Optimistic Stack Allocation and Dynamic Heapification for Managed Runtimes

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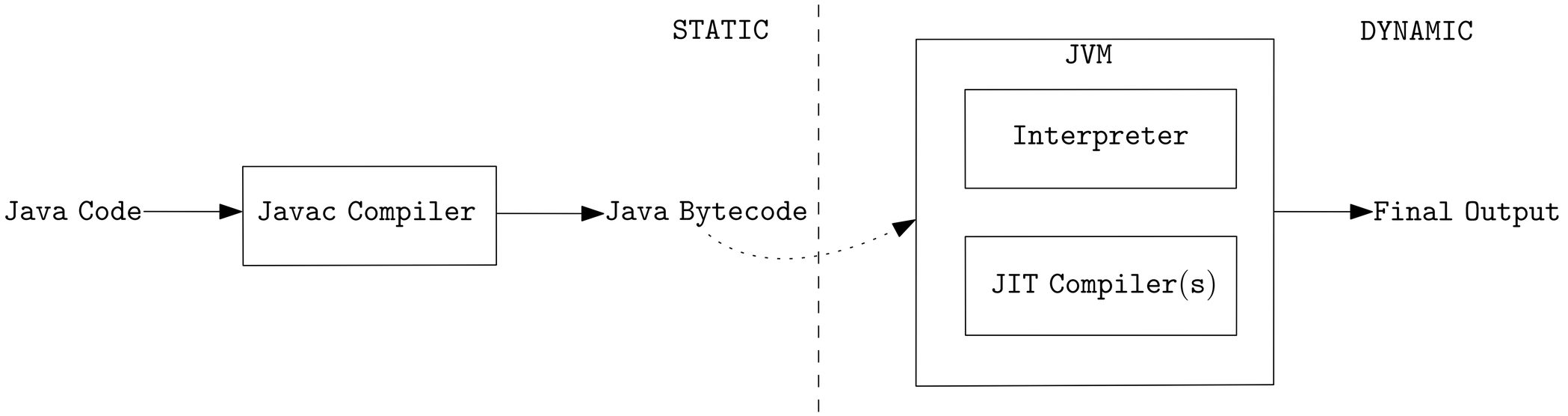

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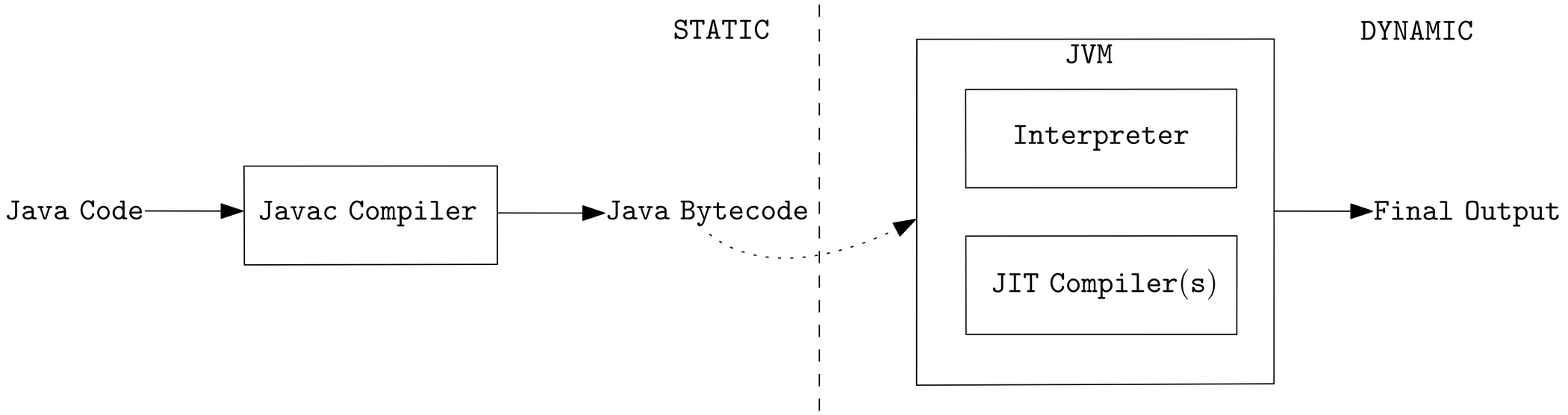

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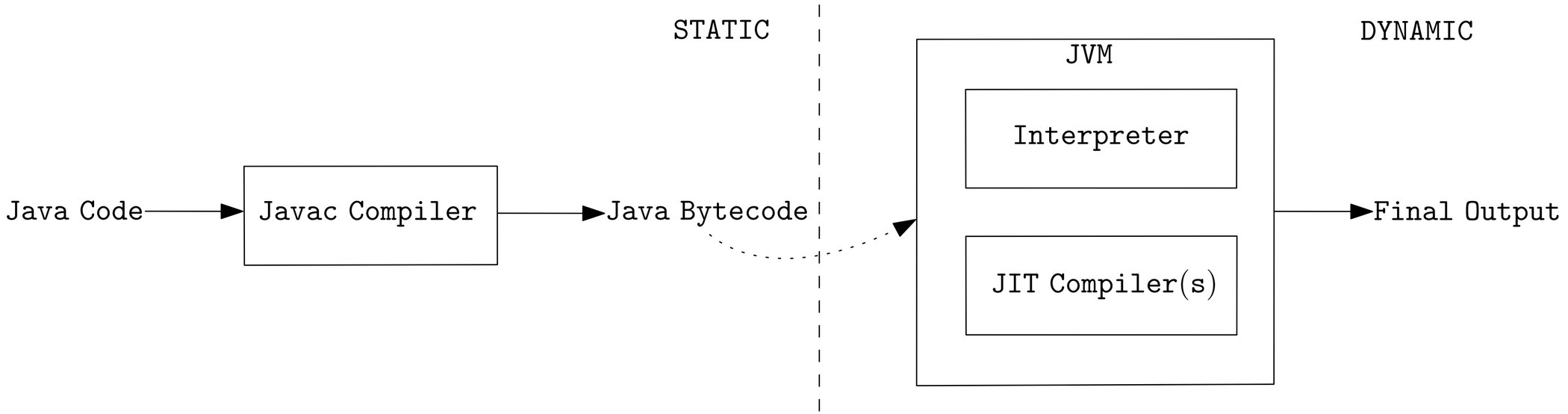

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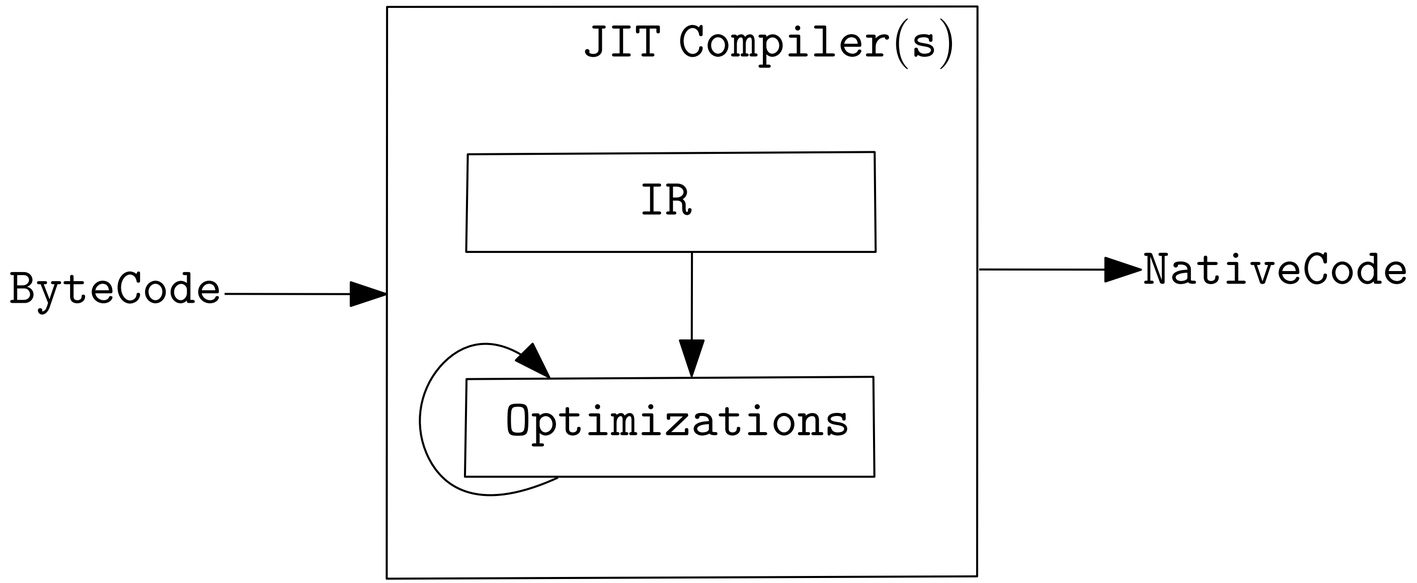

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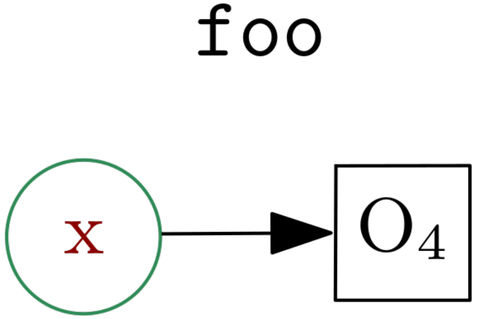

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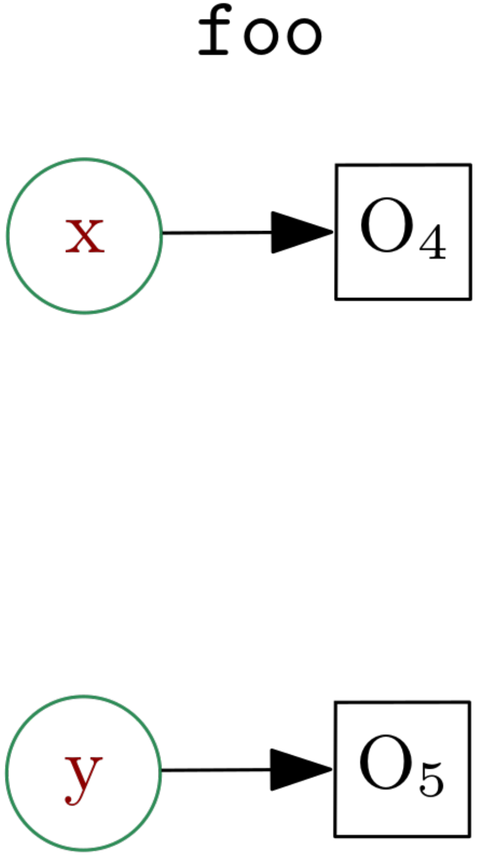

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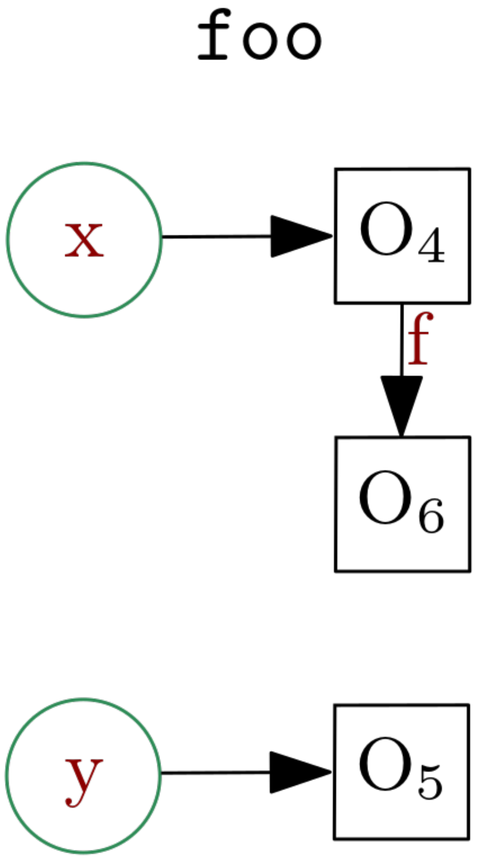

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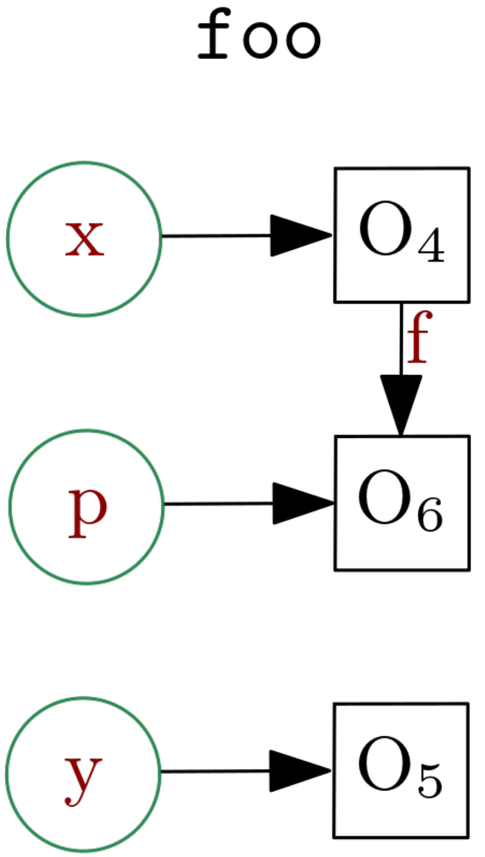

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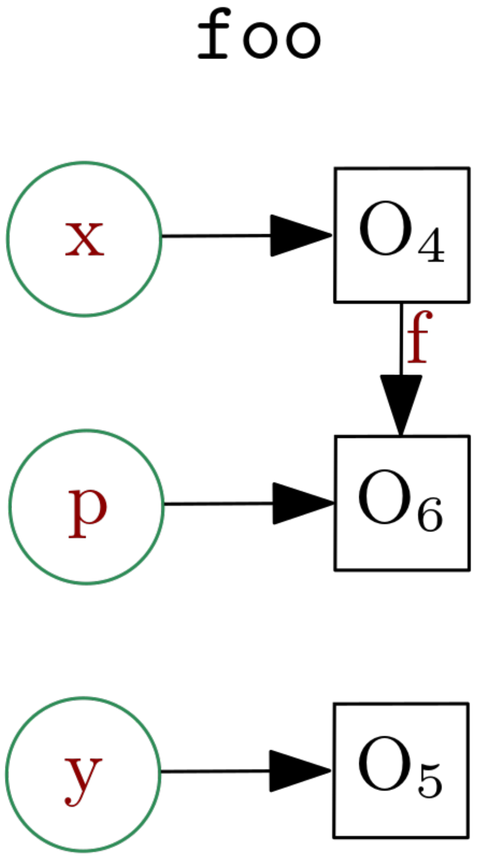

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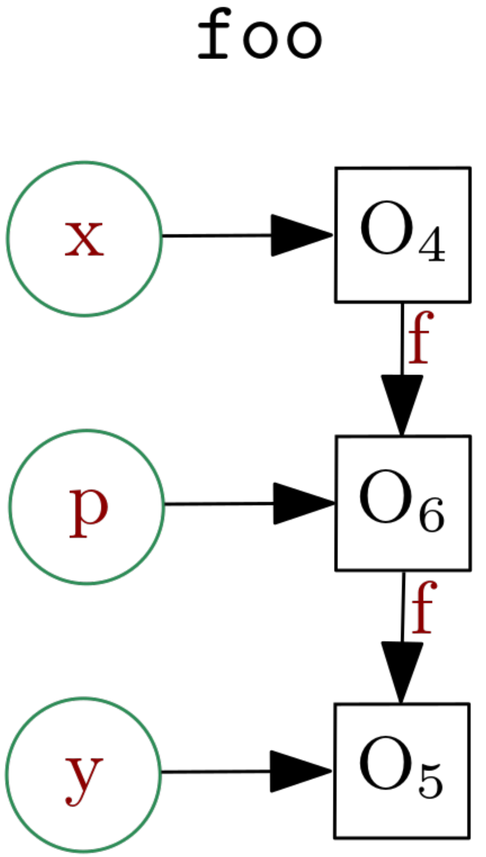

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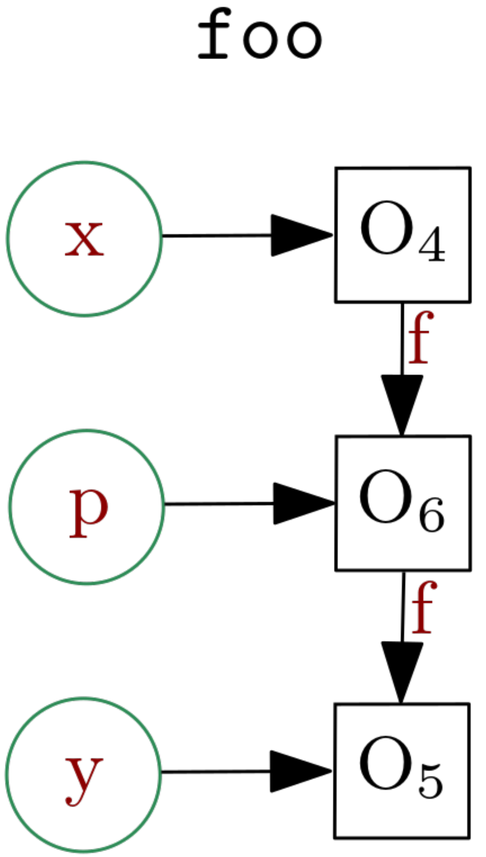

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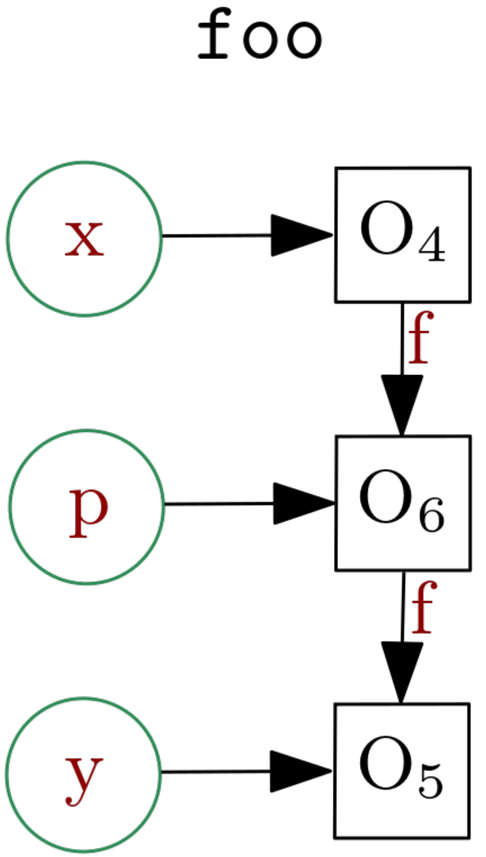

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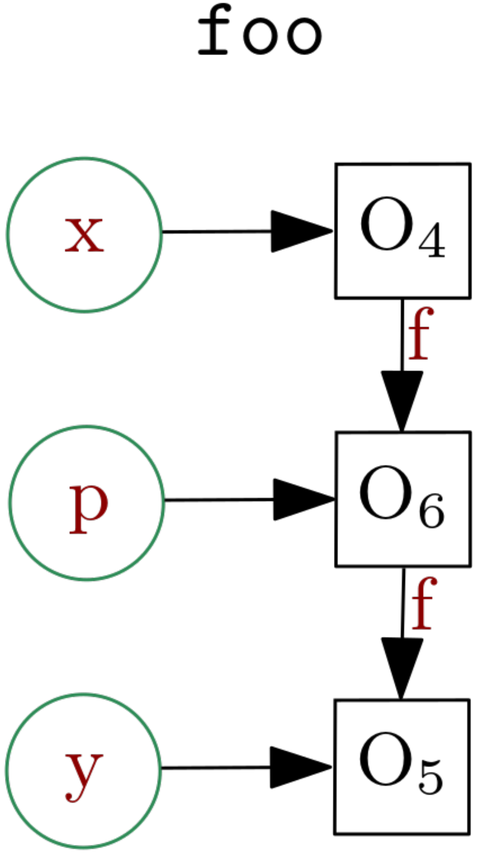

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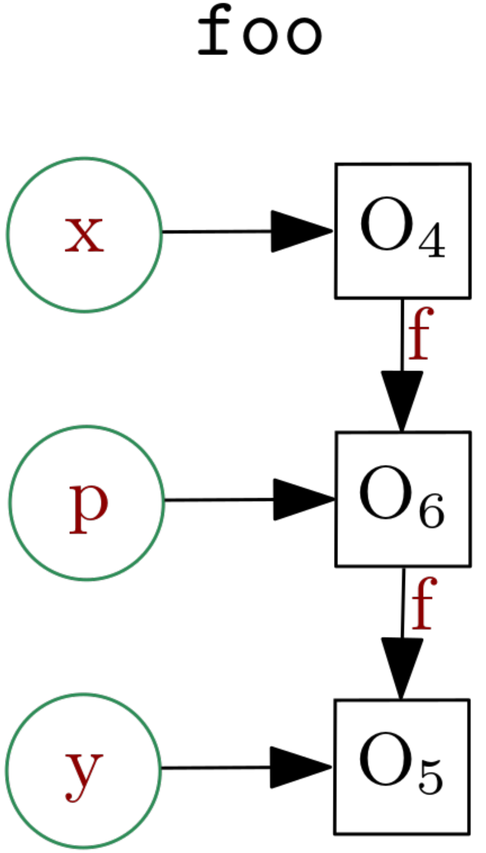

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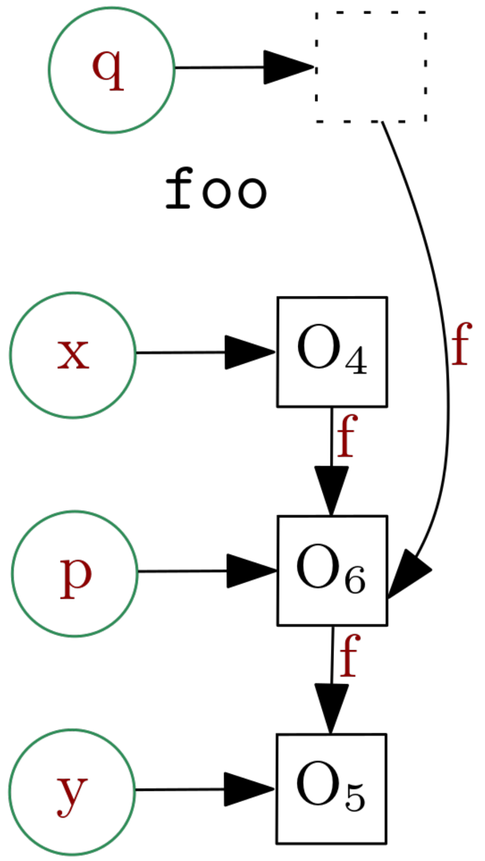

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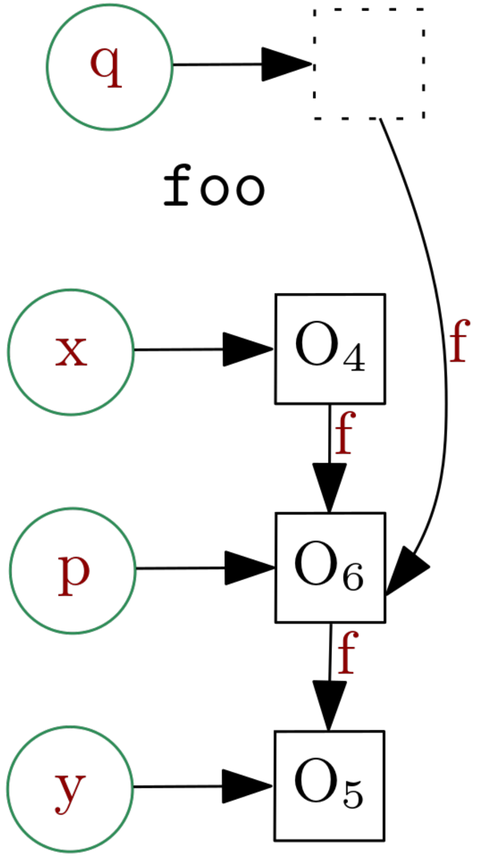

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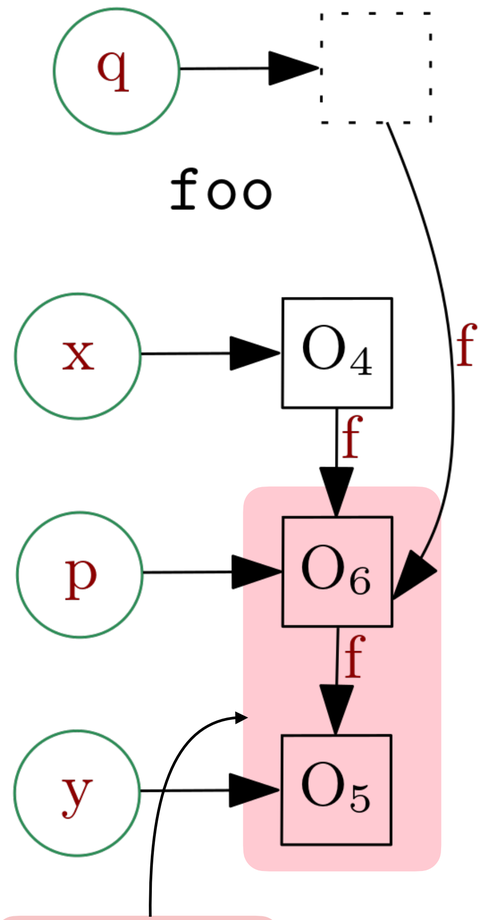

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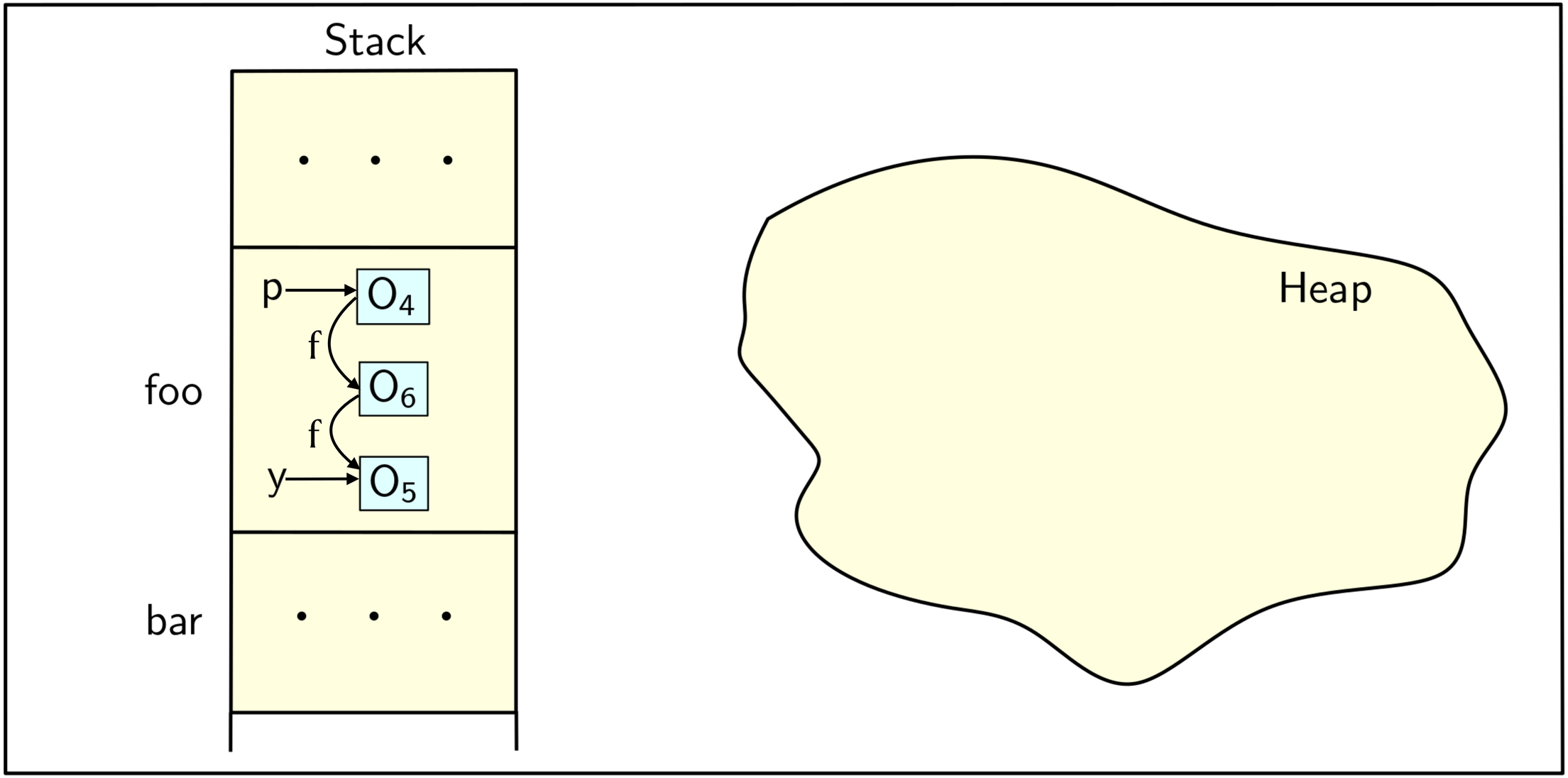

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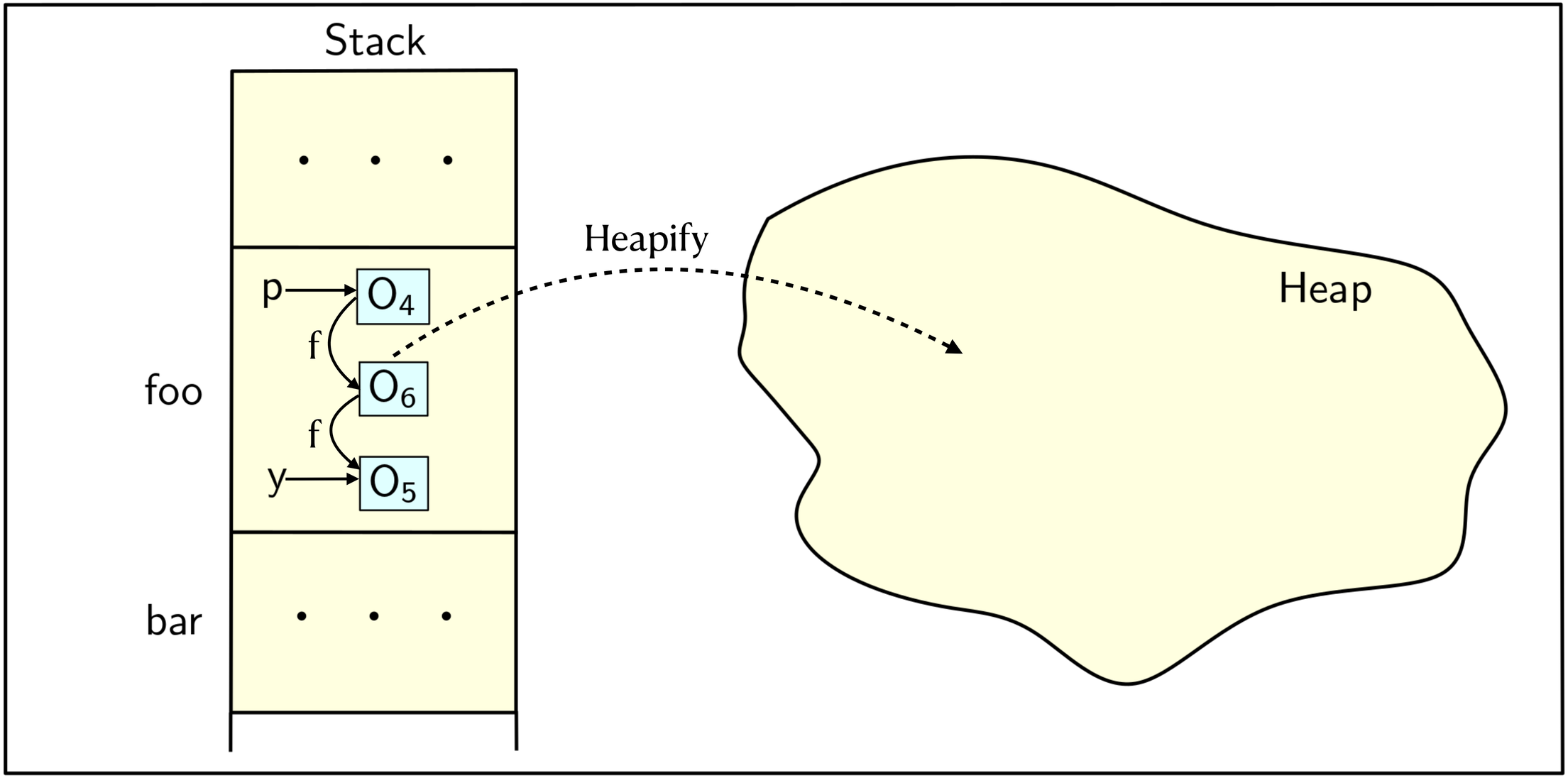

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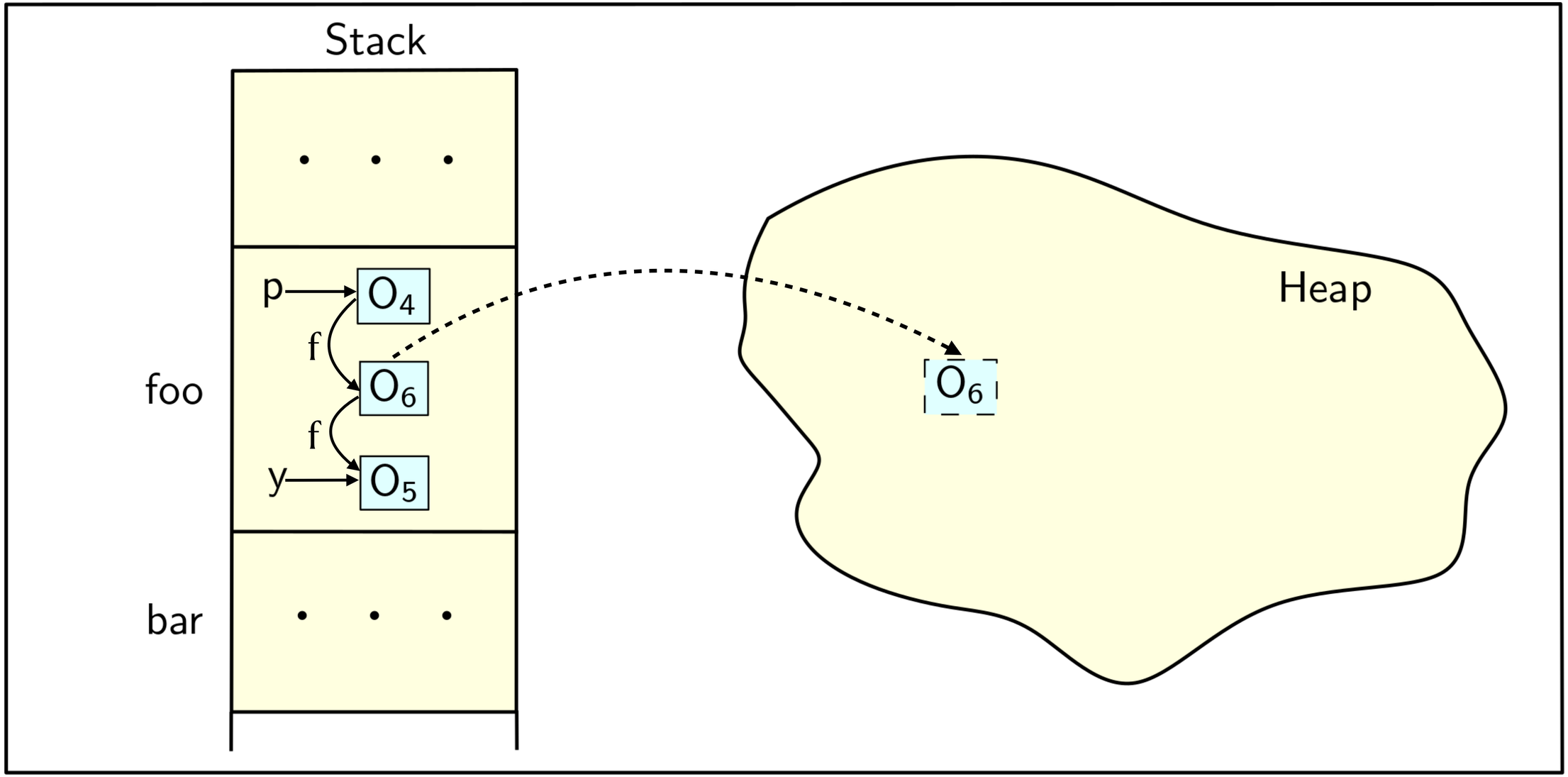

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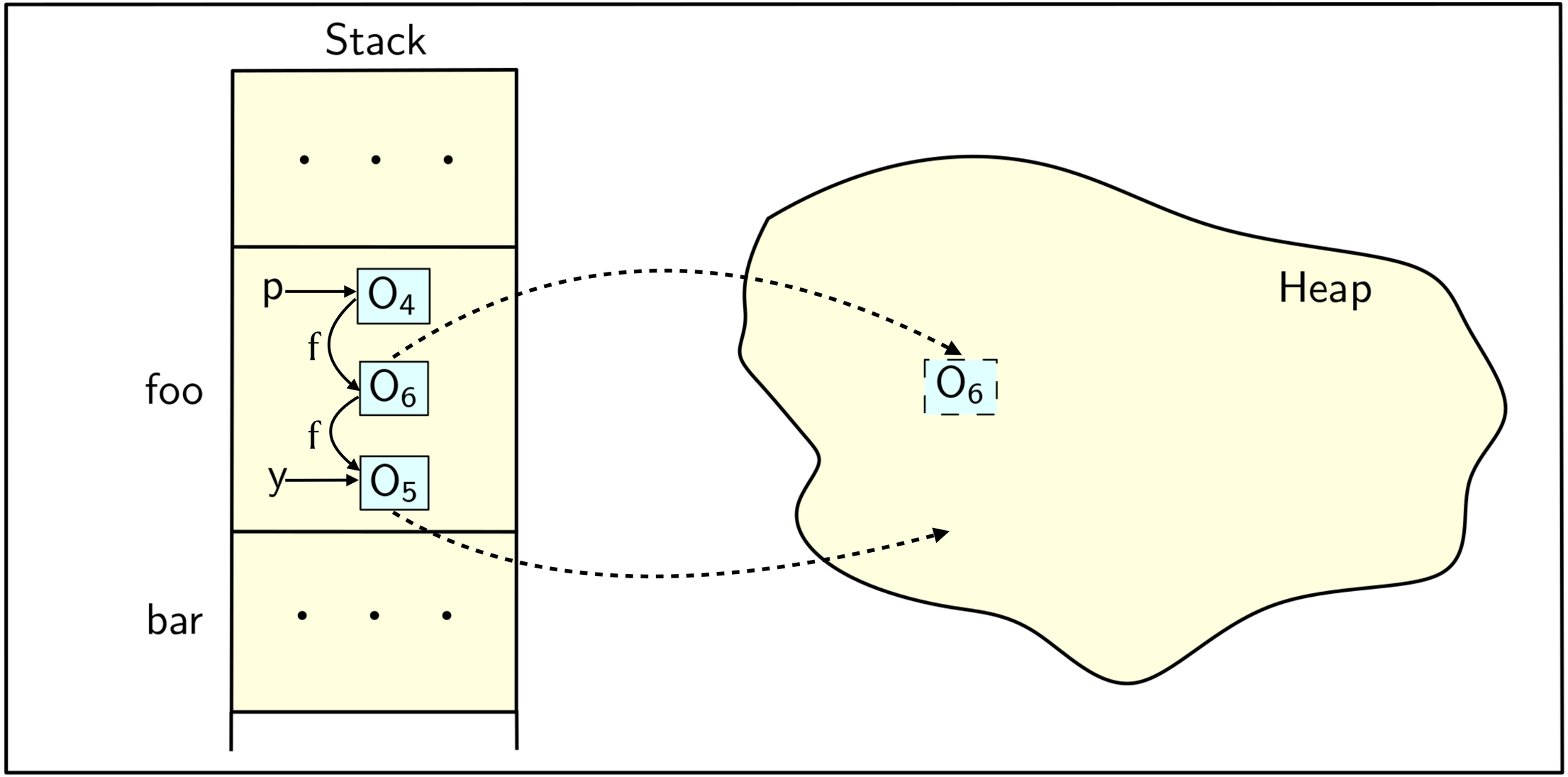

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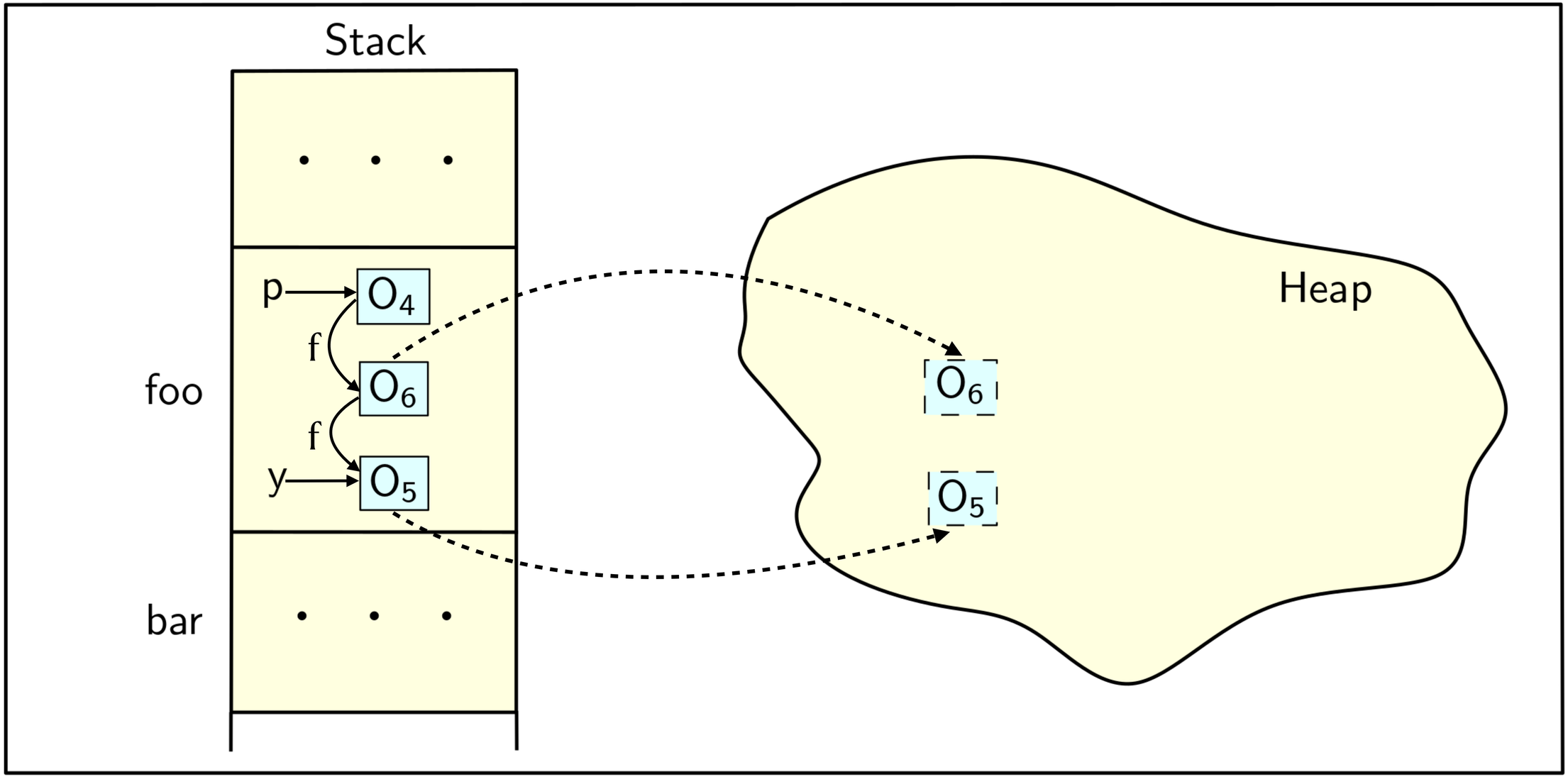

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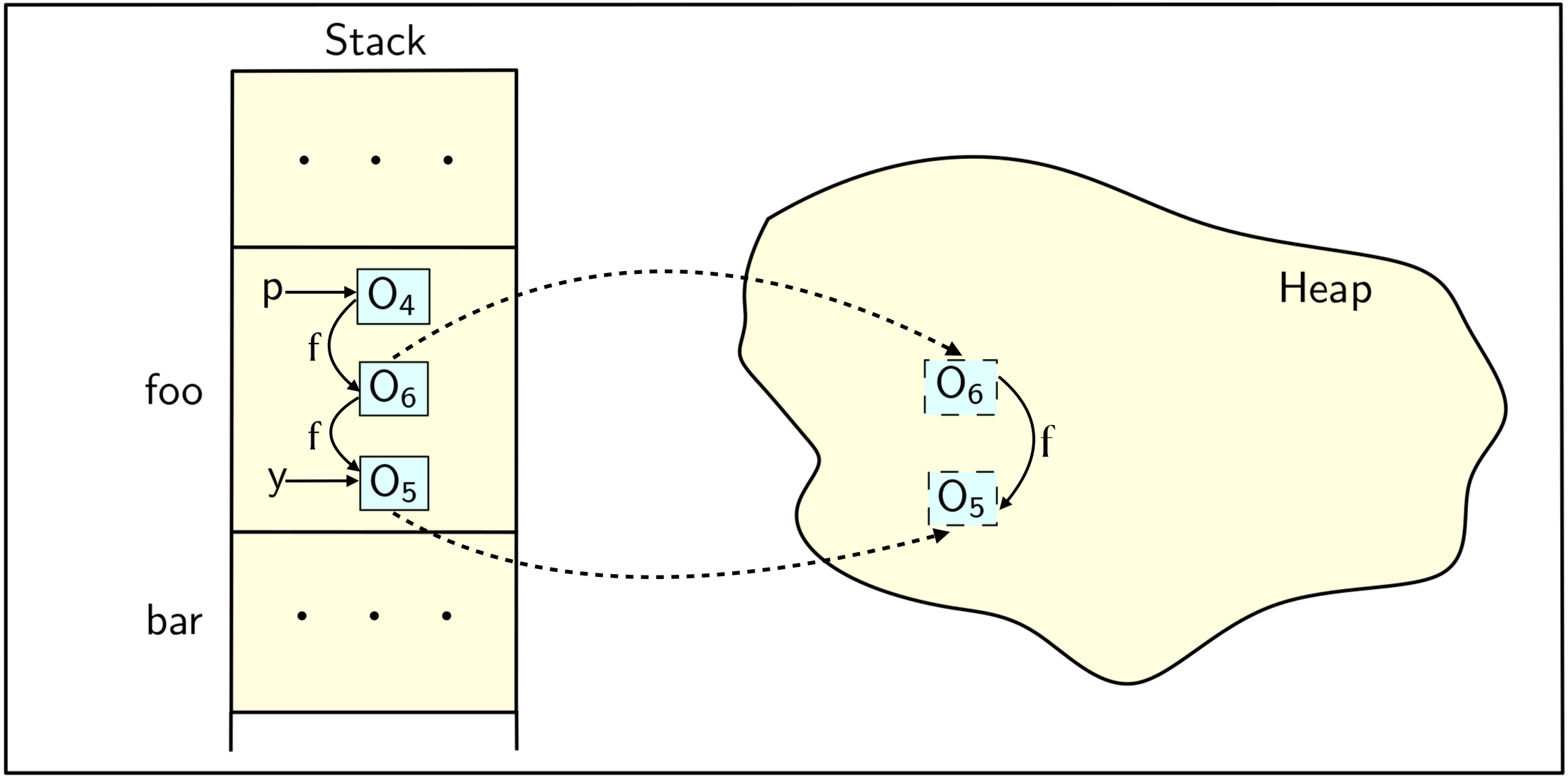

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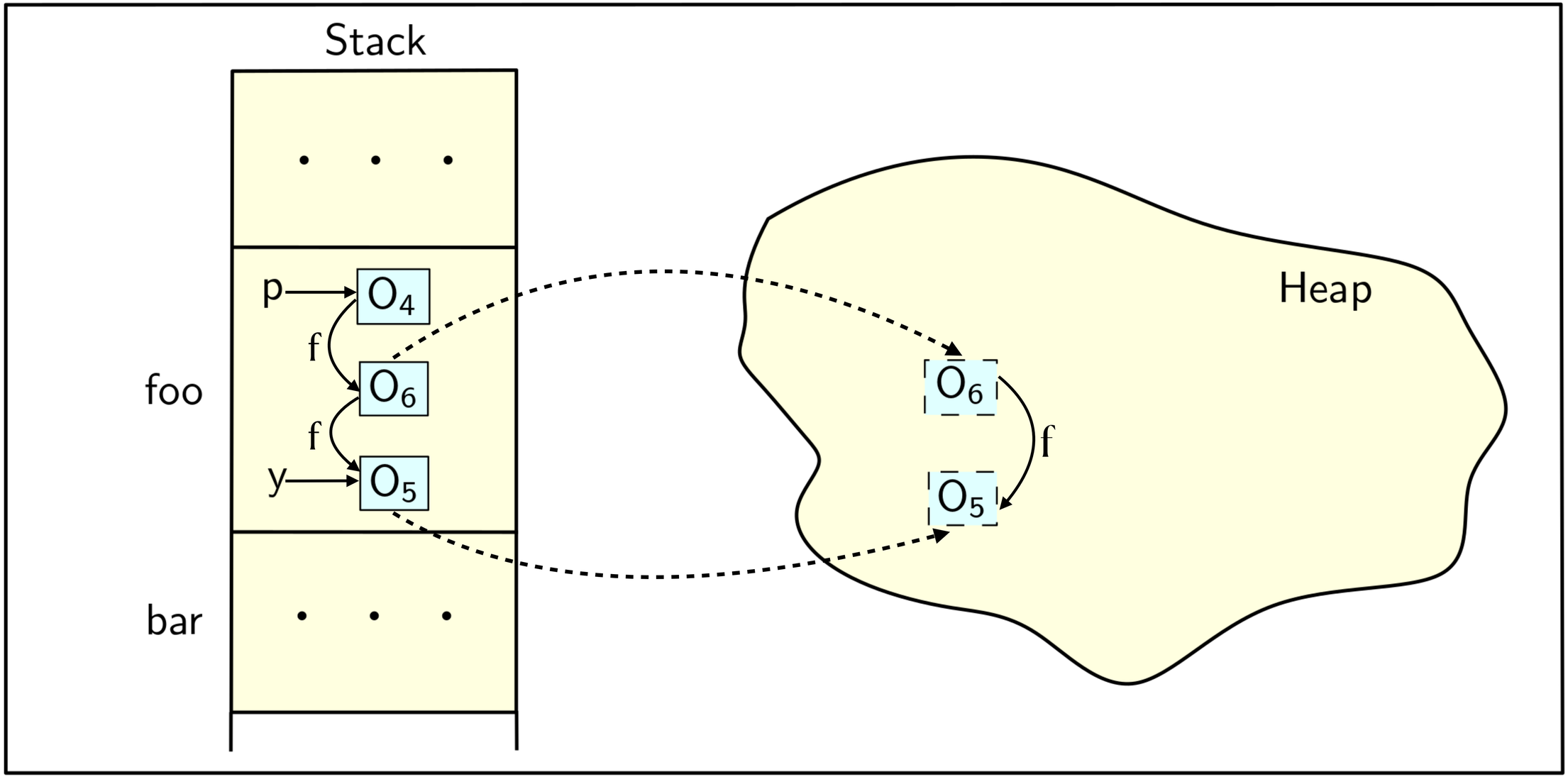

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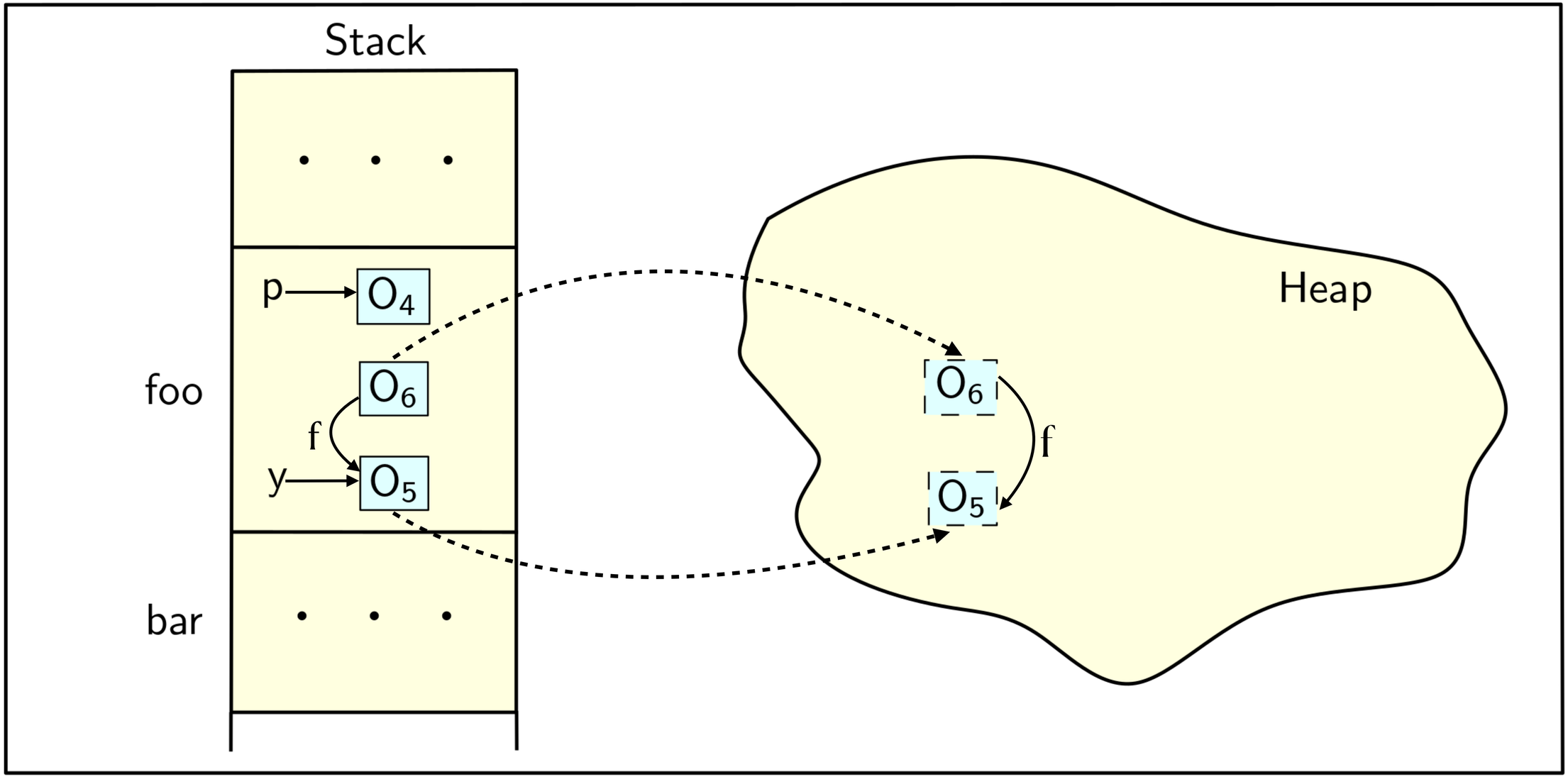

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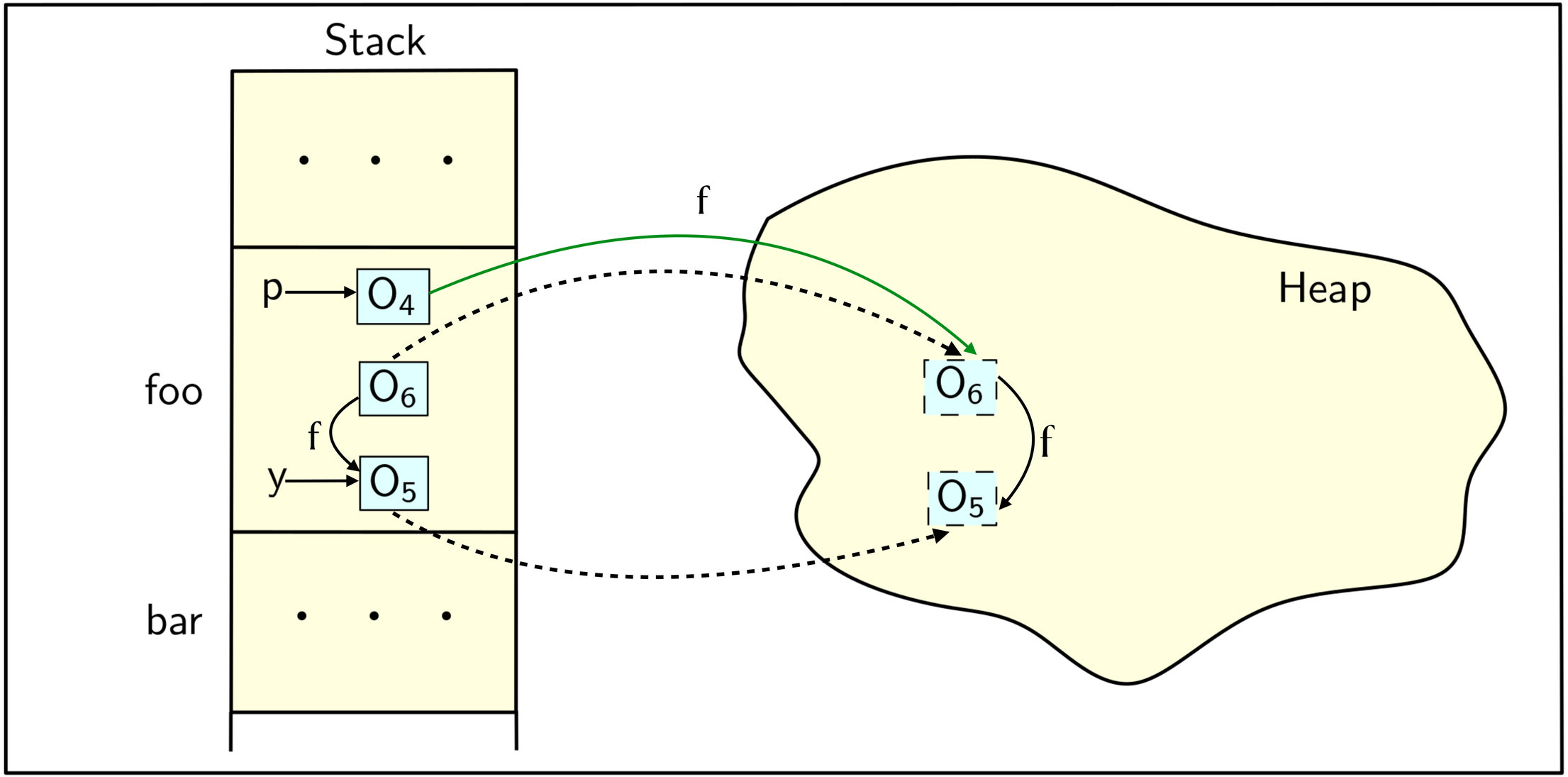

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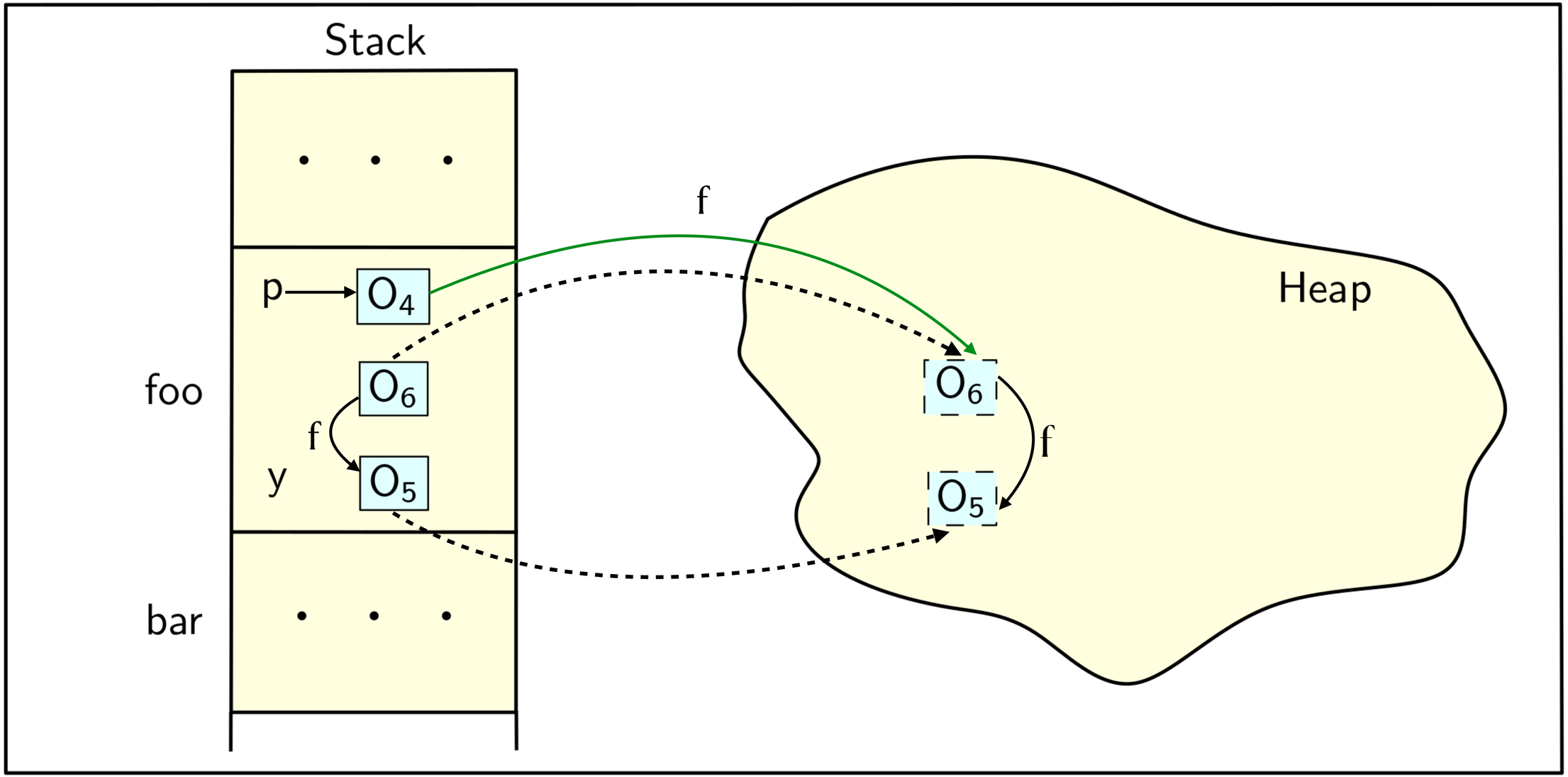

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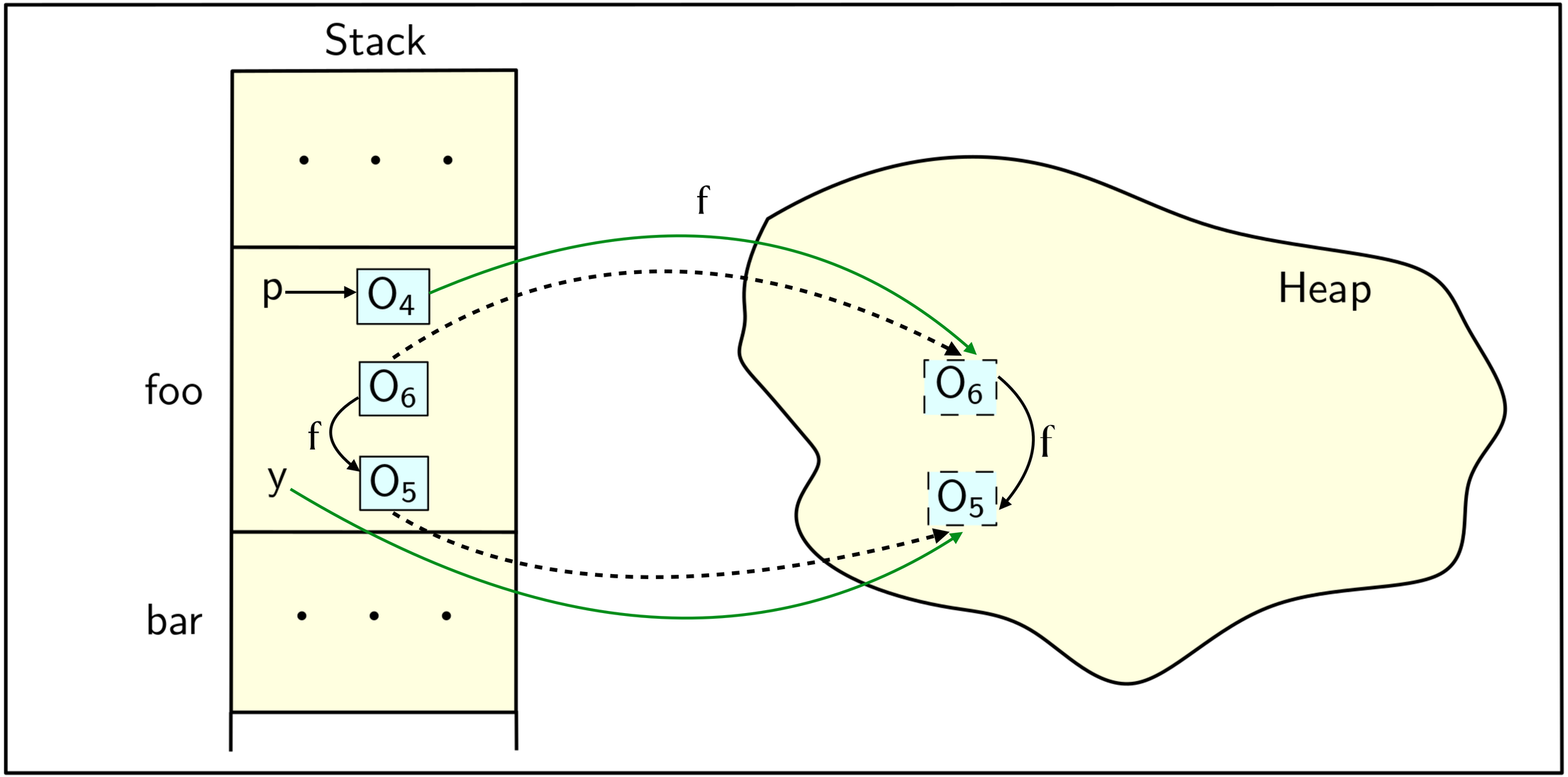

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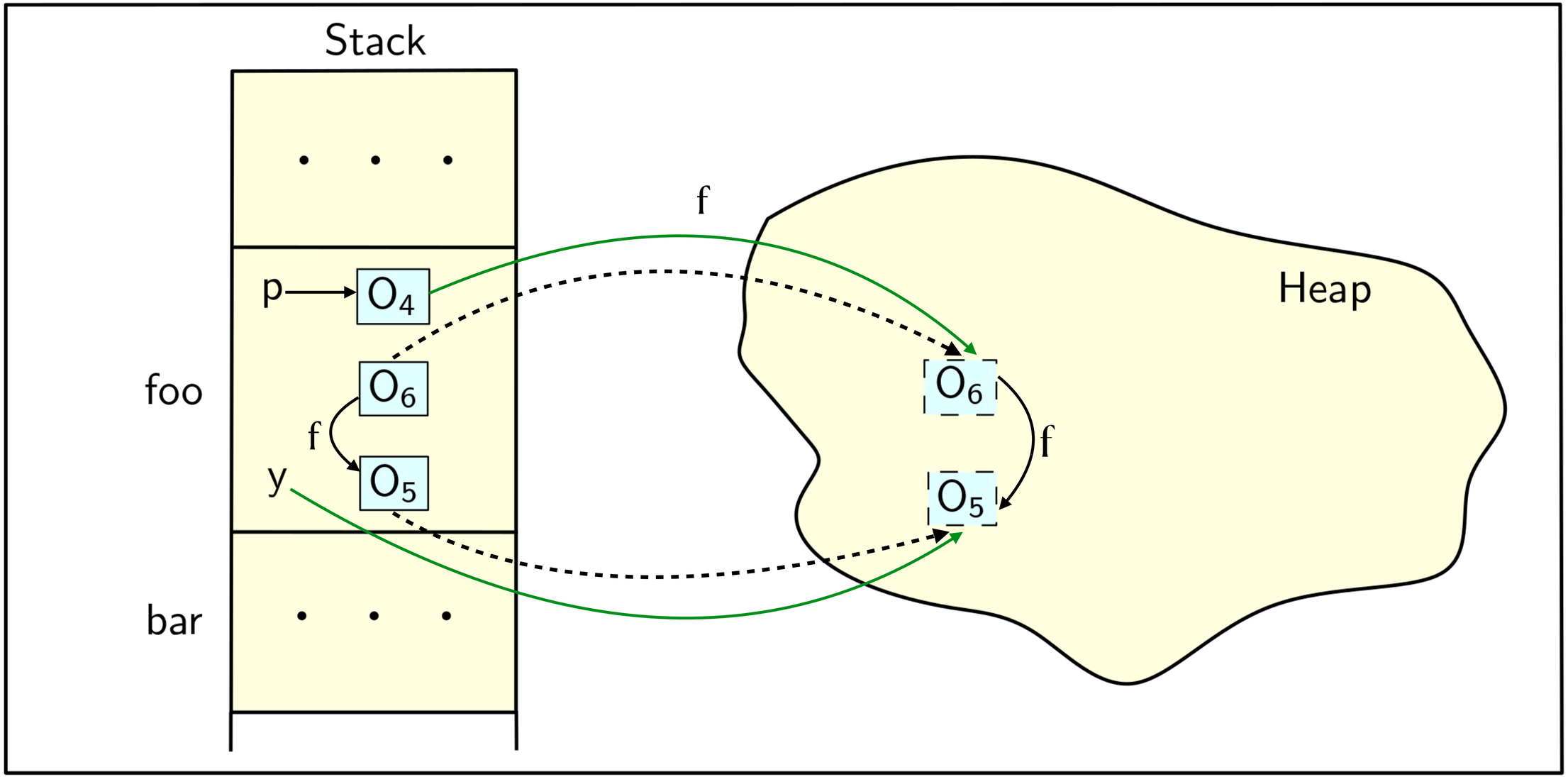

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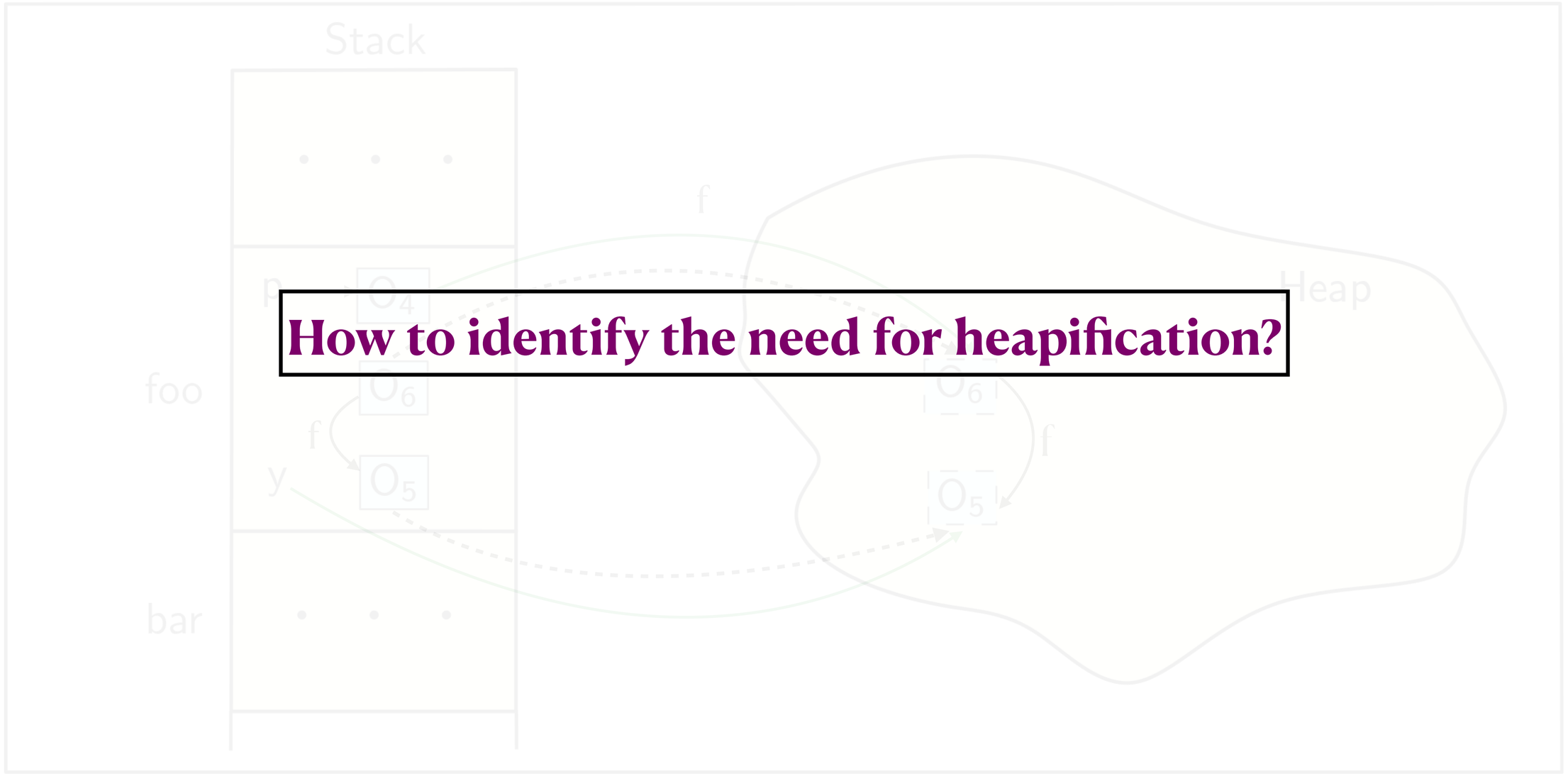

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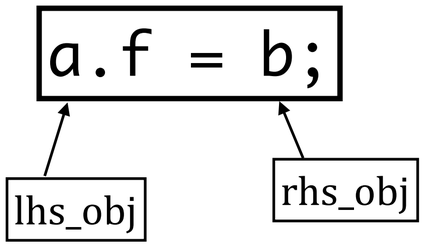

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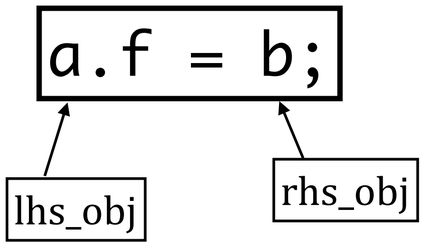

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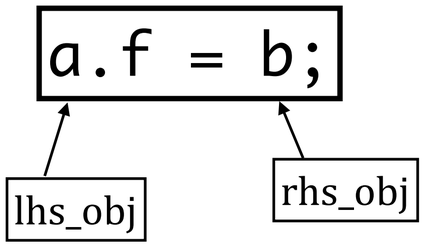

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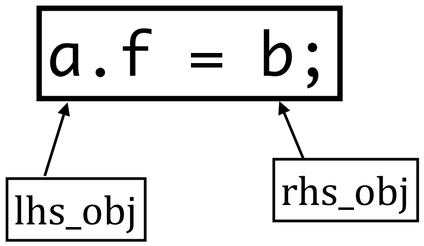

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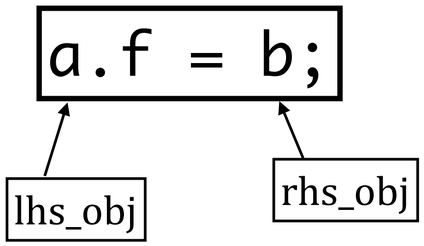

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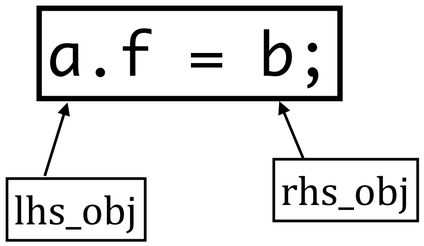

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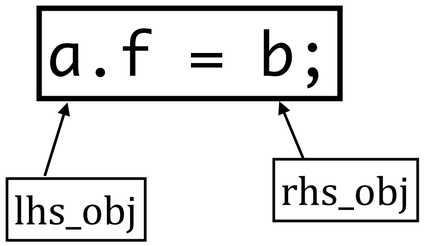

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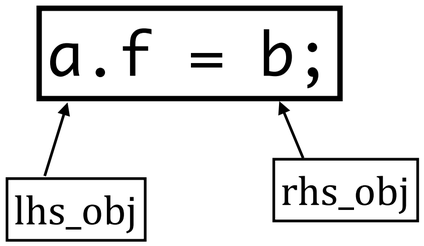


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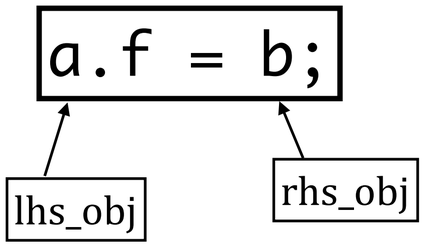

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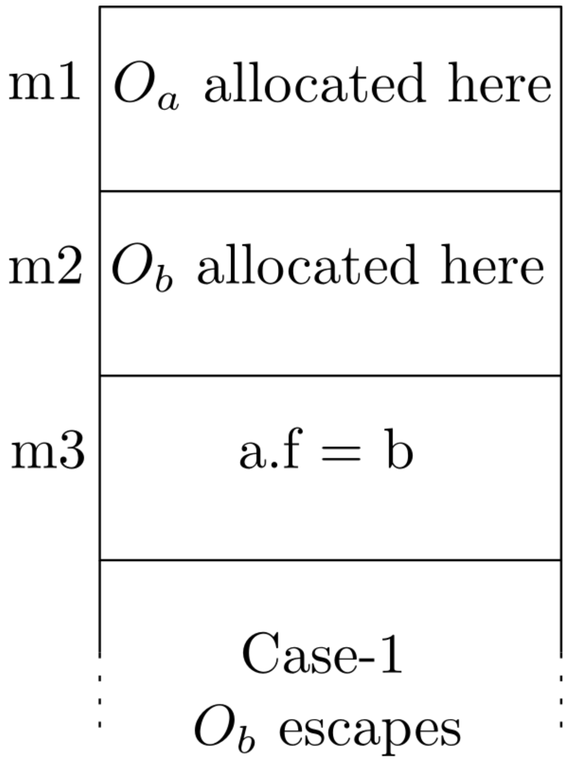

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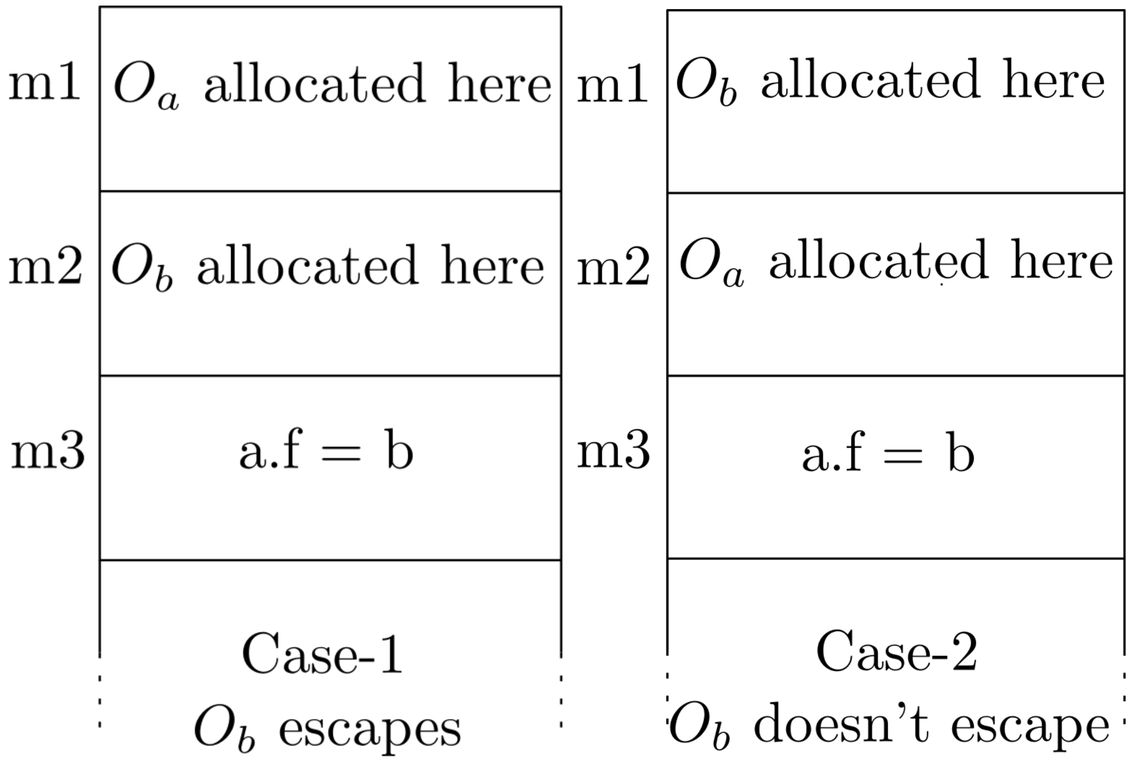

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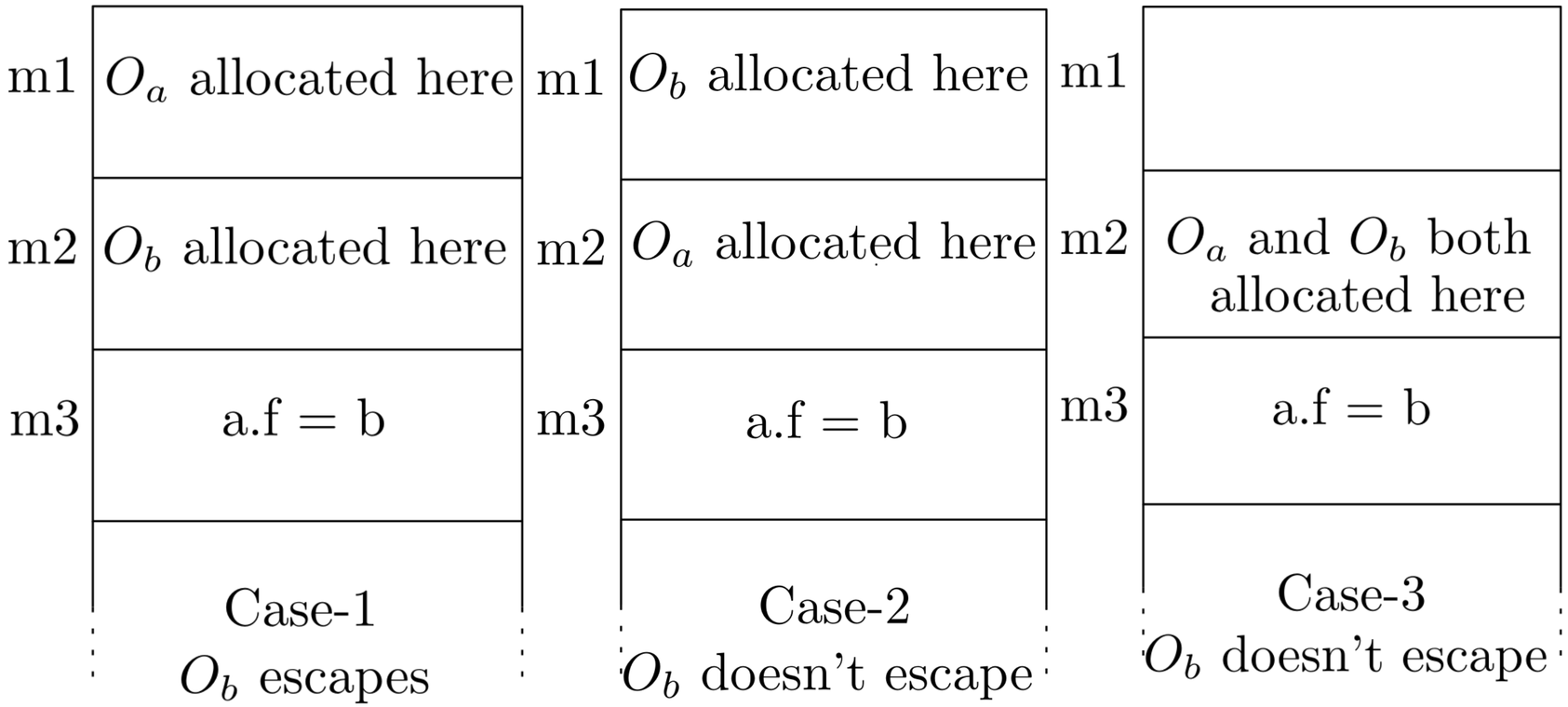

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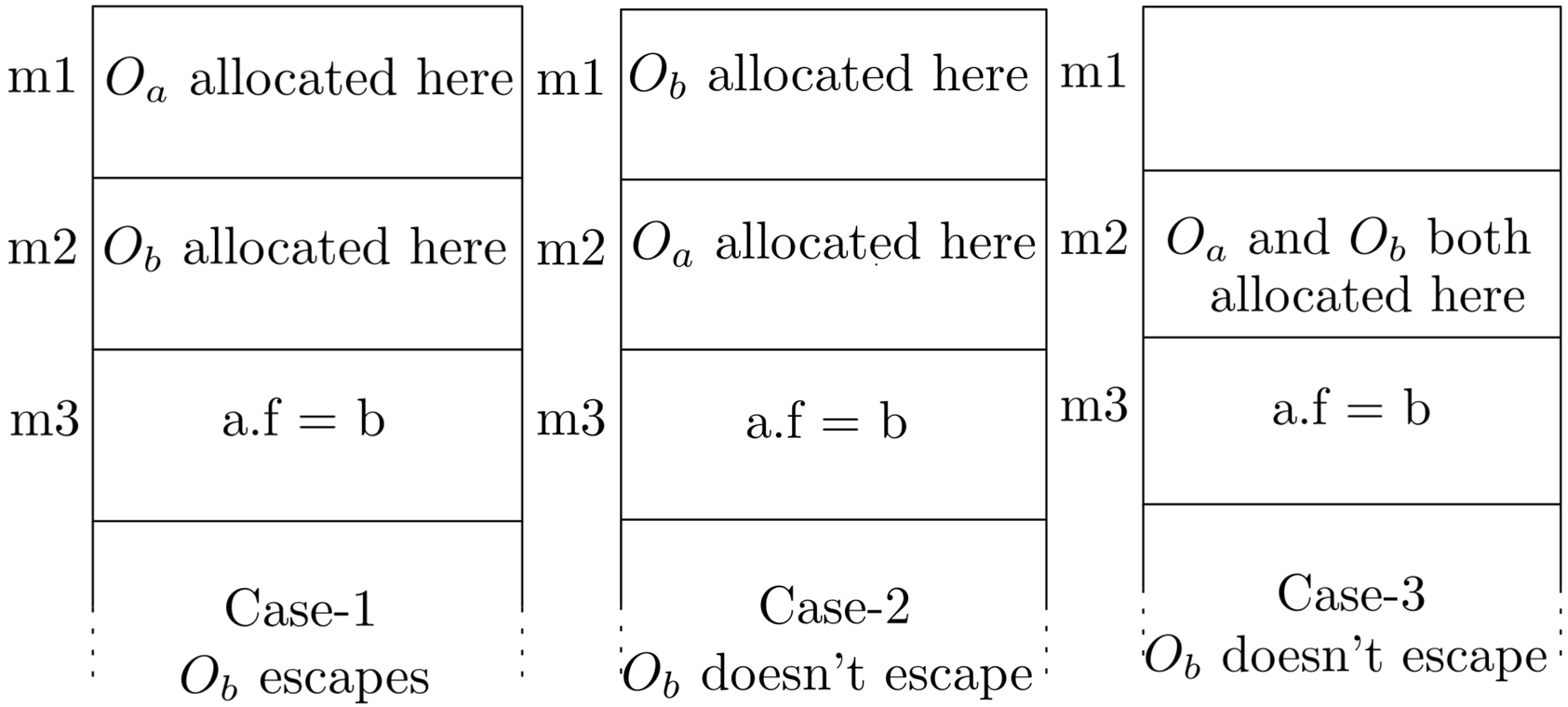

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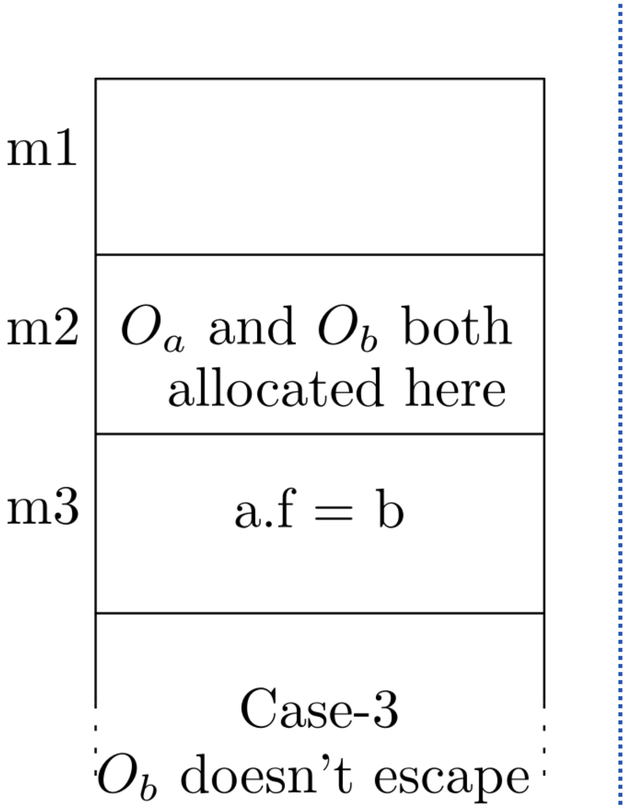

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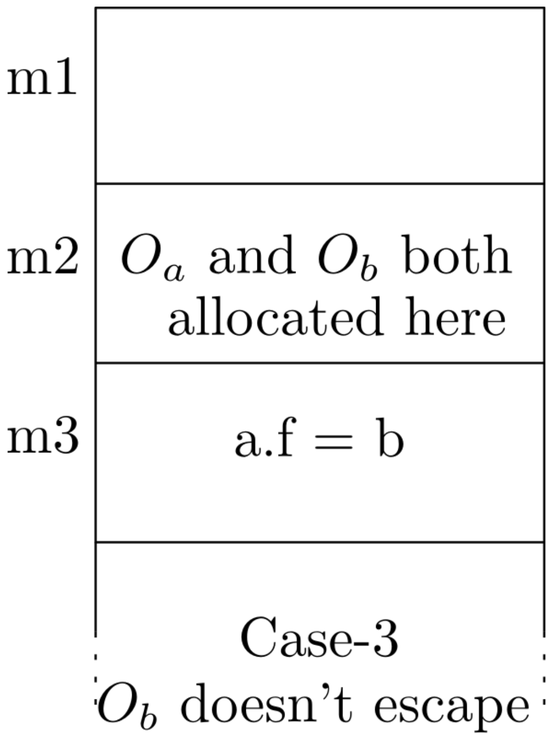

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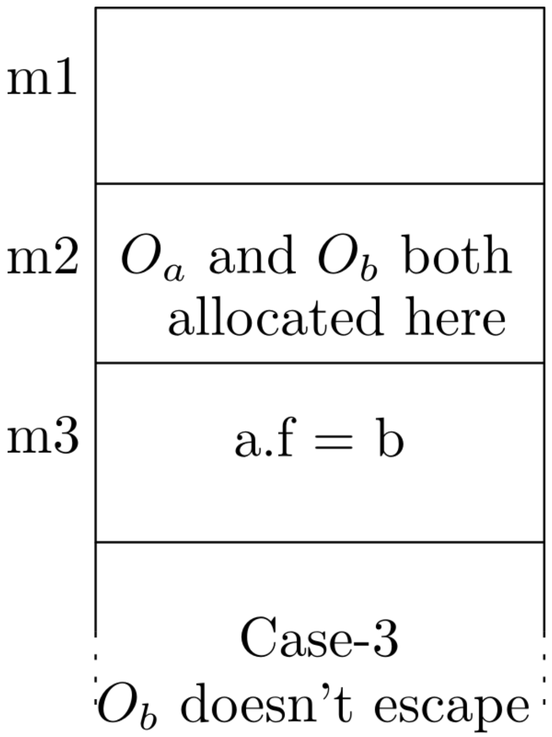

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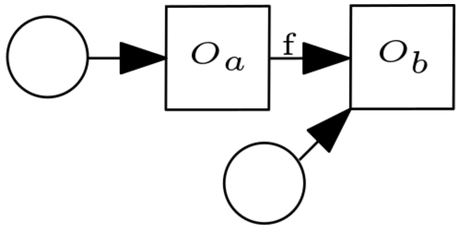

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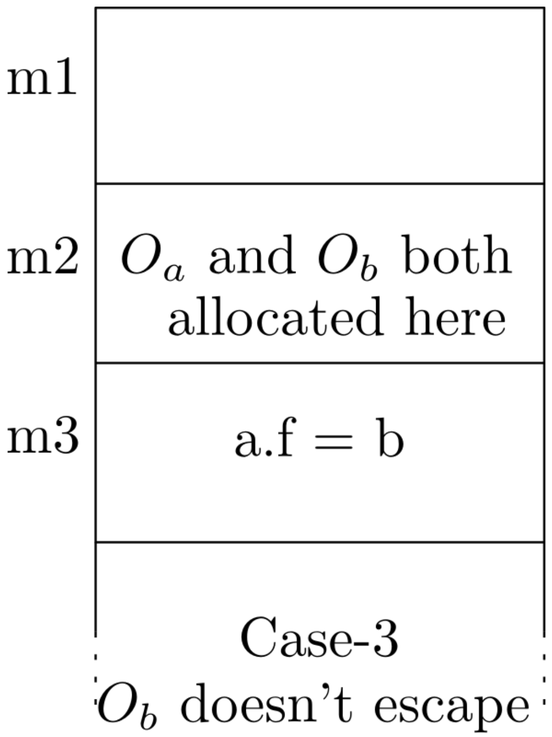

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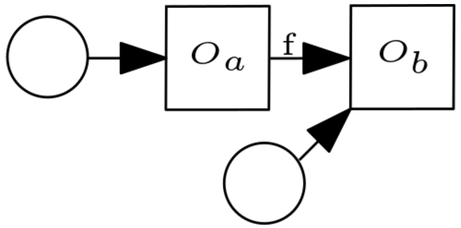

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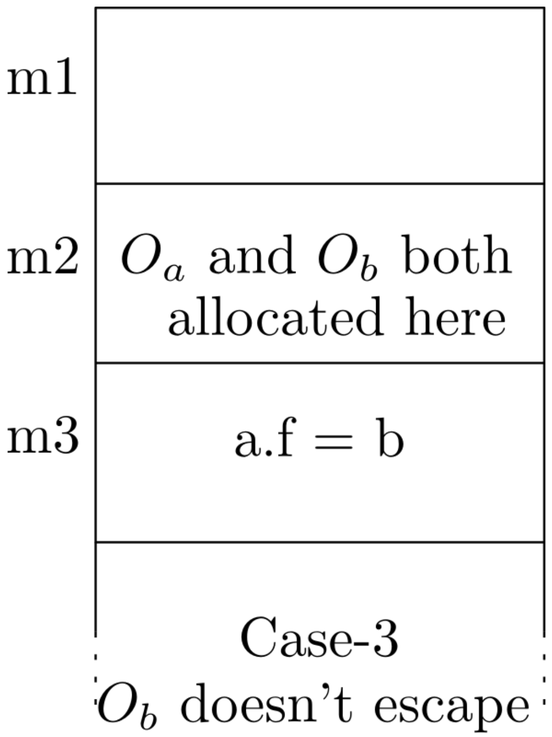

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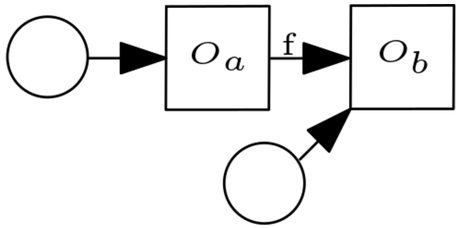

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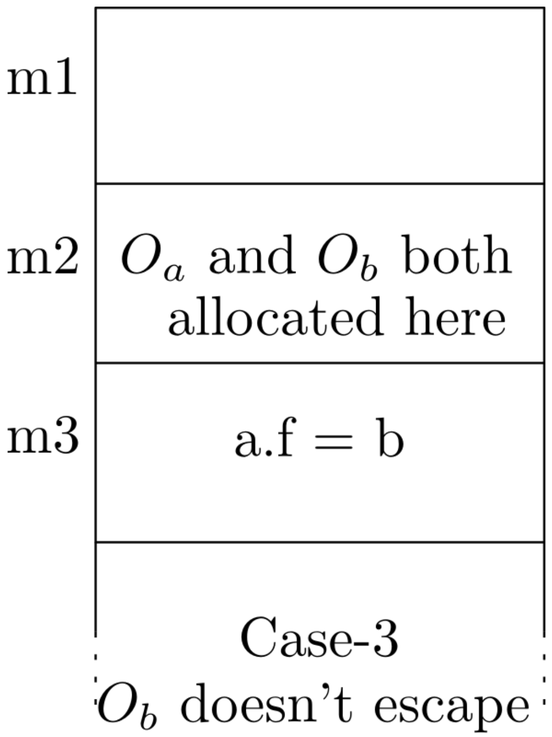

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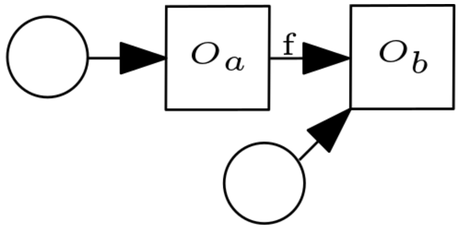

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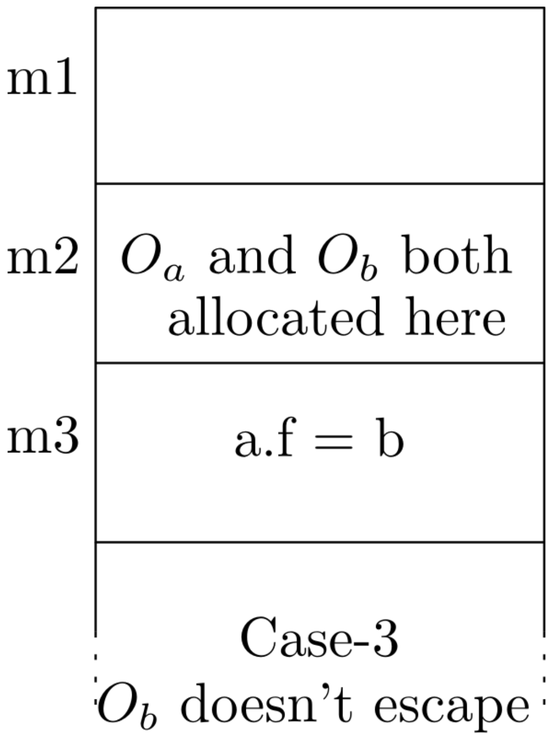

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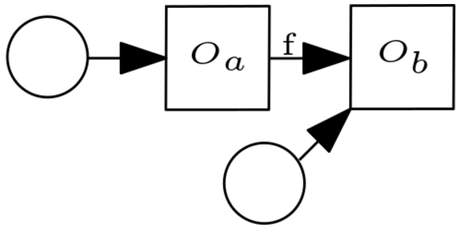

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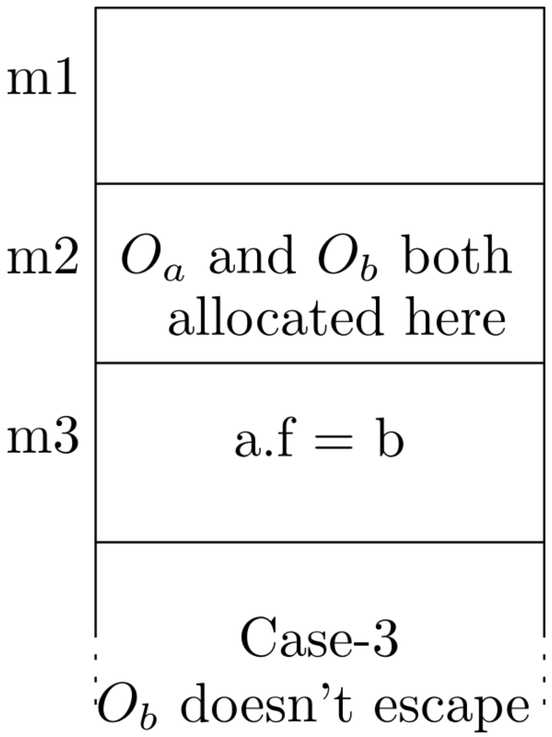

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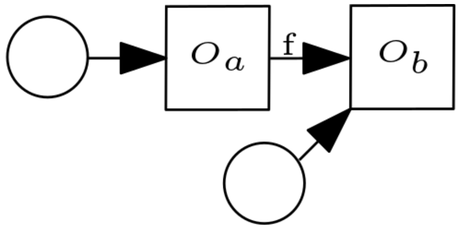

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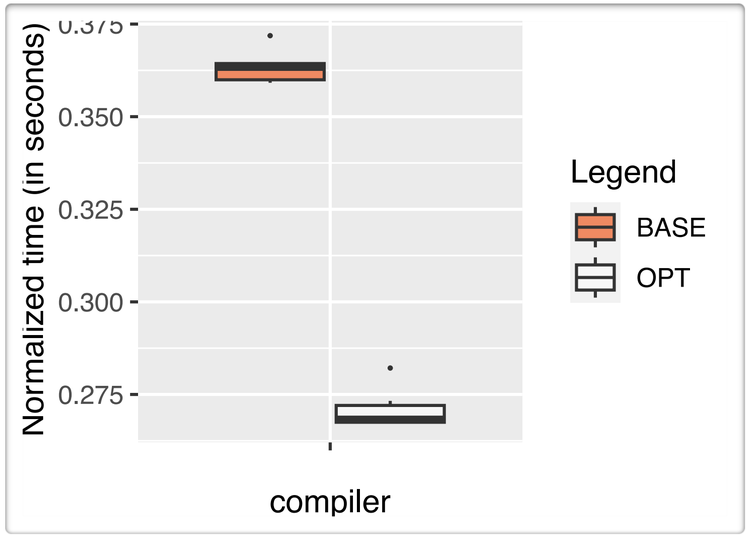

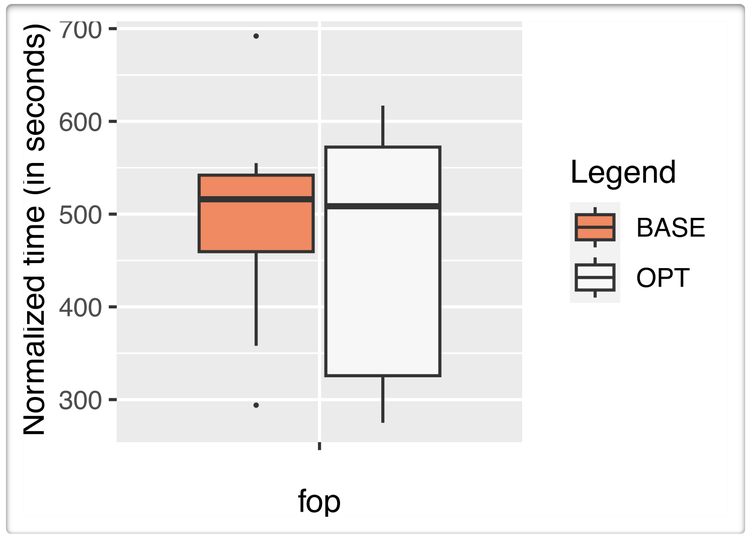

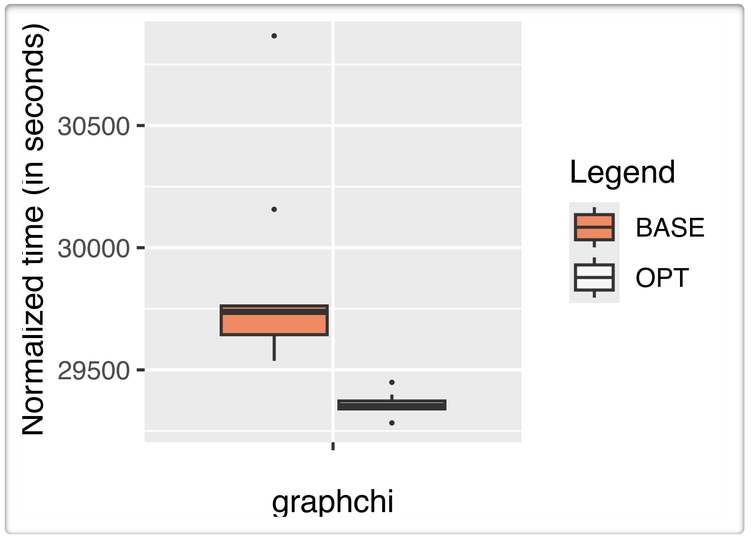

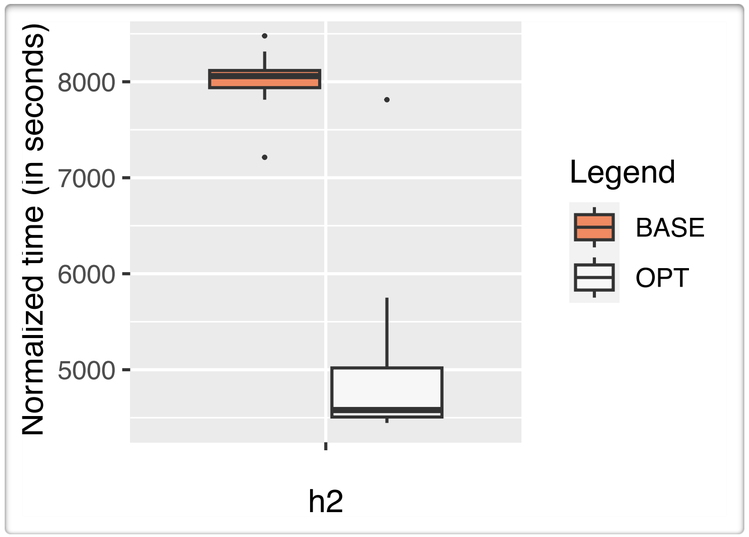

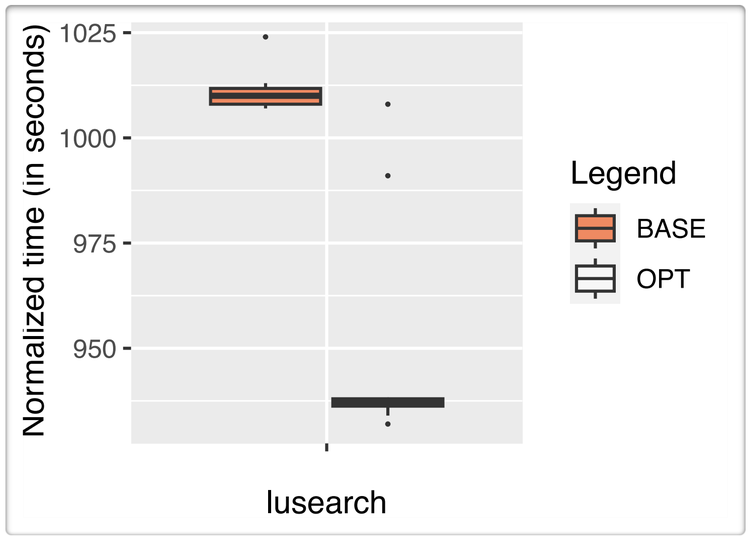

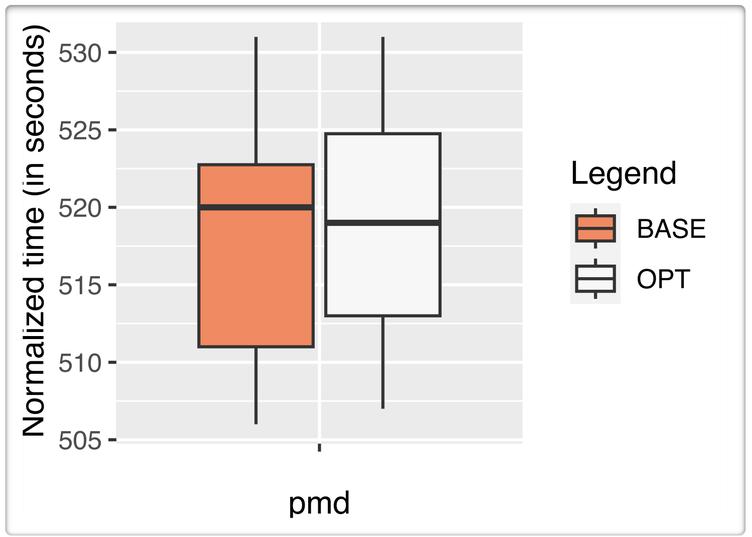

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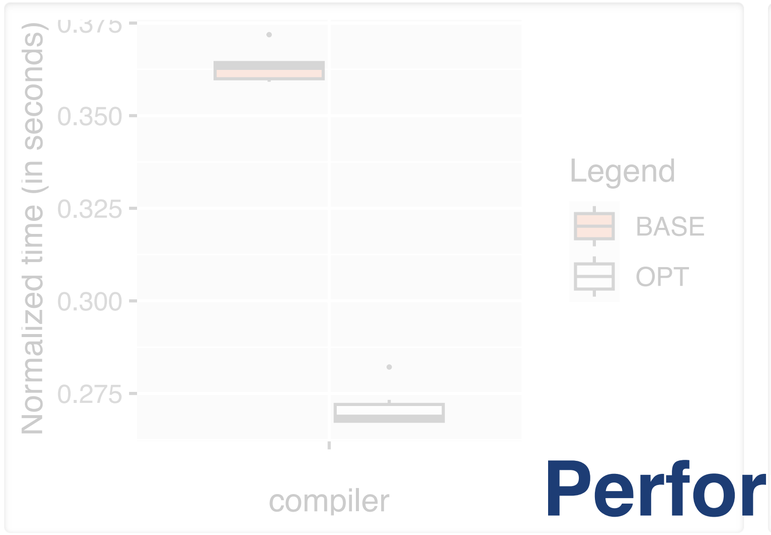

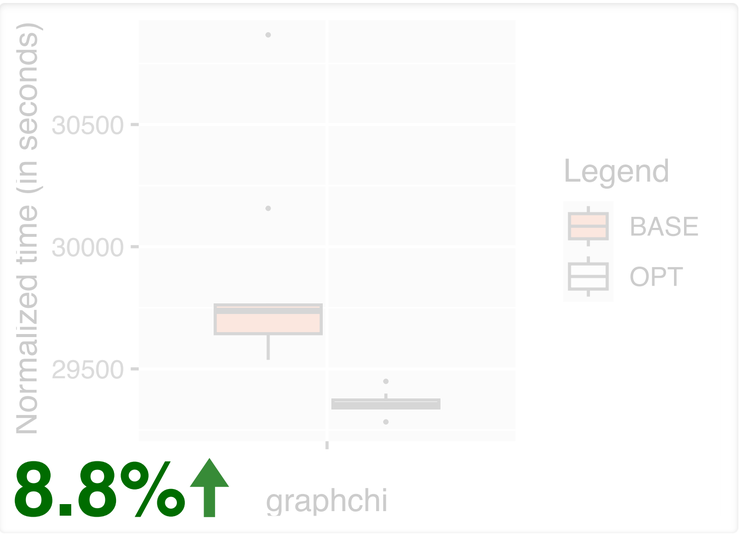

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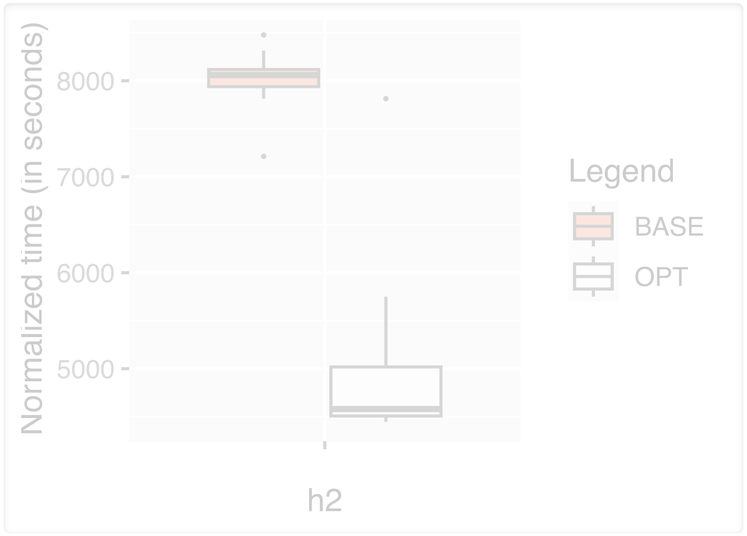

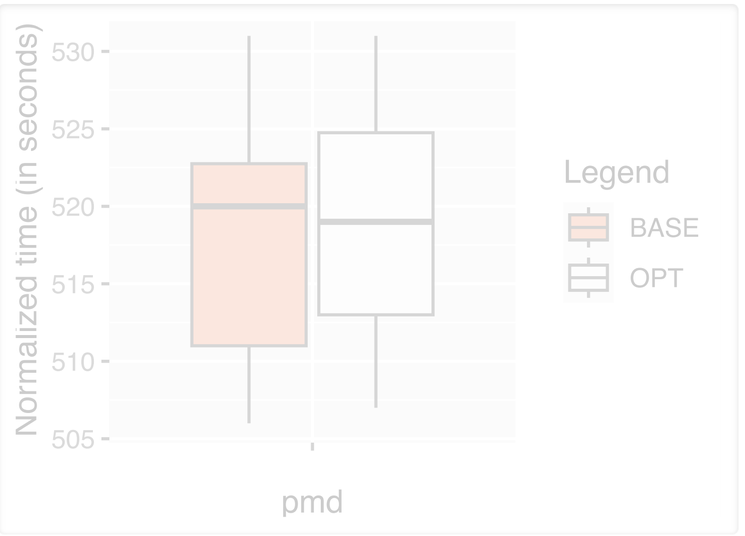

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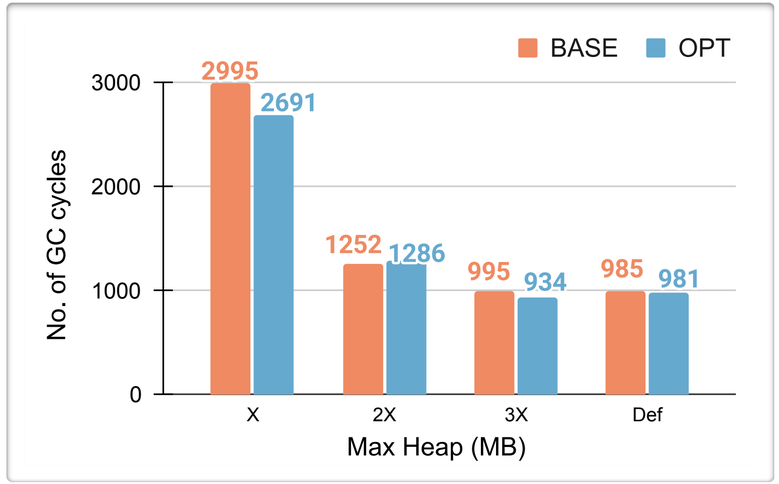

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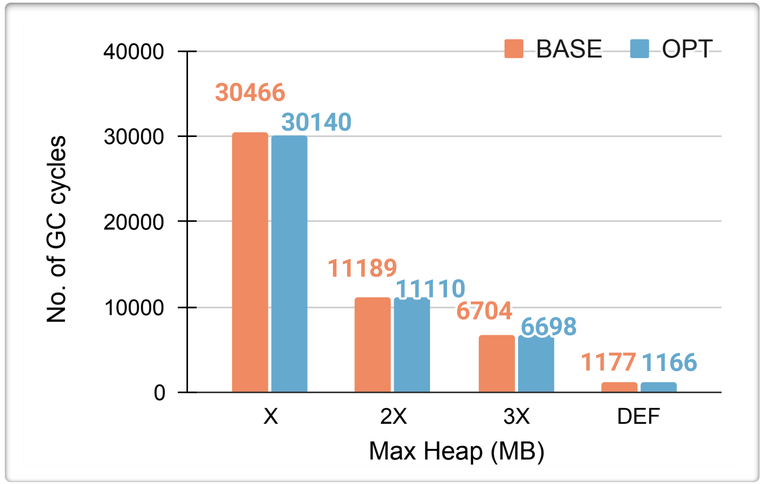

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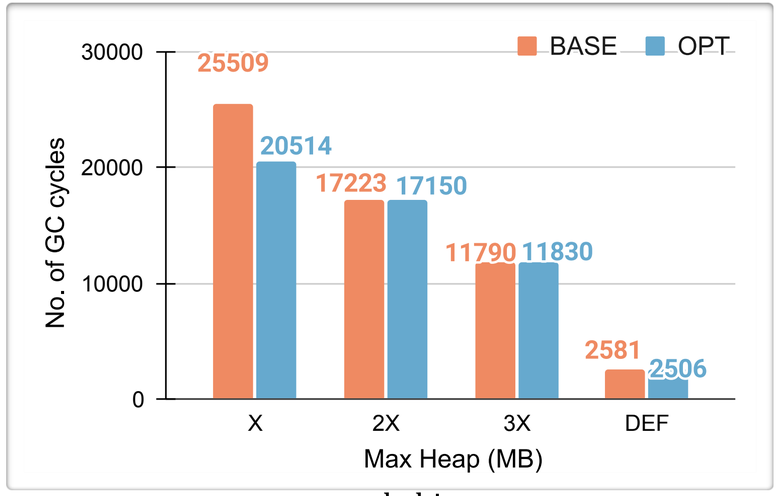

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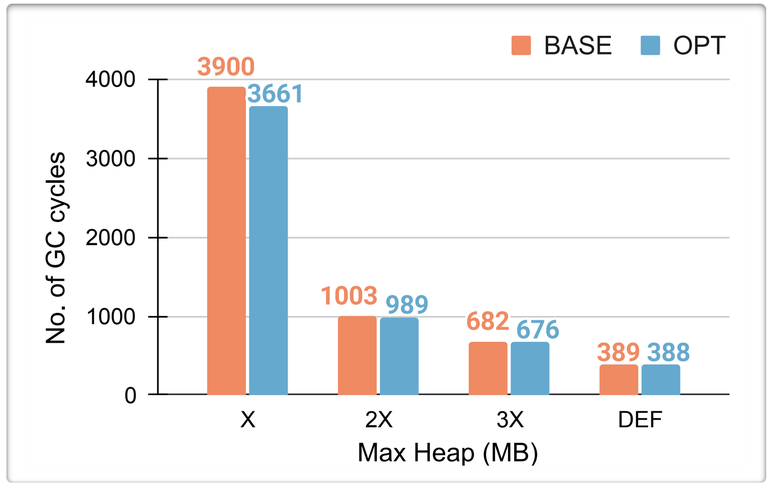

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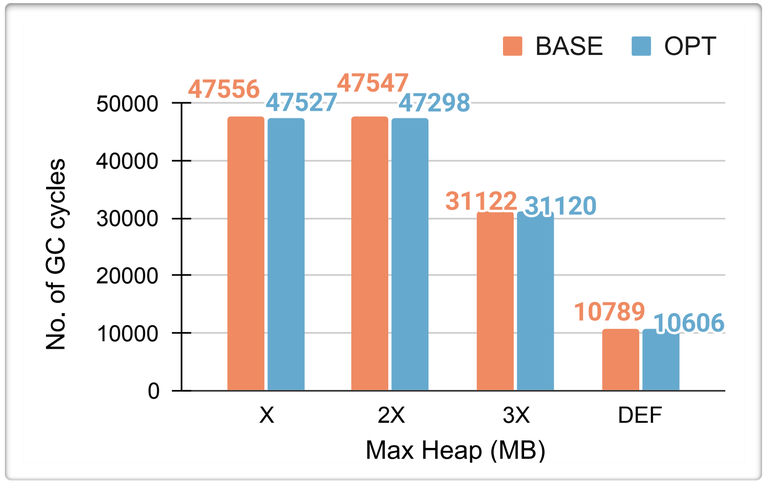

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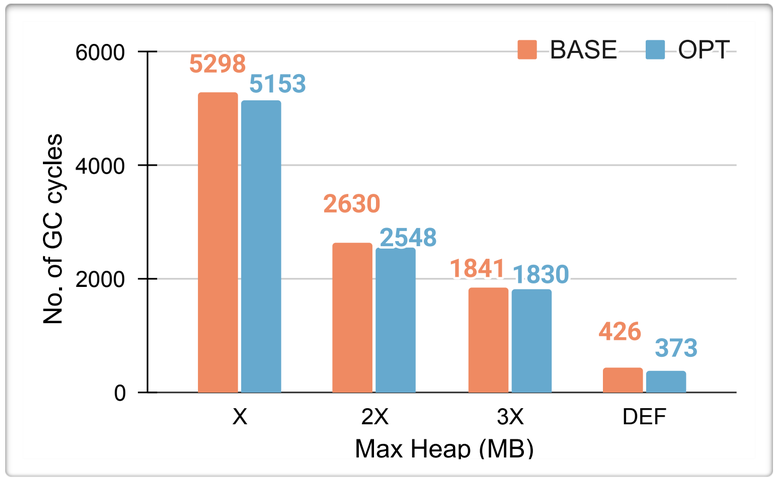

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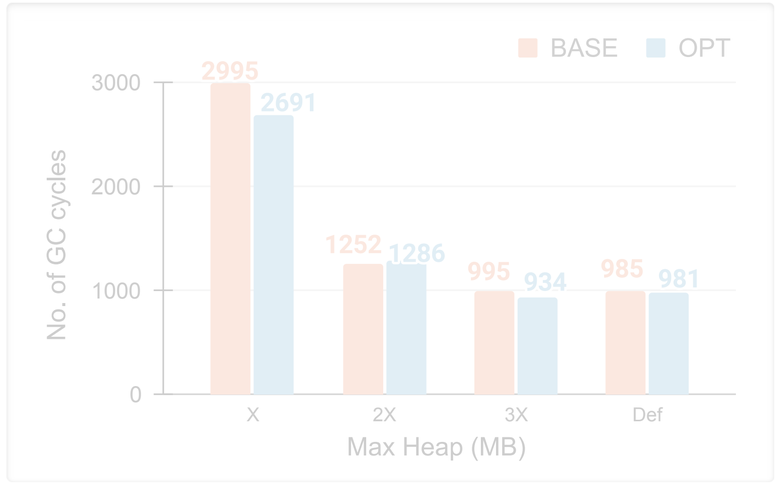

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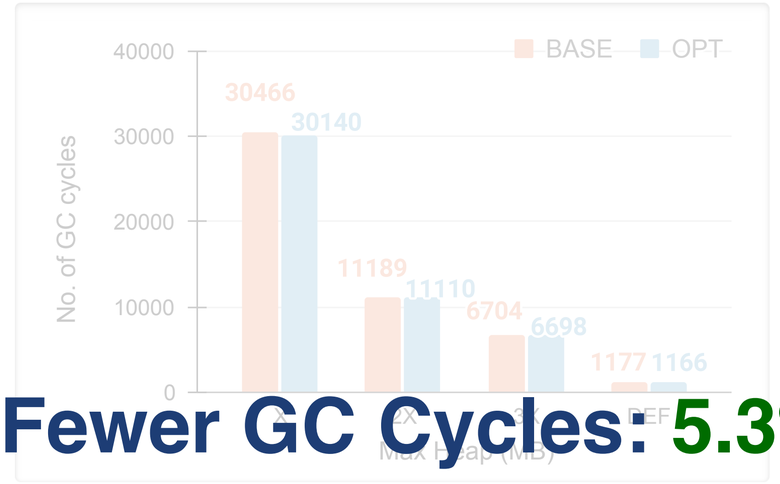

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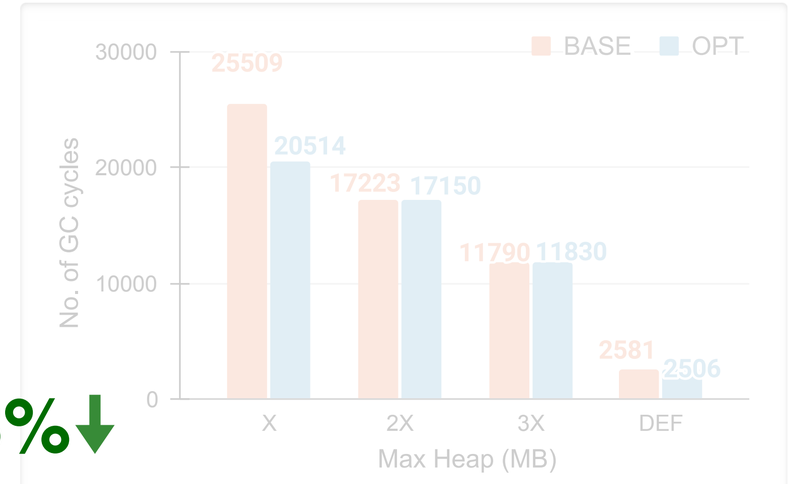

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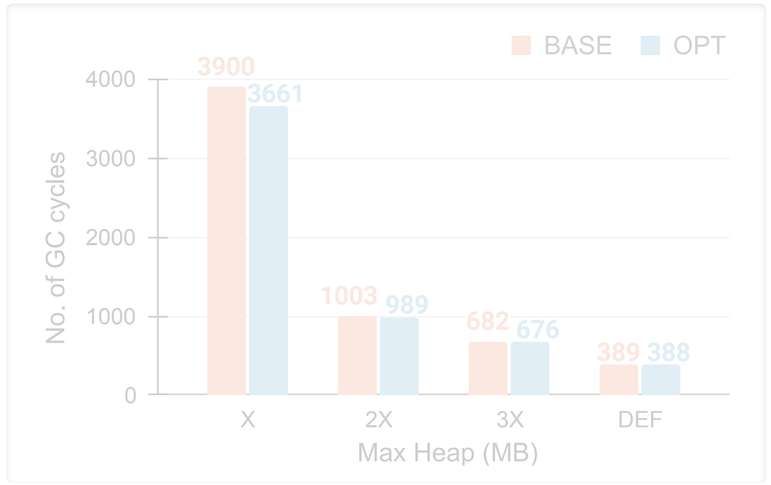

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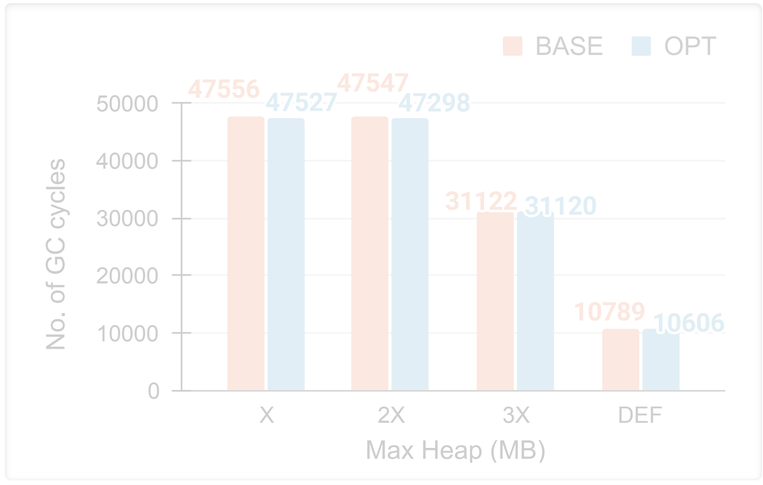

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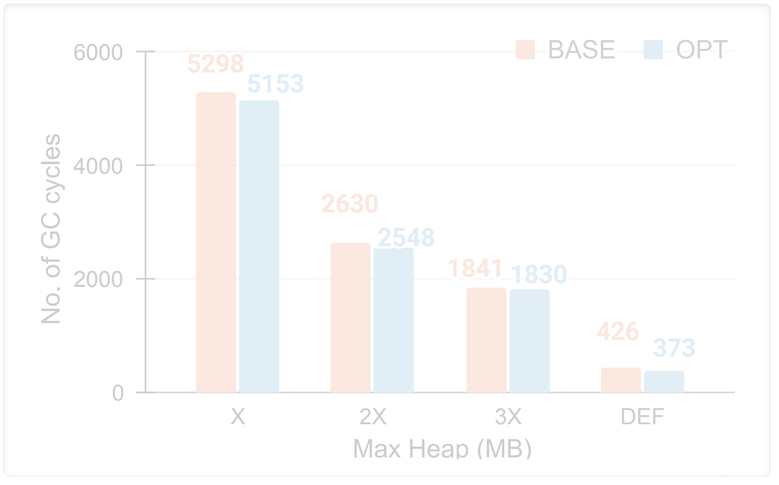

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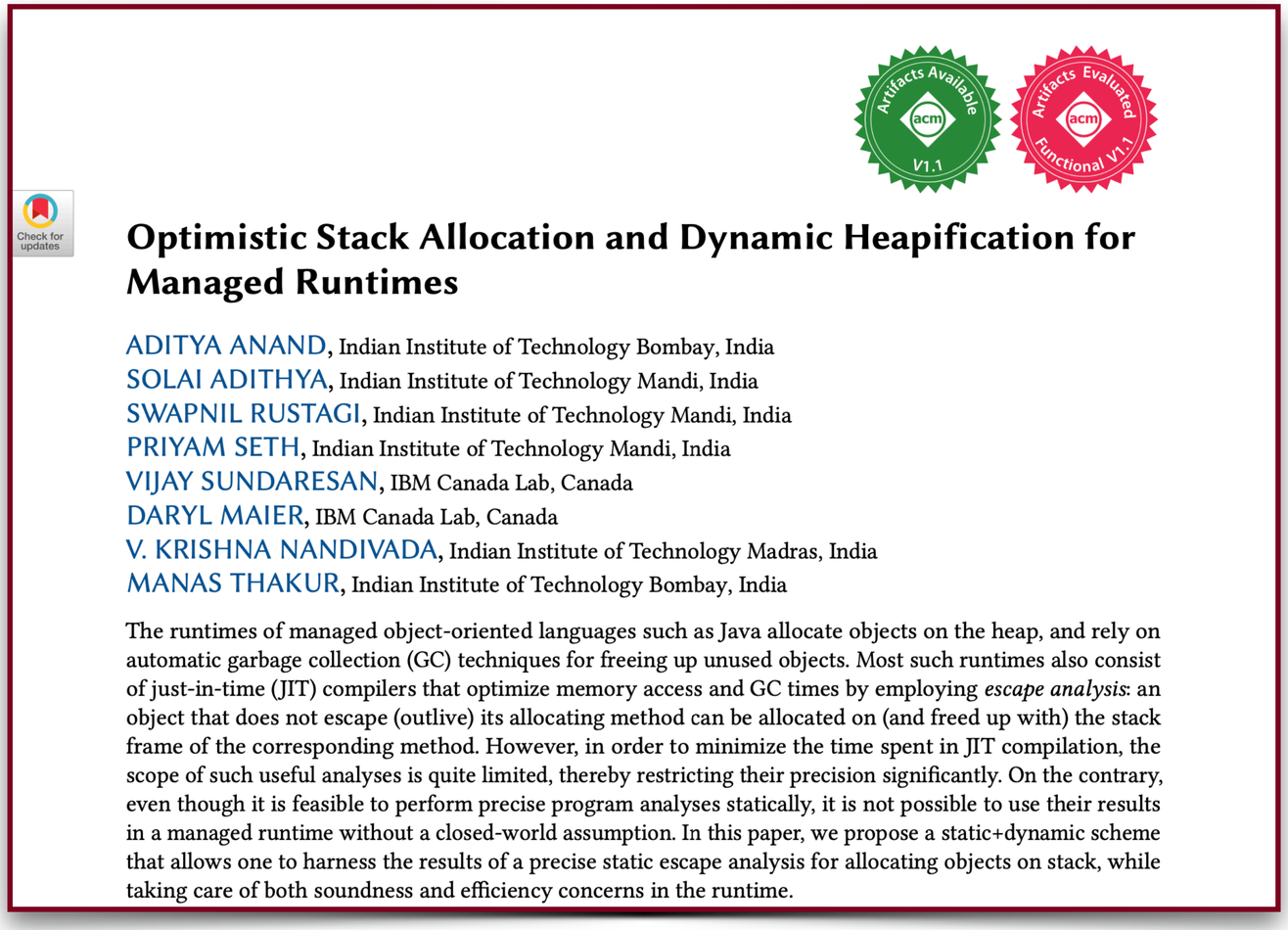

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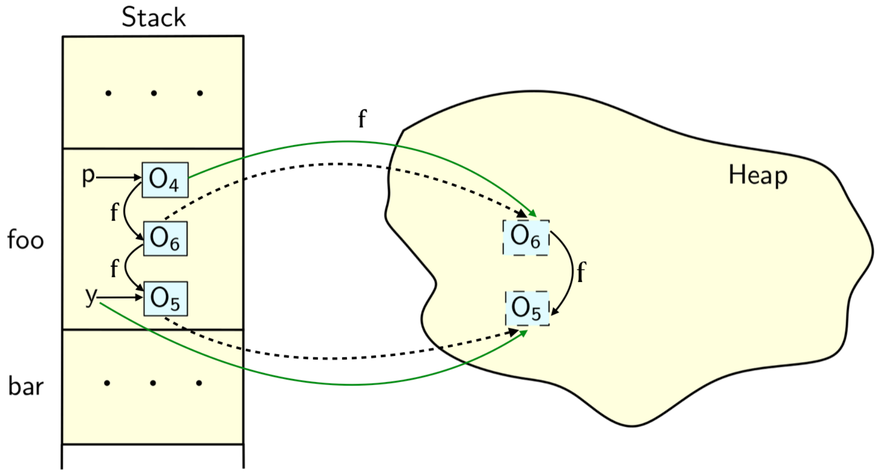

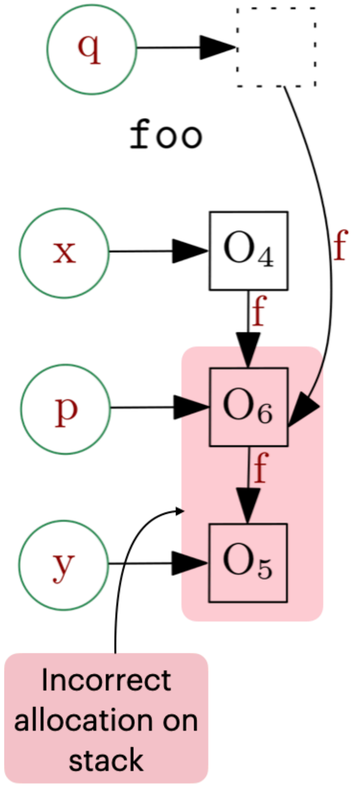

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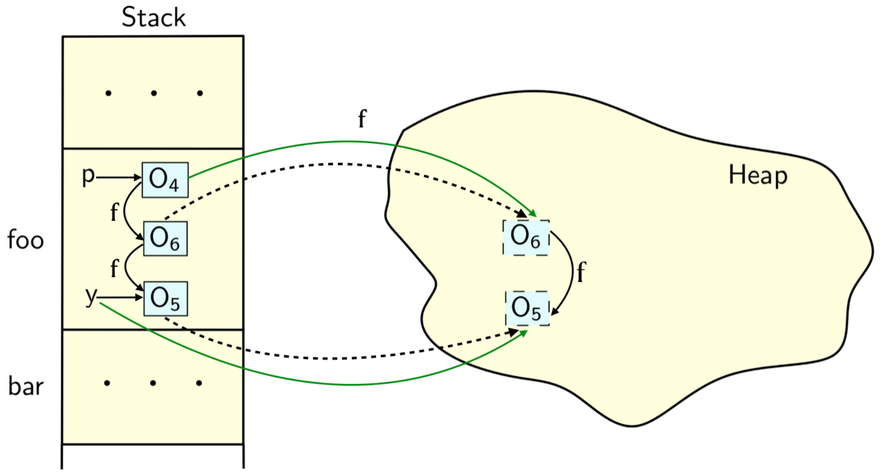

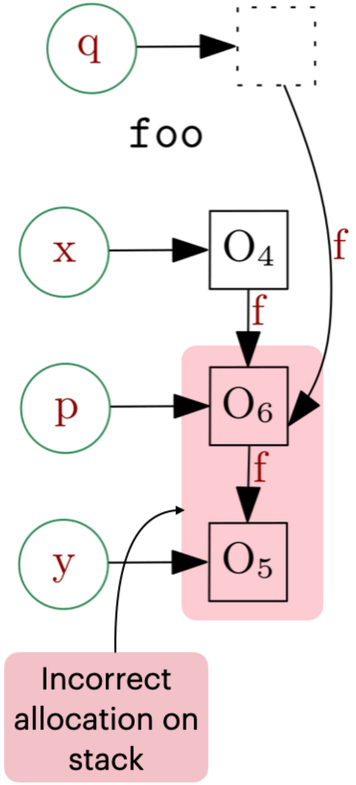

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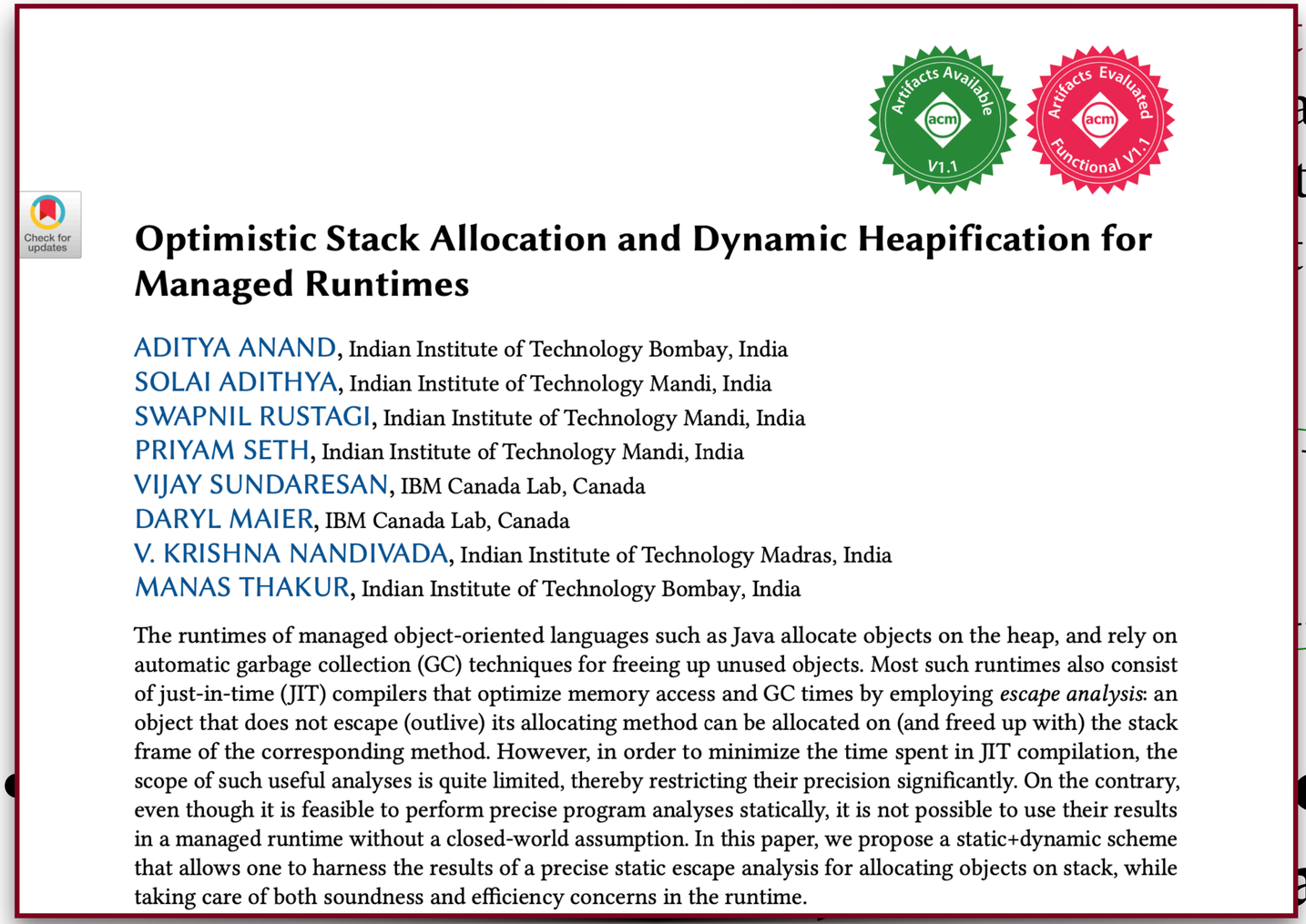

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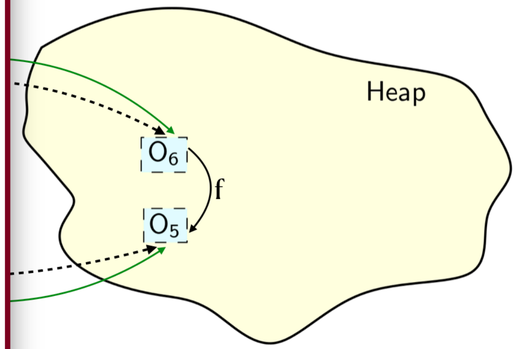

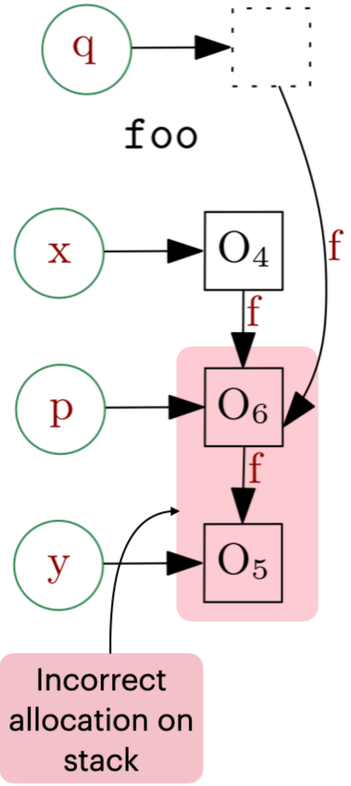

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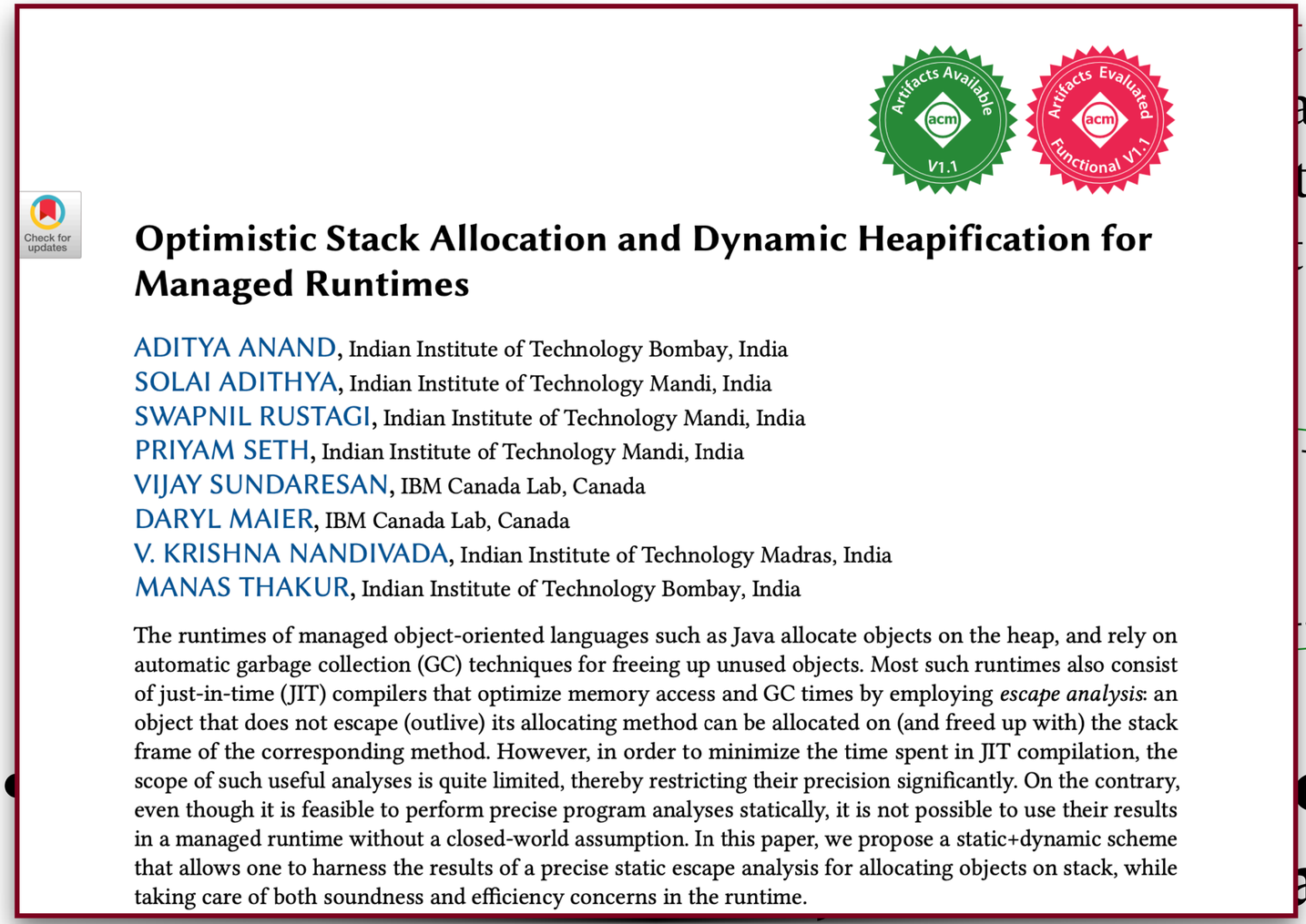
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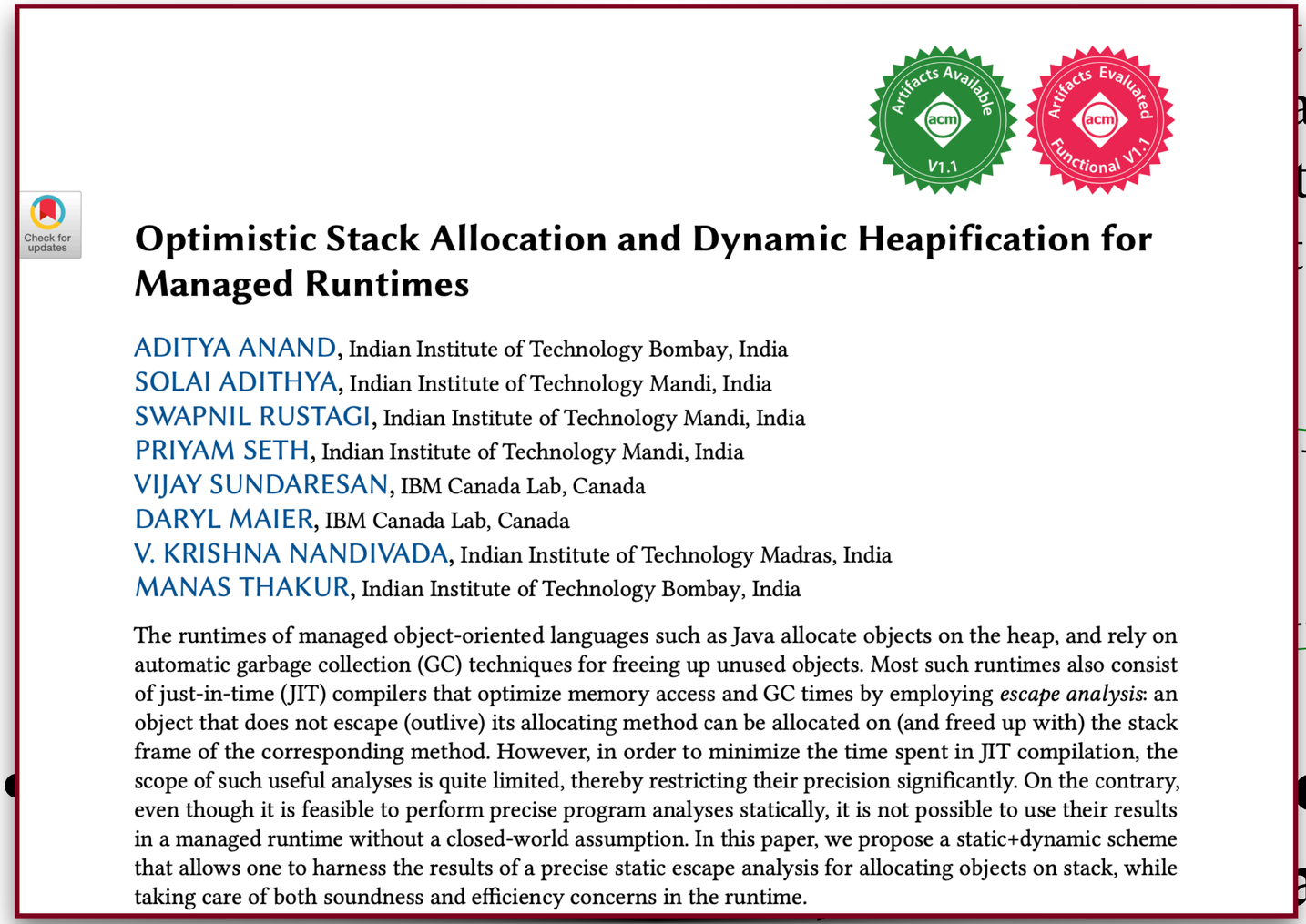

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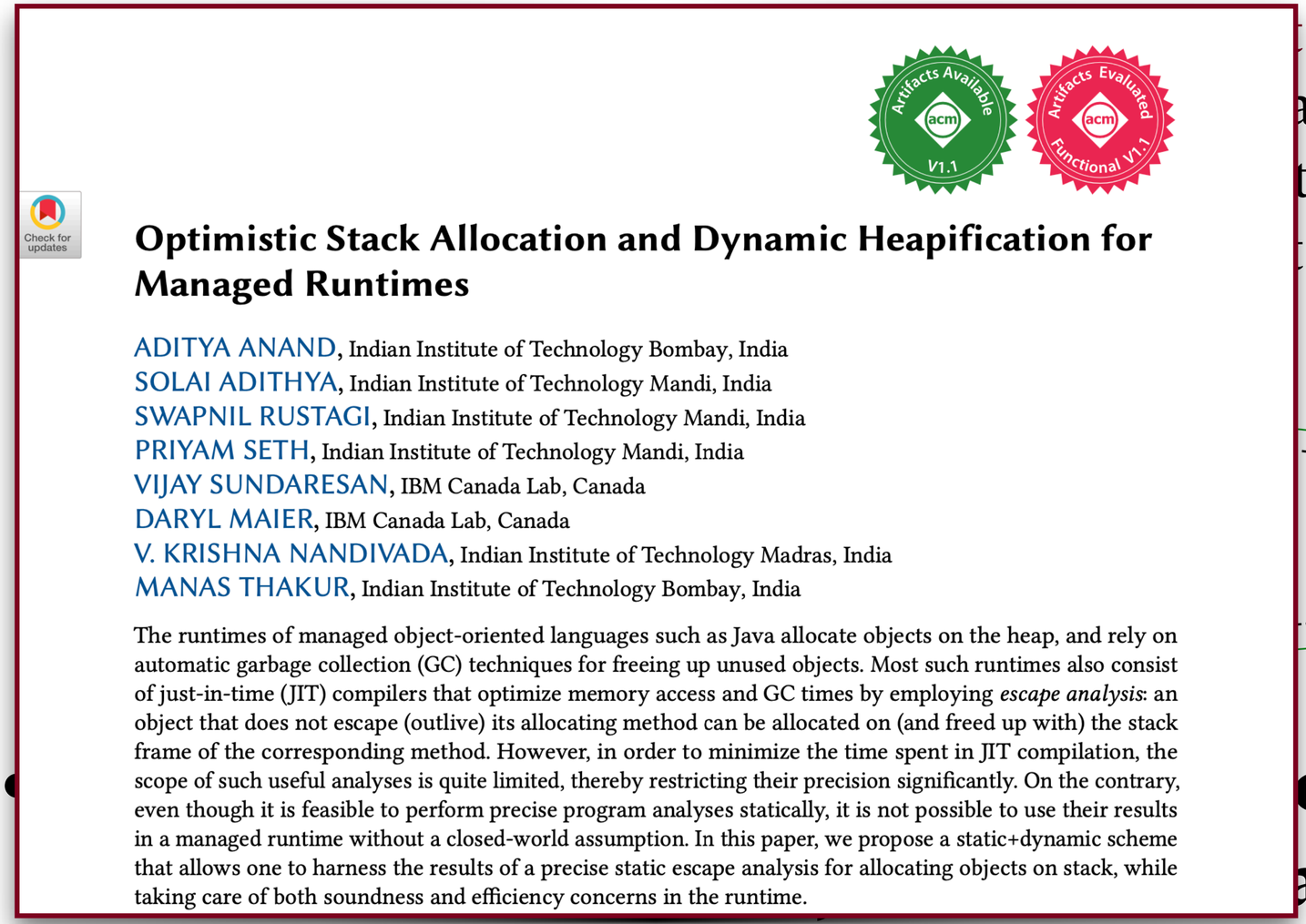

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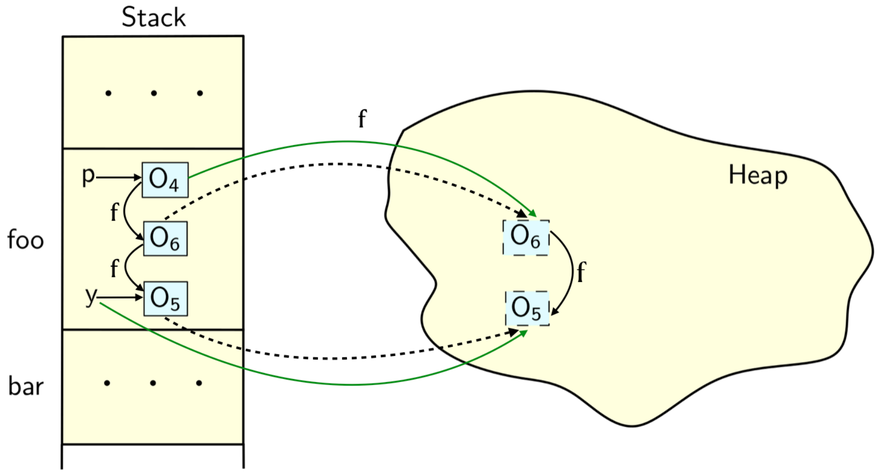
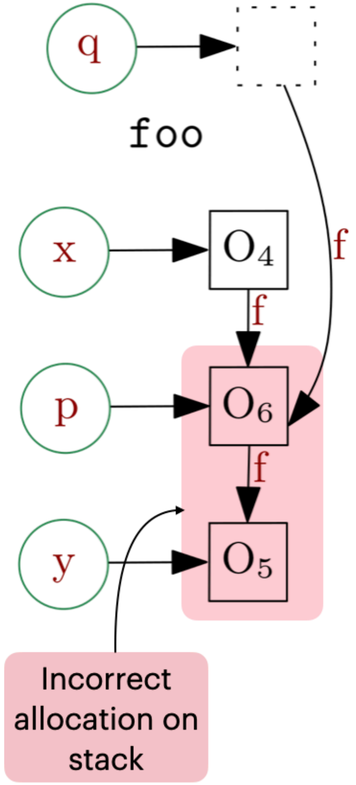
- An important OO Optimization: Allocating method-local objects on the stack frames of their allocating methods.
- Used static escape analysis to optimistically allocate identified objects on stack to improve the precision without thwarting the efficiency.
- Ensure functional correctness in cases static analysis results do not correspond to the runtime environment.





- **Overall, one of the first approaches to soundly and efficiently use static (offline) analysis results in a JIT compiler!**

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Related Work

- C2 just-in-time (JIT) compiler of the HotSpot VM uses escape analysis to decompose objects into scalar variables on the stack.
    - It uses connection graphs (which do not maintain points-to relationships directly but allow one to perform reachability checks faster) to perform synchronization elision and scalar replacement.
- GraalVM uses a partial-escape analysis to enable scalar replacement in parts of a program when it cannot be performed throughout the program.
    - However stack allocation is possible in many scenarios where scalar replacement is not.
- GraalVM also uses escape analysis results that works in presence of dynamic classloading for the C1 compiler. It reallocates objects replaced by scalars if the VM deoptimizes to the interpreter.