



Synthesis with Binary Predicates

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OUTLINE

A short recall of classical synthesis problem

Introduction of synthesis with binary predicates

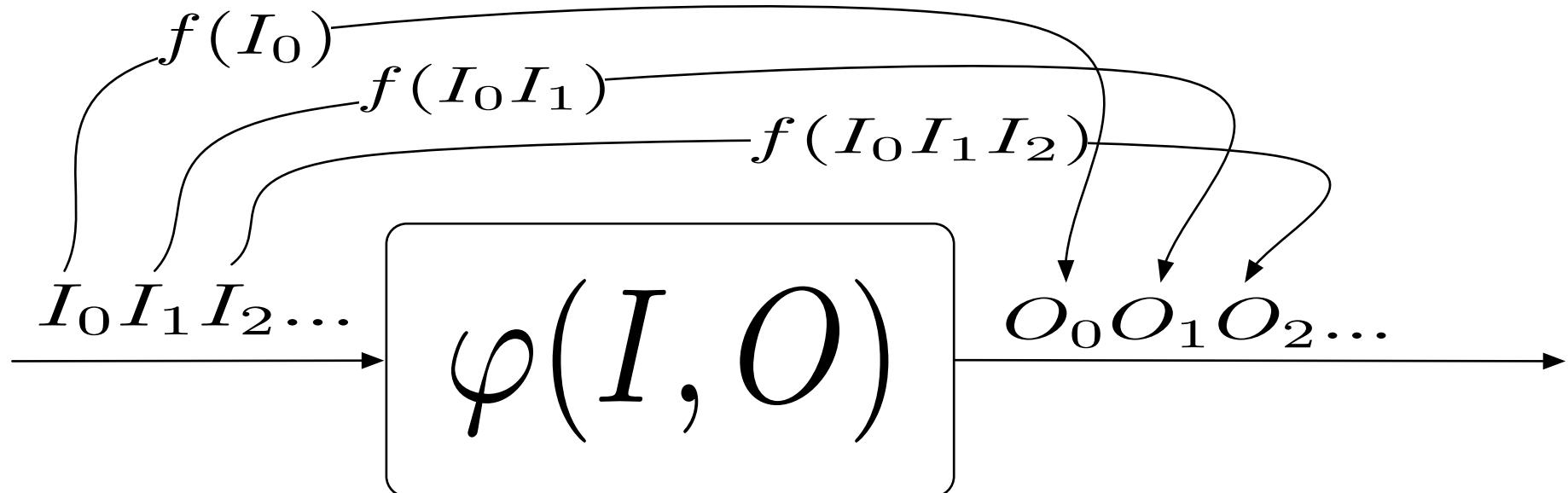
Expressiveness of synthesis with binary predicates:
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Results and Open Problems



Classical Synthesis Problem

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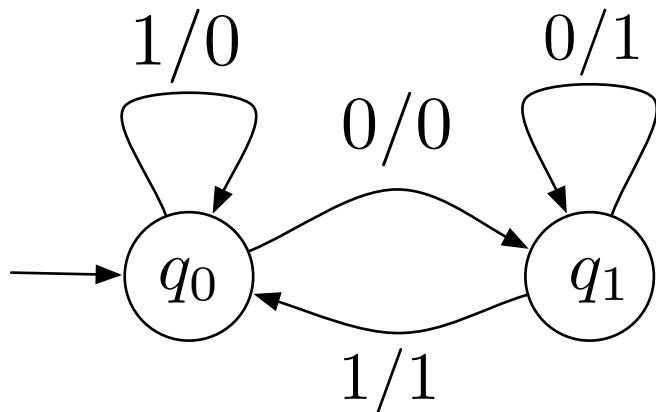
$$I \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} I_0 \\ O_0 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} I_1 \\ O_1 \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} I_2 \\ O_2 \end{array} \right) \dots \left(\begin{array}{c} I_t \\ O_t \end{array} \right) \dots \models \varphi(I, O)$$

Example

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0 1 2 3 4 5

Classical Synthesis Problem



Mealy Automaton
 $(Q, q_0, \Sigma_I, \Sigma_O, \delta, \delta_{IO})$

 $\delta : Q \times \Sigma_I \rightarrow Q \quad \delta_{IO} : Q \times \Sigma_I \rightarrow \Sigma_O$

$MSO_0 \quad \varphi ::= X \subseteq Y \mid next(X, Y) \mid \|X\|_1 \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \exists X \varphi$

Shorthands :

$$\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 ::= \neg(\neg\psi_1 \vee \neg\psi_2)$$

$$\psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 ::= \neg\psi_1 \vee \psi_2$$

$$\psi_1 \leftrightarrow \psi_2 ::= \psi_1 \rightarrow \psi_2 \wedge \psi_2 \rightarrow \psi_1$$

$$\forall X \varphi ::= \neg \exists X \neg \varphi$$

$$\exists x \varphi ::= \exists X (\|X\|_1 \wedge \varphi[x/X])$$

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$$x \in S ::= \|X\|_1 \wedge X \subseteq S$$

$$x = y ::= \|X\|_1 \wedge X \subseteq Y \wedge Y \subseteq X$$

$$x < y ::= \exists S \left(\begin{array}{l} x \in S \wedge y \in S \wedge \forall w (next(w, x) \rightarrow w \notin S) \\ \wedge \forall z (z \in S \rightarrow \exists w (next(z, w) \wedge w \in S)) \end{array} \right)$$

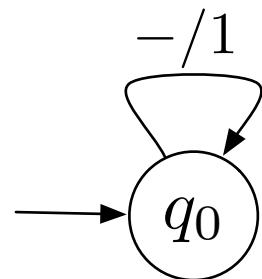
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REMARK

“every 1 on the input bit at position t it be produced produced a 1 on the output bits between position $t + 1$ and position $t + 5$ ”

may solved using a Mealy automaton which is blind to its input



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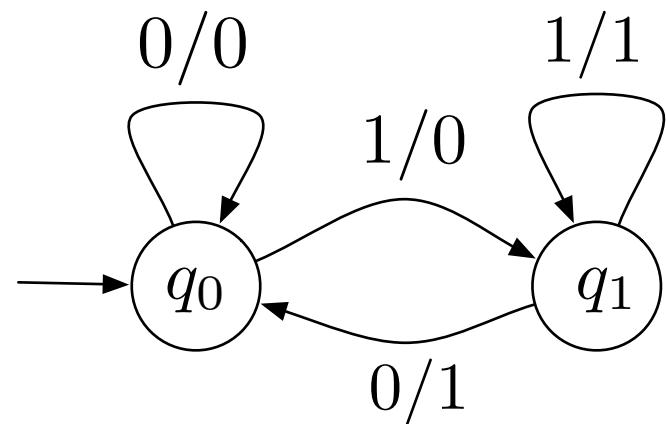
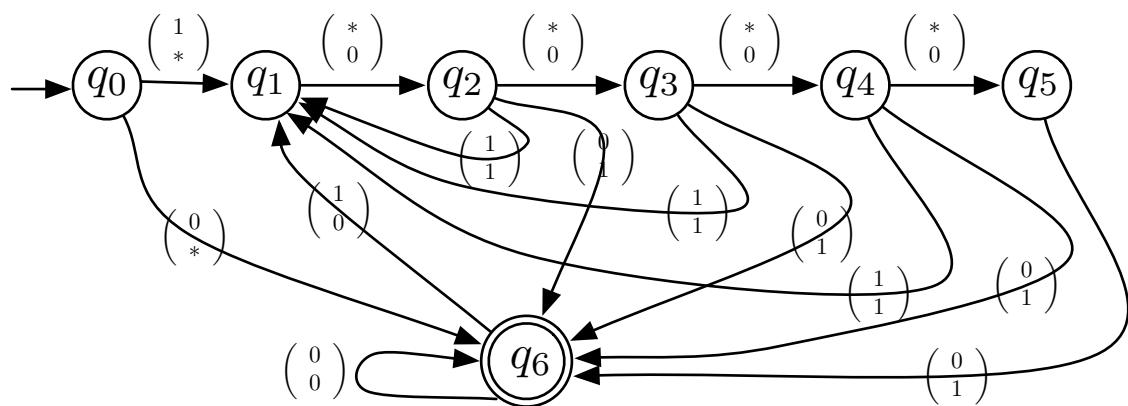
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A Mealy Automaton that realises such specification.

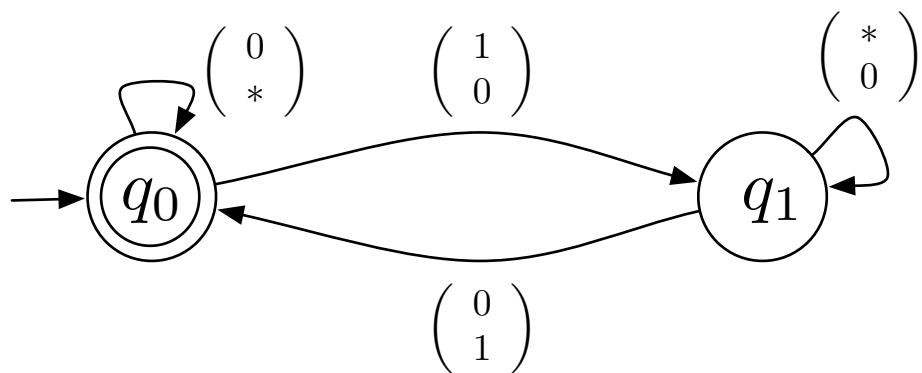
The Büchi Automaton of the relative language



- (R2) “every 1 on the input bit at position t must be followed by a 1 on the output bit but we cannot have 1 on the input and 1 on the output at the same time“

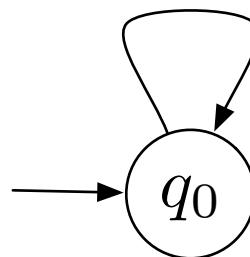
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(R2) all its models are generated by the language accepted by the following **Büchi** automaton:



but (R2) is a negative instance
of the synthesis problem

$$I = */O = 1$$





Synthesis with Binary Predicates



In the classical (monadic) setting:

Specification

MSO formula

Successful Plays

Accepting Traces
of Büchi Automaton

Strategy

Mealy Automaton

In the binary setting:

FO formula
with binary predicates

Interval Models

Trees

Interval Temporal Logic (HS)
Formula

The input of the problem:

FO or HS formula

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Partition of predicates/propositional variables

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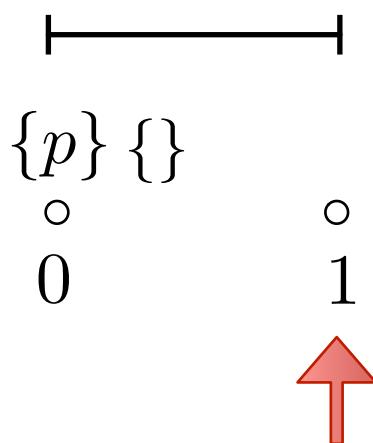
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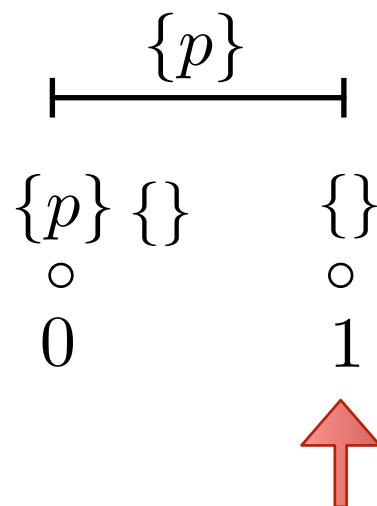


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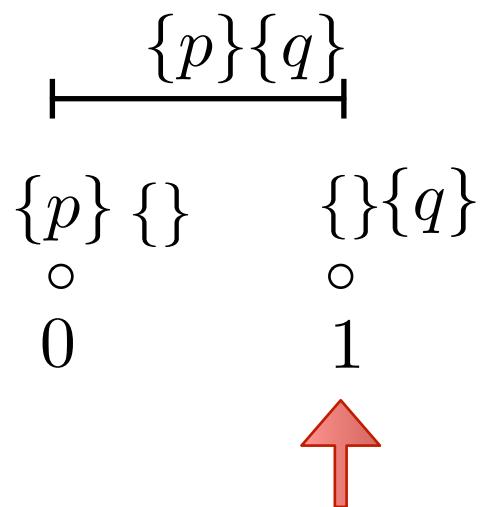


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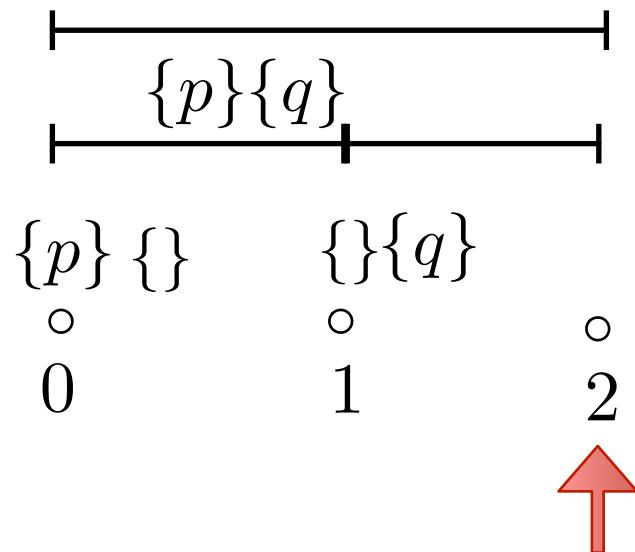


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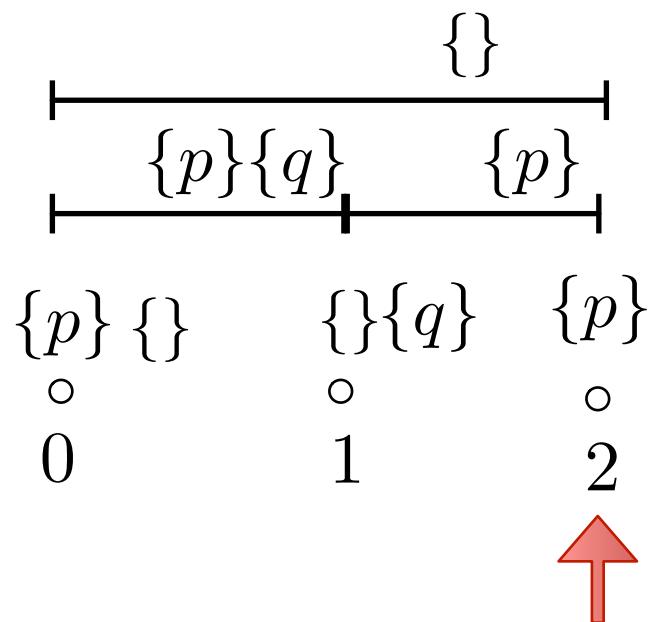


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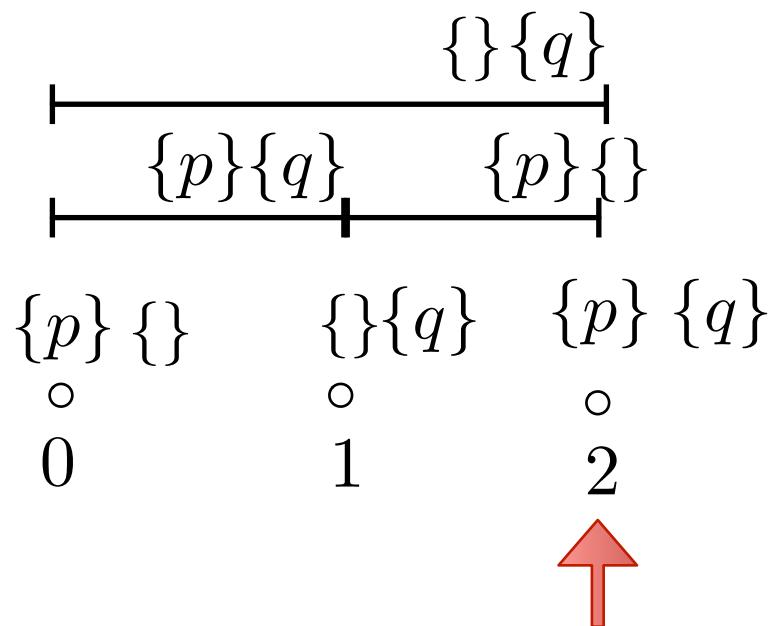


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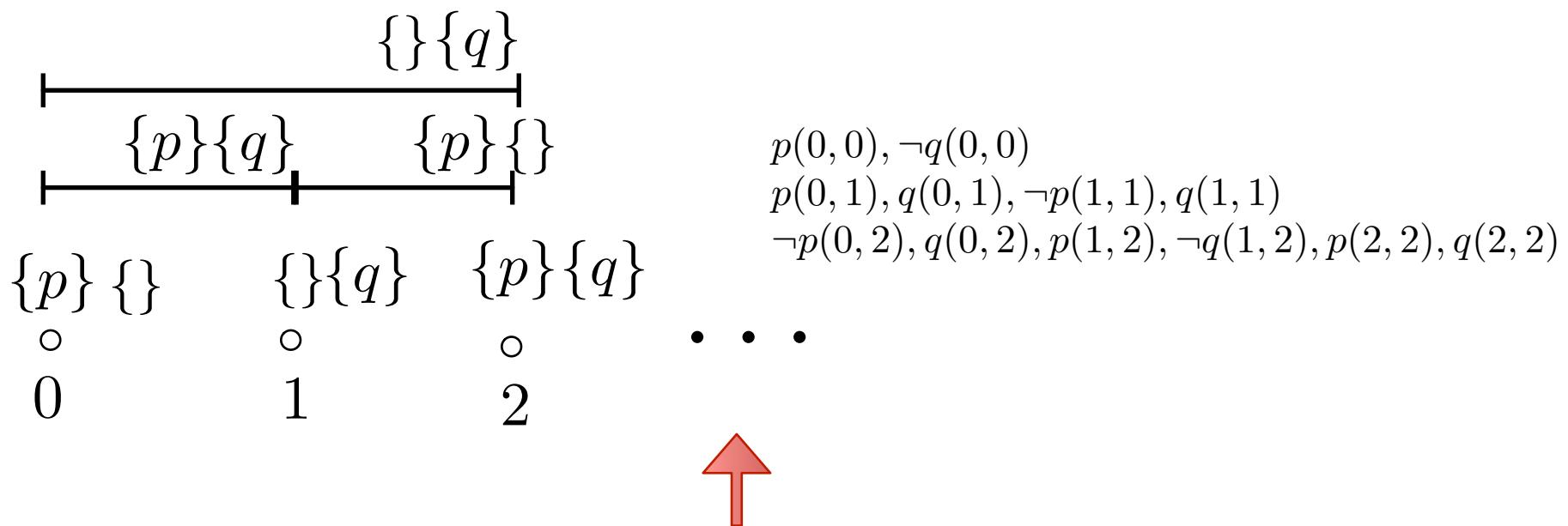


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A t -system-move is a function $\{0 \dots t\} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{P}_S}$.

A t -environment-move is a function $\{0 \dots t\} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{P}_E}$.

A system-strategy-tree is an infinite tree where:

- the root is empty;
- every node at level t is labelled with a $(t - 1)$ -system-move and has many successors as the possible t -environment moves;
- every edge departing from a node at level t is labelled with a t -environment-move and every pair of distinct edges departing from the same node feature different t -environment-moves.

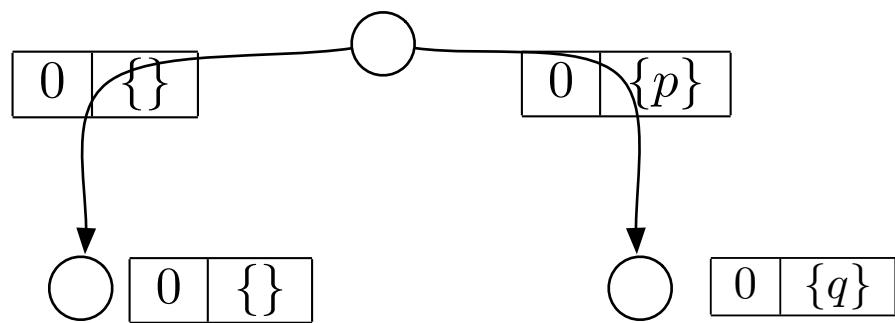
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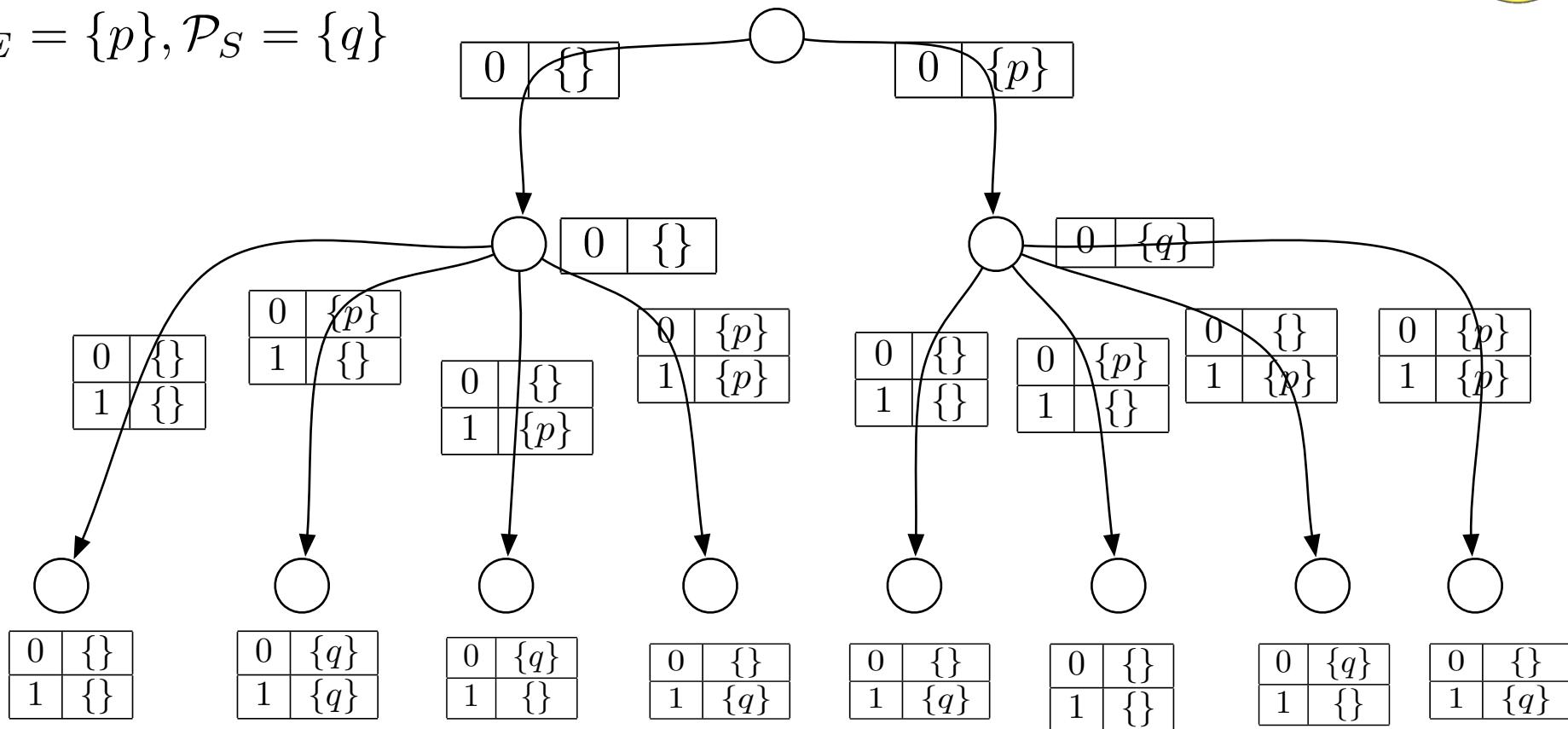
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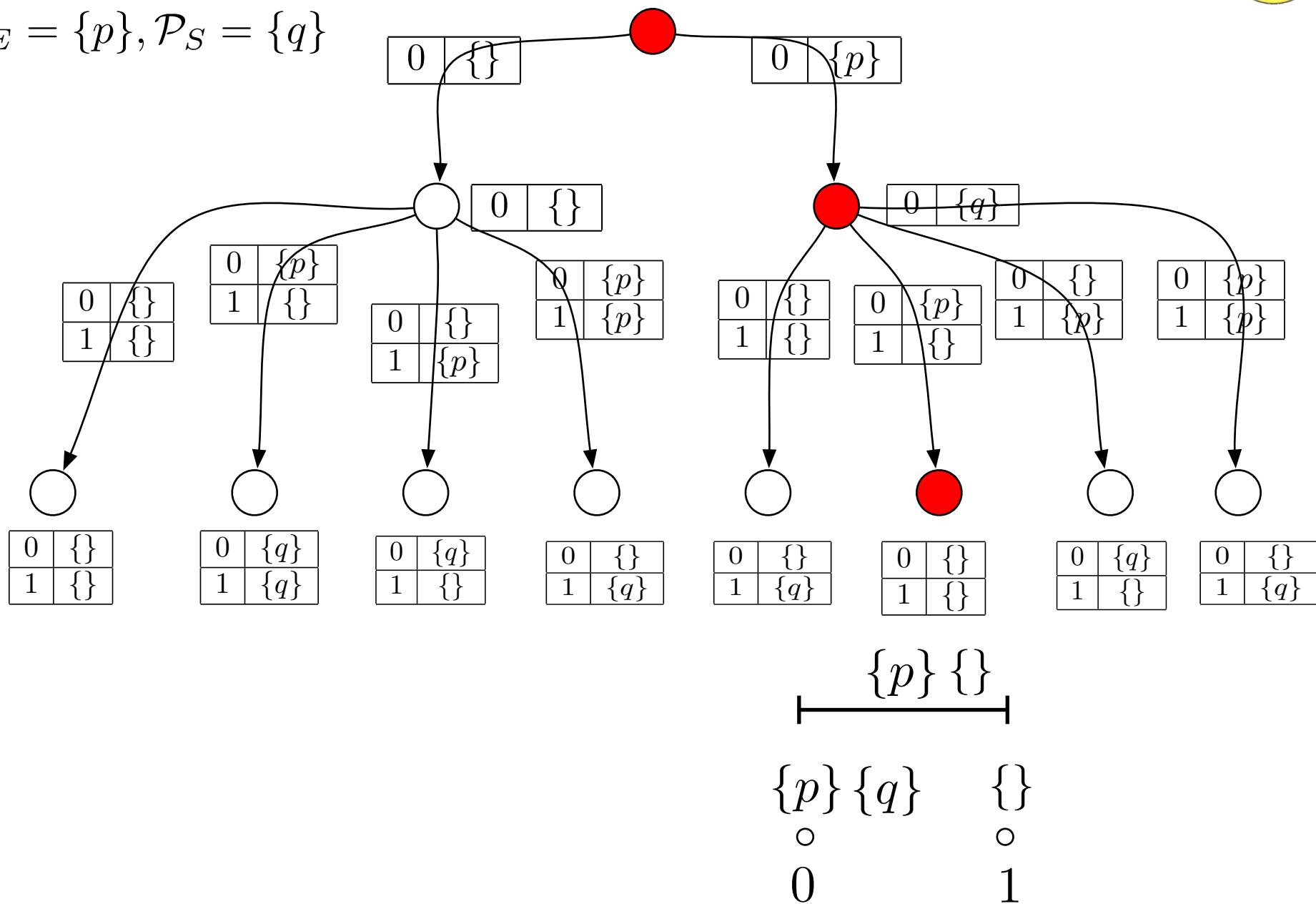
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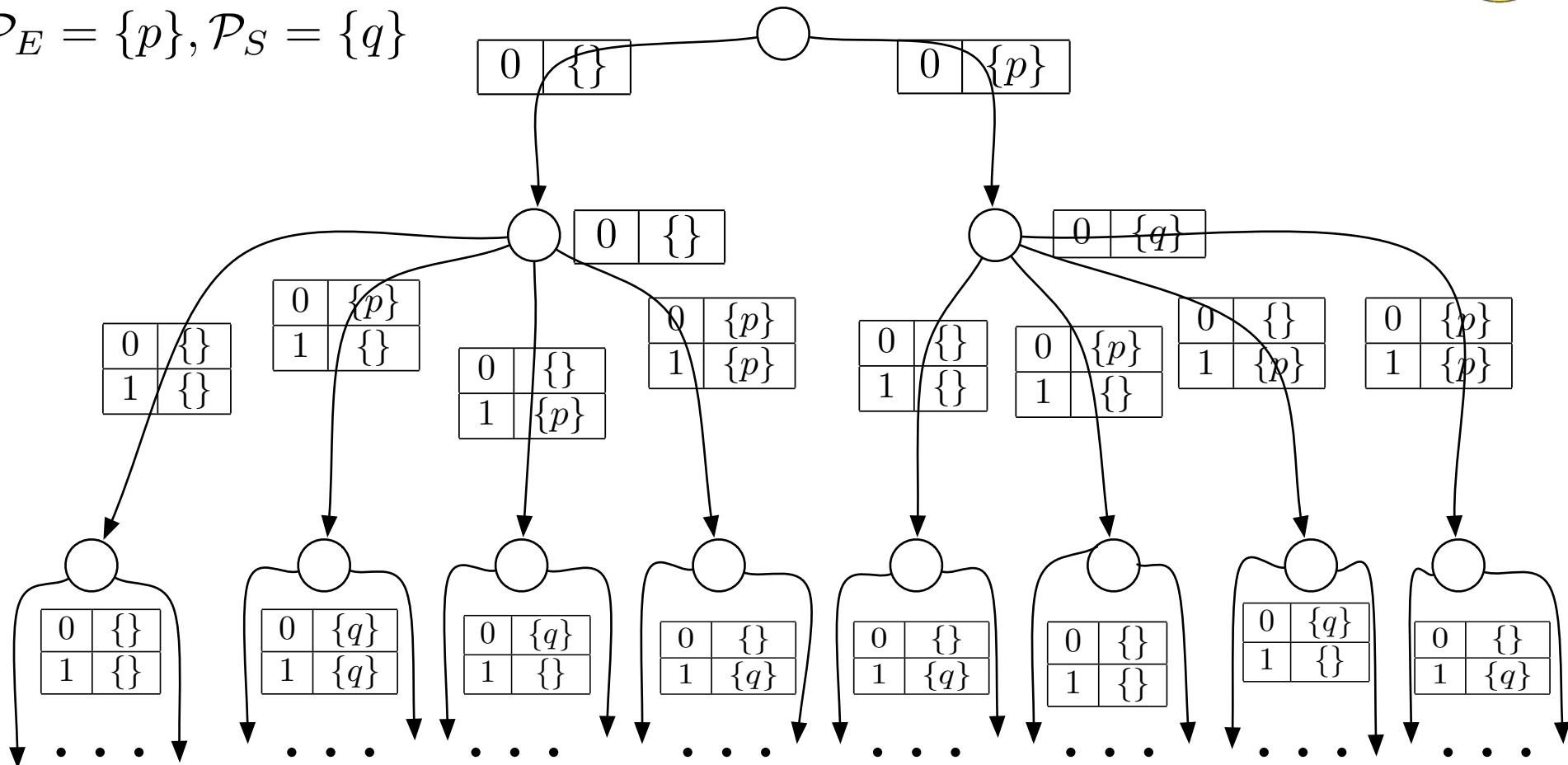


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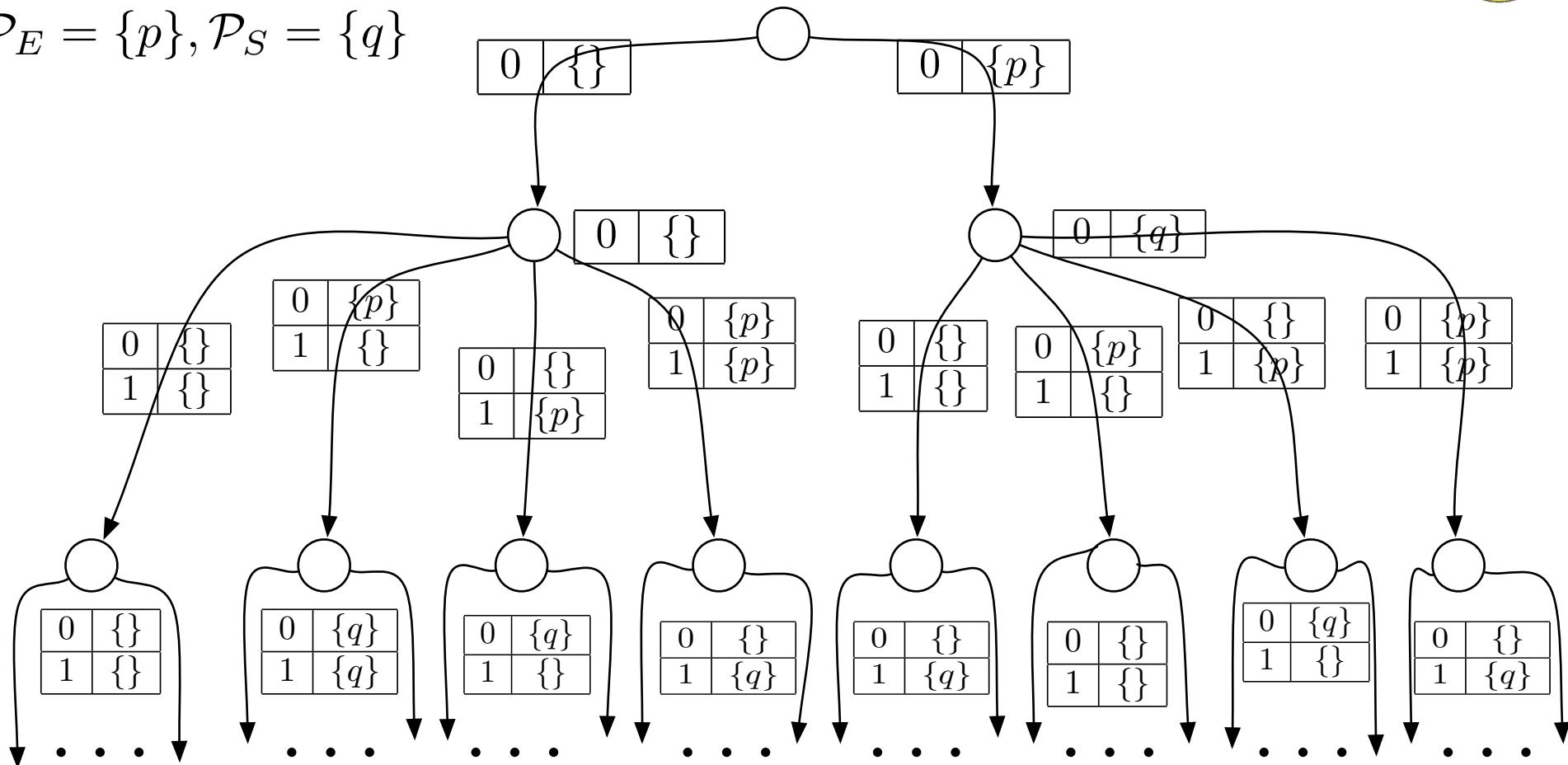


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Every infinite path represents a play.

If for every infinite path P the model induced by P is a model for φ then the tree is a winning strategy for the System.

$(\varphi, \mathcal{P}_E, \mathcal{P}_S)$ is a positive instance of the synthesis problem if and only if there exists a winning strategy for it.

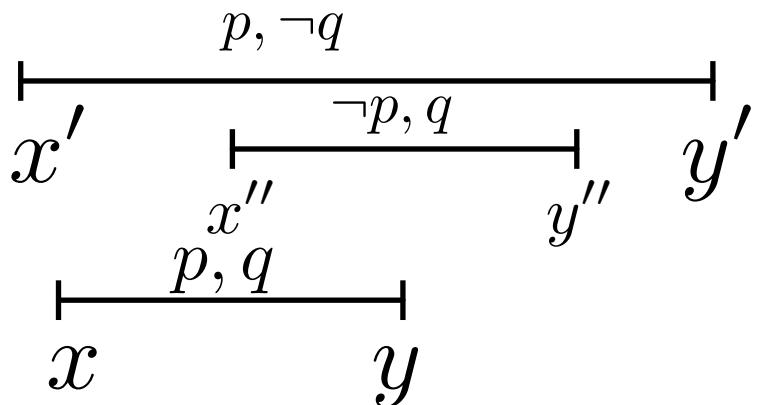
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V}([x, y]) &= \{p, q\} \\ \mathcal{V}([x', y']) &= \{p\} \\ \mathcal{V}([x'', y'']) &= \{q\} \end{aligned}$$



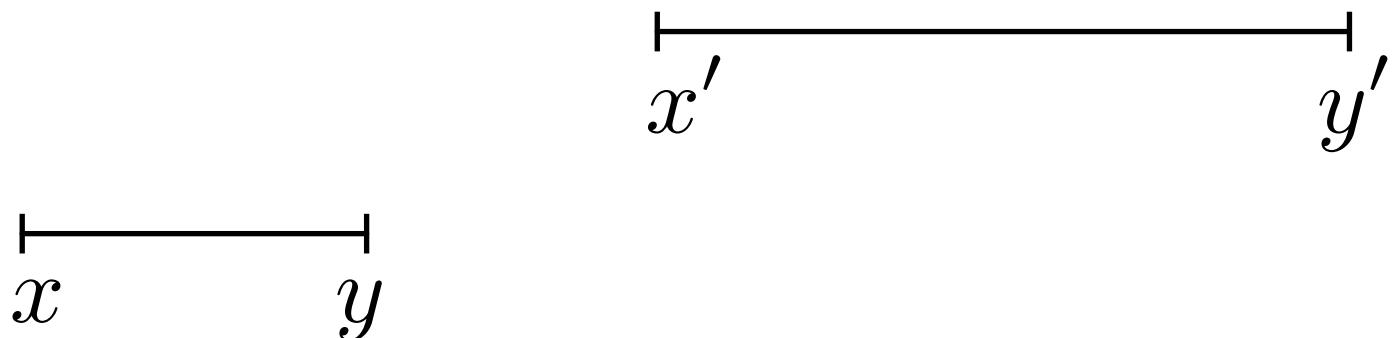
$$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbb{N}, \mathcal{V}), \mathcal{V} : \{[x, y] : x \leq y \in \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{P}}$$

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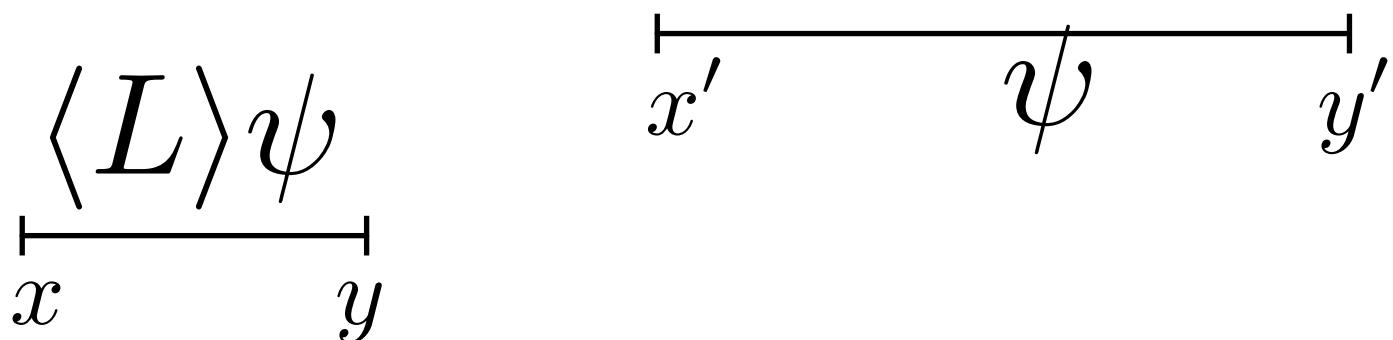
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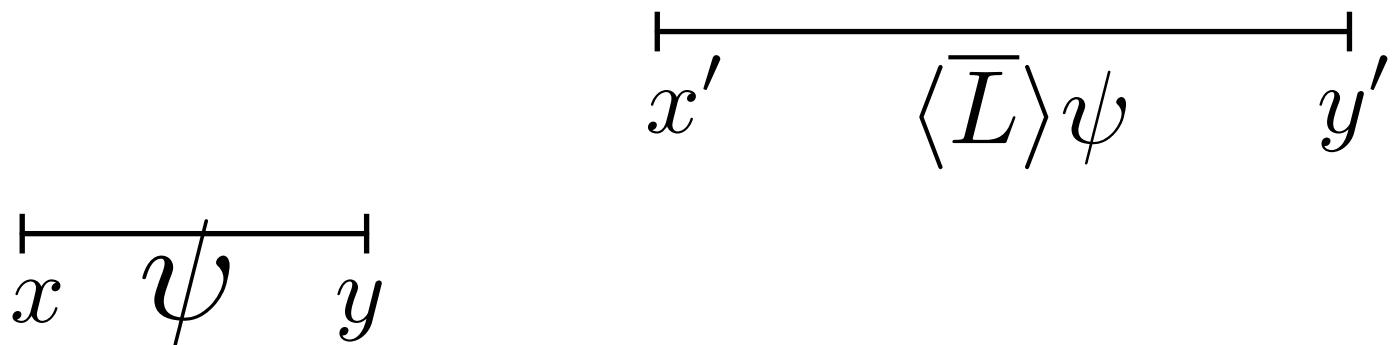
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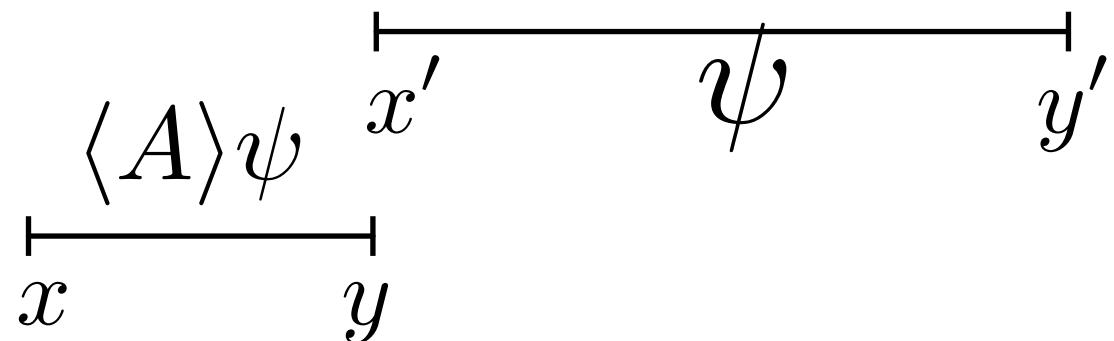


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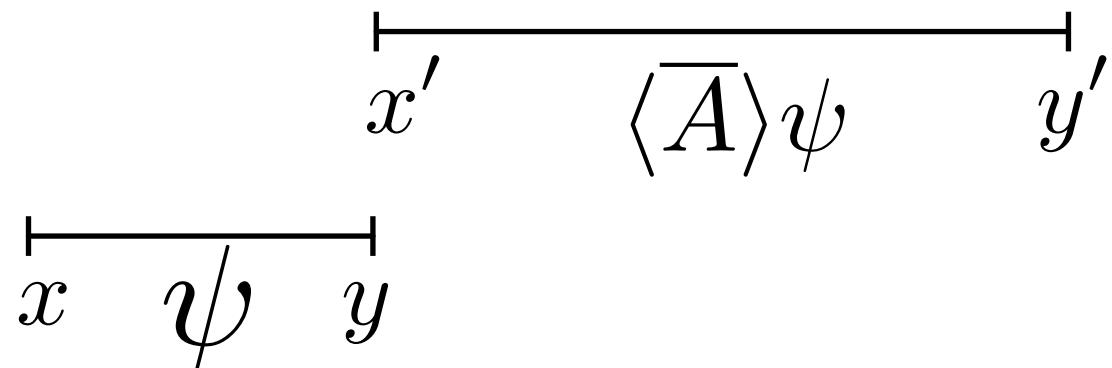
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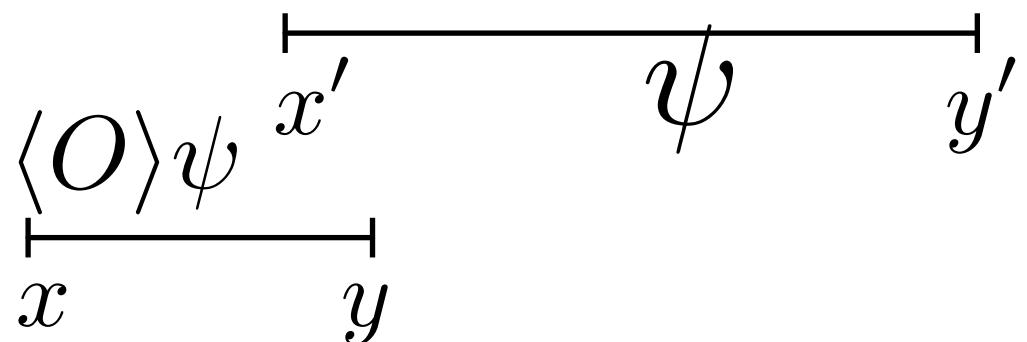
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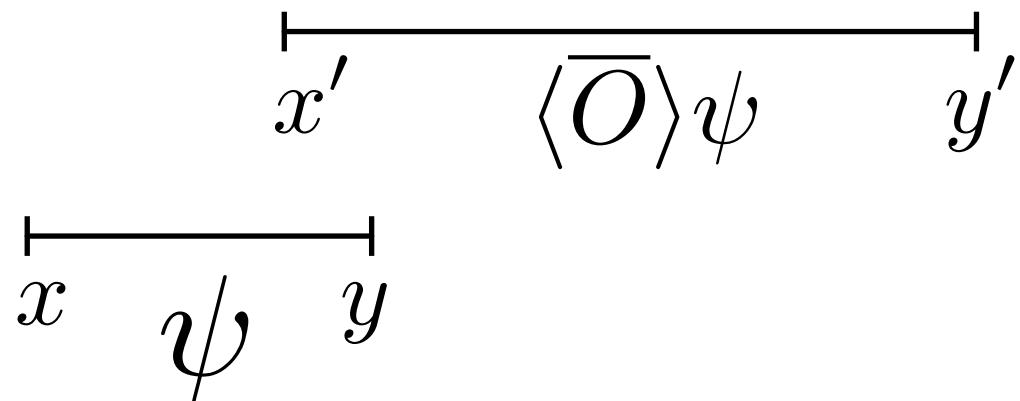




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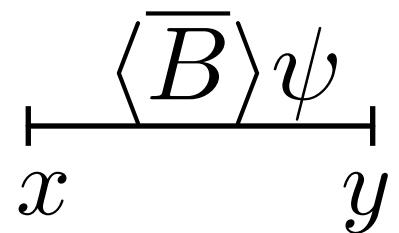
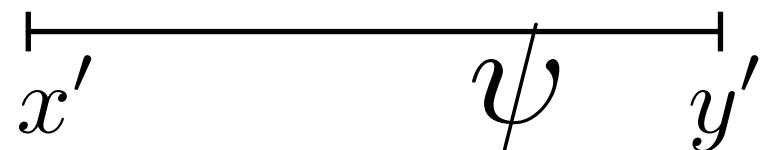
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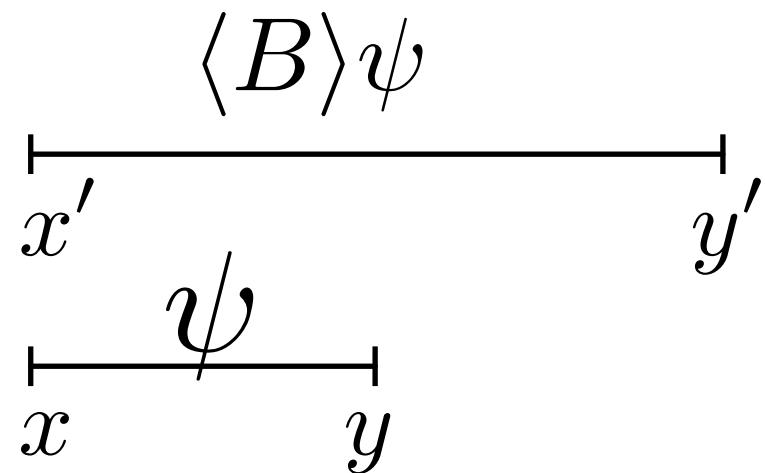
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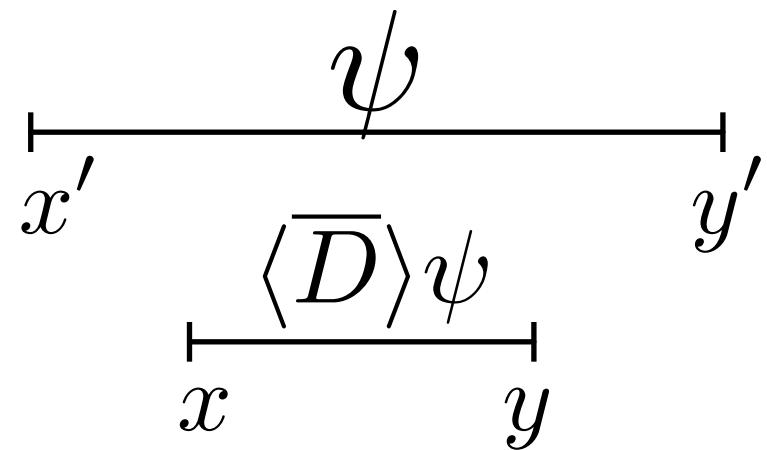
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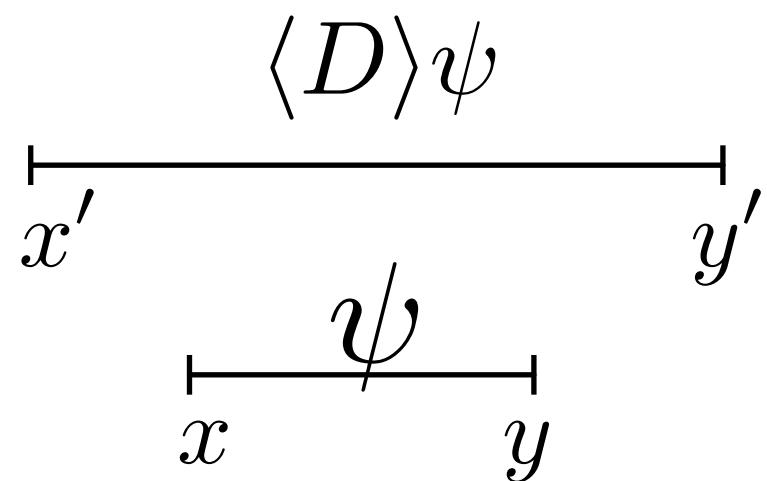
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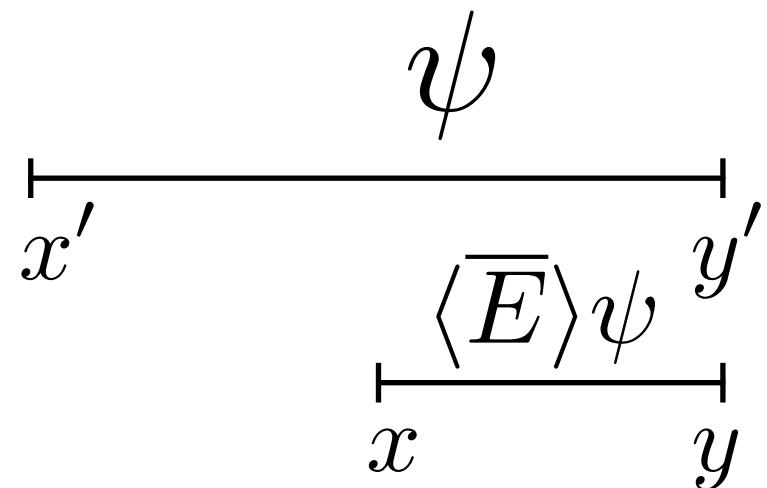
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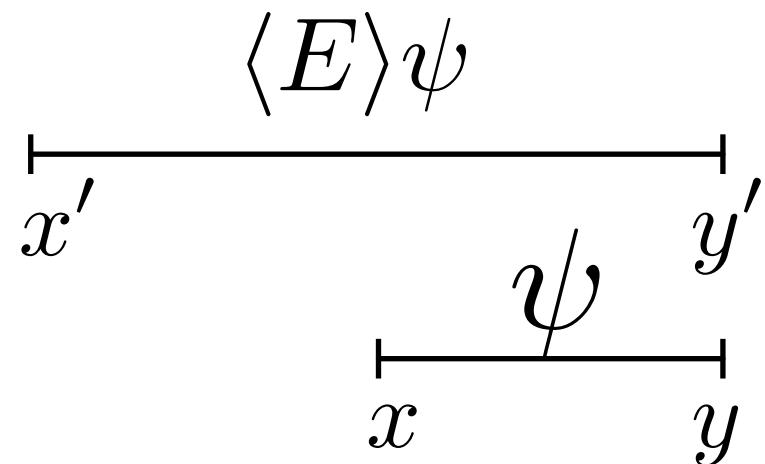
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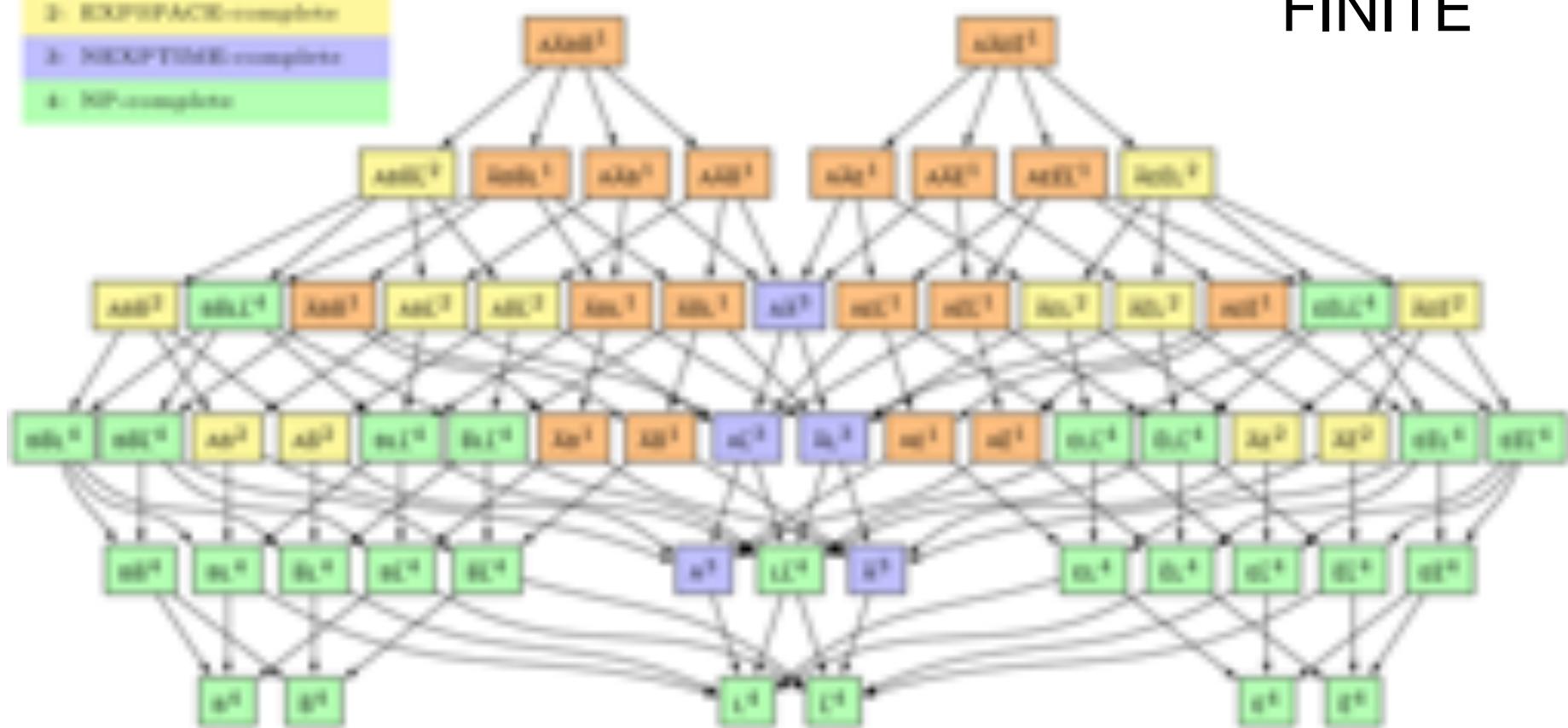
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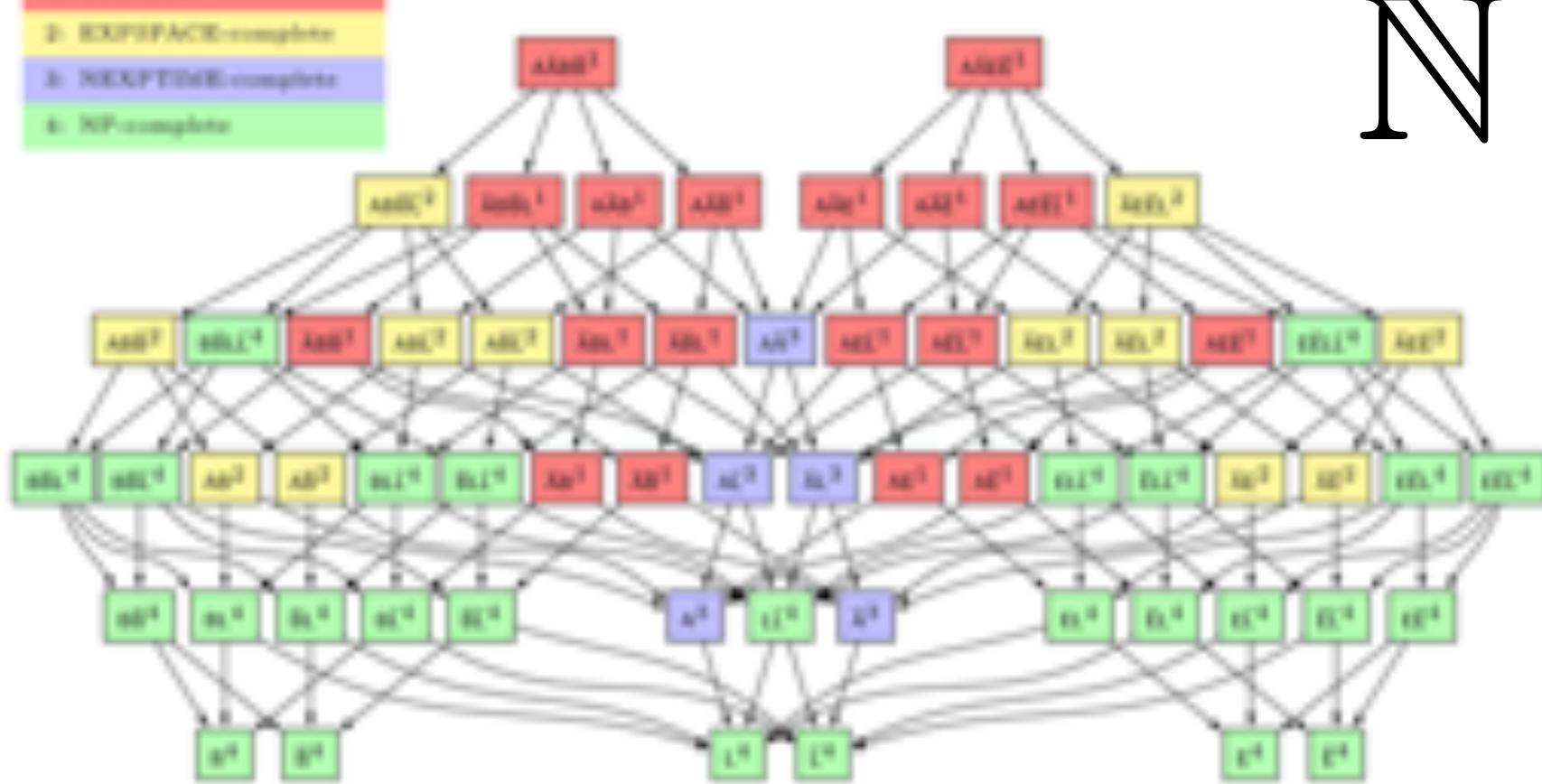
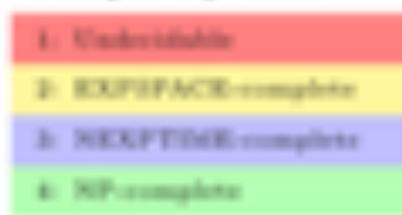
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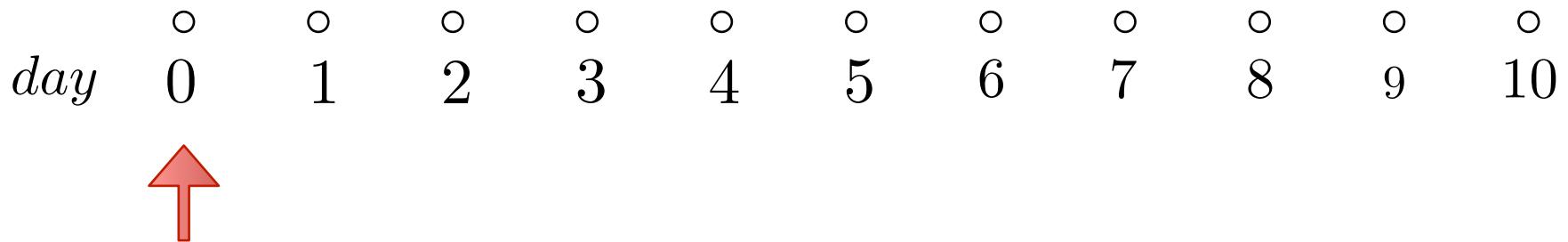
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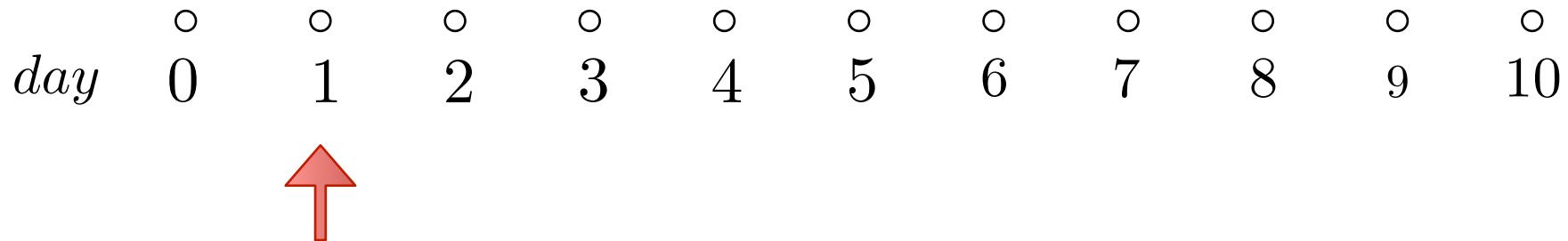
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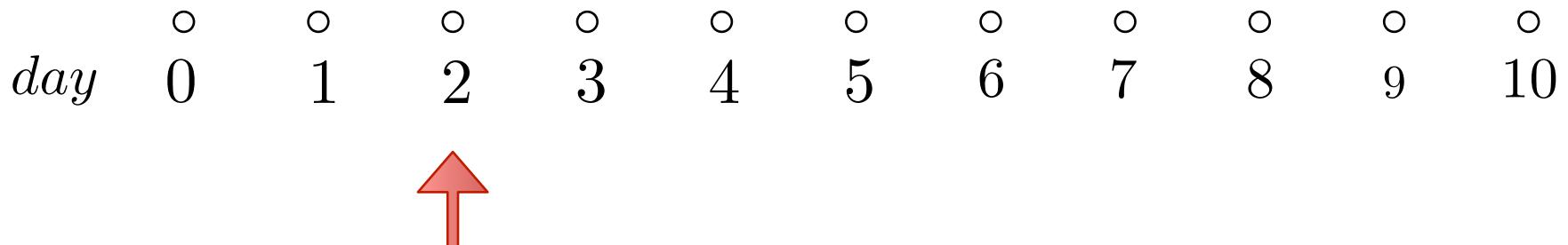
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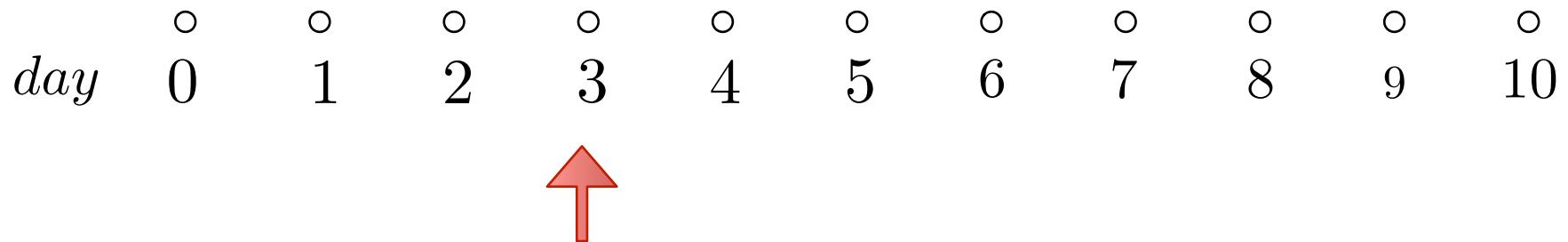
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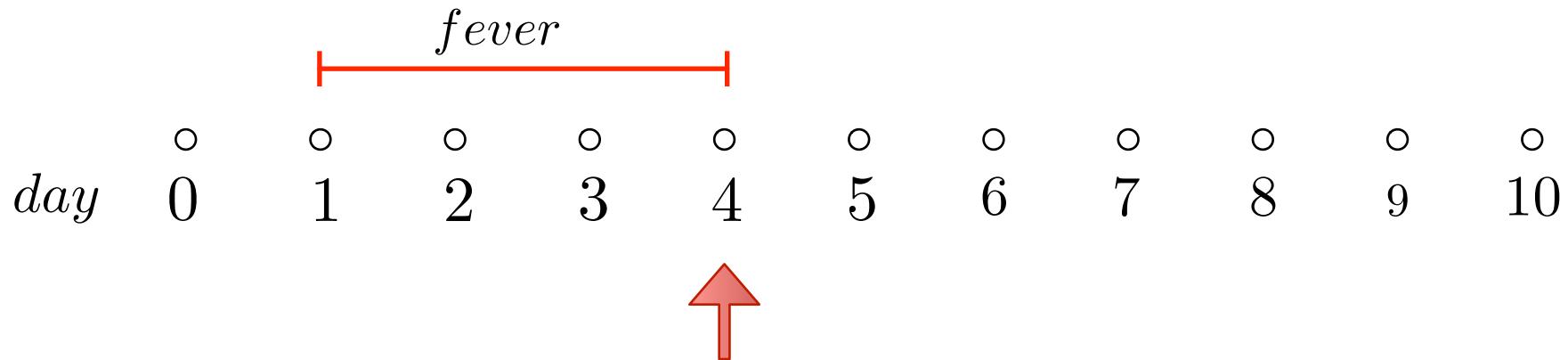
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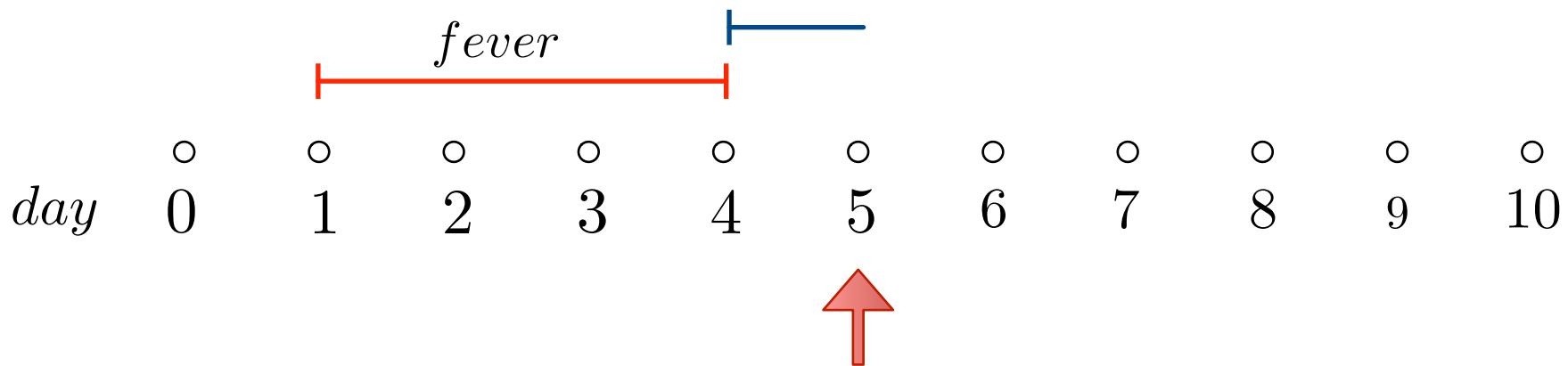
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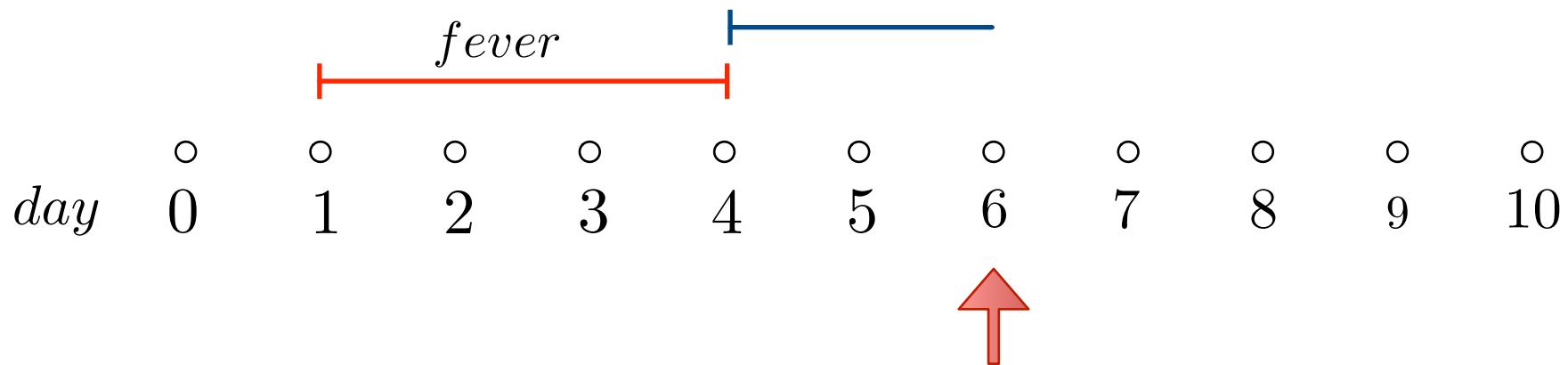
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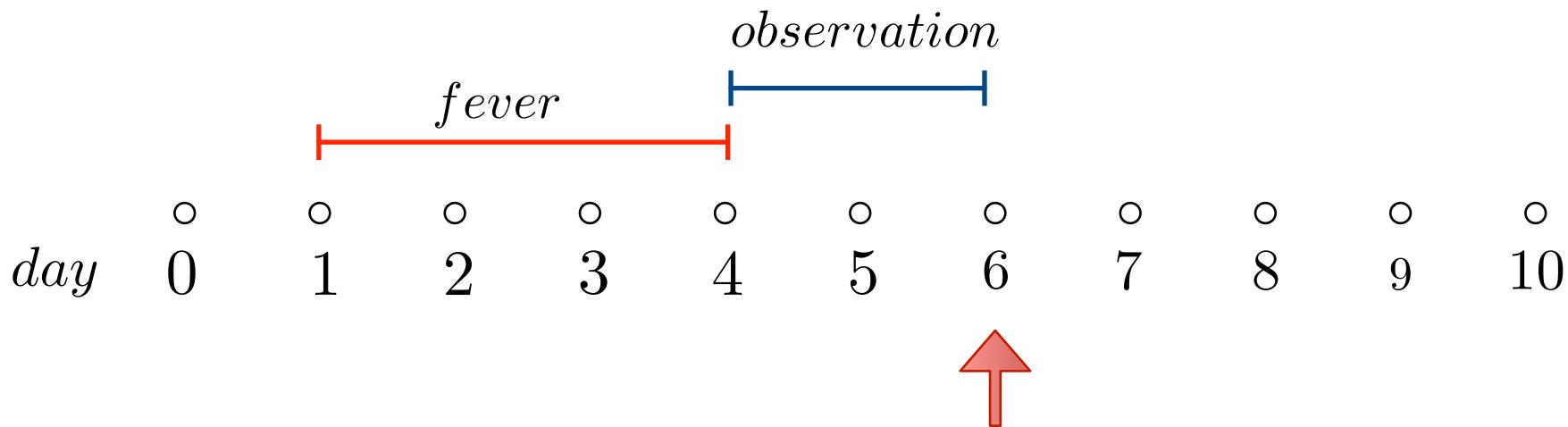
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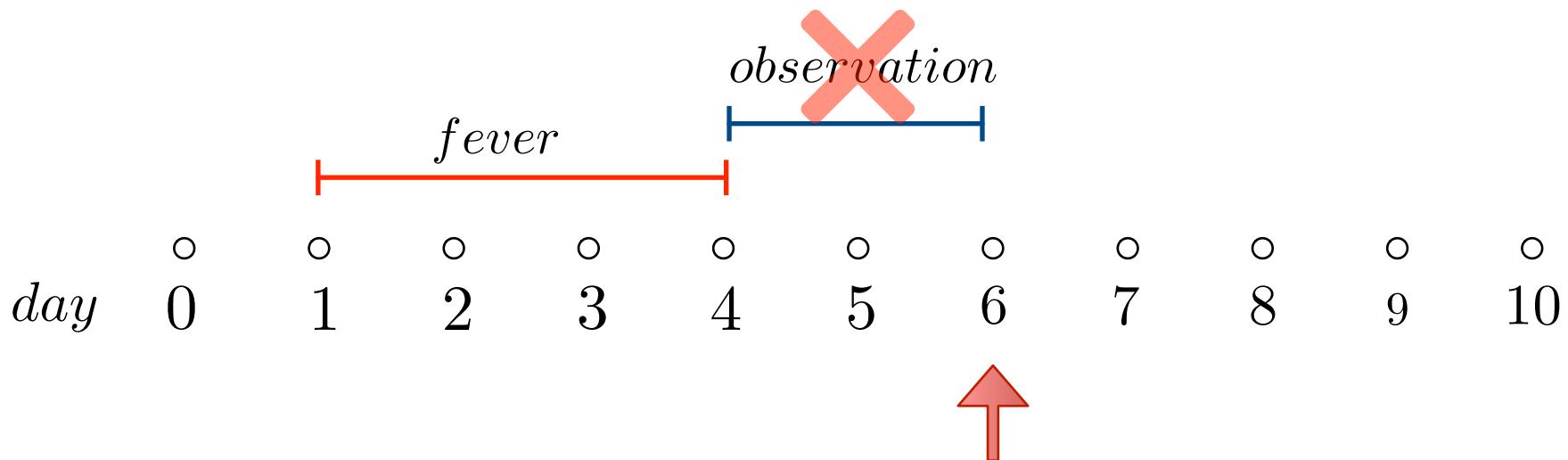
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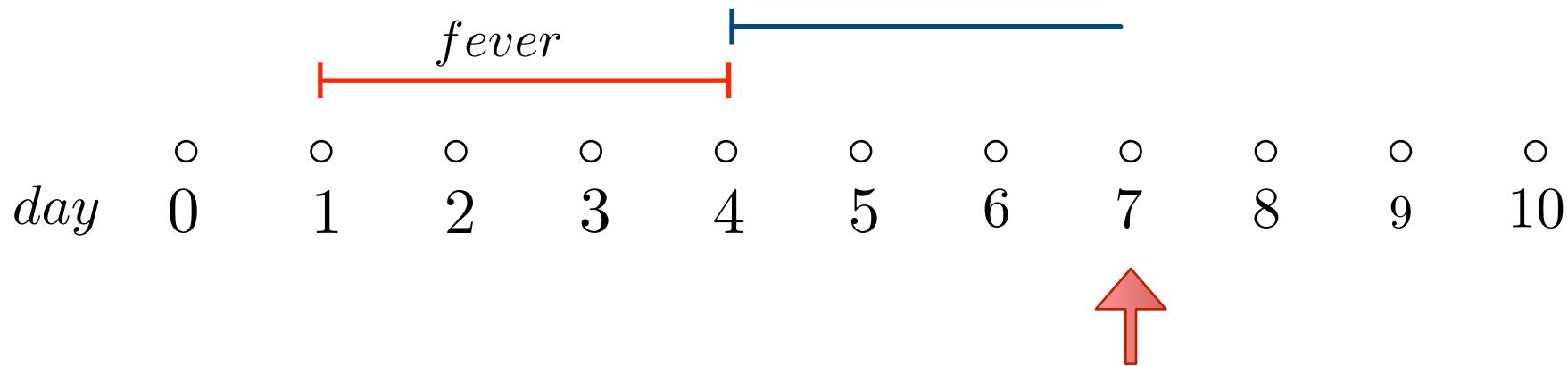
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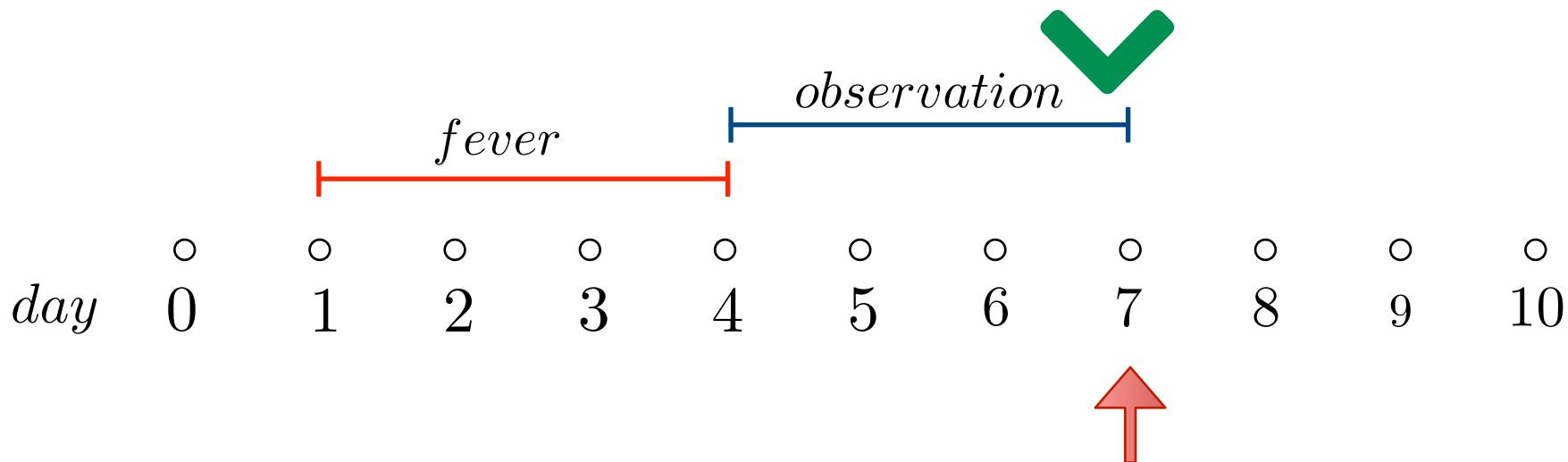
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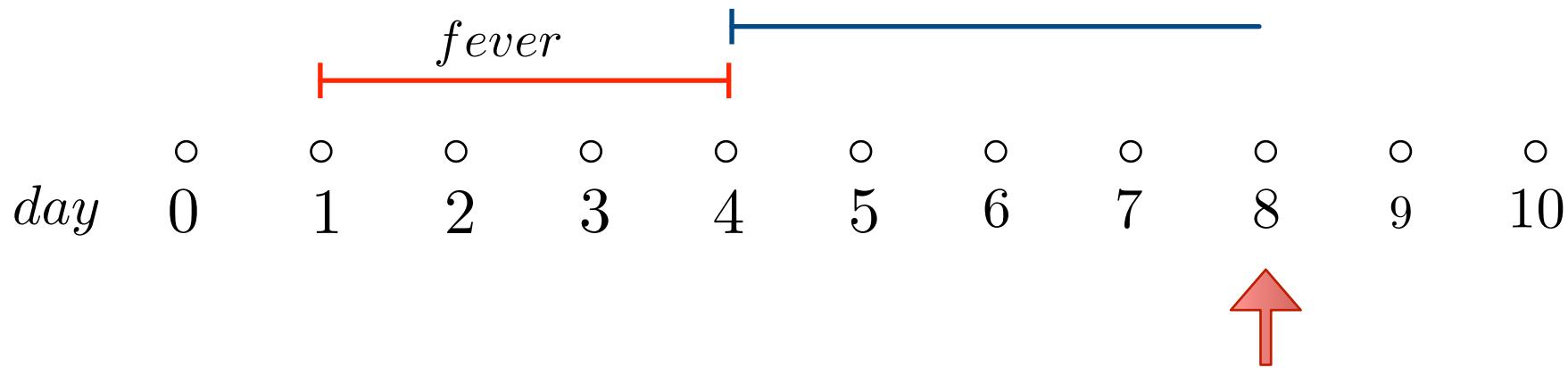
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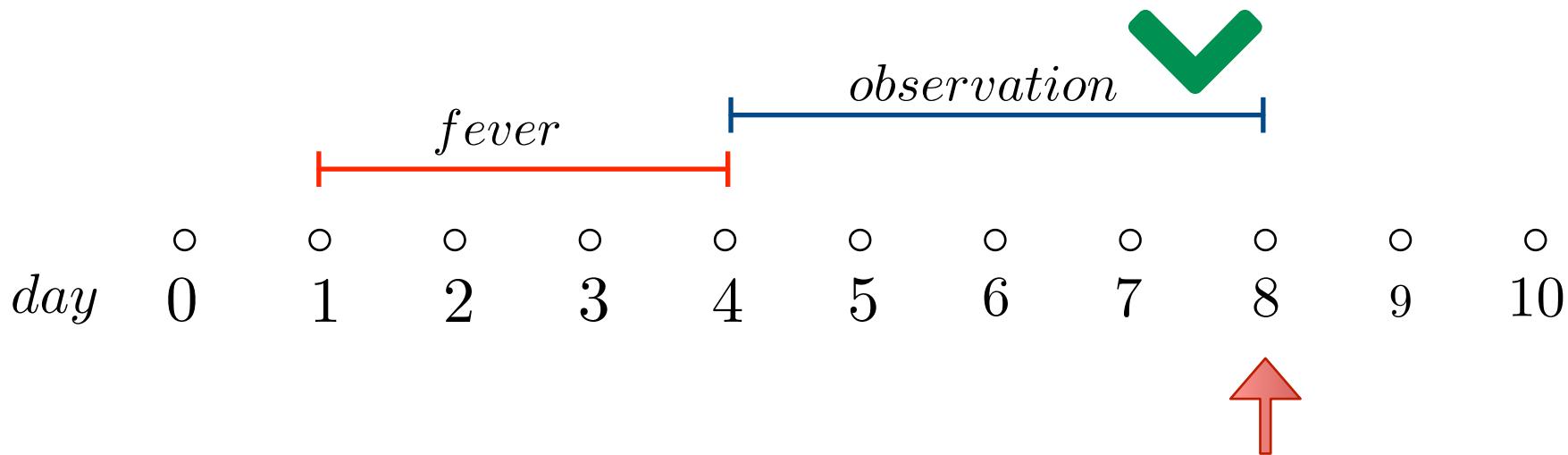
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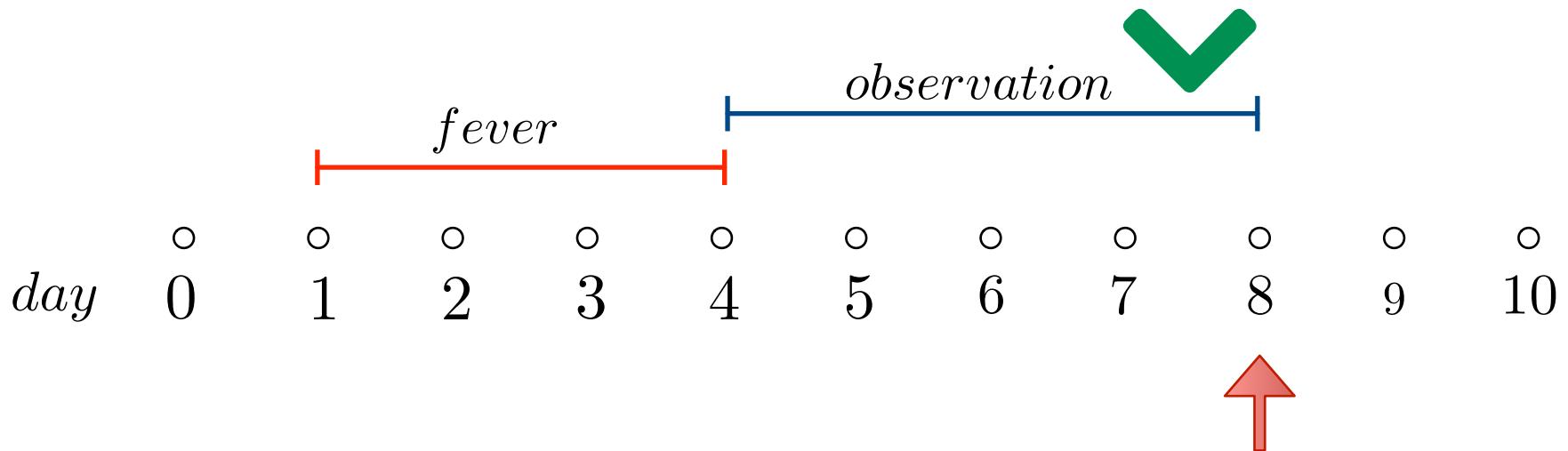
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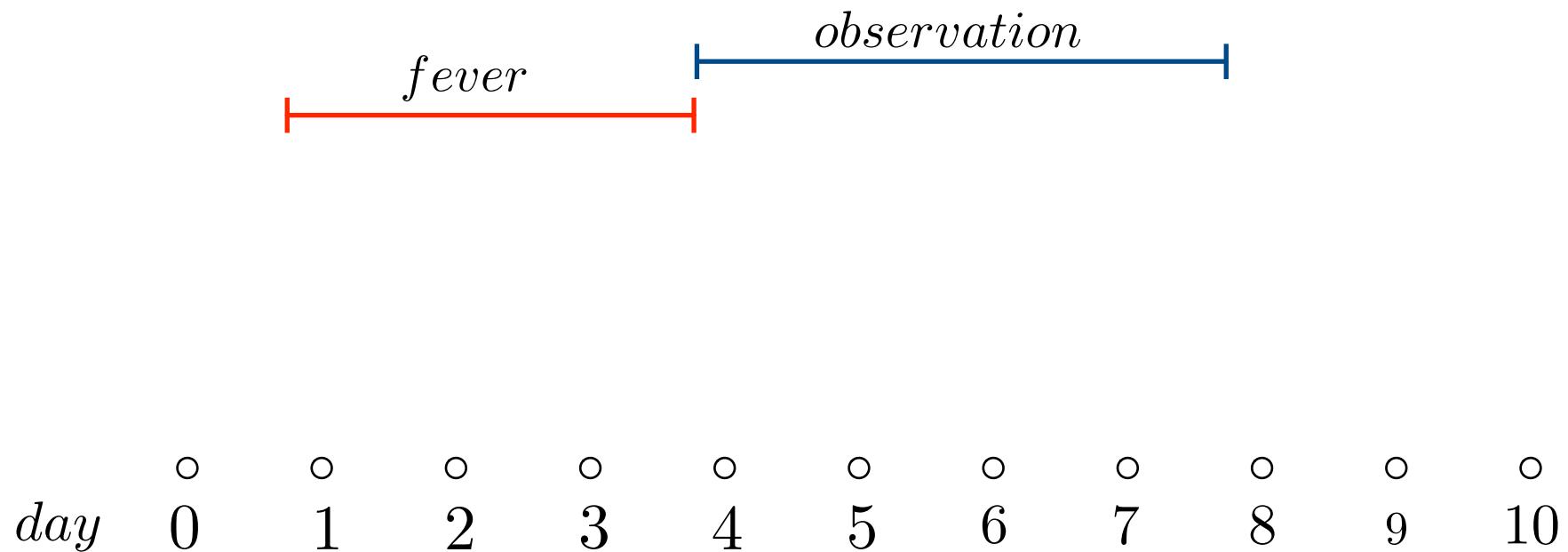
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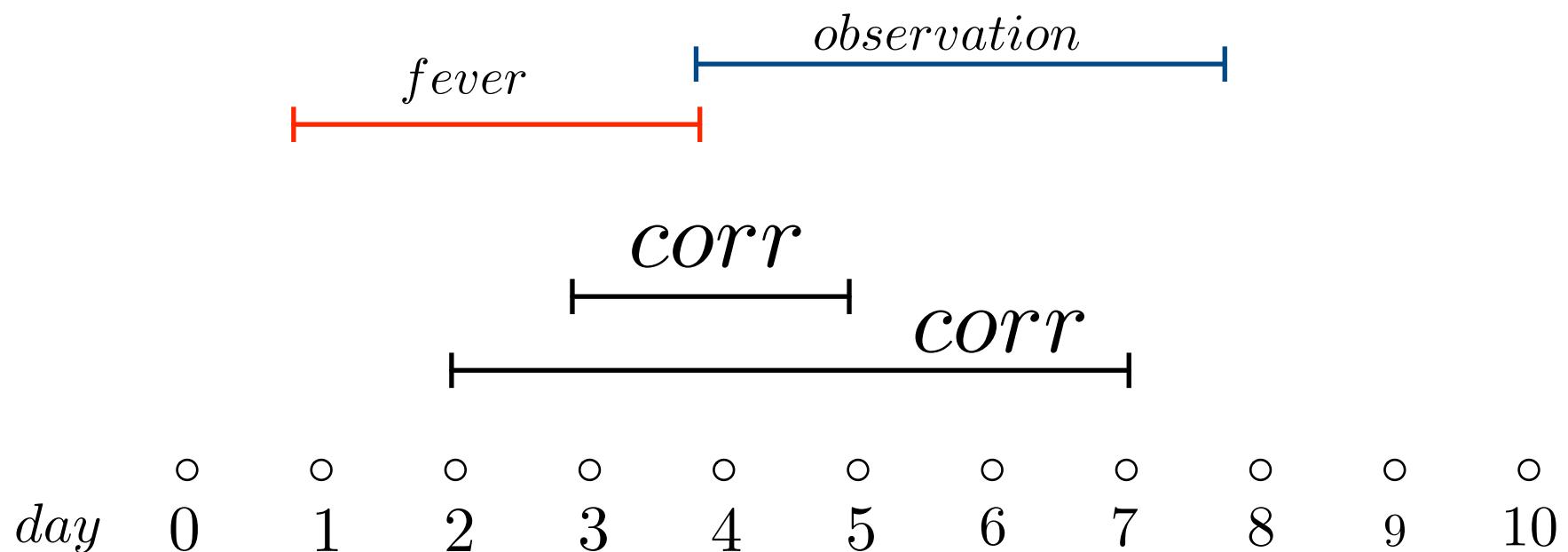


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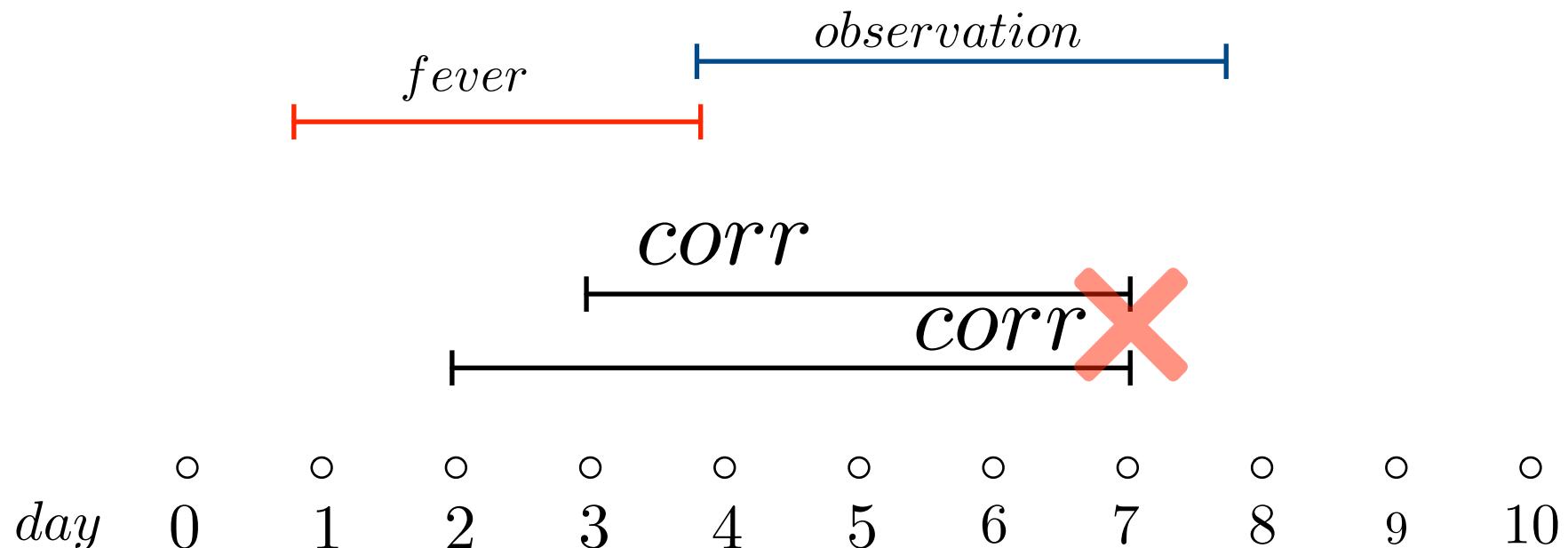
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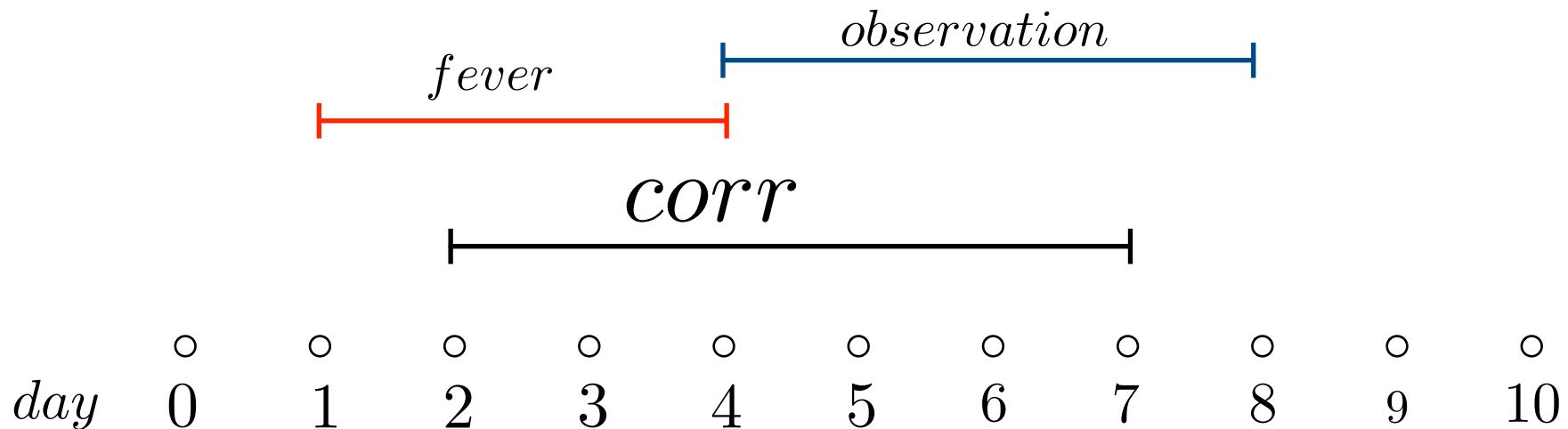
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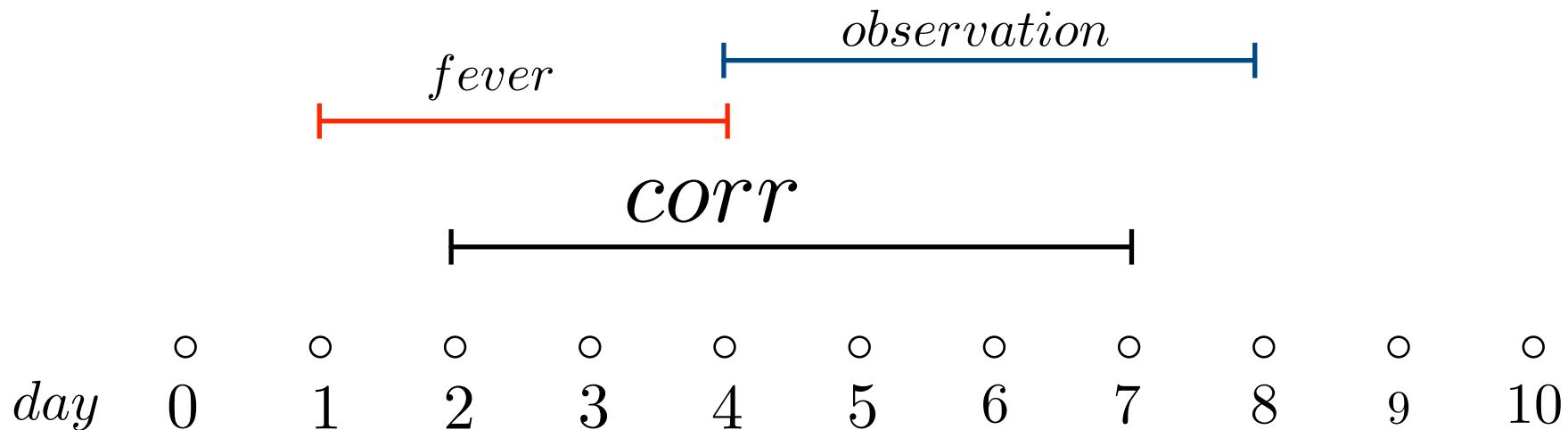
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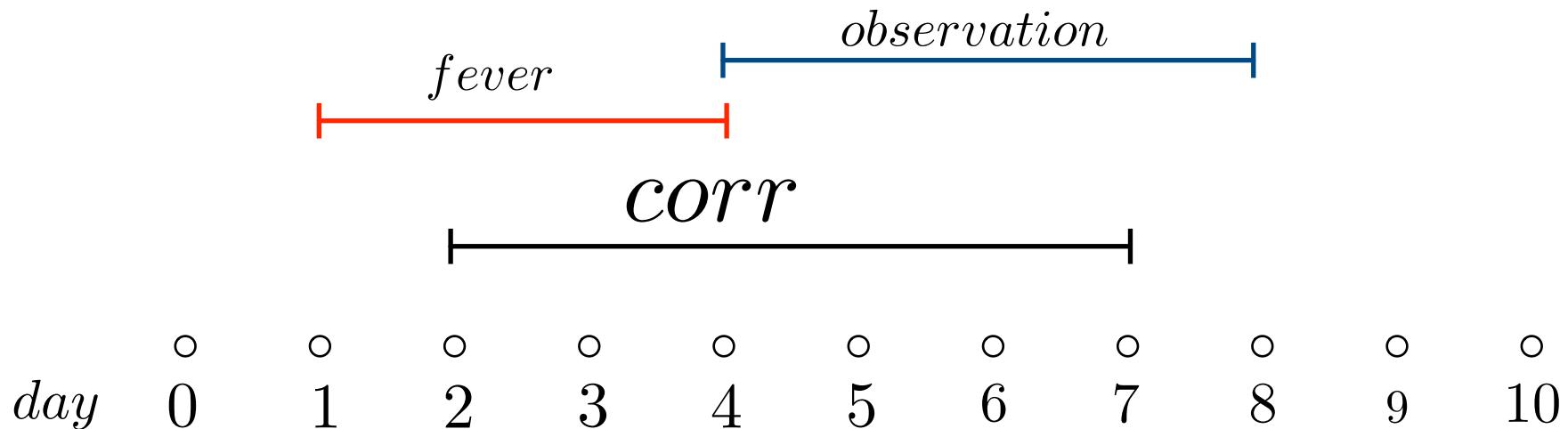
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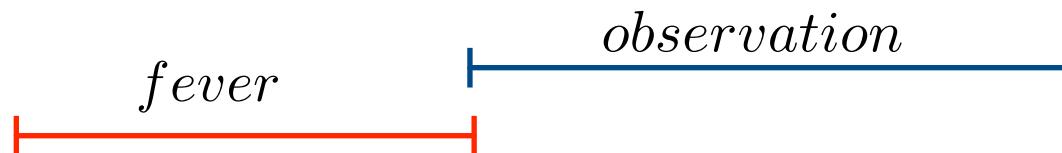
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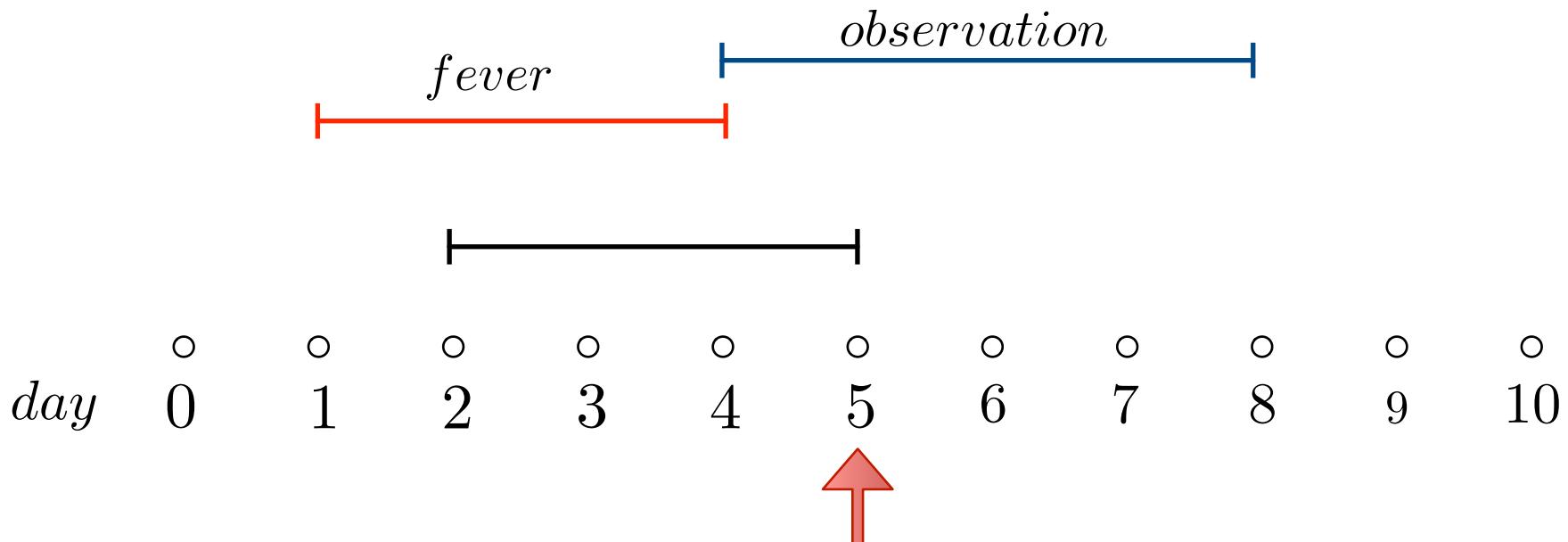


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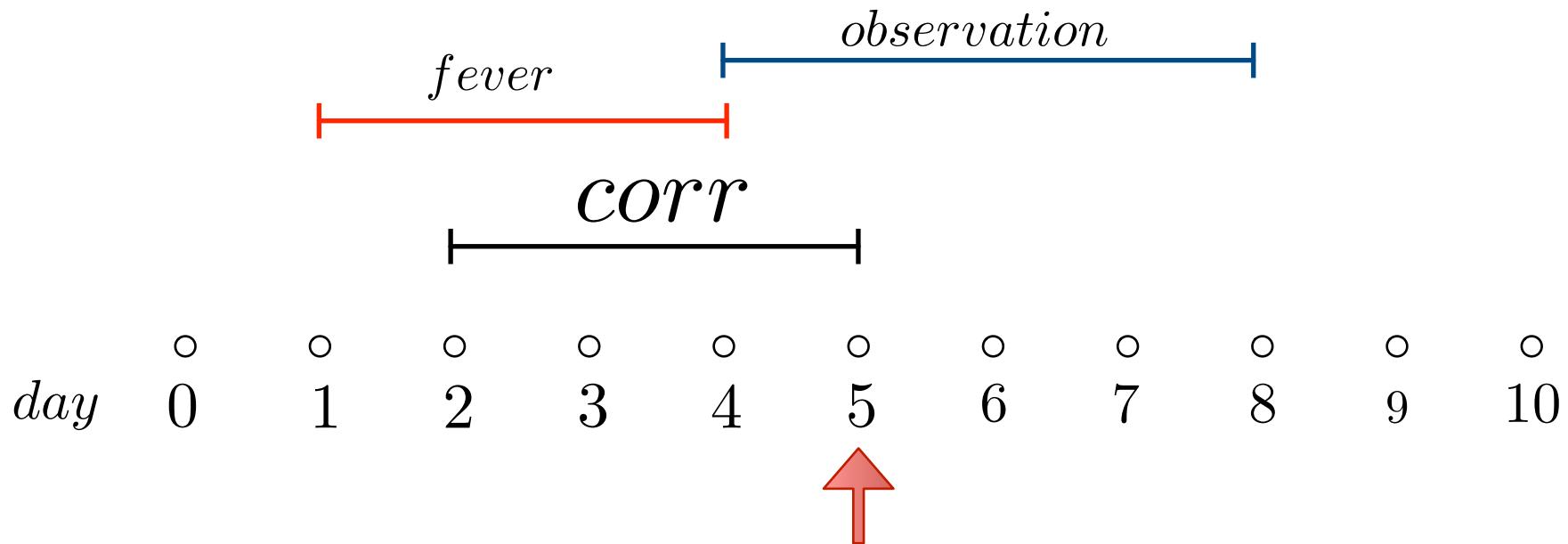


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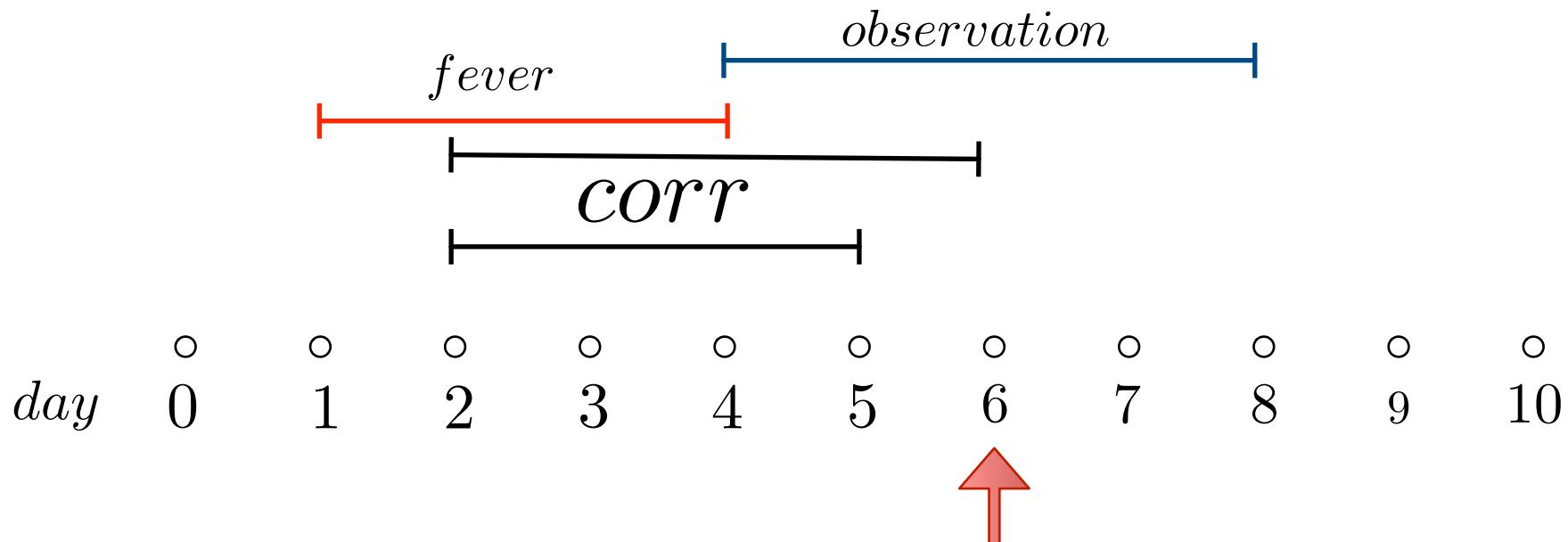


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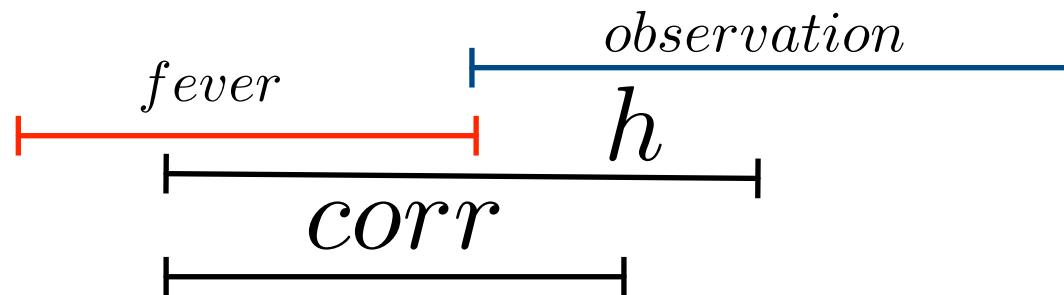


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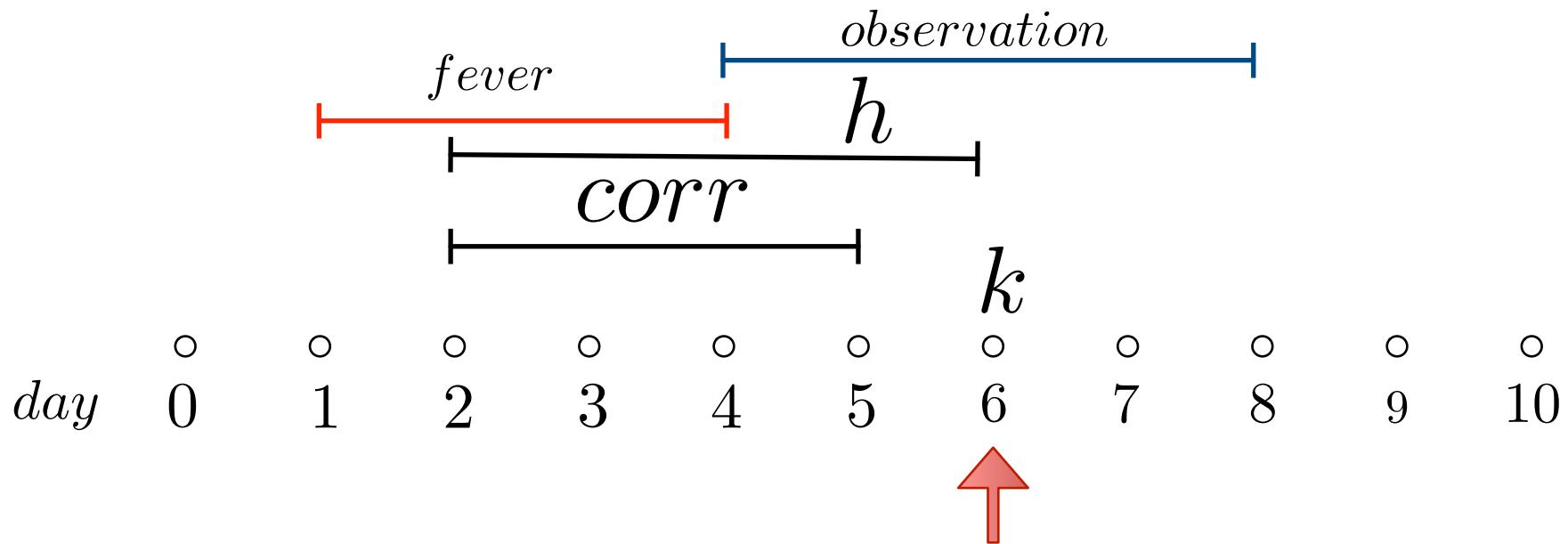


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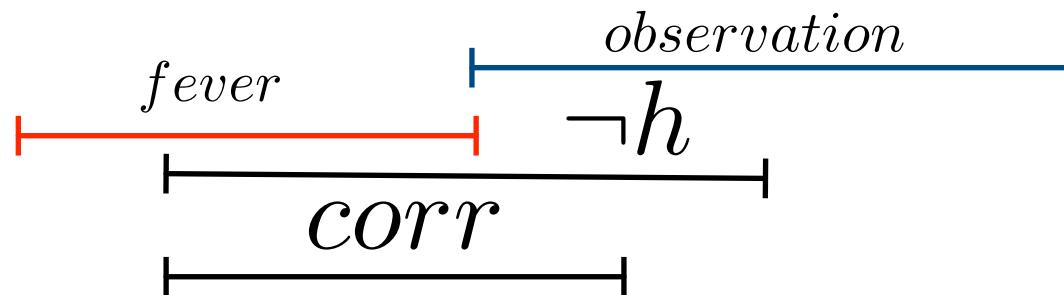


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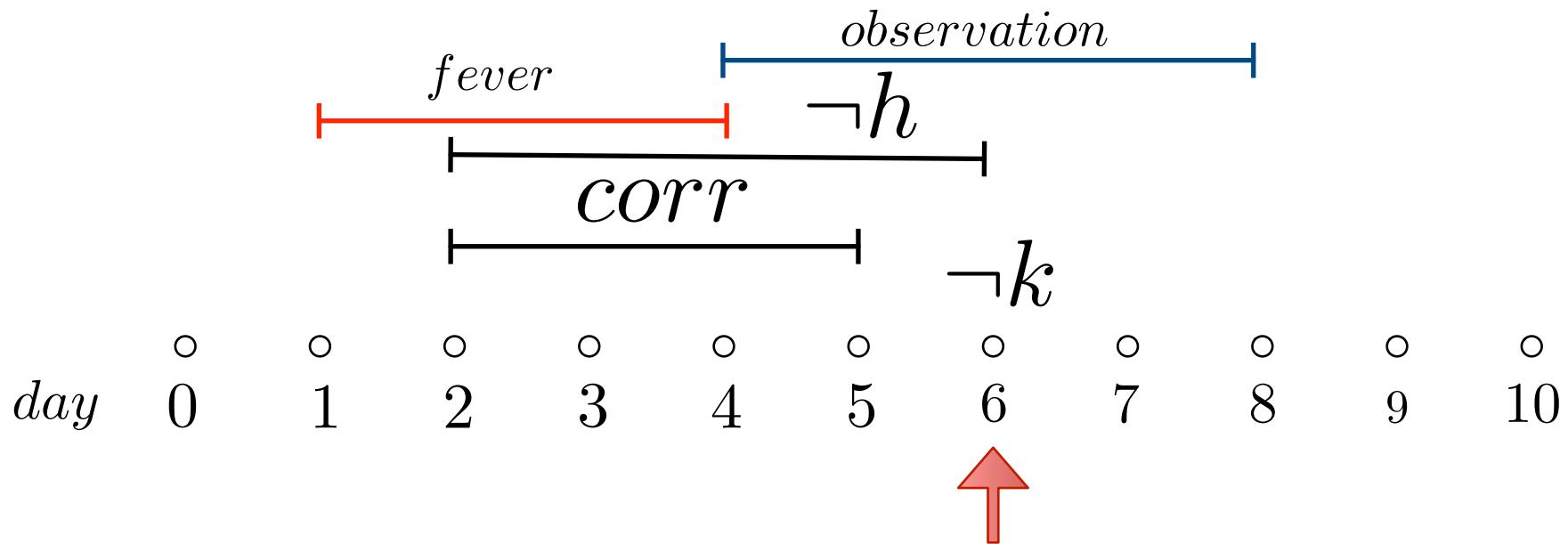


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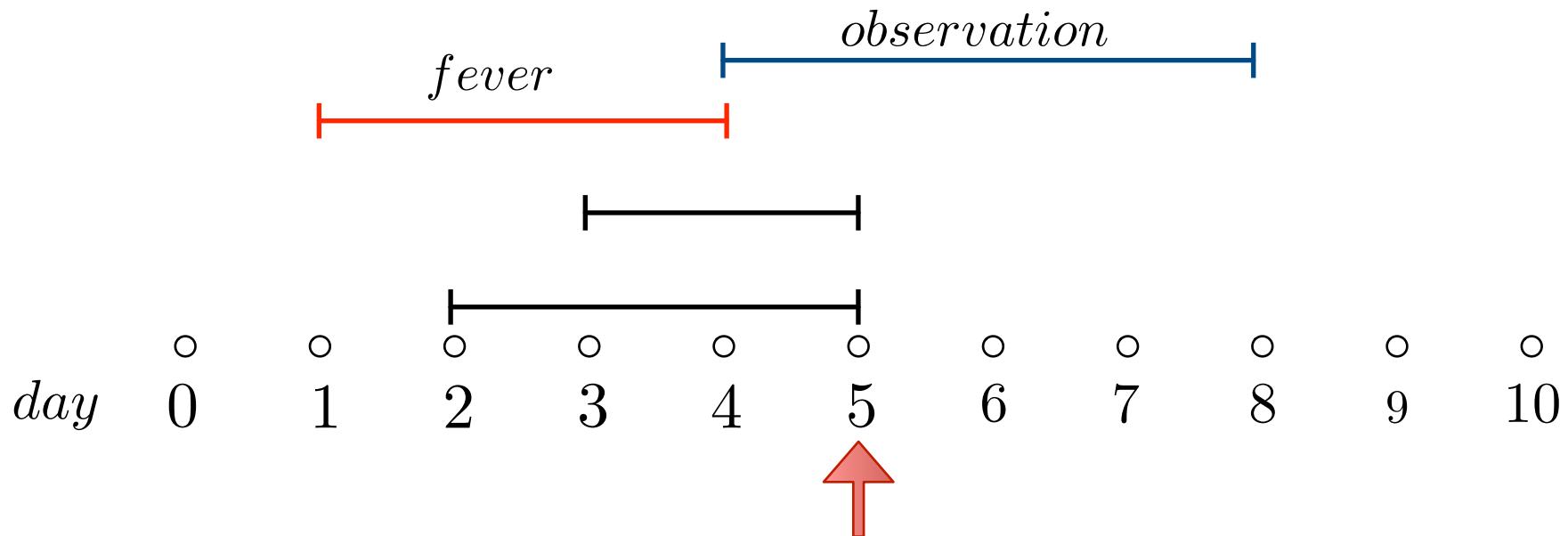


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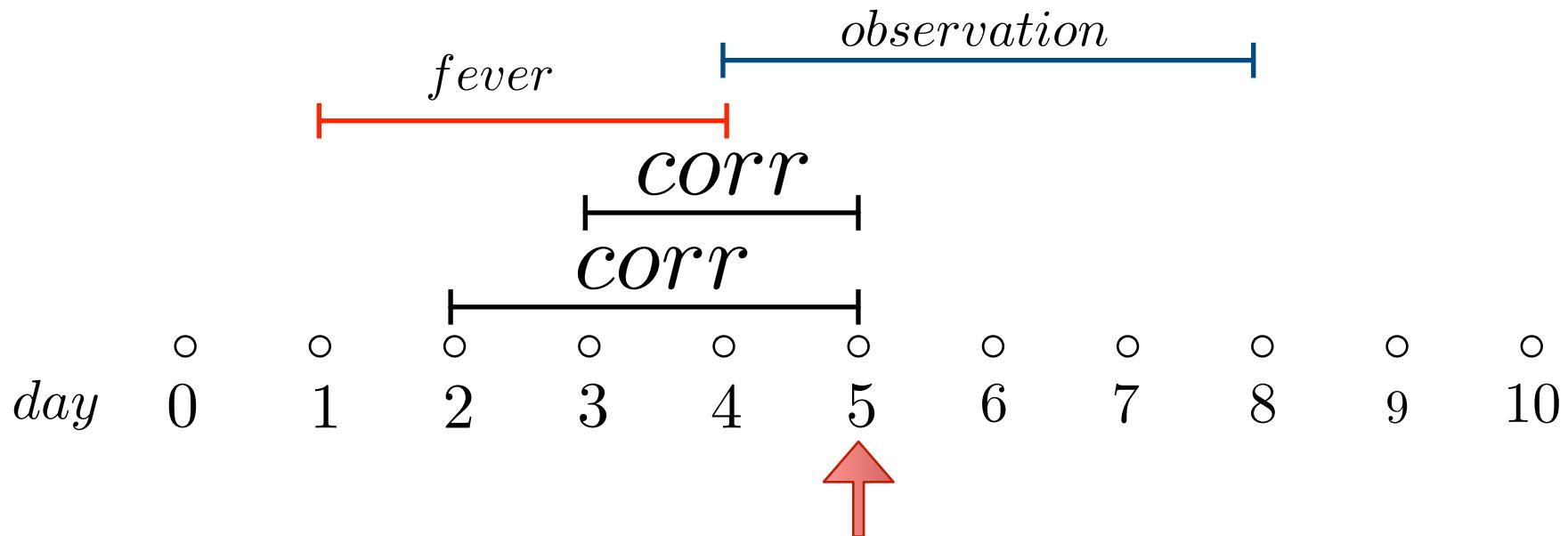


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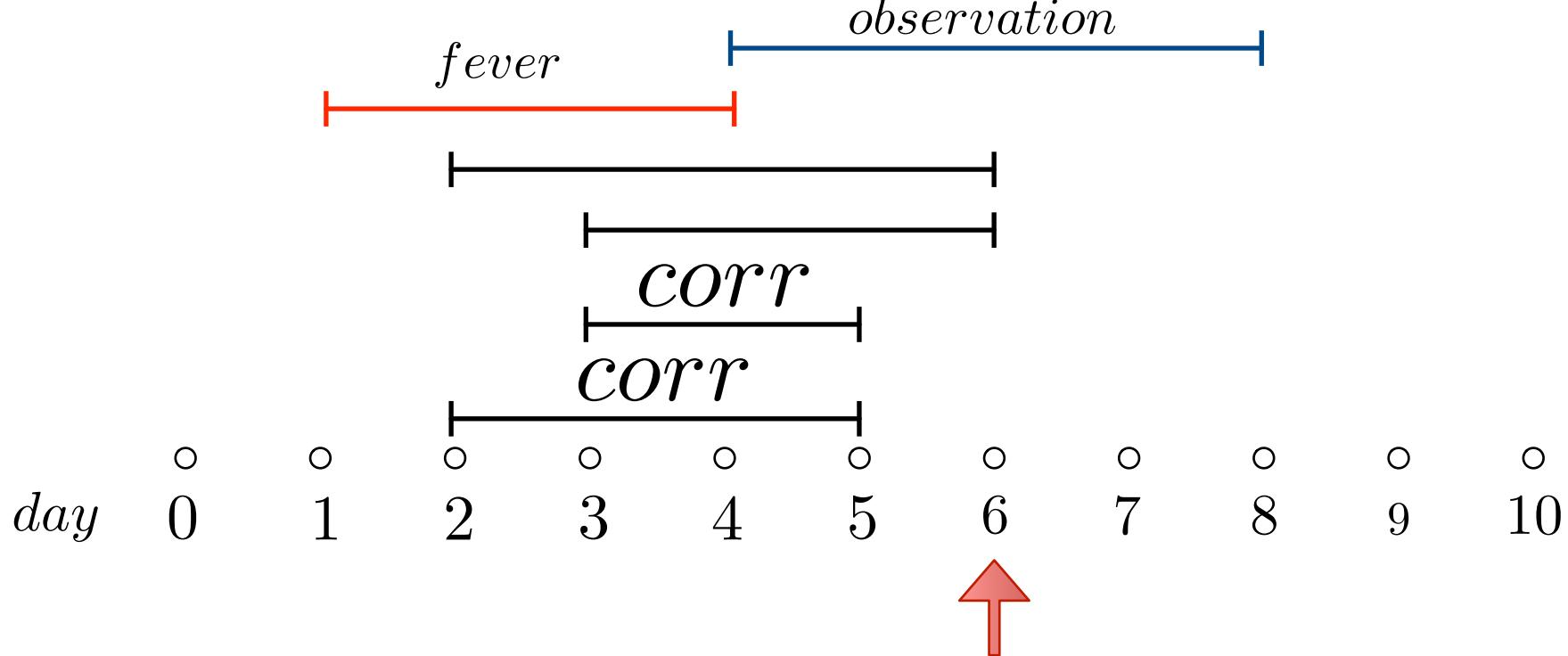


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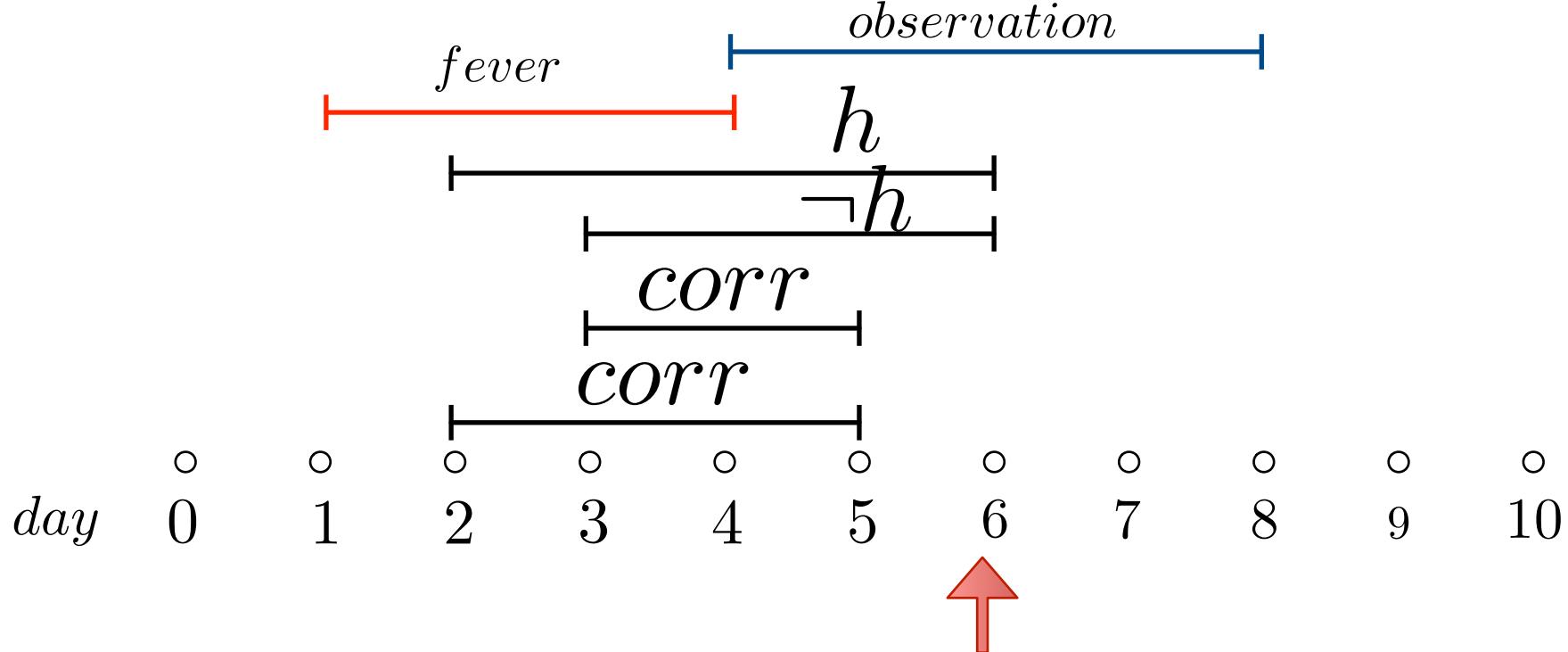


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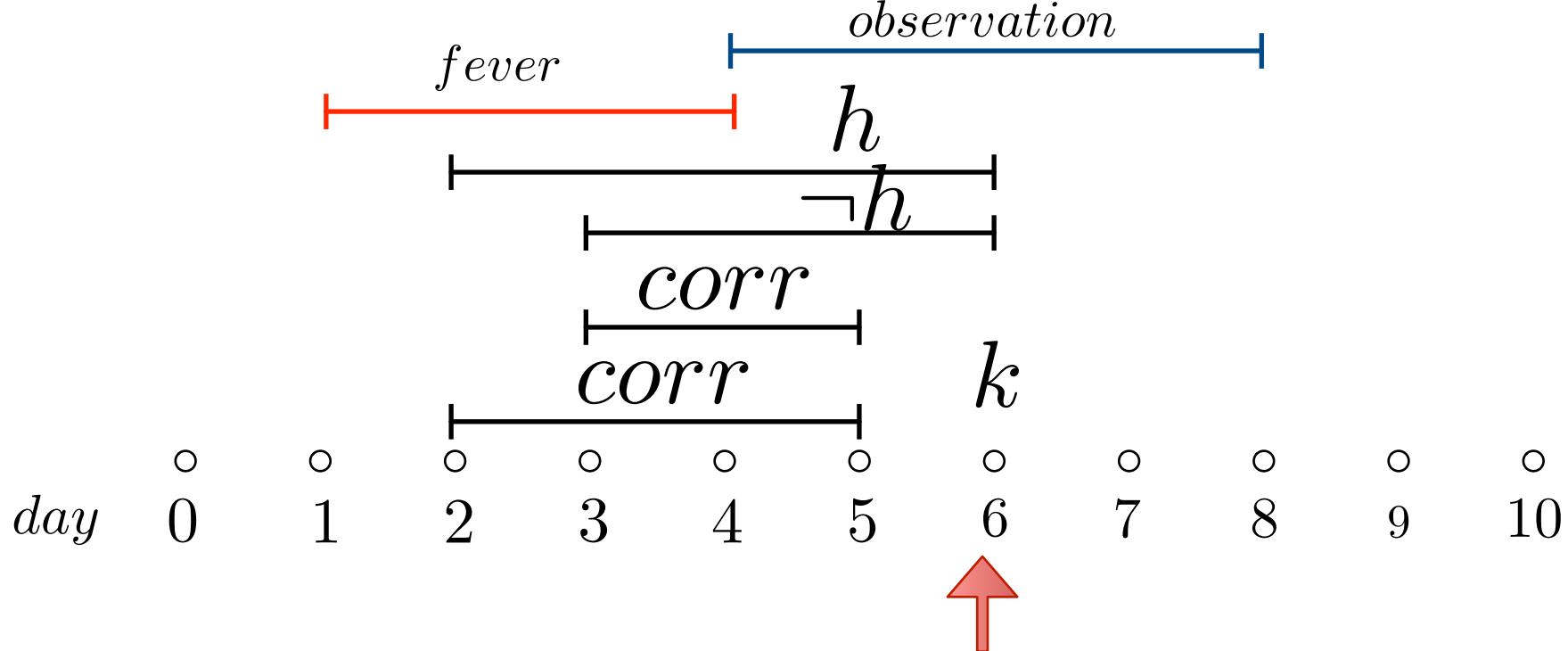


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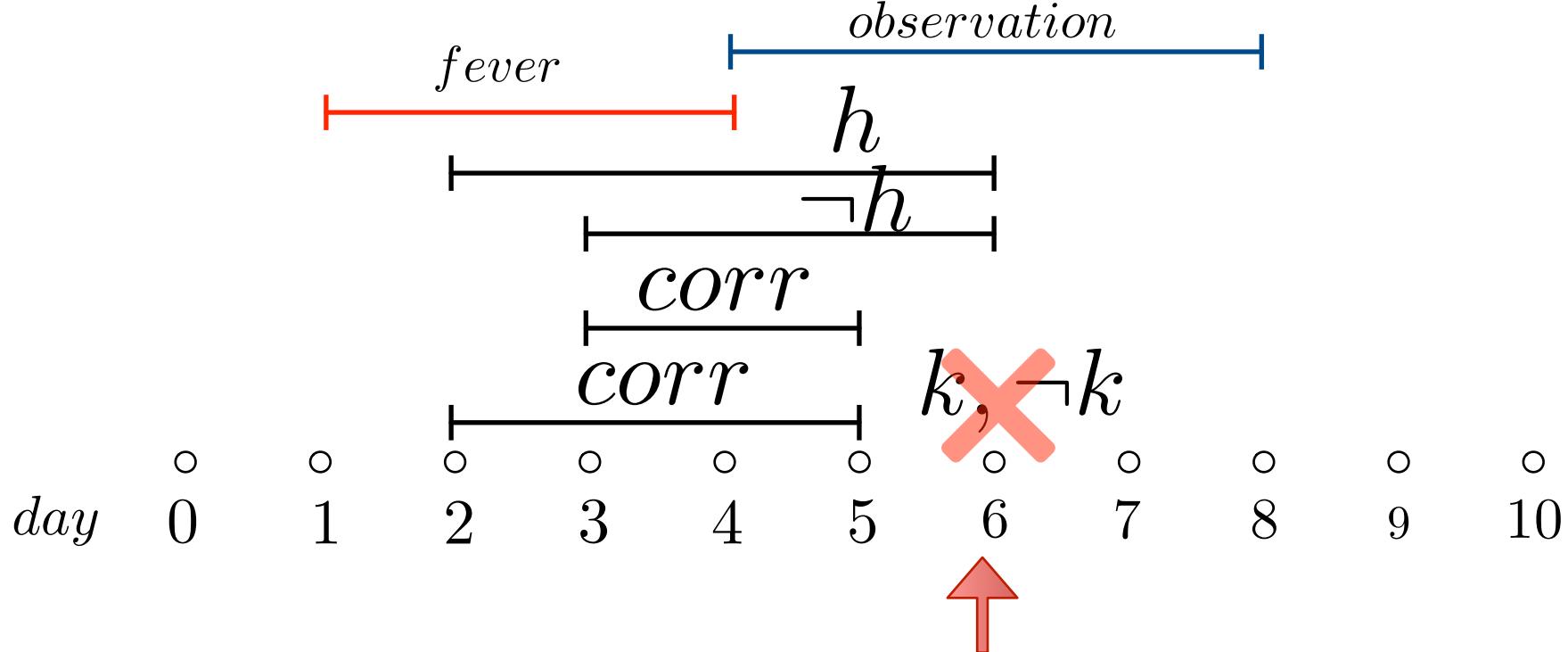


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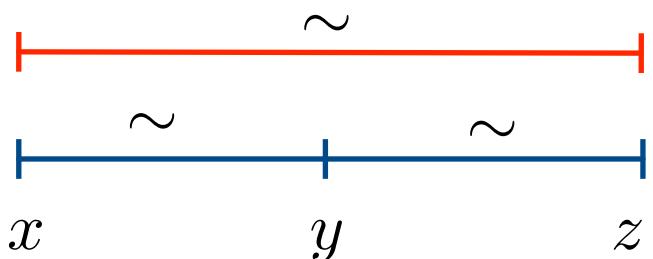
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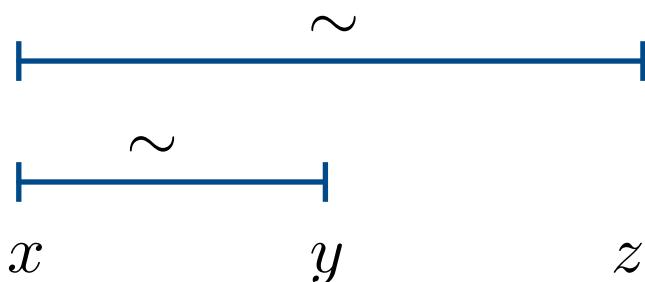
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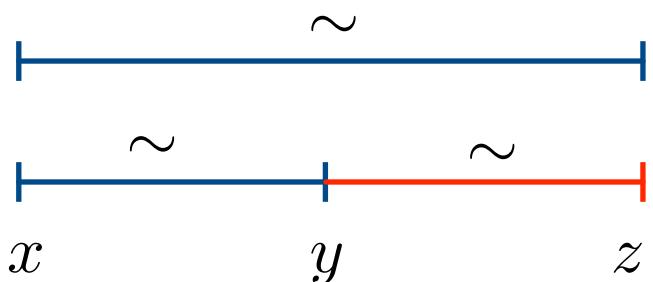
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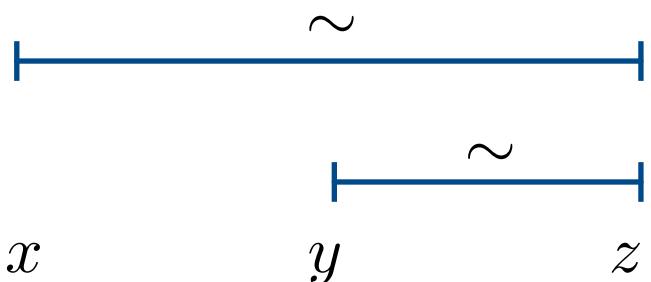
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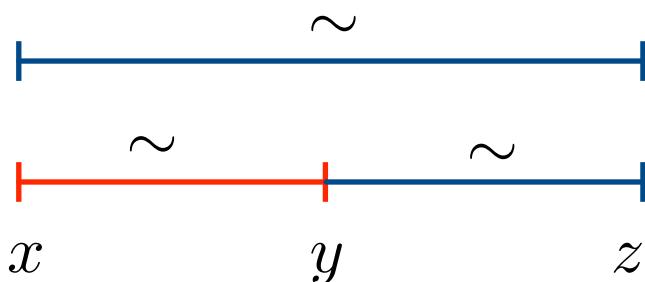
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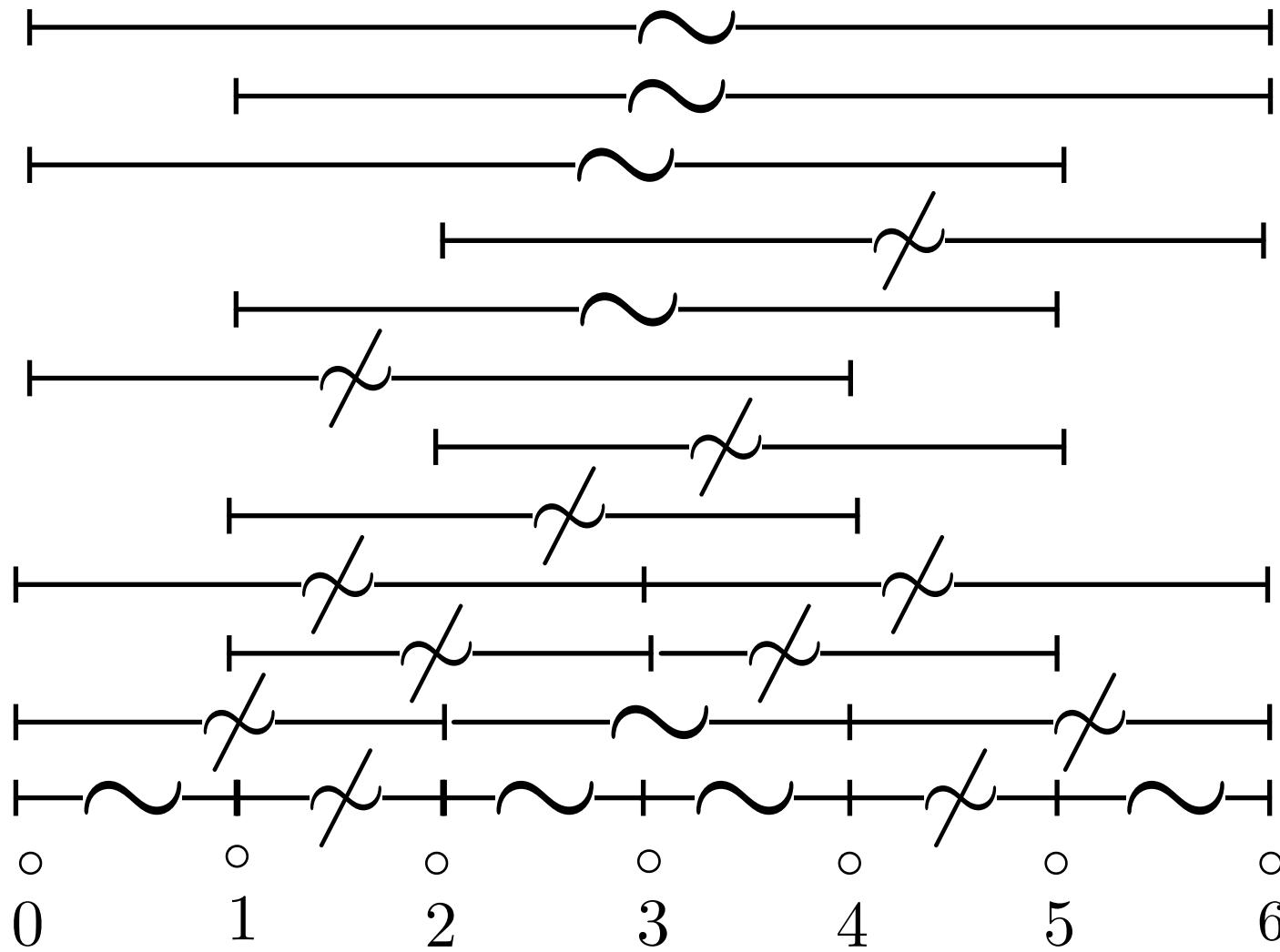
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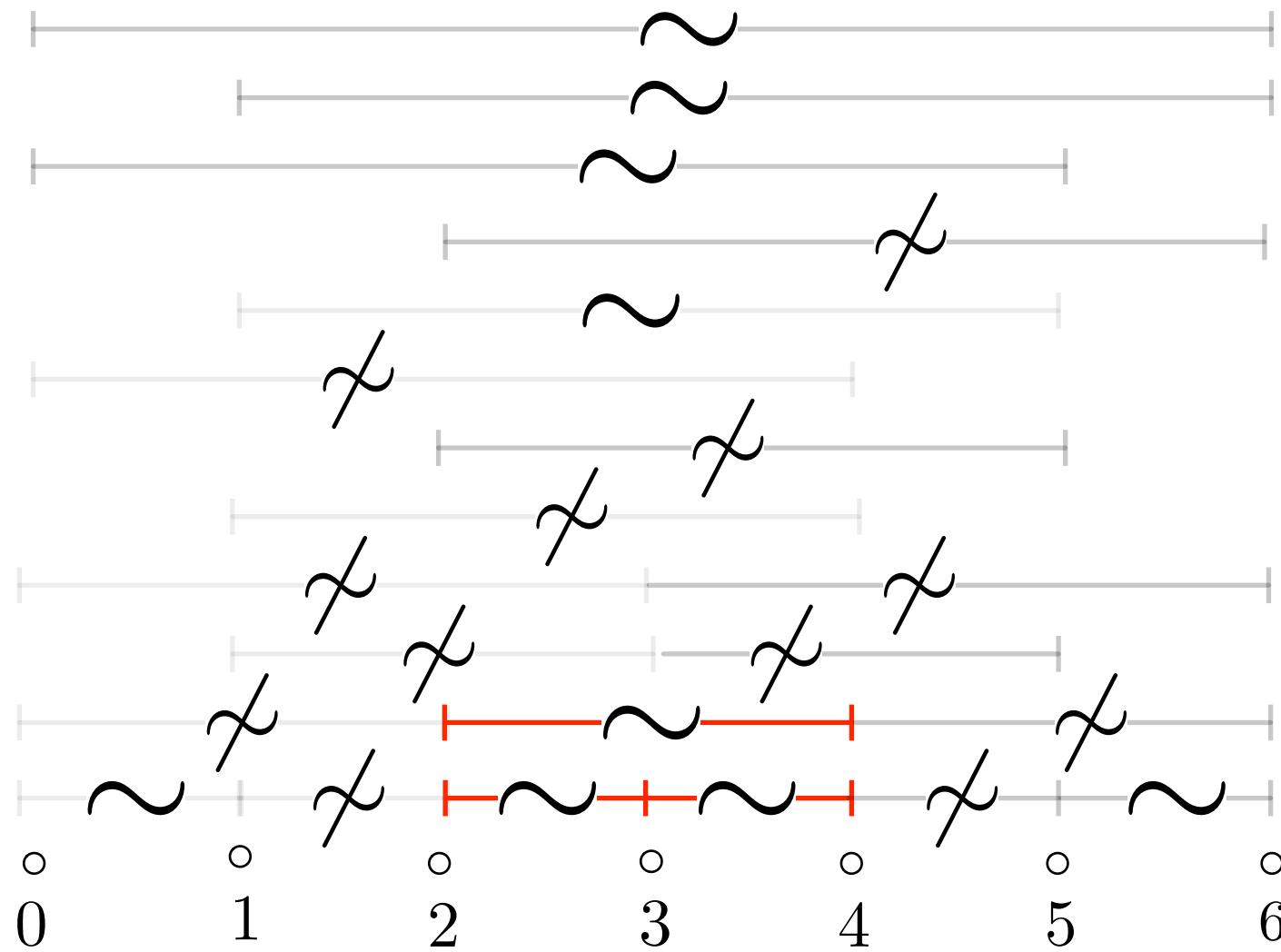
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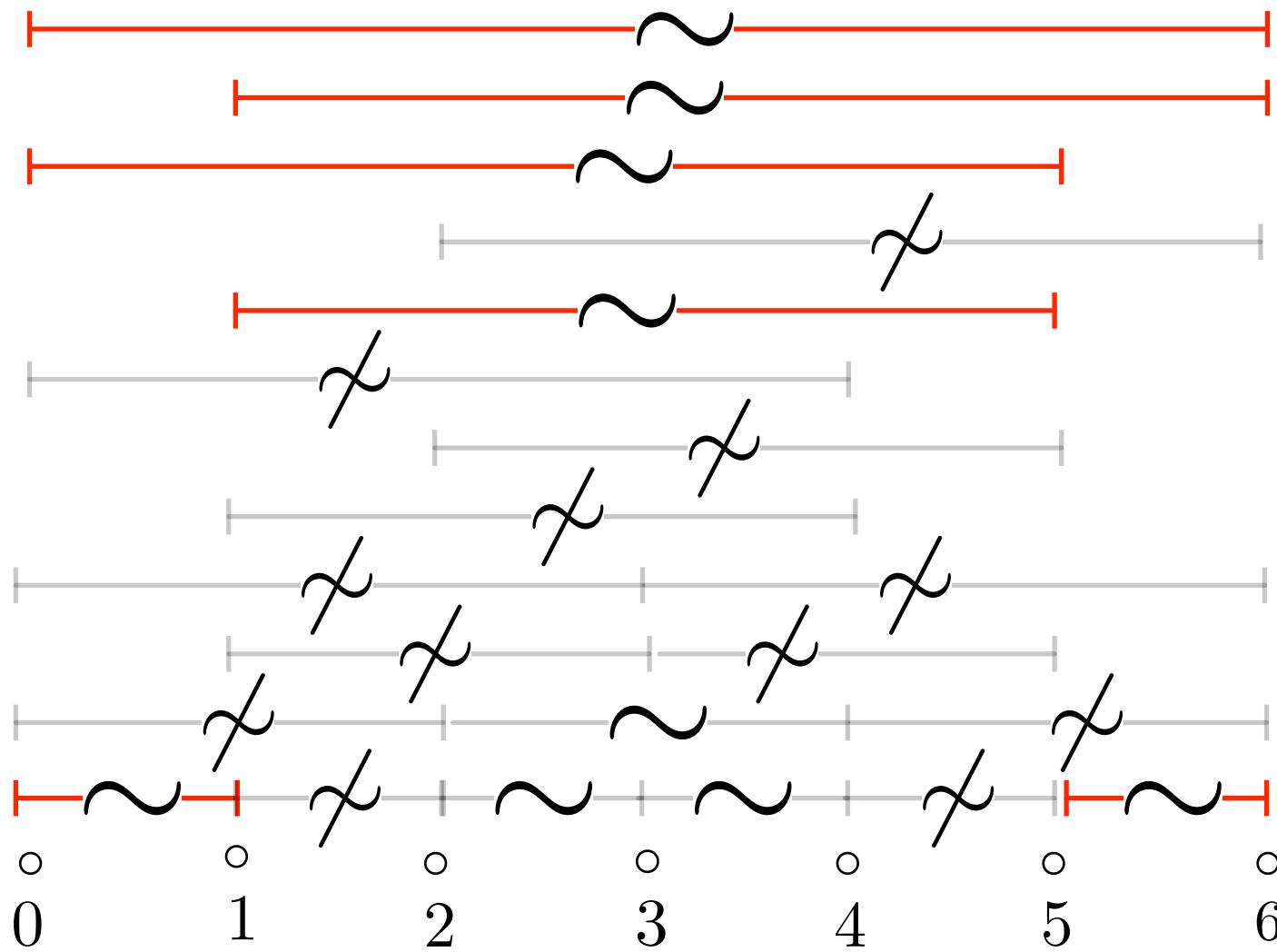
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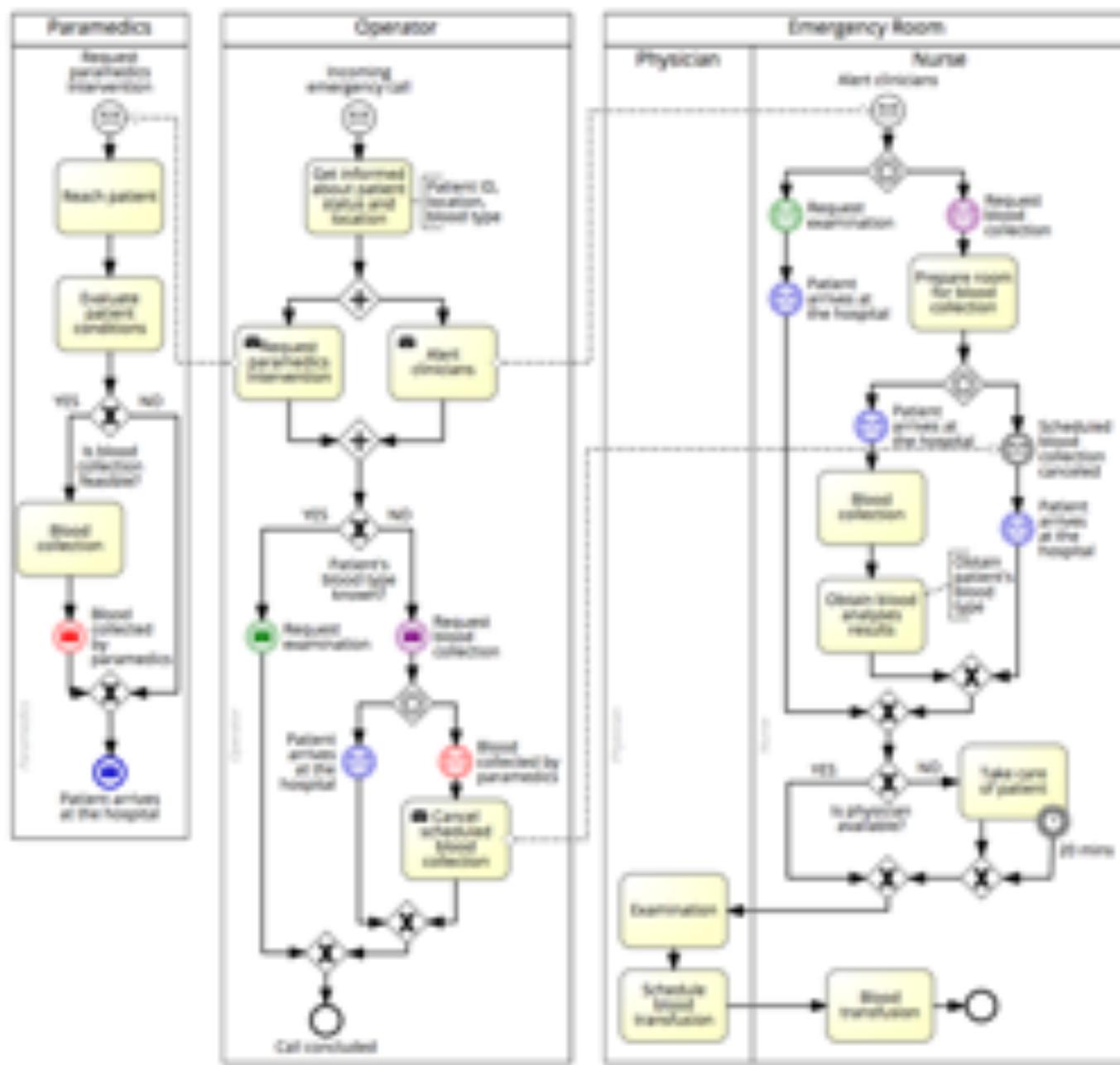


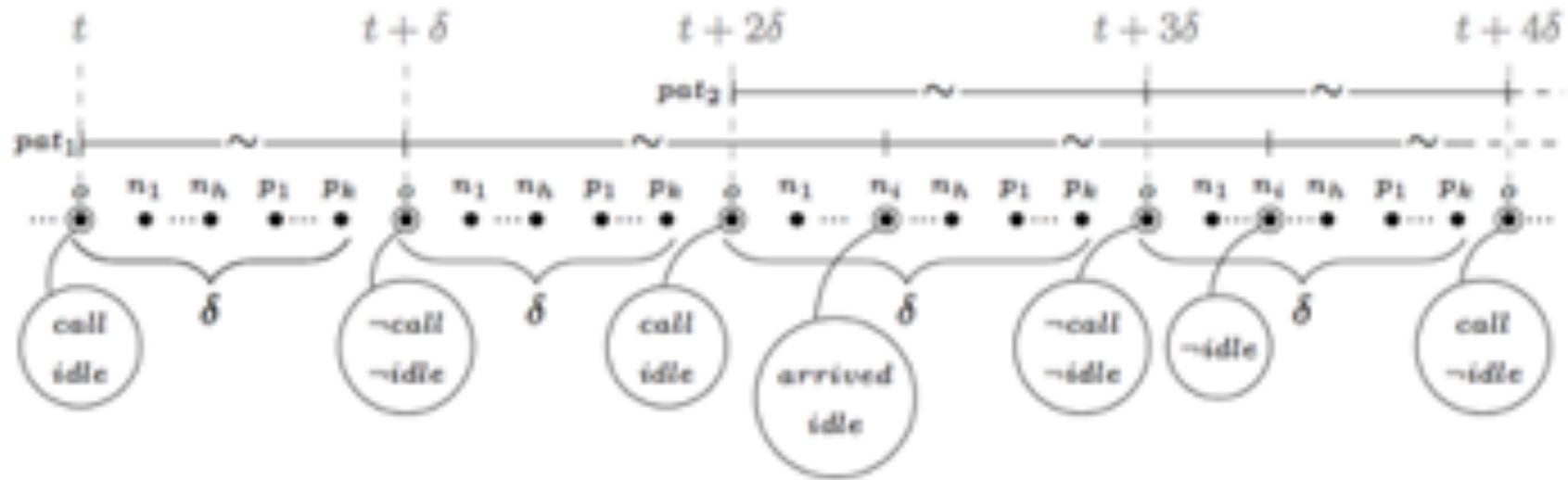
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Decidability Status of Interval-Based Synthesis

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Church synthesis problem for P is computable if and only if the monadic theory of $\langle \text{Nat}, <, P \rangle$ is decidable.

Rabinovich, Alexander - The Church Synthesis Problem with Parameters

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Conclusion

currently my research in interval based synthesis is focused on:

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