

Fast Synthesis of Fast Collections

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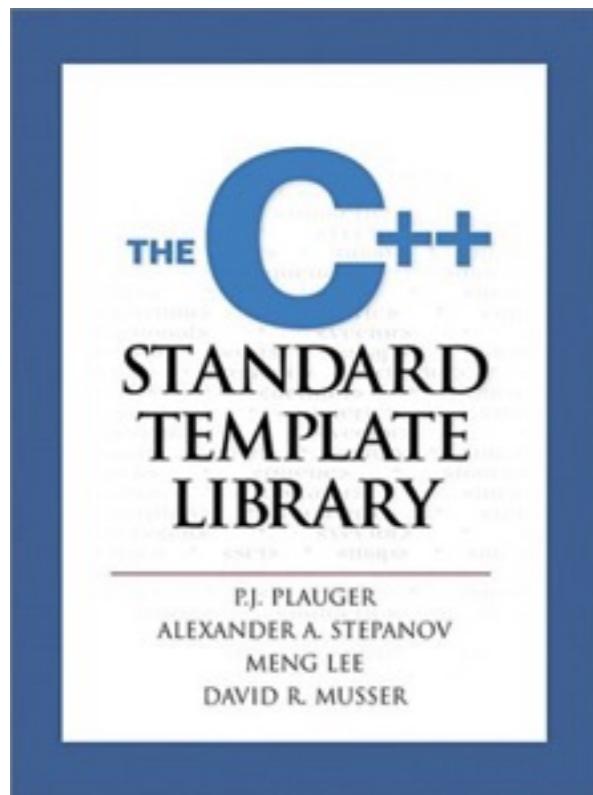
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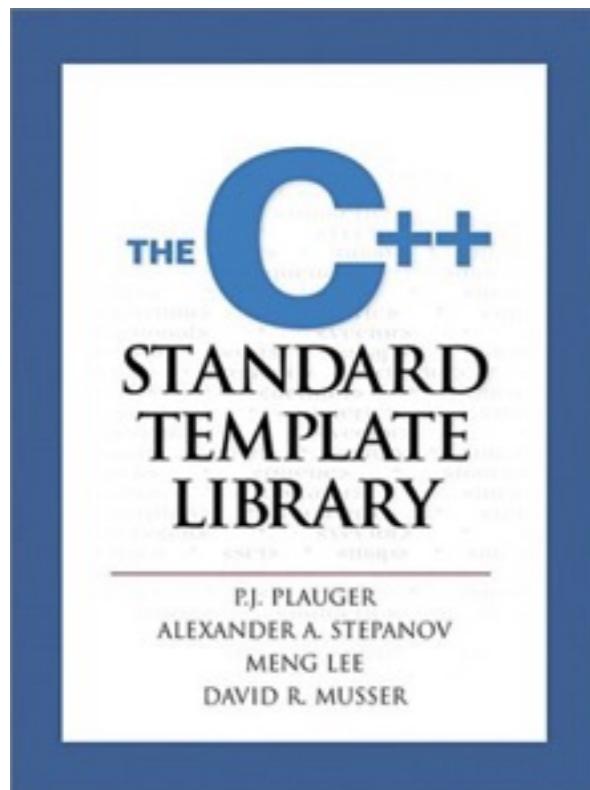
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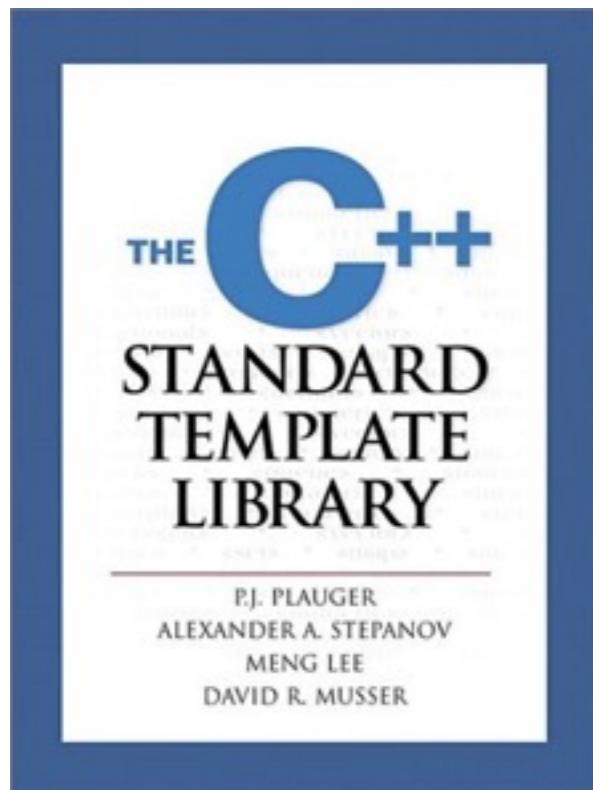
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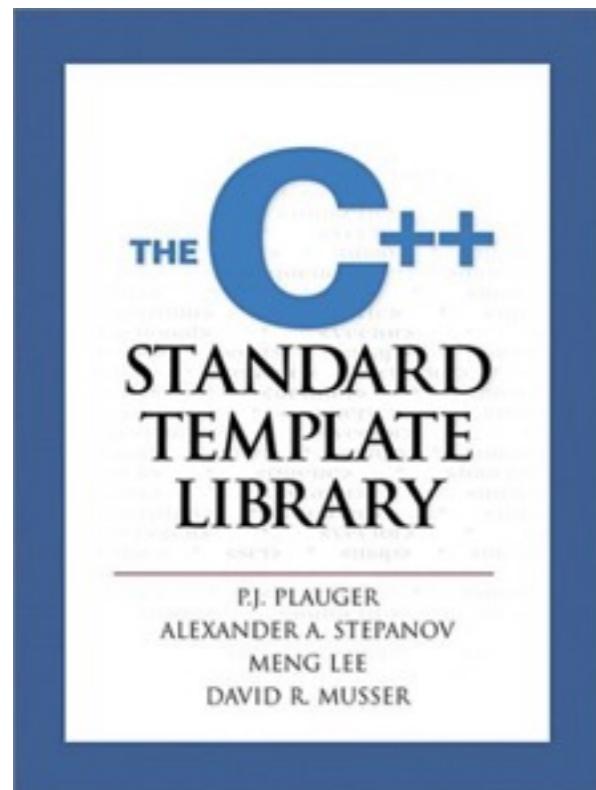
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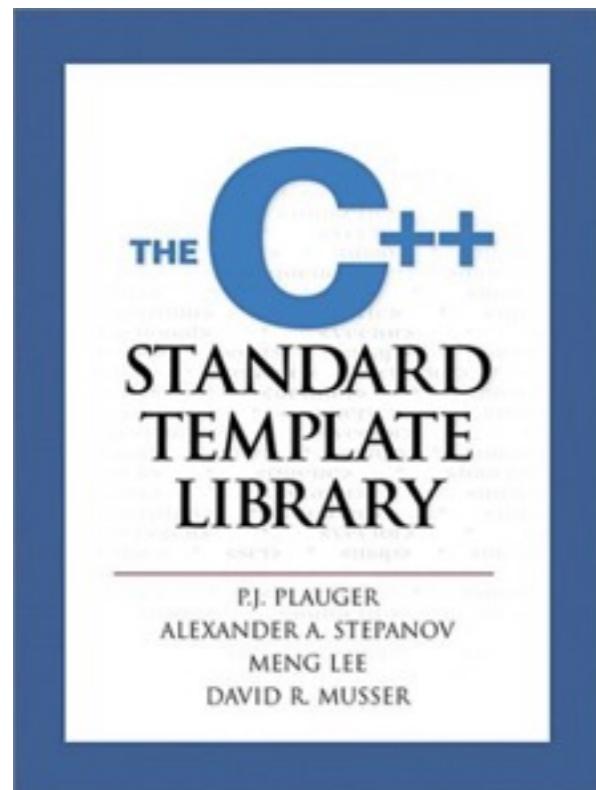
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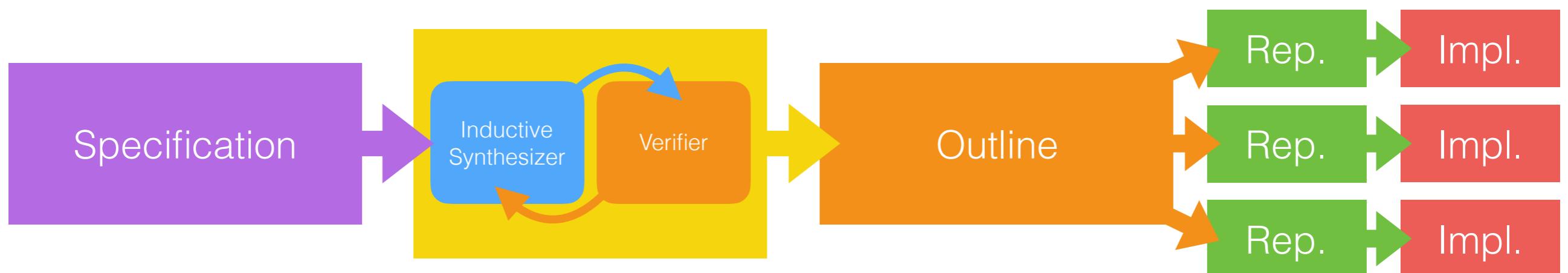
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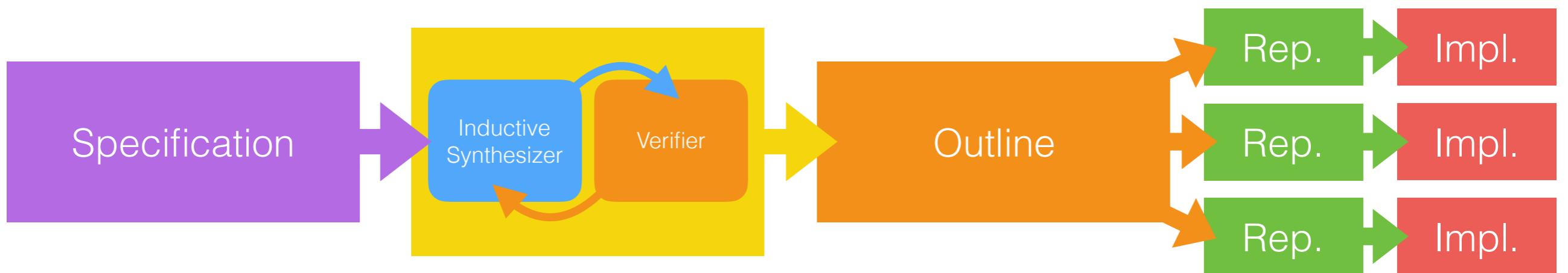
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What if I need a custom data structure?

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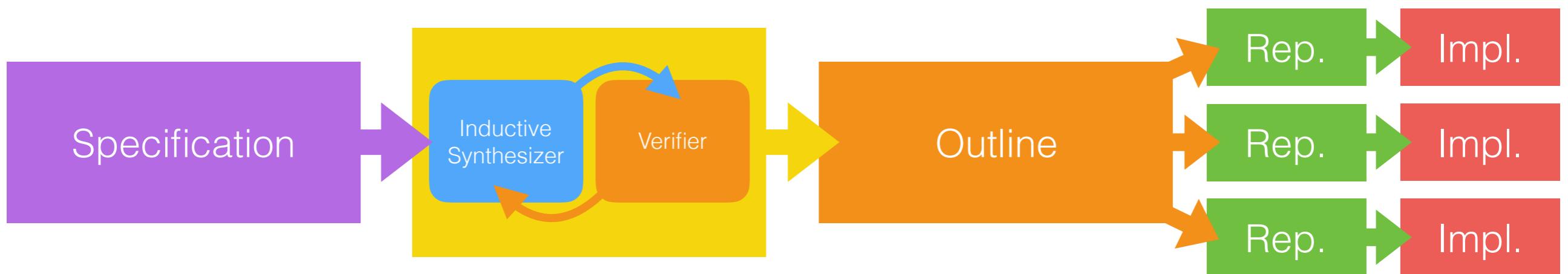


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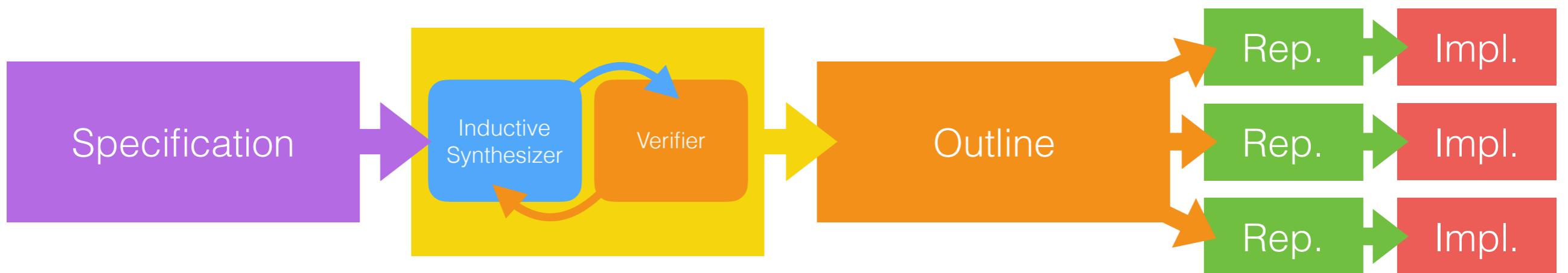
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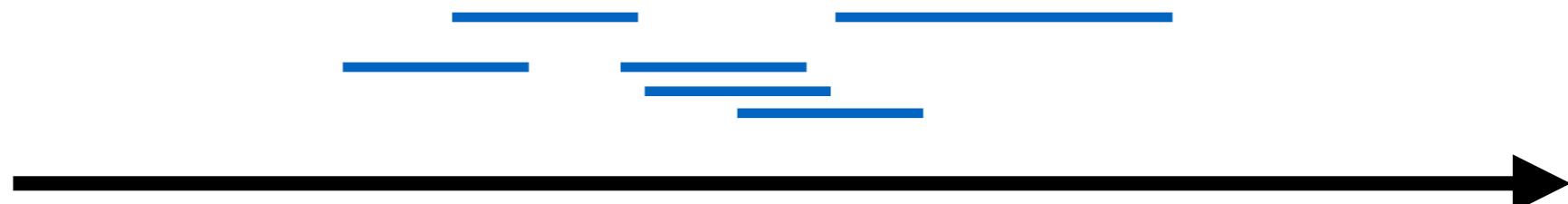
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- Equivalent performance to human-written code

Myria Analytics Storage

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Request 2



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Goal: efficient retrieval of entries for a particular **request ID** in a particular **timespan**

Myria Analytics Storage

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Retrieve entries

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Specification:

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```
queryId      : Int,  
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fragmentId   : Int,  
start, end   : Long,  
...
```

getEntries: all e where
e.queryId = queryId and
e.subqueryId = subqueryId and
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e.end >= start and
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 ...

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 condition

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            yield e  
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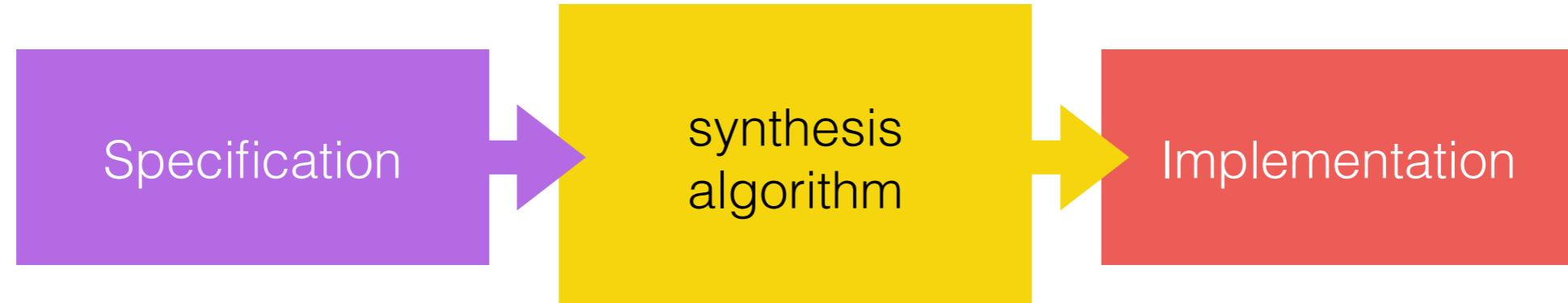
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There has to be a
better way!

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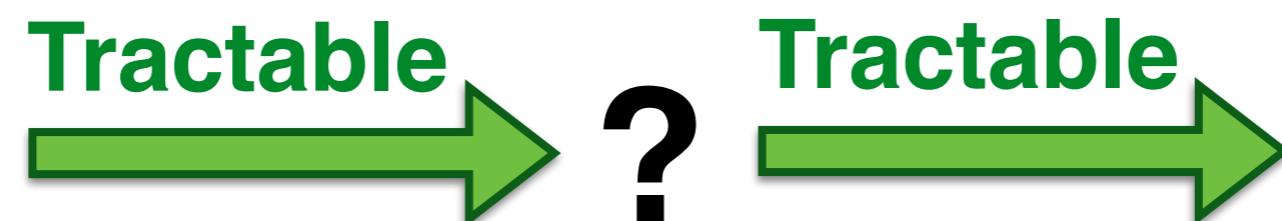
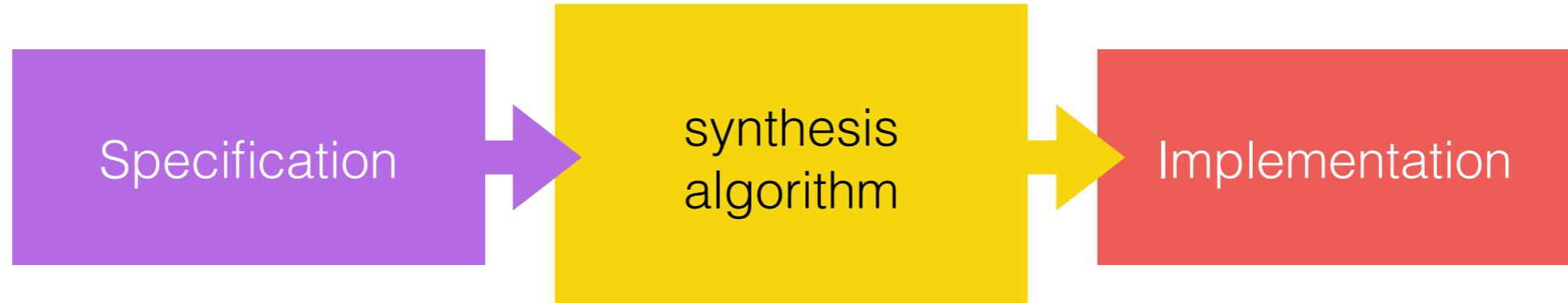
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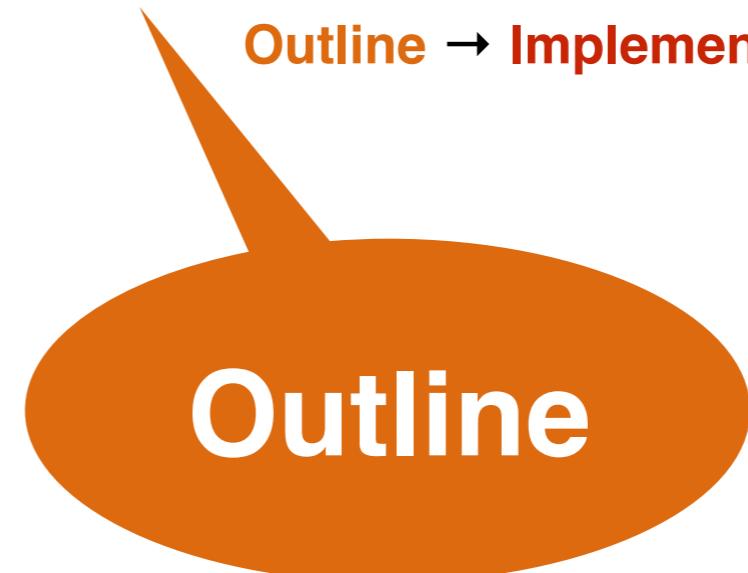
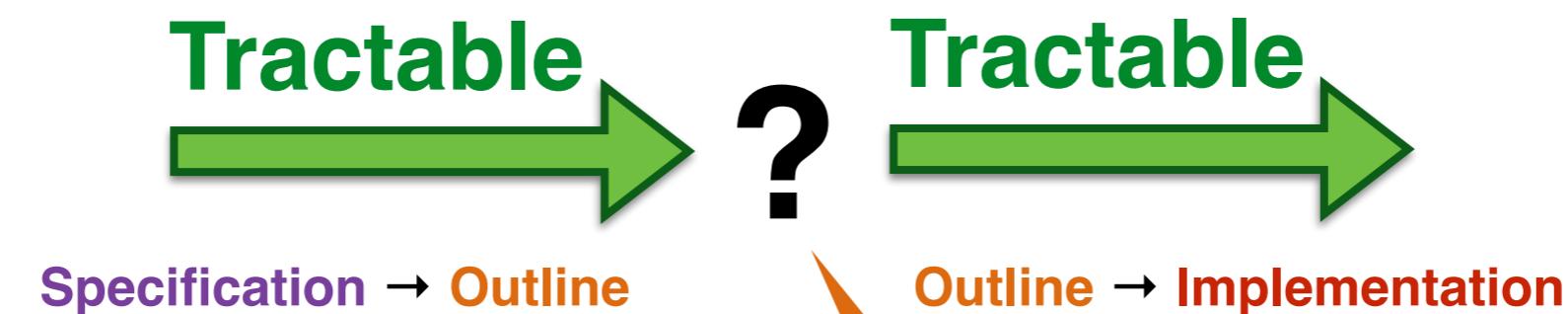
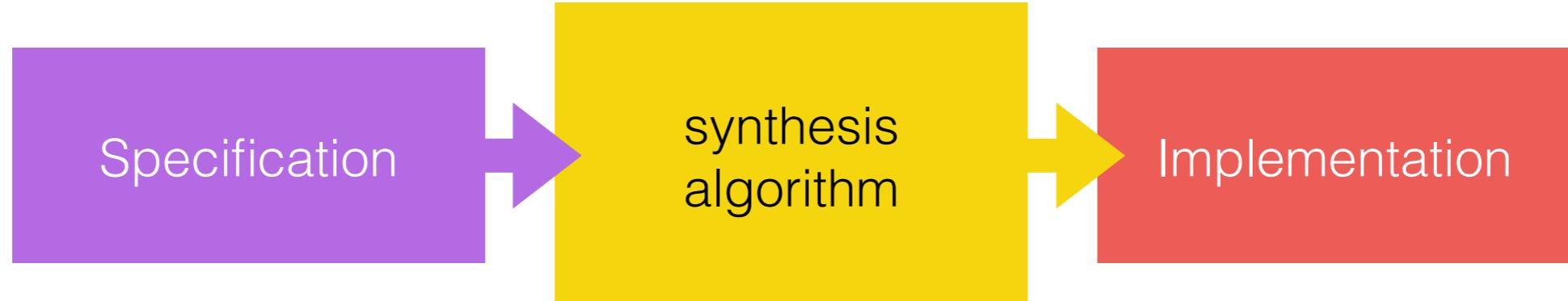
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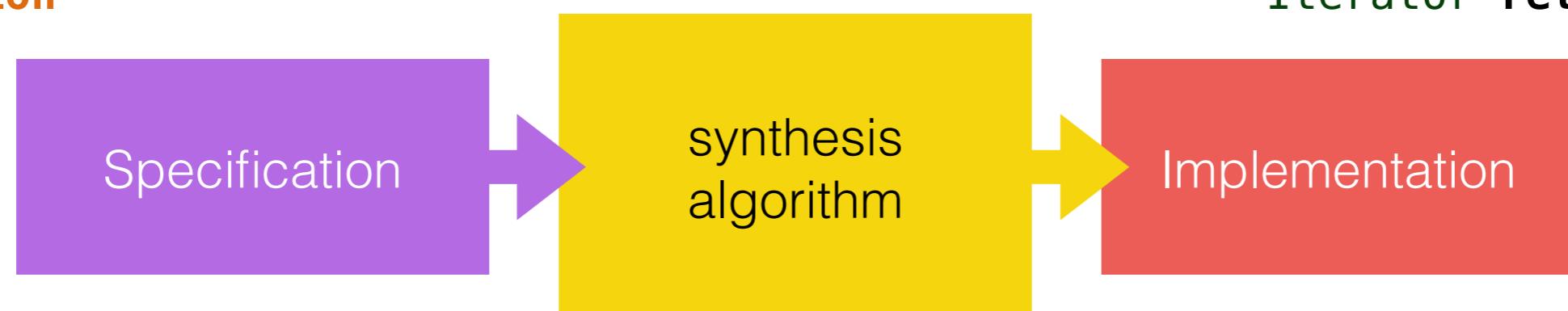
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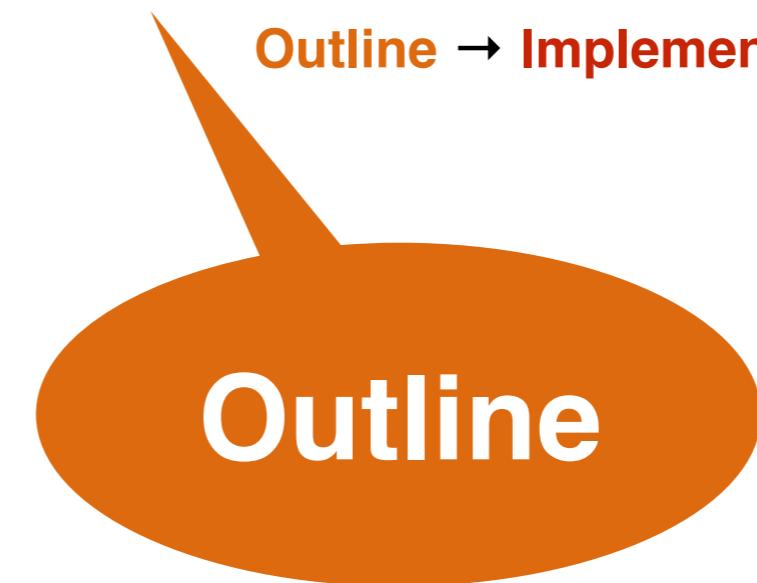
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Outline → Implementation

specific enough to describe asymptotic performance

general enough to encode a data structure succinctly



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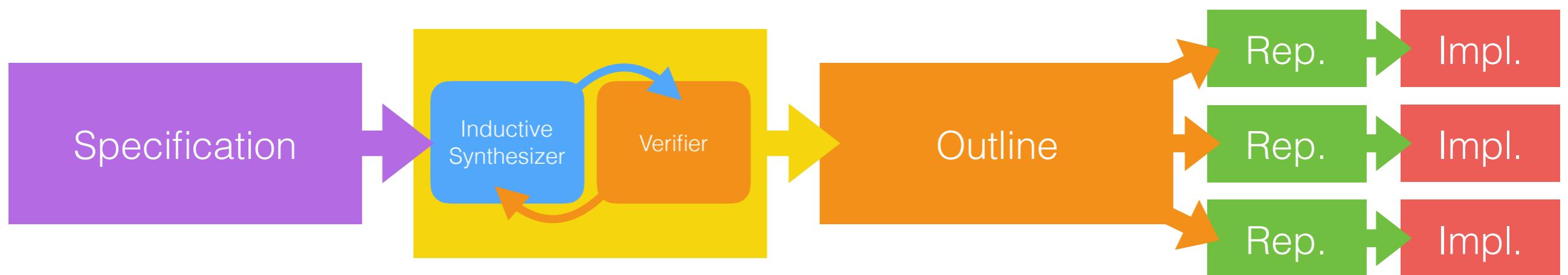
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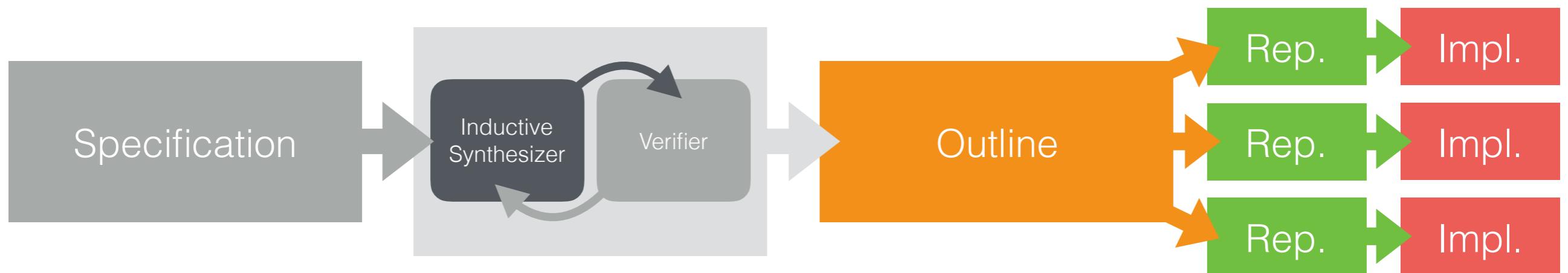
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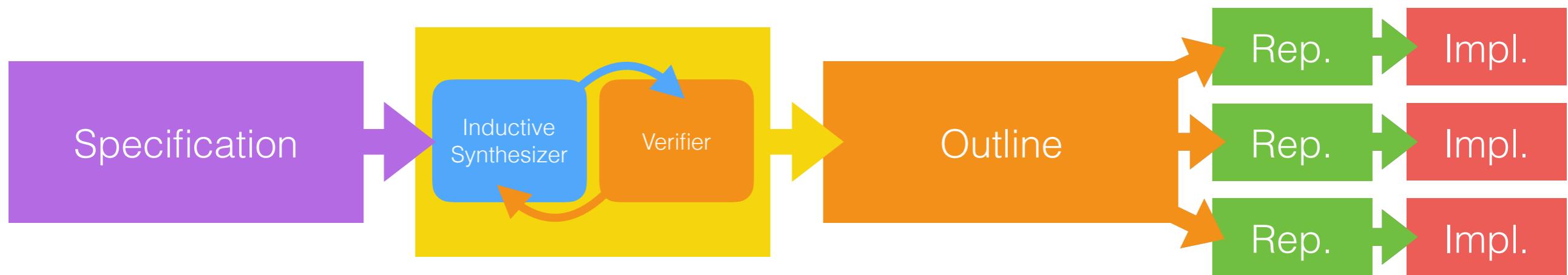
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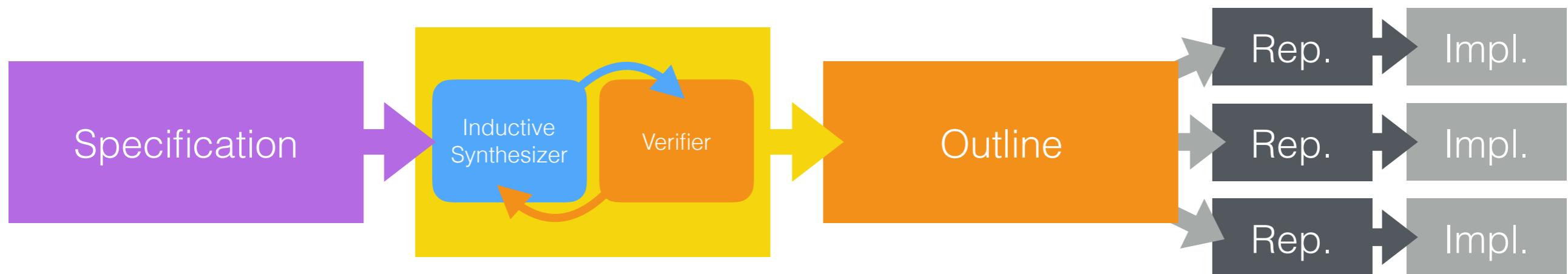
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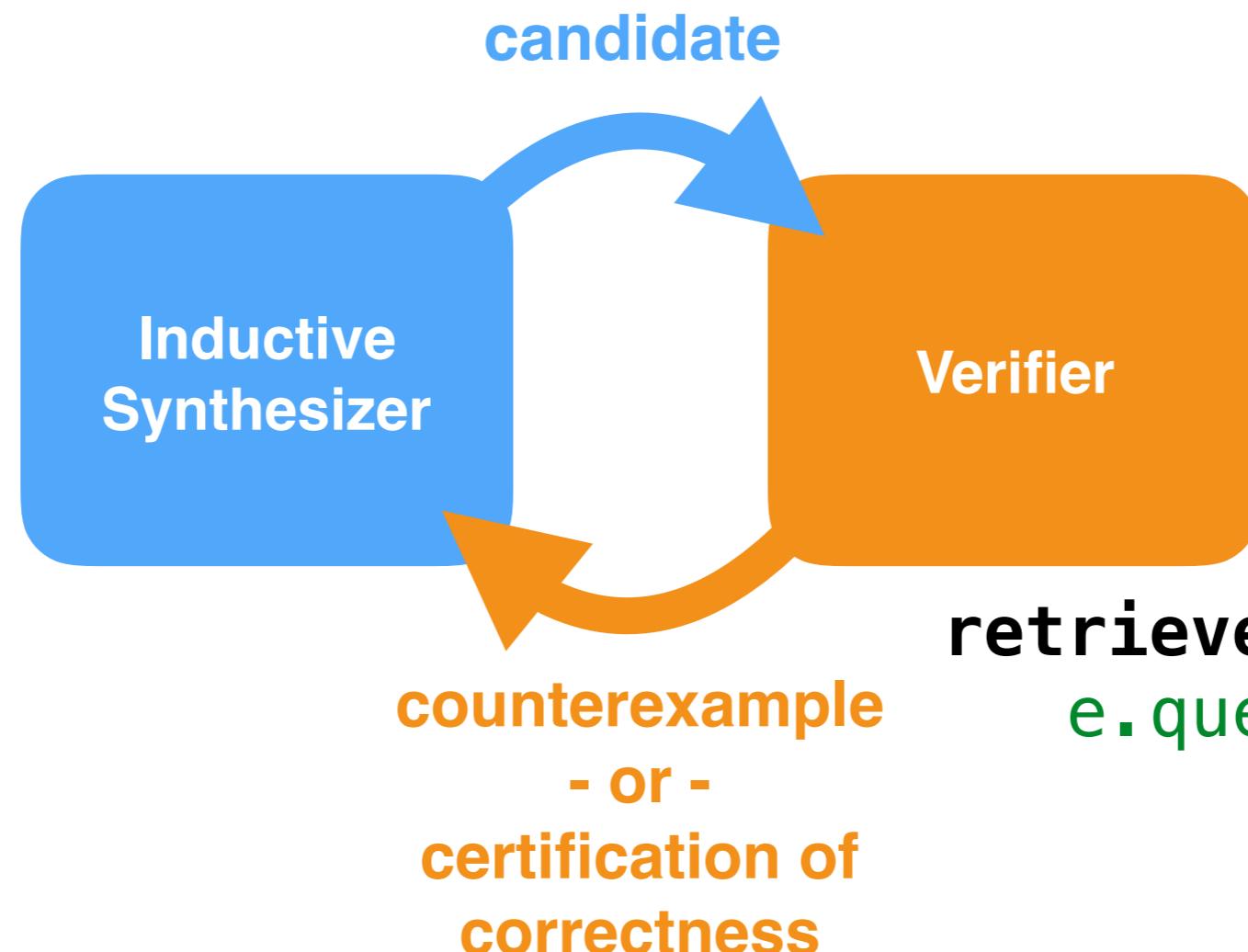


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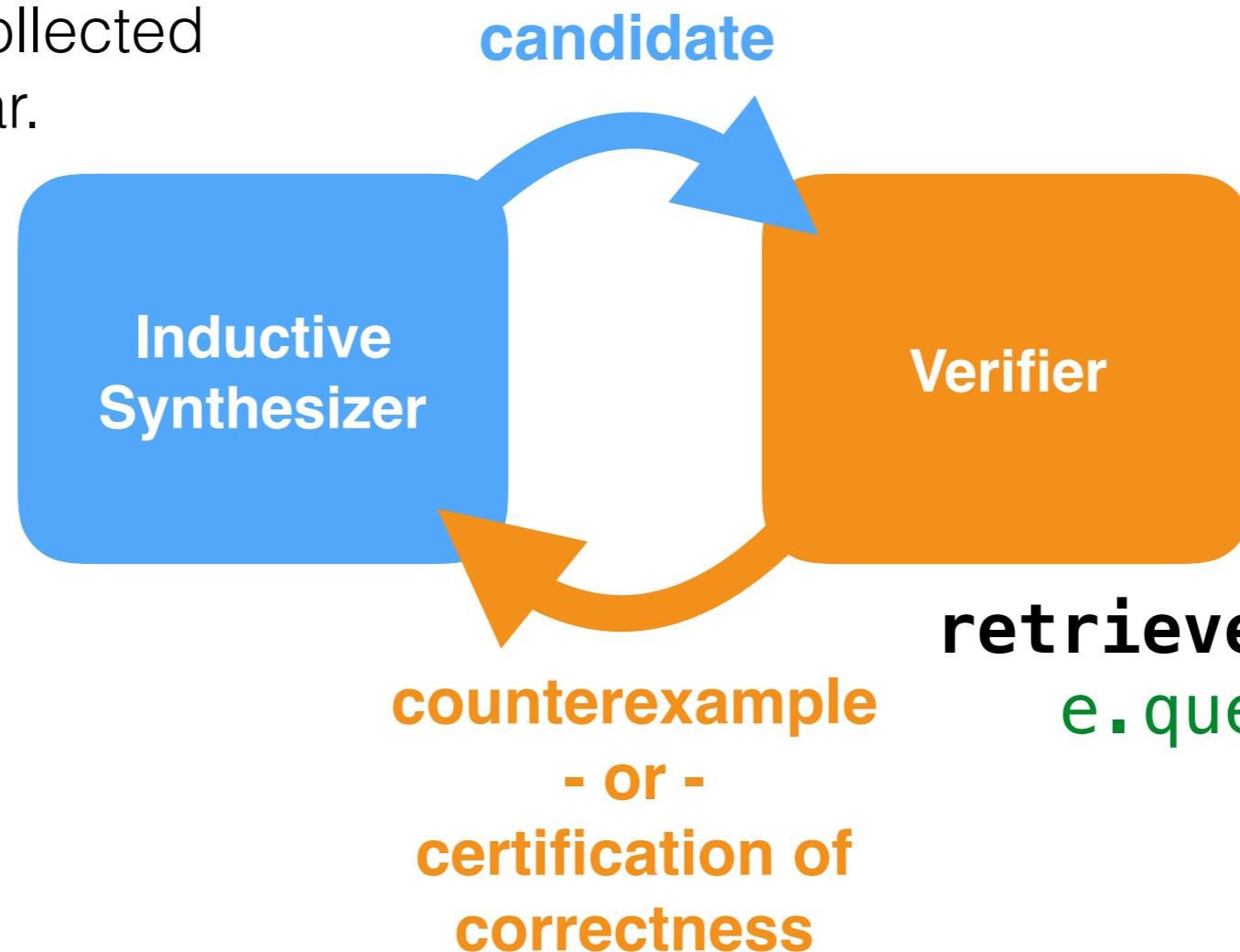


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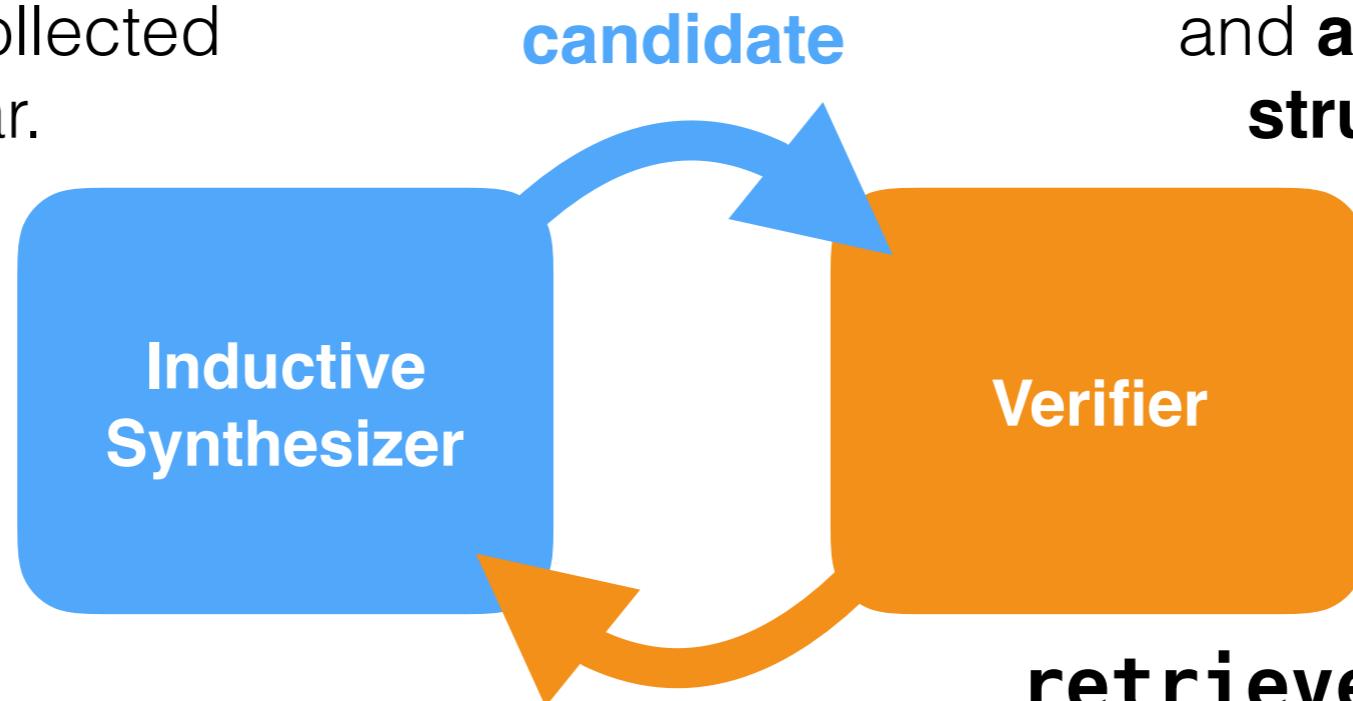
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Must ensure the outline is correct for **all possible inputs** and **all possible data structure states**.

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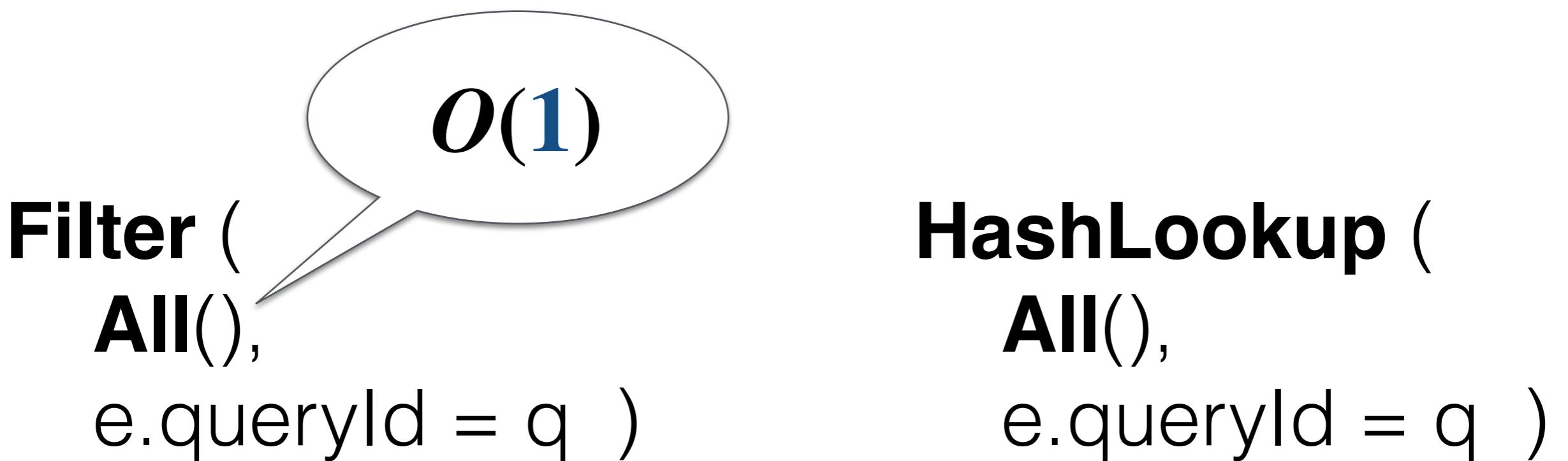
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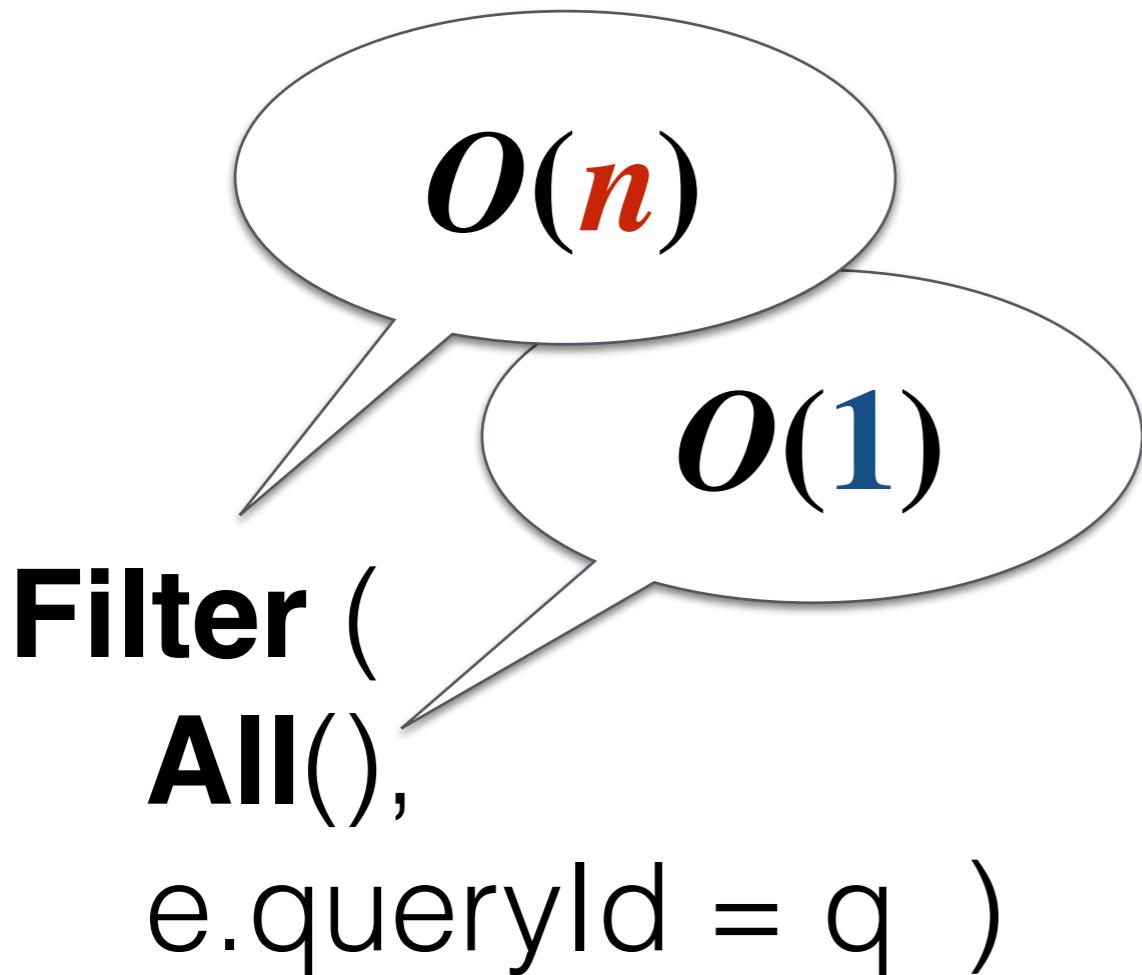
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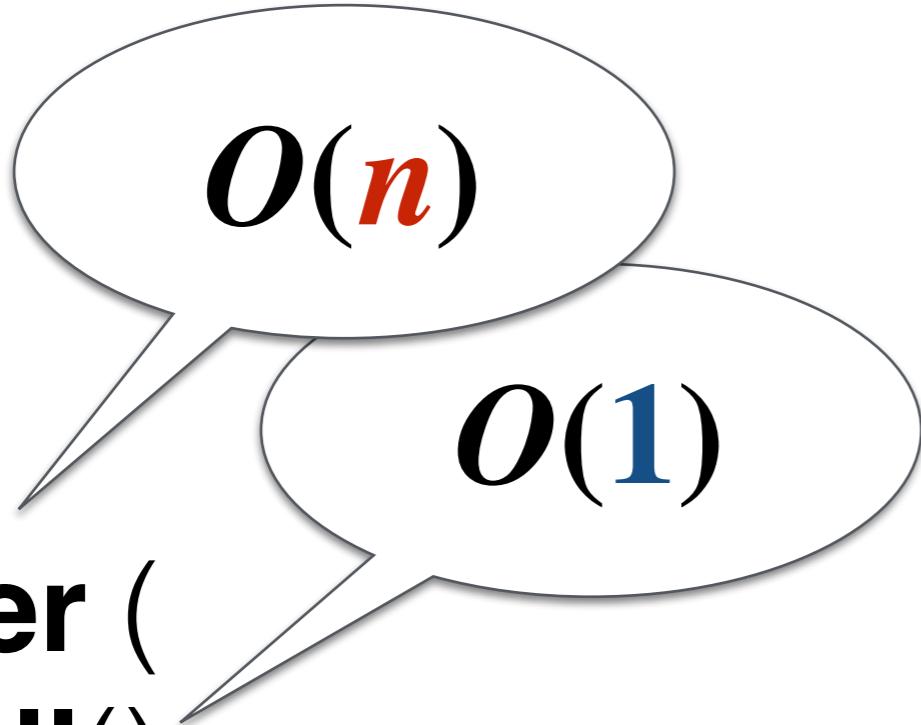


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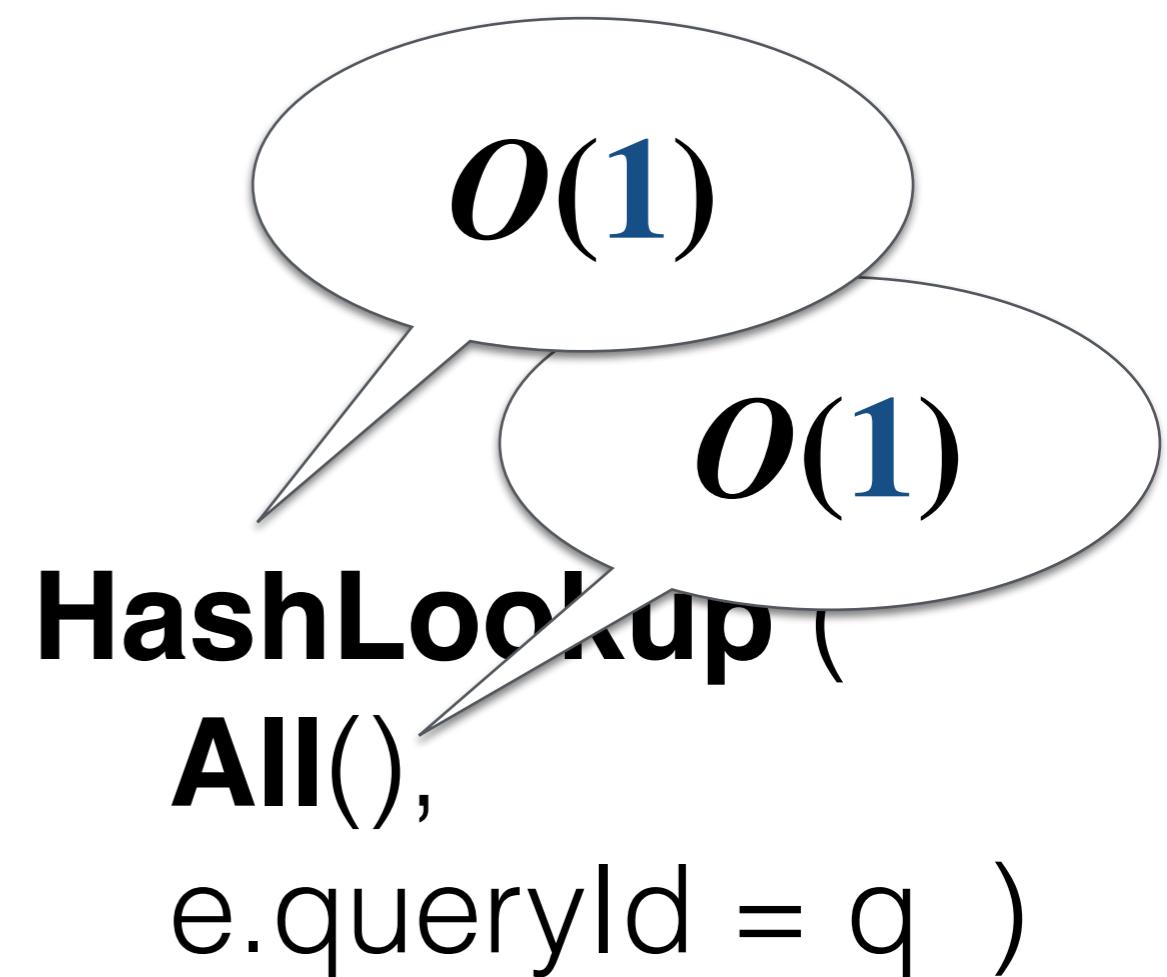
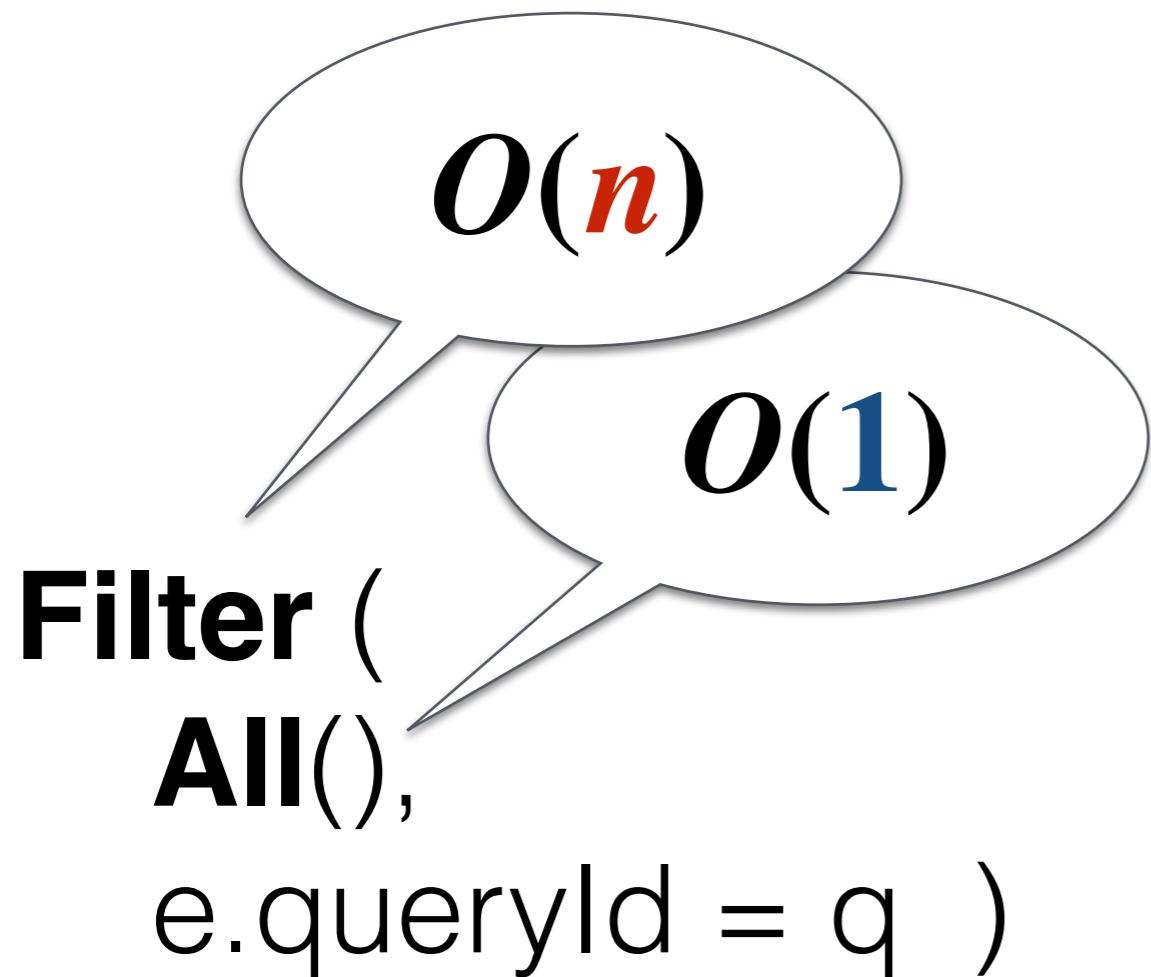
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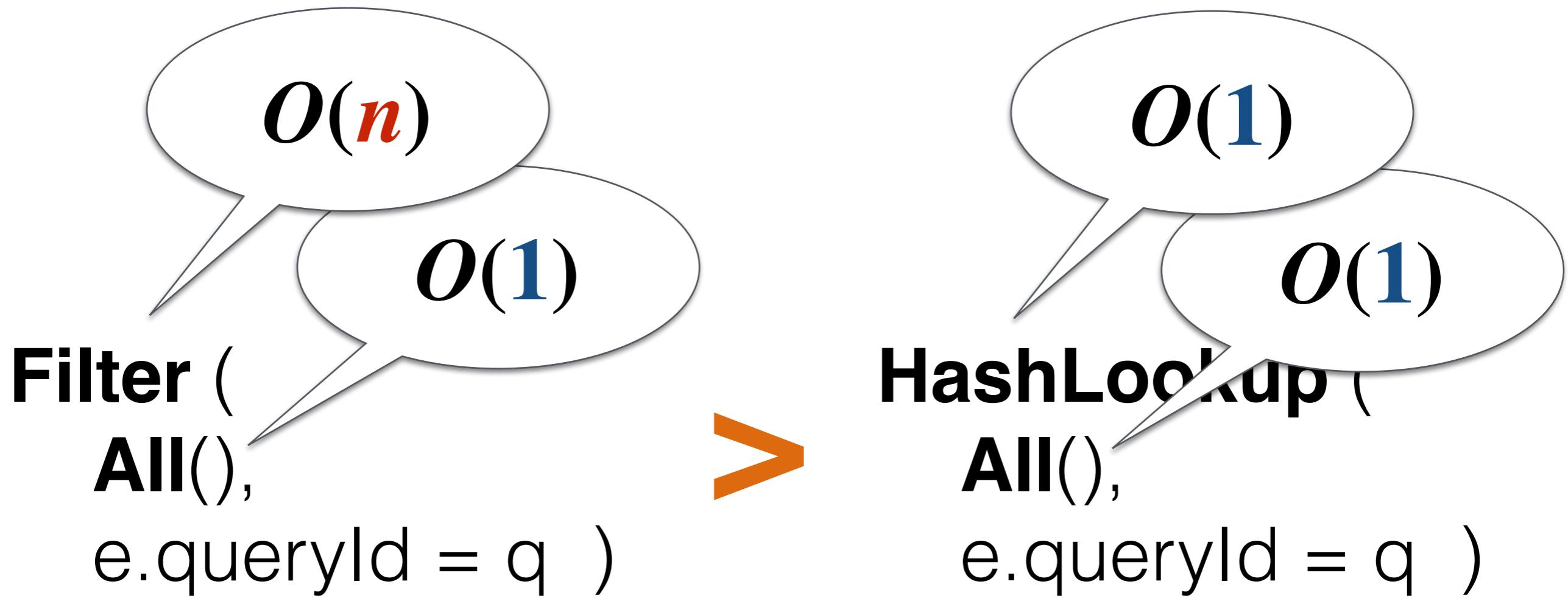


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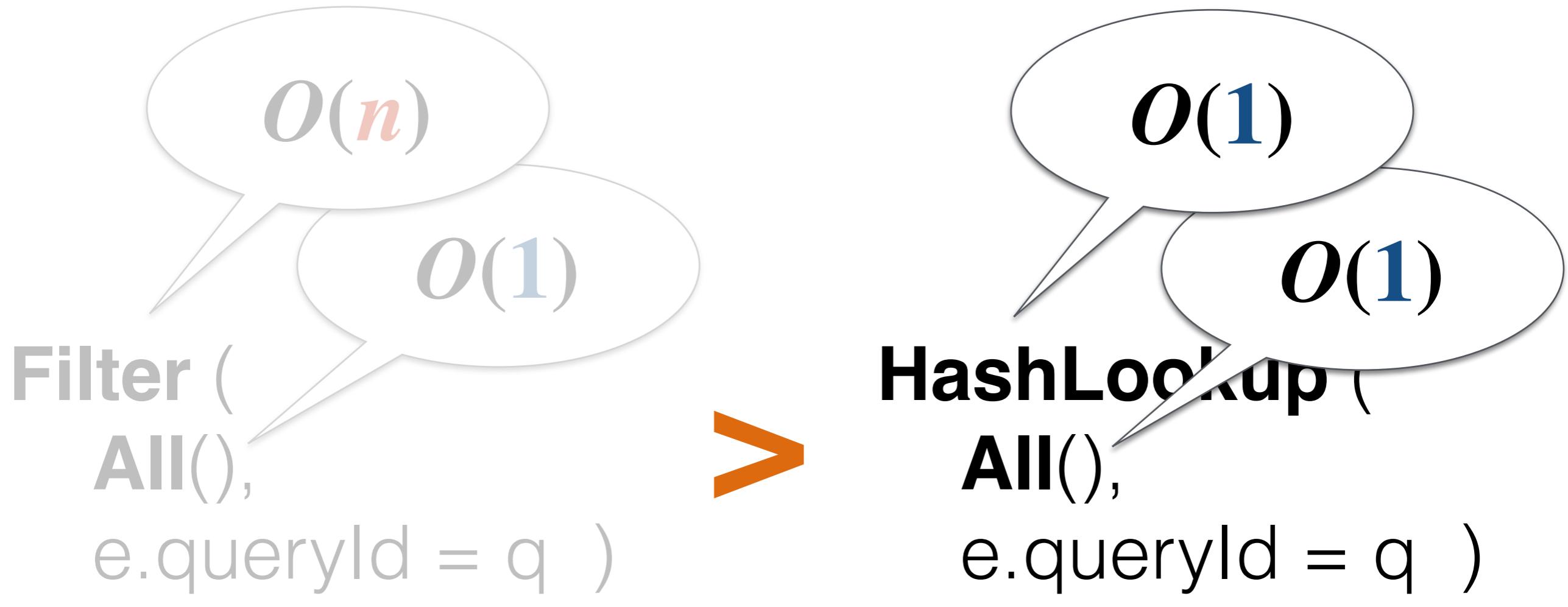
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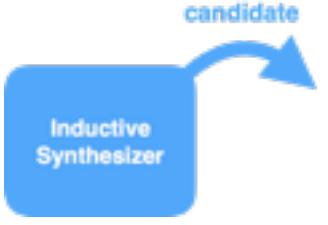
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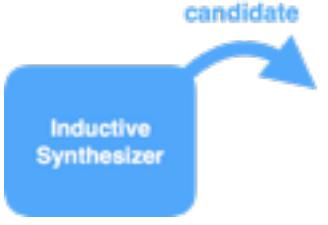


Cozy prefers outlines with lower cost



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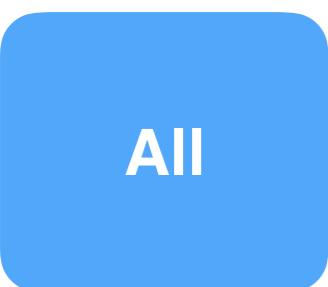
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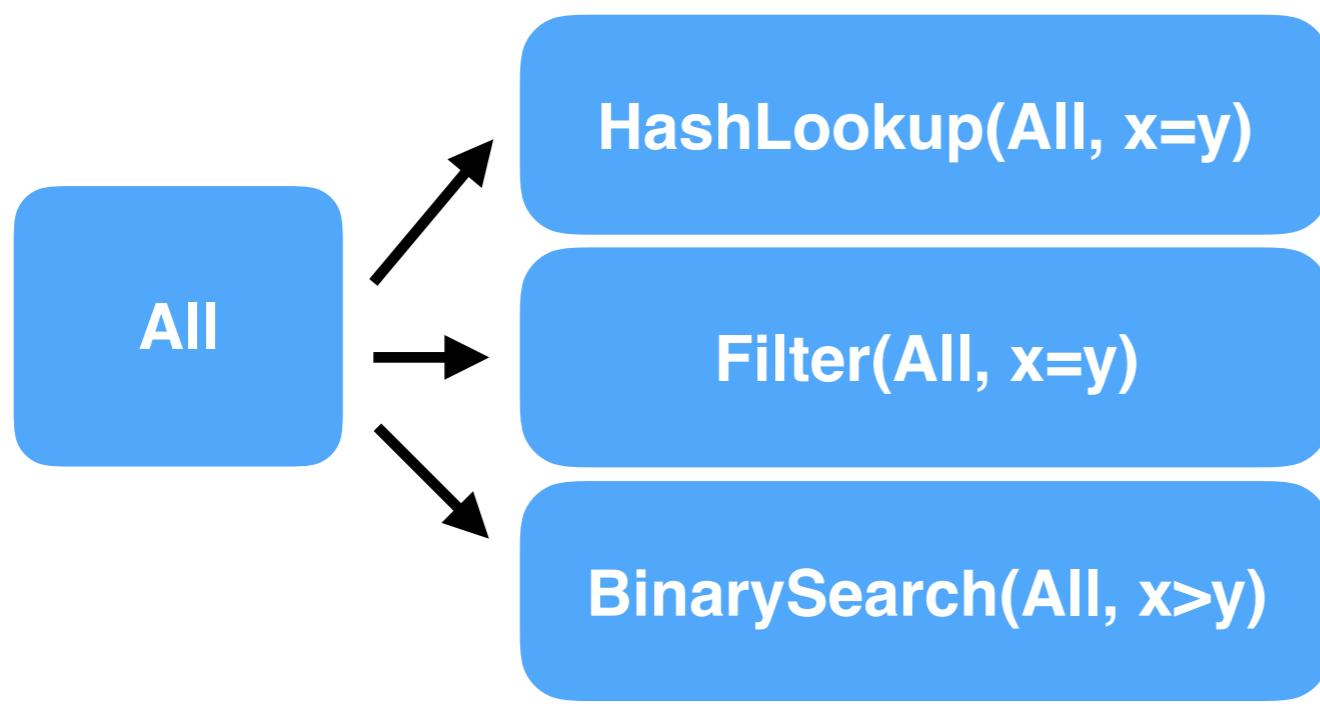
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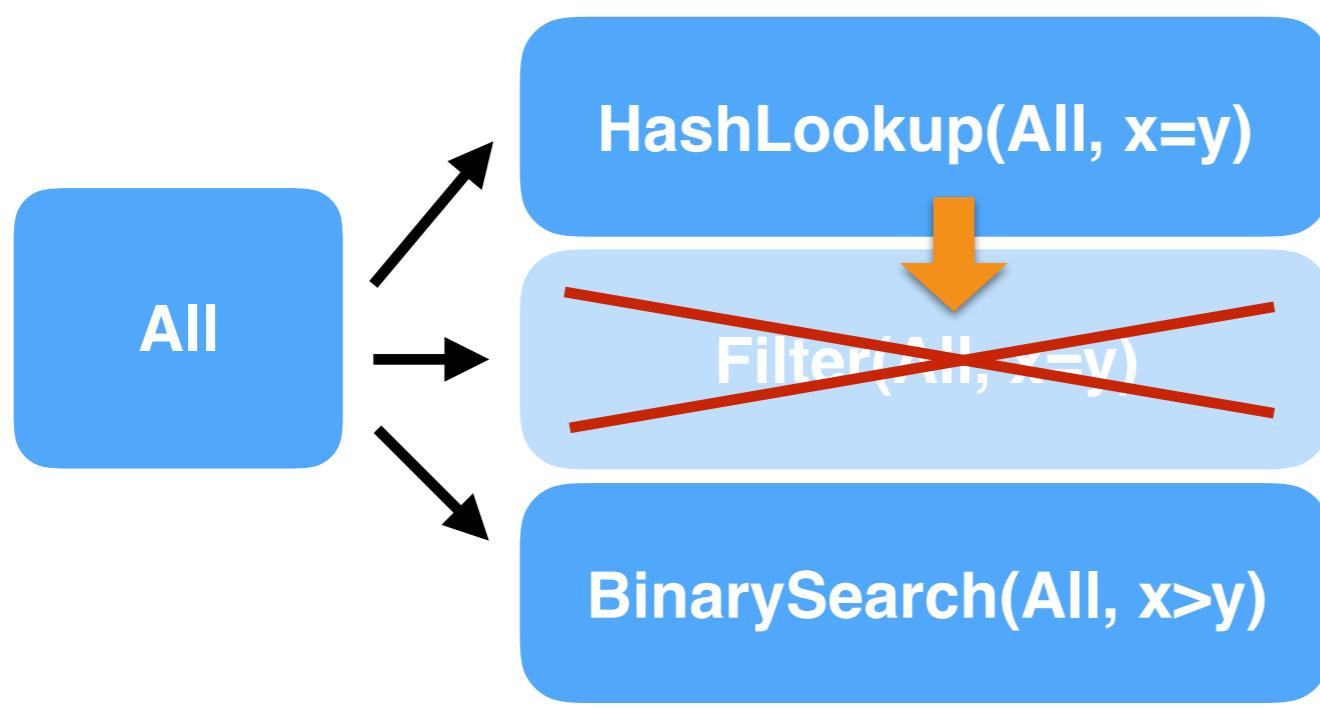
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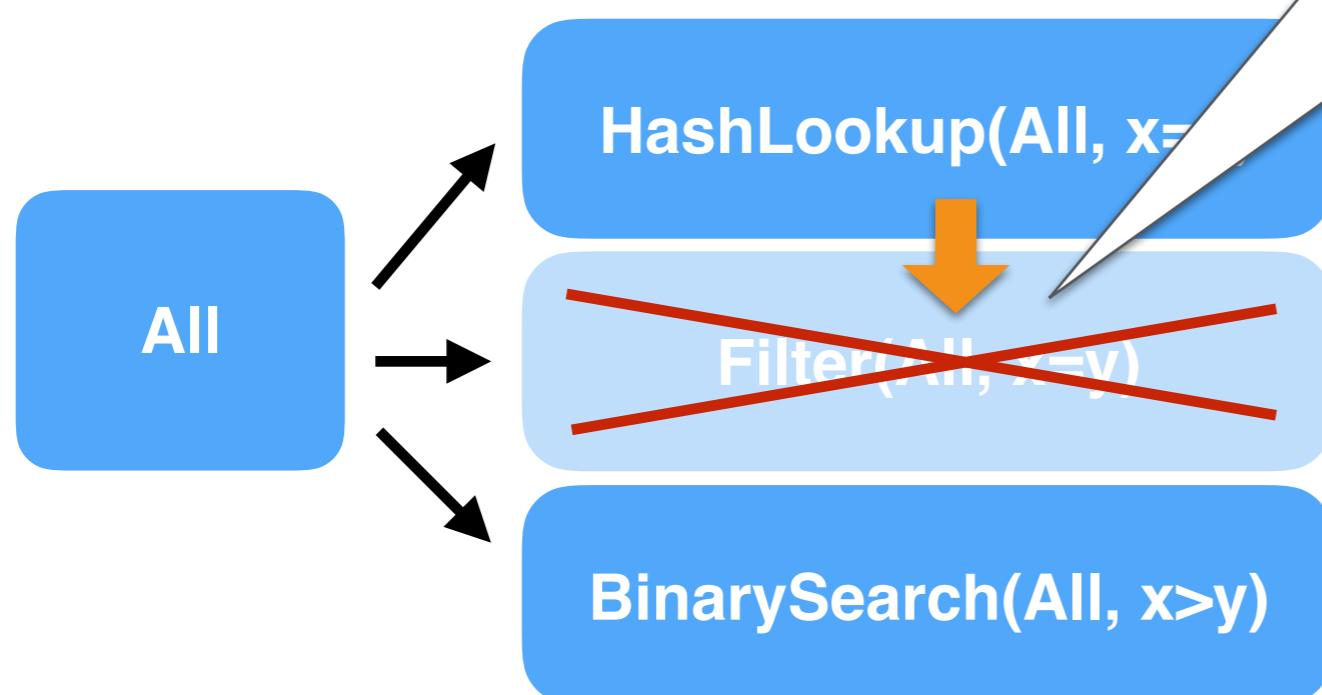
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Concat(**HashLookup(...), ...**)

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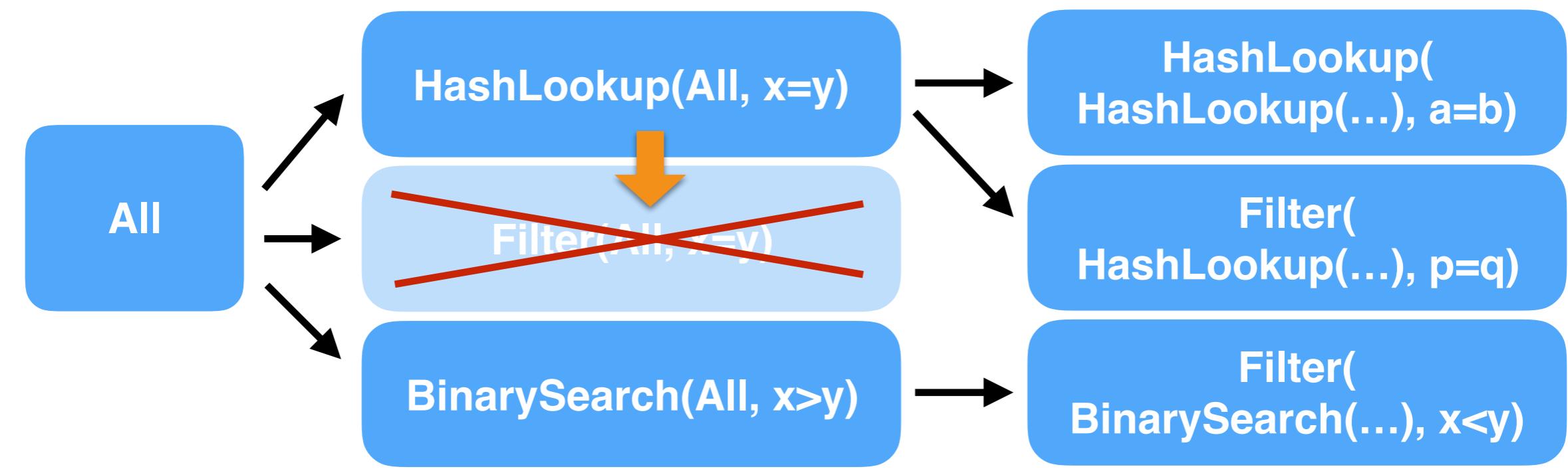
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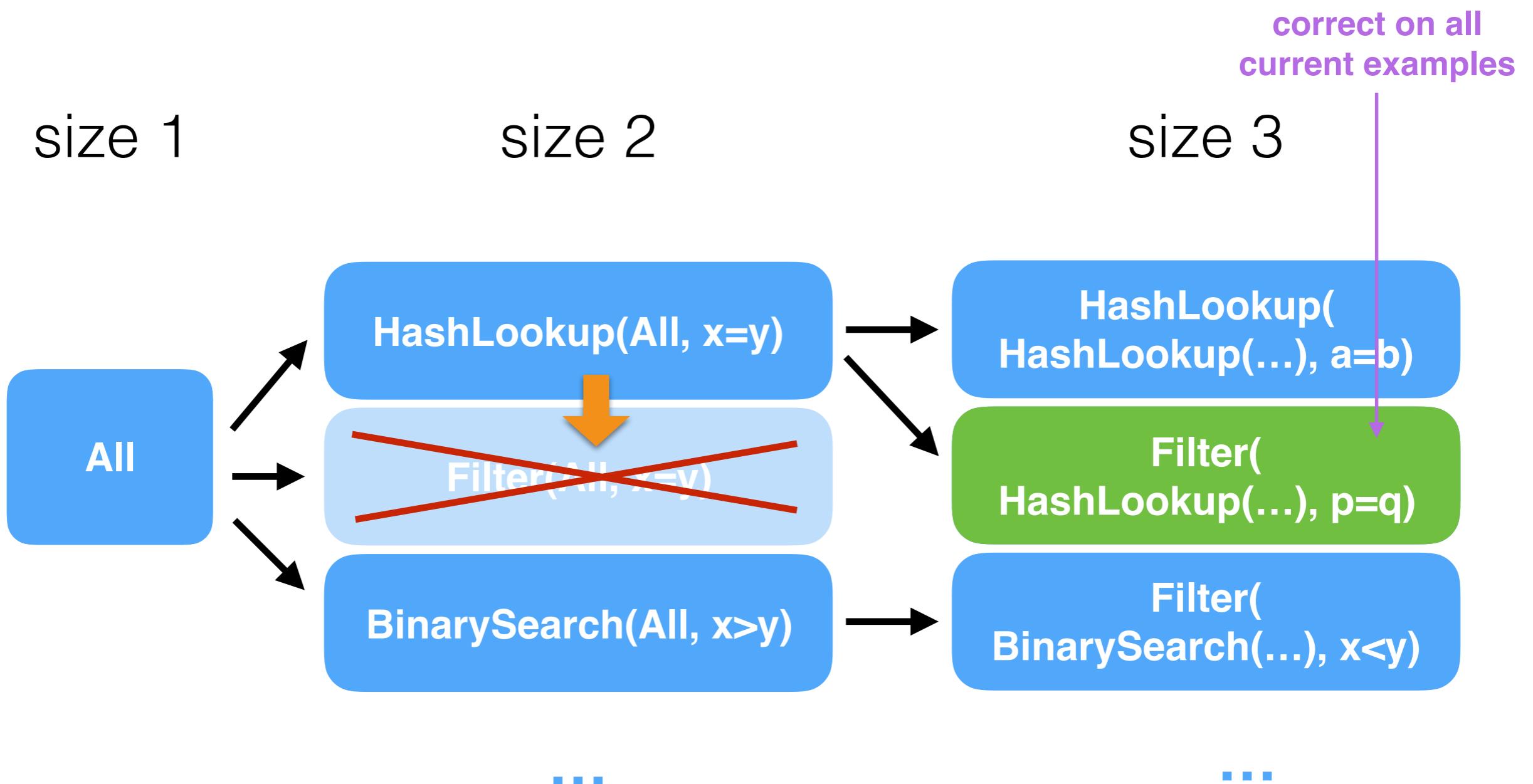
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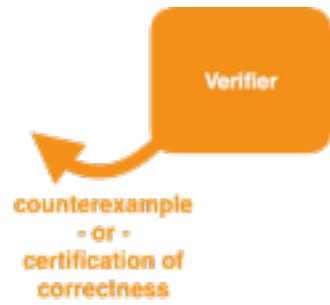
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Outline Verification

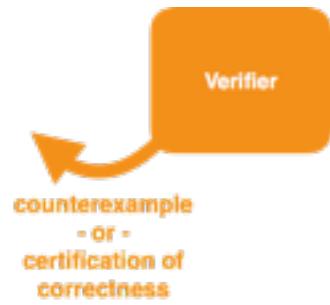
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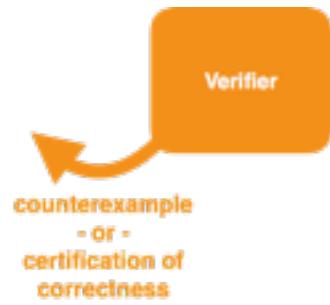
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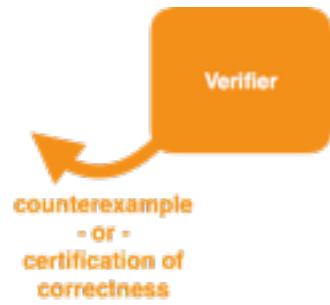
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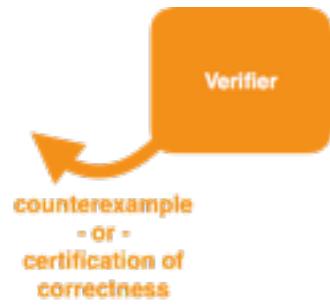
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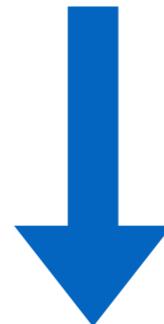
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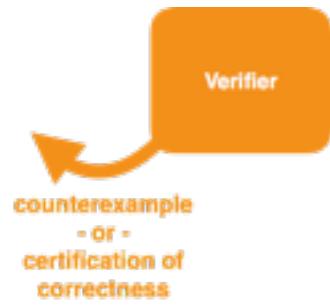
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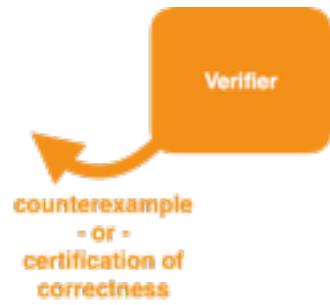


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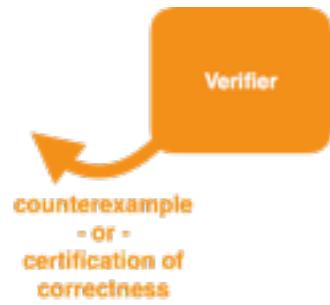
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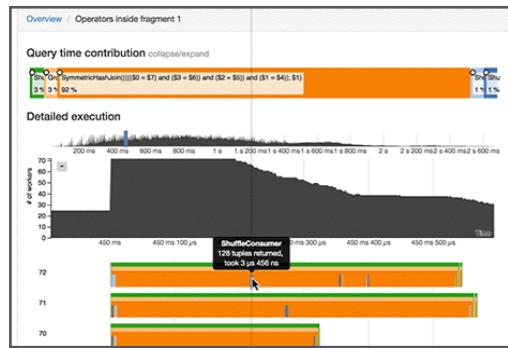
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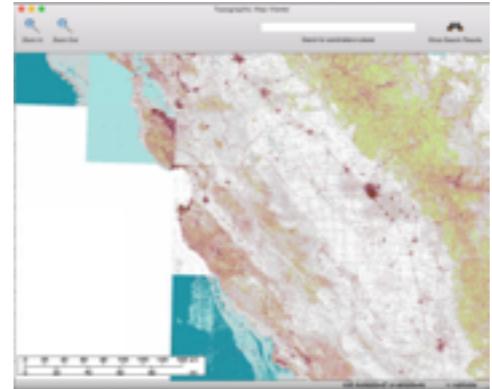
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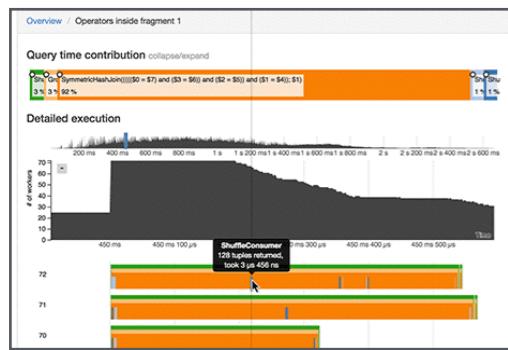
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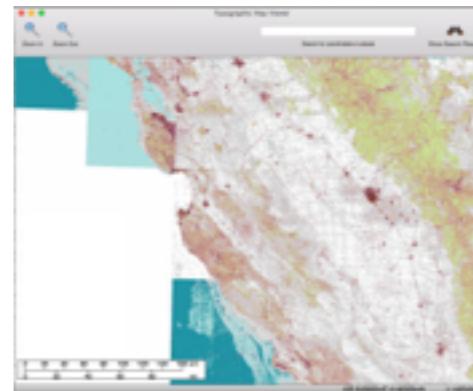
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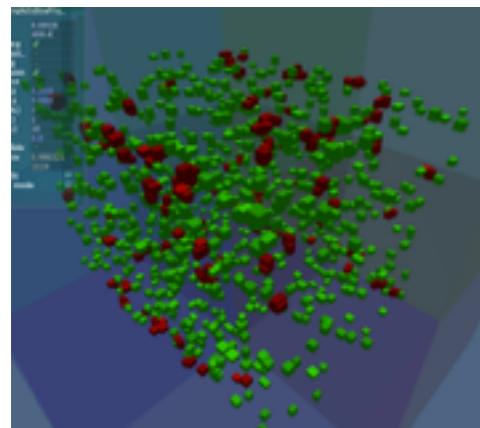
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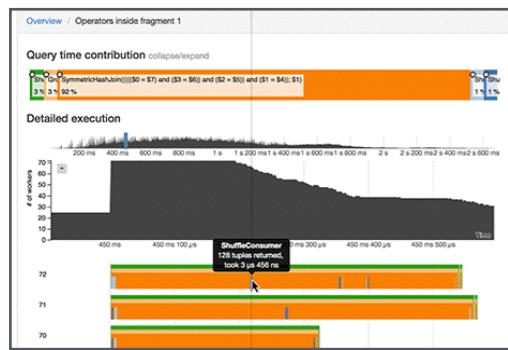
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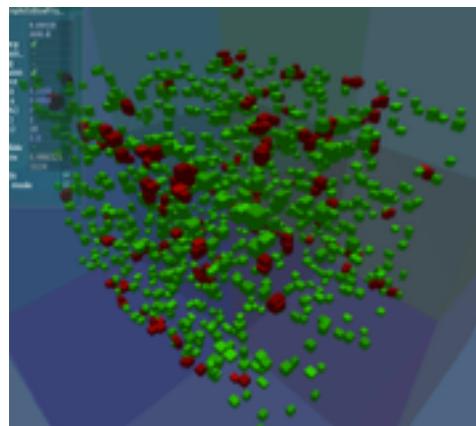
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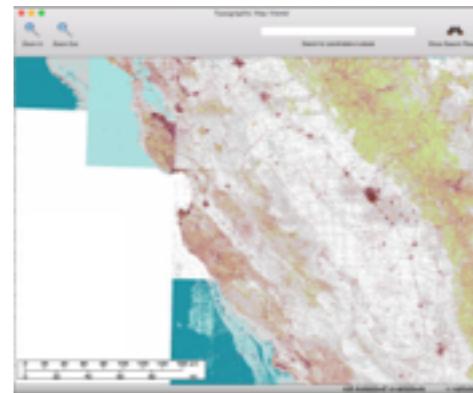
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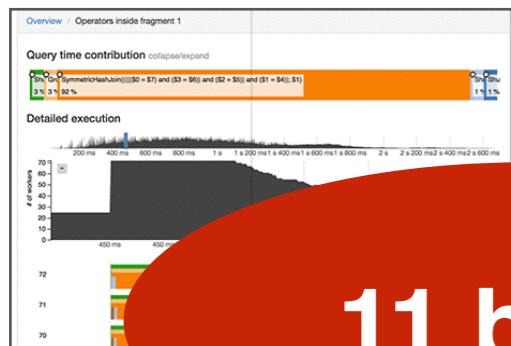
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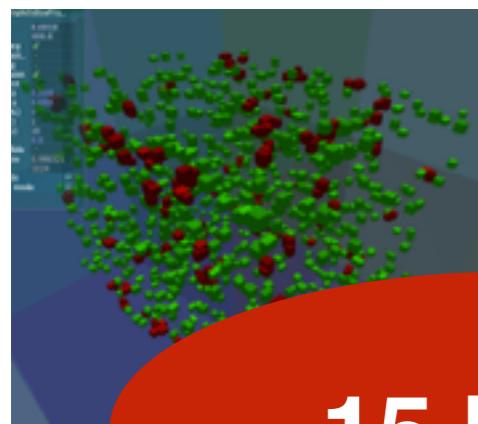
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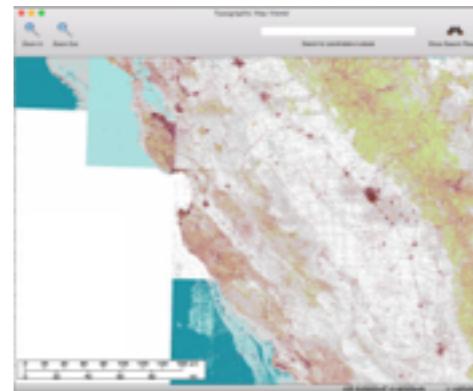
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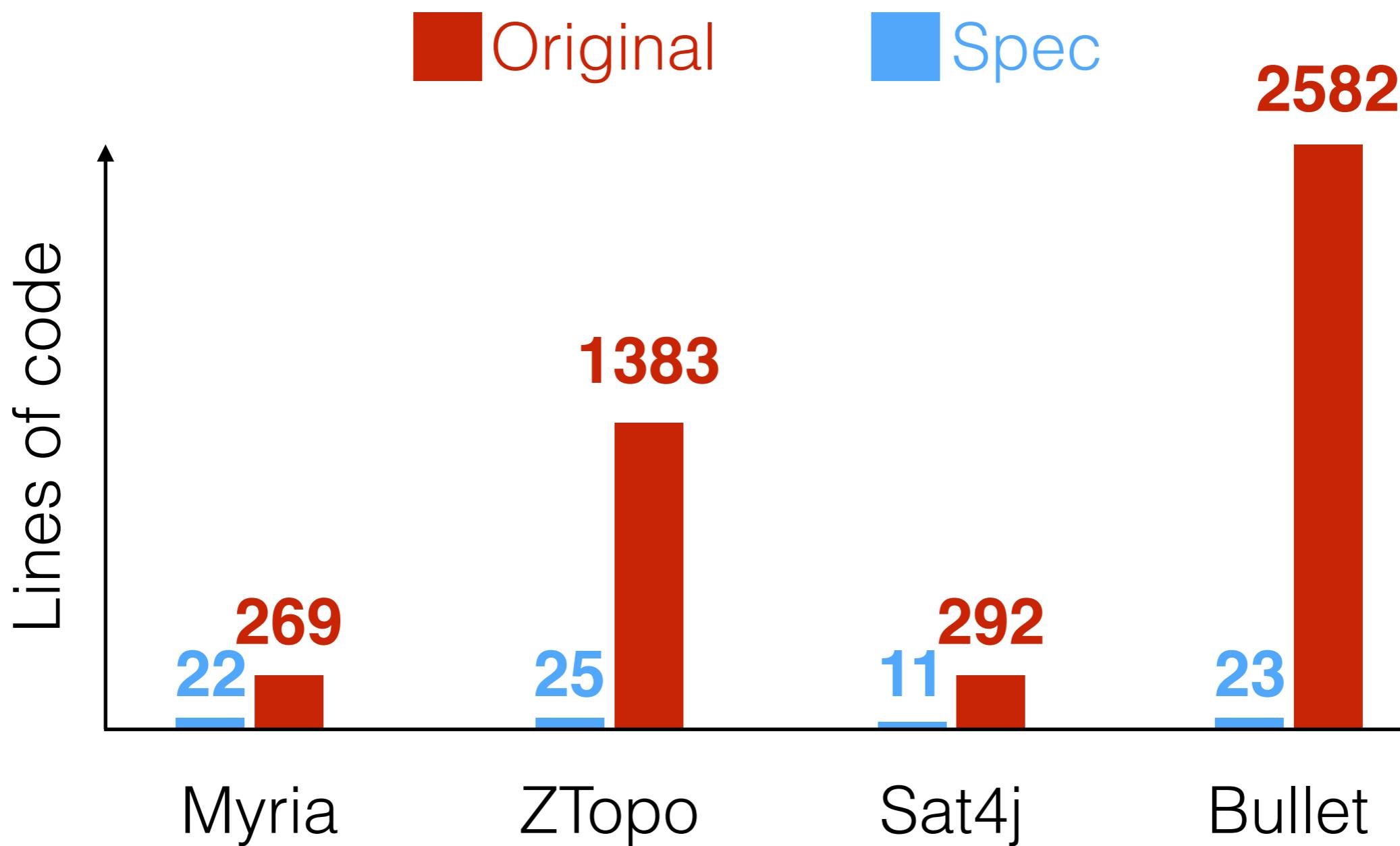
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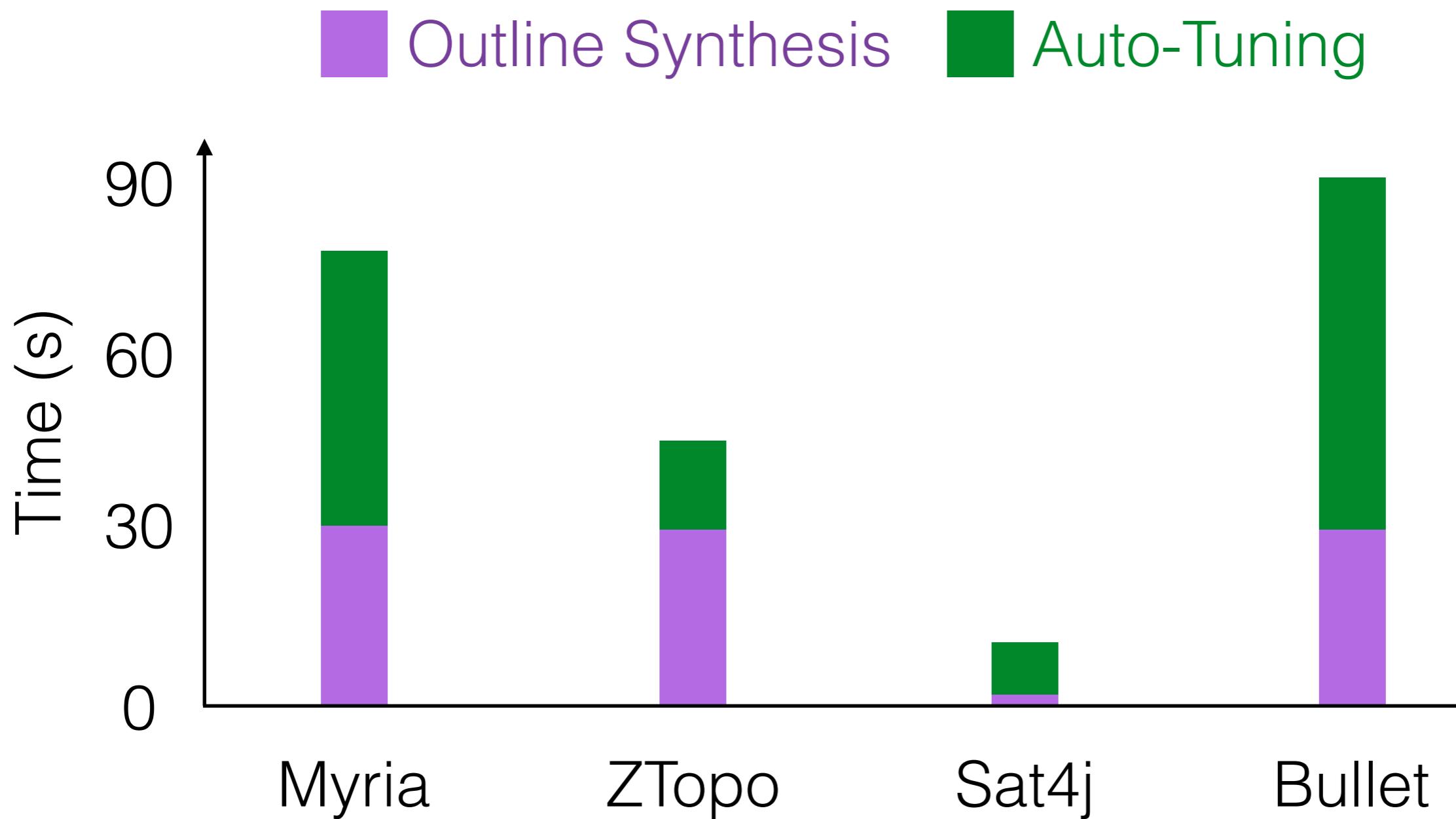
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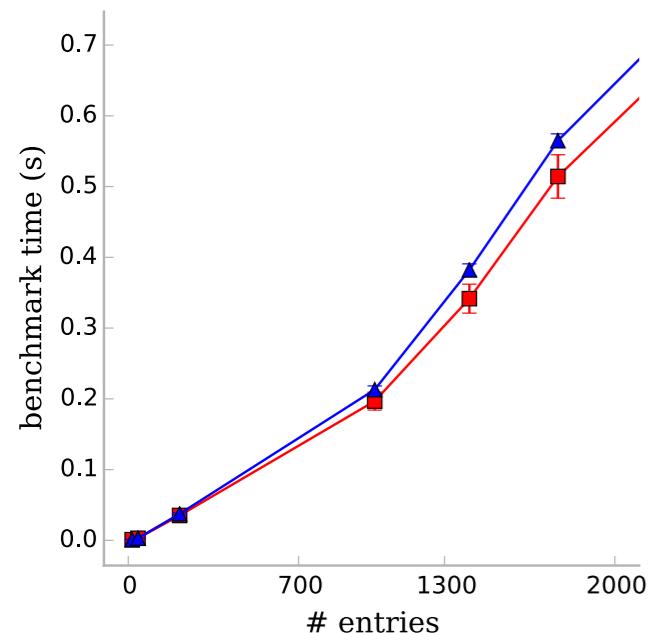
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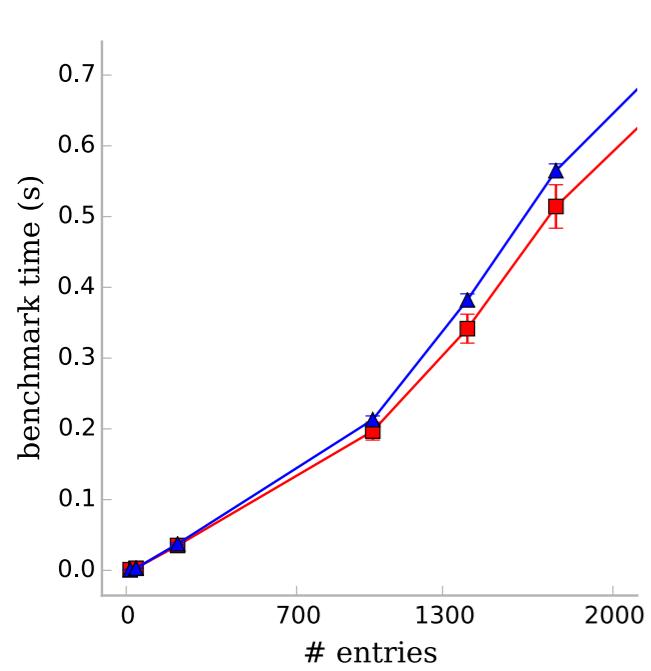


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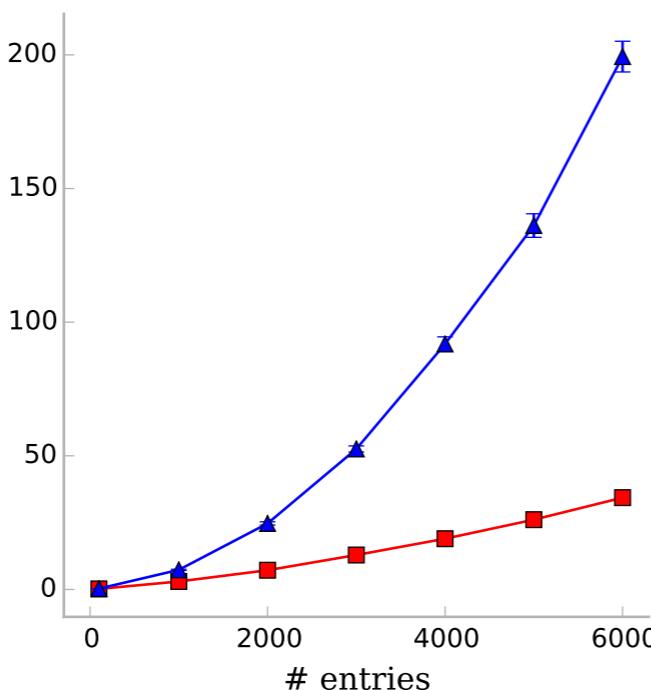
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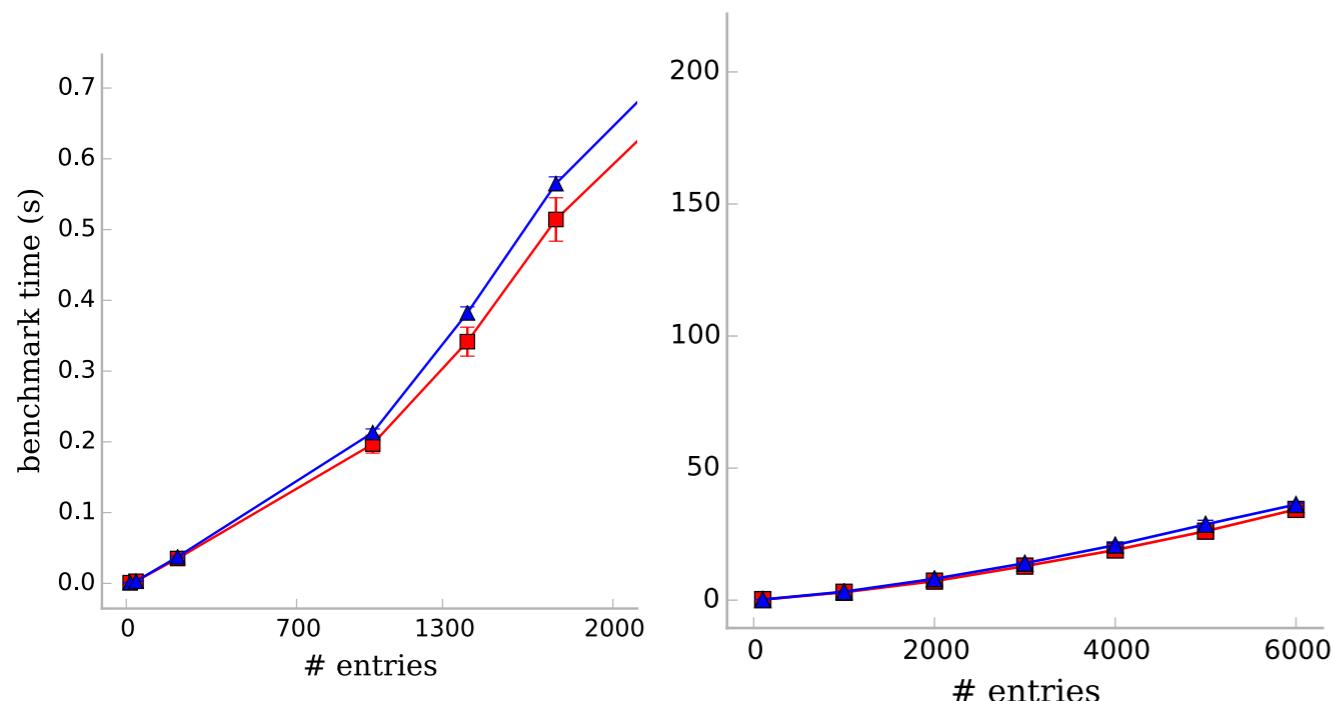
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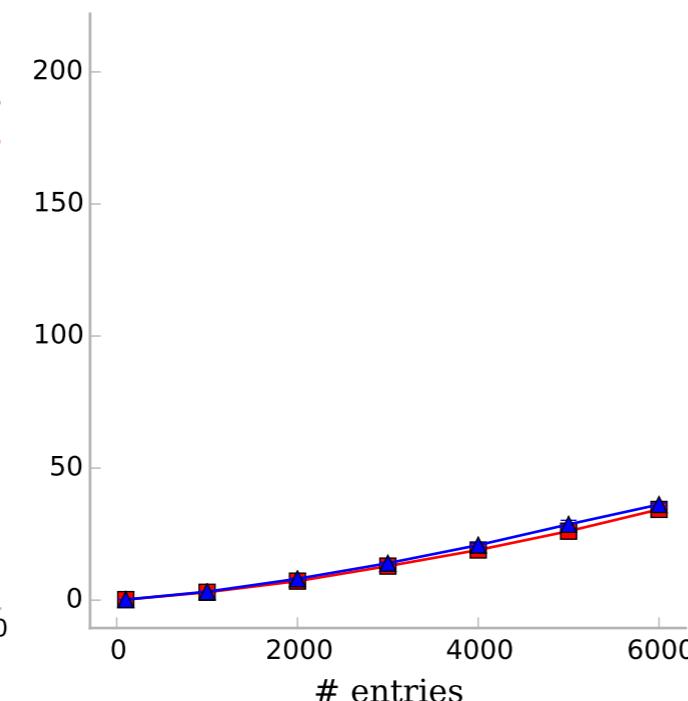
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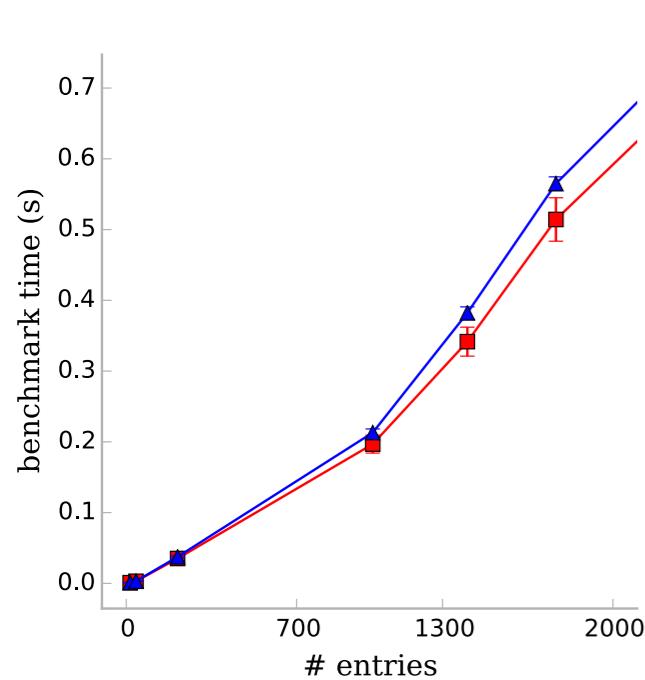


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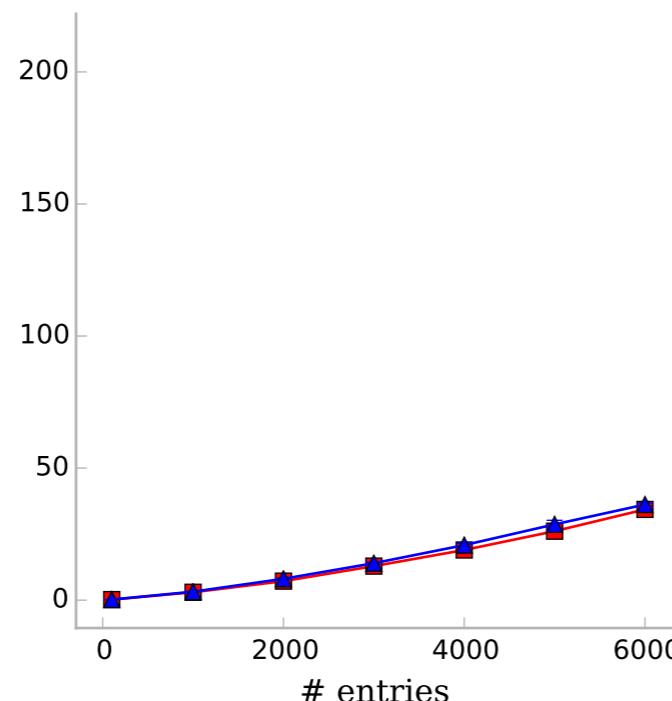
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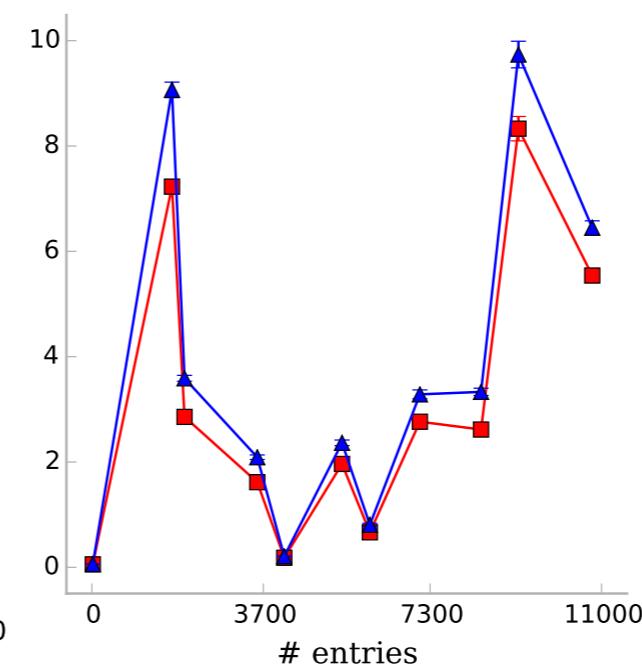
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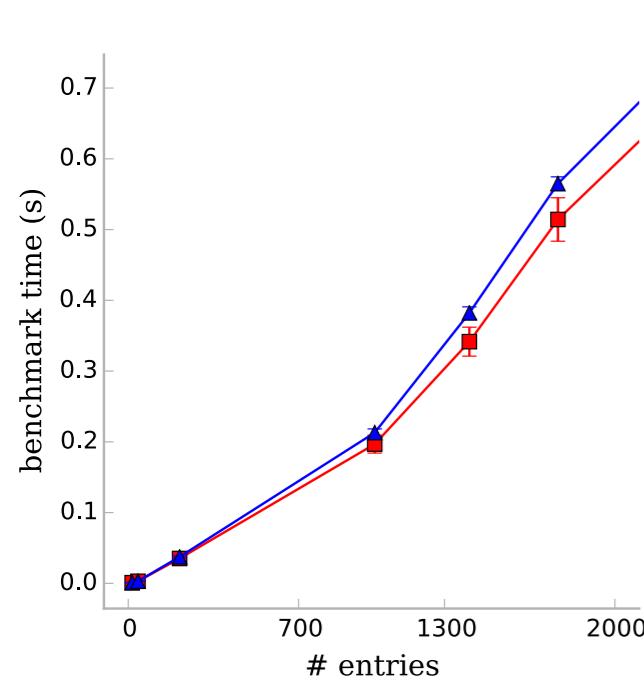


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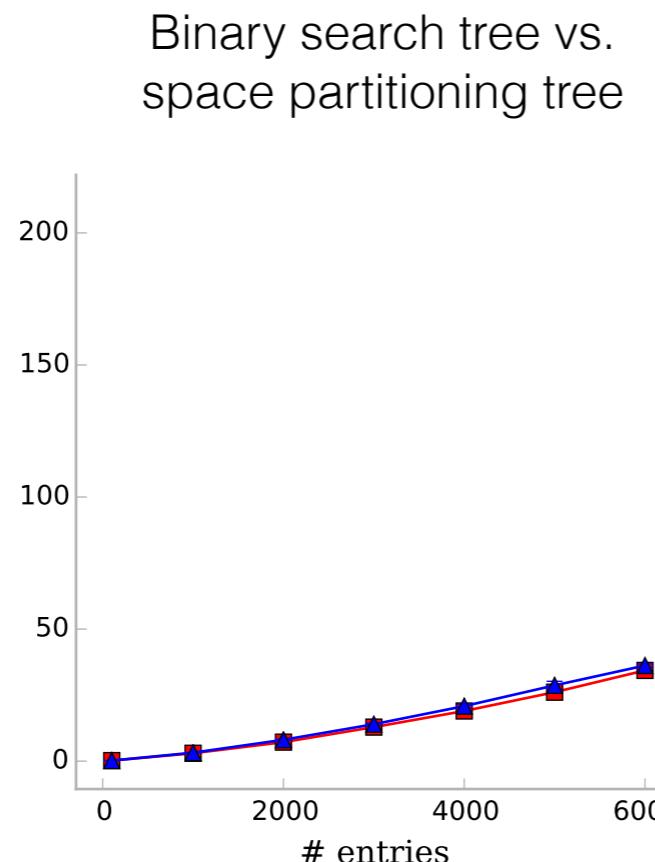
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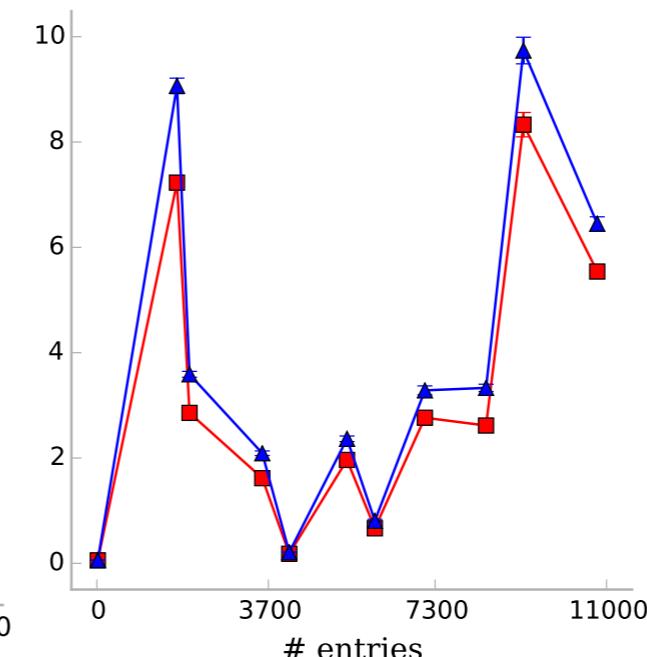
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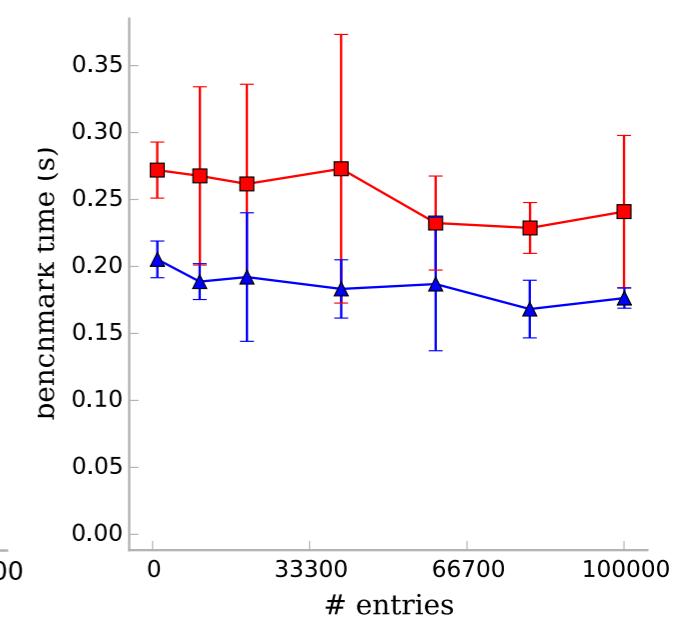
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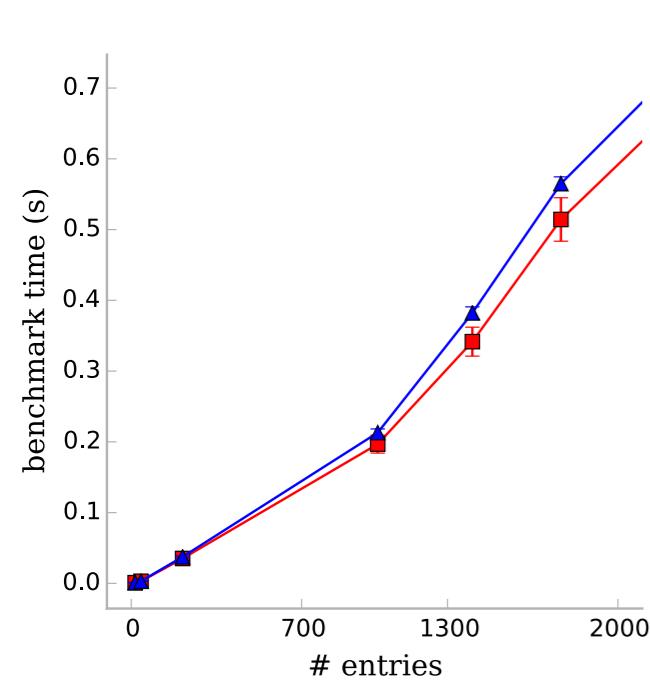
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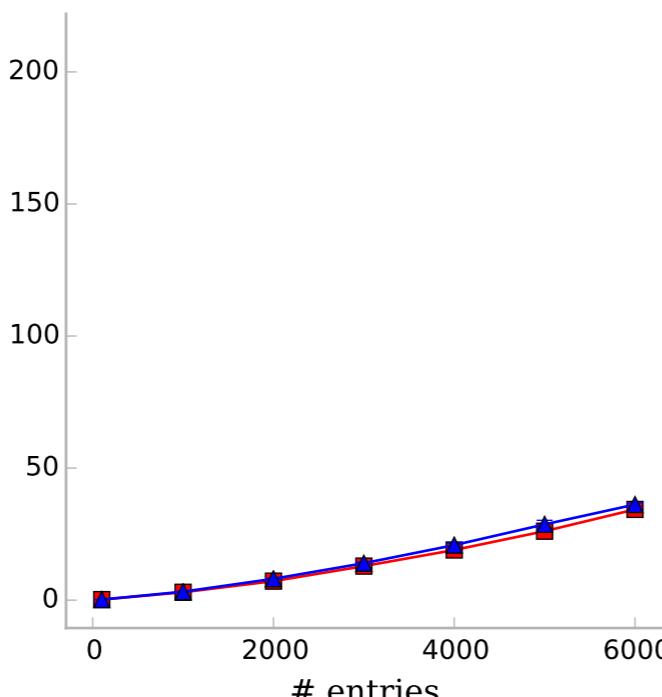
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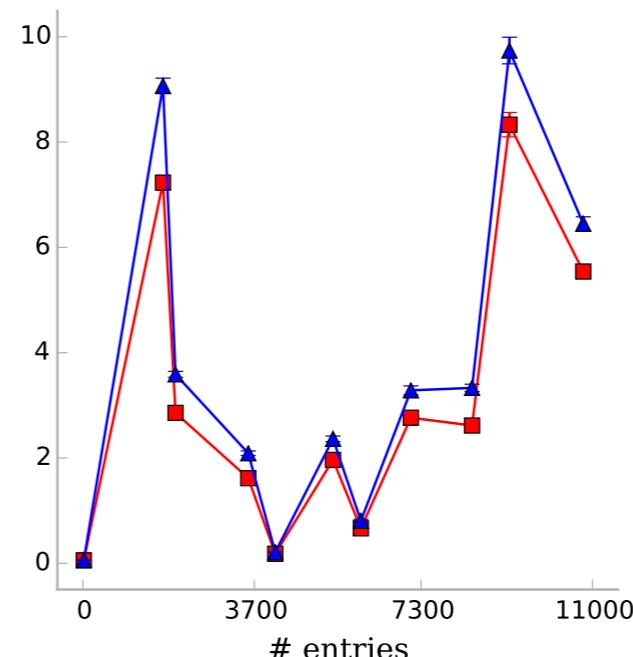
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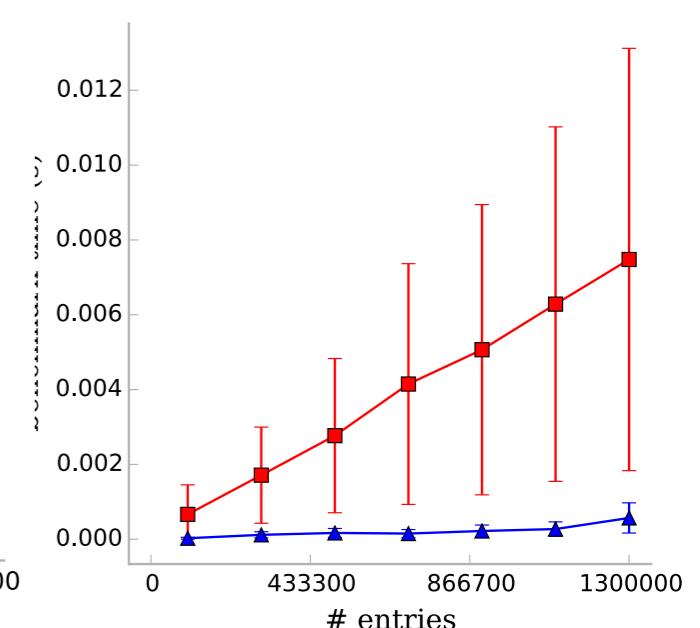
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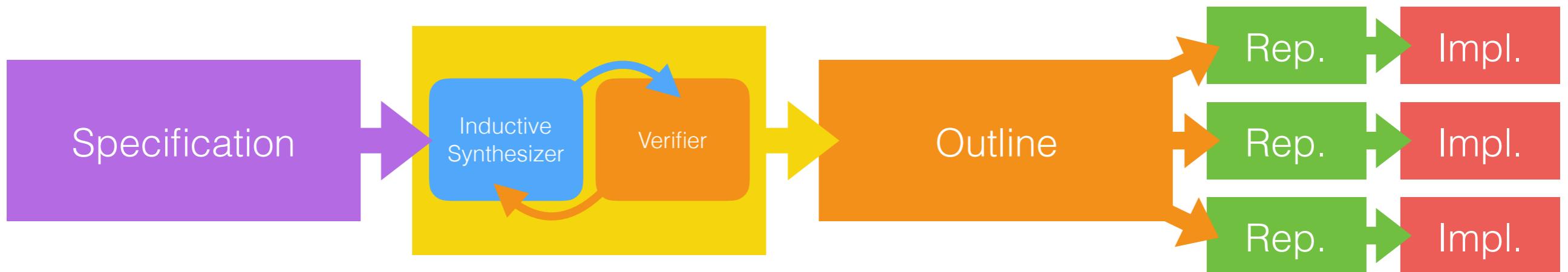
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