

Regular Property Guided Dynamic Symbolic Execution

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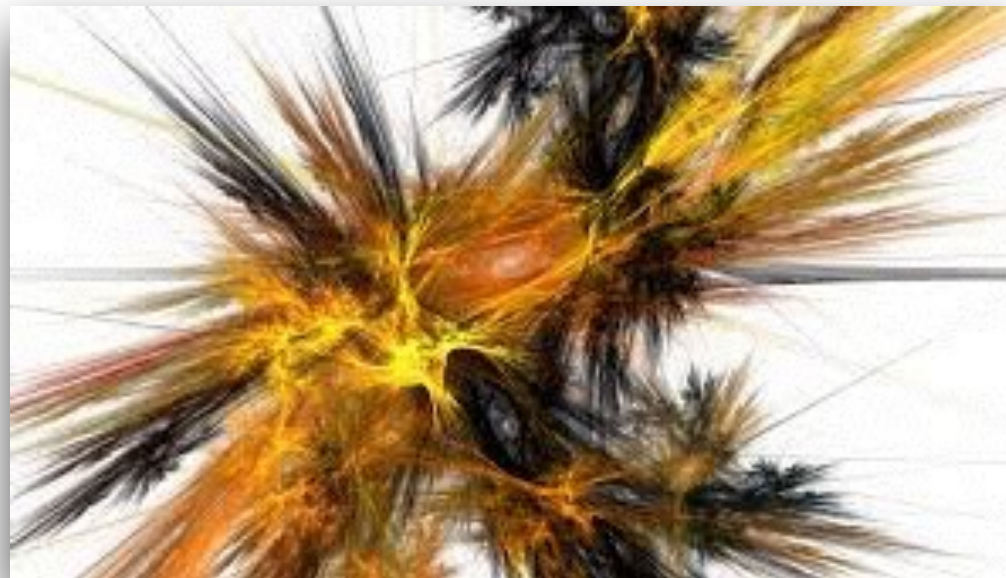
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Dynamic Symbolic Execution (DSE)

- Explore path spaces systematically
- Test-case generation, bug-finding, bounded verification, ...
- Path explosion problem



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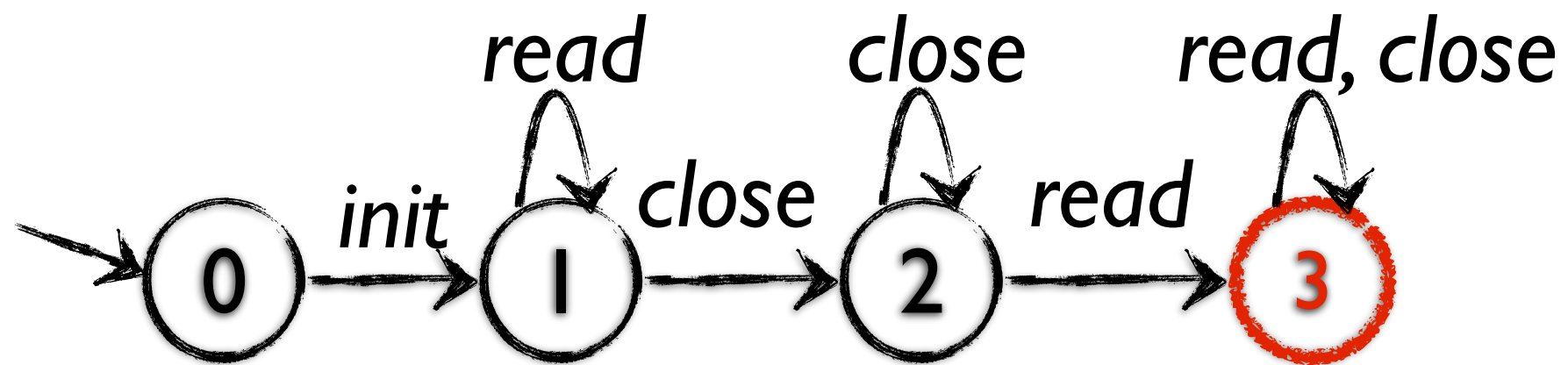


Existing Work of Guiding Symbolic Execution

- Improving coverage
 - KLEE[OSDI'08], CREST[ASE'08], SGS[OOPSLA'13], CGS[FSE'14], ...
- Reach program points
 - PEX[DSN'09], ESD[EuroSys'11], SDSE [SAS'11], BitBlaze[ISSTA'11], ...
- Exploring the difference between programs
 - DiSE[PLDI'11], ZESTI [ICSE'12], KATCH[FSE'13], ...

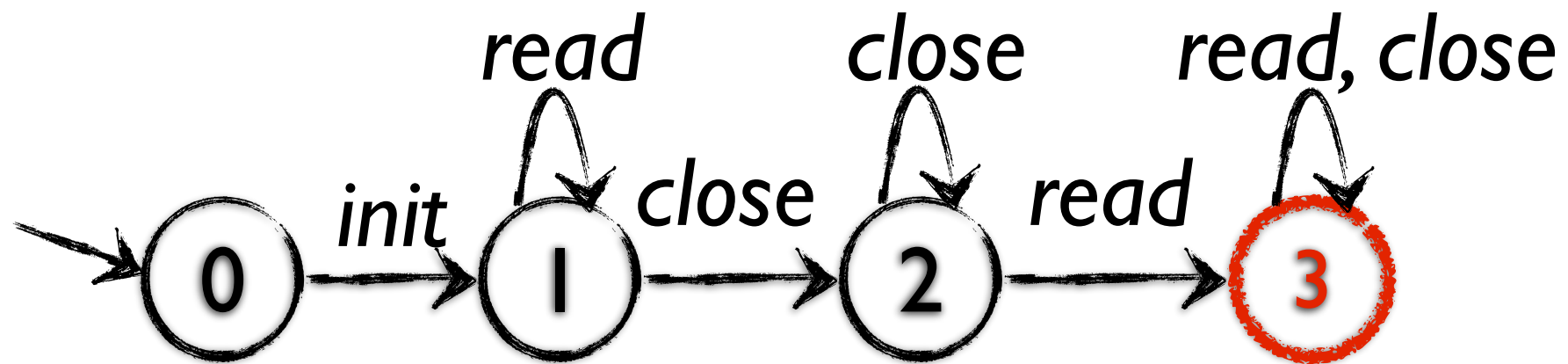
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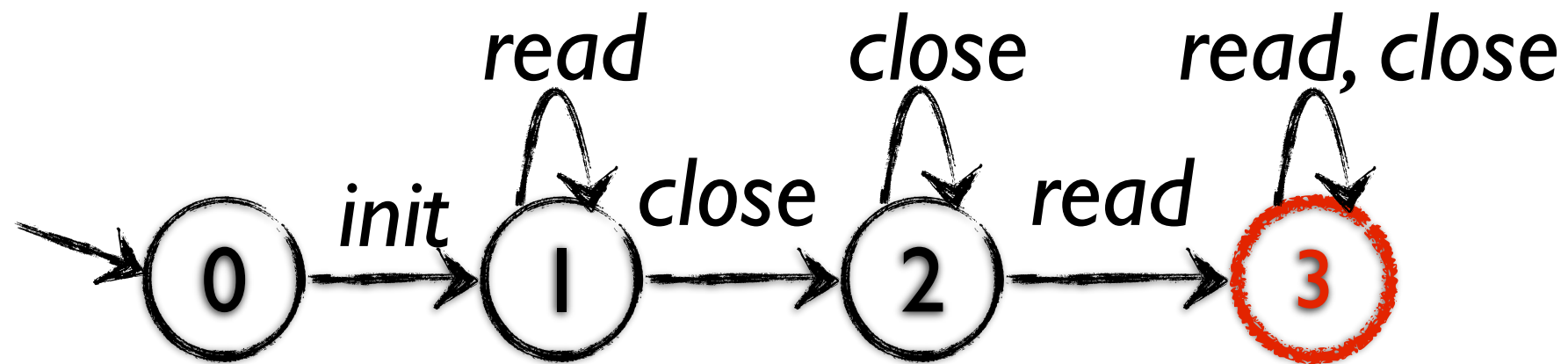
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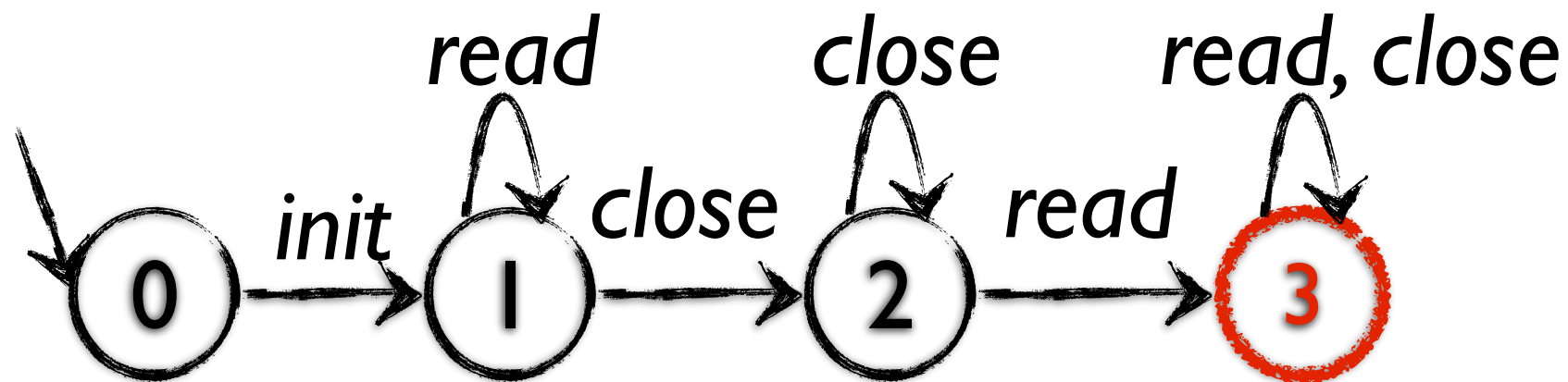
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*How to guide DSE to find a program path satisfying **P** as soon as possible?*

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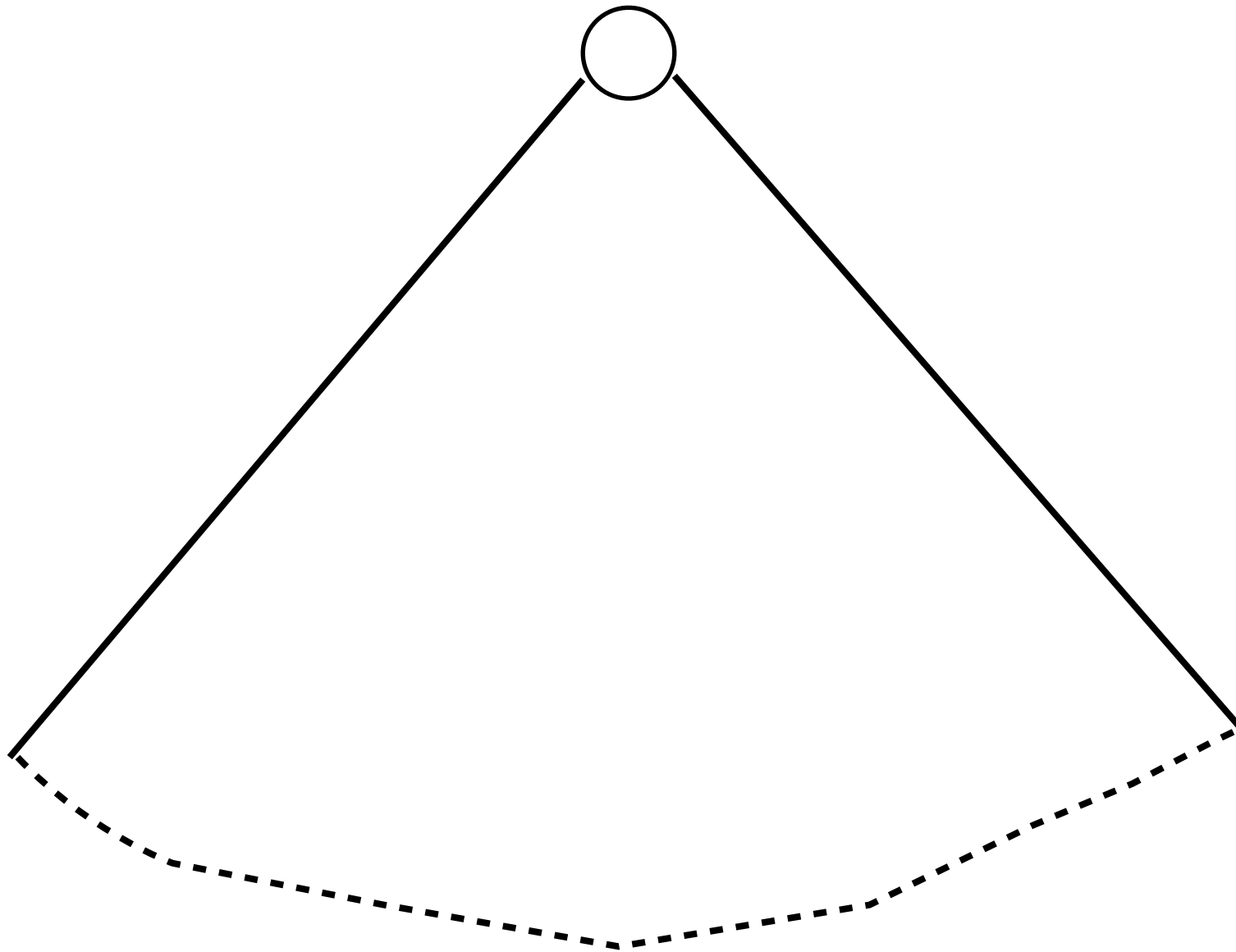


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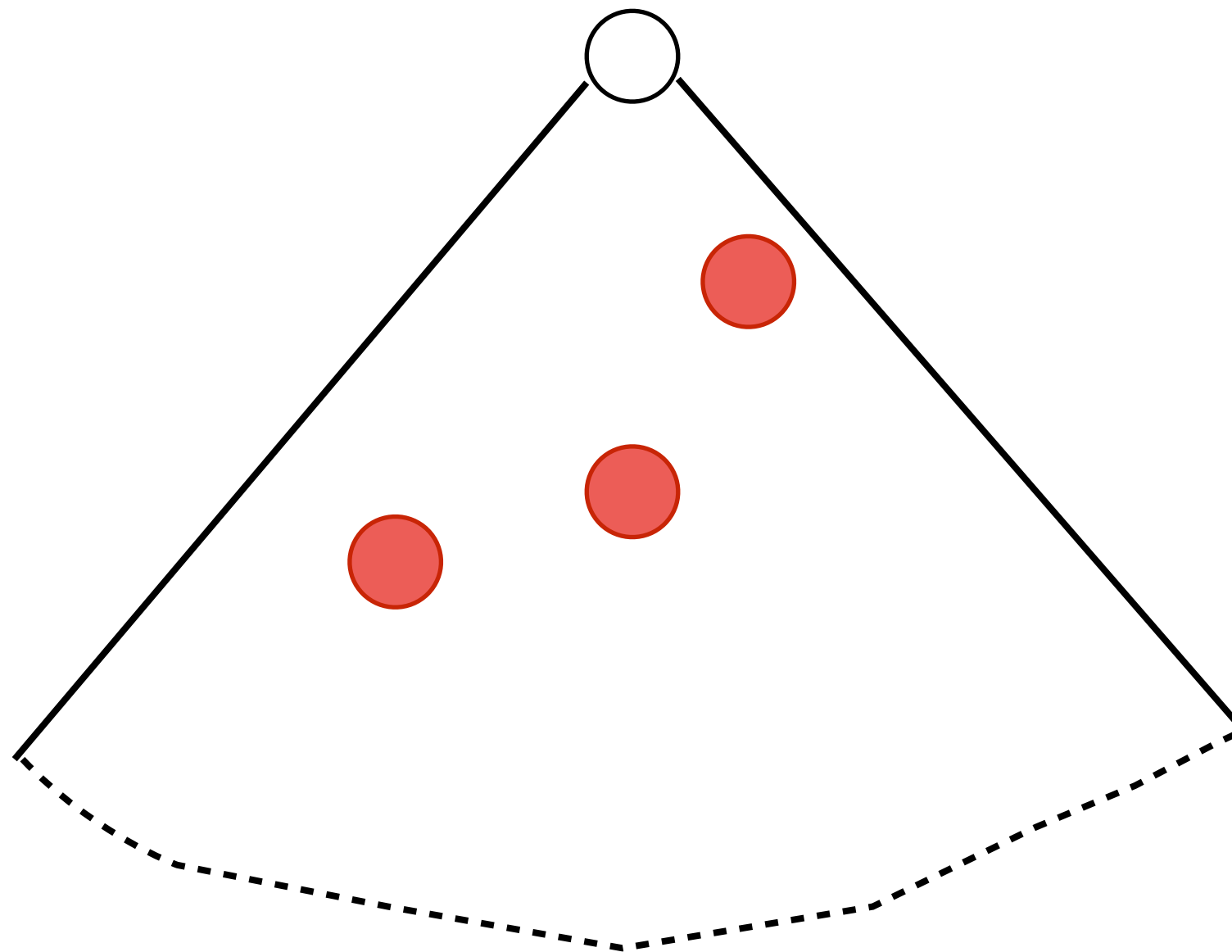
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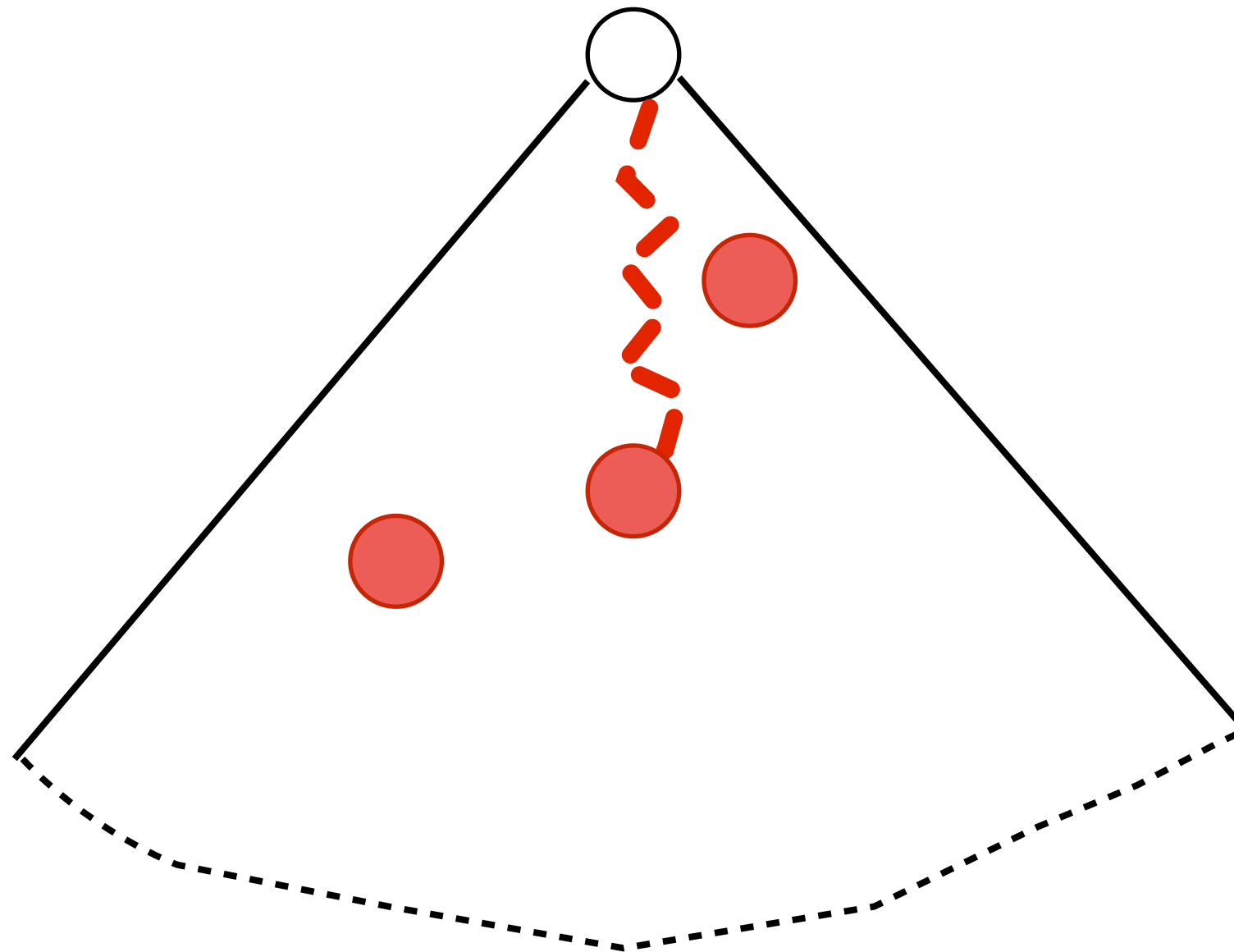
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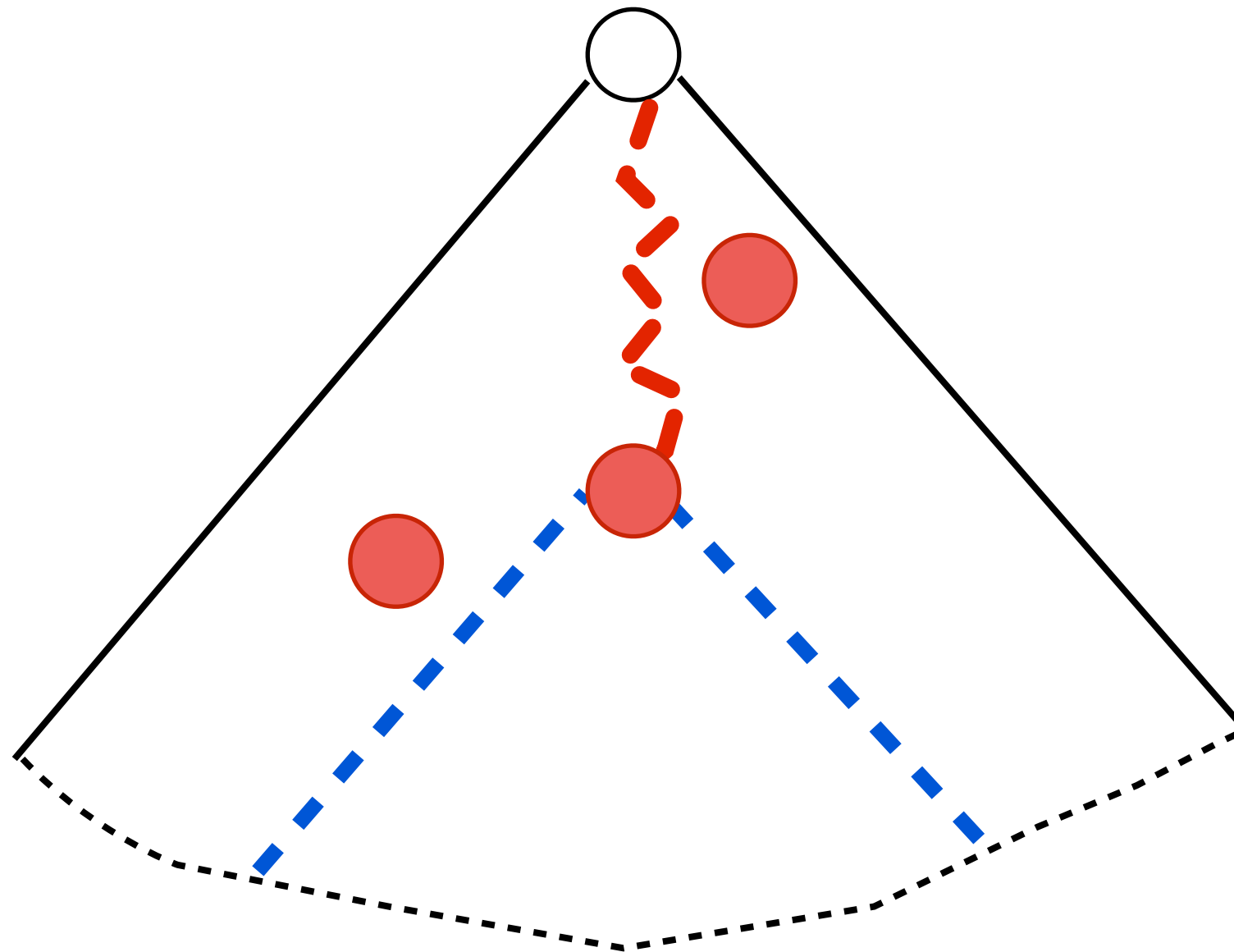


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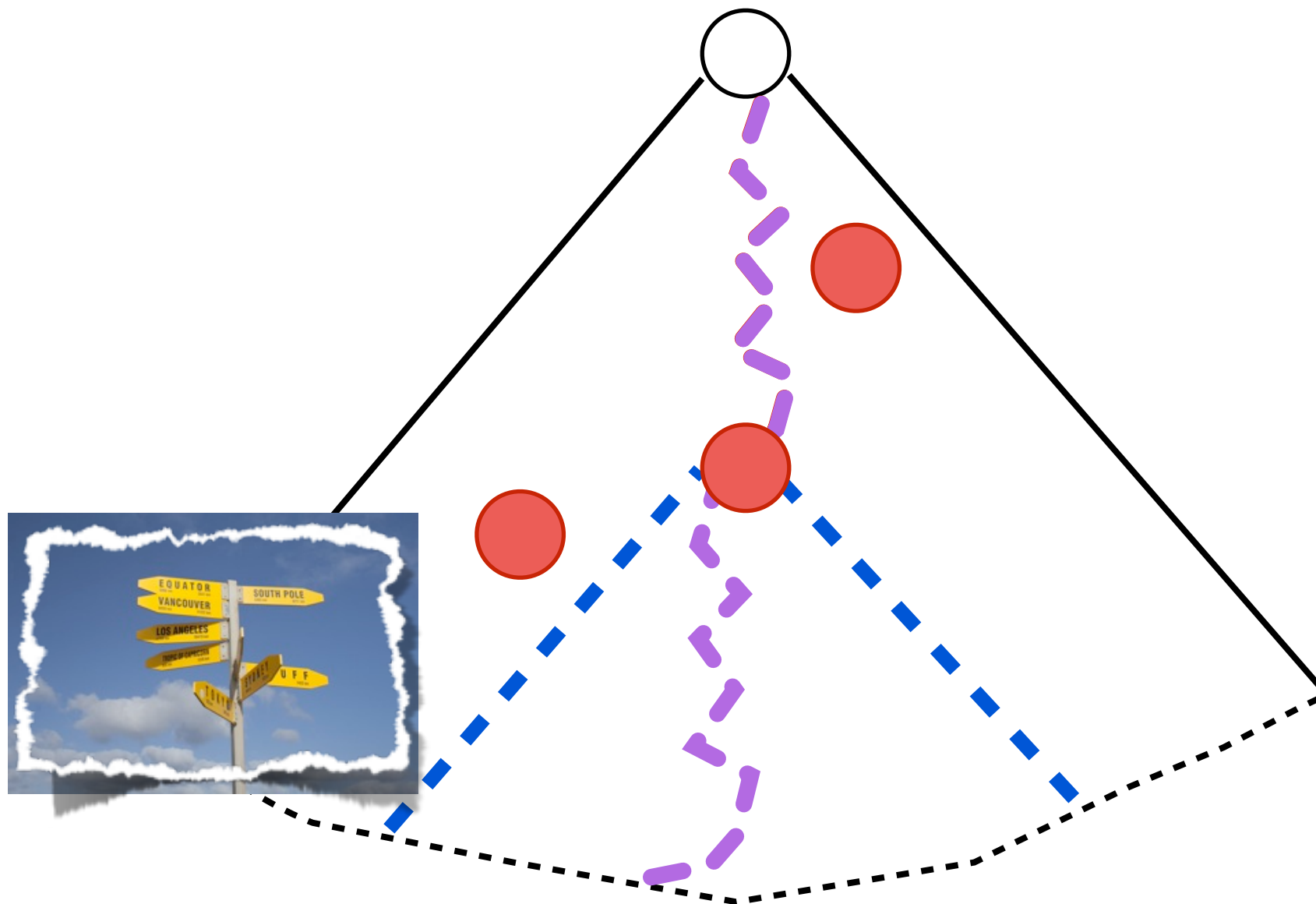
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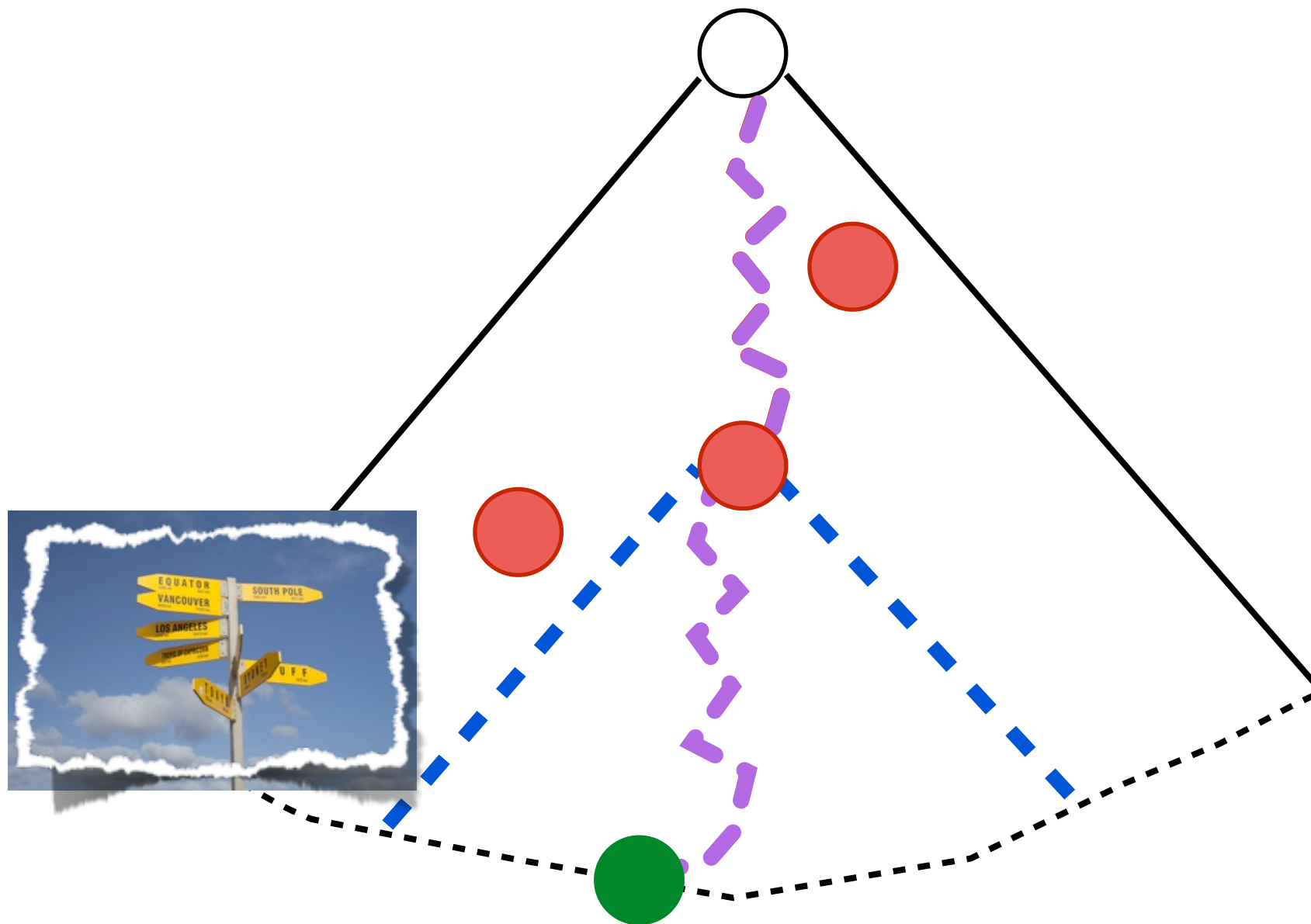
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Dynamic analysis



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Postset: the states from which it can reach a final state after executing the rest program after the branch location

Dynamic analysis

Static analysis

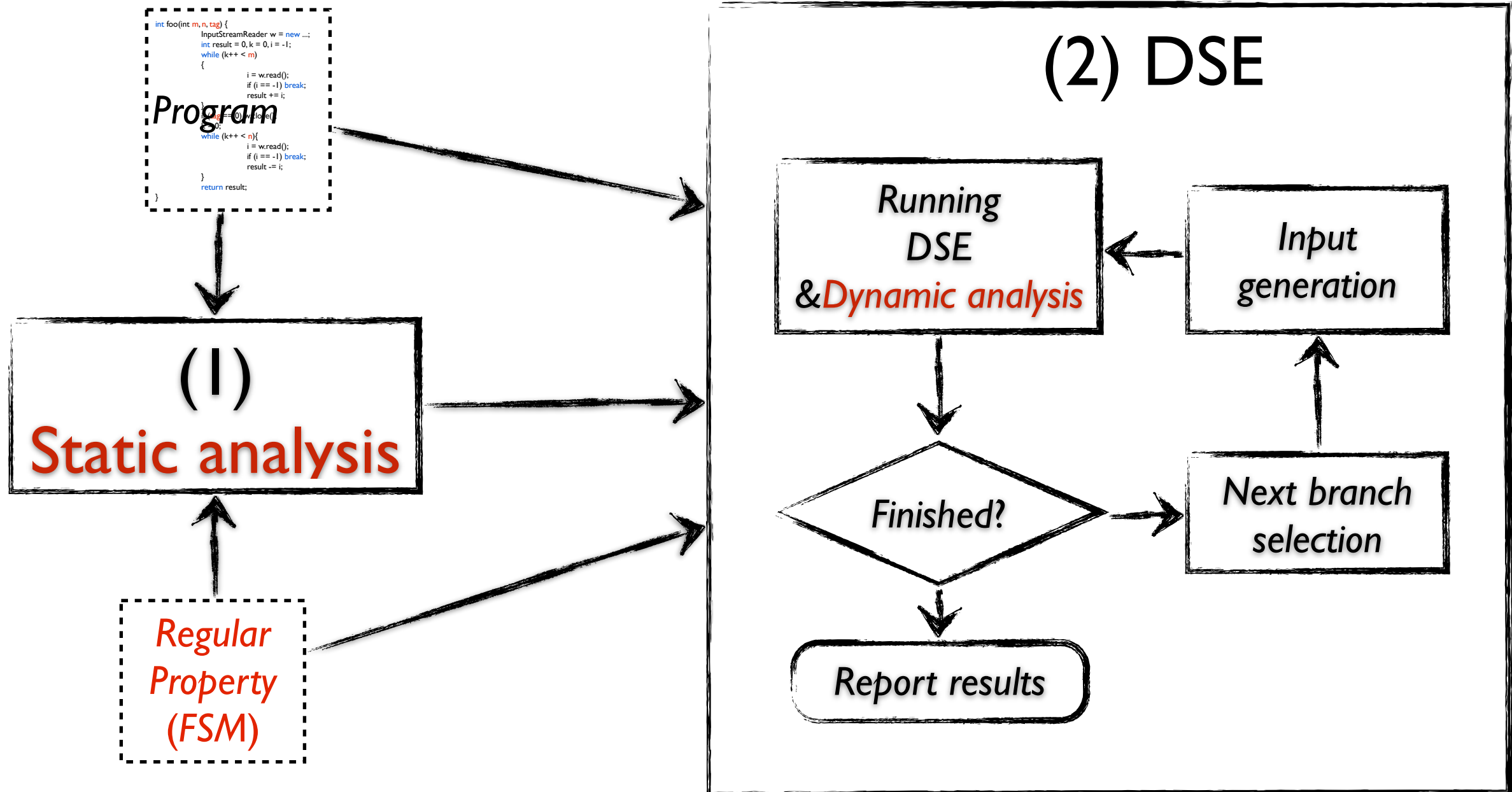


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Sneak Preview of Results

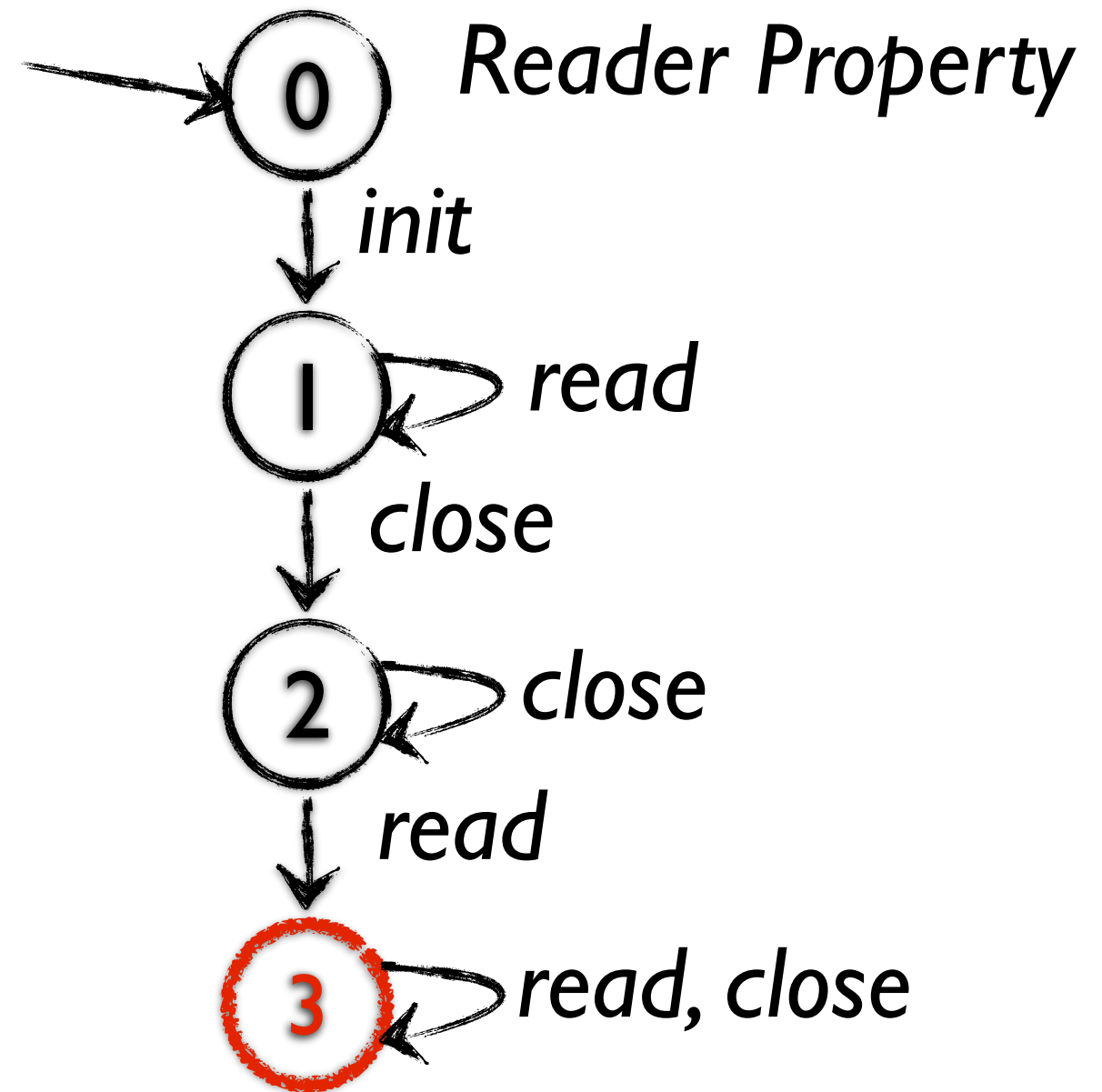
- For finding the first accepted path
 - **>1880X speedup** on iterations
 - **>258X time speedup** on the programs whose paths space is bigger than 100
- For 3 out of the 13 real world programs
 - Guided method **succeeds in 1 hour**
 - Pure method **fails in 24 hours**

Procedure



An Example

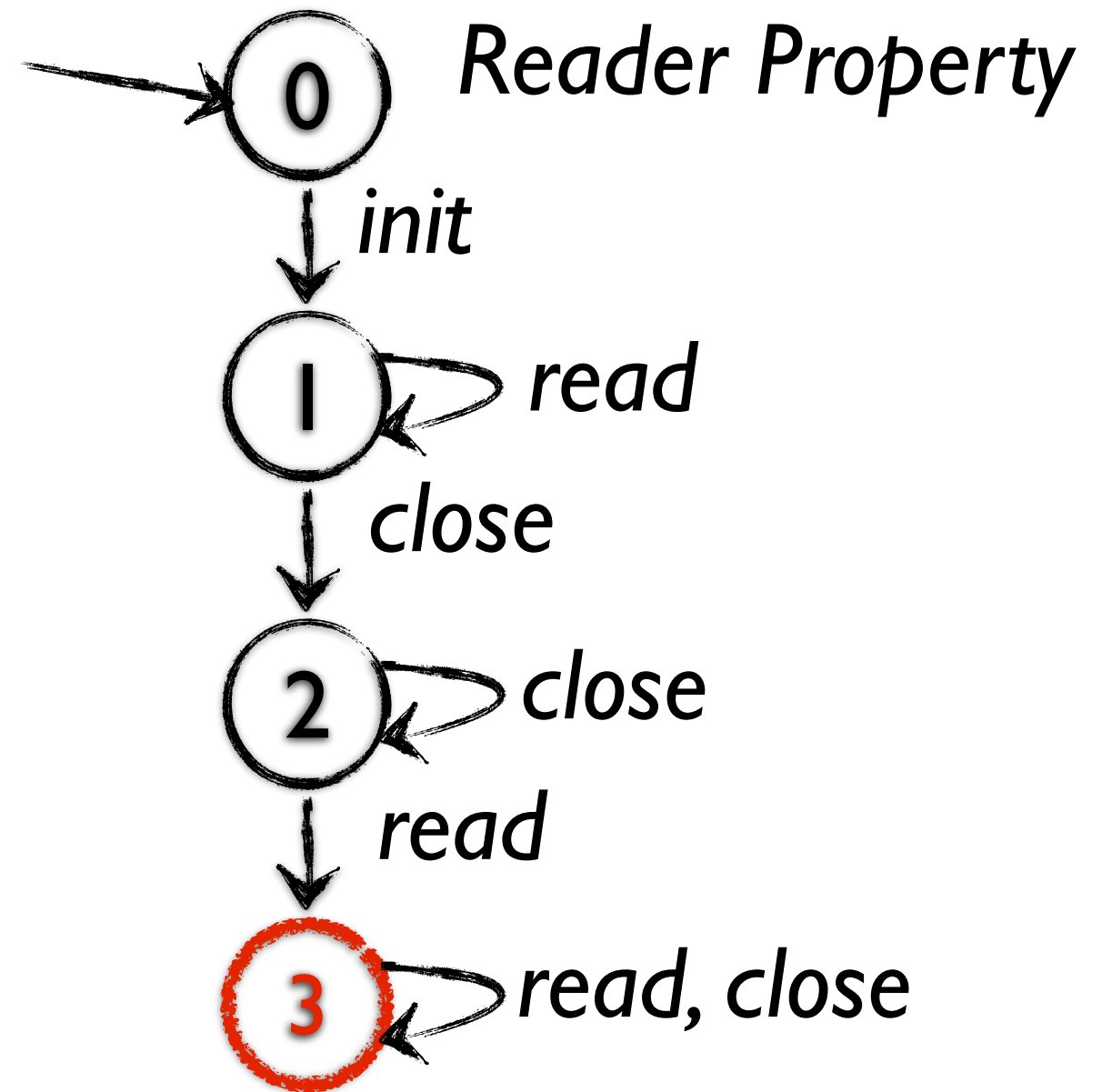
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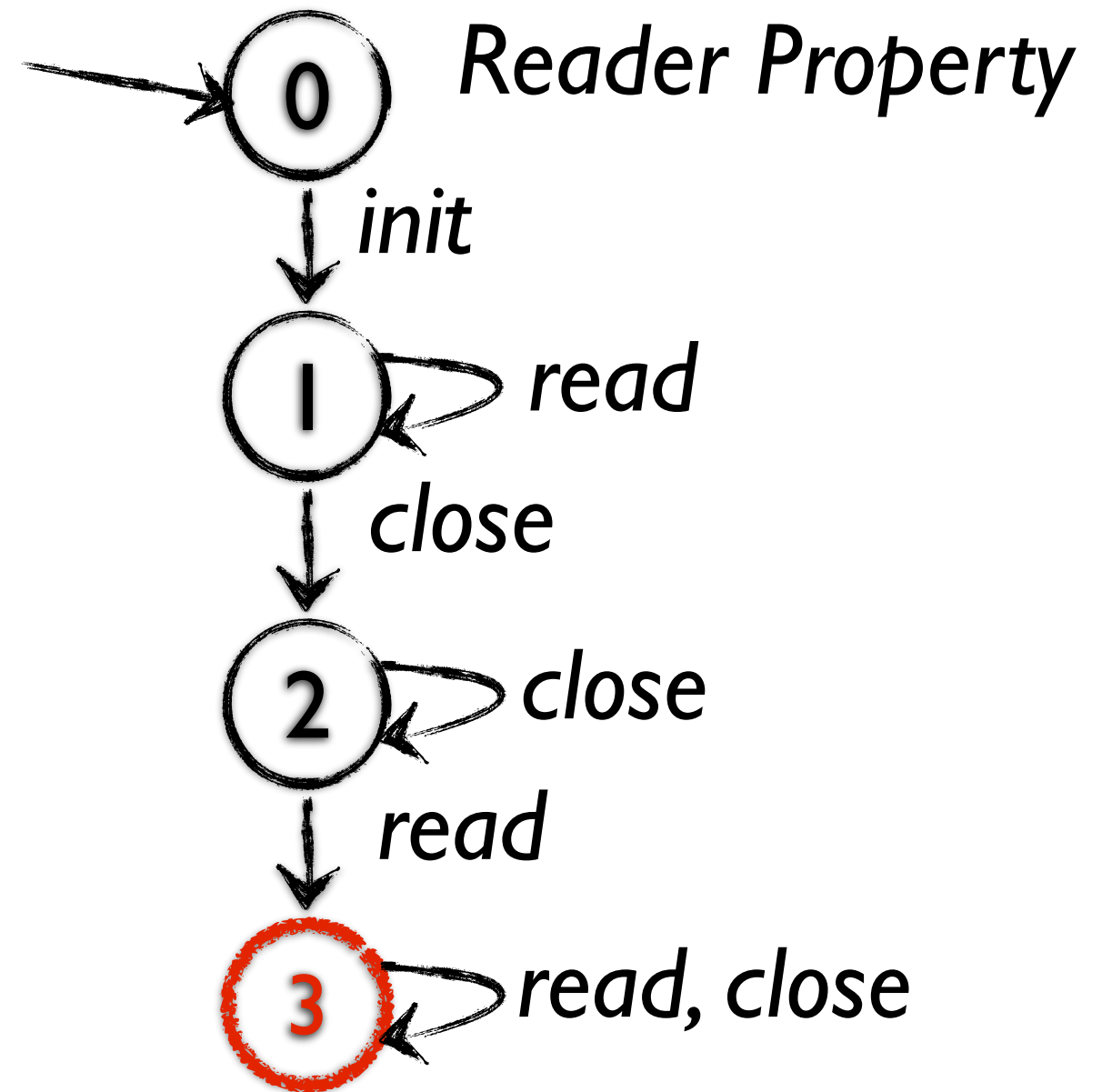
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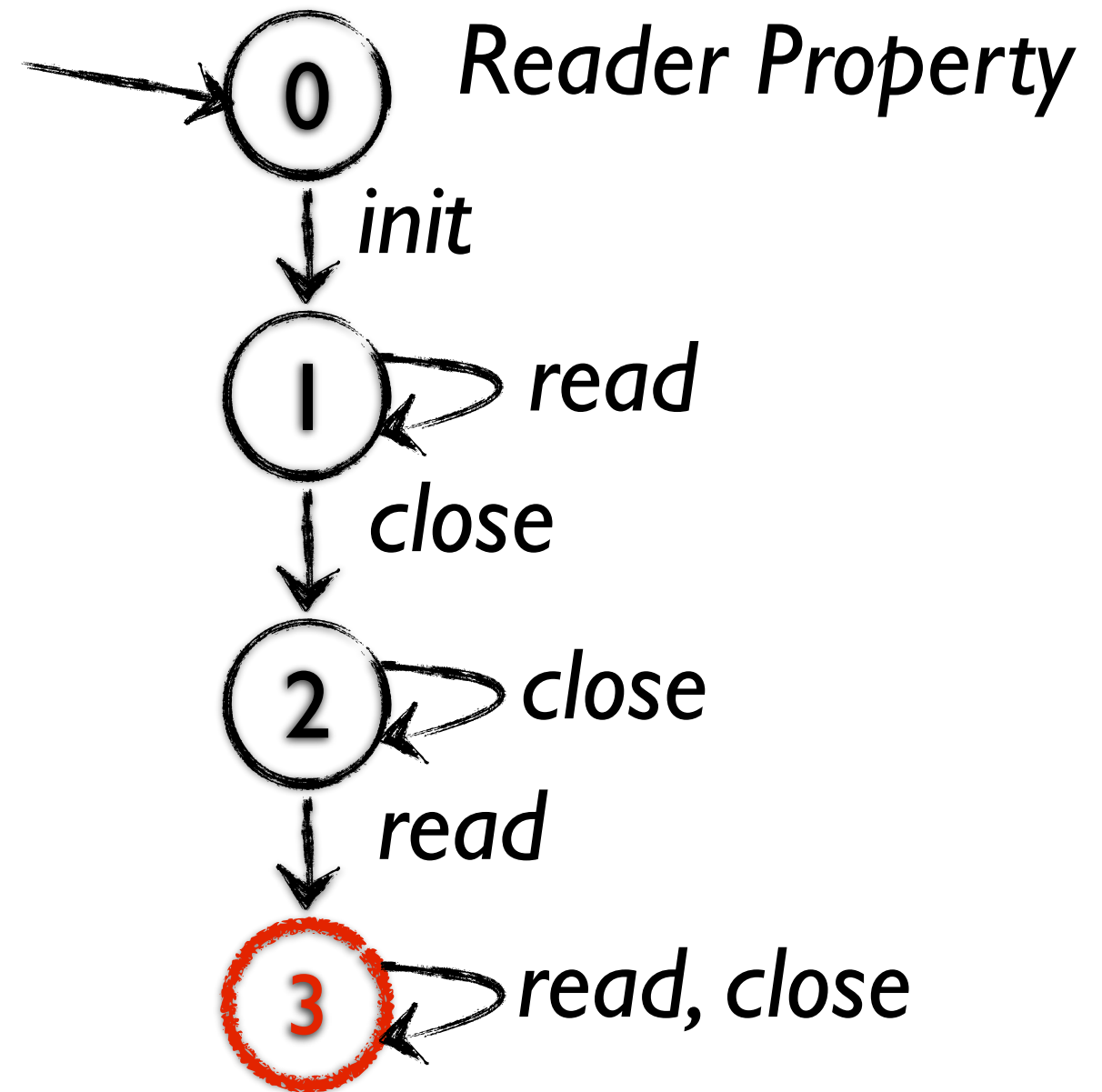
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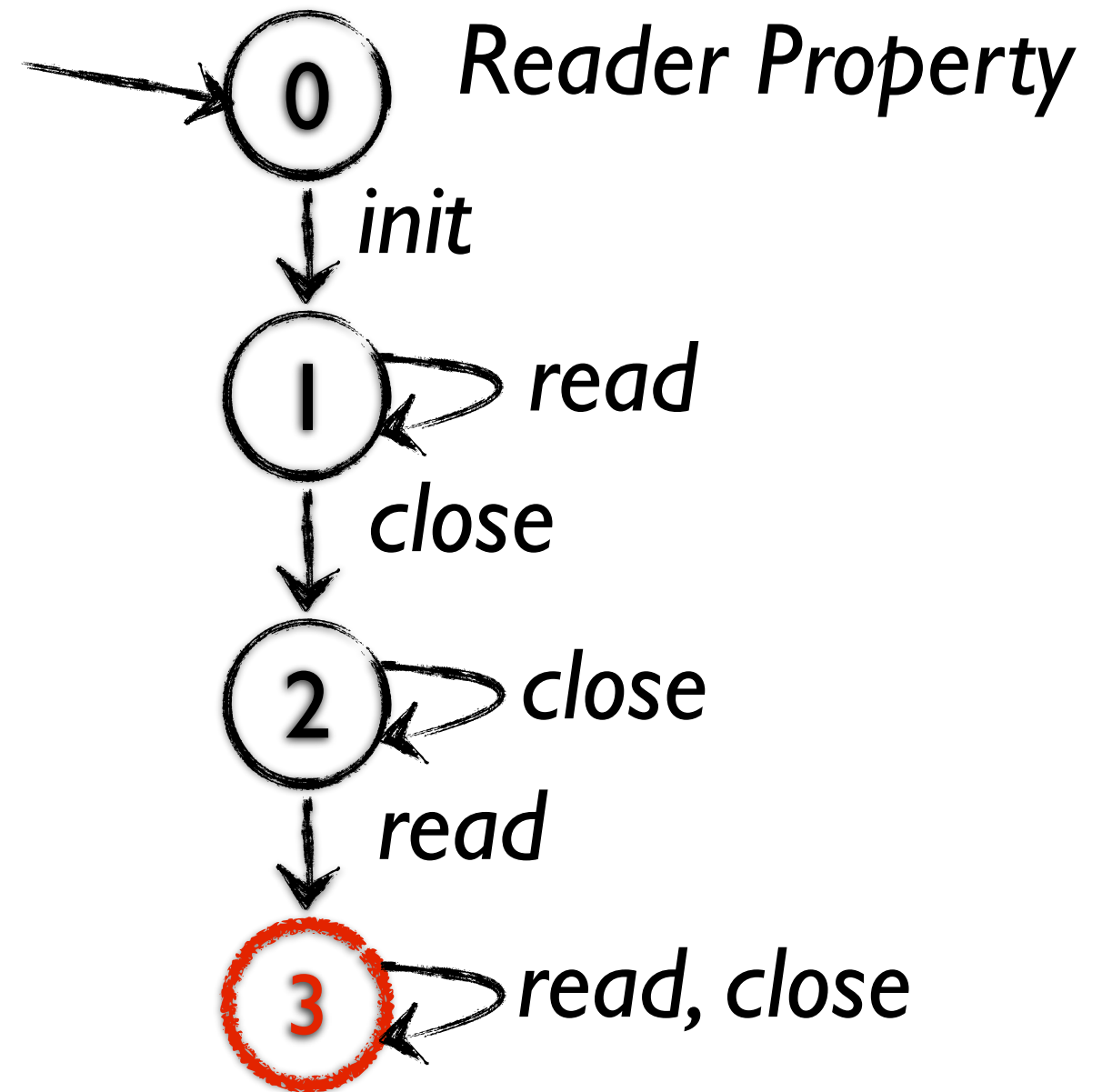
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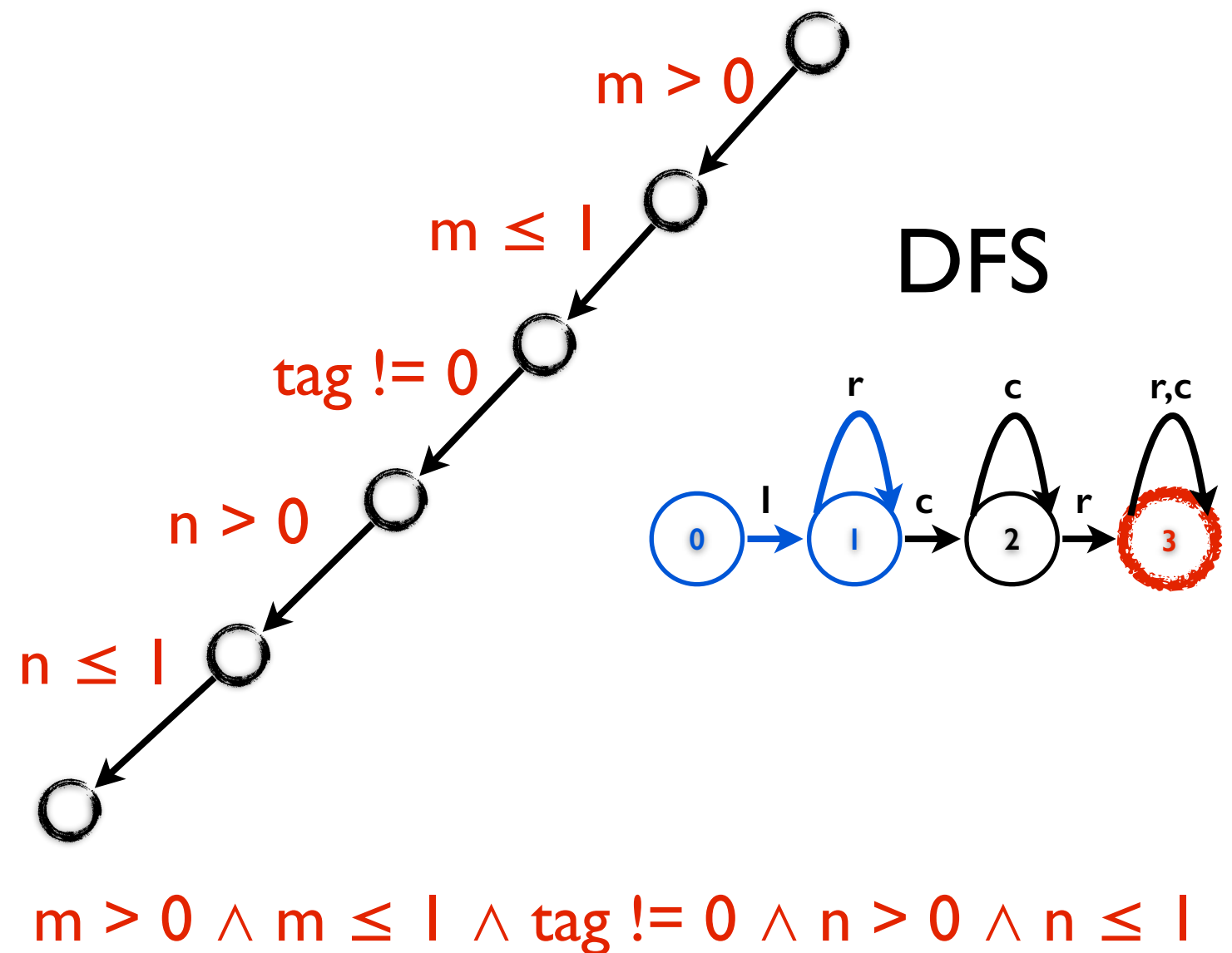
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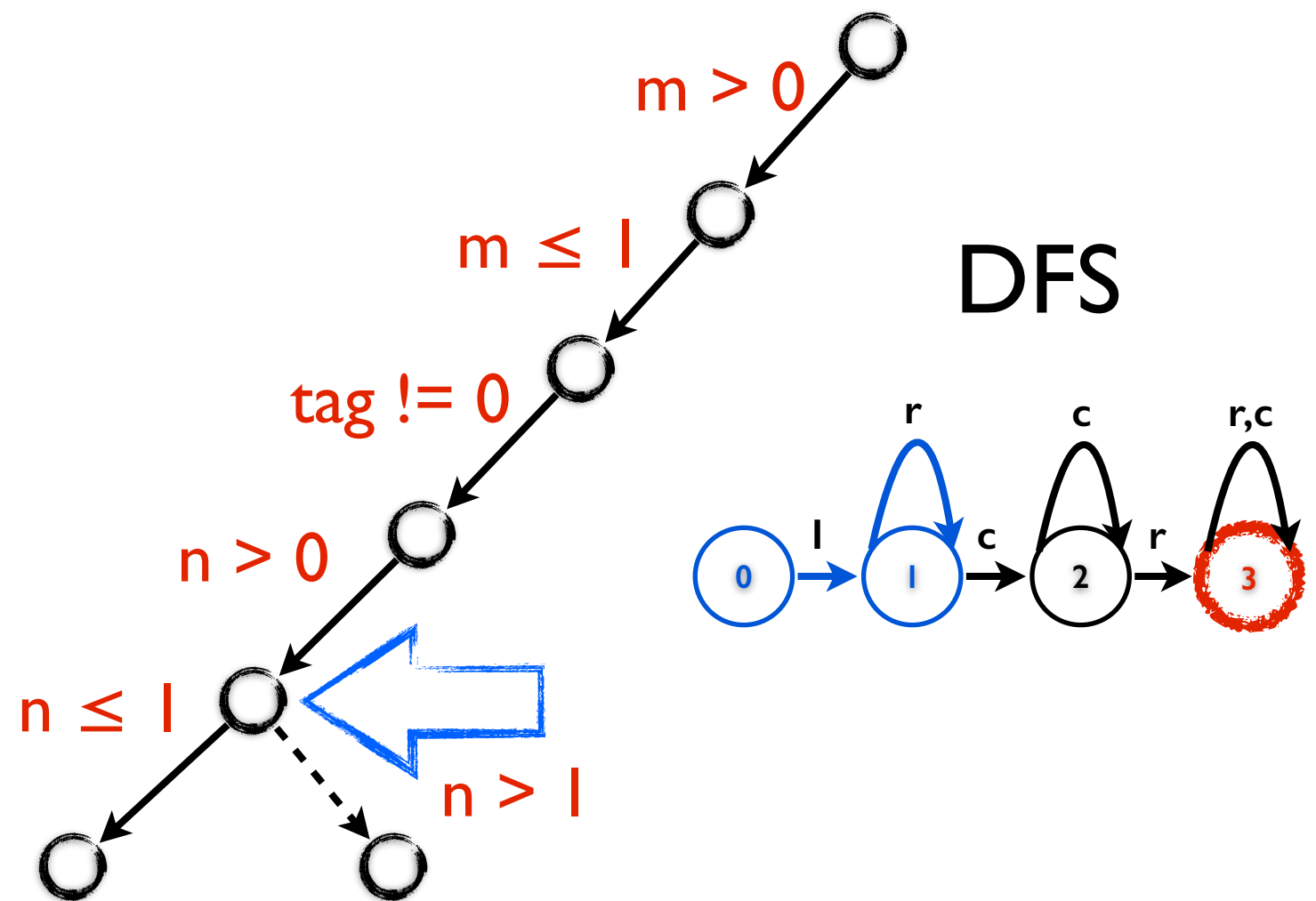
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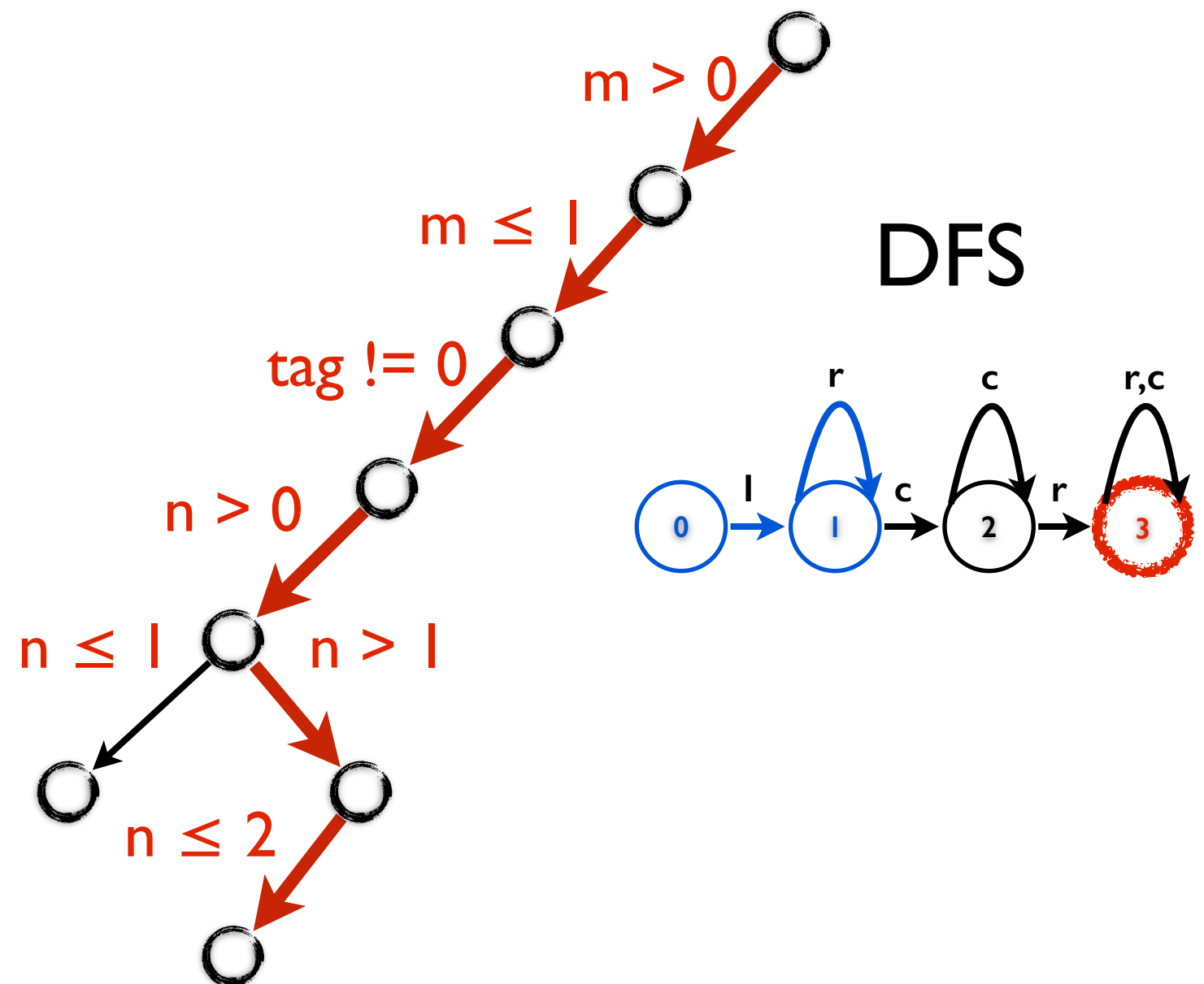
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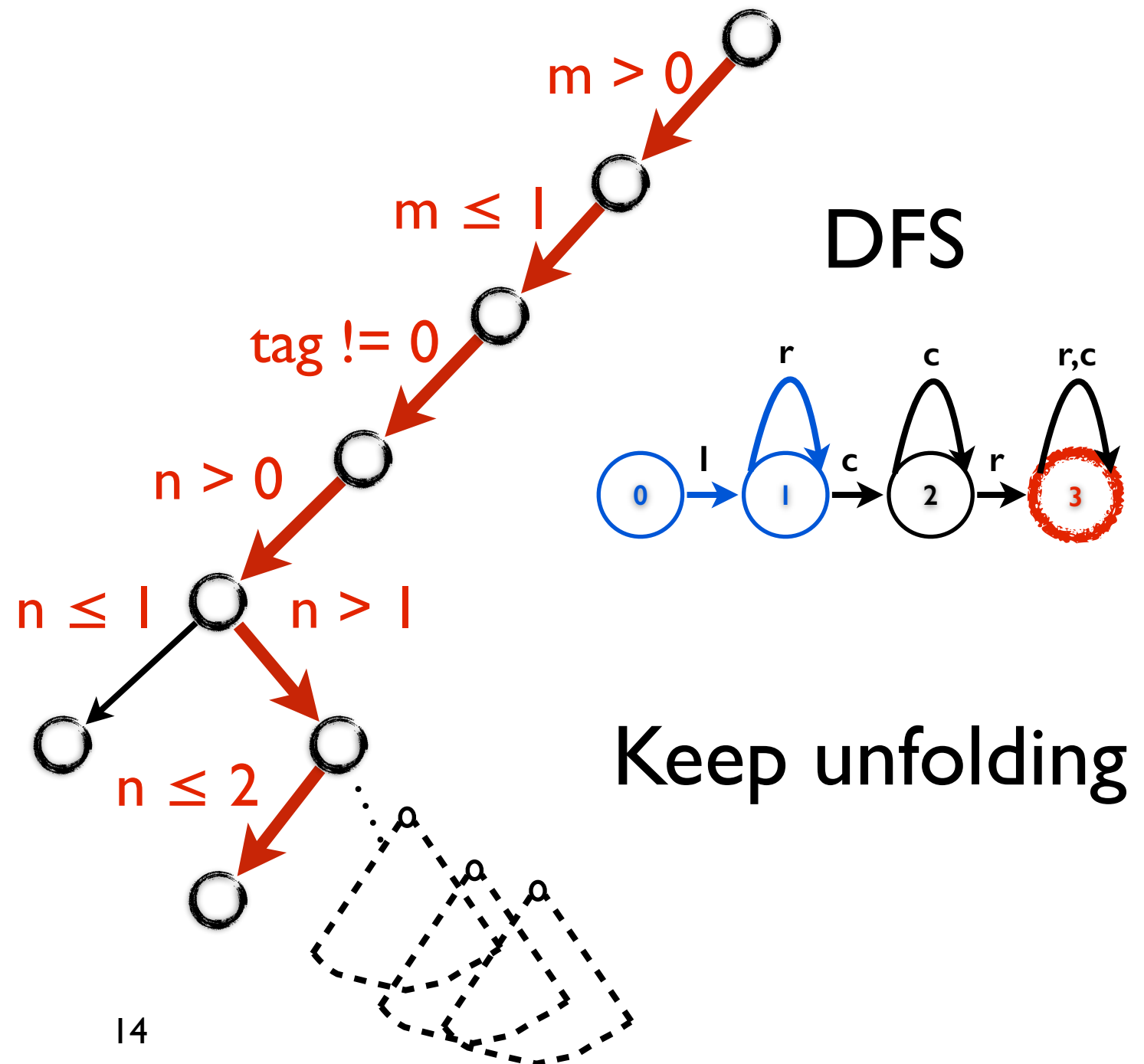
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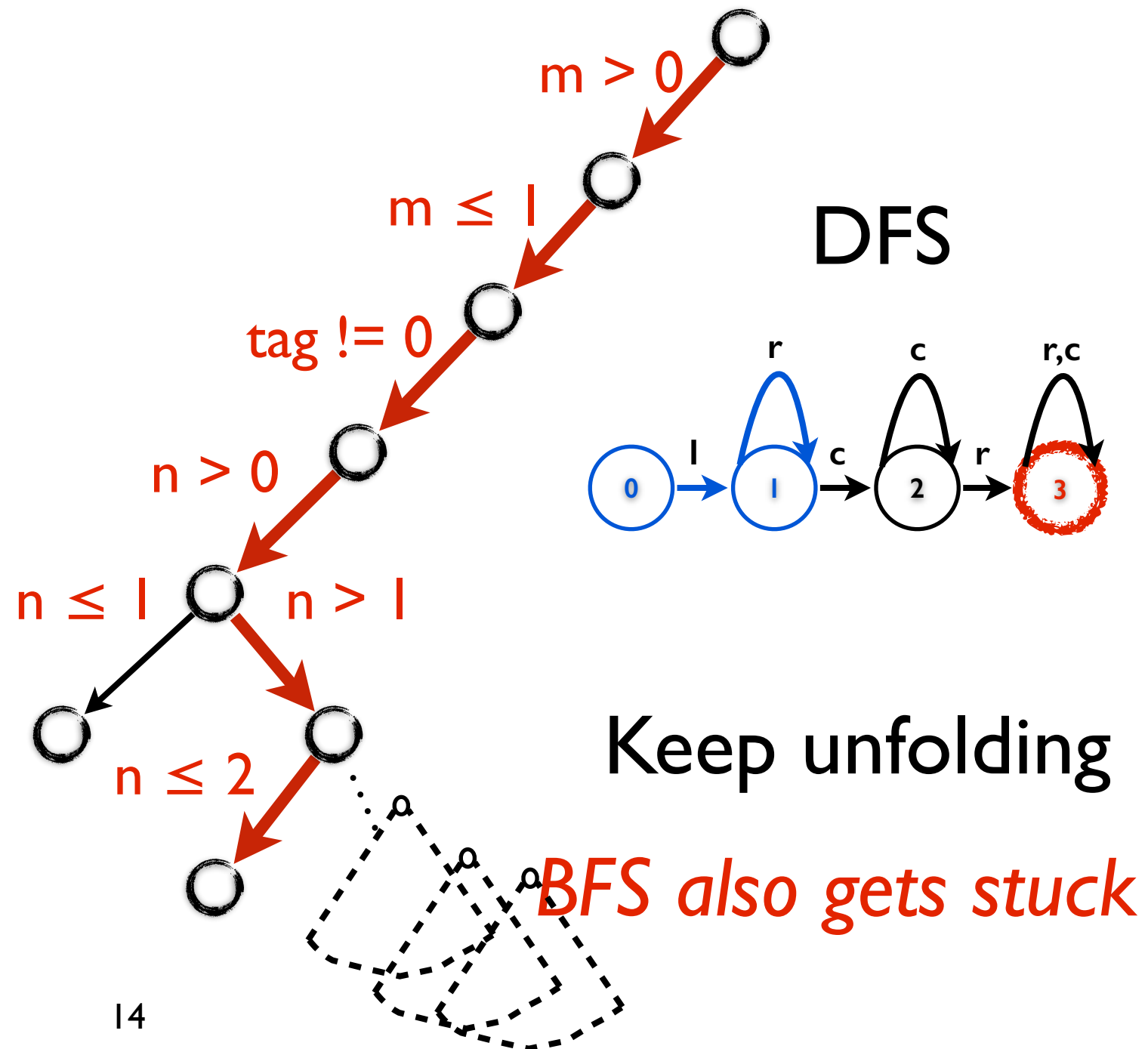
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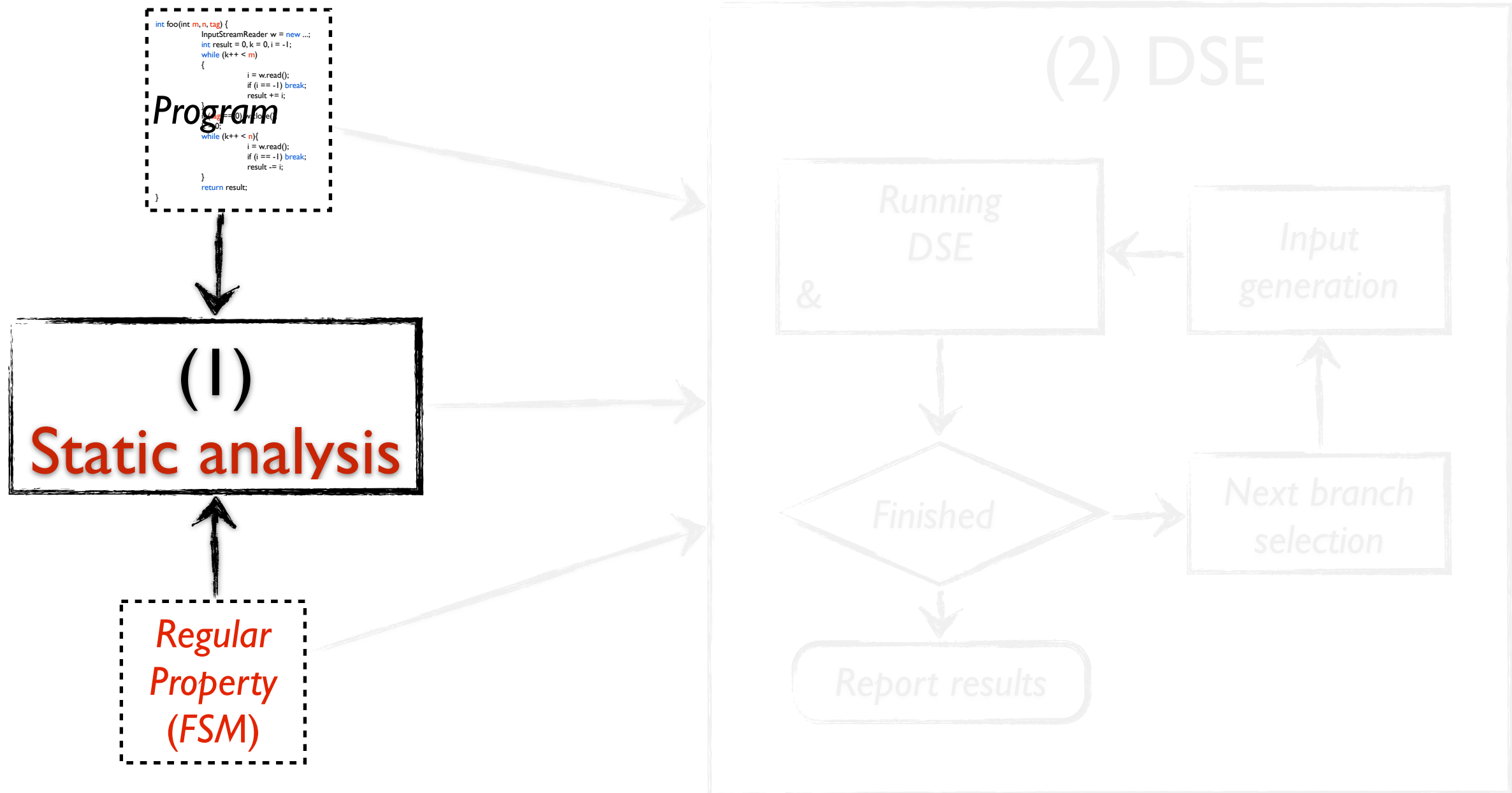
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Guided DSE

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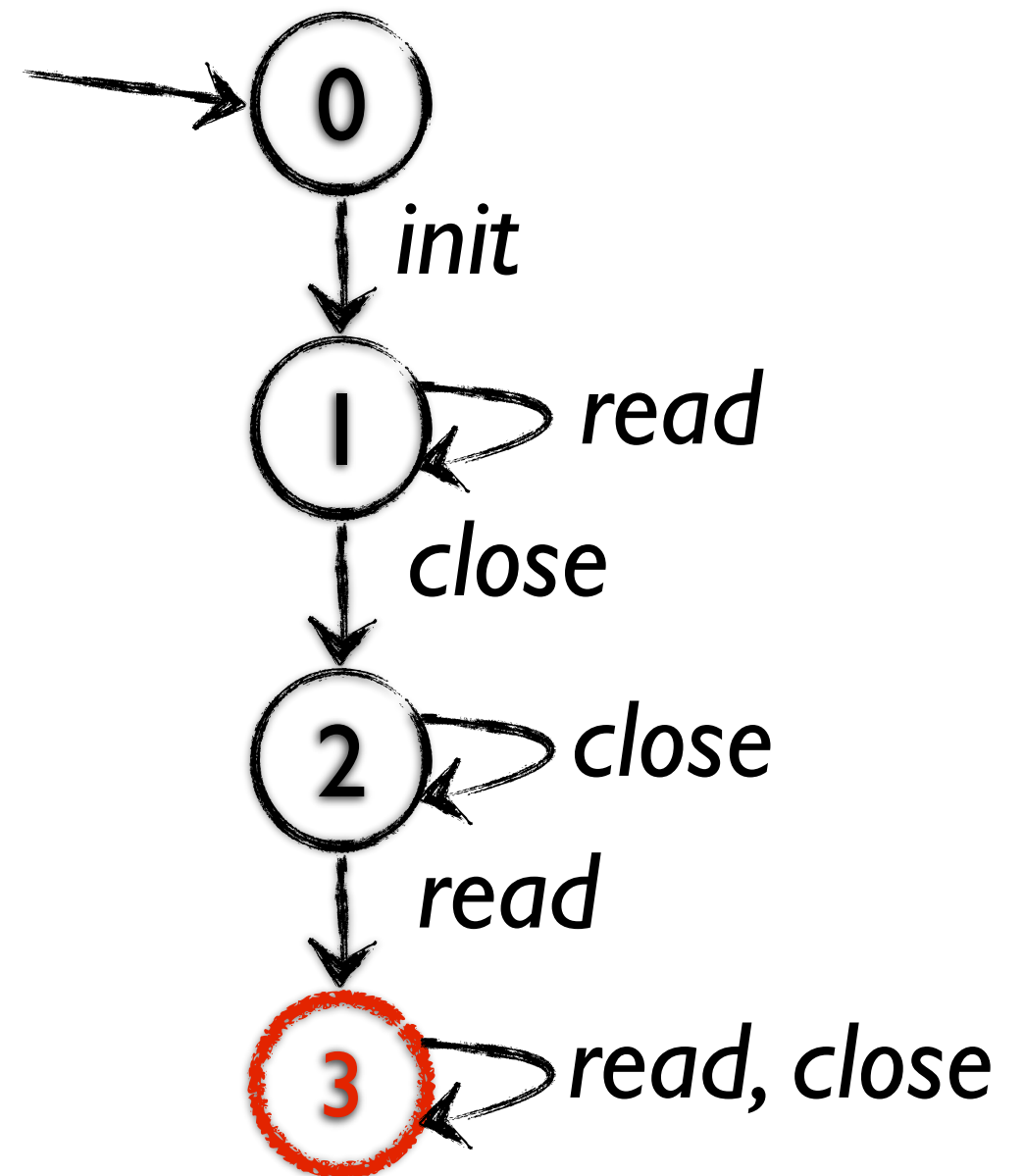
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Reader Property



Backward data flow
analysis [Clara, ICSE'10]

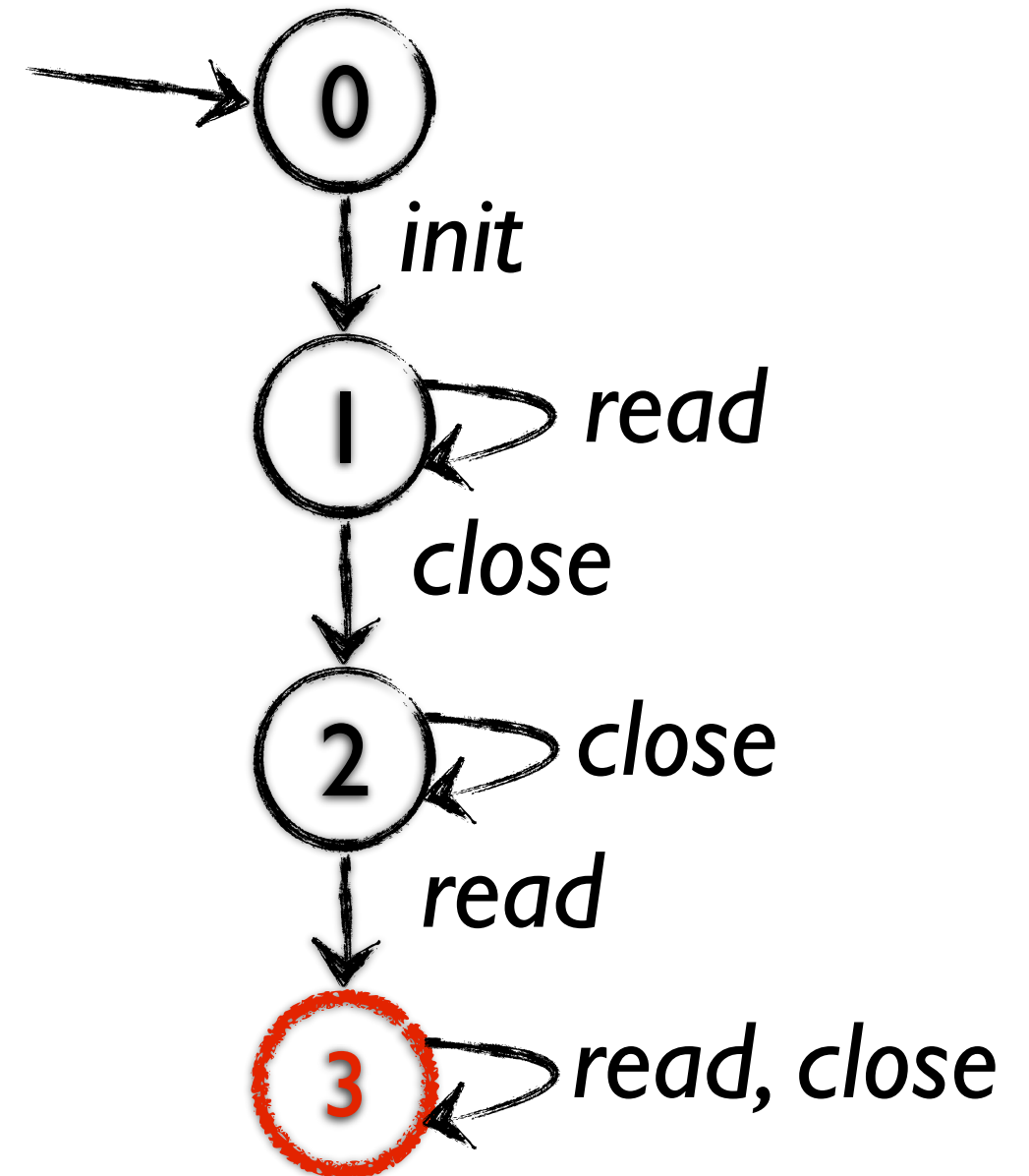
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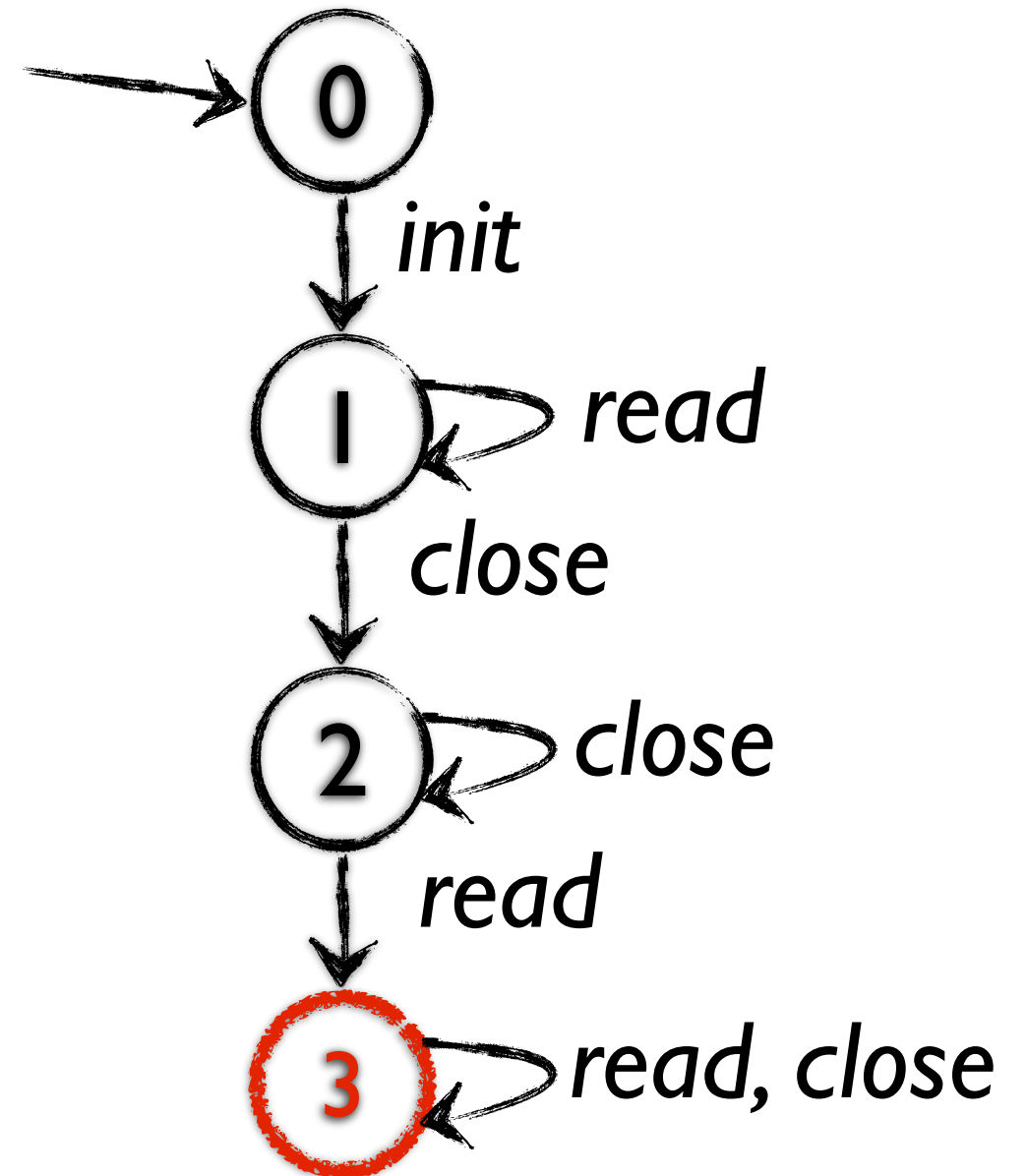
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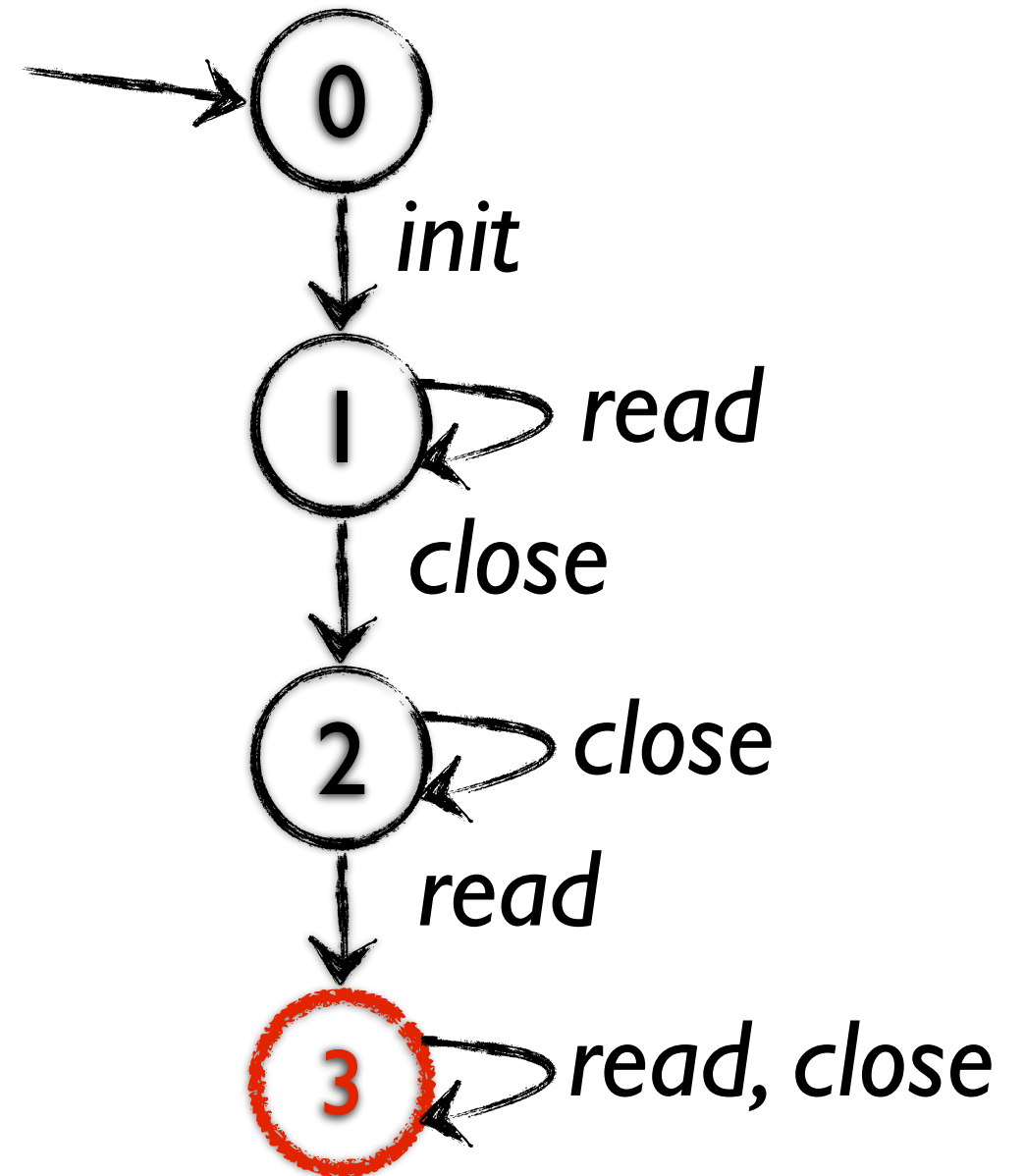
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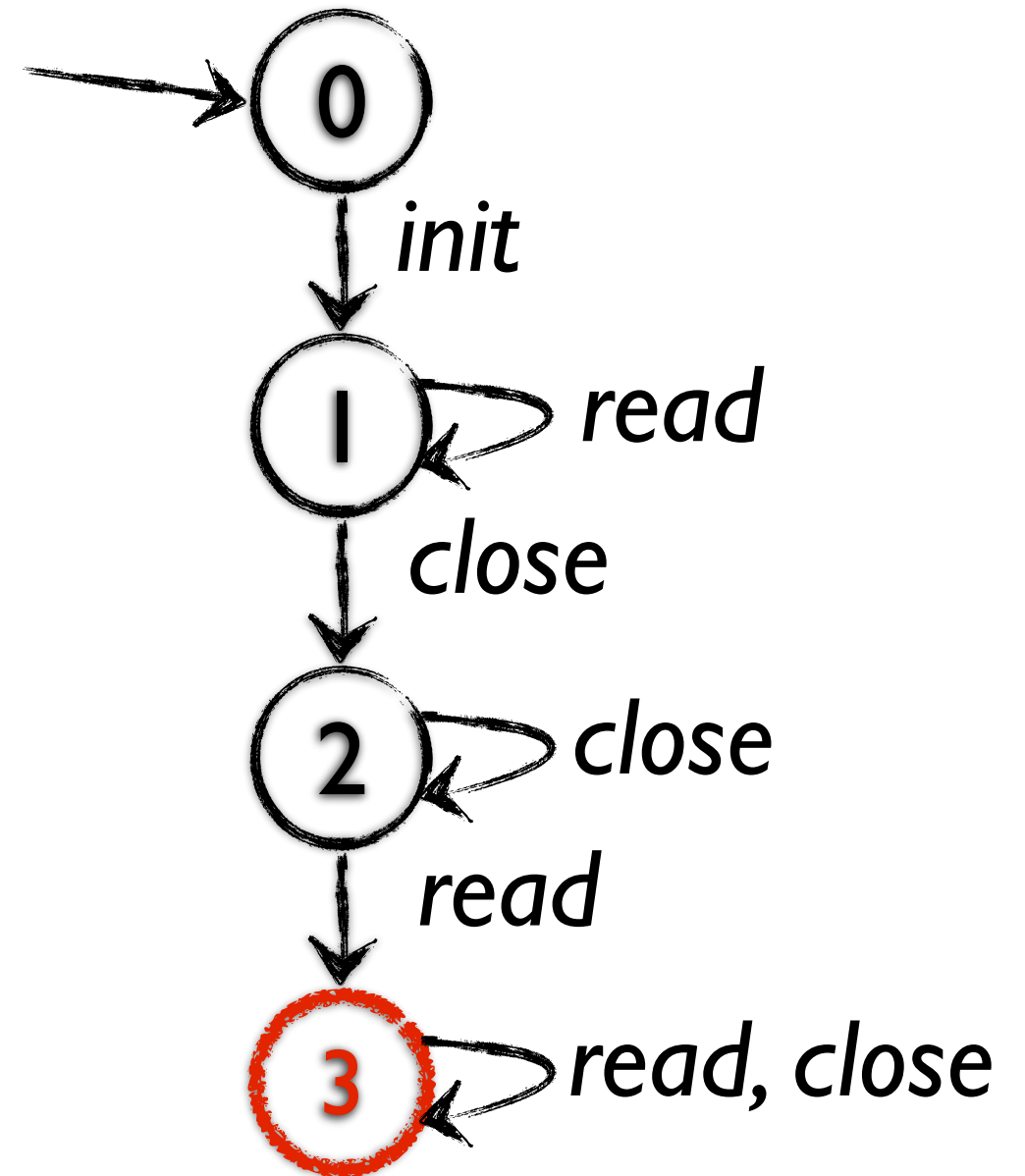
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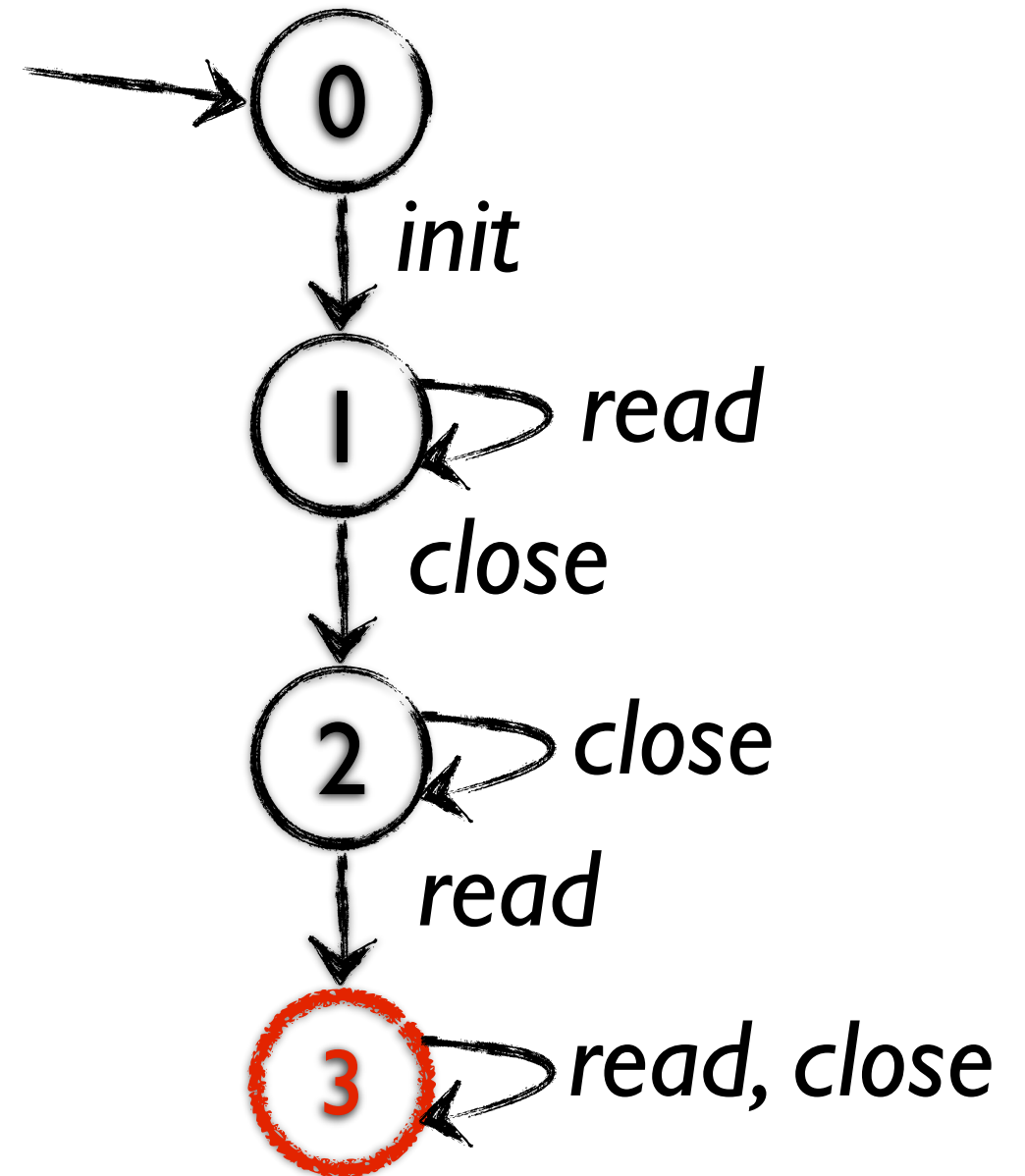
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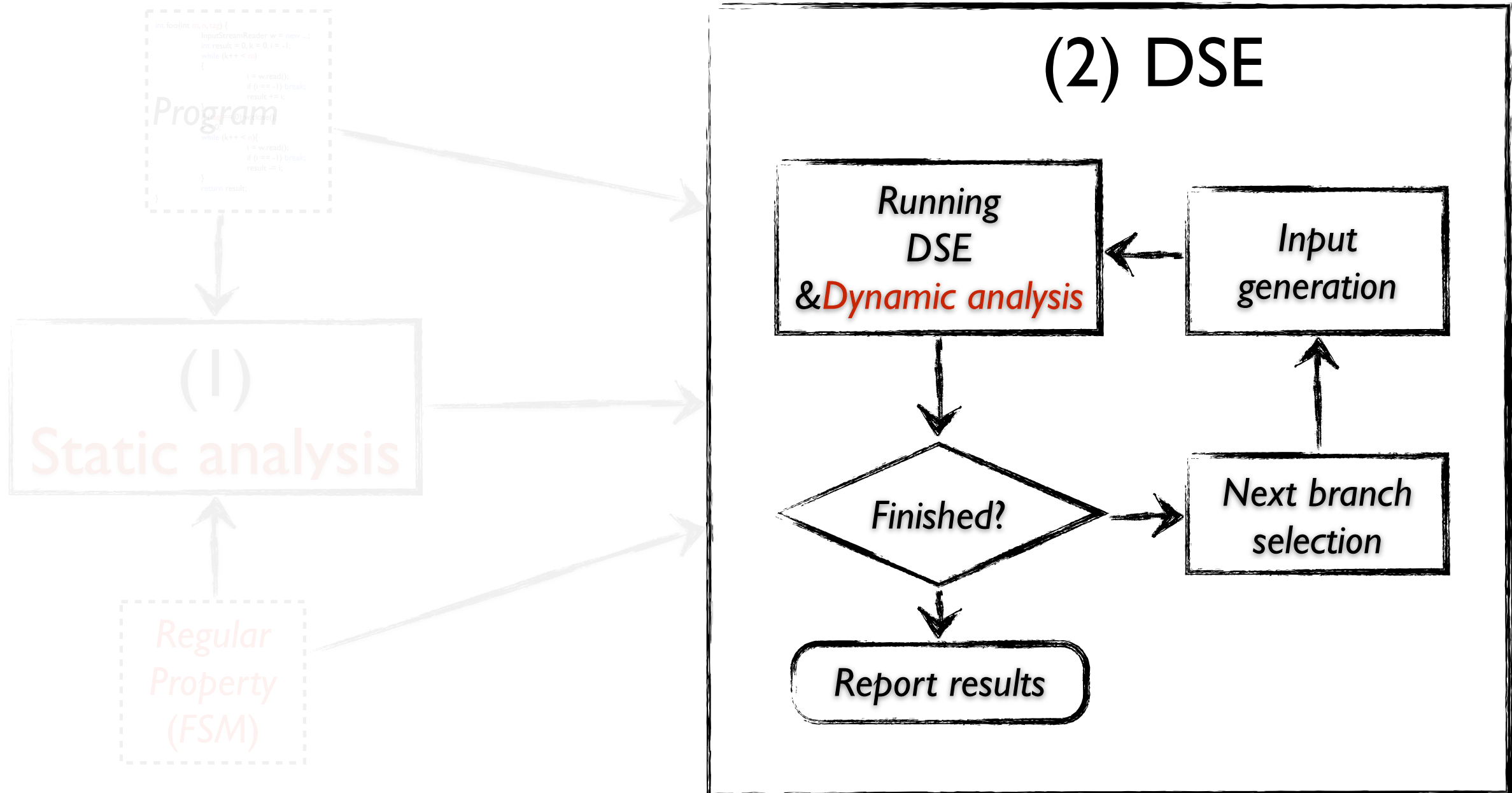
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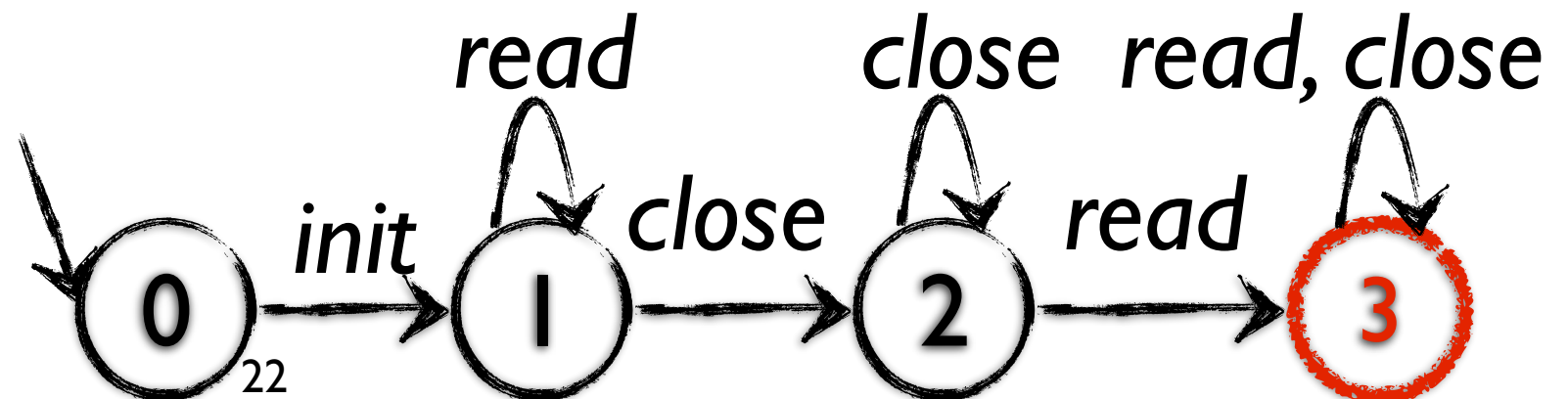
Guided DSE Procedure



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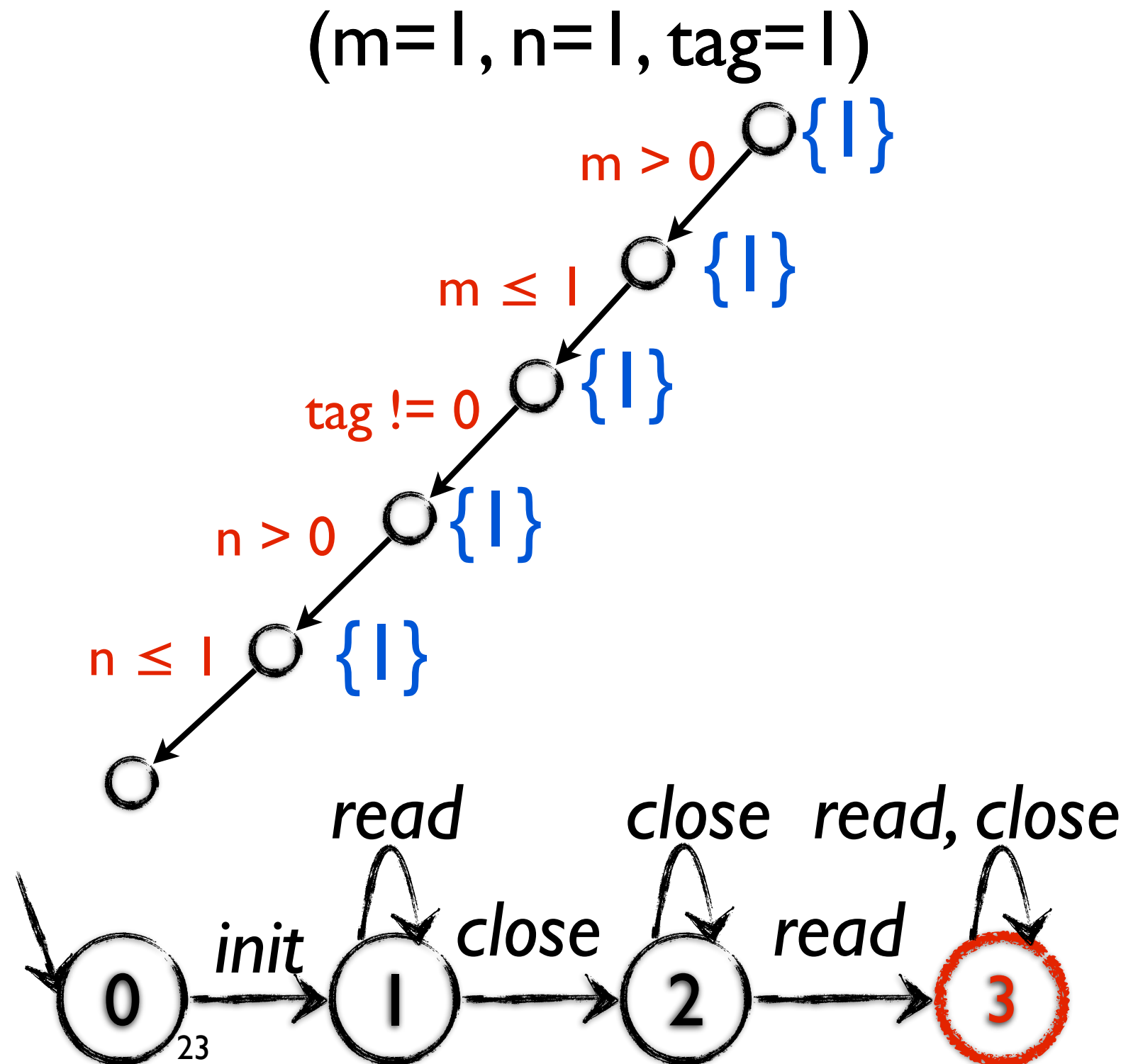
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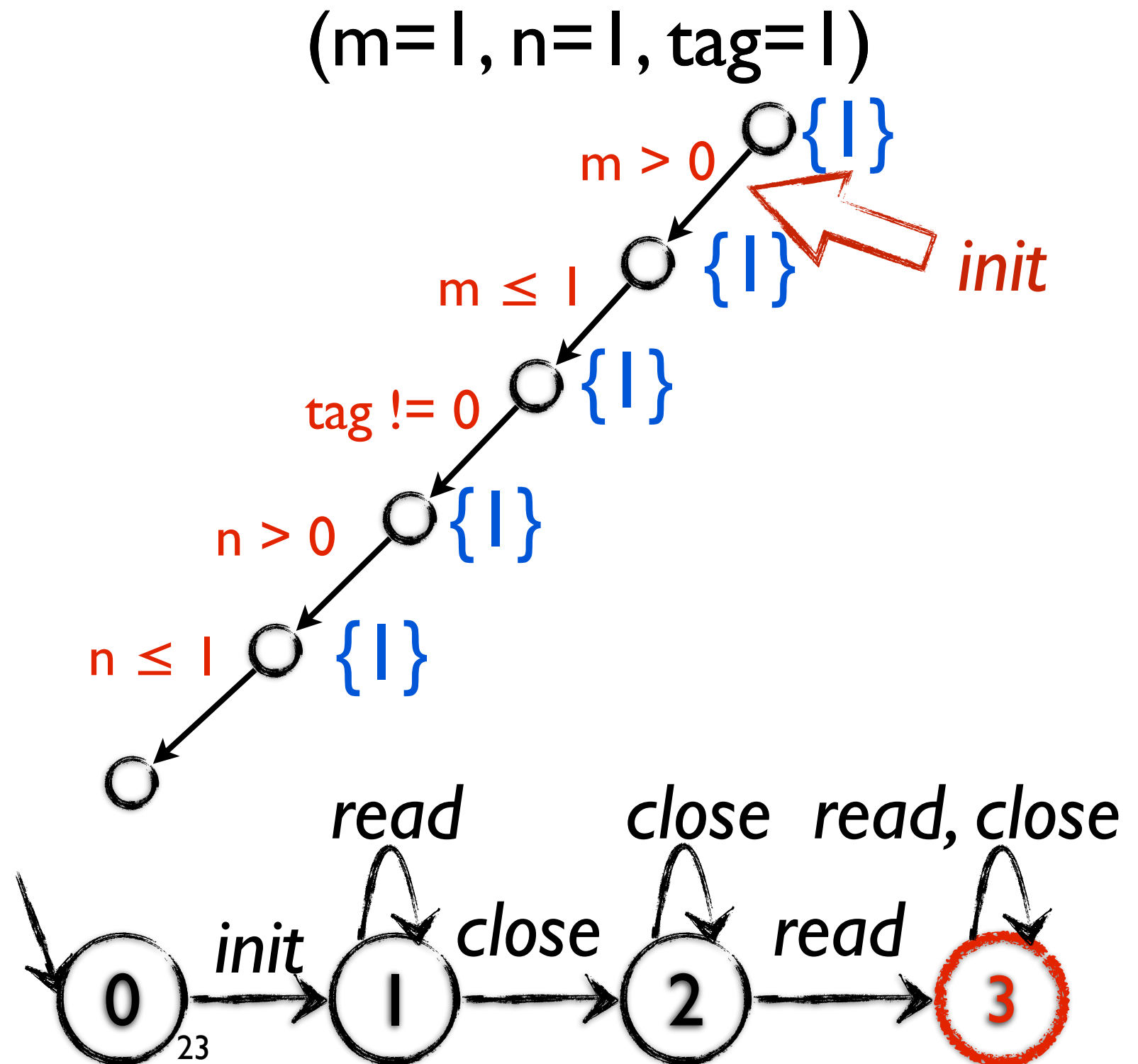
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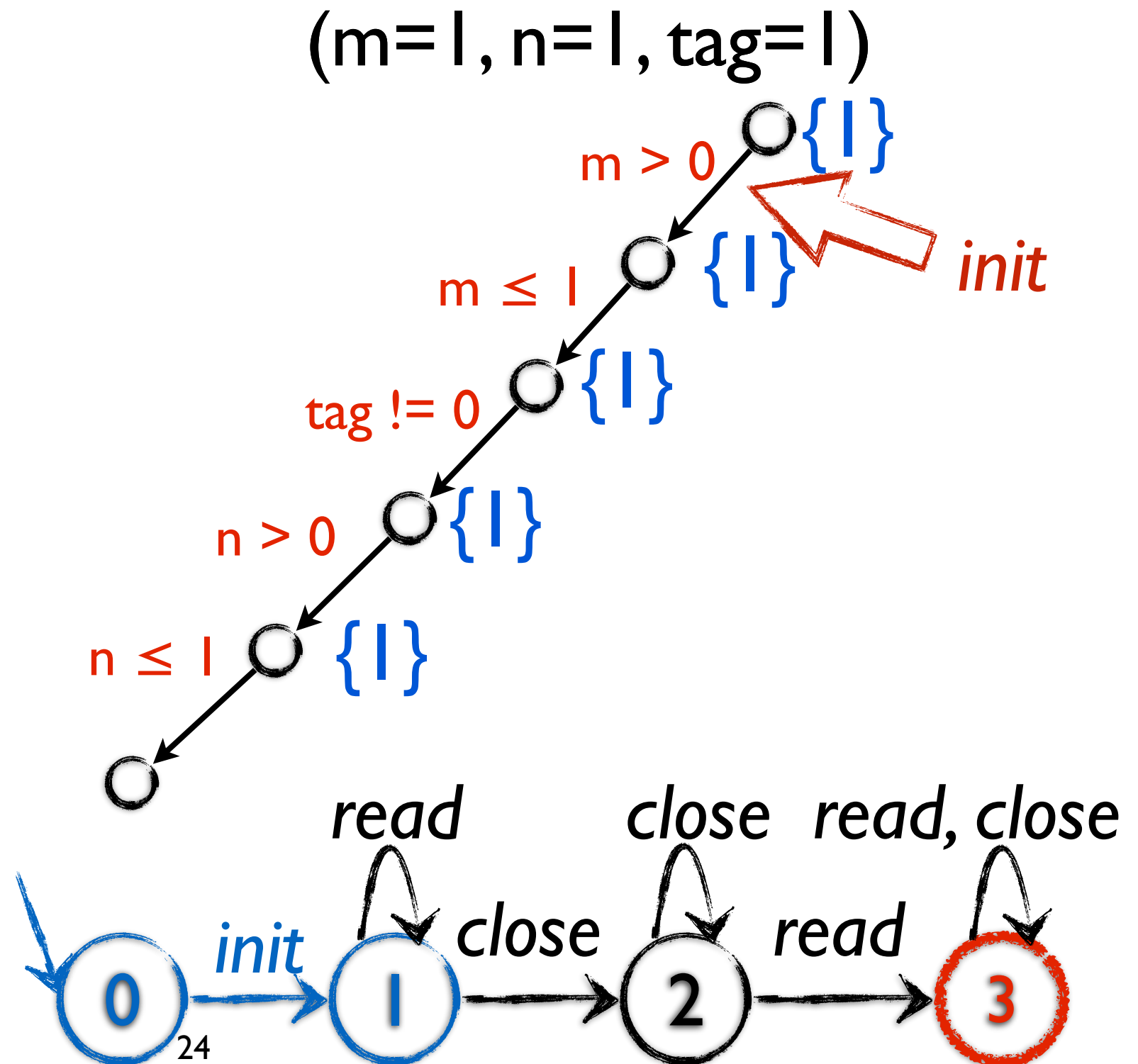
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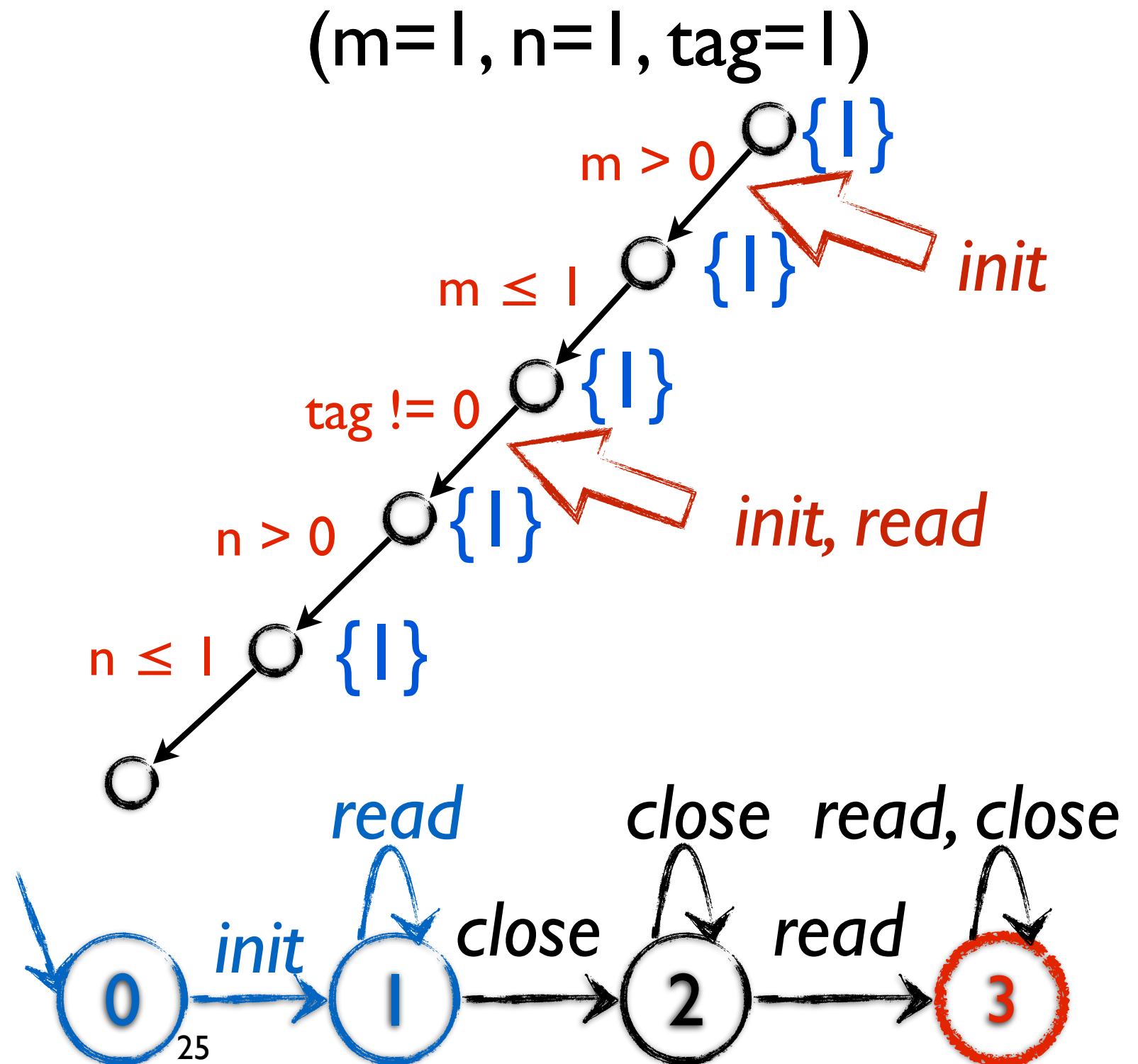
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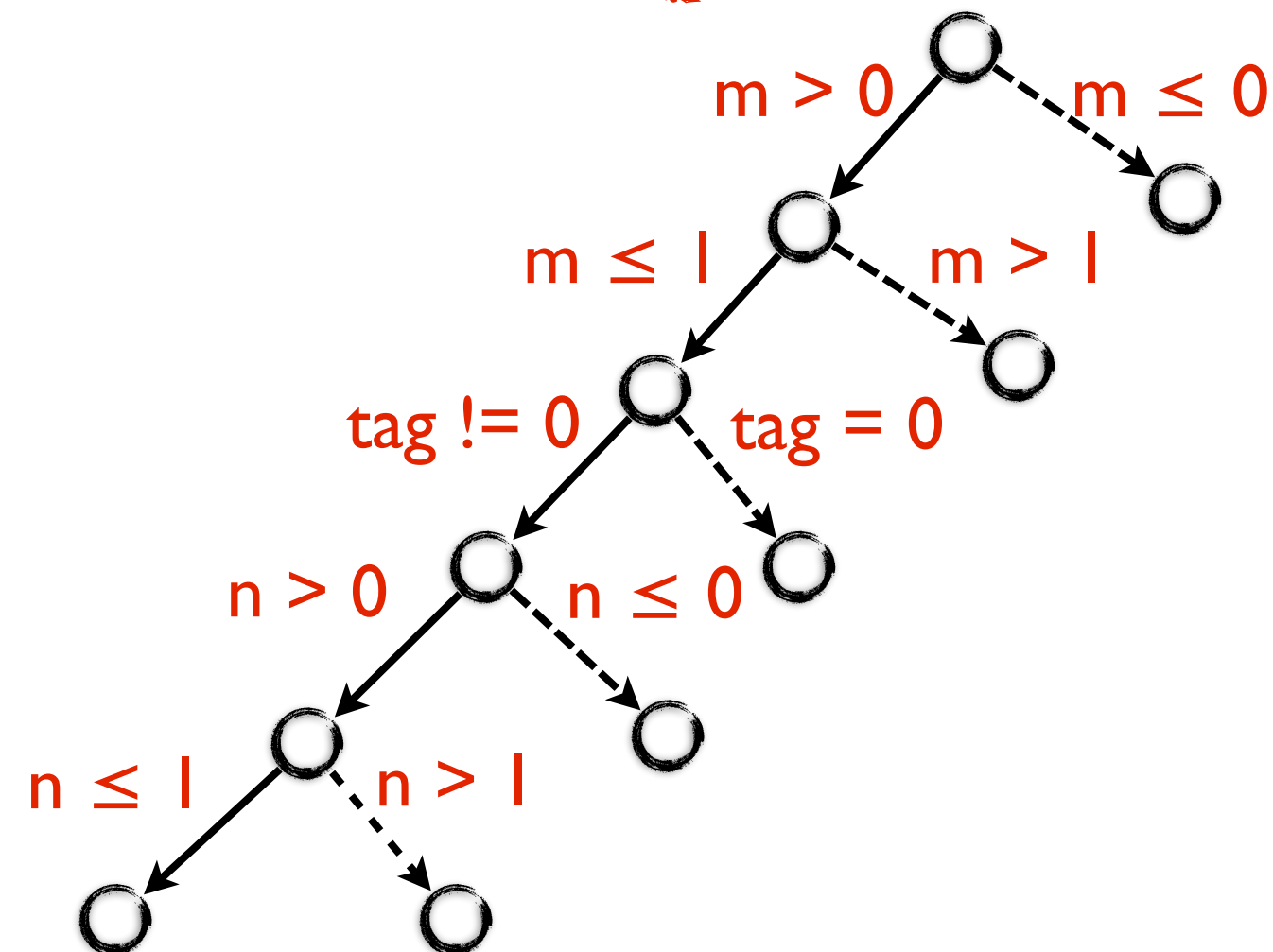
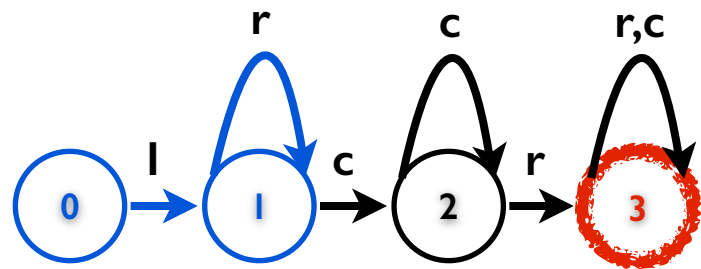
Preset-1st Iteration

```
int foo(int m, n, tag) {  
  InputStreamReader w = new ...;  
  int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1;  
  while (k++ < m)  
  {  
    i = w.read();  
    if (i == -1) break;  
    result += i;  
  }  
  if (tag == 0) w.close();  
  k = 0;  
  while (k++ < n){  
    i = w.read();  
    if (i == -1) break;  
    result -= i;  
  }  
  return result;  
}
```



Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)



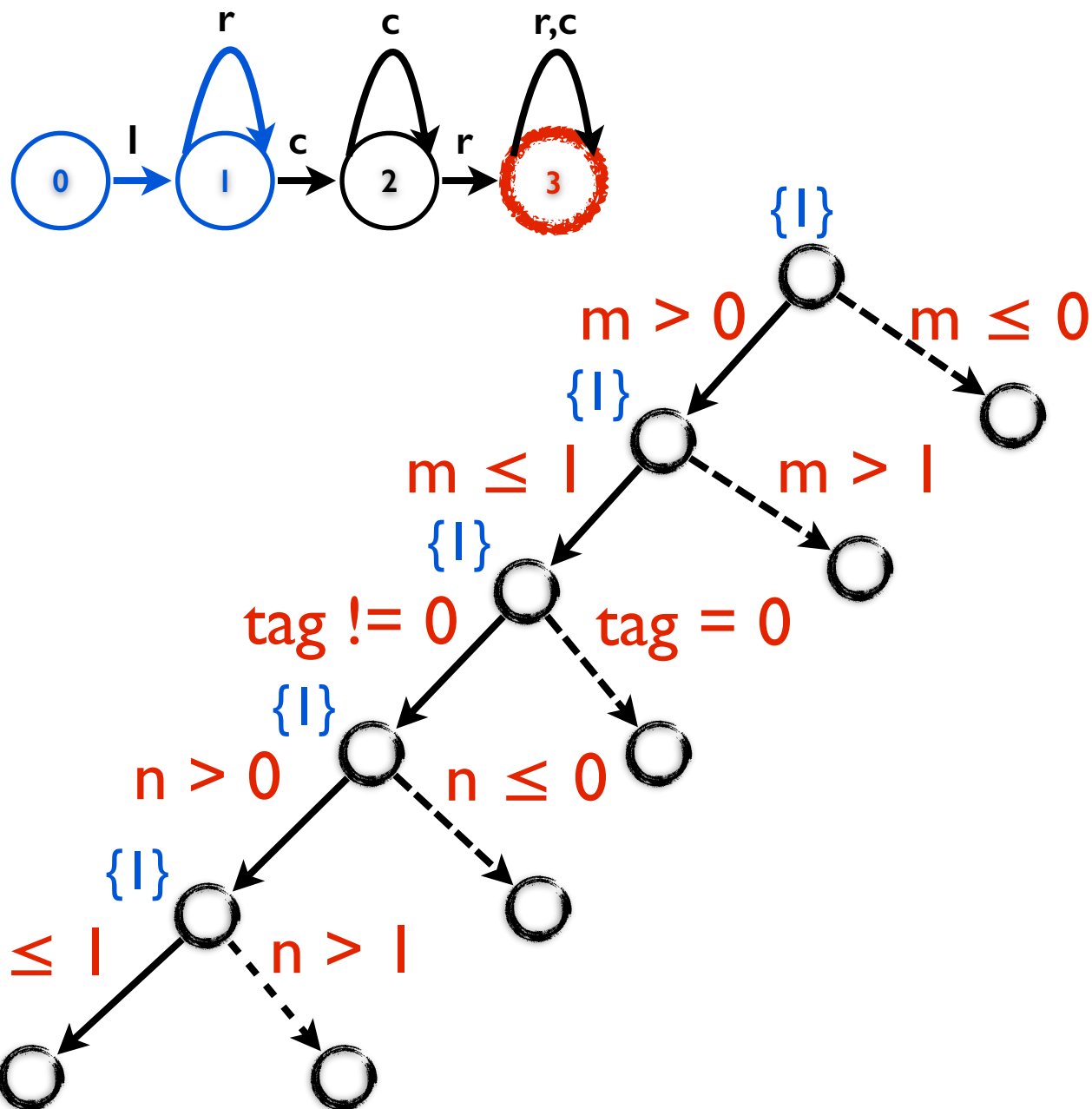
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int foo(int m, n, tag) {
  InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
  int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
  while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
  {
    i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
    if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
    result += i; //{1,2,3}
  }
  if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
    w.close(); //{1,2,3}
  k = 0; //{2,3}
  while (k++ < n) //{2,3}
  {
    i = w.read(); //{2,3}
    if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
    result -= i; //{2,3}
  }
  return result; //{3}
}

```

Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)



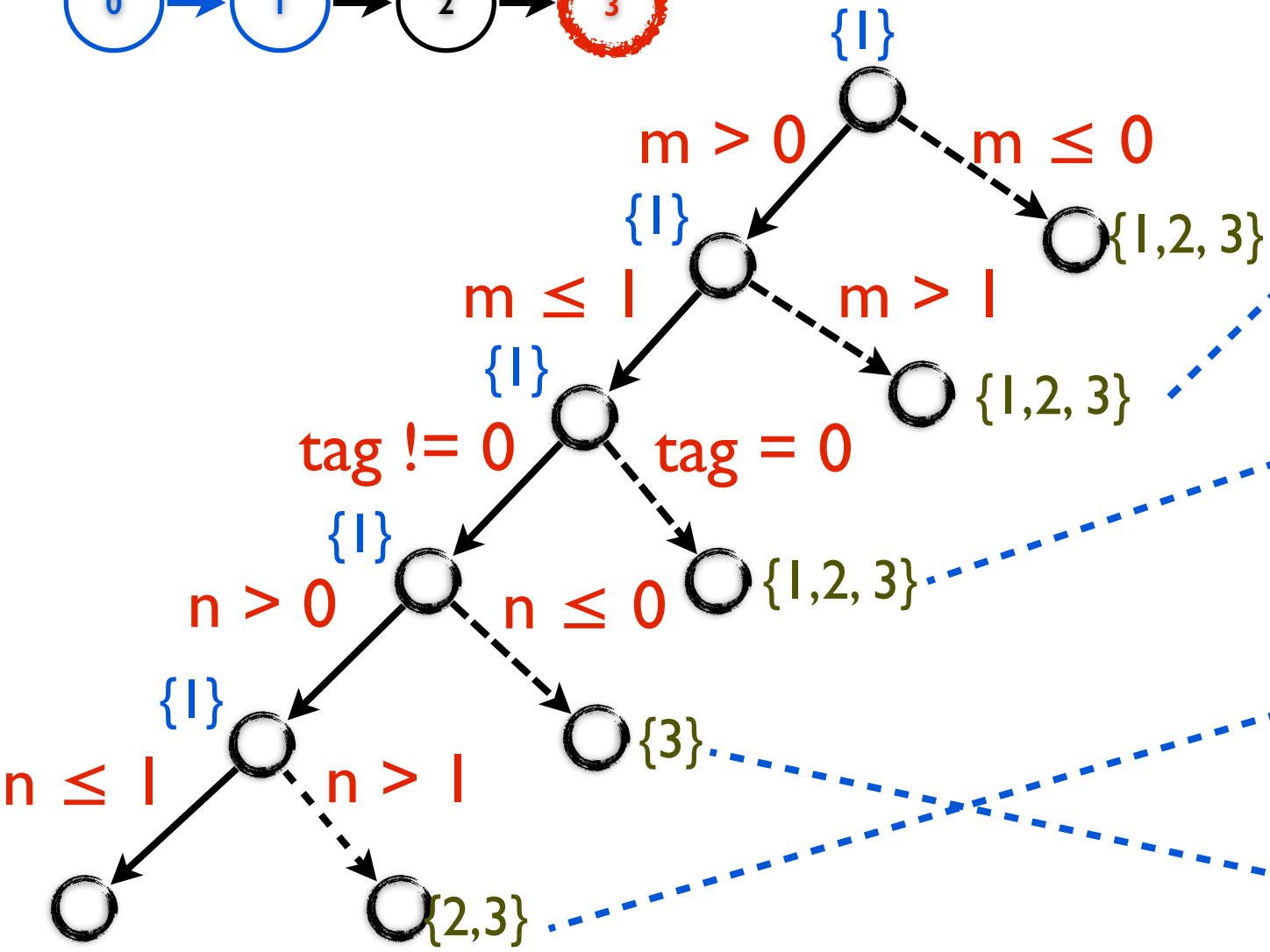
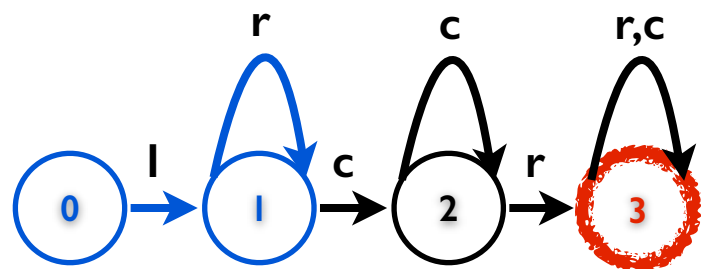
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    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
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        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}

```

Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)

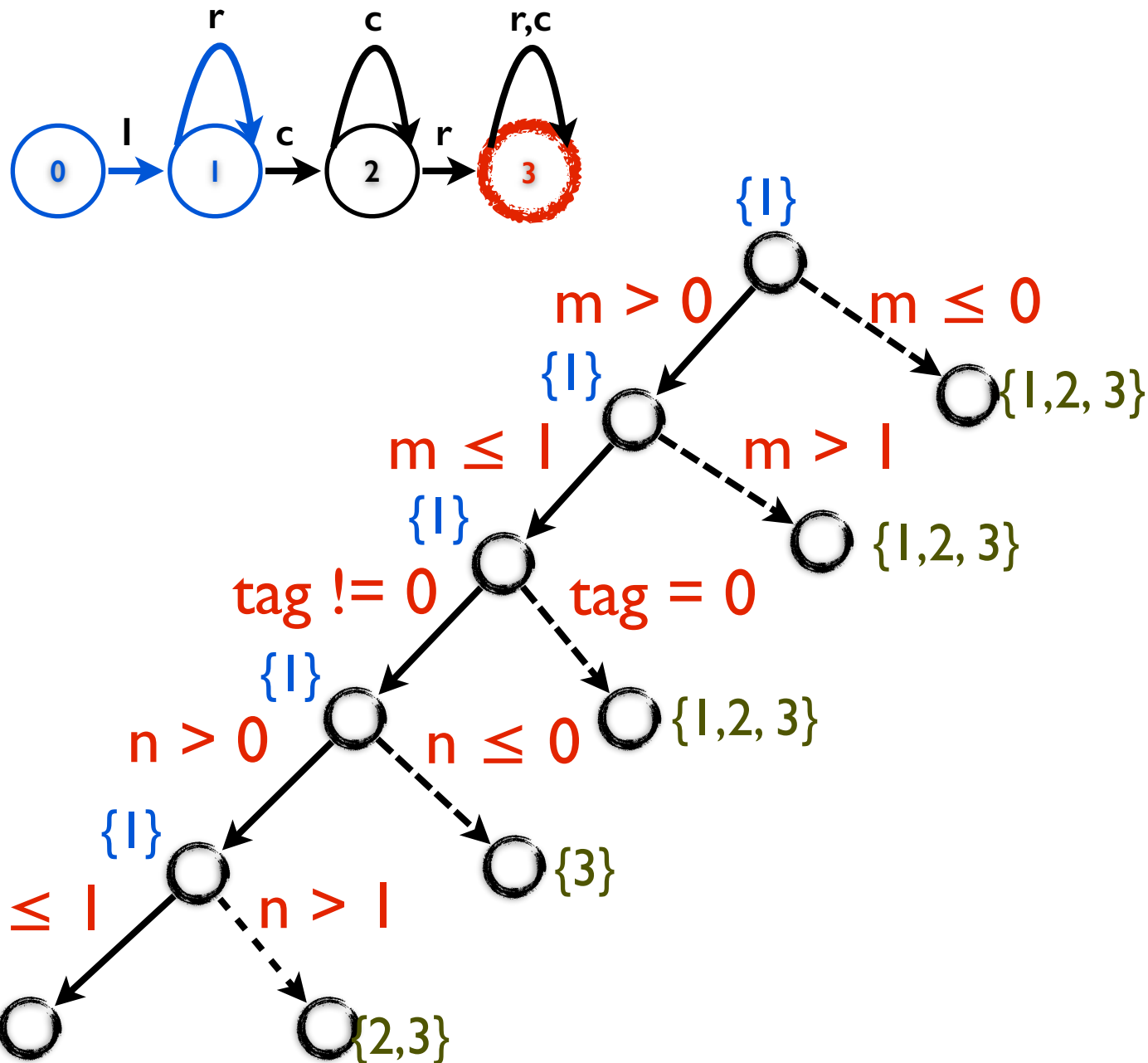


```

int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
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        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
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        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}
    
```

Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

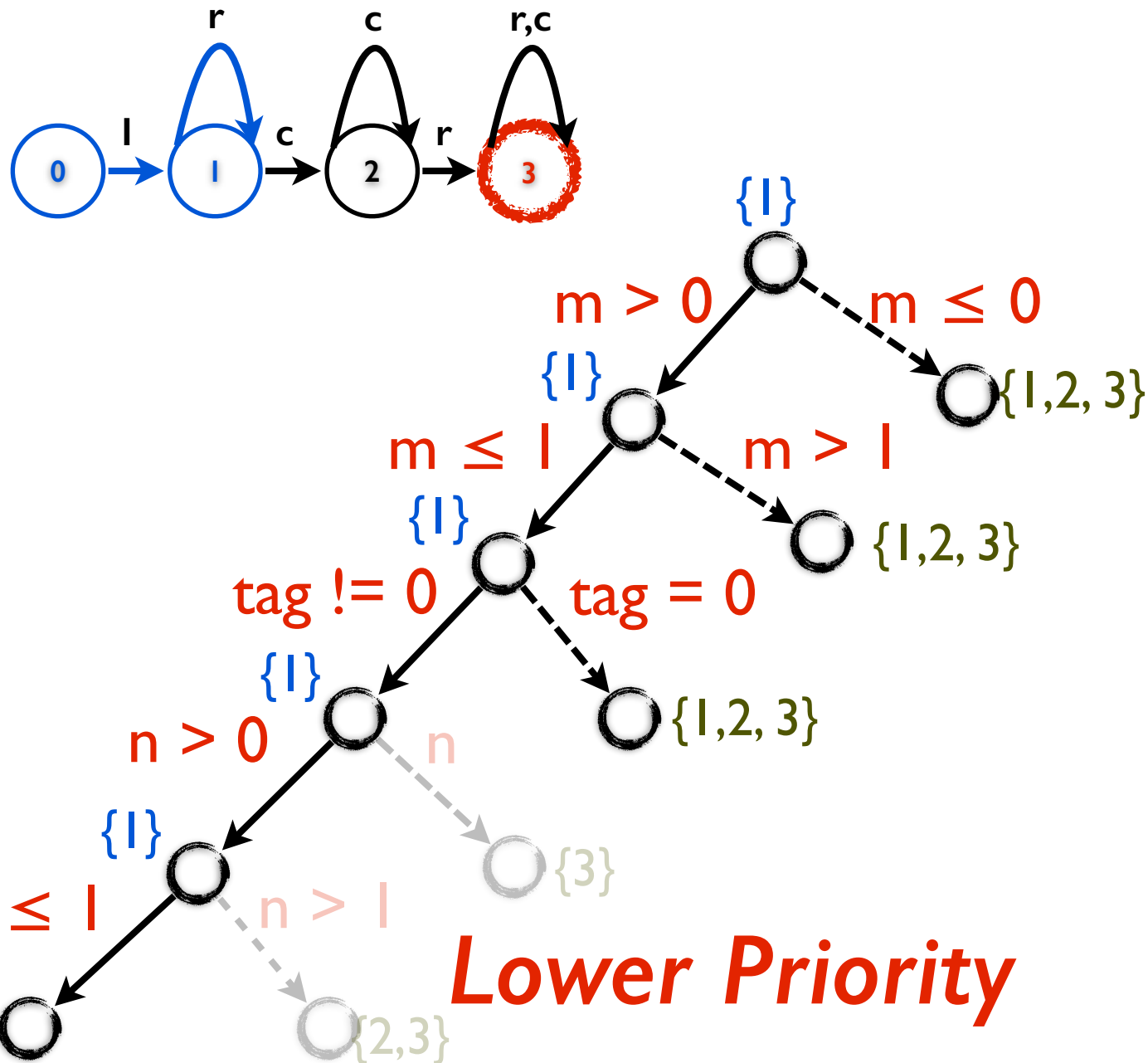
($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)



```
int foo(int m, n, tag) {
  InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
  int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
  while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
  {
    i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
    if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
    result += i; //{1,2,3}
  }
  if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
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  {
    i = w.read(); //{2,3}
    if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
    result -= i; //{2,3}
  }
  return result; //{3}
}
```

Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

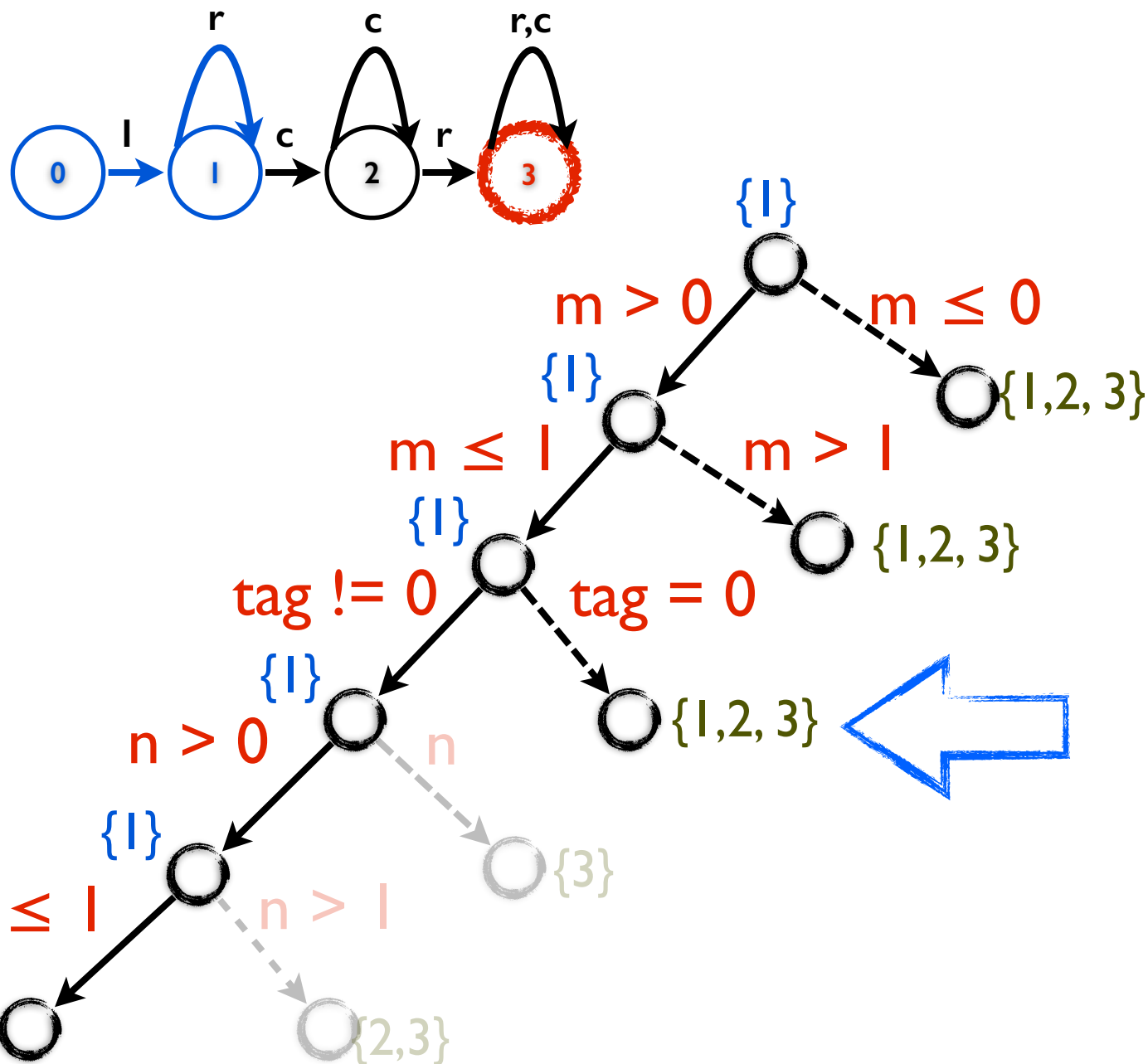
($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)



```
int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
        result += i; //{1,2,3}
    }
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    {
        i = w.read(); //{2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}
```

Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)

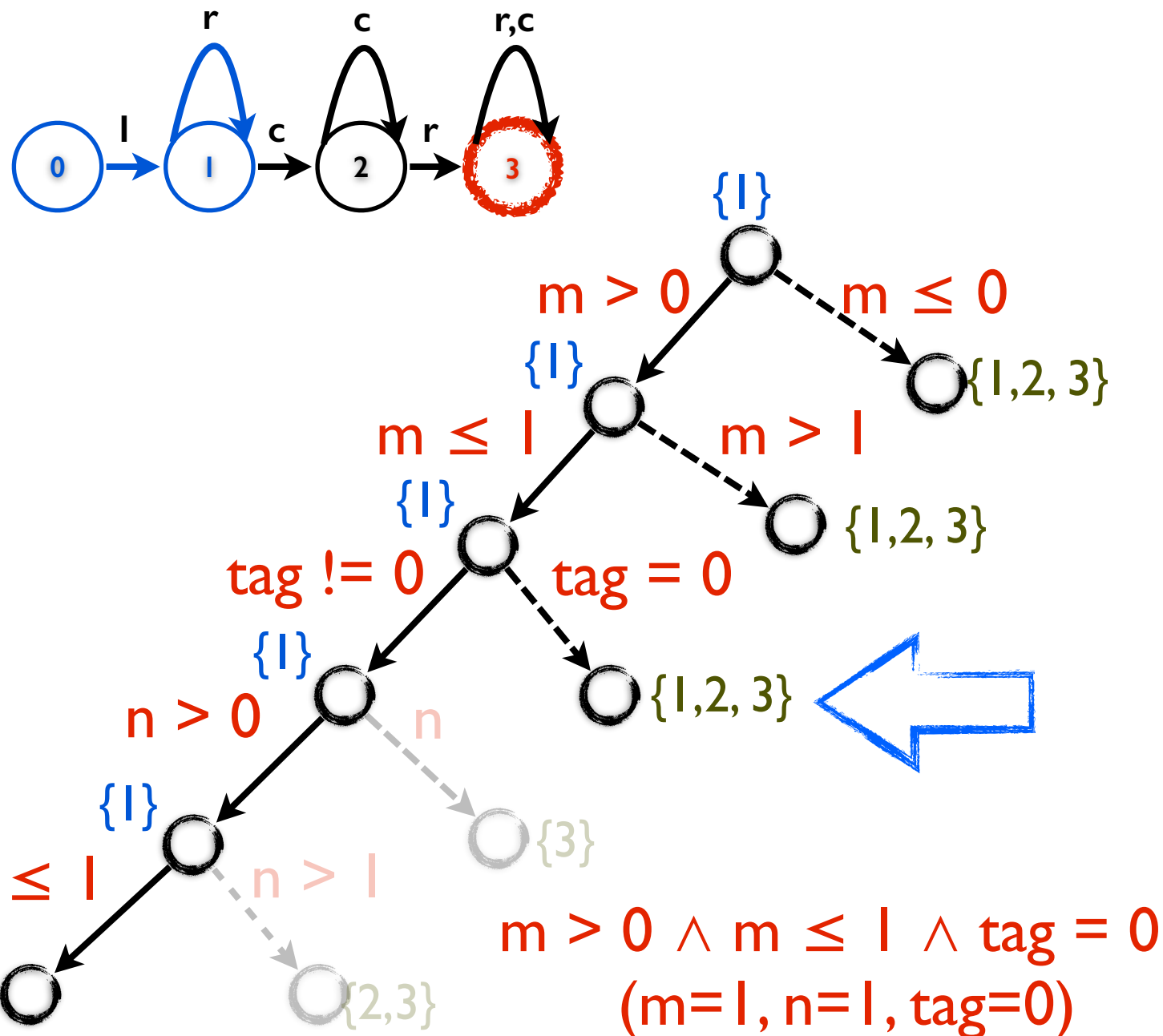


```

int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
        result += i; //{1,2,3}
    }
    if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
        w.close(); //{1,2,3}
    k = 0; //{2,3}
    while (k++ < n) //{2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}
    
```


Guided DSE- 1st Iteration

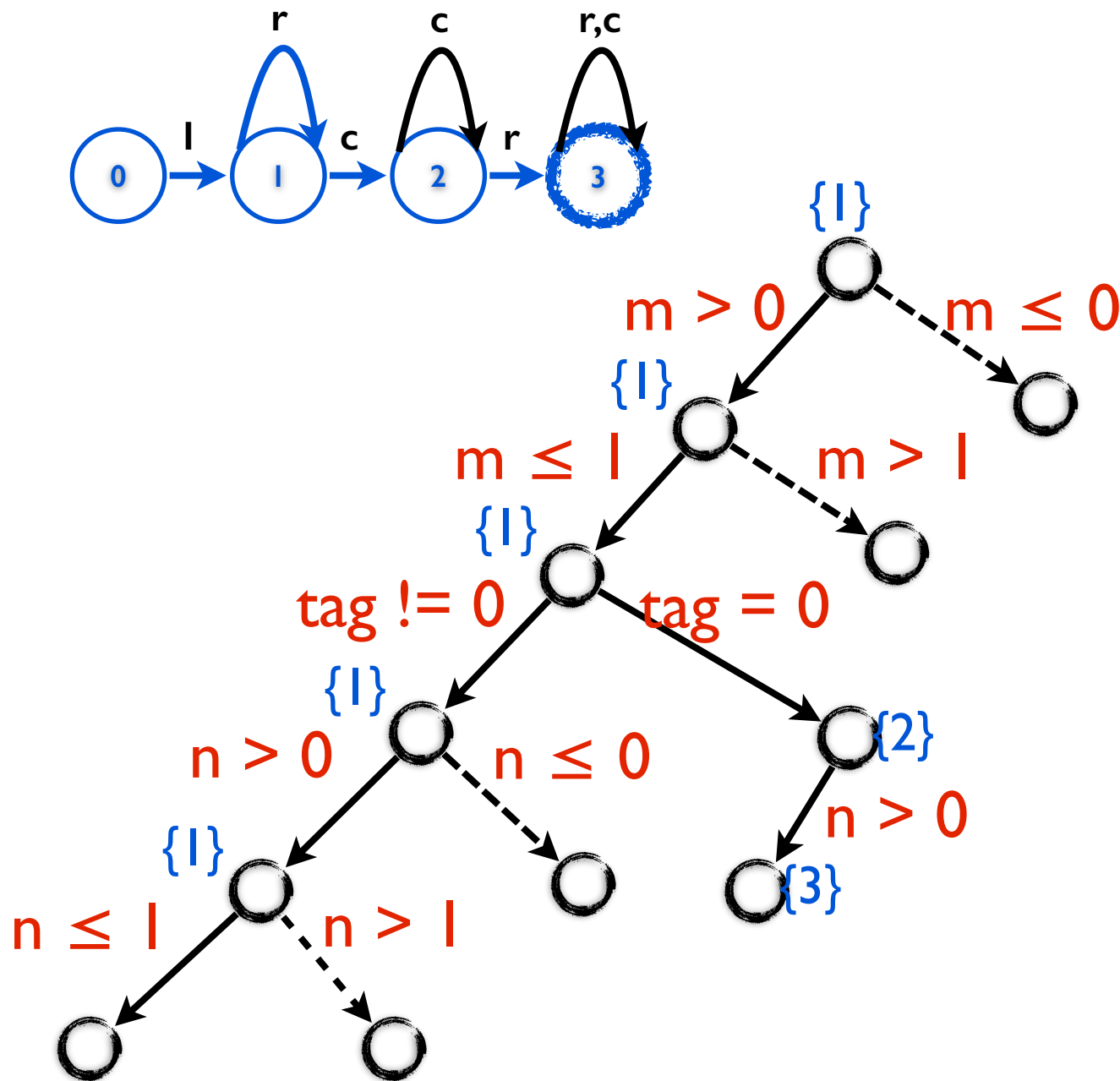
($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=1$)



```
int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
        result += i; //{1,2,3}
    }
    if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
        w.close(); //{1,2,3}
    k = 0; //{2,3}
    while (k++ < n) //{2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}
```

Guided DSE-2nd Iteration

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=0$)

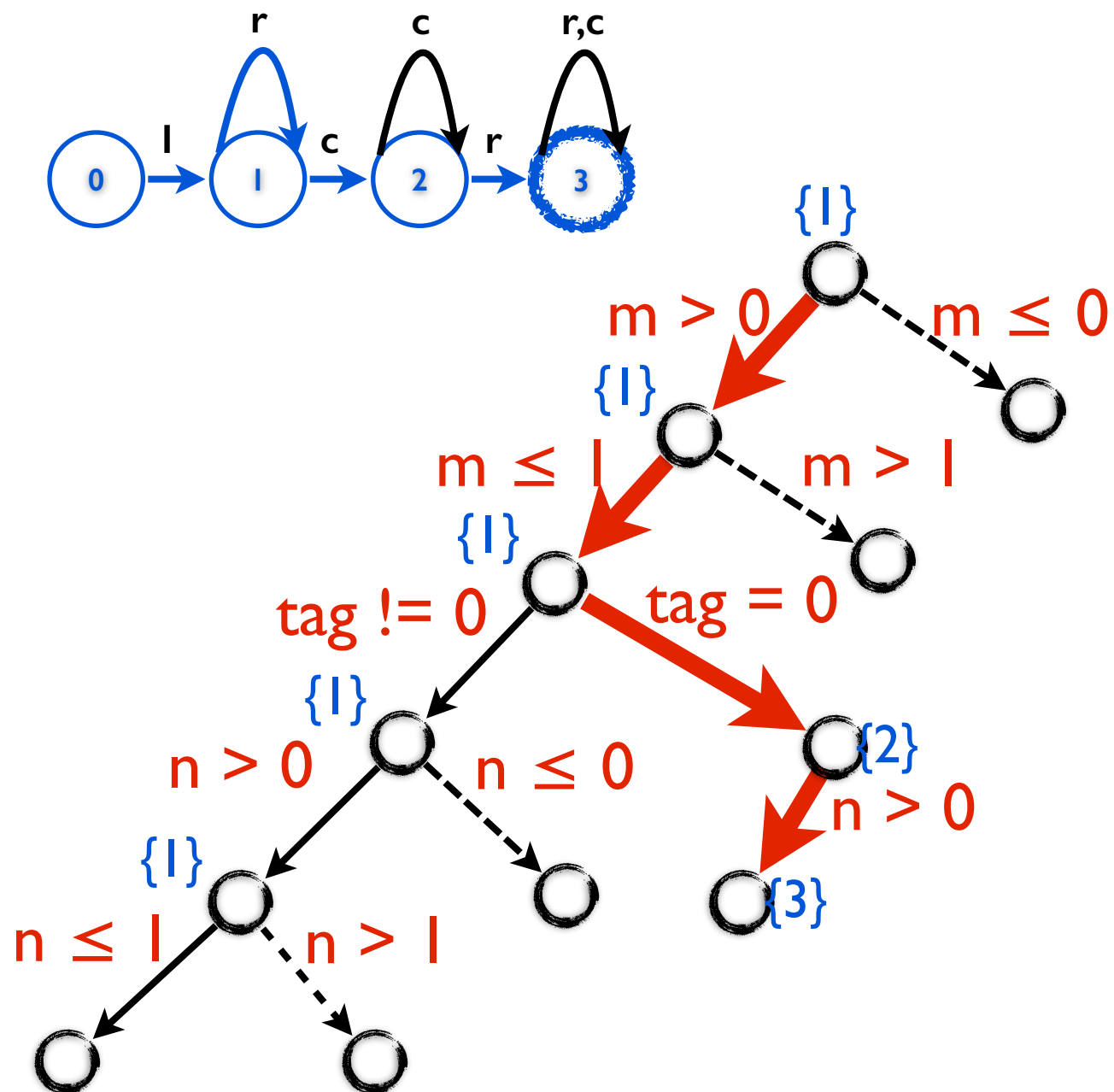


```

int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
        result += i; //{1,2,3}
    }
    if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
        w.close(); //{1,2,3}
    k = 0; //{2,3}
    while (k++ < n) //{2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
        result -= i; //{2,3}
    }
    return result; //{3}
}
    
```

Guided DSE

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=0$)

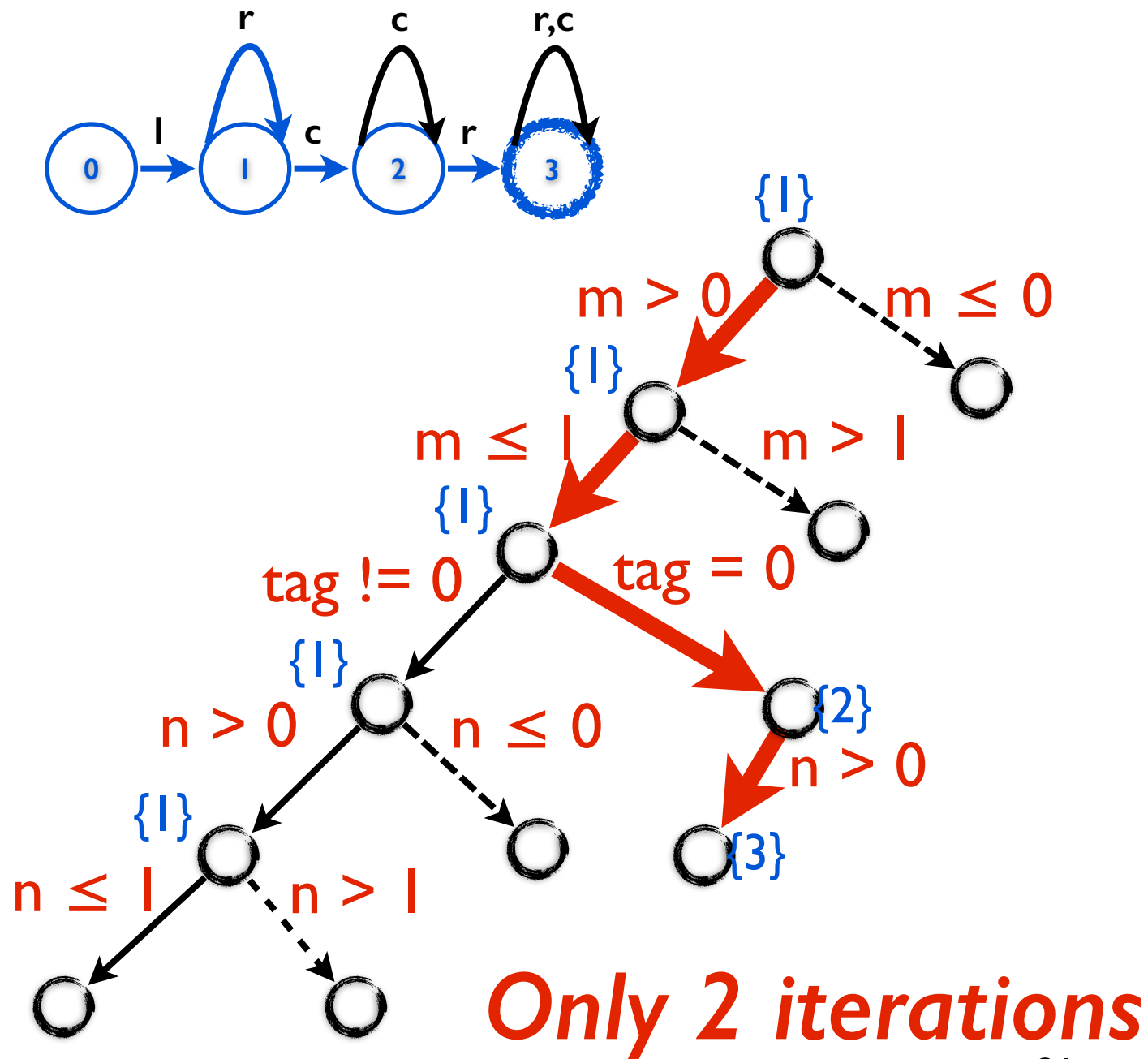


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int foo(int m, n, tag) {
    InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
    int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
    while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
        result += i; //{1,2,3}
    }
    if (tag == 0) //{1,2,3}
        w.close(); //{1,2,3}
    k = 0; //{2,3}
    while (k++ < n) //{2,3}
    {
        i = w.read(); //{2,3}
        if (i == -1) break; //{2,3}
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    }
    return result; //{3}
}
    
```

Guided DSE

($m=1, n=1, \text{tag}=0$)



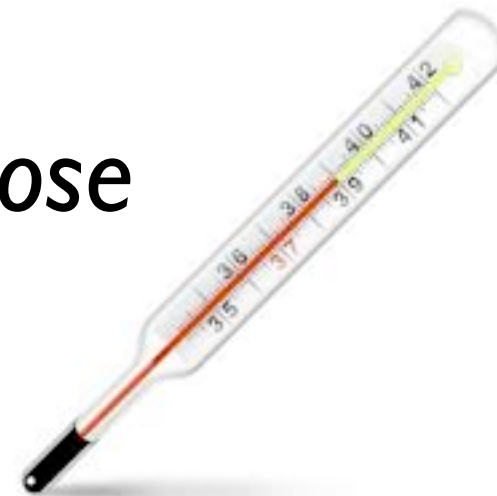
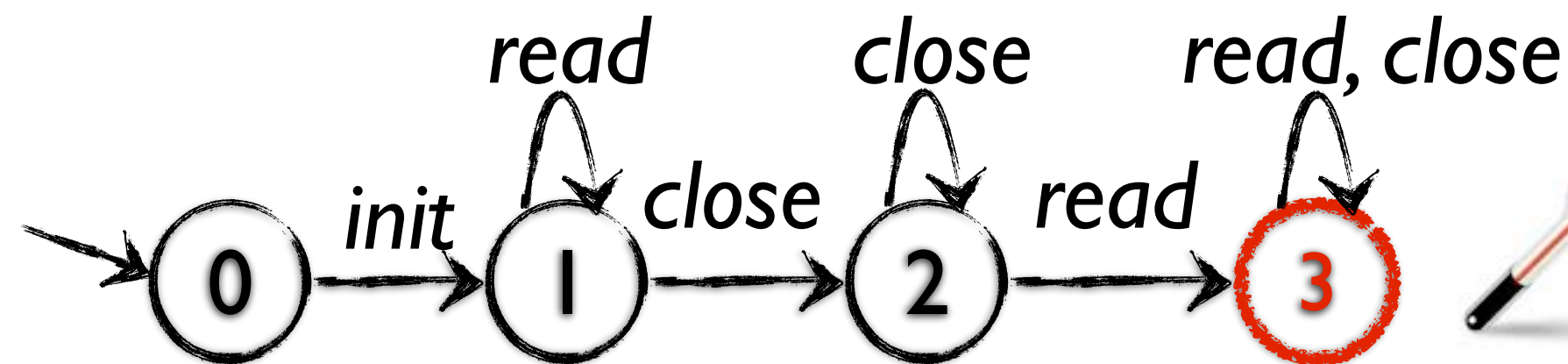
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  InputStreamReader w = new ...; //{0}
  int result = 0, k = 0, i = -1; //{1,2,3}
  while (k++ < m) //{1,2,3}
  {
    i = w.read(); //{1,2,3}
    if (i == -1) break; //{1,2,3}
    result += i; //{1,2,3}
  }
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    w.close(); //{1,2,3}
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  }
  return result; //{3}
}
```

Implementation & Experiment Setup

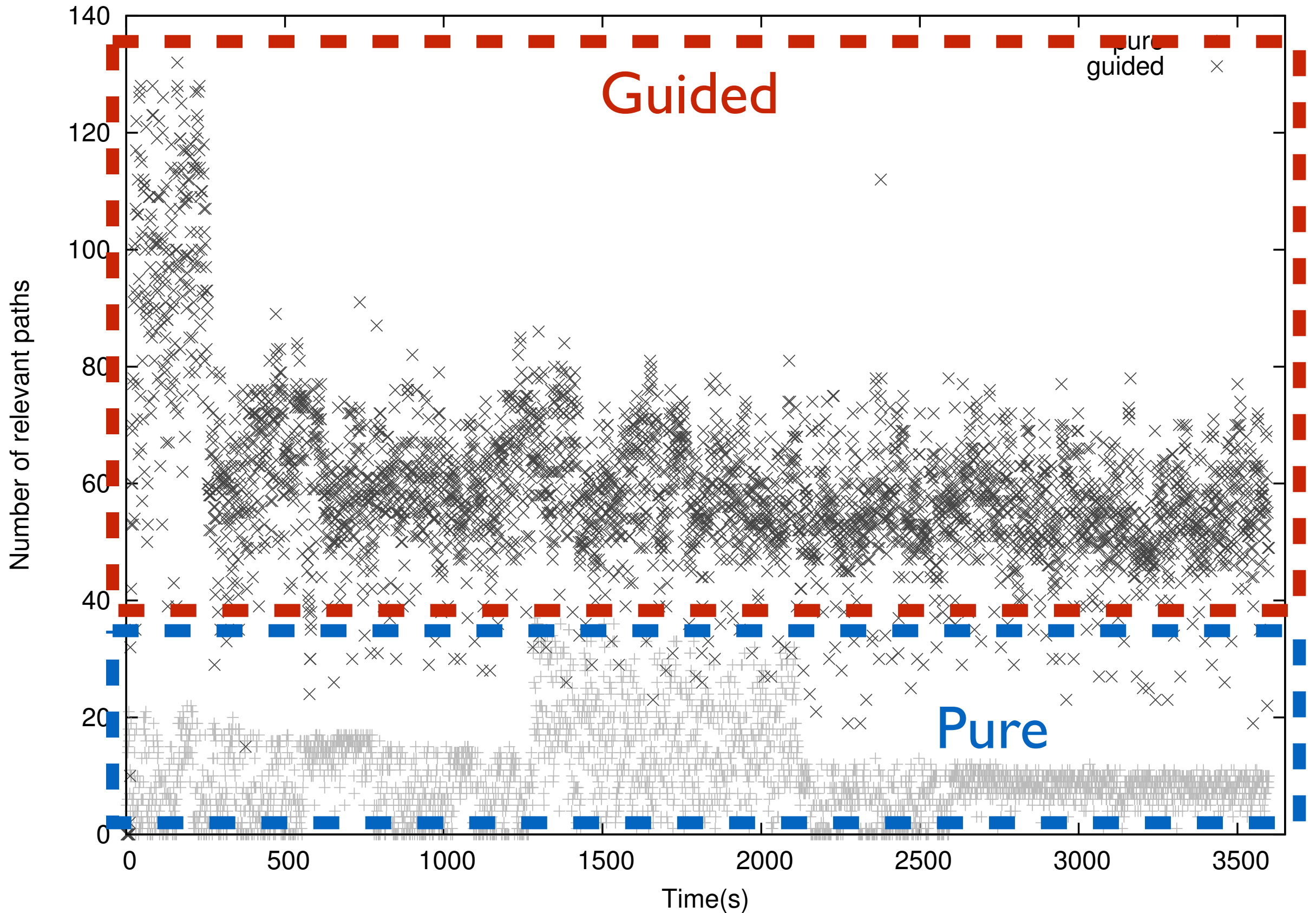
- Implement based on JPF-JDart and WALA
- 13 real world open source Java programs
 - **225K LOC** in total
- Properties
 - Typestate bug && User defined
- Analyze each program/property in **24 hours**

Evaluate Guiding Further

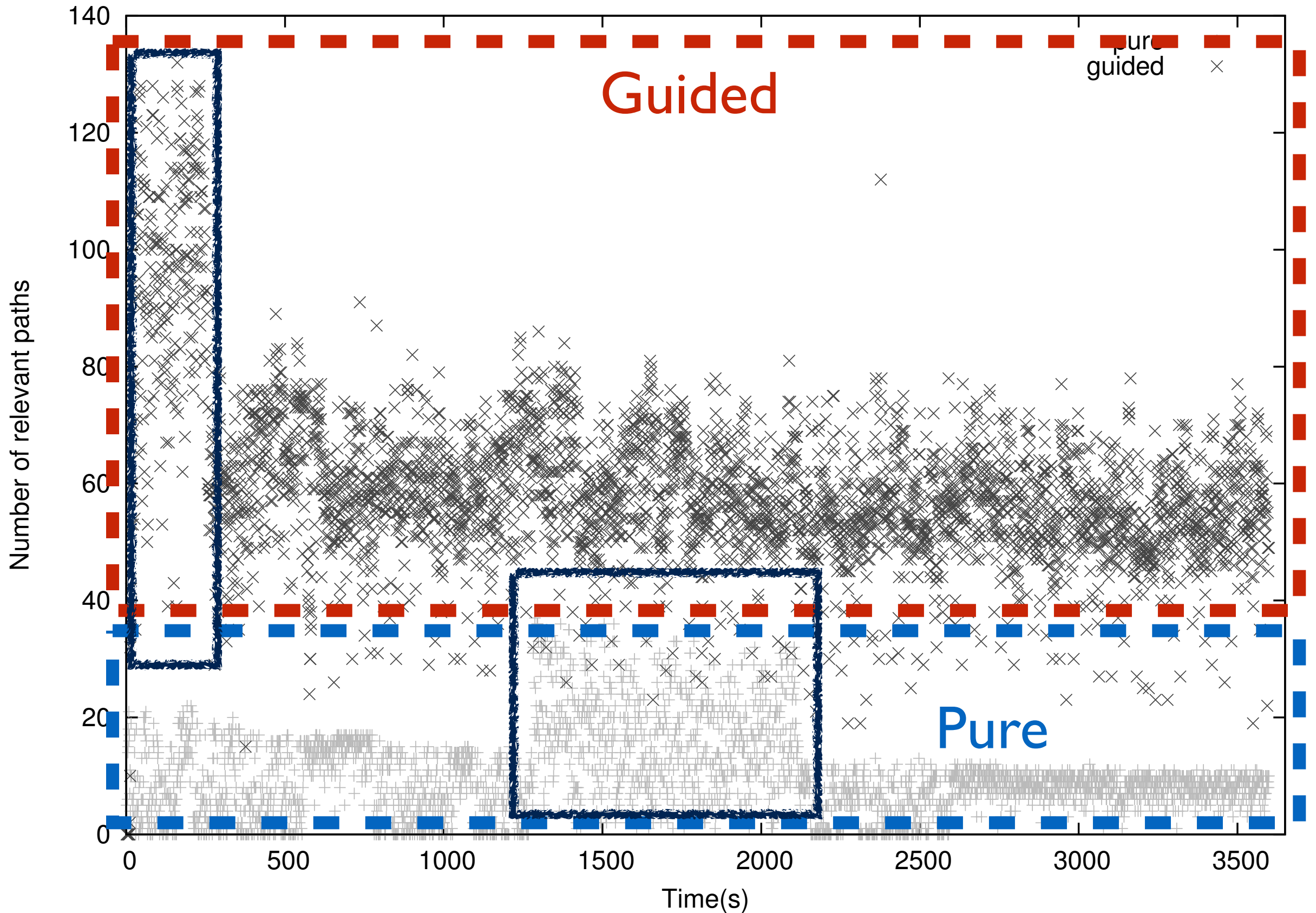
- Relevant path
- Transition times
- Shortest distance to the final state



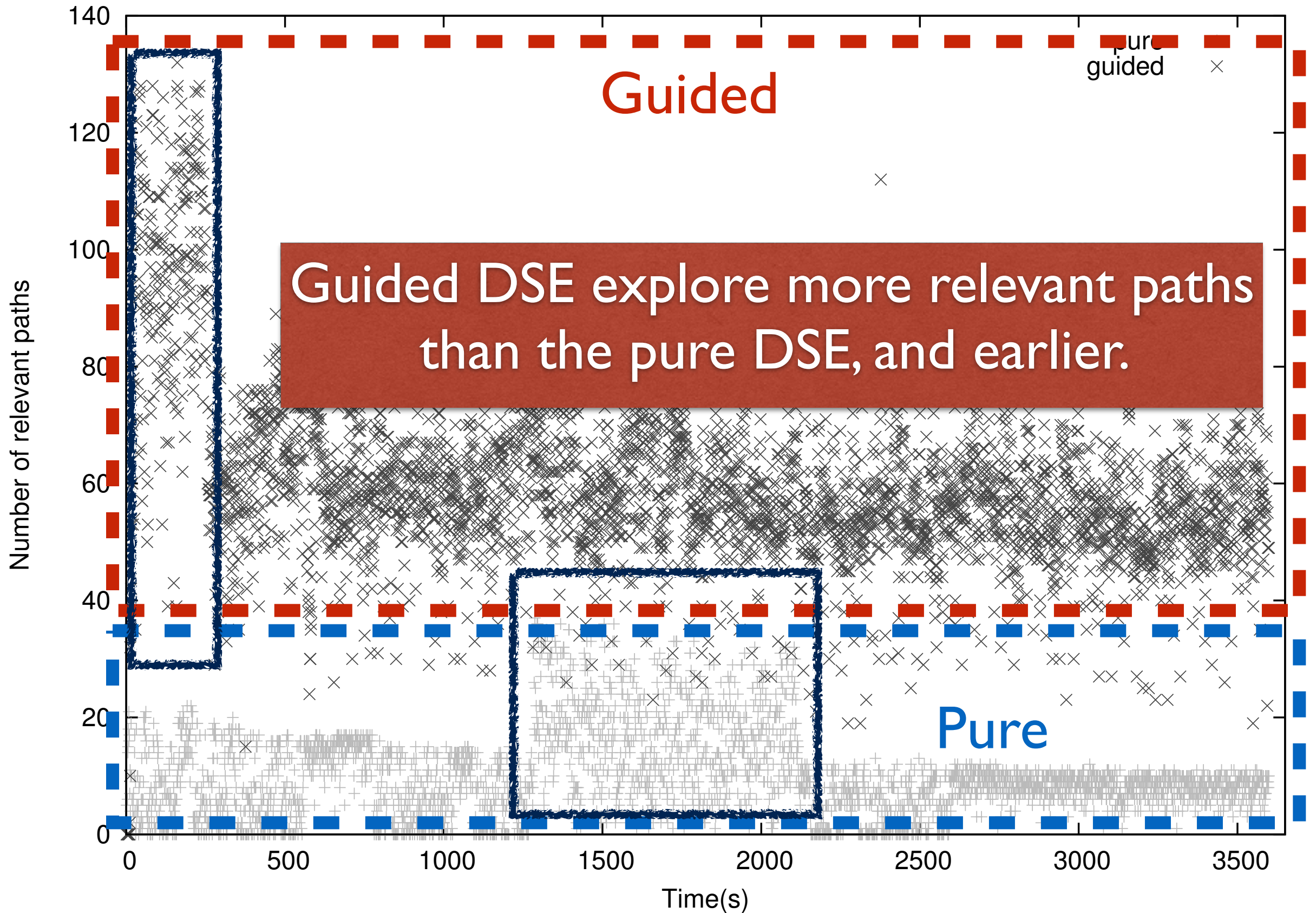
Relevant path distribution



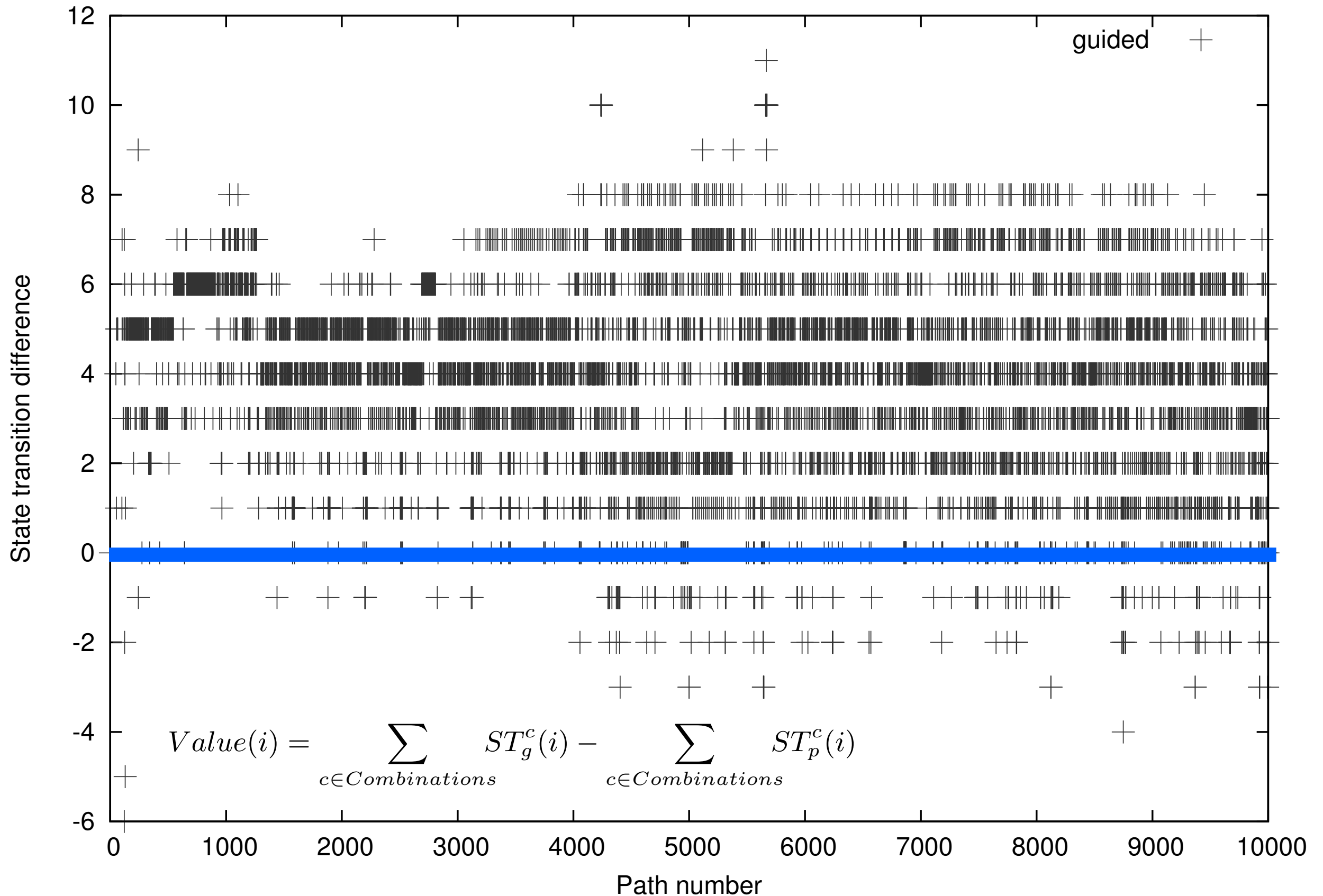
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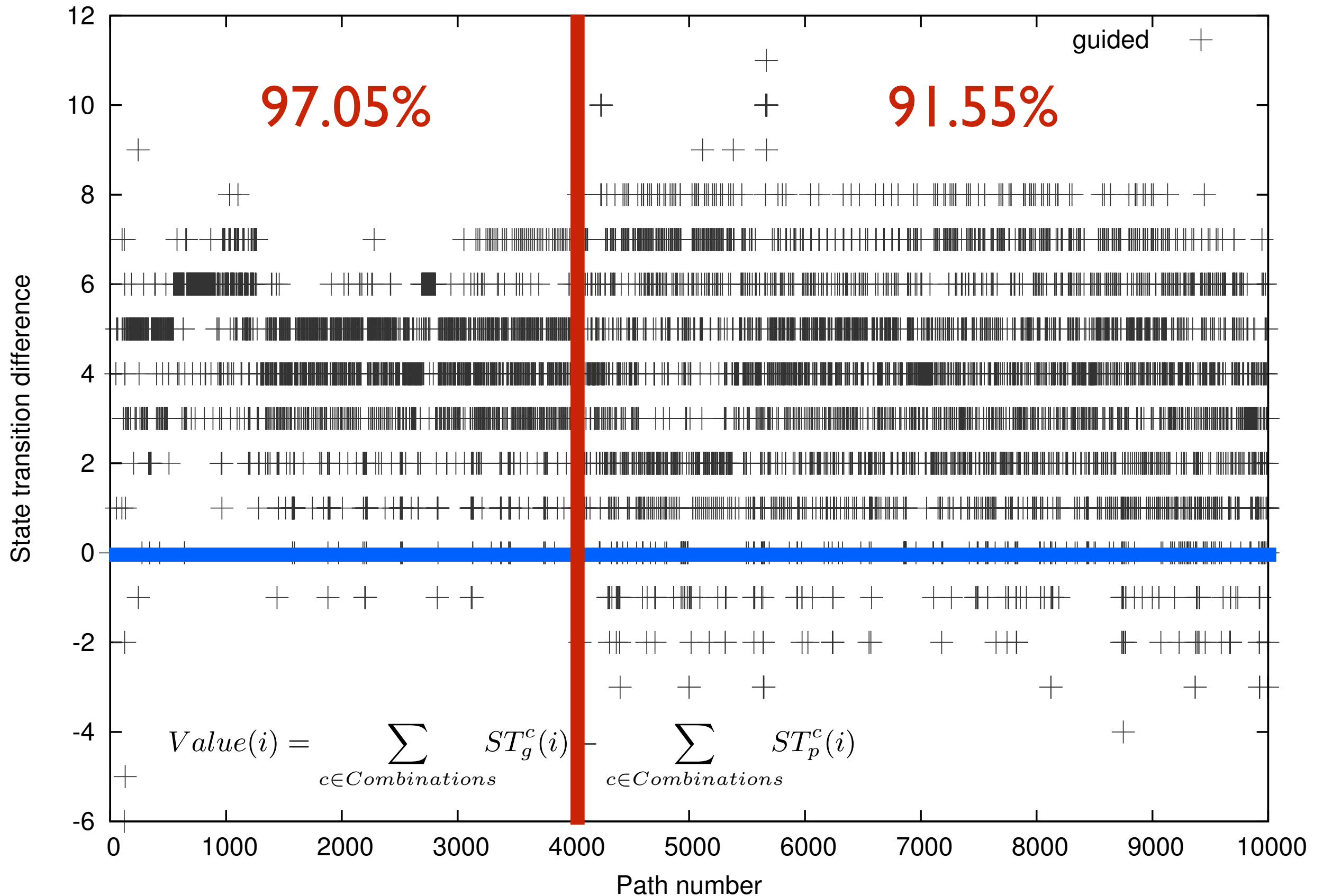
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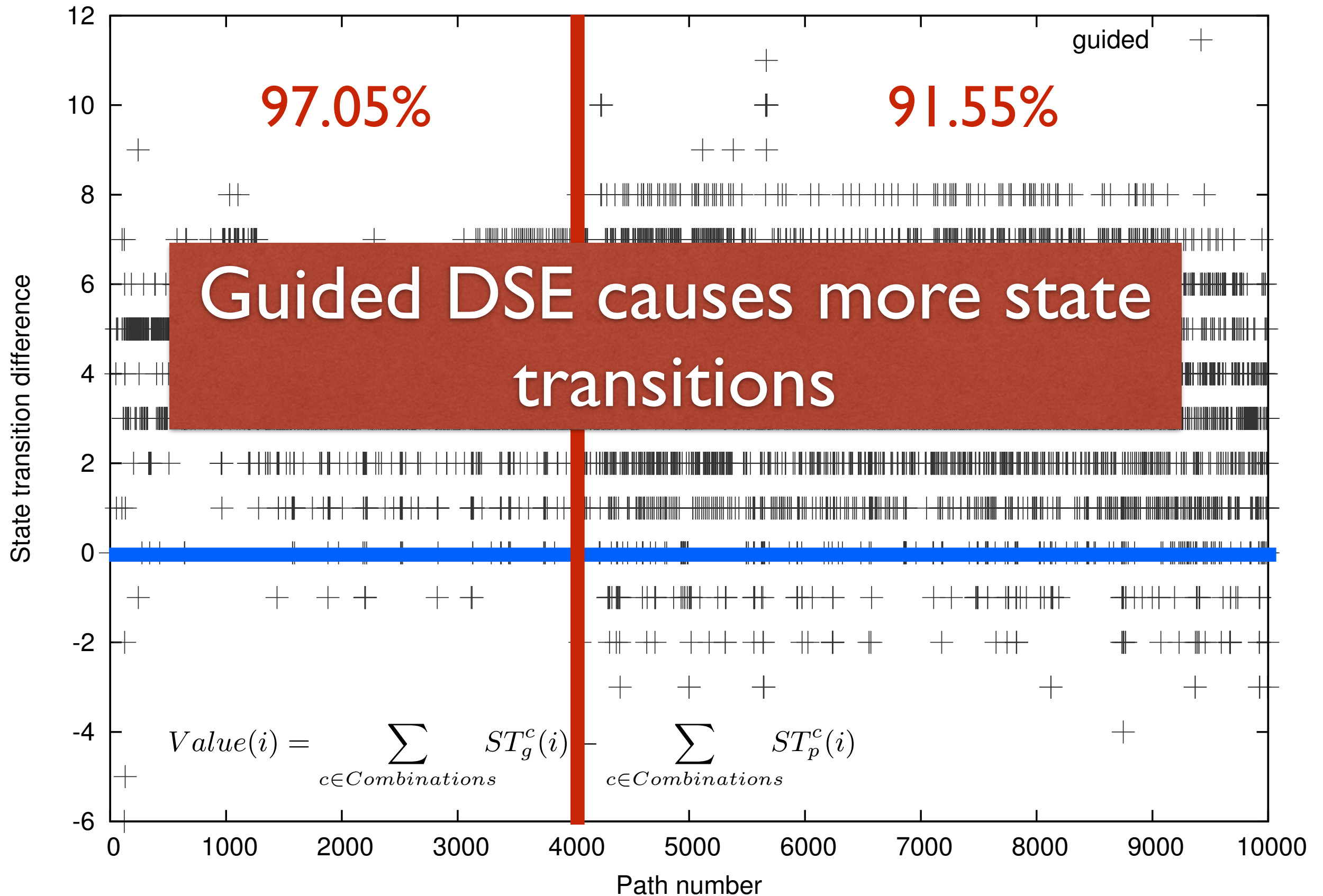
State Transition Difference



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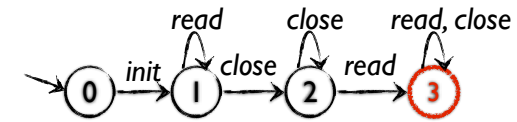
Conclusion

DSE needs guiding



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How about a Regular Property?



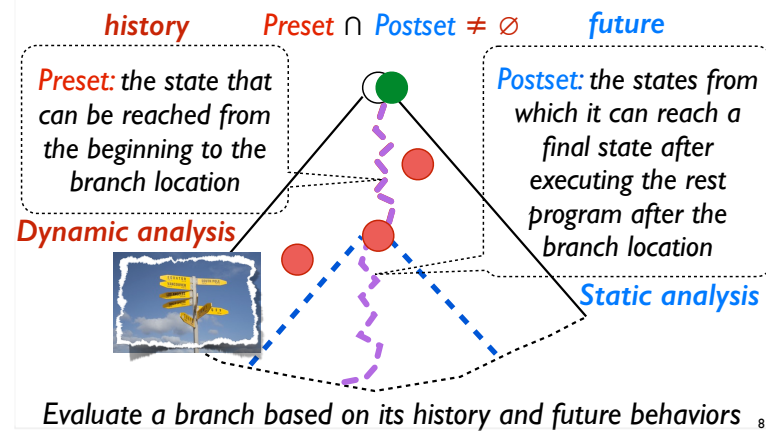
A bug property: a file is read after closed



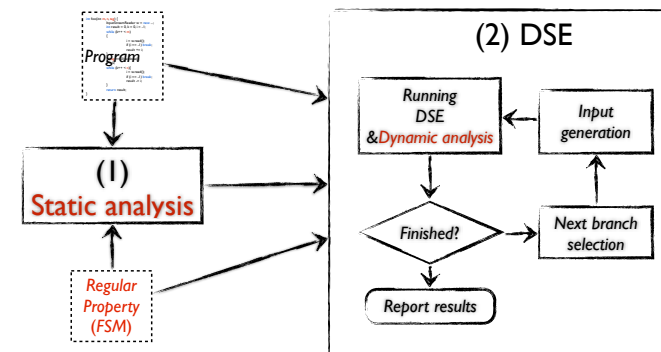
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Key Idea



Procedure



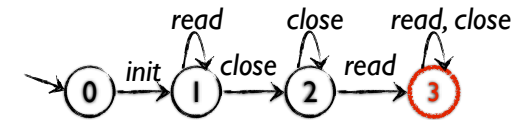
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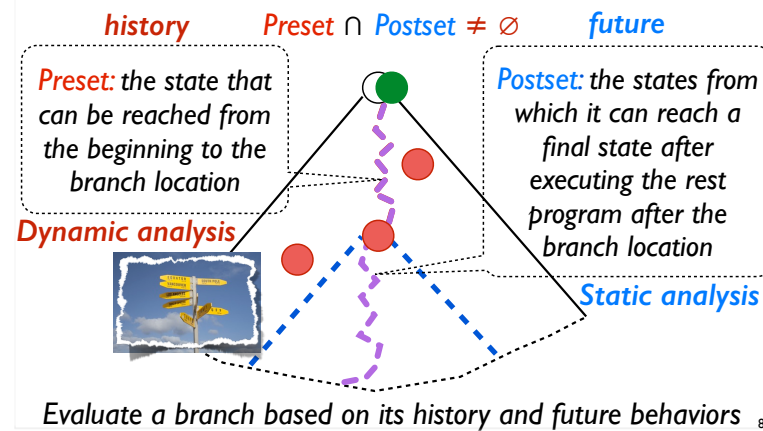
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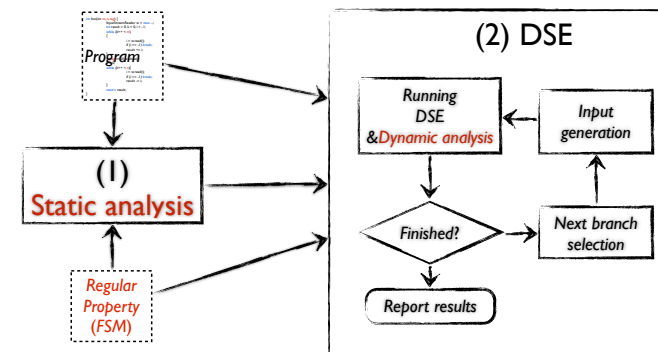
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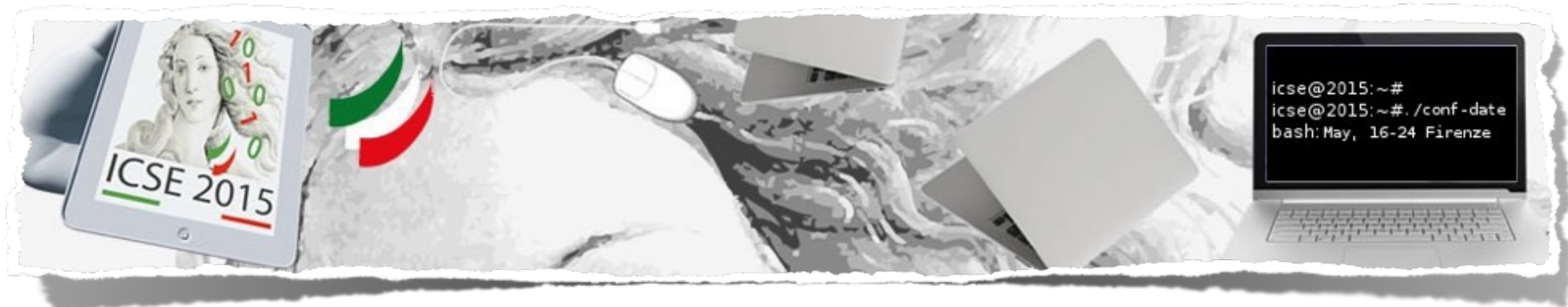
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Procedure



- Next step: multi-objects properties, combination with slicing, applications...



**Thank you
Any Questions?**