

The Escape From Flatland

  Building the Languages of the Future, Today  



Language is an instrument
of human reason, and ***not merely a medium***
for the expression of thought

– George Boole

Daring ideas are like
chess pieces moved forward.
They may be ***beaten***,
but they may ***start a winning game.***

– Goethe

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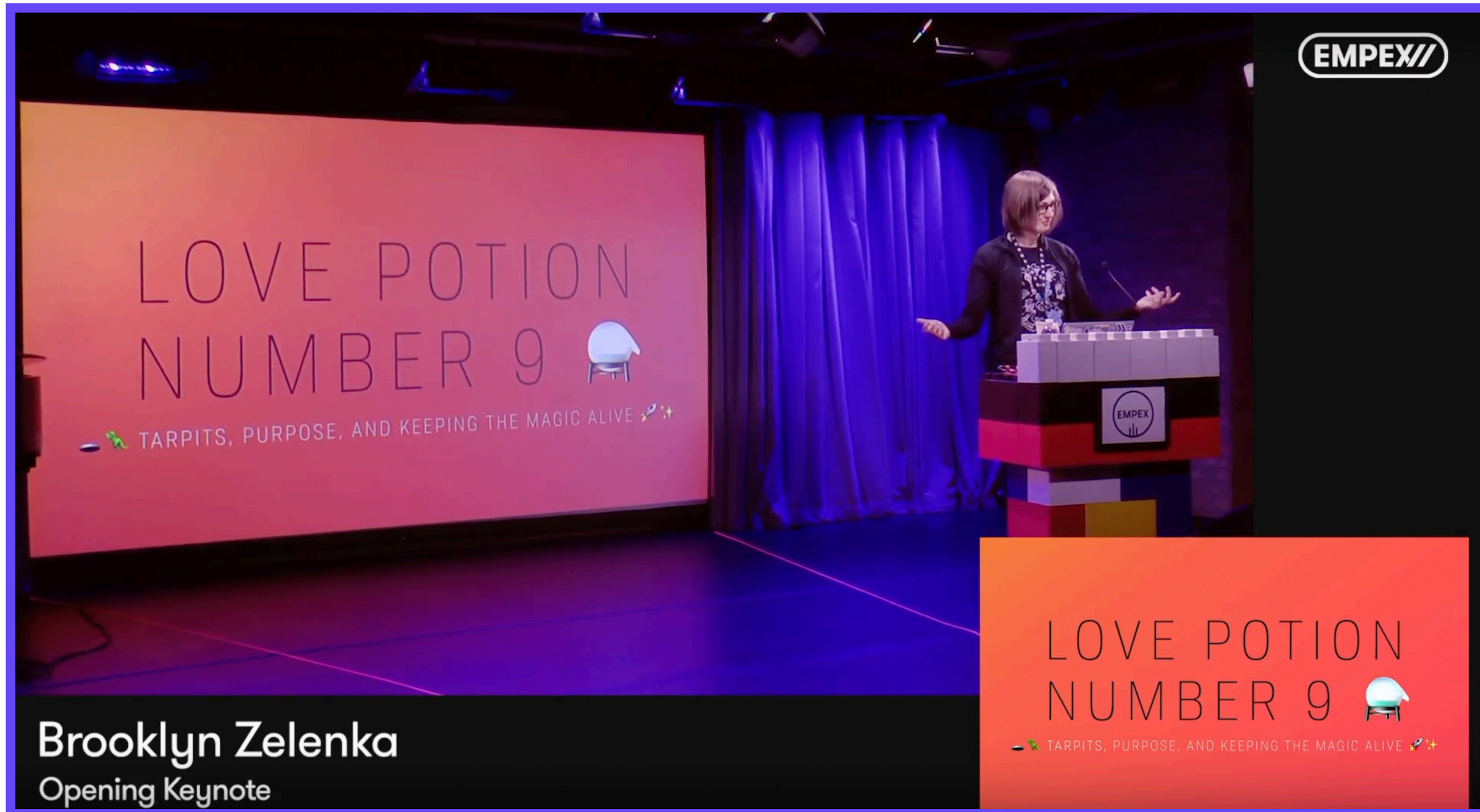
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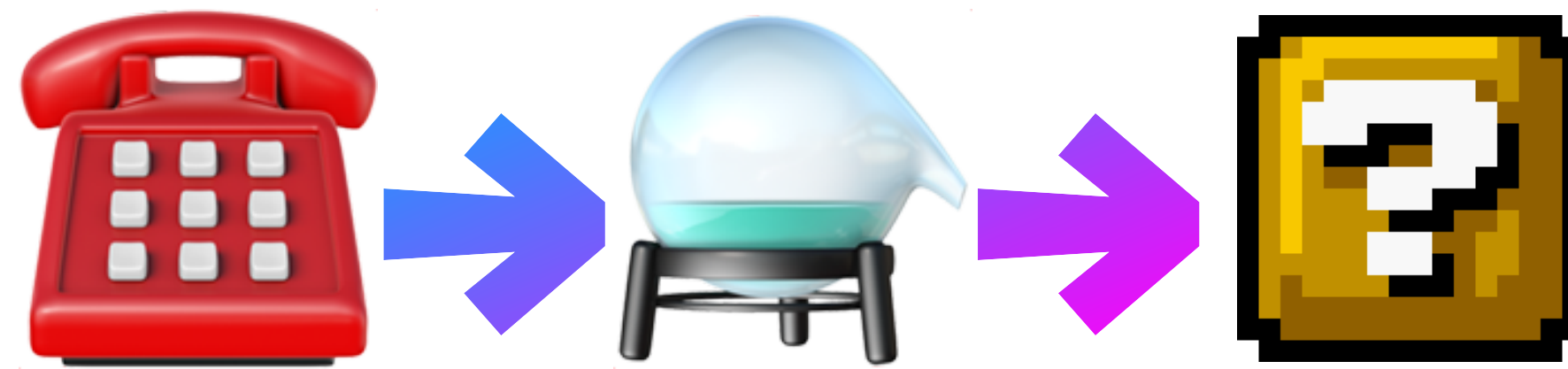
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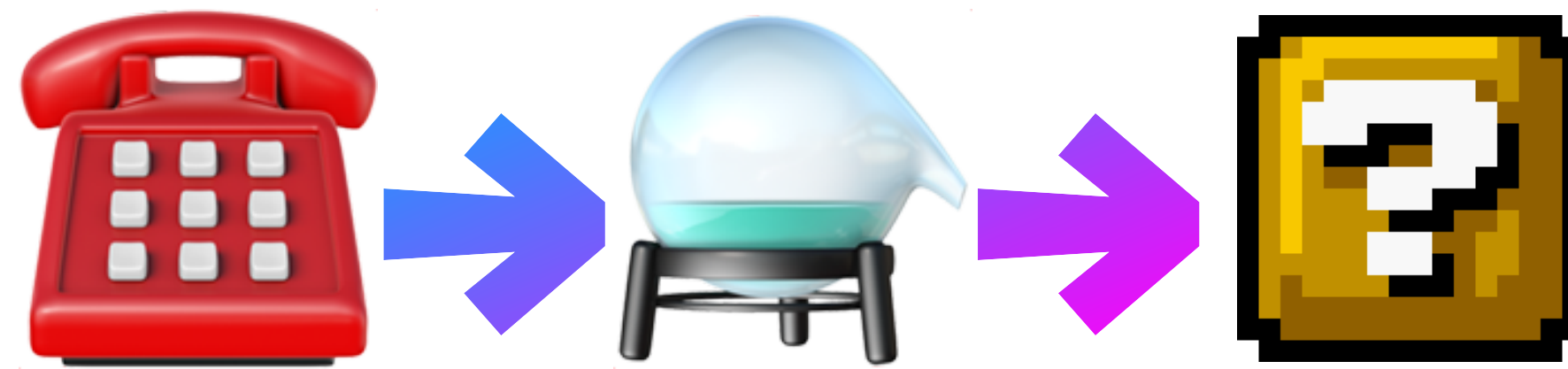
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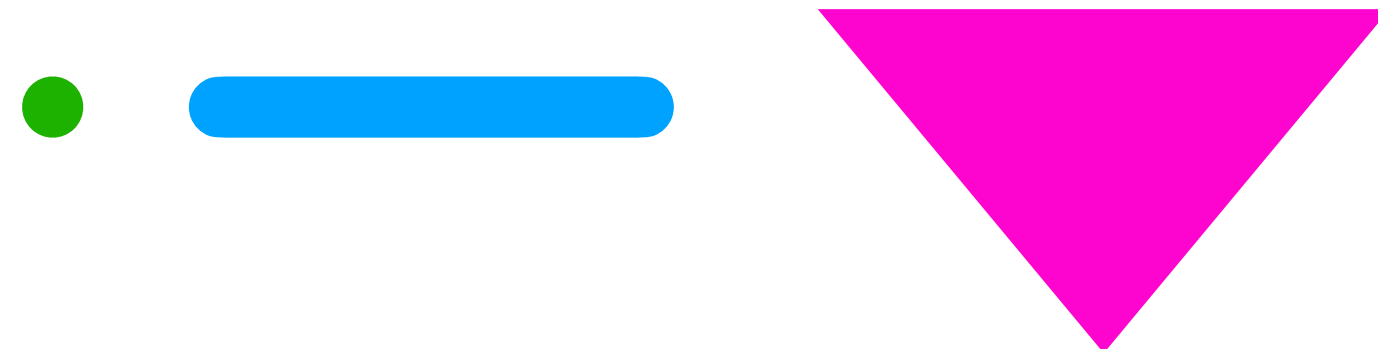
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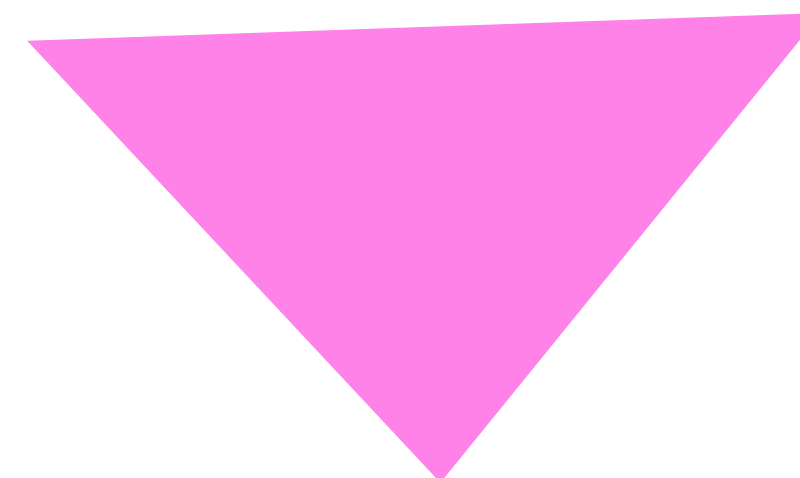
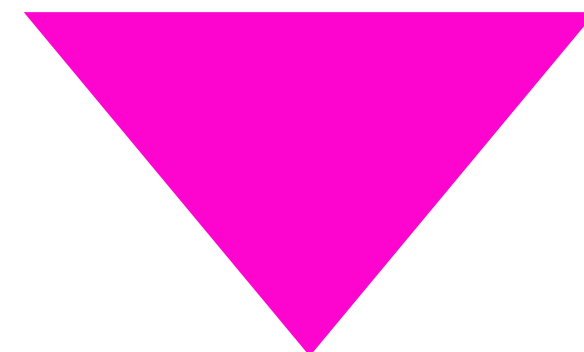
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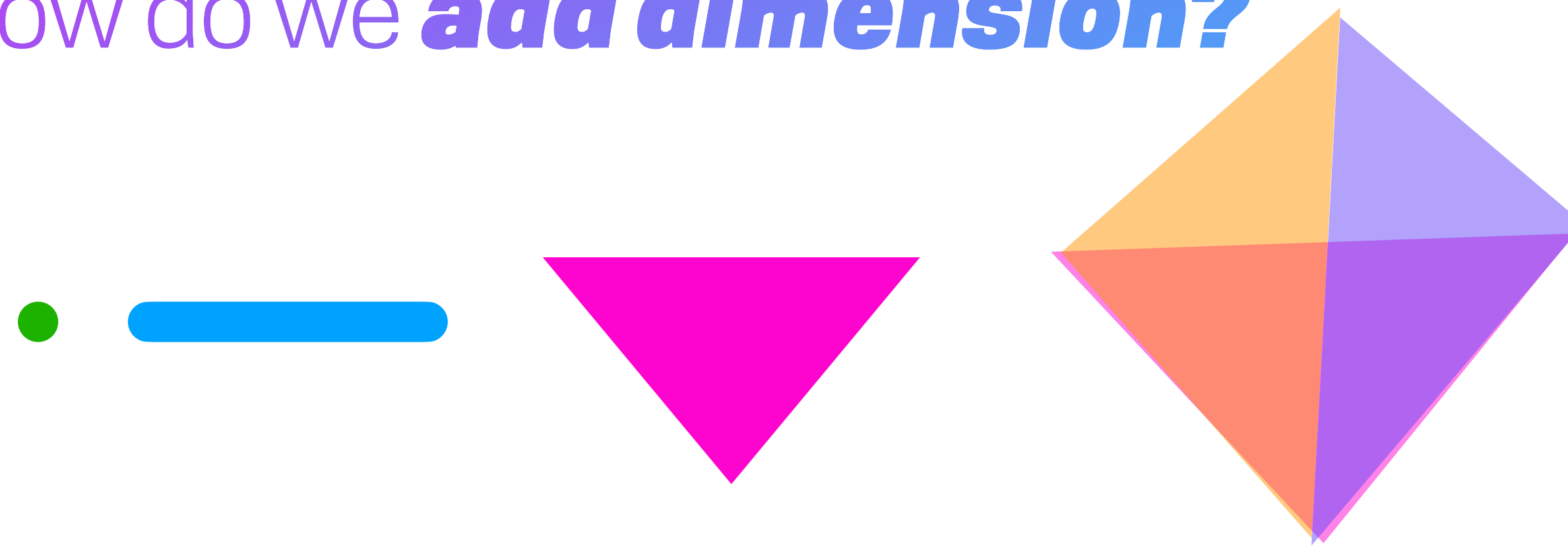
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In stark contrast to a summit, a peak, or a journey across a desert to find victory through many trials and surprises, we want [devs] to ***simply fall into winning practices*** by using our platform and frameworks. ***To the extent that we make it easy to get into trouble we fail.***

– Rico Mariani, Microsoft Research MindSwap 2003

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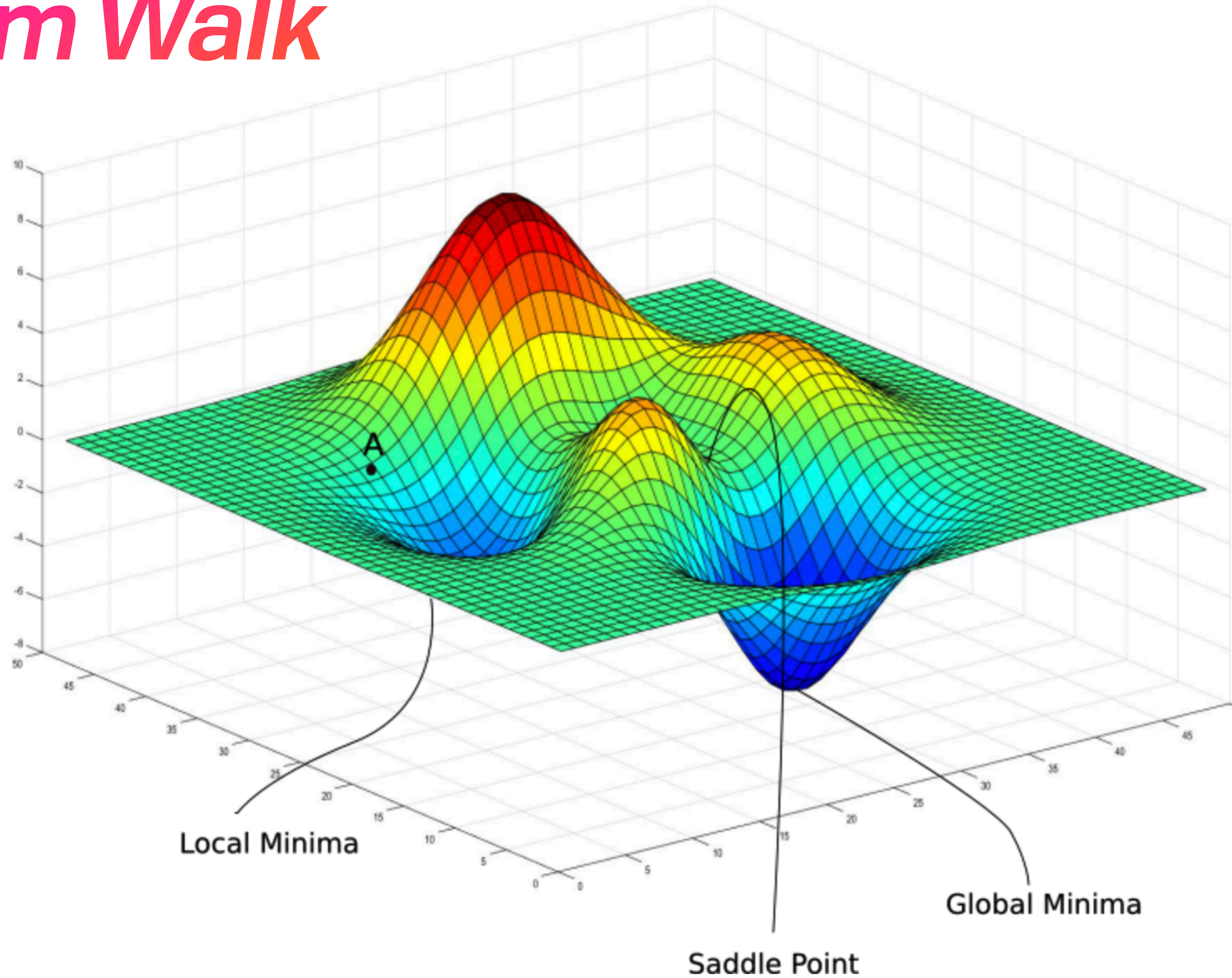


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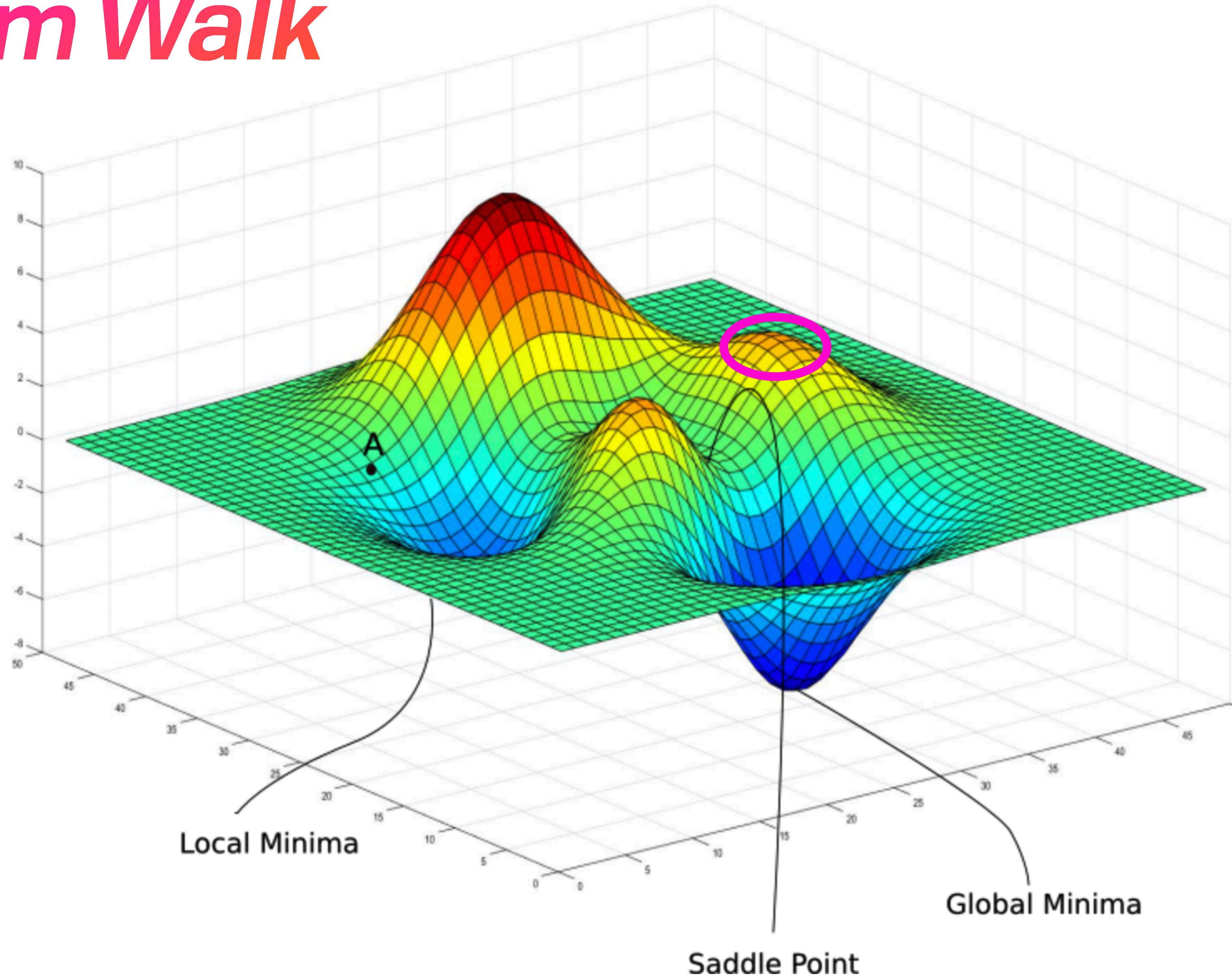
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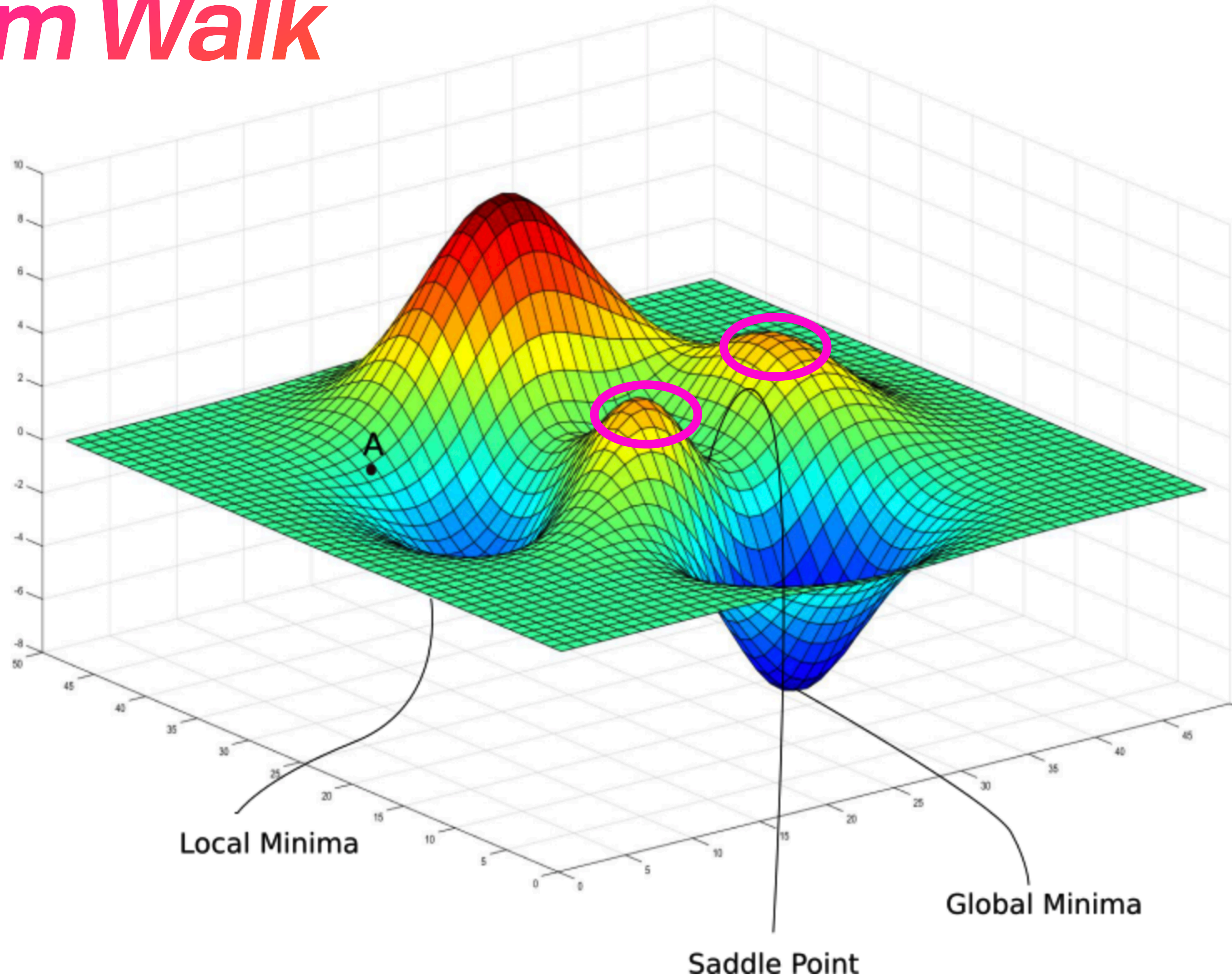
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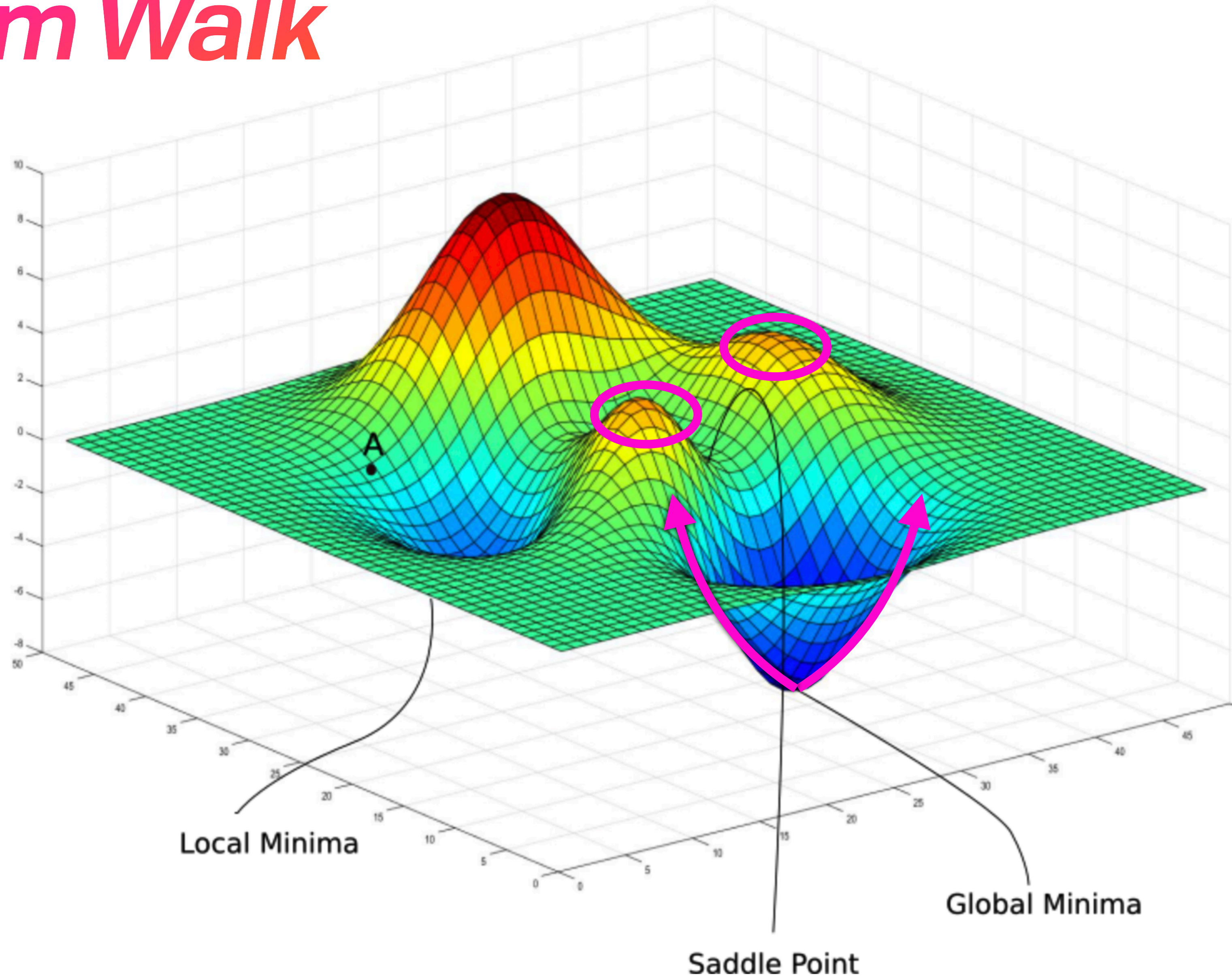
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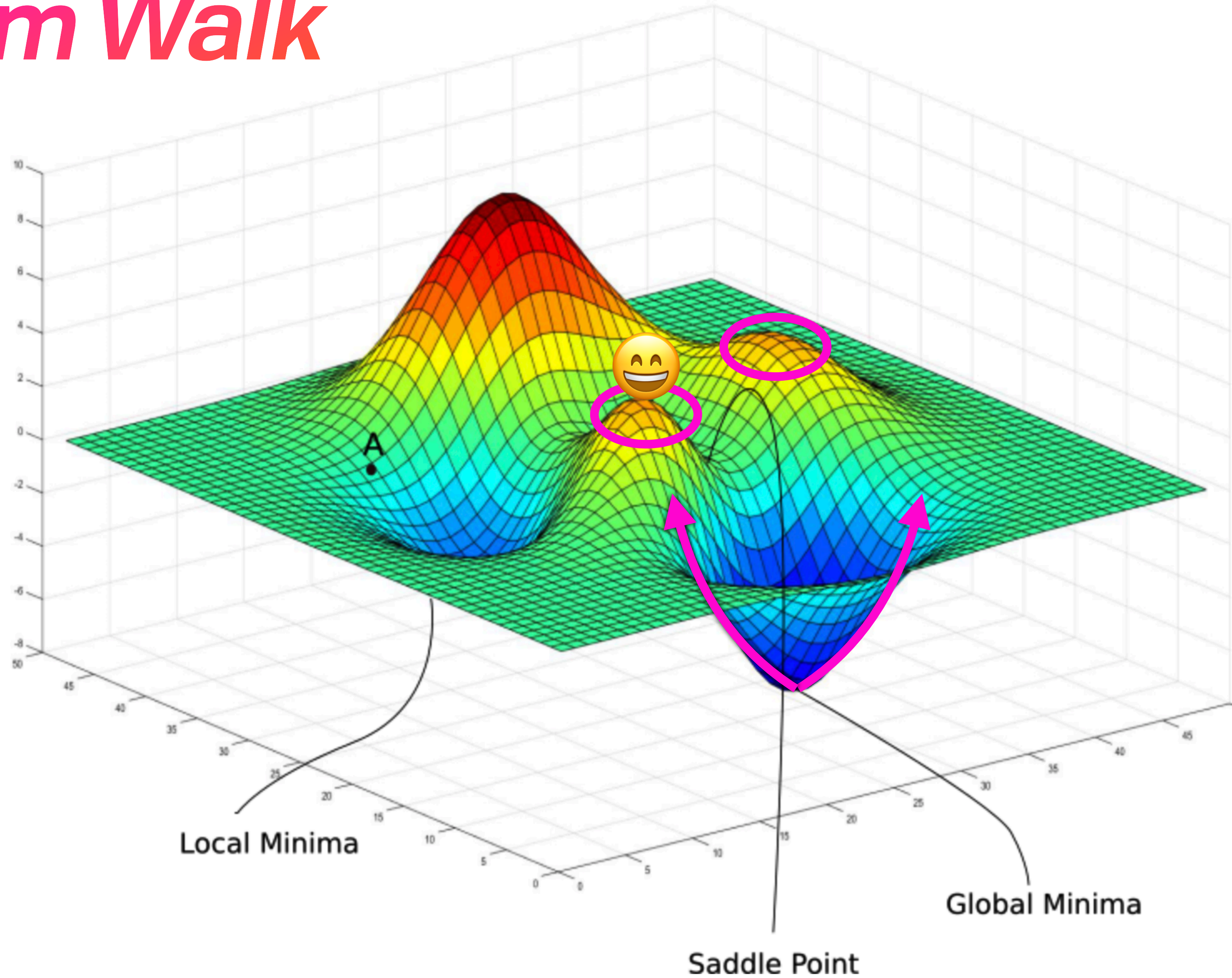
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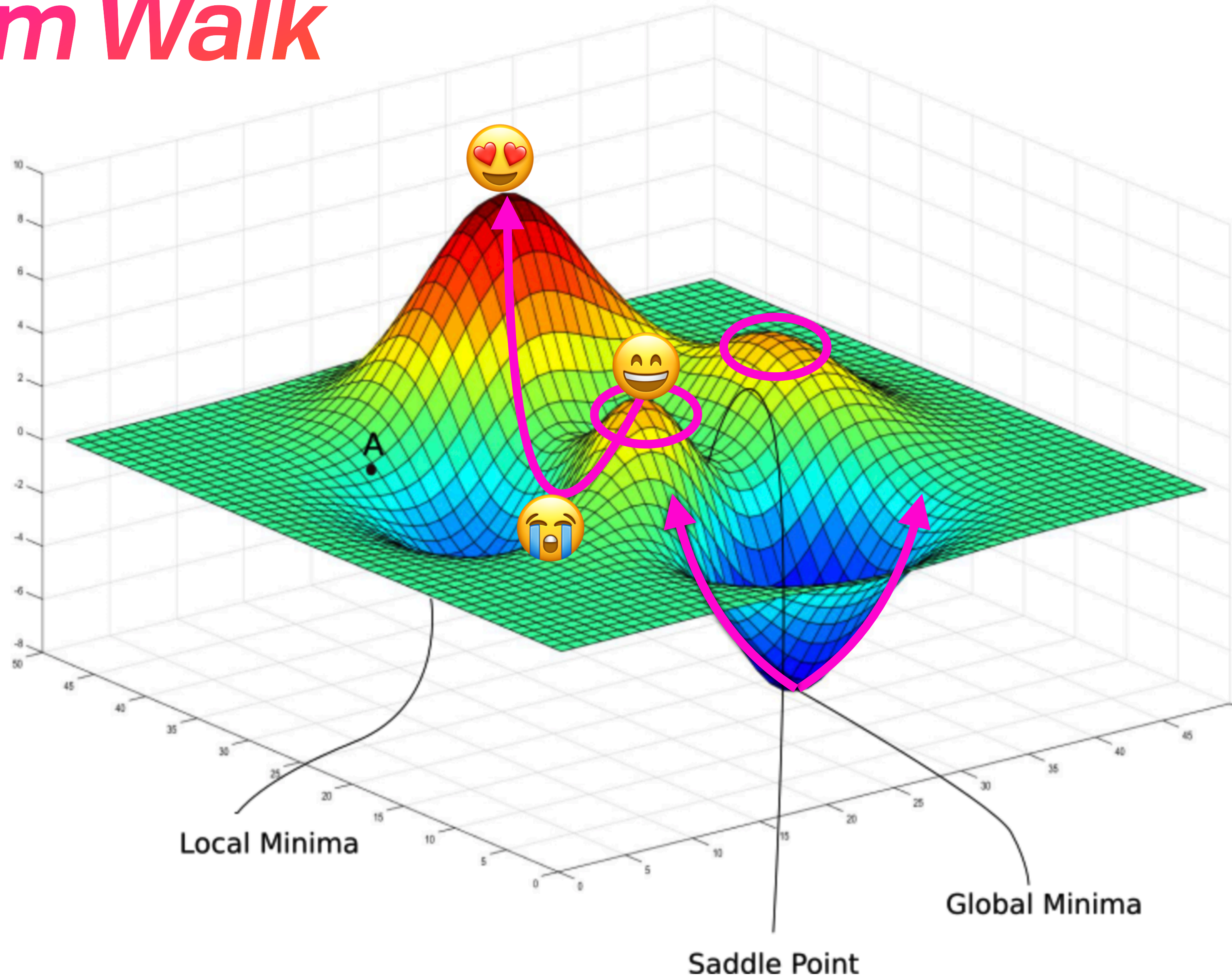
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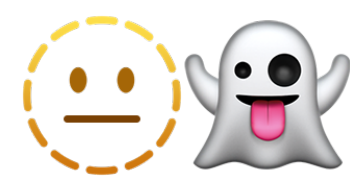
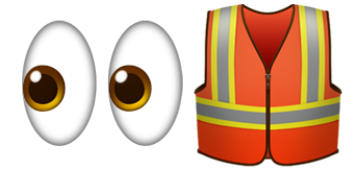
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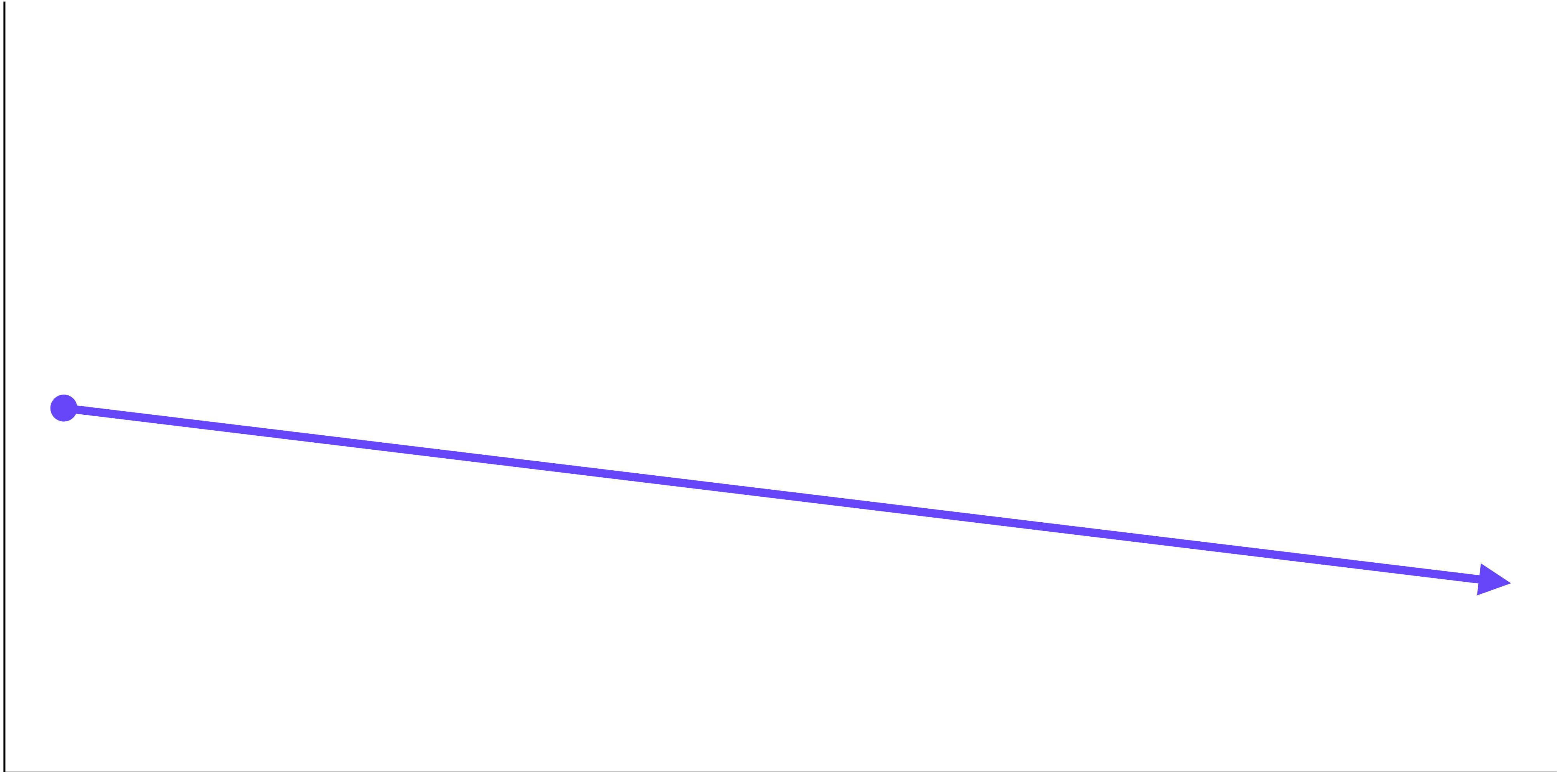
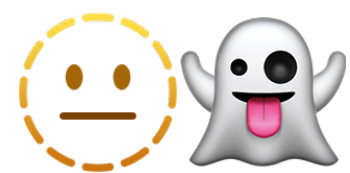
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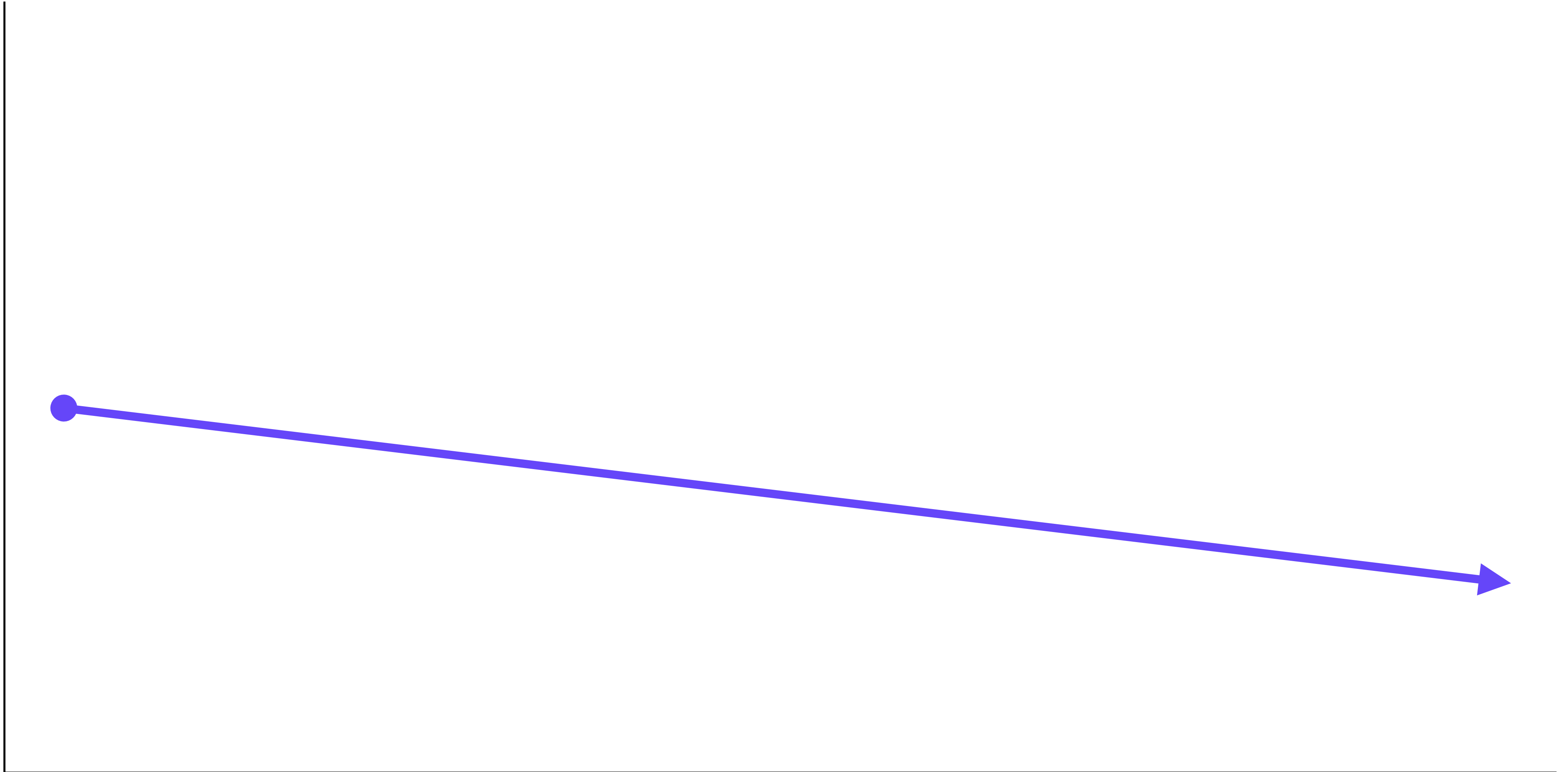
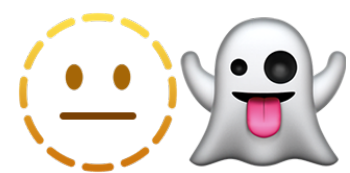
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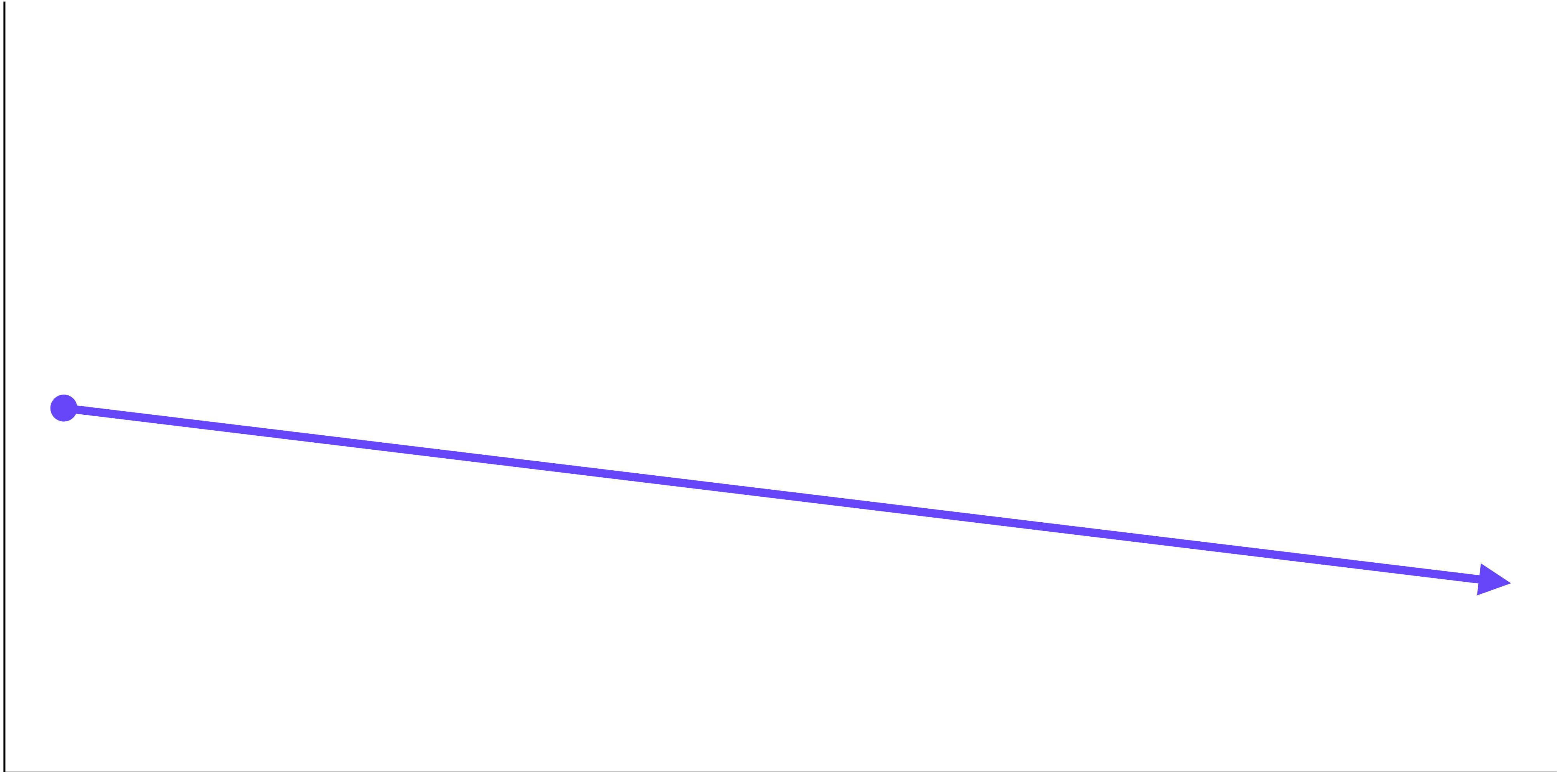
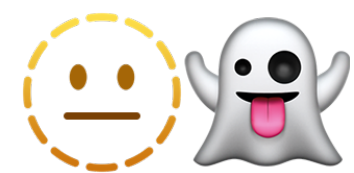
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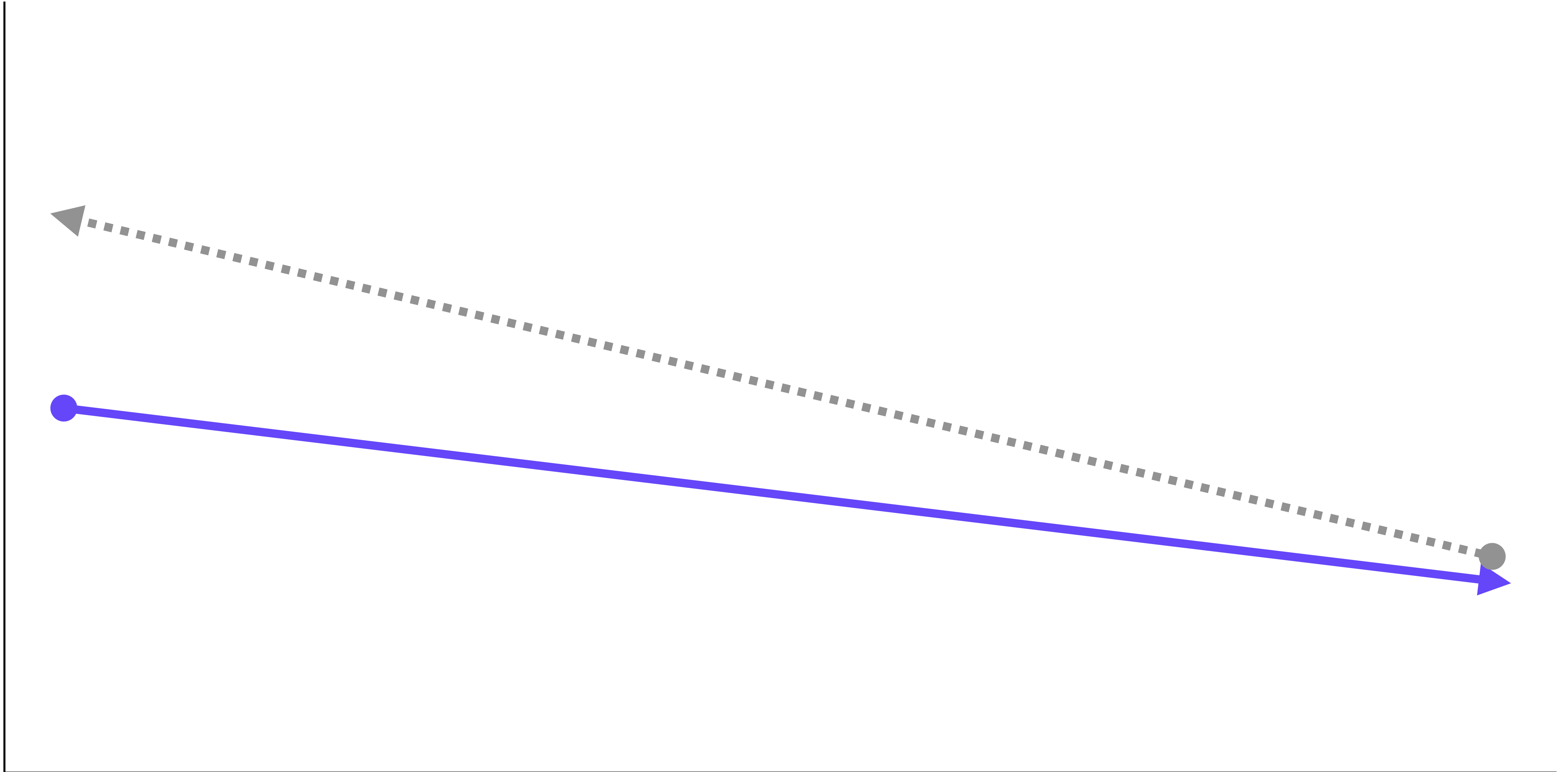
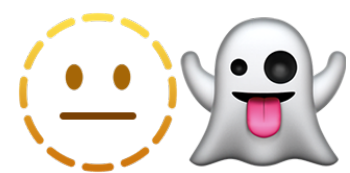
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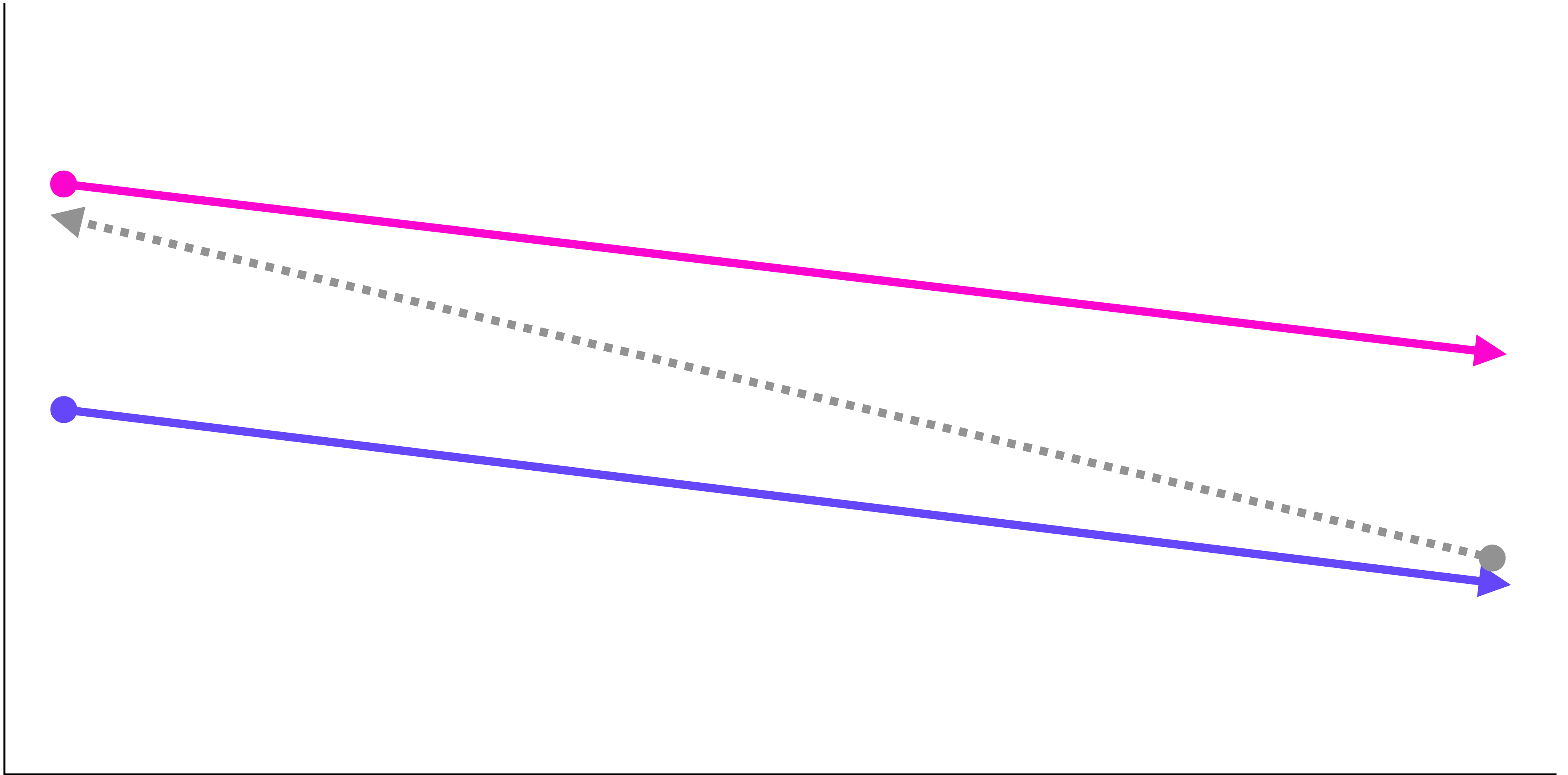
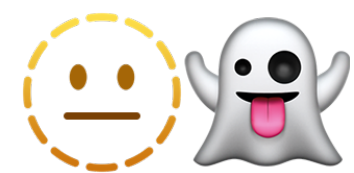
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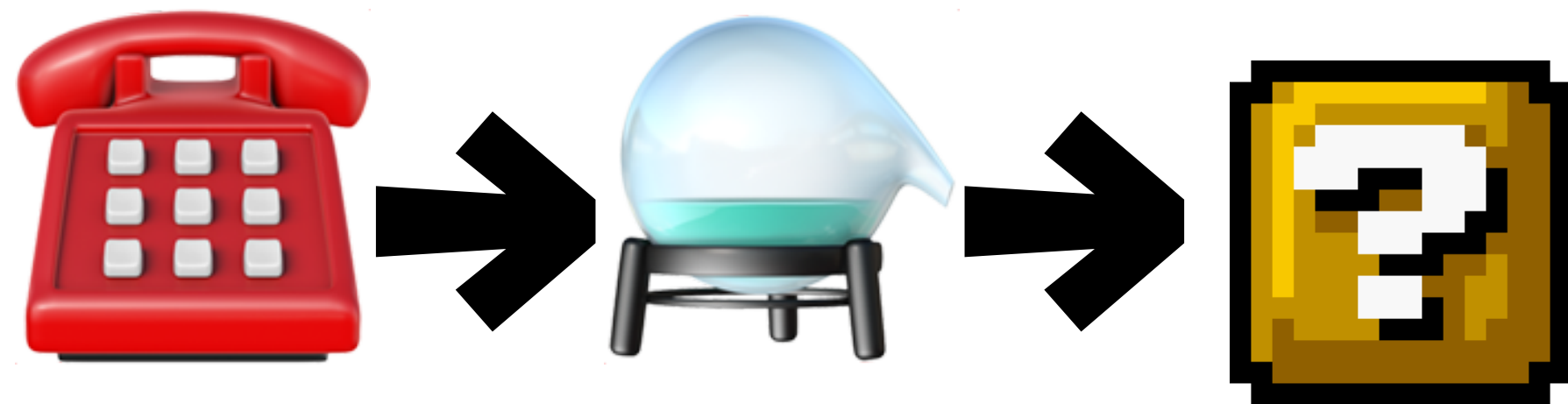
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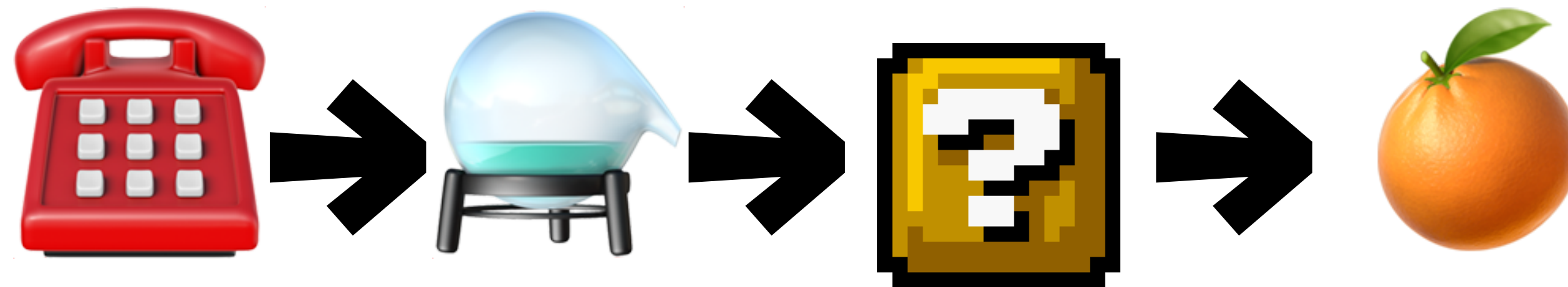
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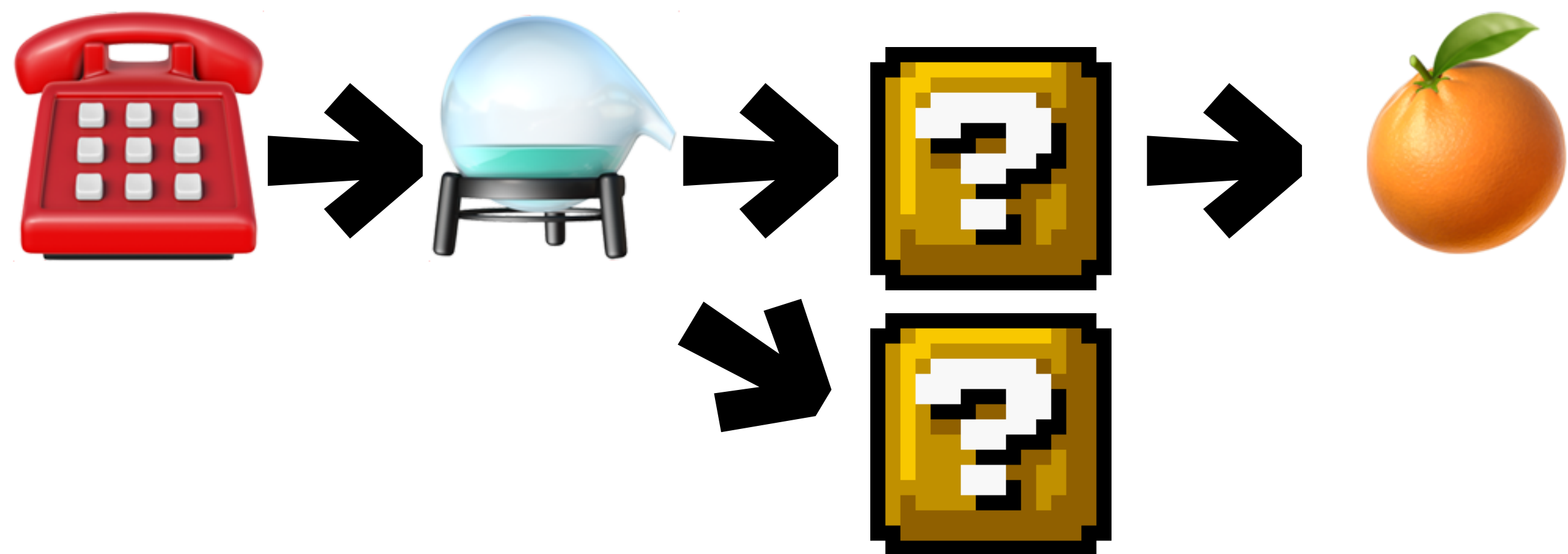
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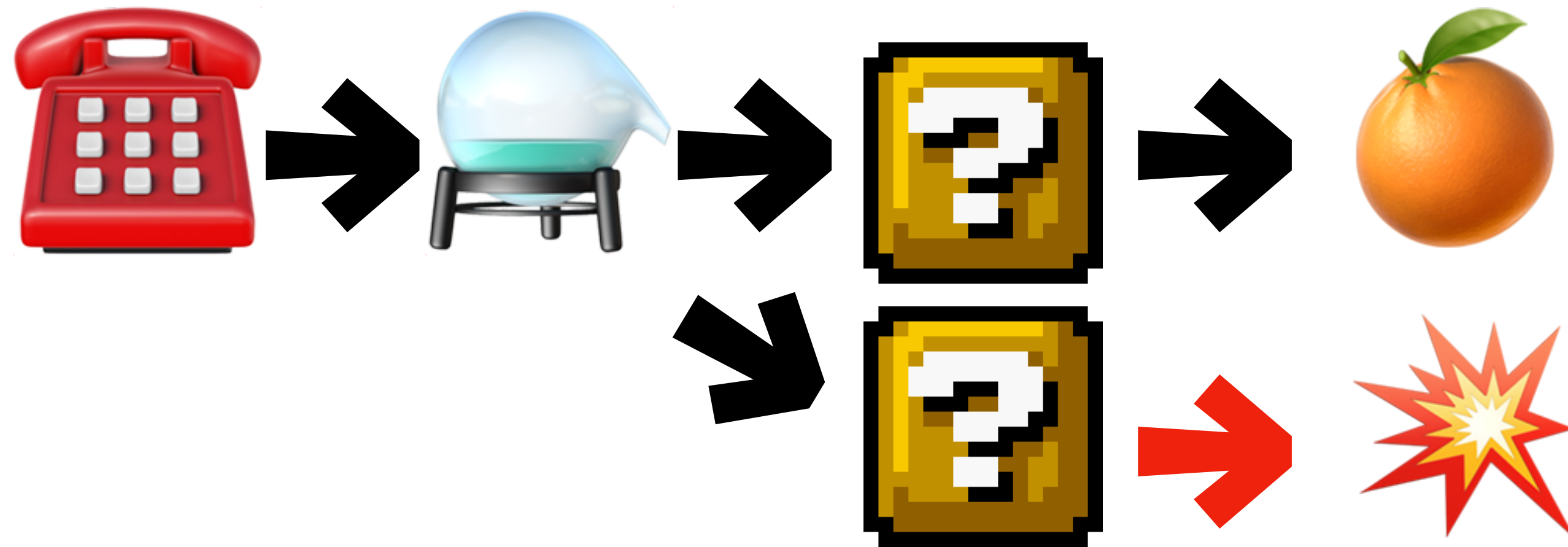
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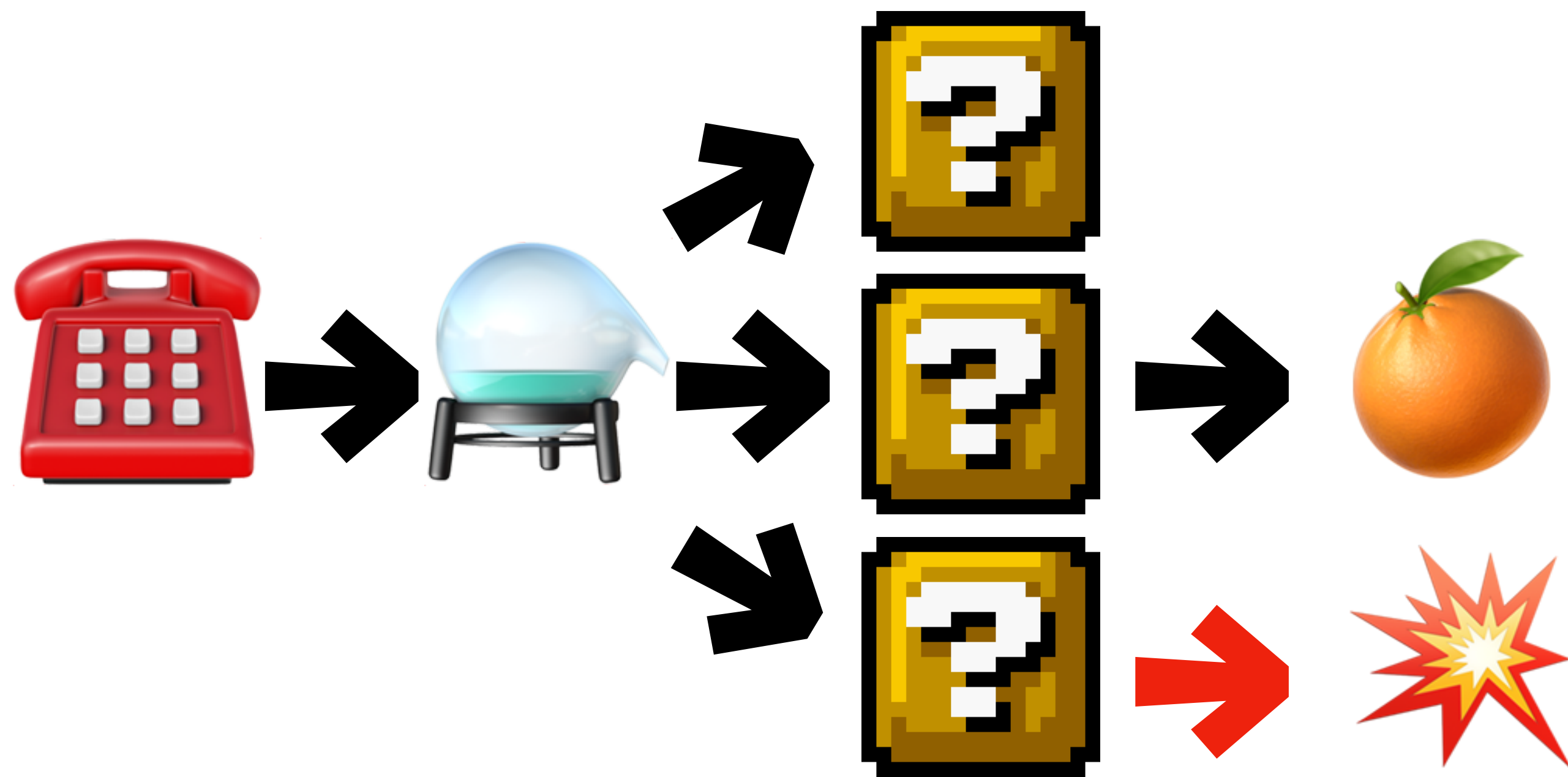
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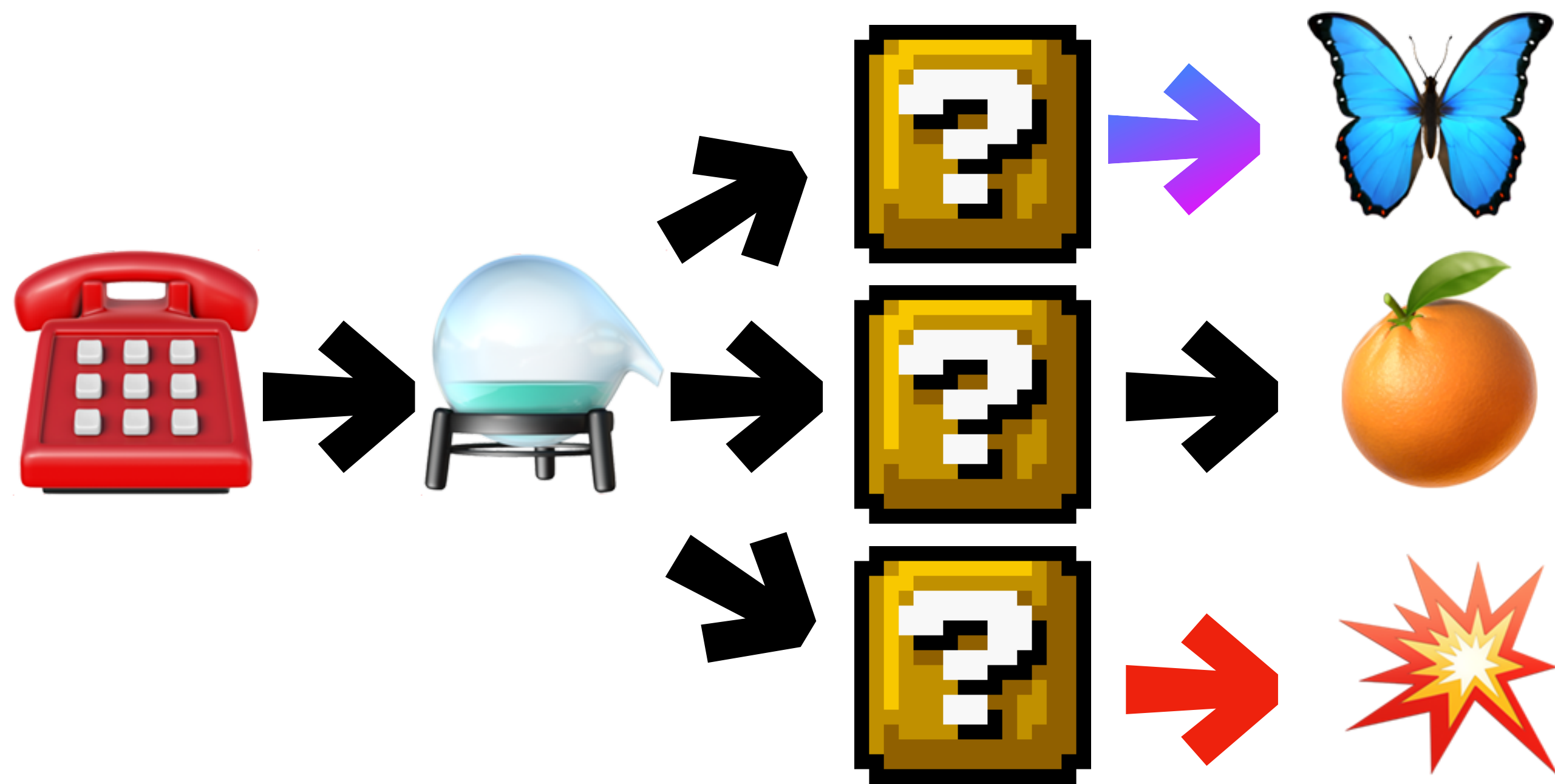
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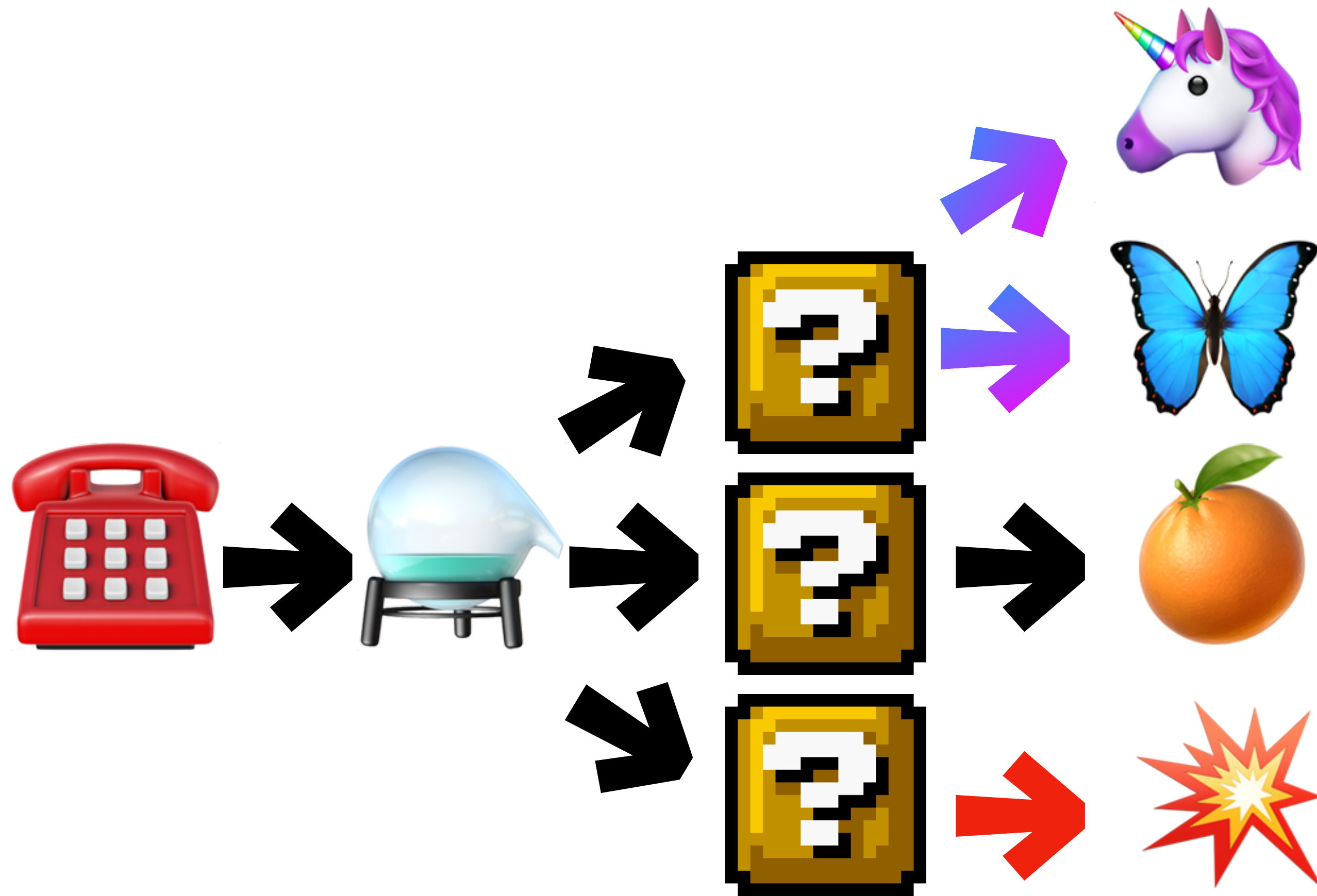
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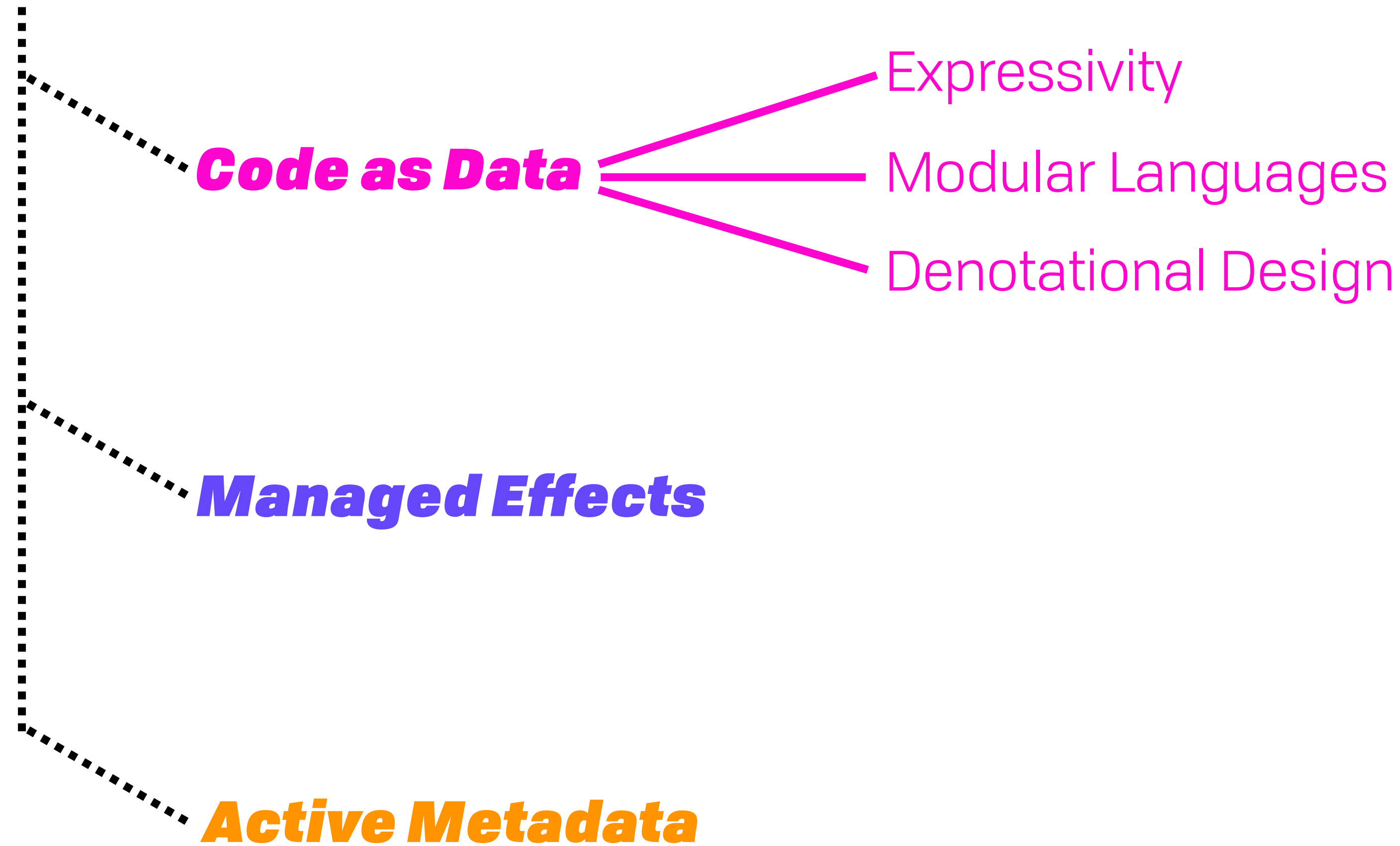
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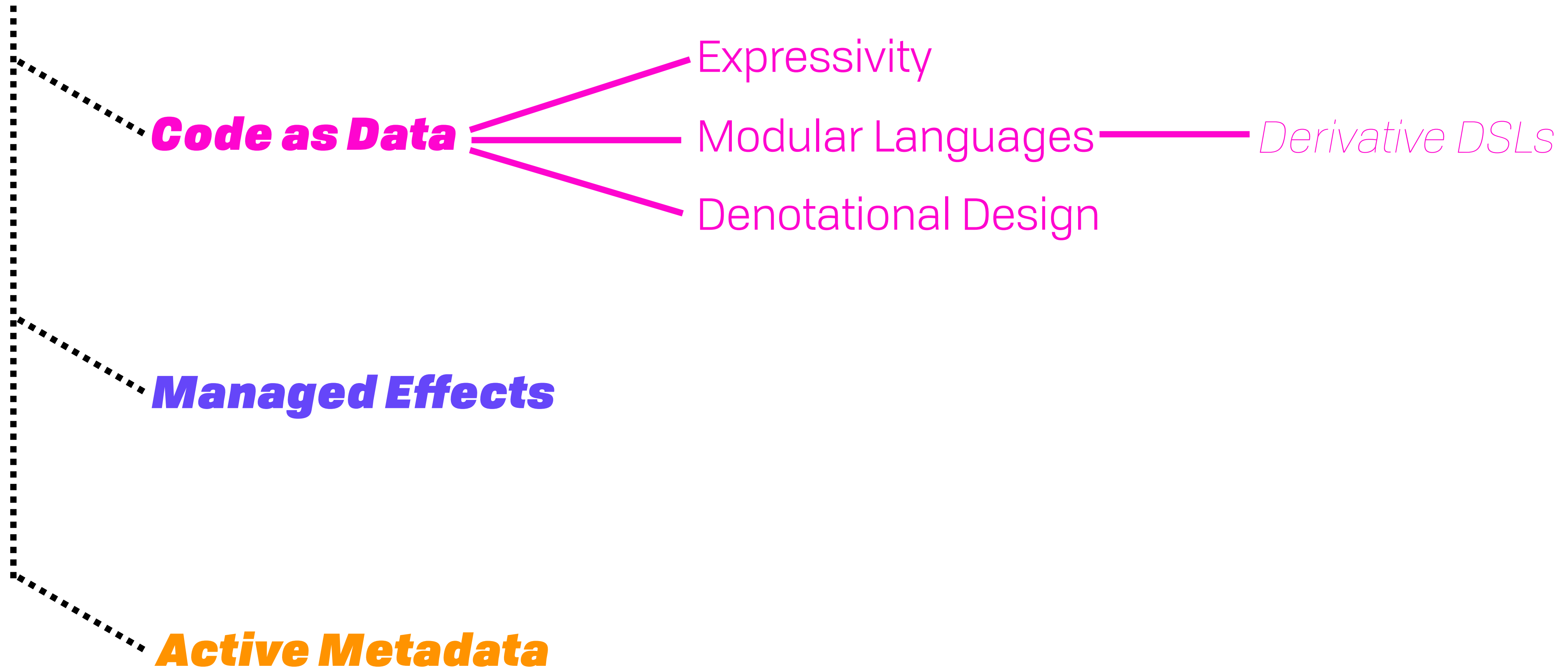
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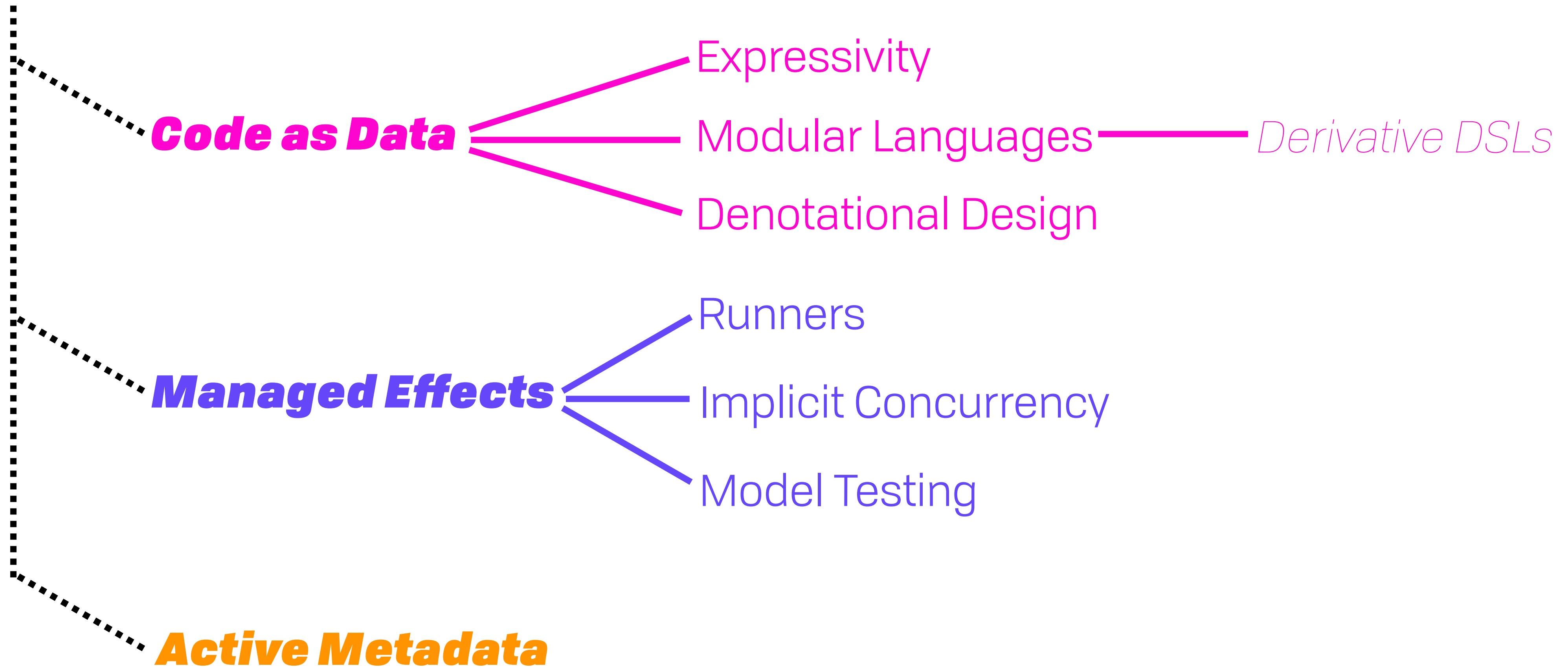
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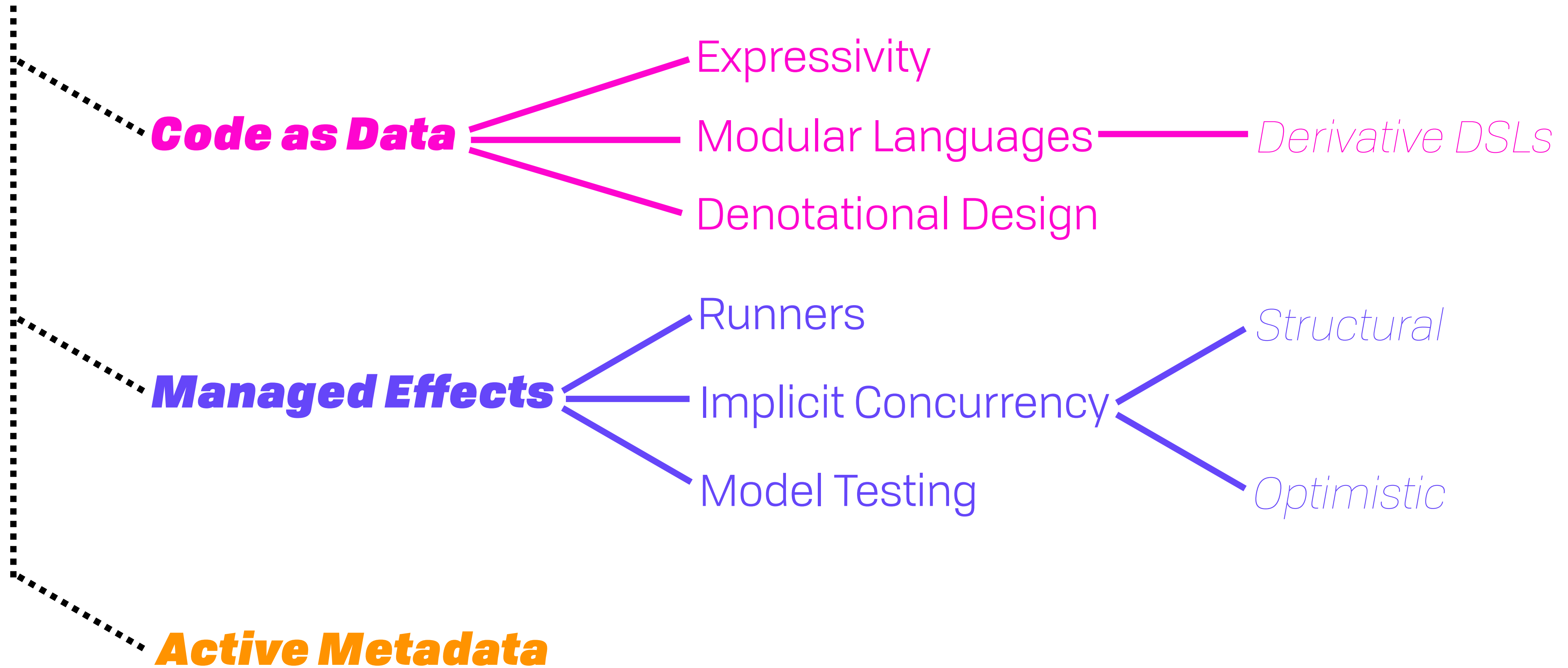
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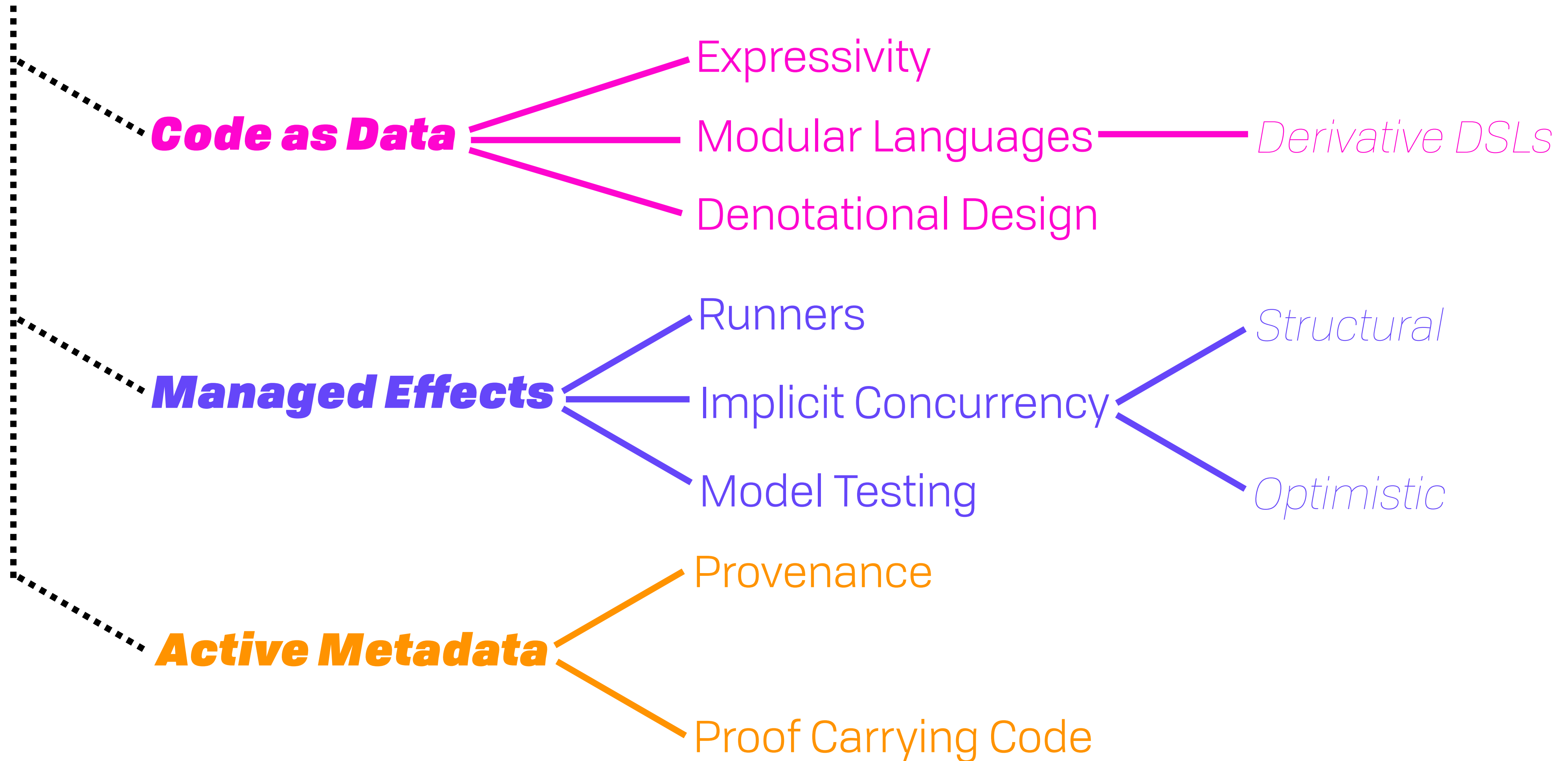
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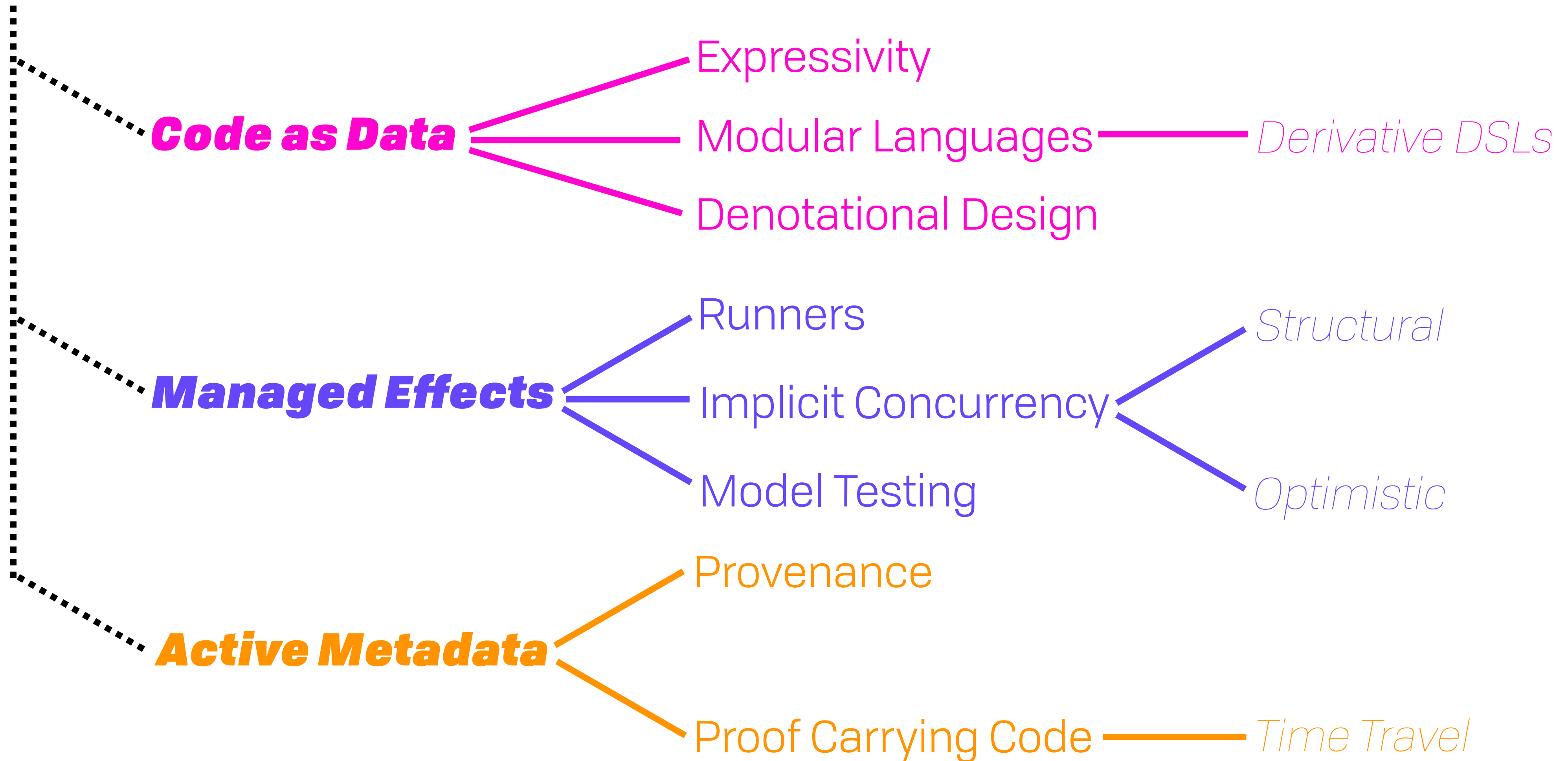
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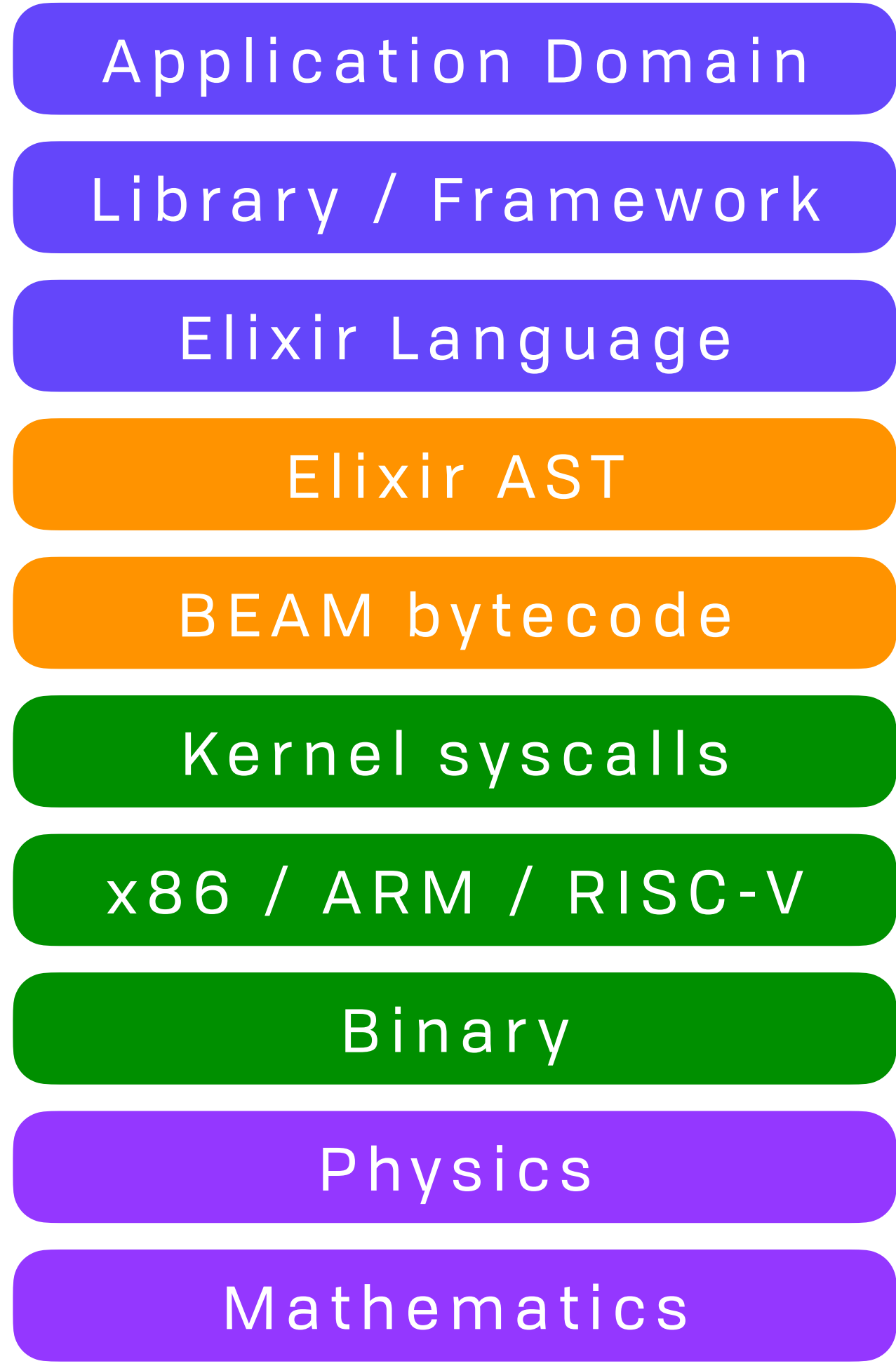
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Library / Framework

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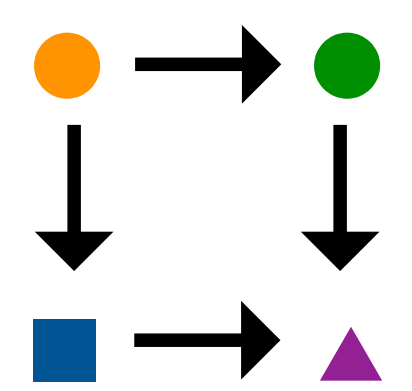
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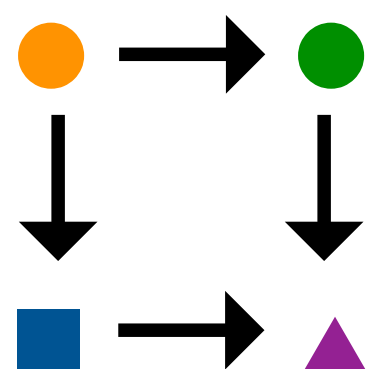
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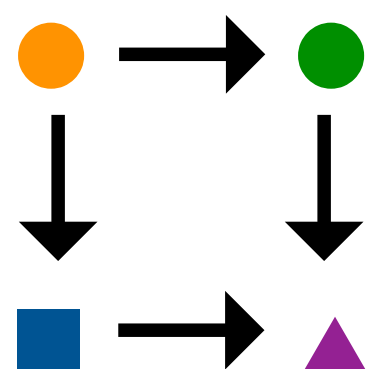
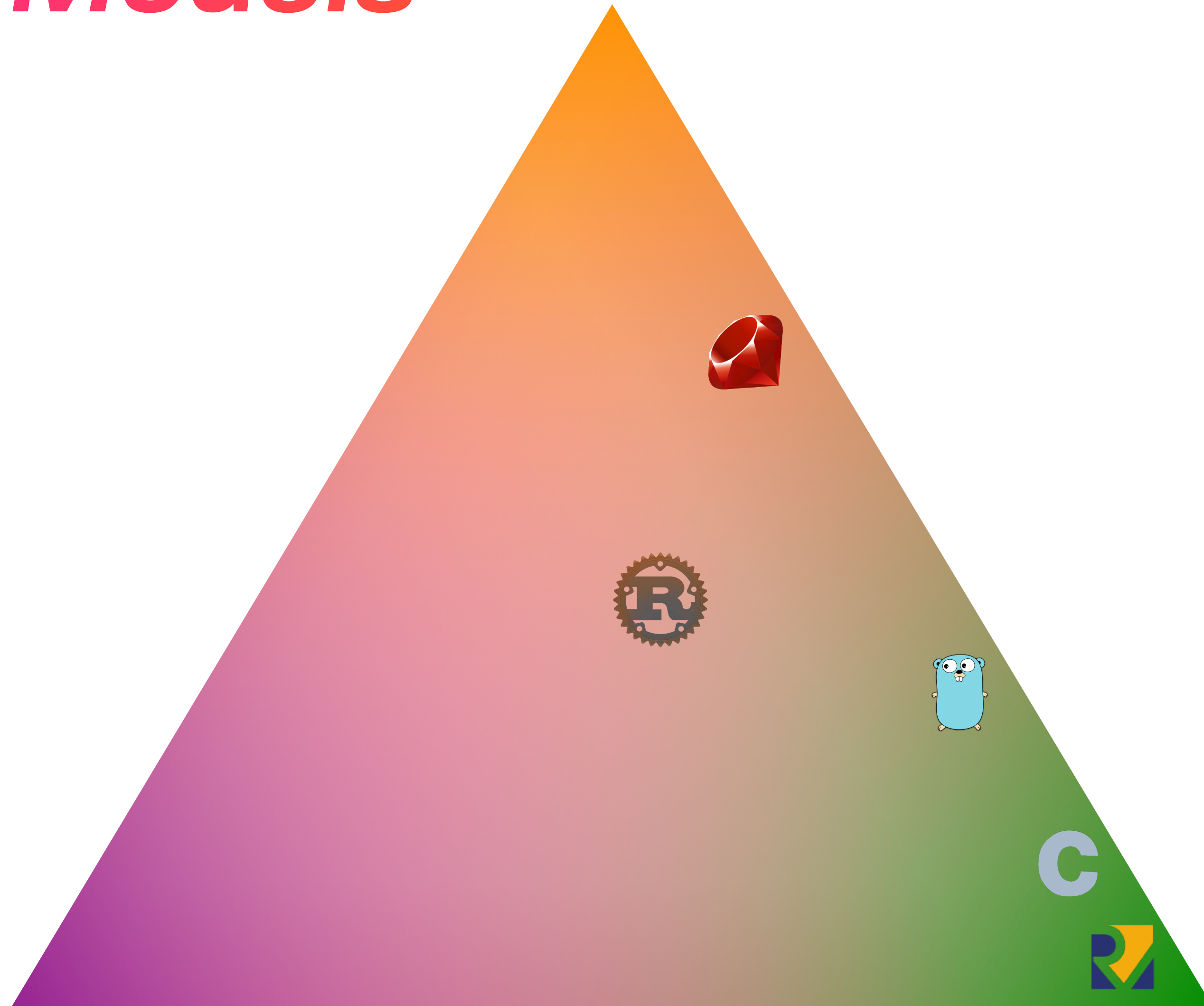
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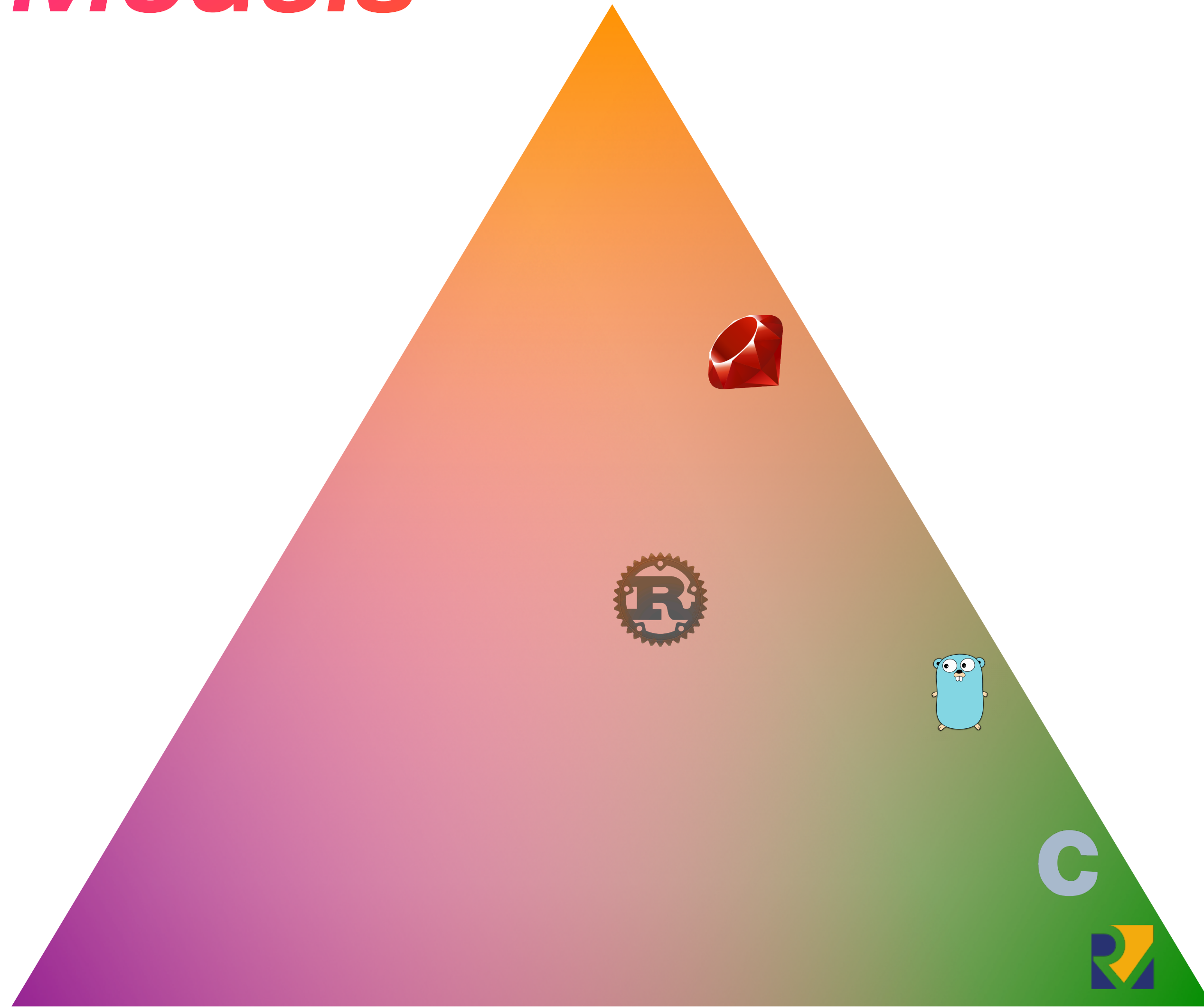
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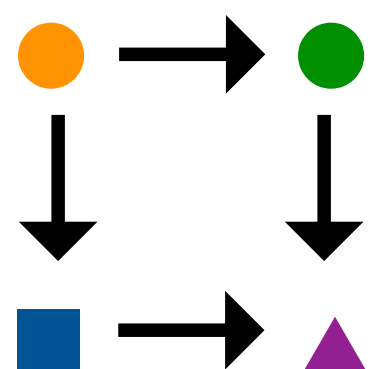
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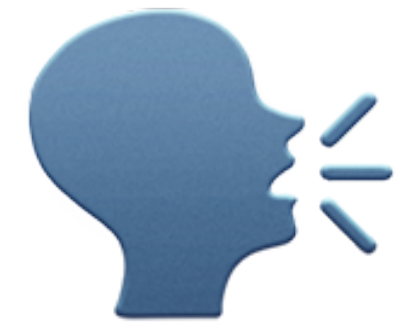
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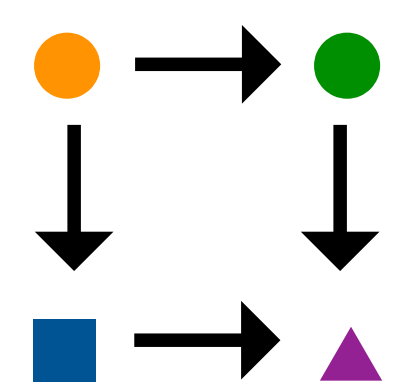
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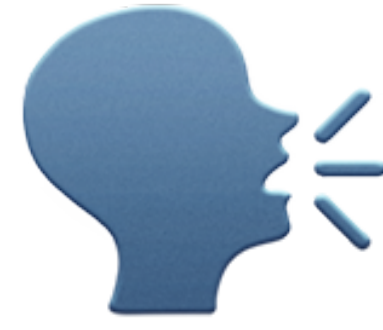
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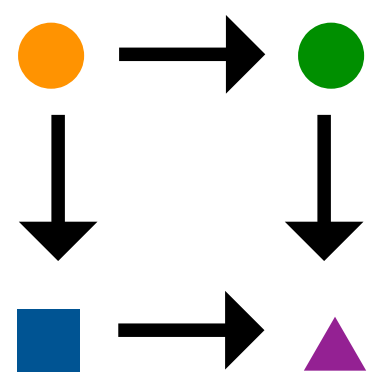
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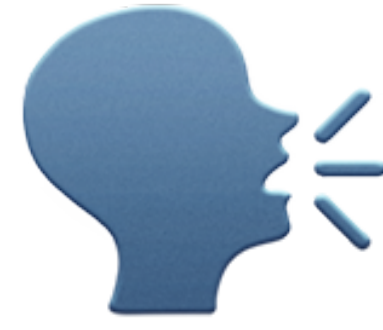
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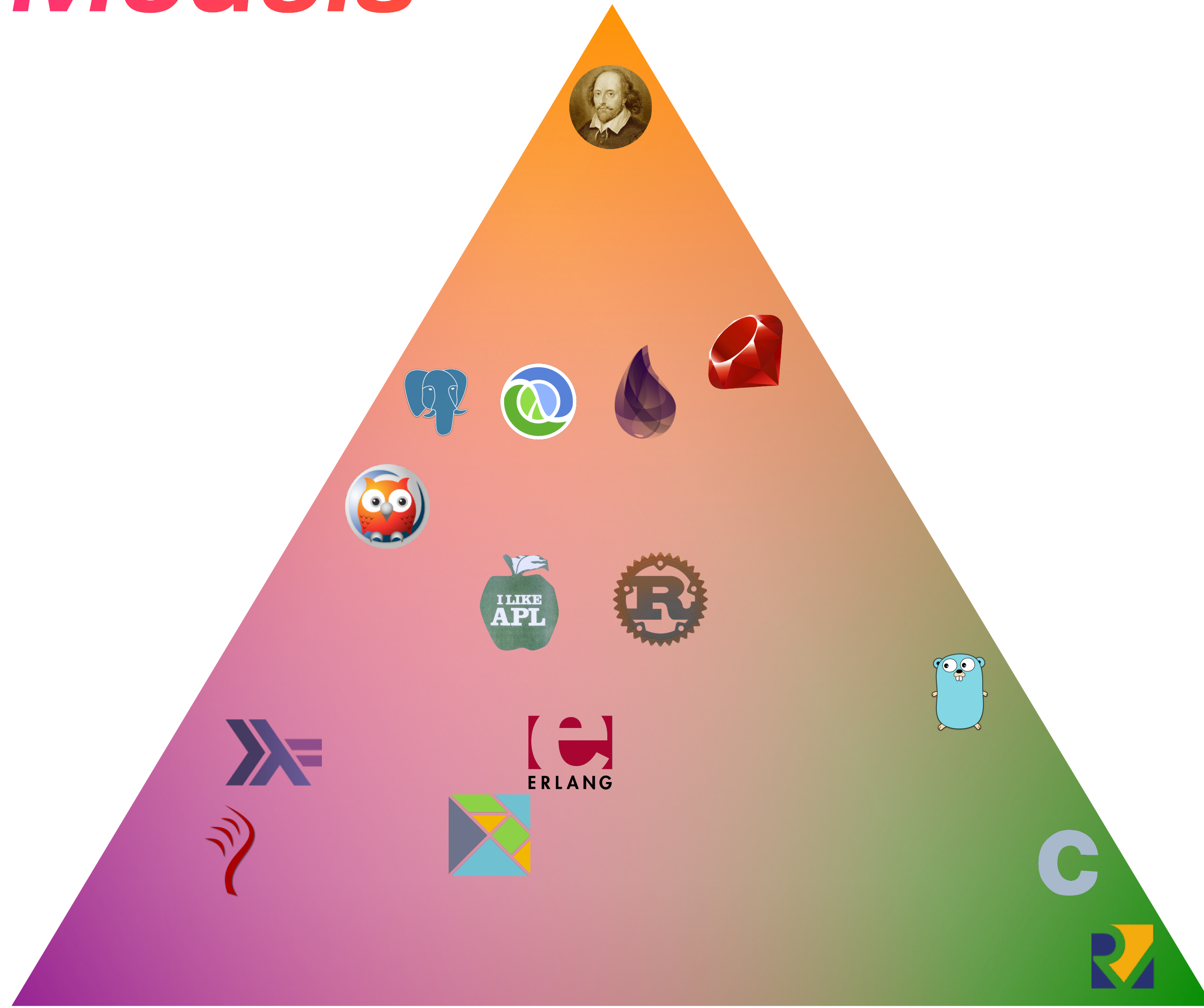
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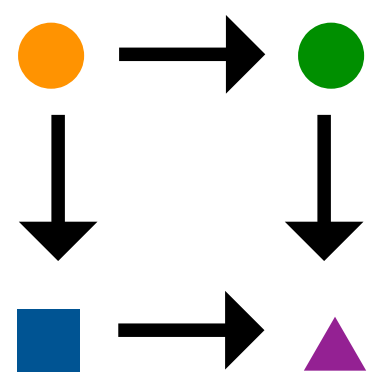
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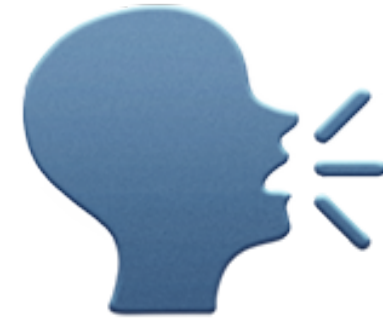
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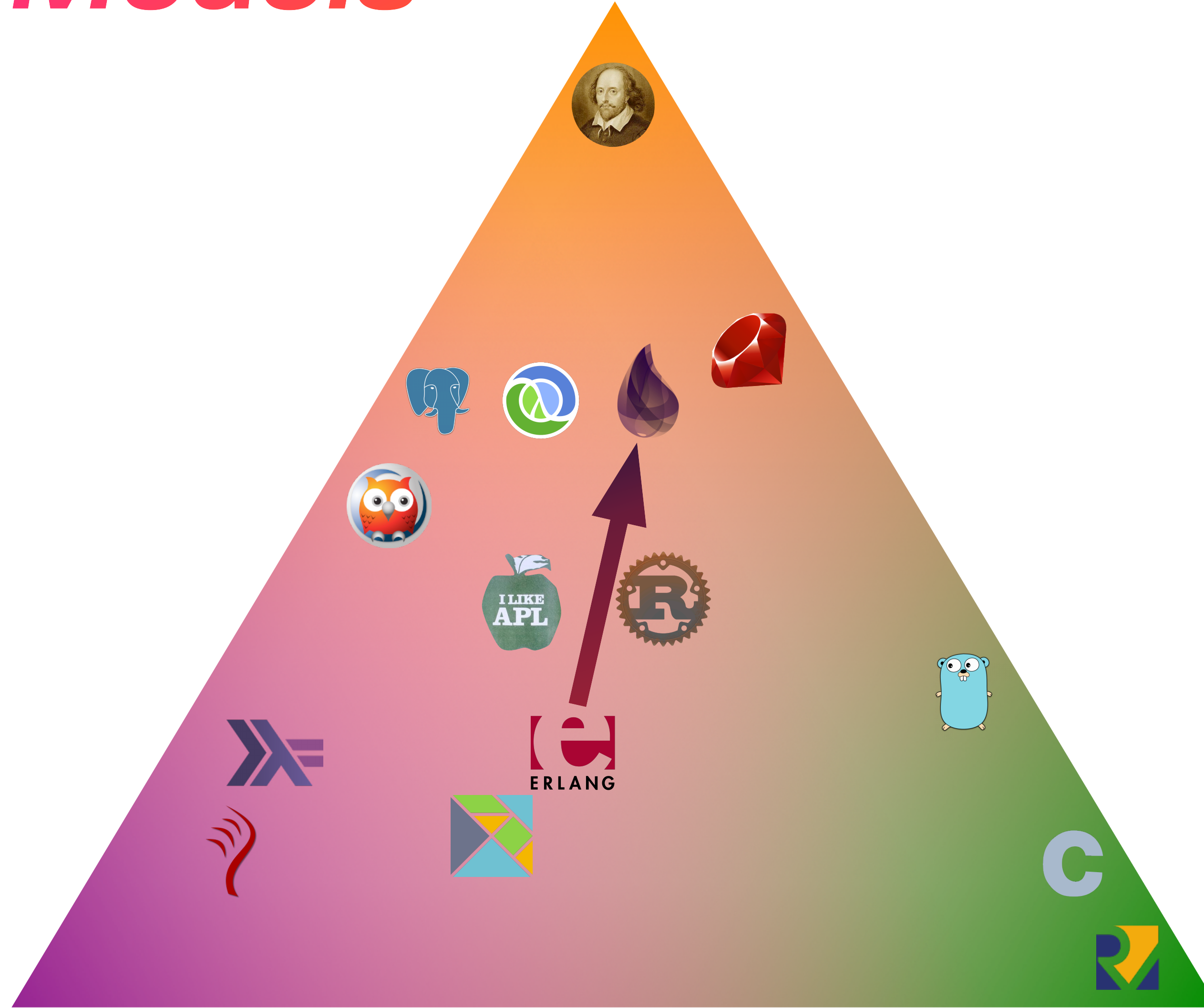
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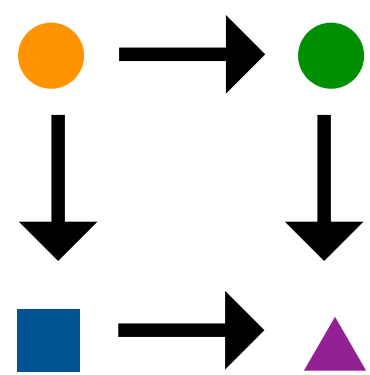
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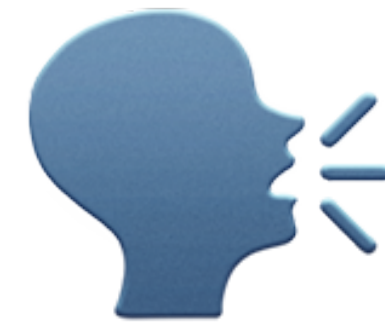
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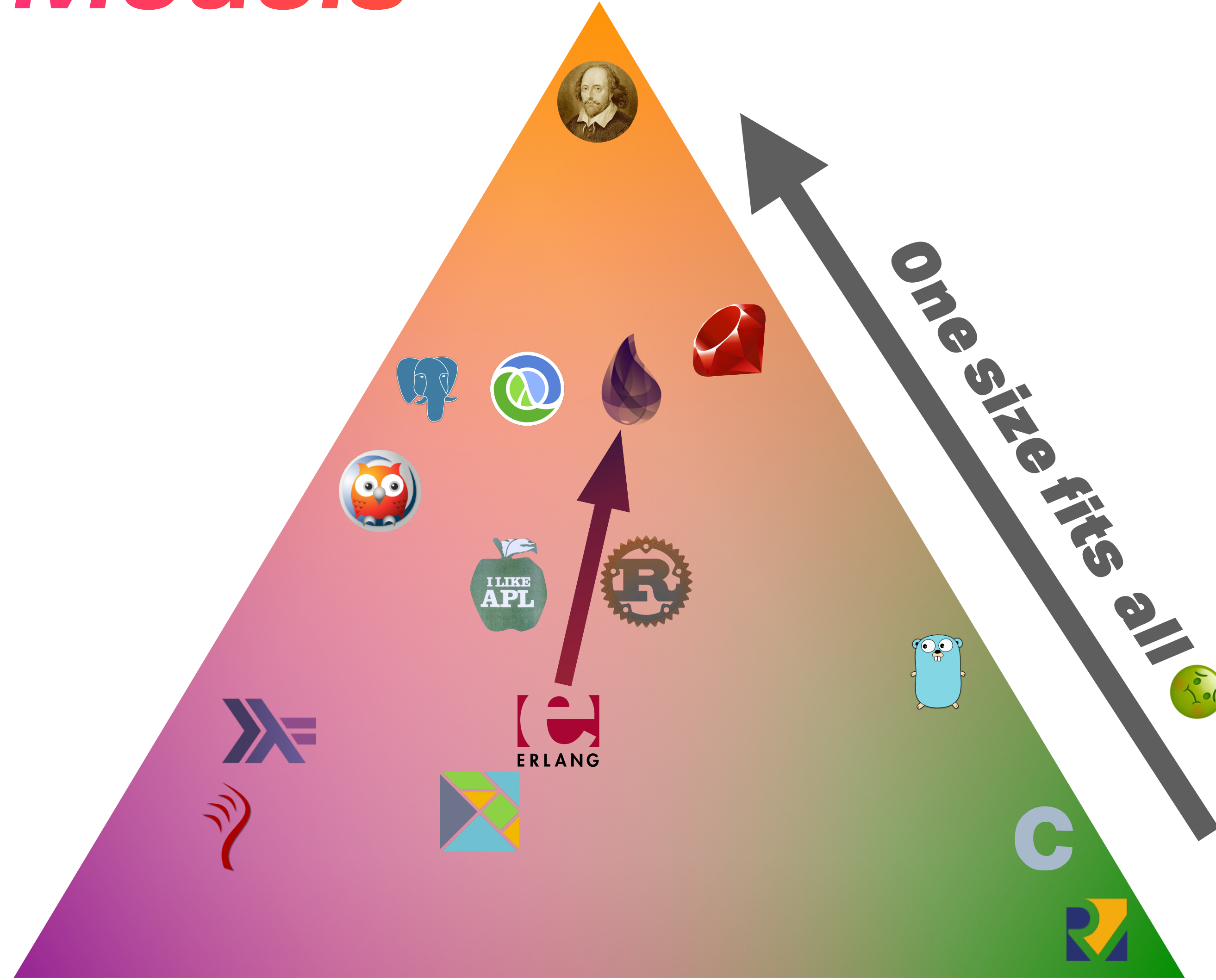
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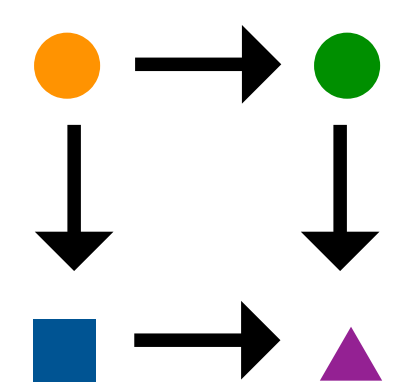
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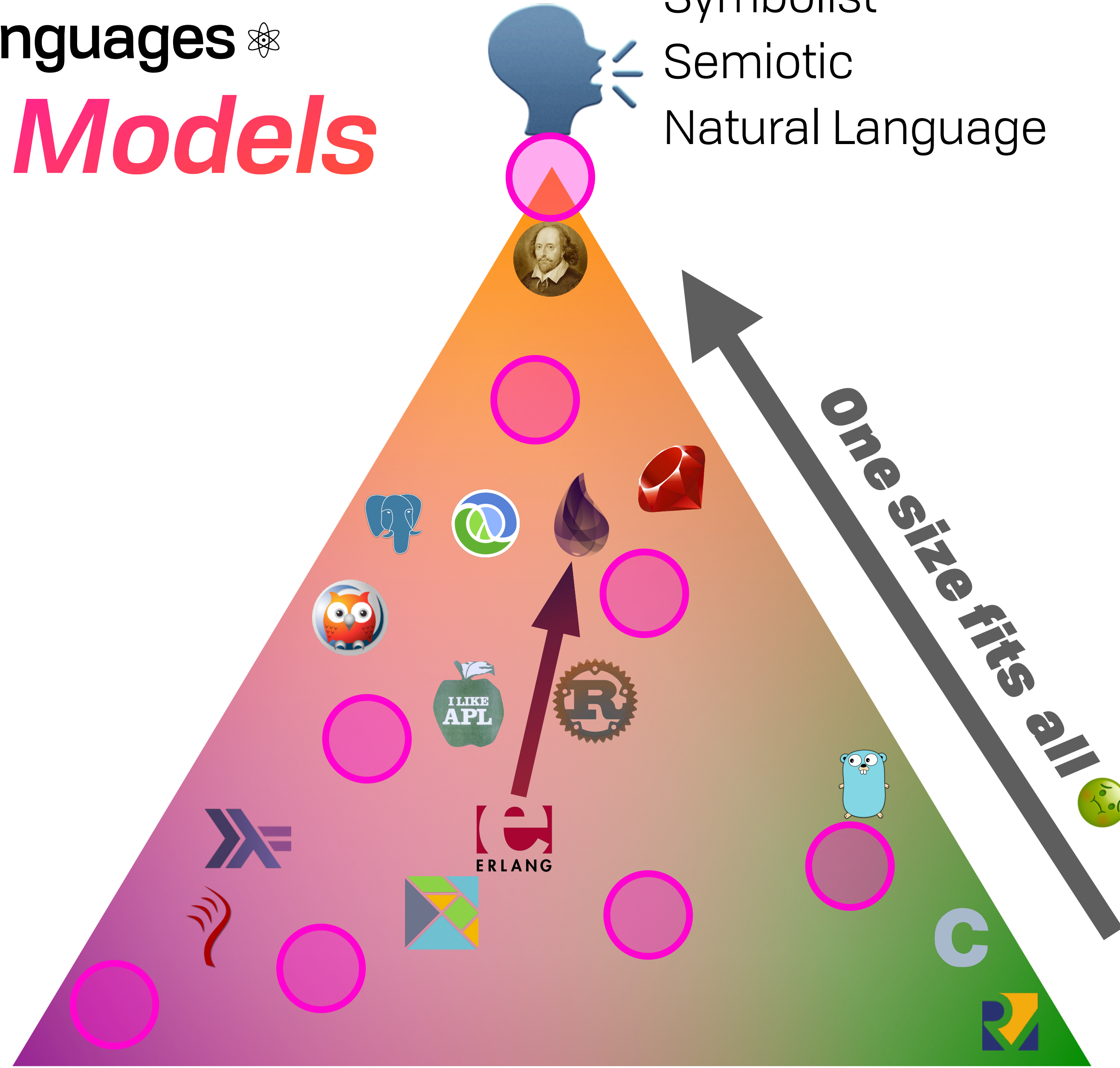


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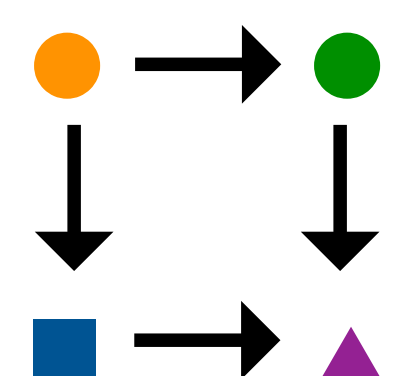
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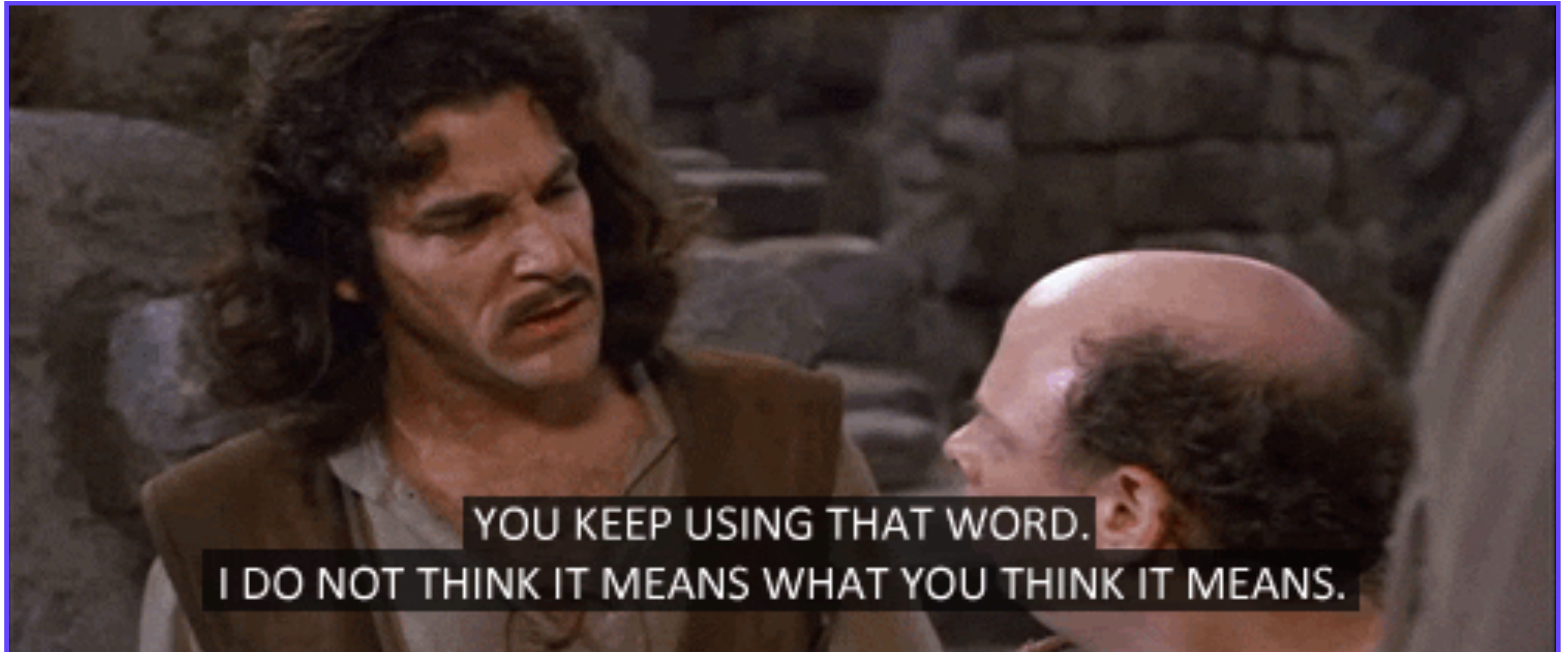
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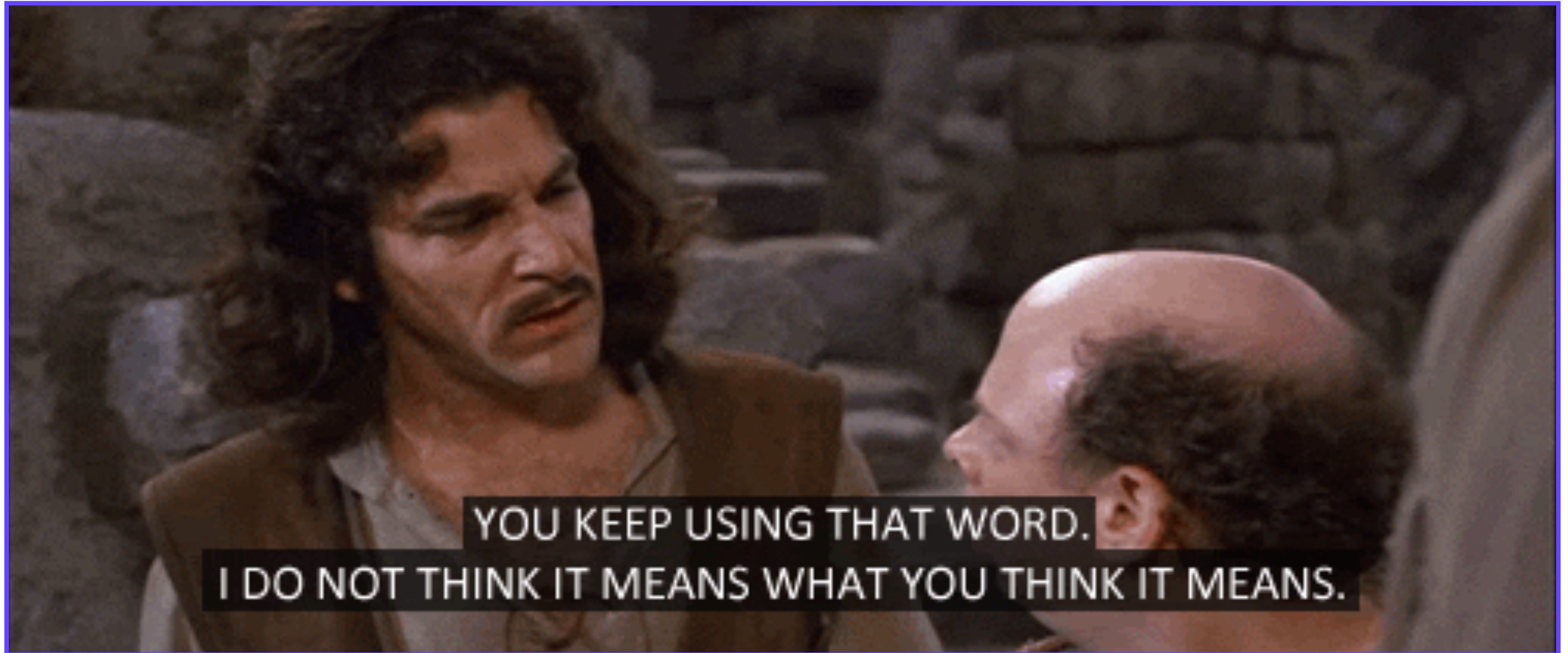
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iex(7)> evens([1,2,3,4,5])
[1, 3, 5]
iex(8)> odds([1,2,3,4,5])
[2, 4]
```


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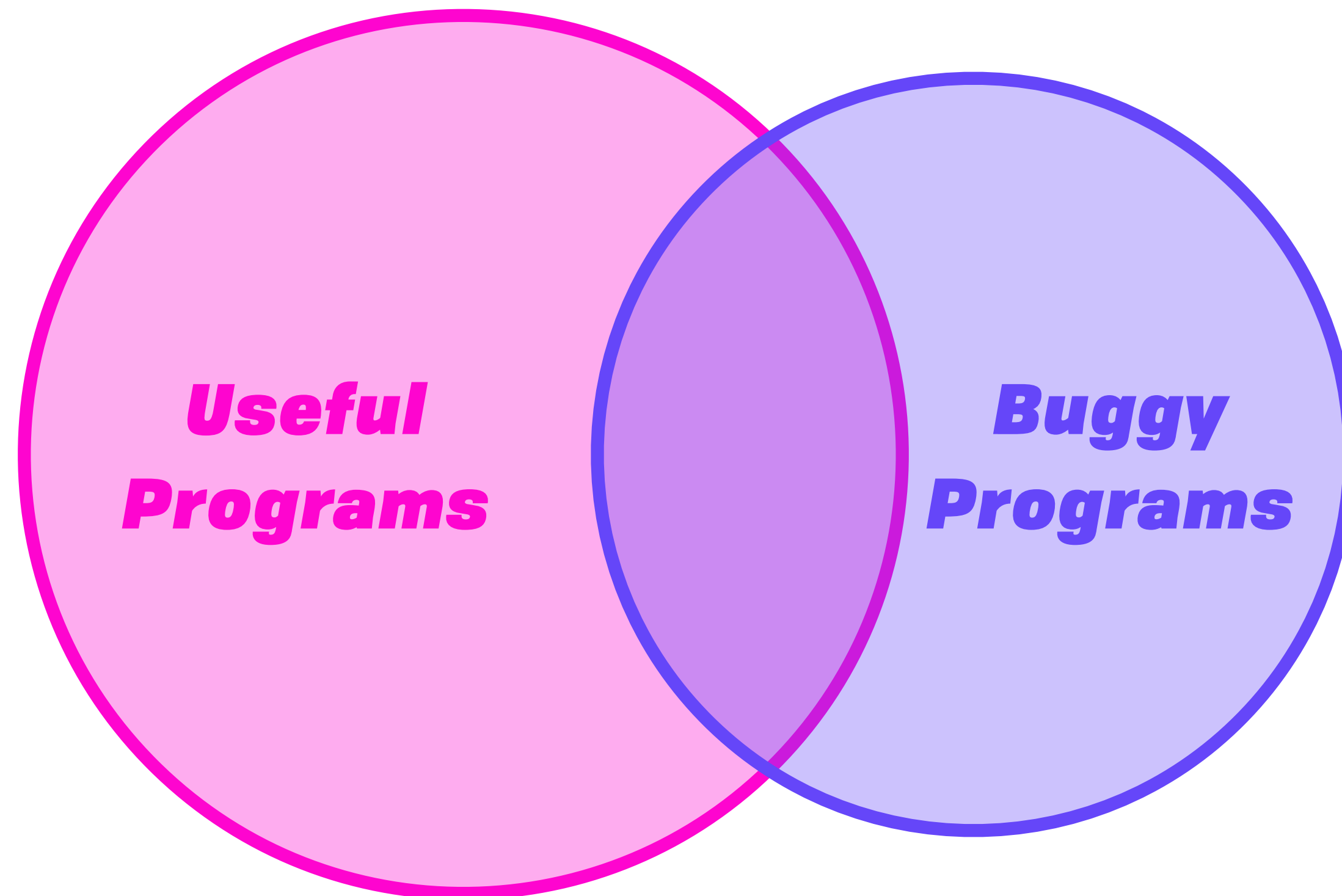


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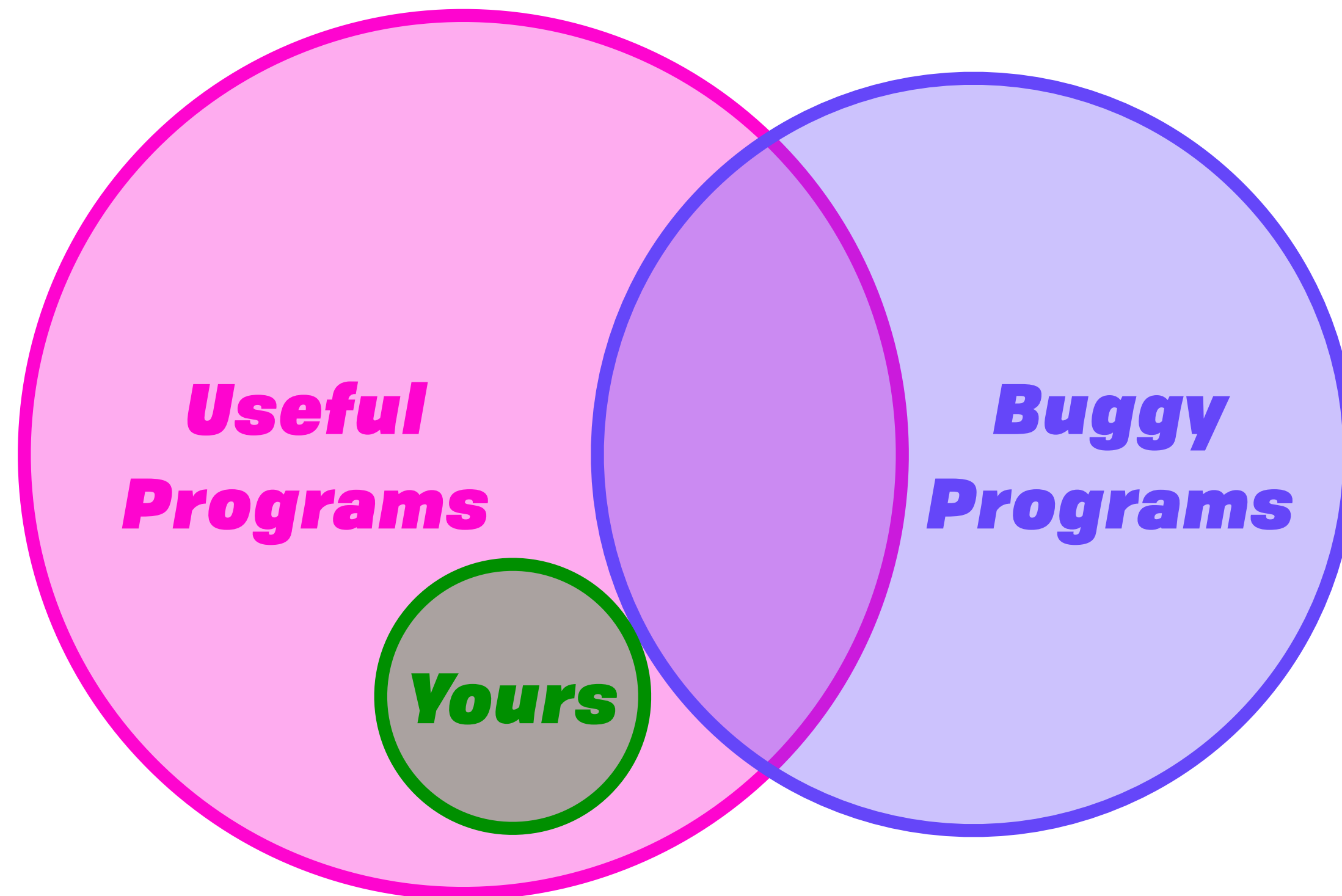
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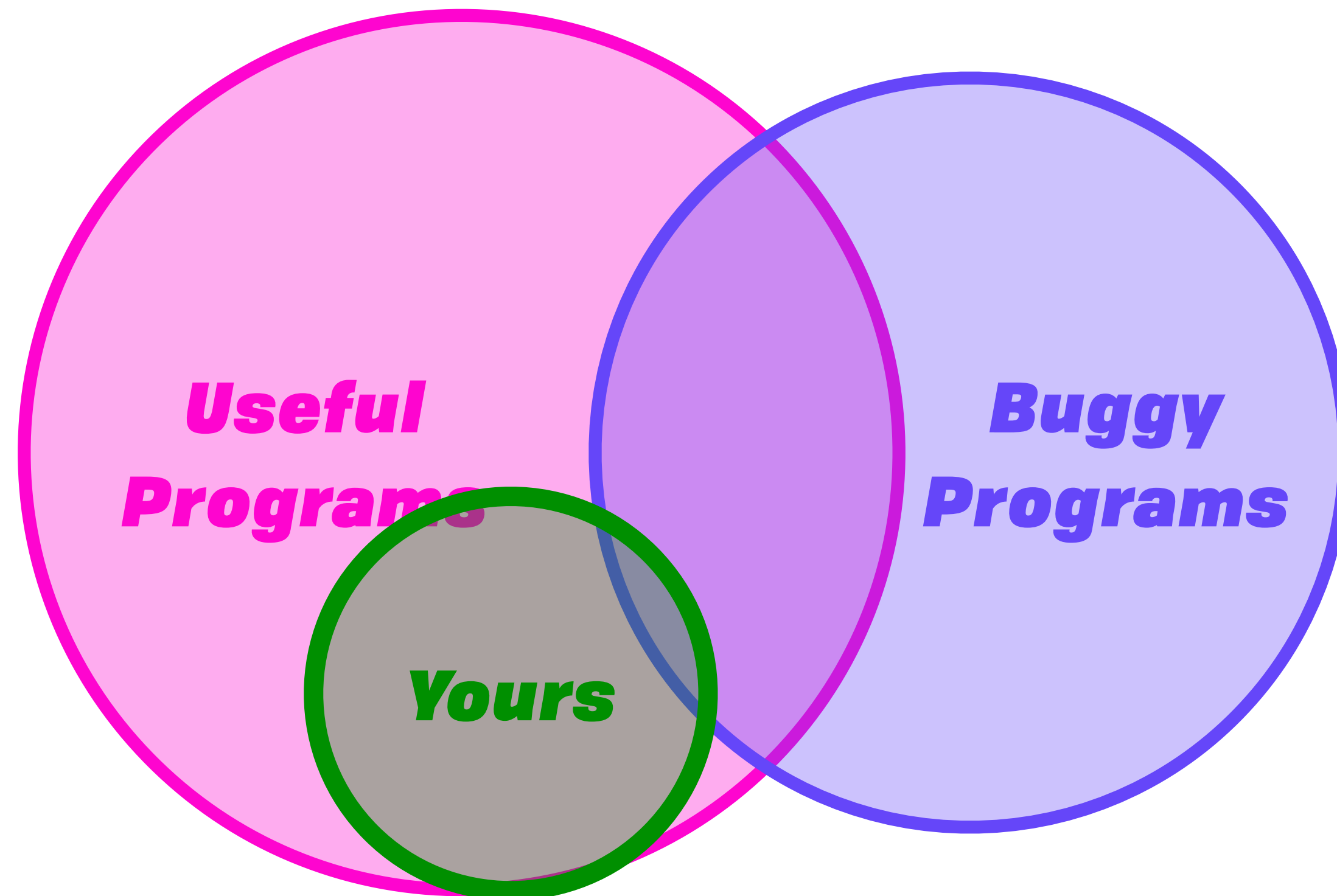
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Welcome to the Danger Zone 

```
System.halt()
```

```
Evil.goto(10)
```

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Line 2

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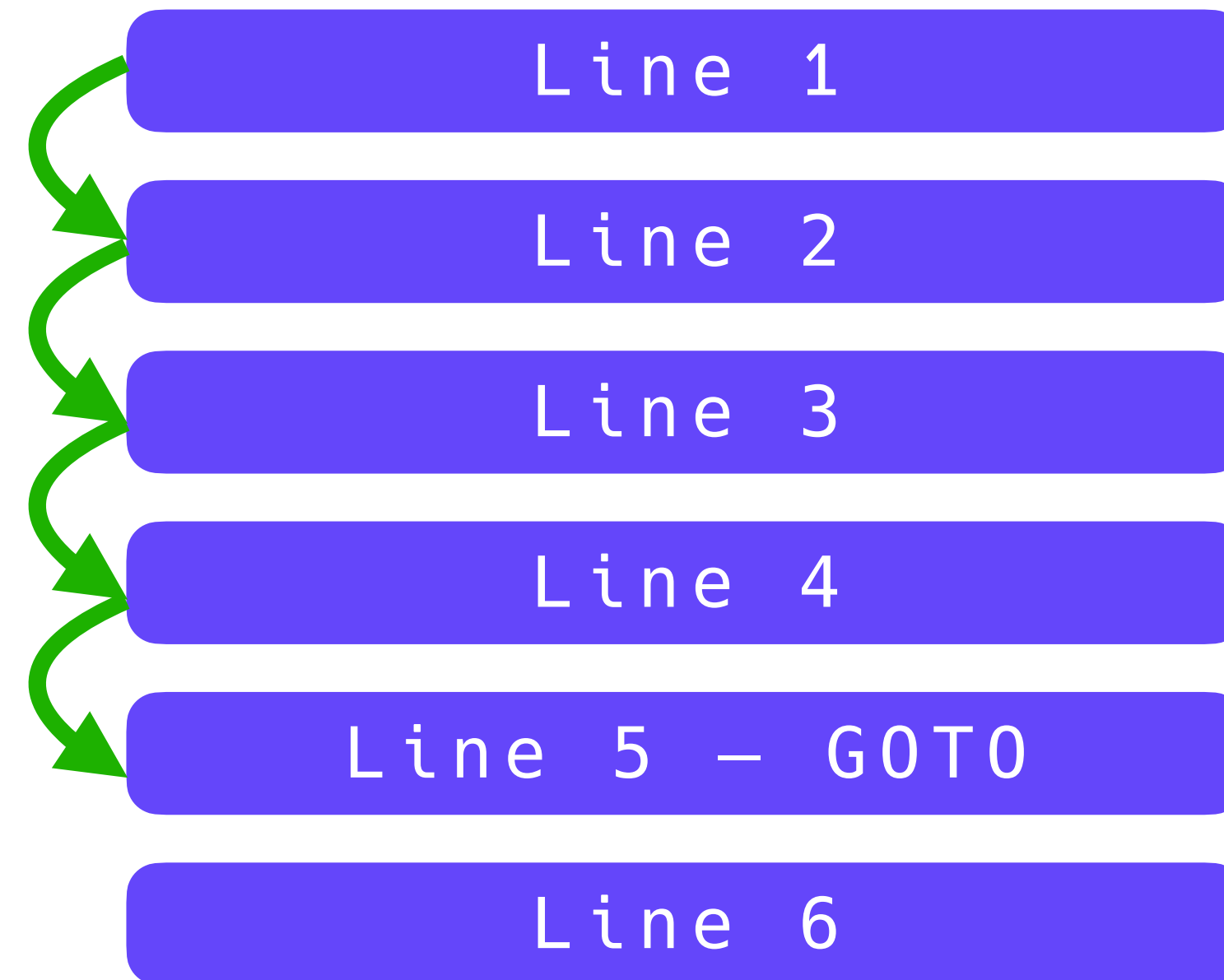
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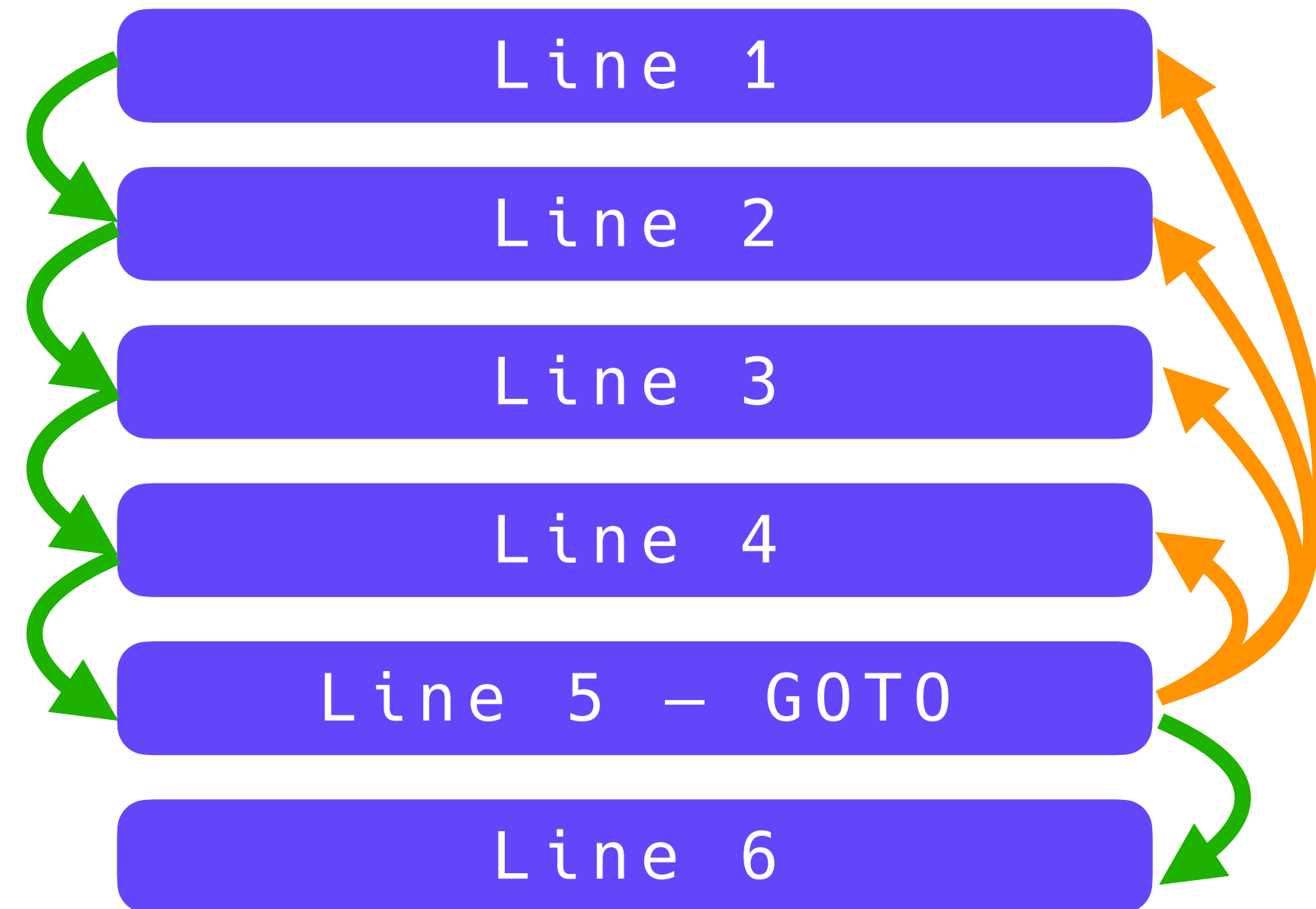
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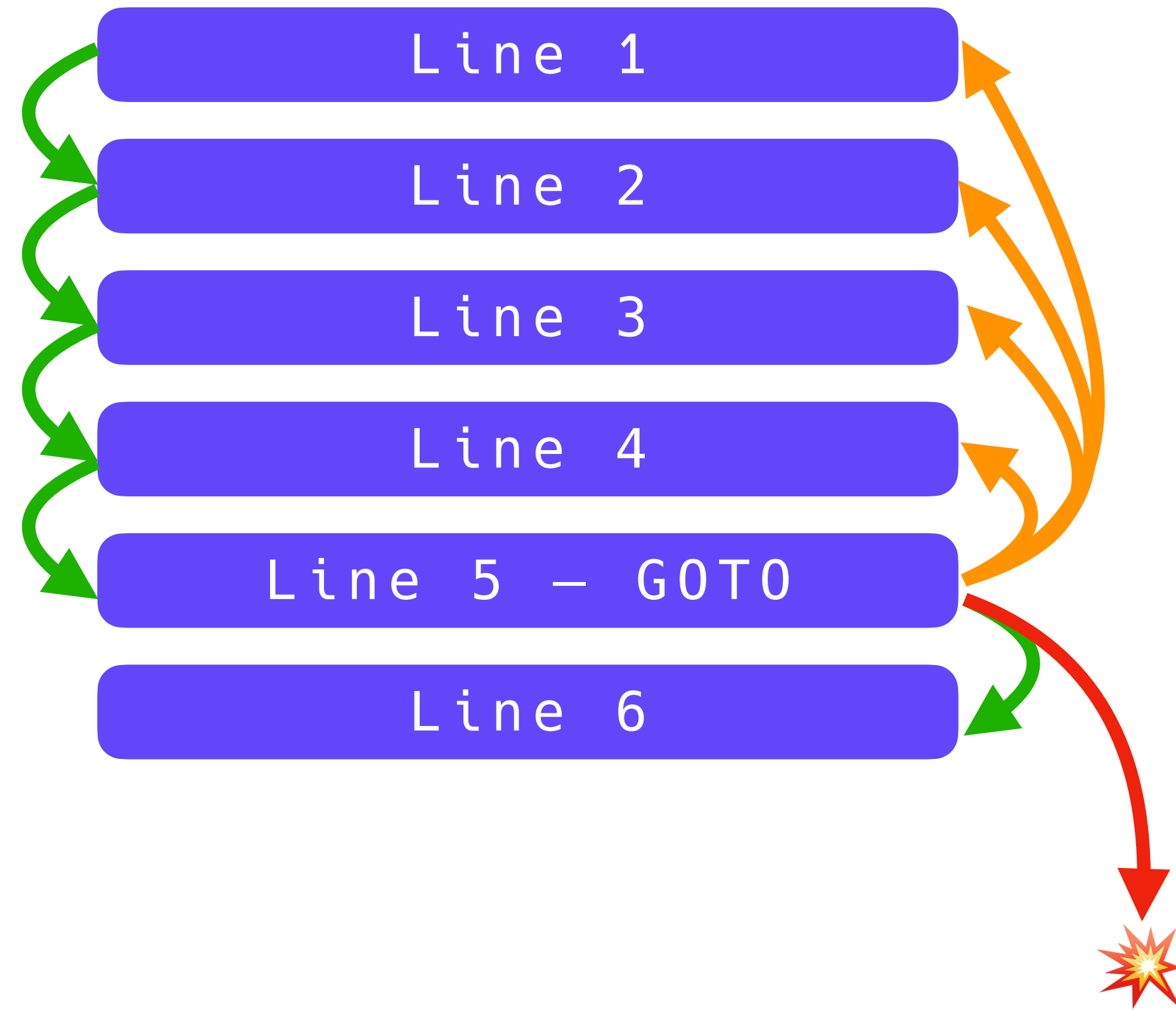
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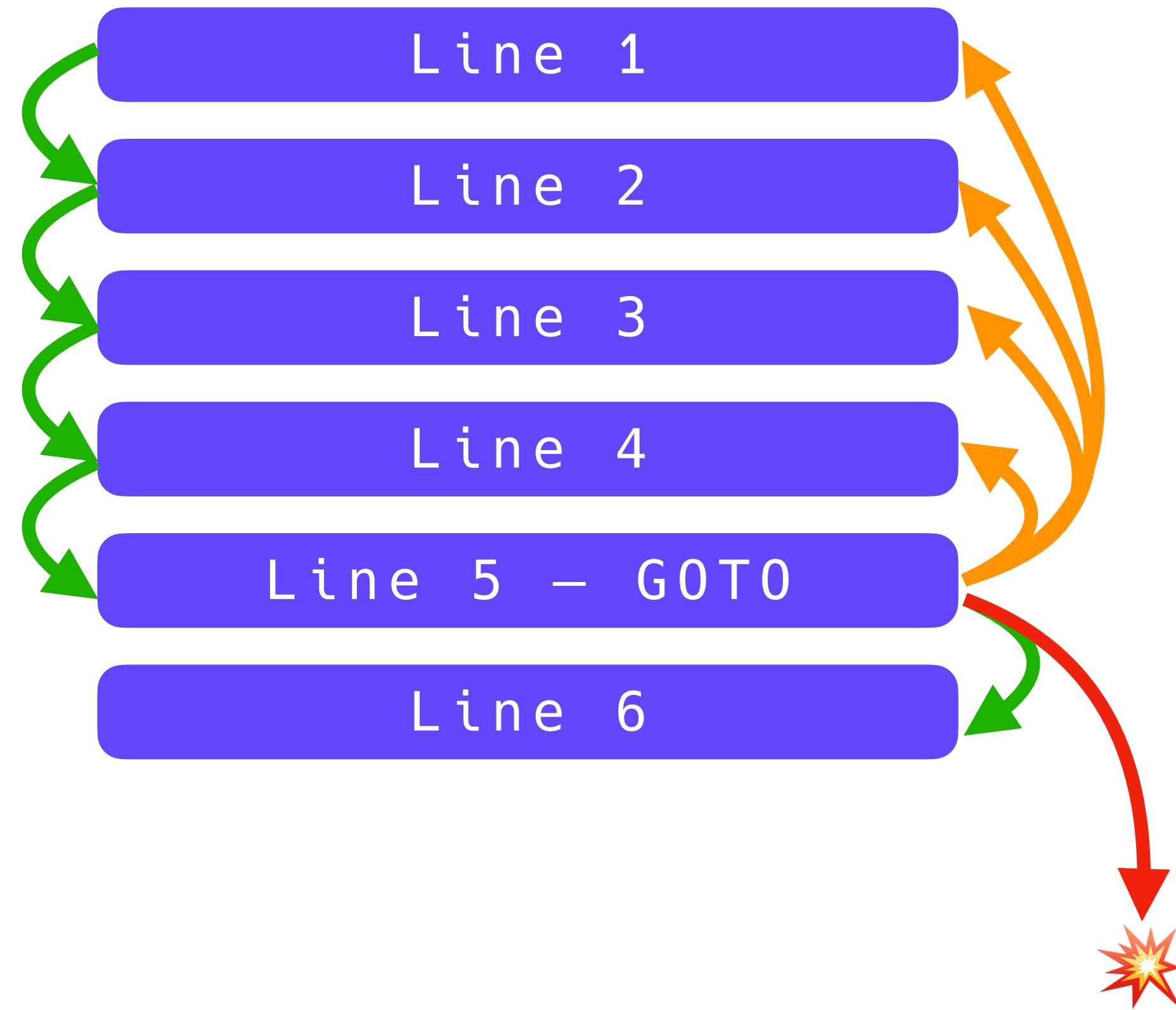
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- x86 MOV (just by itself)
- Vim Normal Mode
- BGP
- Peano arithmetic
- Musical Notation
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The Lesson 🧑🏫

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The bottom line is that
the **more powerful a language**
(i.e. the more that is possible within the language),
the **harder it is to understand** systems
constructed in it

– Ben Mosley & Peter Marks, Out of the Tarpit

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Three Focused Vocabularies

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Three Focused Vocabularies

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defprotocol ImageManipulation do
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  def translate(image, degrees, distance_in_pixels)
end
```

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```
defprotocol RadialGameMovement do
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  def move(entity, degrees, paces)
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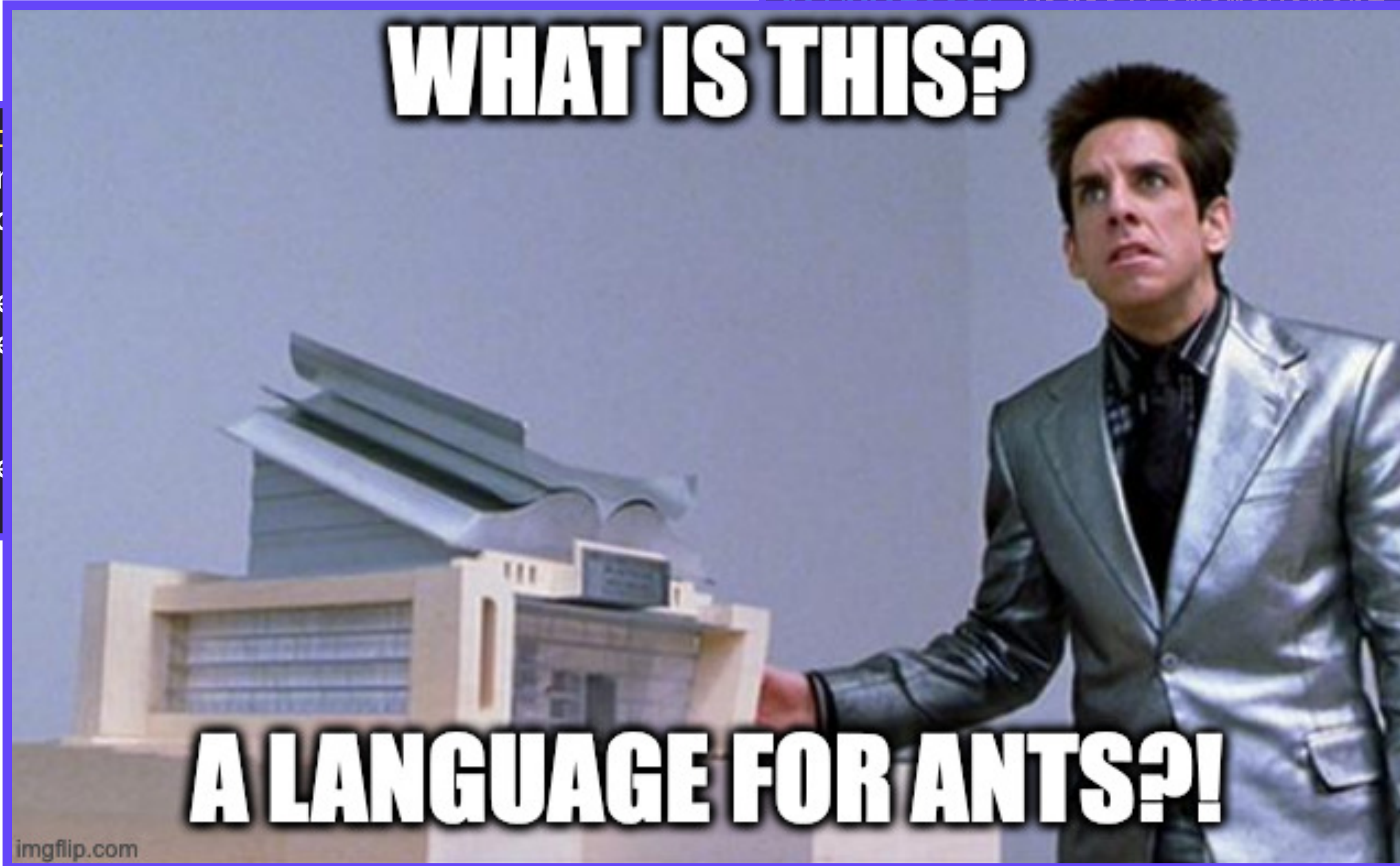
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WHAT IS THIS?

A LANGUAGE FOR ANTS?!



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defprotocol ImageManipulator
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  @spec scale(t, integer) :: t
  def scale(image, percentage)

  @spec translate(t, tuple) :: t
  def translate(image, {x, y})
end
```

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do
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  es)
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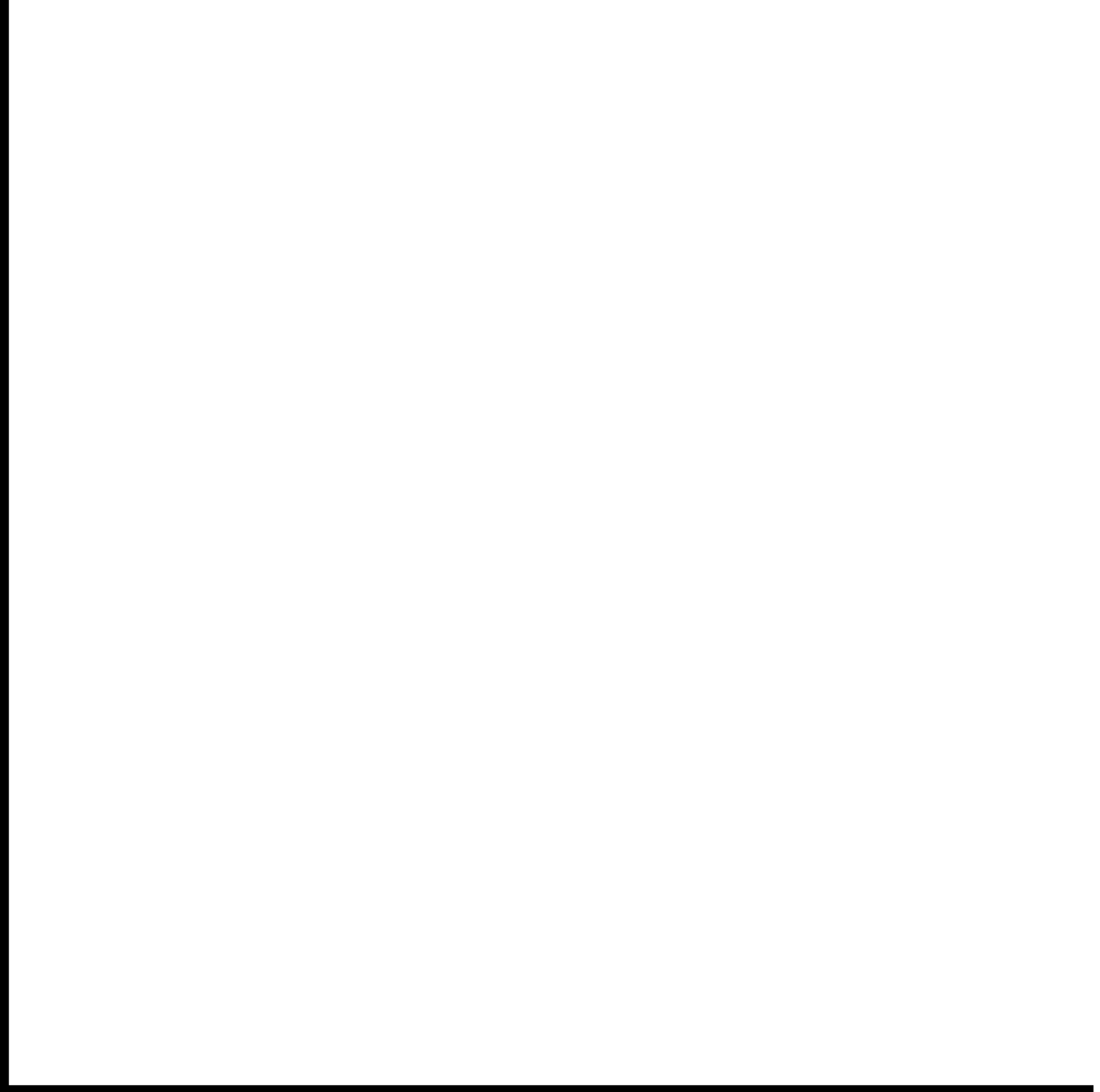
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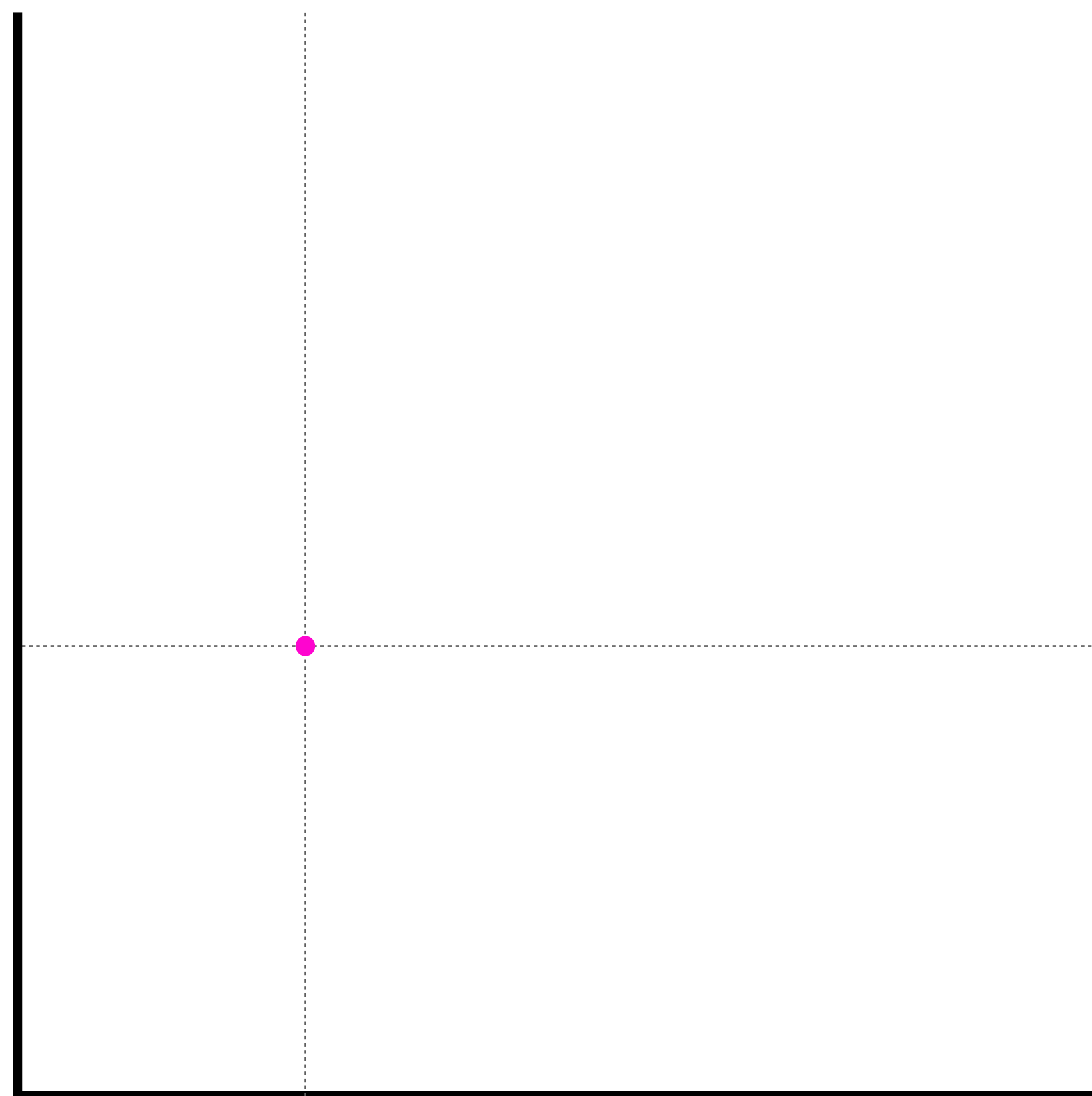
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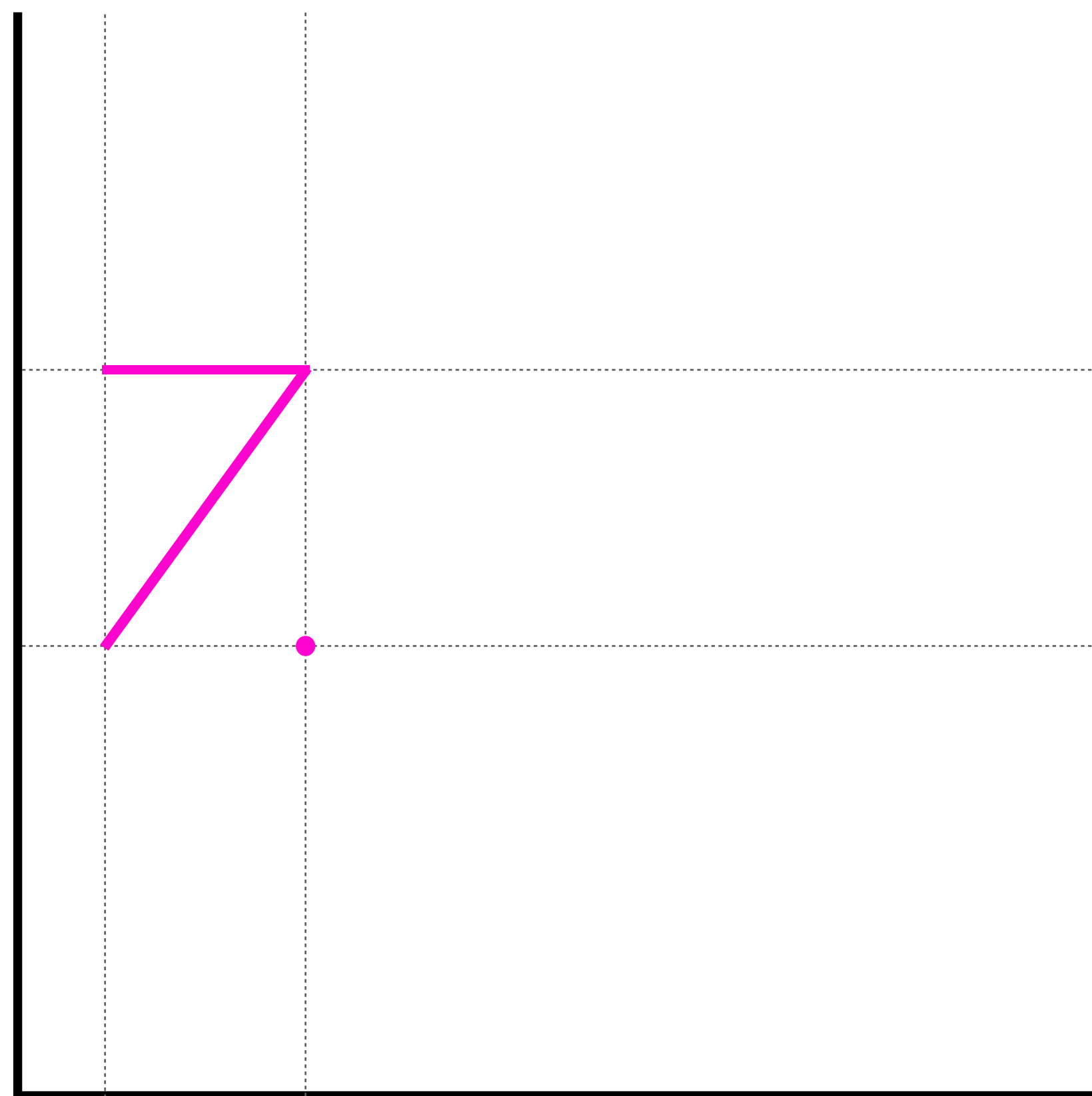
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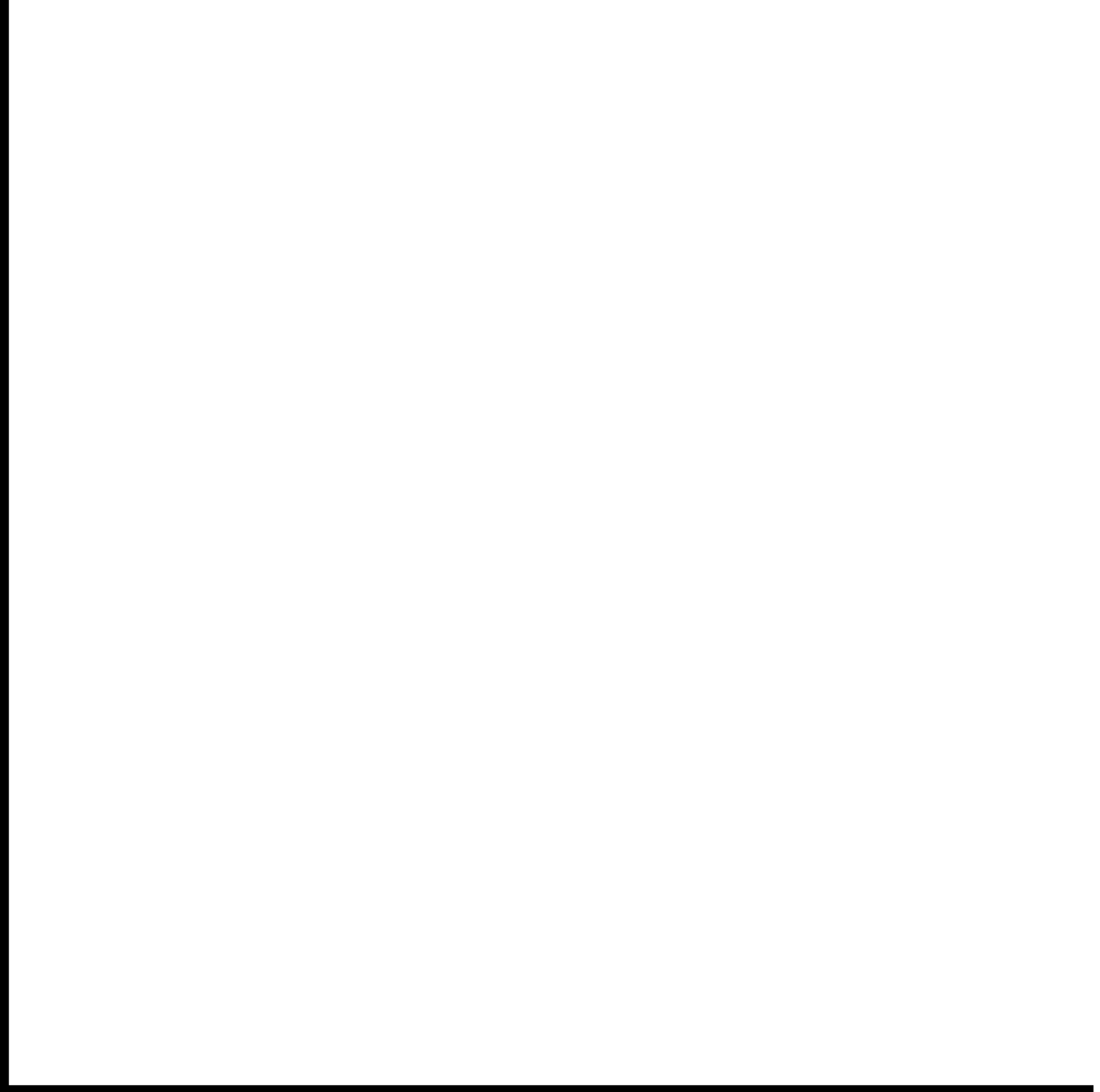
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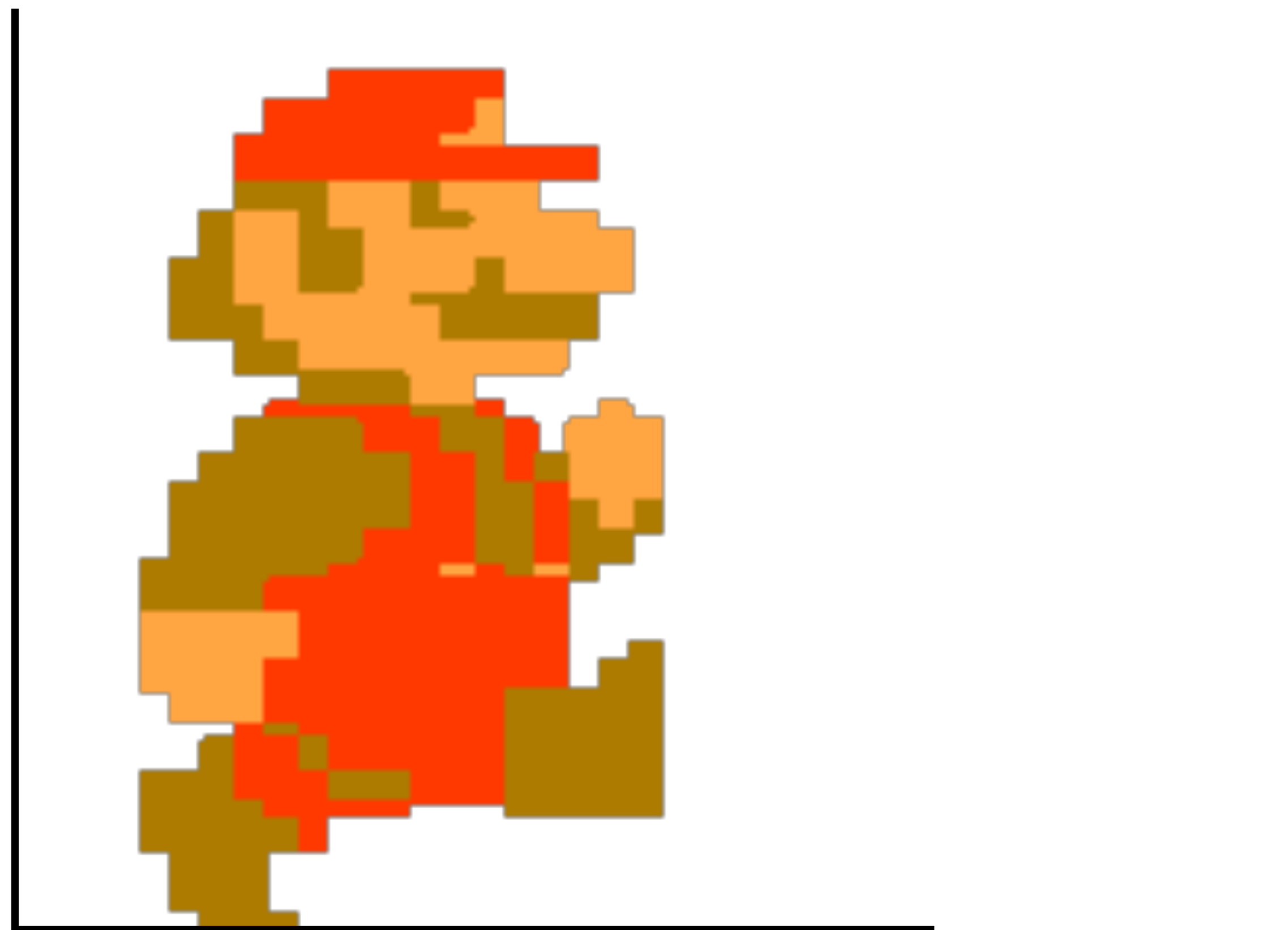
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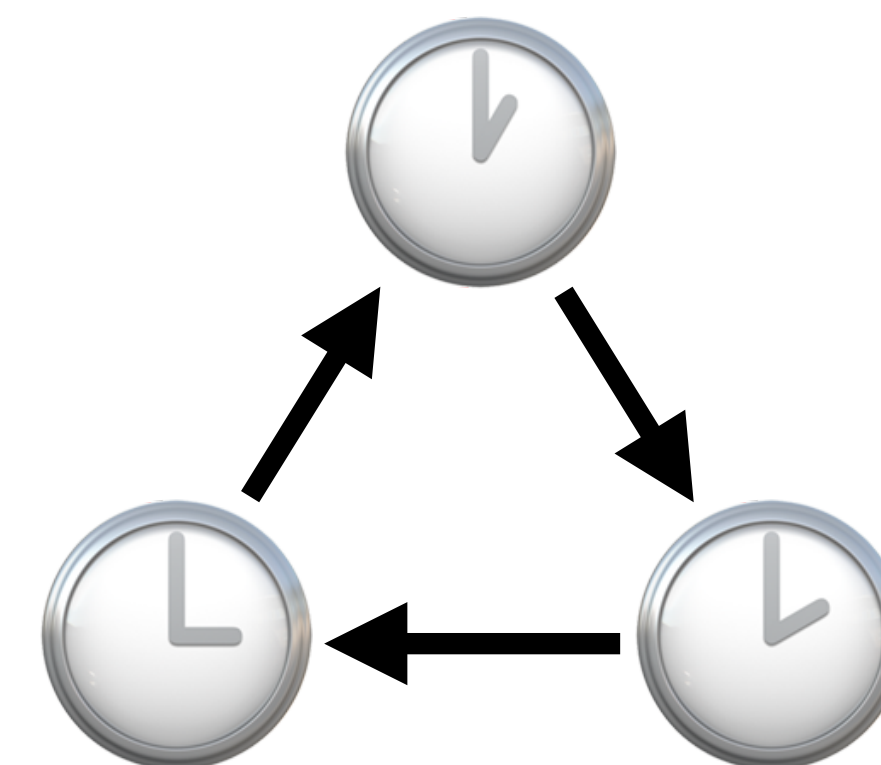
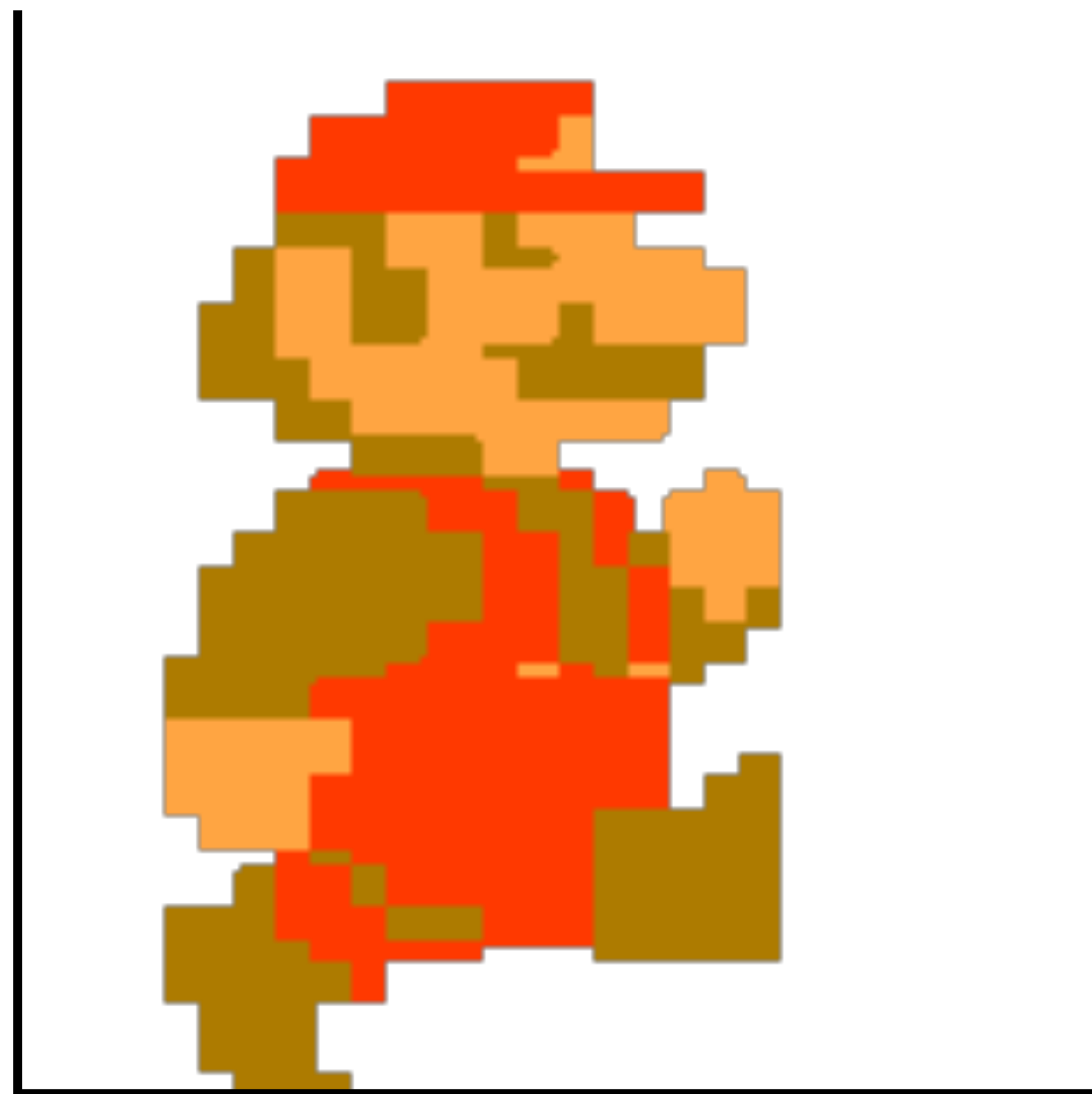
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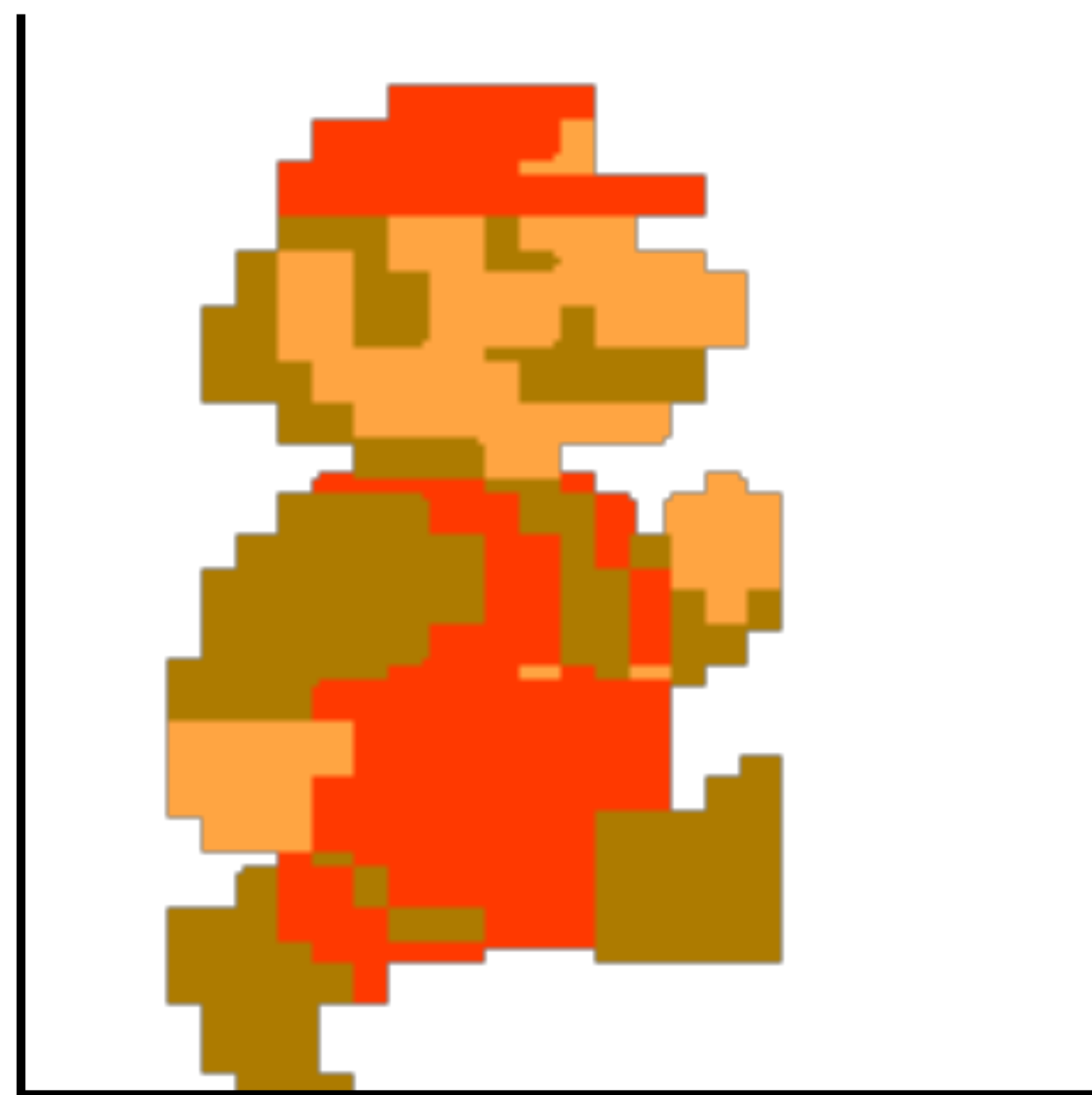
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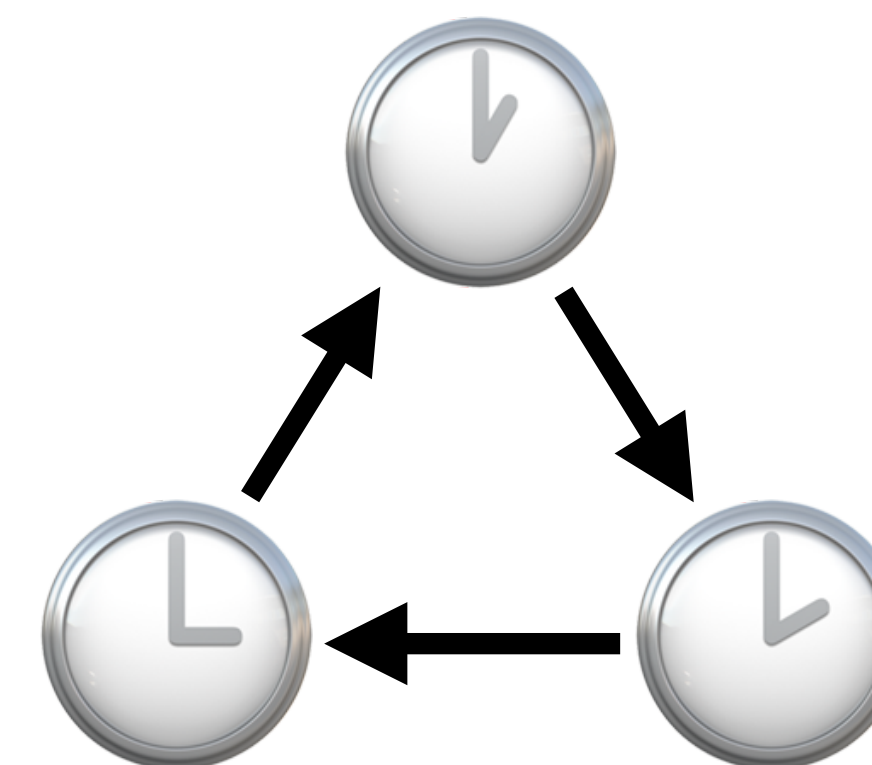


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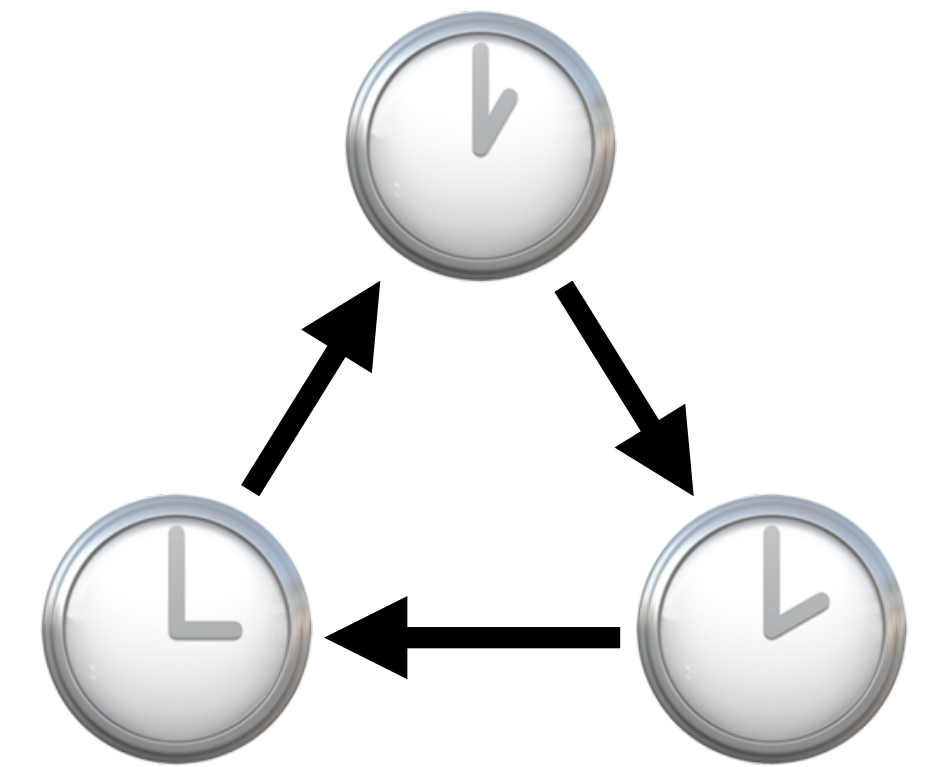
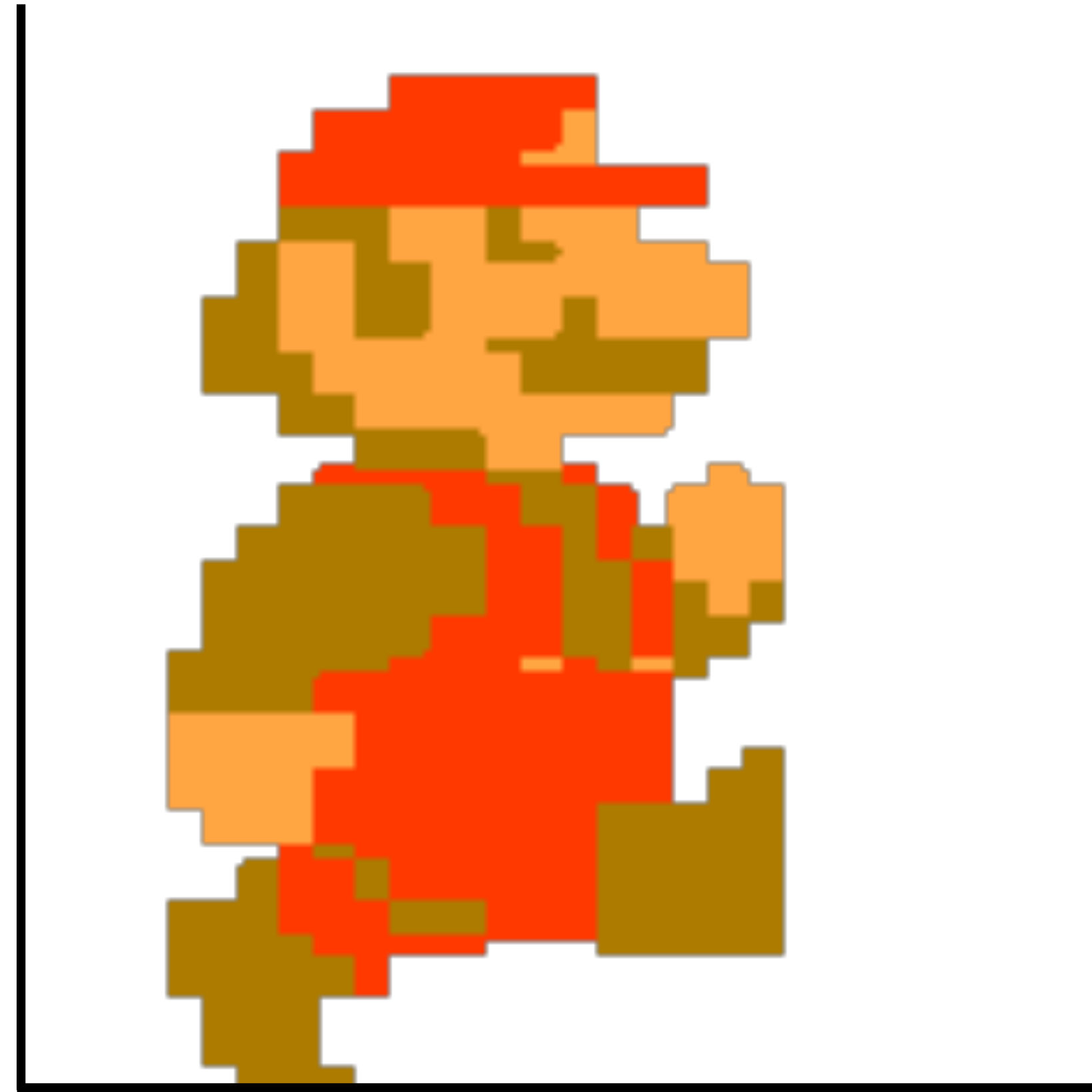


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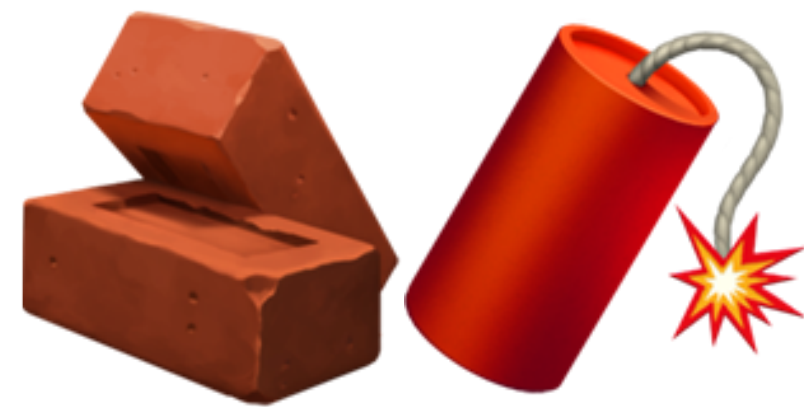
|> rotate(**180**)

|> speak("Why is the world upside down?")

|> scale(**250**)

✨ An AST of Your Own ✨

Building Up & Tearing Down



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Shallow Pipes

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Shallow Pipes

- Just use the built-in AST
- What it can represent is limited
- Single, canonical implementations
- e.g. most libraries

```
def changeset(user, params \\ %{}) do
  user
  |> cast(params, [:name, :email, :age])
  |> validate_required([:name, :email])
  |> validate_format(:email, ~r/@/)
  |> validate_inclusion(:age, 18..100)
  |> unique_constraint(:email)
end
```

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```


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Shallow Pipes

```
defmodule Algae.Tree.BinarySearch do
  alias __MODULE__, as: BST
  import Algae

  defsum do
    defdata(Empty :: none())

    defdata Node do
      node :: any()
      left :: BinarySearch.t() \\ BinarySearch.Empty.new()
      right :: BinarySearch.t() \\ BinarySearch.Empty.new()
    end
  end

  def new, do: %Empty{}
  def new(value), do: %Node{node: value}

  # ...snip...
end
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  },
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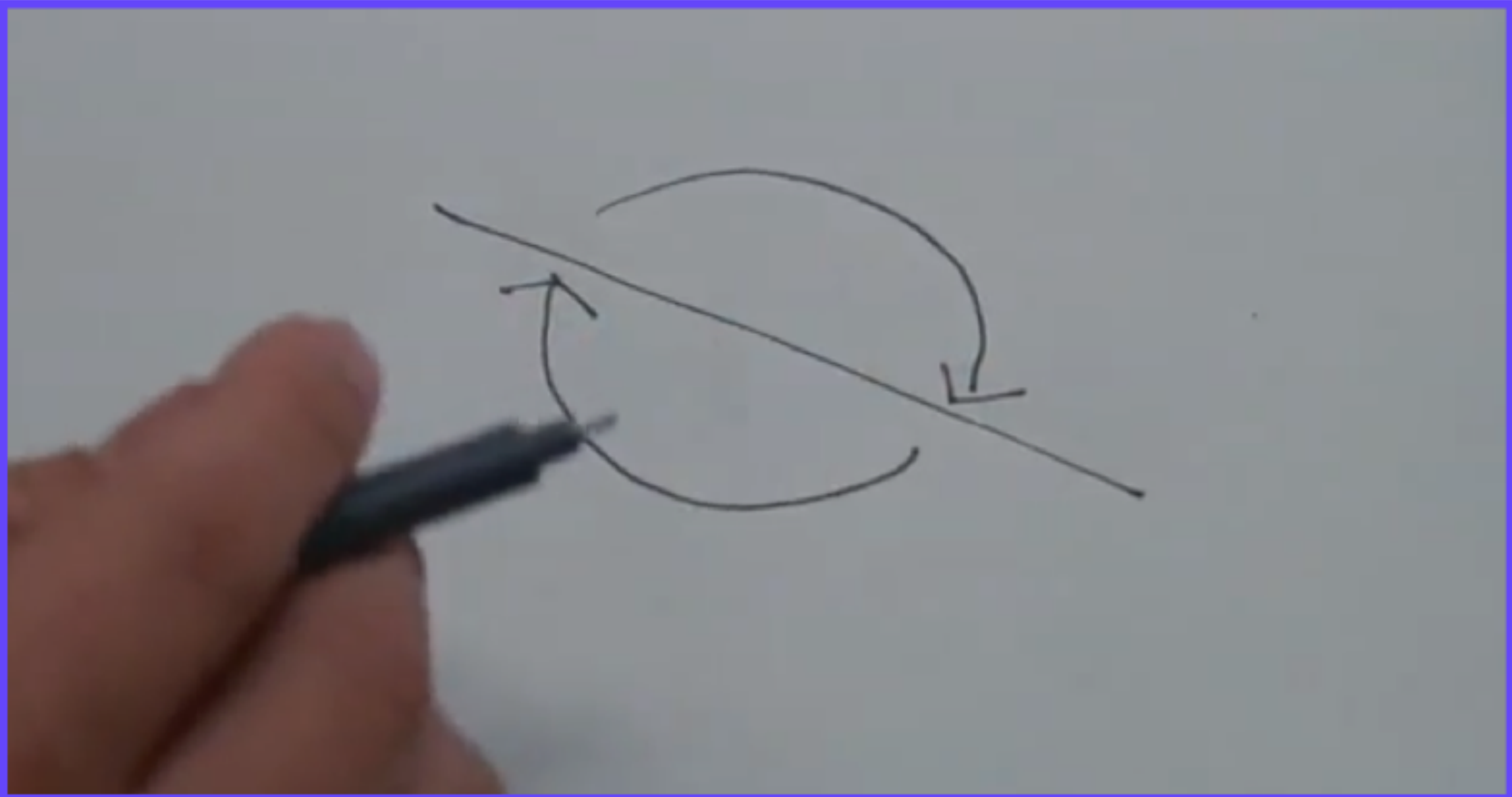
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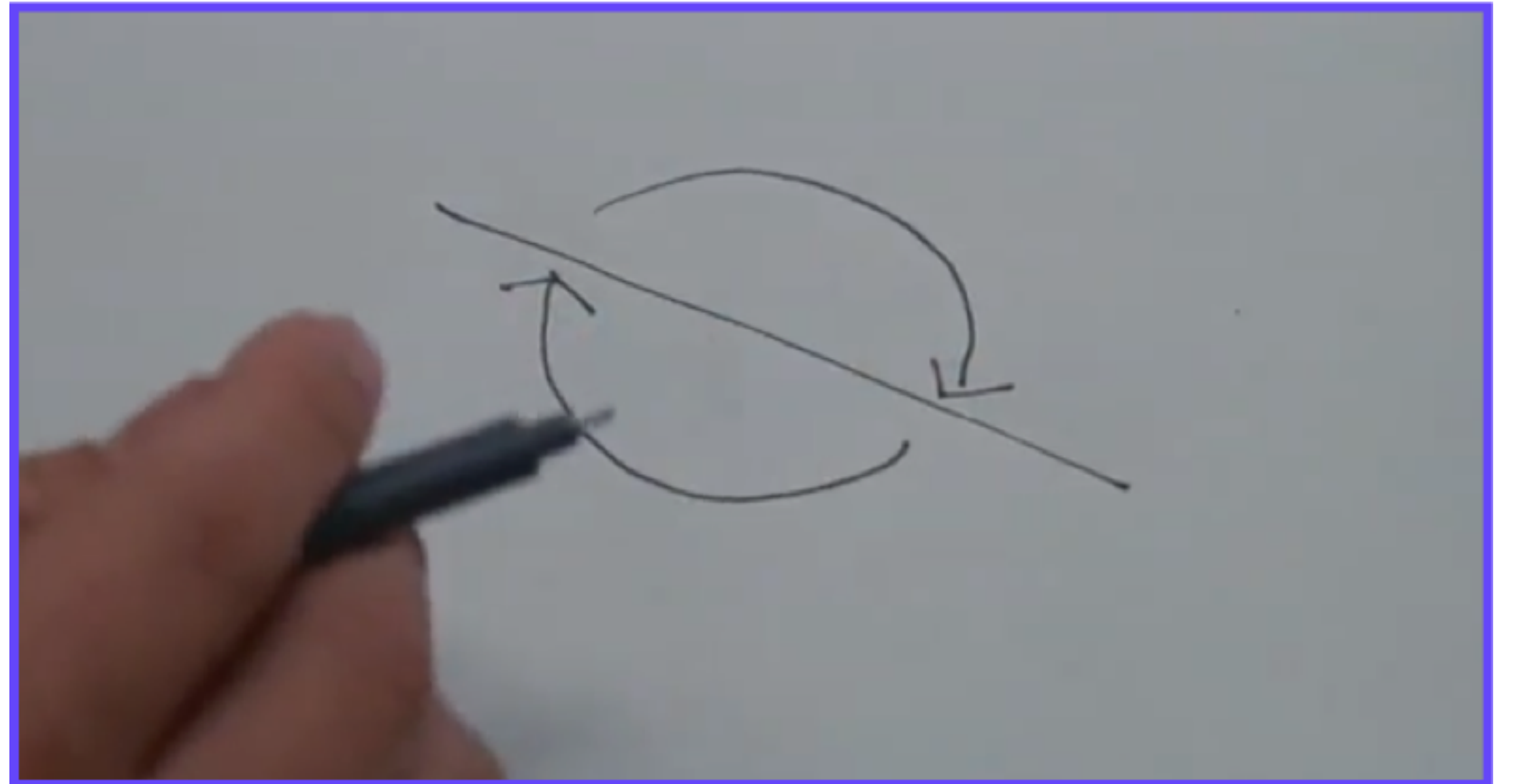
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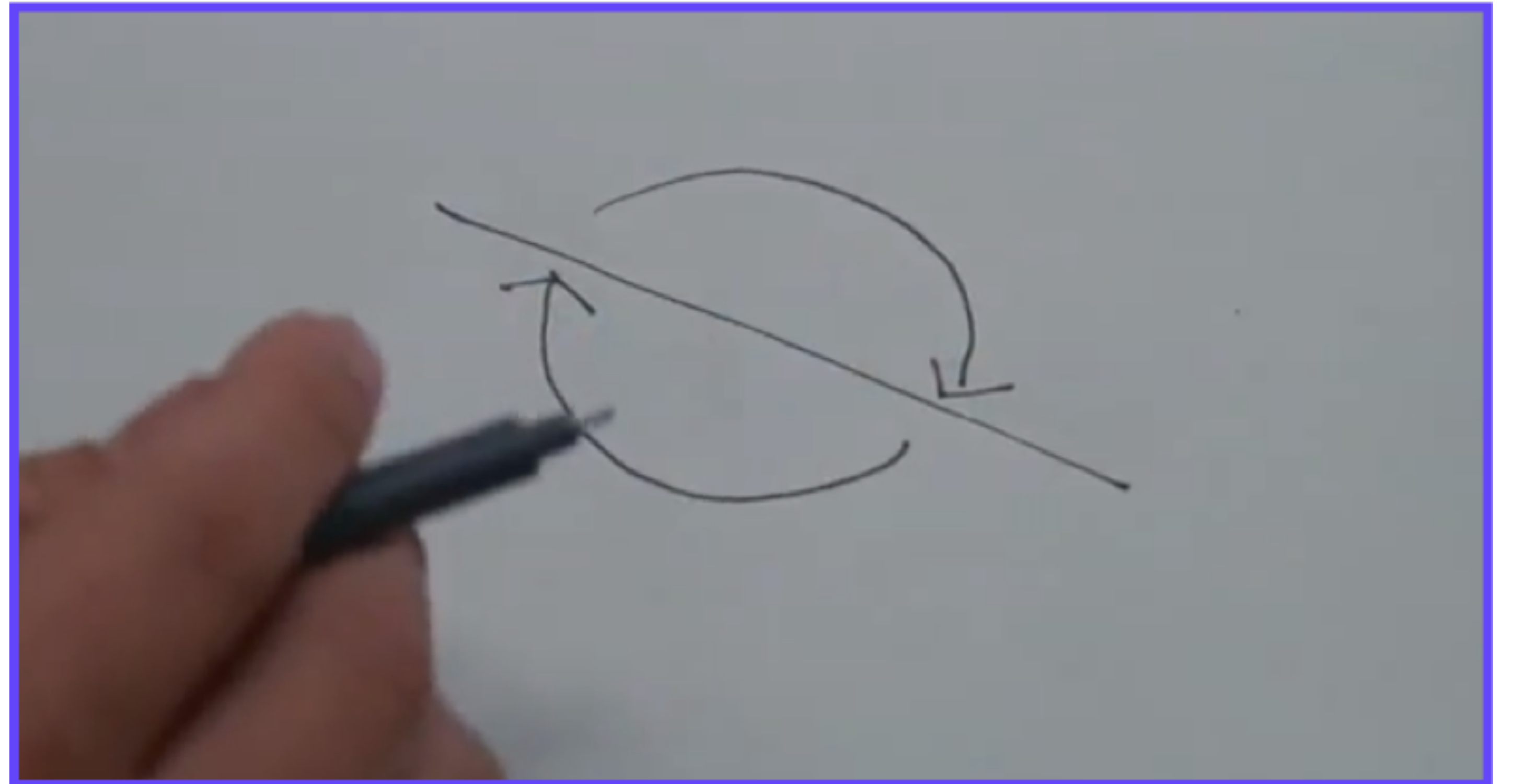
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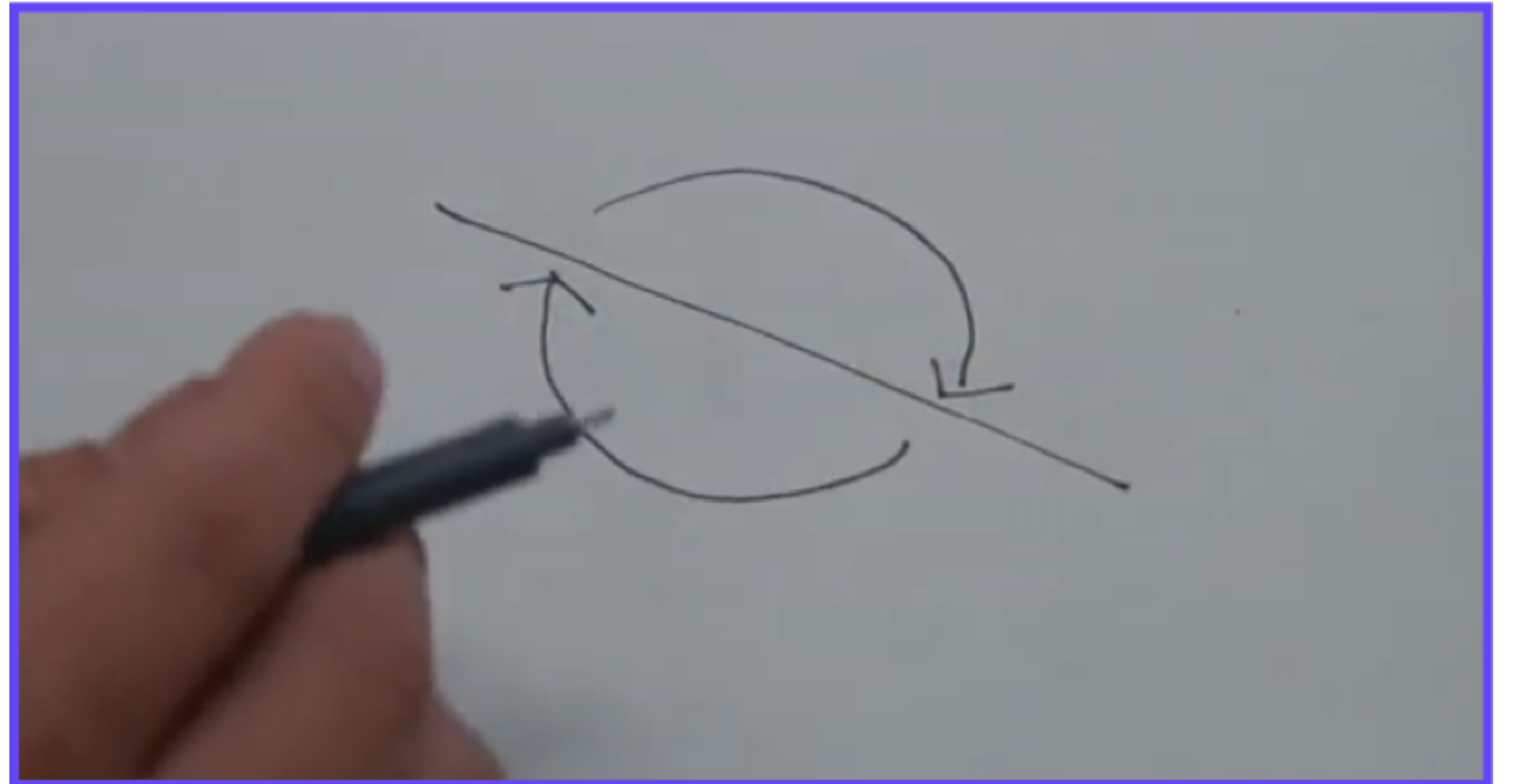
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Invocation & Rewriting

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Connectives

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        }  
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GenEffect

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GenEffect

```
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  use GenEffect
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```
defmodule Text do
  use GenEffect
  # ...
  def handle_effect(%Capslock{on: true}, state) do
    IO.ANSI.capslock()
    %{state | caps: true}
  end
end
```

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Interpreter

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Why not use a protocol?

Canonicity!

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Domain & Denotation

Standard Vocabularies



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```

```
defprotocol GameActions do
  @type direction :: :north | :south | :east | :west

  @spec move(t, direction(), non_neg_number()) :: t
  def move(entity, direction, paces)

  @spec speak(t, String.t()) :: t
  def speak(entity, message)

  @spec listen(t, t) :: {t, String.t()}
  def listen(entity, entity)
end
```

```
defprotocol ImageManipulation do
  @spec rotate(t, non_neg_integer()) :: t
  def rotate(image, degrees)

  @spec scale(t, integer()) :: t
  def scale(image, percentage)

  @spec translate(t, integer(), non_neg_integer()) :: t
  def translate(image, degrees, distance_in_pixels)
end
```


Standard Vocabularies

What Is Common?

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Standard Vocabularies 

One Level Down

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One Level Down

```
defprotocol GraphRouting do
  def adjacentcies(graph, node)
  def move(graph, node, adjacency)
end
```

```
defprotocol Geometric do
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  def rotate(object, angle)
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Standard Vocabularies

One Level Down

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```
defprotocol Setlike do
  def union(a, b)
  def intersect(a, b)
end
```

Standard Vocabularies 

What's Important About Laws?

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```
# a relates to itself
a <= a

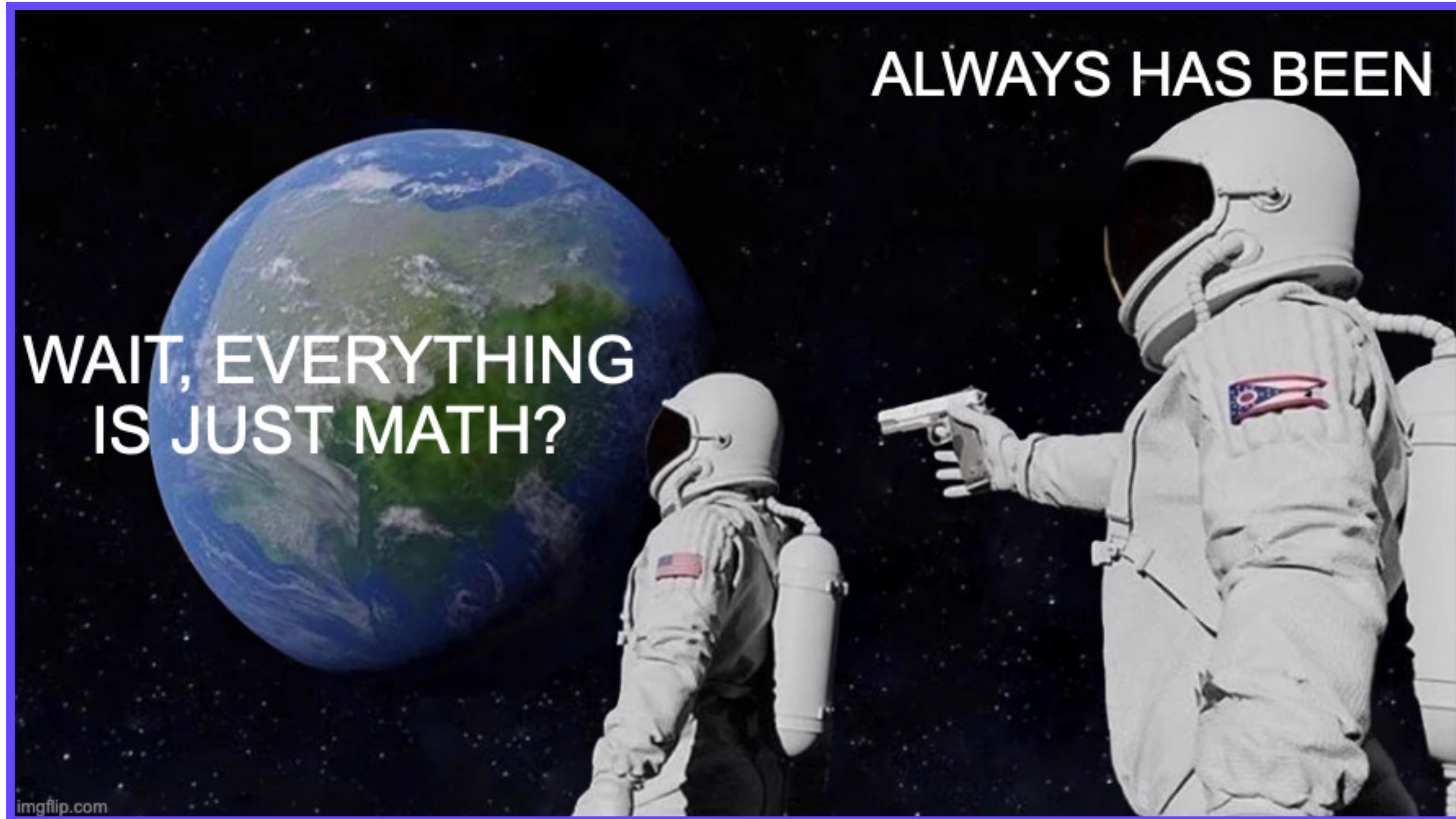
# equal elements don't precede themselves
if a <= b && b <= a, then: a == b

# transitive
if a <= b && b <= c, then: a <= c
```

Consistent in all contexts

Standard Vocabularies 

Denotative Redux



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Denotative Redux

We are only drawing a most important distinction — between ***discovering something and inventing something.***
But mathematicians make the most important discoveries.

– Alan Turing, via Wittgenstein's Lectures on the Foundations of Mathematics



Safety First

Purify Your Effects



Purify Your Effects



Purify Your Effects 🚒🛑🪄

Have no truck with the
grubby compromises
of imperative programming

— Simon Peyton Jones

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Tools Down

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Tools Down

Elixir is surprisingly ***imperative***,
yet gives you ***all the tools*** of equational reasoning
...so let's use them!

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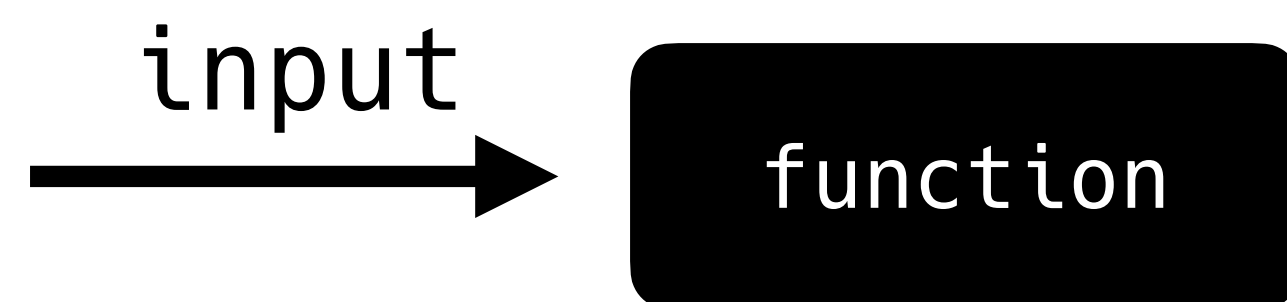
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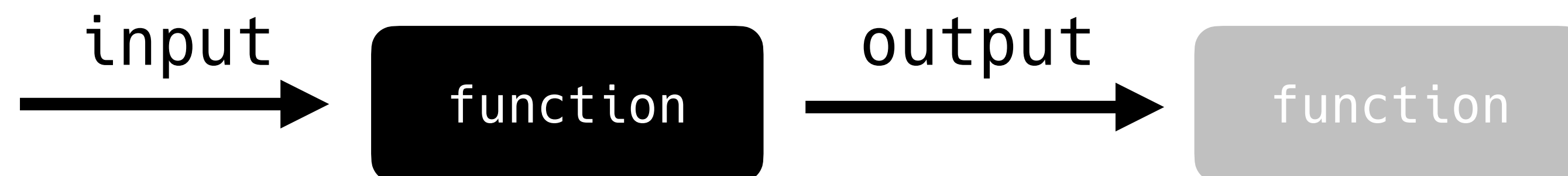
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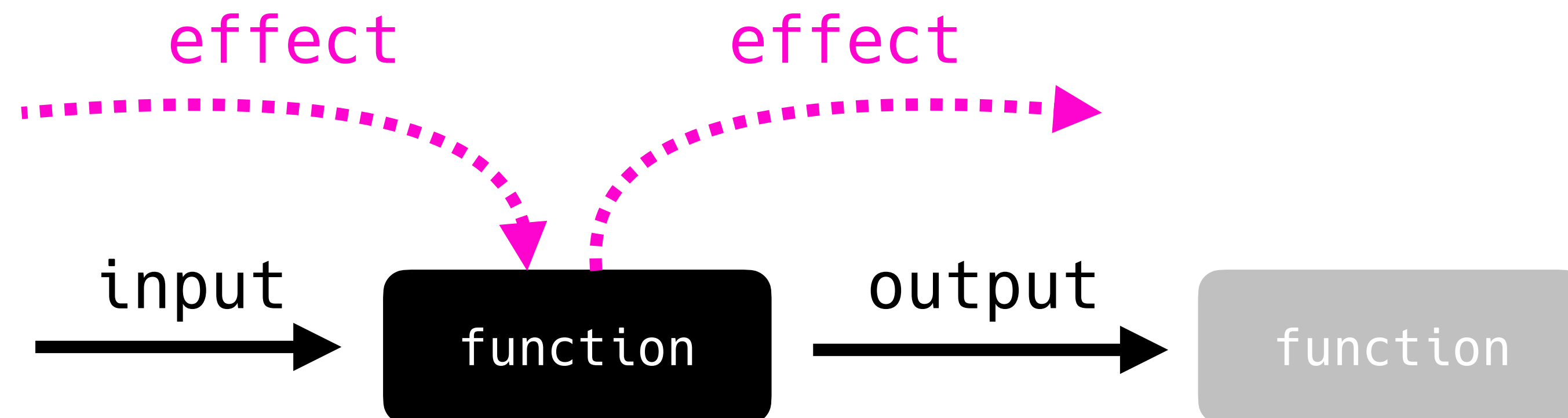
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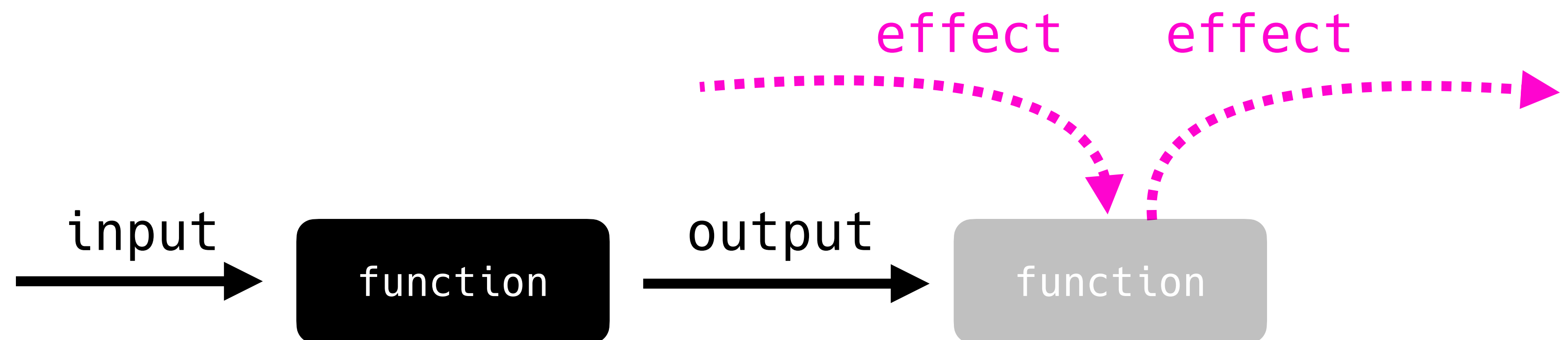
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4-Layer Architecture

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4-Layer Architecture

Imperative

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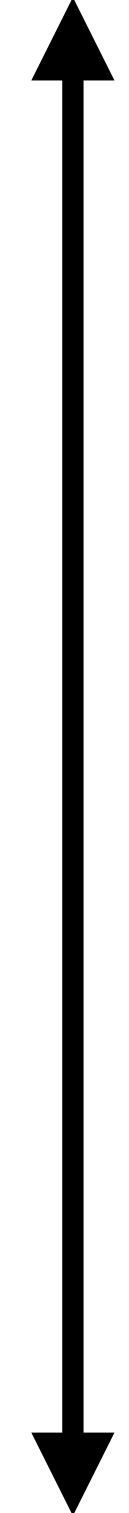
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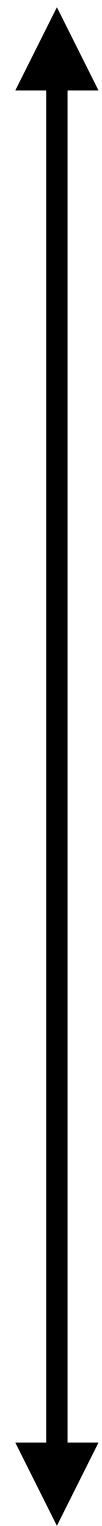
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 **Information**

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4-Layer Architecture

Action ✨



Imperative

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Unstable 🌋



💡 **Information**

Stable 🏔️

Purify Your Effects 🚒🛑🪄

Purified Actions

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IO.puts("woof")
Process.sleep(10)
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# ...
```

```
convert [Text, Time, Speaking] do
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    move(:north, 2)
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    end

    move(:west, 7)
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Well Behaved Models

Testing Minus the Teeth



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Control Dominator Take the Wheel

Implicit Parallelism



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Humans are Terrible at Concurrency 

Implicit Parallelism 🍴

Humans are Terrible at Concurrency 😱

The main way of dealing with concurrency has been
reduced to sequential reasoning [...]
it requires to cope with many possible, **unpredictable**
behaviors of process, and the communication media

Everything is **NOT reducible** to sequential thinking

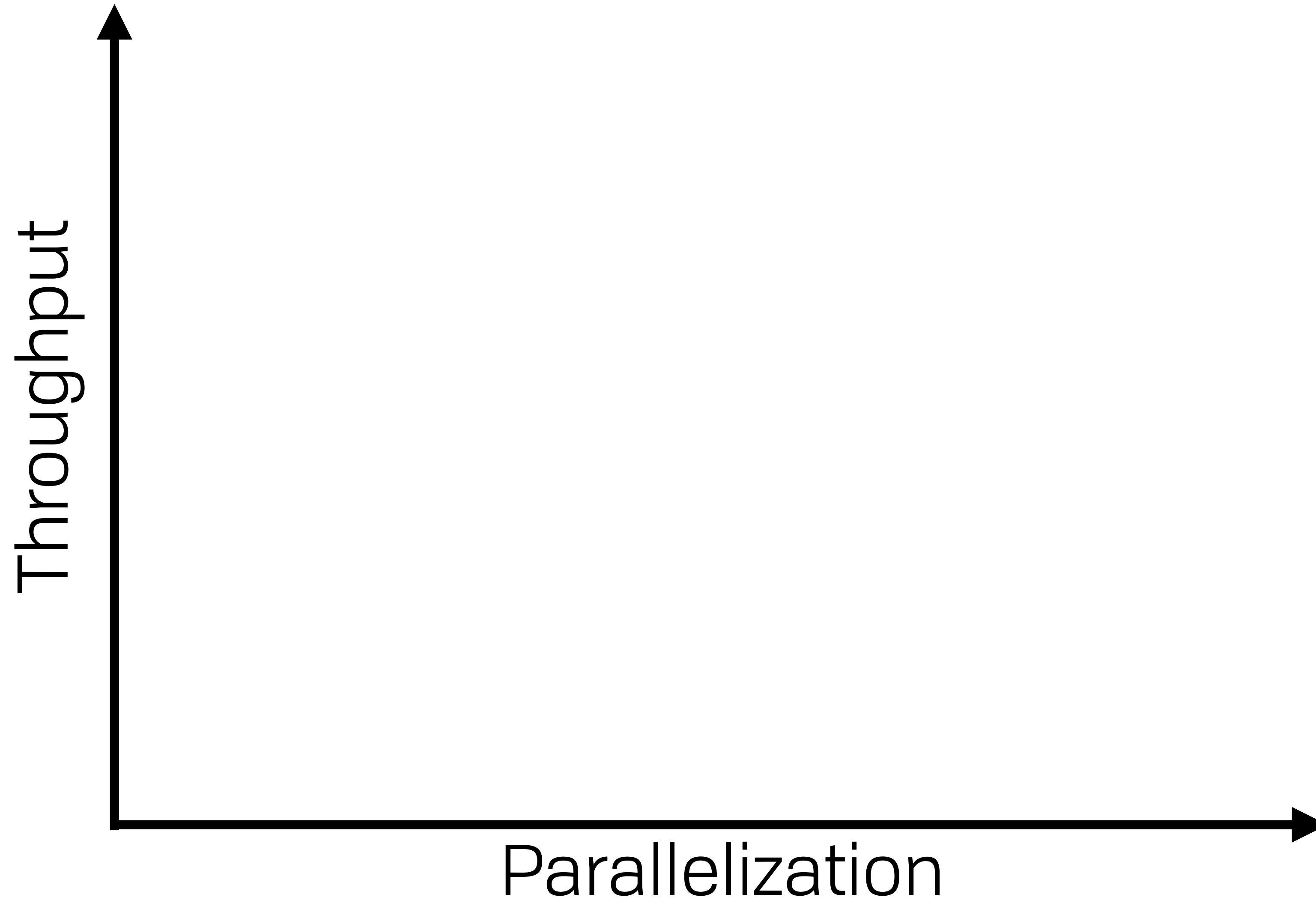
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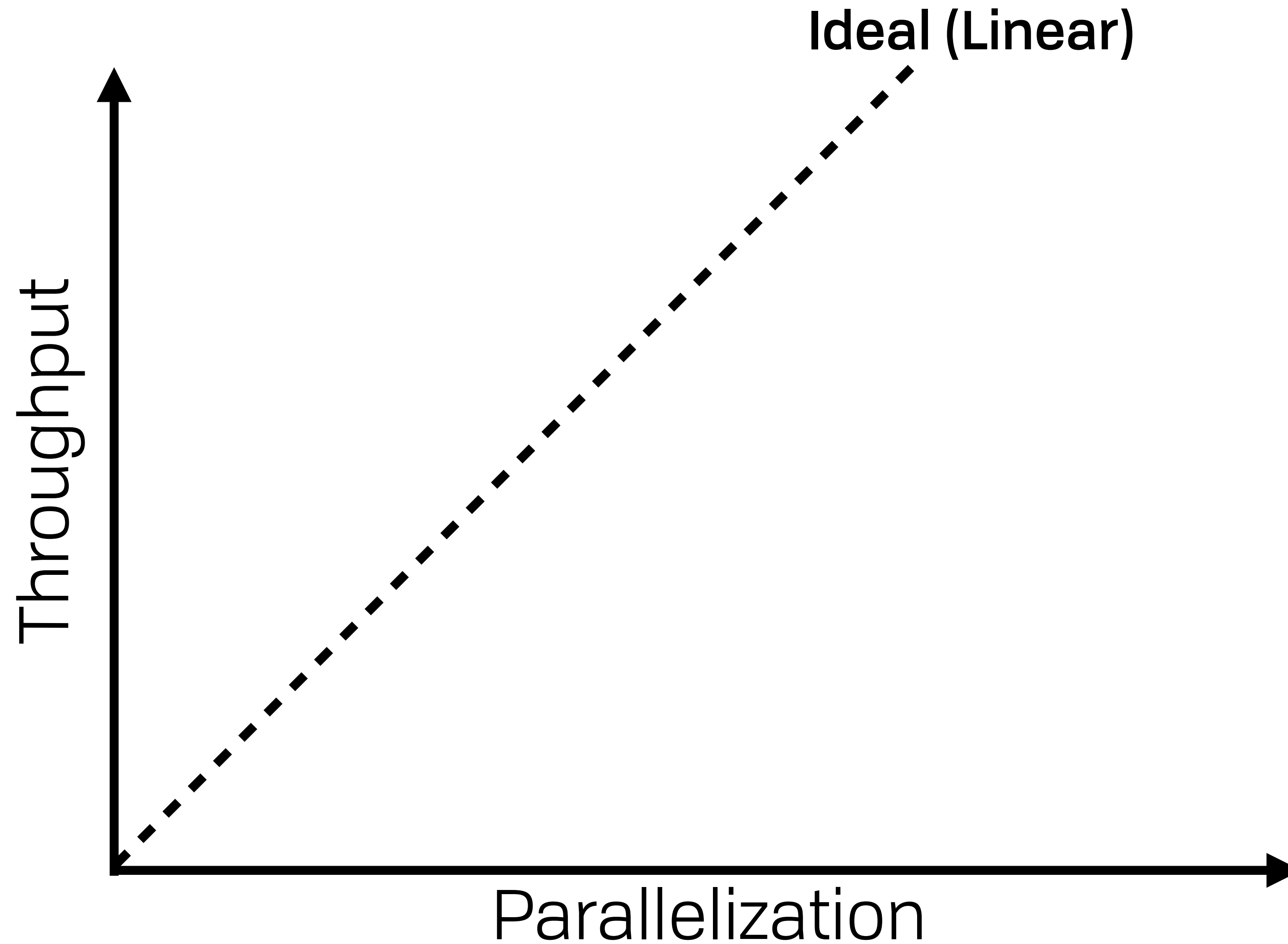
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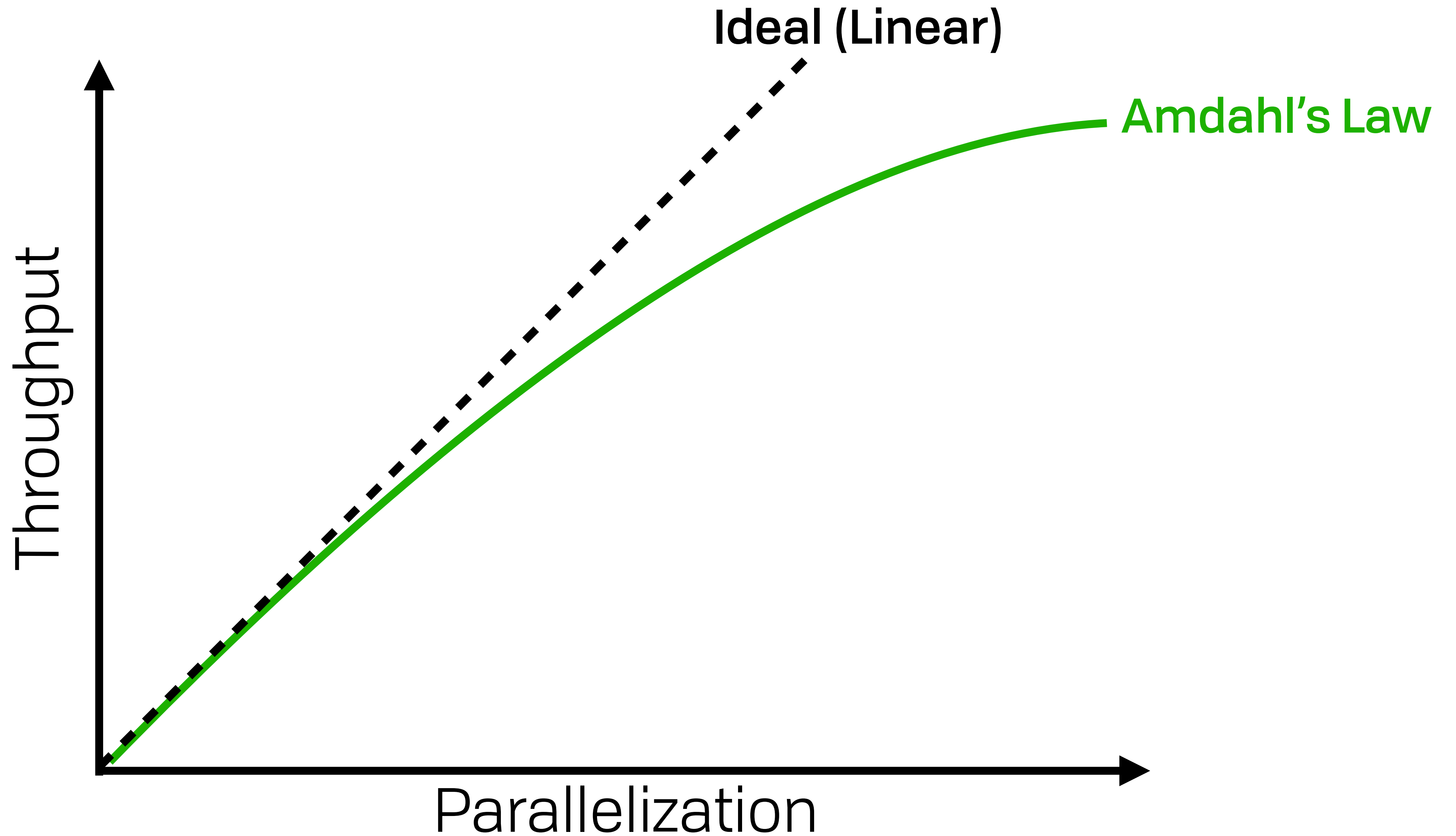
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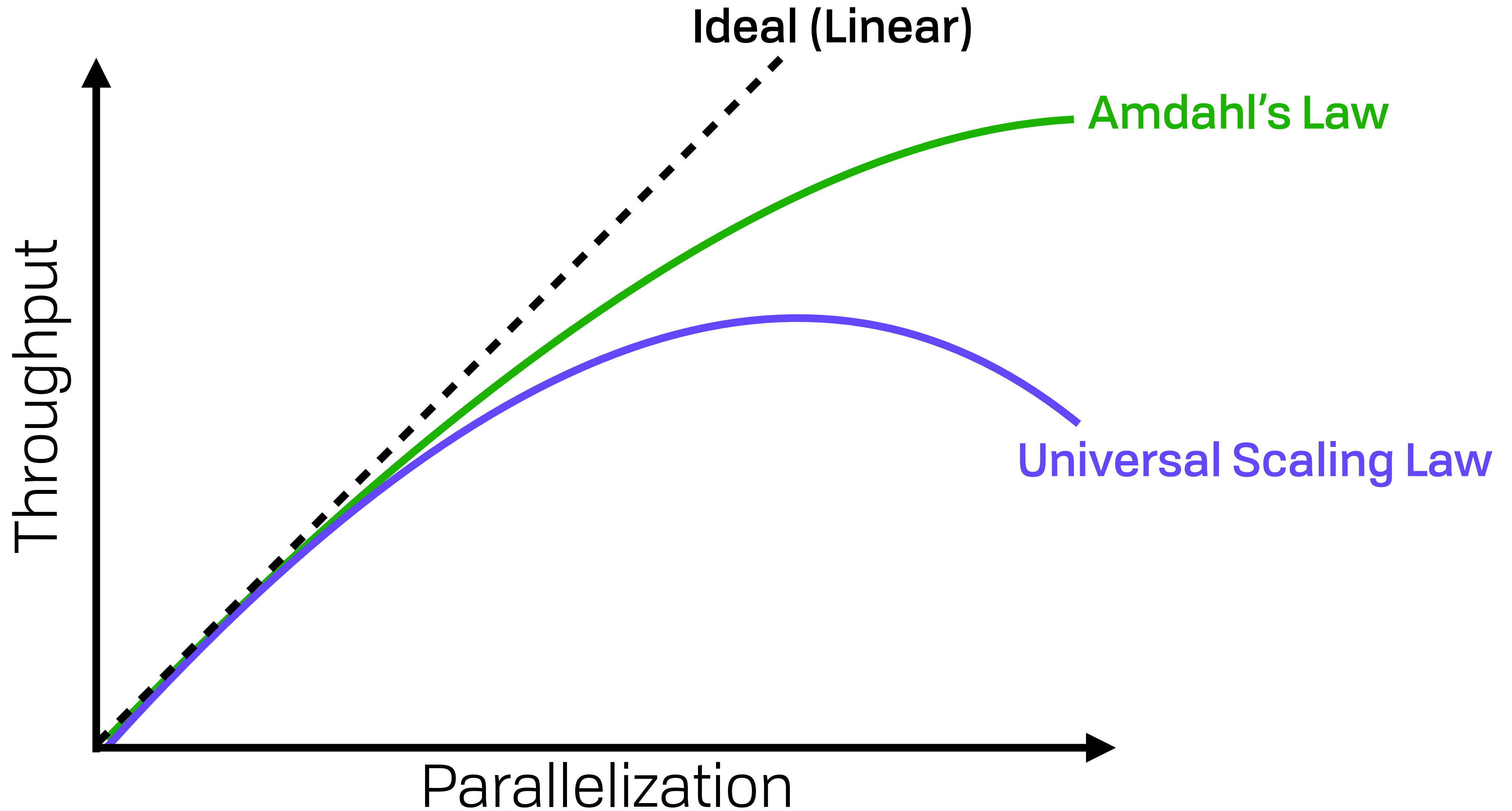
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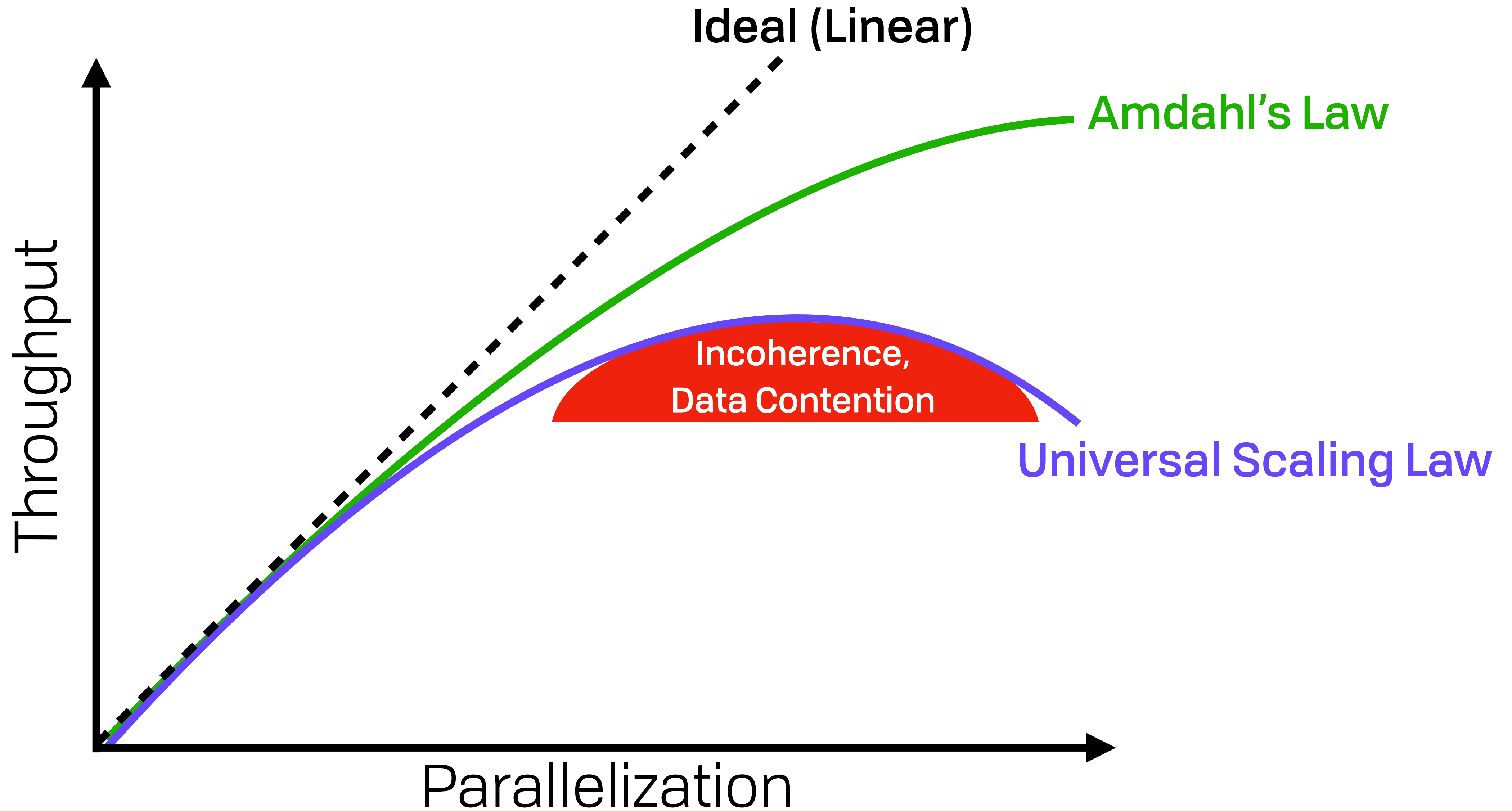
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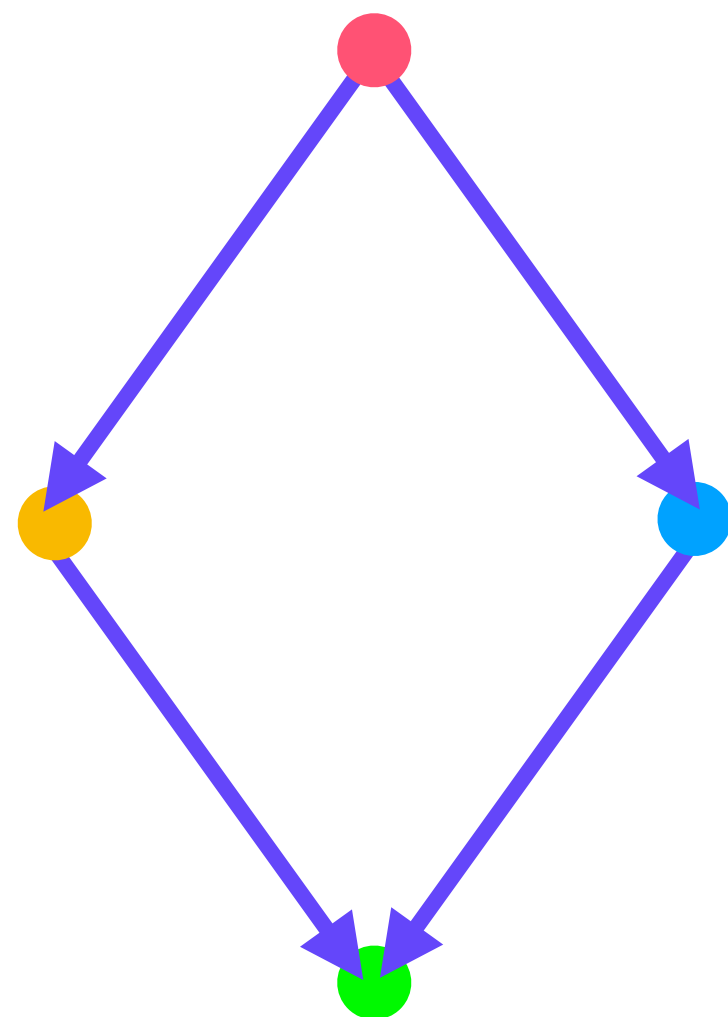
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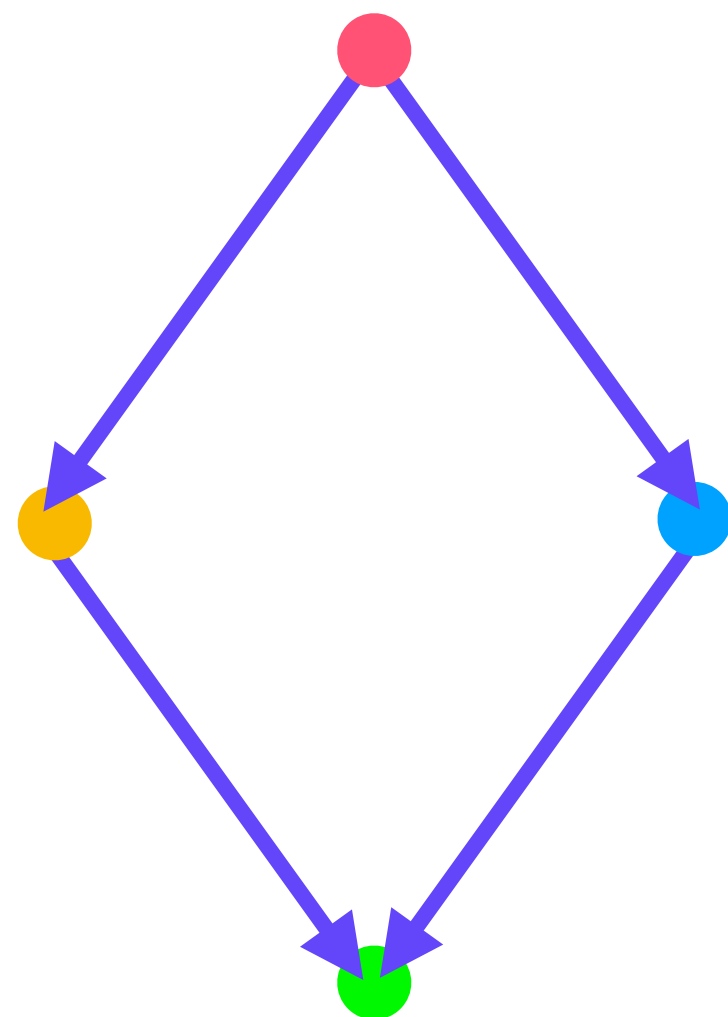
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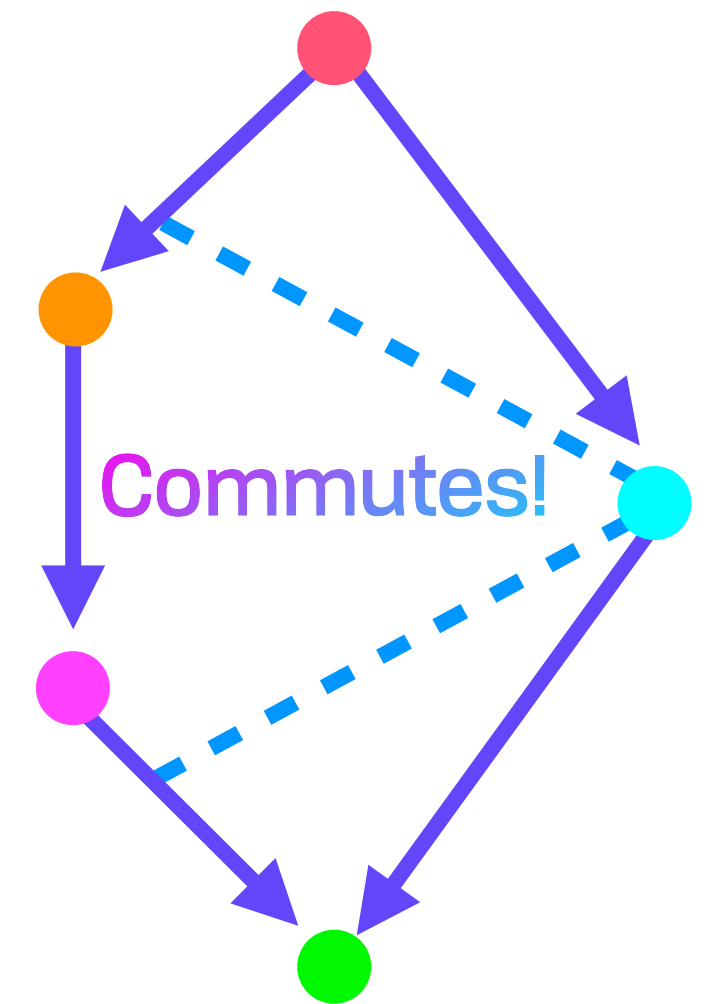
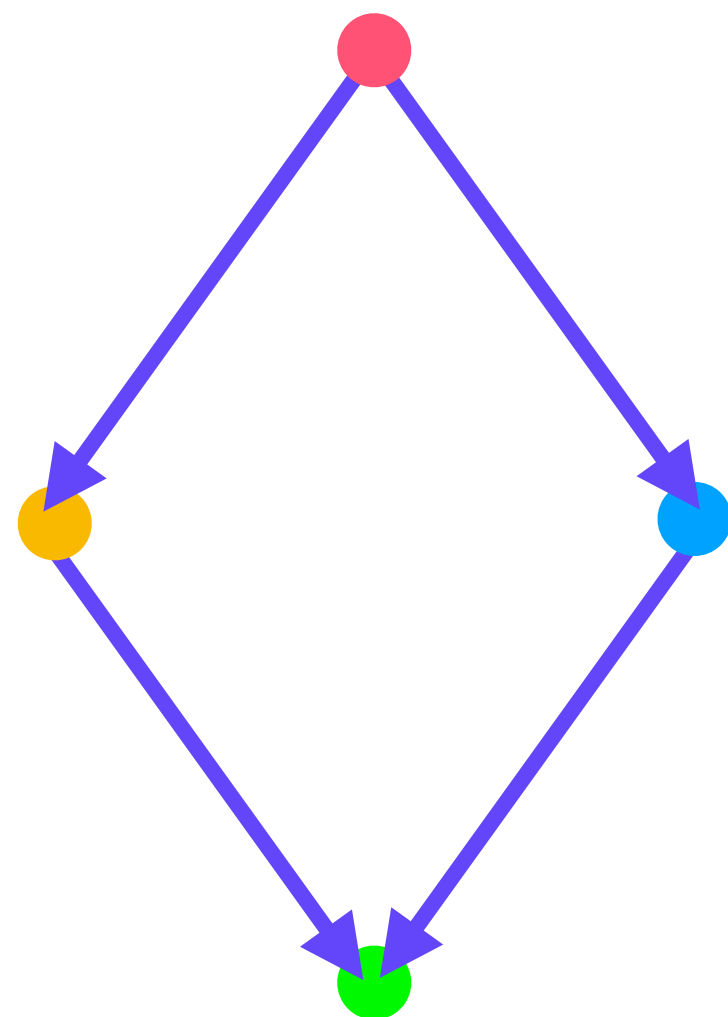
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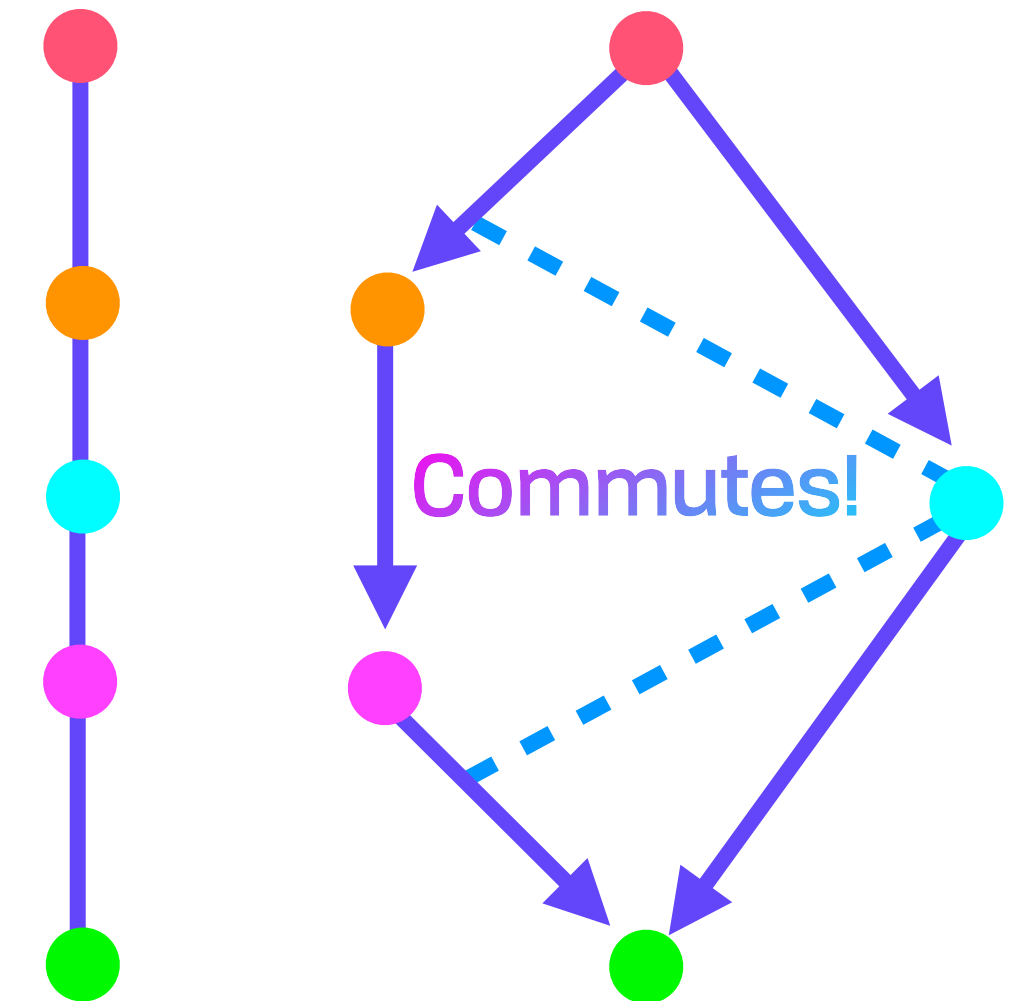
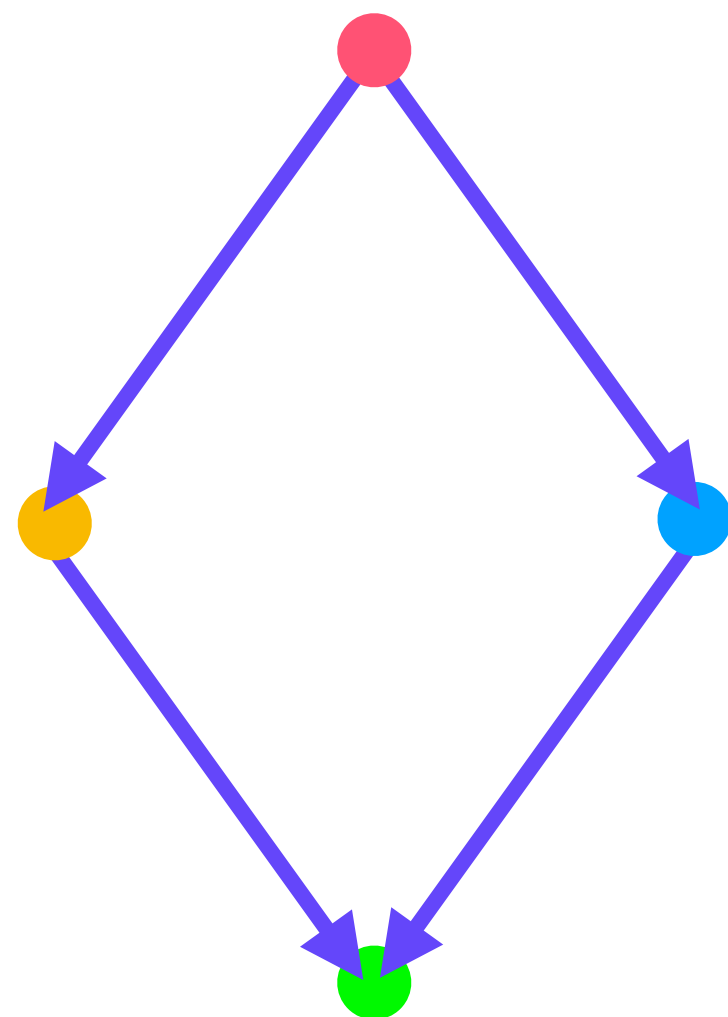
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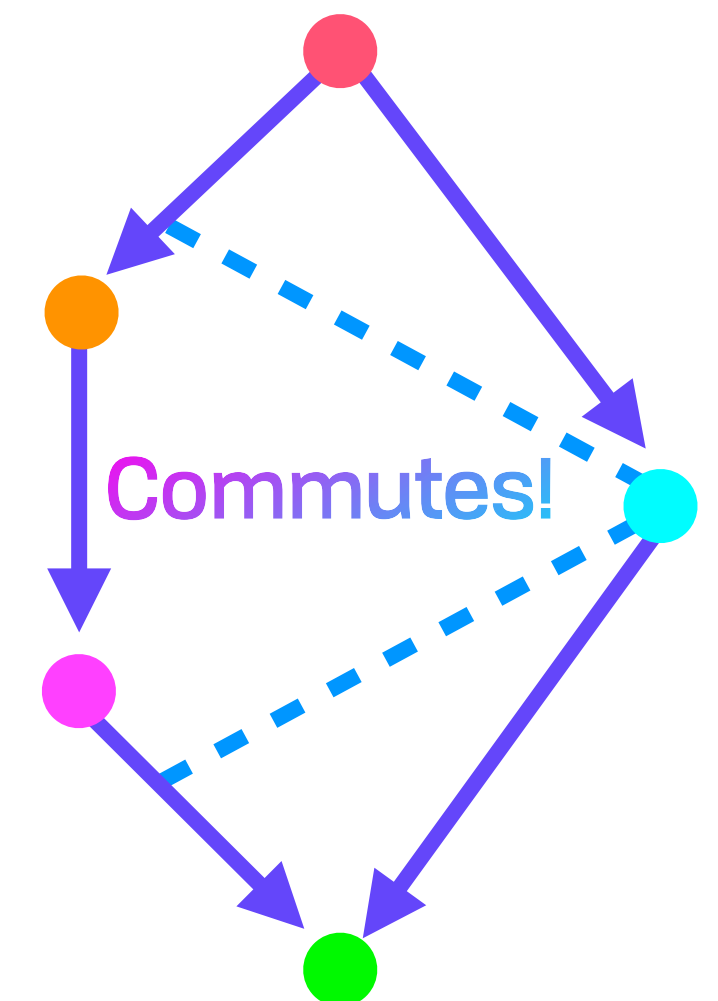
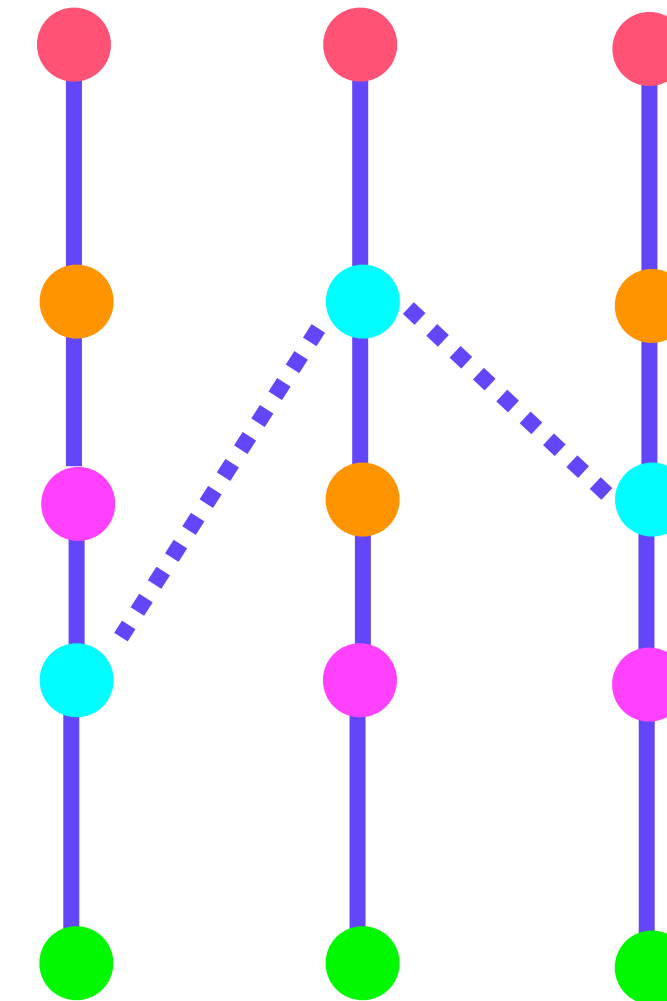
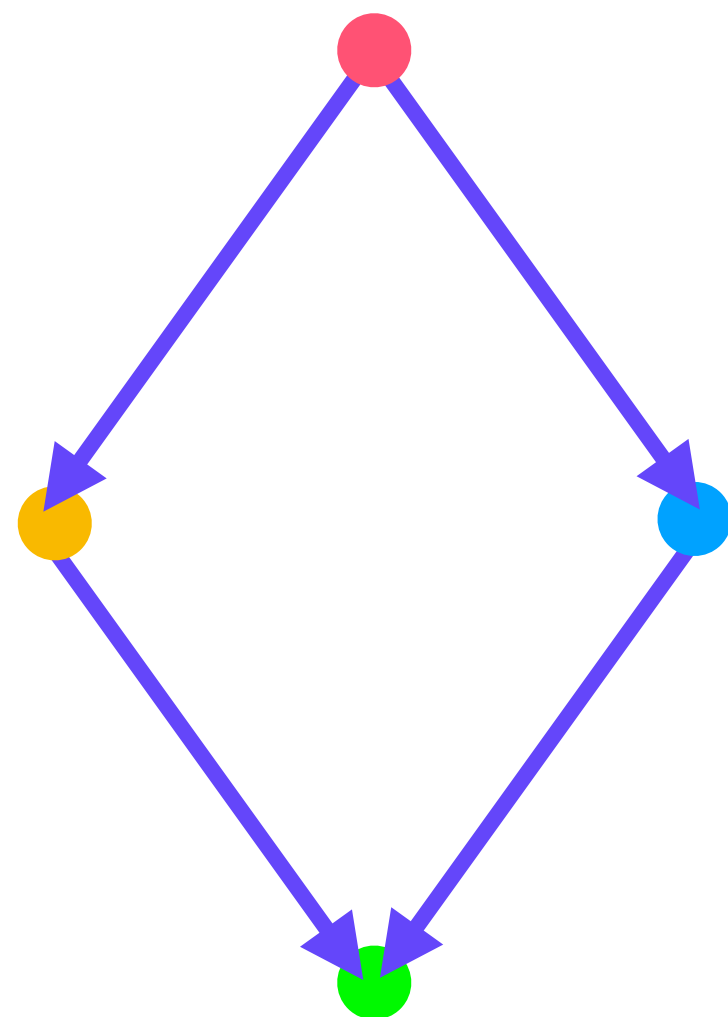
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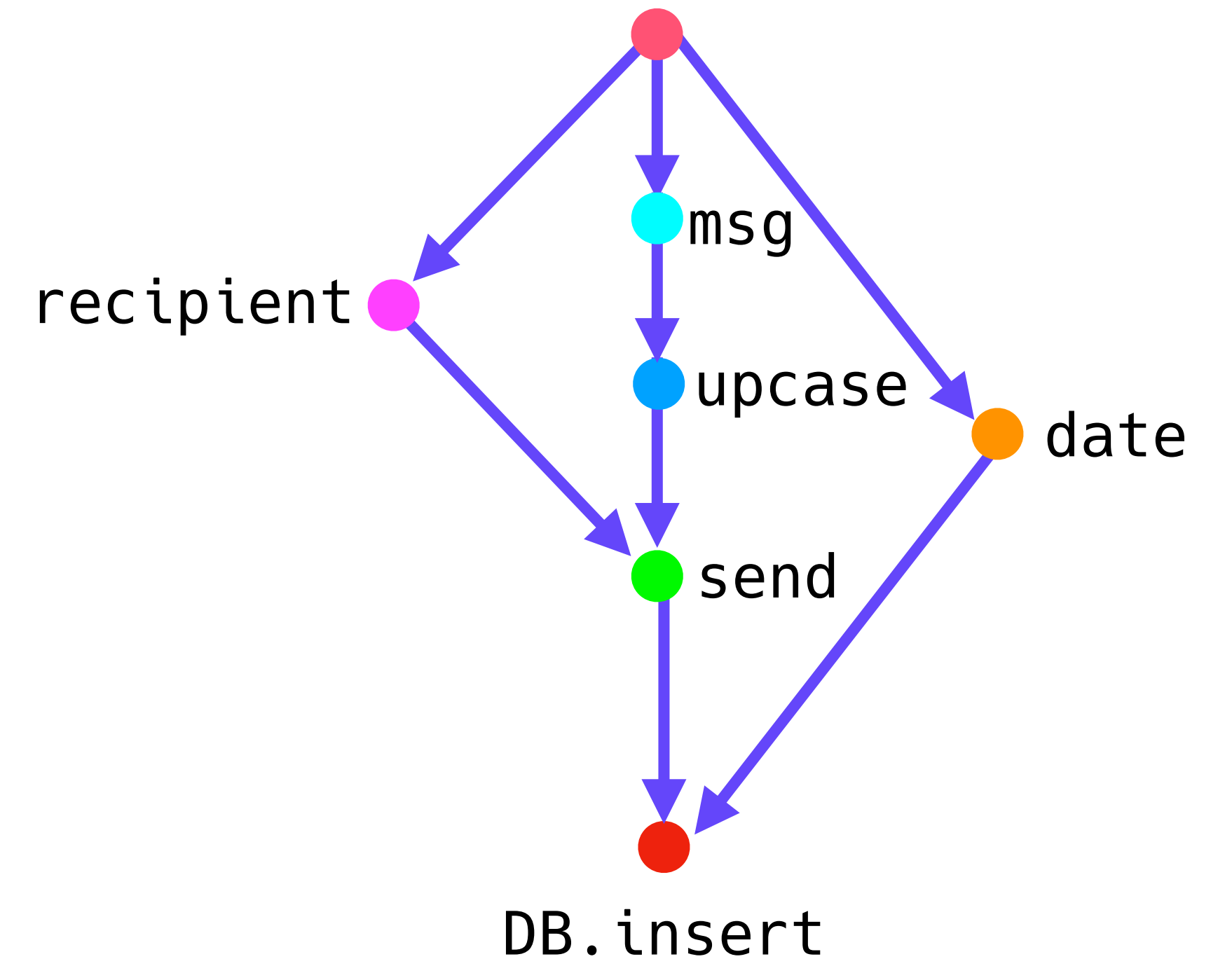


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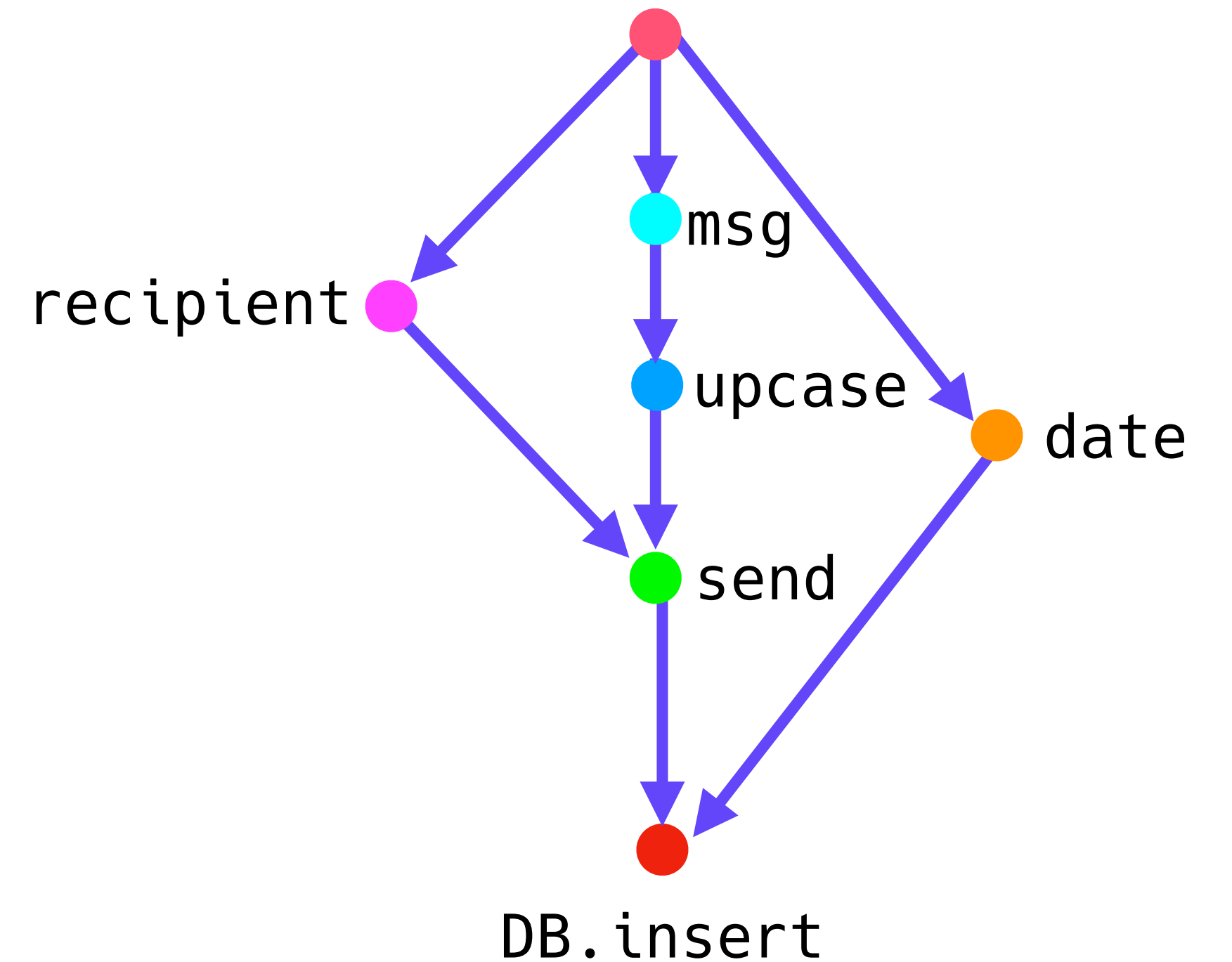


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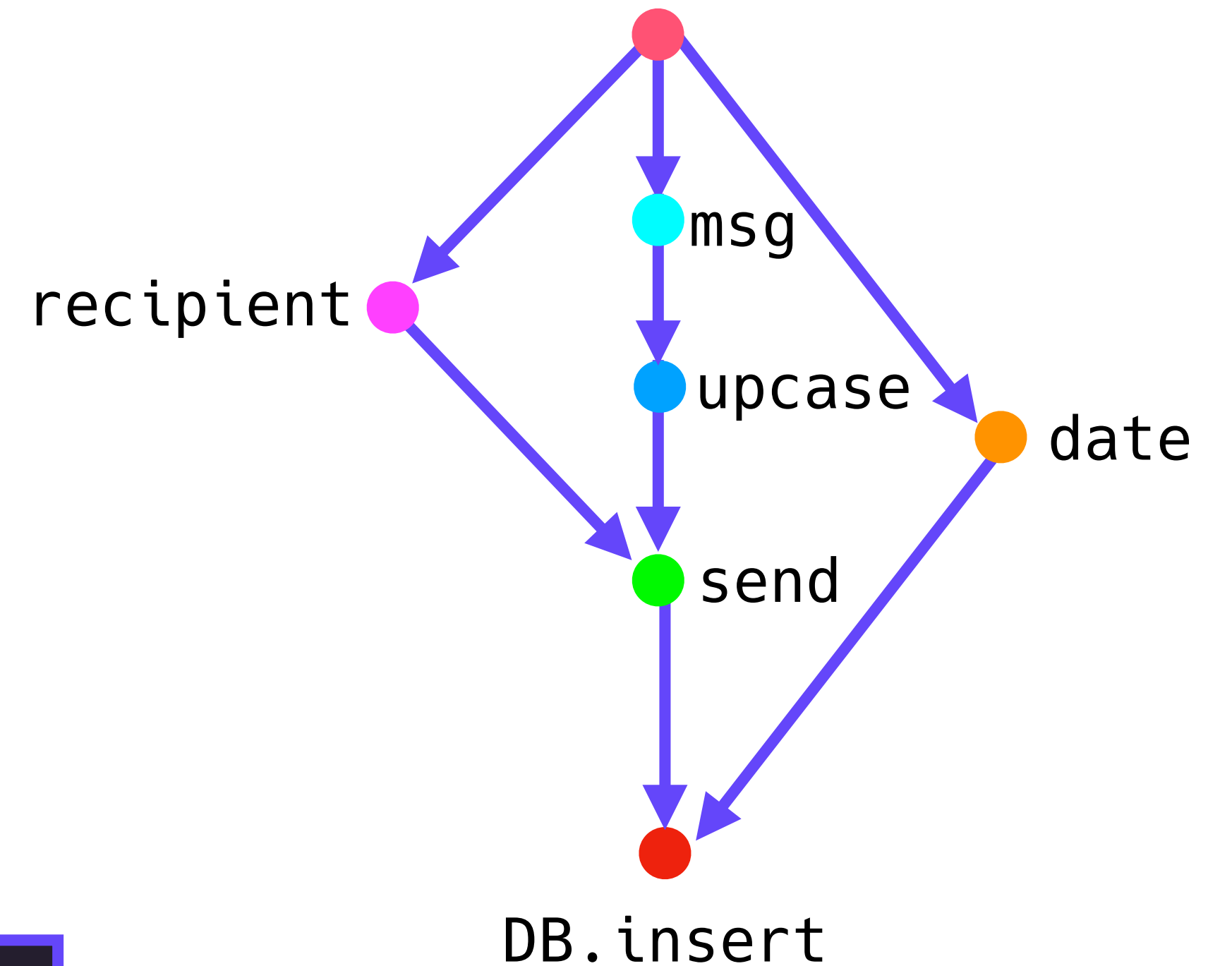
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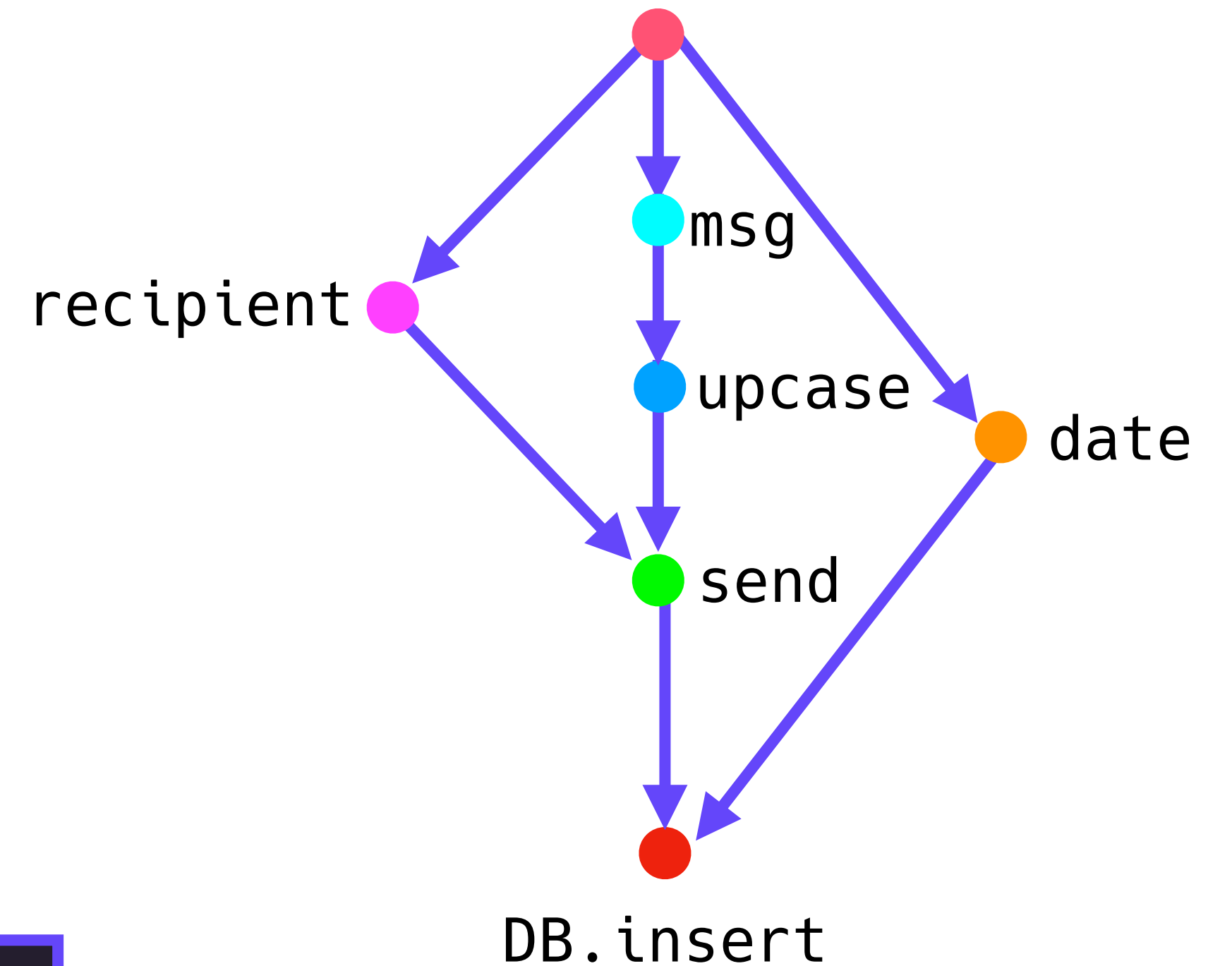
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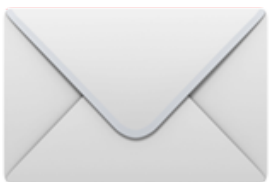
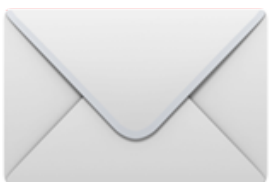
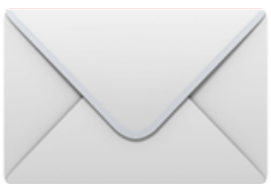
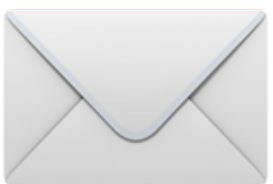
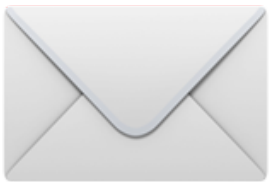
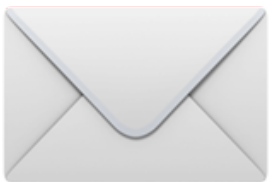
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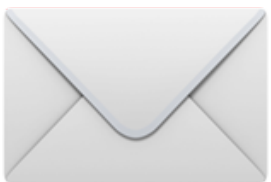
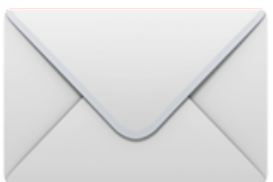
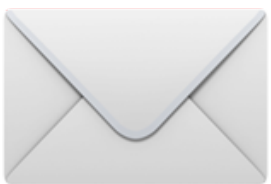
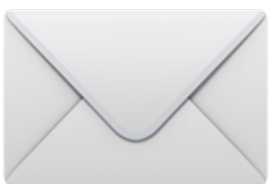
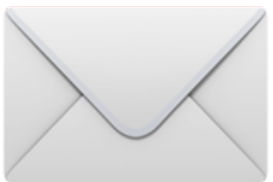
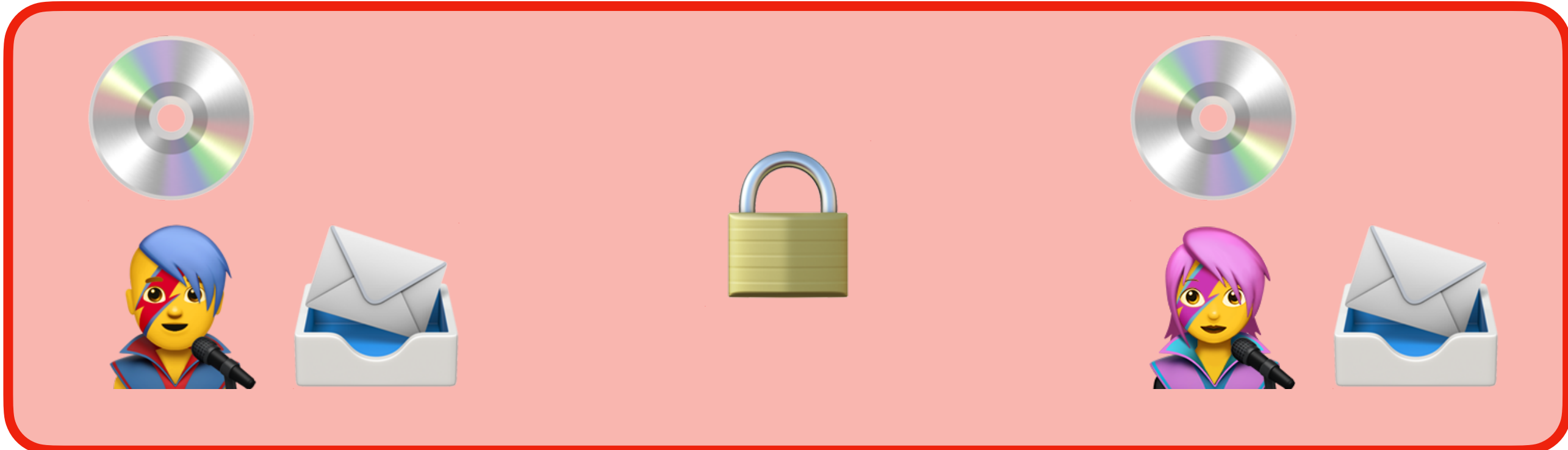
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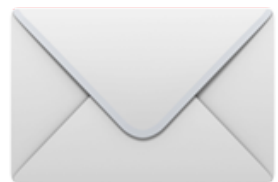
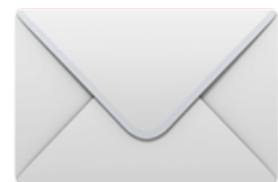
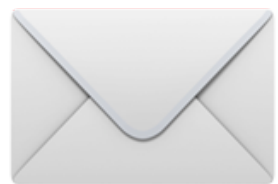
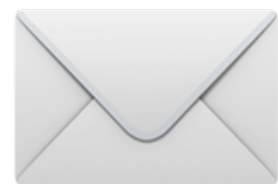
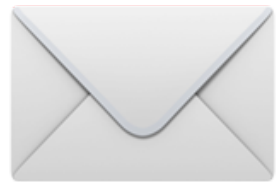
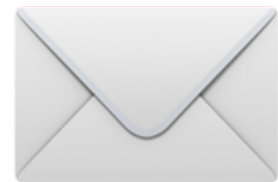
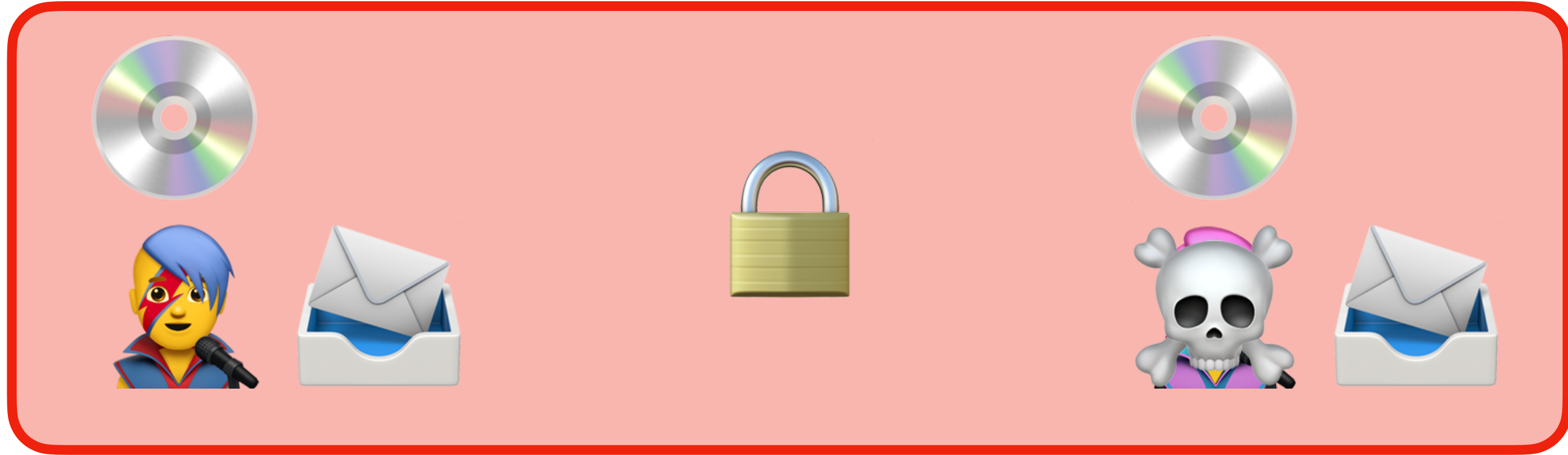
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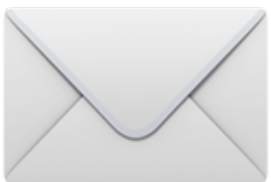
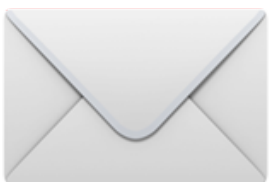
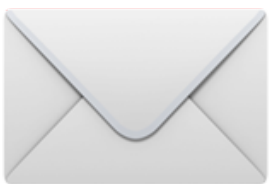
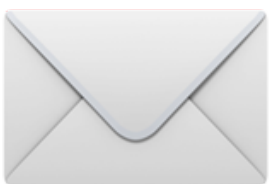
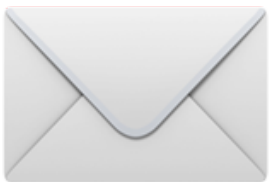
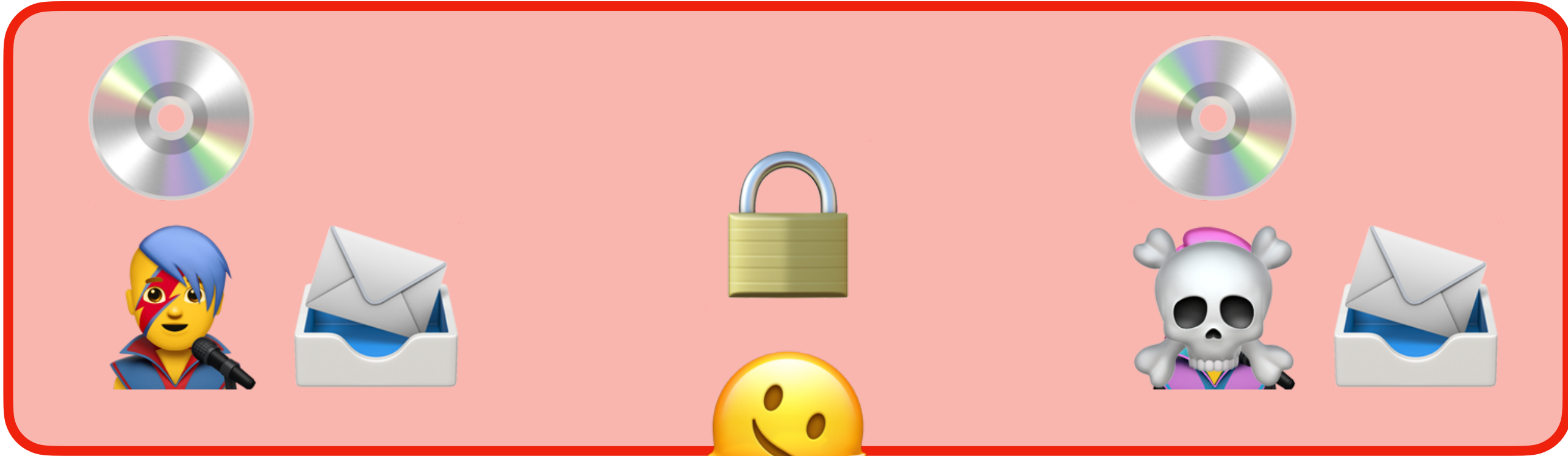
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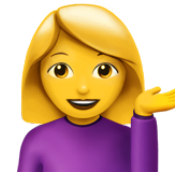
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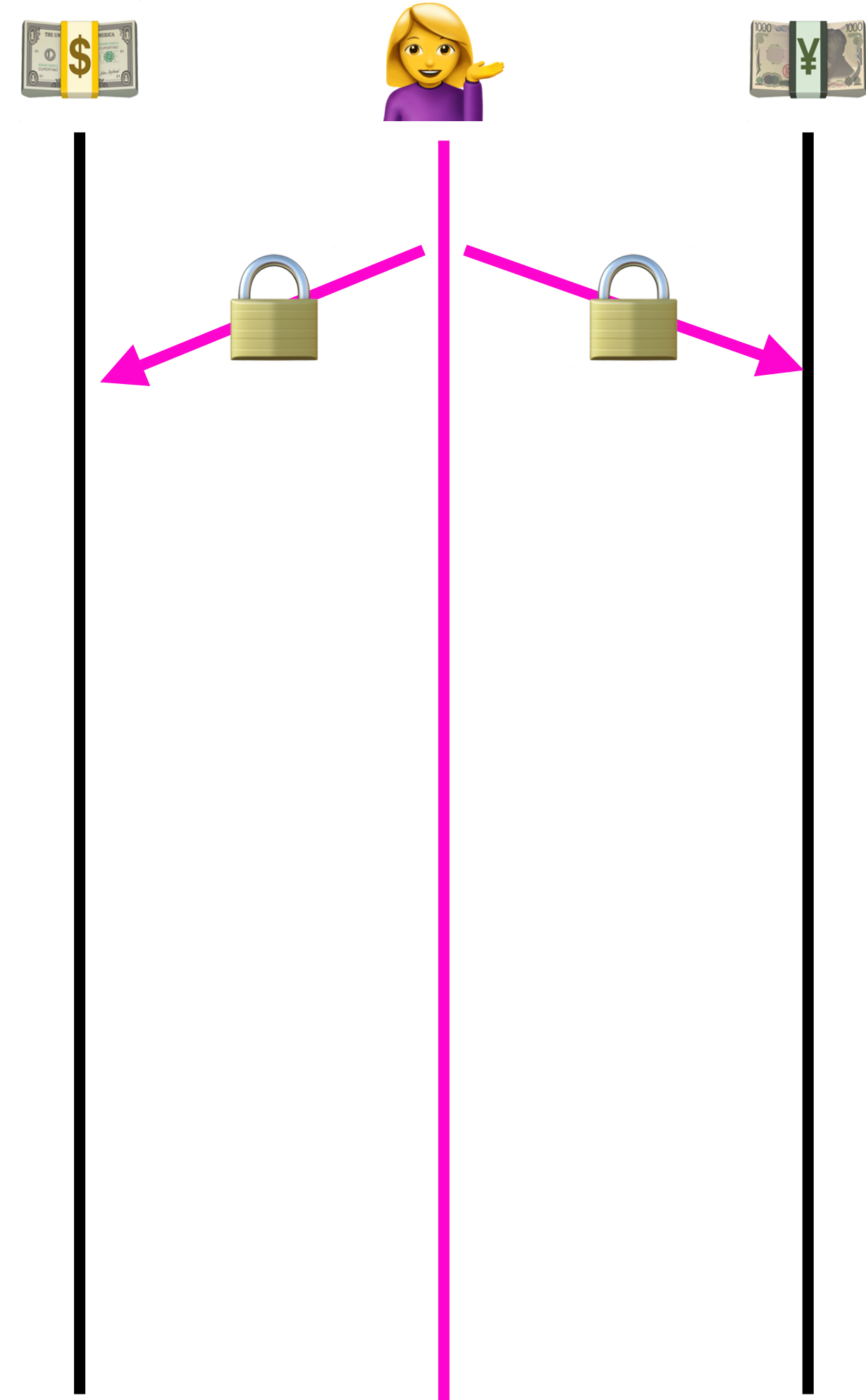
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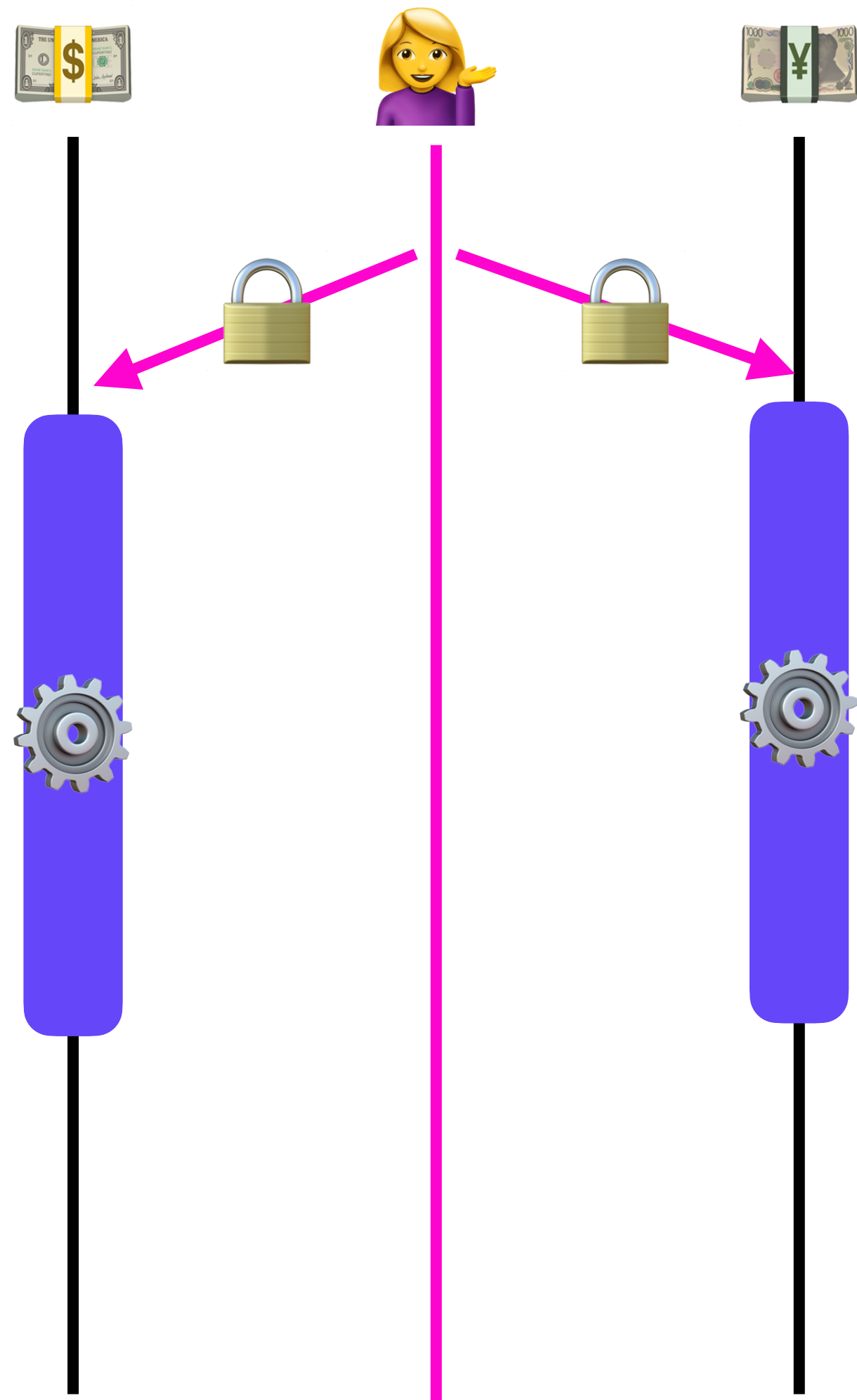
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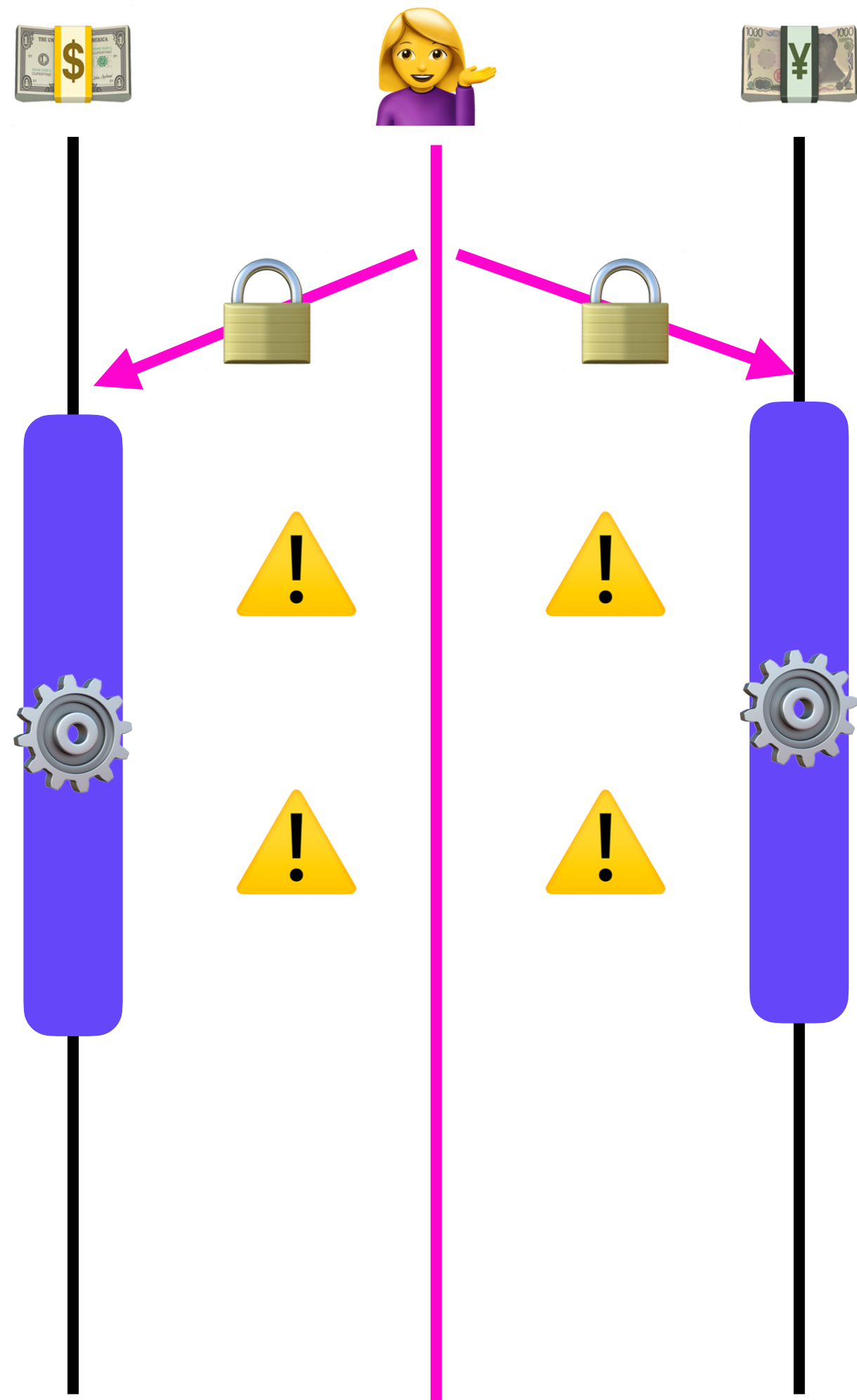
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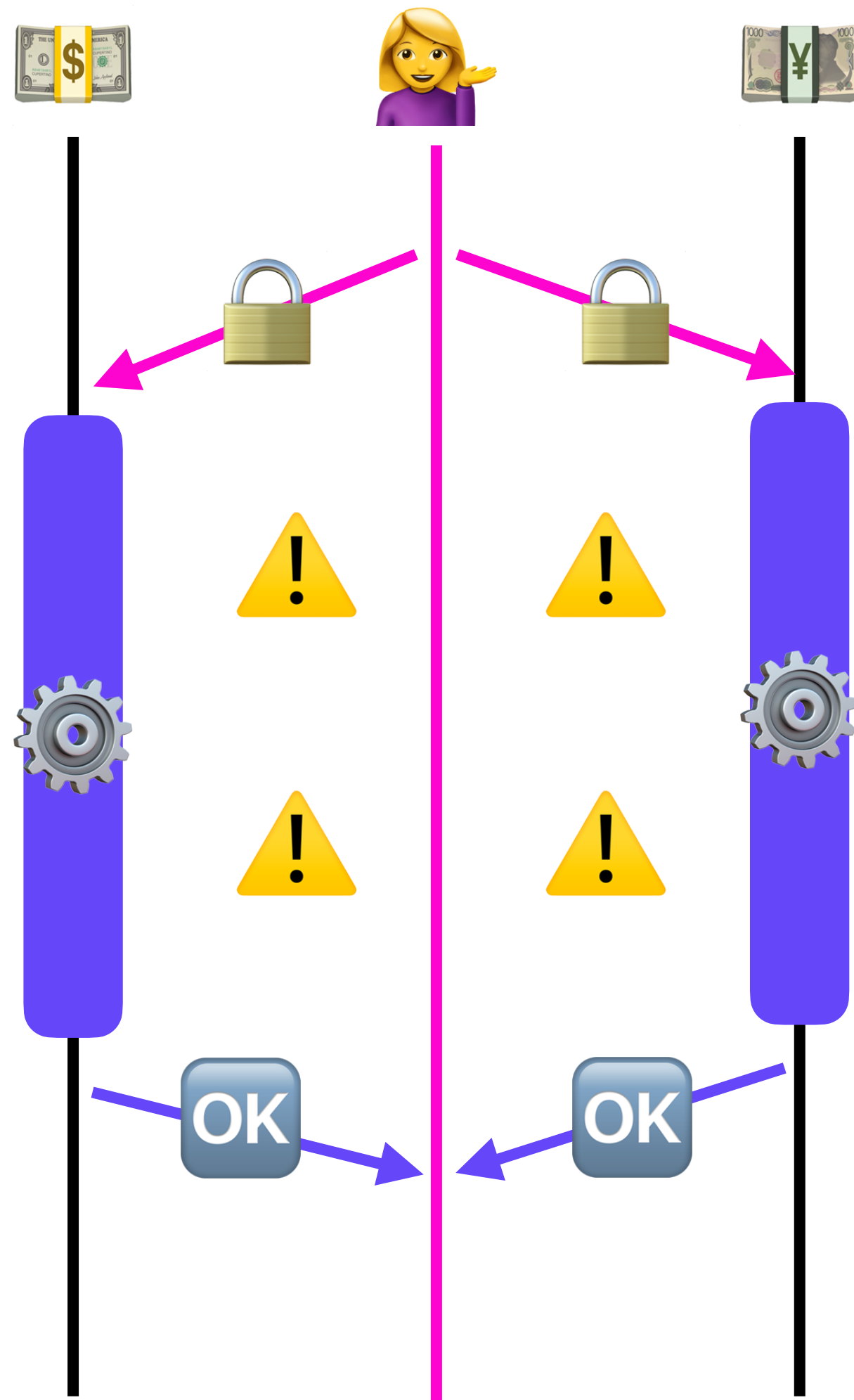
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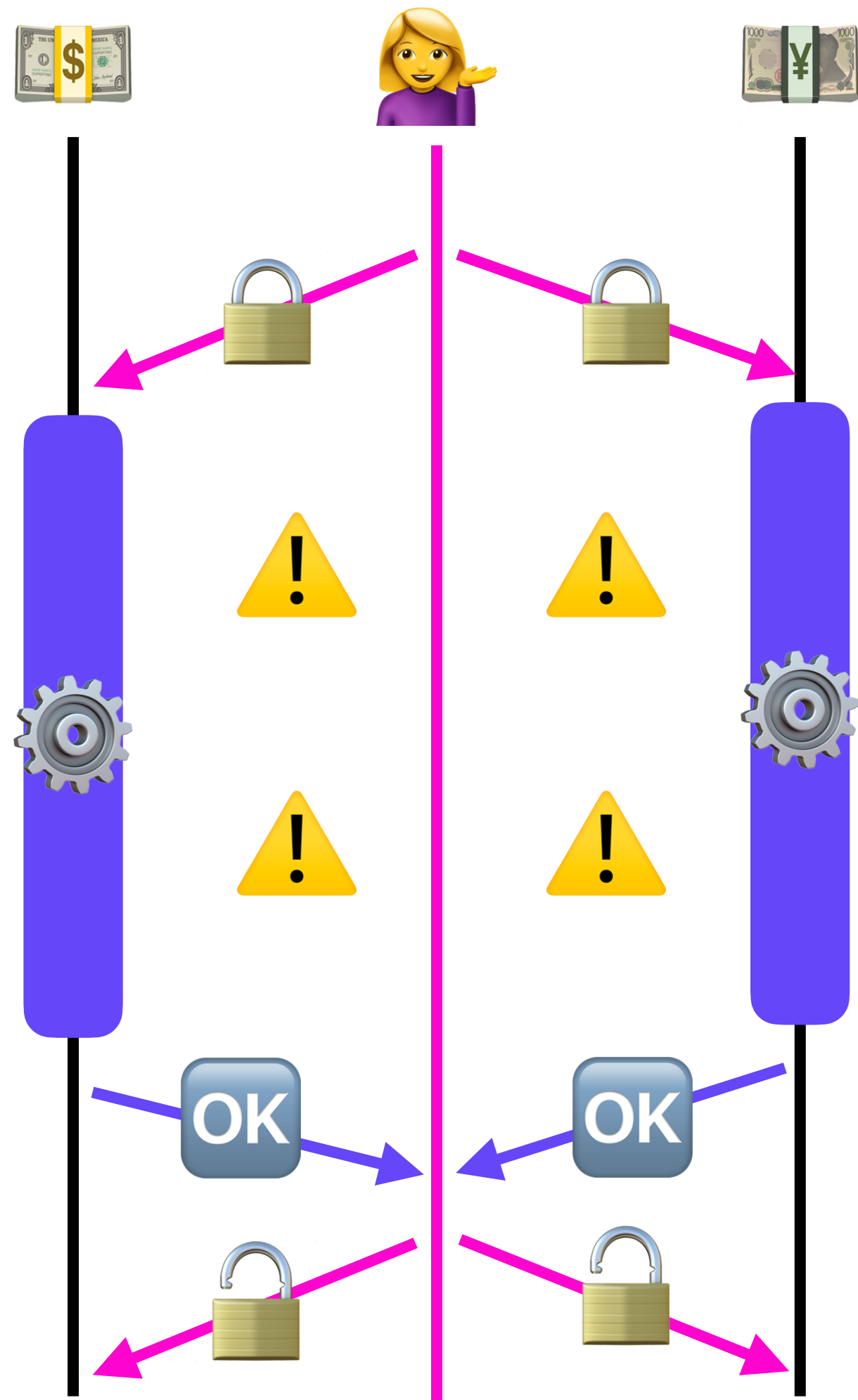
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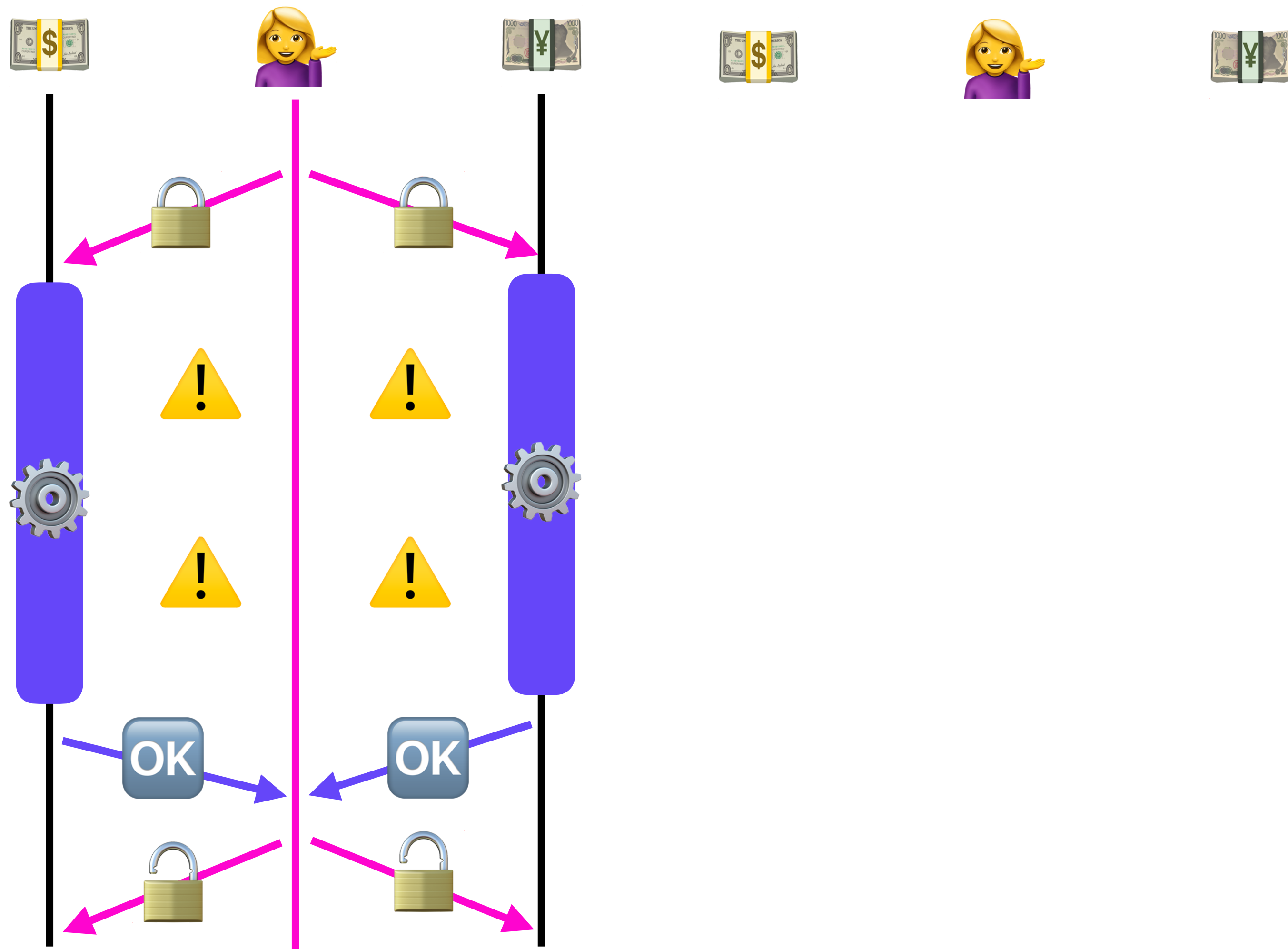
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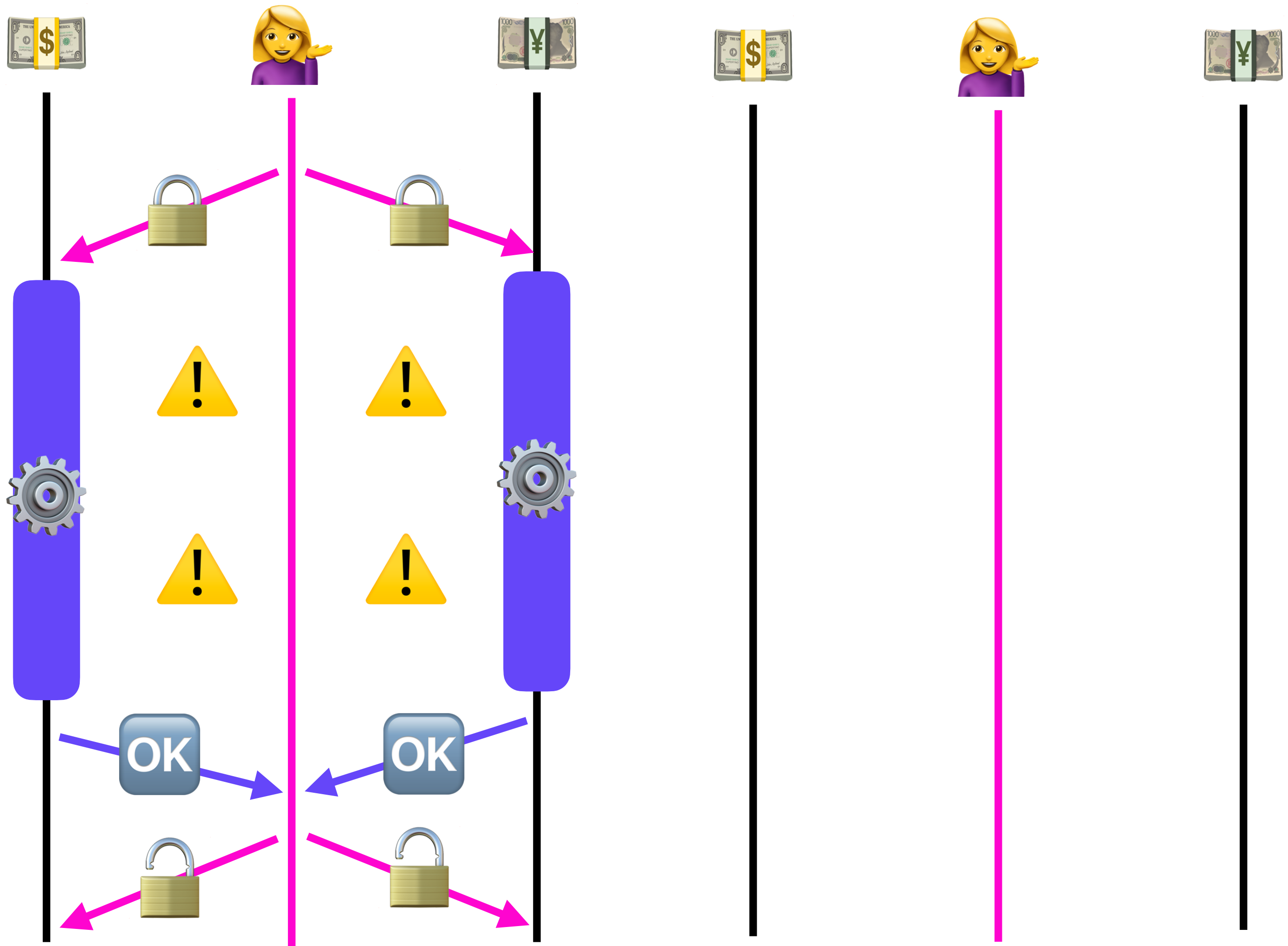
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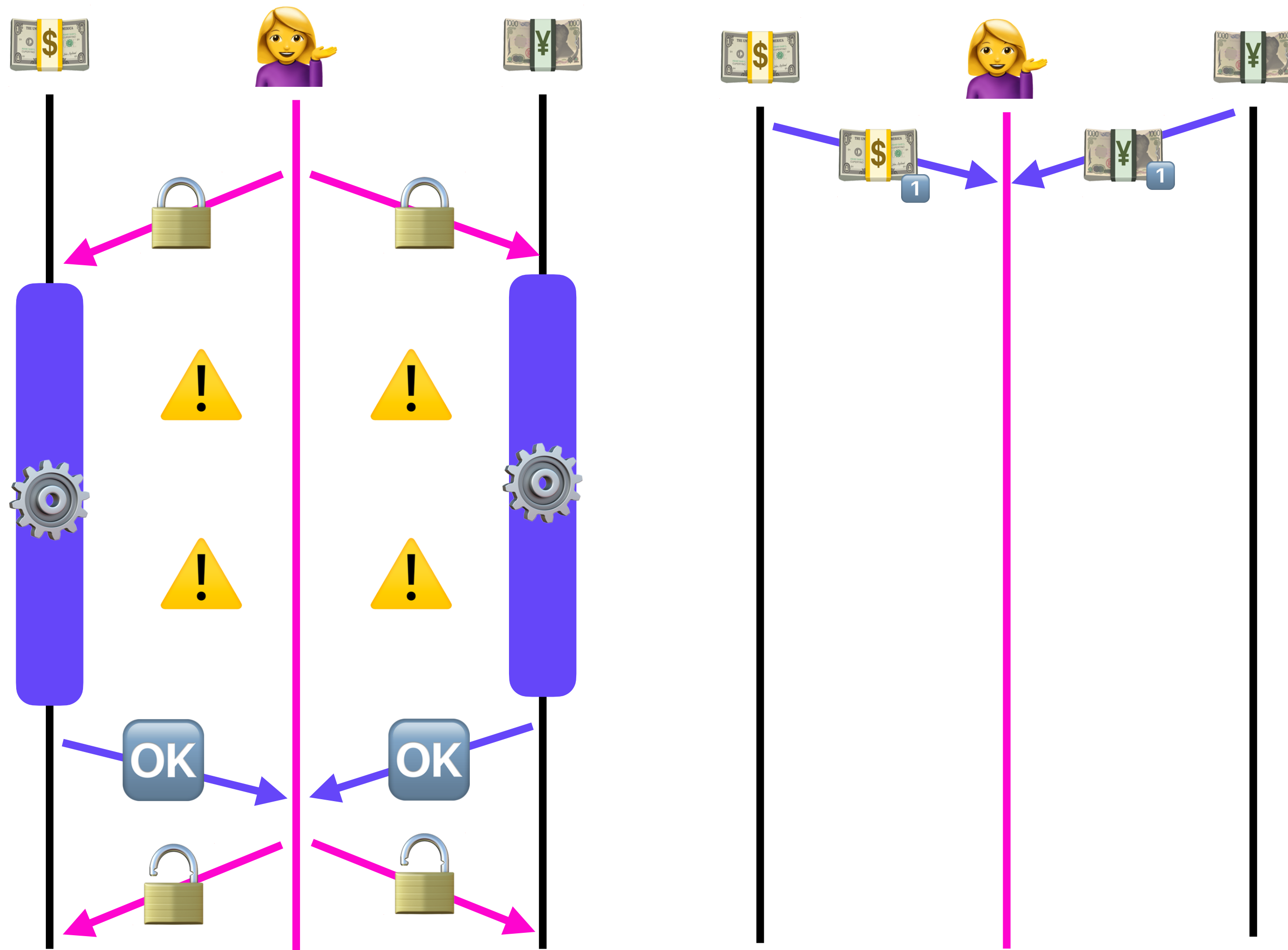
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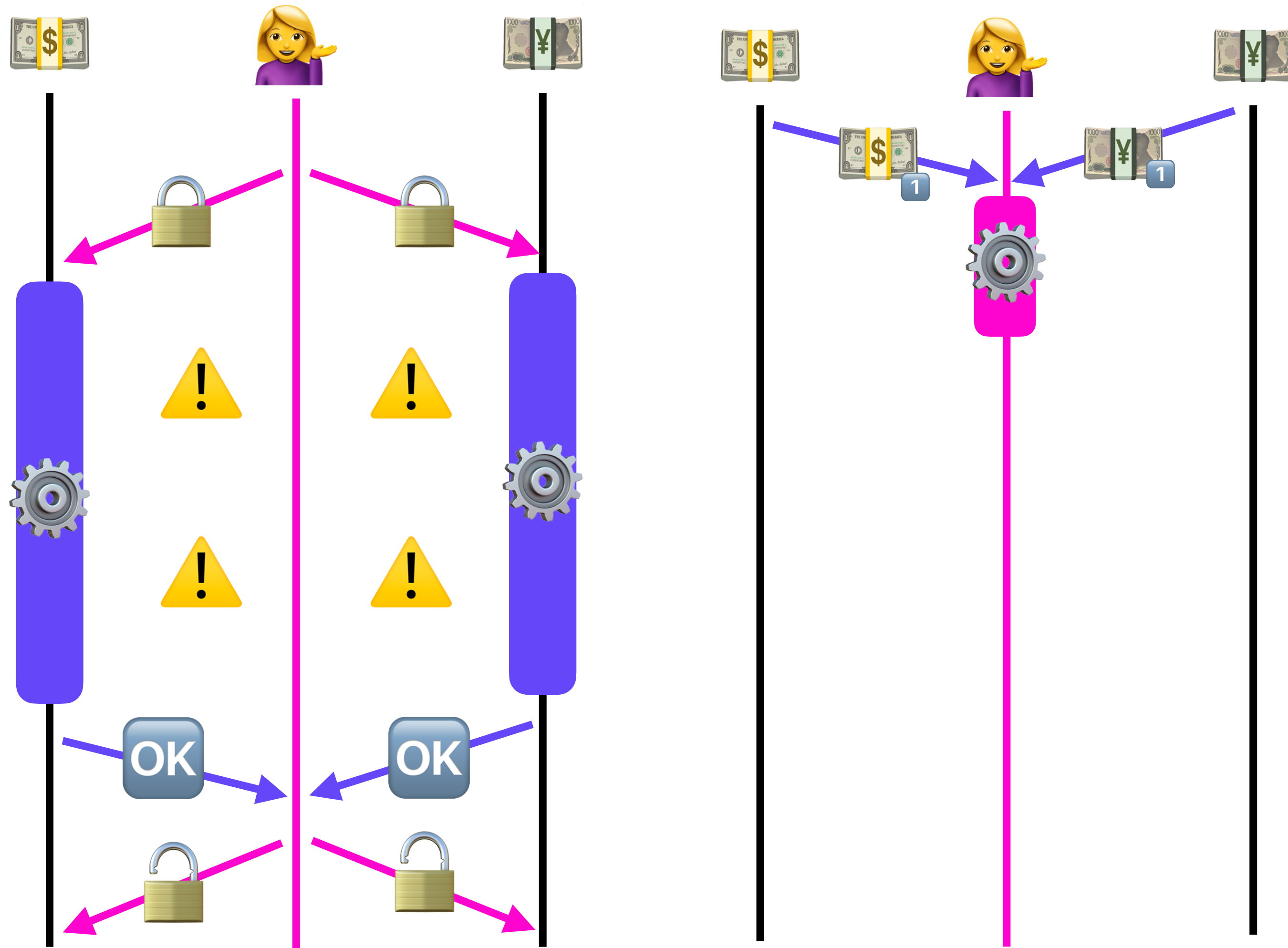
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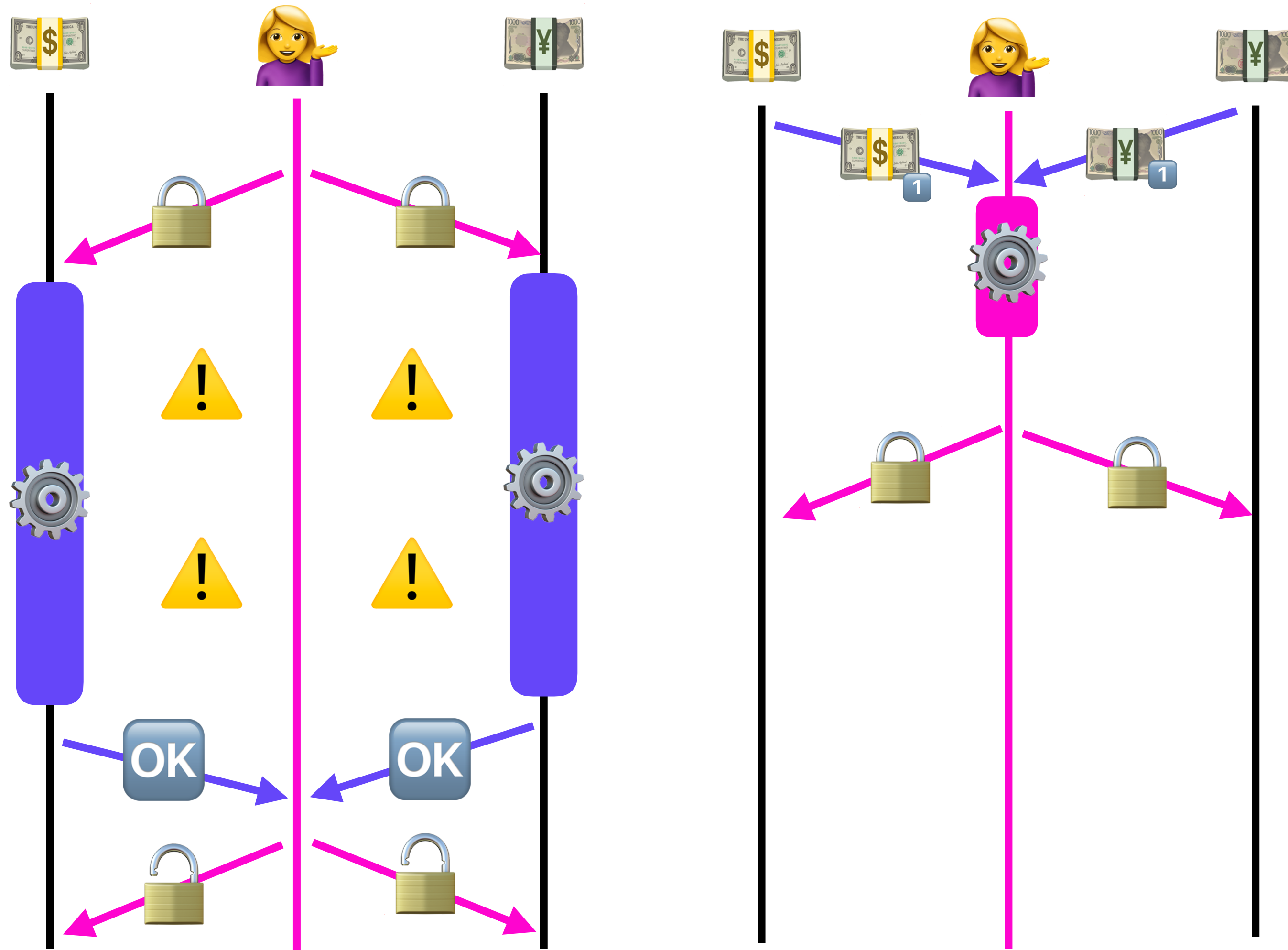
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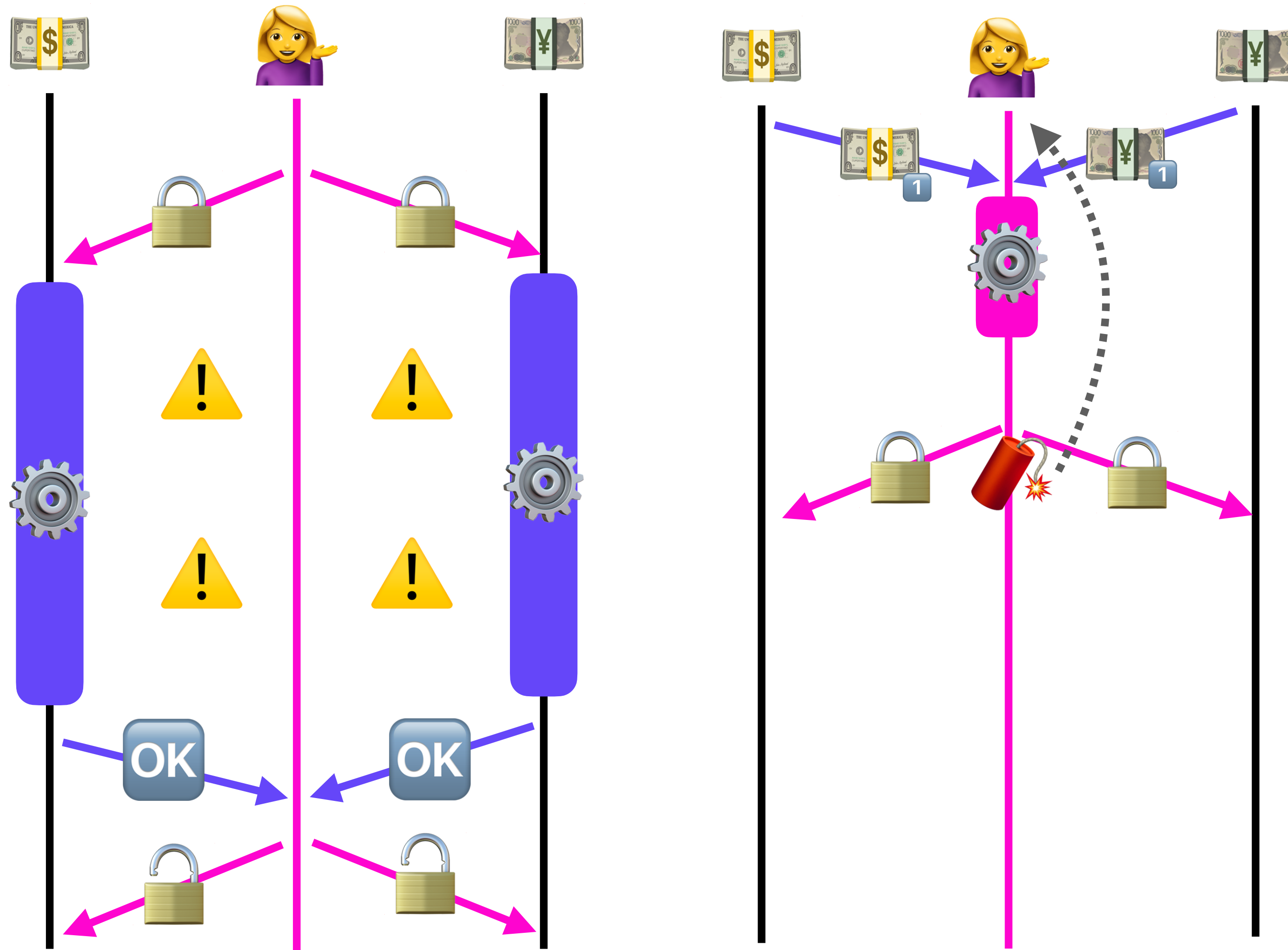
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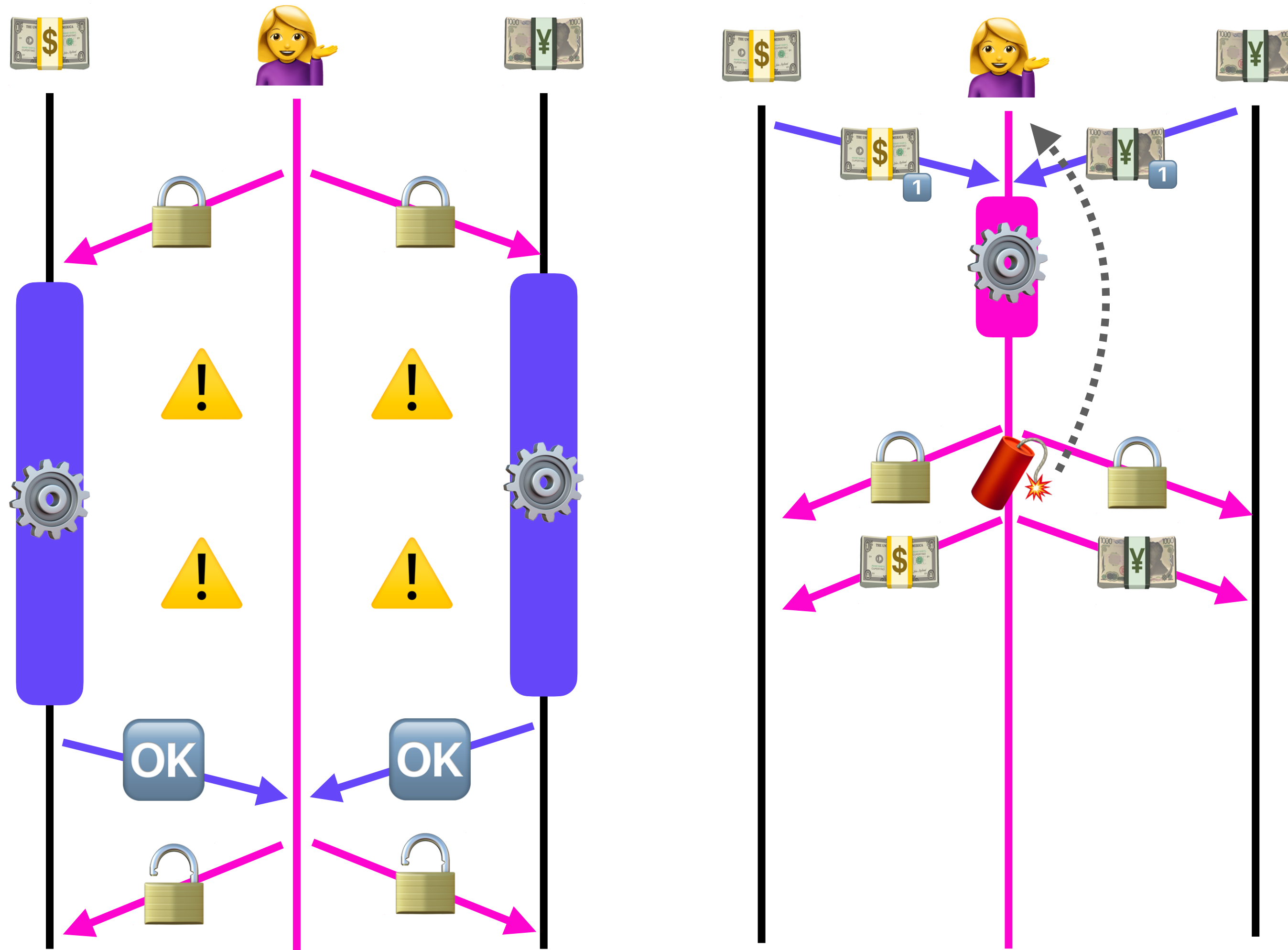
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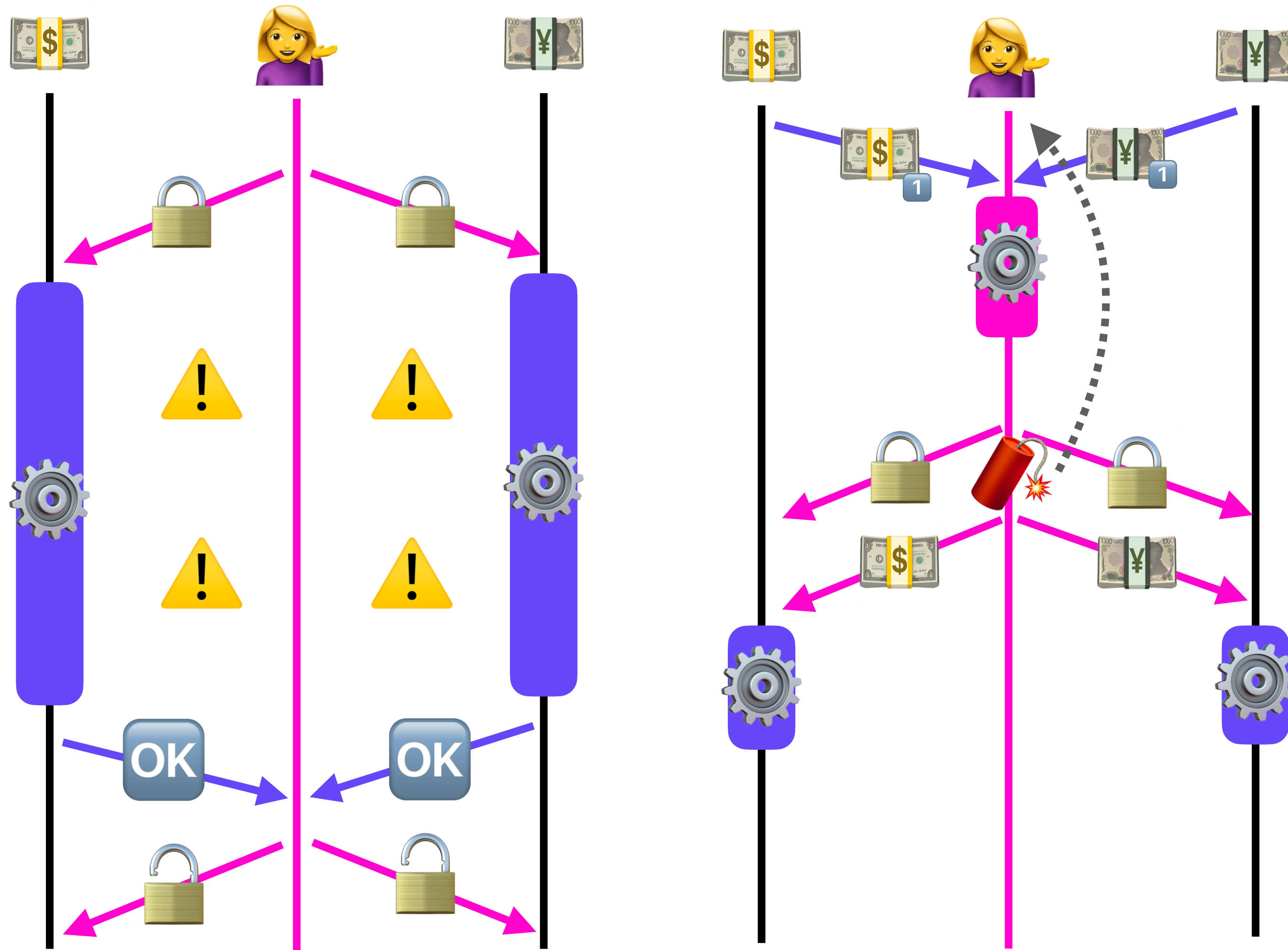
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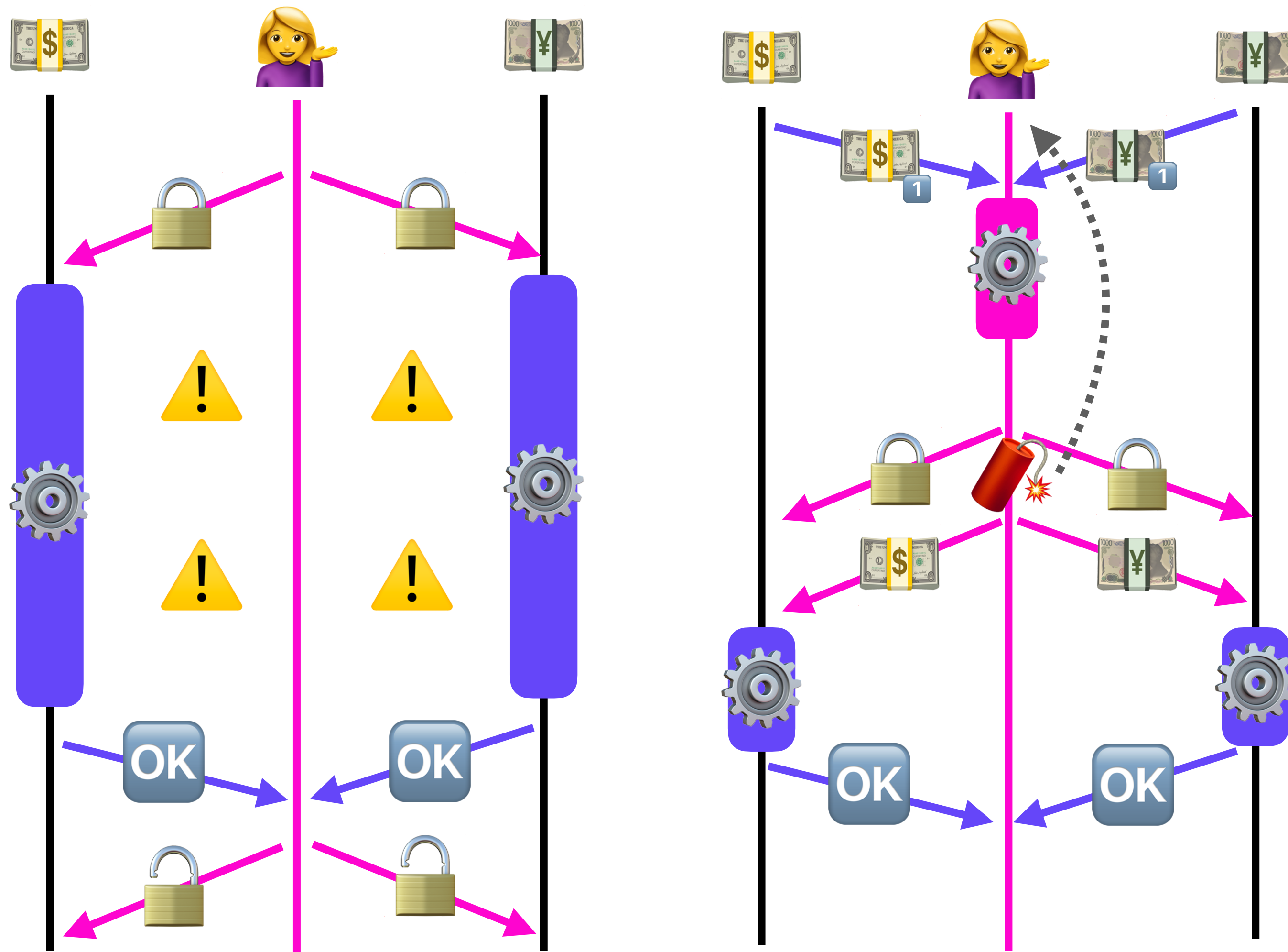
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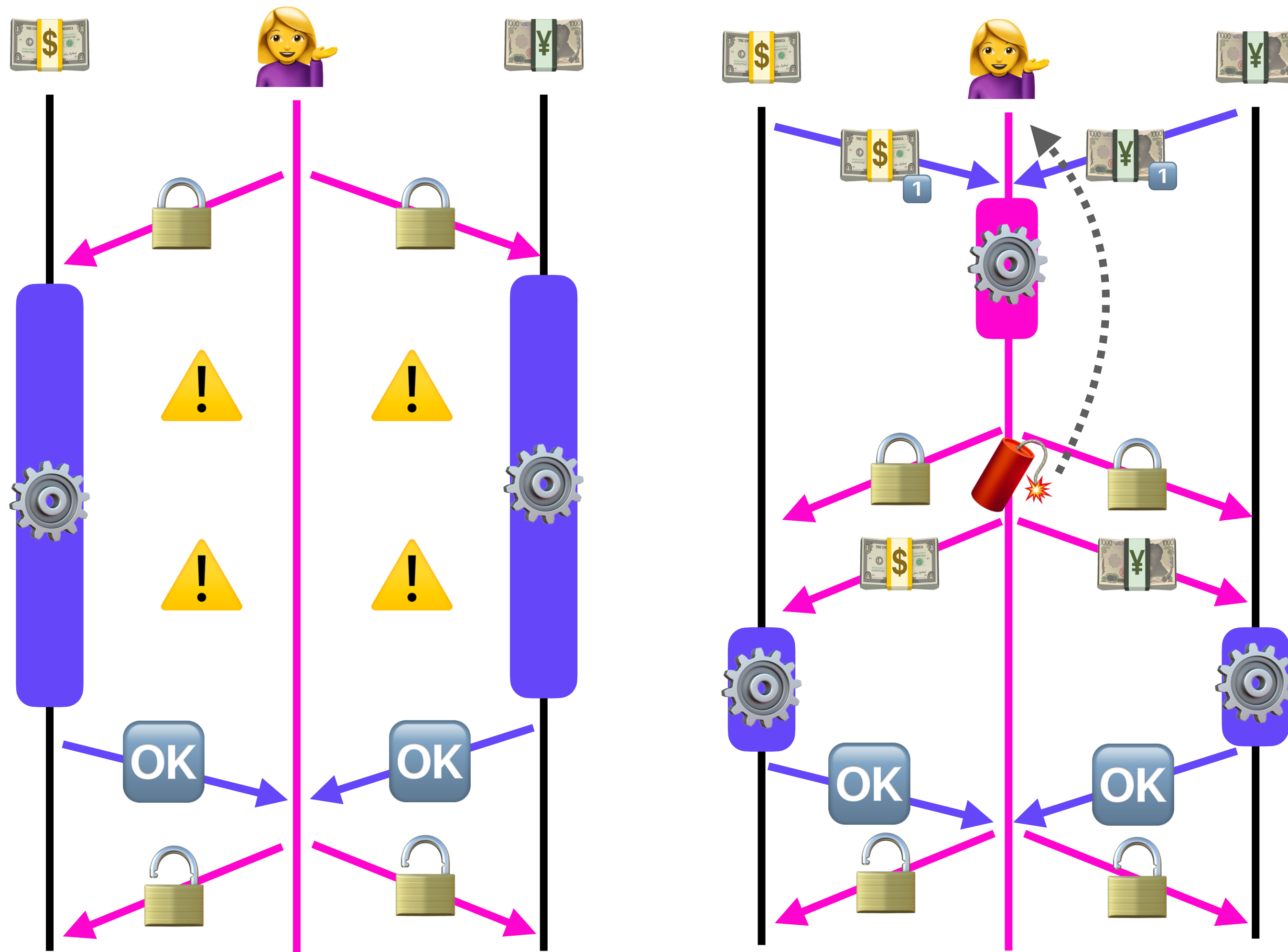
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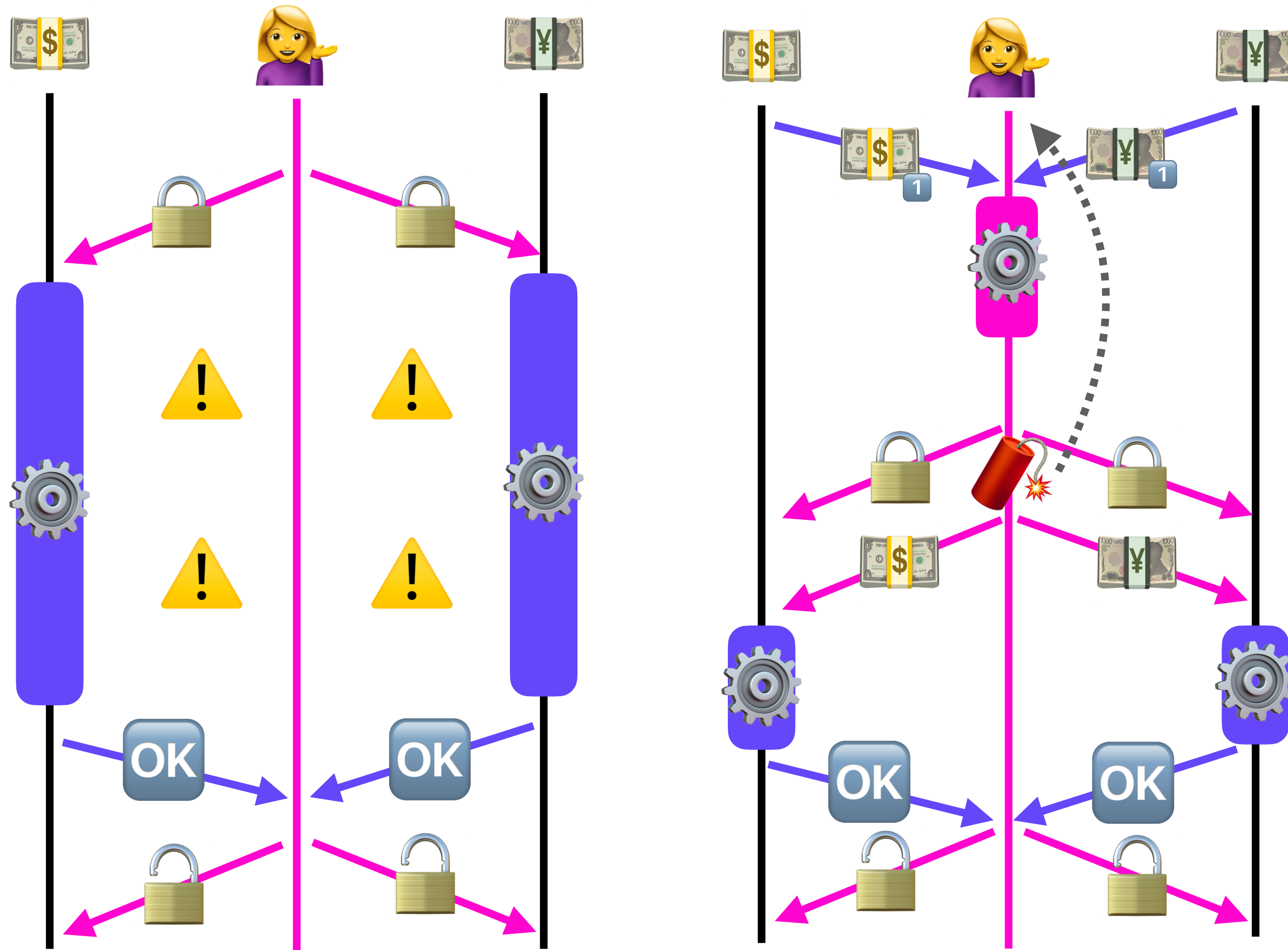
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def transfer(a, b, amount) do
  transact do
    Process.sleep(1000)
    STM.set(a.balance, &(&x + amount))
    STM.set(b.balance, &(&x - amount))
  end

  send_email(to: [a, b], "Transferred $#{amount}")
end
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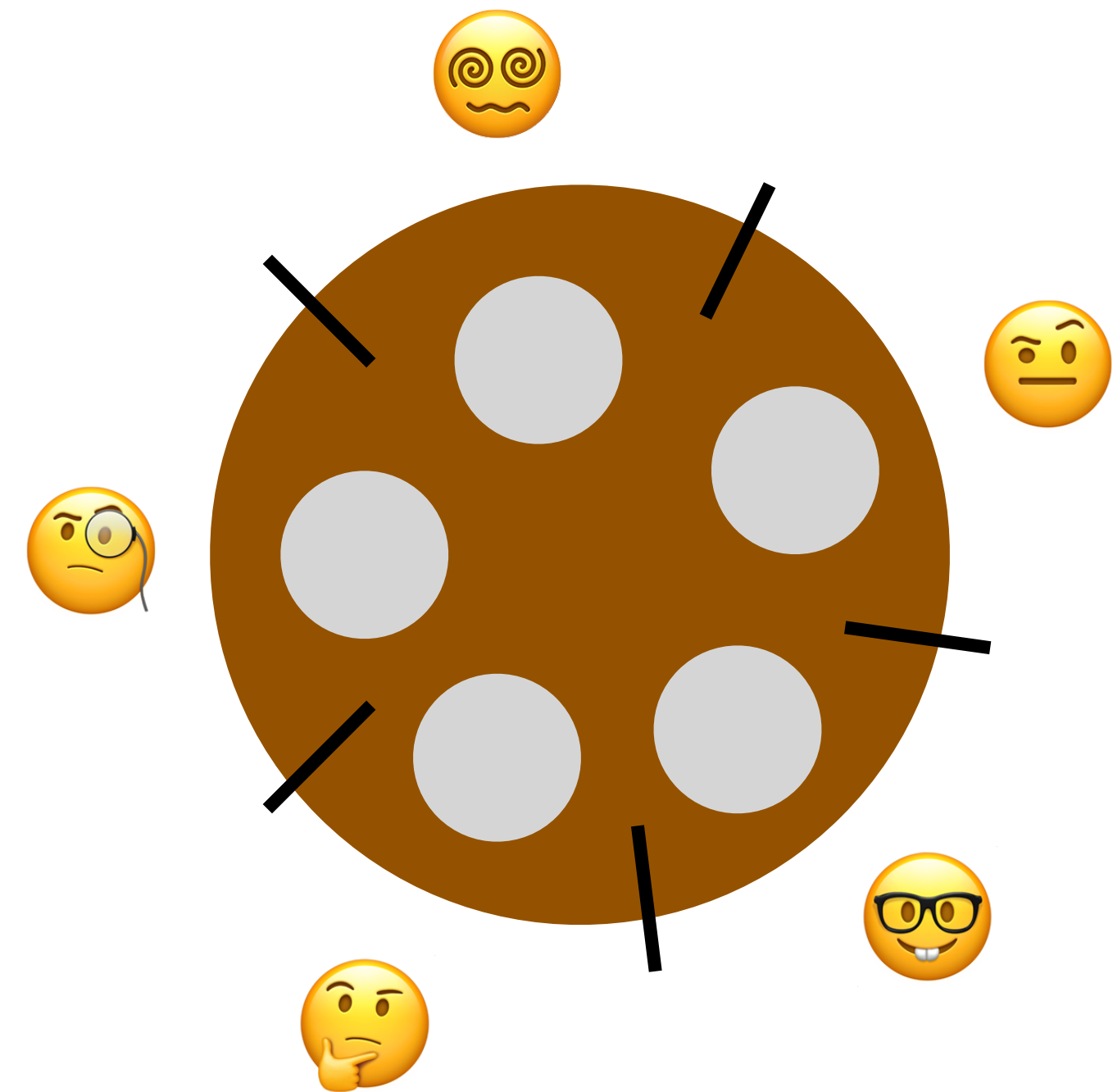
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Optimistic Concurrency: STM

```
def dine(name, leftStick, rightStick) do
  transact do
    STM.take(leftStick)
    STM.take(rightStick)
  end

  IO.puts("#{name} is eating")
  Process.sleep(Enum.random(0..n))

  transact do
    STM.put(leftStick, :chopstick)
    STM.put(rightStick, :chopstick)
  end
end
```



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Effectful Proof, Provenance, & Power

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It's only ***data provenance*** if it's
derived from the ***Provence region of France.***
Otherwise it's just ***sparkling metadata.***

– Adapted from @onfiv

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Proof Carrying Code

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Proof Carrying Code

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defmodule NonEmptyList do
  defstruct [:head, :tail]

  def singleton(x) do
    %NonEmptyList{head: x, tail: []}
  end

  def to_list(%NonEmptyList{head: head, tail: tail}) do
    [head | tail]
  end

  def from_list([], do: :empty)
  def from_list([x | xs], do: %NonEmptyList{head: x, tail: xs})
end

defimpl Enumerable, for: NonEmptyList do
  def count(%NonEmptyList{tail: tail}) do
    count(rest) + 1
  end
end
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```
def send_email(%CanDo{caps: caps, for: user}, msg, to) do  
  case find_send(caps) do  
    %{to: address} -> Email.send(from: user, to: address)  
    nil -> :unauthorized  
  end  
end
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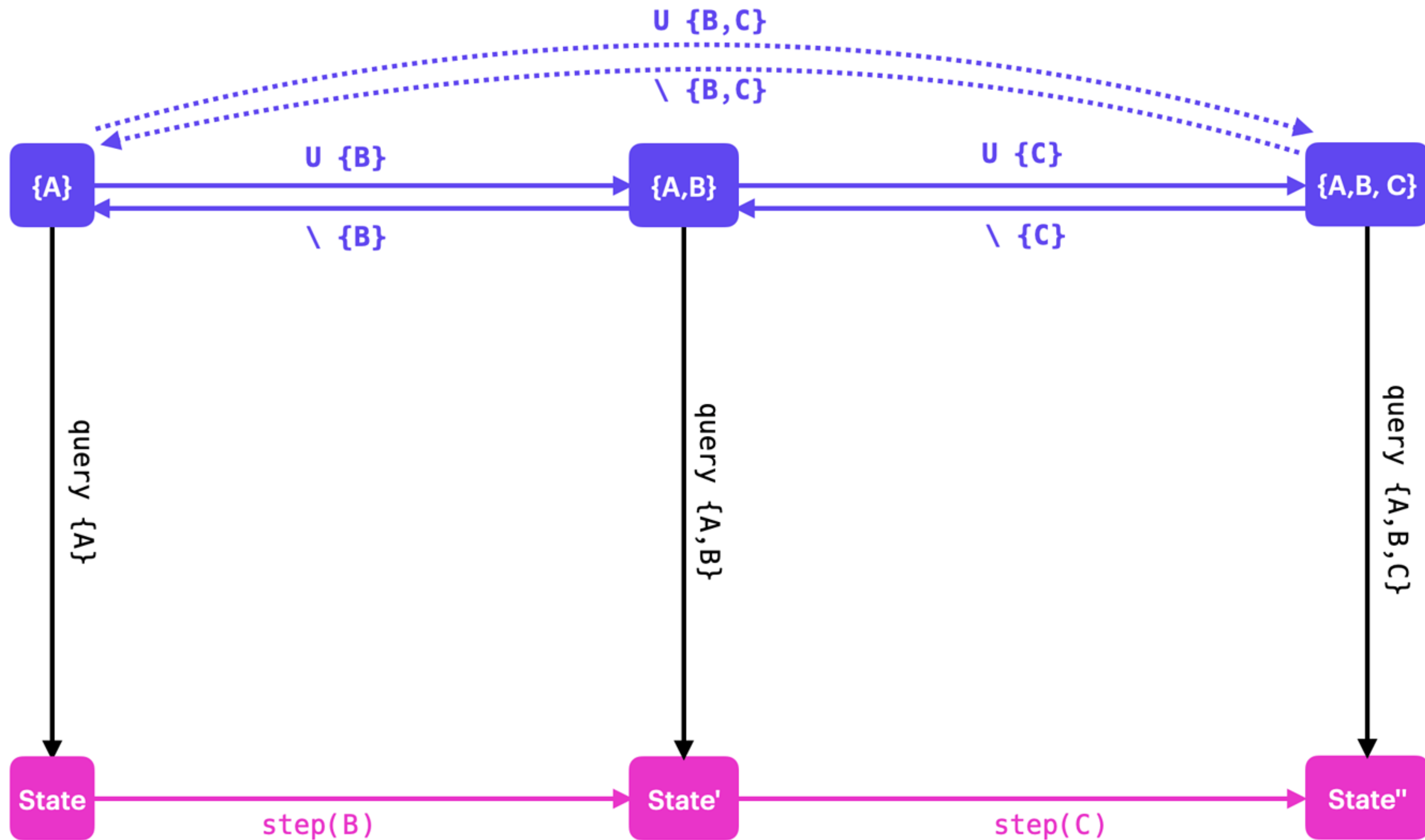
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methodology ***increases the likelihood that***
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– Barbara Liskov et al, Abstraction Mechanisms in CLU

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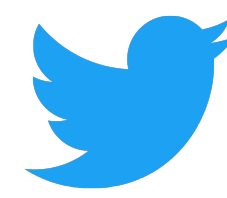
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Thank You, Salt Lake City!



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