

# A Theory of Skiplists with Applications to the Verification of Concurrent Datatypes

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# Motivation

**Why do we want a decidable theory  
for skiplists?**

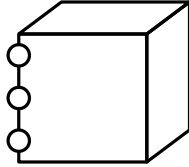
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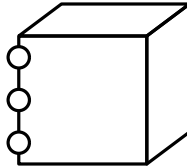
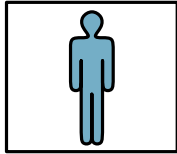
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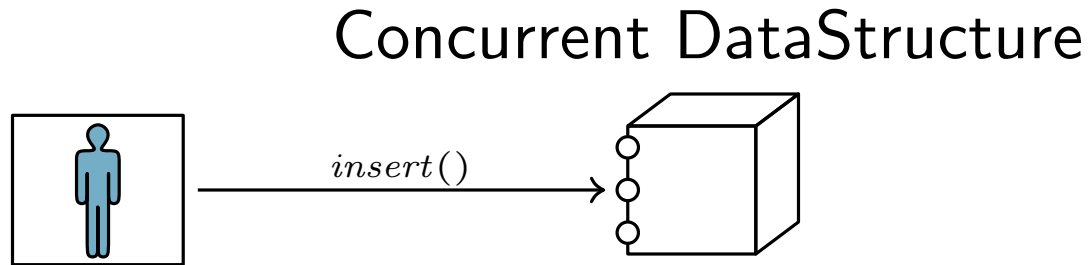
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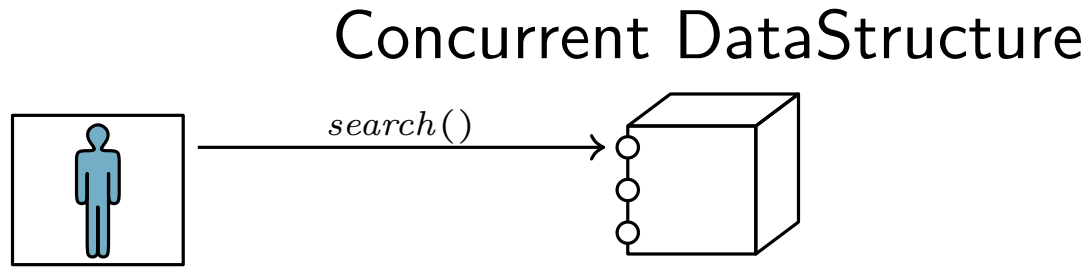
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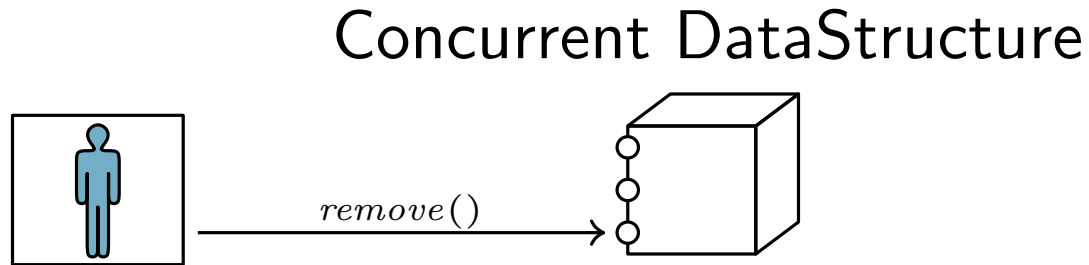
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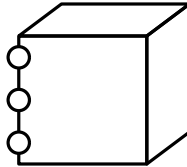
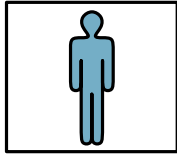
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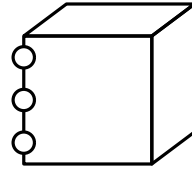


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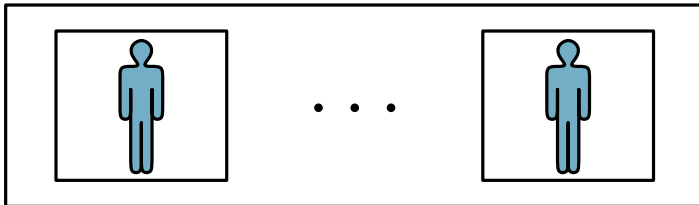
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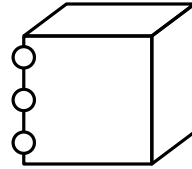
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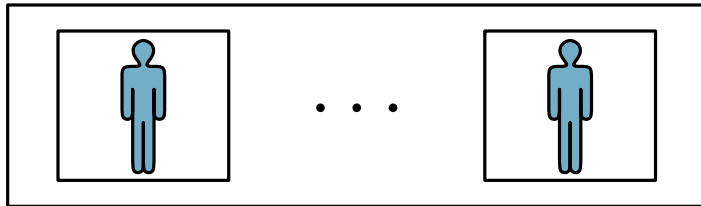
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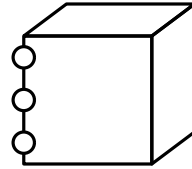


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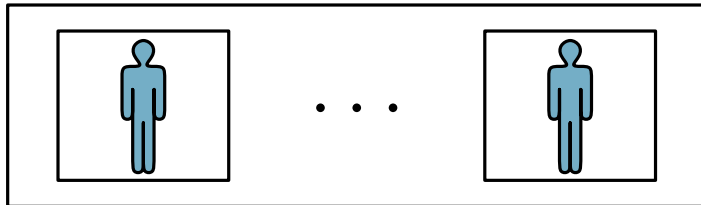
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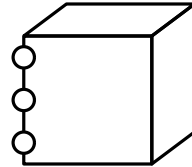
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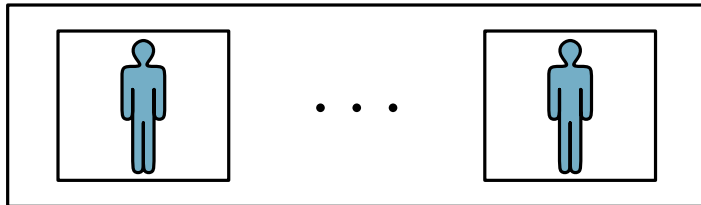
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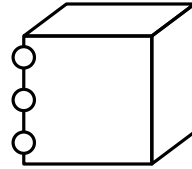
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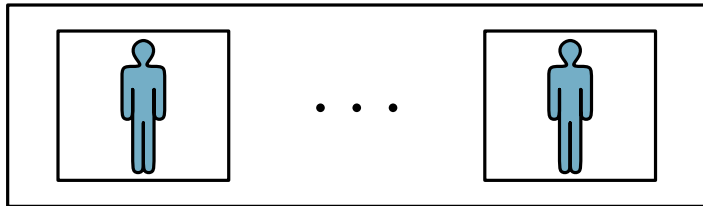
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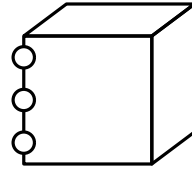
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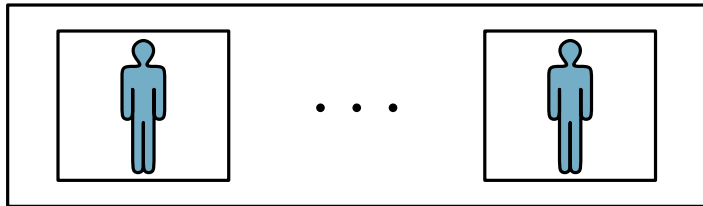
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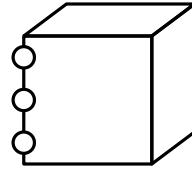
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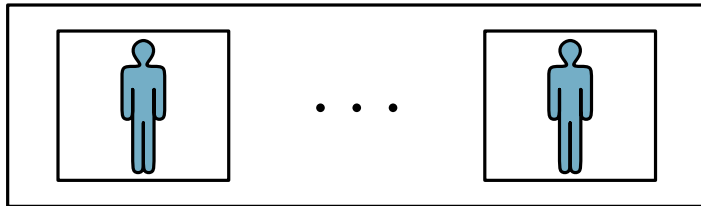
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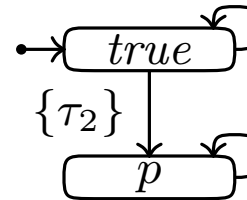


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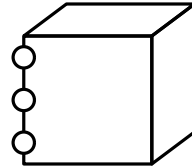
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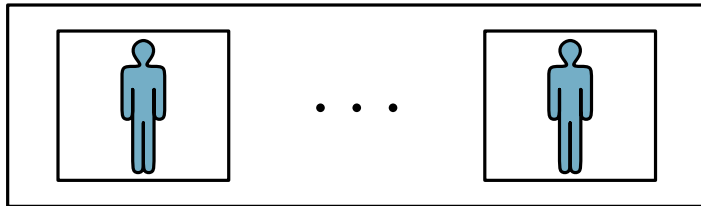
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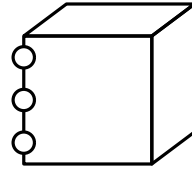
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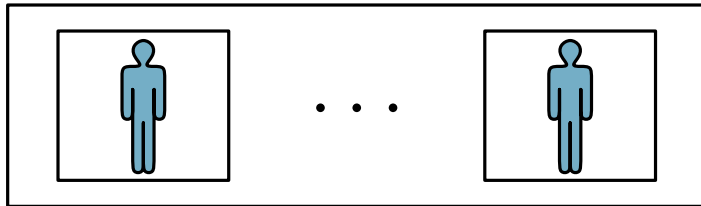
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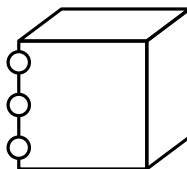
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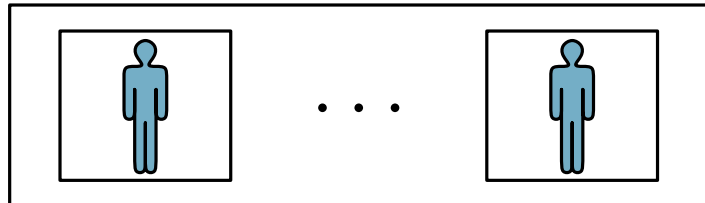
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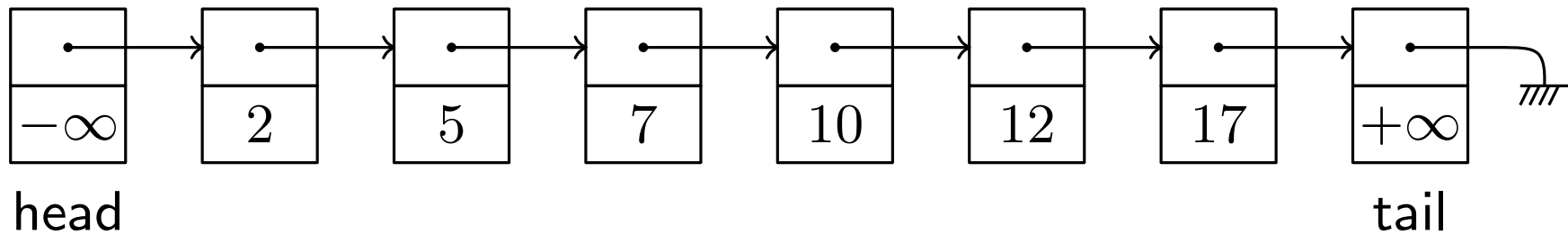
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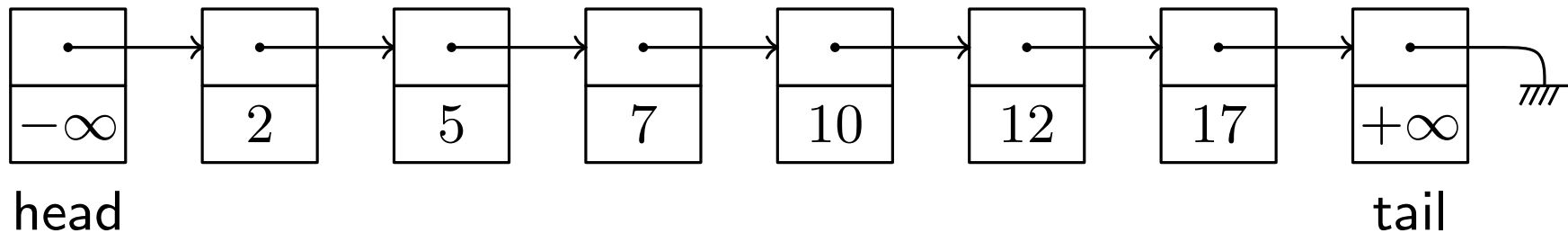
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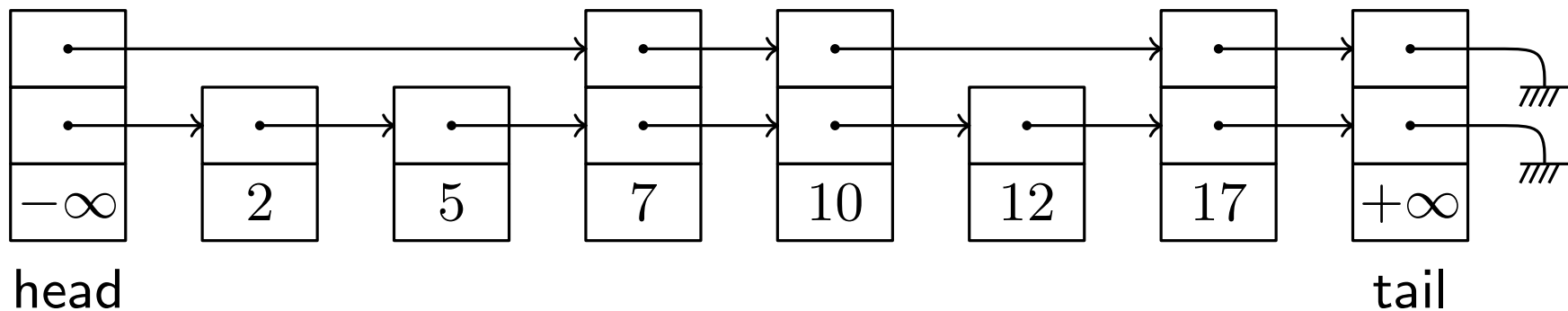
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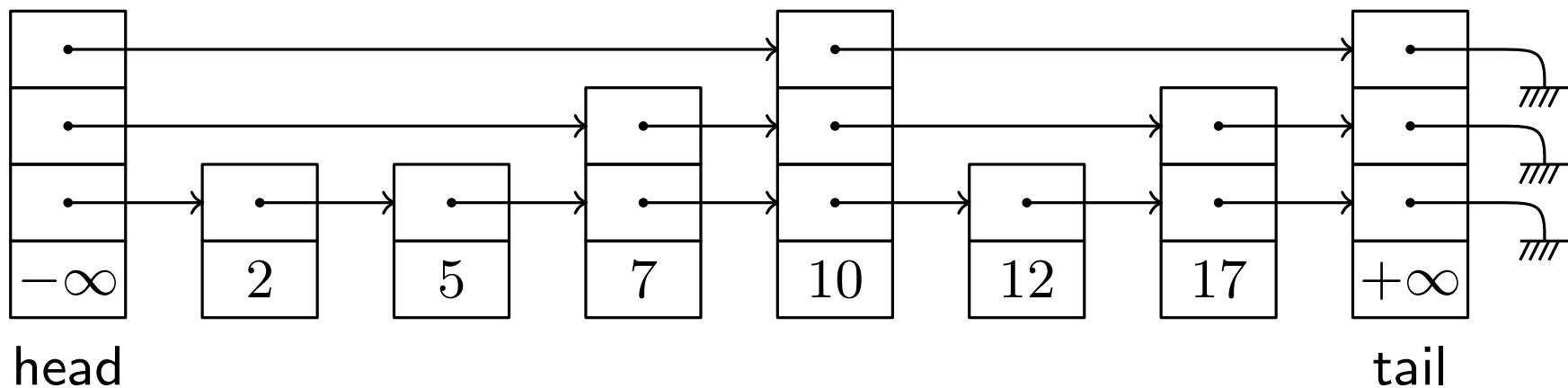
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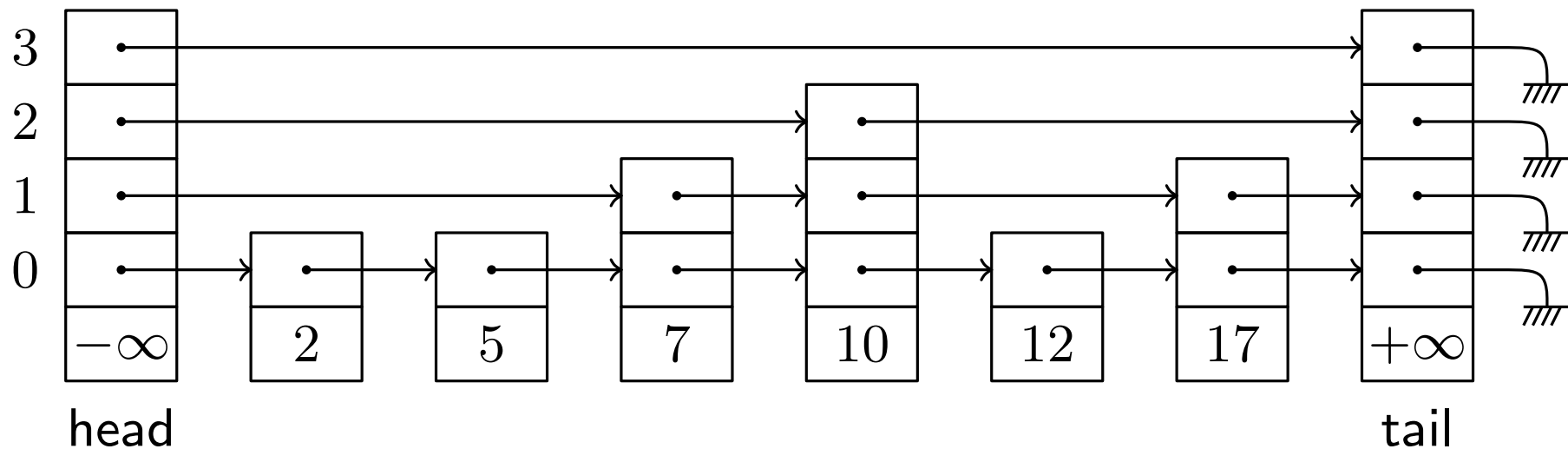
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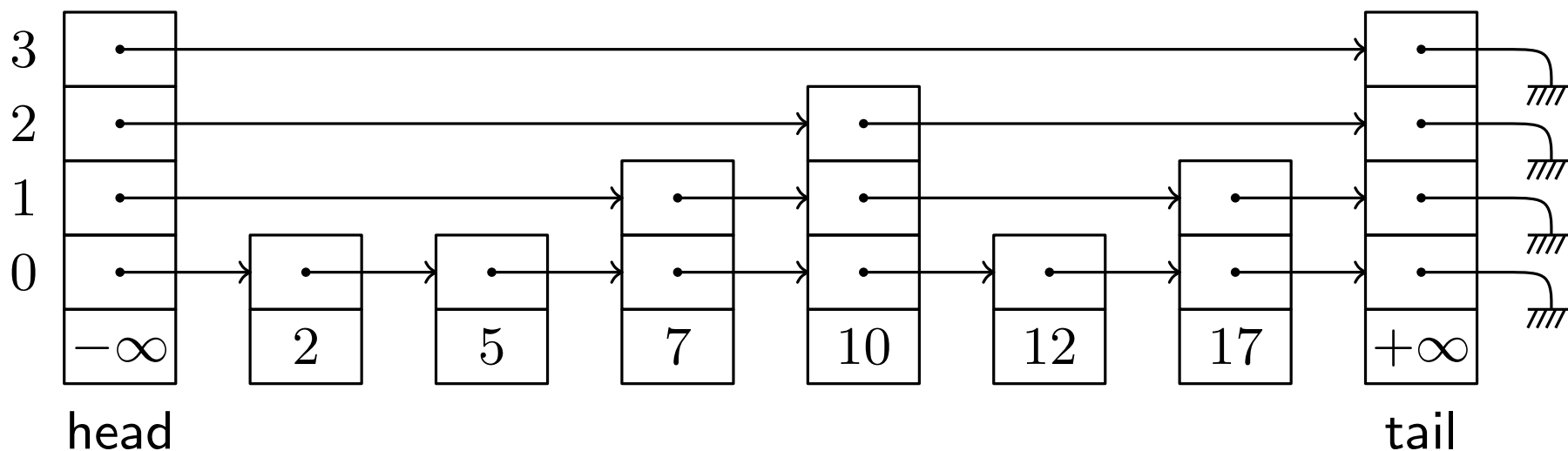
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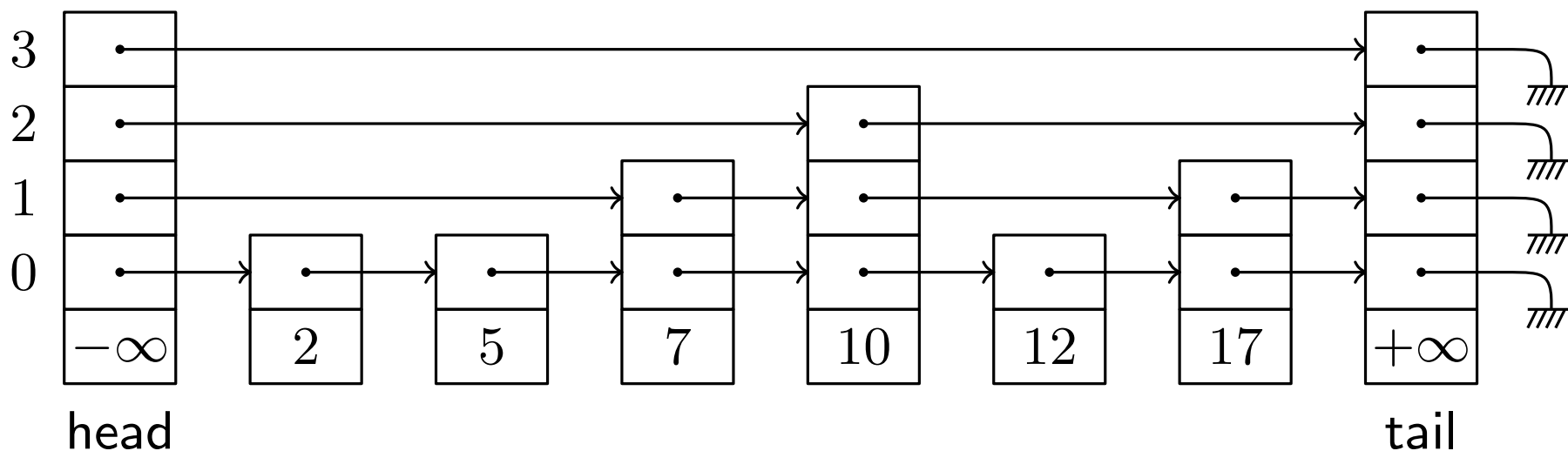
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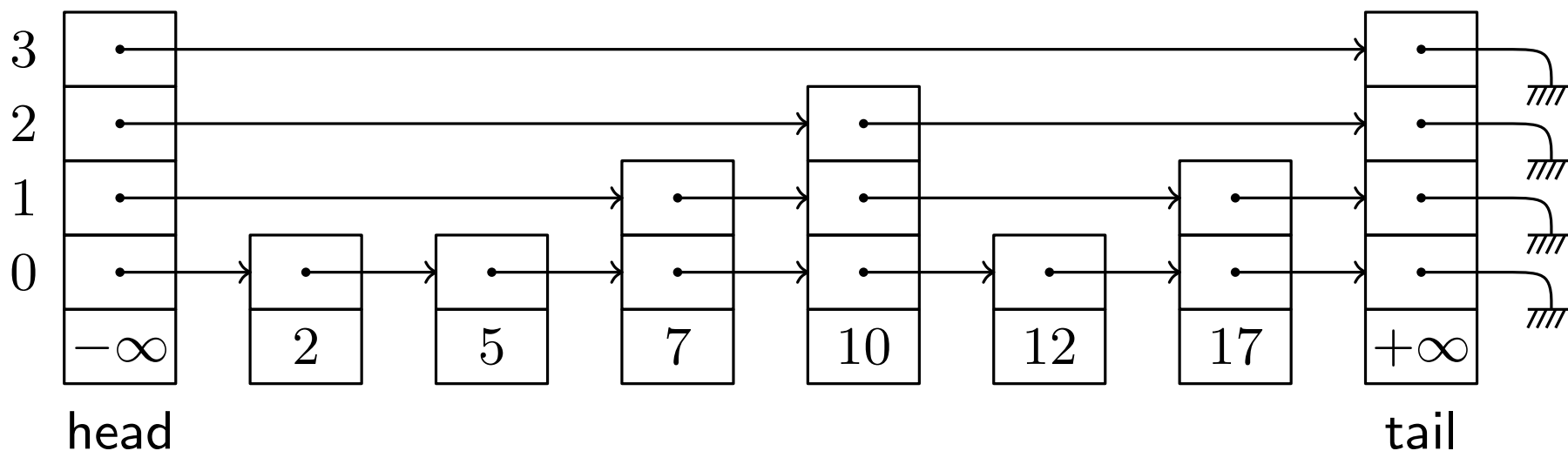
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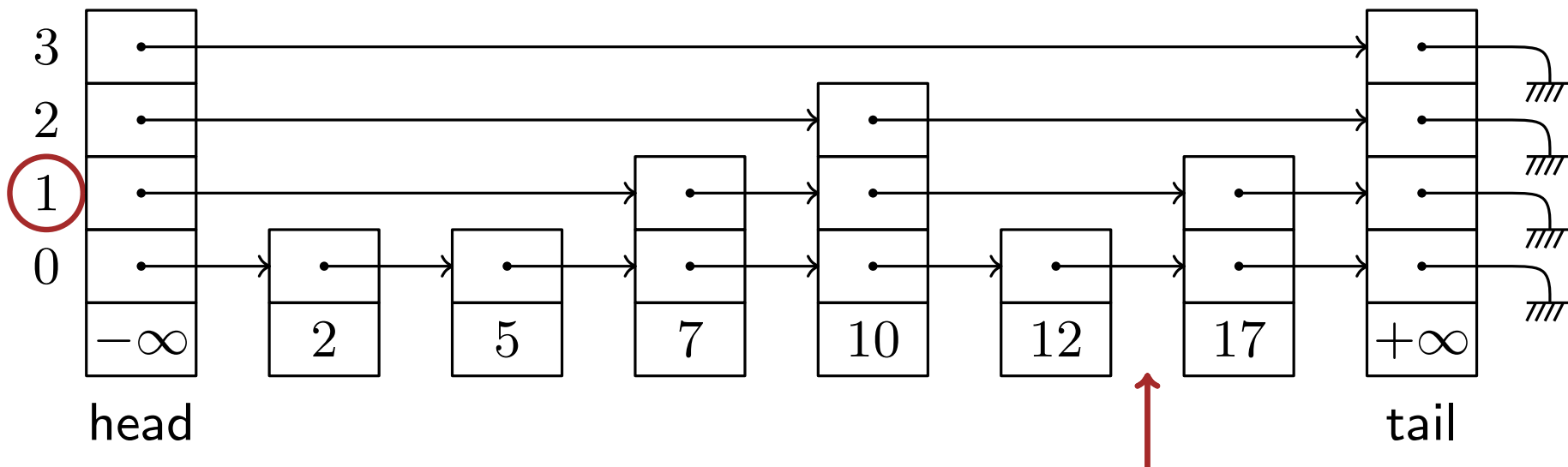
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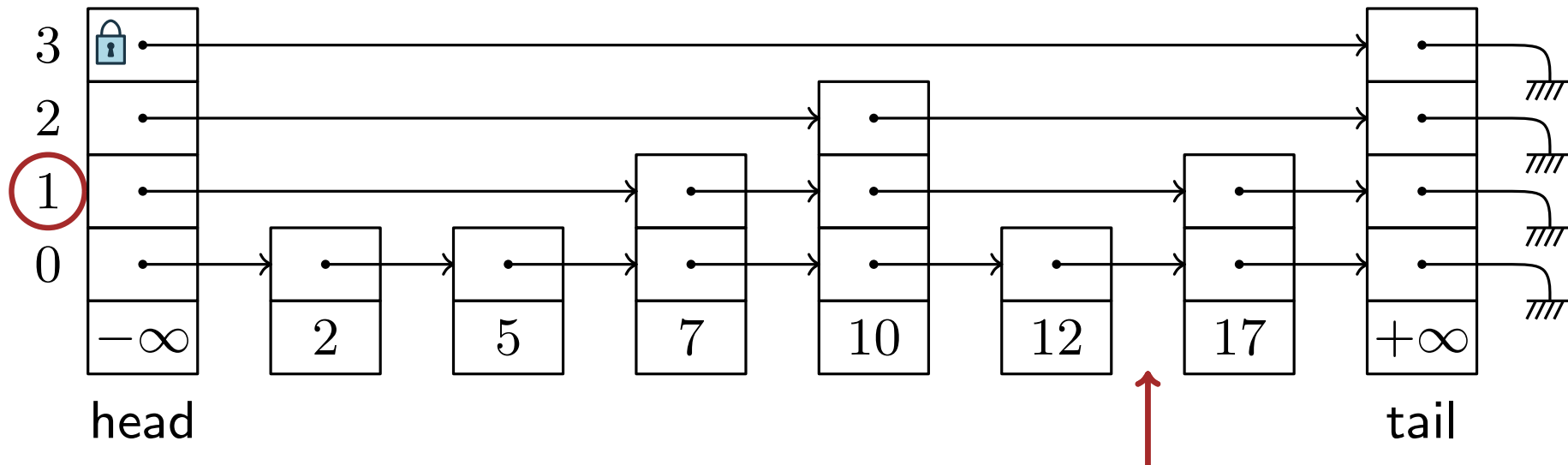


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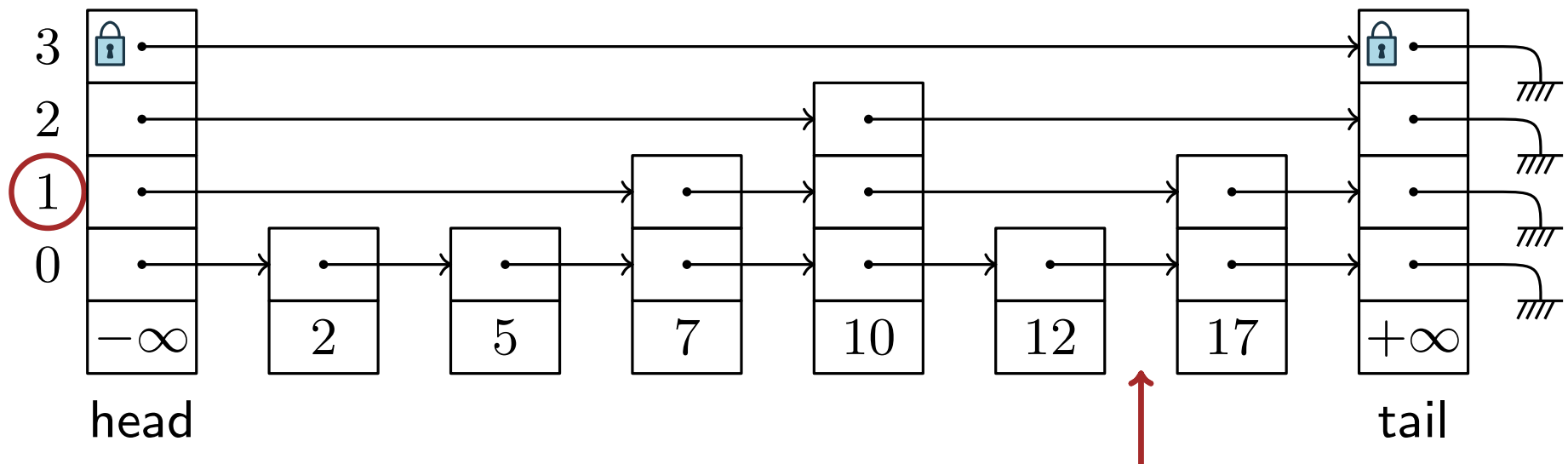
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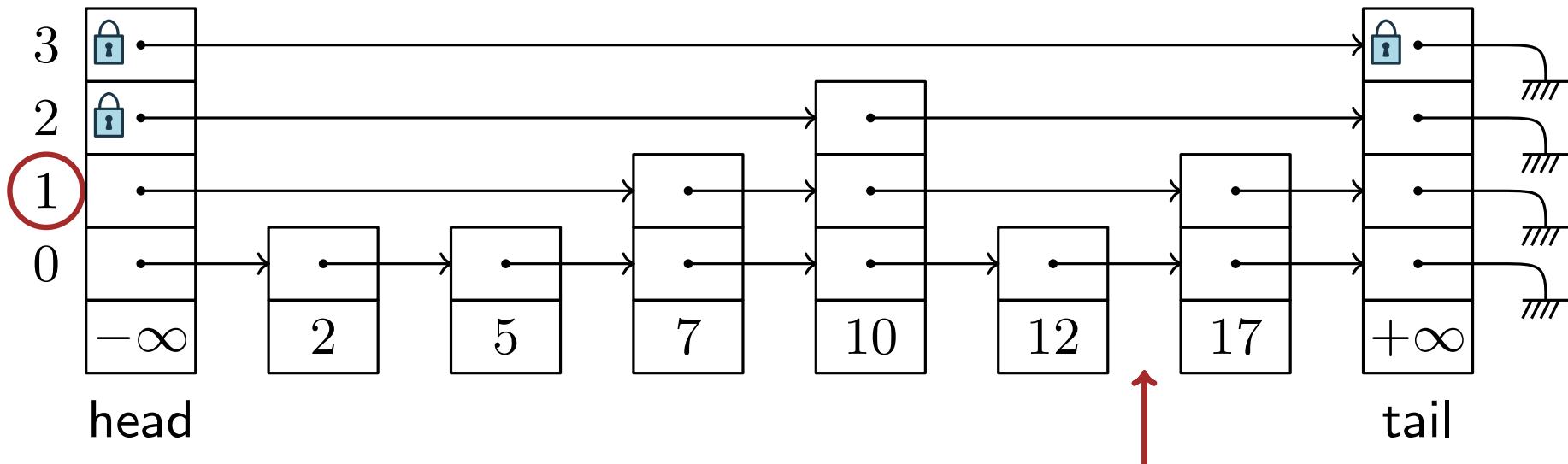
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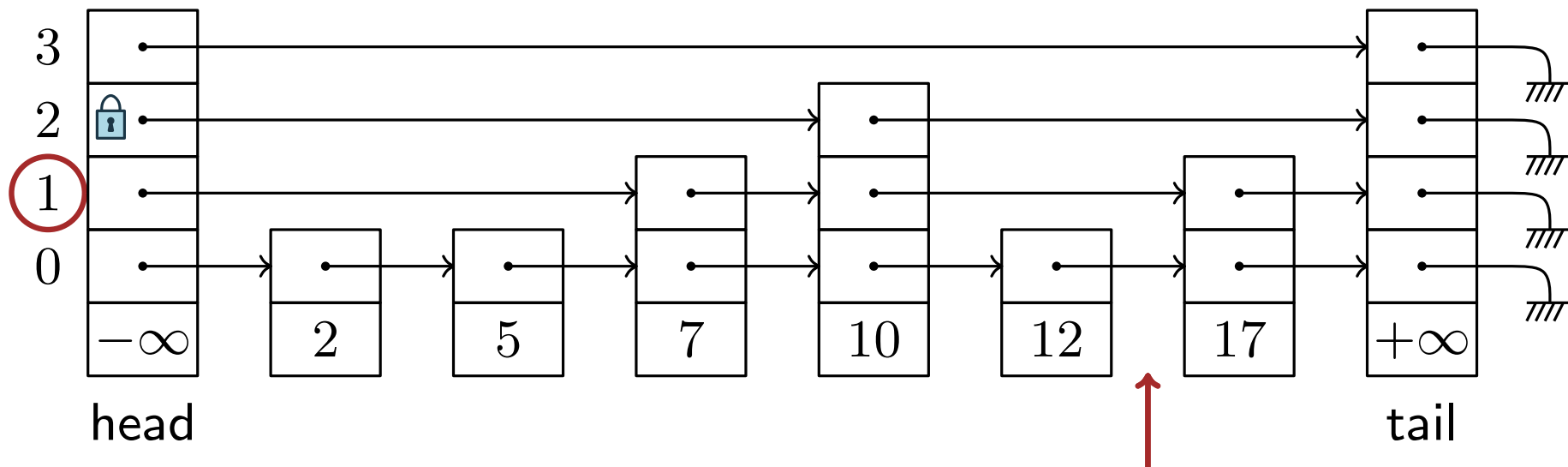
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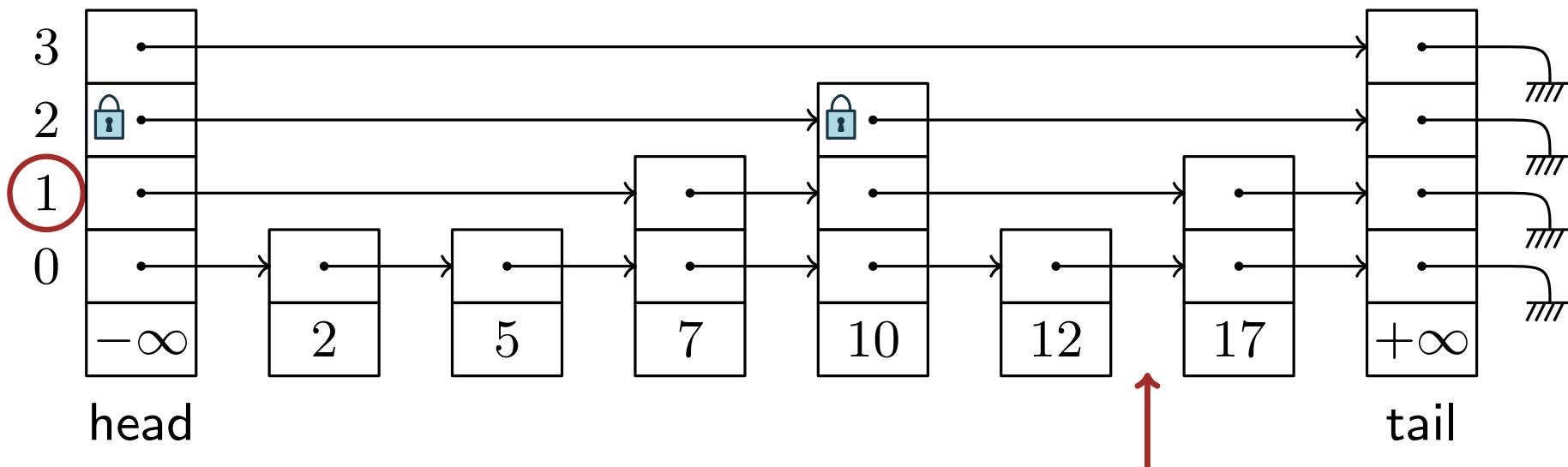
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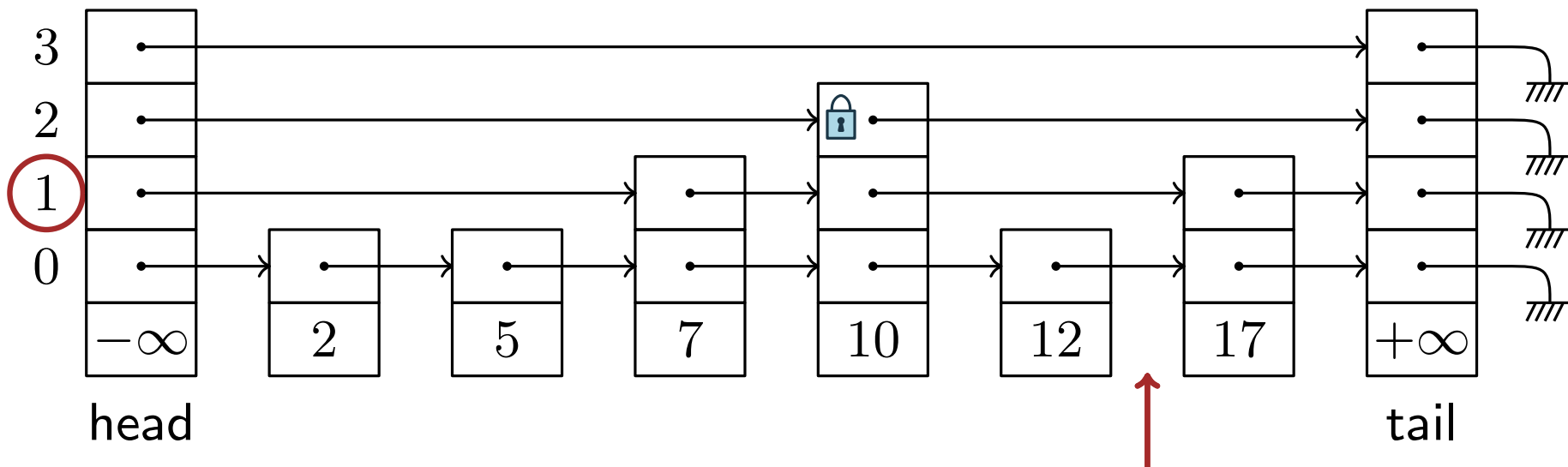
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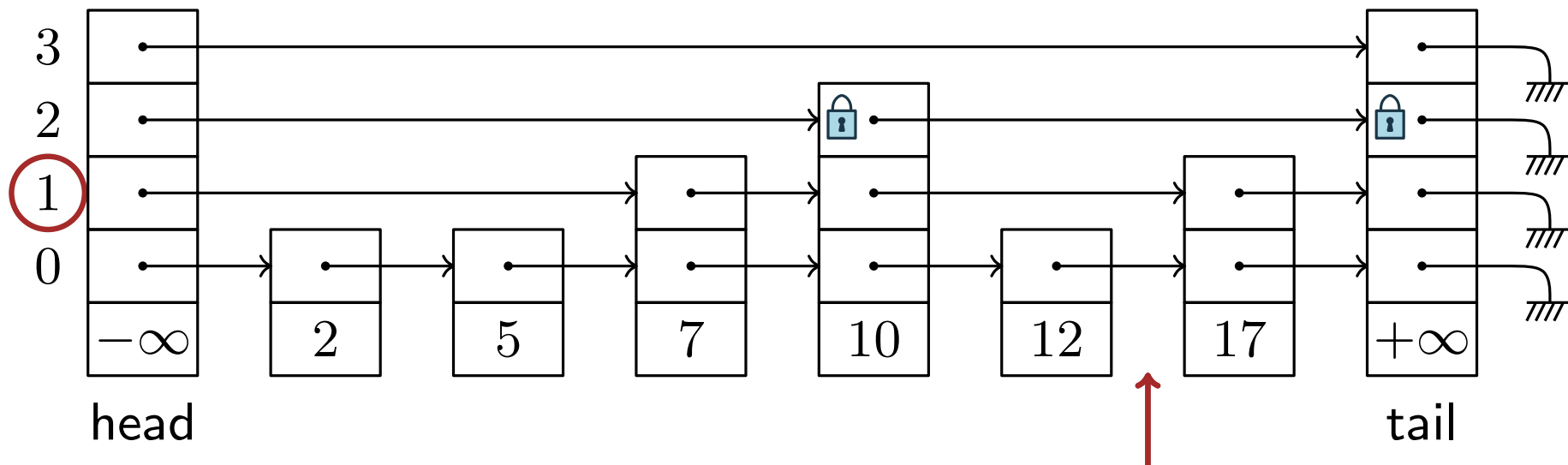


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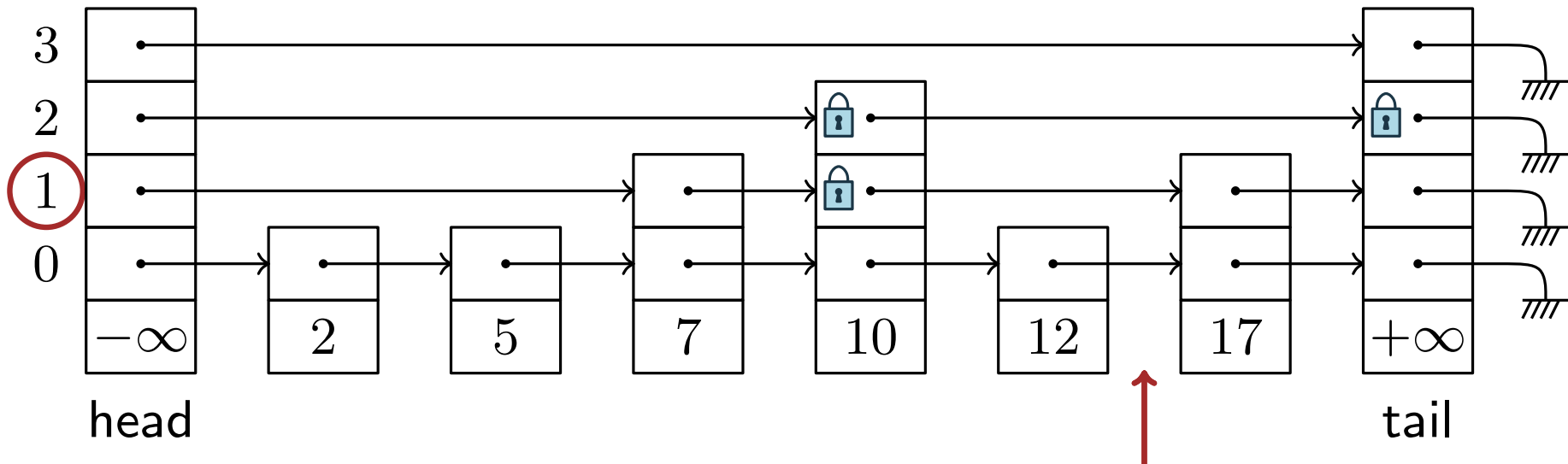
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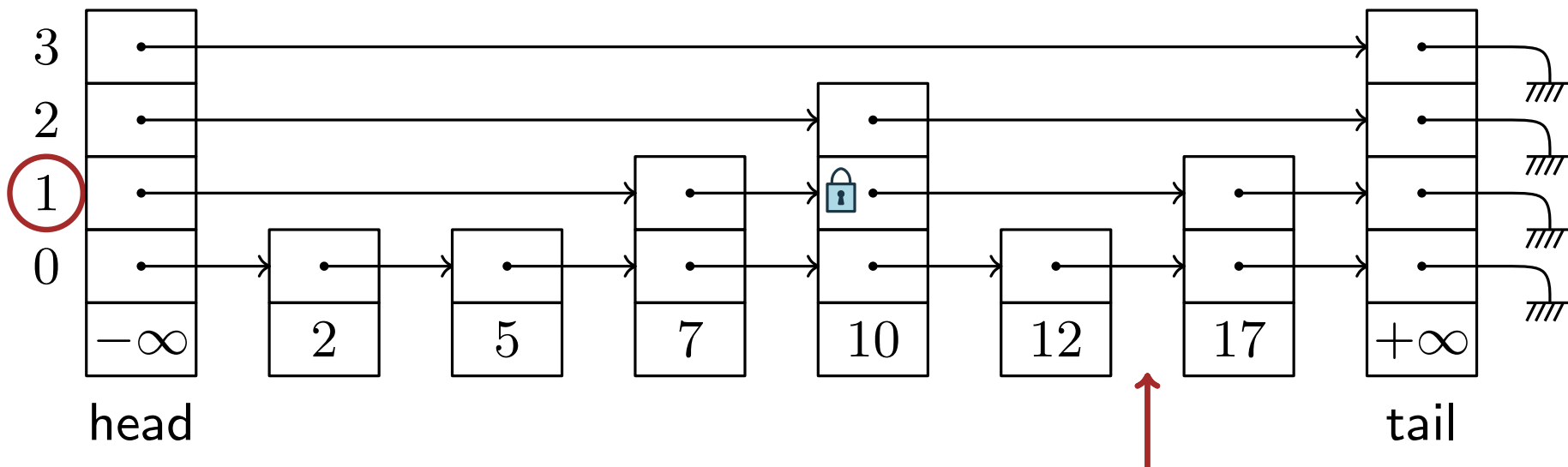
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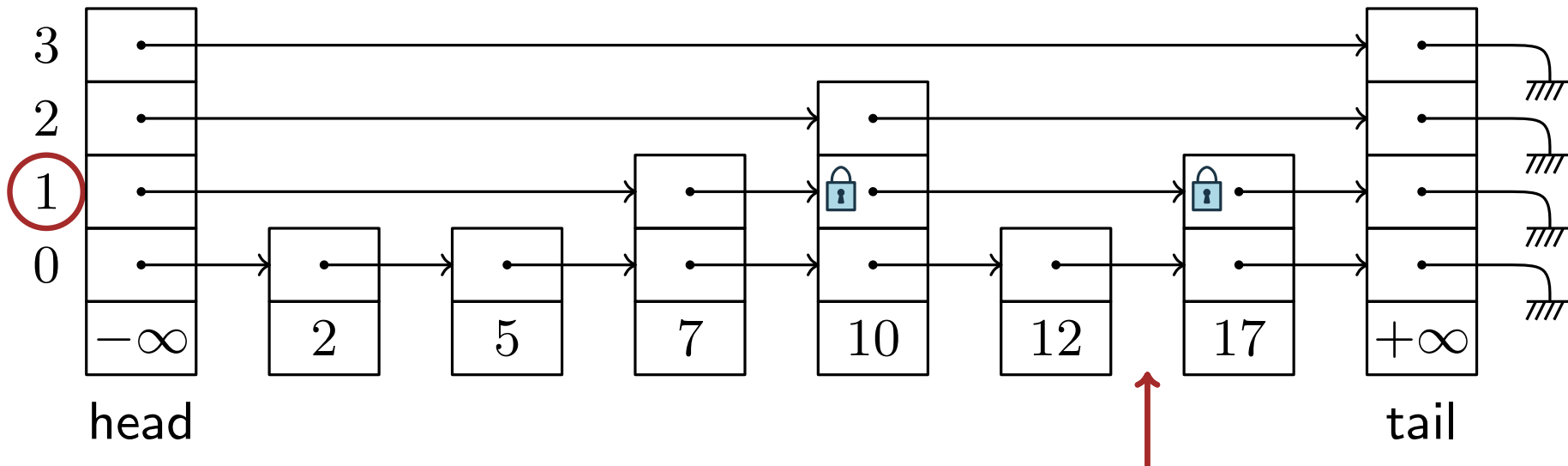
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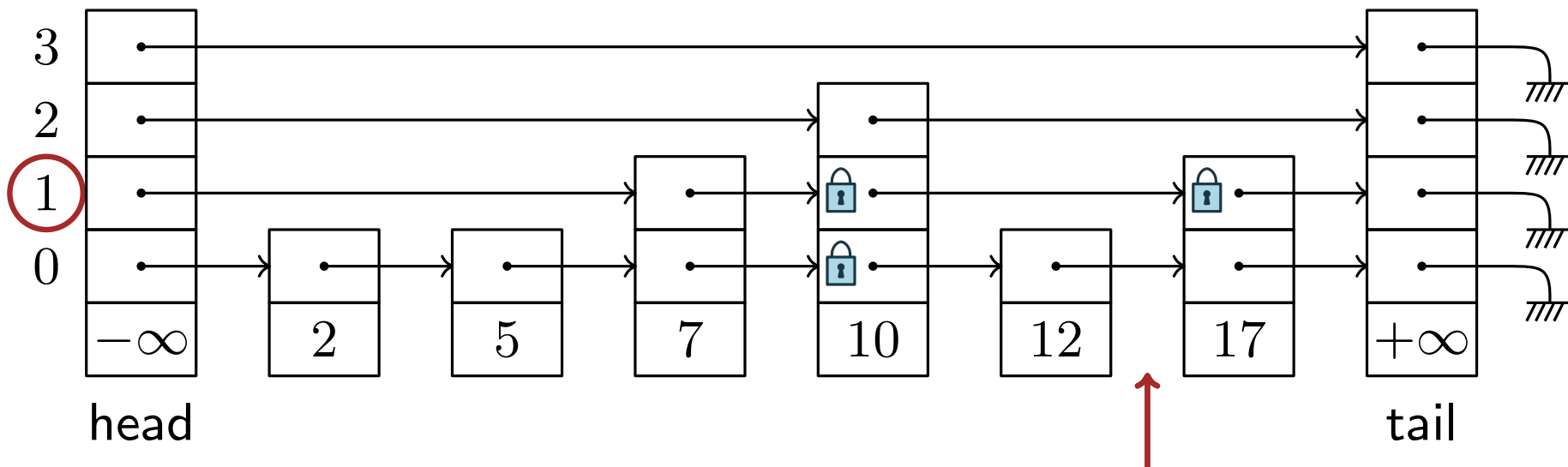
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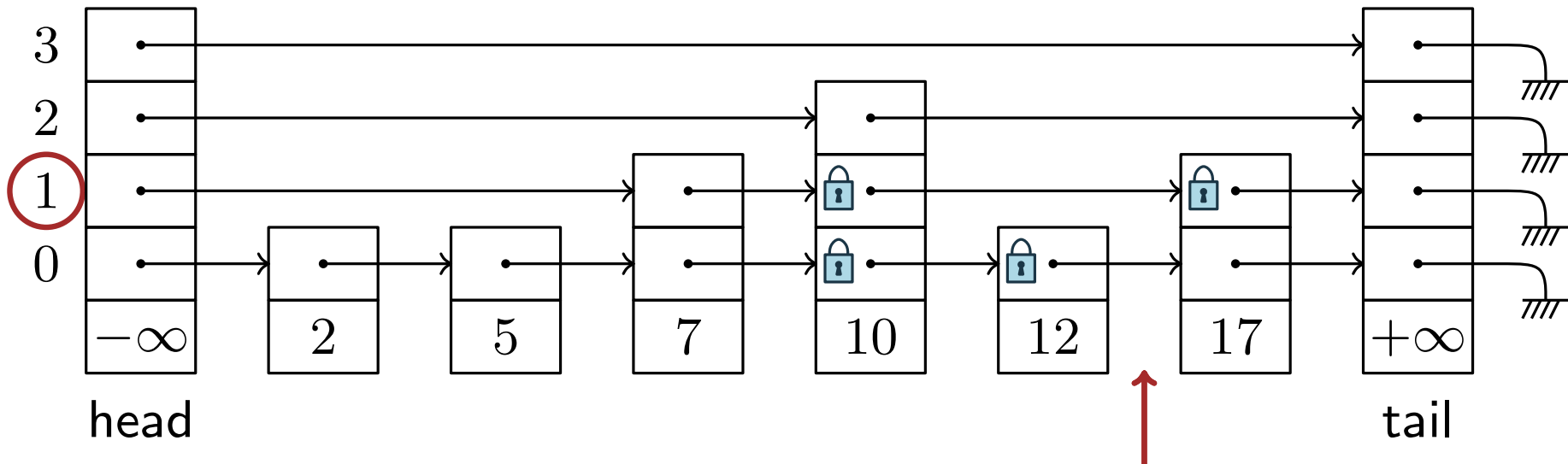
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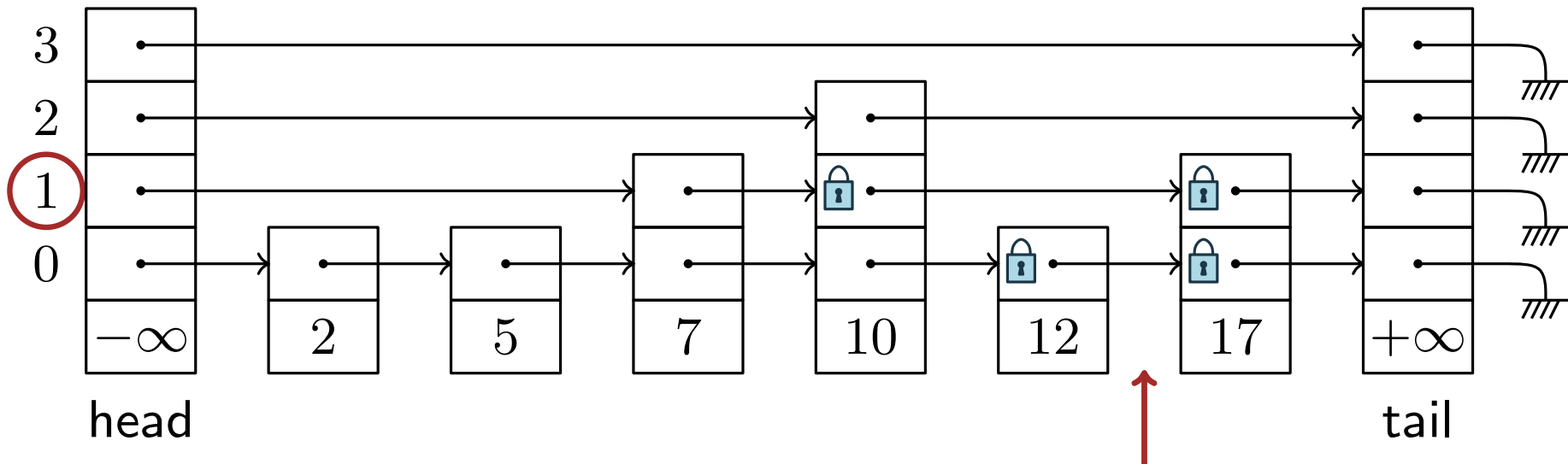
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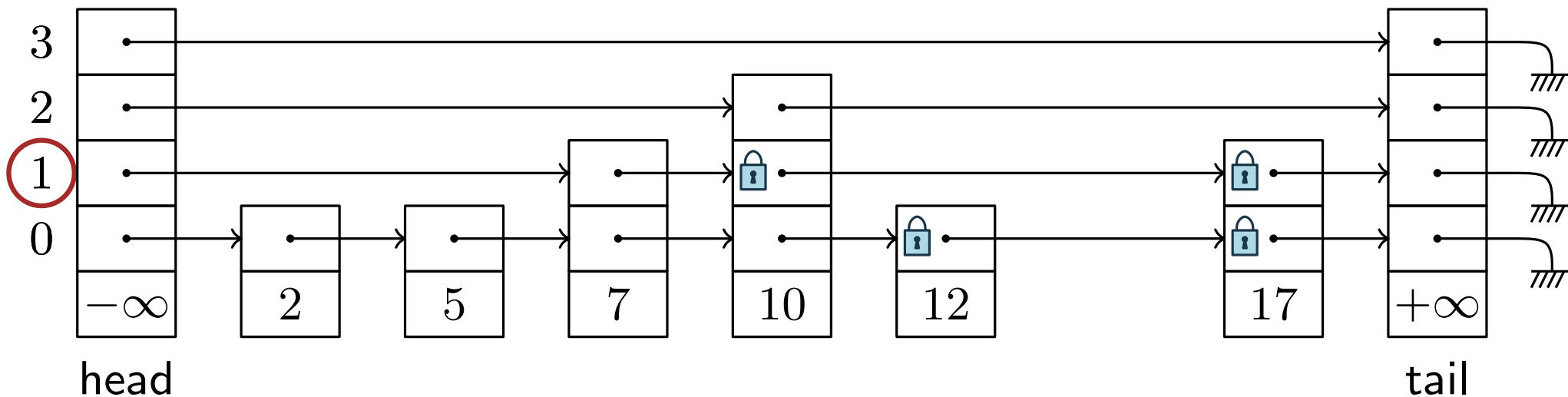
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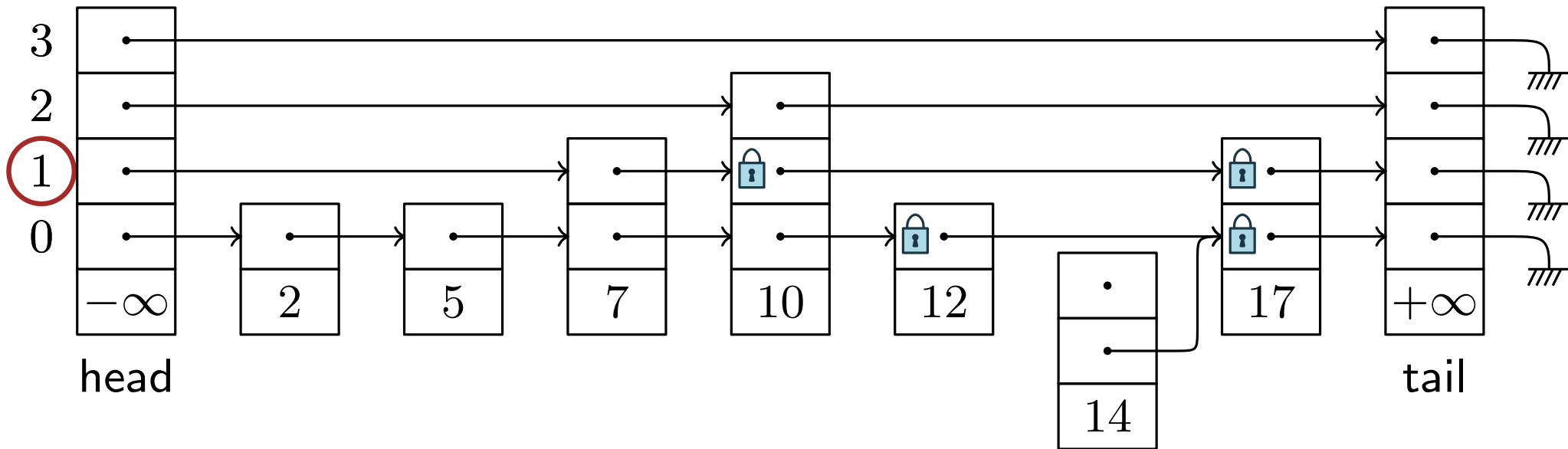
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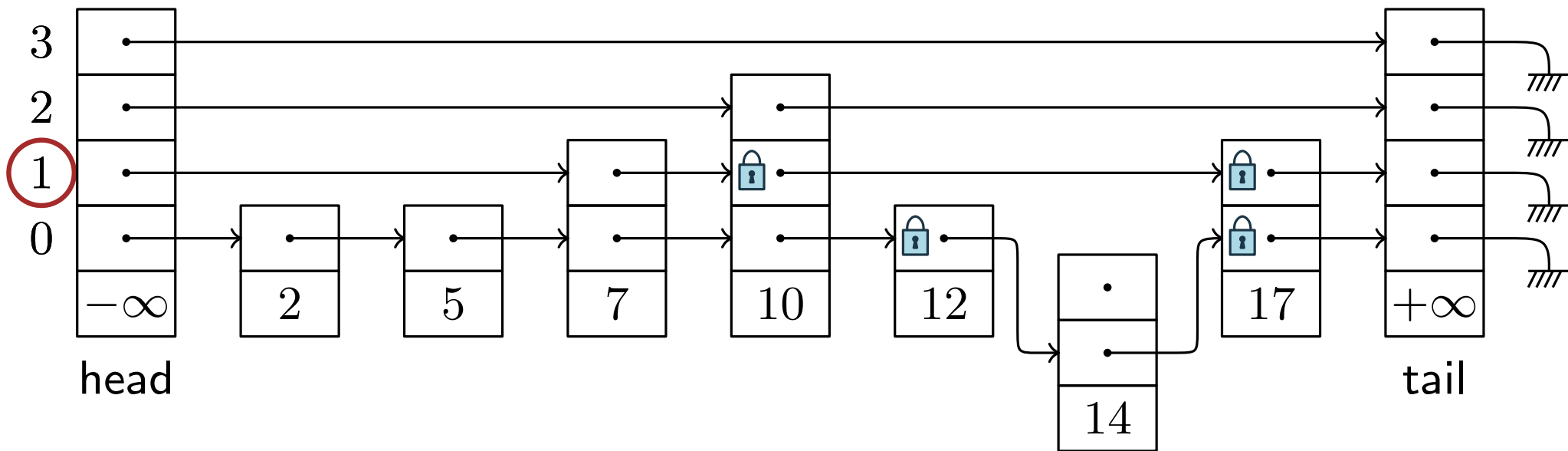
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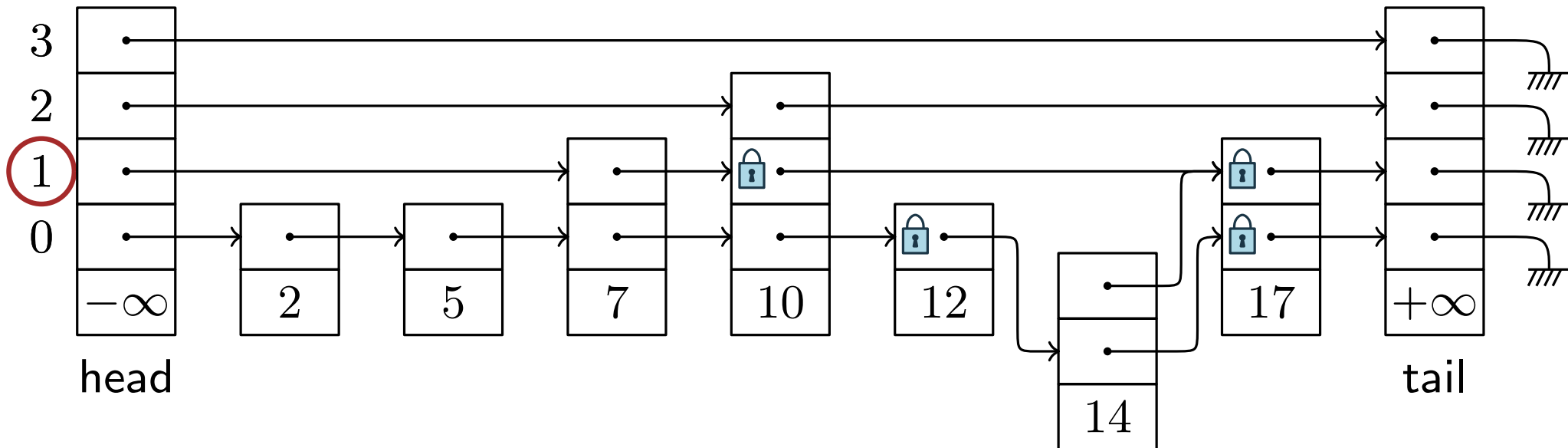
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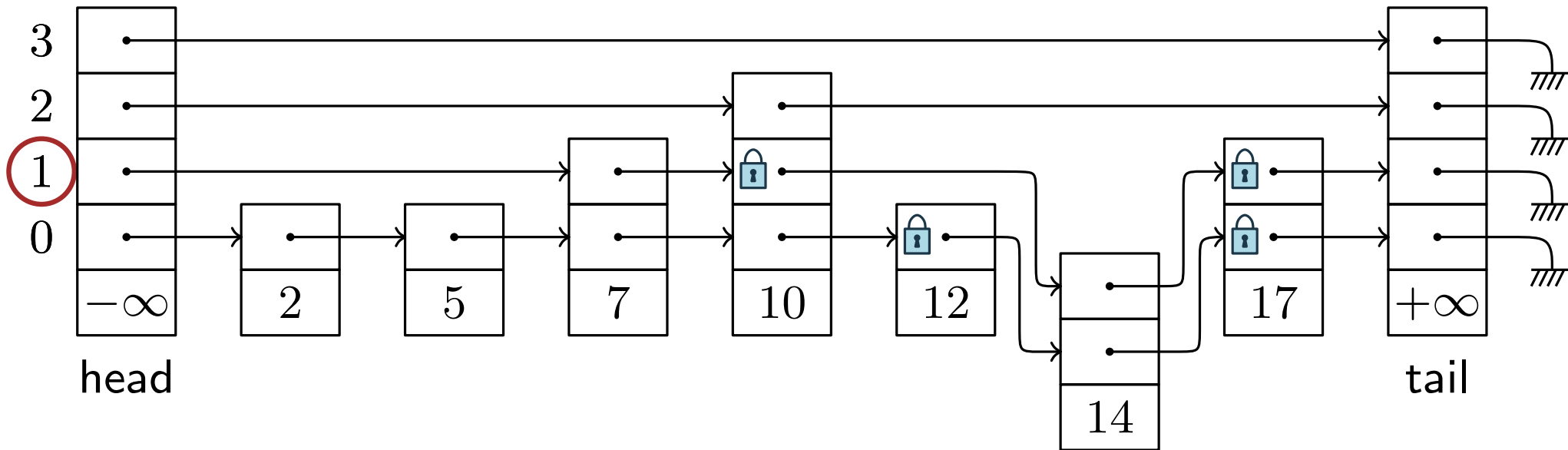
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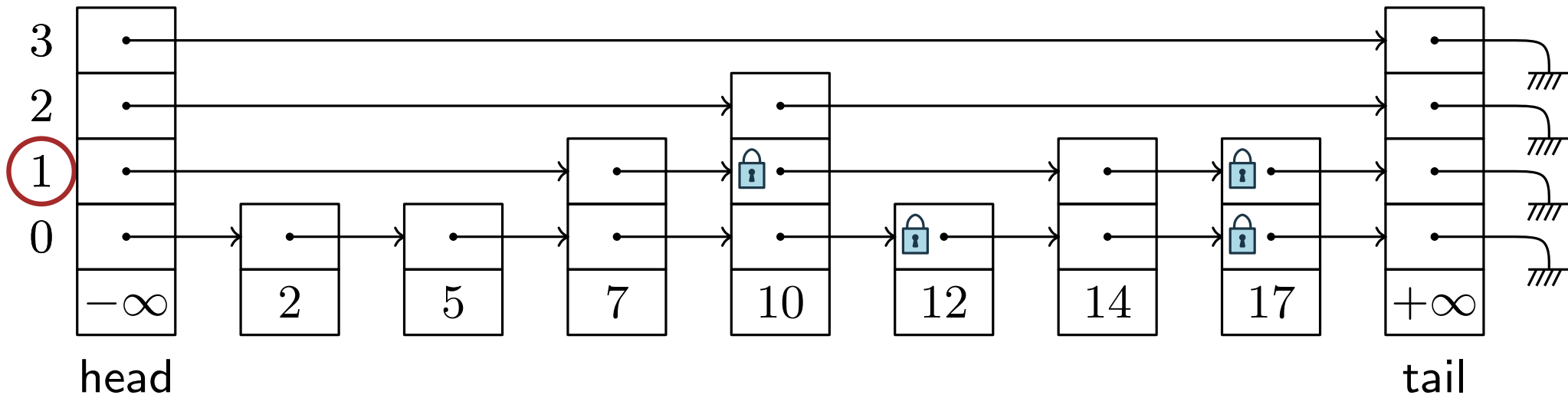
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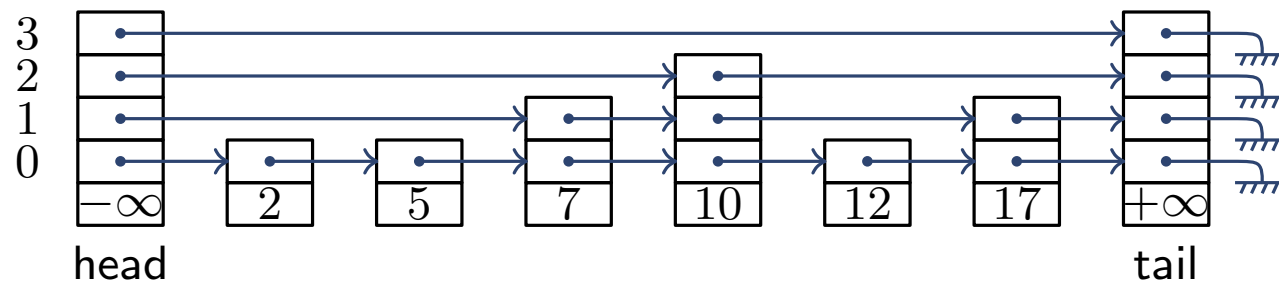
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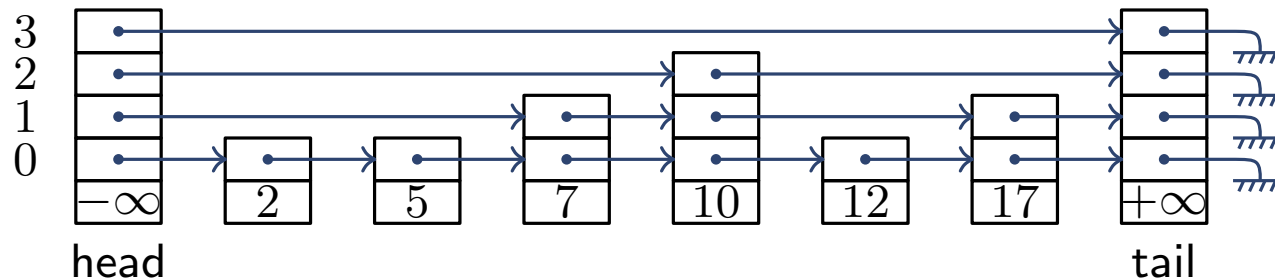
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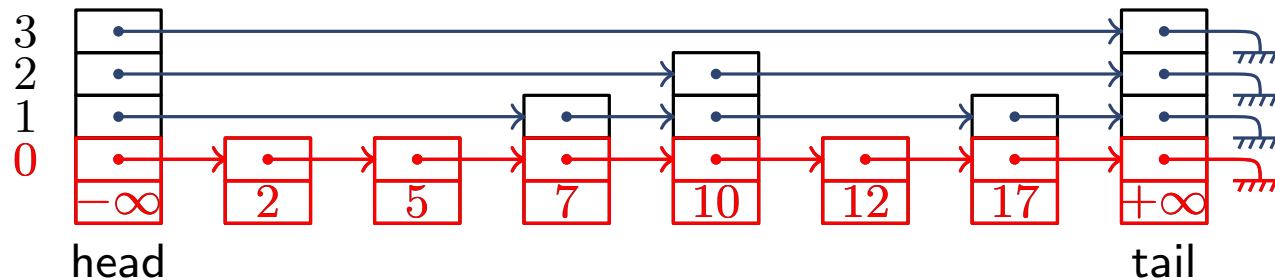
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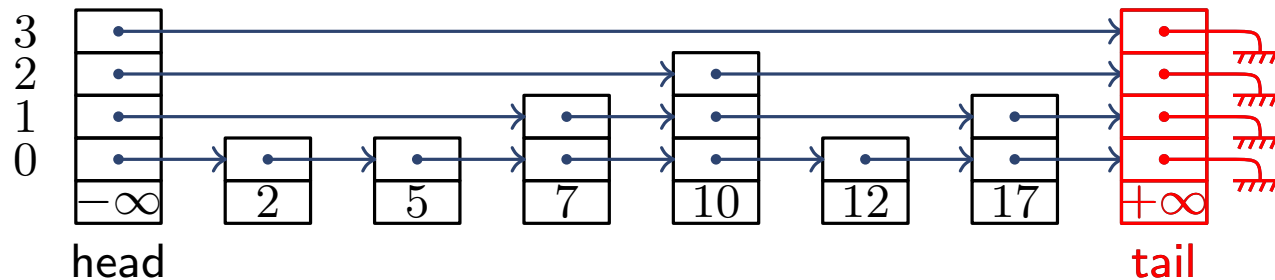
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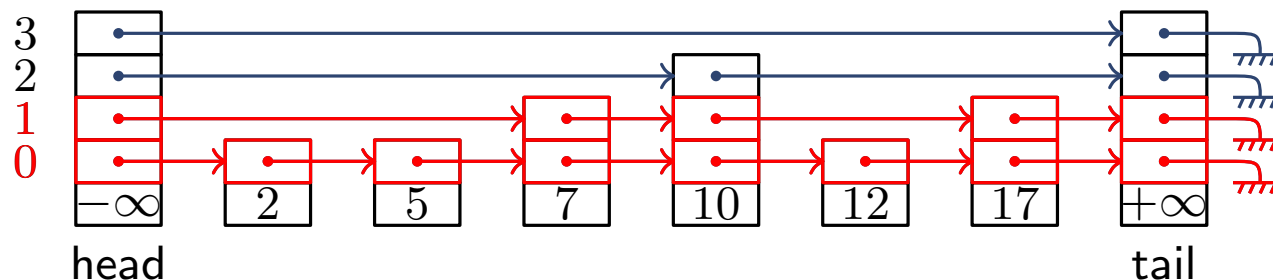




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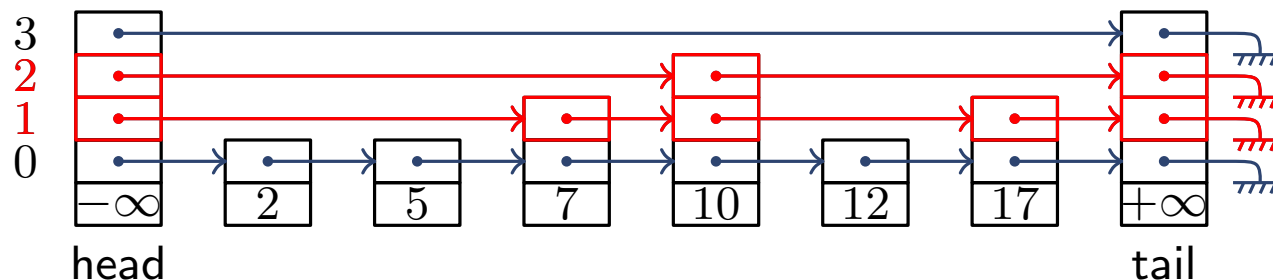
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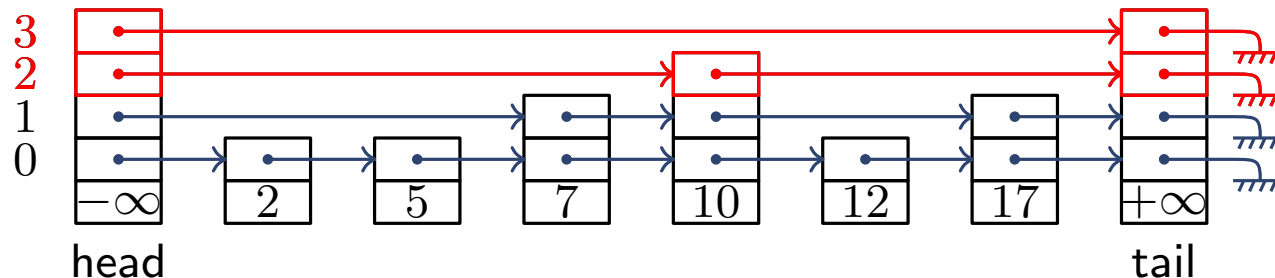
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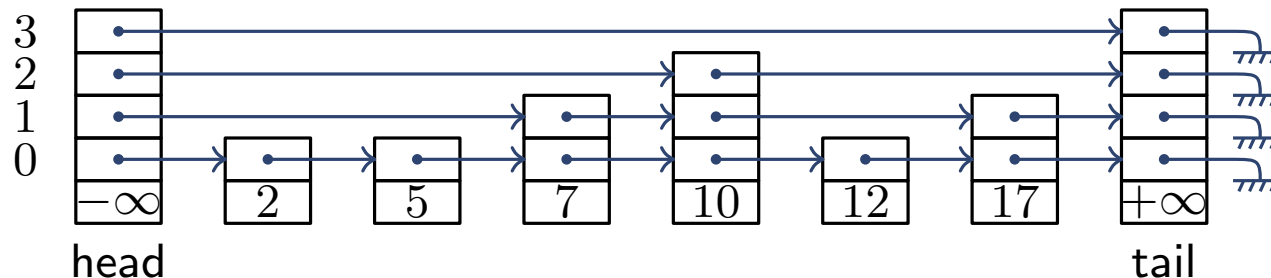


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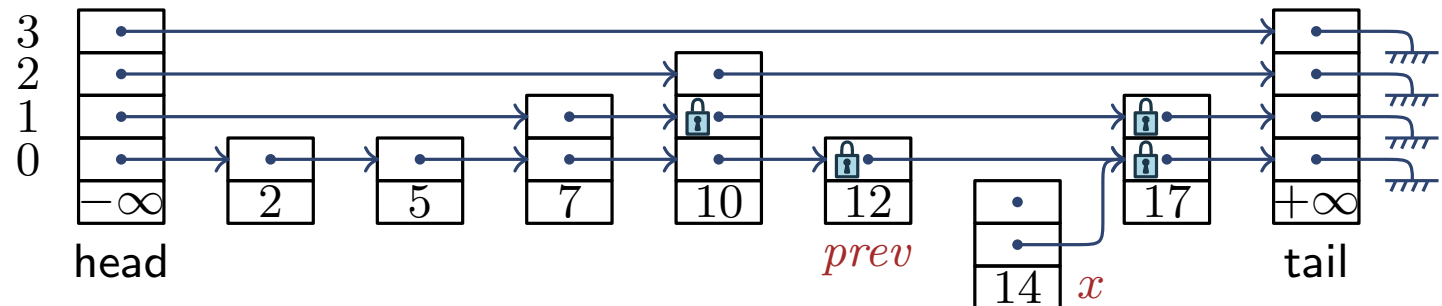
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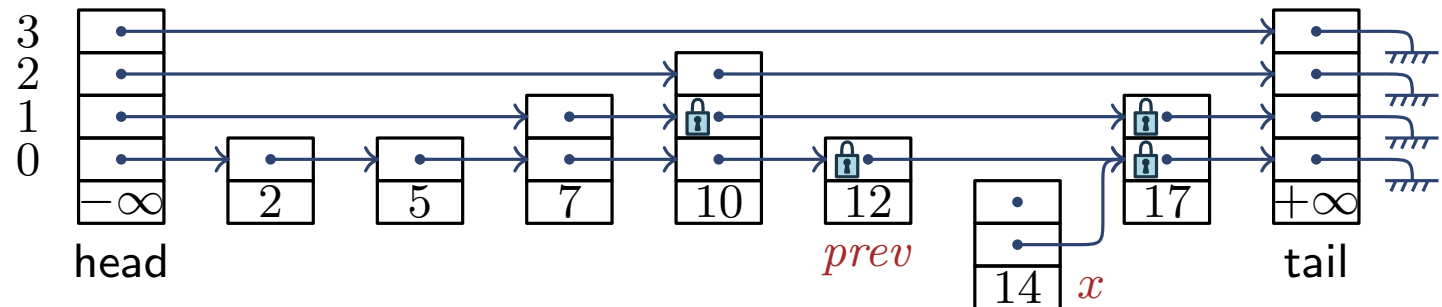
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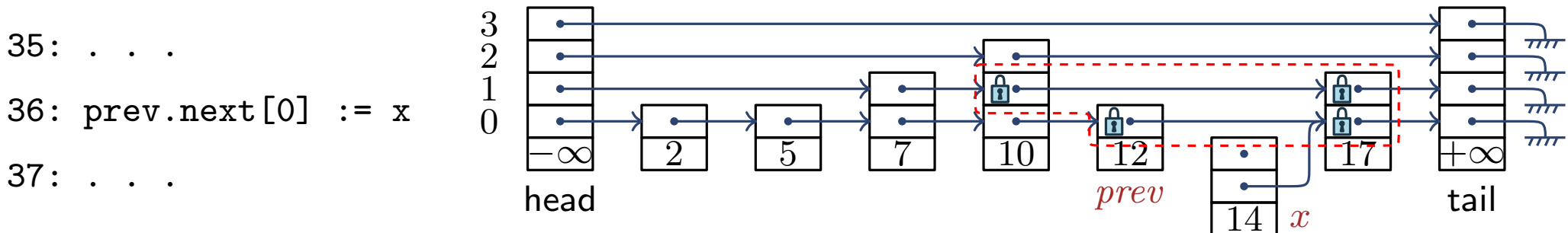
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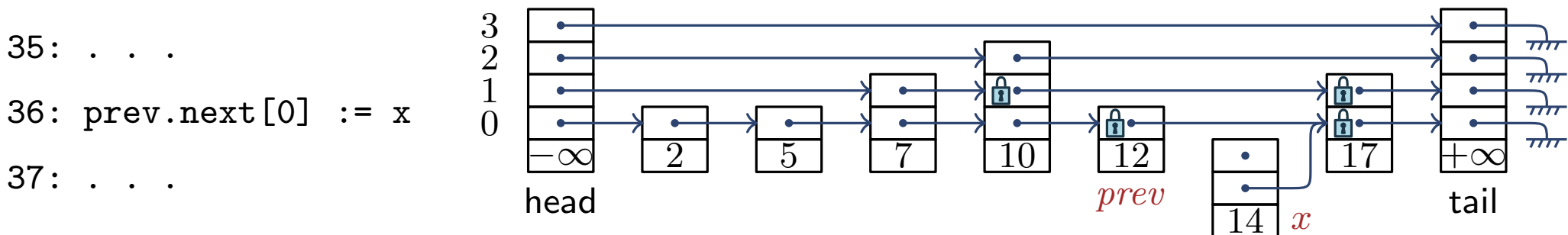
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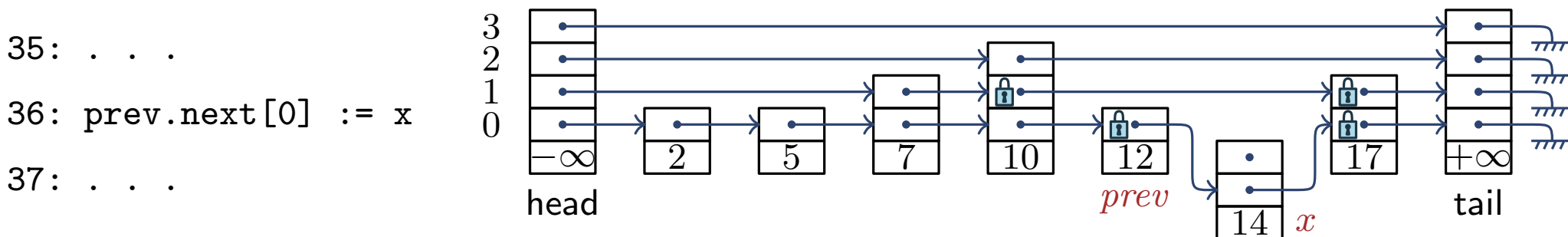
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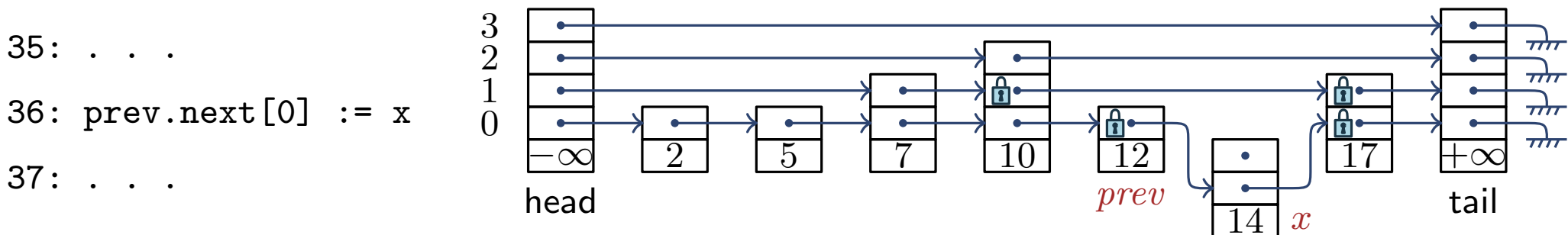
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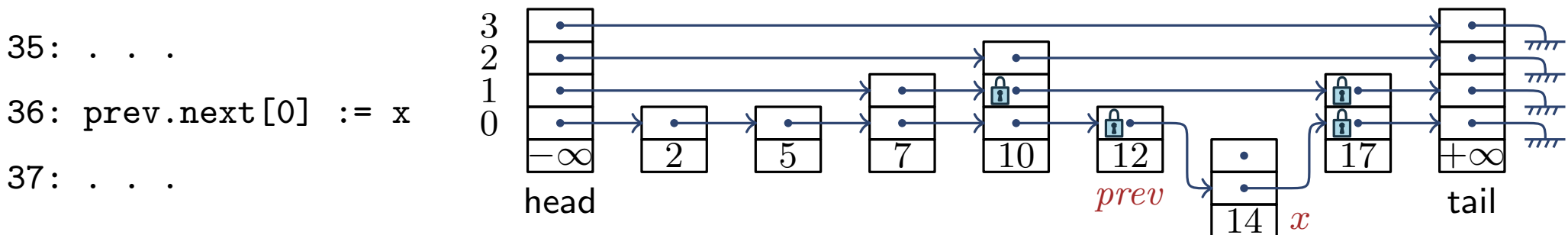
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**reason about**  
thread identifiers

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**reason about**

program positions

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**reason about**

ordered values + notion of ordered list

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**reason about**

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**reason about**

**sublist**

# Our Contribution

- ▶ **TSL<sub>K</sub>**, a theory for concurrent skiplist lists of height  $K$
- ▶ We show TSL<sub>K</sub> **decidable**
- ▶ We propose a combination based **decision procedure**

# TSL<sub>K</sub>: A Theory for Concurrent Skiplists of height K

- ▶ Based on Theory of Linked Lists (**TLL**)
- ▶ Each element is **ordered** by a **key**
- ▶ **Reasoning** on levels is extended to **K levels**
- ▶ Regions extended to **masked regions**
- ▶ List extended to **ordered lists** and **subpaths** of ordered lists

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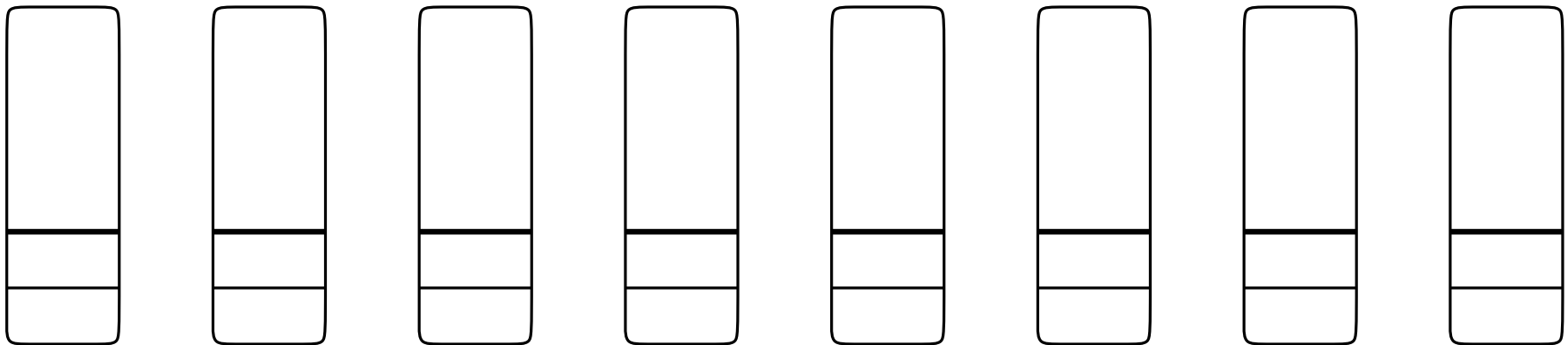
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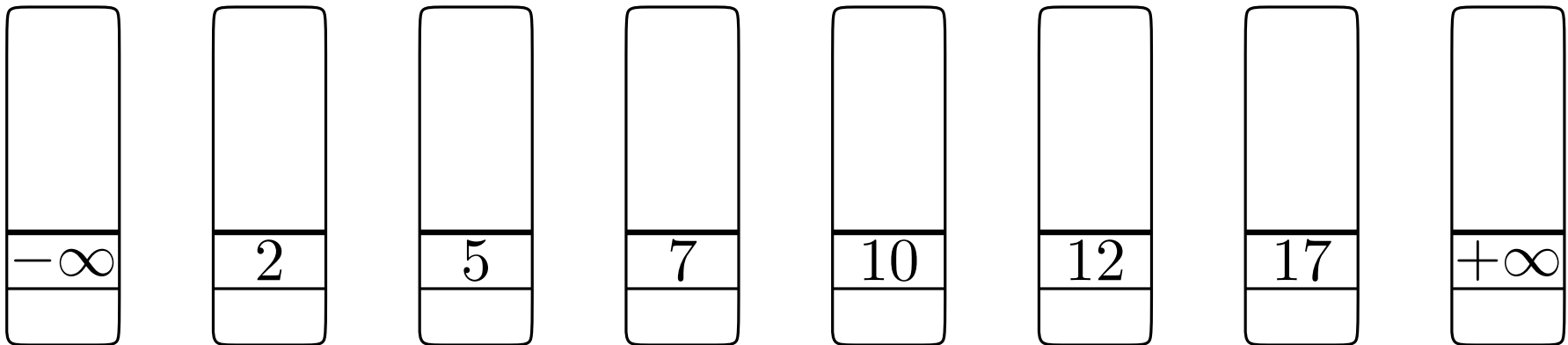
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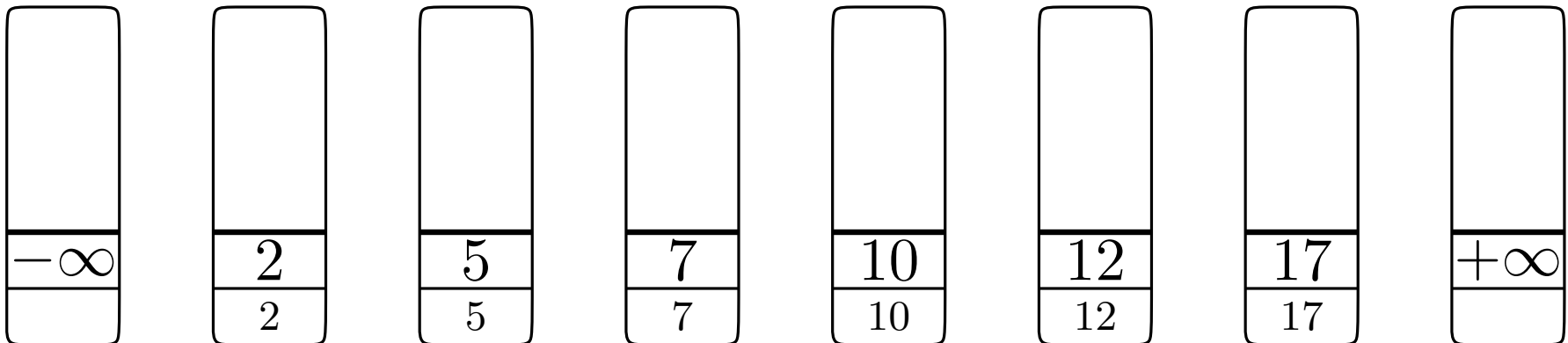
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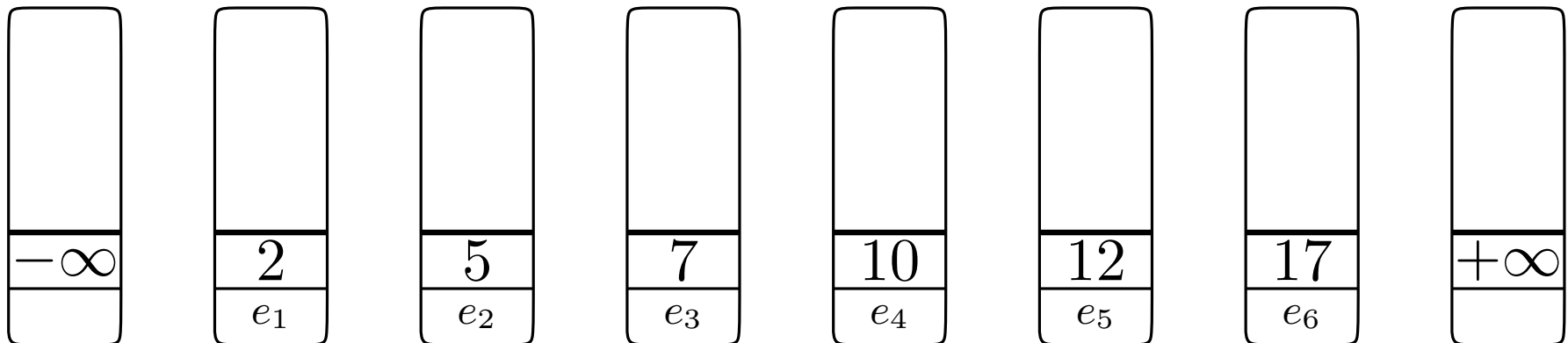
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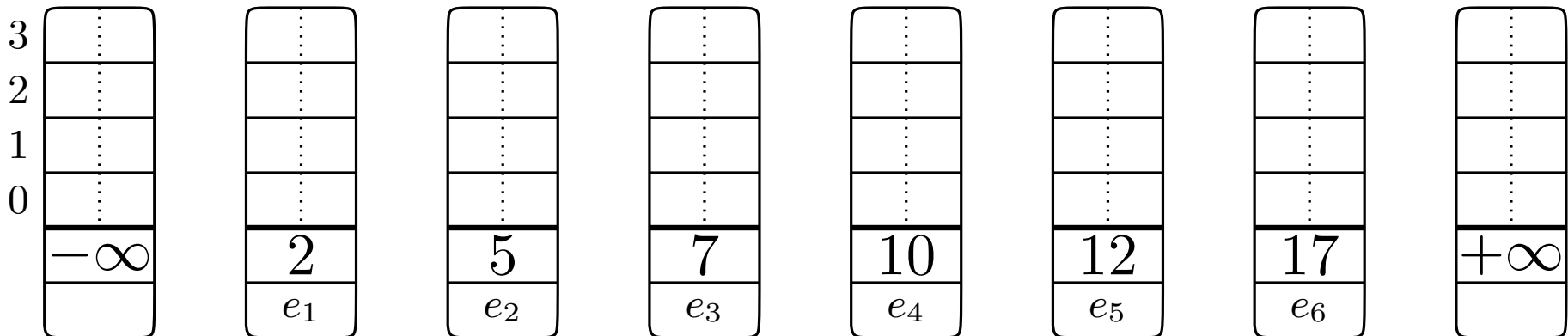
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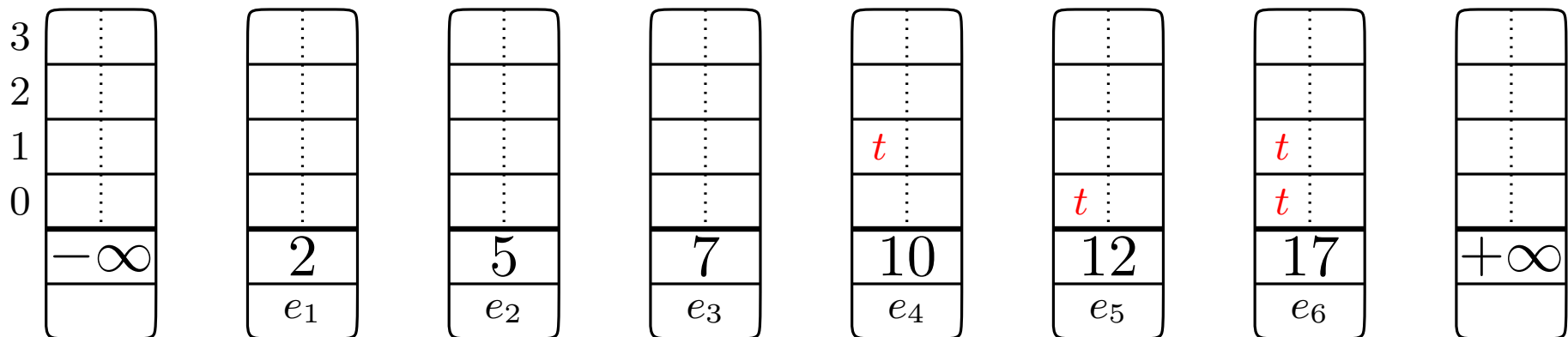
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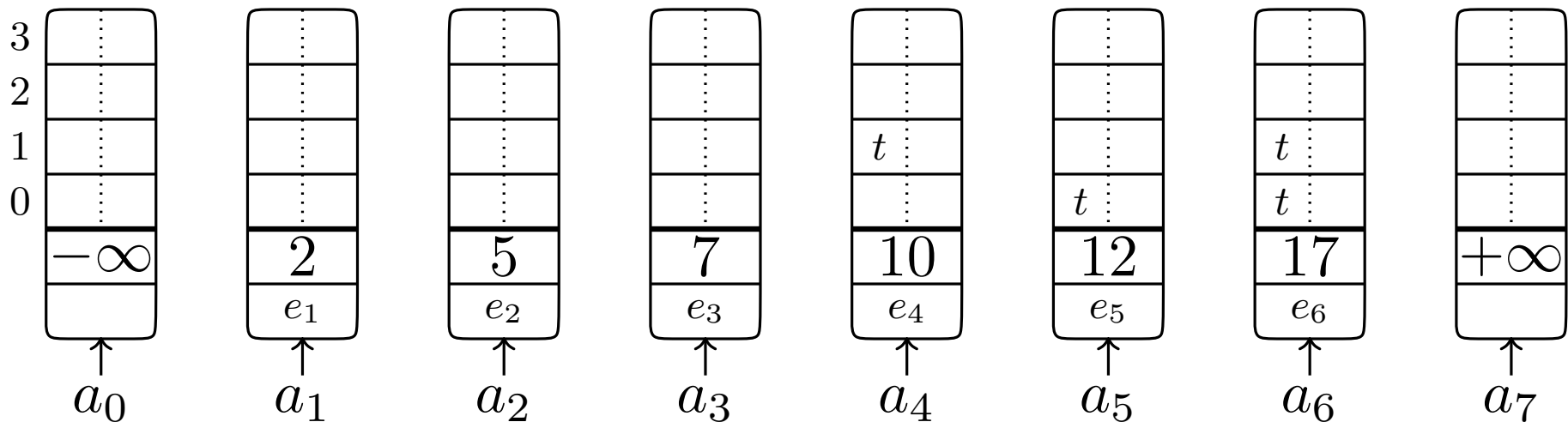
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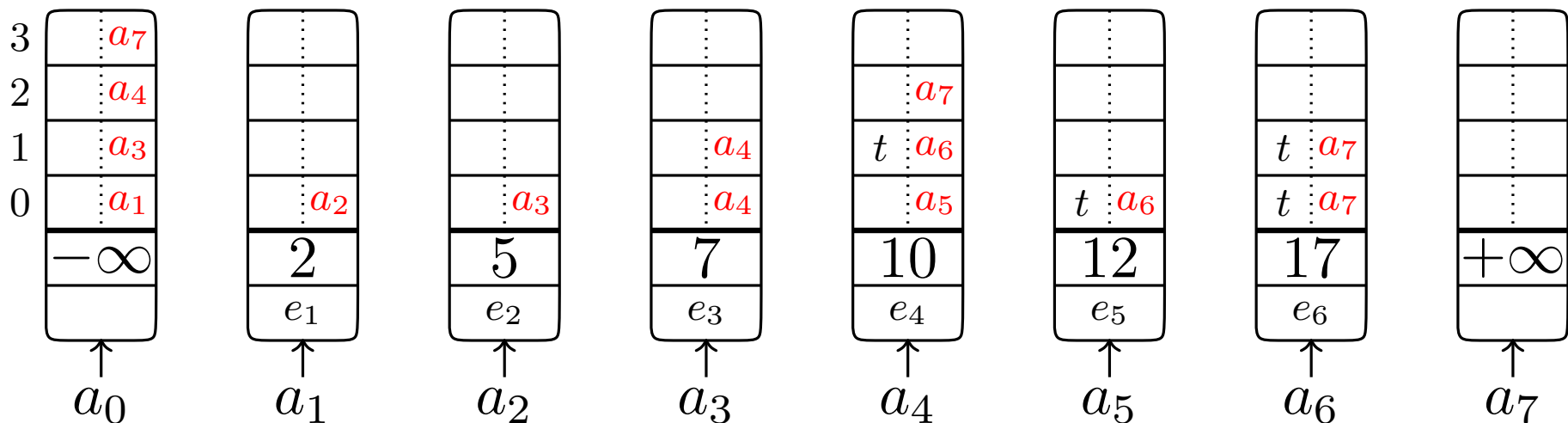




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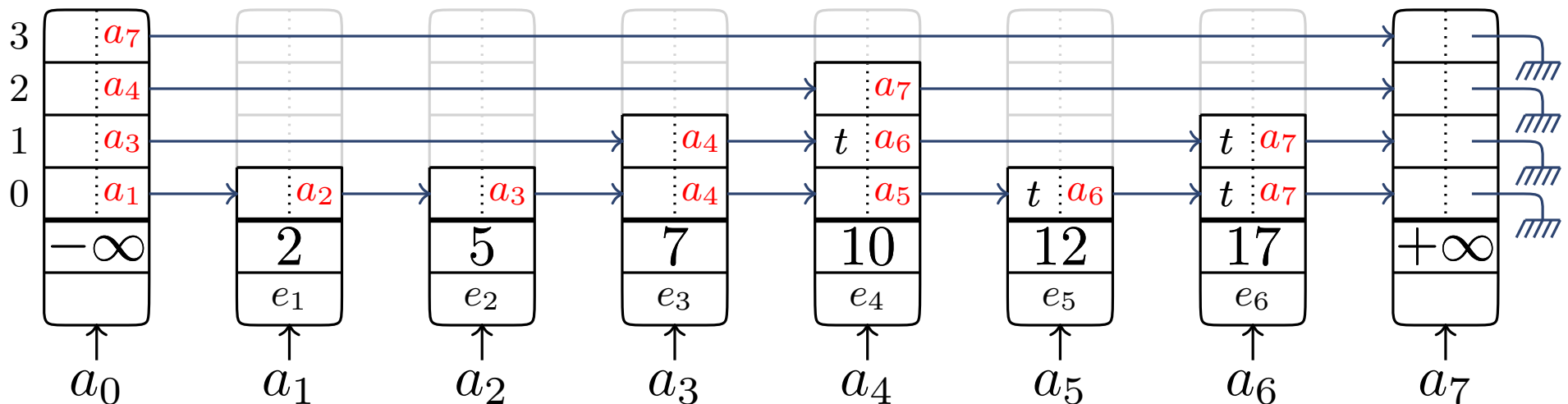
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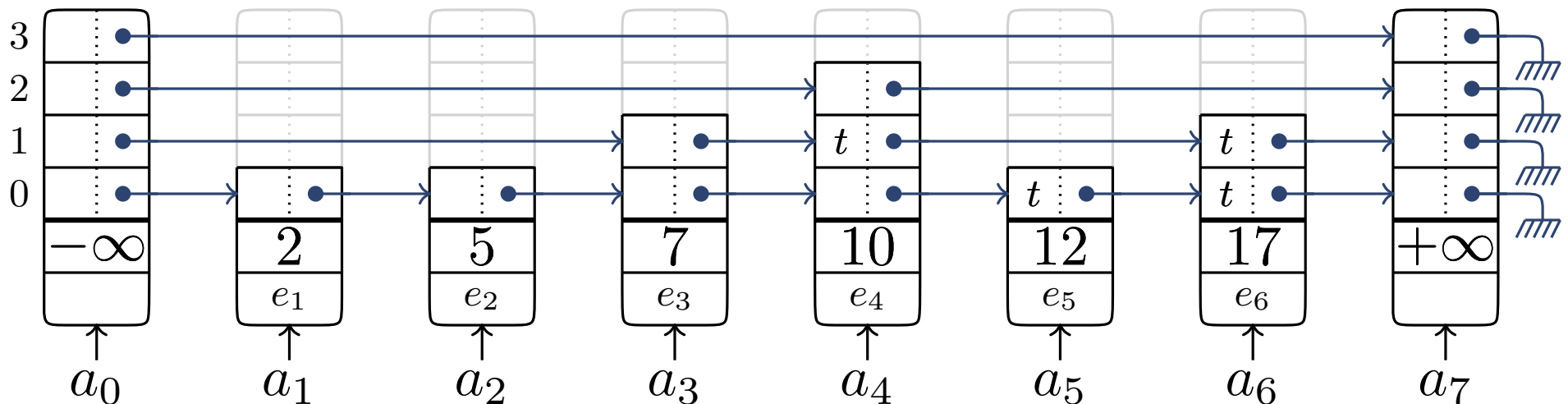
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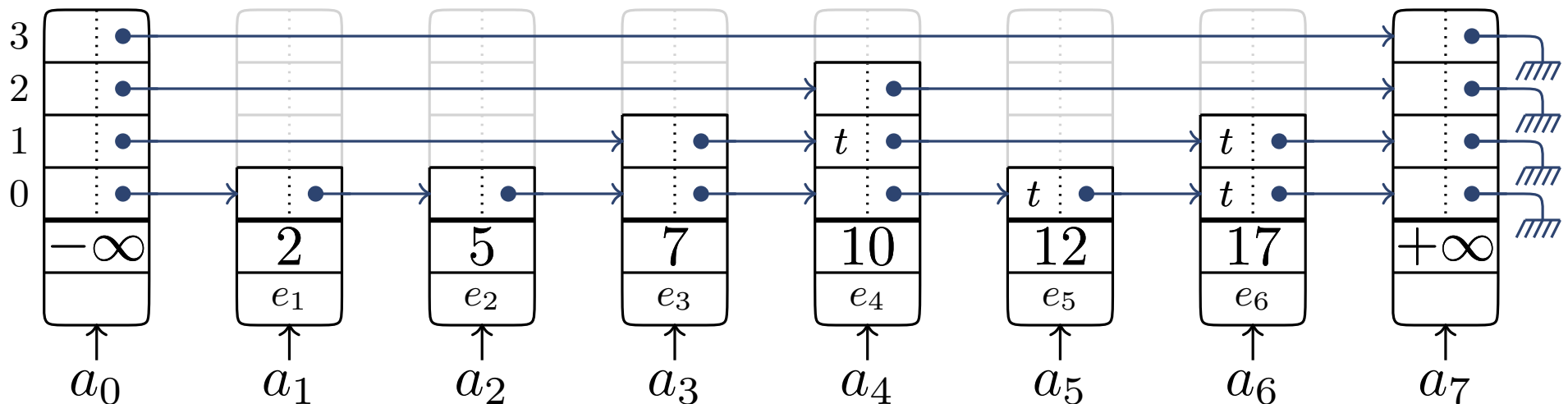
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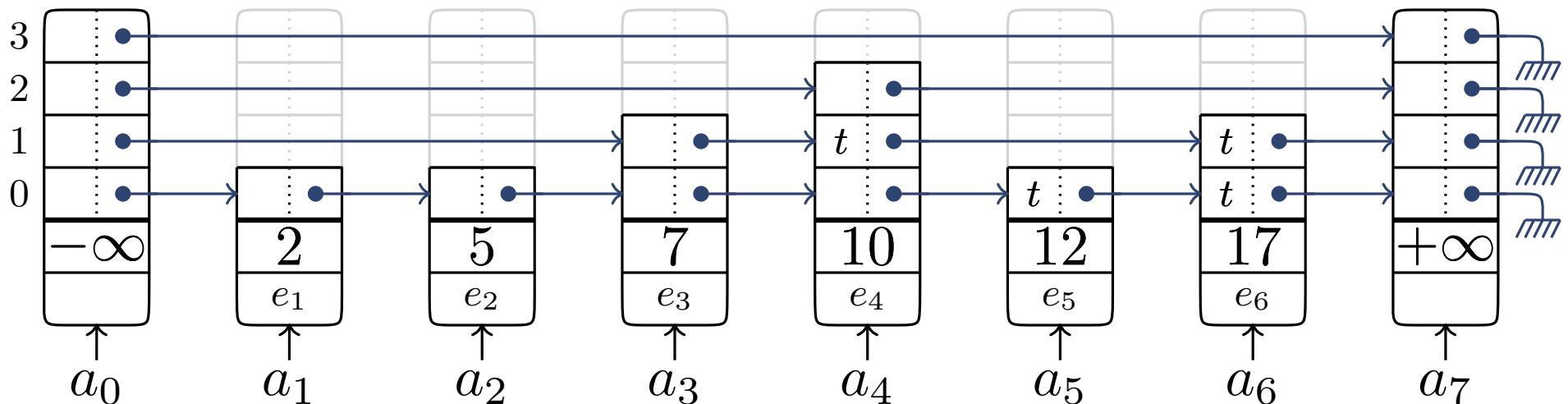




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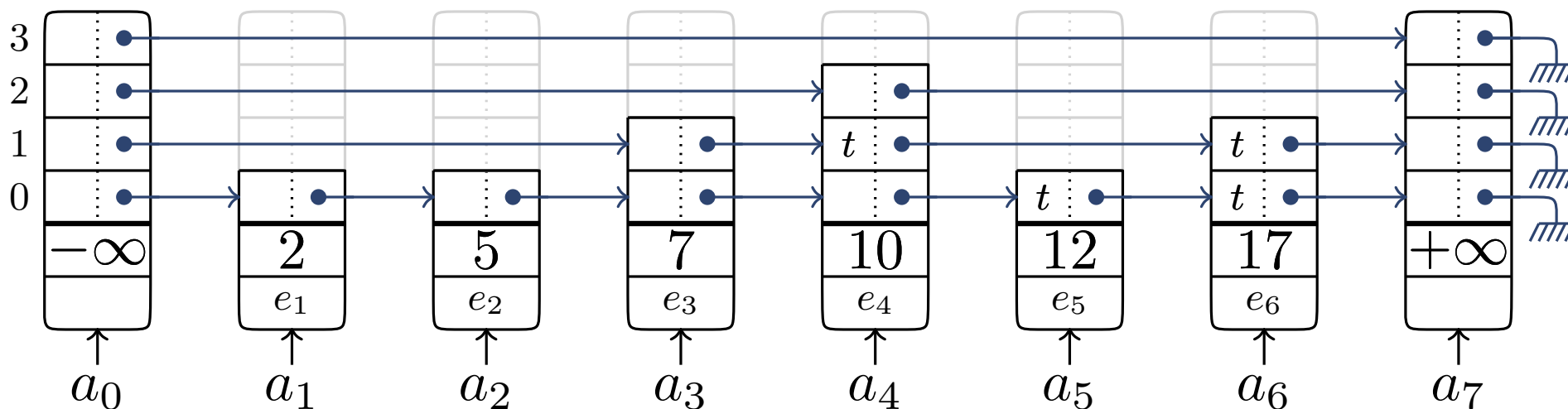
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path = a non-repeating sequence of addresses

$[a_1, a_2, a_3]$

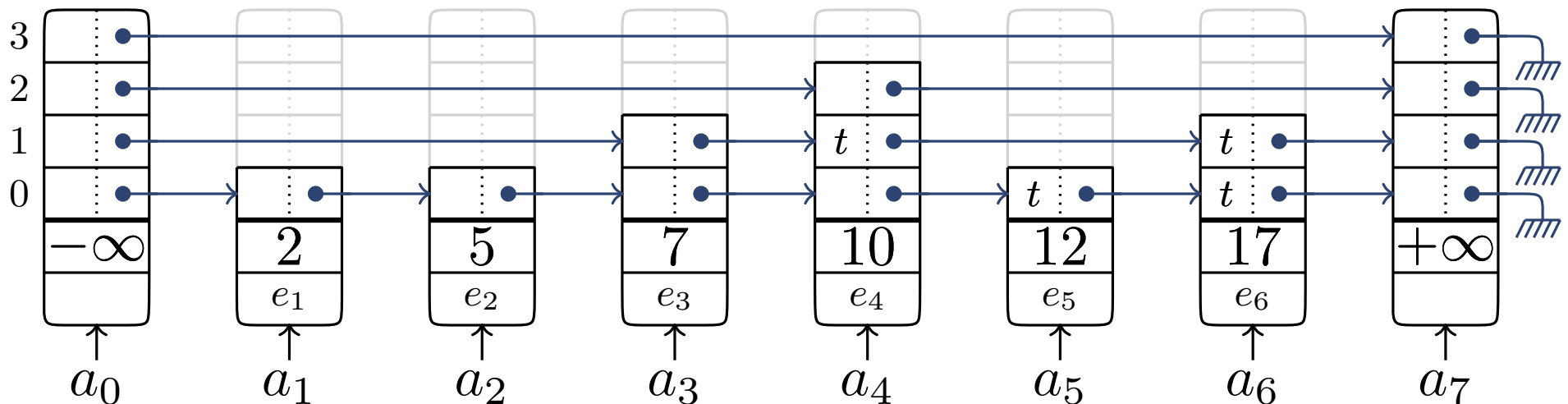


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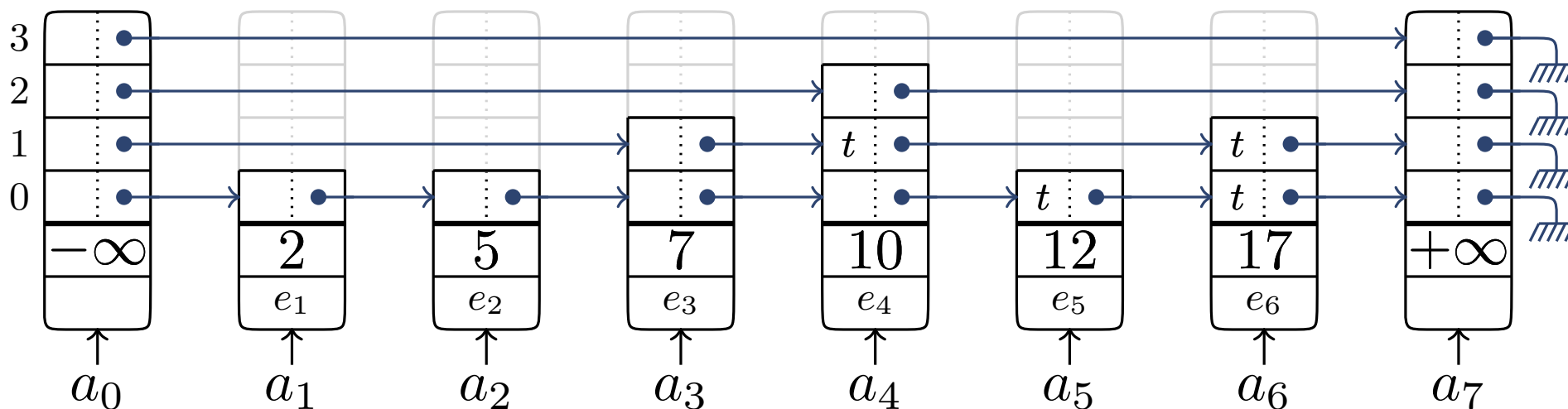




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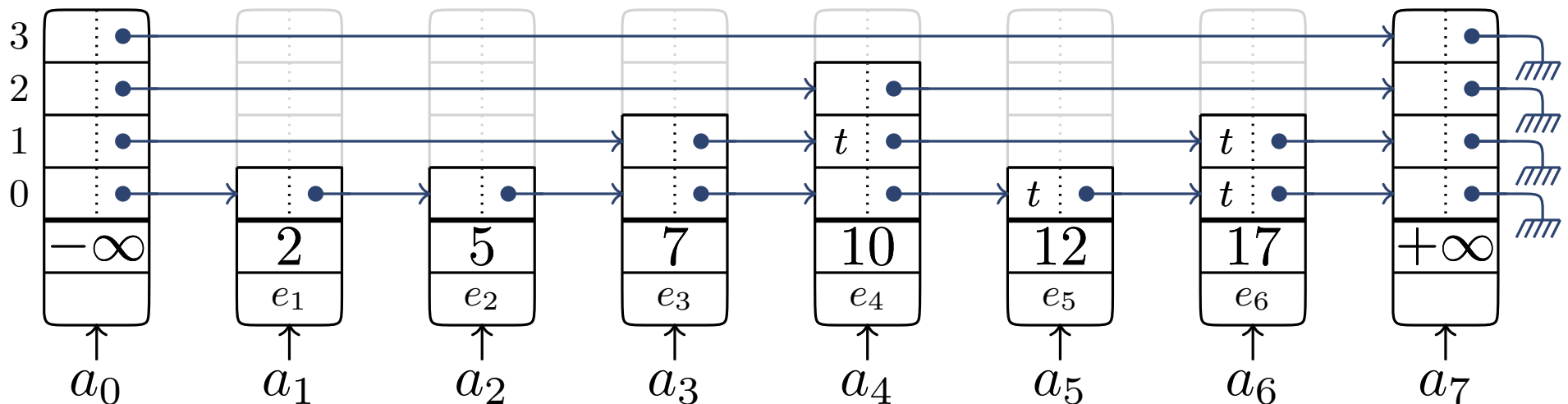


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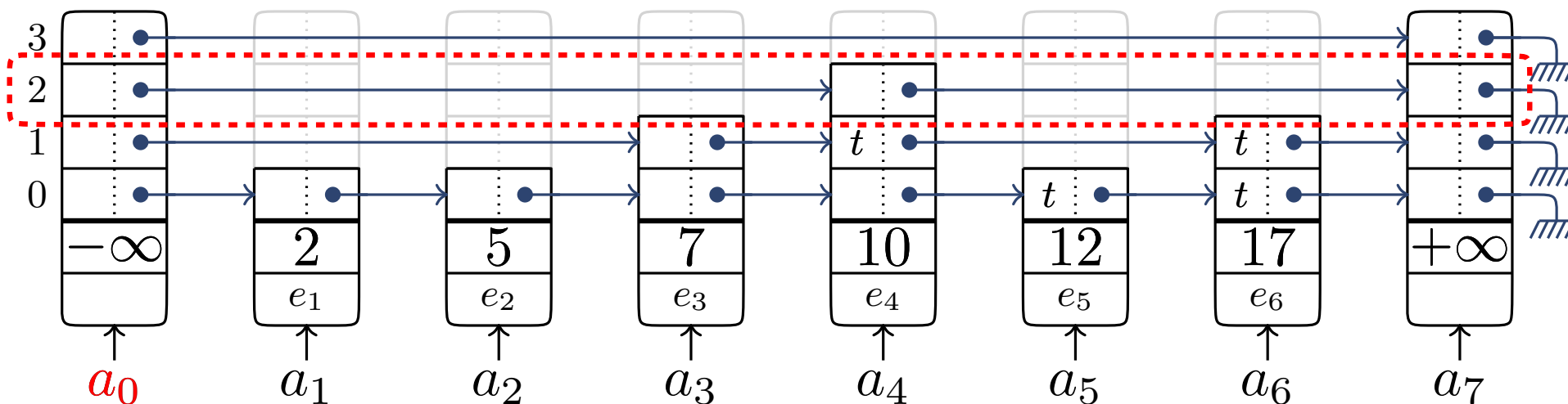


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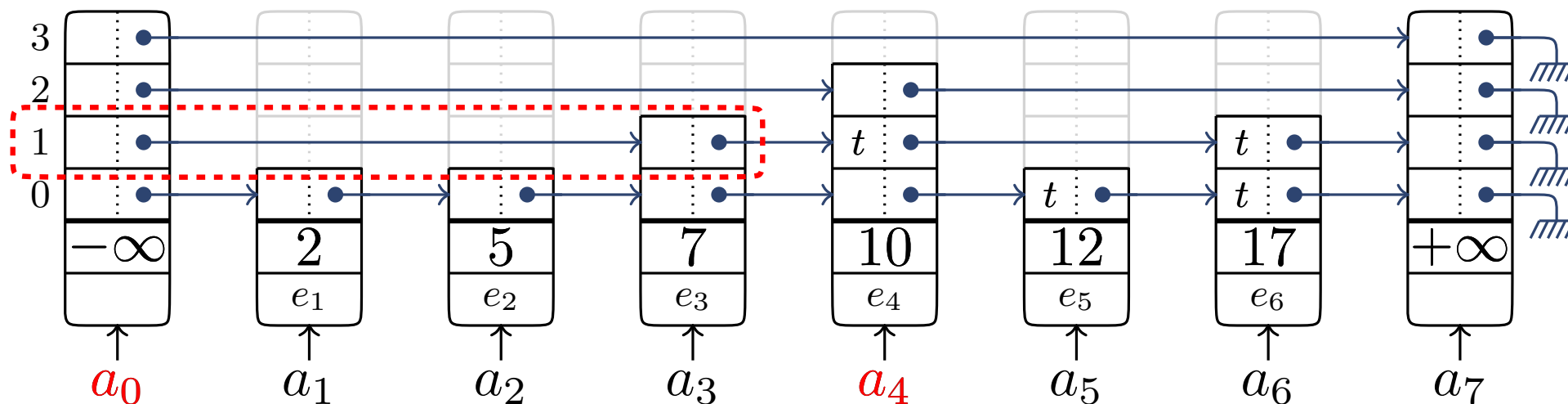


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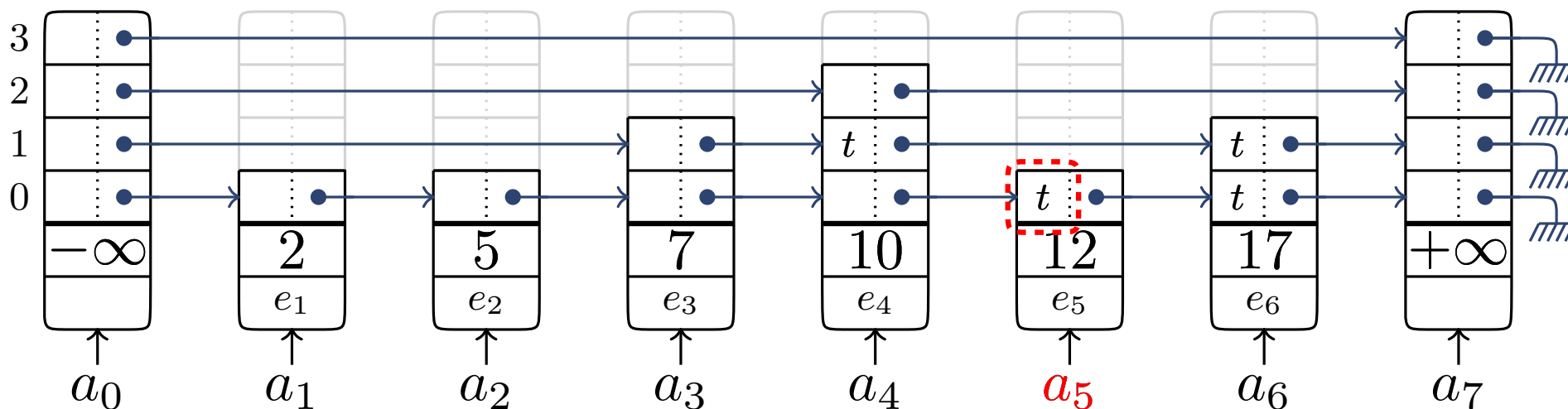


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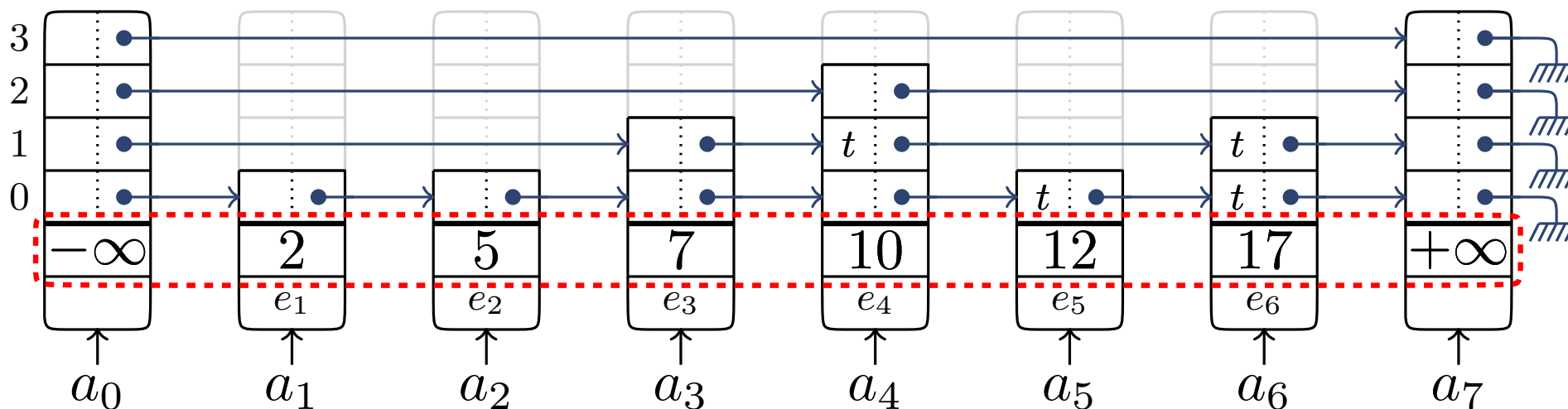


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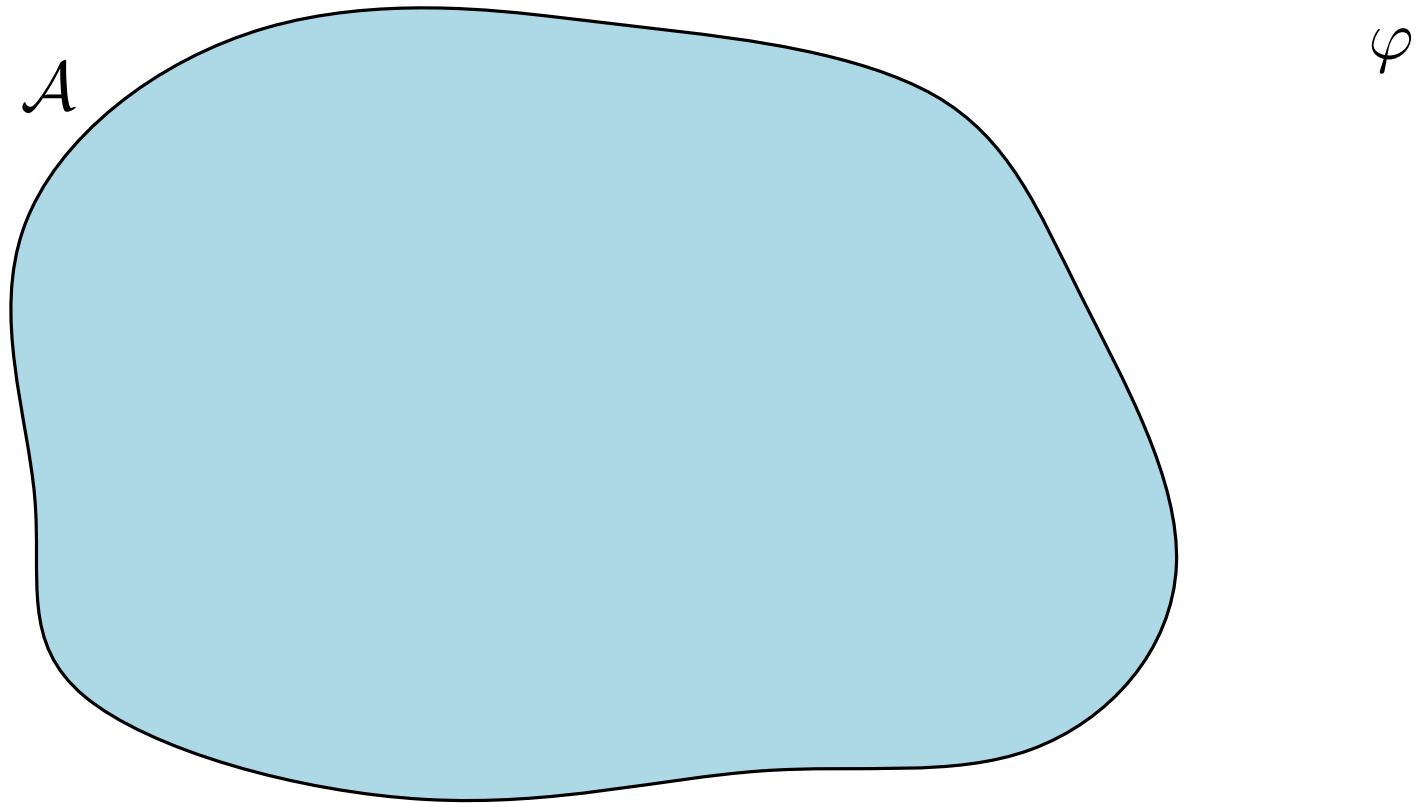
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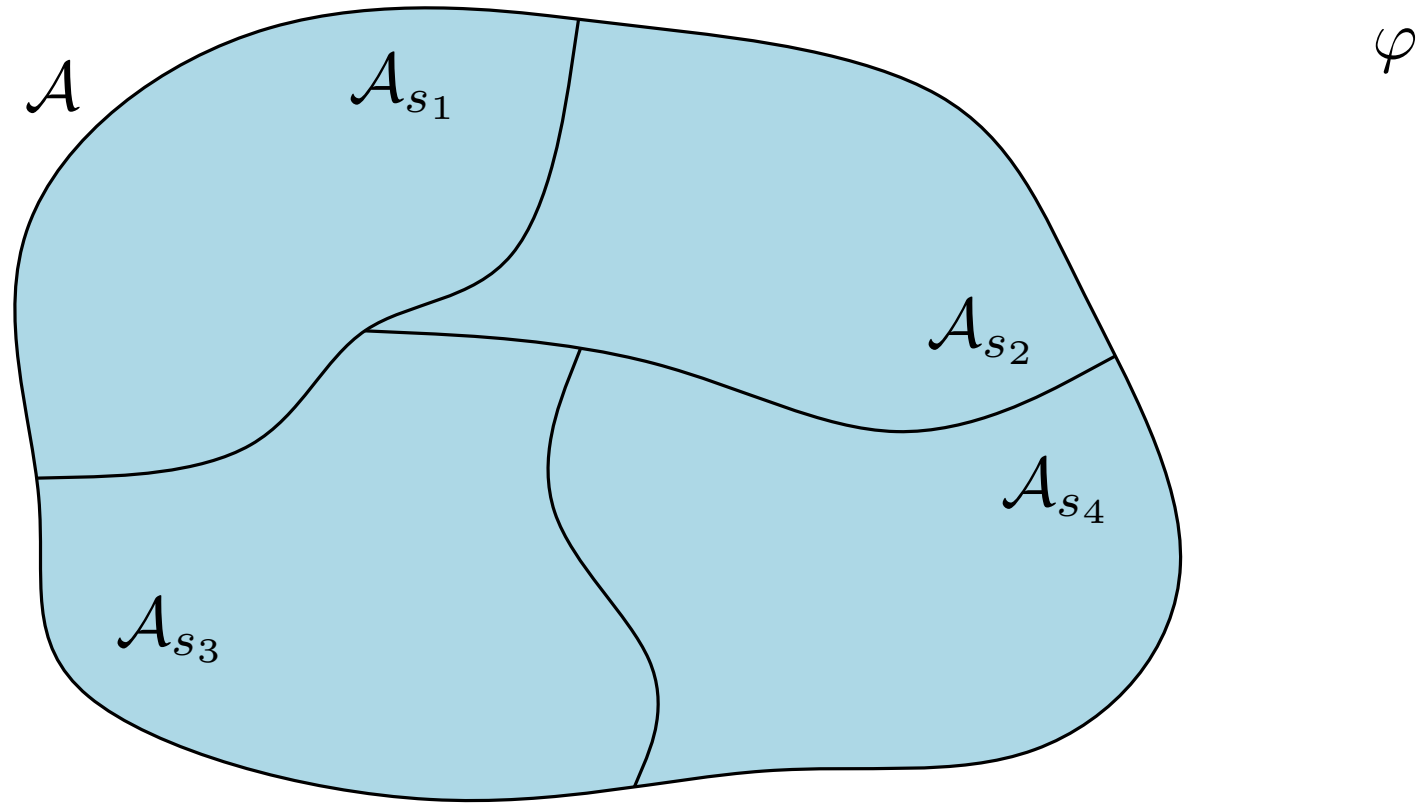
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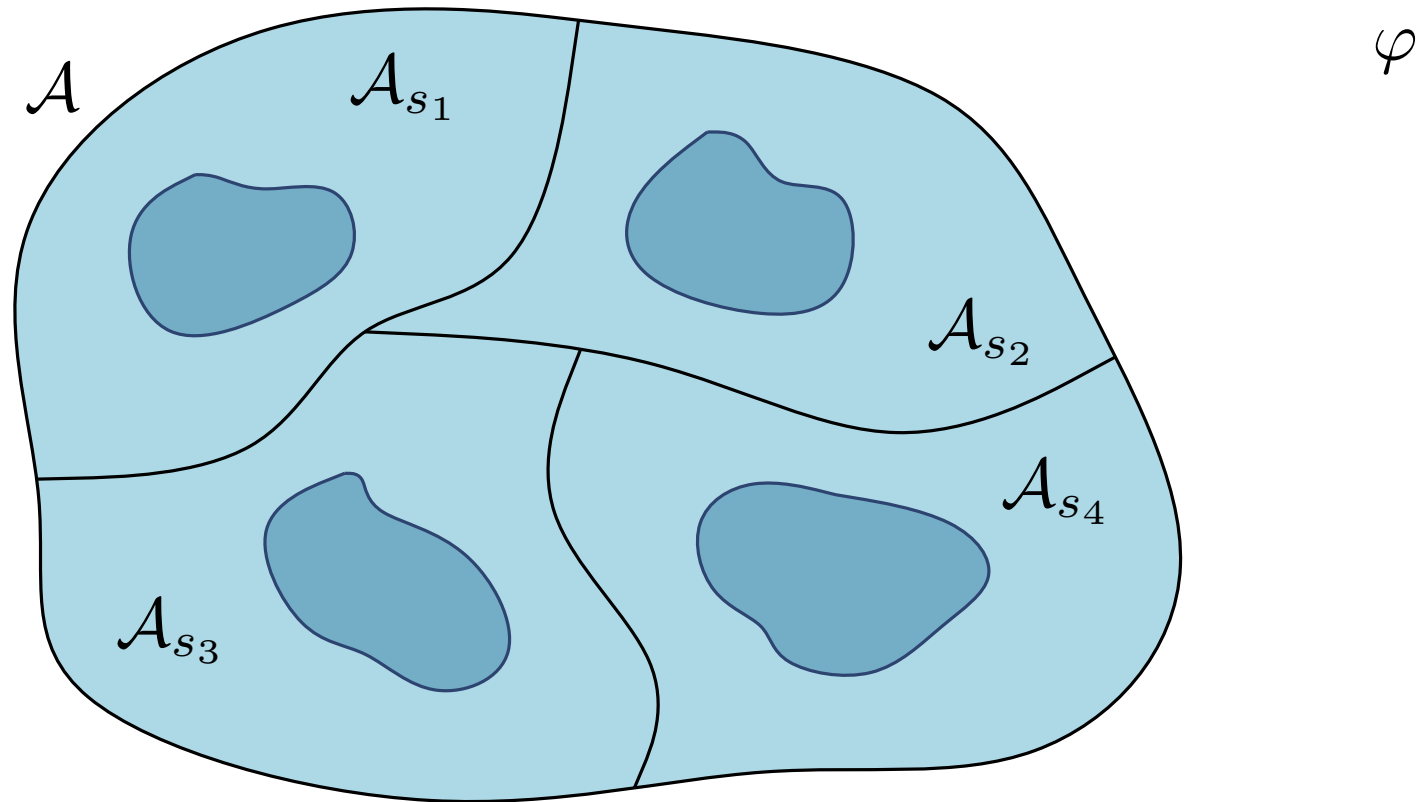
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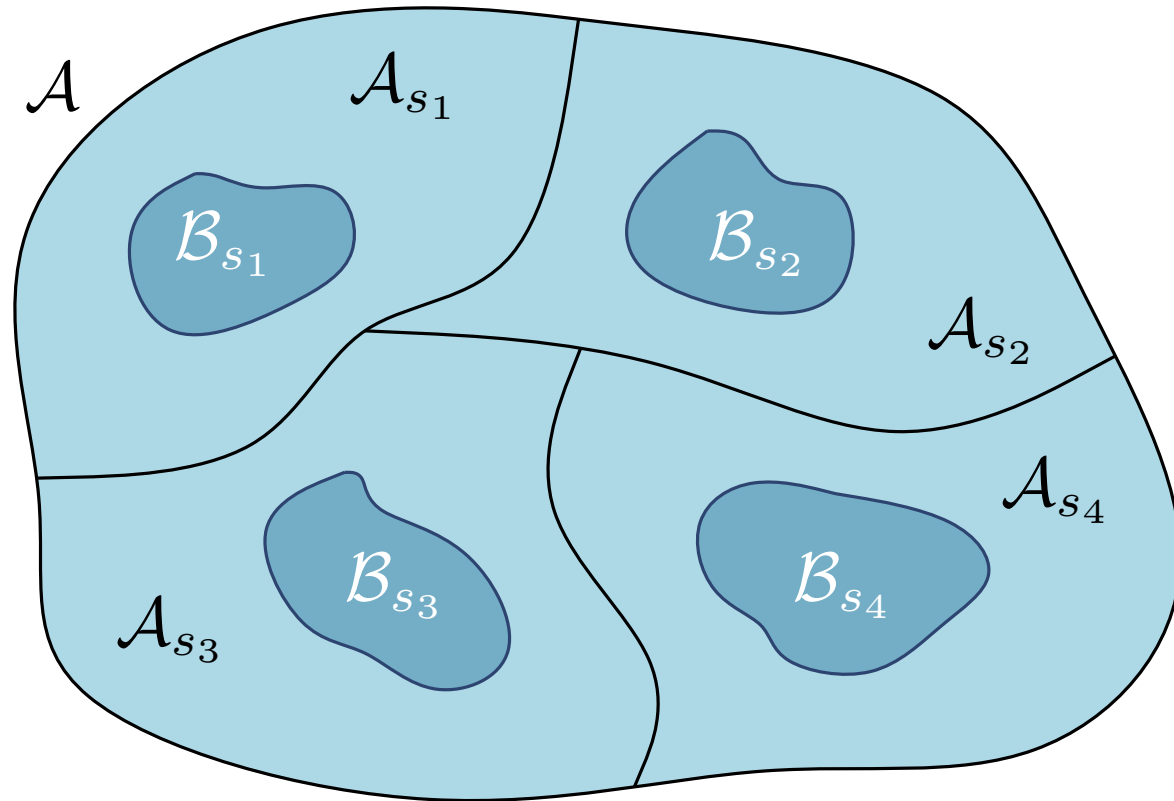
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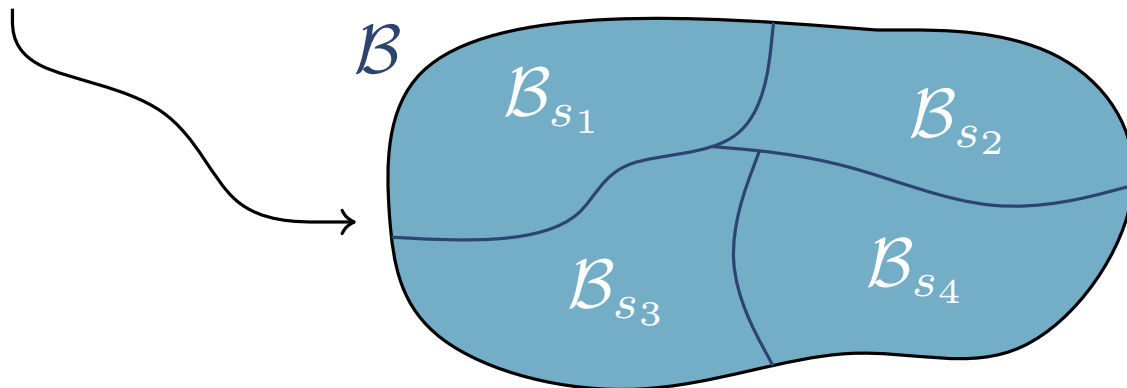
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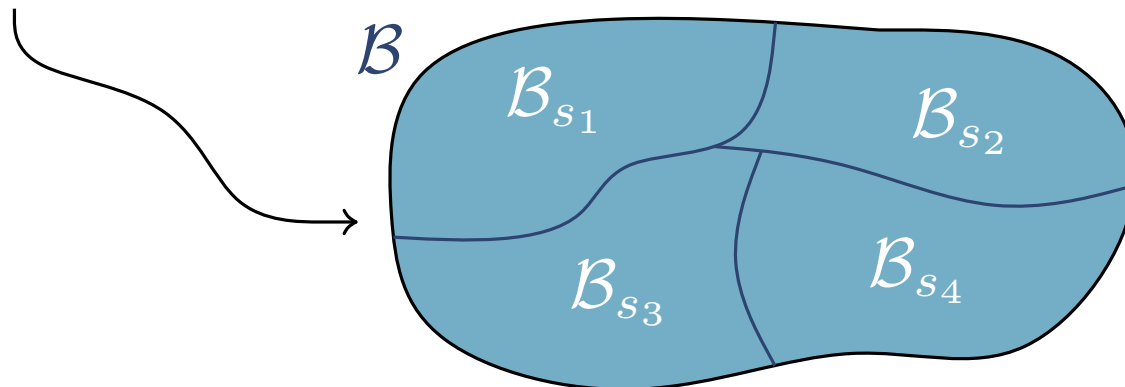
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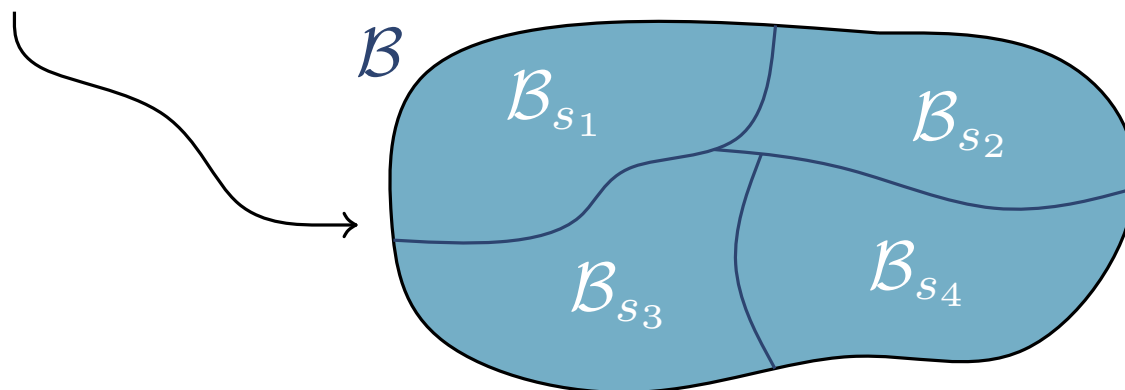
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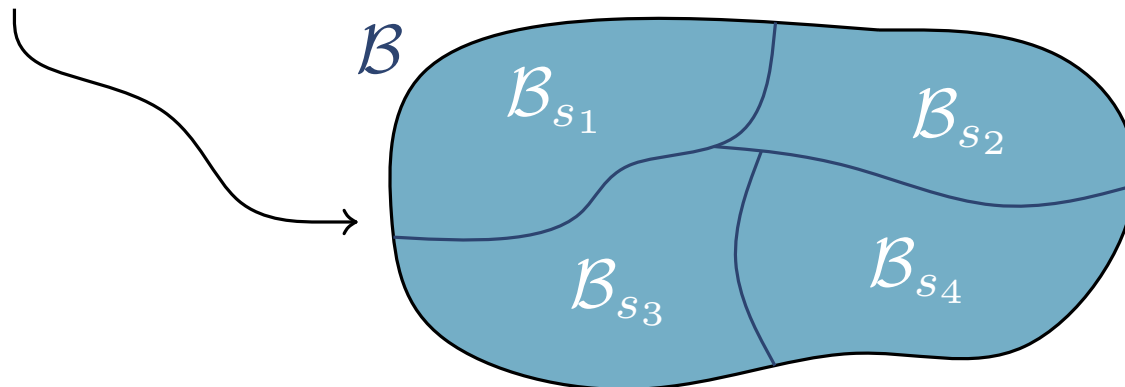
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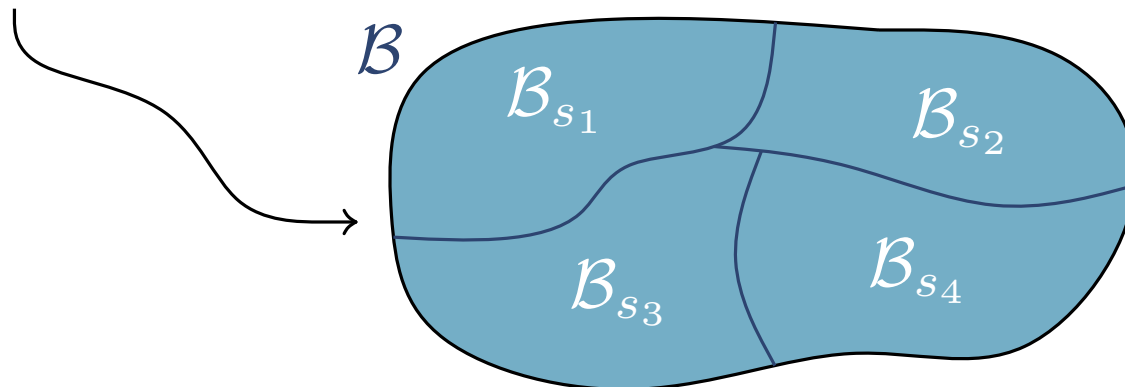


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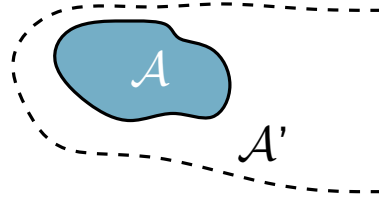
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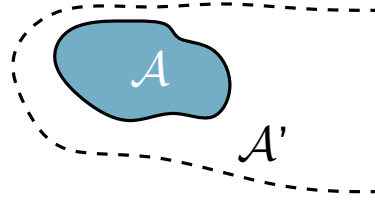


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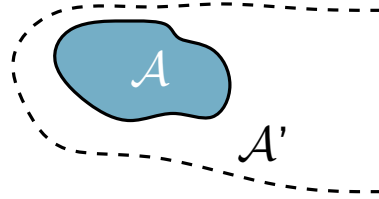
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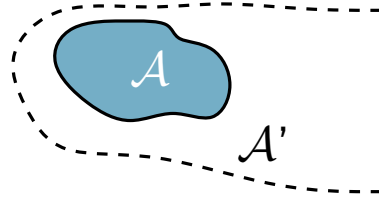
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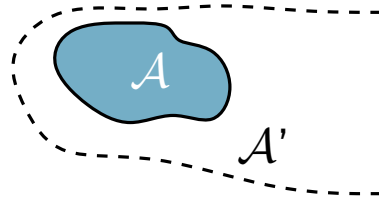
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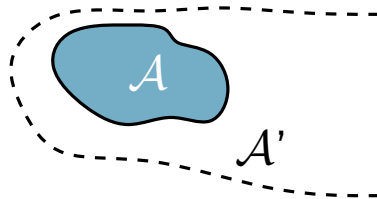
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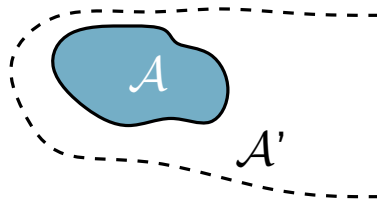
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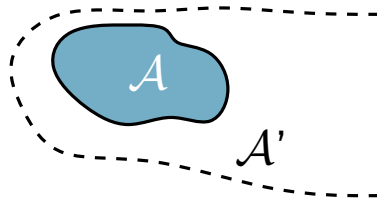
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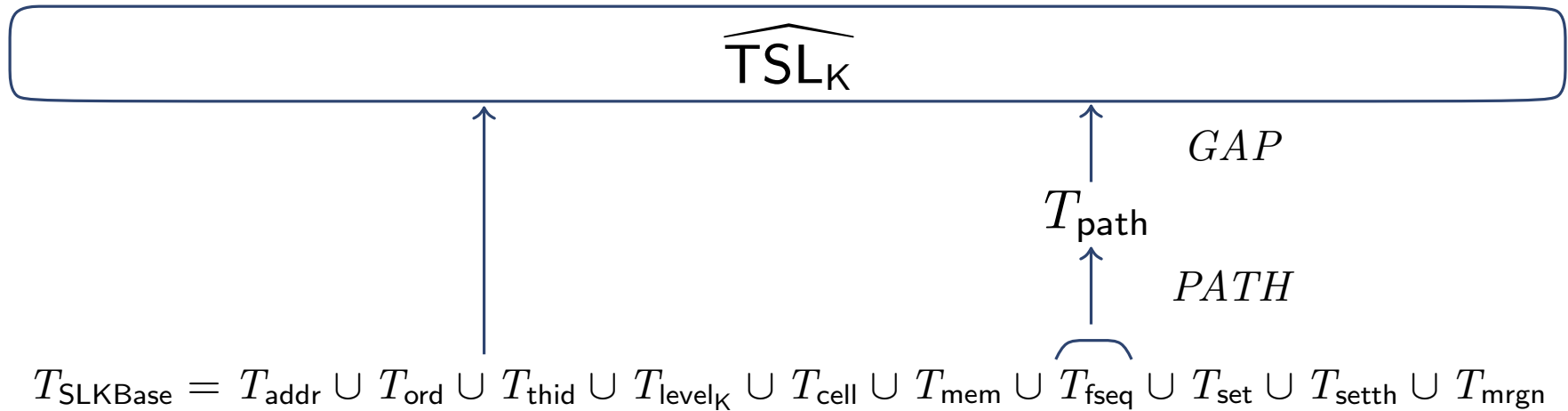
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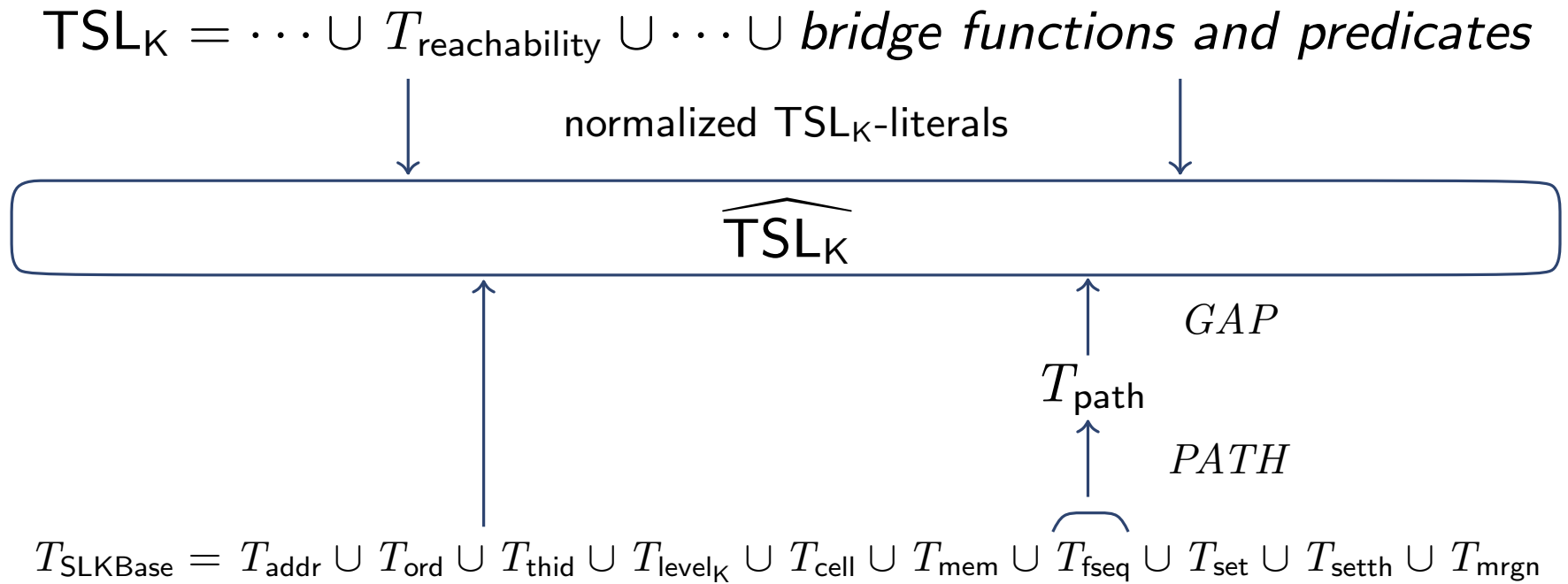
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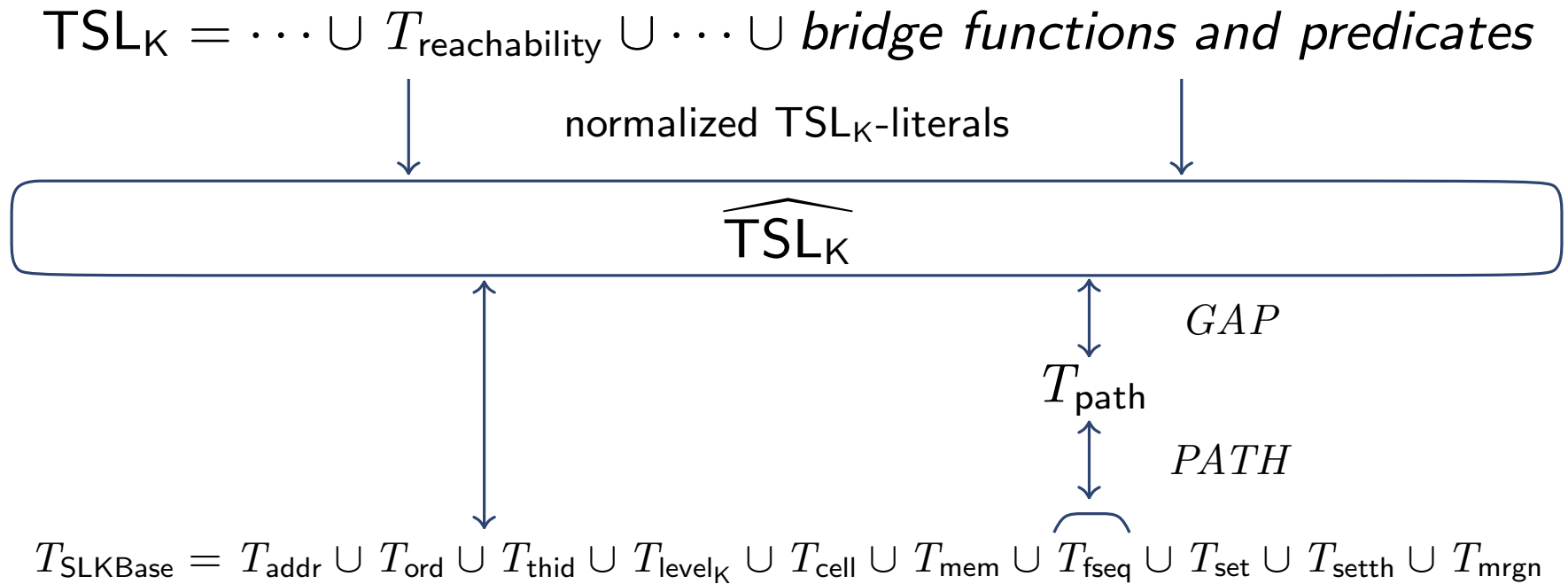




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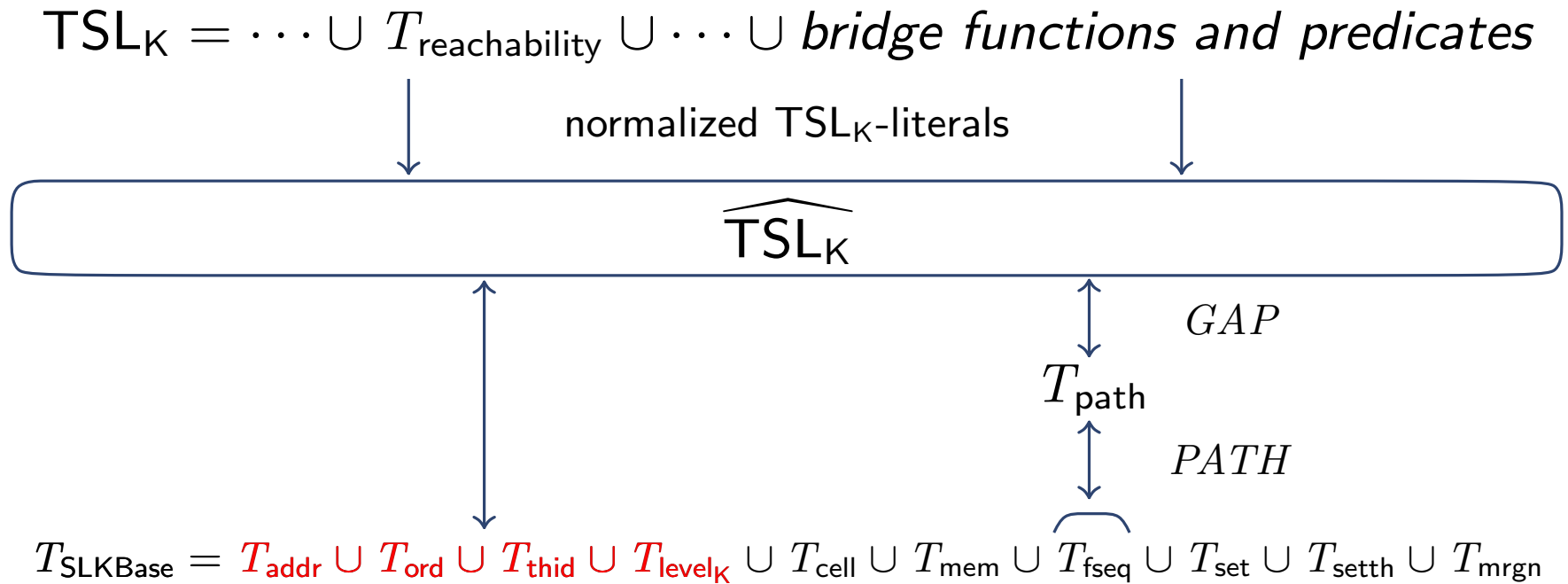


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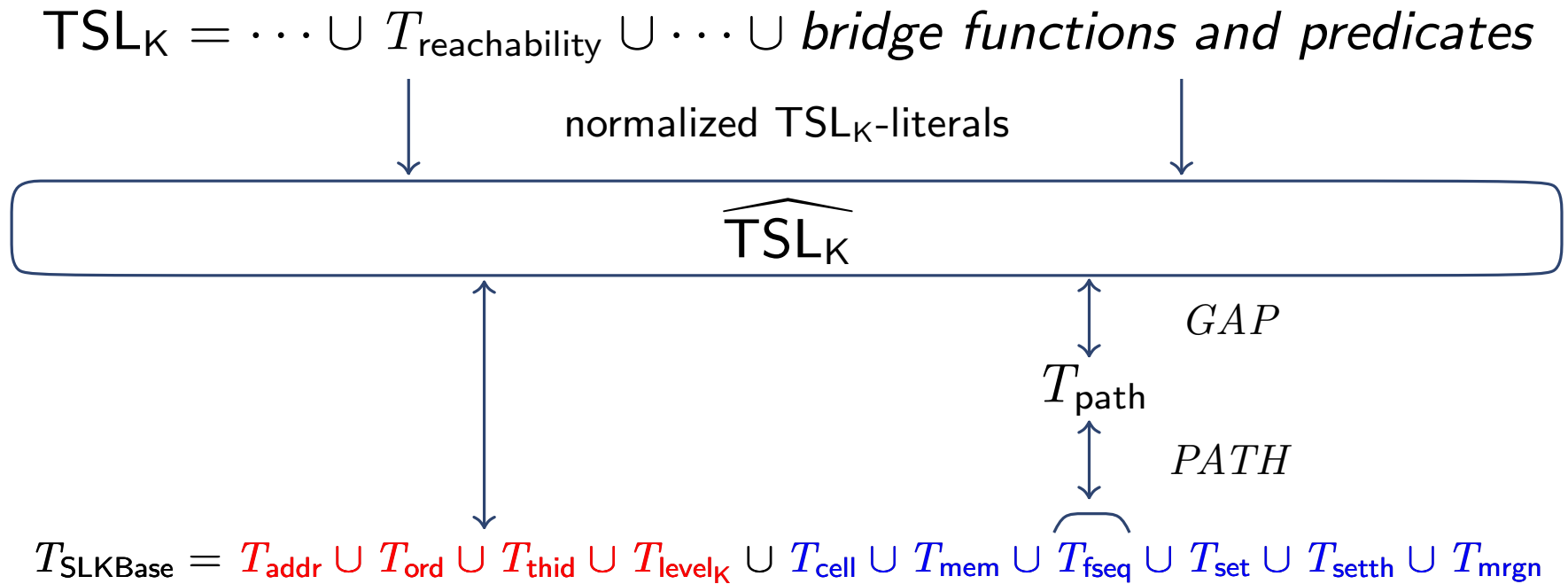
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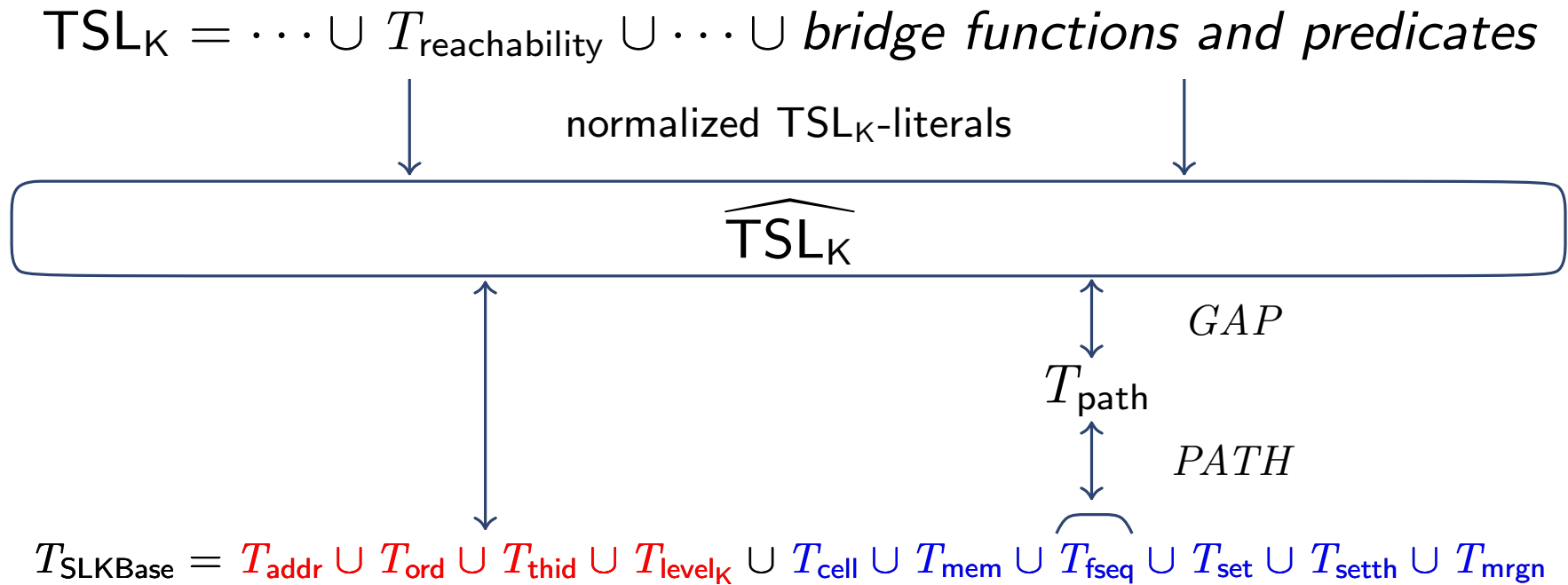
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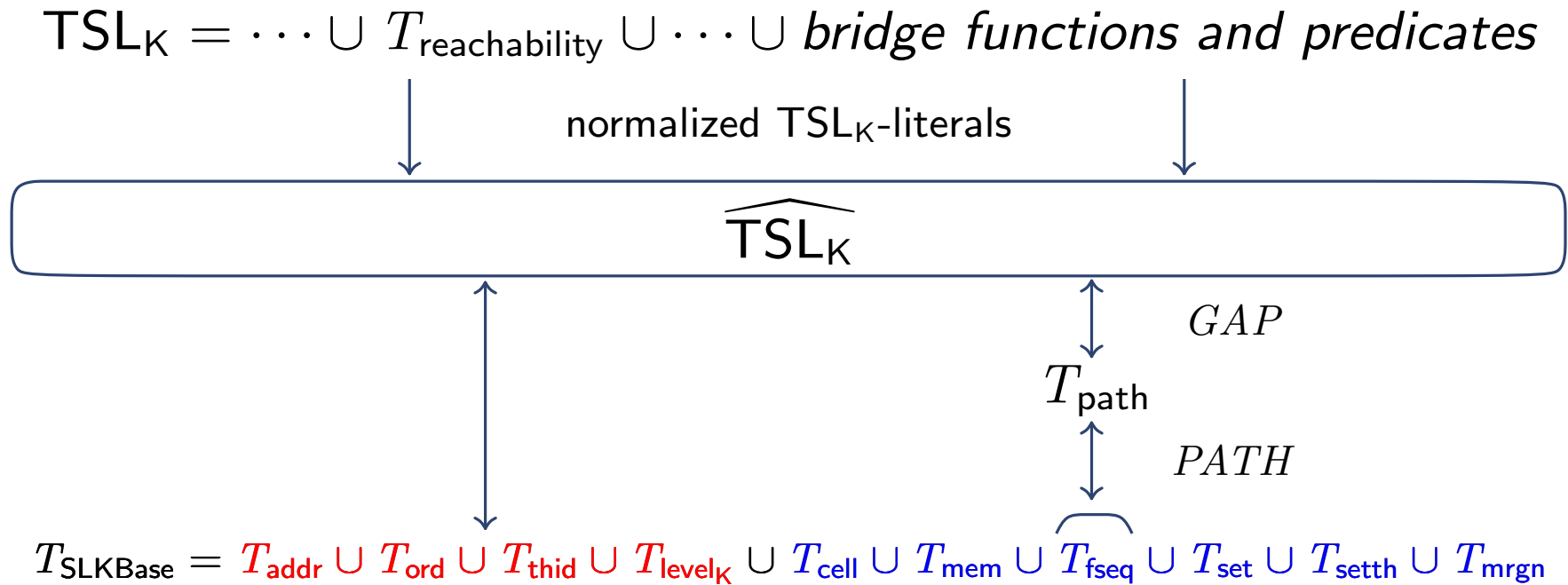
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# Conclusions

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- ▶ We proved TSL<sub>K</sub> **decidable**, by *Small Model Property*
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- ▶ A step towards the assisted verification of **temporal properties** over **concurrent data-types**: VD + DP
- ▶ **Current and future** work:
  - parametrized verification diagrams, DP for concurrent structures, verification of current implementations, unbounded levels
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