



Reachability and Safety Games under TSO Semantics

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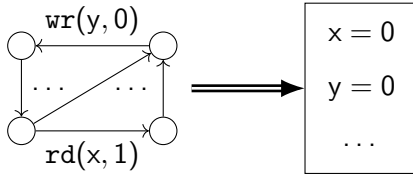
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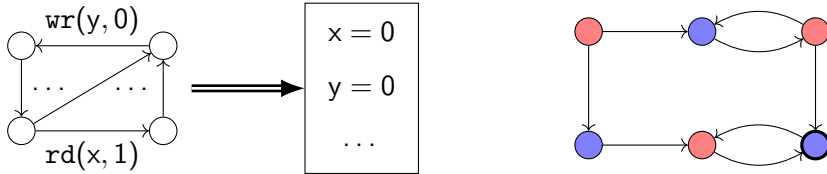
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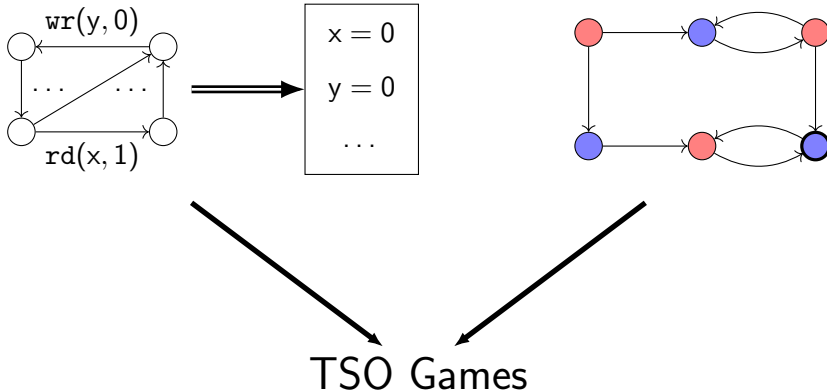
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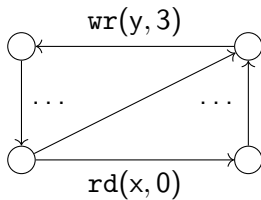


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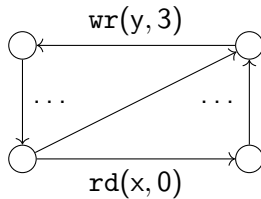
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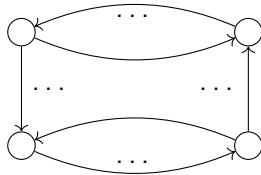


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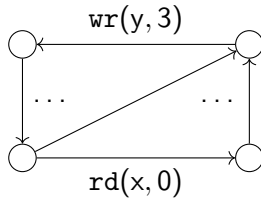


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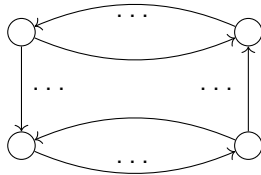
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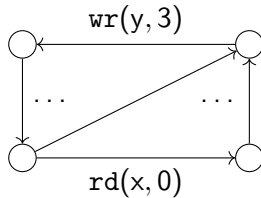
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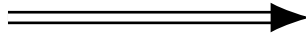
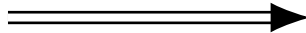
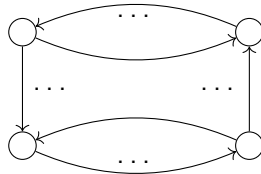


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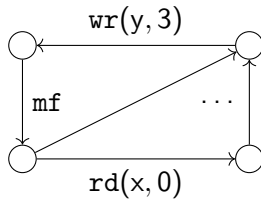
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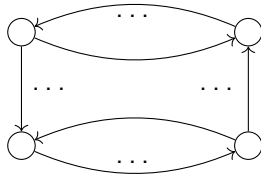
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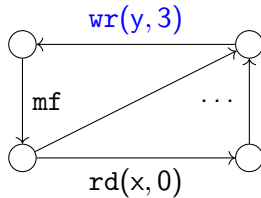
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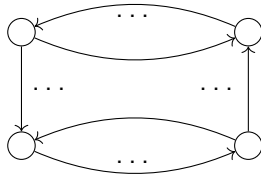


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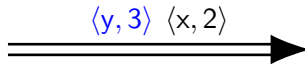
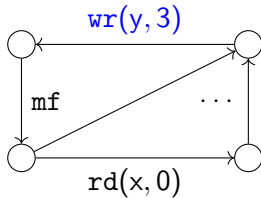
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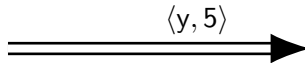
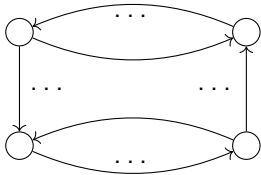
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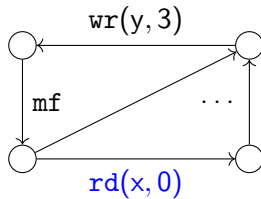
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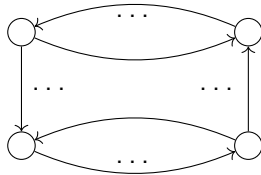


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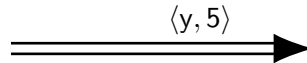
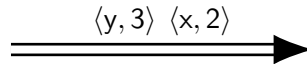


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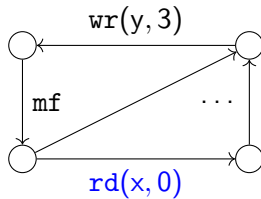
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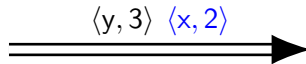
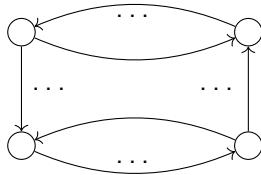


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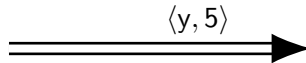


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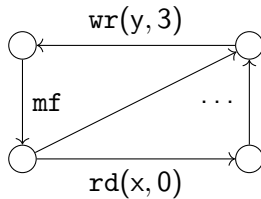
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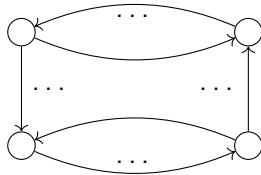


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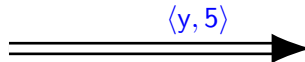
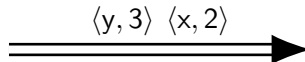


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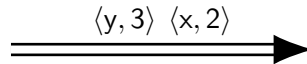
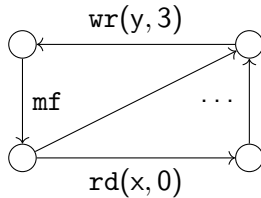
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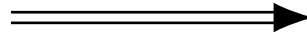
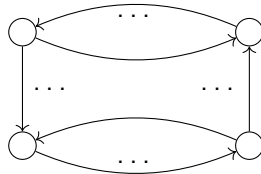
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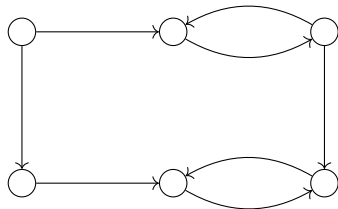
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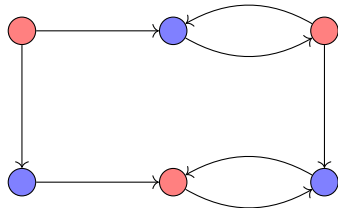
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- ▶ configurations **C**
- ▶ transition relation \rightarrow



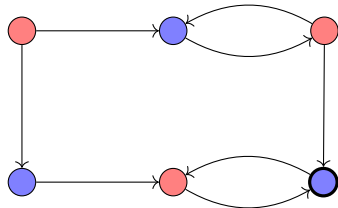
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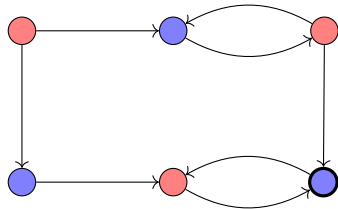
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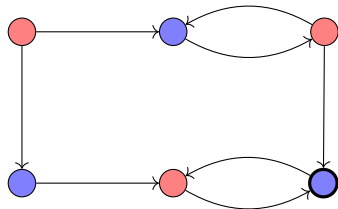
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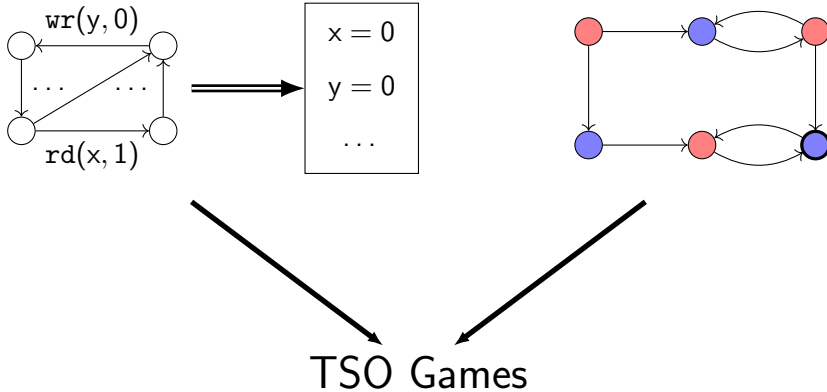


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- ▶ safety game: reversed roles



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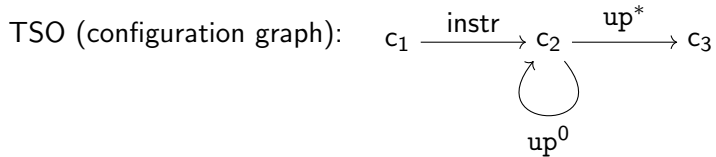
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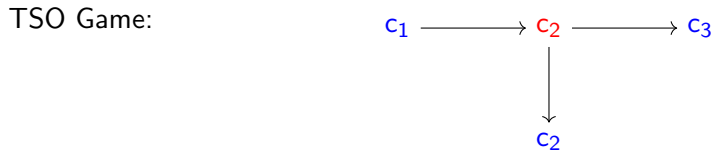
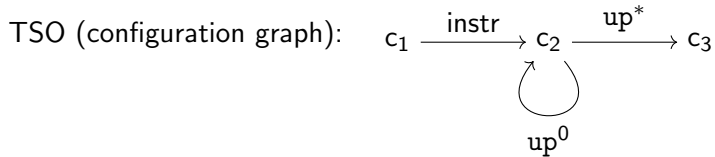
TSO Game: $c_1 \longrightarrow c_2 \longrightarrow c_3$



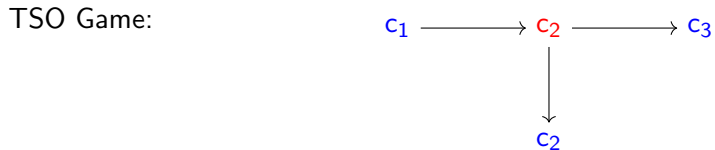
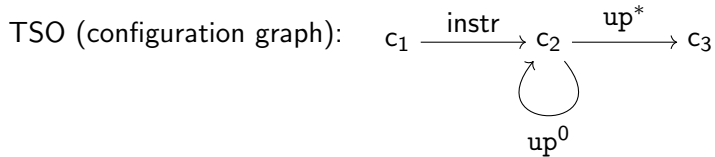
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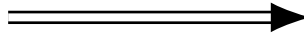
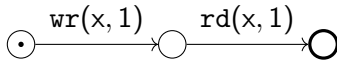


process player / *update player*



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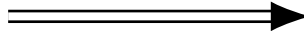
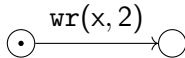


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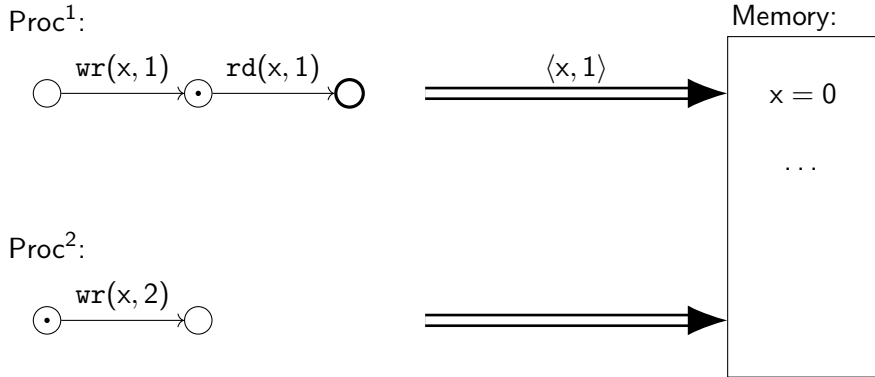
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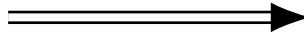
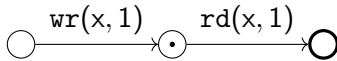


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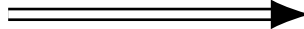
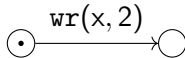


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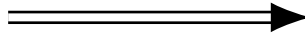
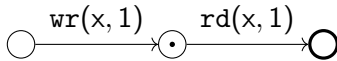
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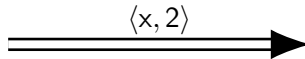
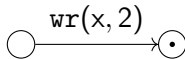


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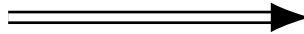
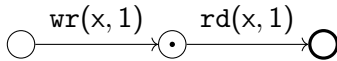
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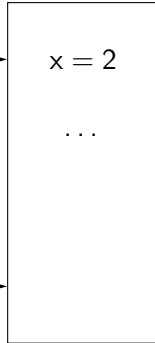


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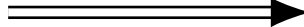
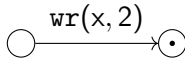
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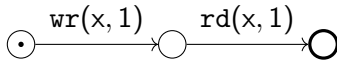


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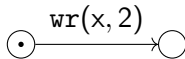


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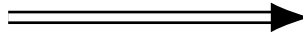
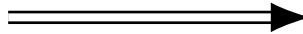
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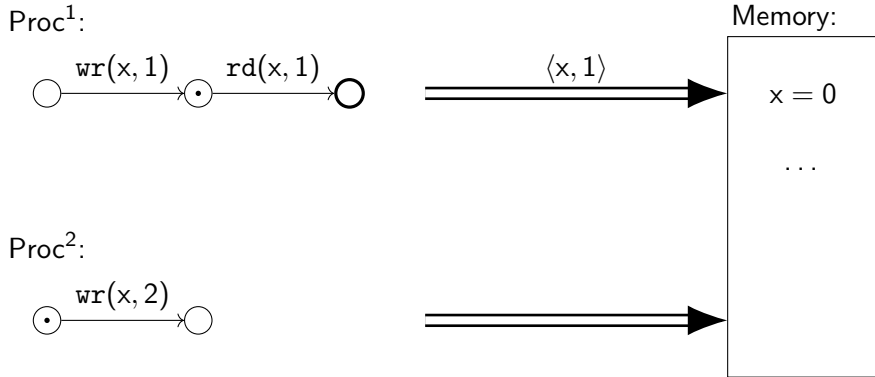
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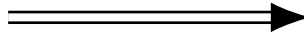
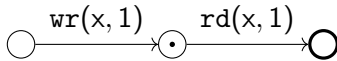


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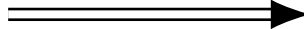
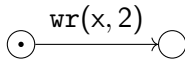


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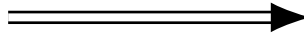
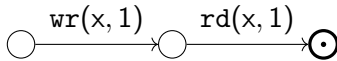
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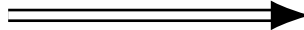
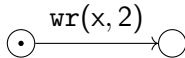


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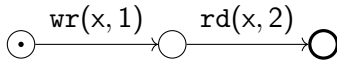
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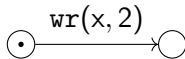


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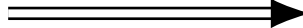
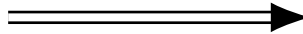
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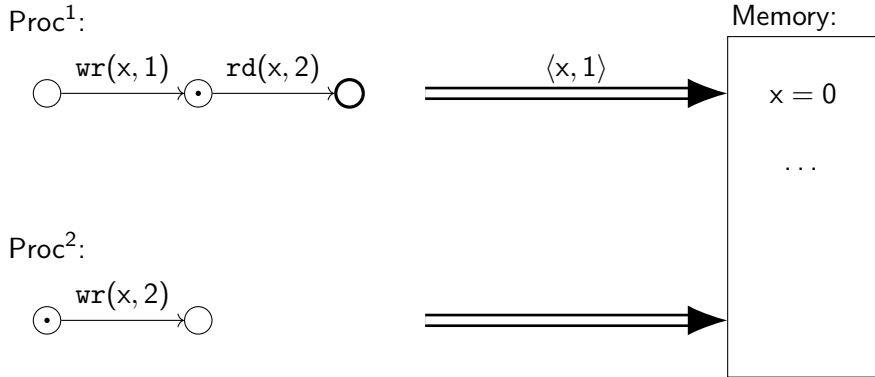
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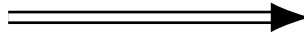
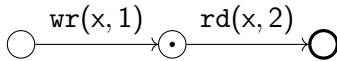


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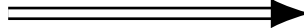
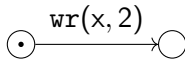


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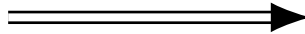
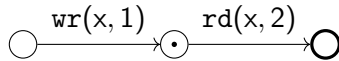
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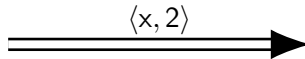
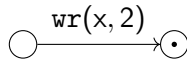


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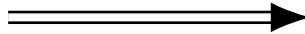
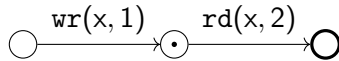
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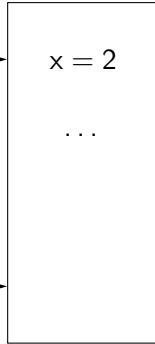


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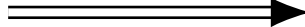
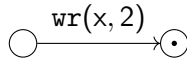
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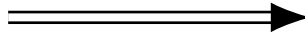
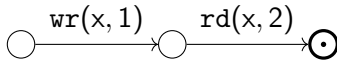


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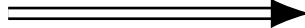
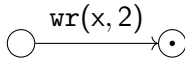


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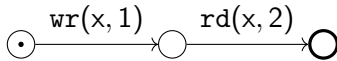
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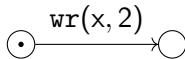


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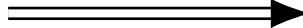
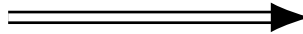
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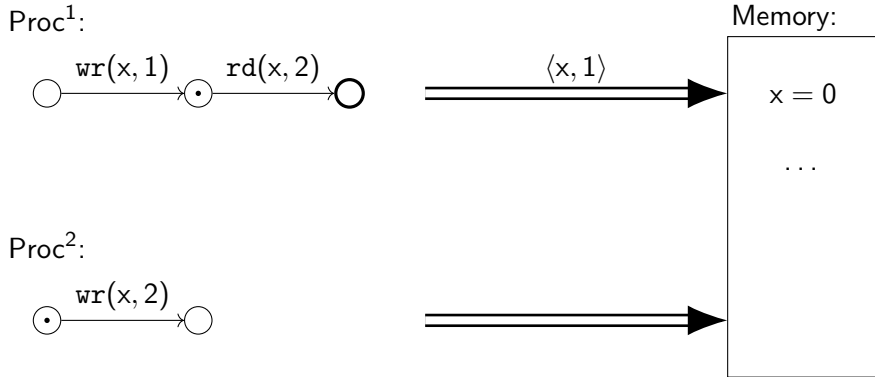
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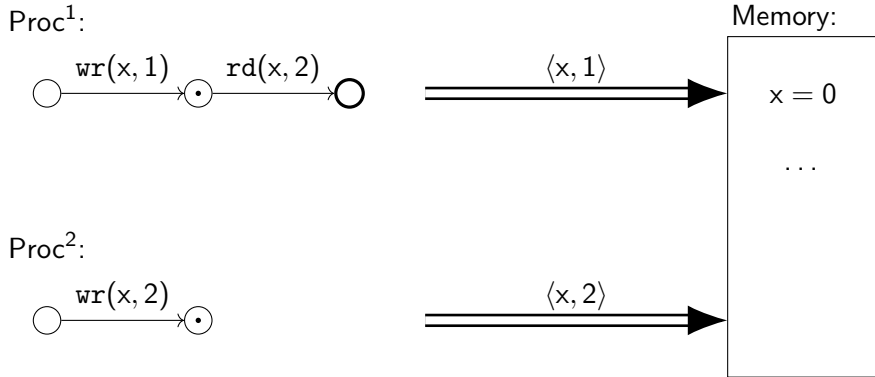
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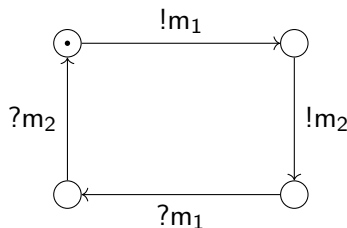
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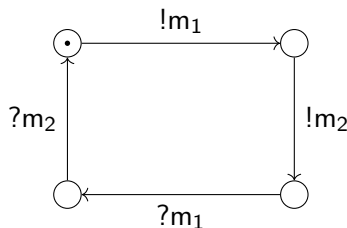
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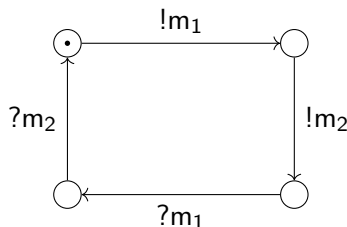
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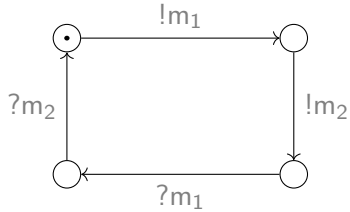
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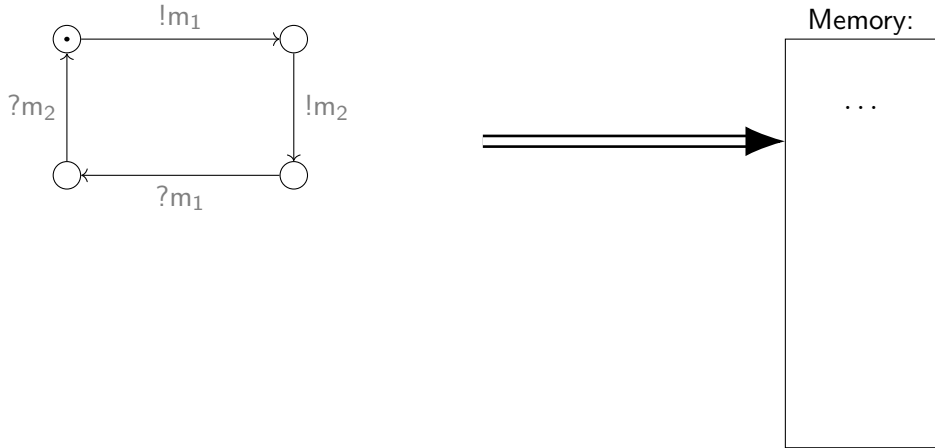
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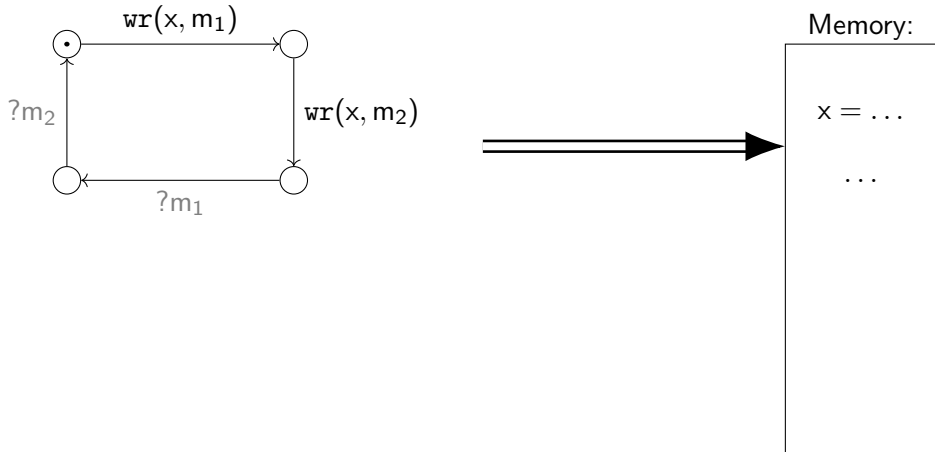
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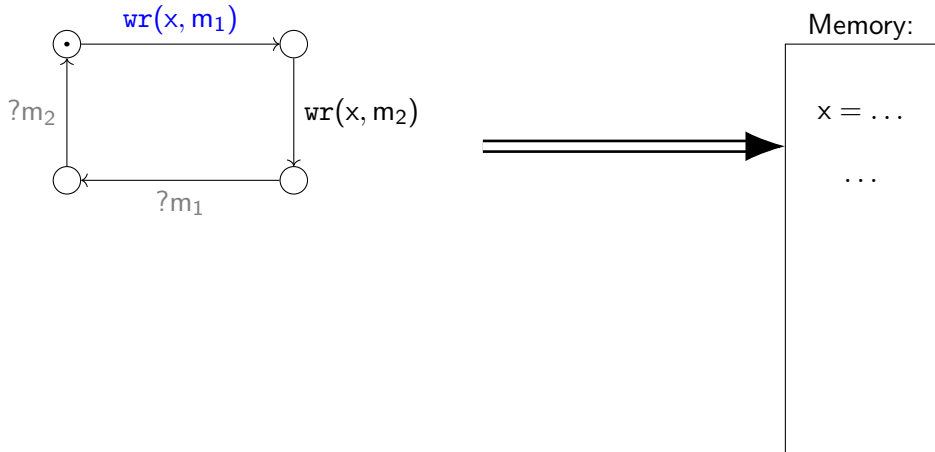
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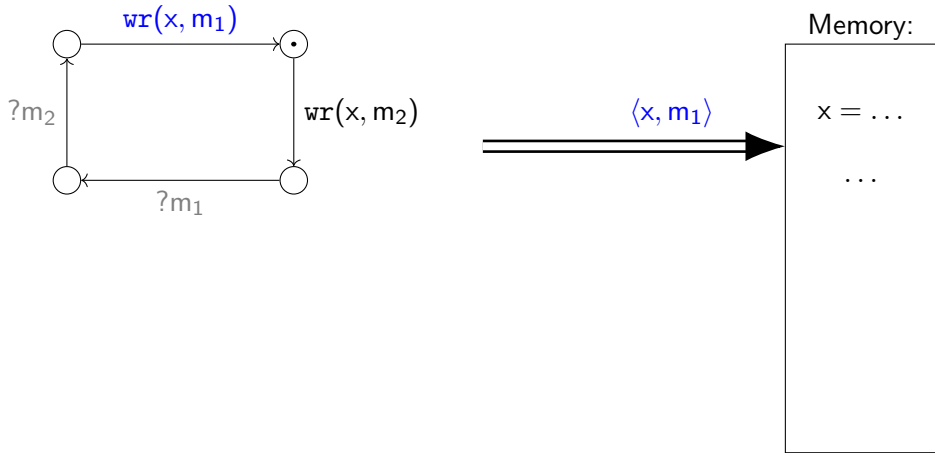
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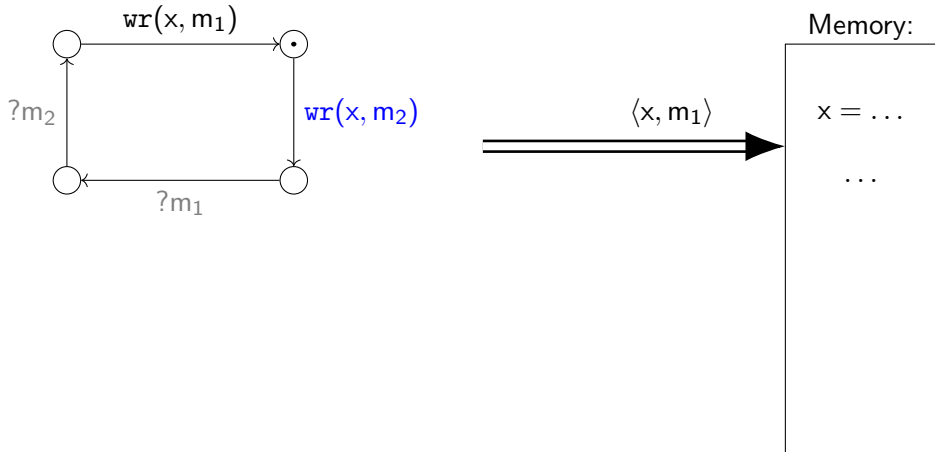
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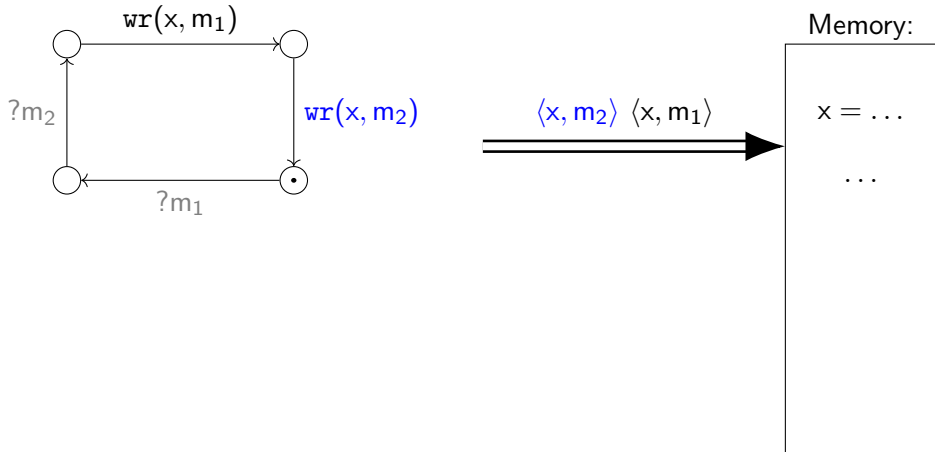
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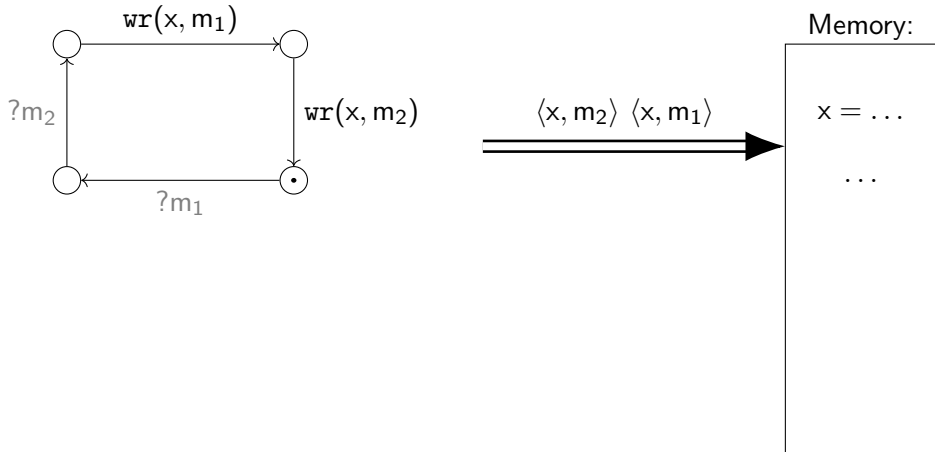
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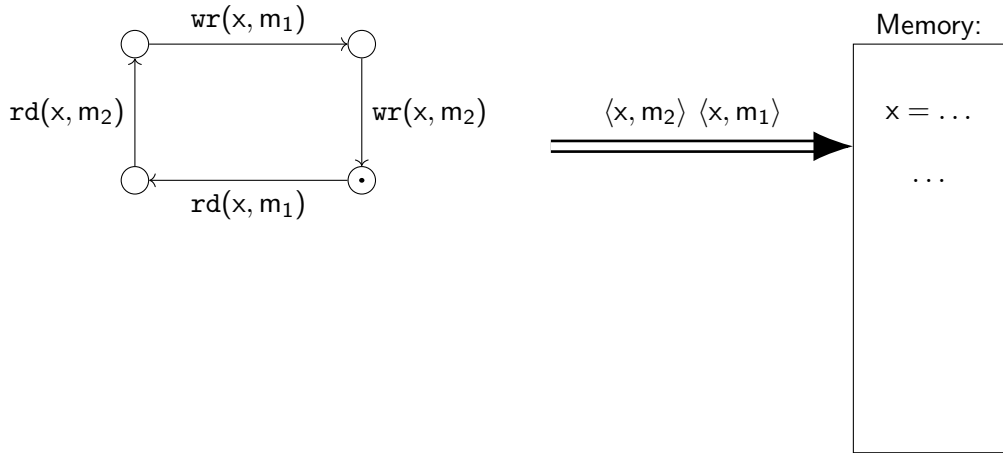
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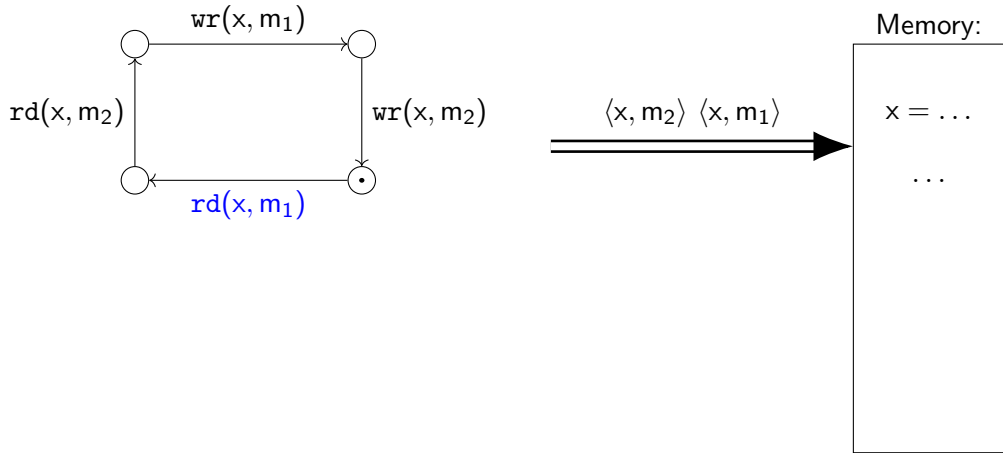
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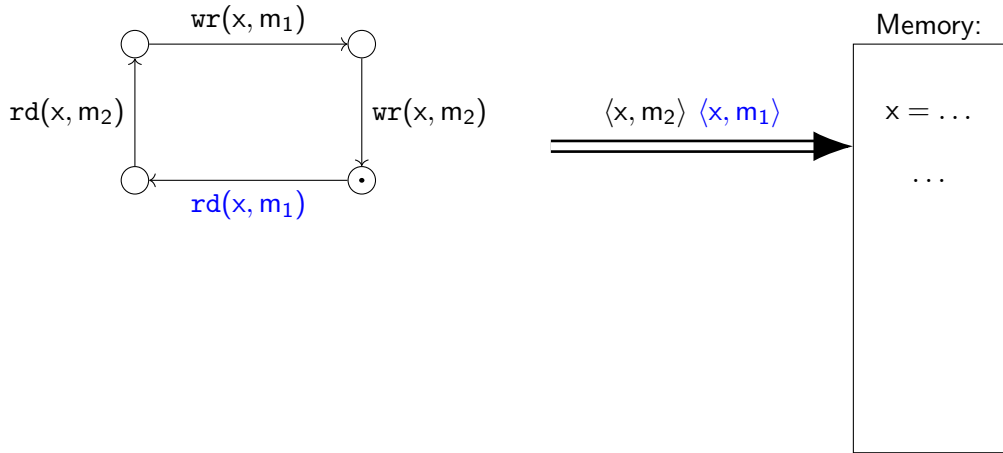
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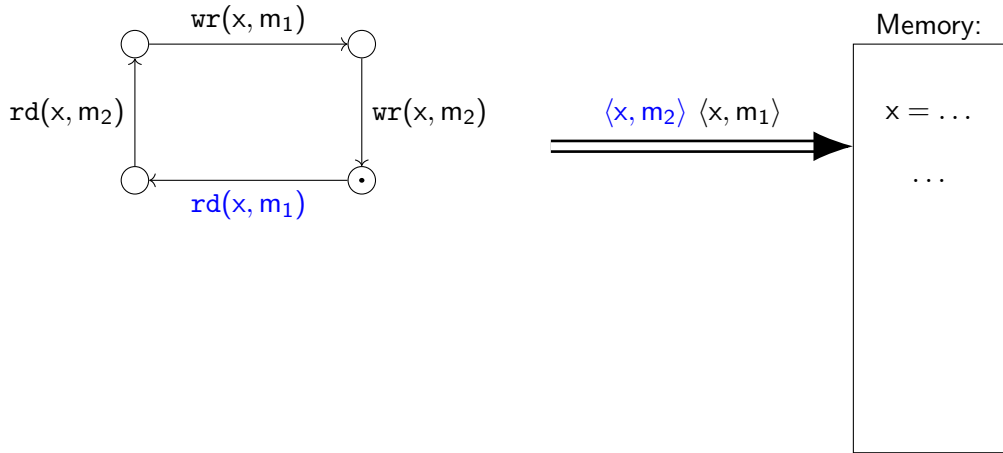
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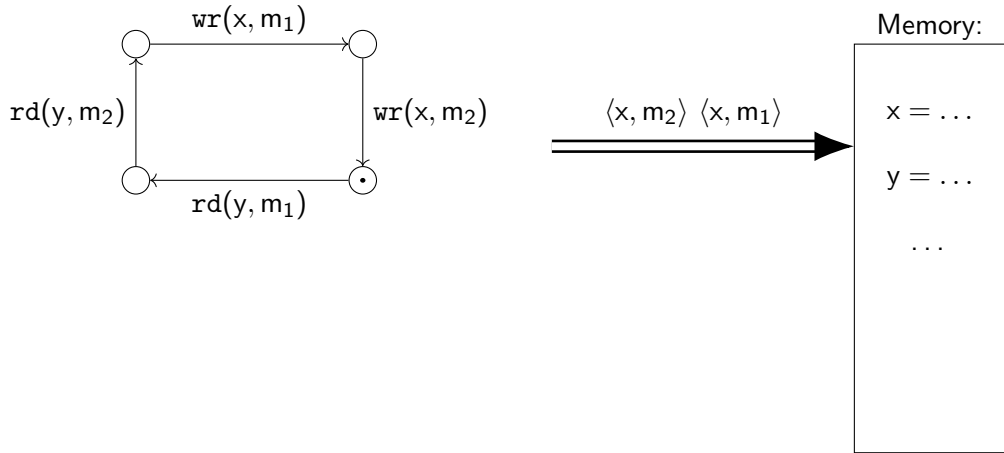
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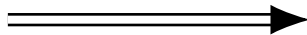
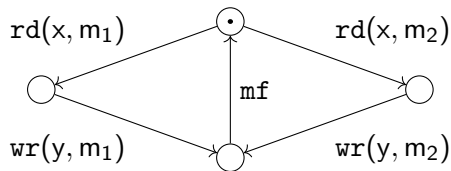
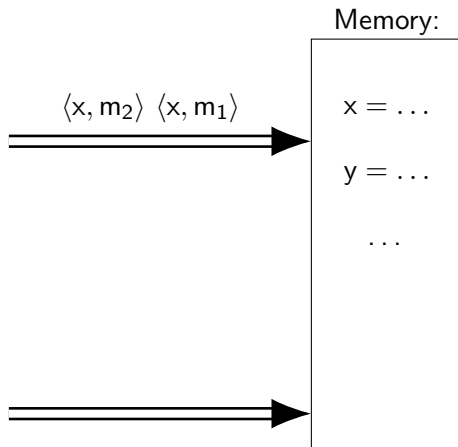
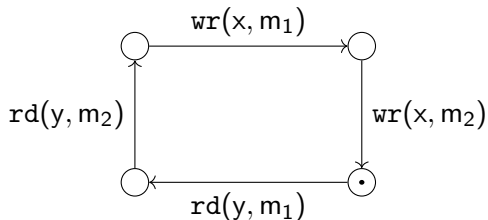
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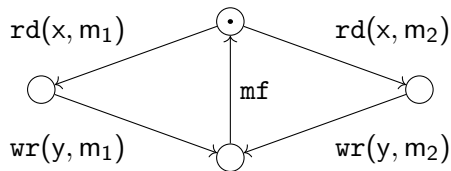
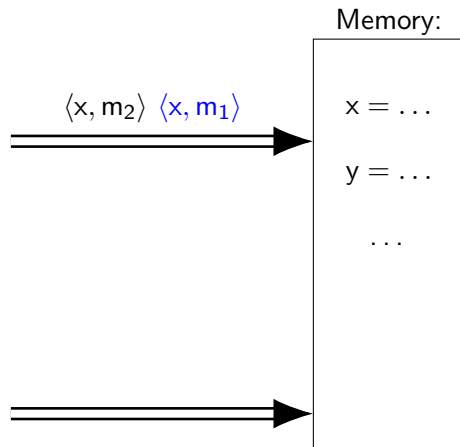
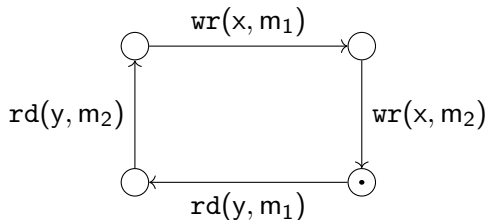
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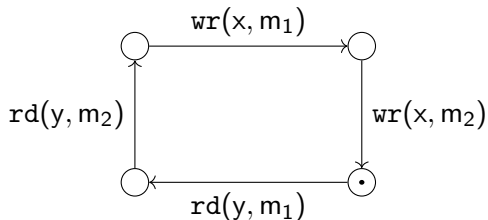
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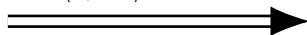
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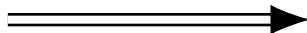
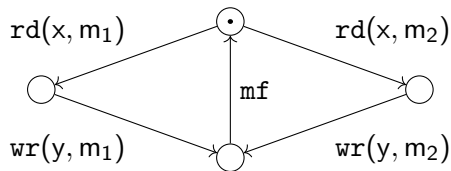


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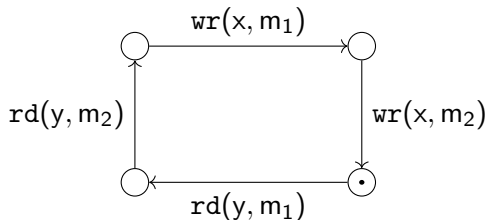
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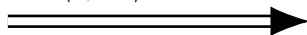
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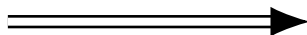
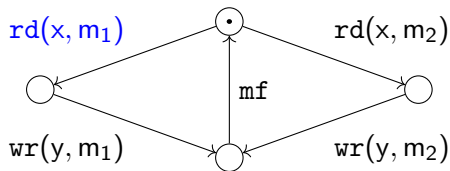


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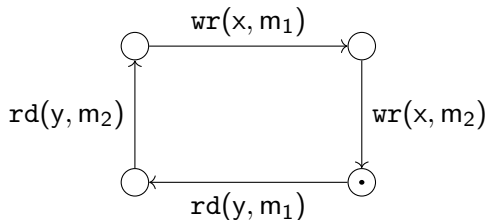
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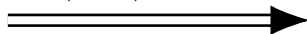
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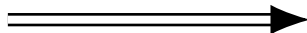
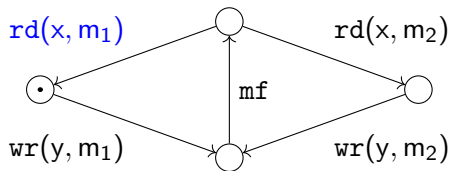


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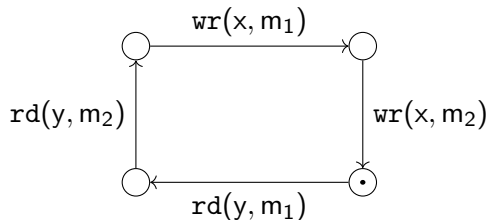
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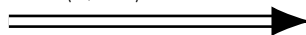
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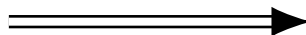
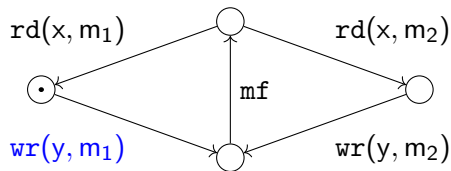


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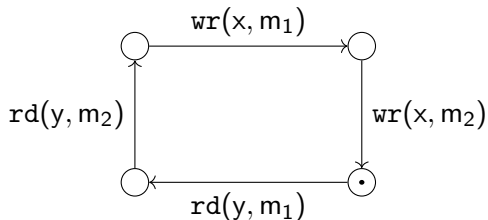
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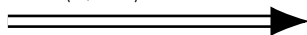
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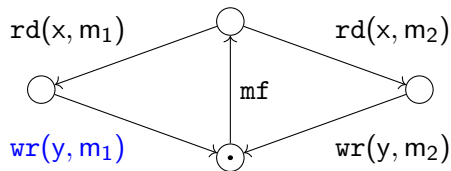


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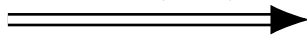
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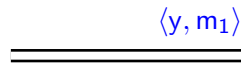
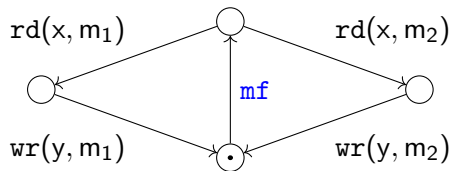
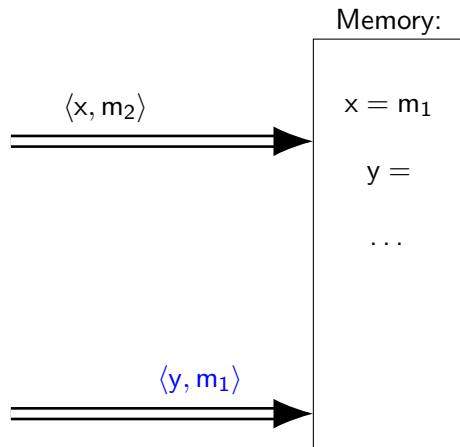
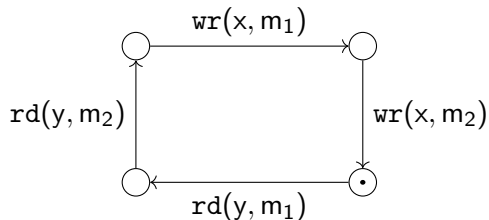
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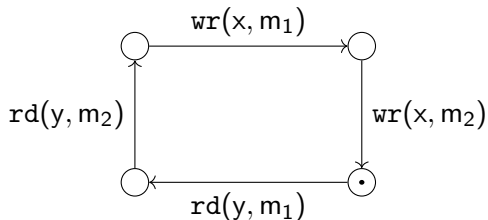
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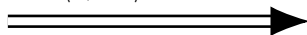
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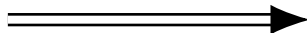
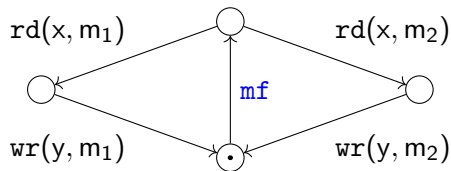


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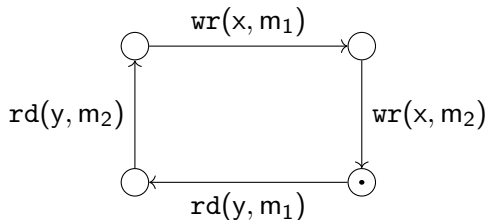
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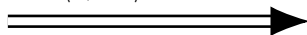
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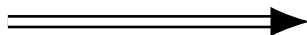
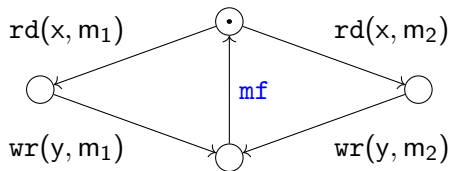


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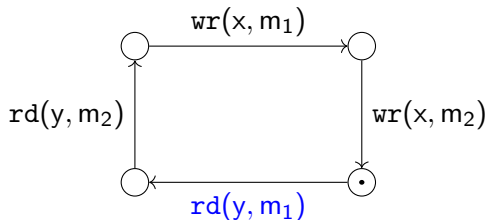
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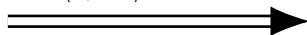
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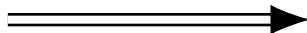
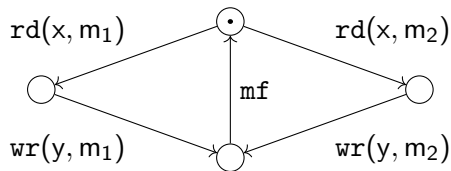


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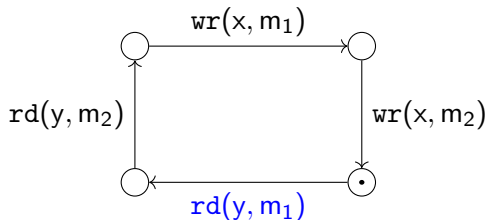
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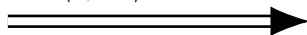
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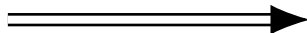
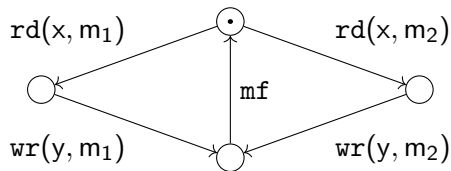


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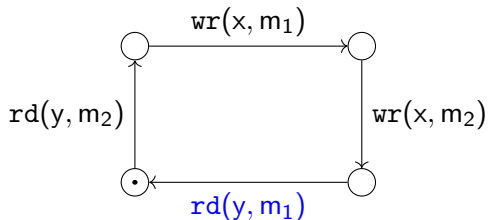
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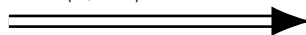
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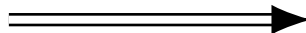
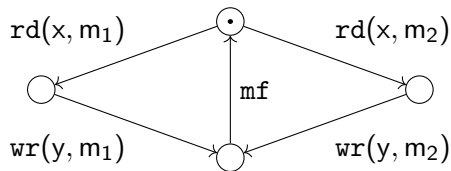


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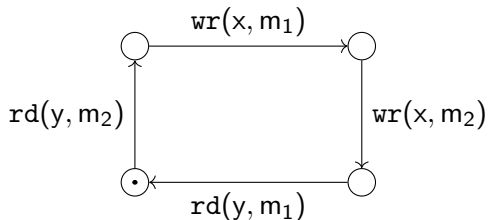
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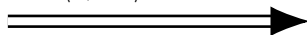
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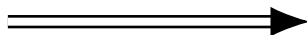
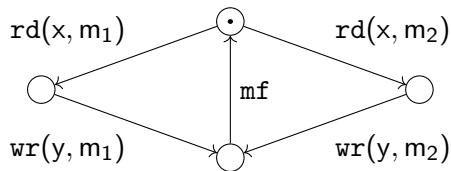


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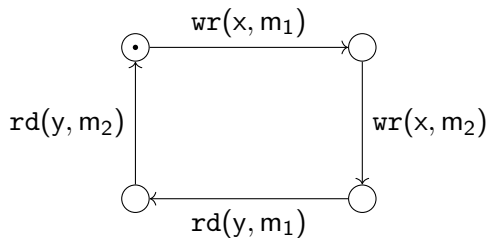
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Eventually, every buffer message must be updated to the memory.

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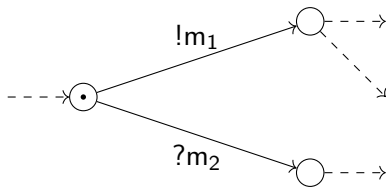


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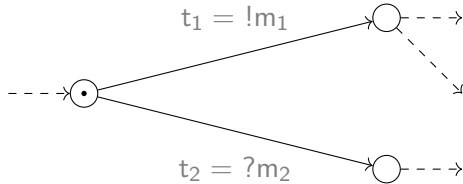
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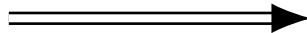
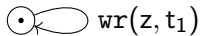
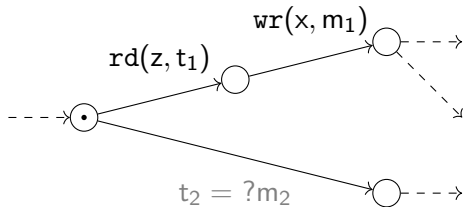
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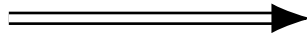


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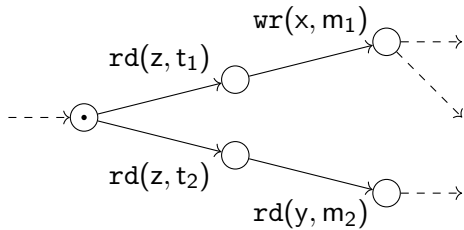
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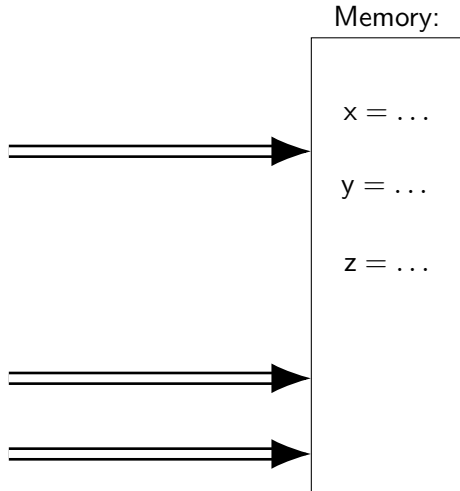


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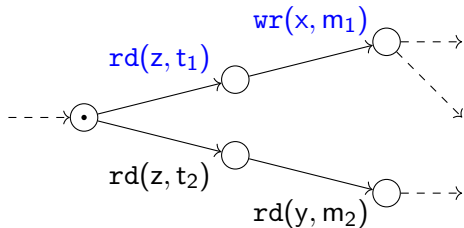


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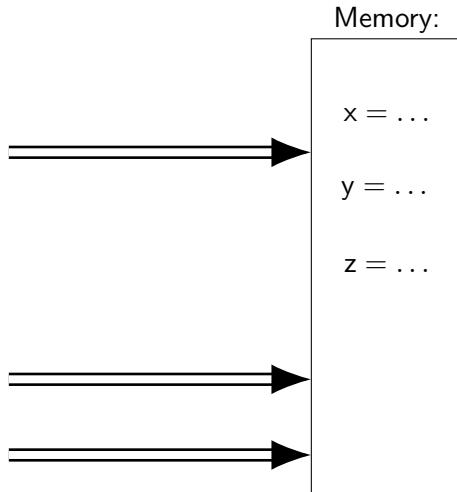


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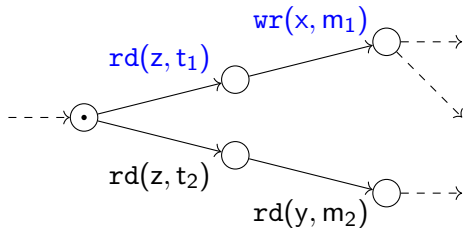


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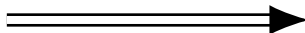
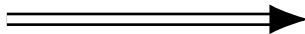
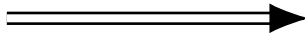
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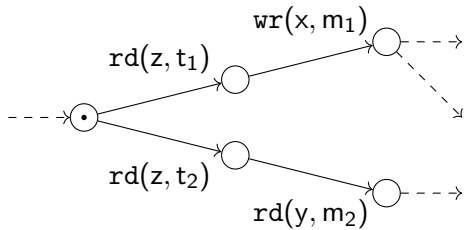
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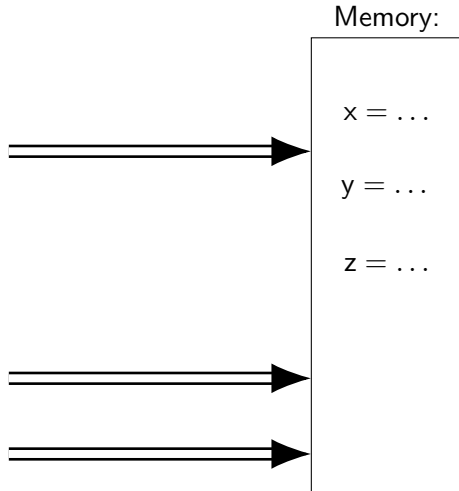


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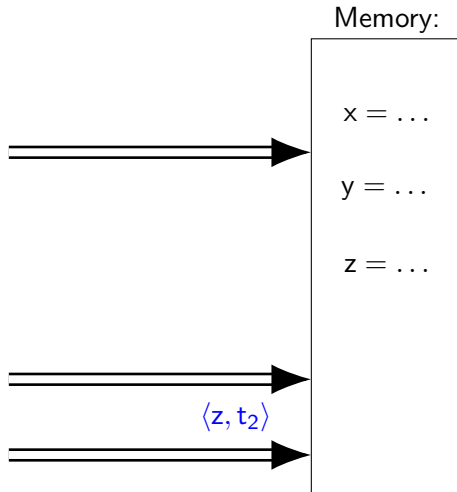
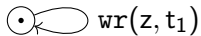
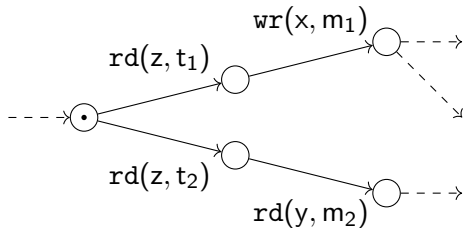


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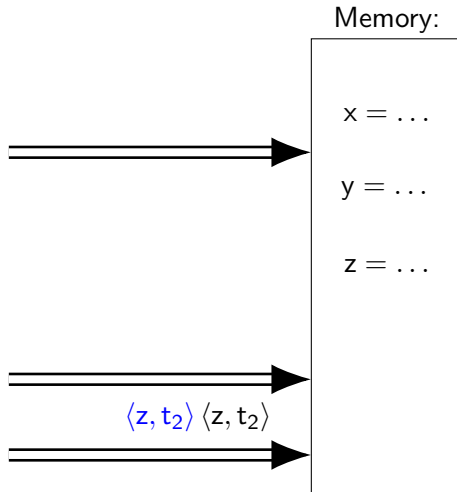
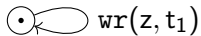
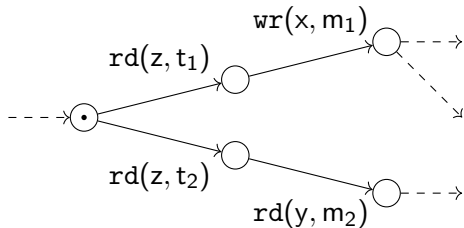
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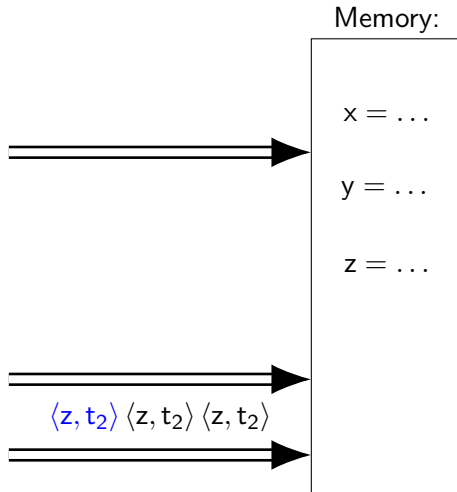
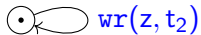
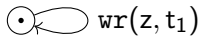
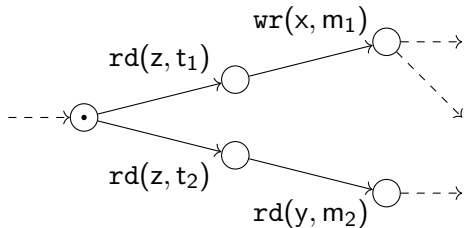
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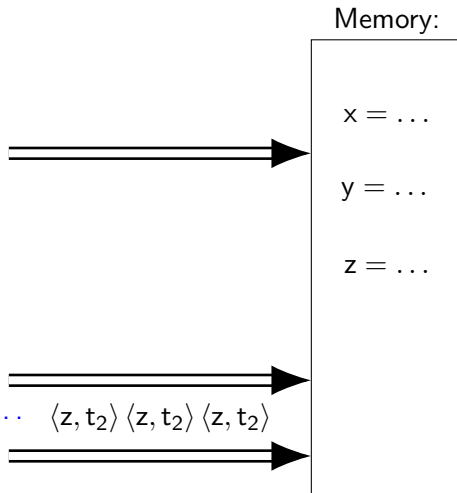
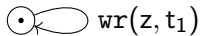
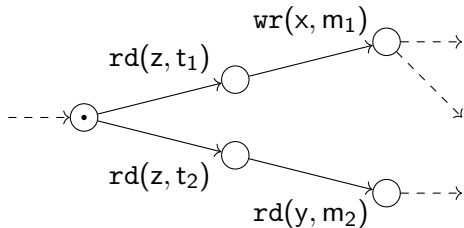
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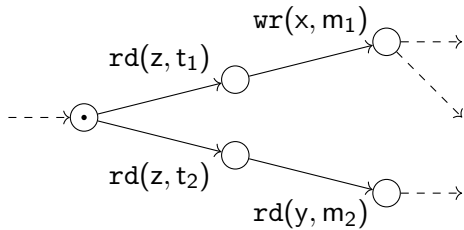
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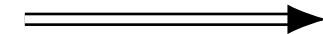
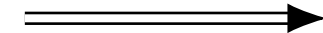
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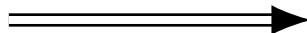
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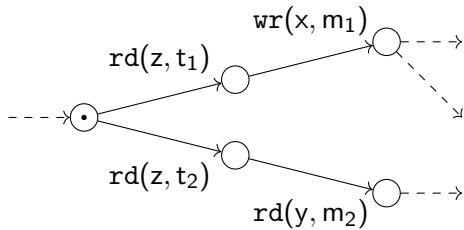
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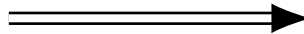
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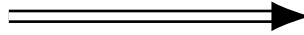
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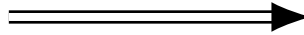
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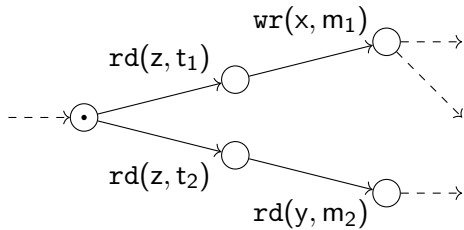
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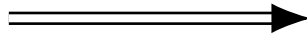


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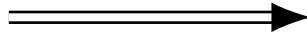


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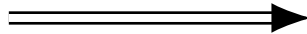
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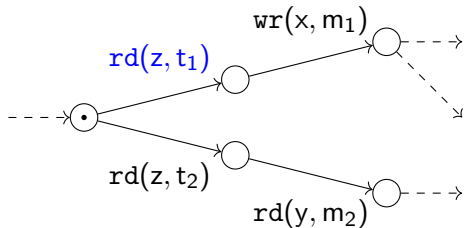
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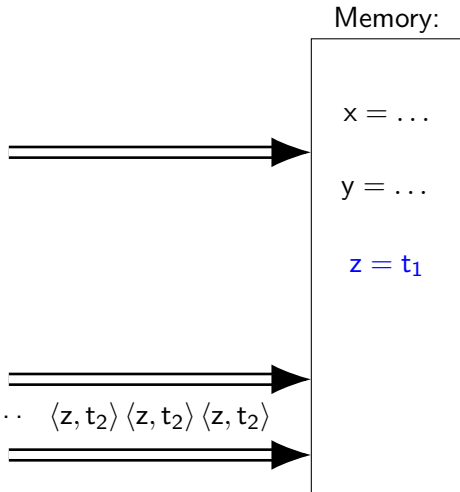


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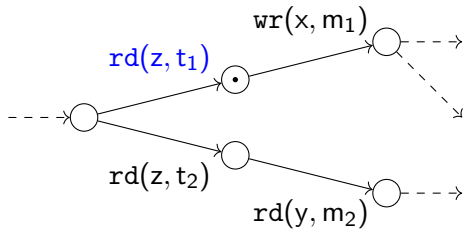



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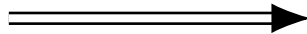


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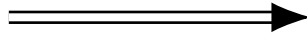


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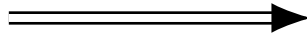
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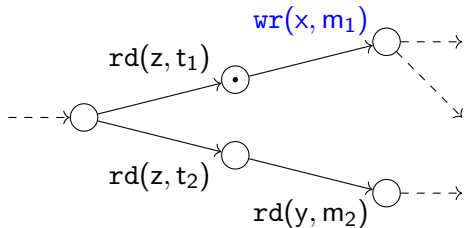
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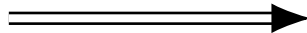


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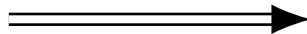


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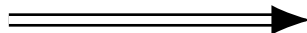
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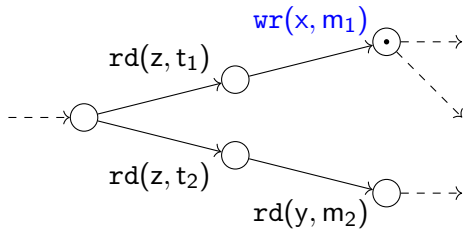
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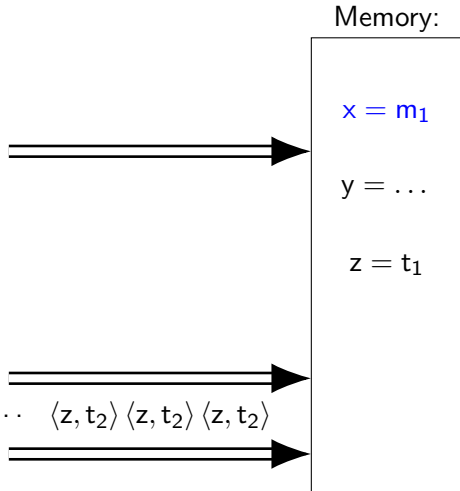


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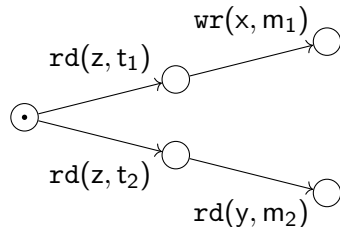
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