

An Introduction to Separation Logic (1/2)

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+ Overview

First part (Today) – Introduction

- Motivation
- In the beginning...
- The Logic
- Some examples

Second part (Thursday) – Harder stuff

- Modularity
- Concurrency
- Decidability

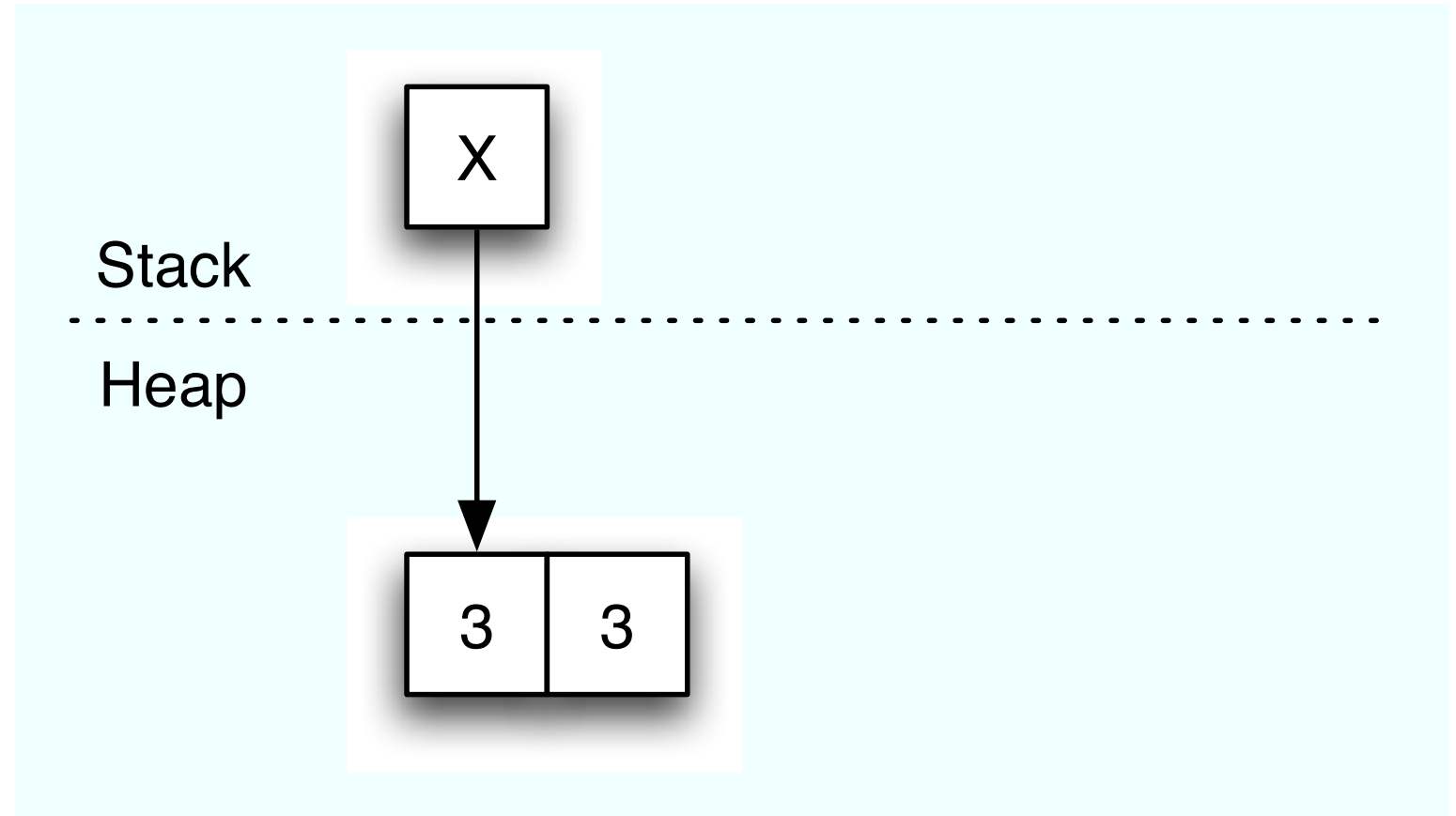
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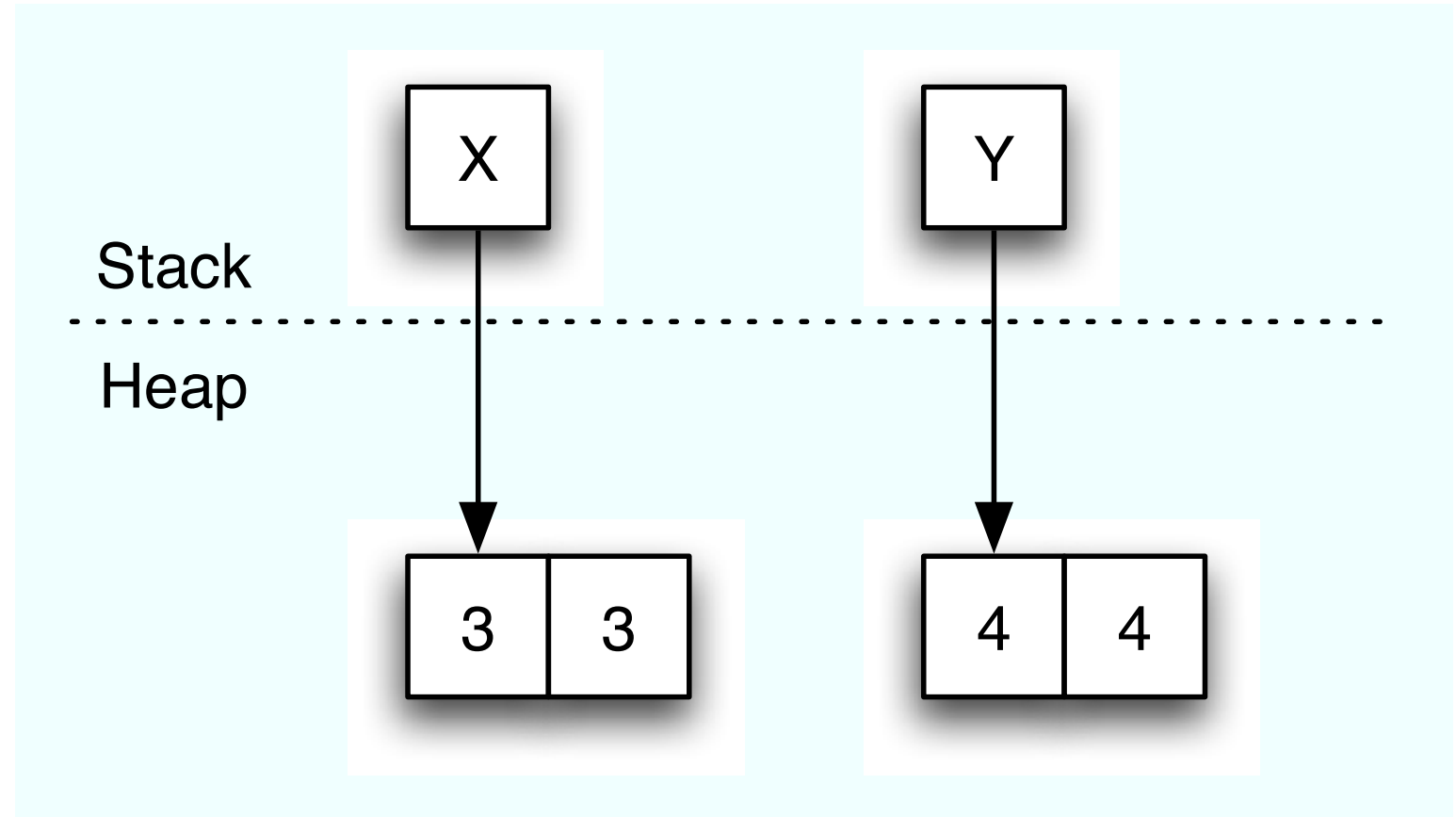
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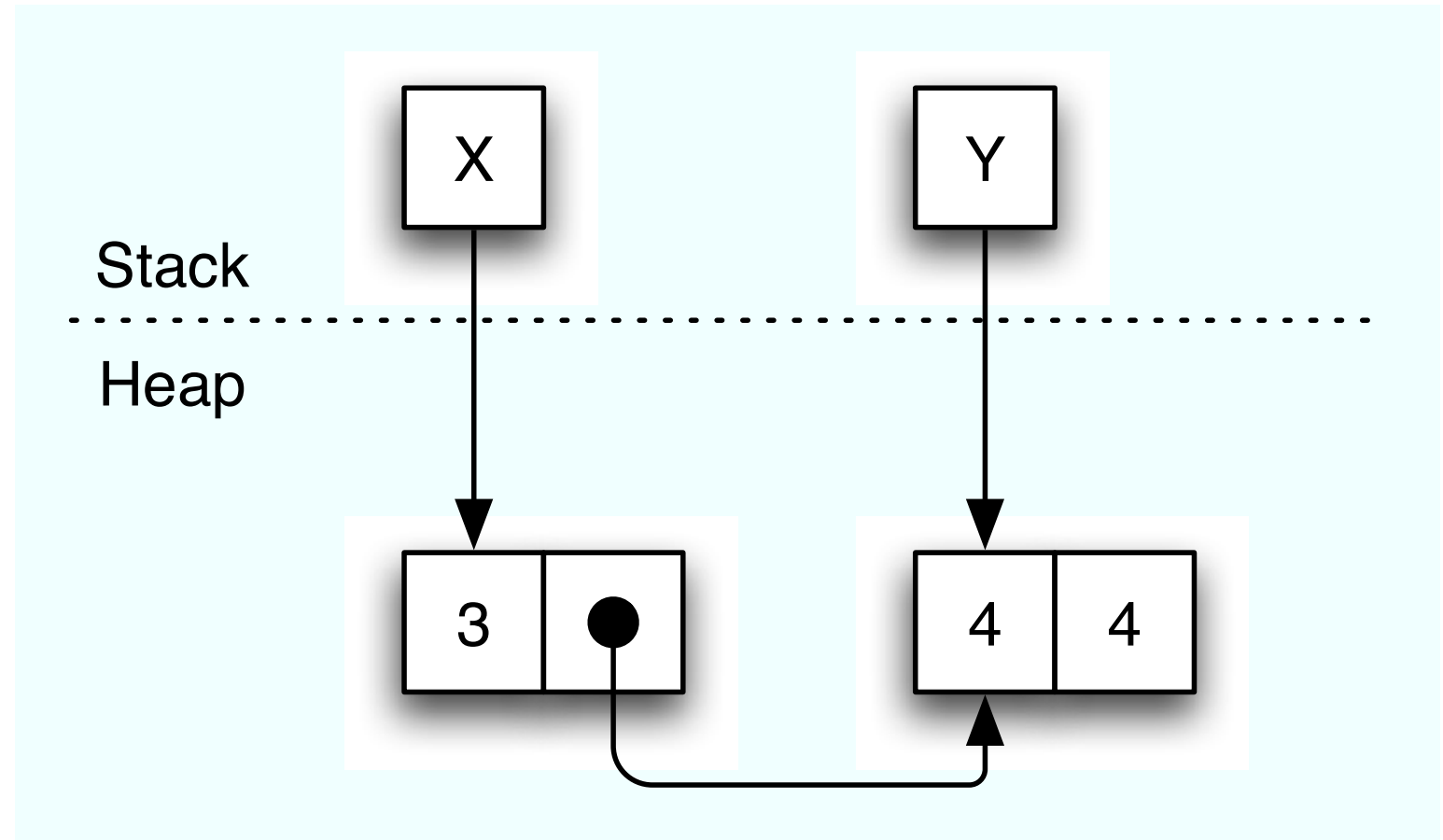
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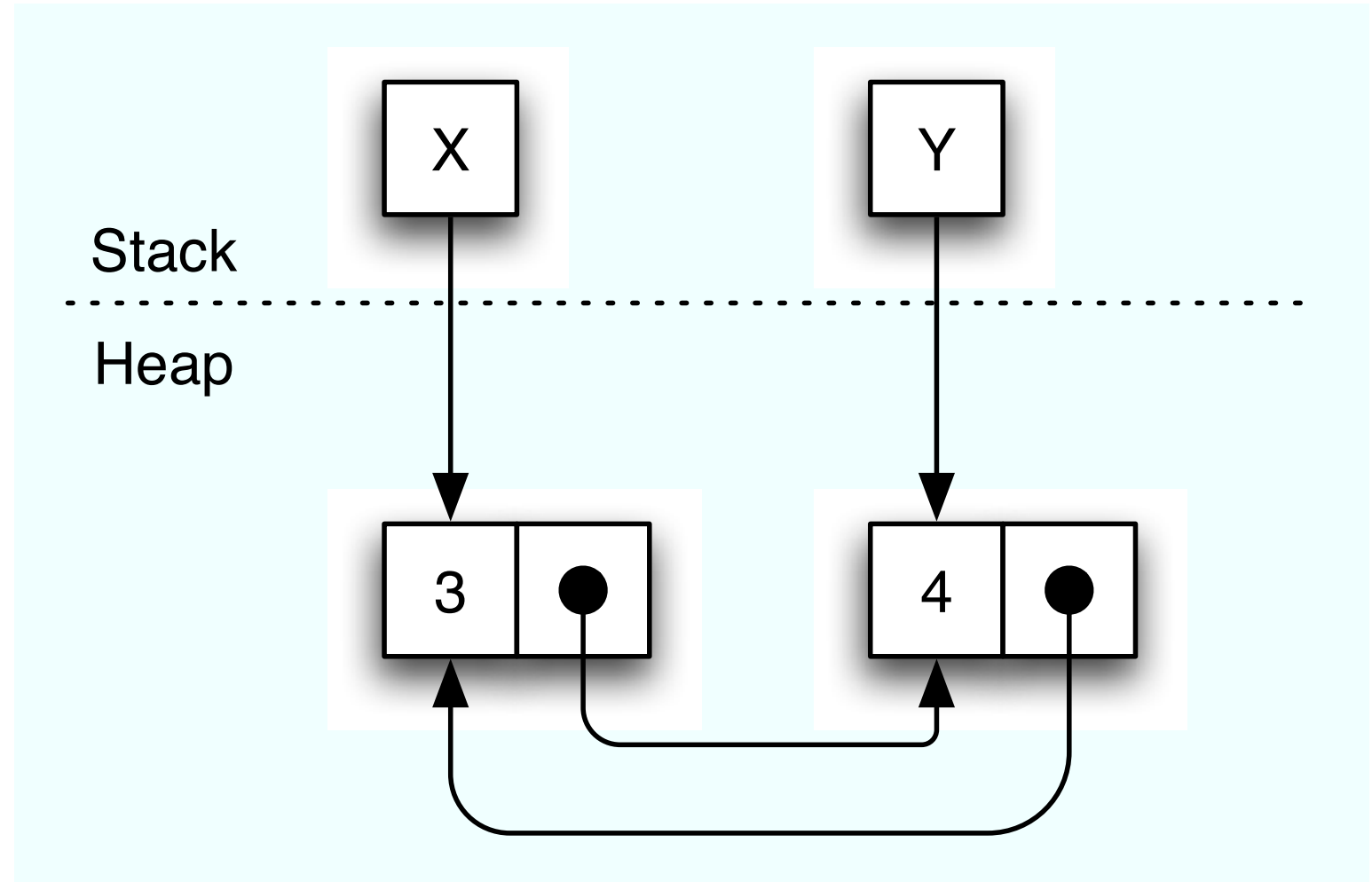
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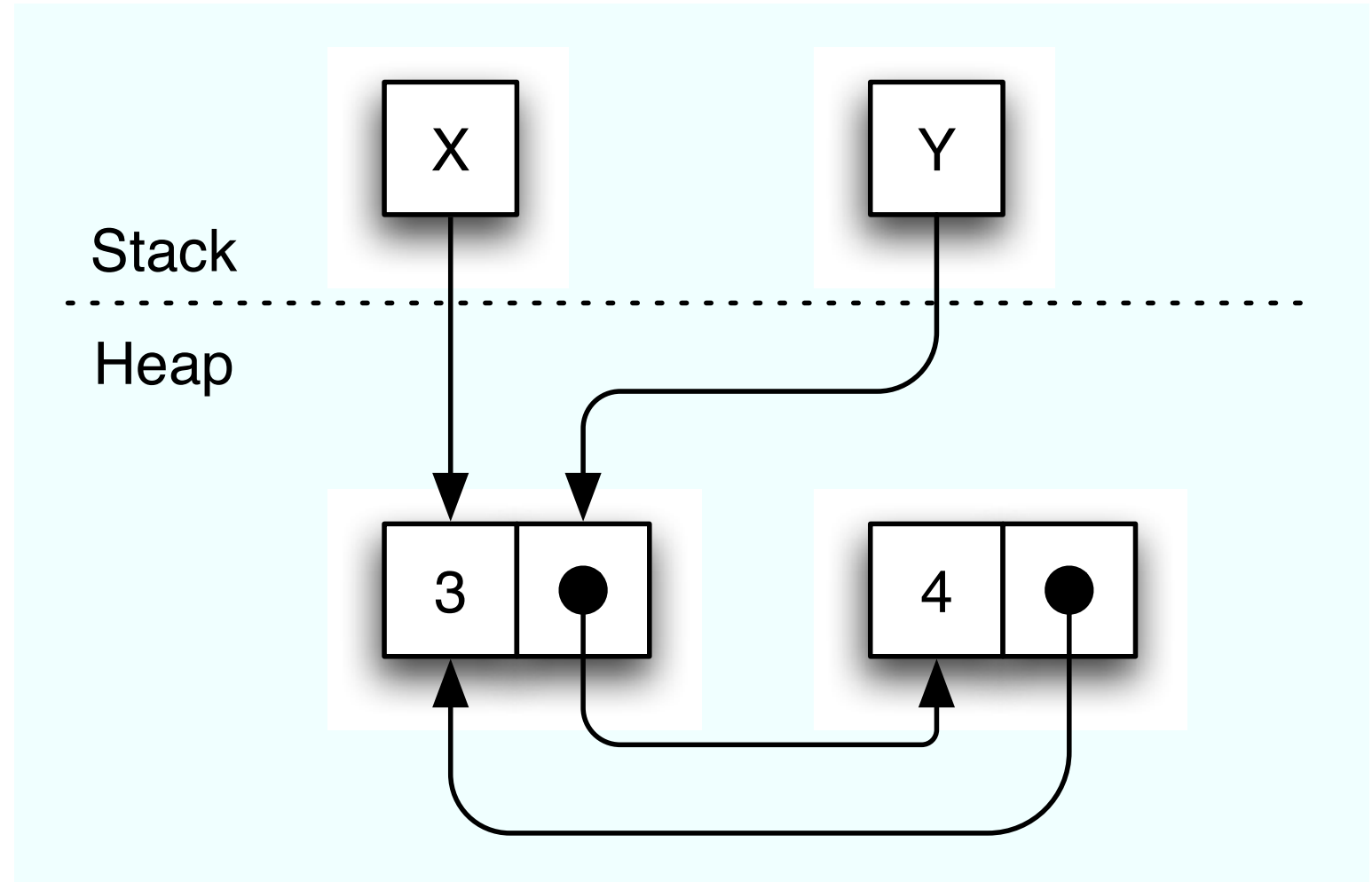
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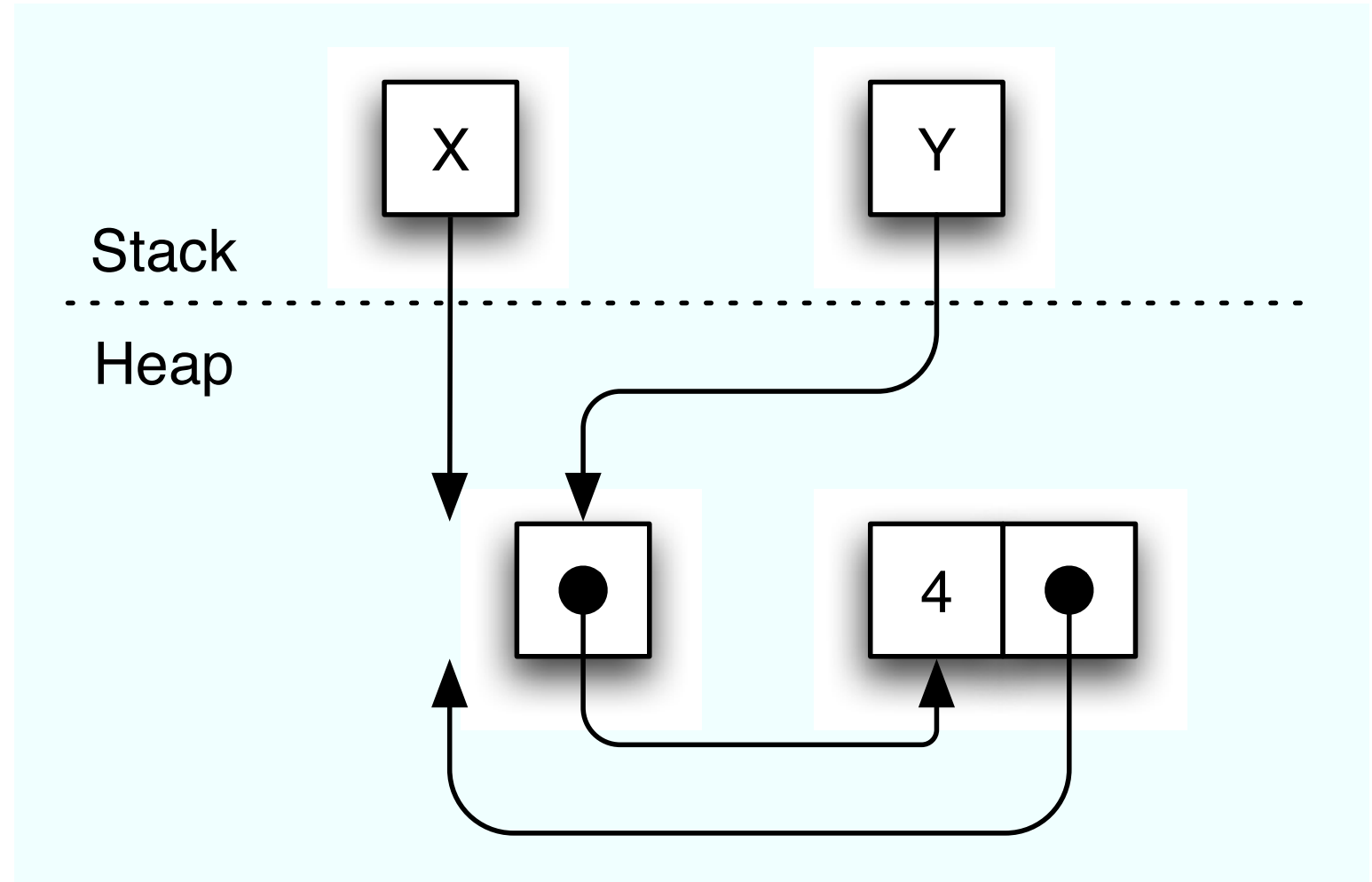
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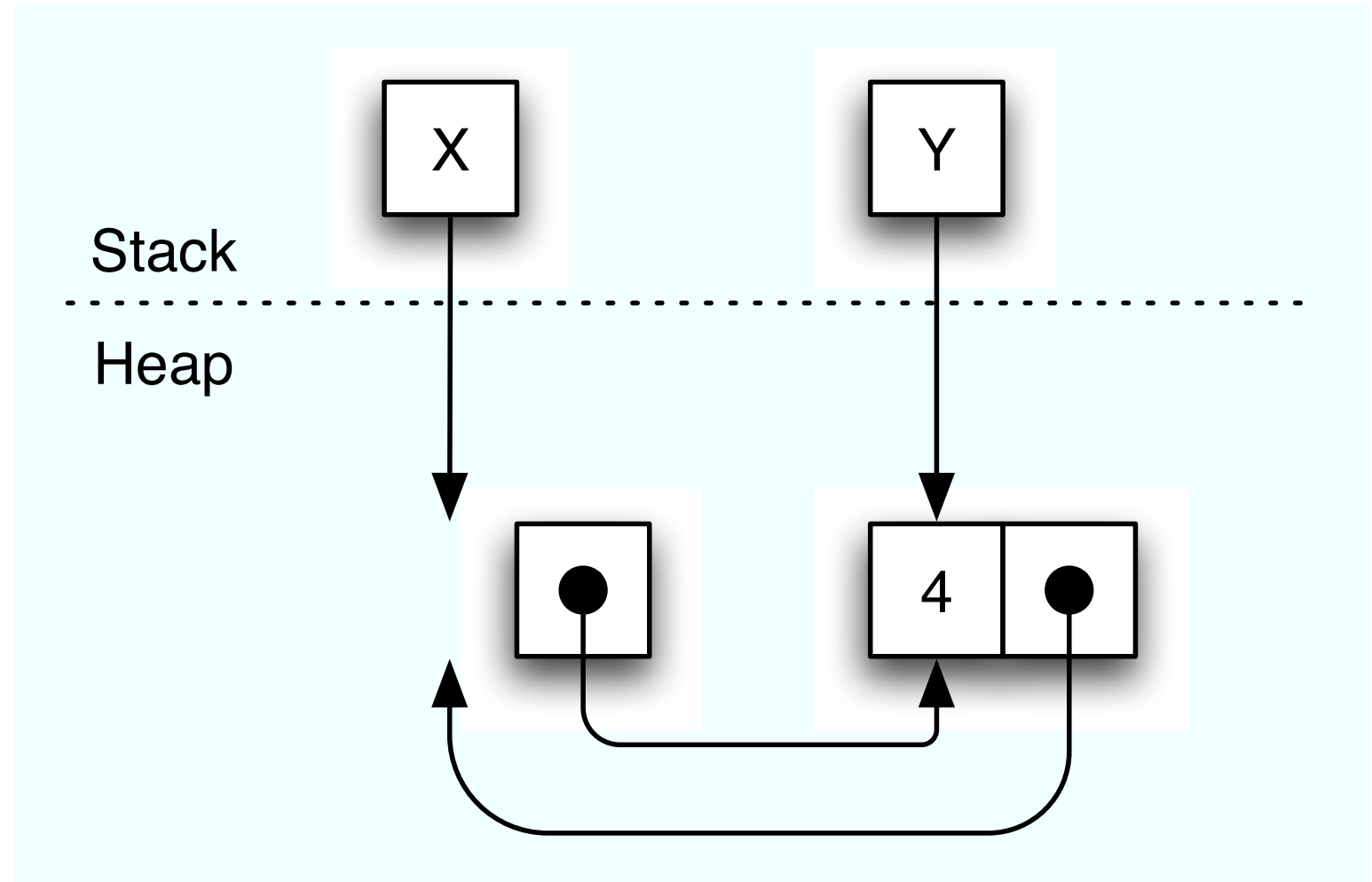
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$$\frac{\{P\}C\{Q\}}{\{R * P\}C\{Q * R\}}$$

Introduces new connective $*$ used to separate state.

In the beginning...

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+ Substructural Logic +

Substructural logics consider the removal of structural rules:

- Weakening
- Contraction
- Commutativity
- Associativity

Examples

- Philosophy (Relevant Logics)
- Linguistics (Lambek Calculus)
- Computer Science (Linear Logic, Bunched Implications, ...)

+ Bunched Implications

\wedge admits weakening and contraction, but $*$ does not.

$$\frac{\Delta(\Gamma) \vdash \psi}{\Delta(\Gamma \wedge \Gamma') \vdash \psi} \quad \frac{\Delta(\Gamma \wedge \Gamma) \vdash \psi}{\Delta(\Gamma) \vdash \psi}$$

However we don't have

$$\frac{\Delta(\Gamma) \vdash \psi}{\Delta(\Gamma * \Gamma') \vdash \psi} \quad \frac{\Delta(\Gamma * \Gamma) \vdash \psi}{\Delta(\Gamma) \vdash \psi}$$

Key concept BI mixes substructural logic with classical/intuitionistic logic.

If this doesn't make sense, **Don't Panic!**

Separation Logic

| | | | |
|--------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| P, Q | $::=$ | $false$ | Logical false |
| | | $P \wedge Q$ | Classical conjunction |
| | | $P \vee Q$ | Classical disjunction |
| | | $P \Rightarrow Q$ | Classical implication |
| | | $P * Q$ | Separating conjunction |
| | | $P \multimap Q$ | Separating implication |
| | | $E = E$ | Expression value equality |
| | | $E \mapsto E$ | points to |
| | | $empty$ | empty heap |
| | | $\exists x. P$ | existential quantifier |

We use E to range over integer expressions (E does not contain indirection through the heap), x over variables and C over commands.

Assertions are given with respect to a heap, H , and stack, S .

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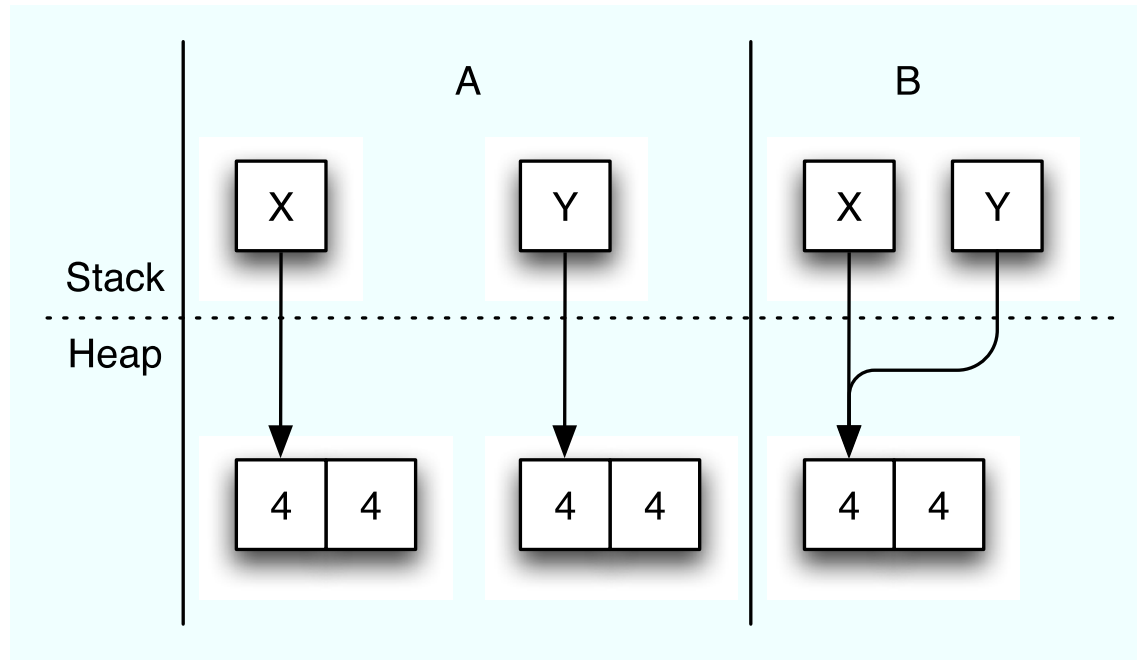
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+ Example heaps



| | A | B |
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| $x \hookrightarrow 4, 4$ | ✓ | ✓ |
| $x \mapsto 4, 4 * y \mapsto 4, 4$ | ✓ | ✗ |
| $x \mapsto 4, 4 \wedge y \mapsto 4, 4$ | ✗ | ✓ |
| $x \hookrightarrow 4, 4 \wedge y \hookrightarrow 4, 4$ | ✓ | ✓ |

where $E \mapsto E_0, \dots, E_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E \mapsto E_0 * E + 1 \mapsto E_1 * \dots * E + n \mapsto E_n$

and $E \hookrightarrow E' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E \mapsto E' * \text{true}$

Consider the following recursive formula

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$$\{E \mapsto _ \} \quad \text{dispose}(E) \quad \{\text{empty} \}$$

$$\{\text{empty} \} \quad x = \text{cons}(E_1, \dots, E_n) \quad \{x \mapsto E_1, \dots, E_n \}$$

We use $E \mapsto _$ as a shorthand for $\exists x. E \mapsto x$.

+ Frame Rule

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Tight interpretation!

+ Tree dispose

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$\{p \mapsto i, _, j * tree_i * tree_j\}$

$dispTree(i);$

$\{tree_p\} \quad dispTree(p) \quad \{empty\}$

$dispTree(j);$

$dispose(p+2);$

$dispose(p+1);$

$dispose(p);$

$\{empty\}$

+ Tree dispose

$\{tree_p \wedge p \neq nil\}$

$i = [p];$

$\{p \mapsto i * \exists j. p + 1 \mapsto _, j * tree_i * tree_j\}$

$j = [p+2];$

$\{p \mapsto i, _, j * tree_i * tree_j\}$

$\{tree_i\}$

$dispTree(i);$

$\{empty\}$

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| $\{tree_p\} \quad dispTree(p) \quad \{empty\}$ |
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$dispTree(j);$

$dispose(p+2);$

$dispose(p+1);$

$dispose(p);$

$\{empty\}$

+ Tree dispose

```
{tree _ p ∧ p ≠ nil}
  i = [p];
{p ↦ i * ∃j. p + 1 ↦ _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}
  j = [p+2];
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}
  {tree _ i}
  dispTree(i);
  {empty}
{p ↦ i, _, j * empty * tree _ j}
  dispTree(j);
  dispose(p+2);
  dispose(p+1);
  dispose(p);
{empty}
```

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| $\{tree_p\} \text{ dispTree}(p) \{empty\}$ |
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+ Tree dispose

```
{tree _ p ∧ p ≠ nil}  
  i = [p];  
{p ↦ i * ∃j. p + 1 ↦ _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  j = [p+2];  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  {tree _ i}  
  dispTree(i);  
  {empty}  
{p ↦ i, _, j * empty * tree _ j}  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(j);  
  dispose(p+2);  
  dispose(p+1);  
  dispose(p);  
{empty}
```

+ Tree dispose

```
{tree _ p  $\wedge$   $p \neq nil$ }  
  i = [p];  
{ $p \mapsto i$  *  $\exists j. p + 1 \mapsto \_, j$  * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  j = [p+2];  
{ $p \mapsto i, \_, j$  * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(i);  
{ $p \mapsto i, \_, j$  * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(j);  
  dispose(p+2);  
  dispose(p+1);  
  dispose(p);  
{empty}
```

+ Tree dispose

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{tree _ p ∧ p ≠ nil}  
  i = [p];  
{p ↦ i * ∃j. p + 1 ↦ _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  j = [p+2];  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ i * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(i);  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(j);  
{p ↦ i, _, j}  
  dispose(p+2);  
  dispose(p+1);  
  dispose(p);  
{empty}
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| $\{E \mapsto _ \} \text{dispose}(E) \{empty\}$ |
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+ Tree dispose

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{tree _ p ∧ p ≠ nil}  
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  dispTree(i);  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(j);  
{p ↦ i, _, j}  
  dispose(p+2);  
{p ↦ i, _}  
  dispose(p+1);  
  dispose(p);  
{empty}
```

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{tree _ p ∧ p ≠ nil}  
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  dispTree(i);  
{p ↦ i, _, j * tree _ j}  
  dispTree(j);  
{p ↦ i, _, j}  
  dispose(p+2);  
{p ↦ i, _}  
  dispose(p+1);  
{p ↦ i}  
  dispose(p);  
{empty}
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  dispose(p+2);  
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  dispose(p+2);  
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  dispose(p+1);  
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  dispose(p);  
{empty}
```

Frame rule is key to the proof!



+ List append

$\{ (list\ \tau_1\ x) * (list\ \tau_2\ y) \}$

proc append(x,y)

 newvar h,c,n;

 if x=nil then return y;

 h= x;

 c= x;

 n= [c+1];

 while(n!=nil)

 c=n;

 n=[c+1];

 [c+1]=y;

 return h;

end proc

$\{ list\ (\tau_1 @ \tau_2)\ ret \}$

+ List append

$\{(list\ \tau_1\ x) * (list\ \tau_2\ y)\}$

proc append(x,y)

 newvar h,c,n;

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 h= x;

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 [c+1]=y;

$\{list\ (\tau_1 @ \tau_2)\ h\}$

 return h;

end proc

$\{list\ (\tau_1 @ \tau_2)\ ret\}$

+ List append

$\{((list\ \tau_1\ x) \wedge x! = nil) * (list\ \tau_2\ y)\}$

h = x;

c = x;

n = [c+1];

while(n != nil)

 c = n;

 n = [c+1];

 [c+1] = y;

$\{list\ (\tau_1 @ \tau_2)\ h\}$

+ List append

$\{((list (\alpha :: \tau'_1) x) \wedge x! = nil) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$

h= x;

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while(n!=nil)

 c=n;

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 [c+1]=y;

$\{list ((\alpha :: \tau'_1)@ \tau_2) h\}$

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$\{((list (\alpha :: \tau'_1) x) \wedge x \neq nil) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$

h = x;

c = x;

$\{((list (\alpha :: \tau'_1) c) \wedge c \neq nil \wedge h = c) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$

n = [c+1];

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+ List append

$$\{((list (\alpha :: \tau'_1) x) \wedge x \neq nil) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$$

h = x;

c = x;

$$\{((list (\alpha :: \tau'_1) c) \wedge c \neq nil \wedge h = c) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$$

n = [c+1];

$$\{((c \mapsto \alpha, n) * (list \tau'_1 n) \wedge h = c) * (list \tau_2 y)\}$$

$$\text{while}(n \neq nil) \left\{ \exists \tau', \alpha'. \left((list (\alpha' :: \tau' @ \tau_2) c) \multimap (list (\alpha :: \tau'_1 @ \tau_2) h) \right) * (c \mapsto \alpha', n) * (list \tau' n) \right\}$$

c = n;

n = [c+1];

$$\left\{ \left(\exists \alpha'. ((list (\alpha' :: \tau_2) c) \multimap (list (\alpha :: \tau'_1 @ \tau_2) h)) * (c \mapsto \alpha', nil) \right) * (list \tau_2 y) \right\}$$

[c+1] = y;

$$\left\{ \left(\exists \alpha'. ((list (\alpha' :: \tau_2) c) \multimap (list (\alpha :: \tau'_1 @ \tau_2) h)) * (c \mapsto \alpha', y) \right) * (list \tau_2 y) \right\}$$

$$\{\exists \alpha'. ((list (\alpha' :: \tau_2) c) \multimap (list (\alpha :: \tau'_1 @ \tau_2) h)) * (list (\alpha' :: \tau_2) c)\}$$

$$\{list ((\alpha :: \tau'_1) @ \tau_2) h\}$$

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n=[c+1];

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<http://www.dcs.qmw.ac.uk/~ohearn/localreasoning.html>