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Distributed Systems and AI

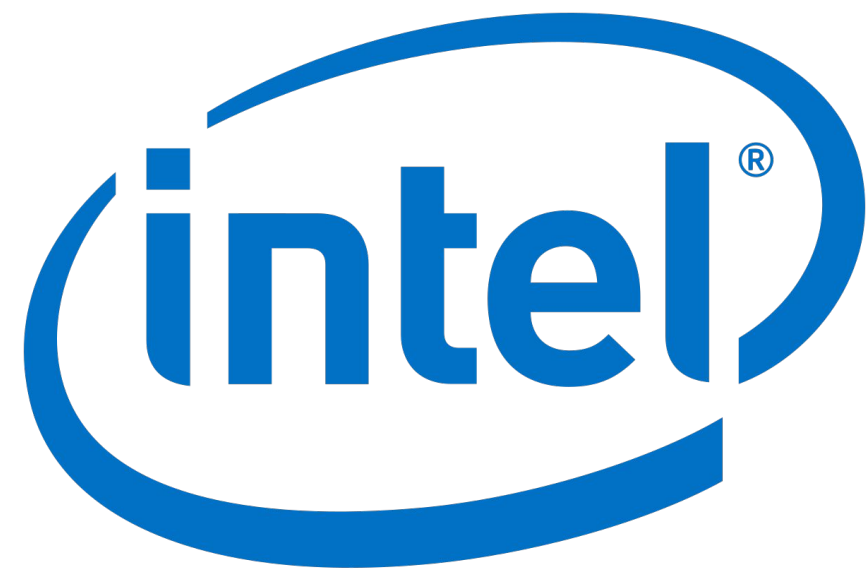
Ray: Programming at Any Scale

<https://github.com/ray-project/ray>

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A Growing Number of Use Cases



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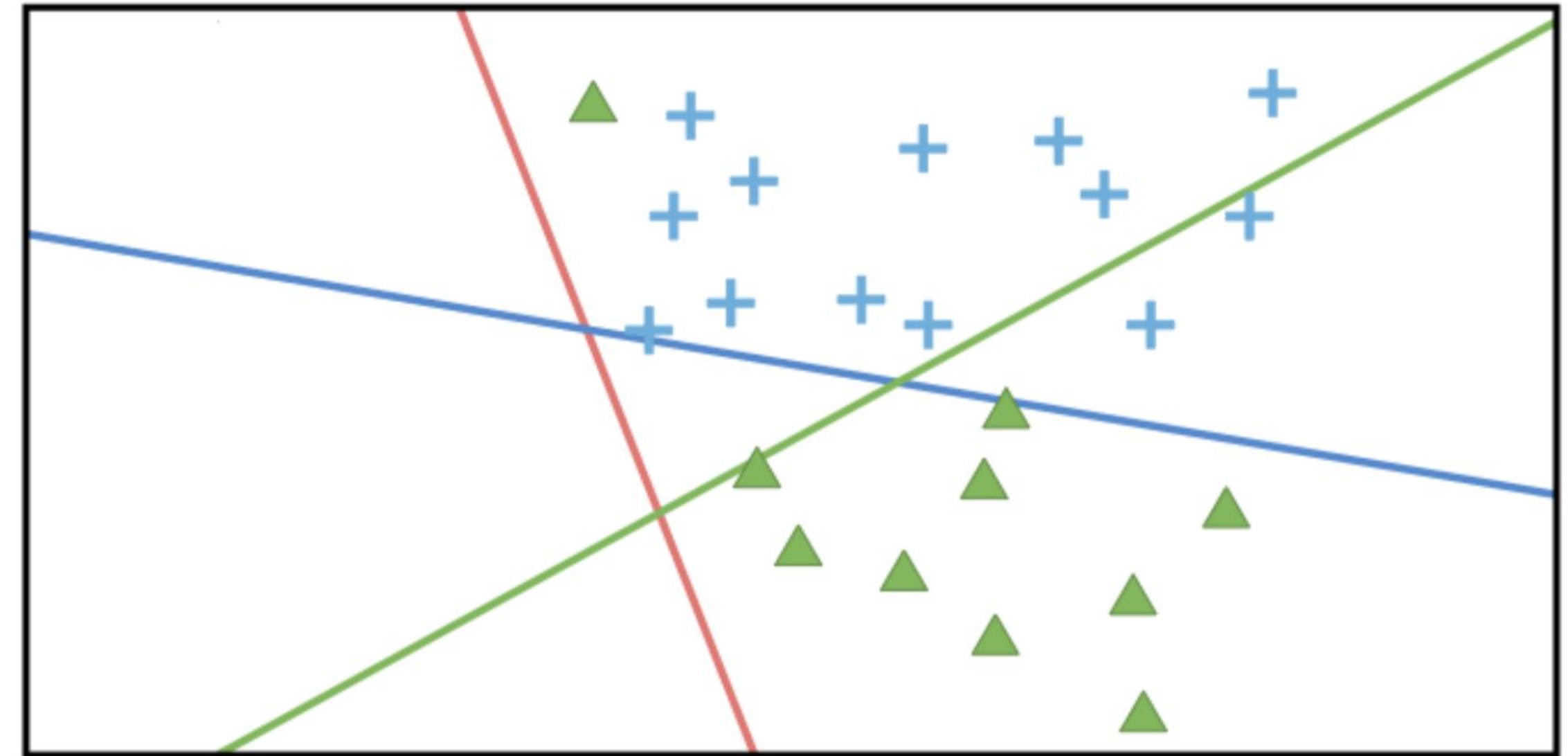
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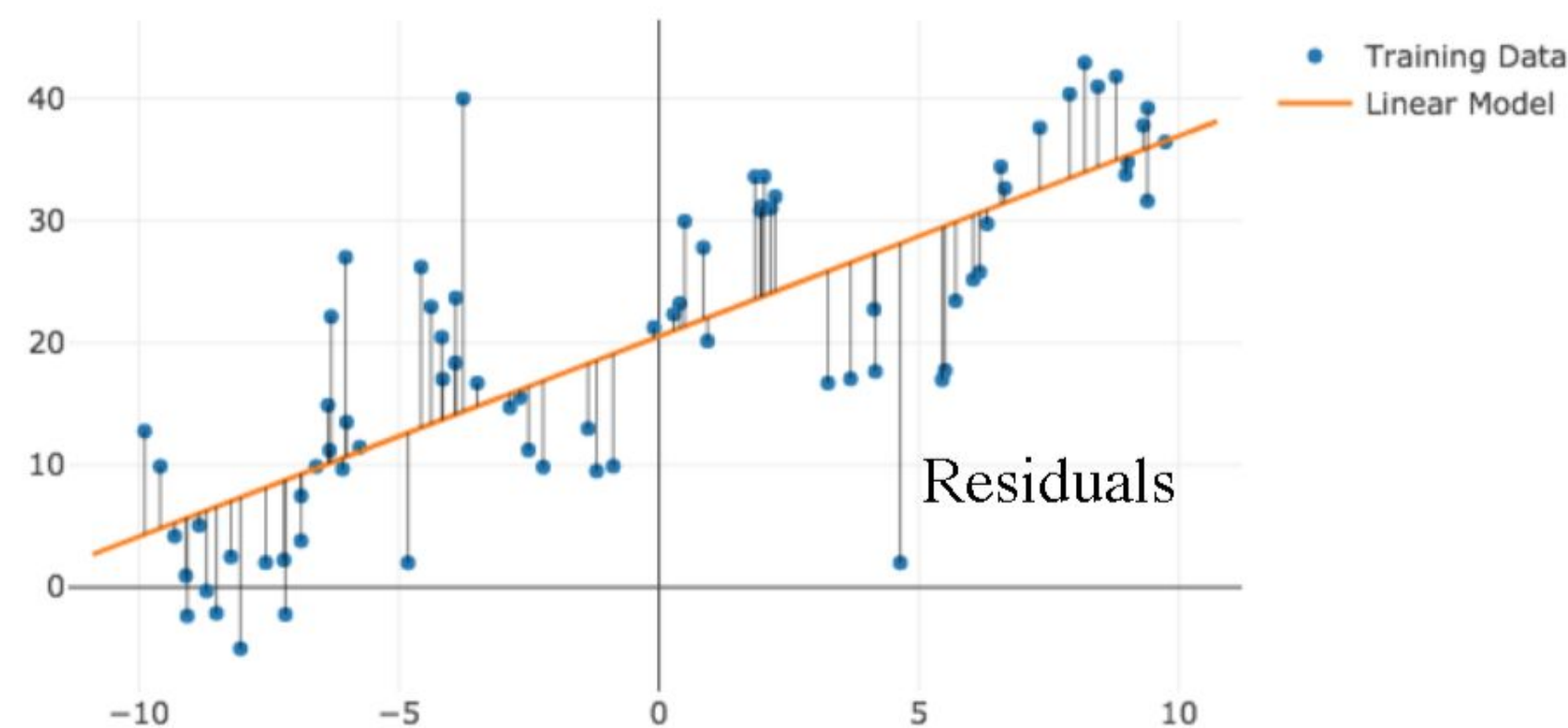


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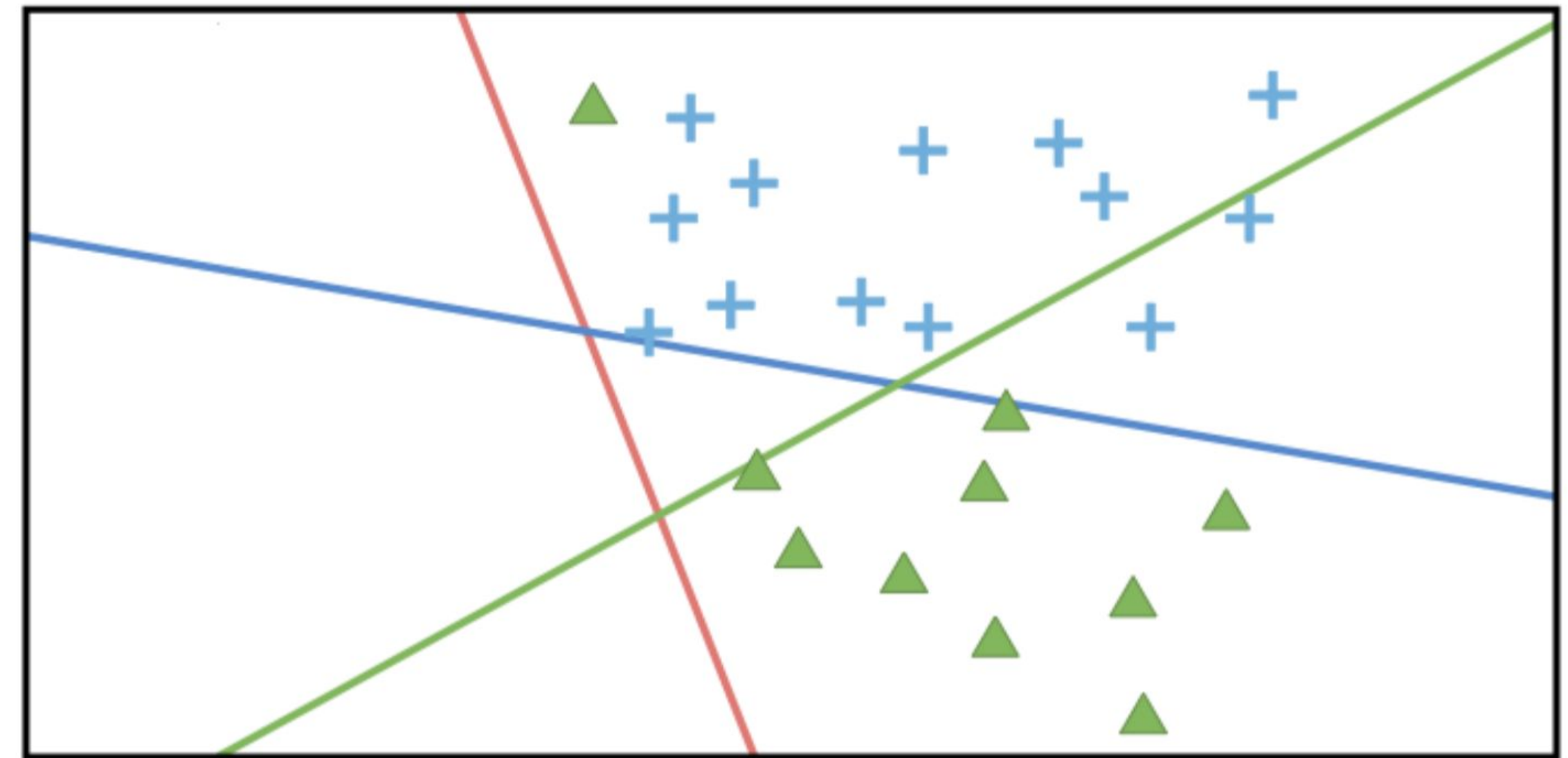
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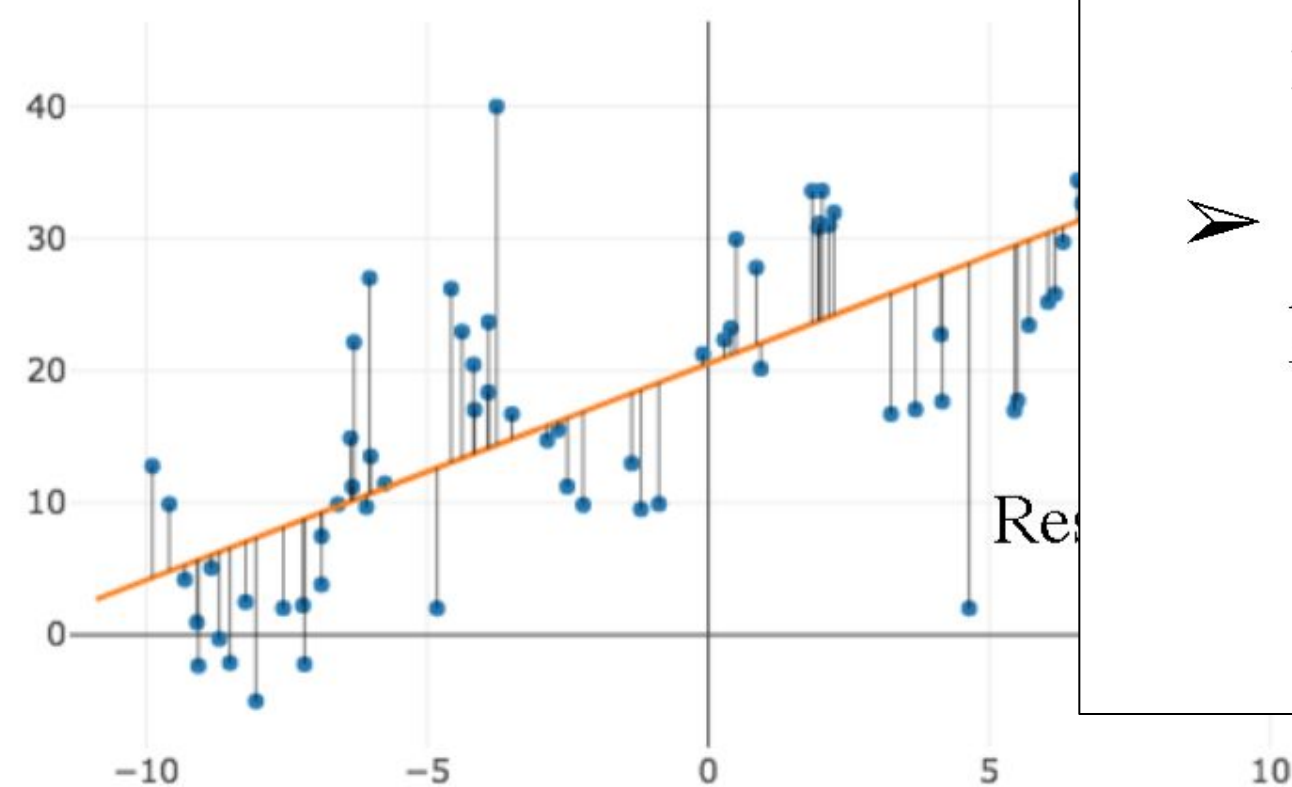


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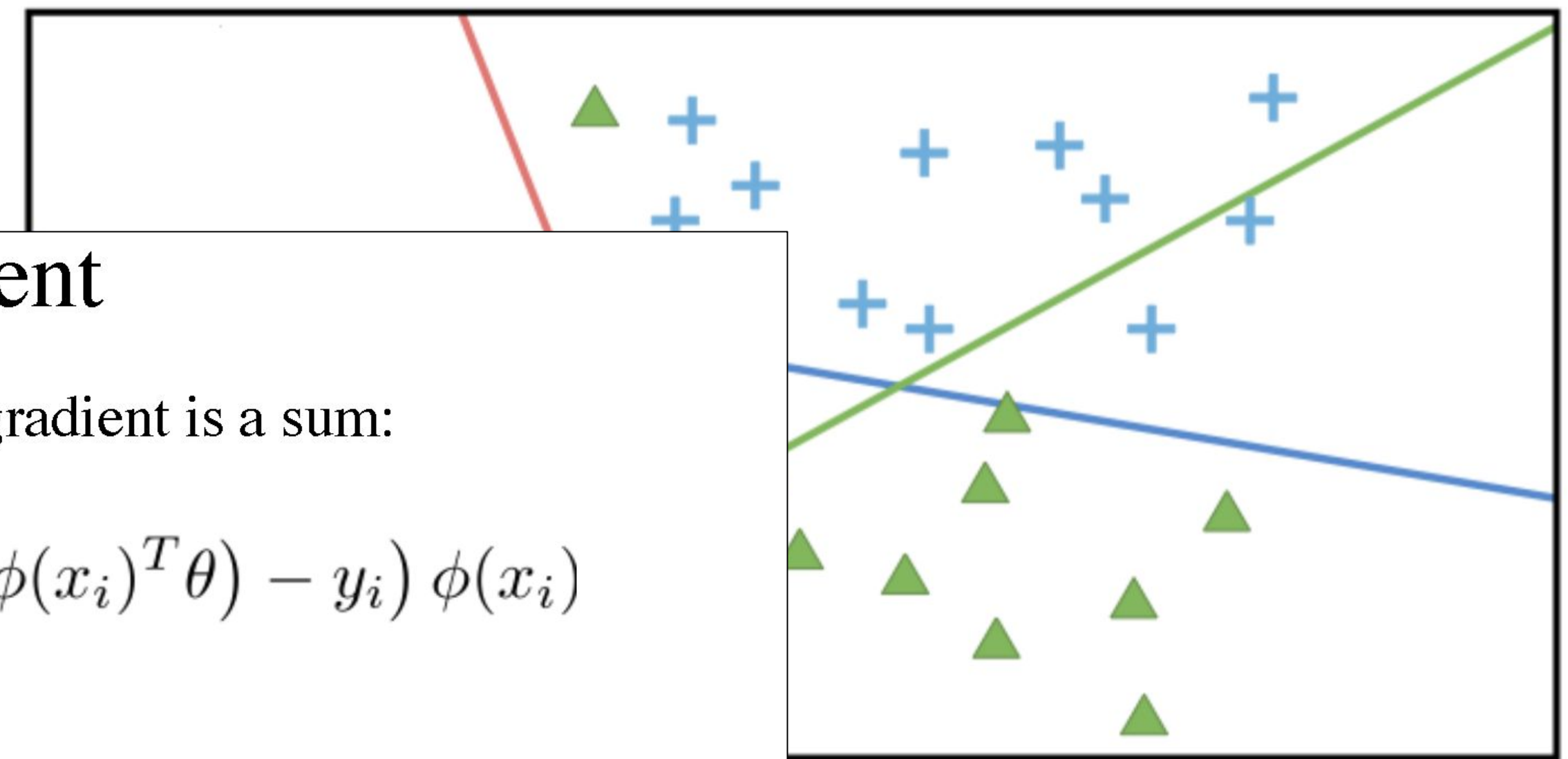
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Stochastic Gradient Descent

- For many learning problems the gradient is a sum:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\sigma(\phi(x_i)^T \theta) - y_i) \phi(x_i)$$

- For large n this can be costly
- What if we approximated the gradient by looking at a few random points:

$$\nabla_{\theta} \mathbf{L}(\theta) \approx \frac{1}{|\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}} (\sigma(\phi(x_i)^T \theta) - y_i) \phi(x_i)$$

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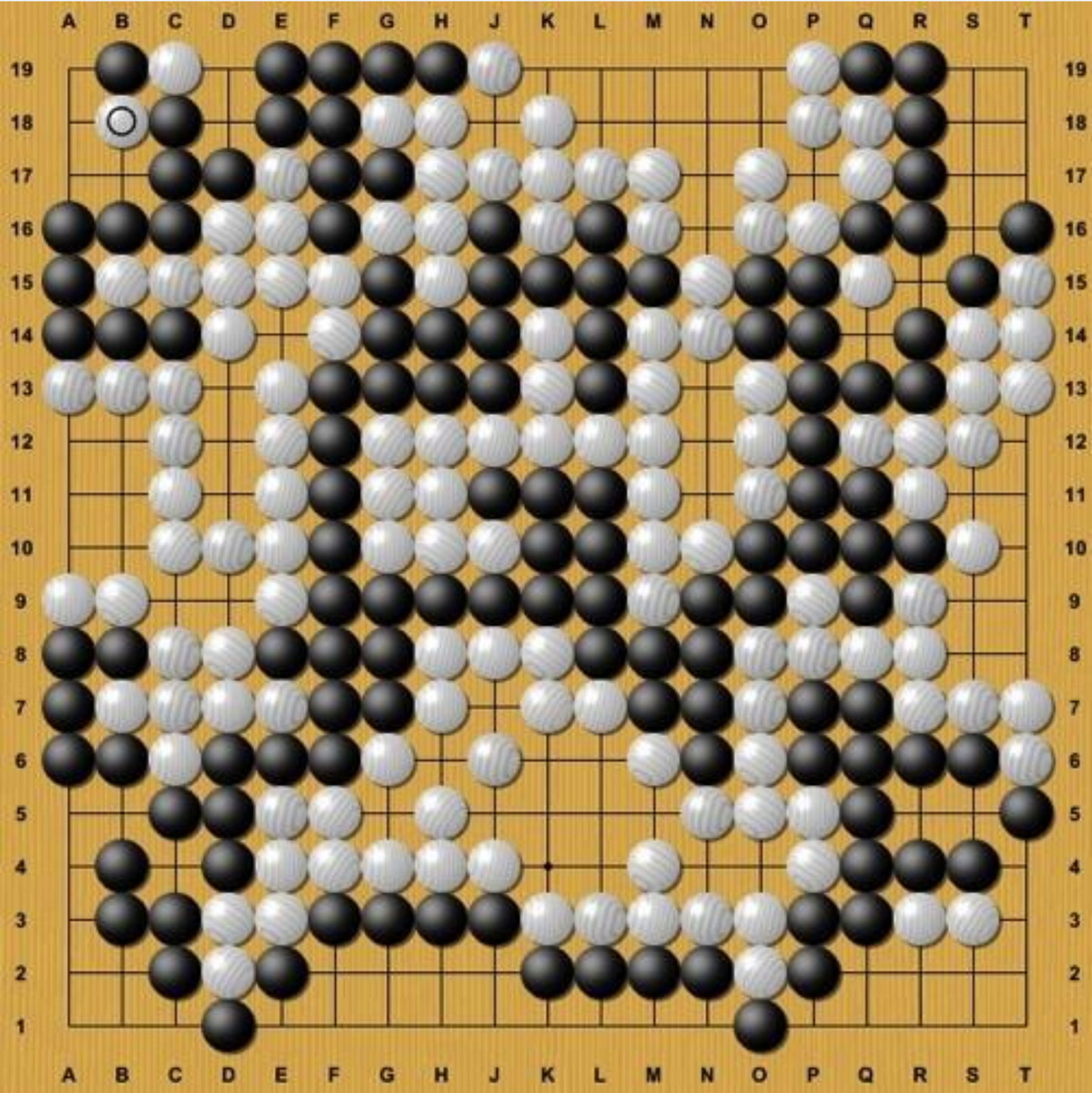
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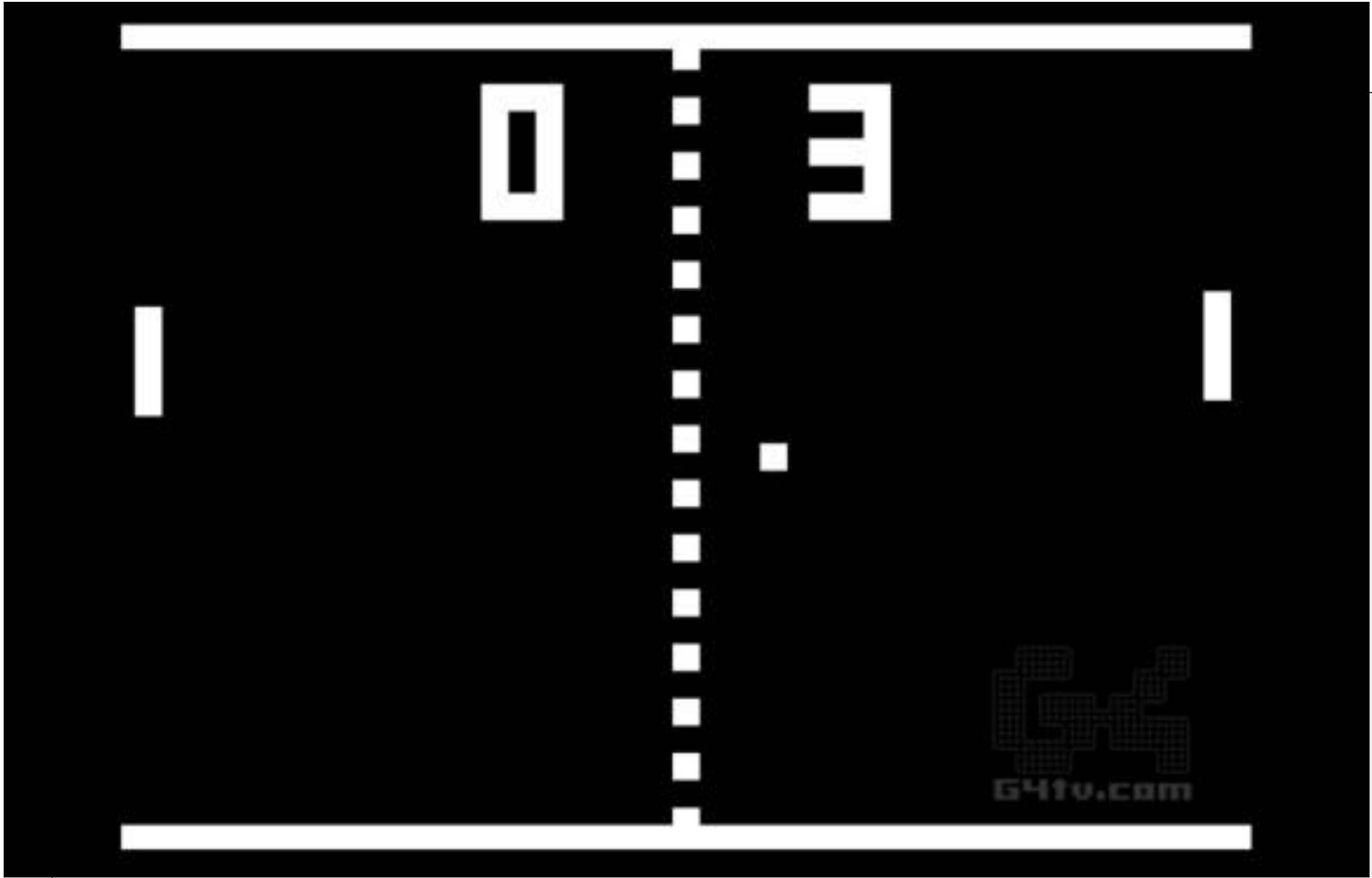
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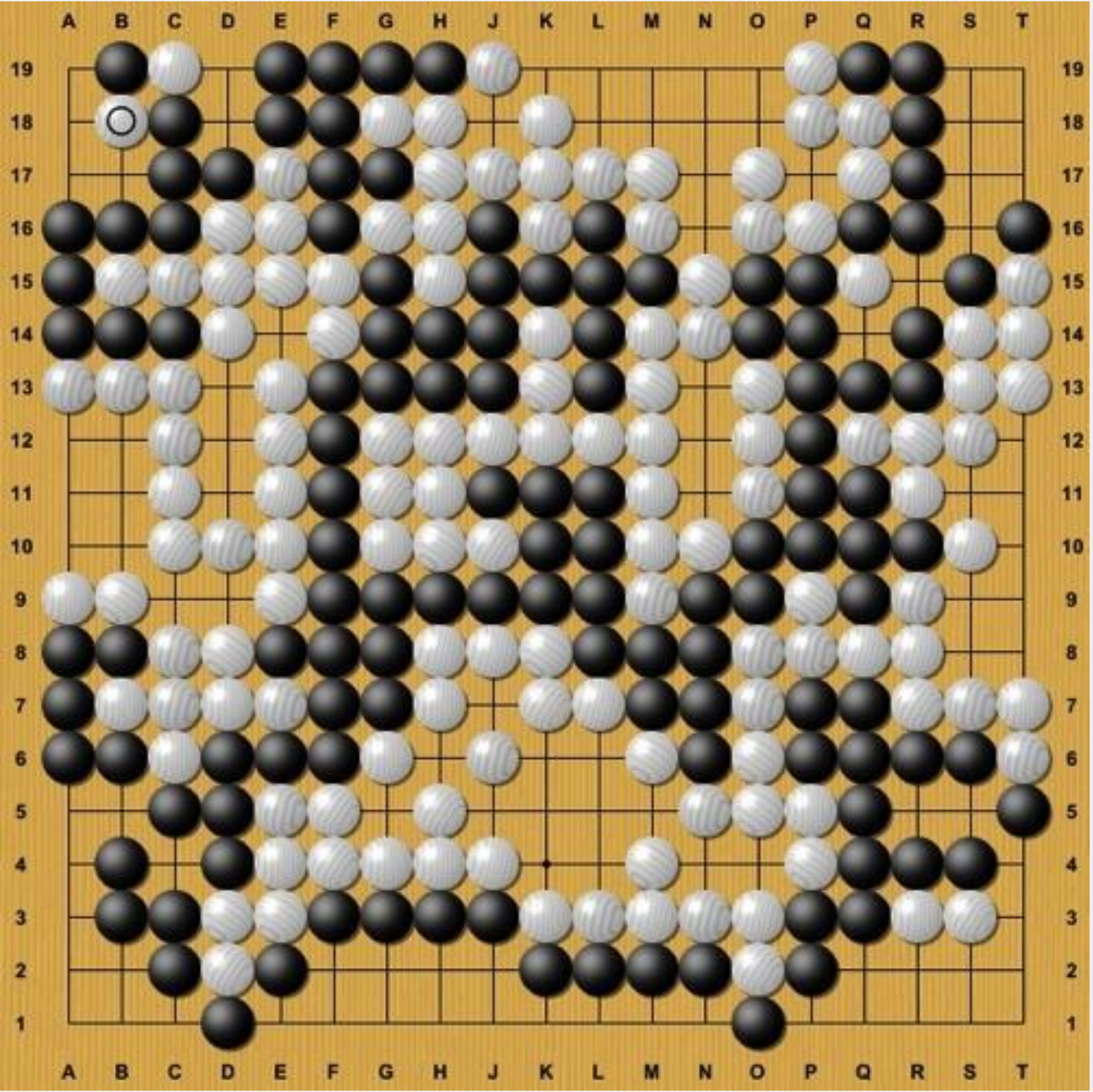
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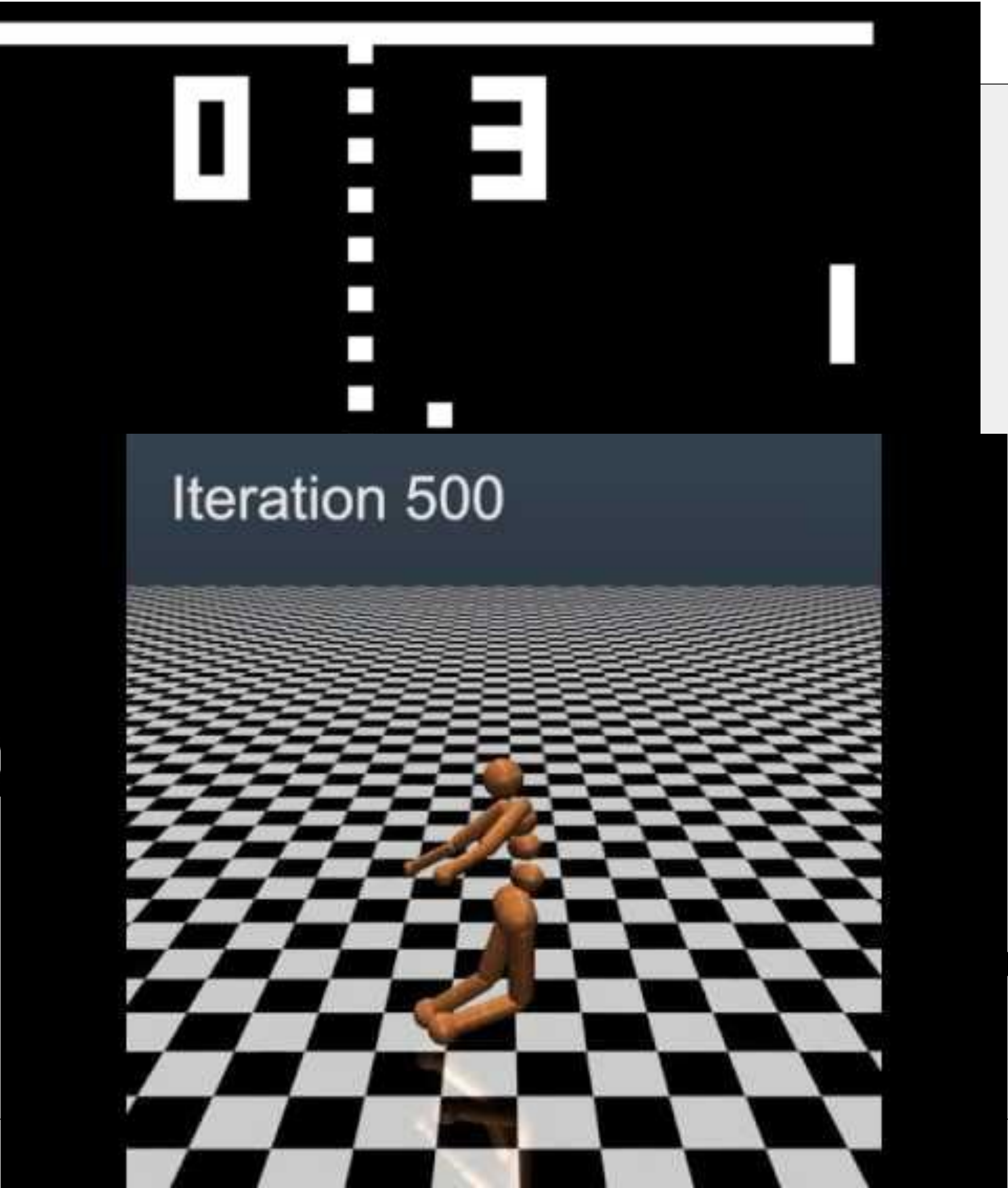


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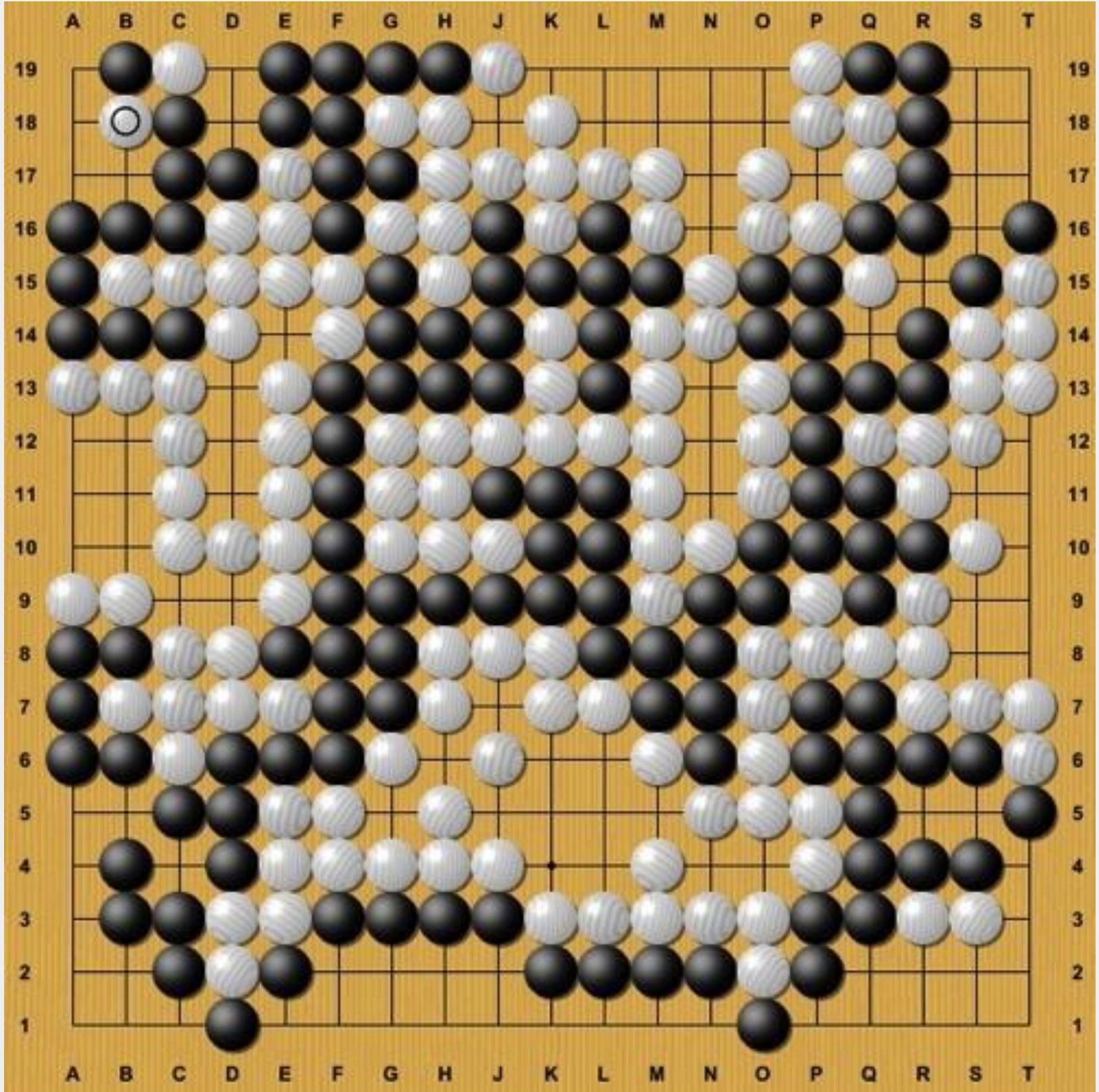
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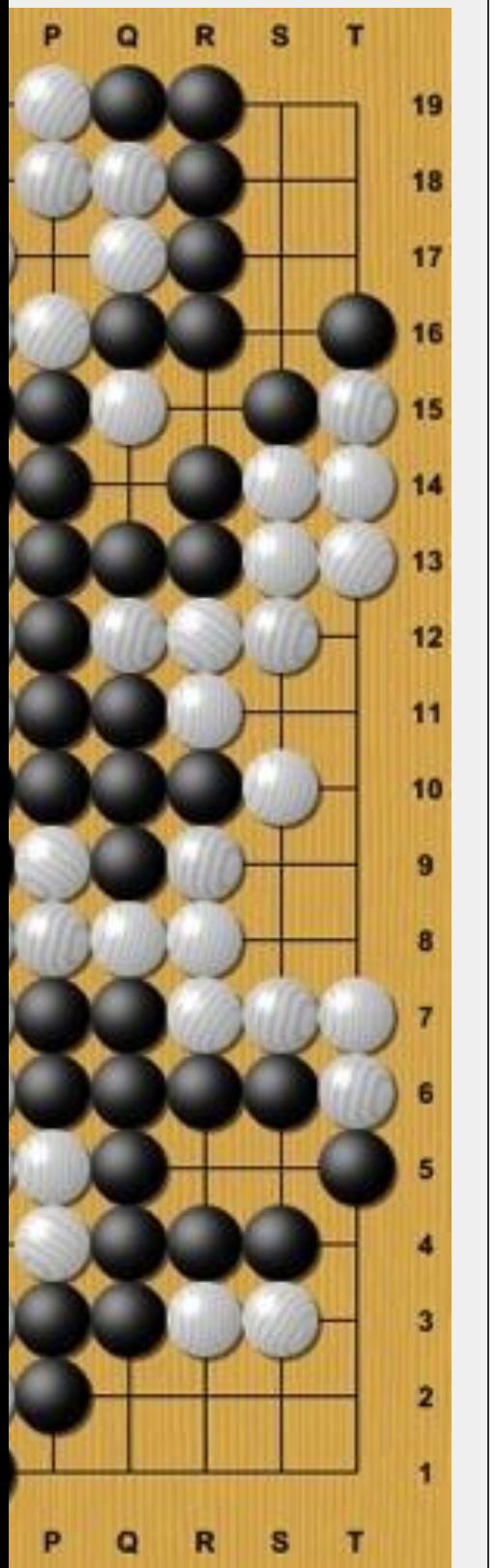
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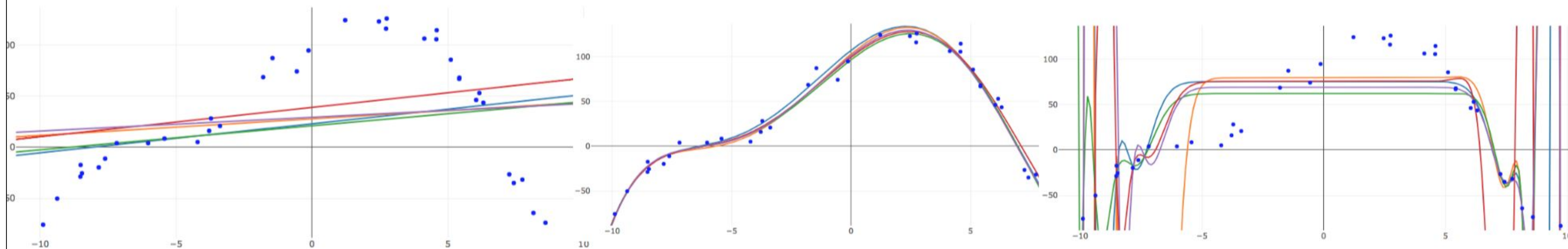
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The Bias-Variance Tradeoff

Estimated Model Variance

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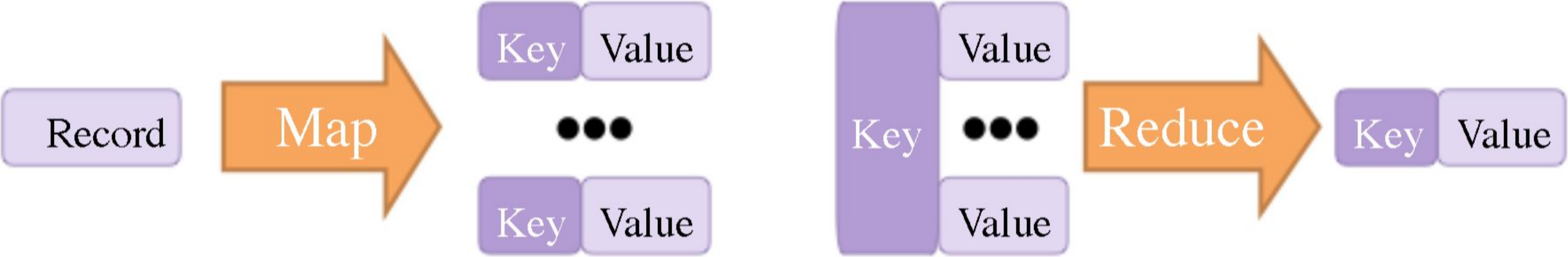
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The Map Reduce Abstraction (Simpler)



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Map(book):
for (word in book):
 emit (word, 1)

Key Value

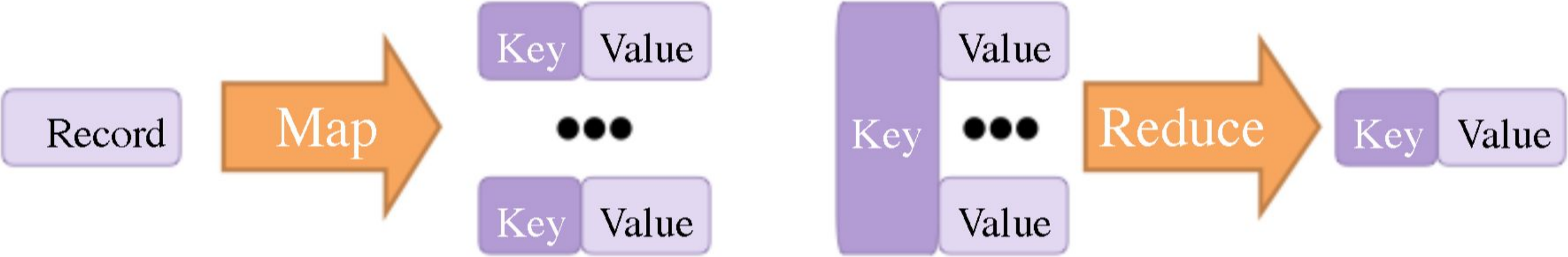
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Reduce(word, counts) {  
  sum = 0  
  for count in counts:  
    sum += count  
  emit (word,  
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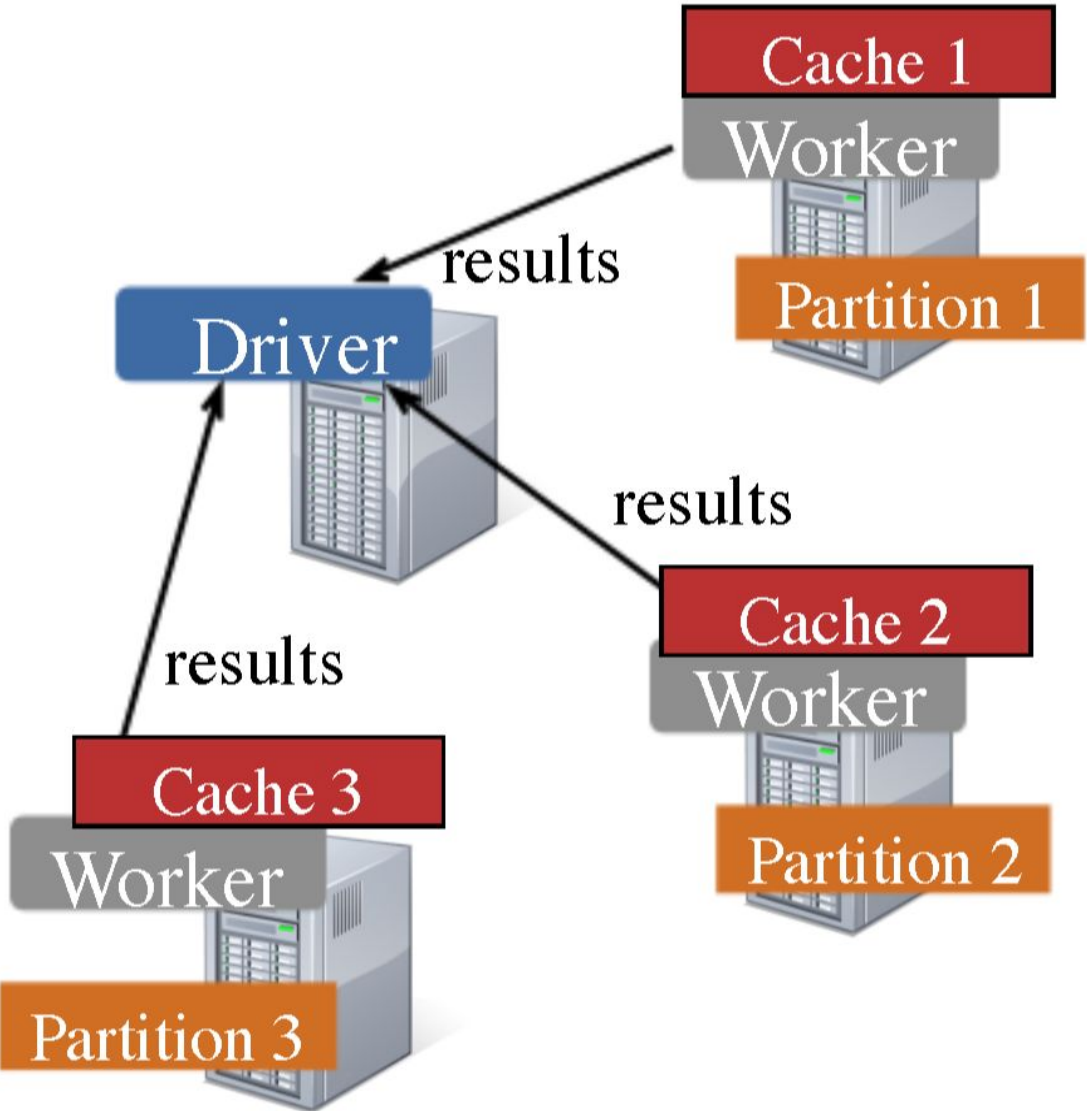
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Example: Log Mining

Load error messages from a log into memory, then interactively search for various patterns

```
lines = spark.textFile("hdfs://file.txt")
errors = lines.filter(lambda s: s.startswith("ERROR"))
messages = errors.map(lambda s: s.split("\t")[2])
messages.cache()

messages.filter(lambda s: "mysql" in s).count()
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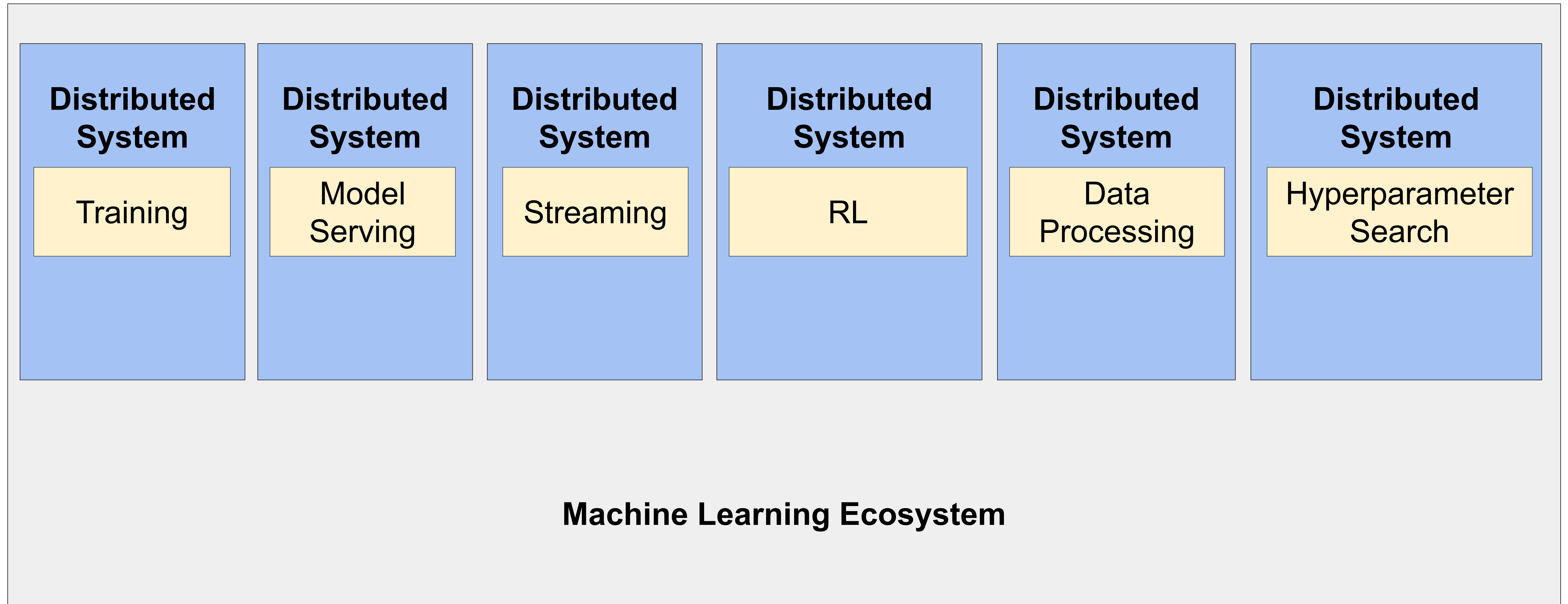
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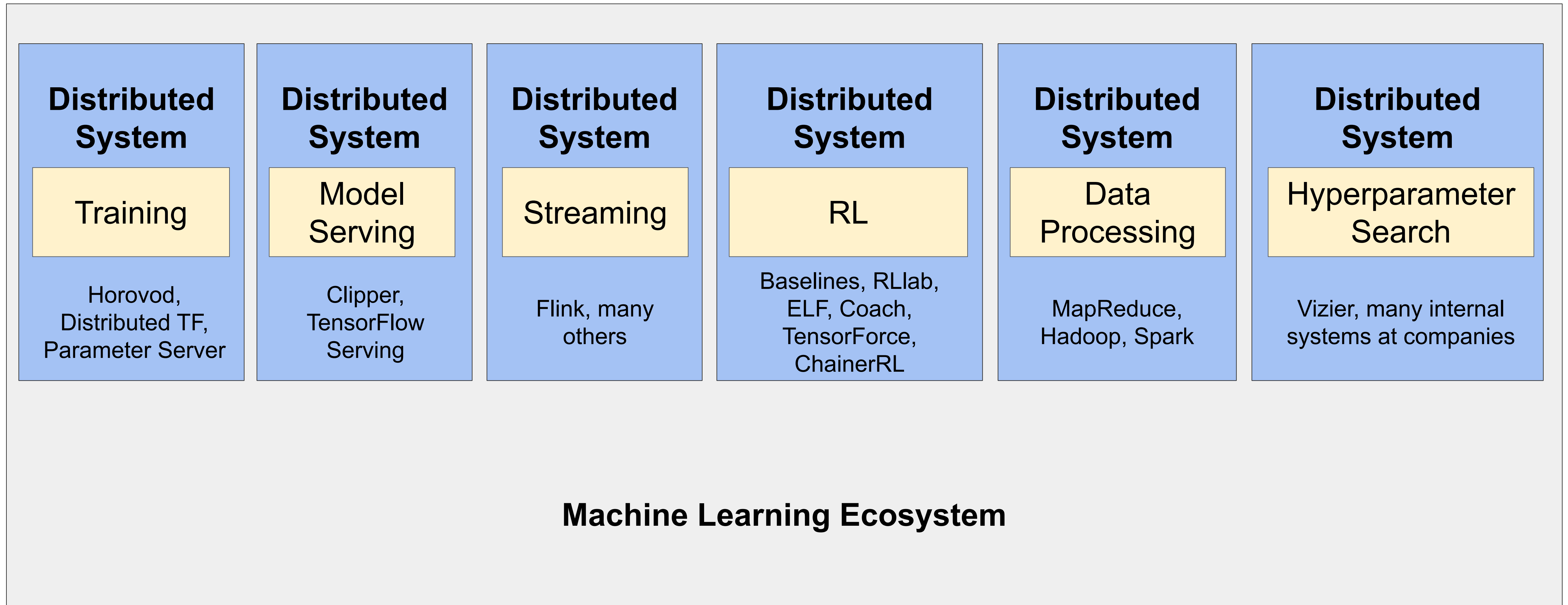
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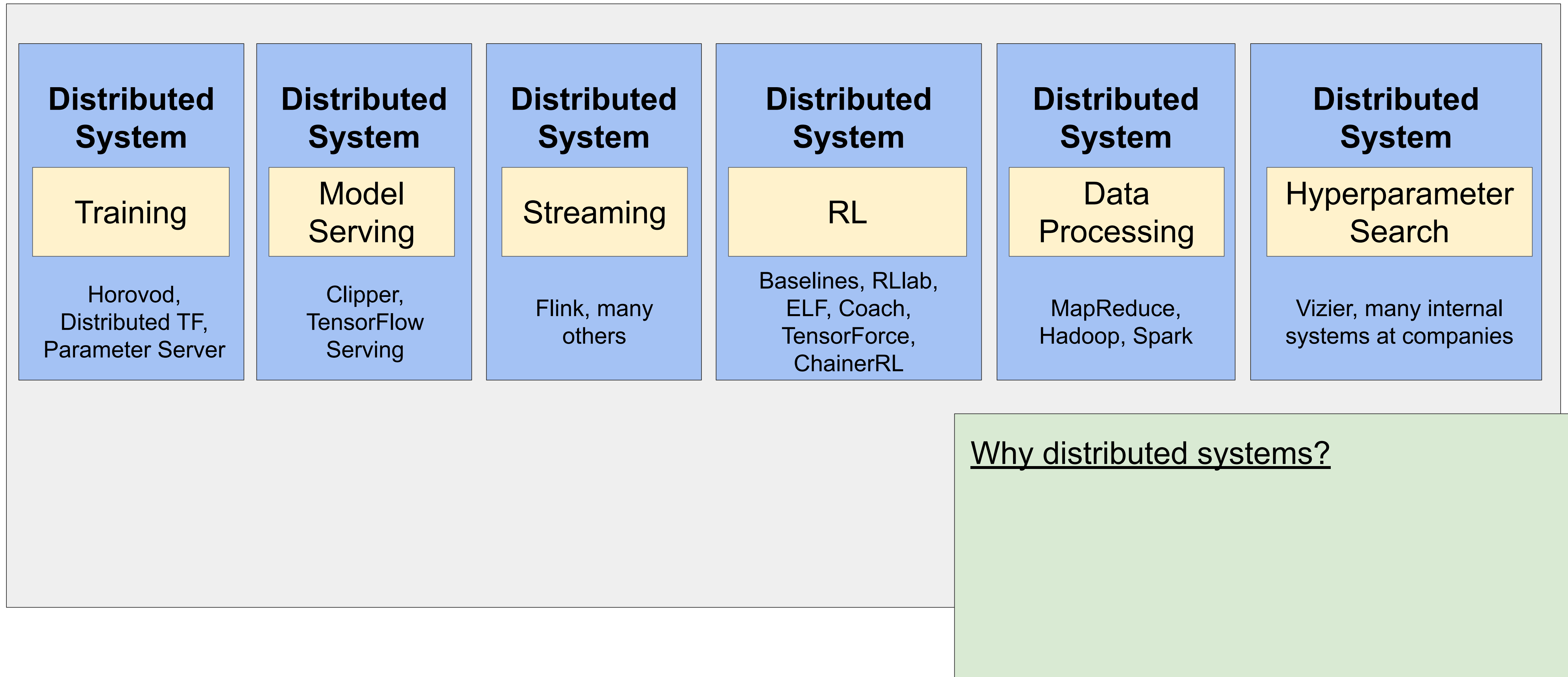
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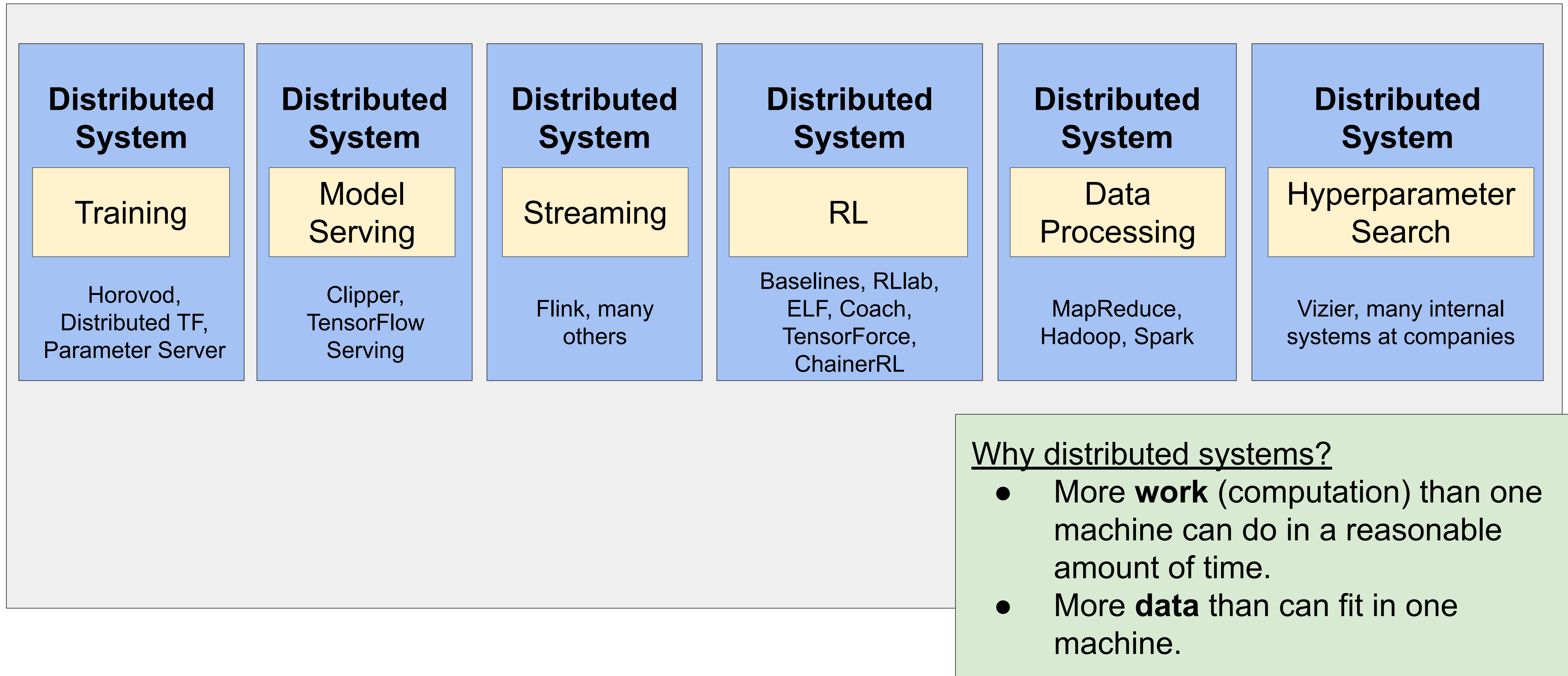
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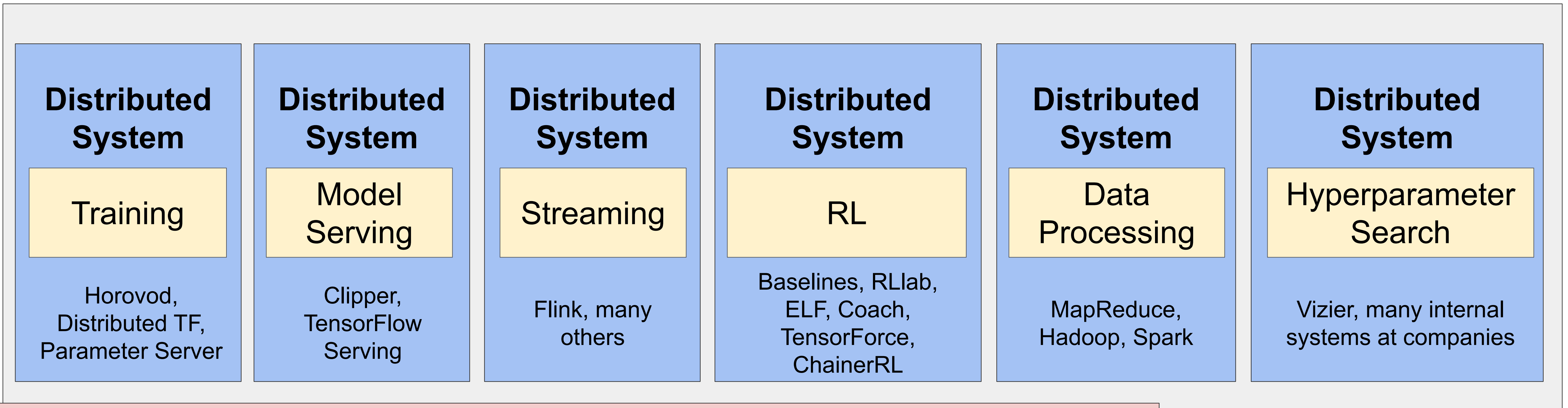
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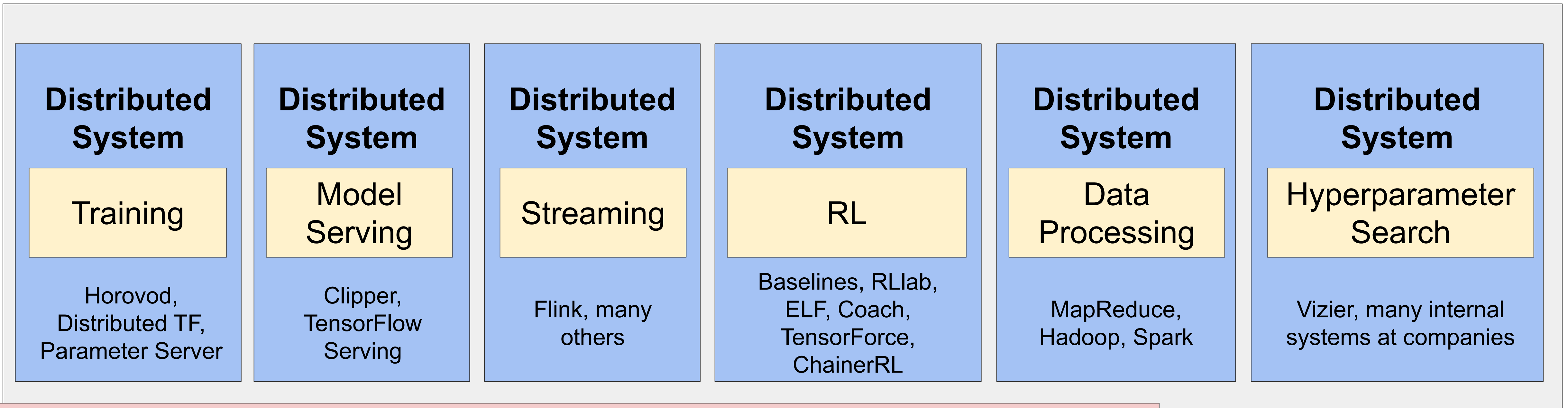


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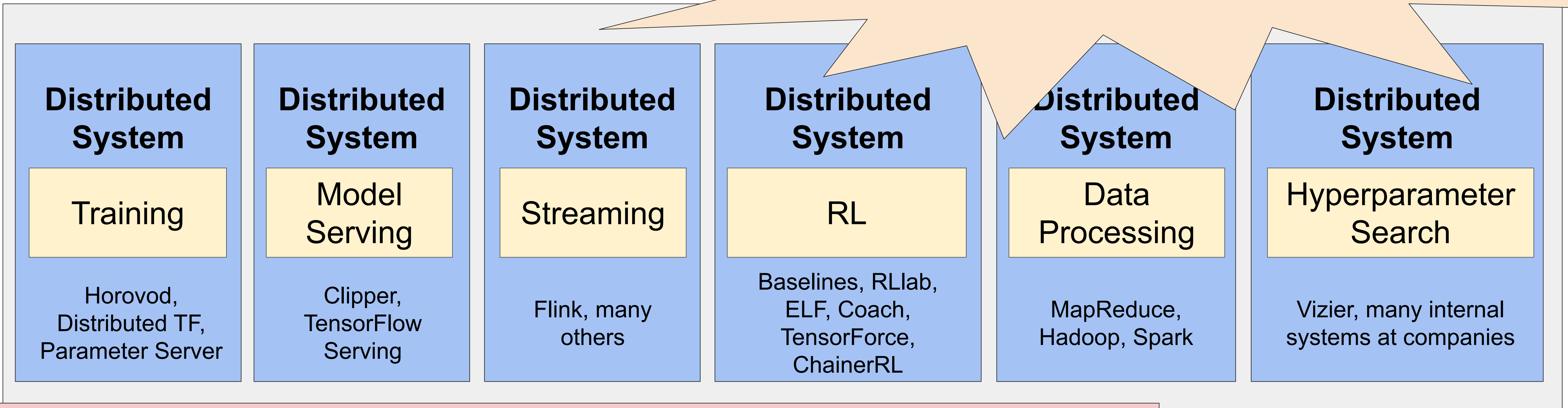
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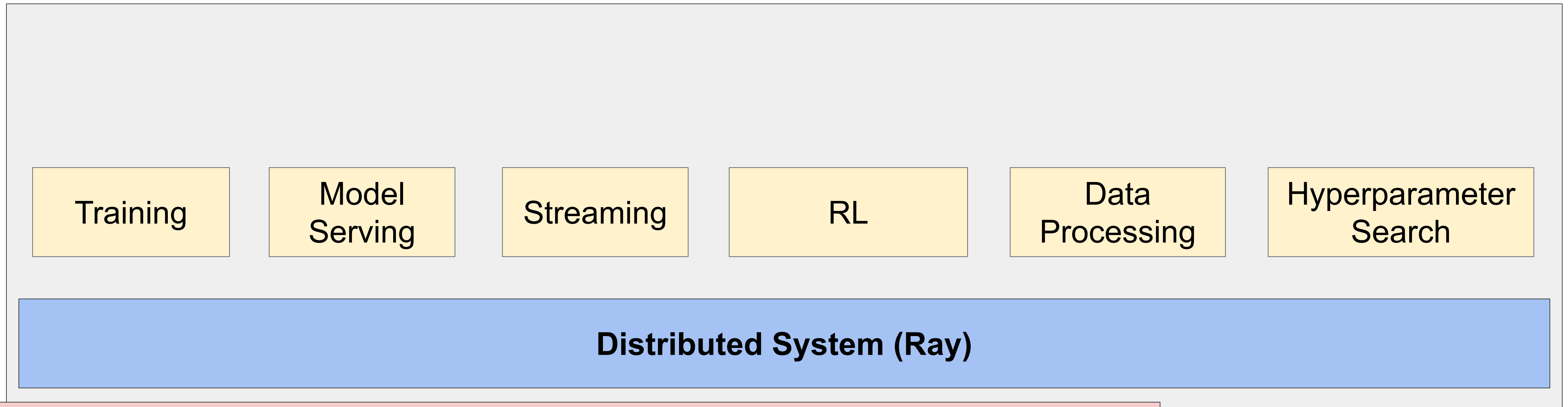
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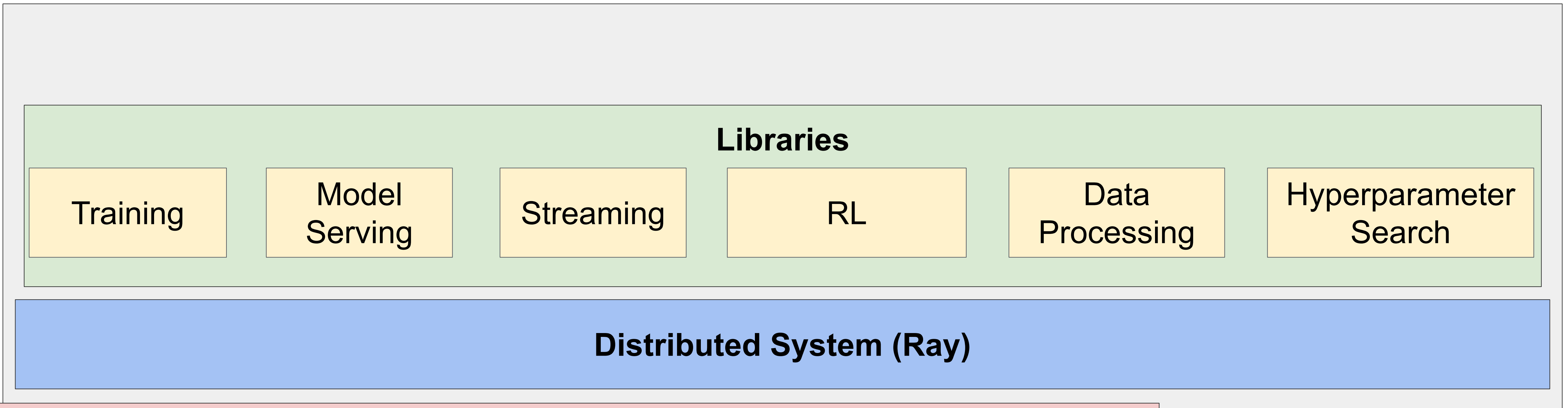
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Horovod,
Distributed TF,
Parameter Server

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Clipper,
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Flink, many
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RL

Baselines, RLlab,
ELF, Coach,
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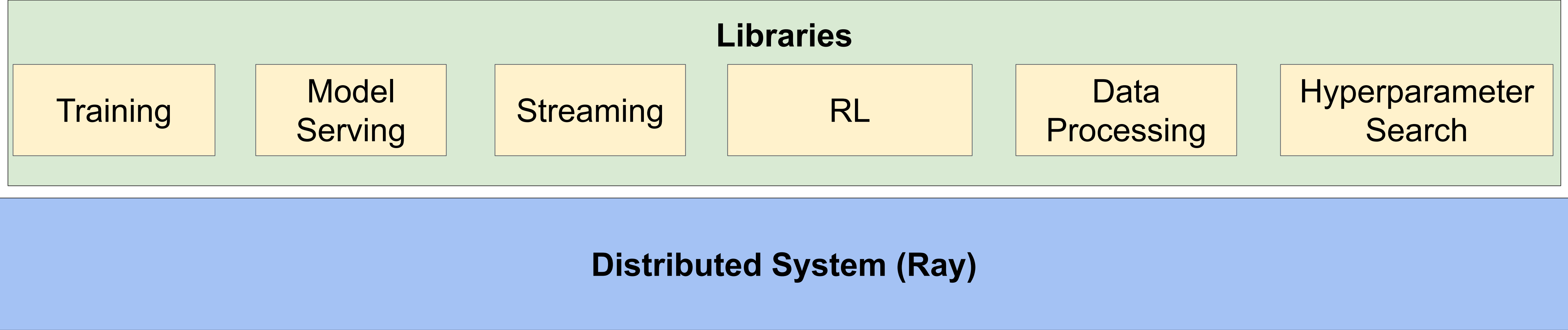
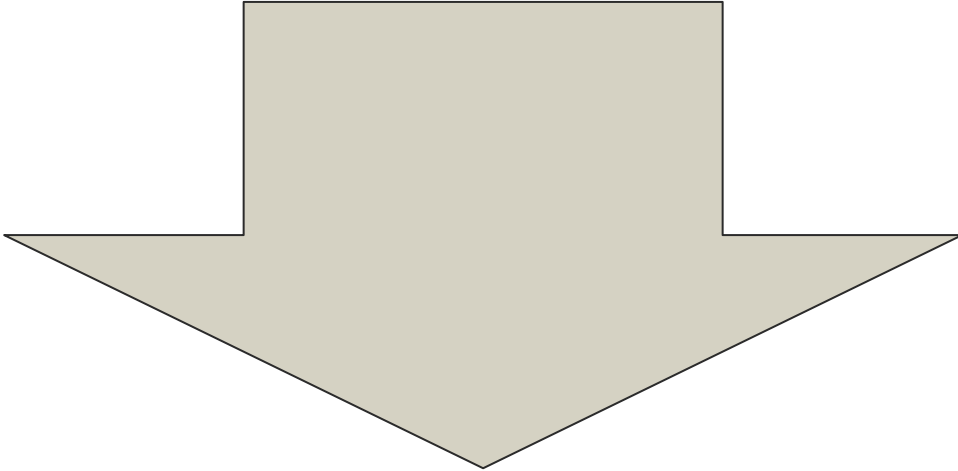
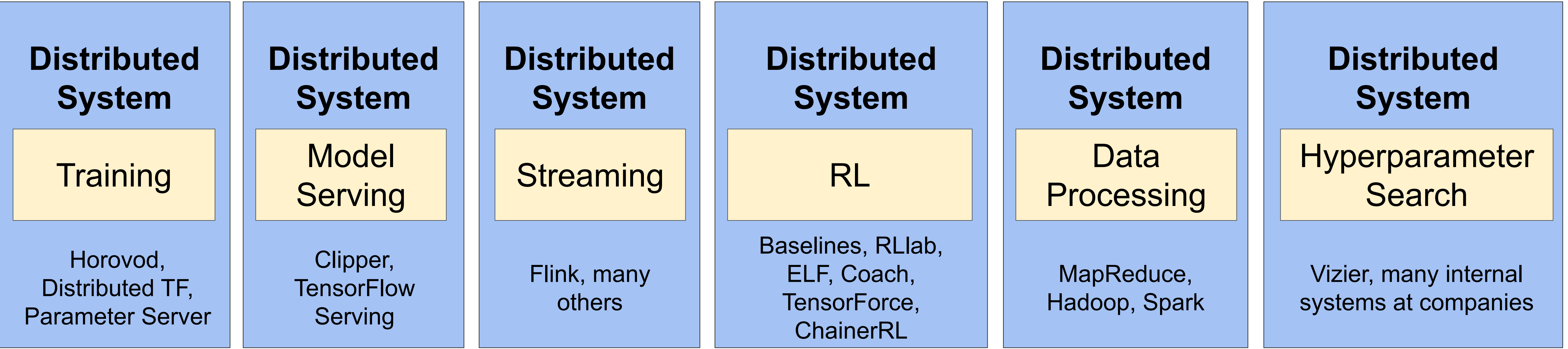
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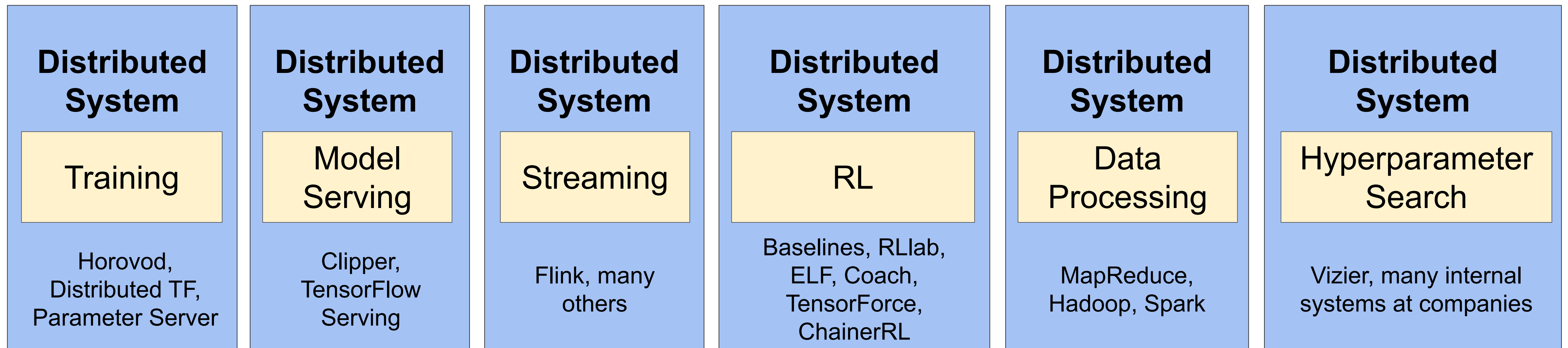
MapReduce,
Hadoop, Spark

Distributed System

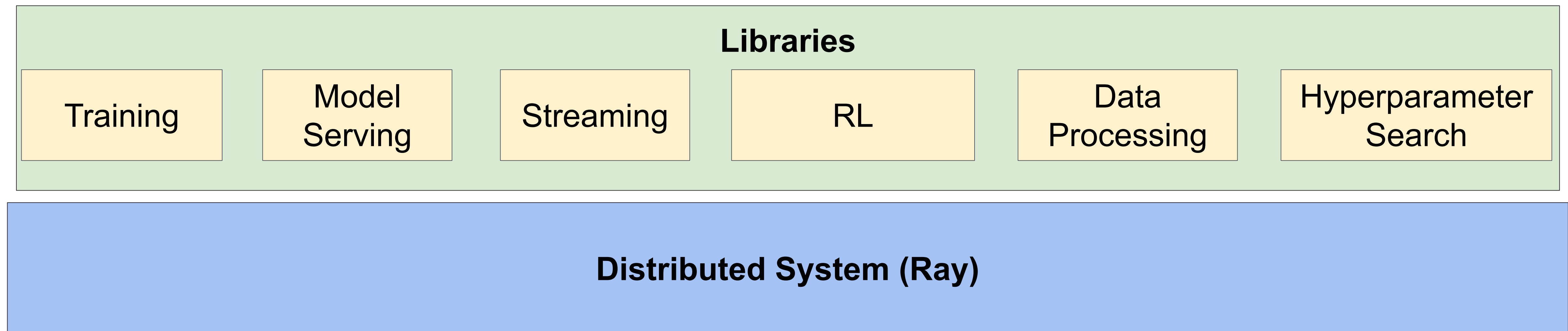
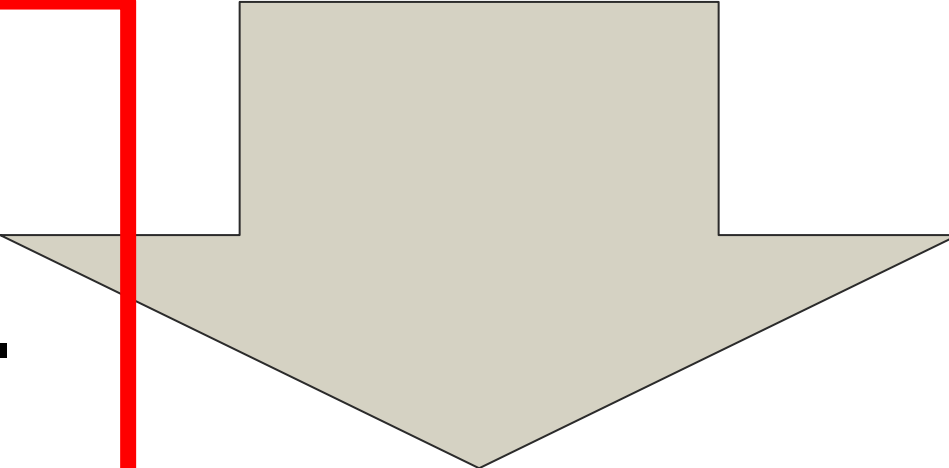
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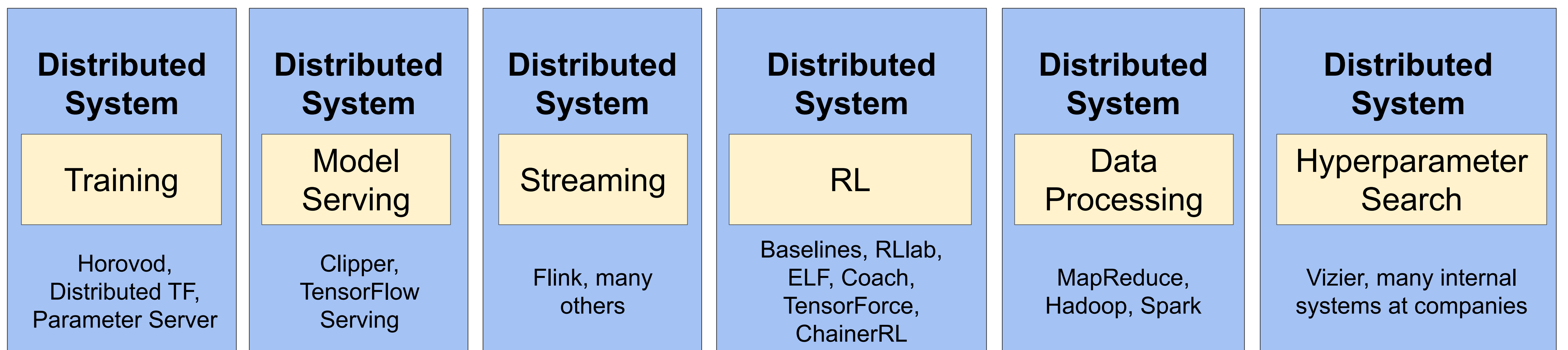
Vizier, many internal
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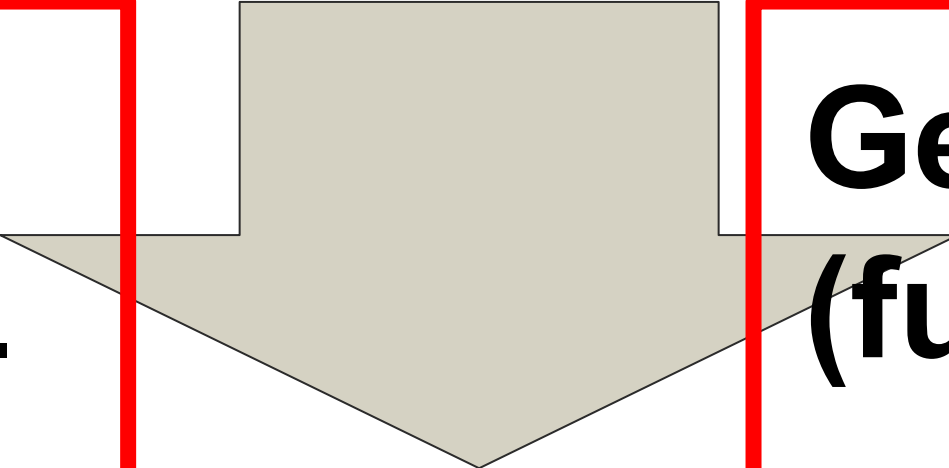


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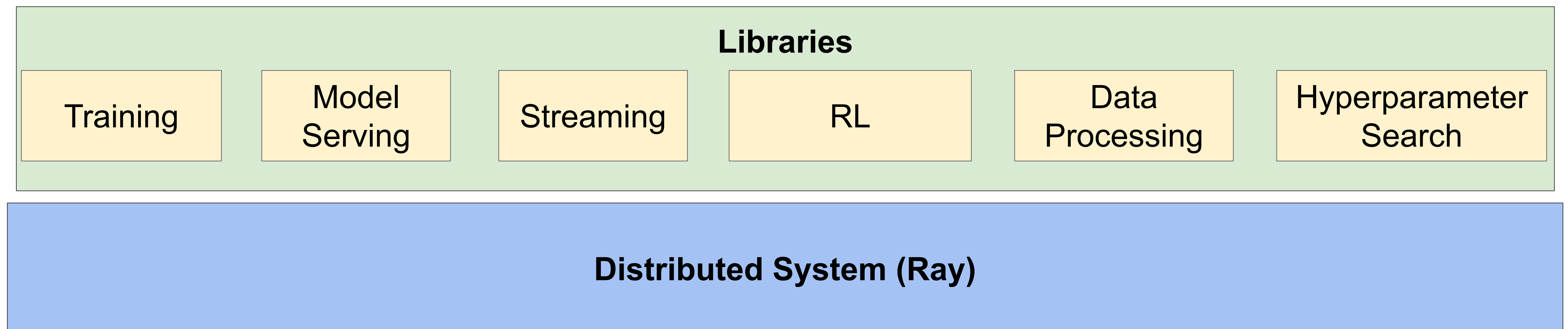




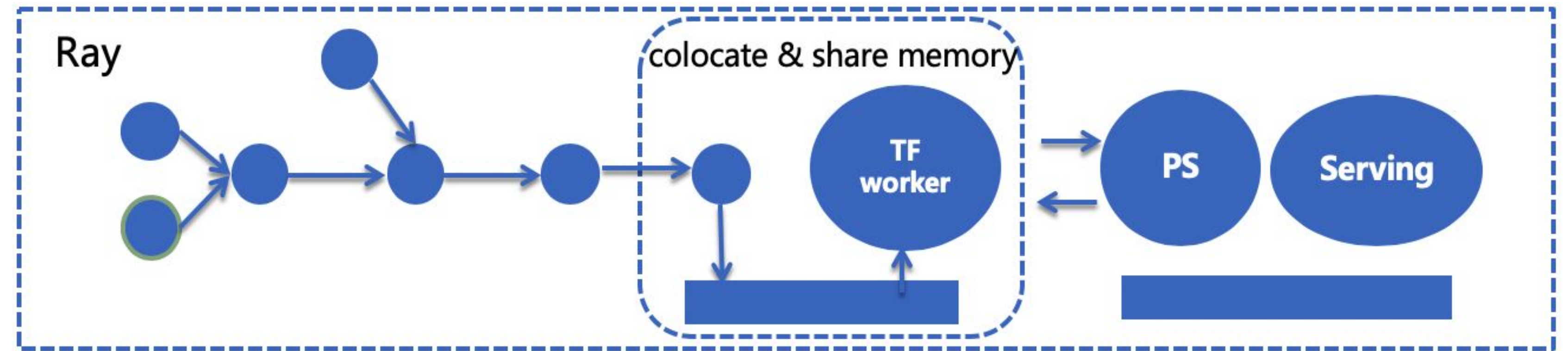
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Generality comes from **tasks (functions)** and **actors (classes)**.



Use Case: Online Machine Learning



- 3 min, streaming + model training, from feature / label to model output
- 5 min, streaming + training + serving, from feature / label to model deploy
- 5% CTR improvement comparing to offline model; 1% CTR improvement comparing to blink solution



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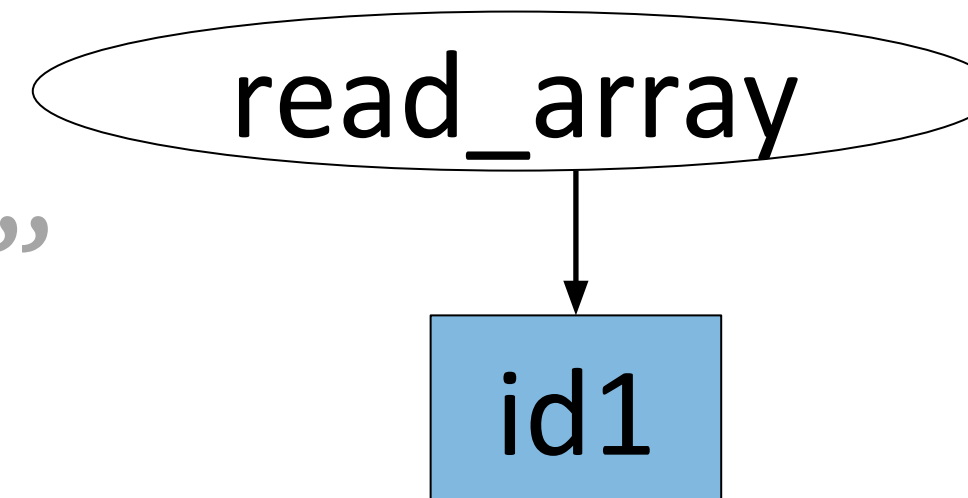
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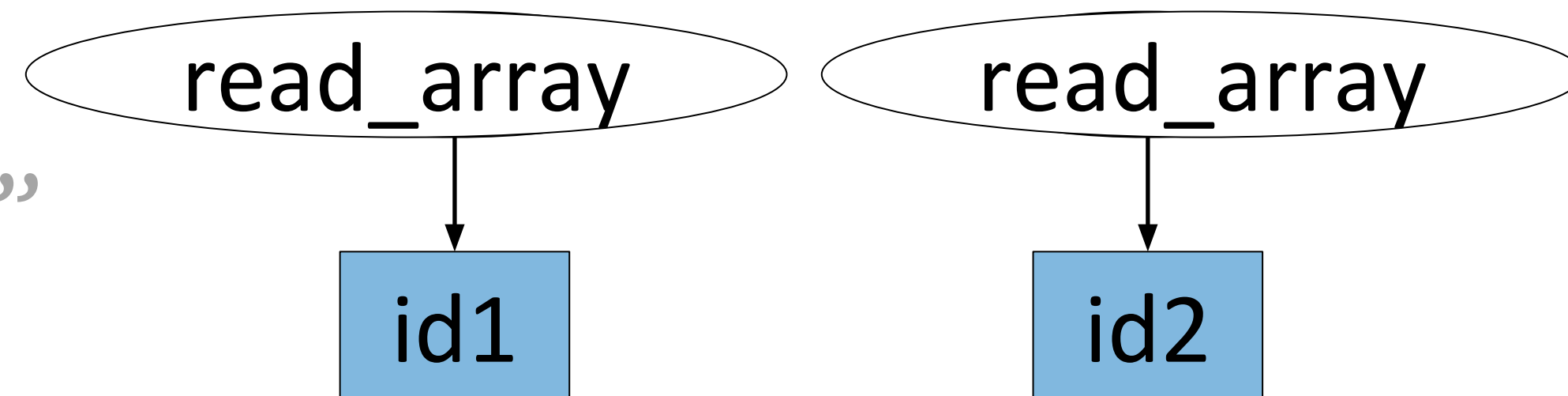
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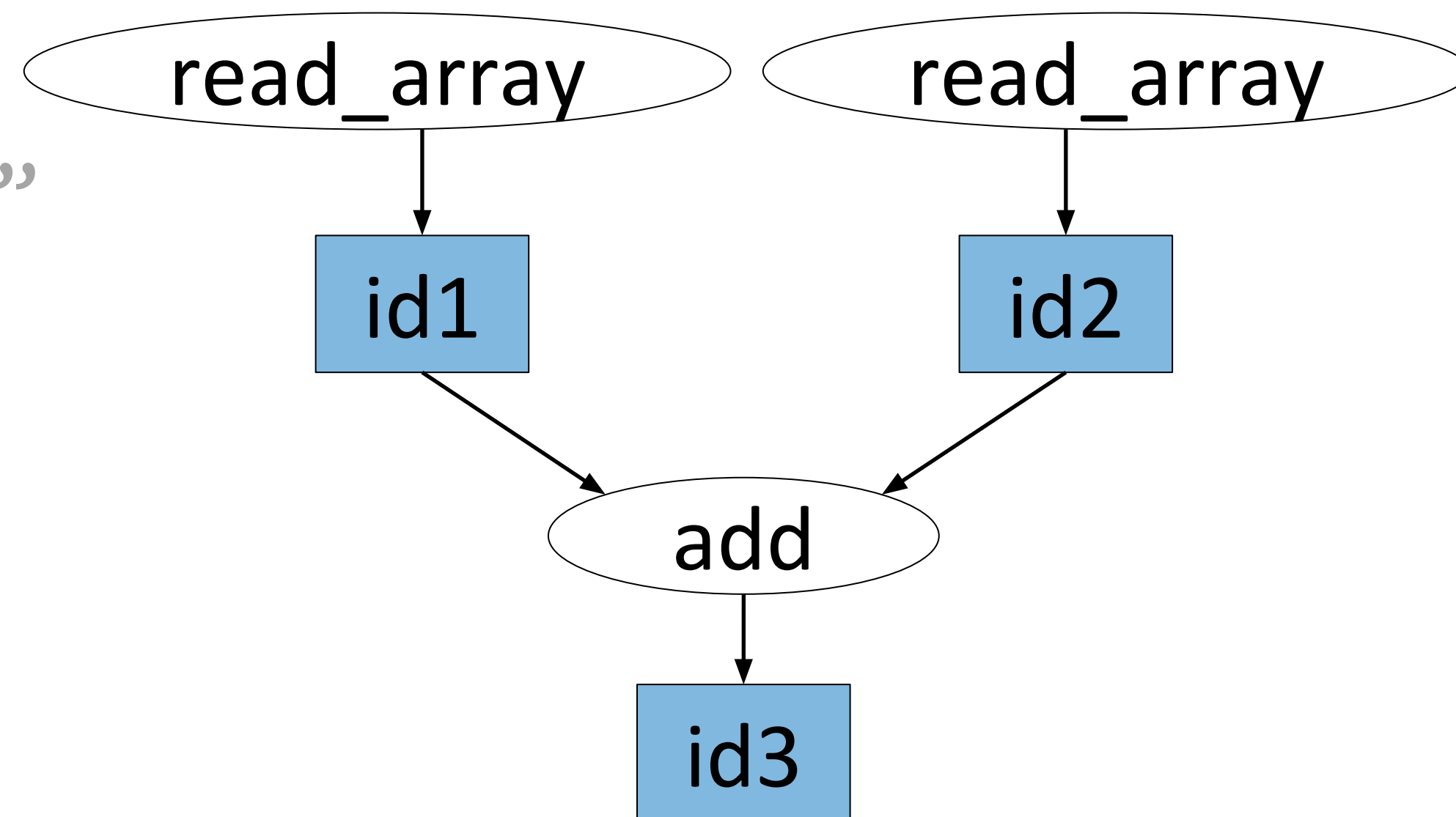
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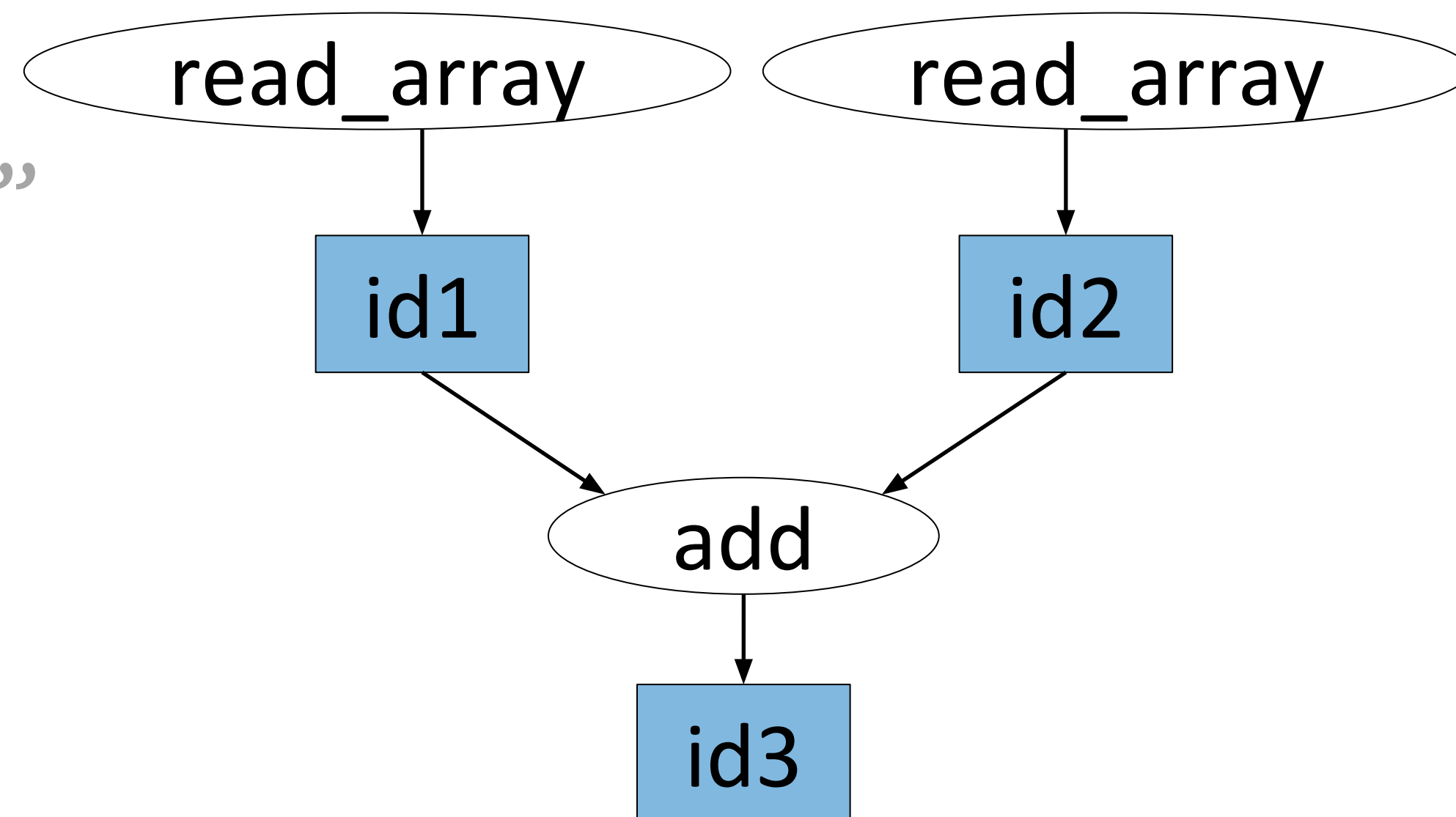
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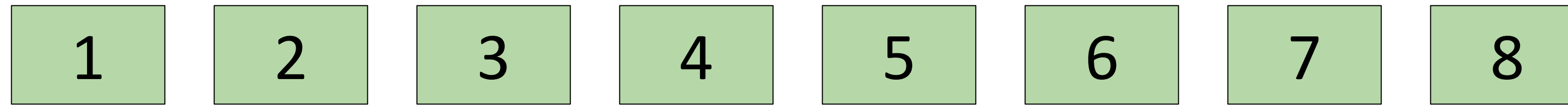
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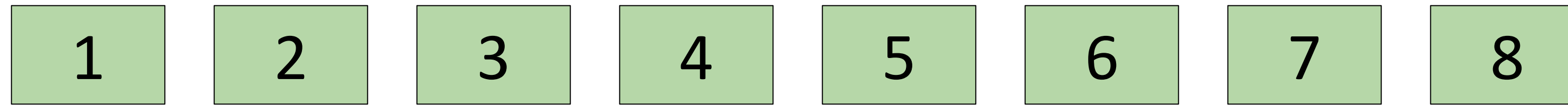
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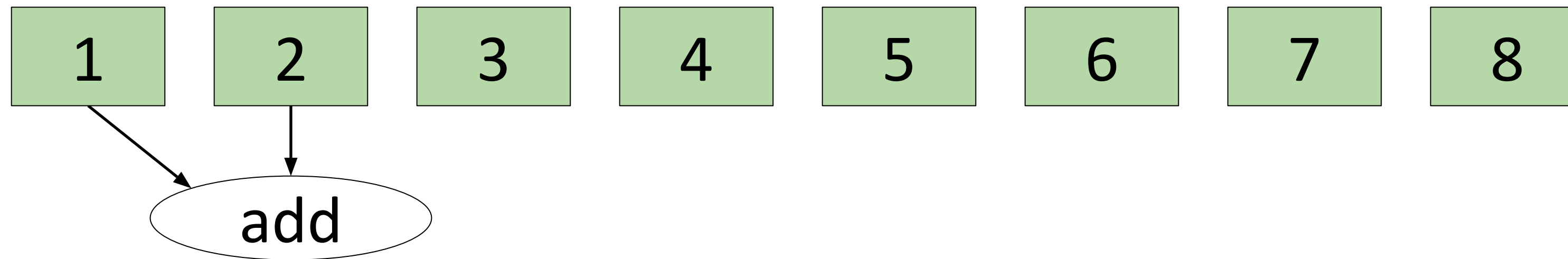
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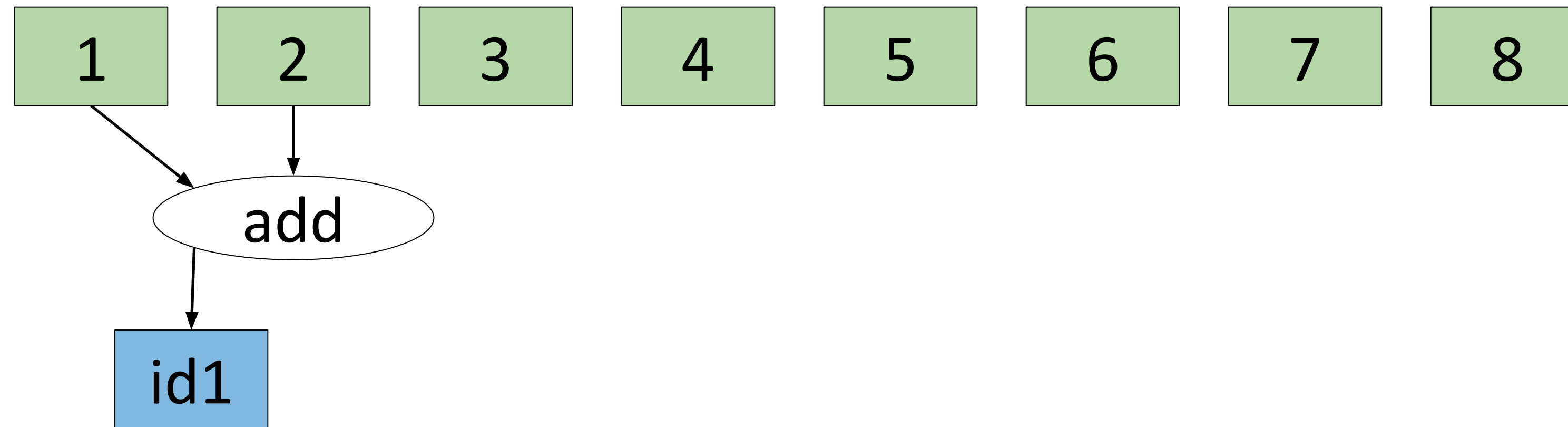
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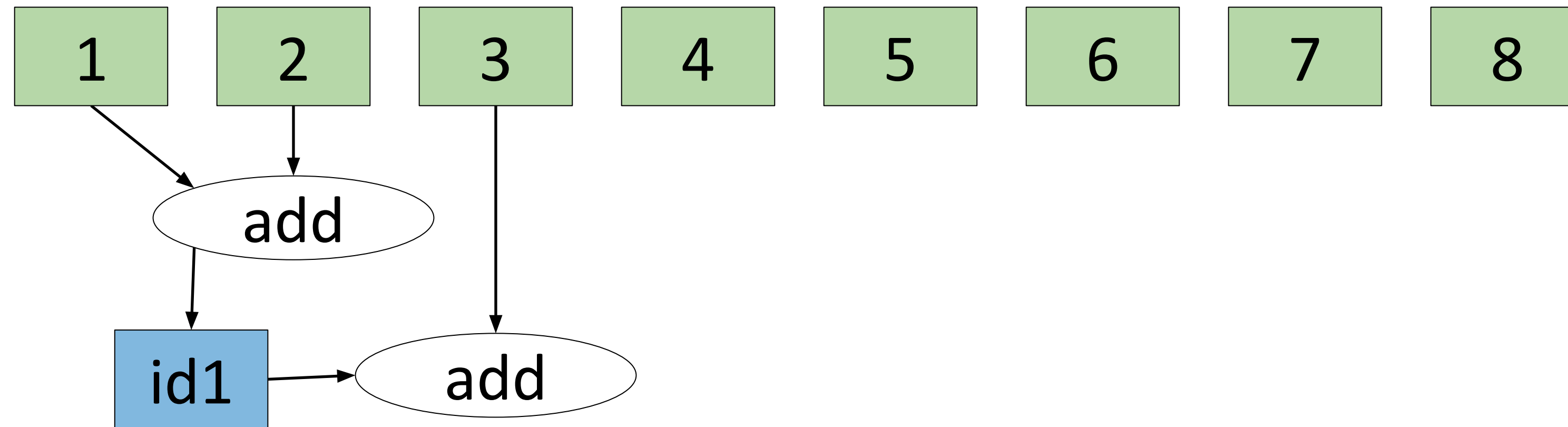
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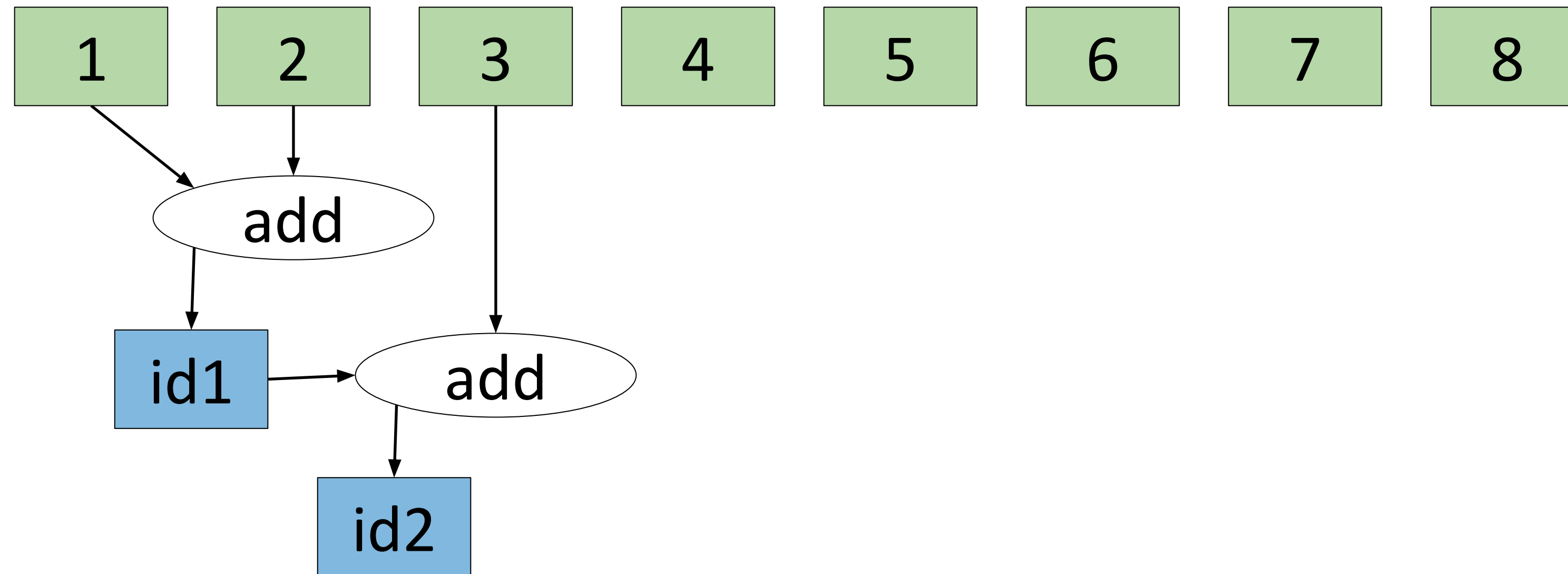
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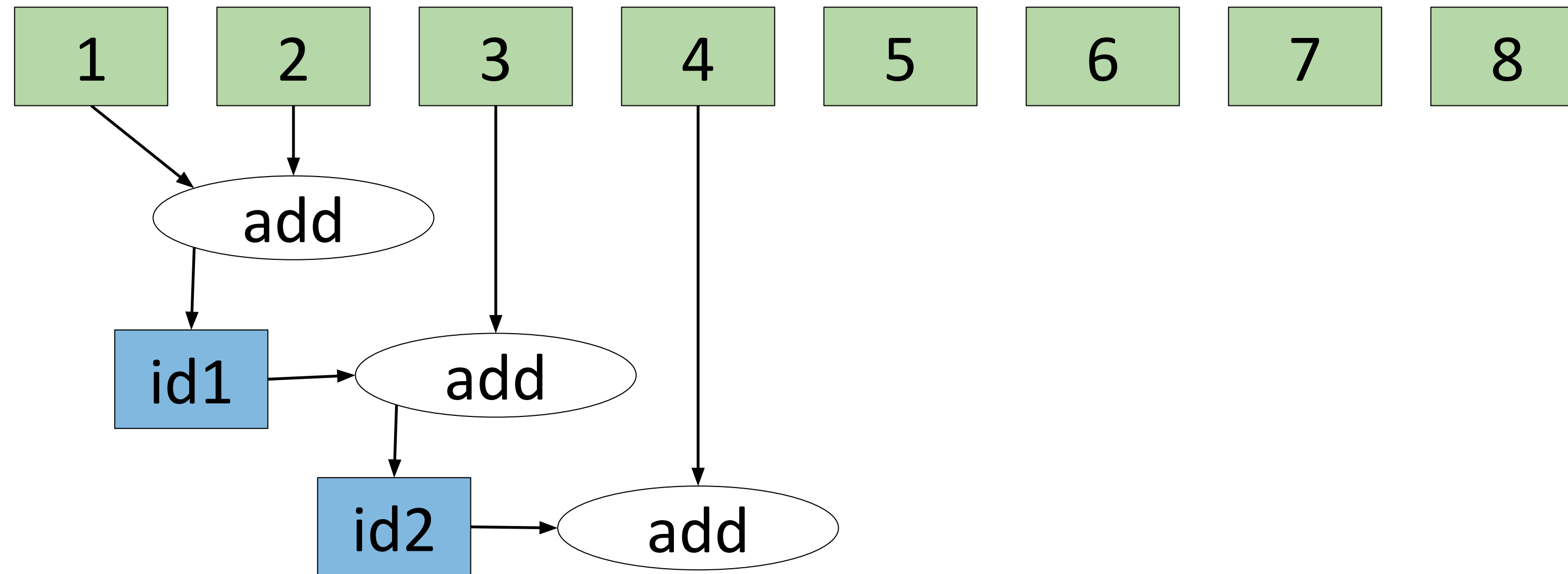
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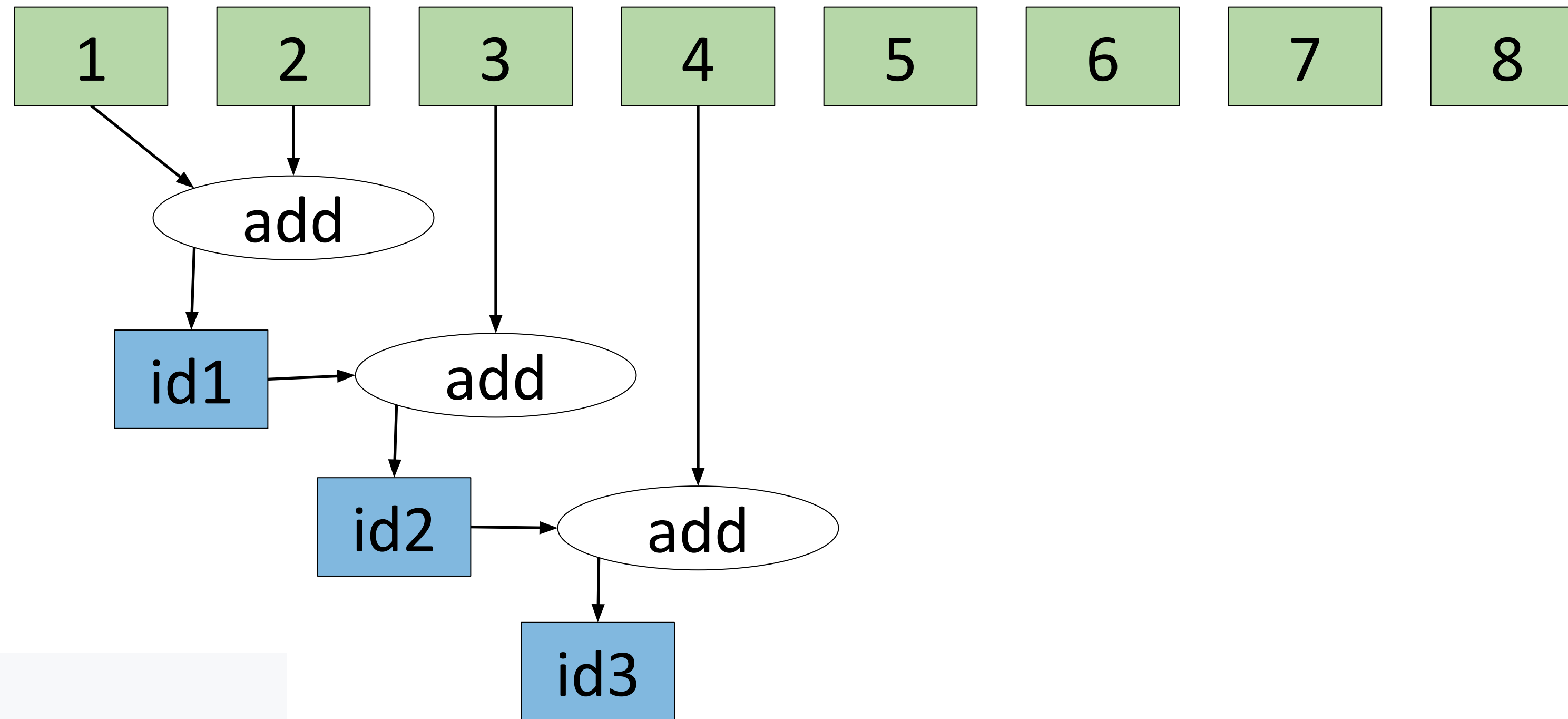
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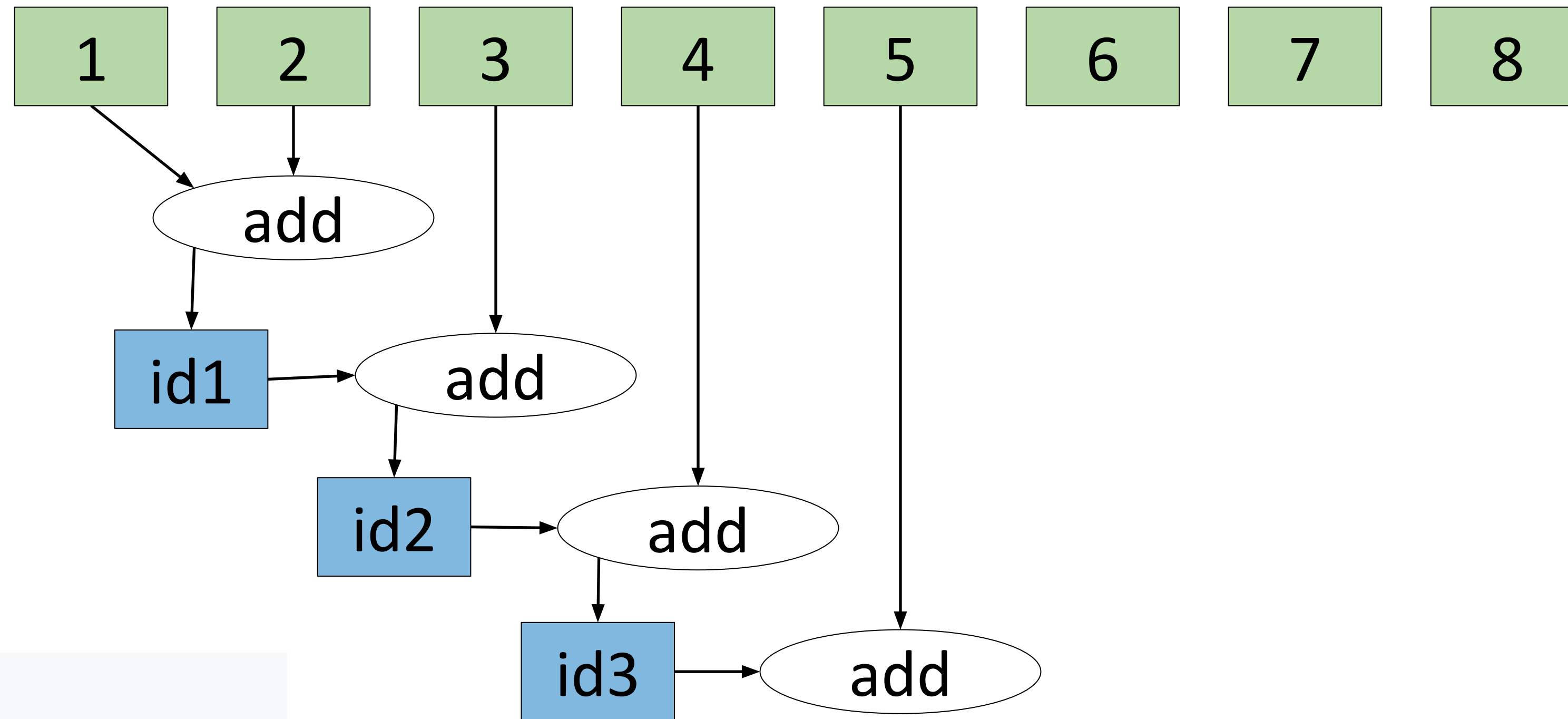
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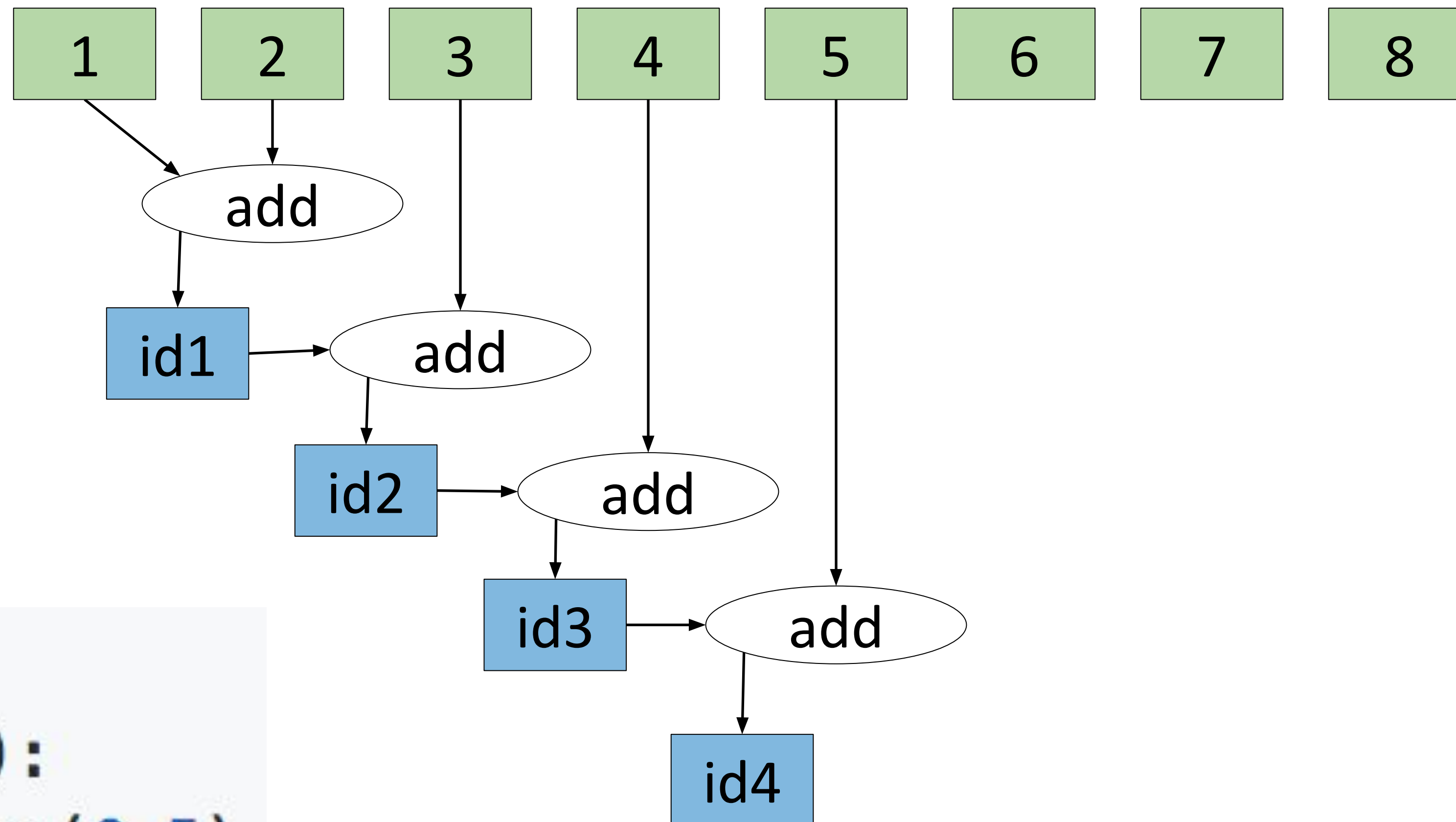
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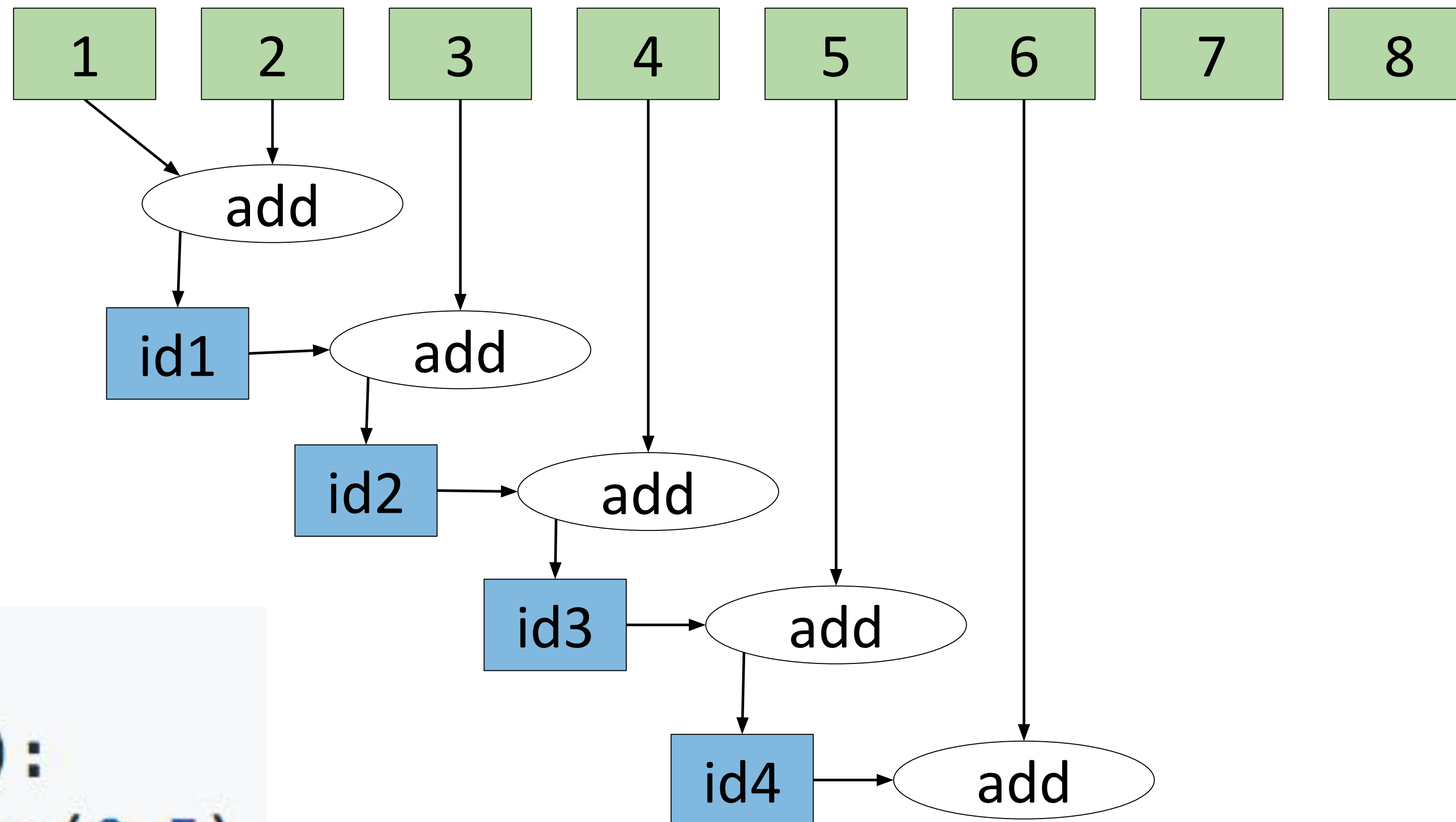
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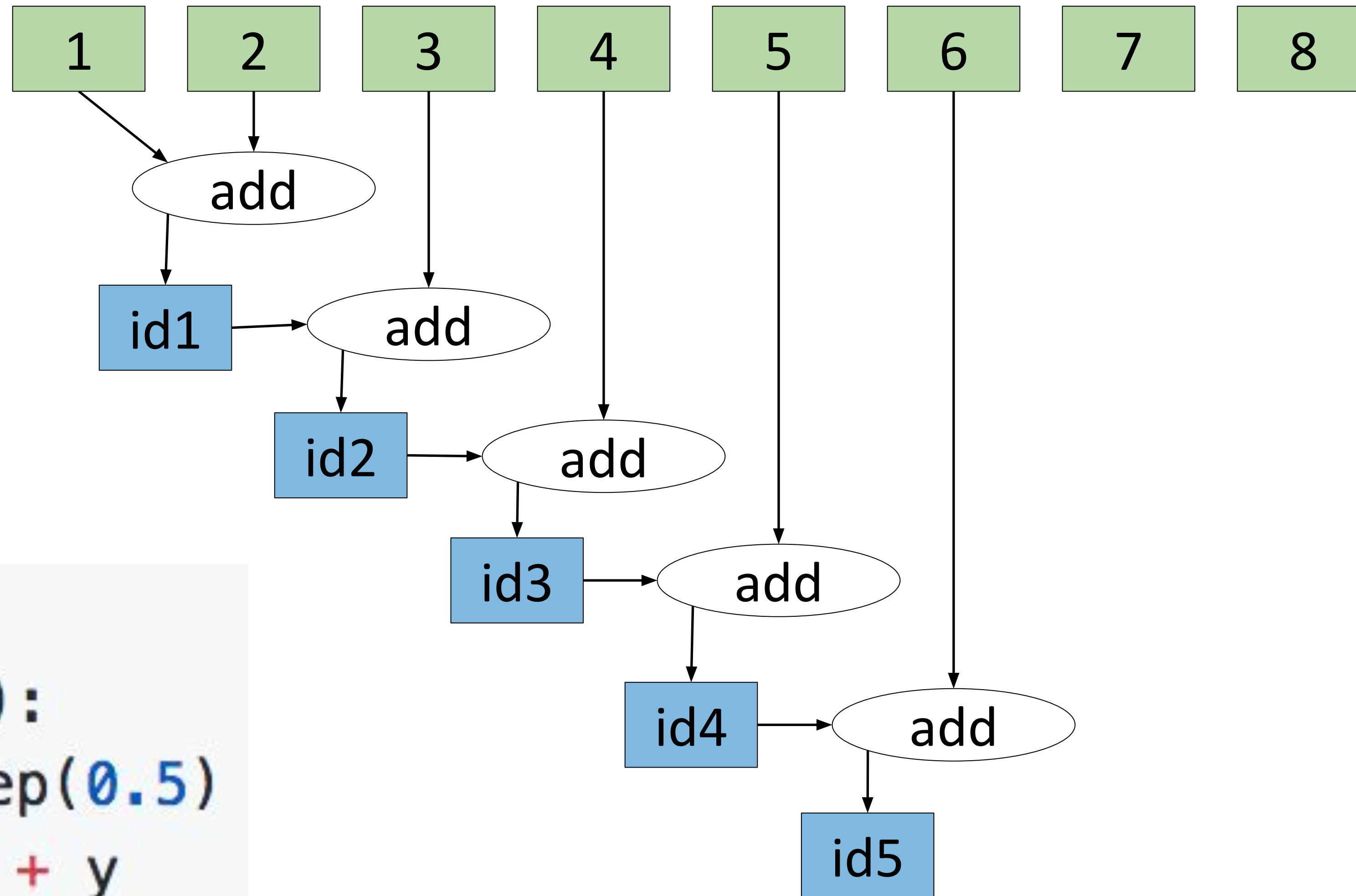
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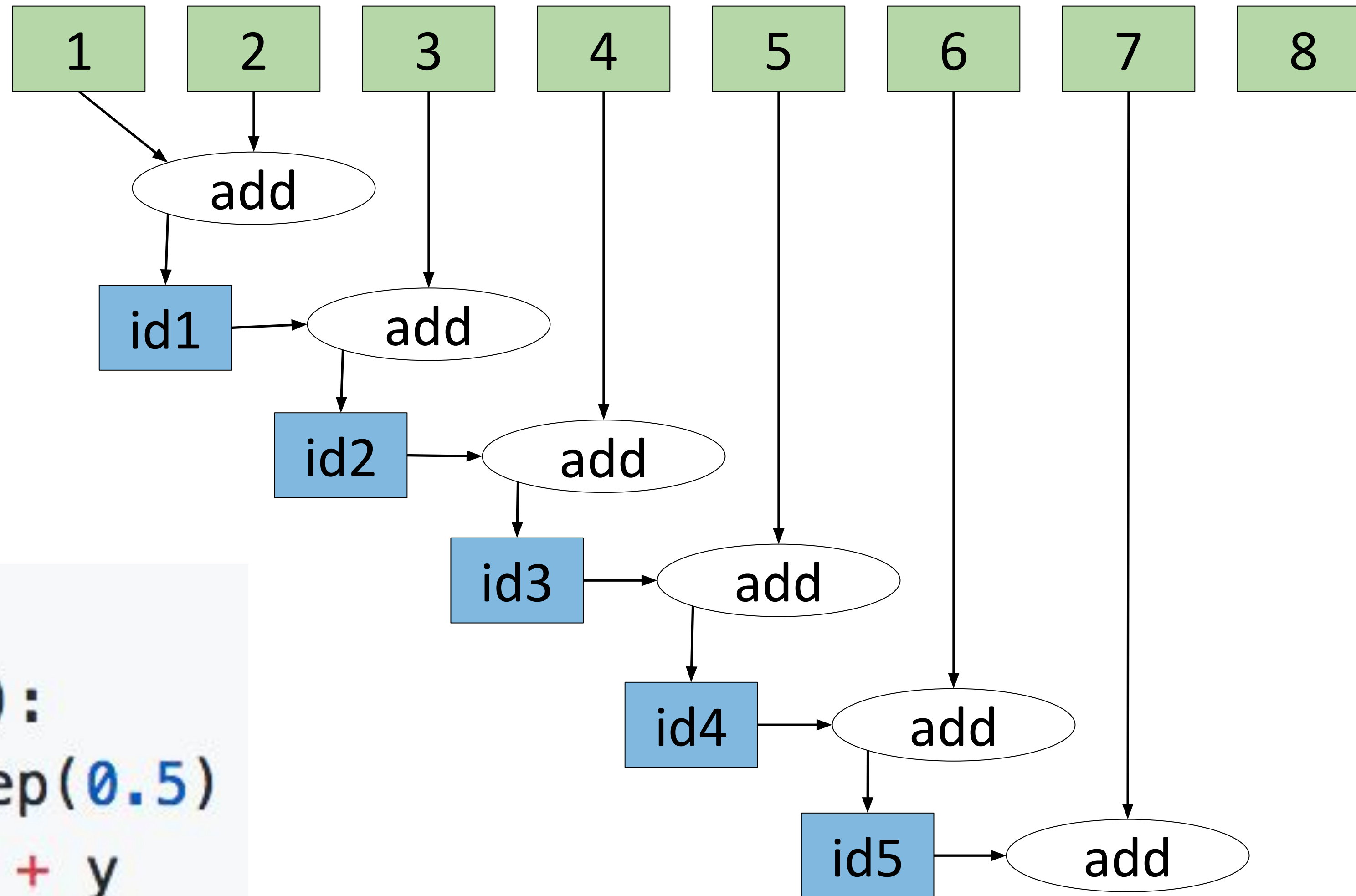
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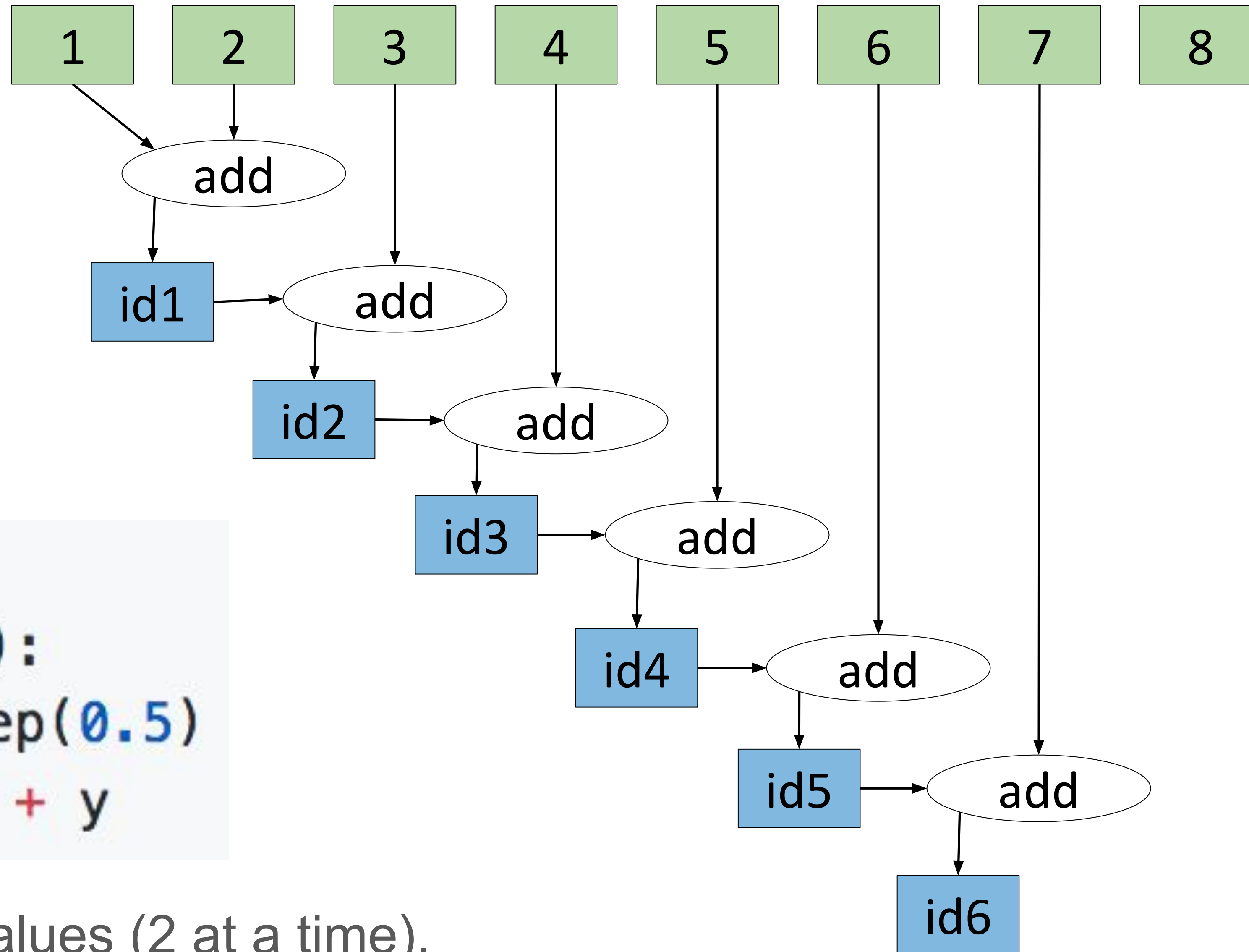
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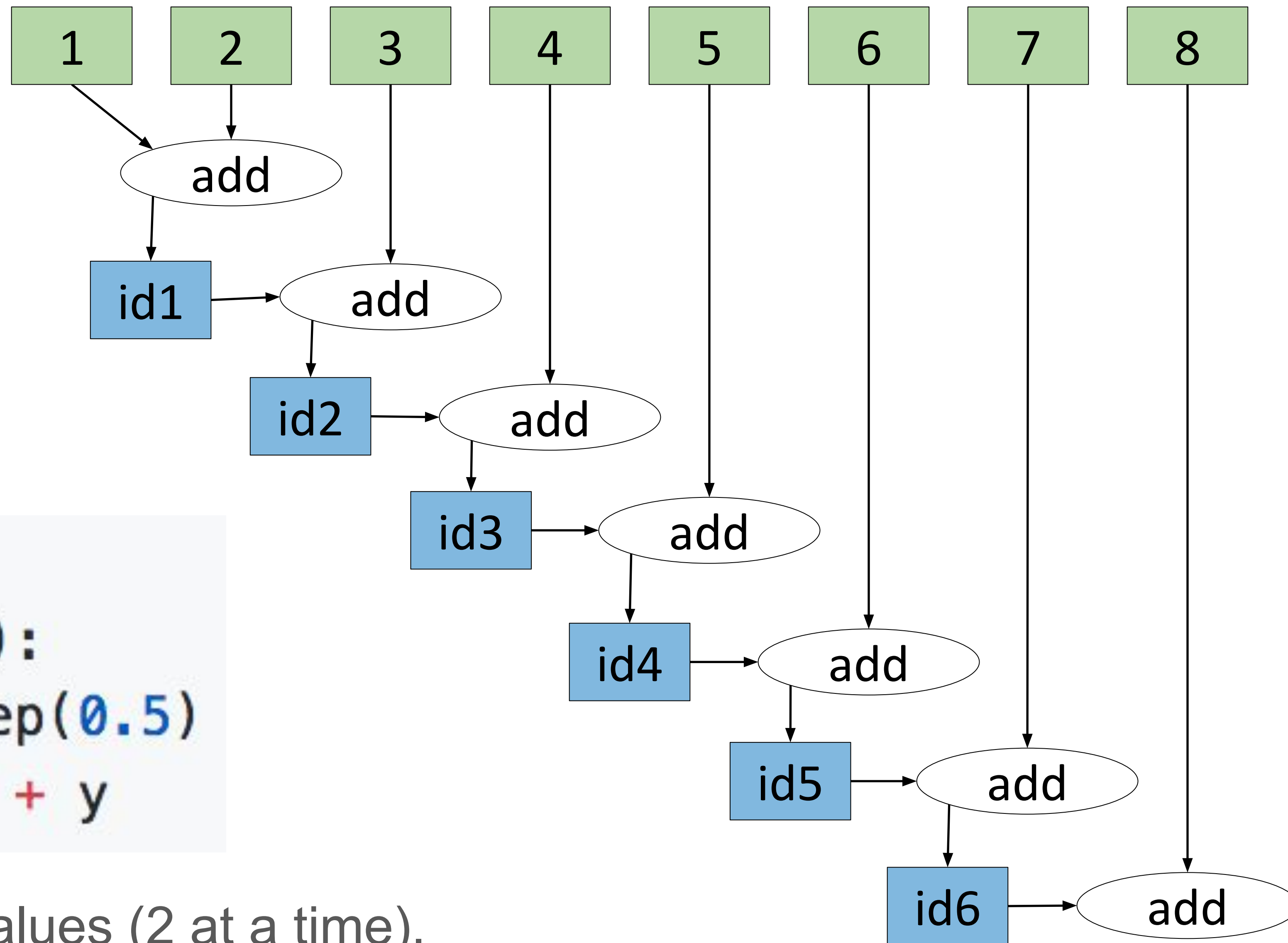
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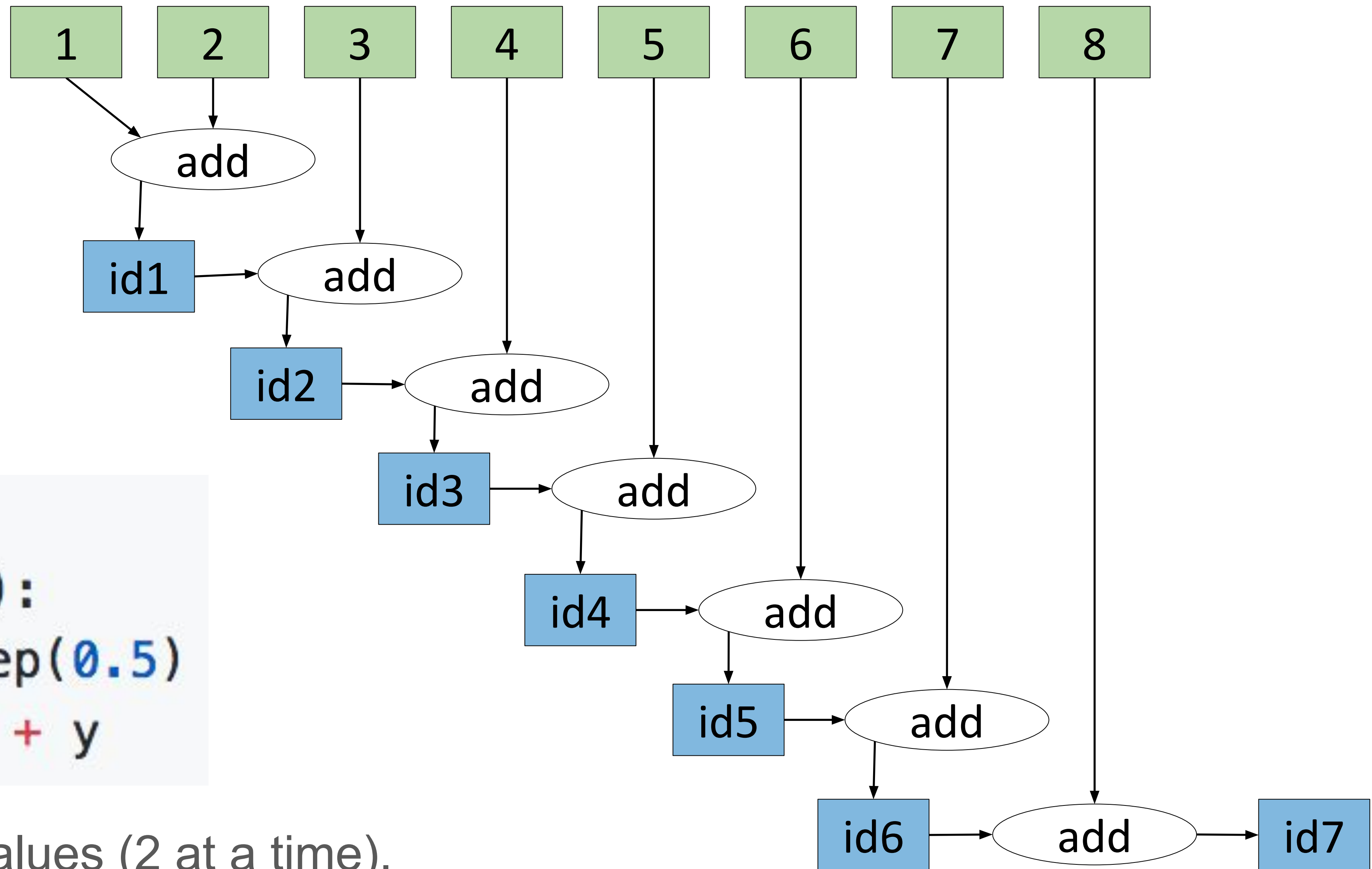
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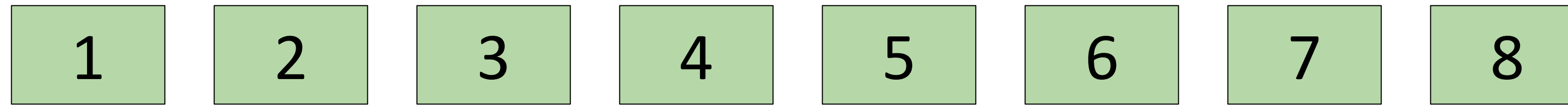
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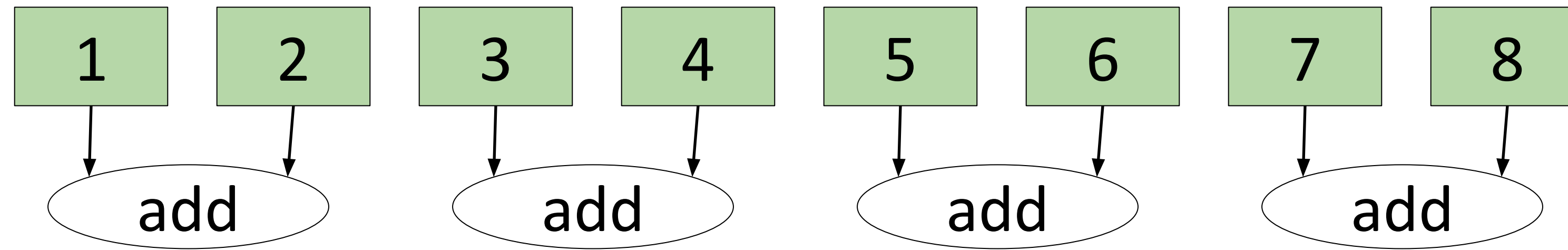
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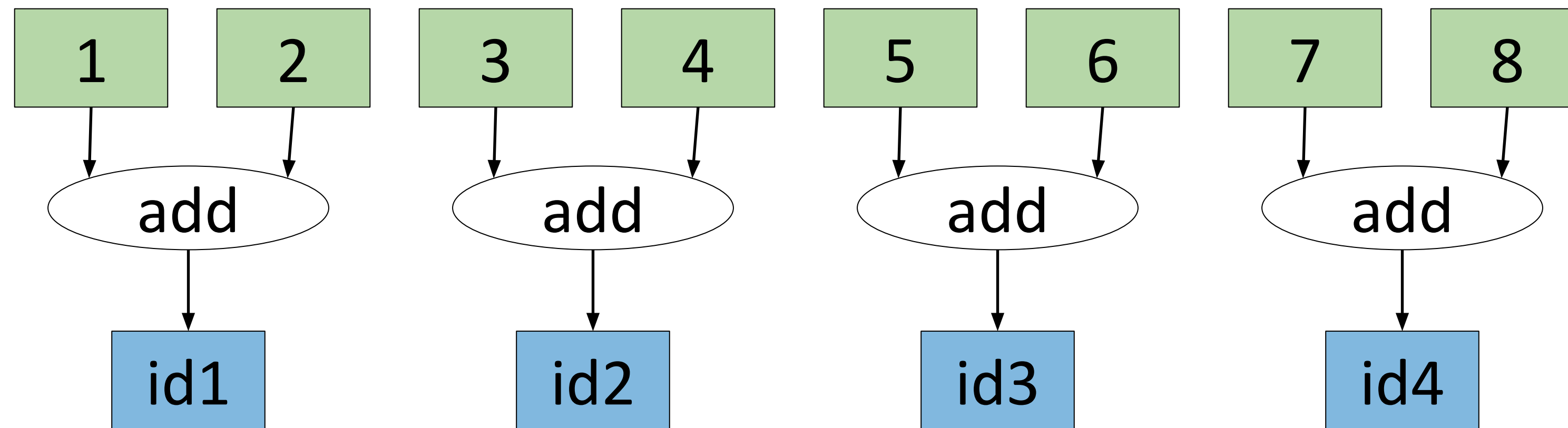
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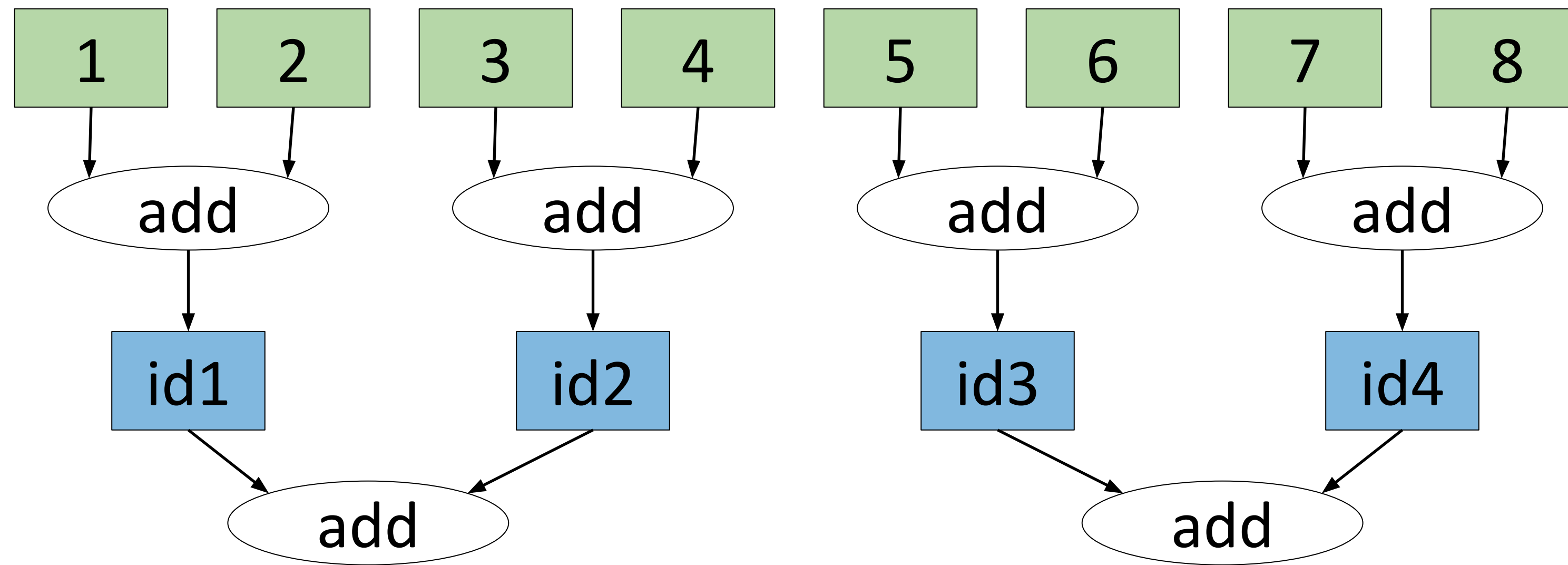
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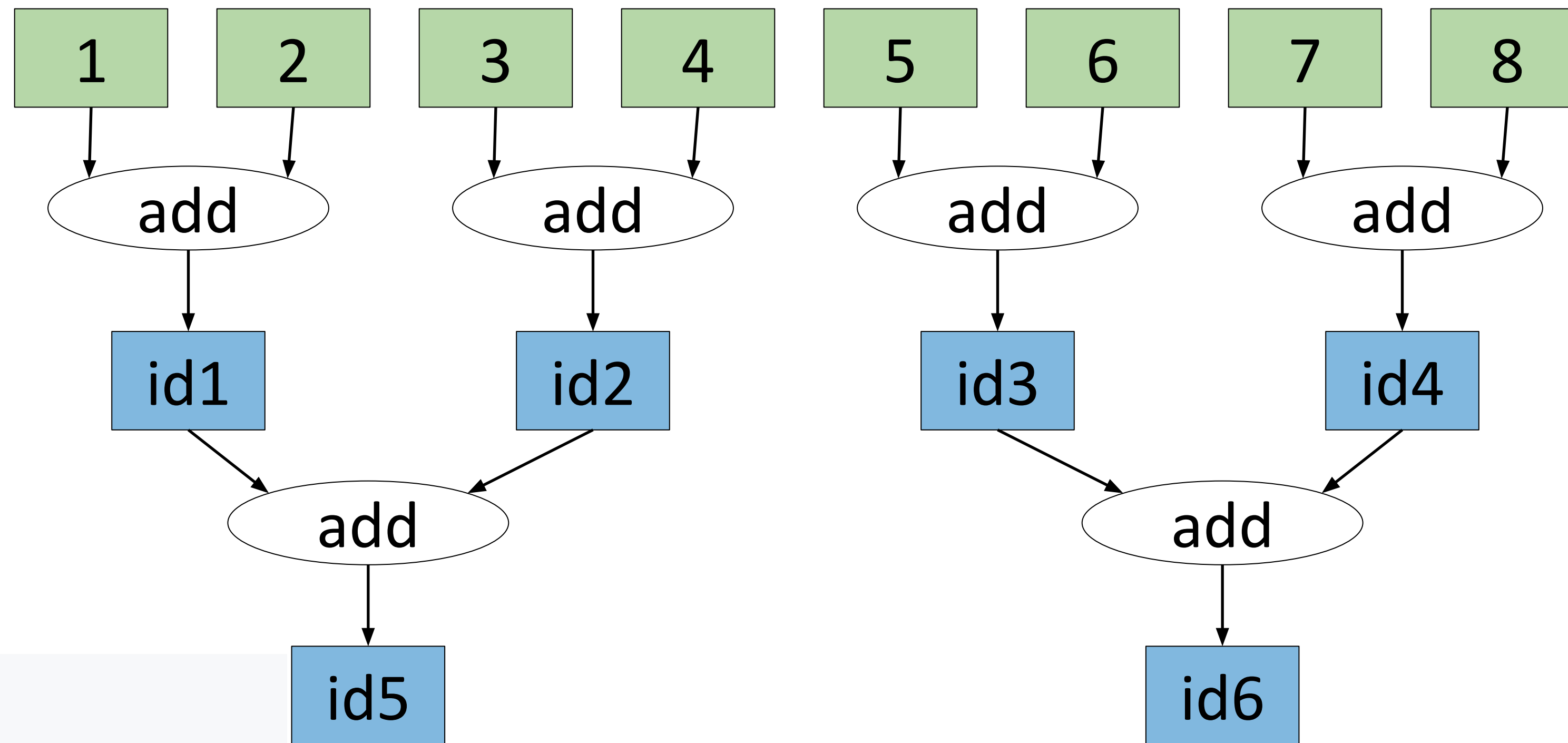
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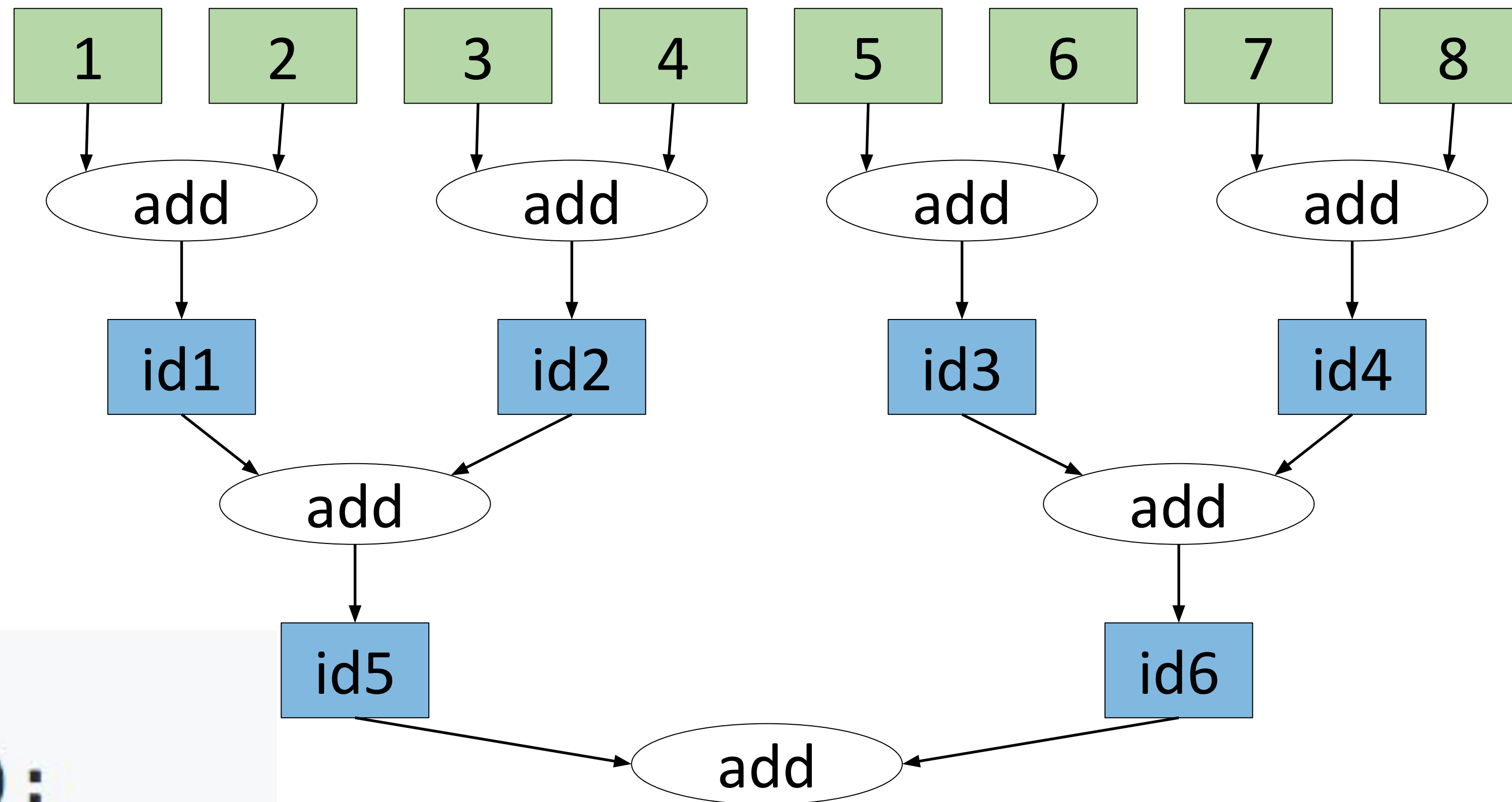
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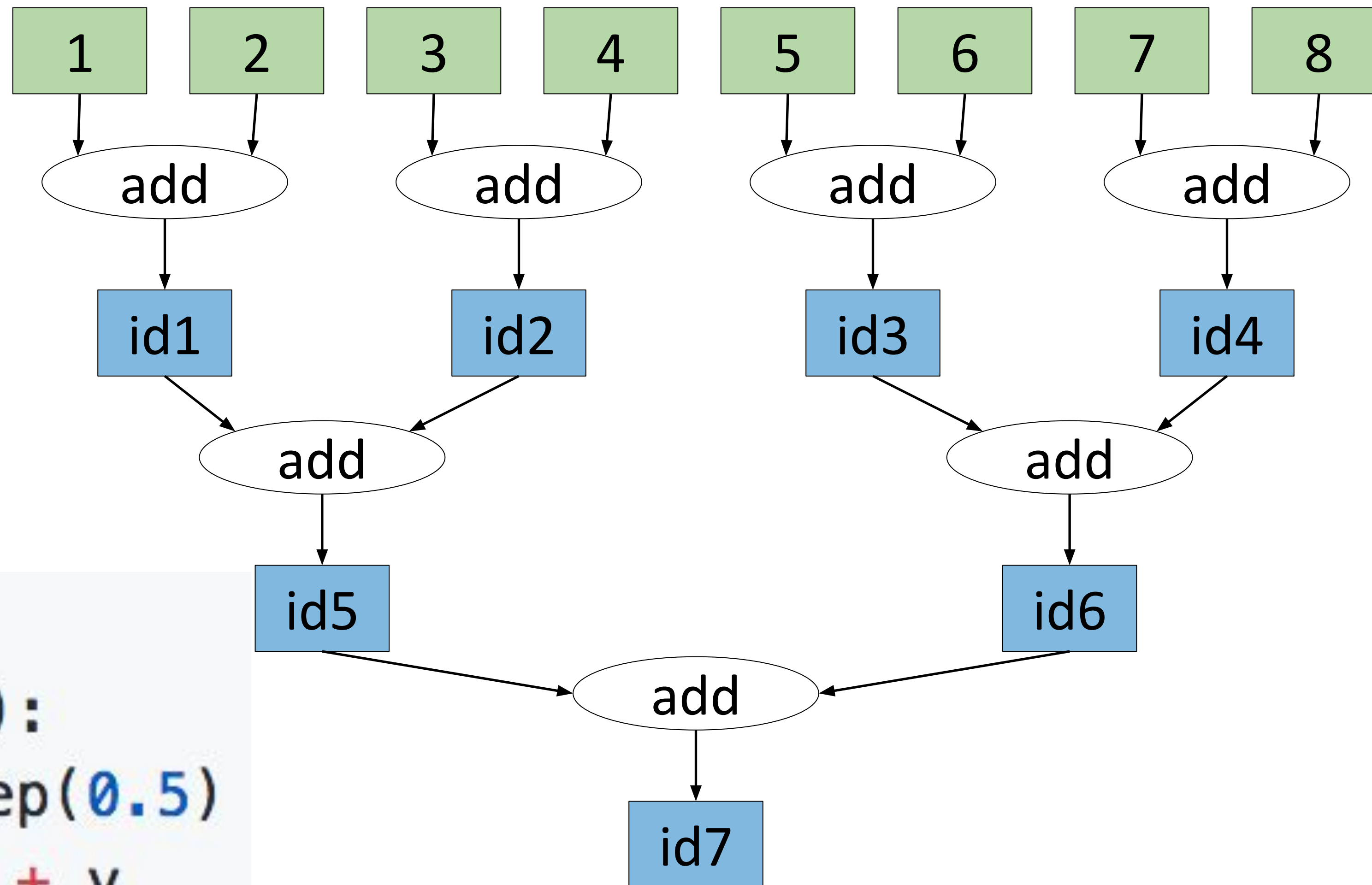
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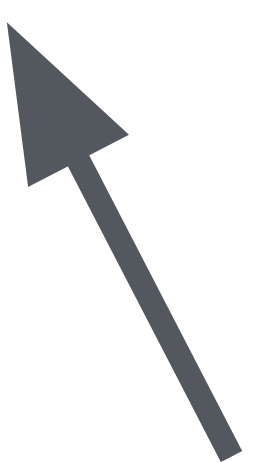
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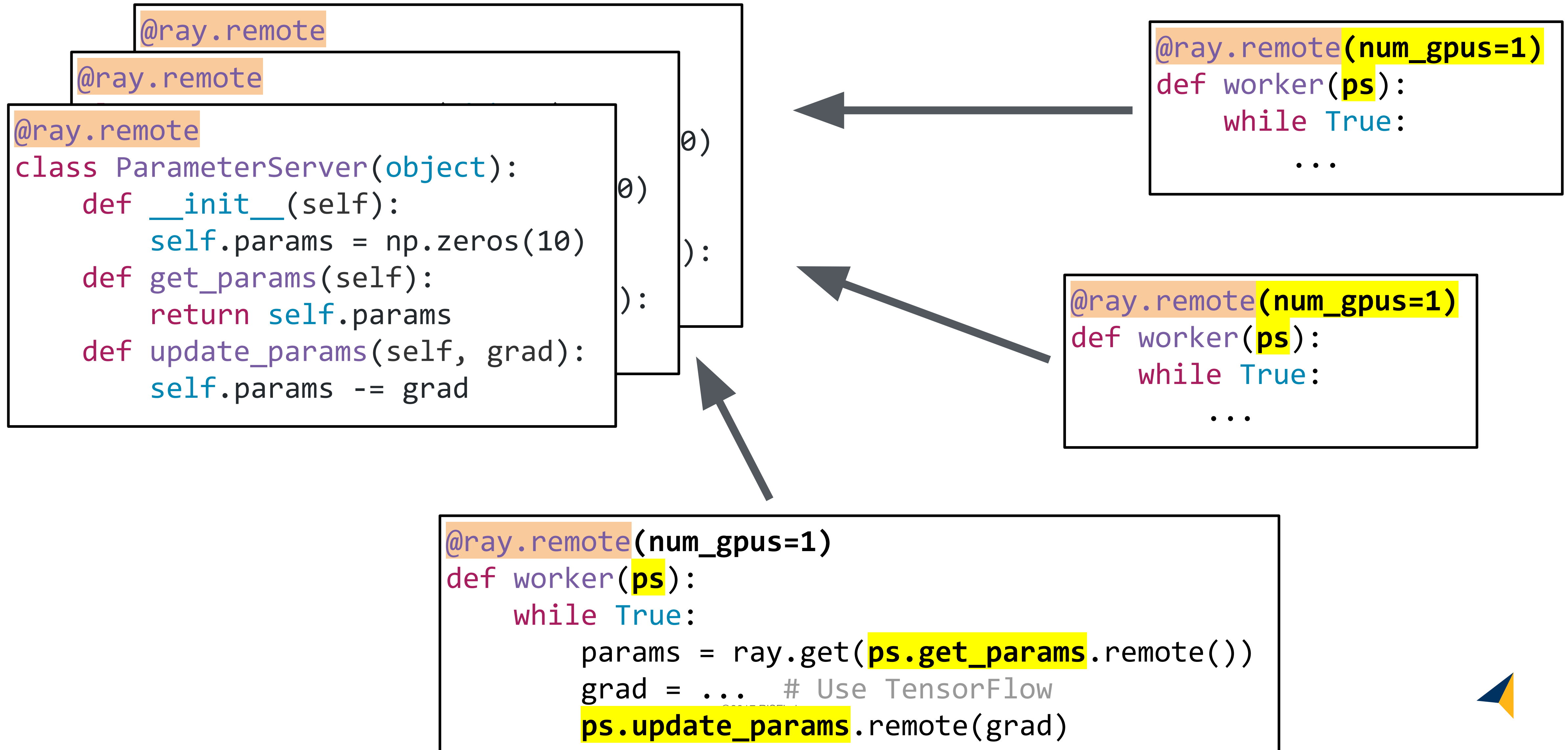
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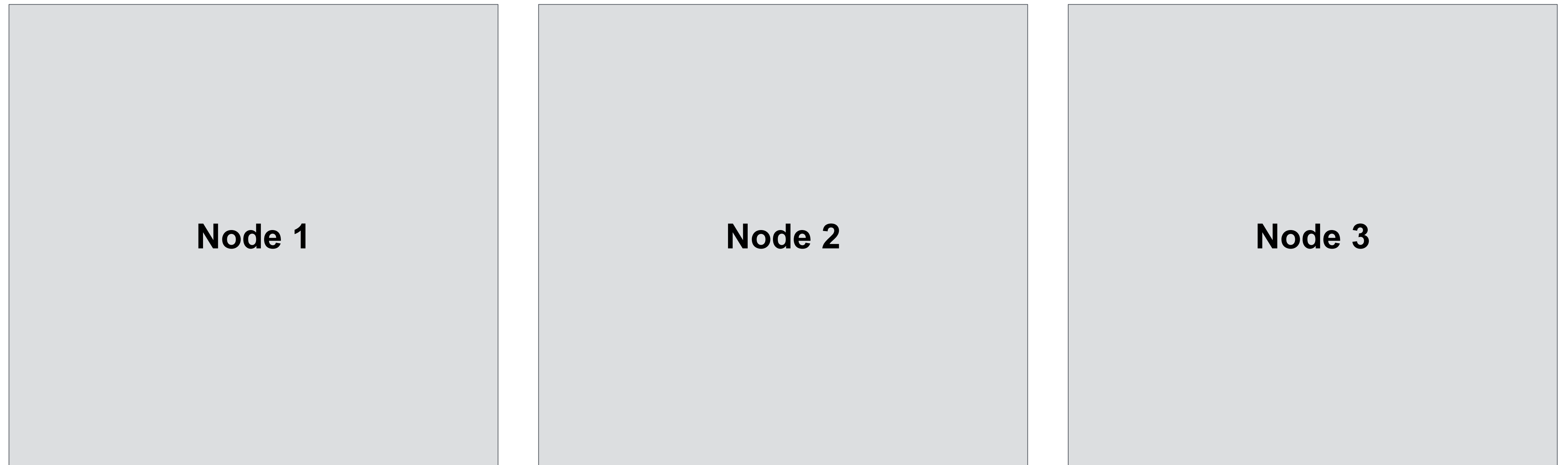
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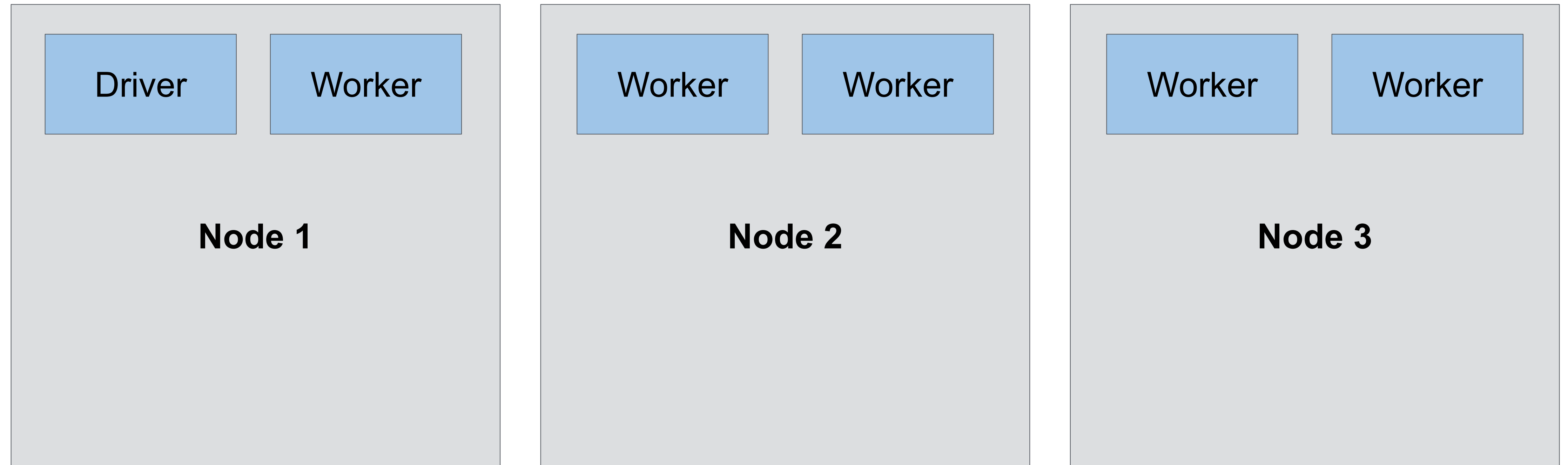
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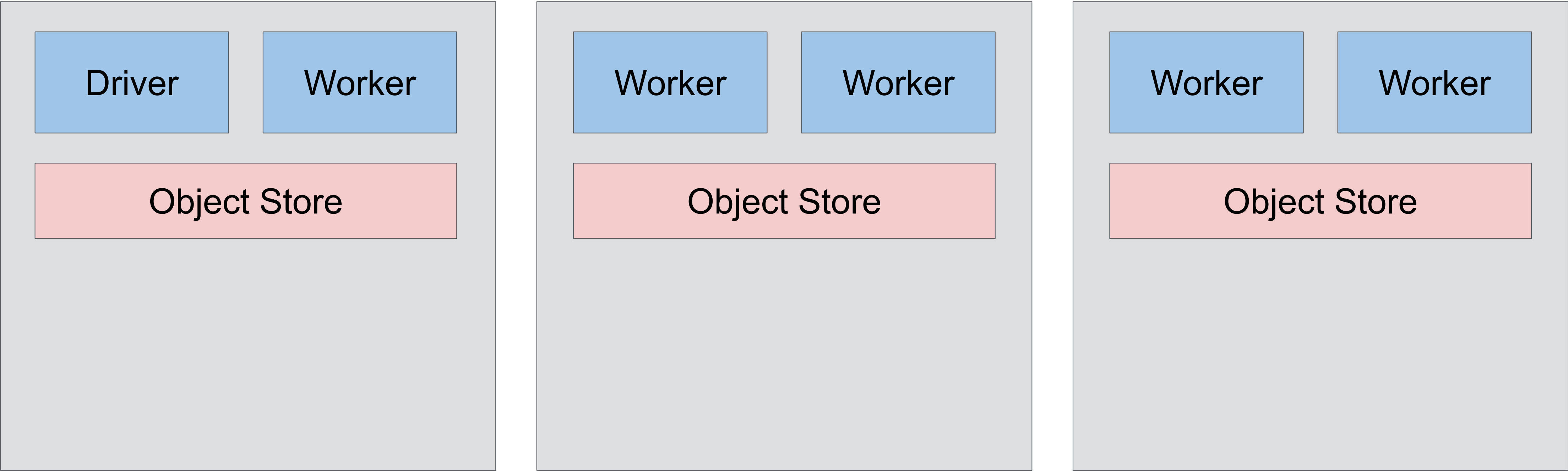
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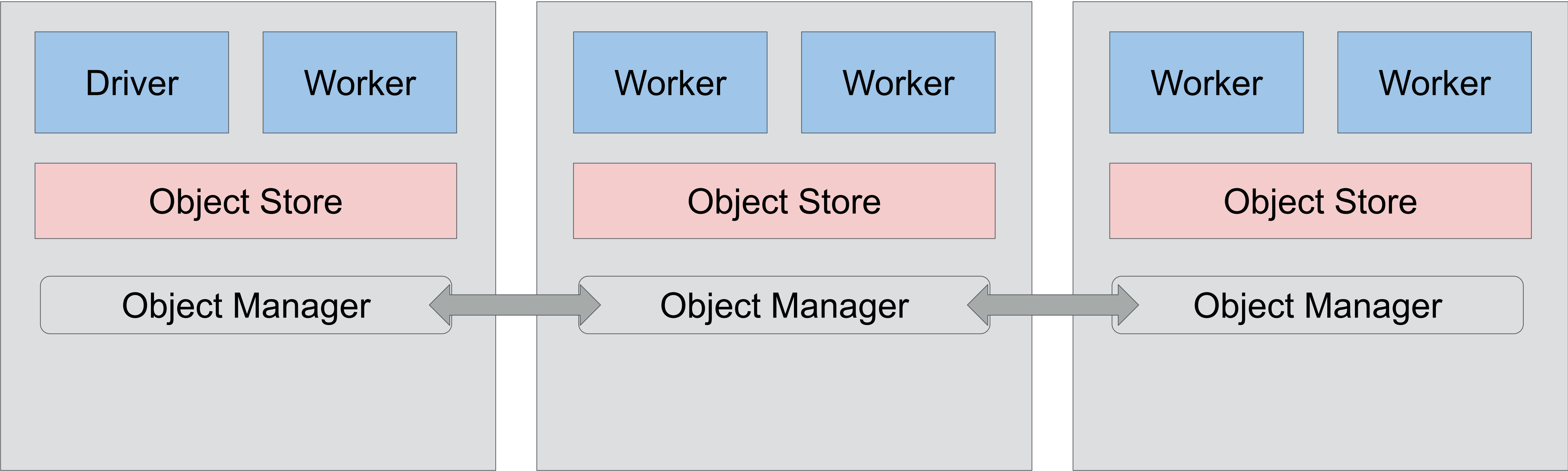
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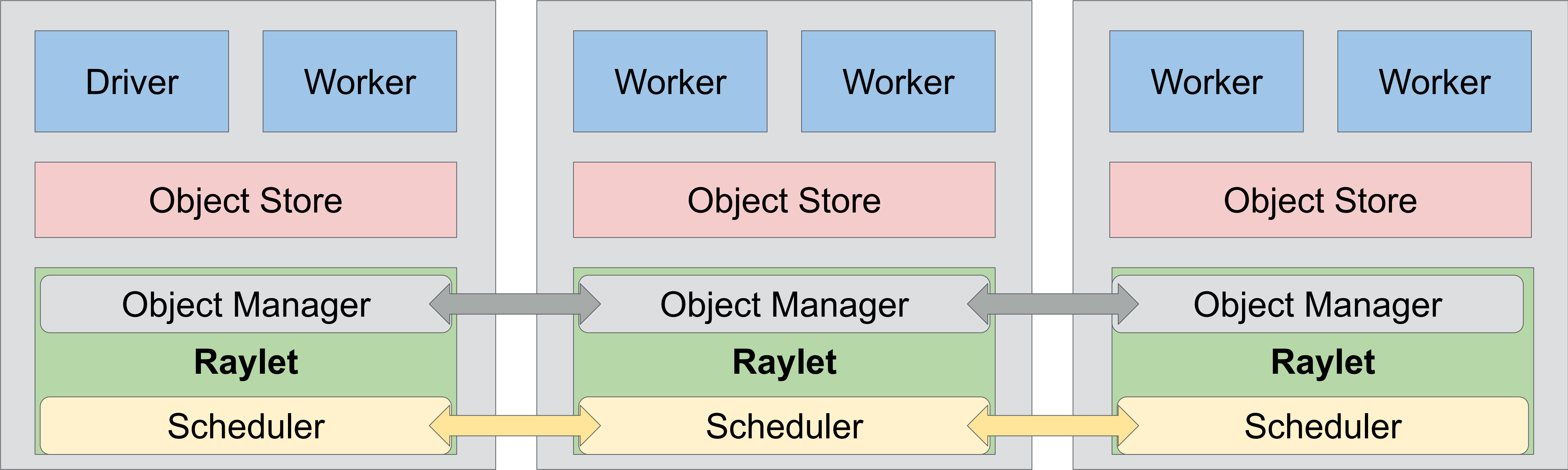
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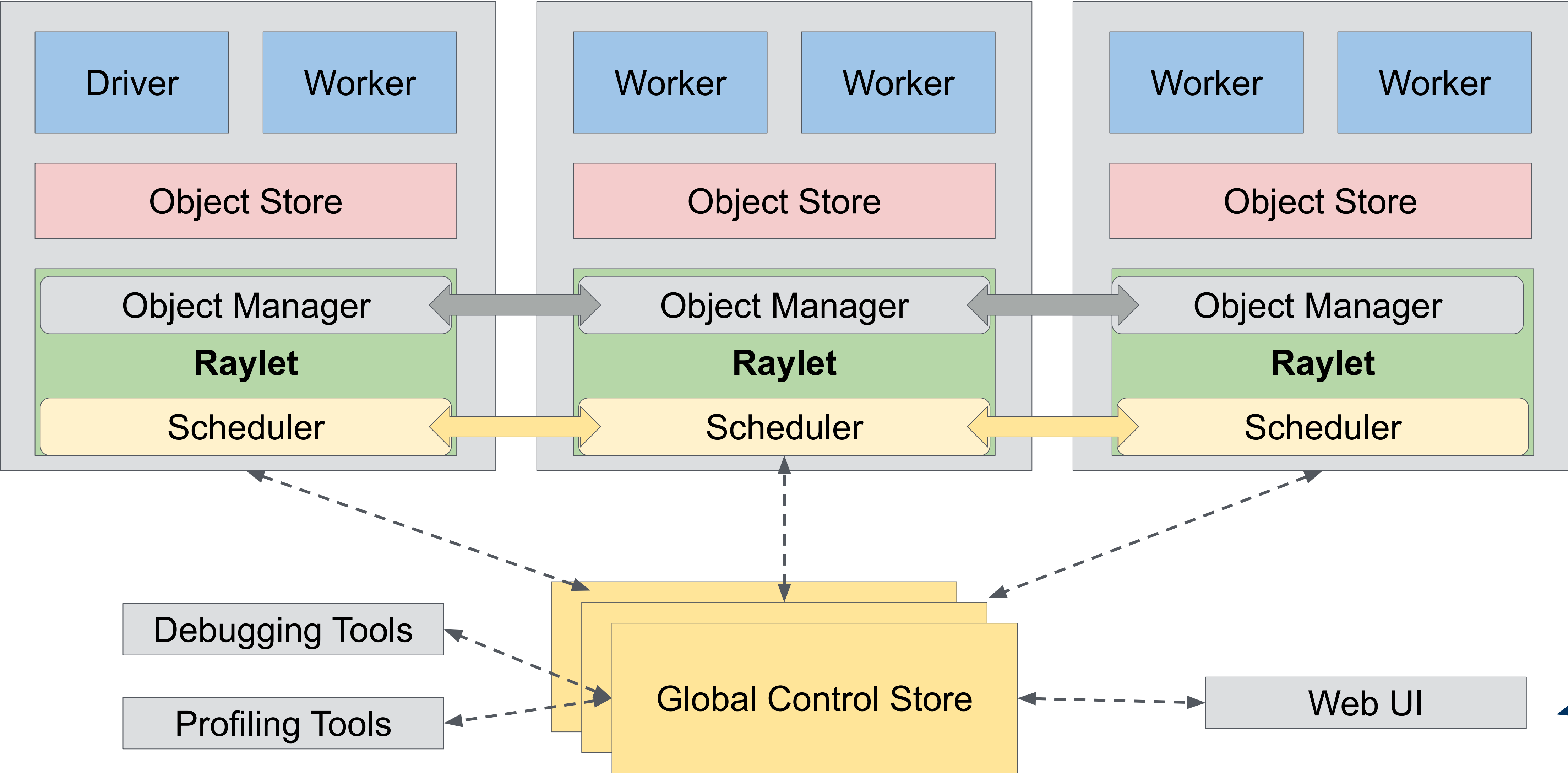
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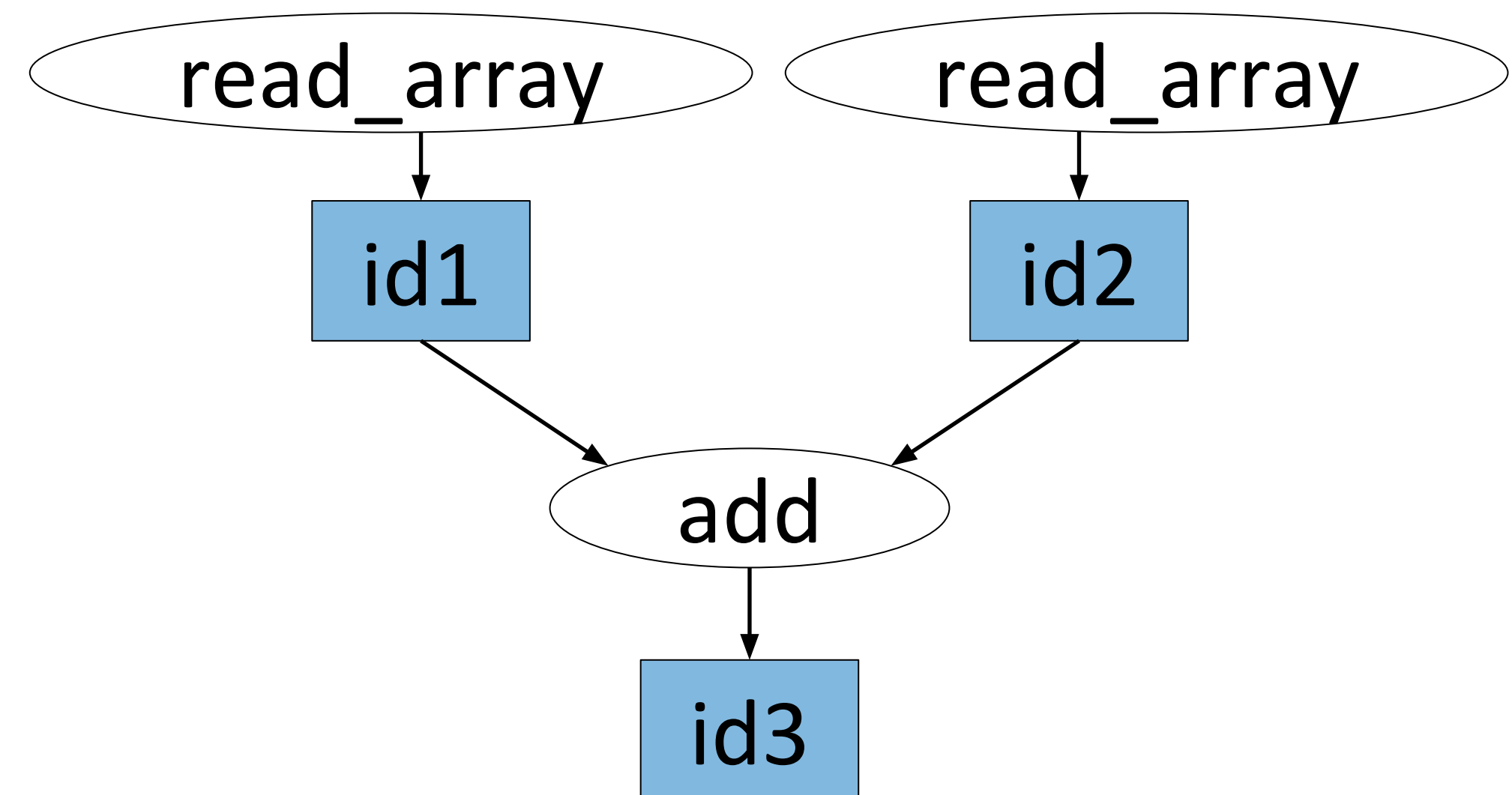
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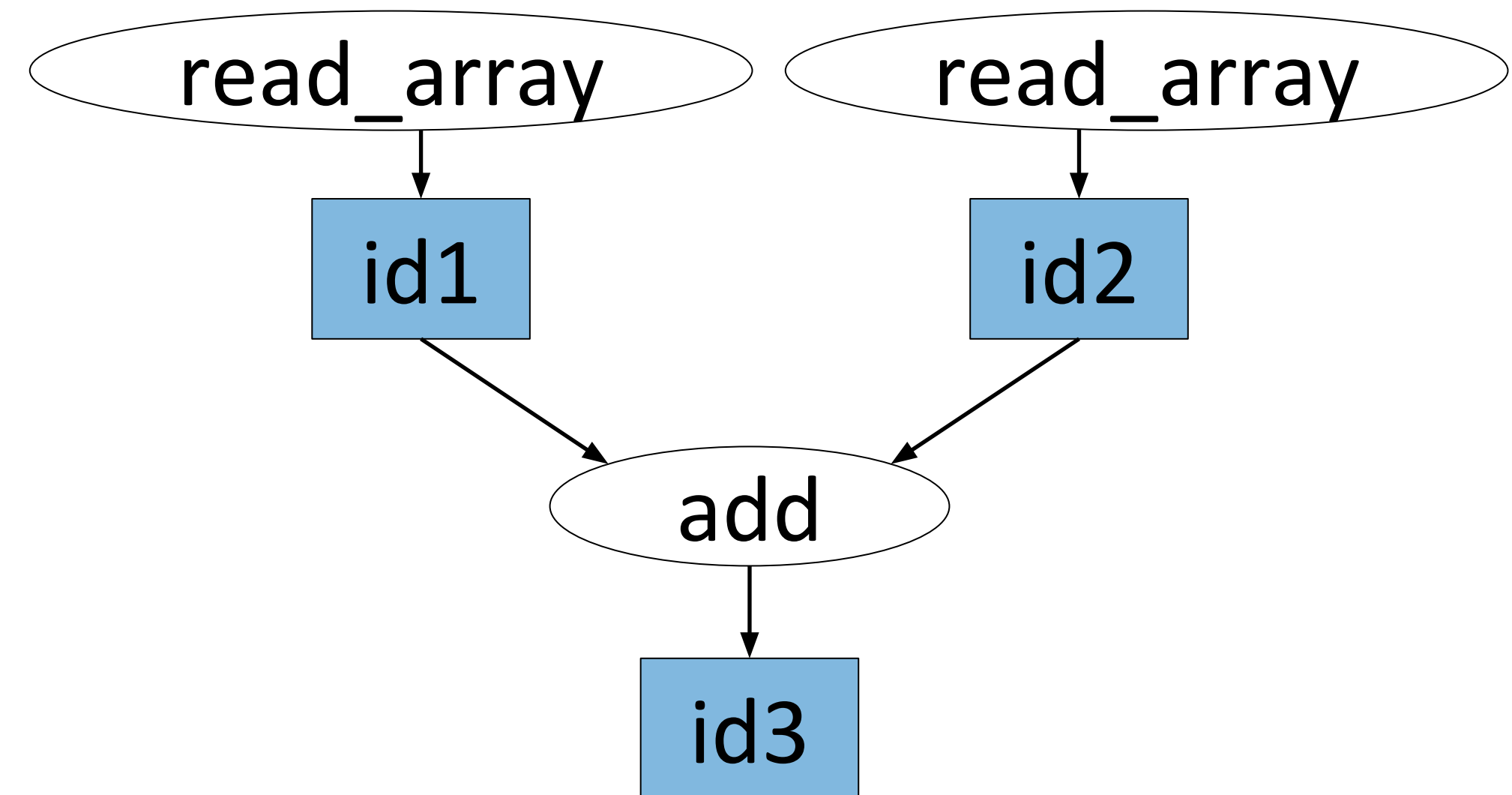
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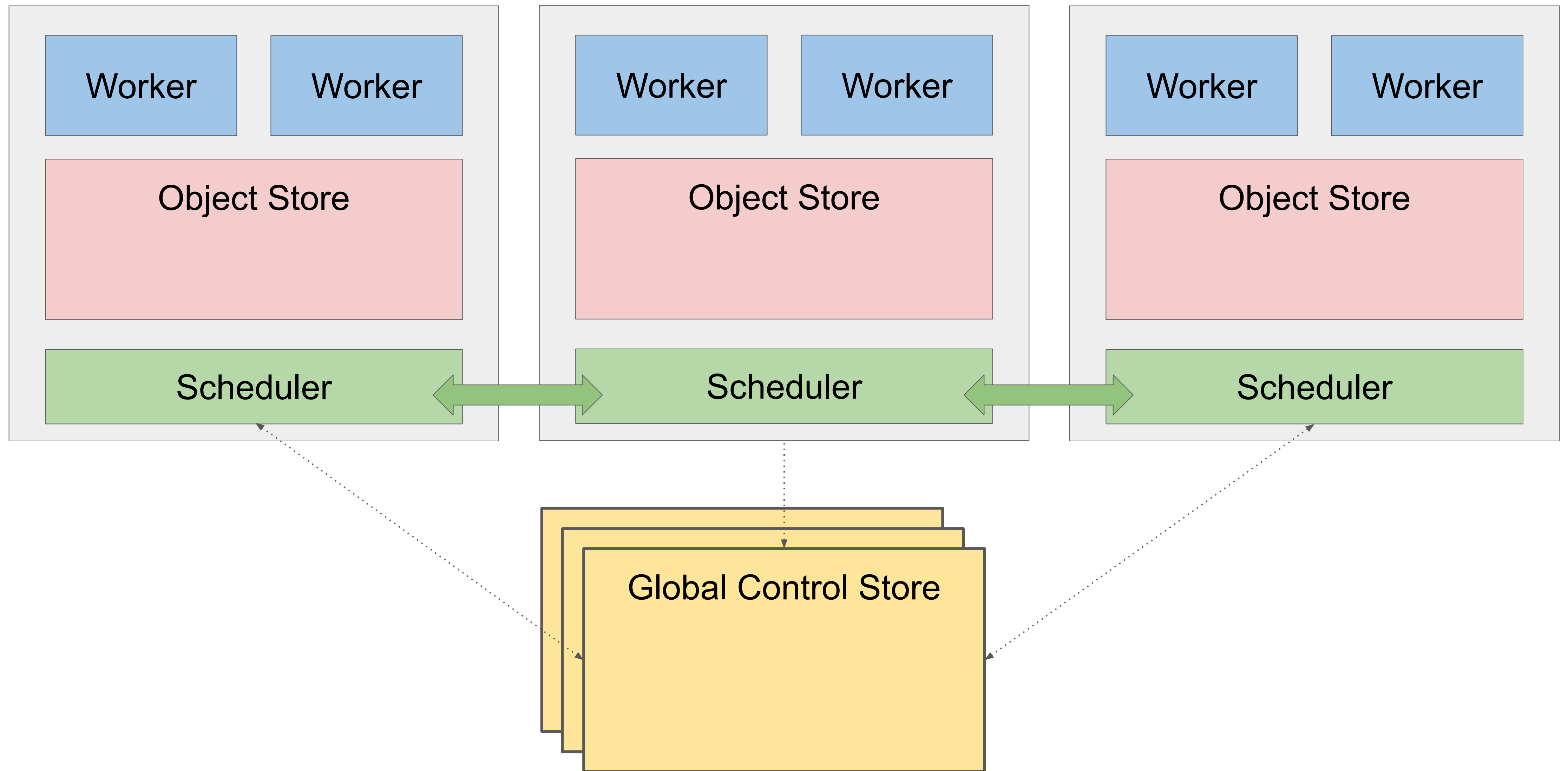
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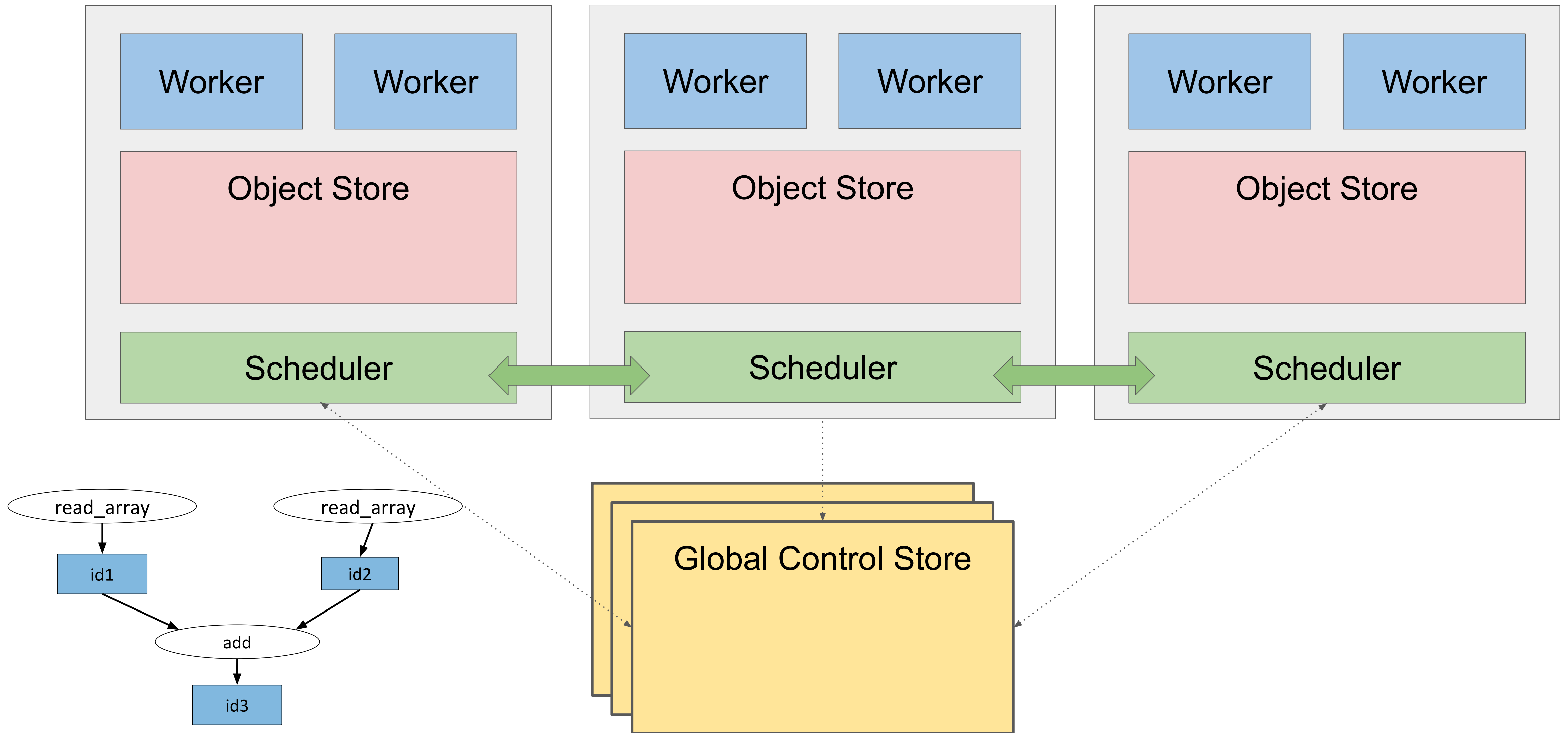
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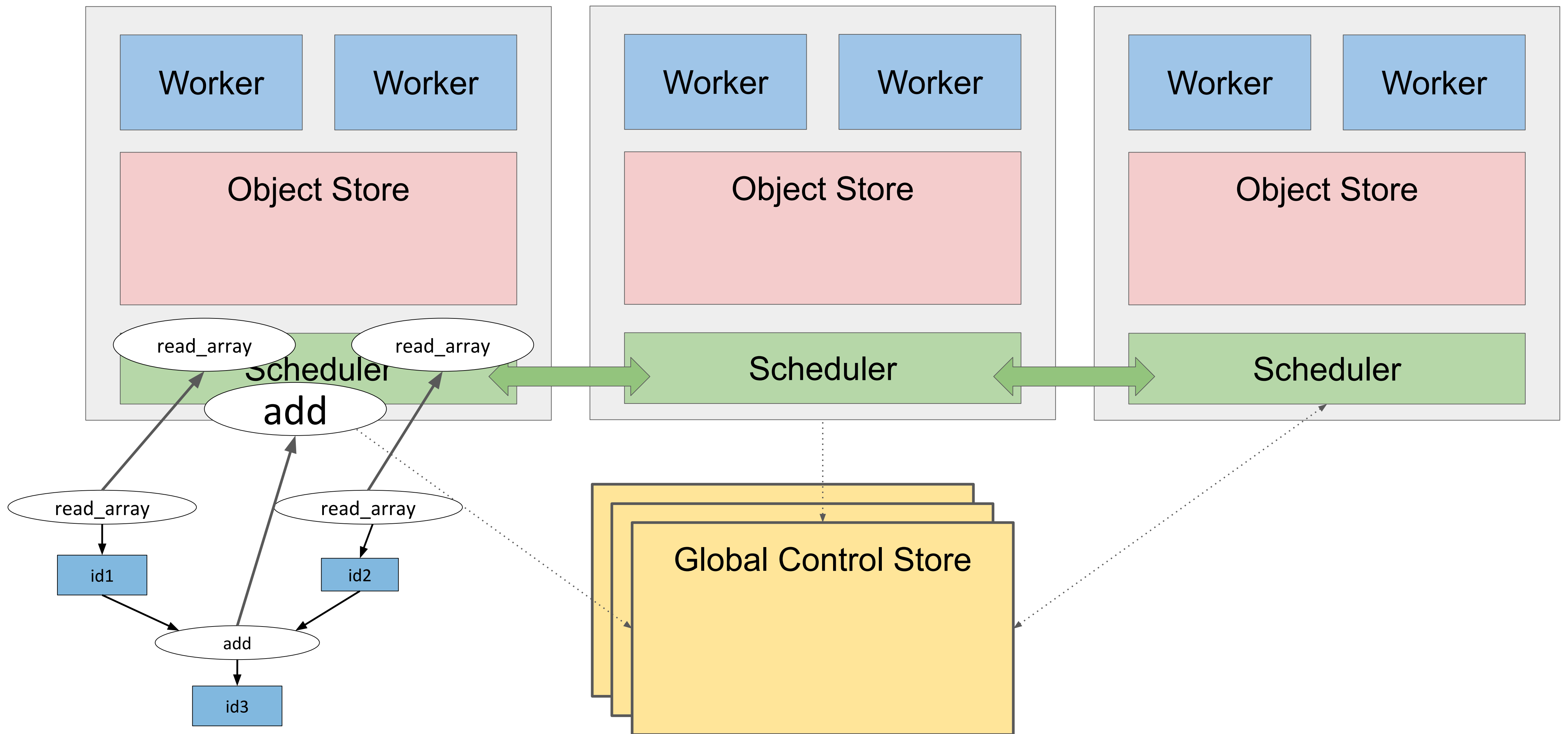
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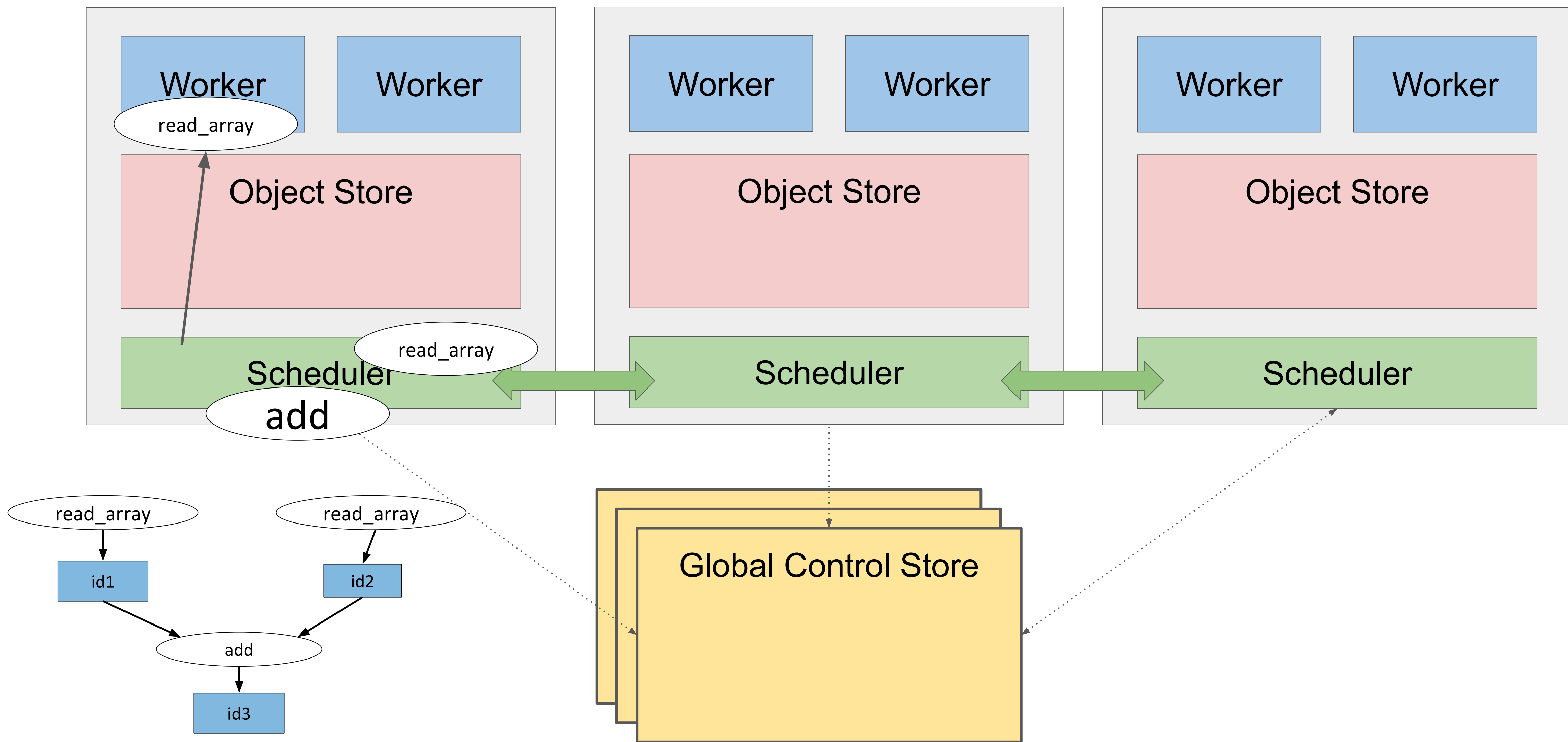
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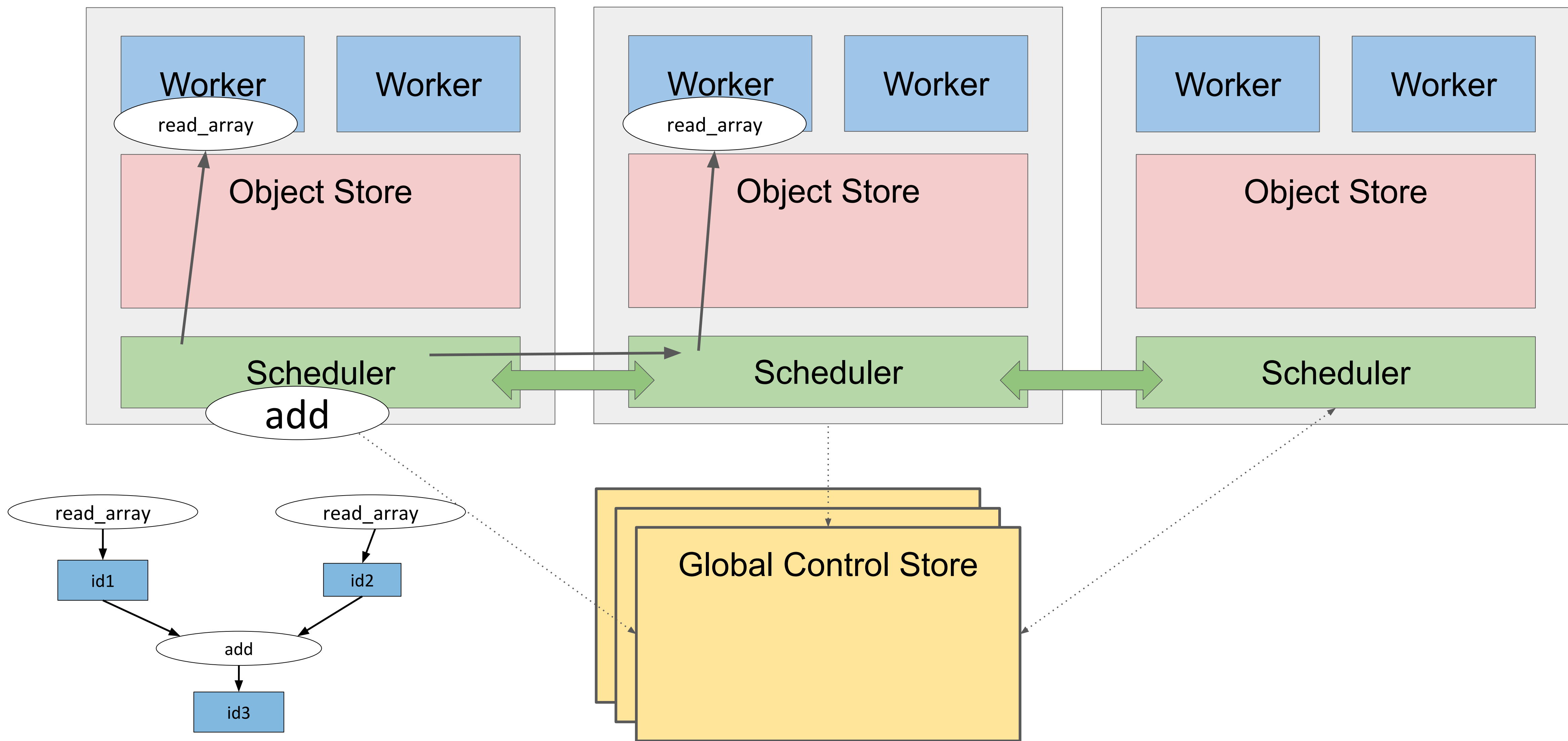
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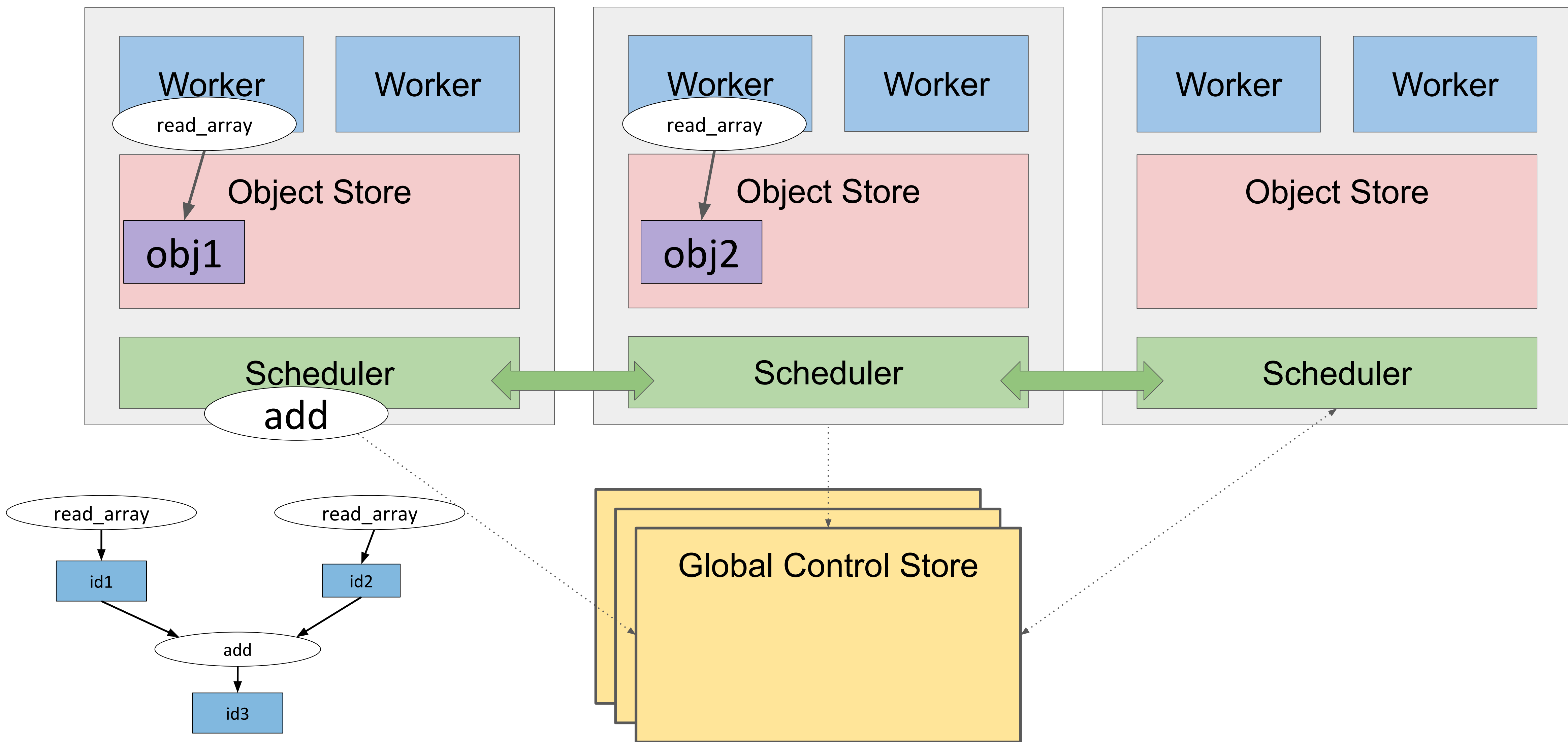
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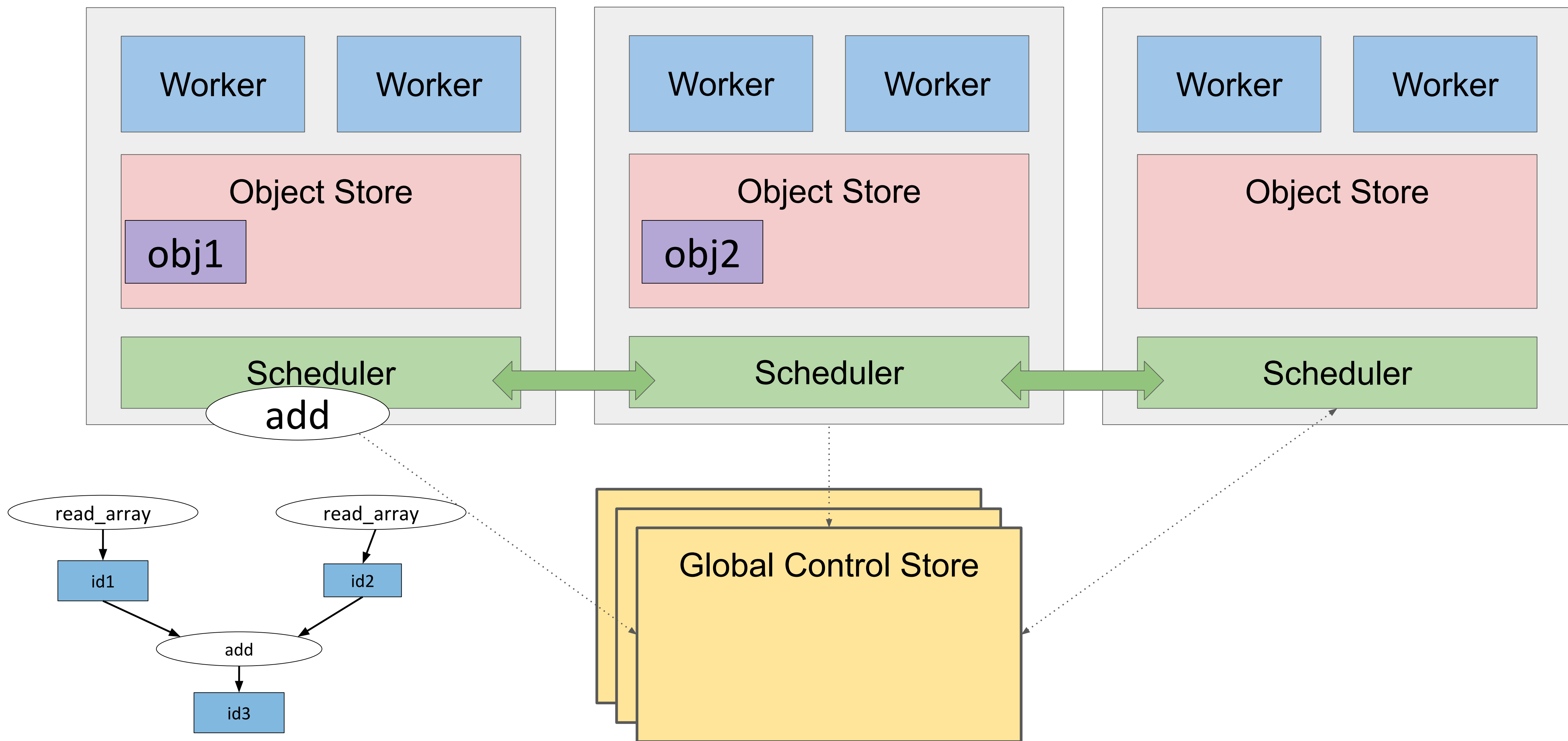
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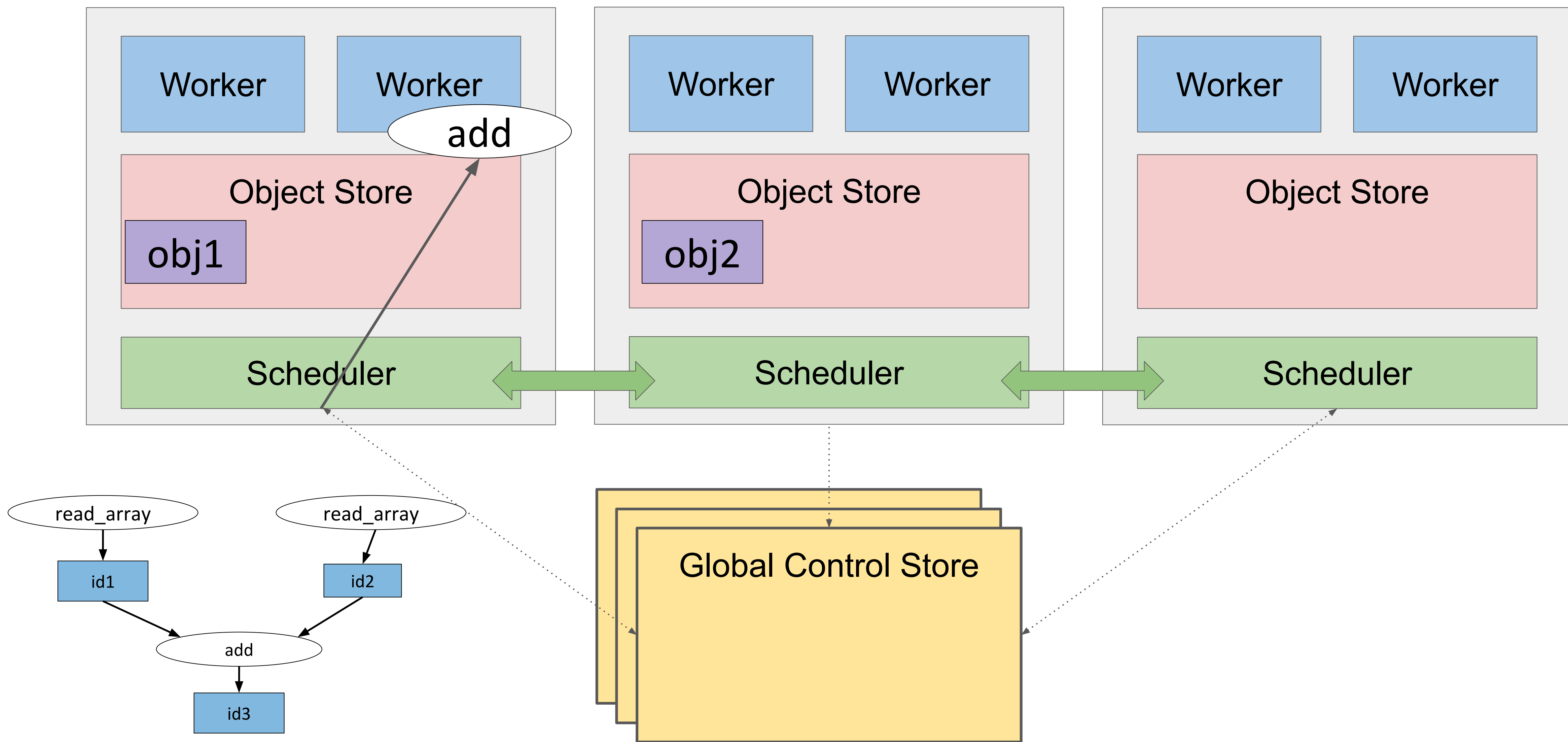
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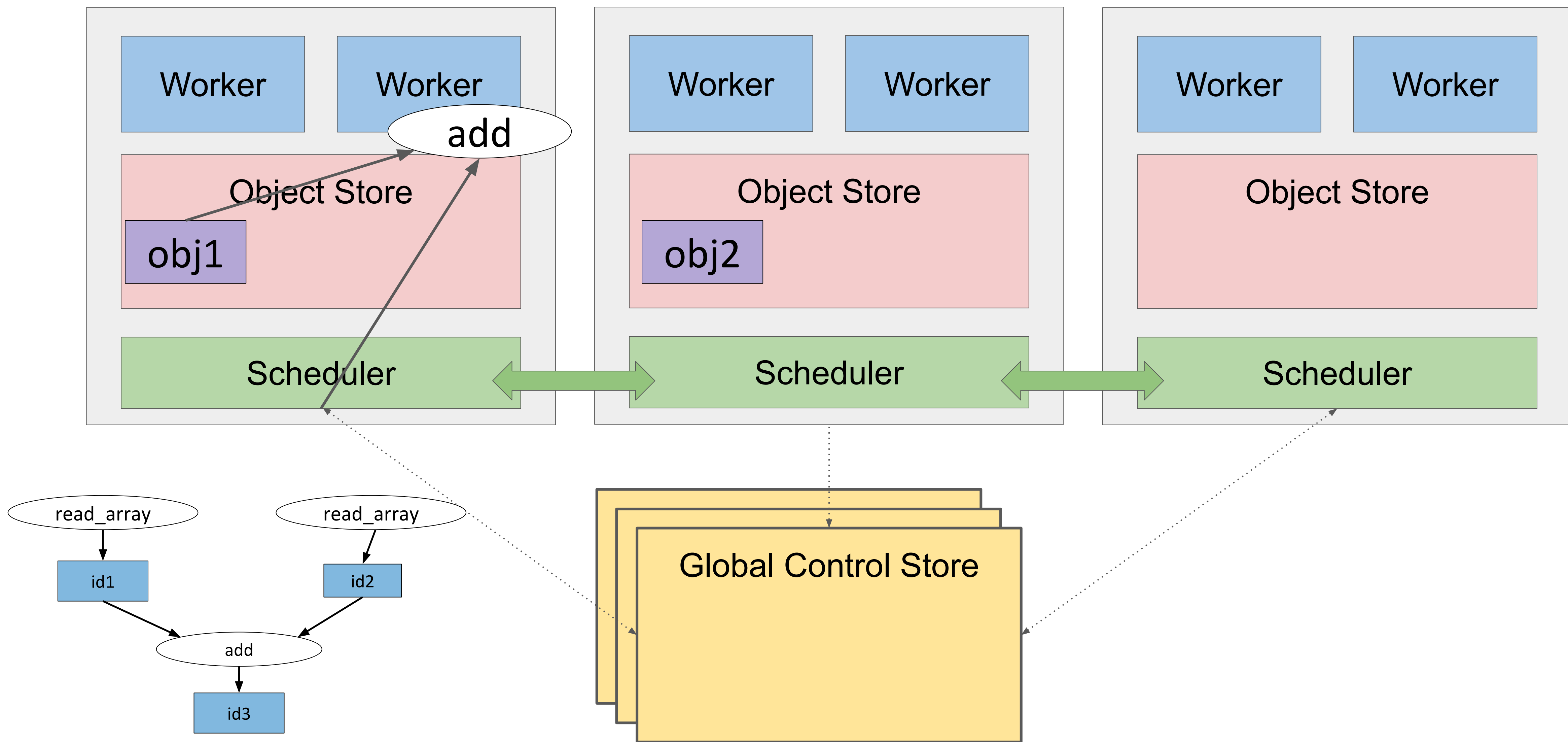
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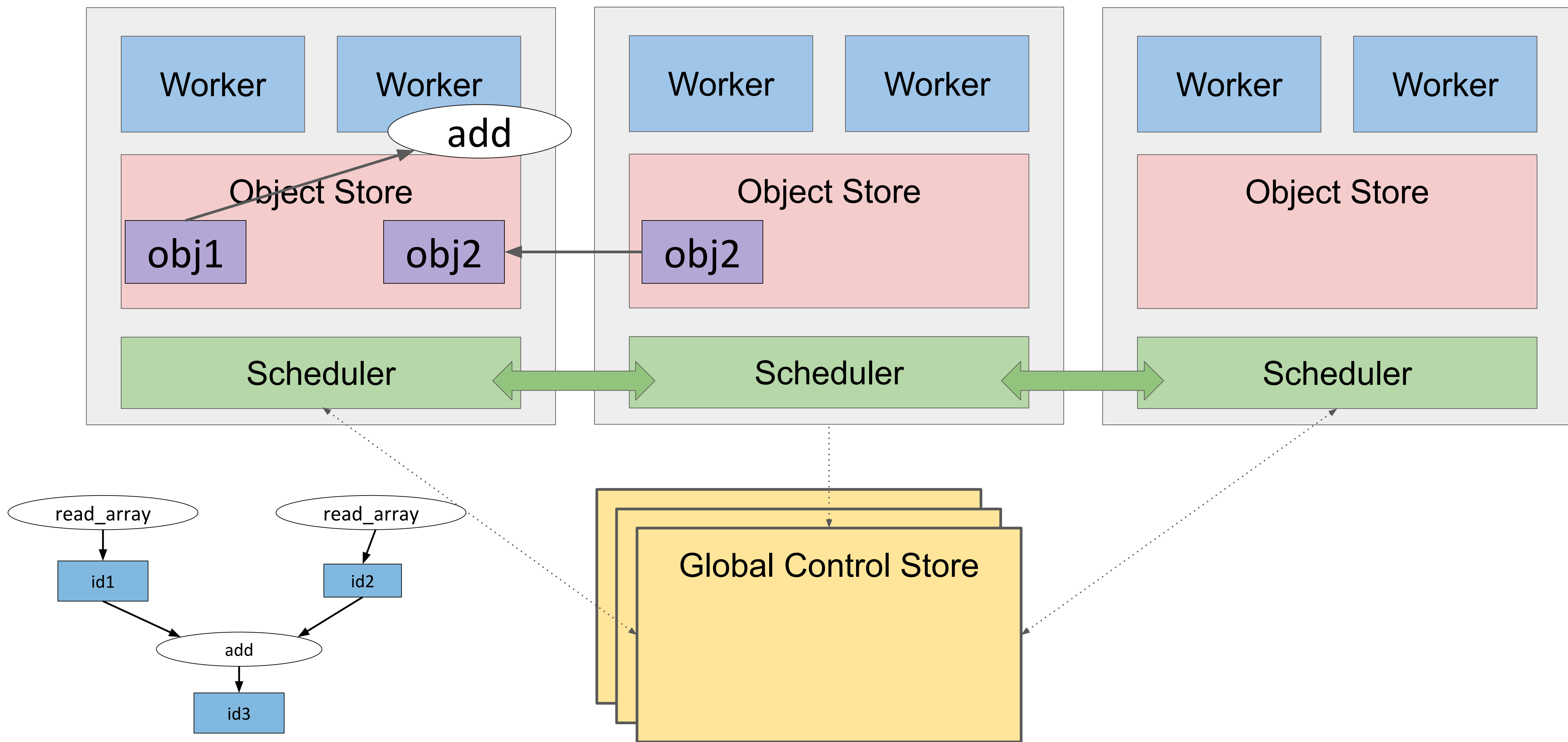
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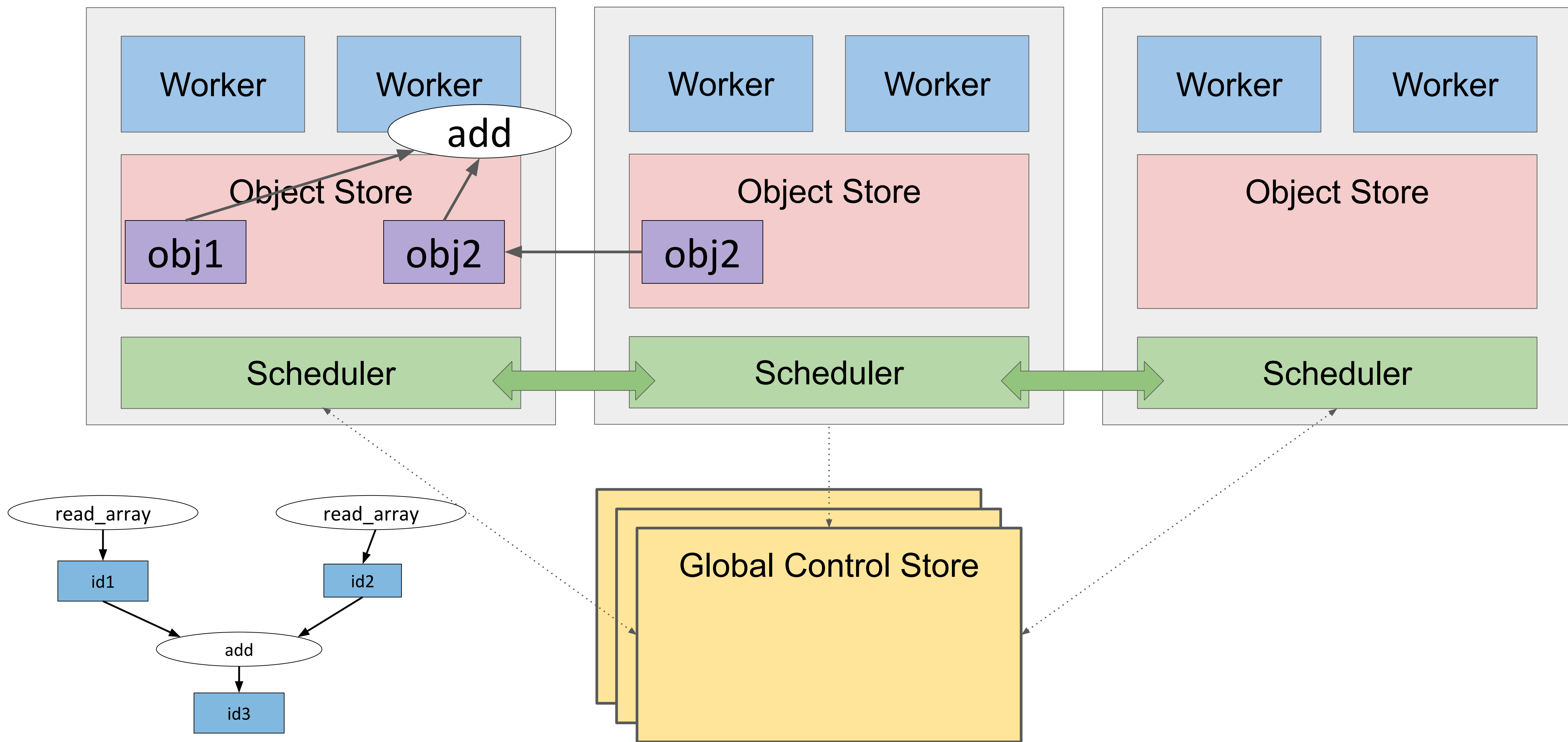
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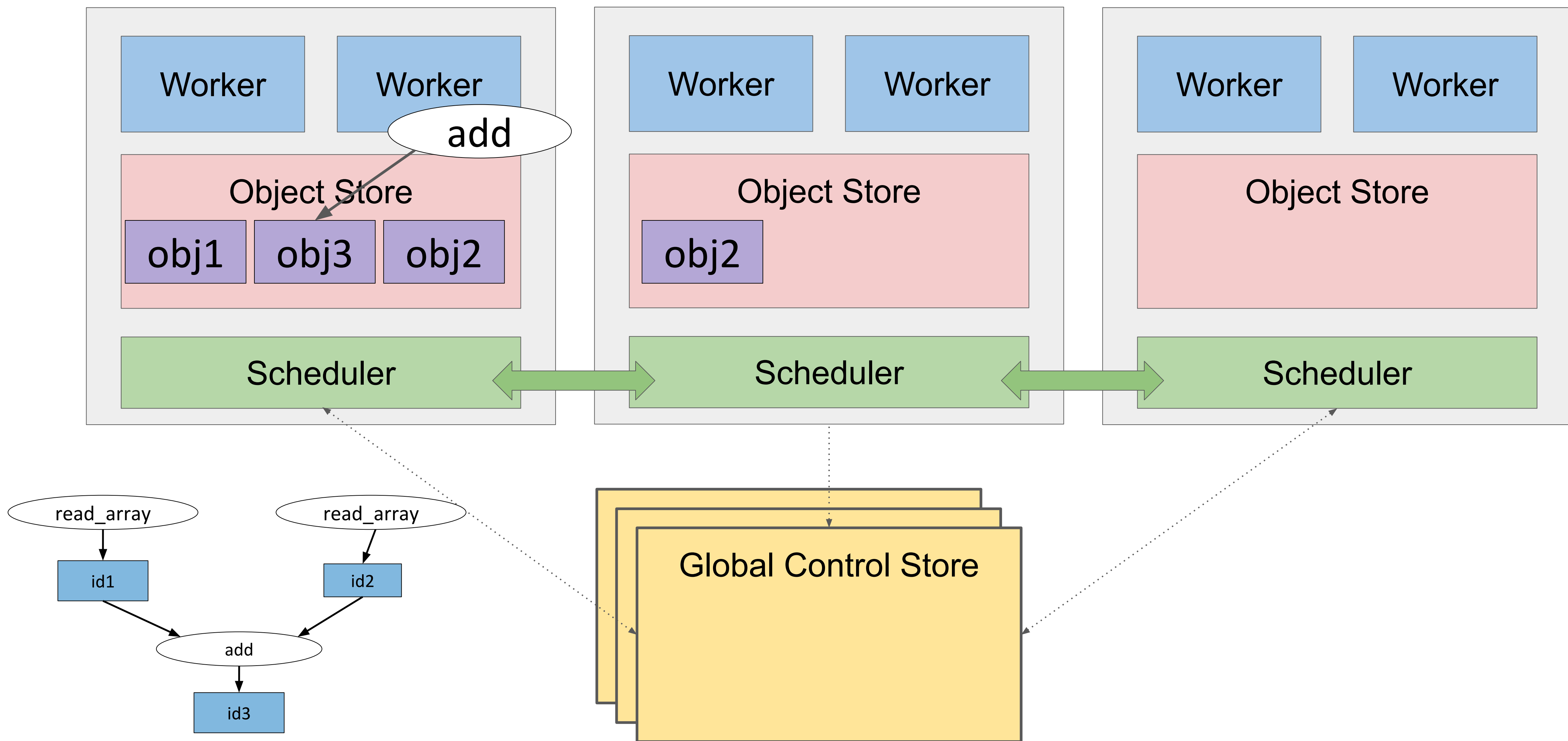
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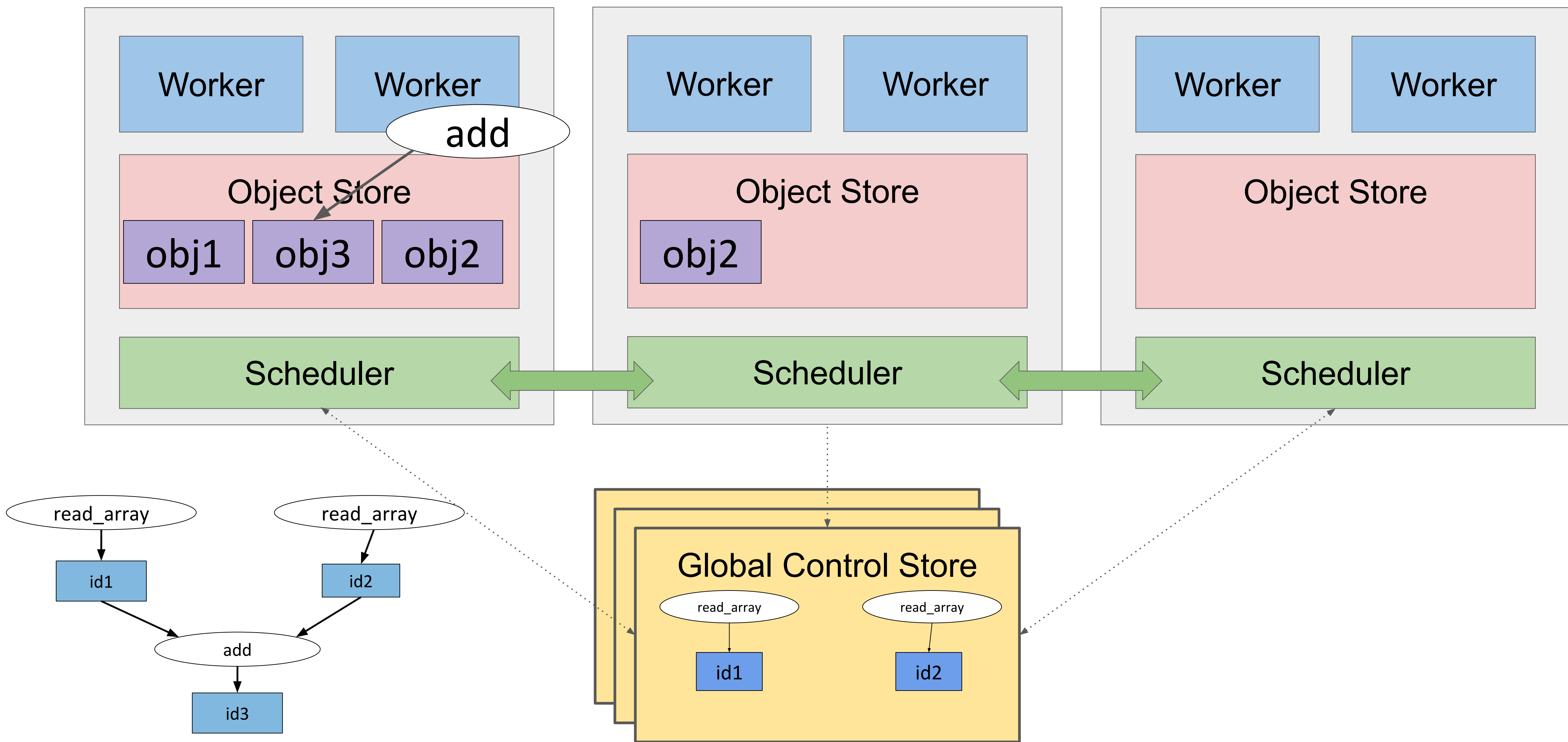
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