

Discussion 04

List mutation, Orders of growth, Nonlocal

How to figure out orders of growth

1. Walk through the function.
 - What does it do?
 - How does it change its input?
 - When does it stop iterating/recursion?
2. After you get an expression for the order of growth, simplify it!
 - Remove any constants
 - Remove smaller terms

Techniques

Draw a tree:

1. Start with the first function call.
2. Then draw a branch for each recursive call from that function call. (We used this technique to figure out recursive_fib)

Draw a graph:

1. Figure out what should be on the x axis.
2. Start with the largest input and determine how the input changes for each recursive call.
3. Find the area.
4. Simplify

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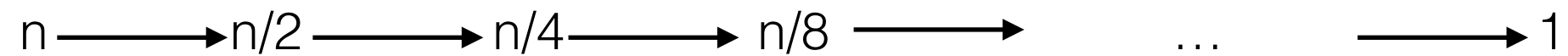
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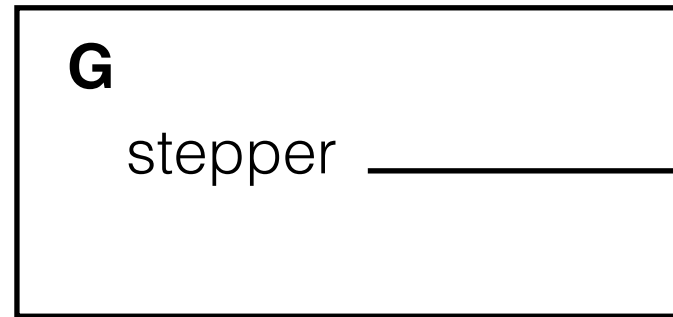
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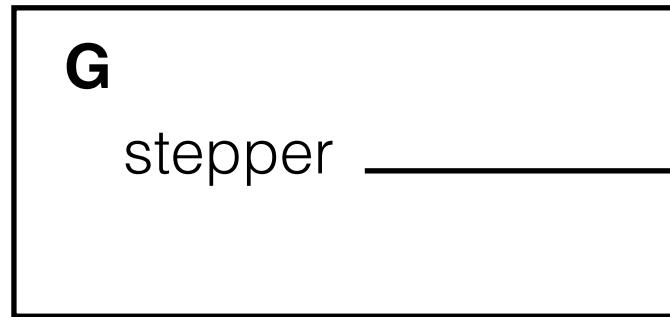
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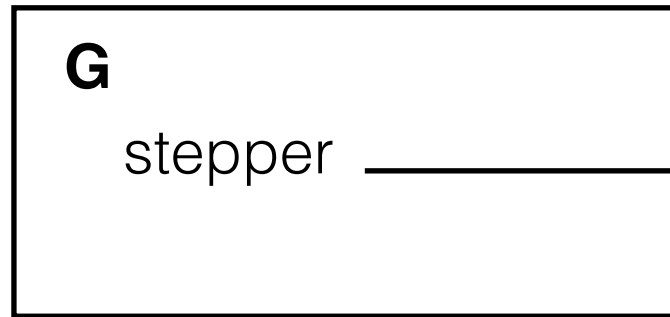
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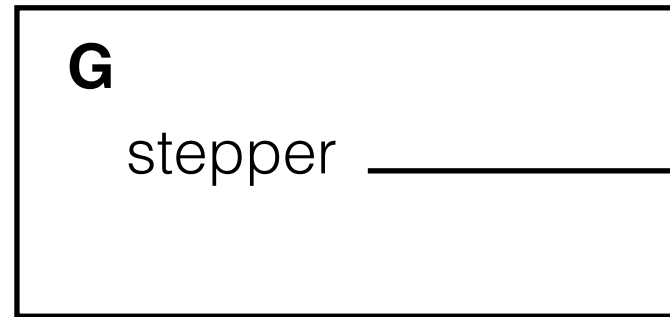
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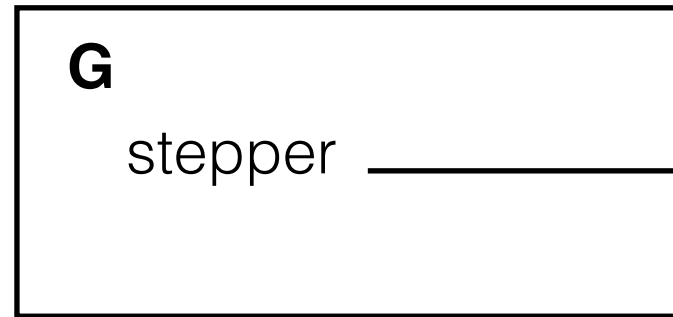
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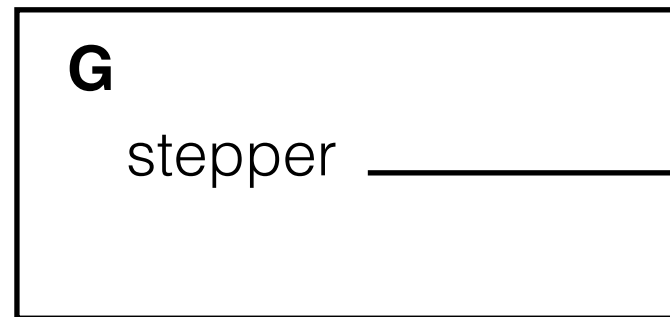
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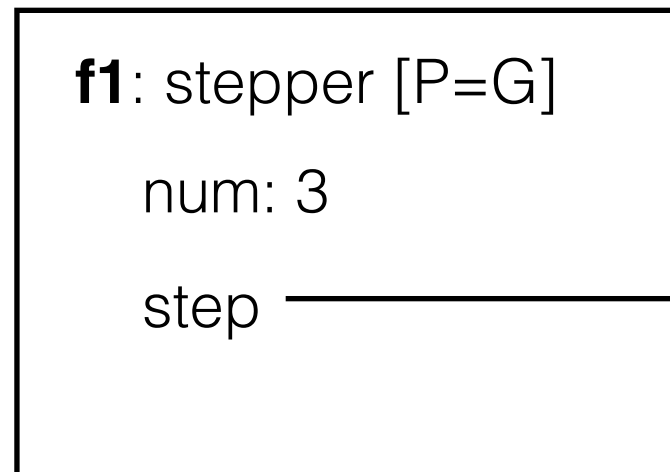
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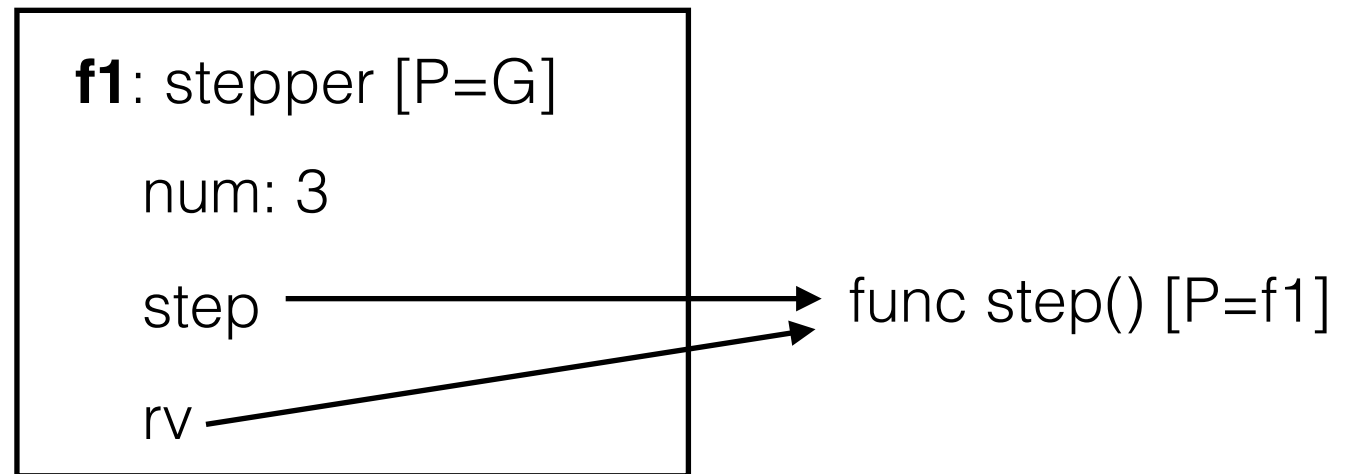
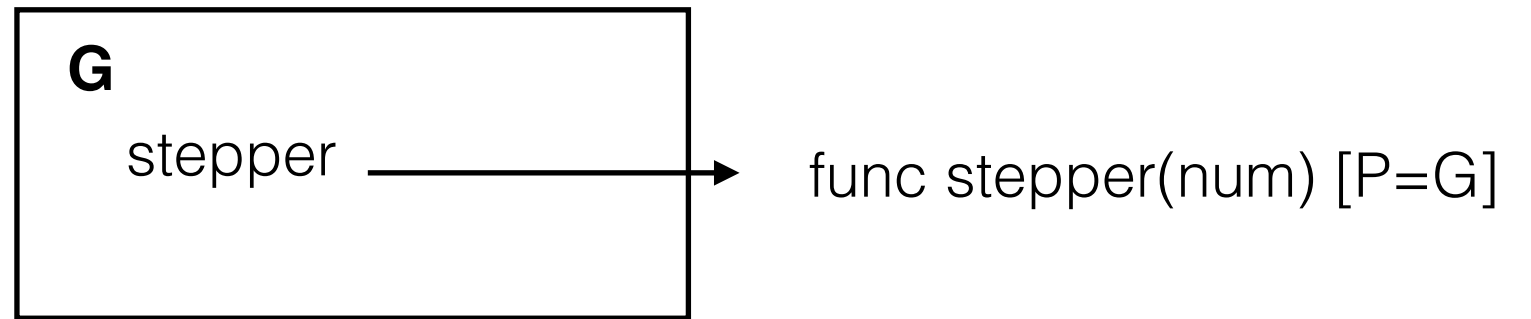


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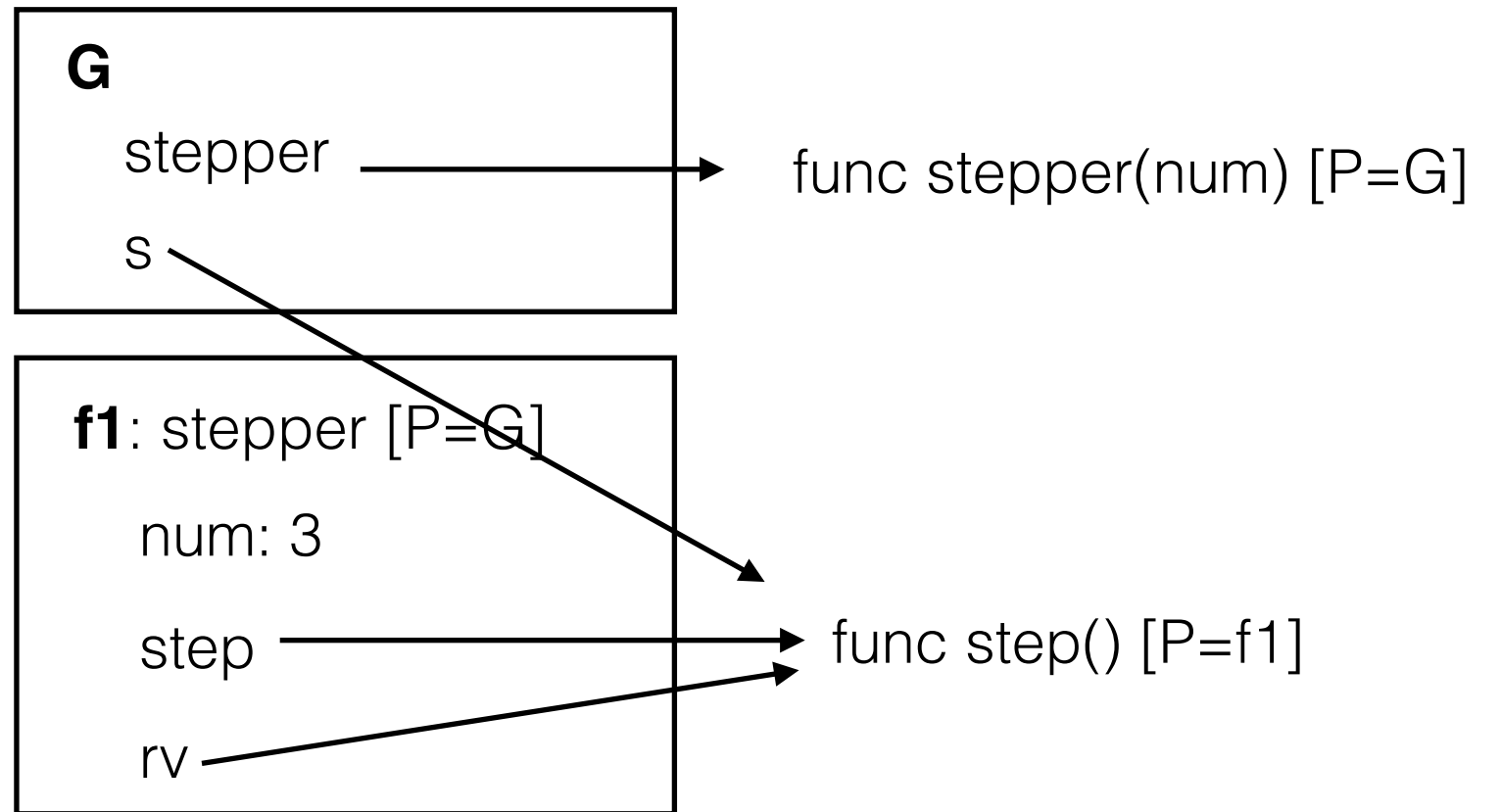


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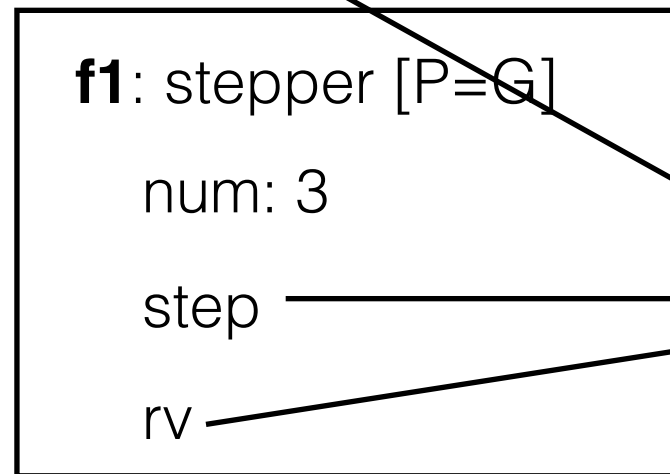
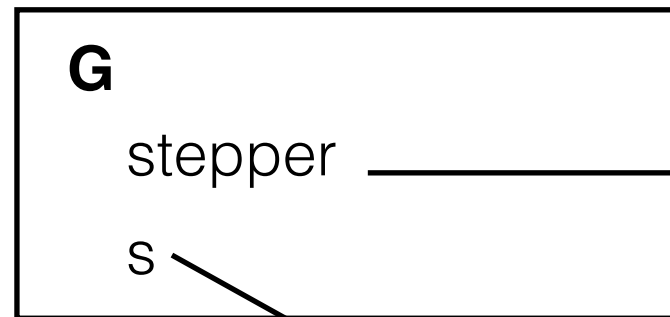


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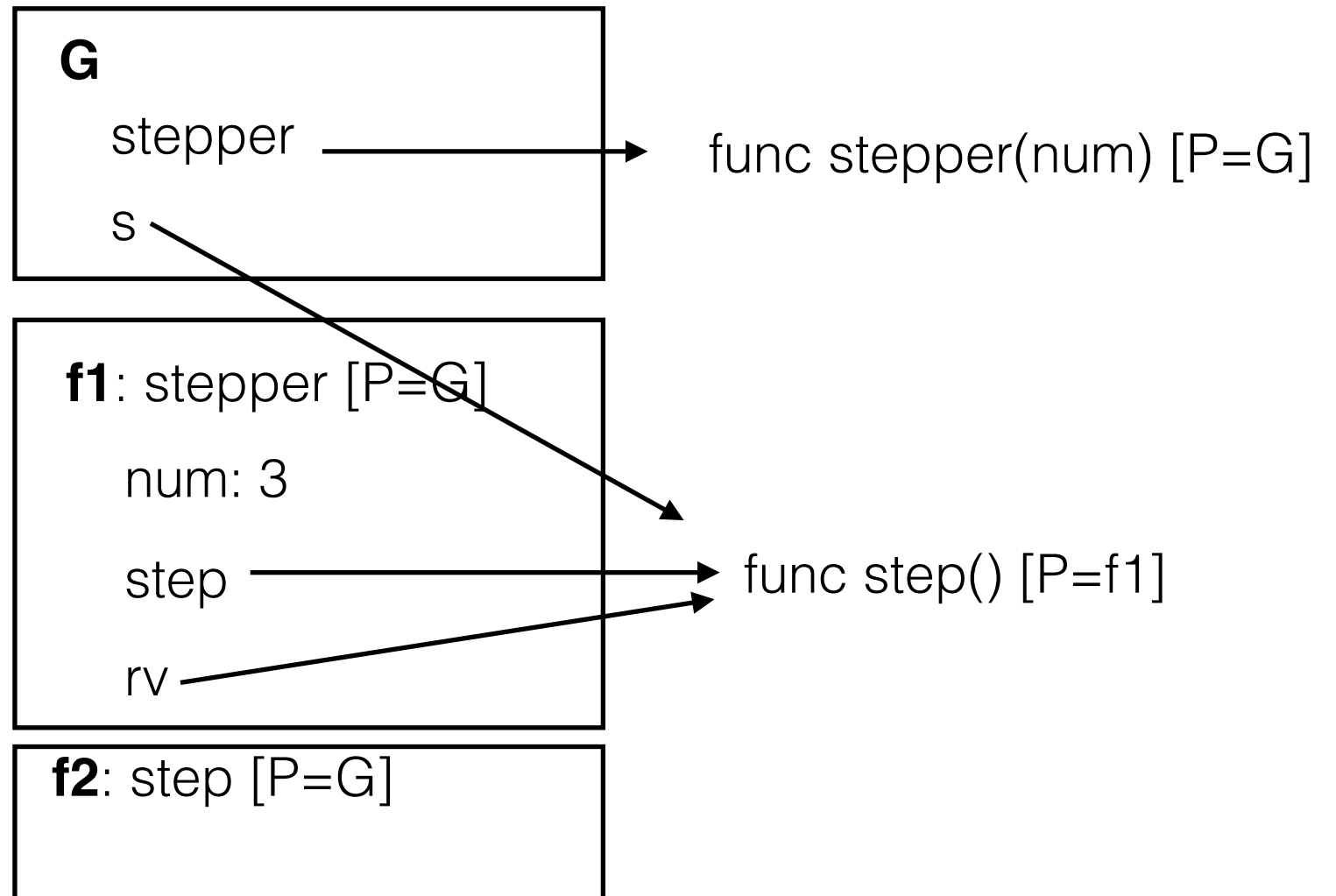
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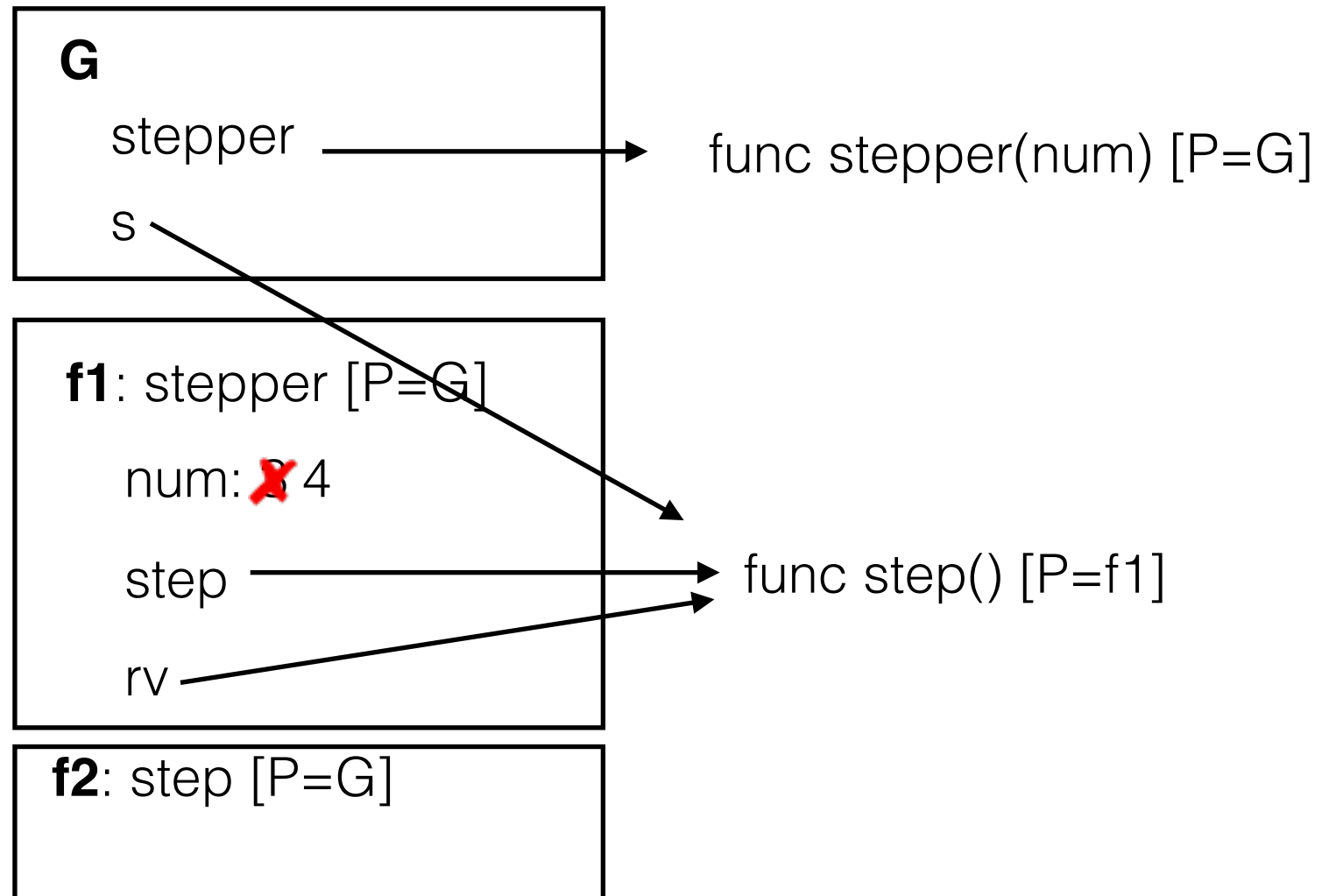
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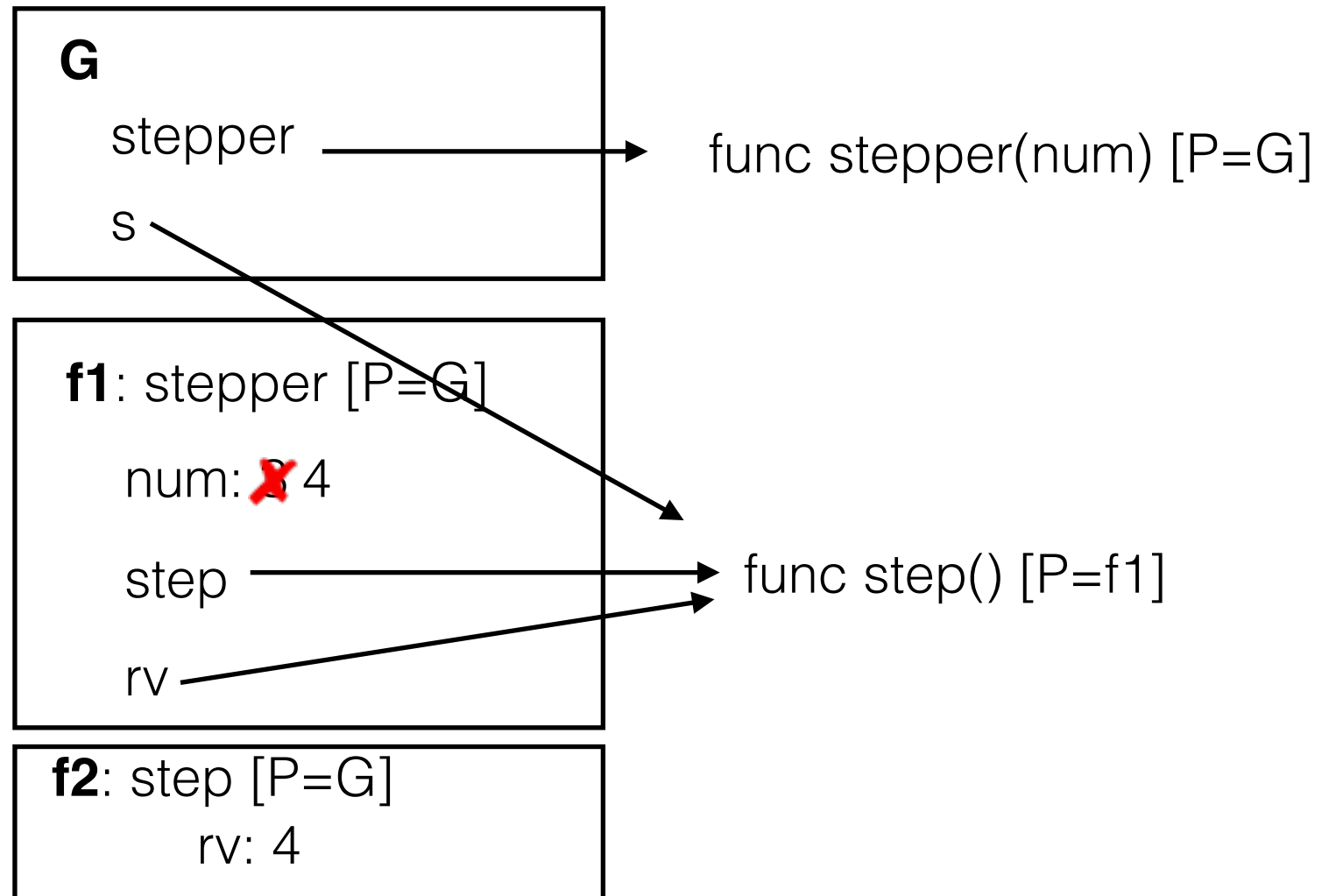

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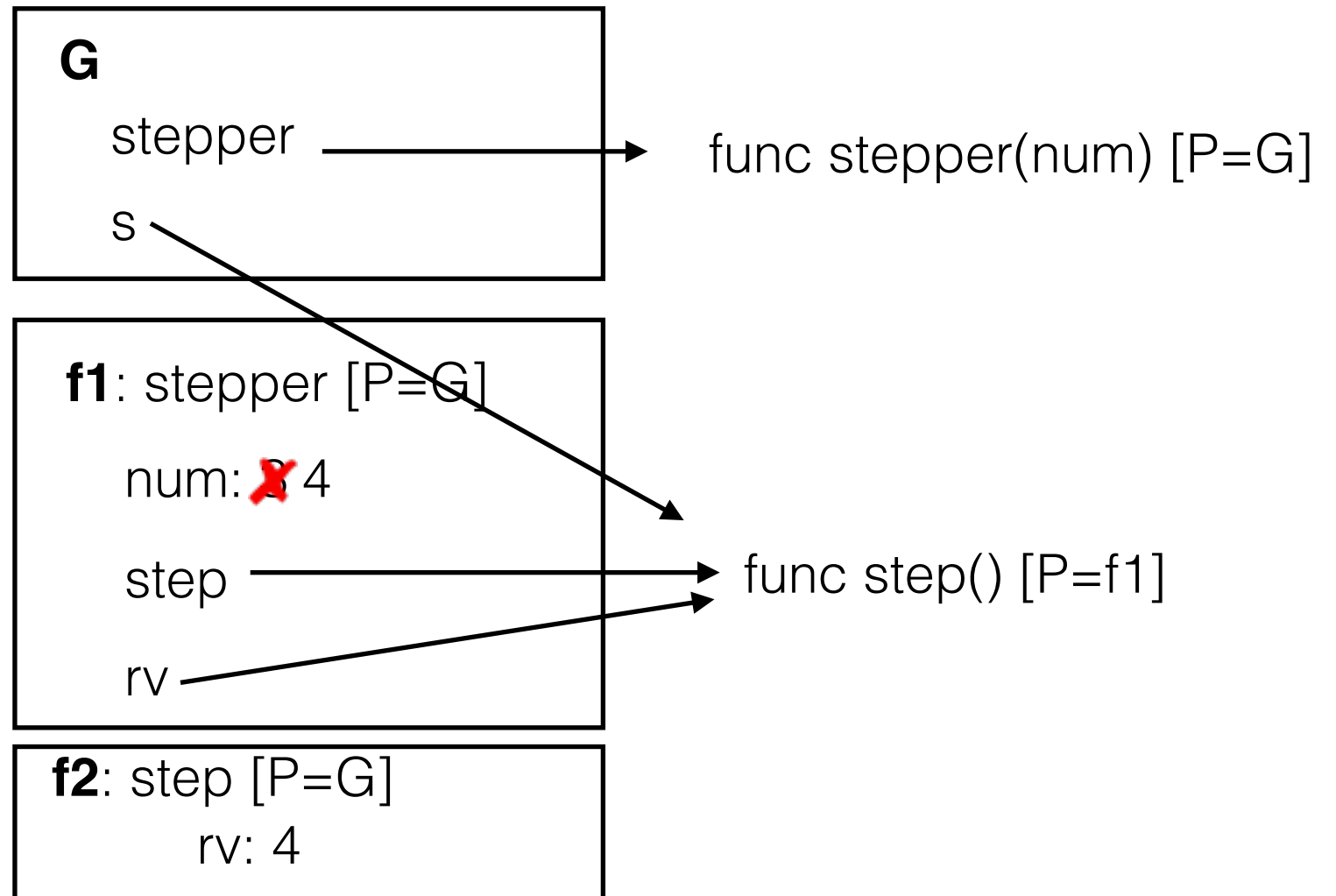
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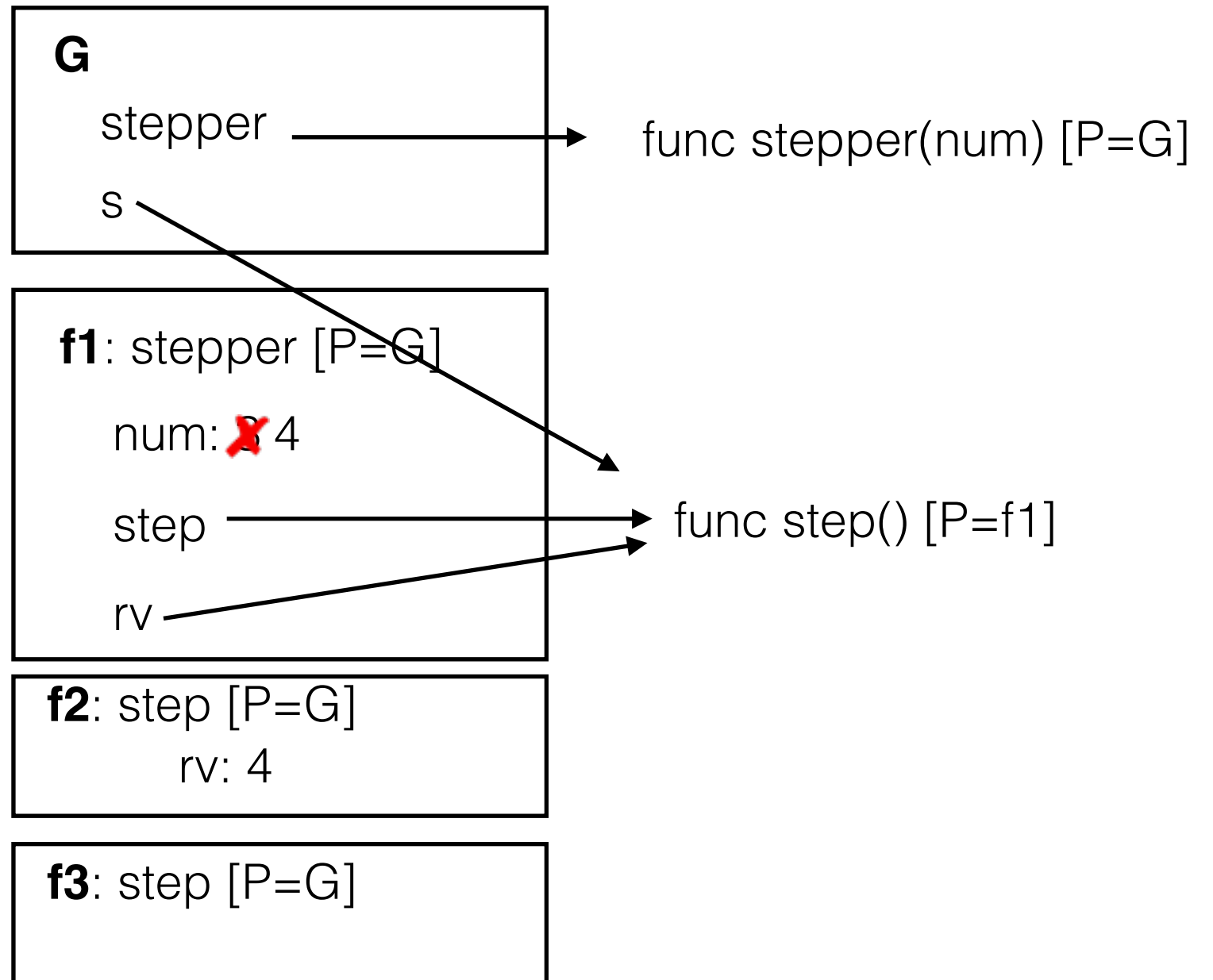
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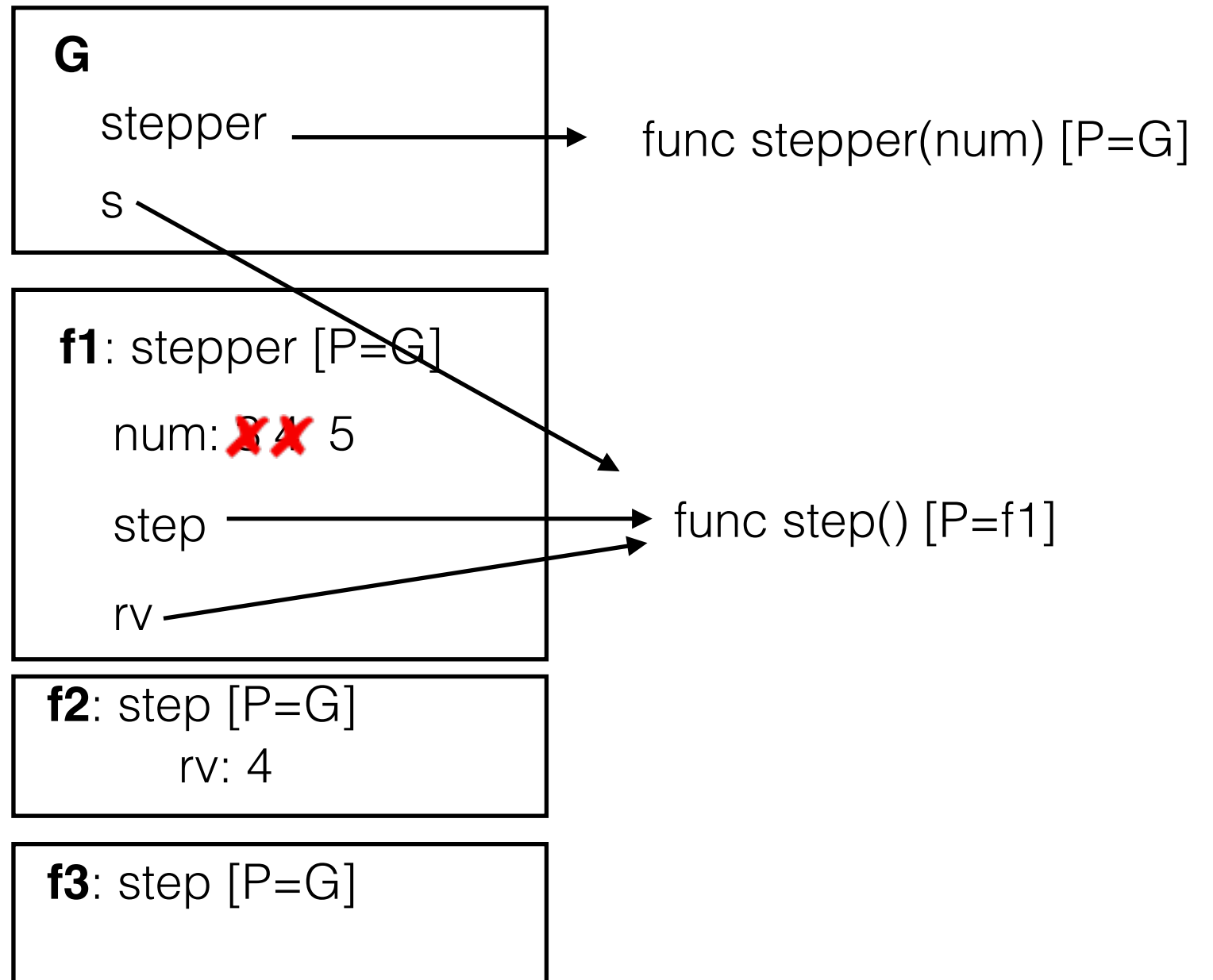
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