

# Certificate Translation for Specification Preserving Advices

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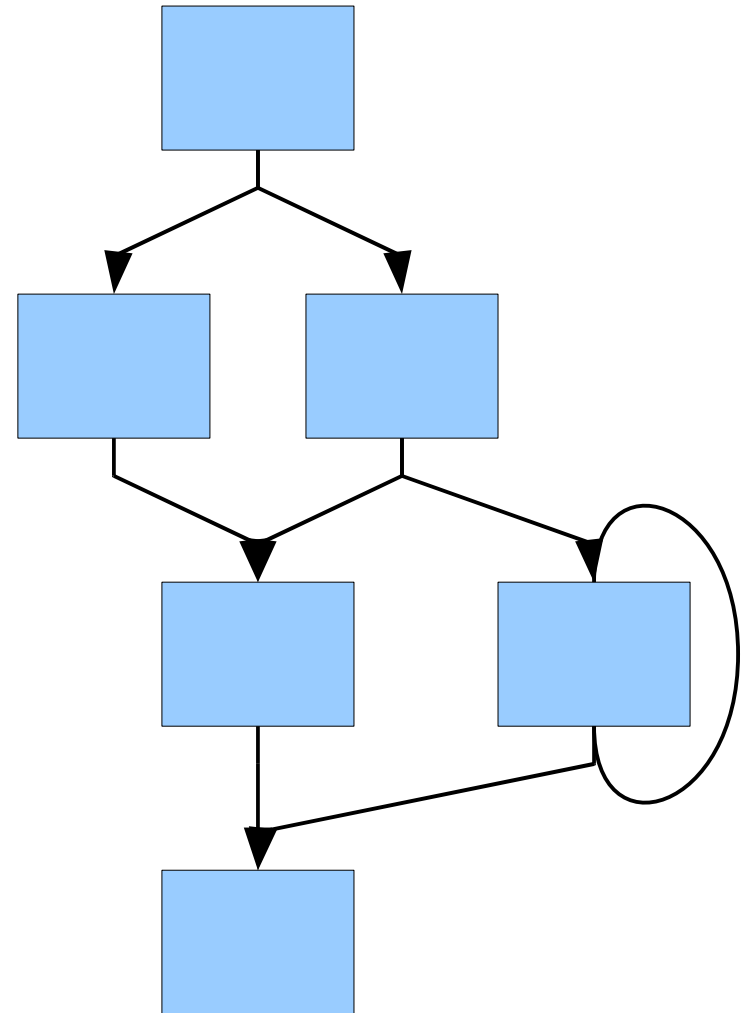
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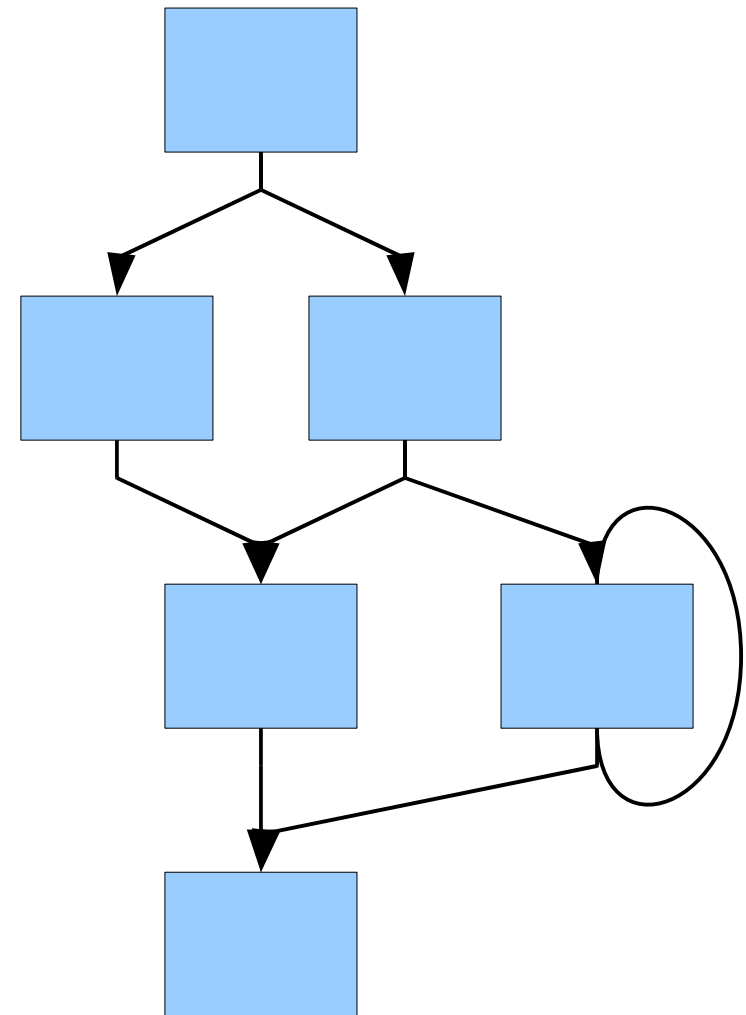
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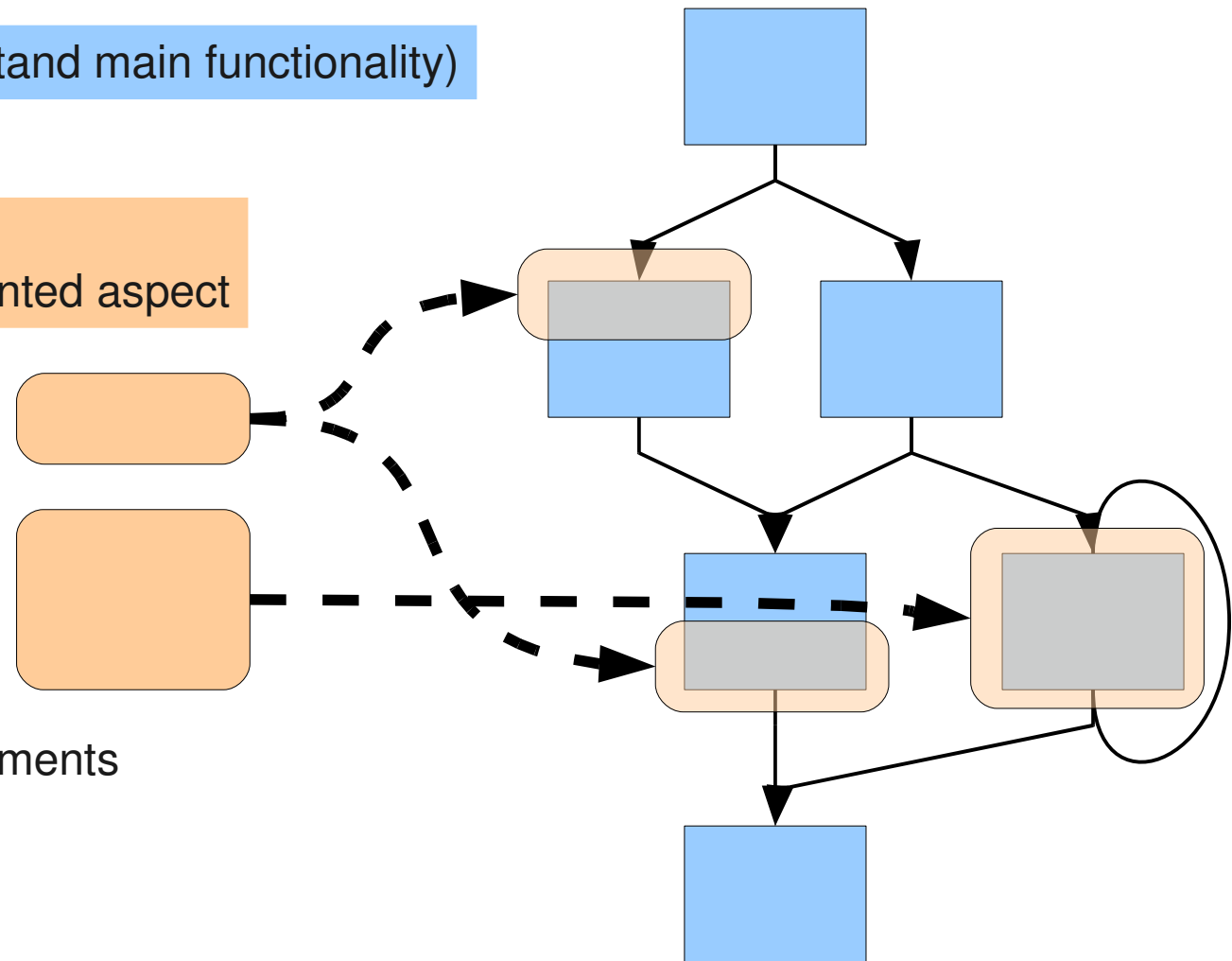
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*Global analysis of pointcuts to understand interaction of aspects*

# Producer vs Consumer Perspective

Obliviousness -> Local Reasoning?

Syntactic Obliviousness  
is not enough

Syntactic Obliviousness  
vs.  
Semantic Obliviousness

Dantas & Walker [POPL06]:

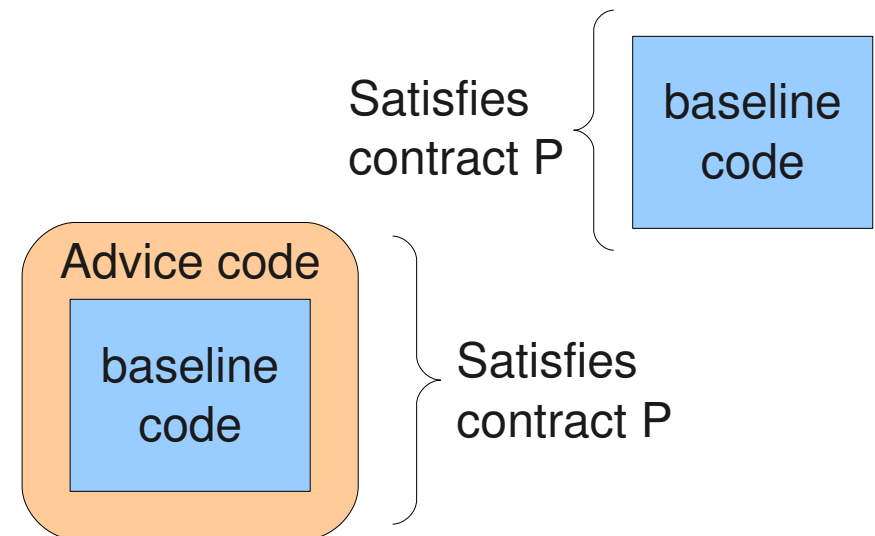
- characterize *Harmless Advices* that allow local reasoning
- information flow analysis to check advice non-interference.

PCC setting: contract enforcement

- functional properties (logic formulae)
- Absence of null pointer access
- Type Safety, etc.

Contract preserv. vs semantic preserv

weaker requirement



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# Specification Preserving Advices

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{ $x \geq 0$ }

c := 1;
x' := x;
y' := y;
while (y'  $\neq$  1) do
  if (y' mod 2 = 1) then
    c := c.x'
  fi
done;
x' = x'.c

{ $x' = x^y \wedge y' = 1 \wedge c \geq 0$ }

```

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c := -5;
y' := 43

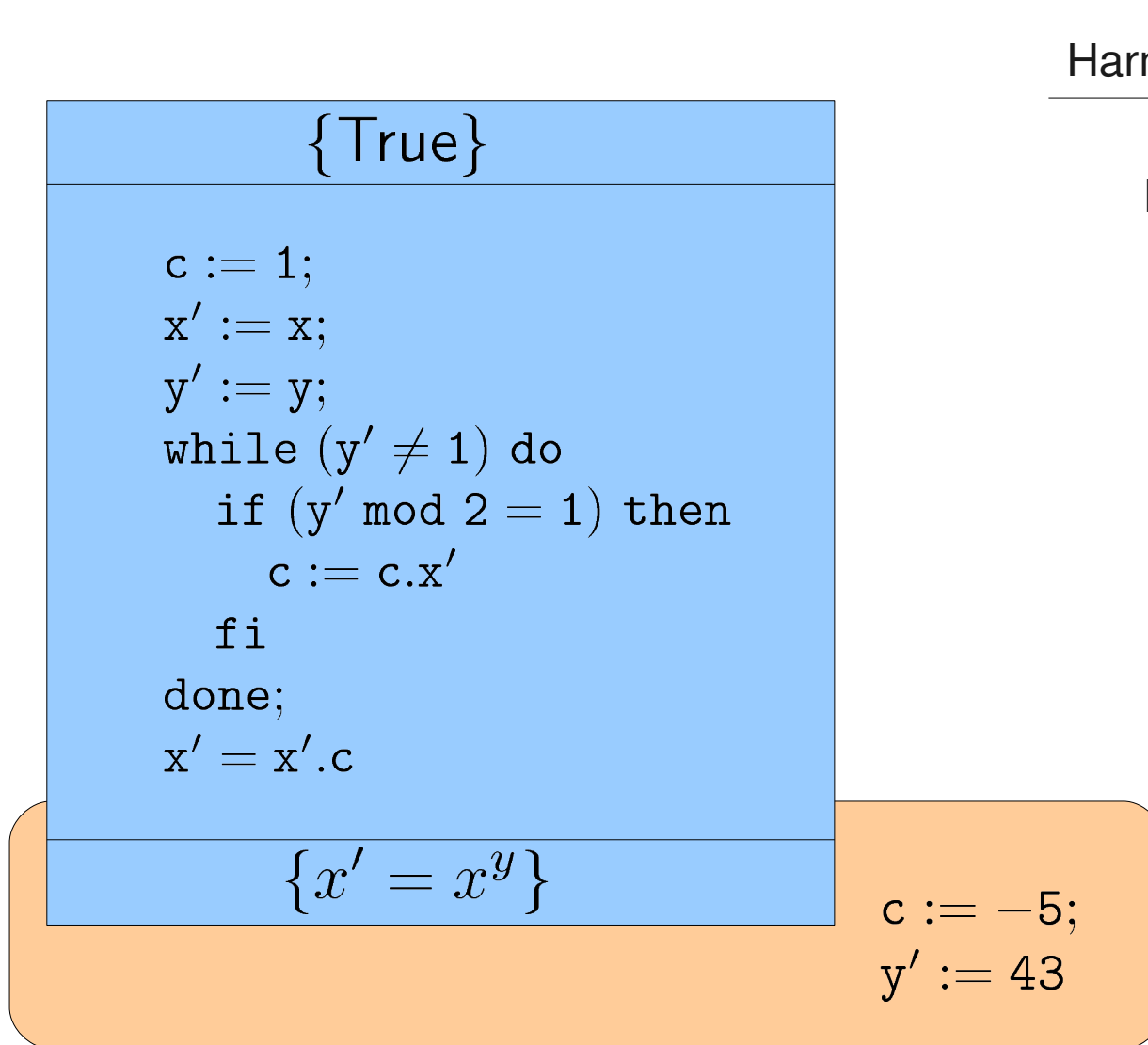
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Harmless	Spec. preserving
NO	NO

Strong specification



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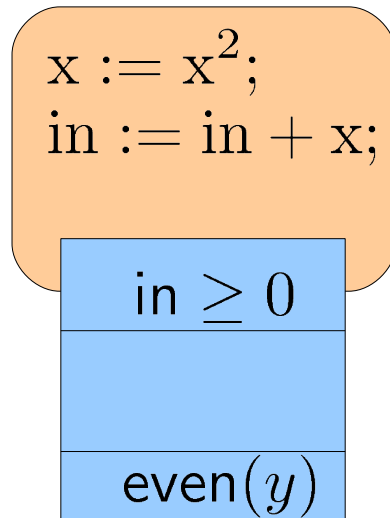
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# Specification Preserving Advices

A specification preserving advice may modify variables in the specification.

Harmless	Spec. preserving
NO	YES



- Output value may differ
- $\text{in} \geq 0$  is not invalidated.
- $\text{even}(y)$  is ensured.

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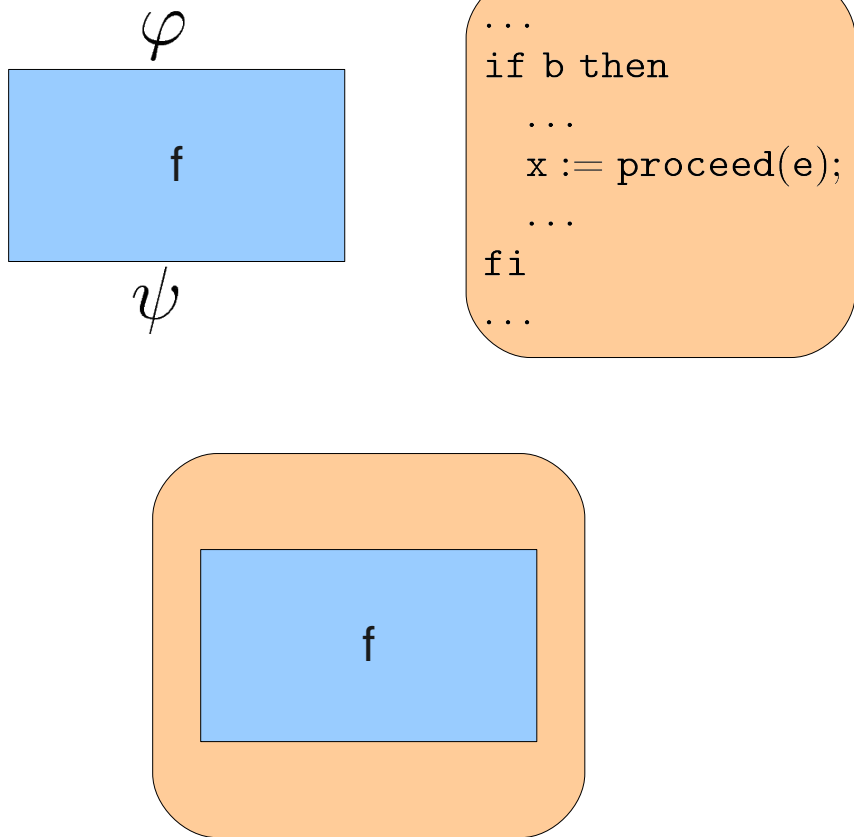
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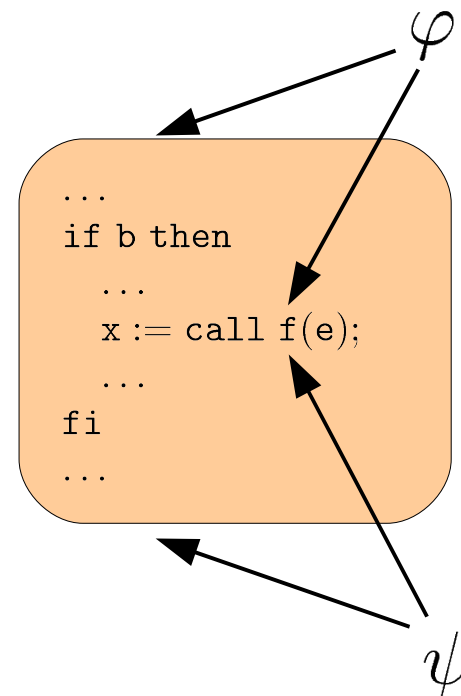
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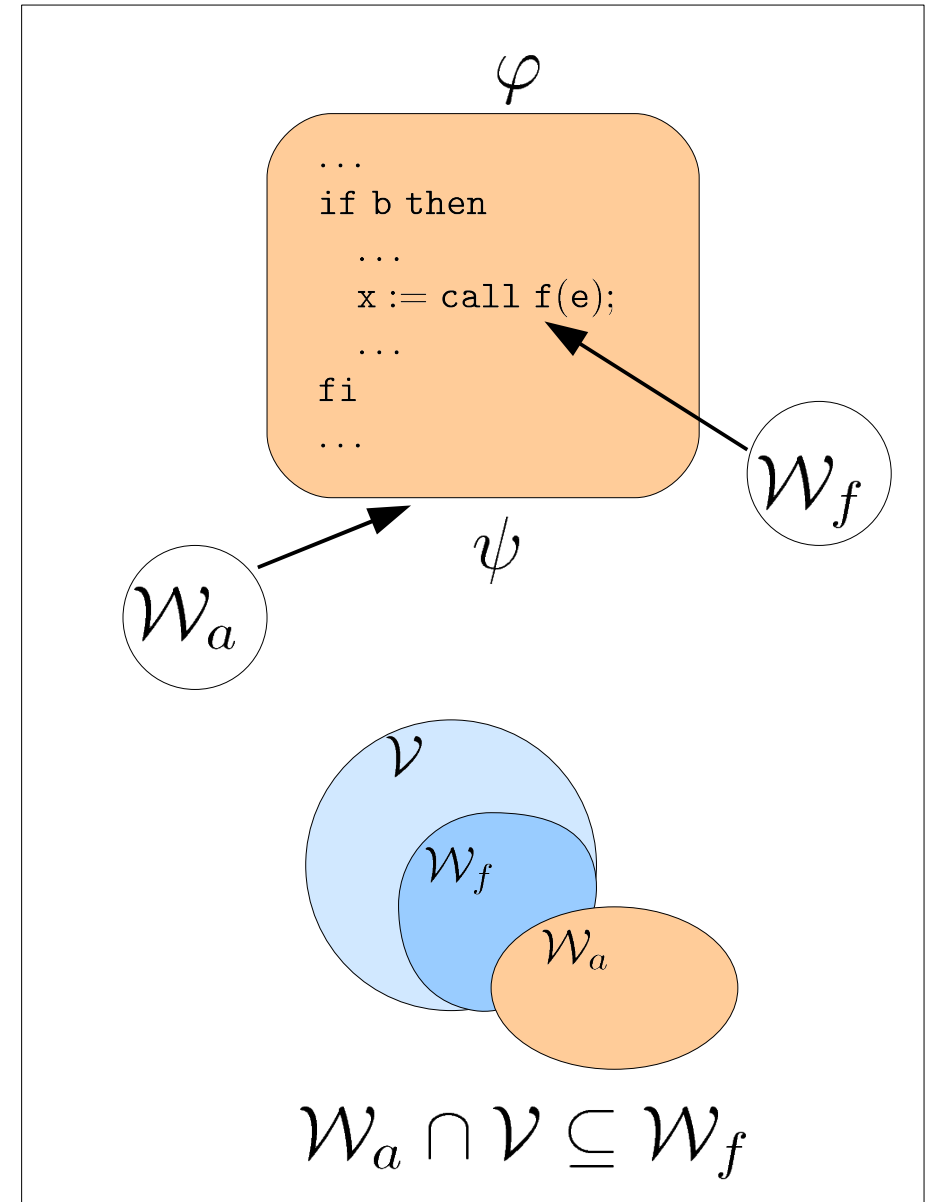
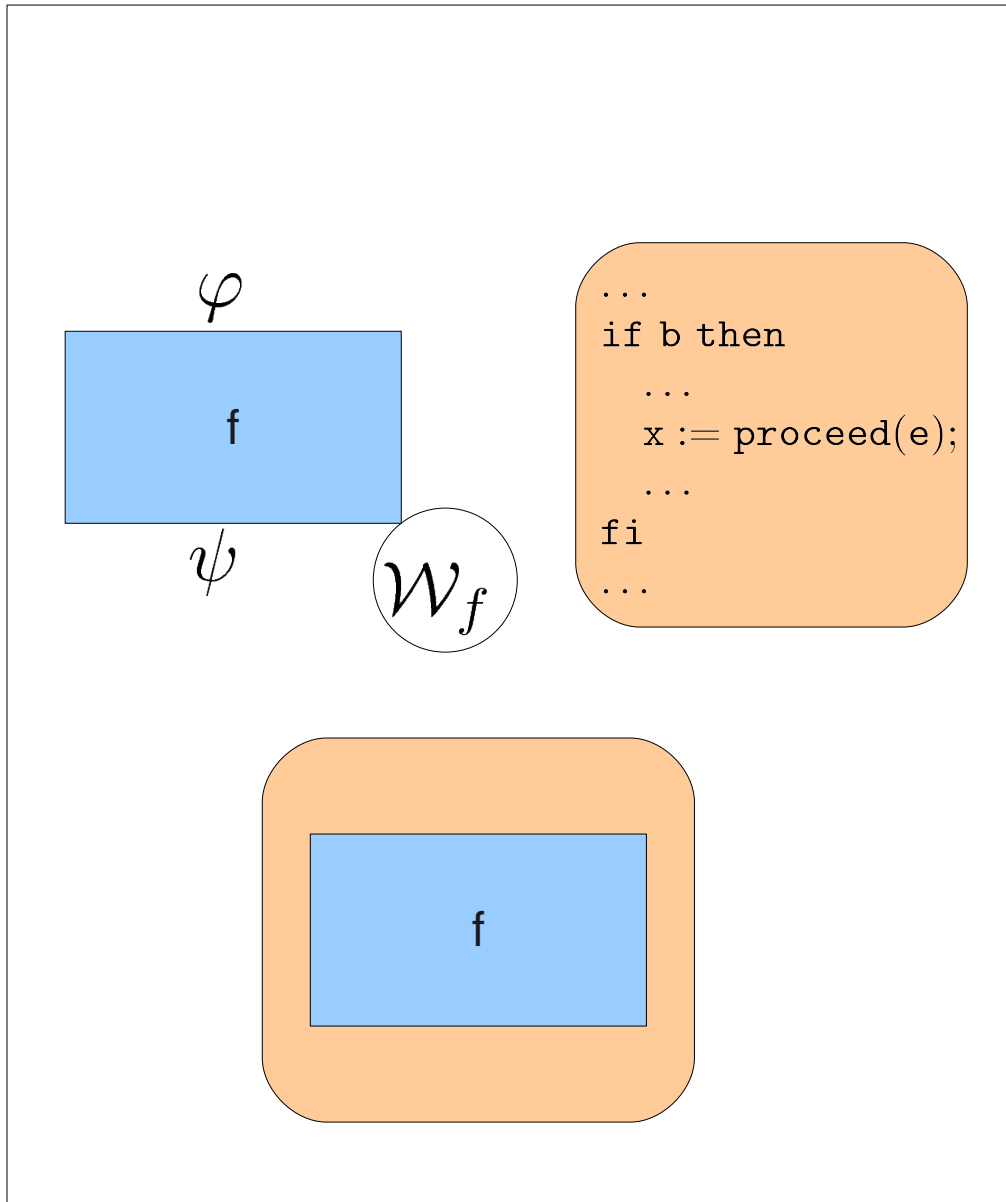
## Baseline Code Verification: wp-based Vcgen



## Verification of spec. preservation: wp-based Vcgen over modified advice code.



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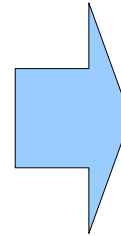
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$$\{\phi_f\} f \{\psi_f\}$$

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...
while b do
  ...
od
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x := proceed(e);
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$$\phi_f$$

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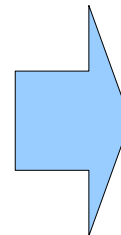
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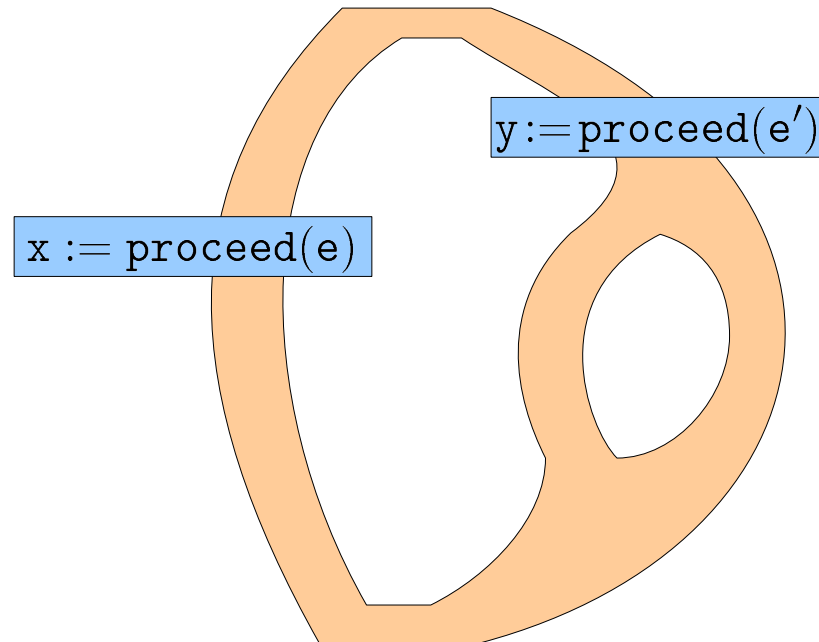
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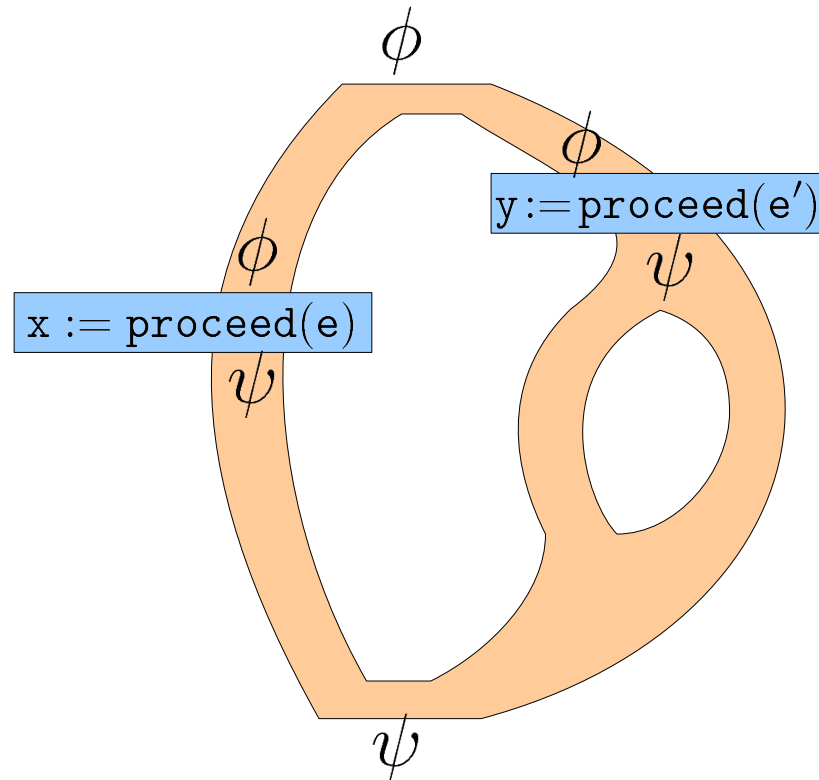
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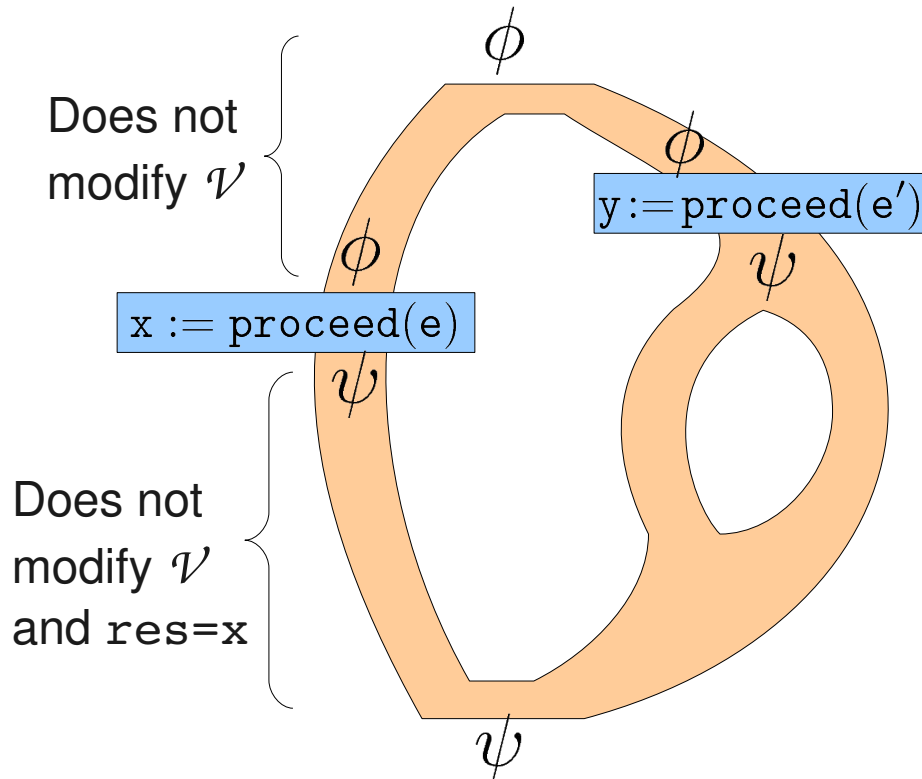
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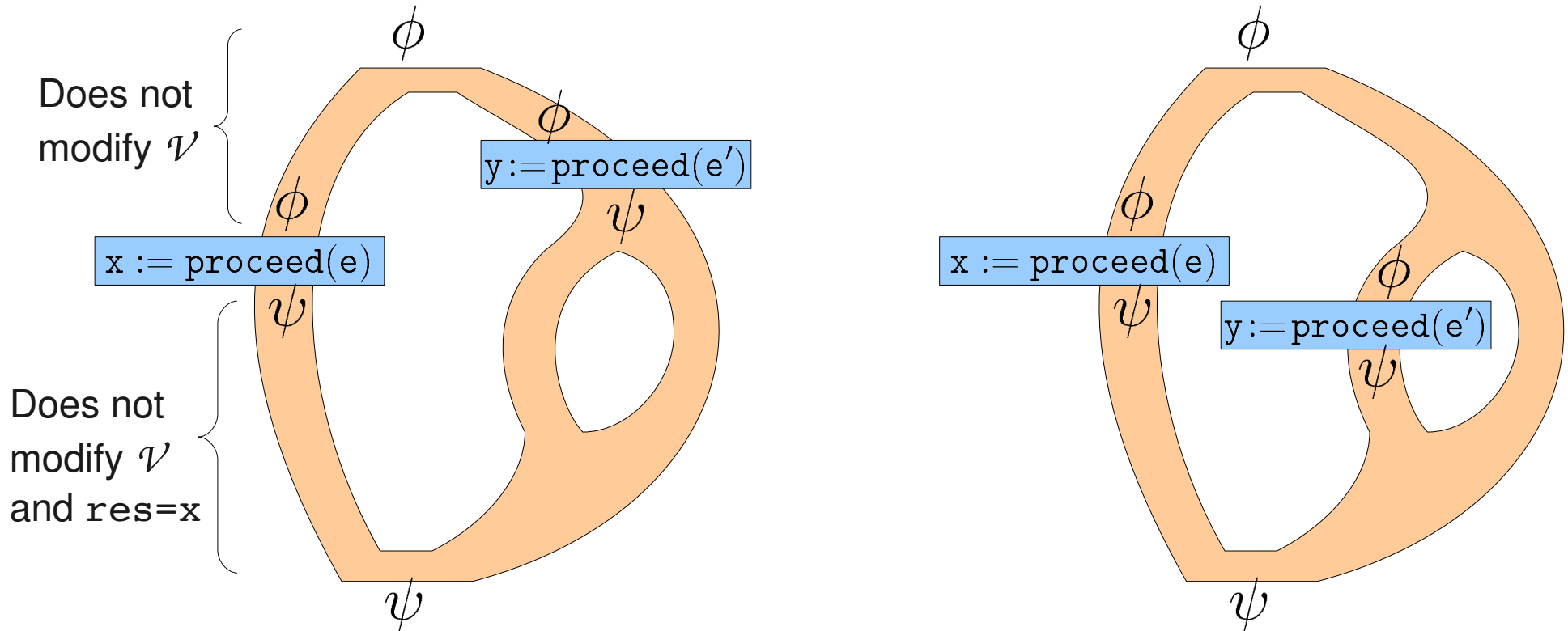
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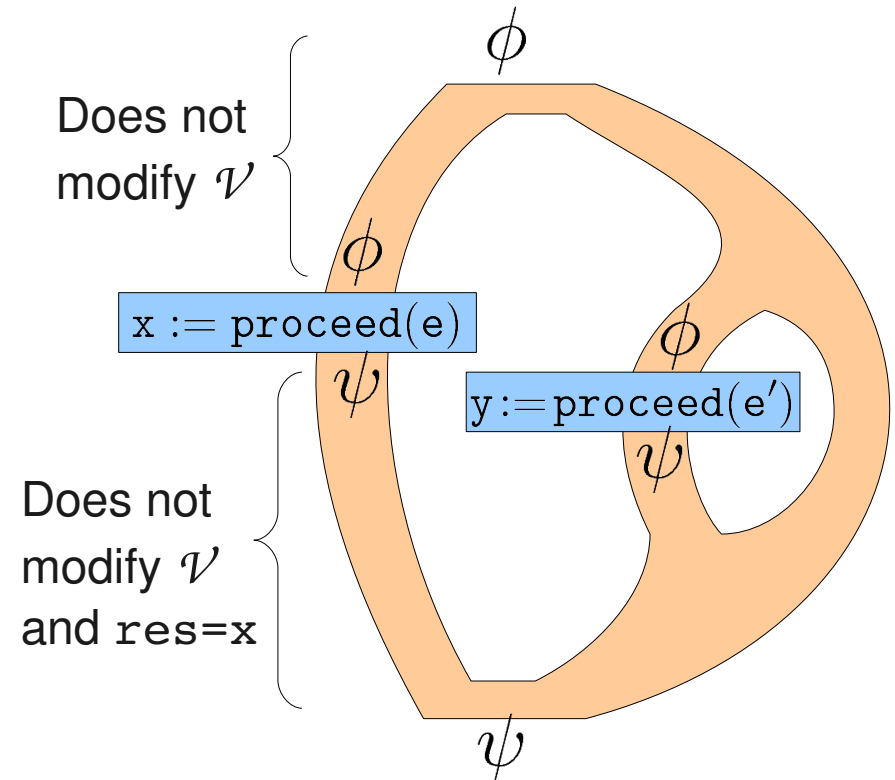
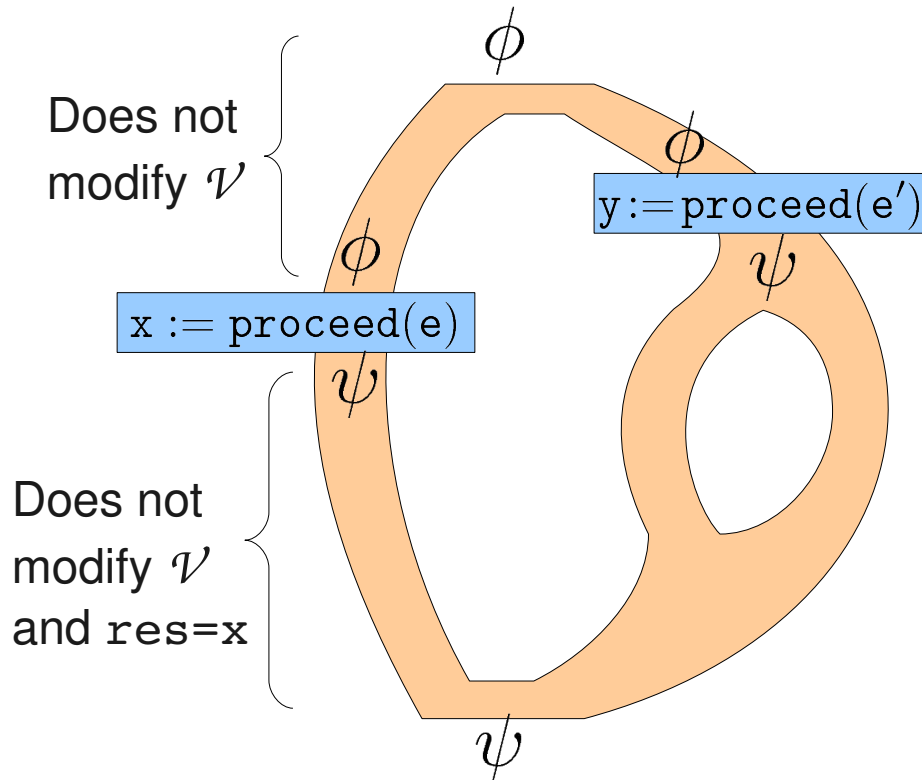
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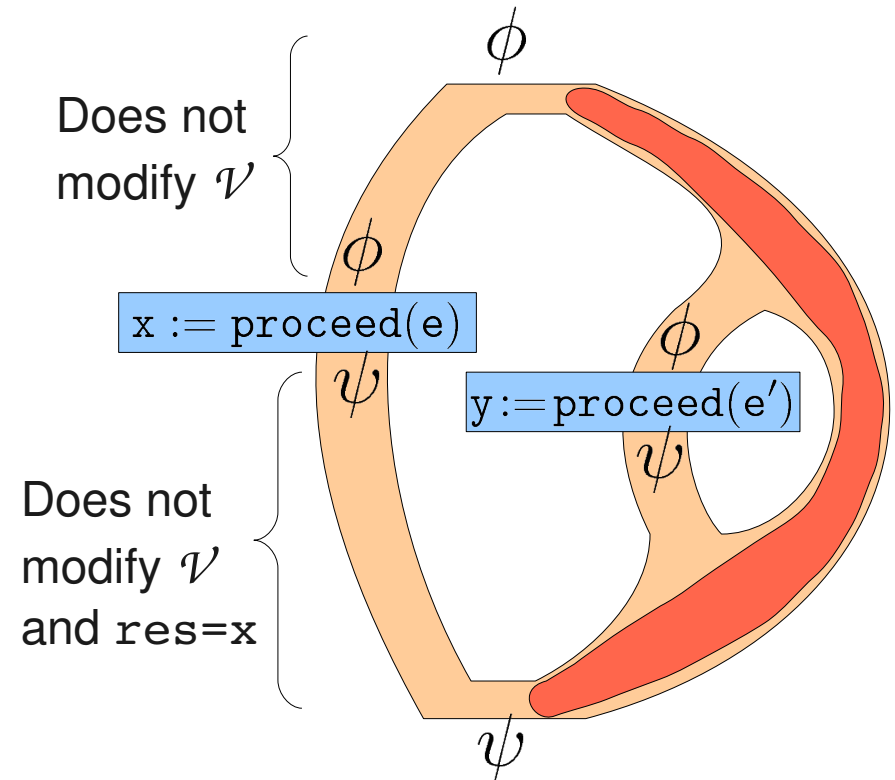
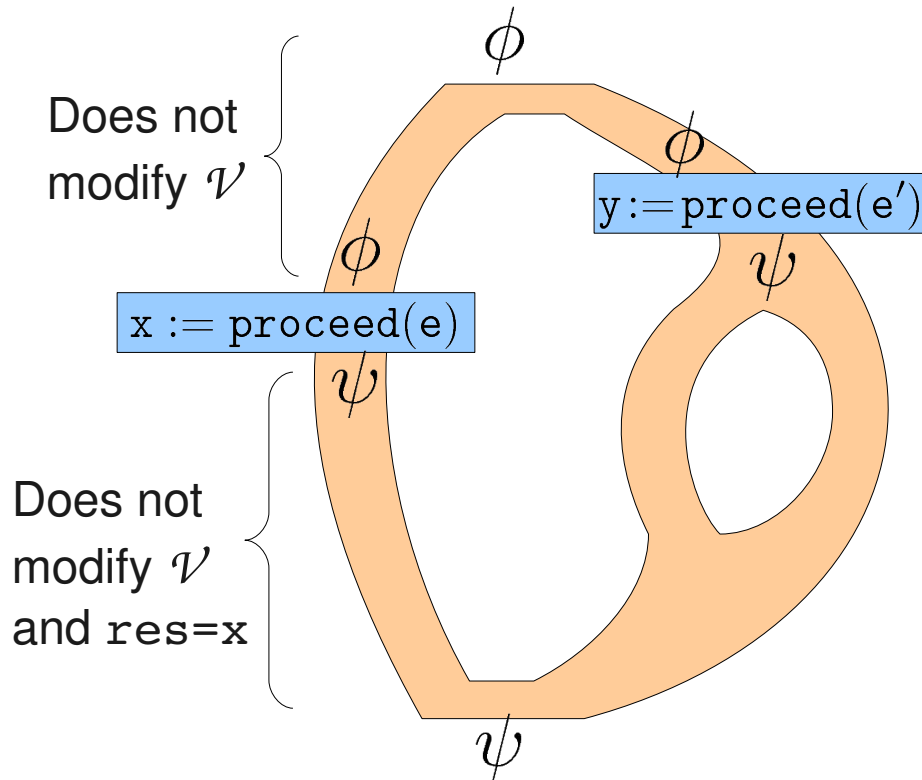
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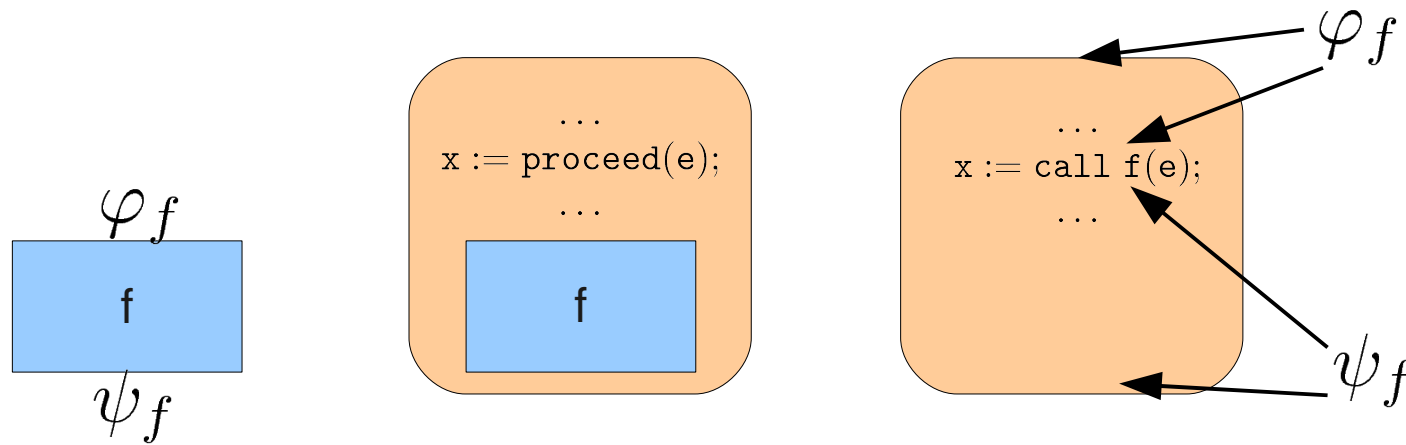
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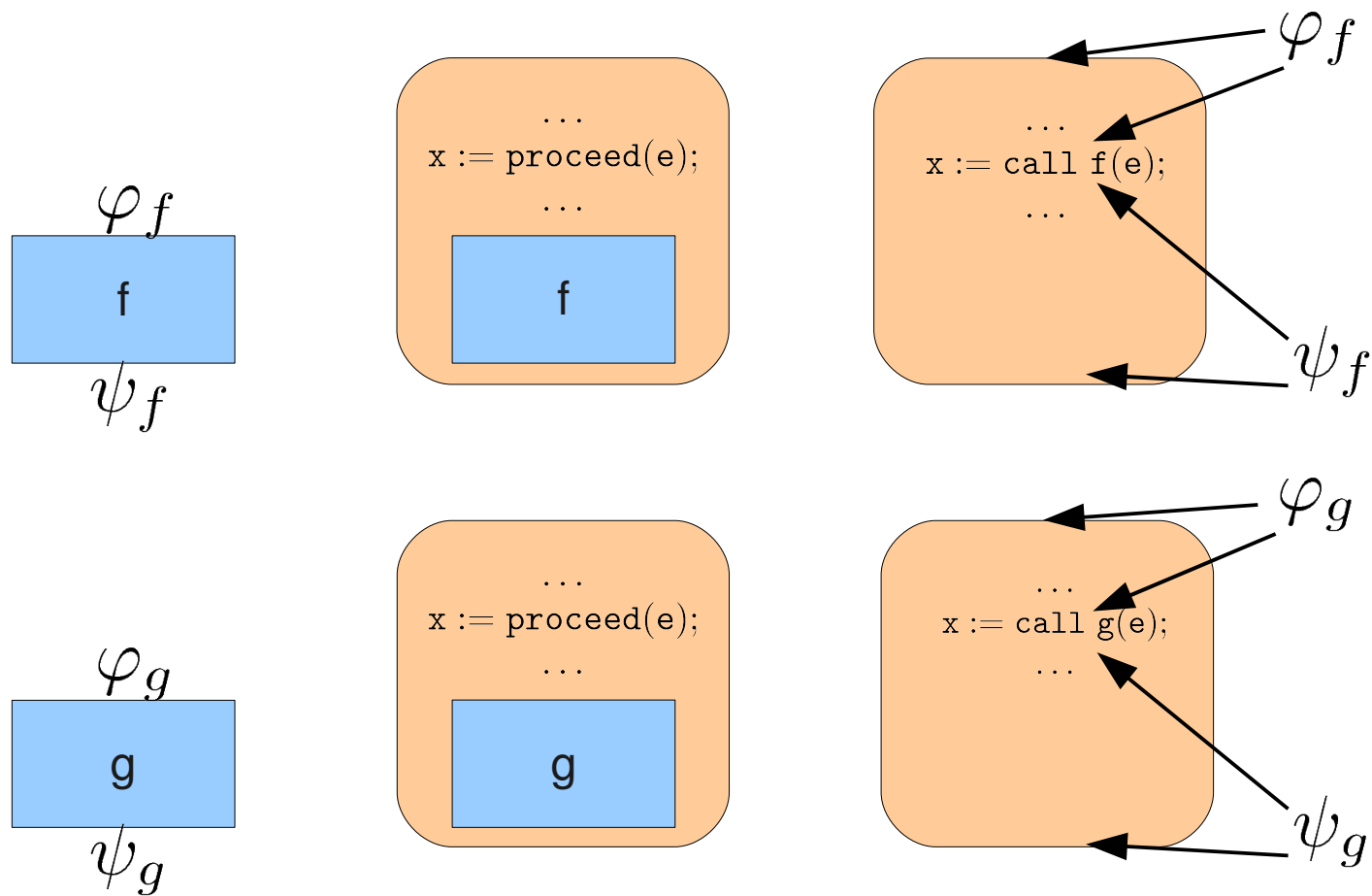
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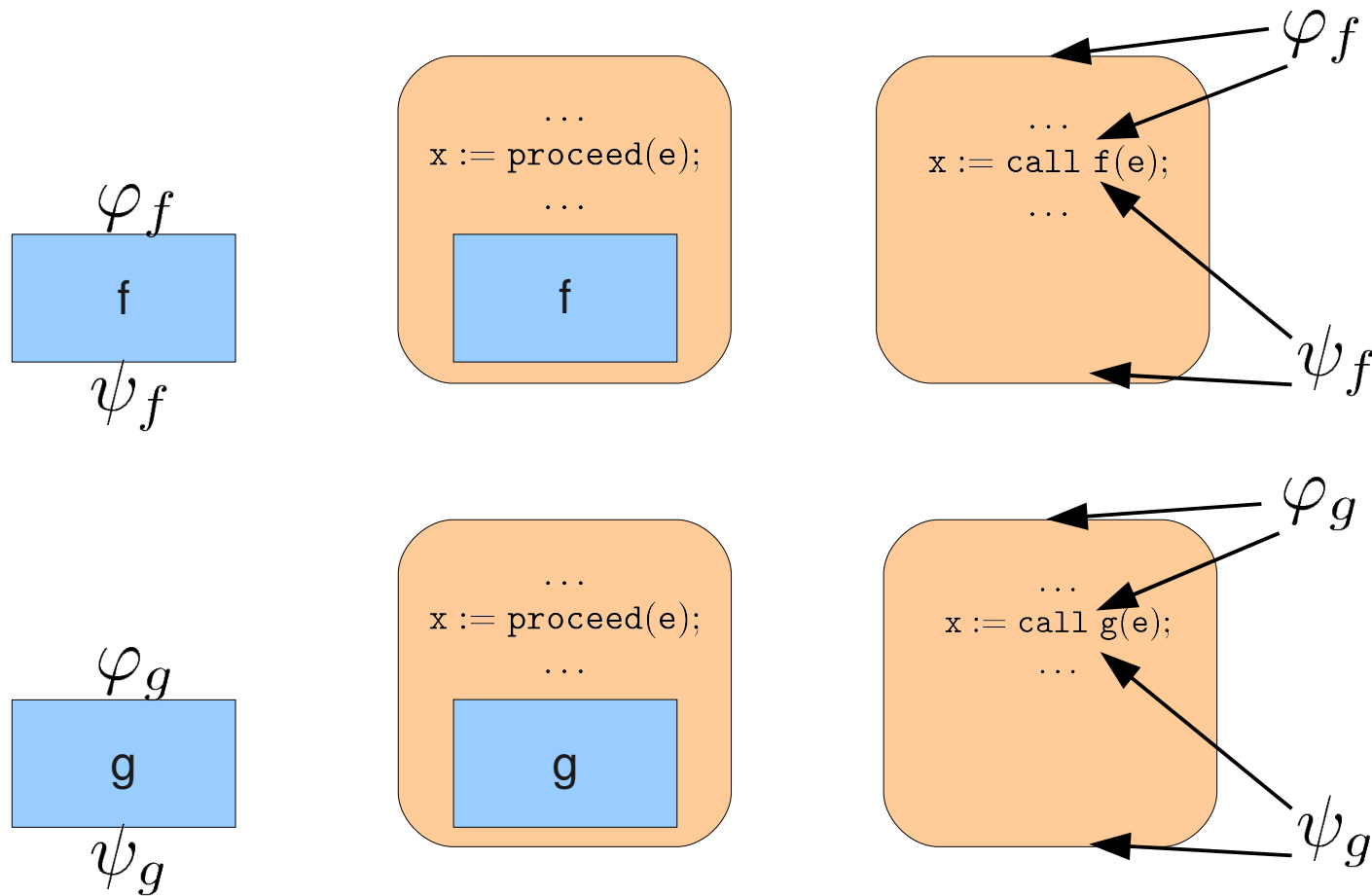
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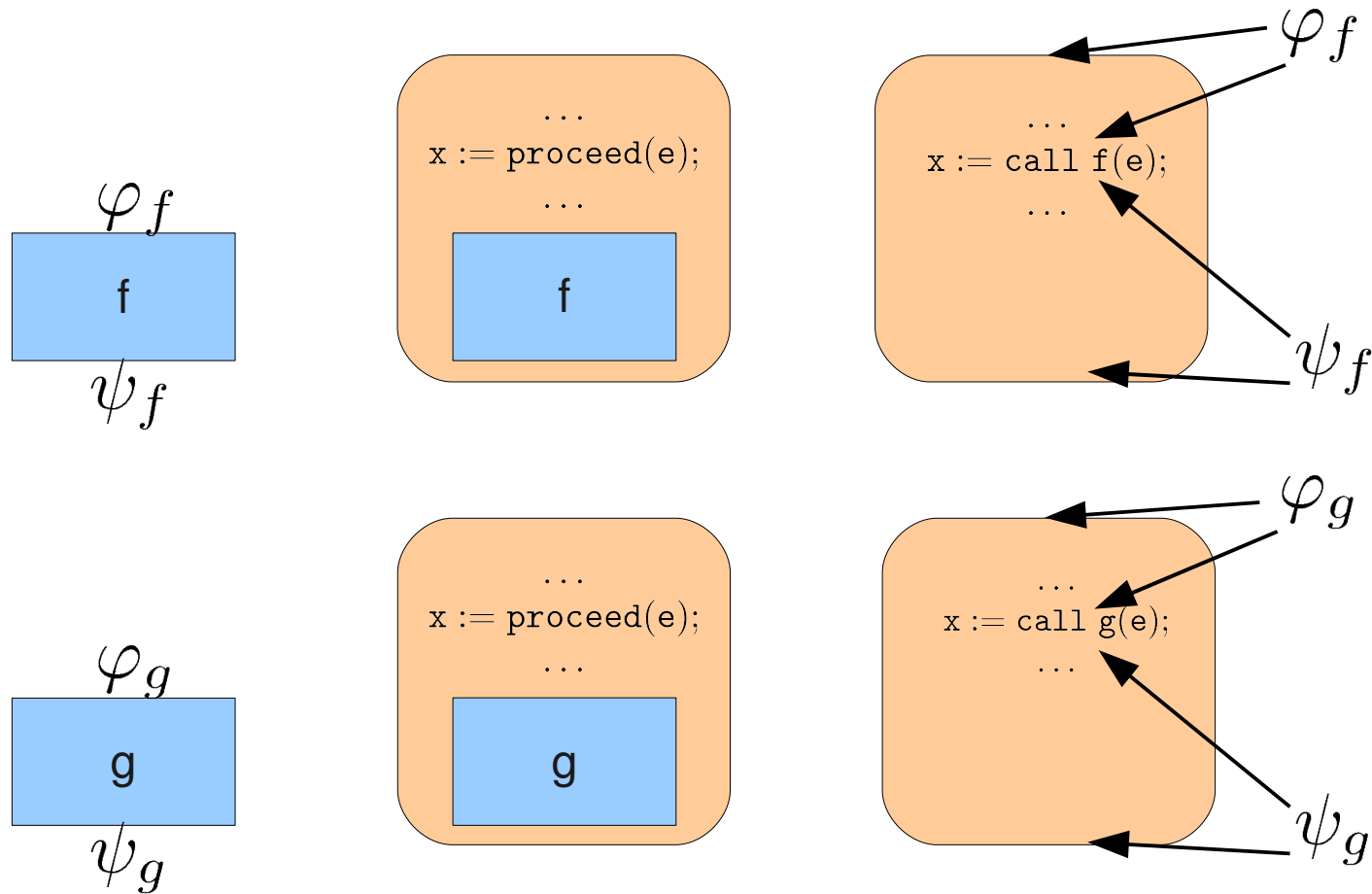
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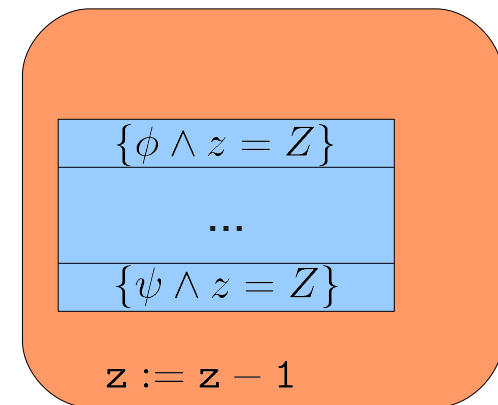
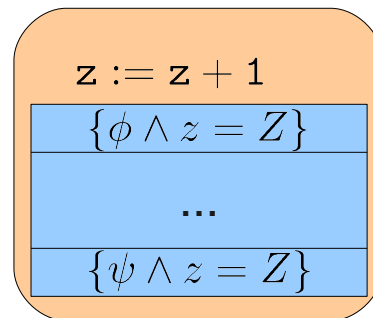
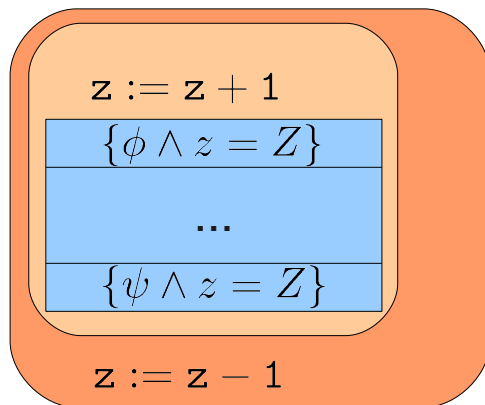


(specification of proceed improves modularity)

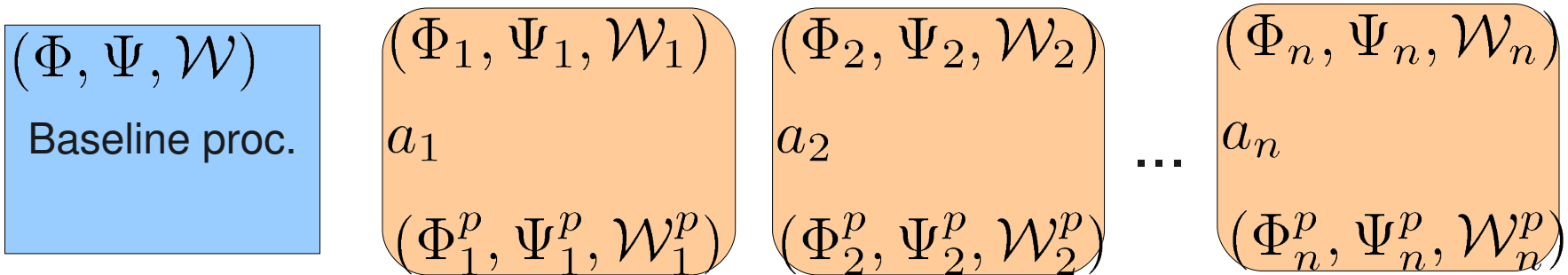
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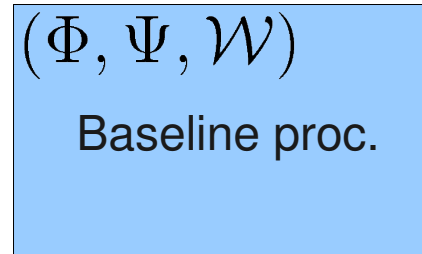
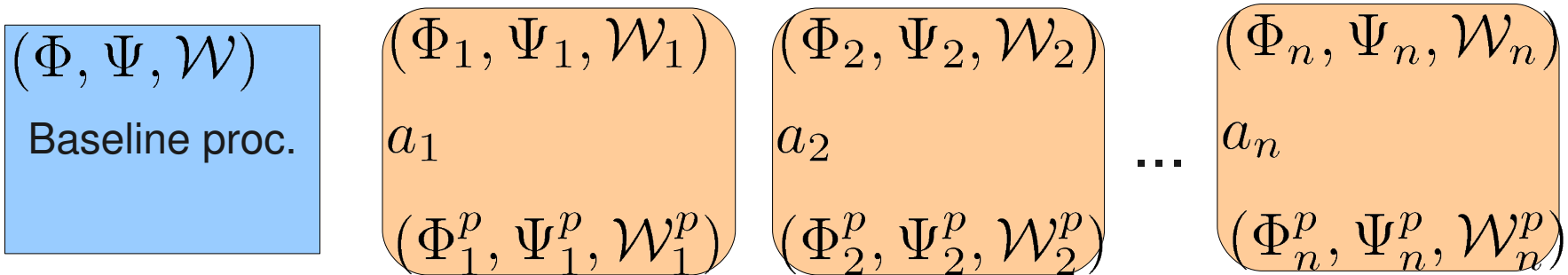
Some advices are be spec-preserving when combined  
but not when analyzed in isolation



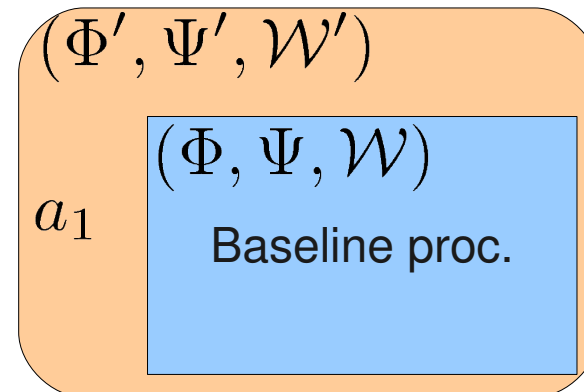
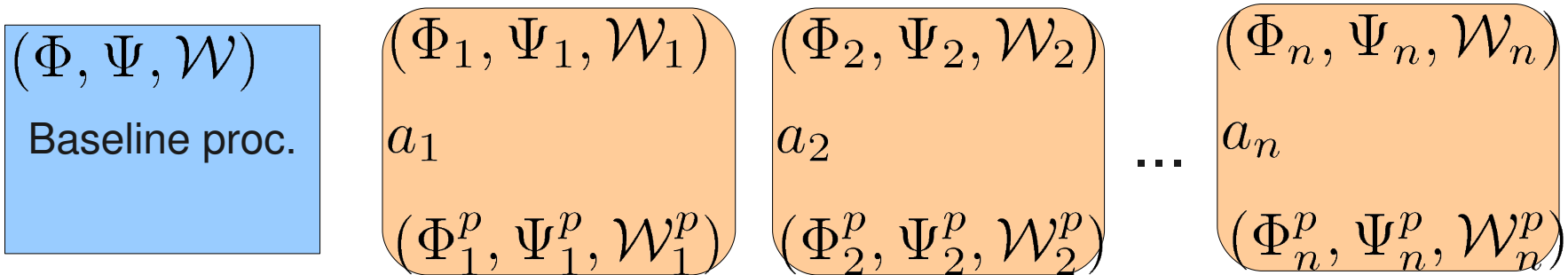
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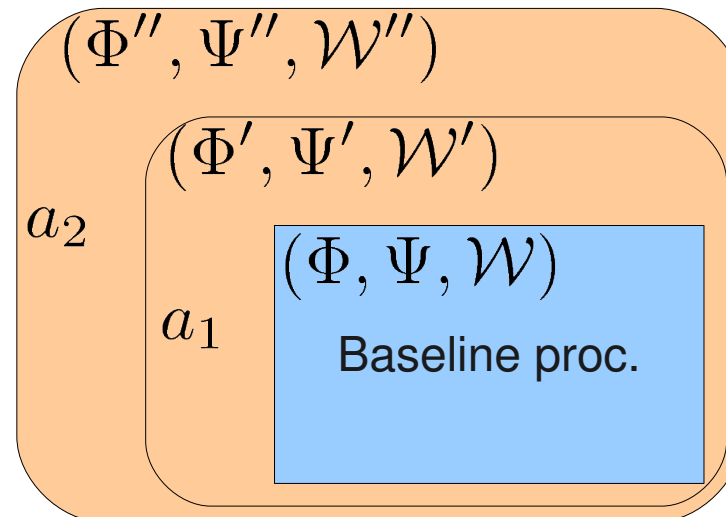
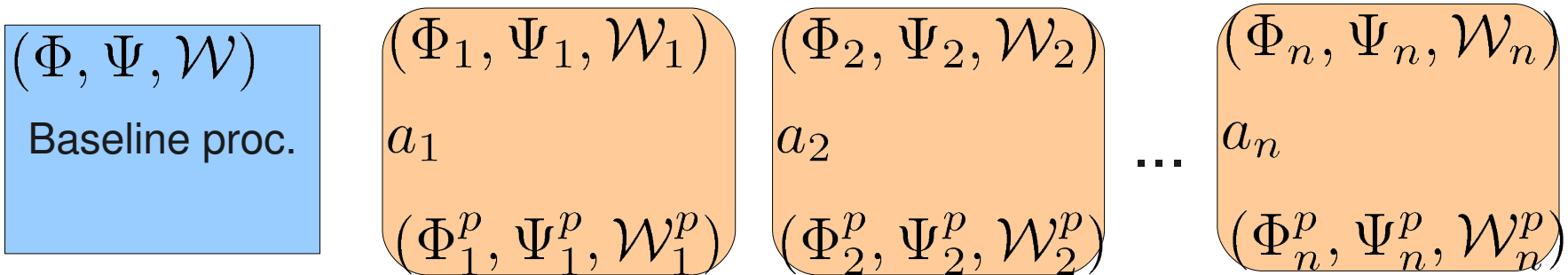
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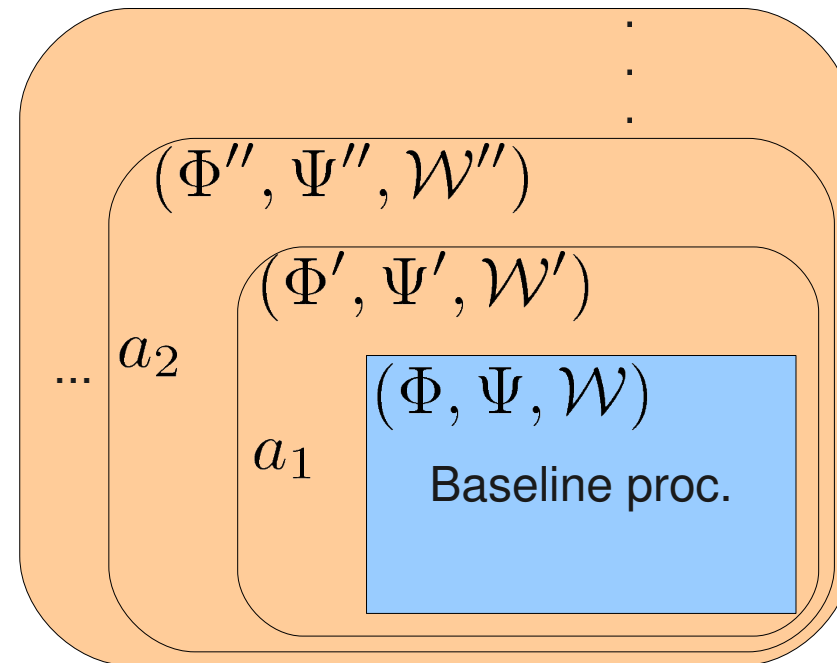
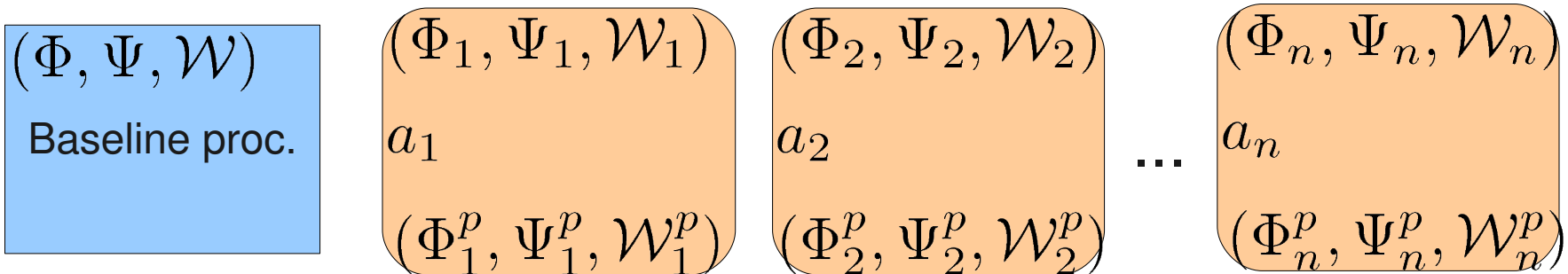


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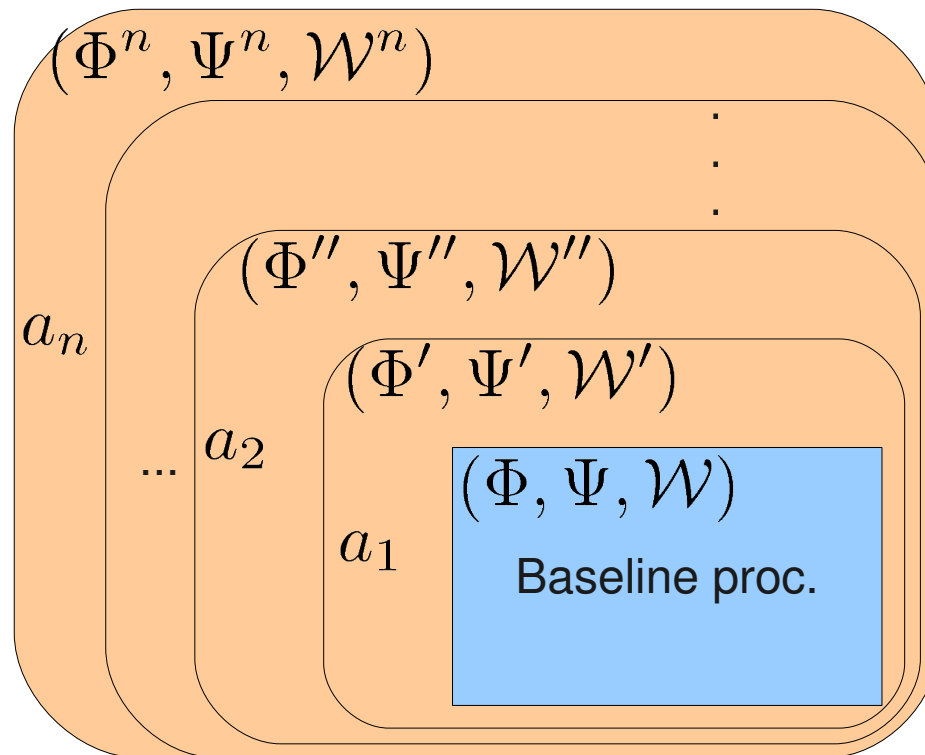
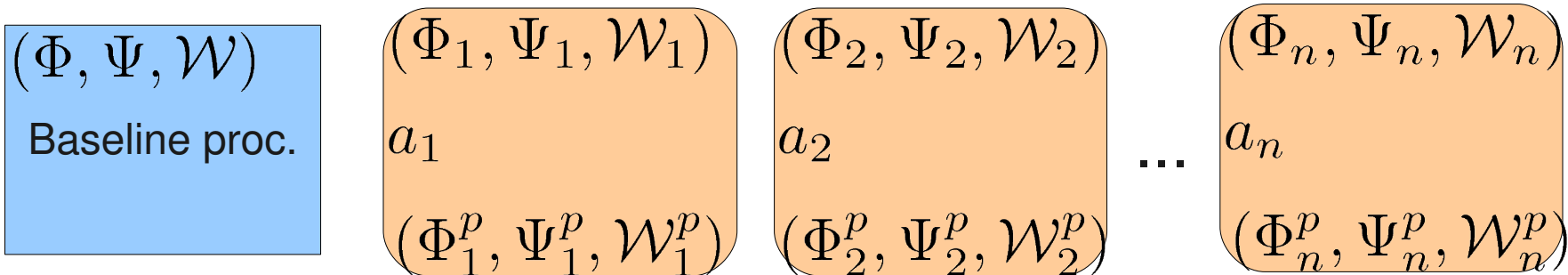




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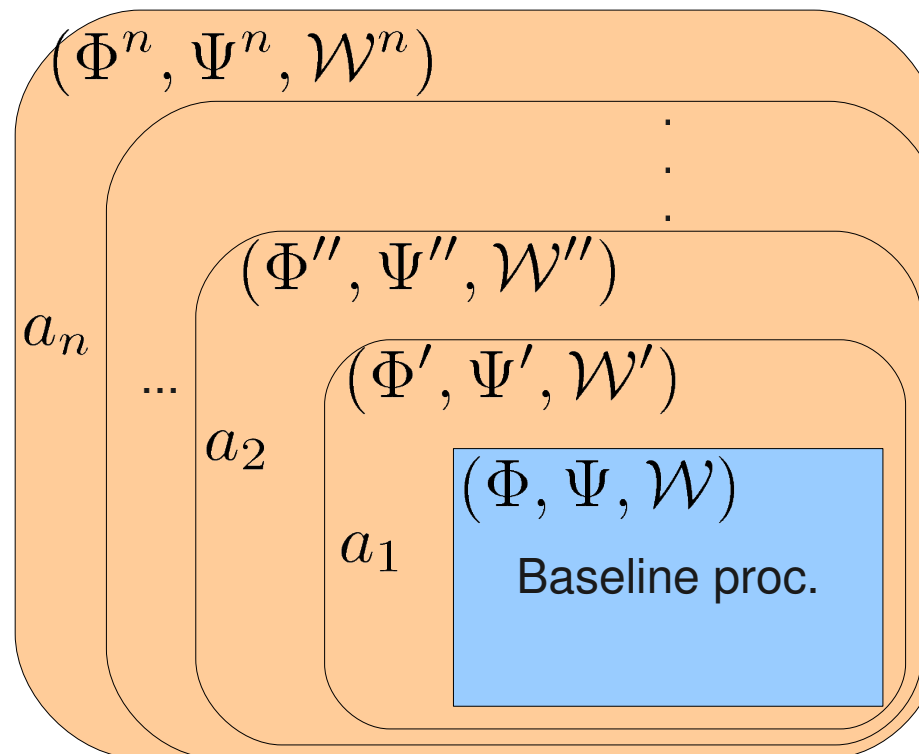


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$$\Phi \Rightarrow \Phi^n \quad \Psi^n \Rightarrow \Psi \quad \mathcal{W}^n \cap \mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{W}$$



Specification Refinement instead of Specification Preservation

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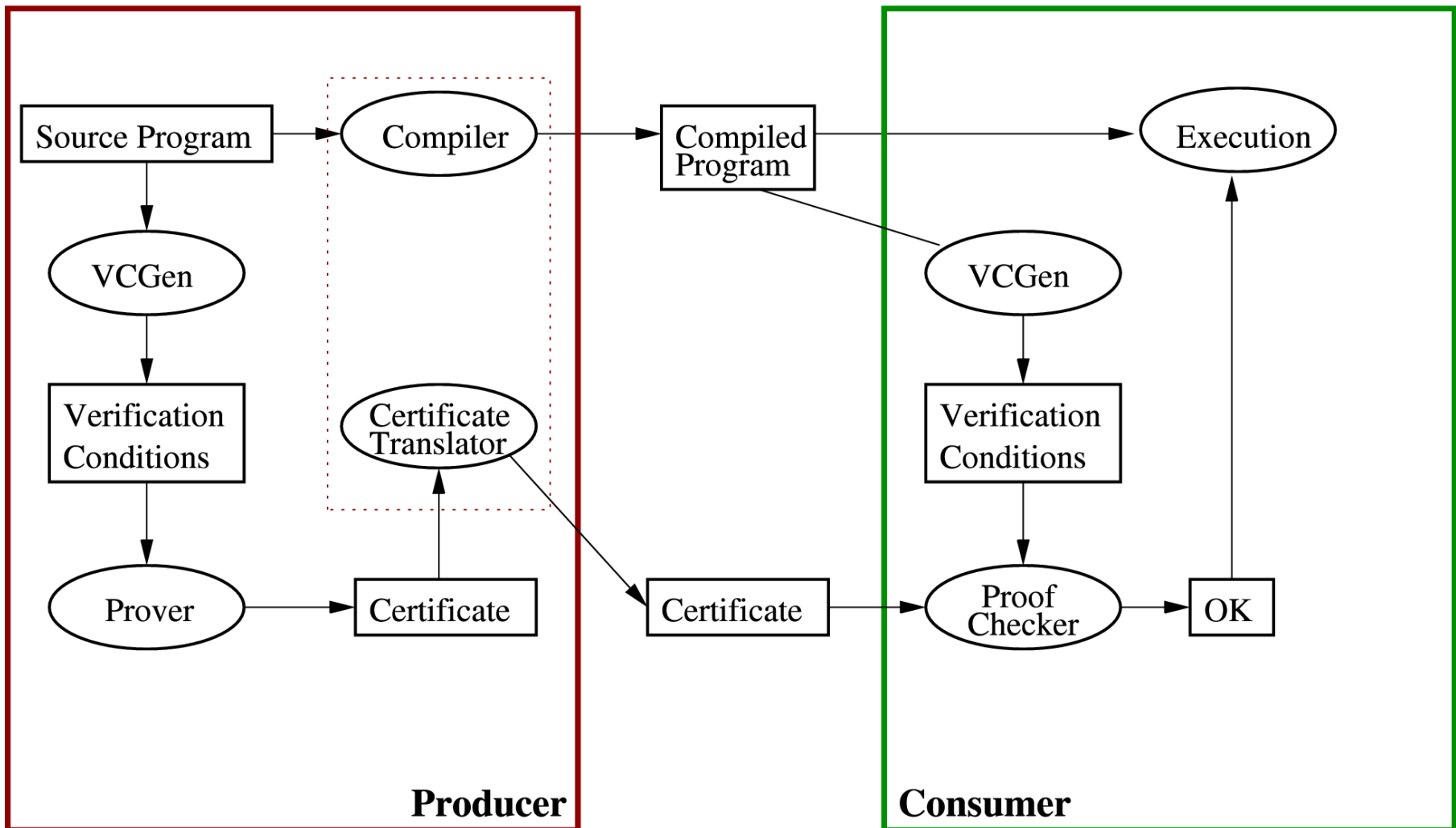
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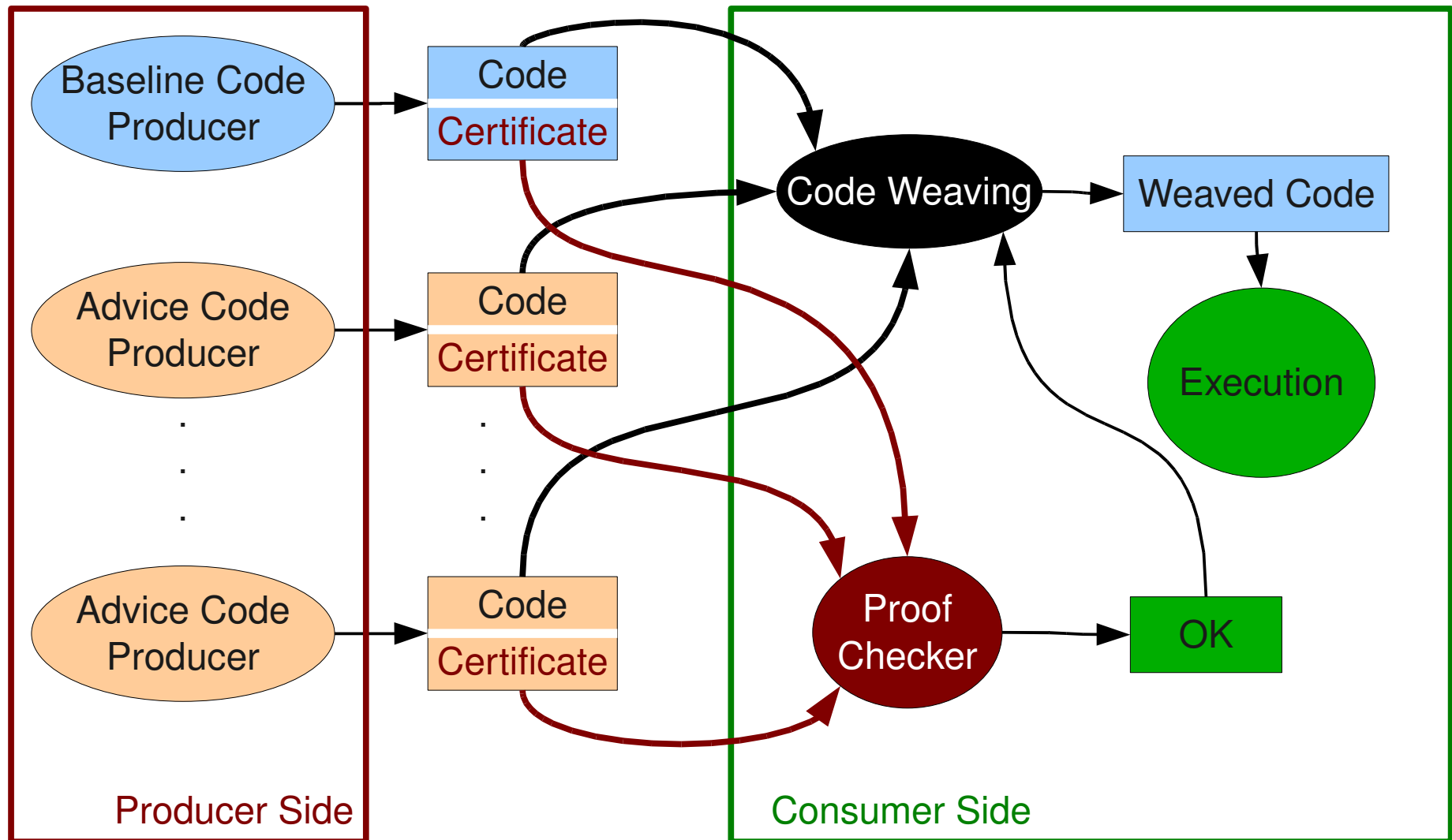
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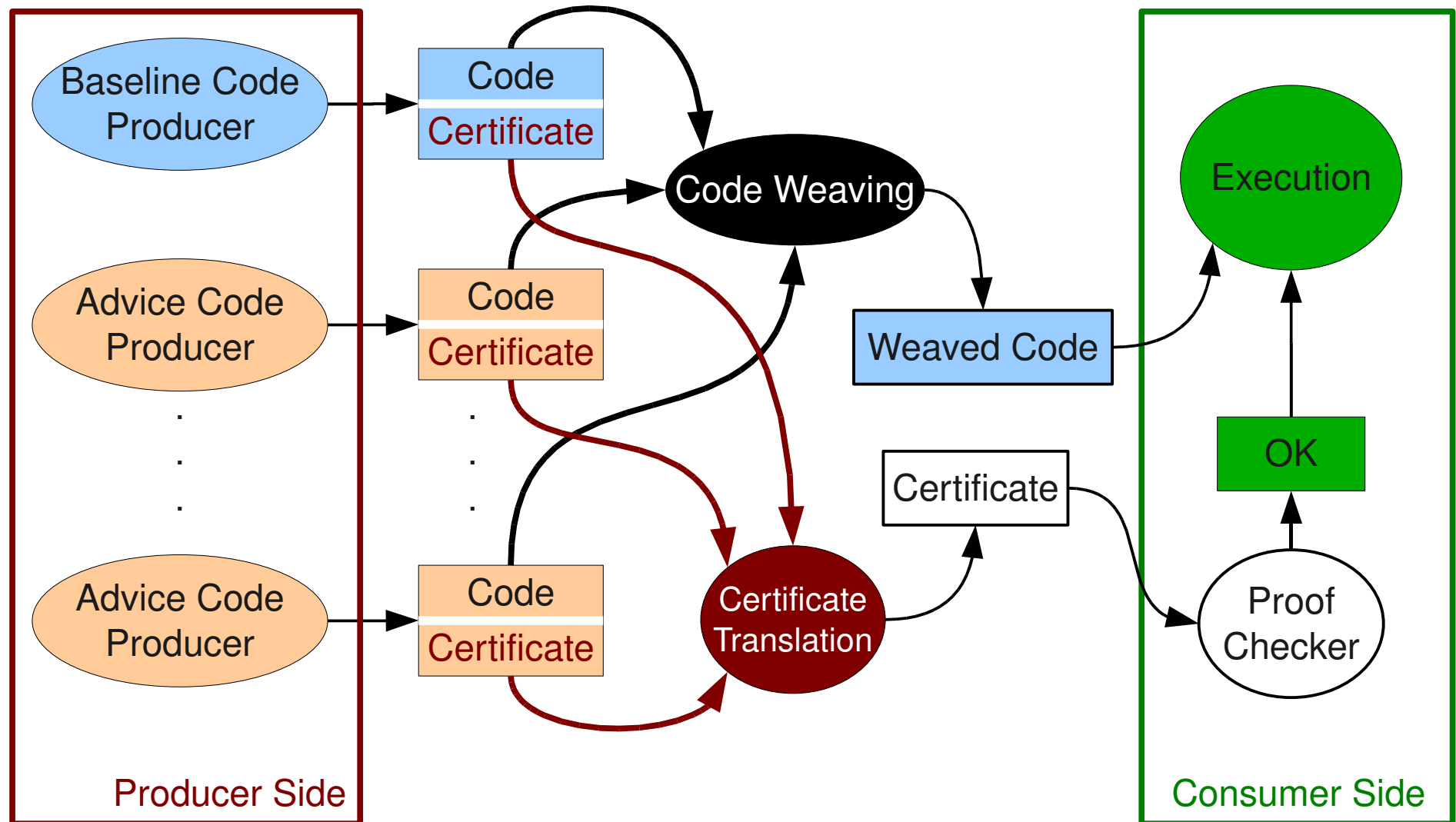
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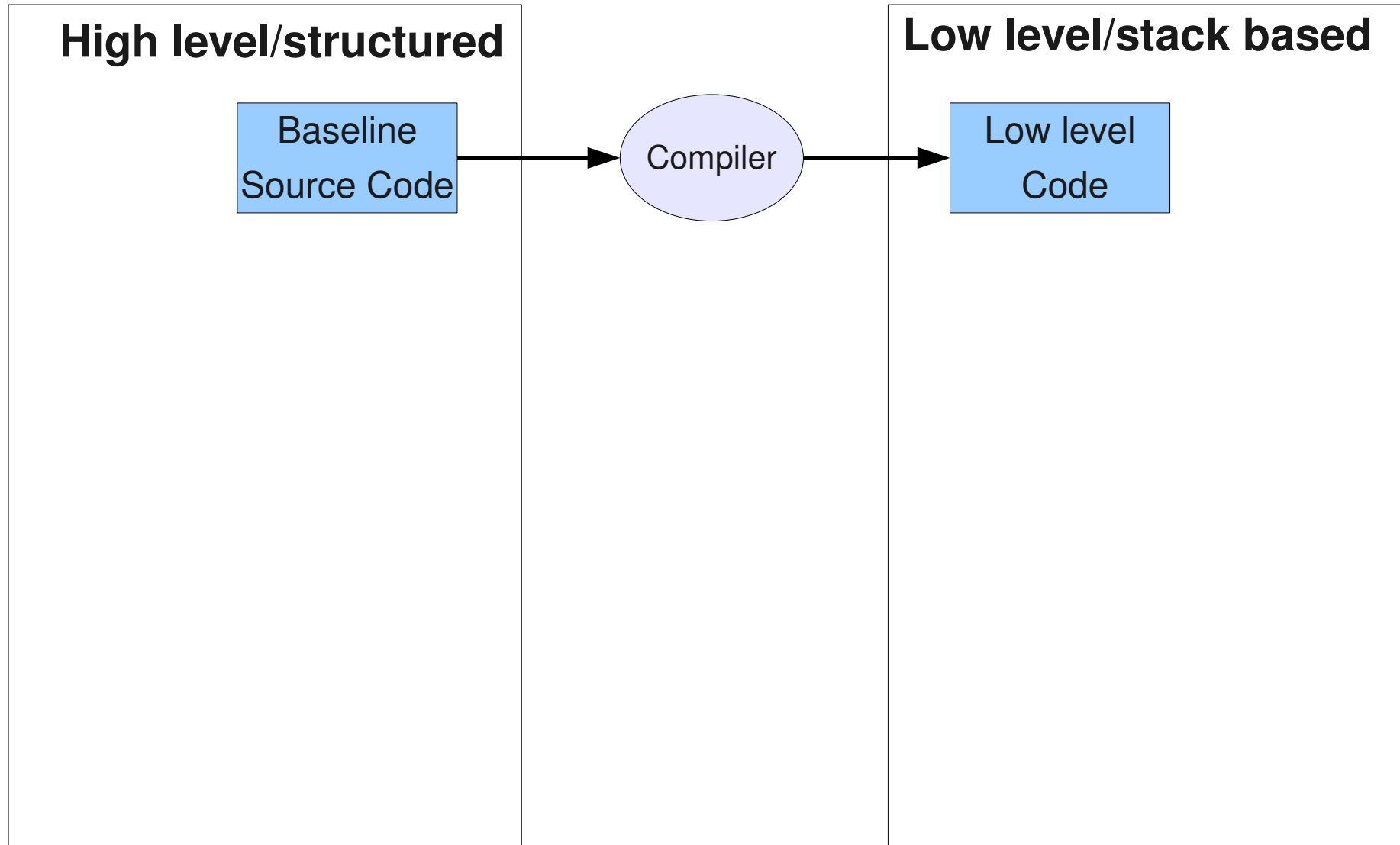
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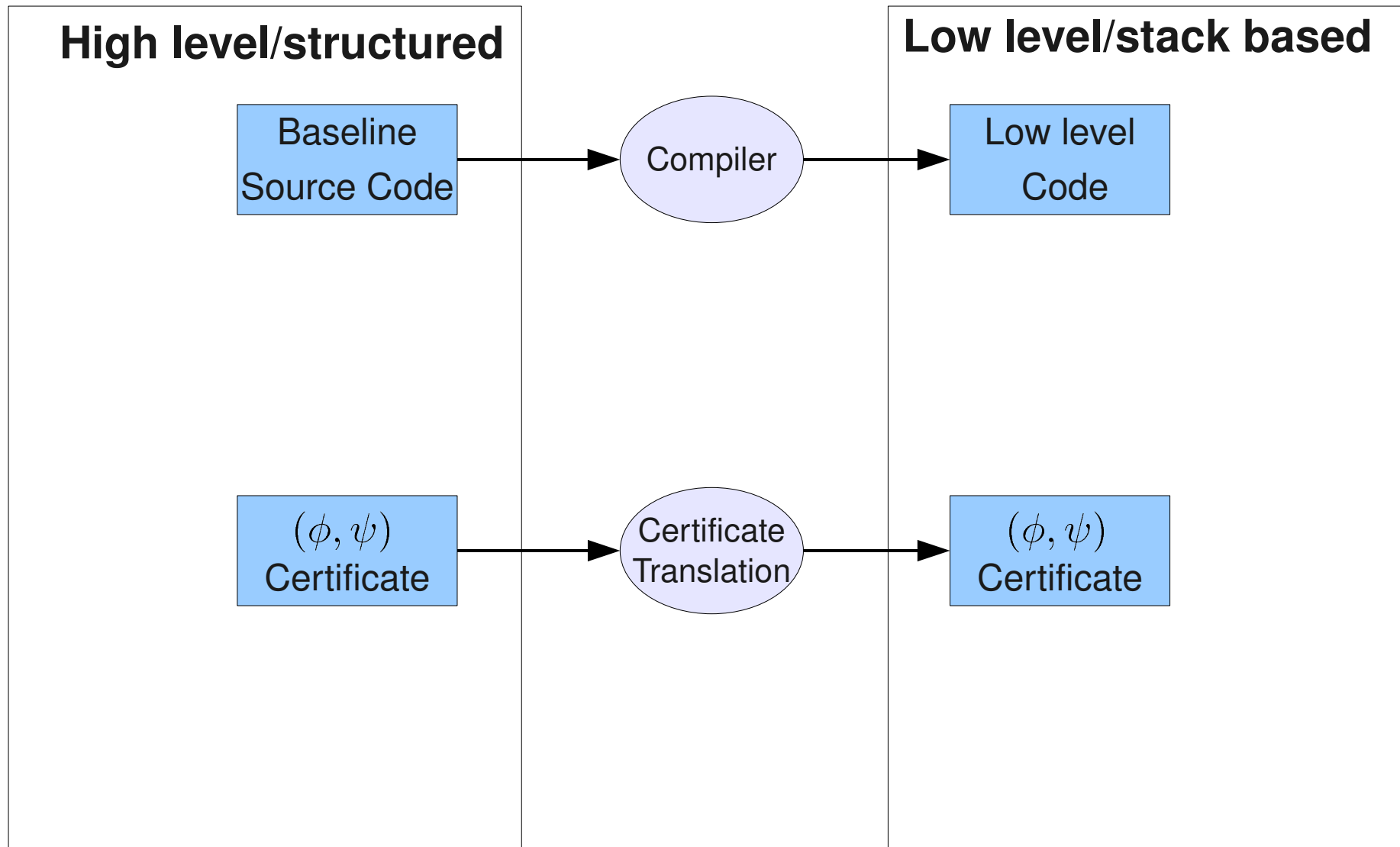


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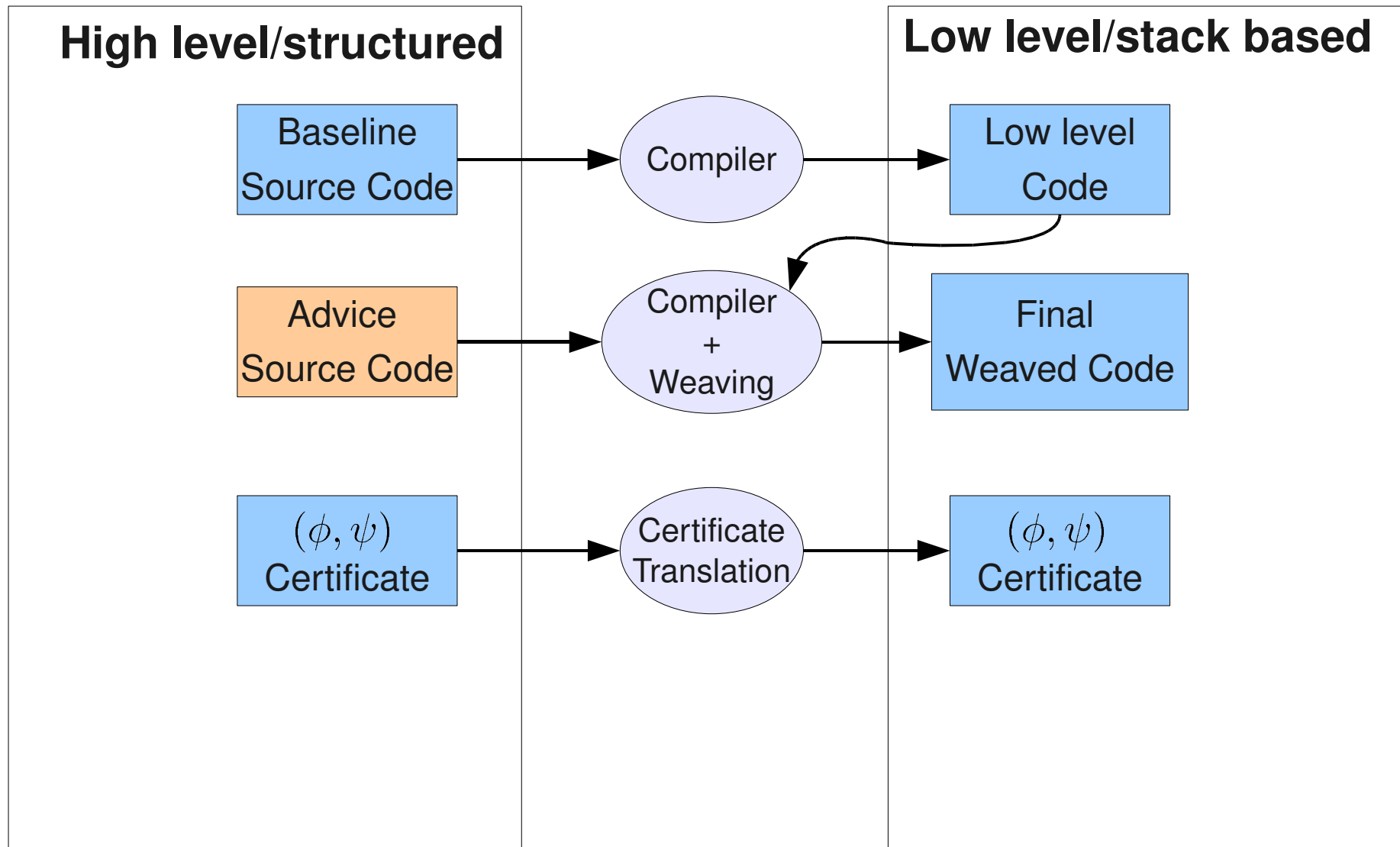




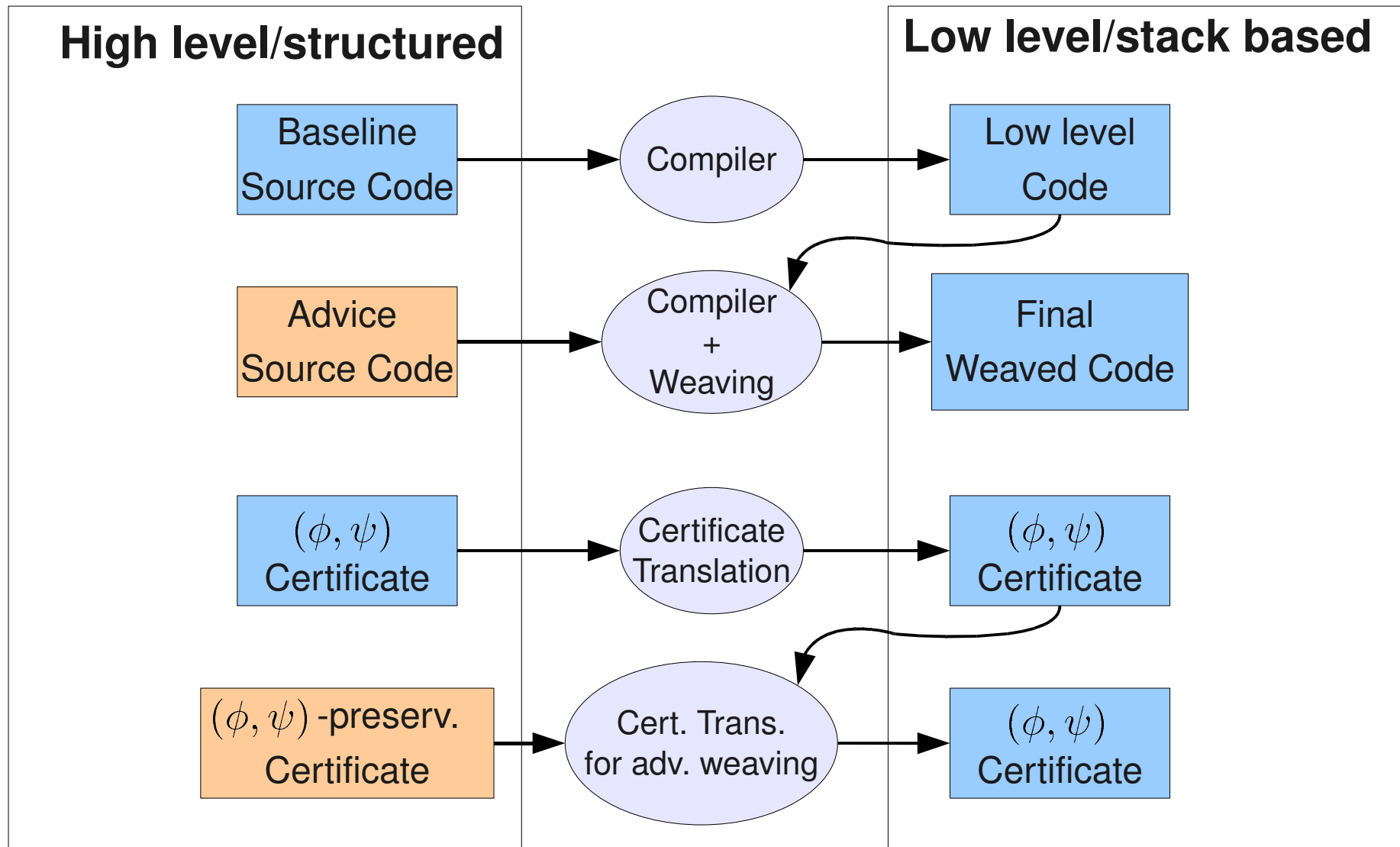
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# Conclusions

- A more flexible notion of non-interfering advices
- Stronger non-interference analyses reduce proof obligations
- Certificate translation targetting a typical backend