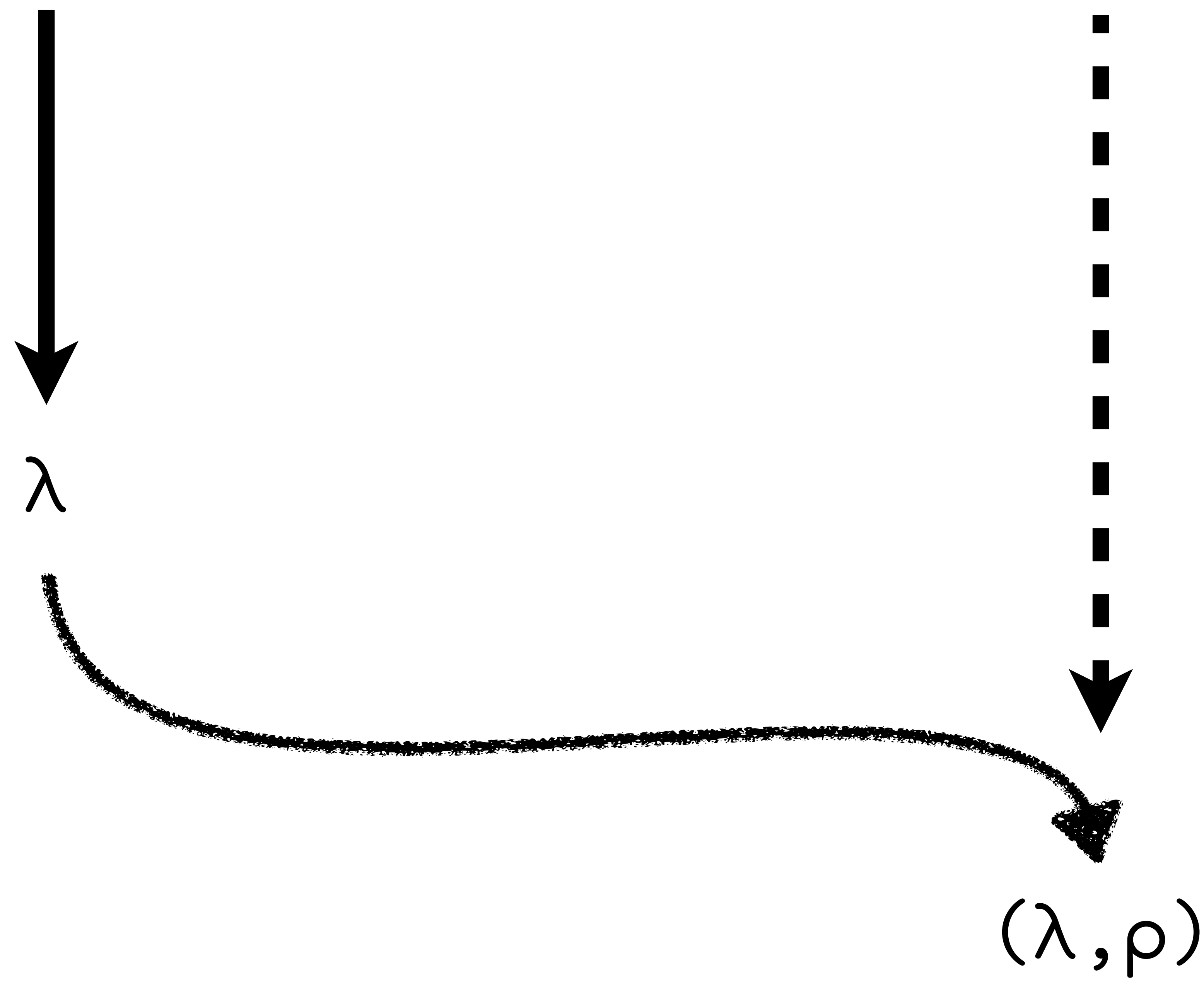
(λ,ρ)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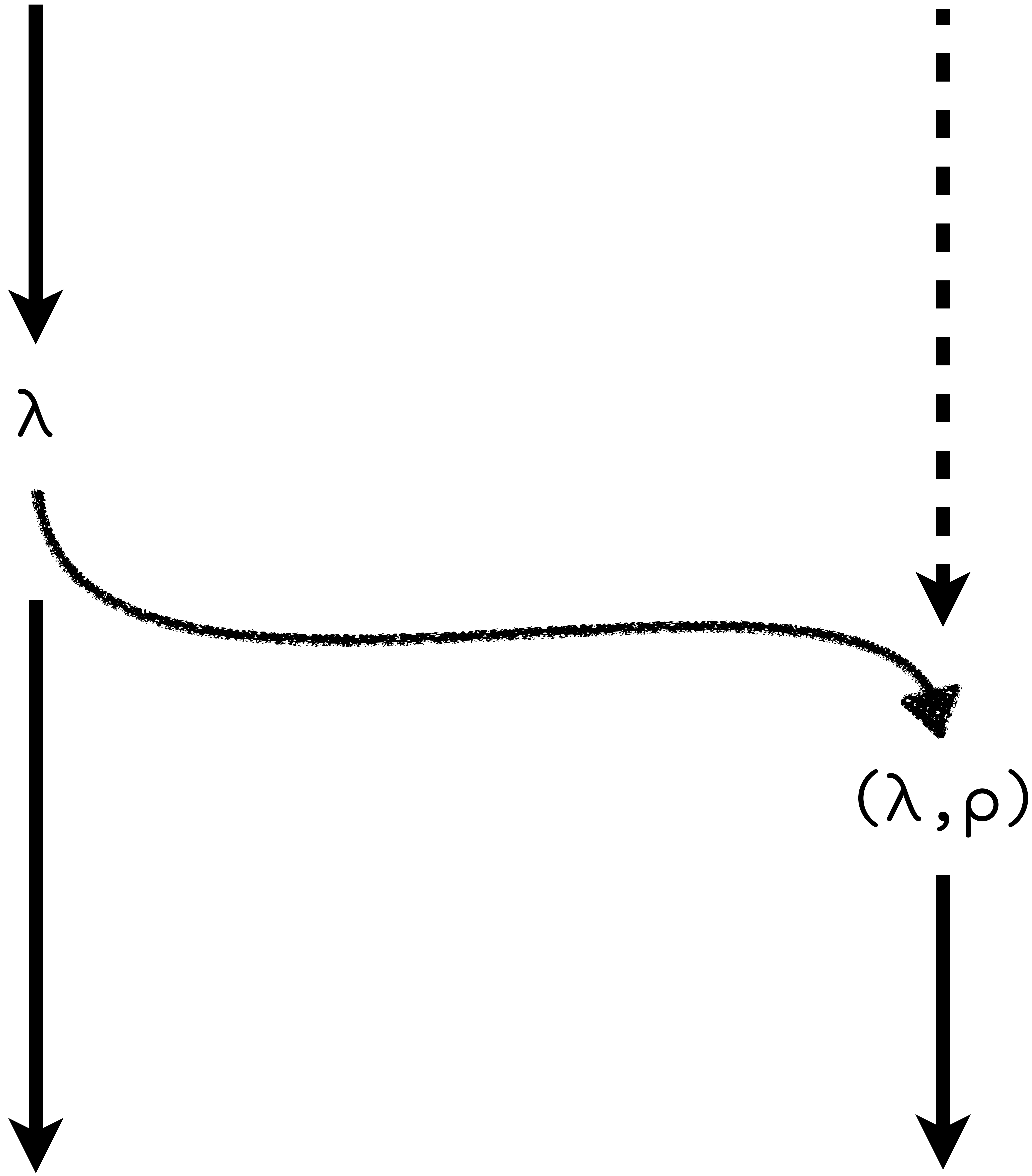
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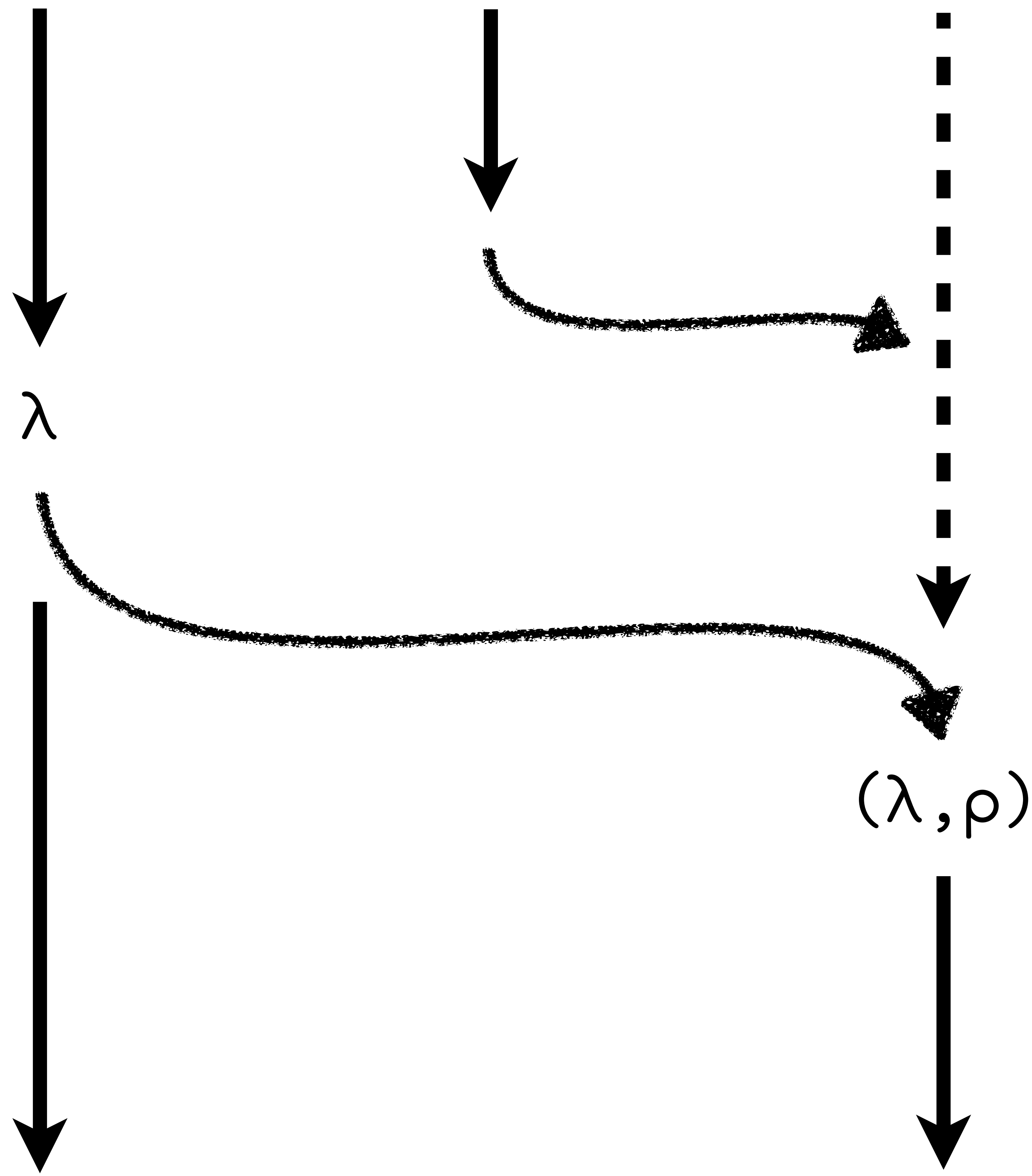
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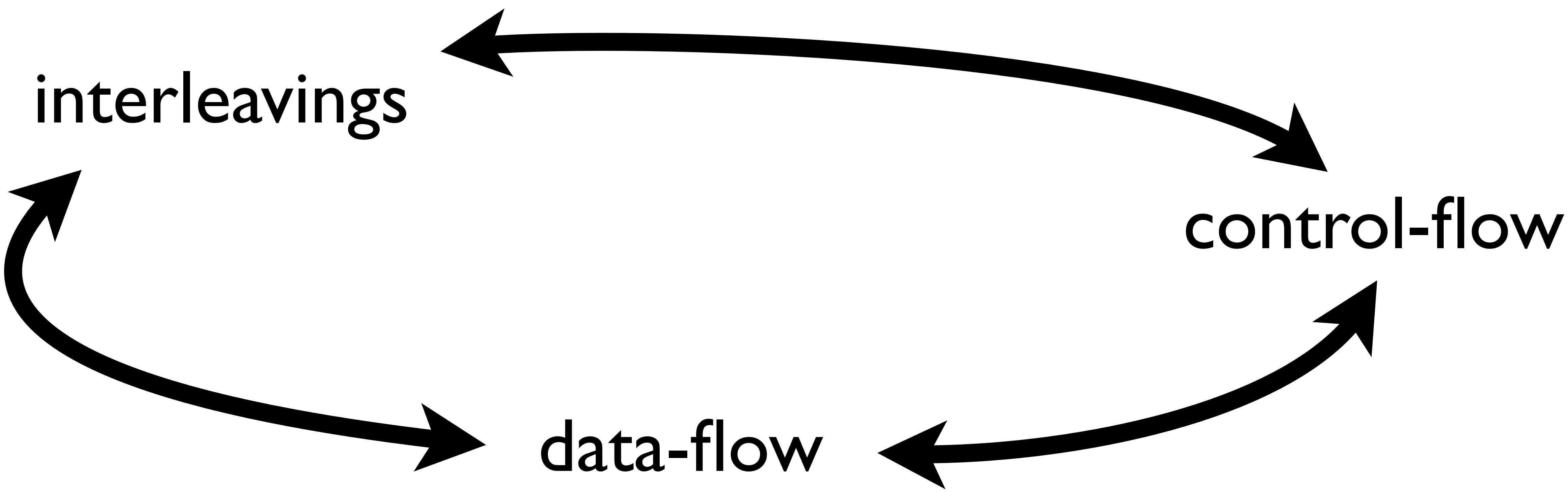
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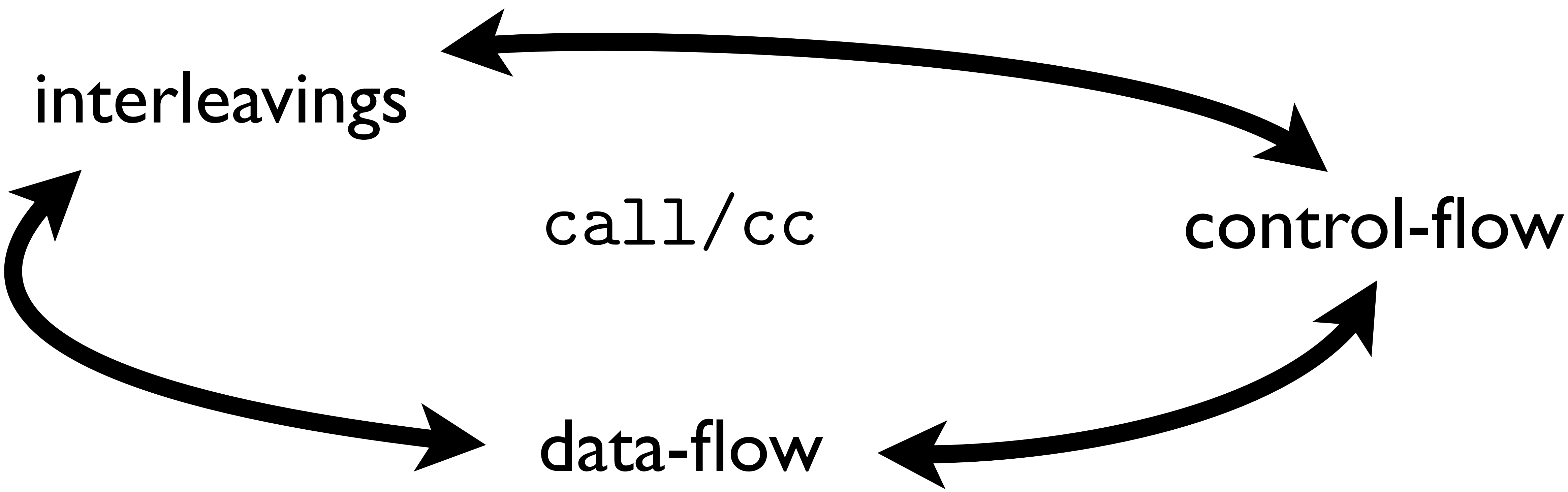
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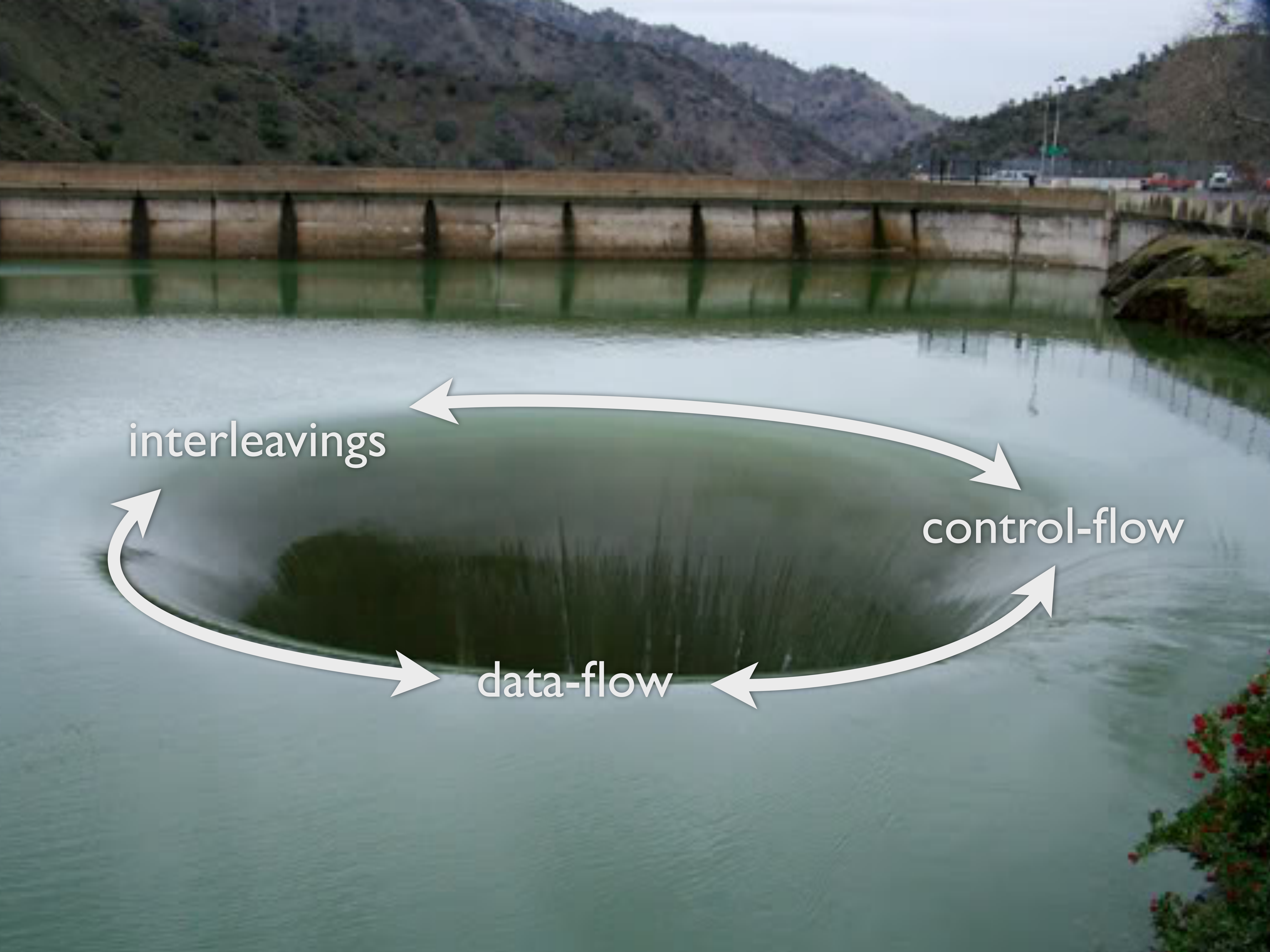
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Catch in one; throw in another.

```
(call/cc
```

```
(call/cc (λ (cc)
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```
(call/cc (λ (cc)
  (spawn
```

```
(call/cc (λ (cc)
  (spawn (cc #t))
```

```
(call/cc (λ (cc)
 (spawn (cc #t))
 (cc #f)))
```

Wanted: MHP & CFA

Reëngineer the CESK machine

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Analyze thread ‘shape’ for MHP

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Abstract MHP again for CFA

A-normalized λ-calculus

+ `spawn`, `join`, `cas`

+ `call/cc`, `if`, `set!`

CESK

(Felleisen & Friedman, 1986)

P(CEK)S

P(CEK*)S

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$$\Sigma = \mathsf{Exp} \times Env \times Store \times Kont$$

C E S K

$$\underbrace{\Sigma}_{\text{state-space}} = \overset{\text{C}}{\mathsf{Exp}} \times \overset{\text{E}}{Env} \times \overset{\text{S}}{Store} \times \overset{\text{K}}{Kont}$$

state-space

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$$Thread = \mathsf{Exp} \times Env \times Kont \times TID$$

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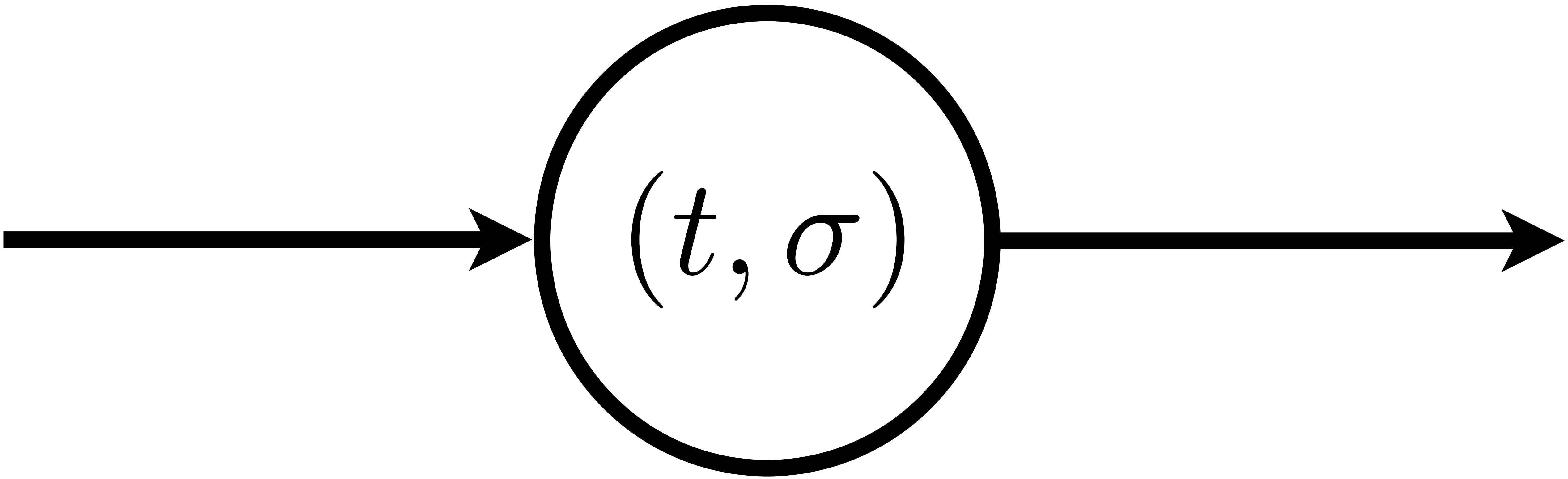
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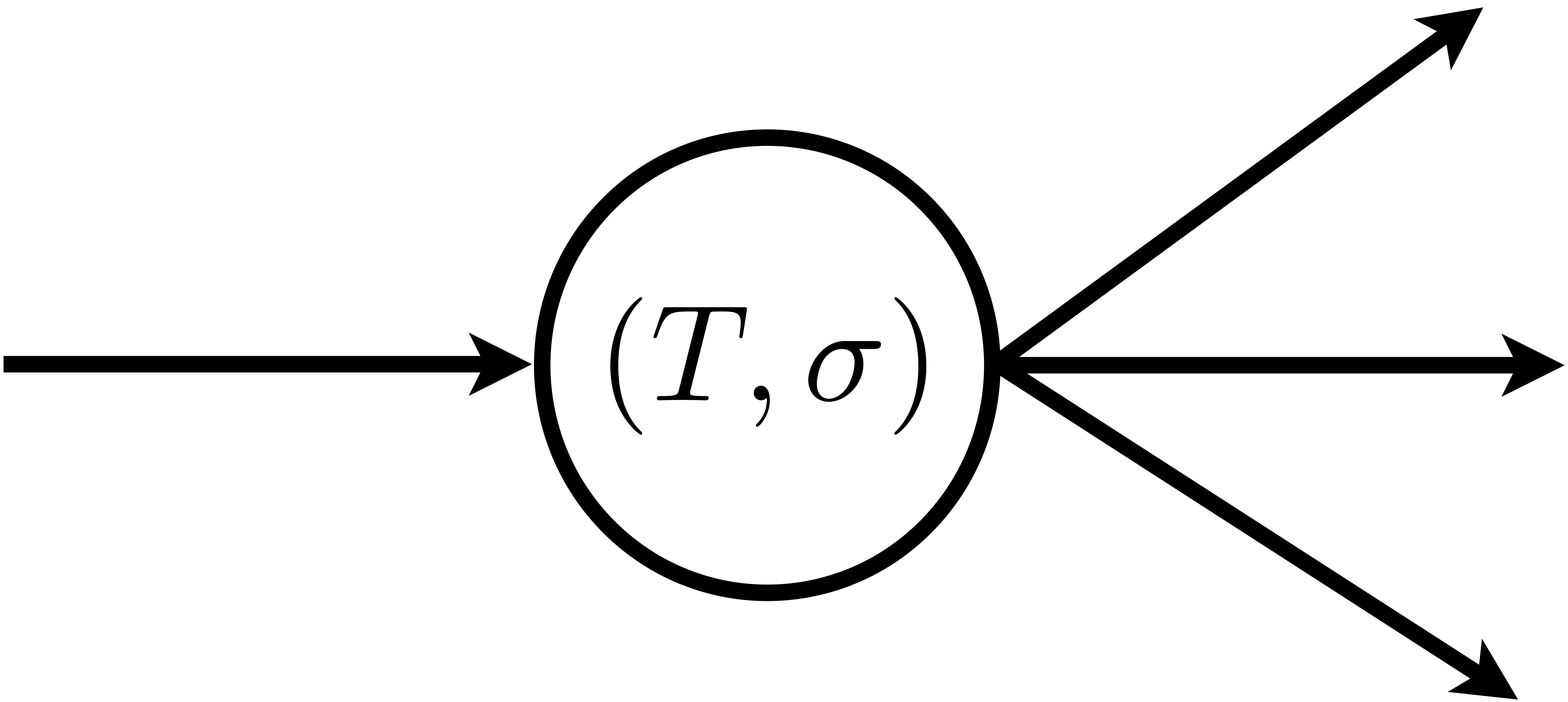
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Next: Naive abstraction?

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\begin{aligned}
\Sigma &= \mathcal{P}(\mathit{Thread}) \times \mathit{Store} \\
\mathit{Thread} &= \mathsf{Exp} \times \mathit{Env} \times \mathit{Kont} \times \mathit{TID} \\
\mathit{Store} &= \mathit{Addr} \rightarrow \mathit{Clo}
\end{aligned}
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Store-allocate $Kont$

(Might, SAS 2010)

$$Store = Addr \rightarrow Clo$$

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Now we can abstract!

But, wait...

CESK

$$\begin{tikzcd} \text{CESK} \arrow[d, "\text{refactor}"] \\ \text{P(CEK*)S} \end{tikzcd}$$

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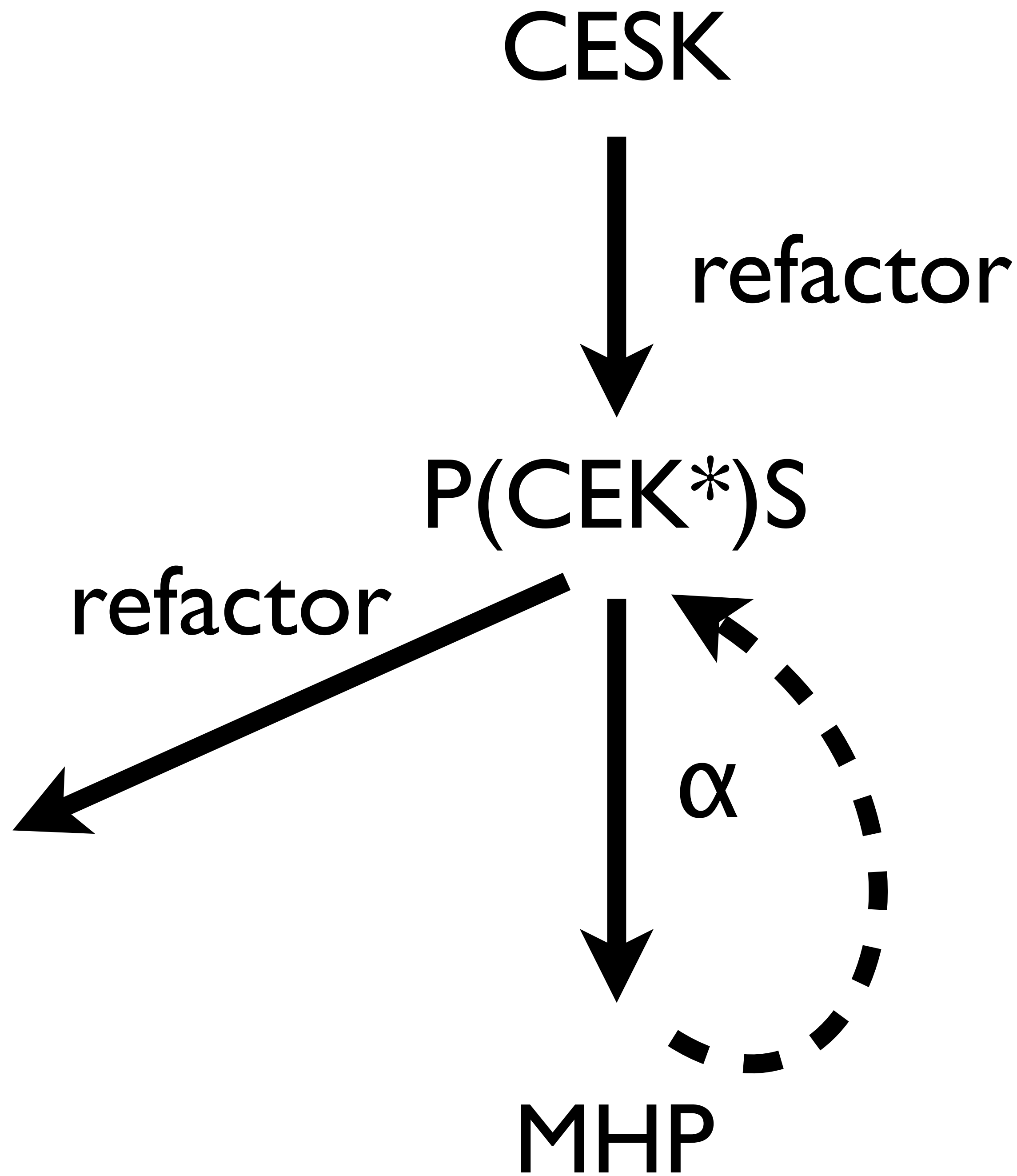
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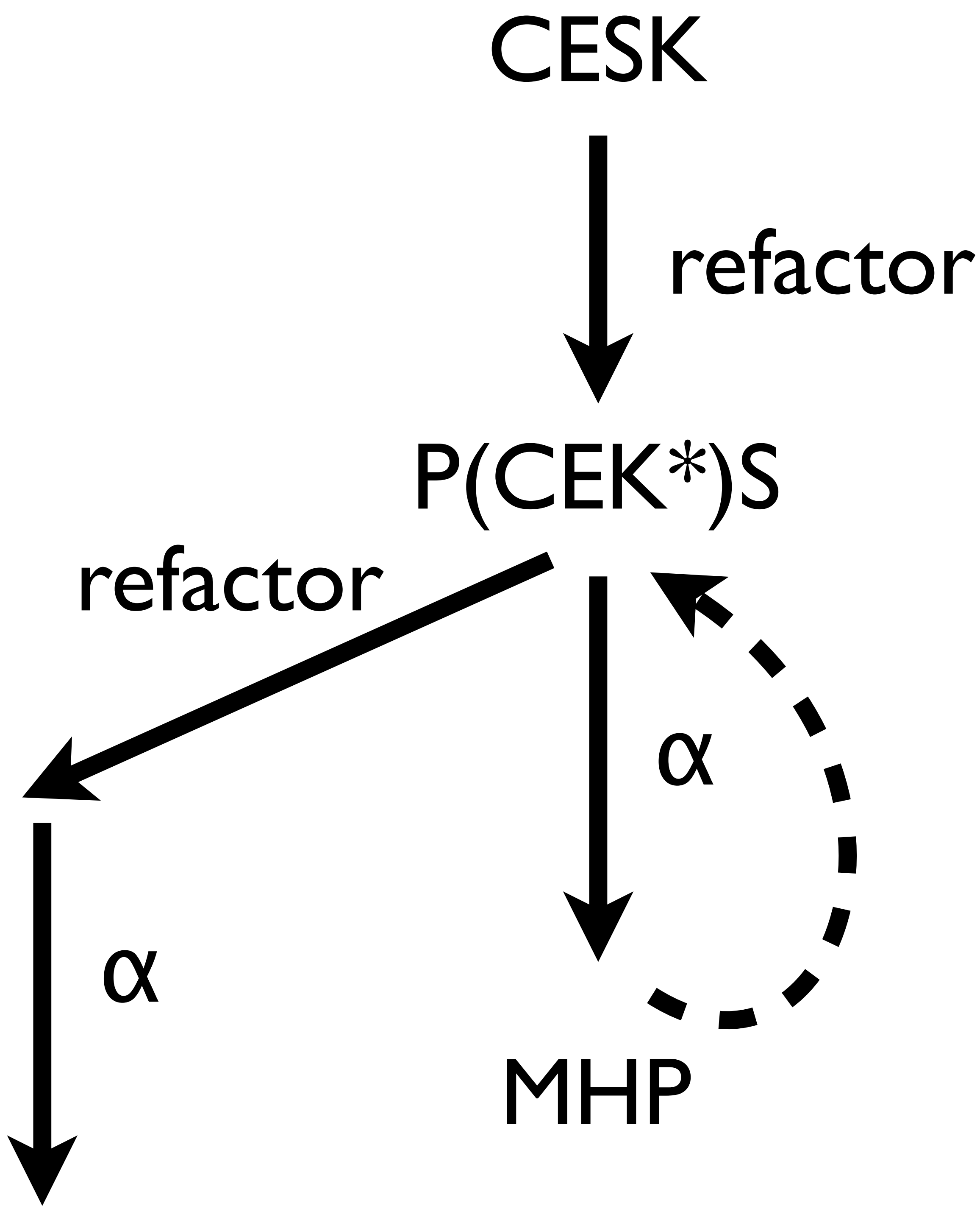
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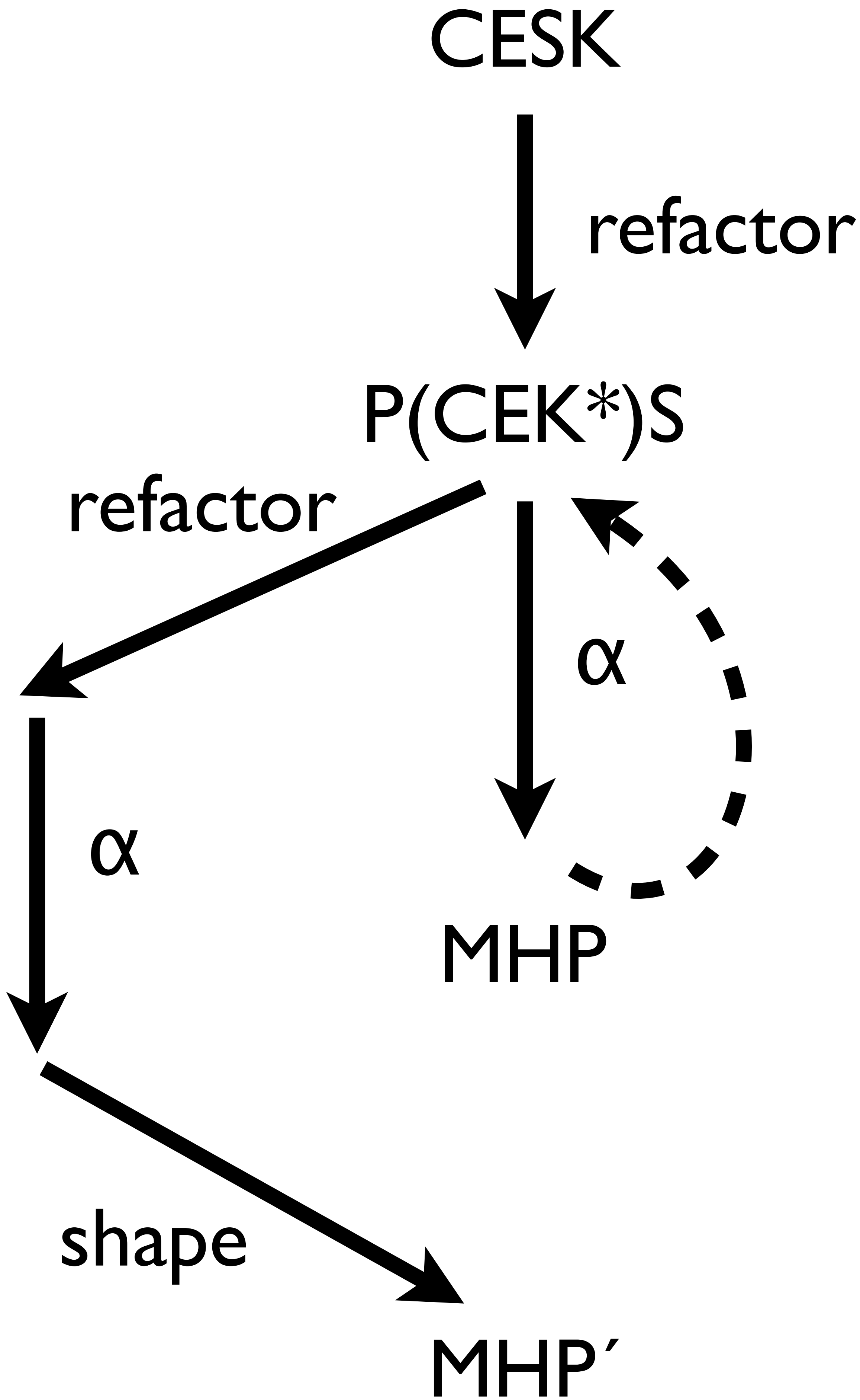
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MHP′

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&= \mathit{Threads}
\end{aligned}
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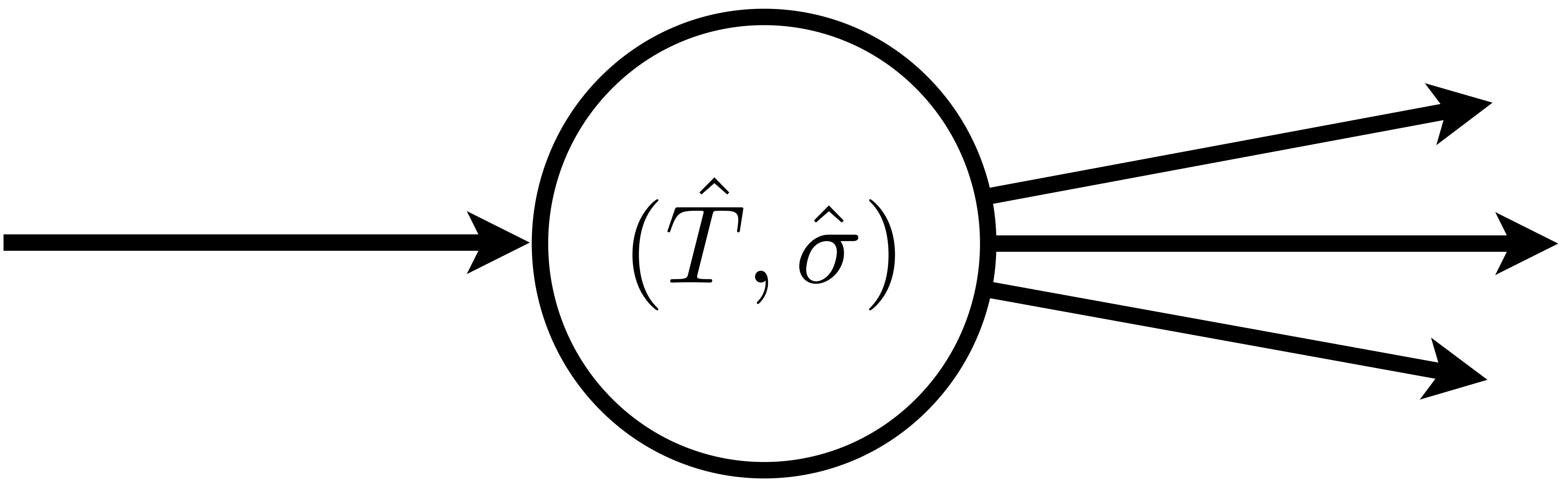
Analysis: MHP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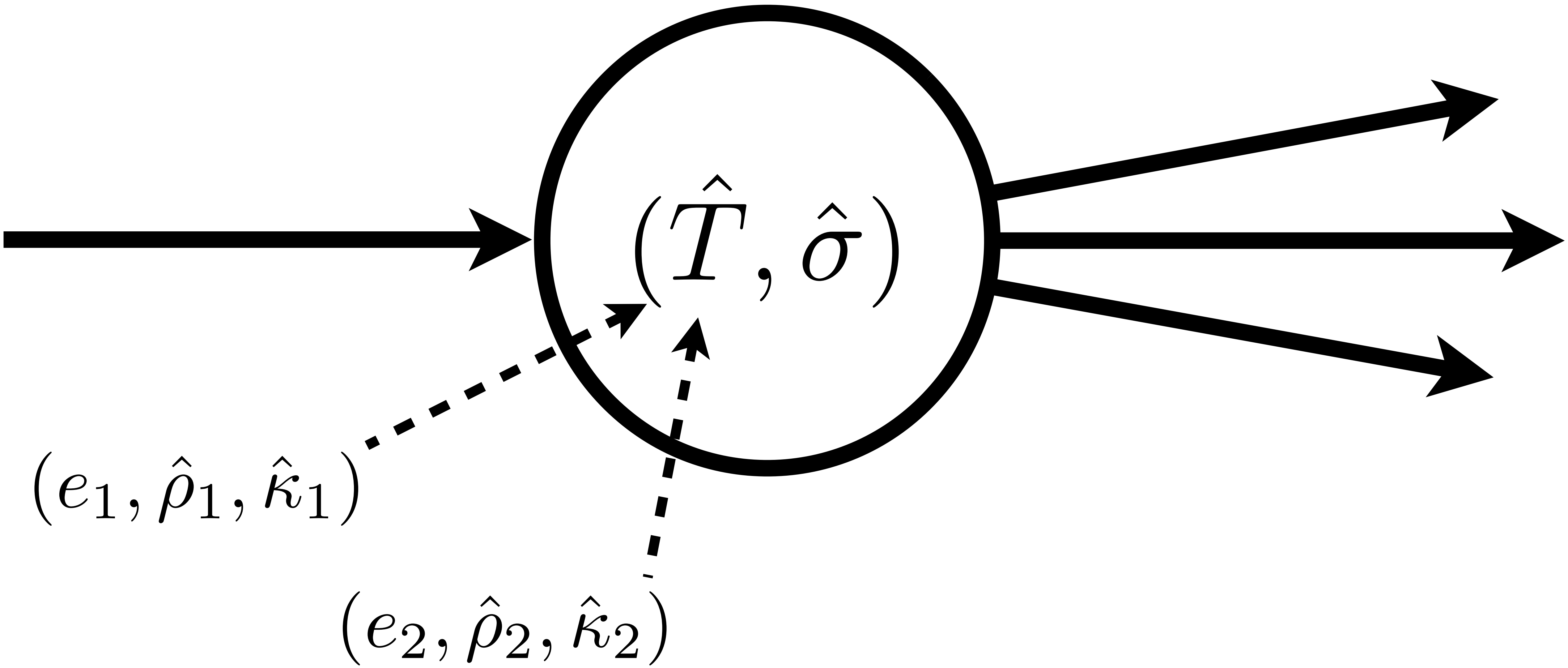
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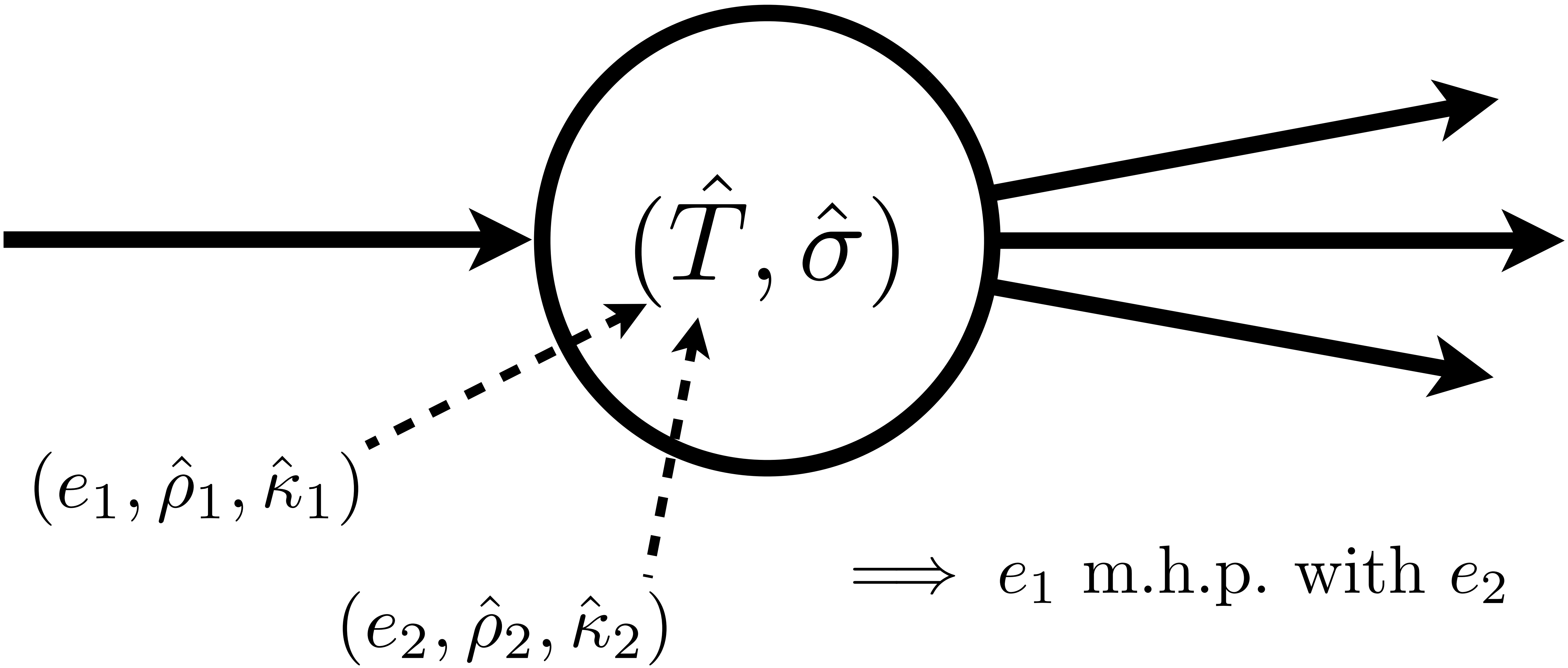
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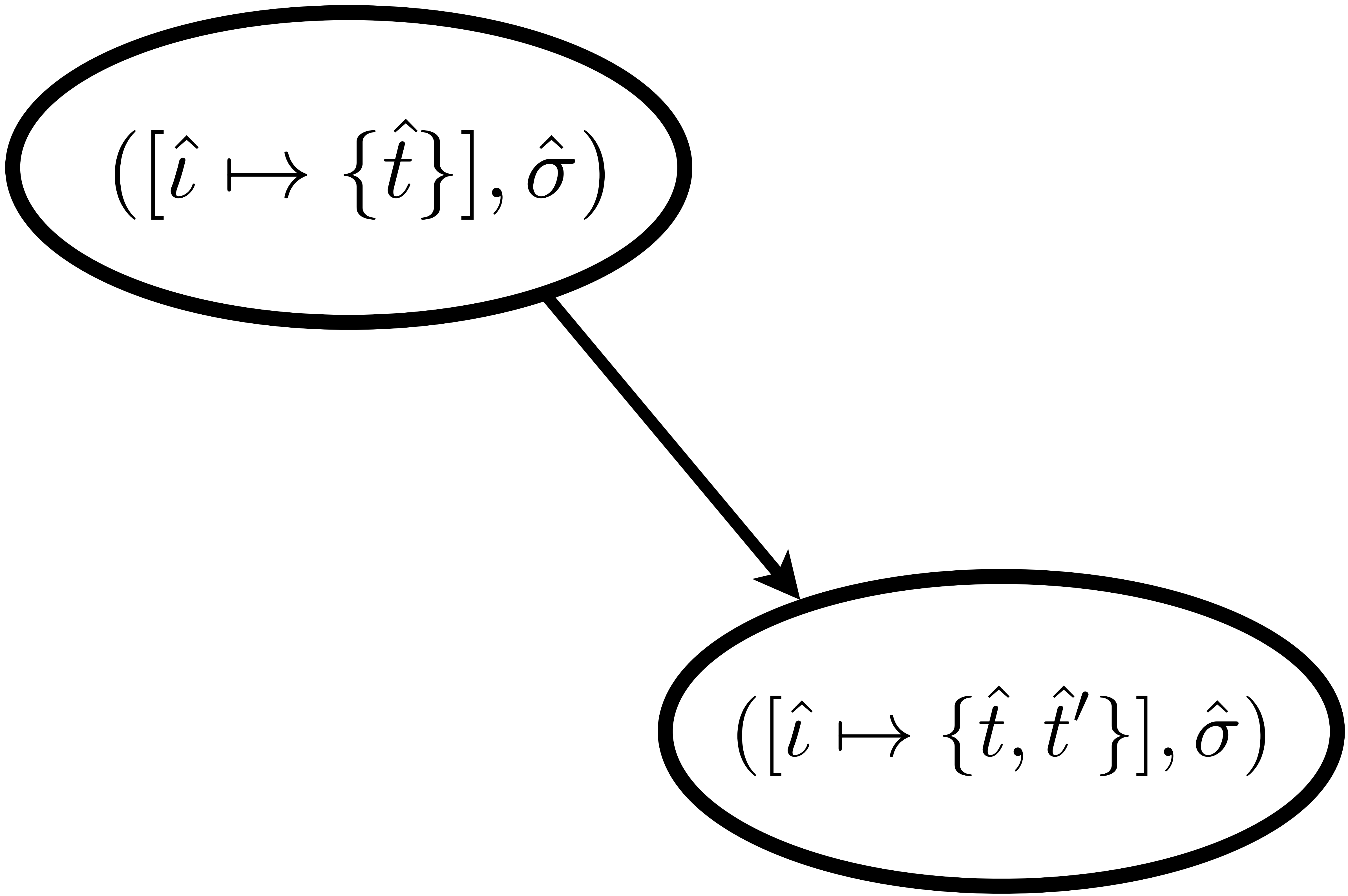
$\implies e_1$ m.h.p. with e_2

Problem: Precision

$\widehat{Threads}$ grow monotonically

$$([\hat{\imath} \mapsto \{\hat{t}\}], \hat{\sigma})$$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Solution: Shape analysis

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \widehat{Threads} \times \widehat{Store}$$

(Chase et al., 1990)

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Strong update

Strong transition

$$\widehat{TCount} = \widehat{TID} \to \{0, 1, \infty\}$$

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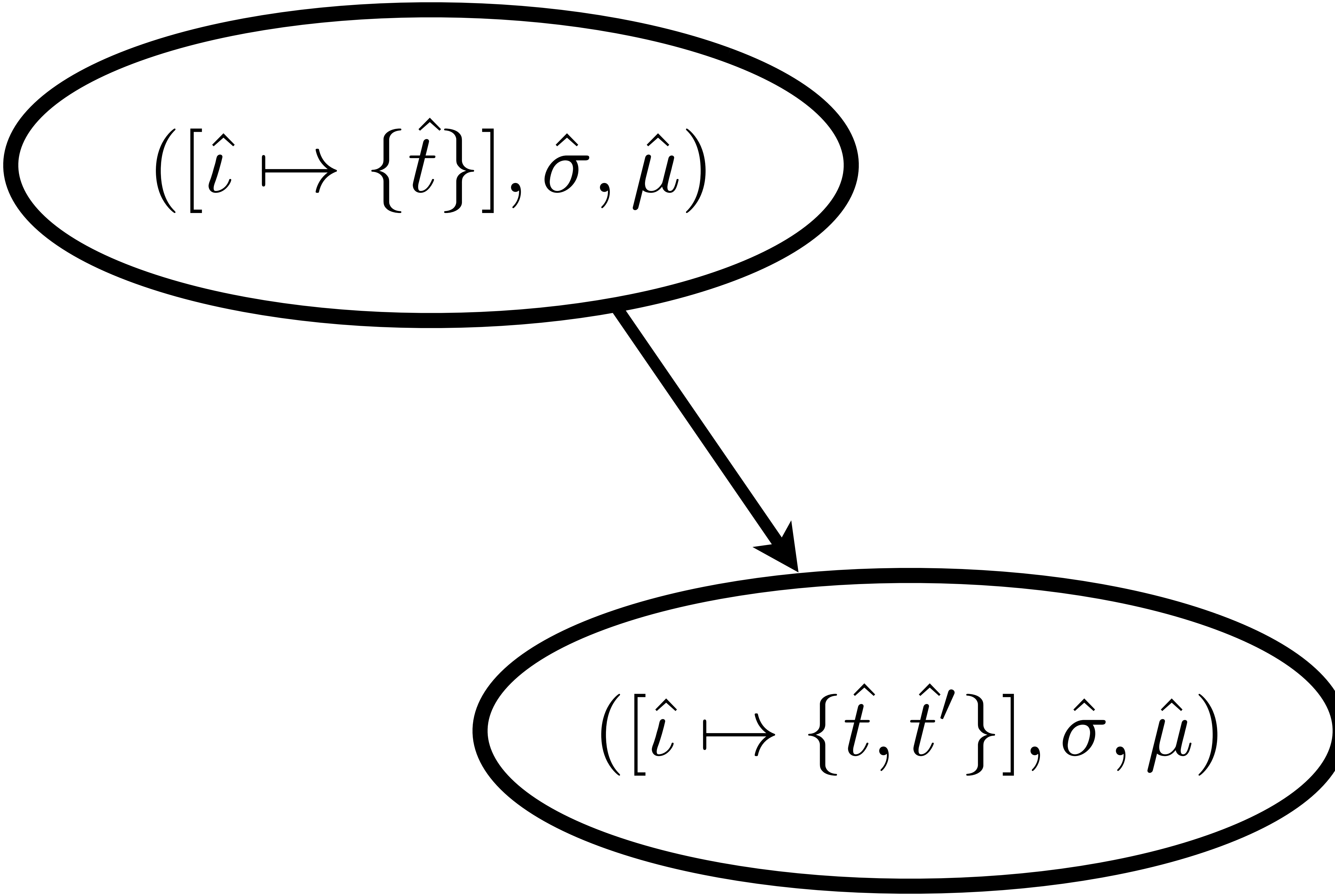
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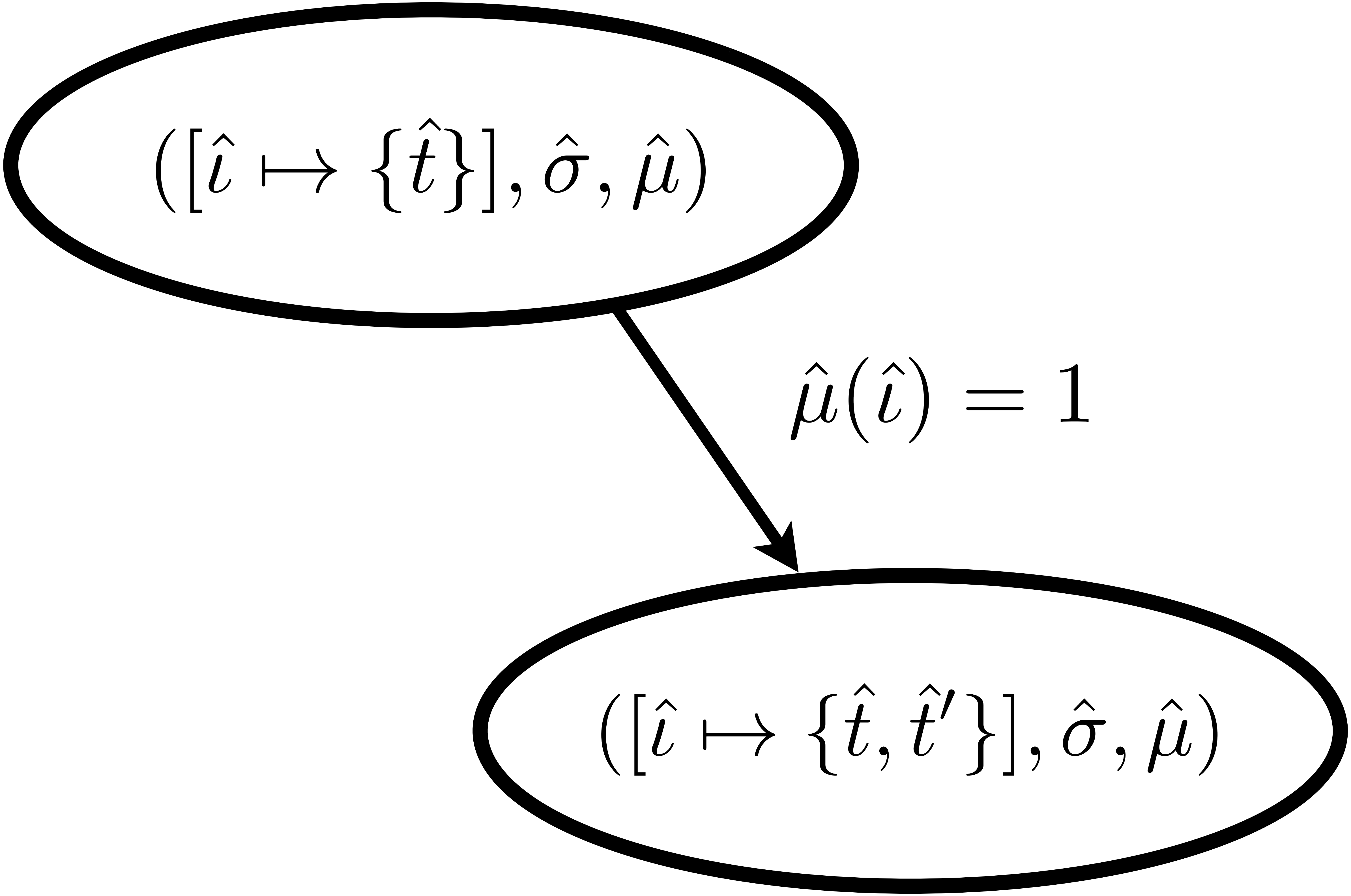
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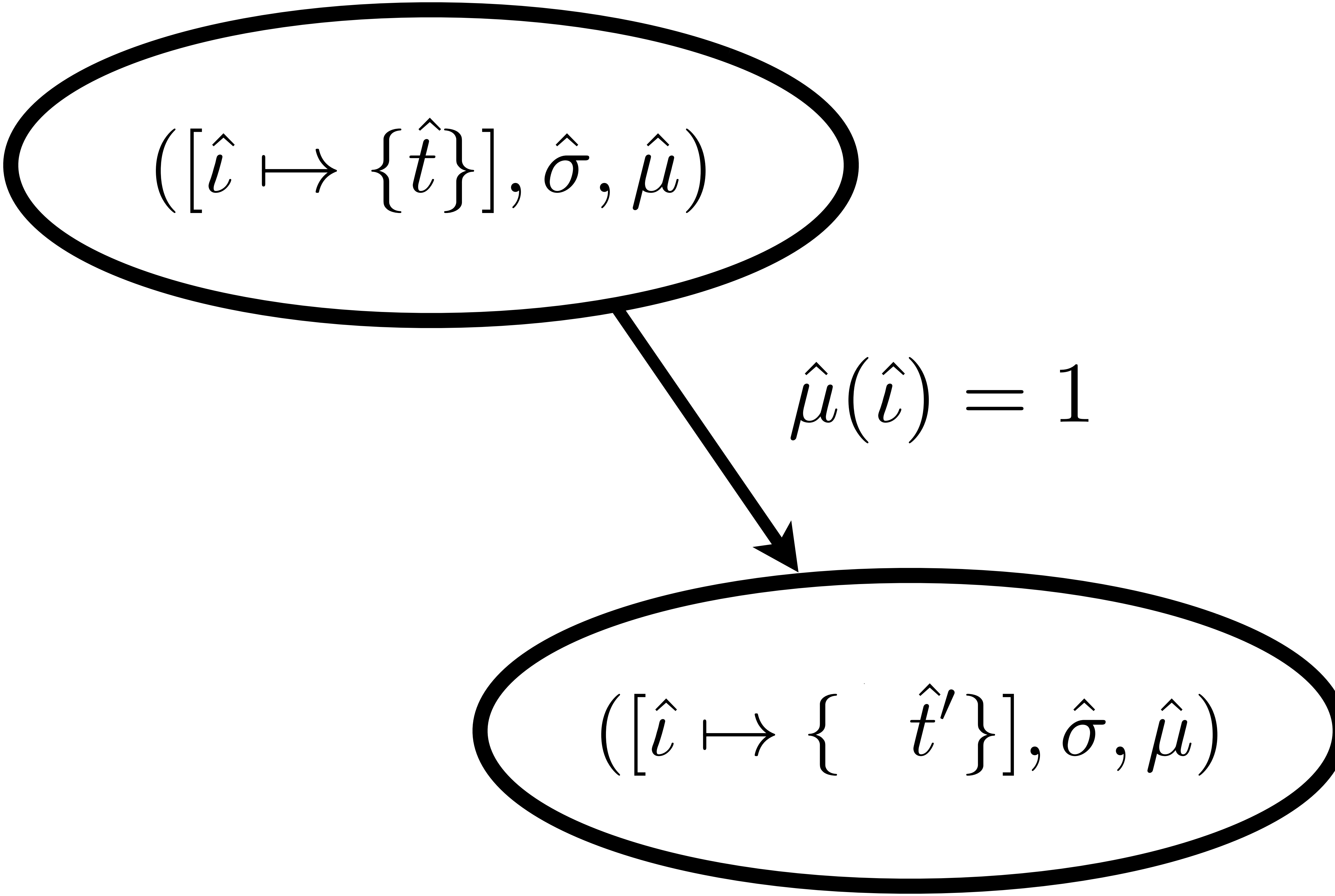
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Analysis: CFA

$$\lambda \xrightarrow{?} \texttt{(f e)}$$

Issue: MHP is overkill

Solution: Abstract again

$$\alpha_2(\hat{S}) = \bigsqcup \hat{S}$$

$$\alpha_2 : \mathcal{P}(\hat{\Sigma}) \to \hat{\Sigma}$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \widehat{Threads} \times \widehat{Store}$$

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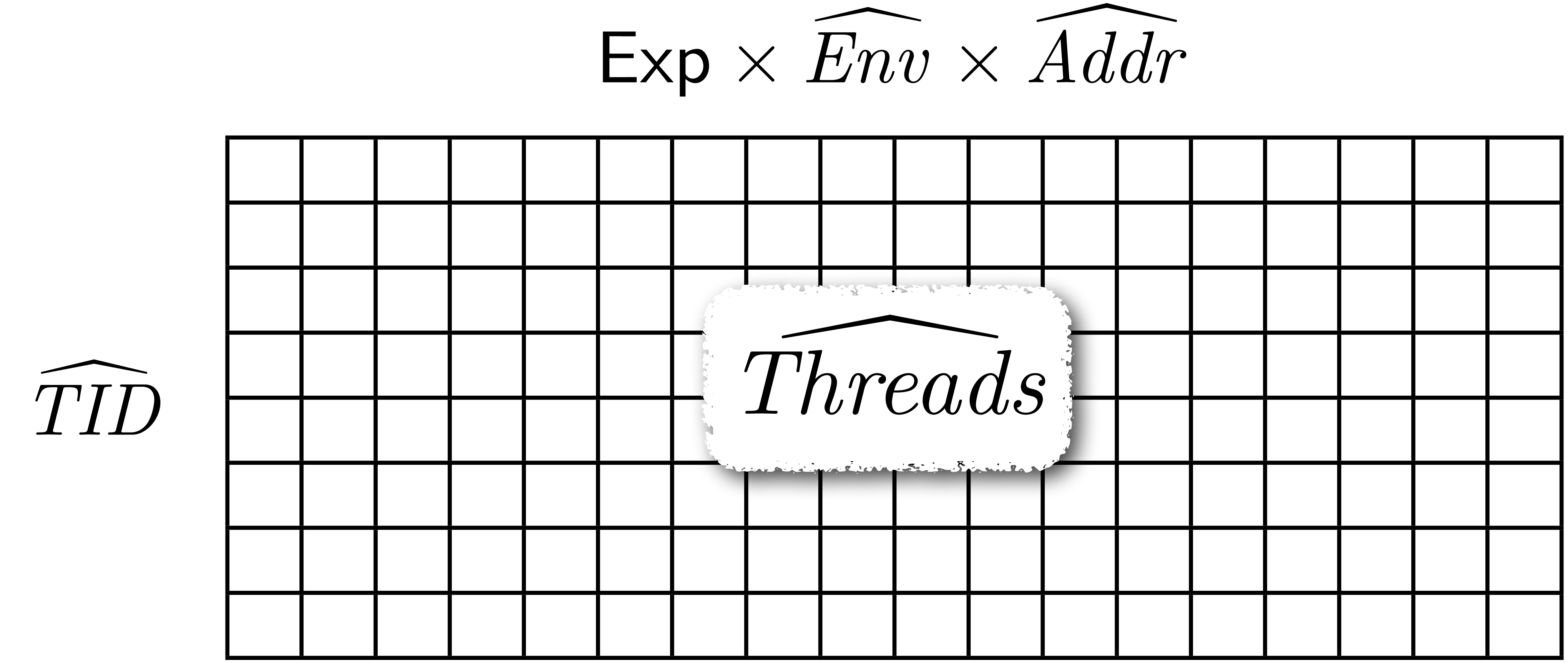
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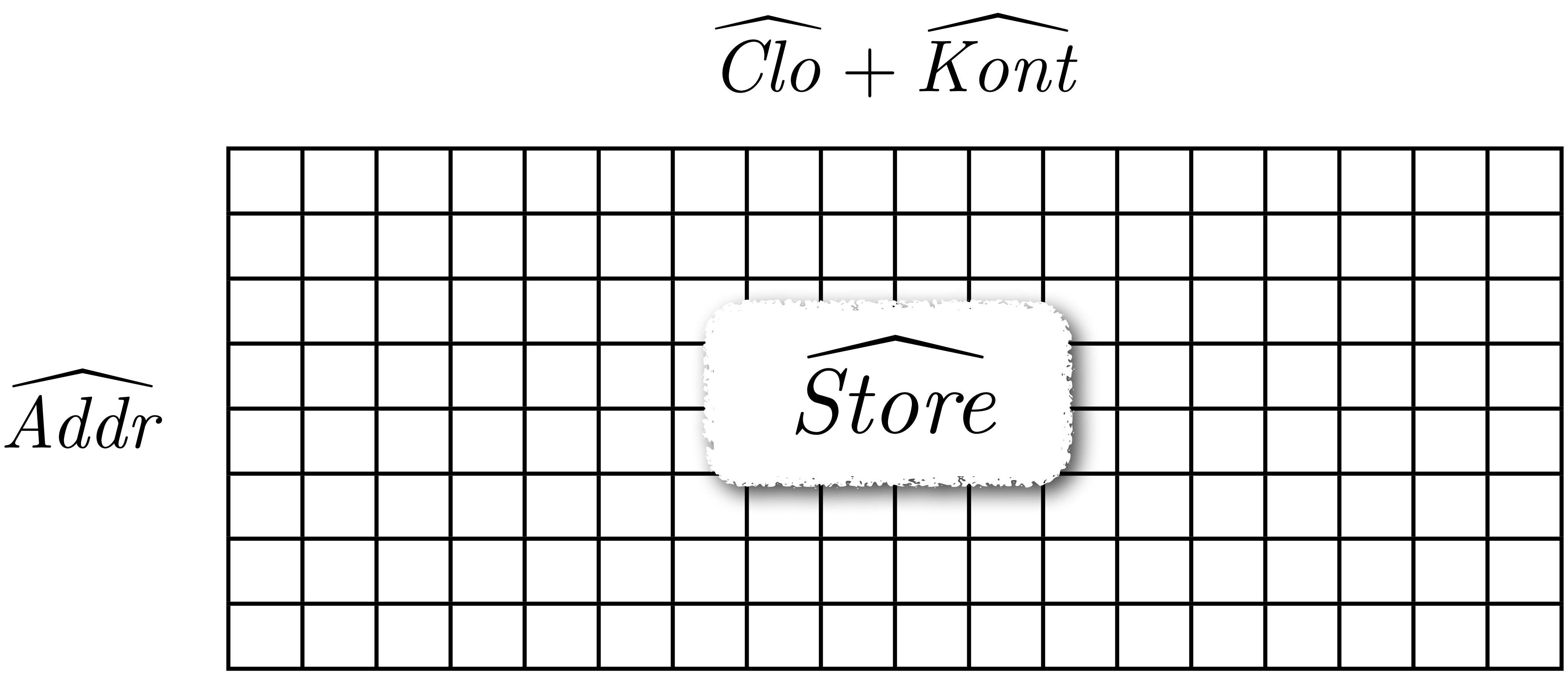
$\widehat{Clo} + \widehat{Kont}$
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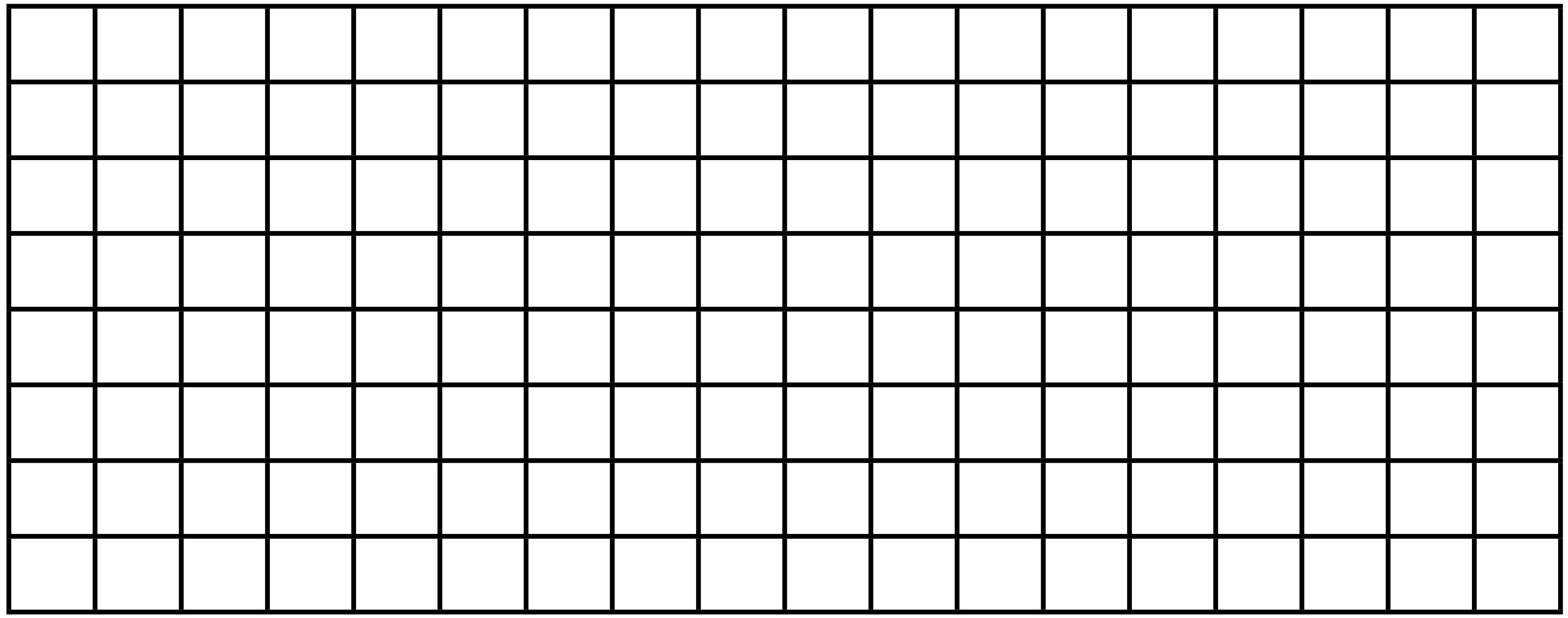
$\widehat{Store}$

$$\mathsf{Exp} \times \widehat{Env} \times \widehat{Addr}$$

$$\widehat{TID}$$



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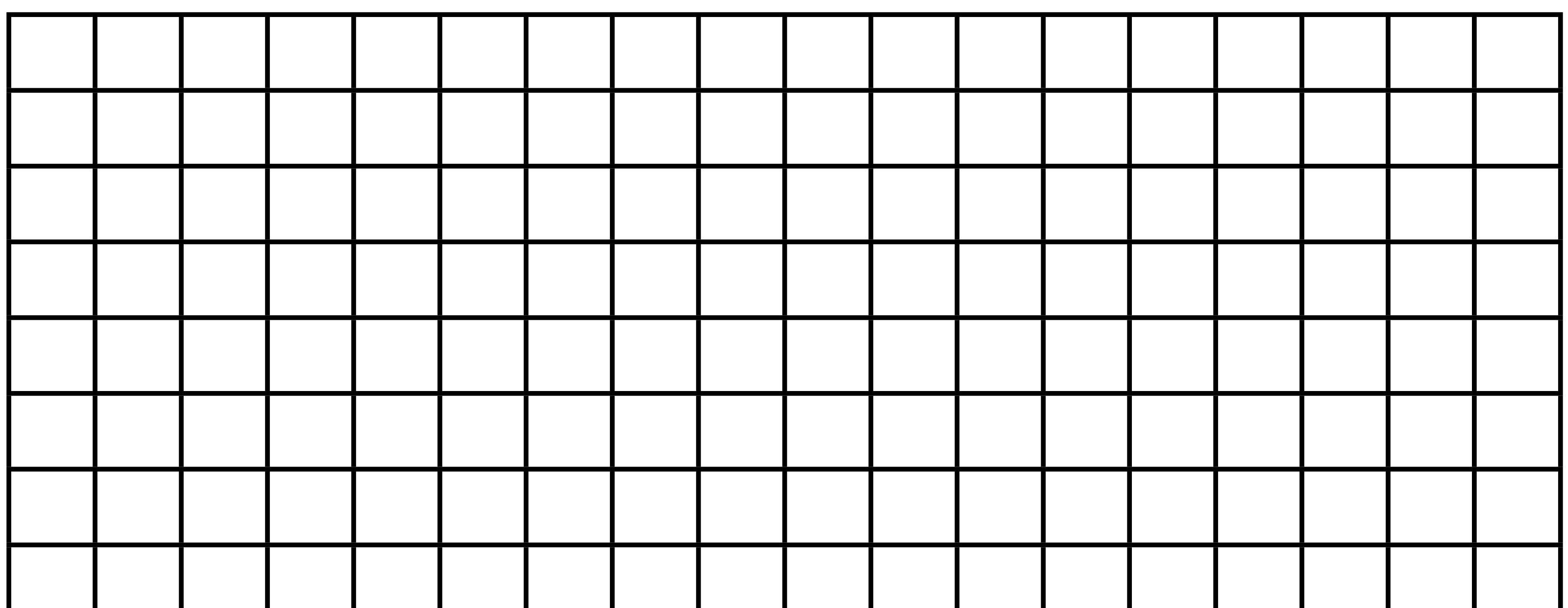

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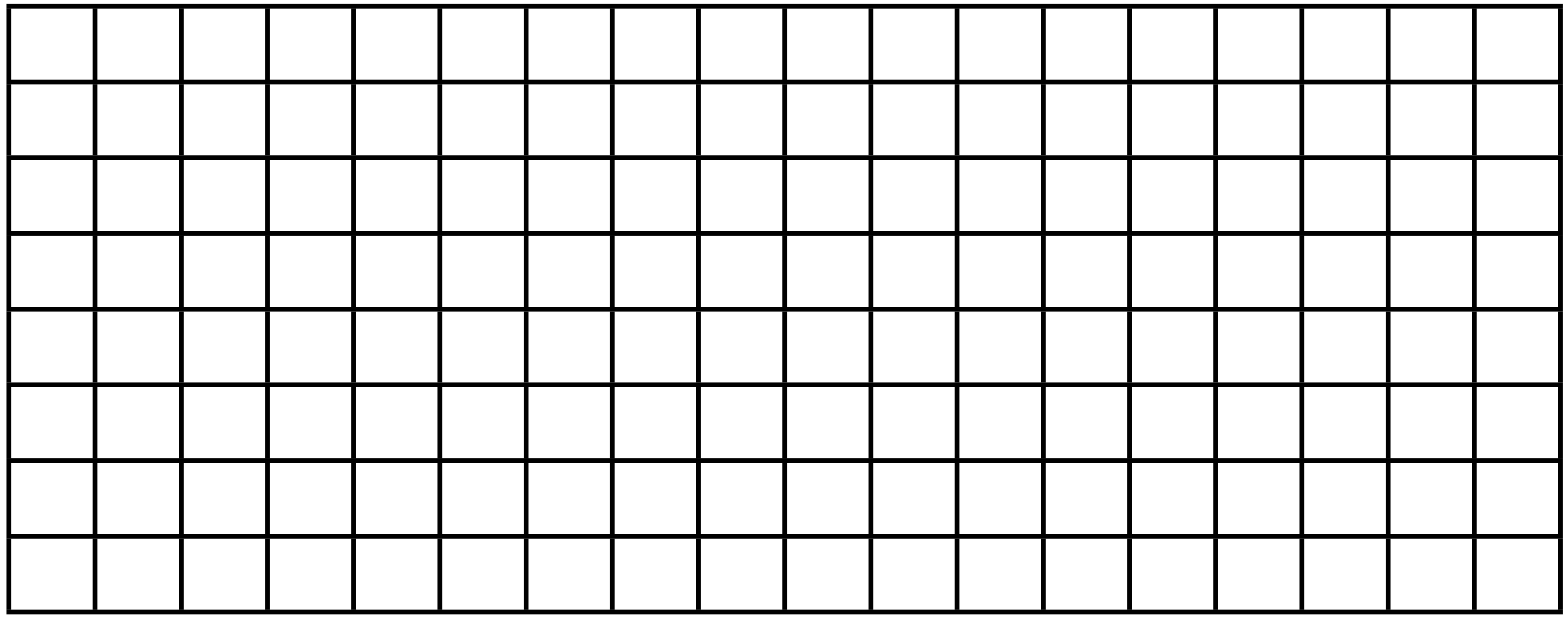
Monovariant collapse

$$\mathsf{Exp} \times \widehat{Env} \times \widehat{Addr}$$

$$\widehat{TID}$$



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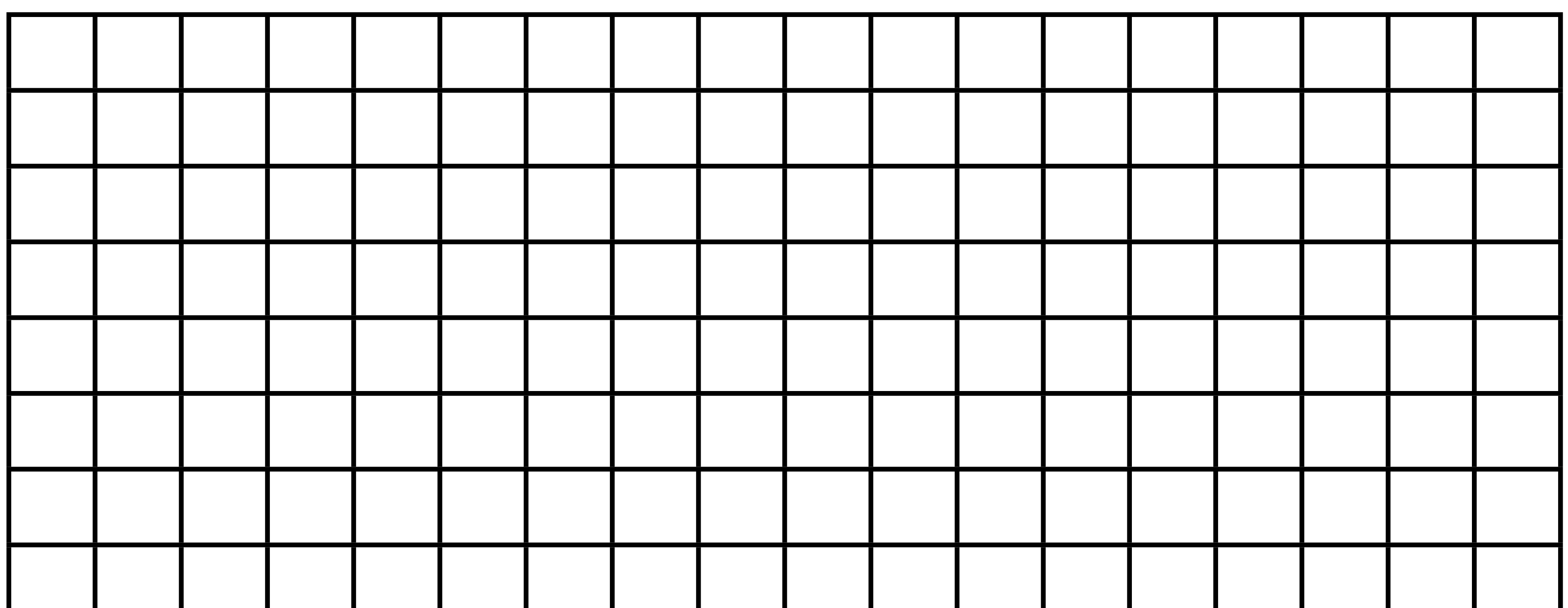

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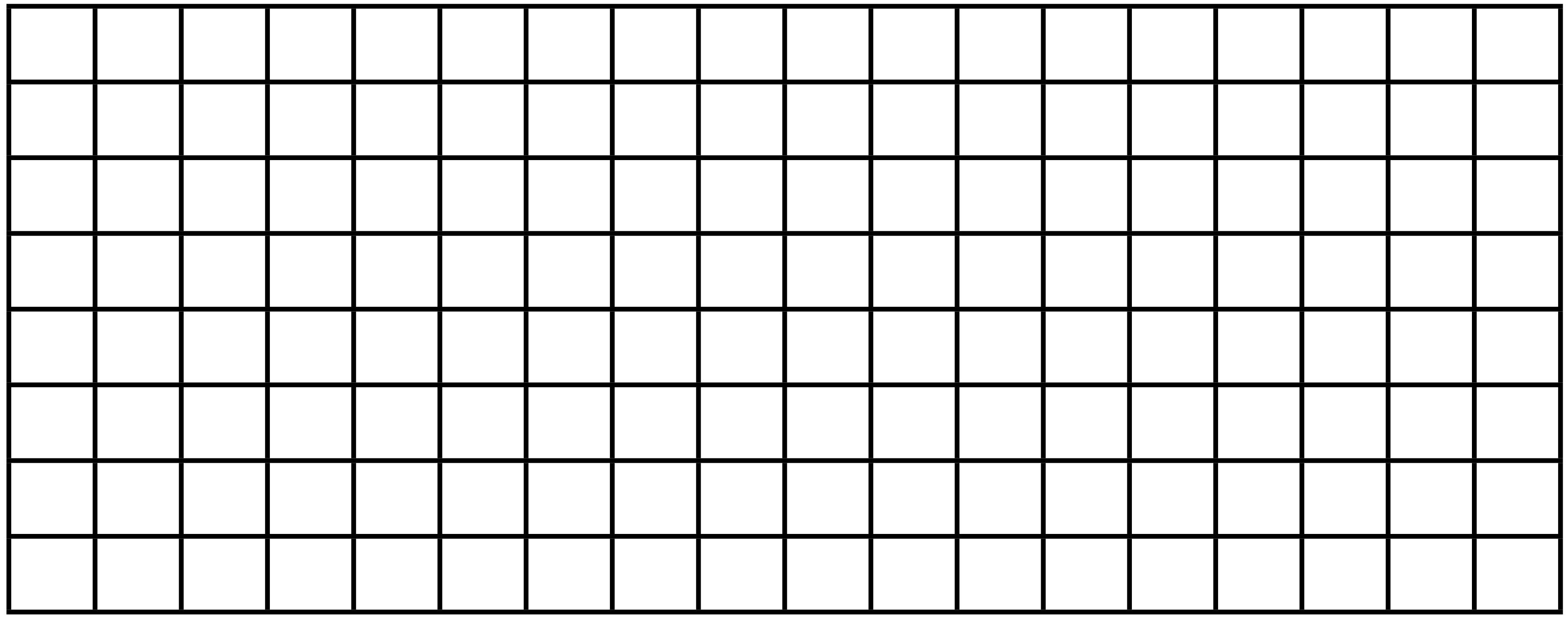

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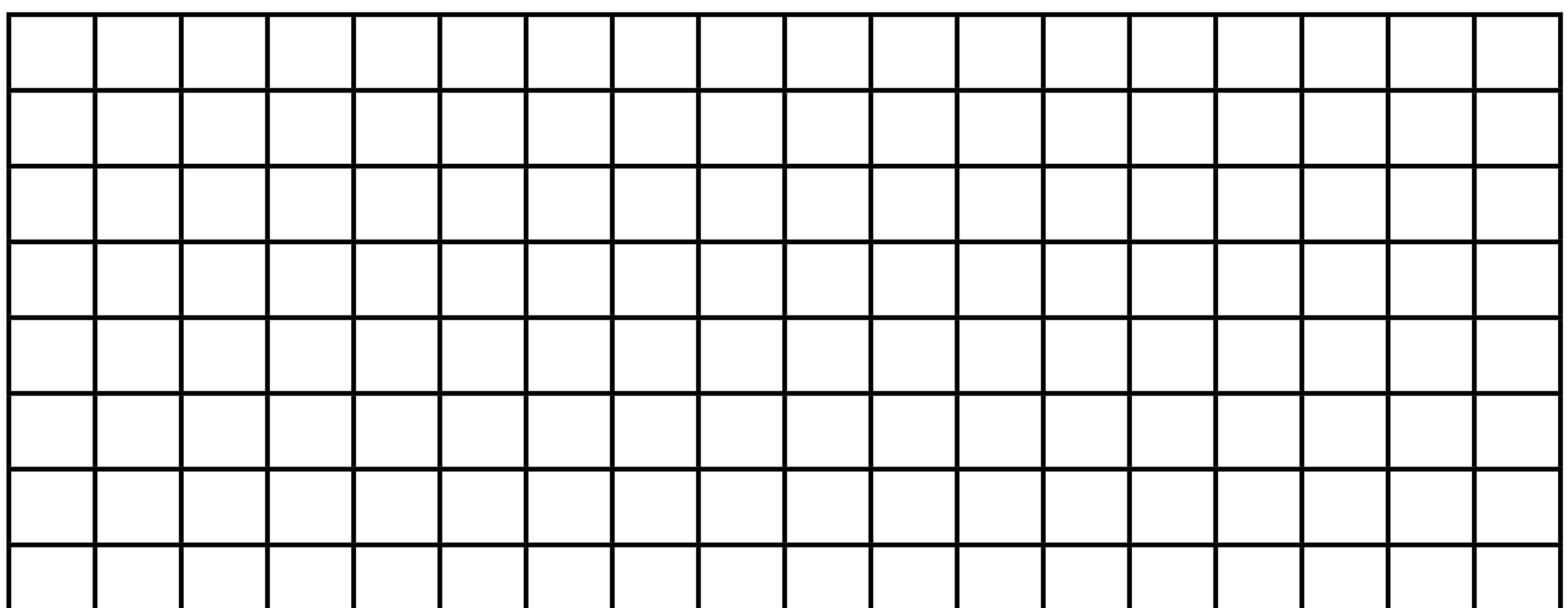

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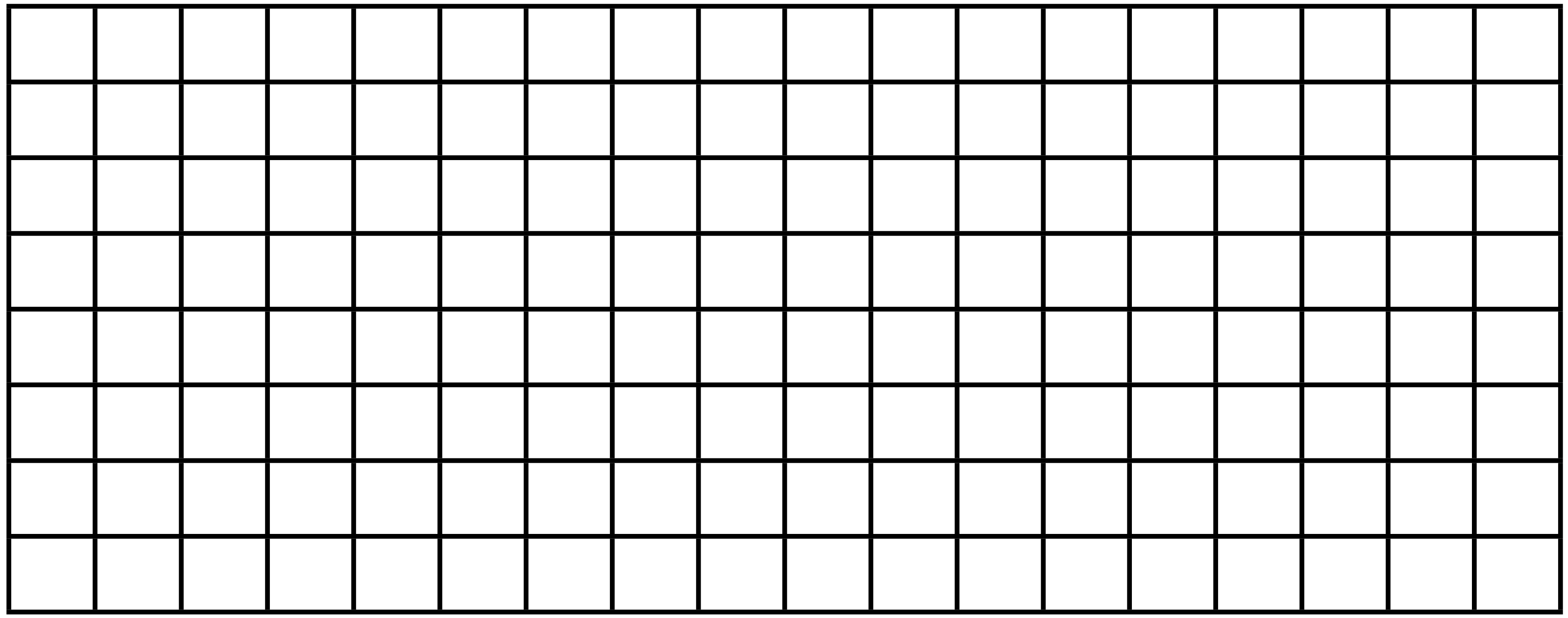

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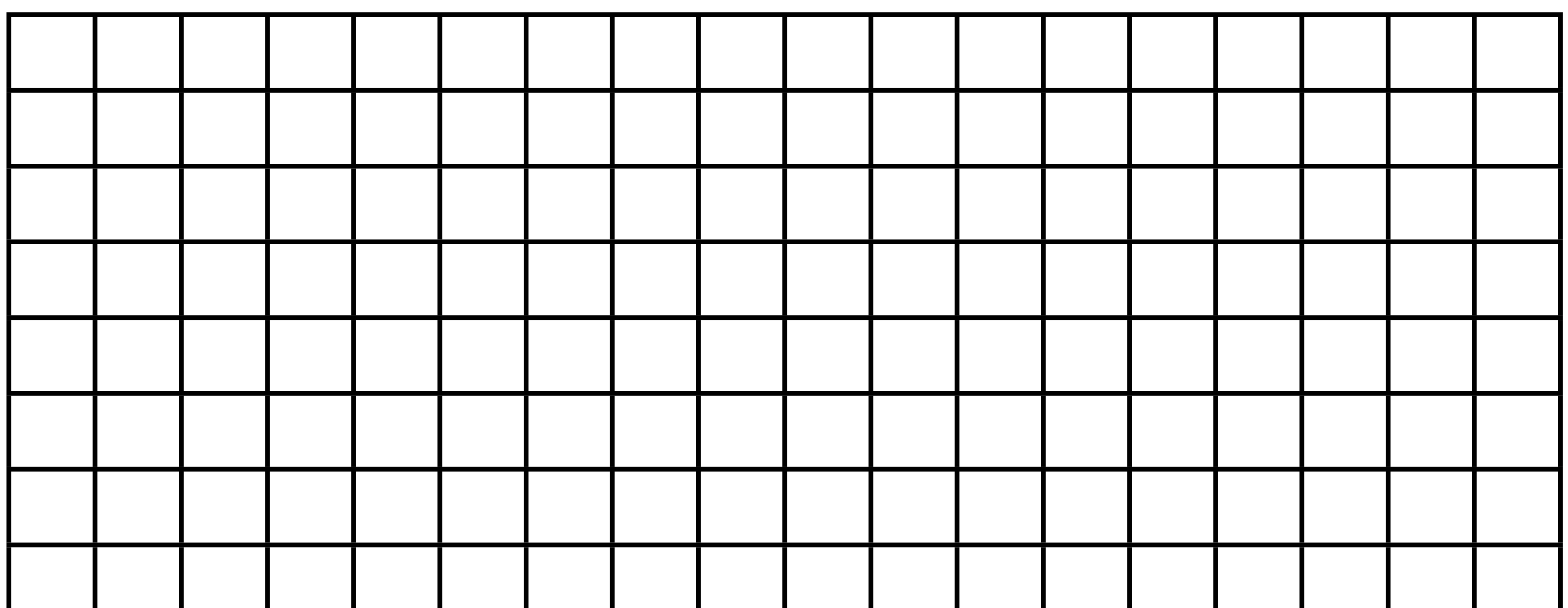

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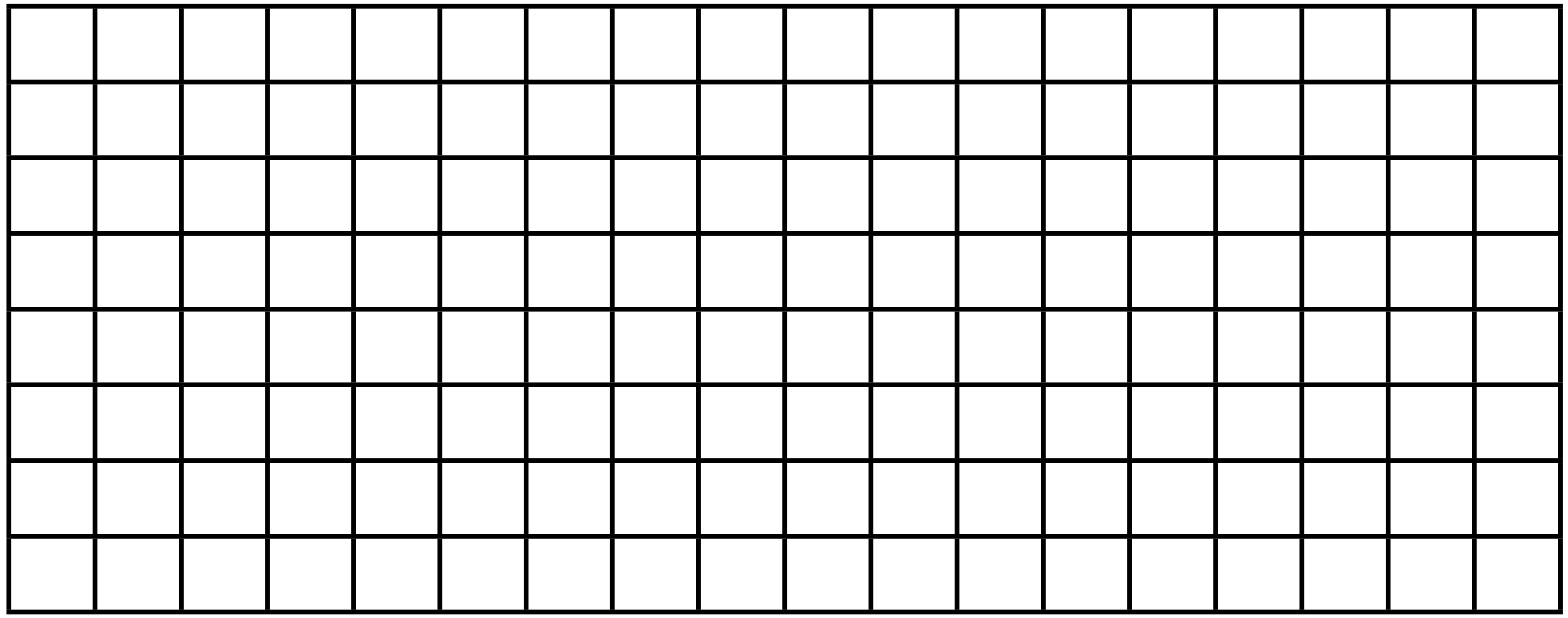

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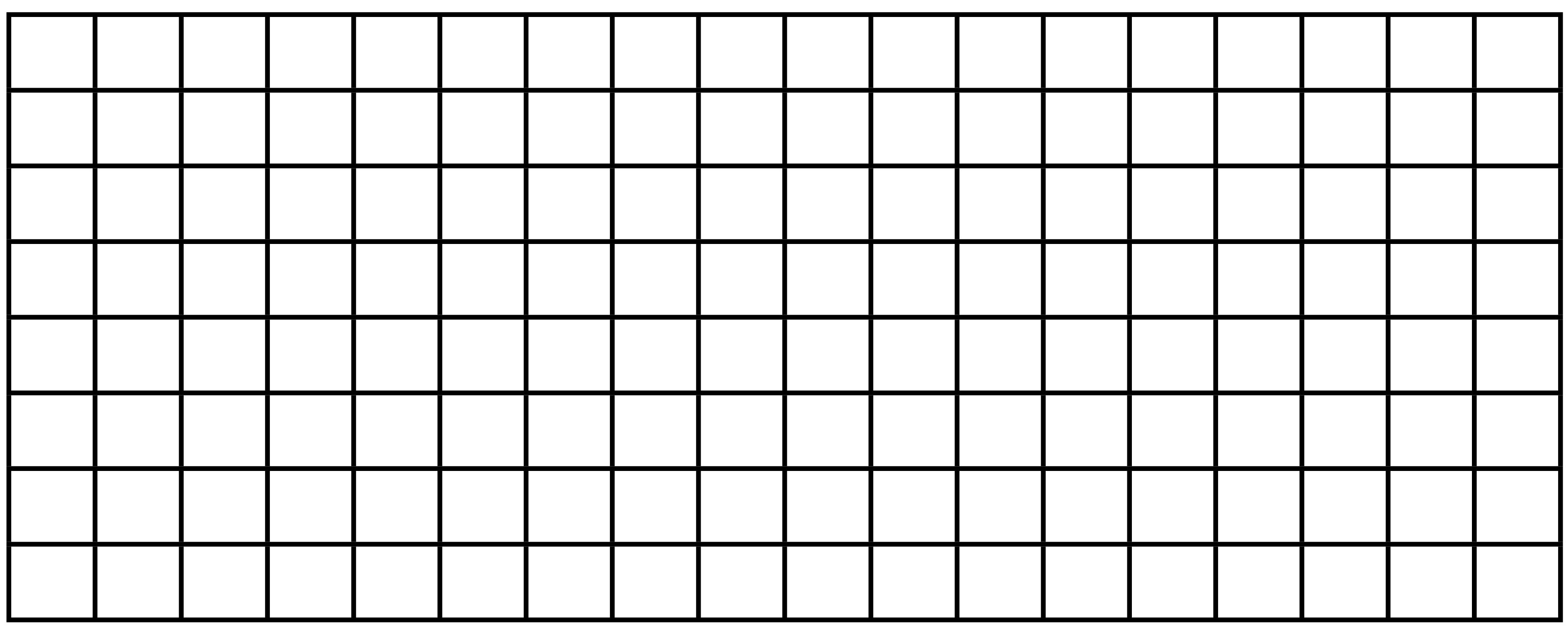

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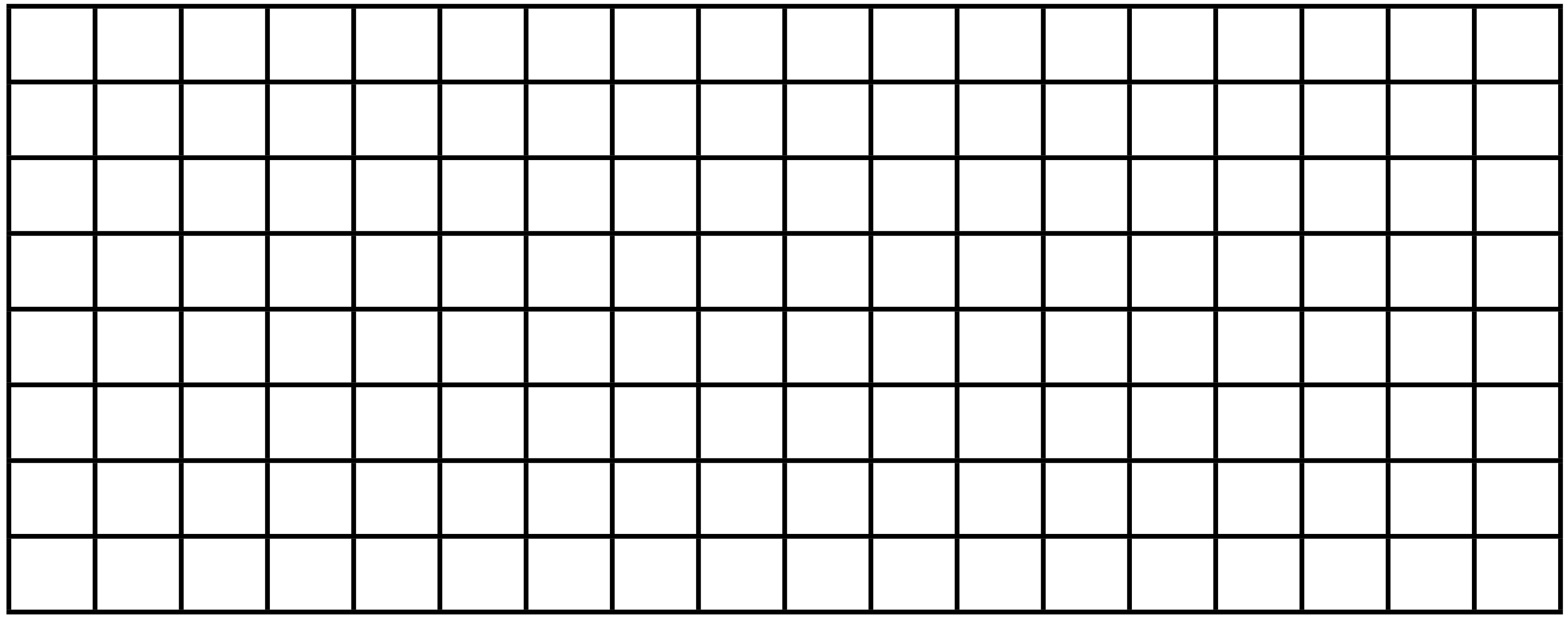

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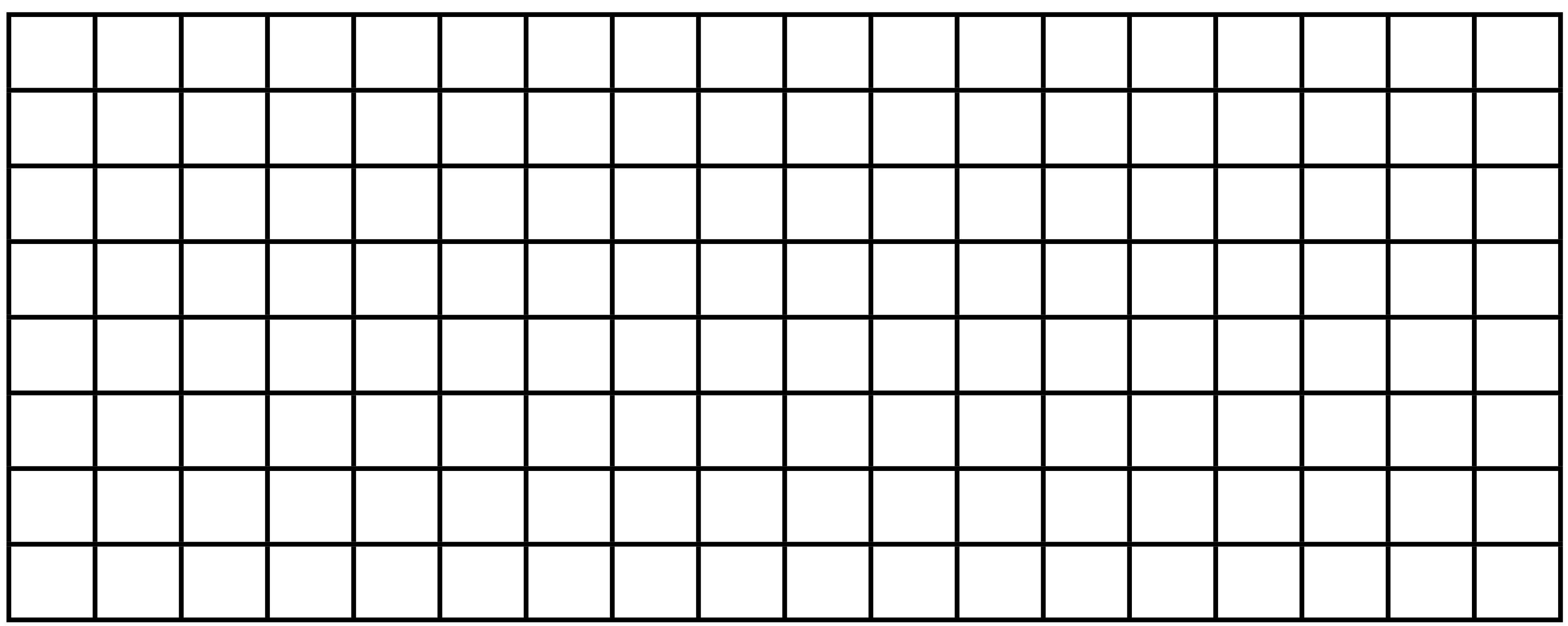

$$O(n^3)$$

passes

$$O(n^3)$$

cost per pass

$$O(n^6)$$

for “thread-aware” 0CFA

Related work

- Cousot & Cousot: Abstract interpretation
- Jones; Shivers: CFA for higher-orderness
- Chase et al.: Cardinality for shape analysis
- Jagannathan et al.: Strong-update for CFA
- Yahav: Shape analysis with multithreading

Conclusion

- Abstractable semantics: CESK to P(CEK*)S
- MHP = abstract semantics + thread shape
- CFA = re-abstraction of MHP semantics

Grazie!