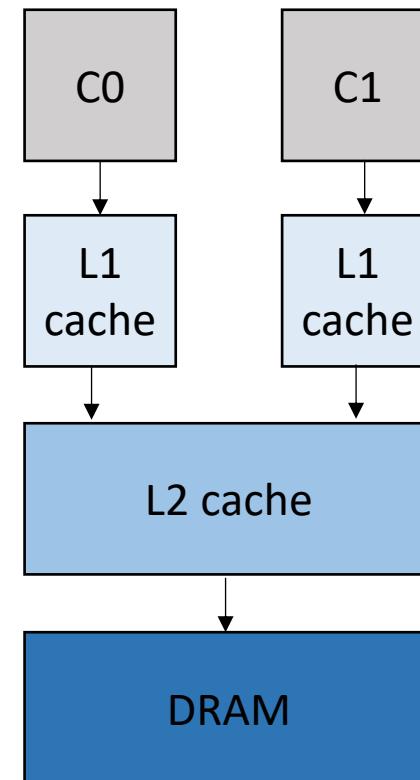


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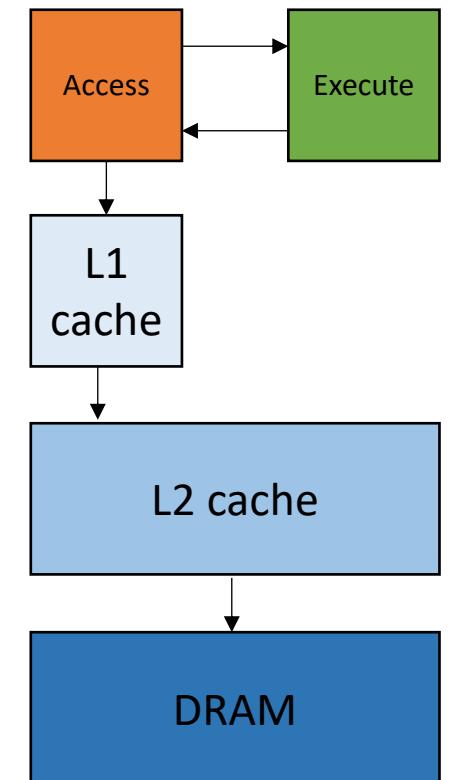
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- Homework 4 is released
 - pair up ASAP please
 - Exploring a DSL
 - pair assignment
 - due Dec. 5 (two weeks)
 - 6 page report
 - Discussion
- You can propose a DSL to explore, but you must do it within 1 week and there is no guarantee that I will approve it.

Announcements

- Working on grading HW 2 still
 - Sorry for the delay but it will be out soon!

Paper and project proposals

- Remember
 - Reports are due the day of the final: Dec 8.
 - I highly suggest not saving these until the last minute. They have a late deadline to give you flexibility, not to enable procrastination.
- Project presentation:
 - Everyone doing a project needs to prepare a 12 minute presentation
 - If your project isn't finished yet, then present background and as much as you have
 - I will randomly select 6 people to present in class on Dec. 1
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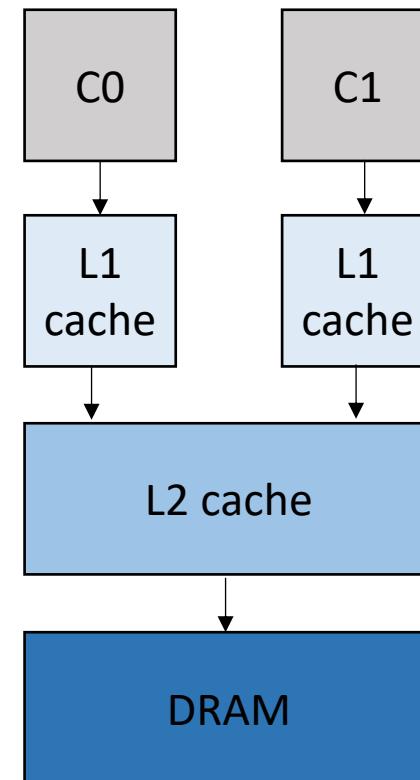
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 - Dec. 8
 - Take home (1 day instead of 1 week)
 - Similar to the midterm in length and question style
 - Designed to take ~2.5 hours not including studying
 - If you want to set aside time, 12 - 3 pm
- Same rules as midterm
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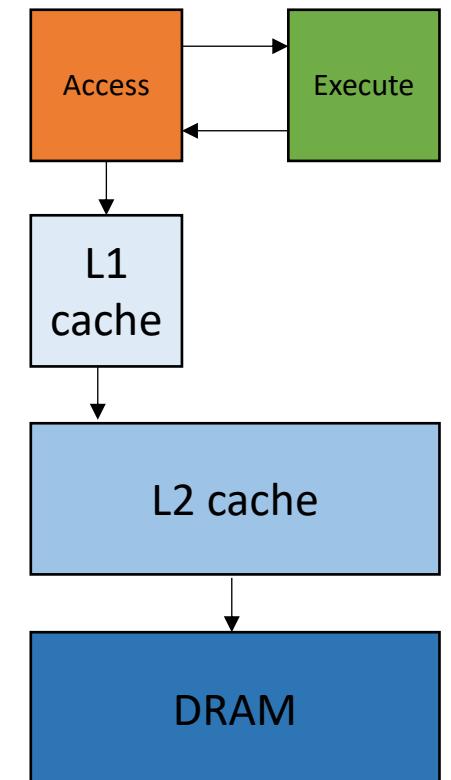
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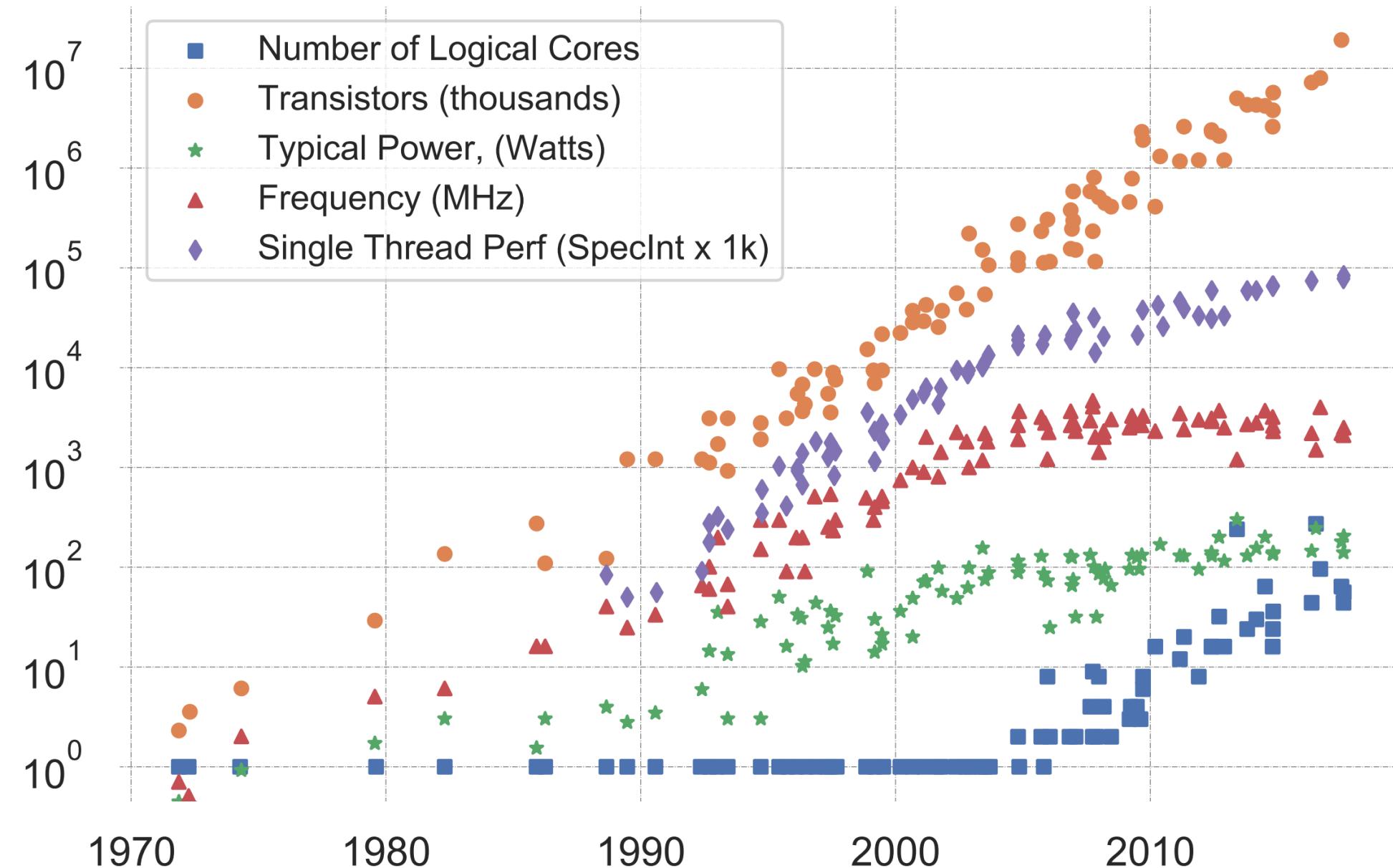
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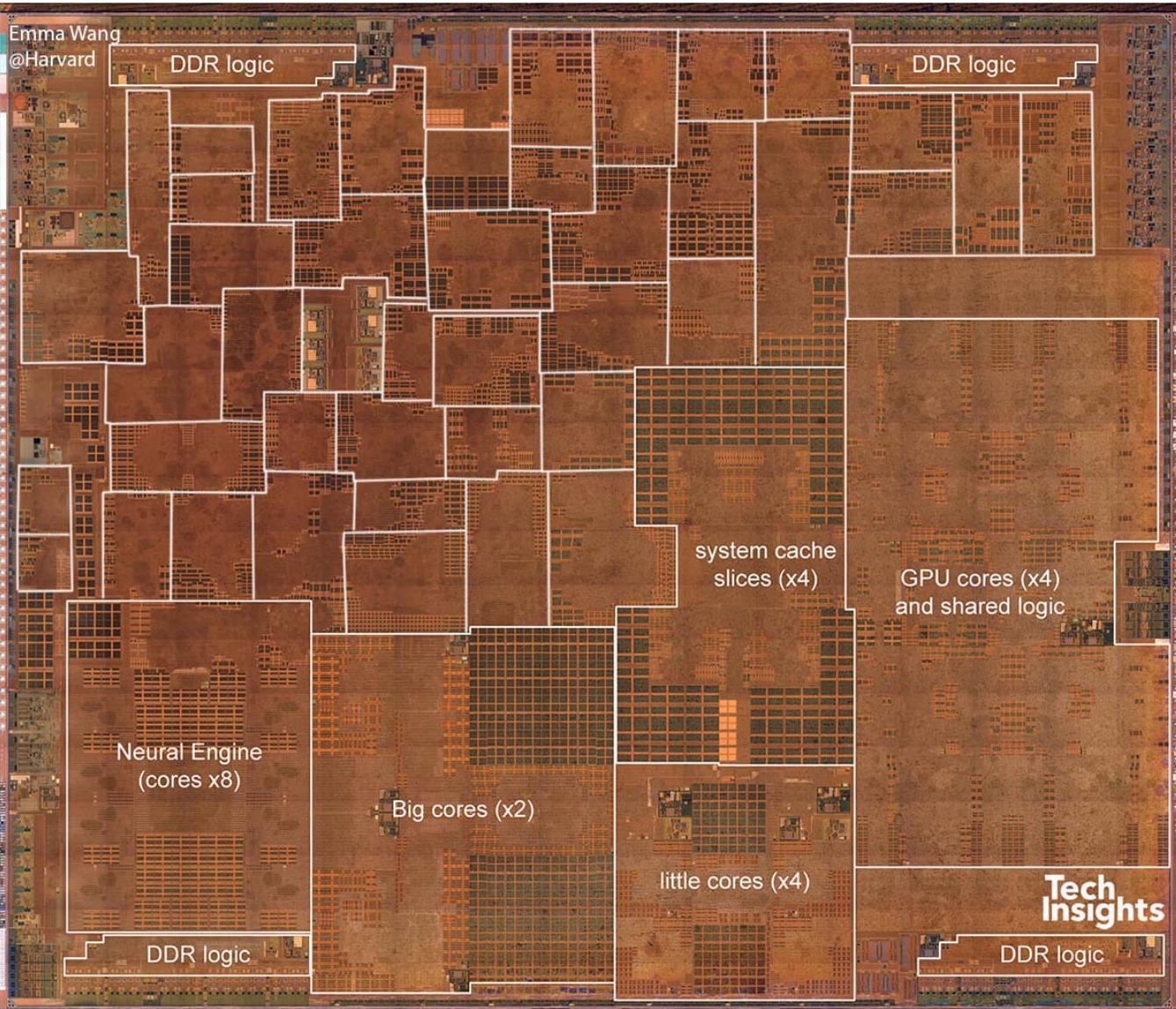
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Specialization in modern SoCs

- From David Brooks lab at Harvard:
<http://vlsiarch.eecs.harvard.edu/research/accelerators/die-photo-analysis/>
- CPUs, GPUs, Neural Engine, IP blocks (cryptography, DSP, etc.)



How do programs take advantage of specialization?

- **Programmer-centric:**
 - Programmers write specialized code that targets specific specialized processors
- **API-centric**
 - e.g. Tensorflow targets CPU, GPU, TPU
- **Hardware-centric:**
 - Hardware optimizes programs
 - Pipelining, super scalar, caches, etc. (what our traditional systems already do)
- **Compiler-centric:**
 - Compiler performs non-trivial transformations to target specialized hardware

Specialization is not new

- First GPU in 1951 (MIT flight simulator)
- Architecture academic work proposes many new designs
 - Evaluated on detailed simulators; rarely taped out
- Had a hard time breaking into the mainstream:
 - benefits had to outweigh eventual returns from Dennard's Scaling and Moore's Law
- But now...
 - Hennessy and Patterson's 2017 Turing award lecture: The New Golden Age of Computer Architecture

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“Reverse-Engineering the Brain: A Computer Architecture Grand Challenge” ISCA 2018

DECOPLED ACCESS/EXECUTE COMPUTER ARCHITECTURES

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Abstract

An architecture for improving computer performance is presented and discussed. The main feature of the architecture is a high degree of decoupling between operand access and execution. This results in an implementation which has two separate instruction streams that communicate via queues. A similar architecture has been previously proposed for array processors, but in that context the software is called on to do most of the coordination and synchronization between the instruction streams. This paper emphasizes the implementation features that remove this burden from the programmer. Performance comparisons with a conventional scalar architecture are given, and these show that considerable performance gains are possible.

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 - More optimizations and practicalities

DeSC: Decoupled Supply-Compute Communication Management for Heterogeneous Architectures

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ABSTRACT

Today's computers employ significant heterogeneity to meet performance targets at manageable power. In adapting increased compute targets on memory or communication, however, the relative amount of time spent on memory or communication latency has increased. System and software optimizations for memory and communication often come at the costs of increased complexity and reduced portability. We propose Decoupled Supply-Compute (DeSC) as a way to attack memory bottlenecks automatically, while maintaining good portability and low complexity. Drawing from Decoupled Access Execute (DAE) approaches, our work updates and expands on these techniques with increased specialization and automatic compiler support. Across the evaluated workloads, DeSC offers an average of 2.04x speedup over baseline (on homogeneous CMPs) and 1.56x speedup when a DeSC data supplier feeds a hardware accelerator. Achieving performance gains of what a perfect cache hierarchy would offer, while maintaining useful generality

greatly leverages improving computation performance at manageable power, its effective use raises additional challenges. First, the long-troubling "memory wall" becomes even more challenging in many accelerator-centric designs. From an Amdahl's Law point of view, as specialized accelerators speed up computations, the communication memory operations that feed them represent even more of the remaining performance slowdown [27, 50]. A second challenge in accelerator-oriented design is that the software-managed communication tailoring used to reduce communication cost often increases software complexity and reduces performance predictability [12, 13] with scratchpad memory, transfers in and it are typically tightly tailored to the scratchpad [28]. For example, for a loosely-coupled accelerator, programmers must also work to fit the scratchpad of computation and communication. Even small variations in accelerator design can require code to be reoptimized.

While using cache memories instead of DRAM can mitigate some concerns about power and software portability, many issues remain. For example, caches still require programming computation and communication. As caches expose variable communication to the accelerator, this can force a more complex design, either regarding computation or memory access. At the end of the day, the choice of at-accelerator design depends on the specific needs of the application.

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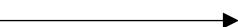
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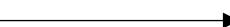
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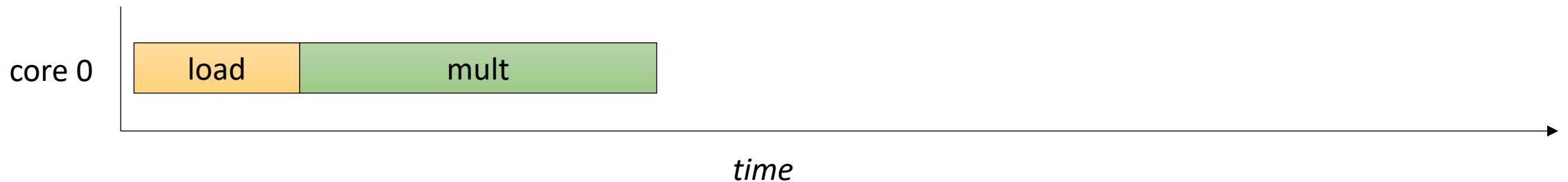
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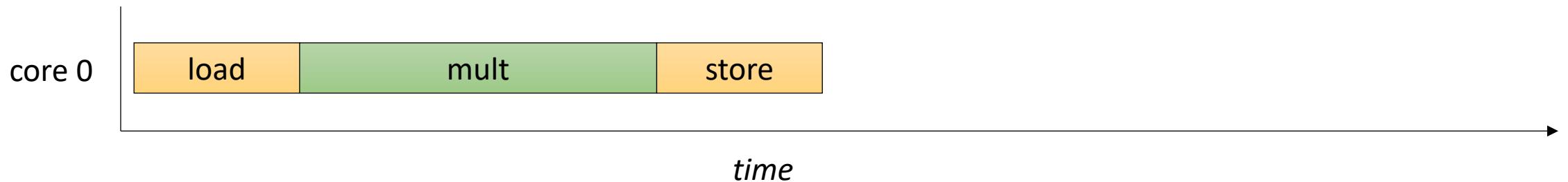
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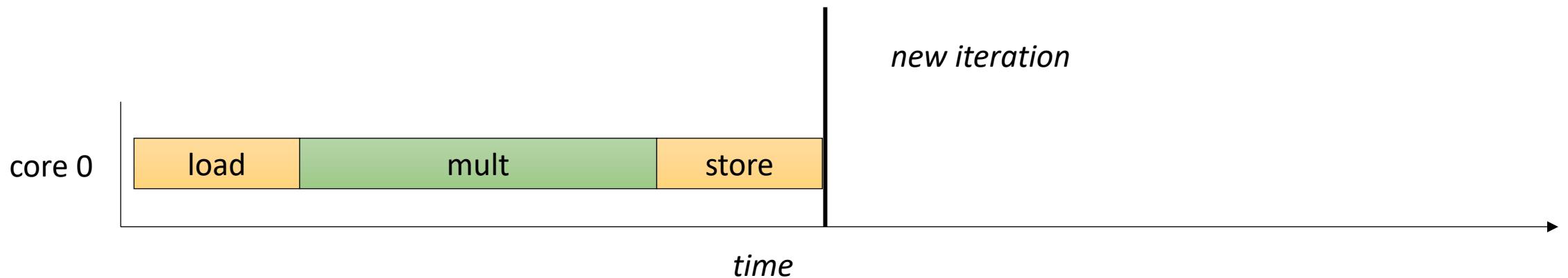
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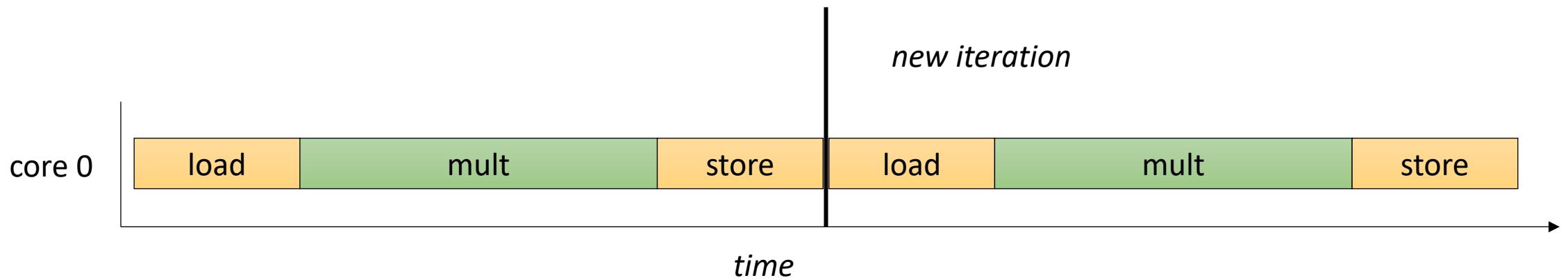
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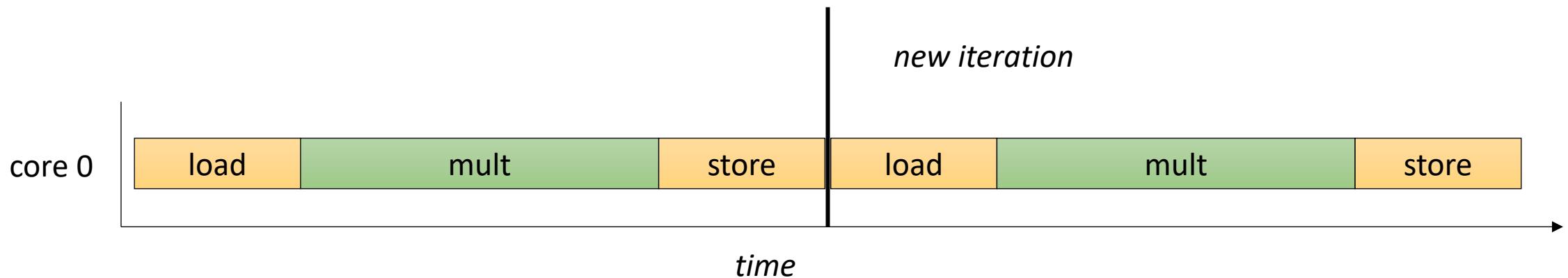
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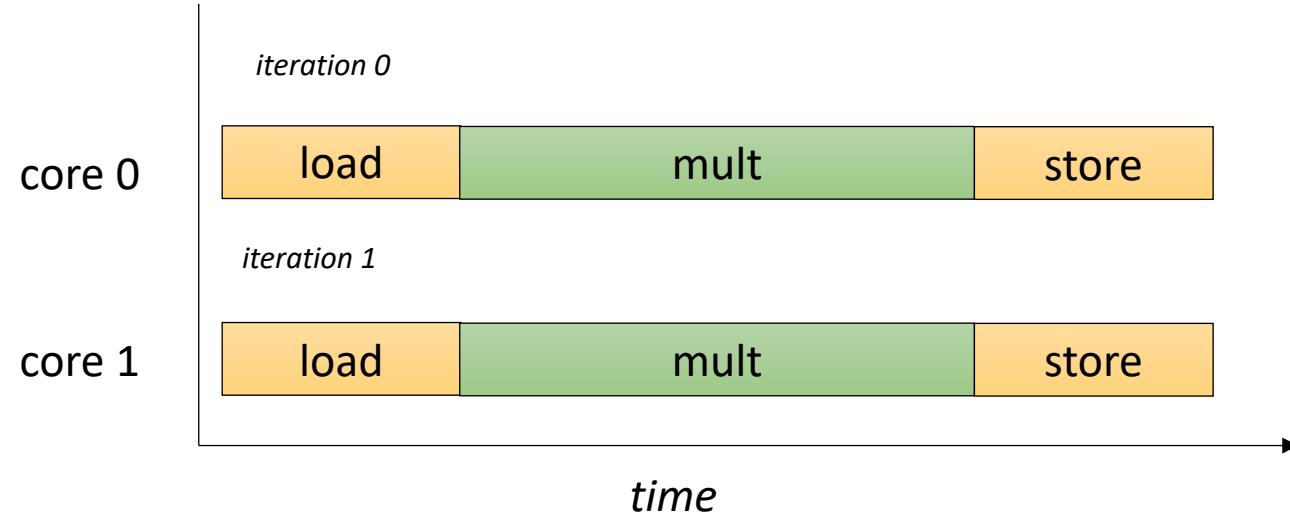
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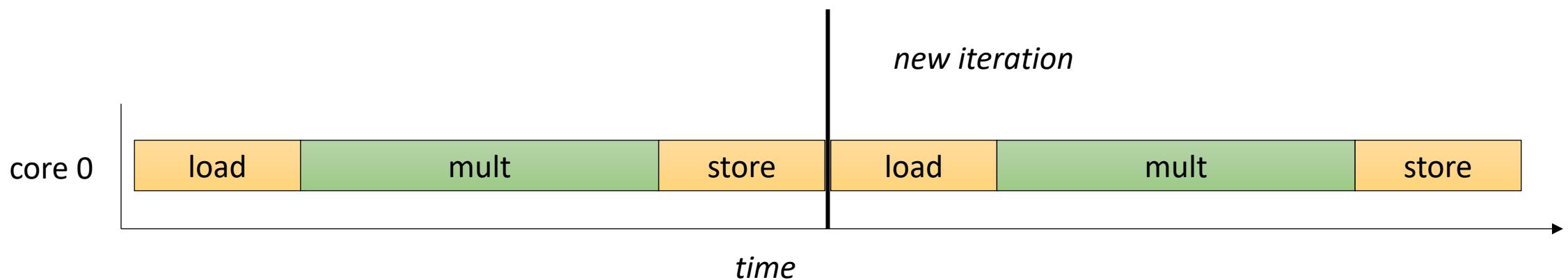


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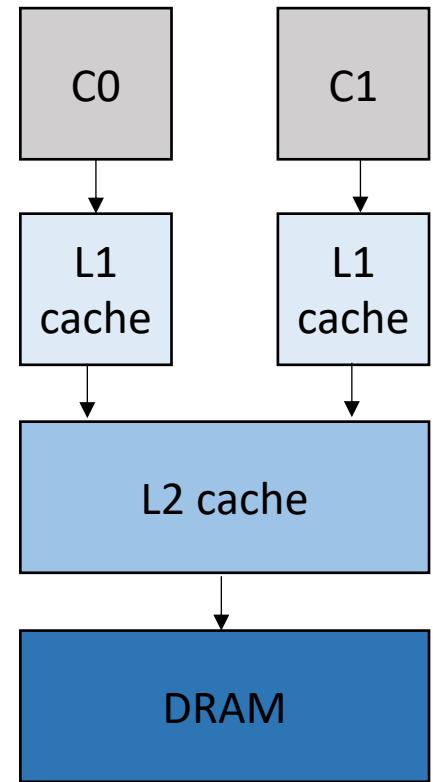
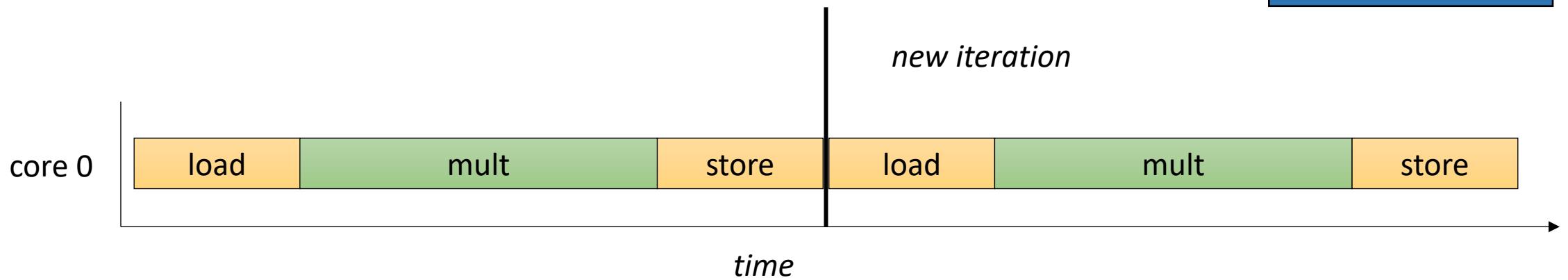
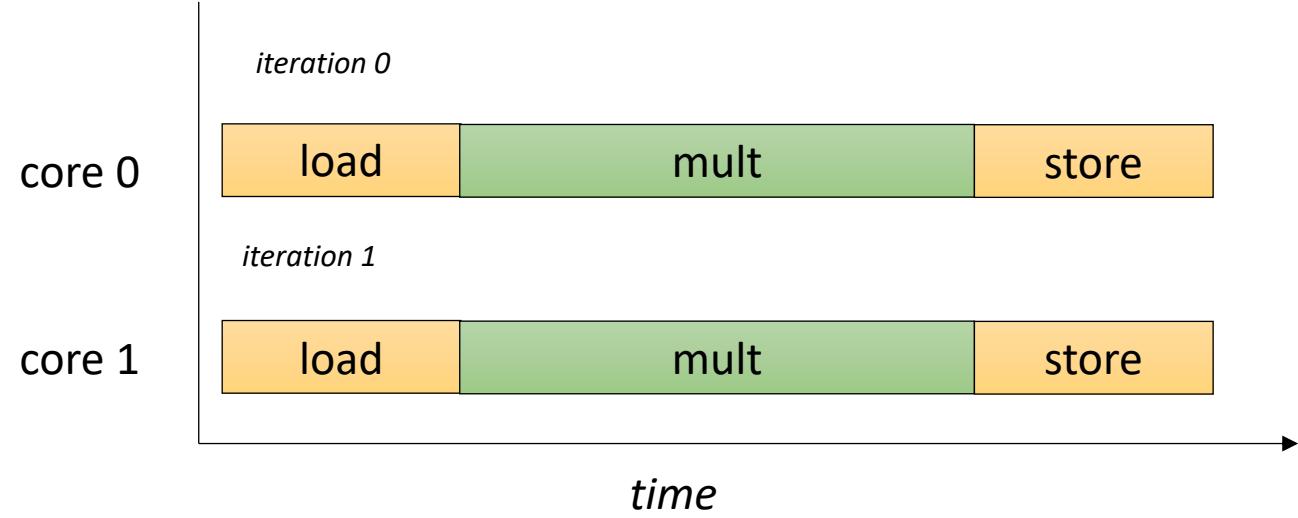


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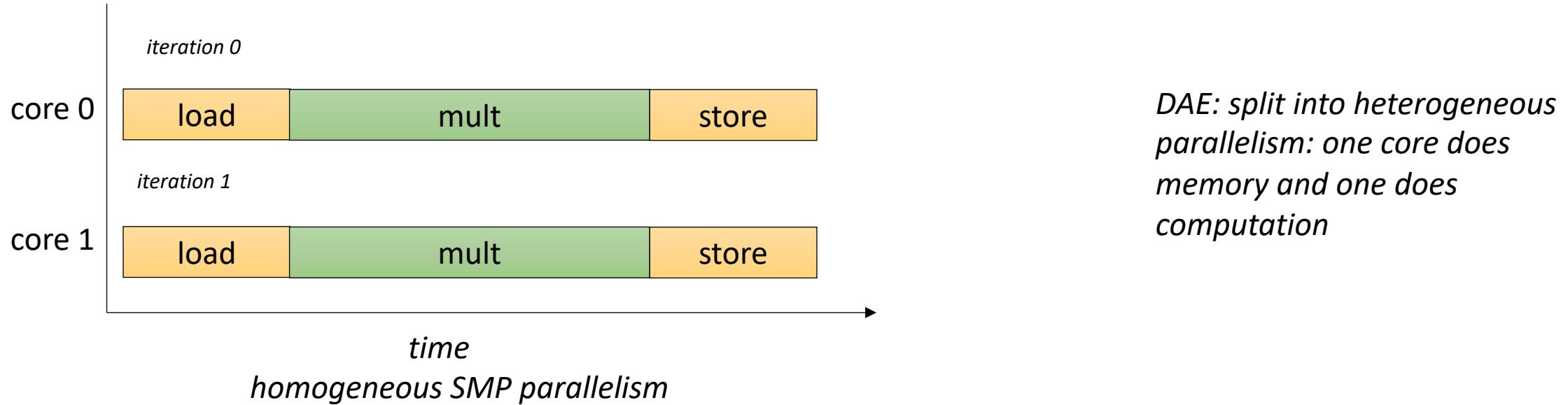
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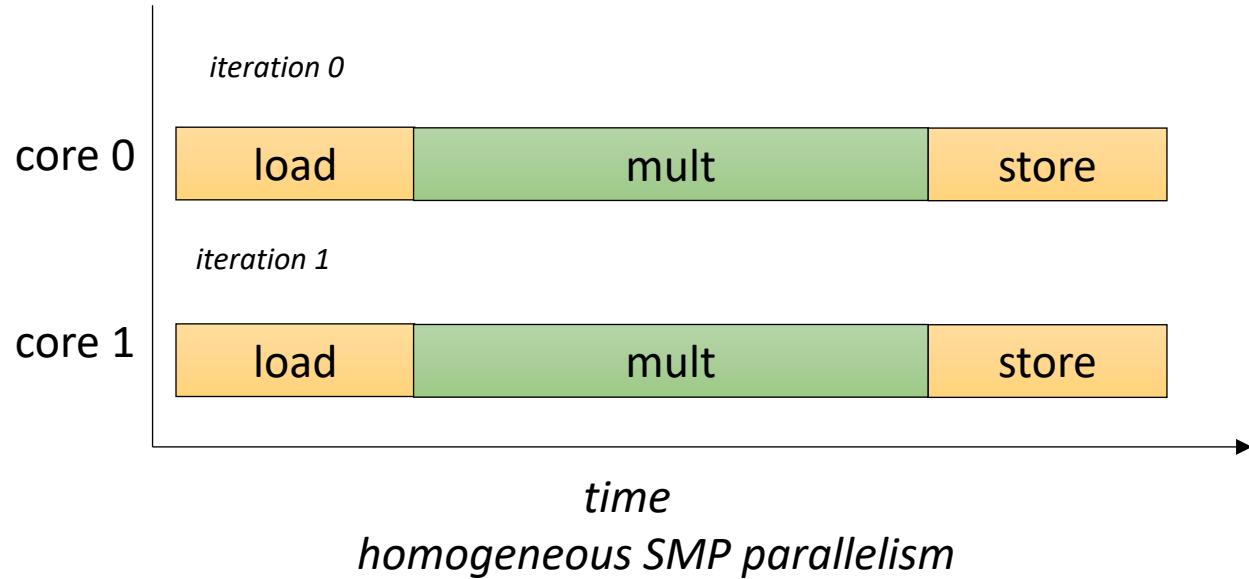
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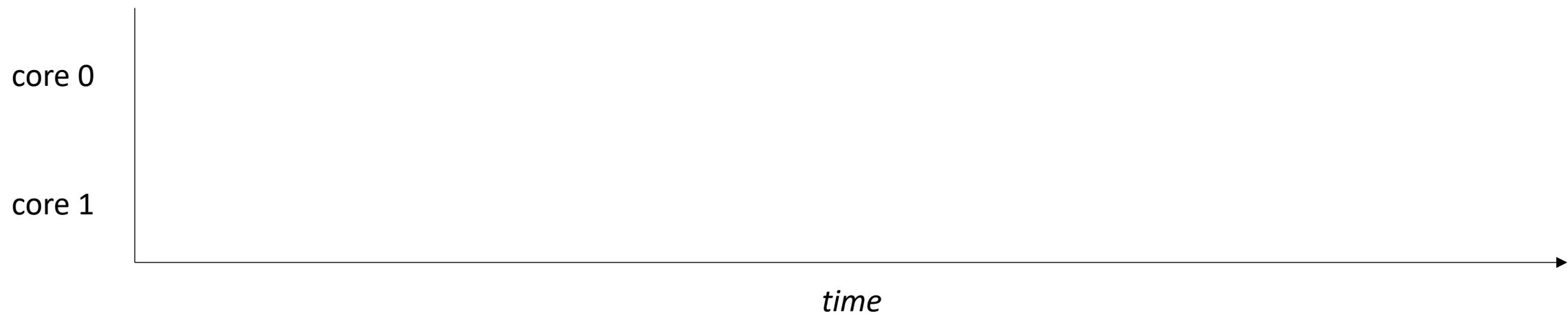
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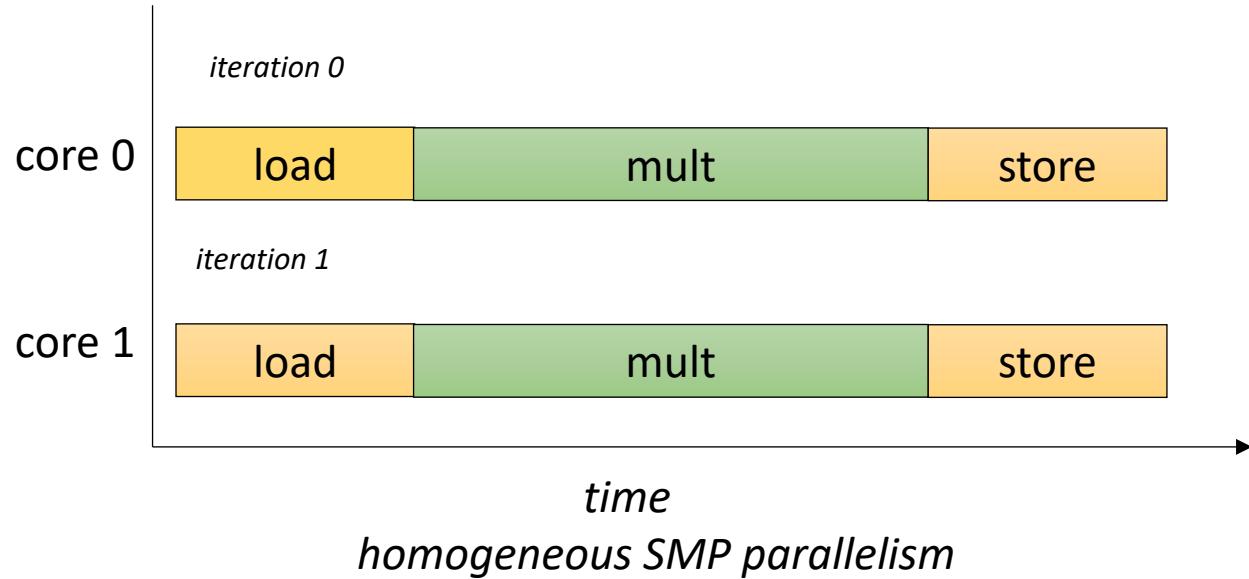
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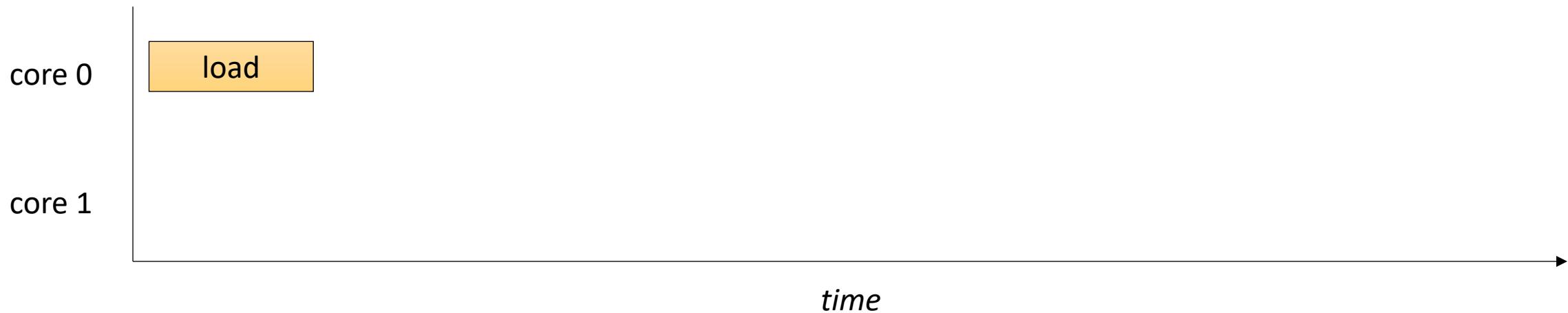
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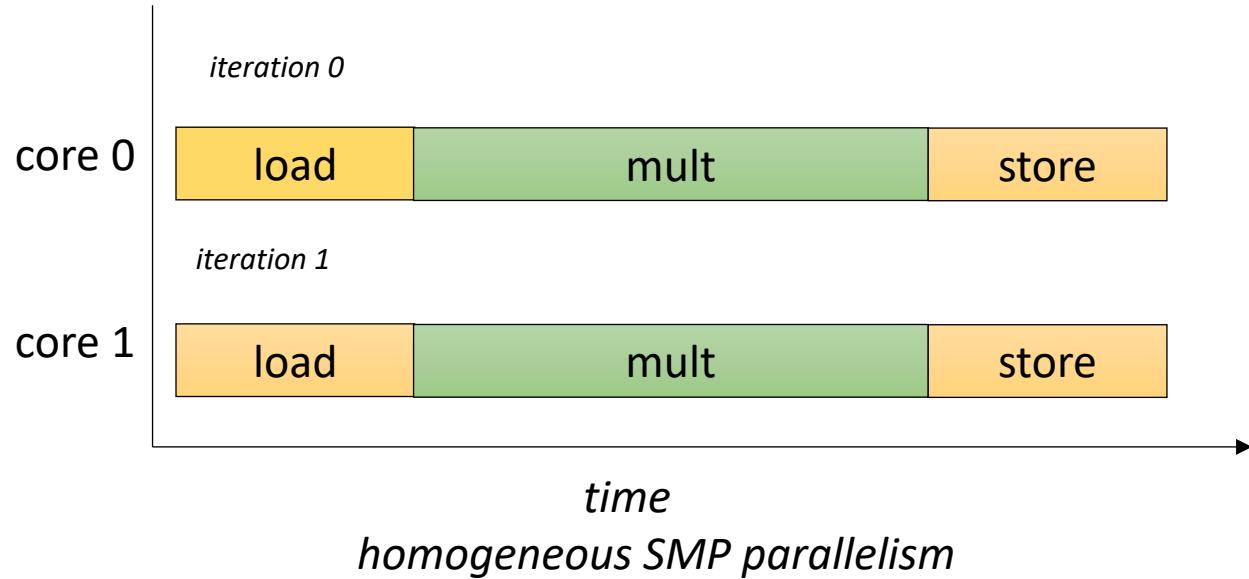
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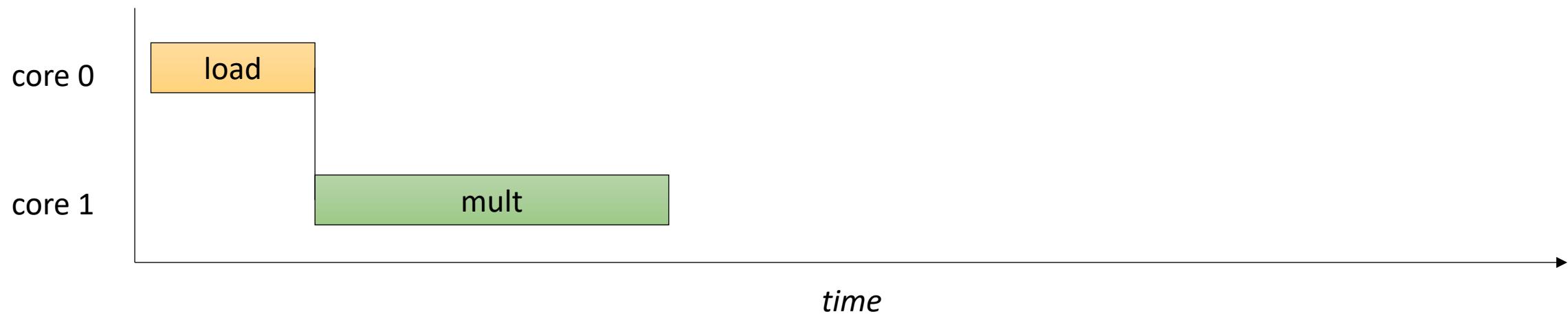
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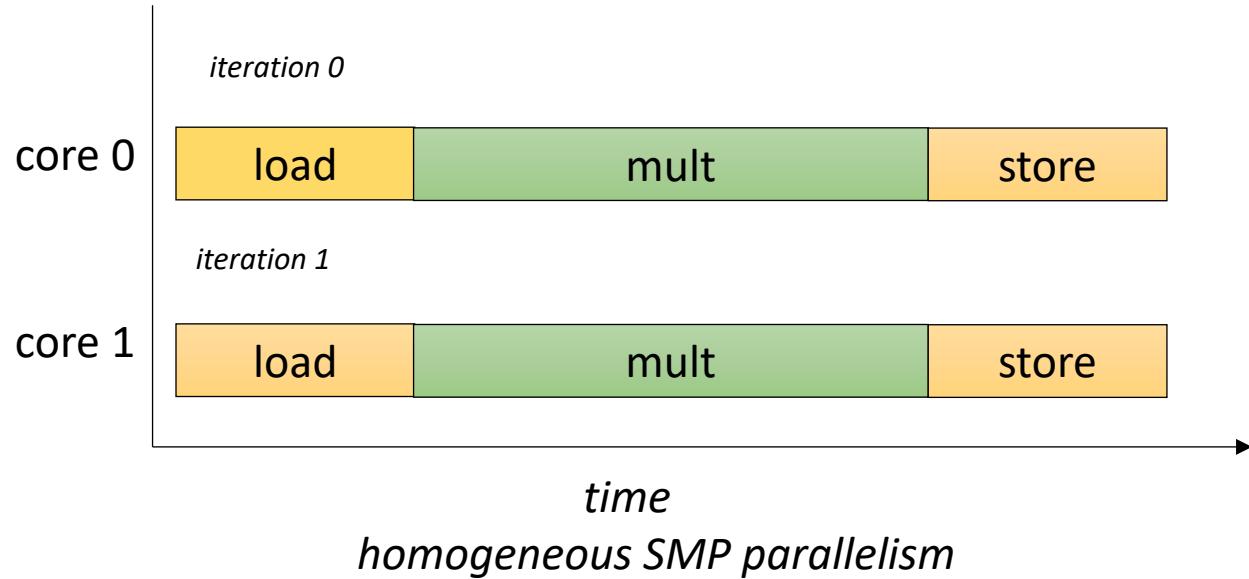
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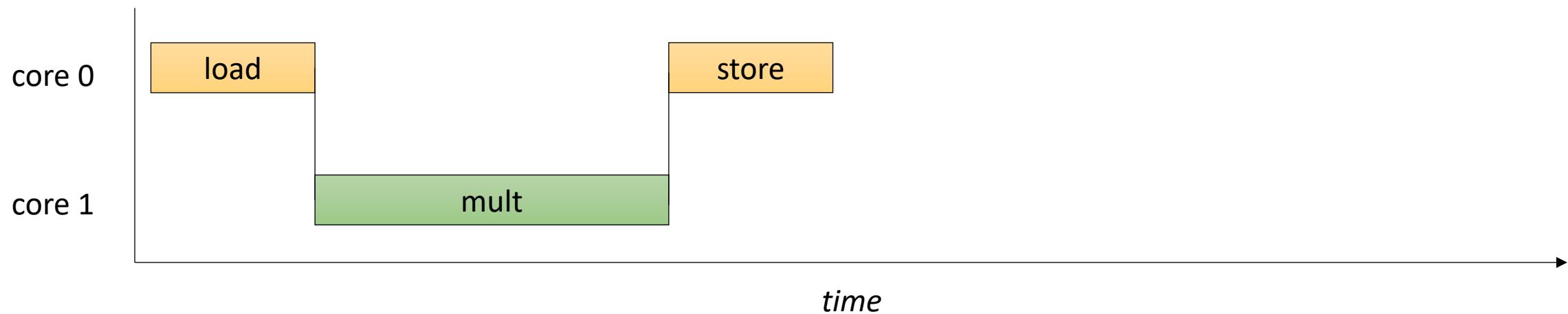
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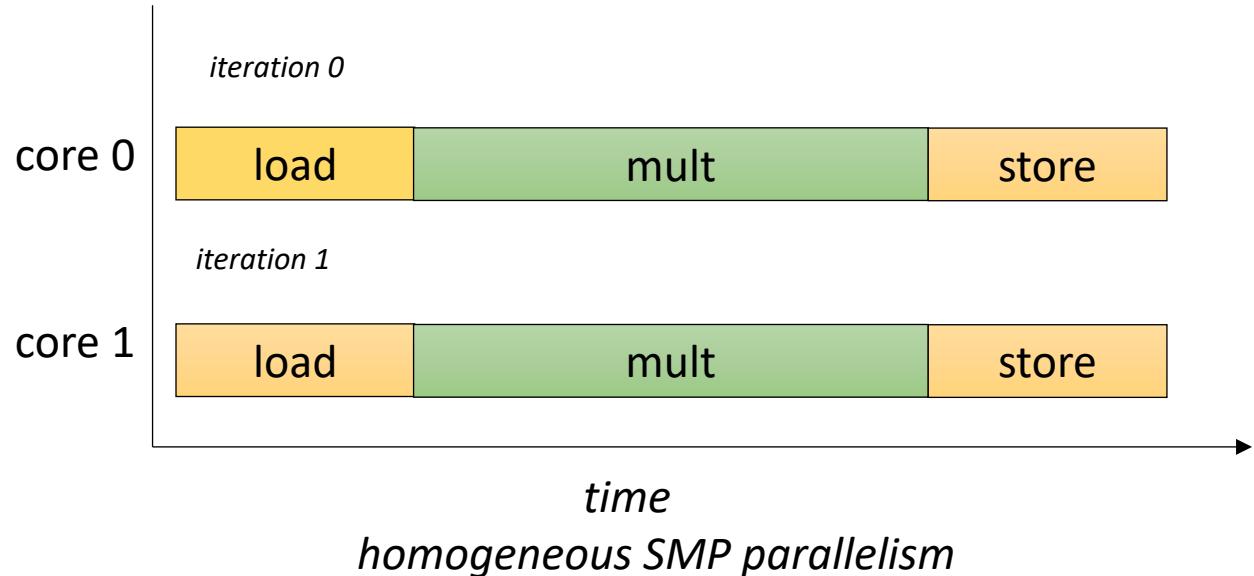
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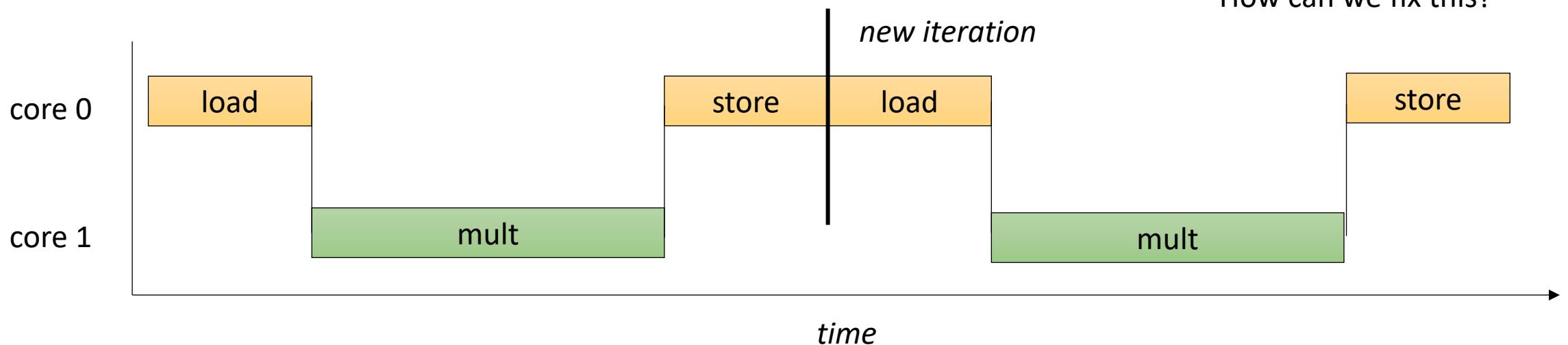
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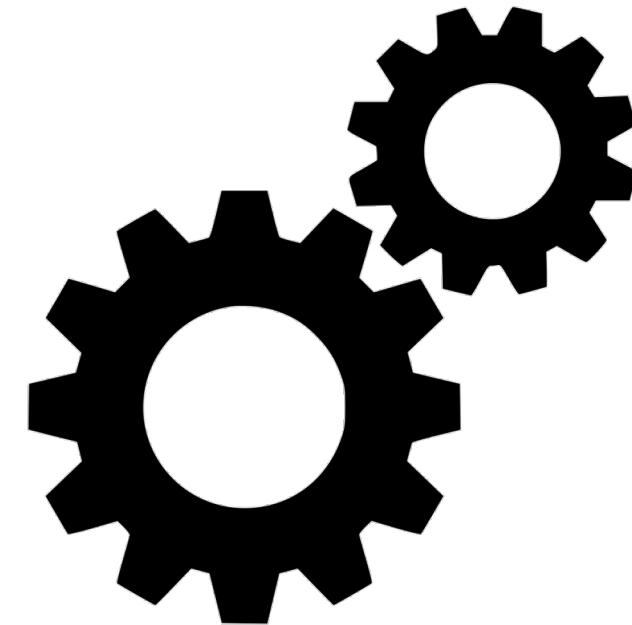
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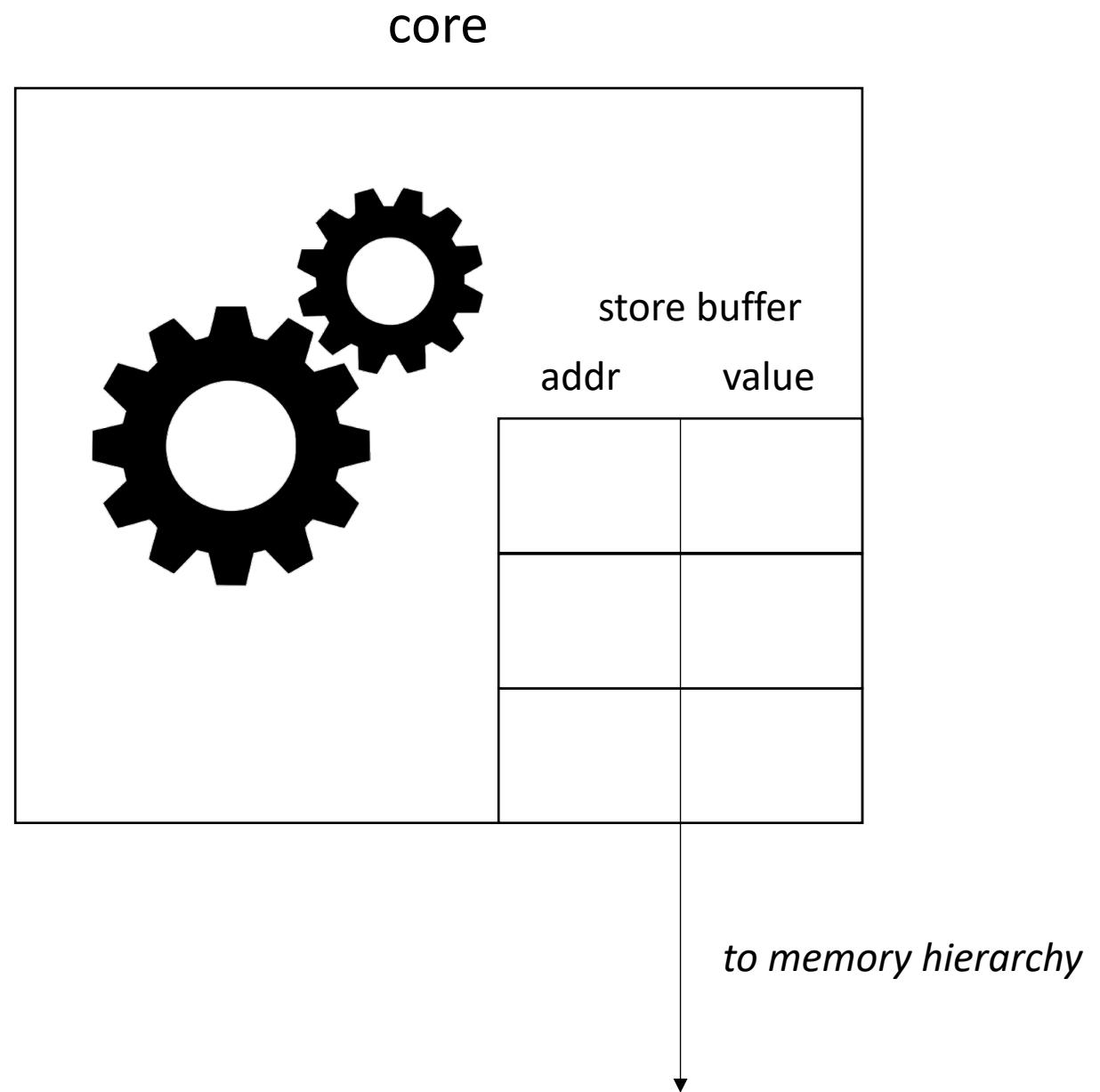
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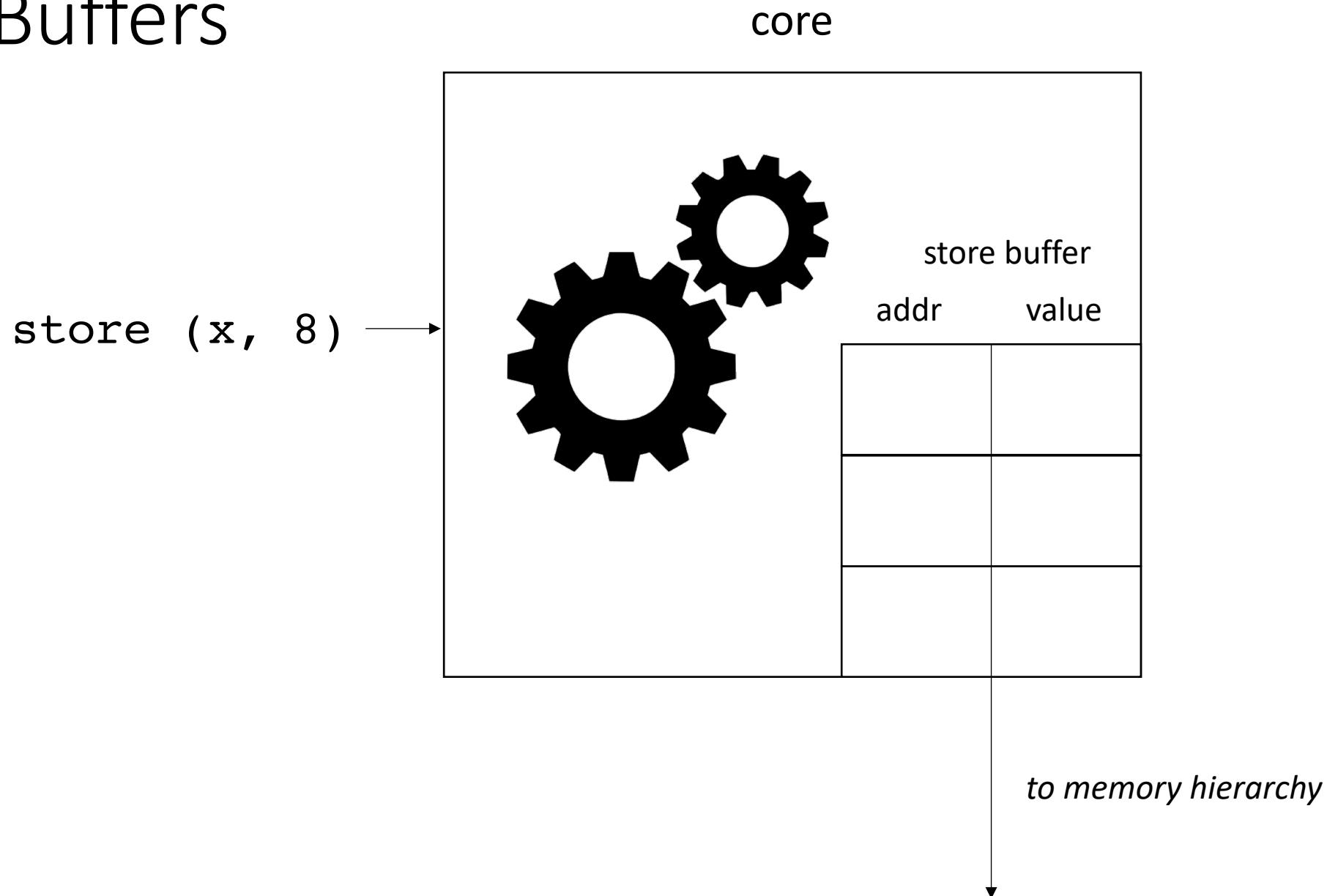
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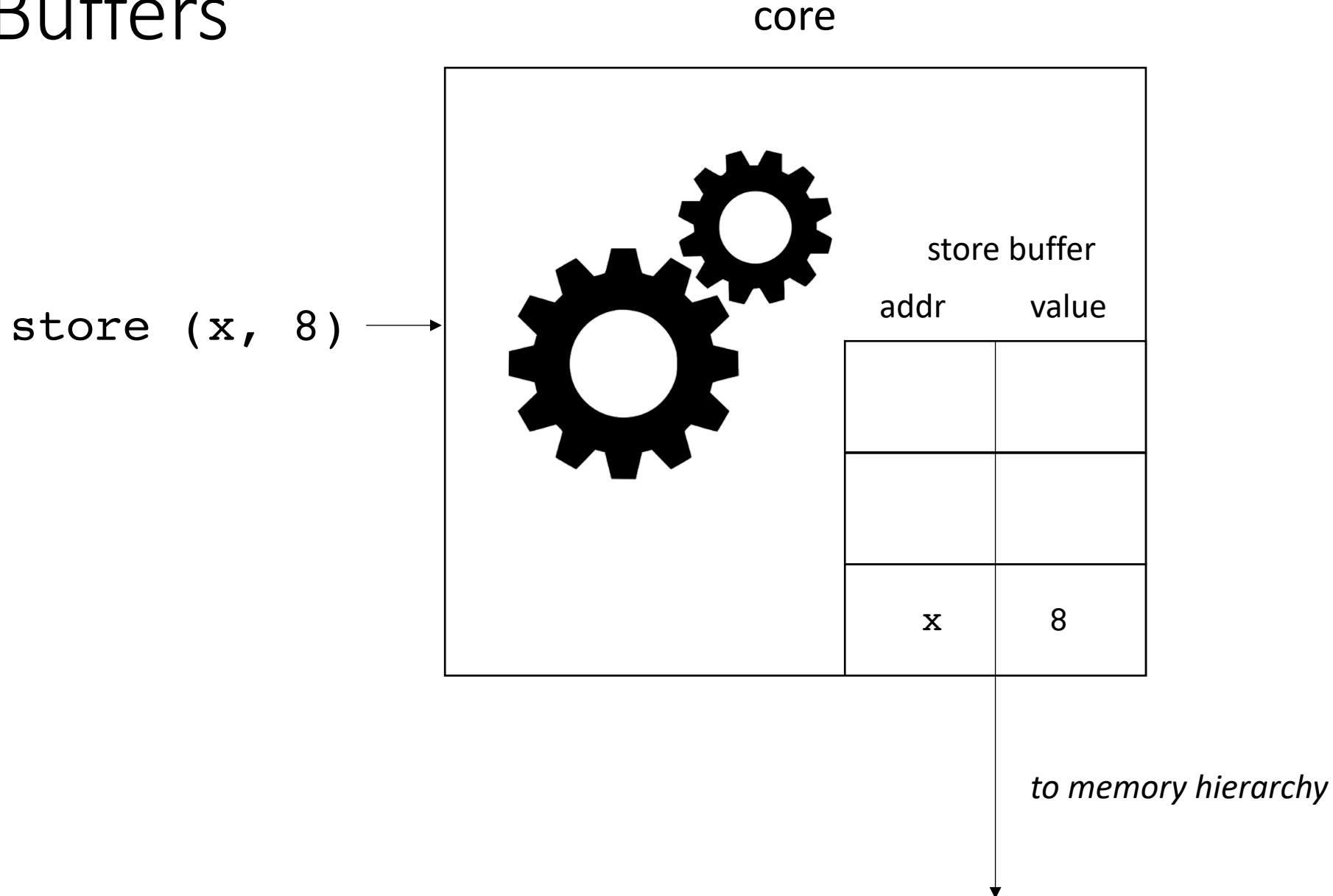
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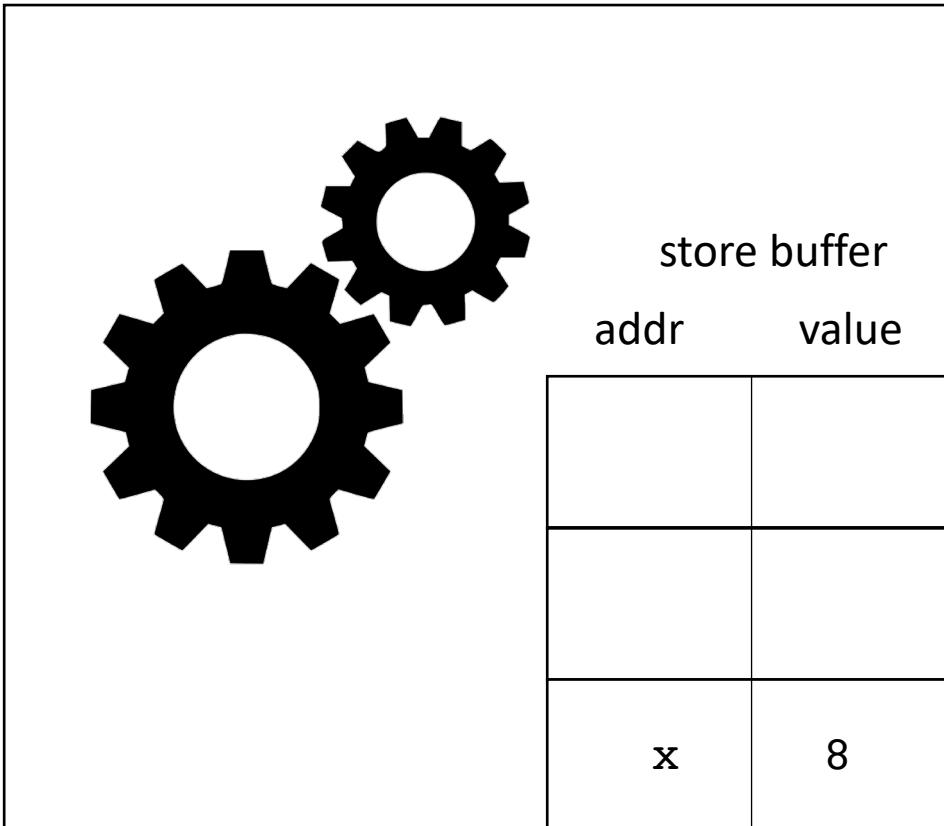
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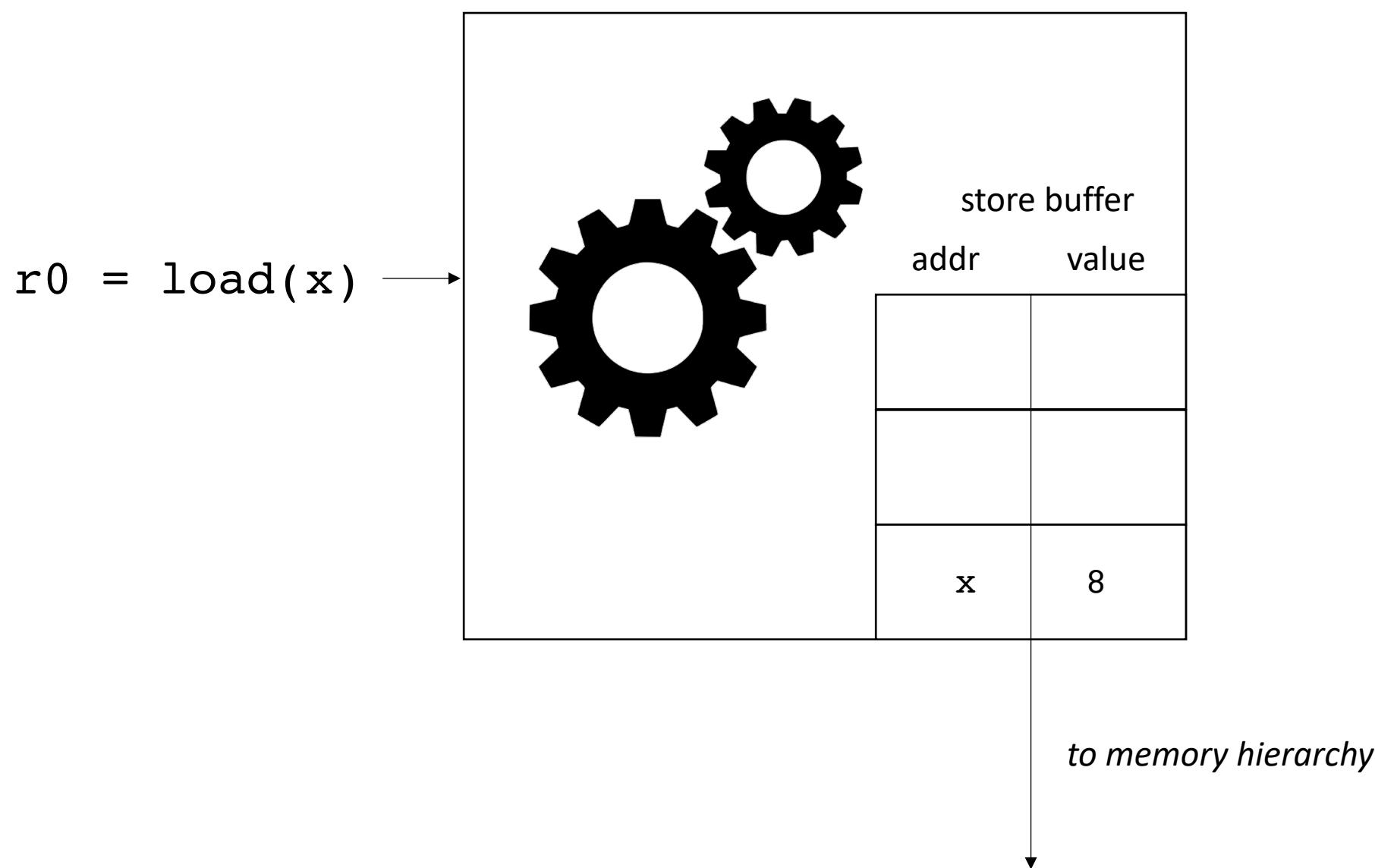
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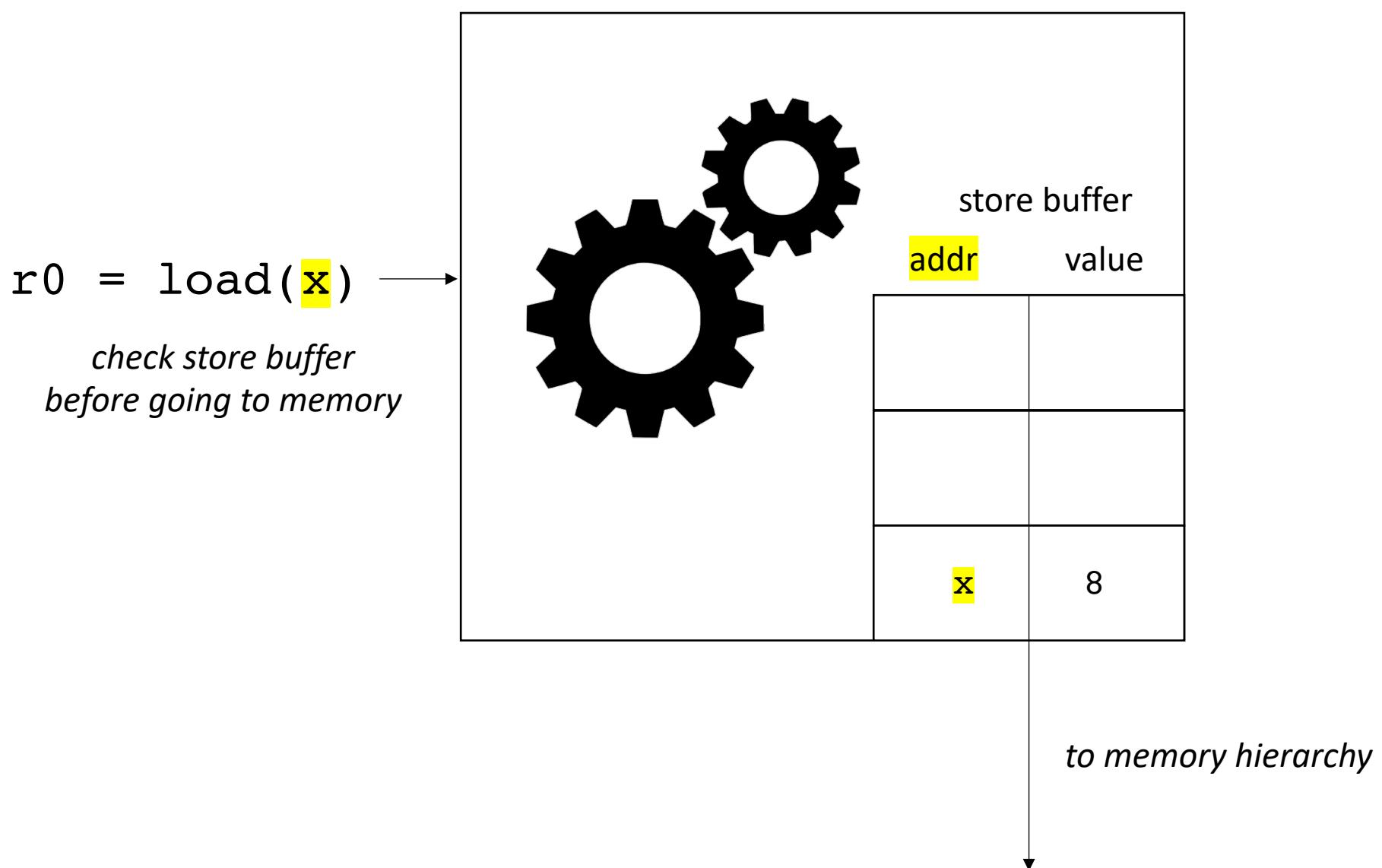


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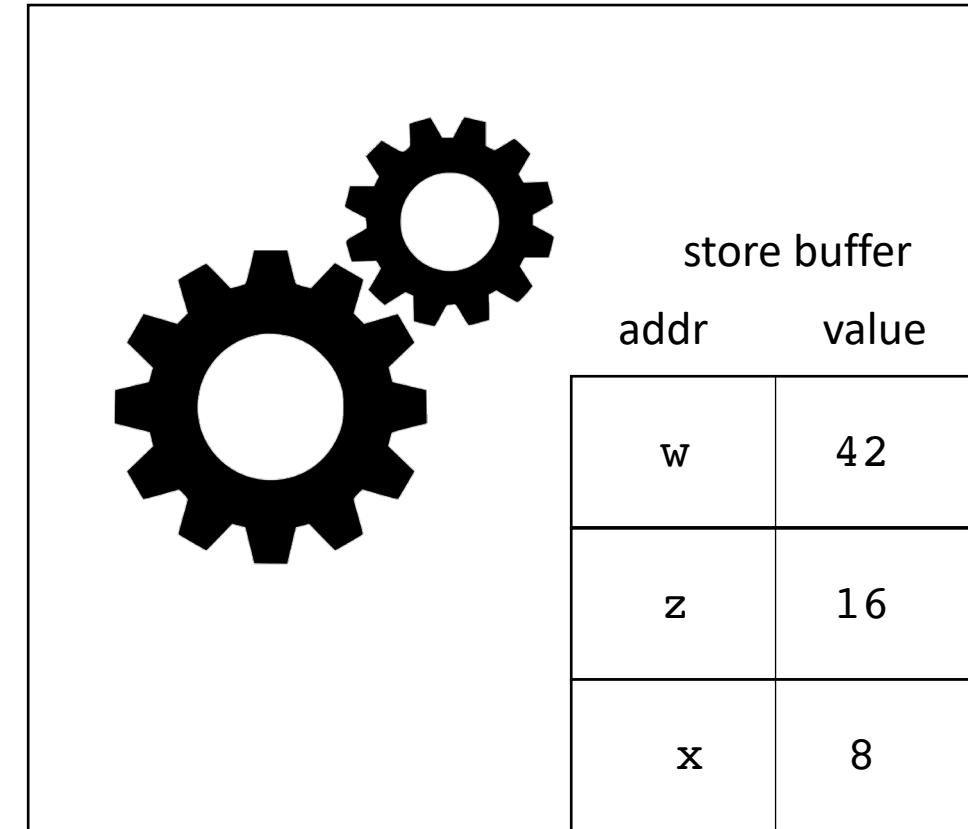


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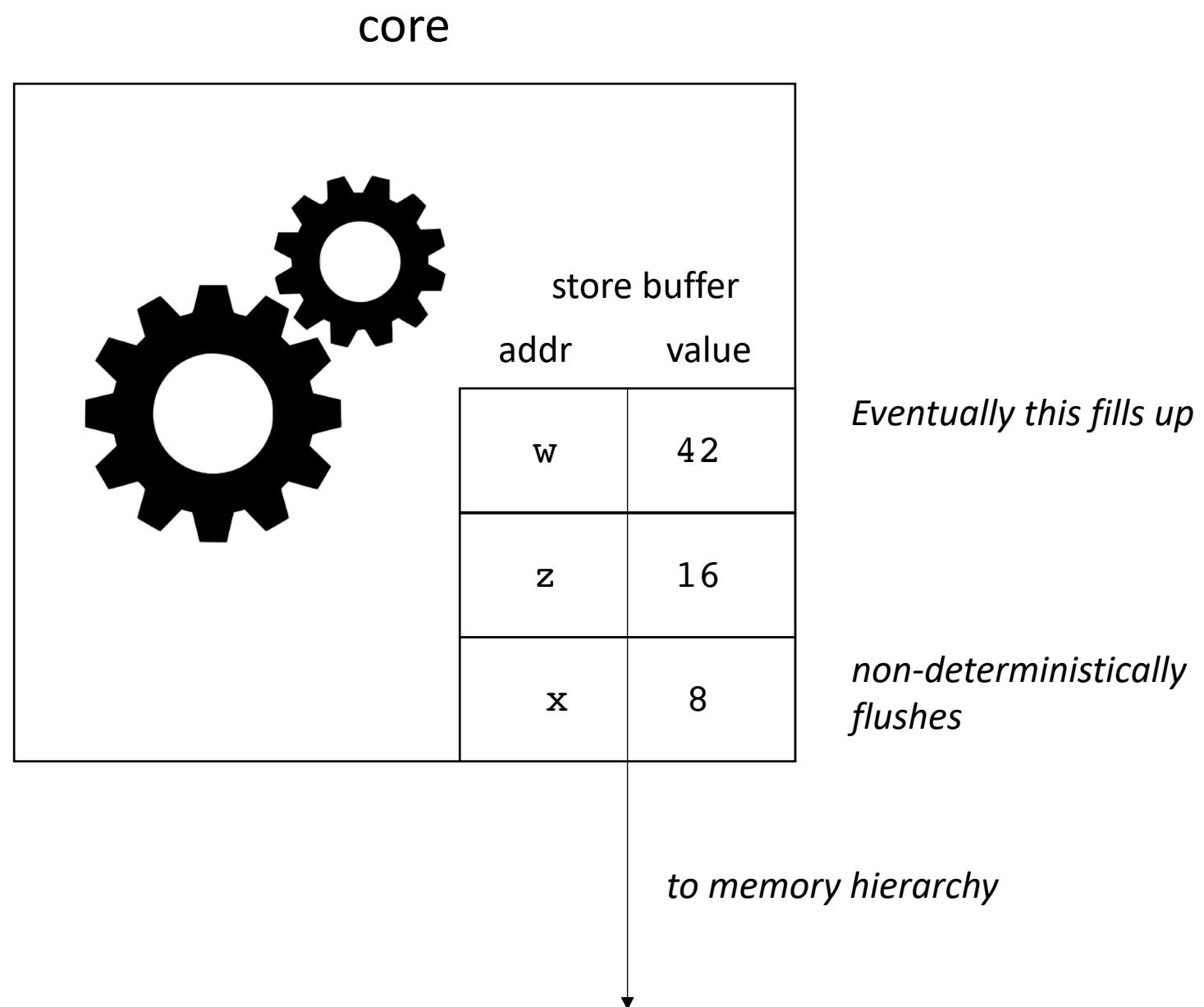
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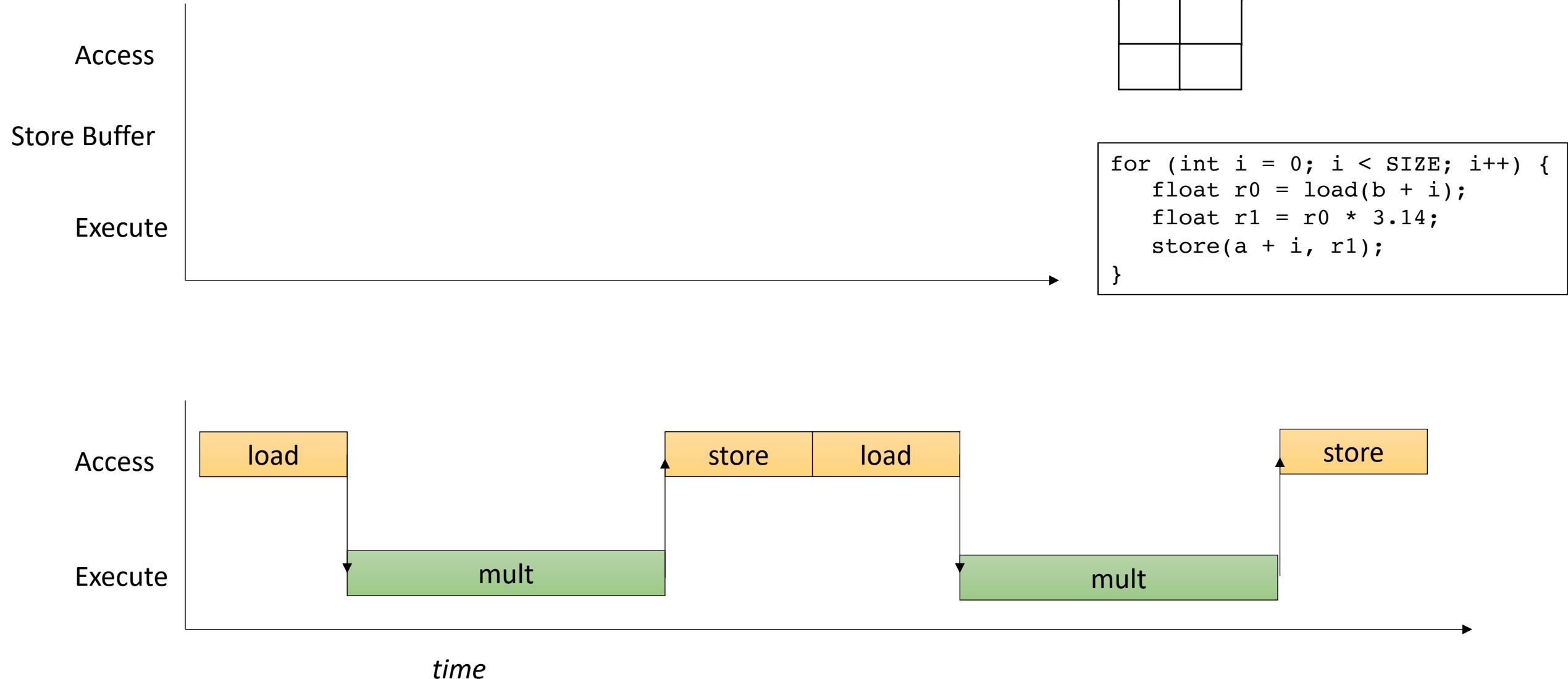


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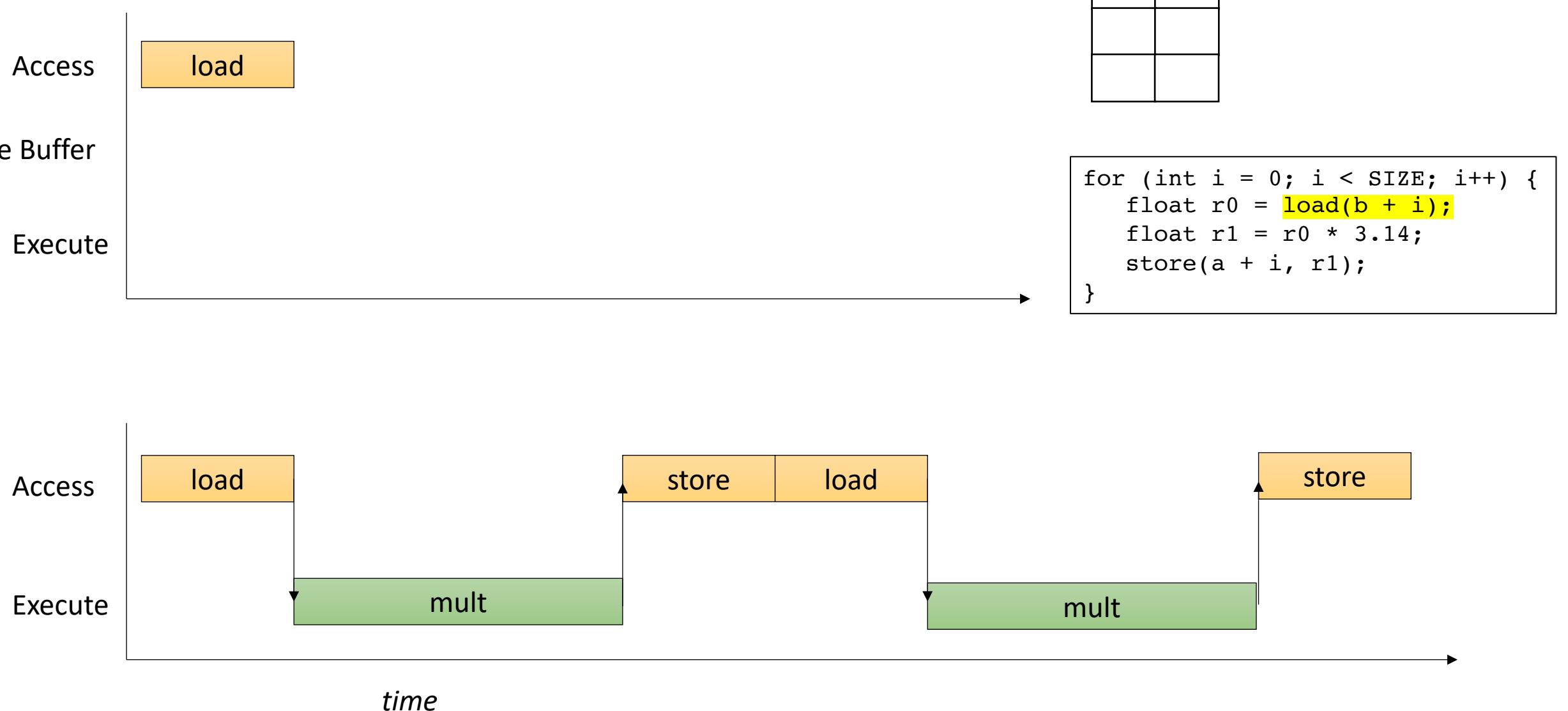
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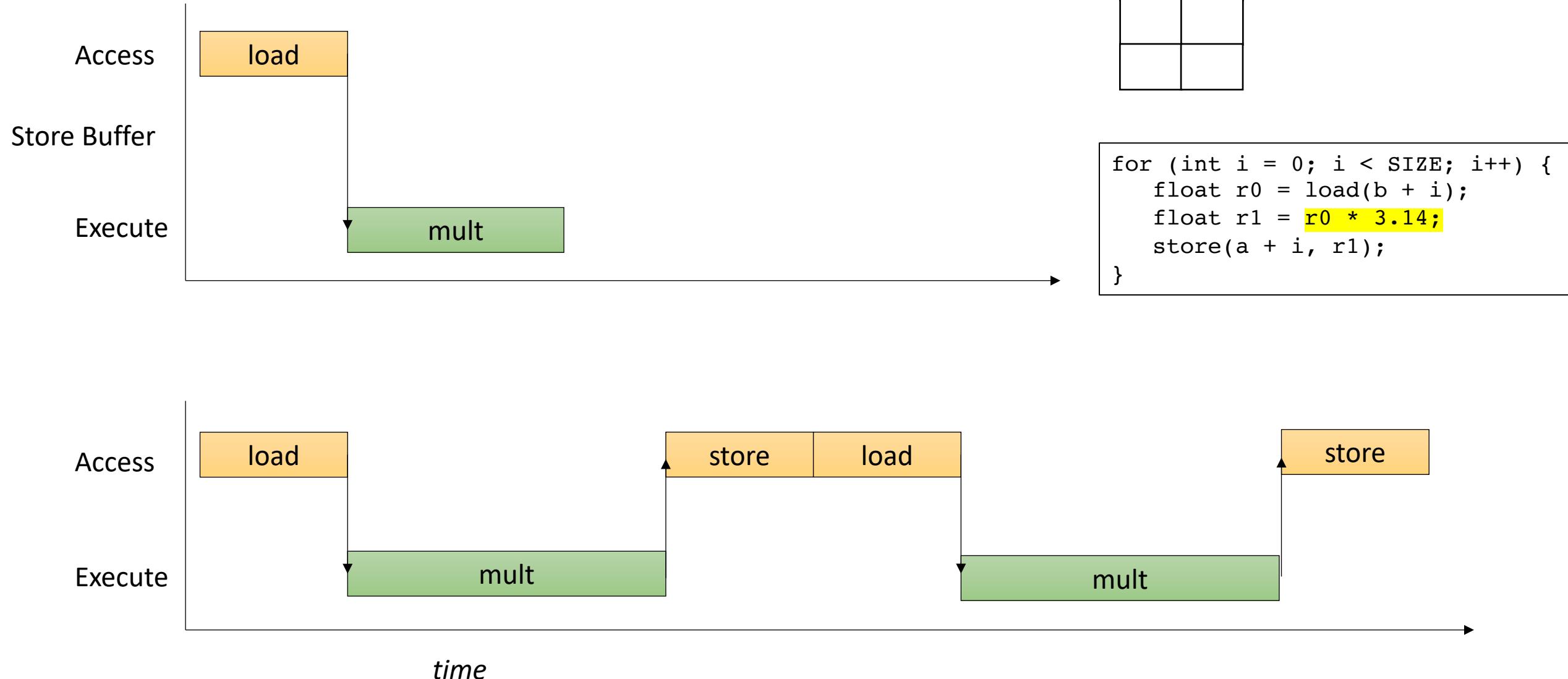
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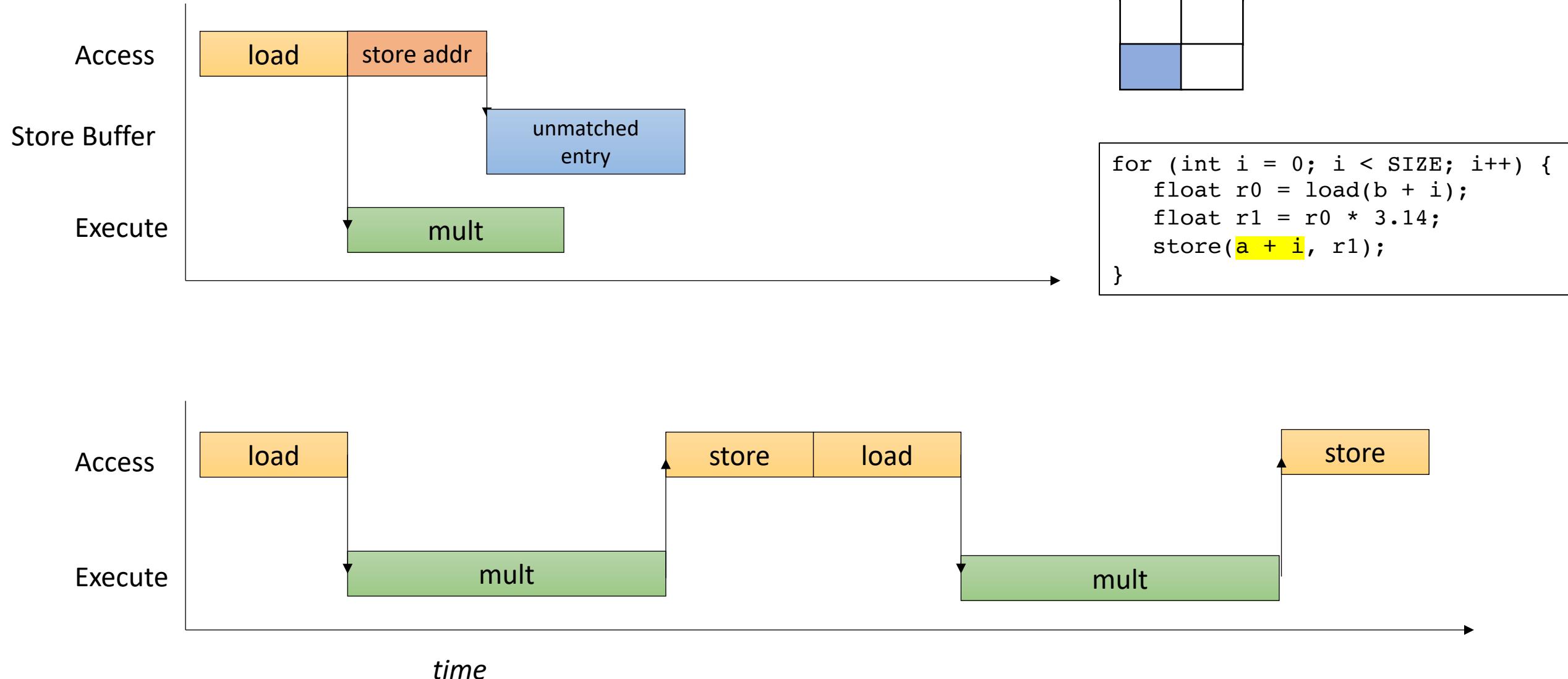
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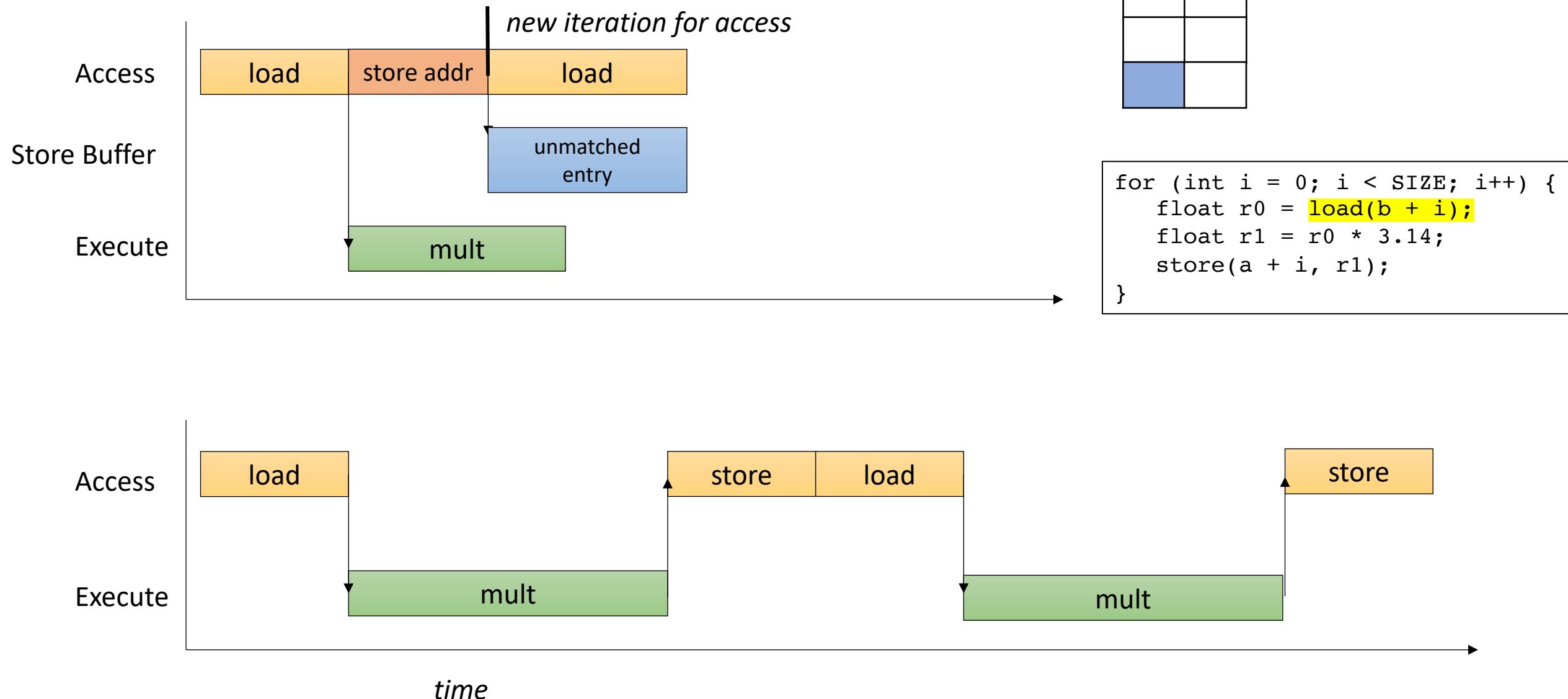
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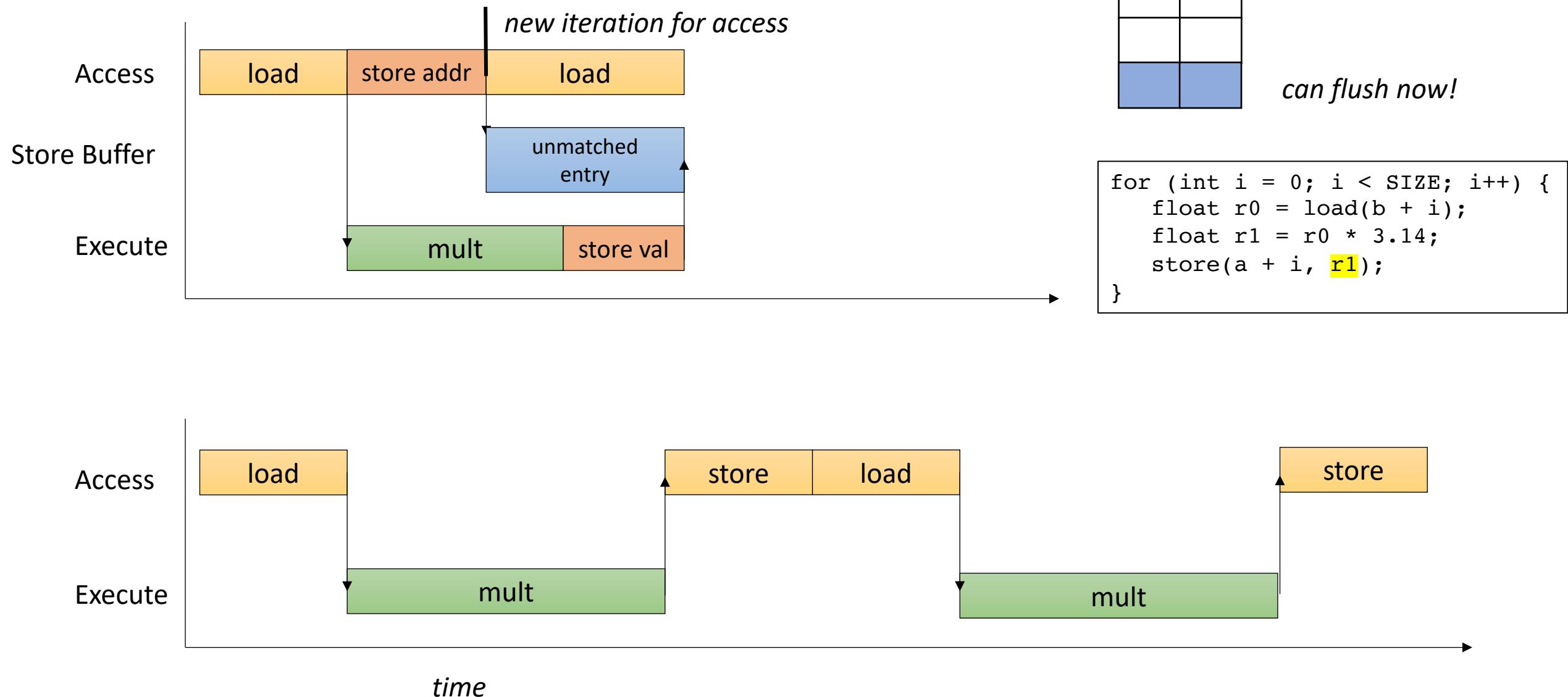
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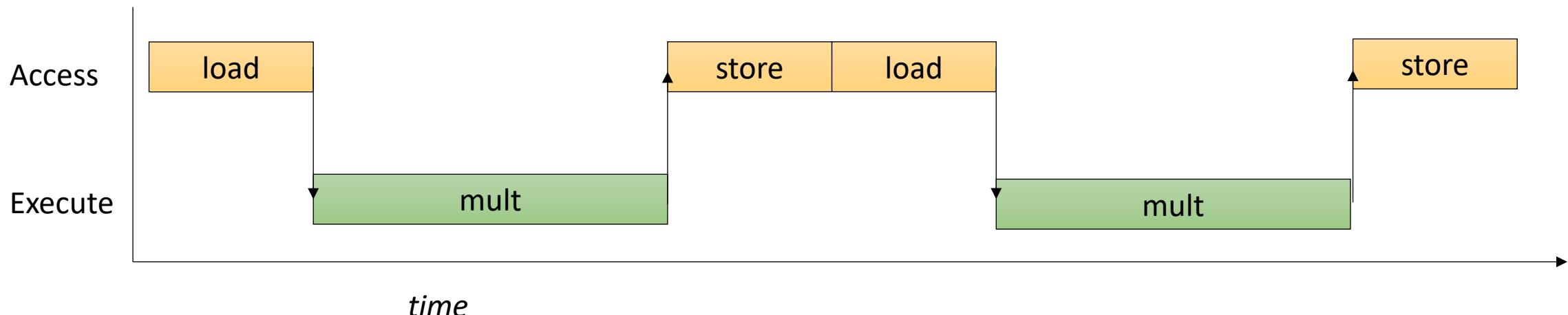
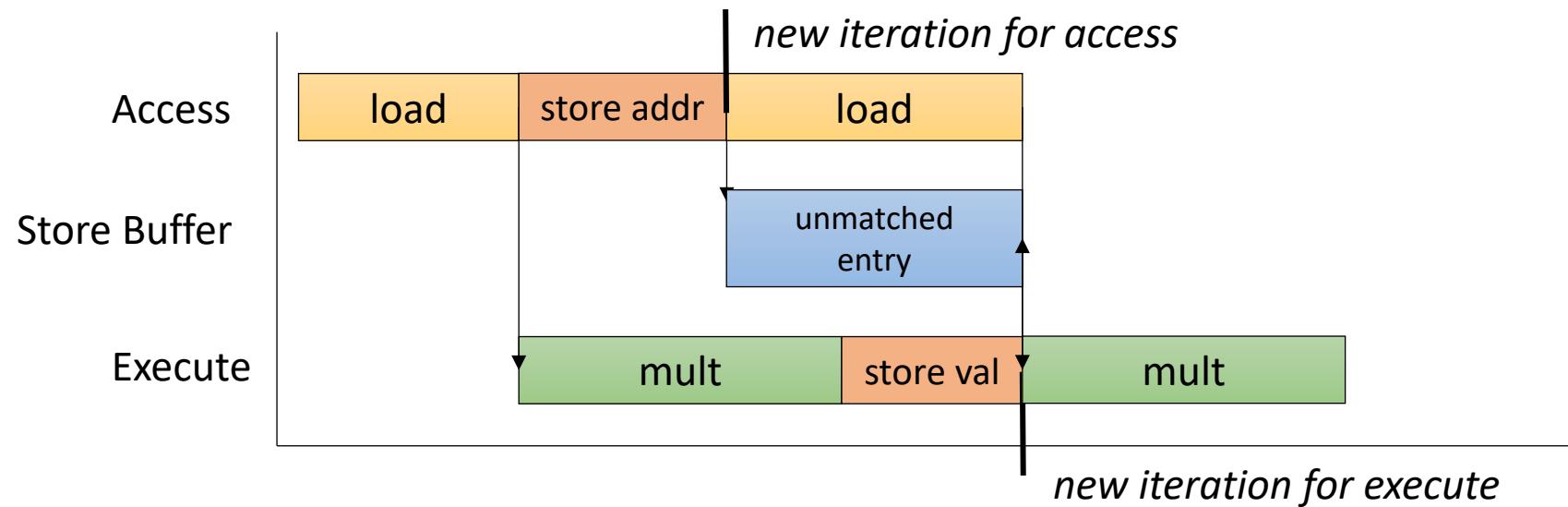
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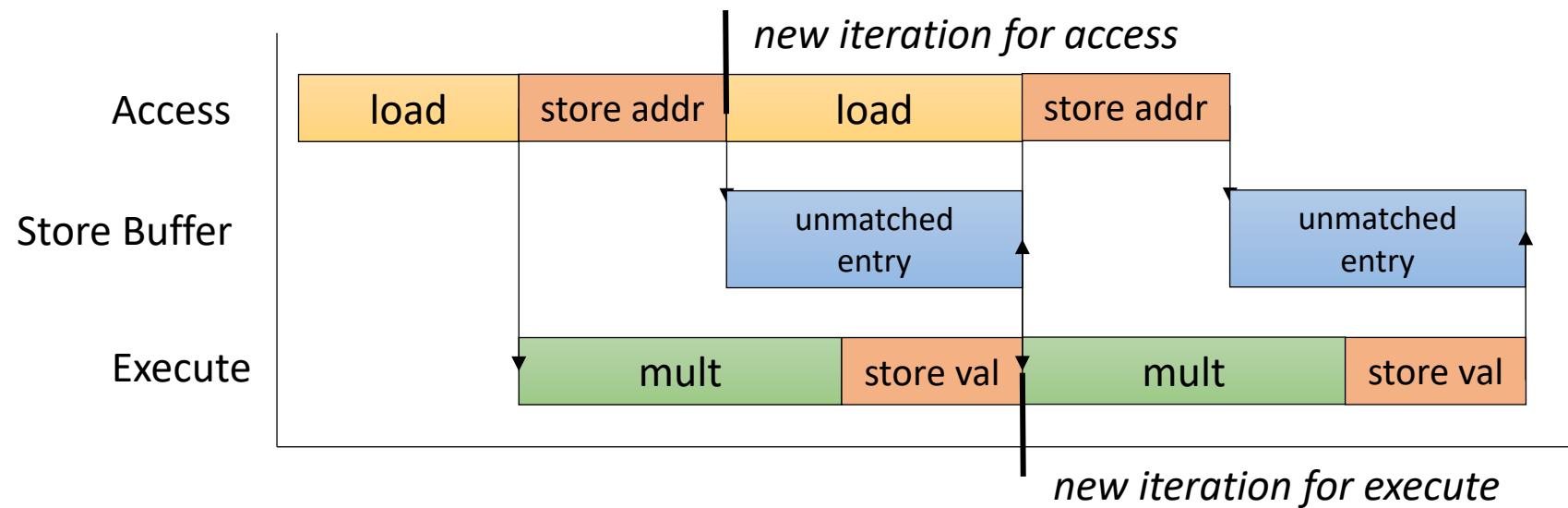
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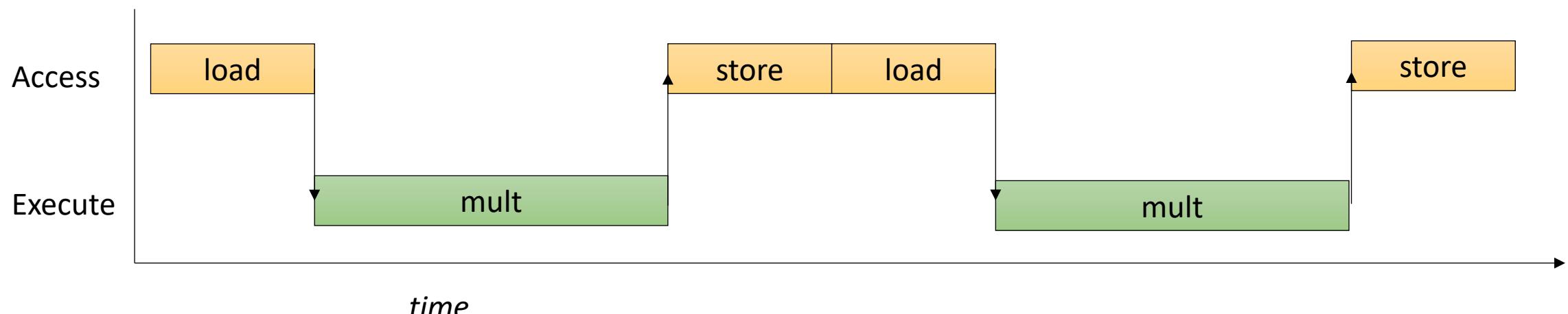
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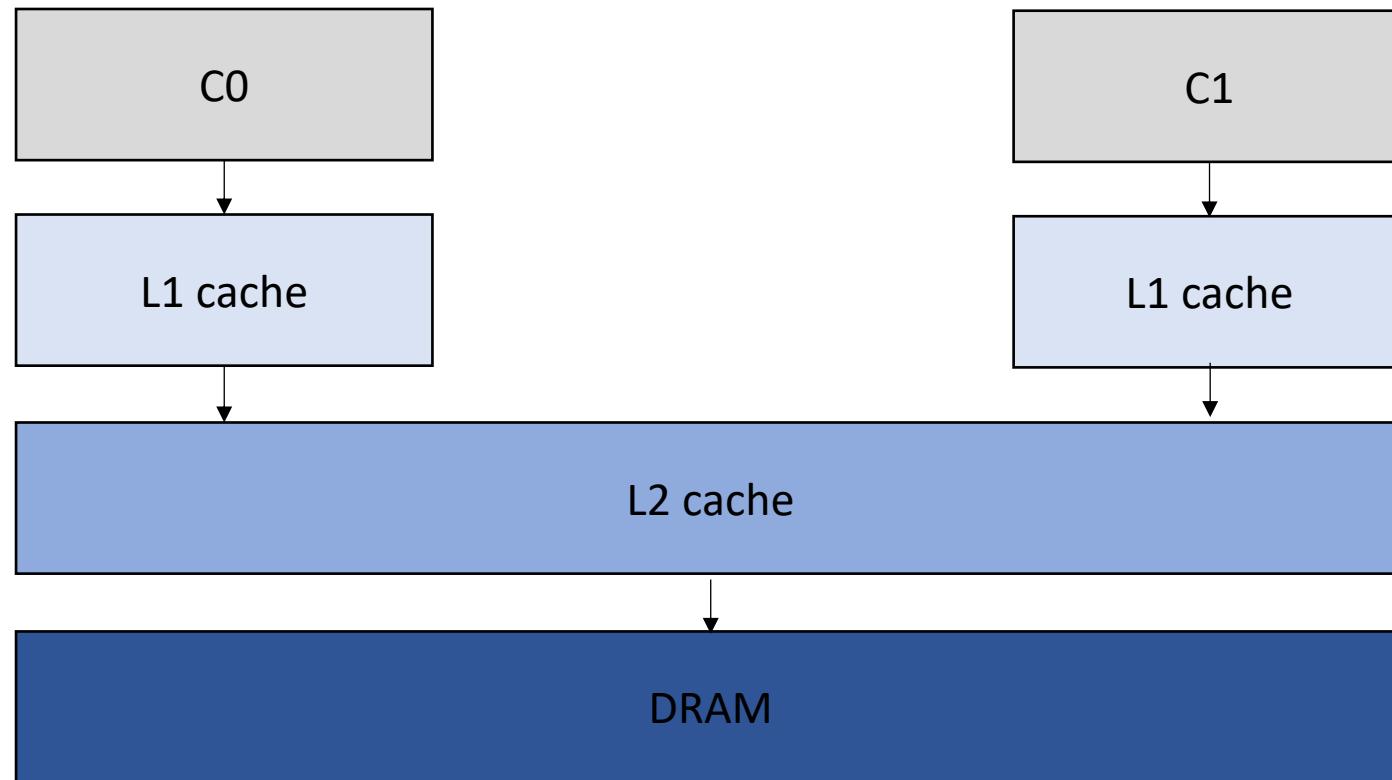
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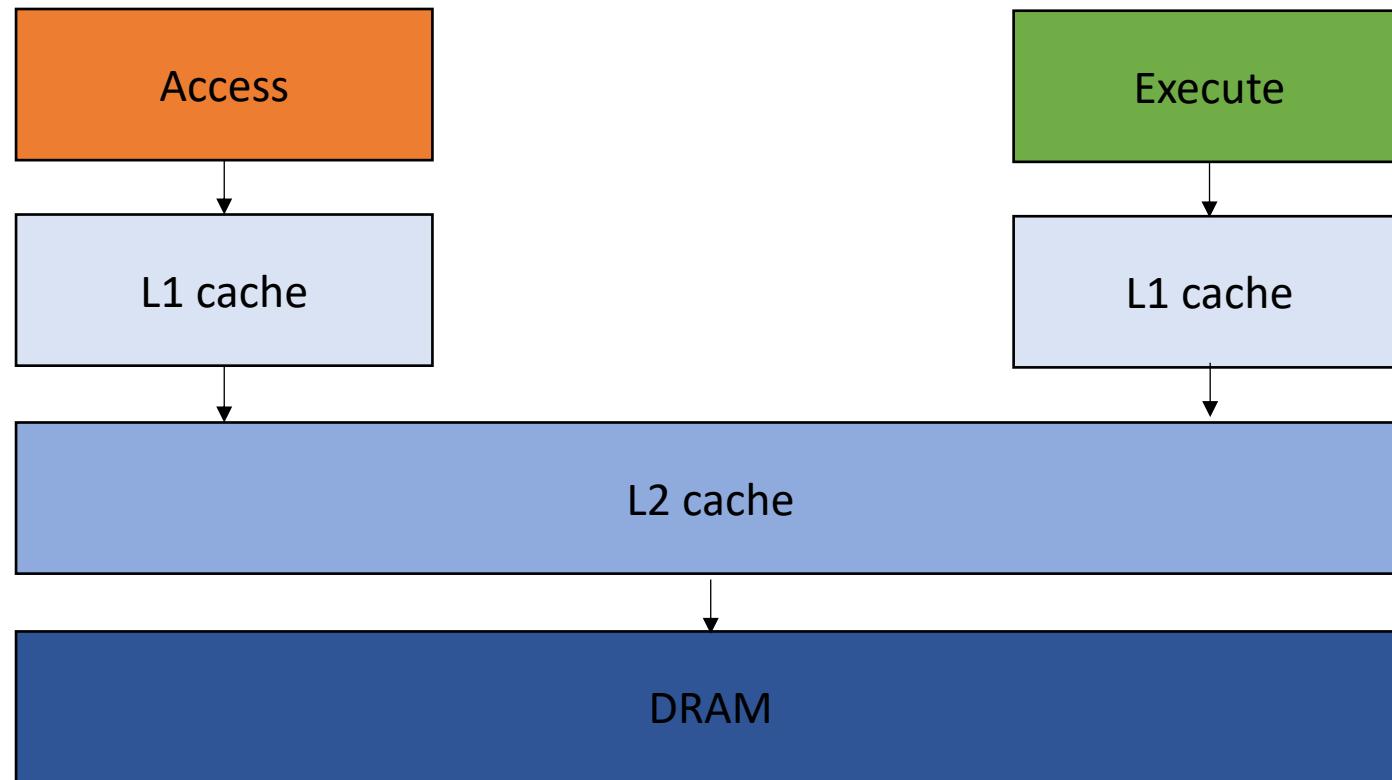
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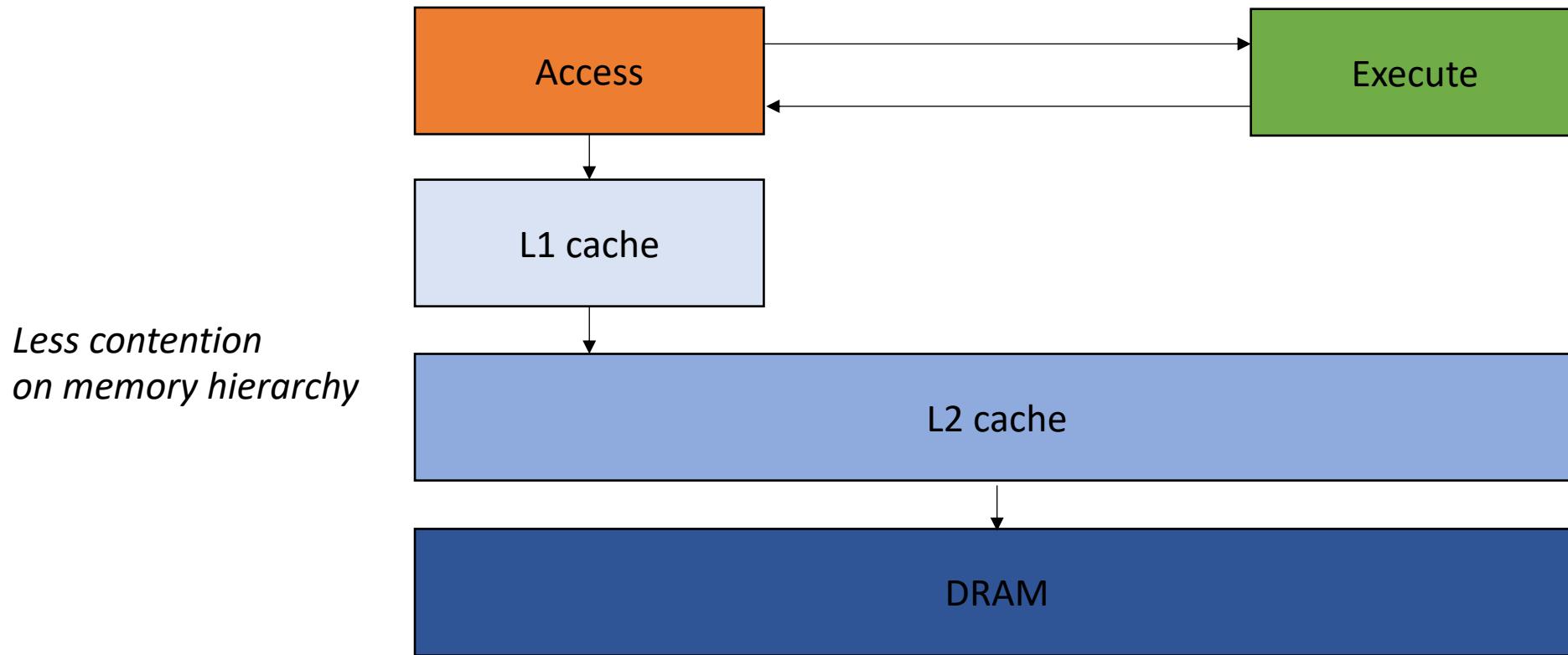
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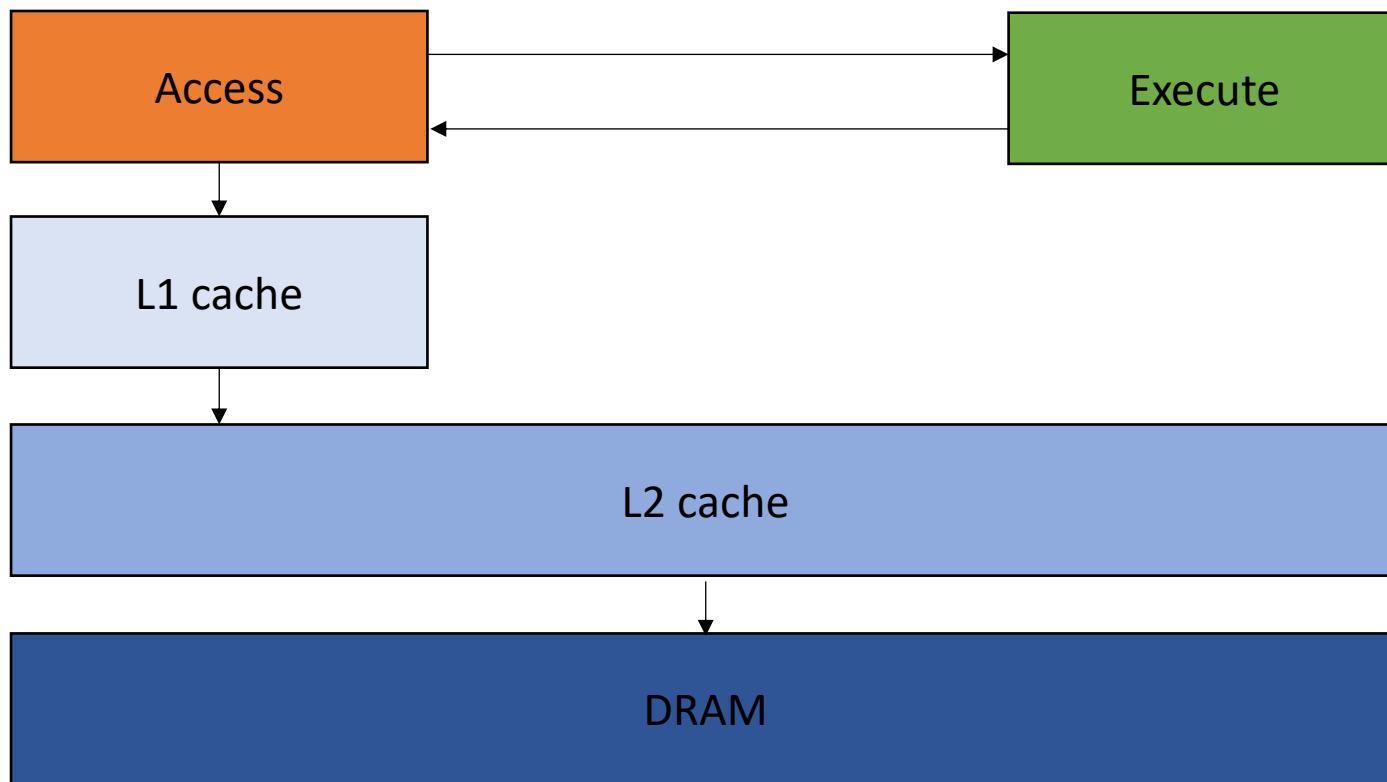


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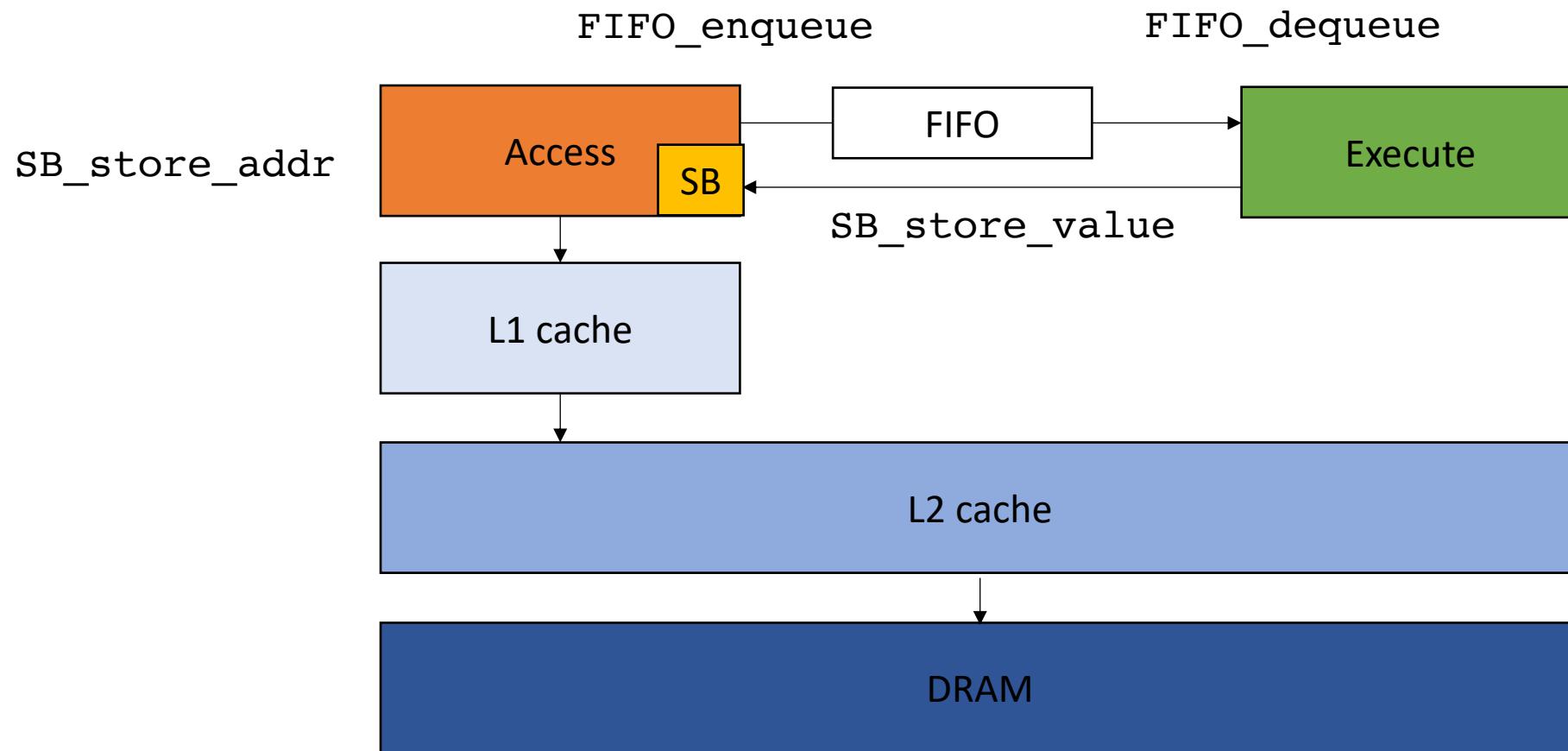
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FP unit
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Load/Store unit
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*Less contention
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DAE API



Compiler

- Given a sequential program, how can we automatically target a DAE architecture?

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- Mark Weiser in 1981.
 - presented as a formalization of debugging



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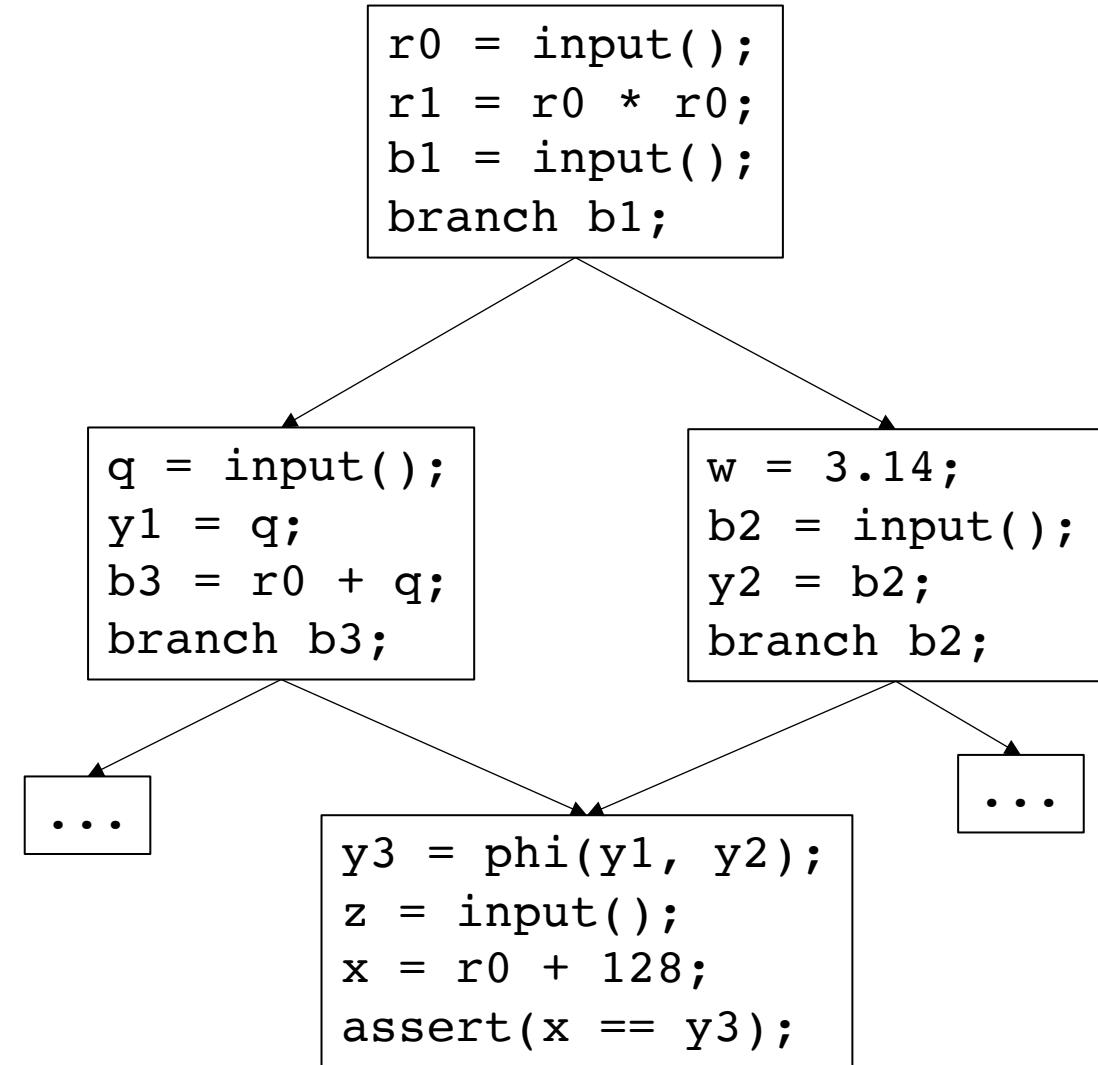
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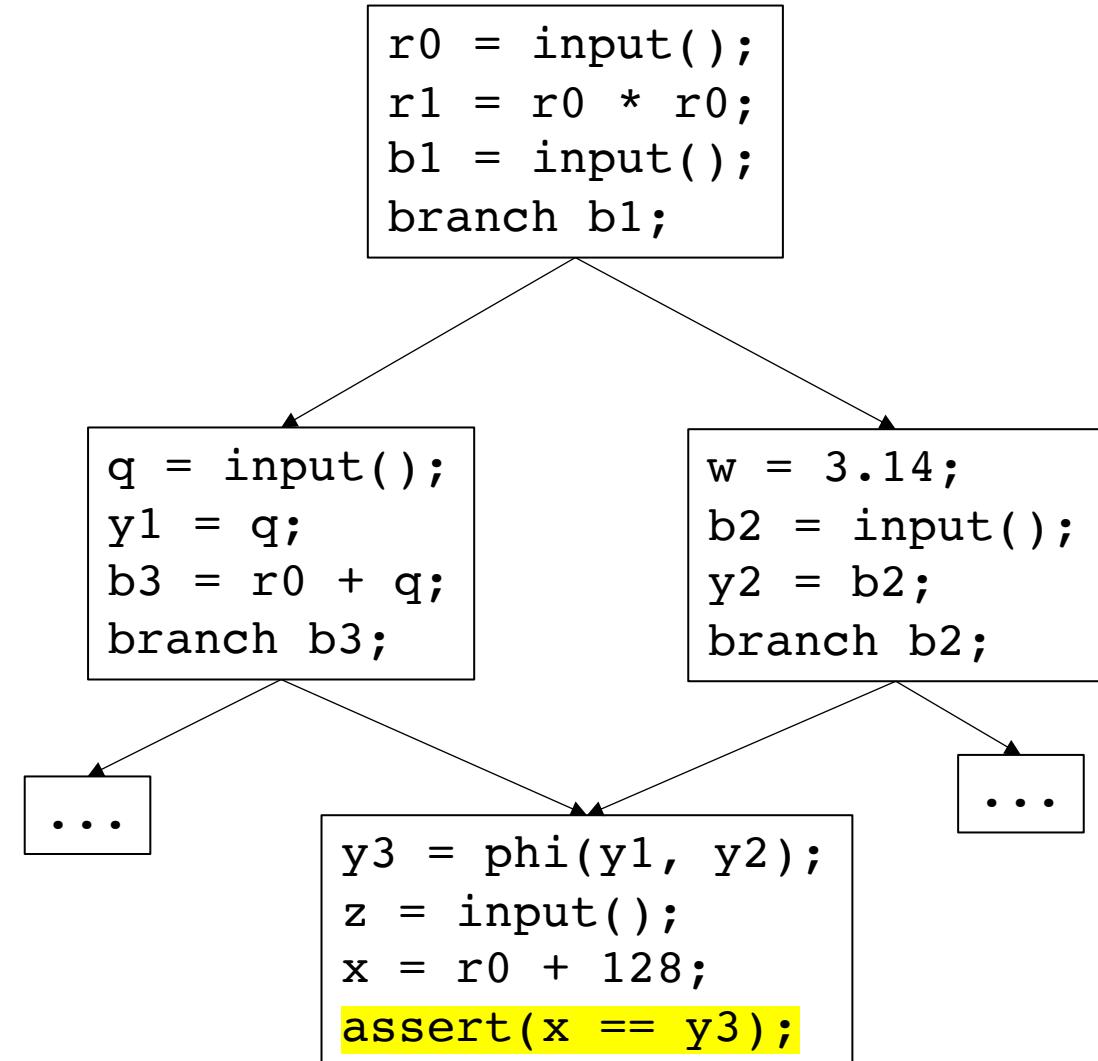
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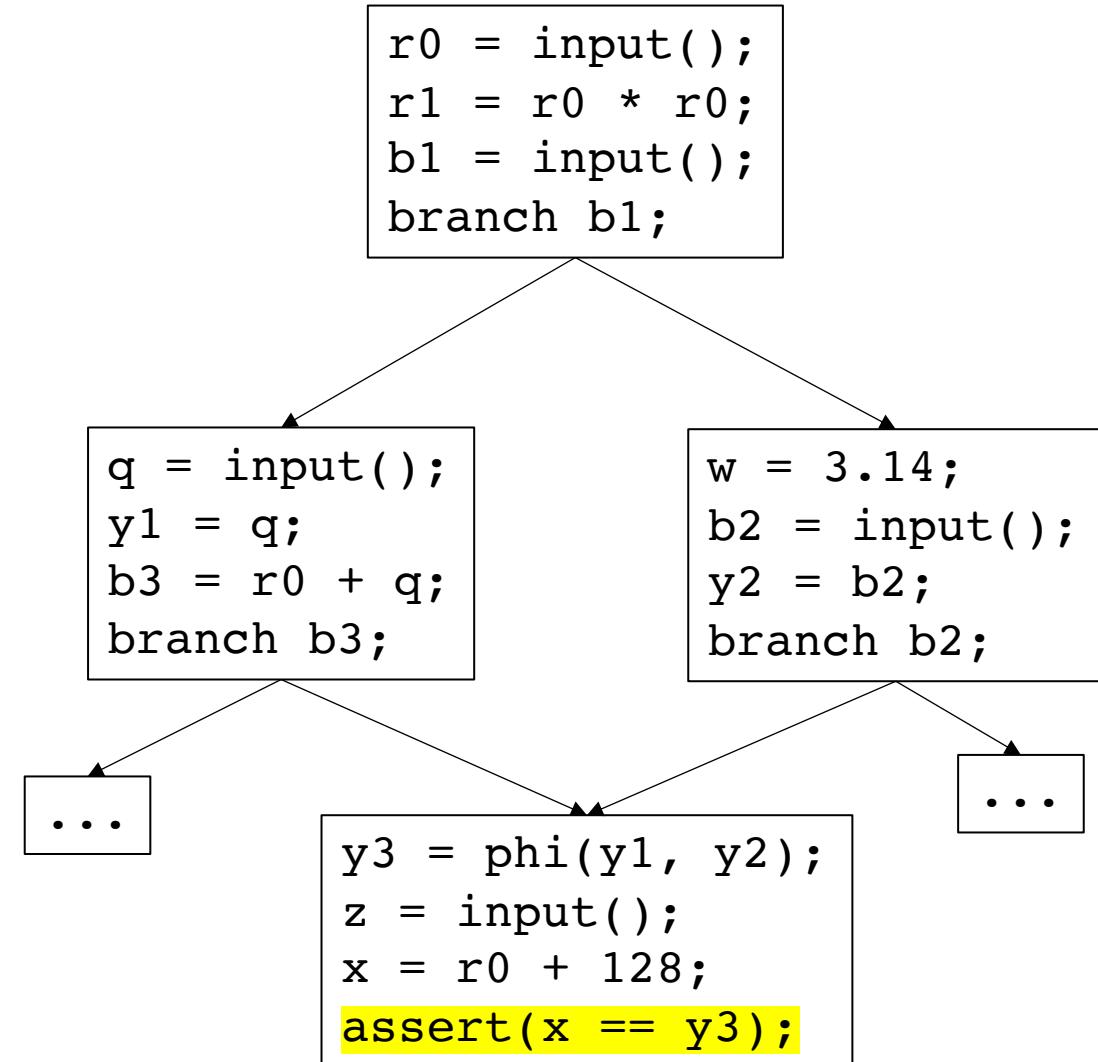
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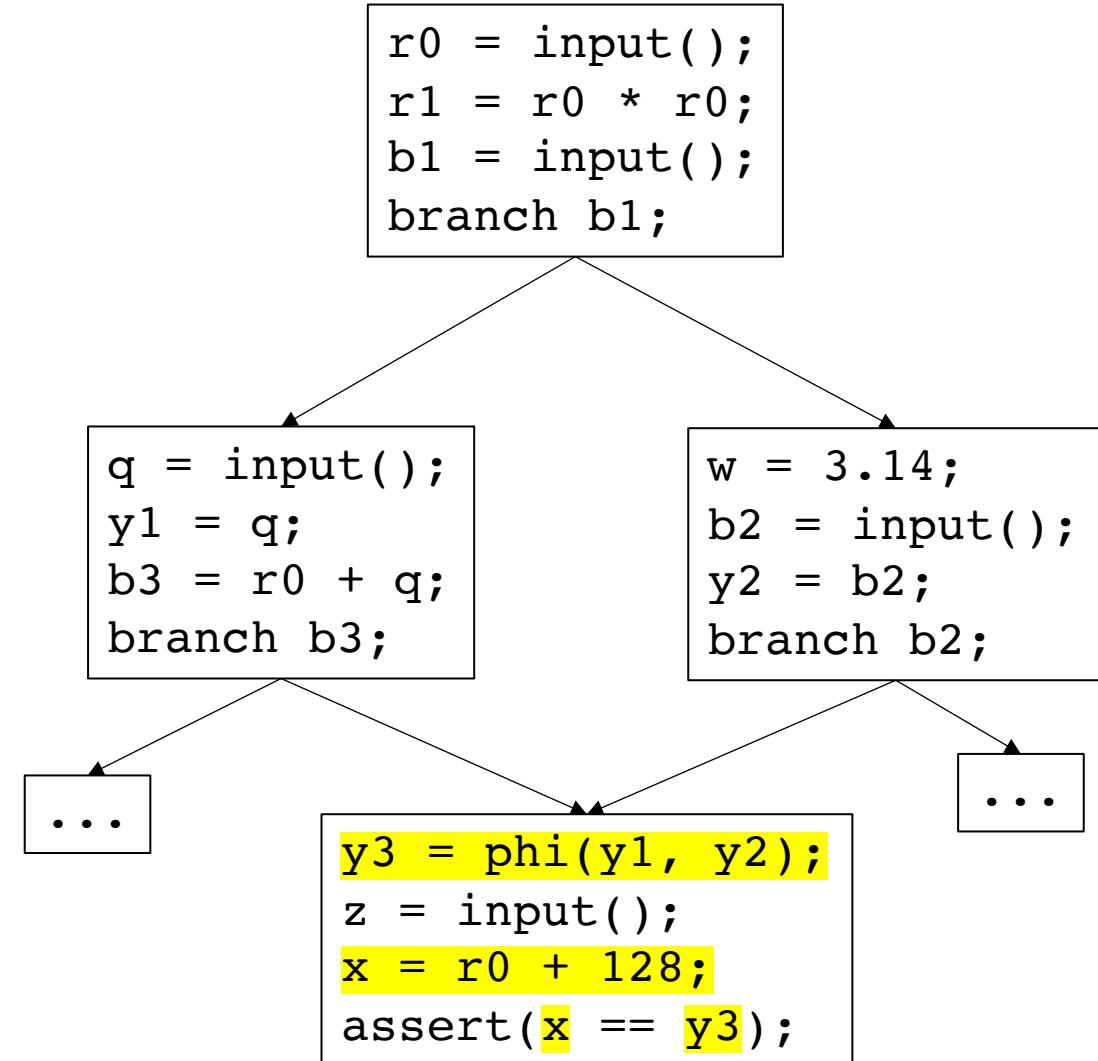
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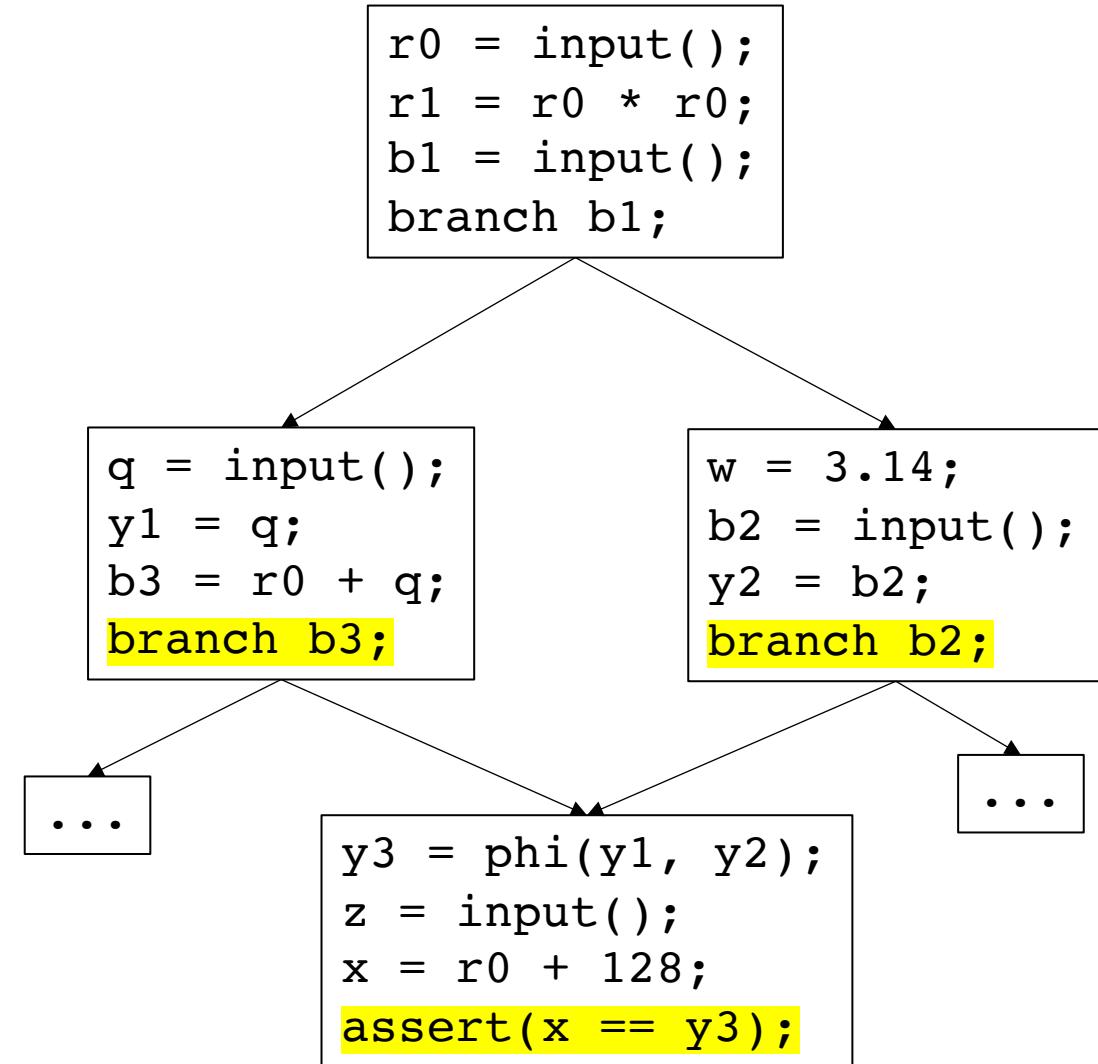
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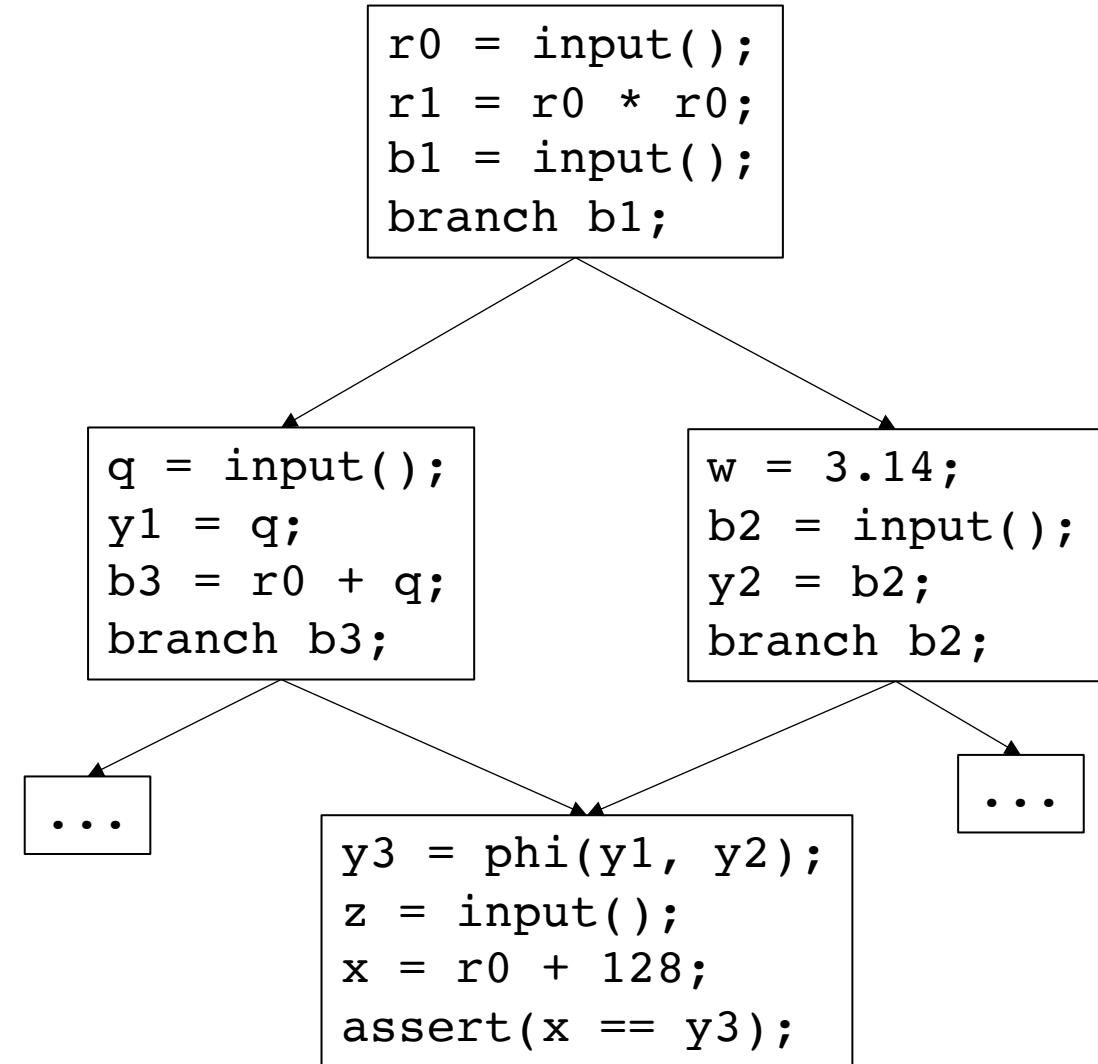
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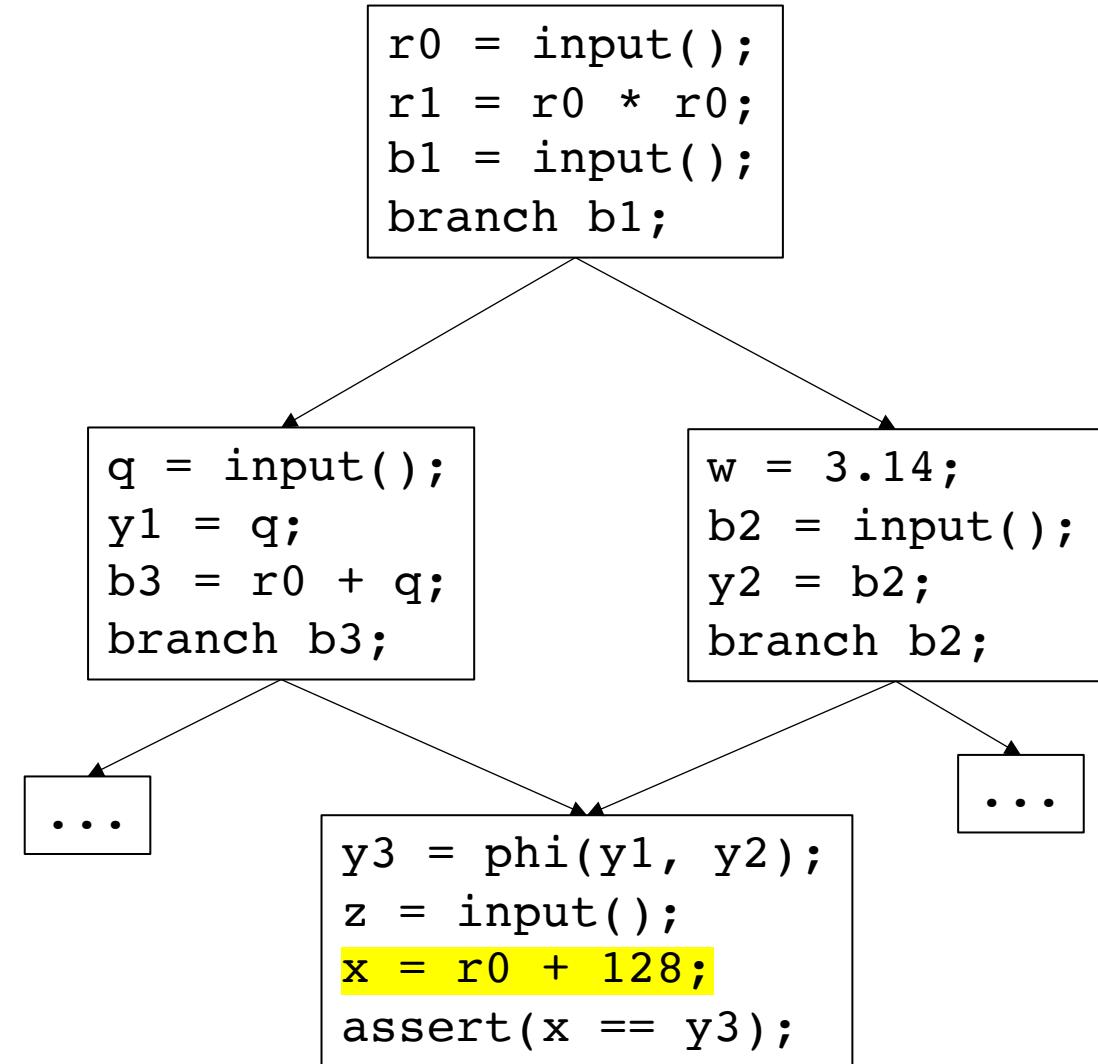
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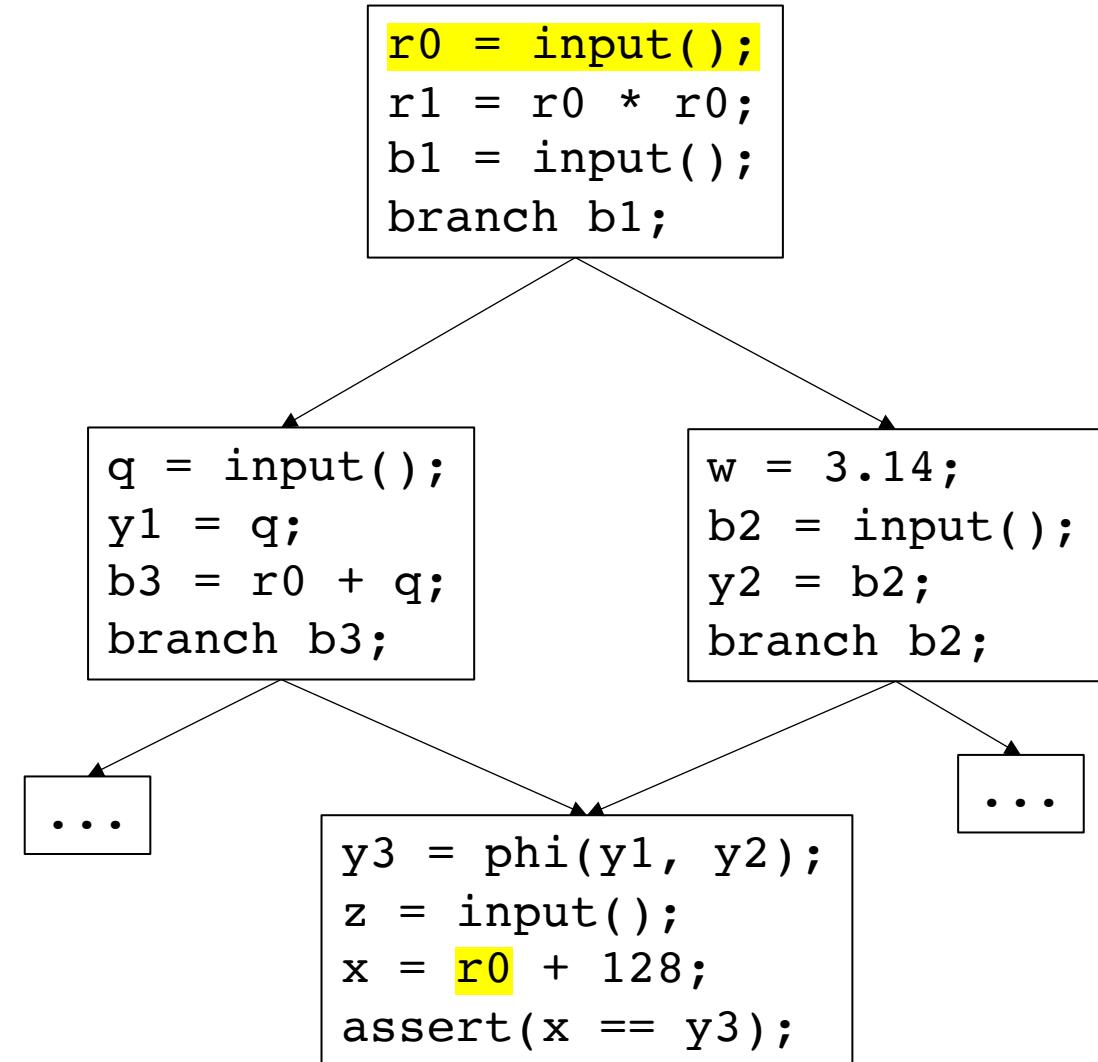
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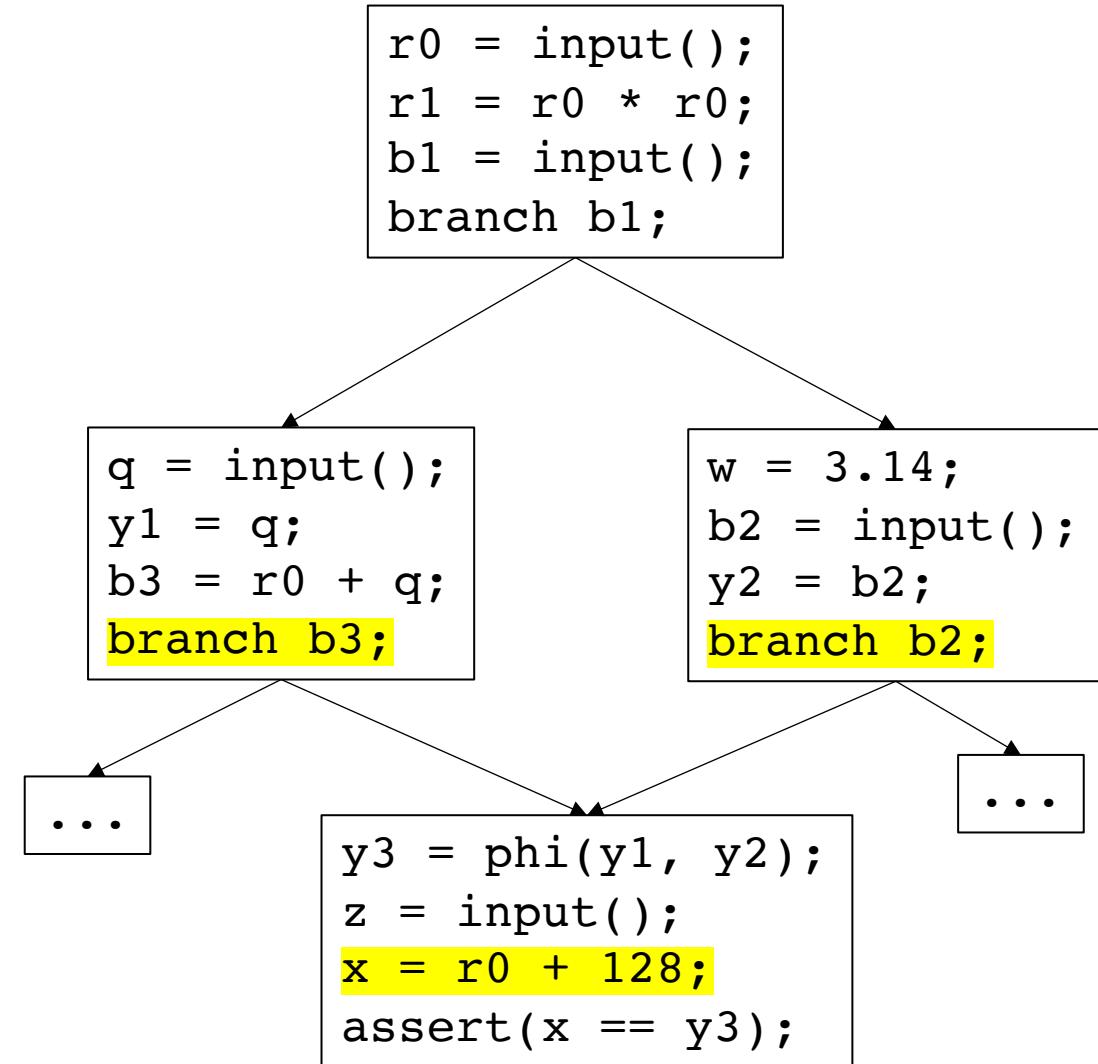
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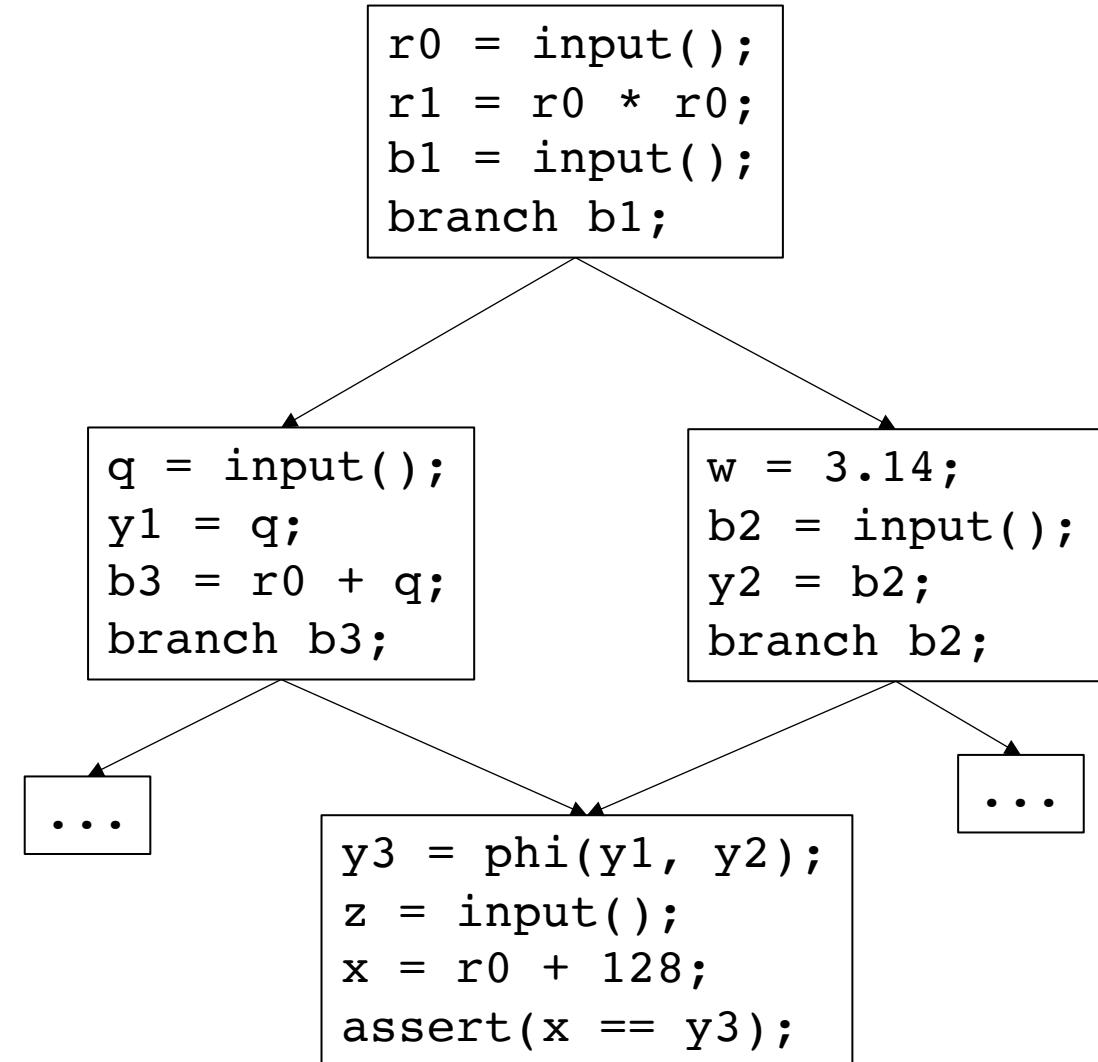
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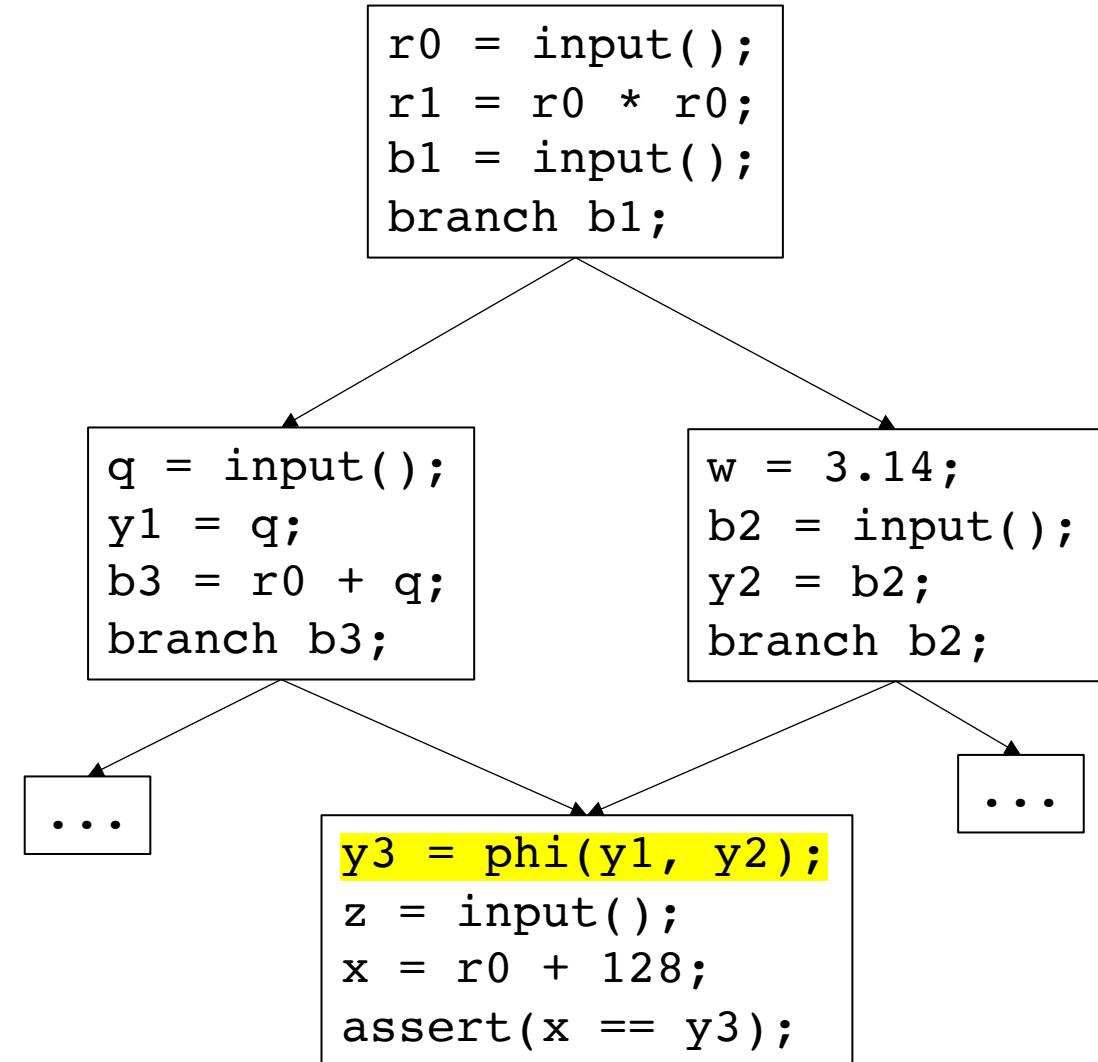
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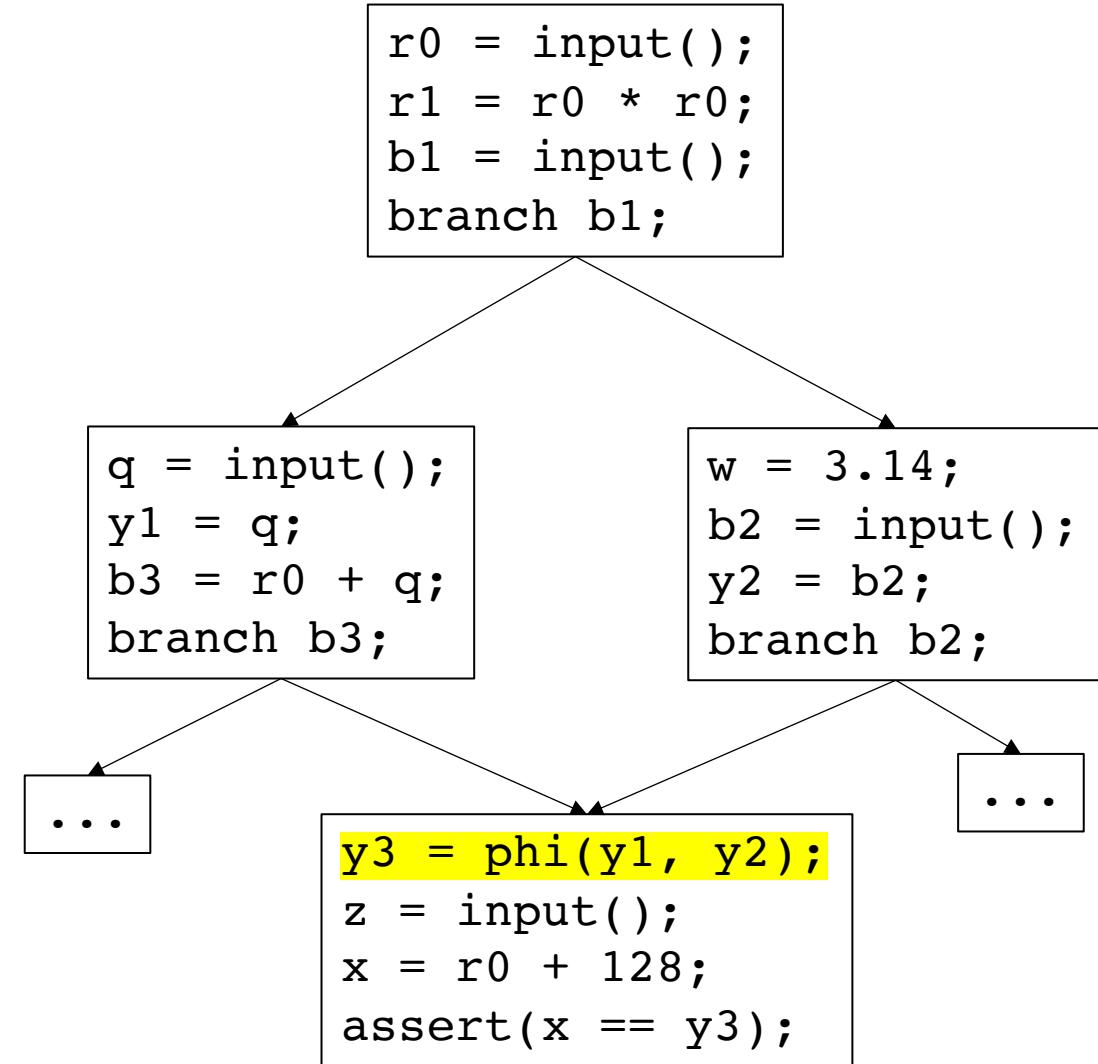
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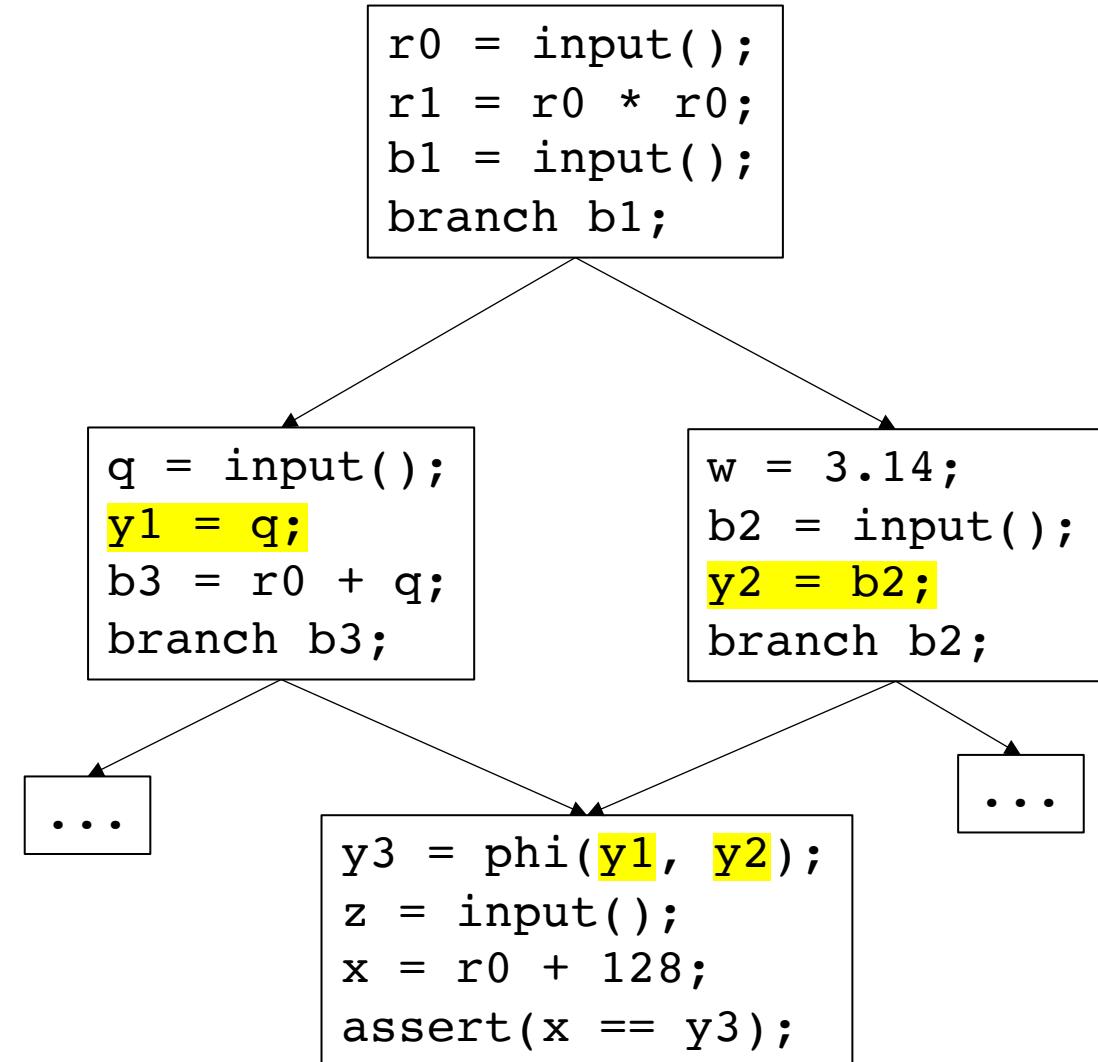
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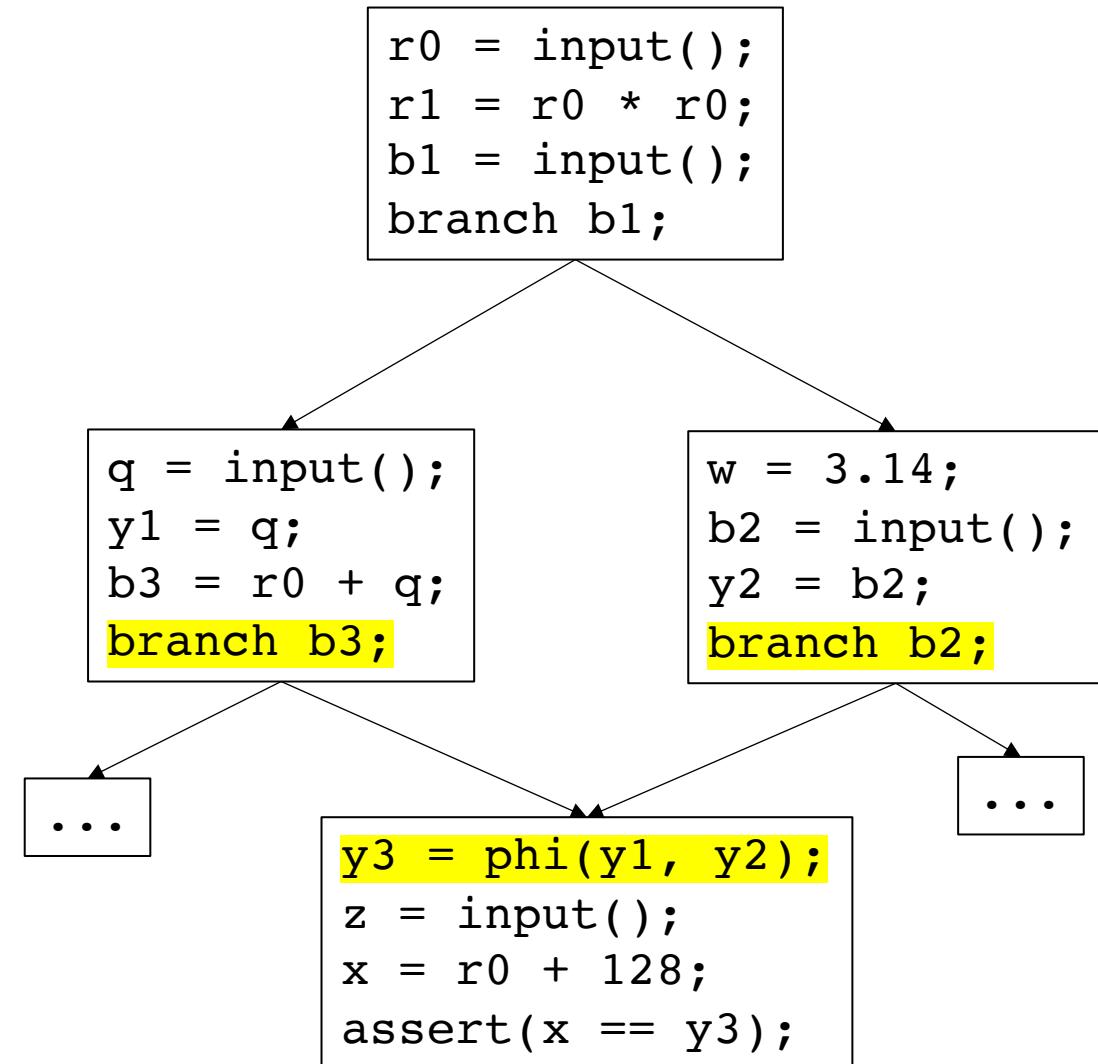
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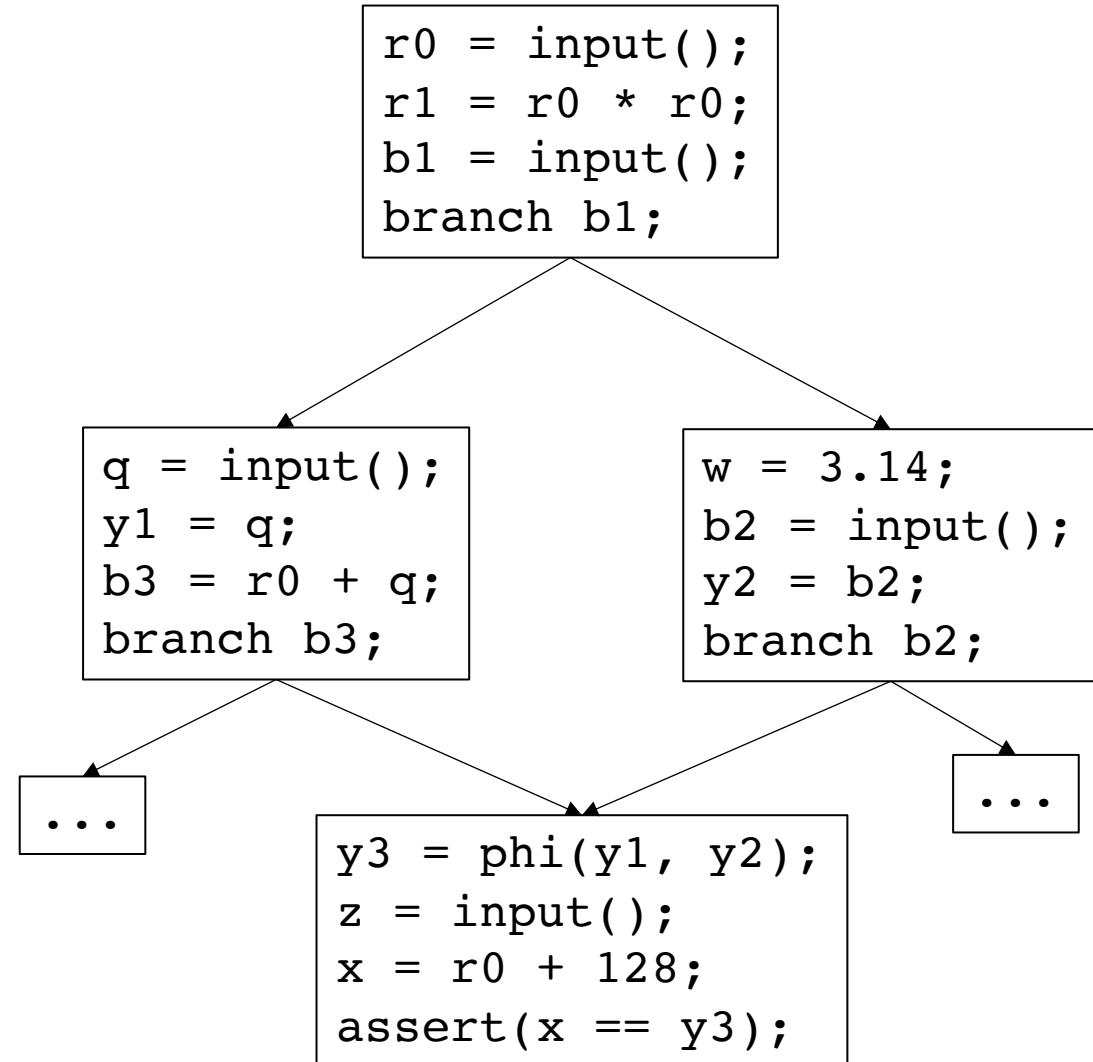
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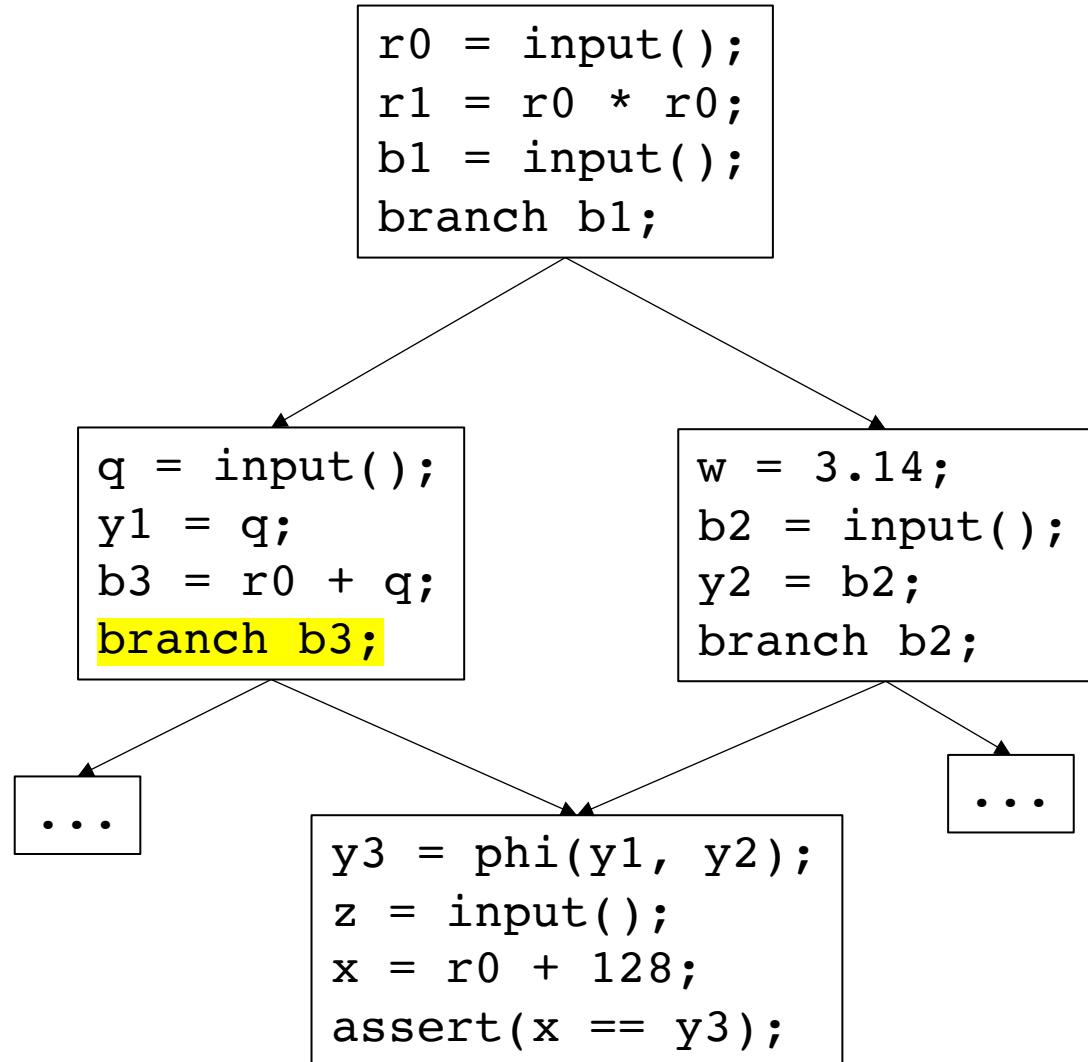
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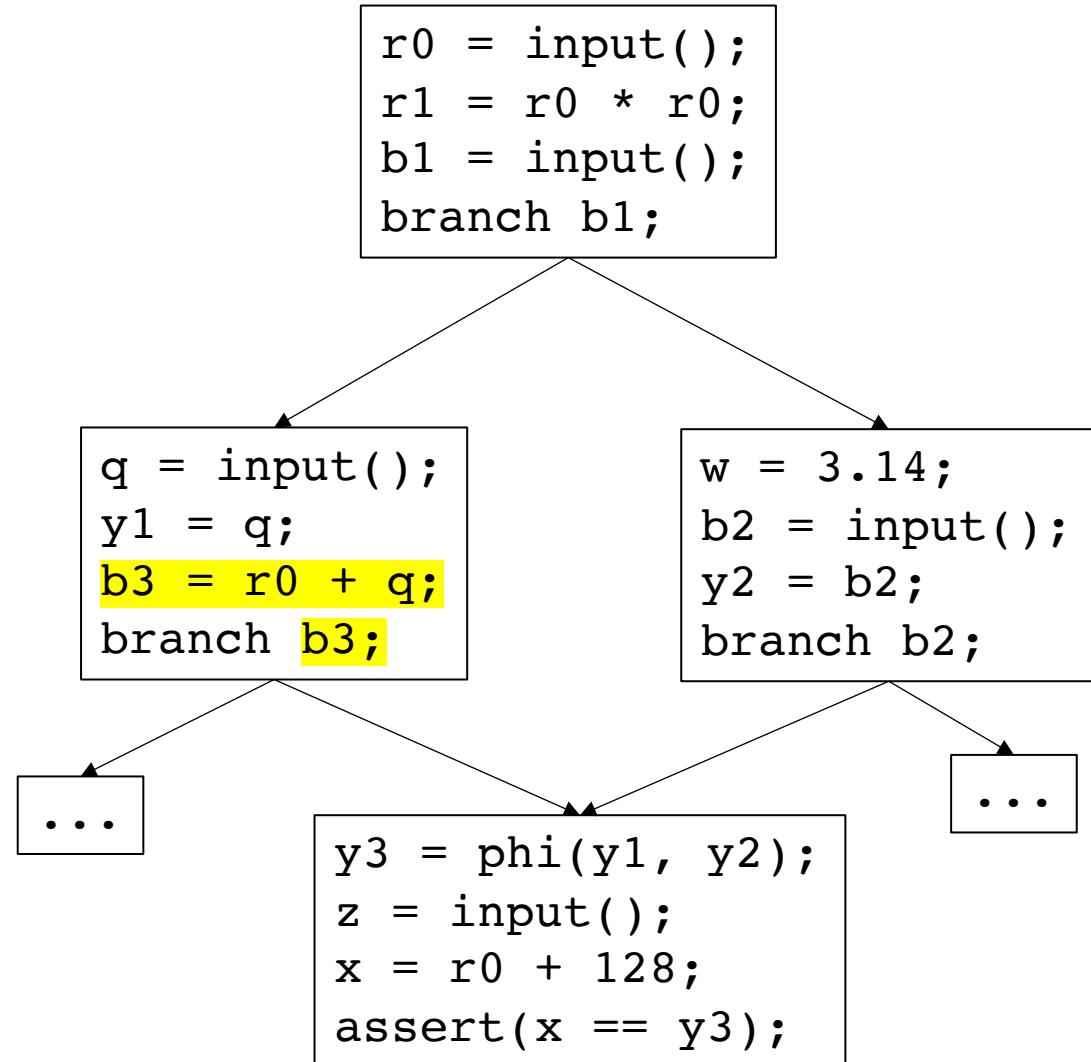
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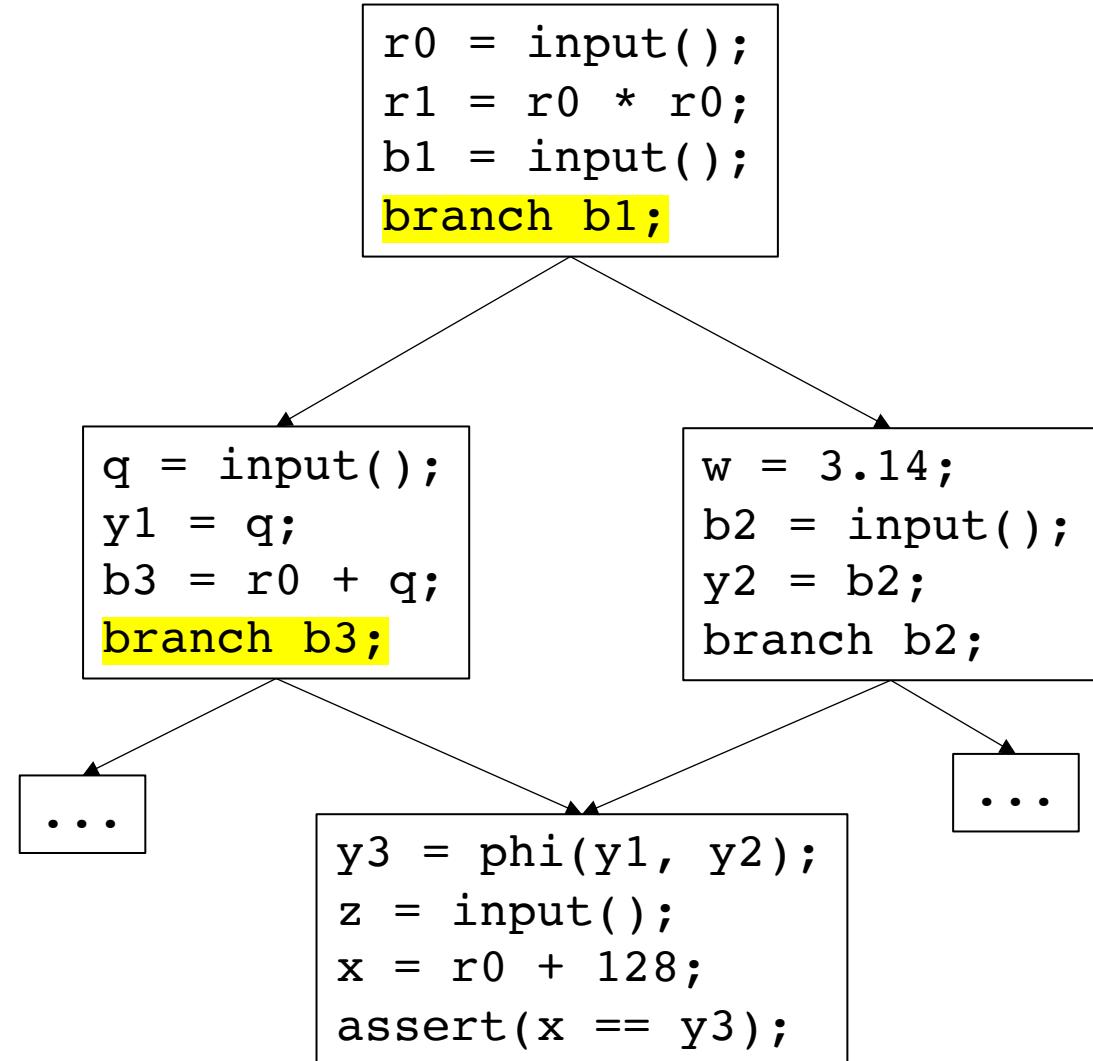
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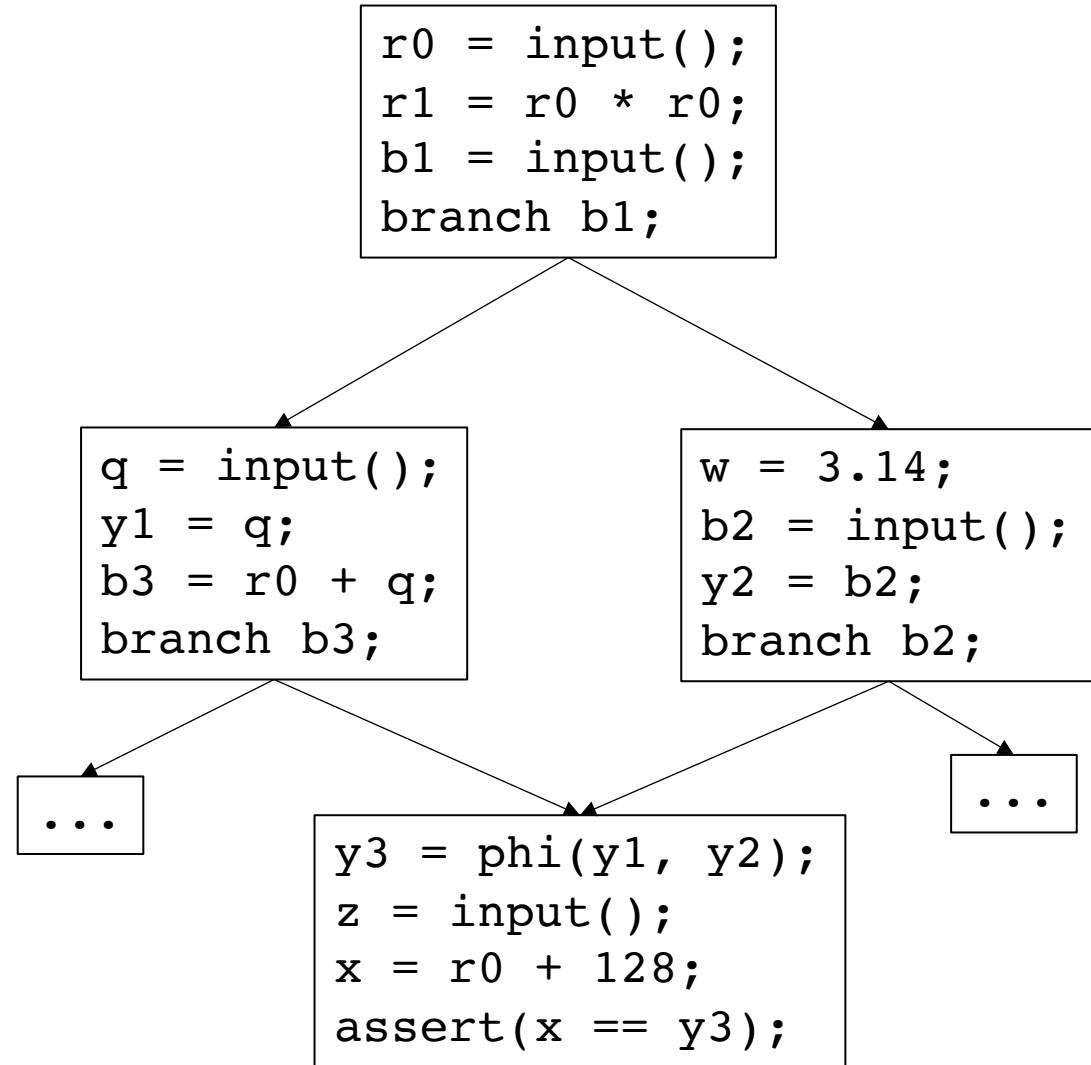
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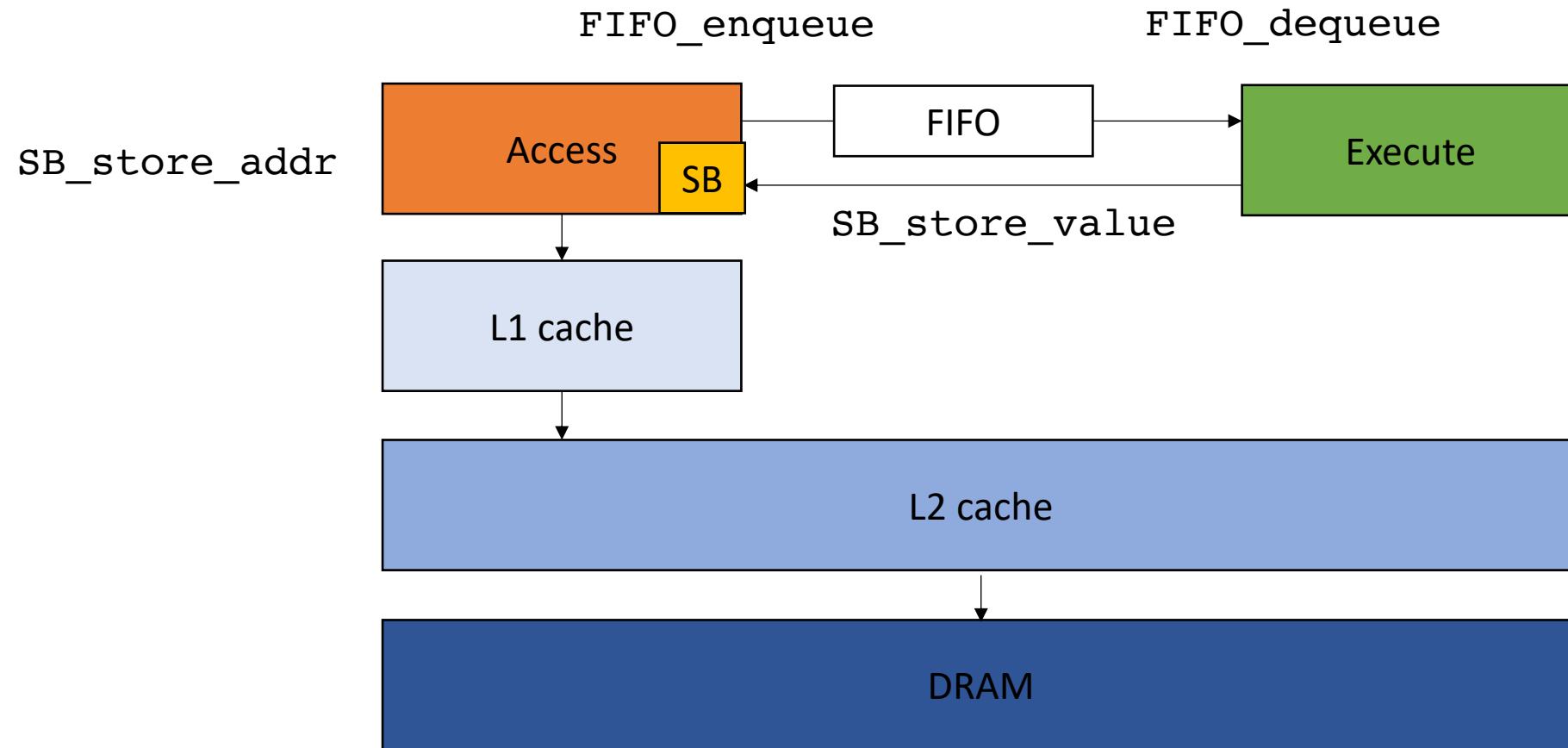
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Back to DAE



Compiler

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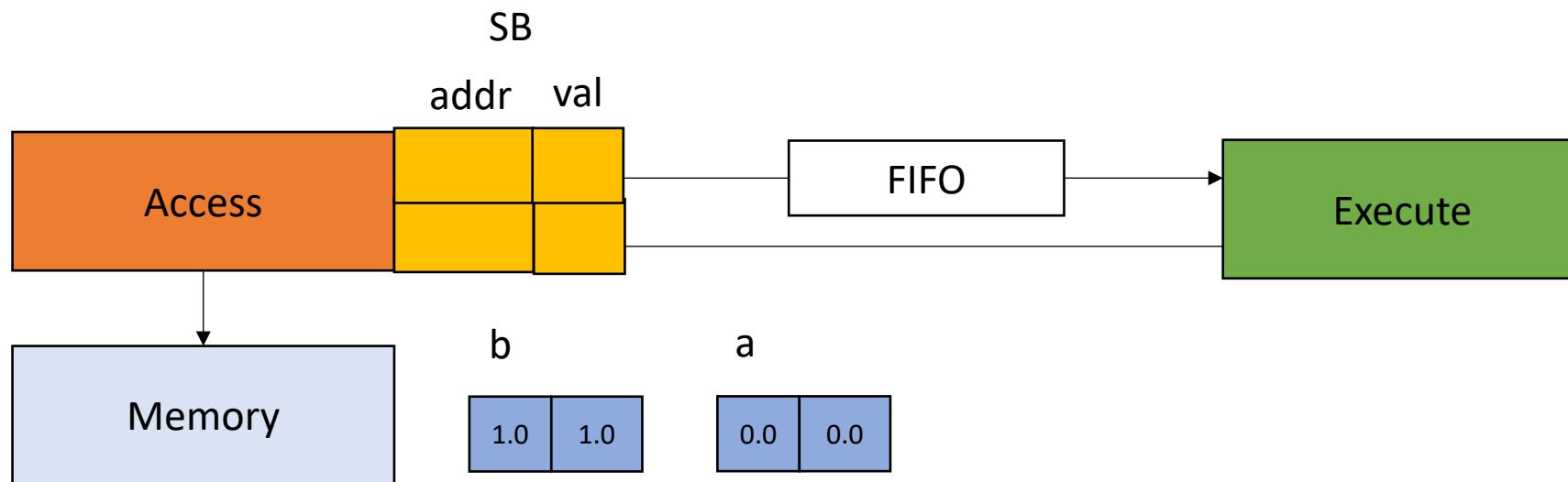
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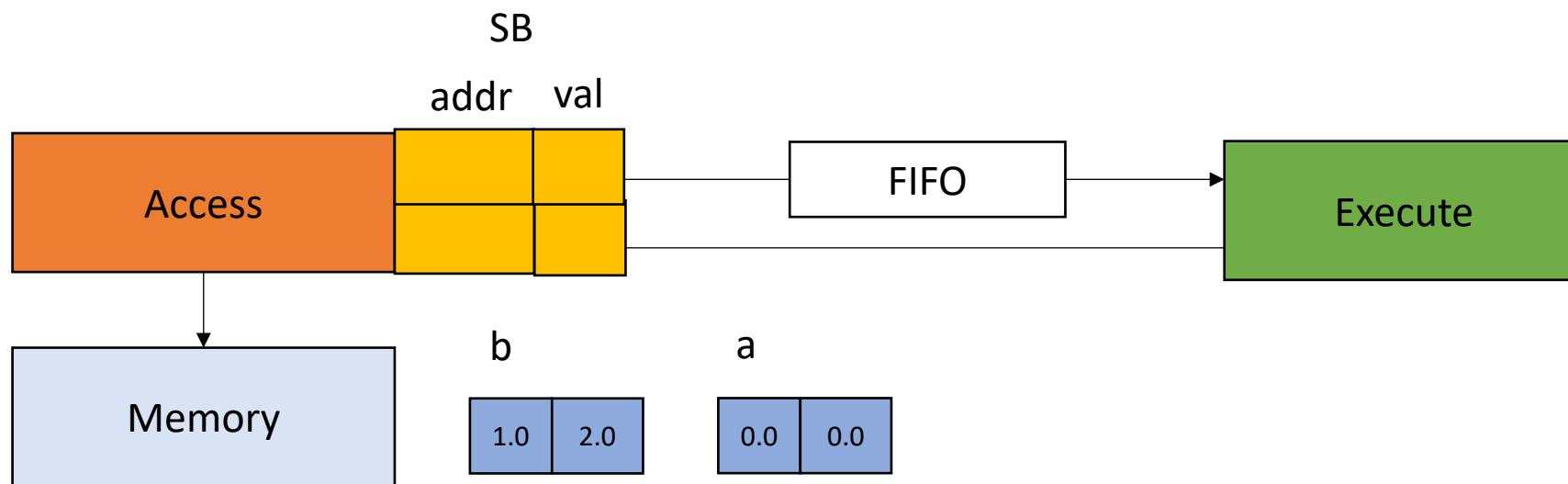
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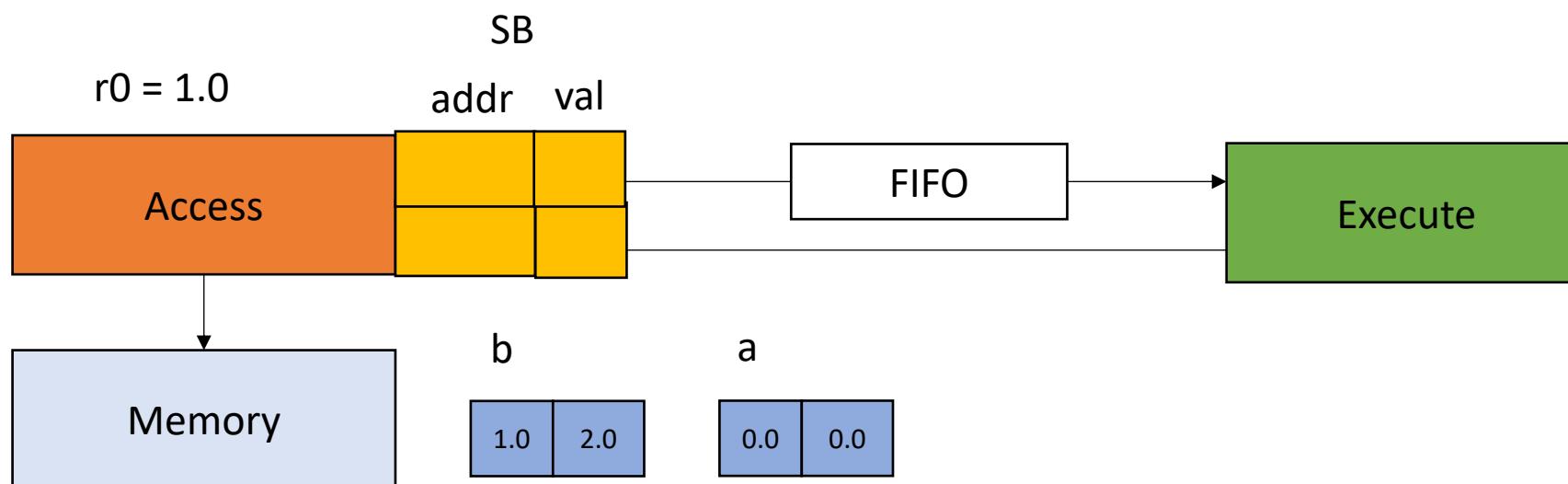
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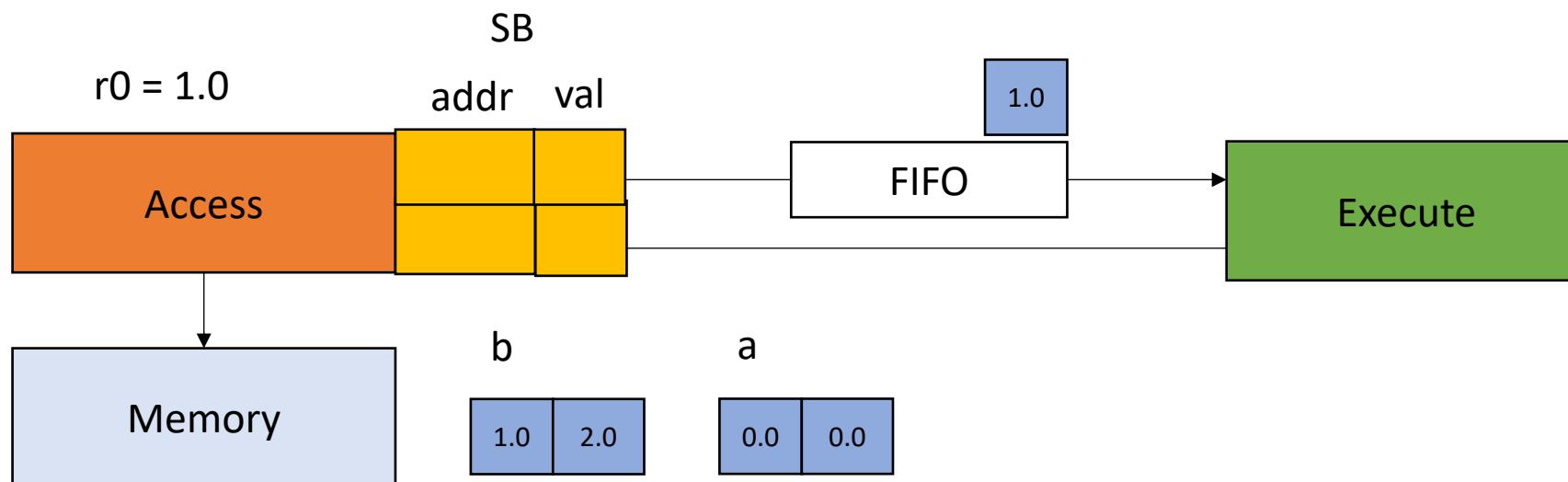
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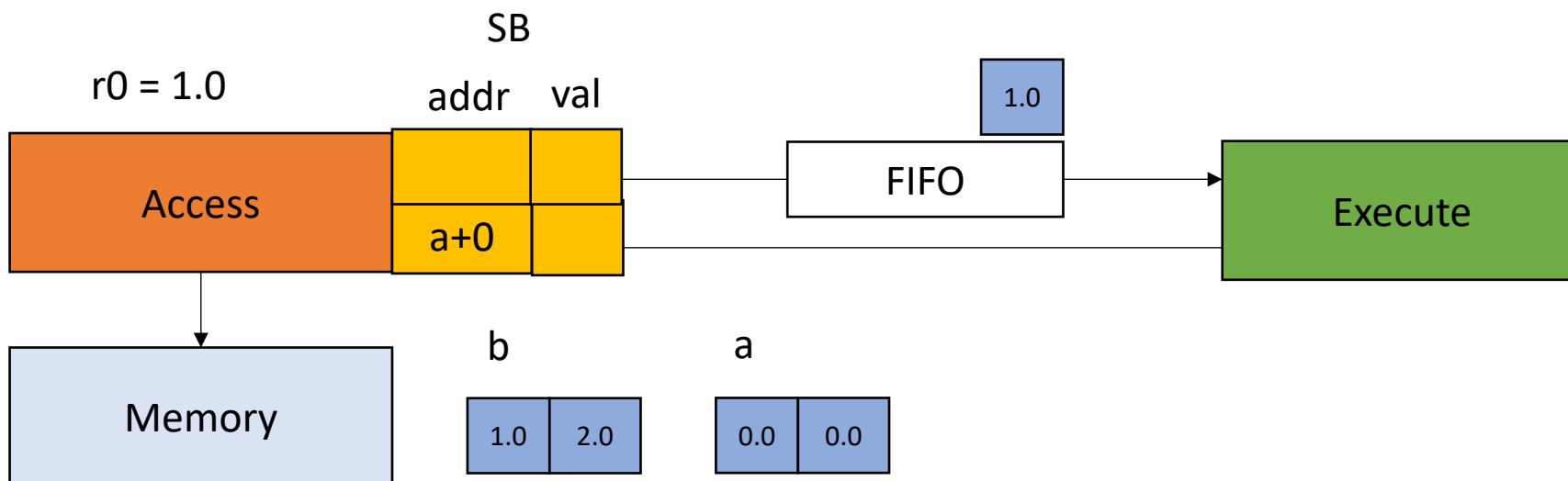
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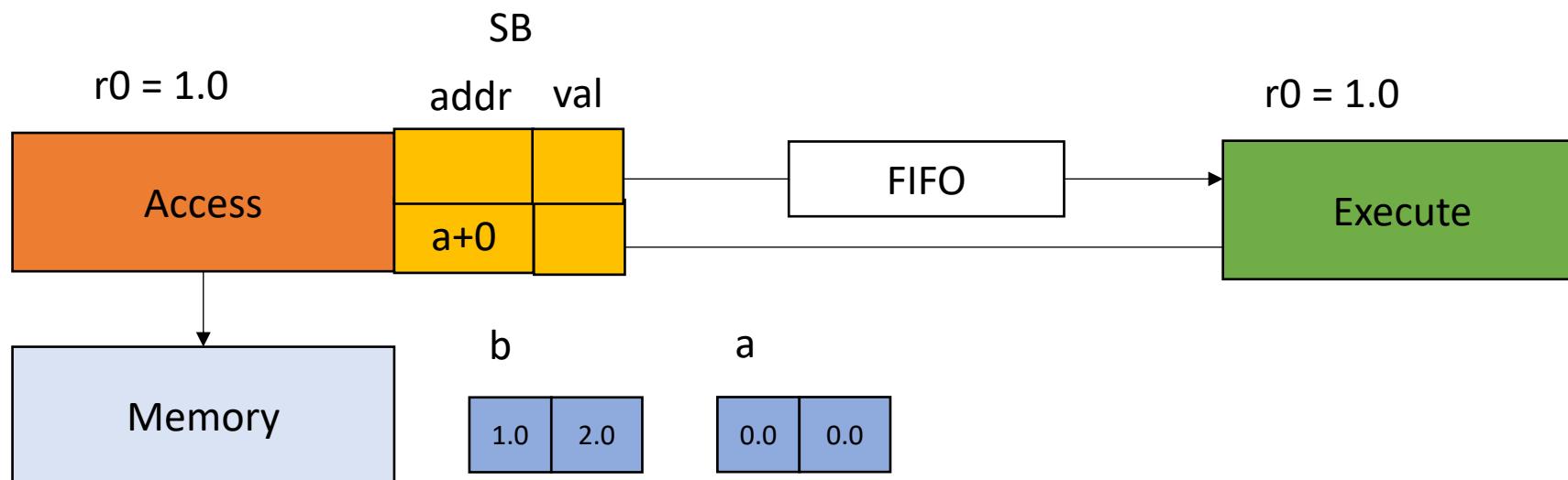
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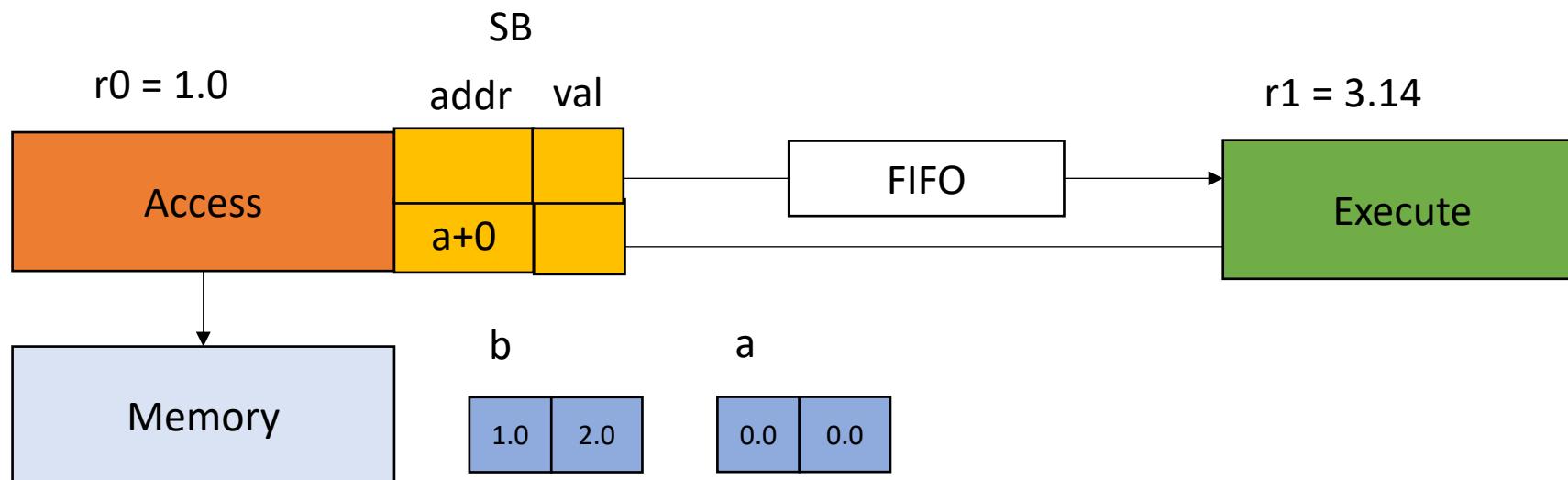
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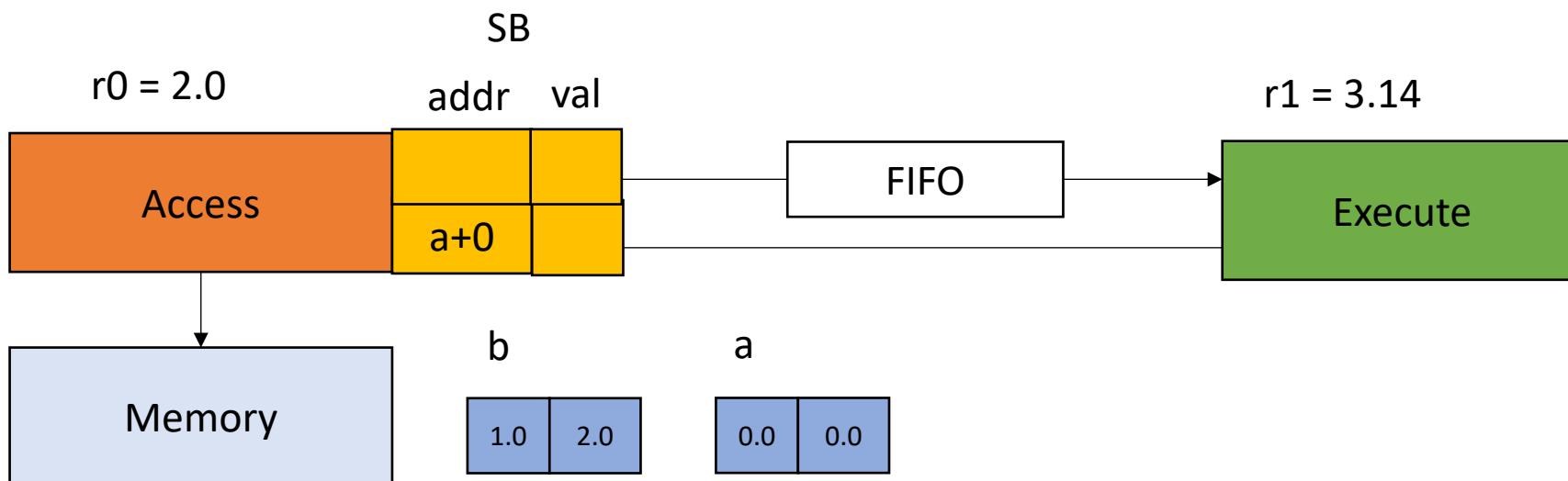
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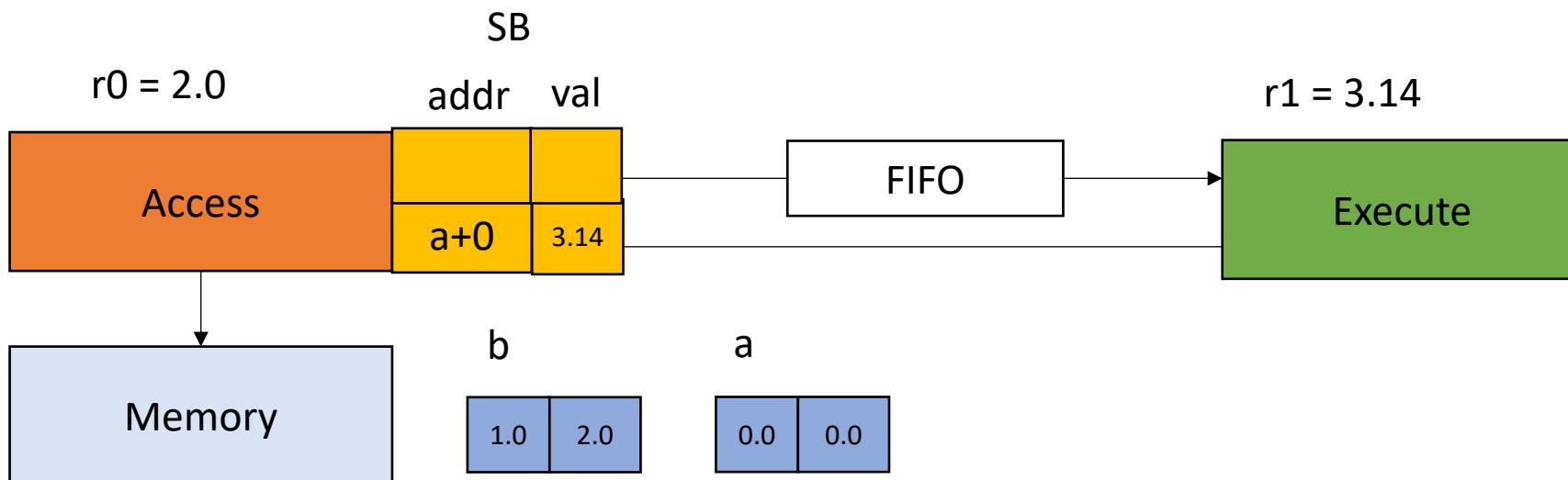
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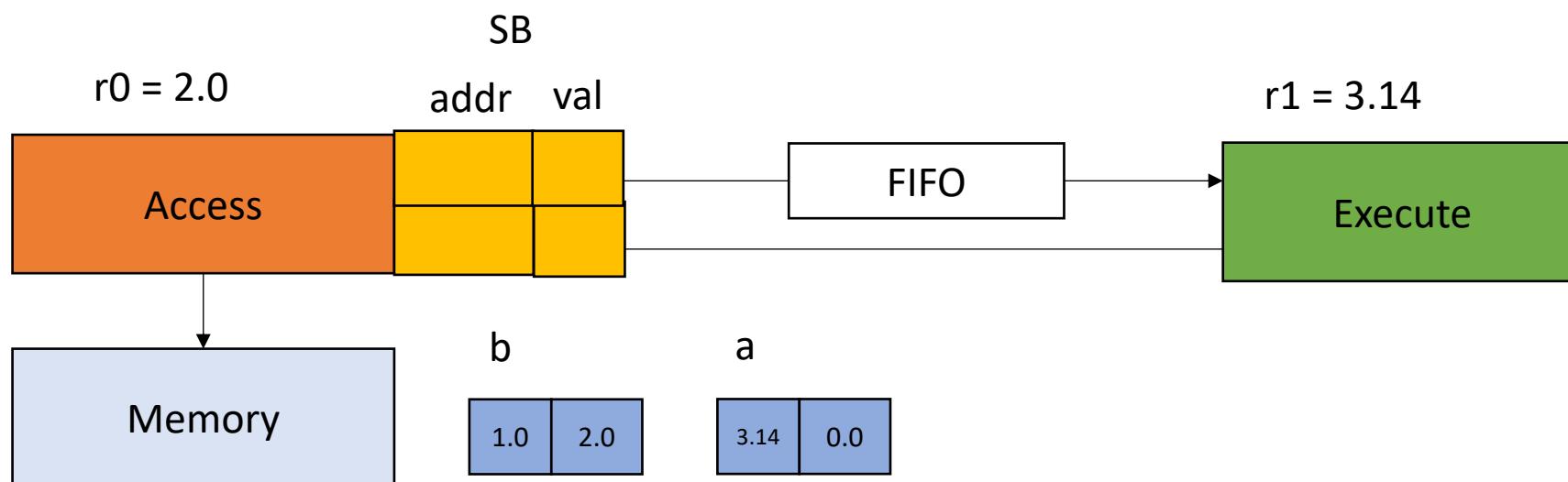
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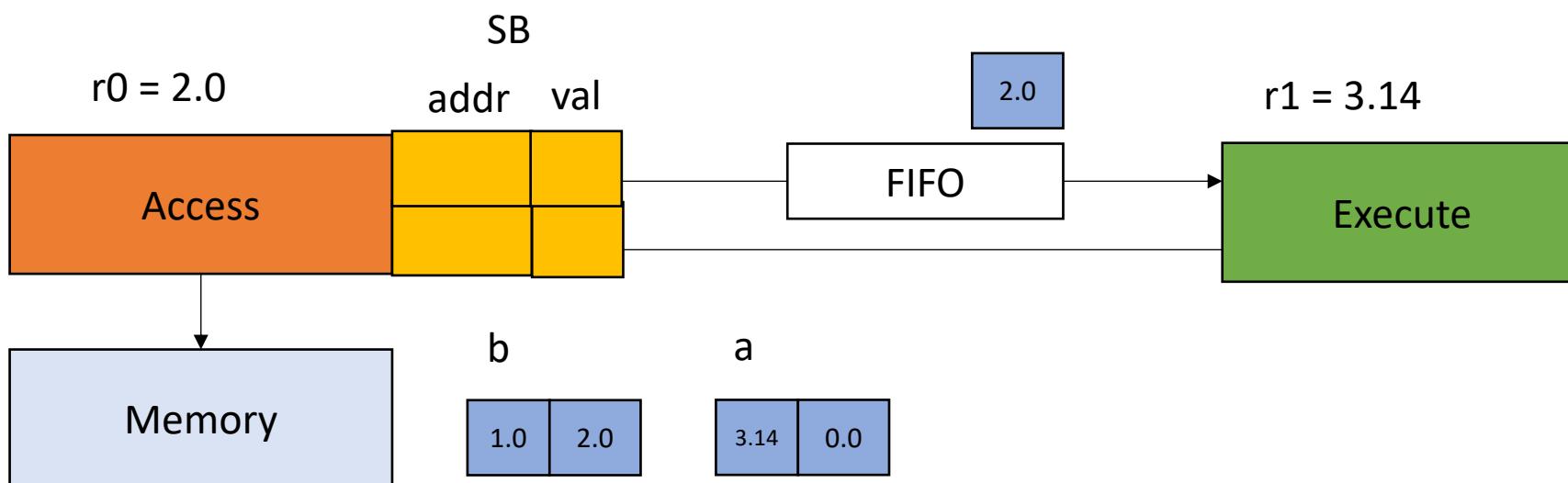
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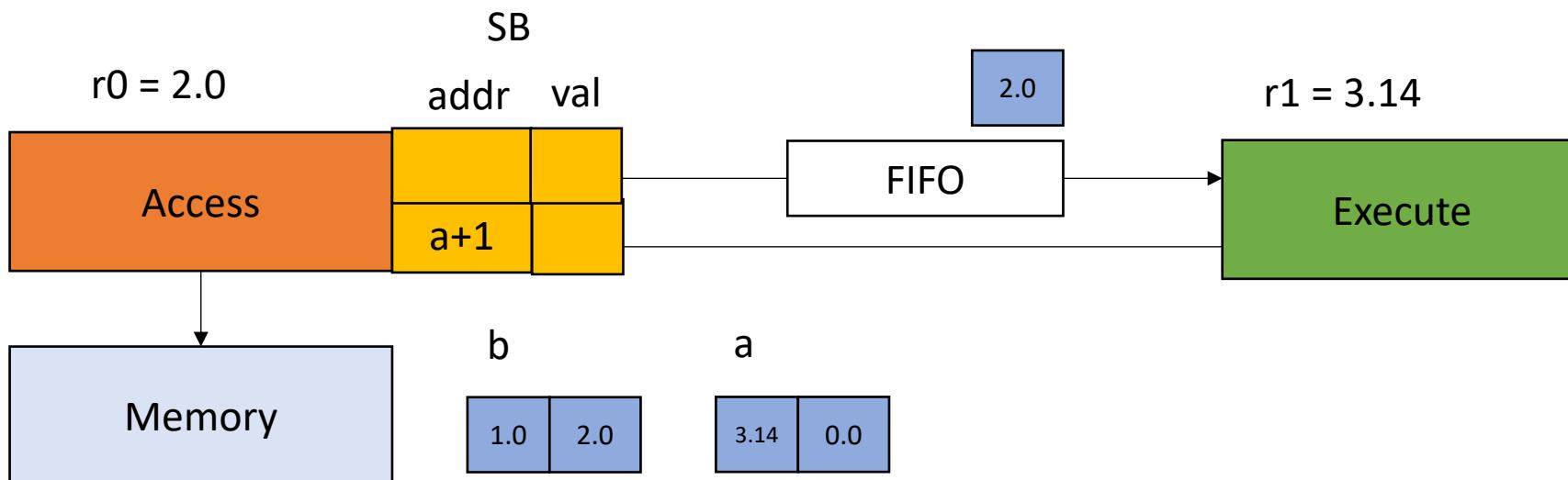
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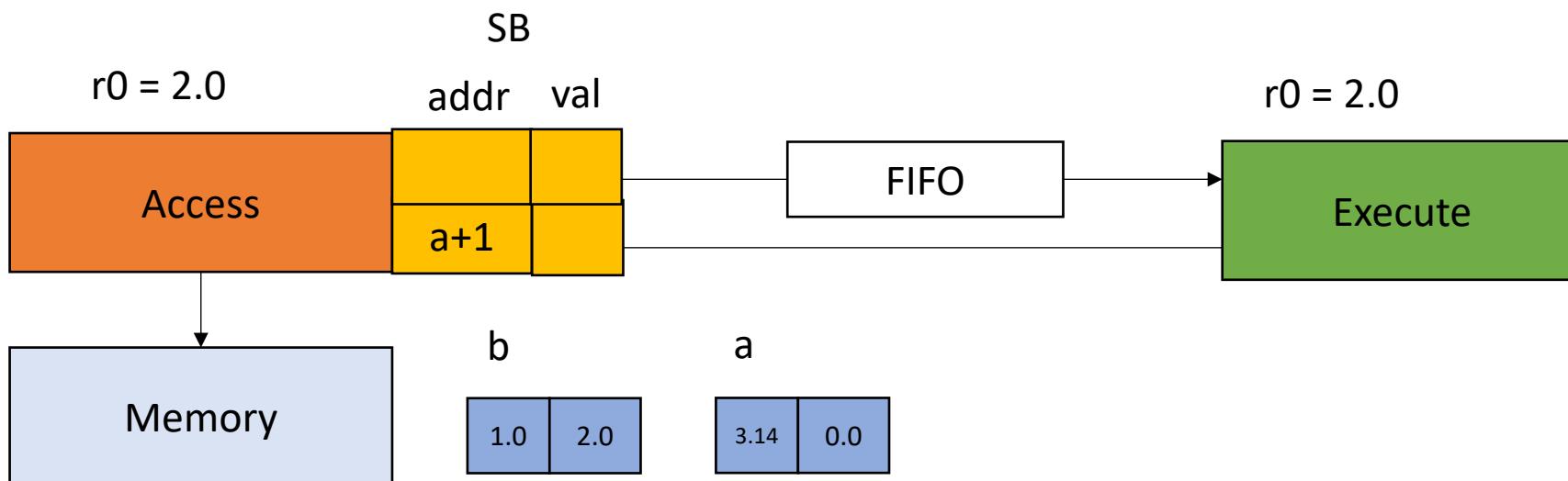
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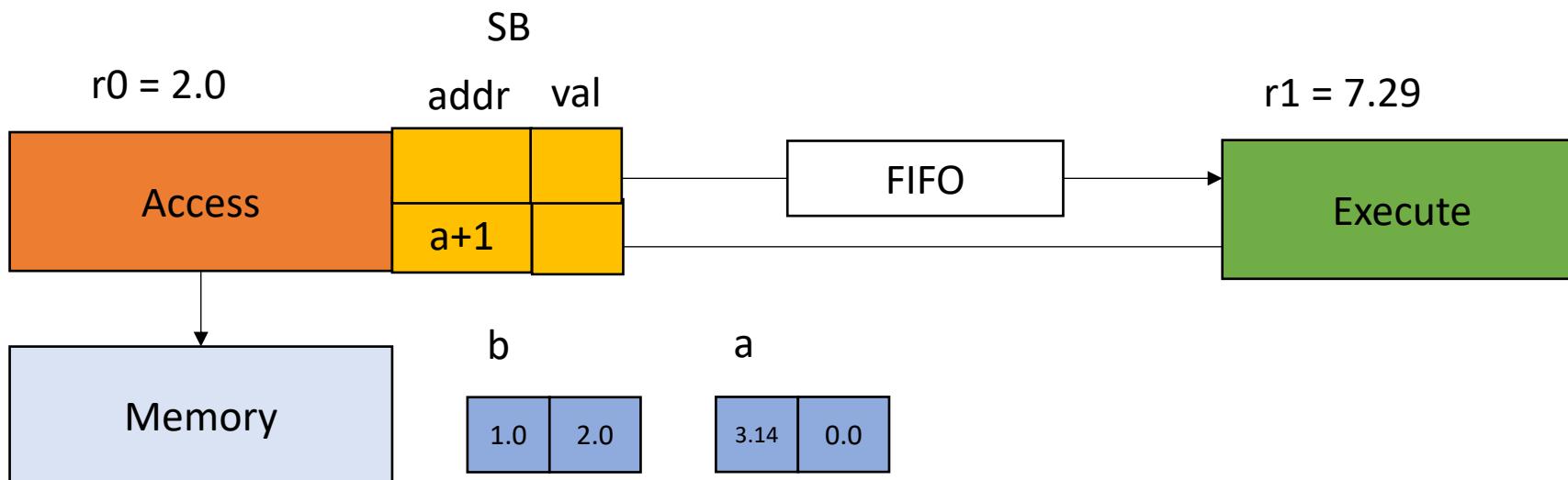
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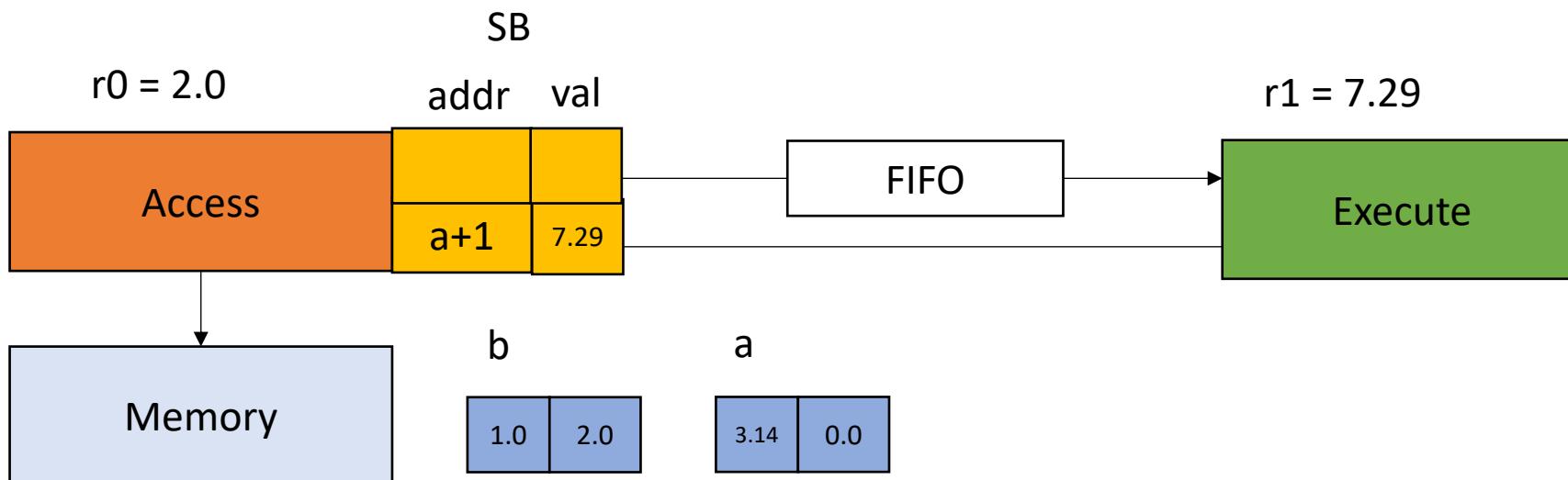
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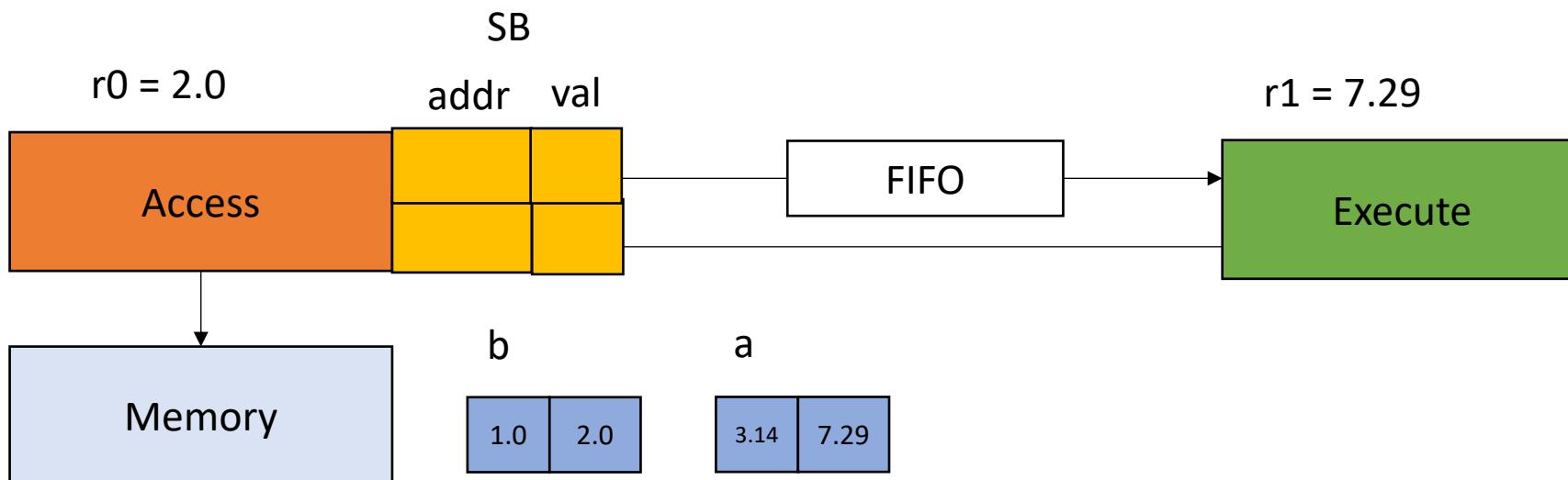
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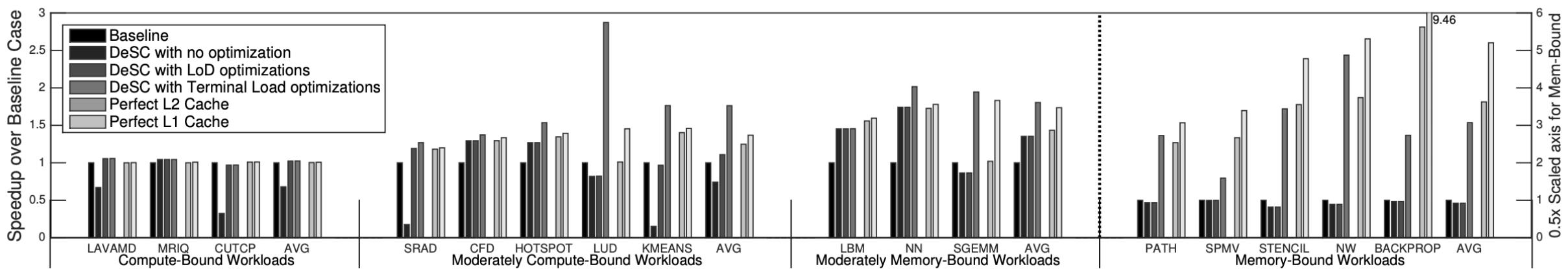


Performance bounds

- A program p has execution time of $E(p)$. The time spent on compute (arithmetic) is $C(p)$. The time spent on memory latency is $M(p)$.
- For simple core models, we can approximate: $E(p) = C(p) + M(p)$
 - Why might this not be completely accurate for more complex cores?
- In DAE, the Execute time ideally is $C(p)$, and the Access ideally is $M(p)$.
- Optimistic estimates of DAE performance is
 - $\max(C(p), M(p))$
 - best case is when $C(p) \sim = M(p)$, we get 2x performance increase
- Pros/cons?

Performance results in DeSC (micro '15)

Access and Execute are OoO cores



Final considerations

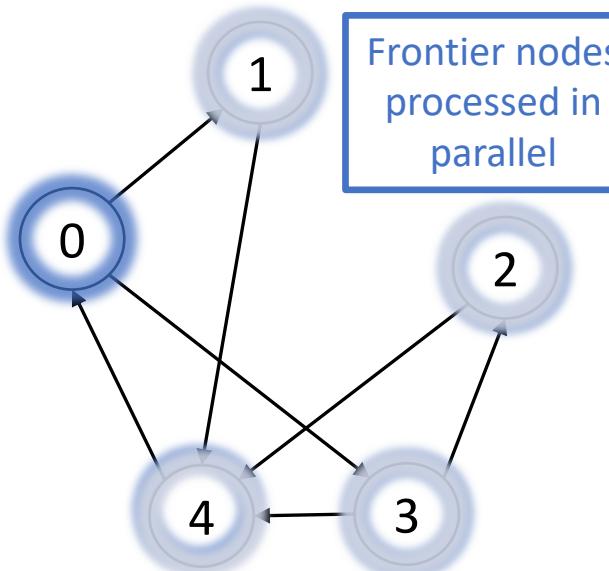
- Dependencies:
 - If Access depends on a value from Execute, performance can suffer
 - Also called LoD (loss of decoupling events)
- Coherence:
 - Access must read up-to-date values, even when waiting on Execute
- More optimizations:
 - Similar to asynchronous stores, some loads can be done asynchronously as well (if the value is not needed by the Access).

GraphAttack (taco '21)

- Follow up work led by Aninda Manocha at Princeton
 - She made some great slides!
- Further specializing DAE
 - Graph applications
 - in order cores

Graph Applications: Access Patterns are Irregular

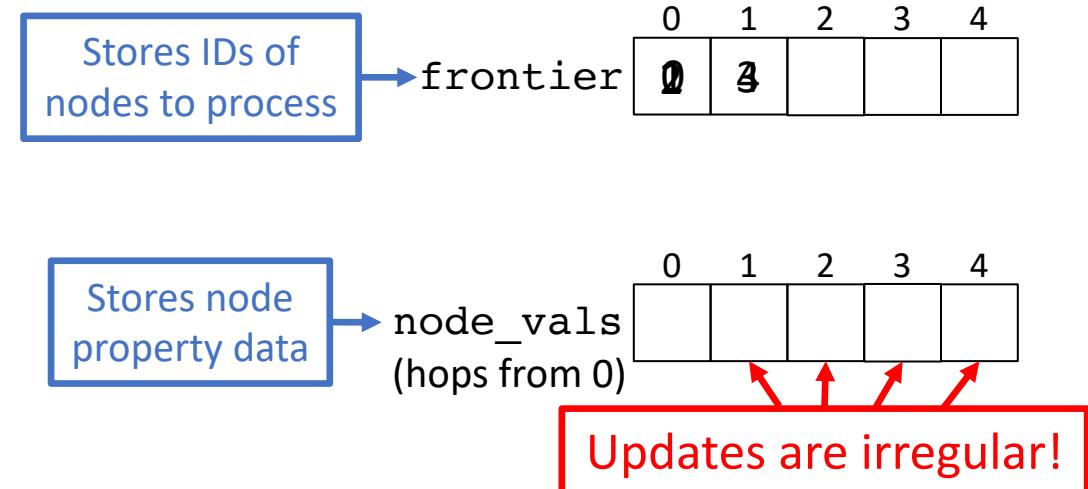
- Iterative, frontier-based graph applications
 - Describes many graph processing workloads (e.g. BFS, SSSP, PR)
- **Indirect** accesses to neighbor data
 - Conditionally populate next frontier



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		0	1	2	3	4
nodes	0	0	1	0	1	0
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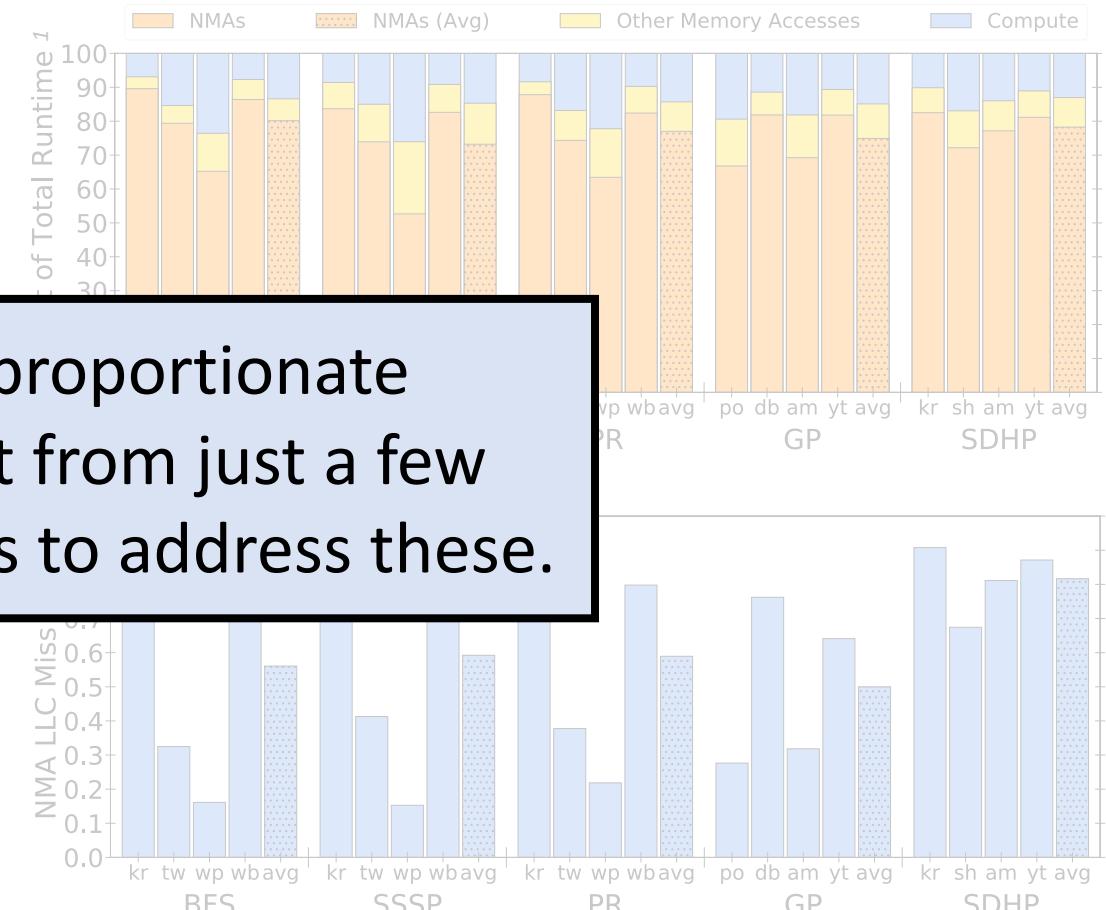
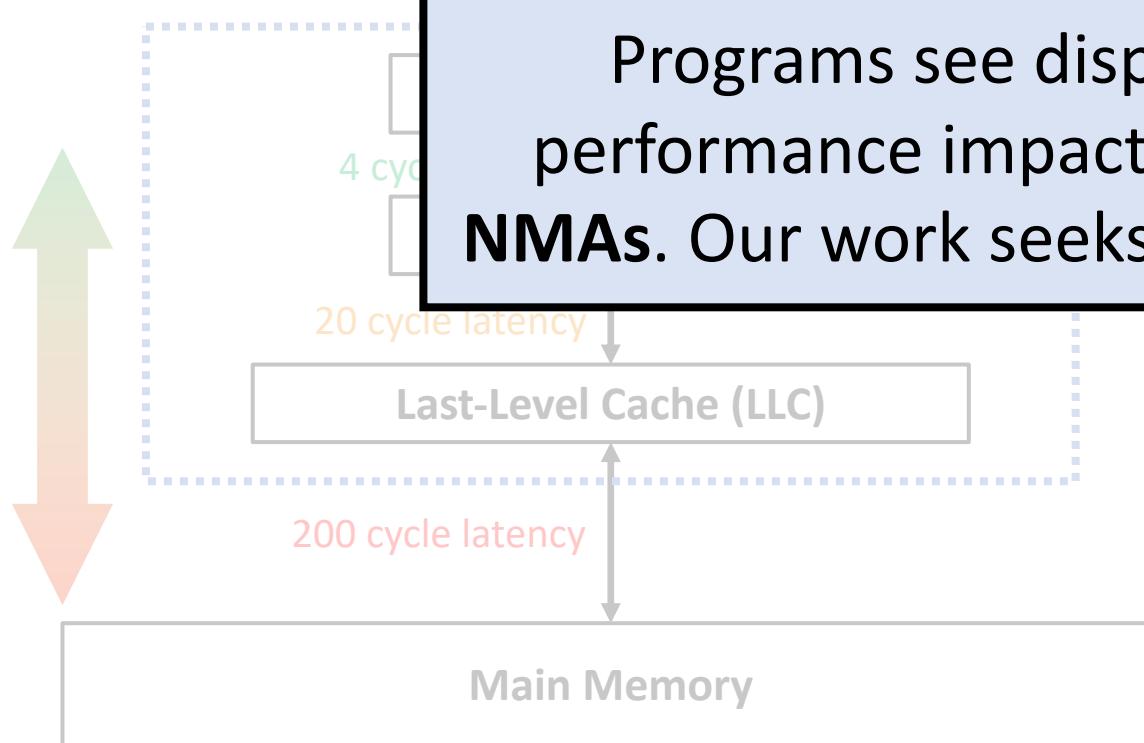
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Iterative, frontier-based graph application



Neighbor Memory Accesses: The Problem

- Irregular accesses experience cache misses
- **Neighbor Memory Accesses (NMAs):** irregular memory accesses in critical path



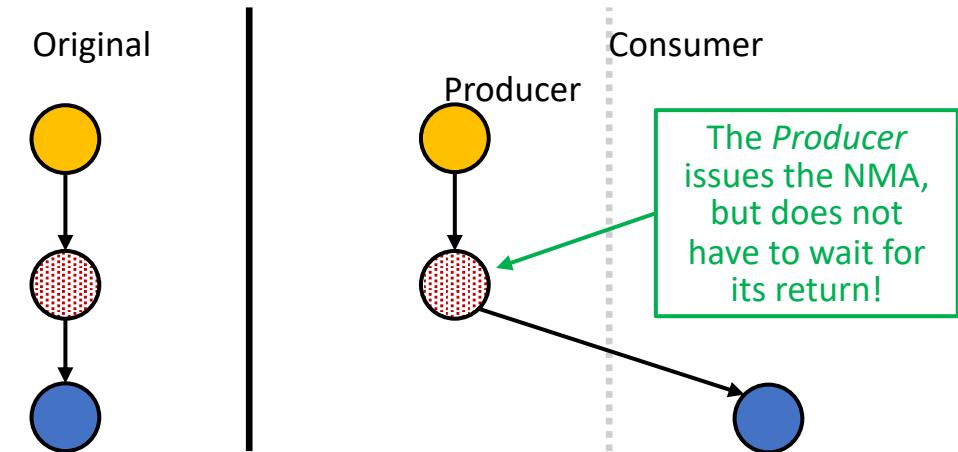
¹ Runtimes measured on a simulated in-order core.

Making NMAs Asynchronous Through Dependence Graph Analysis

- Graph application kernels can be sliced along their NMAs to create **asynchronous accesses**
 - Producer handles all instructions necessary to determine address of NMA and issues access
 - Consumer handles all instructions that depend on data returned from NMA
- **Dependence graph analysis** can identify NMAs as pointer indirect accesses in innermost loop
 - Competitive parallel implementations use RMWs, so NMAs can be loads or RMWs
 - Search for accesses with addresses originating from earlier load

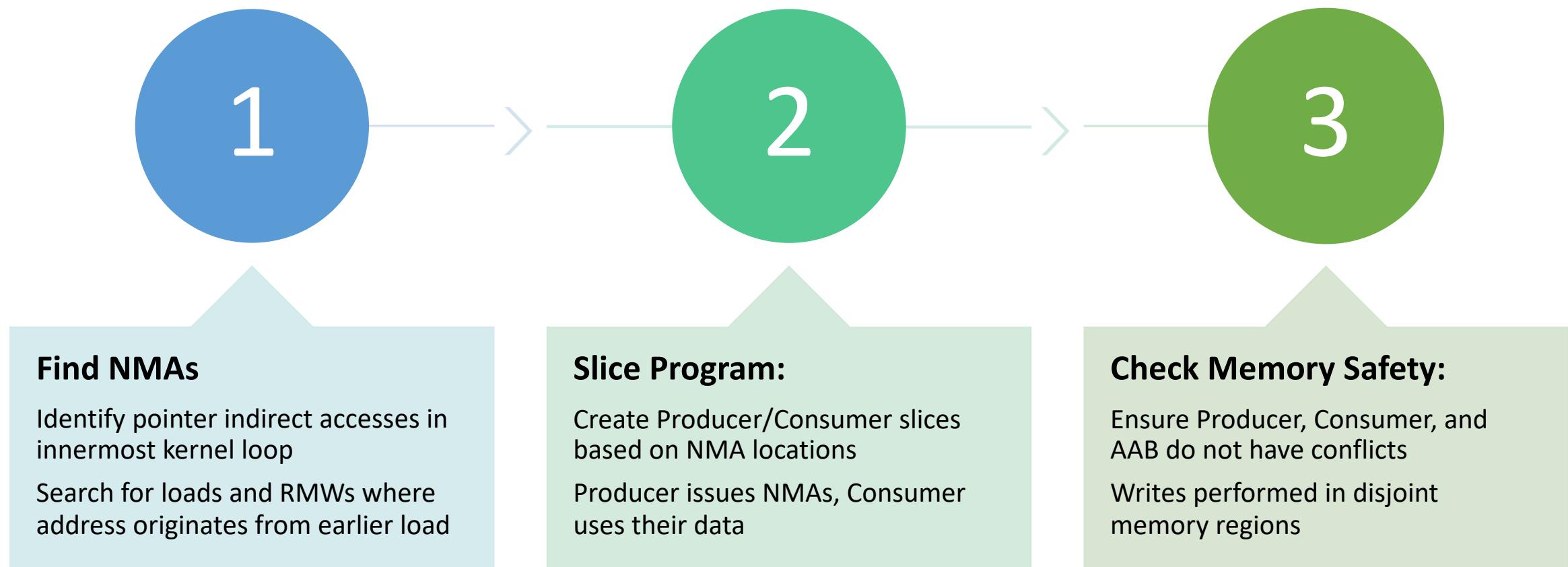
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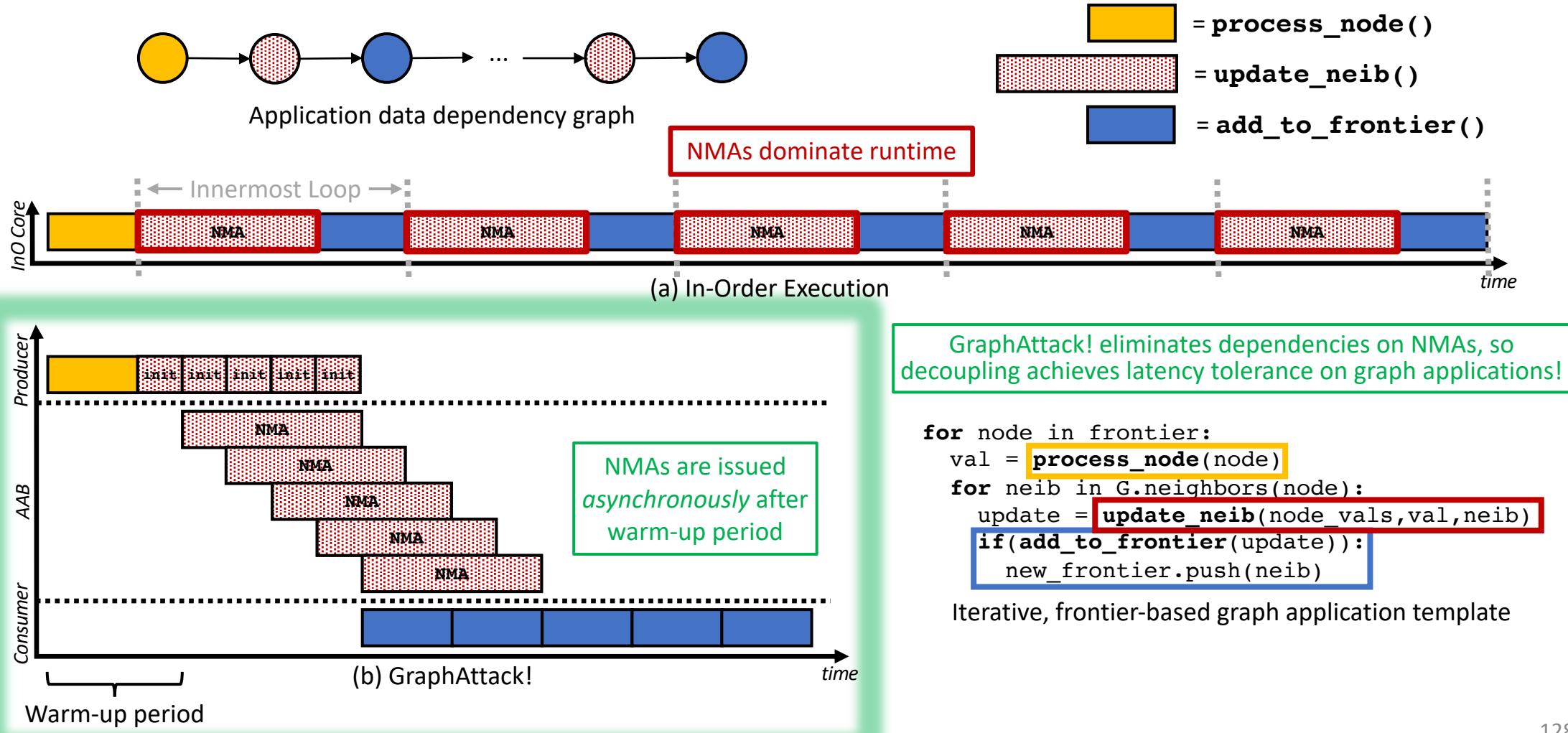


Dependence graph analysis for Producer/Consumer slicing

Compilation Procedure



GraphAttack! Tolerates Latency in Graph Applications by Making NMAs Asynchronous



GraphAttack! Tolerates Latency and Better Utilizes In-Order Cores



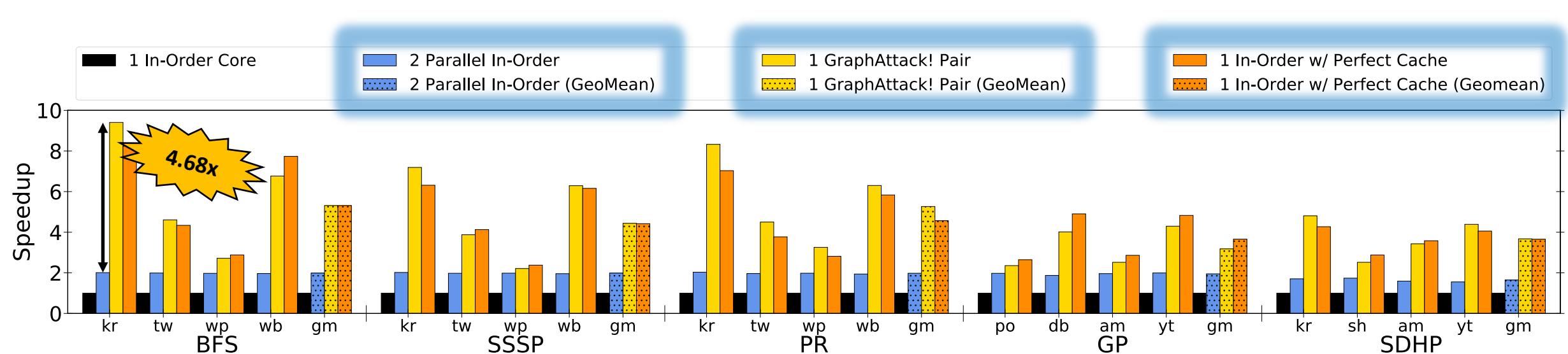
2 Parallel In-Order Cores



vs.



1 In-Order GraphAttack! Pair



GraphAttack! is Scalable and Energy-Efficient

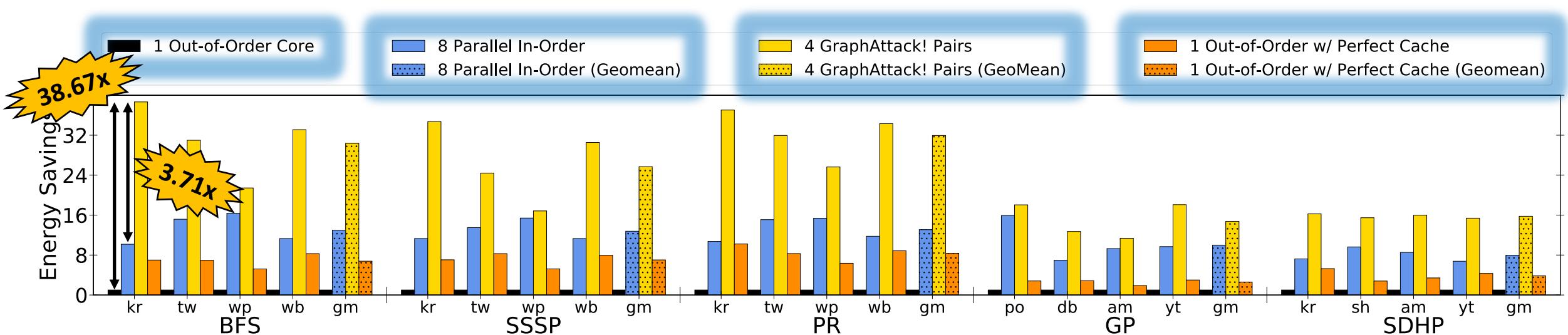
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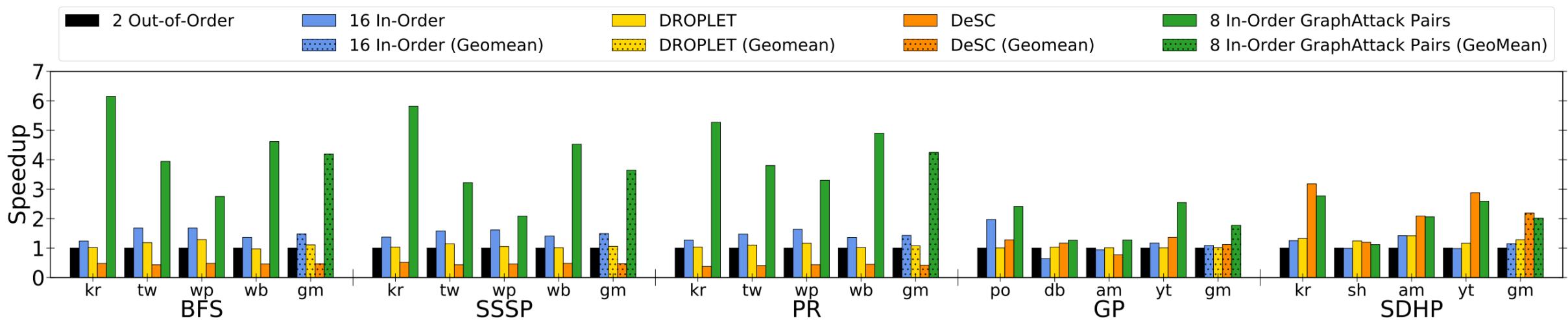
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4 InO GraphAttack Pairs



Performance results in GraphAttack (taco '21)

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Enjoy the holiday break!

- Get paired up for the assignment and start on it early
- Start working on paper review!