

Say Goodbye to the For Loop with High Order Functions

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Pop Quiz

What do these do?

```
main ( )
{
    int i, j, k, l;
    float x[8][2][8][2];

    for (i = 0; i < 8; i++)
        for (j = i; j < 8; j++)
            for (k = 0; k < 2; k++)
                for (l = 0; l < 2; l++)
                {
                    if ((i == j) && (k == l))
                        x[i][k][j][l] = 0.8;
                    else
                        x[i][k][j][l] = 0.8;
                    if (x[i][k][j][l] < 0.0)
                        abort ();
                }

    exit (0);
}
```

```
int f(void)
{
    static _Complex double t;
    int i, j;
    for(i = 0; i < 2; i++)
        for(j = 0; j < 2; j++)
            t = .5 * 1.0;
    return t;
}
```

```
int n;

void foo (int i)
{
    int a, b;

    if (!i)
        for (a = 1; a < 4; a++)
            if (a)
                for (b = 1; b < 3; b++)
                    foo (b);

    n++;
}
```

I have no idea either.

Covered

- Map
- Filter
- Fold

Problem Statement

Find the total for 53202?

Realistic Data

```
IList<(int Zip, double Price, int Quantity)> orders =  
    new List<(int Zip, double Price, int Quantity)> {  
        (53202, 1.89, 3),  
        (60191, 1.99, 2),  
        (60060, 0.99, 7),  
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        (53202, 0.99, 3)  
    };
```


For Loop

```
var total = 0.0;
for (int i = 0; i < orders.Count(); i++)
{
    if (orders[i].Zip == 53202)
        total += orders[i].Price * orders[i].Quantity;
}
```

Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;
foreach (var order in orders)
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Parts of the For Loop Solution

Foreach Loop

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}
```

Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;  
foreach (var order in orders)  
{  
    if (Predicate)  
        total += order.Price * order.Quantity;  
}
```

Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;  
foreach (var order in orders)  
{  
    if (Predicate)  
        total += Mapping;  
}
```


Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;  
foreach (var order in orders)  
{  
    if (Predicate)  
        Accumulate += Mapping;  
}
```

Foreach Loop

```
var Initial  
foreach (var order in orders)  
{  
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        Accumulate += Mapping;  
}
```

LINQ

LINQ

```
var total = orders
    .Where(order => order.Zip == 53202)
    .Select(order => order.Price * order.Quantity)
    .Aggregate(0.0, (sub, amount) => sub + amount);
```

LINQ

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var total = orders
    .Where(Predicate)
    .Select(order => order.Price * order.Quantity)
    .Aggregate(0.0, (sub, amount) => sub + amount);
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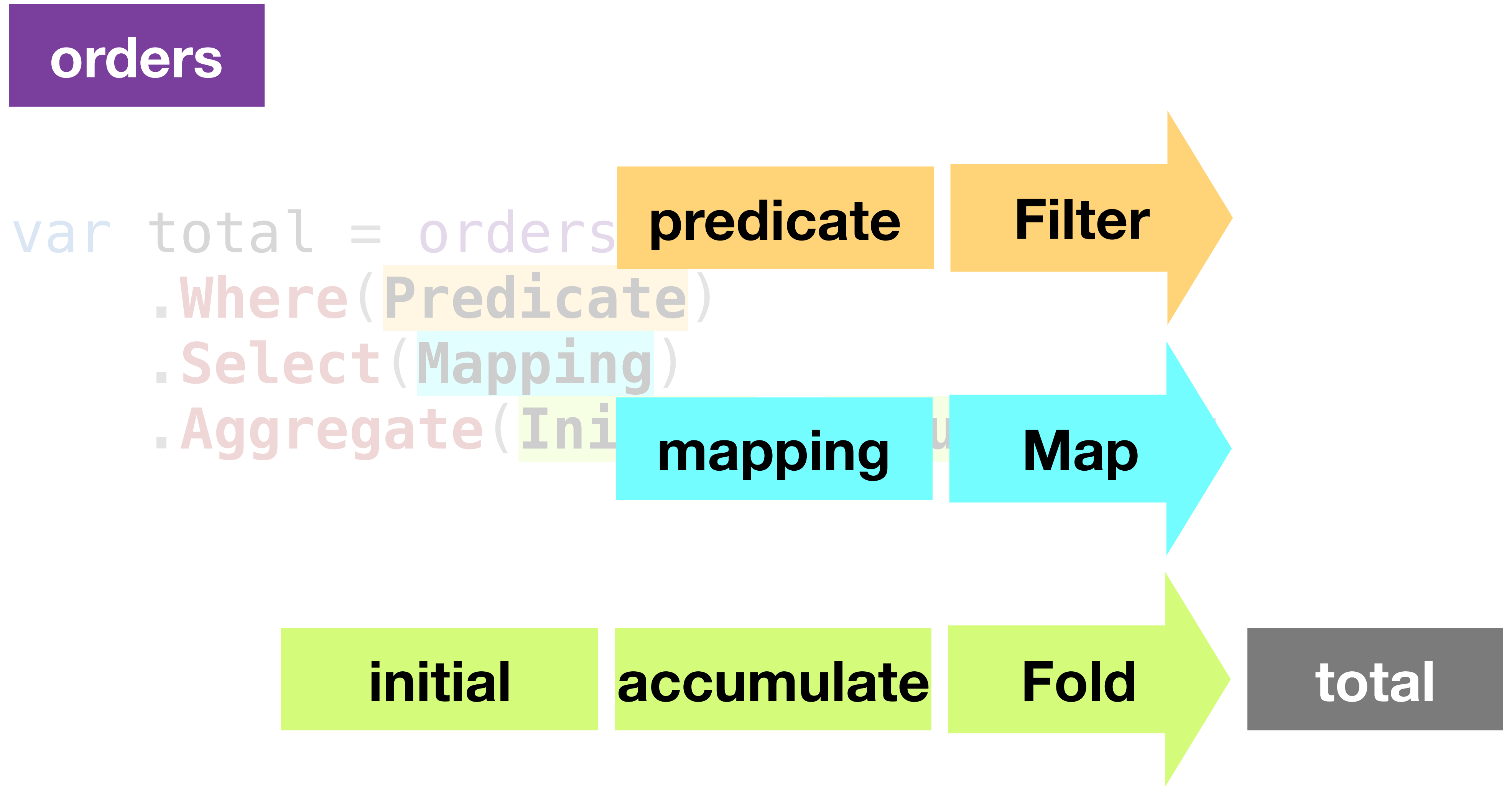
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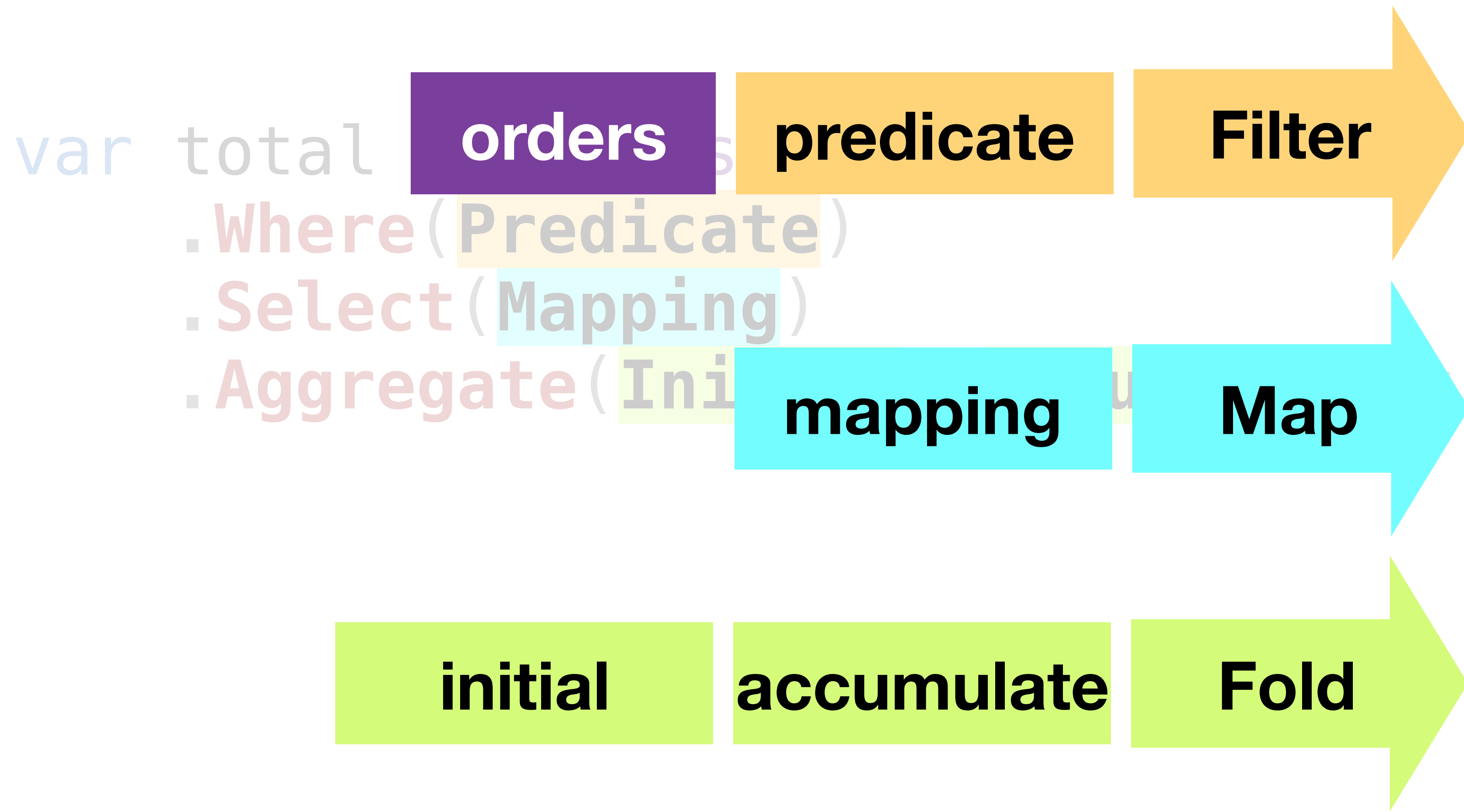
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Flow

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    .Select(Mapping)  
    .Aggregate(i, u)
```

predicate

Filter

orders

mapping

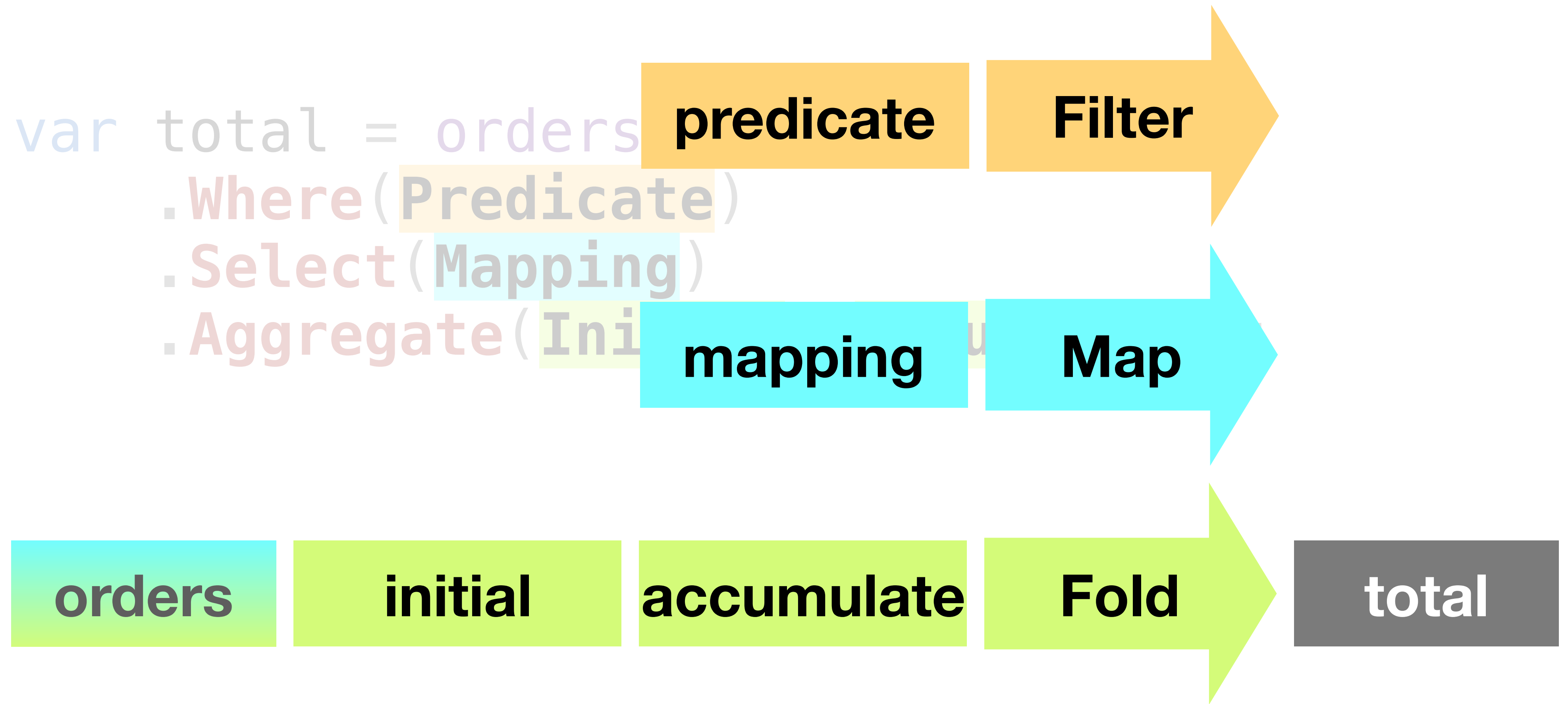
Map

initial

accumulate

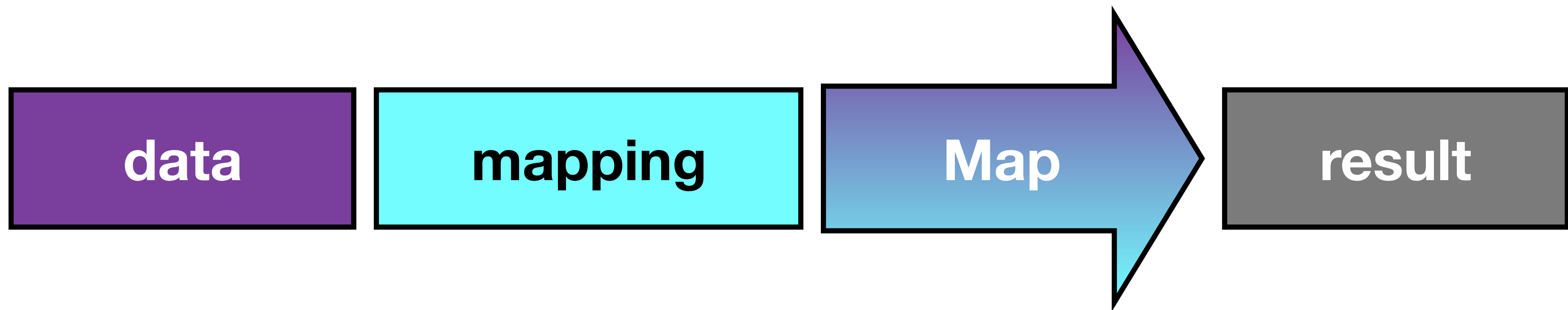
Fold

Flow

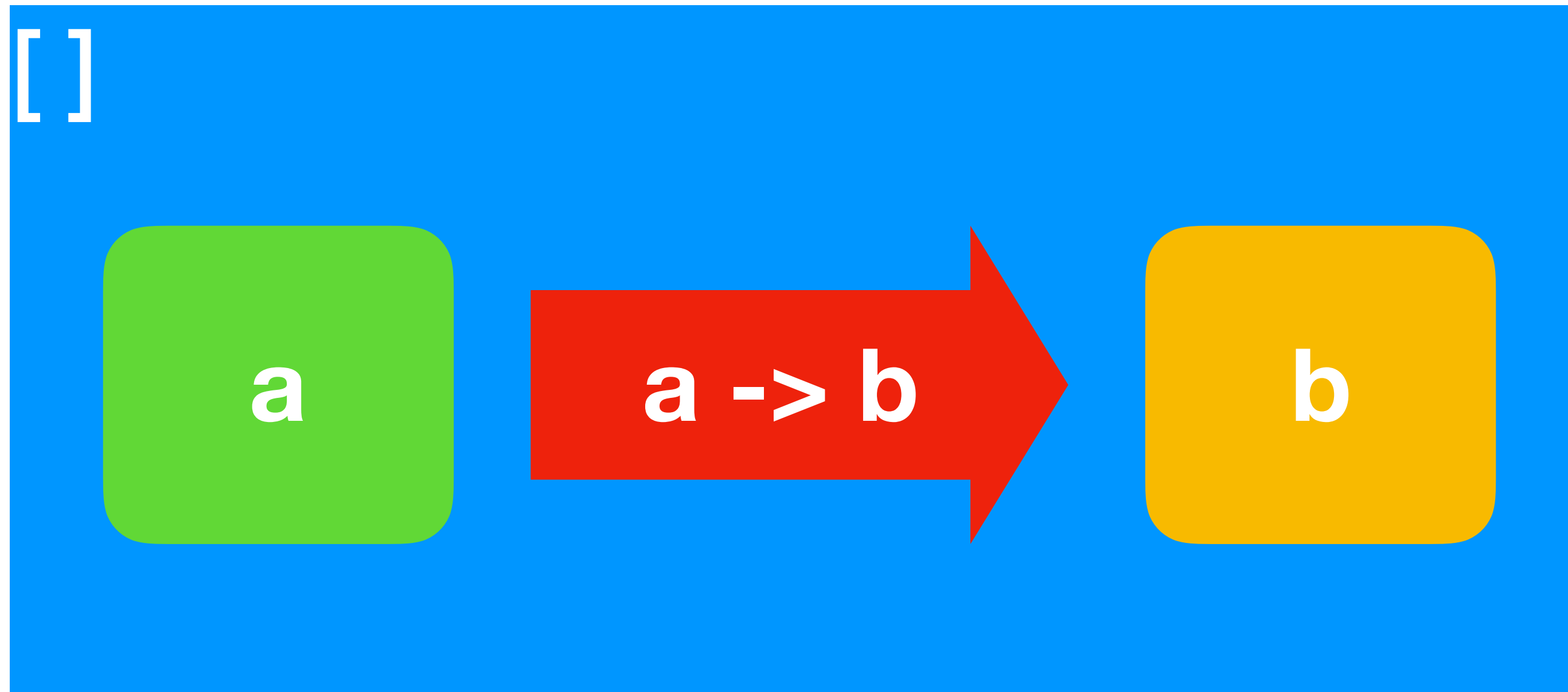


Higher Order Functions

Map

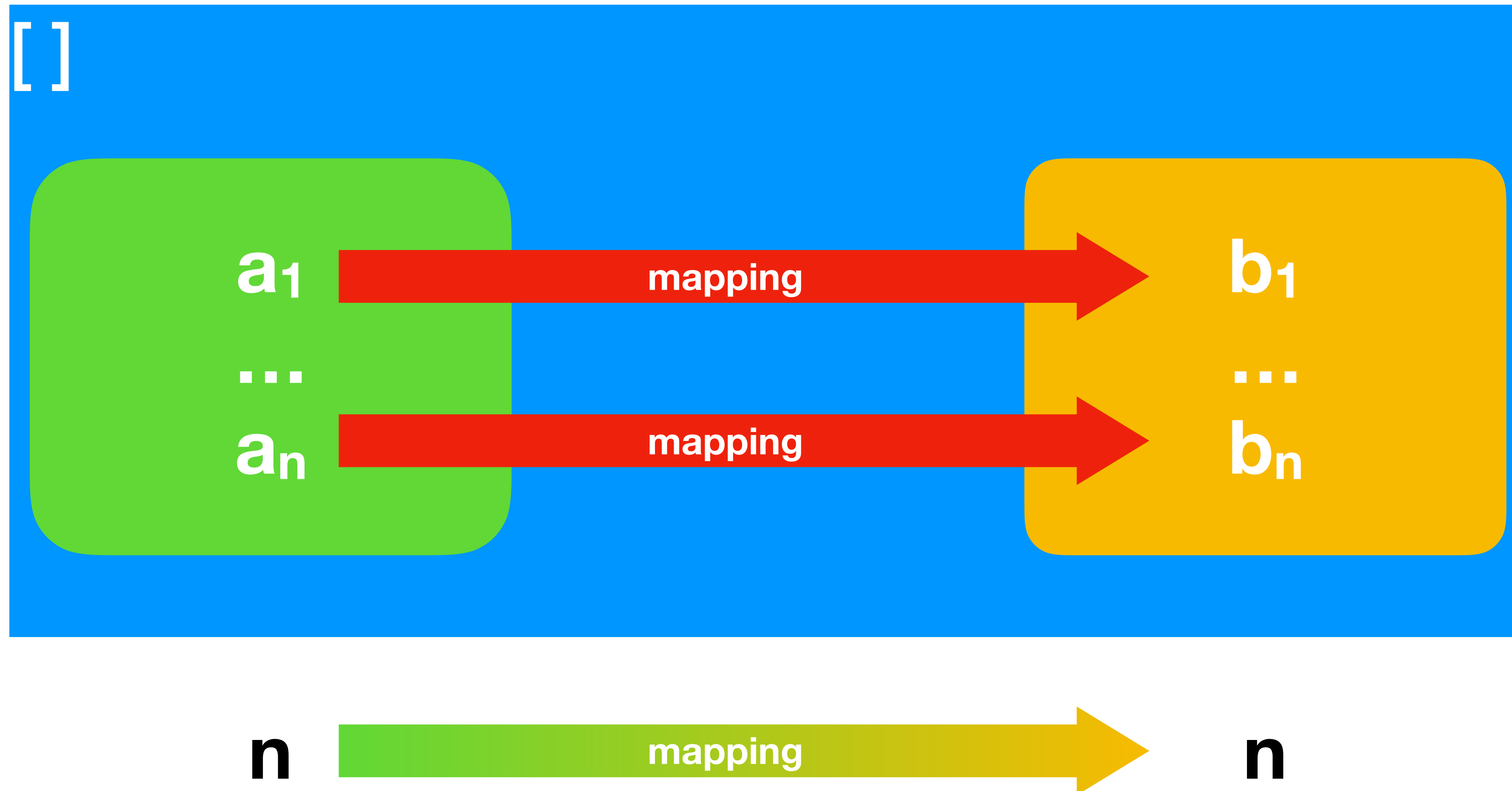


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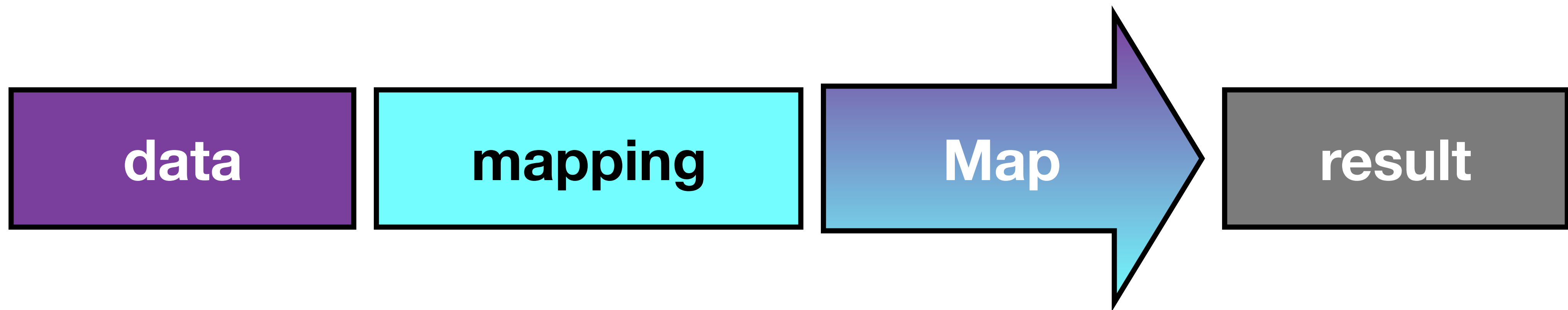


[a] -> (a -> b) -> [b]

Map



Map



$[a] \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [b]$

```
public static IEnumerable<U> Map<T, U>(
    this IEnumerable<T> source, Func<T, U> mapping)
{
    var result = new List<U>();
    foreach(var item in source)
    {
        result.Add(mapping(item));
    }

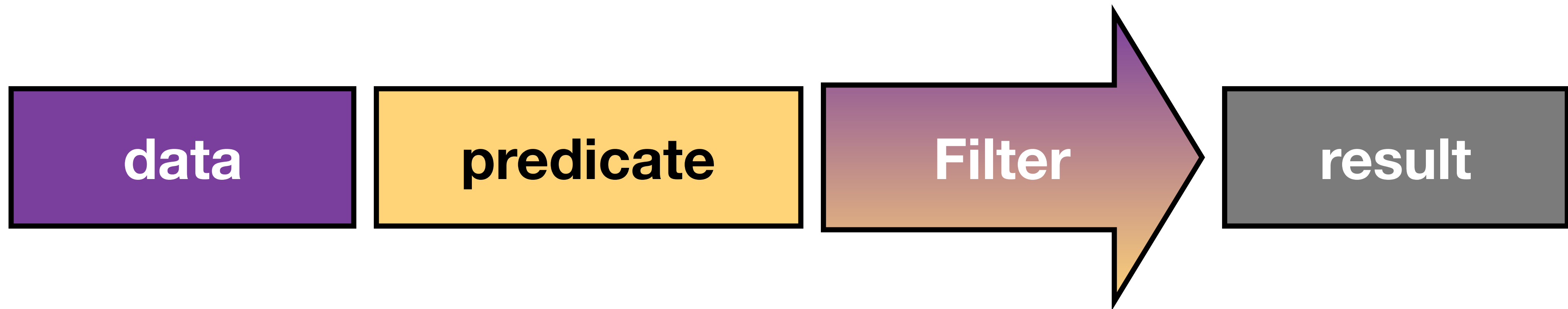
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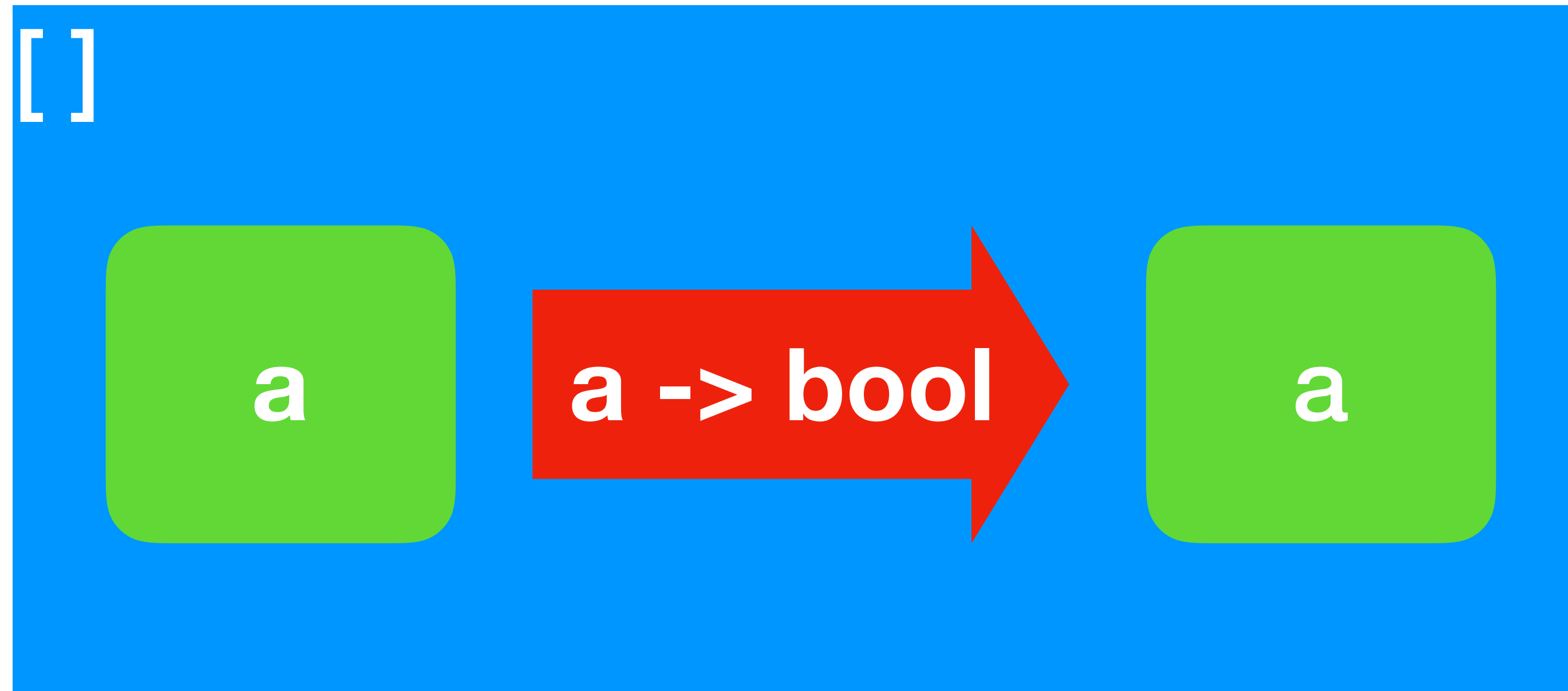
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Filter

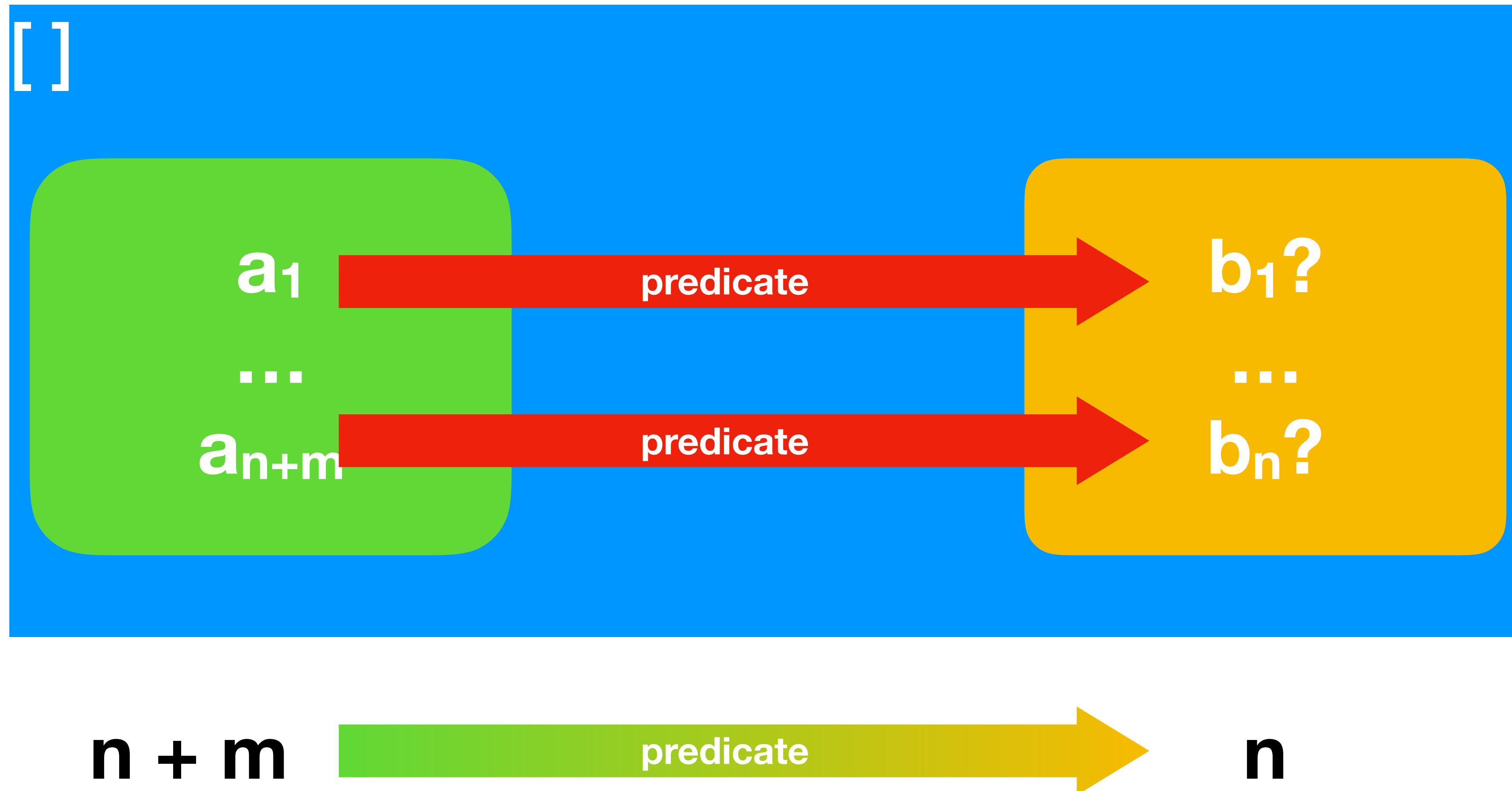


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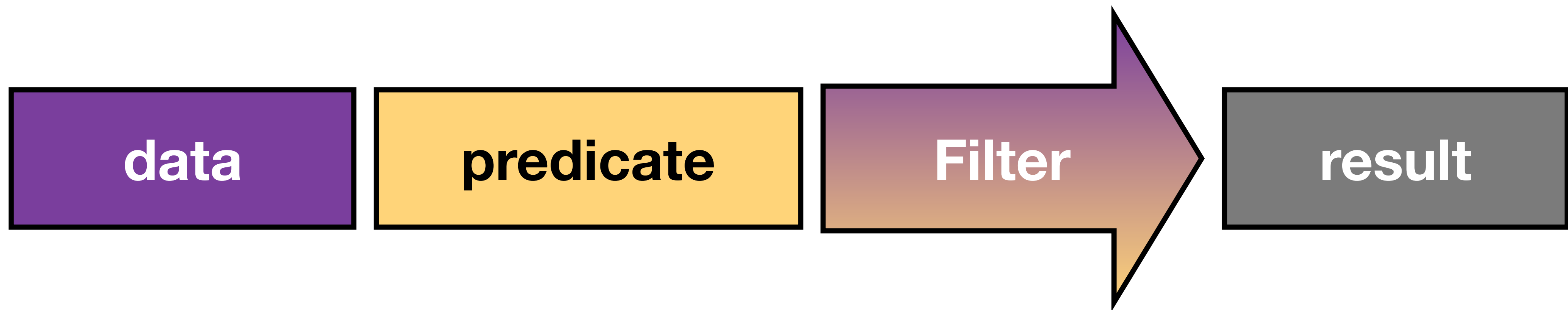


`[a] -> (a -> bool) -> [a]`

Filter



Filter



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```
public static IEnumerable<T> Filter<T>(
    this IEnumerable<T> source, Func<T, bool> predicate)
{
    var result = new List<T>();
    foreach(var item in source)
    {
        if (predicate(item))
            result.Add(item);
    }

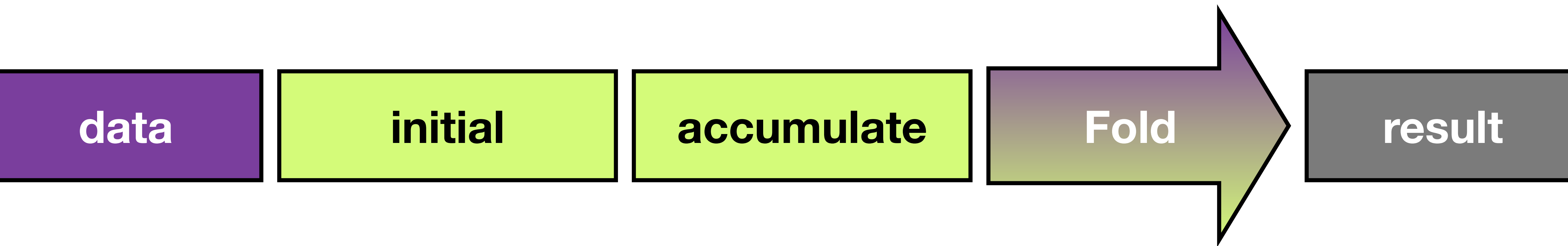
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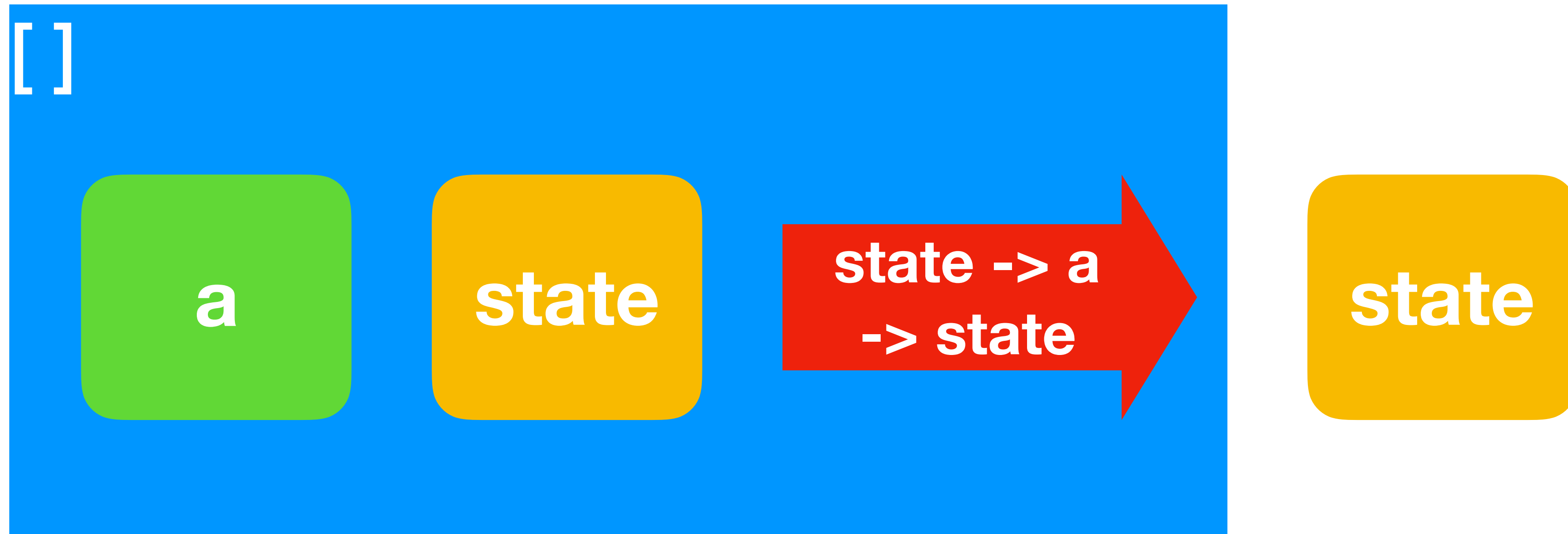
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}
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}
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Fold

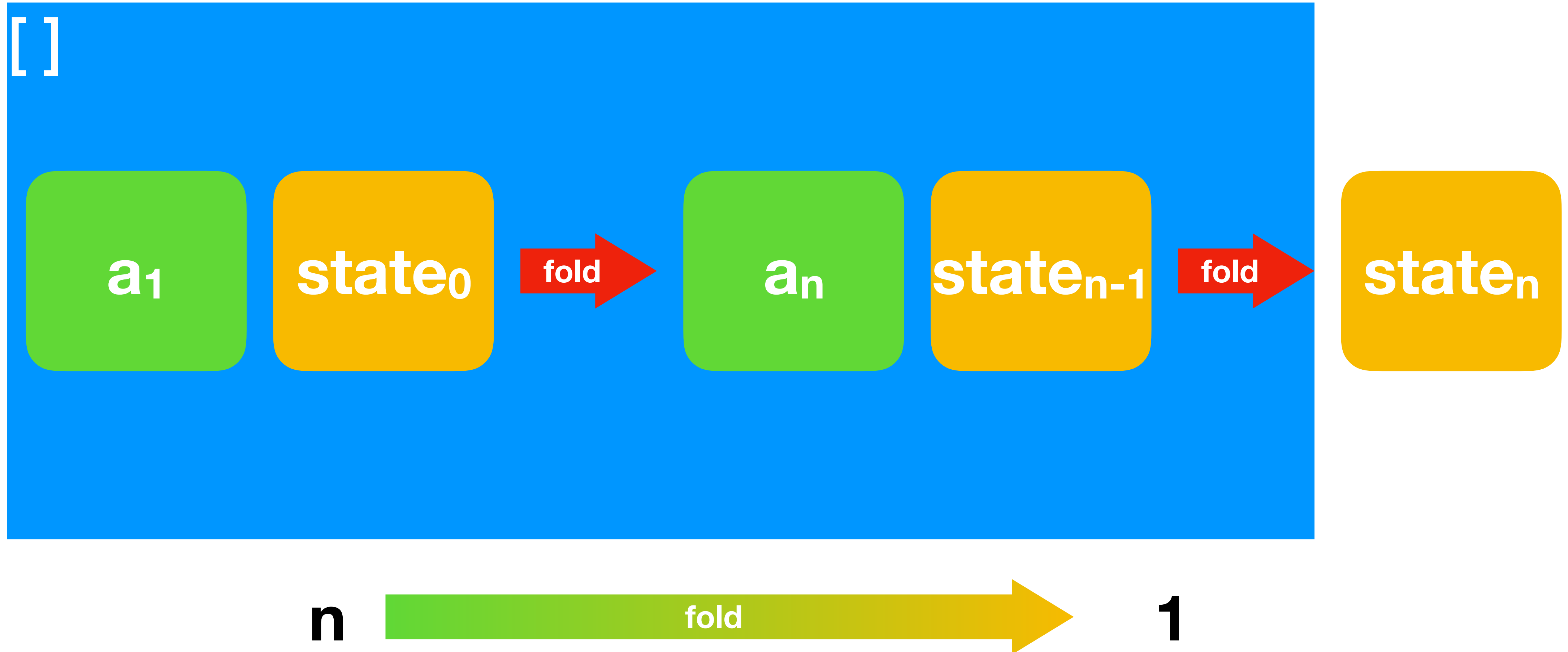


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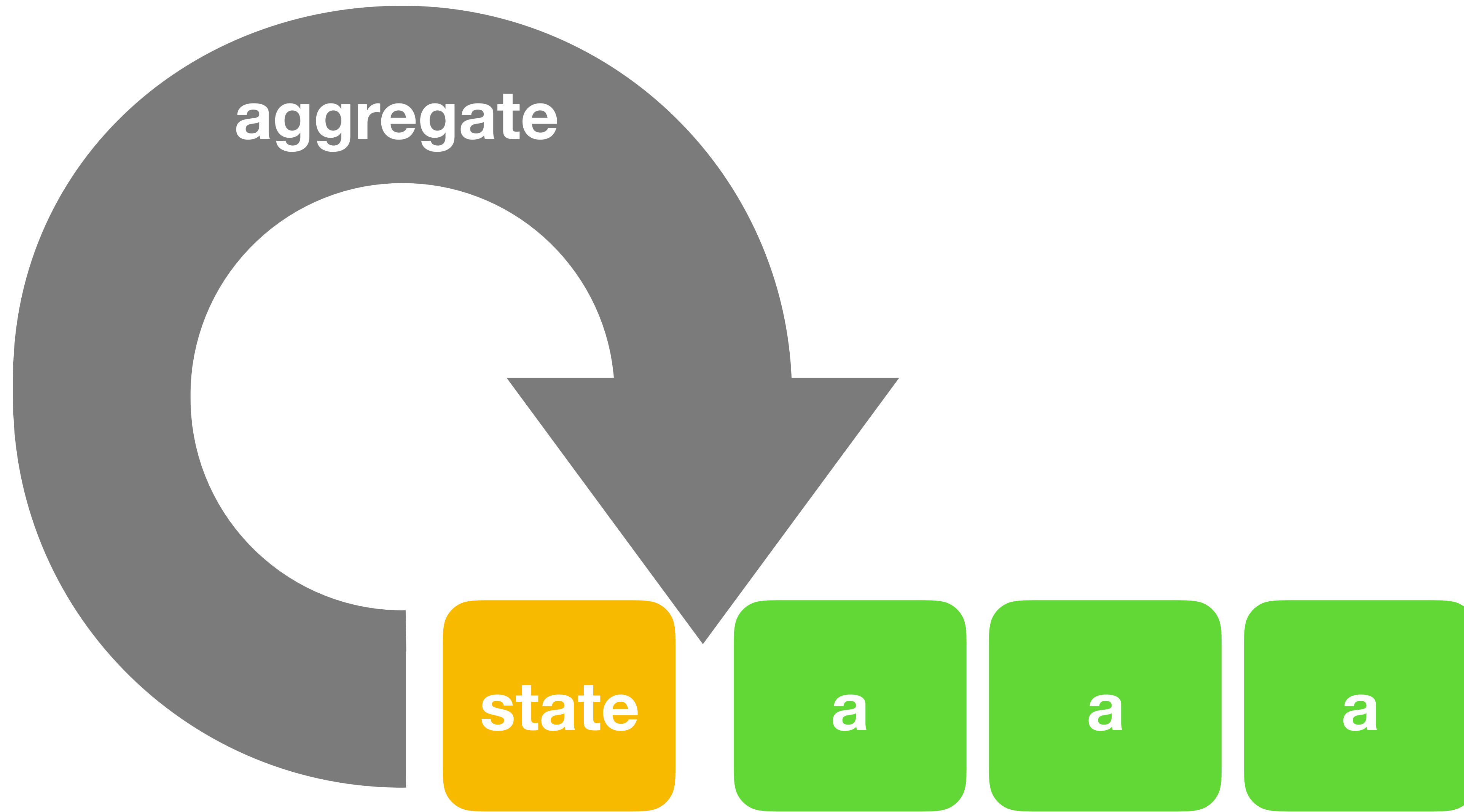


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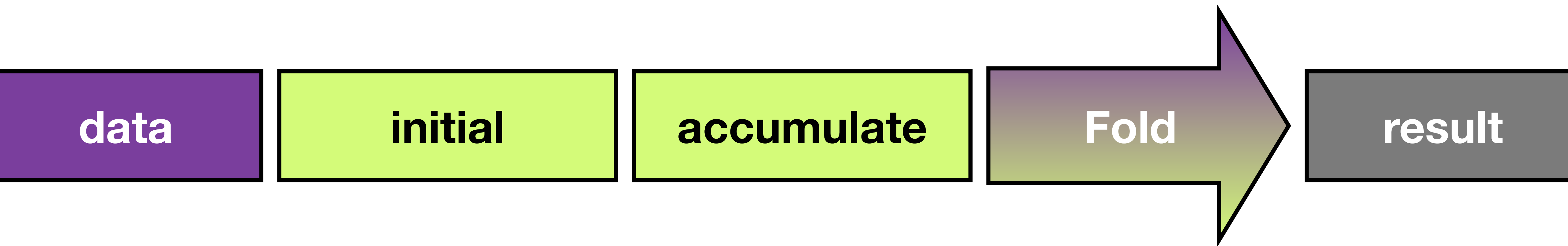
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```
public static U Fold<T, U>(
    this IEnumerable<T> source,
    U initial,
    Func<U, T, U> accumulate)
{
    var result = initial;
    foreach(var item in source)
    {
        result = accumulate(result, item);
    }

    return result;
}
```

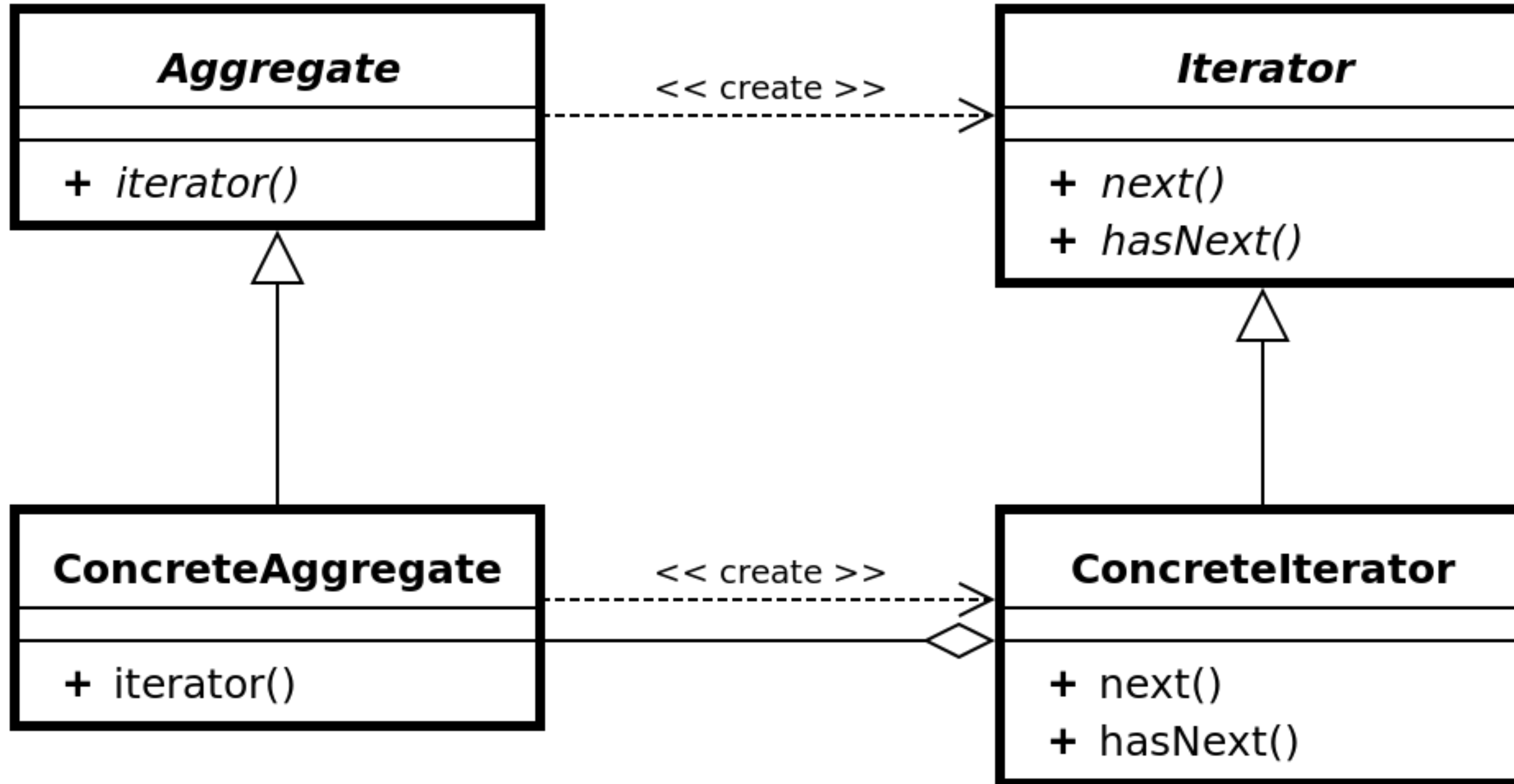
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Higher Order Functions in C#

Iterator Pattern

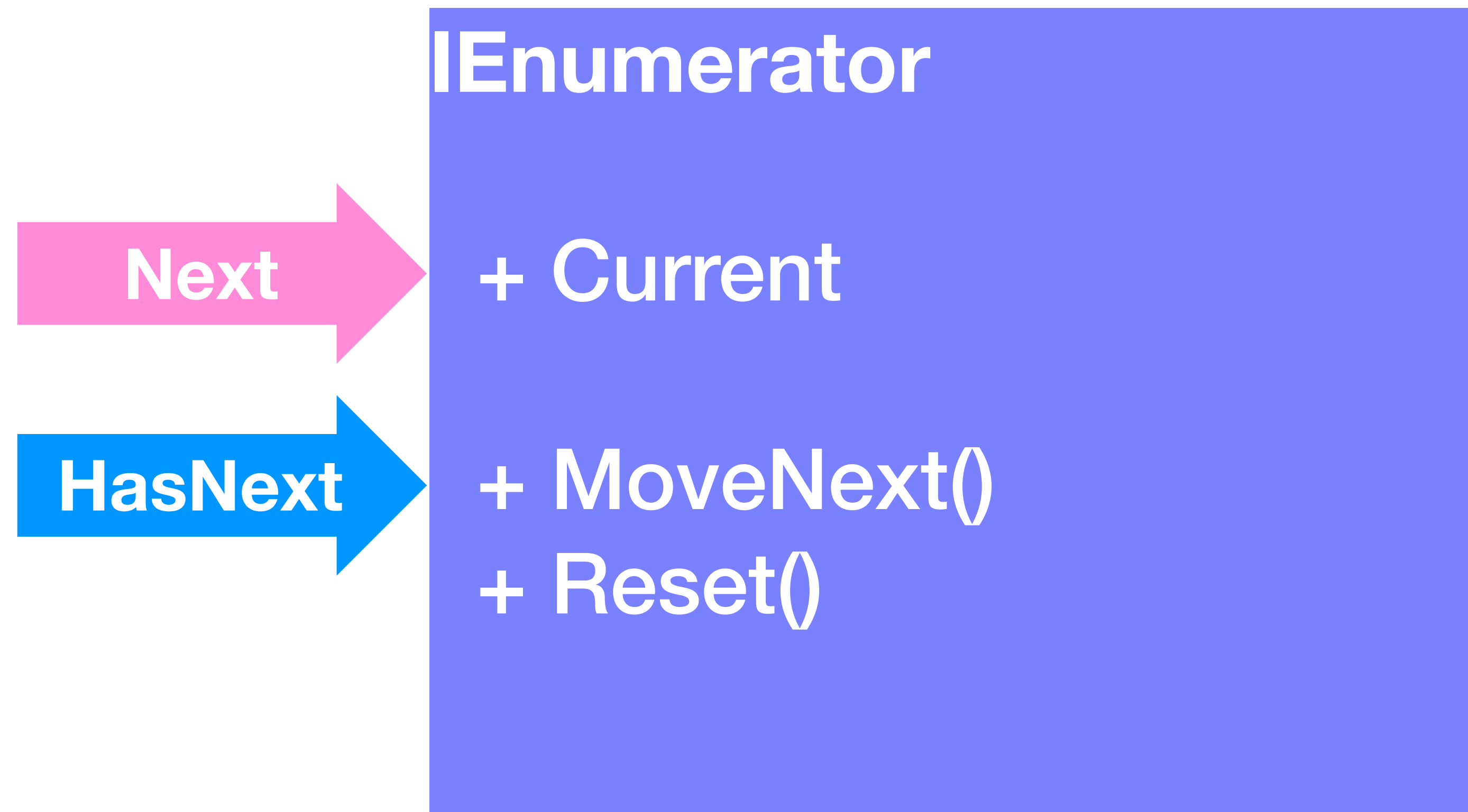


IEnumerator

+ Current

+ MoveNext()

+ Reset()



```
public static void Iterate<T>(
    this IEnumerator<T> source, Action<T> f)
{
    while(source.MoveNext())
    {
        f(source.Current);
    }
}
```

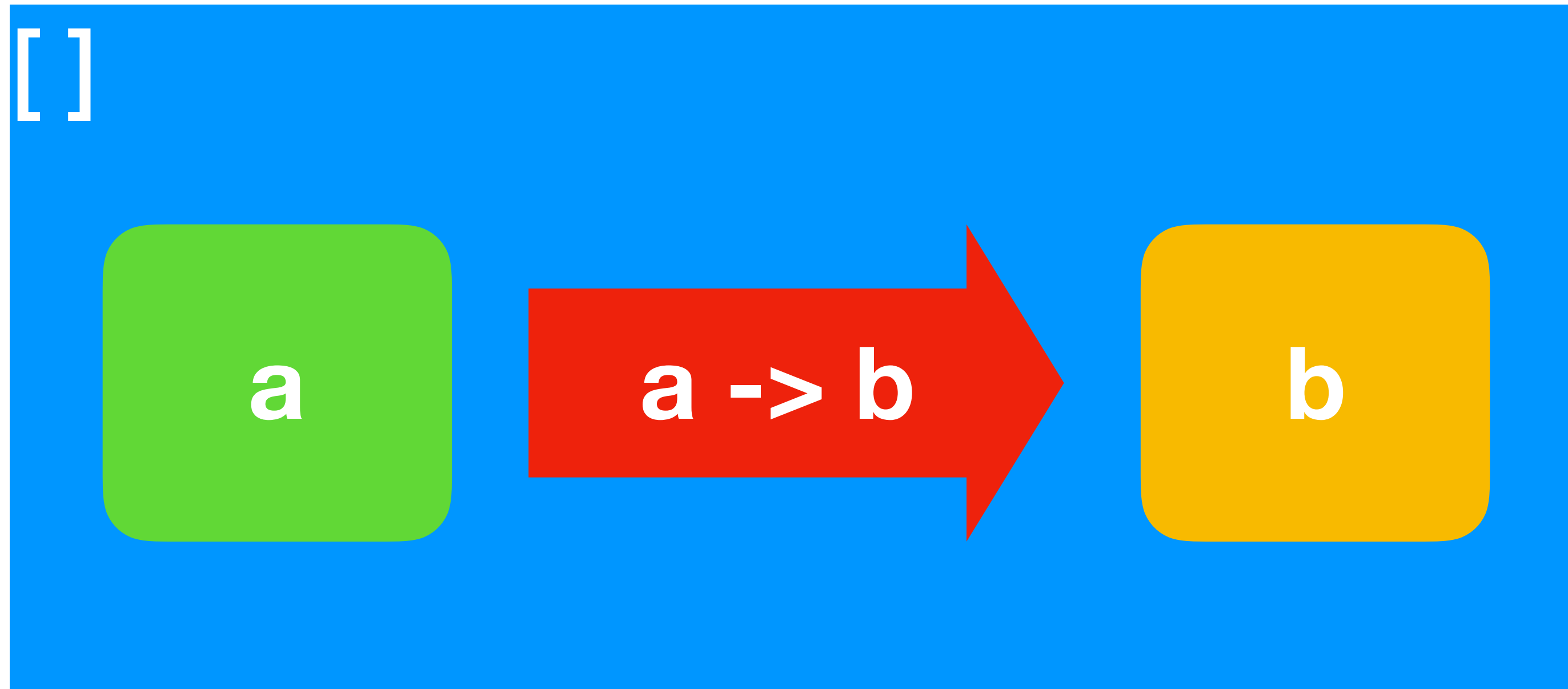
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    while(HasNext)
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```



```
public static void Iterate<T>(  
    this IEnumerator<T> source, Function)  
{  
    while(HasNext)  
    {  
        Function(Next);  
    }  
}
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Map



[a] -> (a -> b) -> [b]

```
private sealed class SelectArrayIterator<TSource, TResult> : Iterator<TResult>, IPartition<TResult>
{
    private readonly TSource[] _source;
    private readonly Func<TSource, TResult> _selector;

    public override bool MoveNext()
    {
        if (_state < 1 | _state == _source.Length + 1)
        {
            Dispose();
            return false;
        }

        int index = _state++ - 1;
        _current = _selector(_source[index]);
        return true;
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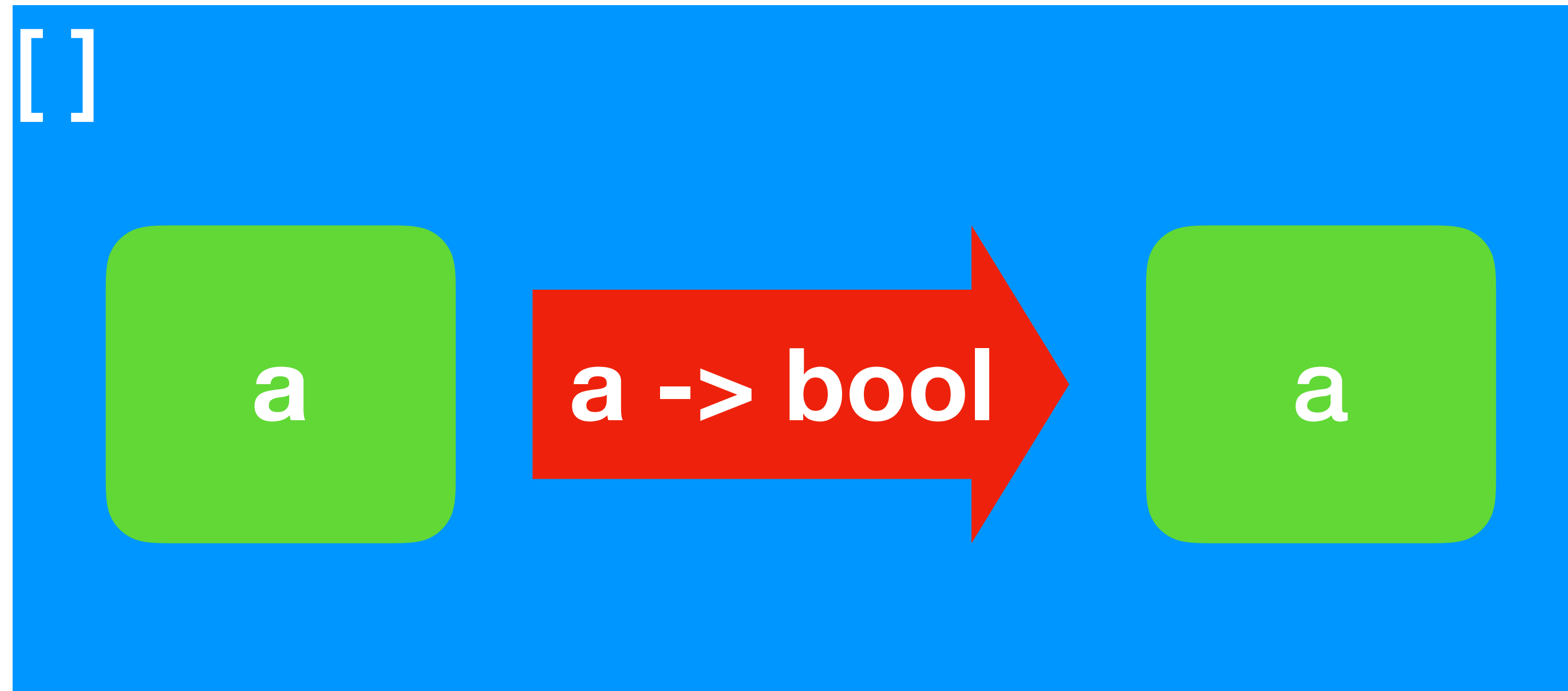
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}
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Filter



`[a] -> (a -> bool) -> [a]`

```
internal sealed class WhereArrayIterator<TSource> : Iterator<TSource>, IListProvider<TSource>
{
    private readonly TSource[] _source;
    private readonly Func<TSource, bool> _predicate;

    public override bool MoveNext()
    {
        int index = _state - 1;
        TSource[] source = _source;

        while (unchecked((uint)index < (uint)source.Length))
        {
            TSource item = source[index];
            index = _state++;
            if (_predicate(item))
            {
                _current = item;
                return true;
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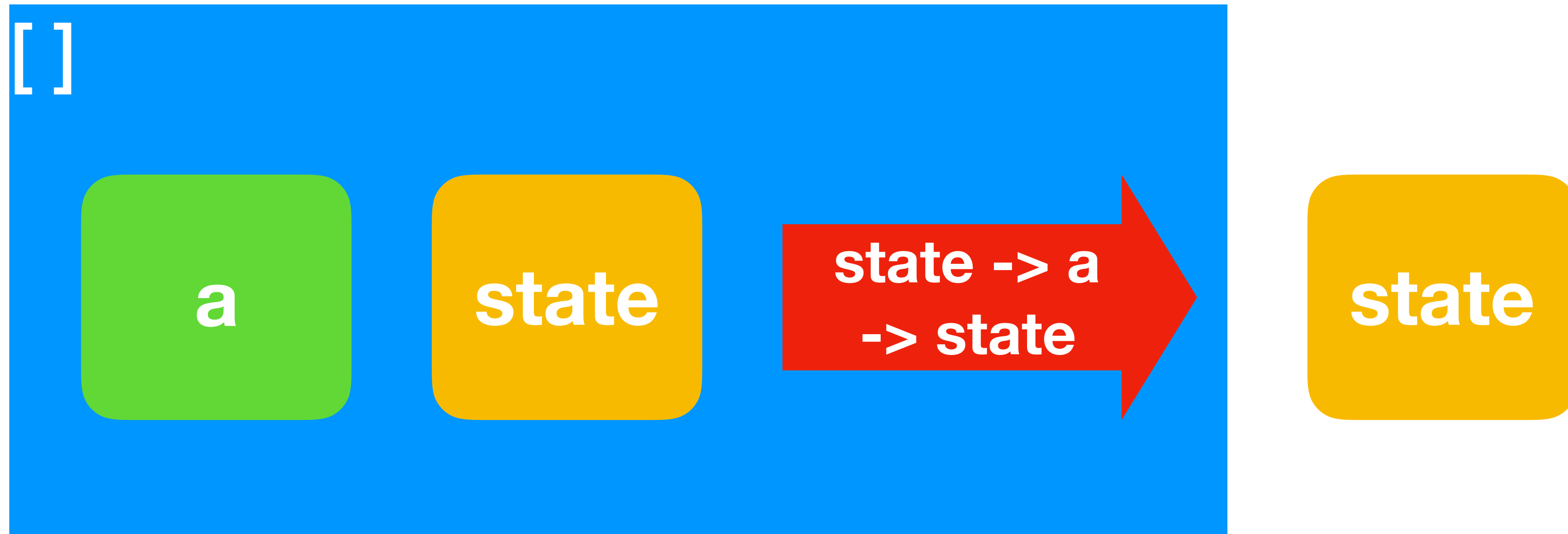
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        }
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    Dispose();
    return false;
}
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Fold



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TAccumulate seed, Func<TAccumulate, TSource, TAccumulate> func)
{
    if (source == null)
    {
        throw Error.ArgumentNull(nameof(source));
    }

    if (func == null)
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    TAccumulate result = seed;
    foreach (TSource element in source)
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LINQ Execution

Code

```
var total = orders
    .Where(order => order.Zip == 53202)
    .Select(order => order.Price * order.Quantity)
    .Aggregate(0.0, (sub, amount) => sub + amount);
```


Data

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    };
```

In what order does this execute?

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var total = orders
    .Where(order => order.Zip == 53202)
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```

In what order does this execute?

```
var spy = new List<string>();
```

orders

```
.Where(order =>
    { spy.Add("filter"); return order.Zip == 53202; })
.Select(order =>
    { spy.Add("map");
      return order.Price * order.Quantity; })
.Aggregate(0.0, (sub, amount) =>
    { spy.Add("fold"); return sub + amount; });
```

Answer

```
new List<string> {  
    "filter", "map", "fold",  
    "filter",  
    "filter",  
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    "filter",  
    "filter", "map", "fold"  
},
```

Does exactly what we want

```
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Fusion Property of Iterators

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iterator f \circ iterator g = iterator $(f \circ g)$

Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;
foreach (var order in orders)
{
    if (order.Zip == 53202)
        total += order.Price * order.Quantity;
}
```


Foreach Loop

```
var total = 0.0;  
Iterate (var order in orders)  
{  
    Filter(order.Zip == 53202)  
        Fold(+, Map(order.Price * order.Quantity));  
}
```

Foreach Loop

iterator *filter* |> iterator *map* |> iterator *fold*

Foreach Loop

iterator *filter* |> iterator *map* |> iterator *fold* =
(iterator *fold* (iterator *map* (iterator *filter*)))

Foreach Loop

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 $\text{iterator } \textit{fold} \circ \text{iterator } \textit{map} \circ \text{iterator } \textit{filter}$

Foreach Loop

$\text{iterator } filter \mid > \text{iterator } map \mid > \text{iterator } fold =$
 $(\text{iterator } fold (\text{iterator } map (\text{iterator } filter))) =$
 $\text{iterator } fold \circ \text{iterator } map \circ \text{iterator } filter =$
 $\text{iterator } (fold \circ map \circ filter)$

Foreach Loop

iterator *filter* |> iterator *map* |> iterator *fold* =
iterator (*fold* ◦ *map* ◦ *filter*)

LINQ

```
var total = orders
    .Where(order => order.Zip == 53202)
    .Select(order => order.Price * order.Quantity)
    .Aggregate(0.0, (sub, amount) => sub + amount);
```

LINQ

```
var total = orders
    .Filter(order => order.Zip == 53202)
    .Map(order => order.Price * order.Quantity)
    .Fold(0.0, (sub, amount) => sub + amount);
```


LINQ

iterator *filter* |> iterator *map* |> iterator *fold* =
iterator (*filter* ◦ *map* ◦ *fold*)

Higher Order Functions
Learn once use everywhere.

C# List Comprehension

```
(from order in orders
 where order.Zip == 53202
 select new {Amount = order.Price * order.Quantity})
.Sum(order => order.Amount);
```

JavaScript

orders

```
.filter(order => order.zip === 53202)
.map(order => order.price * order.quantity)
.reduce((sub, amount) => sub + amount, 0.0);
```

PowerShell

```
($orders |  
  Where-Object { $_.Zip -eq 53202 } |  
  Select-Object @{  
    Name = "Amount";  
    Expression = {$_.Price * $_.Quantity} } |  
  Measure-Object Amount -Sum).Sum
```



F#

orders

```
|> List.filter (fun x -> x.Zip = 53202)
|> List.map (fun x -> x.Price * (double x.Quantity))
|> List.sum
```

T-SQL

```
select distinct
    sum(price * quantity) over (partition by zip)
from (
    values
        (53202, 1.89, 3),
        (60191, 1.99, 2),
        (60060, 0.99, 7),
        (53202, 1.29, 8),
        (60191, 1.89, 2),
        (53202, 0.99, 3)
    ) as orders(zip, price, quantity)
where zip = 53202
```


... and on and on

Compare

```
var total = orders
    .Where(Predicate)
    .Select(Mapping)
    .Aggregate(Initial, Accumulate);
```

```
var Initial
foreach (var order in orders)
{
    if (Predicate)
        Accumulate += Mapping;
}
```



Thank you

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Next Steps

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