

# Verified Peephole Optimization for CompCert

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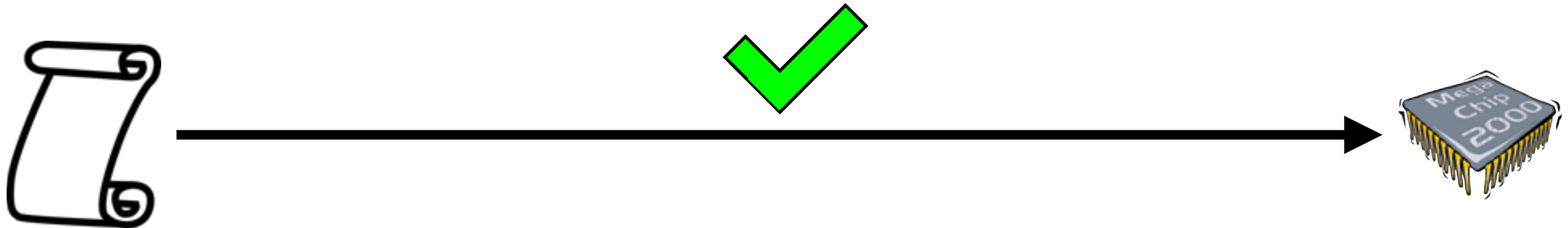
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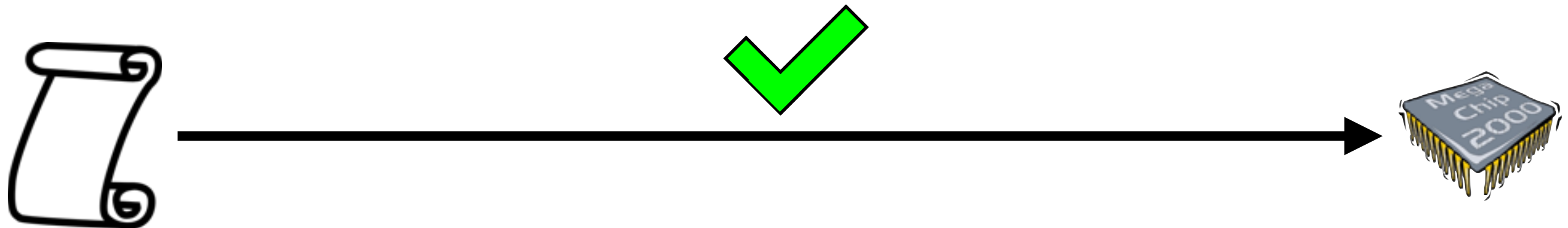
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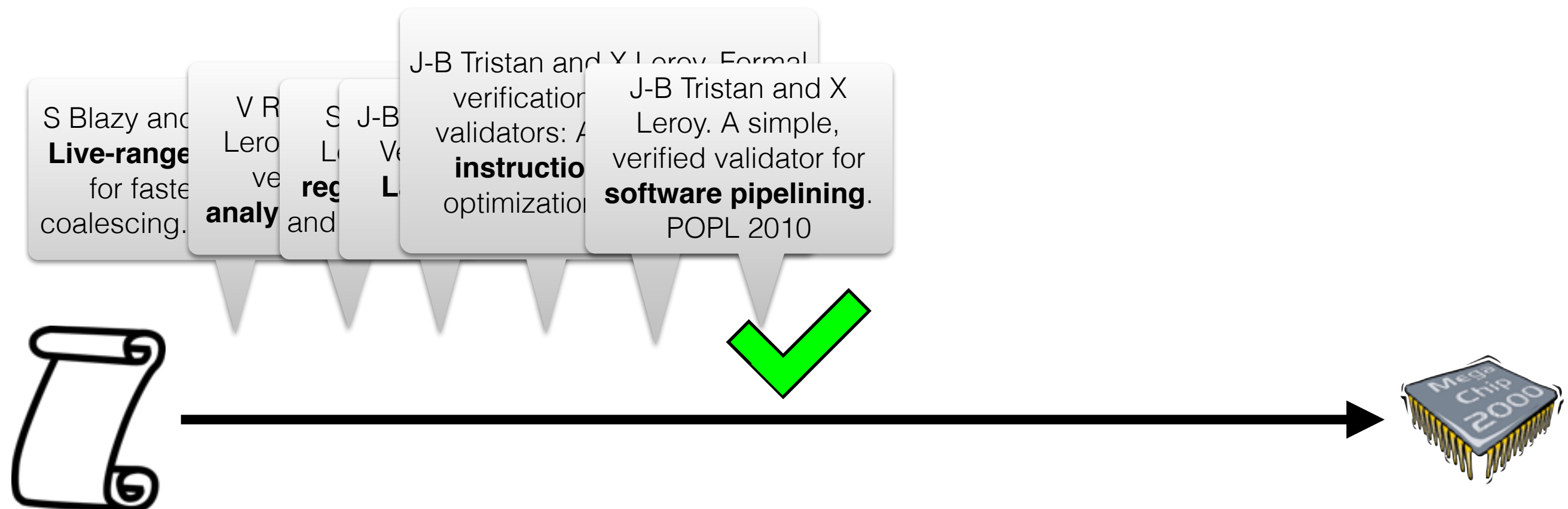
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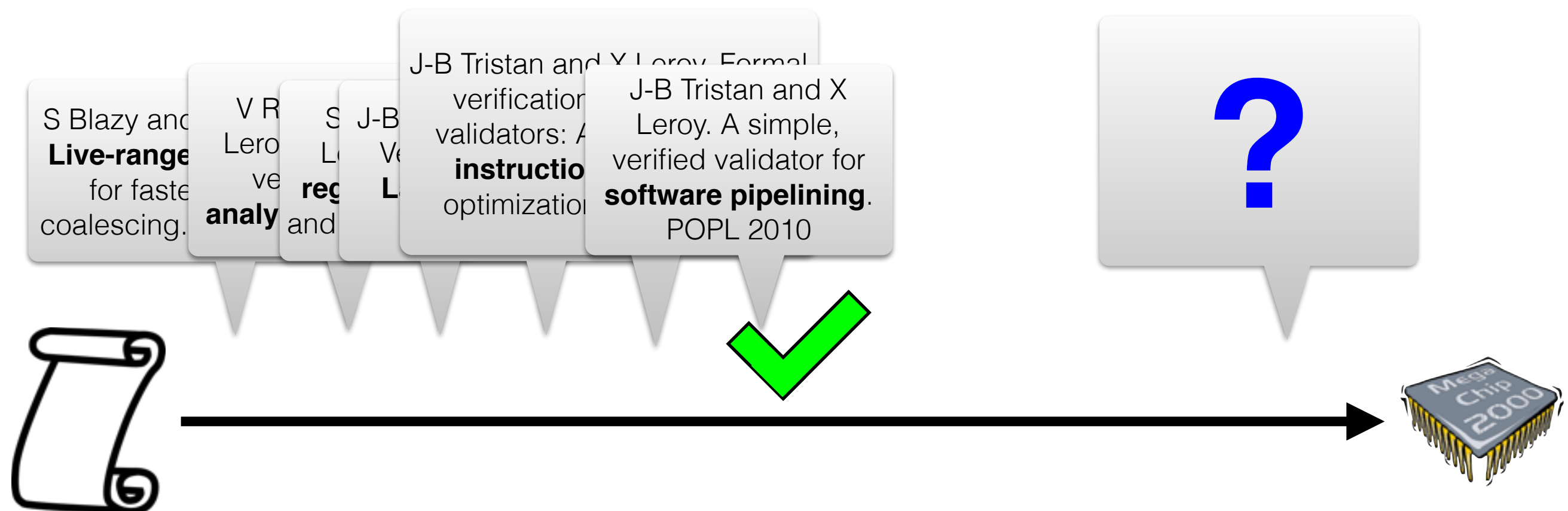
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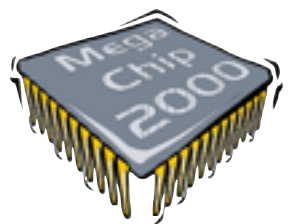
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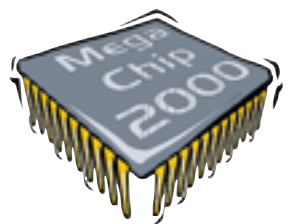
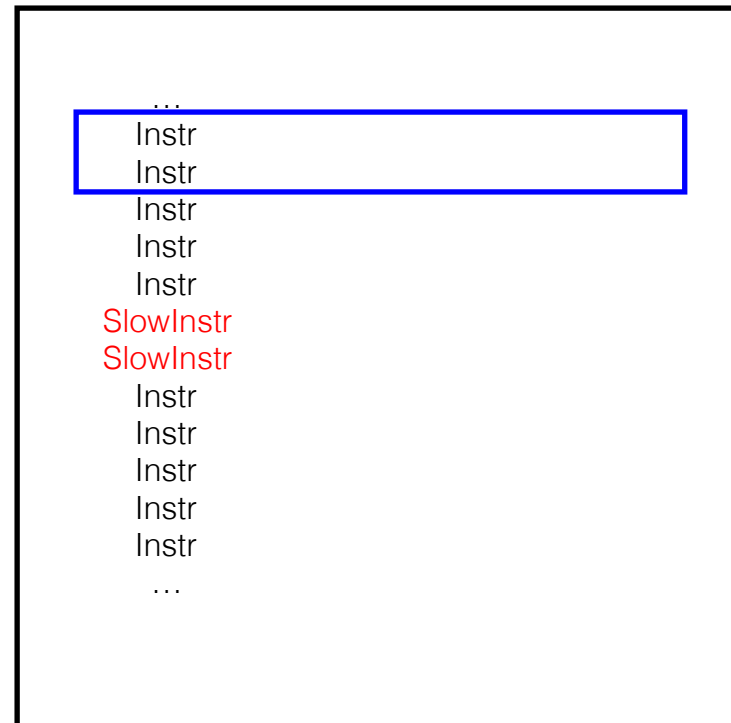
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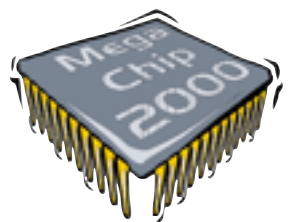
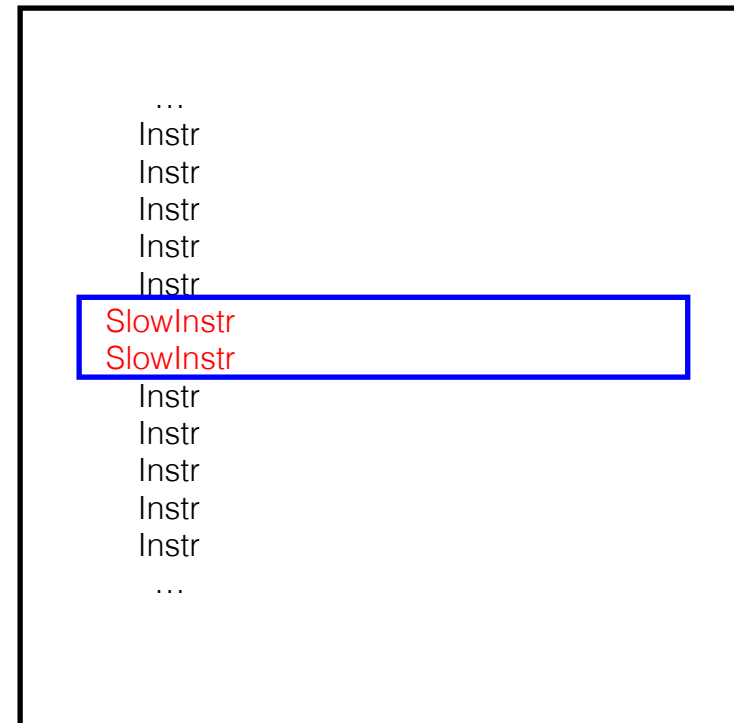




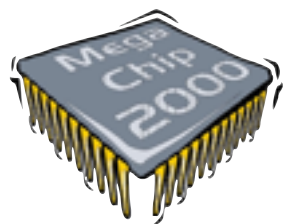
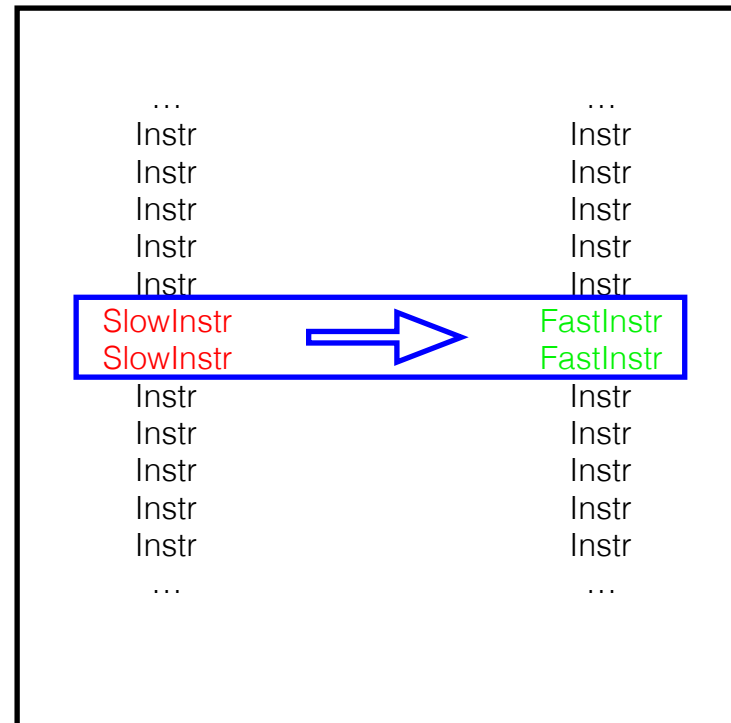
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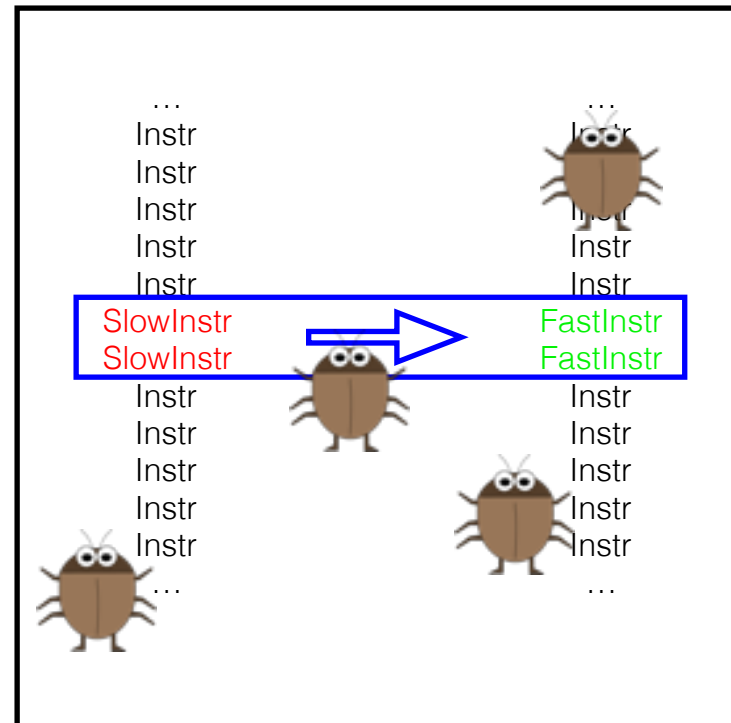
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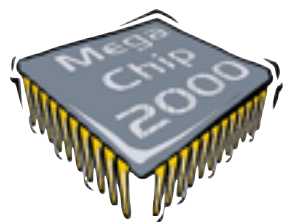
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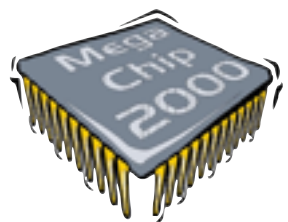
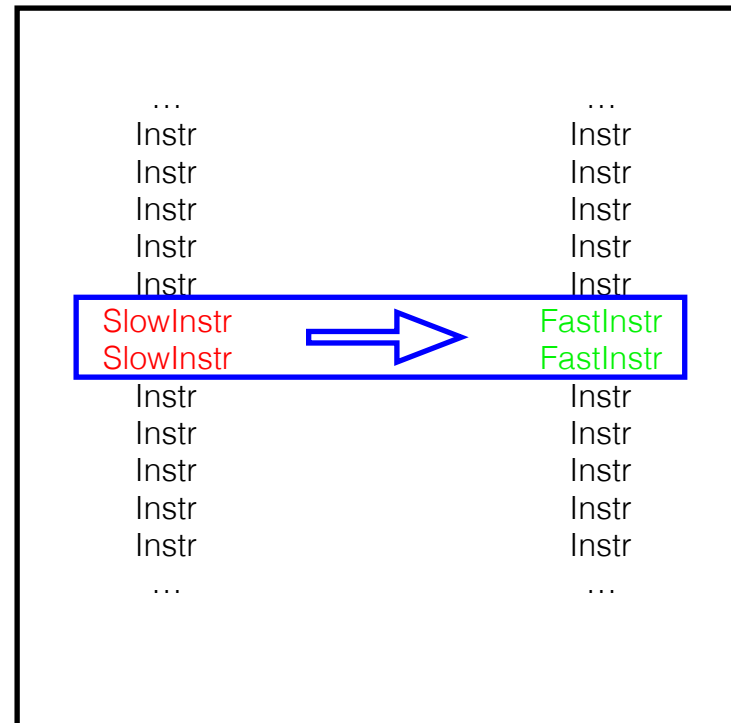
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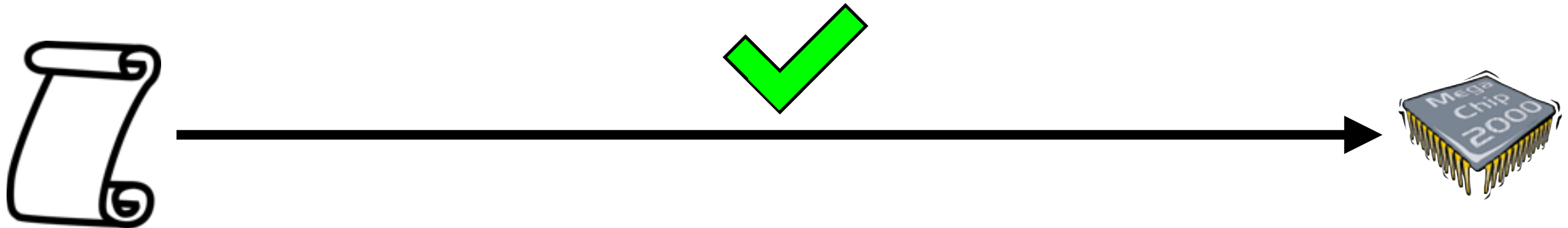
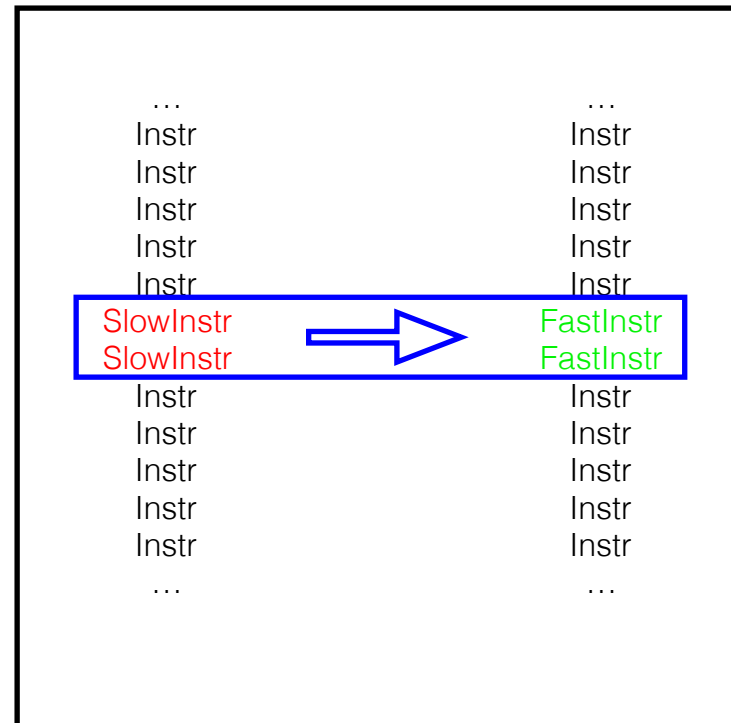
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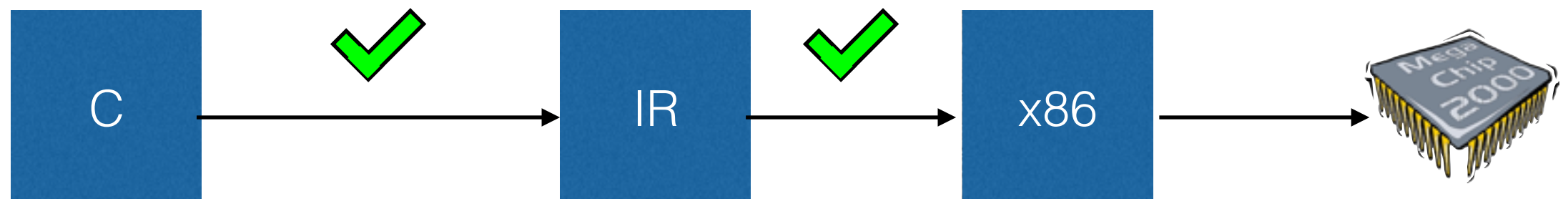
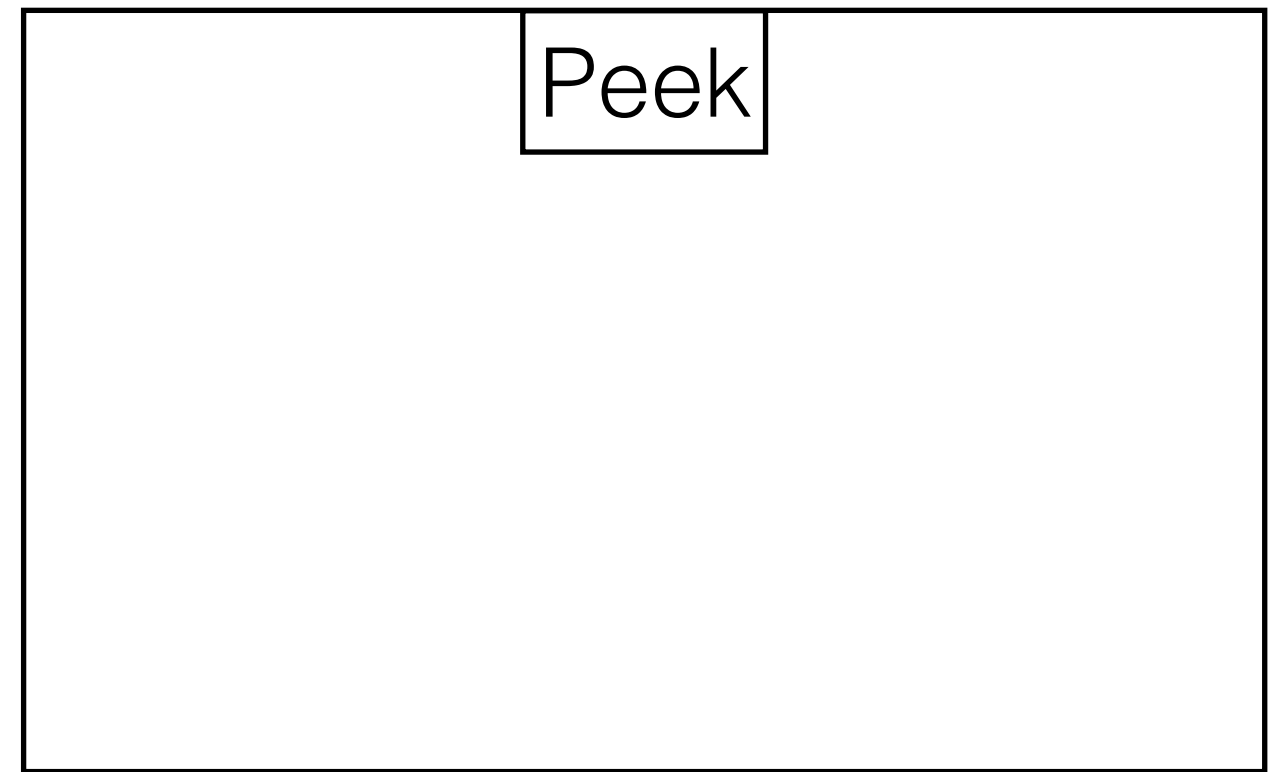
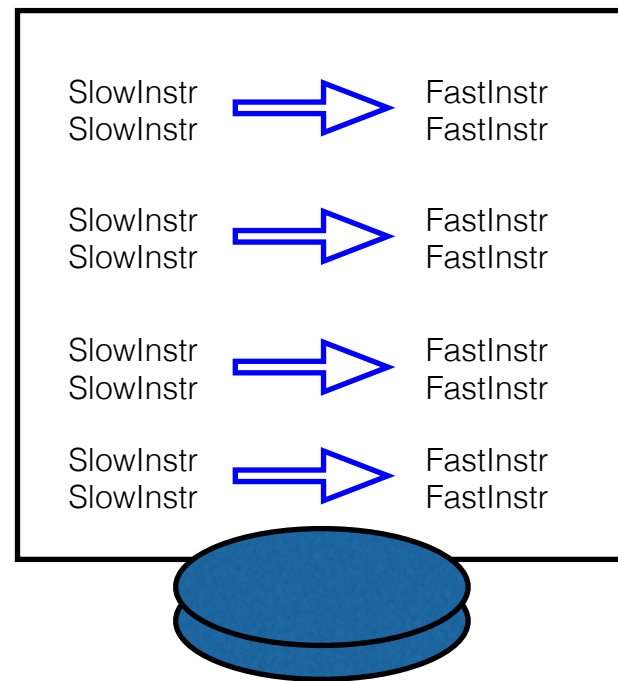
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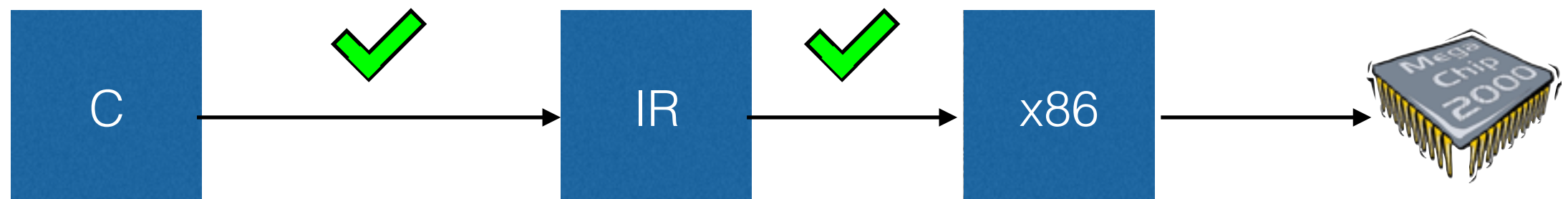
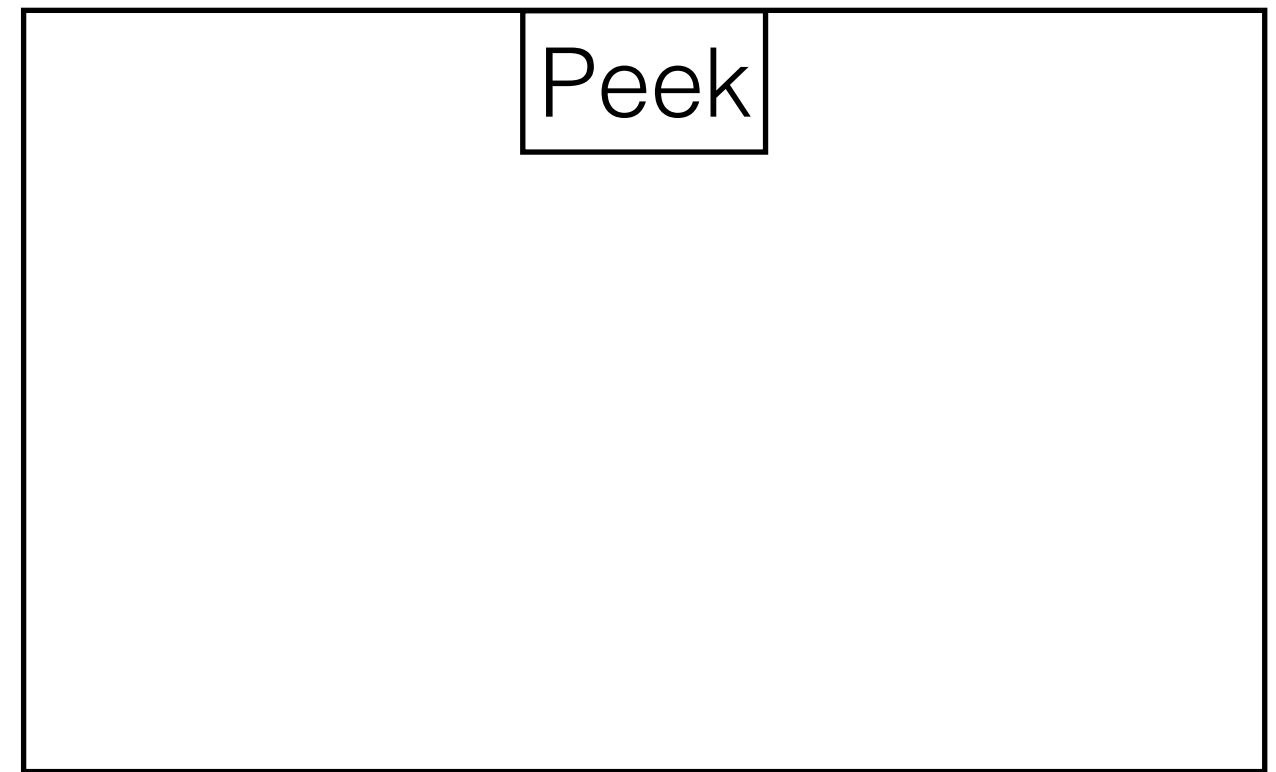
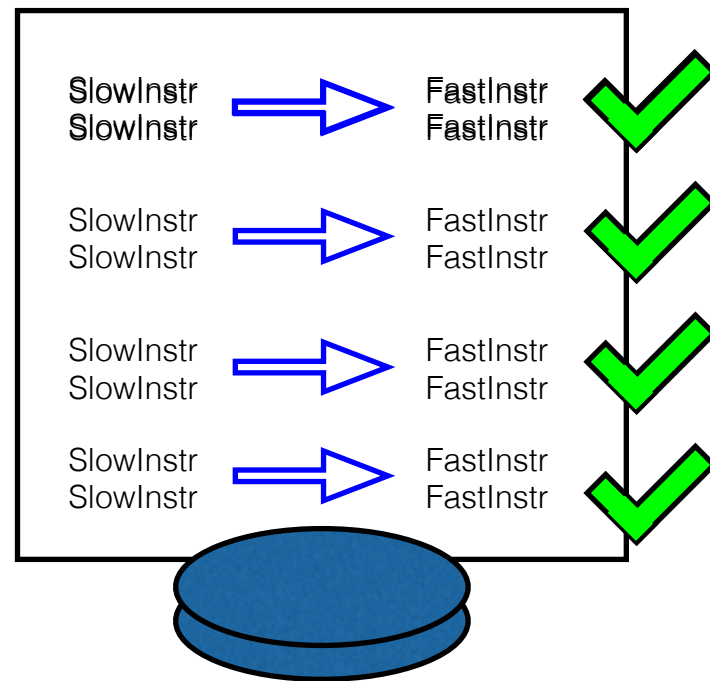
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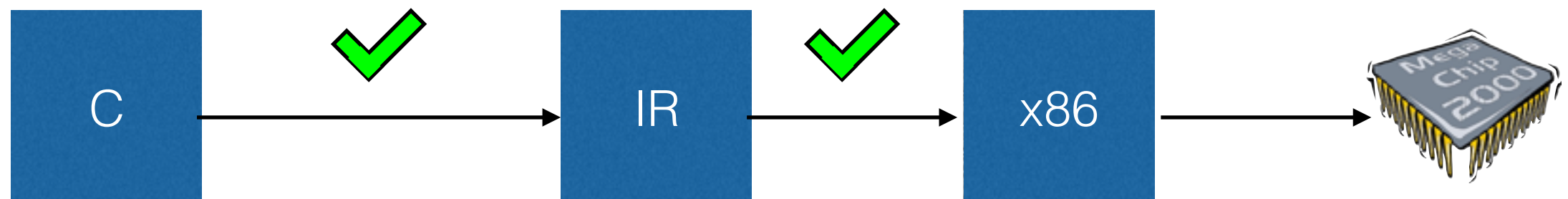
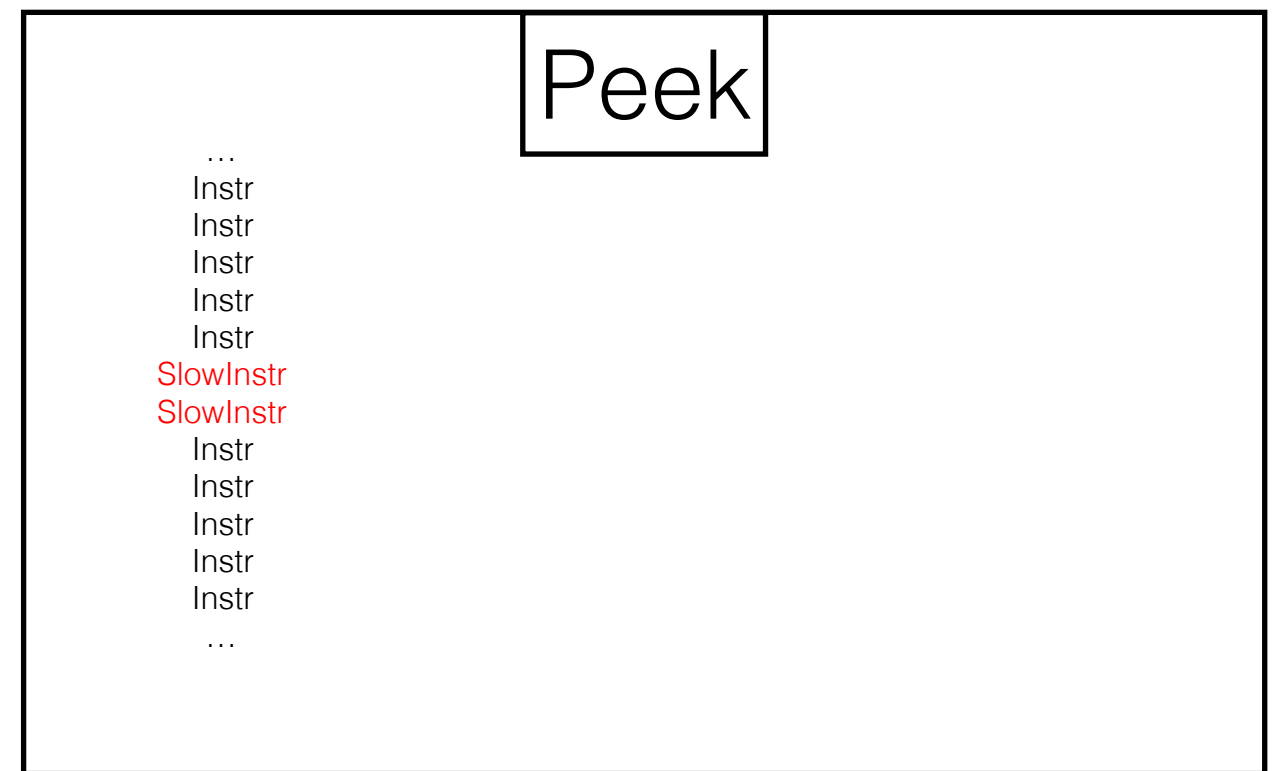
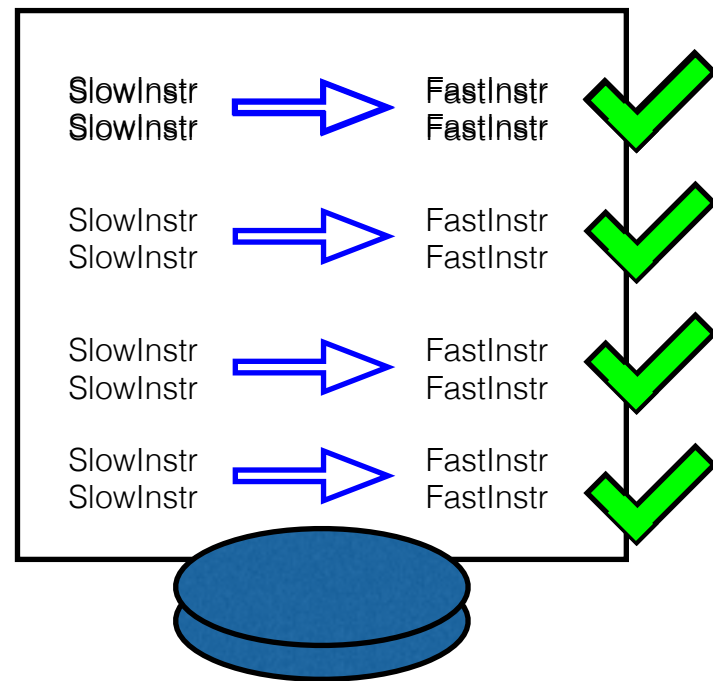


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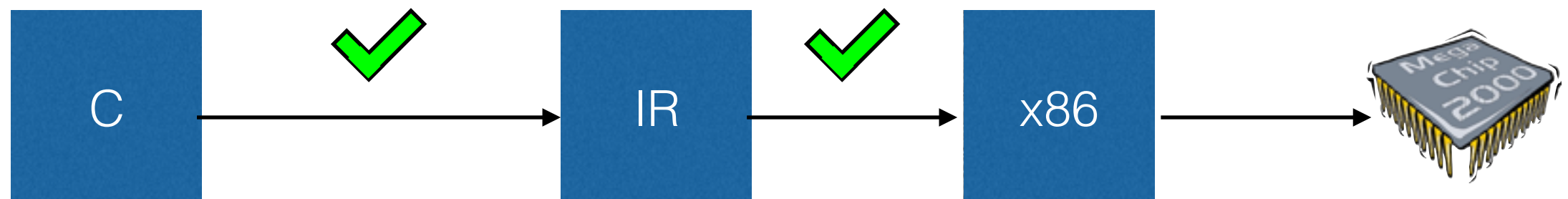
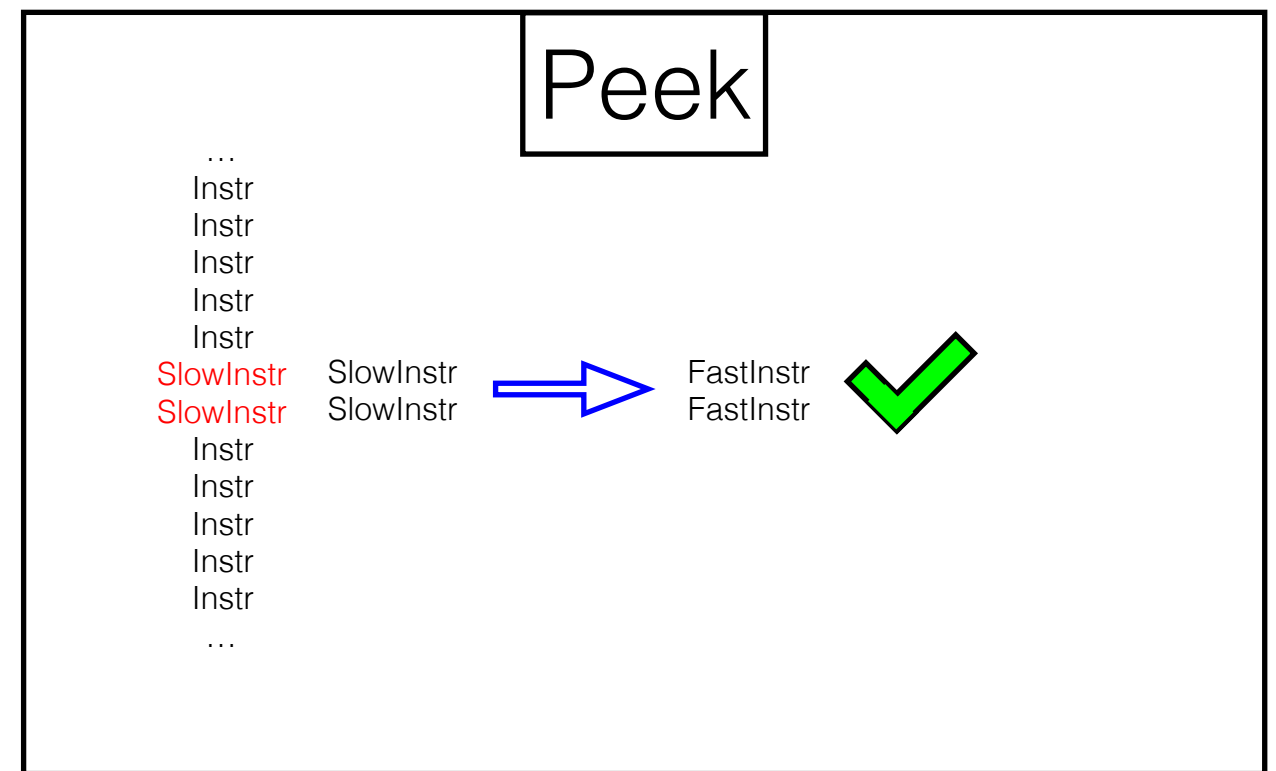
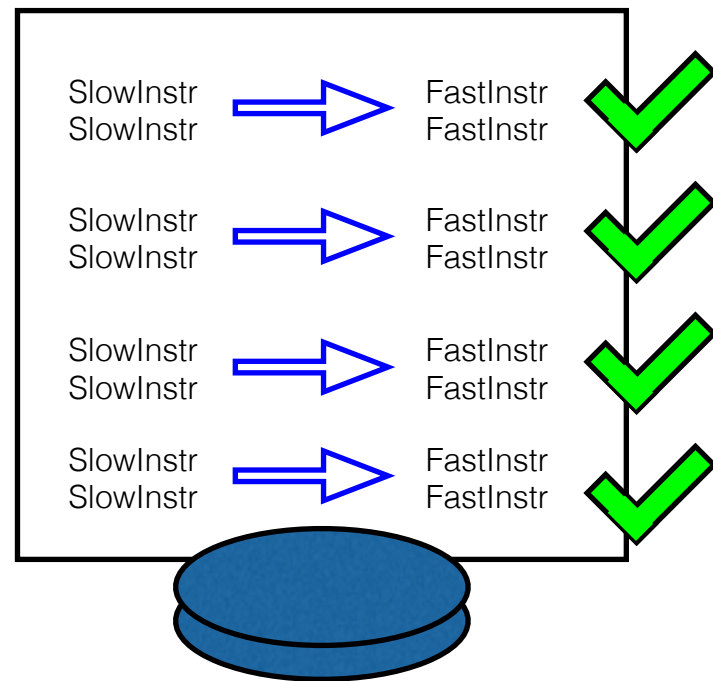




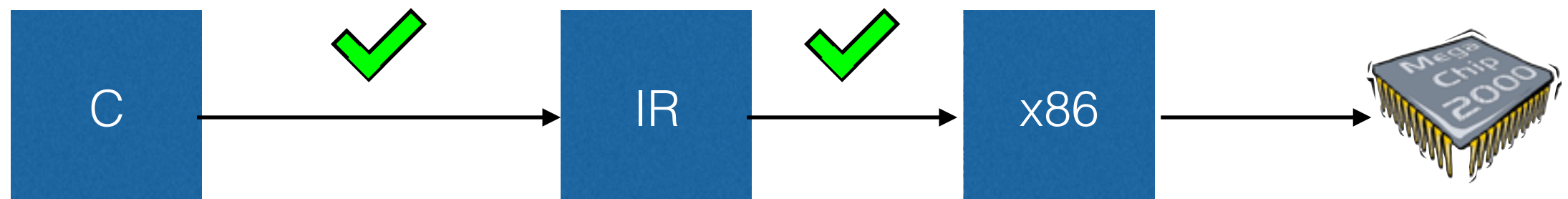
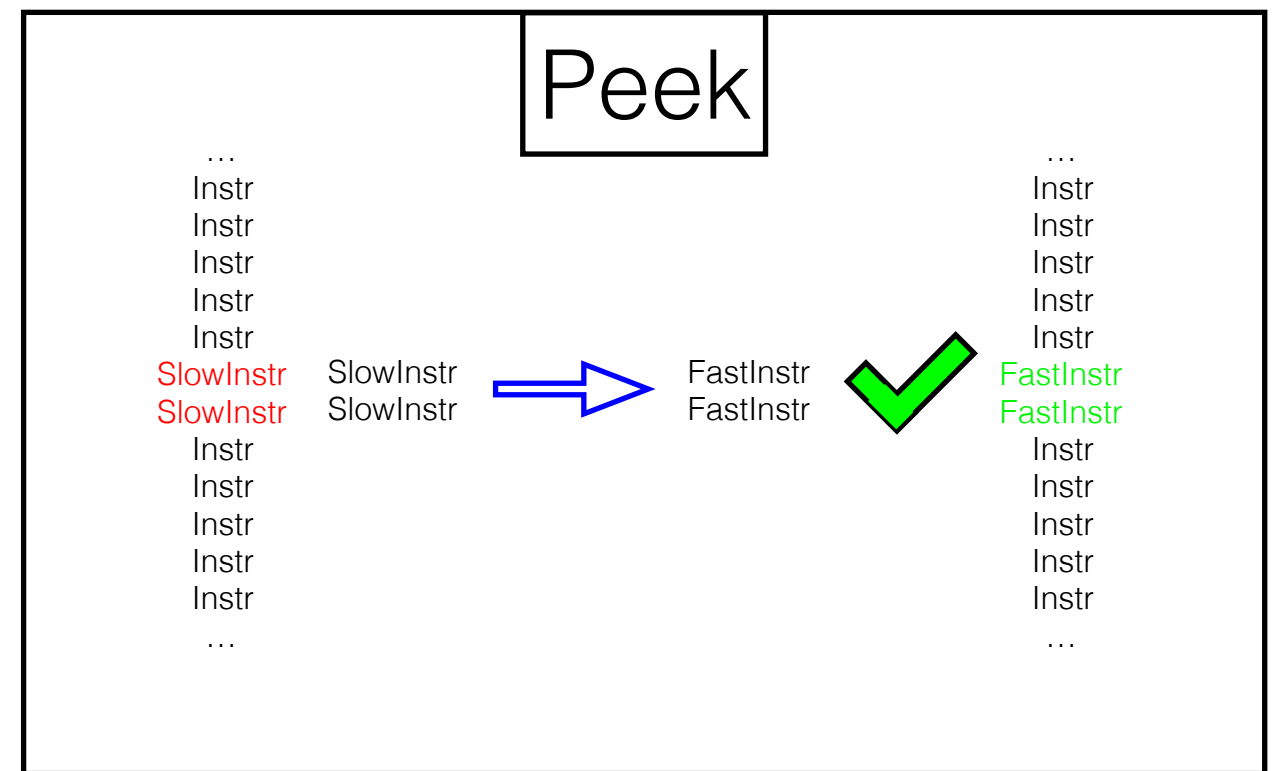
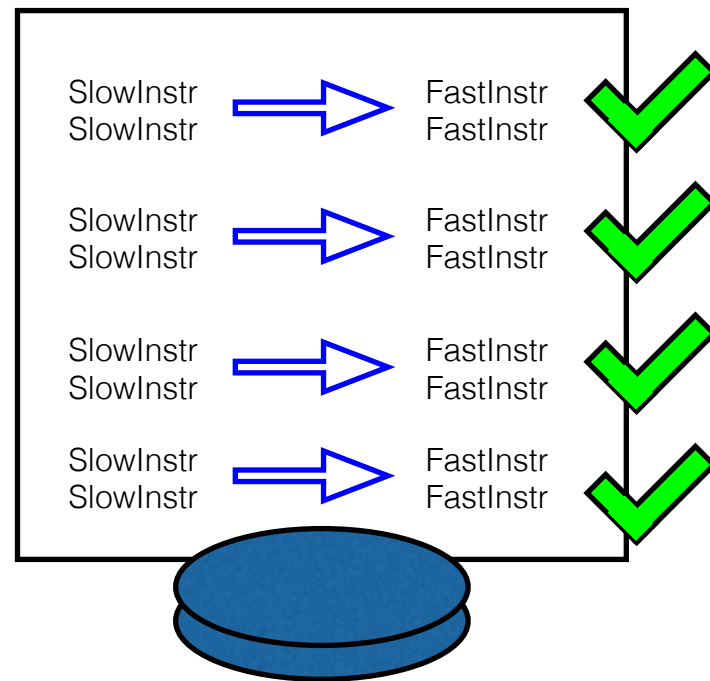
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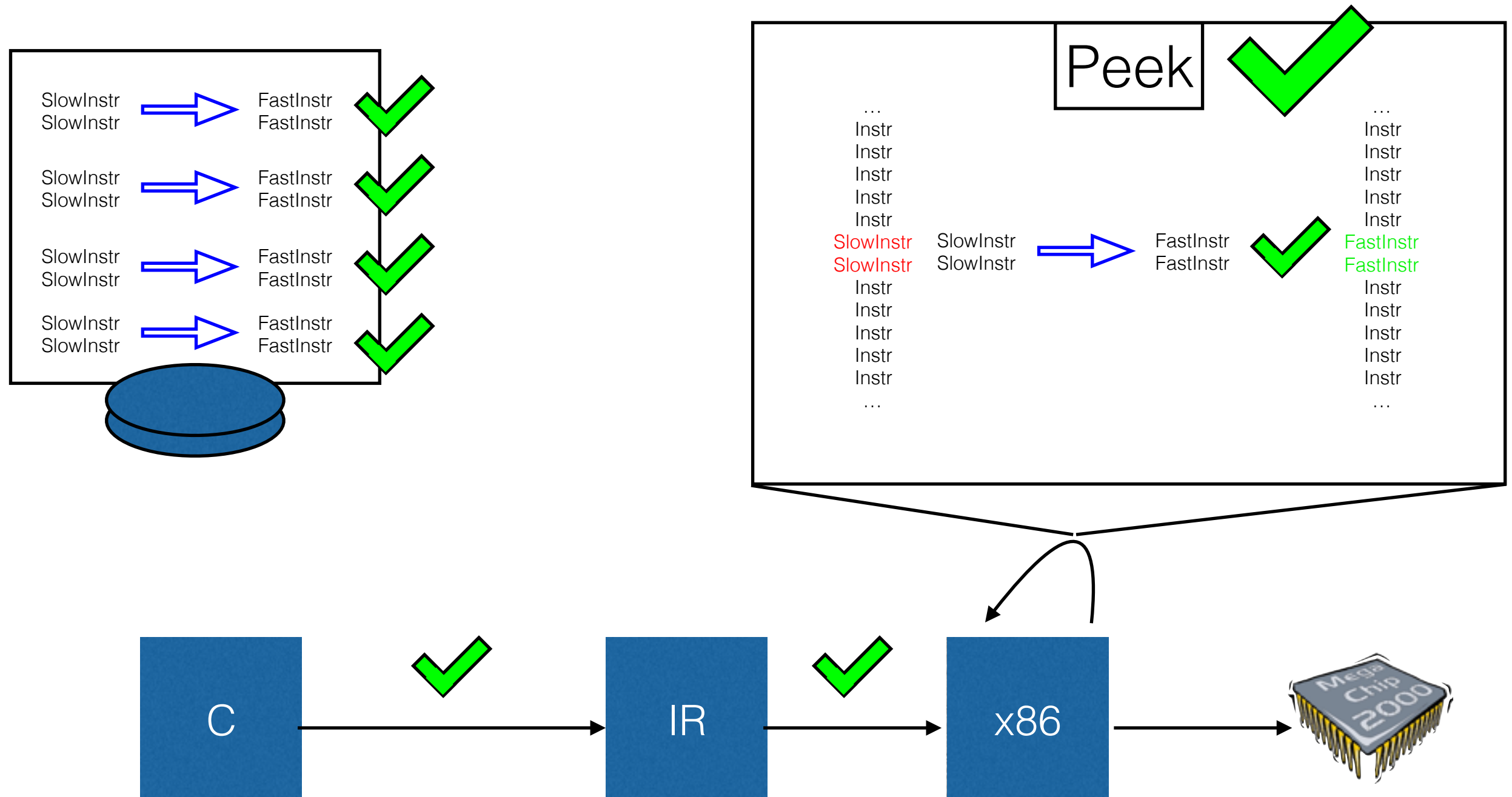
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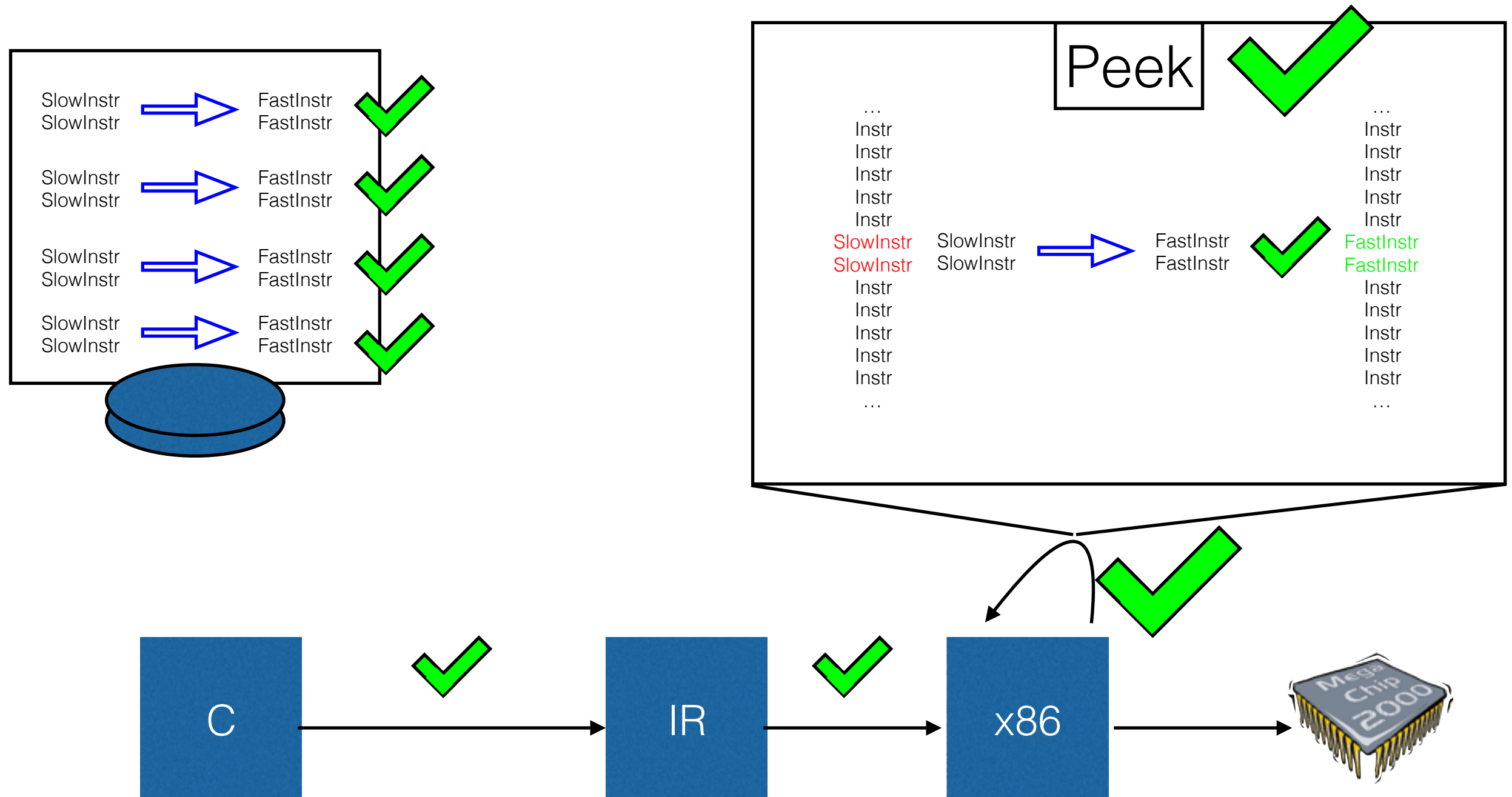
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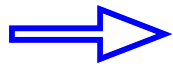


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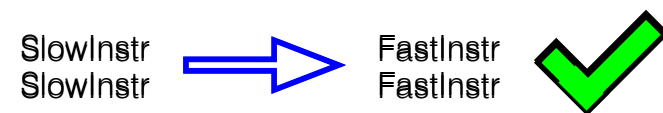


FastInstr  
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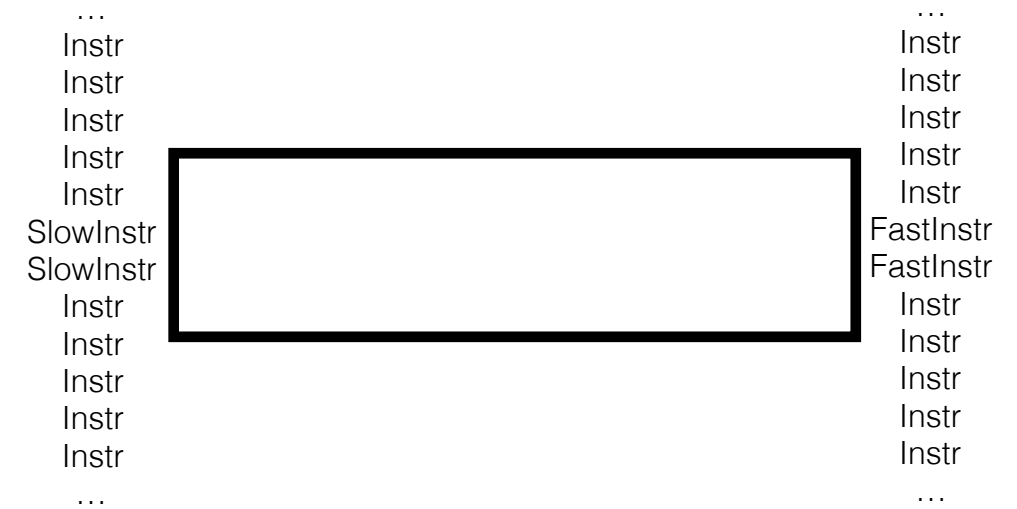


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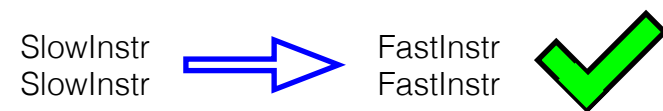
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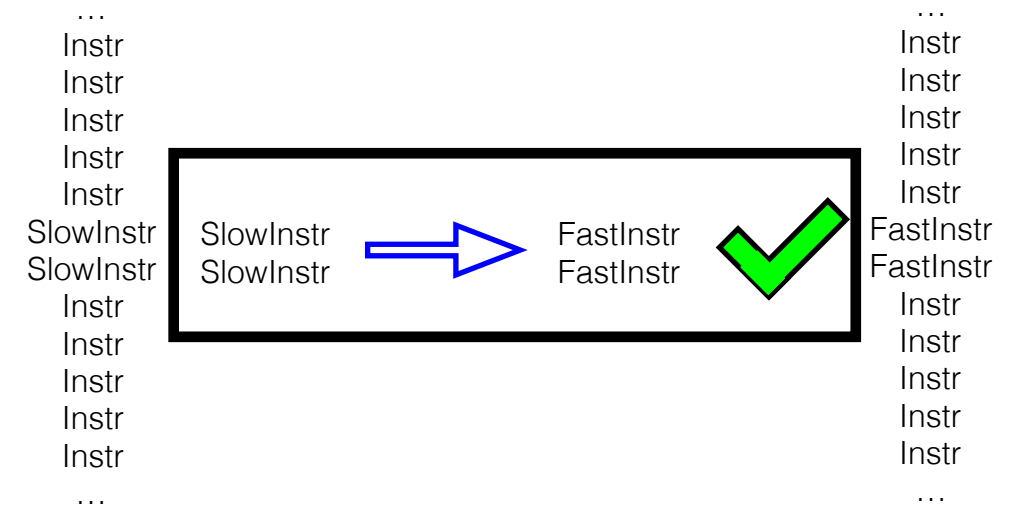


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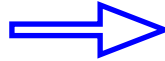
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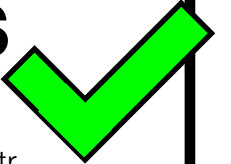
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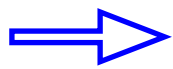
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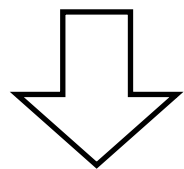


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## New Semantics

Pointers



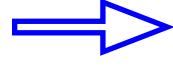
Bit Vectors

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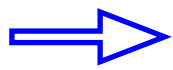
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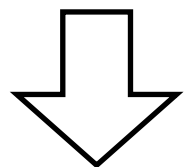


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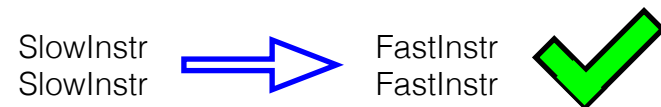
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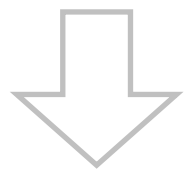
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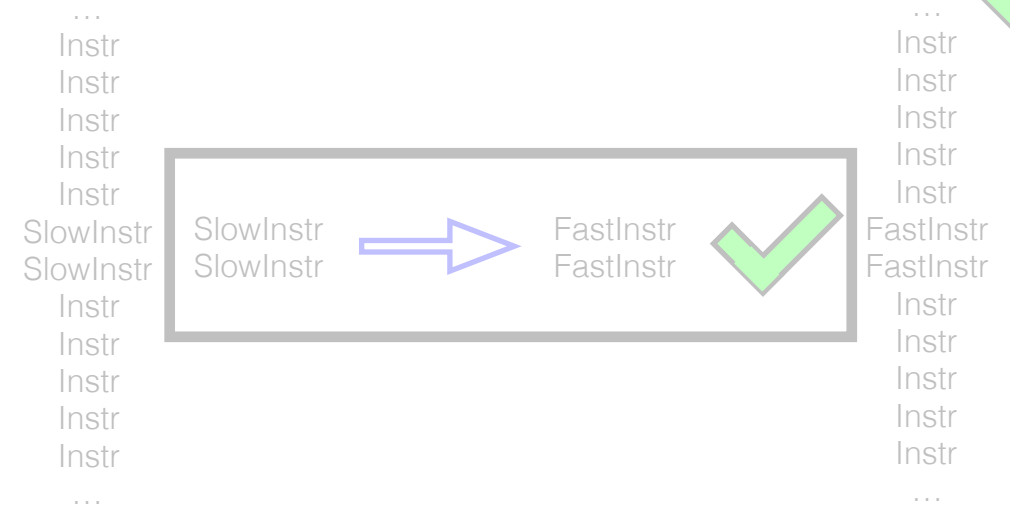
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## Evaluation

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subl    %eax, %ecx
movl    %ecx, %eax
decl    %eax
```



**%eax:**  
 $A_0$

**%ecx:**  
 $C_0$

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subl  
movl  
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**%eax:**  
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*Recall:*

$x - y - 1 = x + \sim y$   
for two's complement

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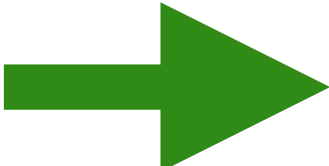
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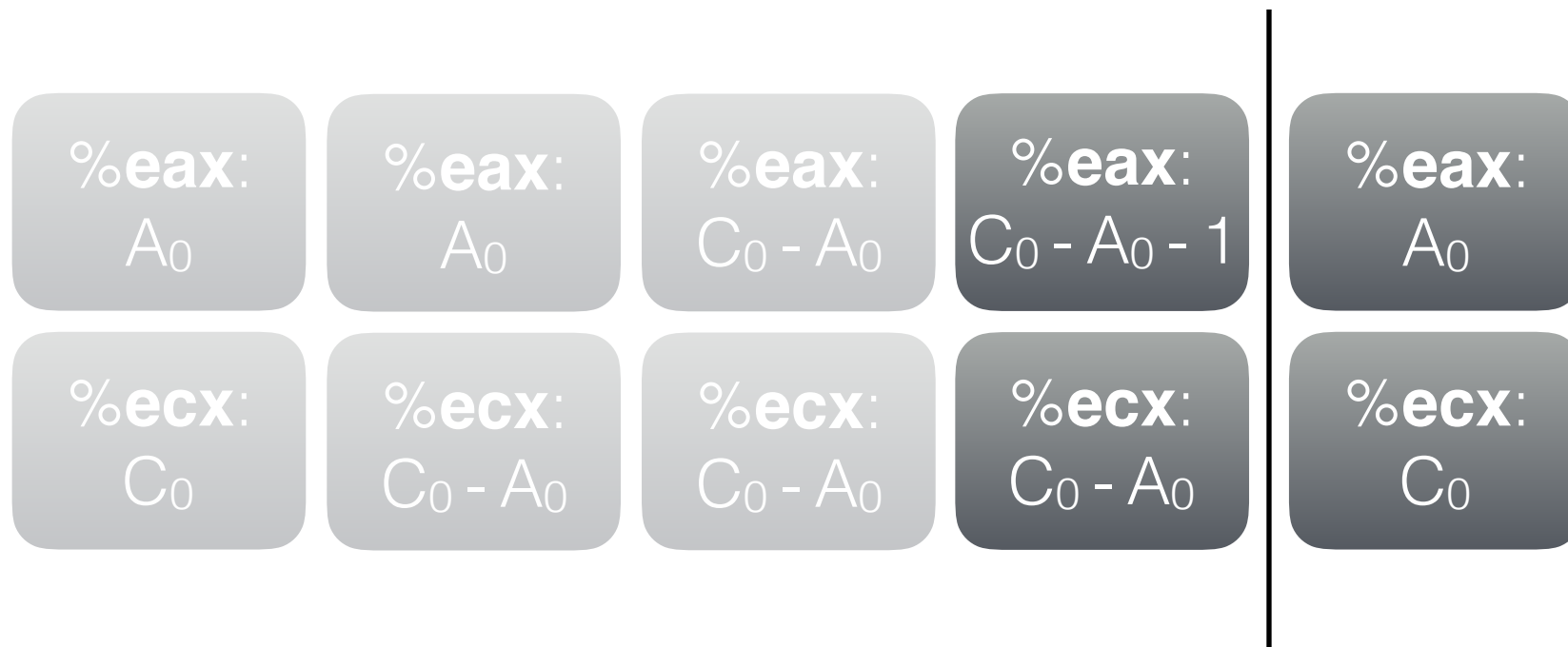
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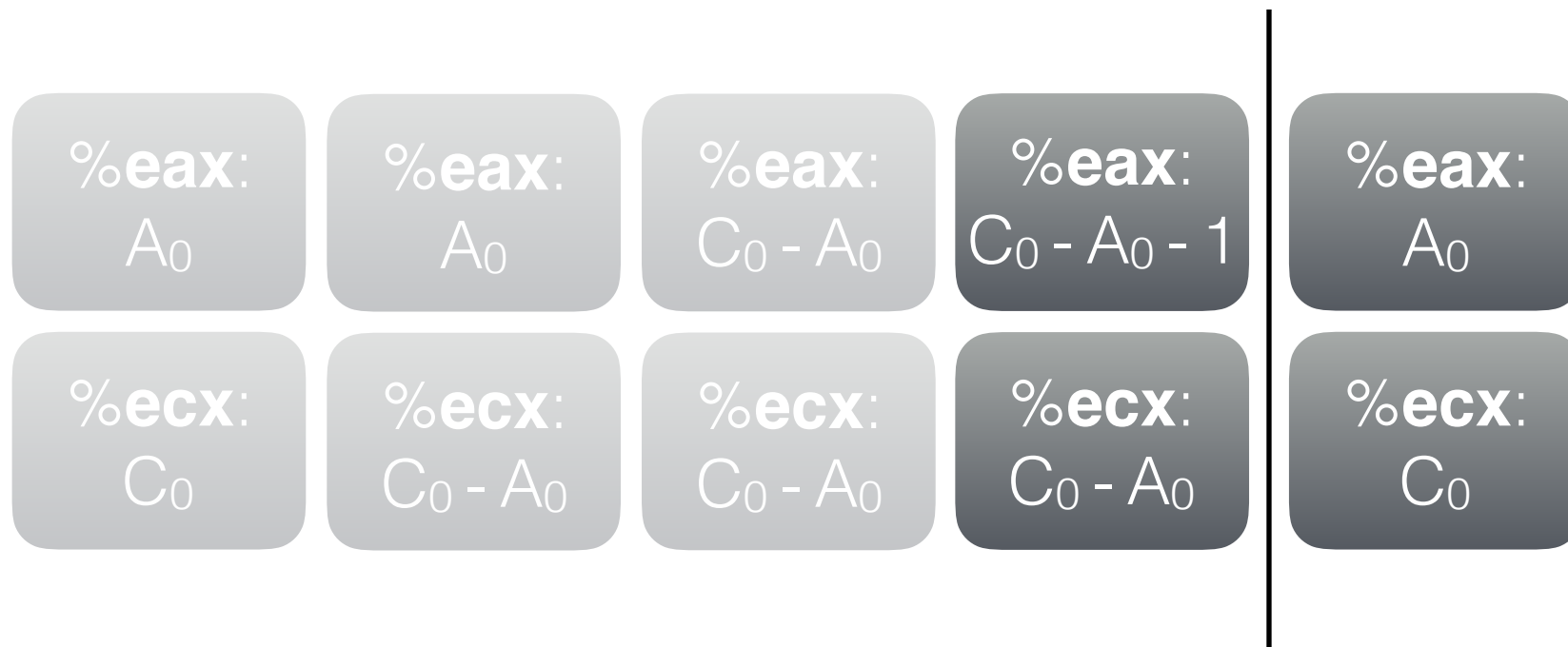


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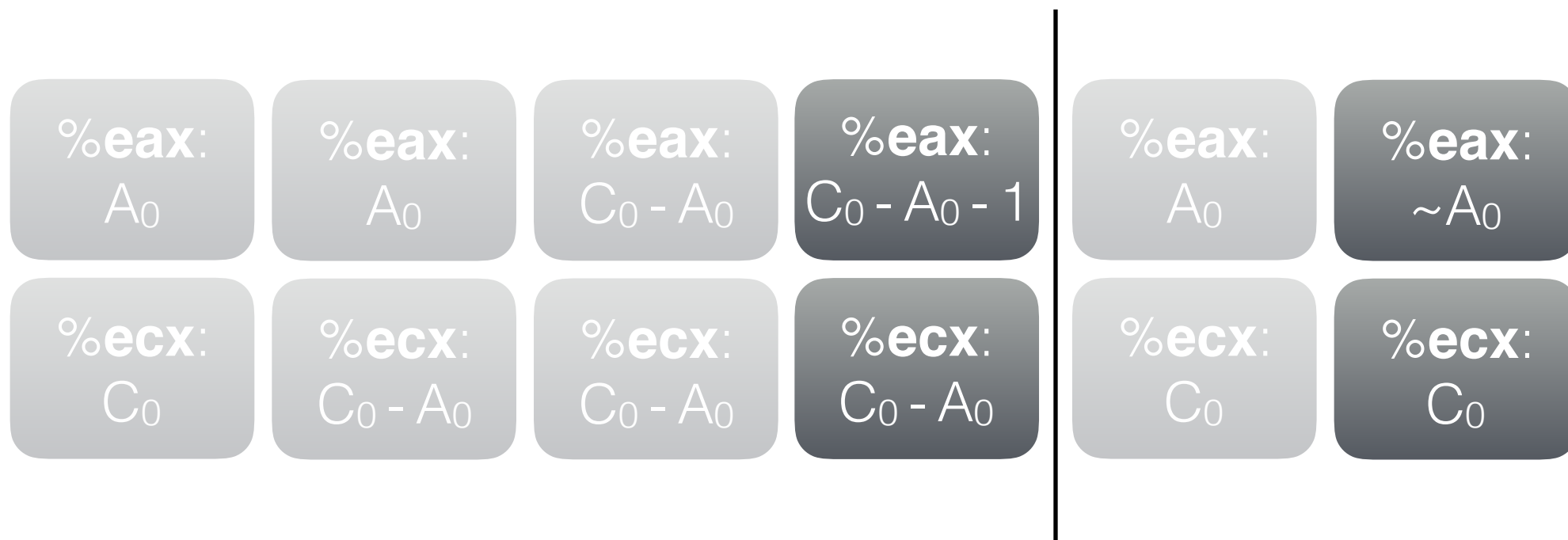
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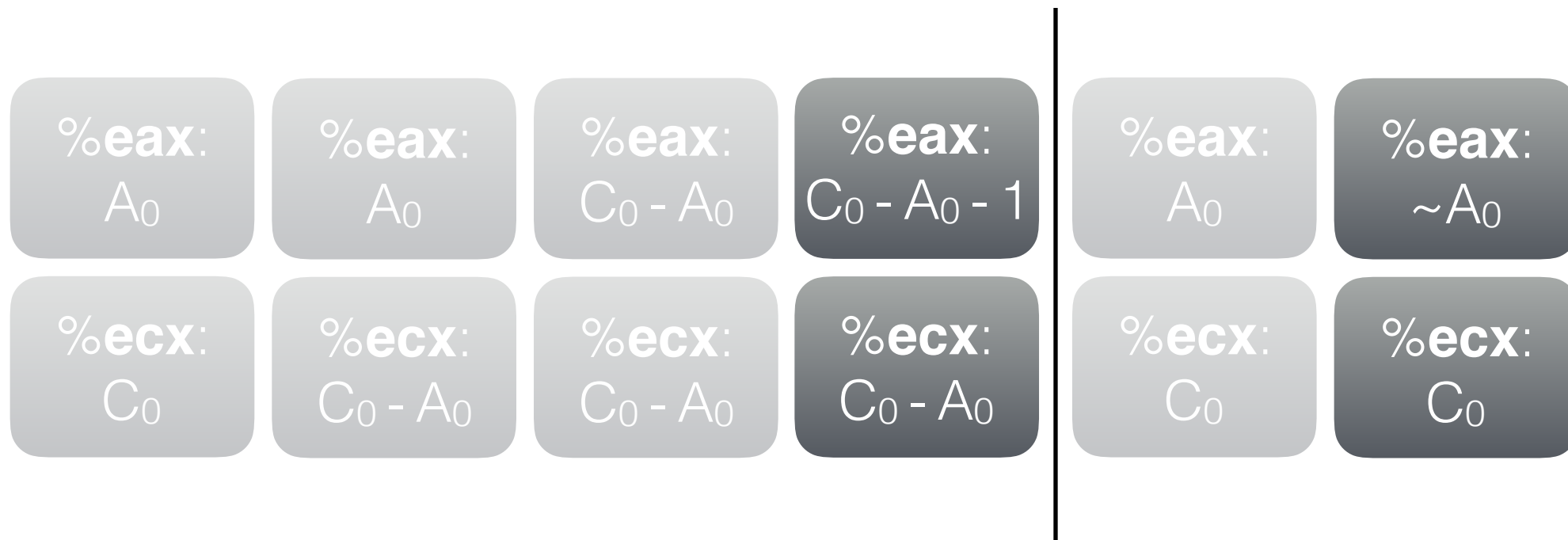
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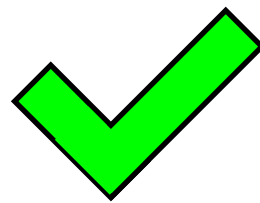
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%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0$

# Example Peephole

subl	%eax, %ecx		notl	%eax
movl	%ecx, %eax		addl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax			

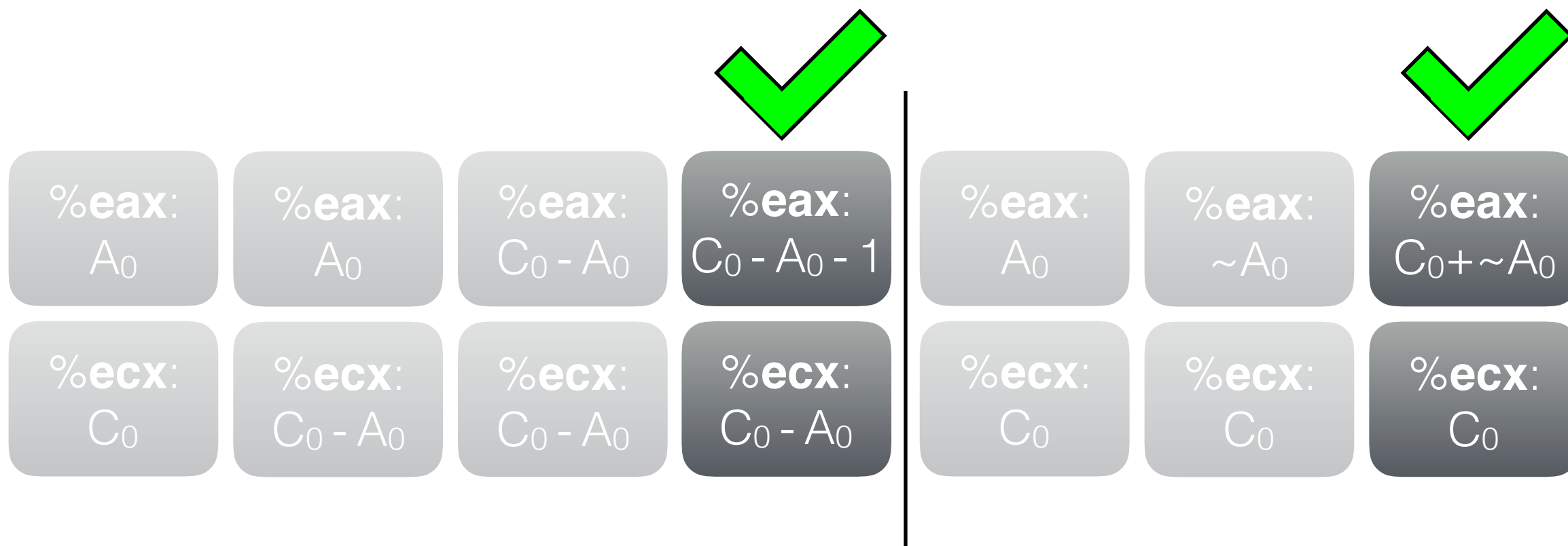


%eax: $A_0$	%eax: $A_0$	%eax: $C_0 - A_0$	%eax: $C_0 - A_0 - 1$	%eax: $A_0$	%eax: $\sim A_0$	%eax: $C_0 + \sim A_0$
%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0 - A_0$	%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0$	%ecx: $C_0$



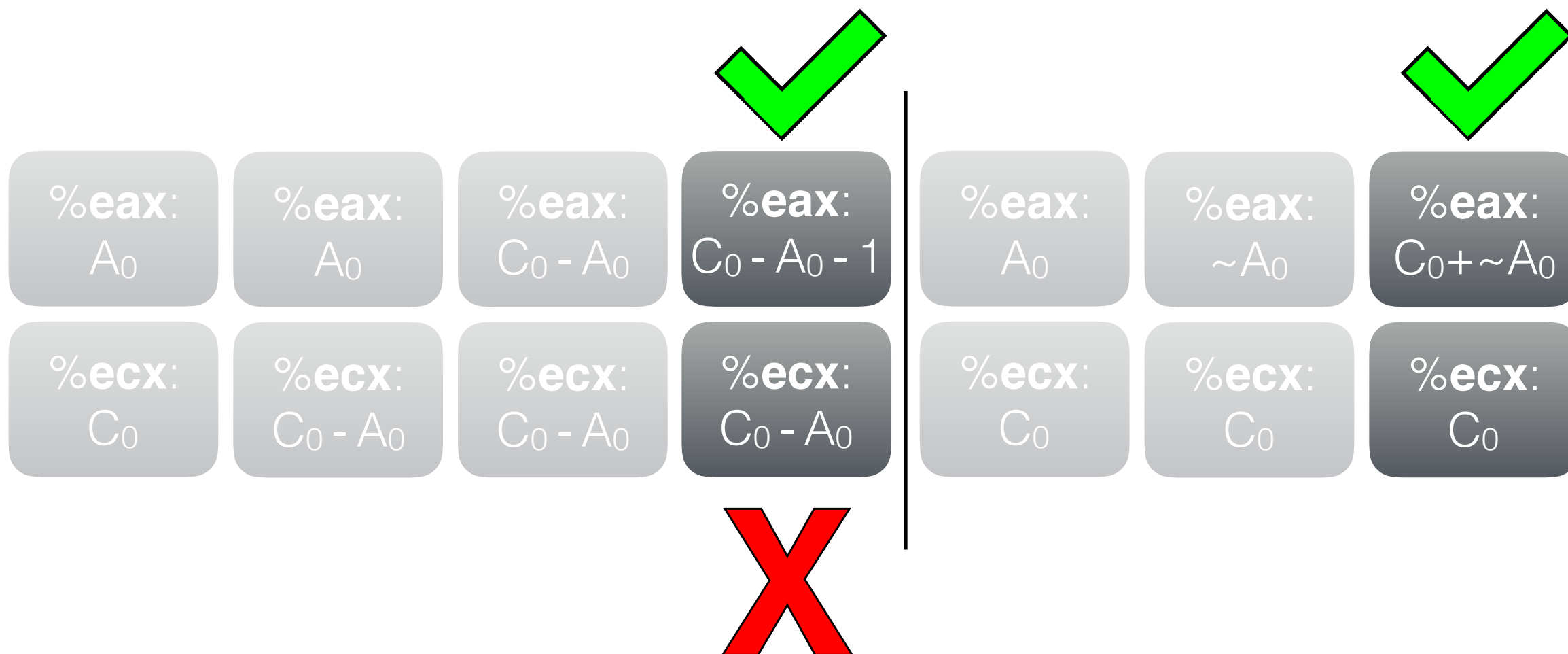
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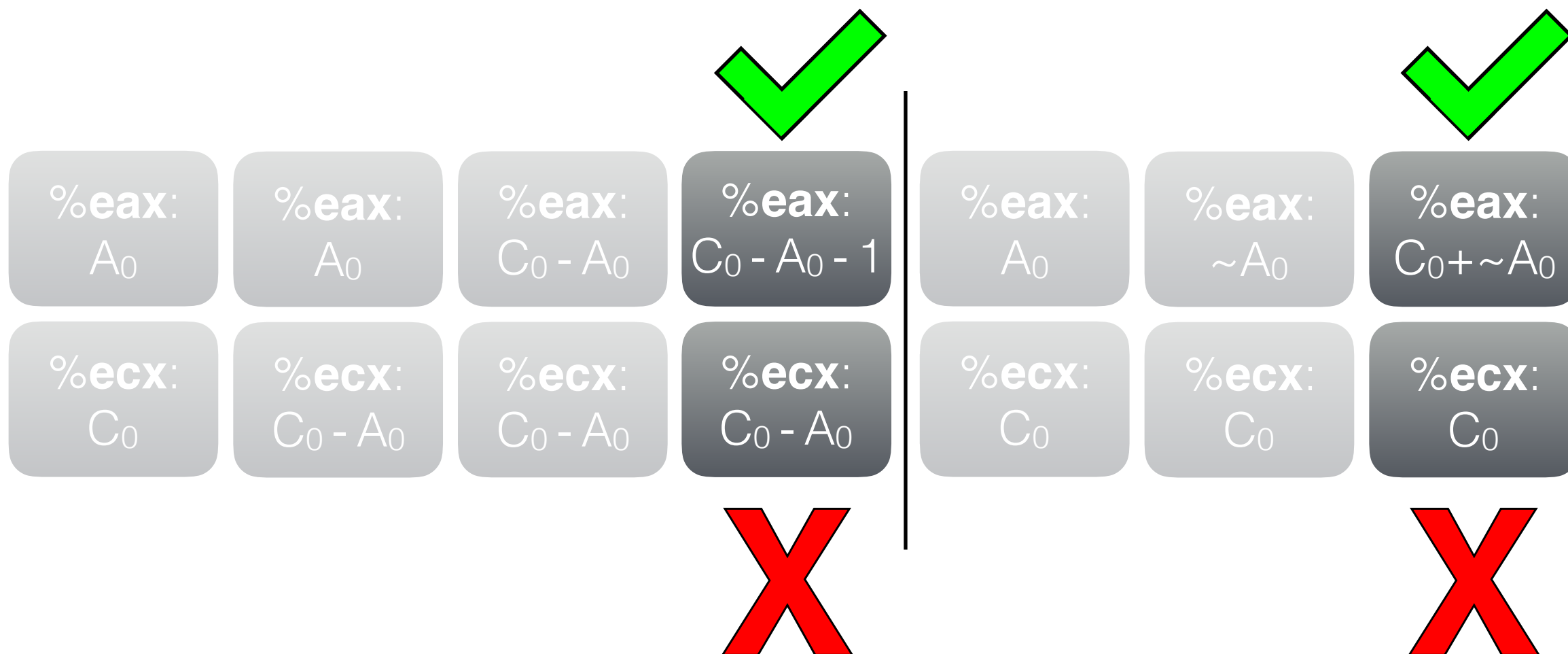
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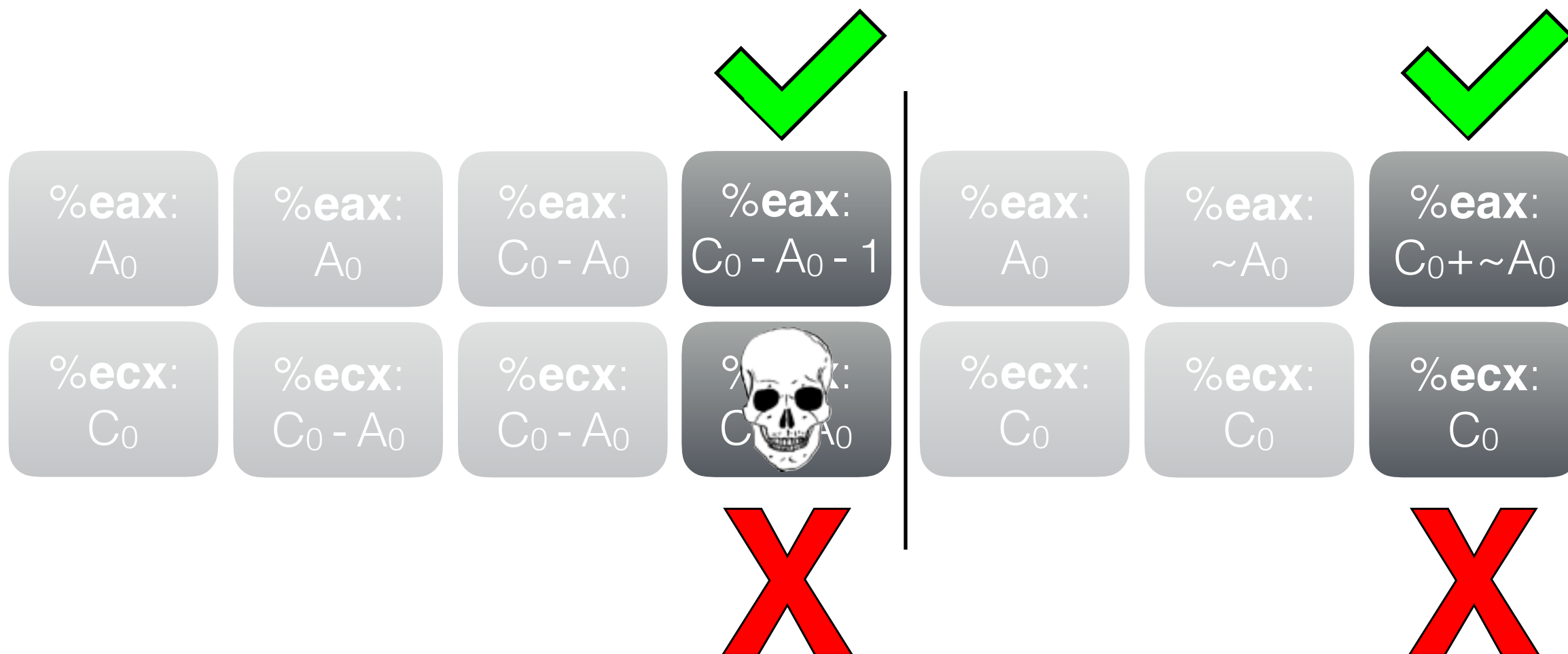
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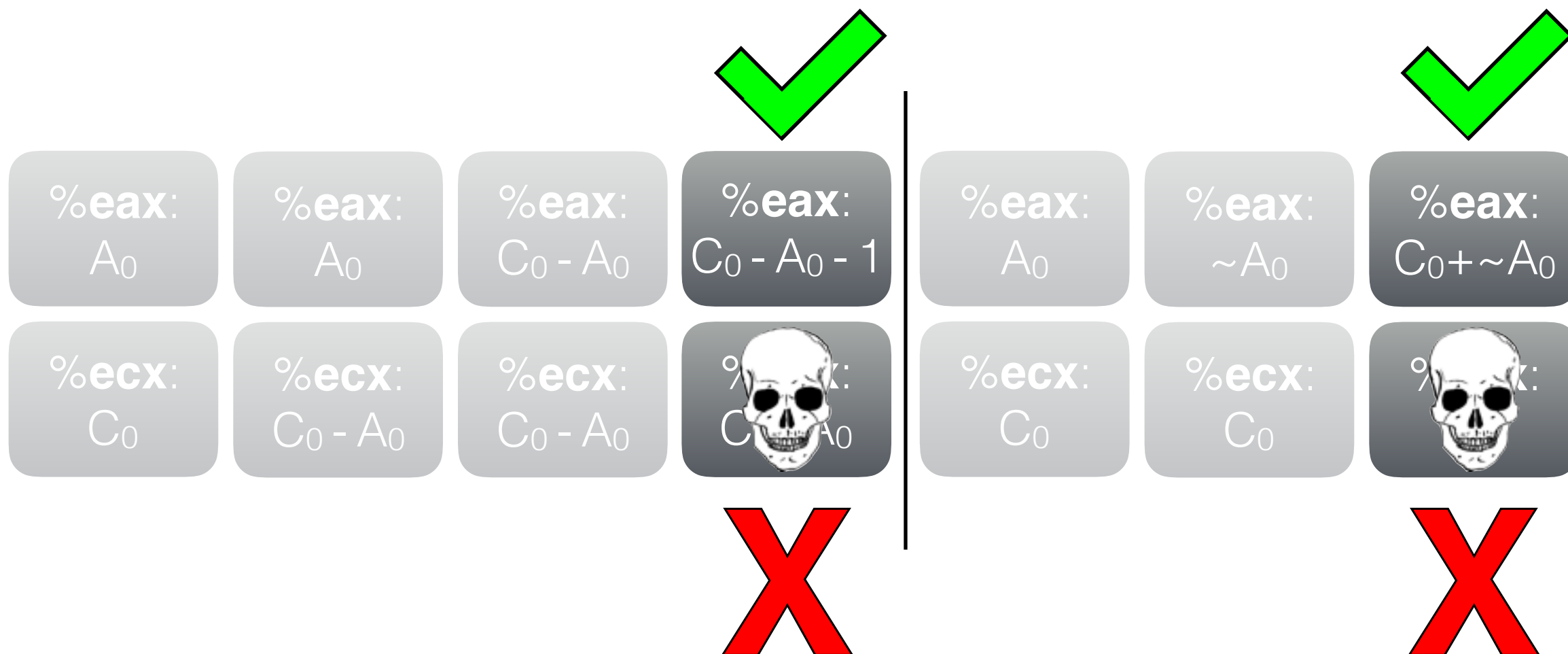
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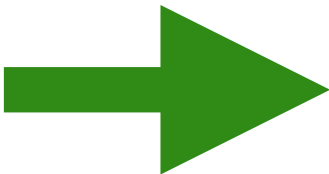


# Local Correctness

Execution produces:

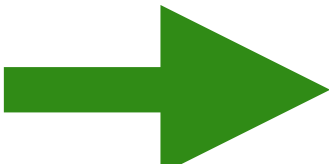
- Identical values in *live registers*
- **No guarantees** for dead registers
- Identical memories

# Parameterization

subl	%eax, %ecx		notl	%eax
movl	%ecx, %eax		addl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax			

# Parameterization

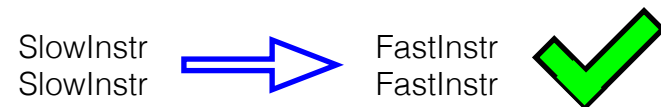
$\forall \text{ reg1, reg2,}$   
 $\text{reg1} \neq \text{reg2} \rightarrow$

subl	reg1, reg2		notl	reg1
movl	reg2, reg1		addl	reg2, reg1
decl	reg1			



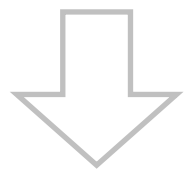
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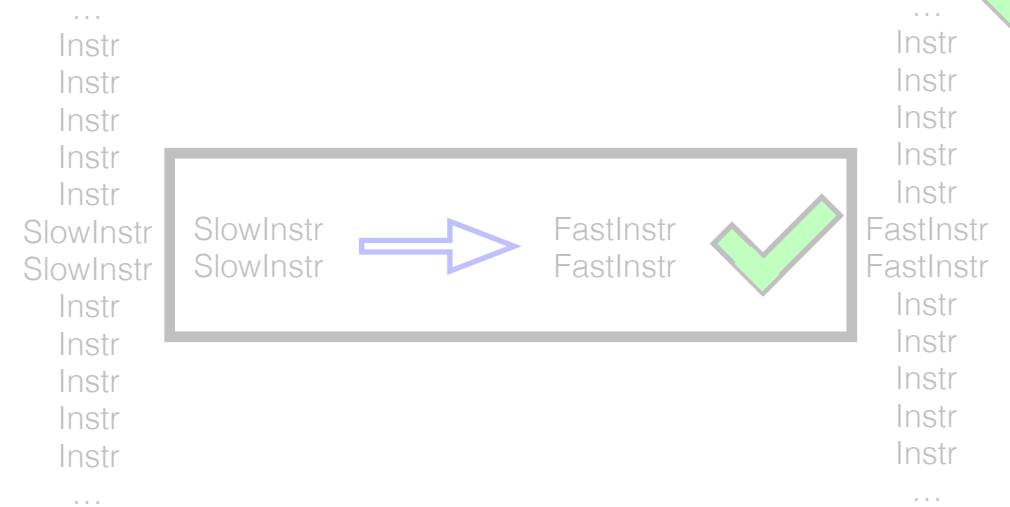
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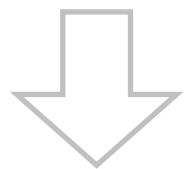
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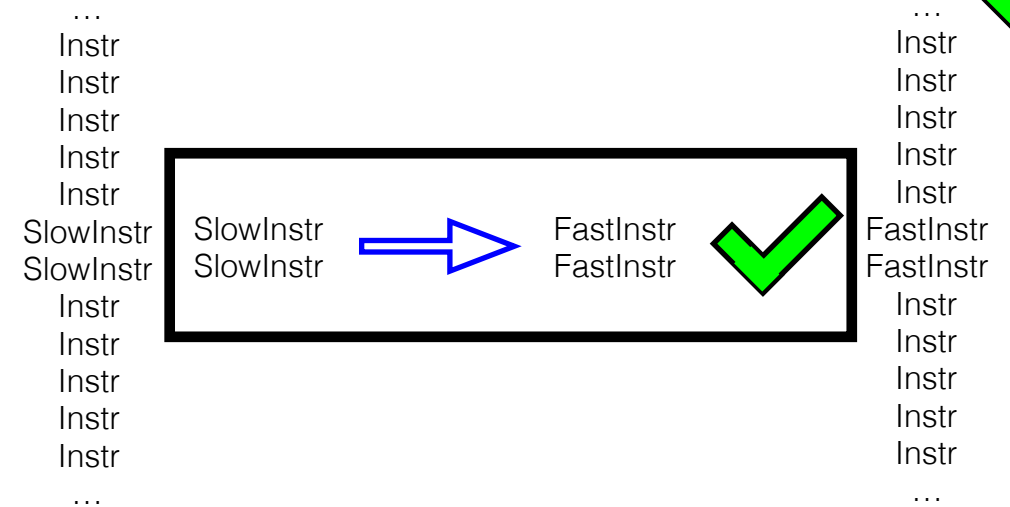
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# Program Equivalence

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# Program Equivalence

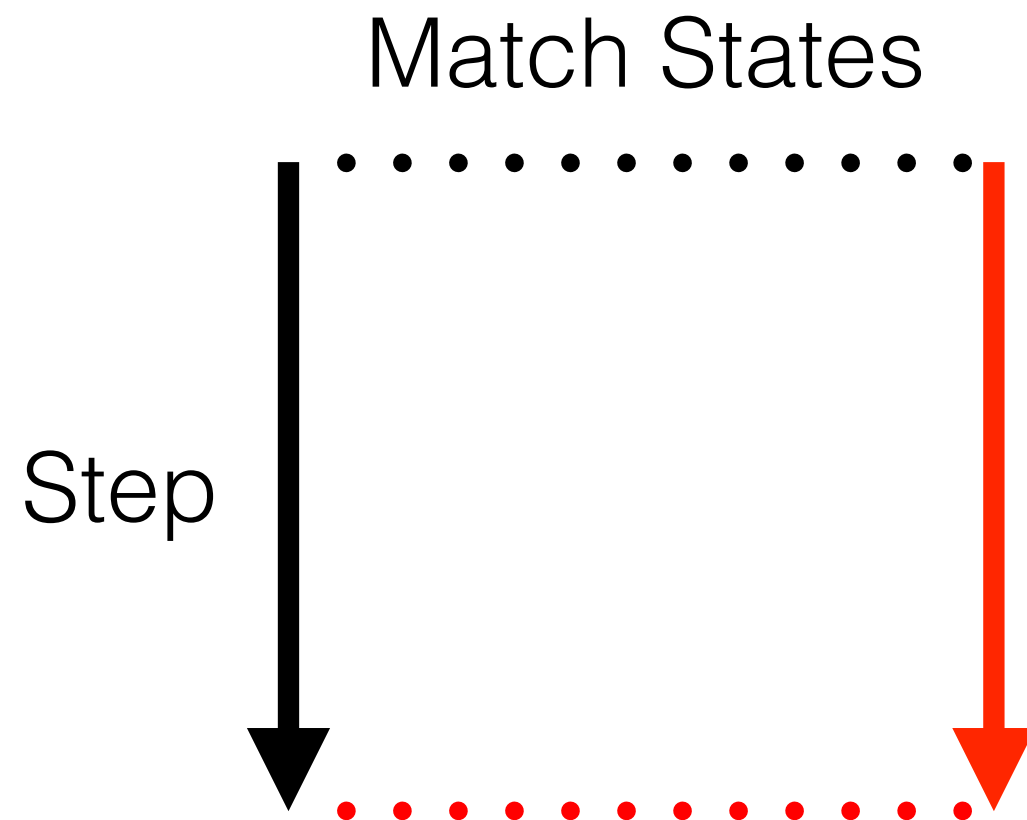
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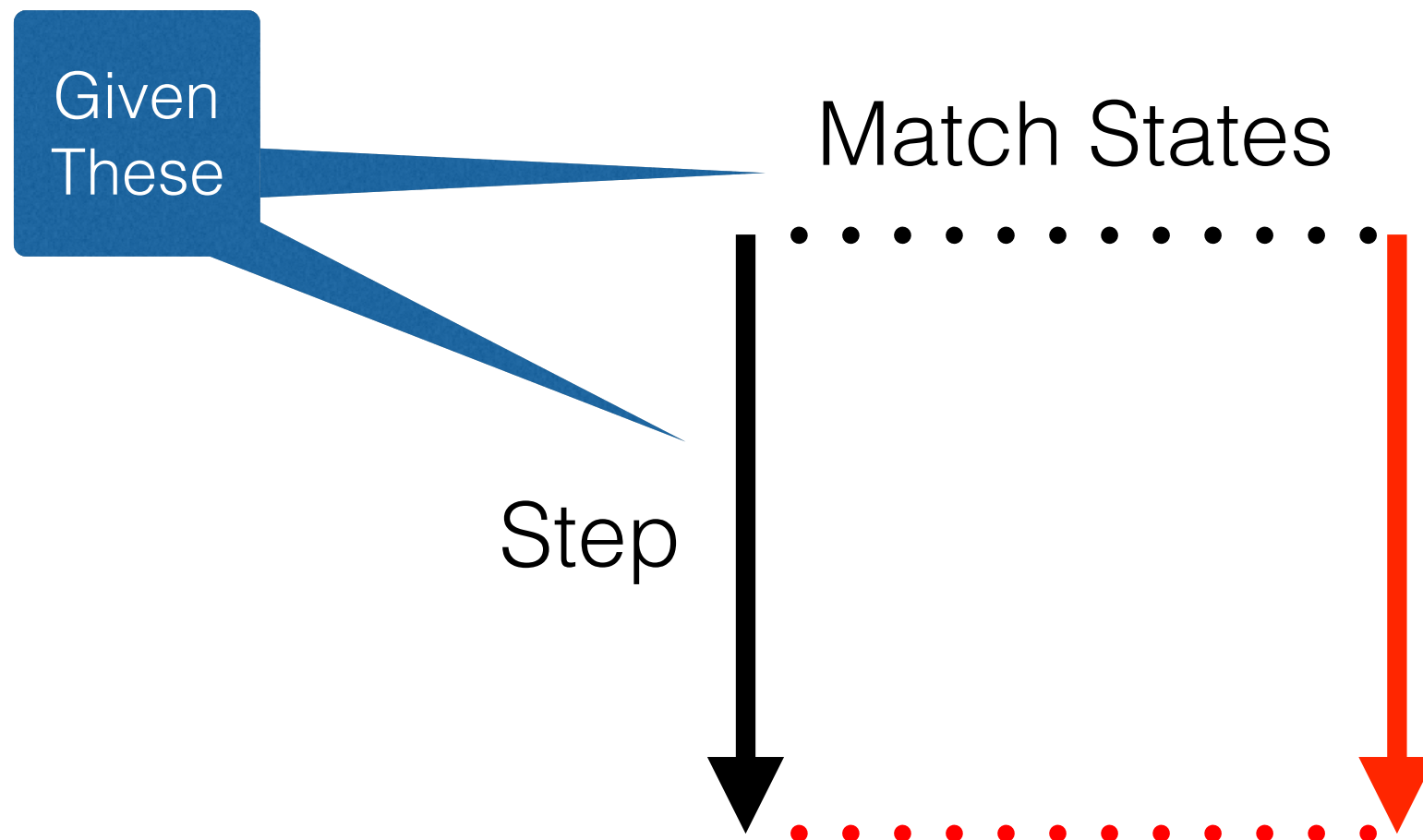
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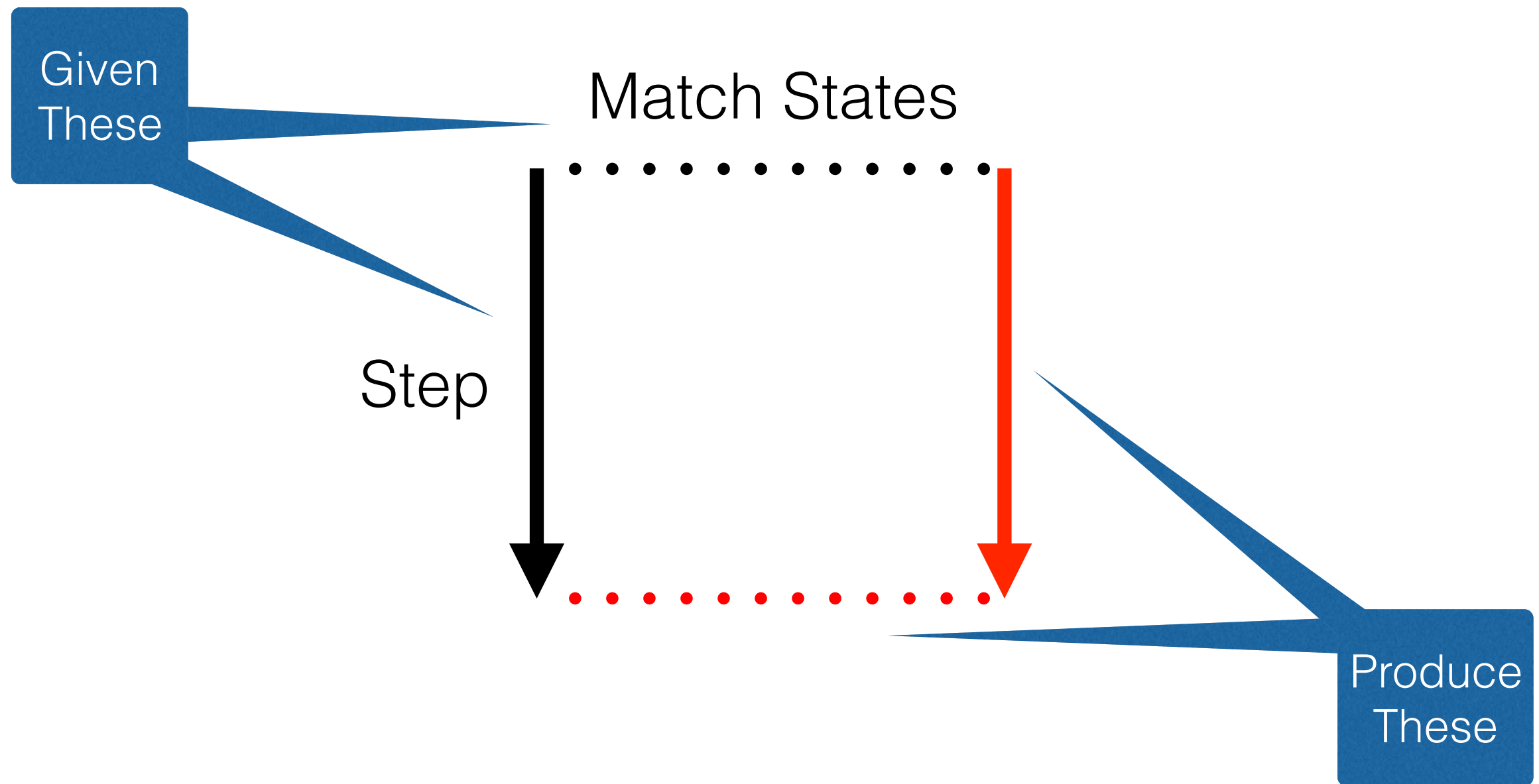
# Simulation Relation



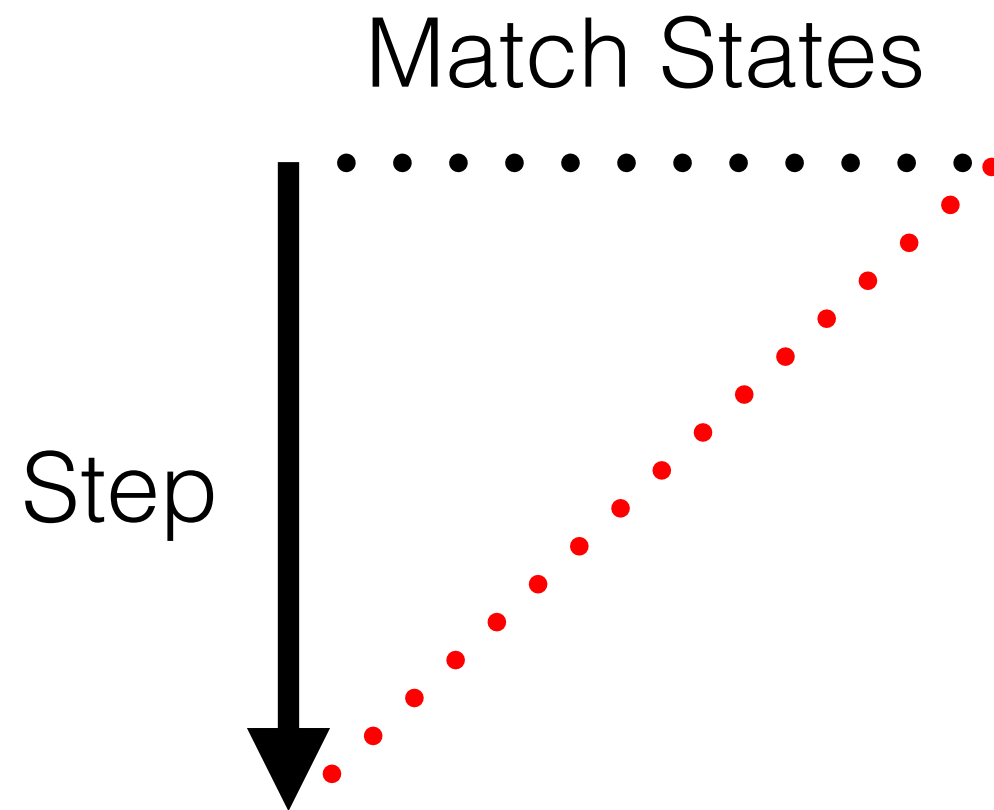
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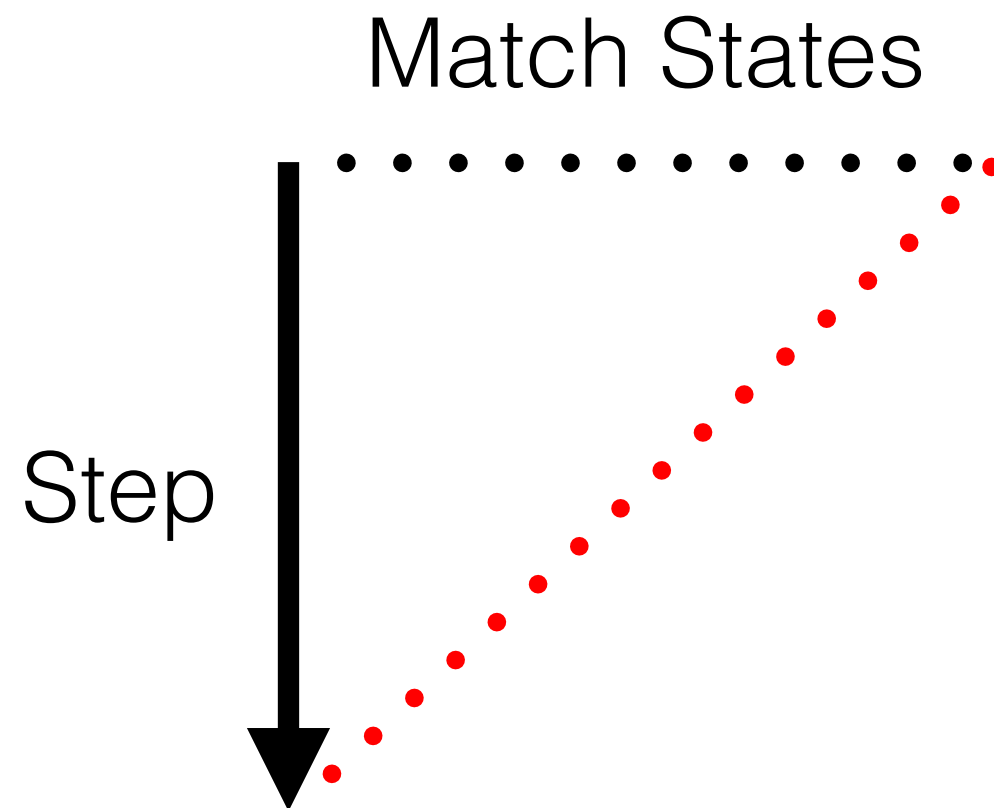


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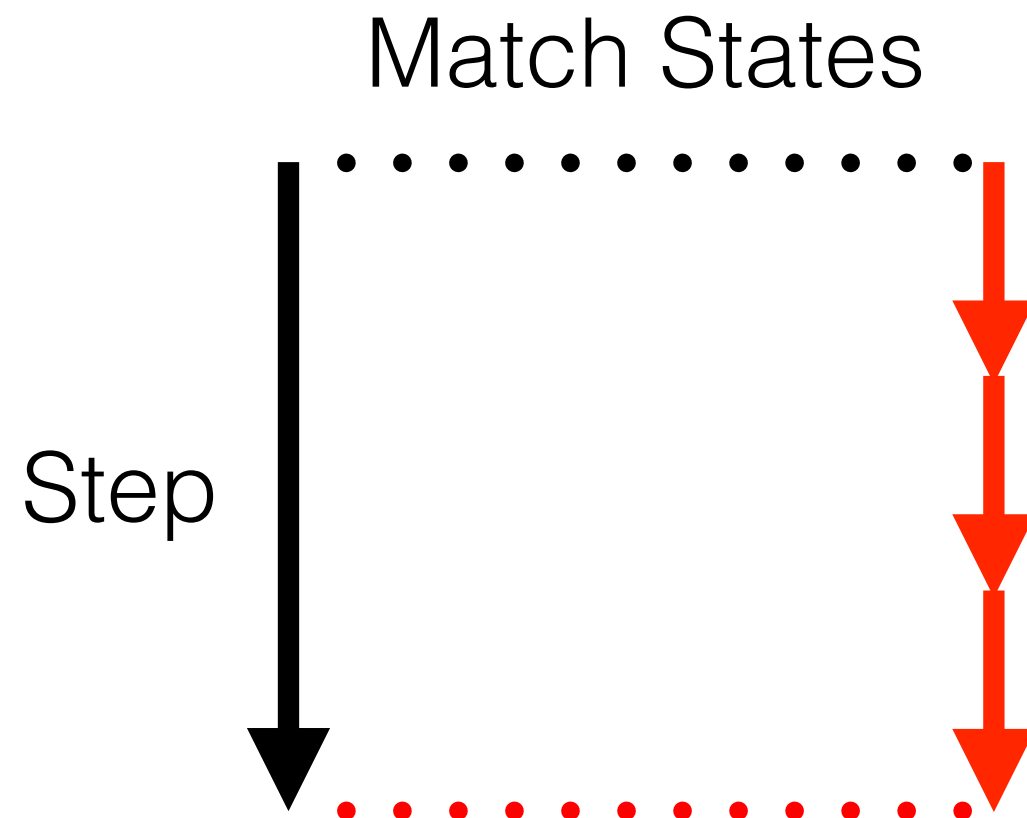


# Simulation Relation



\*As long as a measure decreases

# Simulation Relation



# Match States



Original

Transformed



subl	%eax, %ecx
movl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax

notl	%eax
addl	%ecx, %eax
nop	

# Match States



Original

Transformed



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subl	%eax, %ecx	notl	%eax
movl	%ecx, %eax	addl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax	nop	

# Match States

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Transformed



subl . . . . %eax, %ecx  
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decl %eax

notl %eax  
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nop

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subl %eax, %ecx	notl %eax
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Local Peephole Correctness





# Program Properties

Necessary properties of programs to rewrite:

- Correct Liveness Information
- Single Entry
- Single Exit
- etc. (see paper)

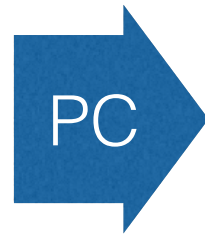
# Single Entry

```
decl    %eax  
pushl   %esp  
leal    0(%ecx,%edx,4), %esi  
incl    %edx
```

subl	%eax, %ecx
movl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax

```
popl    %edx  
decl    %edi  
addl    $31, %eax
```

# Single Entry

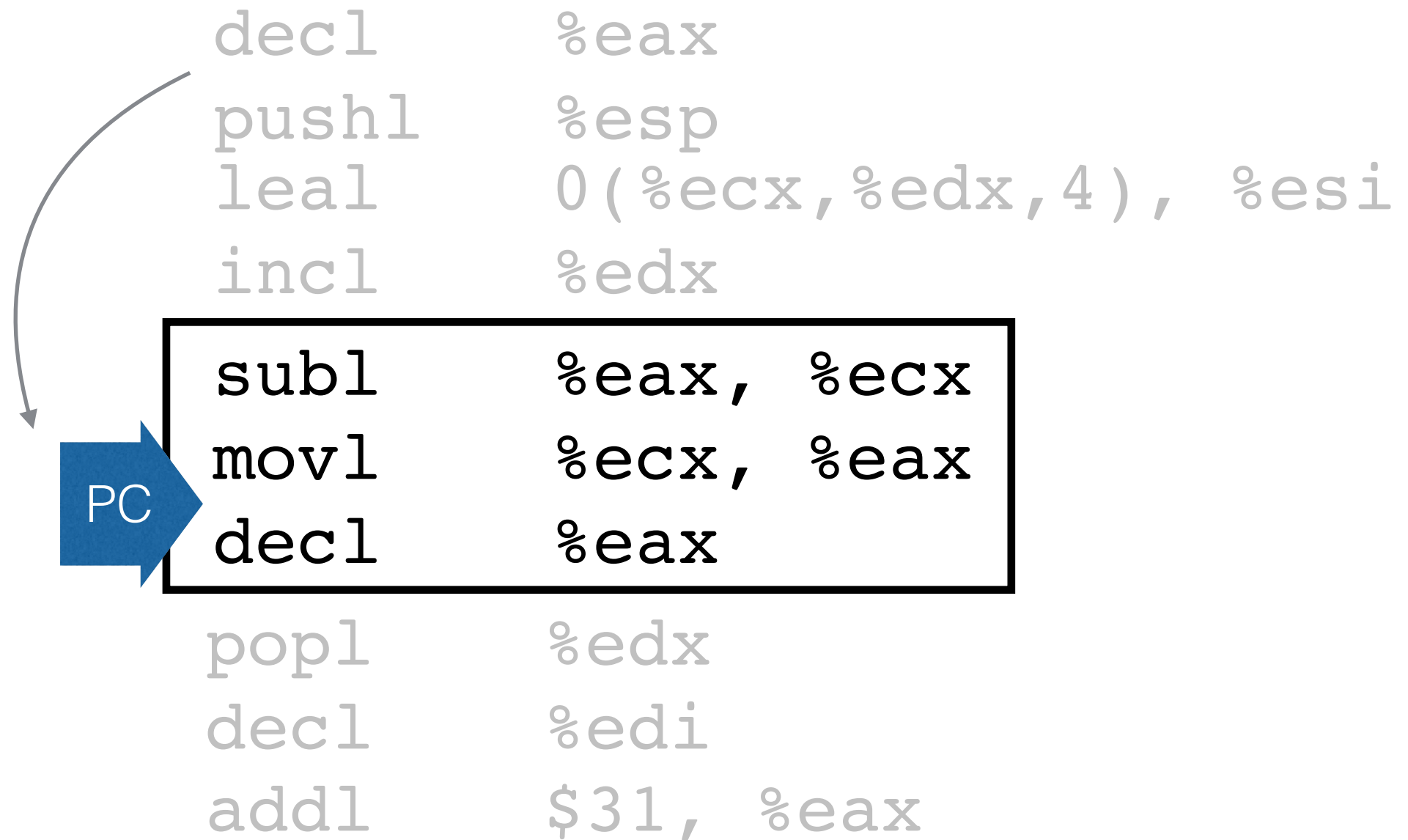


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pushl   %esp  
leal    0(%ecx,%edx,4), %esi  
incl    %edx
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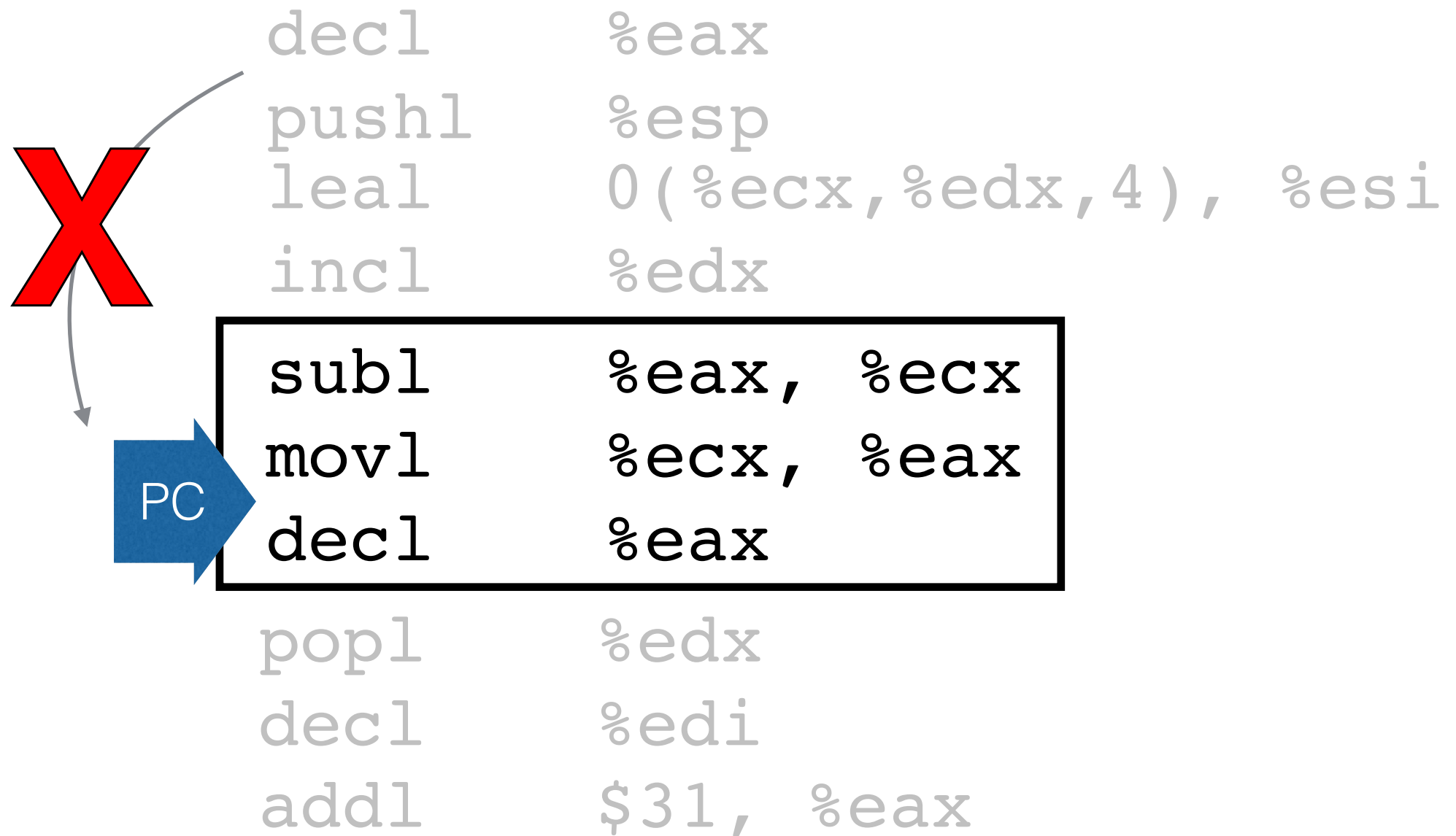
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decl	%eax

```
popl    %edx  
decl    %edi  
addl    $31, %eax
```

# Single Entry



# Single Entry



# Single Exit

```
decl    %eax  
pushl   %esp  
leal    0(%ecx,%edx,4), %esi  
incl    %edx
```

```
jmp     .L1  
L1:  
decl    %eax
```

```
popl    %edx  
decl    %edi  
addl    $31, %eax
```

# Single Exit

**L1:**

decl %eax

pushl %esp

leal 0(%ecx,%edx,4), %esi

incl %edx

jmp .L1

L1:

decl %eax

popl %edx

decl %edi

addl \$31, %eax

# Single Exit

**L1:**

decl %eax

pushl %esp

leal 0(%ecx,%edx,4), %esi

incl %edx

PC

jmp .L1

L1:

decl %eax

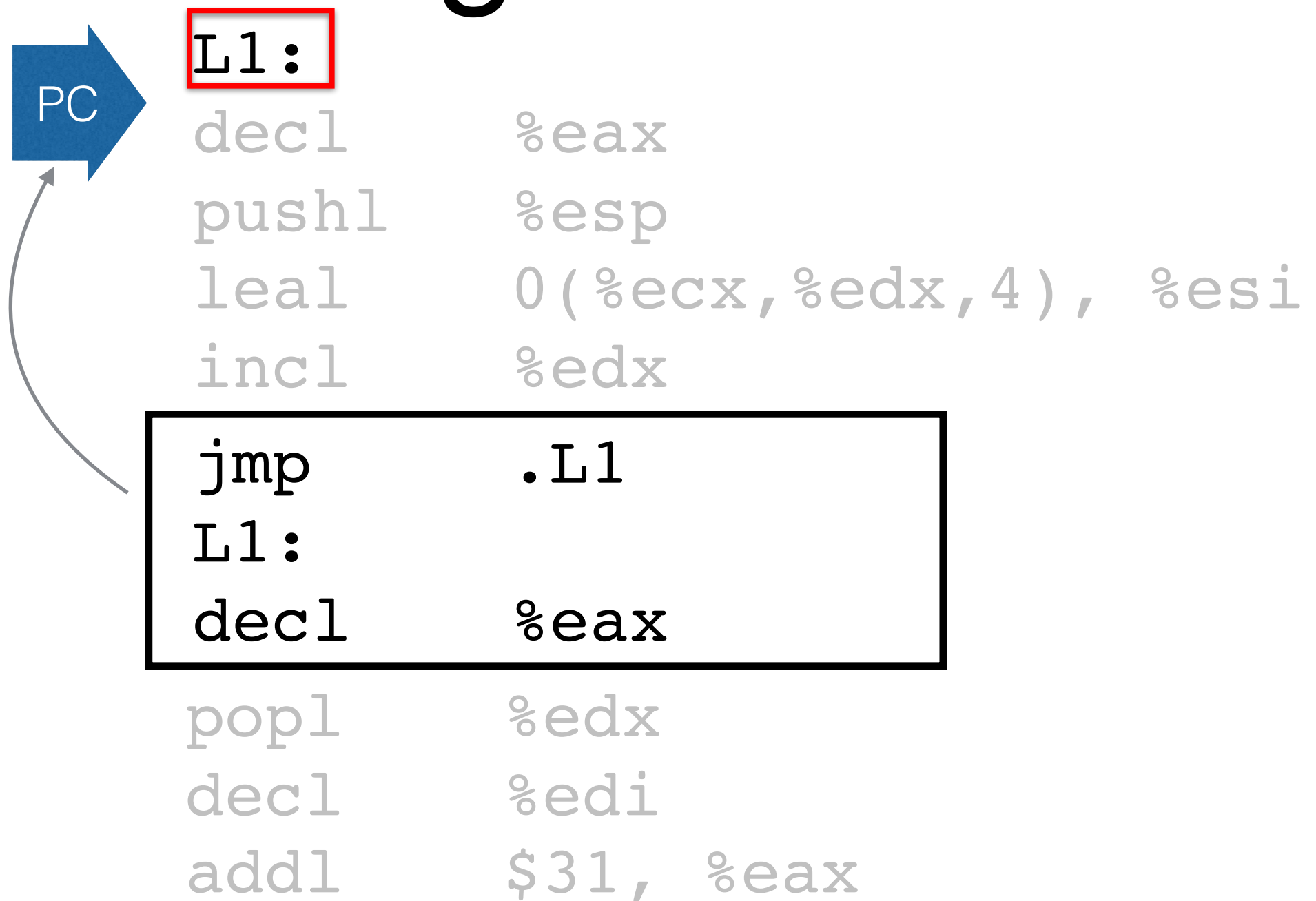
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decl %edi

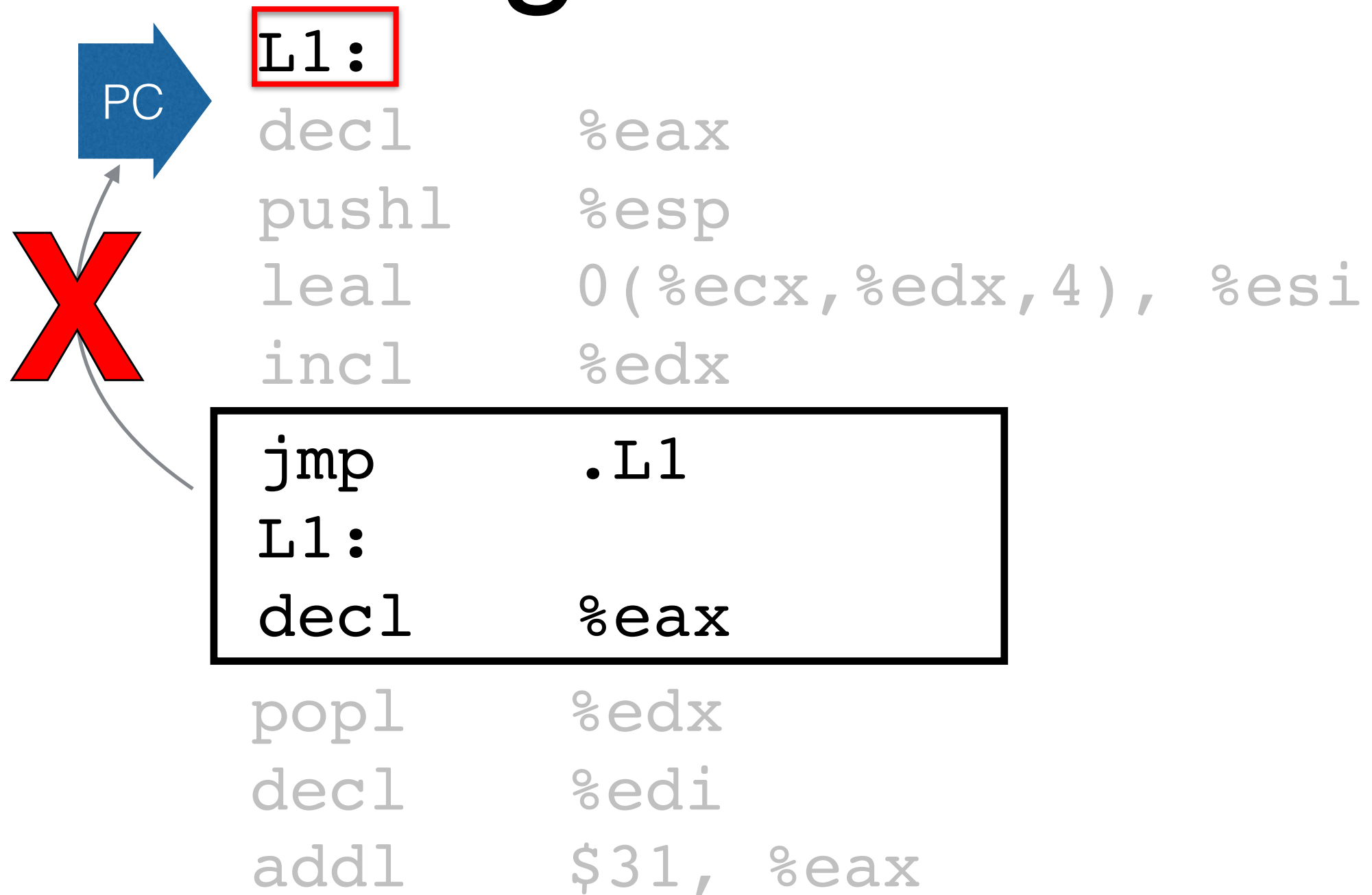
addl \$31, %eax



# Single Exit



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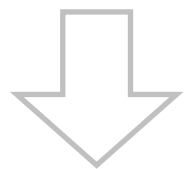
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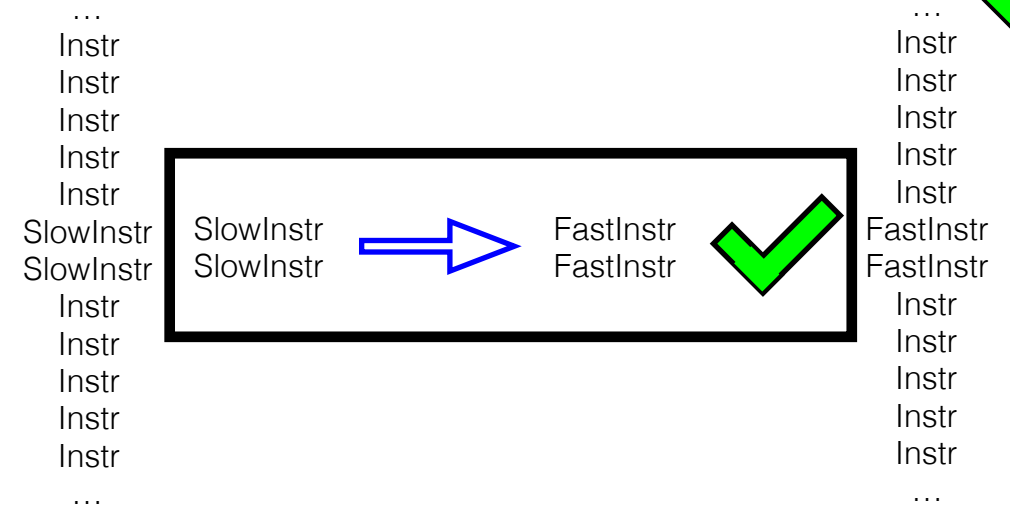
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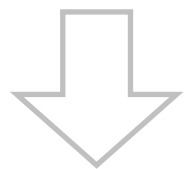


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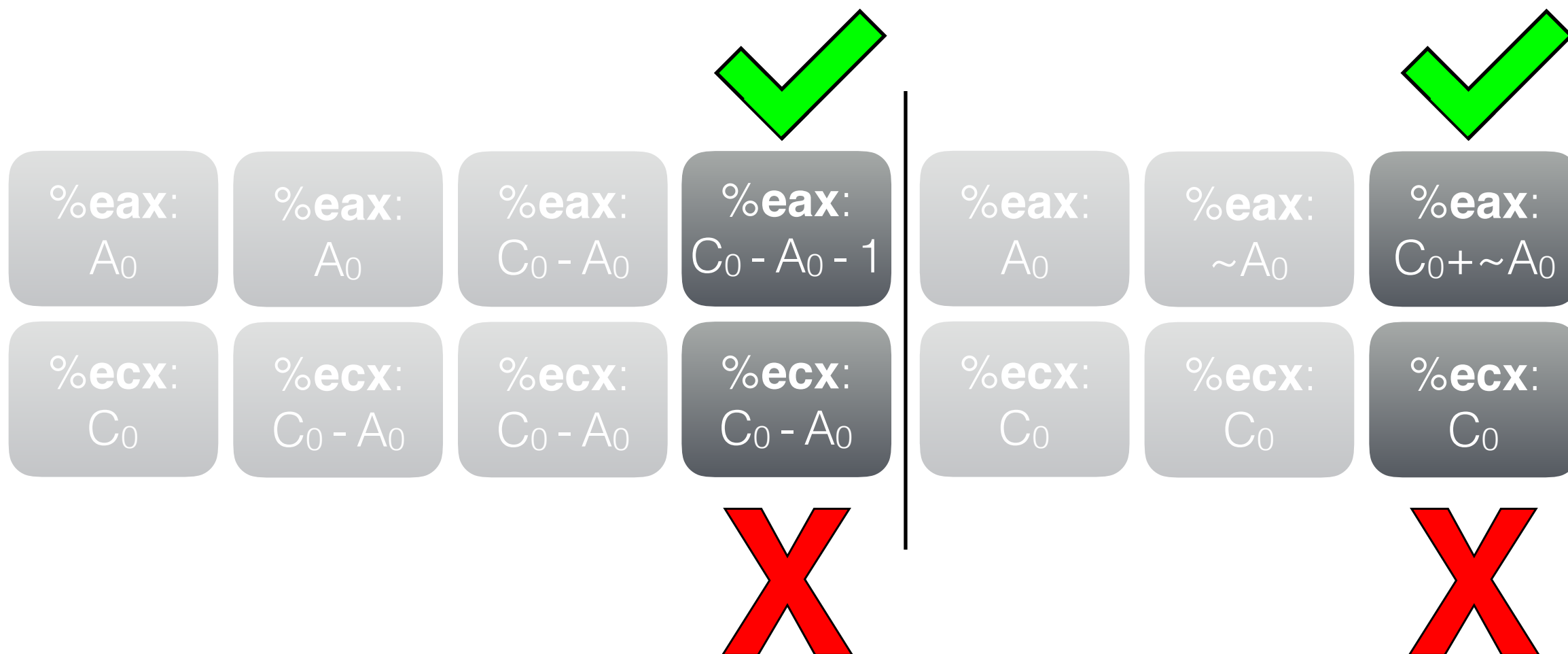
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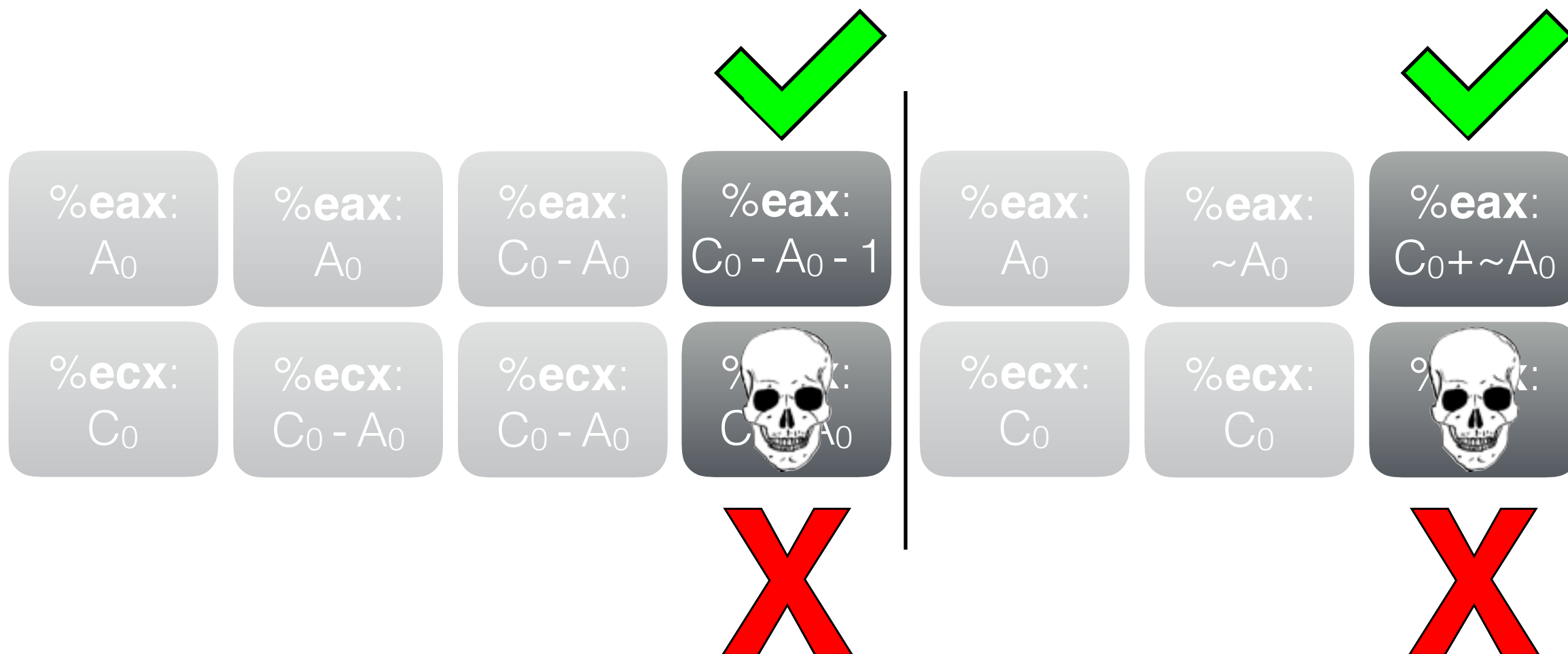
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subl	%eax,	%ecx		notl	%eax
movl	%ecx,	%eax		addl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax				



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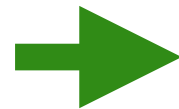


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leal 0(%ecx,%eax) %eax
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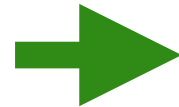
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addl %ecx, %eax
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# Example

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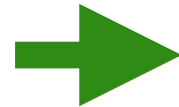
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Writes  
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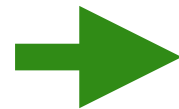
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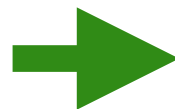
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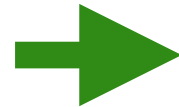
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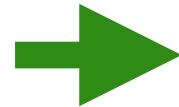
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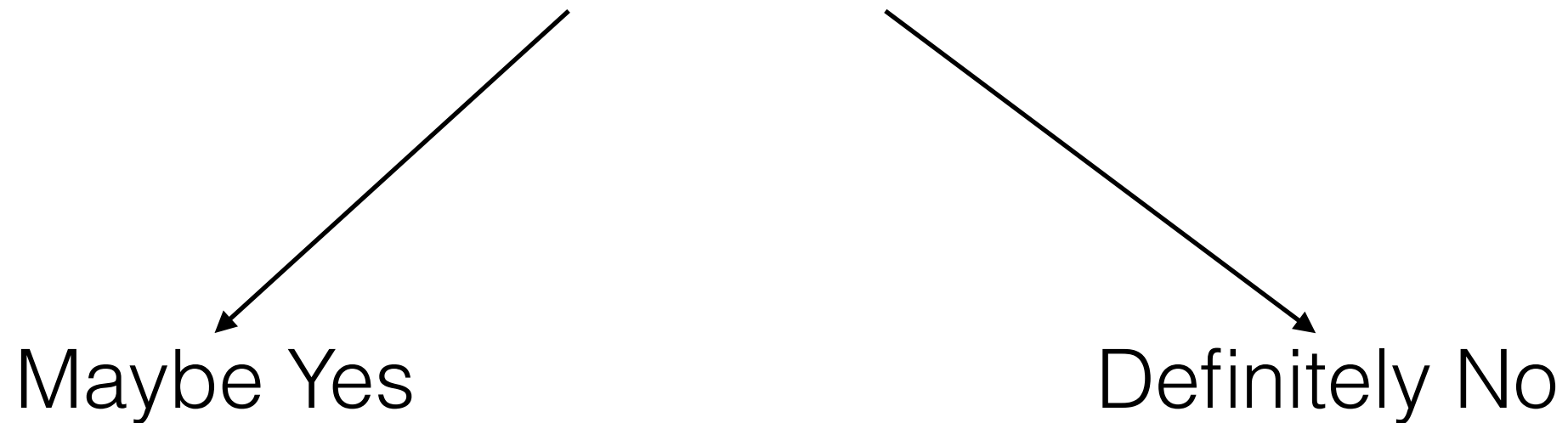


Writes  
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# Liveness

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Maybe Yes

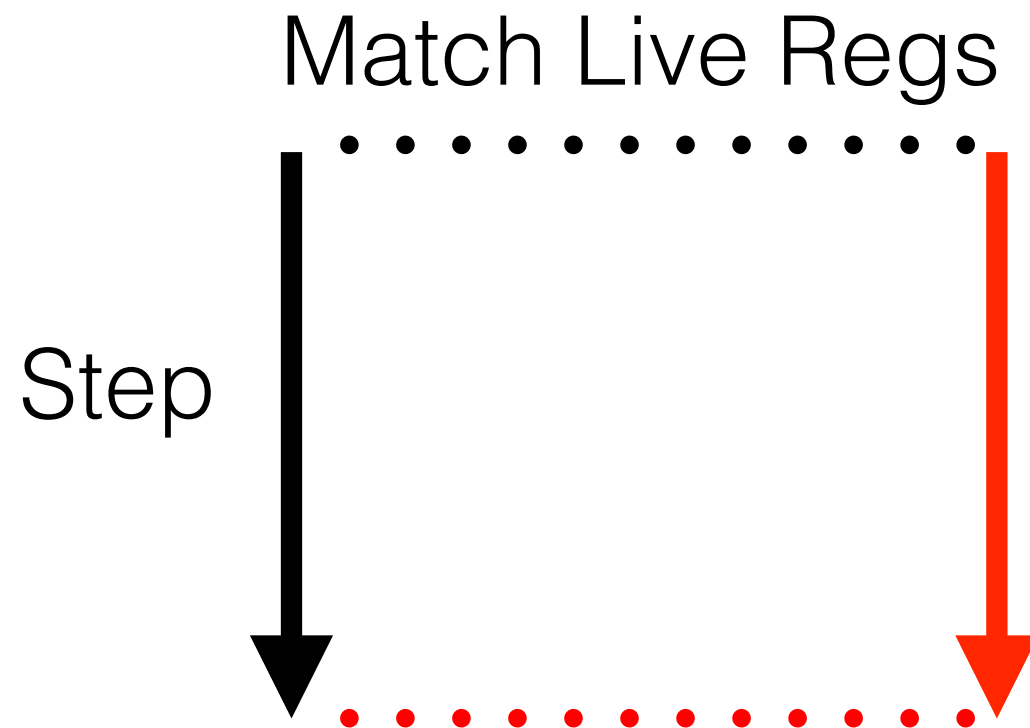
Definitely No





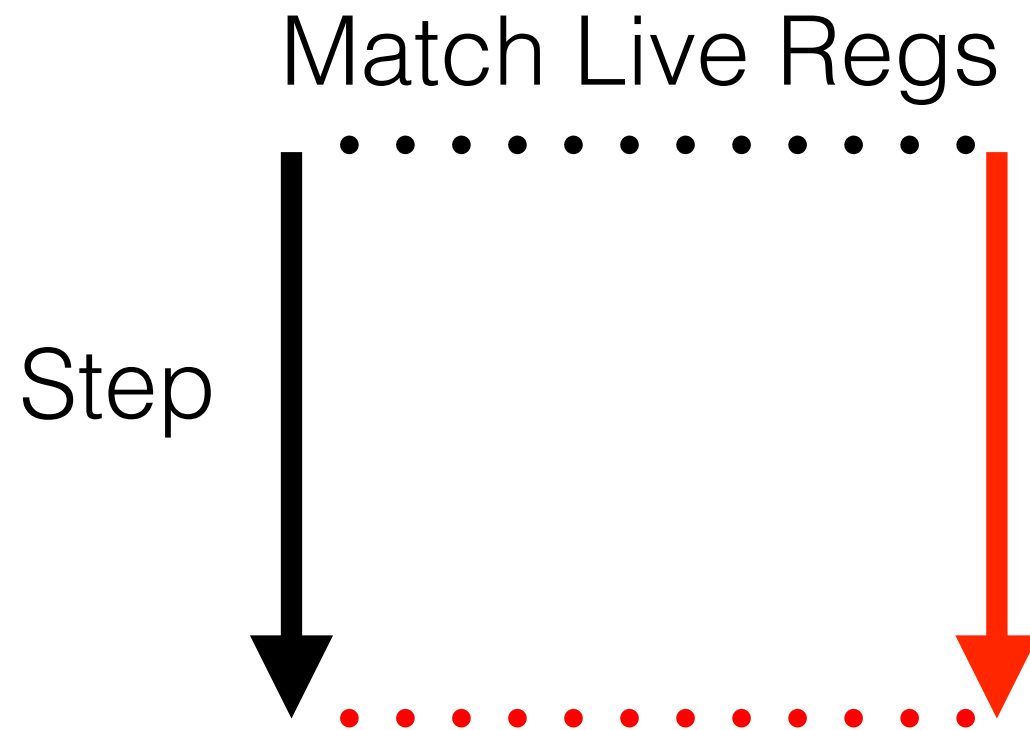
# Liveness

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\* *Verified assuming facts about calling convention*

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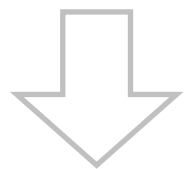


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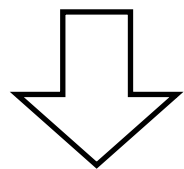


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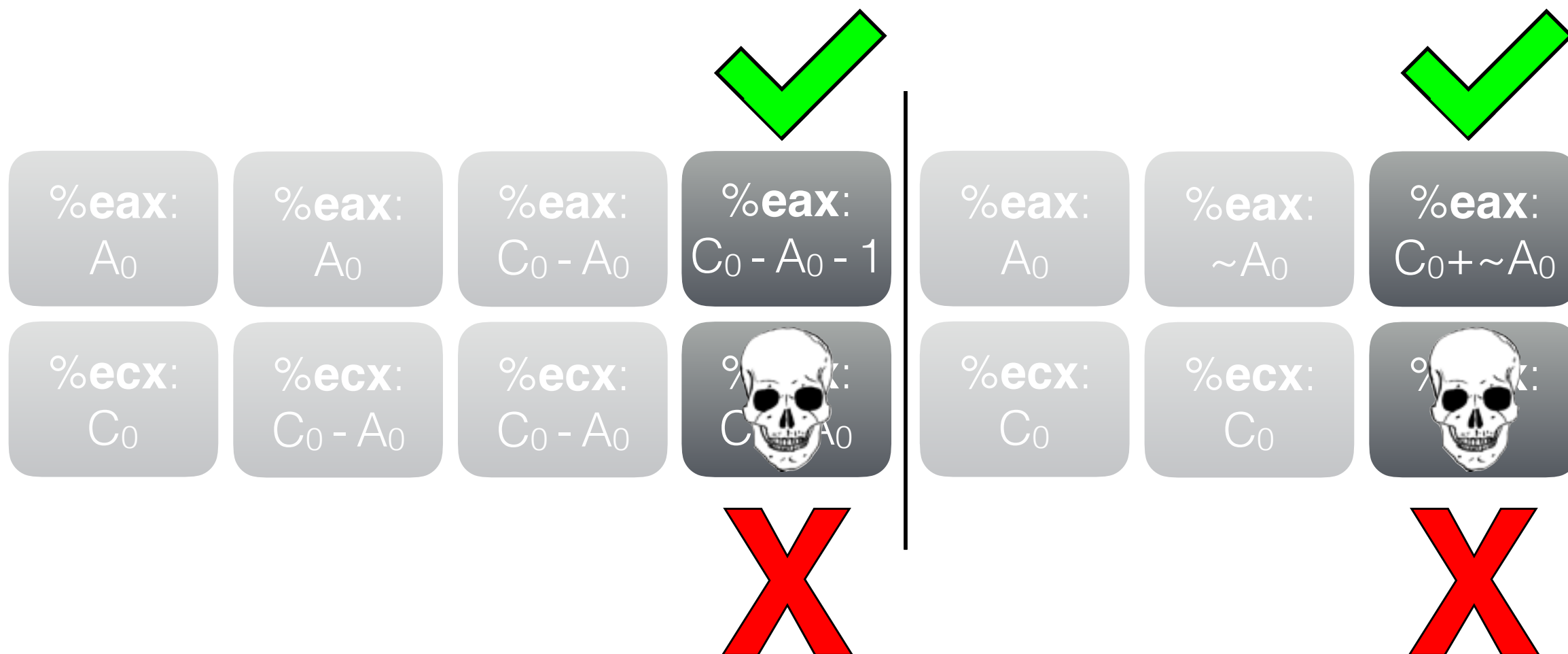
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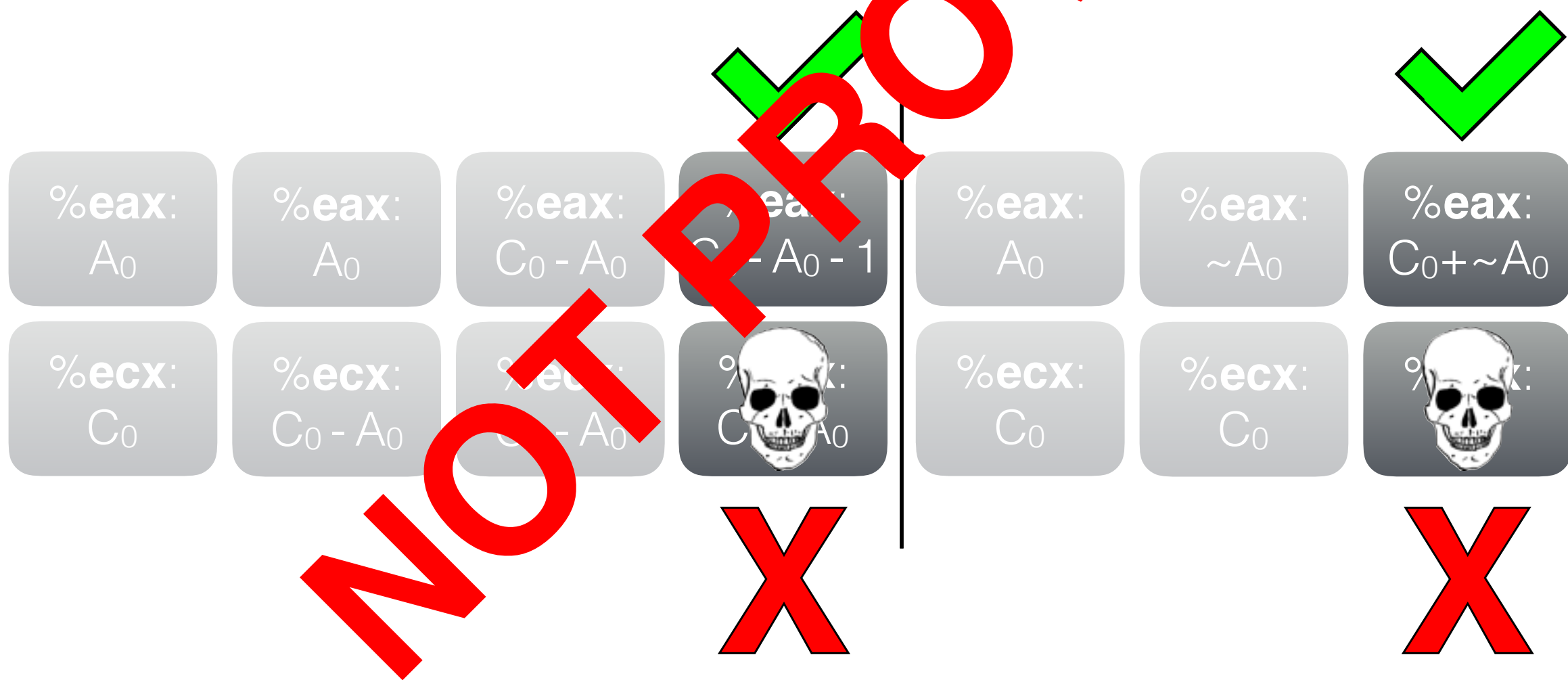
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decl	%eax			



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```
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movl    %ecx, %eax    addl    %ecx, %eax
decl    %eax
```



# Example

**%eax:**  
 $C_0 - A_0 - 1$

**%eax:**  
 $C_0 + \sim A_0$

# Exam

*Recall:*

$$x - y - 1 = x + \sim y$$

for two's complement

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 $C_0 - A_0 - 1$

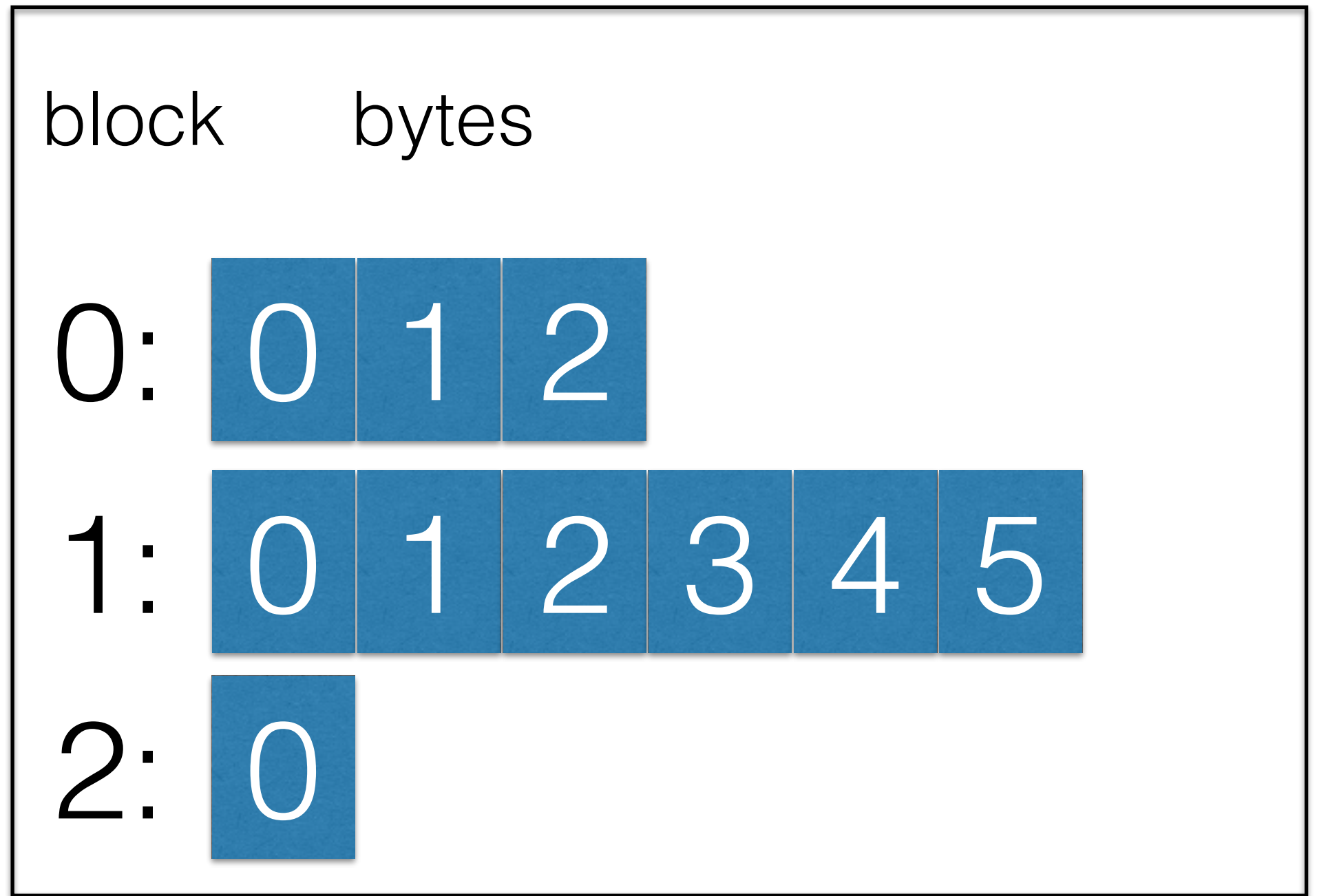
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# Assembly Semantics

```
Inductive val:Type :=  
| Vundef: val  
| Vint: int -> val  
| Vlong: int64 -> val  
| Vfloat: float -> val  
| Vsingle: float32 -> val  
| Vptr: block -> int -> val.
```

# Addressing Memory



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Load  
(0,2)

block      bytes

0:

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3

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2:

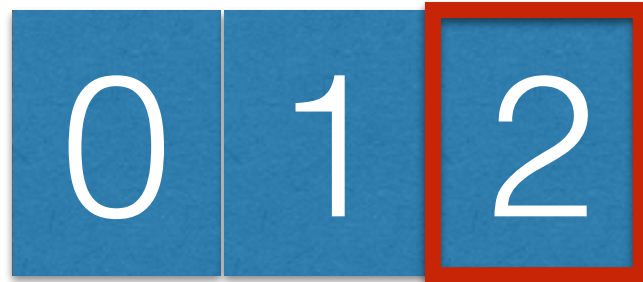
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```
Definition sub (v1 v2: val): val :=
  match v1, v2 with
  | Vint n1, Vint n2 =>
    Vint(Int.sub n1 n2)
  | Vptr b1 ofs1, Vint n2 =>
    Vptr b1 (Int.sub ofs1 n2)
  | Vptr b1 ofs1, Vptr b2 ofs2 =>
    if eq_block b1 b2
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    else Vundef
  | _, _ => Vundef
end.
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$C_0 - A_0 - 1 =$   
 $\text{Vint (ofs2 - ofs1 - 1)}$

**%eax:**  
 $C_0 + \sim A_0$

$C_0 + \sim A_0 =$   
 $\text{Vptr } b \text{ ofs2} + \text{Vundef} =$   
 $\text{Vundef}$

# New Semantics



# Getting Between

`pinj : md -> block -> ofs -> option int32`

`psur : md -> int32 -> option (block * ofs)`

`pinj` has option return type due to pigeonhole

`psur` has option return type since whole address space  
not always in use

# Behaviors getting between

```
pinj : md -> block -> ofs -> option int32  
psur : md -> int32 -> option (block * ofs)
```

- `pinj` remembers a mapping
- `pinj` allows for pointer arithmetic (+)
- `pinj` is injective within the same block
- if `pinj` of `b,ofs` is `NULL`, that `b,ofs` are invalid for memory access
- `pinj` and `psur` are inverses when the `b,ofs` is valid for memory access
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**Axiomatize System Memory Allocator**

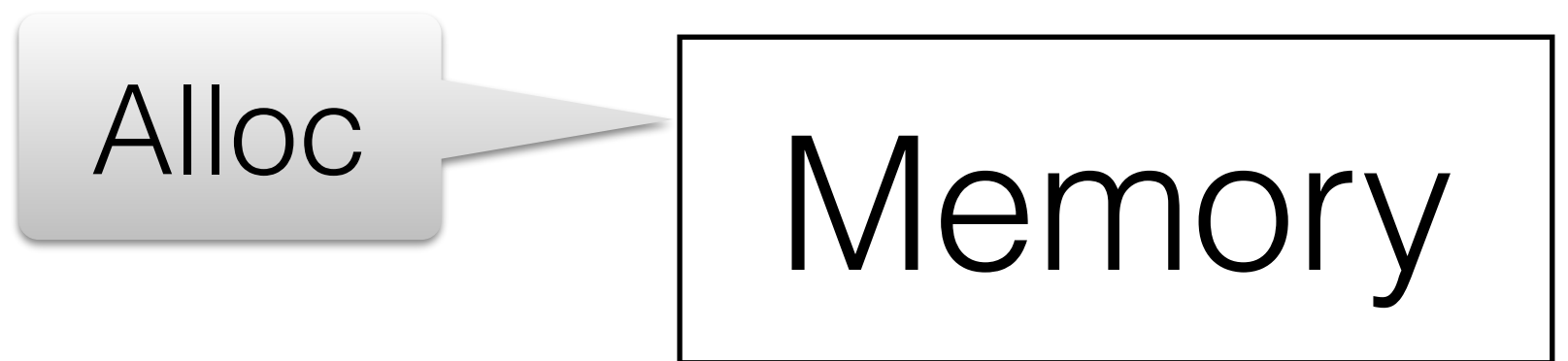


Pointers  $\longleftrightarrow$  Integers

Memory

Registers

# Pointers $\longleftrightarrow$ Integers



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Memory

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# Pointers ↔ Integers

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# Pointers $\longleftrightarrow$ Integers

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Memory

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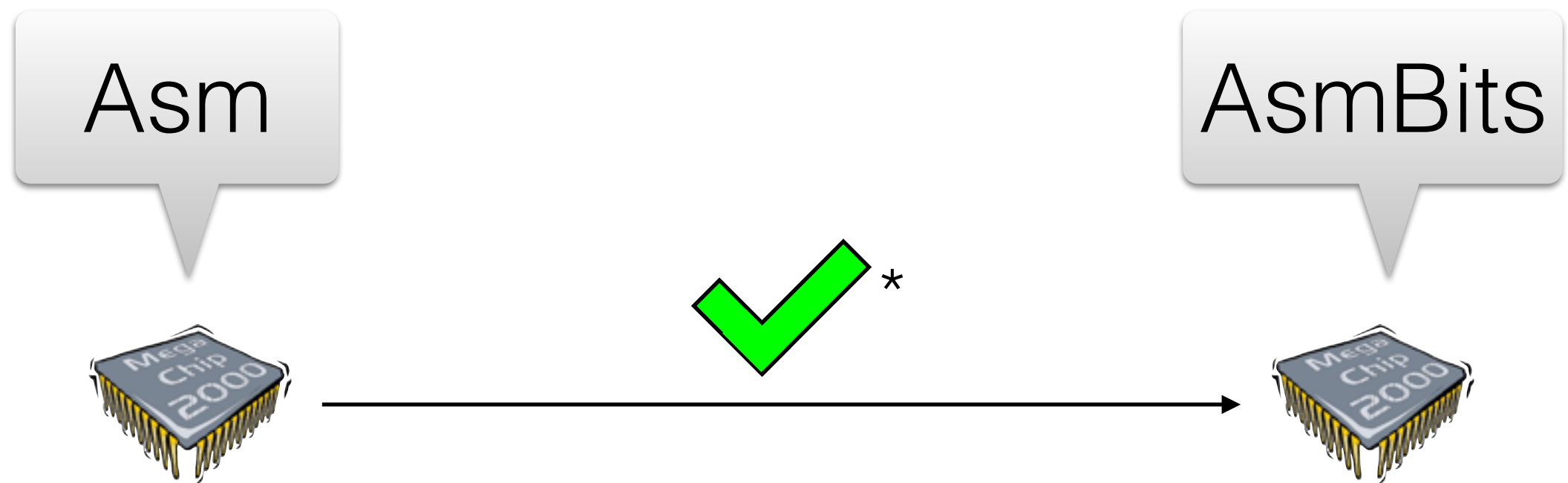
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# Proof



\*As long as allocation doesn't fail

# Outline

## Local Proofs

SlowInstr  
SlowInstr

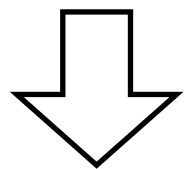


FastInstr  
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## New Semantics

Pointers



Bit Vectors

## Global Correctness

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## Liveness



## Evaluation

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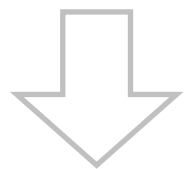


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## New Semantics

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## Liveness



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# Expressiveness

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- Replace Subtraction with Not

subl	%eax,	%ecx		notl	%eax
movl	%ecx,	%eax	→	addl	%ecx, %eax
decl	%eax				

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- Replace Subtraction with Not
- Conditional Jump to Conditional Move

```
test %ecx, %ecx  
je .L0  
mov %edx, %ebx  
.L0
```



```
test %ecx, %ecx  
cmovne %edx %ebx
```

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- Replace Subtraction with Not
- Conditional Jump to Conditional Move
- Swap Idiom to Exchange Instruction

```
mov %eax, %ecx  
mov %edx, %eax  
mov %ecx, %edx
```



```
xchg %eax, %edx
```

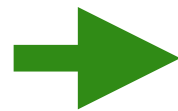


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- Swap Idiom to Exchange Instruction
- Conditional Mask to Conditional Move

```
setg %al  
movzbl %al, %eax  
dec %eax  
and %eax, %esi
```



```
mov $0, %eax  
cmovg %eax, %esi
```

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- Replace Subtraction with Not
- Conditional Jump to Conditional Move
- Swap Idiom to Exchange Instruction
- Conditional Mask to Conditional Move
- Change Constant in Program Text

```
mov $8, %eax  
sub %ecx, %eax  
dec %eax
```




```
mov $7, %eax  
sub %ecx, %eax
```

# Expressiveness

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- Replace Subtraction with Not
- Conditional Jump to Conditional Move
- Swap Idiom to Exchange Instruction
- Conditional Mask to Conditional Move
- Change Constant in Program Text
- Eliminate Redundant Load

```
mov %eax, -20(%ebp)
mov -20(%ebp), %ecx
```



```
mov %eax, -20(%ebp)
mov %eax, %ecx
```

# Expressiveness

**28 peepholes verified**

Average of 70 lines of proof per peephole

# Code Size

**Specification**

**Proof**

**Total**

**Peek**

6000

10000

16000

**AsmBits**

3300

5500

8800

**Peephole Lib**

2000

3100

5100

**Total**

11300

18600

**29900**

# SHA-256

```
movl    %eax, 56(%esp)
movl    56(%esp), %edx
andl    $15, %edx
movl    0(%ecx,%edx,4), %eax
```

```
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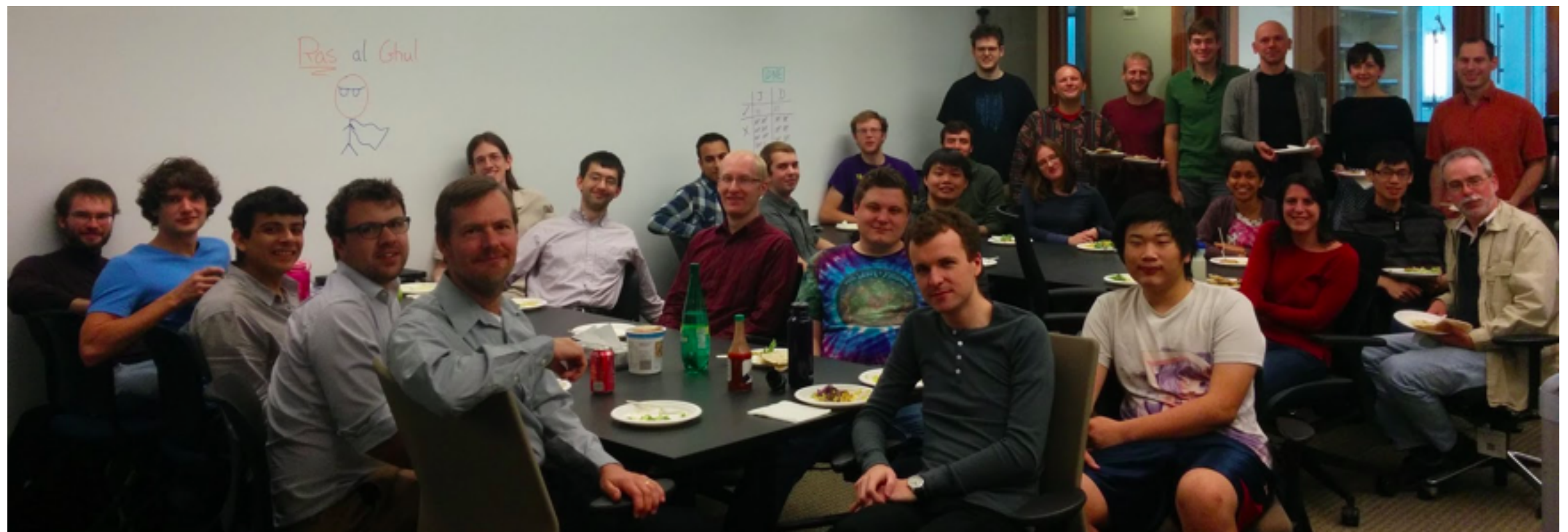
```
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4% speedup!

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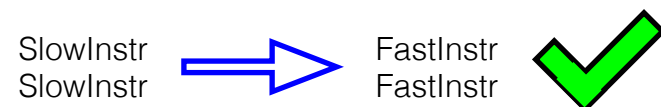


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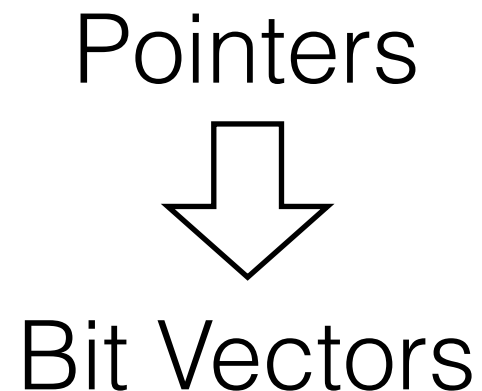


# Questions?

## Local Proofs

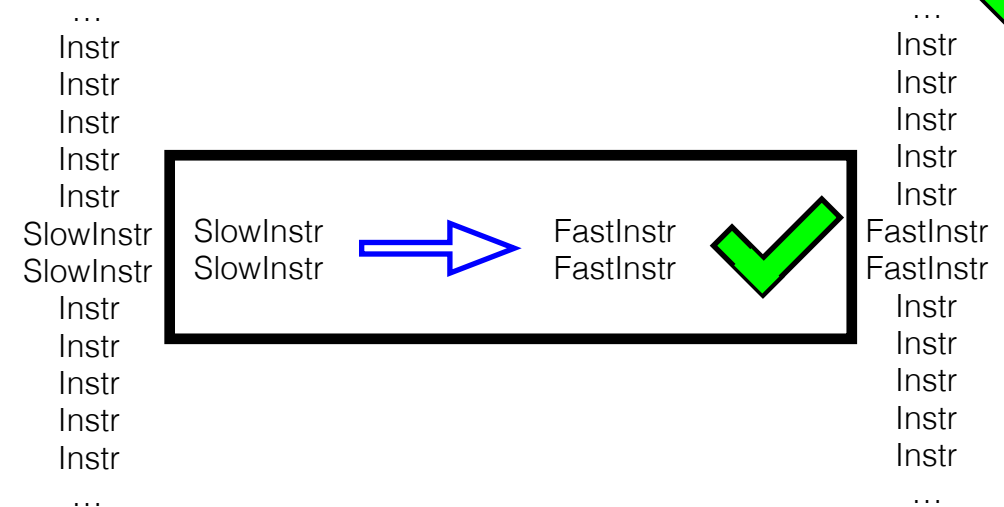


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## Evaluation

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# Backup Slides

