

Log-Linear Models with Structured Outputs

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Overview

- Sequence labeling task (cf. POS tagging)
- Independent classifiers
- HMMs
- (Conditional) Maximum Entropy Markov Models
- Conditional Random Fields
- Beyond Sequence Labeling

Sequence Labeling

- Inputs: $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- Labels: $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$
- Typical goal: Given x , predict y

- Example sequence labeling tasks
 - Part-of-speech tagging
 - Named-entity-recognition (NER)
 - Label people, places, organizations

NER Example:

Red Sox and Their Fans Let Loose




Elise Amendola/Associated Press

Fans of the slugger David Ortiz in Boston's Copley Square.

By [PETE THAMEL](#)

Published: October 31, 2007

[BOSTON](#), Oct. 30 — [Jonathan Papelbon](#) turned Boston's World Series victory parade into a full-scale dance party Tuesday as the [Red Sox](#) put an exclamation point on the 2007 season.

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First Solution:

Maximum Entropy Classifier

- Conditional model $p(y|x)$.
 - Do not waste effort modeling $p(x)$, since x is given at test time anyway.
 - Allows more complicated input features, since we do not need to model dependencies between them.
- Feature functions $f(x,y)$:
 - $f_1(x,y) = \{ \text{word is Boston} \ \& \ y=\text{Location} \}$
 - $f_2(x,y) = \{ \text{first letter capitalized} \ \& \ y=\text{Name} \}$
 - $f_3(x,y) = \{ x \text{ is an HTML link} \ \& \ y=\text{Location} \}$

First Solution: MaxEnt Classifier

- How should we choose a classifier?
- Principle of maximum entropy
 - We want a classifier that:
 - Matches feature constraints from training data.
 - Predictions maximize entropy.
- There is a unique, exponential family distribution that meets these criteria.

First Solution: MaxEnt Classifier

- Problem with using a maximum entropy classifier for sequence labeling:
- It makes decisions at each position independently!

Second Solution: HMM

$$P(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \prod_t P(y_t | y_{t-1}) P(x | y_t)$$

- Defines a generative process.
- Can be viewed as a weighted finite state machine.

Second Solution: HMM

- How can represent we multiple features in an HMM?
 - Treat them as conditionally independent given the class label?
 - The example features we talked about are not independent.
 - Try to model a more complex generative process of the input features?
 - We may lose tractability (i.e. lose a dynamic programming for exact inference).

Second Solution: HMM

- Let's use a conditional model instead.

Third Solution: MEMM

- Use a series of maximum entropy classifiers that know the previous label.
- Define a Viterbi algorithm for inference.

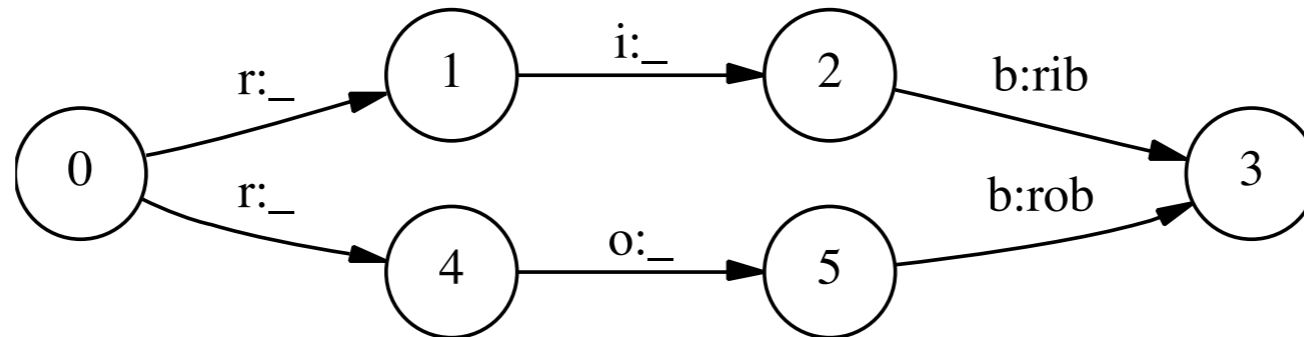
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Third Solution: MEMM

- Combines the advantages of maximum entropy and HMM!
- But there is a problem...

Problem with MEMMs: Label Bias

- In some state space configurations, MEMMs essentially completely ignore the inputs.



- This is not a problem for HMMs, because the input sequence is generated by the model.

Fourth Solution: Conditional Random Field

- Conditionally-trained, undirected graphical model.
- For a standard linear-chain structure:

$$P(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}) = \prod_t \Psi_k(y_t, y_{t-1}, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\Psi_k(y_t, y_{t-1}, \mathbf{x}) = \exp\left(\sum_k \lambda_k f(y_t, y_{t-1}, \mathbf{x})\right)$$

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Remember, Z is the normalization constant. How do we compute it?

CRF Applications

- Part-of-speech tagging
- Named entity recognition
- Document layout (e.g. table) classification
- Gene prediction
- Chinese word segmentation
- Morphological disambiguation
- Citation parsing
- Etc., etc.

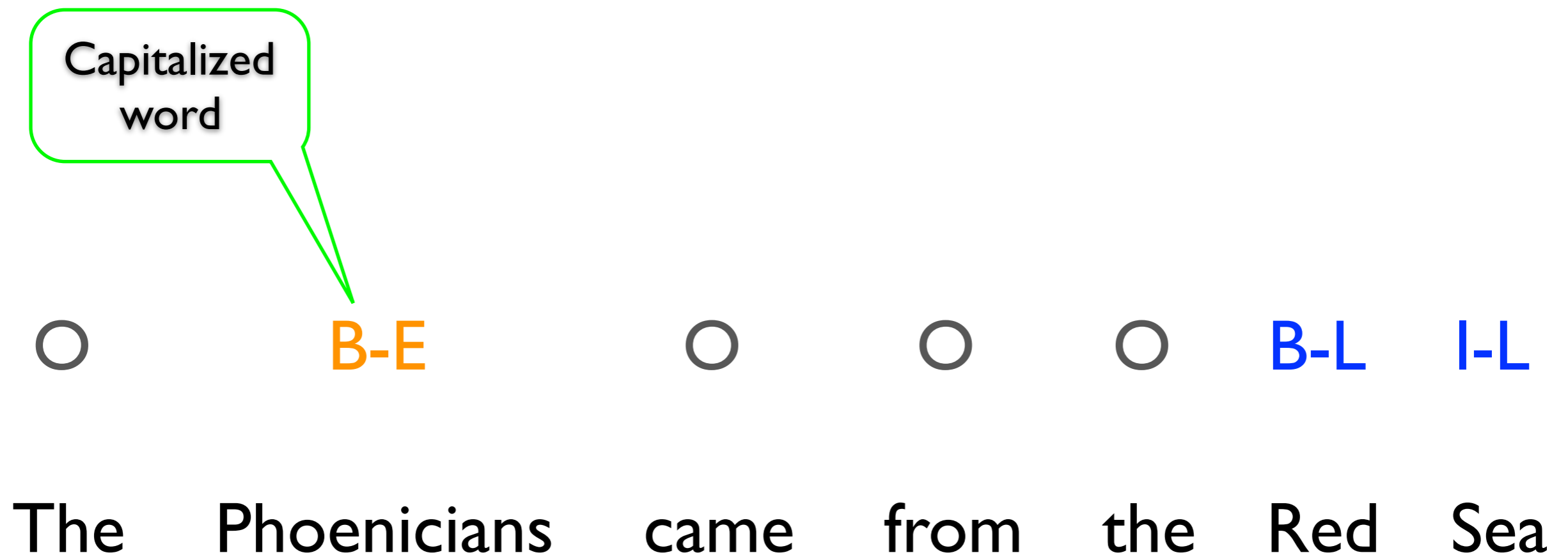
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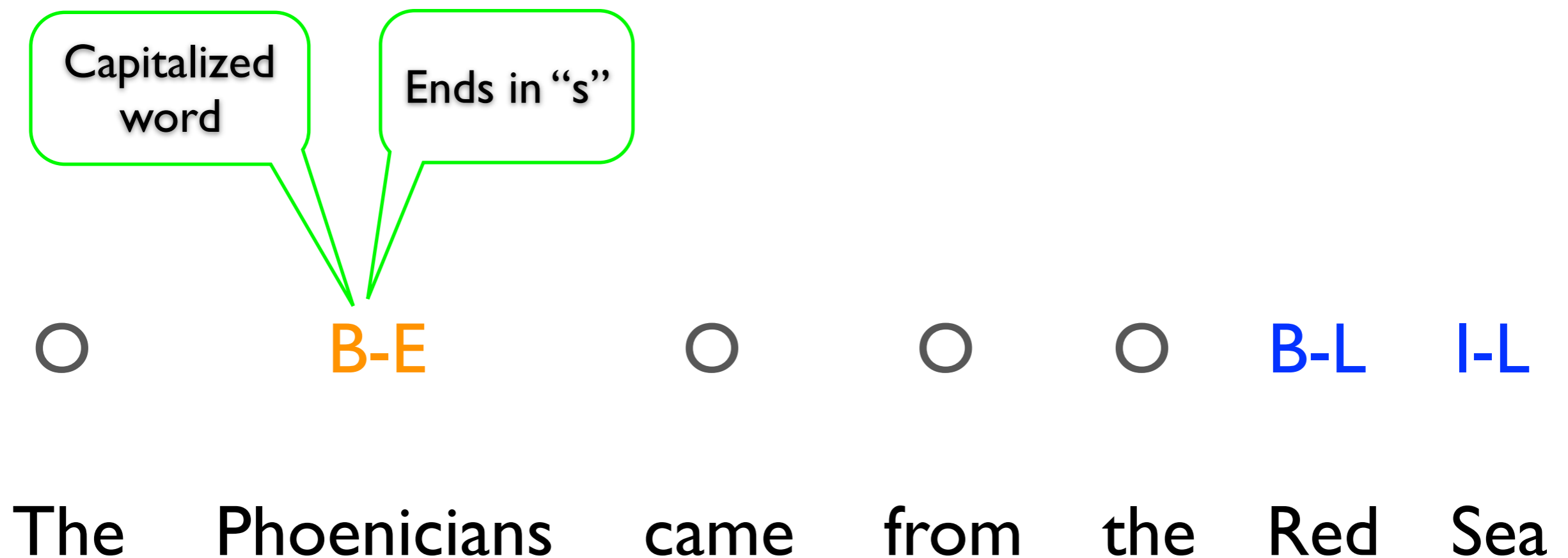
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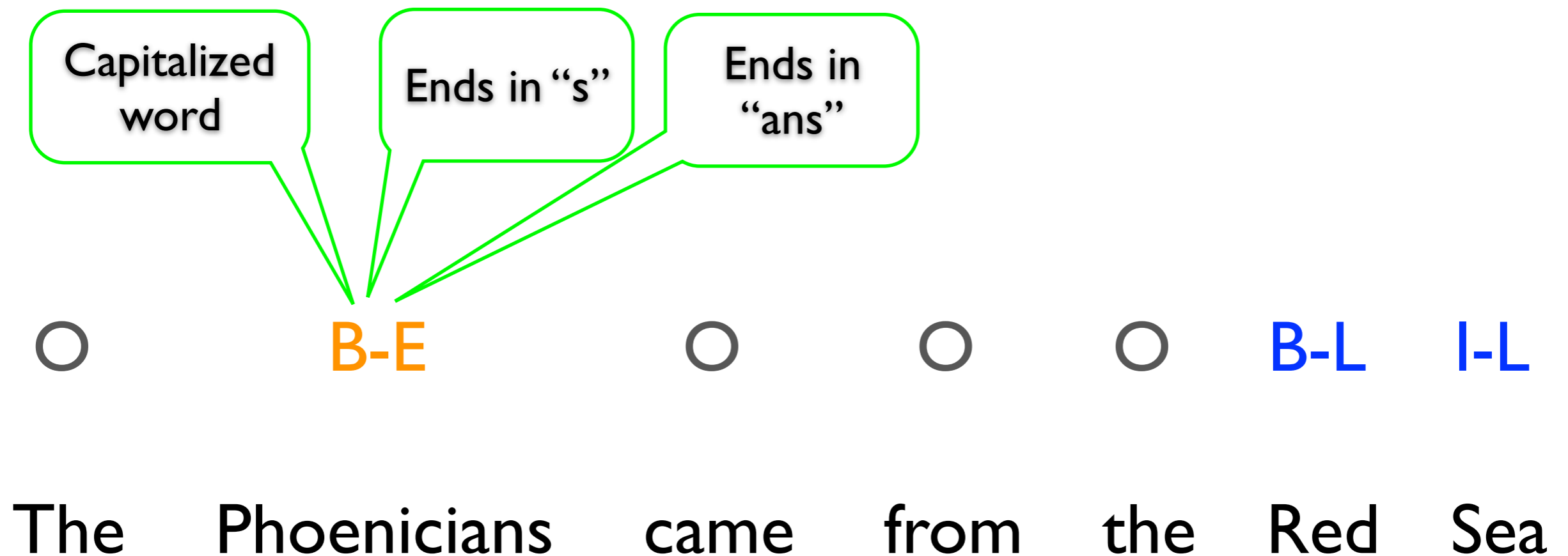
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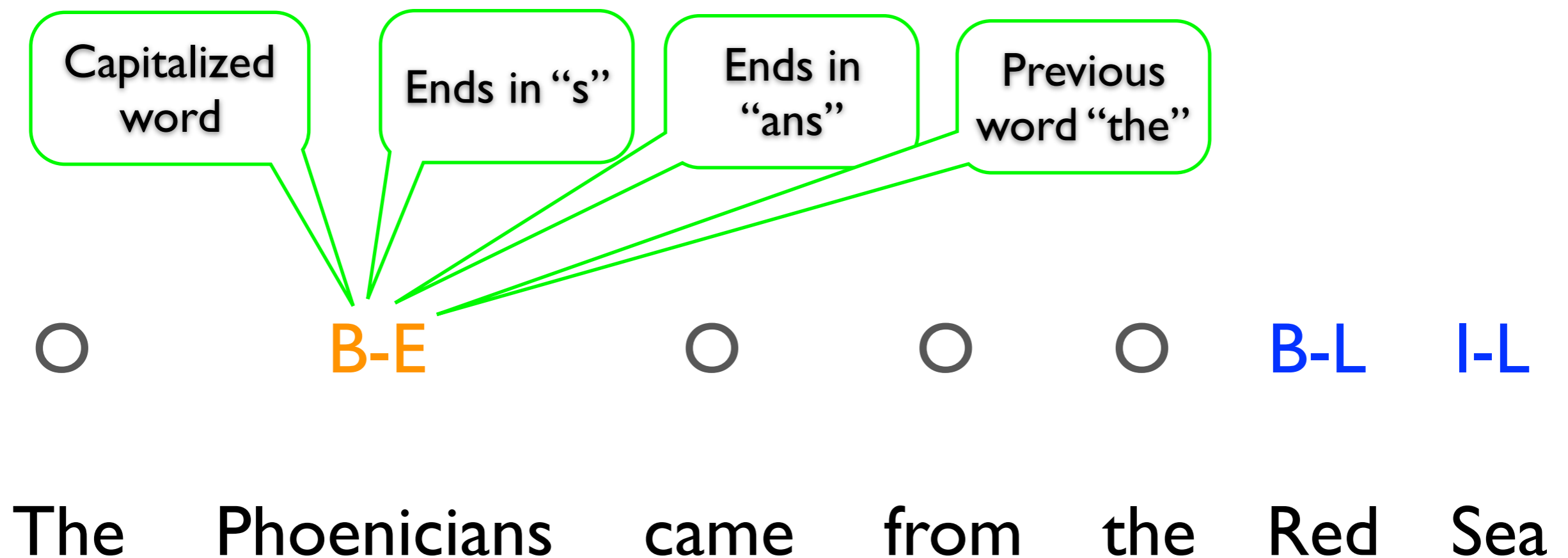
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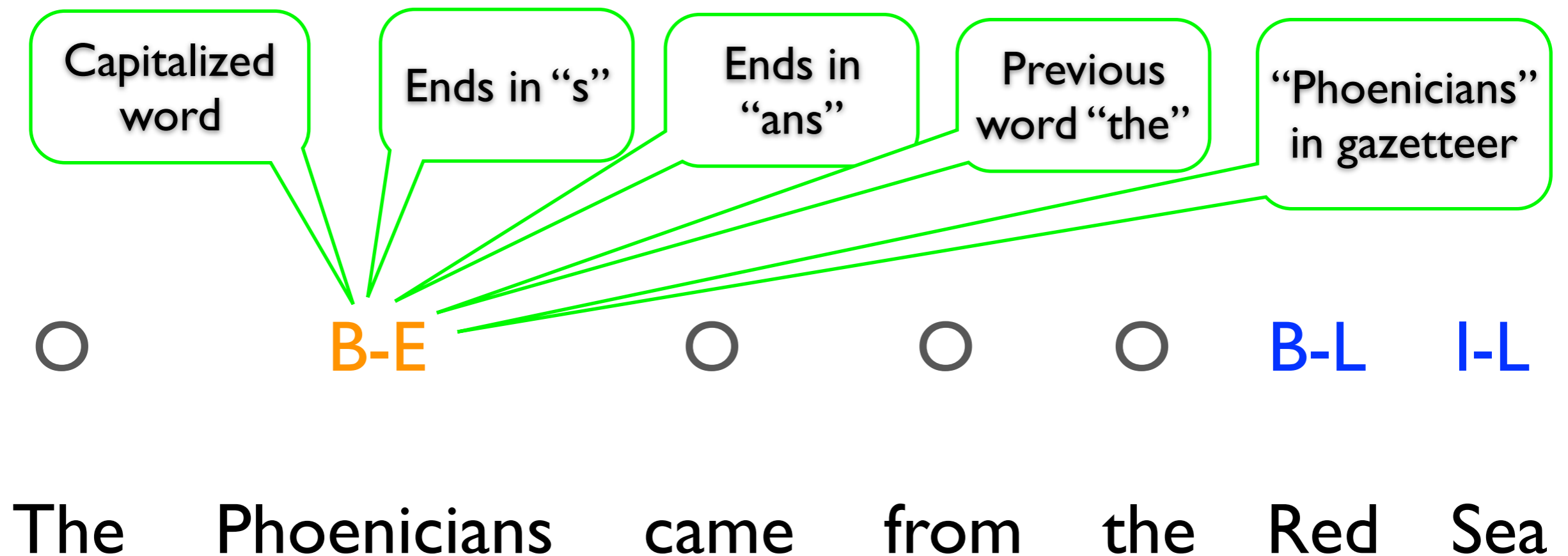
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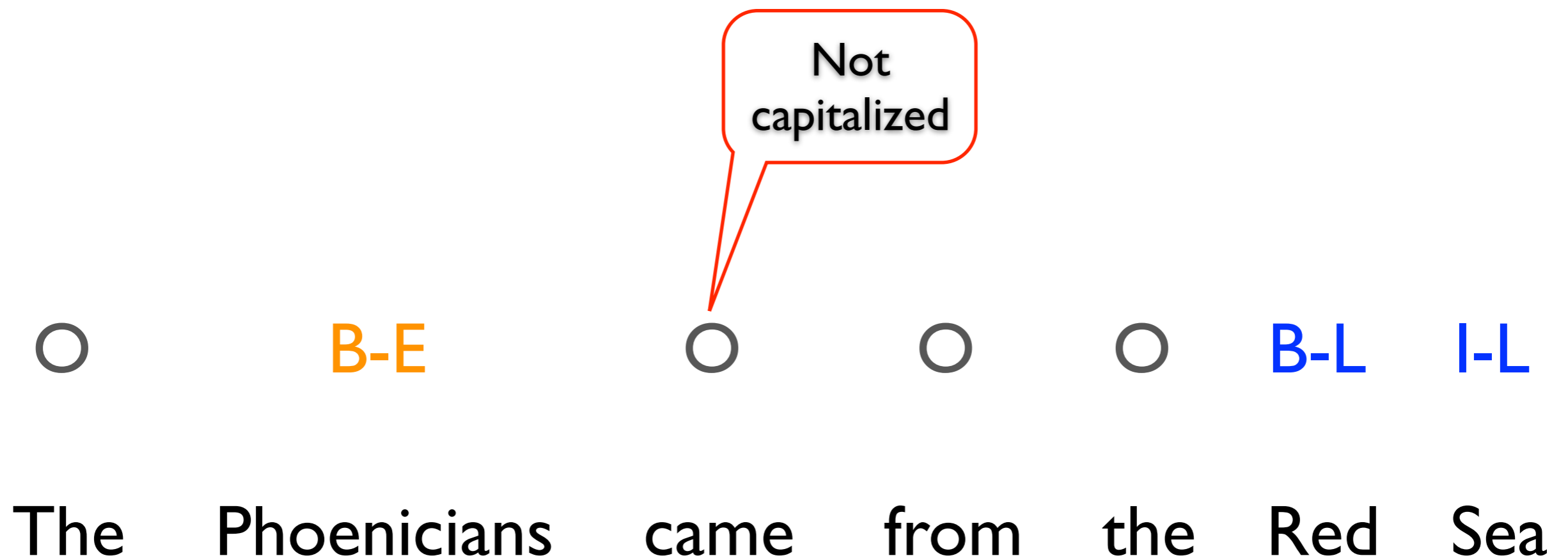
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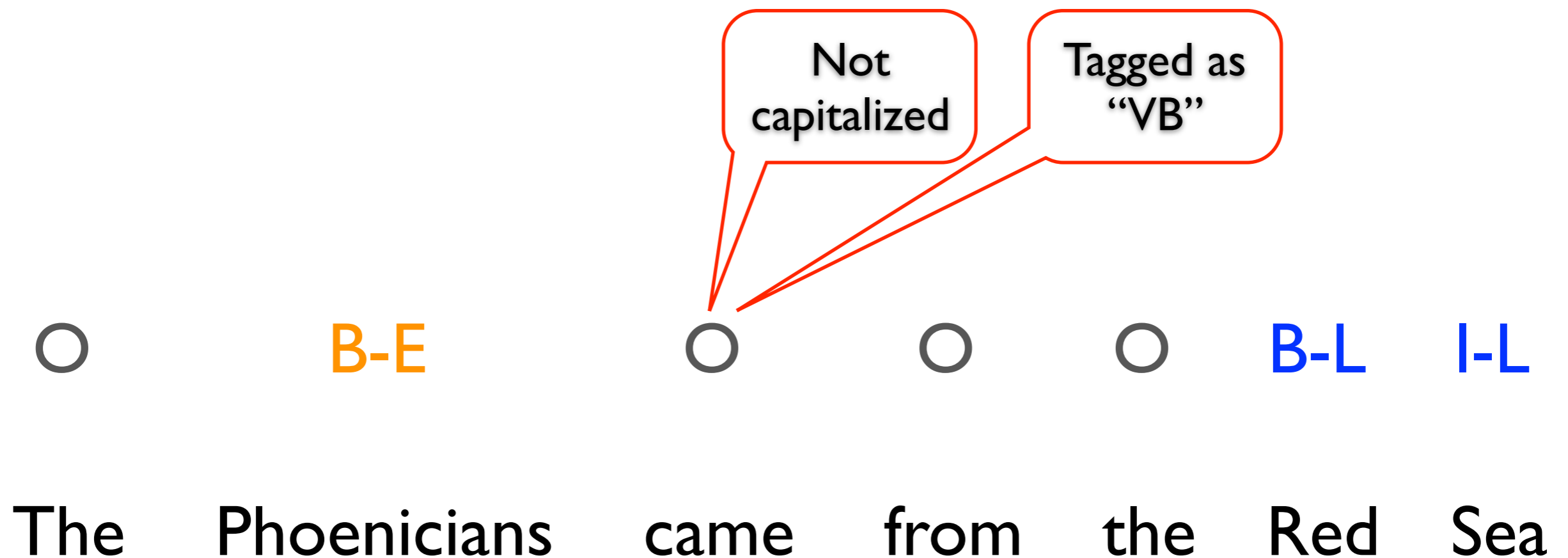
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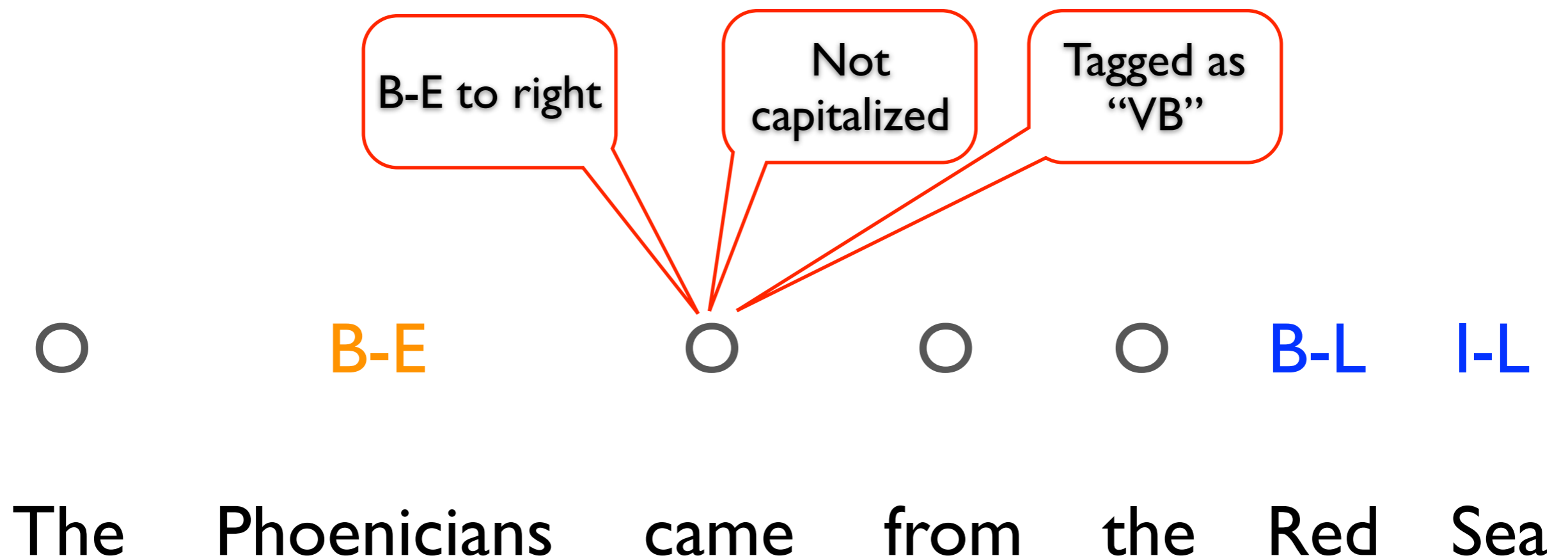
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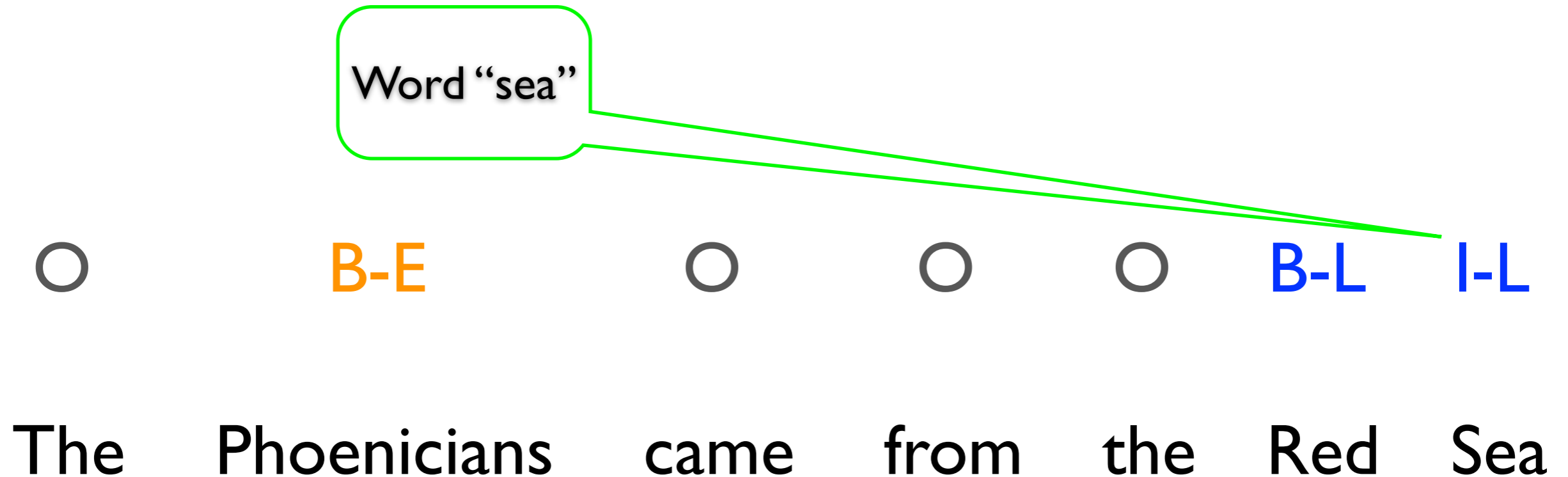
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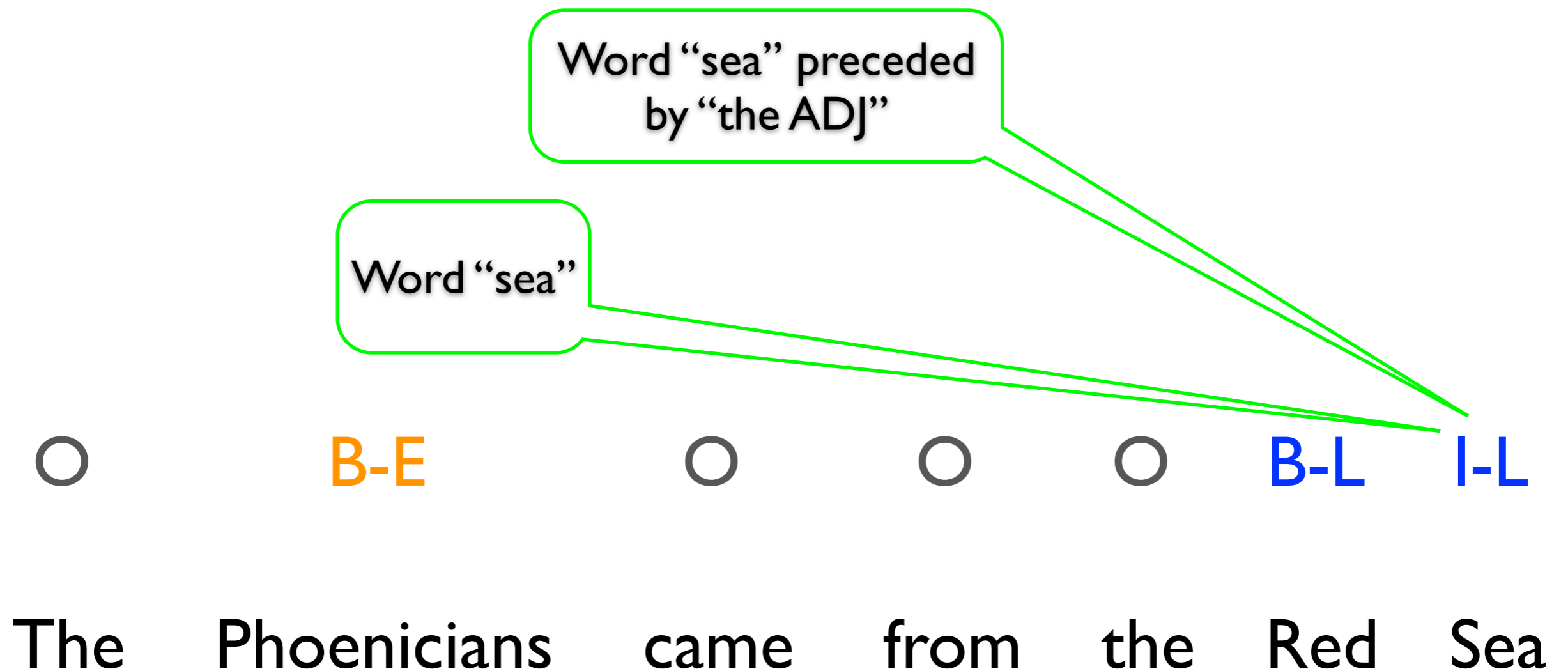
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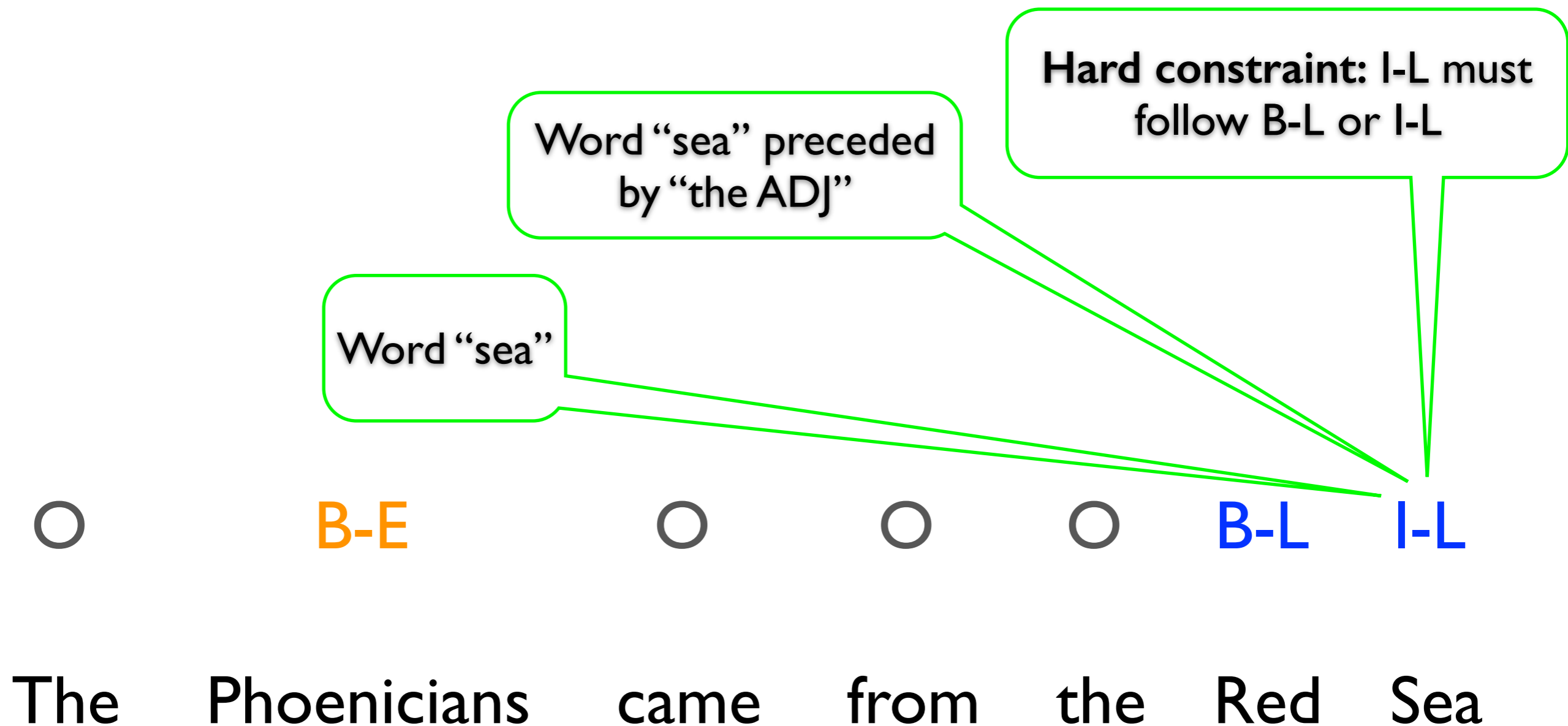
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- What computations do we need?
- Smoothing log-linear models
- MEMMs vs. CRFs again
 - Action-based parsing and dependency parsing

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Gradient-Based Training

- $\lambda := \lambda + \text{rate} * \text{Gradient}(F)$
- After all training examples? (batch)
- After every example? (on-line)
- Use second derivative for faster learning?
- A big field: numerical optimization

Parsing as Structured Prediction

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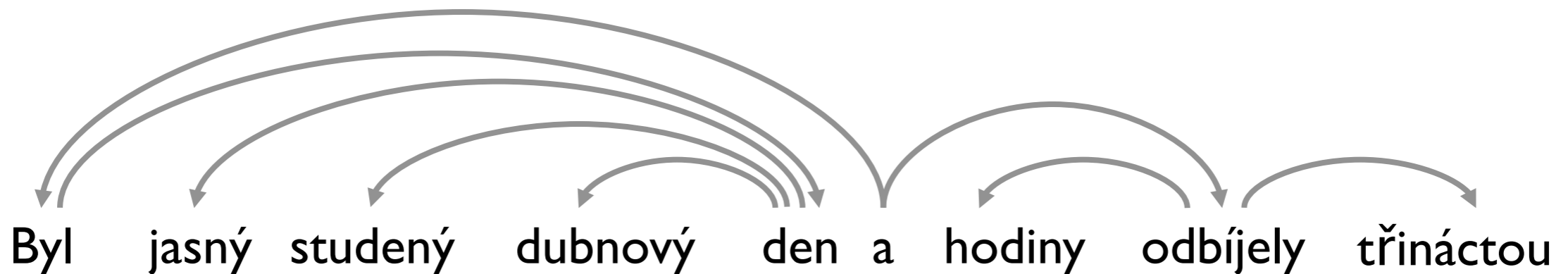
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Another computational problem

Edge-Factored Parsers

- No global features of a parse (*McDonald et al. 2005*)
- Each feature is attached to some edge
- *MST or CKY-like DP for fast $O(n^2)$ or $O(n^3)$ parsing*




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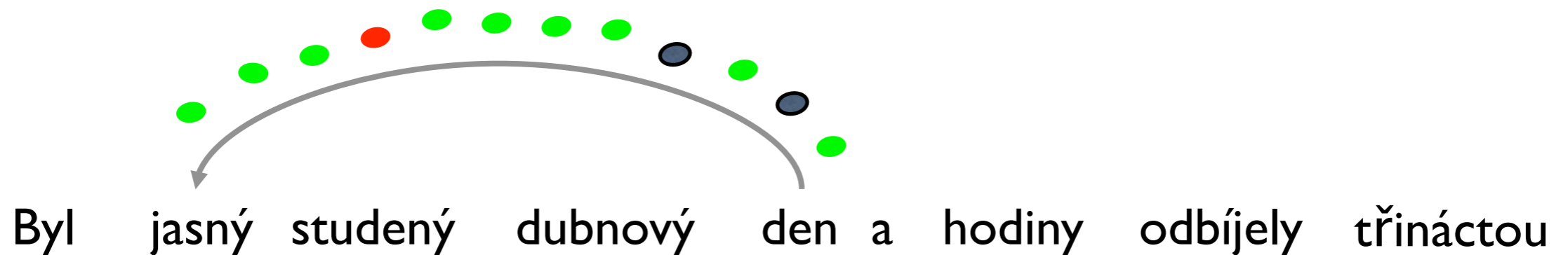
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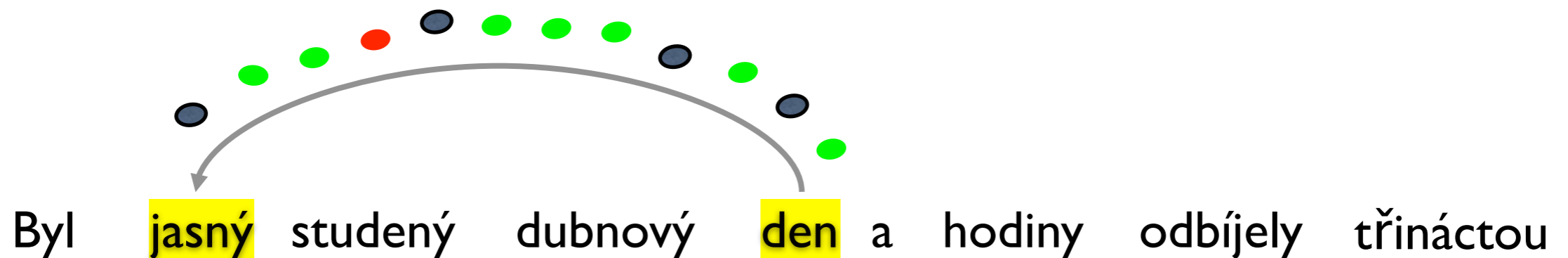
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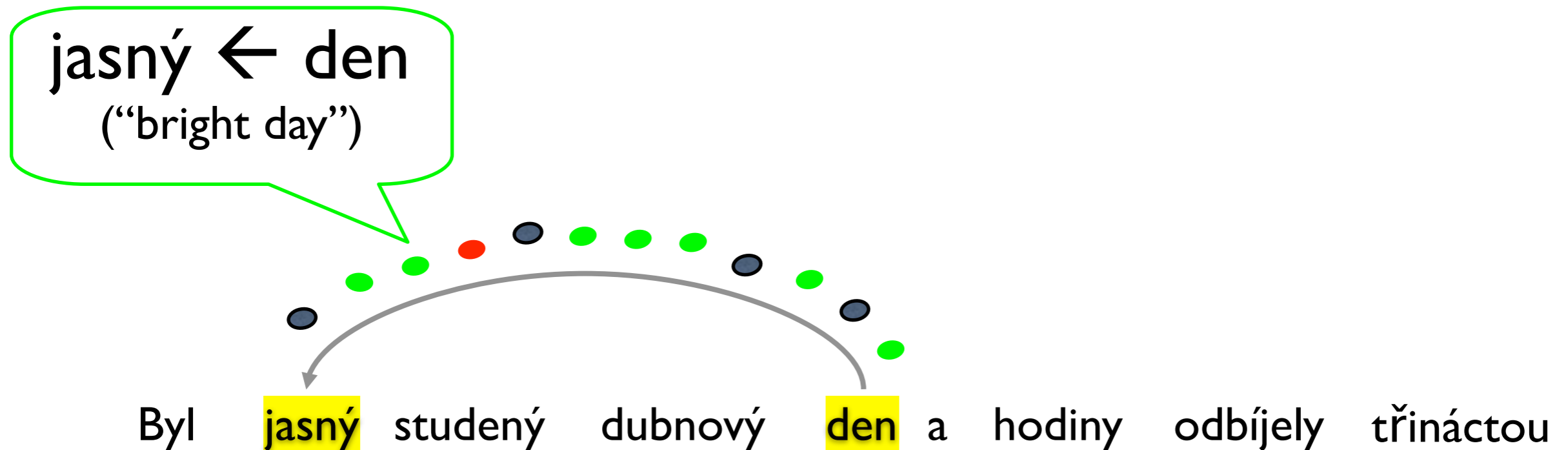
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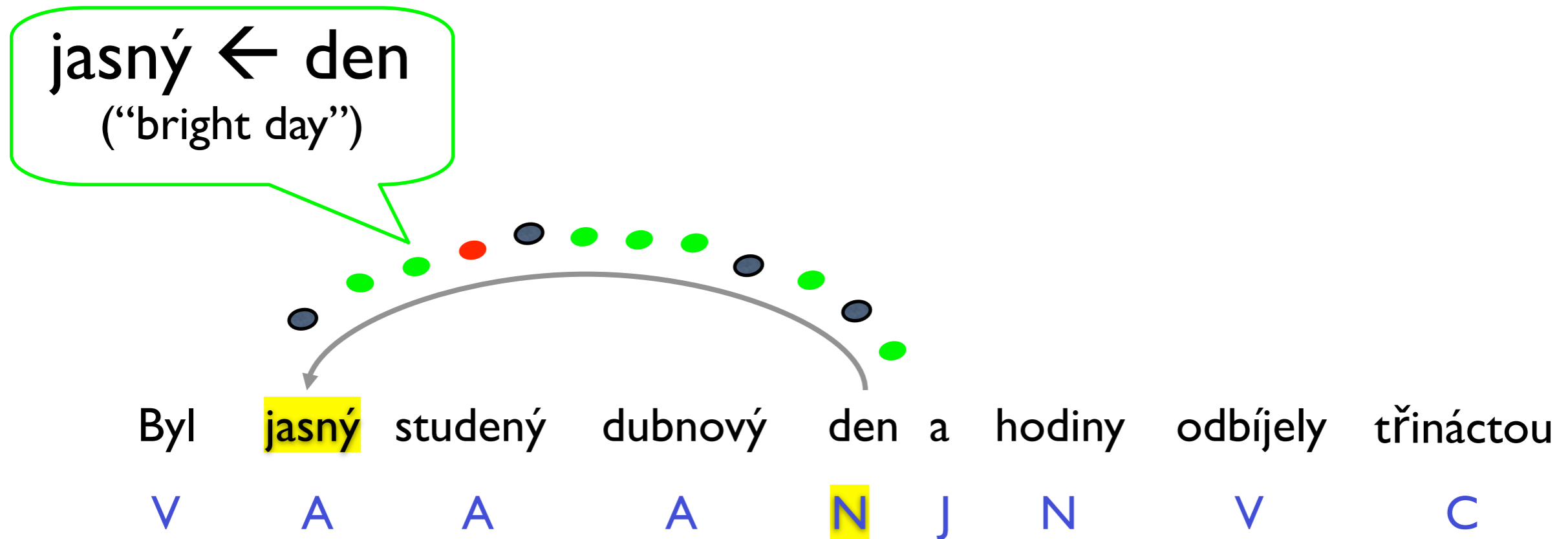
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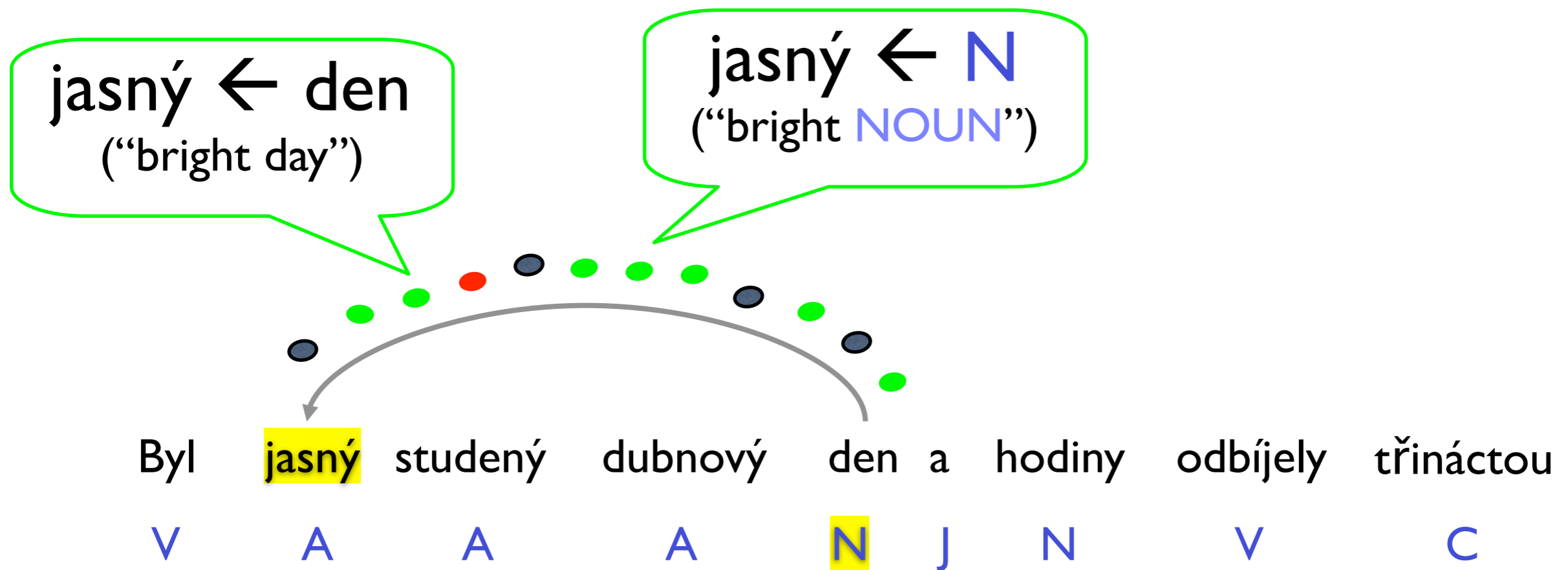
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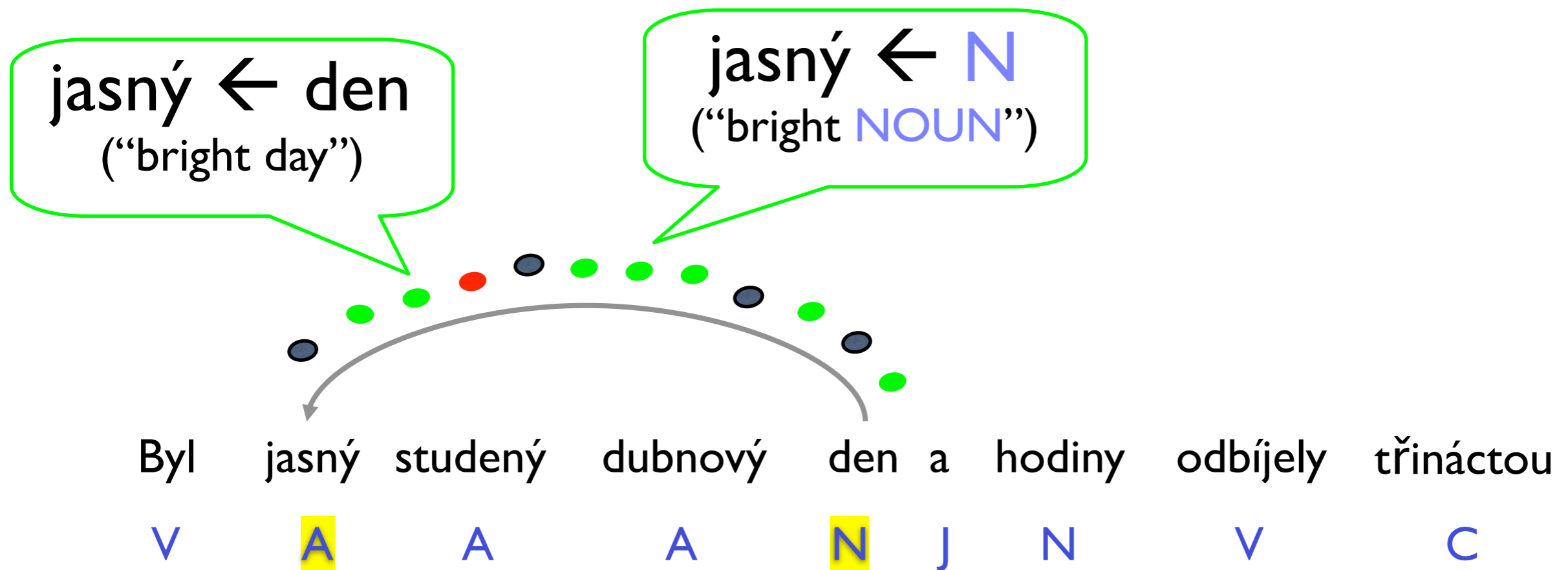
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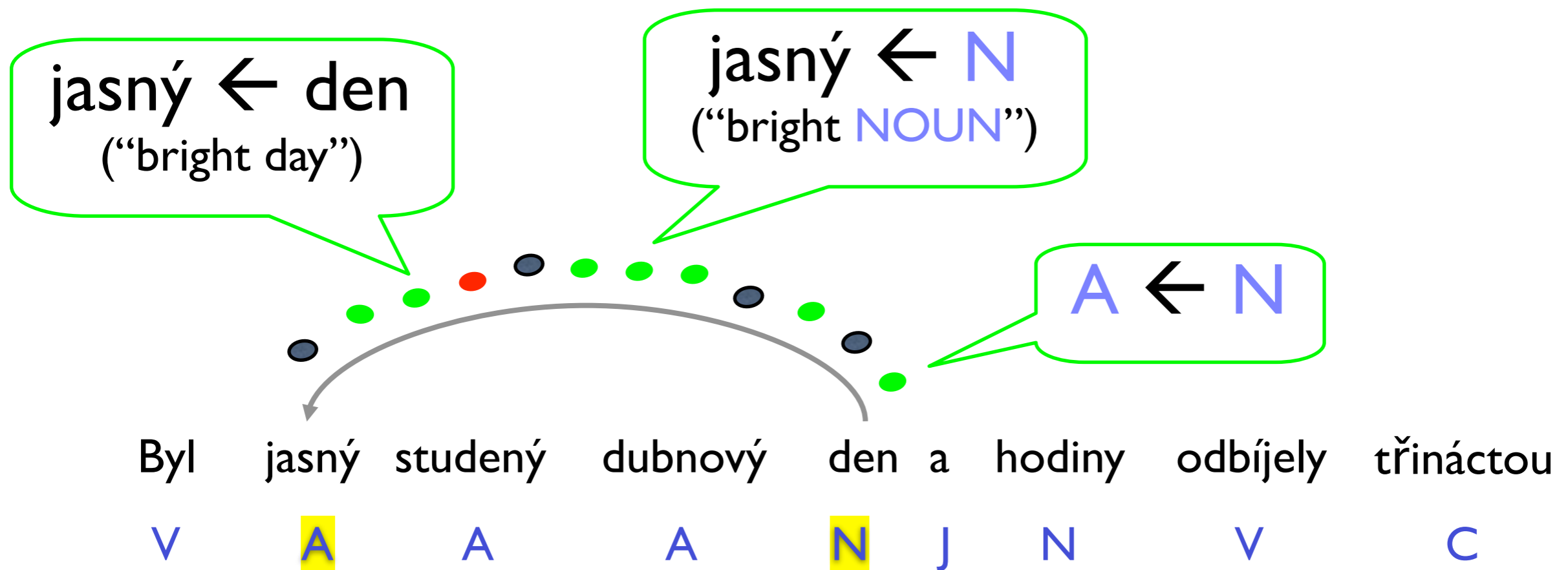
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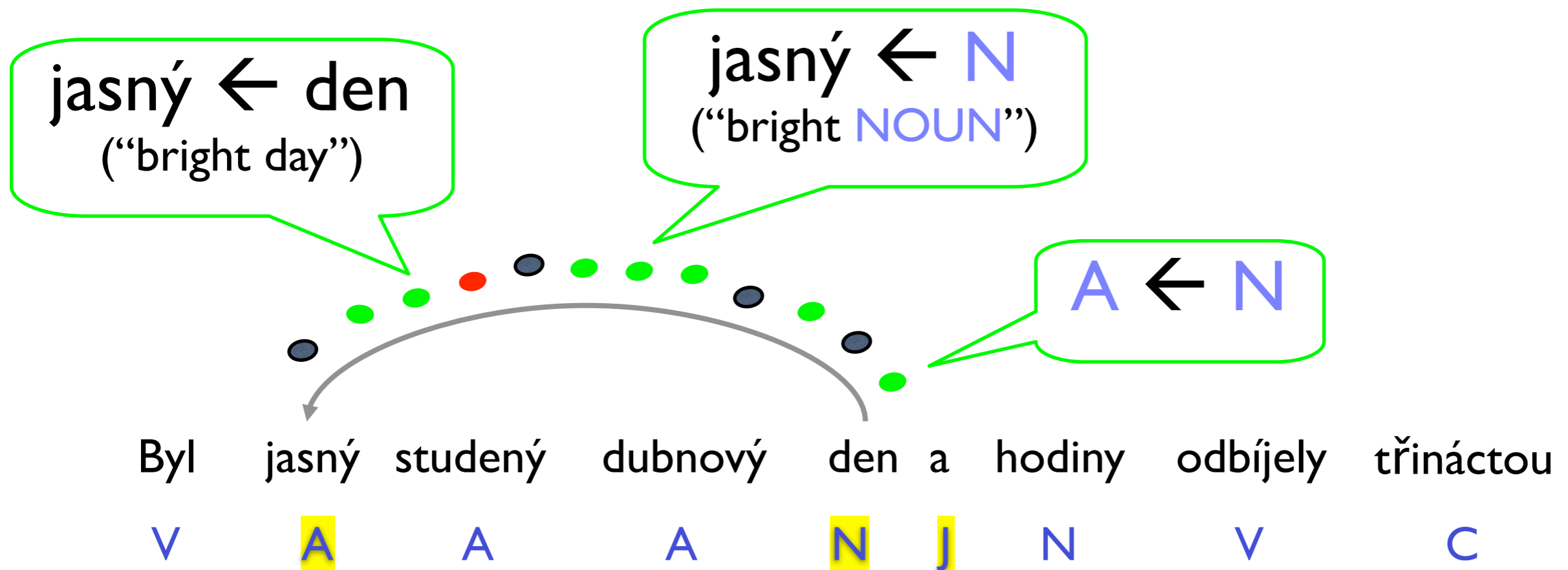
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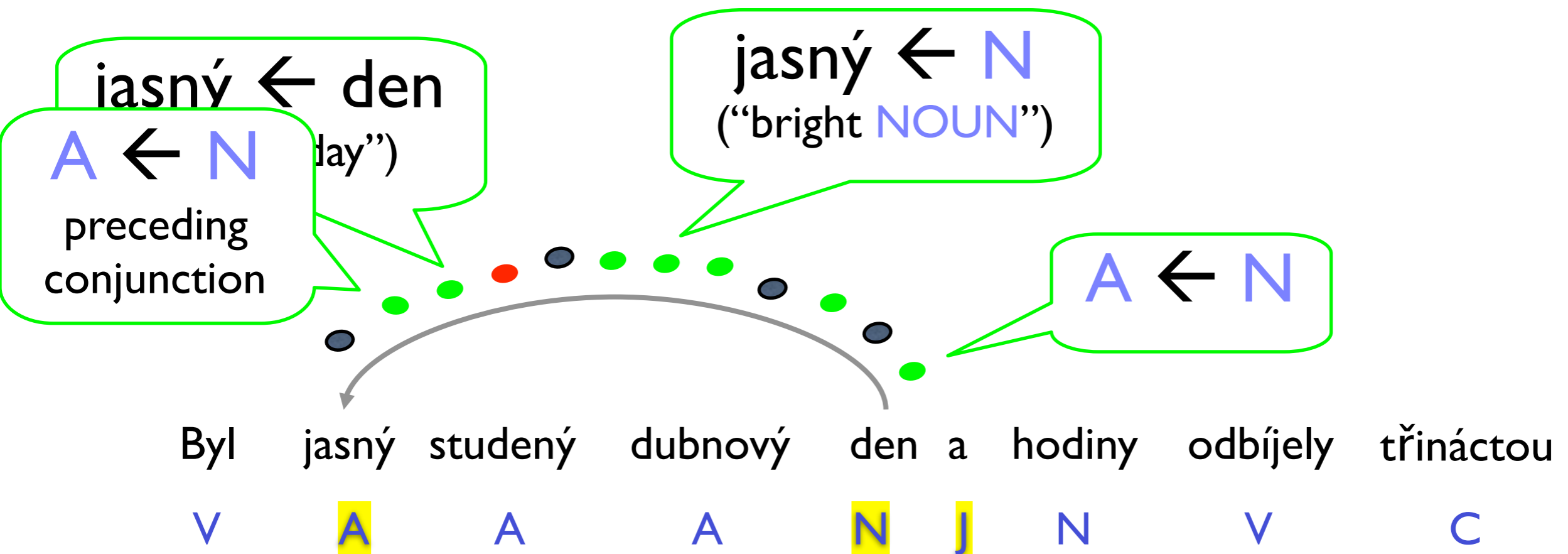
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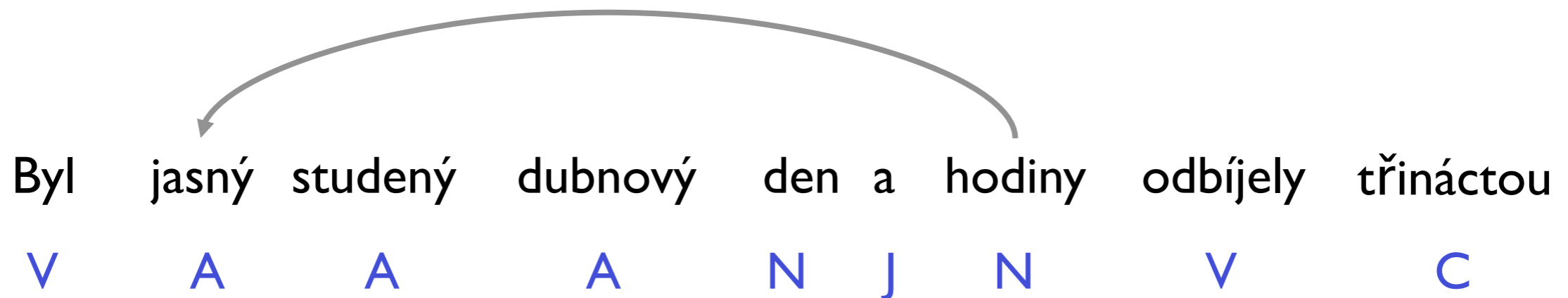
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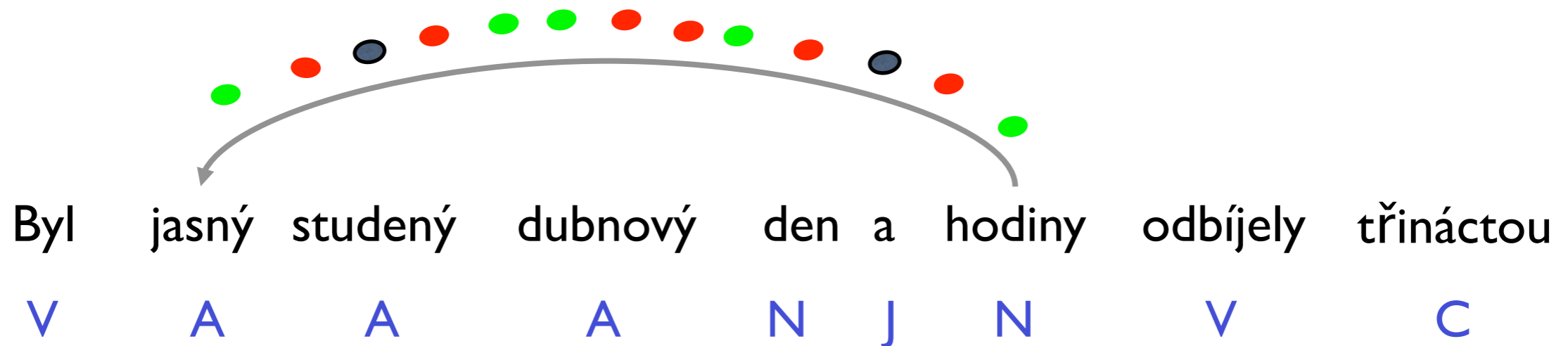


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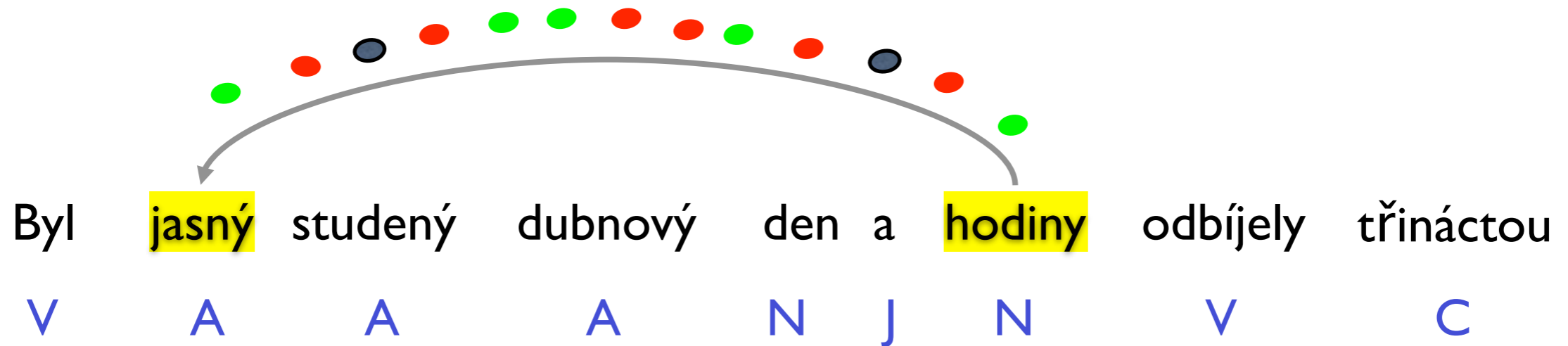
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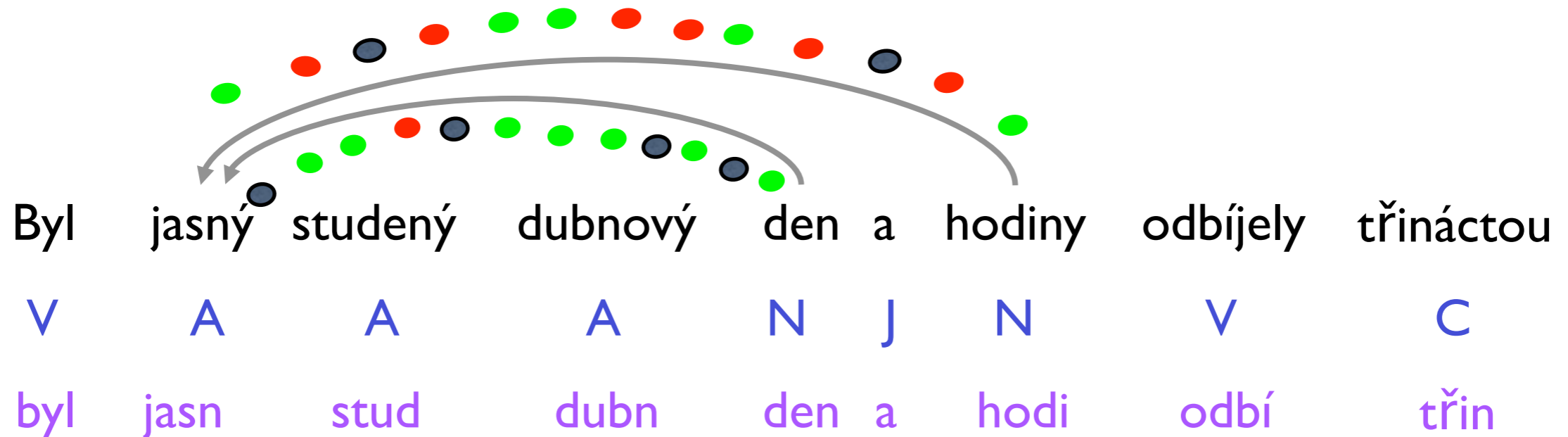
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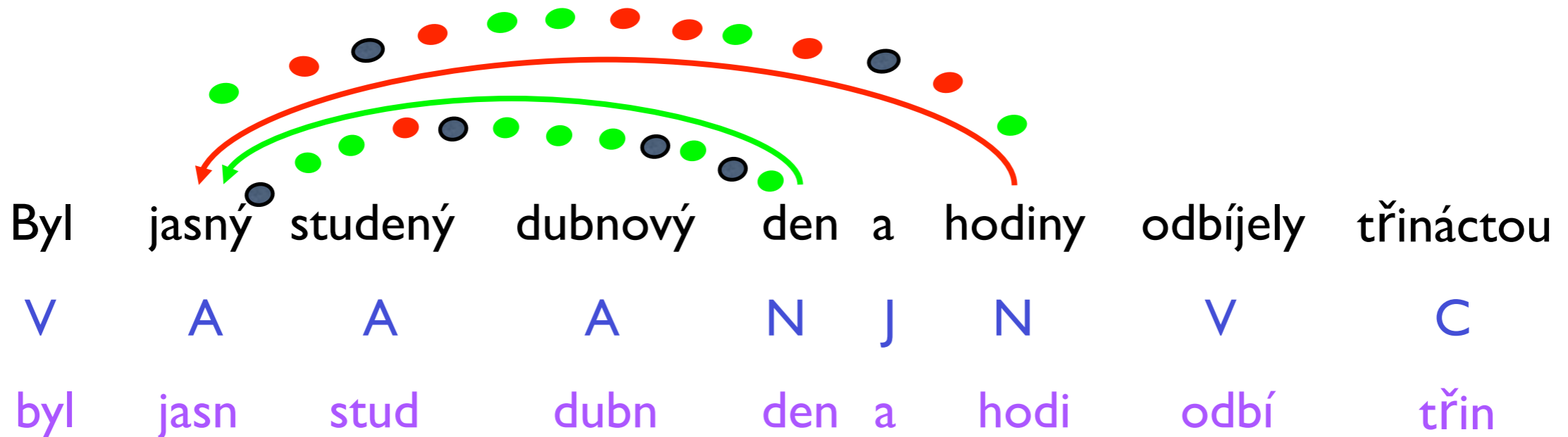
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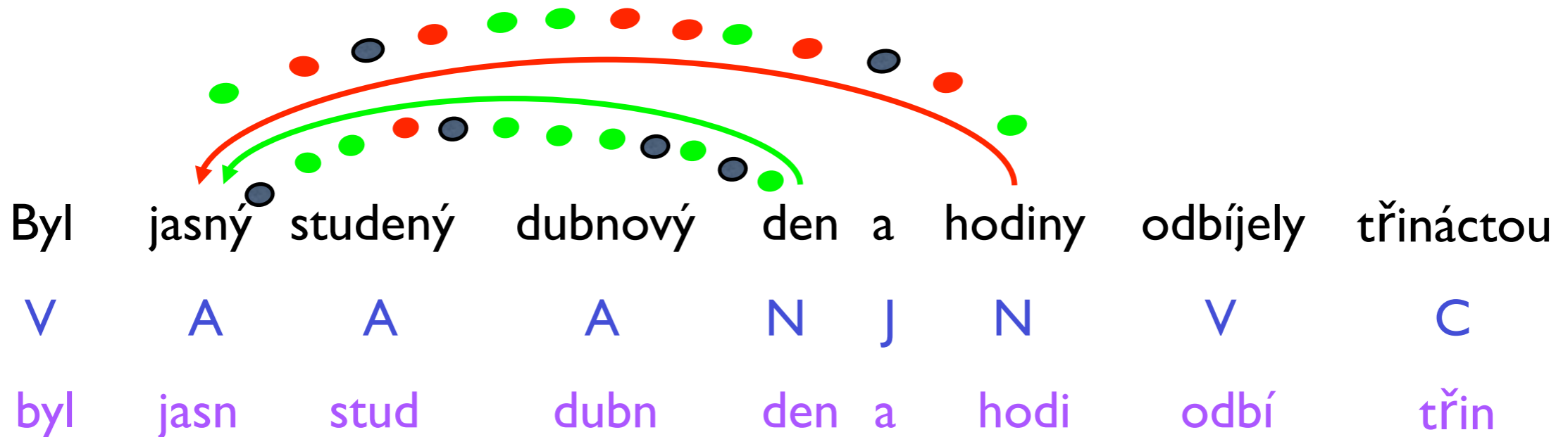
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- Standard algos \rightarrow valid parse with max total score



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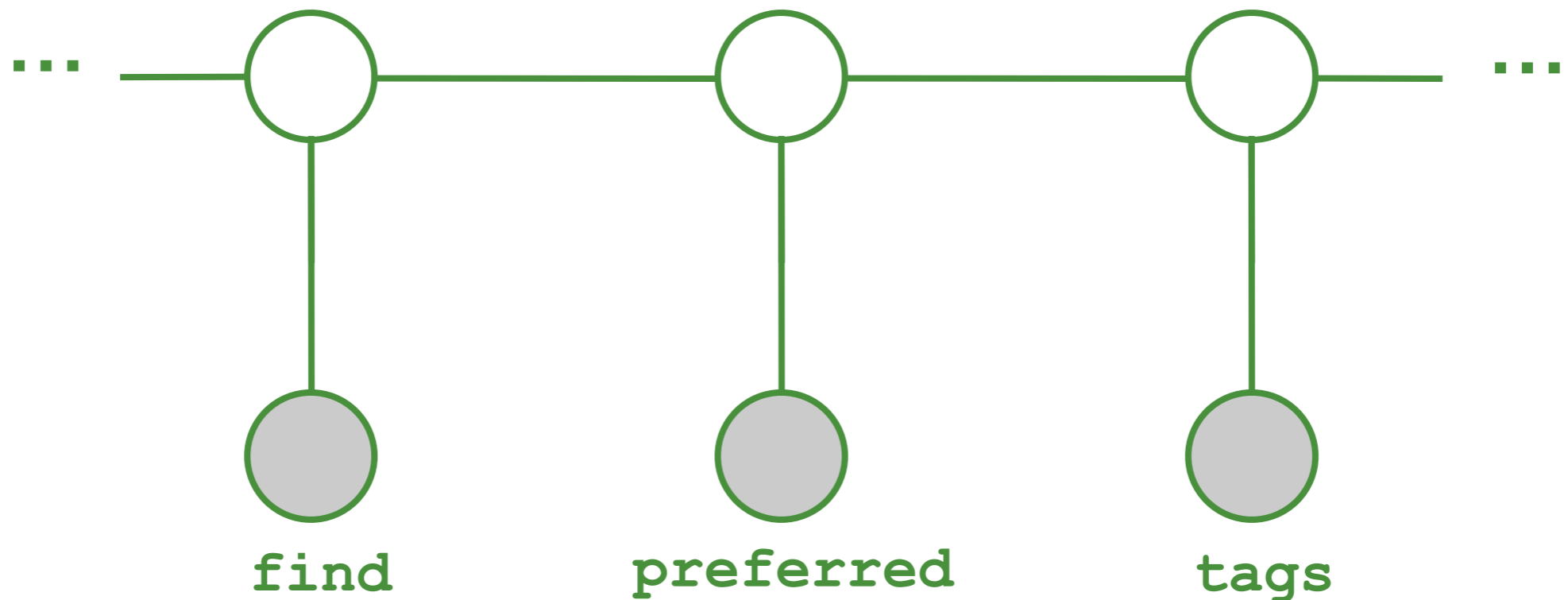
- Which edge is better? *our current weight vector*
- Score of an edge $e = \theta \cdot \text{features}(e)$
- Standard algos \rightarrow valid parse with max total score



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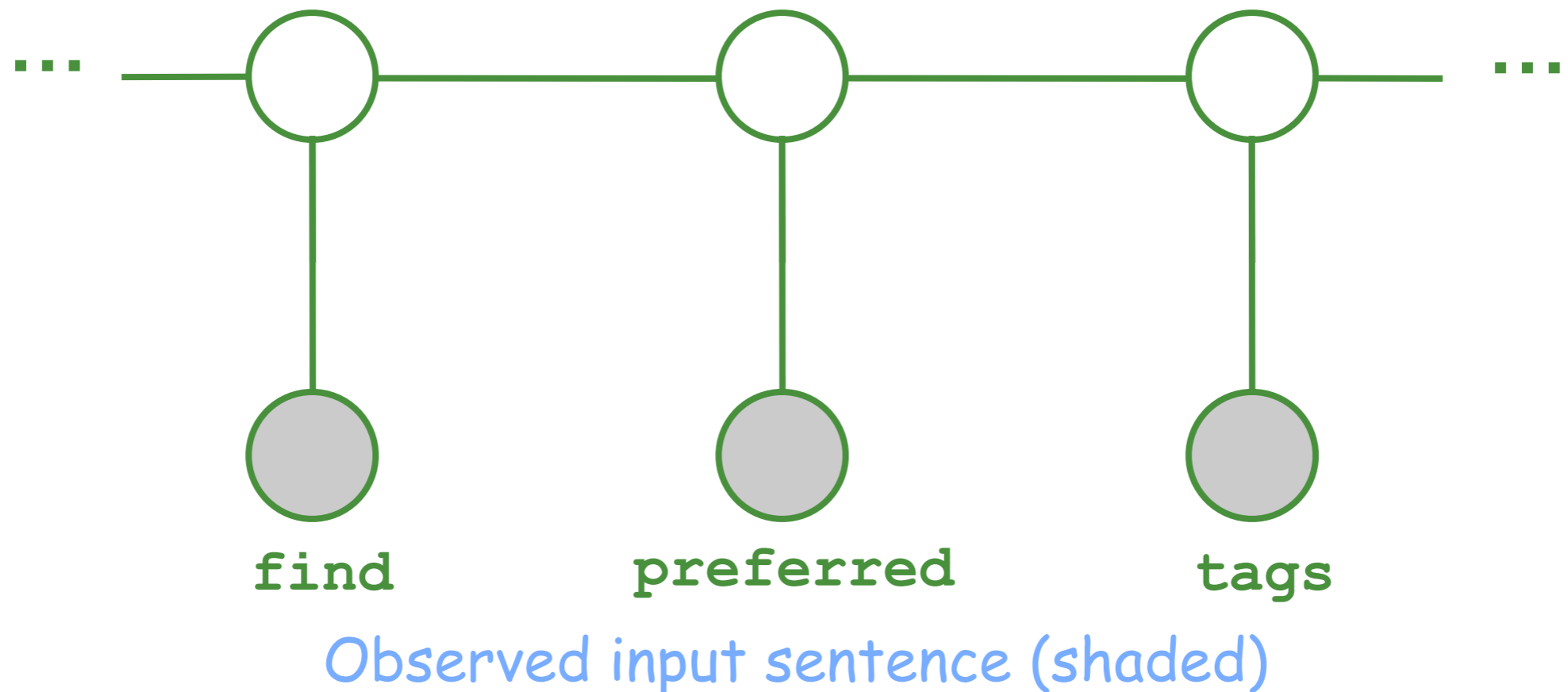
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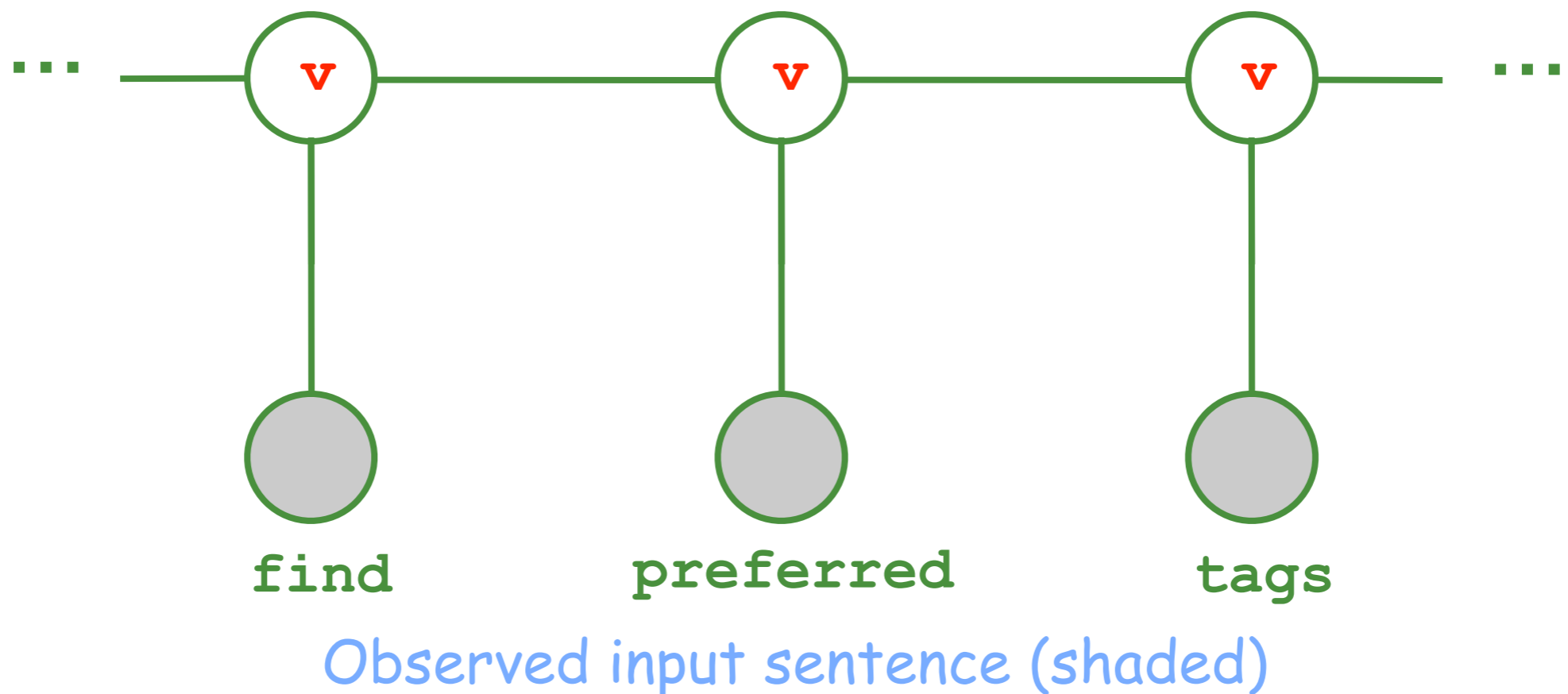
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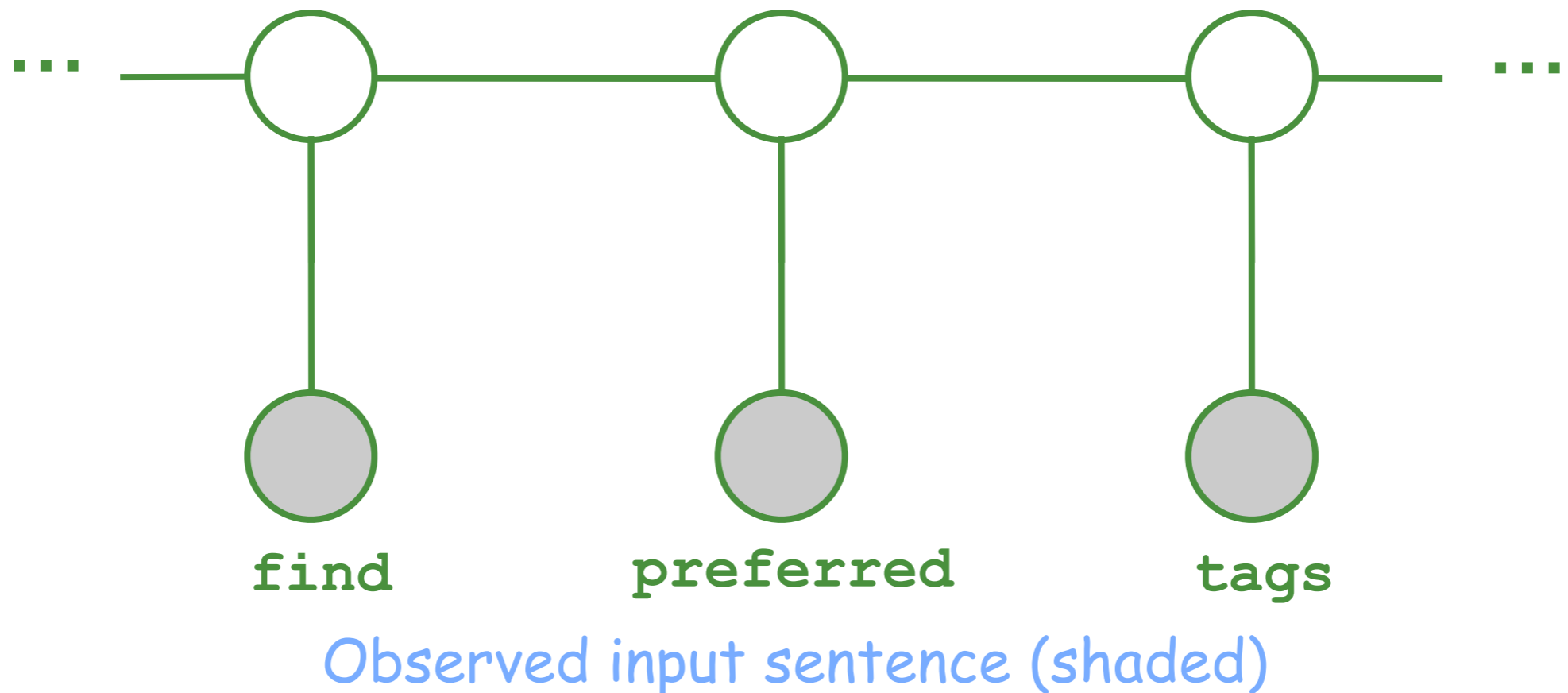
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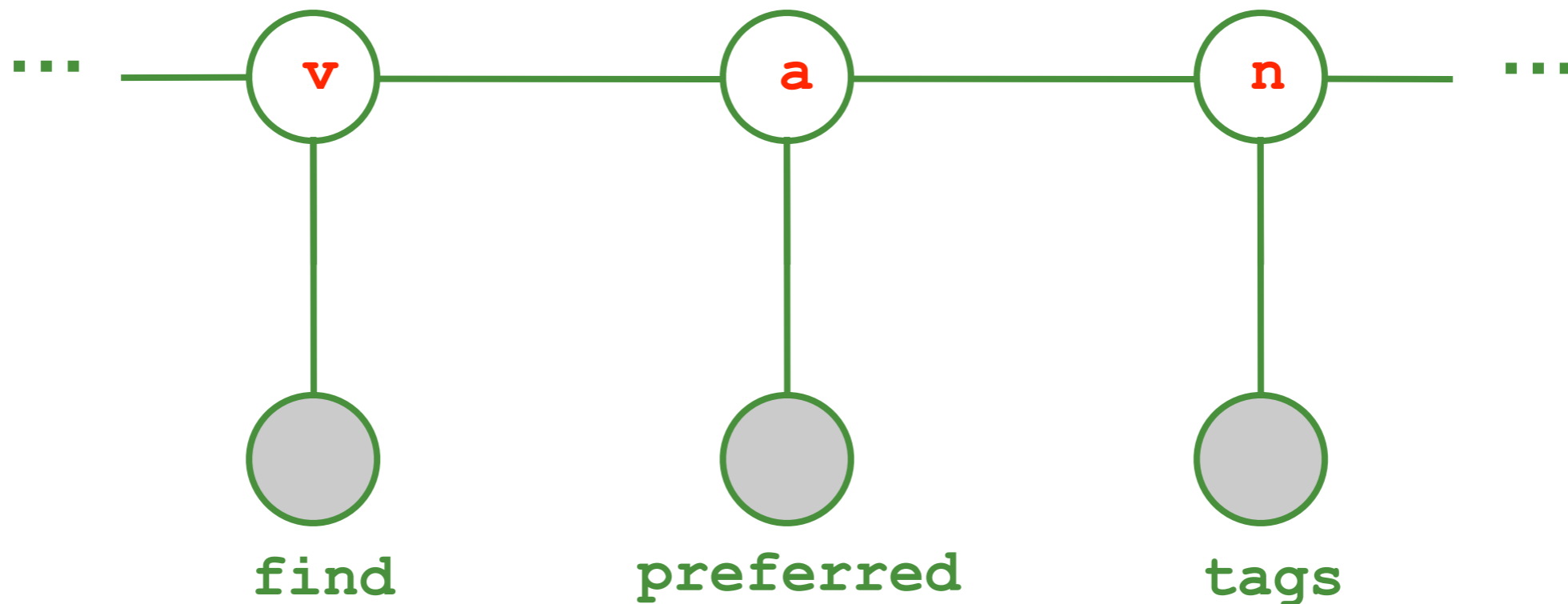
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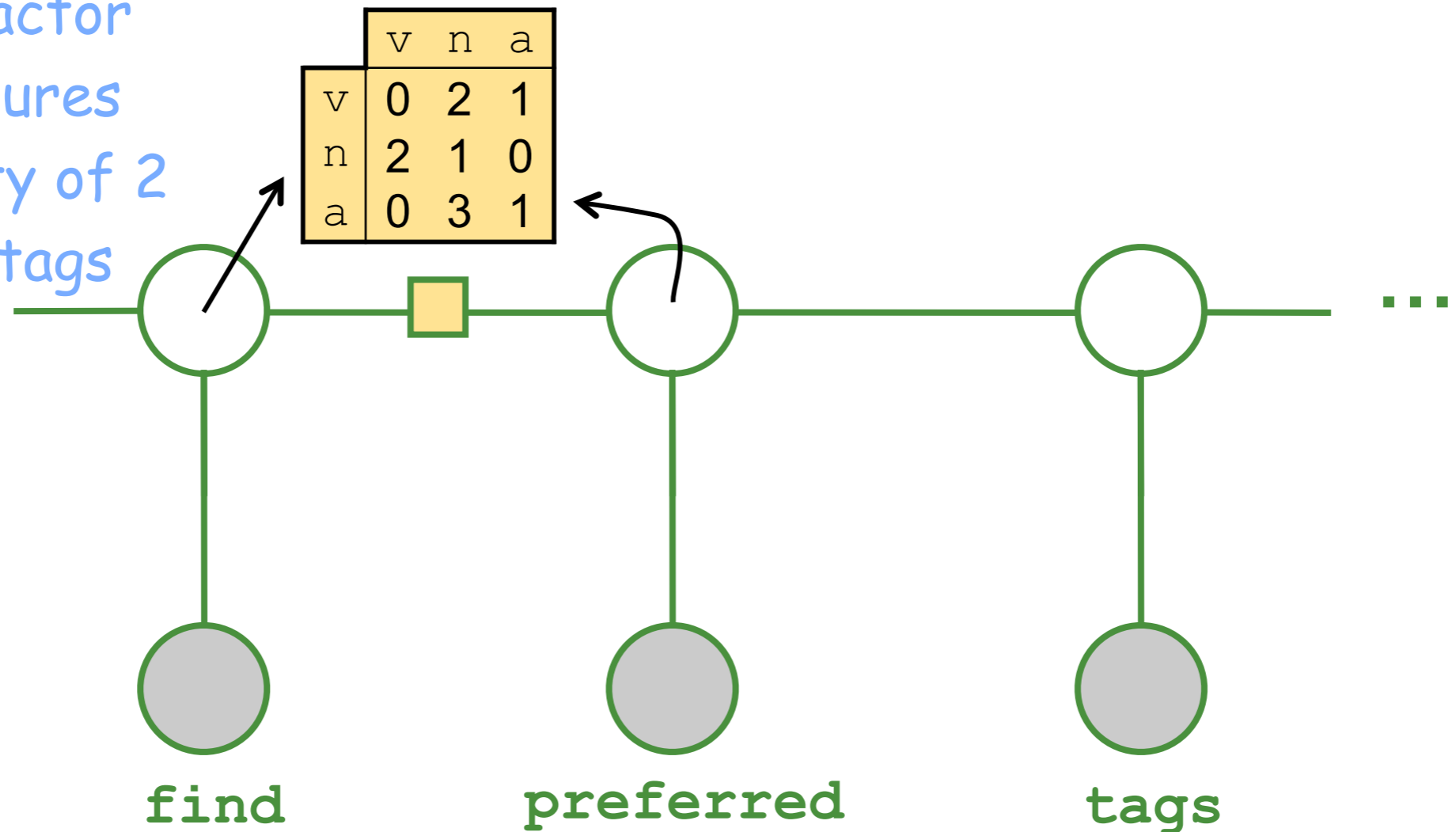


Observed input sentence (shaded)

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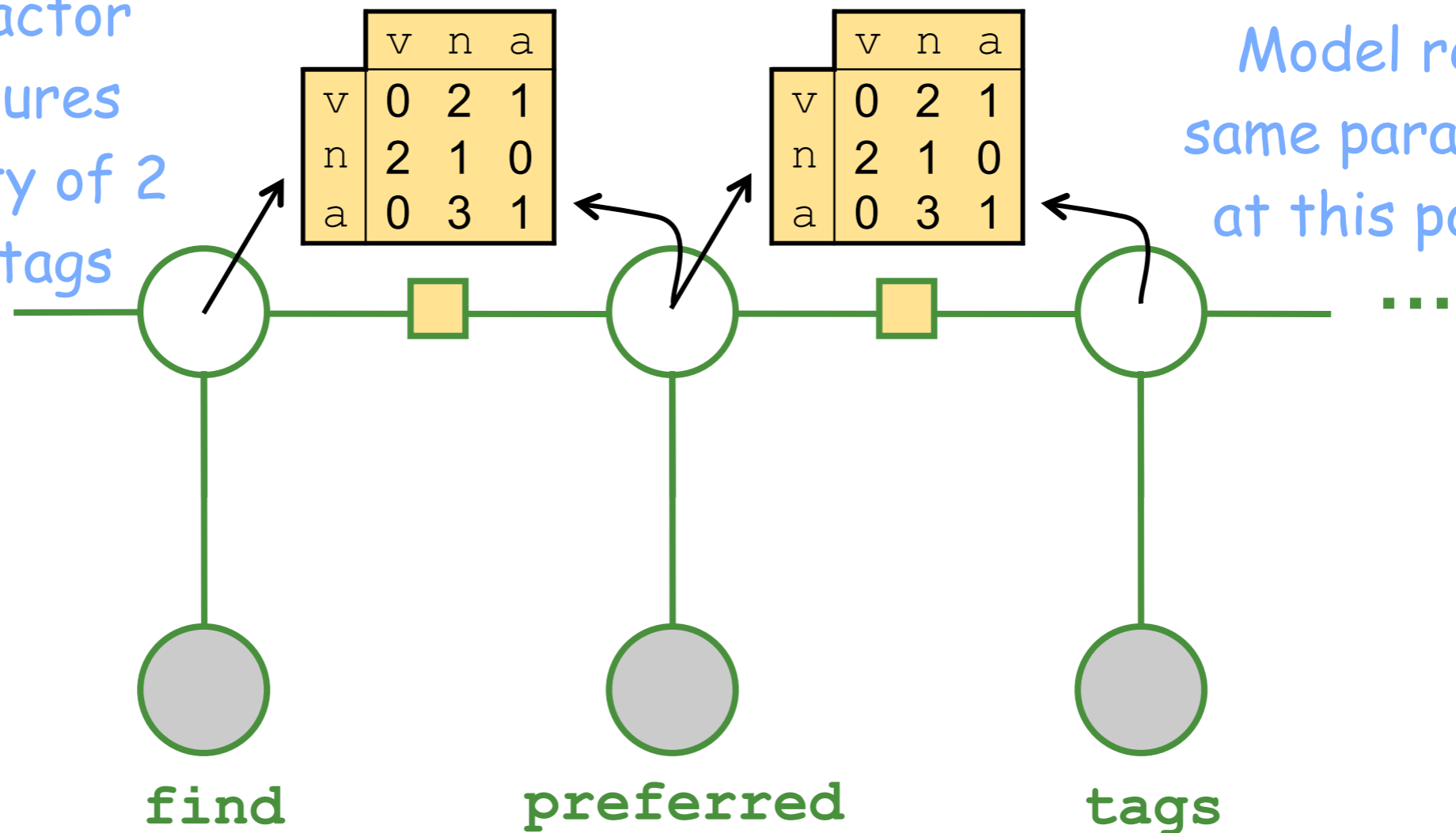


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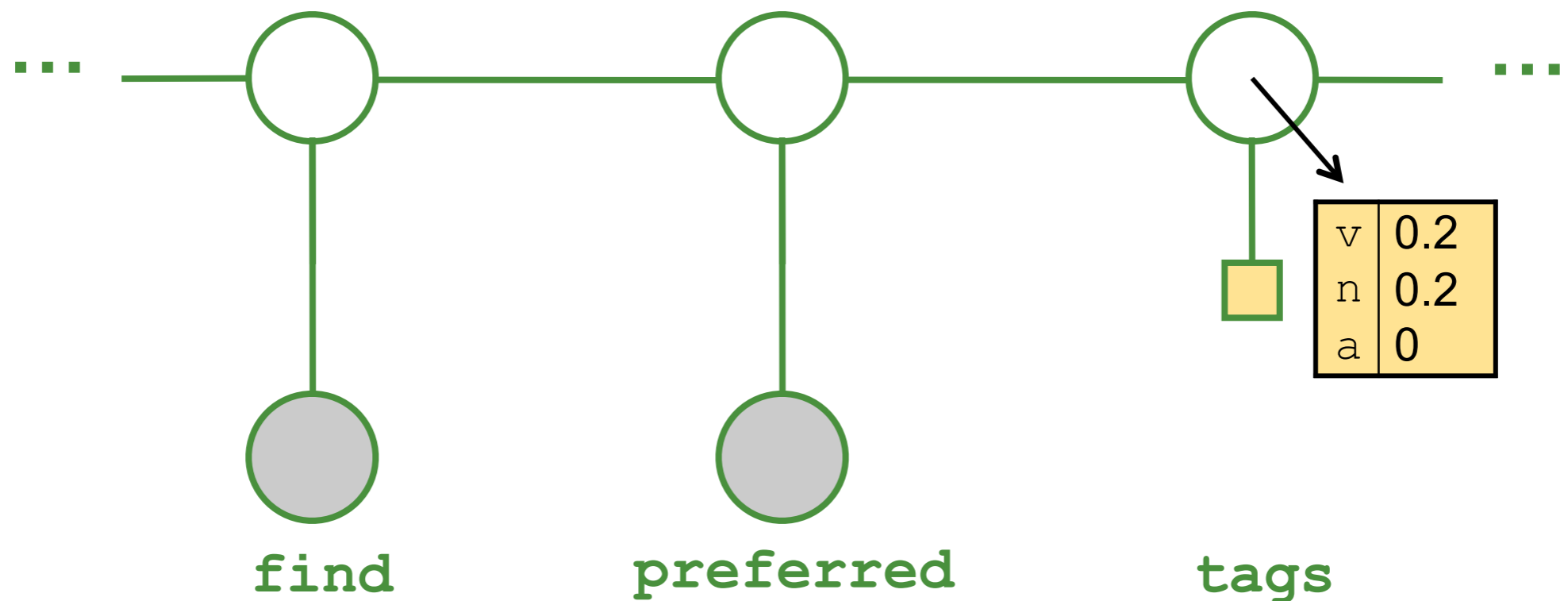
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Model reuses same parameters at this position



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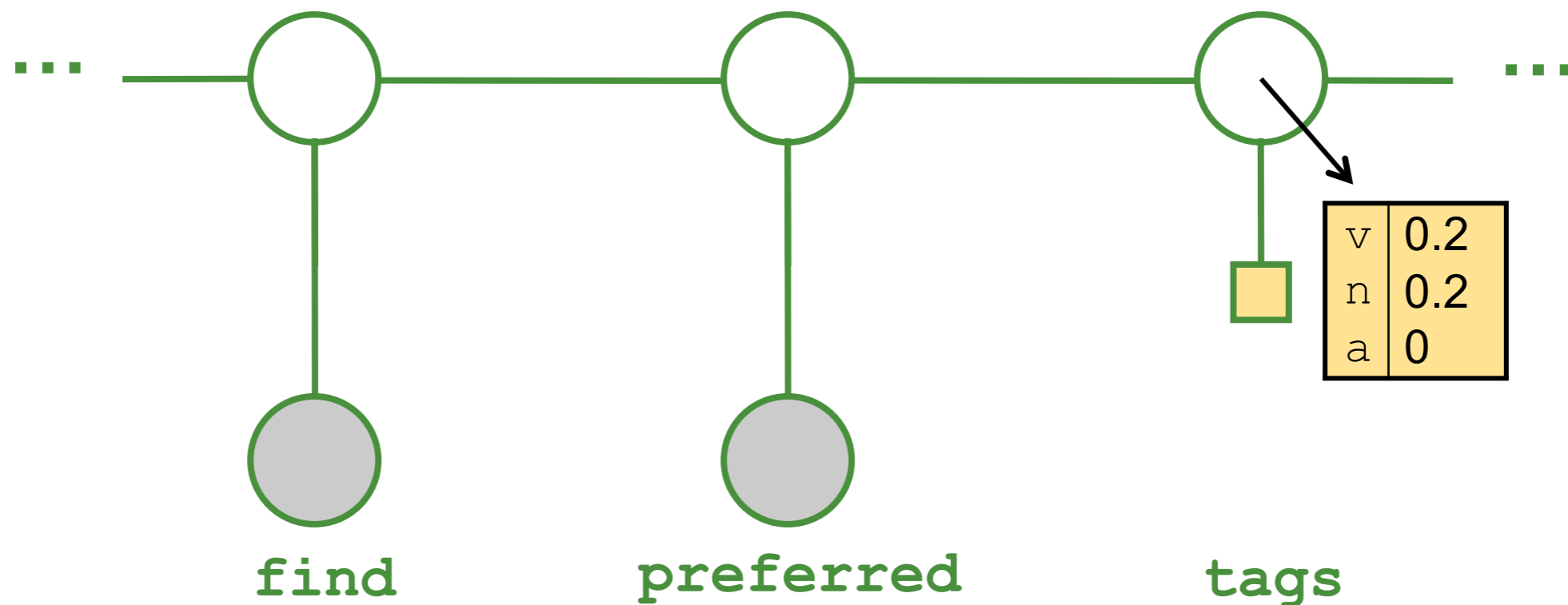
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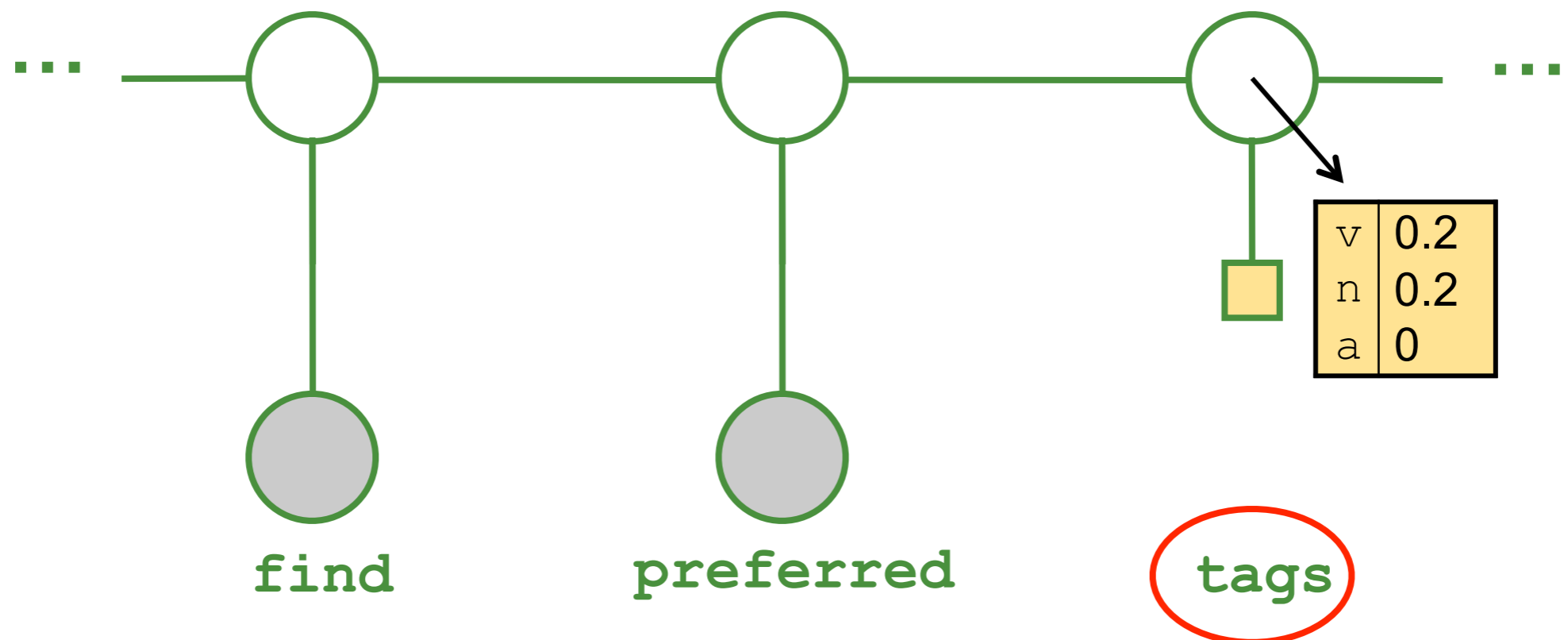
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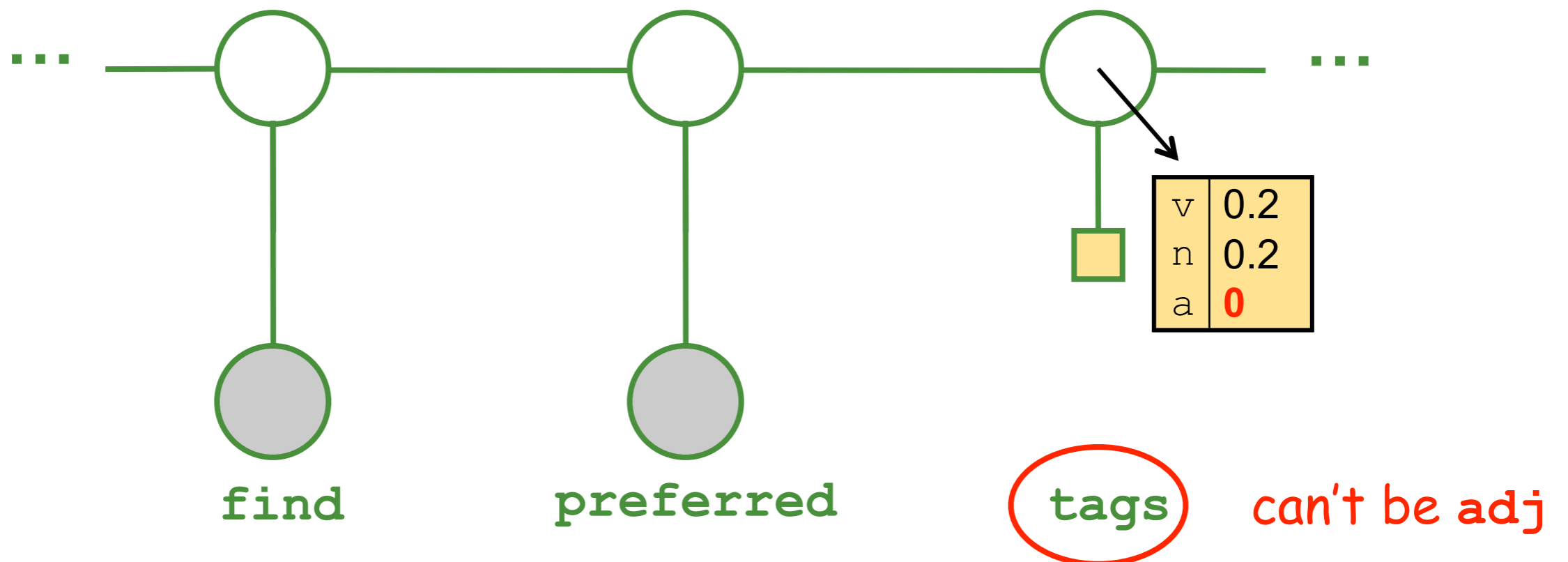
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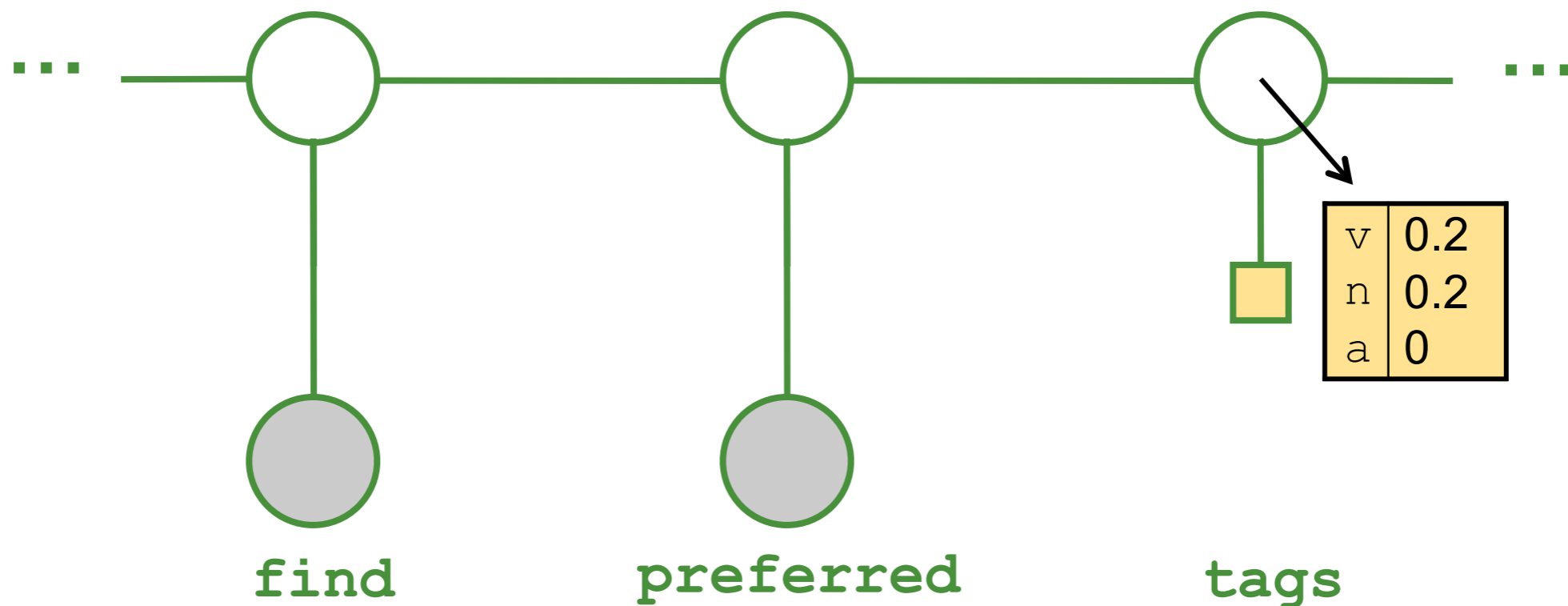
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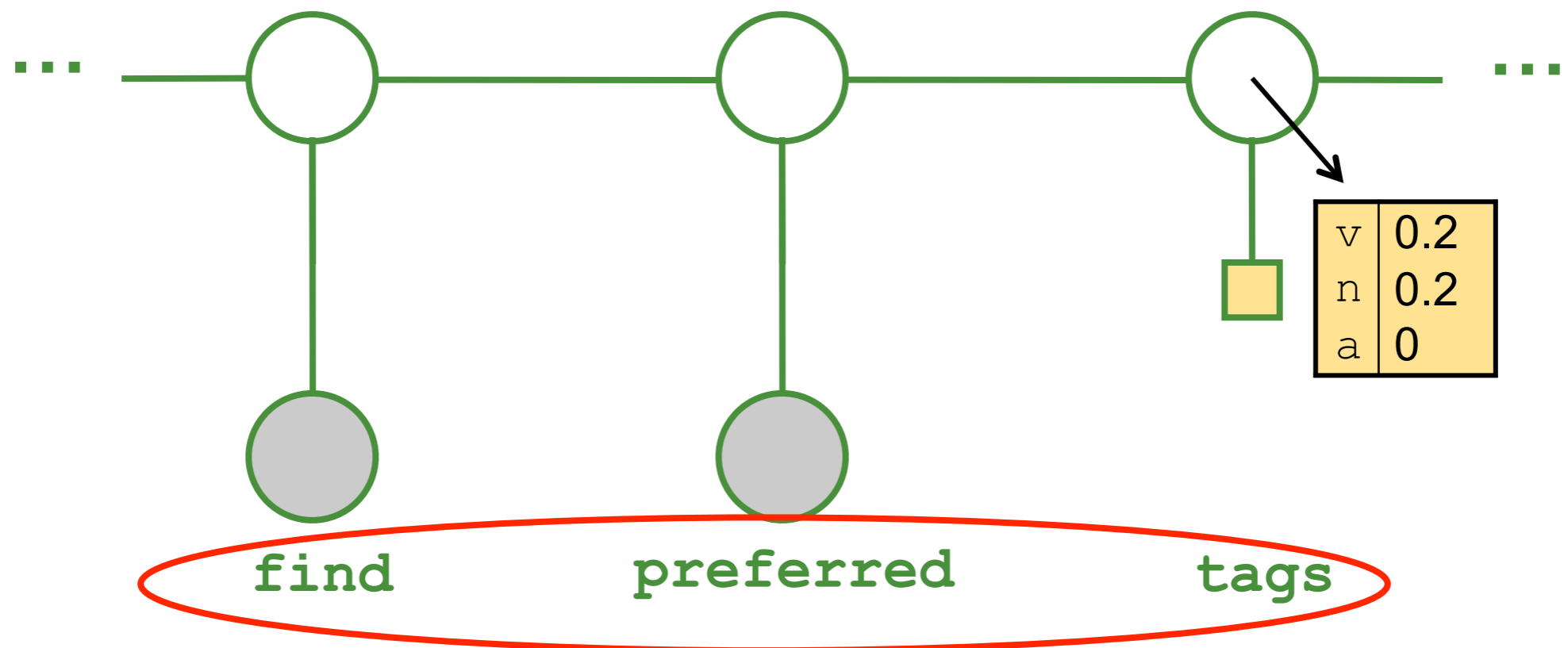
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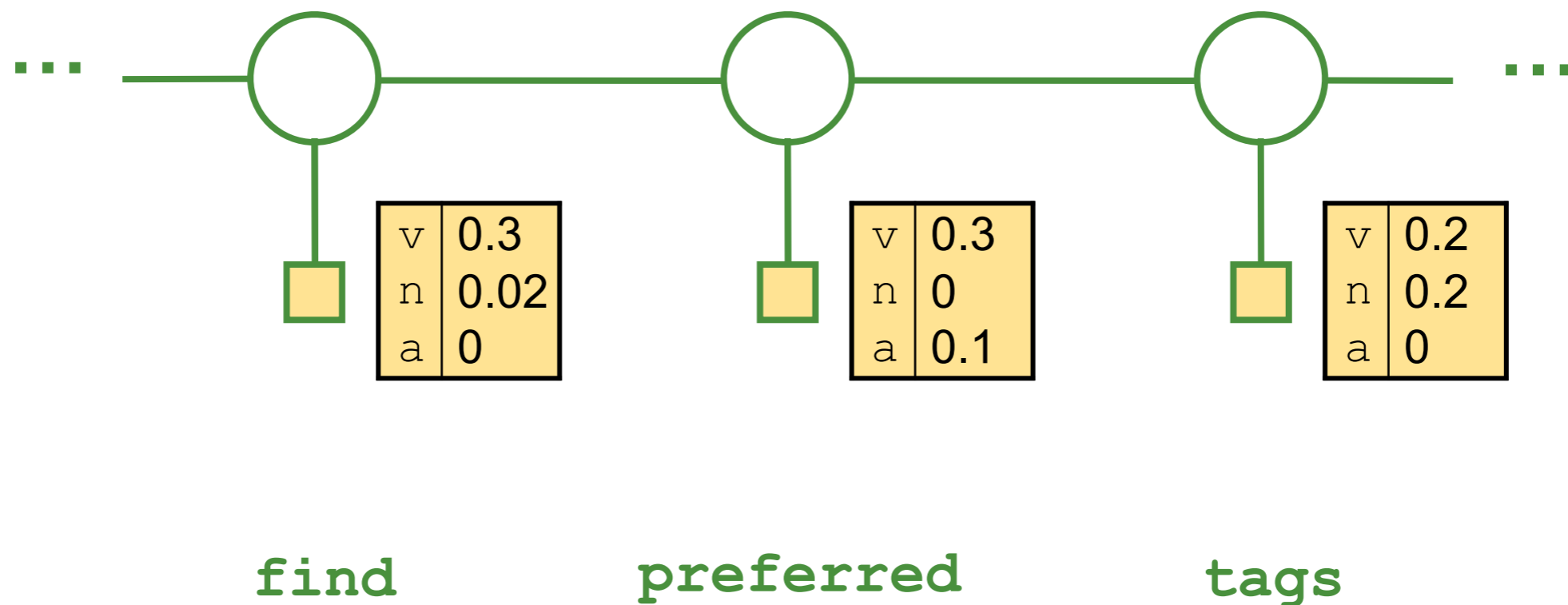
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(could be made to depend on entire observed sentence)

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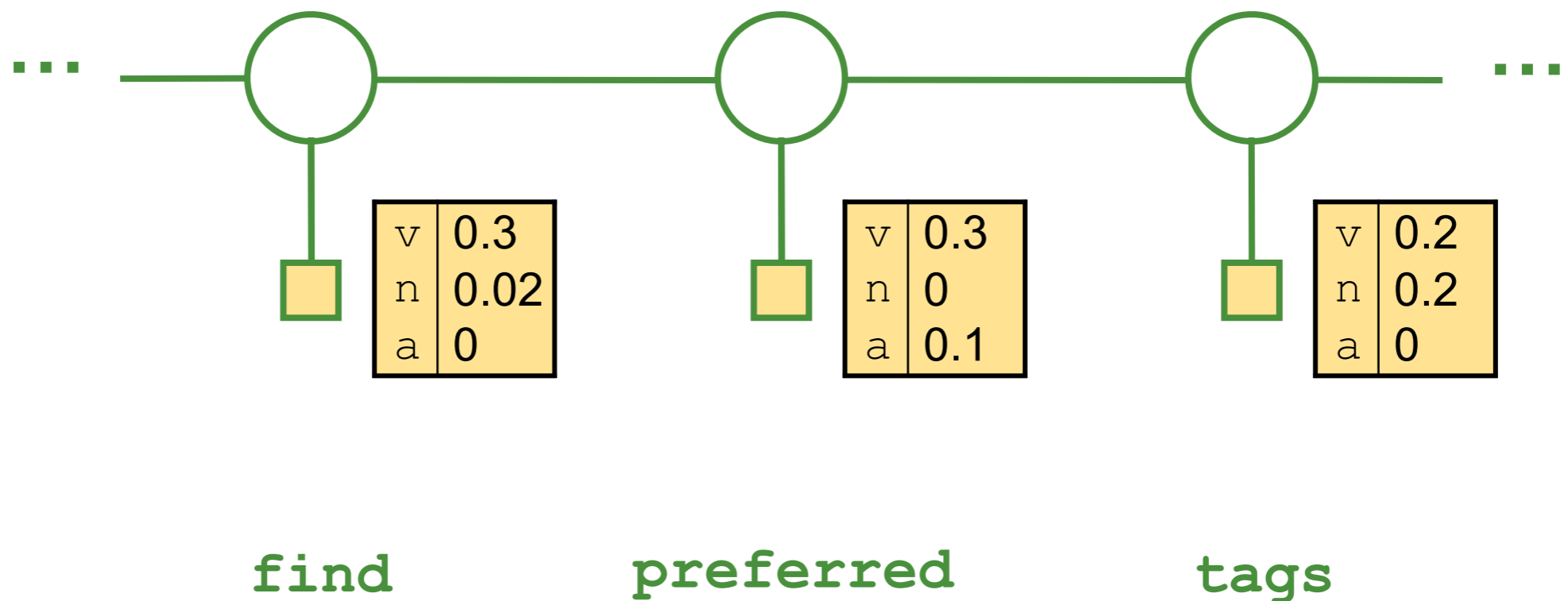
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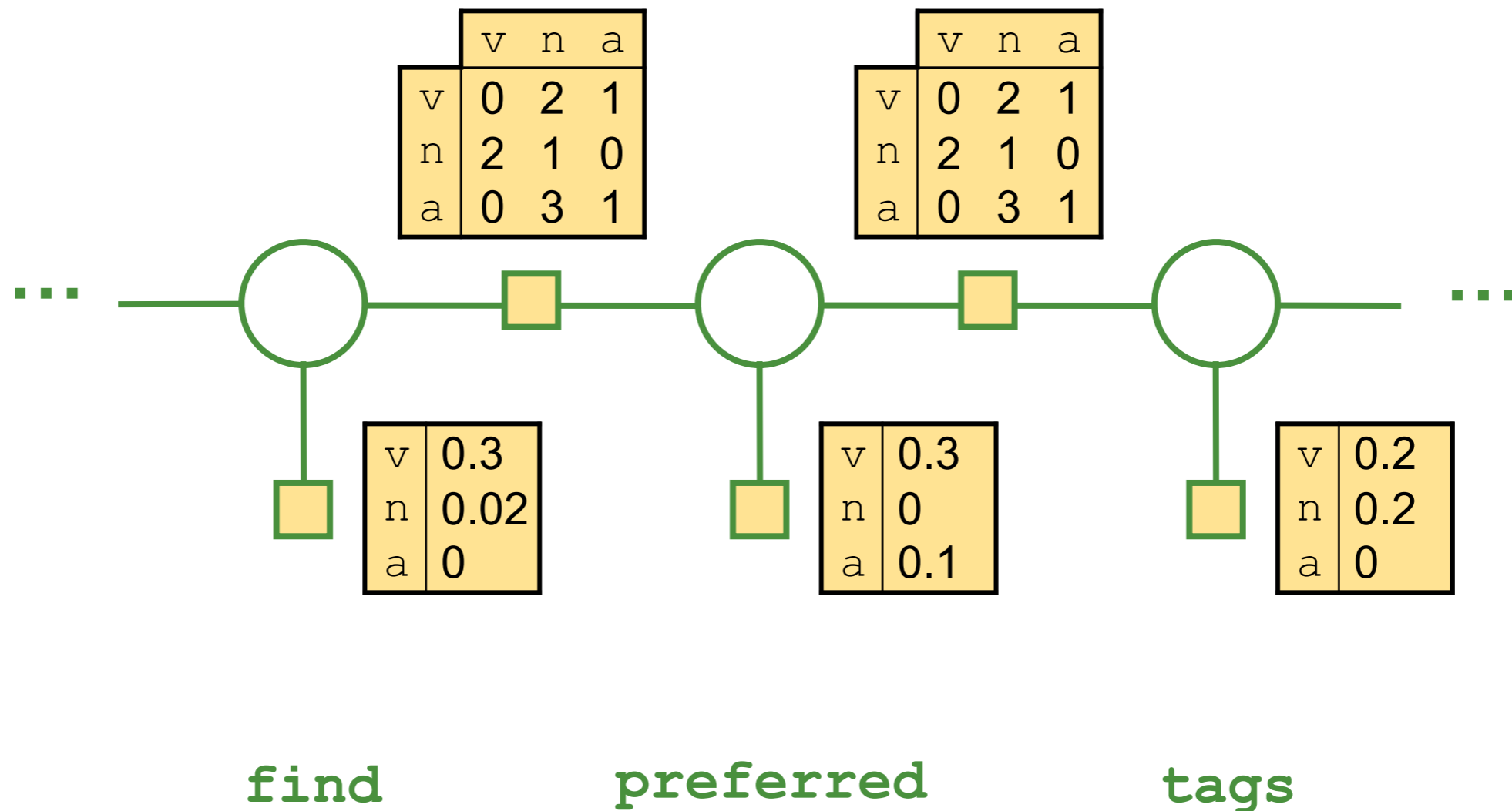
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“Unary” factor evaluates this tag
Different unary factor at each position



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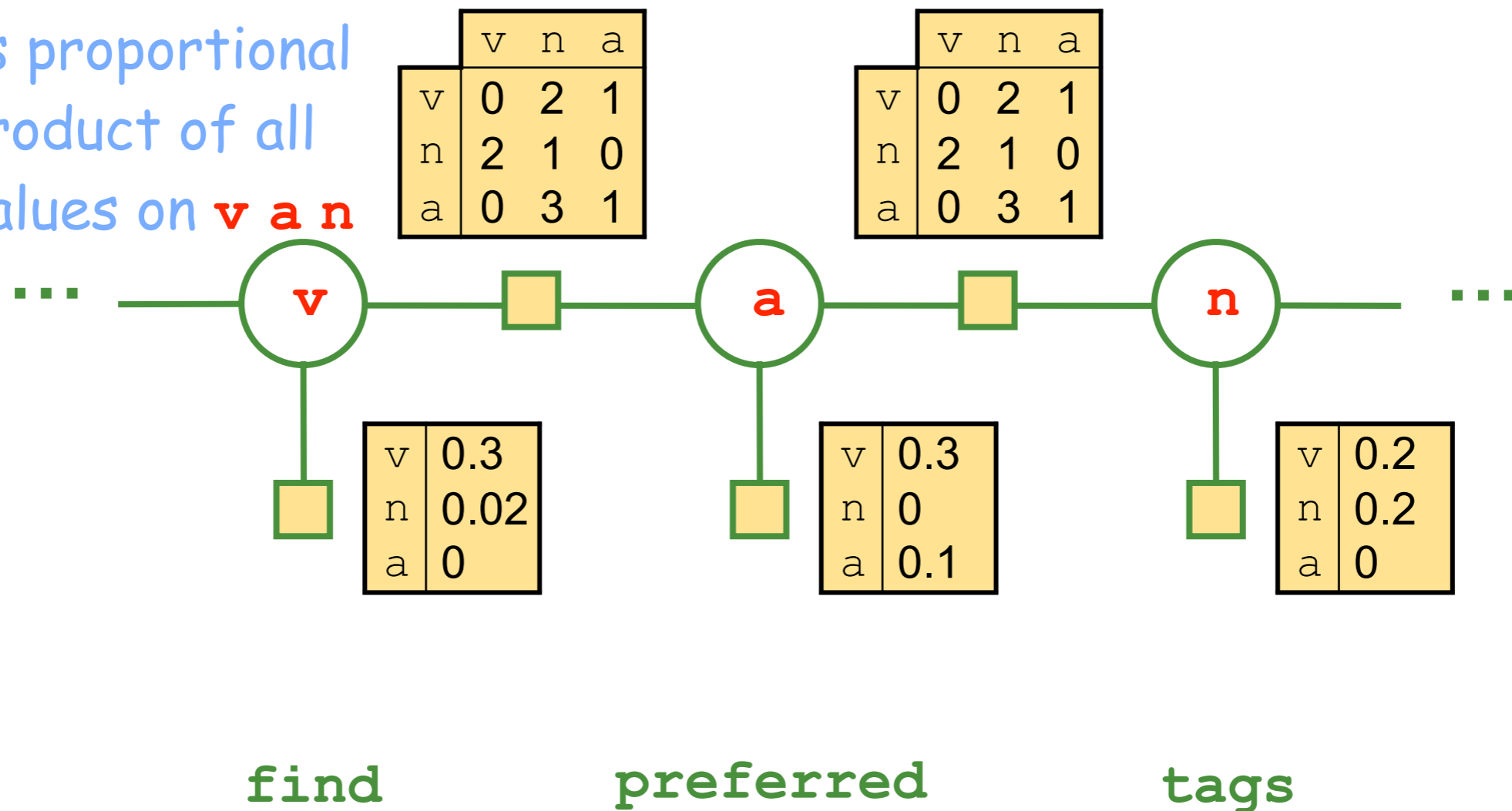
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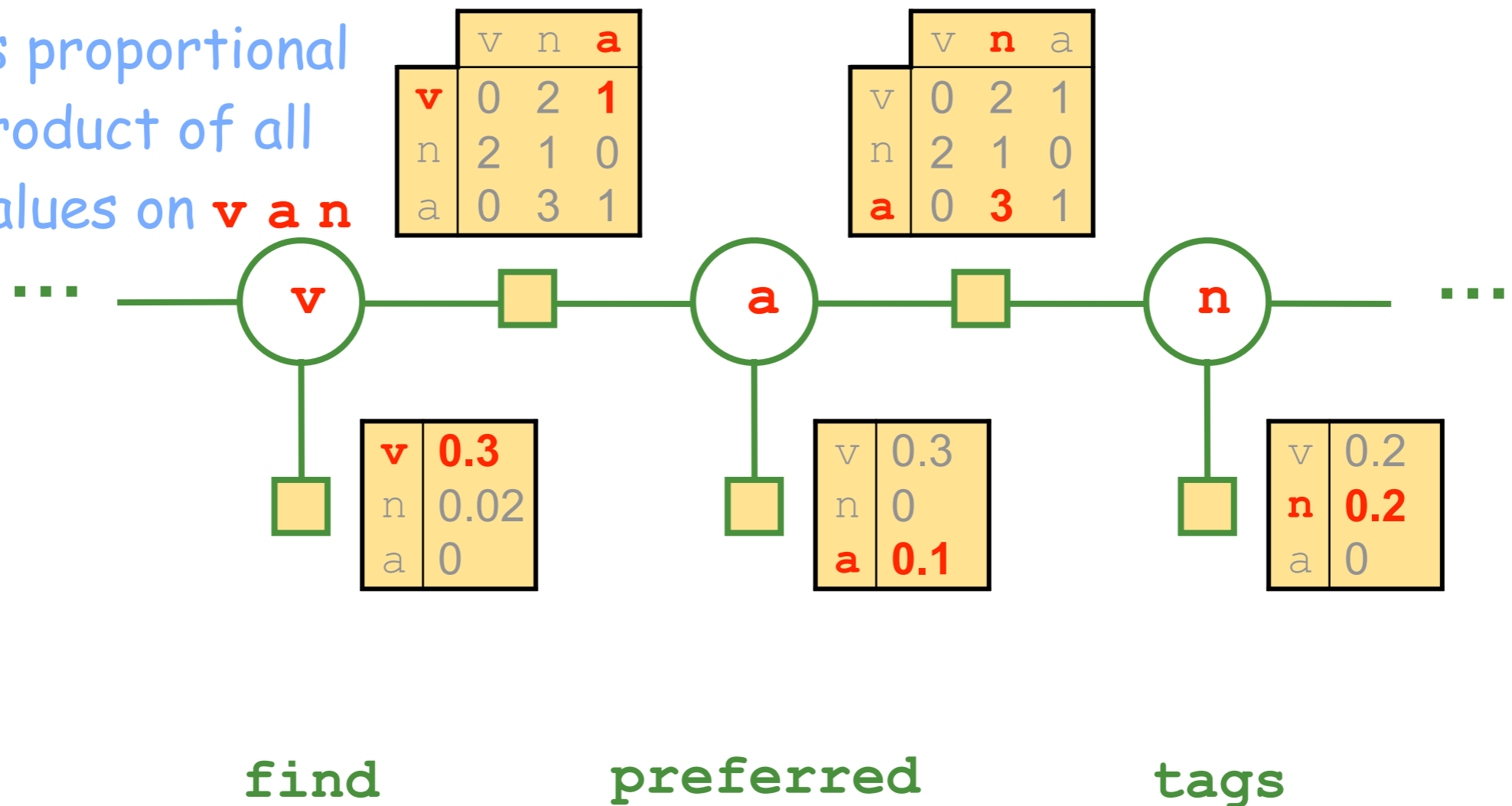
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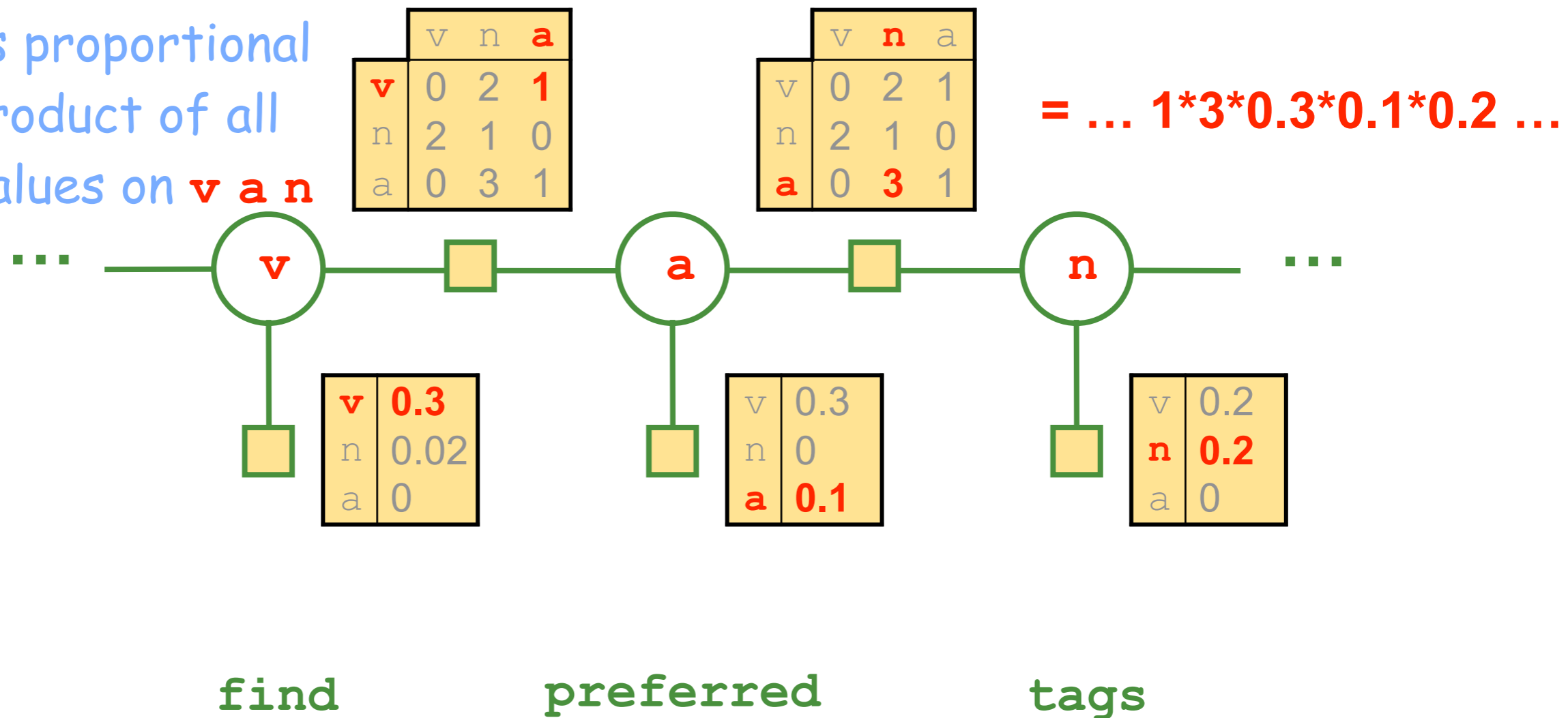
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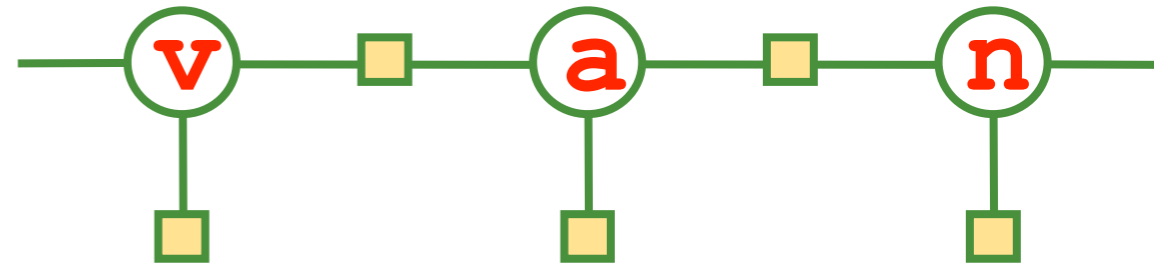
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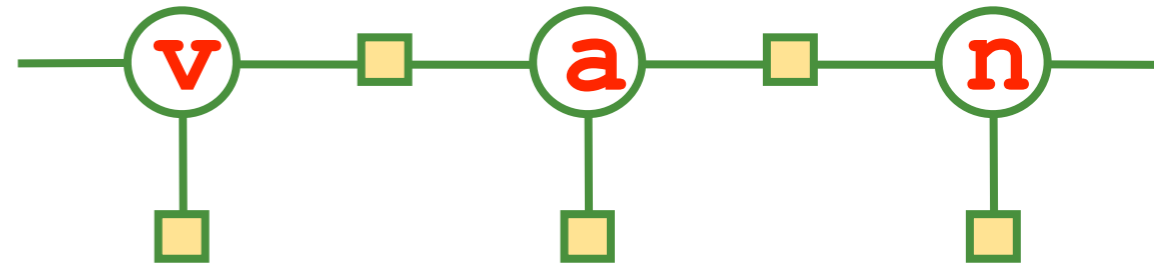
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... find preferred links ...

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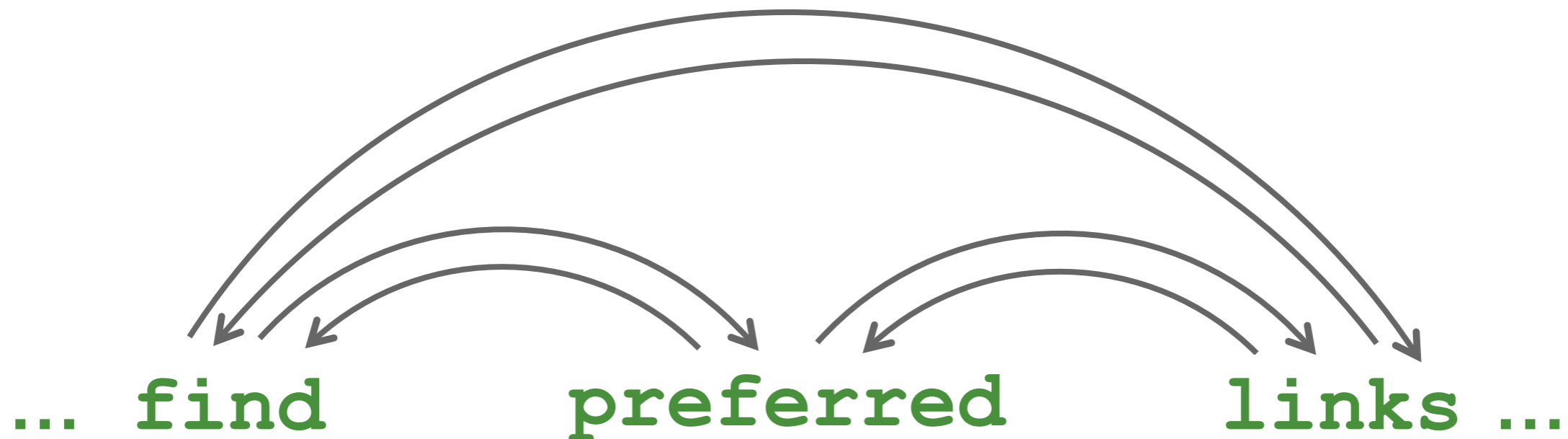
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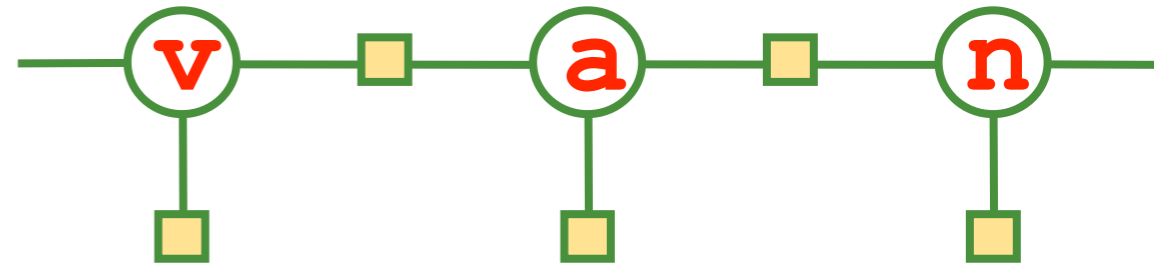
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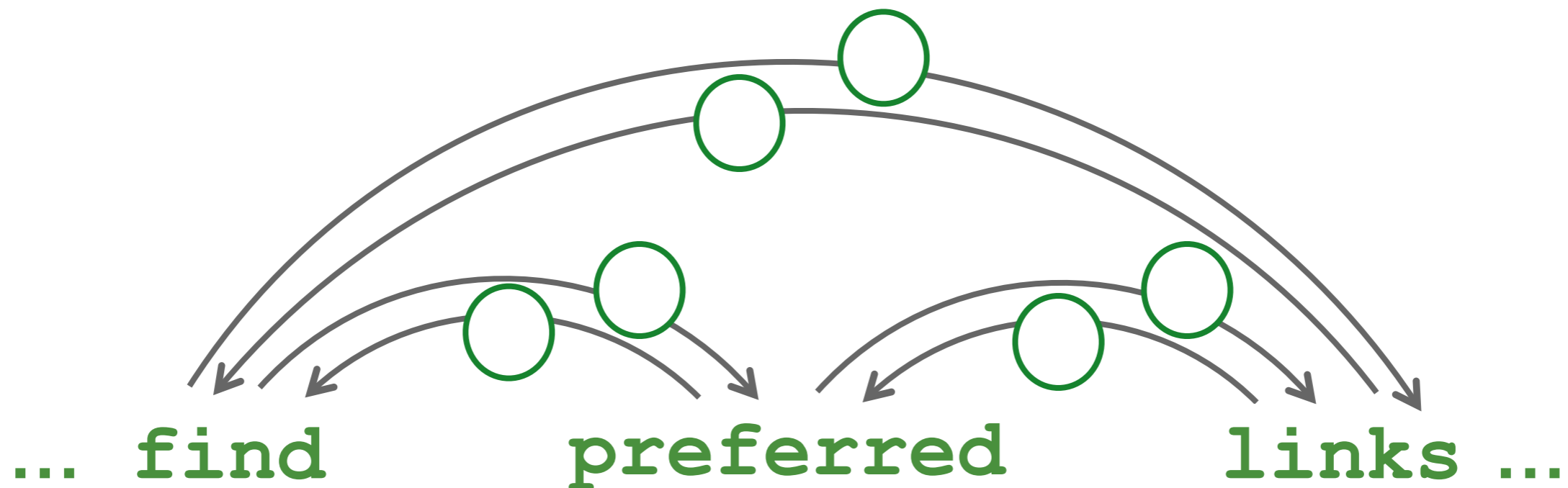
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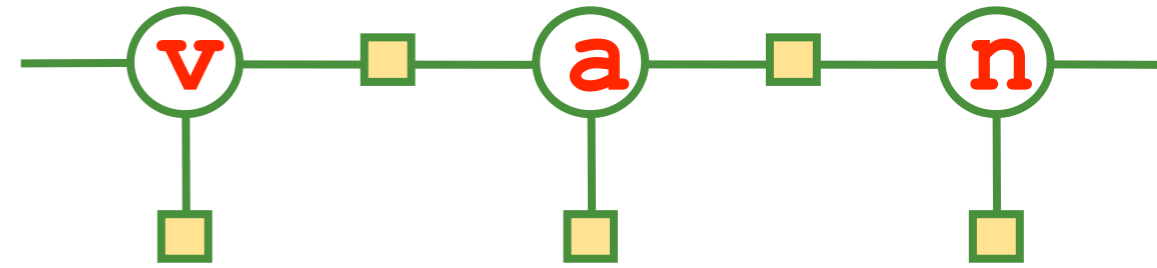
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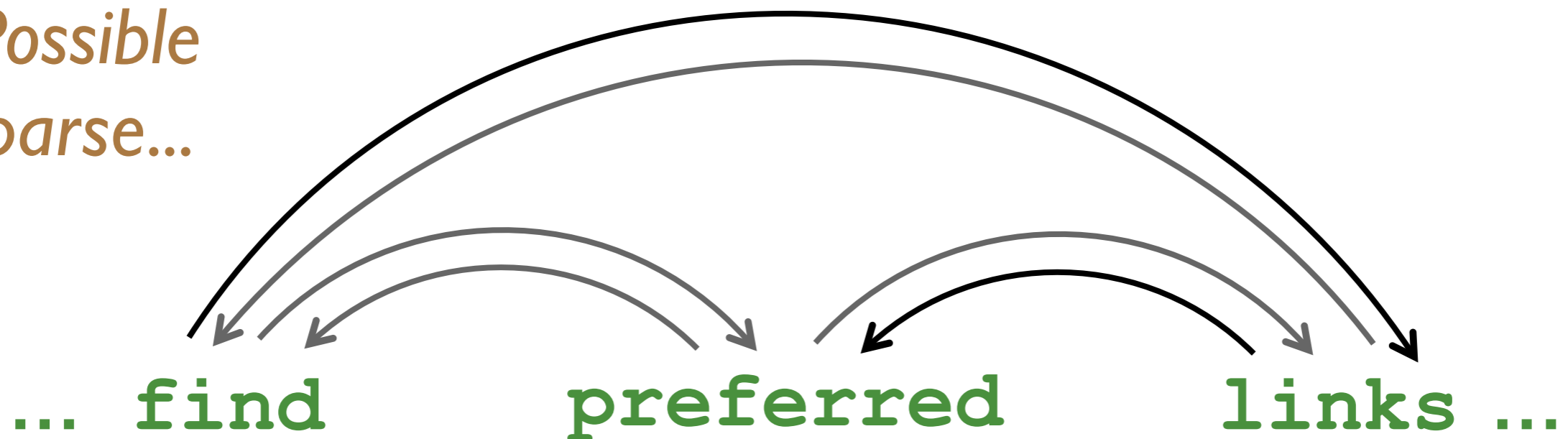
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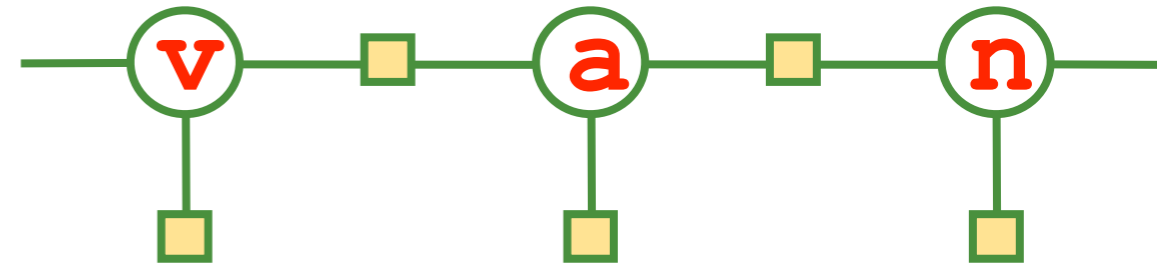
*Possible
parse...*



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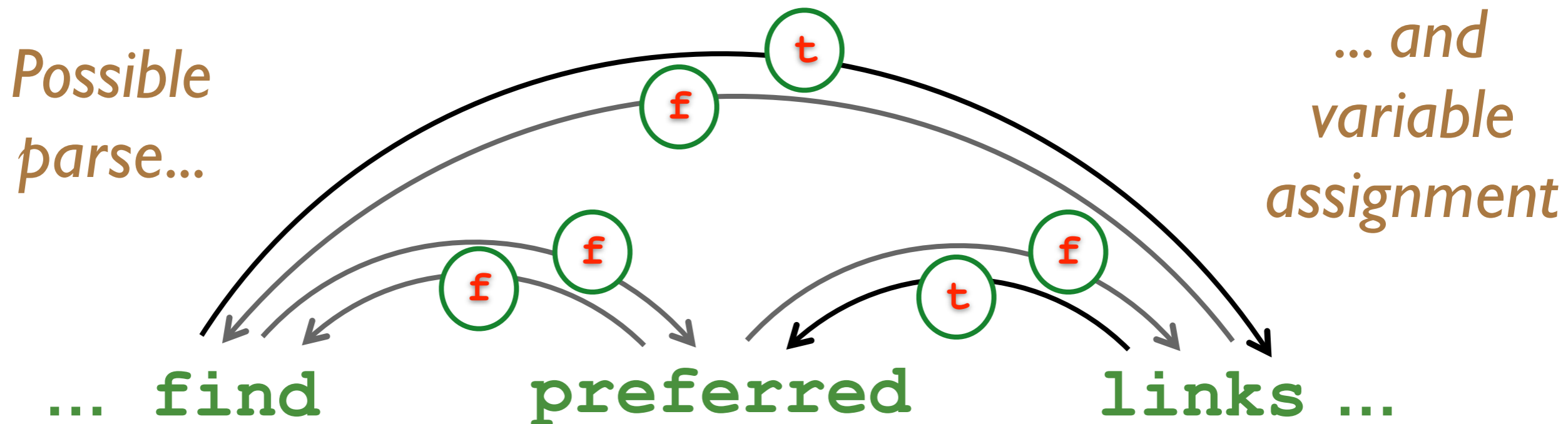
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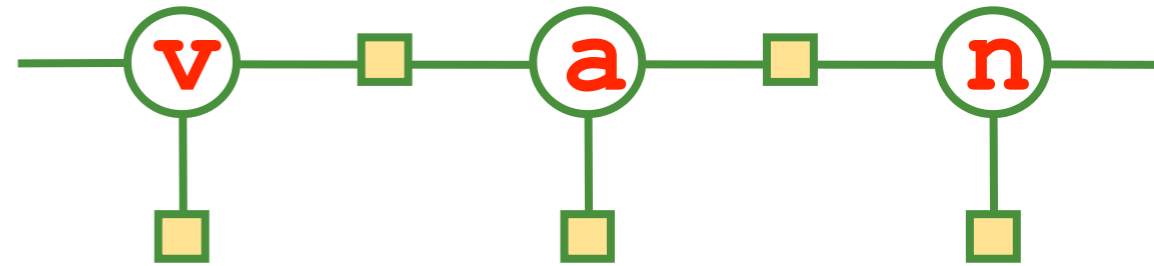
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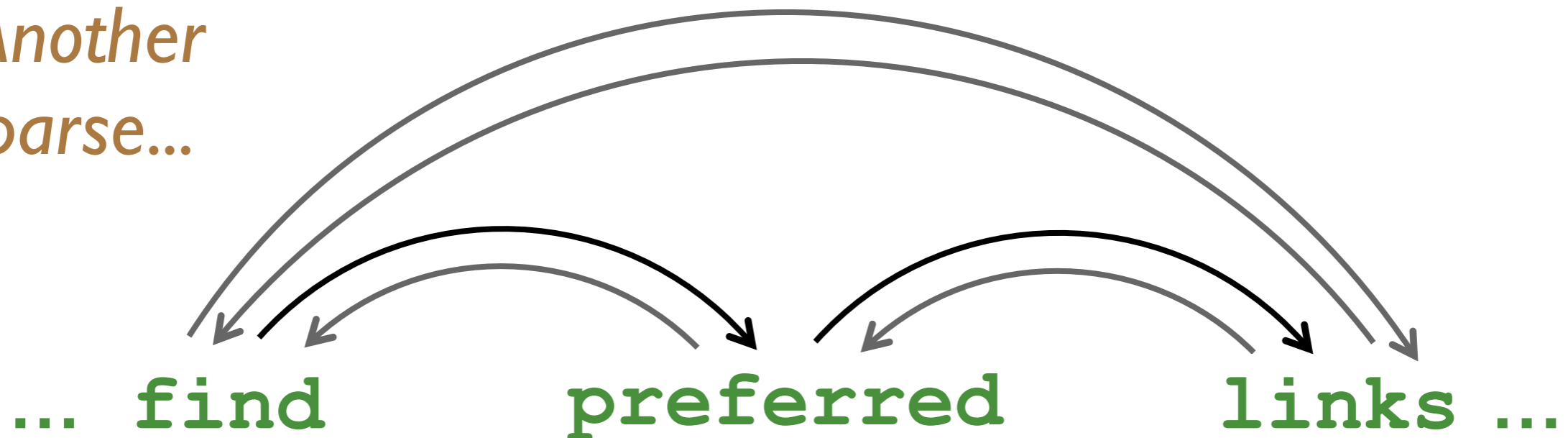
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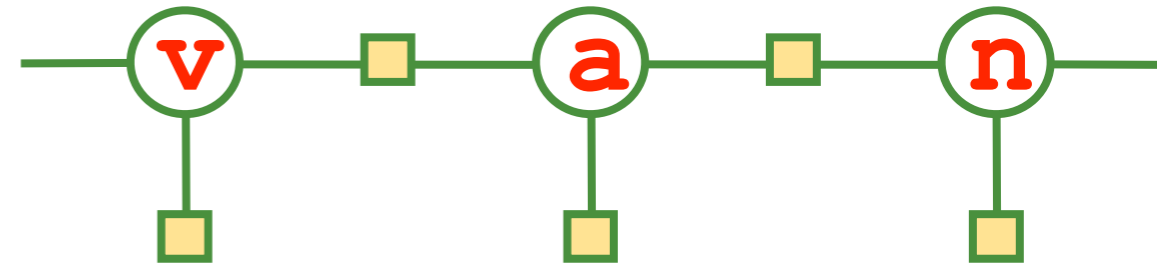
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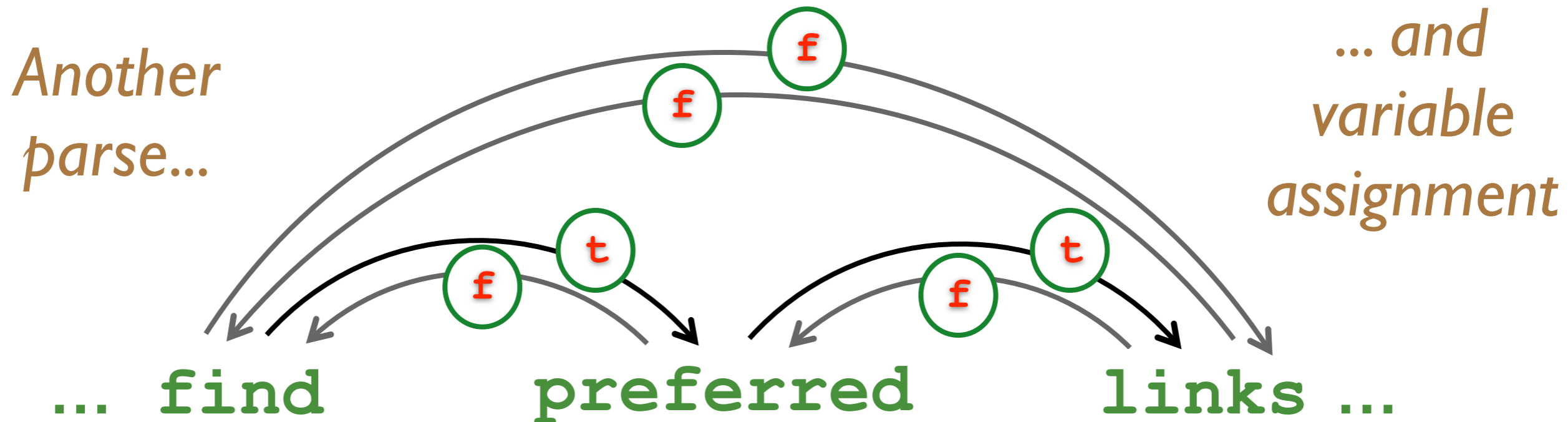
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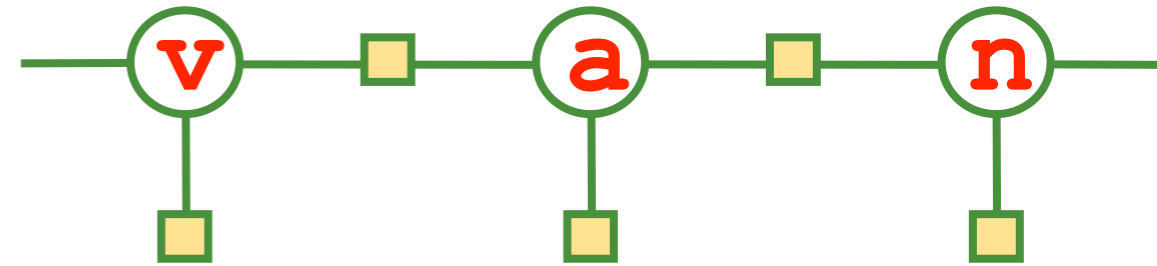
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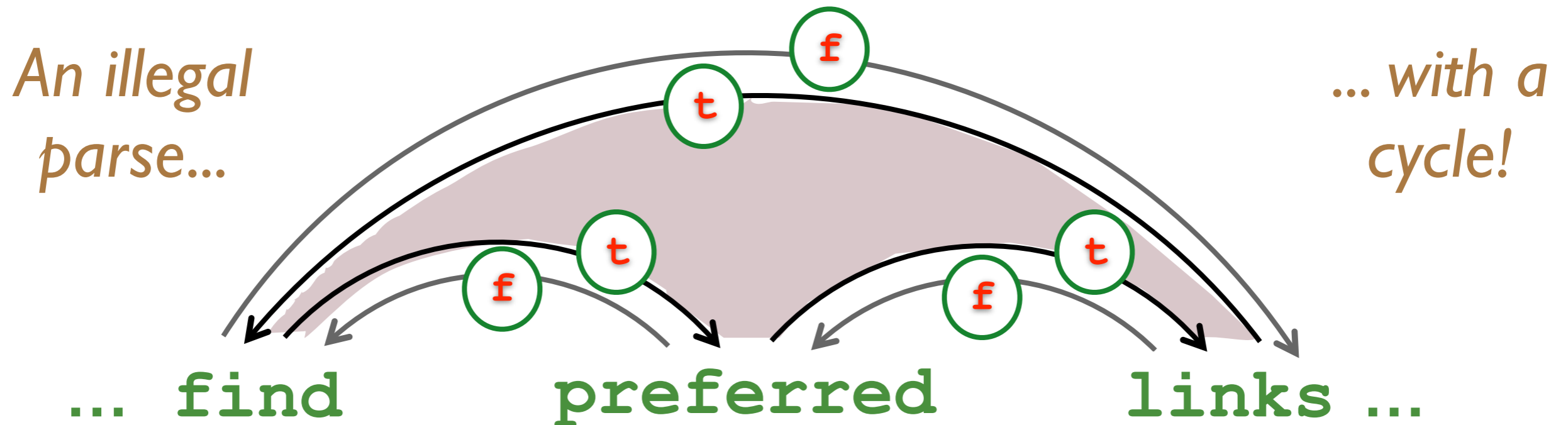
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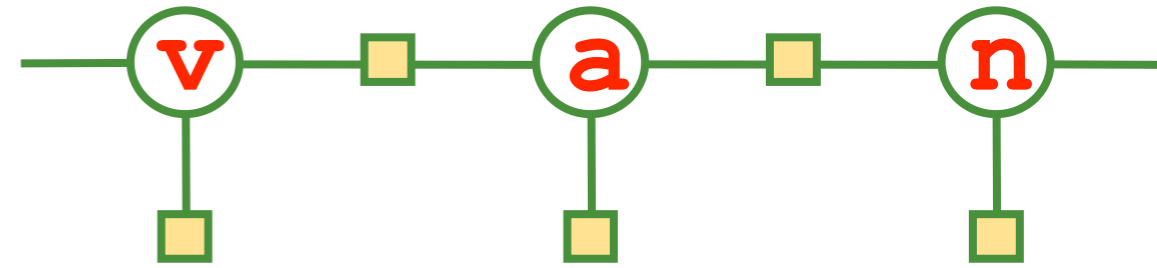
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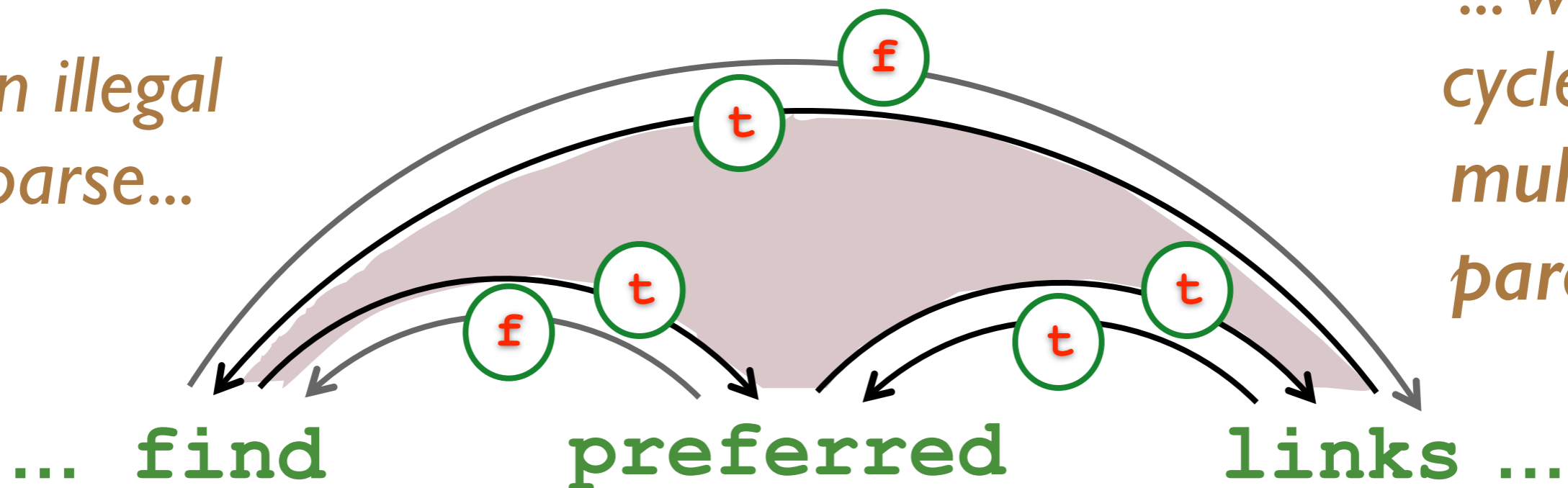
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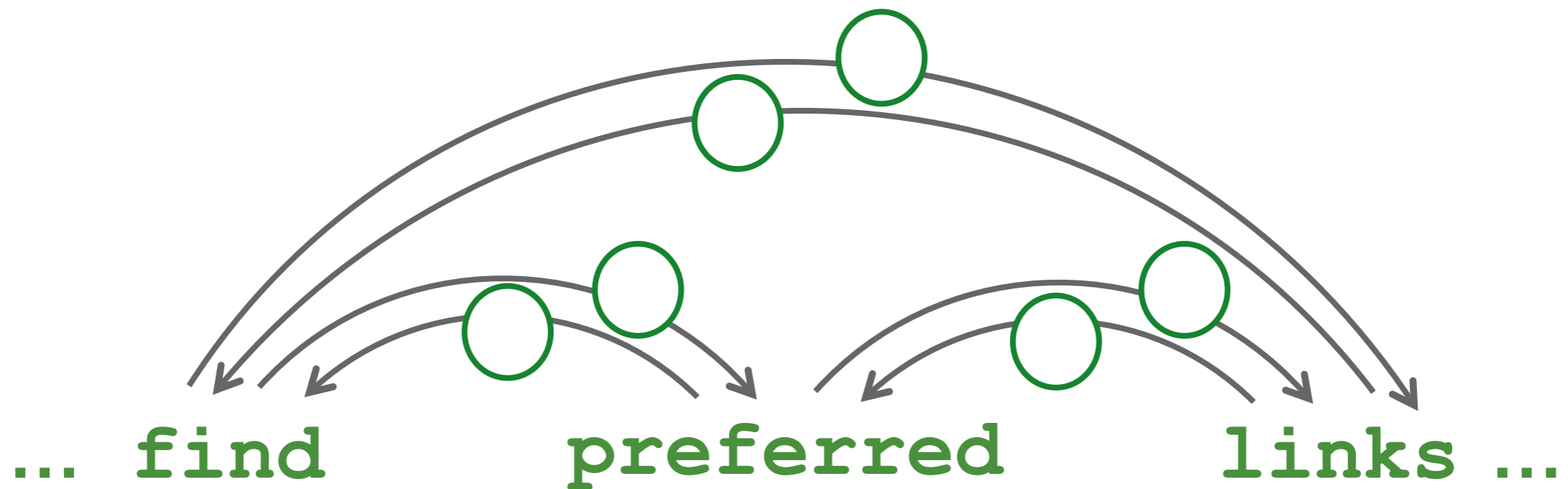
An illegal parse...



... with a cycle and multiple parents!

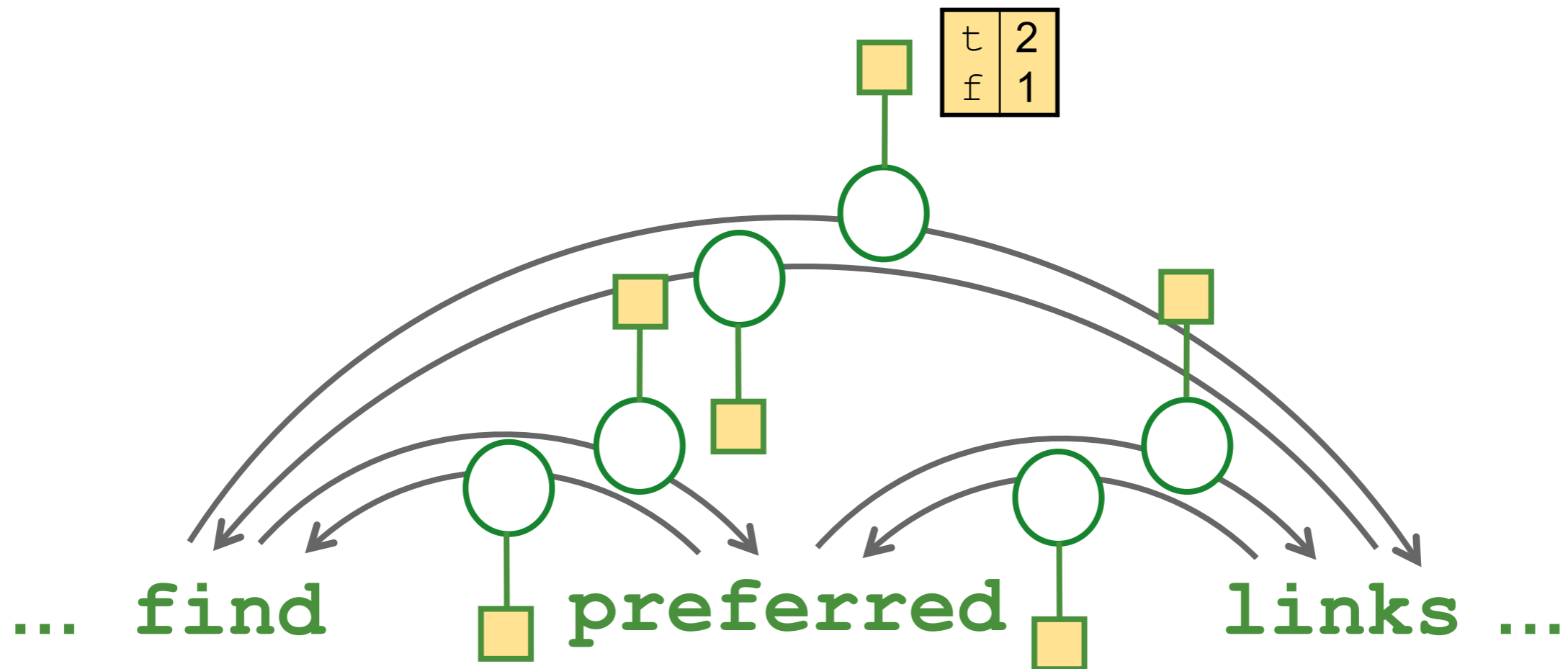
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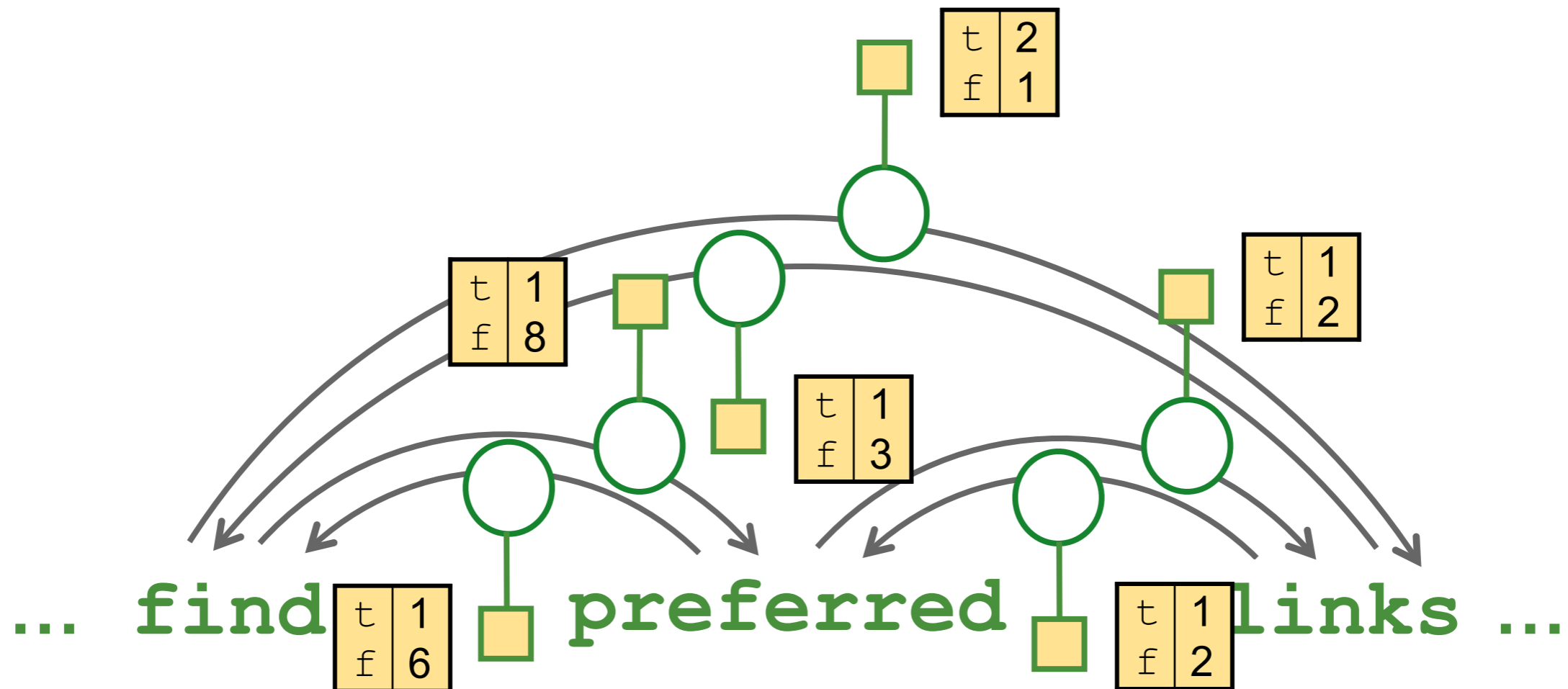
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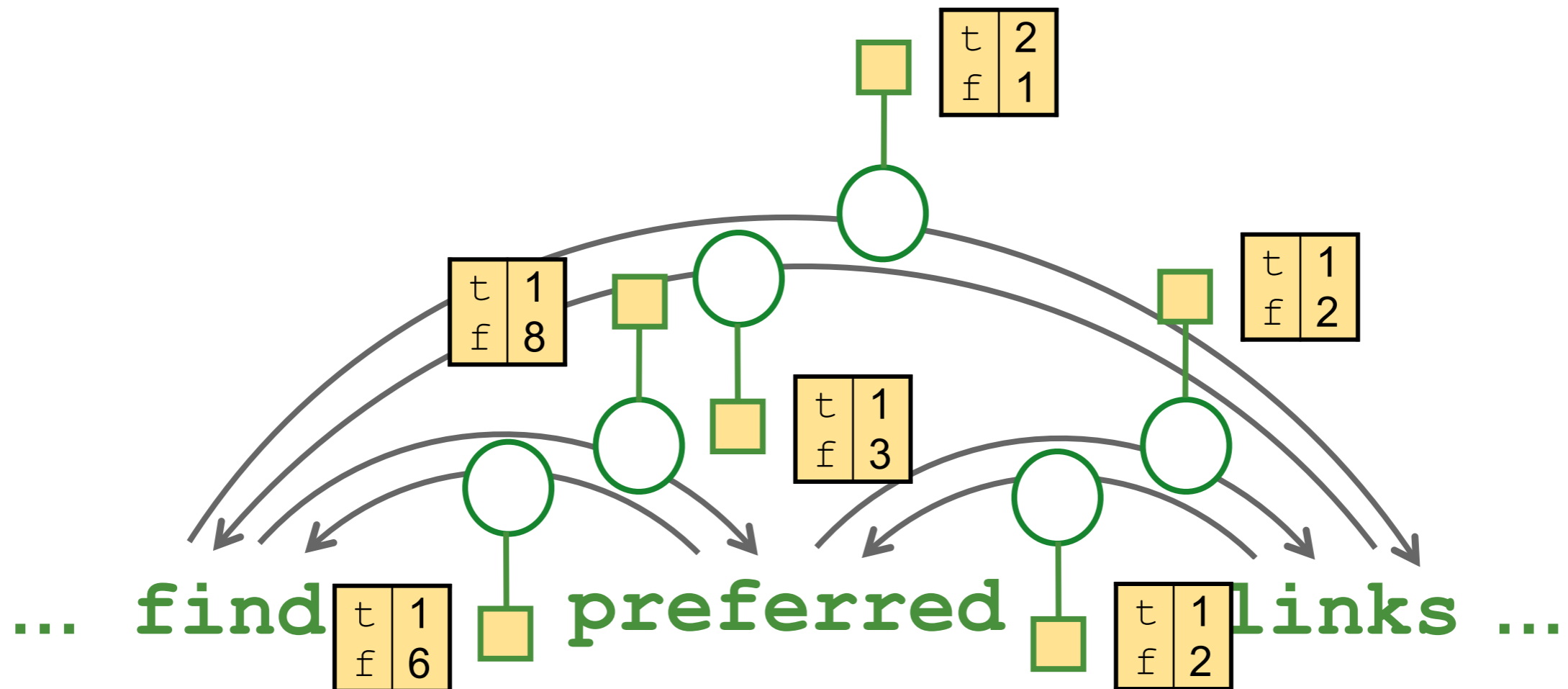
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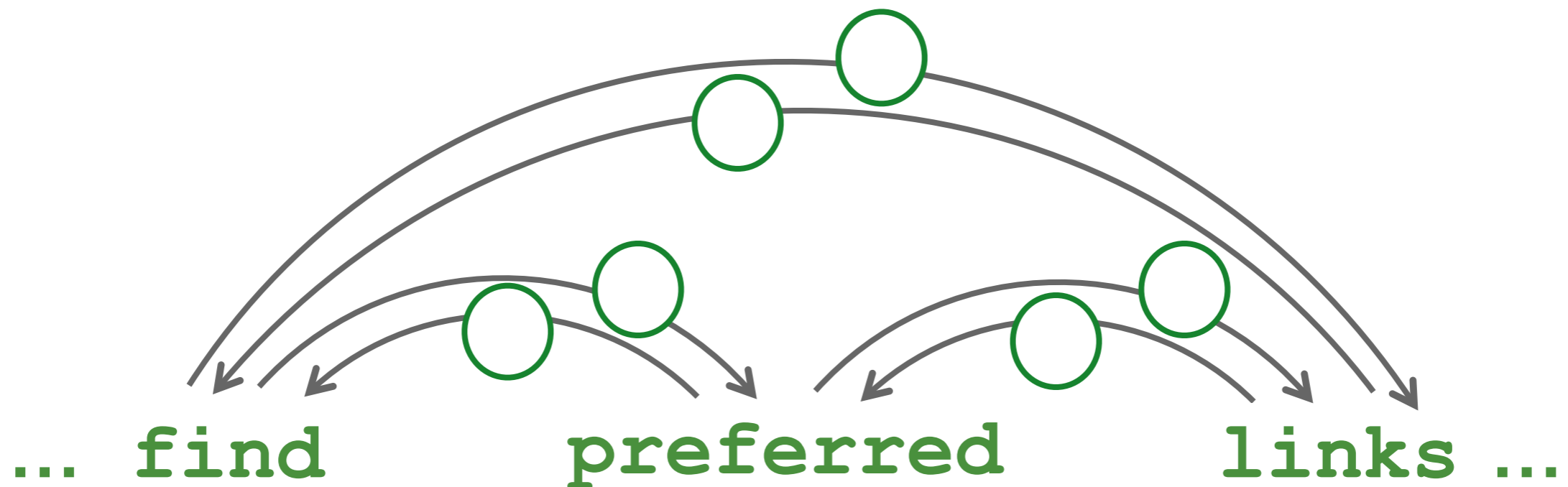
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- But what if the best assignment isn't a tree?



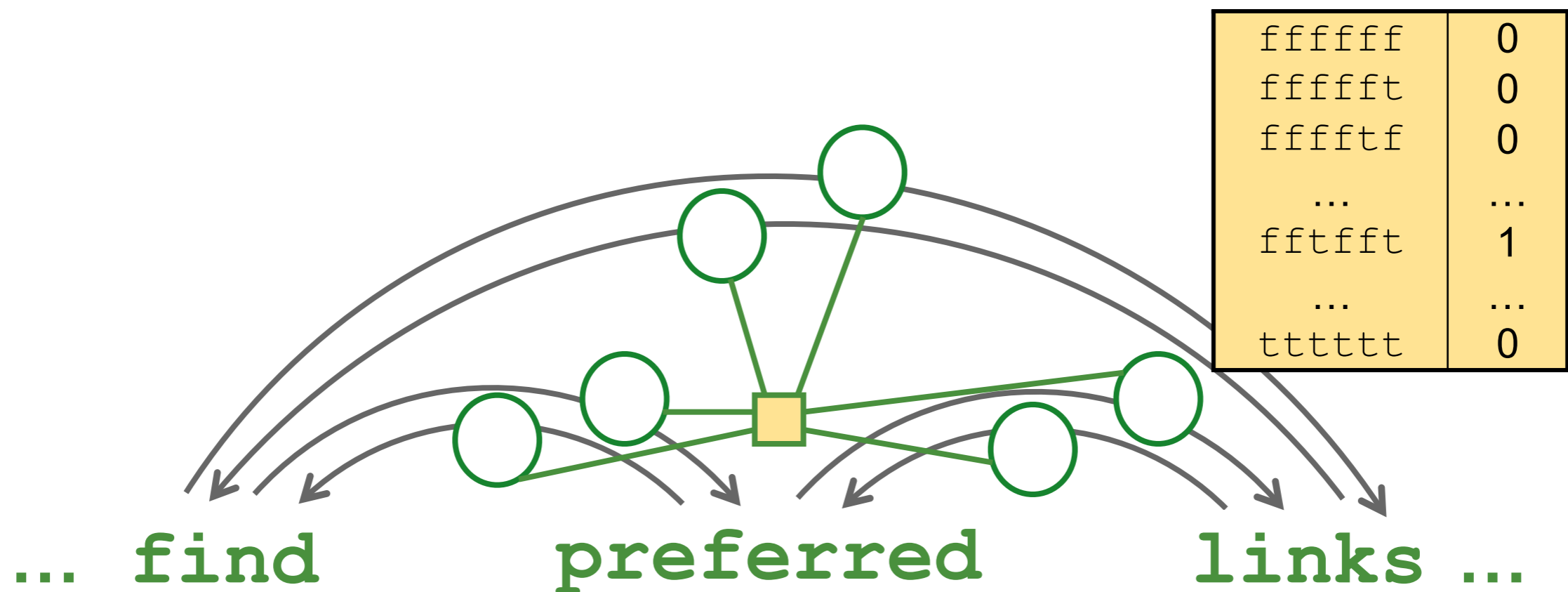
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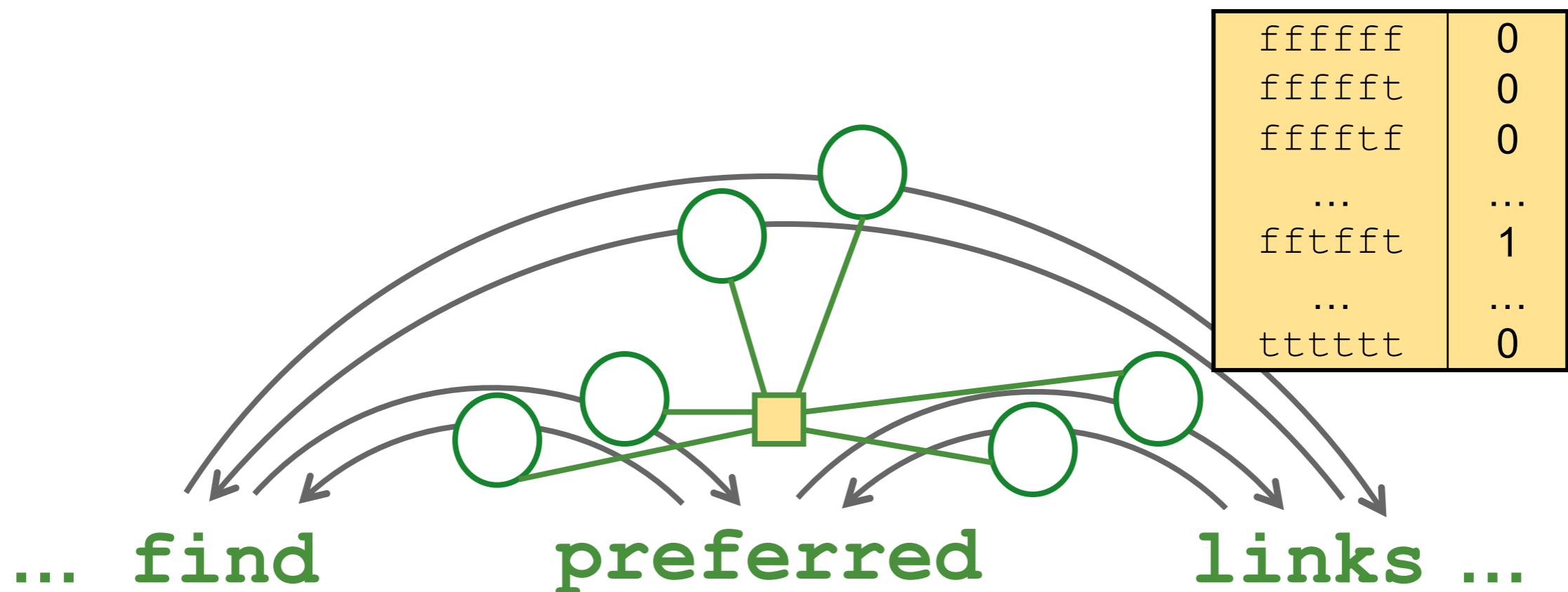
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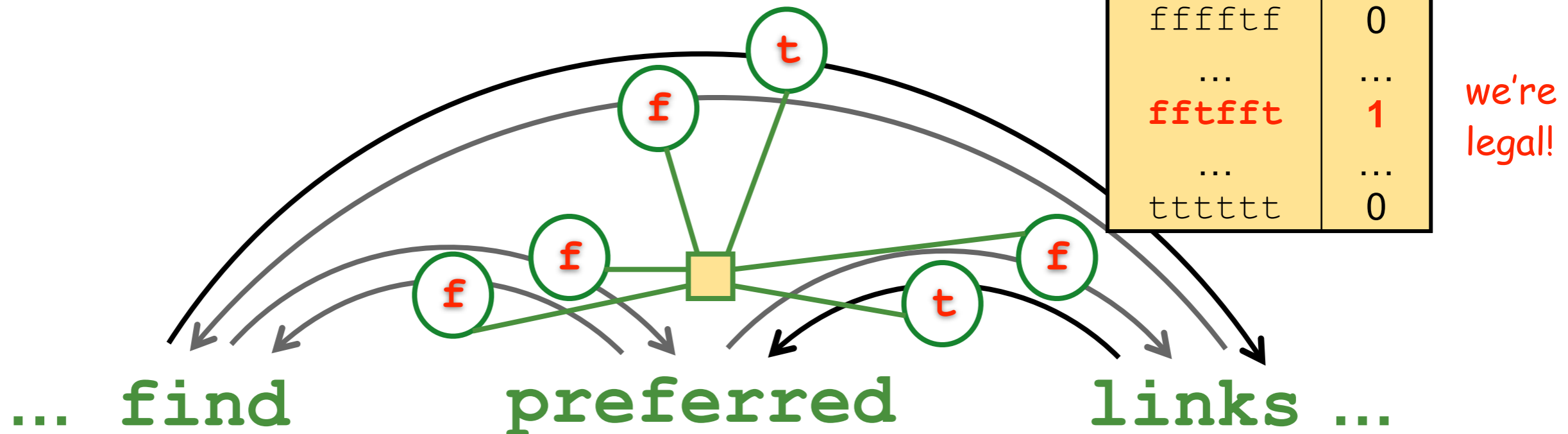
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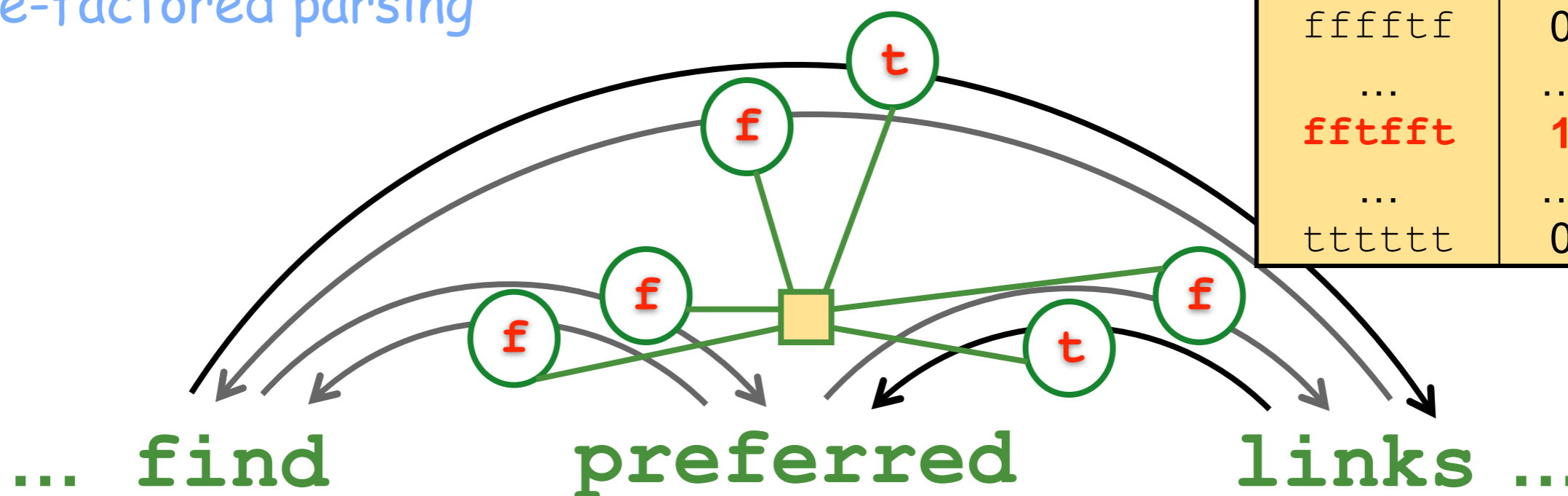
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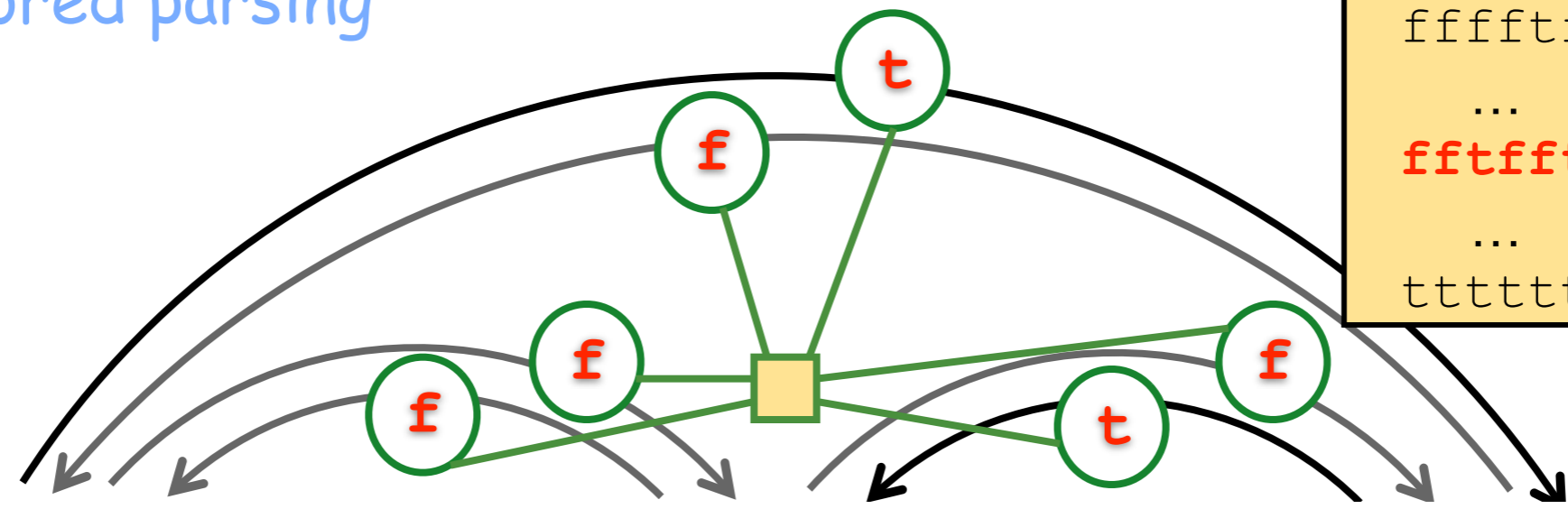
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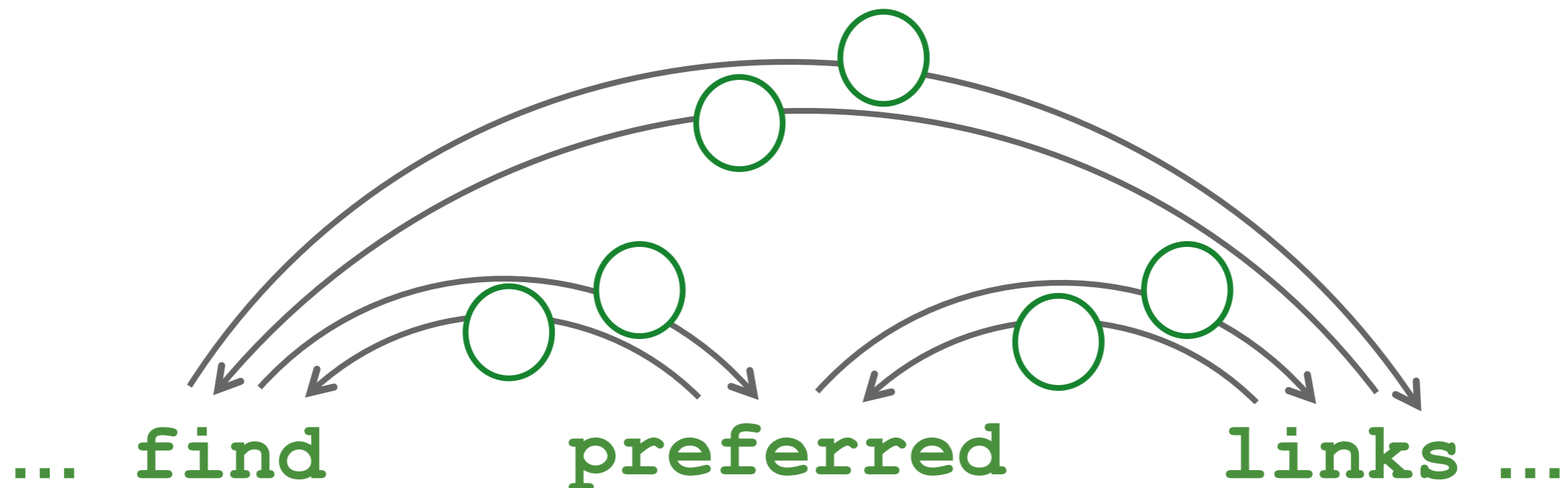
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... **fin** Note: traditional parsers don't loop through this table to consider exponentially many trees one at a time. They use combinatorial algorithms; so should we!

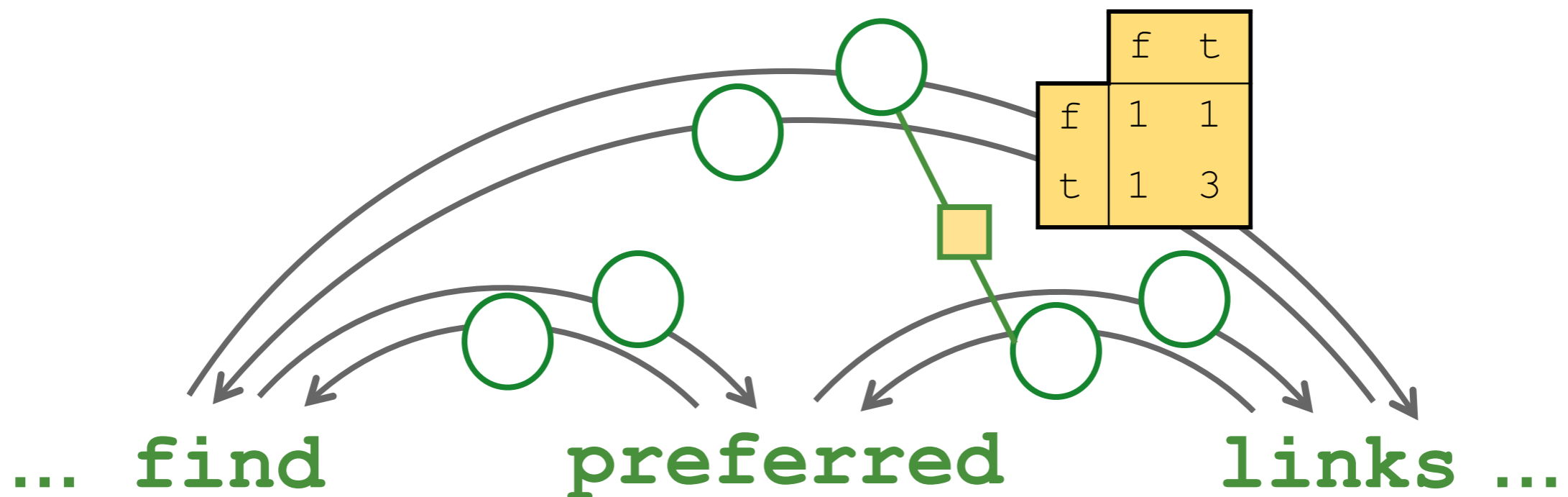
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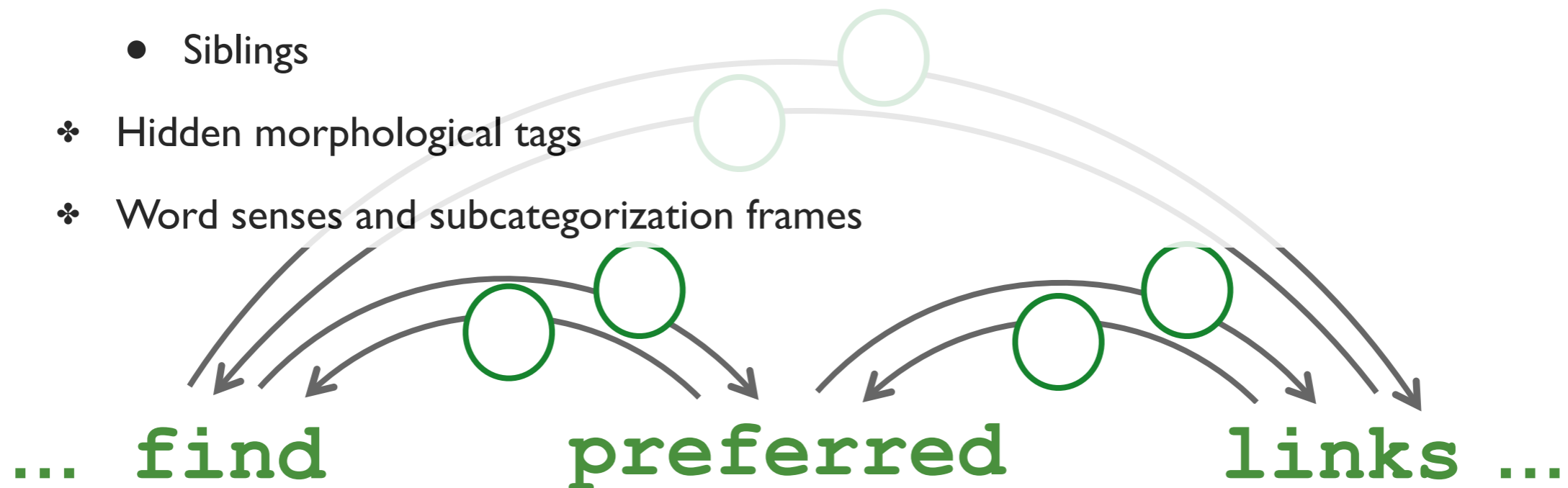
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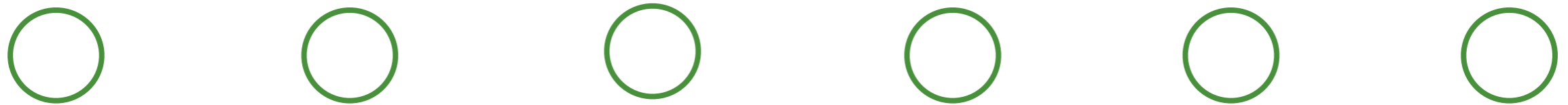


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 - Siblings
 - ❖ Hidden morphological tags
 - ❖ Word senses and subcategorization frames



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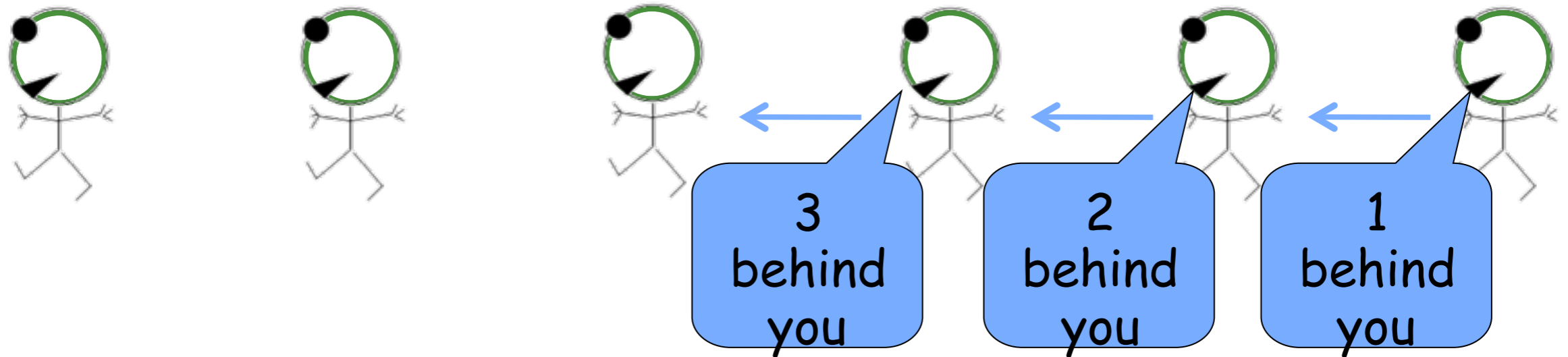
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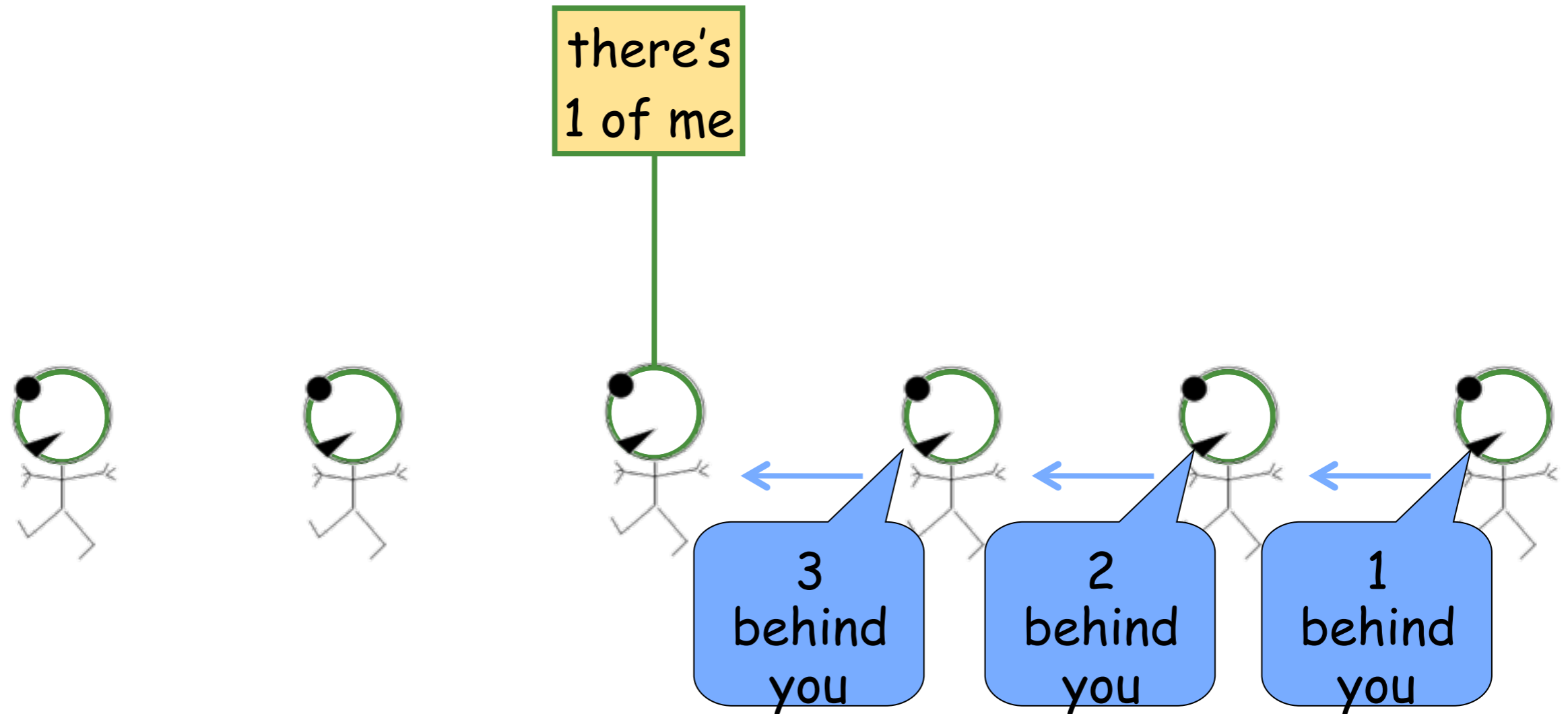
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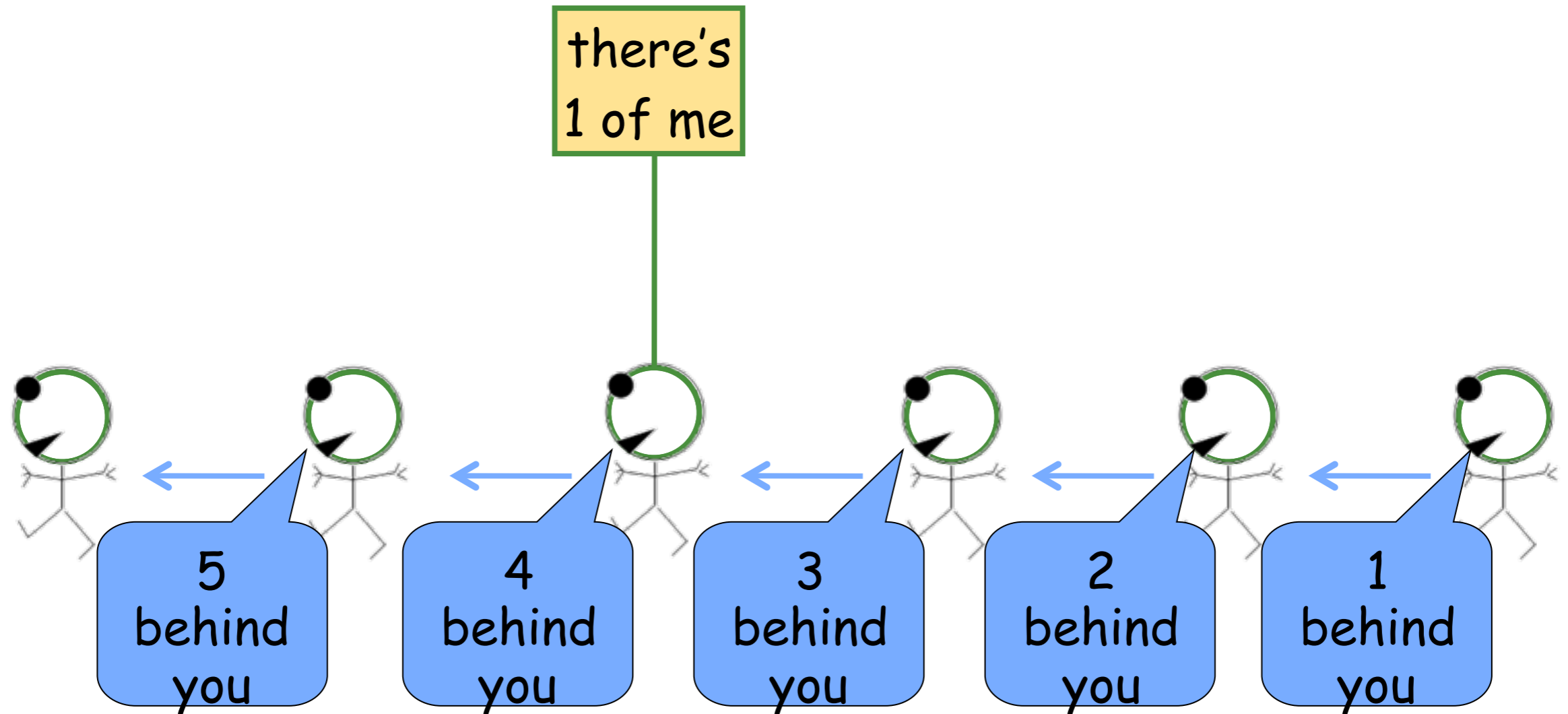
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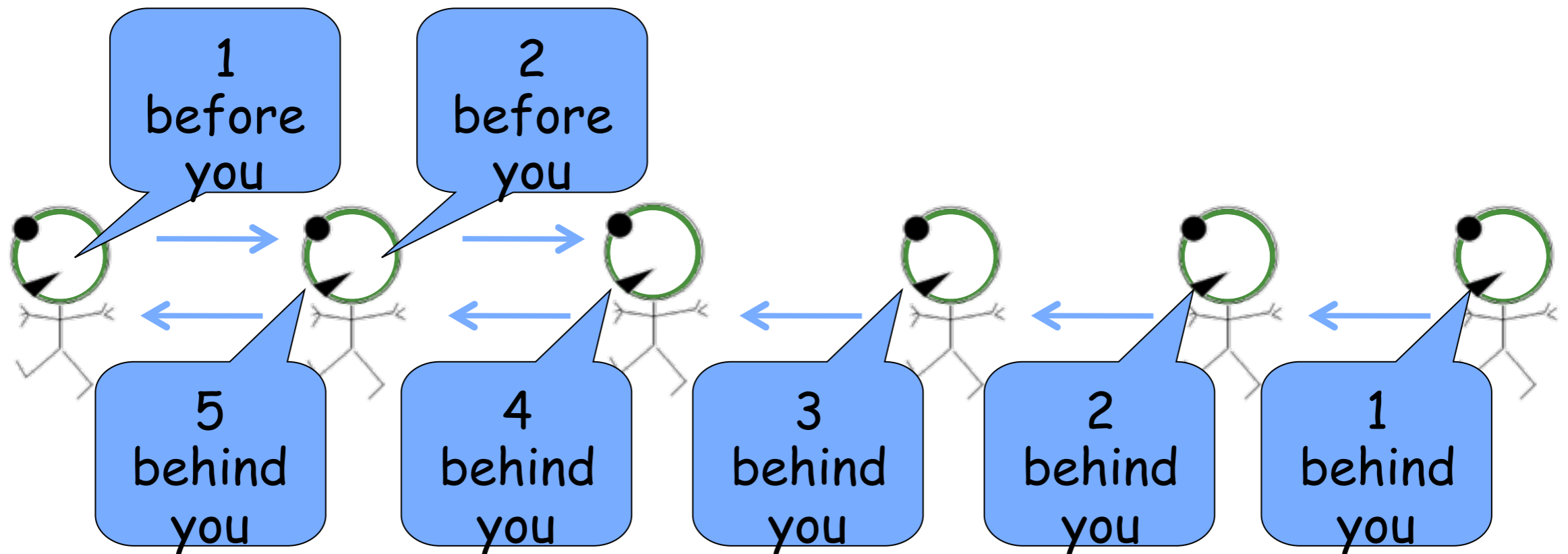
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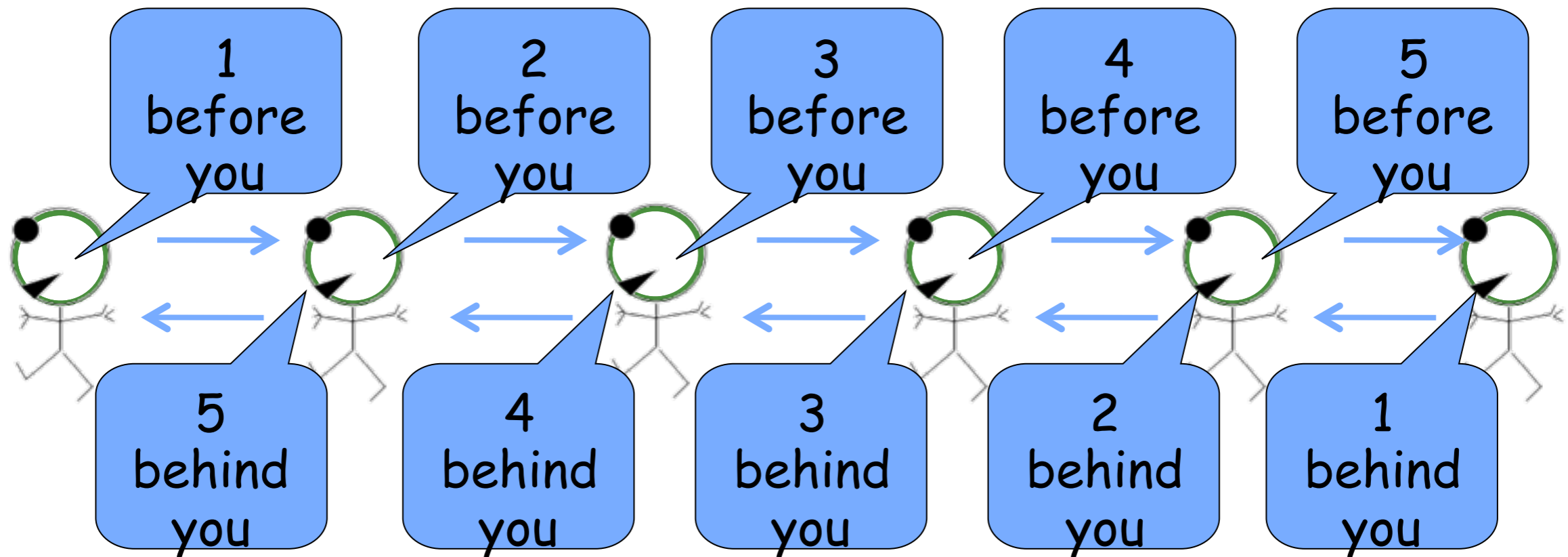
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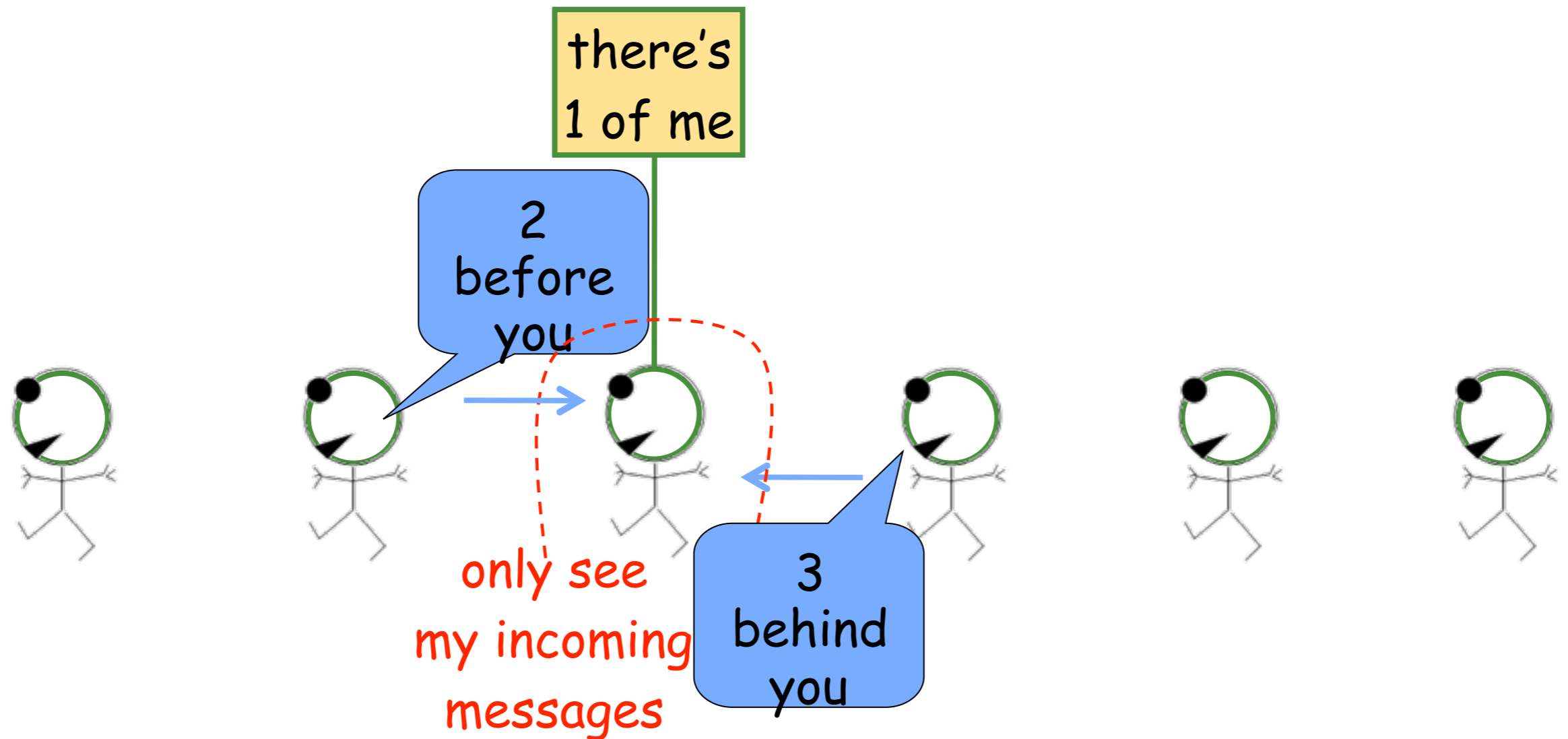
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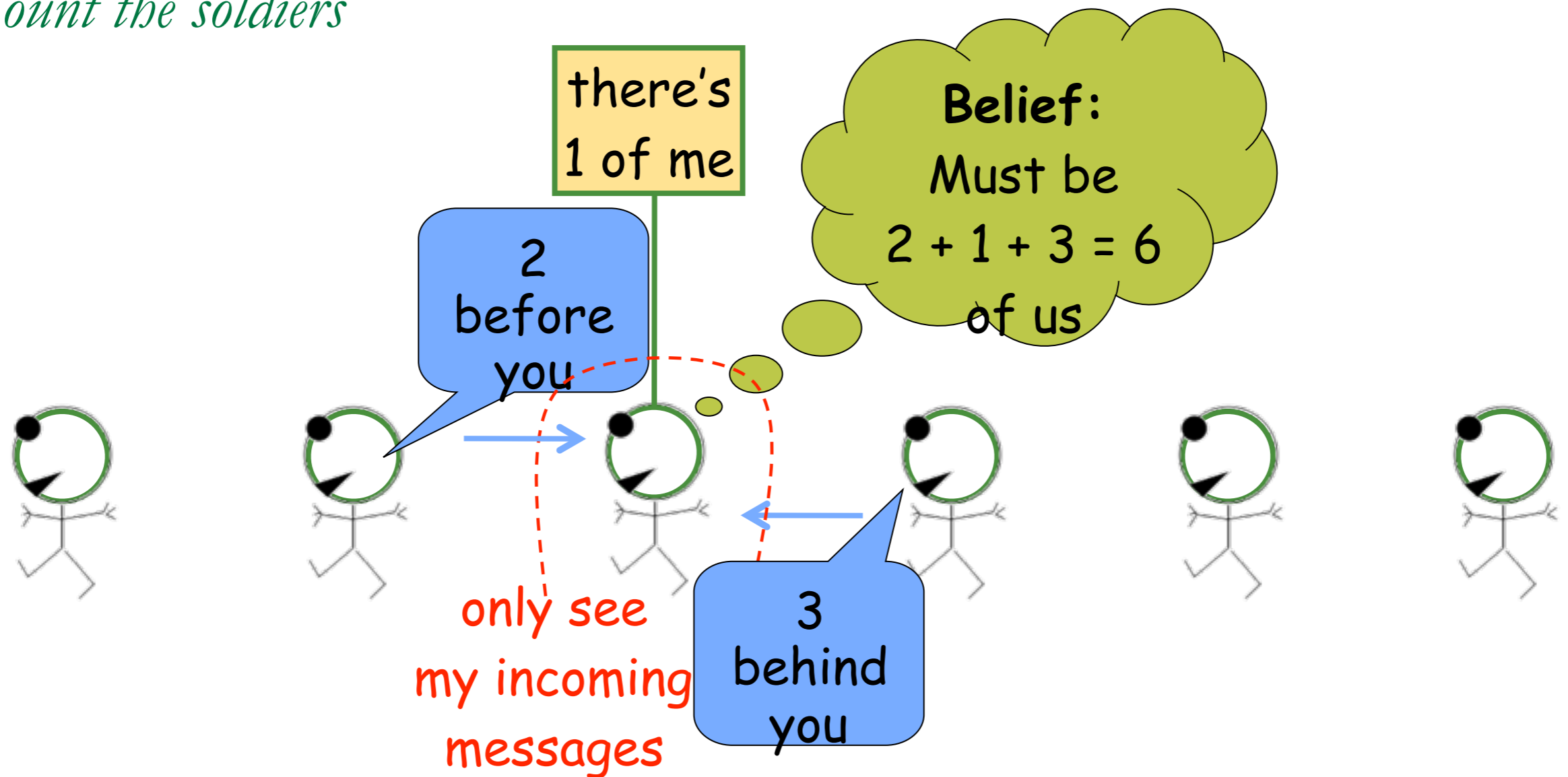
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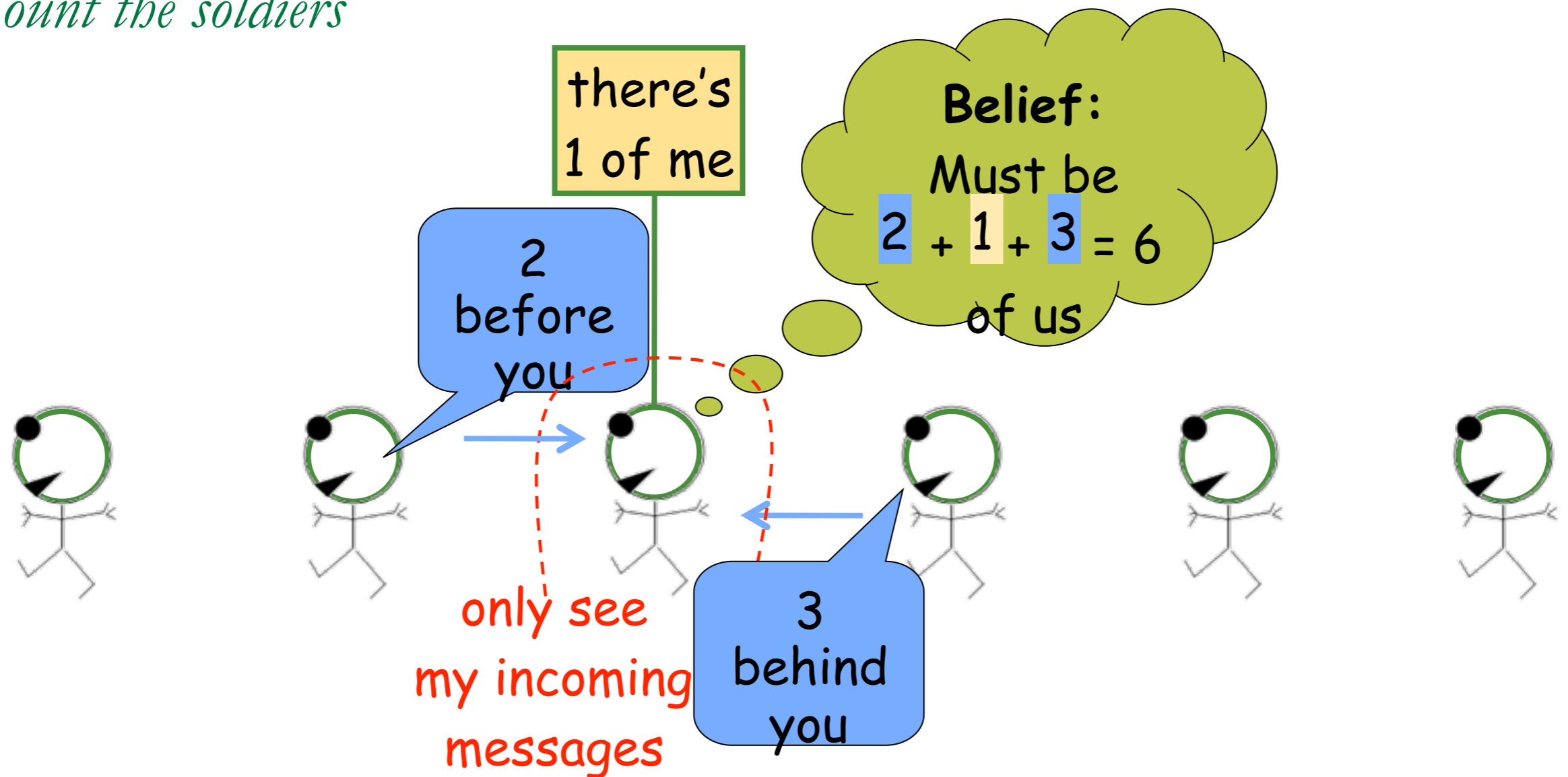
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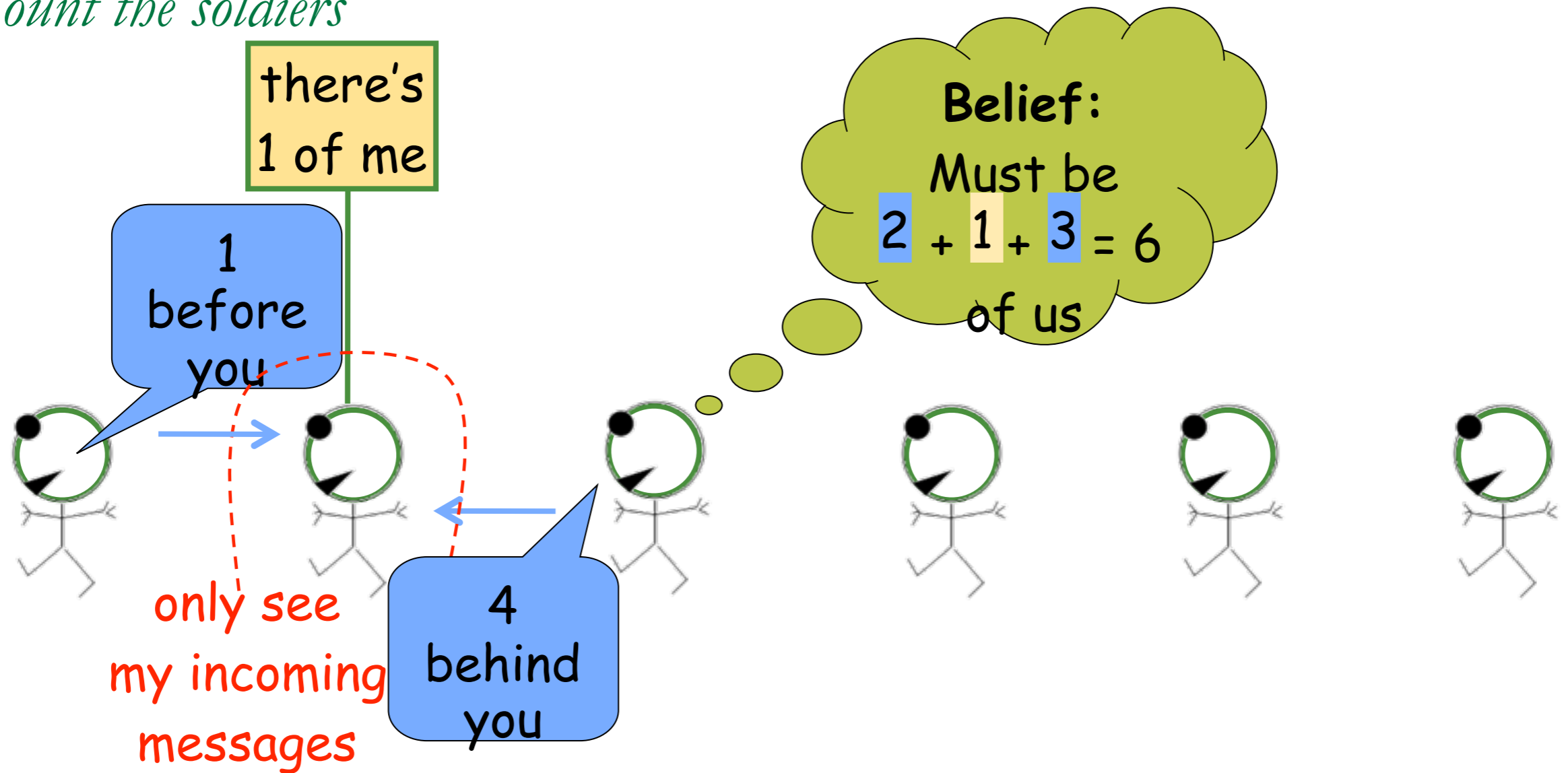
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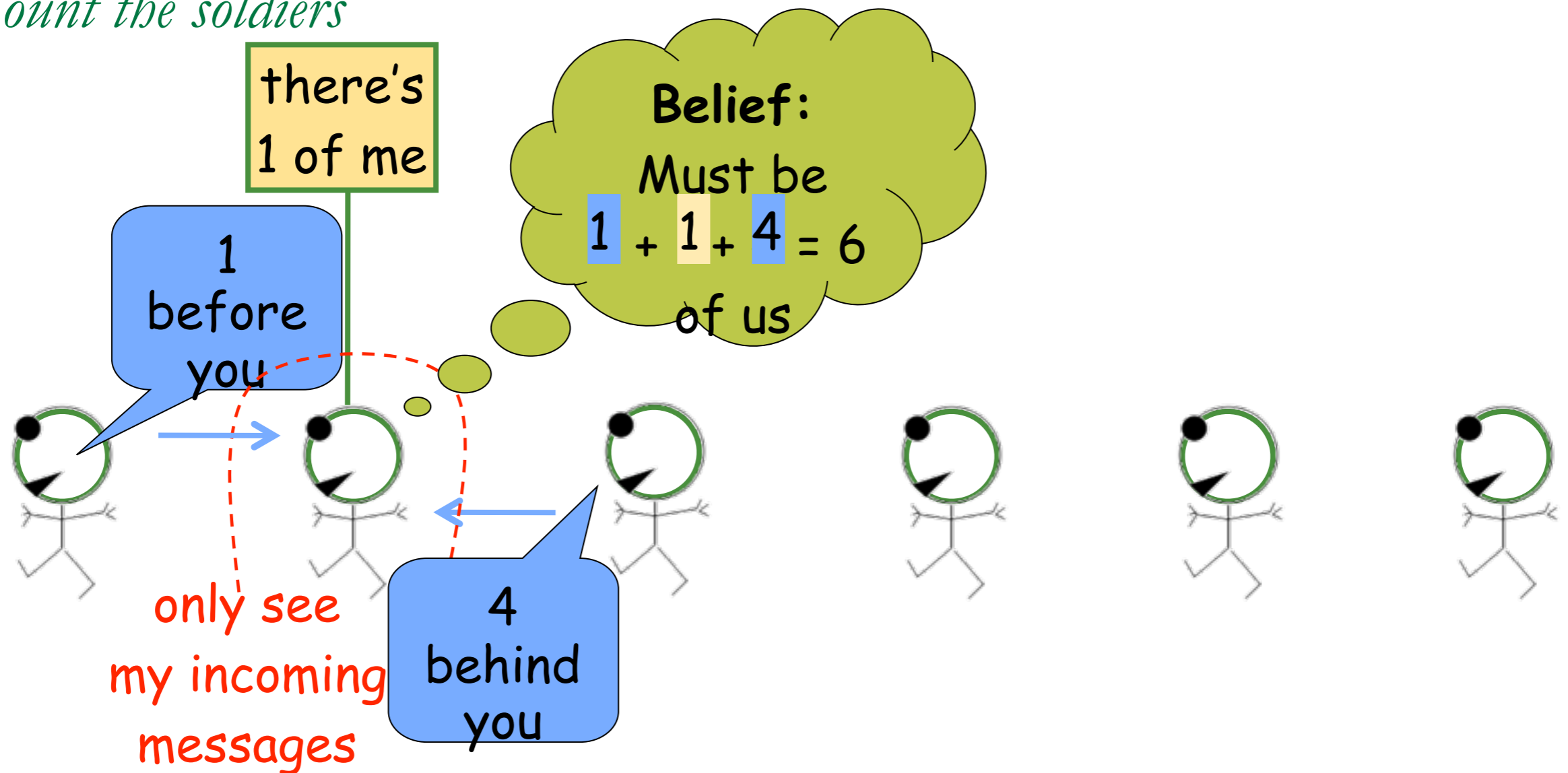
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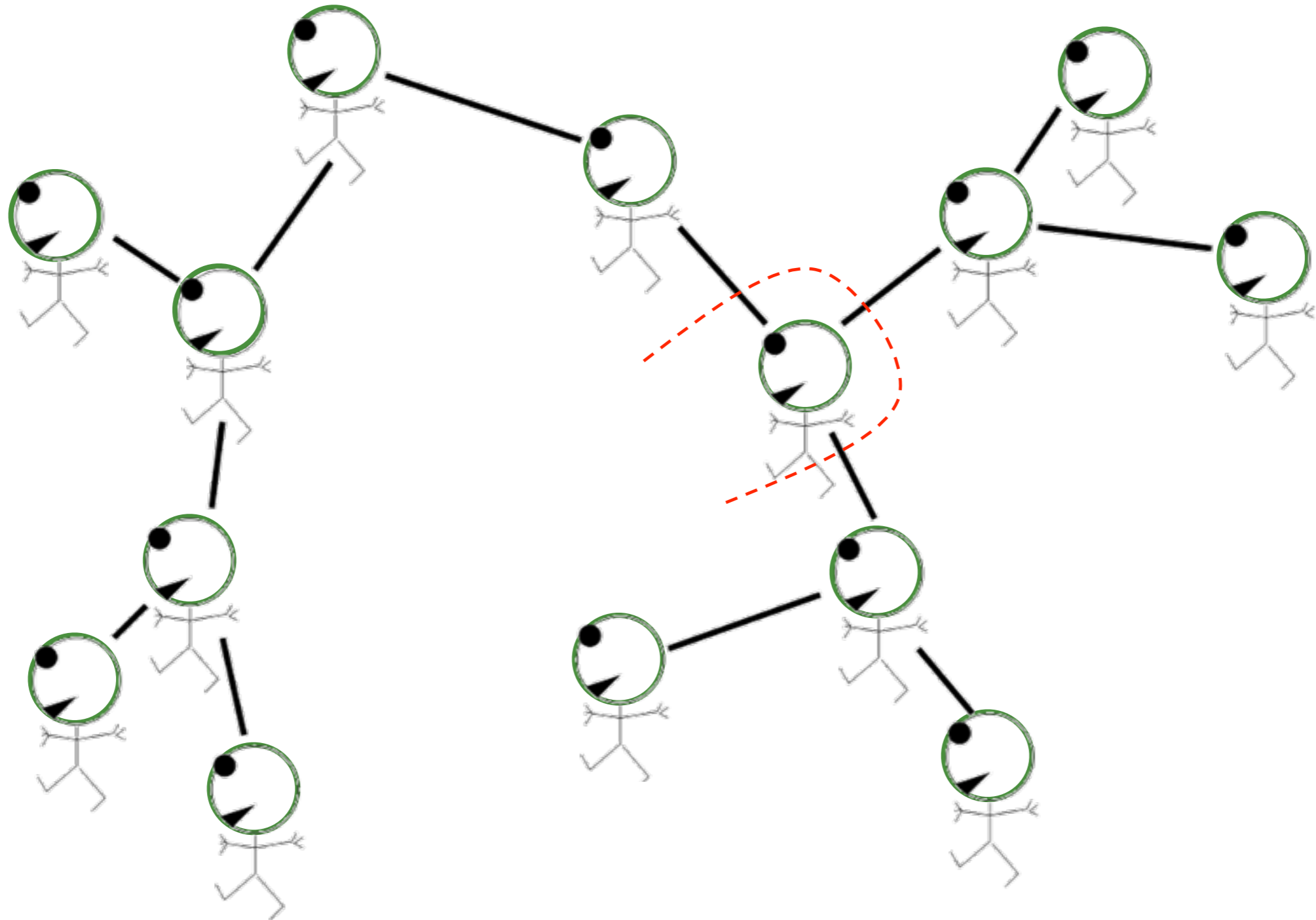
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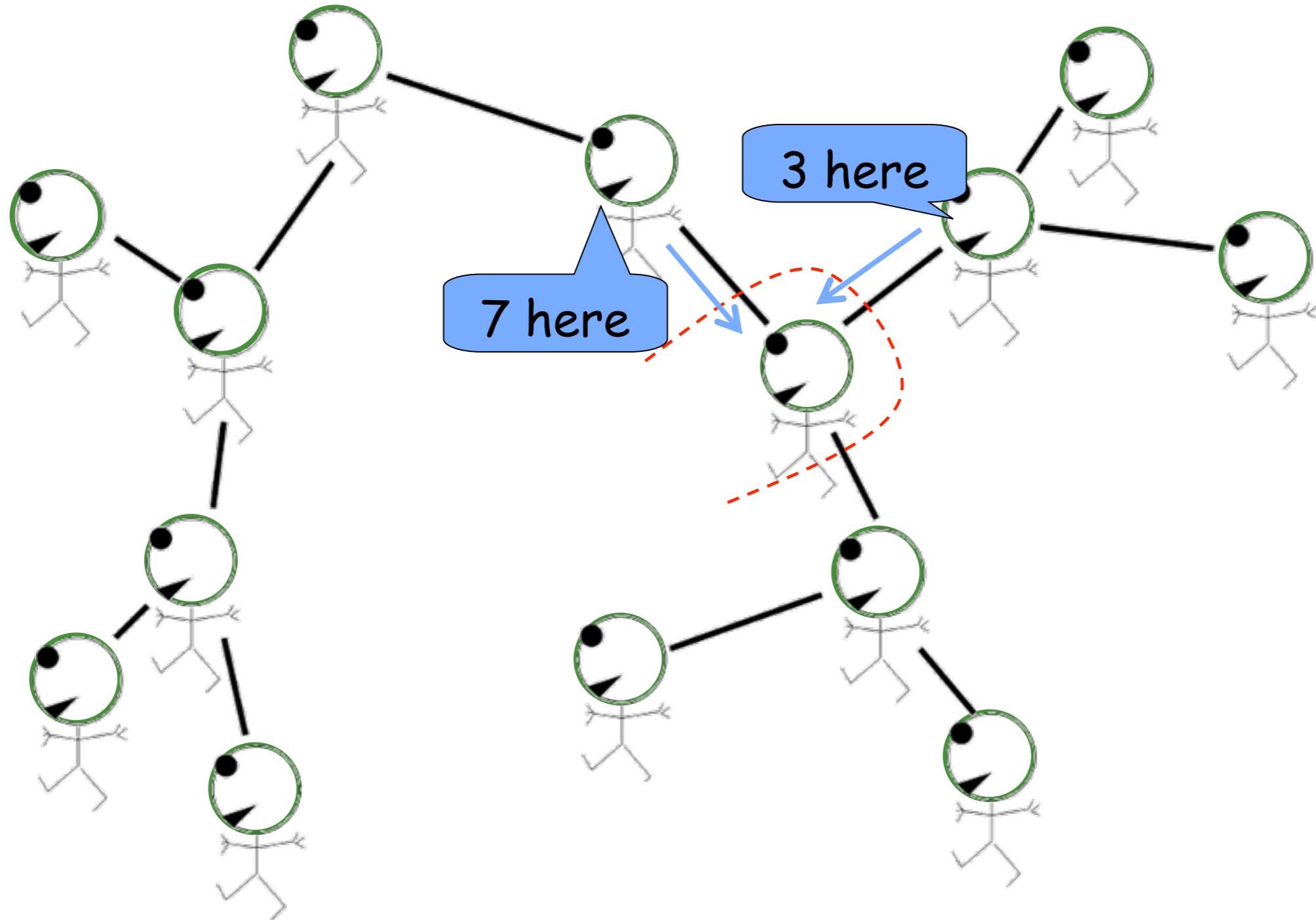
Each soldier receives reports from all branches of tree



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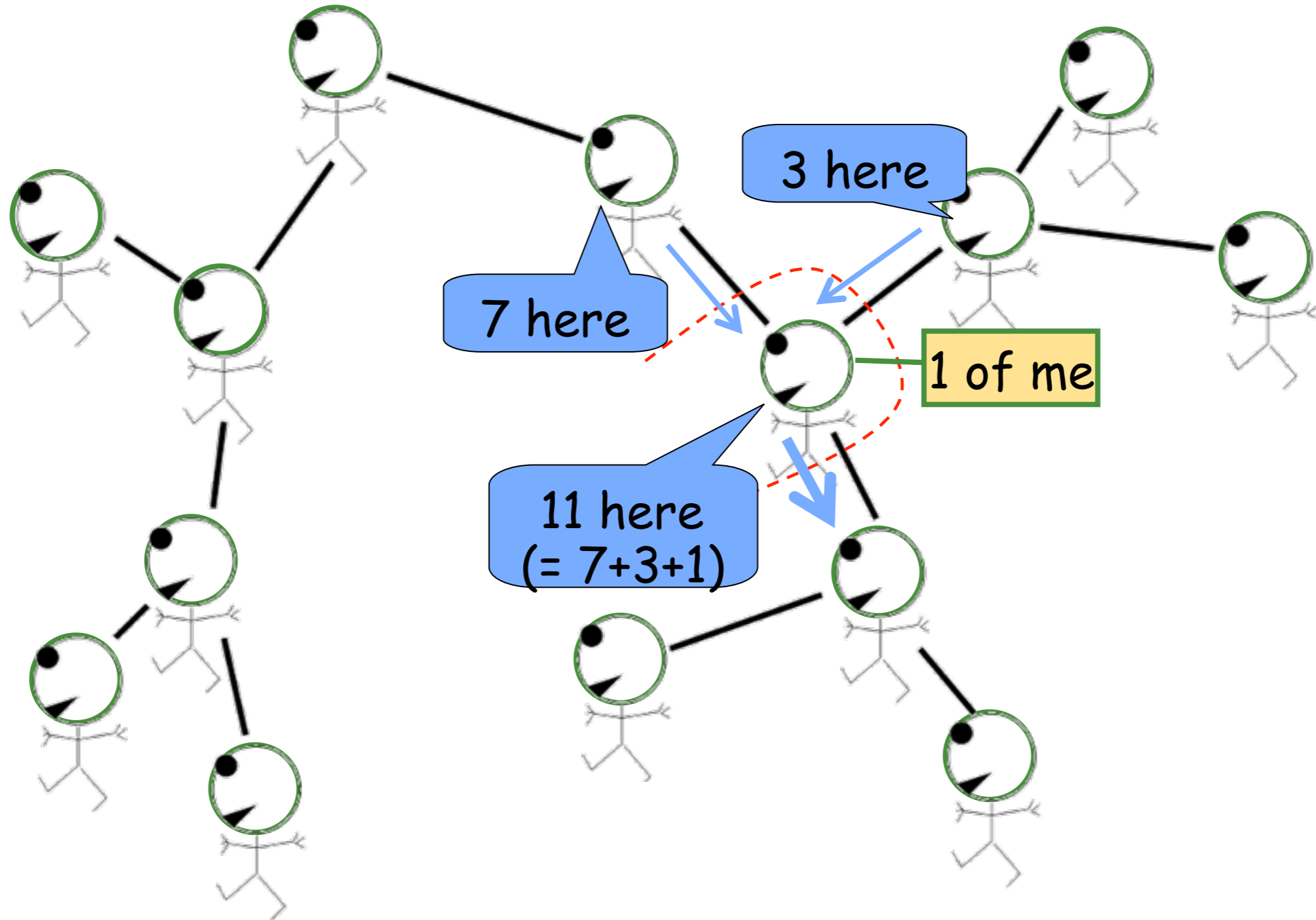
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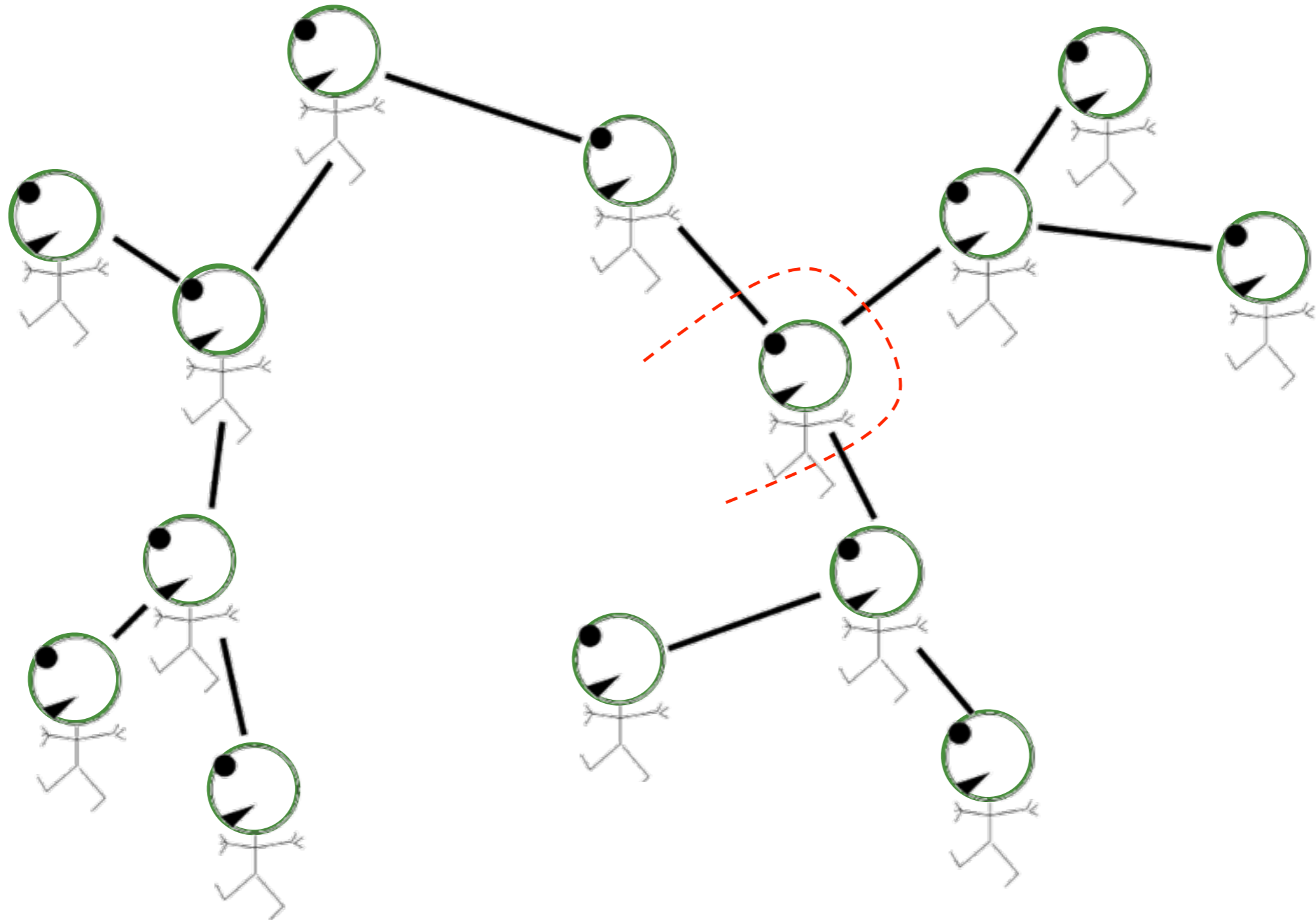
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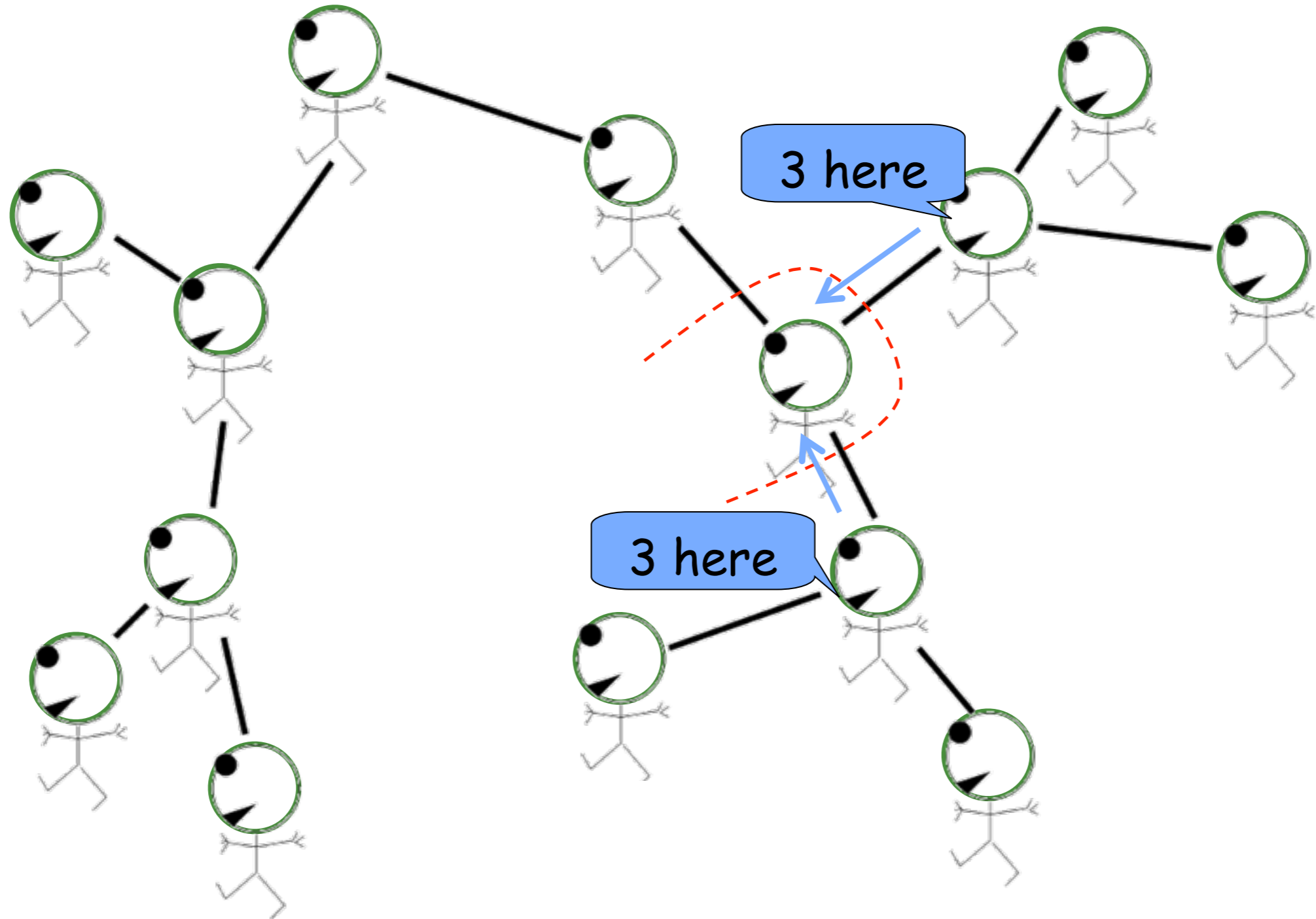
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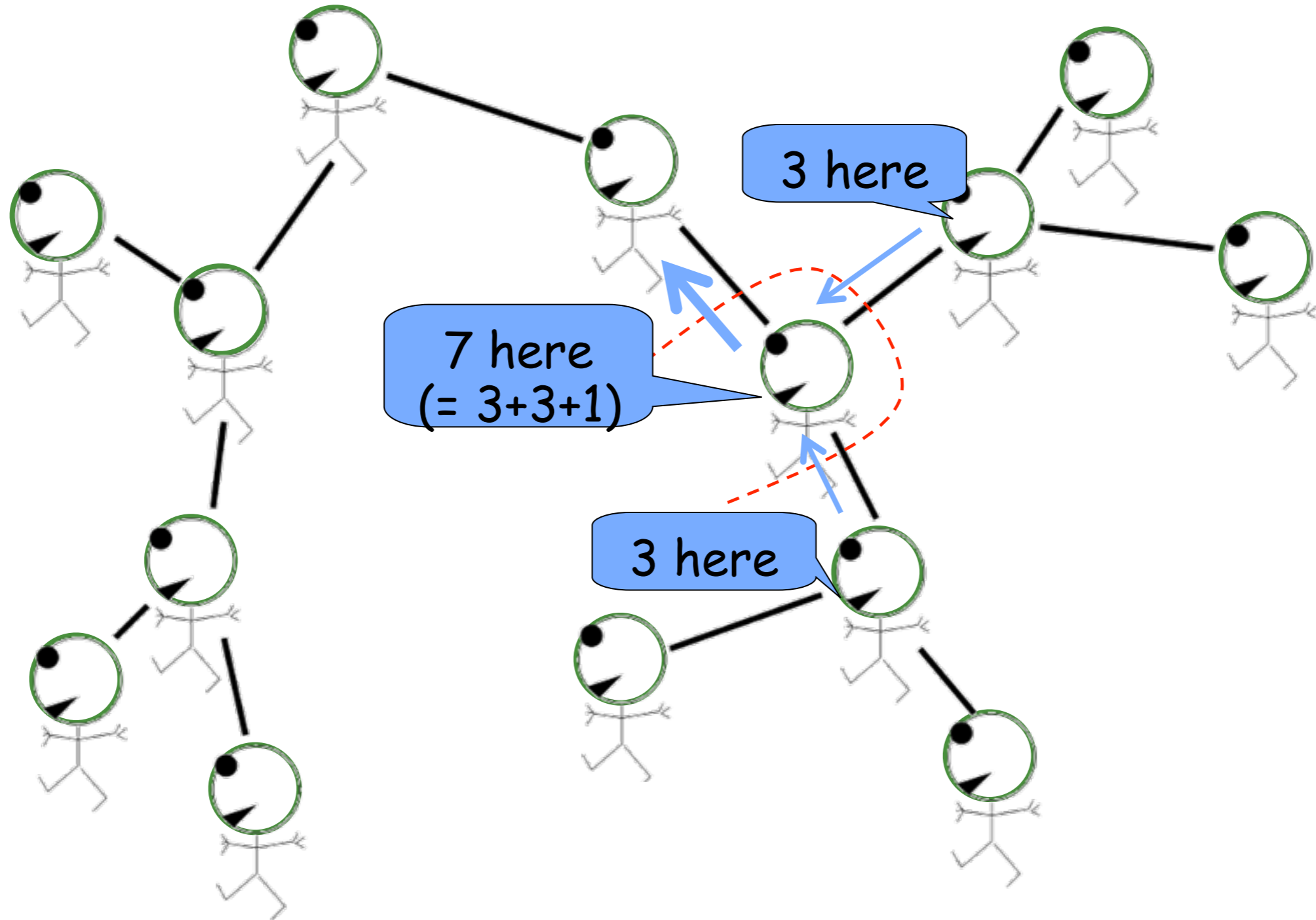
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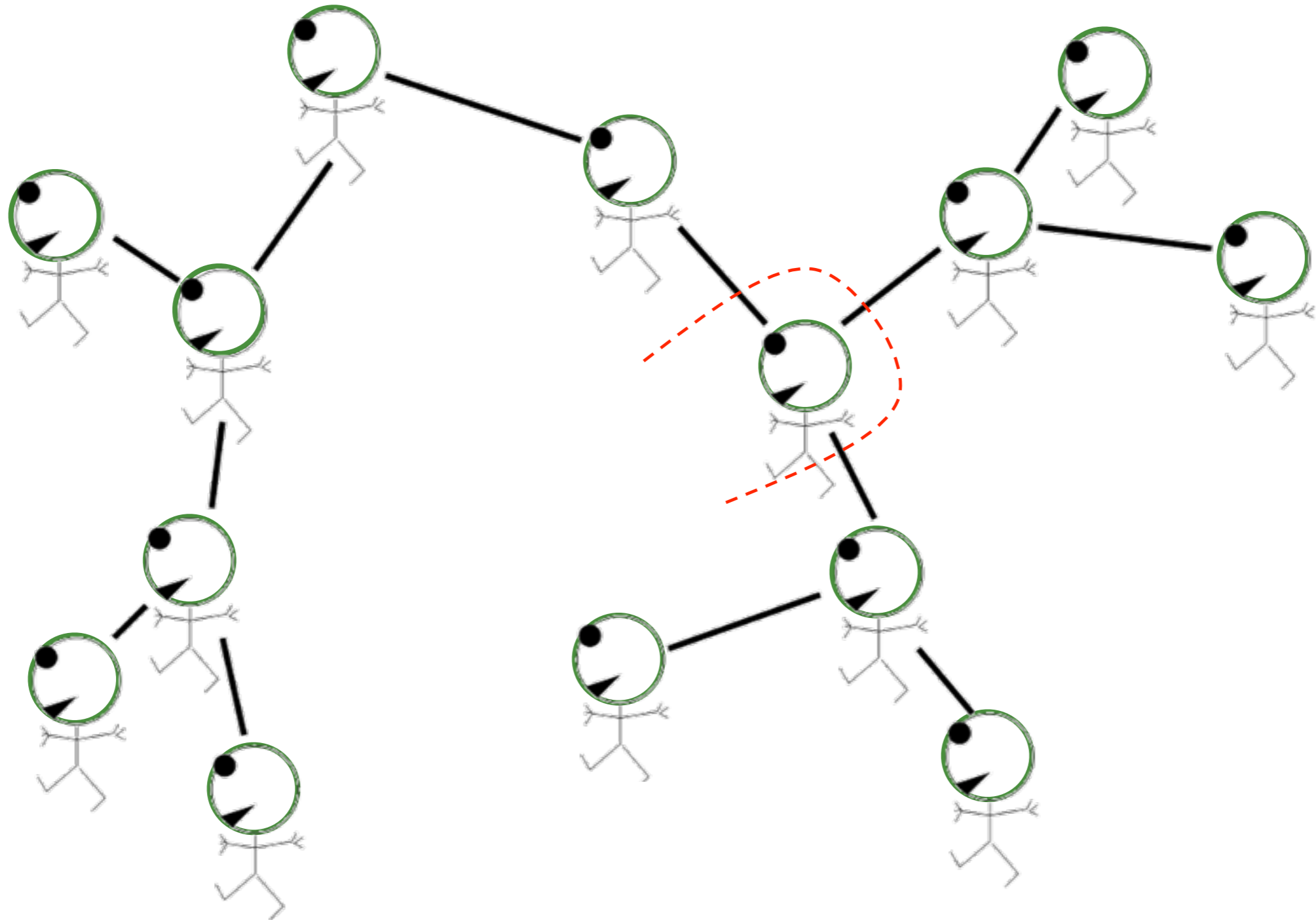
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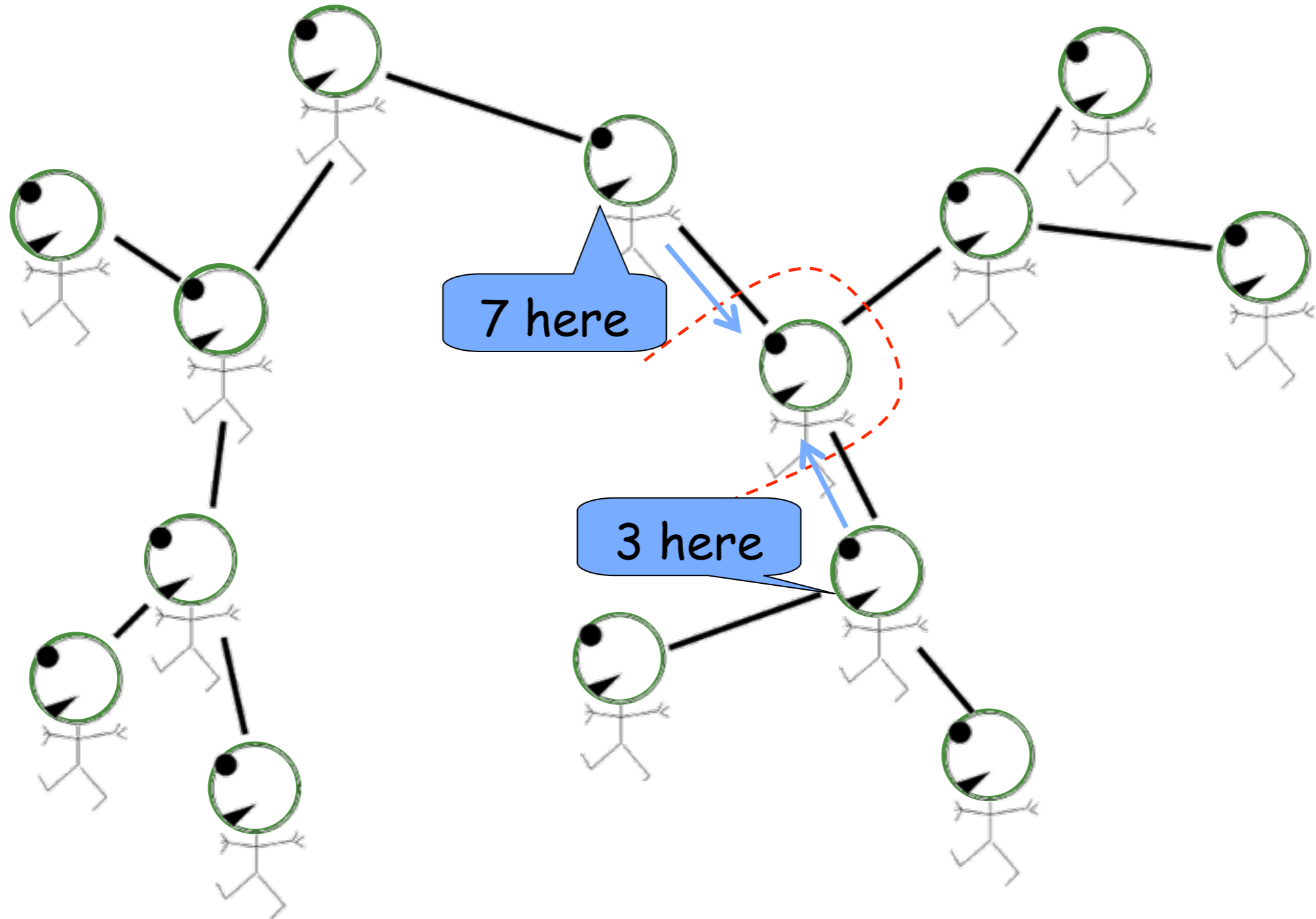
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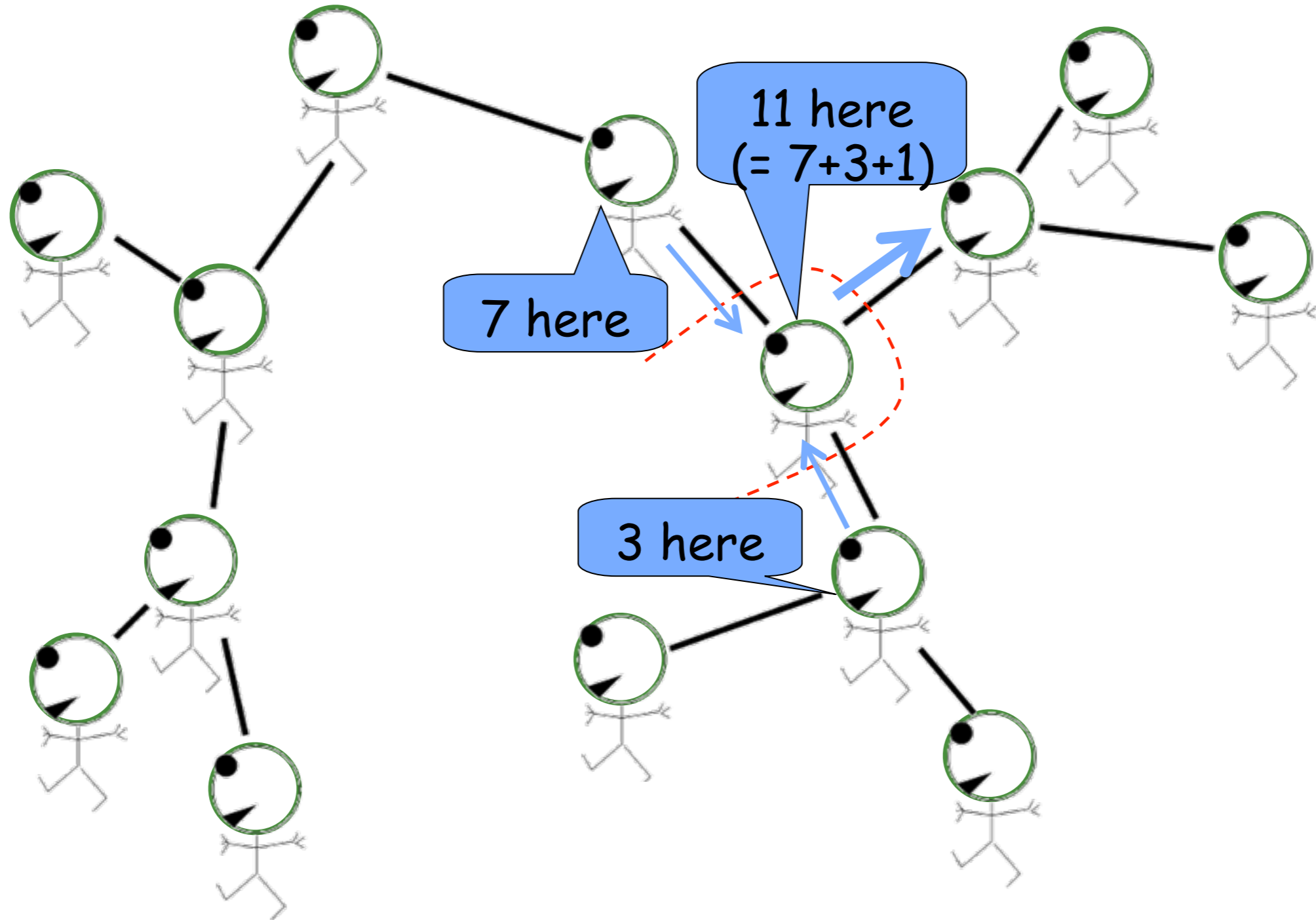
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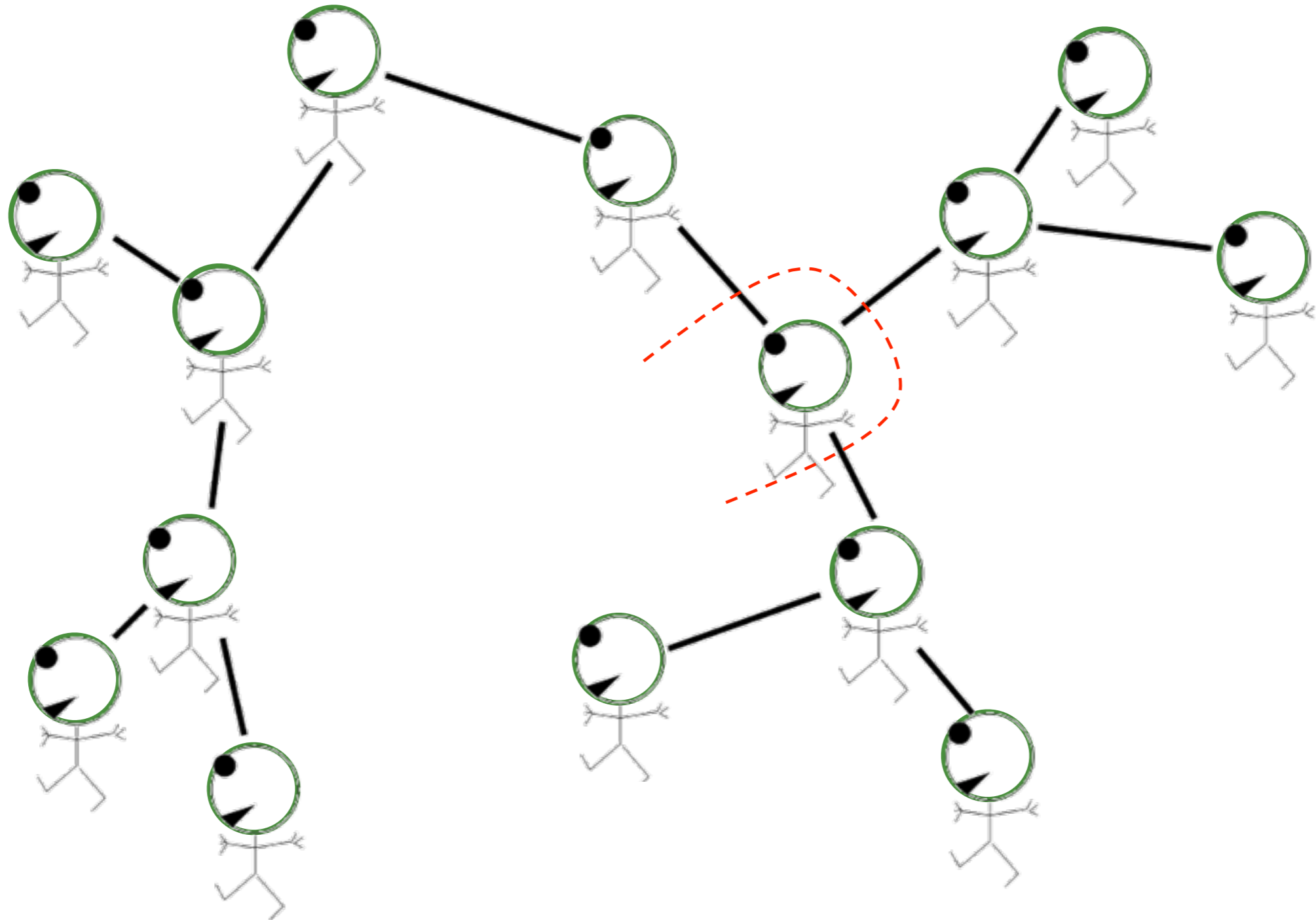
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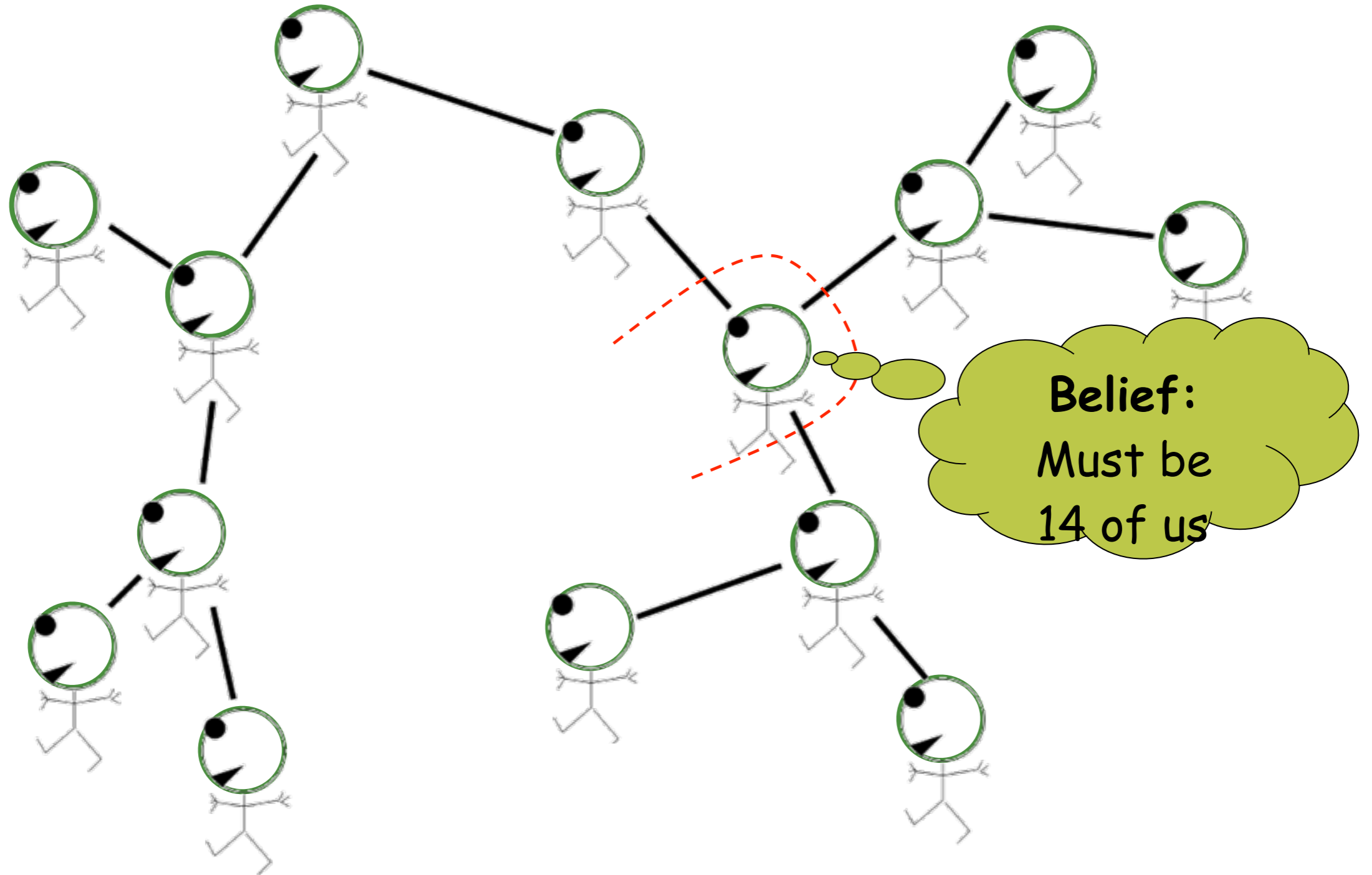
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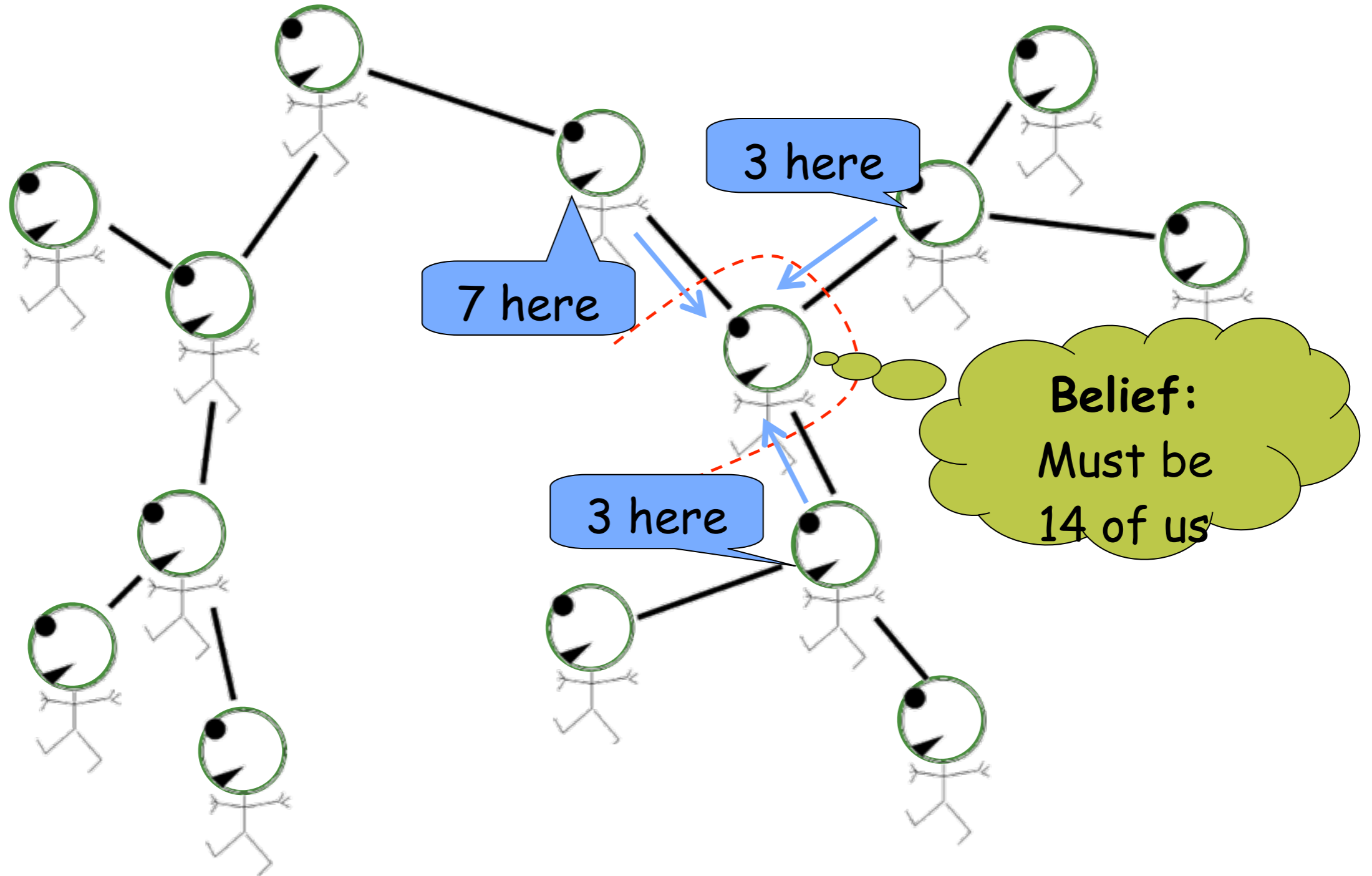
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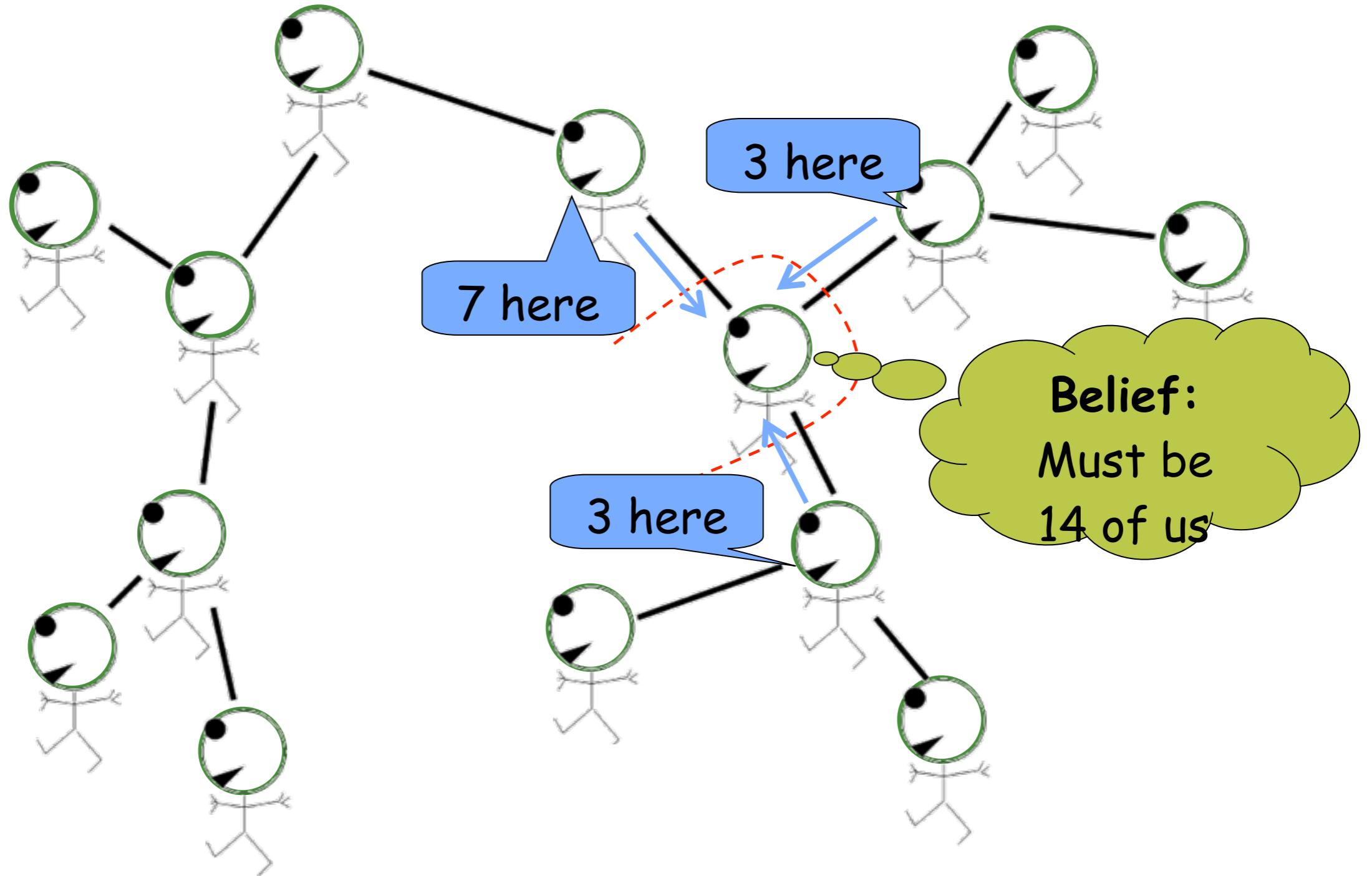
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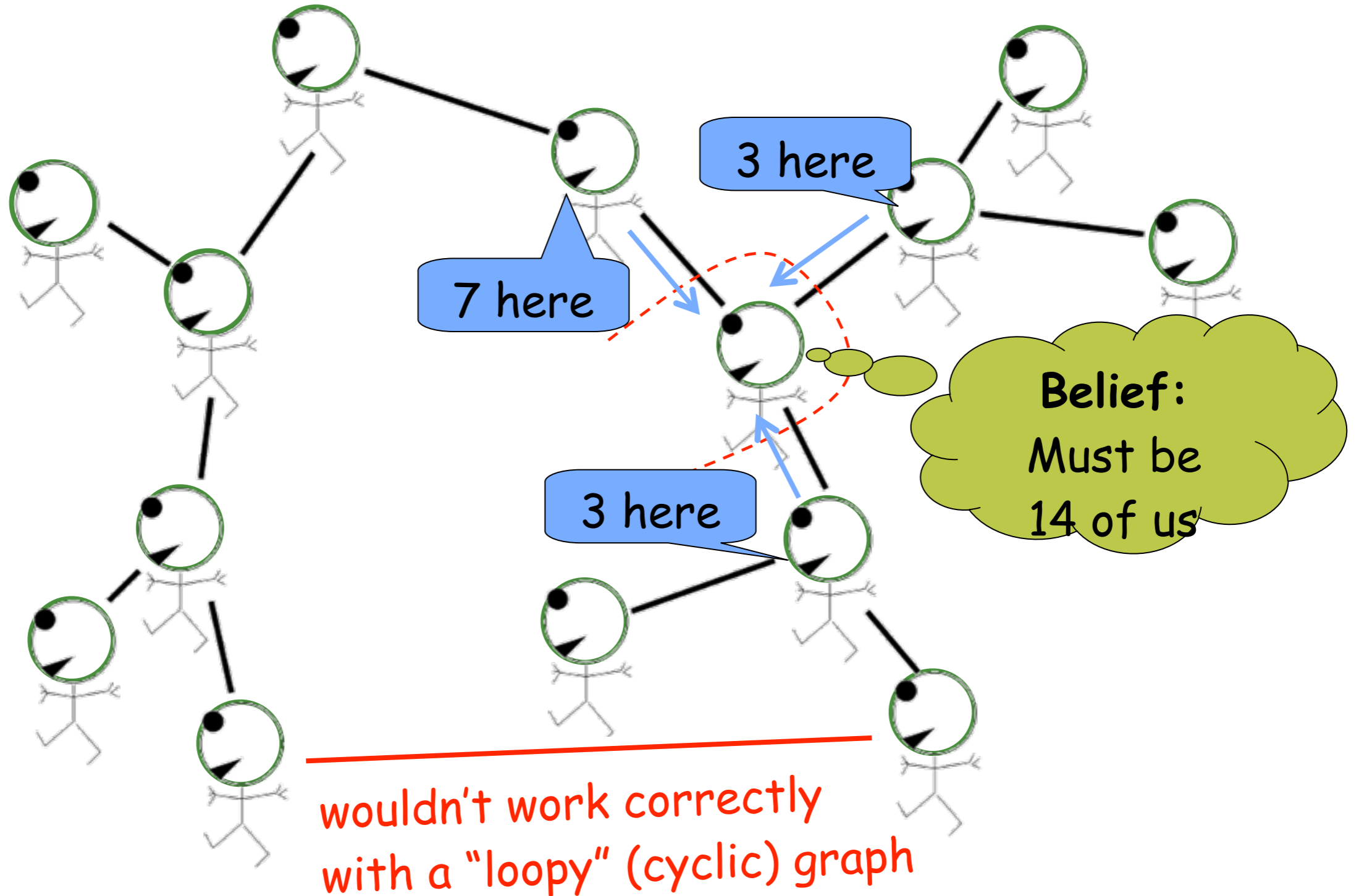
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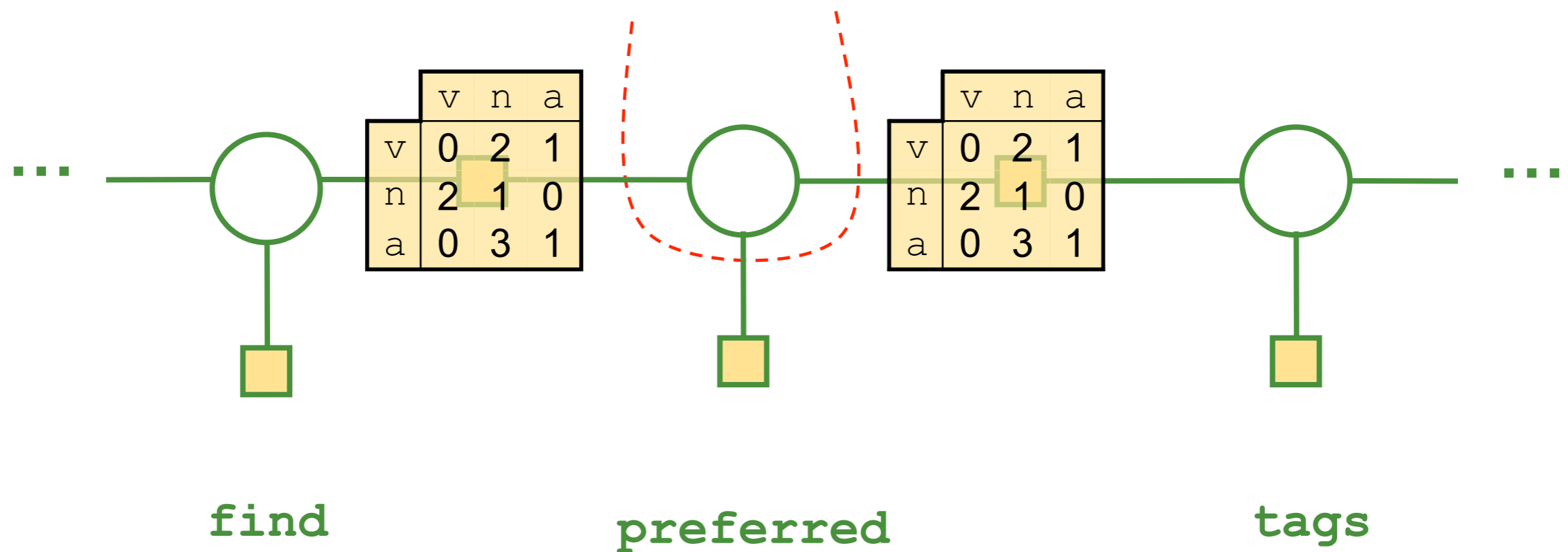
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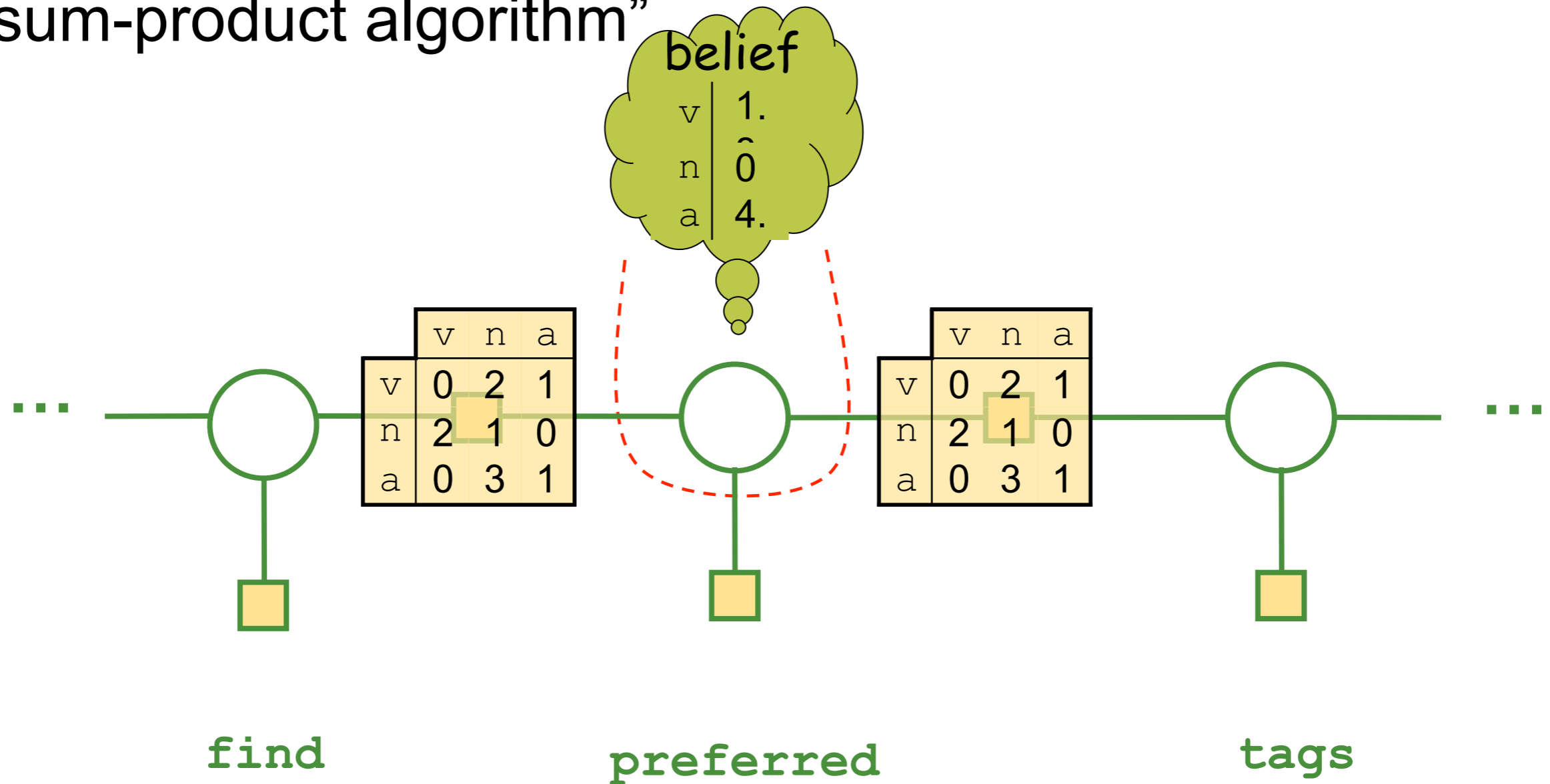
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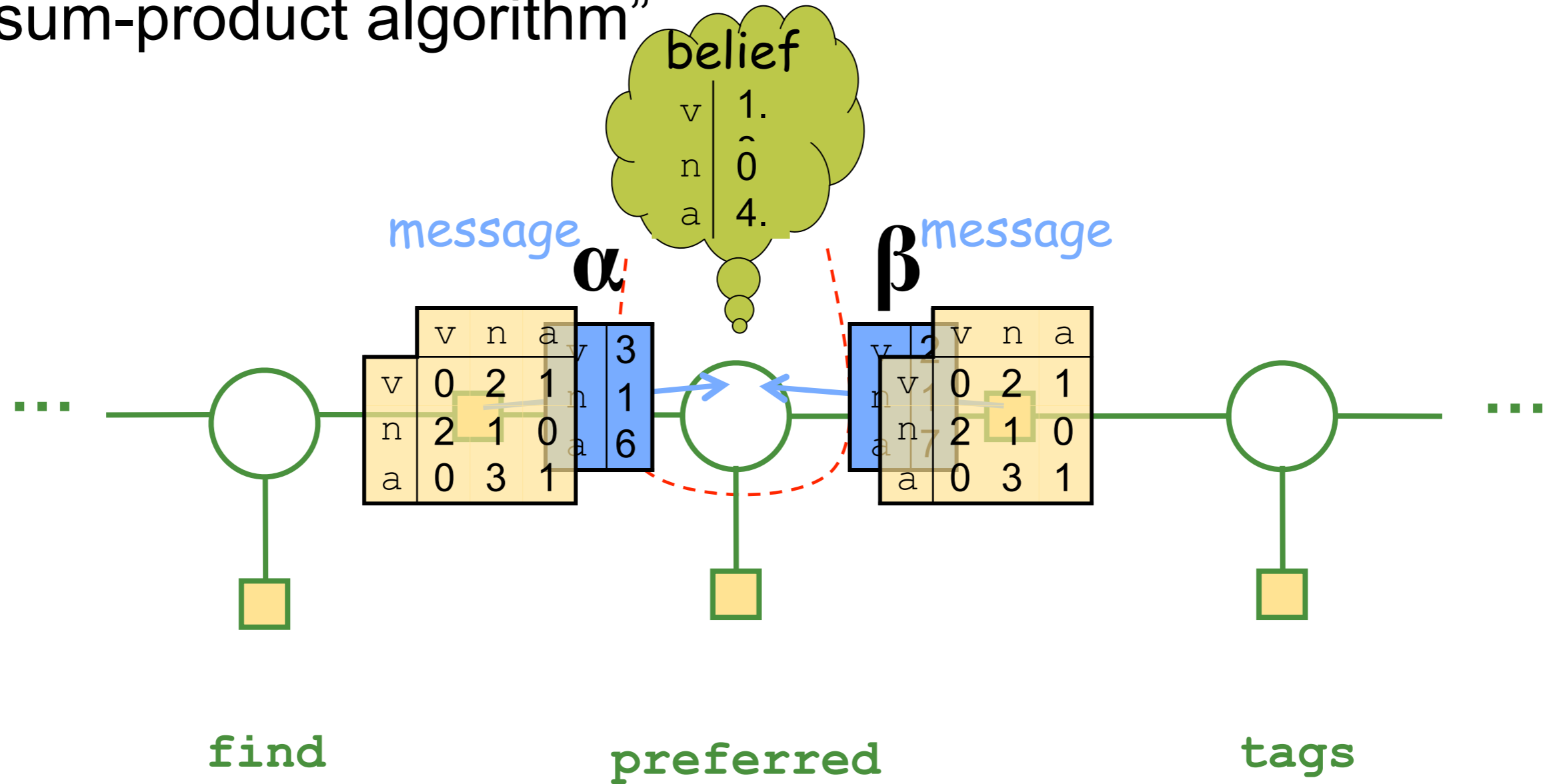
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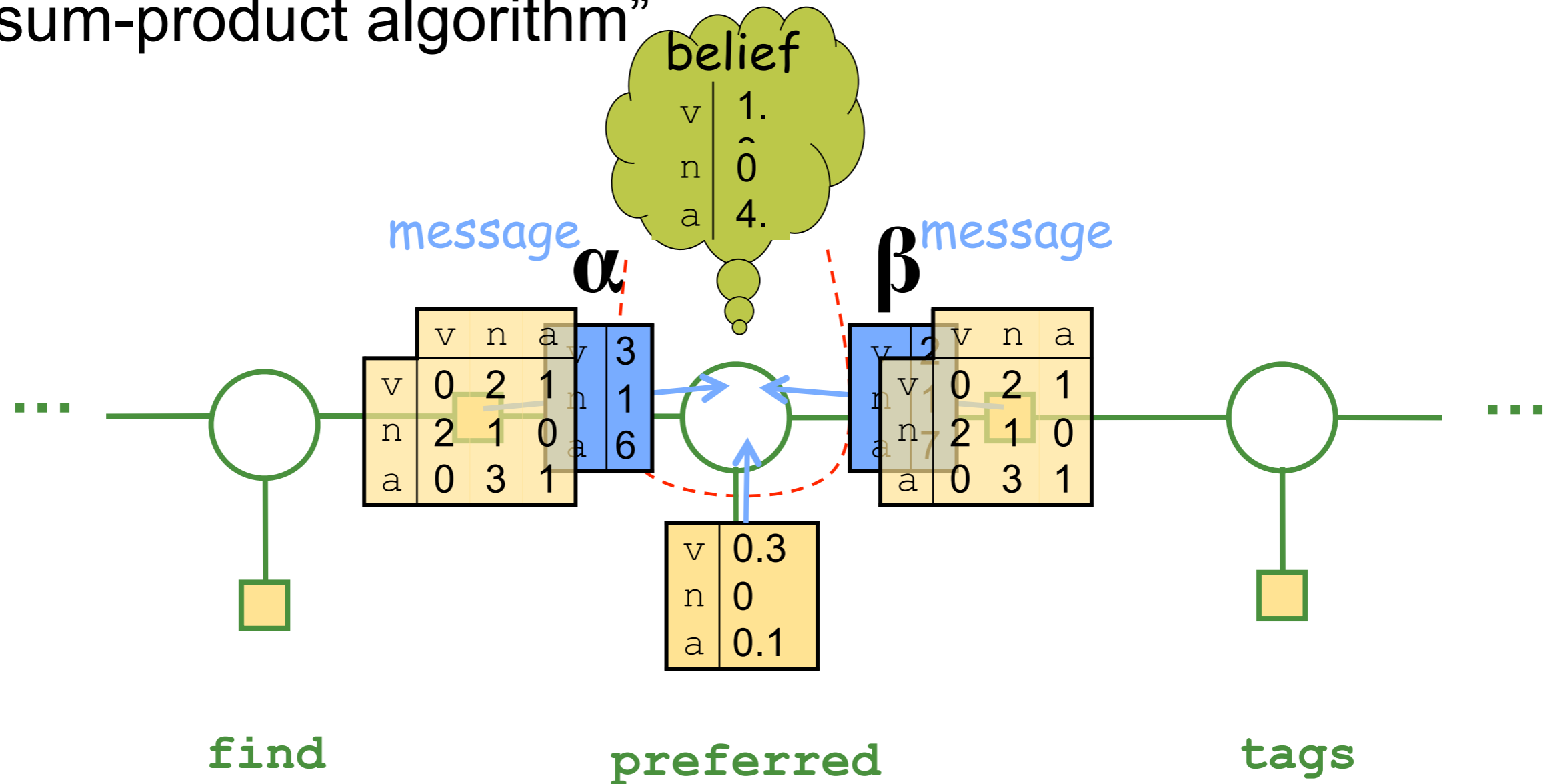
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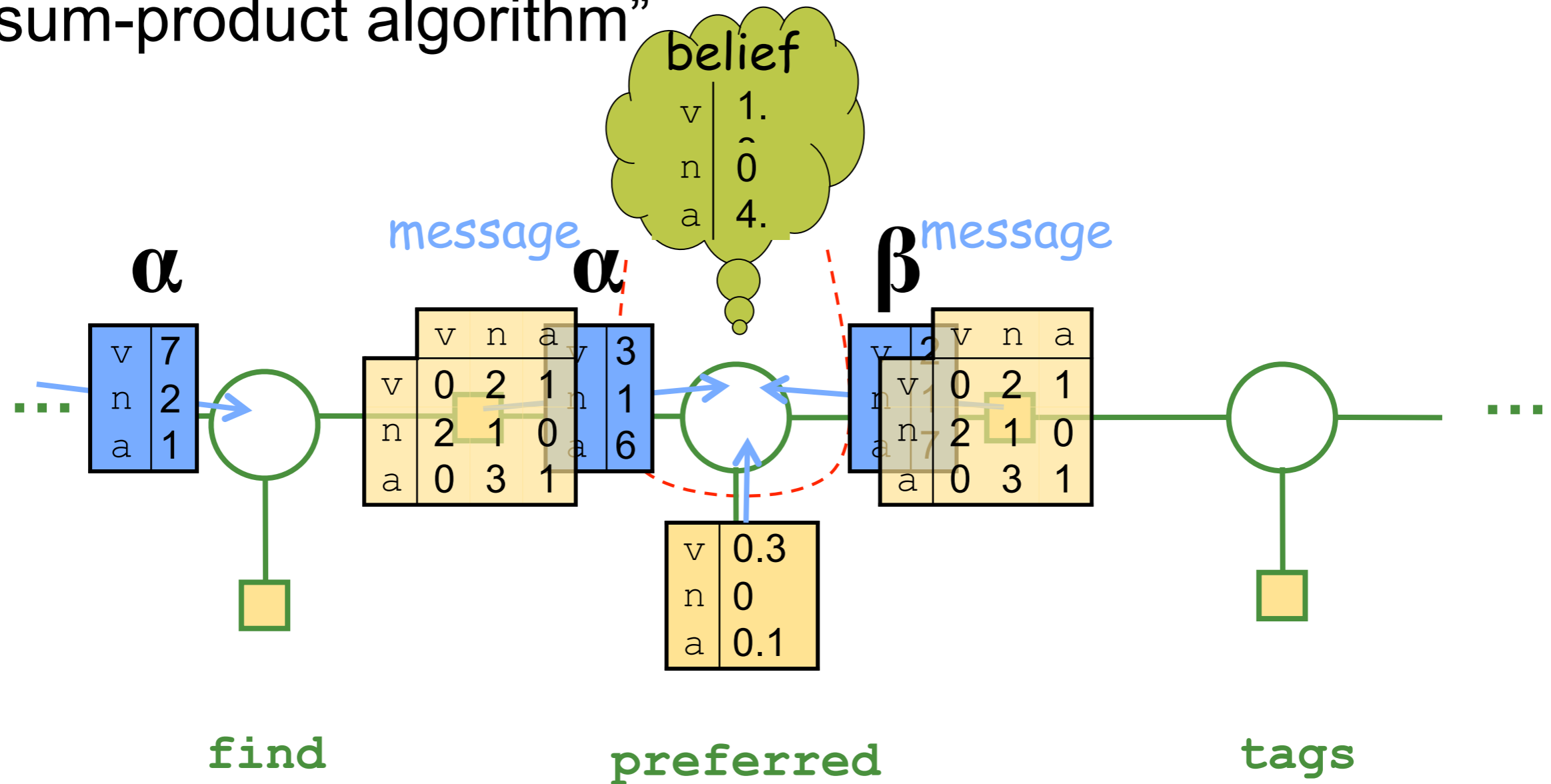
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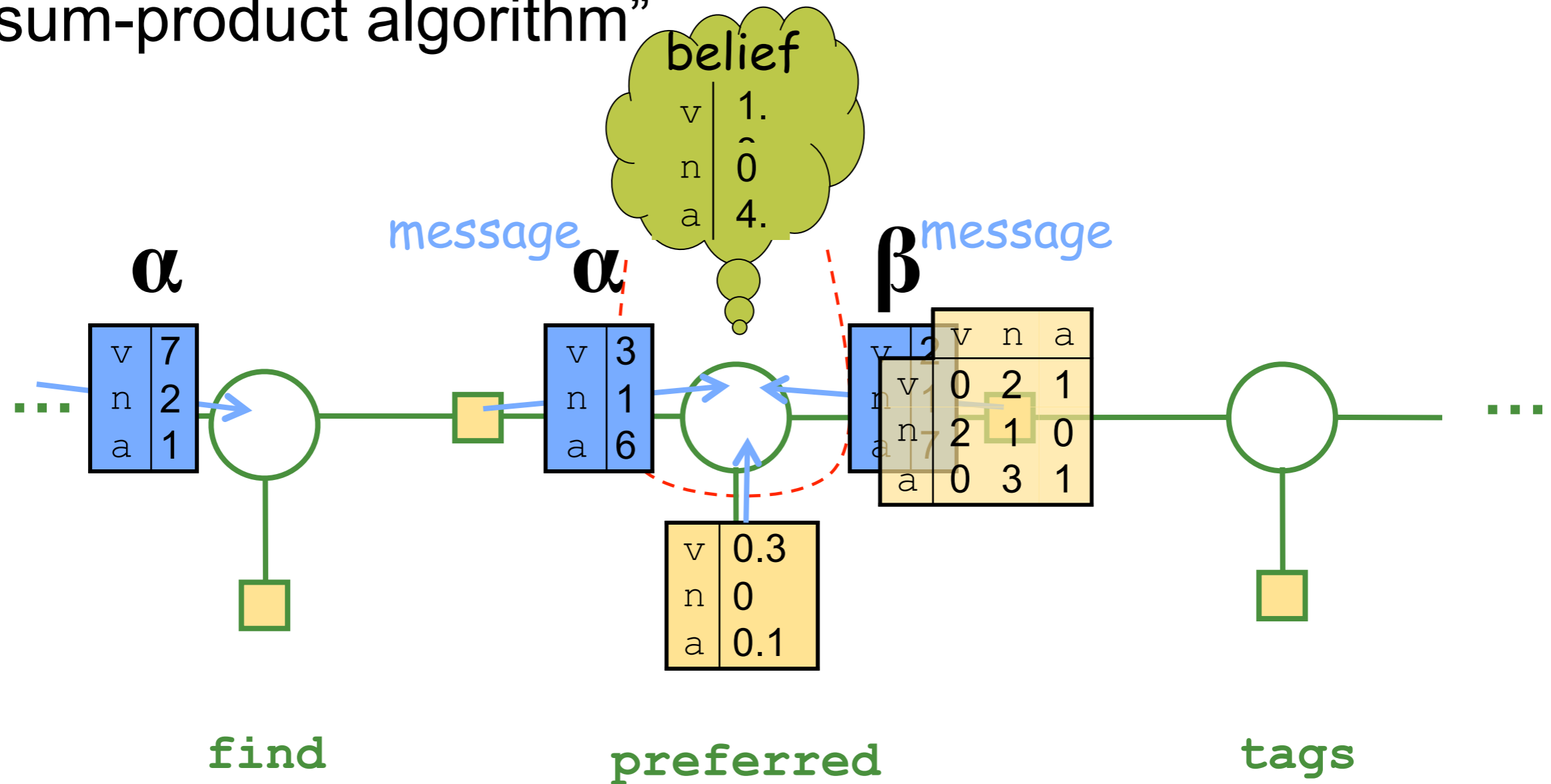
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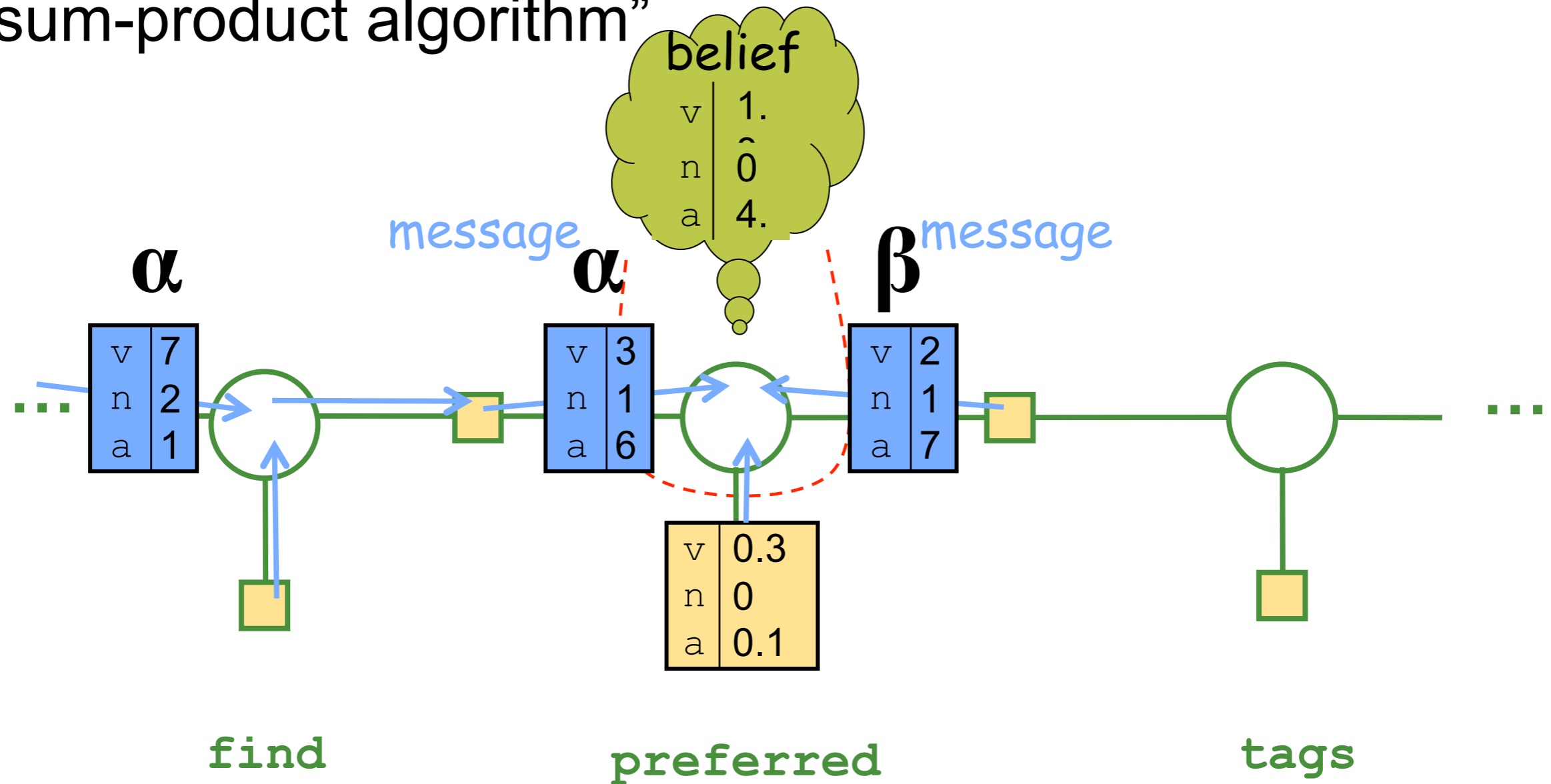
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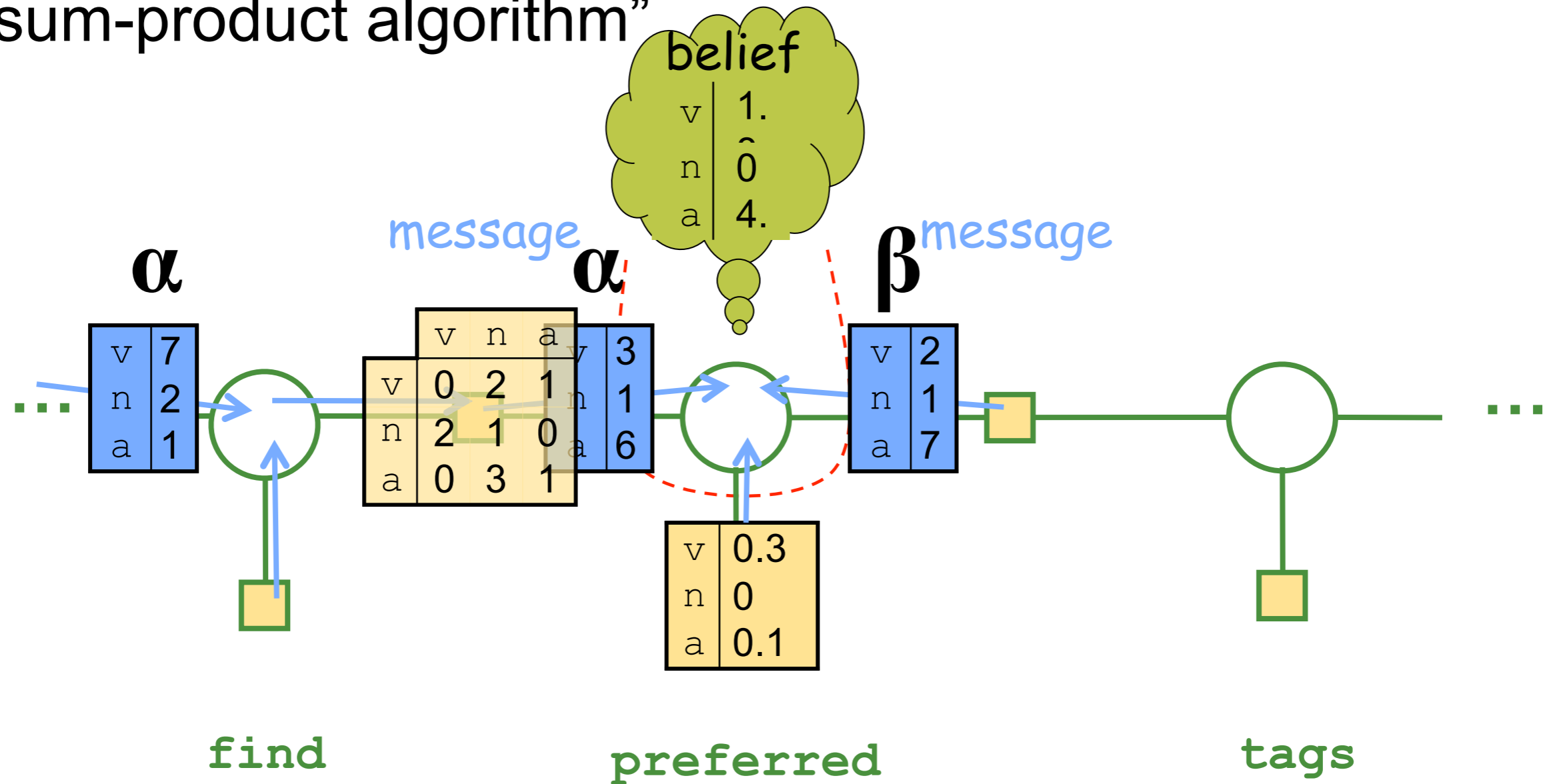
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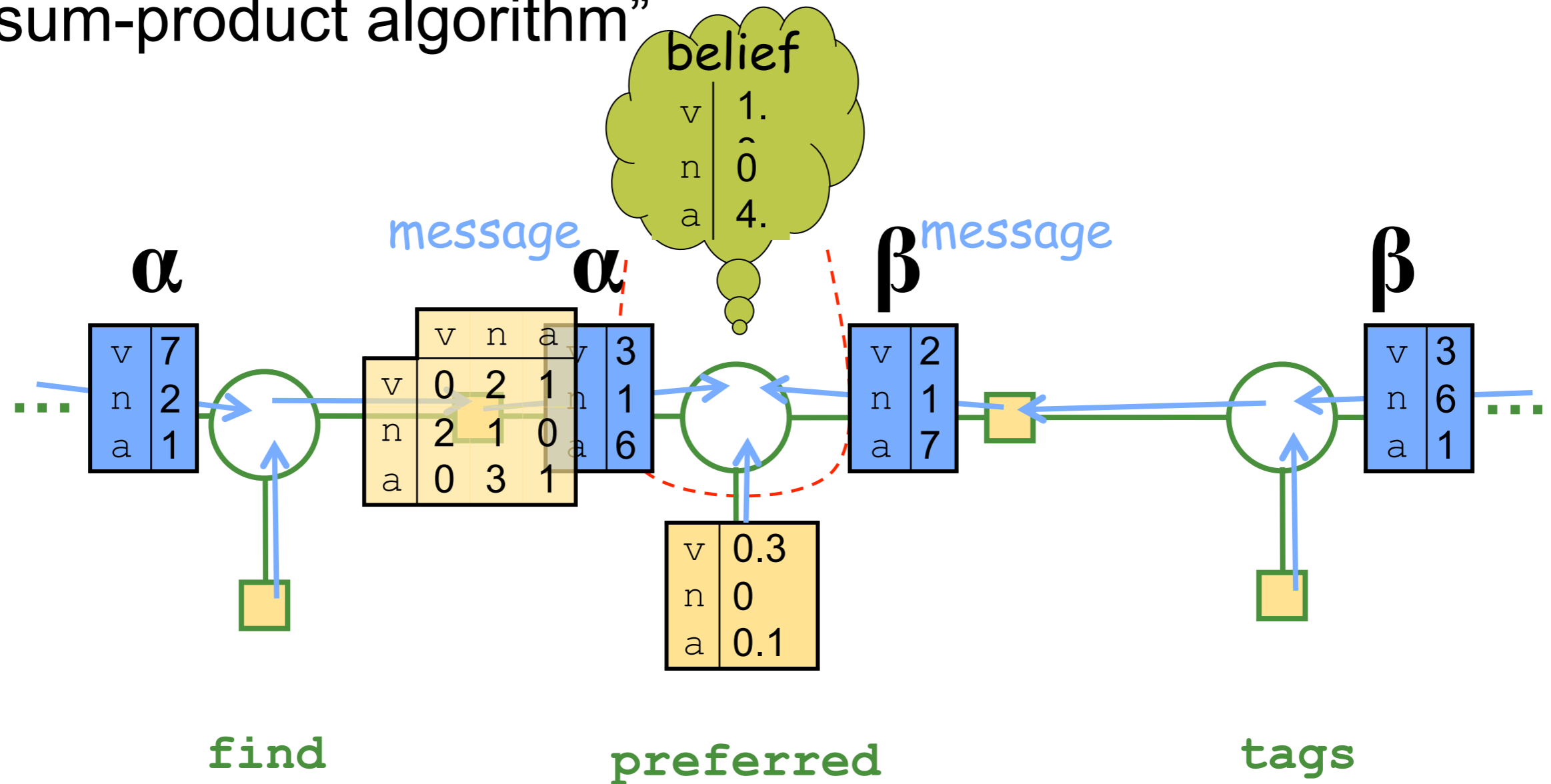
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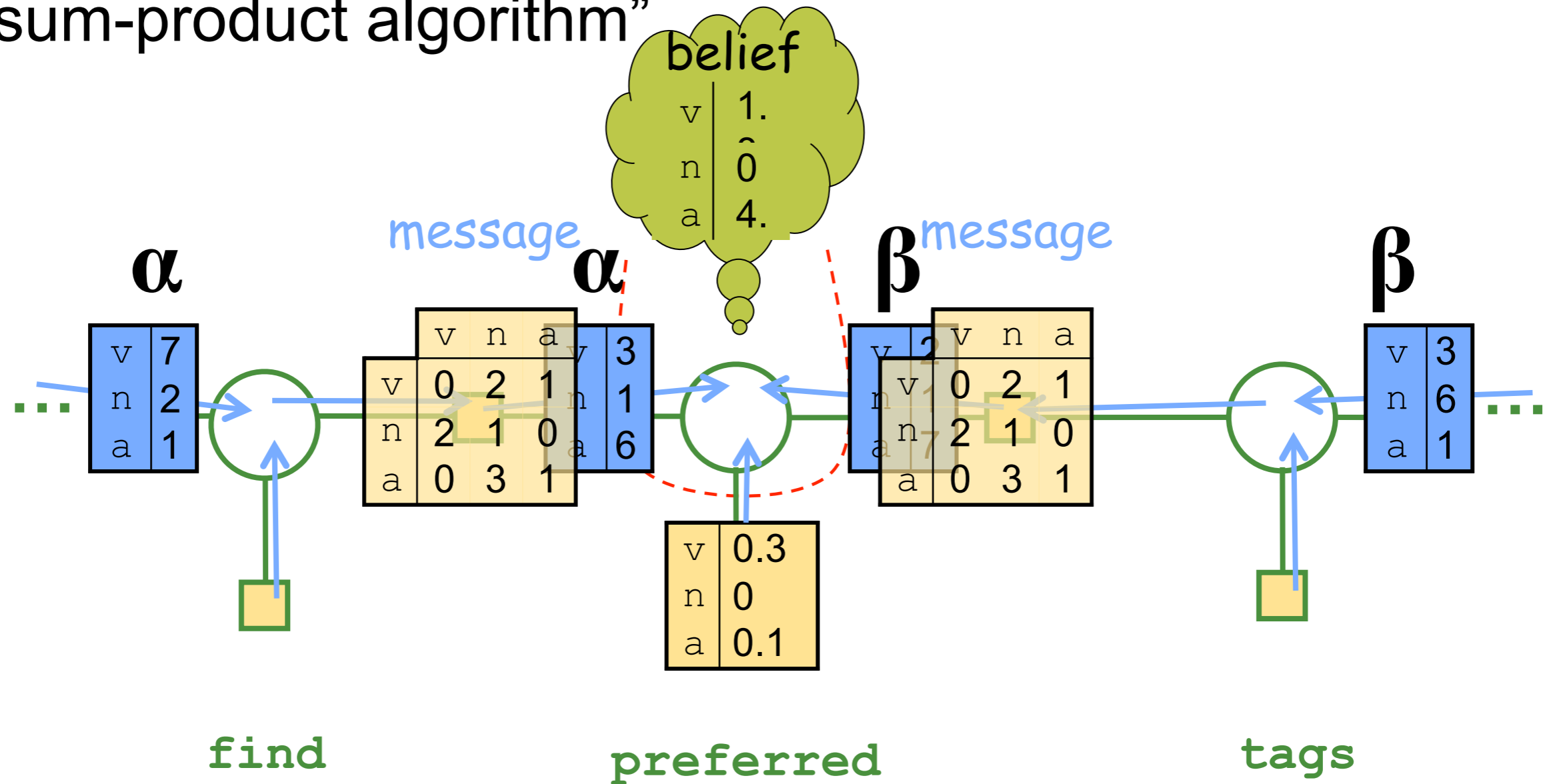
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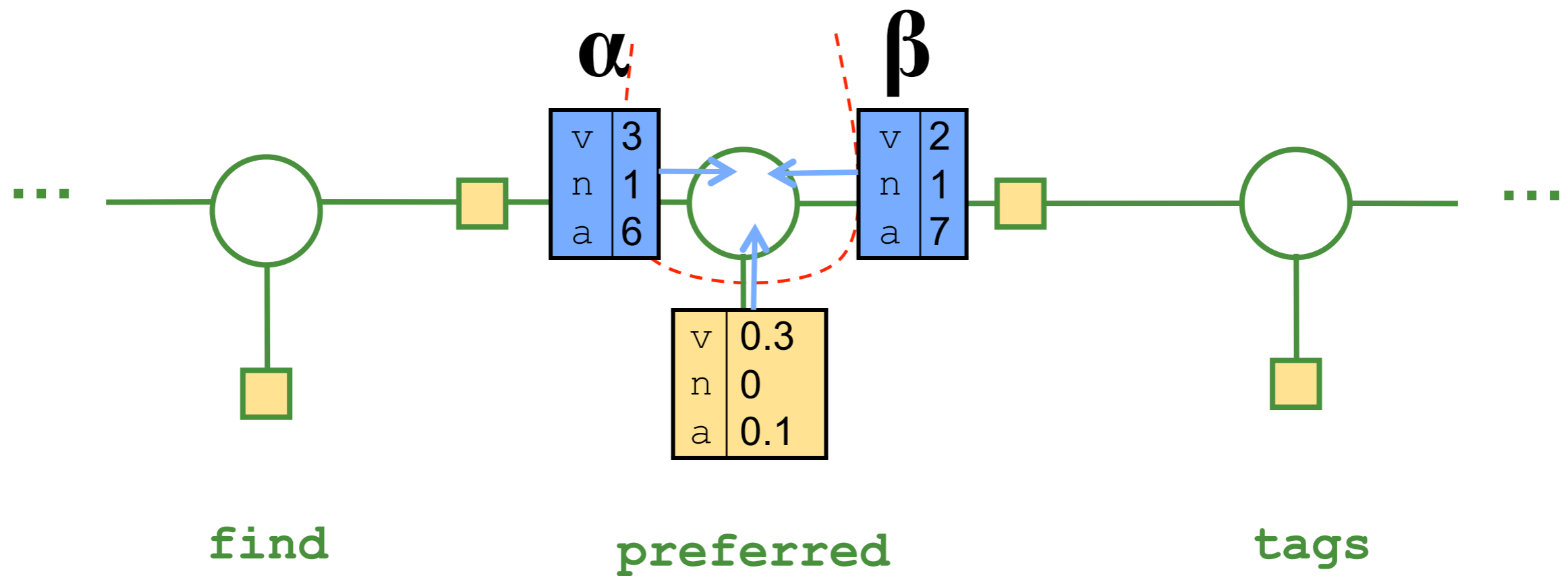
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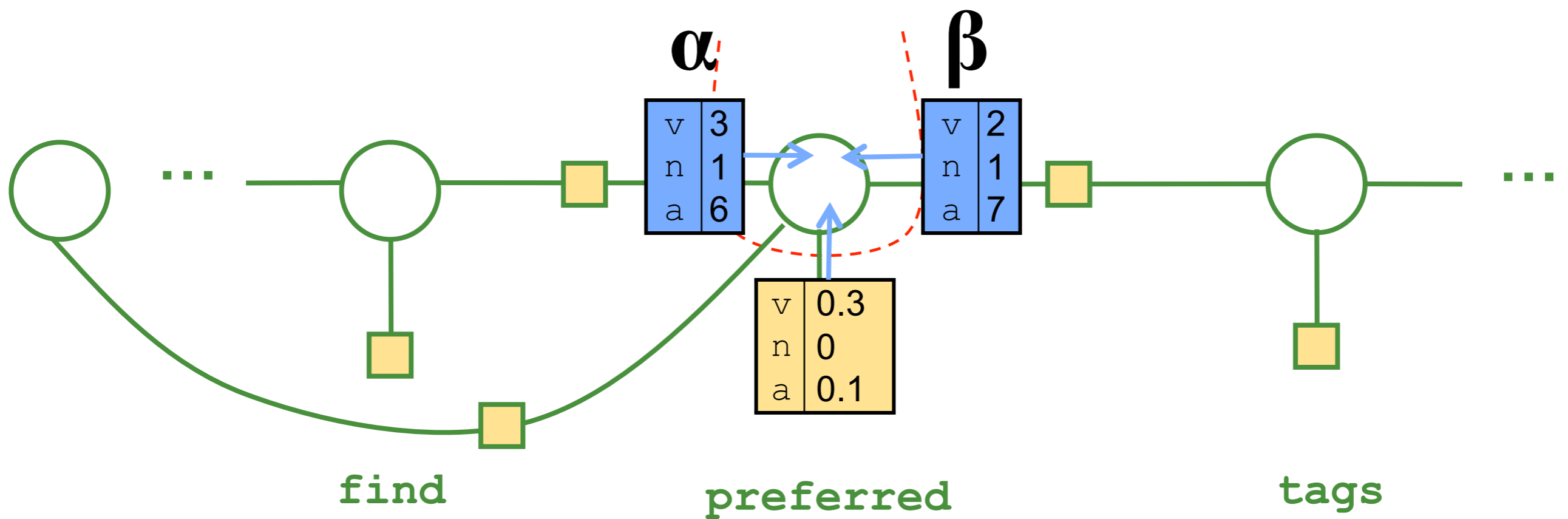
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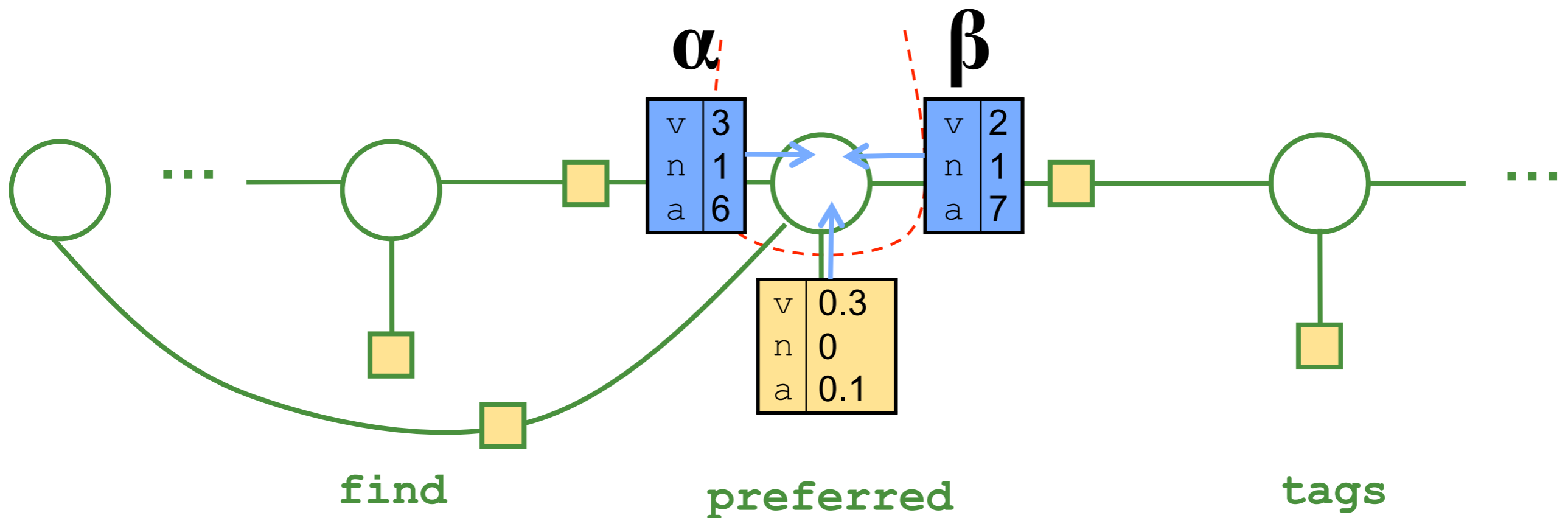


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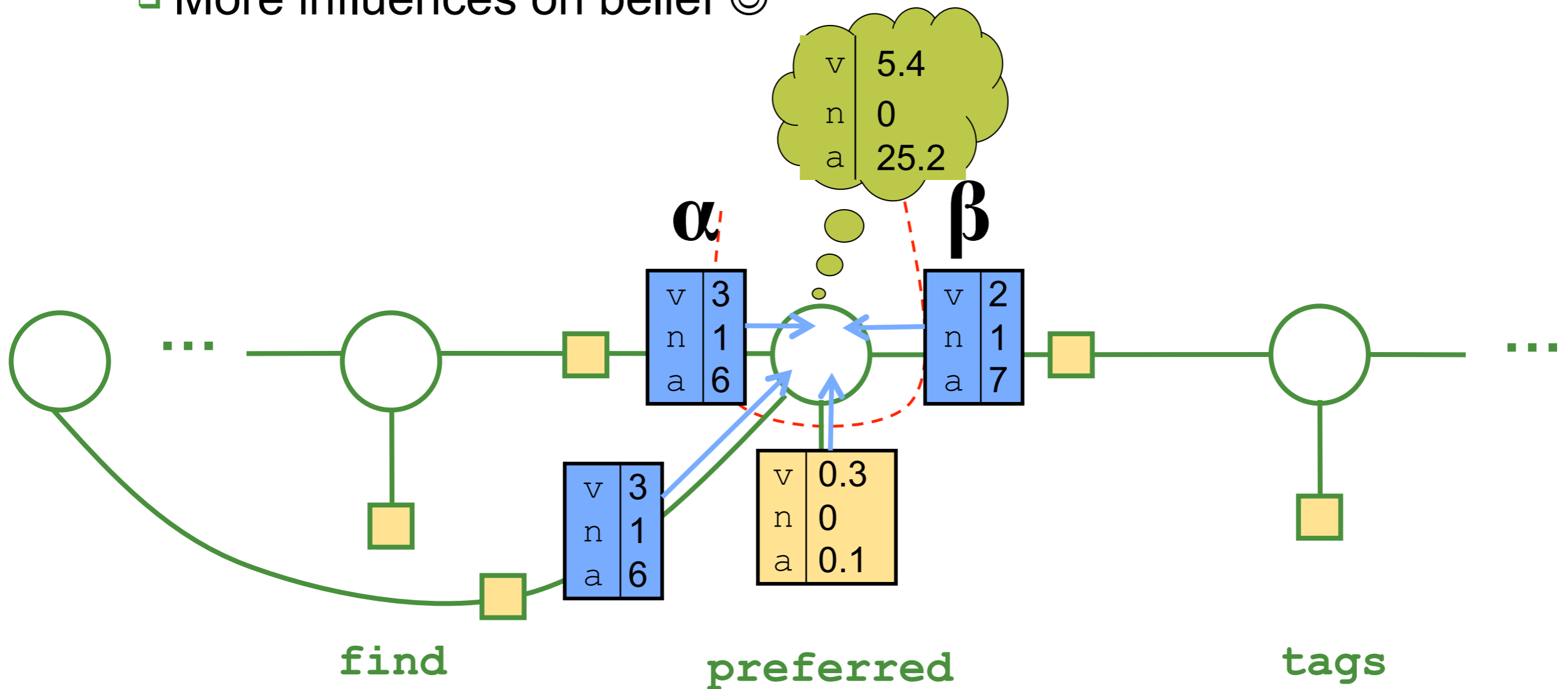
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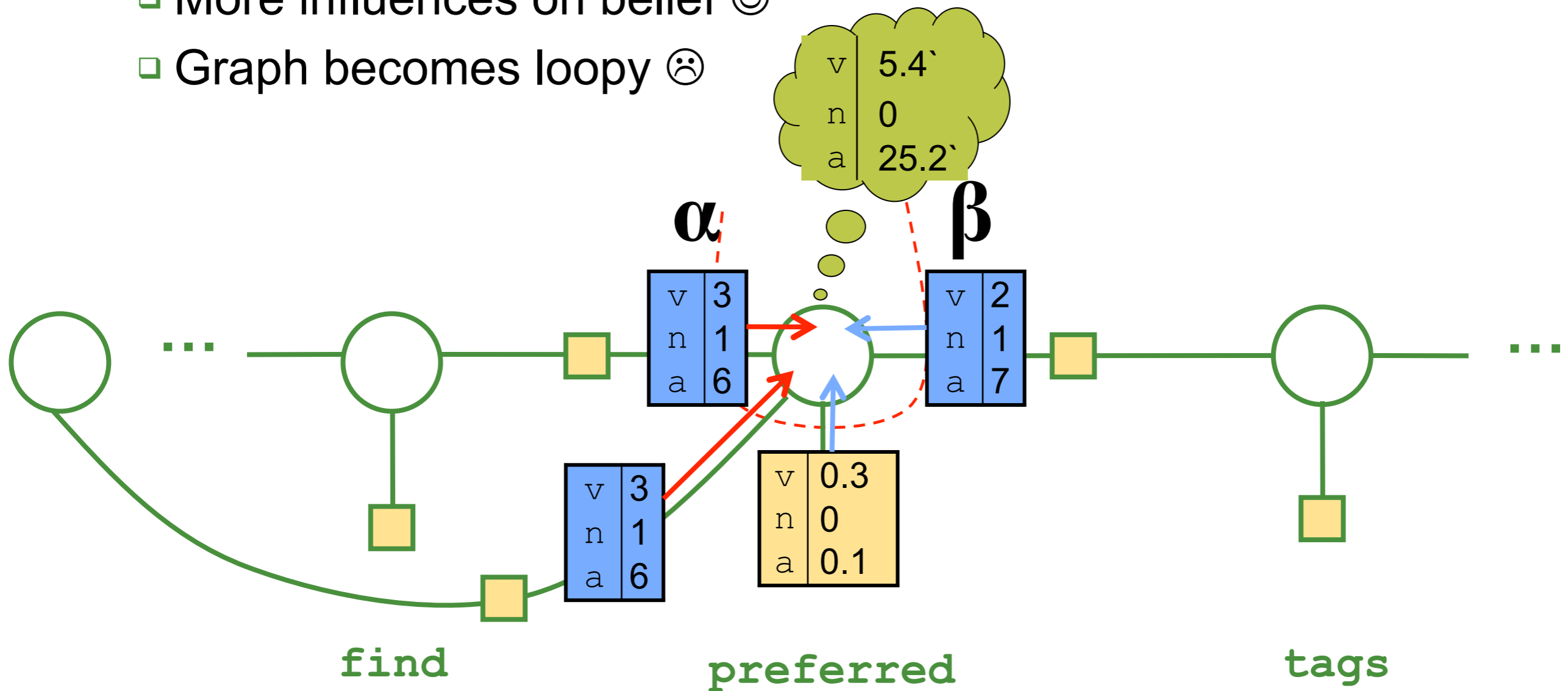
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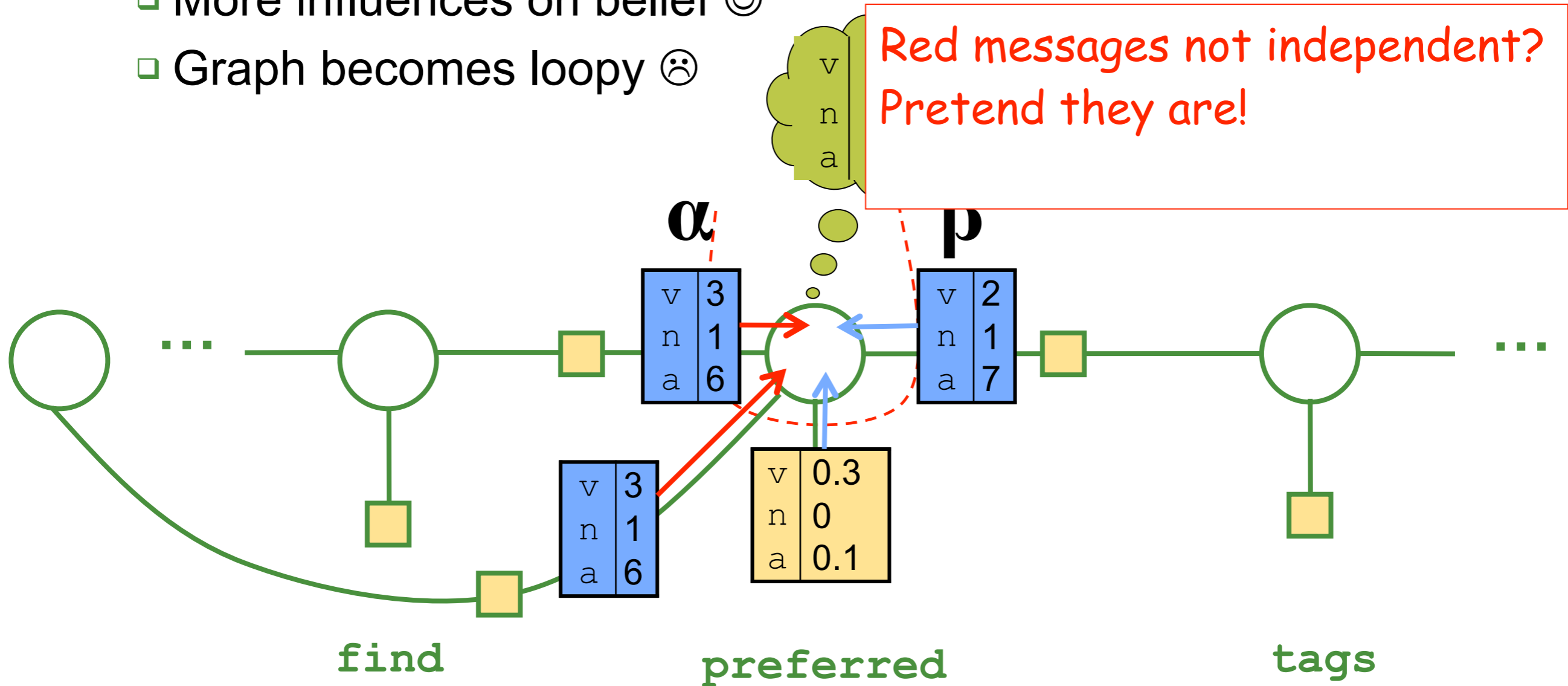


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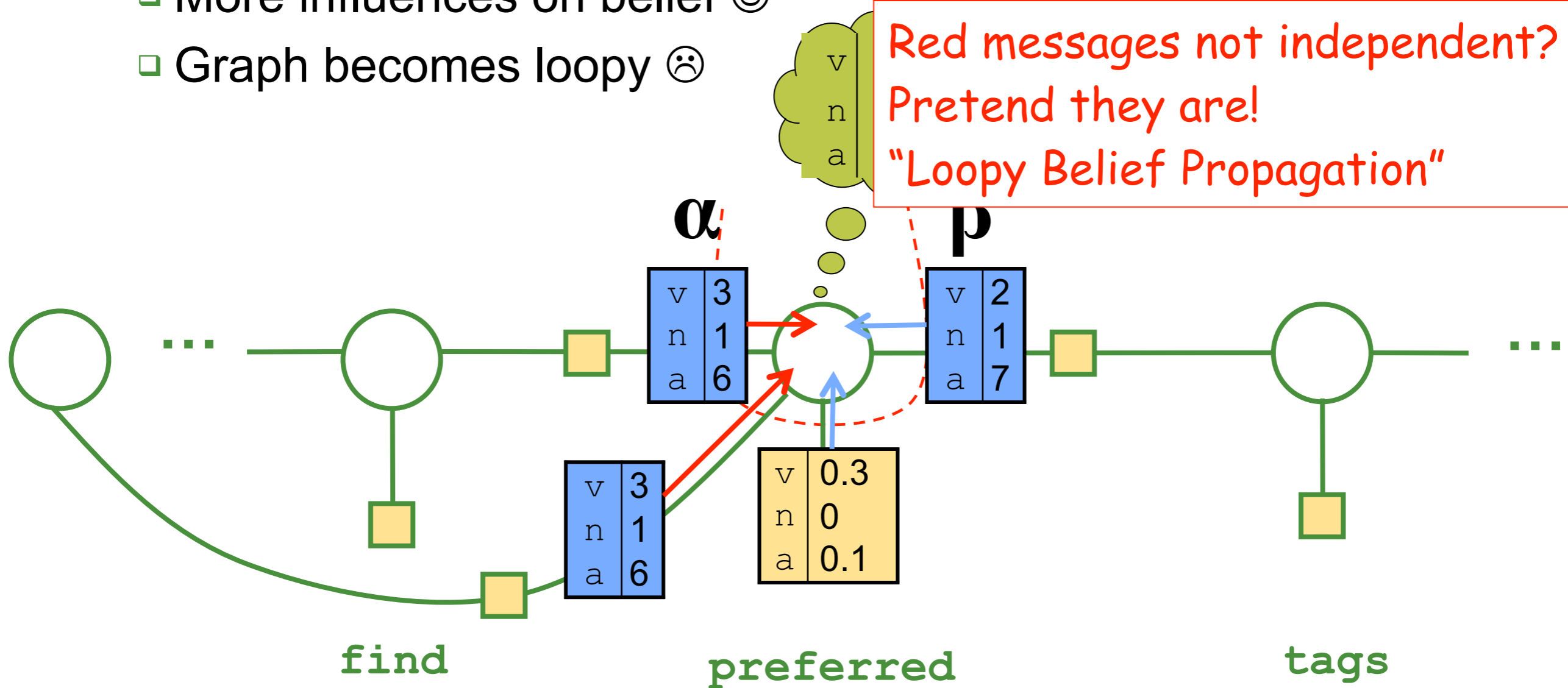


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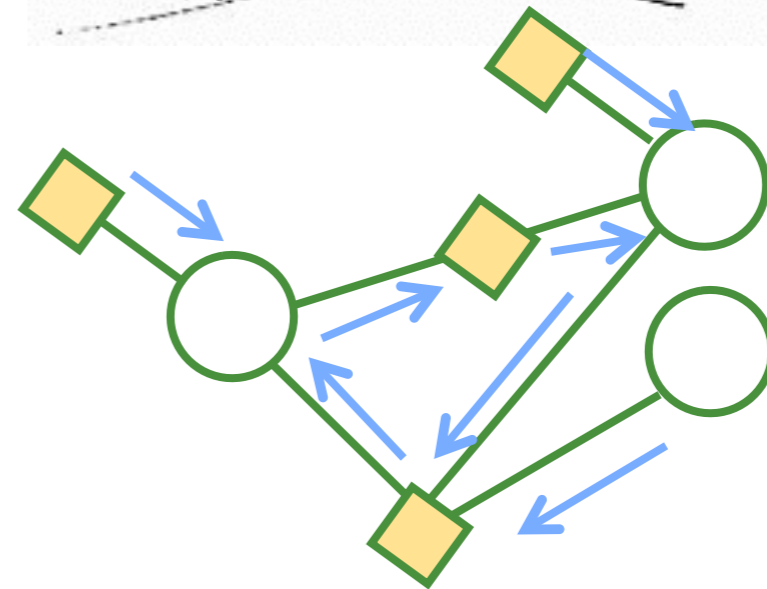
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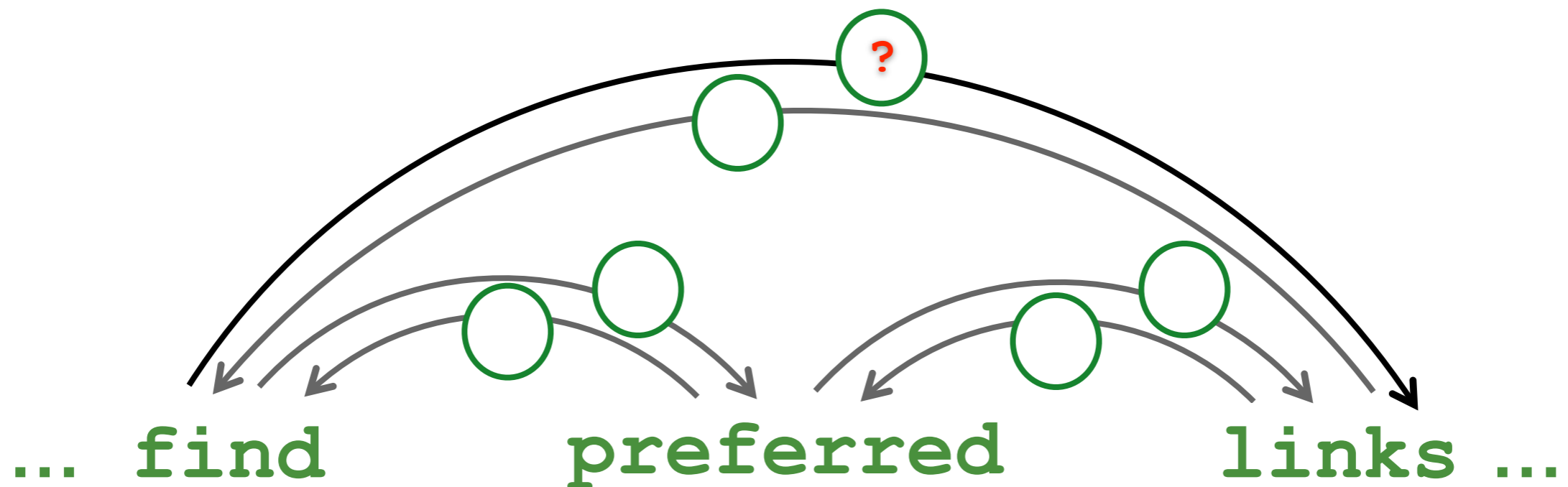
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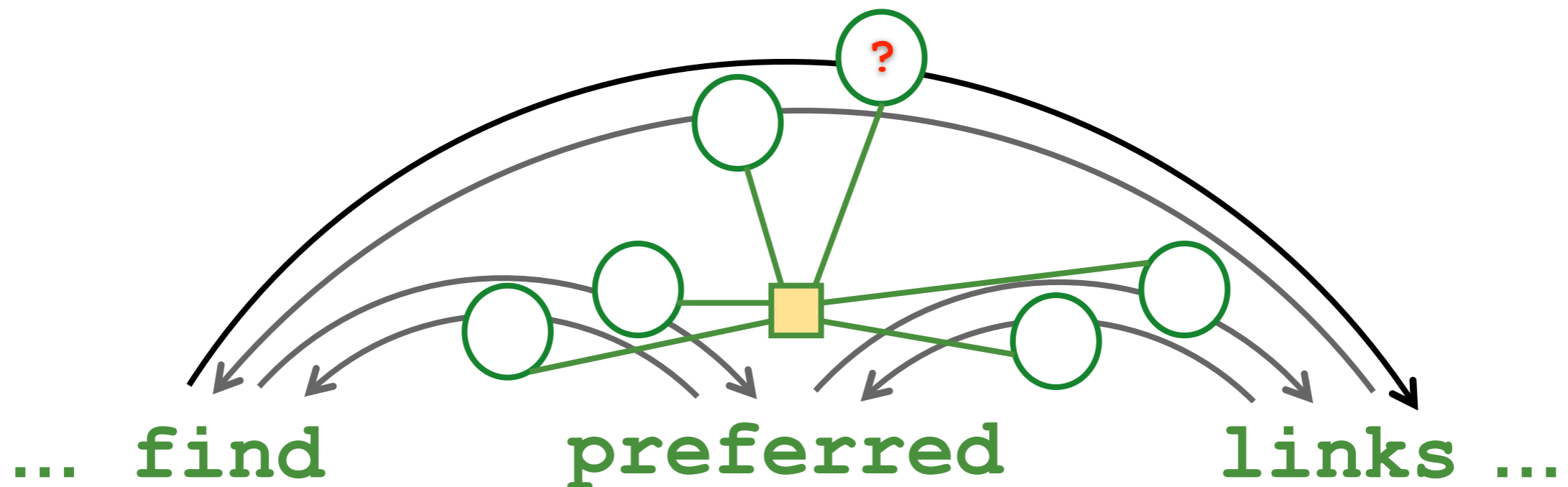
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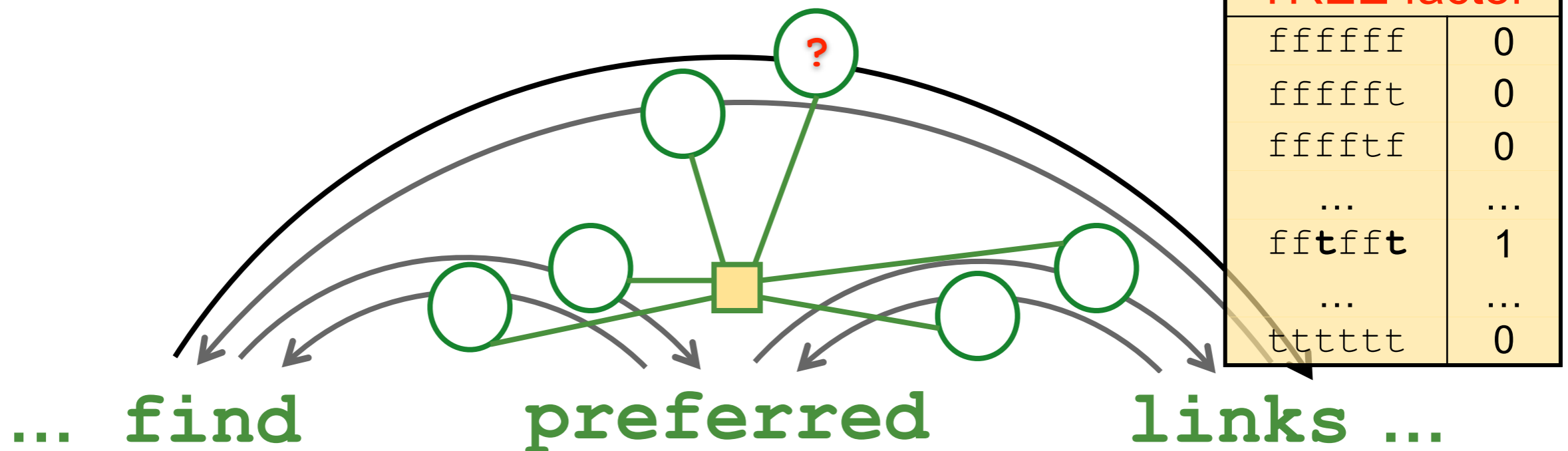
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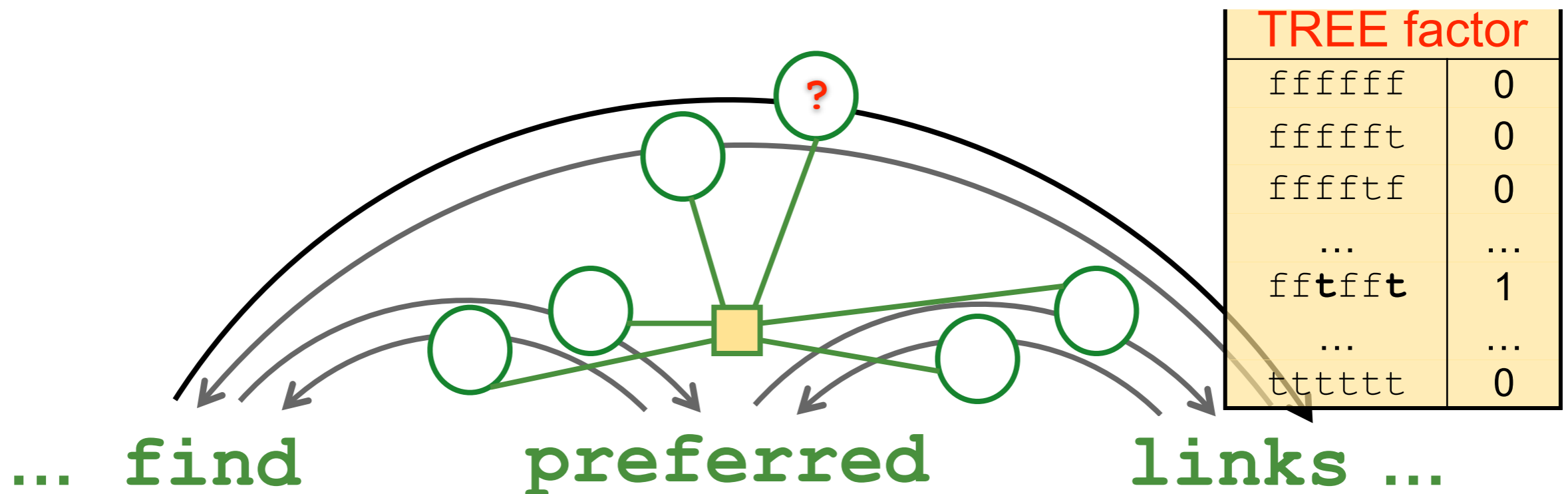
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Old-school parsing to the rescue!

This is the outside probability of the link in an *edge-factored* parser!

∴ TREE factor computes all outgoing messages at once
(given all incoming messages)

Projective case: total $O(n^3)$ time by inside-outside

Non-projective: total $O(n^3)$ time by inverting Kirchhoff matrix

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- Linear time
- Online
- Train a classifier to predict next action
- Deterministic or beam-search strategies
- But... generally less accurate

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Arc-eager shift-reduce parsing (Nivre, 2003)

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Final state: $(S, [], A)$

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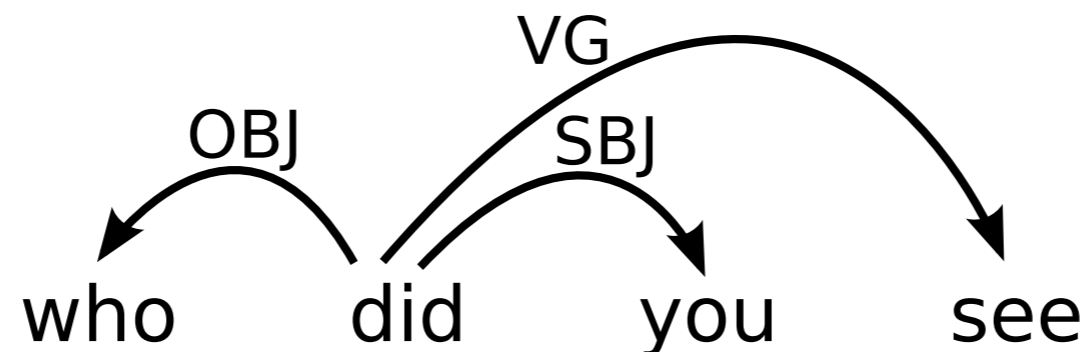
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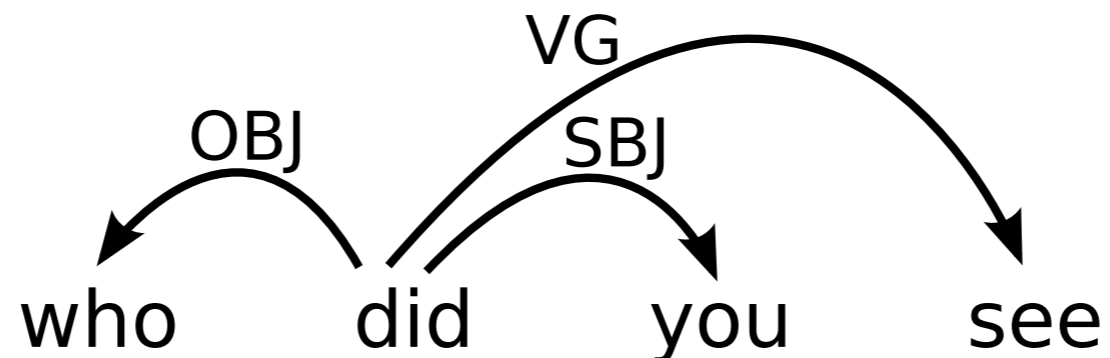
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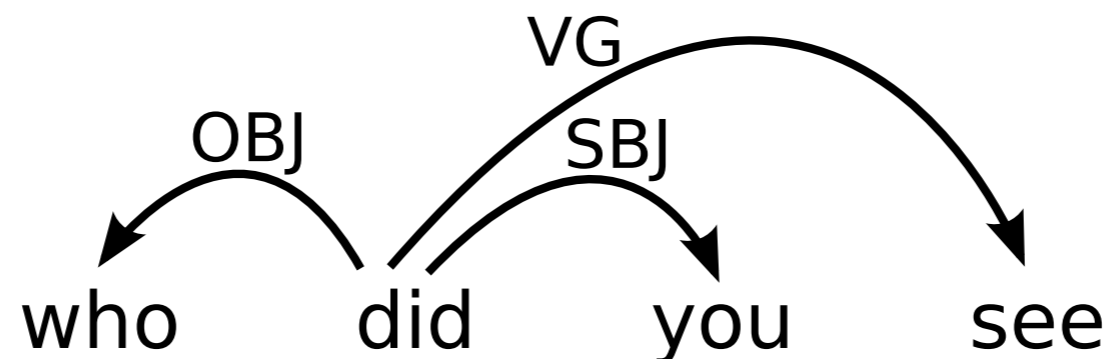
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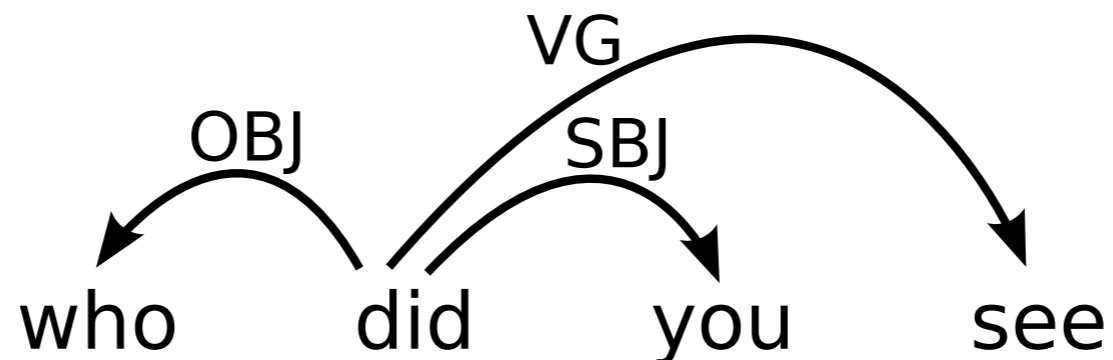
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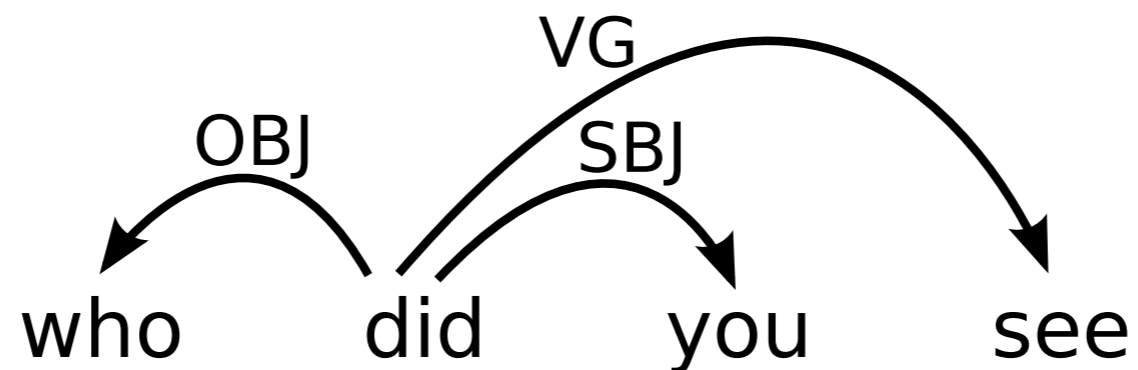
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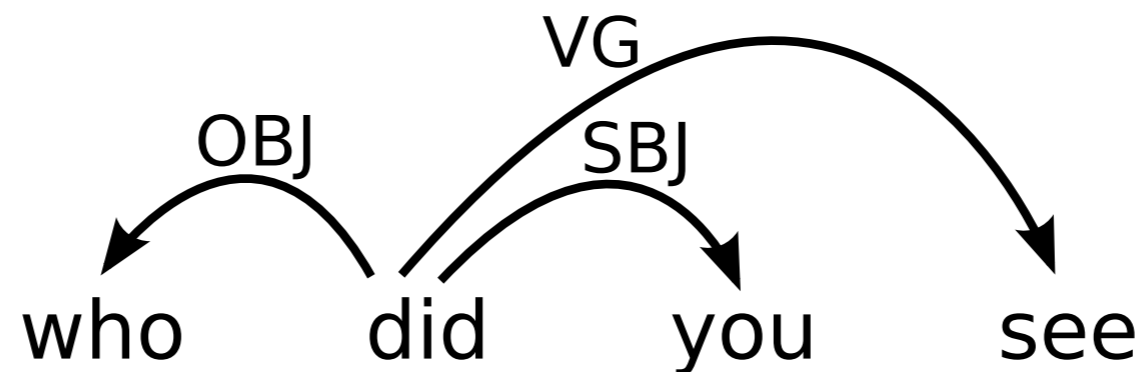
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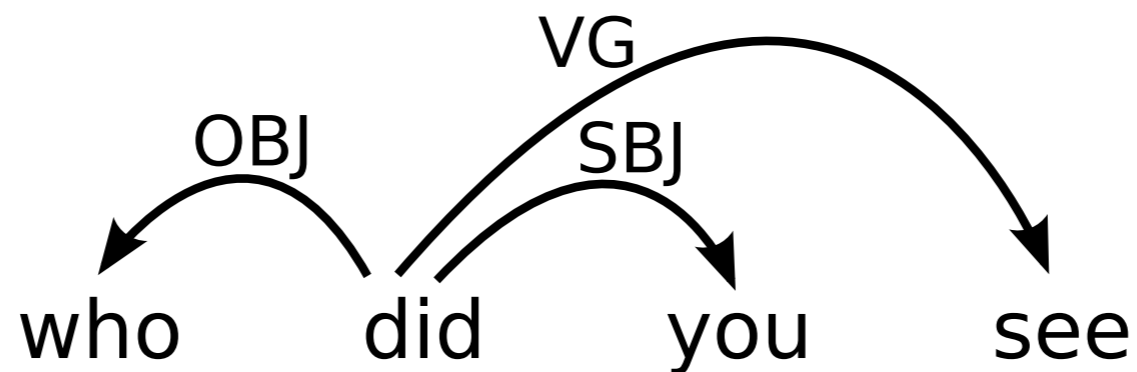
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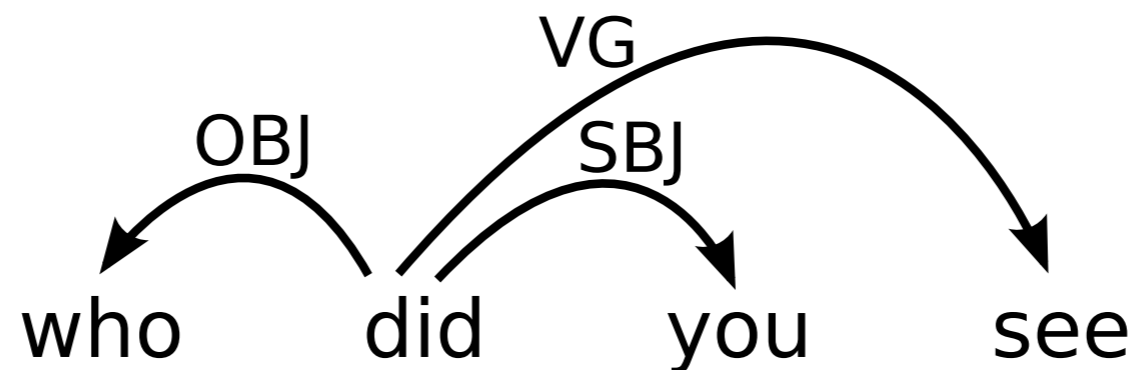
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