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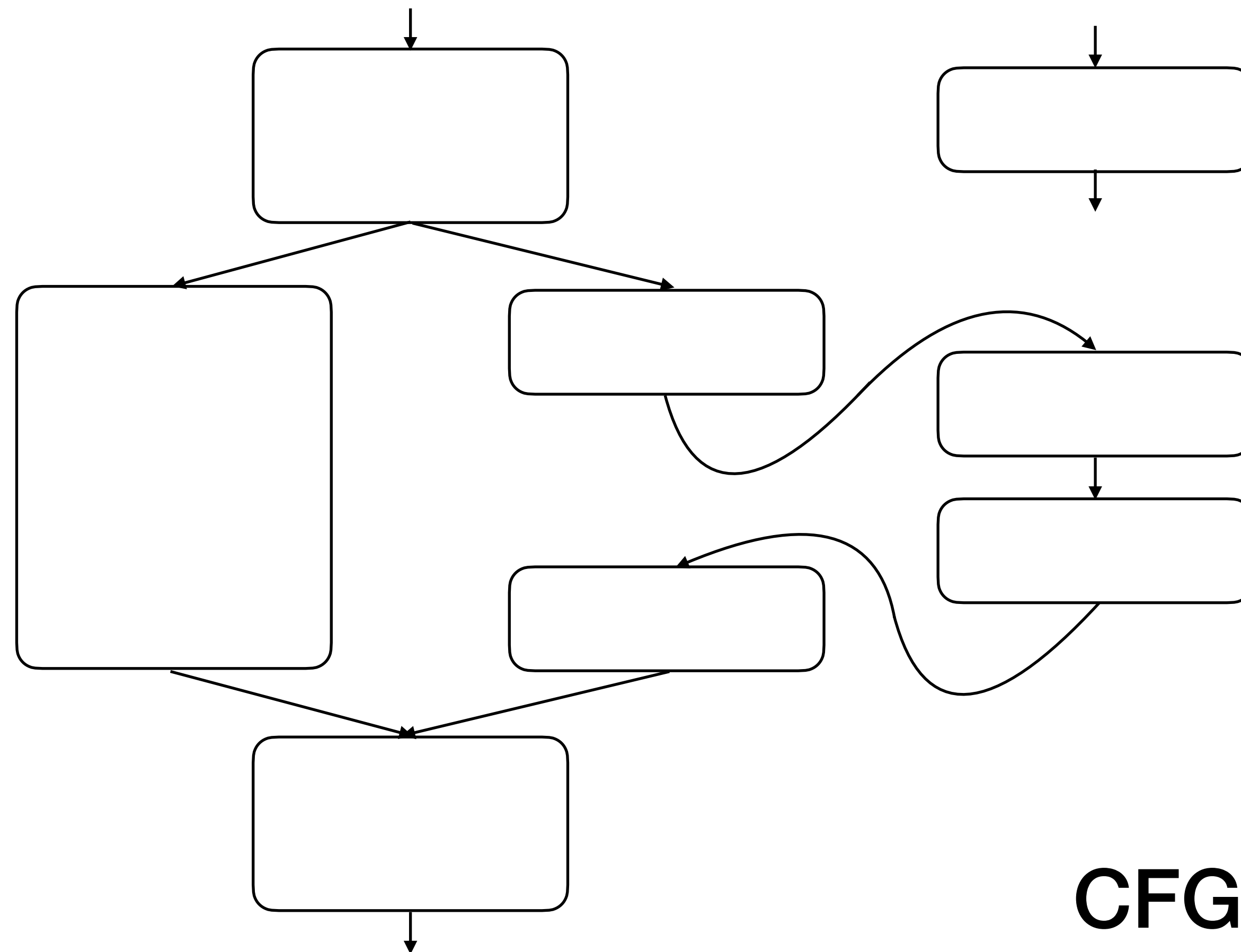
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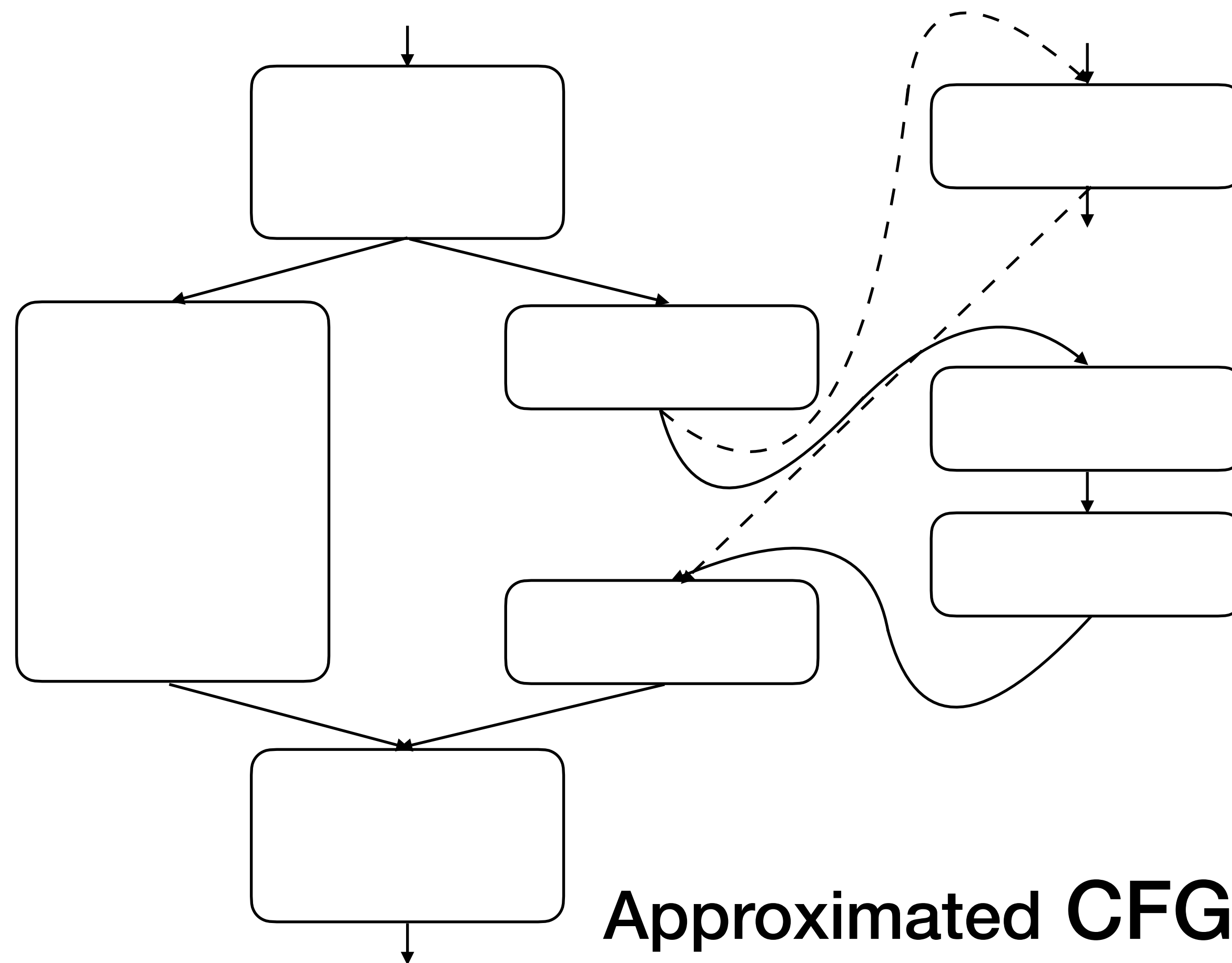
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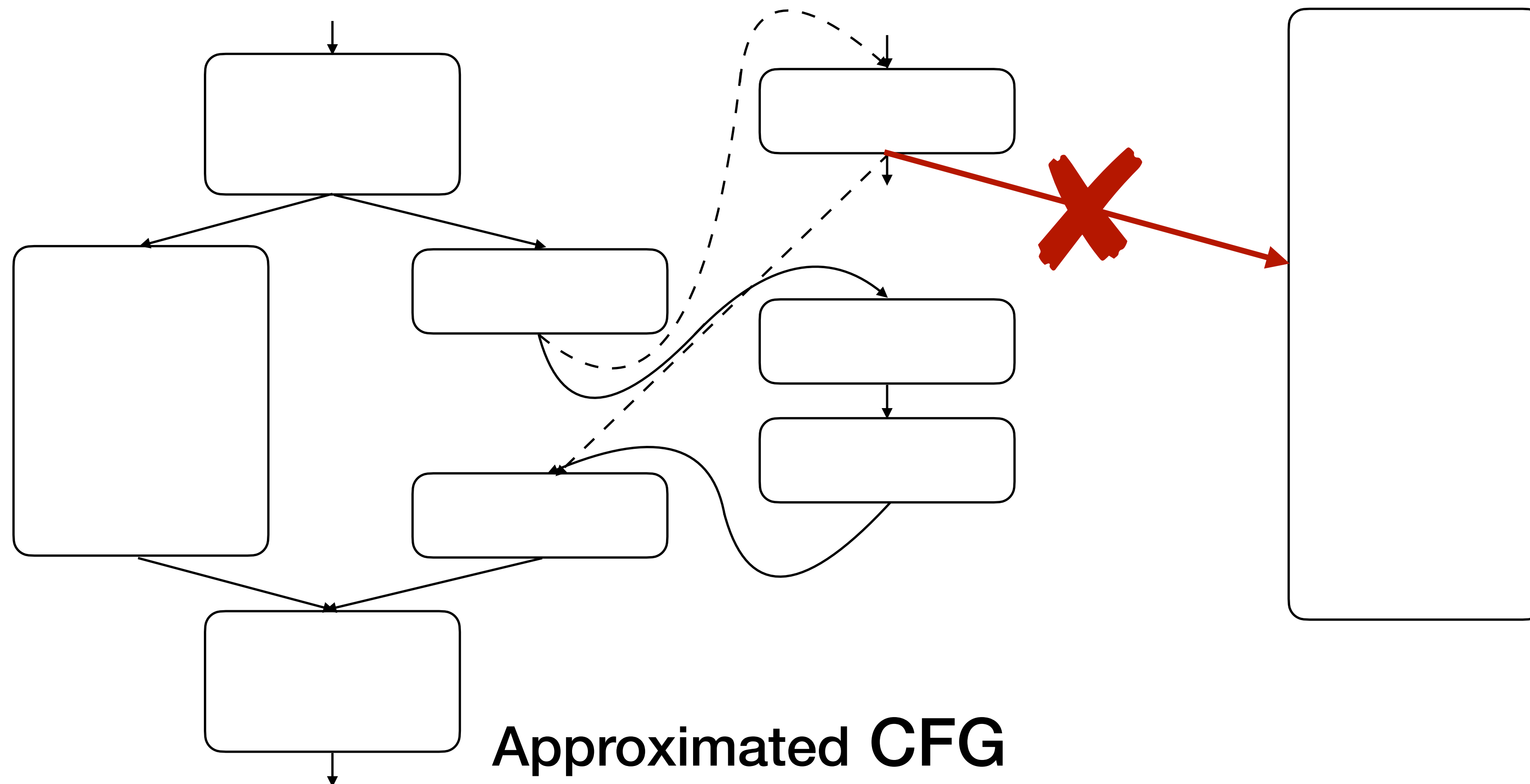
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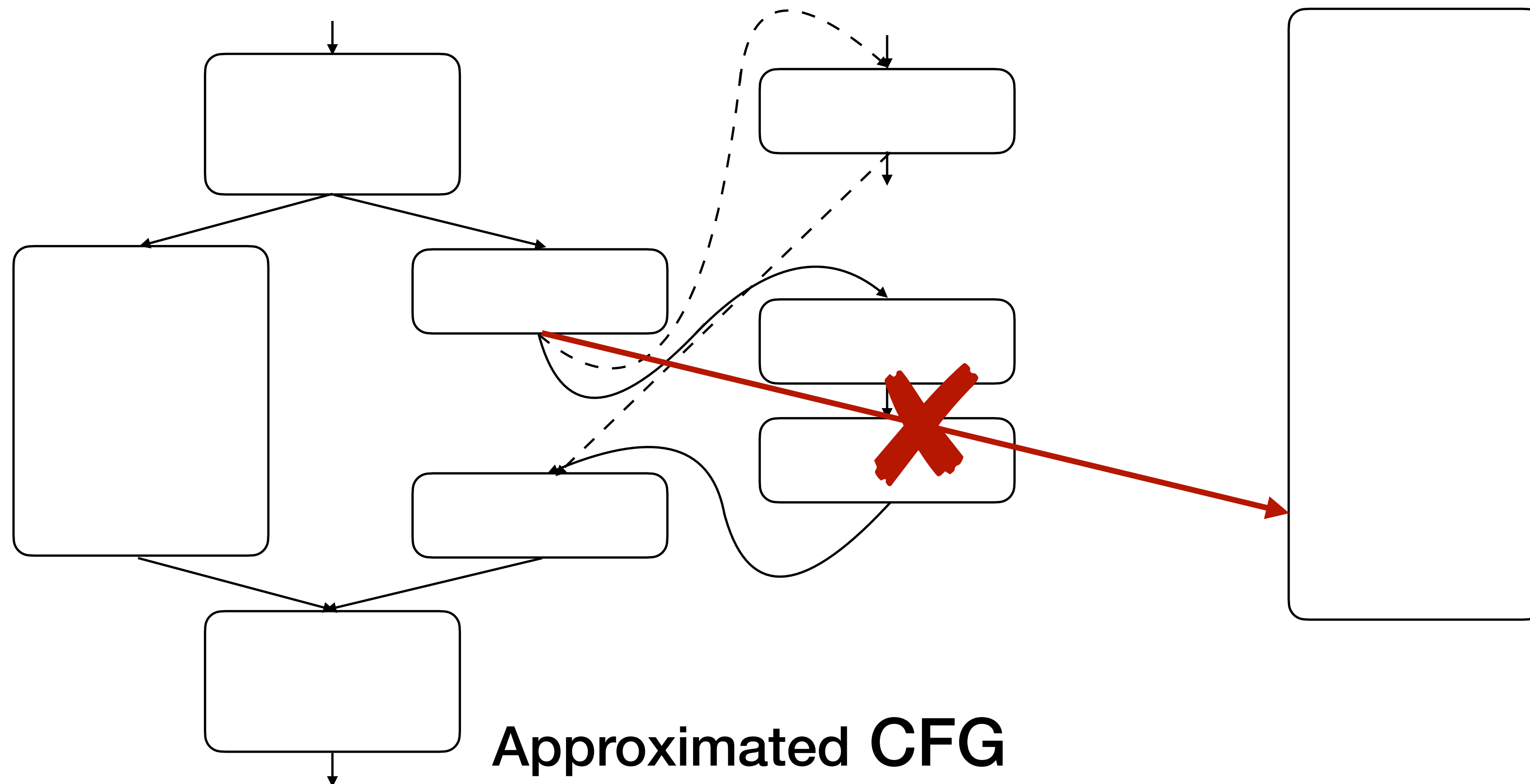
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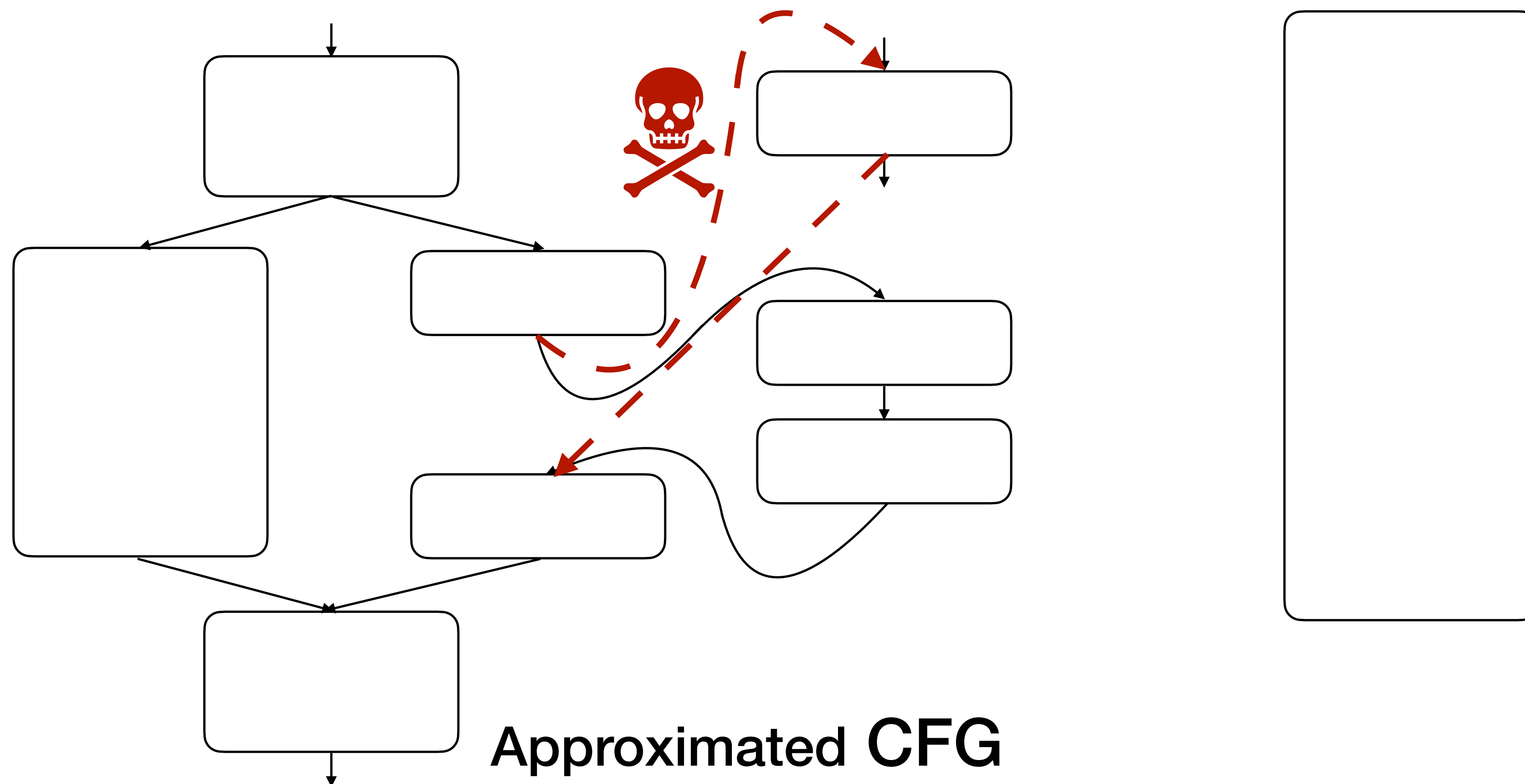
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class B : public A {  
  
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A class can override methods from its parents.

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Virtual methods allow dynamic dispatch.

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A *b = (A *) new B();  
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Virtual methods are implemented via vtables.

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class A {  
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    virtual int g() { return 2; }  
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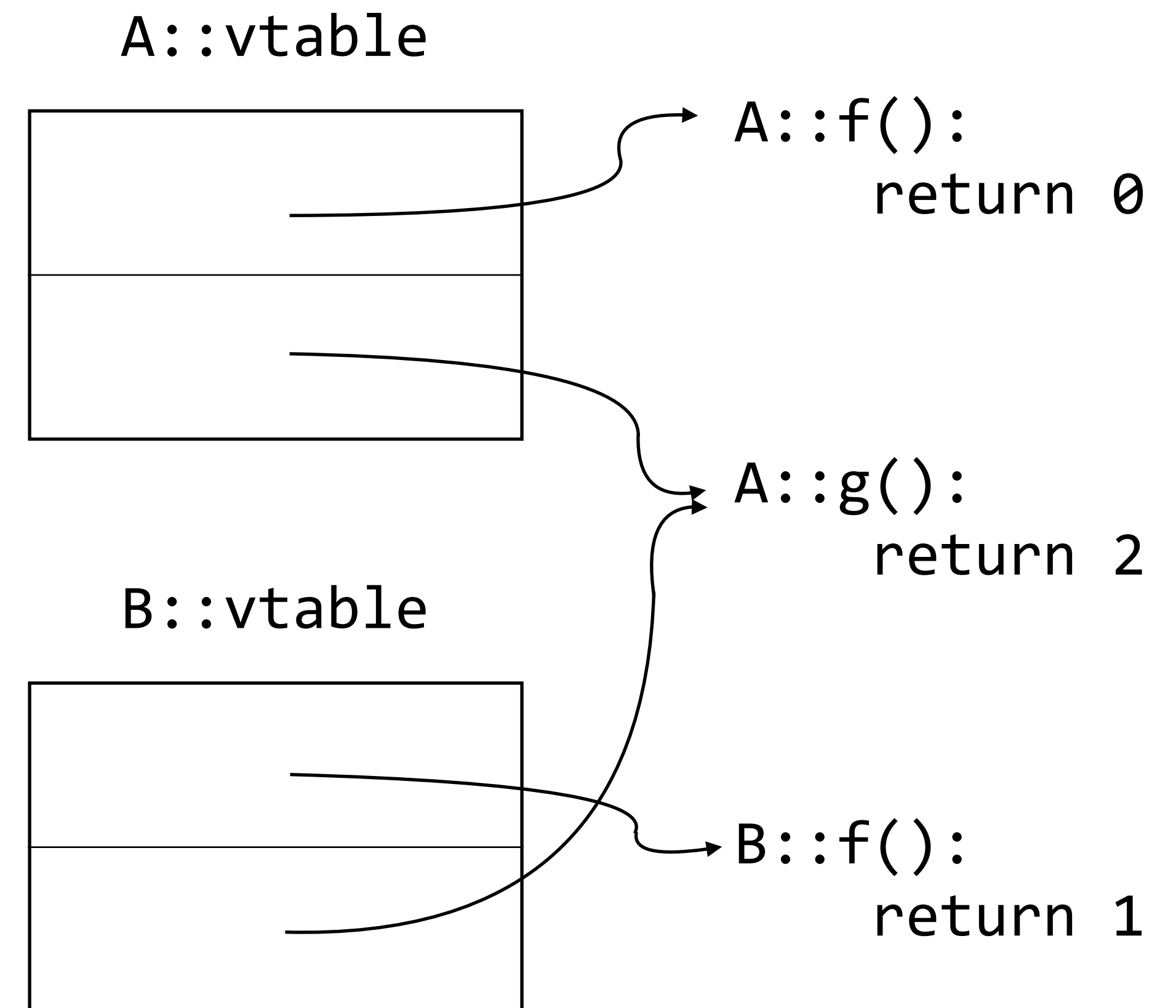
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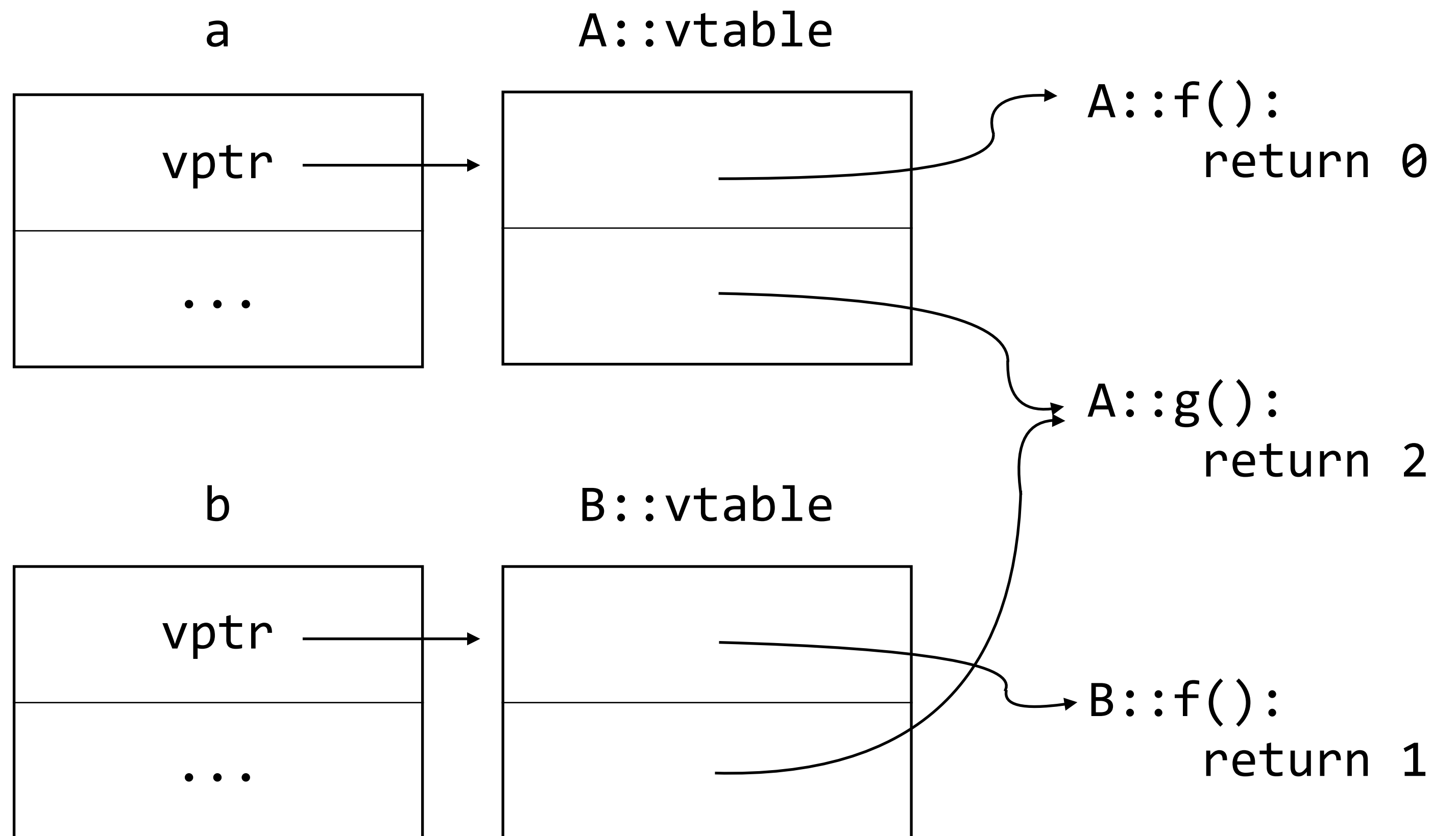
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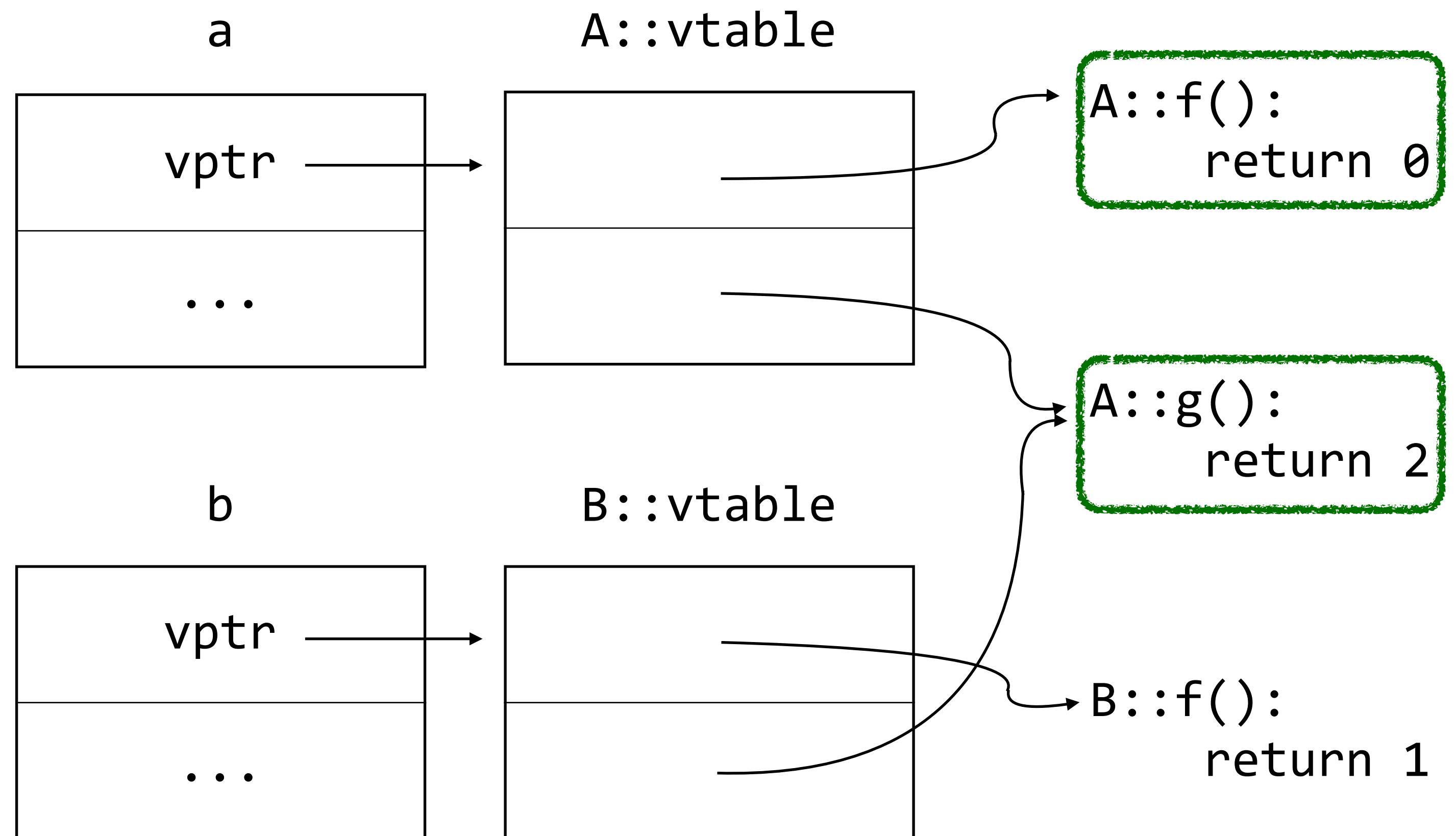
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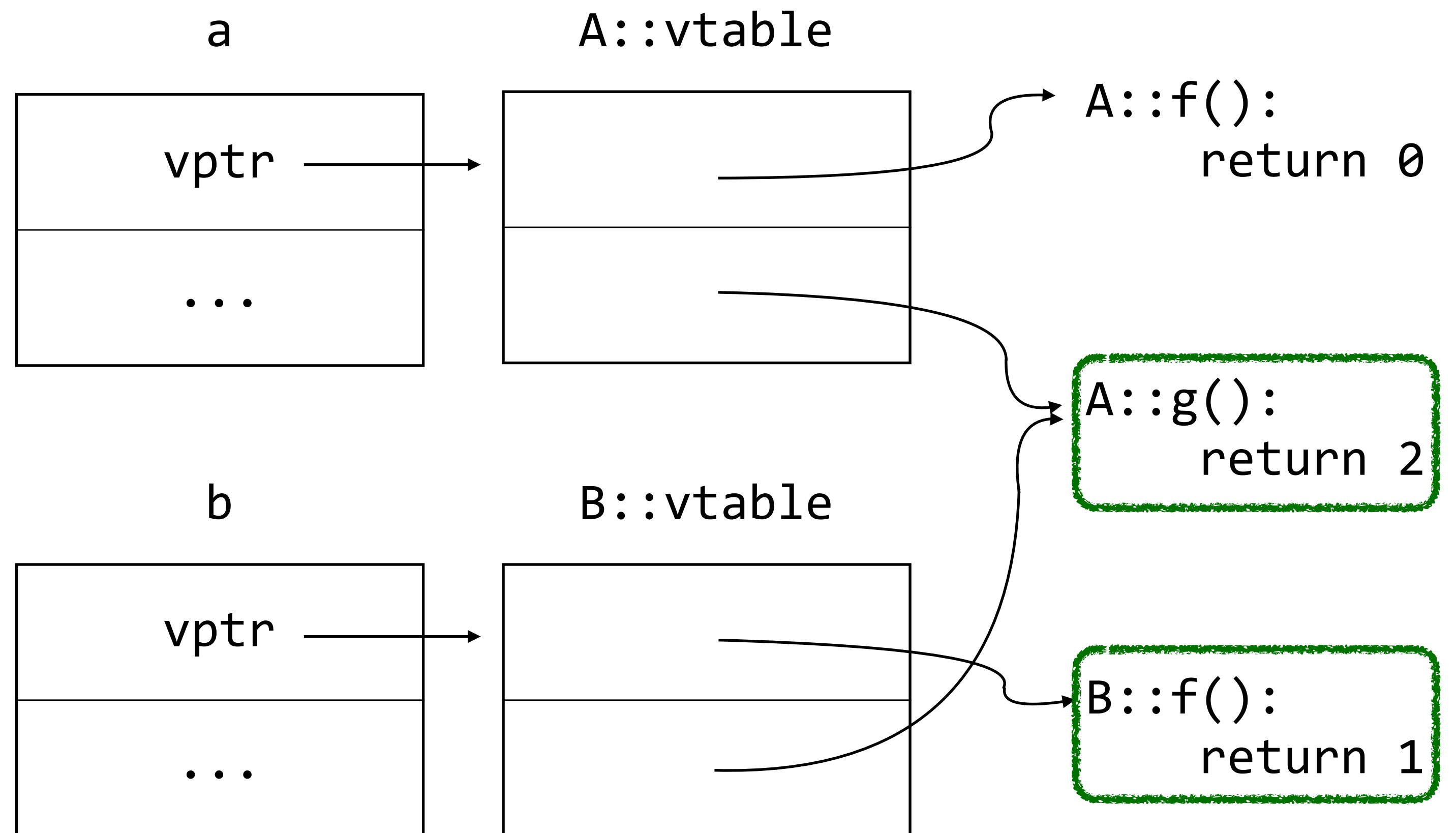
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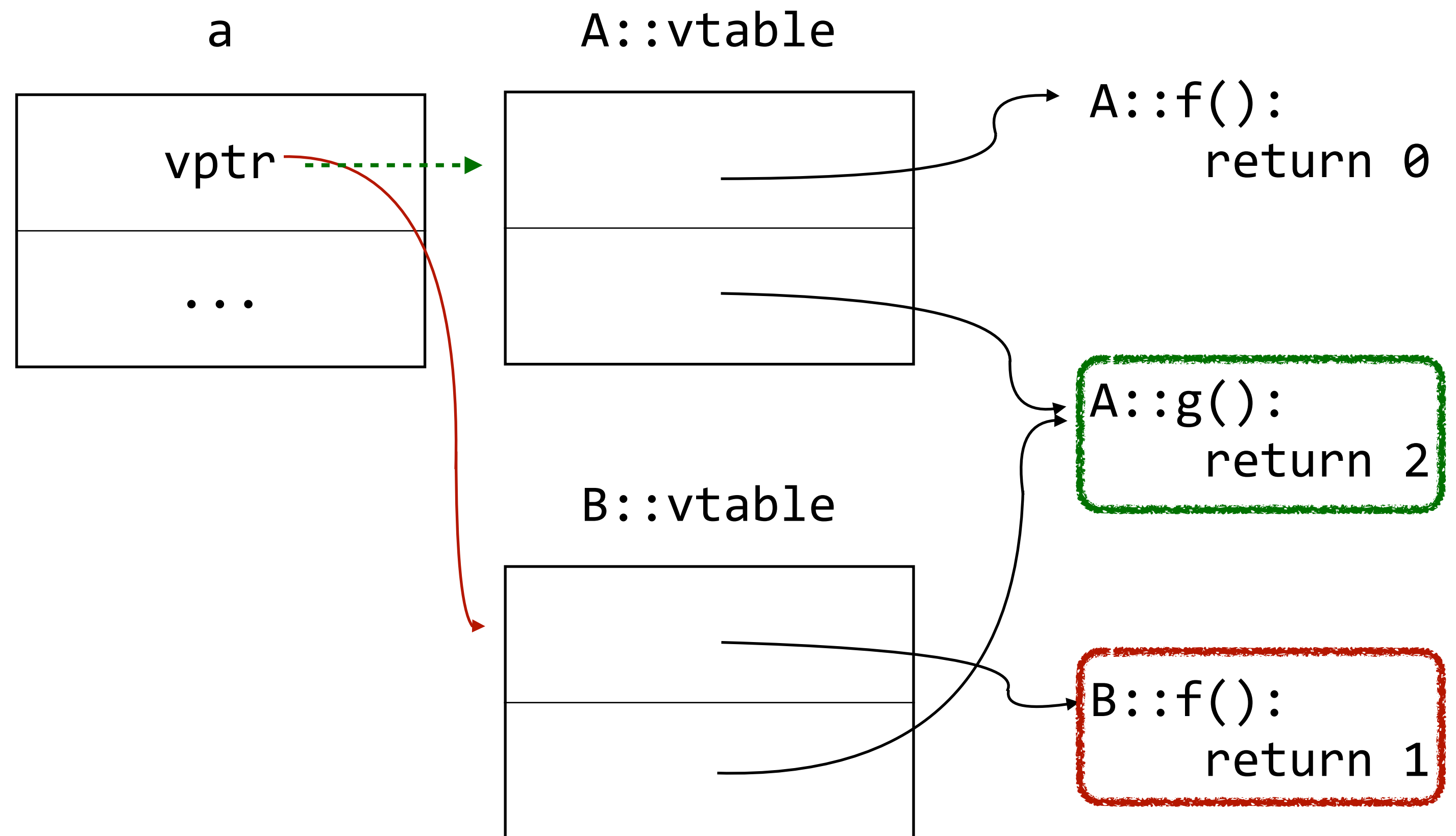


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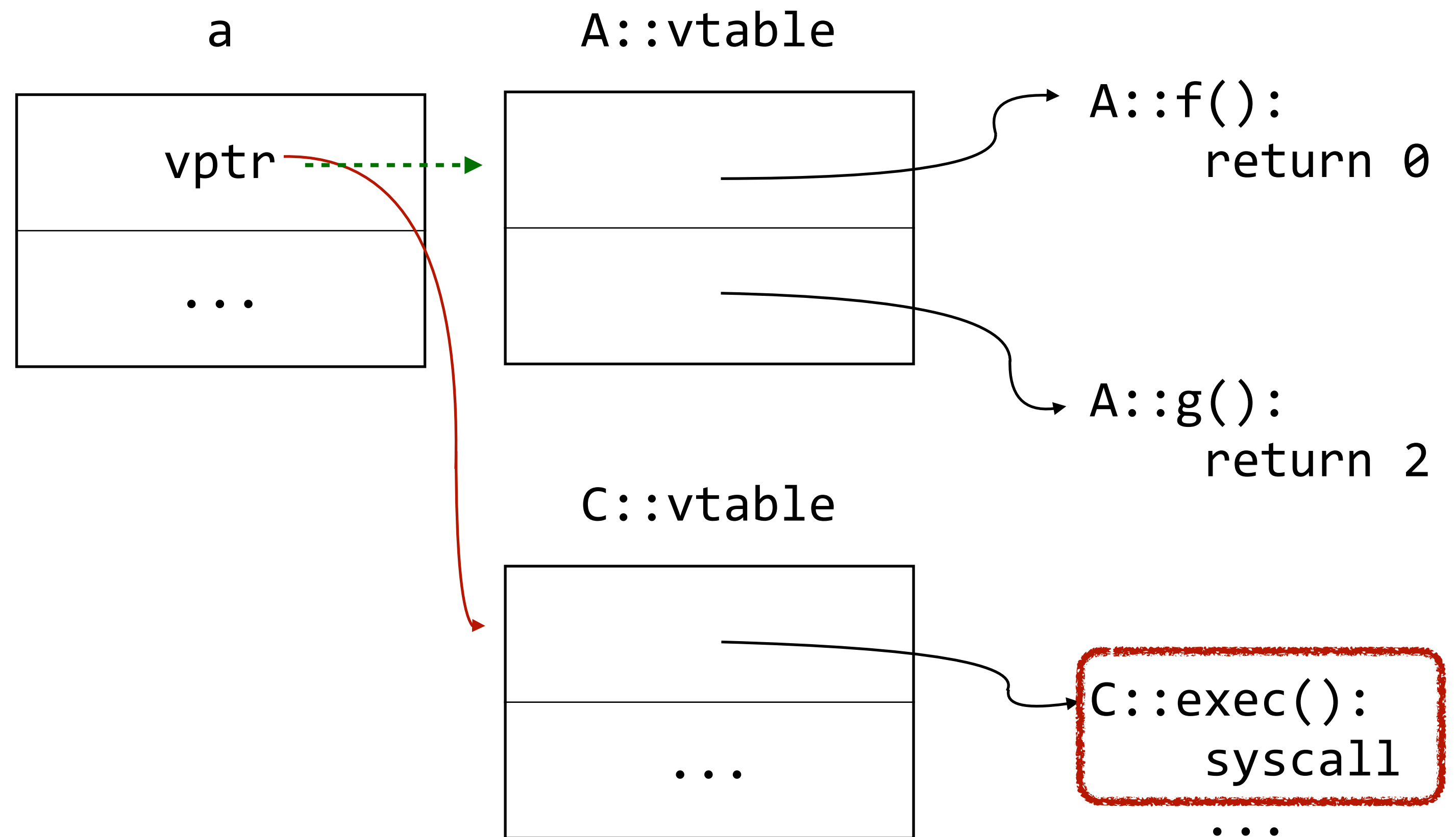
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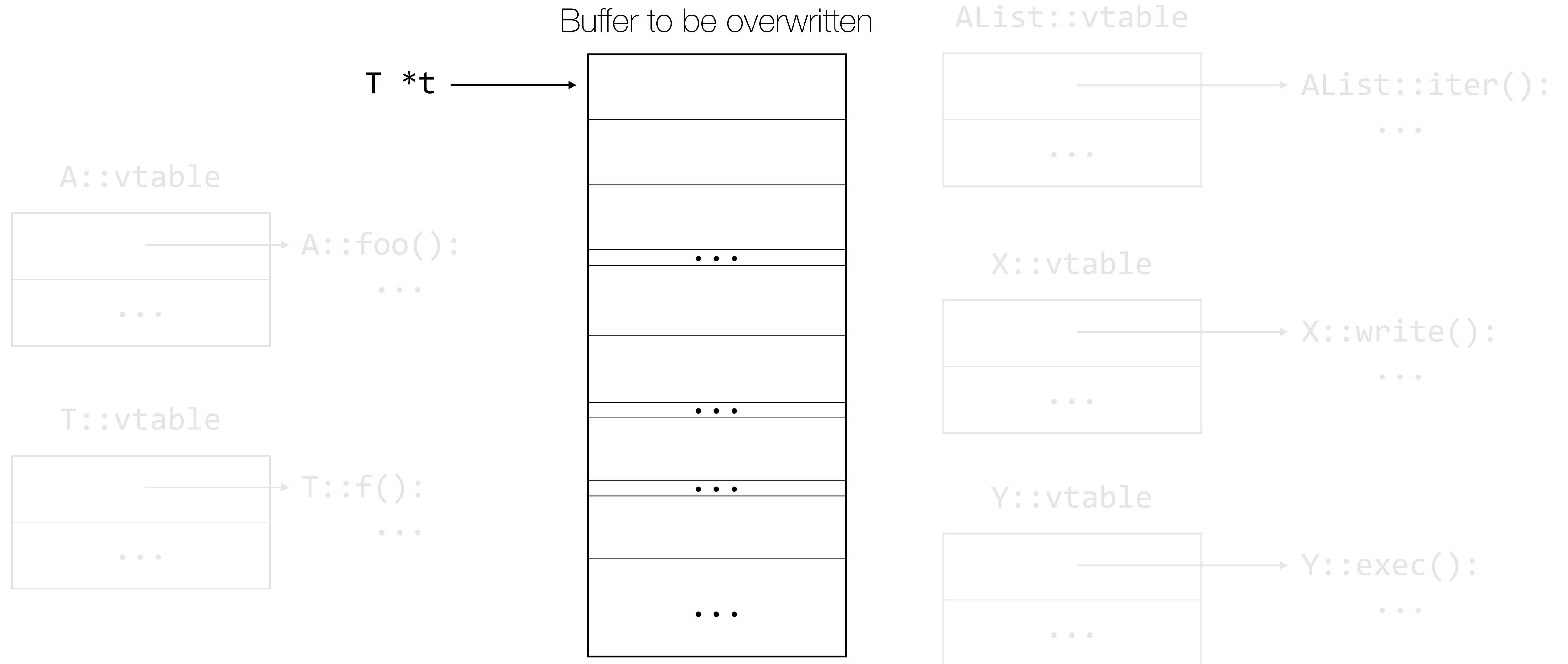
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a->f(); // ???  
a->g(); // ...
```



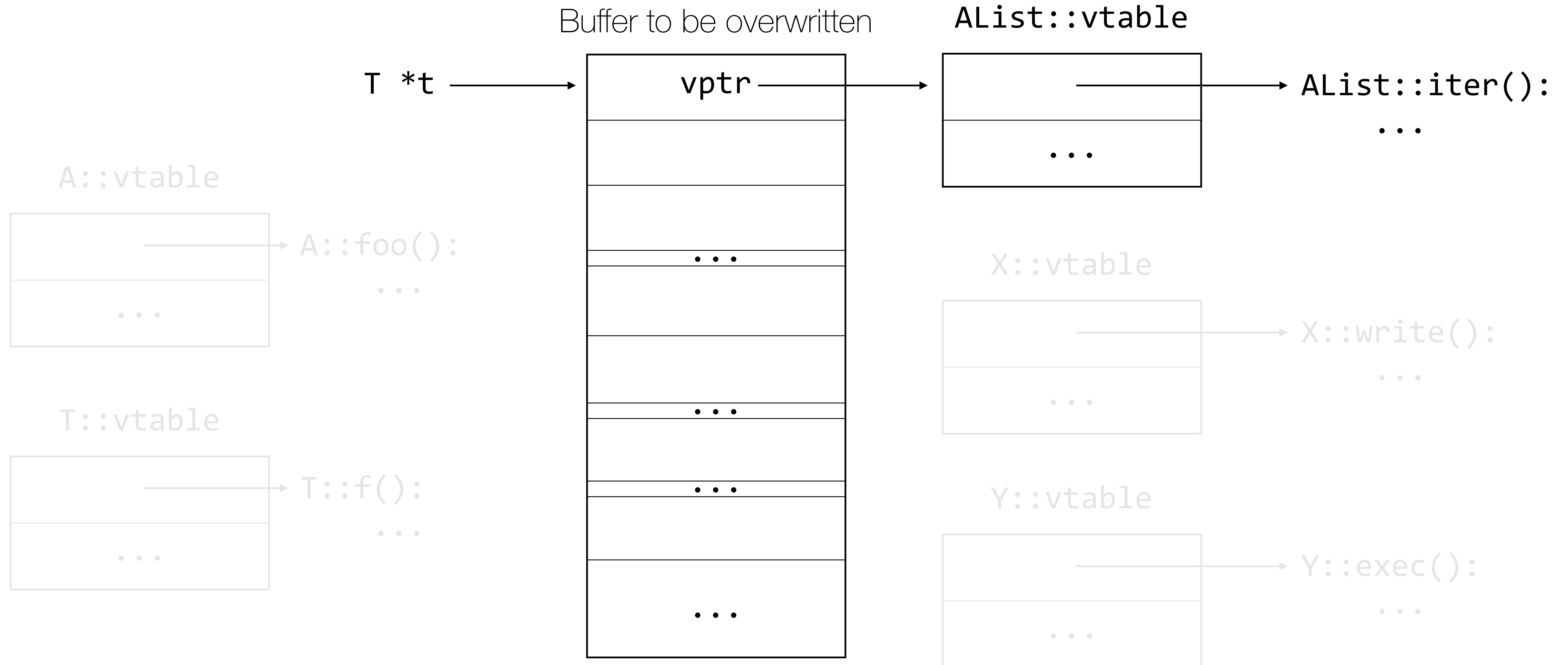
The main loop gadget allows invoking an arbitrary sequence of methods.

```
class AList {  
    A **arr;  
    int num;  
    virtual void iter() {  
        for (int i = 0; i < num; i++)  
            arr[i]->foo();  
    }  
};
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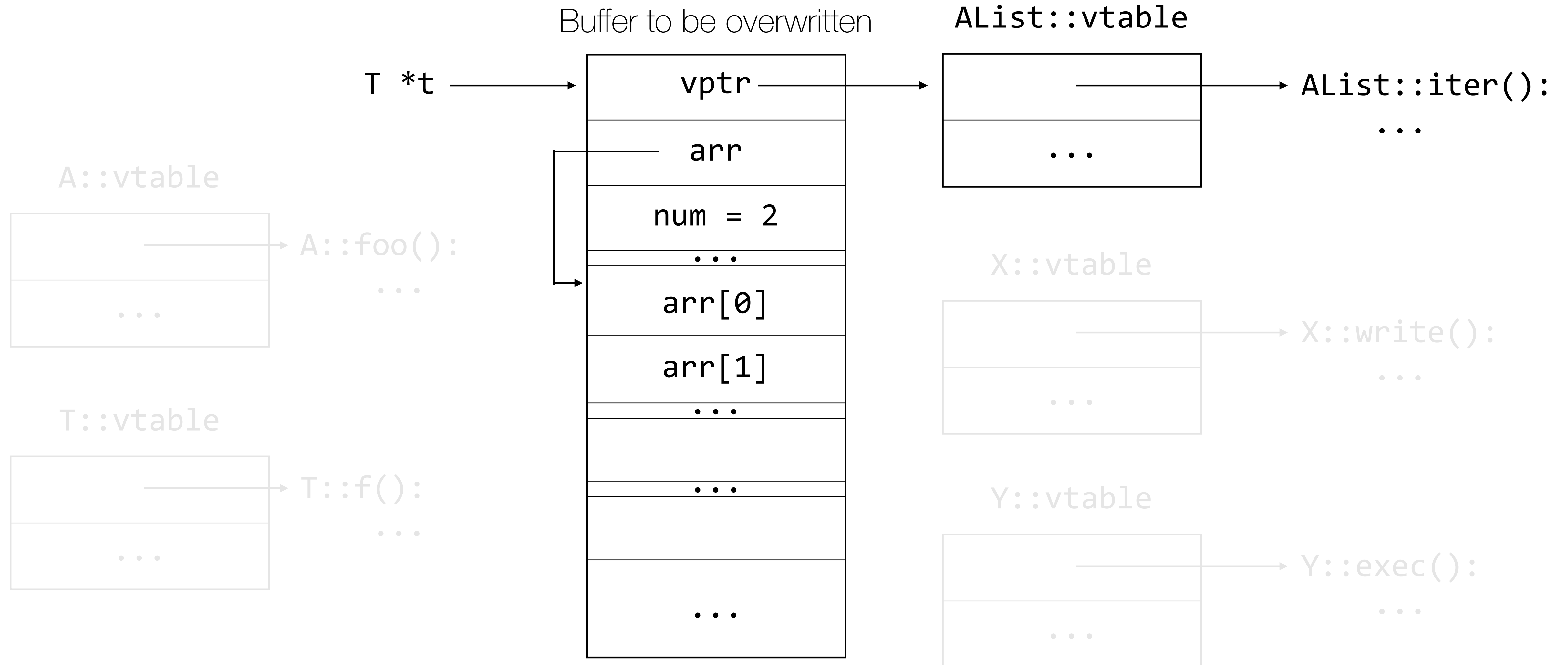
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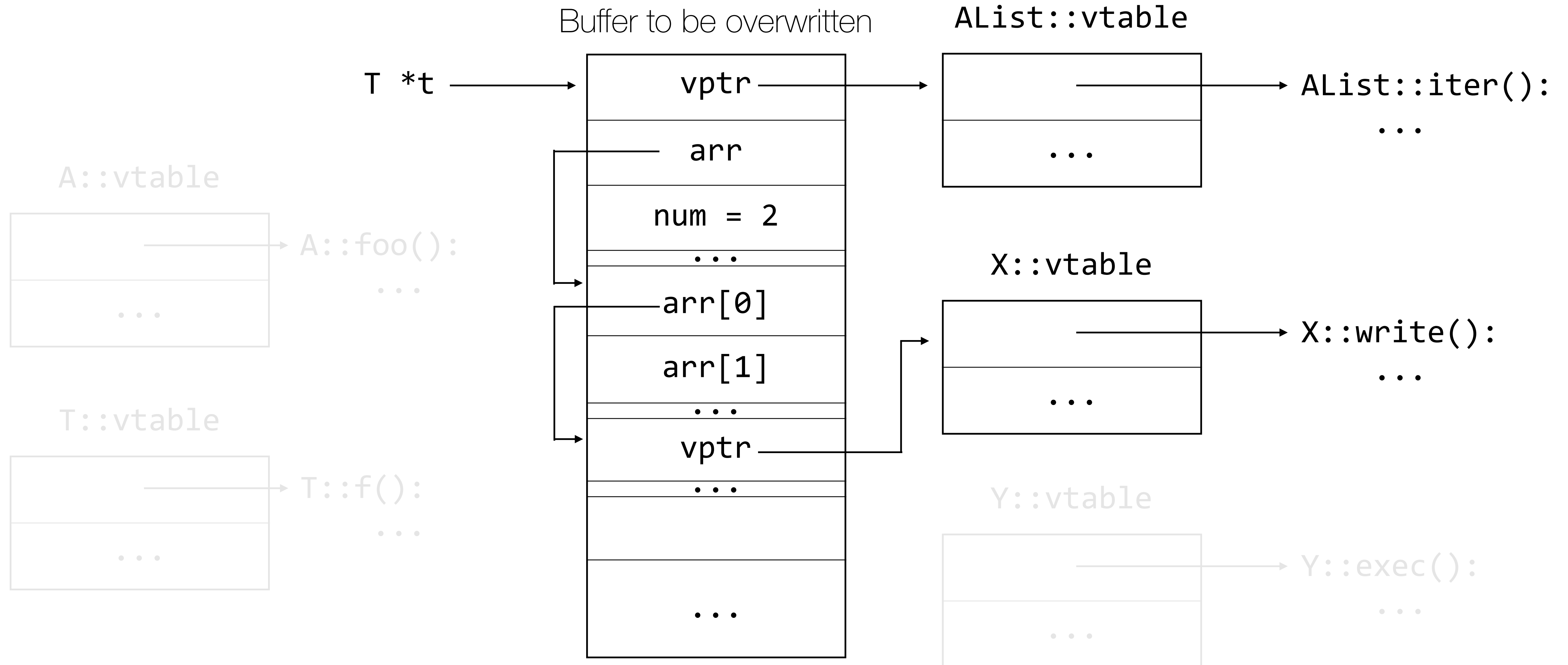
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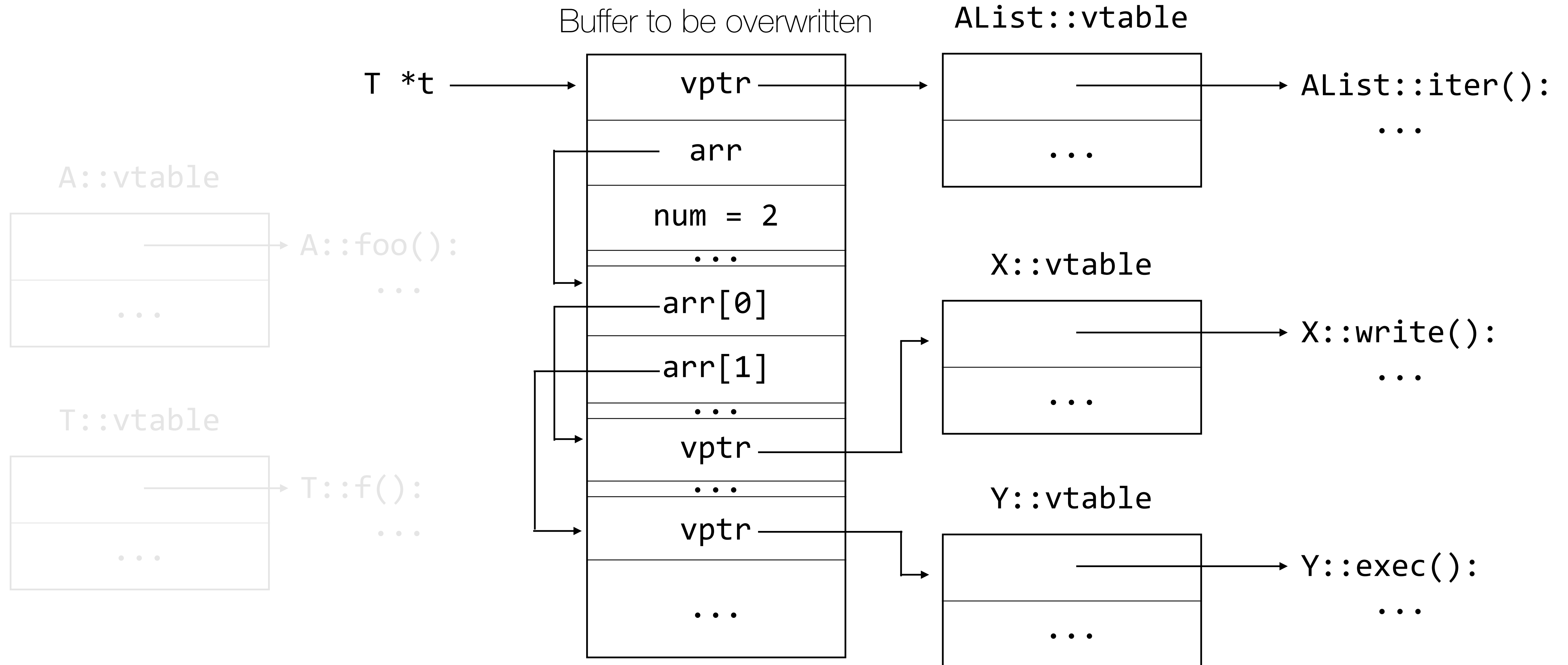
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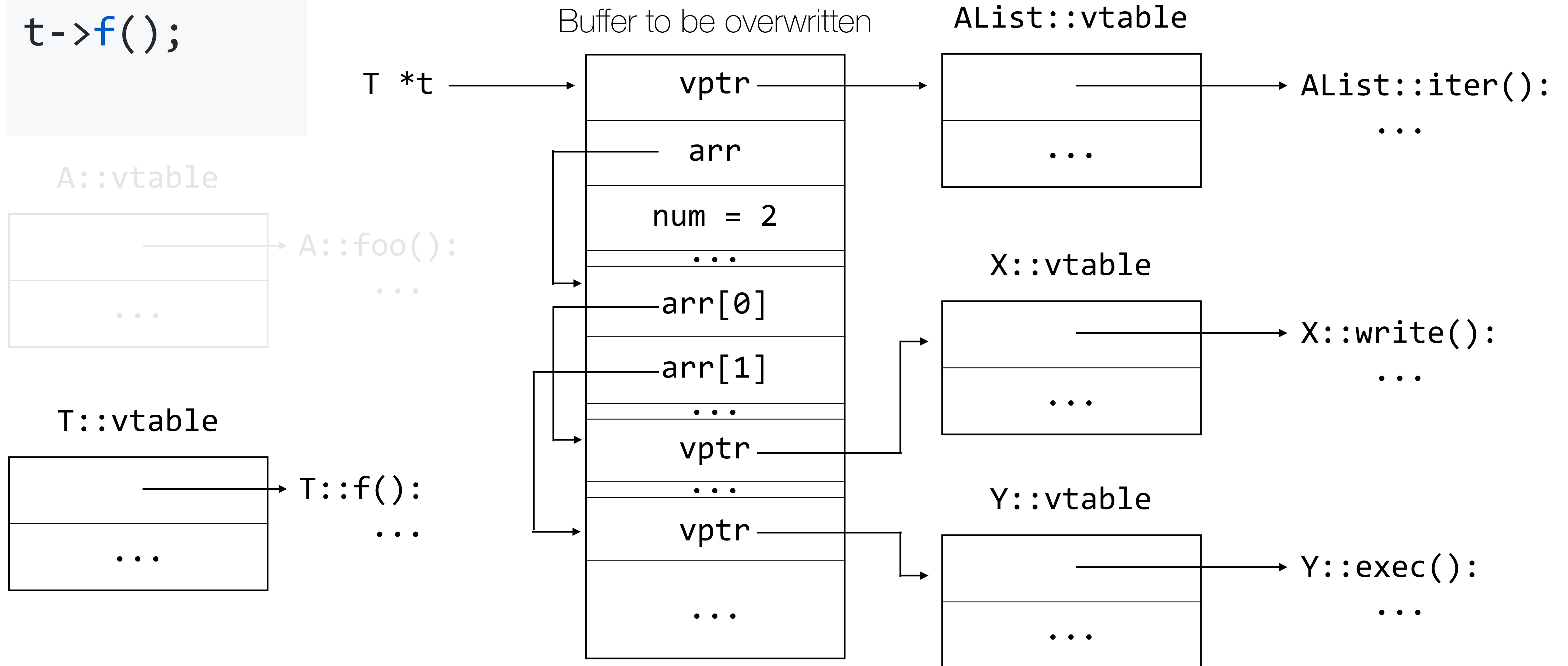


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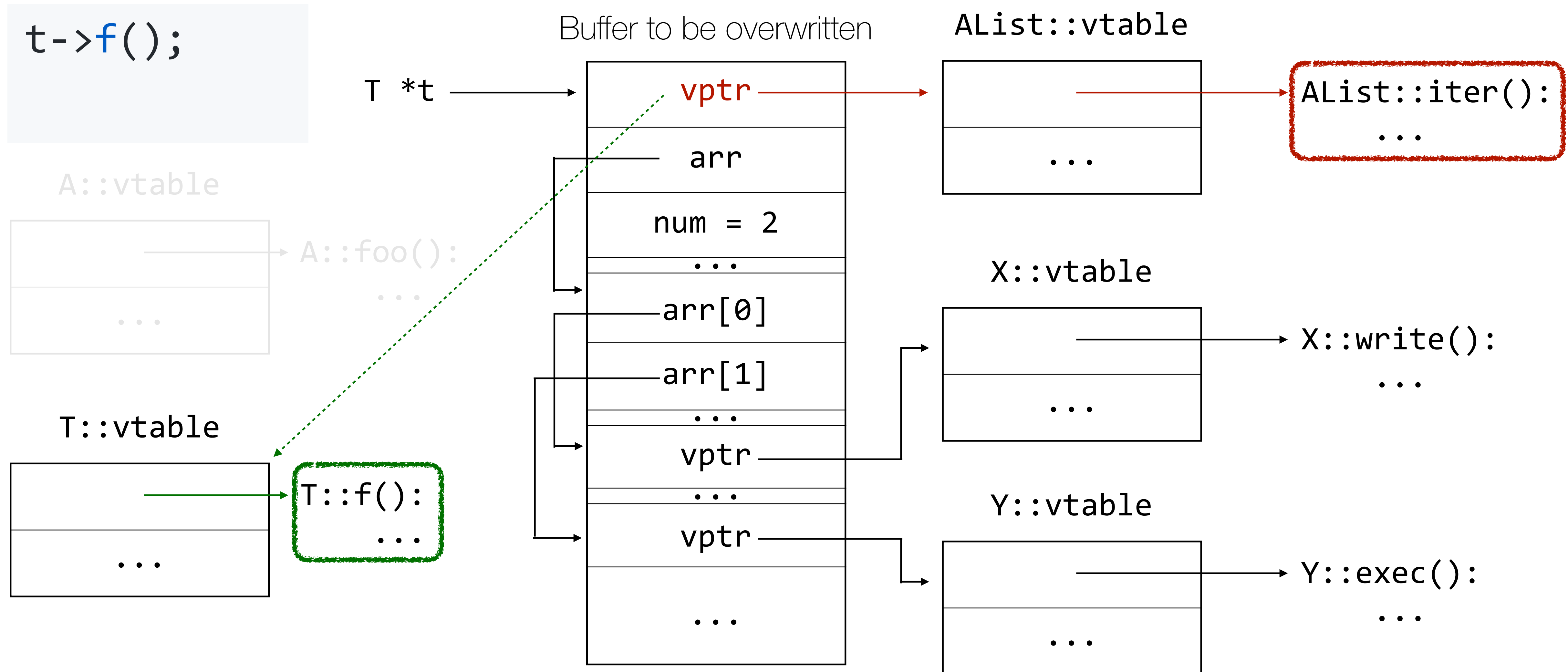


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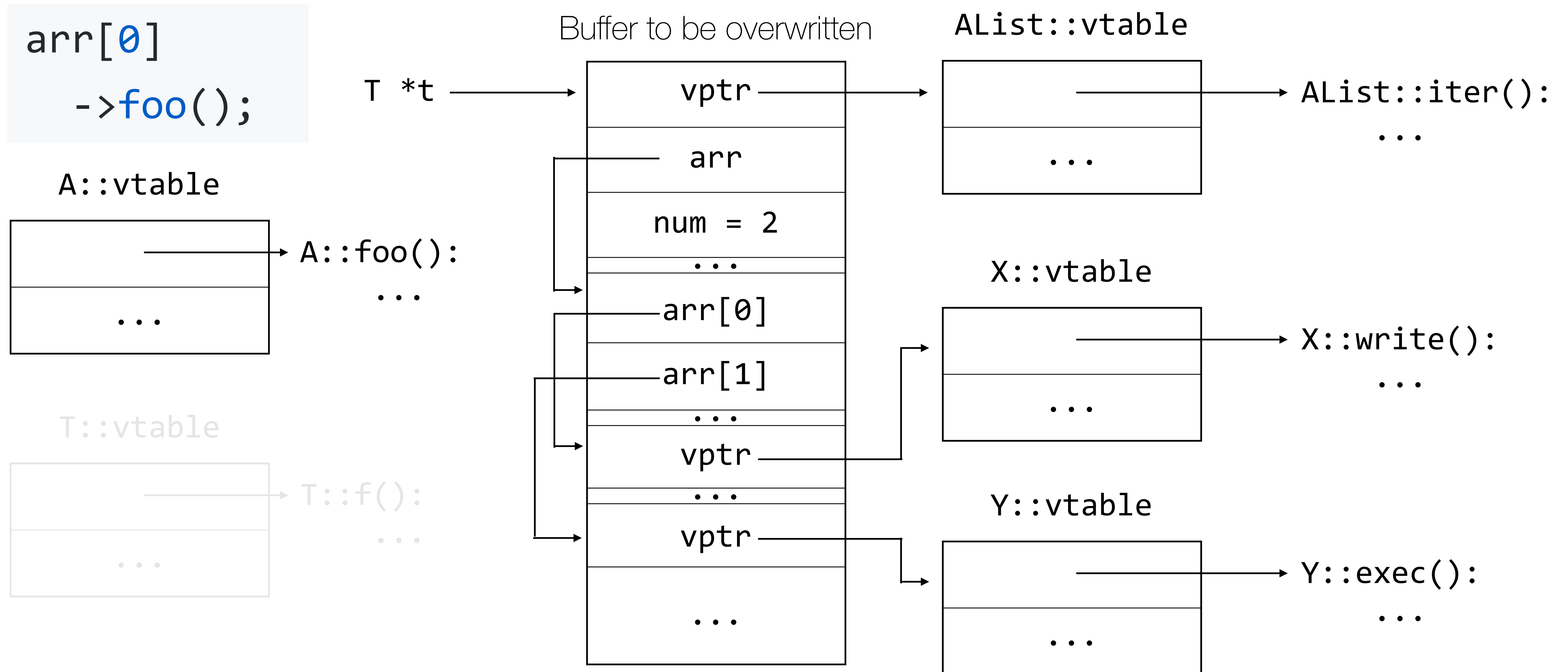
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t->f();
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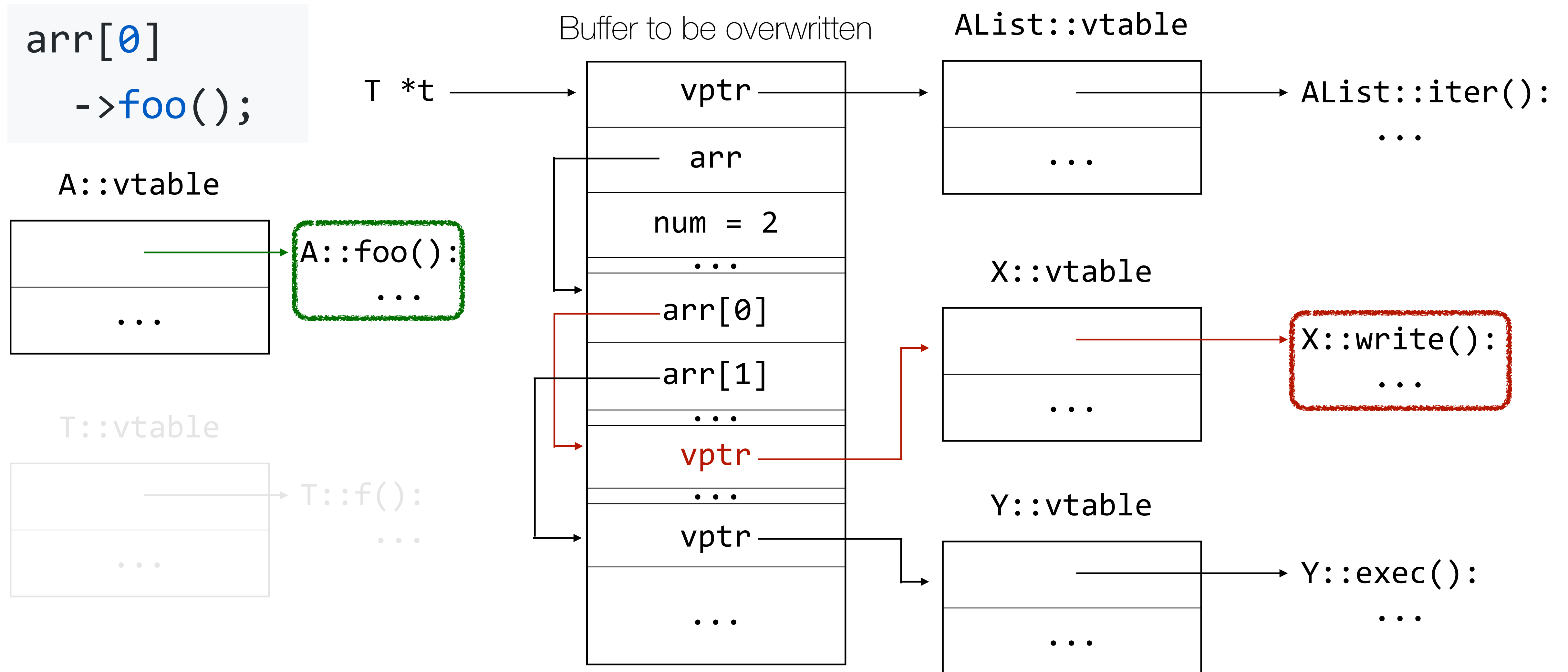
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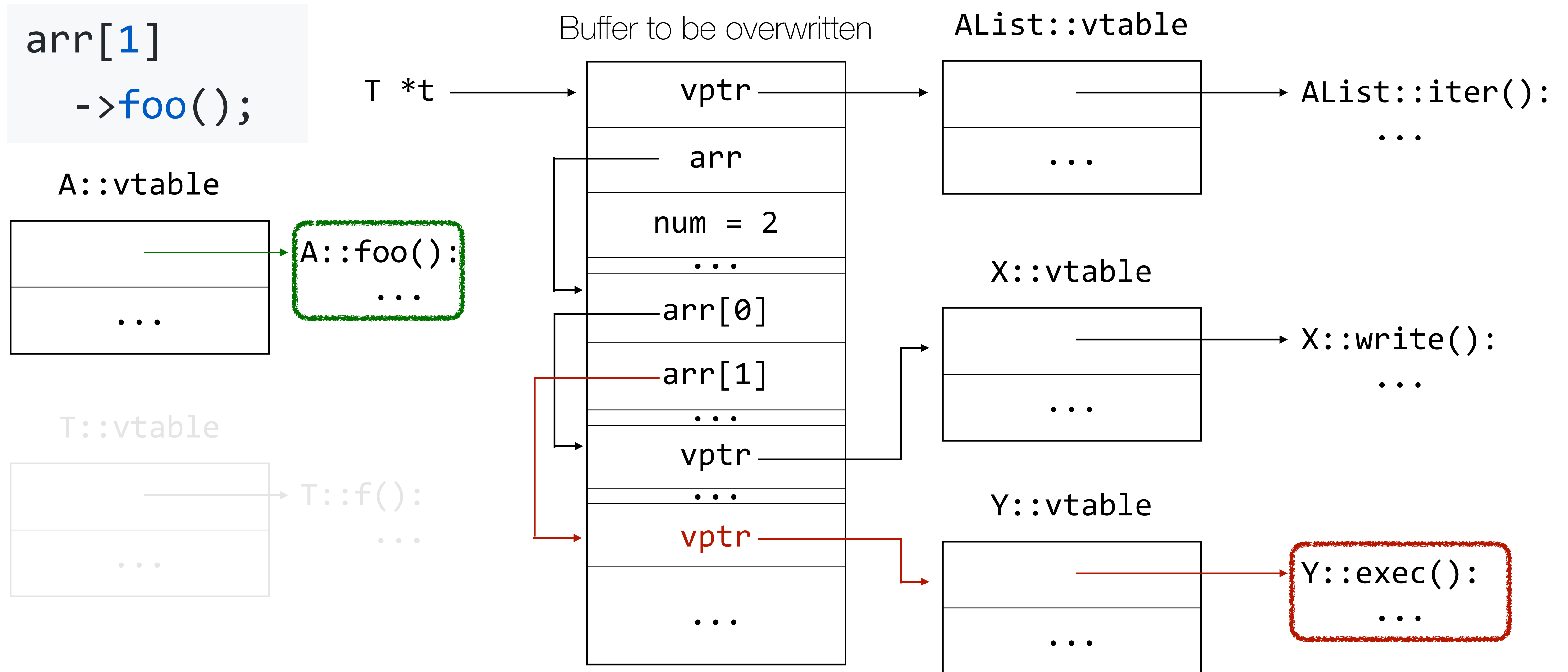
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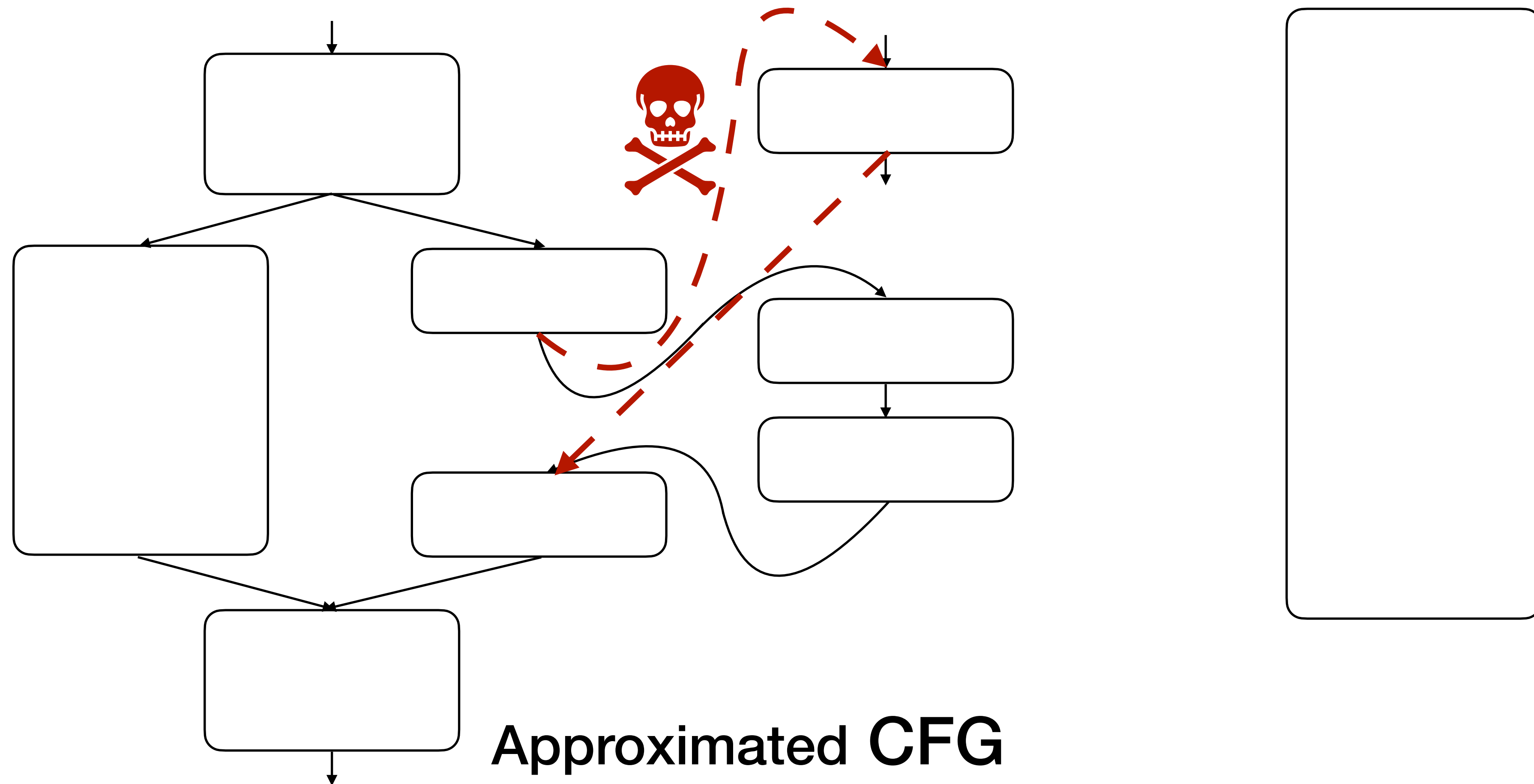
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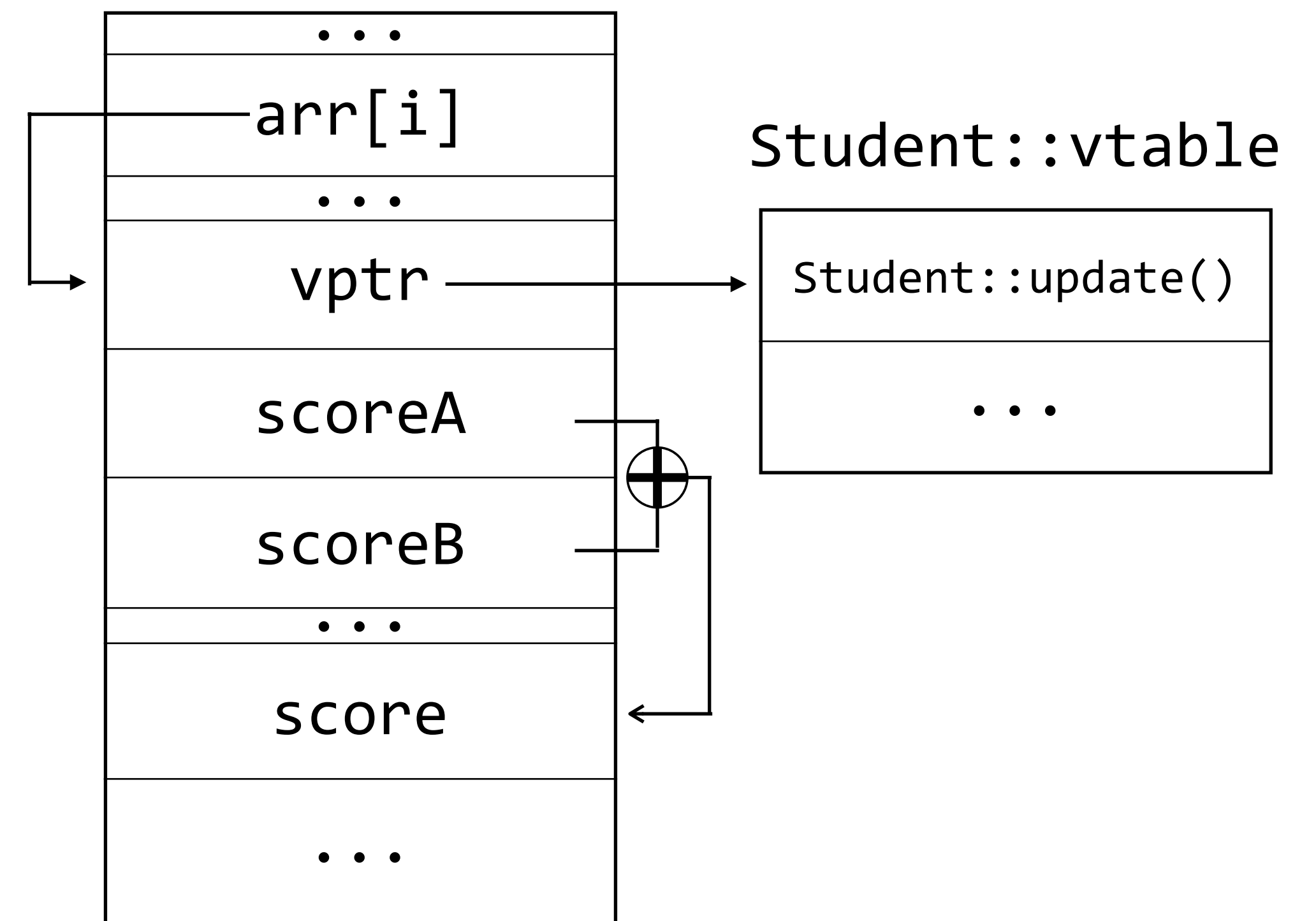


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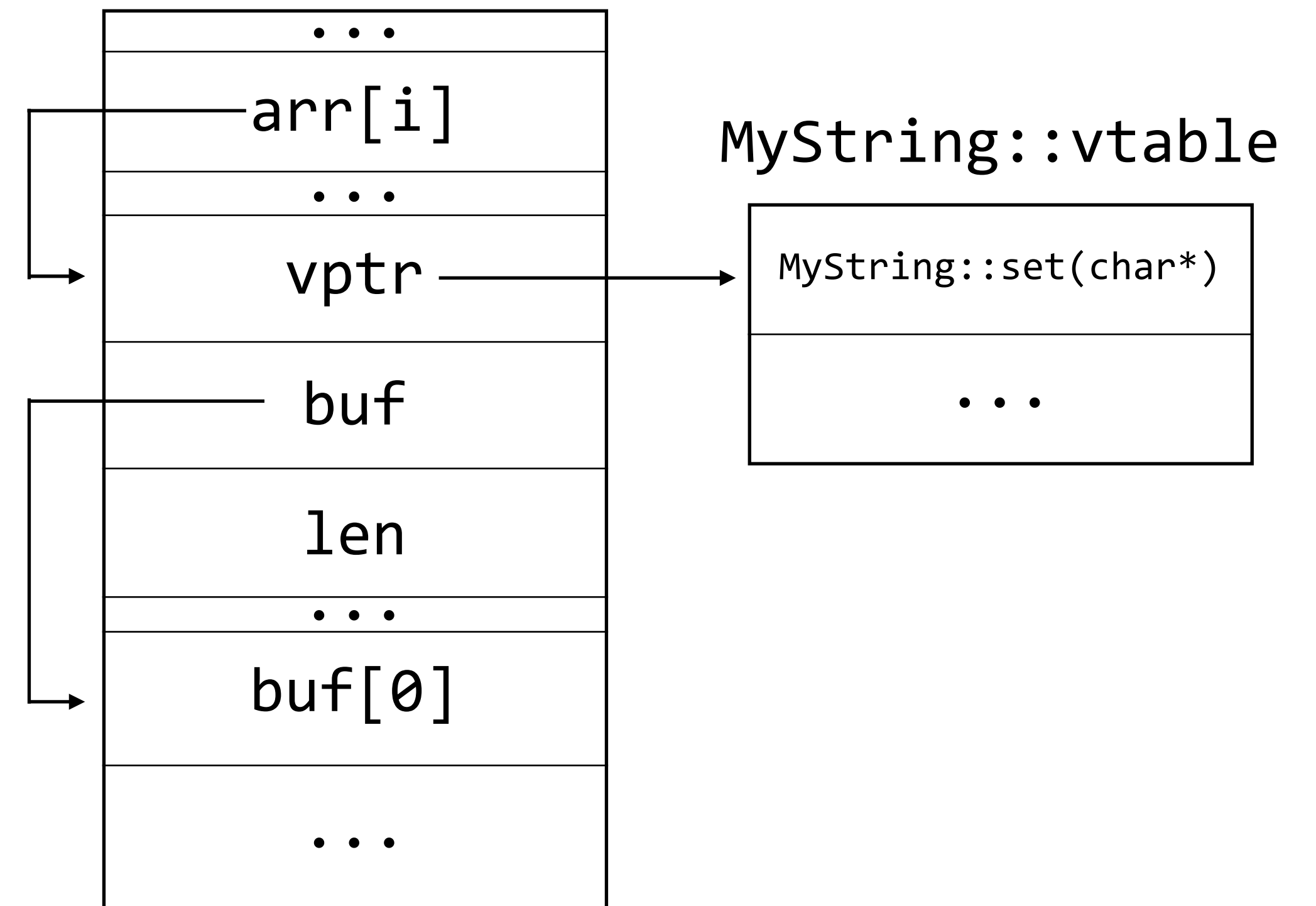
Arithmetic gadgets can be found easily.

```
class Student {  
    int scoreA, scoreB;  
    ...  
    int score;  
  
    virtual void update() {  
        score = scoreA + scoreB;  
    }  
};
```



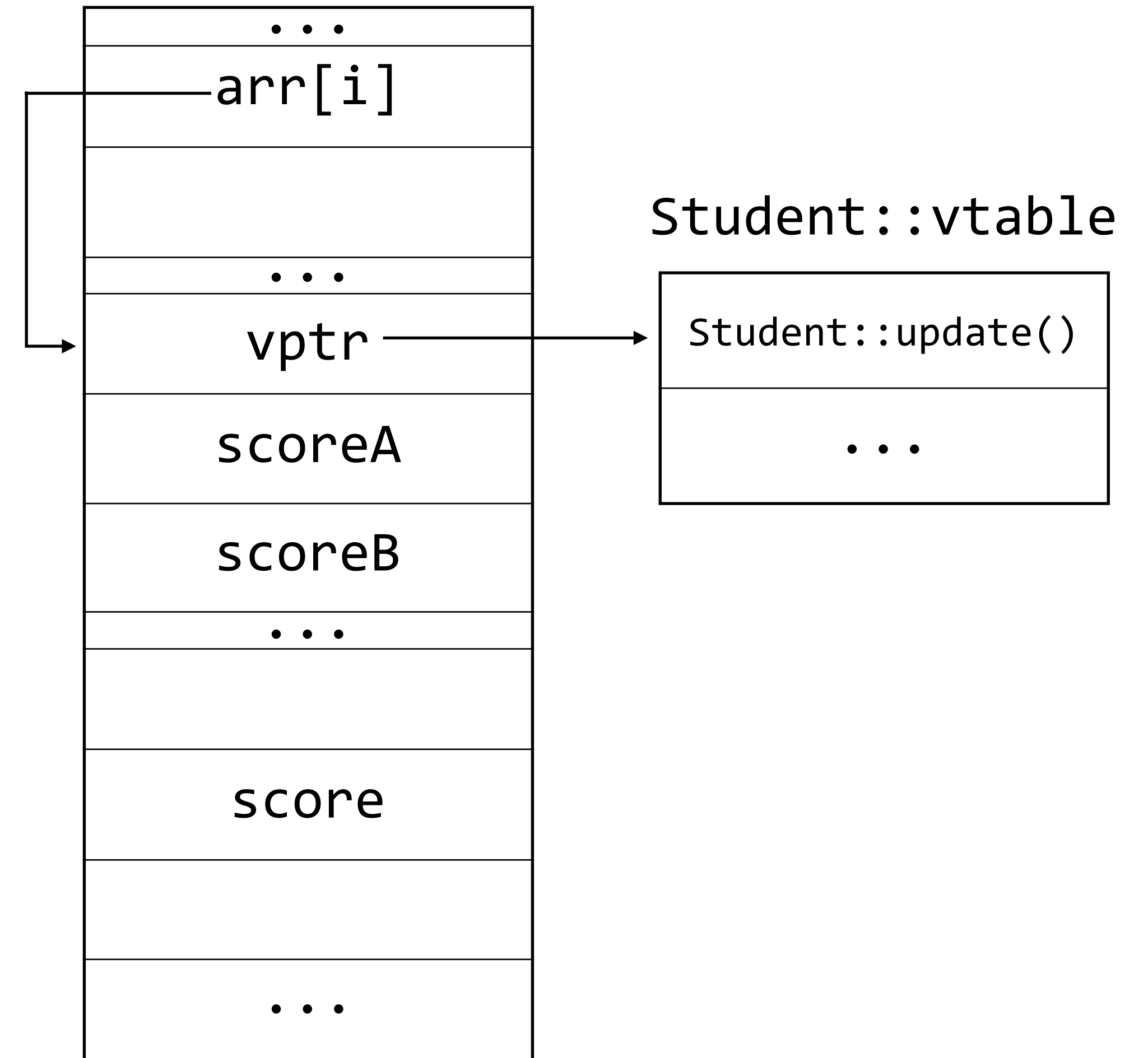
Read/write gadgets can be found easily.

```
class MyString {  
    char *buf;  
    int len;  
  
    virtual void set(char *src) {  
        strncpy(buf, src, len);  
    }  
};
```



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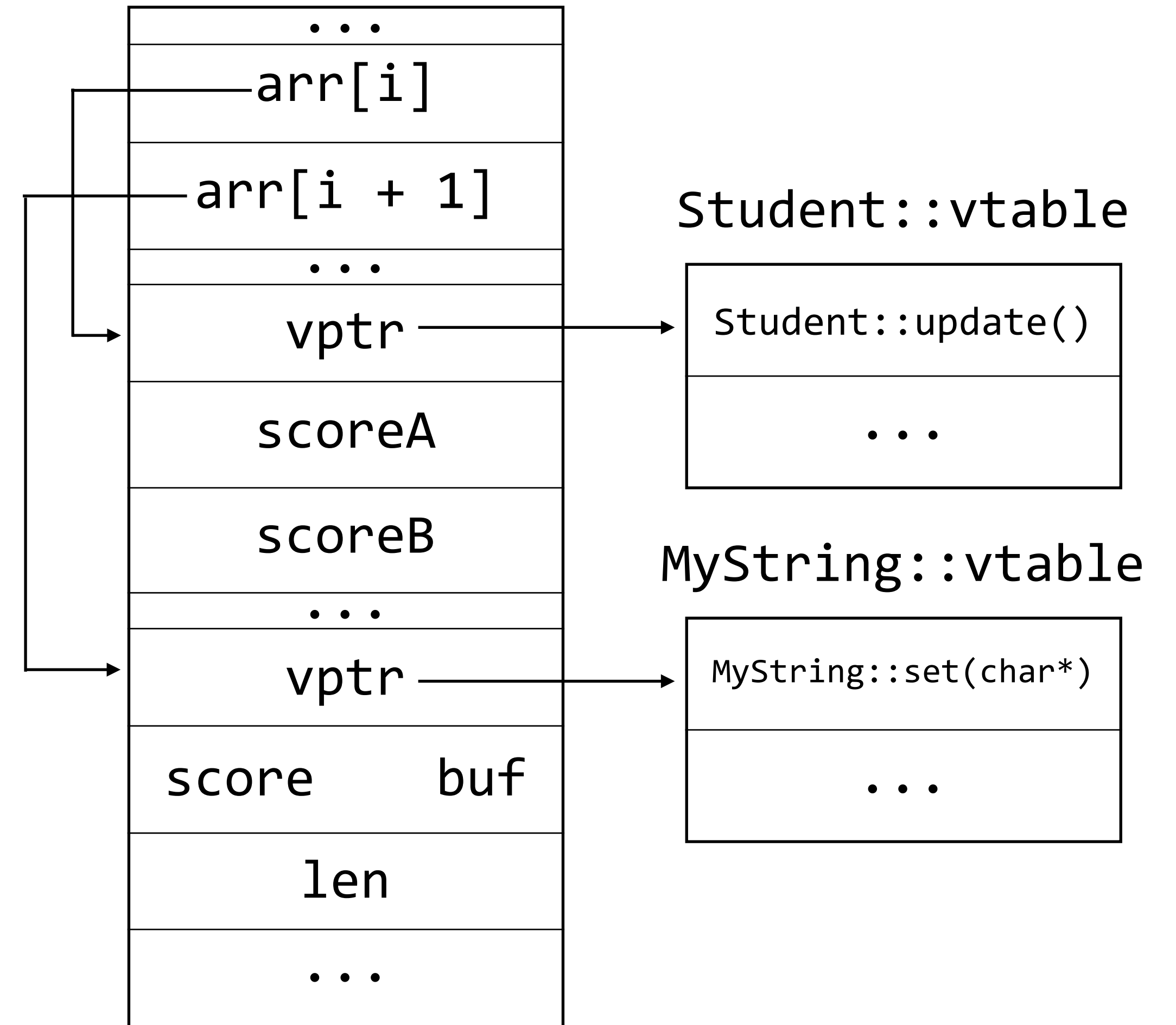
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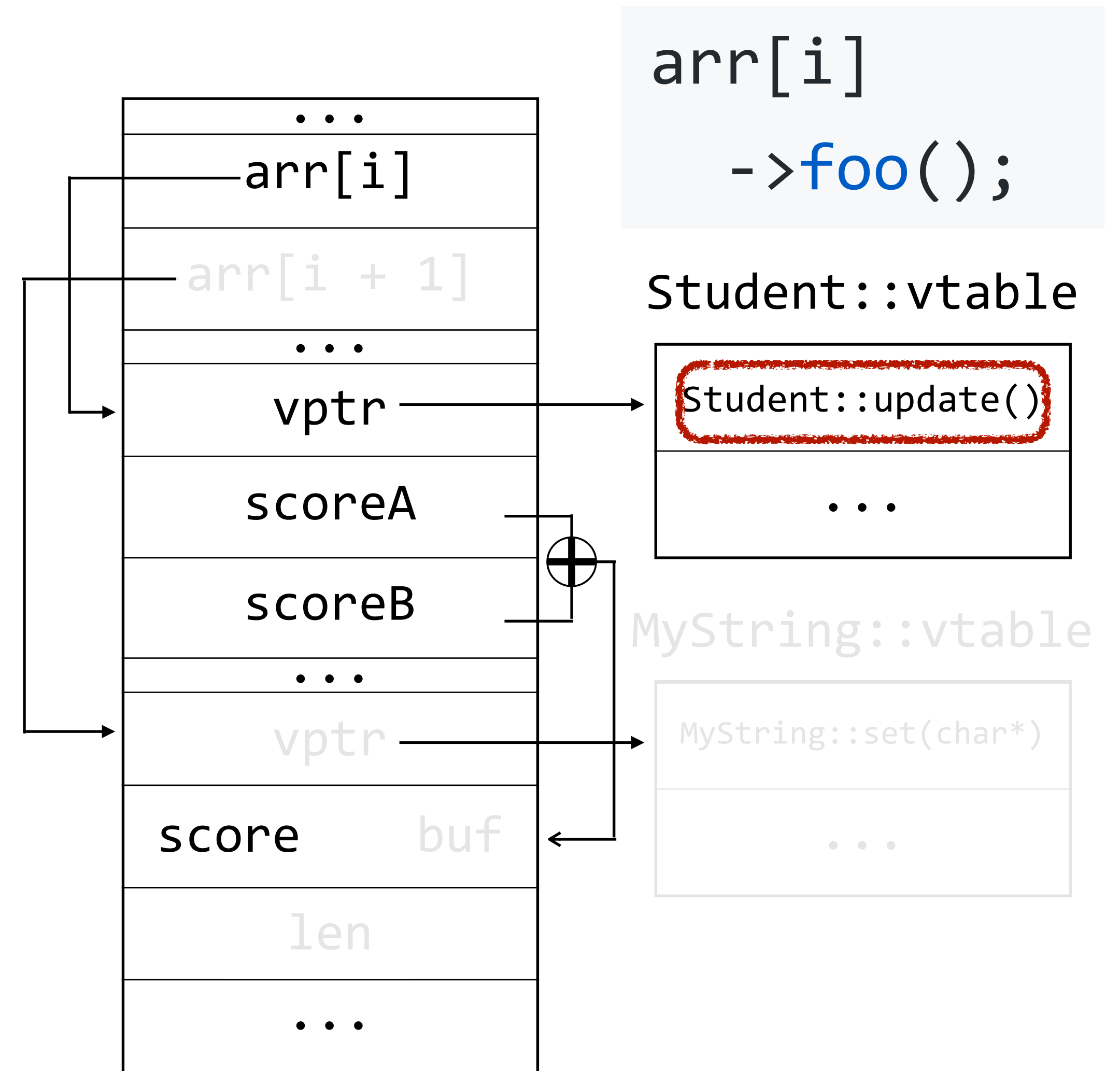
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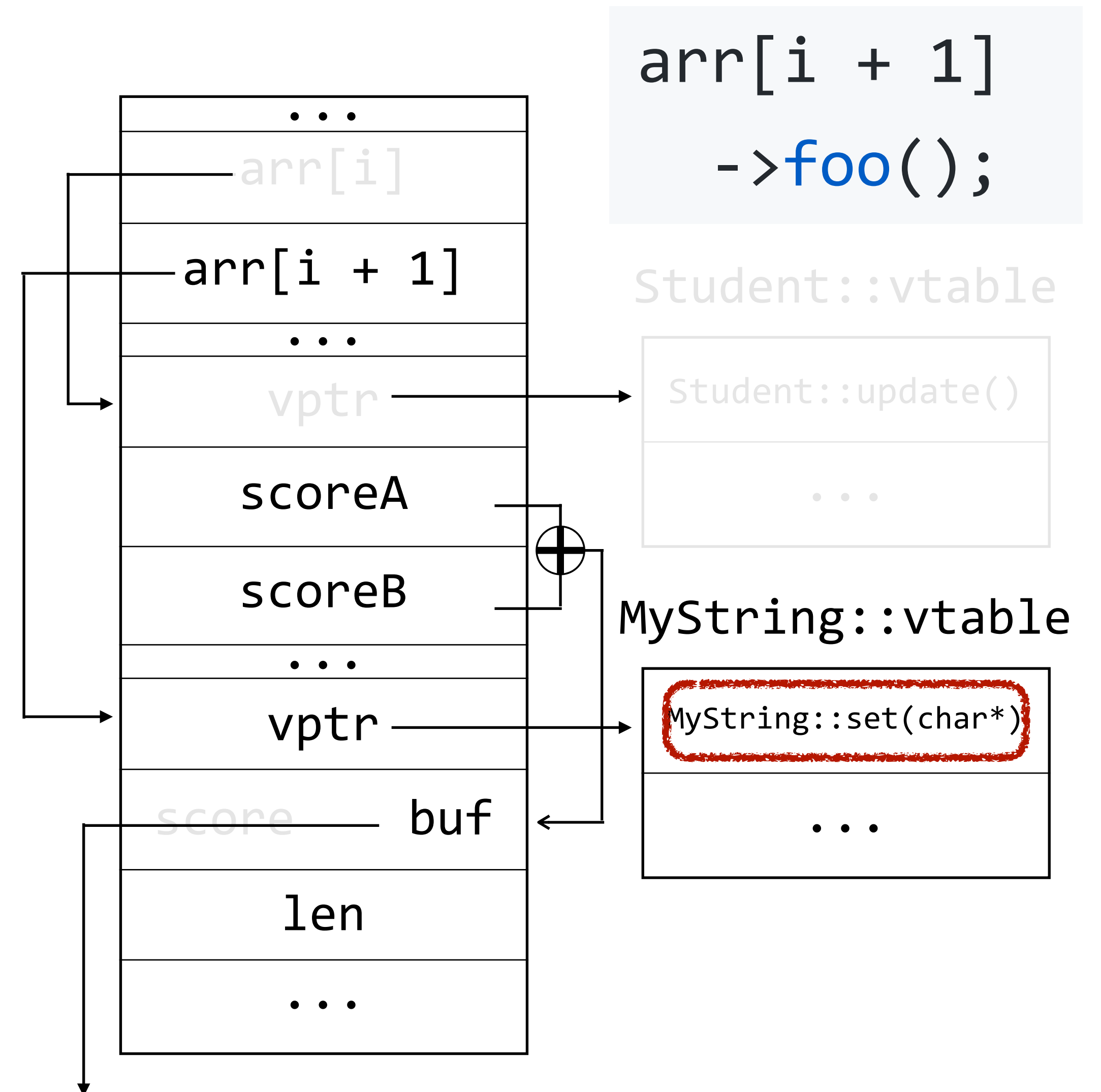
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x64 uses registers to pass arguments.

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rcx

this

rdx

1st arg

r8

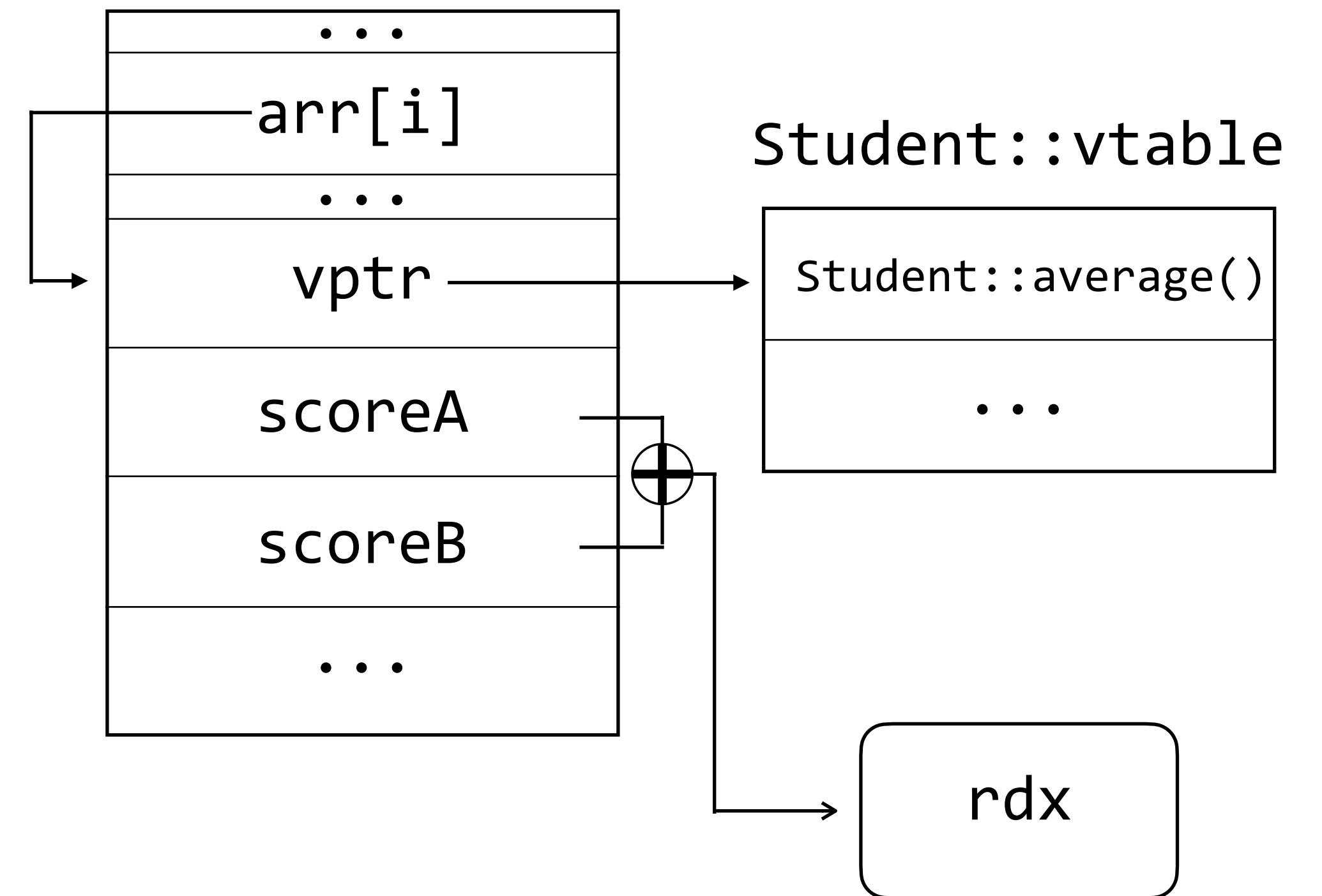
2nd arg

r9

3rd arg

Caller-saved registers store intermediate results.

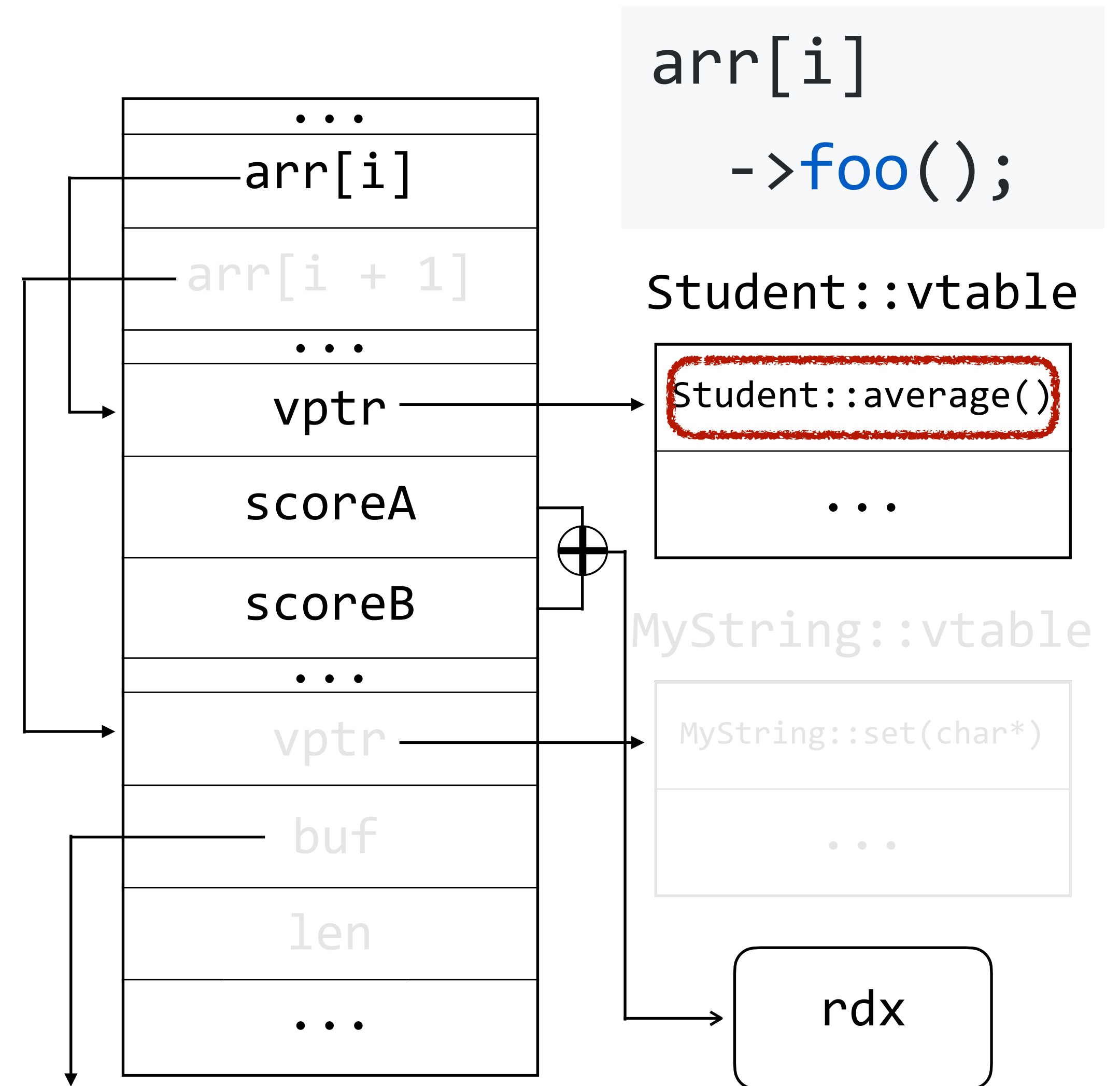
```
class Student {  
    int scoreA, scoreB;  
  
    virtual int average() {  
        return (scoreA+scoreB)/2;  
    }  
};
```



Intermediate results are arguments for the next call.

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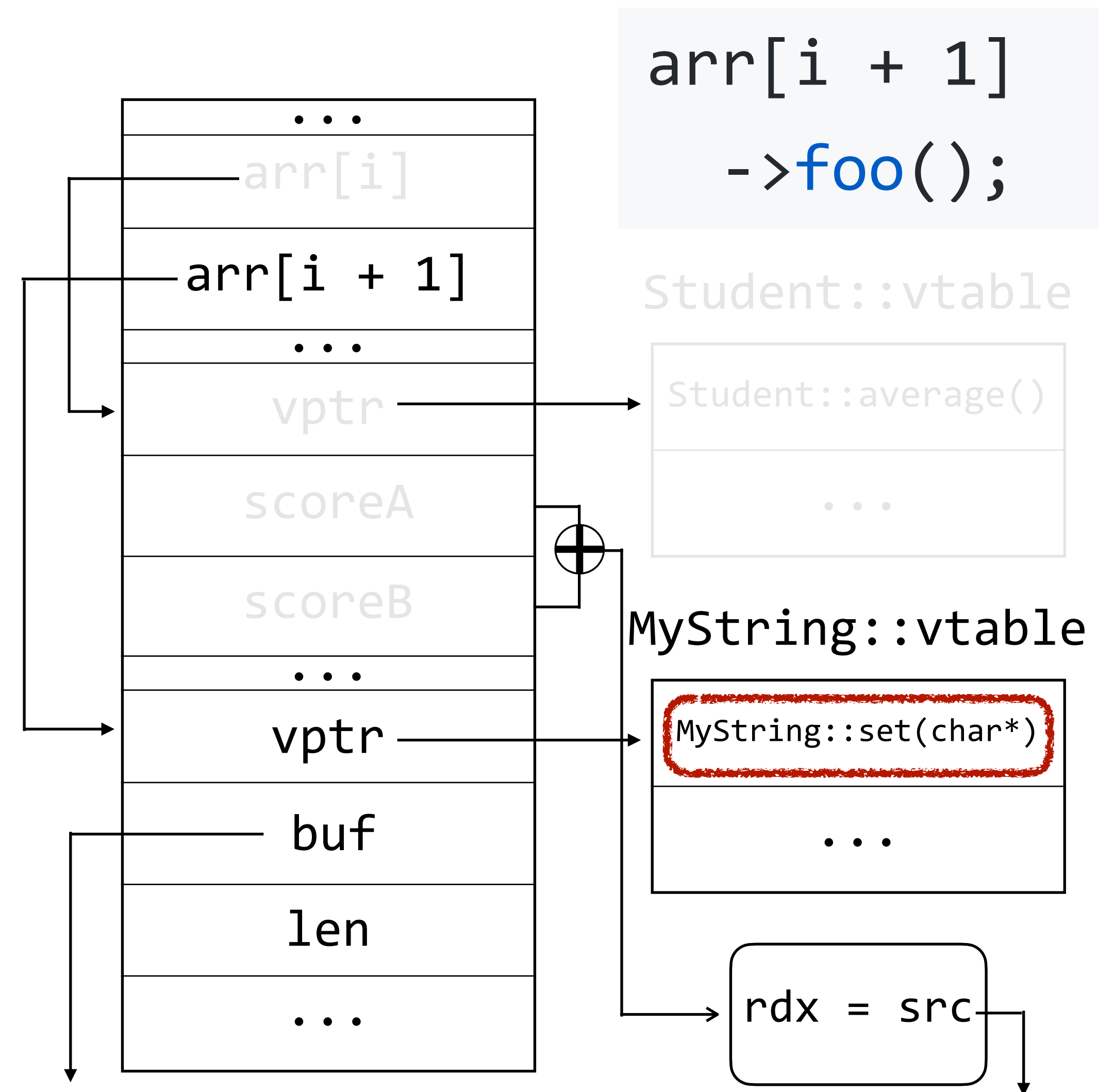
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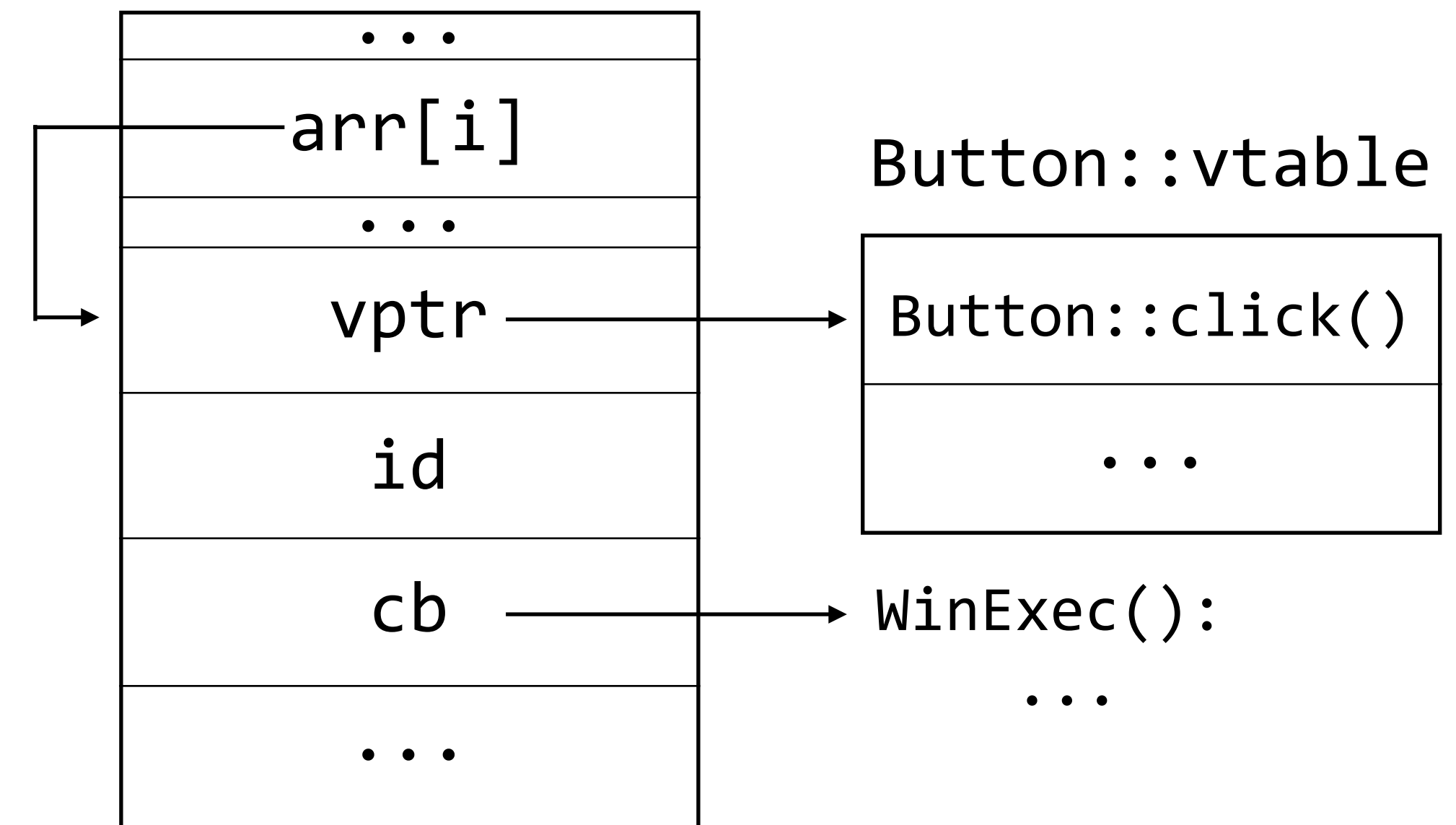
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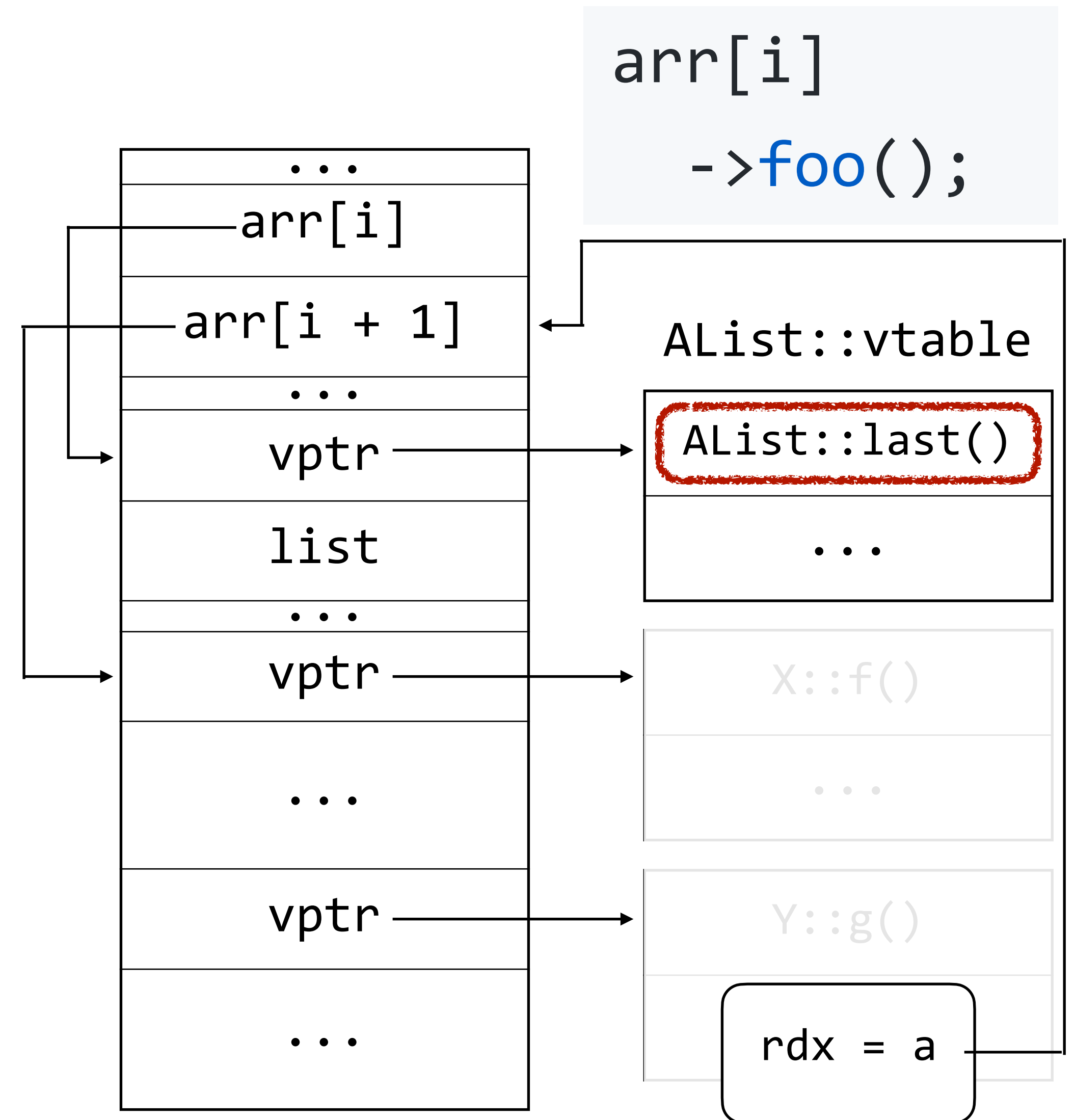
Gadgets calling function pointers can be used for system calls.

```
class Button {  
    int id;  
    void (* cb)(int);  
  
    virtual void click() {  
        cb(id);  
    }  
};
```



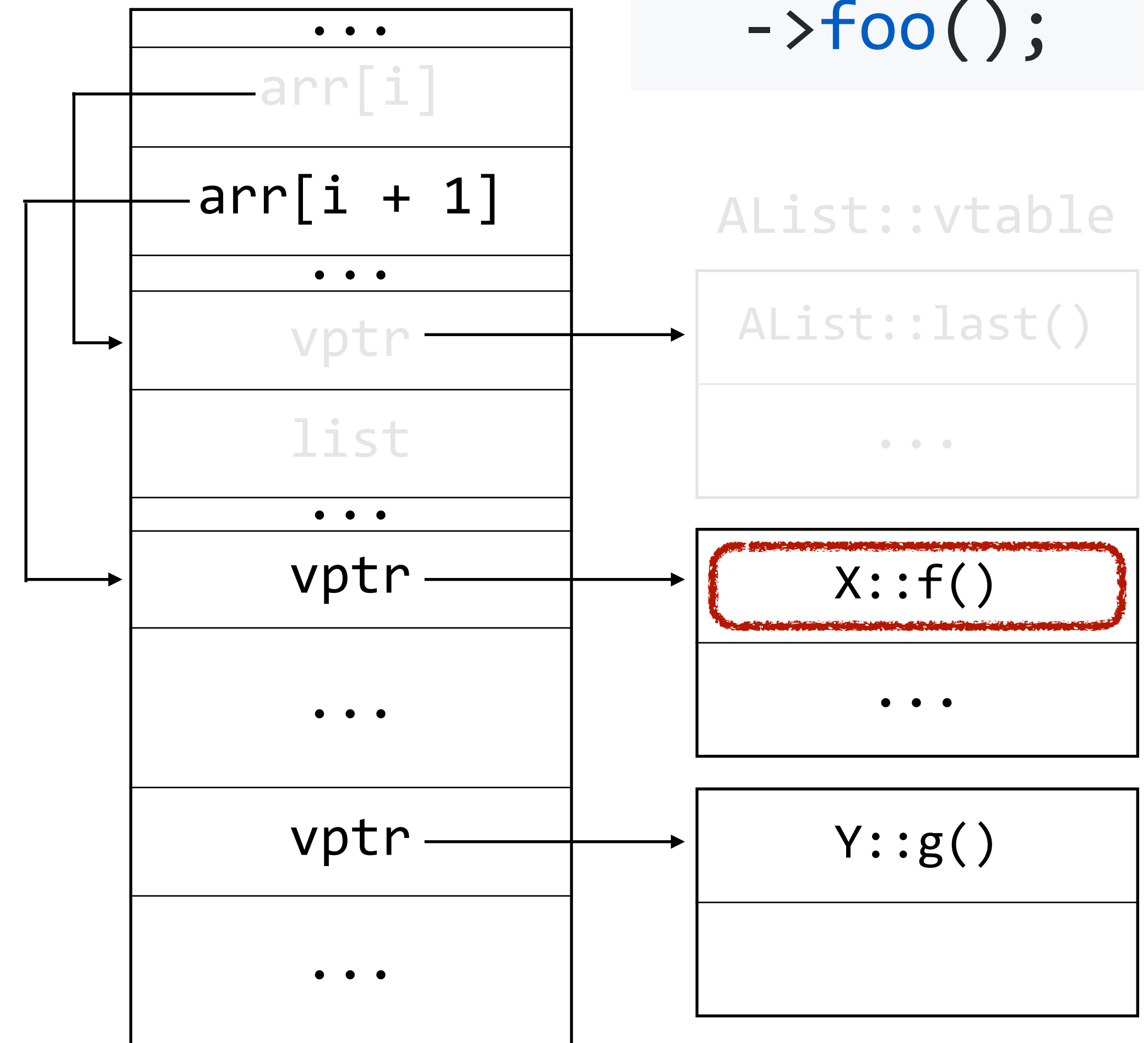
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```
class AList {
    std::list<A> list;
    virtual bool last(A *a) {
        if (list->empty())
            return false;
        *a = list->back();
        return true;
    }
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```



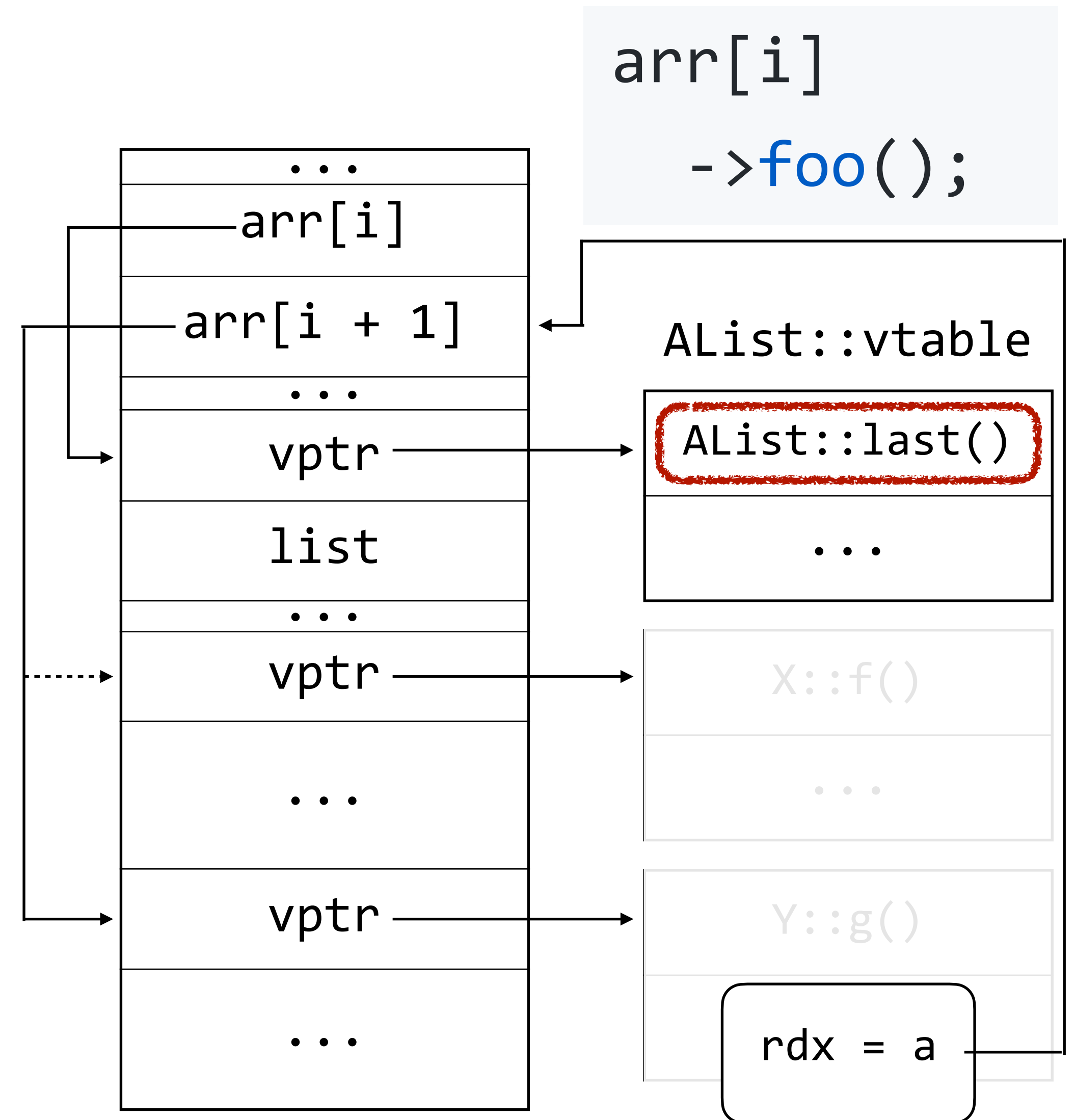
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COOP achieves Turing completeness.

`AList::iter()`

Main loop

`Score::update()`

Arithmetic/logical

`String::set()`

Read/write

`Student::ave()`

Load argument

`Button::click()`

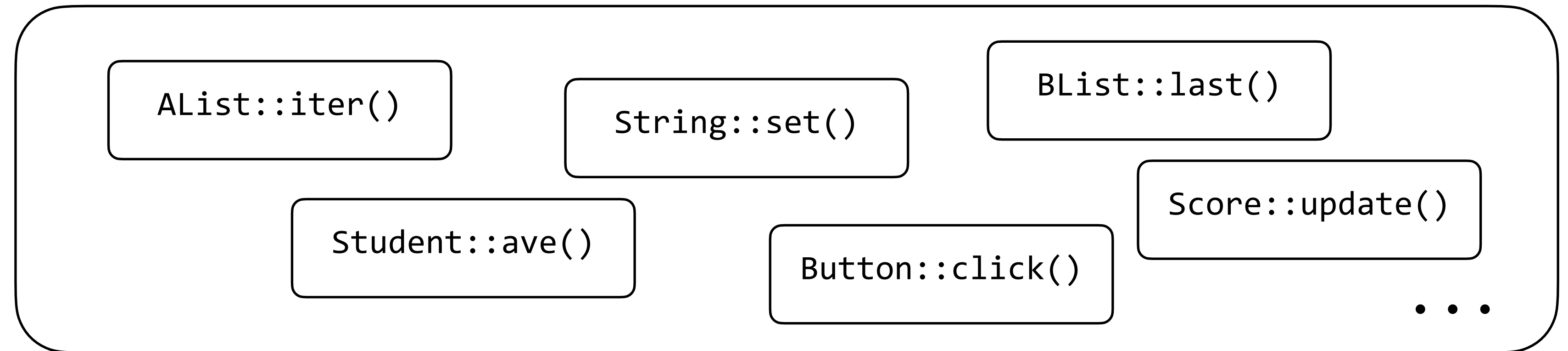
Function call

`BList::last()`

Conditional branch

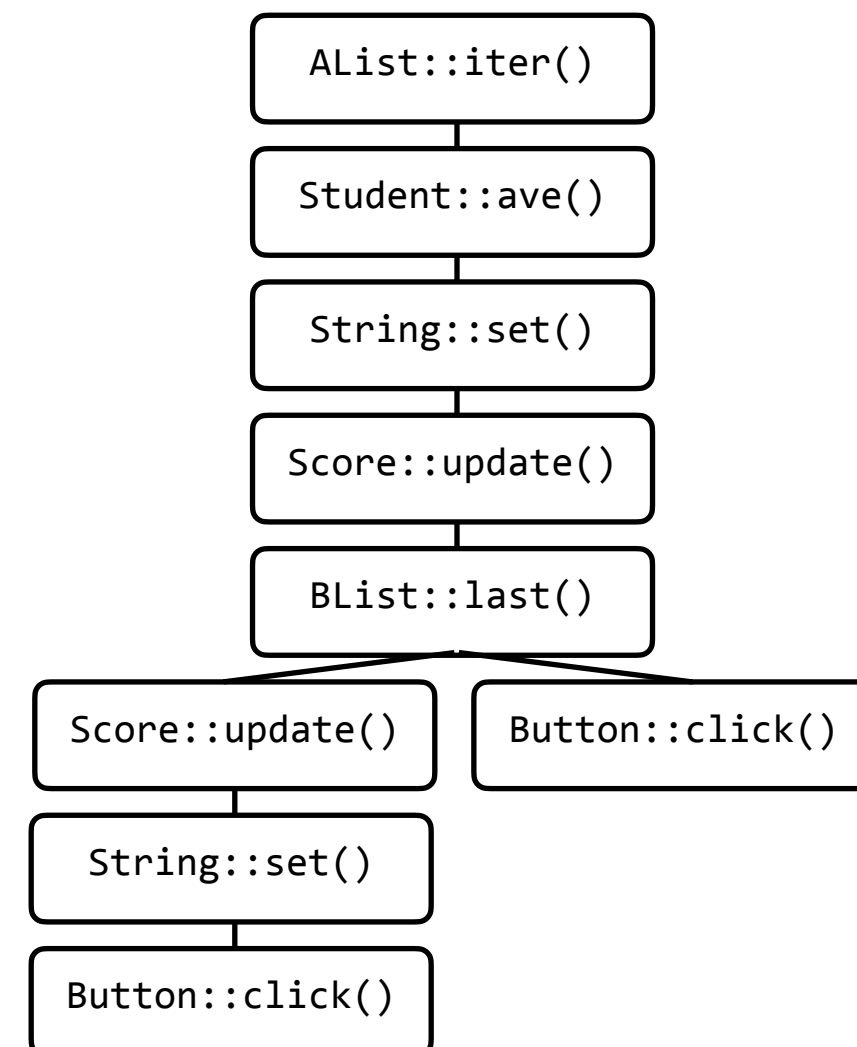
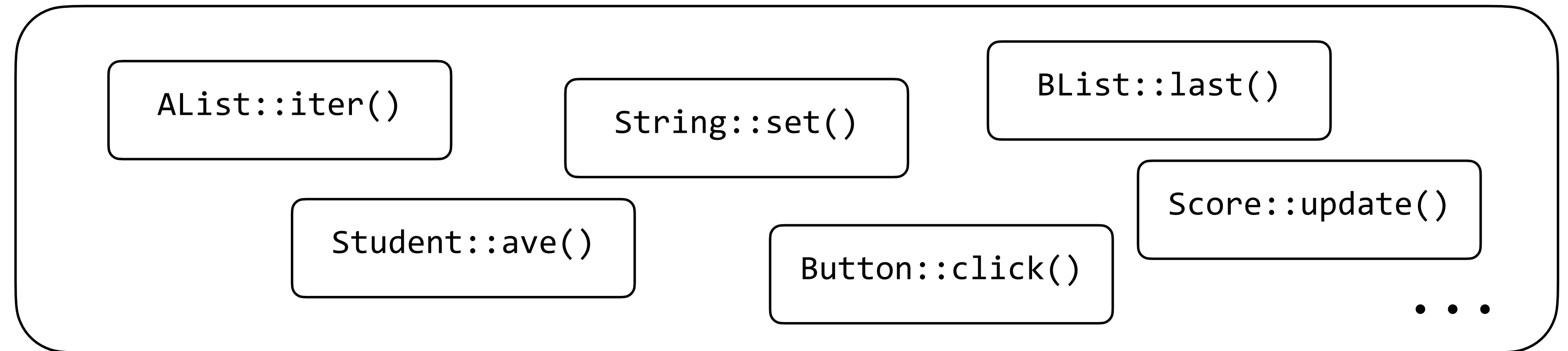
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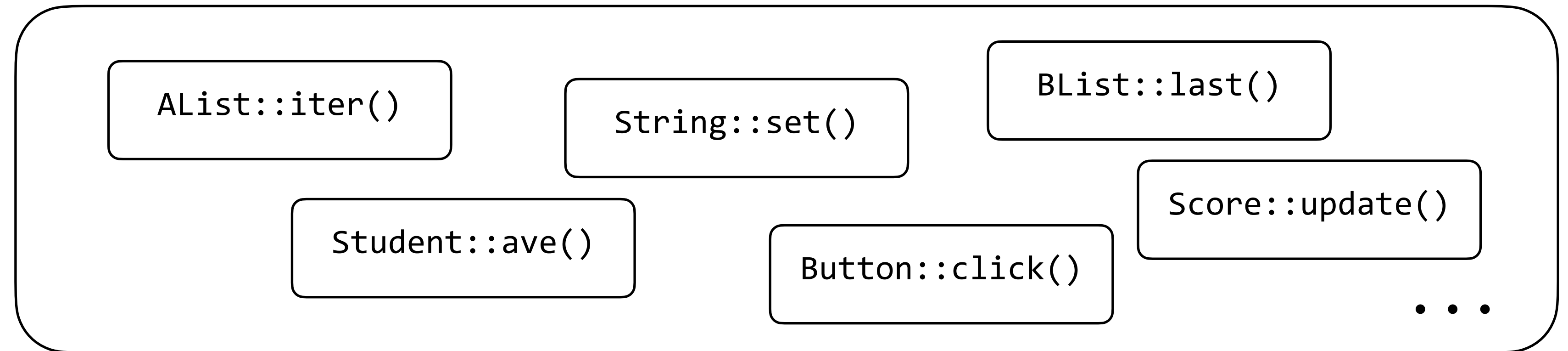
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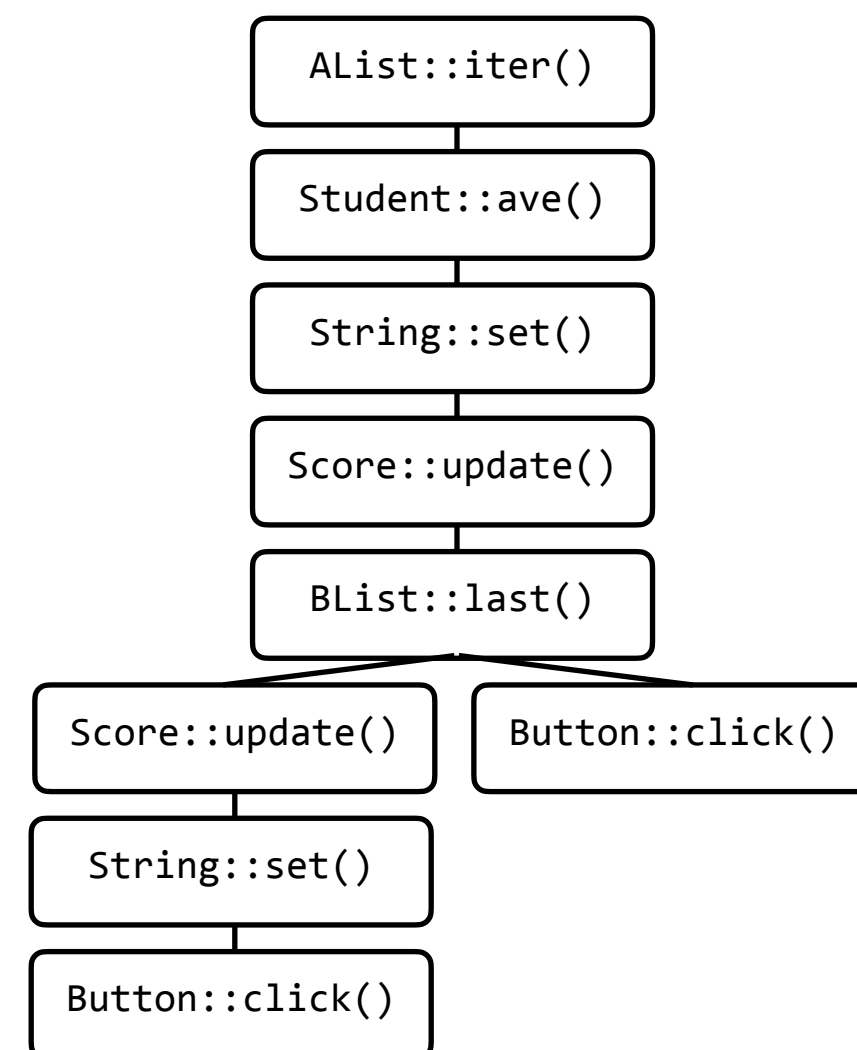
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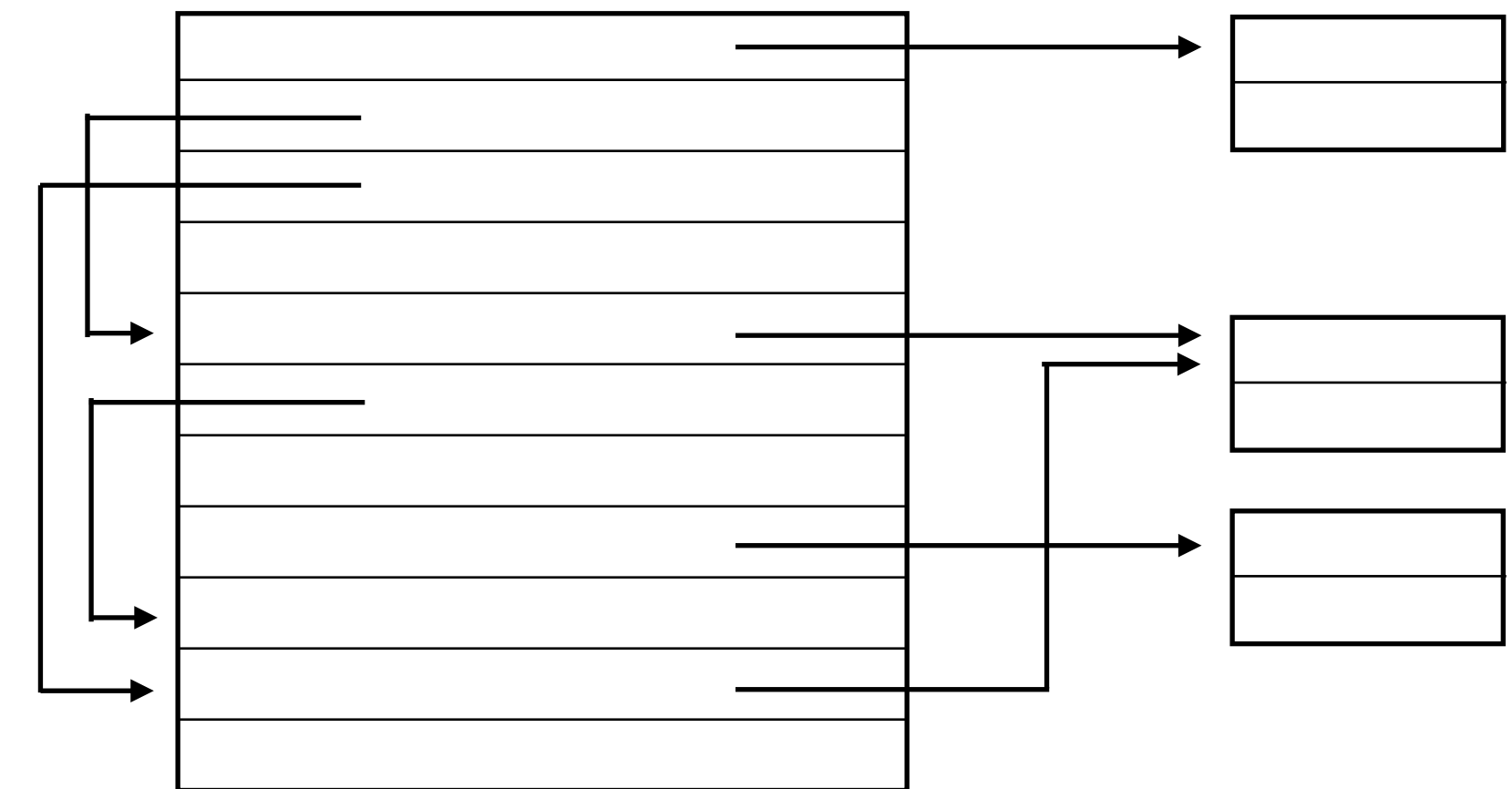
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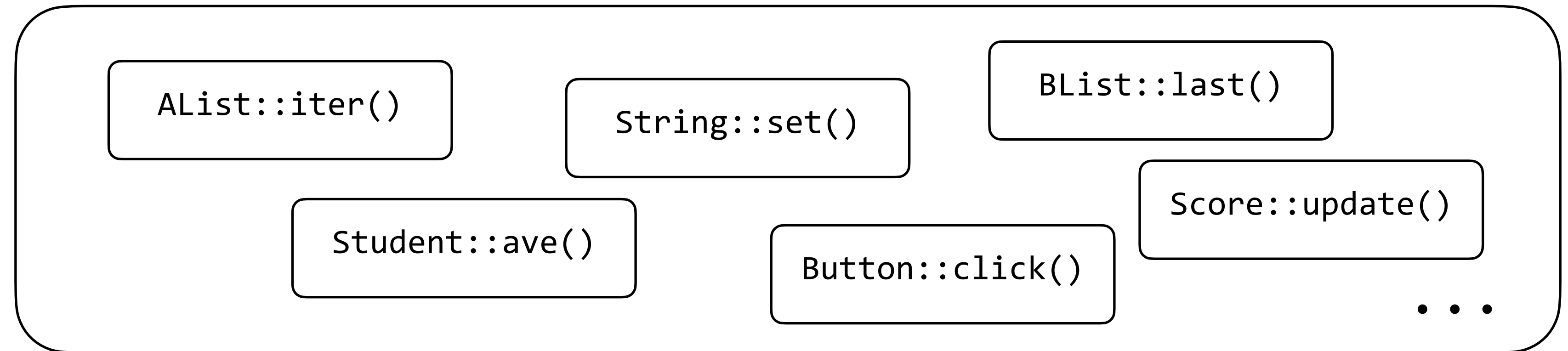
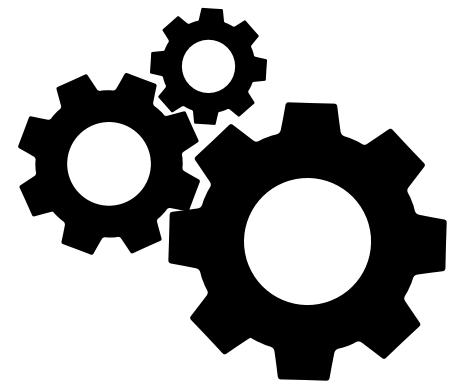


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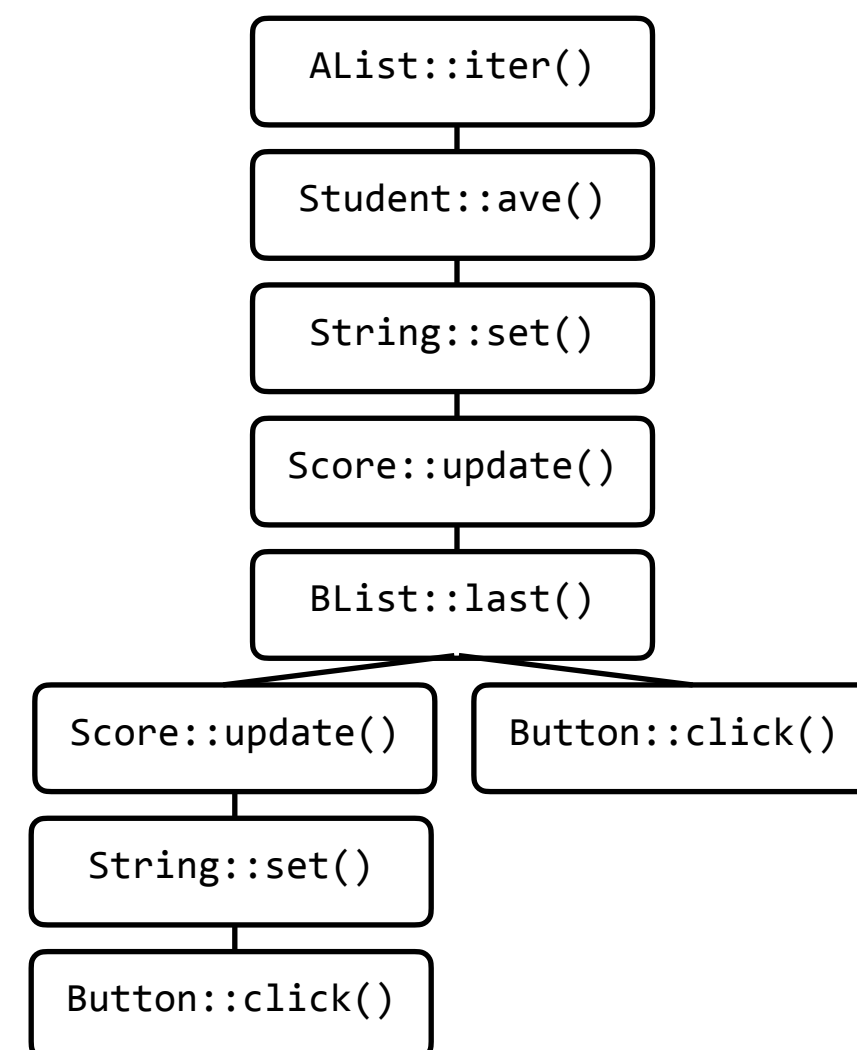


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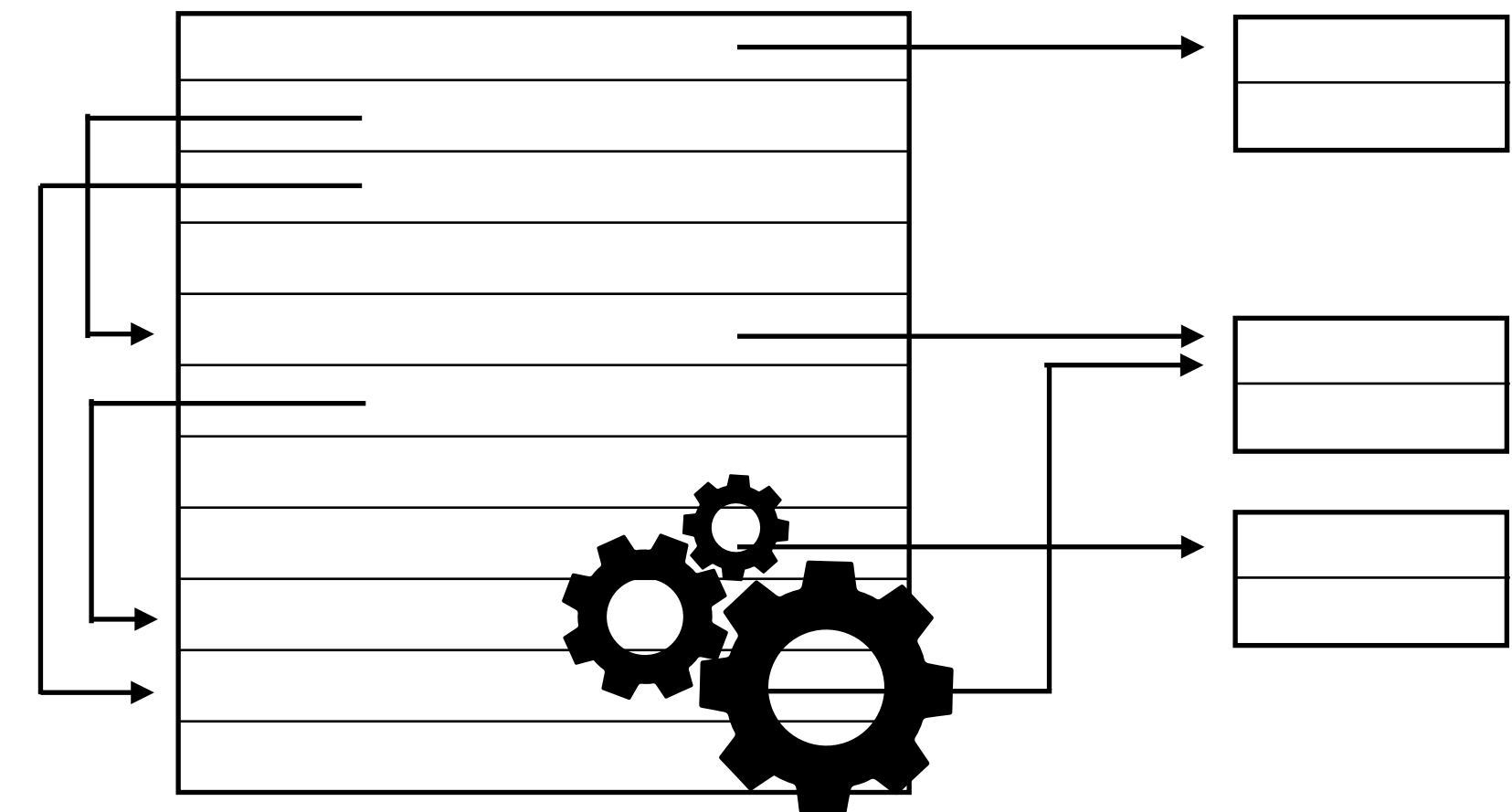
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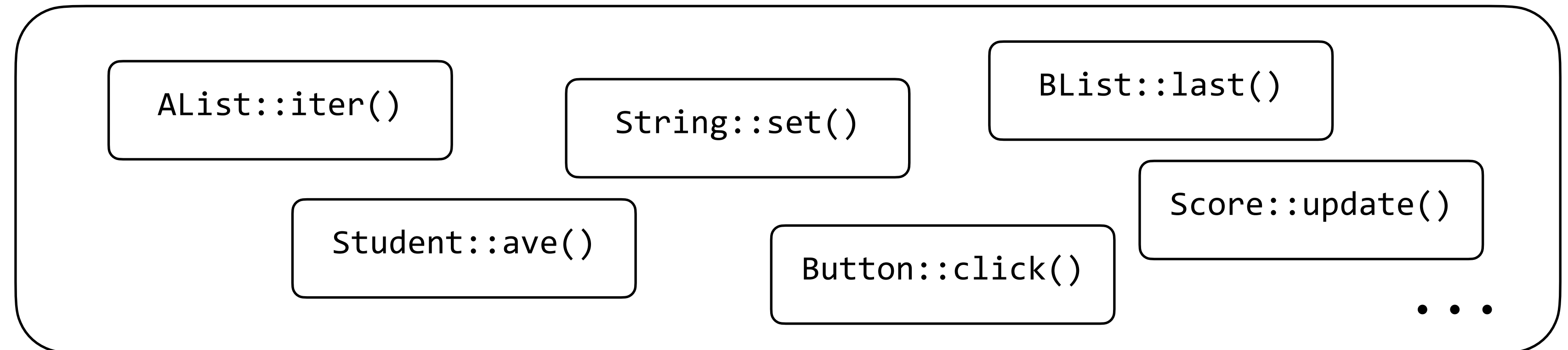
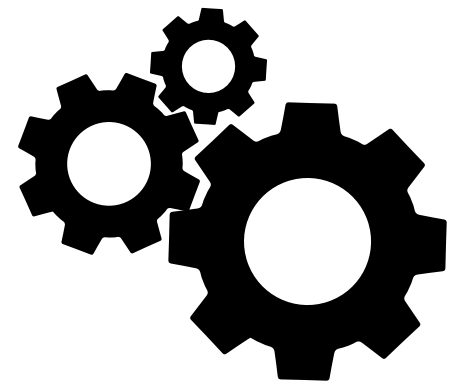


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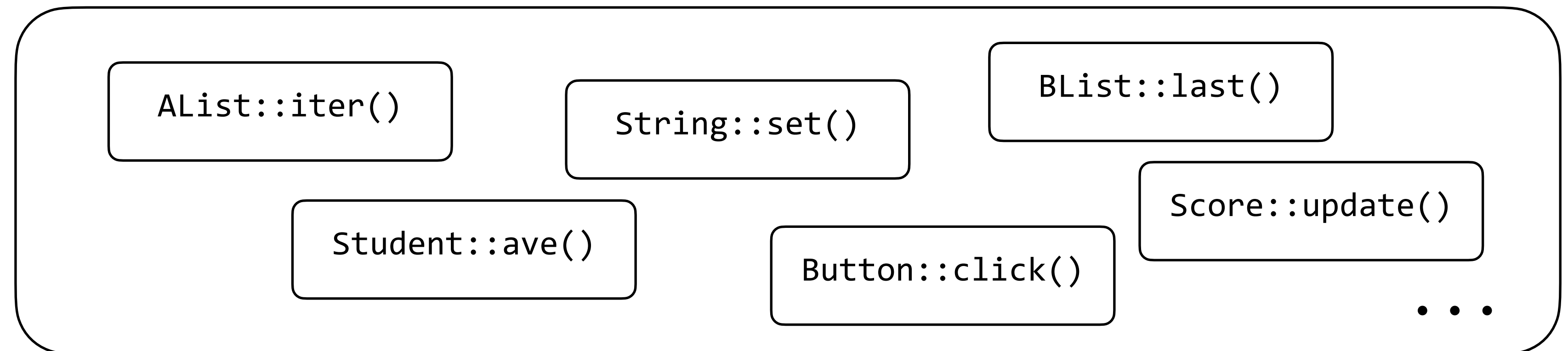
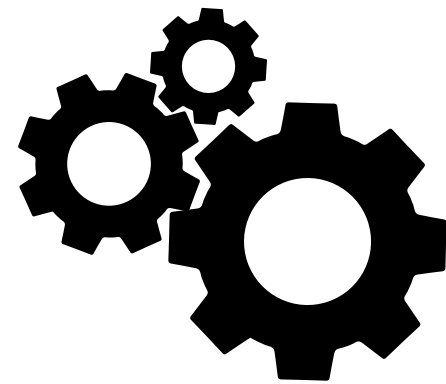
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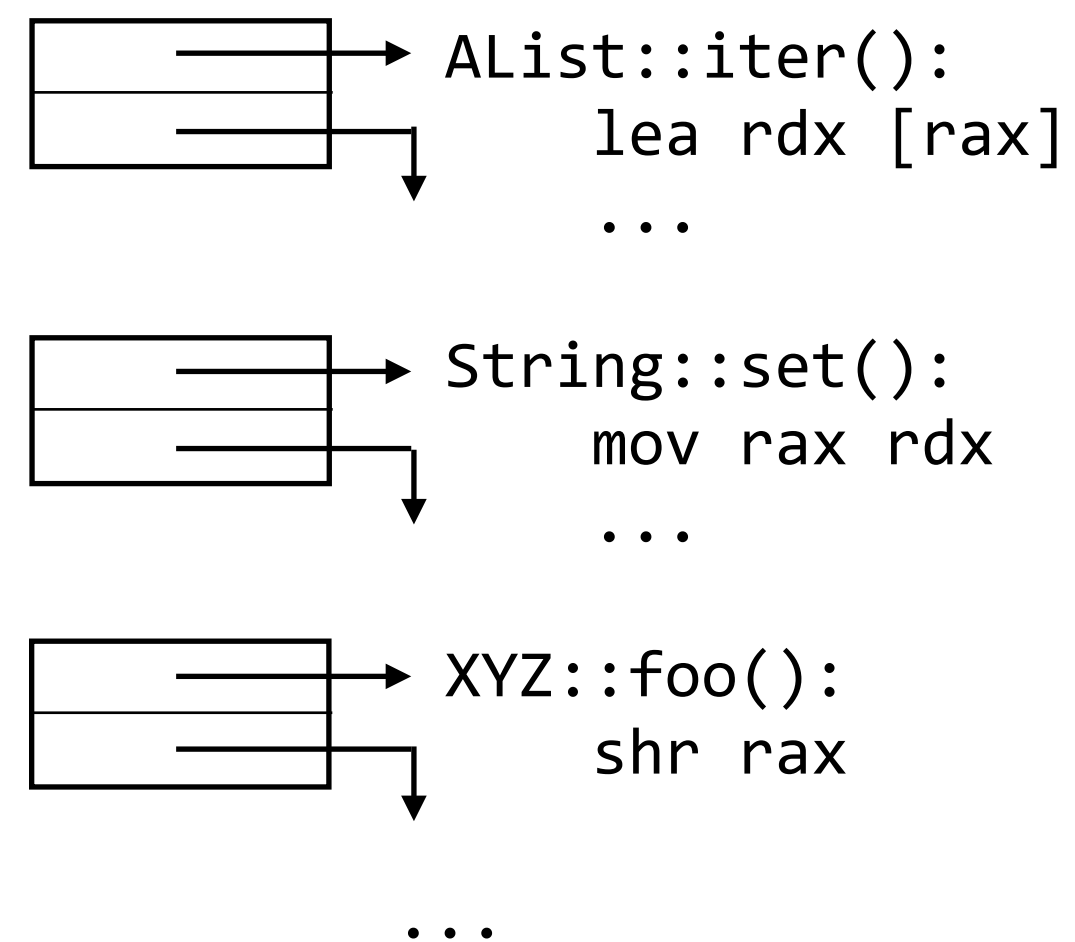
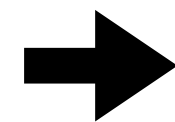
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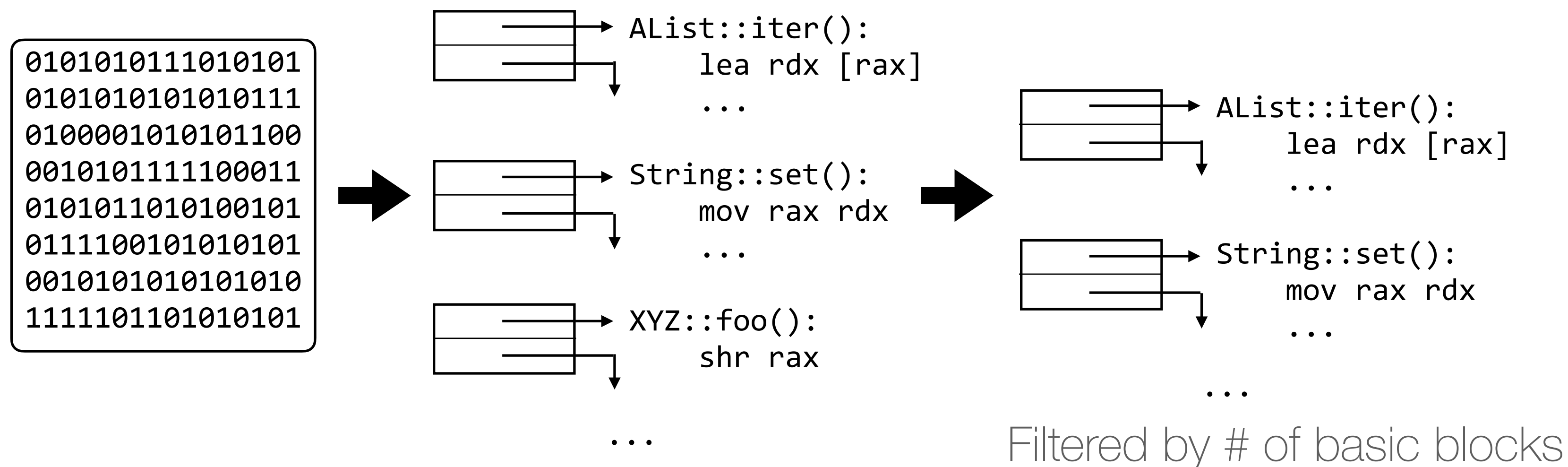
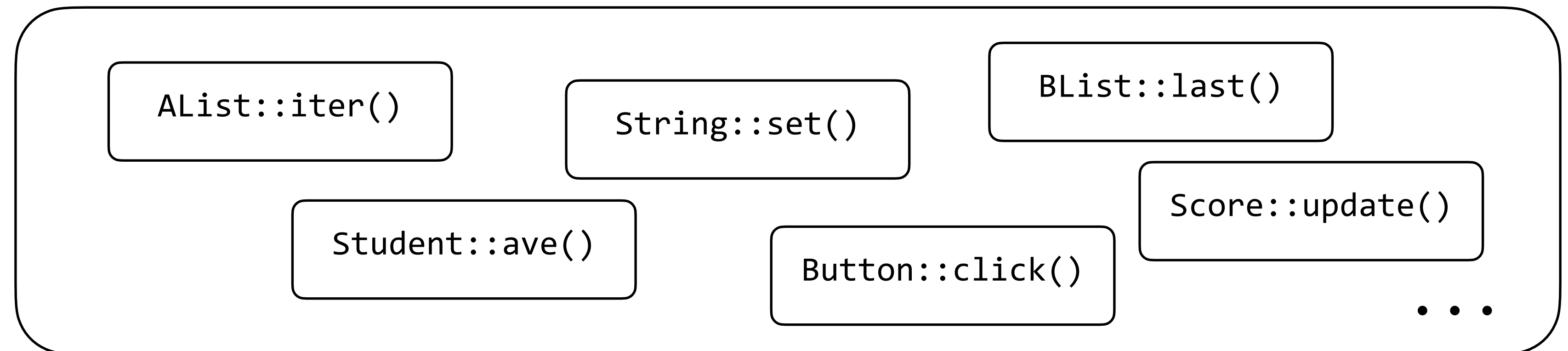
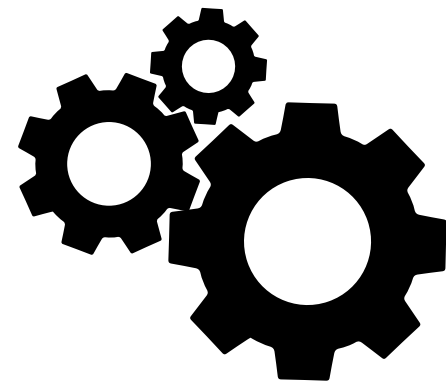


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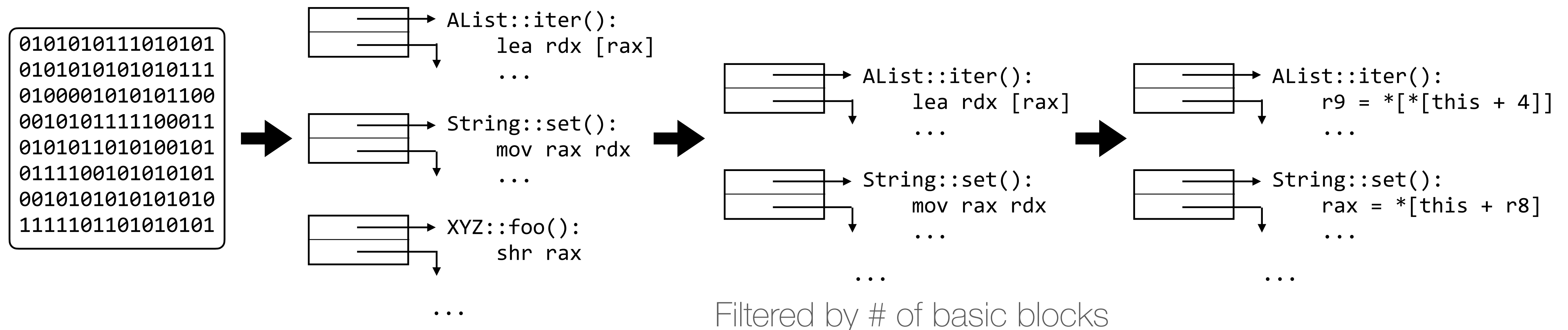
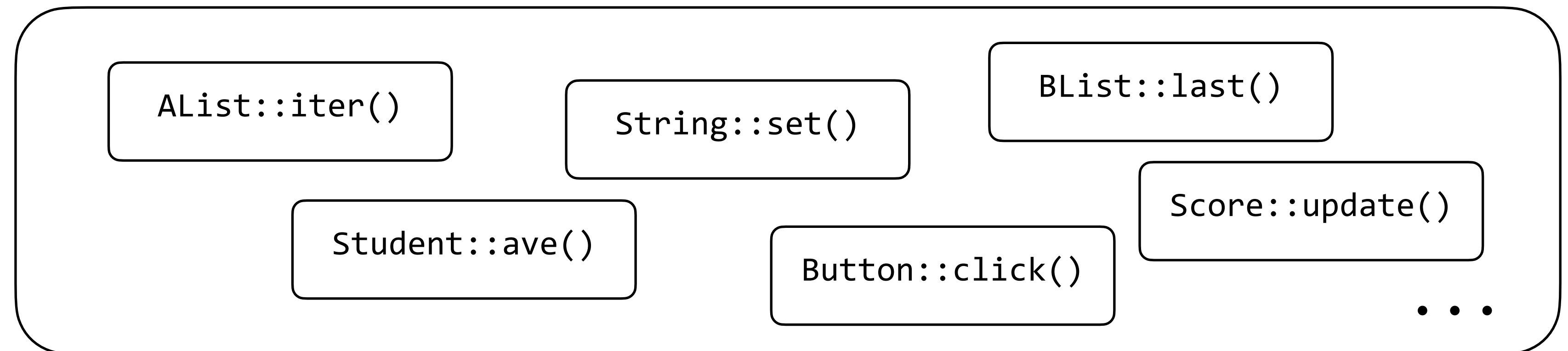
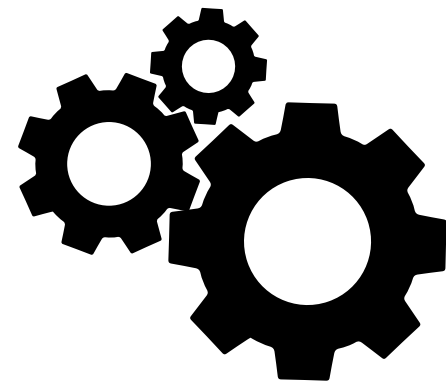
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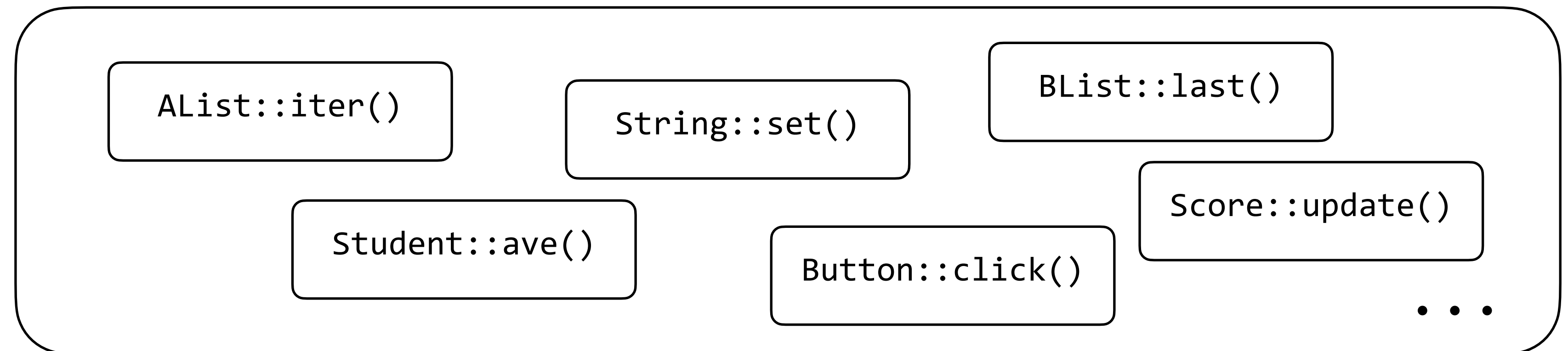
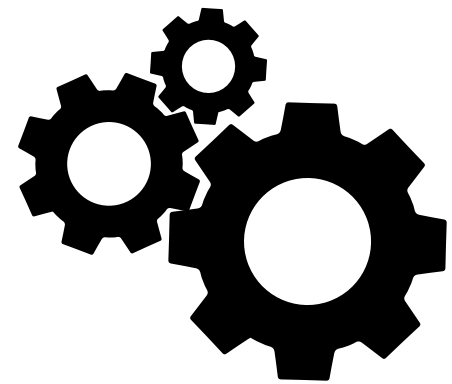
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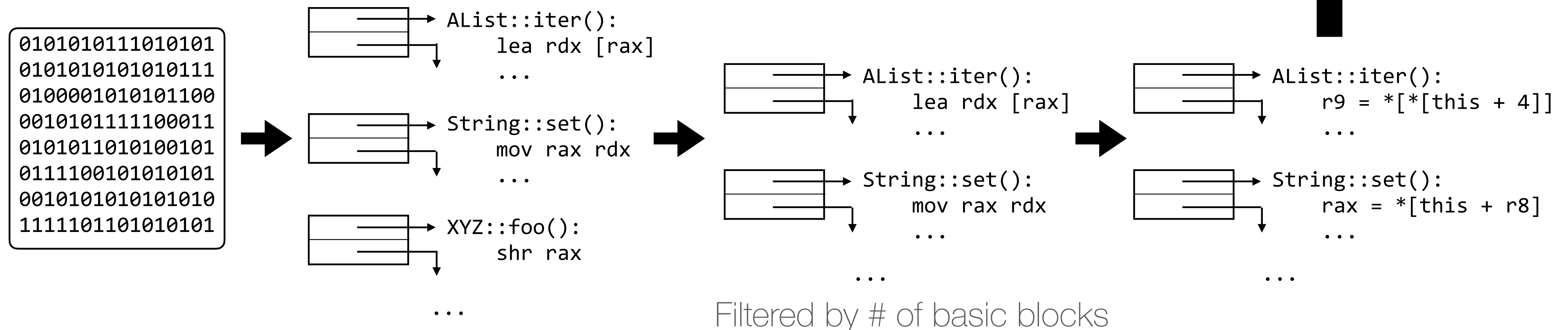


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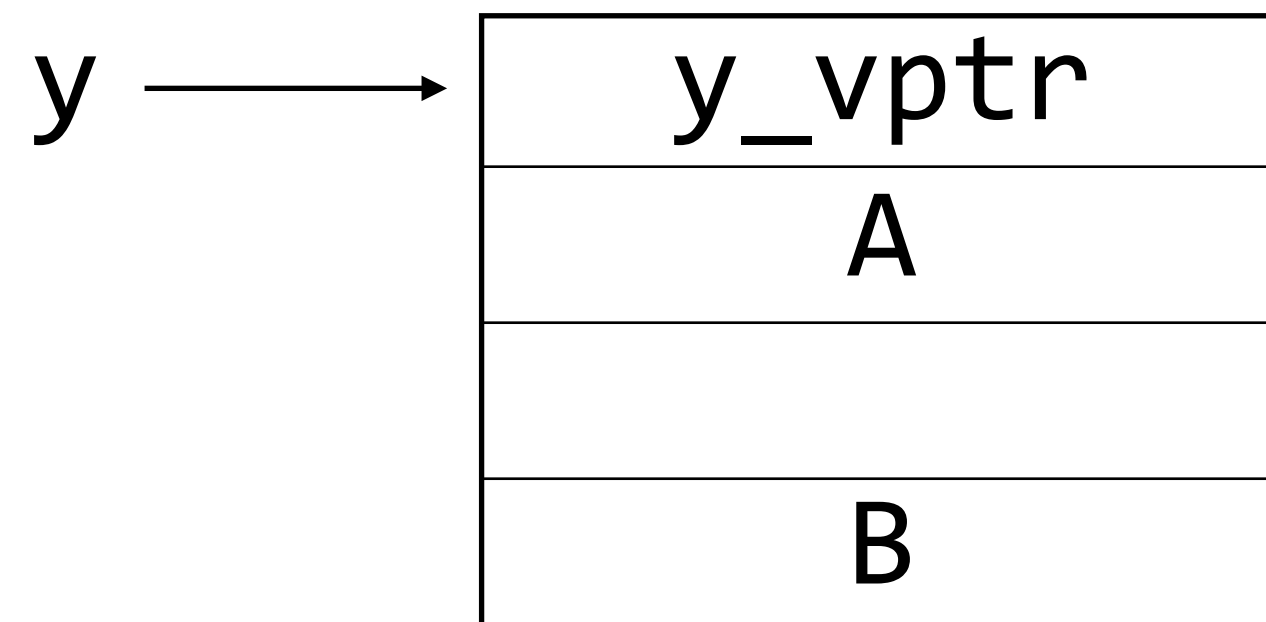
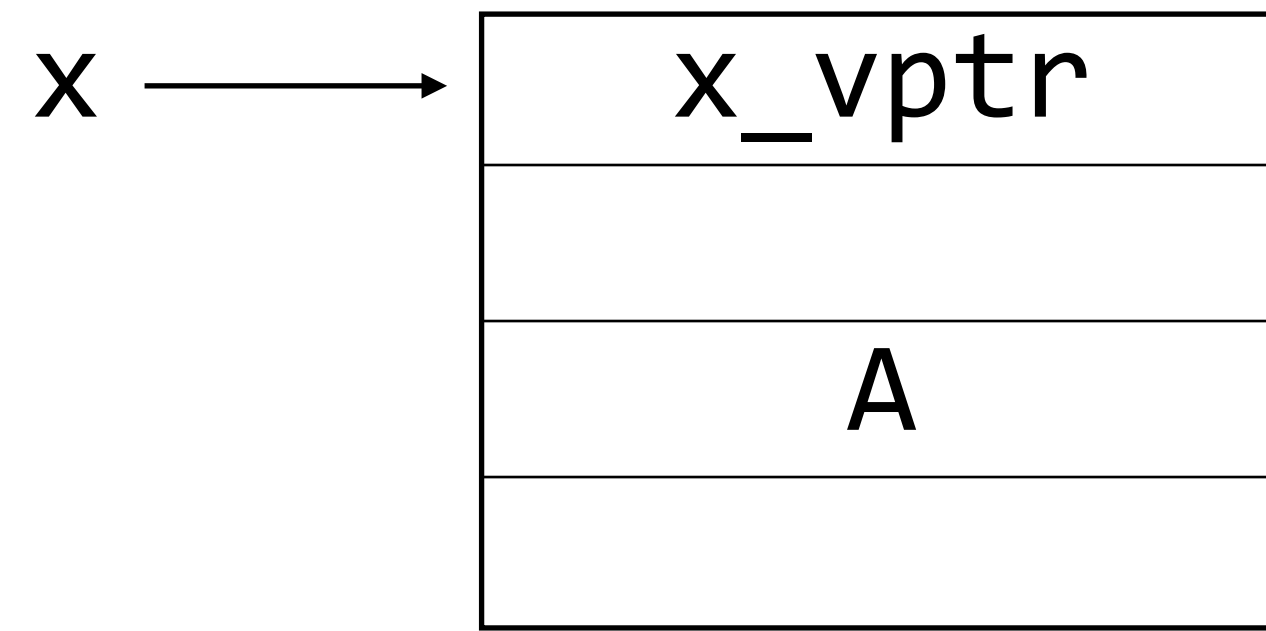
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Filtered by semantics

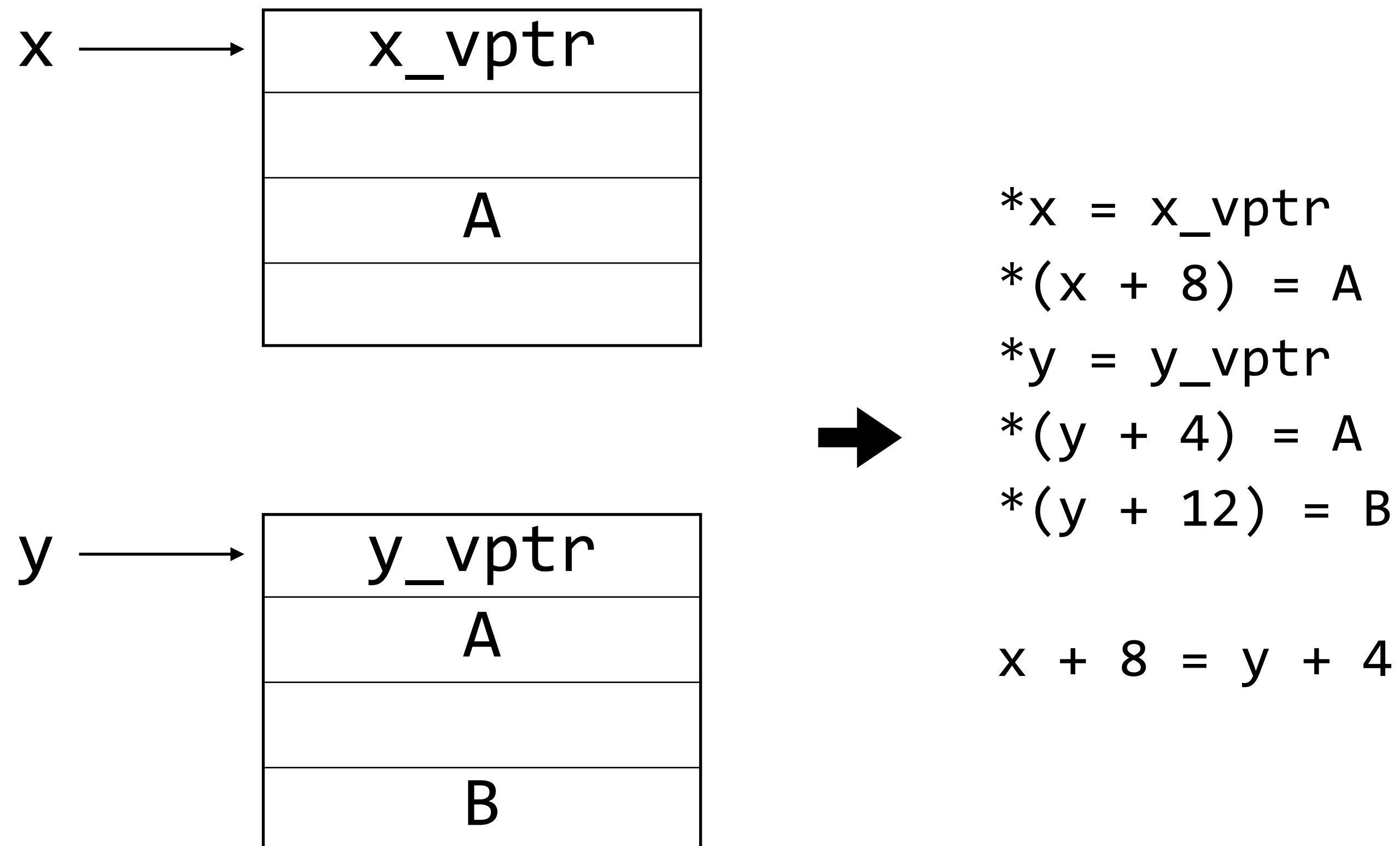


Z3 solves constraints to determine the layout.



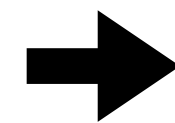
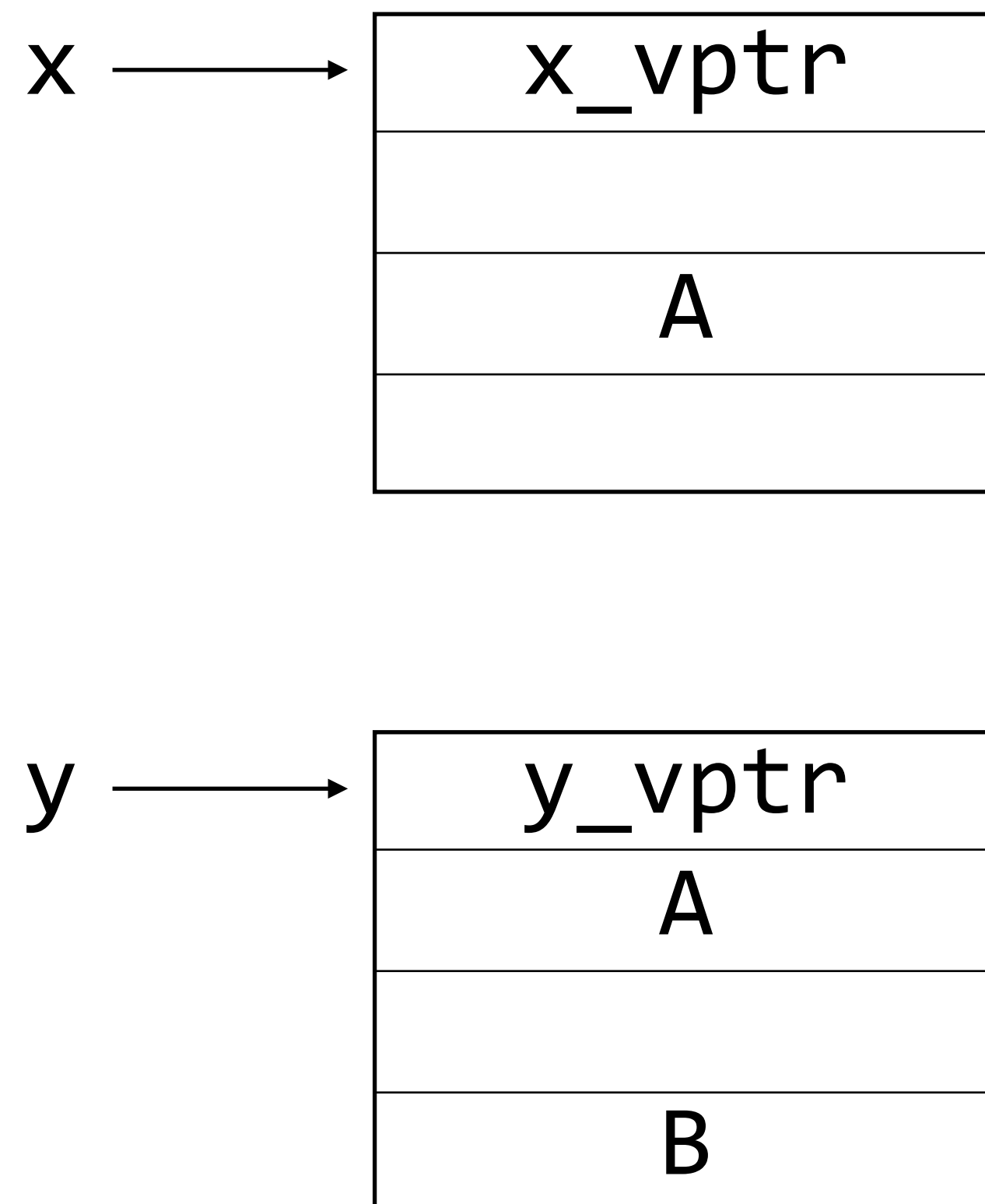
3. Arrange objects in memory

Z3 solves constraints to determine the layout.



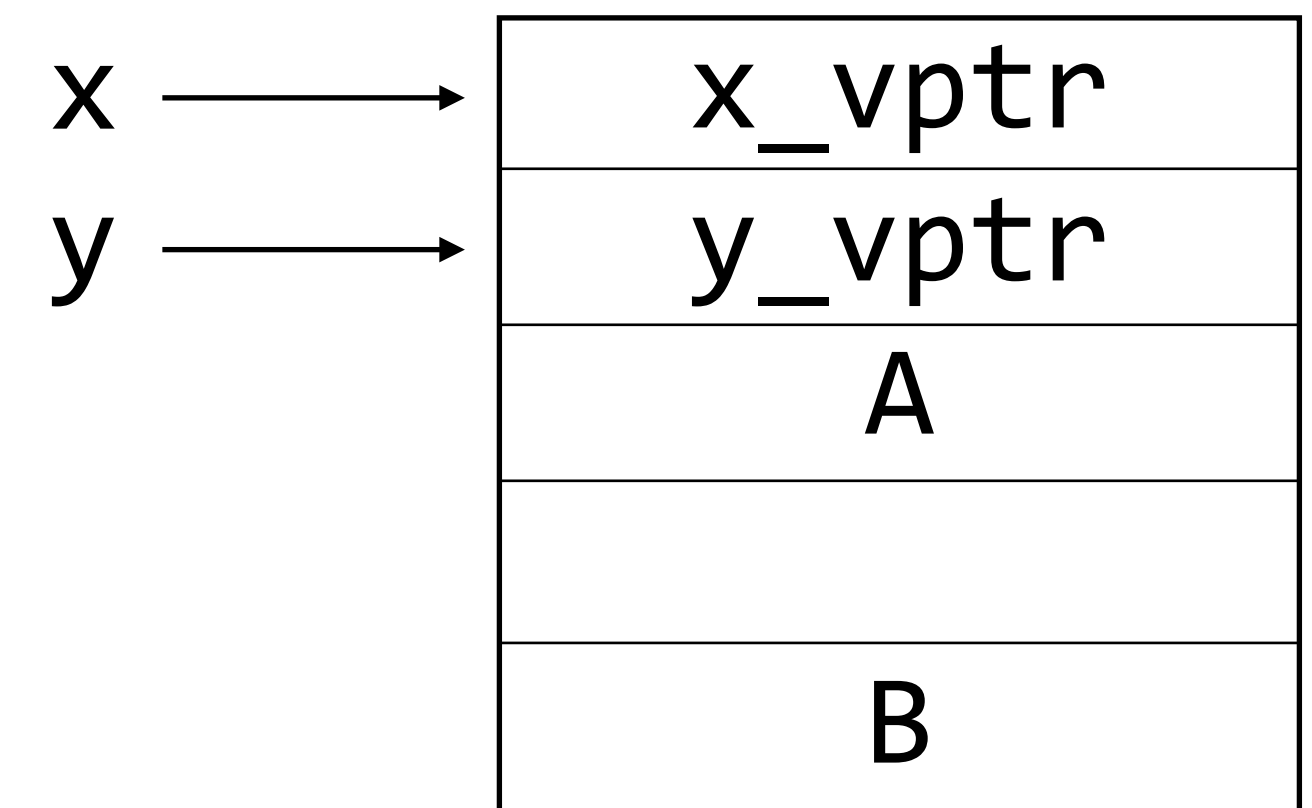
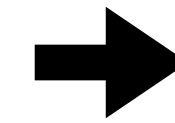
3. Arrange objects in memory

Z3 solves constraints to determine the layout.



$*x = x_vptr$
 $*(x + 8) = A$
 $*y = y_vptr$
 $*(y + 4) = A$
 $*(y + 12) = B$

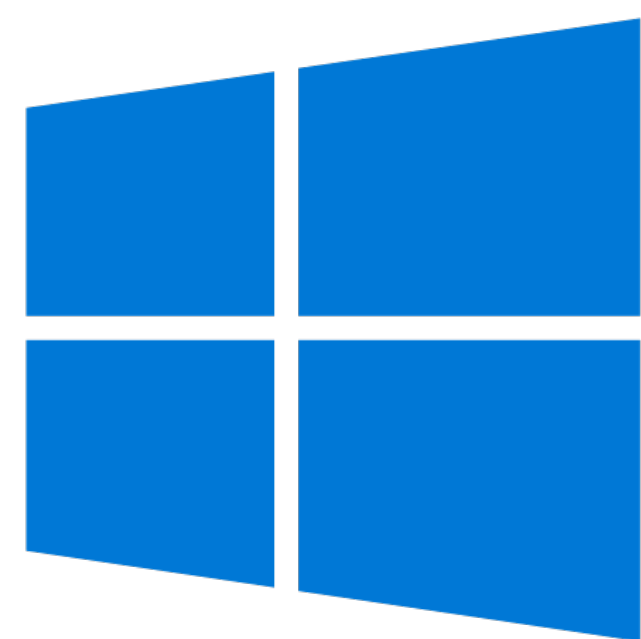
 $x + 8 = y + 4$



$x = 0, y = 4$

3. Arrange objects in memory

COOP is widely applicable.

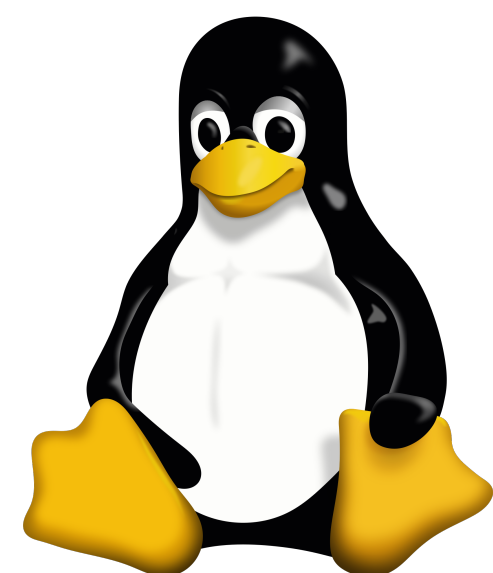


x64

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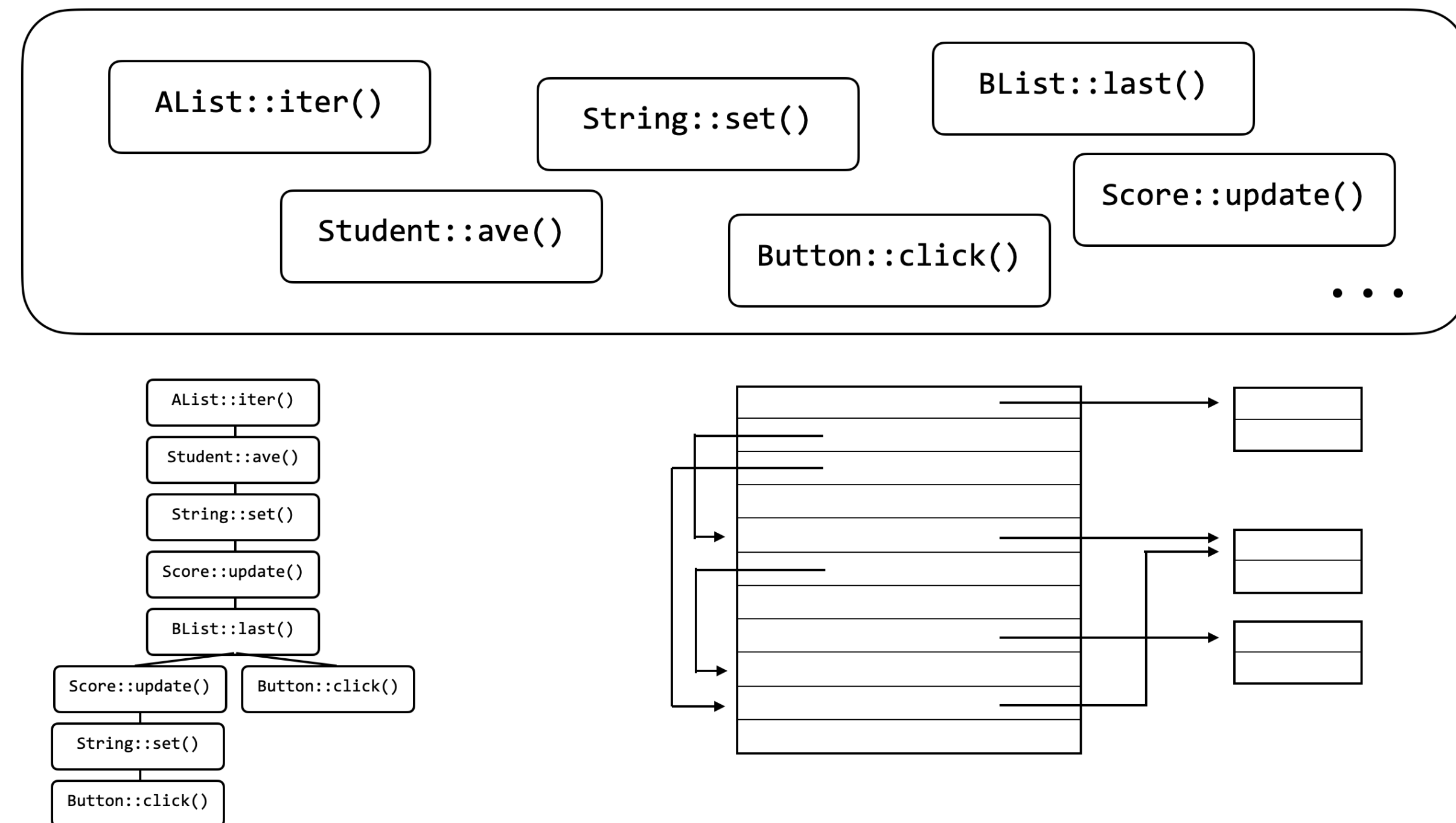
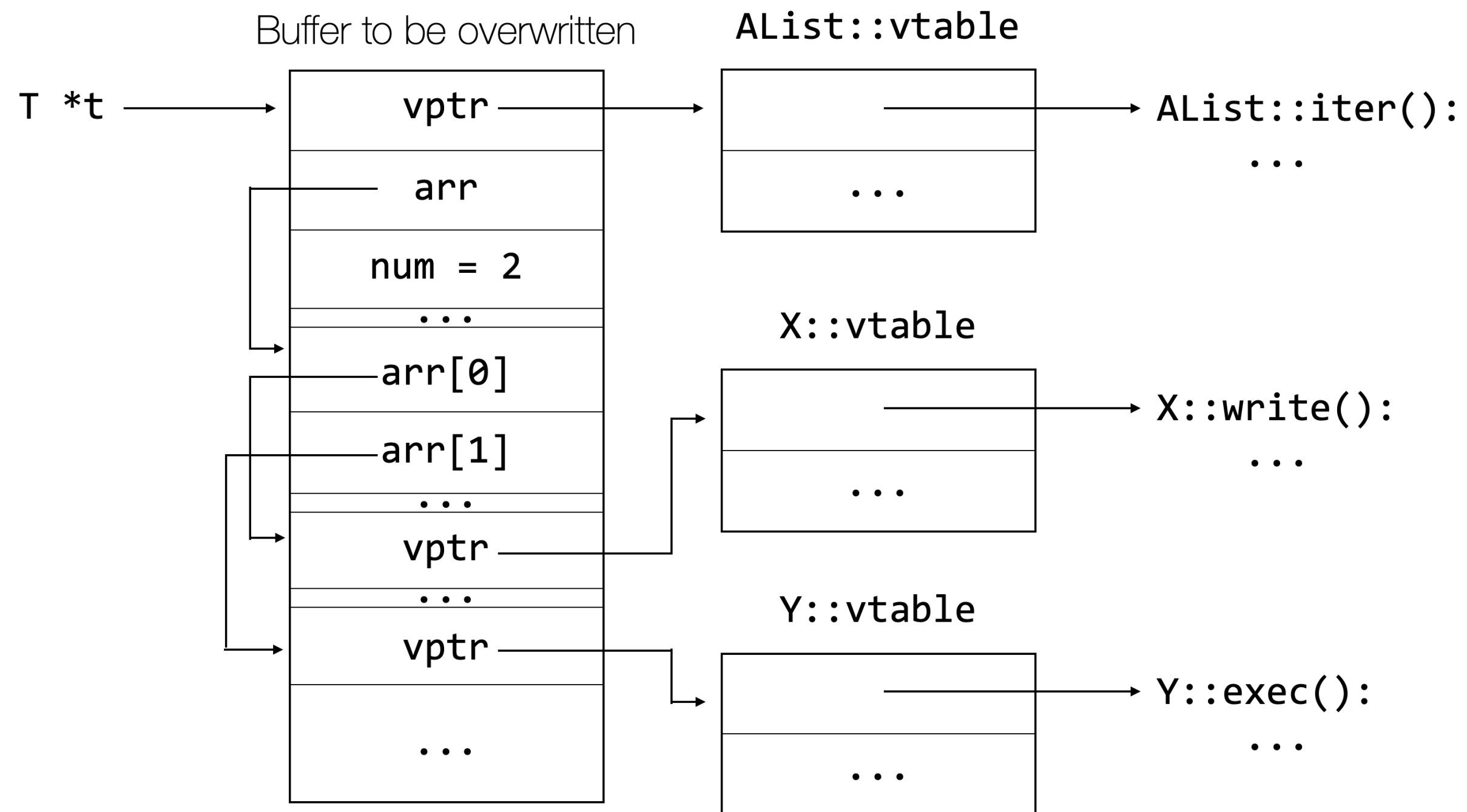
x86

calc.exe + \perp



x64

/bin/sh



Counterfeit Object-oriented Programming