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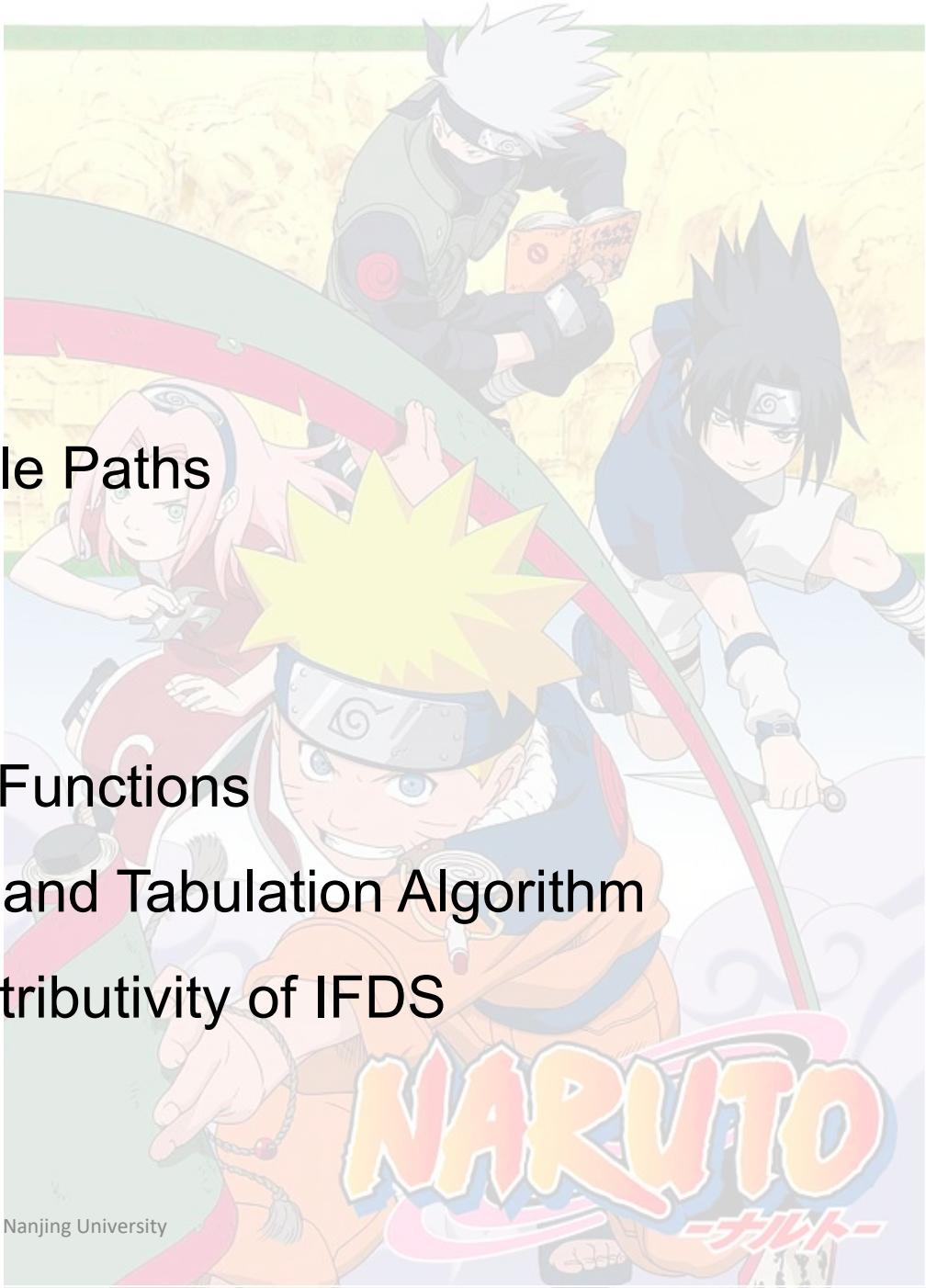
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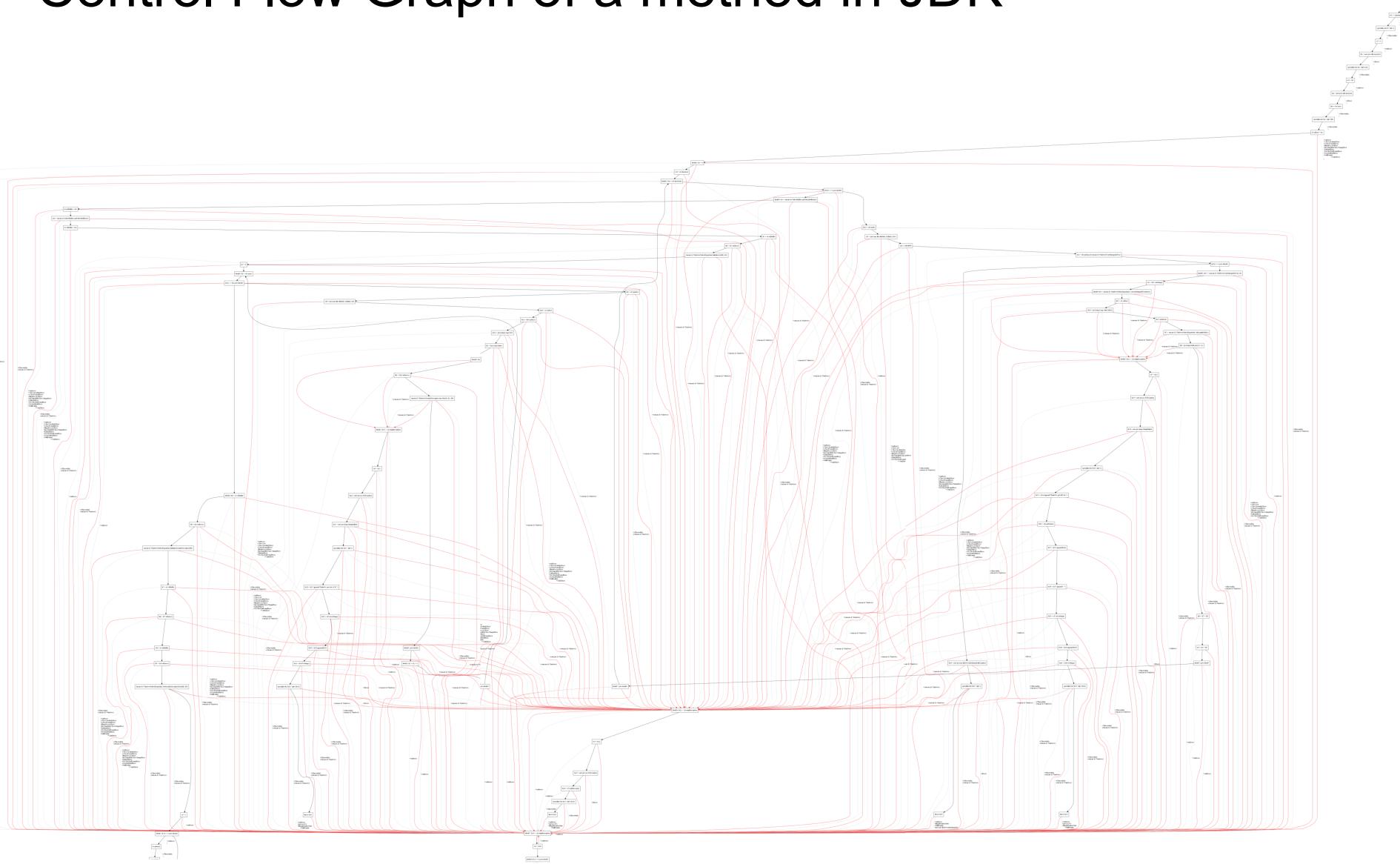
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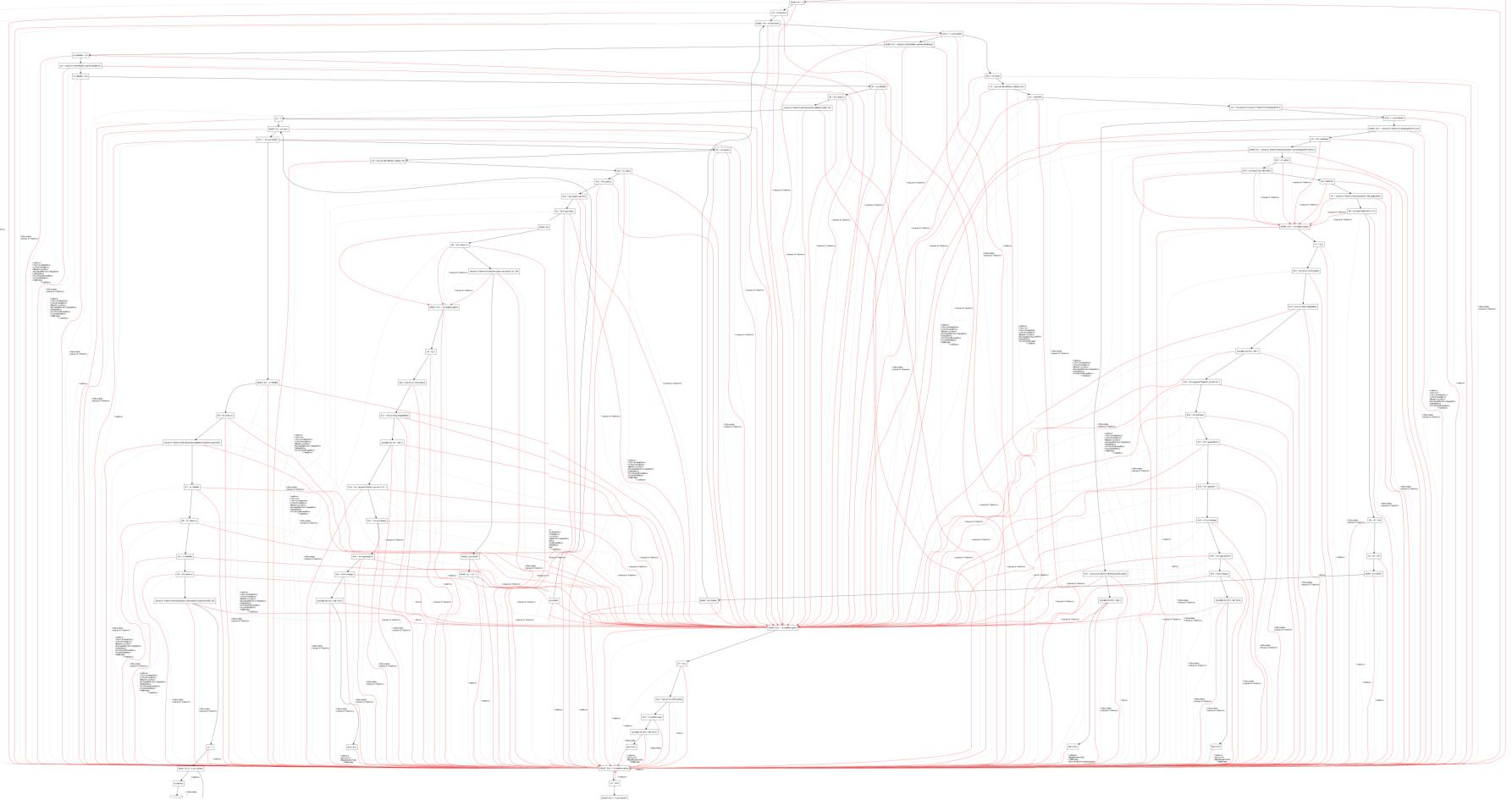


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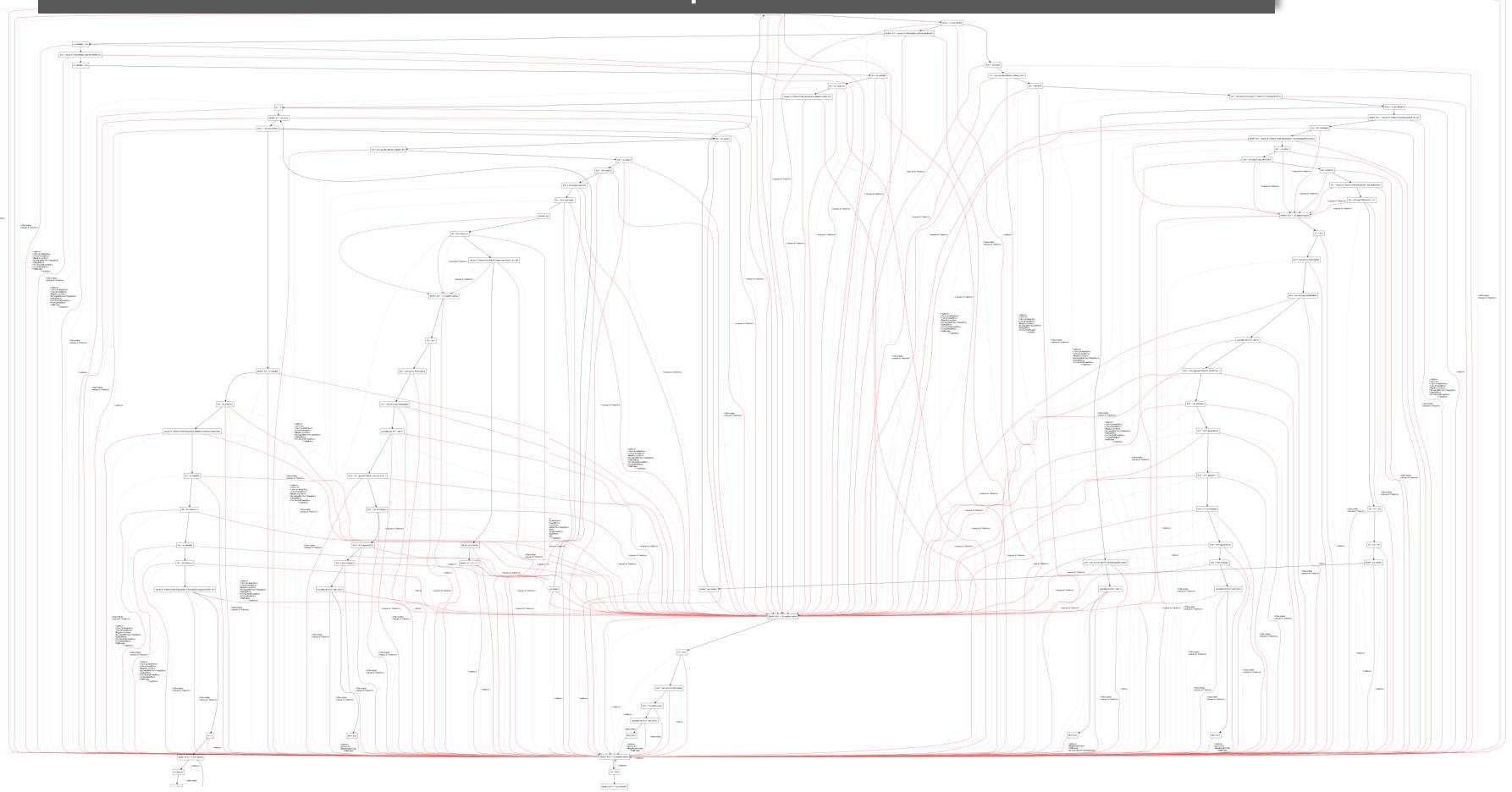


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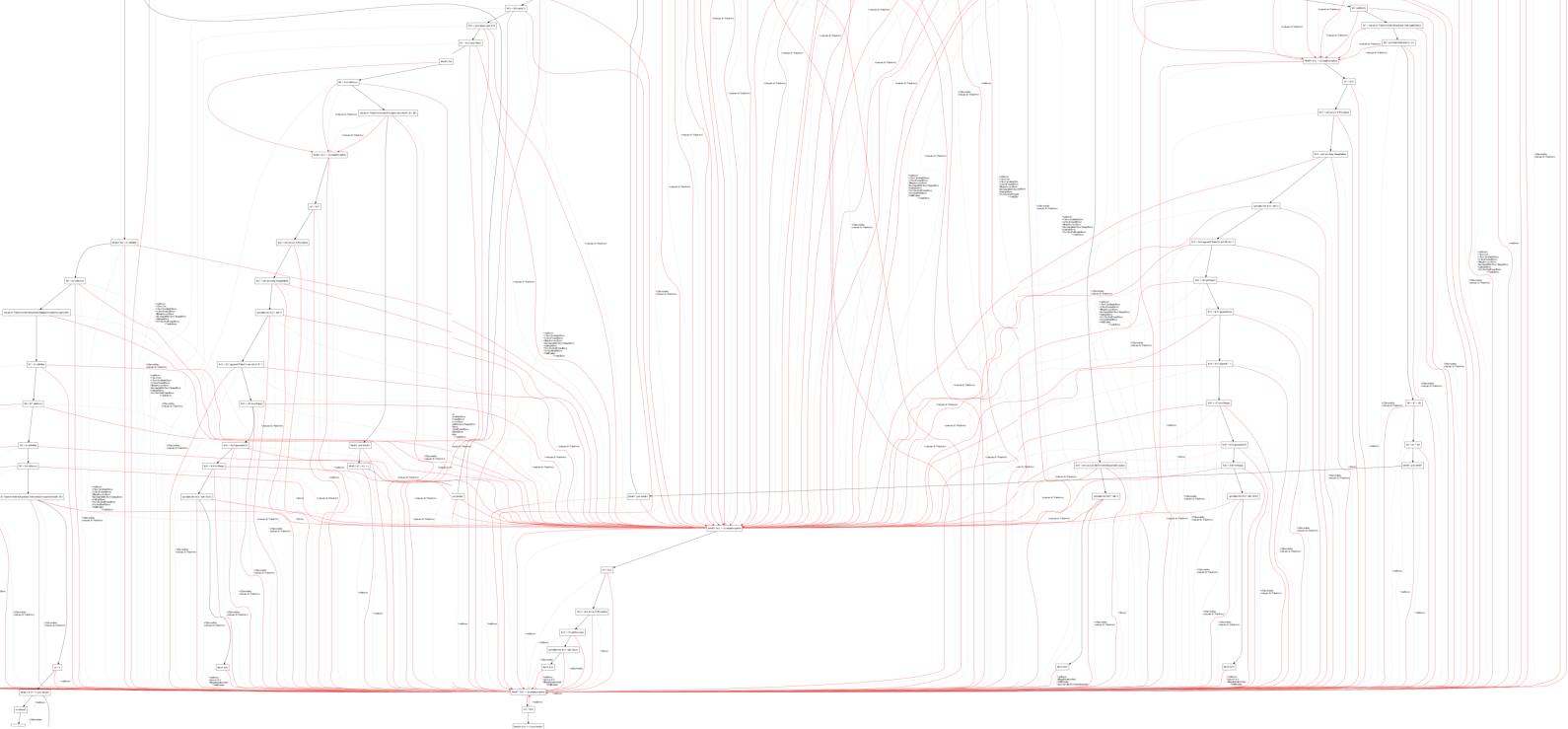
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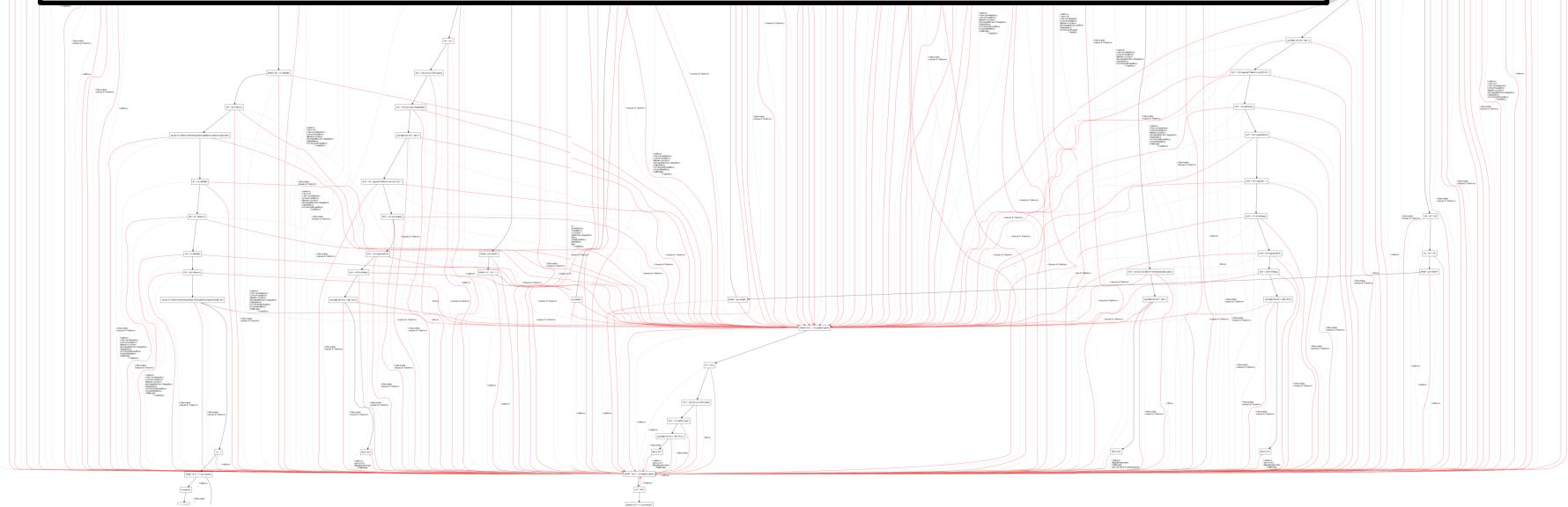
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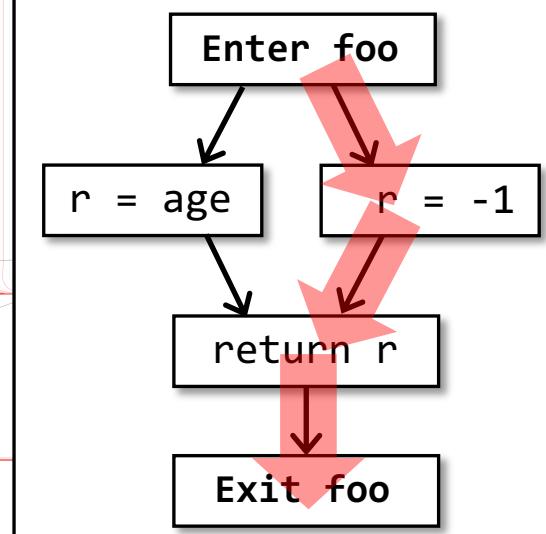
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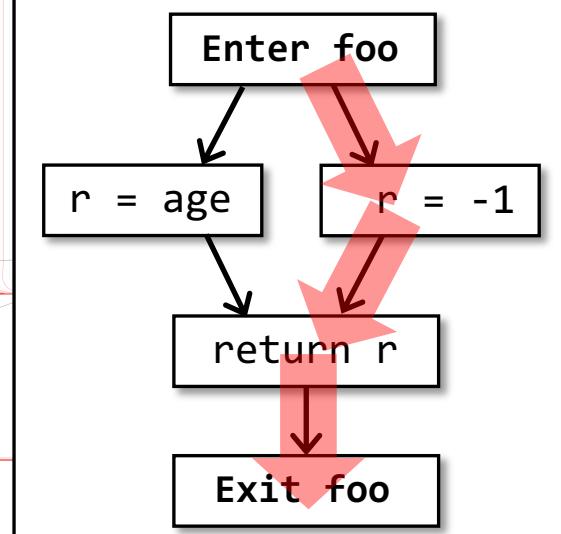
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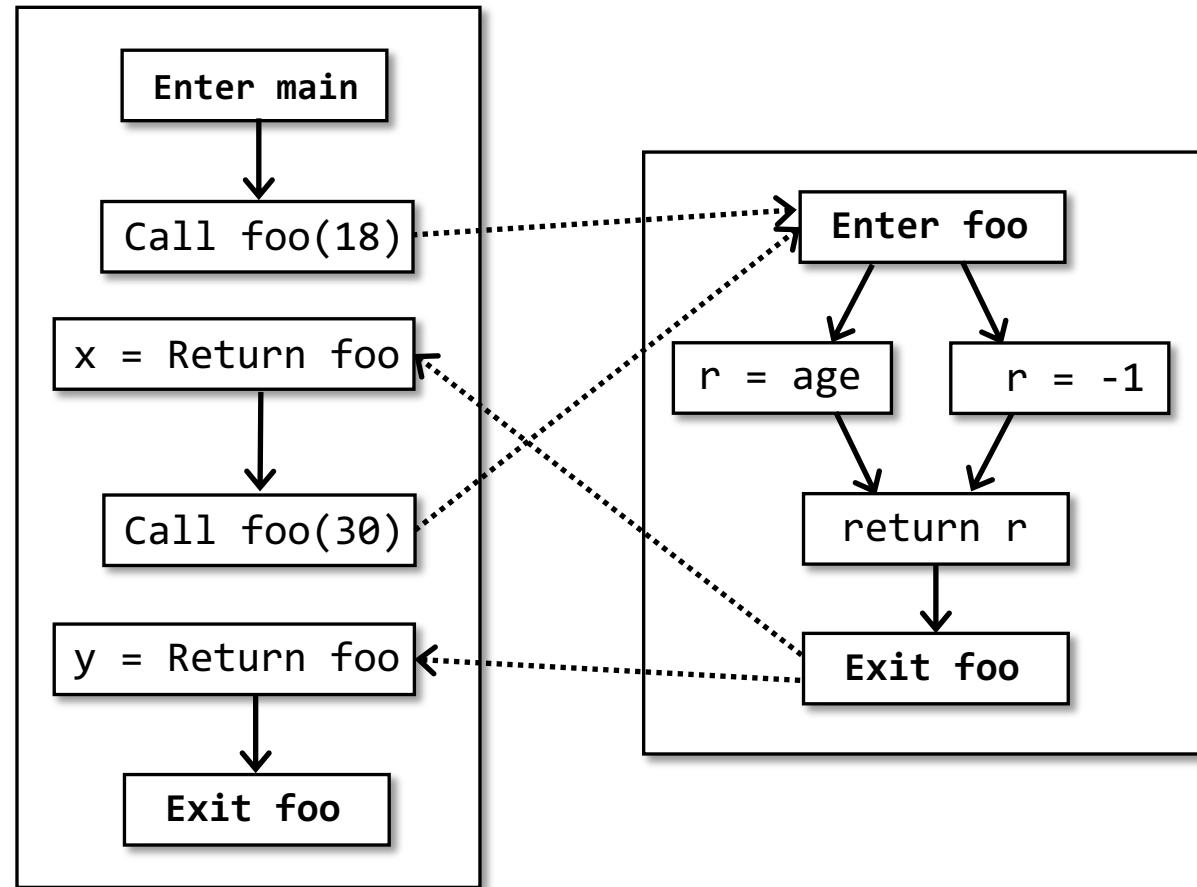


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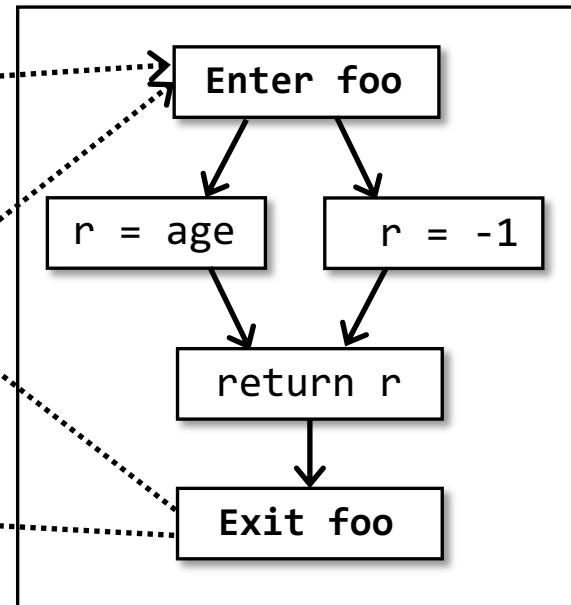
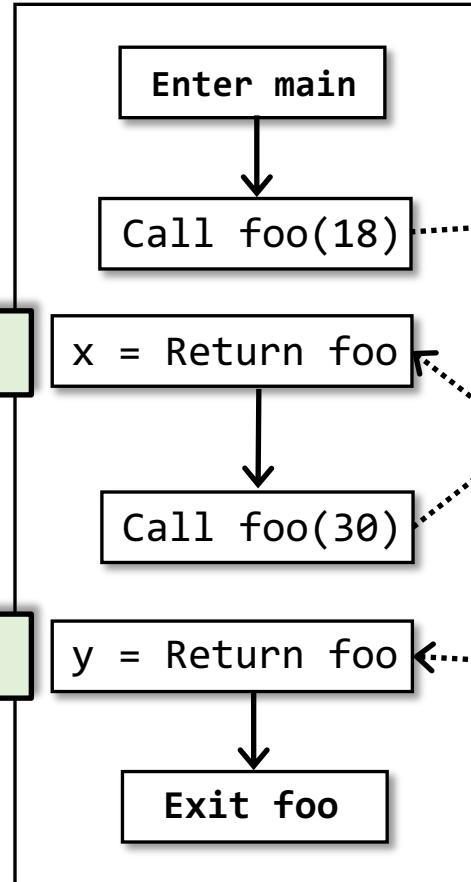
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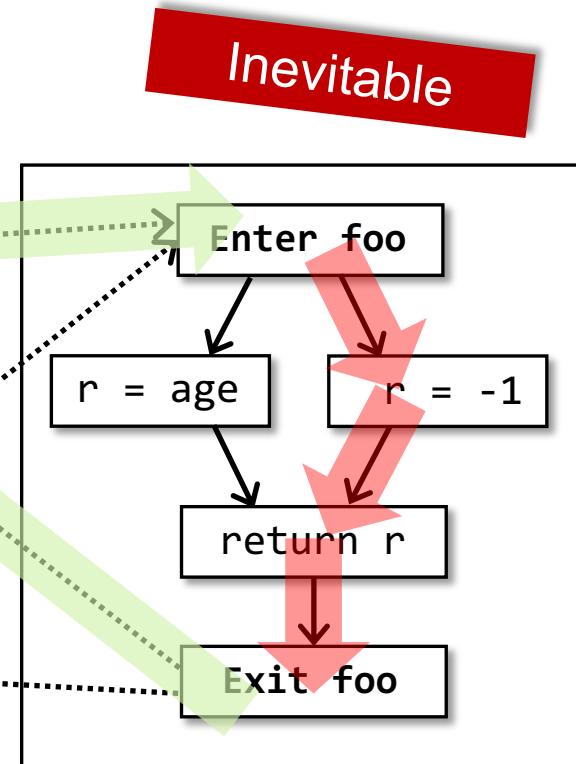
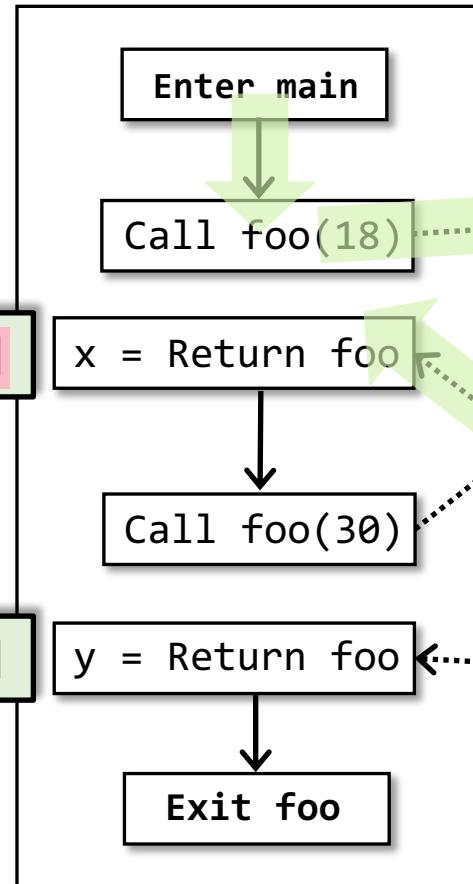


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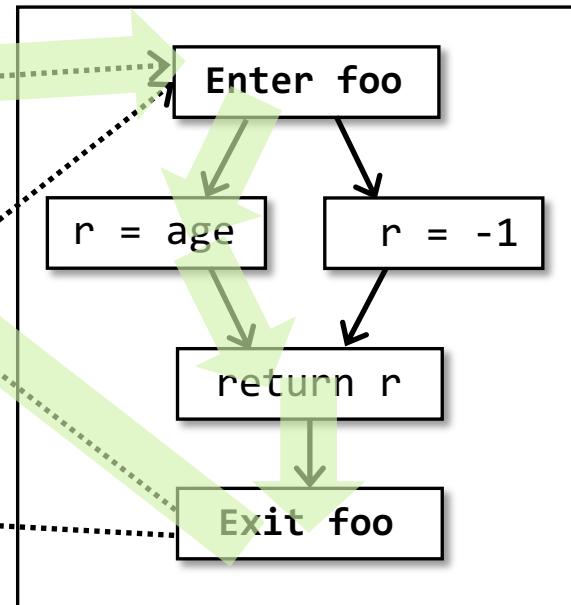
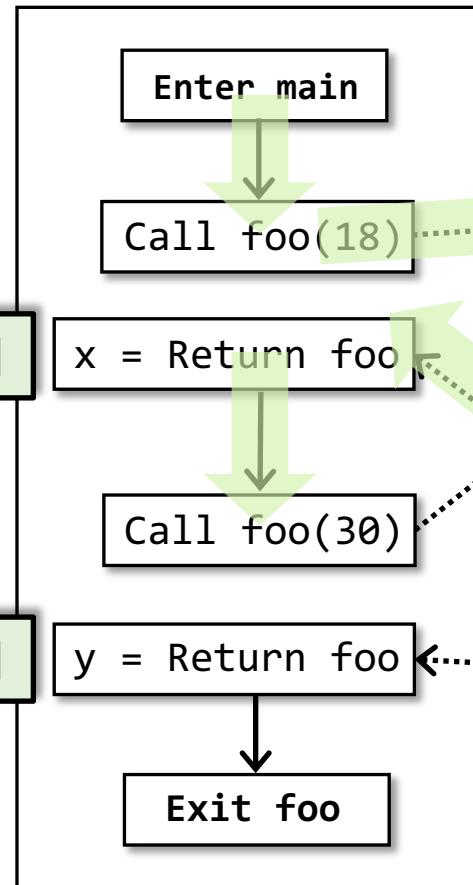


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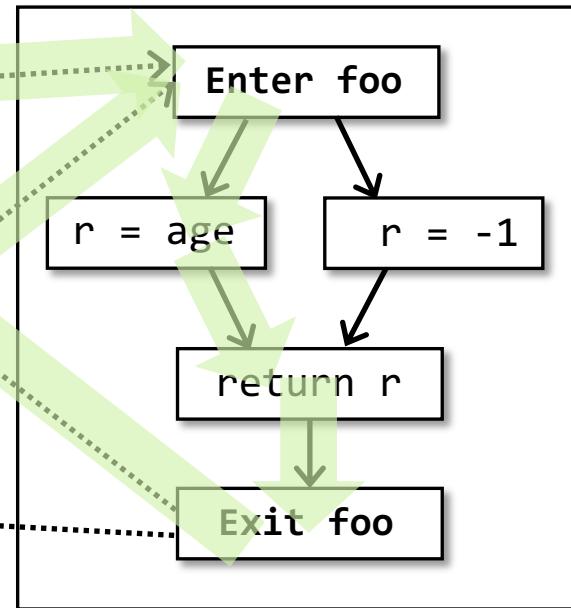
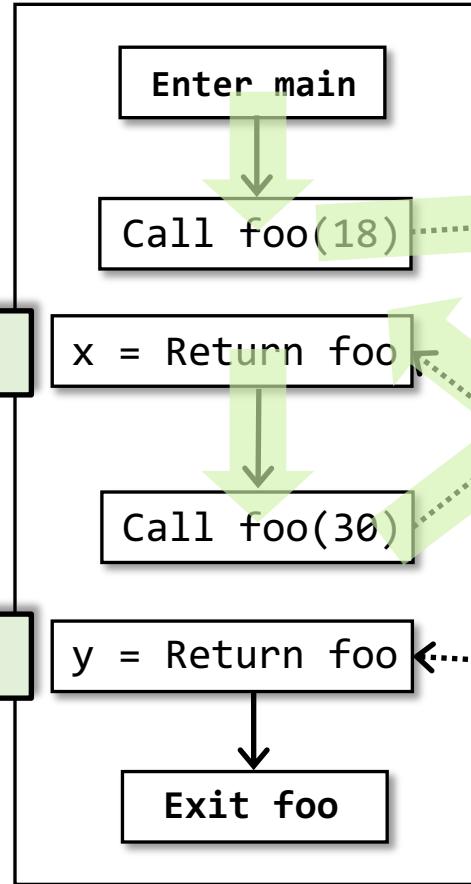
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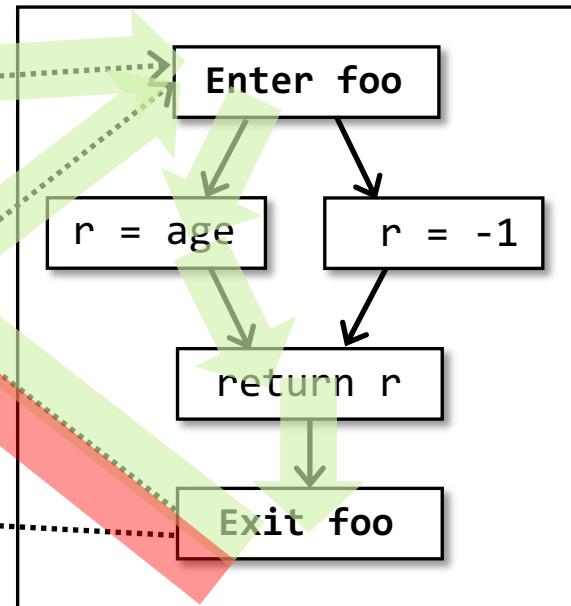
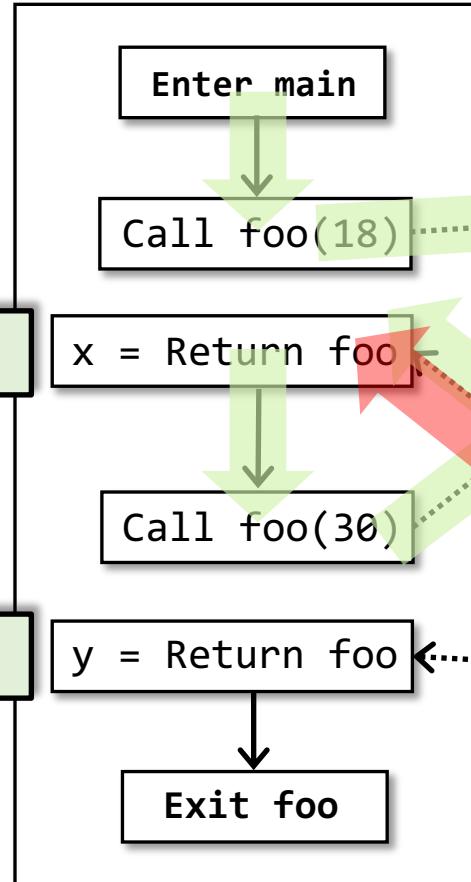
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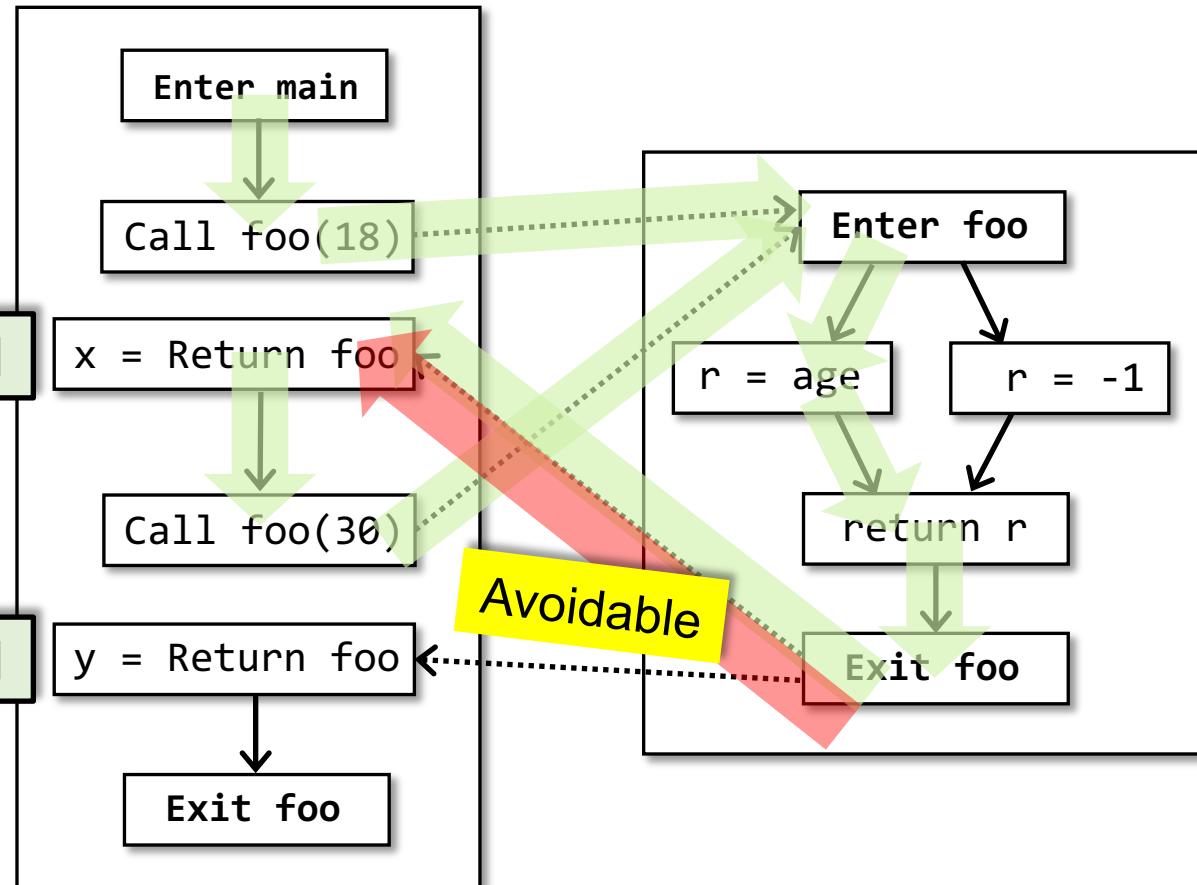


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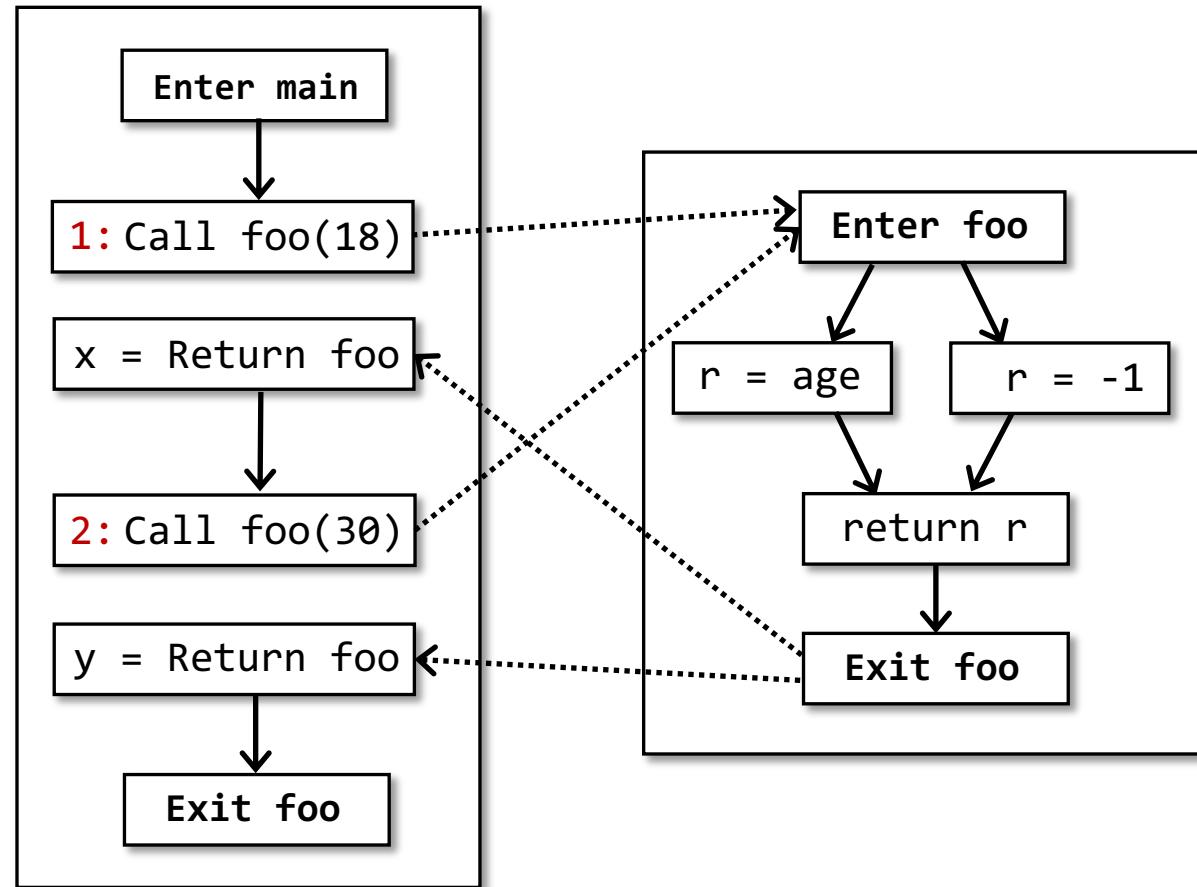
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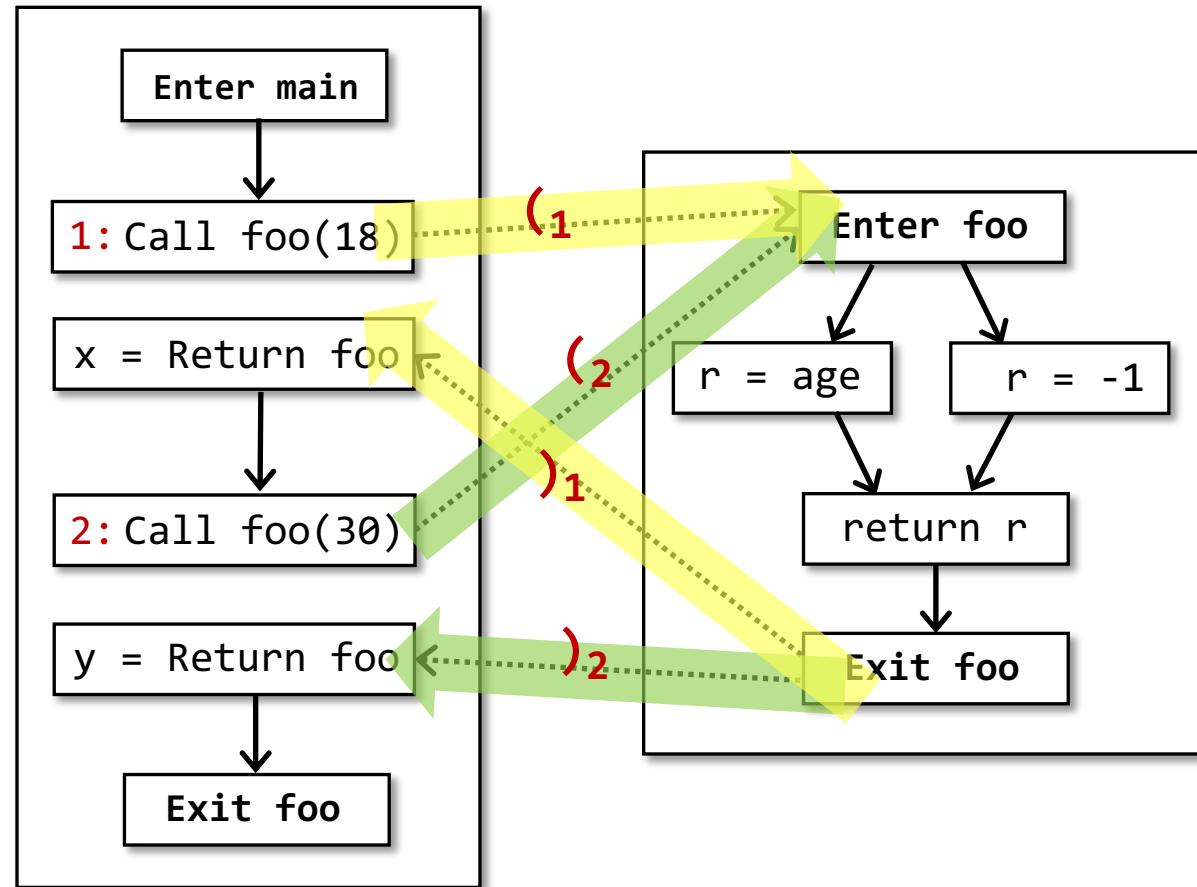


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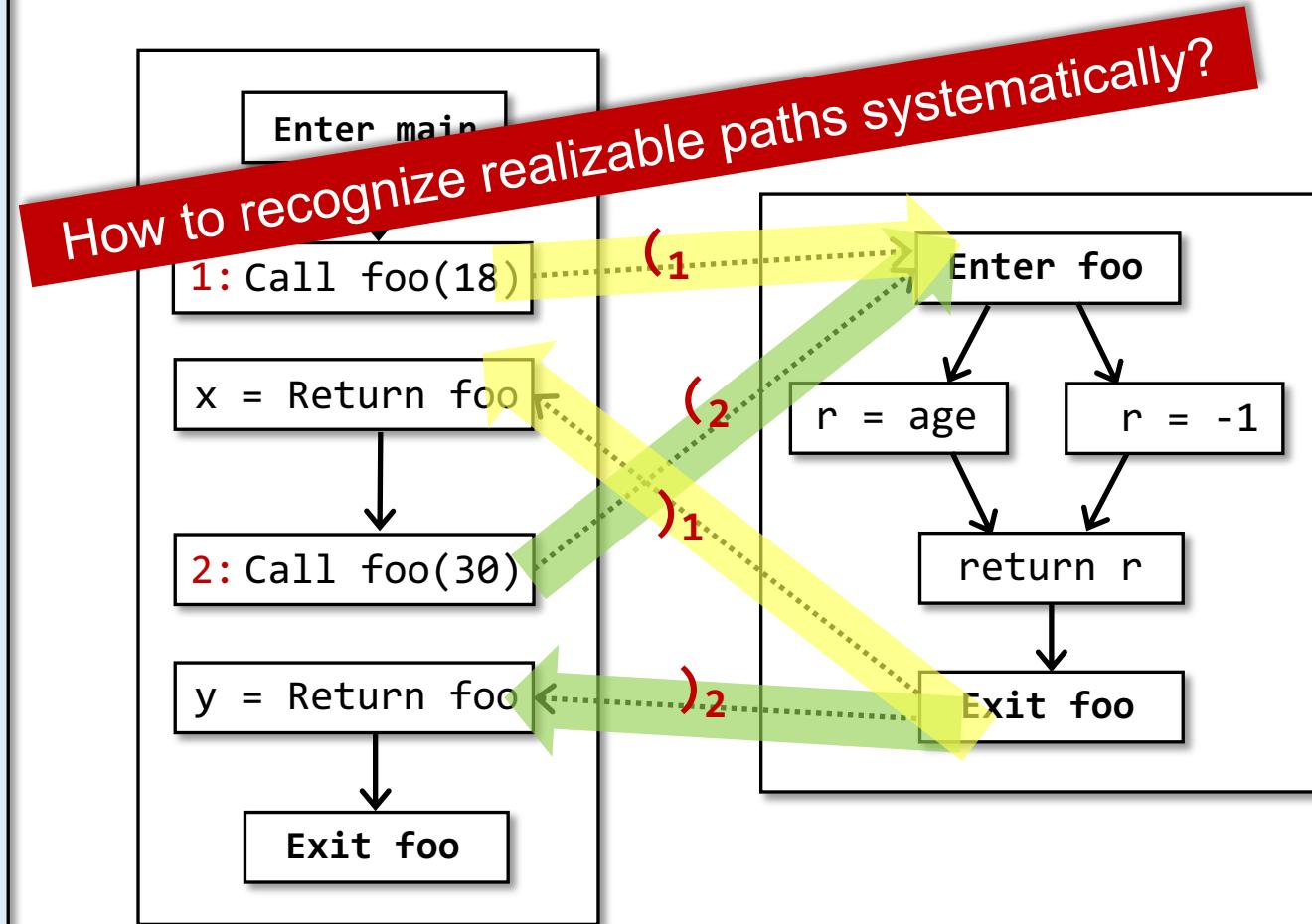


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CFG is a formal grammar in which every production is of the form:

$$S \rightarrow \alpha$$

where **S** is a single nonterminal and **α** could be a string of terminals and/or nonterminals, or empty.

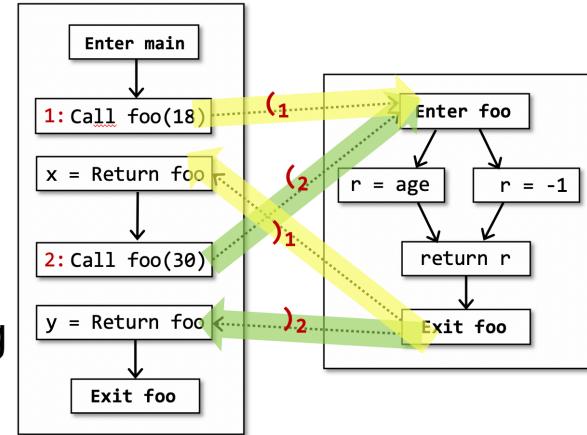
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Context-free means **S** could be replaced by **aSb/ϵ** anywhere, regardless of where **S** occurs.

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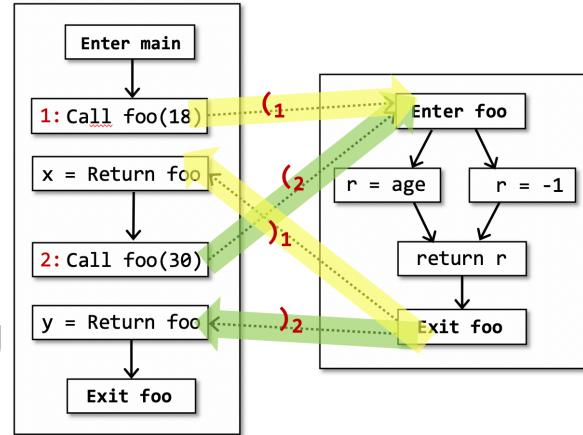


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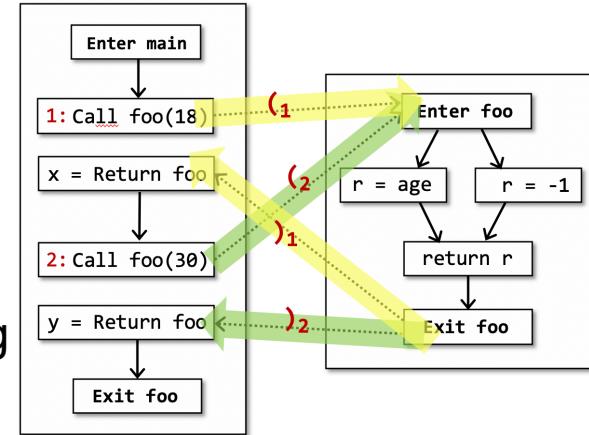
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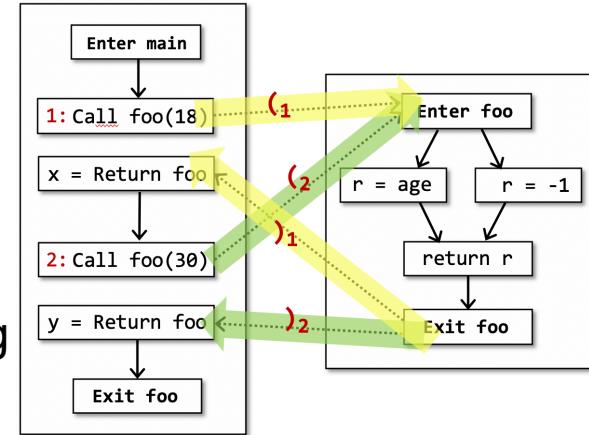
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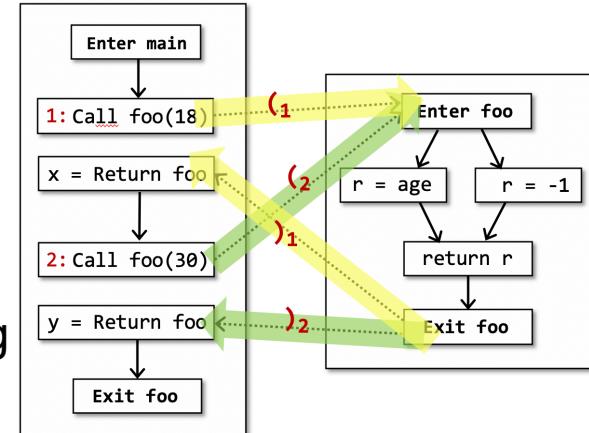
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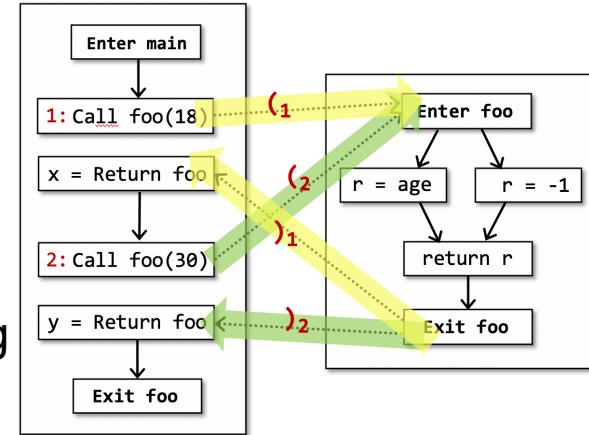
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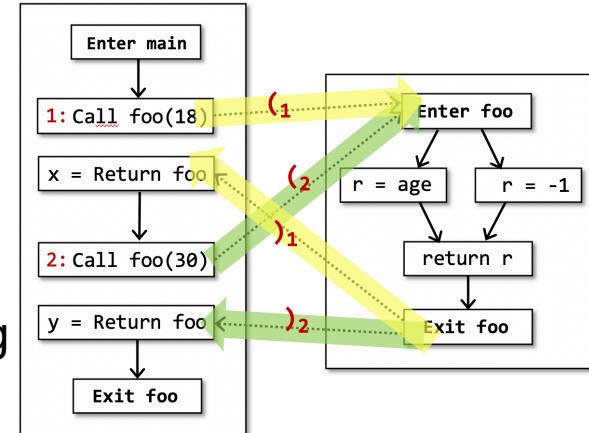
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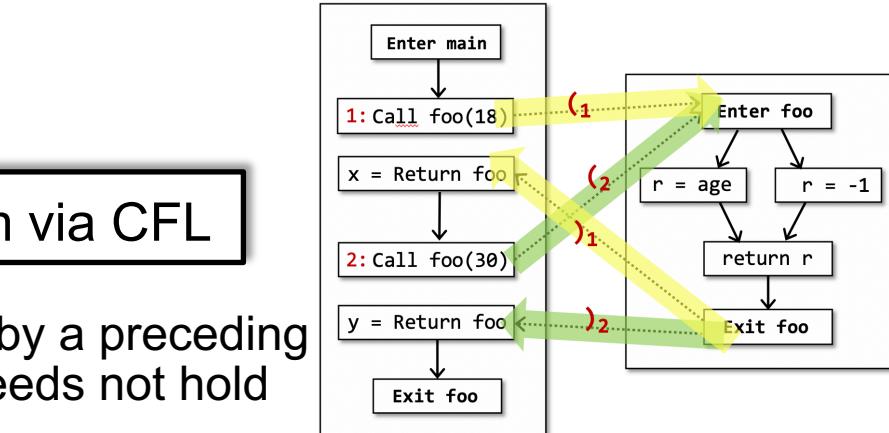
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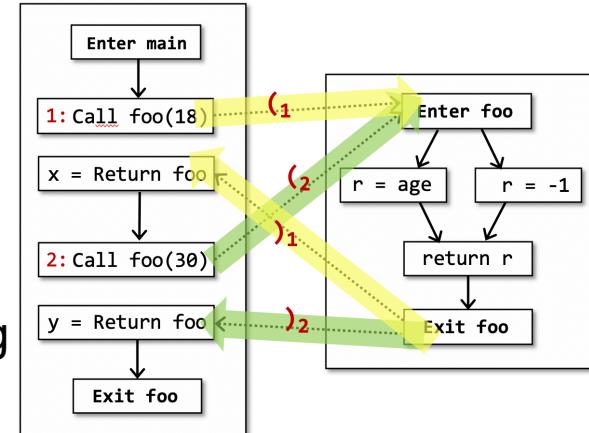
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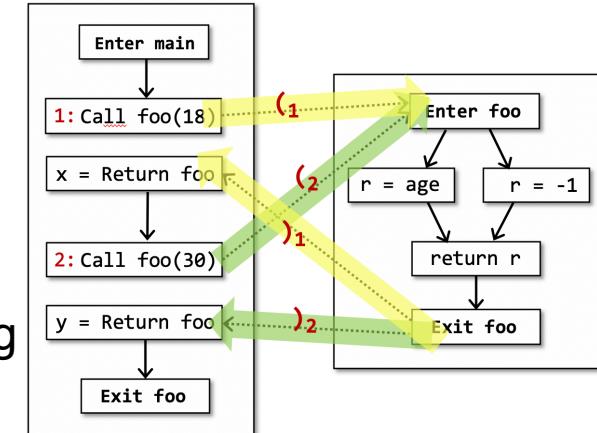
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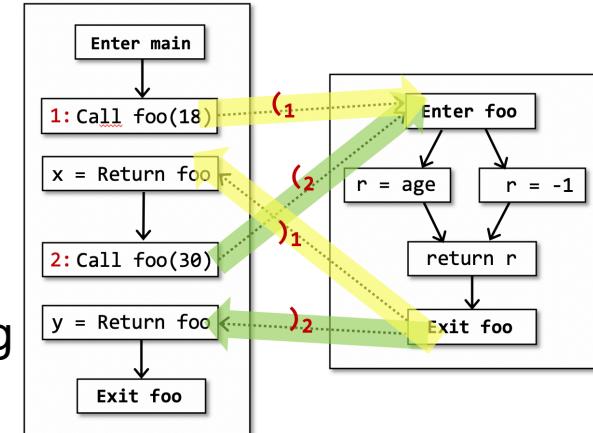
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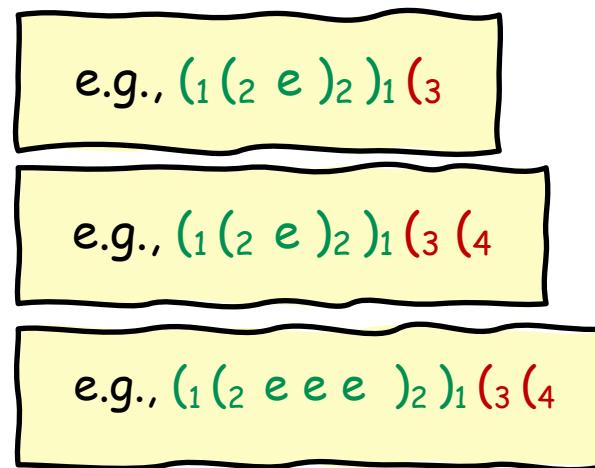
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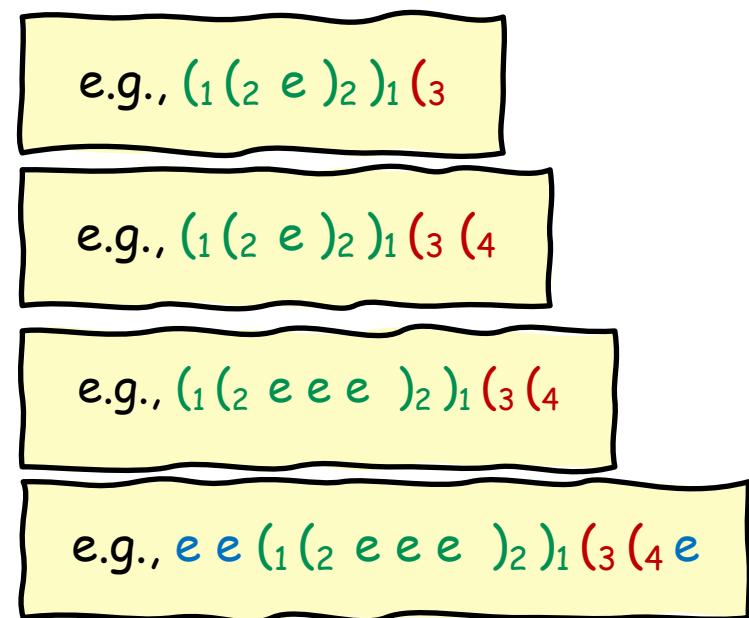
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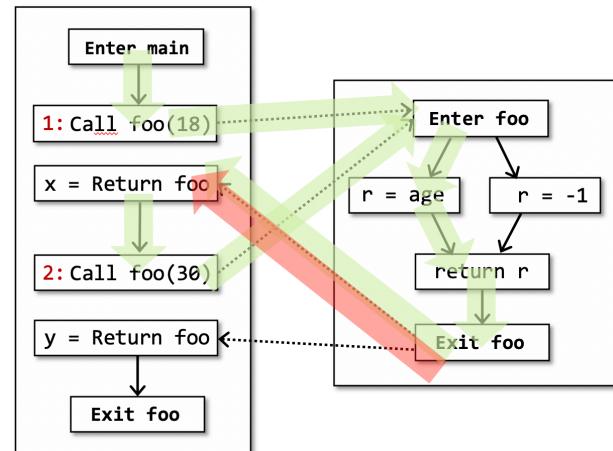
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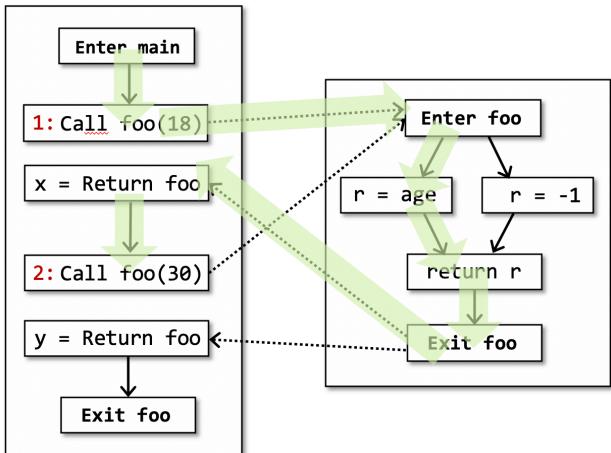
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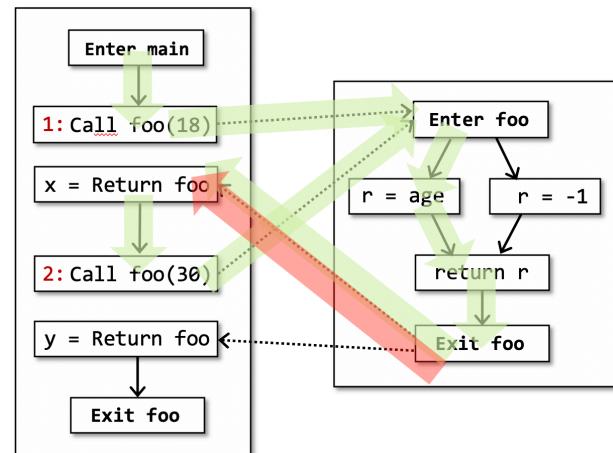
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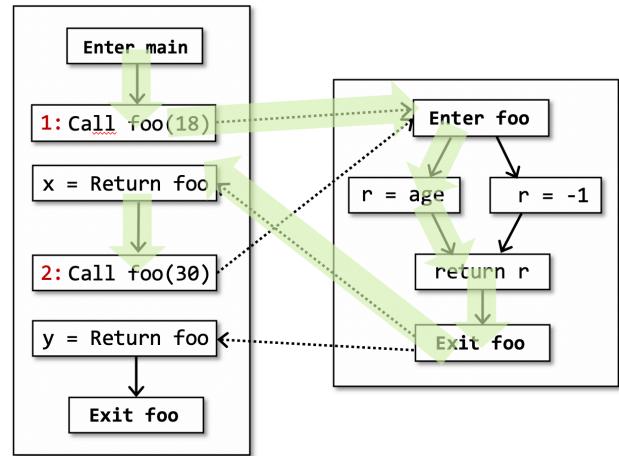
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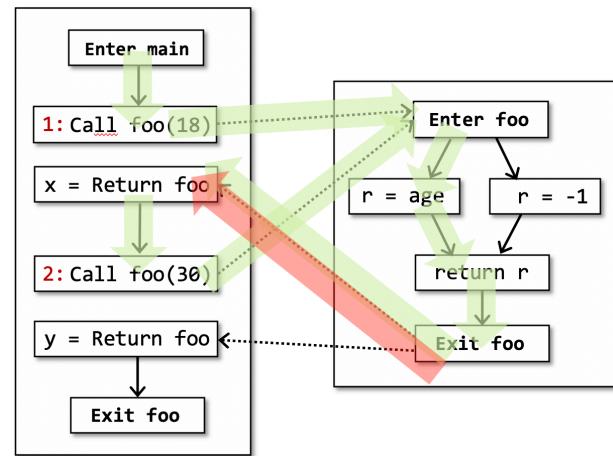
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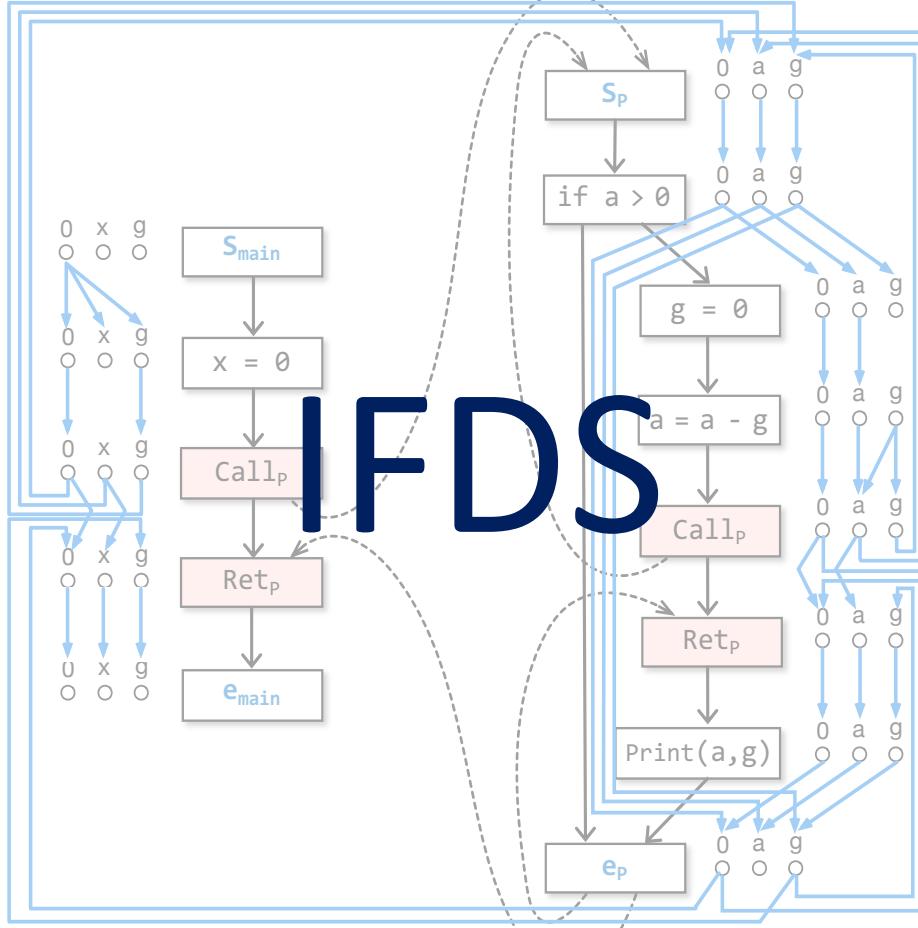
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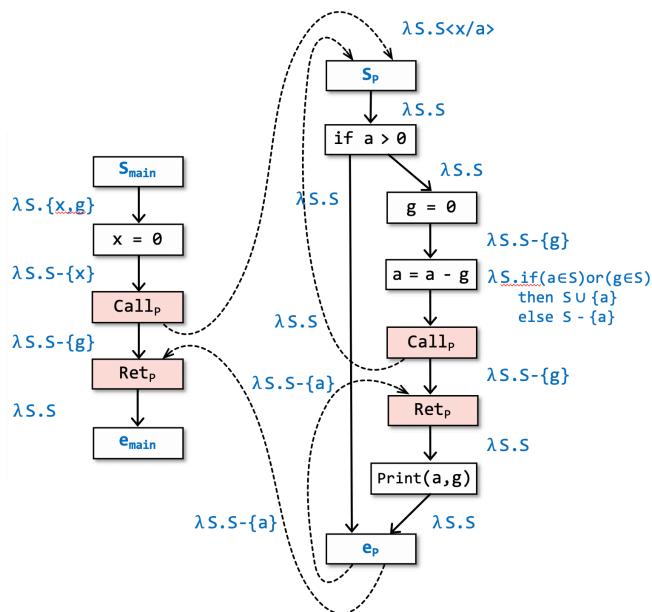
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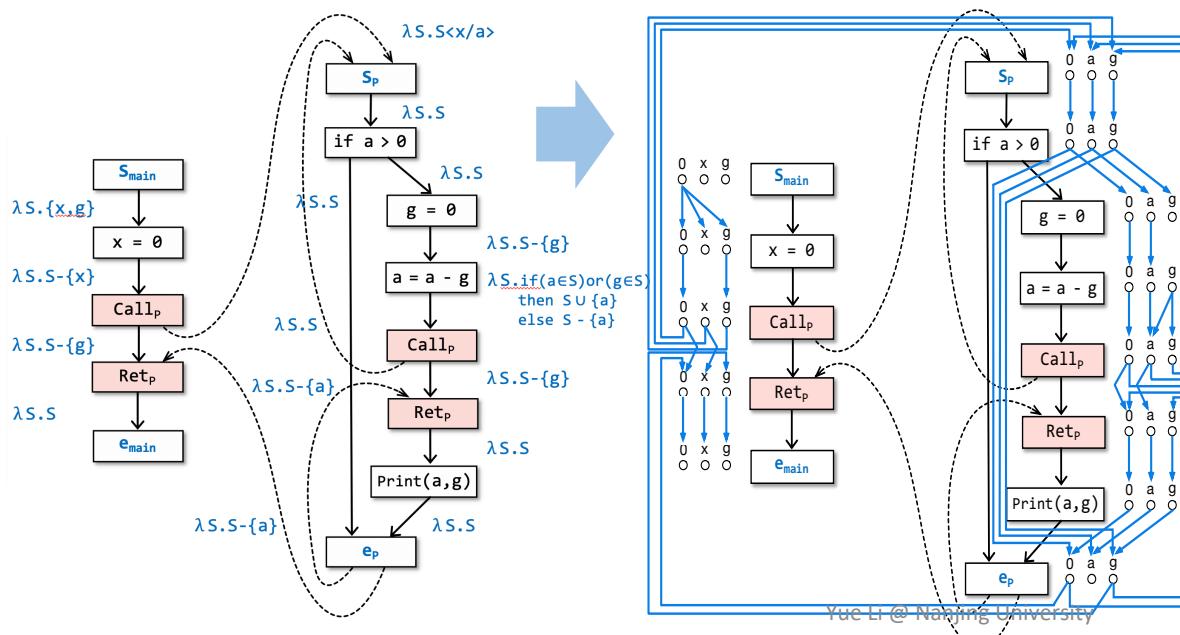
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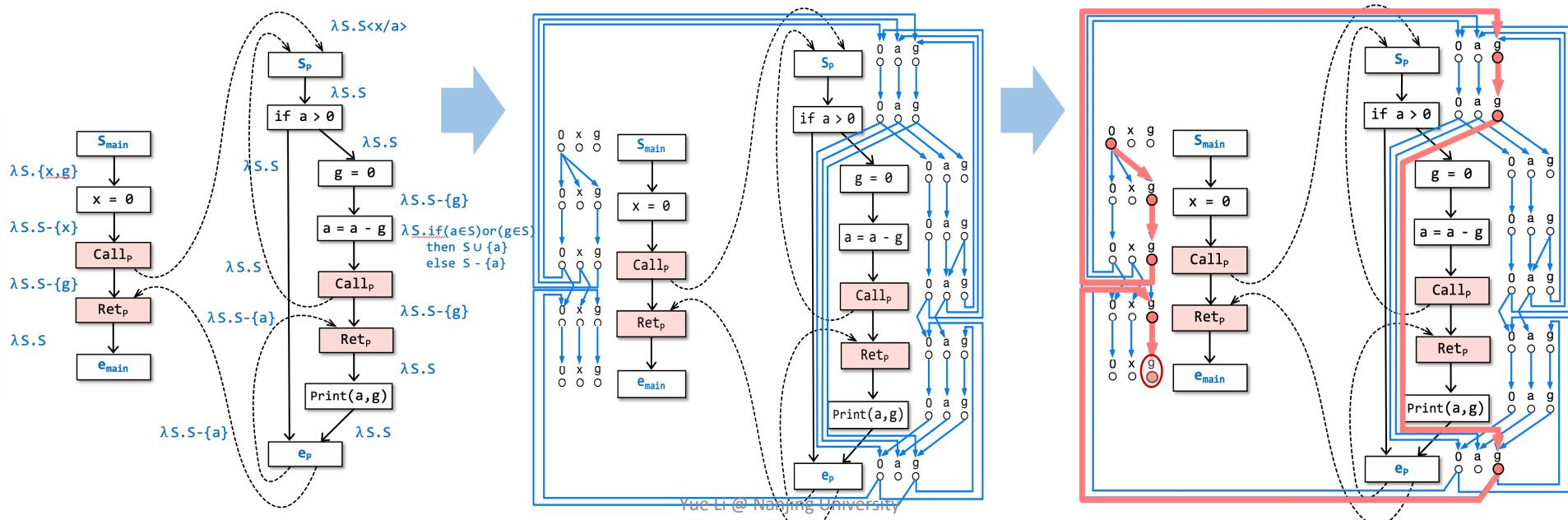
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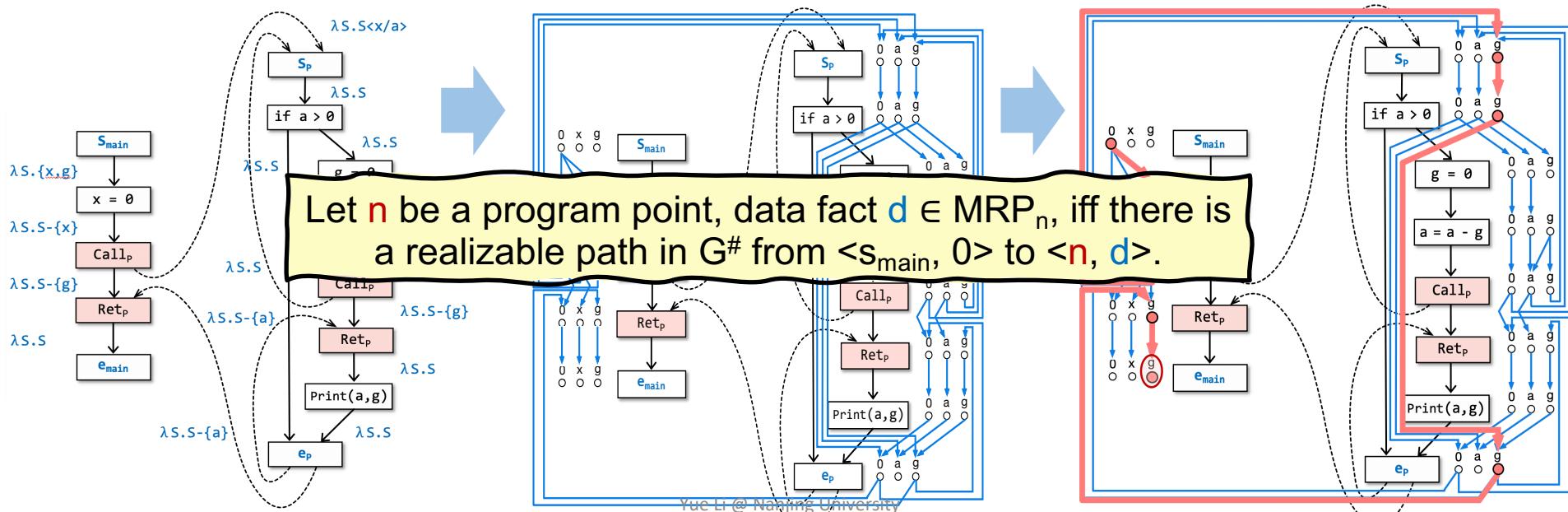
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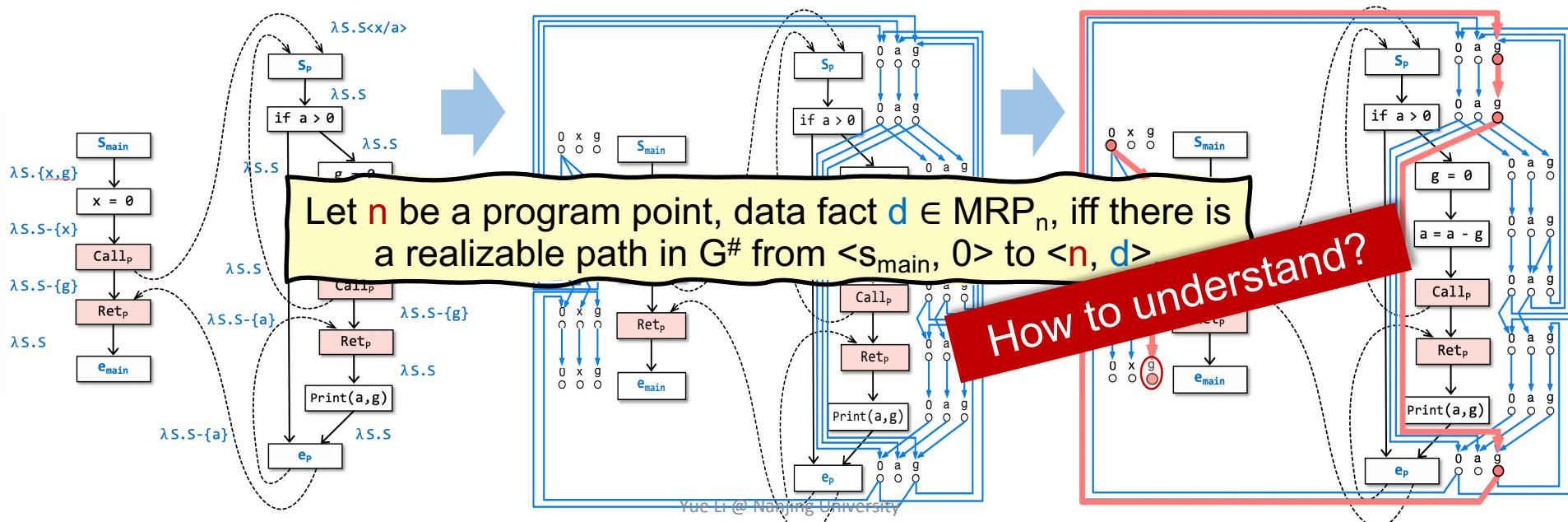
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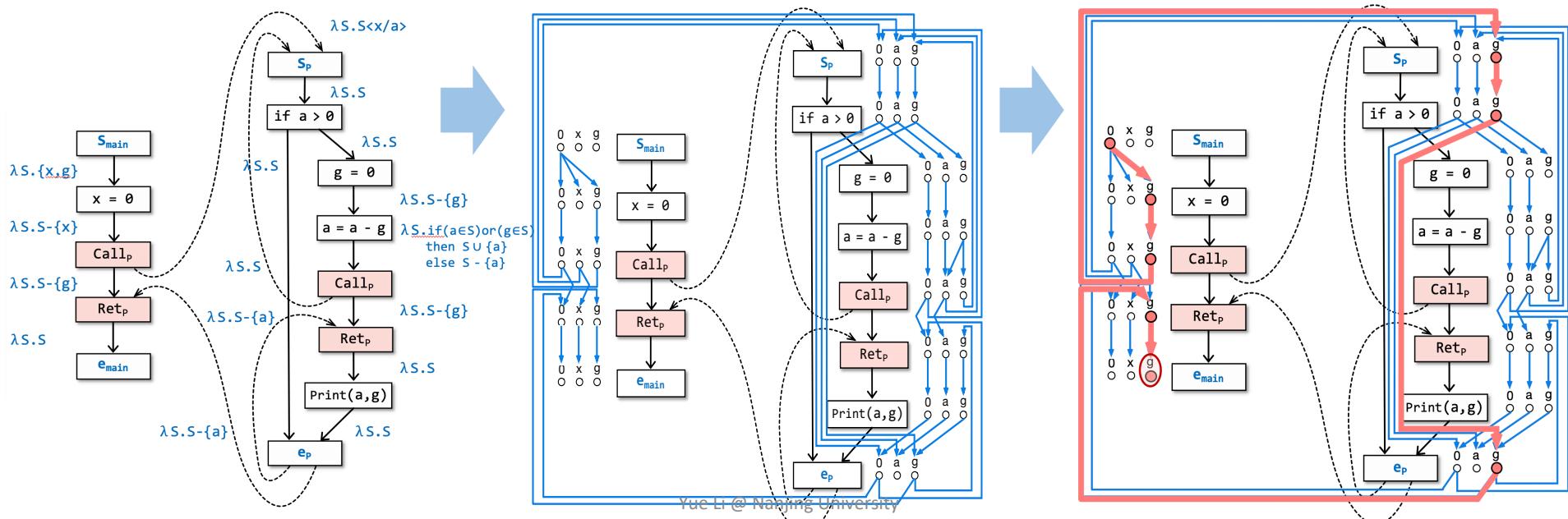
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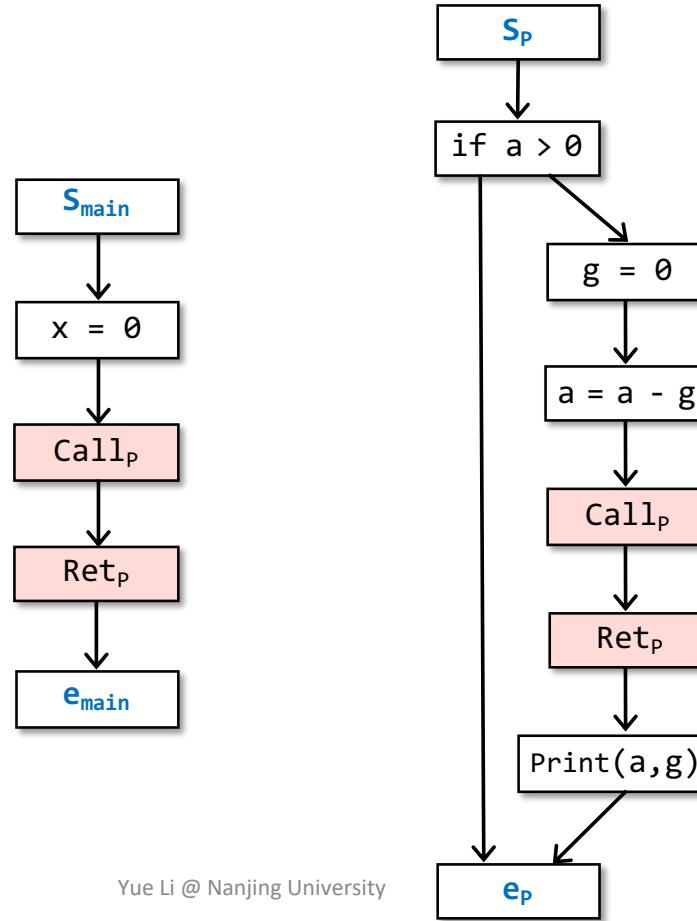
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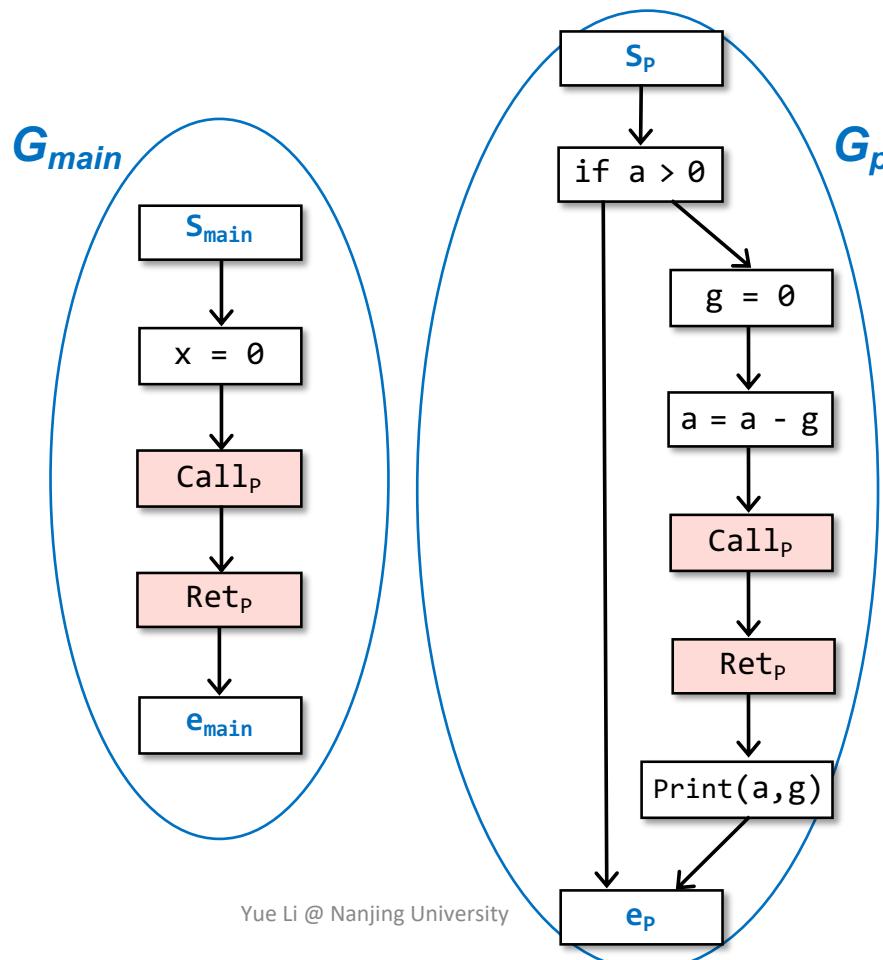


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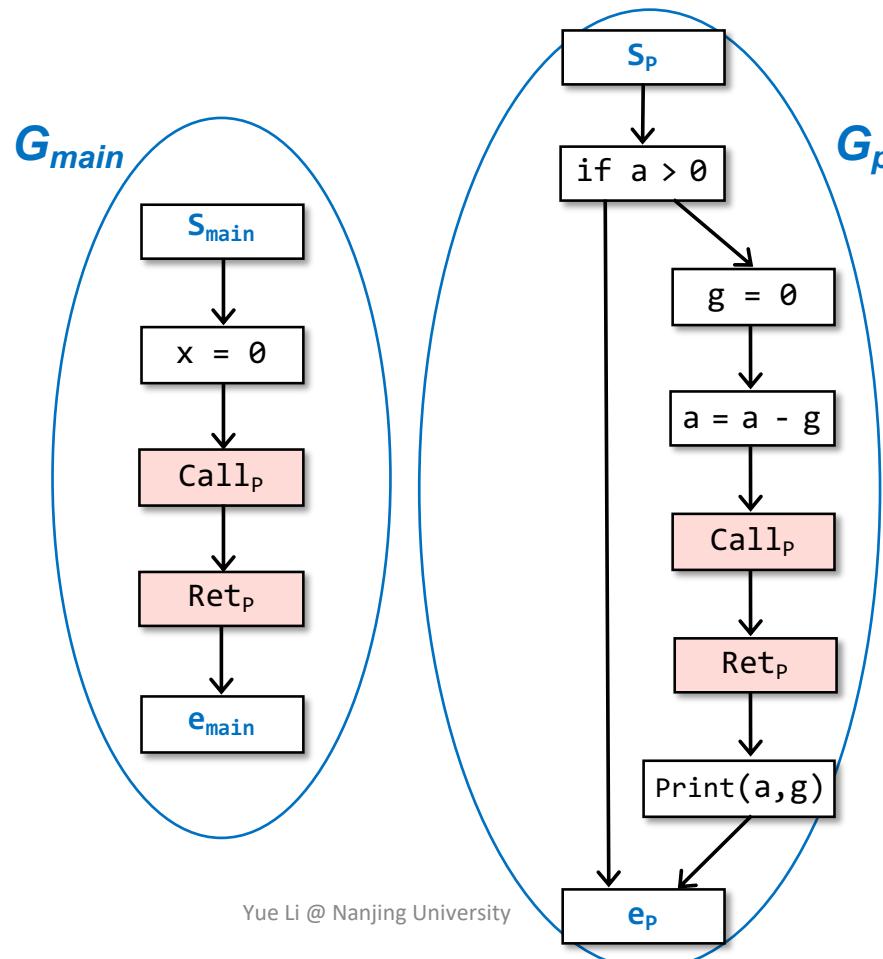


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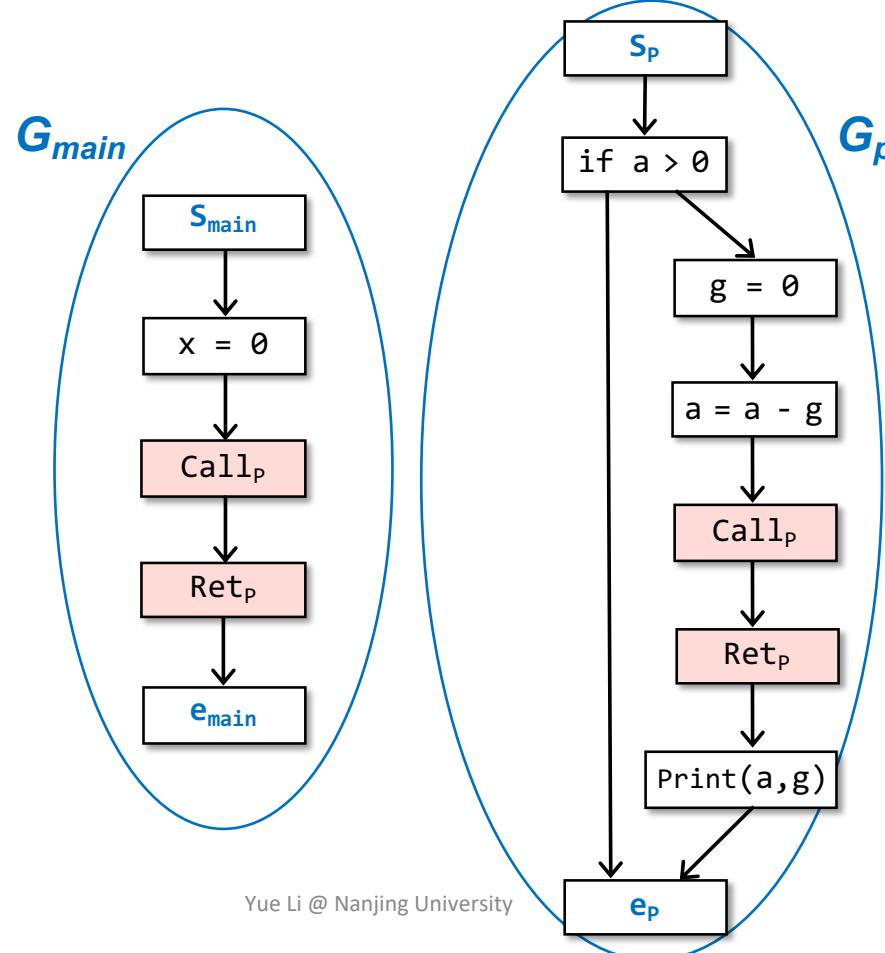


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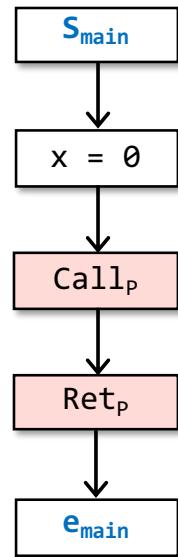


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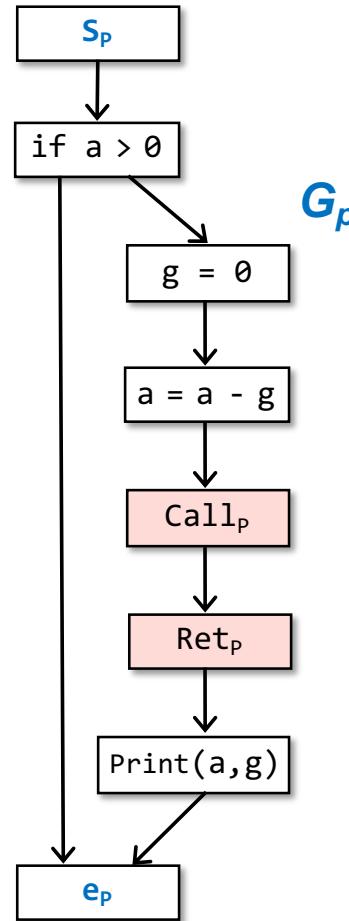
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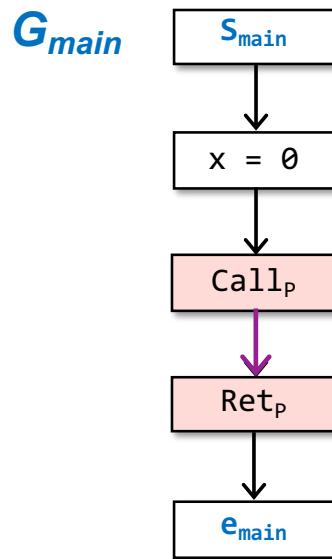
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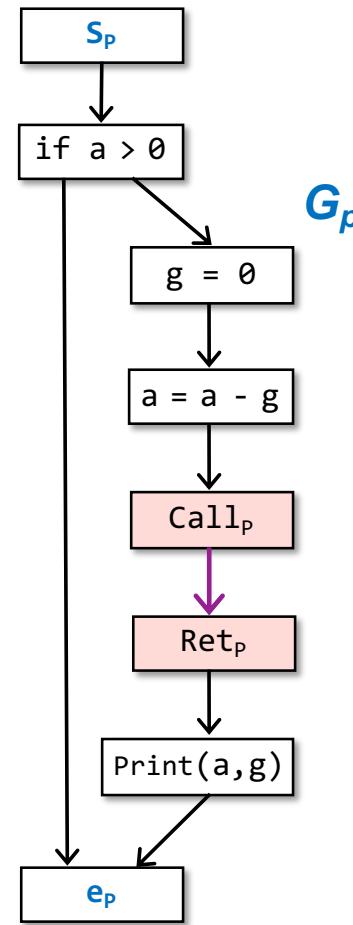
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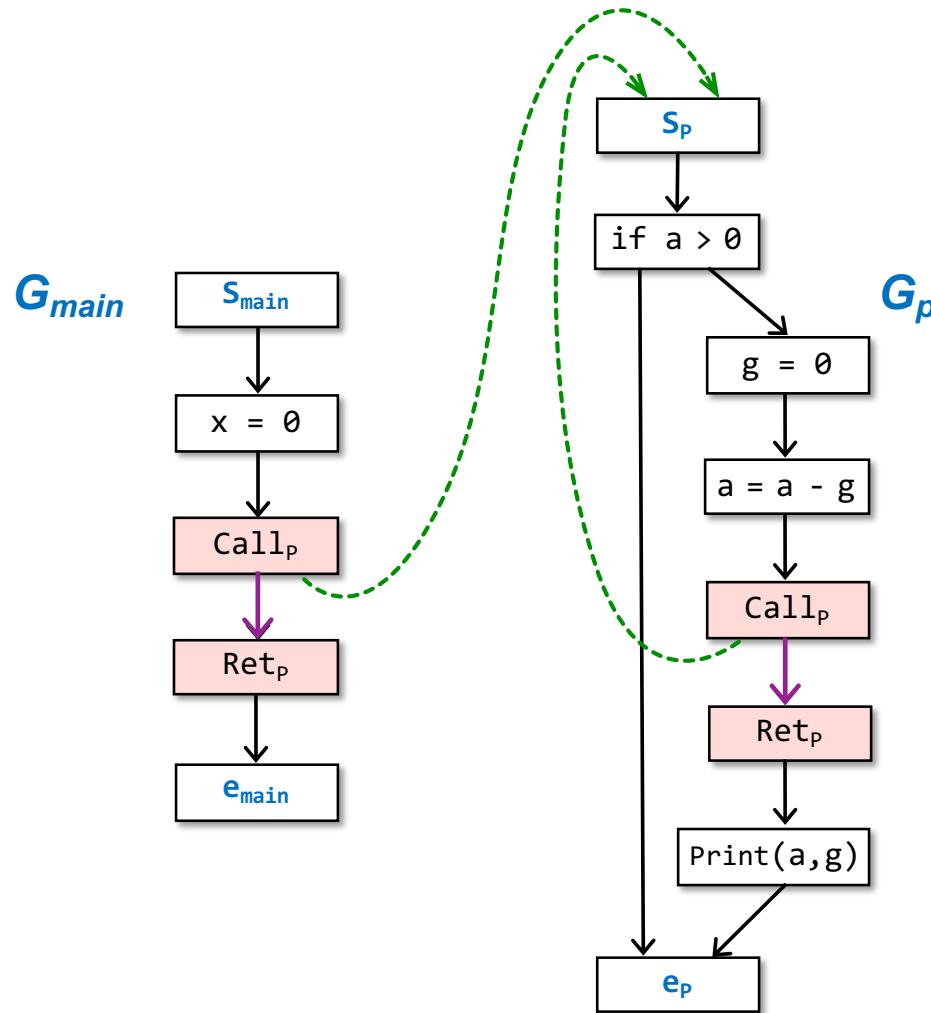
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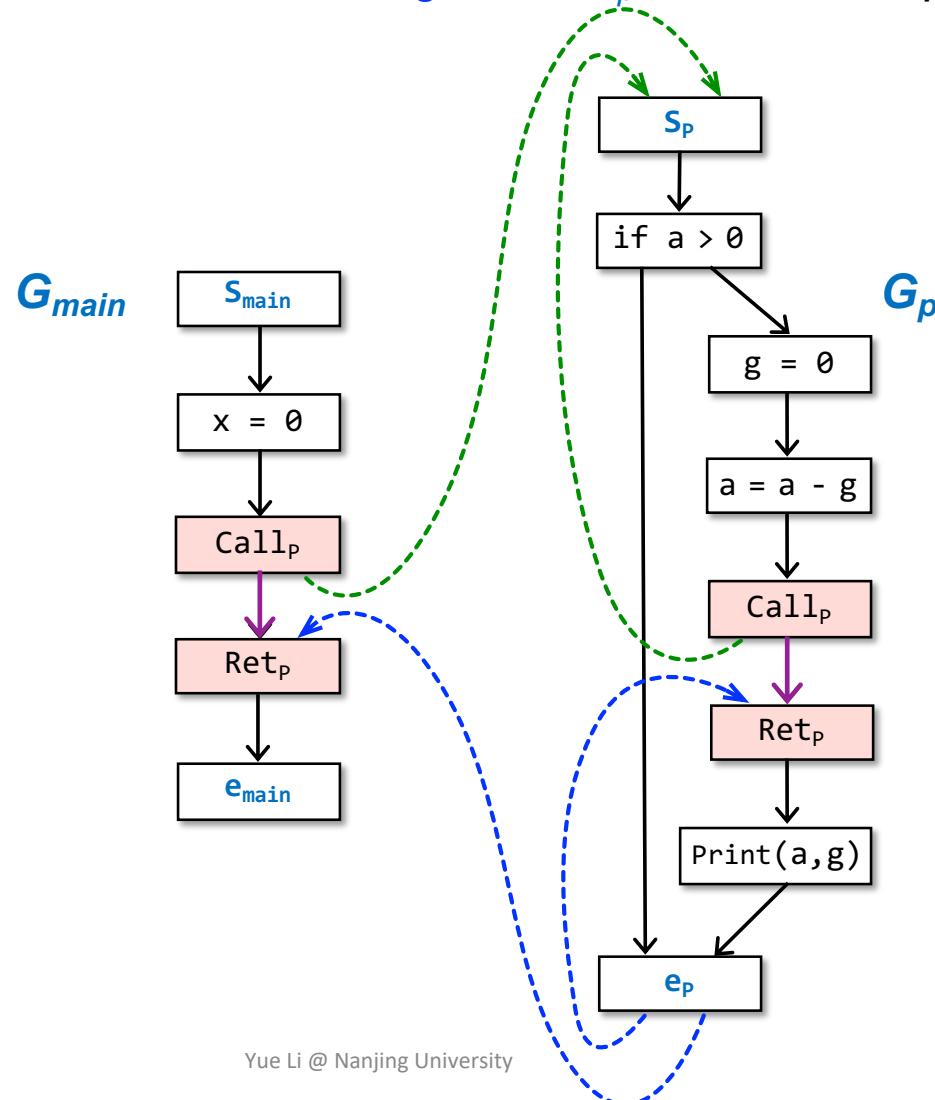
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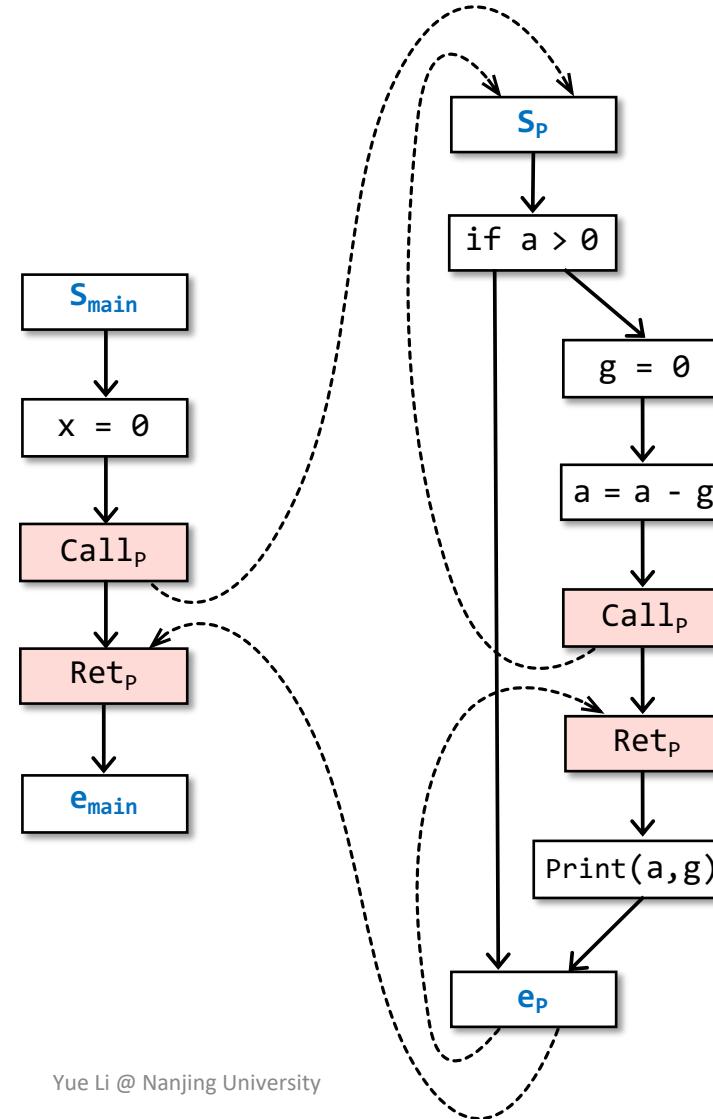
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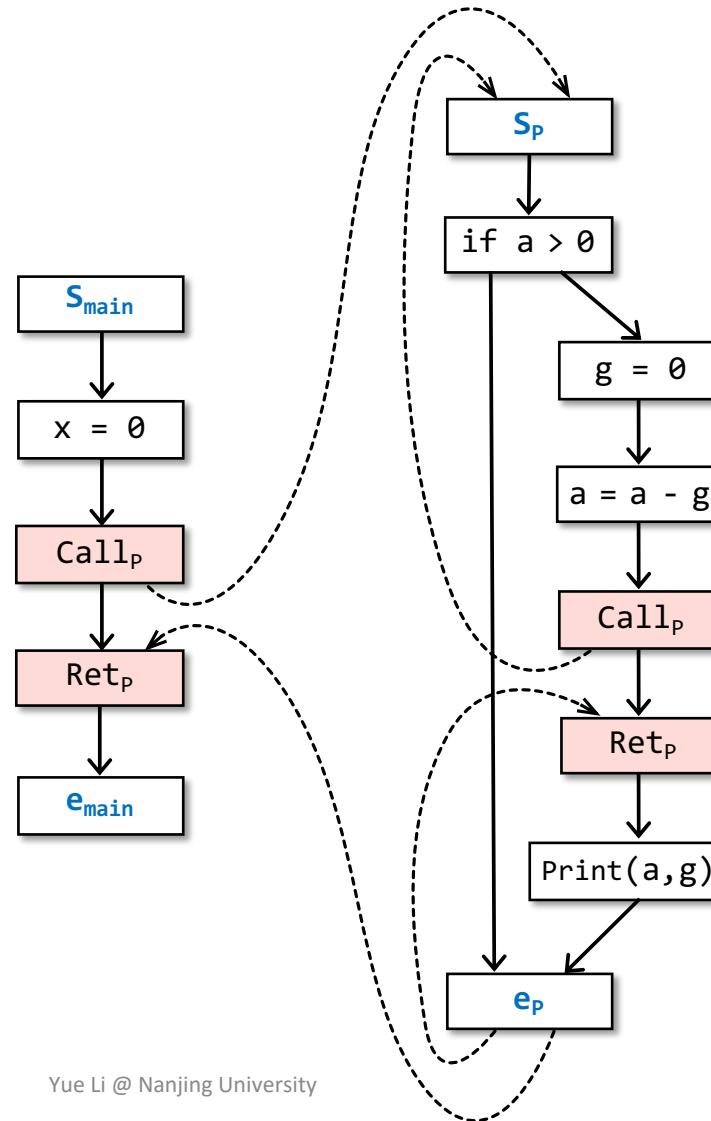
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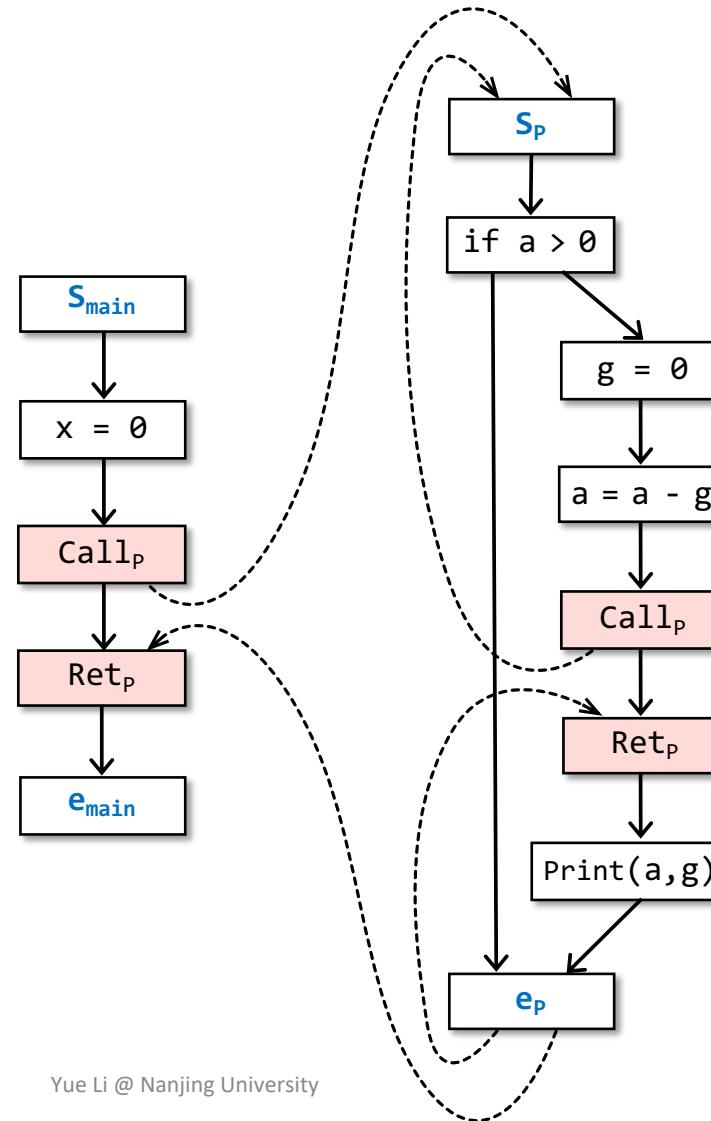


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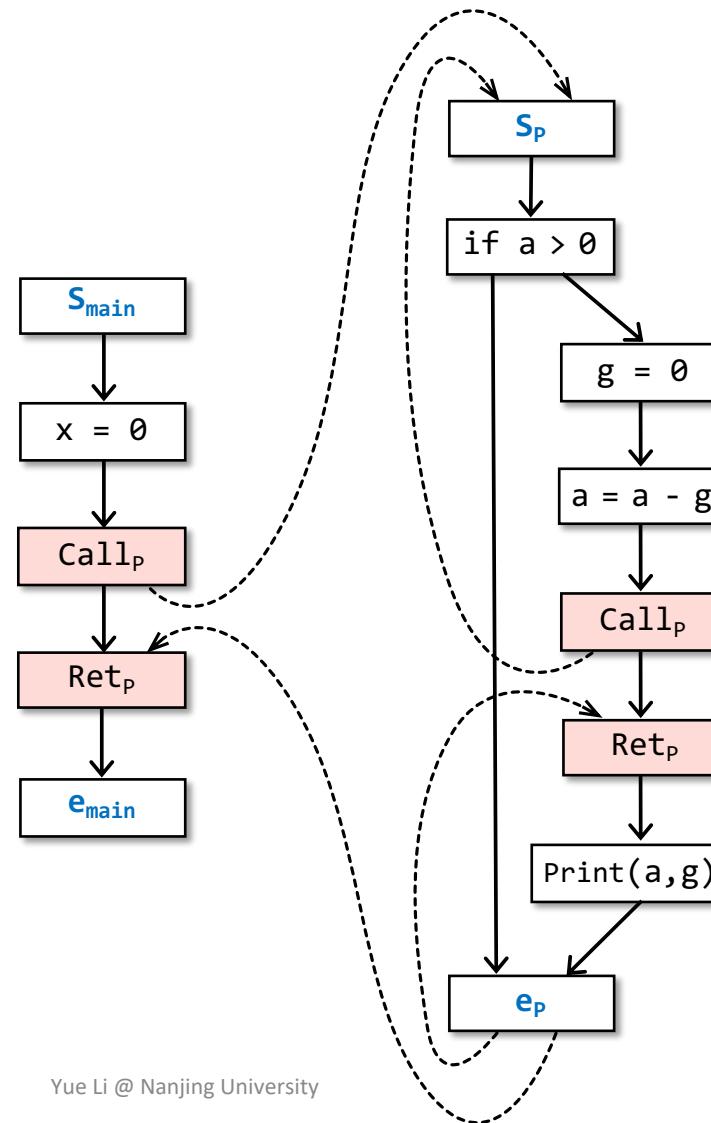
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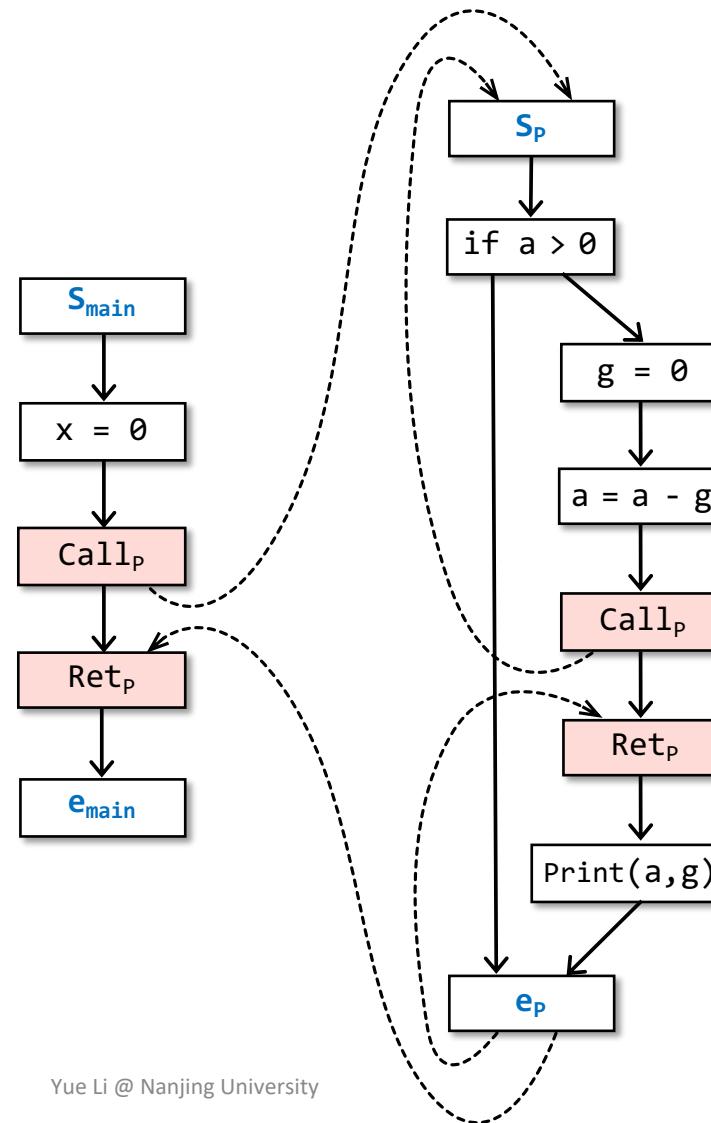
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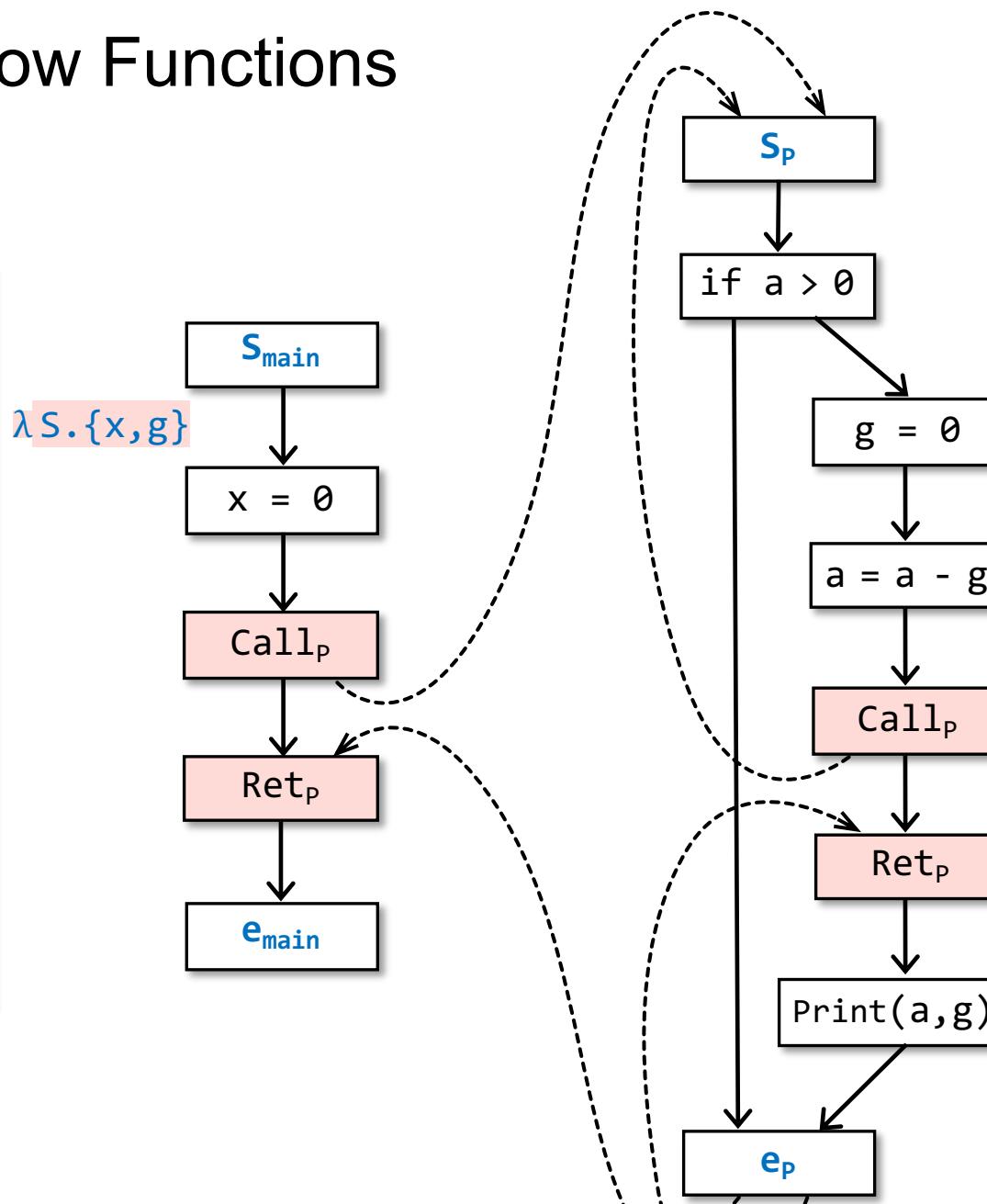
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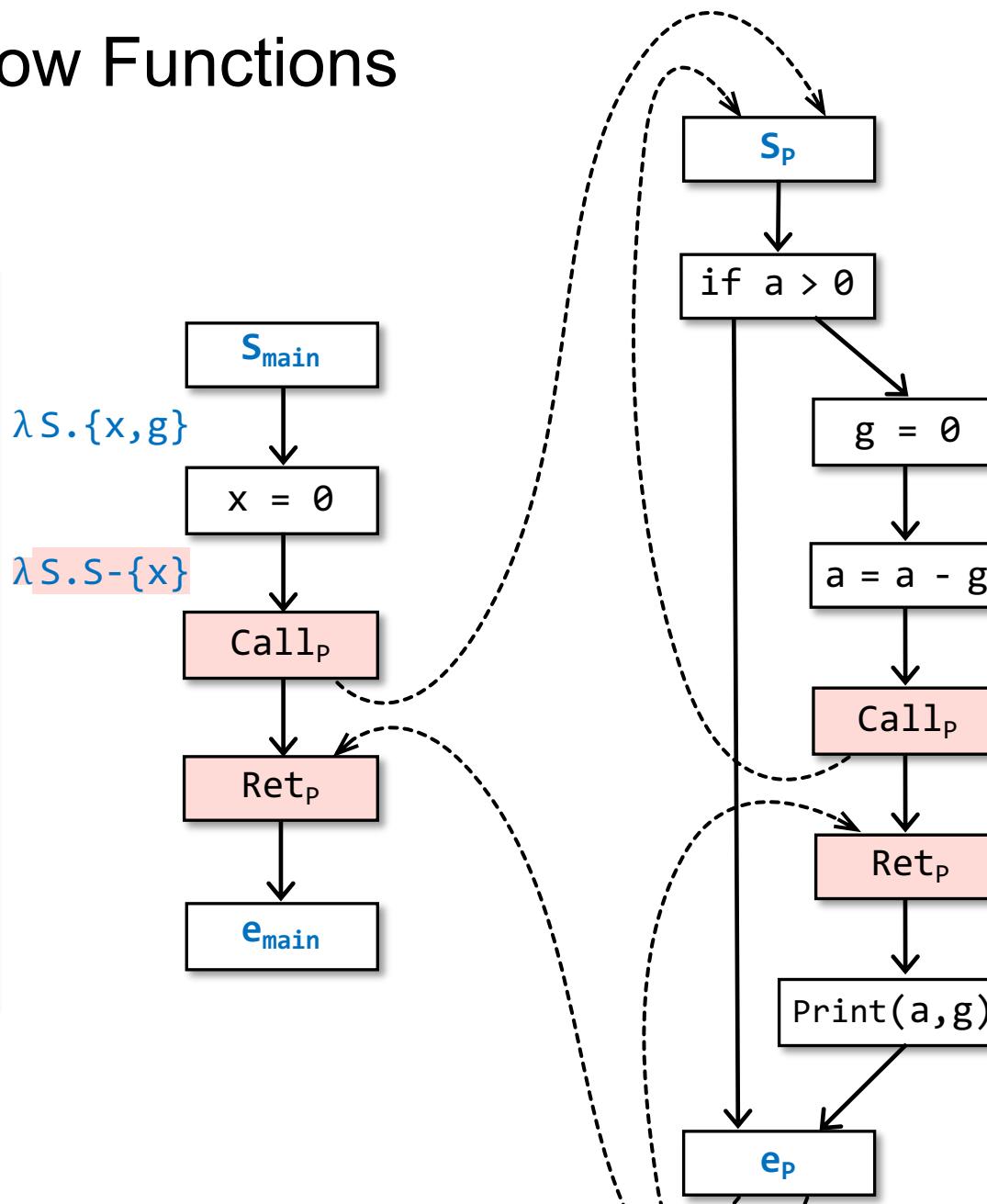
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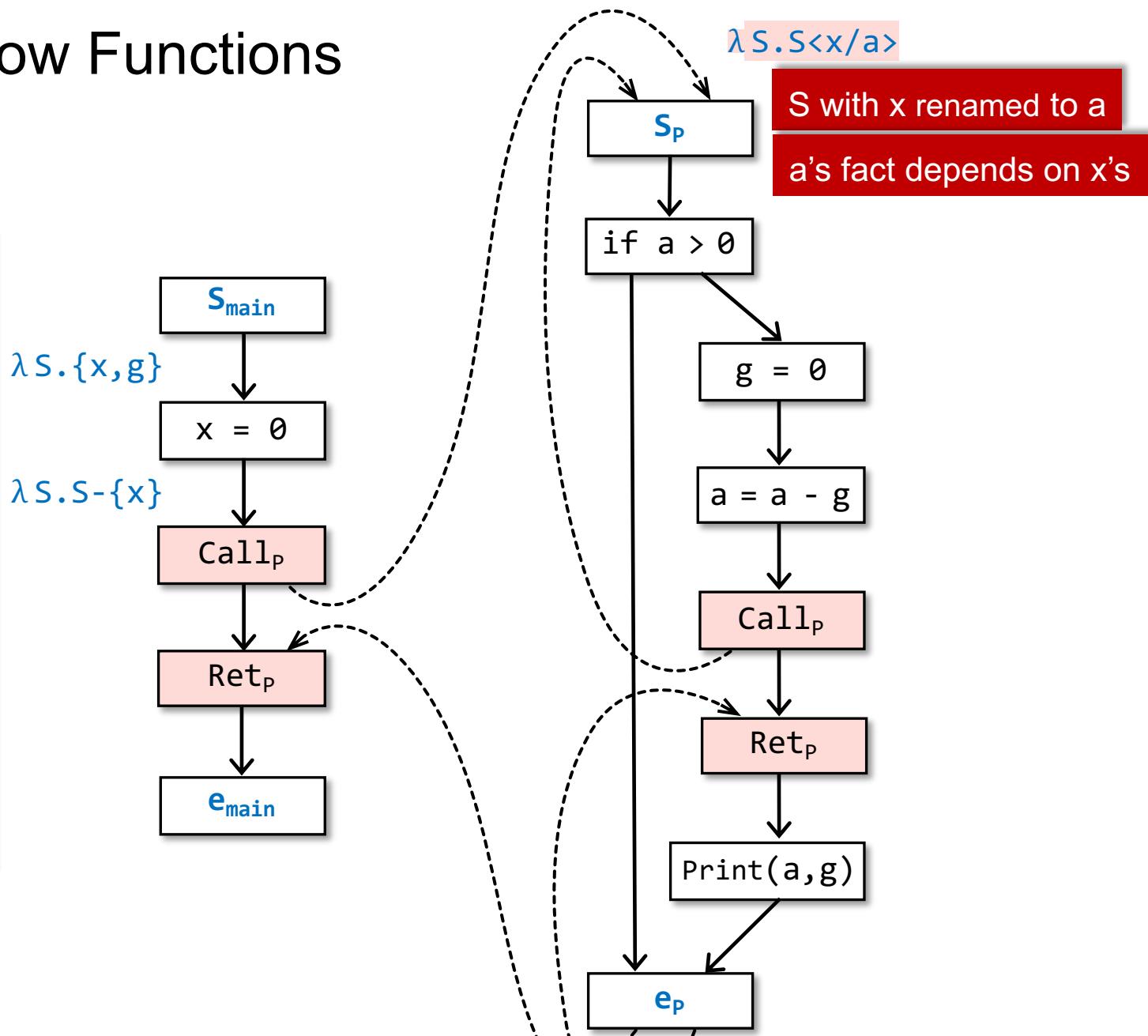
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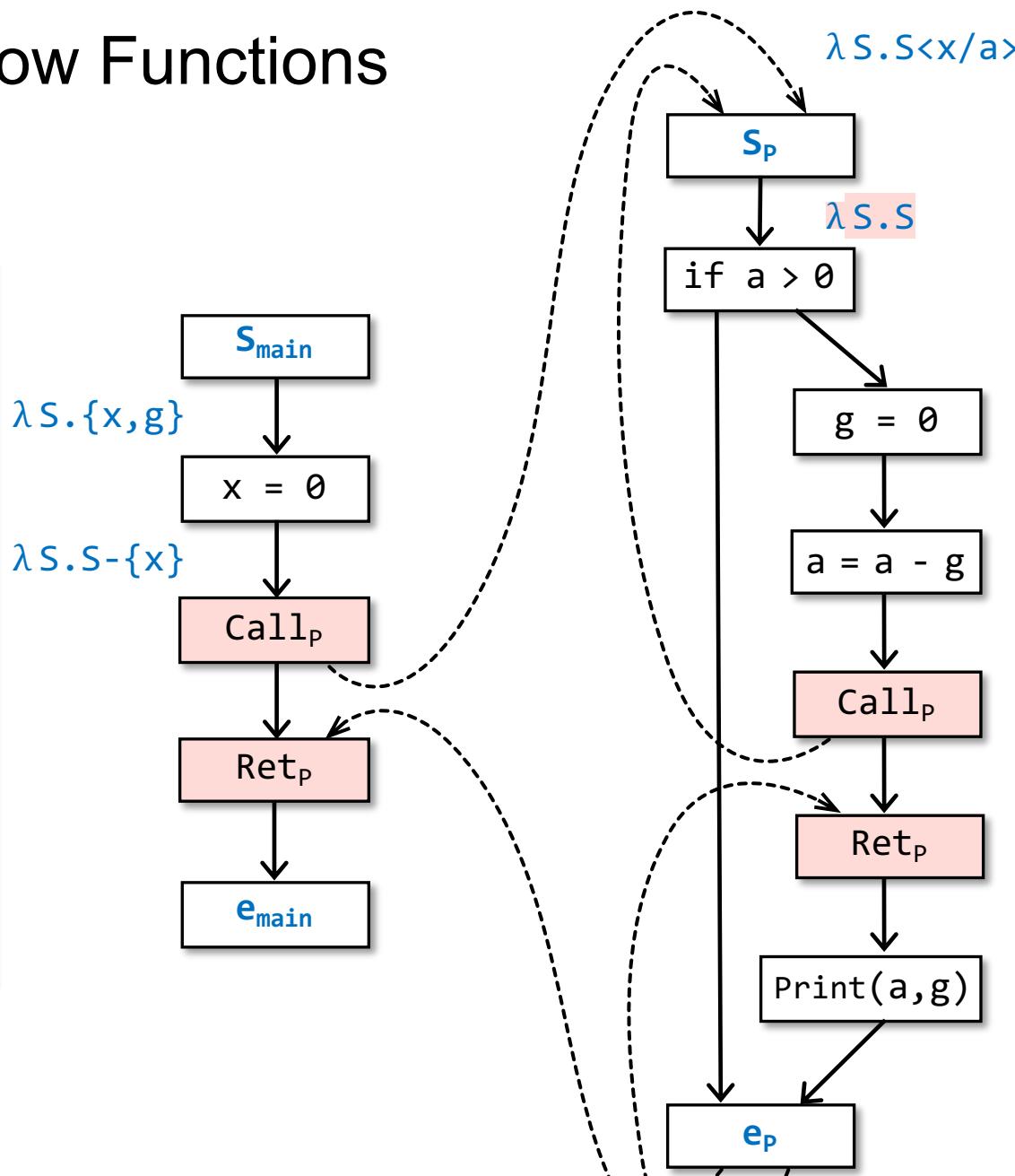
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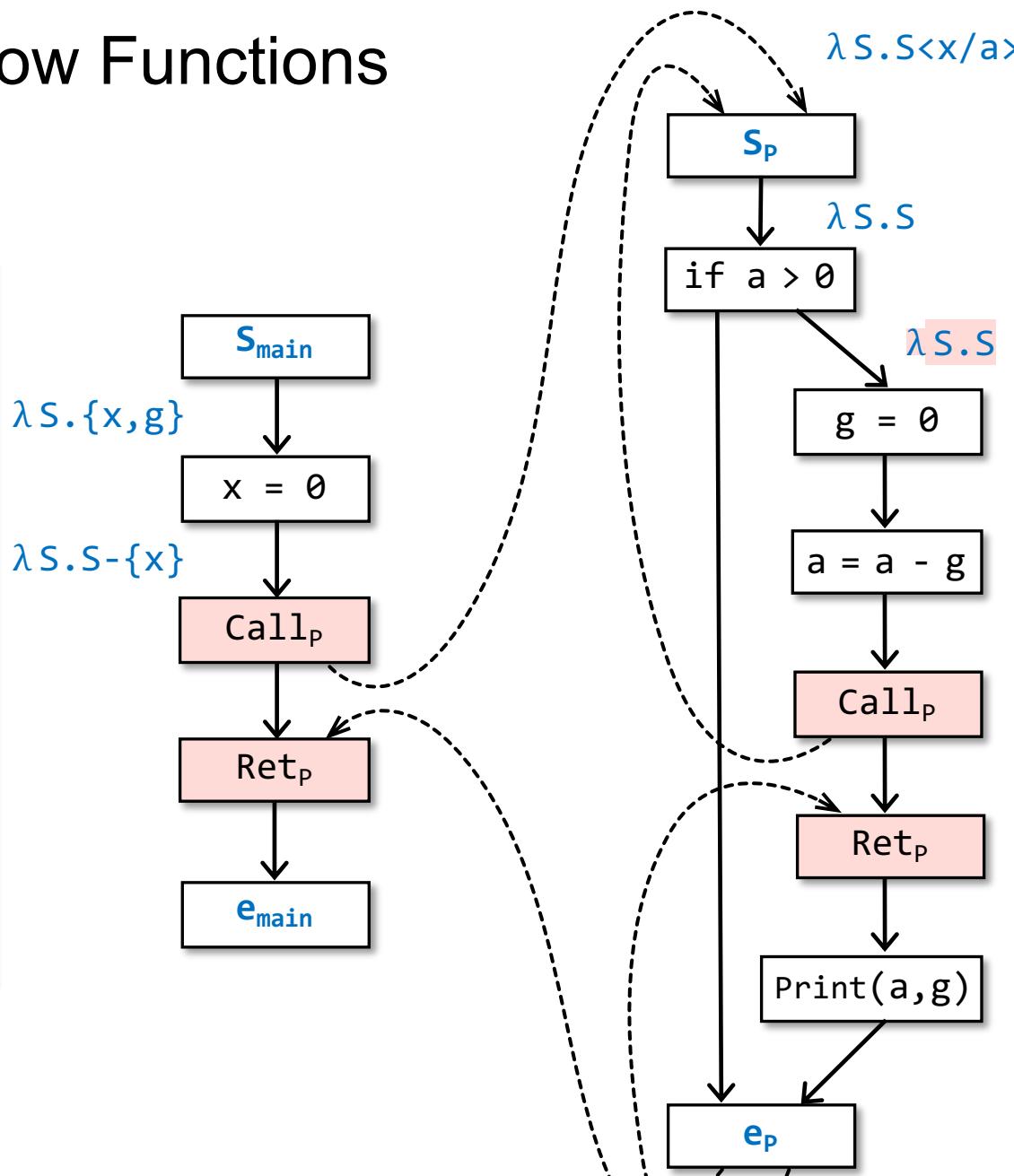
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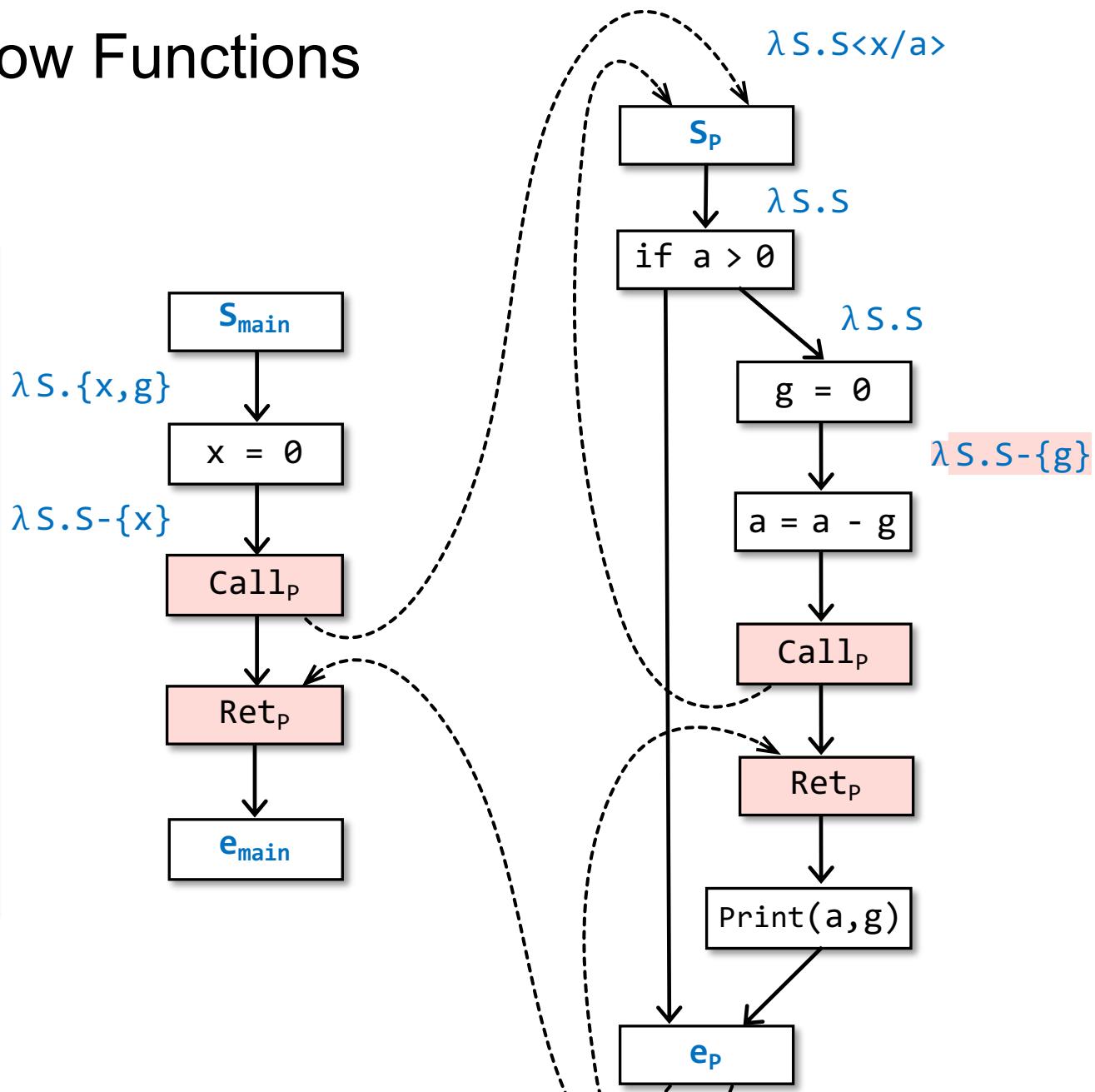
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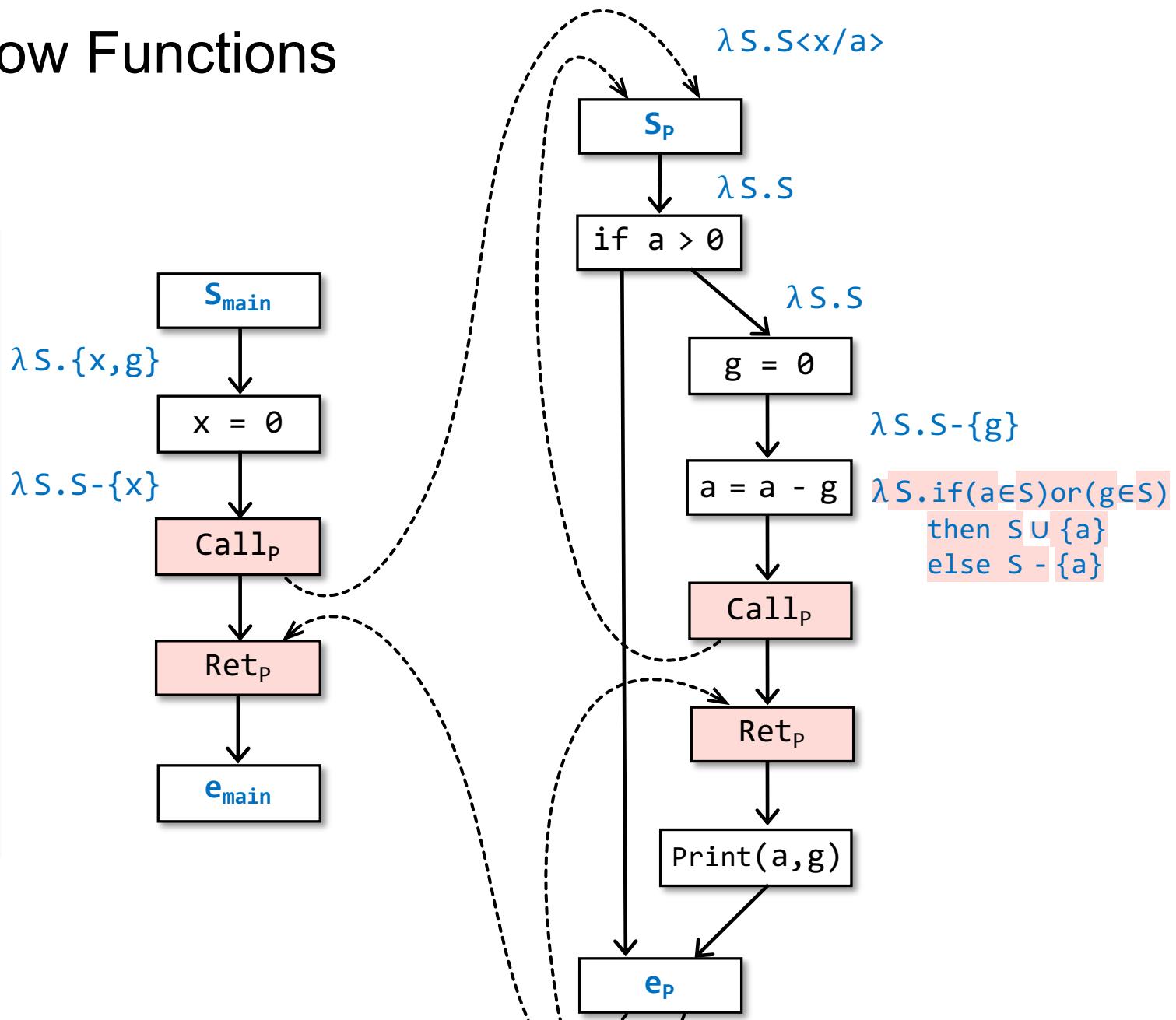
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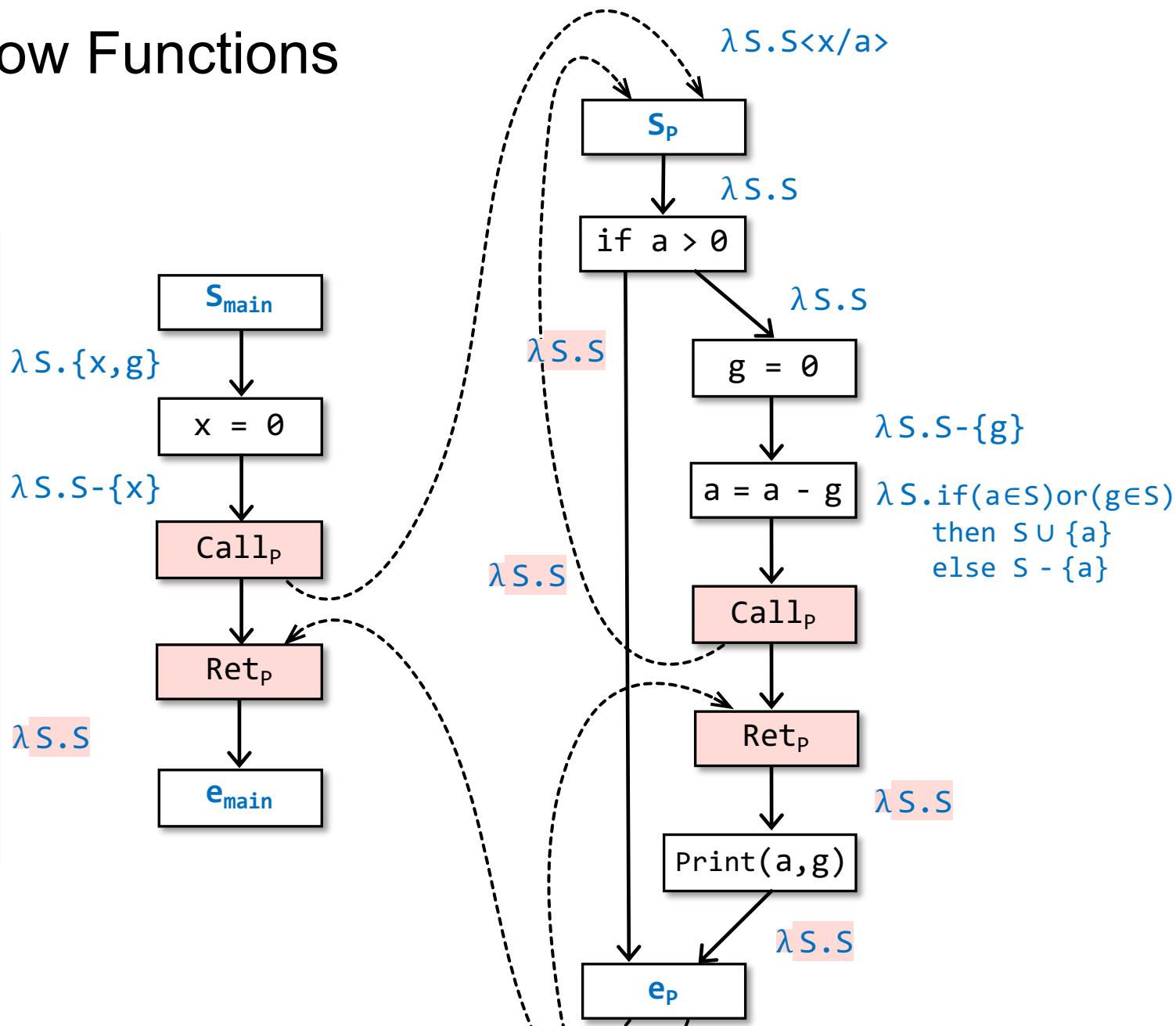


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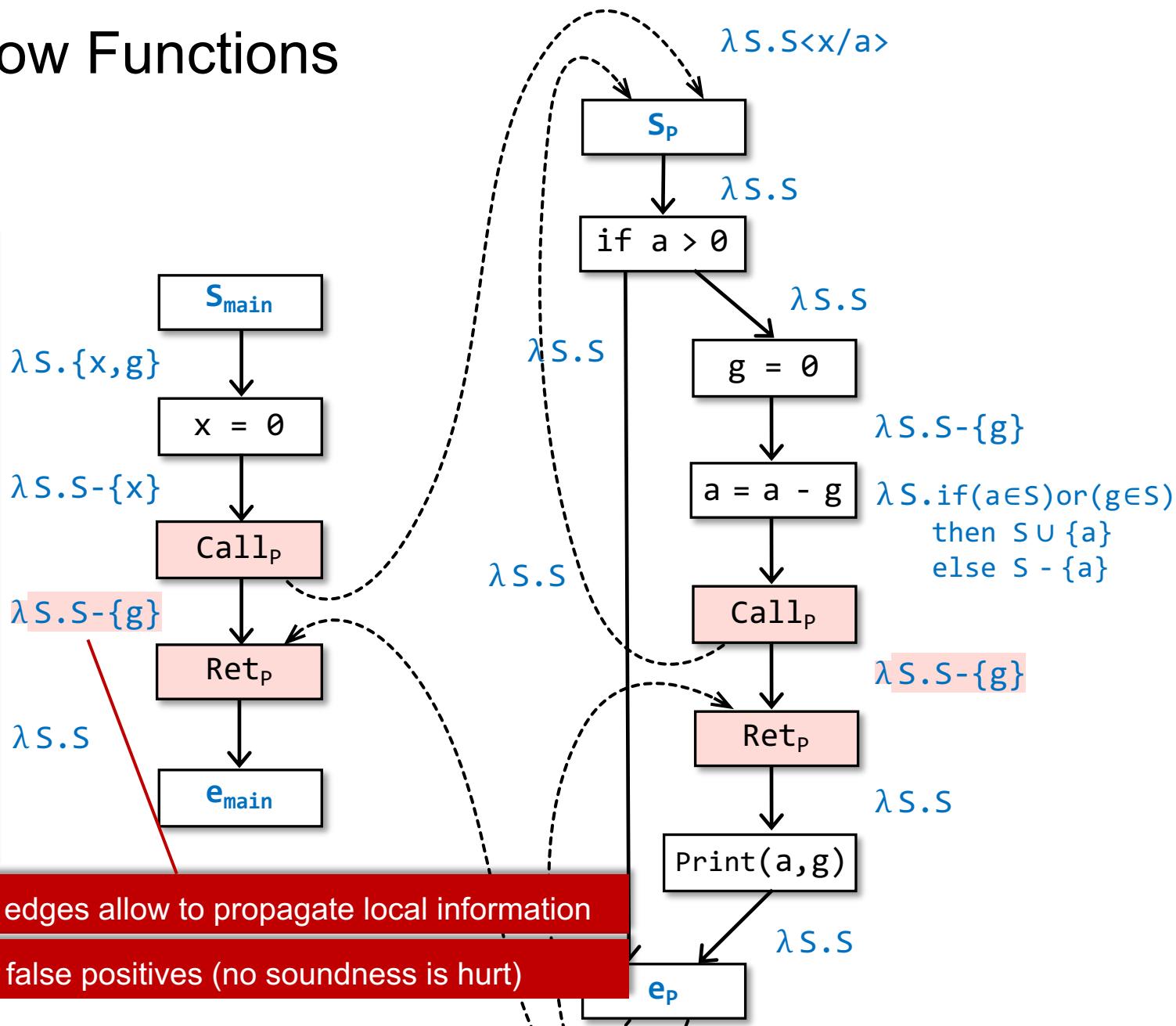
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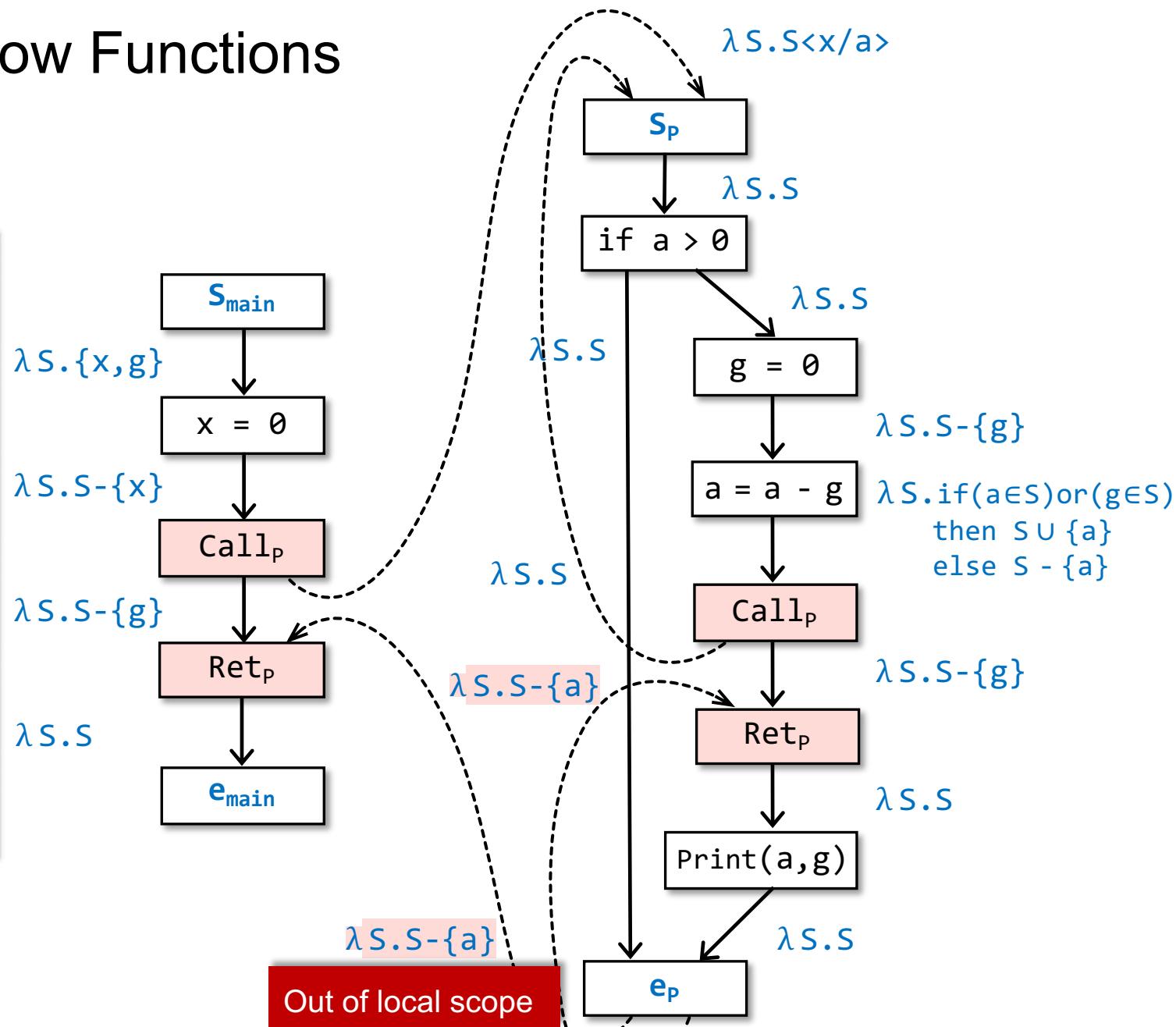
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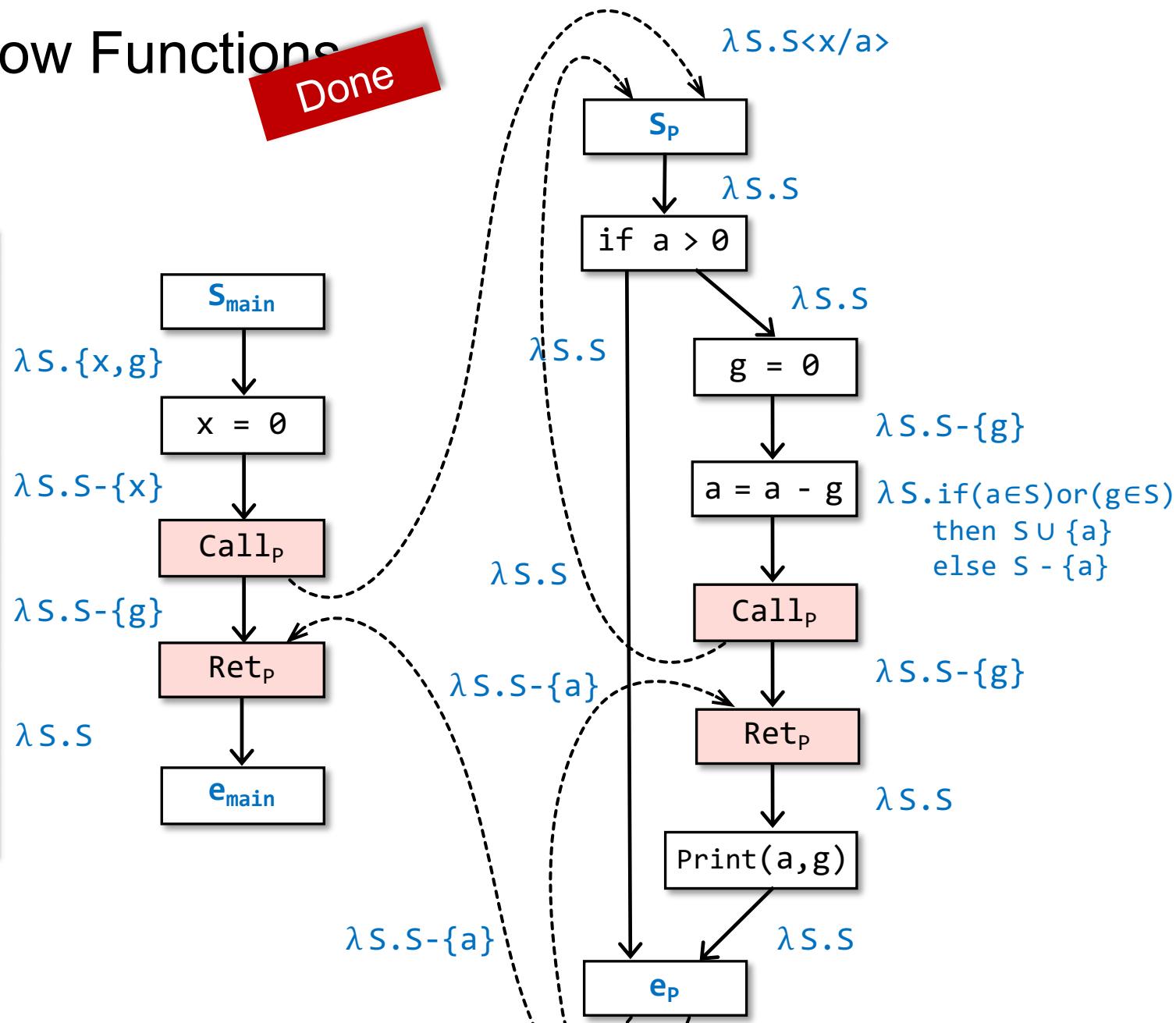


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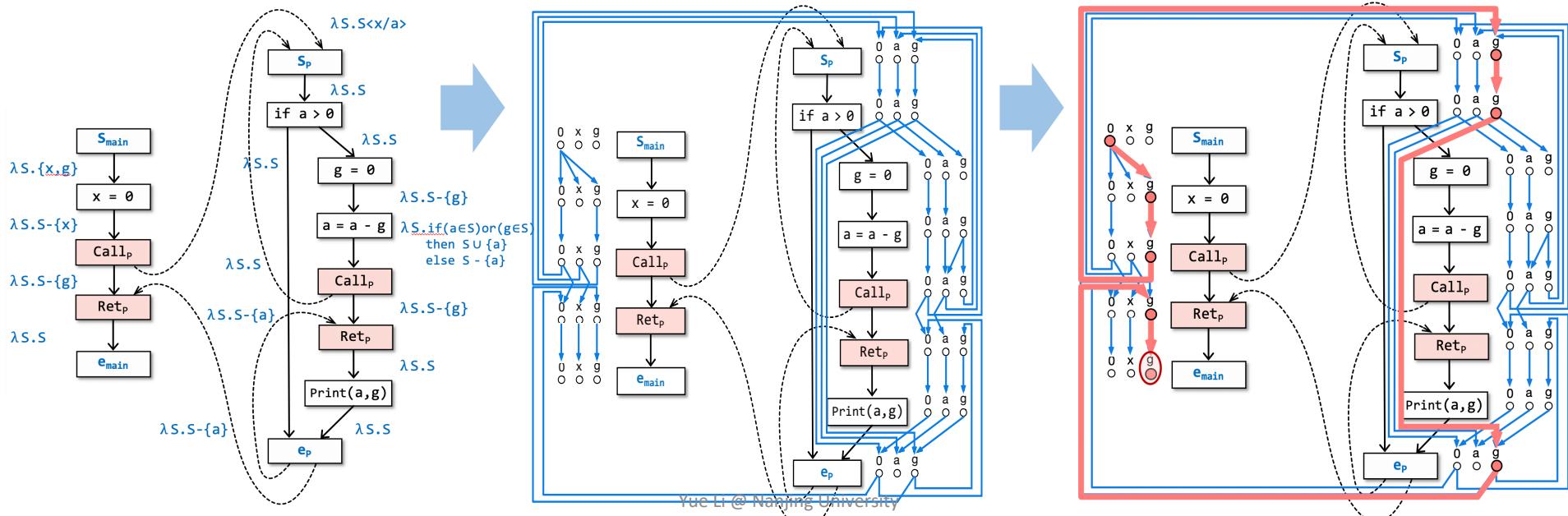
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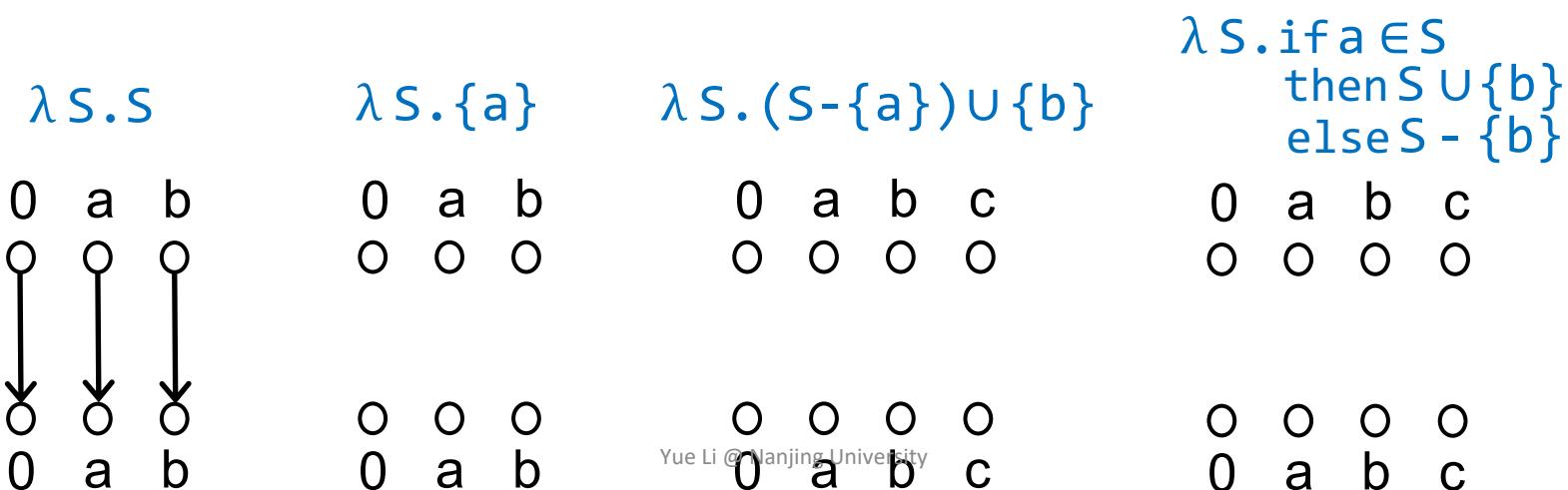
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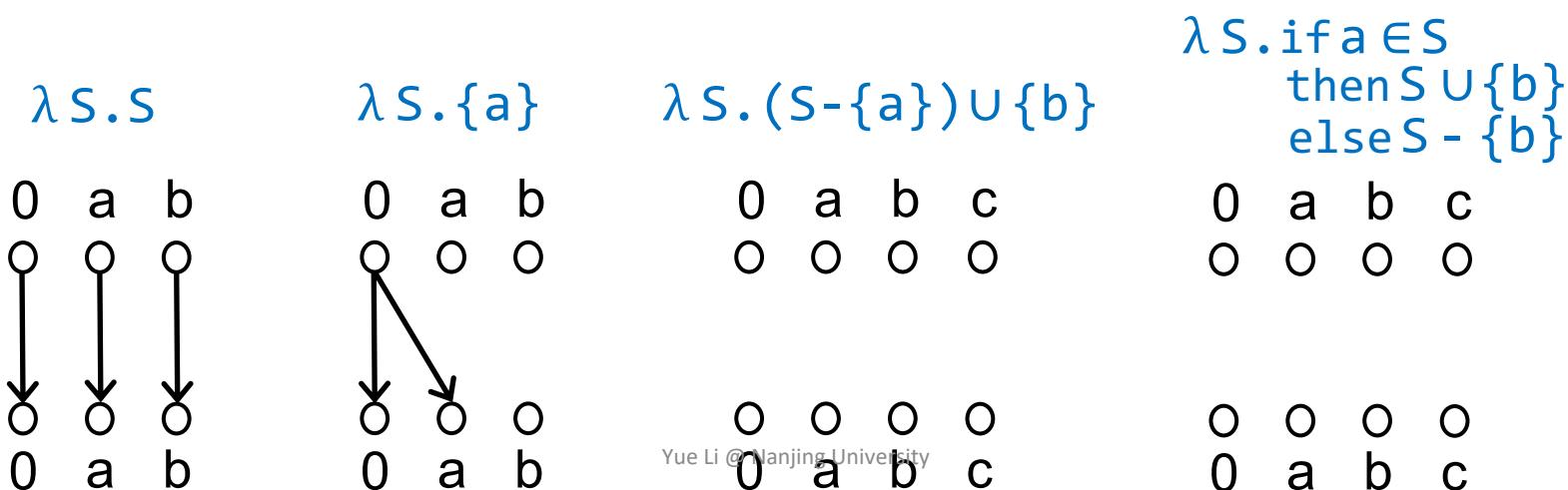


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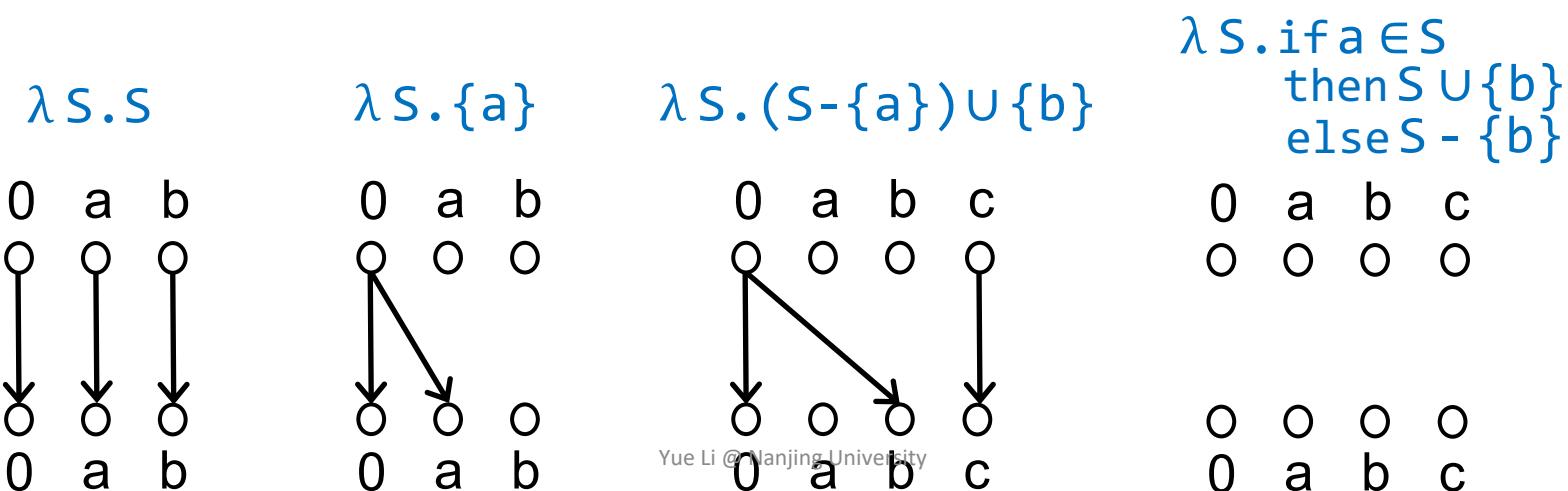


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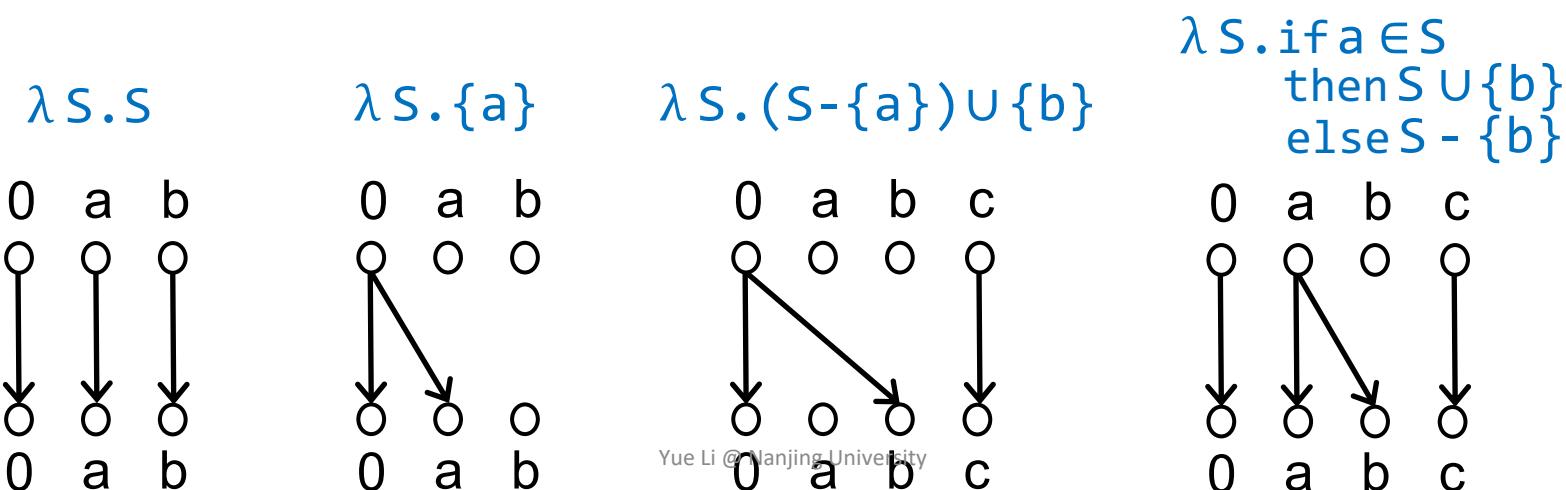


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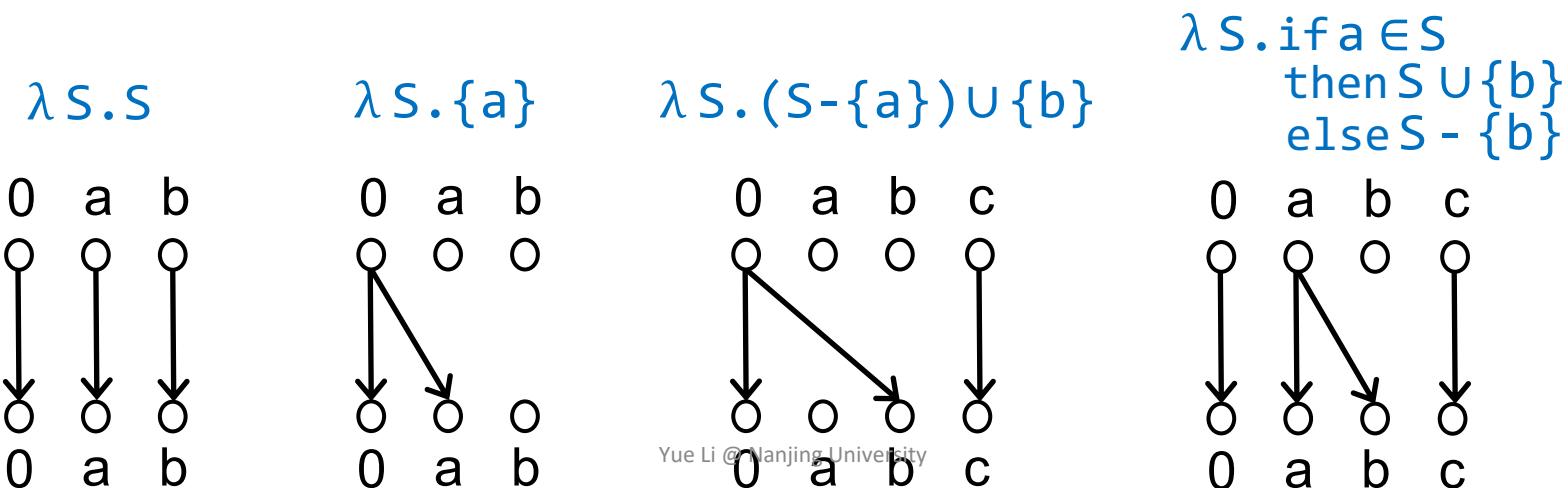
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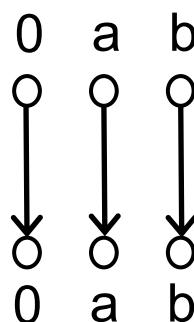
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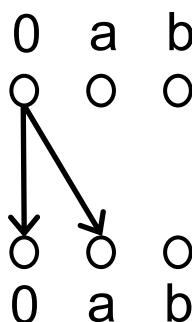
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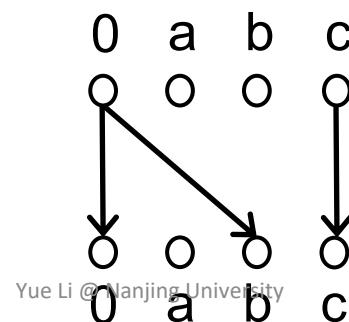
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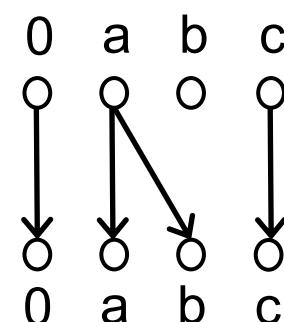
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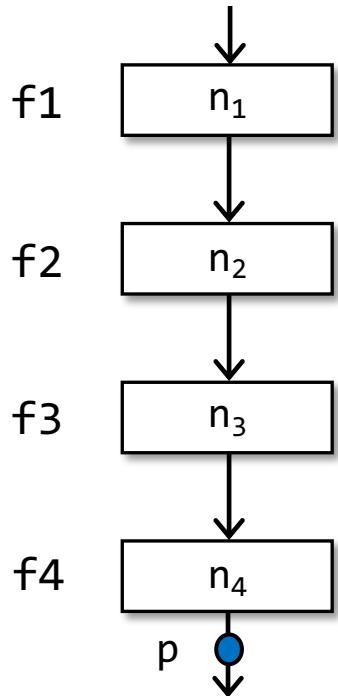
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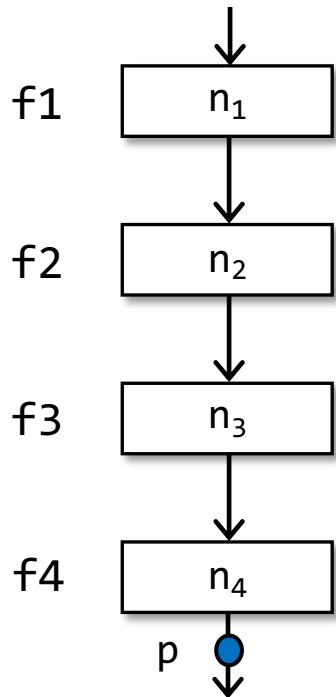


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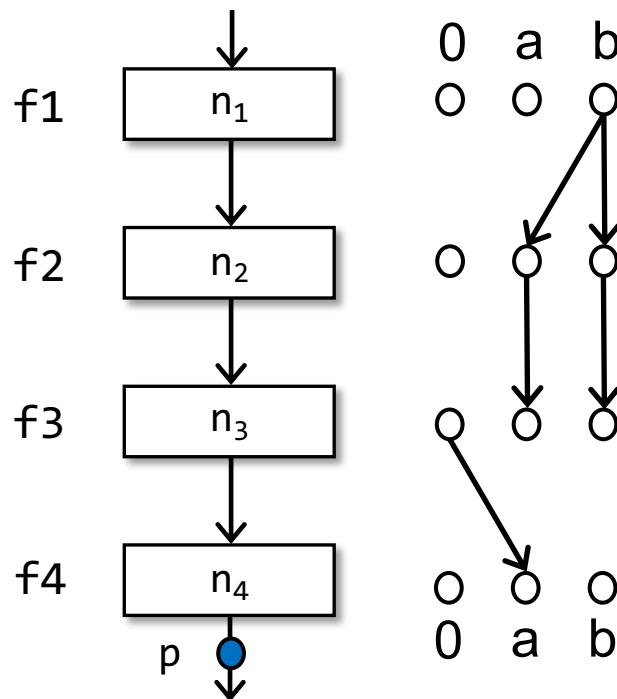


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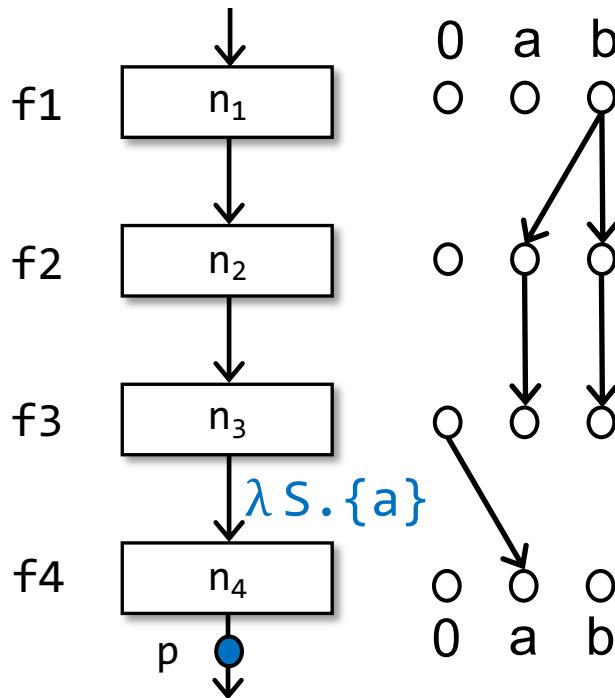
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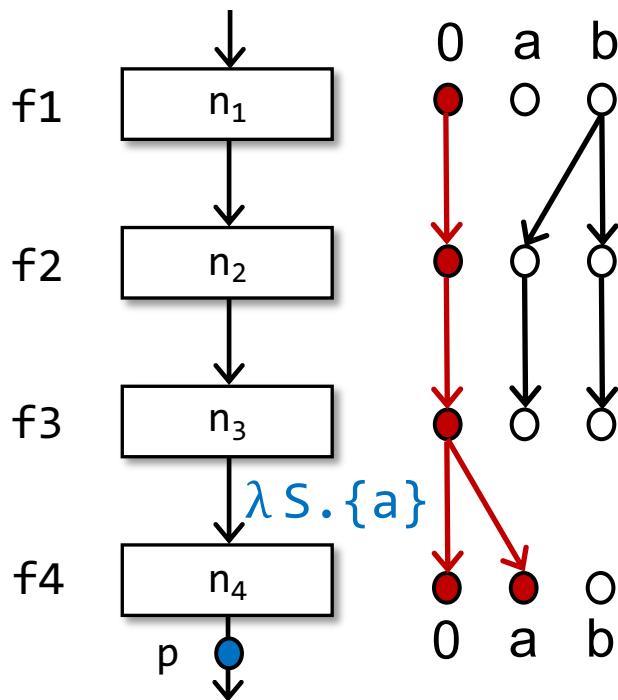
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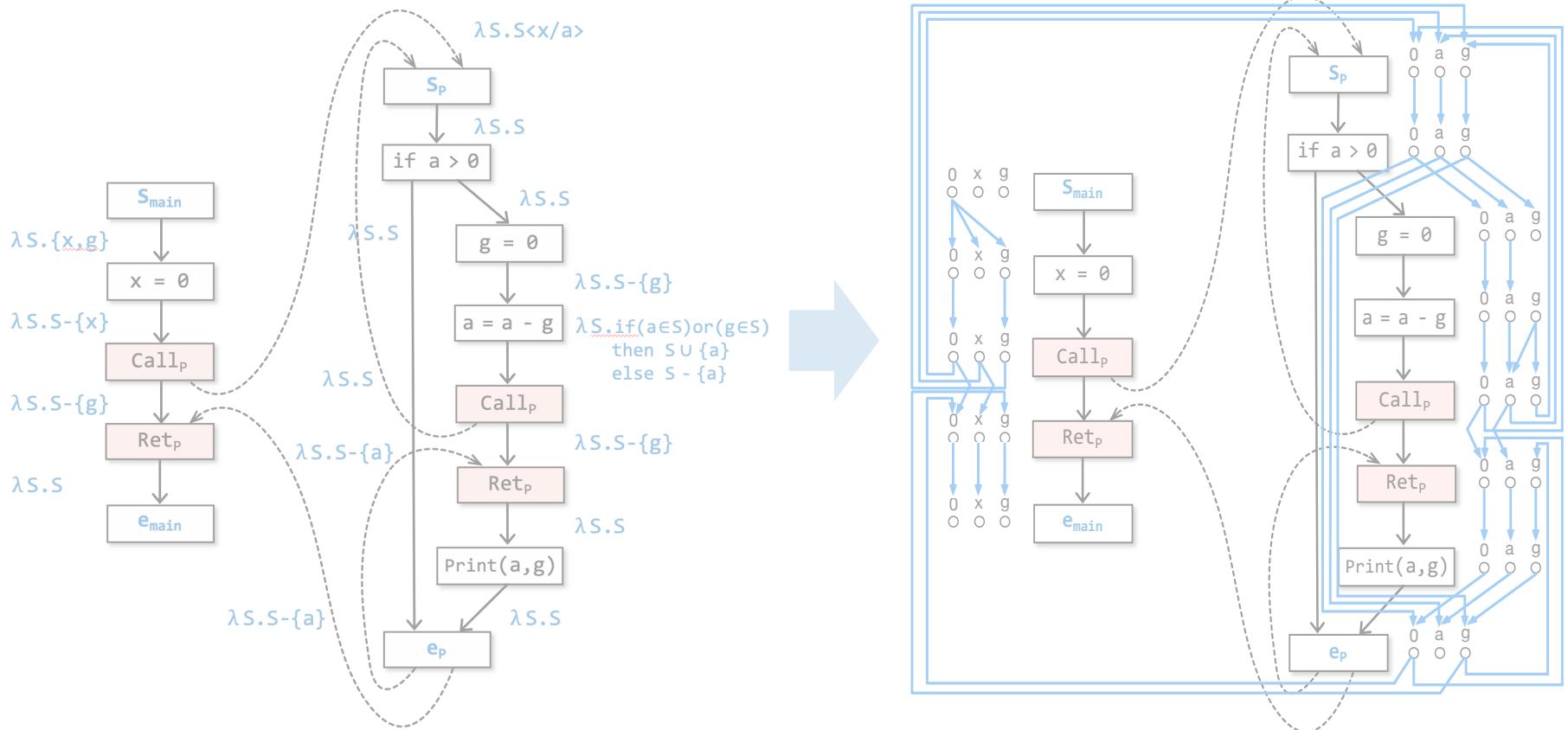
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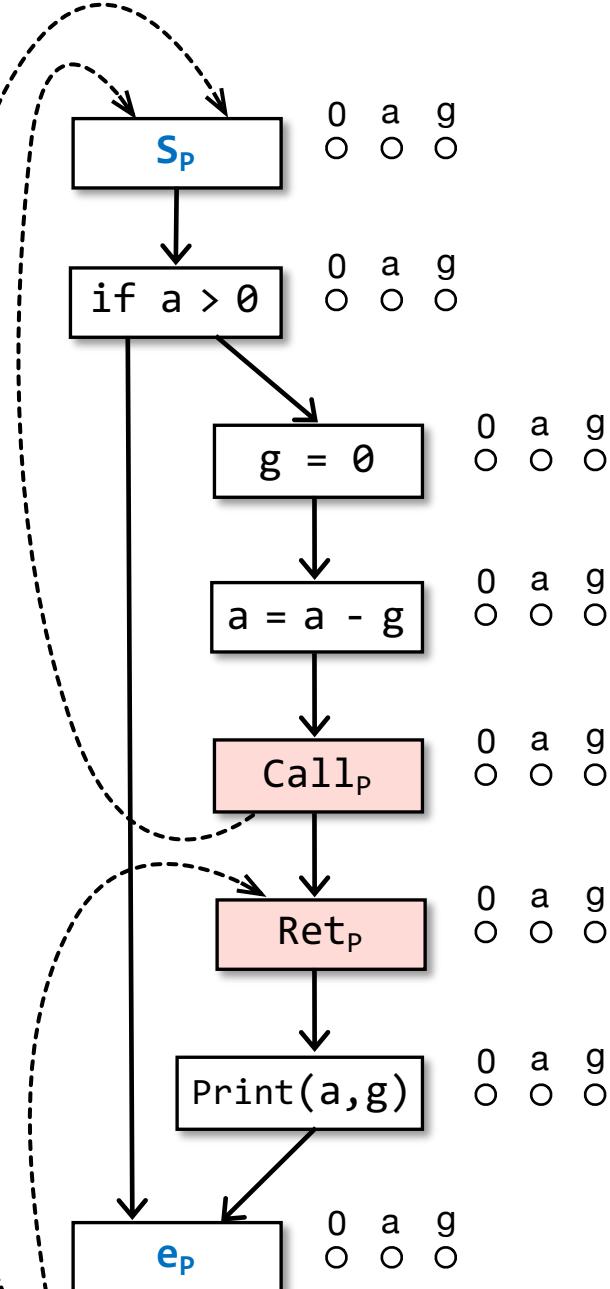
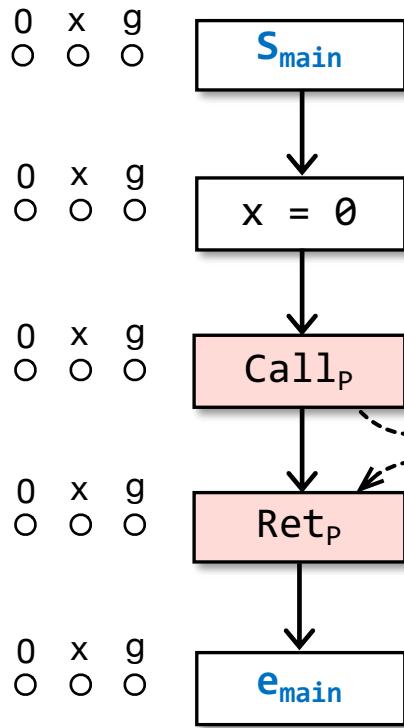
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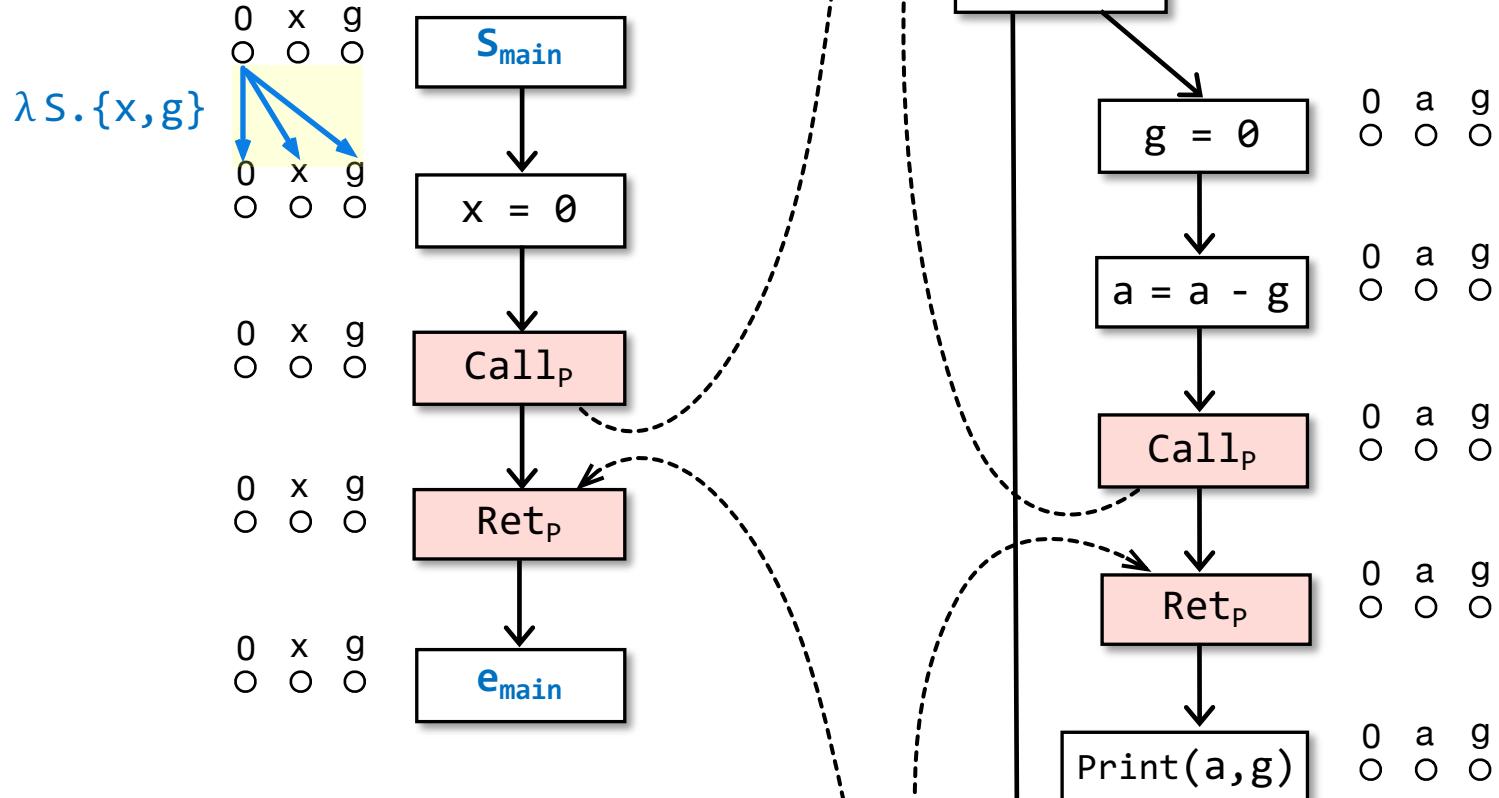
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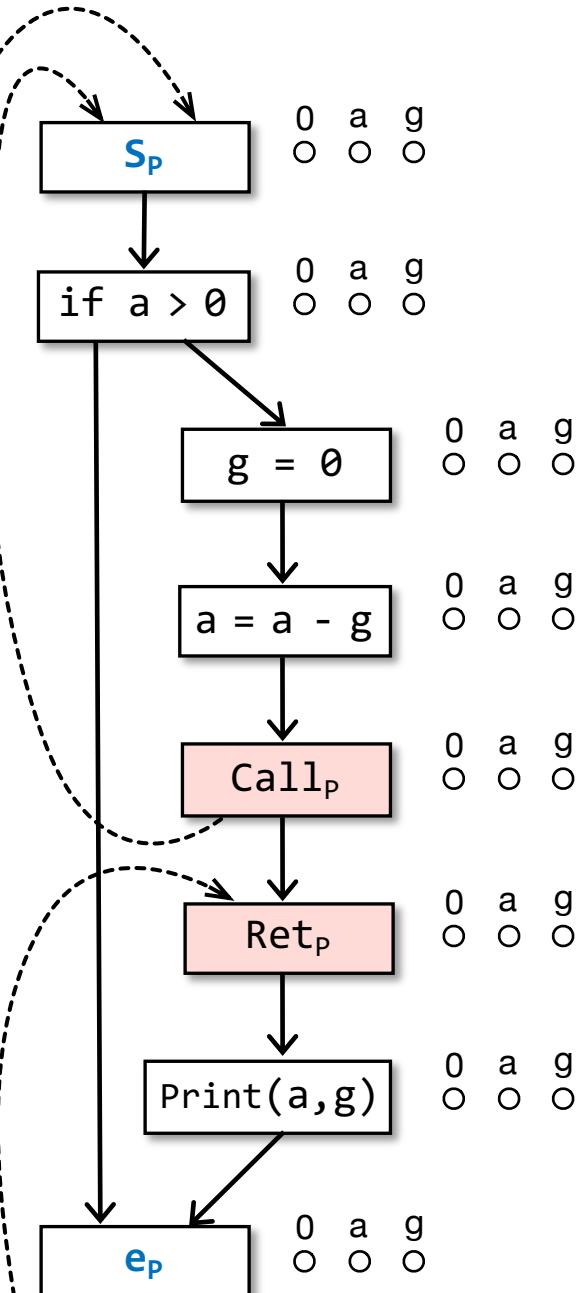
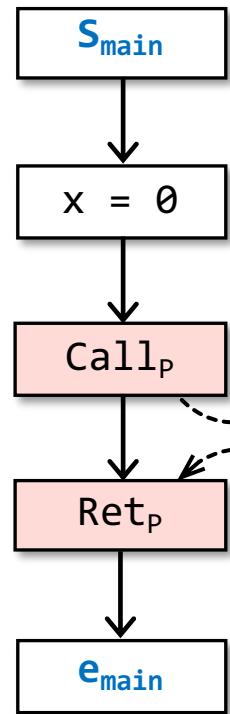
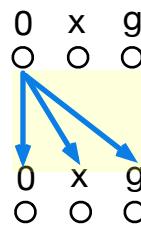
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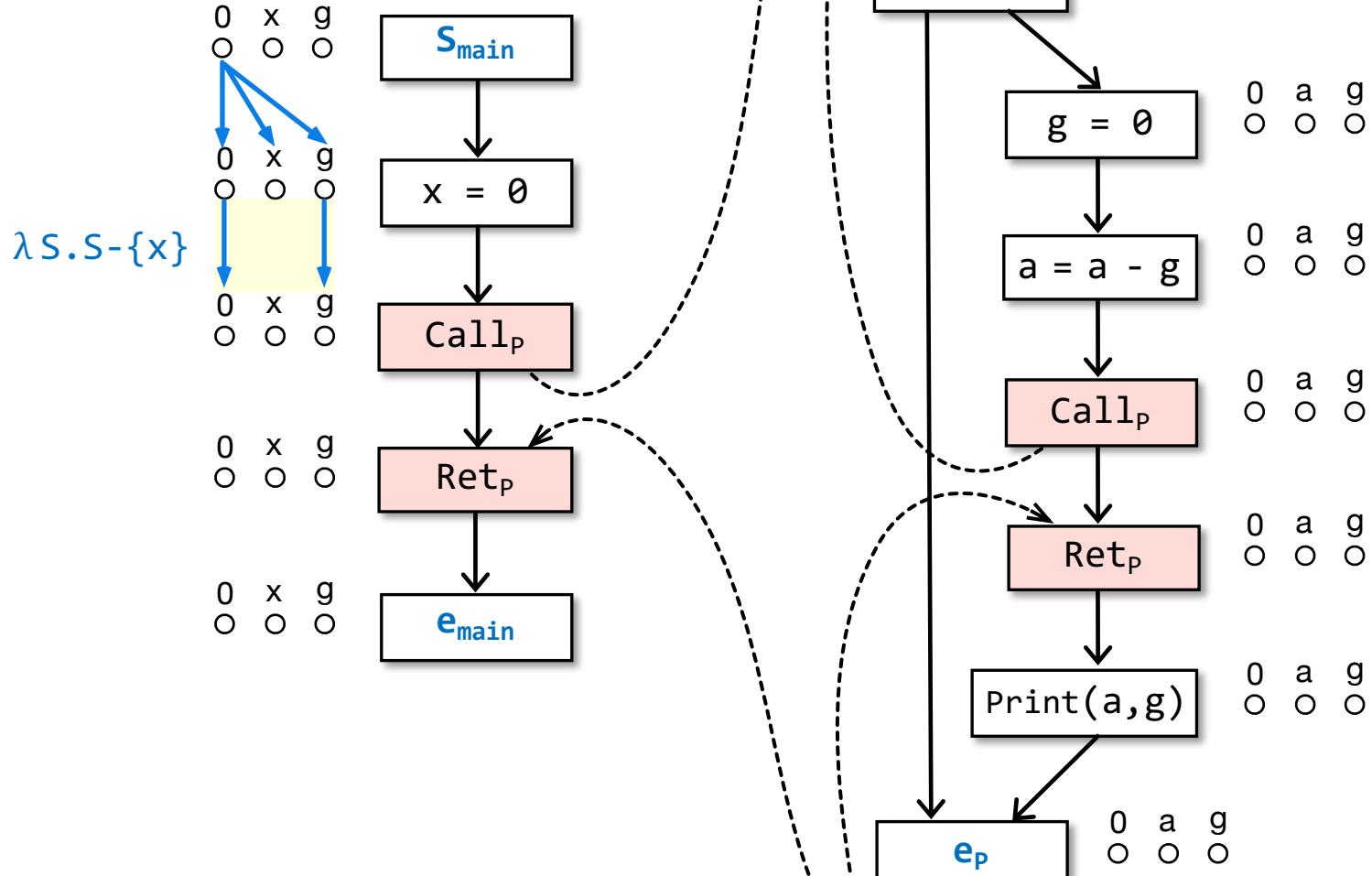


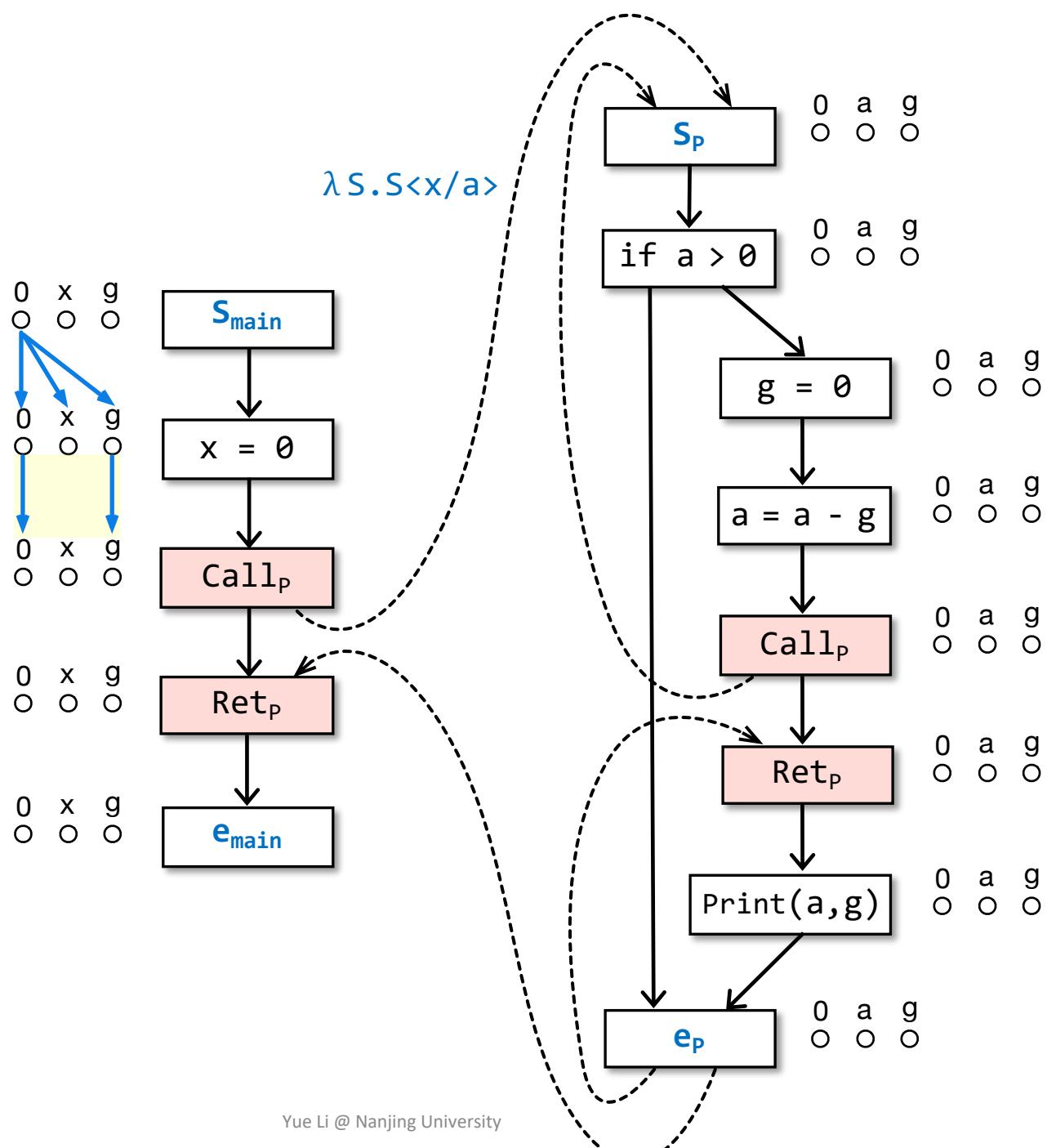
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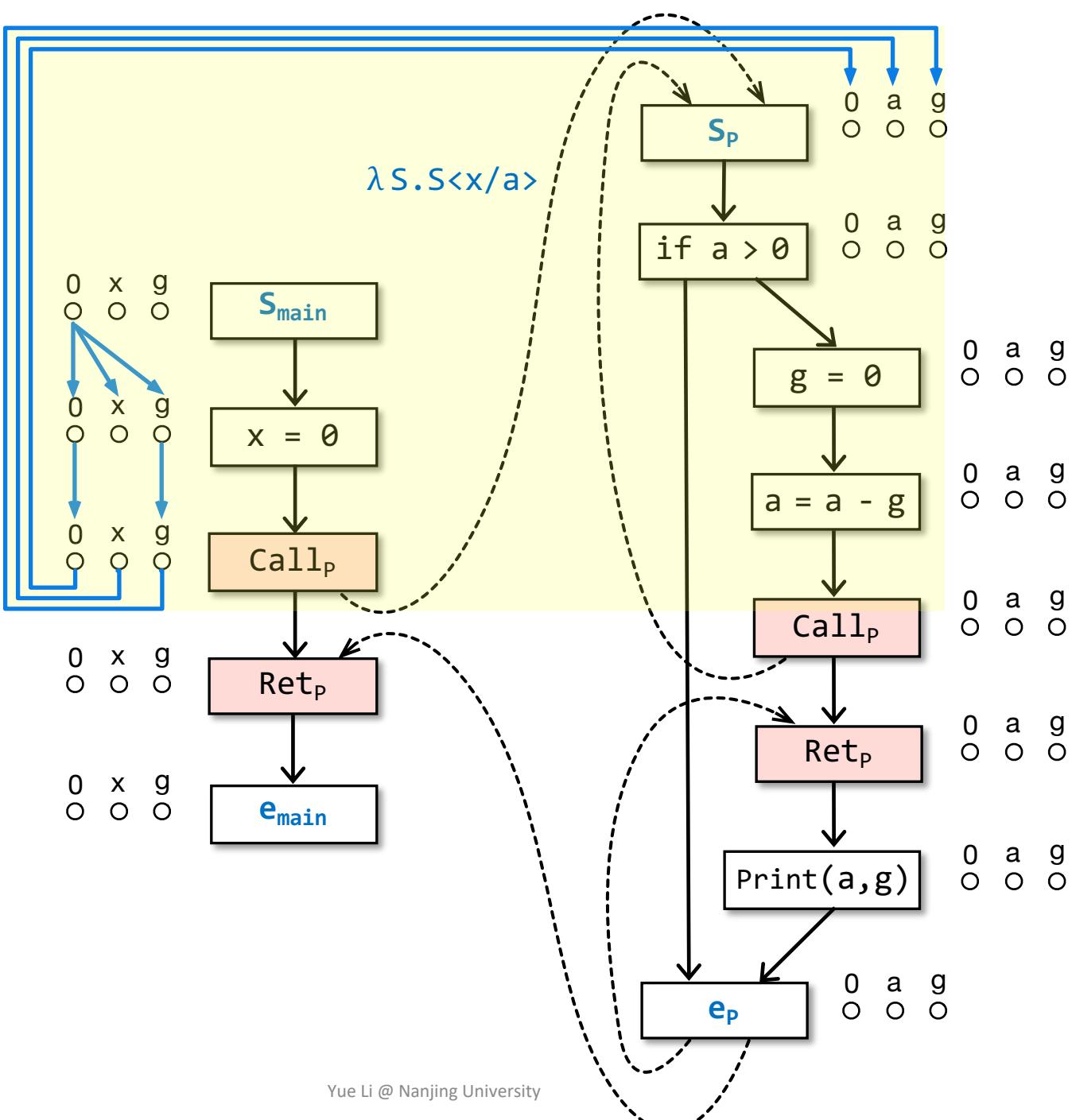


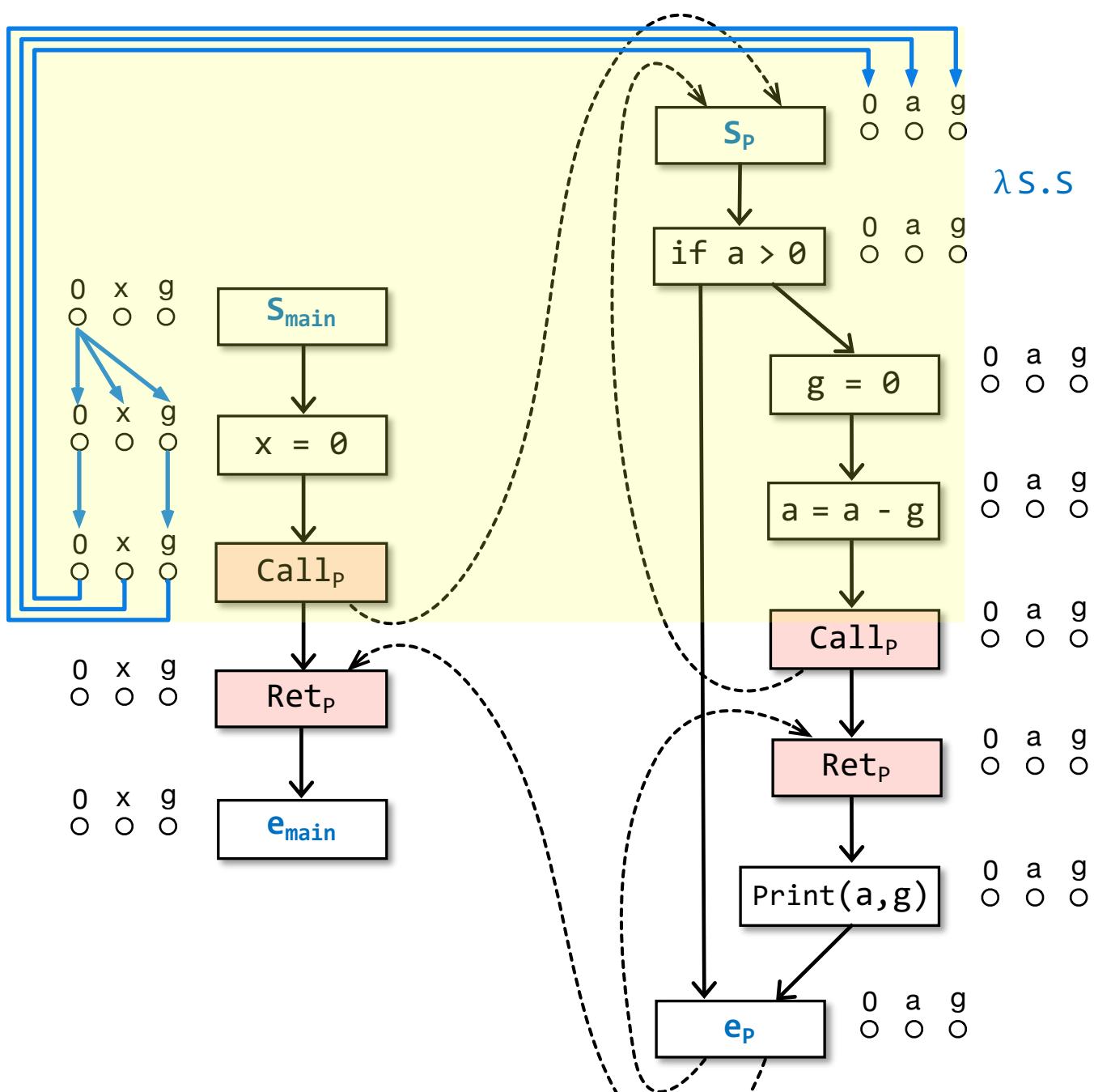
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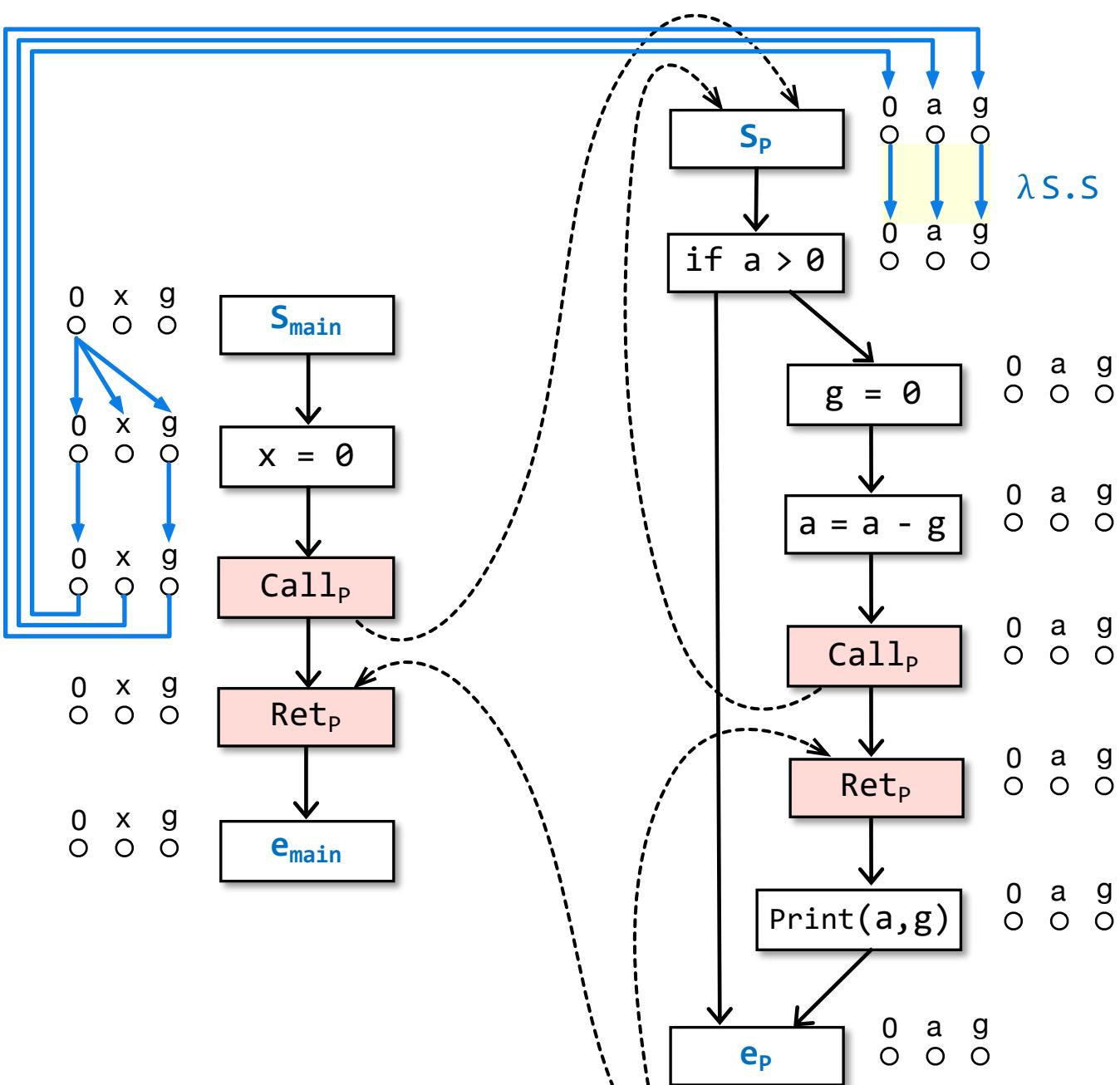


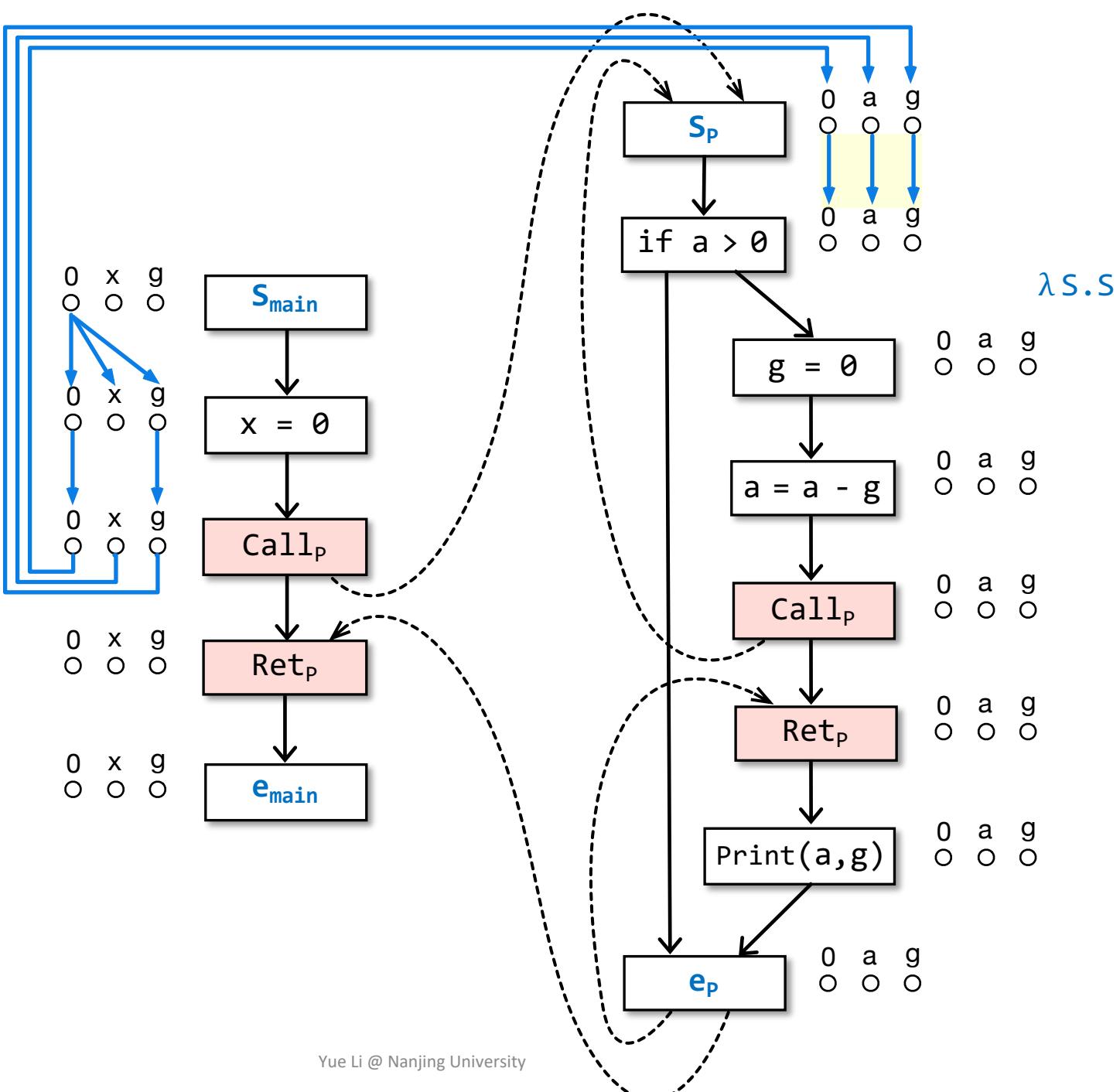


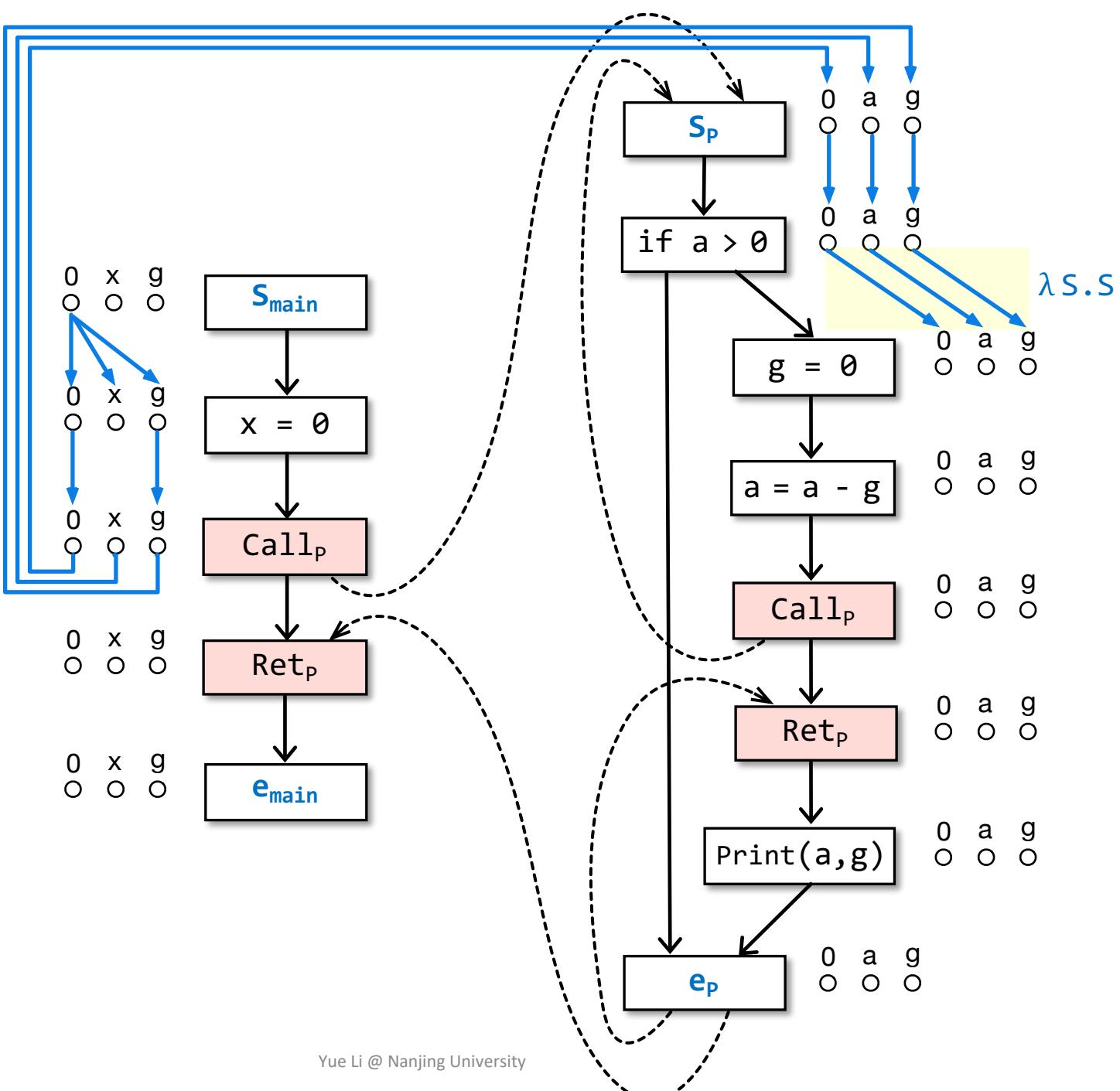


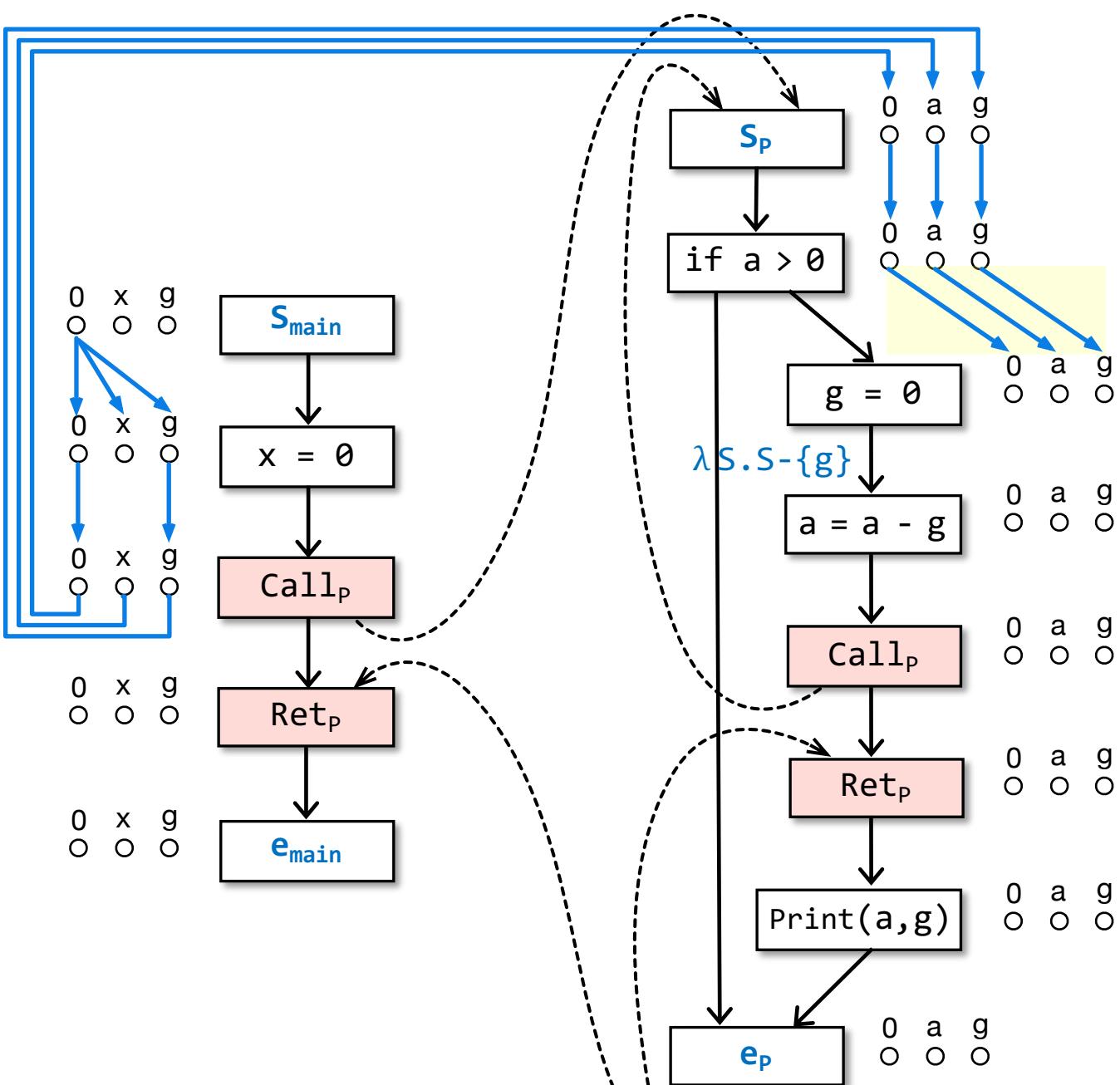


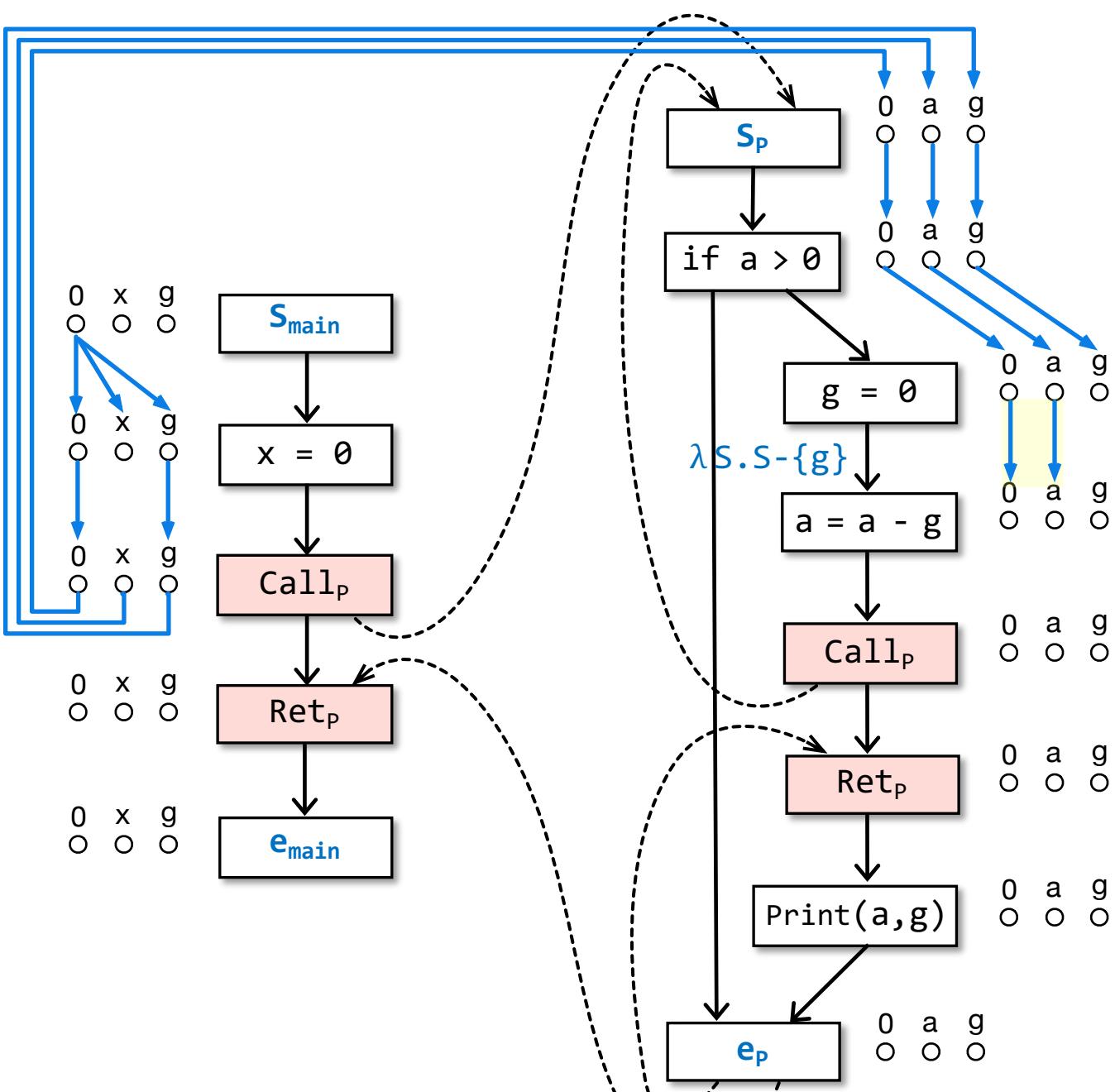


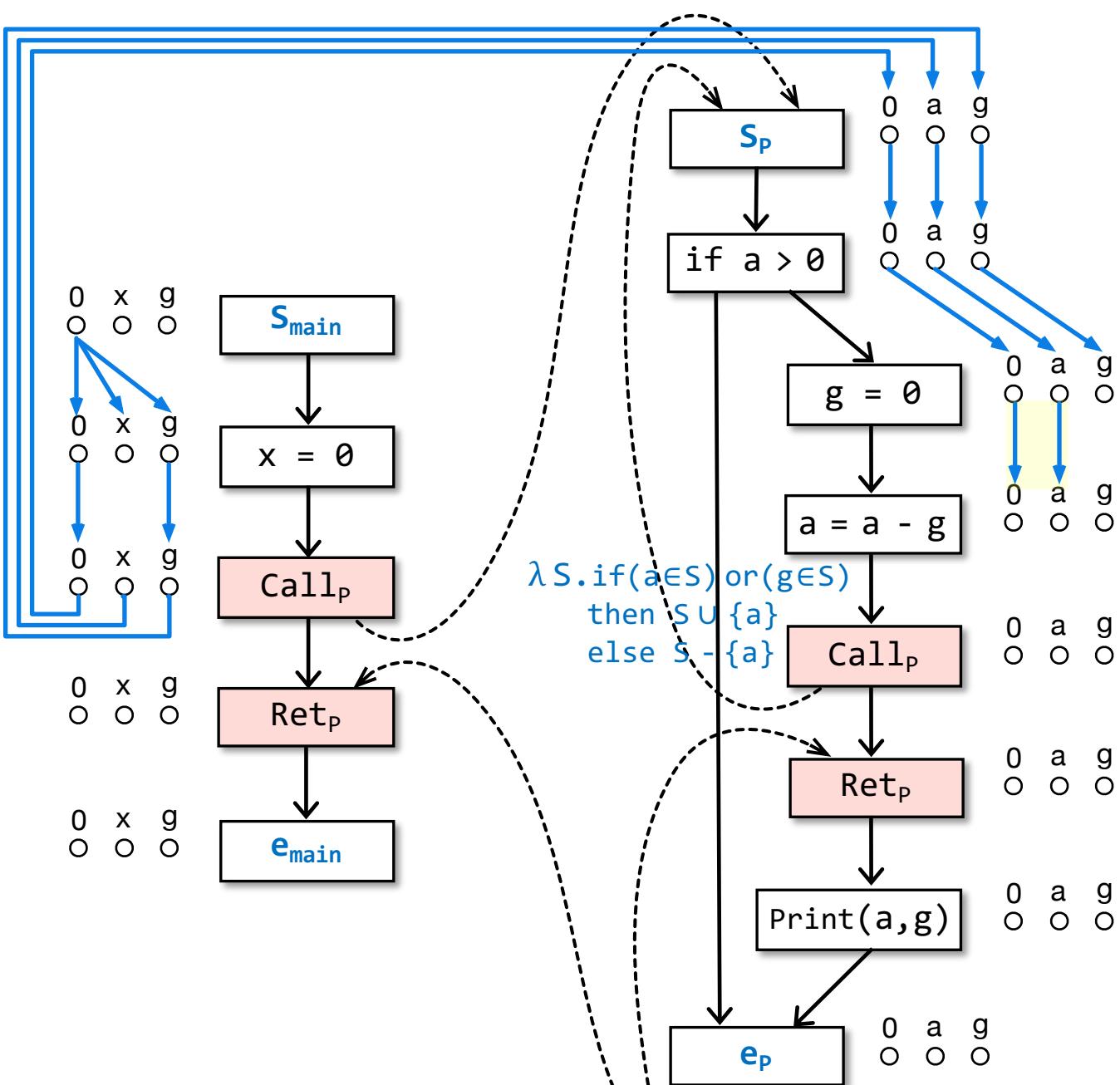


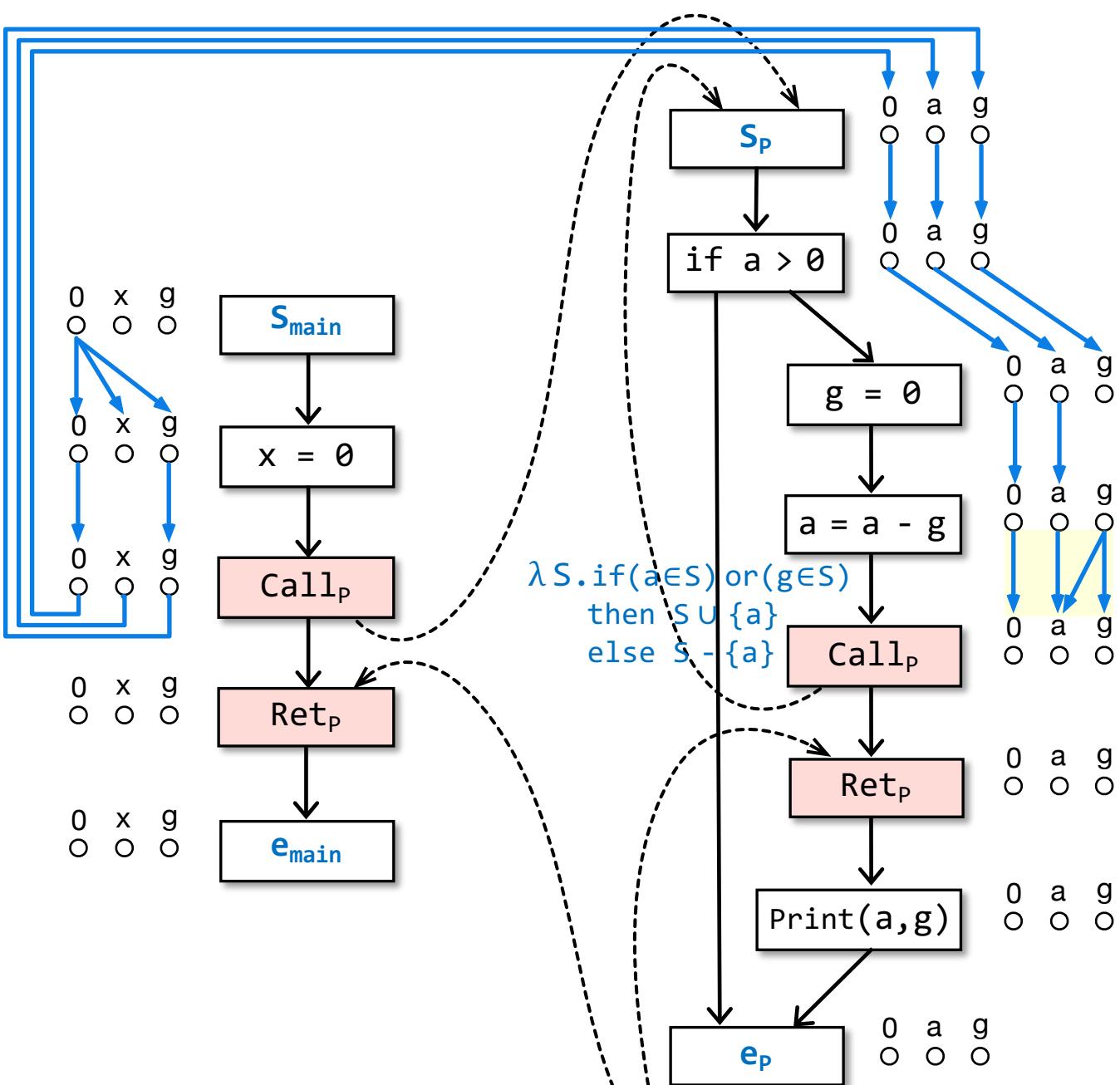


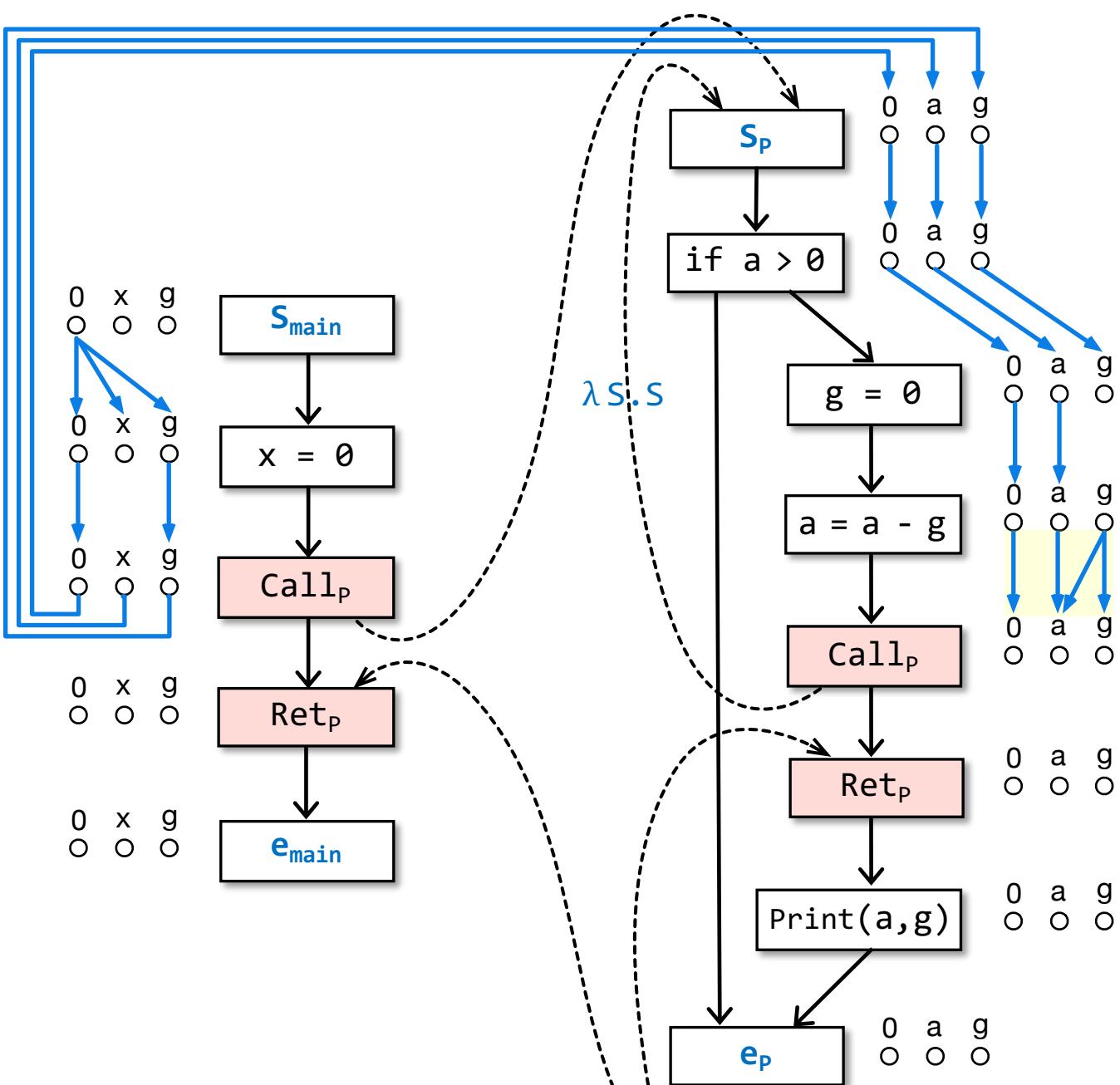


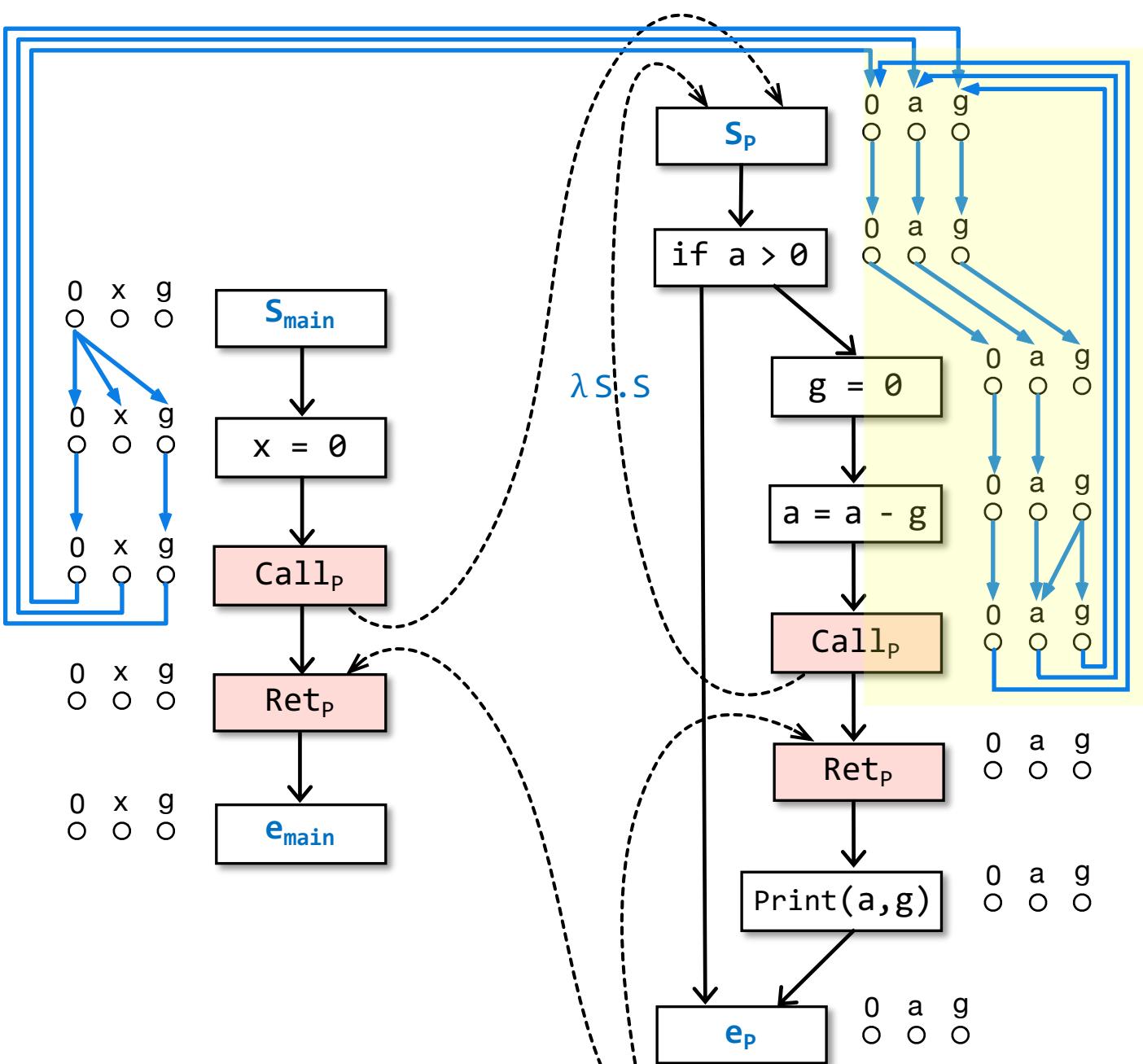


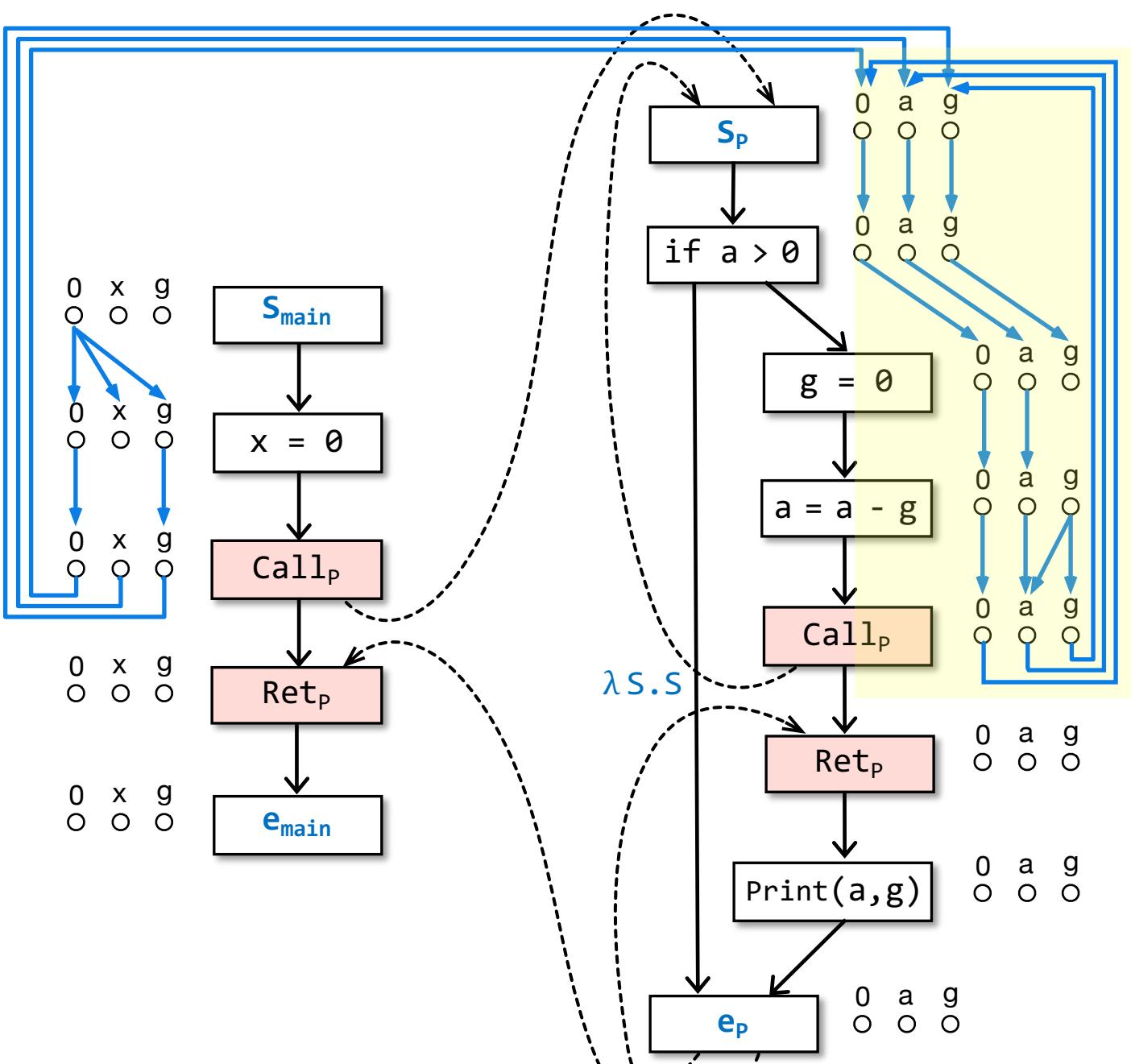


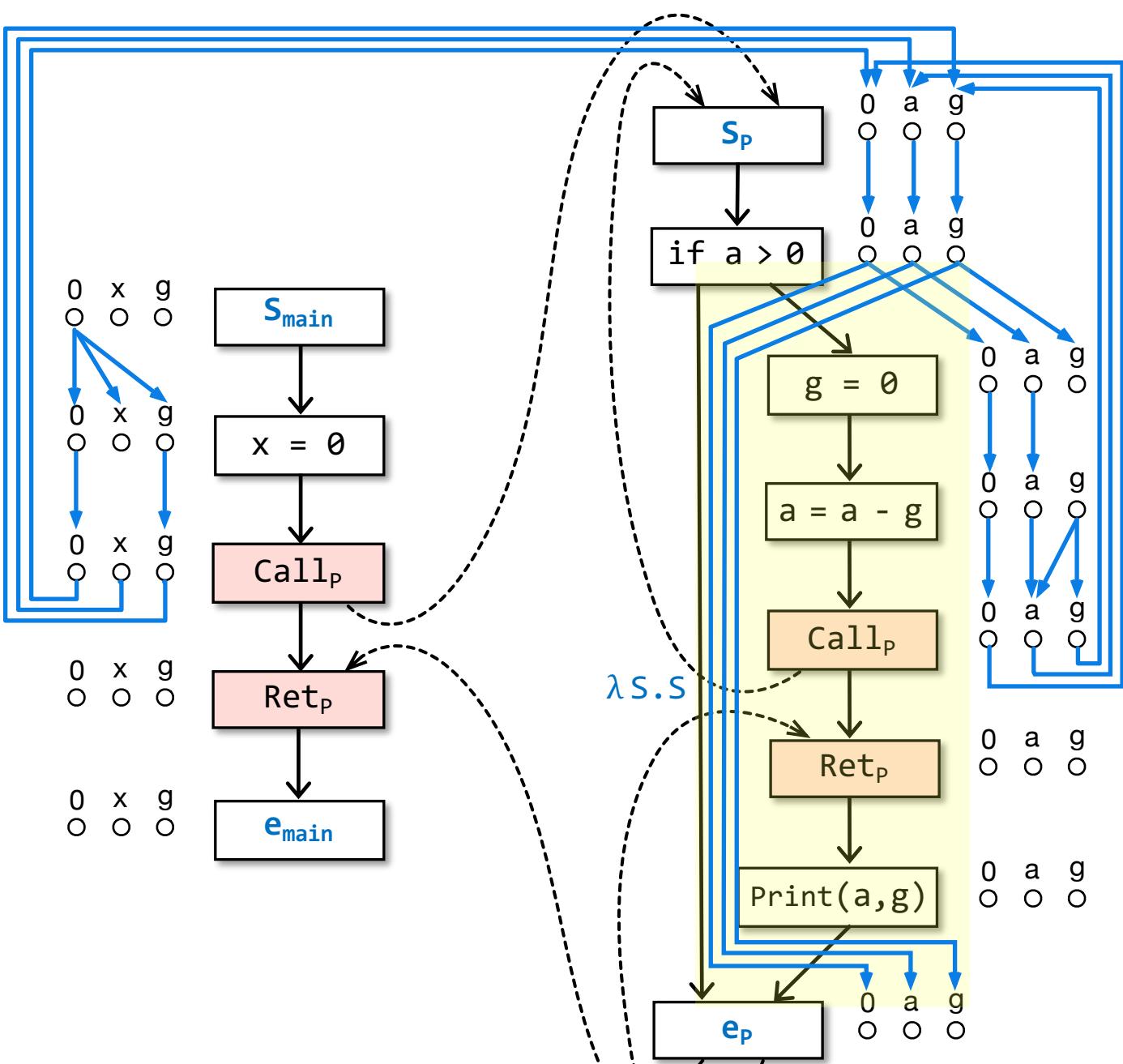


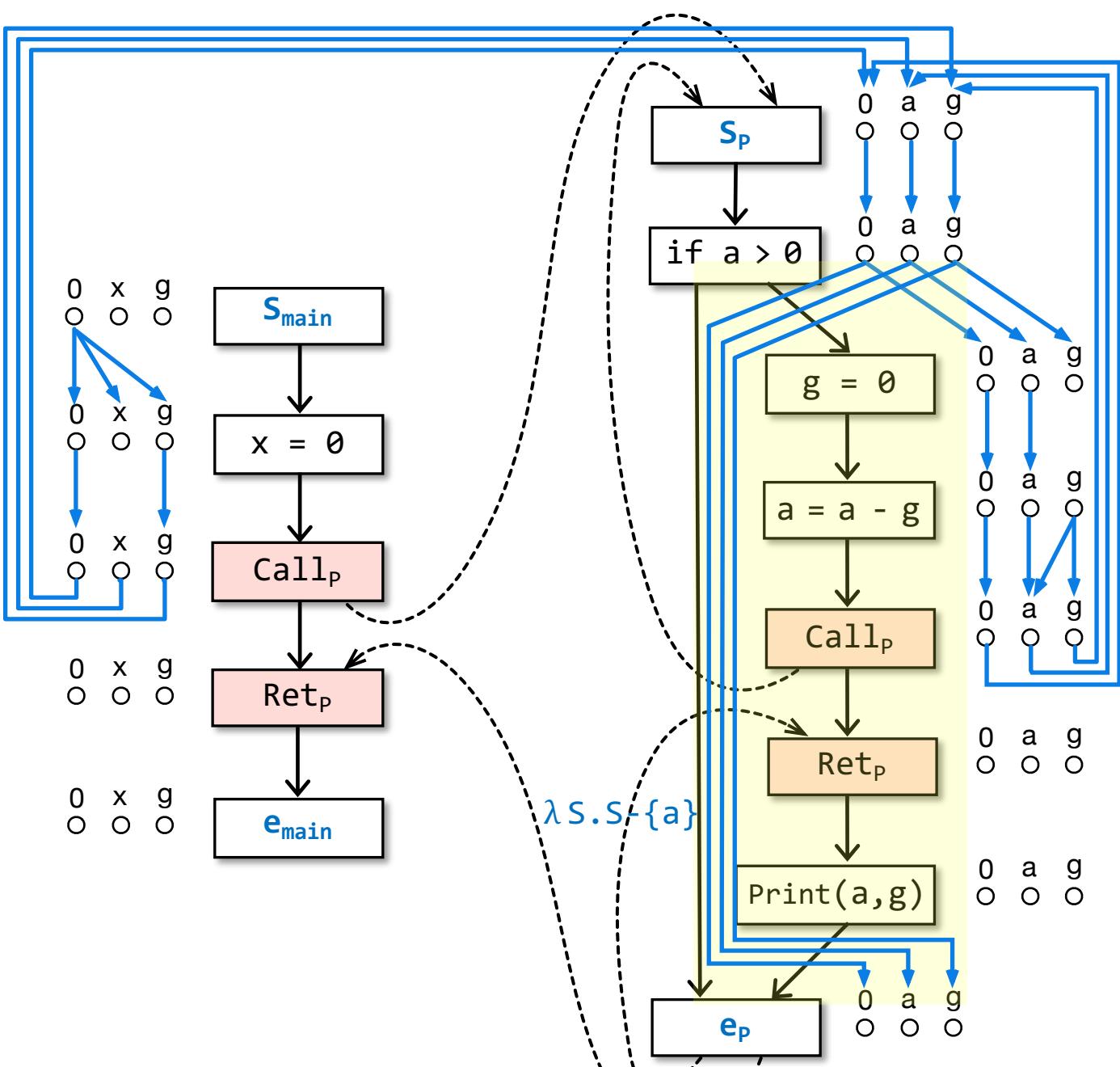


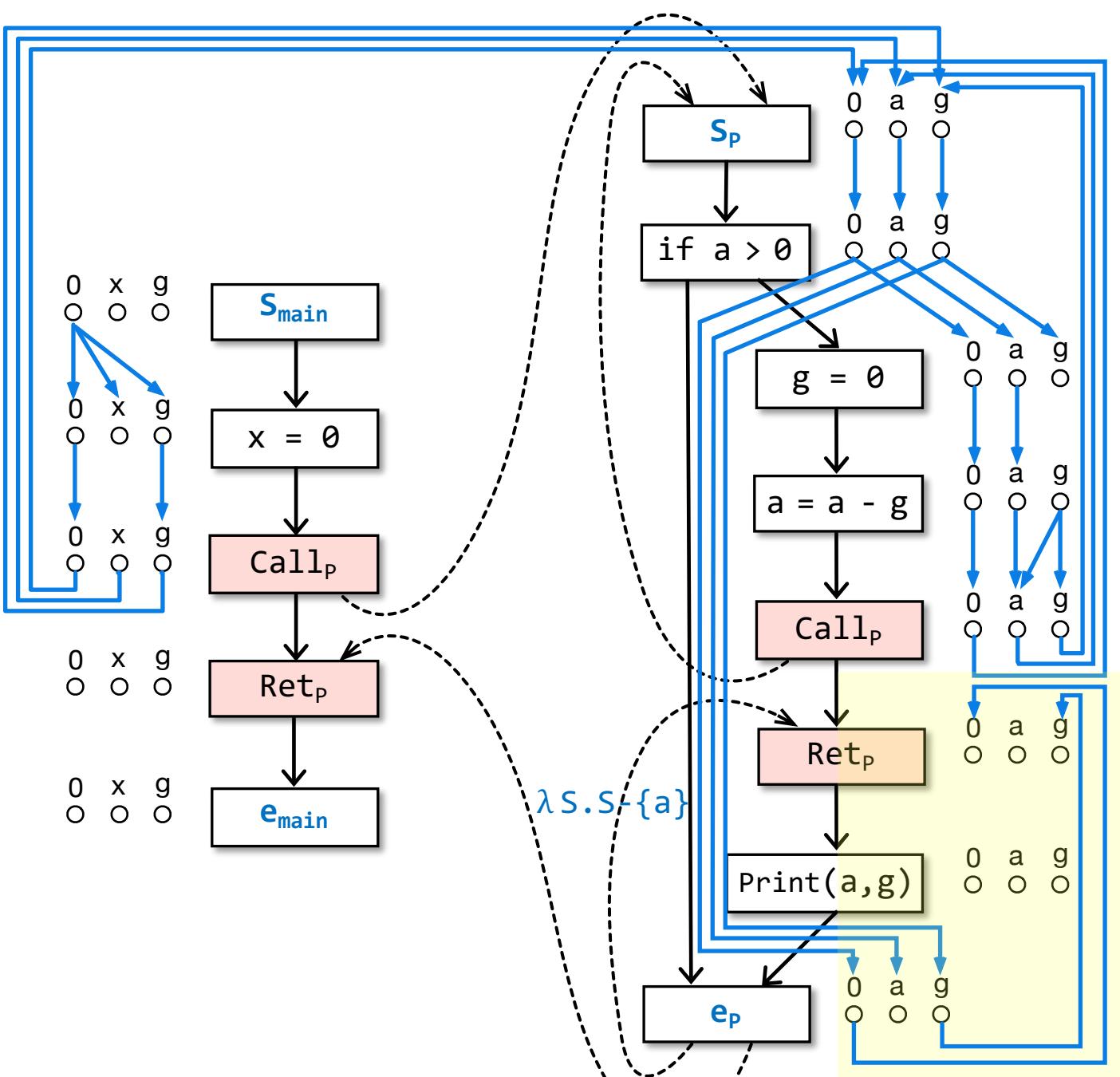


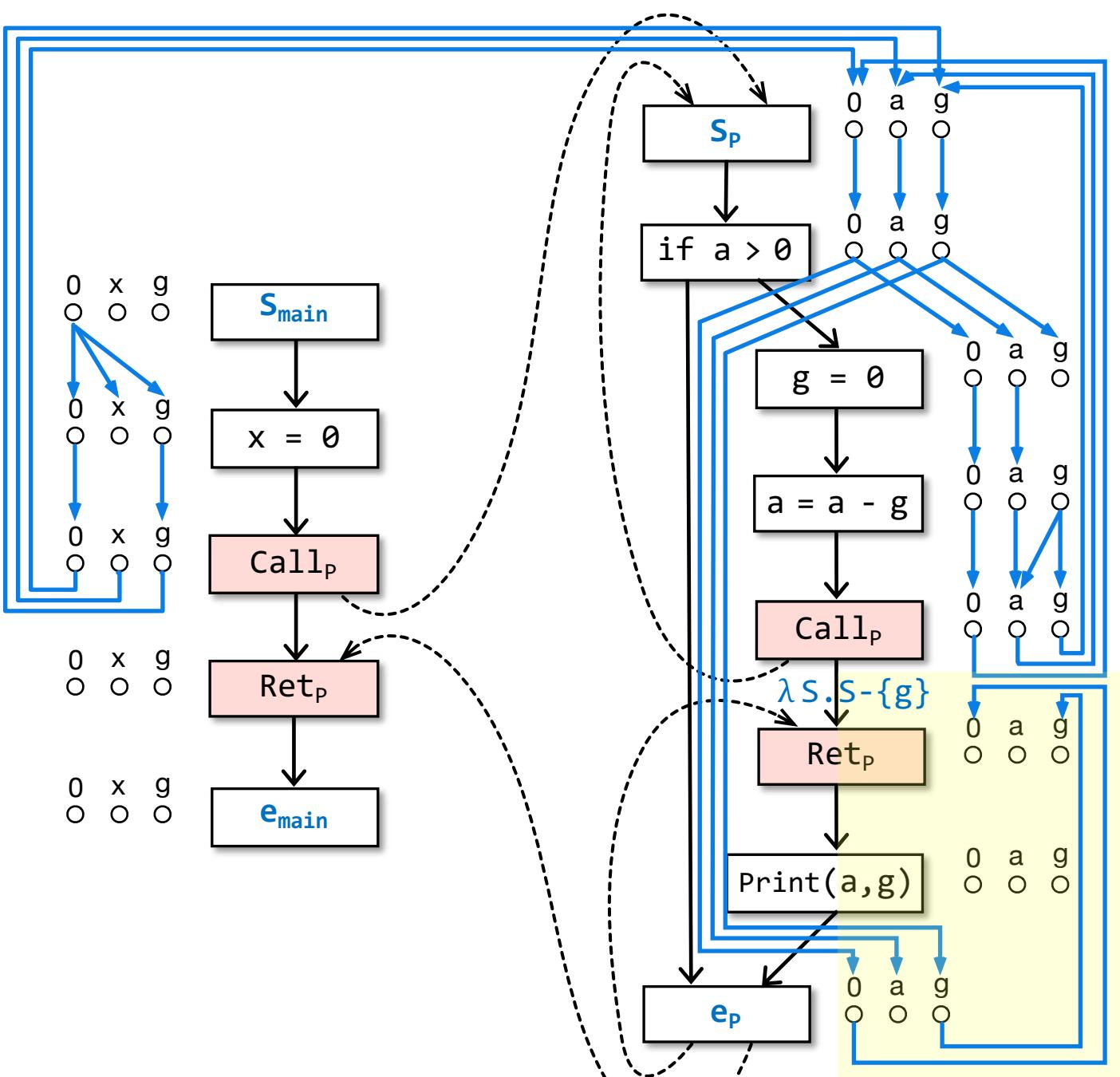


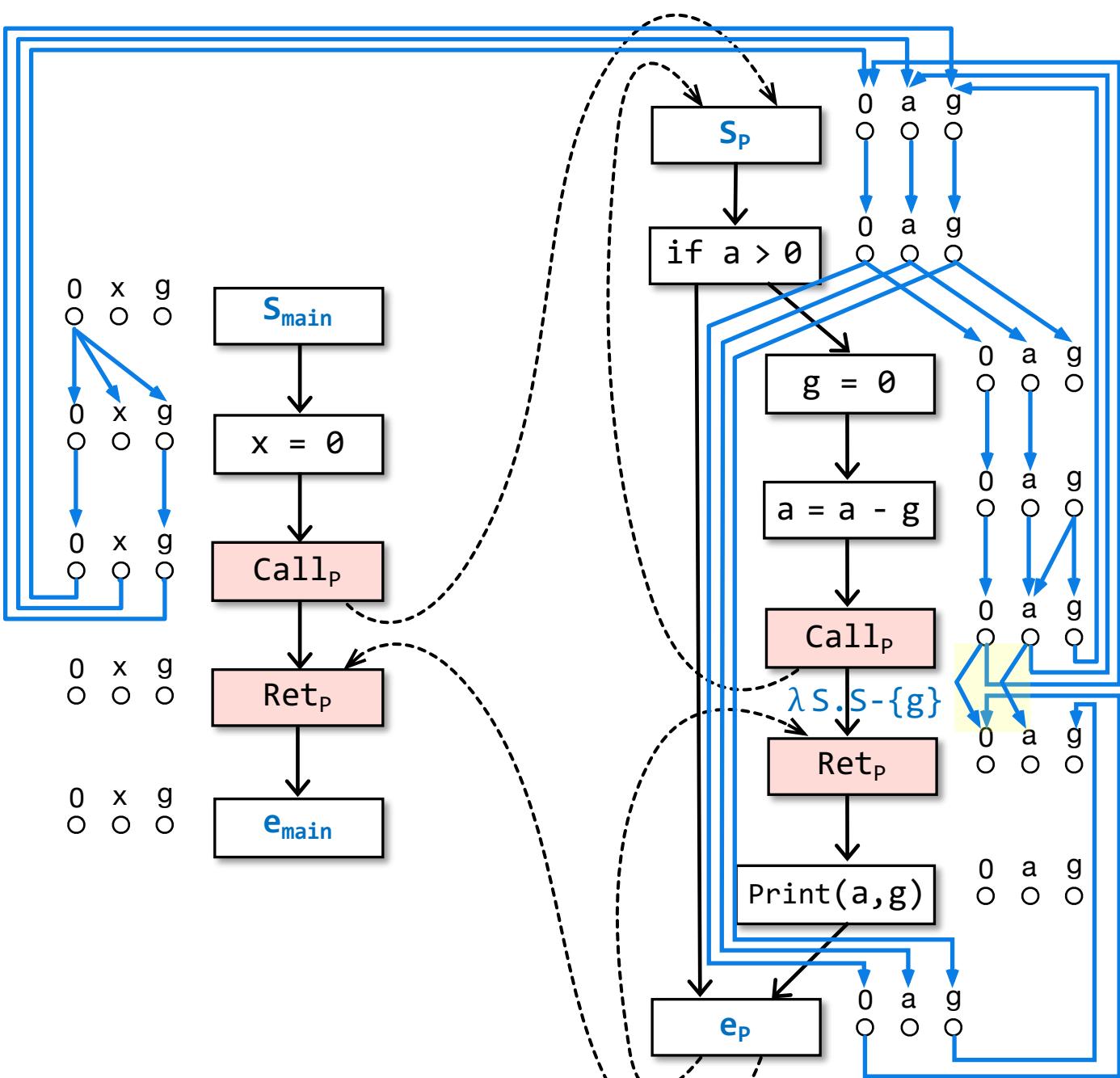


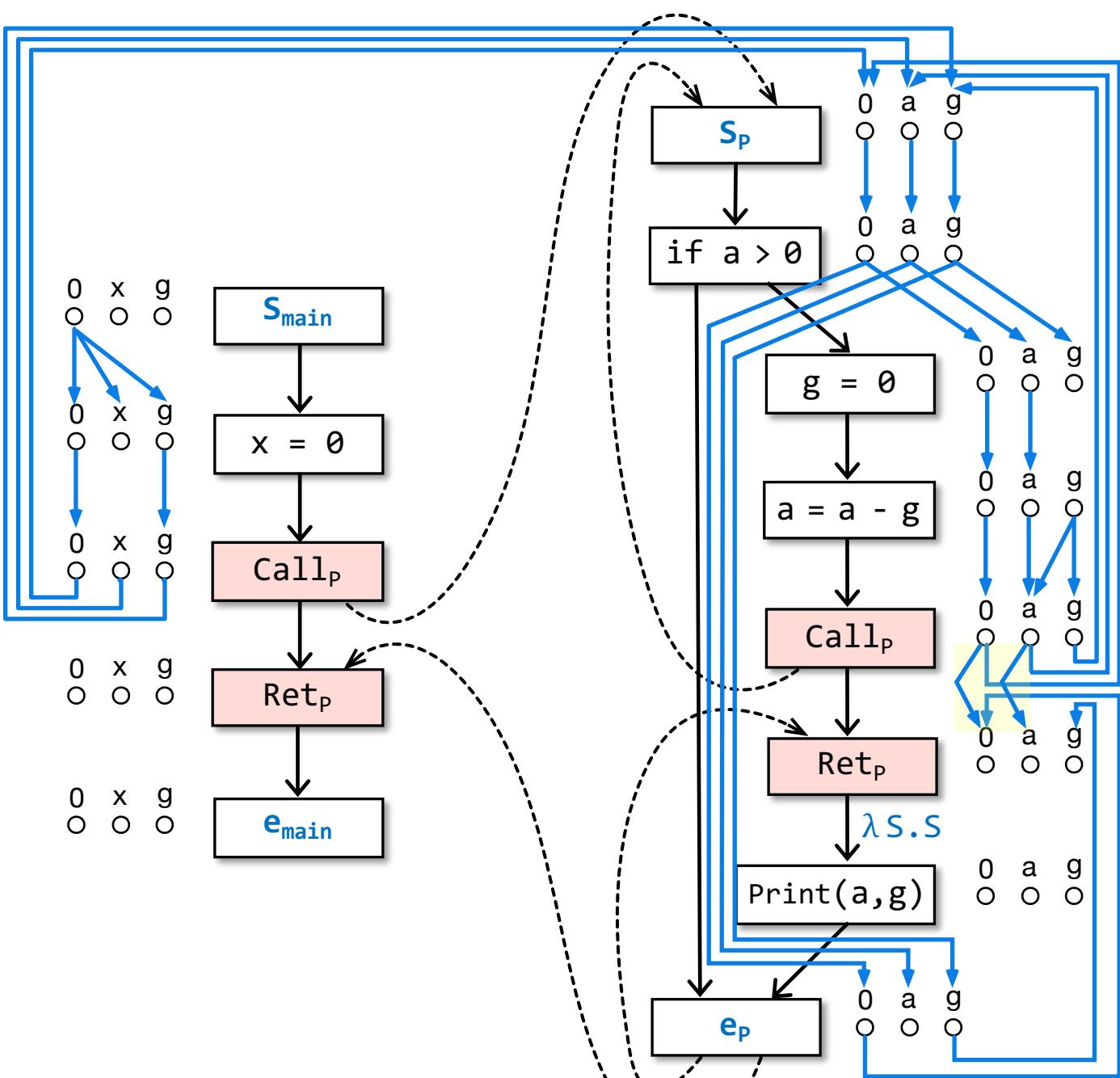


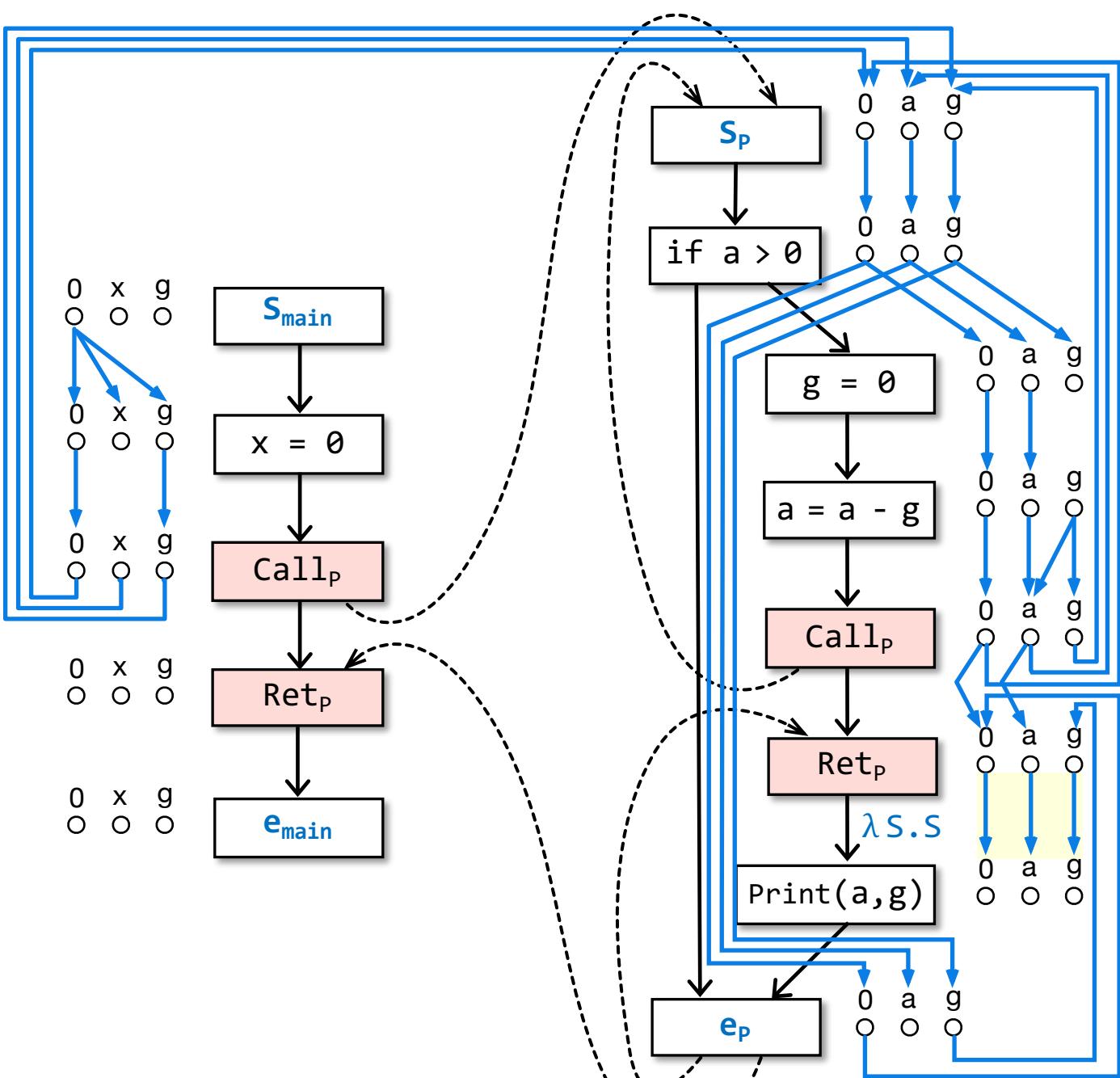


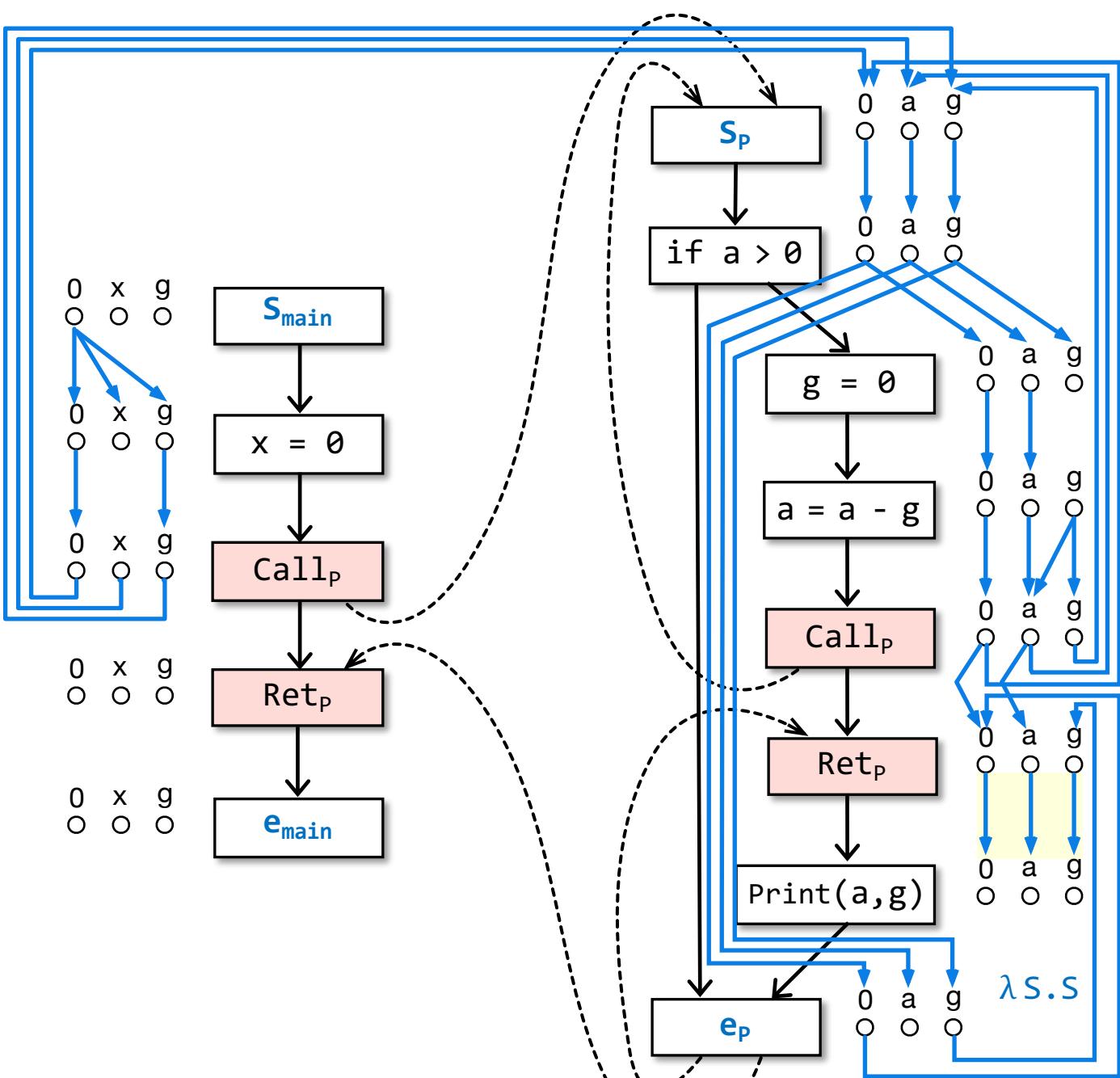


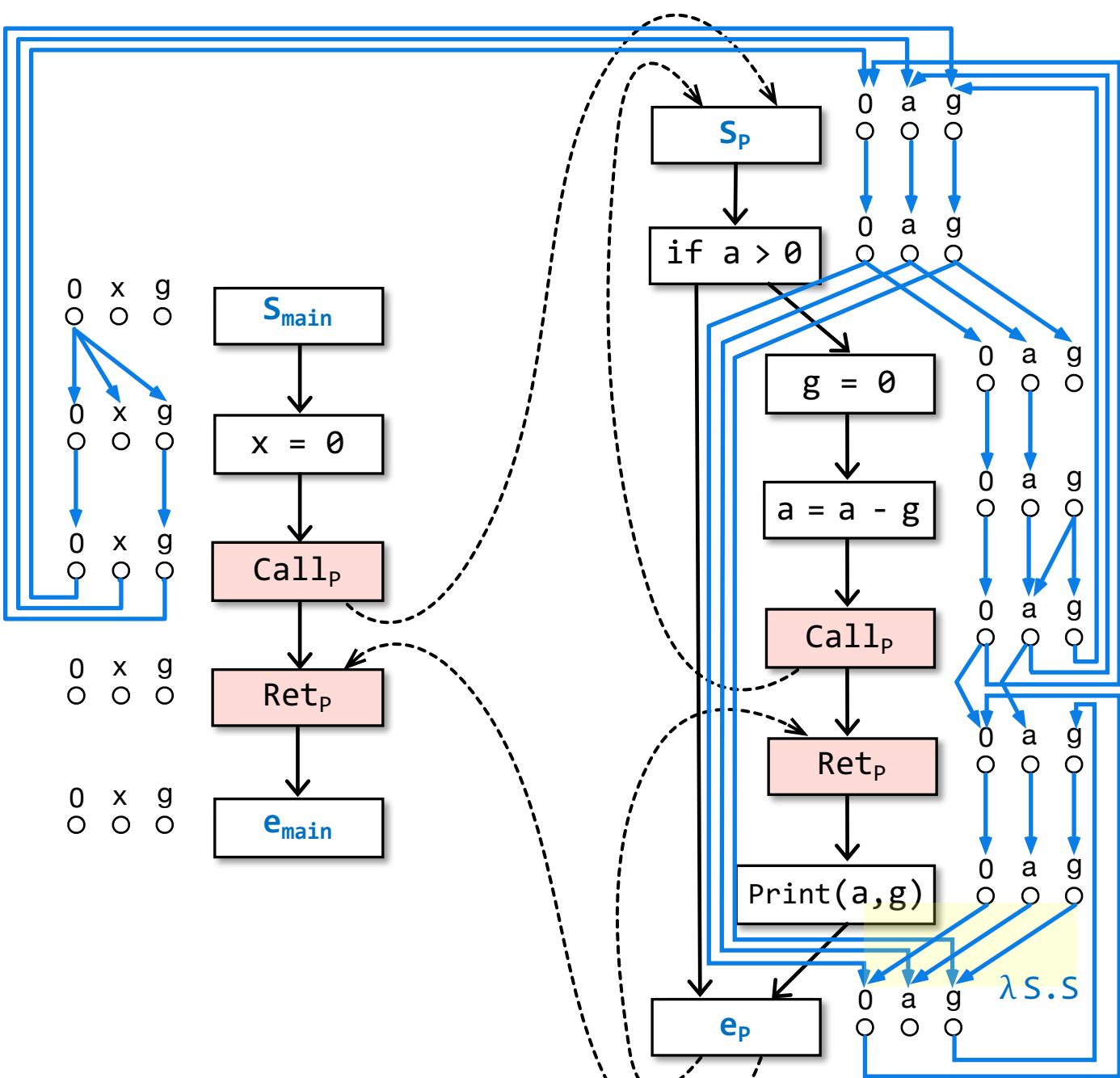


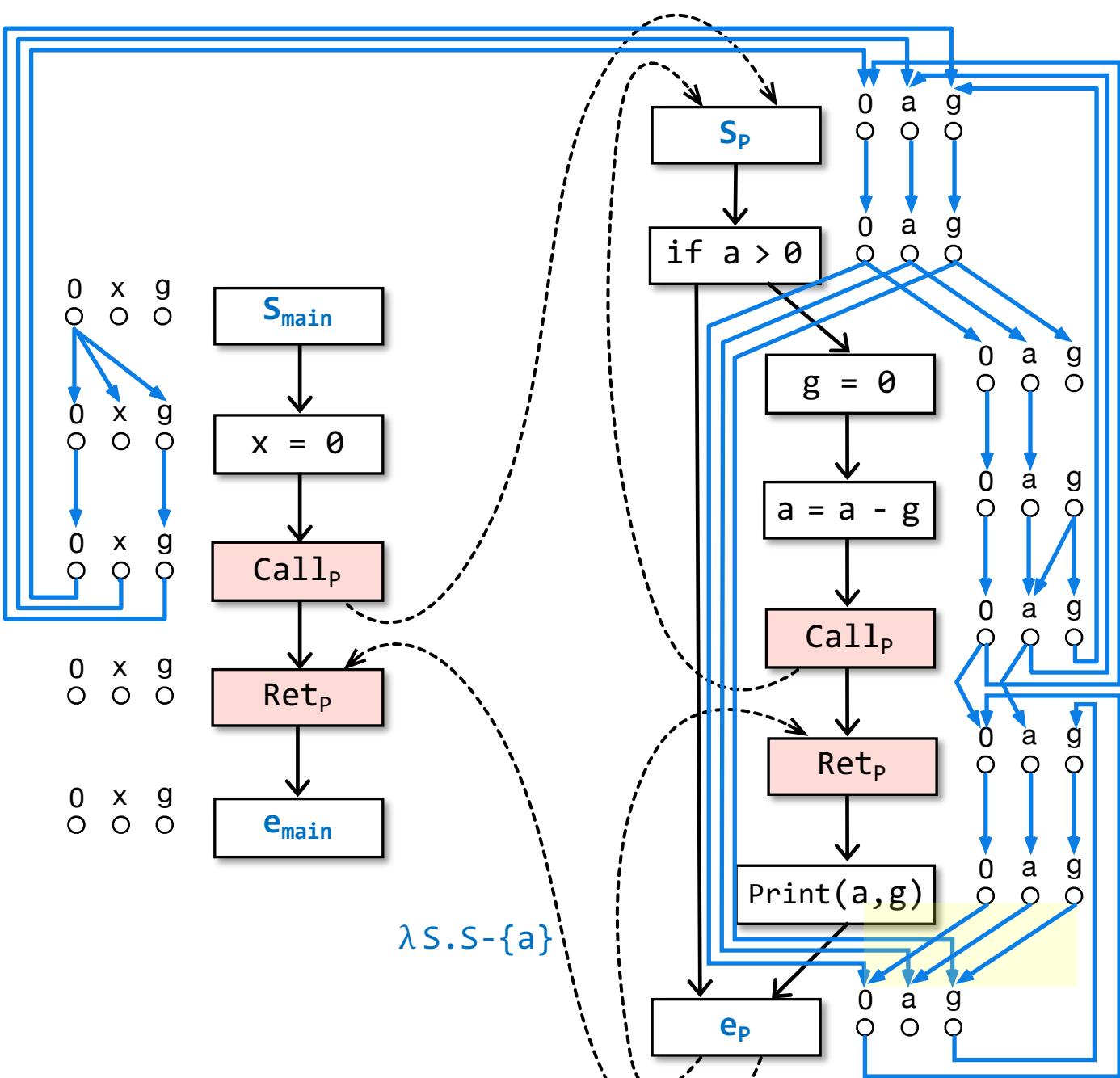


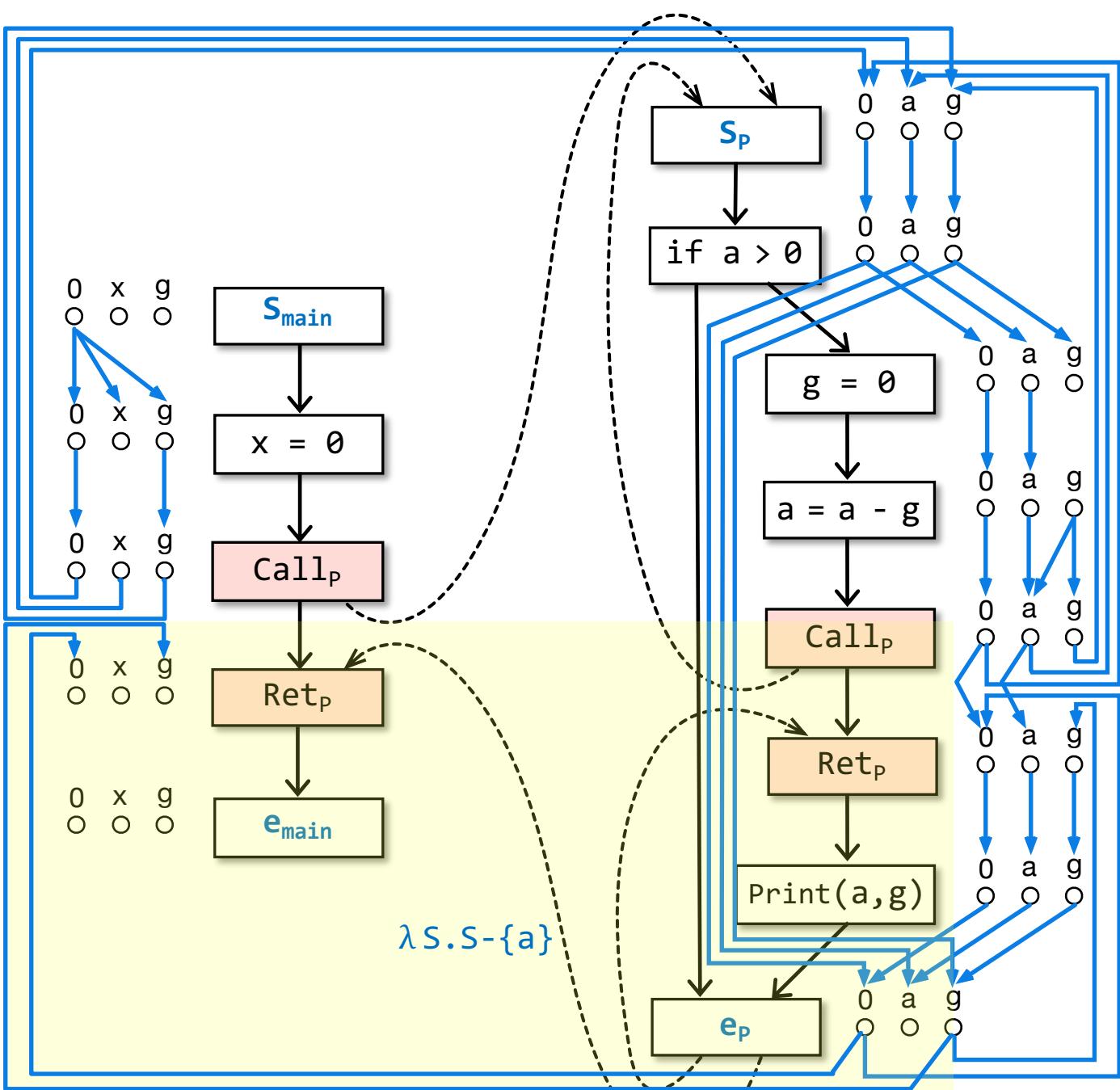


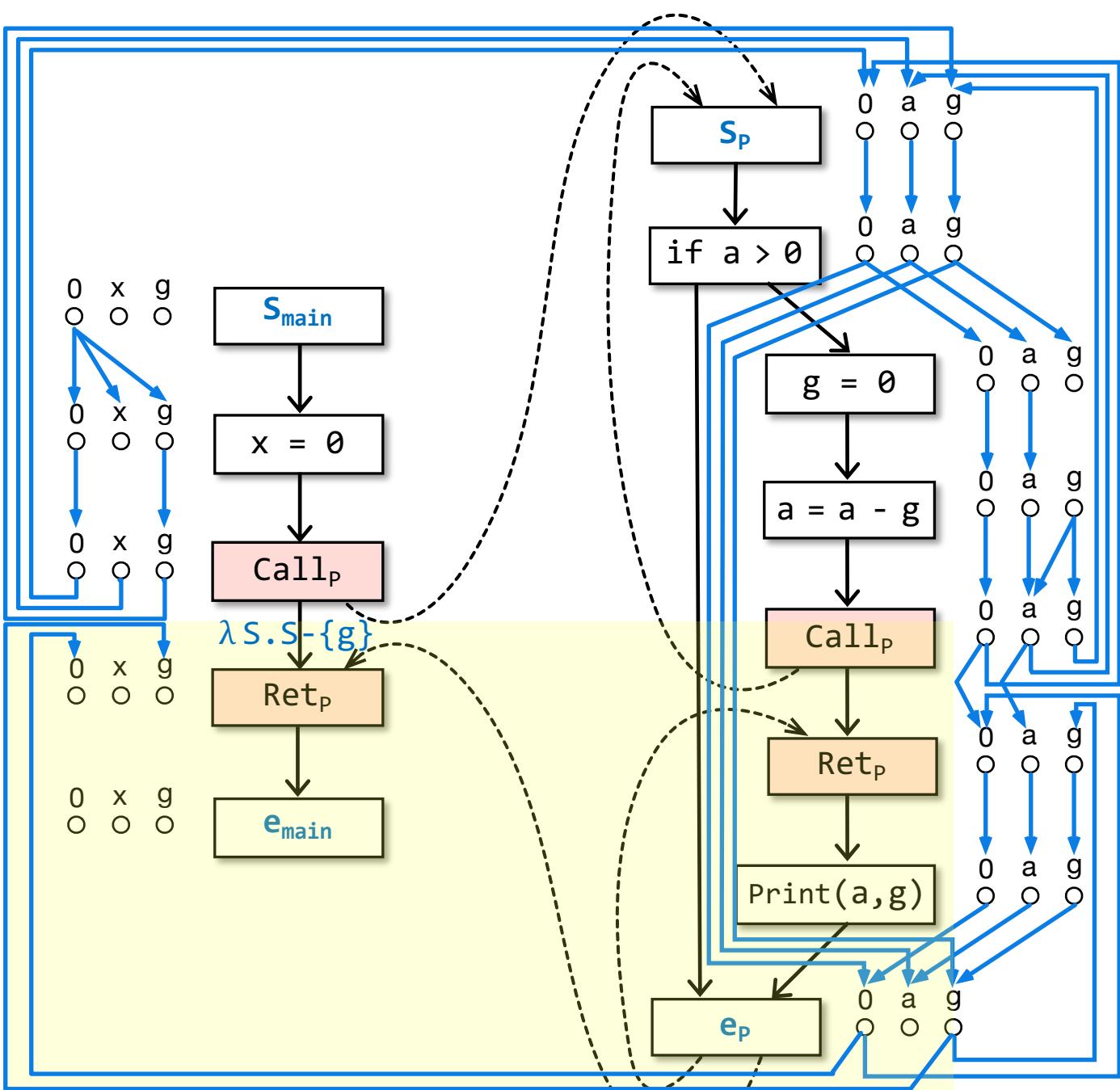


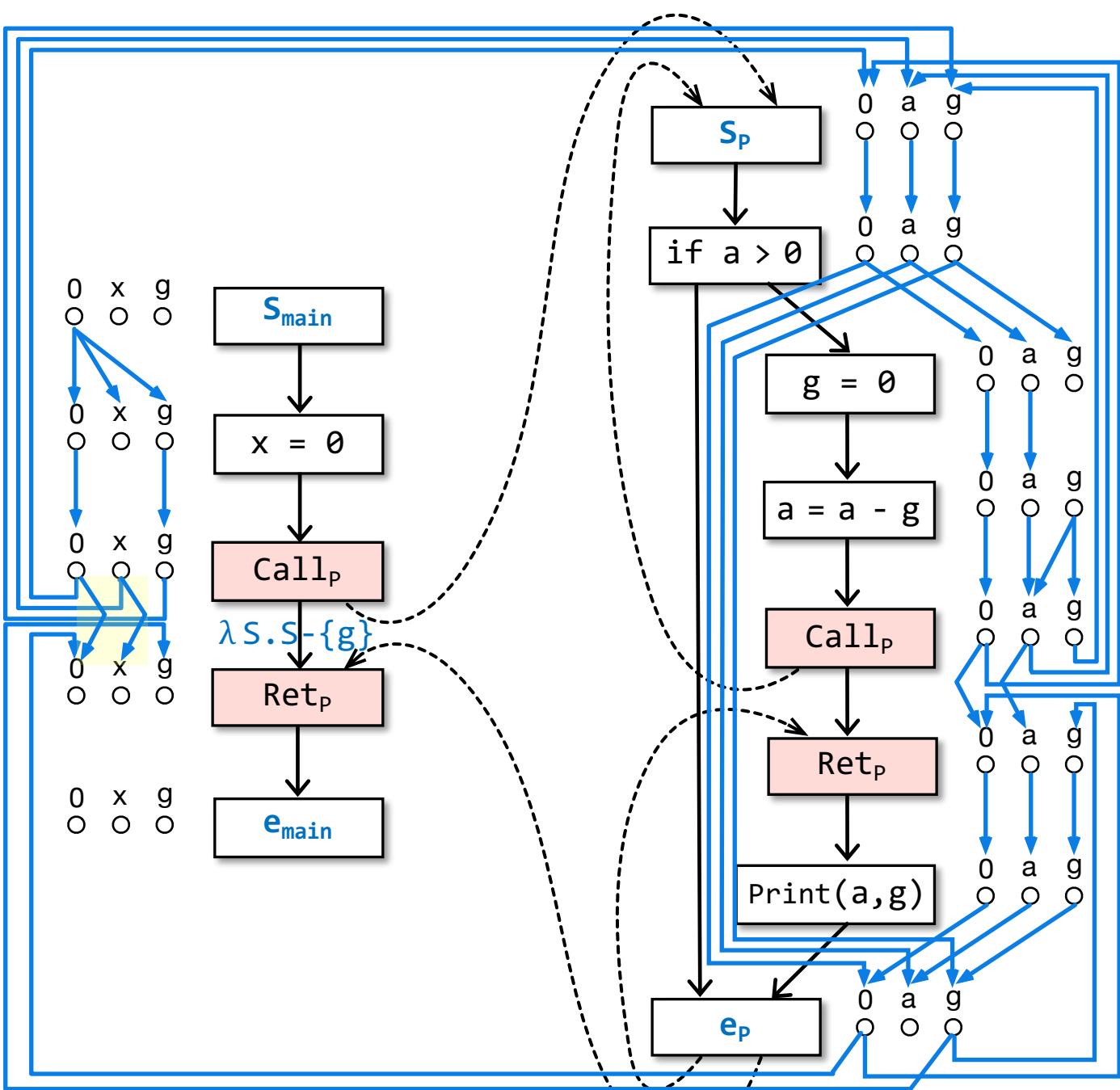


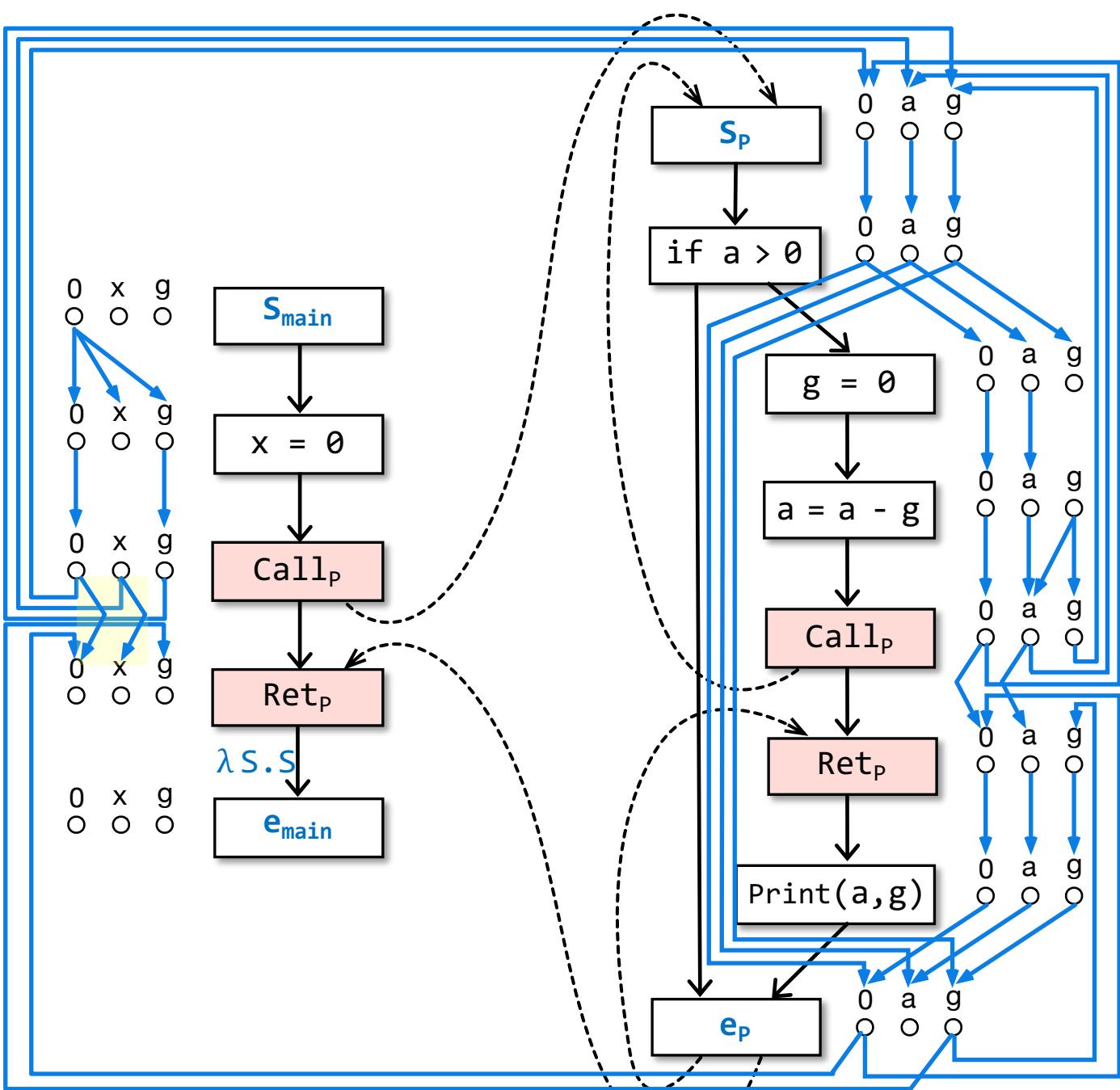


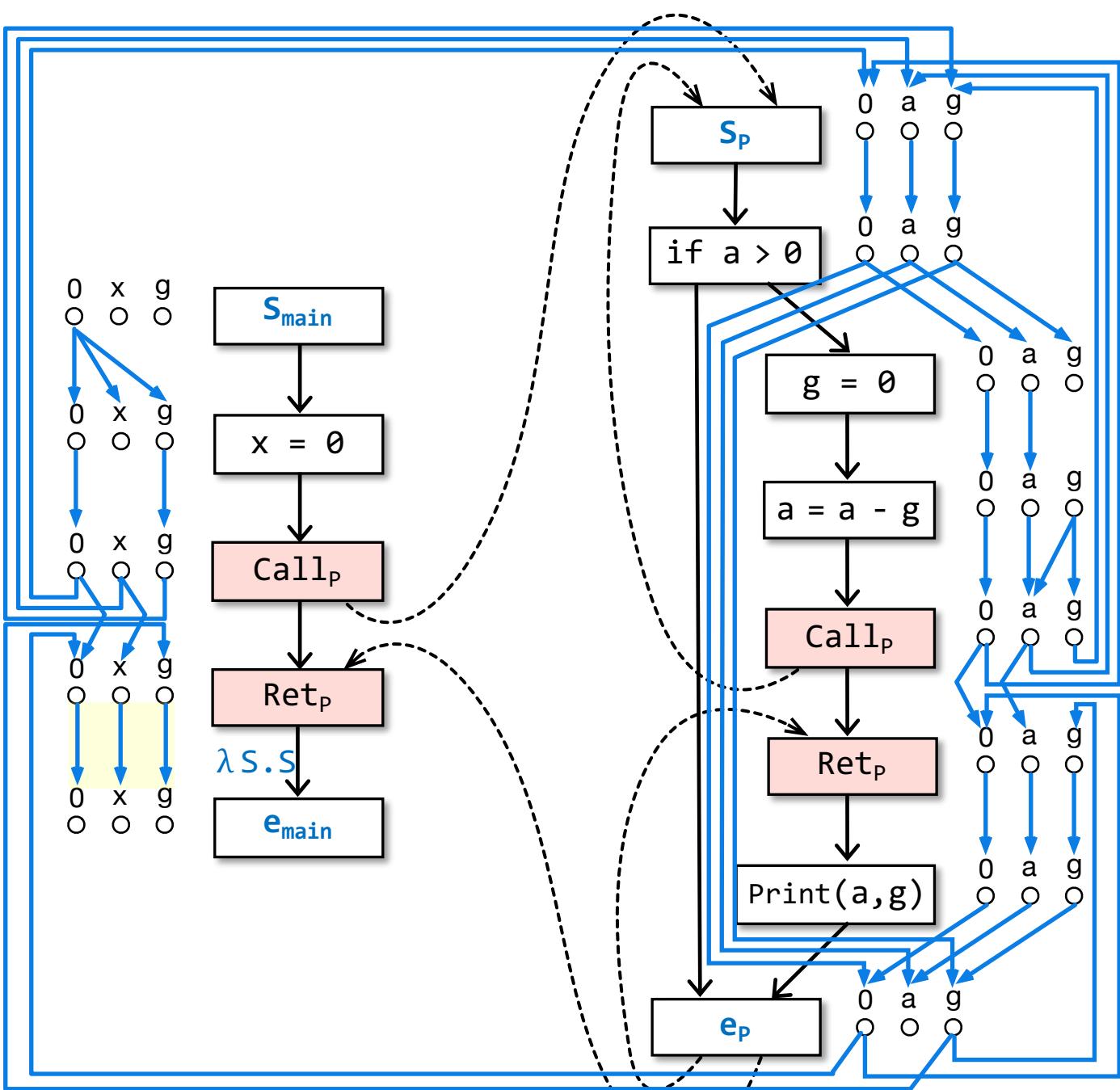


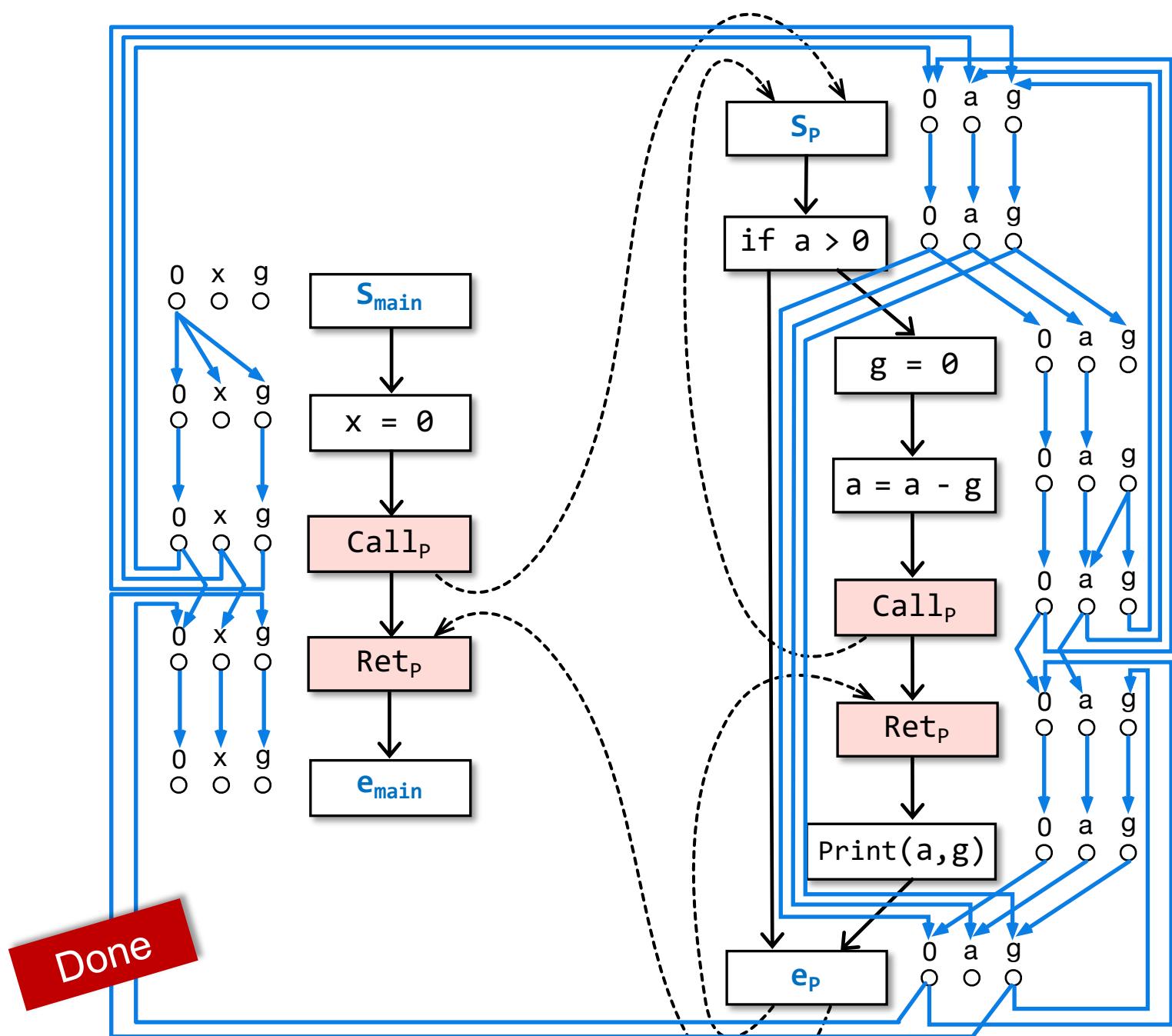


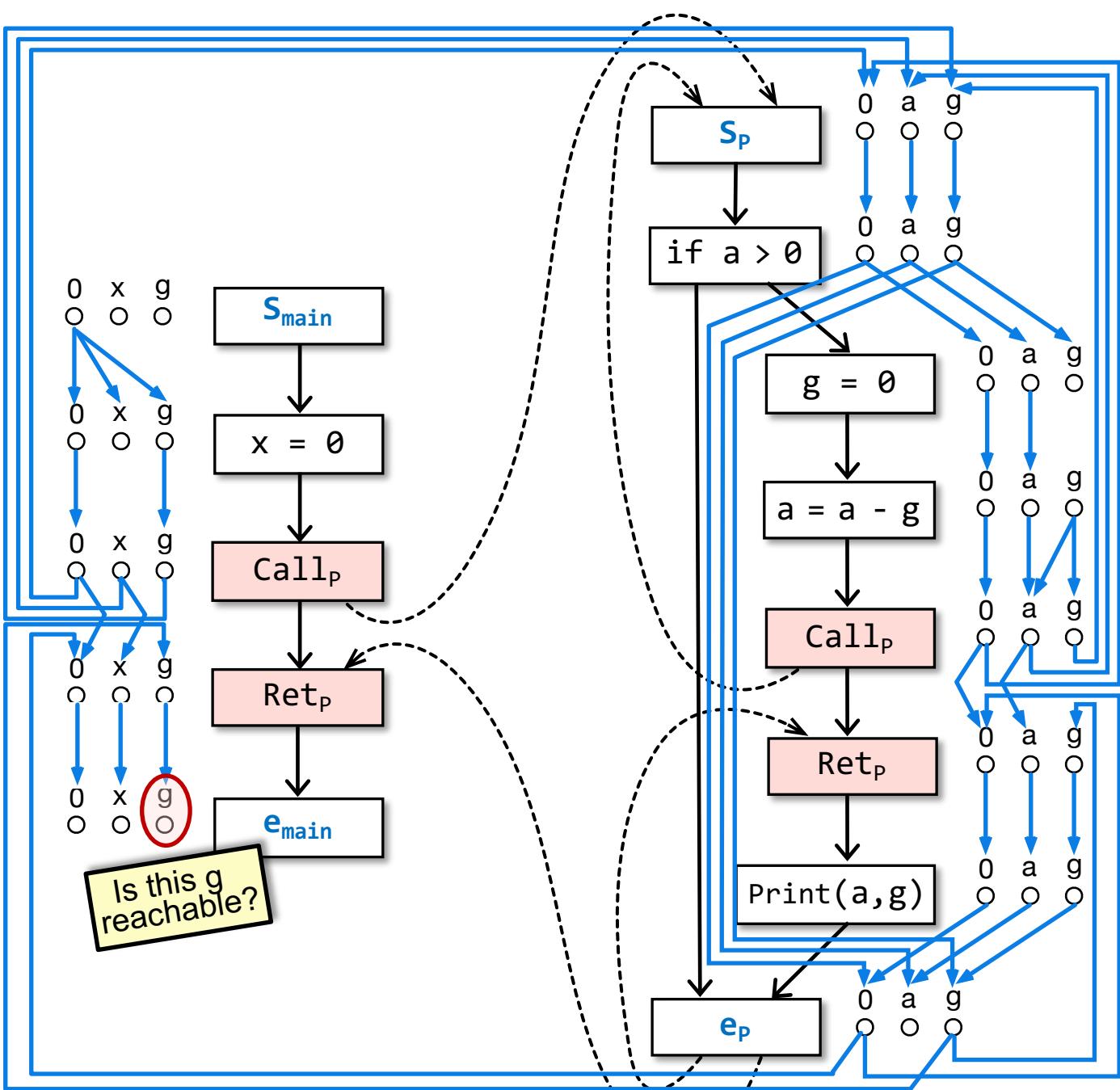


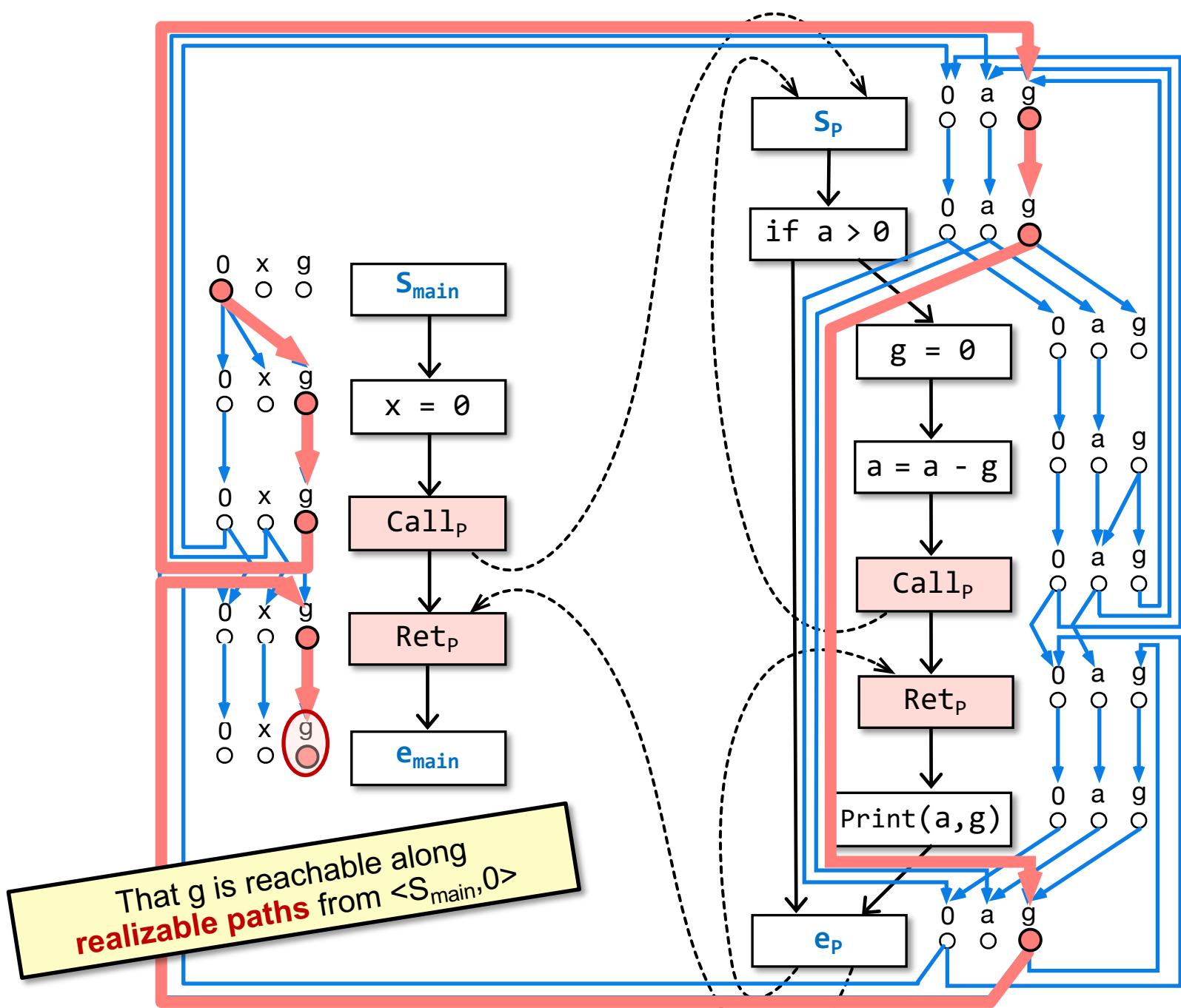


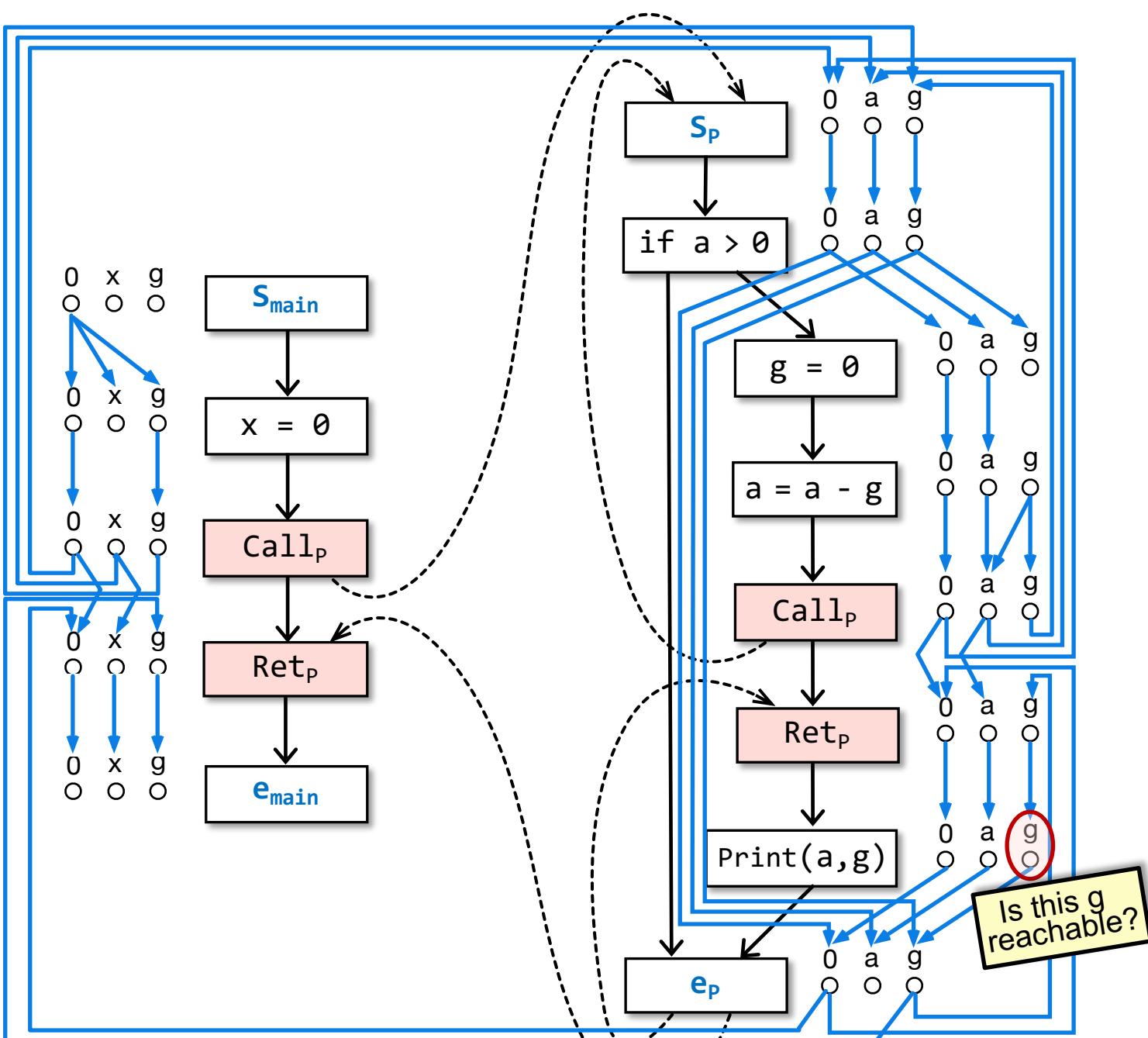


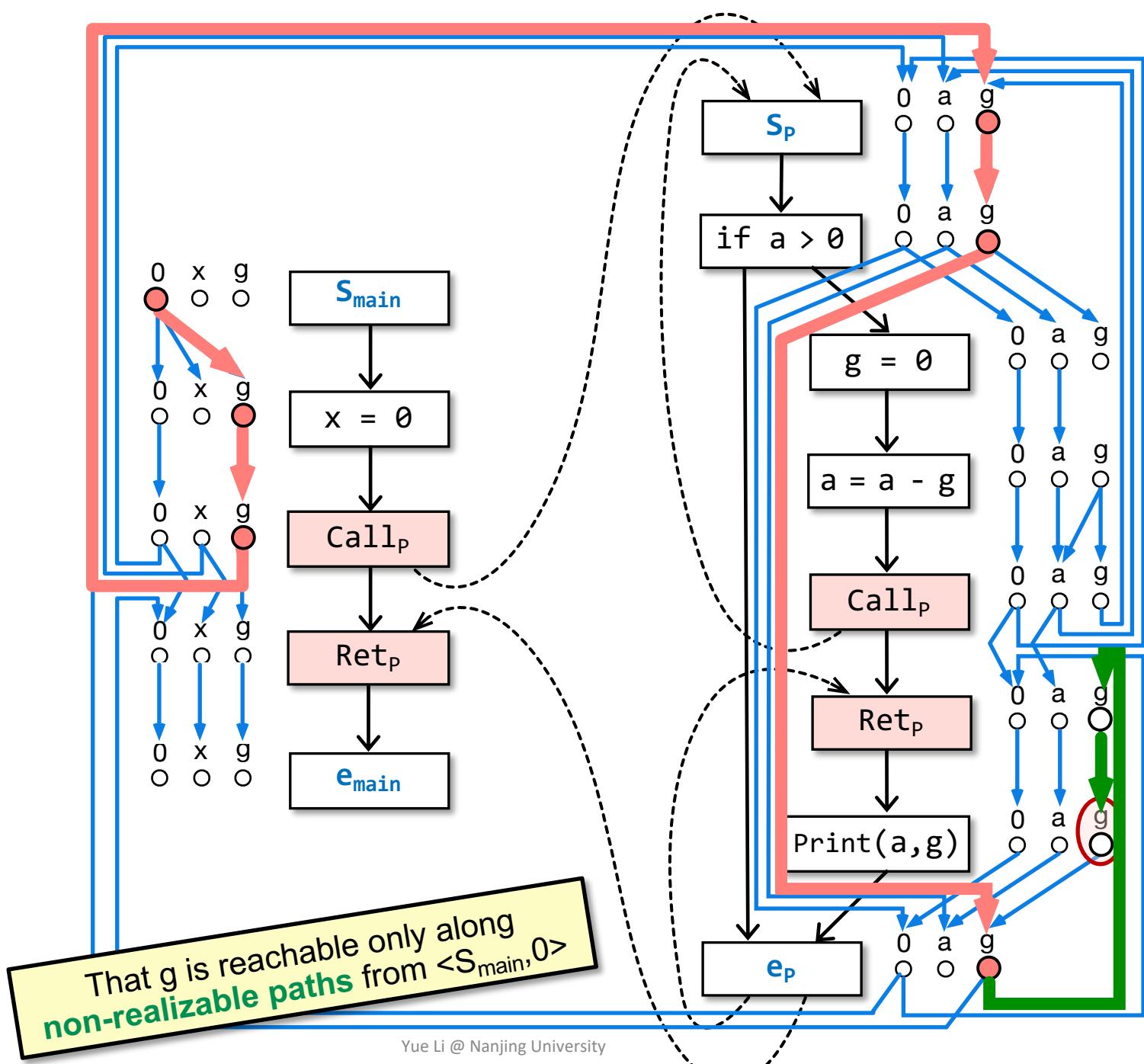




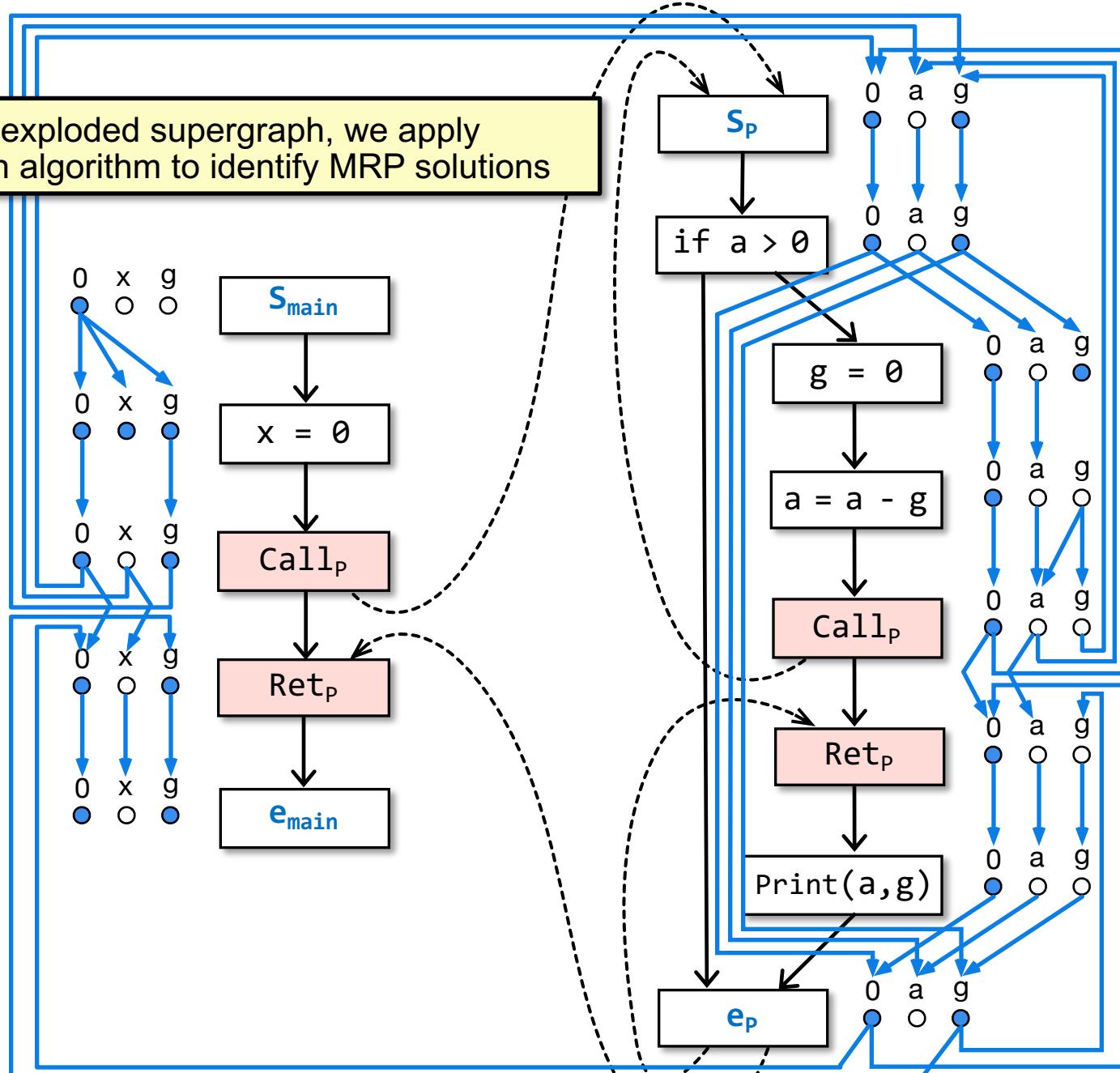




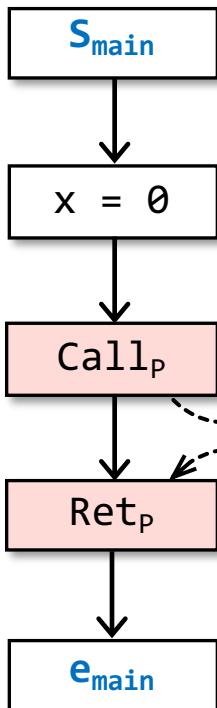
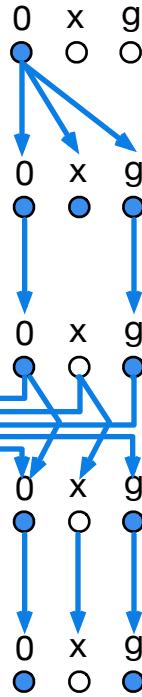




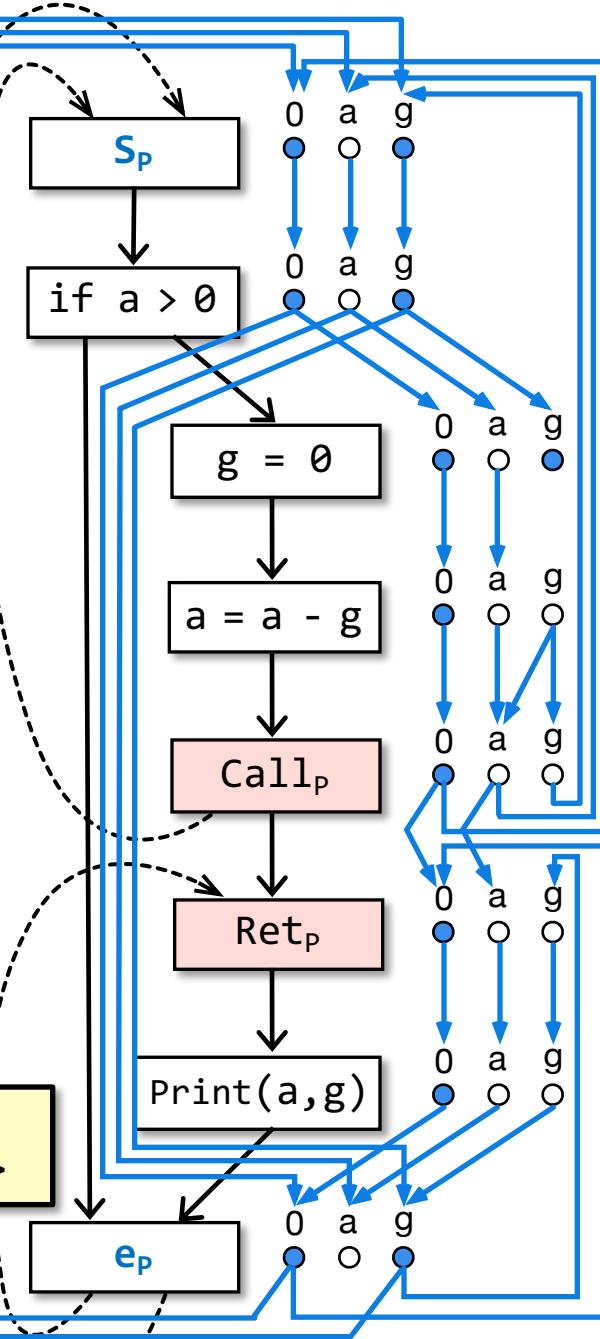
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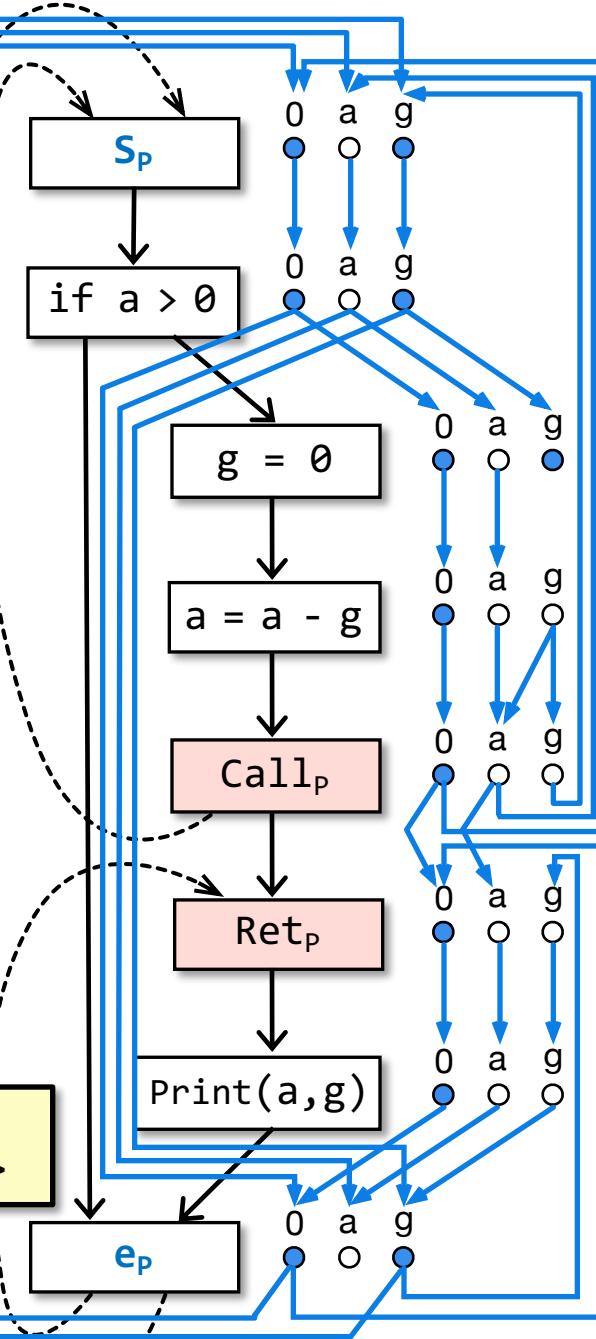
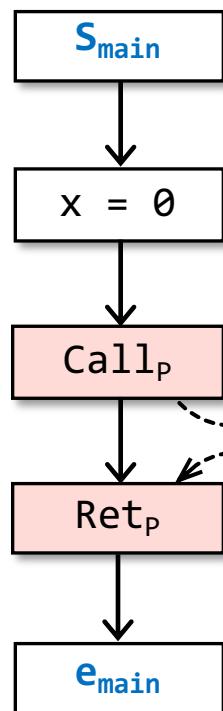
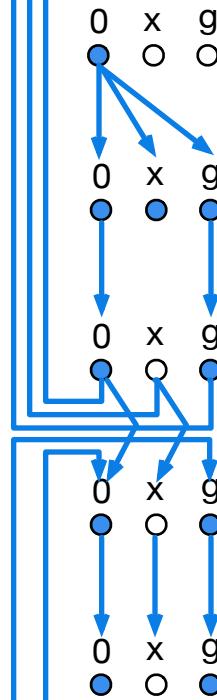


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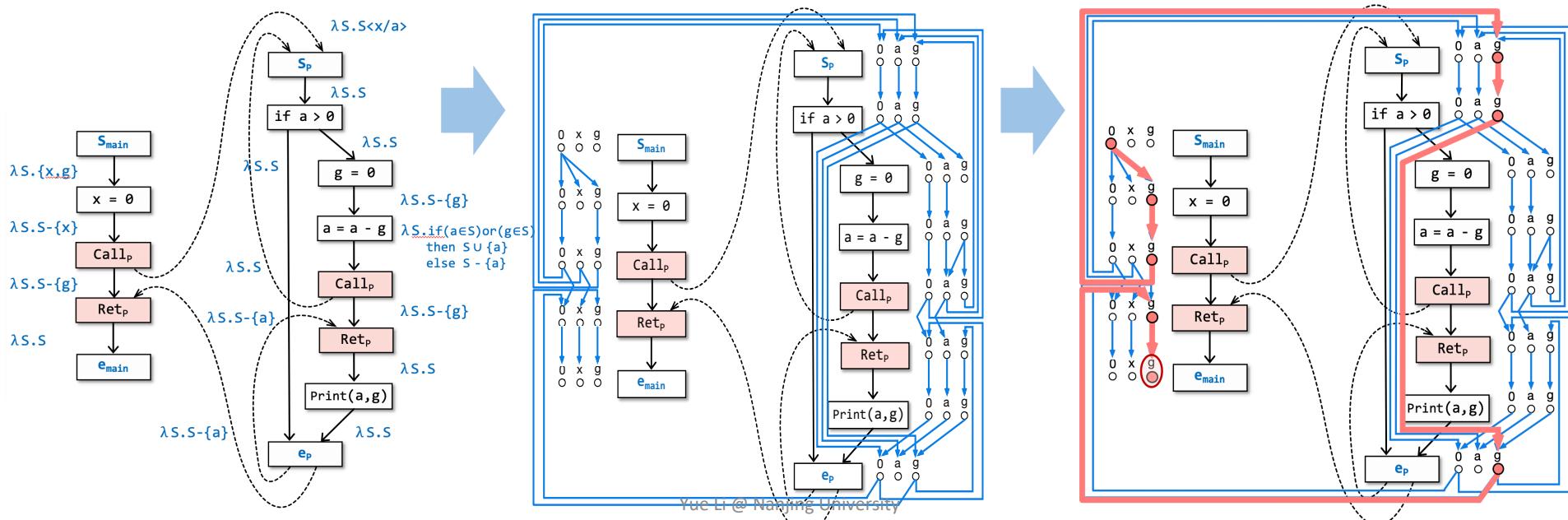


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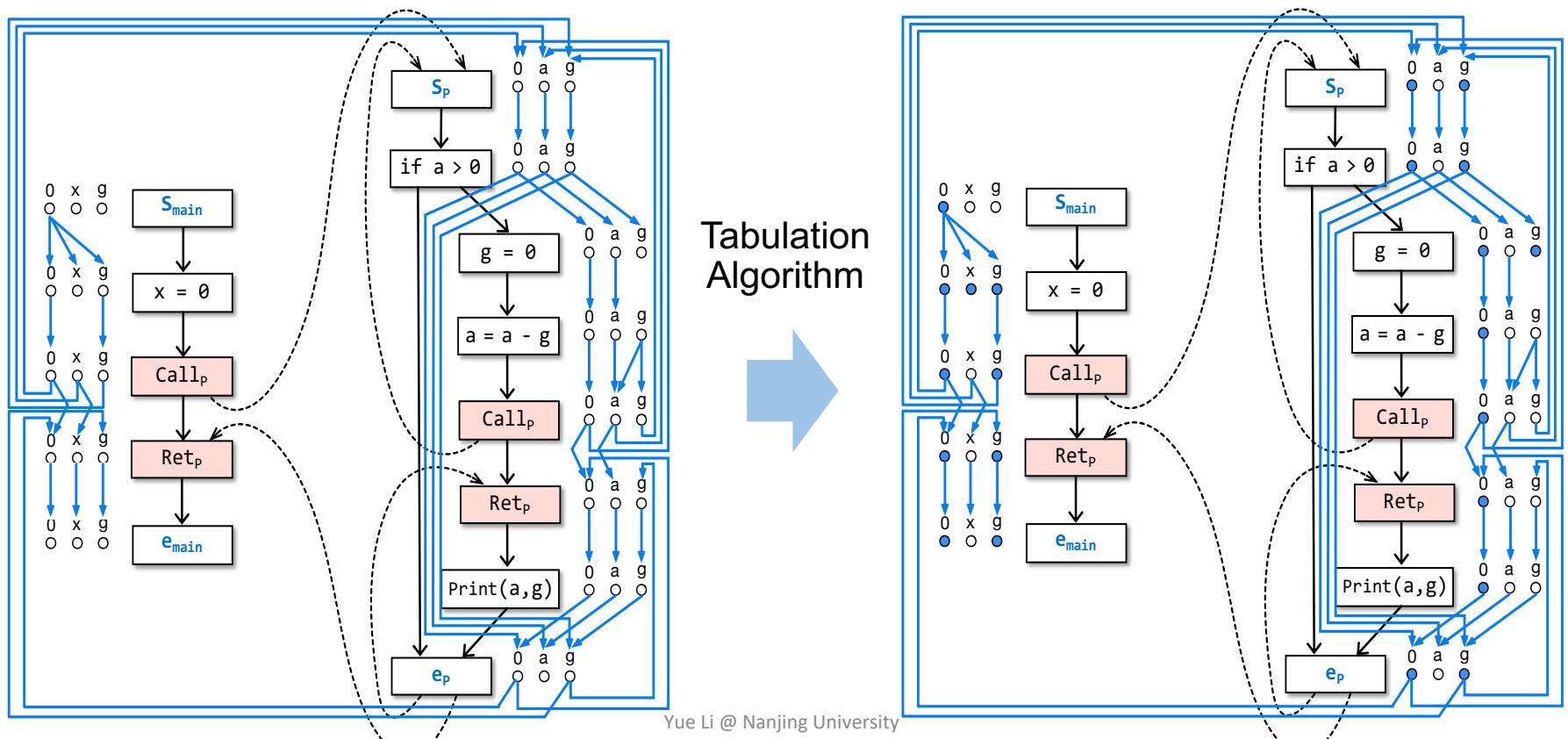
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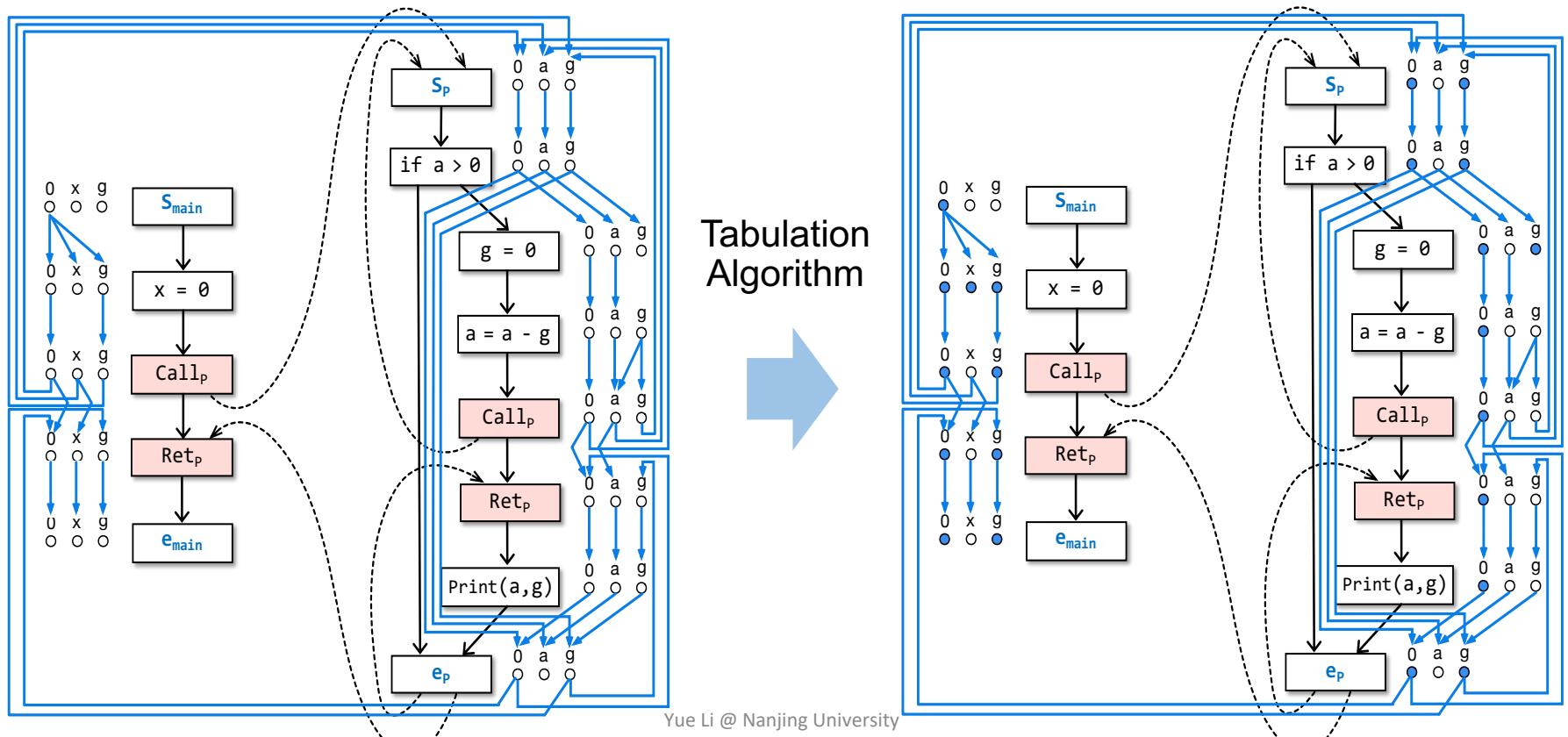
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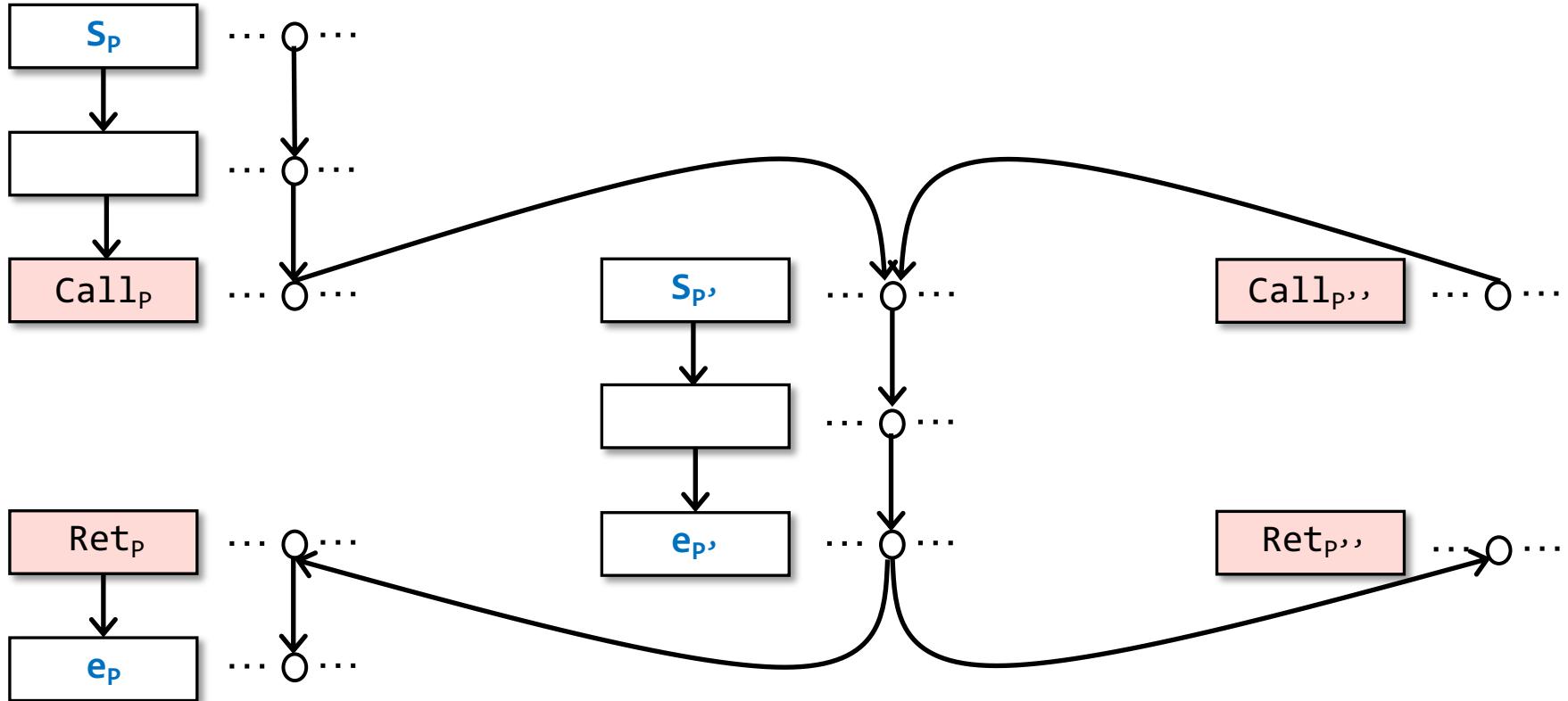
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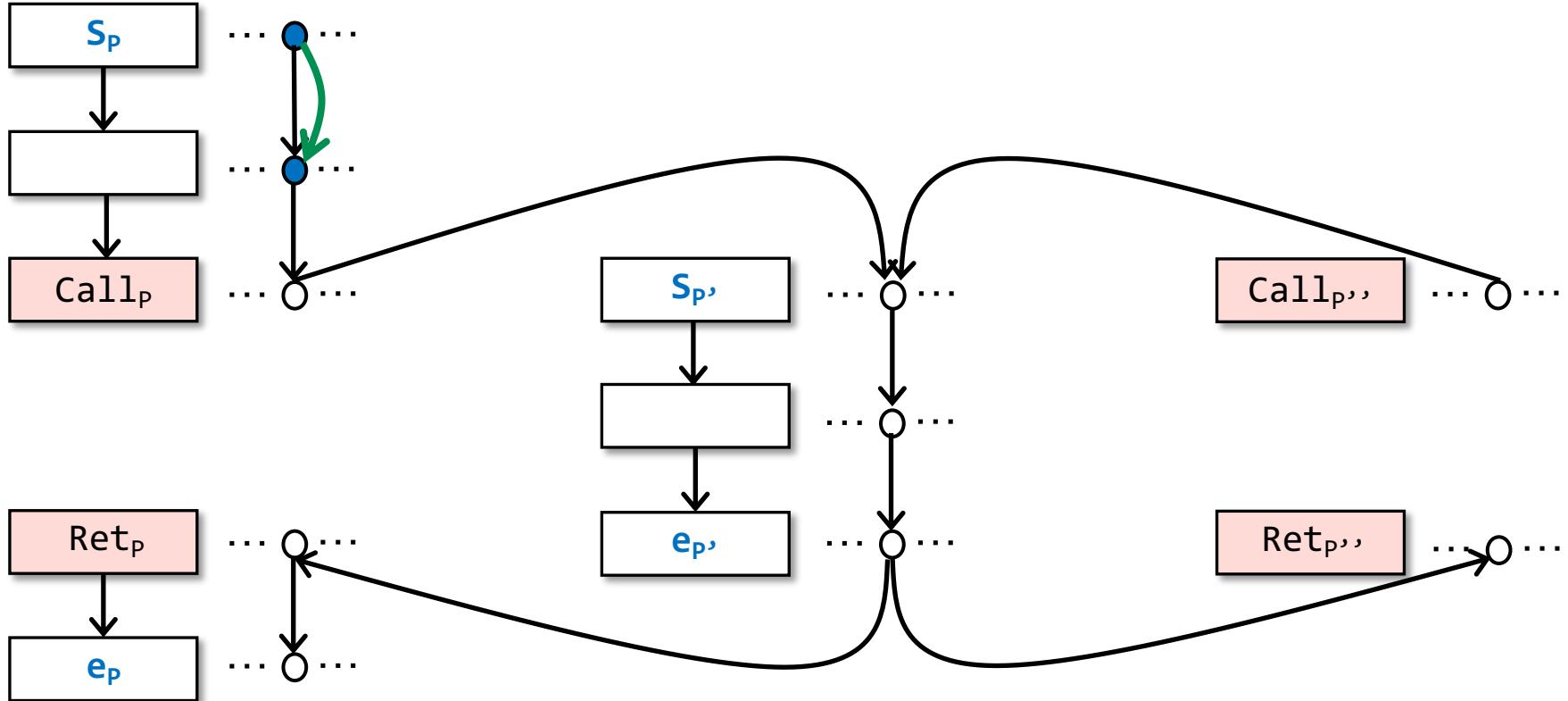
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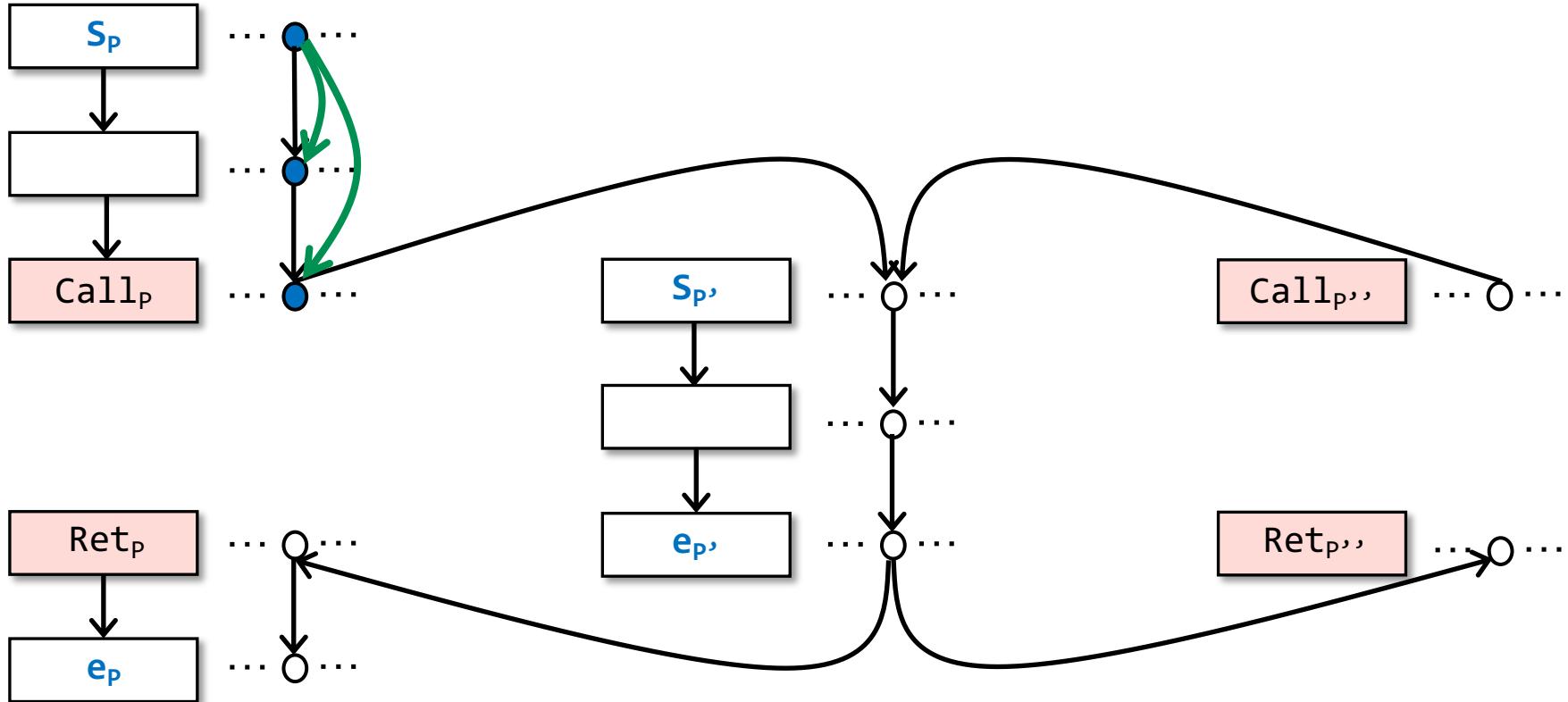
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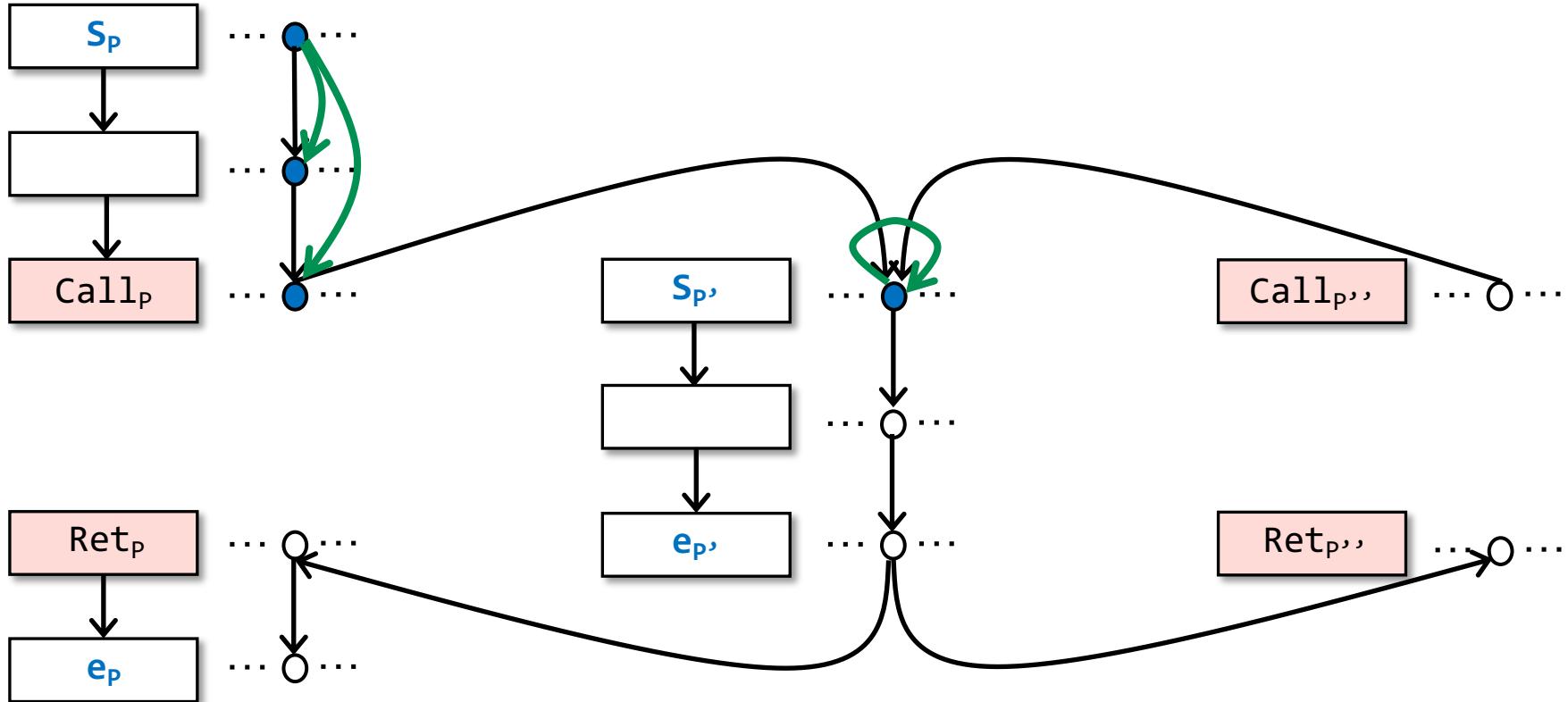
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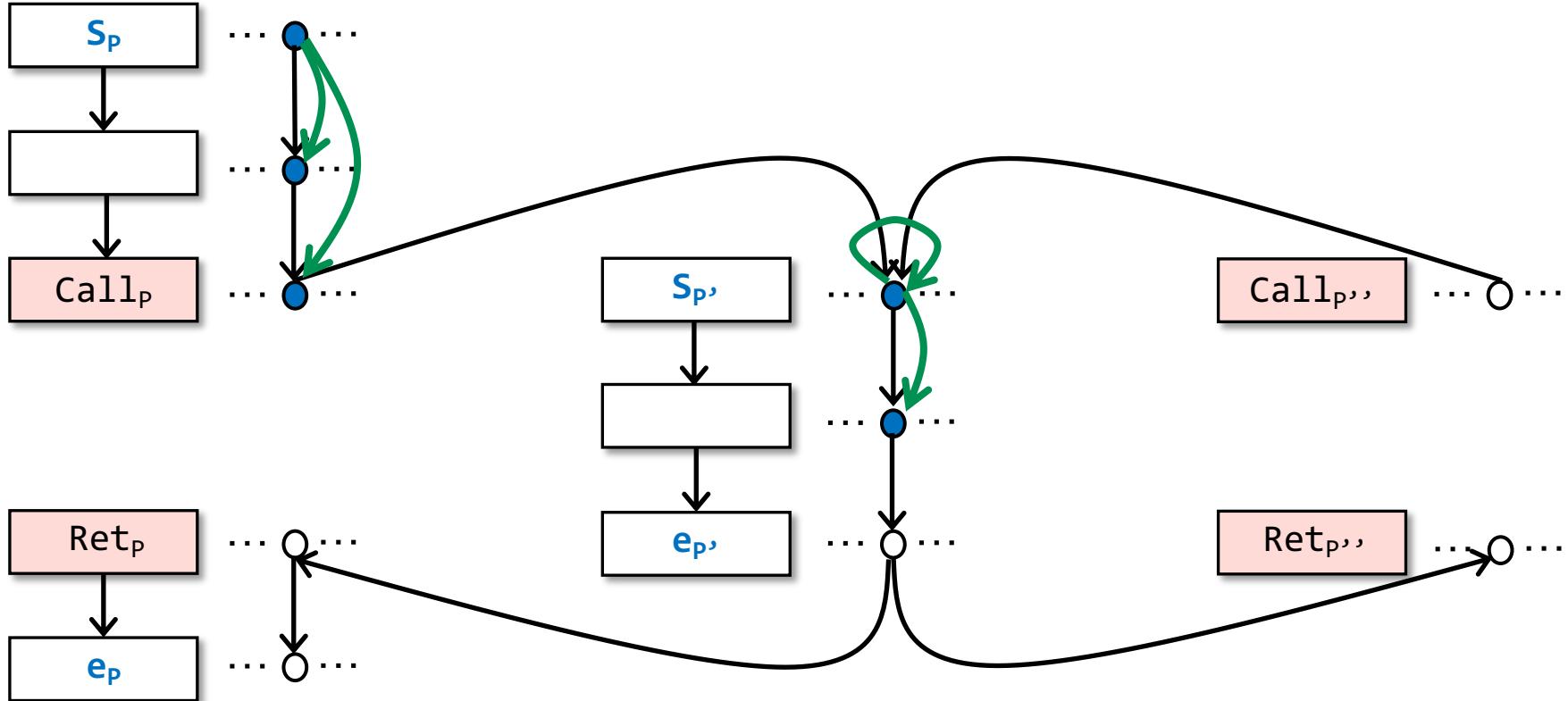
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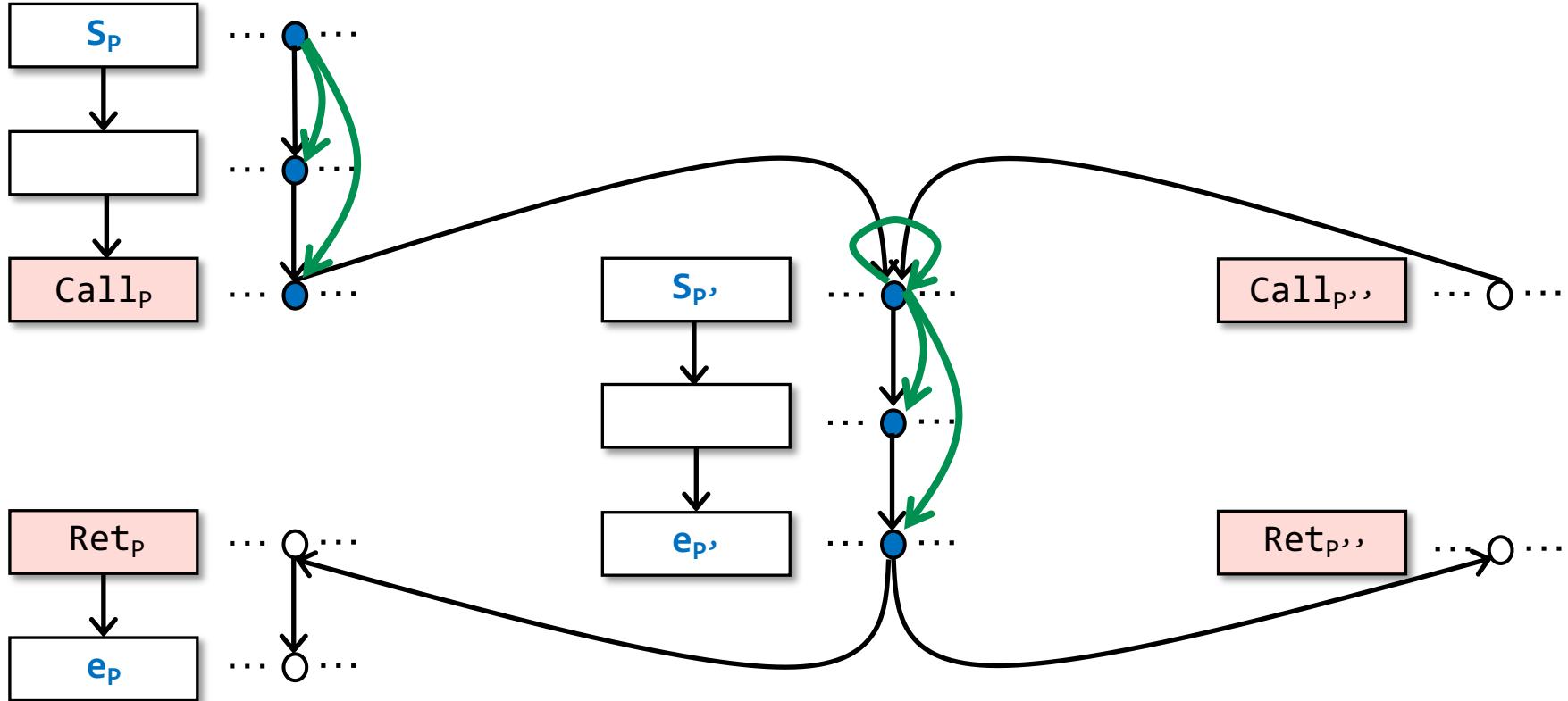
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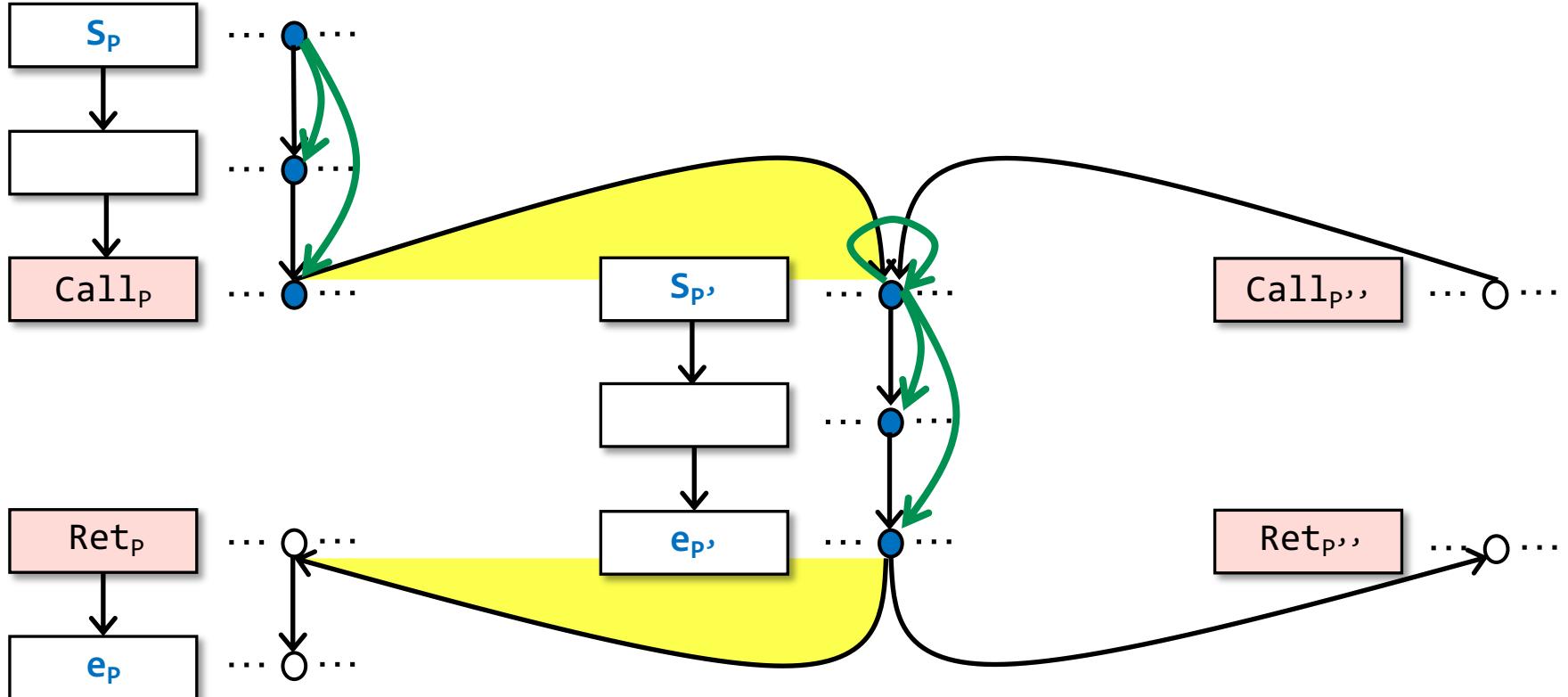
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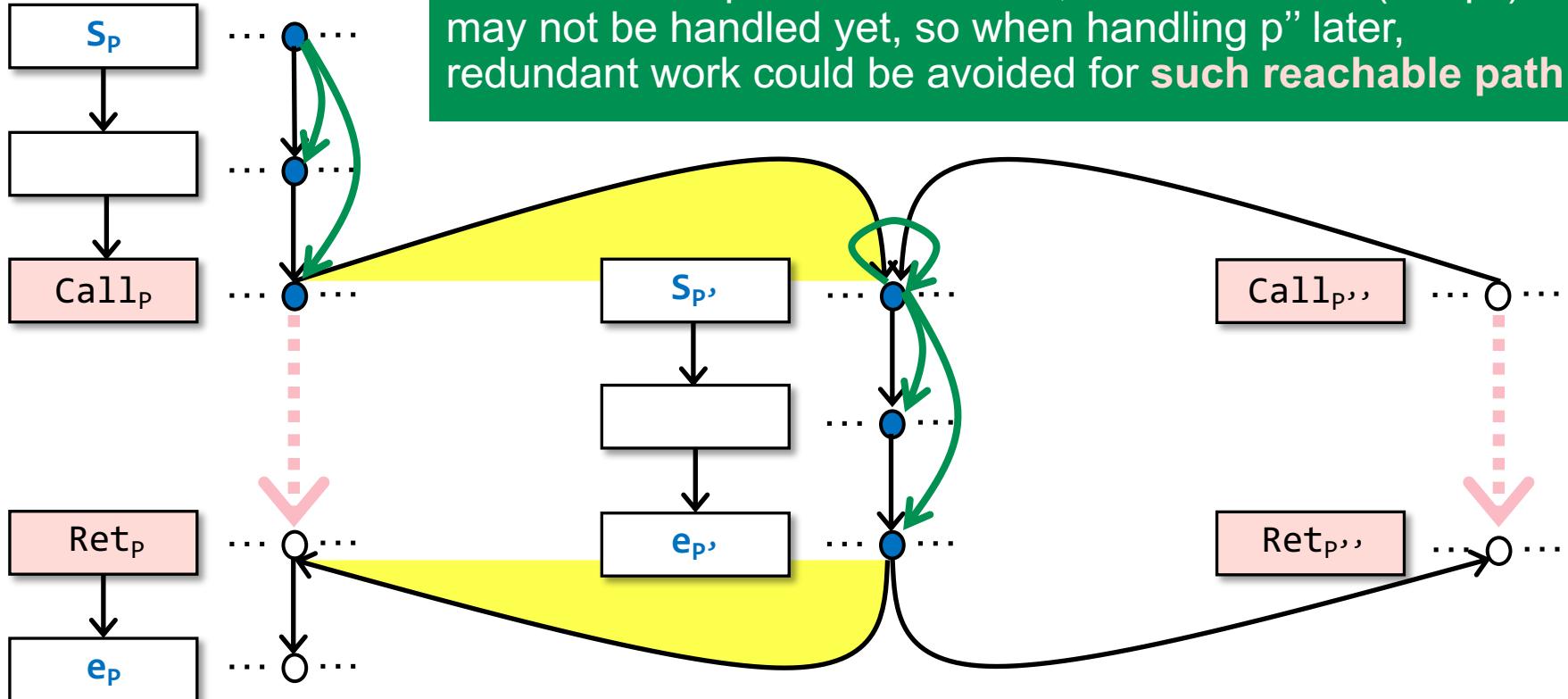


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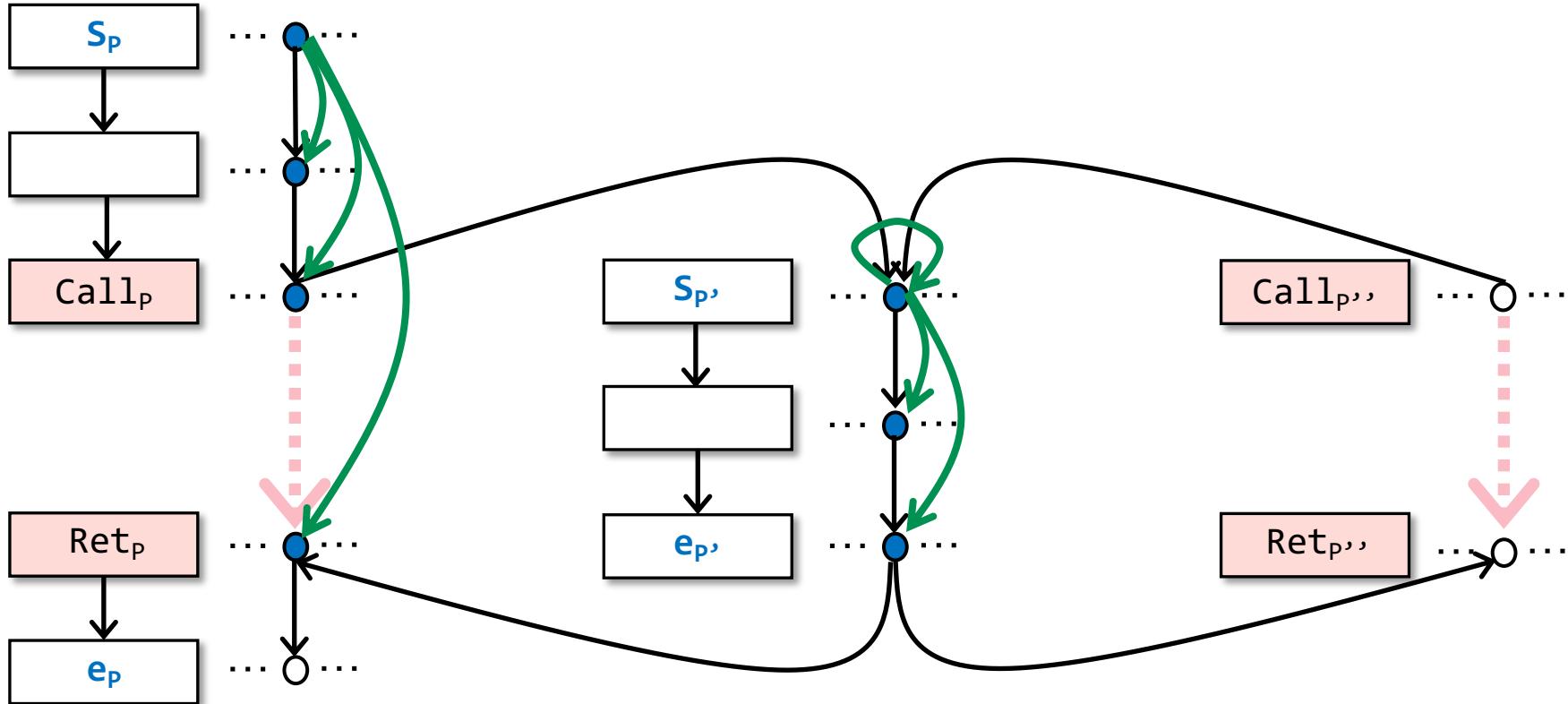
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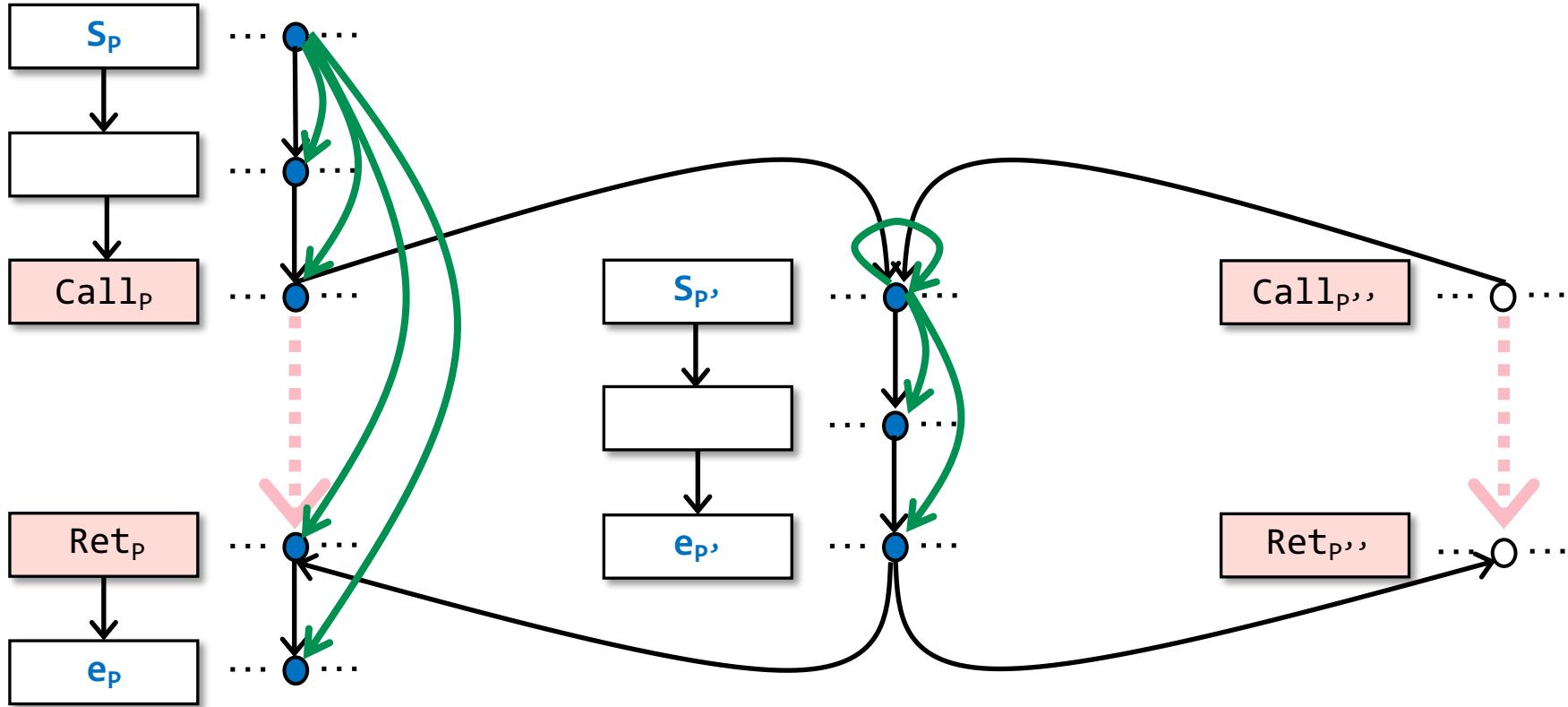


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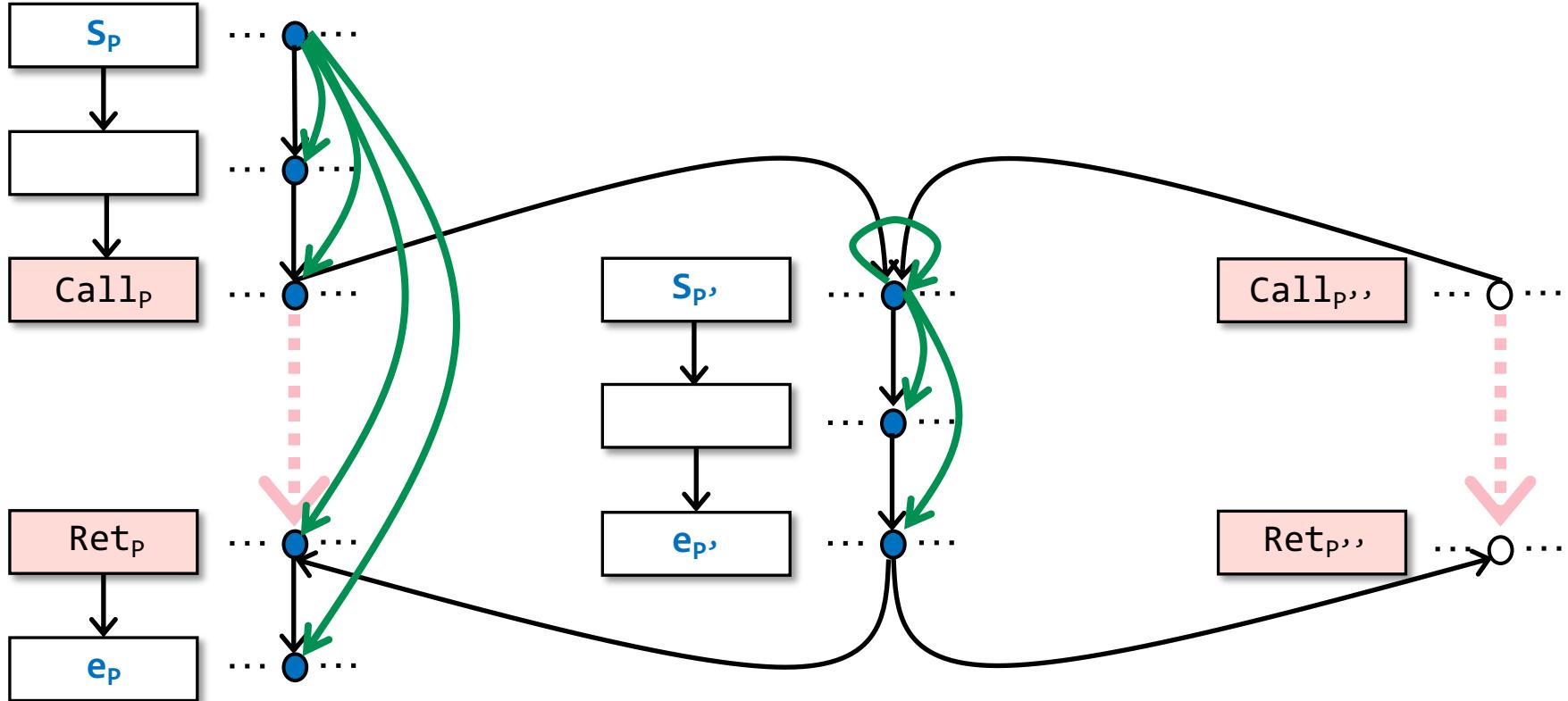
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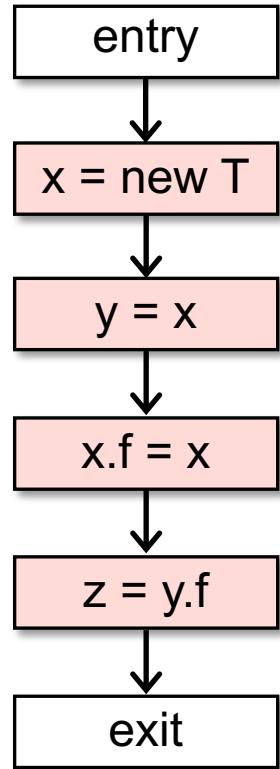
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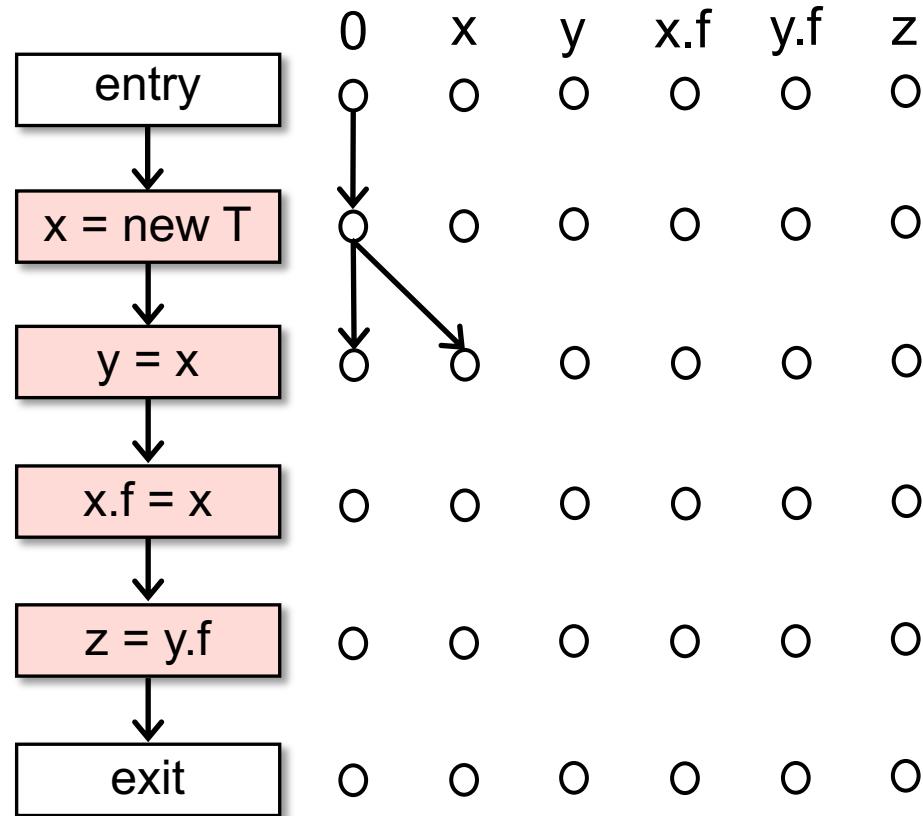
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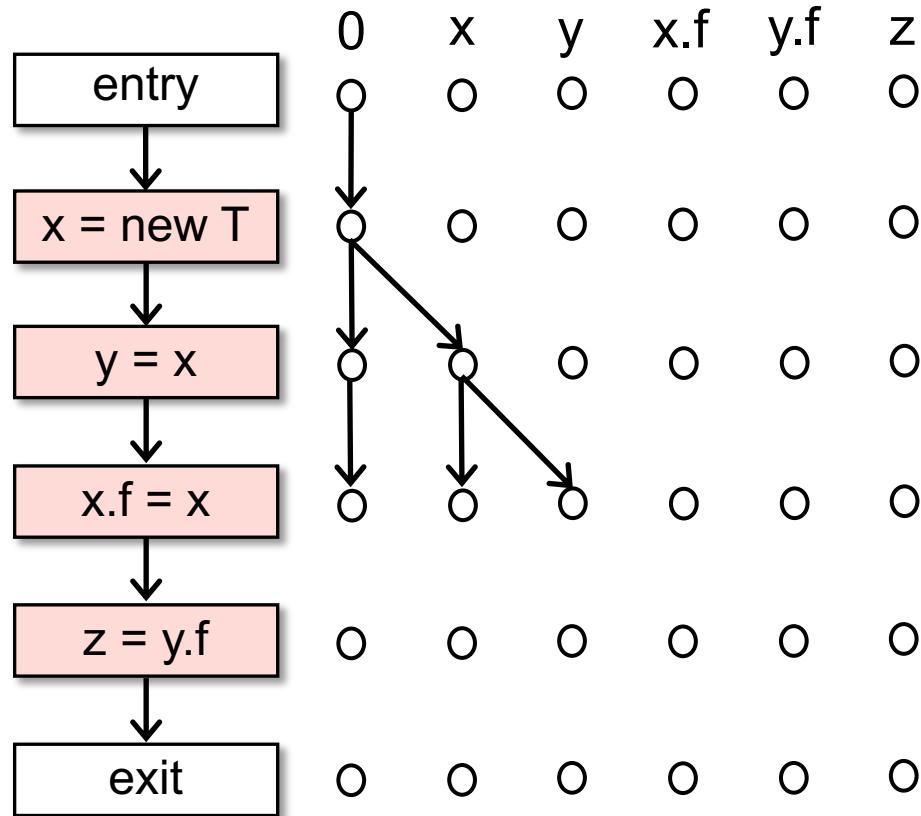
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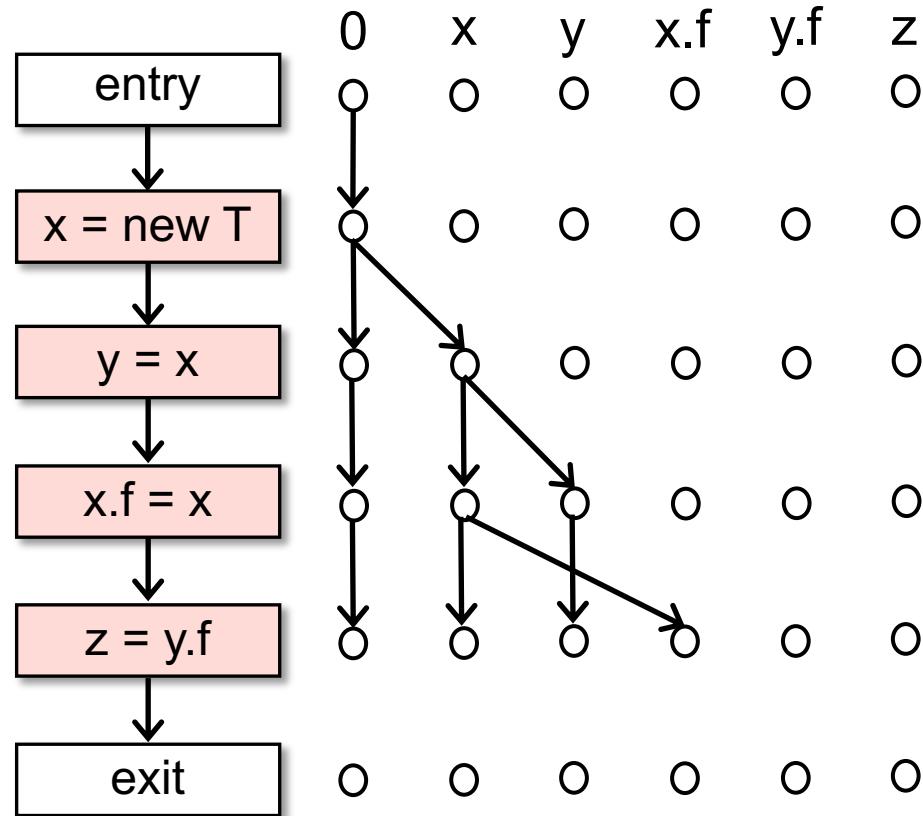
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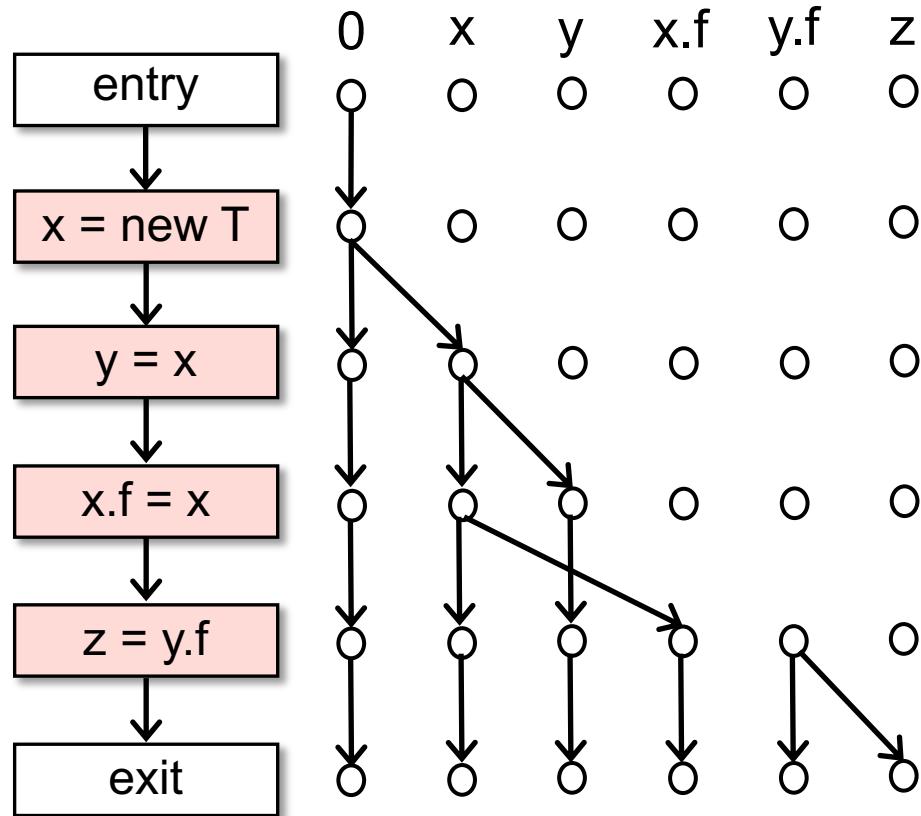
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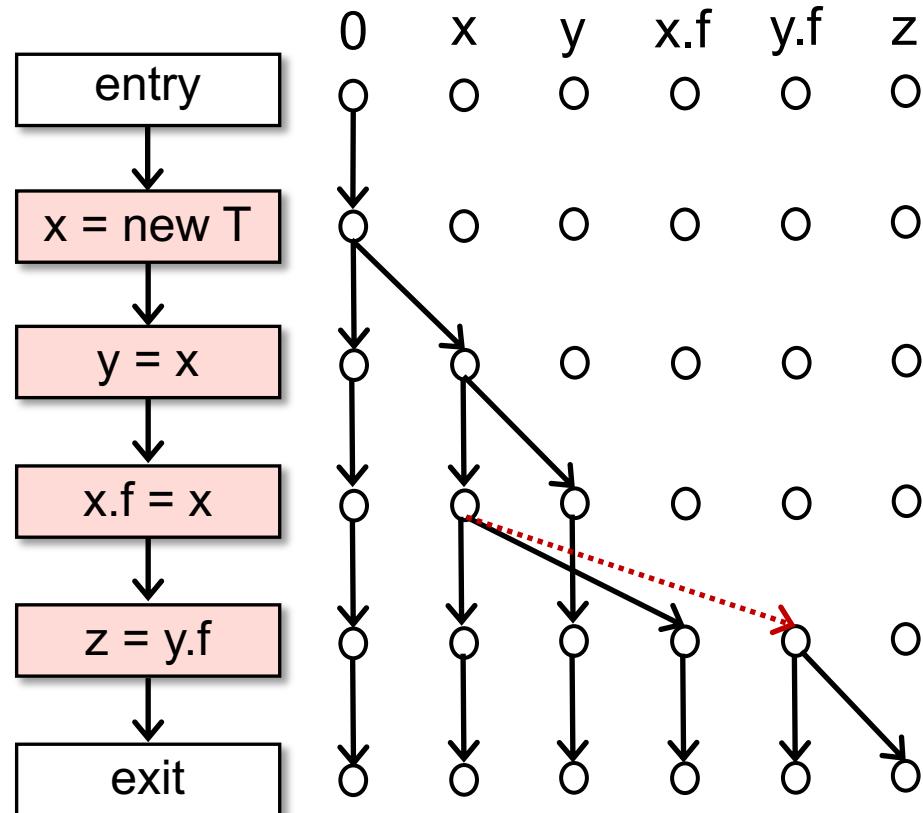
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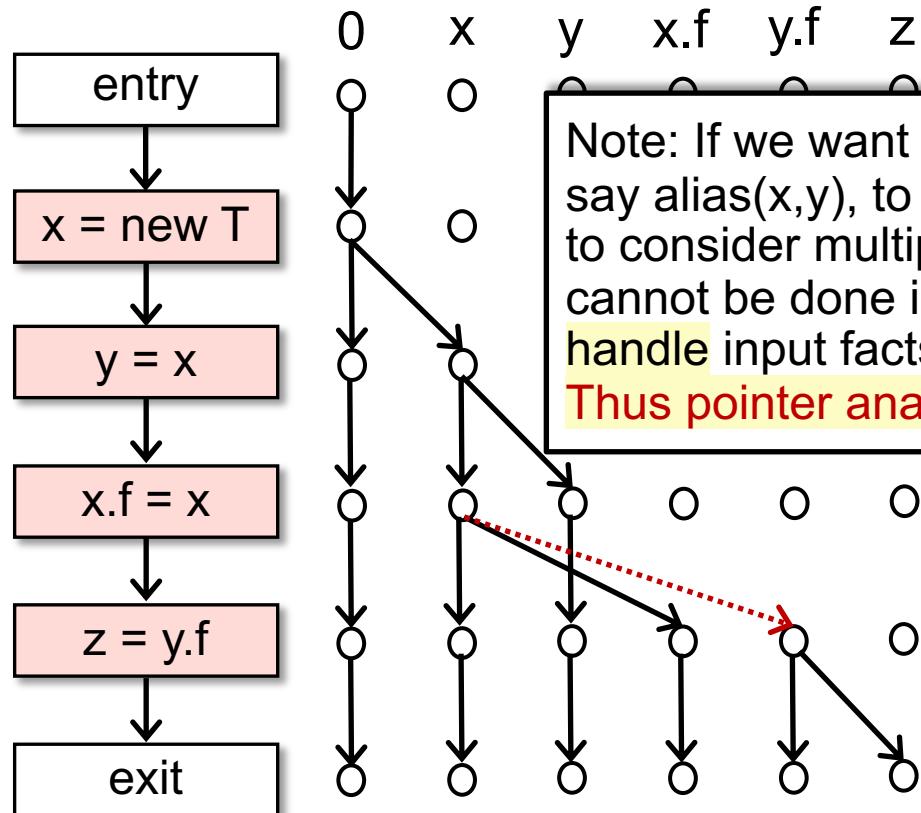


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Note: If we want to obtain alias information in IFDS, say alias(x,y), to produce correct outputs, we need to consider multiple input data facts, x and y , which cannot be done in standard IFDS as flow functions handle input facts independently (one fact per time). Thus pointer analysis is non-distributive.

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