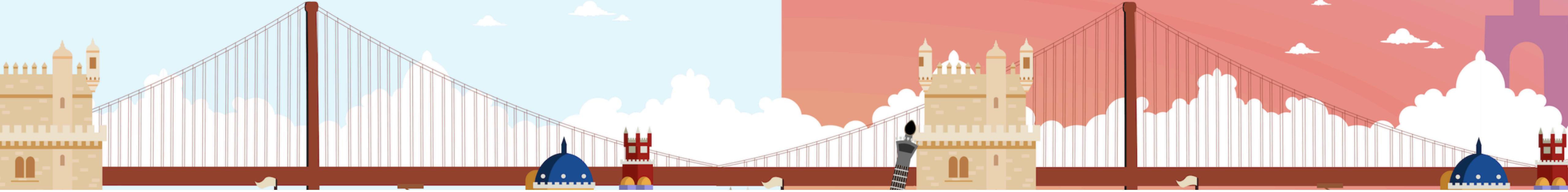


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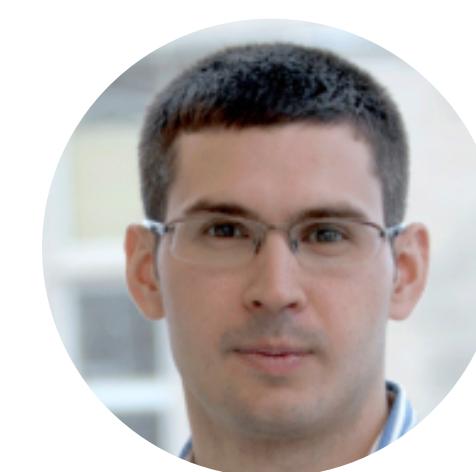
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# Motivation

- Imperative programming is still the dominant paradigm (eg : Python and Java)
- Many tasks are easier to express using declarative paradigm (like LINQ)
- How do we enable programming by arbitrarily mixing imperative and declarative paradigms?
  - Create an instance of a class in Java: `query("CREATE (:java.util.LinkedList")")`
  - Find all instances of a class: `query("MATCH (n:`java.util.LinkedList`) RETURN n")`
  - Enforce Singleton invariant: `query("MATCH (n:`java.util.LinkedList`) RETURN COUNT(n) = 1")`
  - Check acyclicity of B-Trees: `query("MATCH (n:`Node`)-[:left|right*0..]->(m:`Node`) WHERE n.value = m.value RETURN TRUE")`

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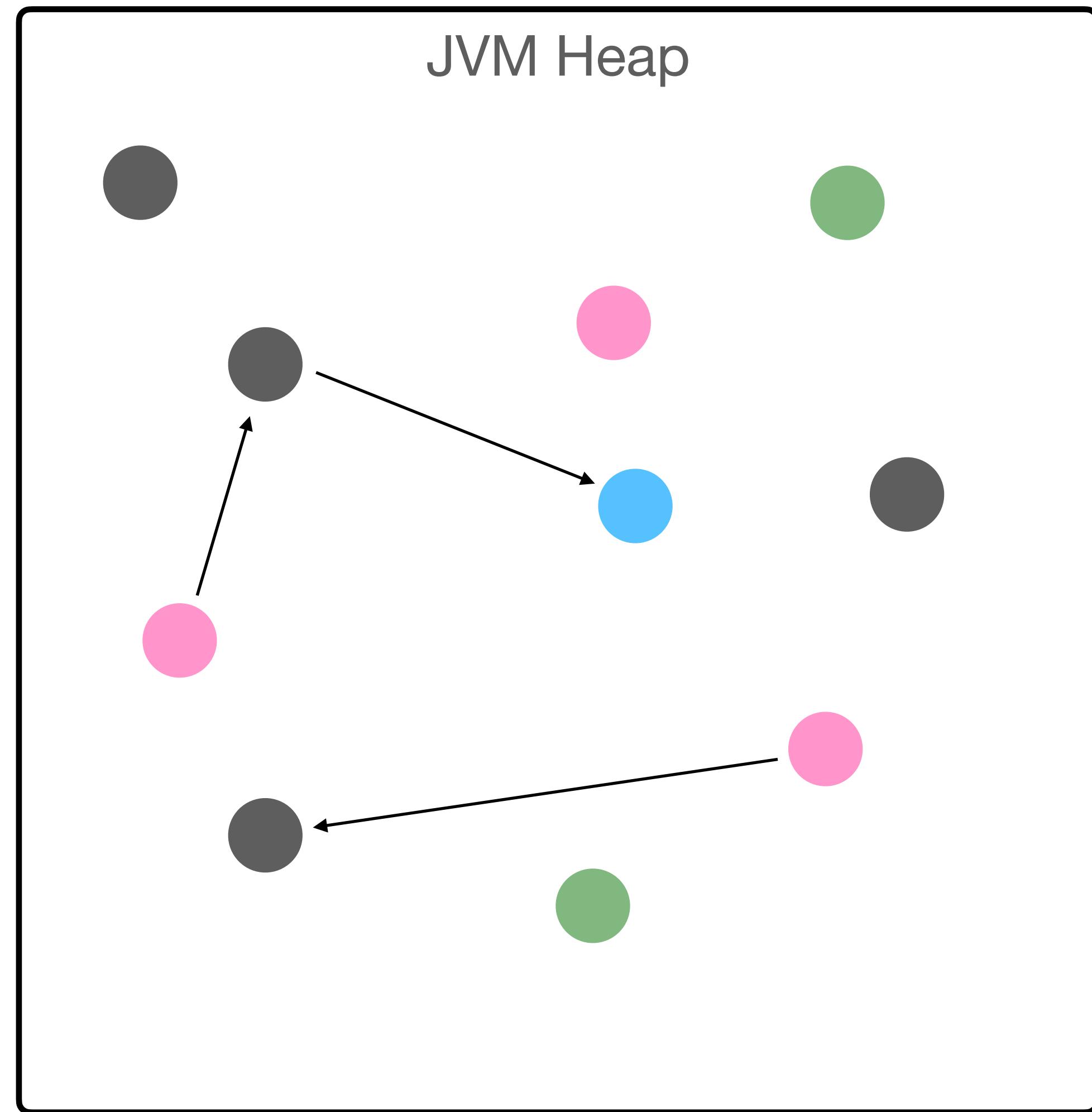
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- Evaluation
  - Demonstrate increase in **expressivity** by re-implementing imperative Java methods with OGO
  - Demonstrate robustness of OGO by re-implementing dozens of assertions in open-source projects with OGO

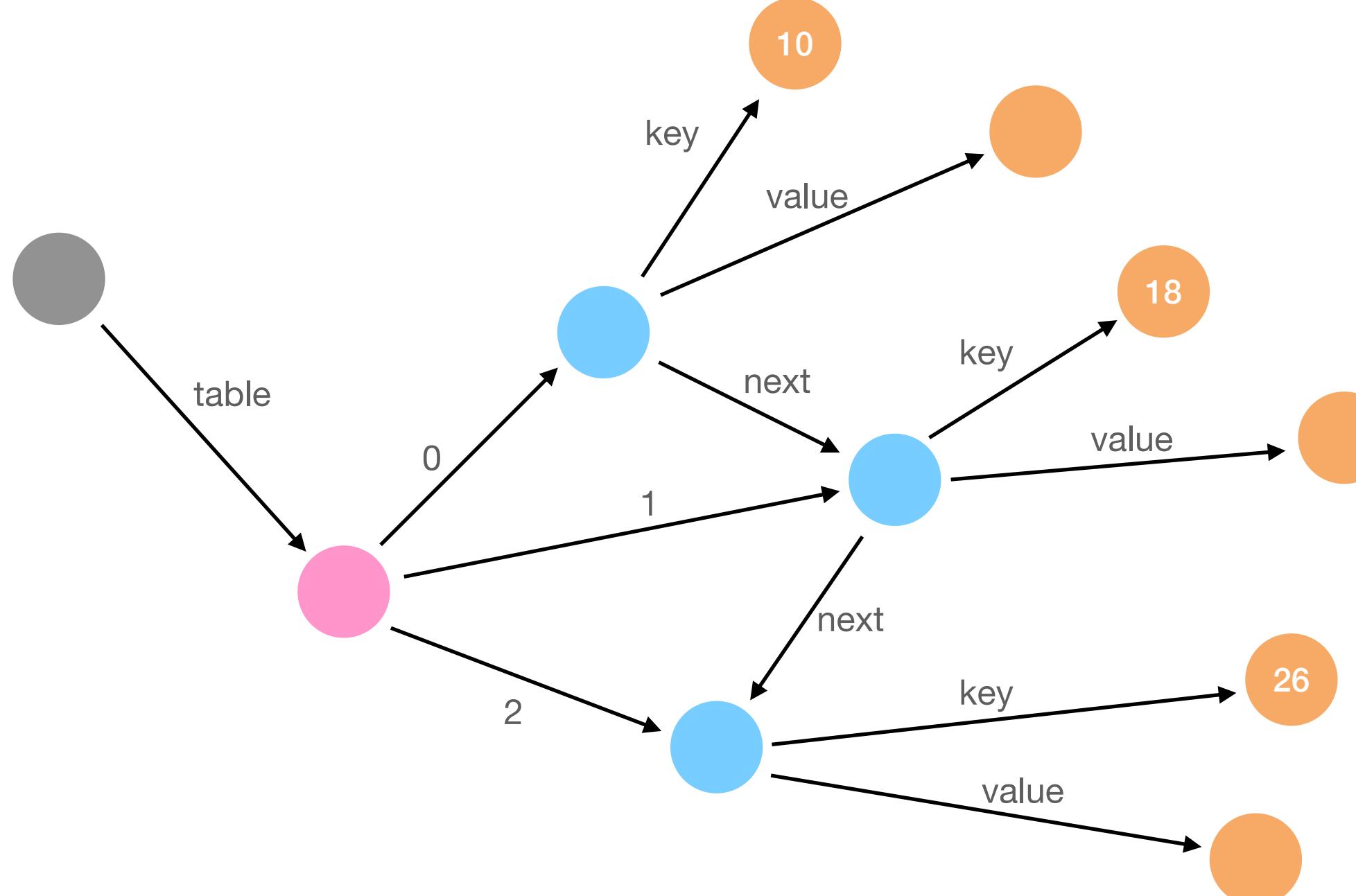
# Insight behind OGO

- We see the heap of the JVM as a **graph database** (eg Neo4j) with
  - Objects as nodes
  - References as edges
- We use expressive declarative graph query language **Cypher** to query and program the heap
- Example:

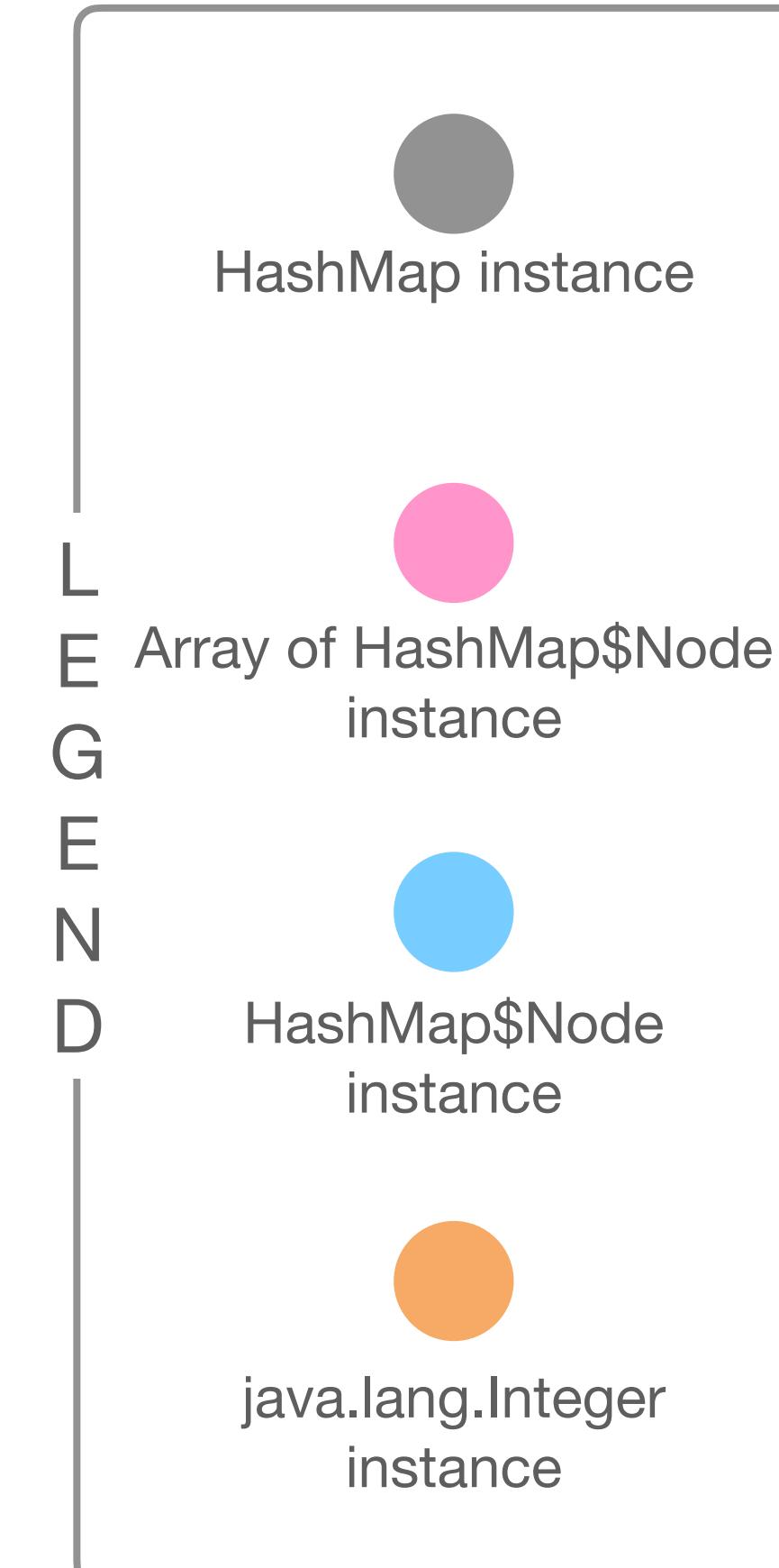
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2. list.add(10L);  
3. list.add(20L);  
4. list.add(30L);  
5. query("MATCH ({$1})-[:elementData]->()  
6.       +-[ ]->({value : 20}) RETURN TRUE"  
7. );
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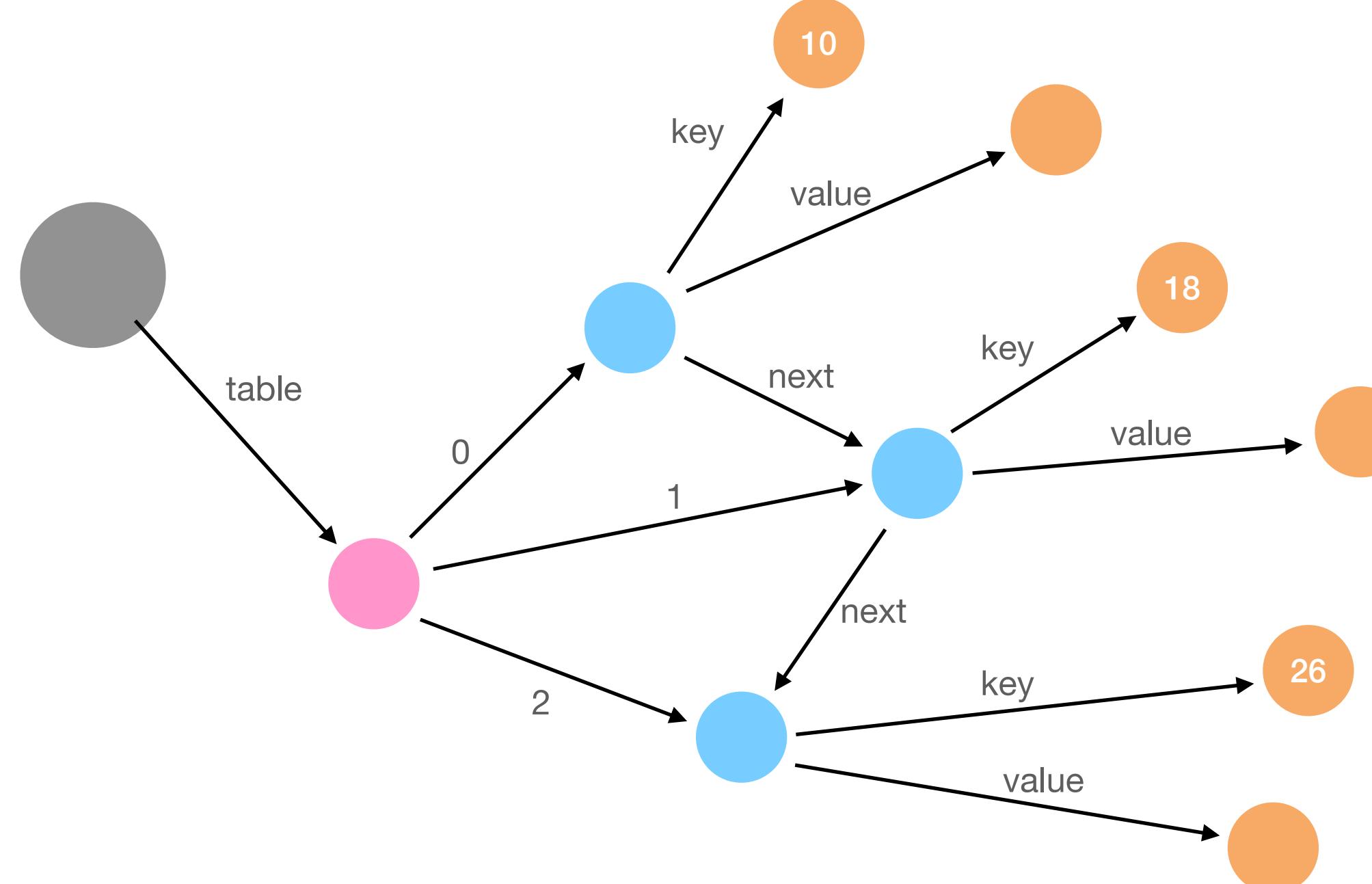


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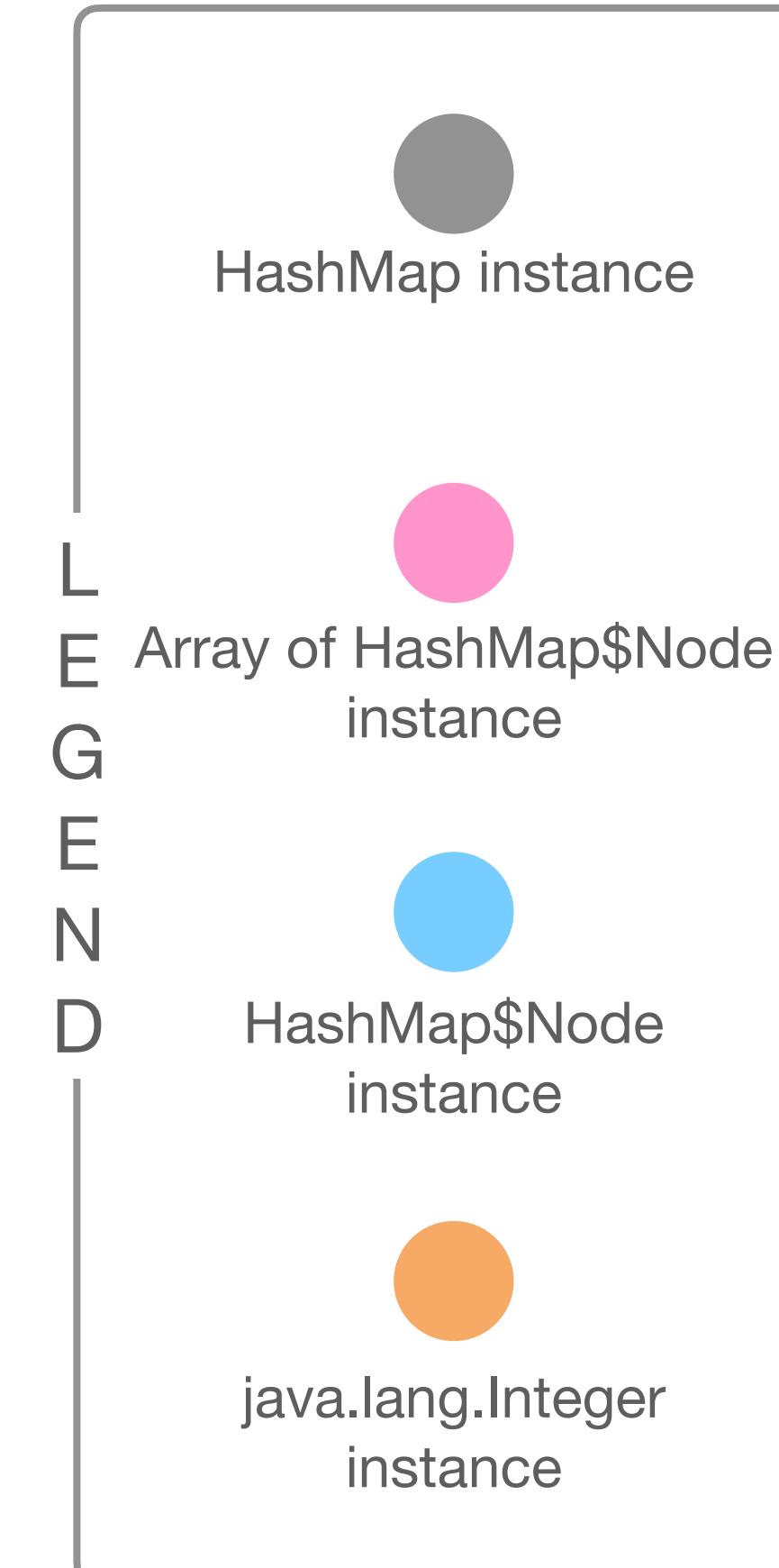
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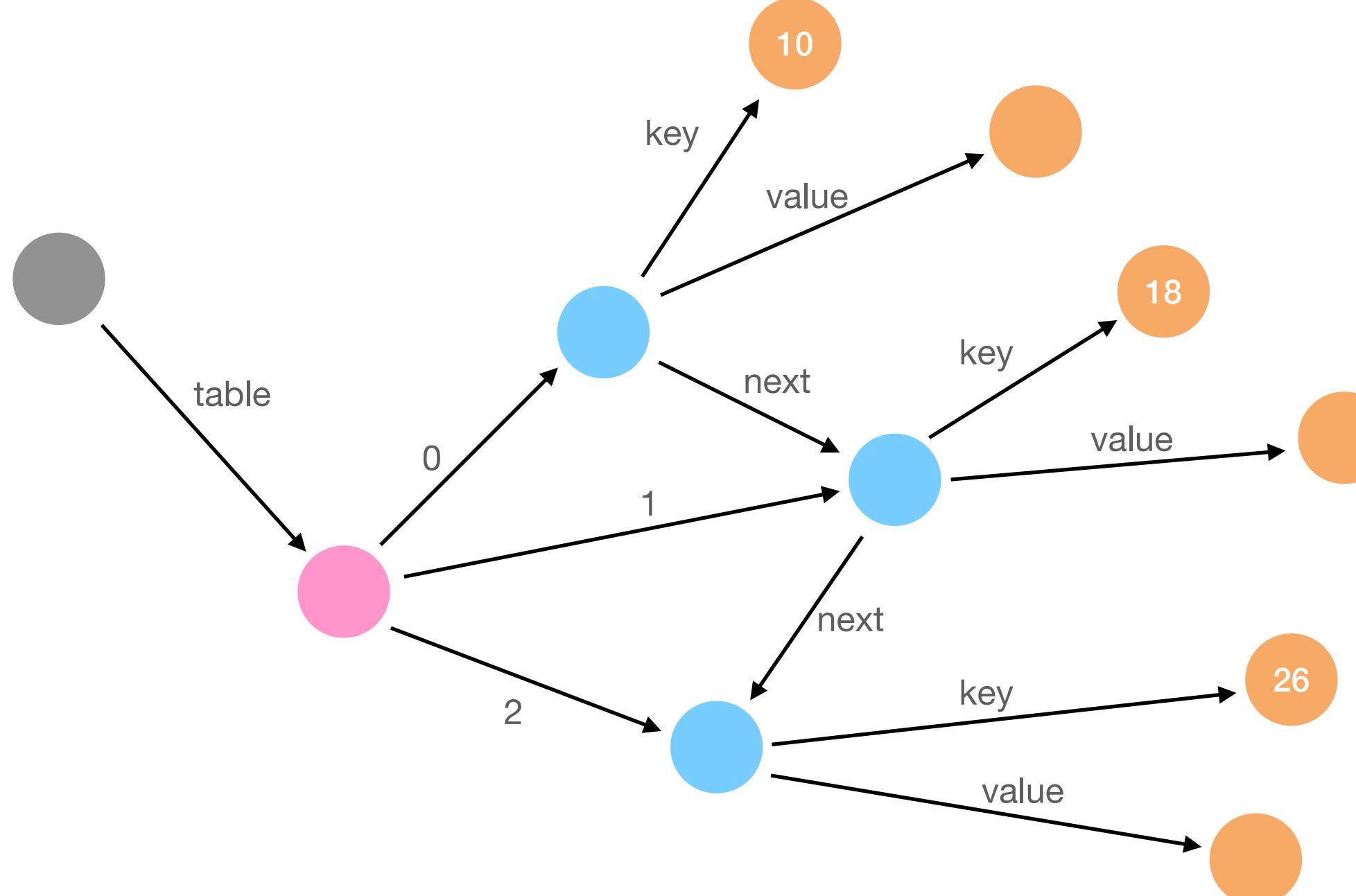


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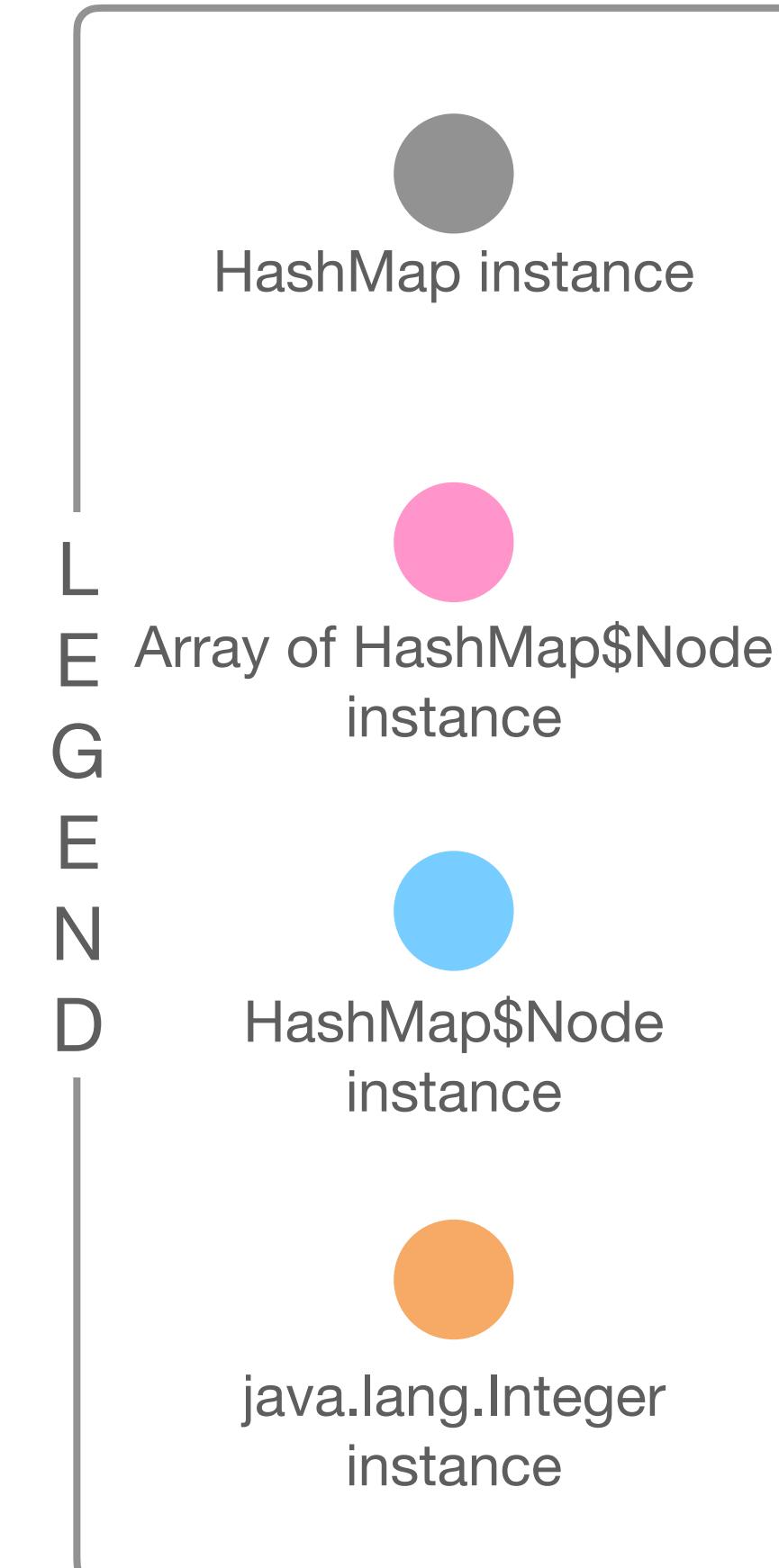
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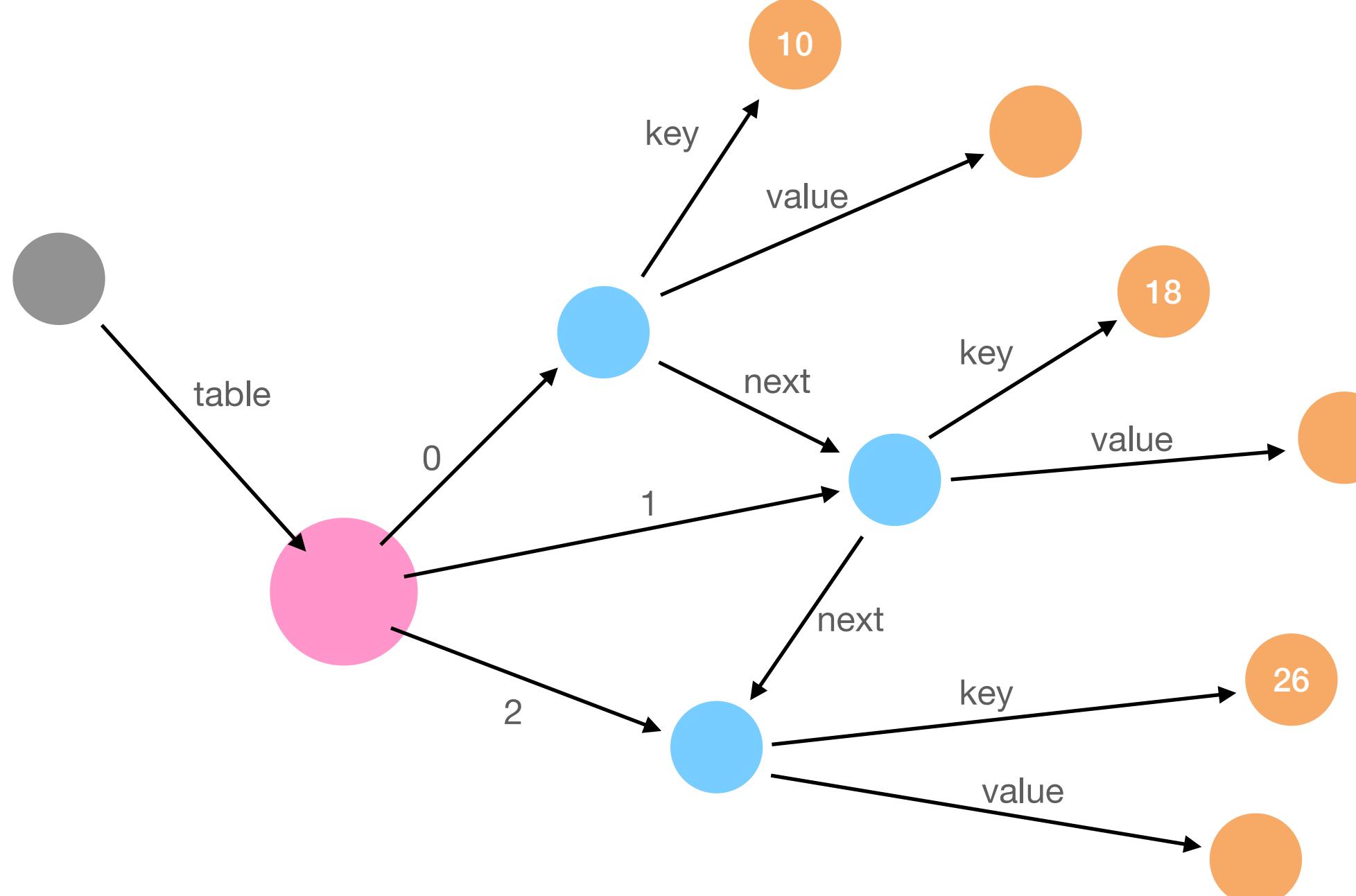


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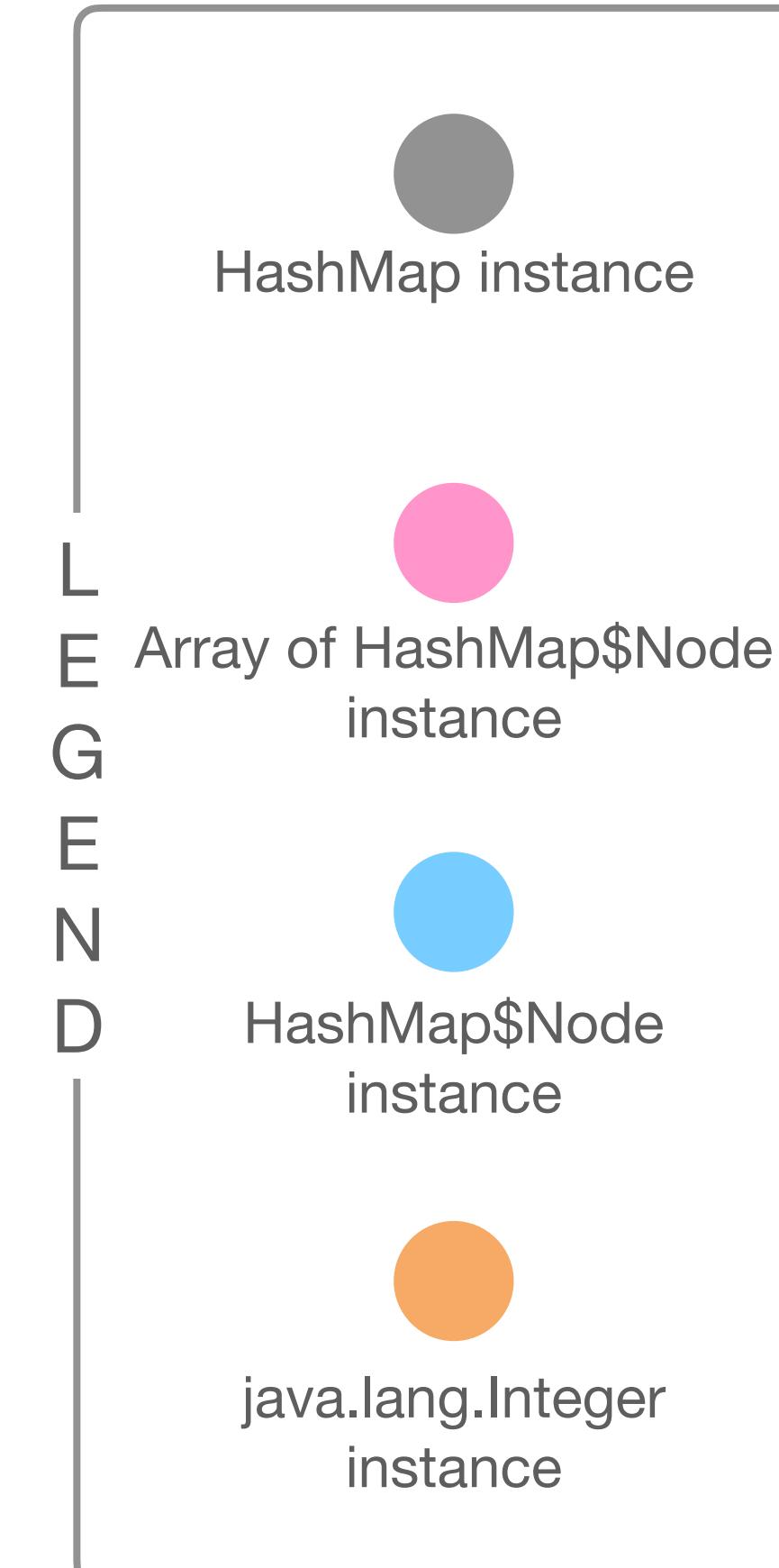


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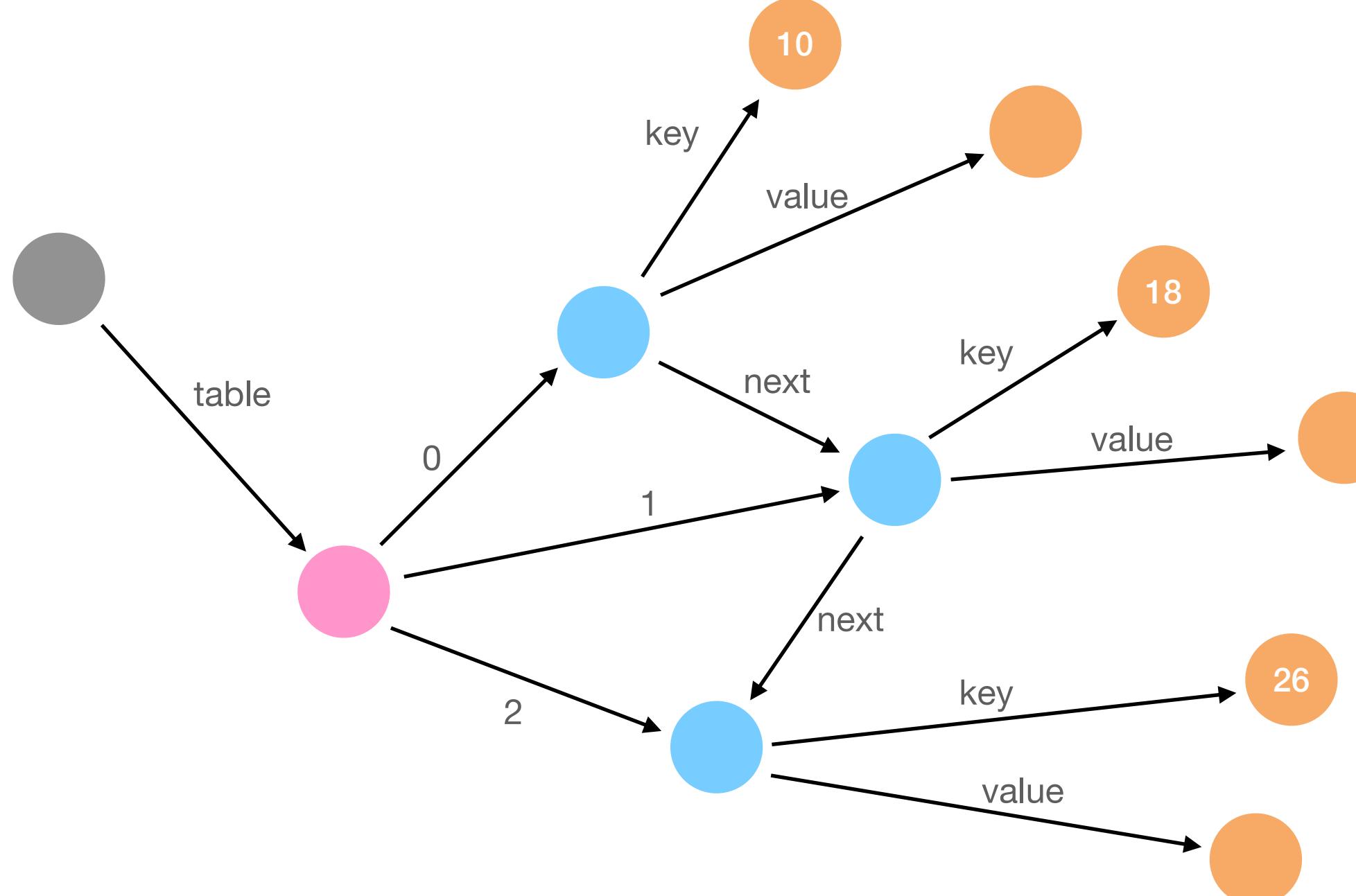


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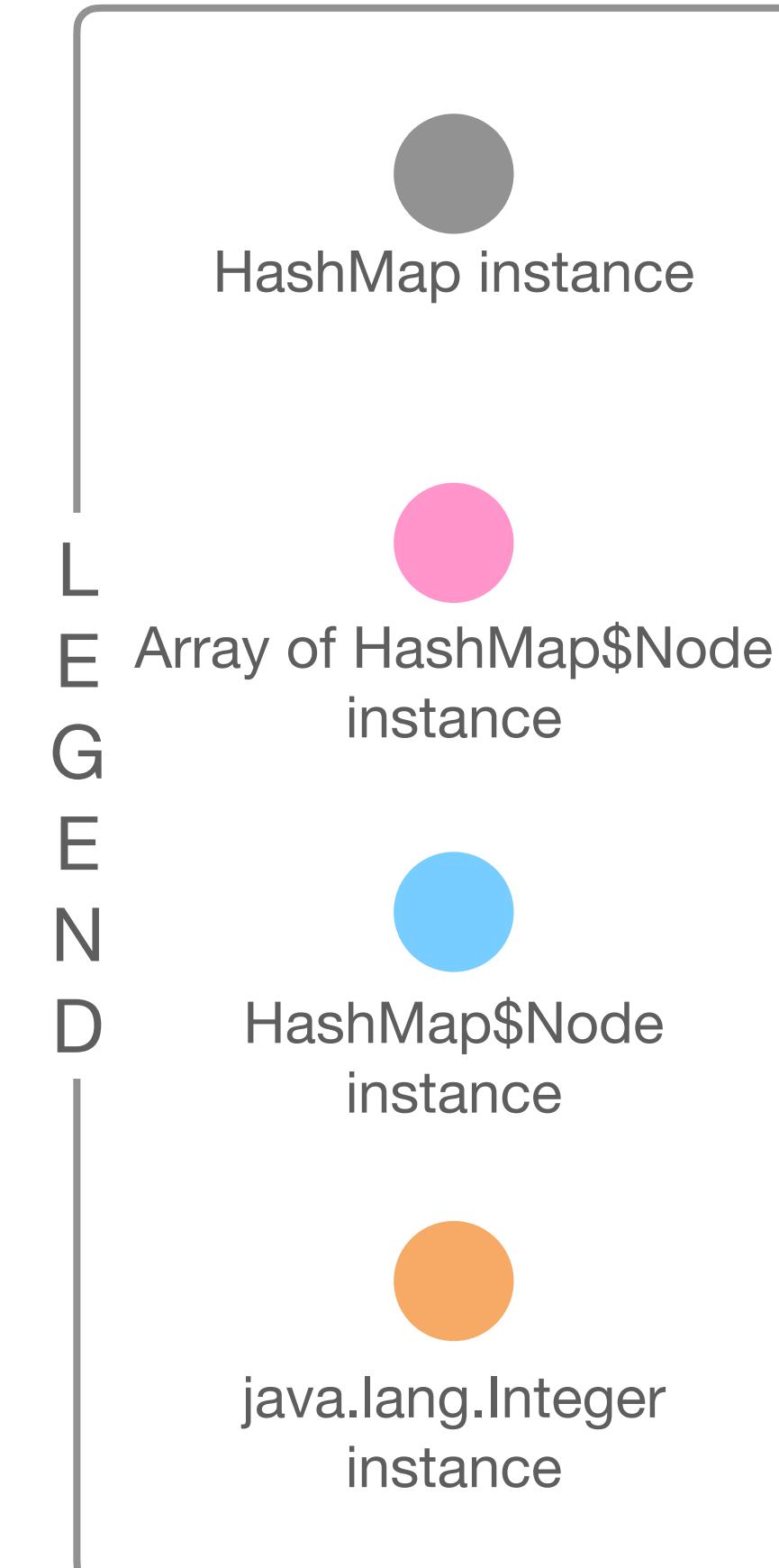


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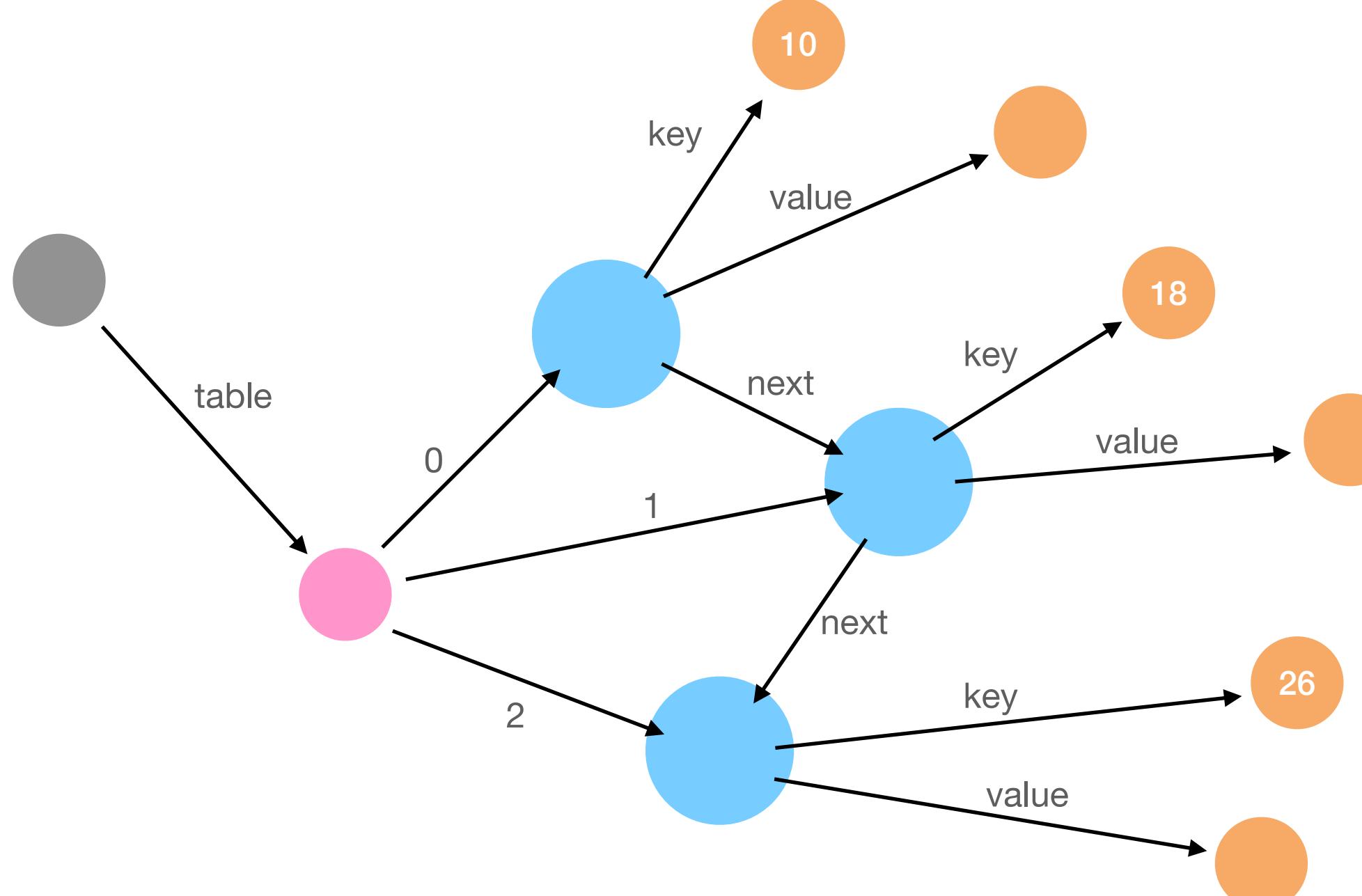


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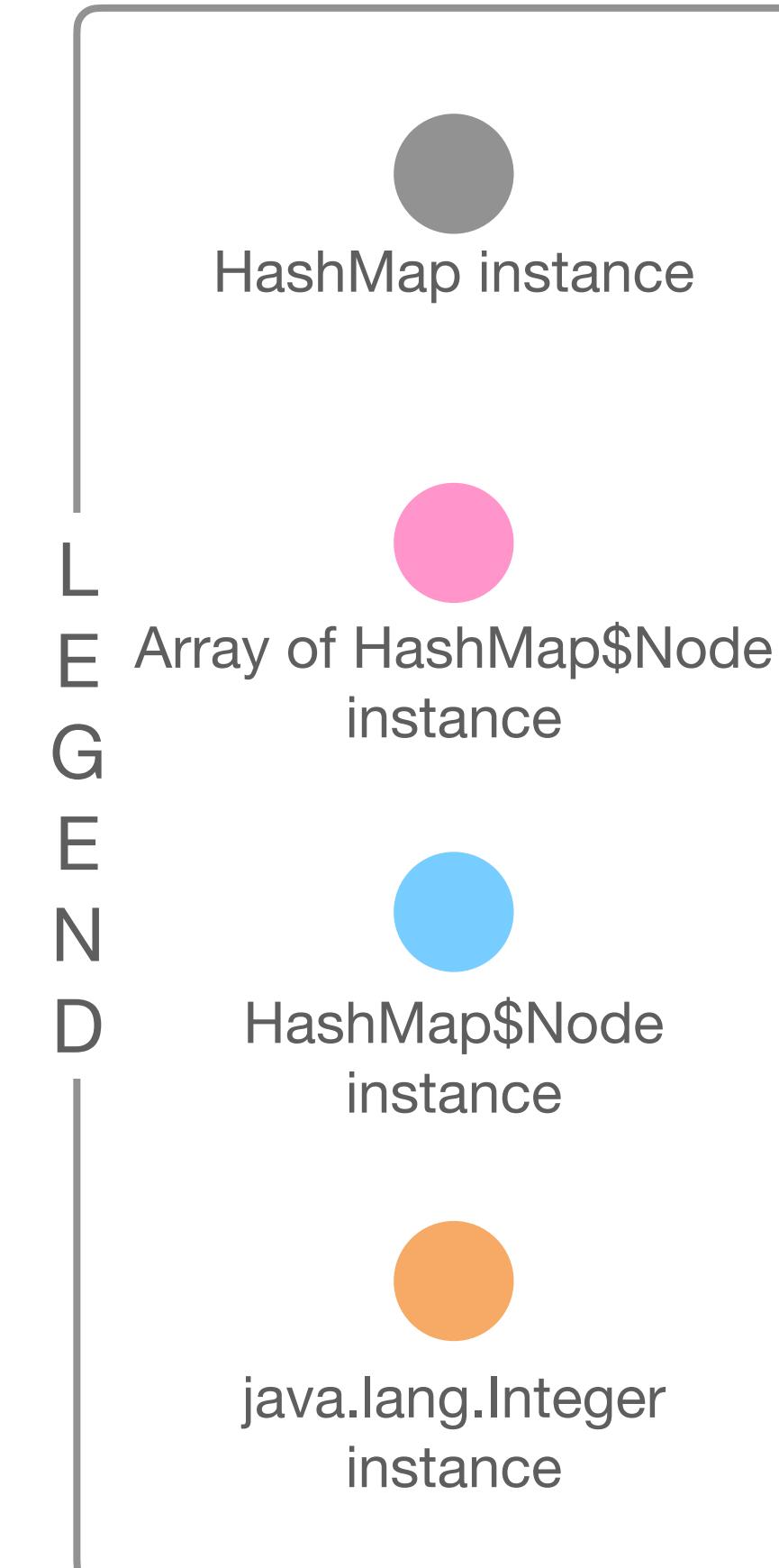
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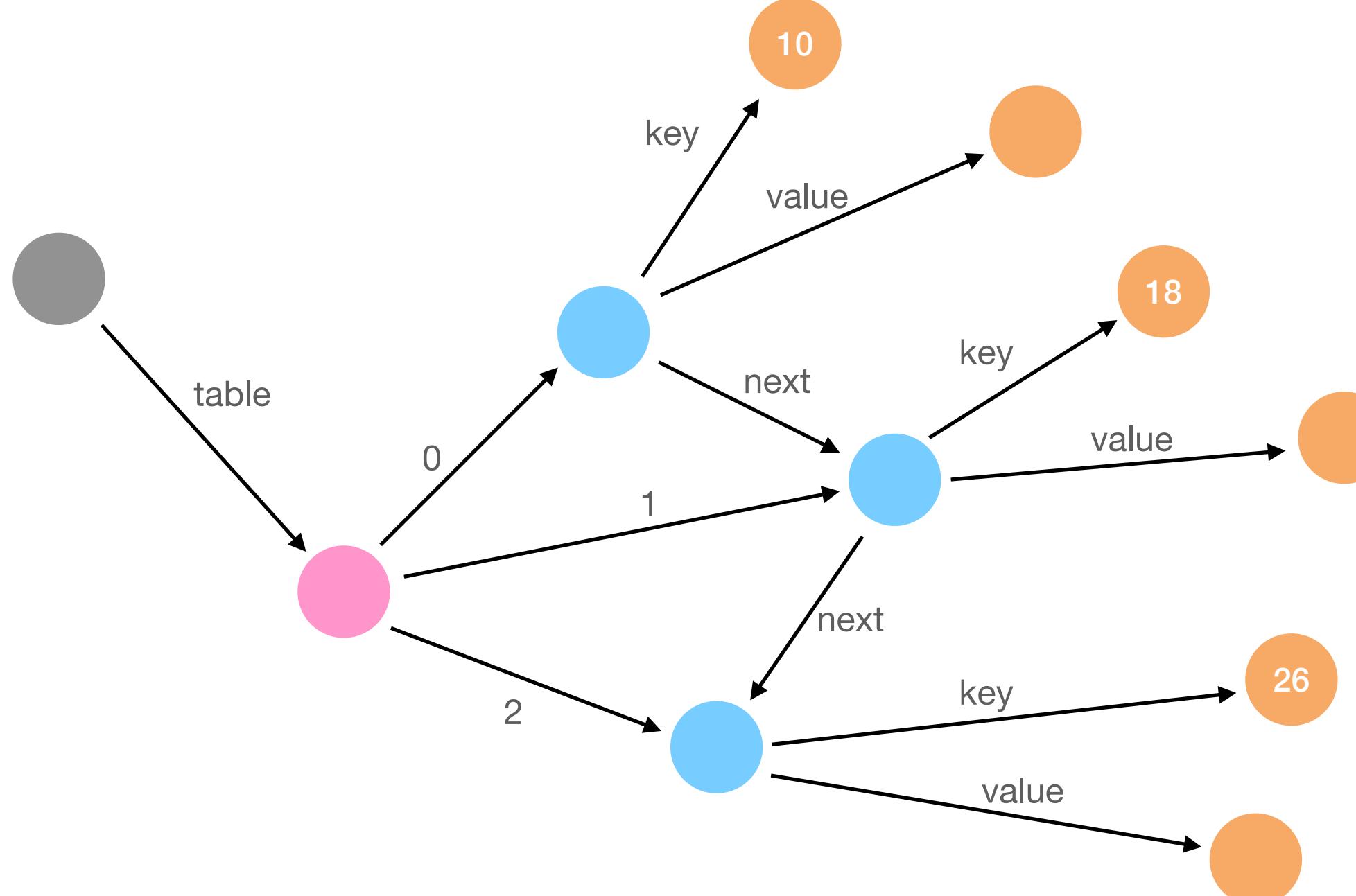


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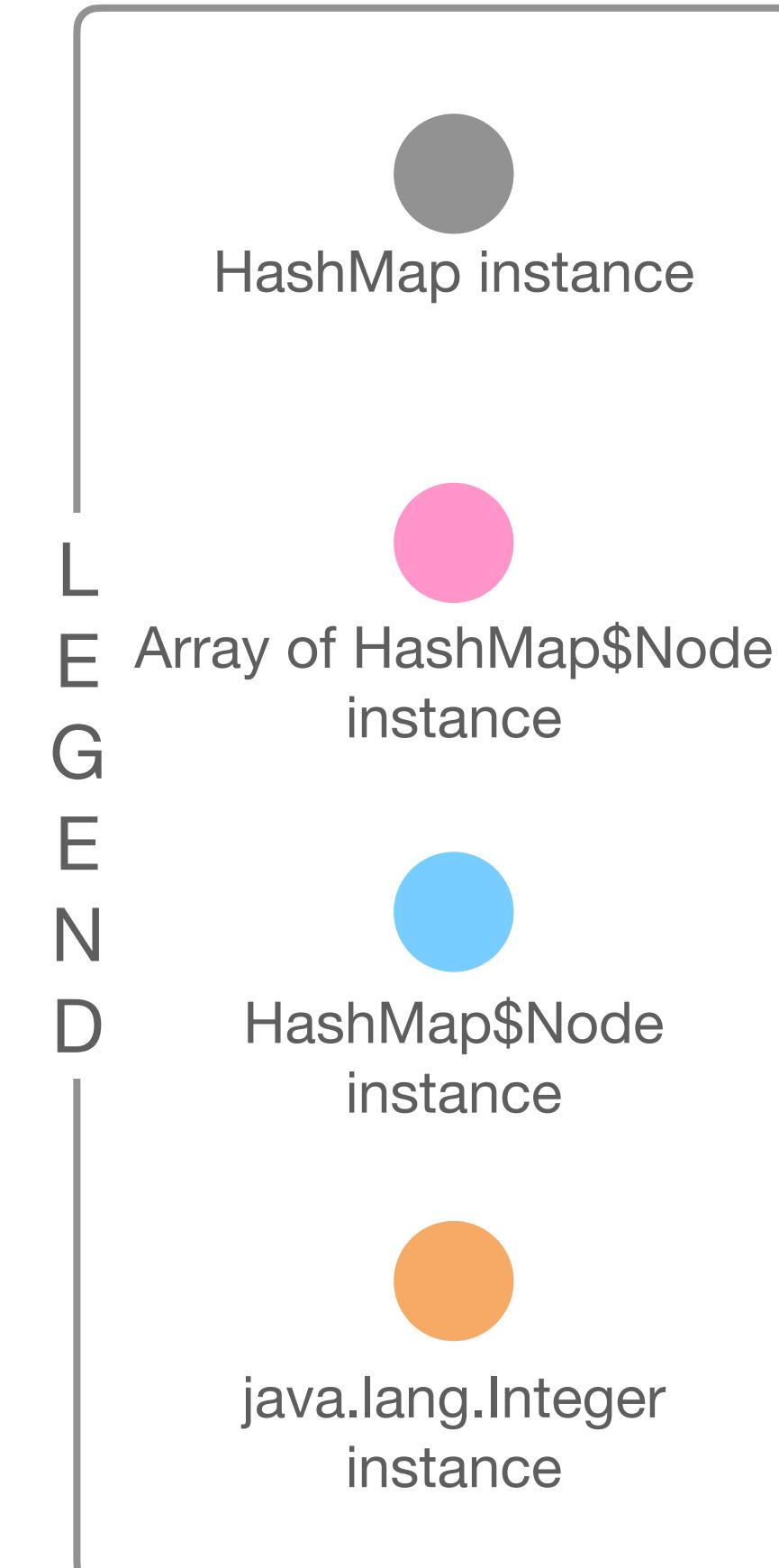
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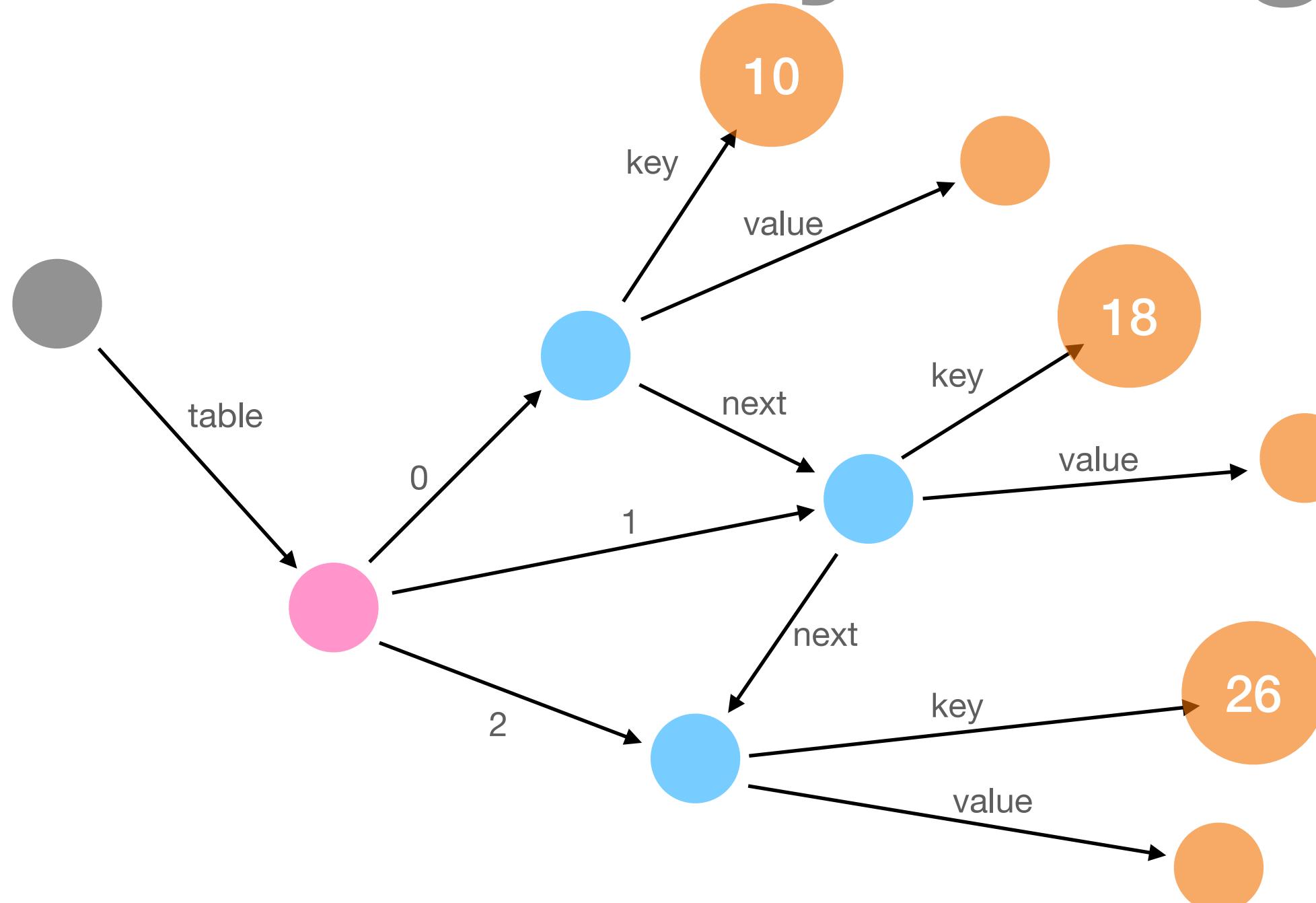


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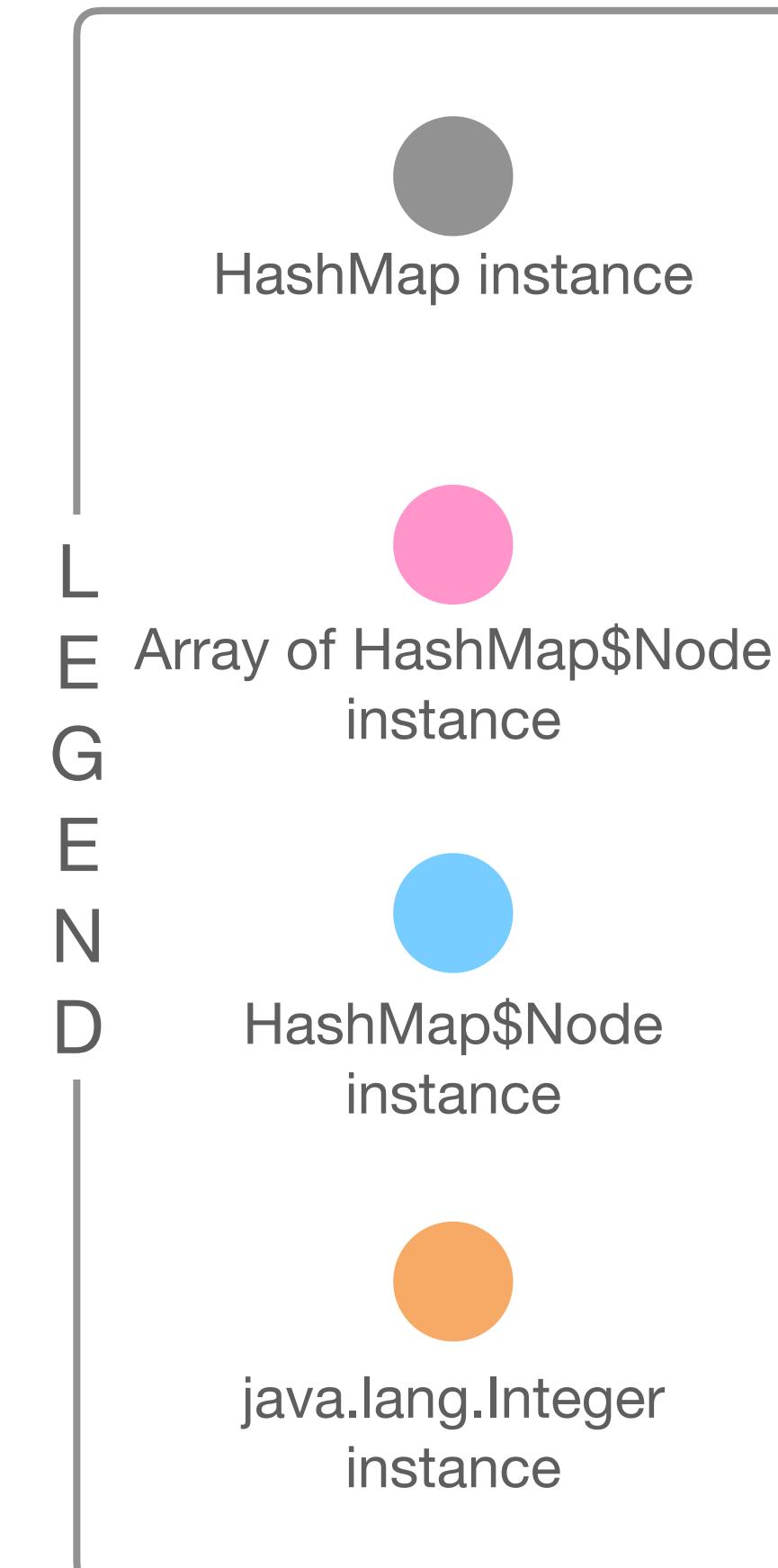
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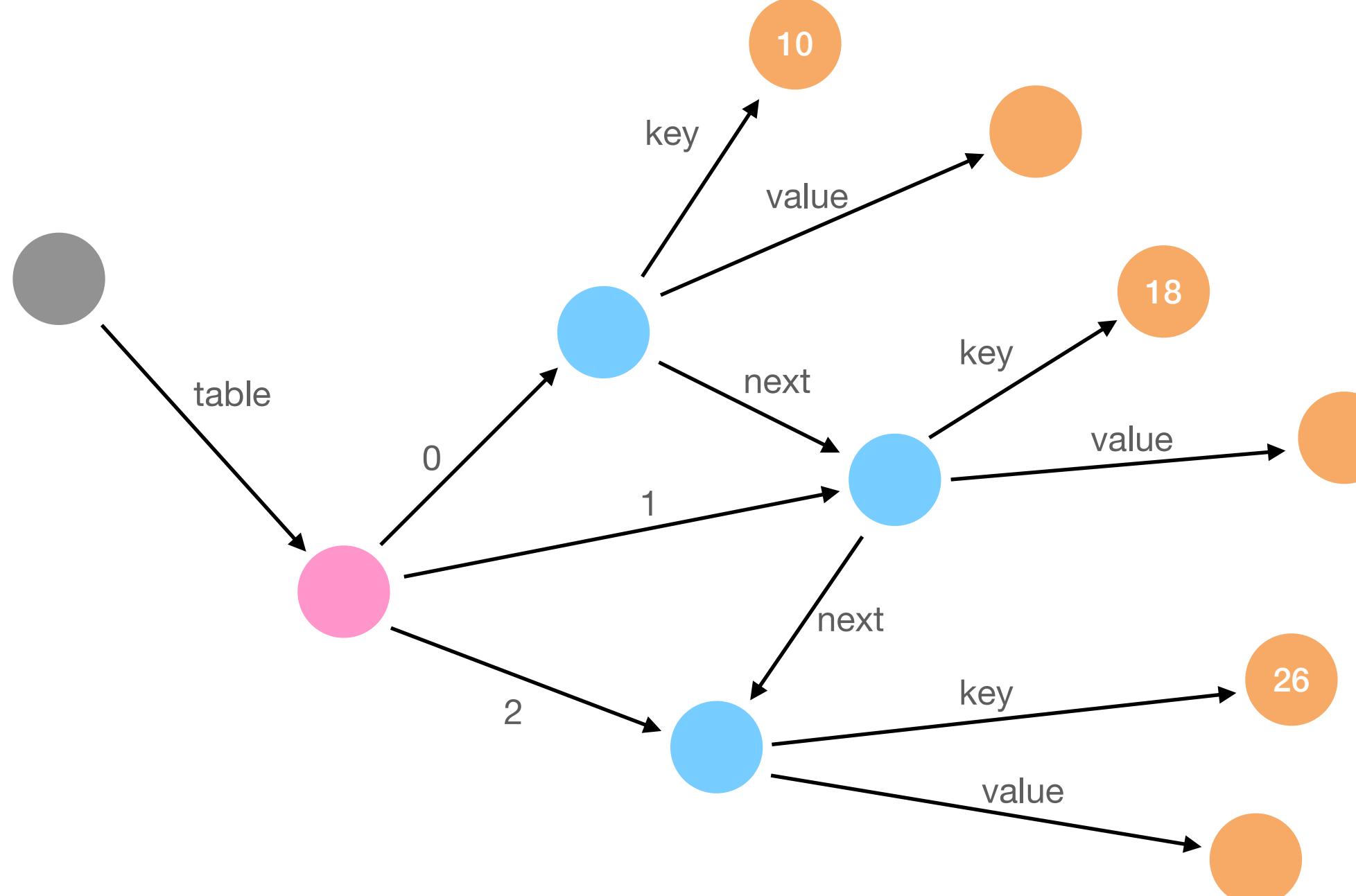


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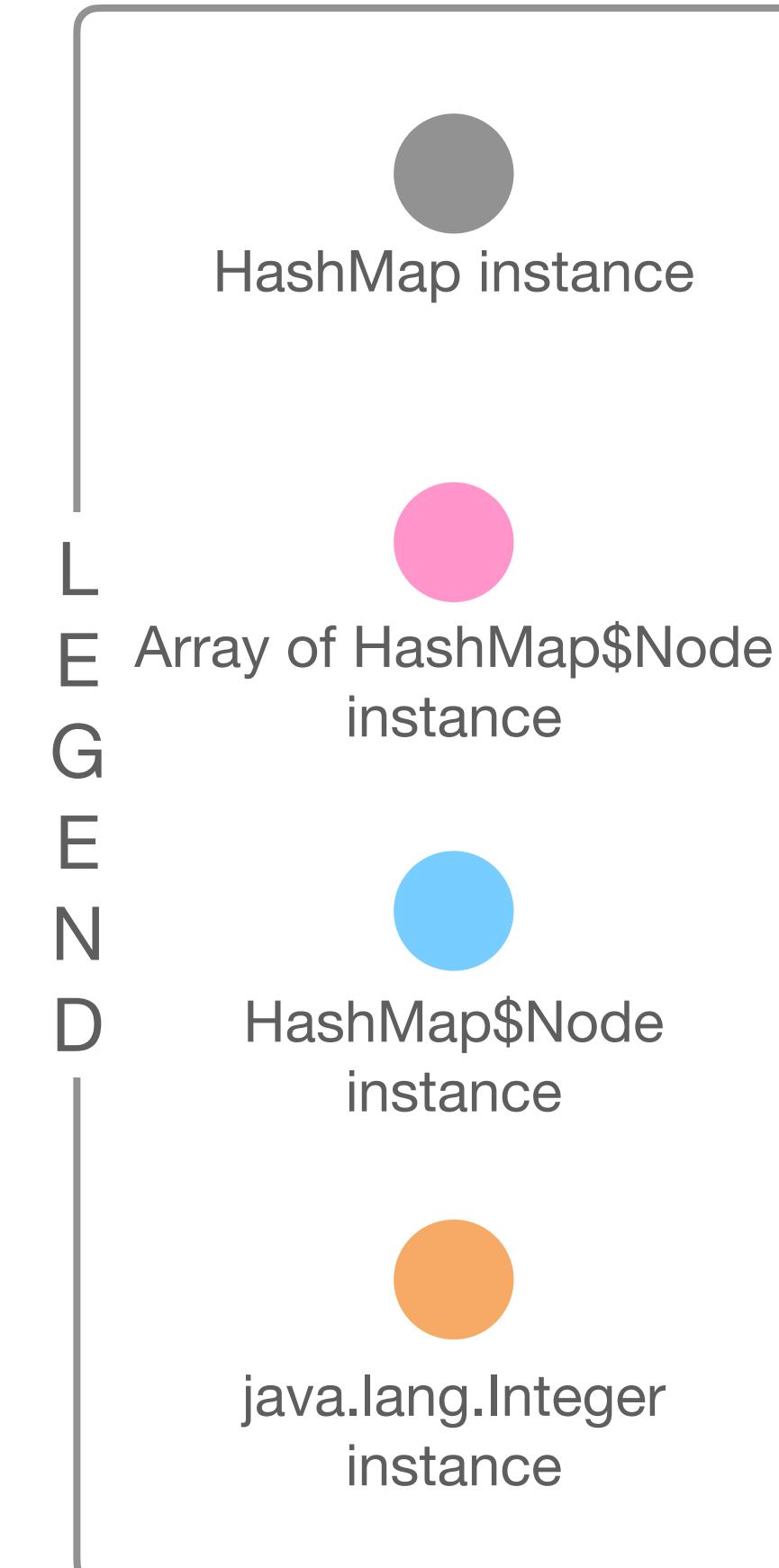
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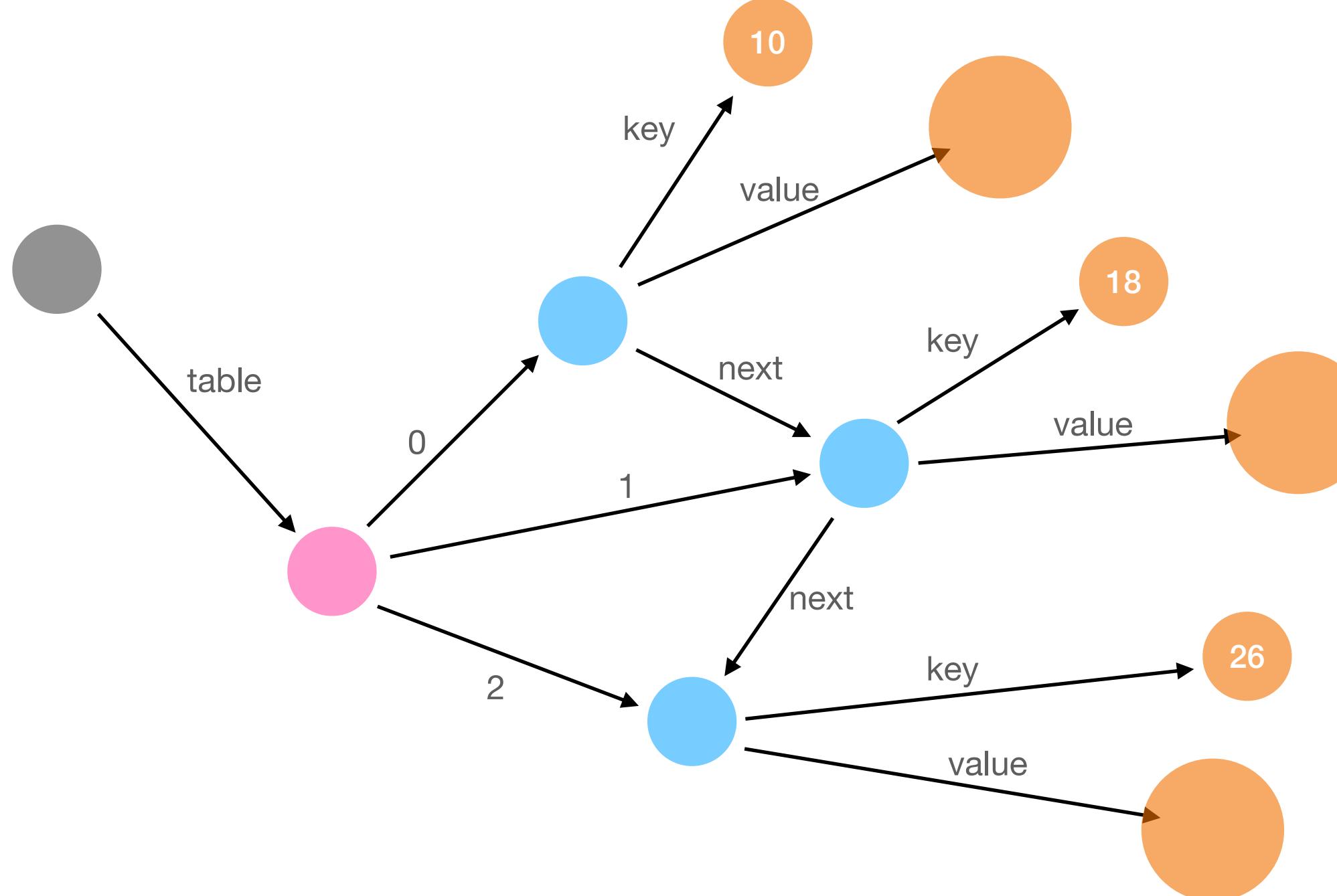


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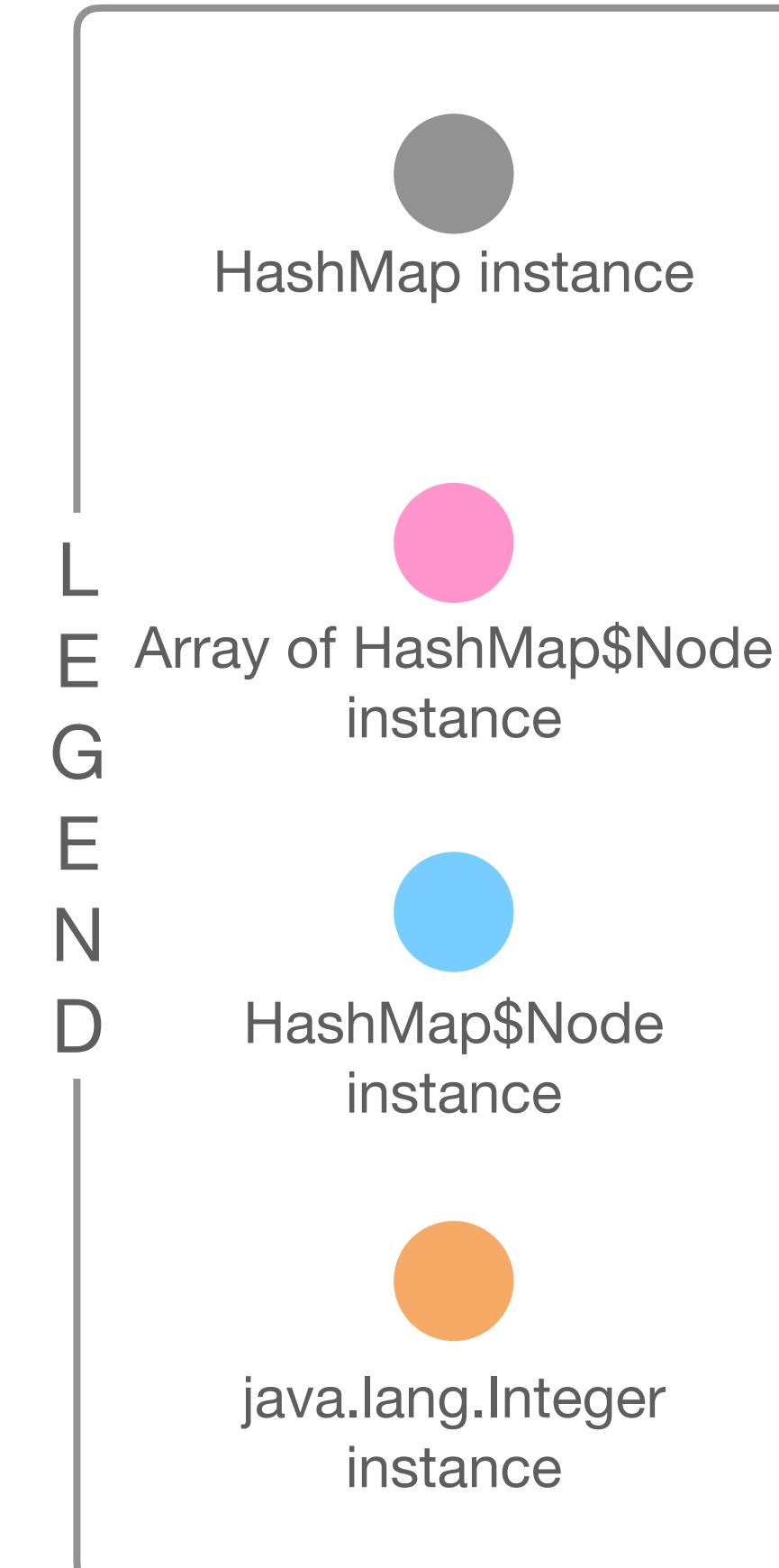
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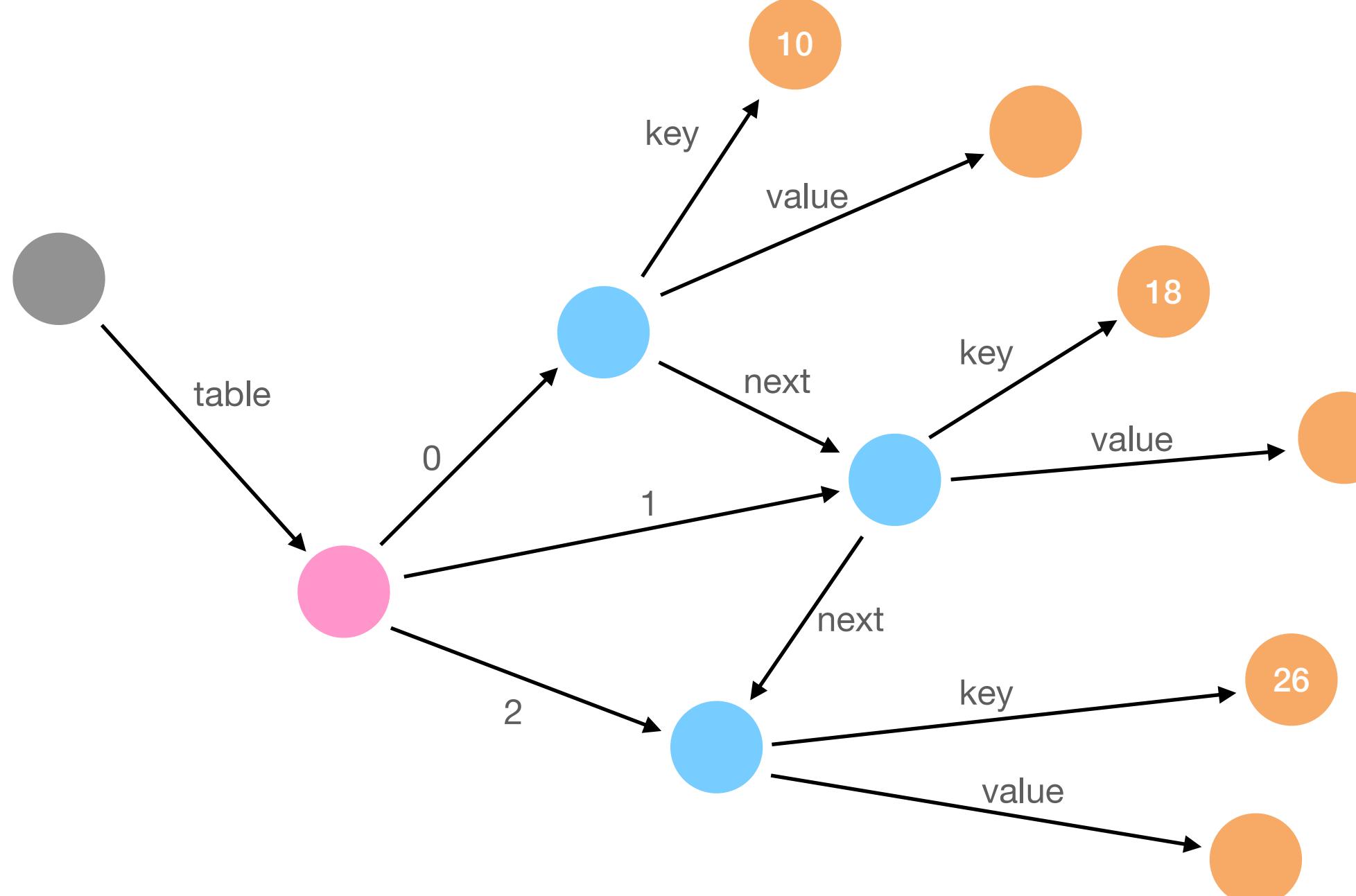


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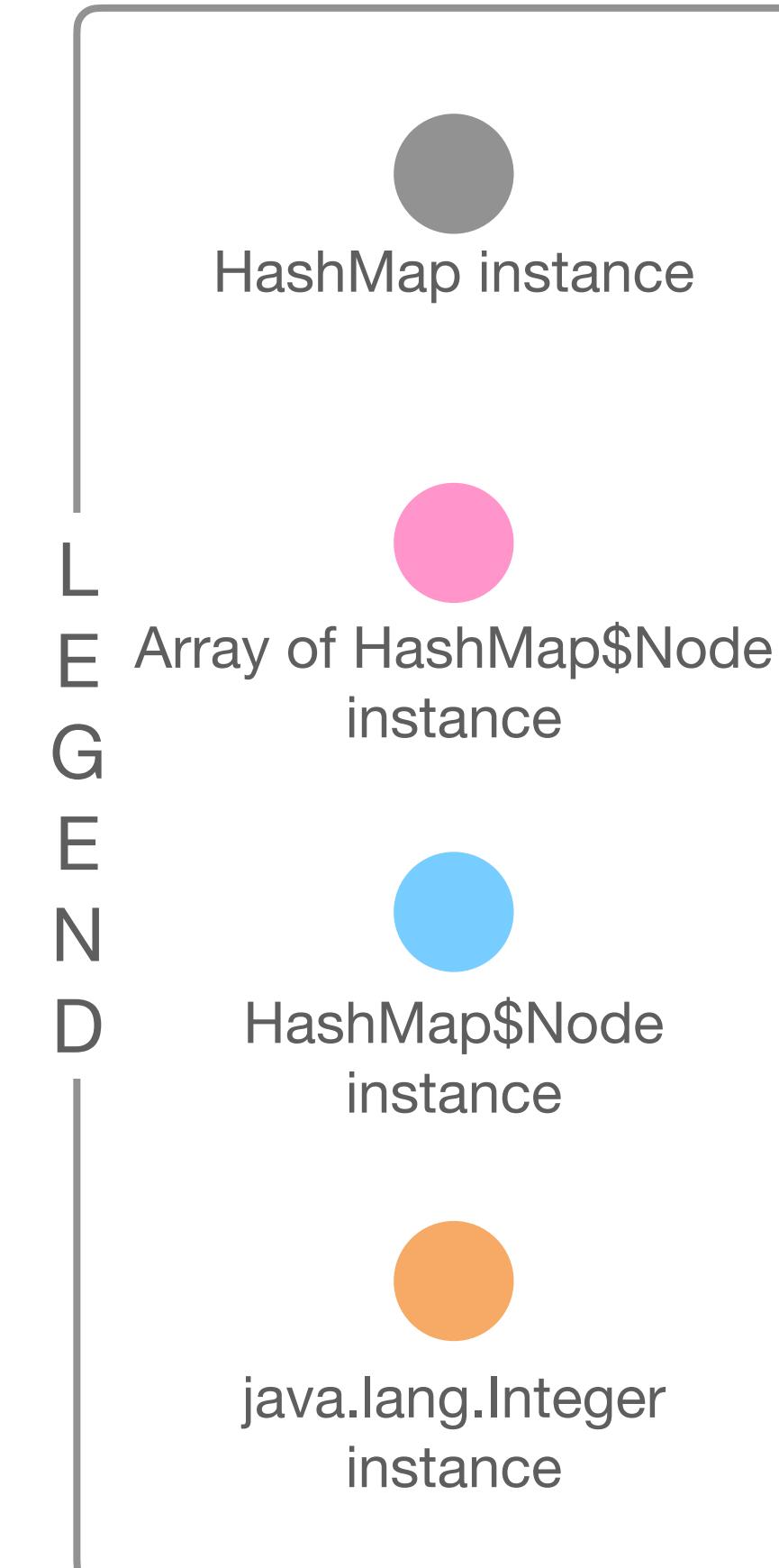
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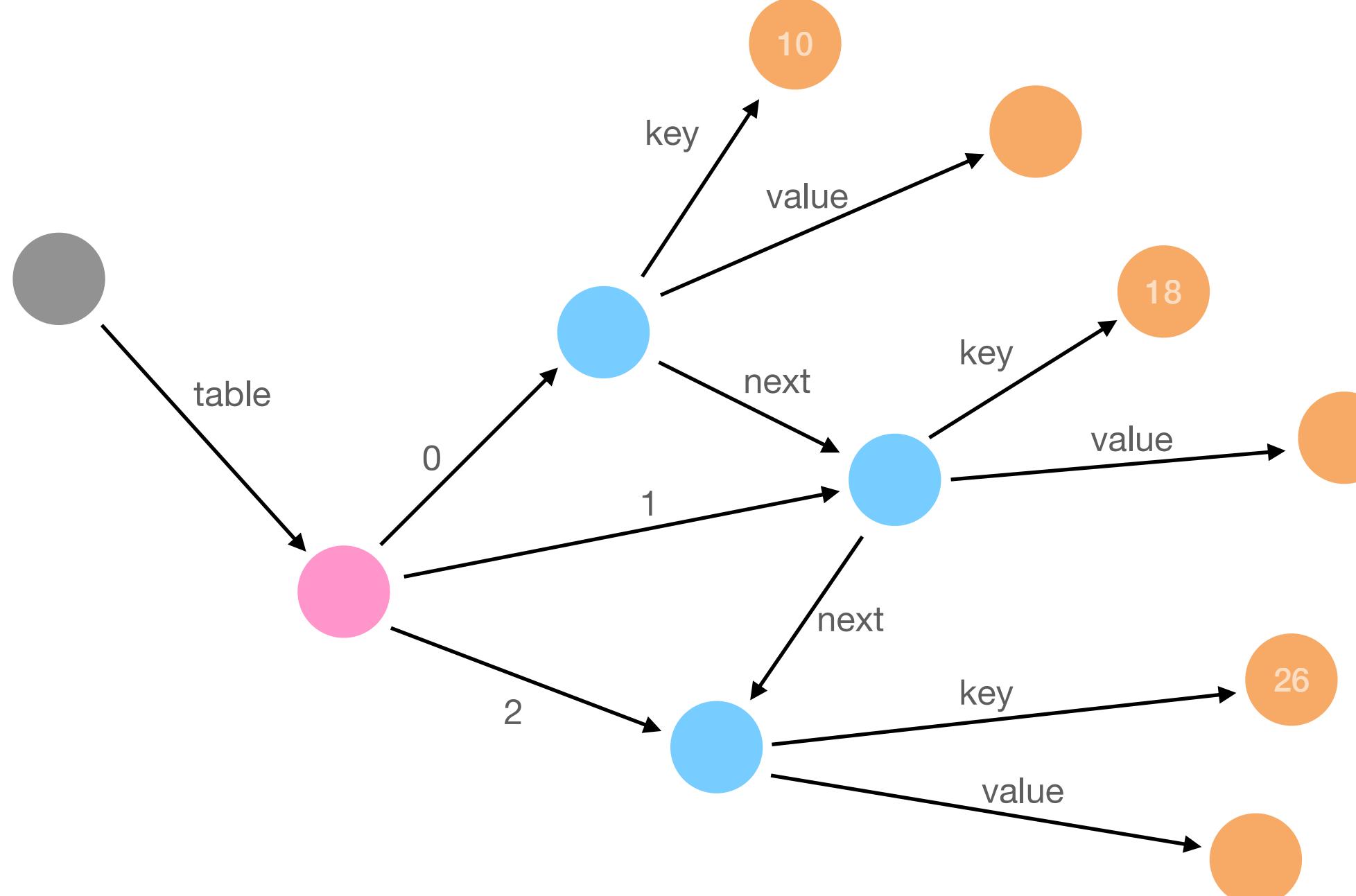


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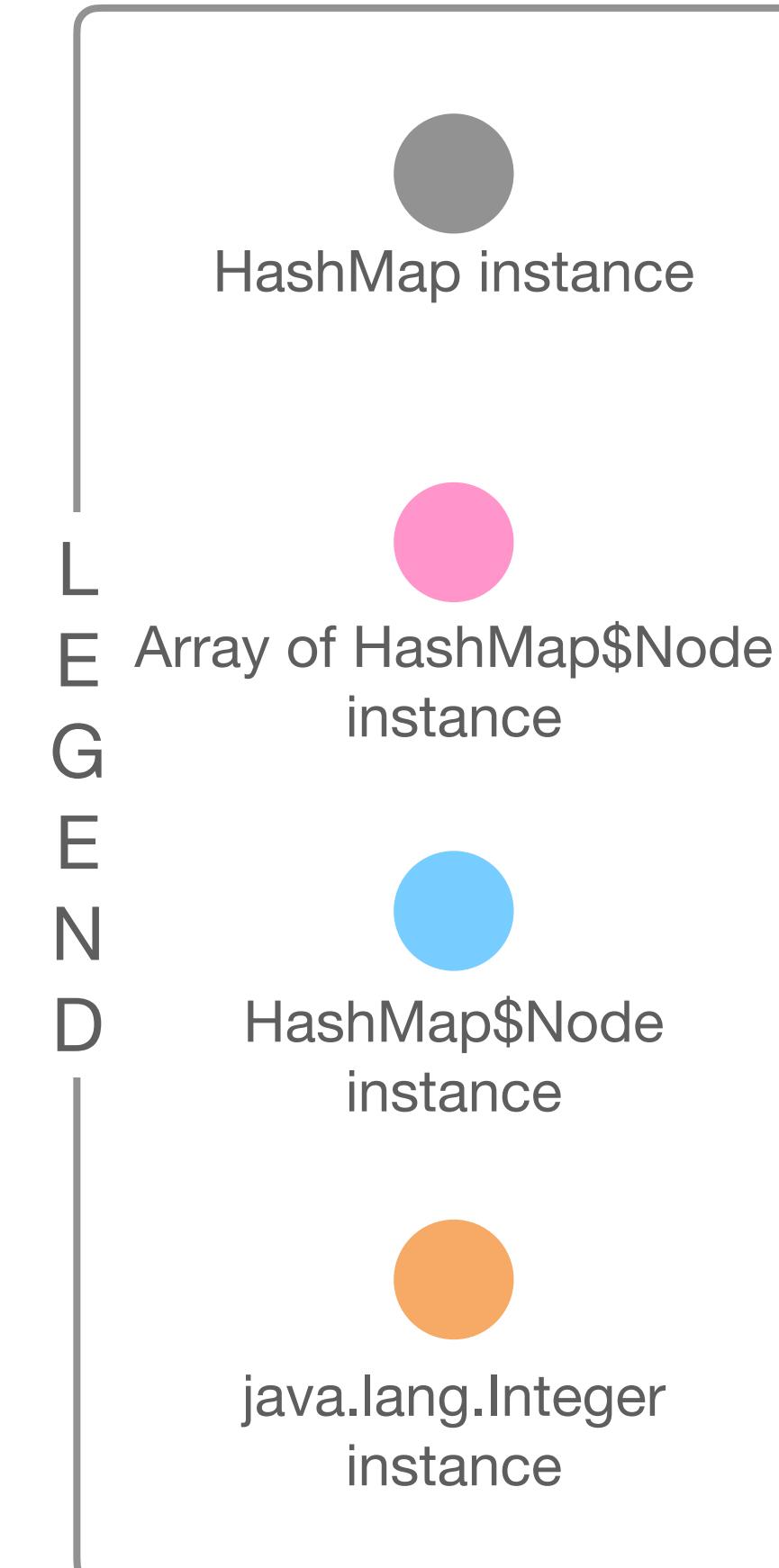


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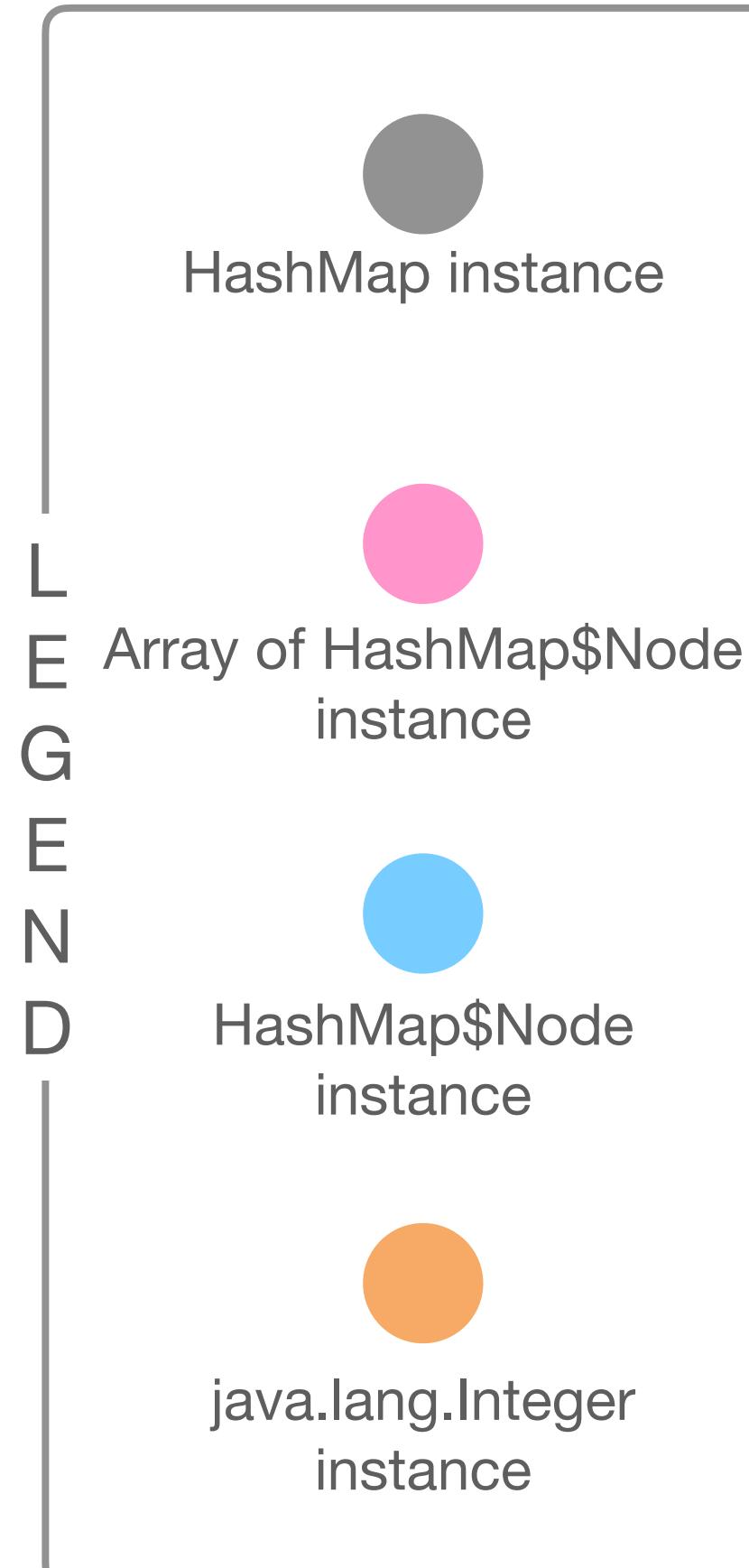
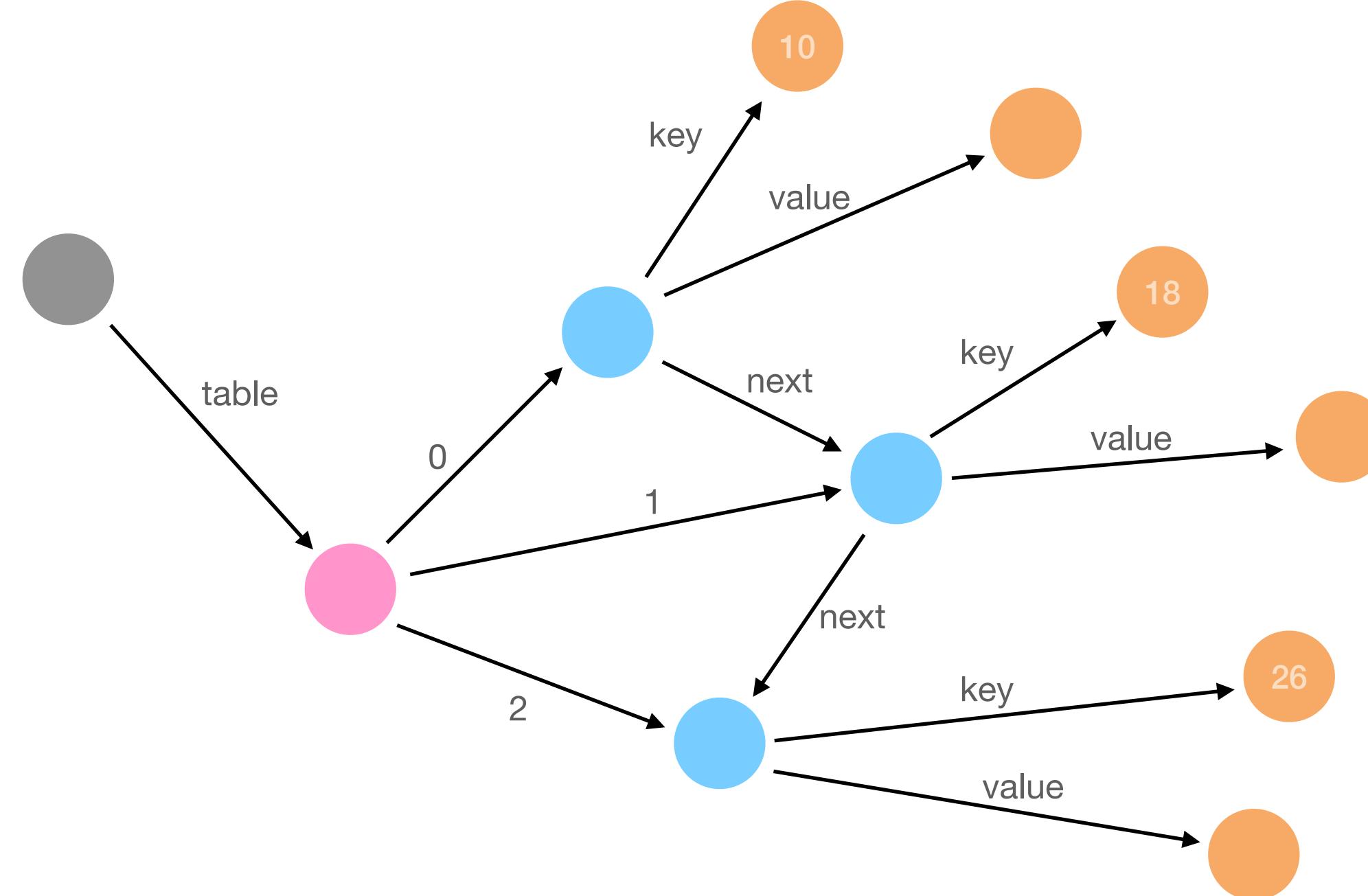


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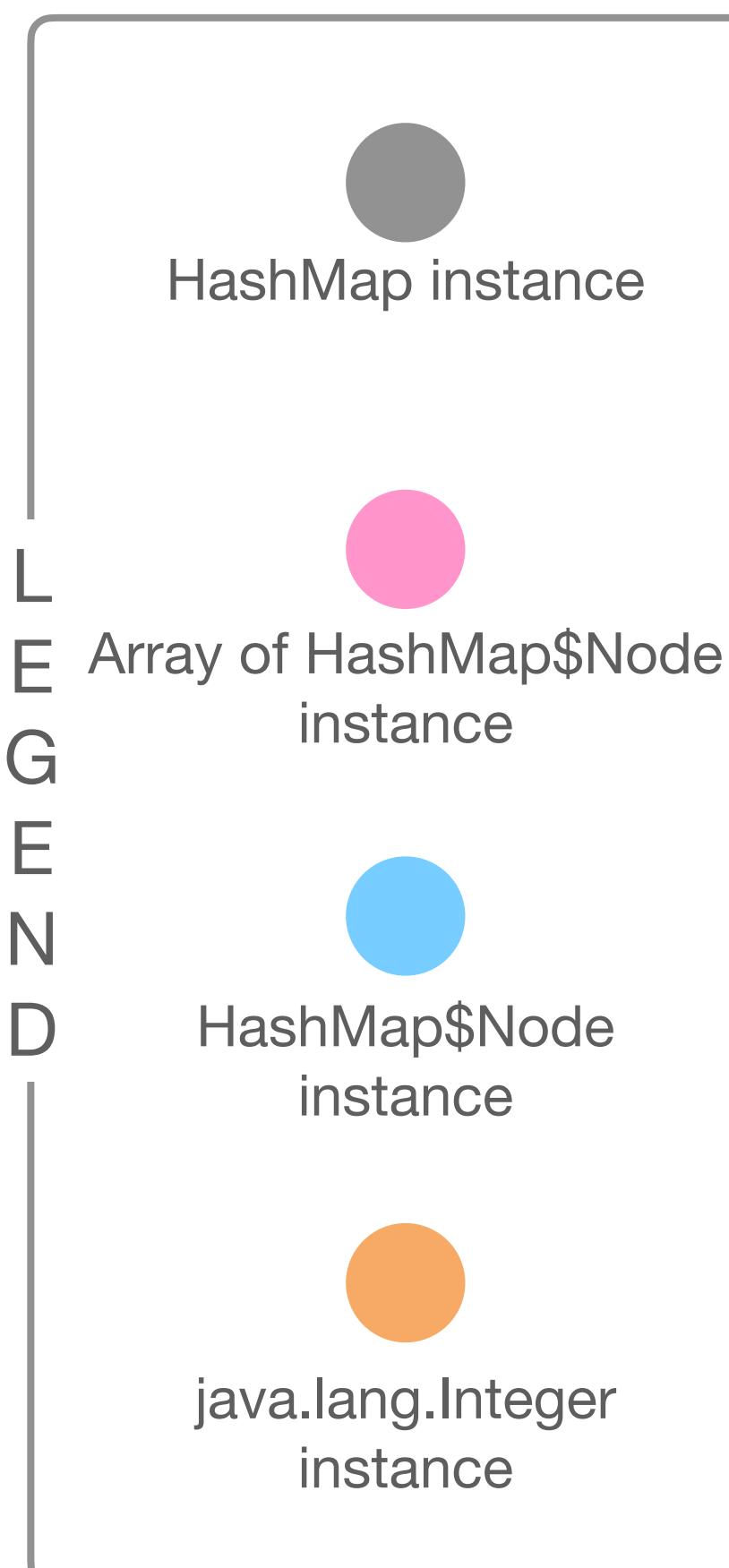
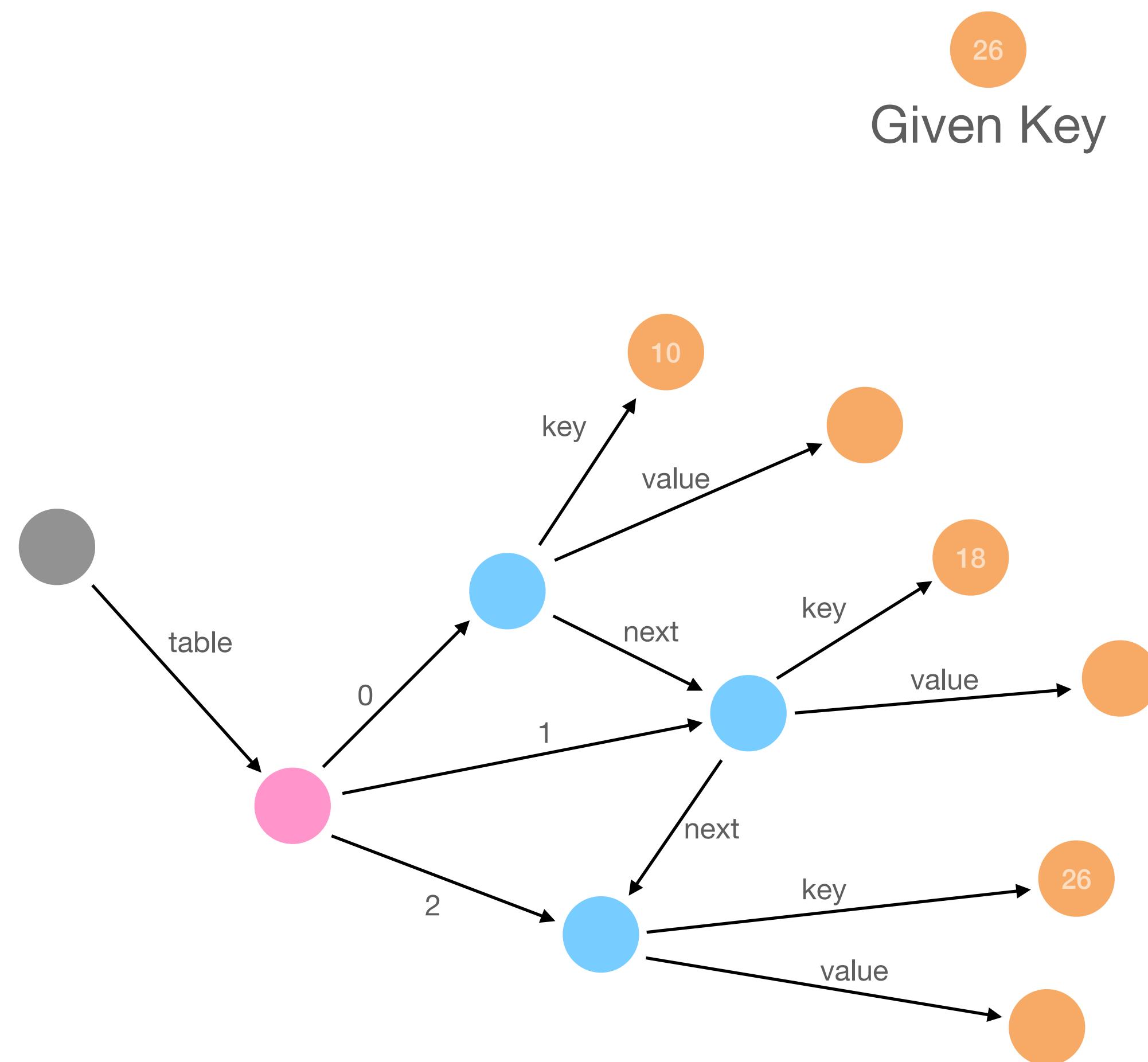
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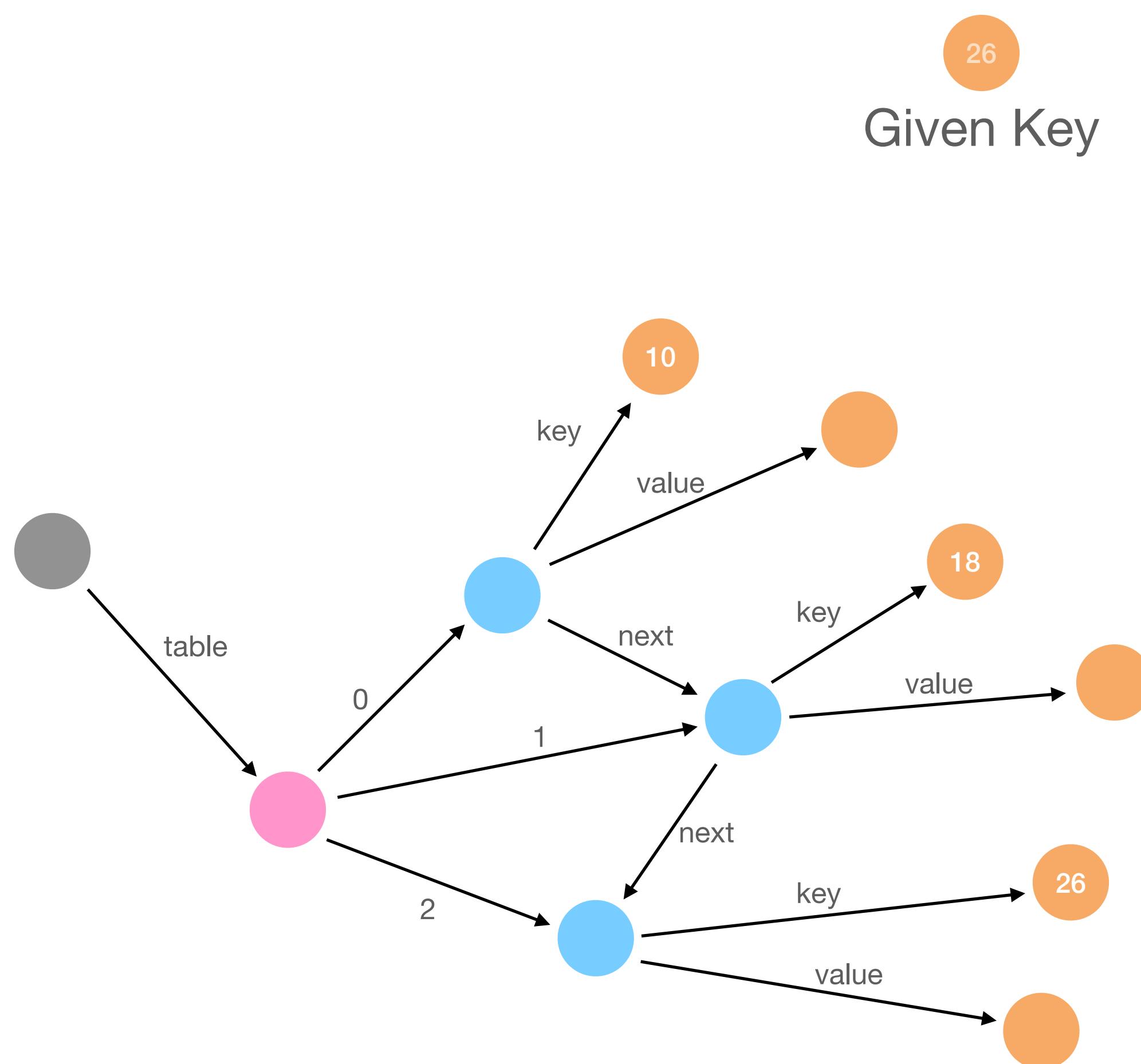
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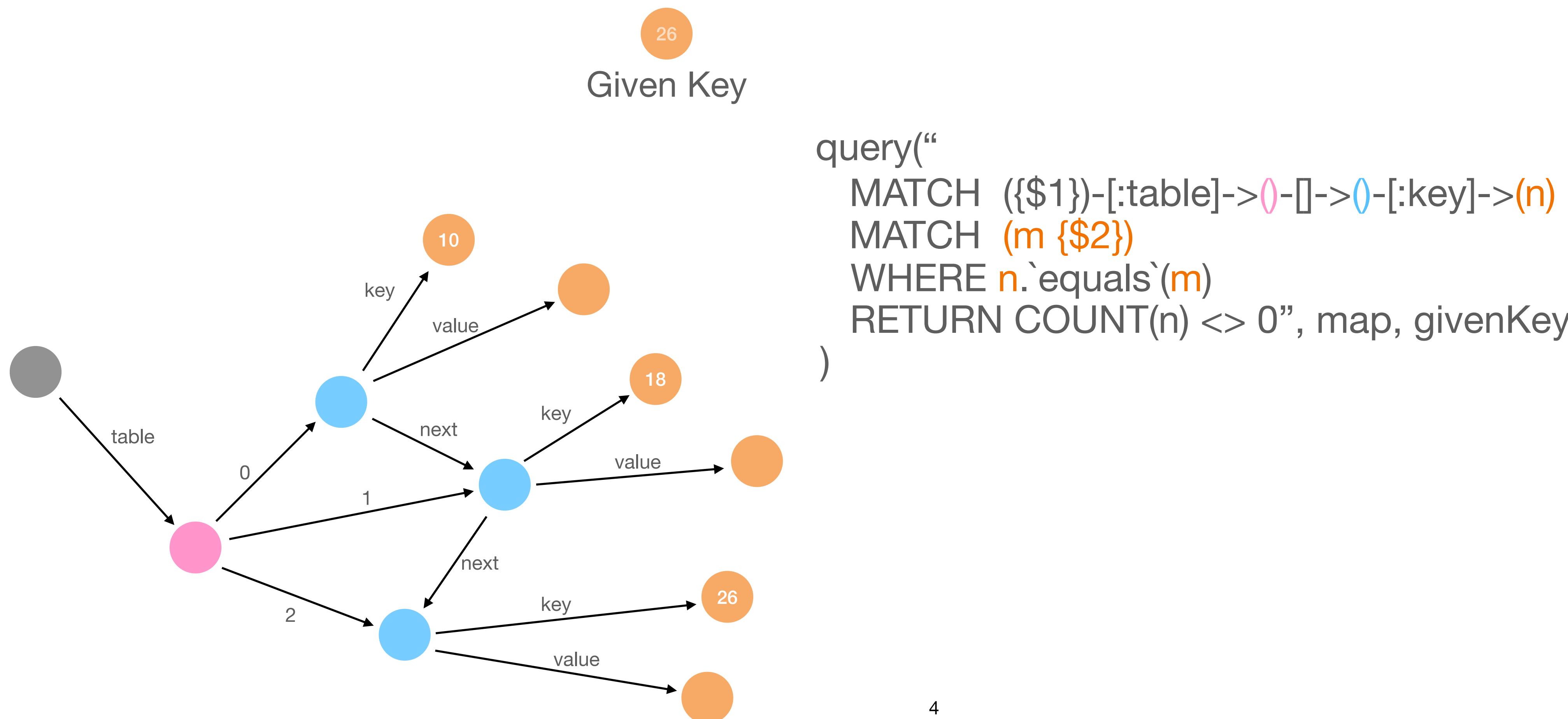
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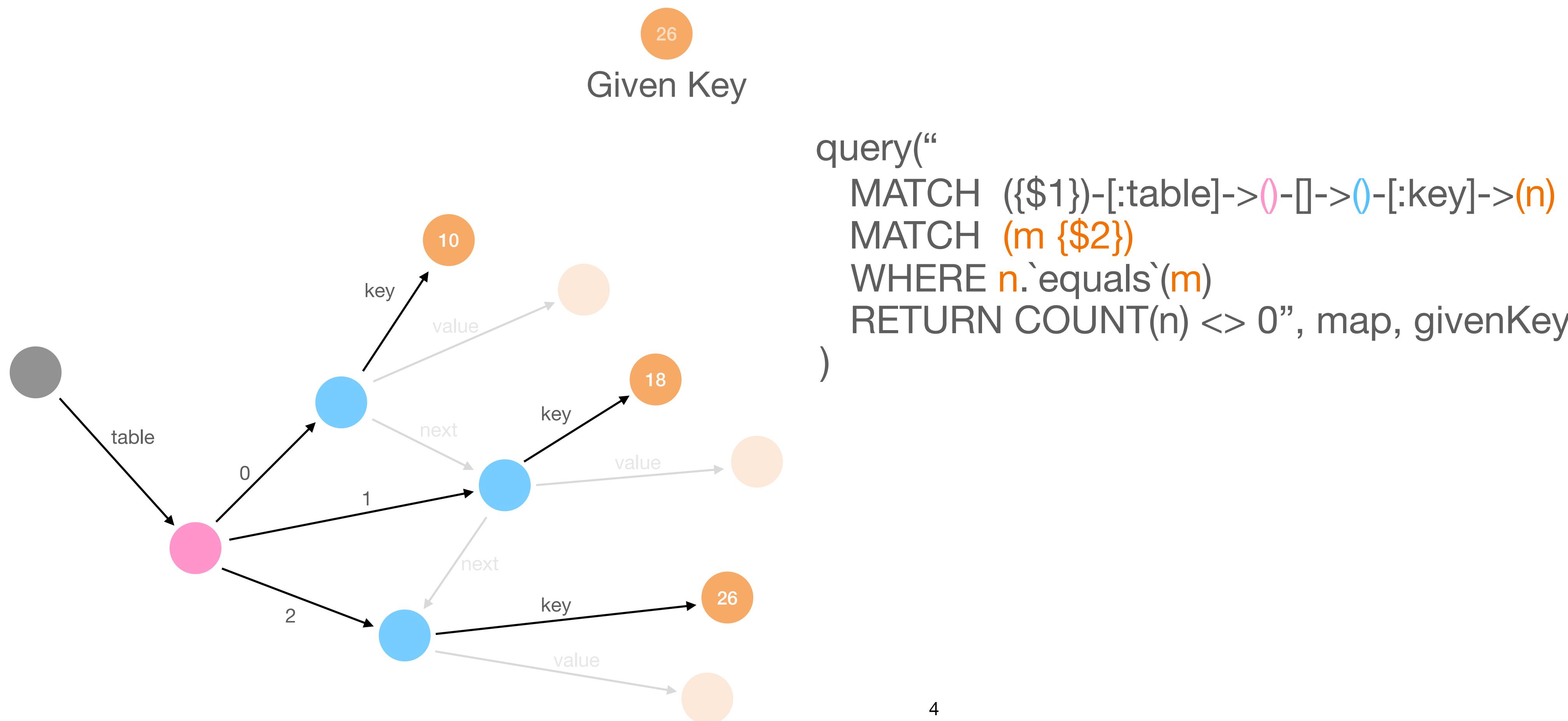
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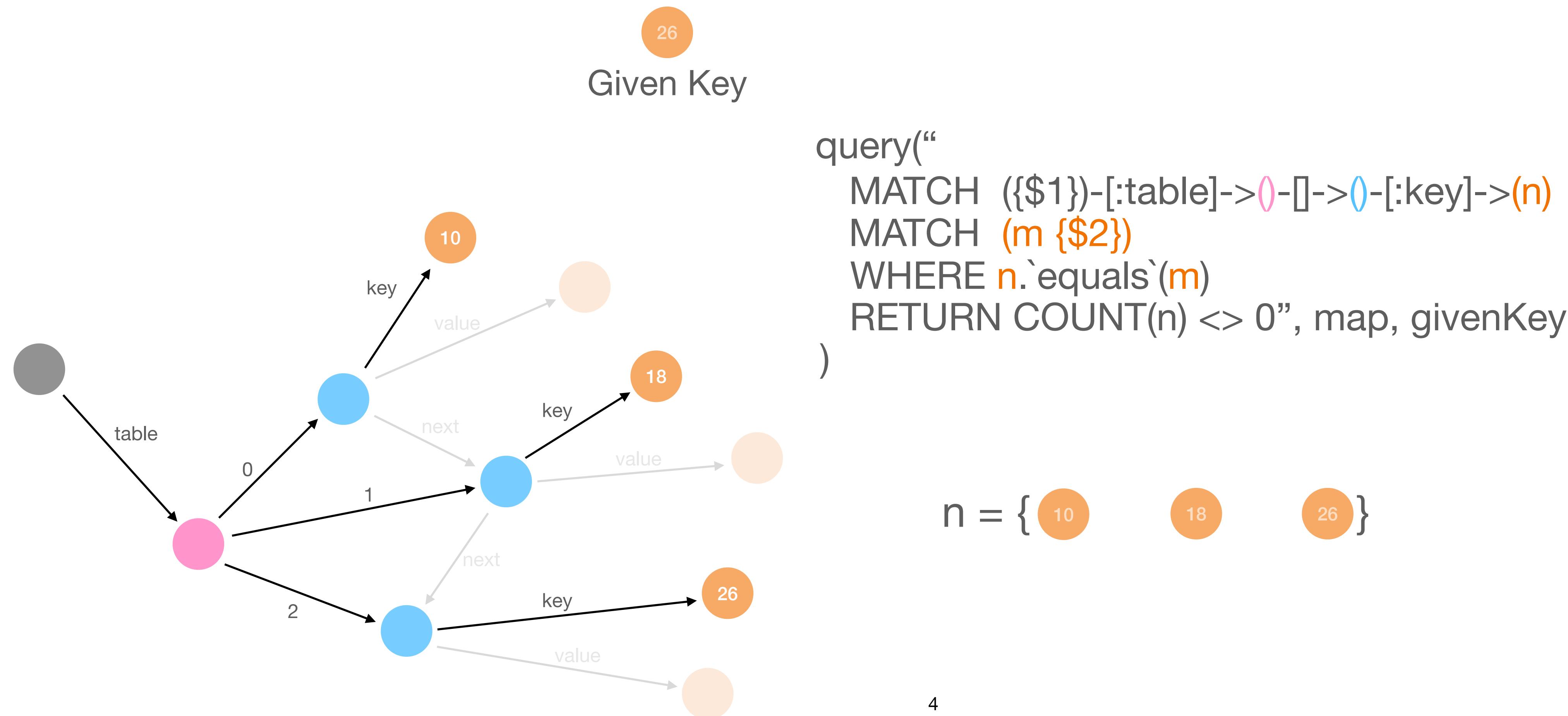
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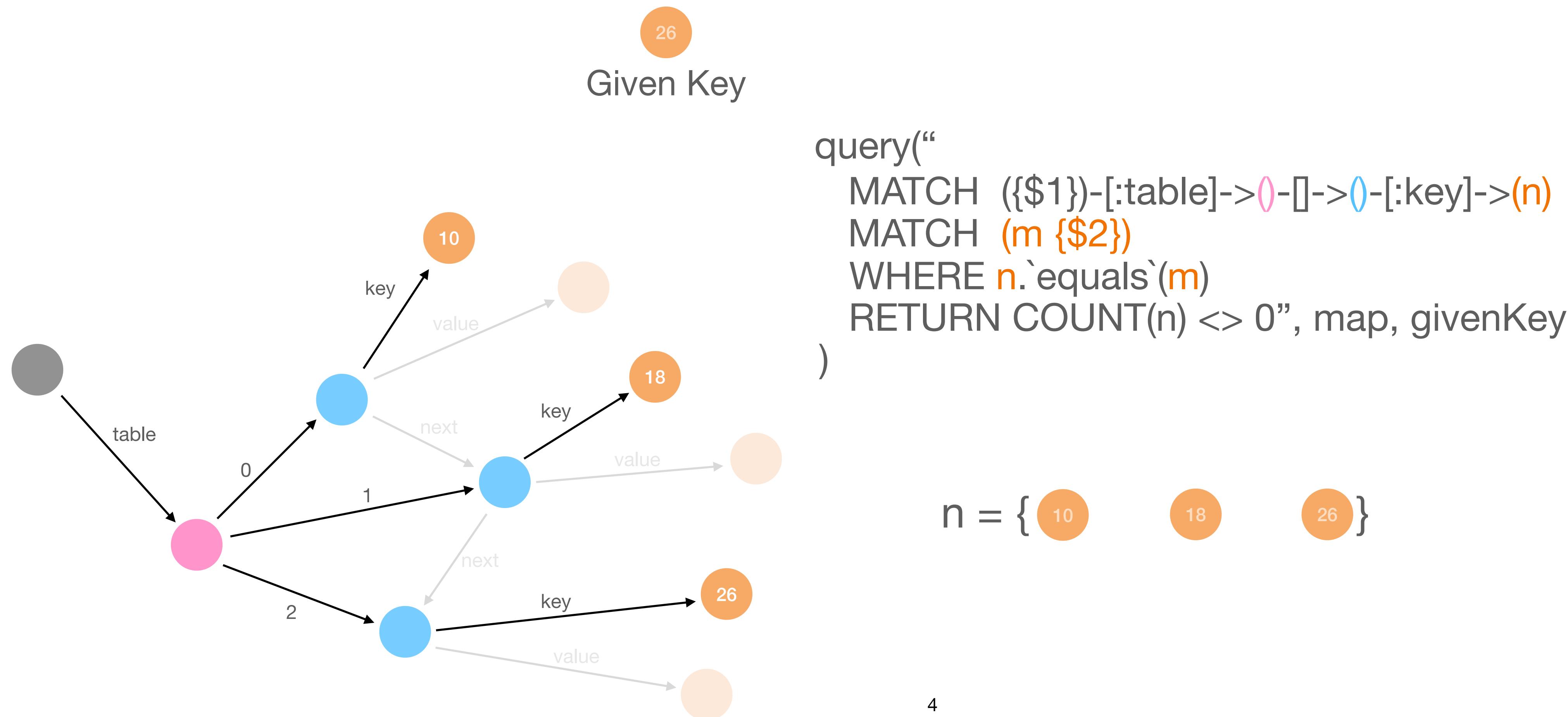
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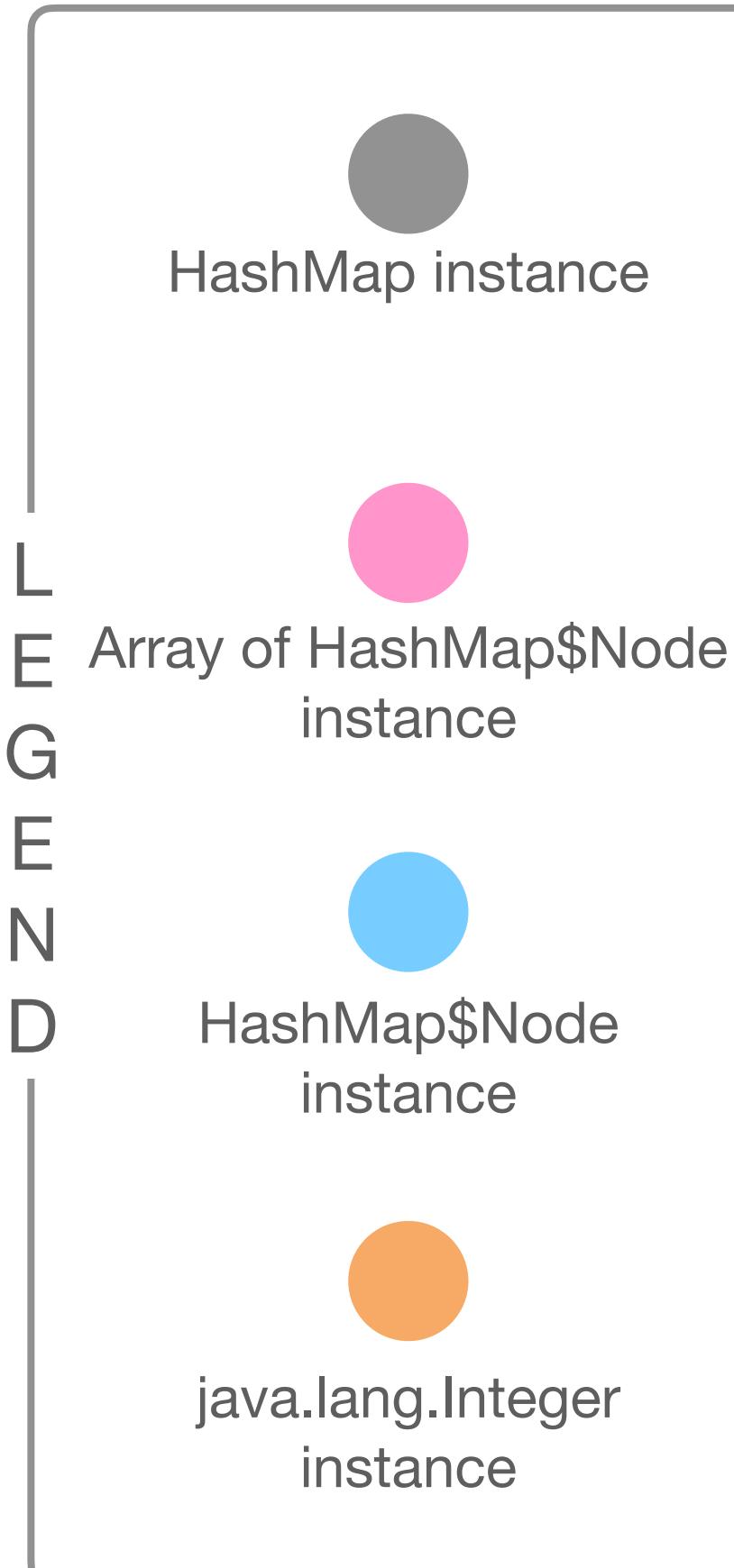
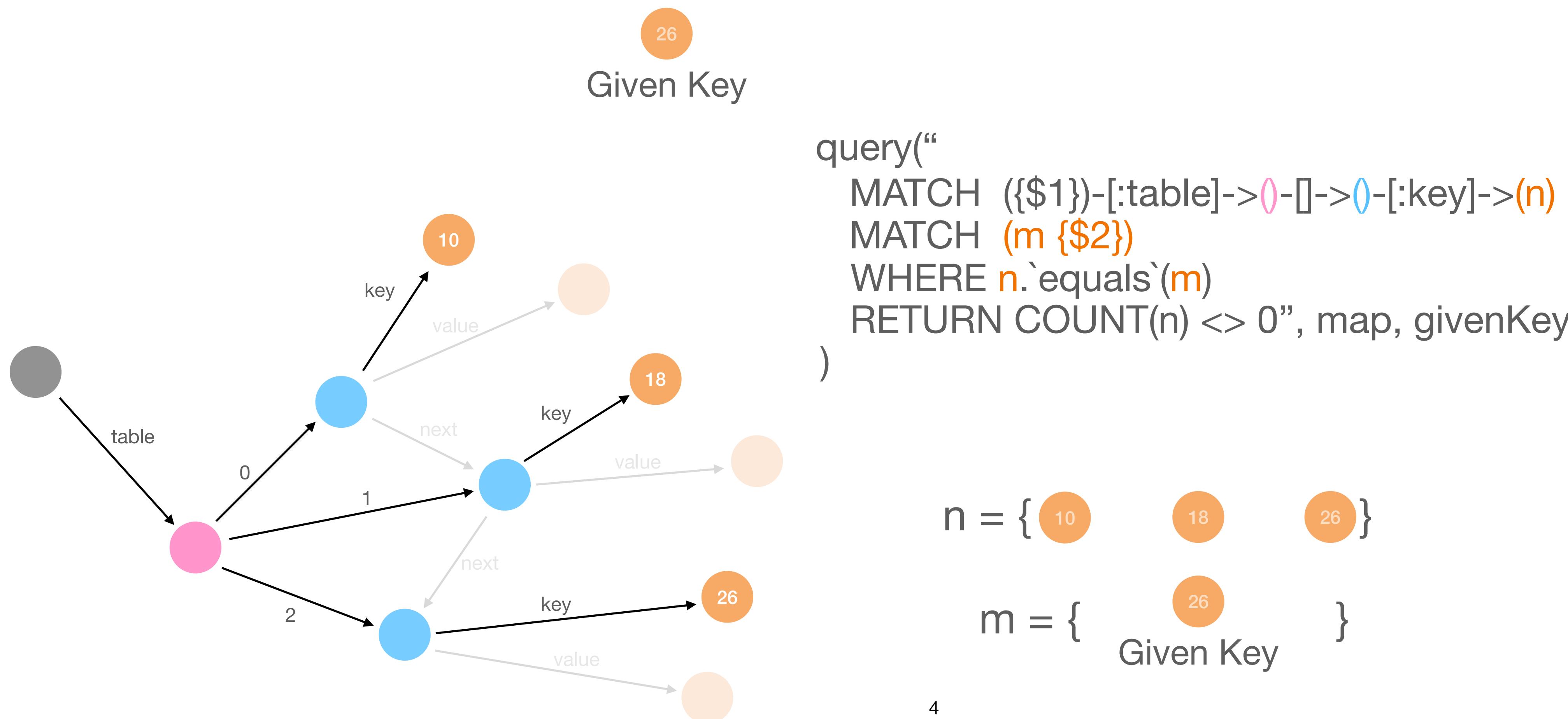
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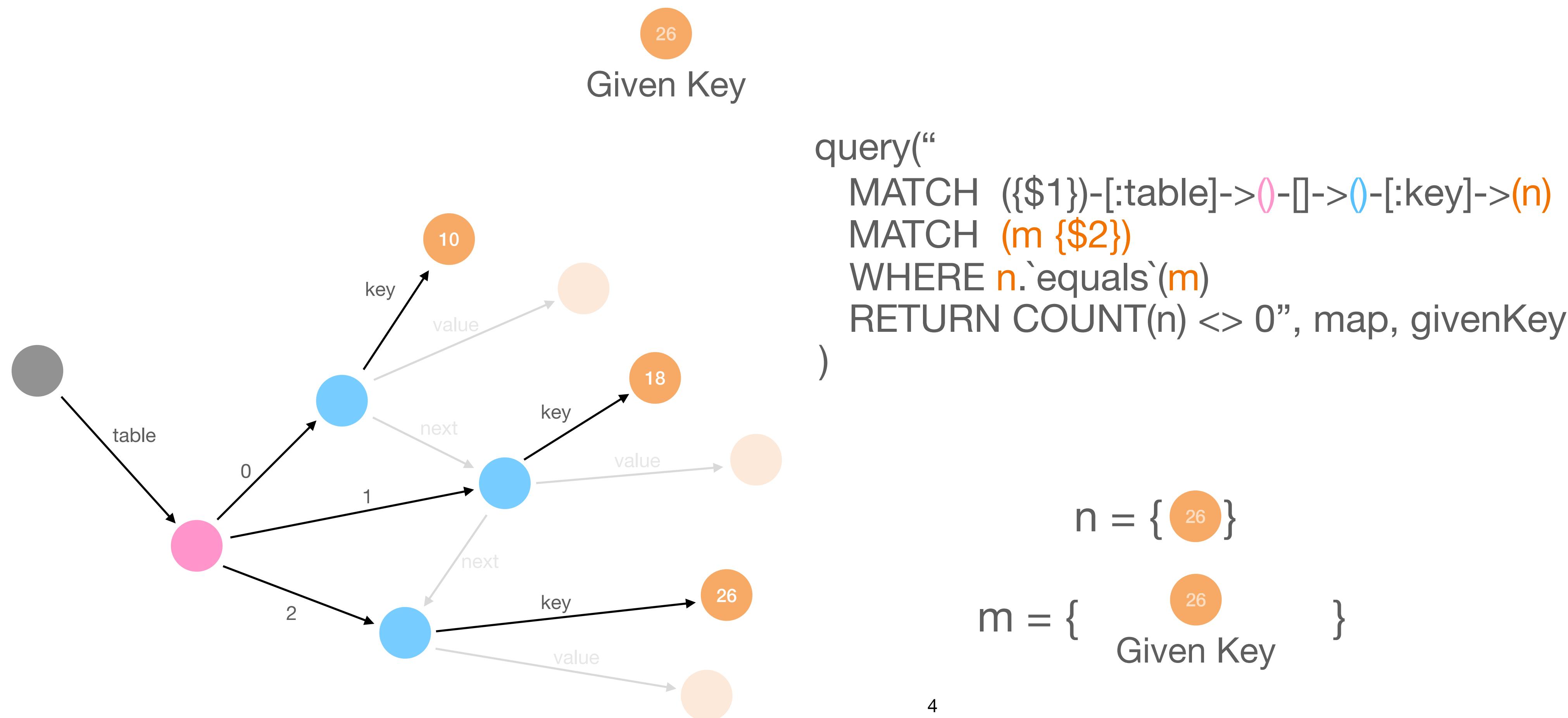
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- Imperative implementation is **more** verbose than its OGO counterpart

## Imperative implementation

```
1. public boolean containsKey(Object key) {  
2.     return getNode(hash(key), key) != null;  
3. }  
4. final Node<K,V> getNode(int hash, Object key) {  
5.     Node<K,V>[] tab; Node<K,V> first, e; int n; K k;  
6.     if ((tab = table) != null && (n = tab.length) > 0 &&  
7.         (first = tab[(n - 1) & hash]) != null) {  
8.         if (first.hash == hash && // always check first node  
9.             ((k = first.key) == key || (key != null && key.equals(k))))  
10.            return first;  
11.         if ((e = first.next) != null) {  
12.             if (first instanceof TreeNode)  
13.                 return ((TreeNode<K,V>)first).getTreeNode(hash, key);  
14.             do {  
15.                 if (e.hash == hash && ((k = e.key) == key ||  
16.                     (key != null && key.equals(k)))) return e;  
17.             } while ((e = e.next) != null);  
18.         } return null;  
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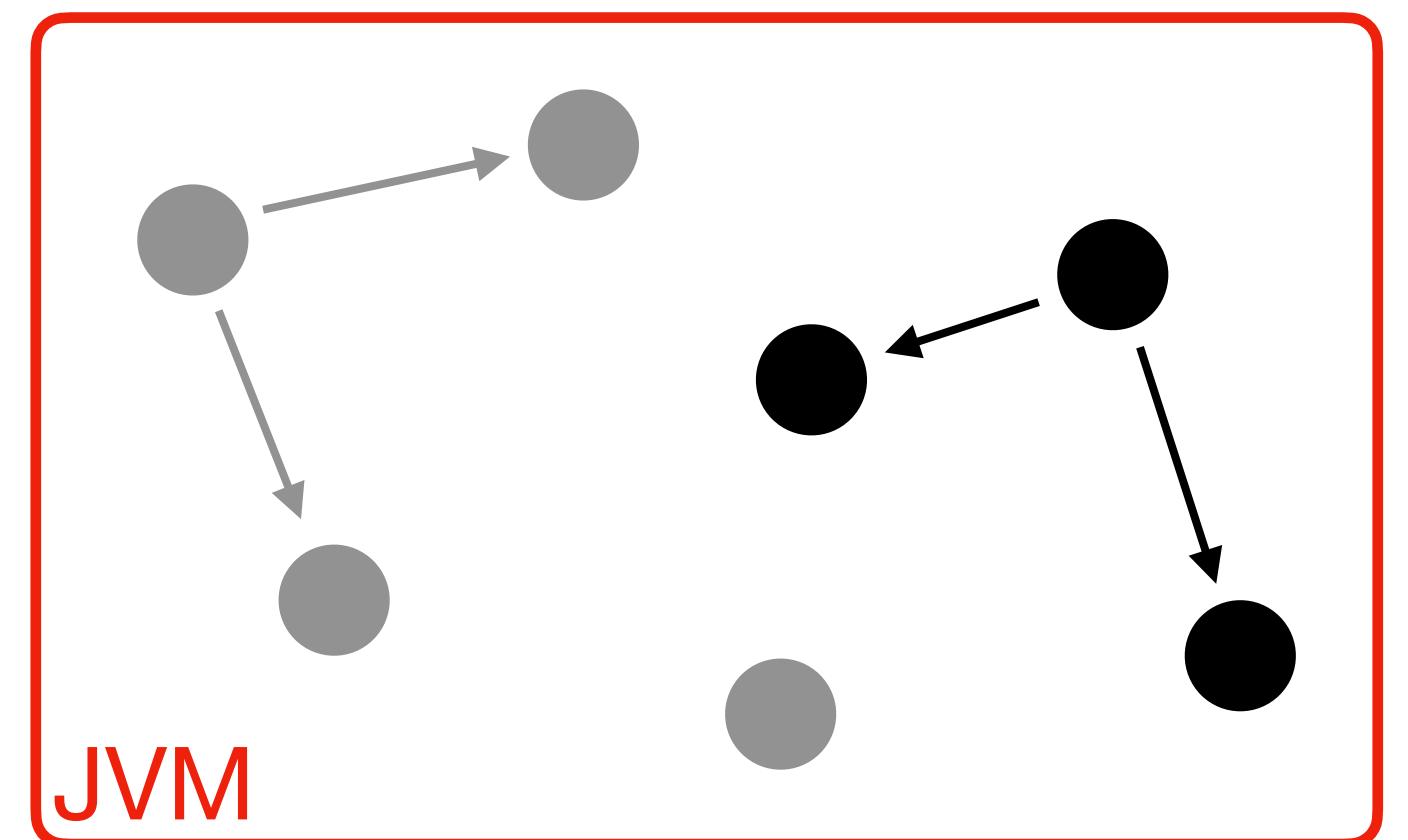
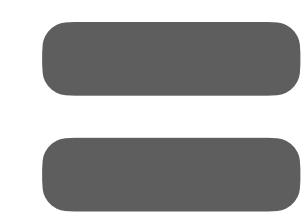
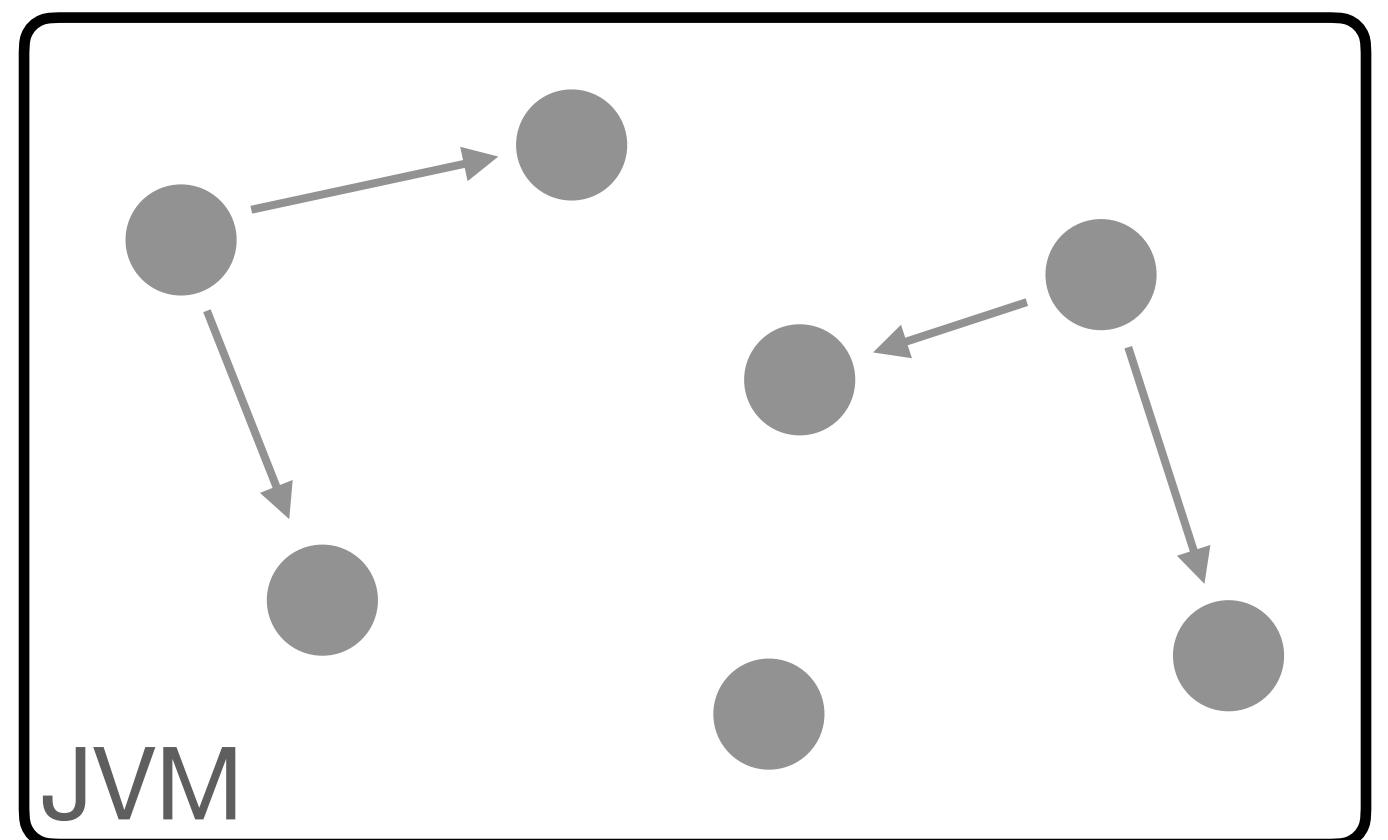
## OGO implementation

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1. public boolean containsKey(Object key) {  
2.     return queryBool(  
3.         "MATCH {$1}-[:table]->()-[*]->()-[:key]->(n) MATCH ($2)"  
4.         +"WHERE n.^equals($m) RETURN COUNT(n) <> 0", this, key);  
5. }
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# OGO Architecture

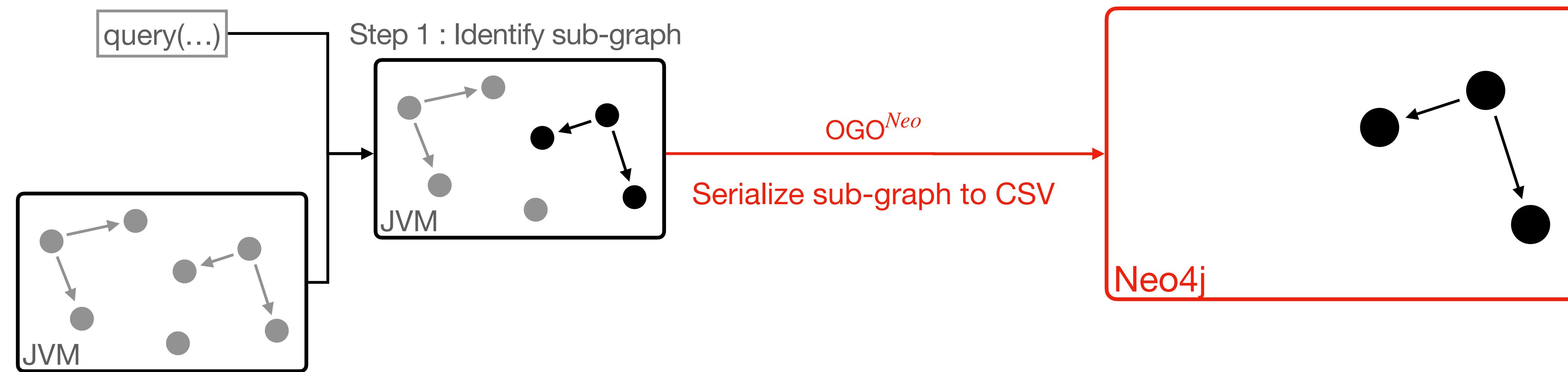
Step 1 : Identify sub-graph

query(...) +



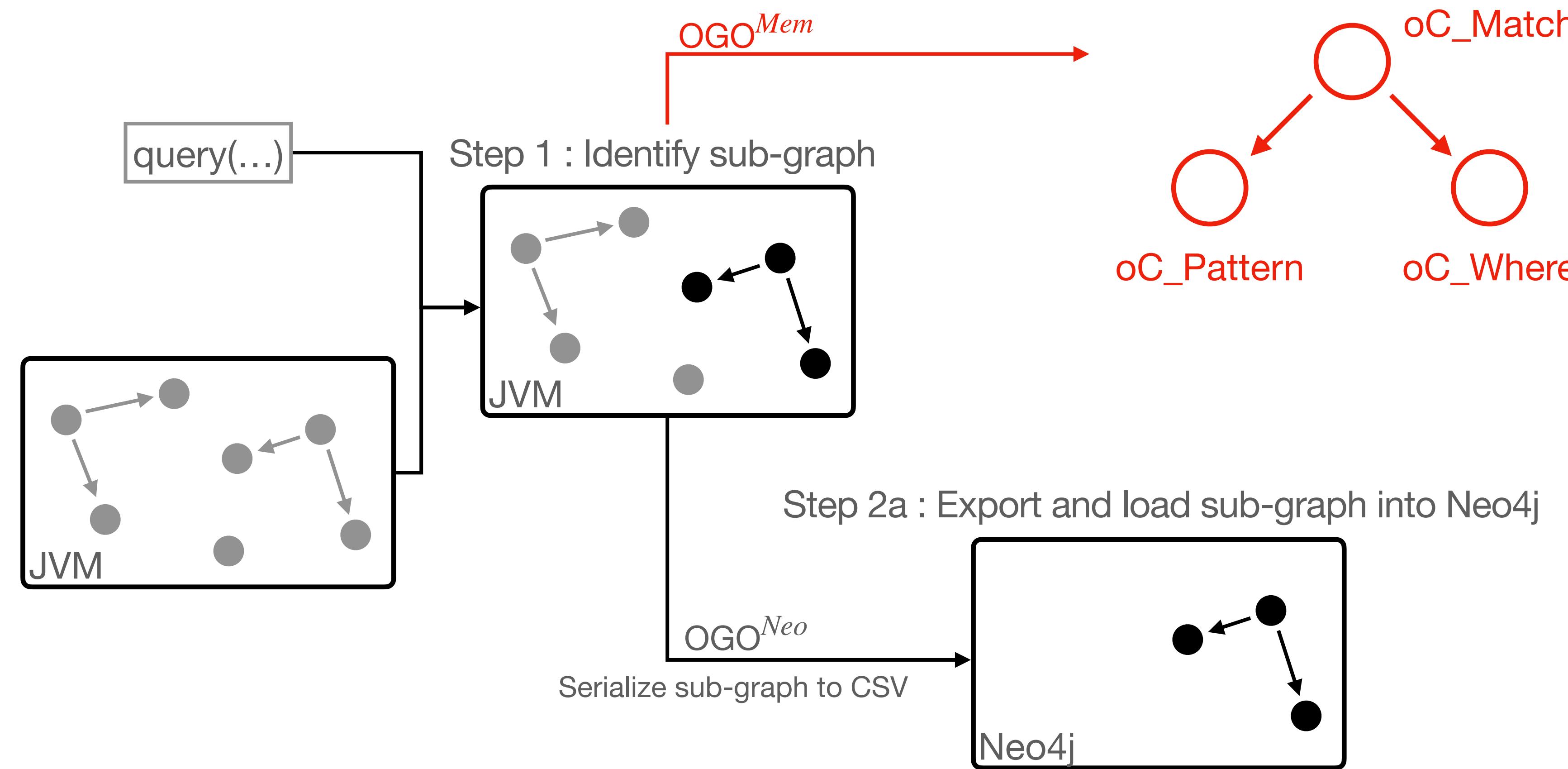
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Step 2a : Export and load sub-graph into Neo4j ( $OGO^{Neo}$ )



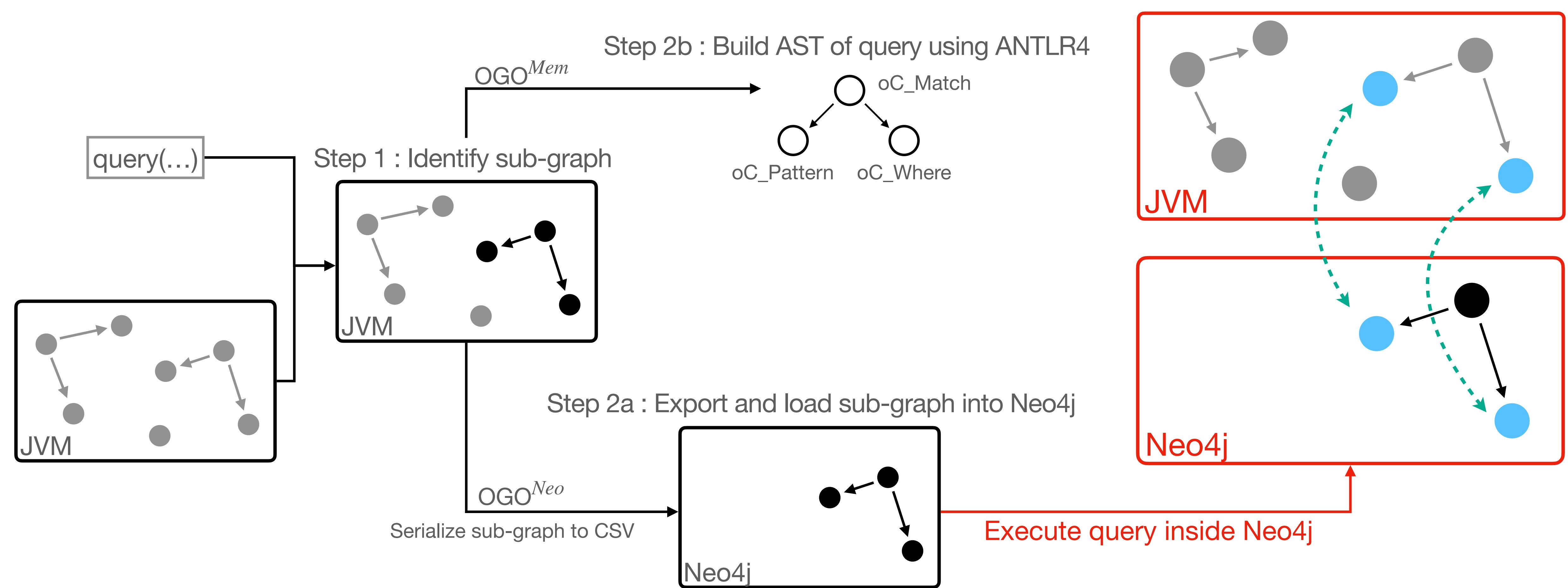
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Step 2b : Build AST of query using ANTLR4 ( $OGO^{Mem}$ )



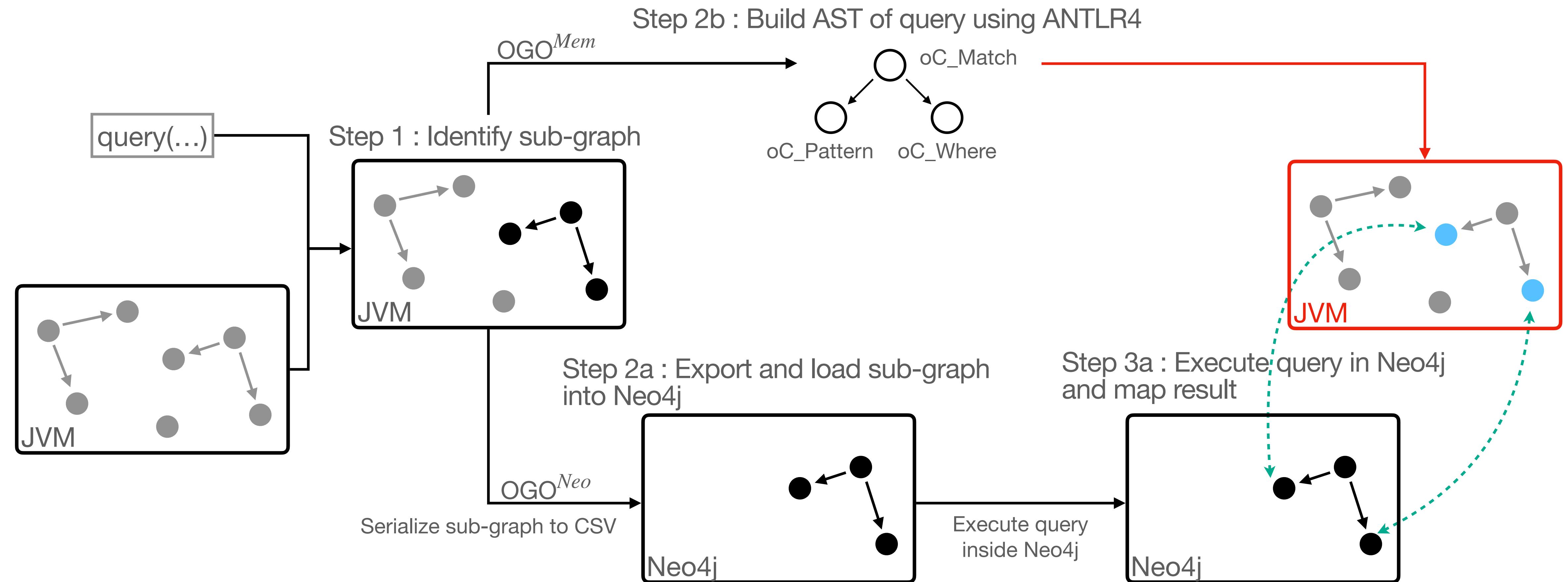
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## Step 3a : Execute query in Neo4j and map result



# OGO Architecture

## Step 3b : Execute query in-memory



# Optimizations

- We introduced 3 optimizations to improve execution speed of queries

- **Whitelist (WL)** : definitively include instances of user specified classes into sub-graph.



- **Force Garbage Collection (FGC)** : force garbage collection before sub-graph identification.

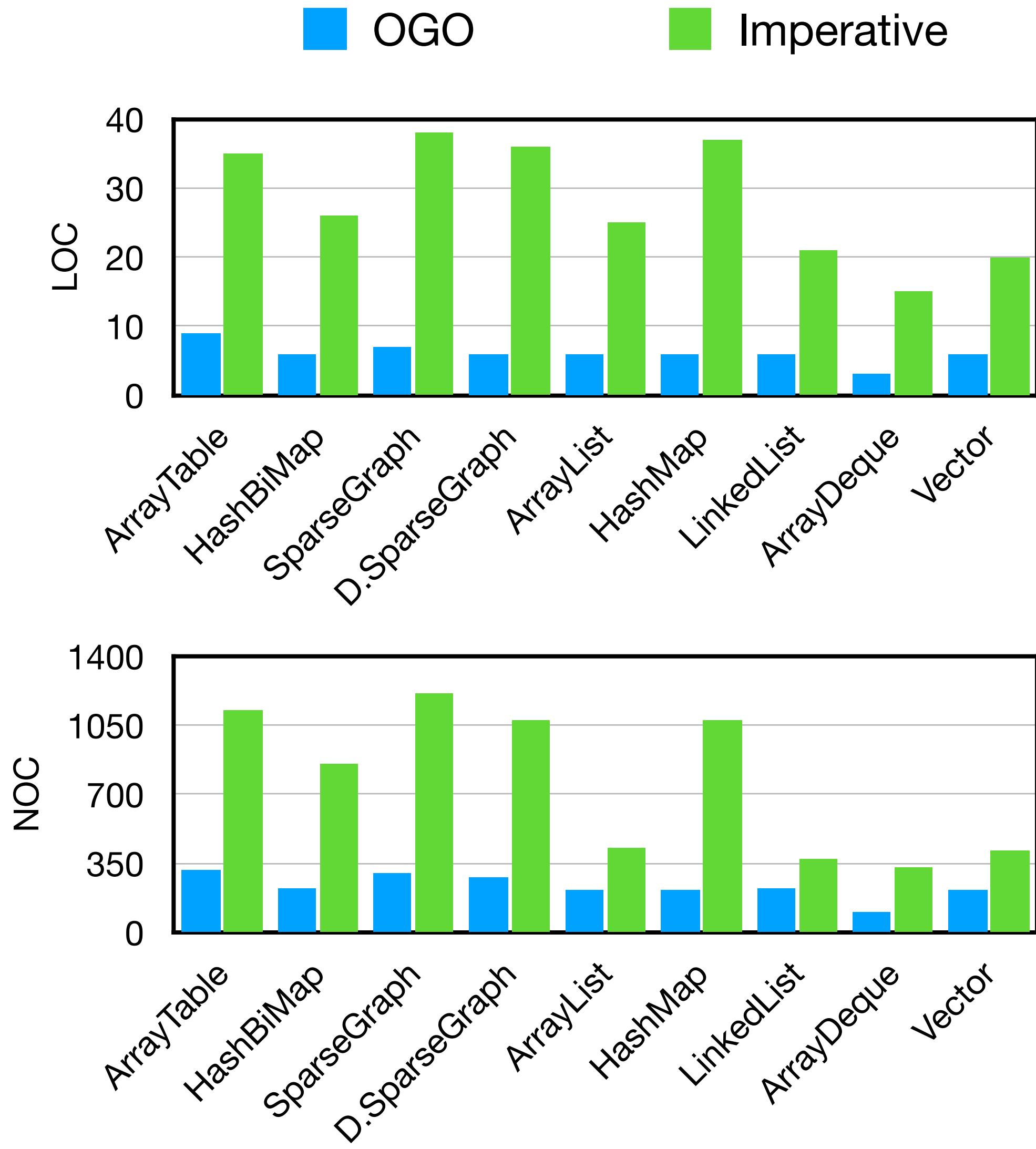


- **Fix Root Object (FRO)** : limit root of sub-graph to user specified objects.



# Results | Reimplementing Java Methods

- We reimplemented imperative Java methods using OGO for data structures in libraries such as:
  - Google Guava
  - Java Universal Network/Graph Framework (JUNG)
  - Java Collections Framework (JCF)
- We quantify expressivity as a measure of Lines of code (LOC) and Number of characters (NOC)
- Expressivity of code **increases** with **decrease** in LOC and NOC (Conciseness Conjecture<sup>1</sup>)
- Imperative implementation on average requires:
  - **5x more** LOC than OGO
  - **3.6x more** NOC than OGO



# Results | Reimplementing methods

- We compared the end-to-end query execution times for the different modes and optimizations of OGO
- We see that  $OGO^{Mem}$  with **+WL+FRO** performs best and on par with **+WL+FRO+FGC** with an average execution time of **241ms**

Class	$OGO^{Neo}$				$OGO^{Mem}$			
	+WL				+WL			
	-	+FRO	+FGC	+FRO+FGC	-	+FRO	+FGC	+FRO+FGC
Vector	1125	794	1254	823	873	316	980	290
U.SparseGraph	7808	2287	24986	8499	1032	186	1045	293
HashBiMap	2470	856	2635	782	519	196	526	179
HashMap	2693	1771	2997	1529	1166	315	1326	289
SparseGraph	13533	2954	16945	2666	1363	188	1444	167
ArrayDeque	1563	1139	1442	1047	1151	320	1104	292
ArrayList	1391	1152	1476	1131	1080	312	1128	292
ArrayList	5278	1313	5786	1332	624	193	652	178
LinkedList	838	354	3101	827	492	190	638	257
D.SparseGraph	3371	3160	10549	3240	1107	188	1215	177
<b>Avg.</b>	4007	1578	7117	2188	941	240	1006	241

WL : Whitelist, FRO : Fix root objects, FGC : Force garbage collection

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U.SparseGraph	7808	2287	24986	8499	1032	186	1045	293
HashBiMap	2470	856	2635	782	519	196	526	179
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ArrayList	1391	1152	1476	1131	1080	312	1128	292
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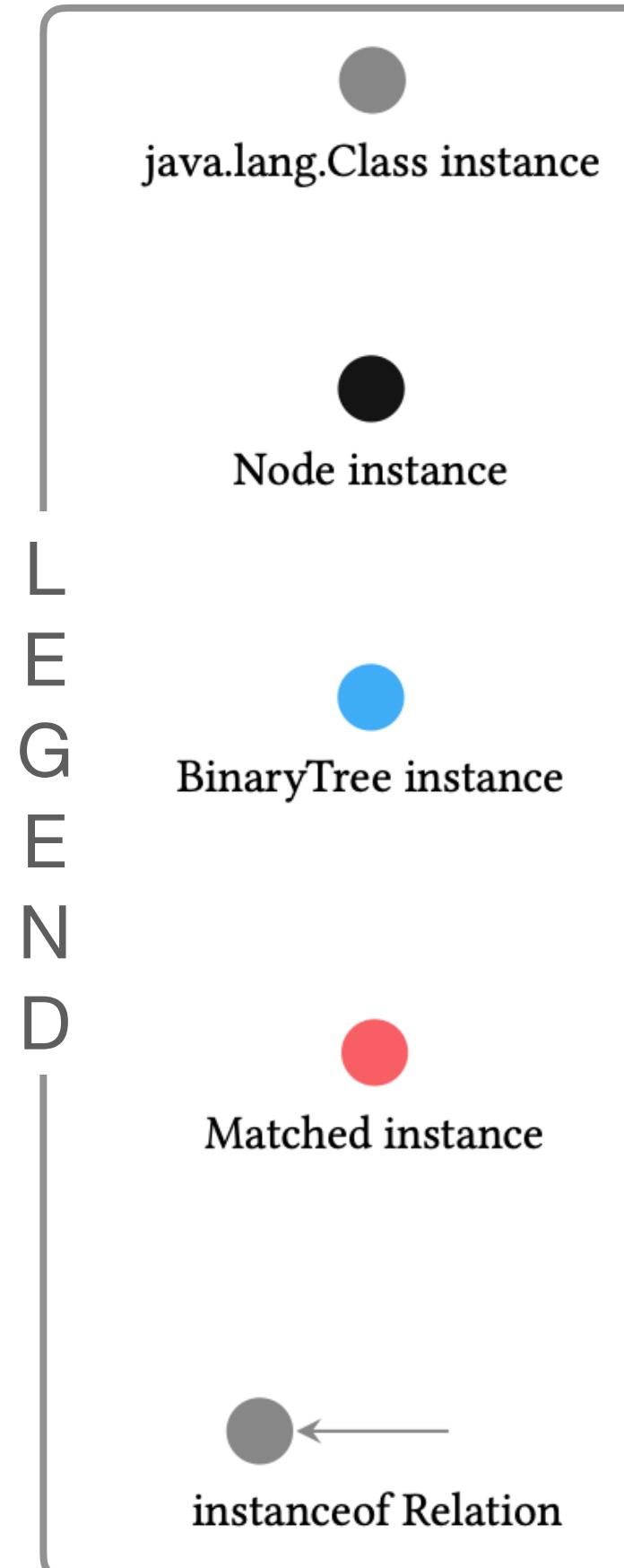
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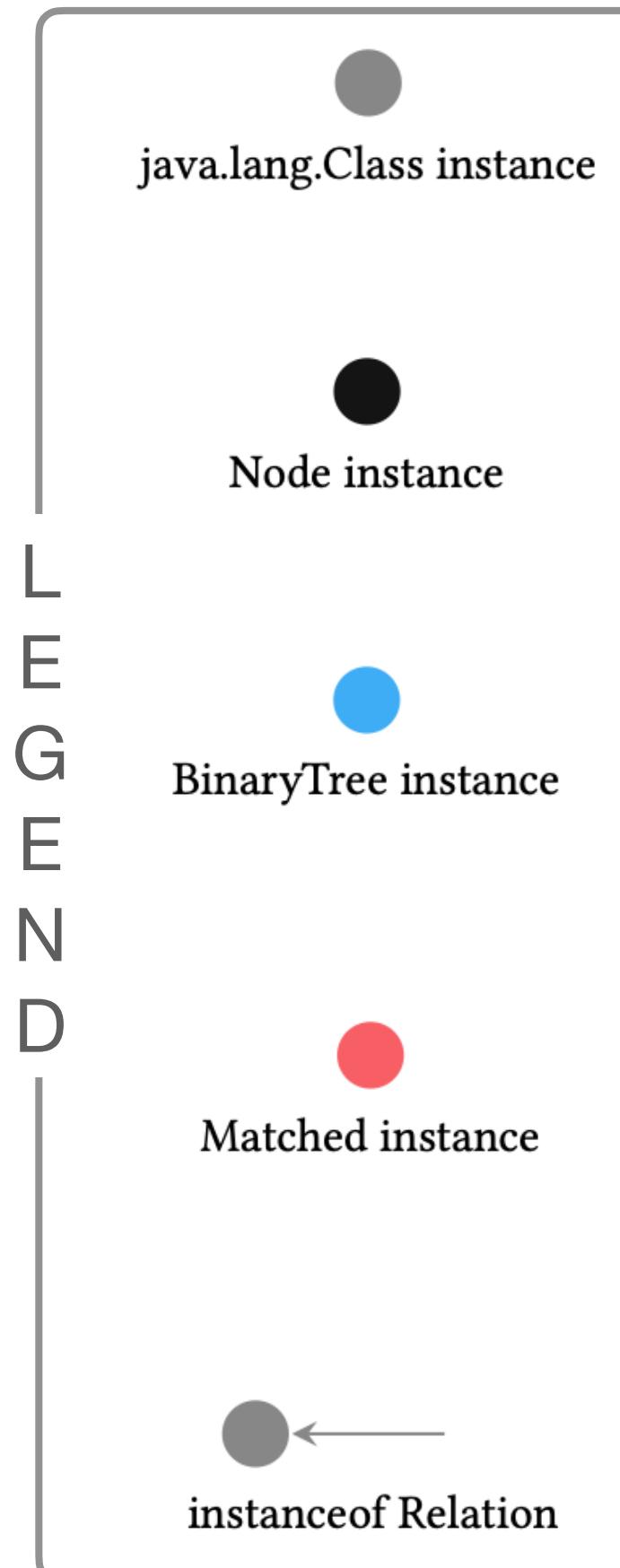
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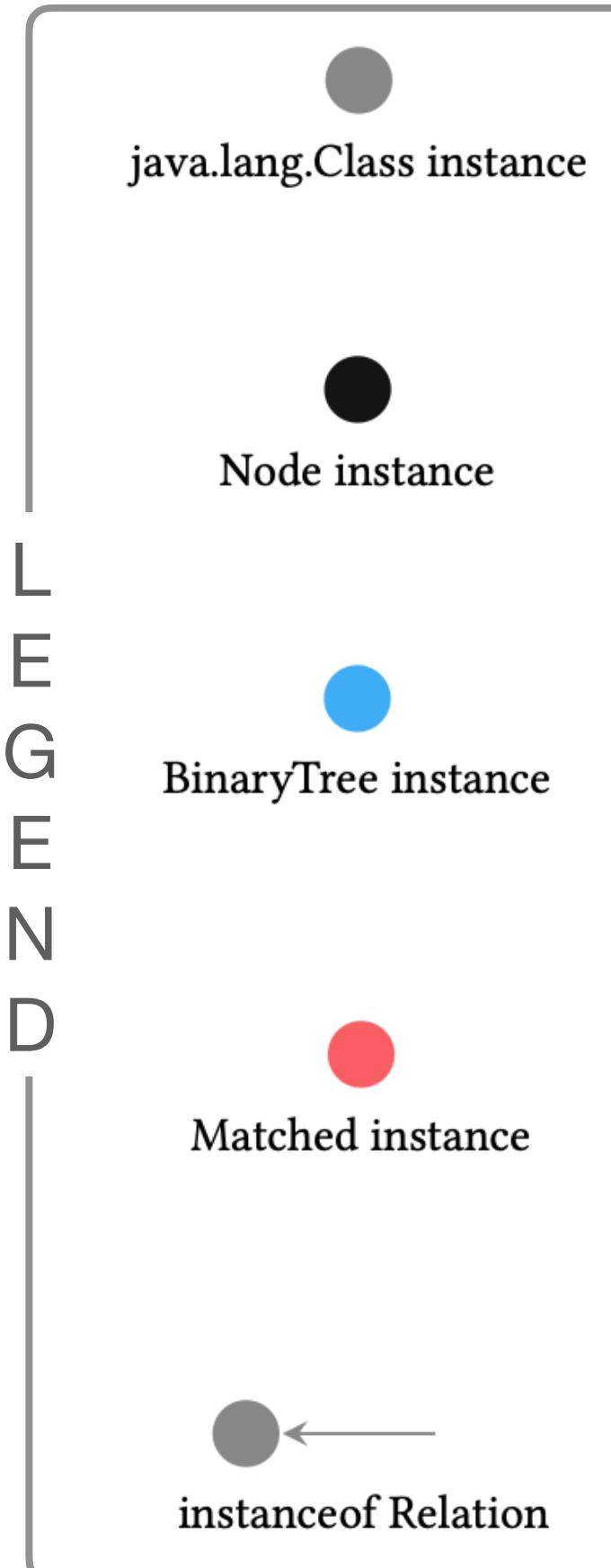
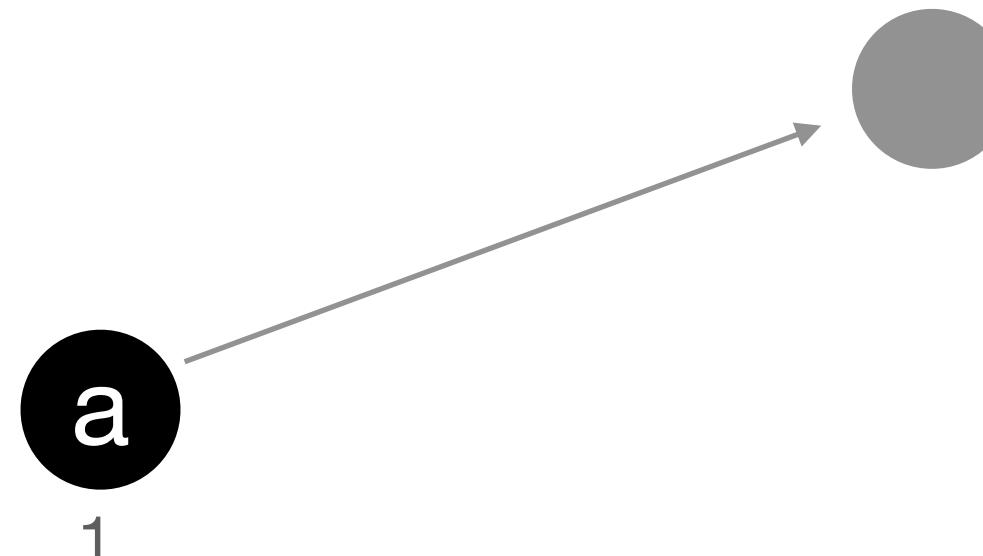
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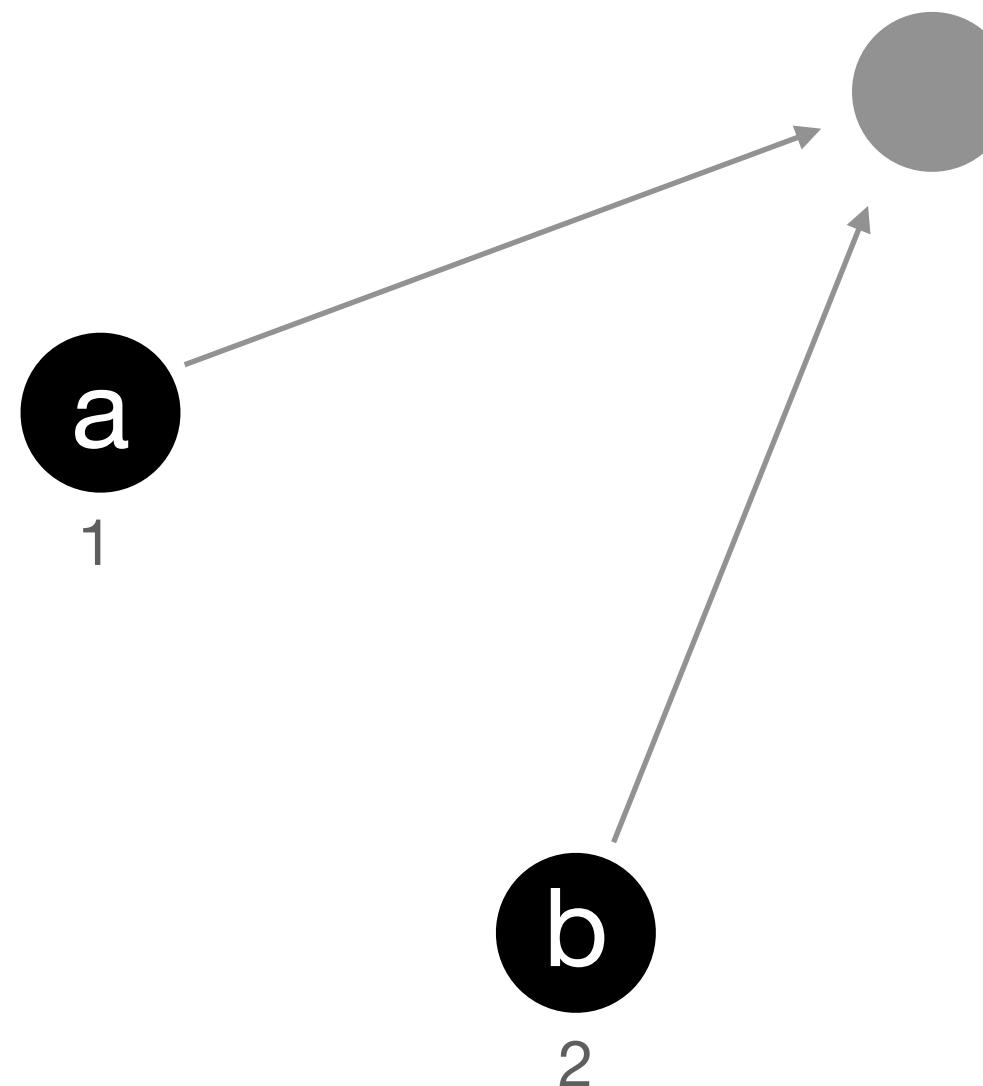
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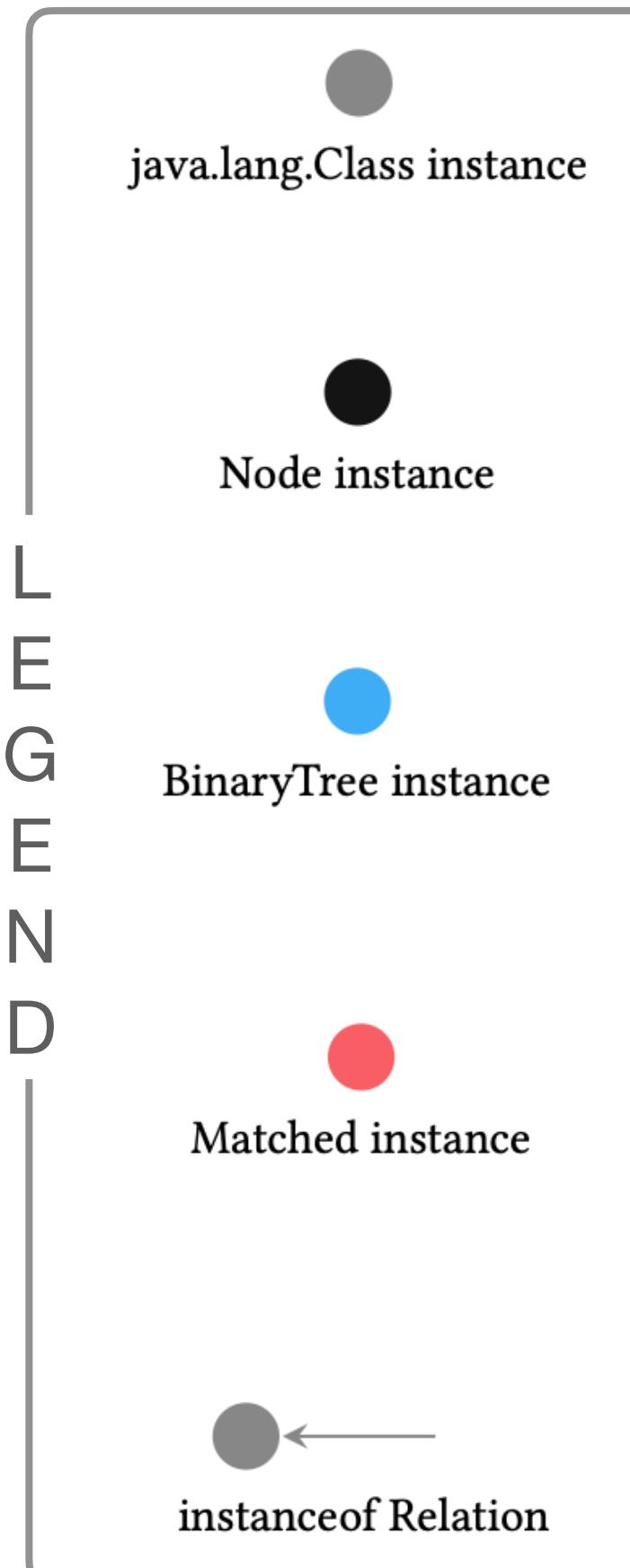


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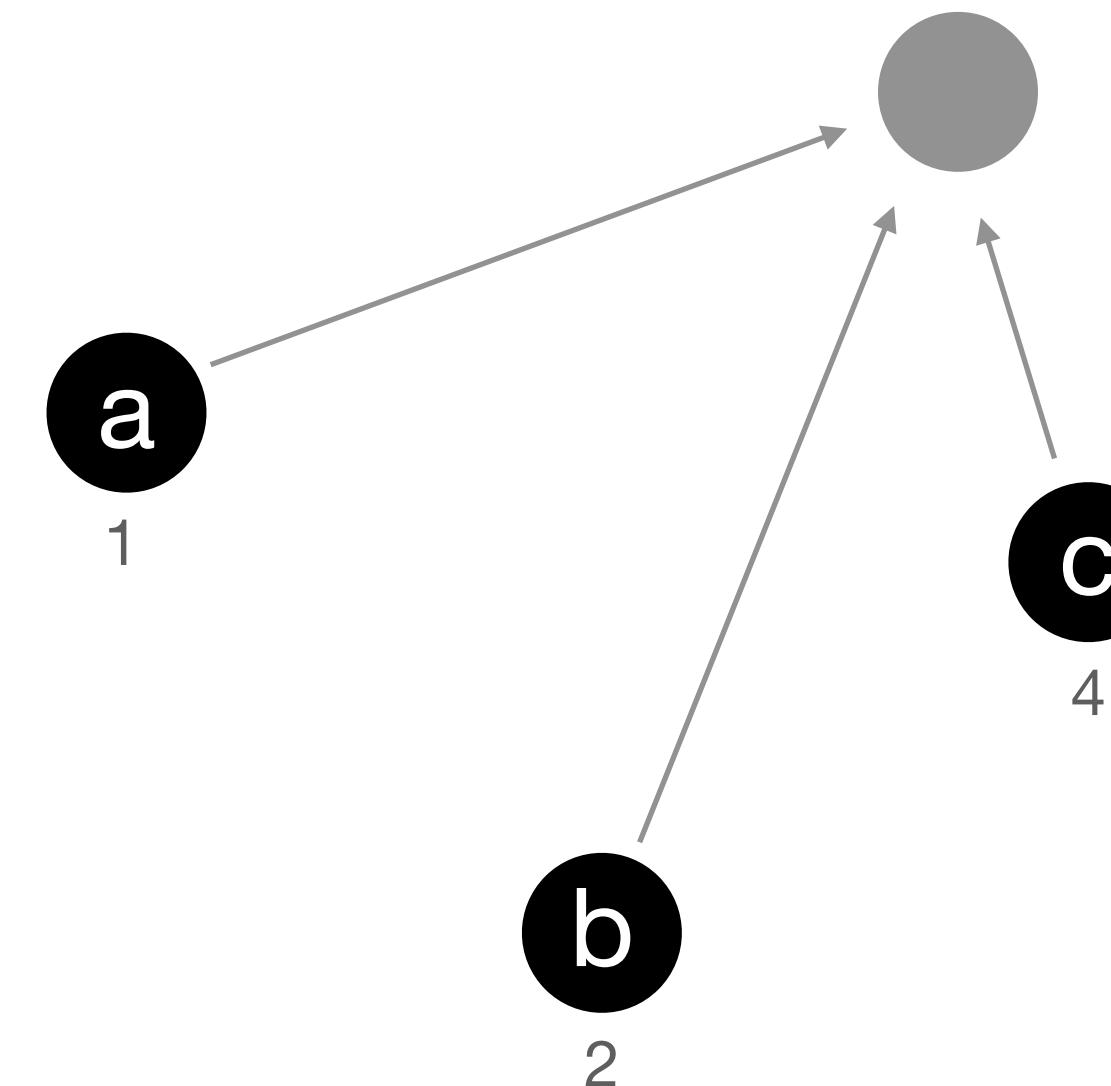
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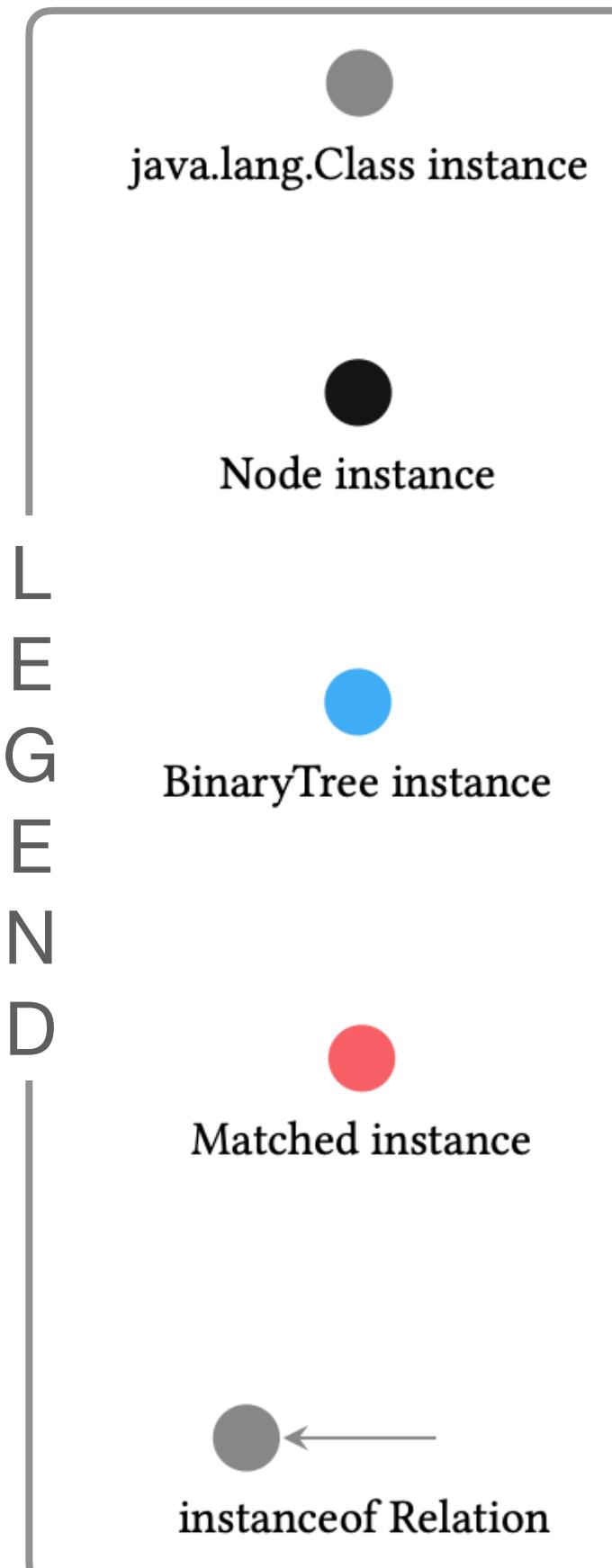
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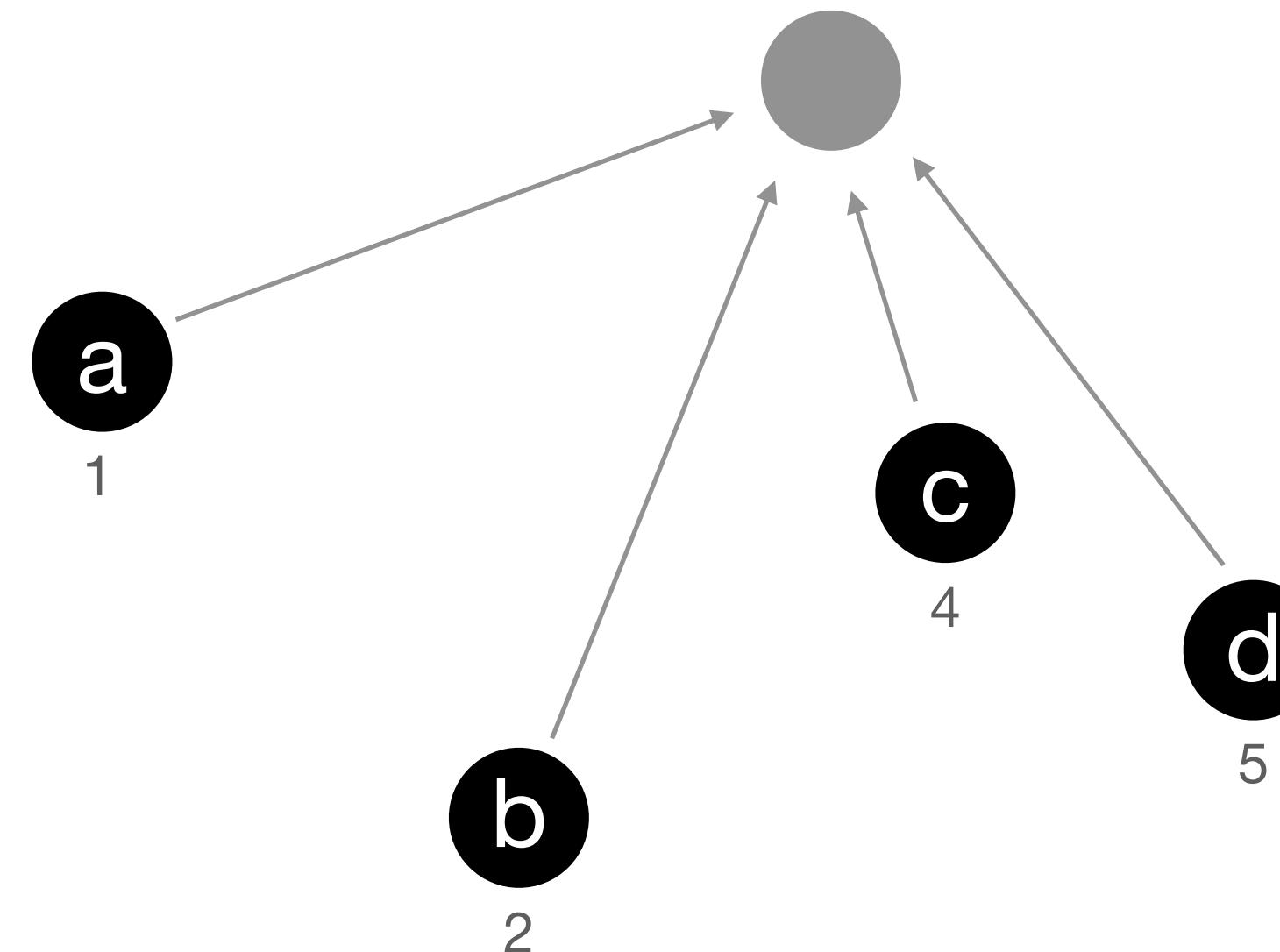
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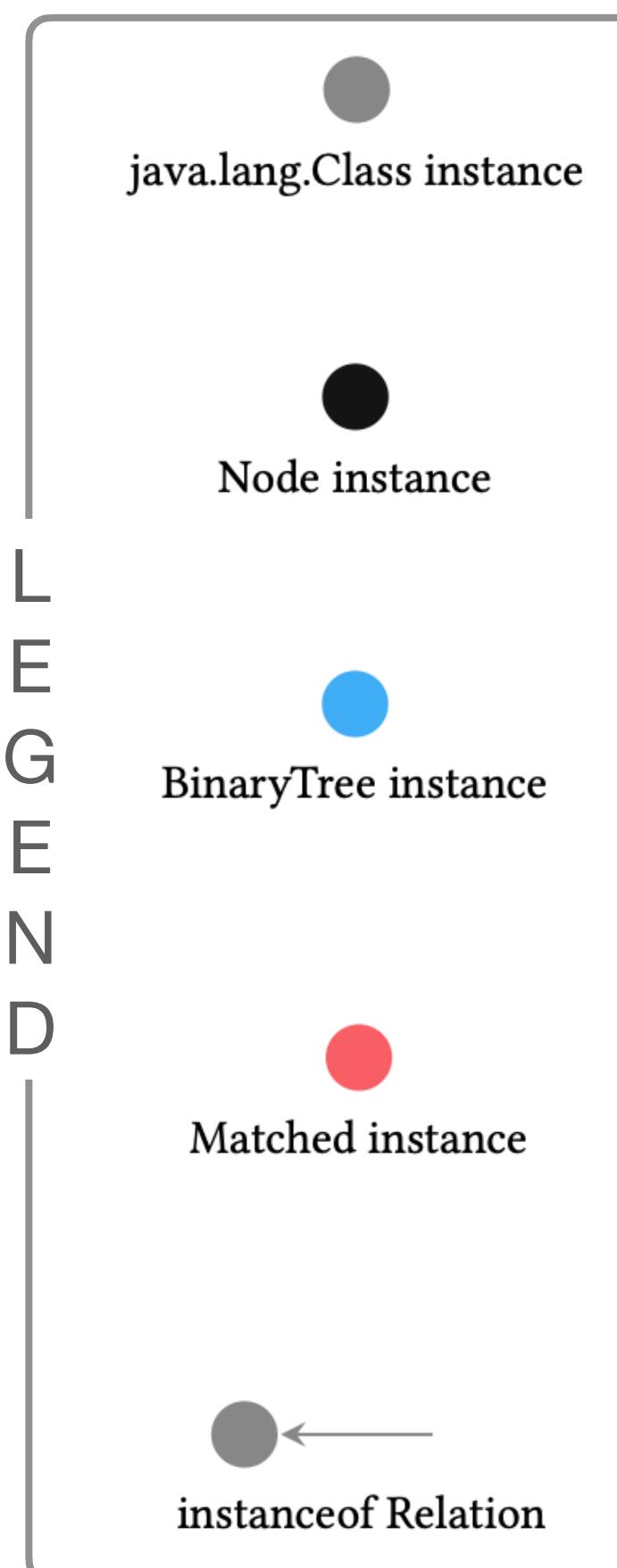
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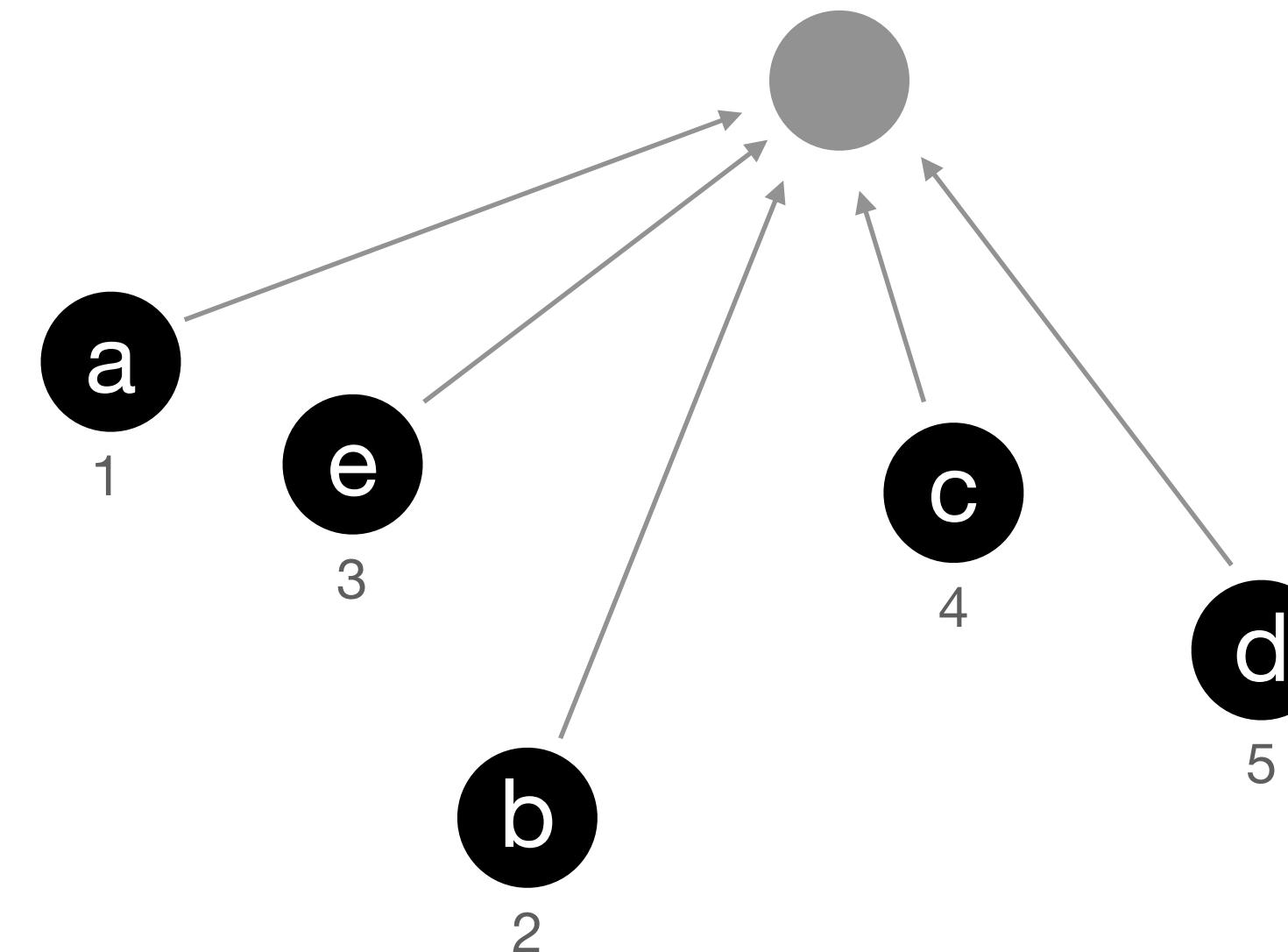
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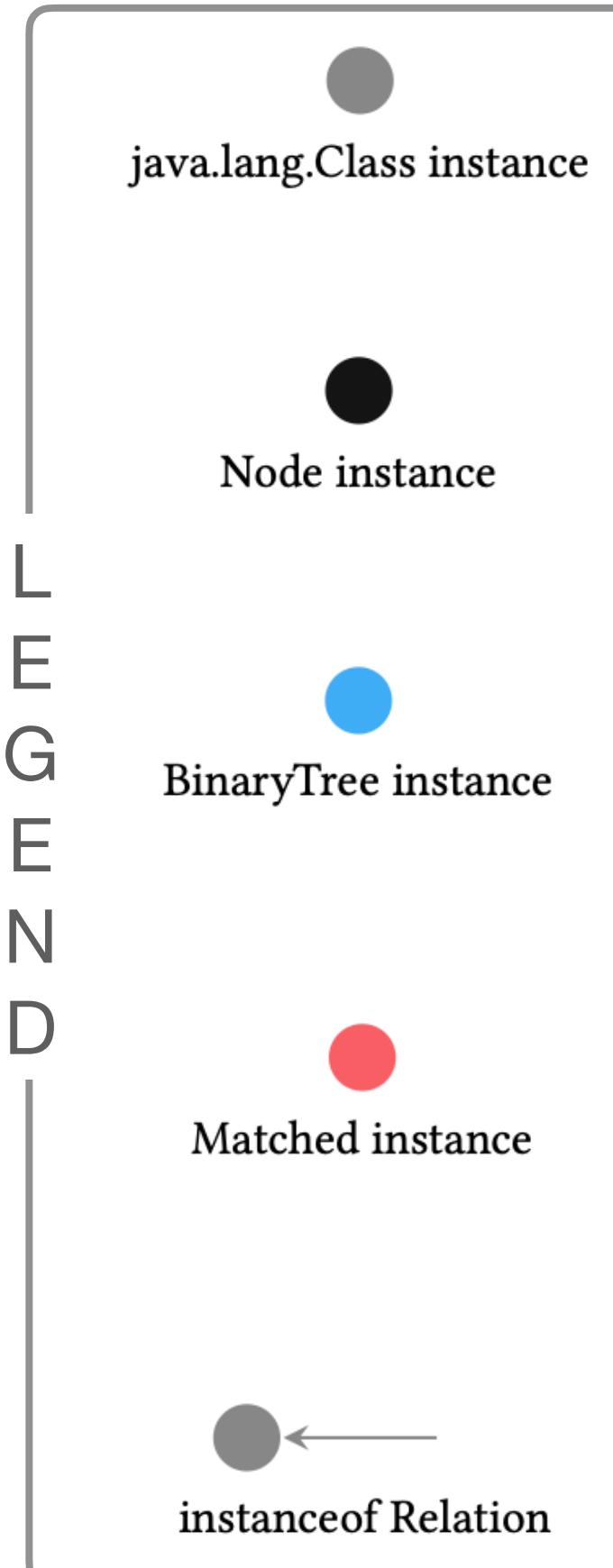
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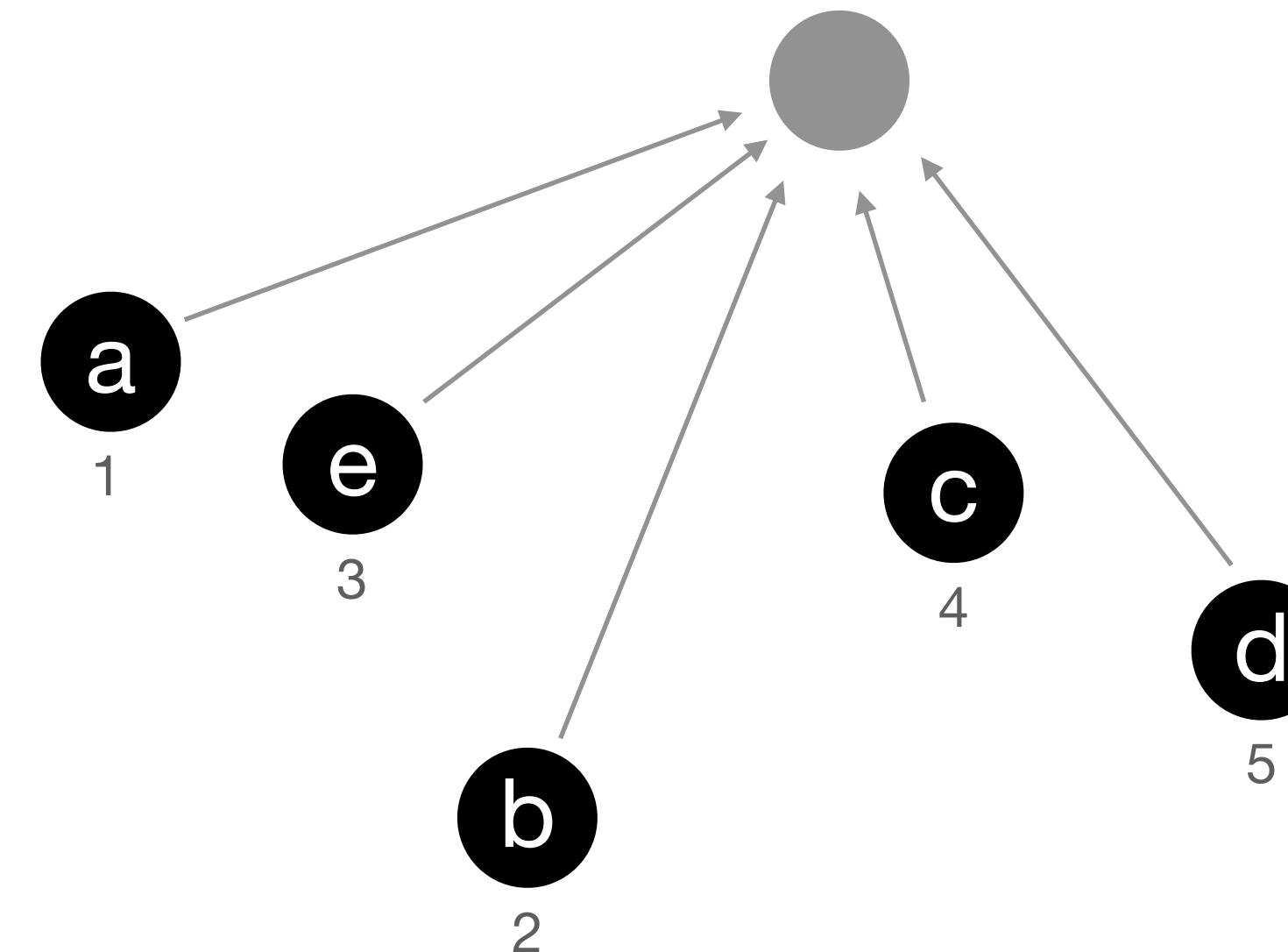
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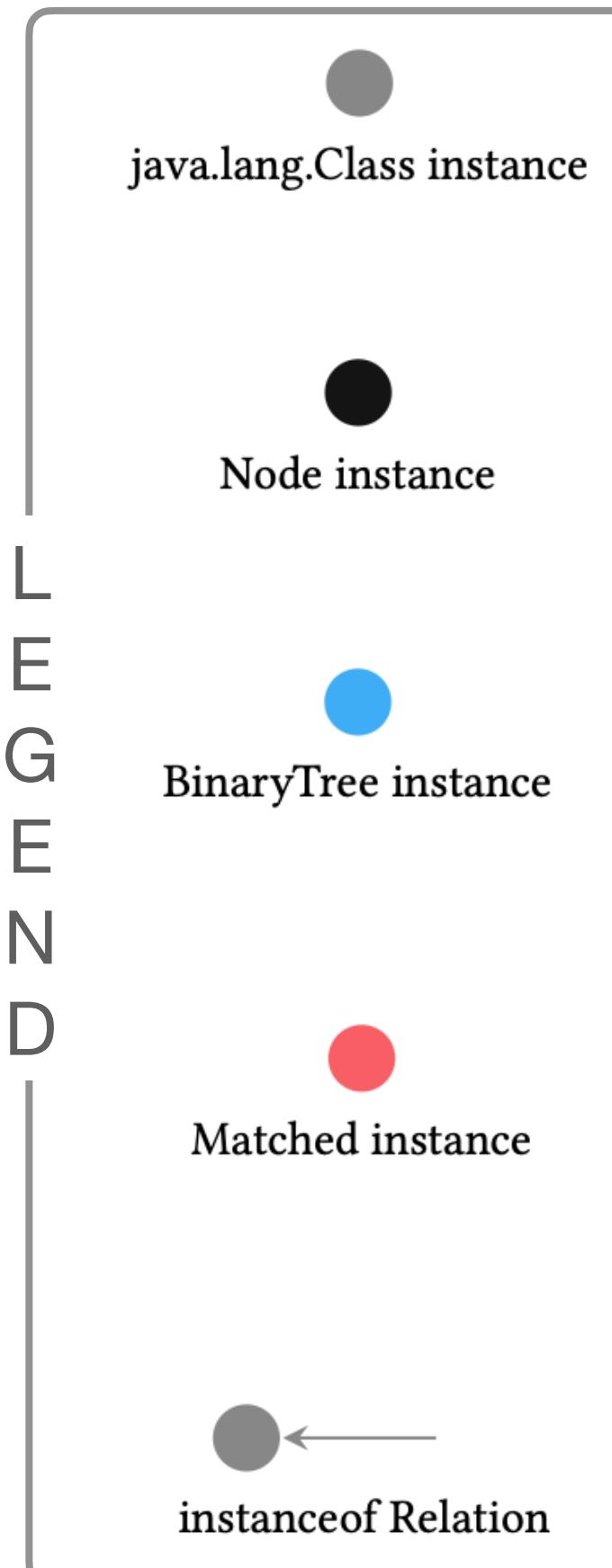
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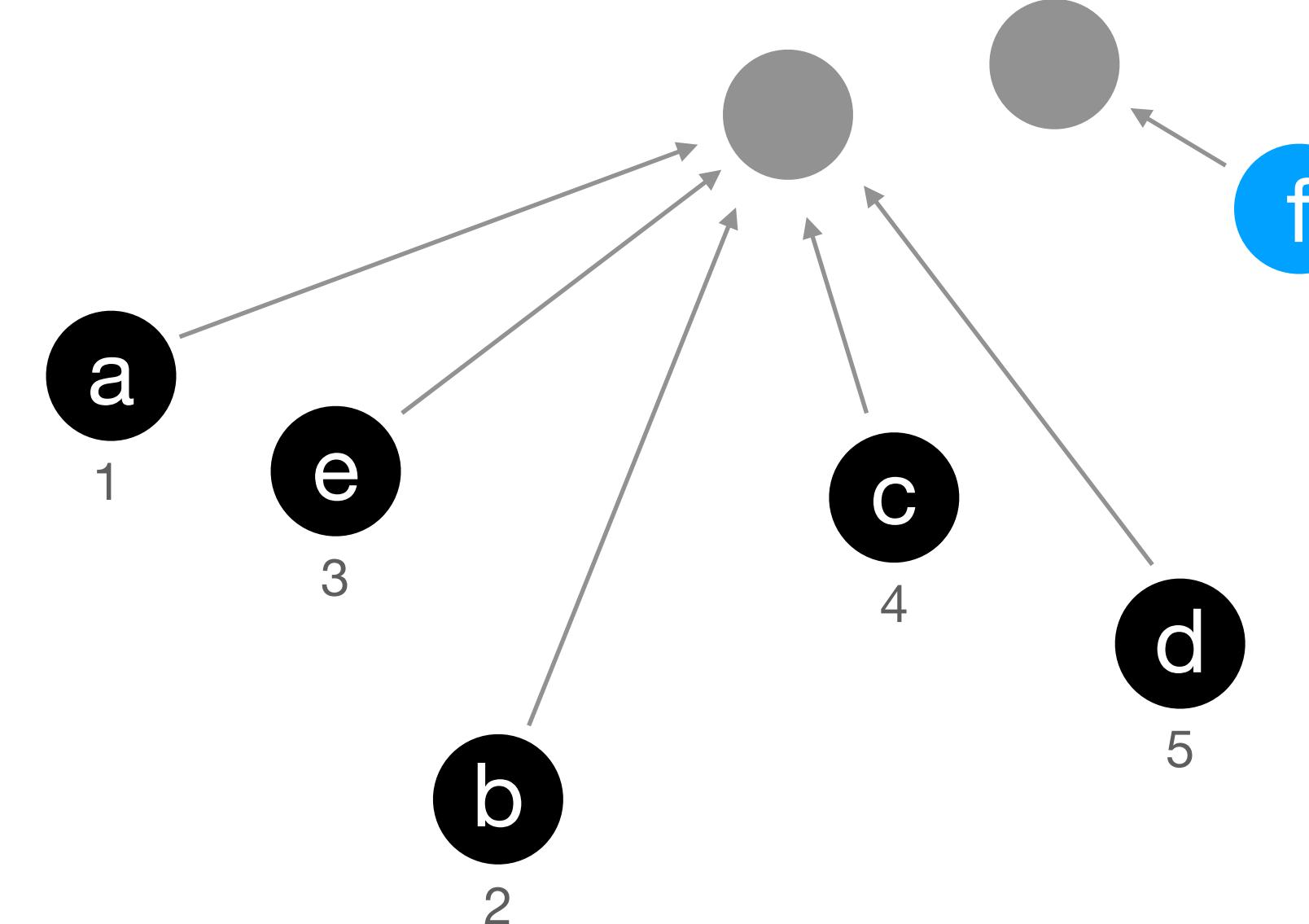
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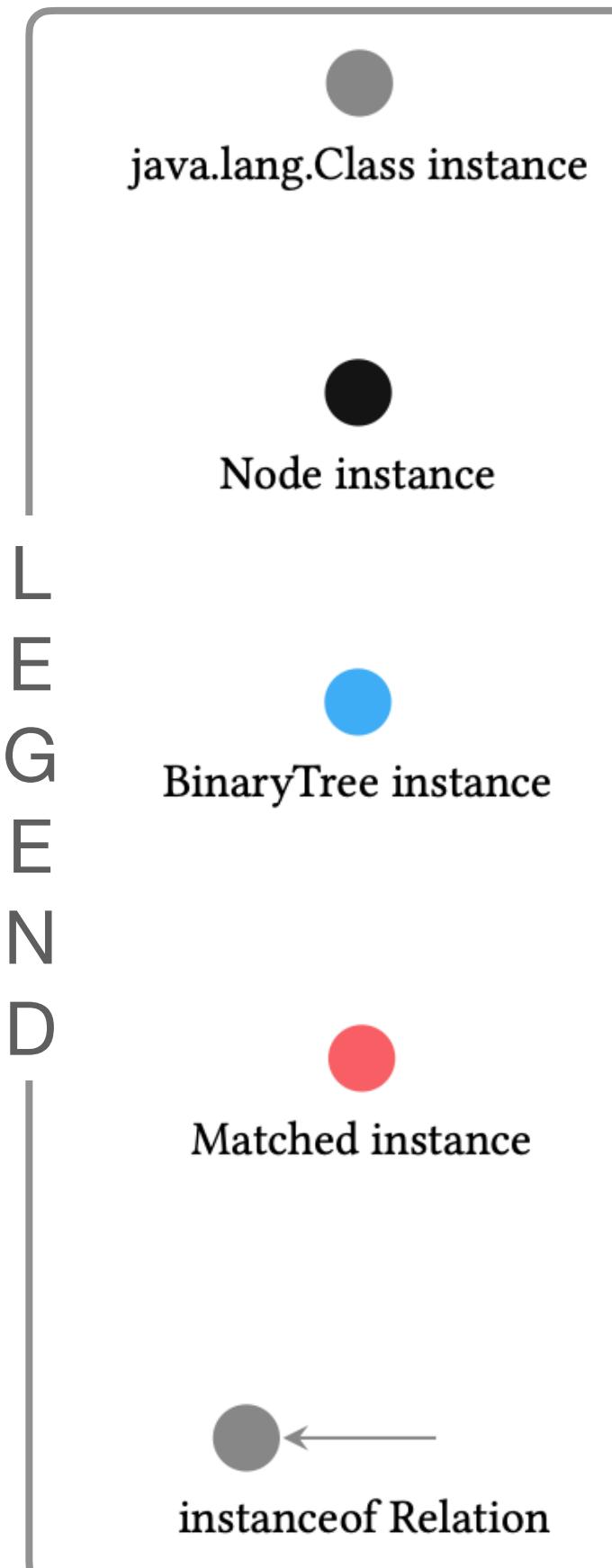
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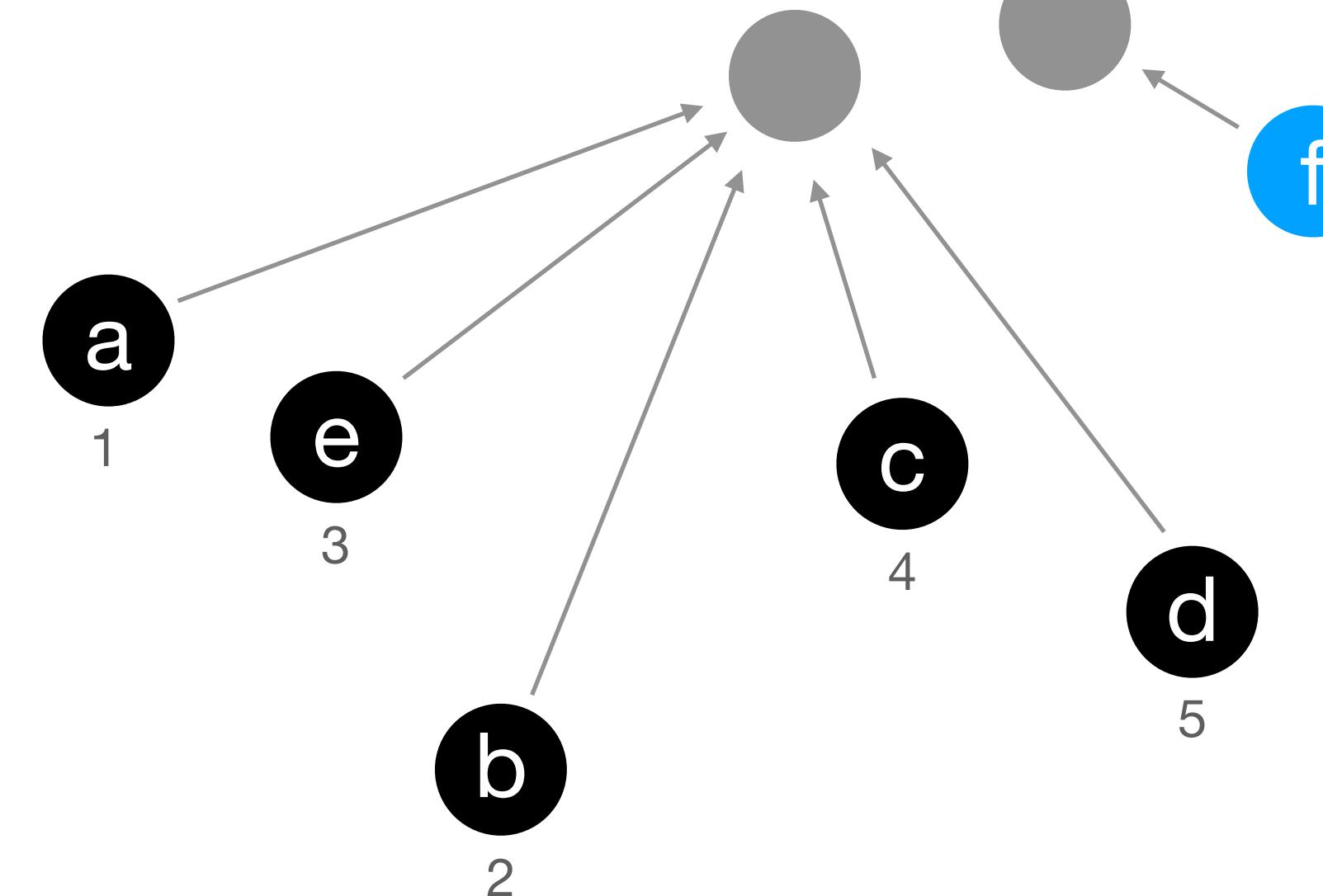
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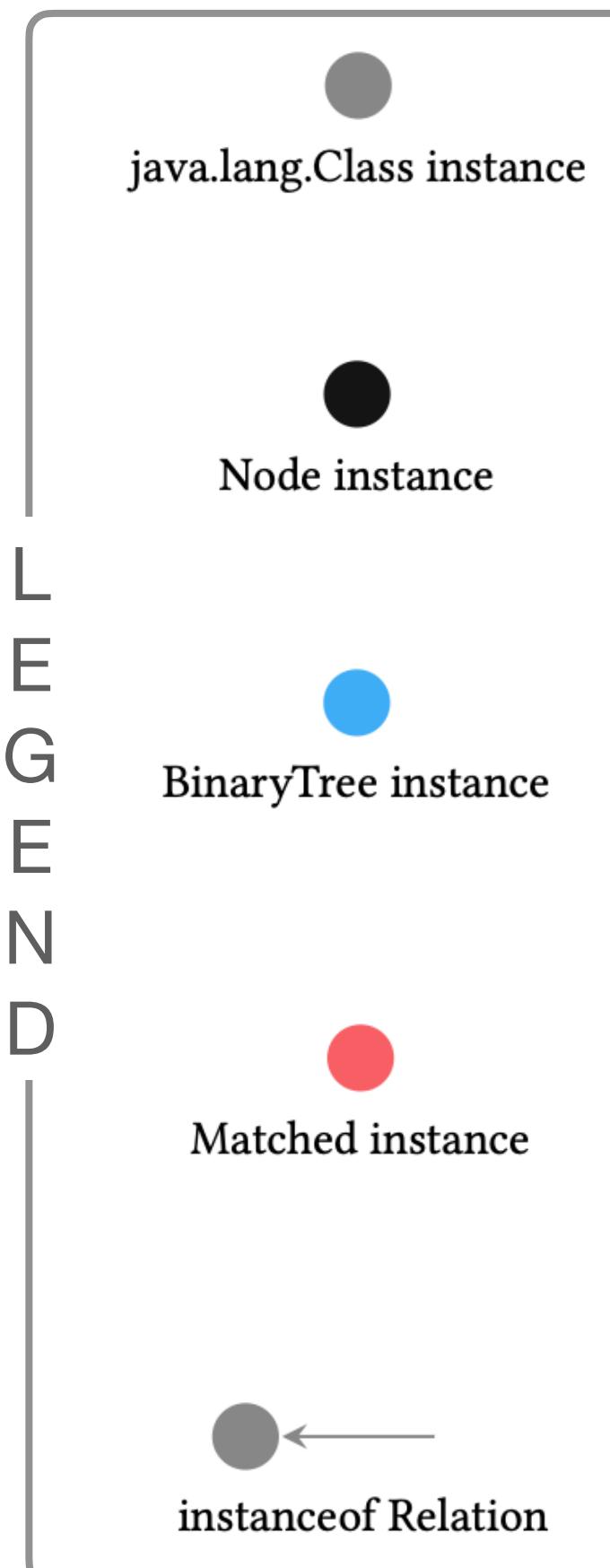
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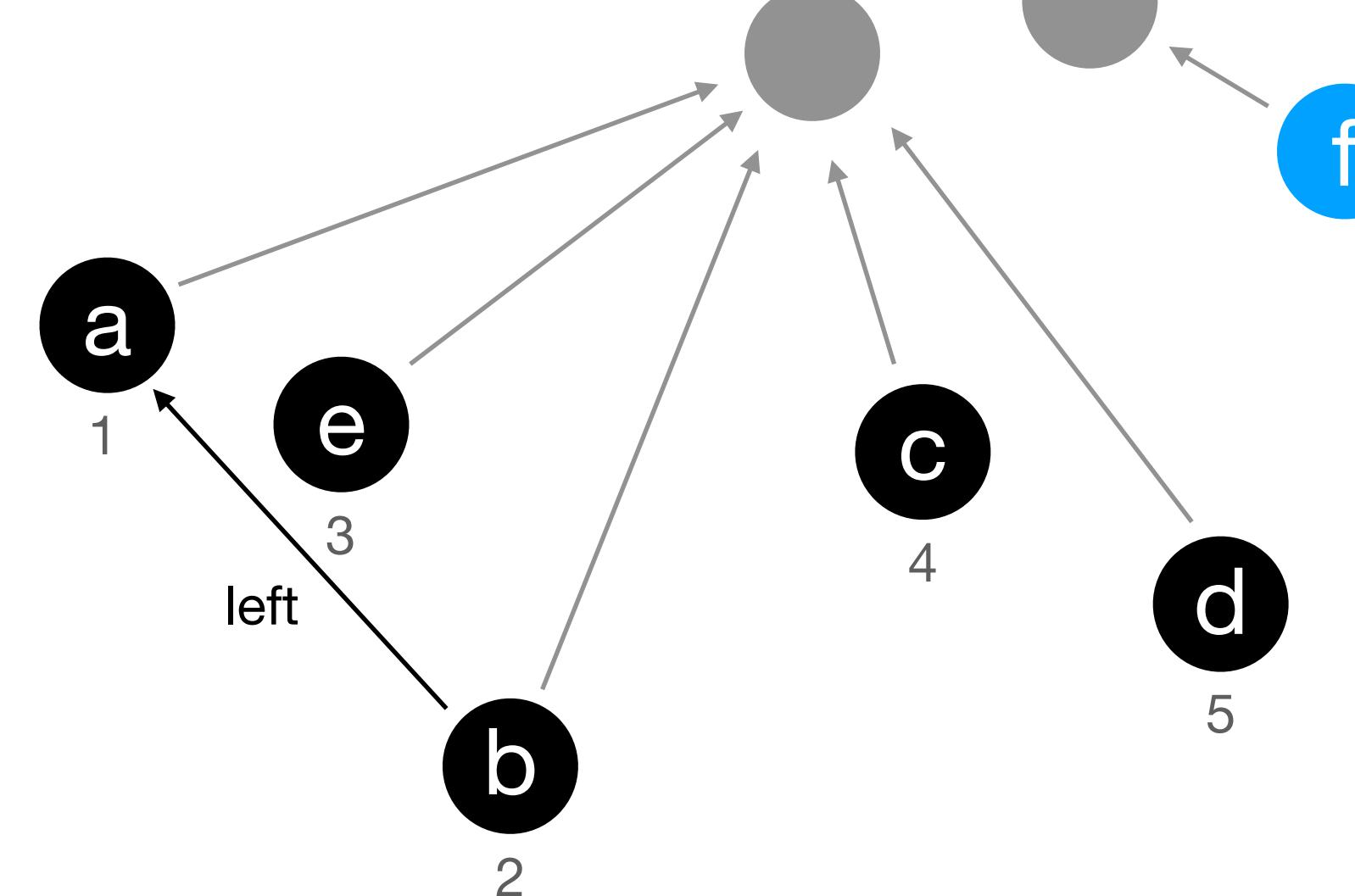
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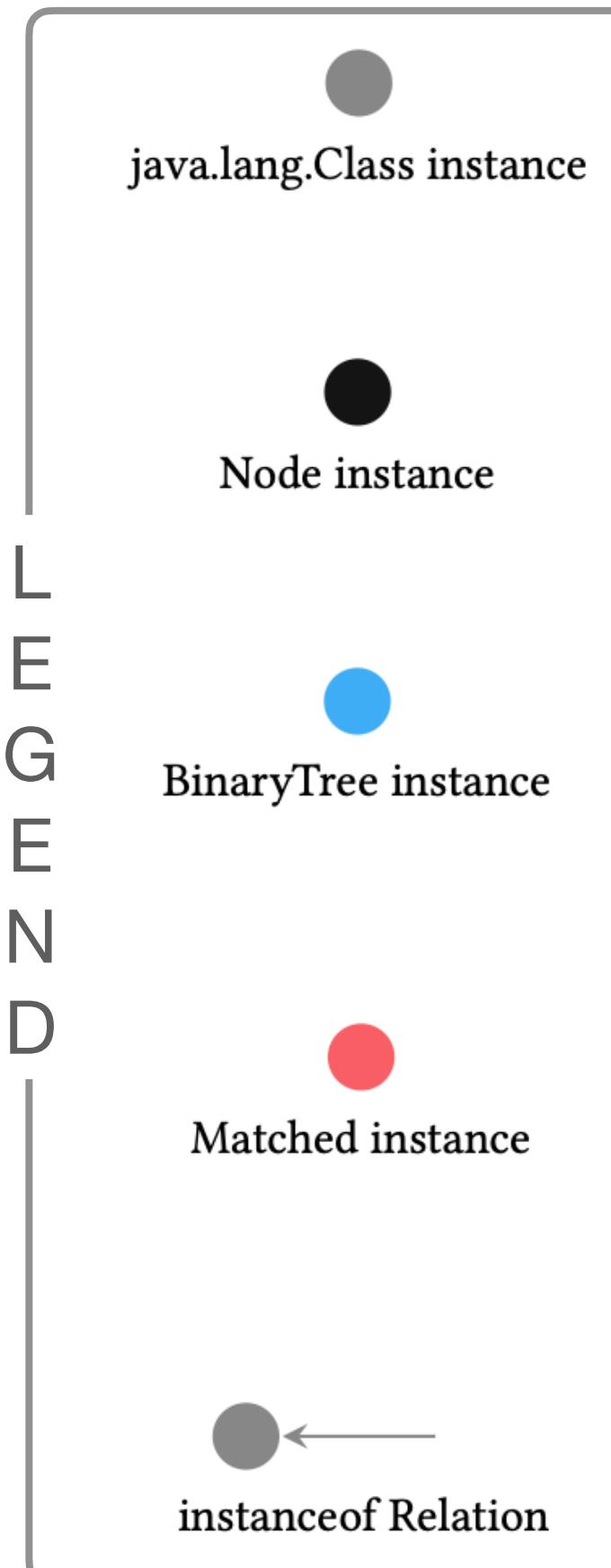
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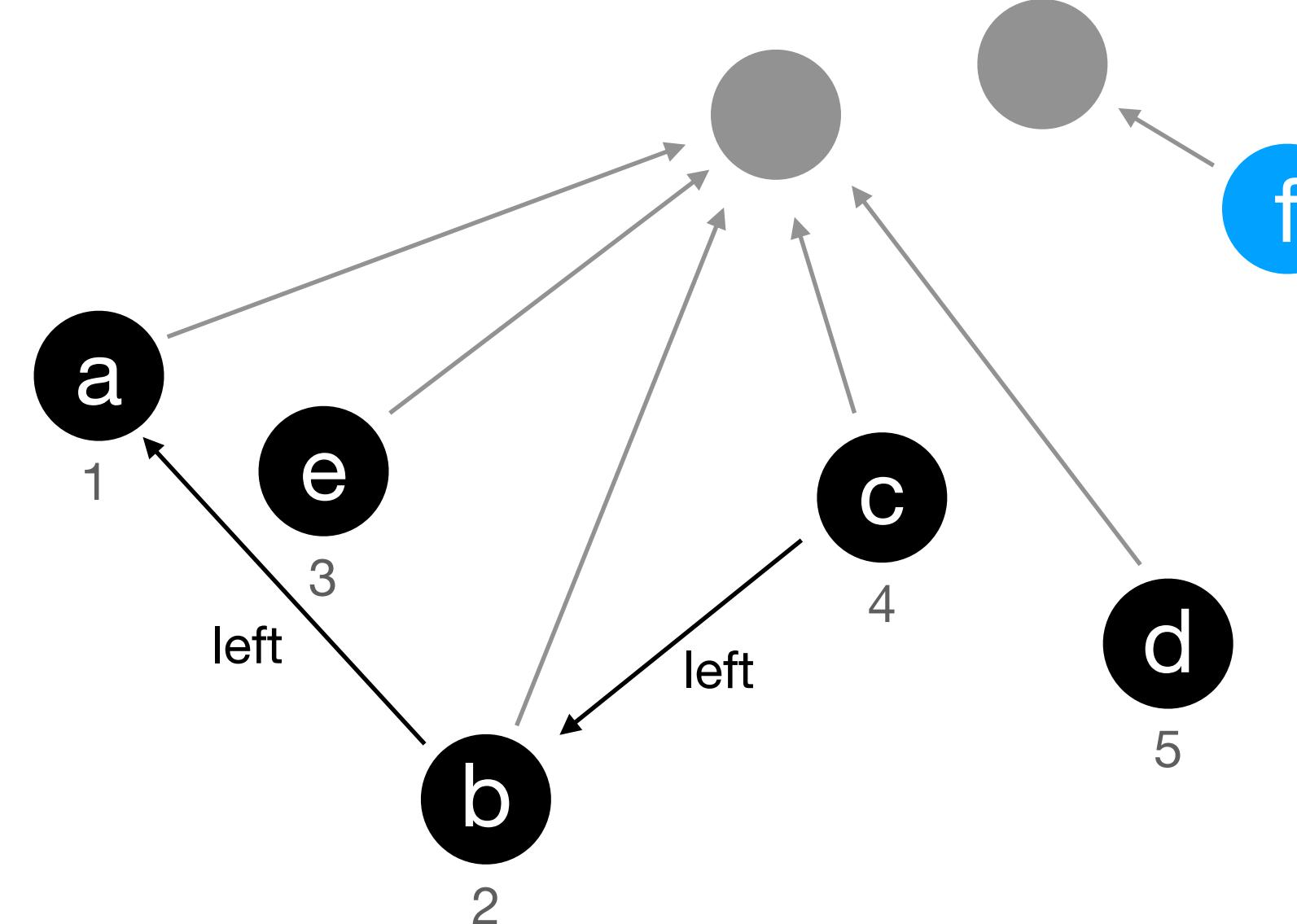
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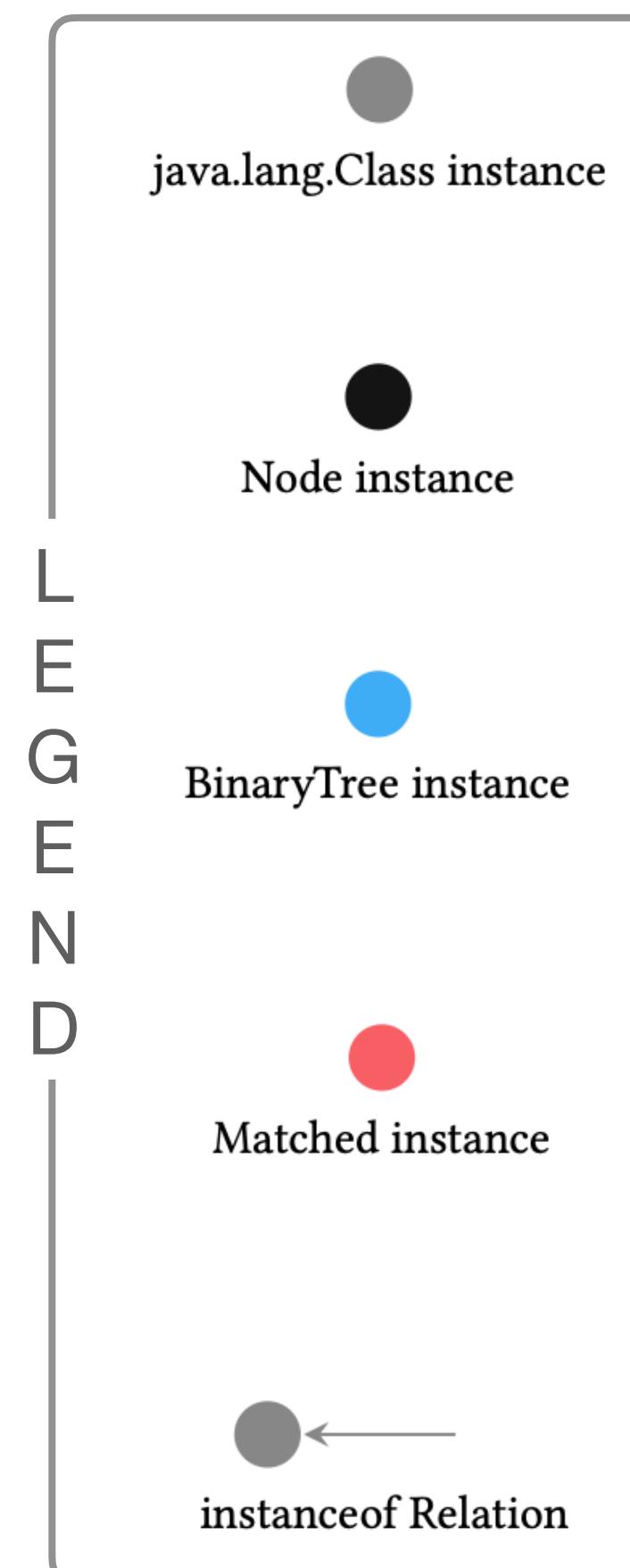
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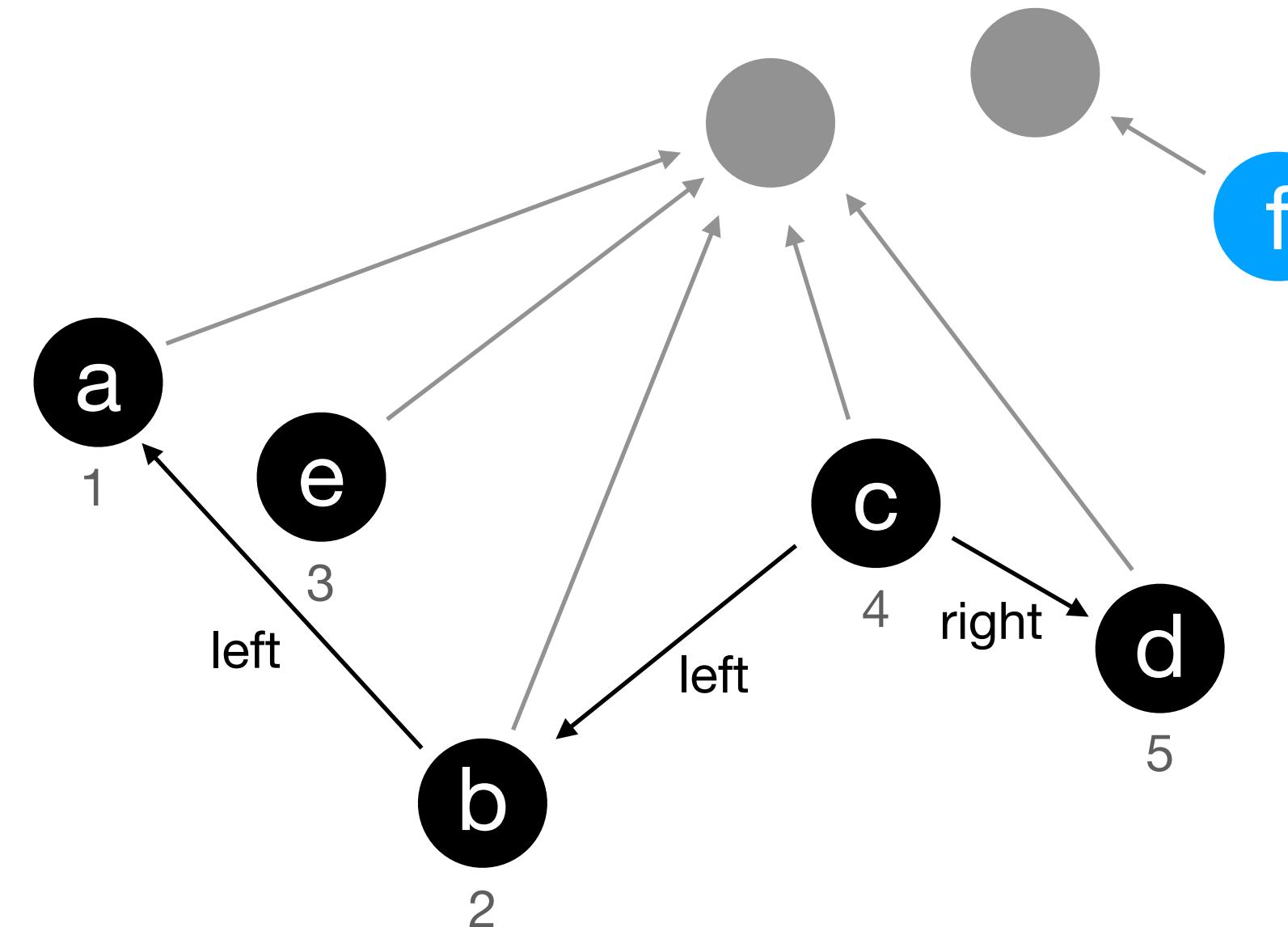
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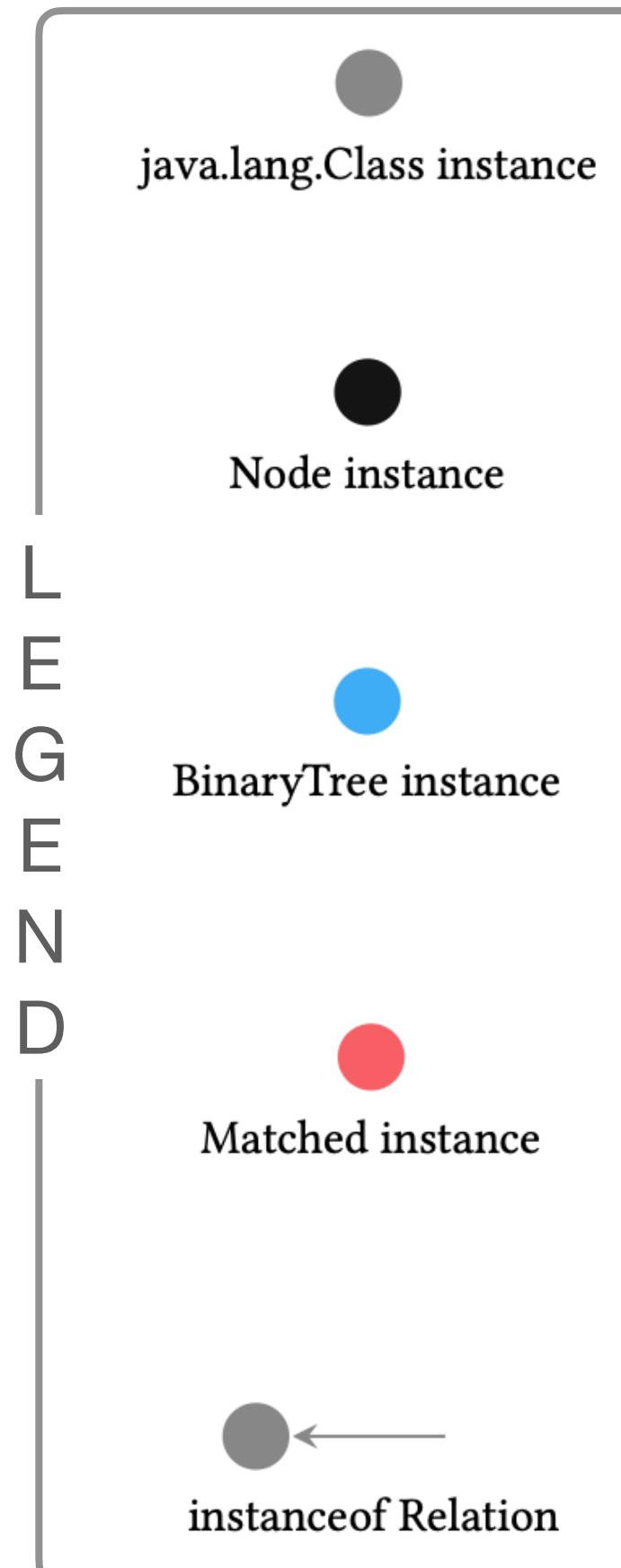
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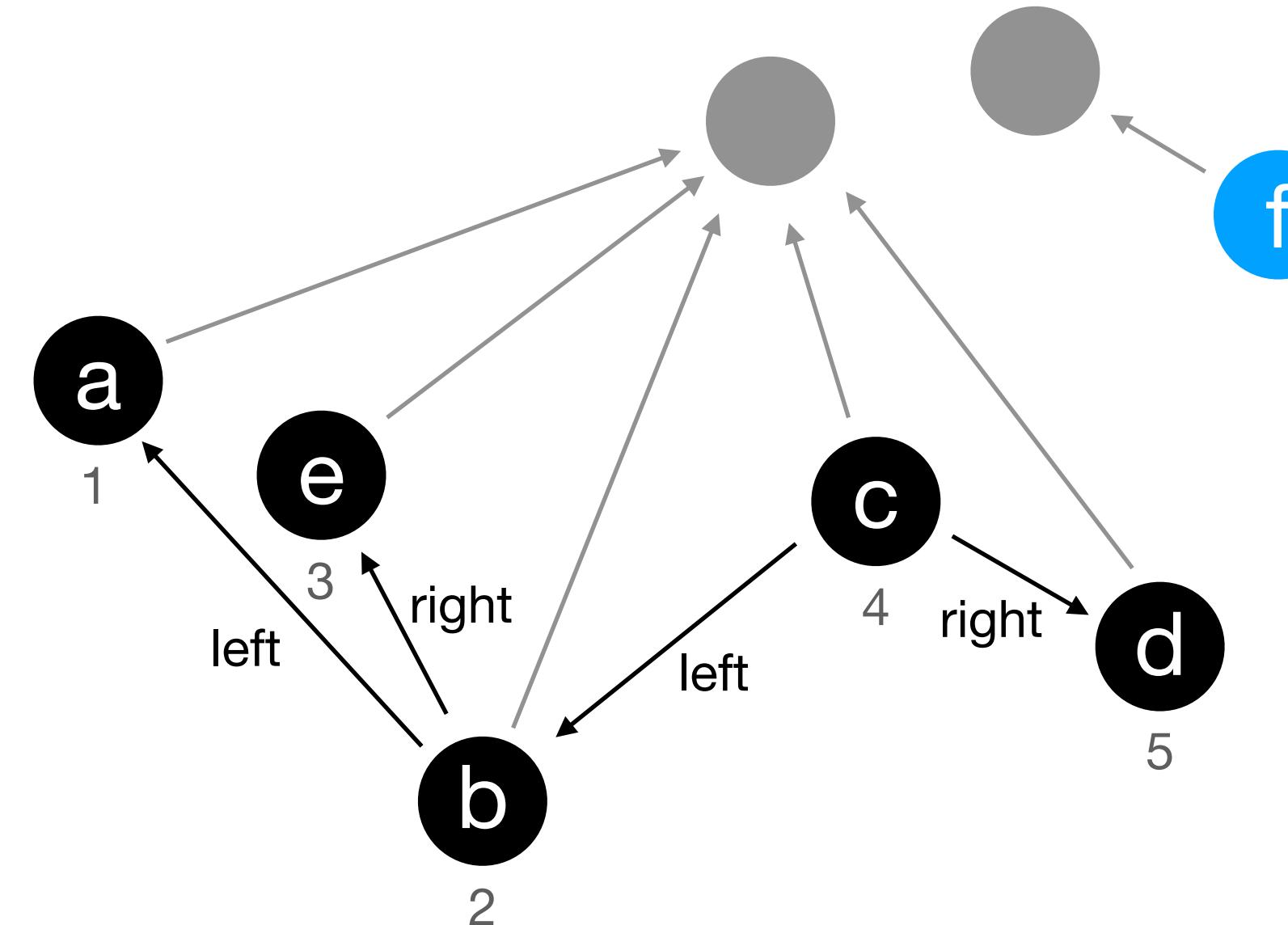
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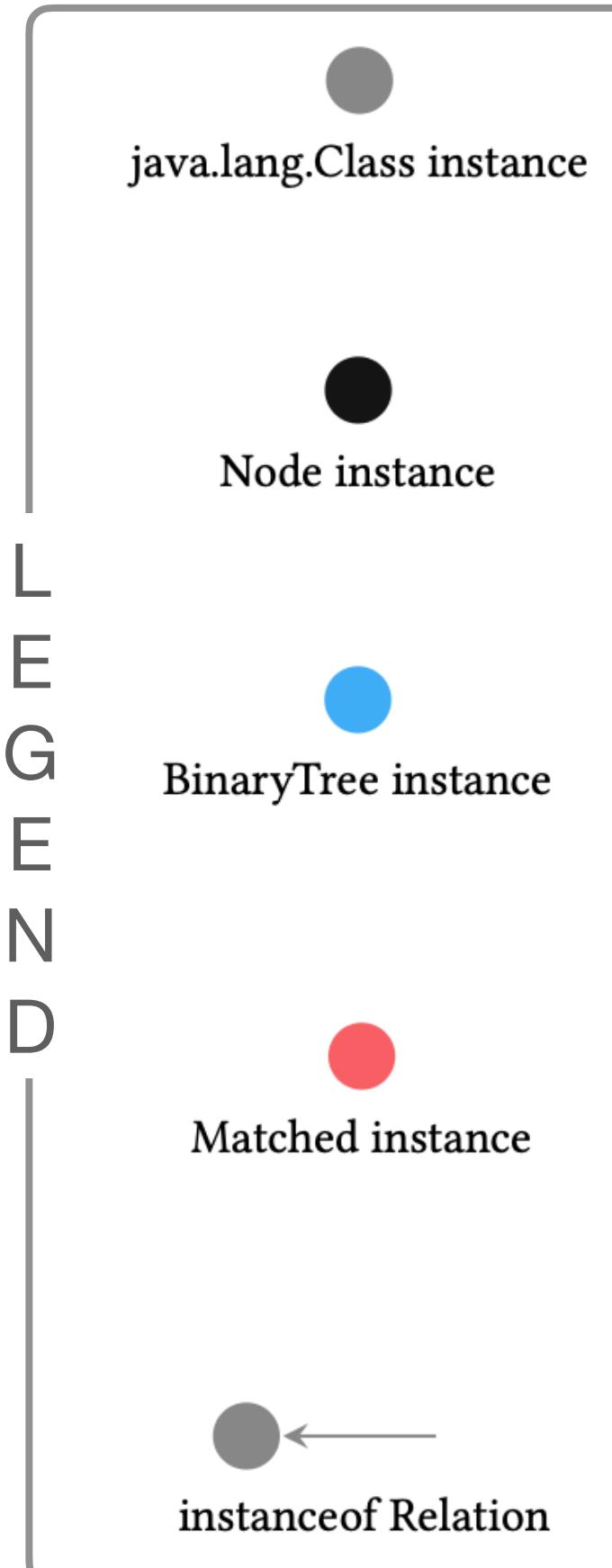
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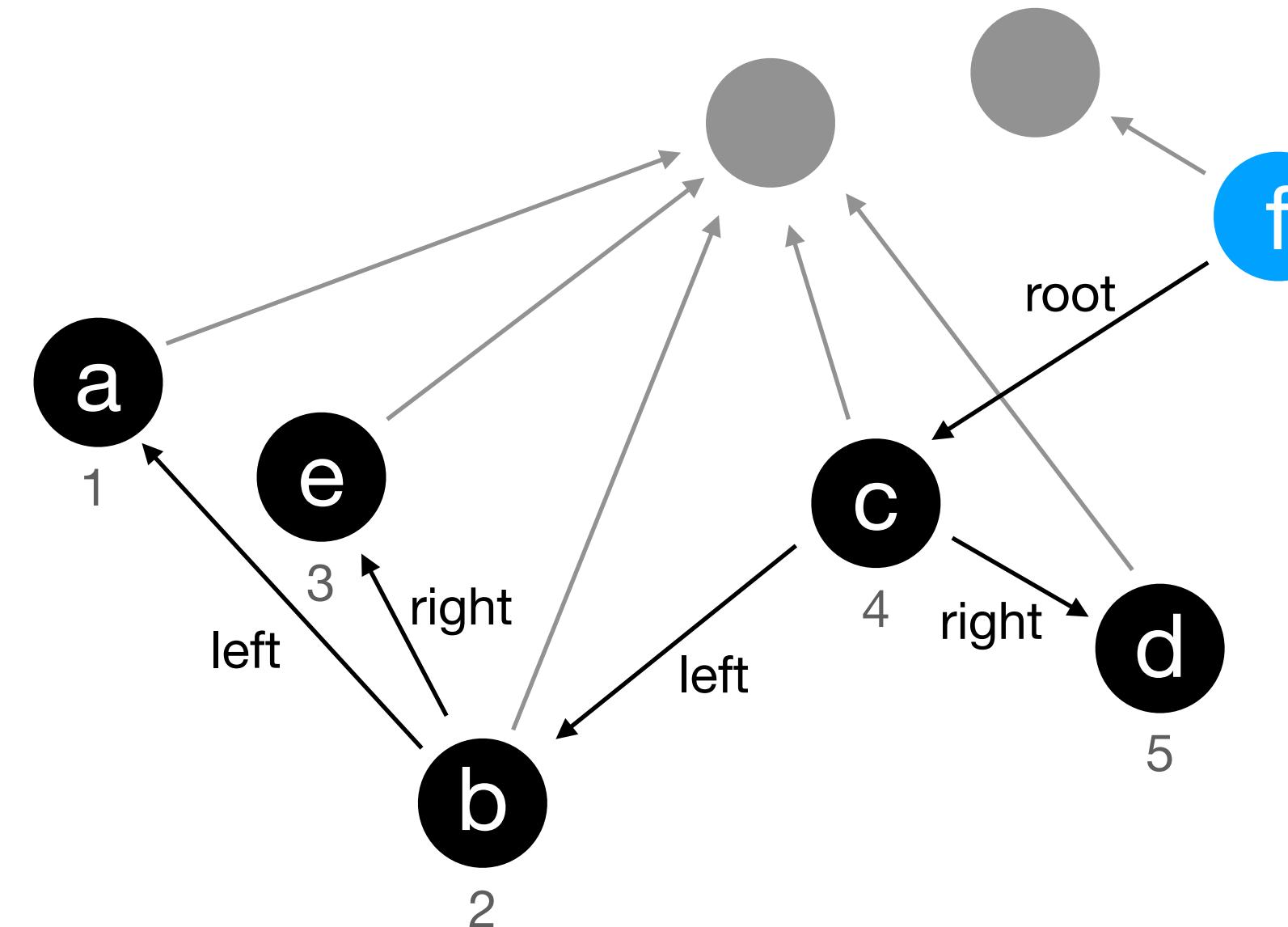
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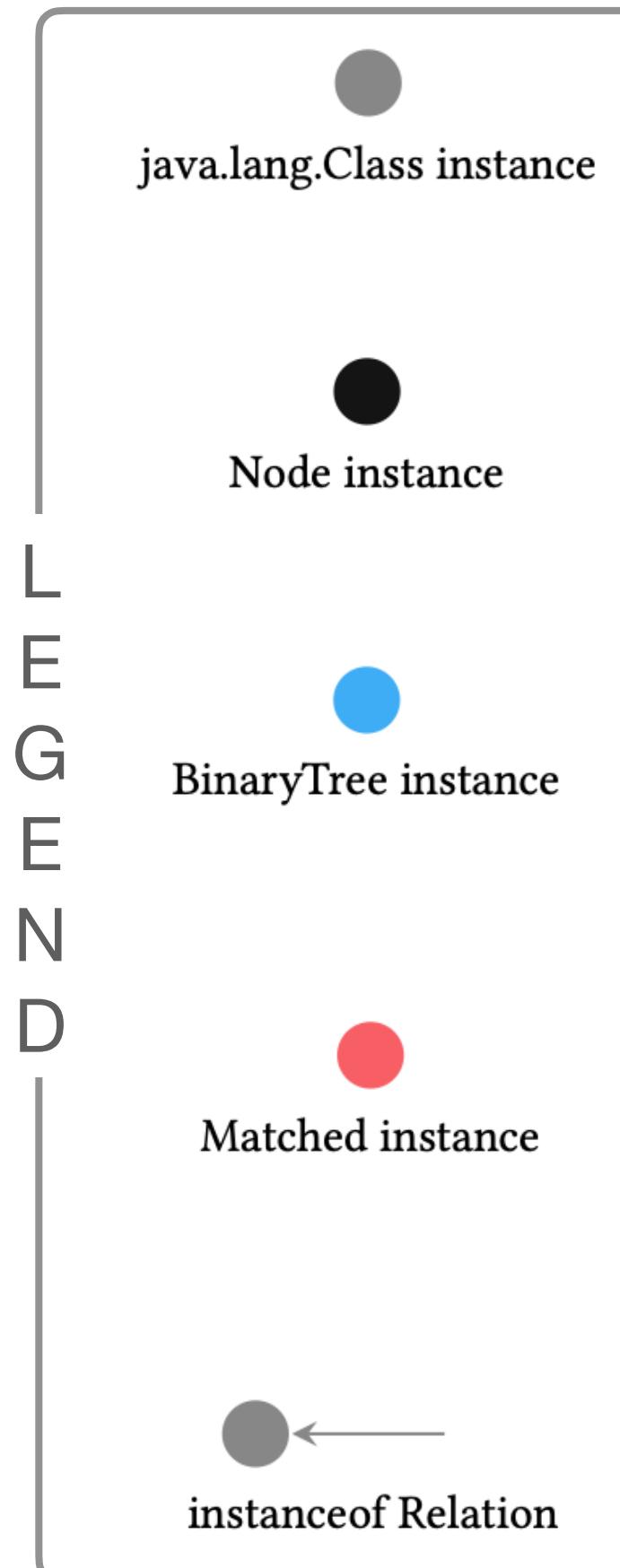
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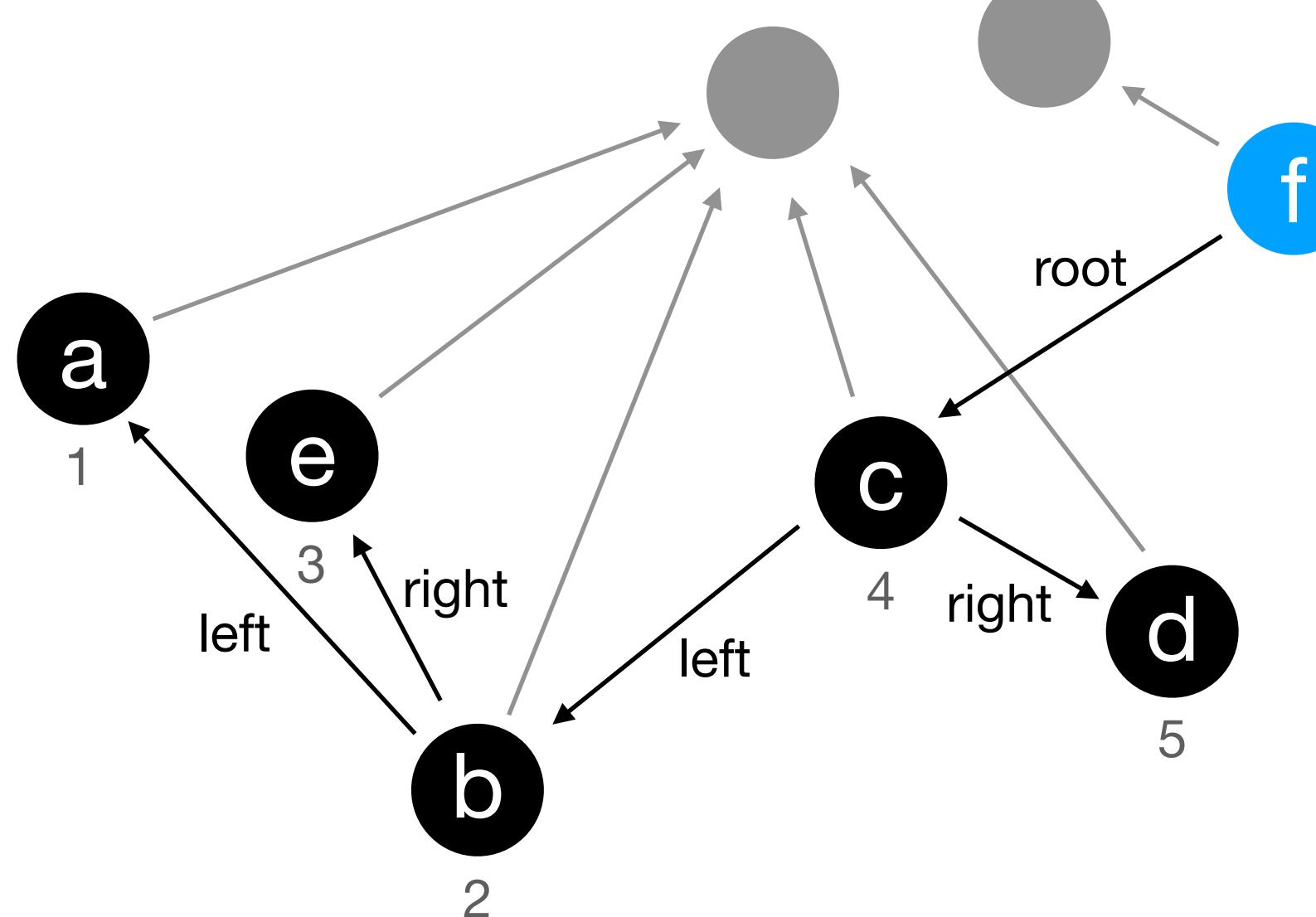
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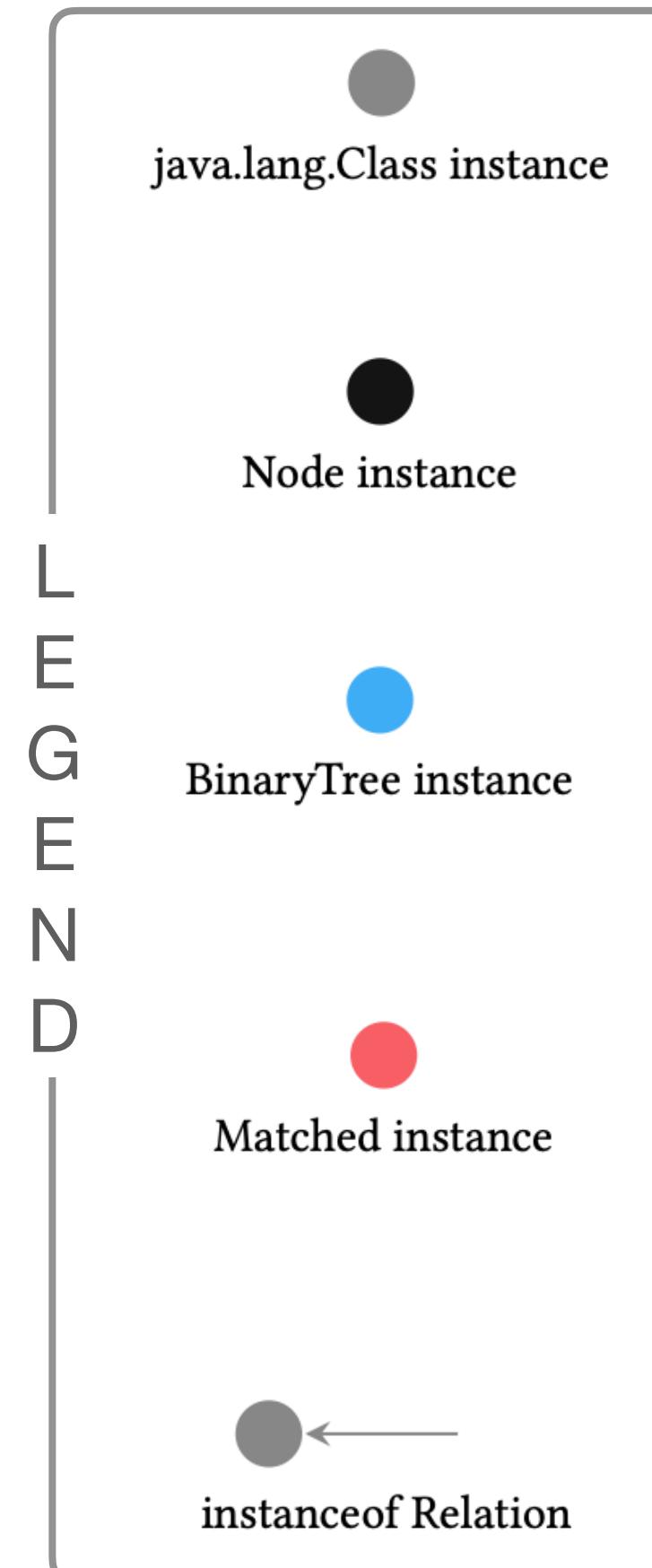
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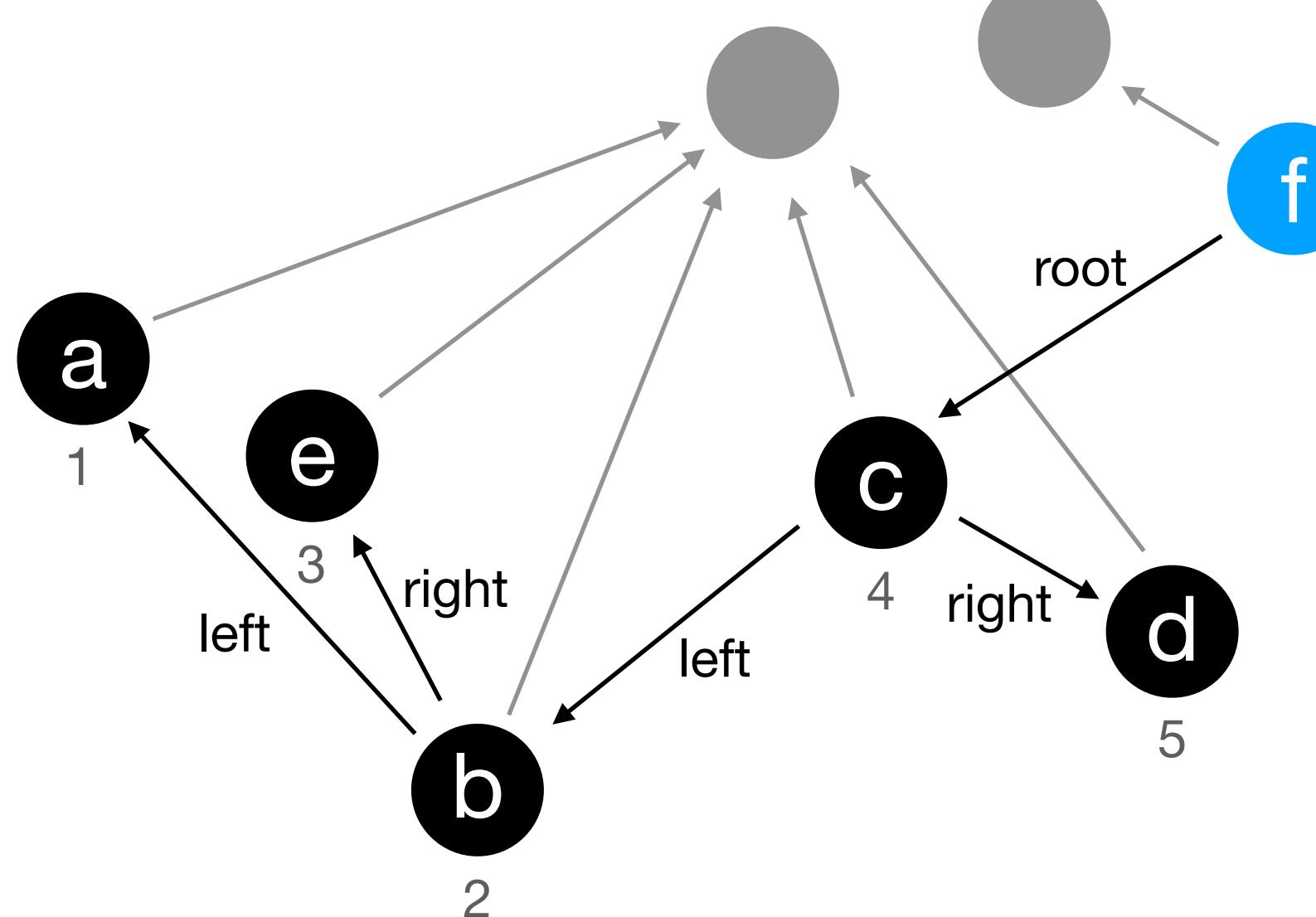
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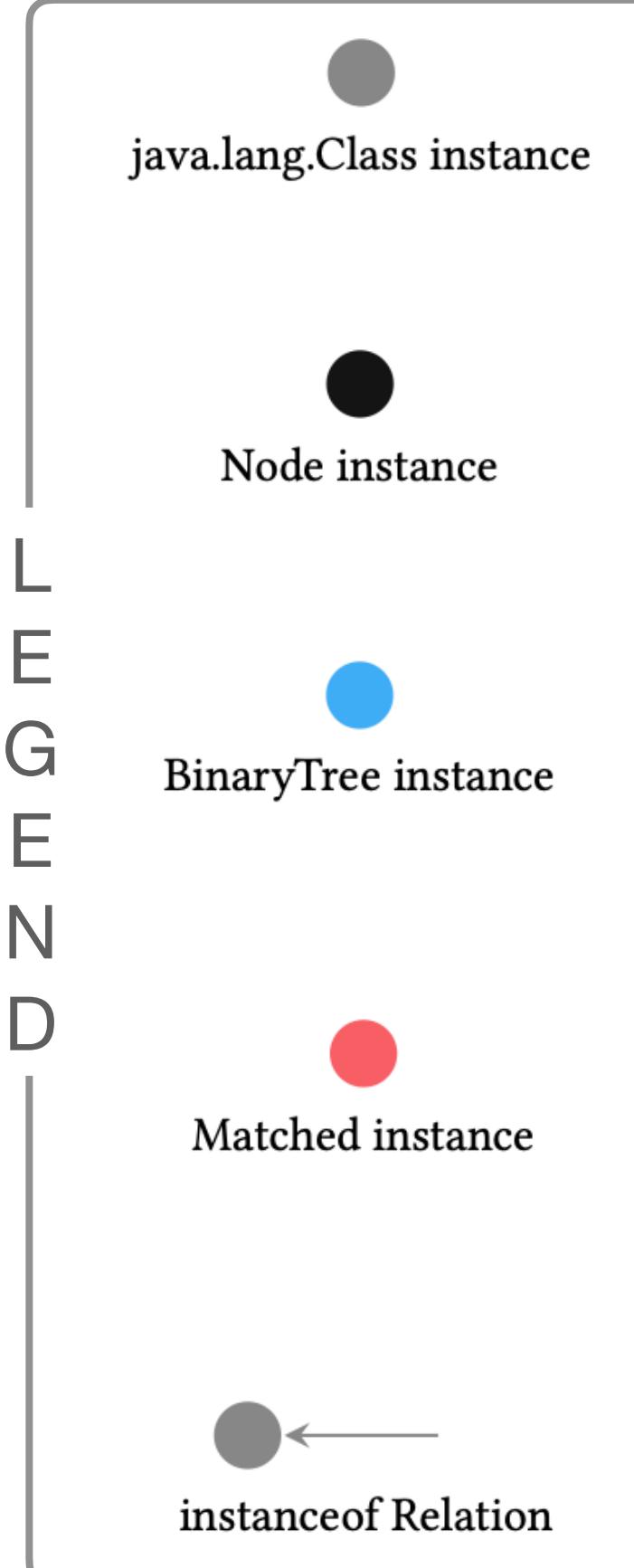
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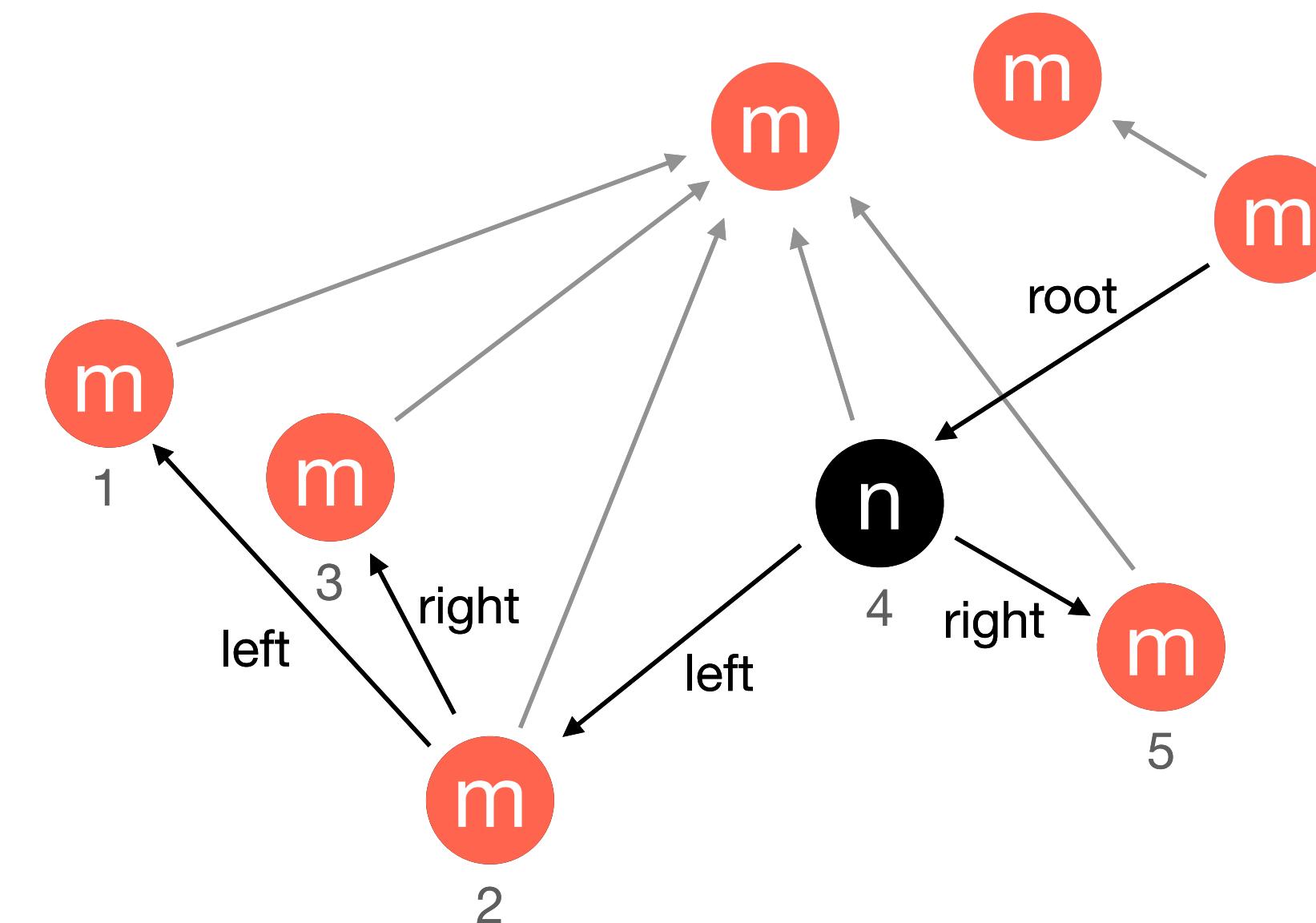


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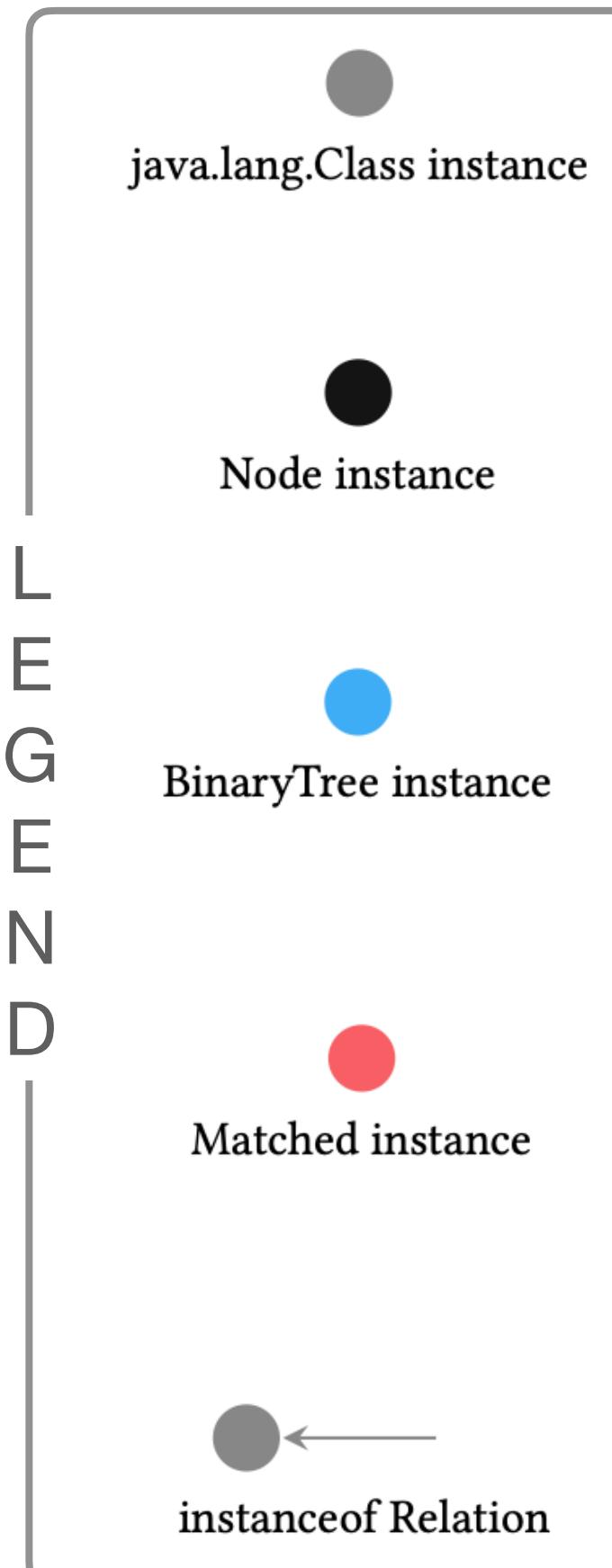


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# Language Paradigms

## Imperative

- Focuses on the *how*
- Eg languages : Java, C/C++, Python

```

1 public boolean containsKey(Object key) {
2     return getNode(hash(key), key) != null;
3 }
4 final Node<K,V> getNode(int hash, Object key) {
5     Node<K,V>[] tab; Node<K,V> first, e; int n; K k;
6     if ((tab = table) != null && (n = tab.length) > 0 &&
7         (first = tab[(n - 1) & hash]) != null) {
8         if (first.hash == hash && // always check first node
9             ((k = first.key) == key || (key != null && key.equals(k))))
10            return first;
11        if ((e = first.next) != null) {
12            if (first instanceof TreeNode)
13                return ((TreeNode<K,V>)first).getTreeNode(hash, key);
14            do {
15                if (e.hash == hash && ((k = e.key) == key ||
16                    (key != null && key.equals(k)))) return e;
17            } while ((e = e.next) != null);
18        } return null;
}

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## Declarative

- Focuses on the *what*
- Eg languages : SQL, Cypher

```

1 public boolean containsKey(Object key) {
2     return queryBool(
3         "MATCH ({$1})-[:table]->()-[*]->()-[:key]->(n) MATCH (m {$2})
4         WHERE n.`equals`(m) = true RETURN COUNT(n) <> 0", this, key);
5 }

```

# Results - Assertions

- We reimplemented assertions in several popular open source projects using *OGO*
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