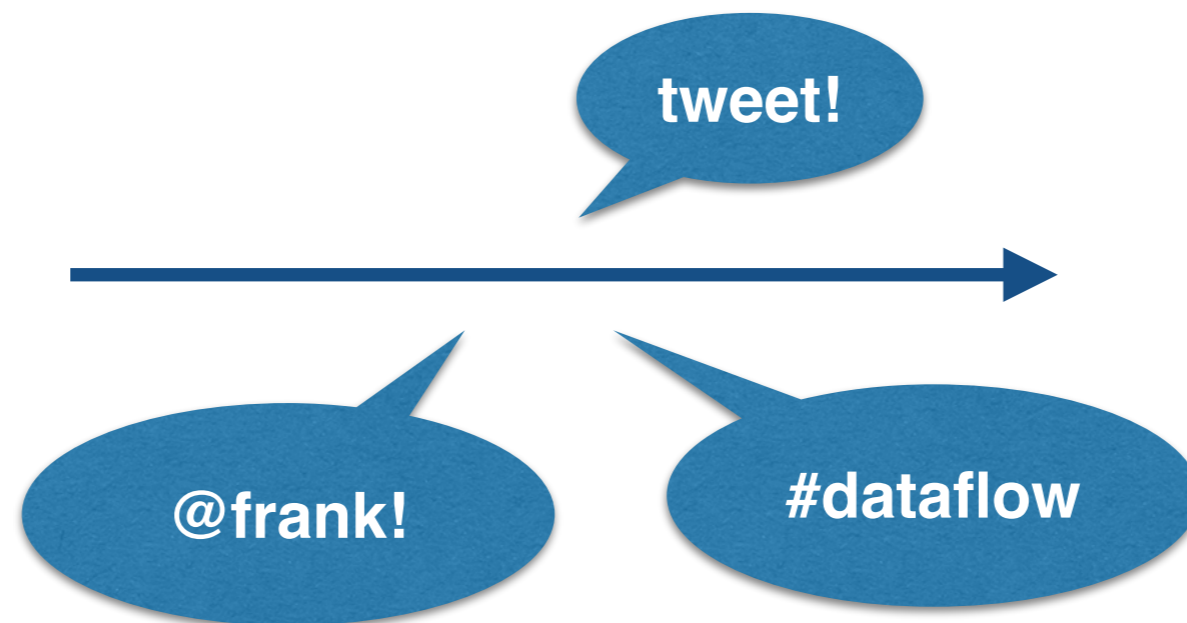




# MATERIALIZE

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A motivating problem



What is the most popular #hashtag?  
by component of @mention graph?  
in real-time (millisecond latencies)?

# Differential dataflow

An expressive programming framework that updates computation when inputs change.

<http://github.com/TimelyDataflow/differential-dataflow>

[based off of Differential Dataflow, CIDR 2013]

Goal: collection-oriented programming language,  
but then allow the collections to change.

People are good at programming with collections.  
(at least, better than with streams)

```
fn your_prog: [D] -> [R] = /* .. */;  
  
// Intended experience:  
for t in times {  
    let output[t] = your_prog(input[t]);  
}
```



d\_output: Stream<(Data, Time, Diff)>

**input streams of changes**

```
let nodes = /* pairs (node, bool) */;  
let edges = /* pairs (node, node) */;
```

**“program” : dataflow assembly**

```
nodes.join(&edges) // one hop neighbors  
      .concat(&nodes) // plus original nodes  
      .distinct() // extended neighborhood
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**dataflow execution**

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for t in times {  
  nodes.insert(..);  
  edges.insert(..);  
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nodes.iterate(|reach| {  
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        .concat(&nodes) // plus original nodes  
        .distinct() // extended neighborhood  
});  
  
for t in times {  
    nodes.insert(..); nodes.remove(..);  
    edges.insert(..); edges.remove(..);  
}
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          .distinct()        // extended neighborhood
    });
}

```

Stream<((node, bool), (Time, u64), int)>

Secret sauce: Incremental computation done with respect to a partial order, rather than a total order.

$\text{collection}(t) = \sum_{s \leq t} \text{differences}(s)$

Reach	cores	livejournal	orkut	● ●
GraphX	128	36s	48s	
Socialite	128	52s	67s	● ●
Myria	128	5s	6s	
BigDatalog	128	17s	20s	● ●

[BigDatalog, SIGMOD 2016]

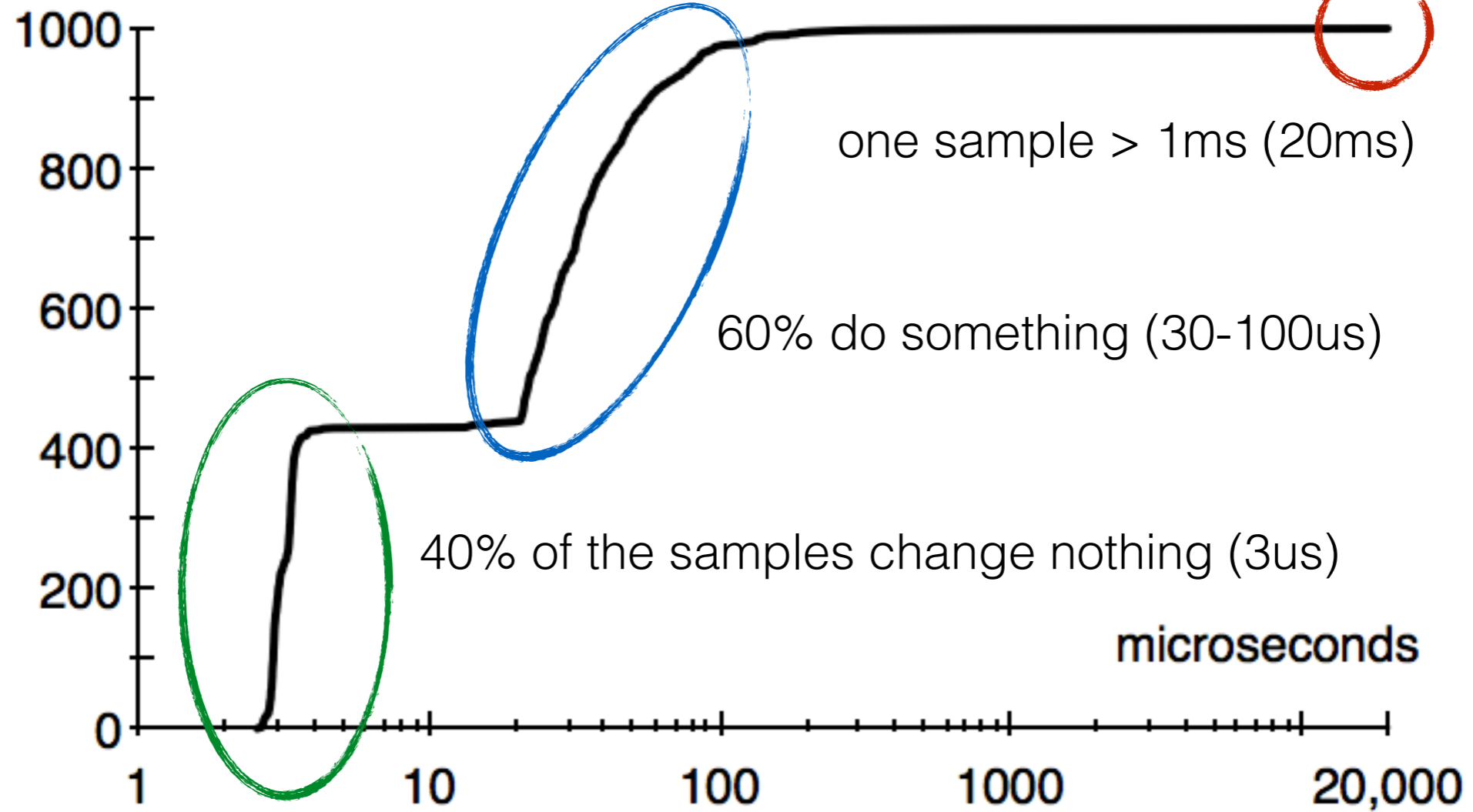
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Reach

cores

livejournal

orkut



update

50us

02us

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    .concat(&nodes) // plus original nodes  
    .min() // smallest labels  
});  
  
for t in times {  
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}
```

**Stream<(Data, Time, Diff)>**

nodes

edges

join

concat

distinct

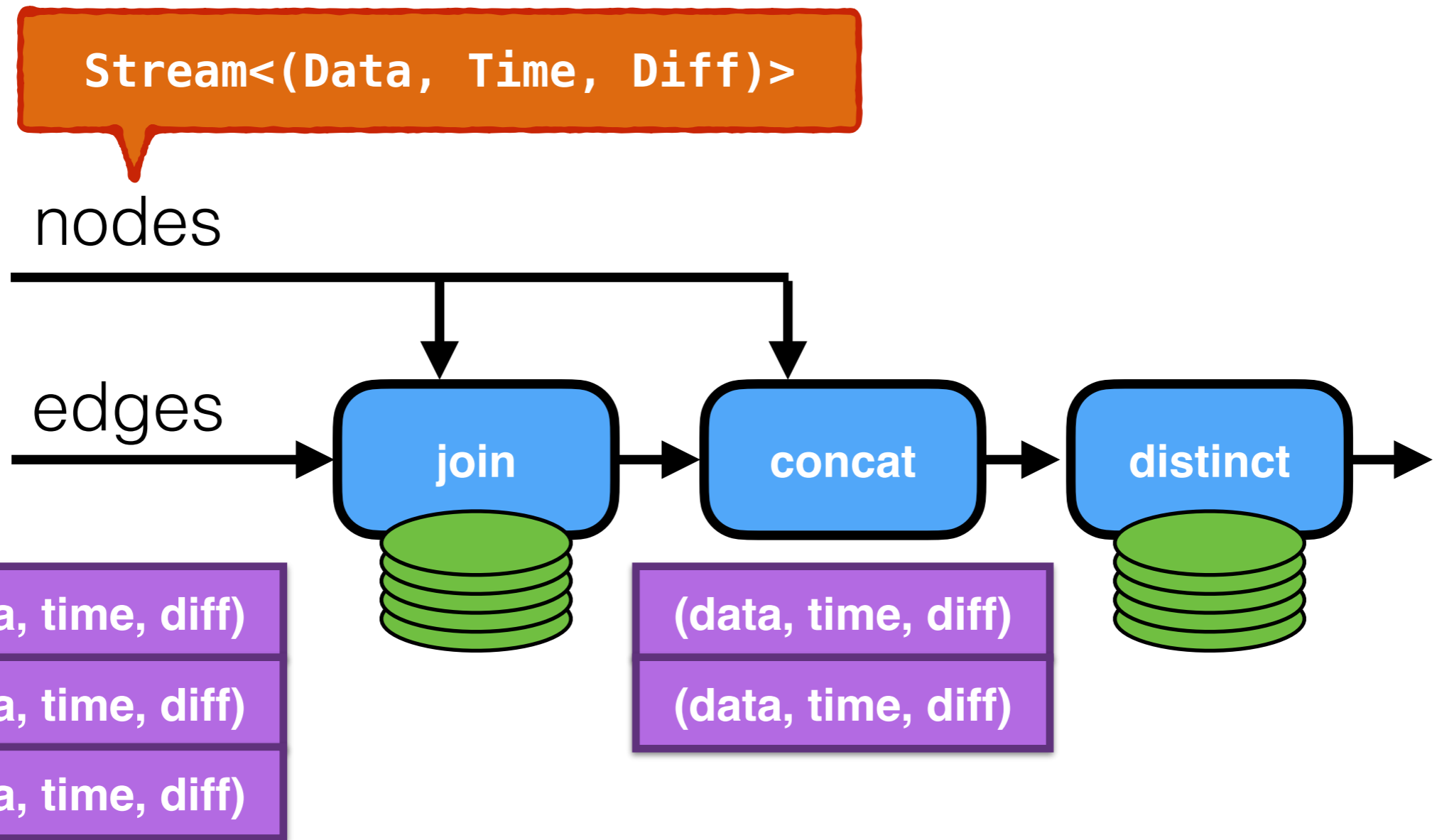
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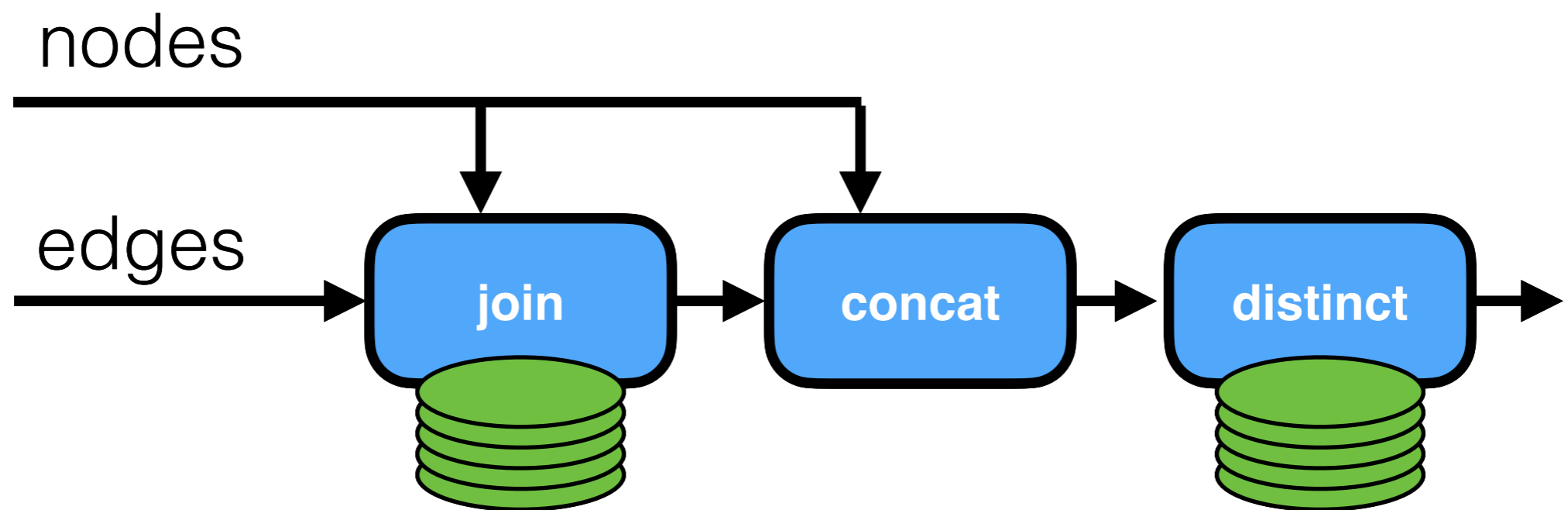
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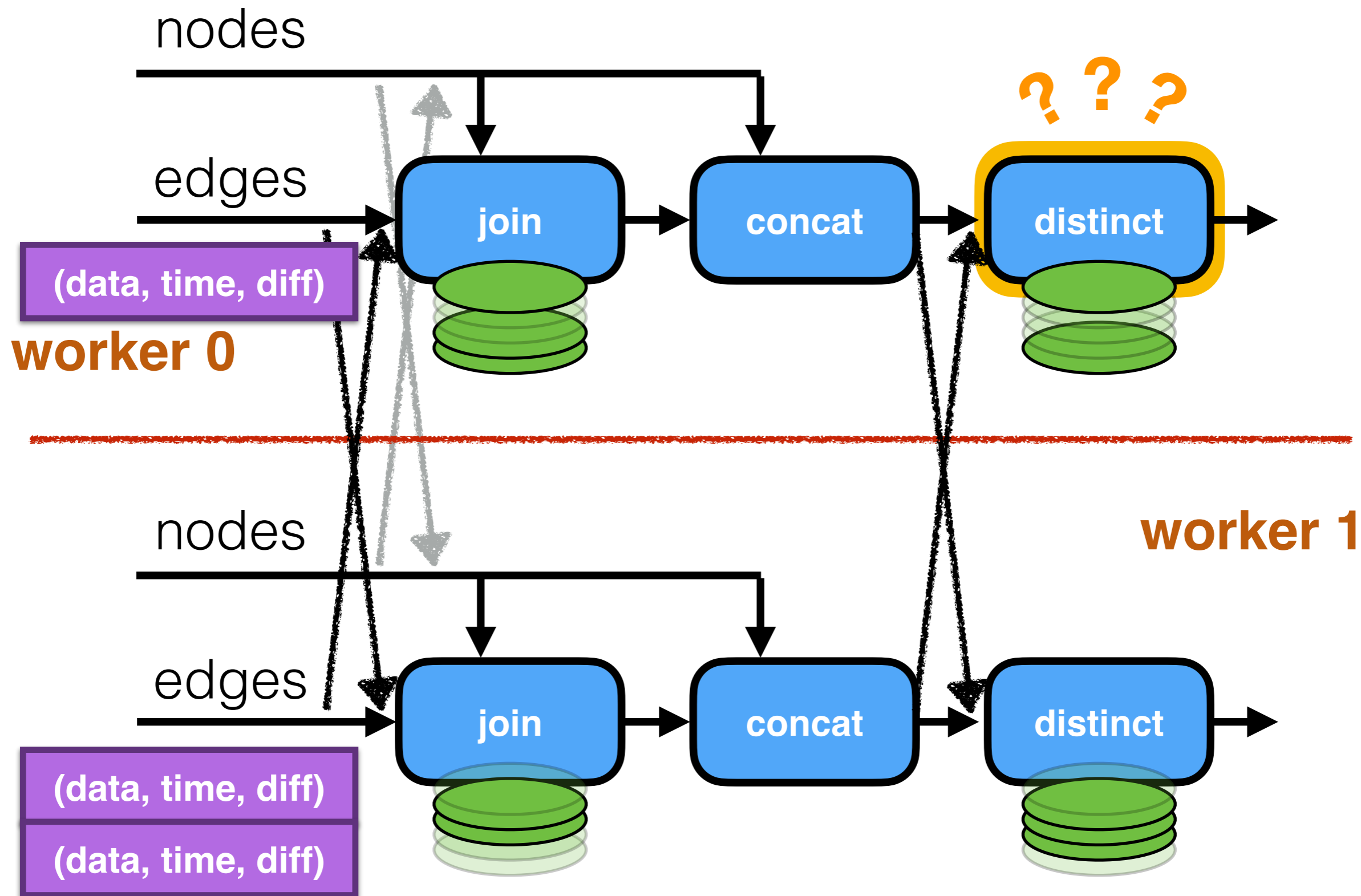
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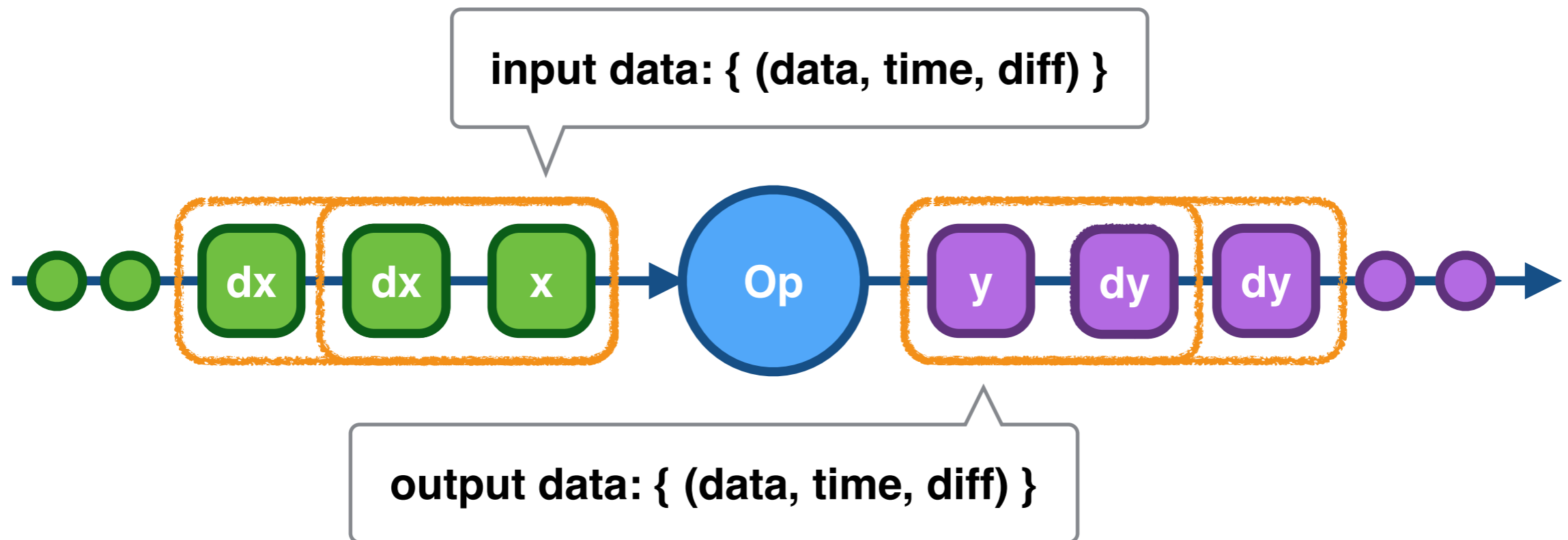
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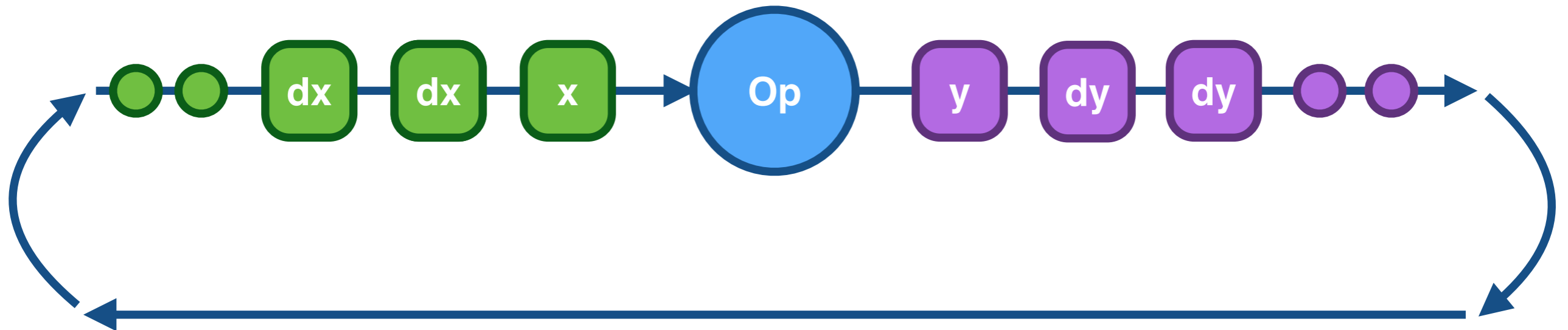
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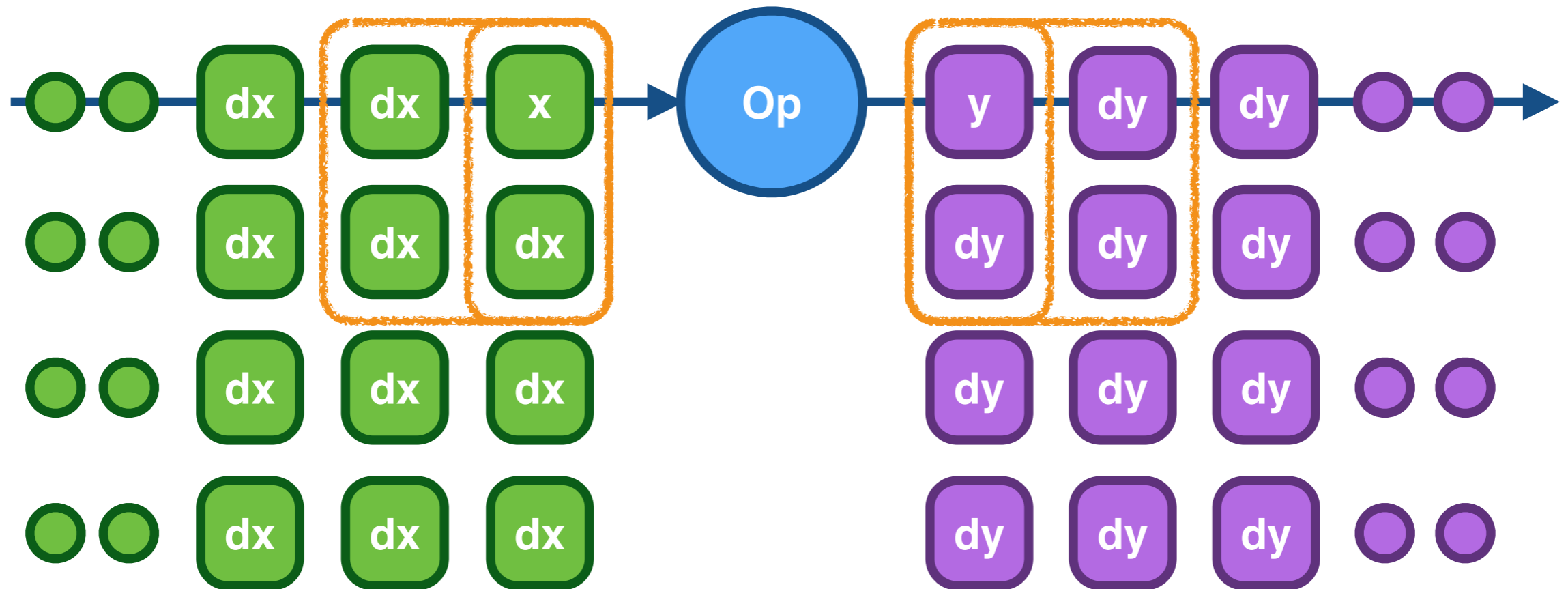
$$? = \text{Op} \left( x + dx \right) - y$$

# Iterative Dataflow

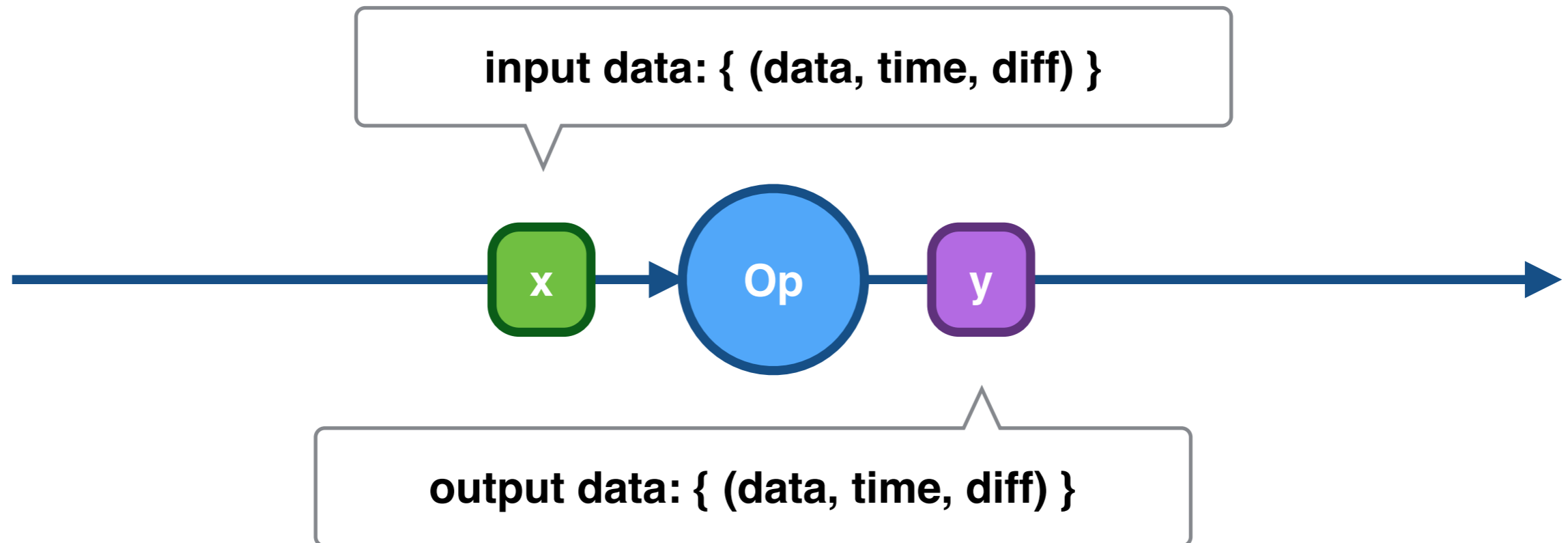
e.g. semi-naive bottom-up datalog



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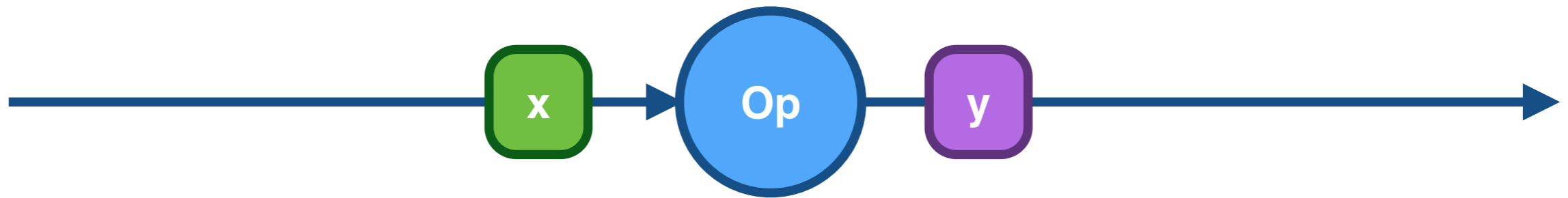


Important: times are only **partially** ordered

Differentiation on a discrete partial order

# Differential Dataflow

with data-parallel operators



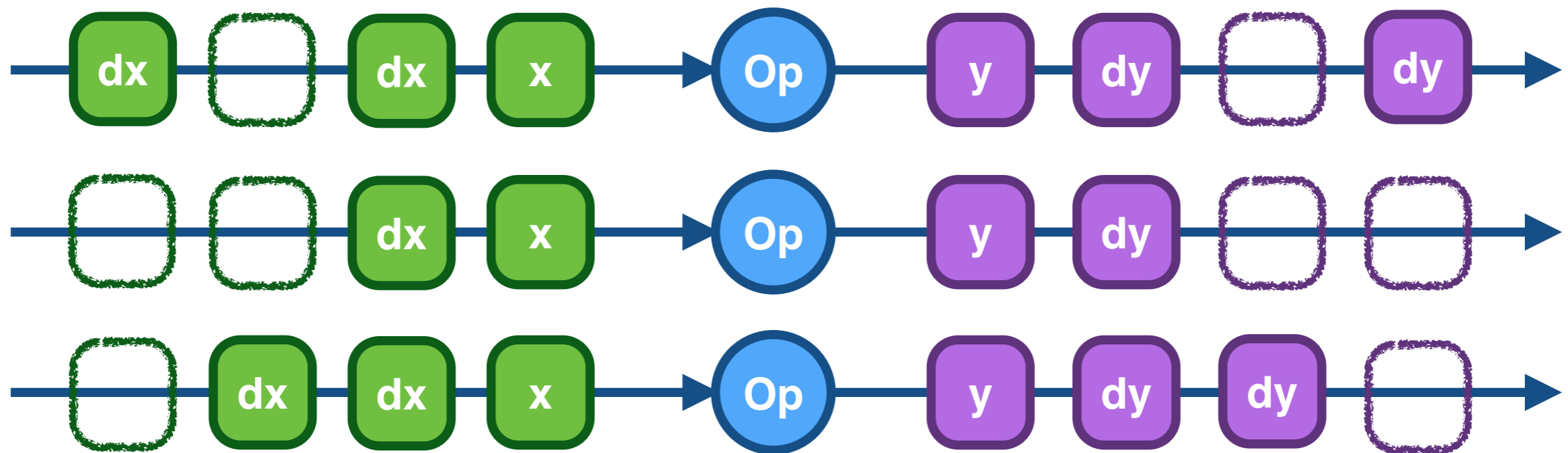
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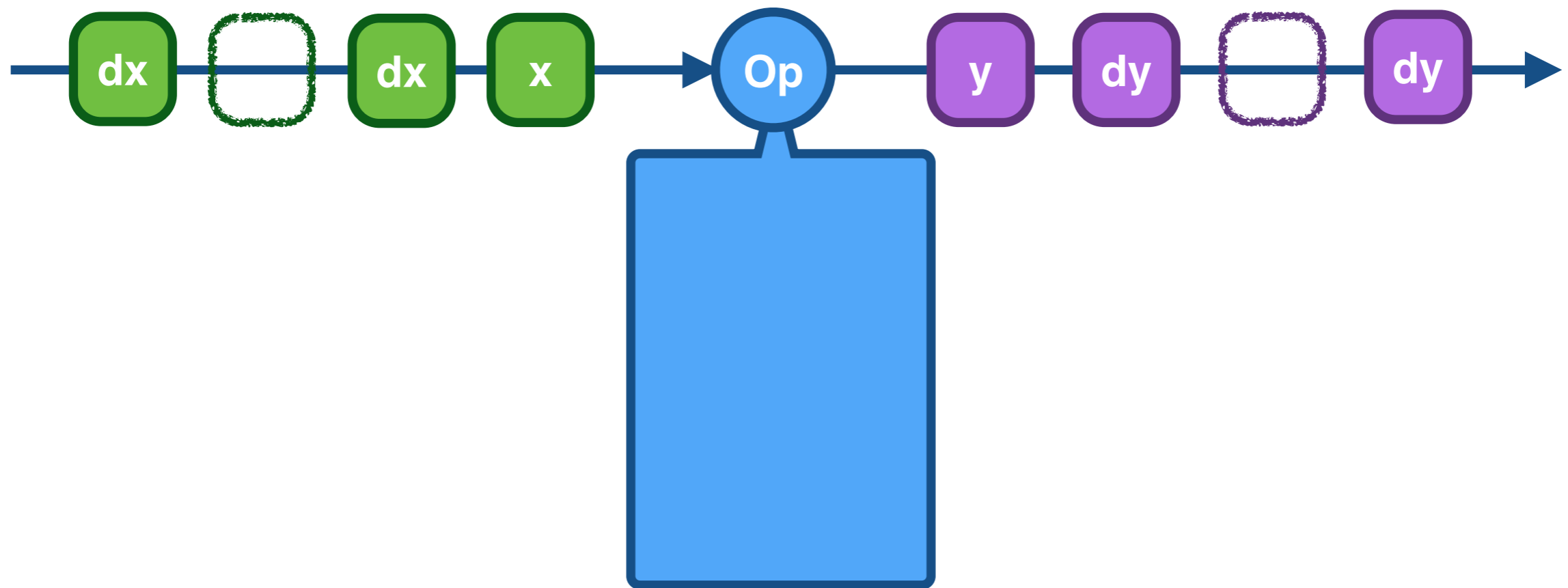
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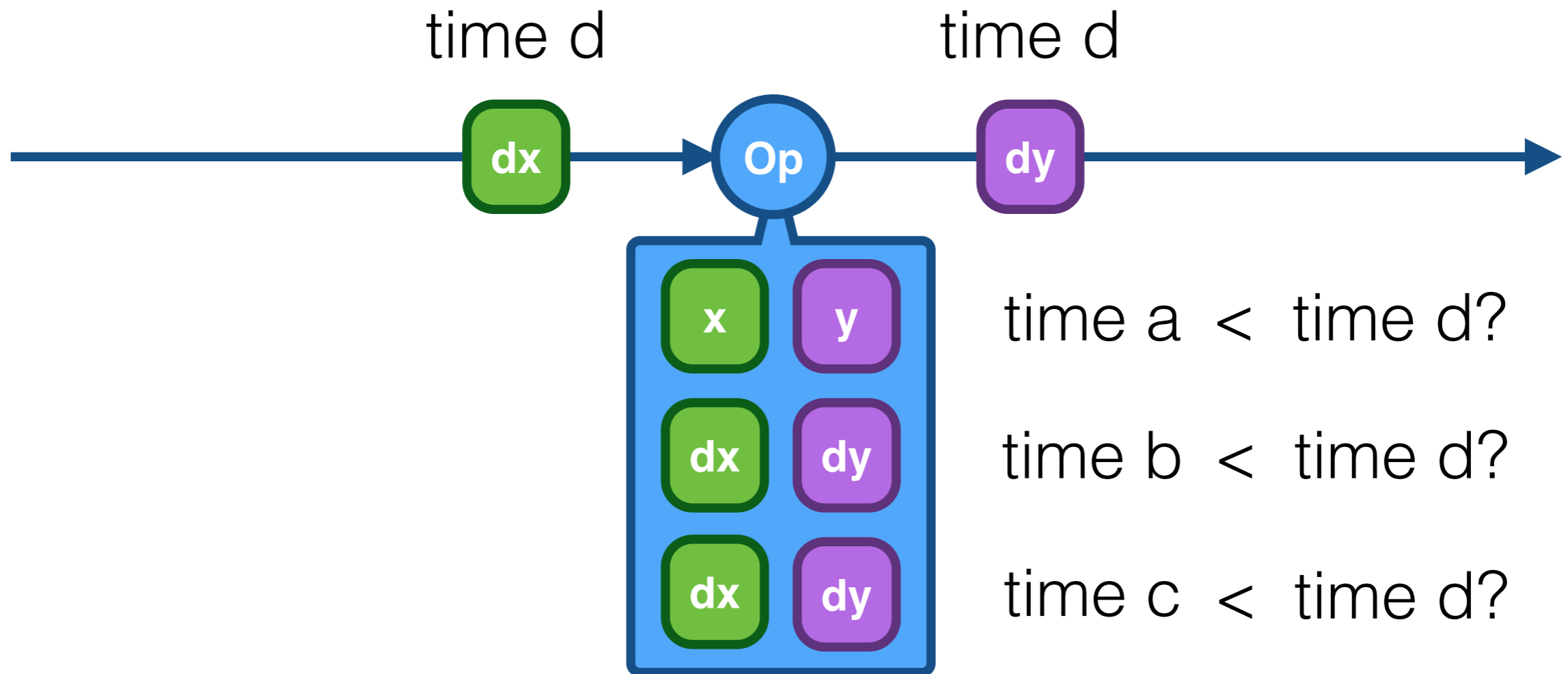
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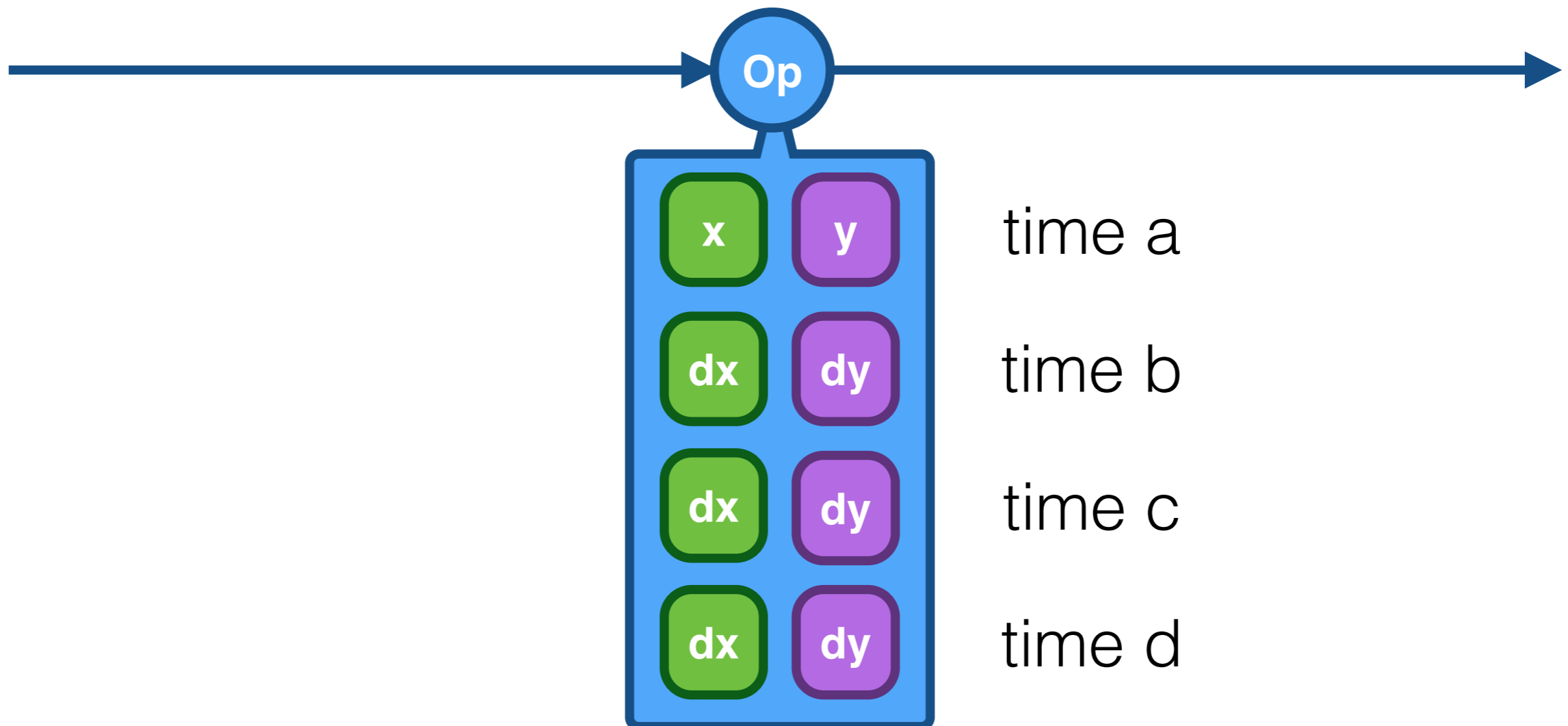
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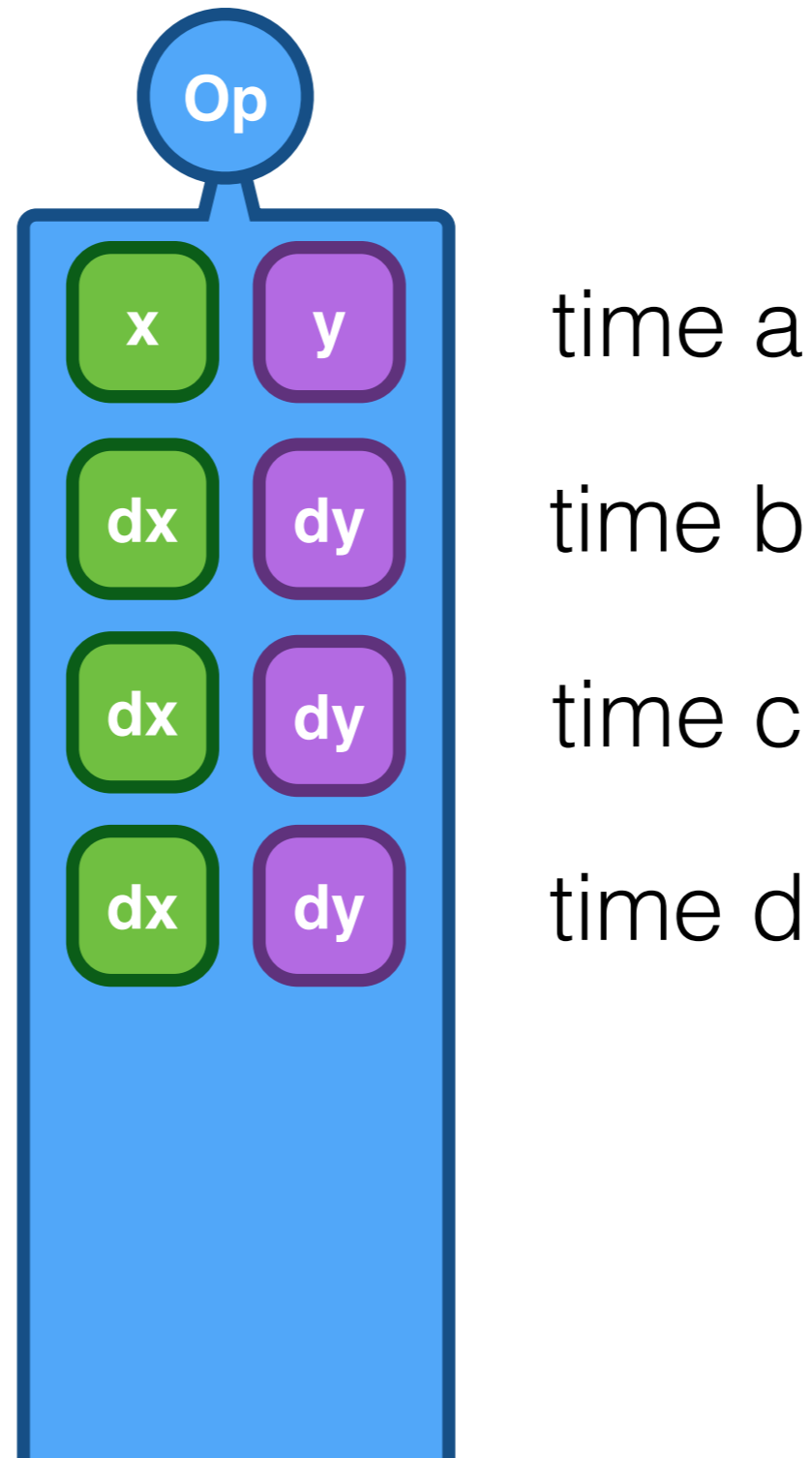


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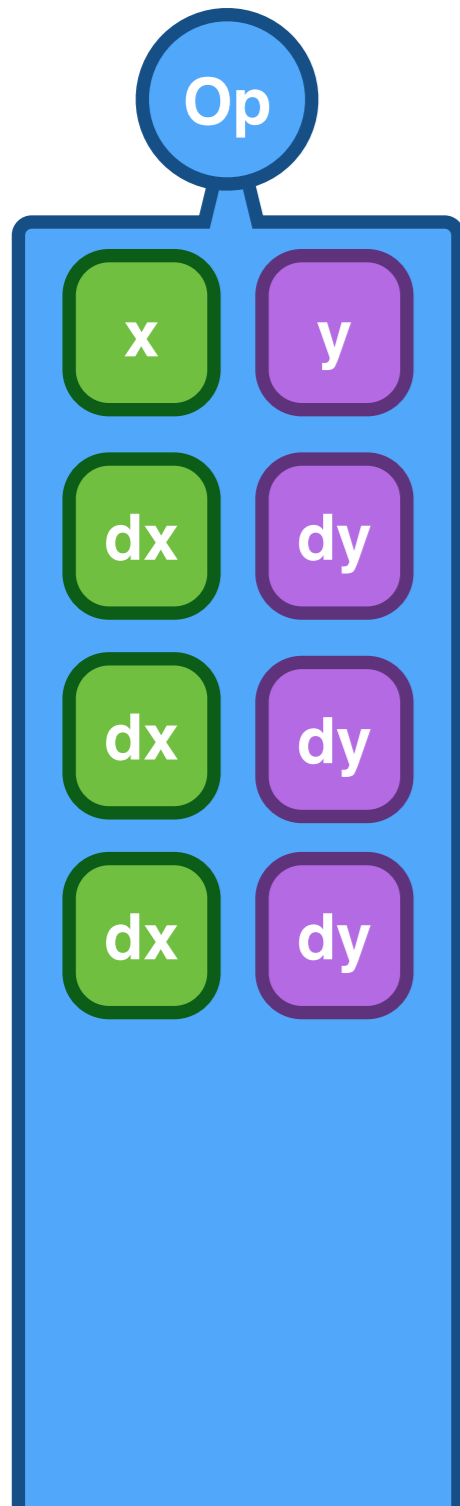
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# Diversion: Compaction



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time a

time b

time c

time d

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$$t_1 \equiv_F t_2 \text{ when } \forall_{f \geq F} (t_1 \leq f \text{ iff } t_2 \leq f)$$

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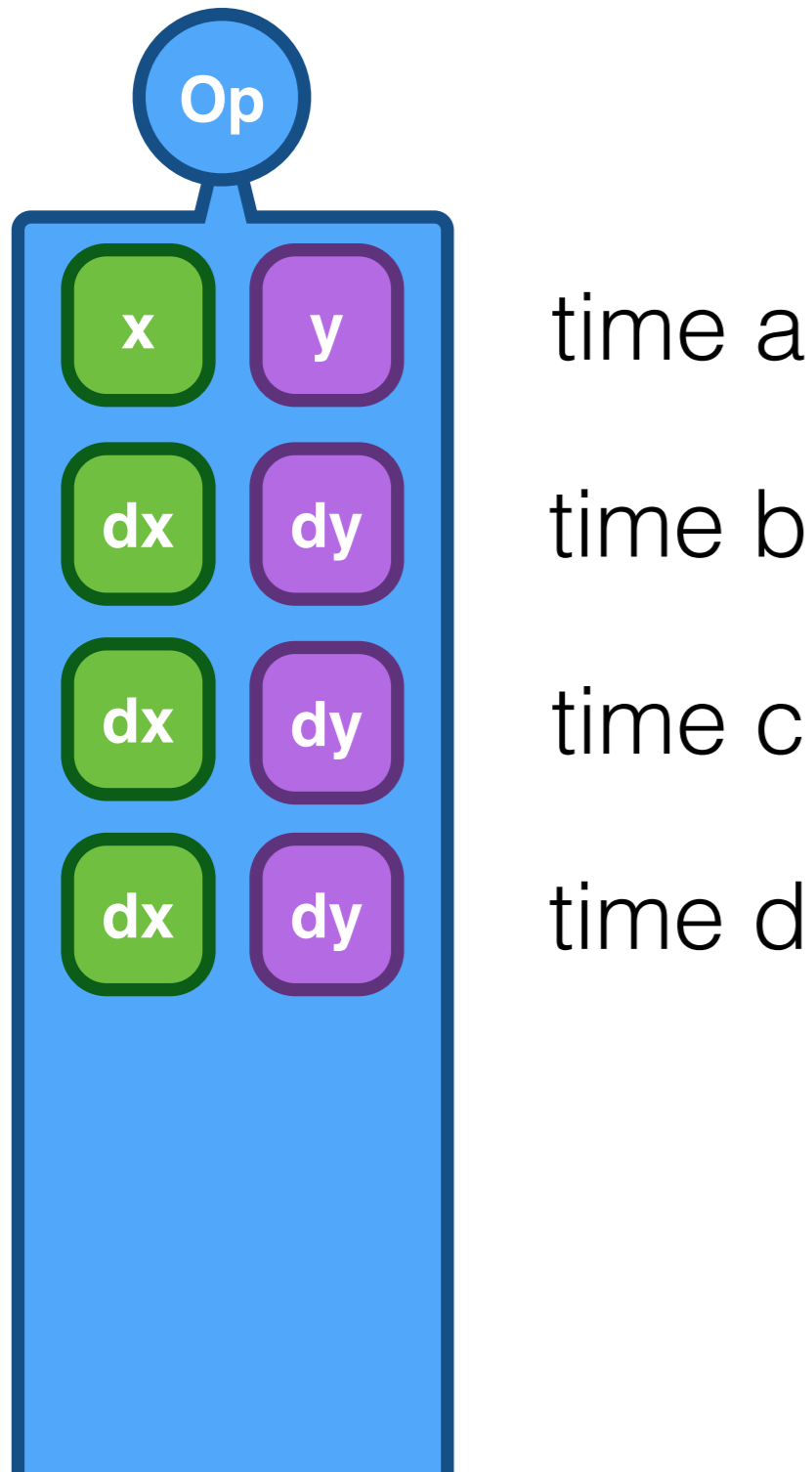
**THEOREM A.1 (CORRECTNESS).** *For any lattice element  $t$  and set  $F$  of lattice elements,  $t \equiv_F \text{rep}_F(t)$ .*

**PROOF.** We prove both directions of the implication in  $\equiv_F$  separately, for all  $f \geq F$ . First assume  $t \leq f$ . By assumption,  $f$  is greater than some element  $f'$  of  $F$ , and so  $t \wedge f' \leq f$  by the (*lub*) property. As a lower bound,  $\text{rep}_F(t) \leq t \wedge f'$  for each  $f' \in F$ , and by transitivity  $\text{rep}_F(t) \leq f$ . Second assume  $\text{rep}_F(t) \leq f$ . Because  $t \leq (t \wedge f')$  for all  $f' \in F$ , then  $t \leq \text{rep}_F(t)$  by the (*glb*) property and by transitivity  $t \leq f$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM A.2 (OPTIMALITY).** *For any lattice elements  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  and set  $F$  of lattice elements, if  $t_1 \equiv_F t_2$  then  $\text{rep}_F(t_1) = \text{rep}_F(t_2)$ .*

**PROOF.** For all  $f \in F$  we have both that  $t_1 \leq t_1 \wedge f$  and  $f \leq t_1 \wedge f$ , the latter implying that  $t_1 \wedge f \geq F$ . By our assumption,  $t_2$  agrees with  $t_1$  on times greater than  $F$ , making  $t_2 \leq t_1 \wedge f$  for all  $f \in F$ . By correctness,  $\text{rep}_F(t_2)$  agrees with  $t_2$  on times greater than  $F$ , which includes  $t_1 \wedge f$  for  $f \in F$  and so  $\text{rep}_F(t_2) \leq t_1 \wedge f$  for all  $f \in F$ . Because  $\text{rep}_F(t_2)$  is less or equal to each term in the greatest lower bound definition of  $\text{rep}_F(t_1)$ , it is less or equal to  $\text{rep}_F(t_1)$  itself. The symmetric argument proves that  $\text{rep}_F(t_1) \leq \text{rep}_F(t_2)$ , which implies that the two are equal (by antisymmetry).  $\square$

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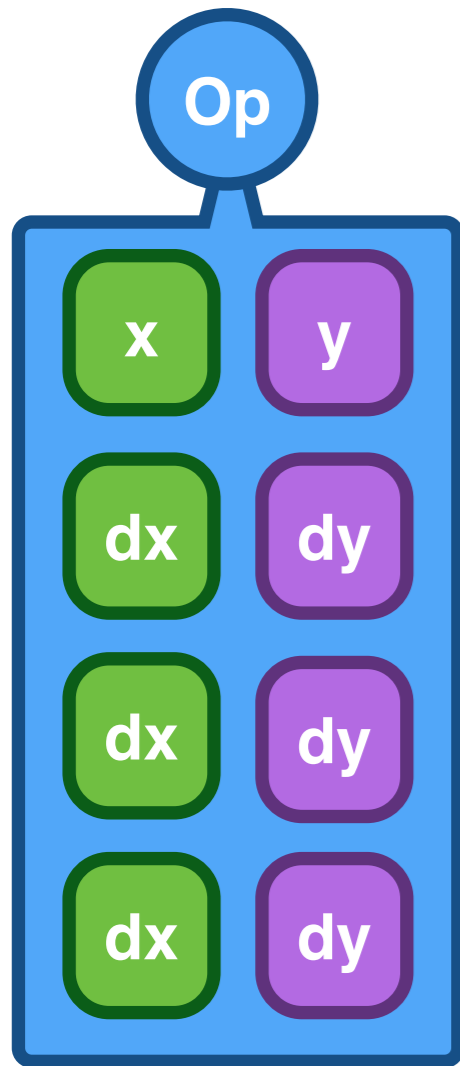
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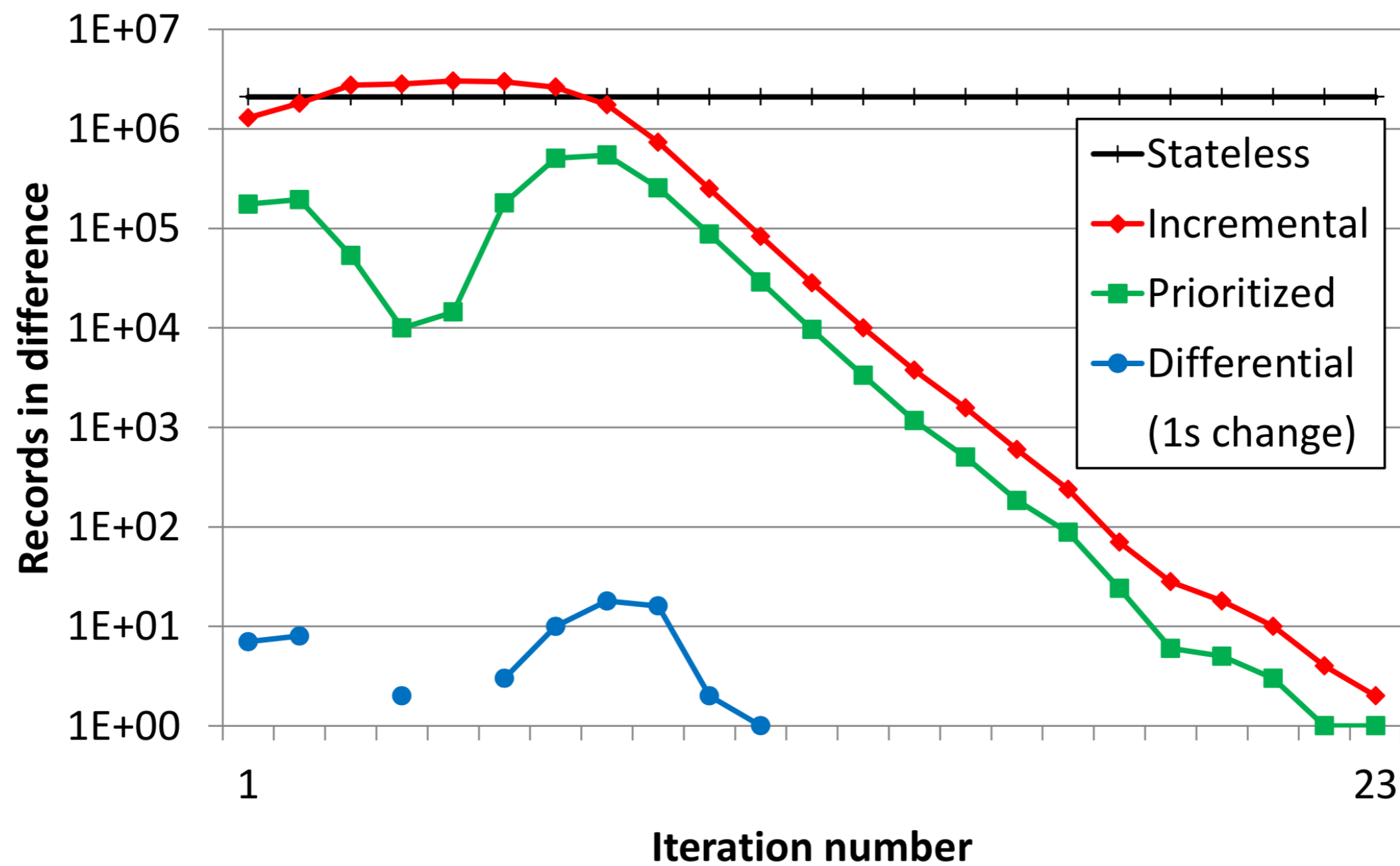
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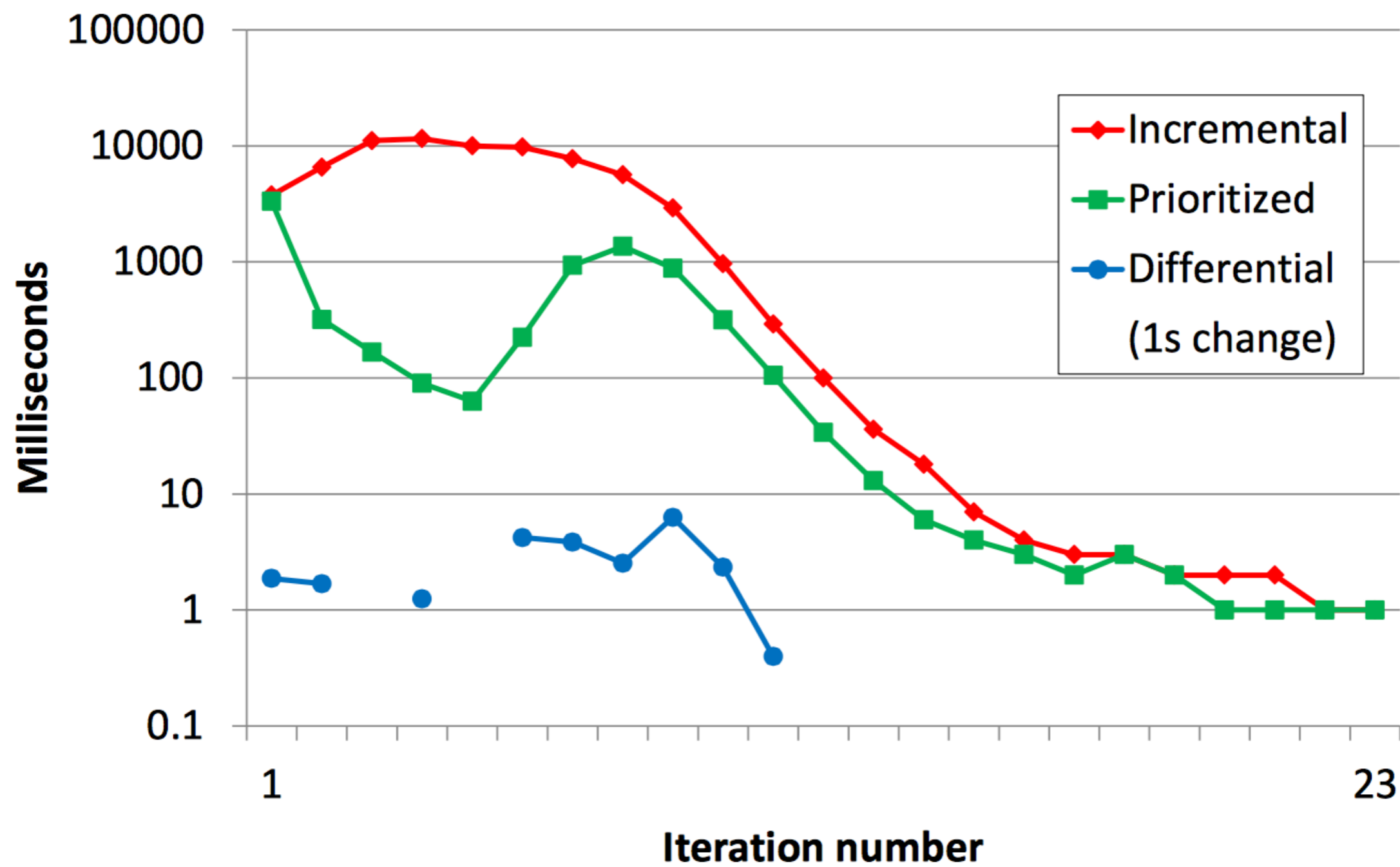
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Connected components on  
the Twitter @mention graph





Pause

# Things left unsaid

## **Arrangements**

Operator state can be shared with others.  
Credit due to: “declarative programming”.

## **Open- v. Closed-loop**

The world changes even if we are not ready.  
Systems should handle batches of changes.

## **Groups and Semi-groups**

All “Diffs” can be arbitrary (semi-)groups.  
Types encode the nature of changes.

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