

# Non-Step-Indexed Separation Logic with Invariants and Rust-Style Borrows

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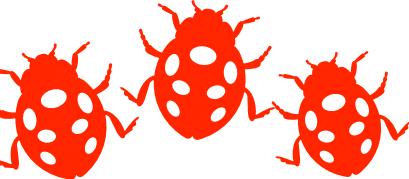
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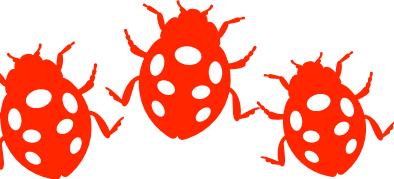
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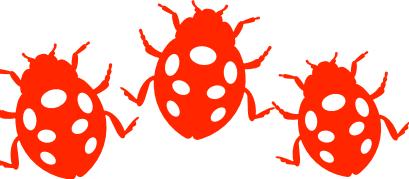
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*Foundational & General (Hoare '69) etc.*

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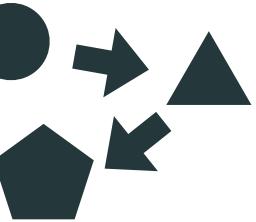
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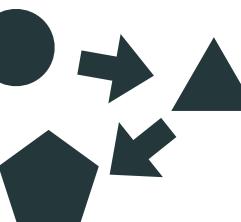
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*Actively studied, de facto standard program logic for mutable state*

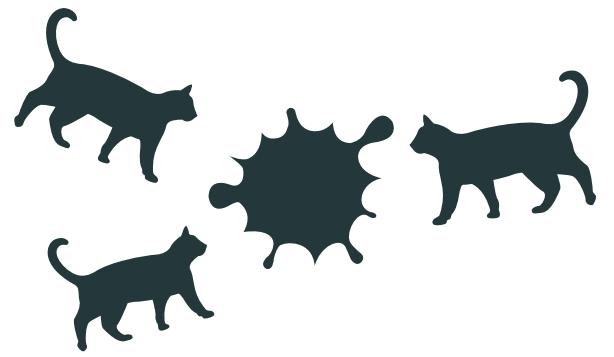
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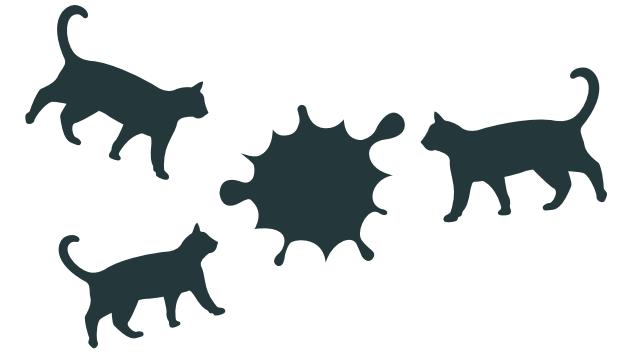
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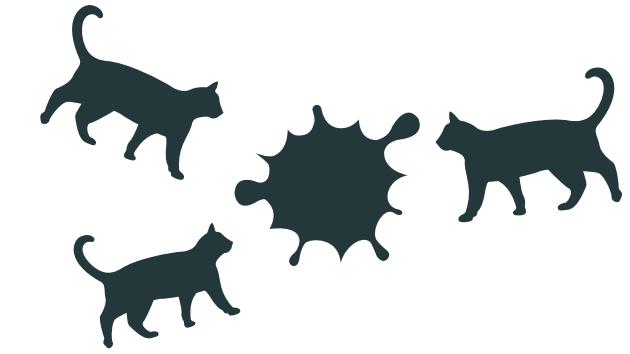
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Existing work **Later modality** ▷ → **Can't verify liveness**

termination etc.

# High-level overview

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Core contribution   Mechanization   Future applications

# Core contribution of my work

Verification goals	Separation logic *	Basic SLs	Recent SLs <i>Iris (Jung+ '15) etc.</i>	My work Nola Framework for building SLs
Liveness ❤ Termination etc.	✓		✗	✓ ↑ Later modality ▷
Propositional Sharing ✎	✗		✓	Later-free Syntax for SL props ✓

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General library on Iris<sup>\*</sup> (Jung+ '15)

SL framework used in various studies  
Won Alonzo Church Award '23

Can be combined with diverse Iris-based studies

Publicly available at <https://github.com/hopv/nola>

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# General background

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**Infinite loop**   $-1 \rightarrow -2 \rightarrow -3 \rightarrow \dots$

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**Terminate!**  $\because \text{Induction by } n \in \mathbb{N}$

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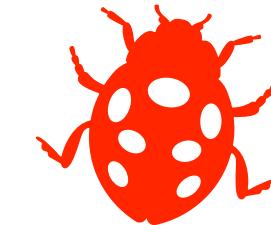
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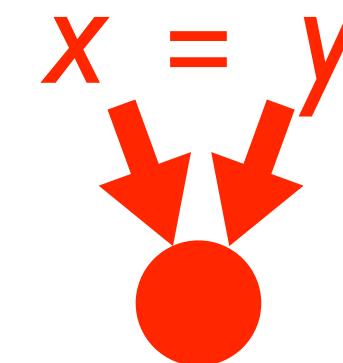
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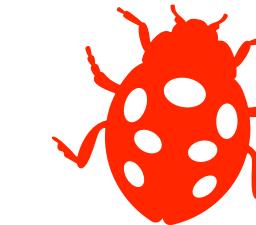
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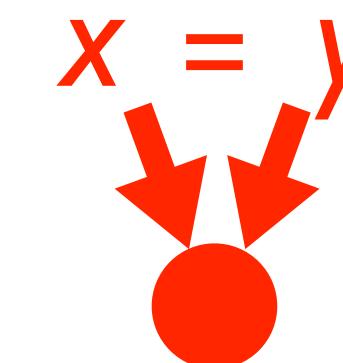
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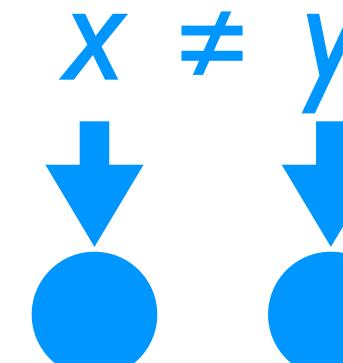
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**Manually eliminate aliasing → Not scalable**

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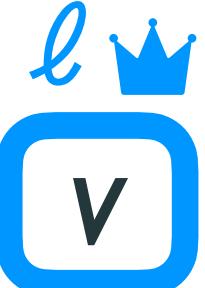
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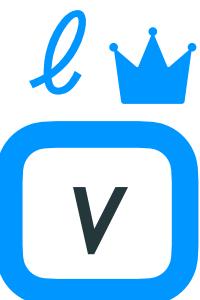
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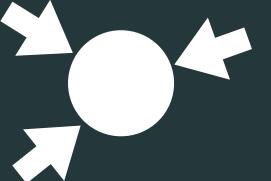
Concurrency Thread-local reasoning

$$\frac{[P] e [Q] \quad [P'] e' [Q']}{[P * P'] e \parallel e' [Q * Q']}$$

Separation between threads

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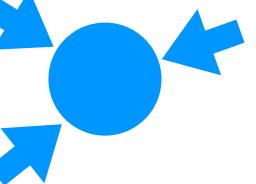
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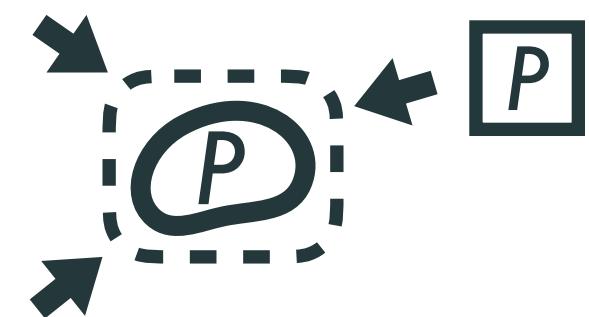
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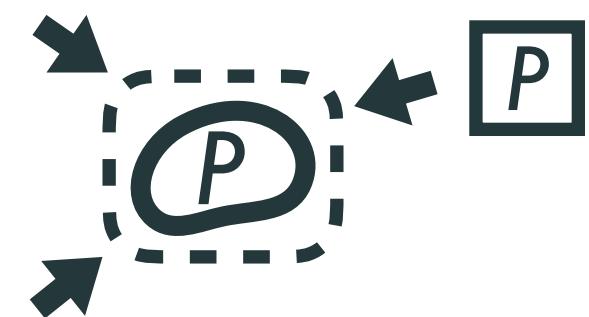
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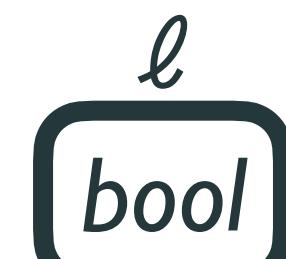
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### Example Shared mutable ref

$\ell: \text{ref bool}$



$\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}$

- $\left\{ \ell \mapsto \text{true} \right\} \text{skip} \left\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \right\} \text{Allocate}$
- $\left\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \right\} \ell \leftarrow \text{false} \left\{ \top \right\} \text{Store}$
- $\left\{ \boxed{\ell \mapsto \text{true} \vee \ell \mapsto \text{false}} \right\} !\ell \left\{ \lambda v. v = \text{true} \vee v = \text{false} \right\} \text{Load}$

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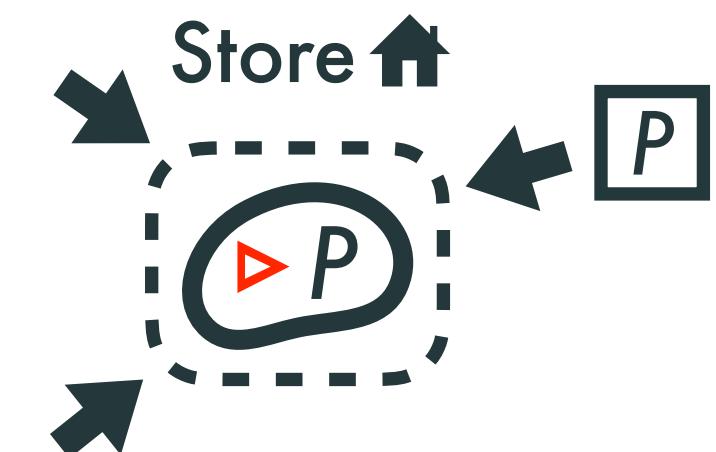
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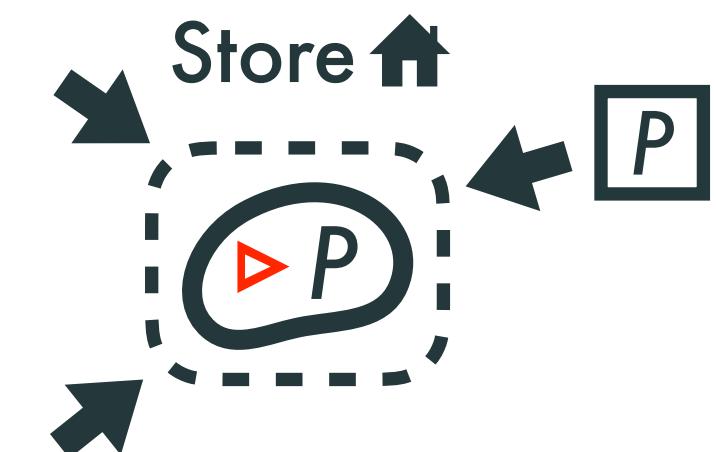


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Termination guarantee lost

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## Indexing

*Technique of semantics construction*

Index	0	1	2	3	...
$P$	●	●	●	●	...

$\triangleright P$	○	●	●	●	●	...
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For propositional sharing Iris<sup>\*</sup> (Jung+ '15) etc.

**x Ill-defined**

$State \triangleq? F iProp \quad iProp \triangleq? State \rightarrow Prop$

**Defer by later**

$State \triangleq F (\triangleright iProp) \quad iProp \triangleq State \rightarrow \widetilde{Prop}$

Later  $\triangleright$  in store

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## Model

**Safety**  $\{P\} e \{\Psi\} \triangleq \square(P \rightarrow \text{wp } e \{\Psi\})$

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**Coinductive** Greatest fixpoint

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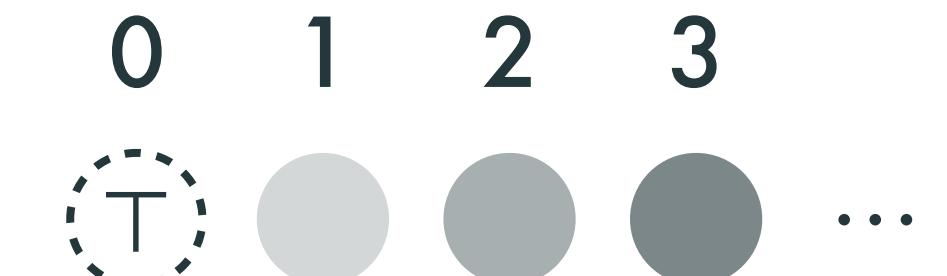
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**Löb**

**Non-termination** 🐞

# Big picture

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Verification goals	Separation logic *	Basic SLs	Recent SLs <i>Iris (Jung+ '15) etc.</i>	My work Nola Framework for building SLs
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**Store ↑**

**Later-free**

$$[P] e [\Psi]' \triangleq [P] e [\Psi]^{\text{Winv } []}$$

**Access the store**

**No step-indexing → ✓ Liveness ❤**

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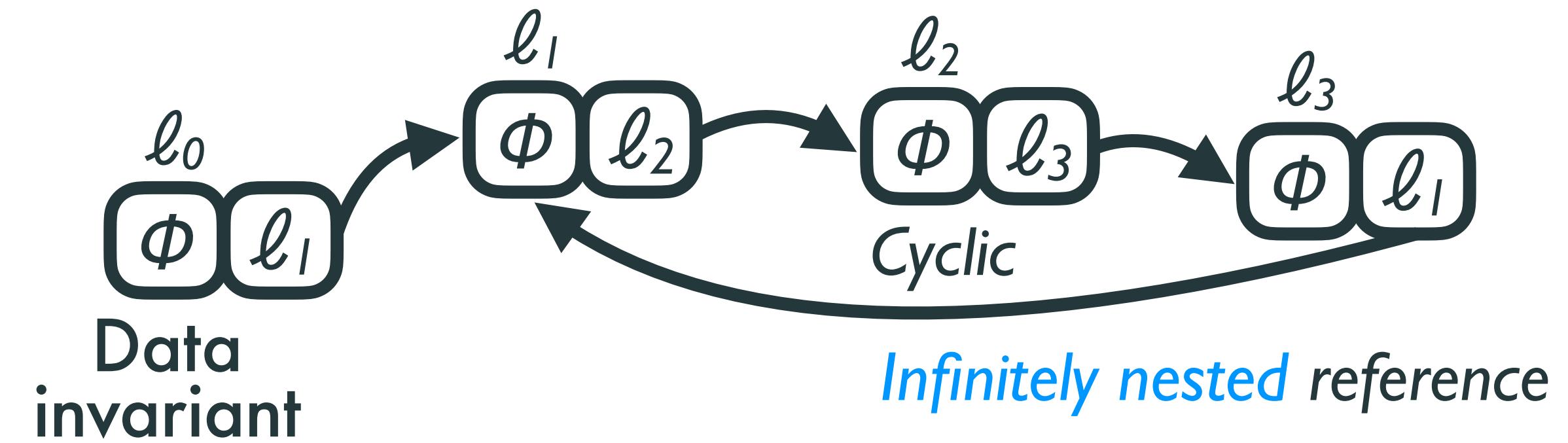
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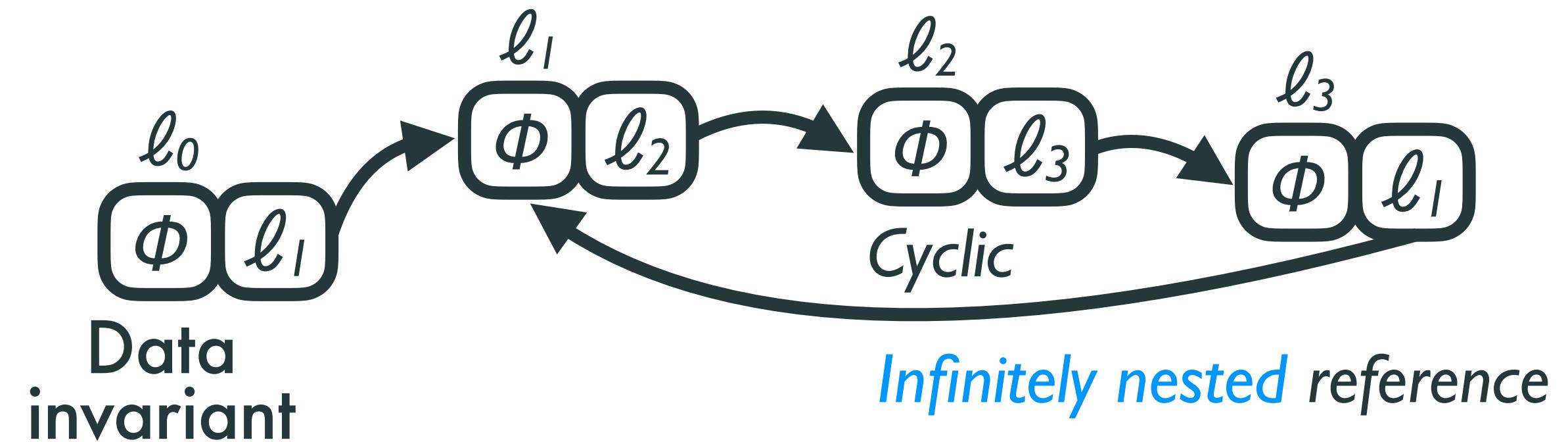


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**Verify**

Iterative mutation fun iter( $\ell$ ) { if  $c \neq 0$  {  $f(\ell)$ ;  $c \leftarrow c - 1$ ; iter( $!(\ell + 1)$ ) } }

over a list **safely terminates ❤️** if  $f$  safely terminates under  $\Phi$

E.g., fun  $f(\ell)$  {  $\ell \leftarrow \ell + 3$  }  $\Phi \lambda \ell. \exists k. \ell \mapsto 3k$

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$$\frac{\forall \ell. \left[ \text{inv}(\Phi \ell) \right] f(\ell) [\top]'}{\left[ [\text{list } \Phi \ell] * c \mapsto n \right] \text{iter}(\ell) \left[ c \mapsto 0 \right]'} \quad :: \text{Induction over } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$[\text{list } \Phi \ell] !(\ell+1) [\lambda v. \exists \ell' = v. [\text{list } \Phi \ell']]'$$

Later-free access



Old

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Paradox My contribution, a simplified version of (Krebbers+ '17+)'s

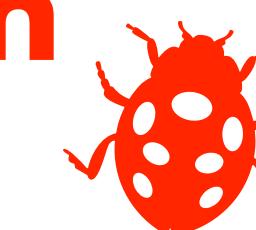
## Construct

$$\boxed{\vdash S \vee \square \Rightarrow \perp}$$

Fancy update “Logical function”

## Contradiction

$$\models \Rightarrow \perp$$



## Later-free invariant

$$P \models \Rightarrow \boxed{P}$$

$$\frac{P * Q \models \Rightarrow (P * R)}{\boxed{P} * Q \models \Rightarrow R}$$

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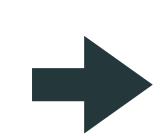
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**Challenge Construct sound & complete-ish derivability  $\text{der}$**

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Universally quantify      semantics

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**Complete-ish** w.r.t.  $\forall$  over  $\text{Deriv}$

$(\forall \delta \in \text{Deriv}. * \overline{\llbracket J' \rrbracket_{\delta}^+} -* \llbracket J \rrbracket_{\delta}^+) \models$   
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Semantic alteration generally solved!

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Solution **Model type system with Nola invariants** ↪

**Semantic type judgment**     $\llbracket v : U \vdash e :_i T \rrbracket \triangleq [\ast \overline{\llbracket U \rrbracket v}] e [\llbracket T \rrbracket]^{*_k \text{Winv} \llbracket \rrbracket_k^*}$

$$\llbracket \text{ref } T \rrbracket v \triangleq \exists \ell = v. \text{inv}(\ell \mapsto T) \quad \llbracket \ell \mapsto T \rrbracket^* \triangleq \exists w. \ell \mapsto w * \llbracket T \rrbracket w$$

$$\llbracket T \rightarrow_j U \rrbracket v \triangleq \forall u. [\llbracket T \rrbracket u] v(u) [\llbracket U \rrbracket]^{*_k \text{Winv} \llbracket \rrbracket_k^*}$$

Construct interpretation  
by induction over the level

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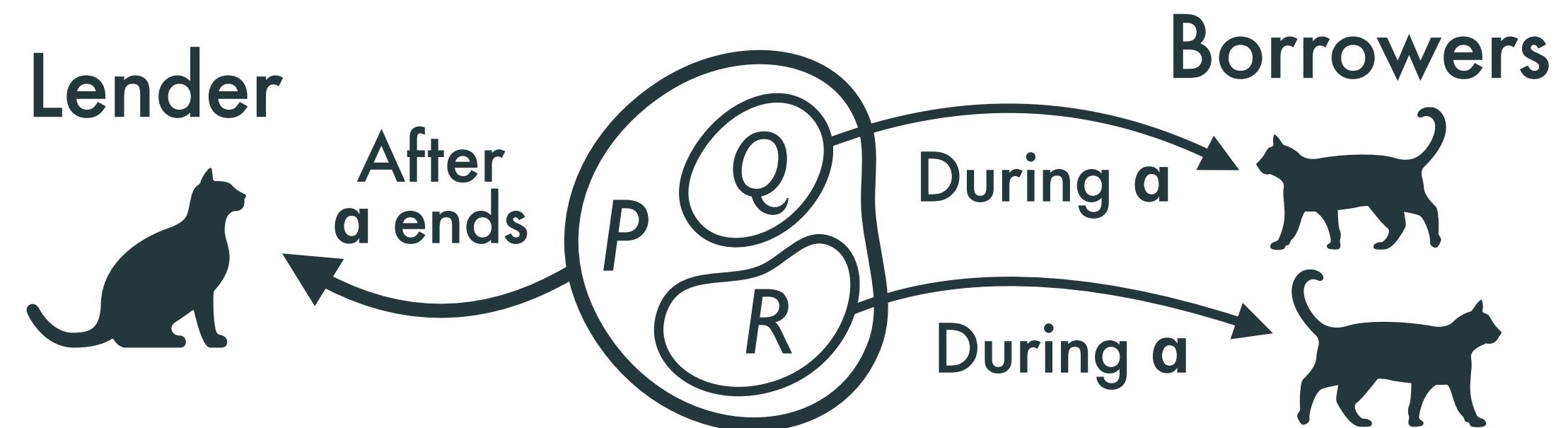
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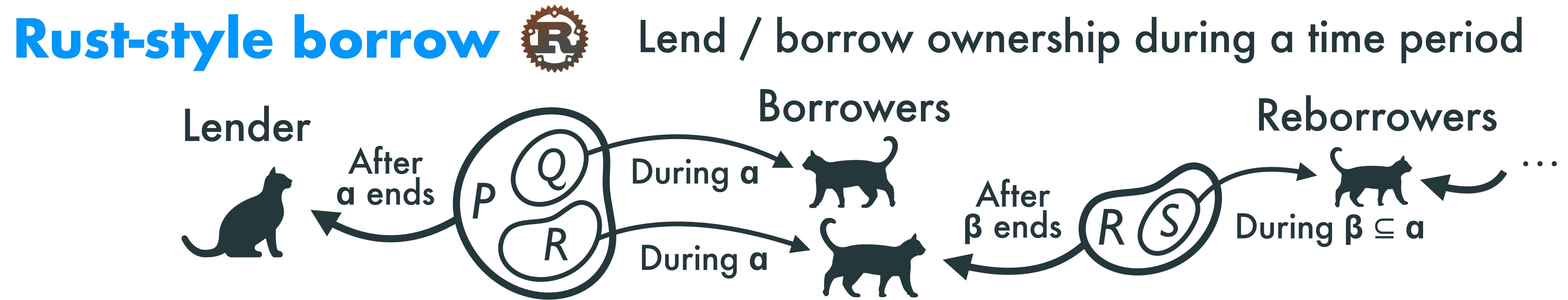
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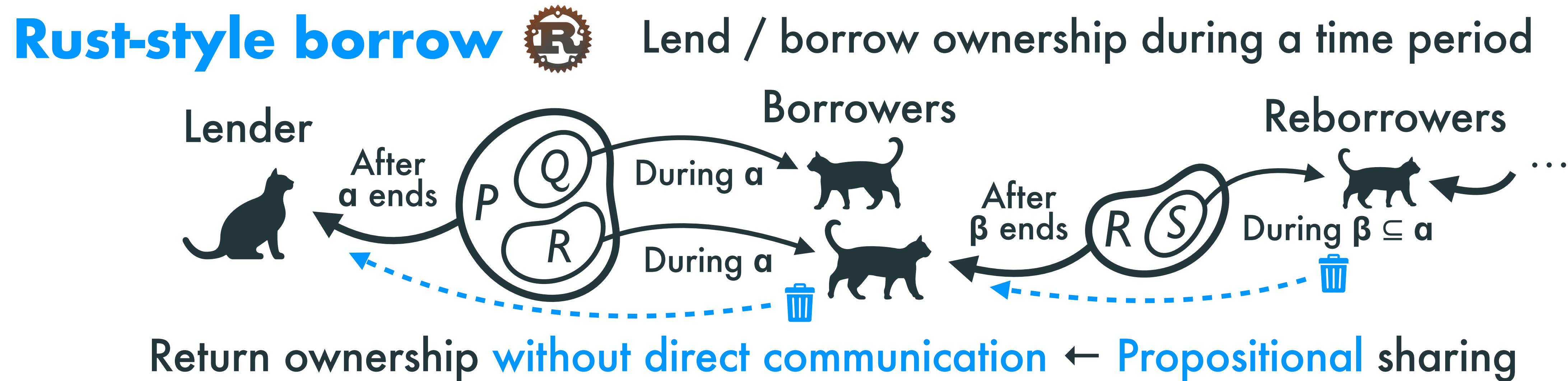
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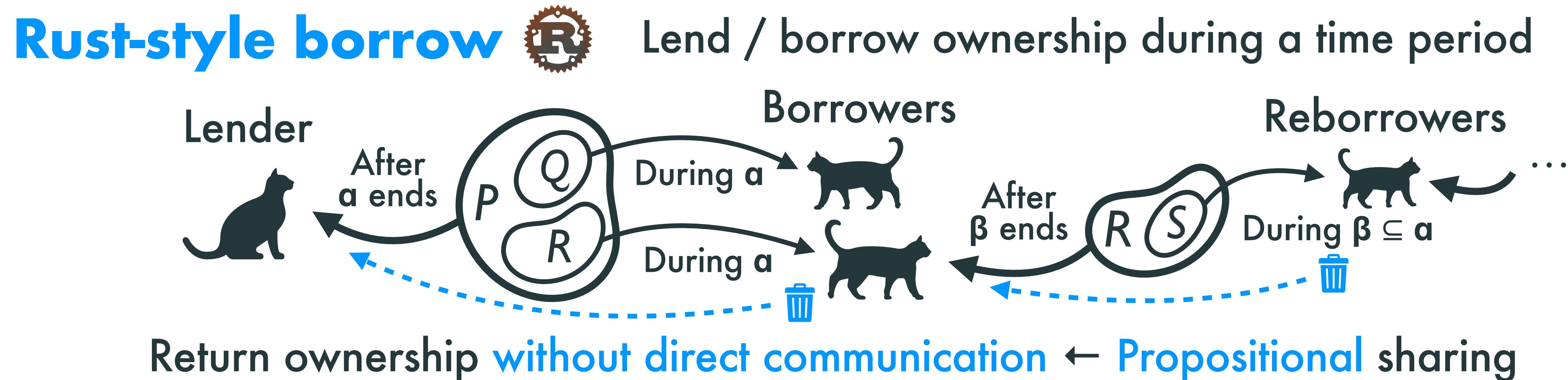
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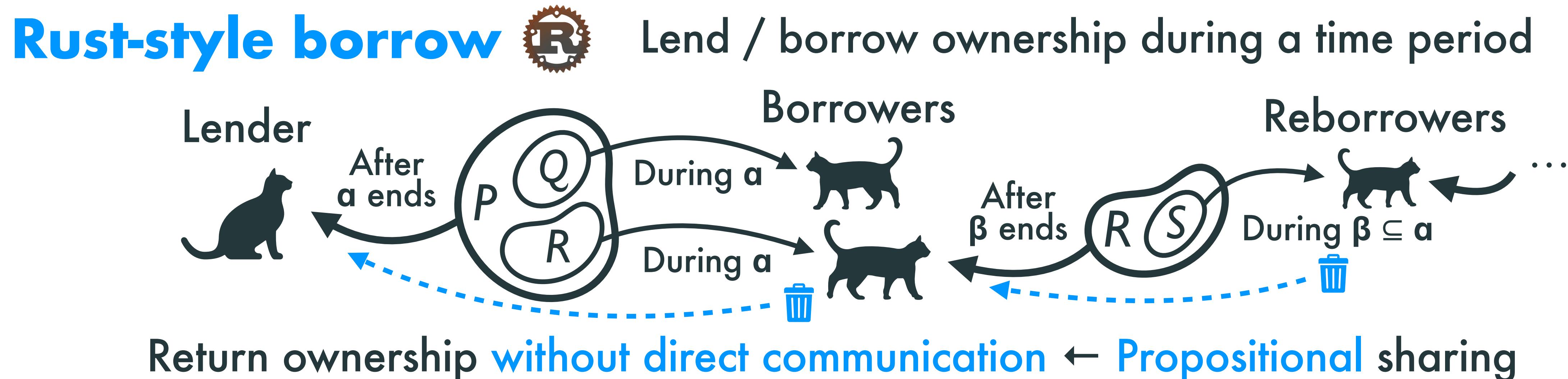


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**Nola borrow**

**Later-free**

**Custom nProp & []**

*Just like invariant*

**Rich operations**

*Subdivision, merger, reborrow*

**Proof rules**

$$[P] \models \Rightarrow' (\text{bor}^\alpha P * \text{lend}^\alpha P)$$

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Model **Instantiate Nola borrow**

Internal custom syntax & interpretation

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