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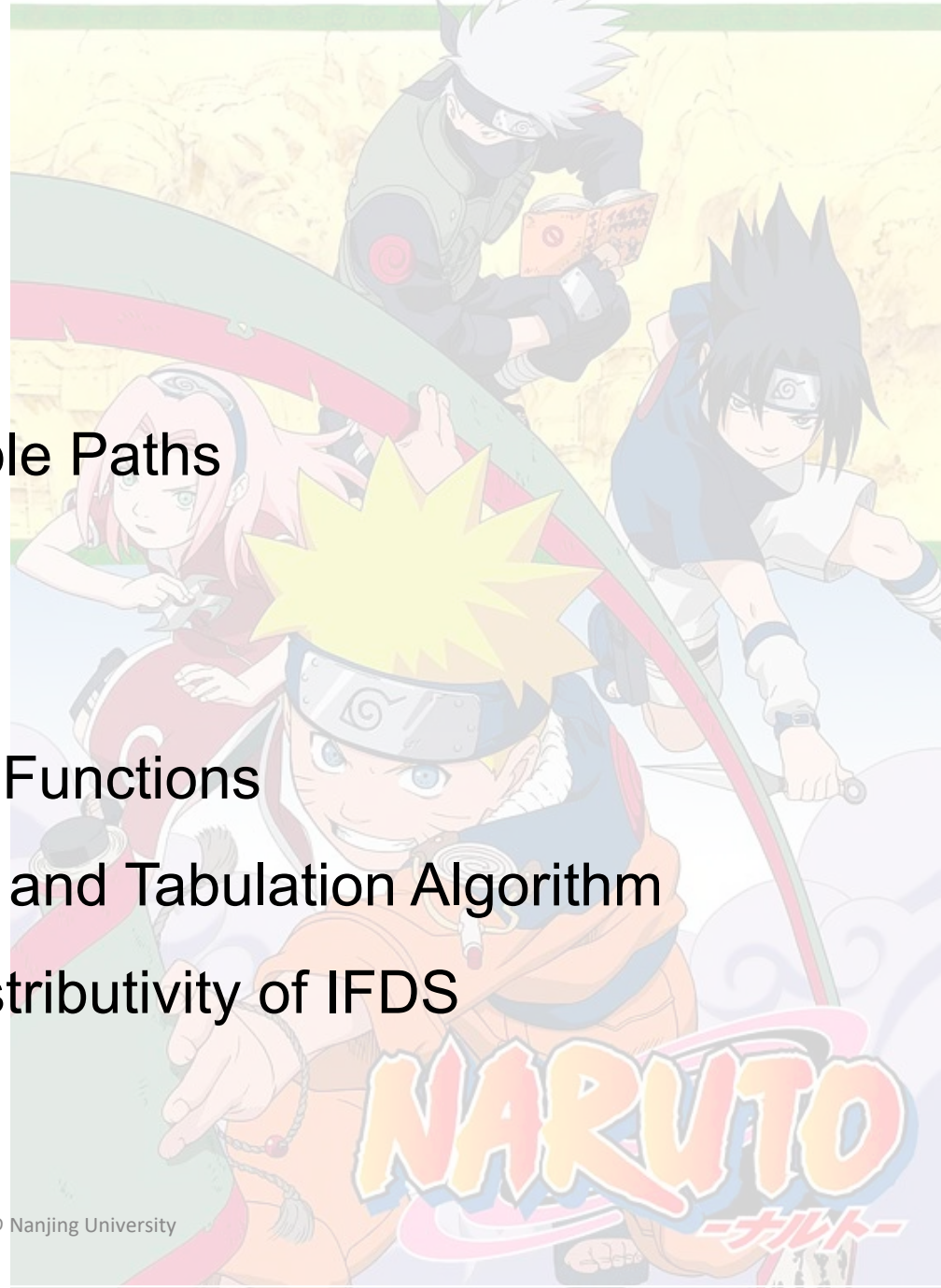
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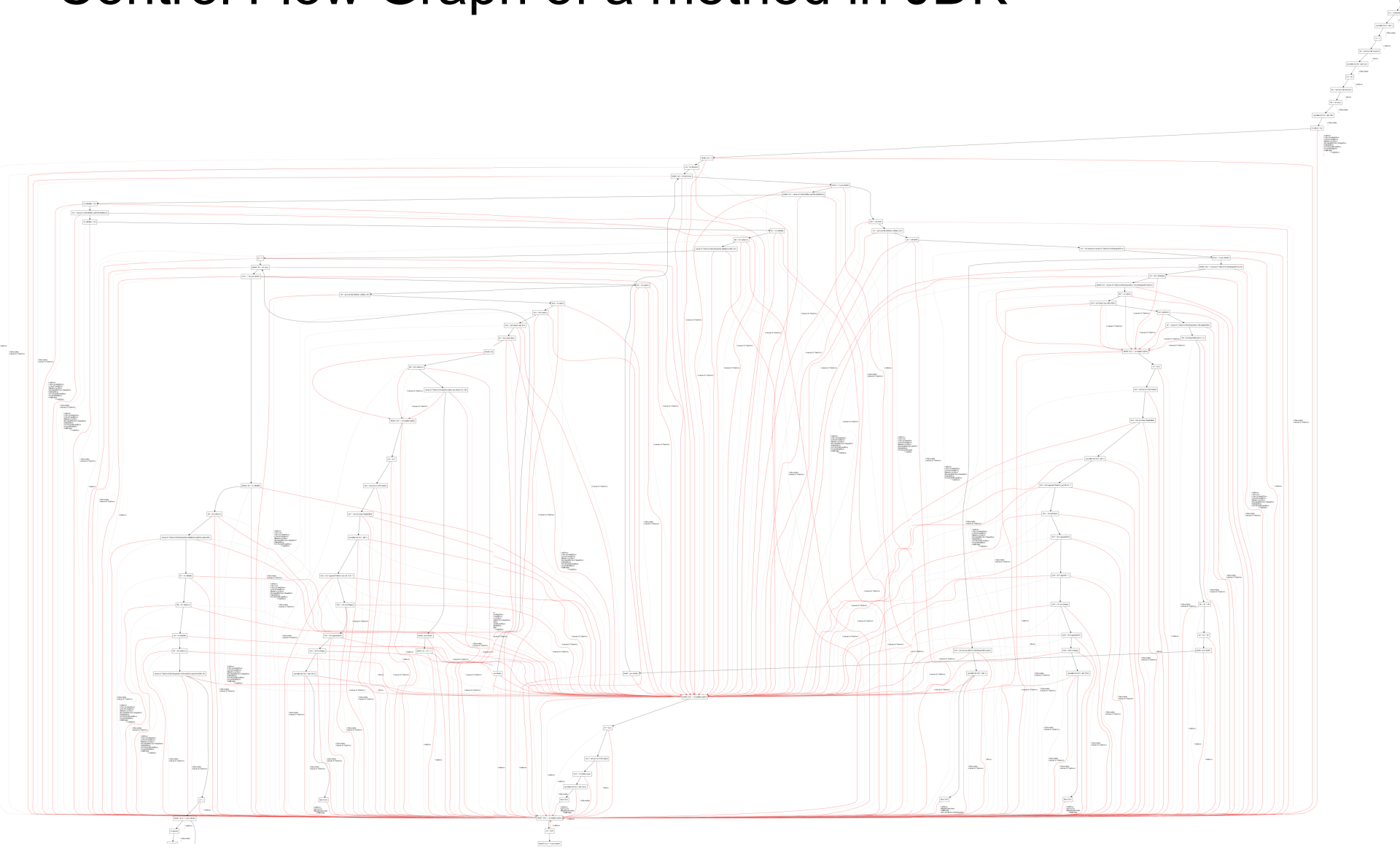
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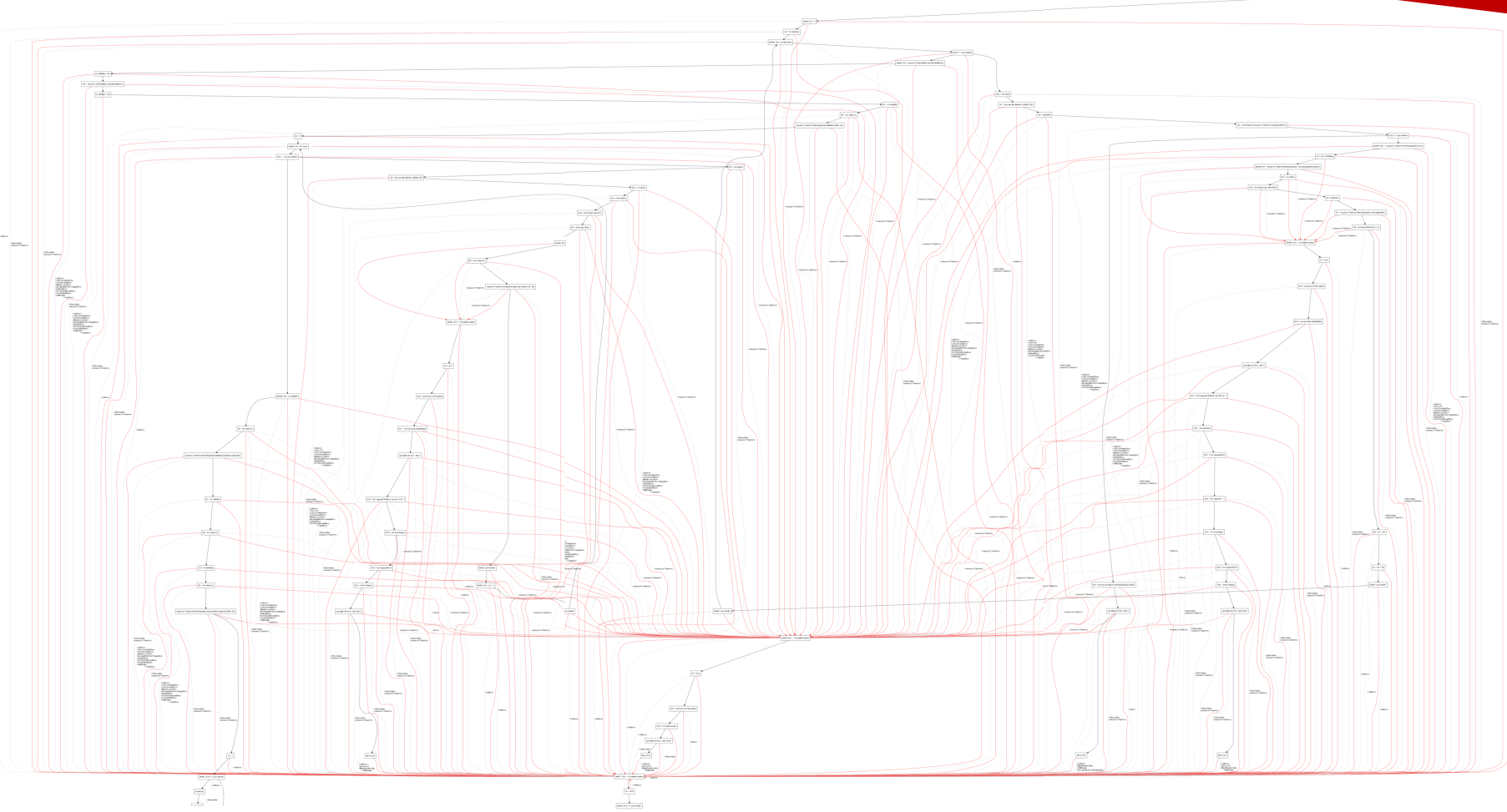


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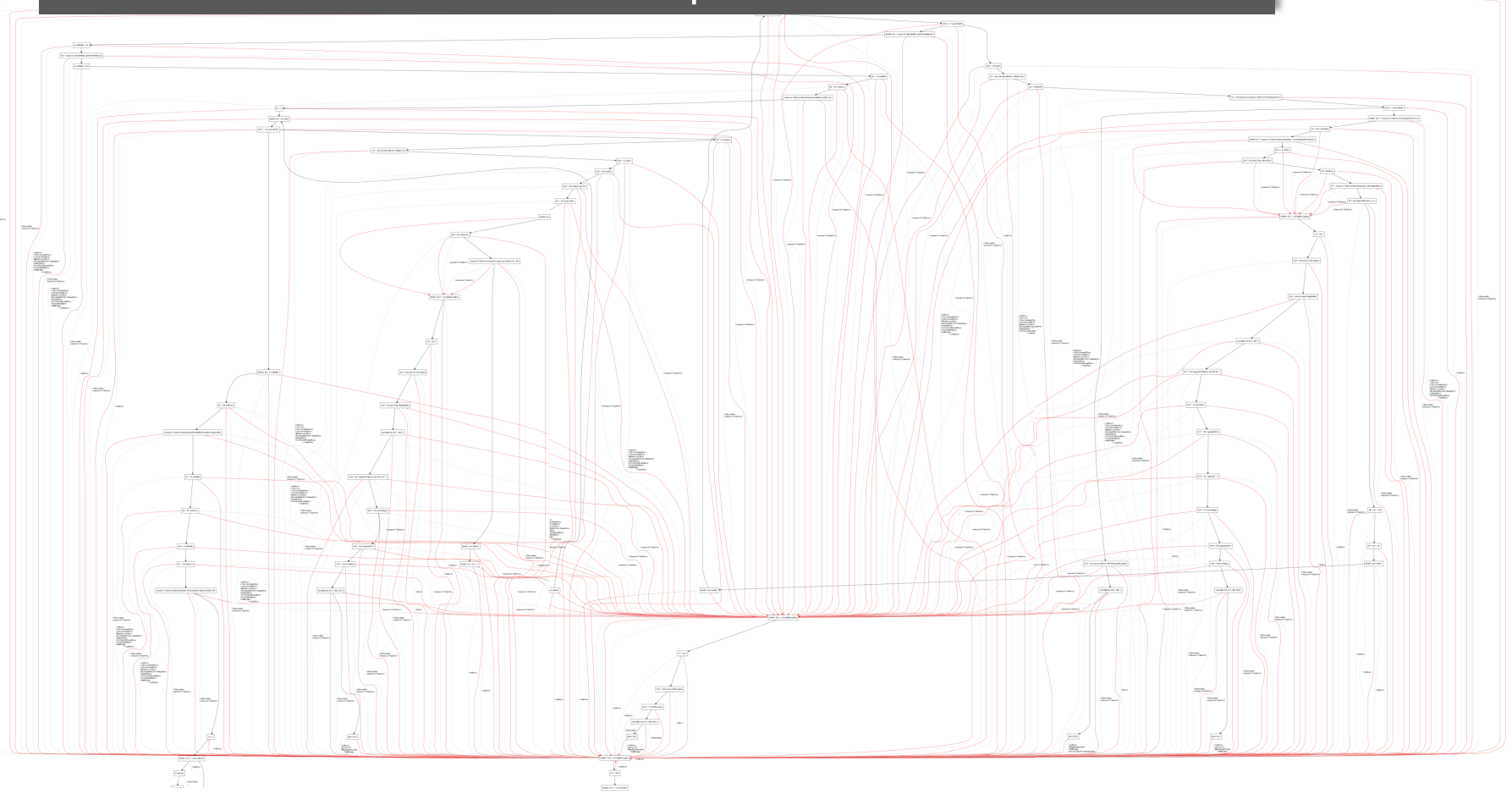


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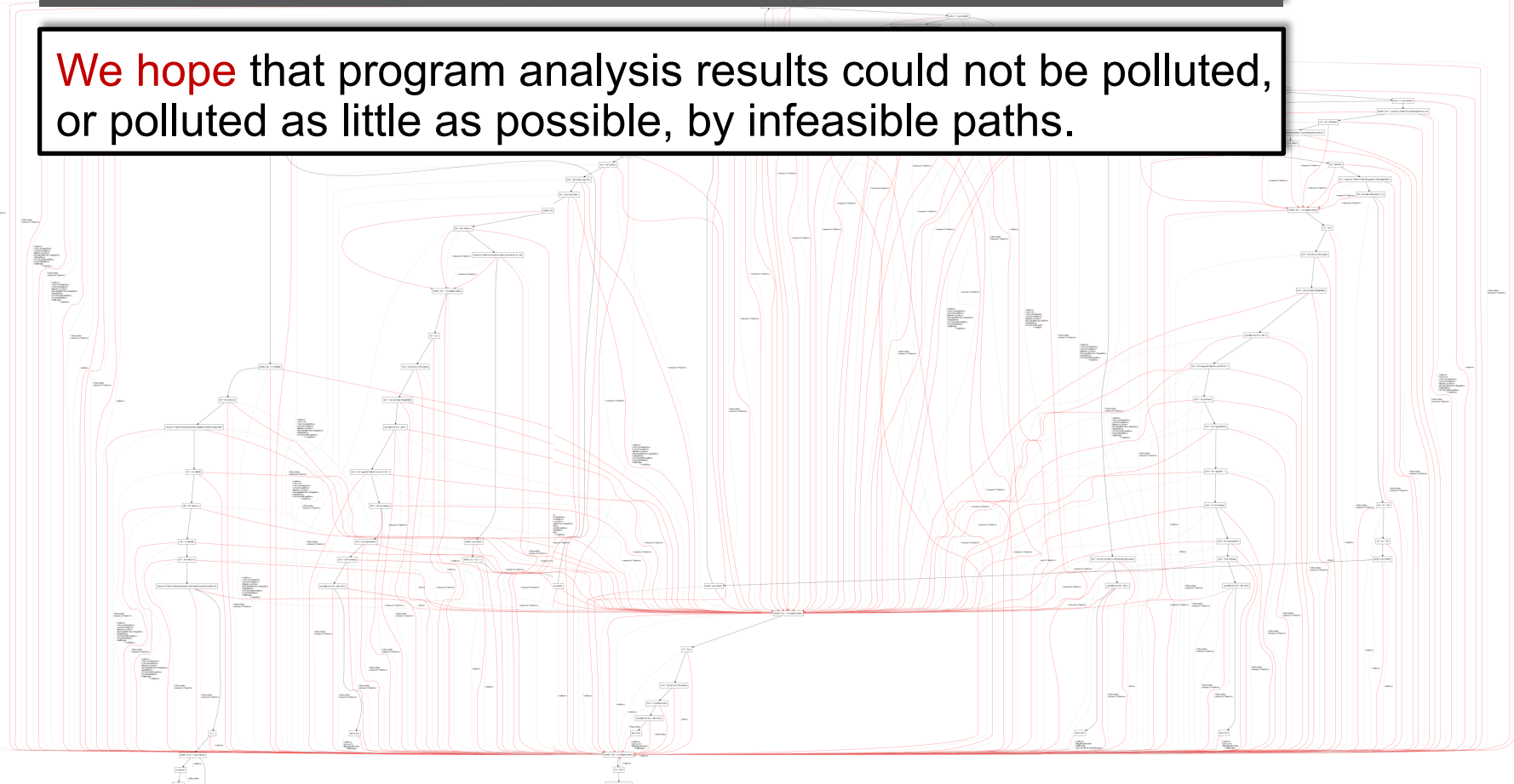
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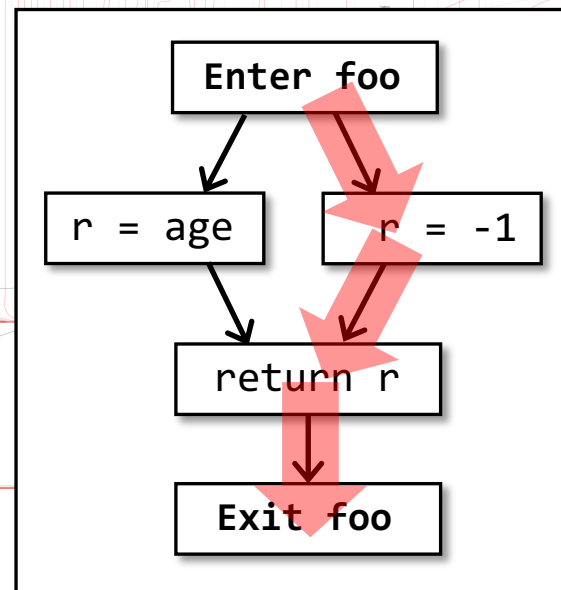
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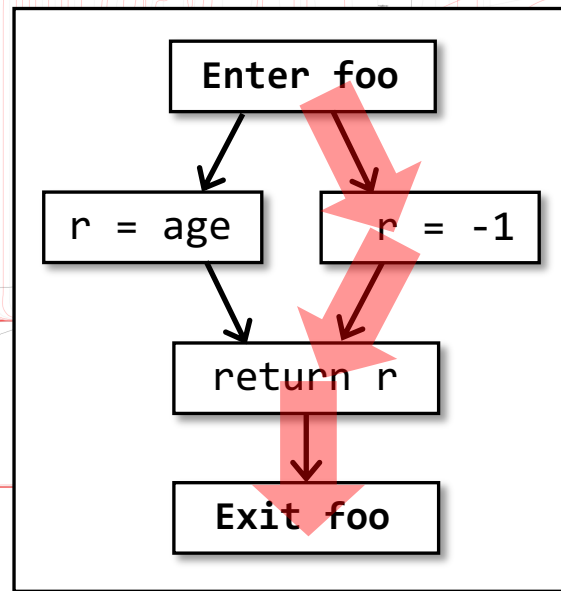
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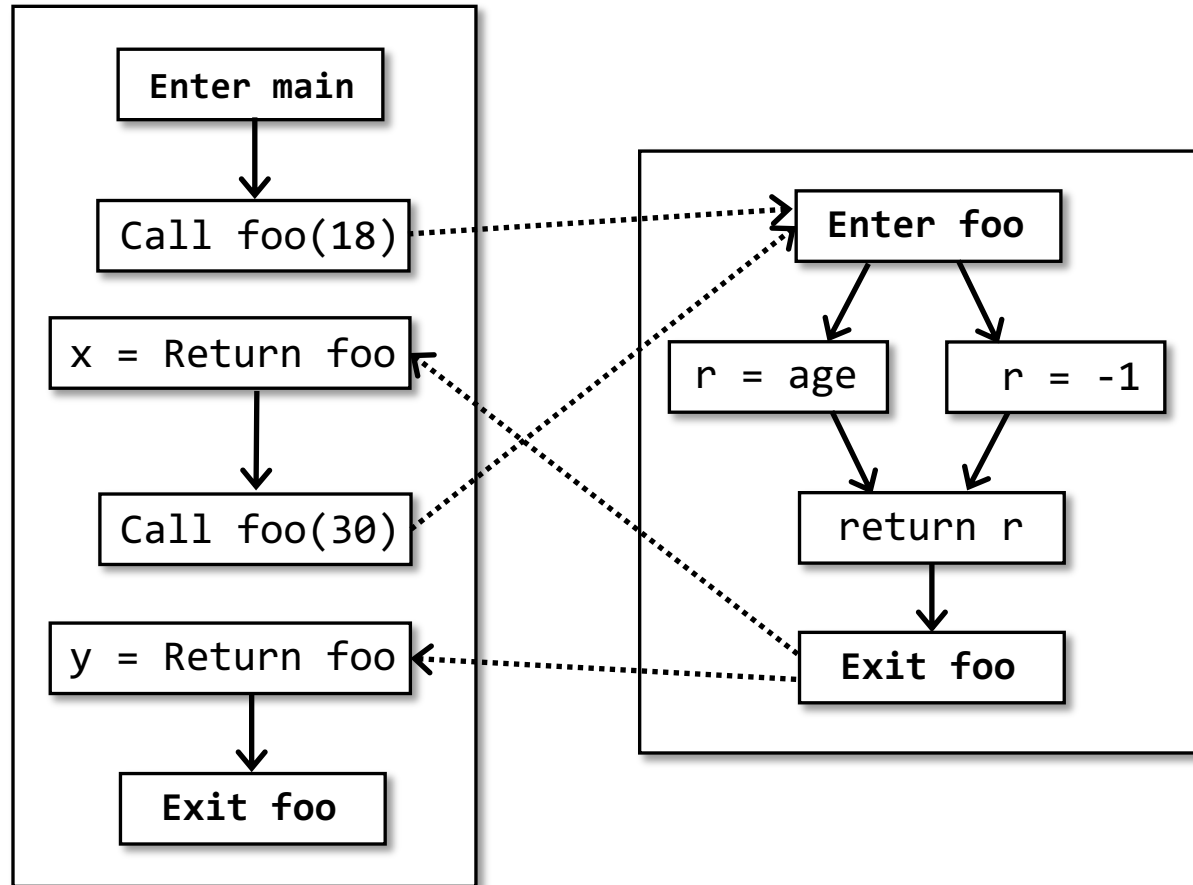
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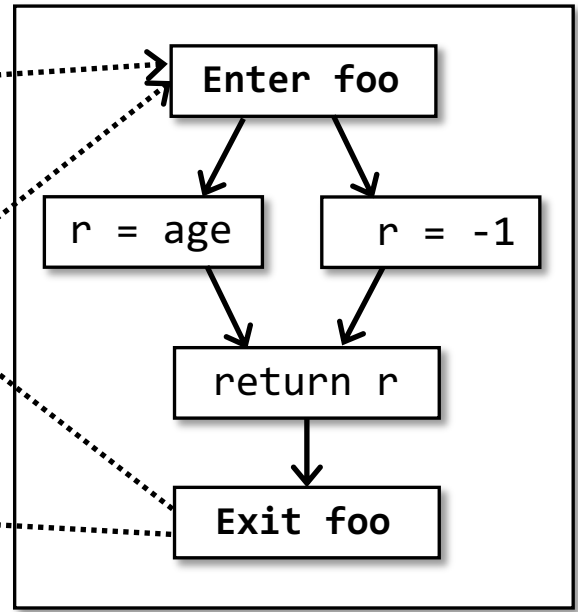
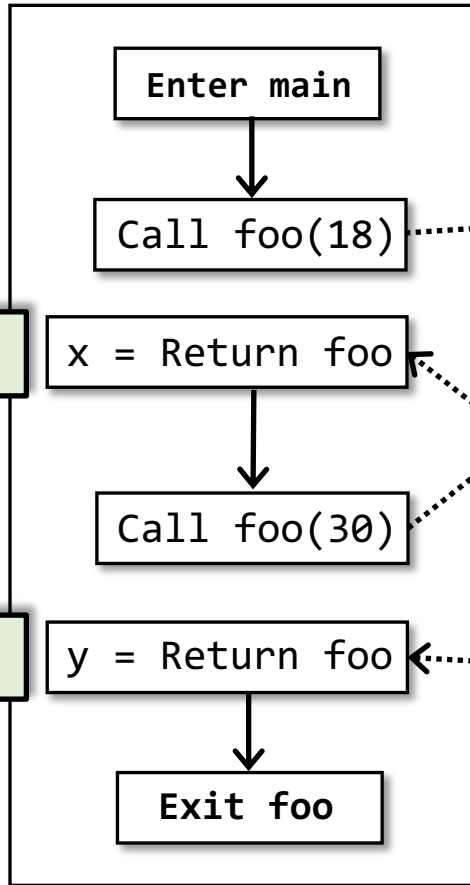

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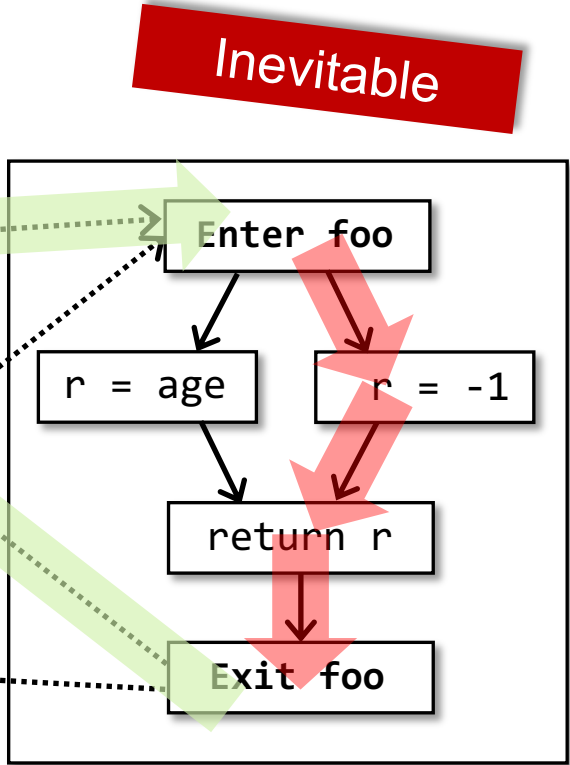
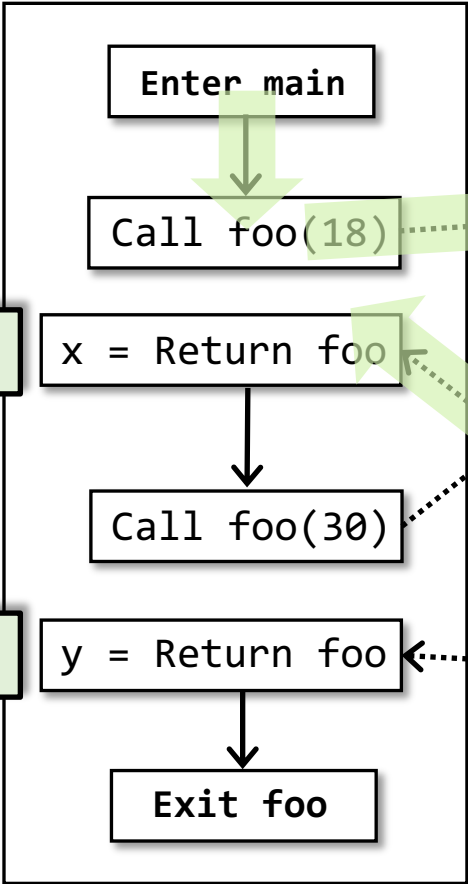
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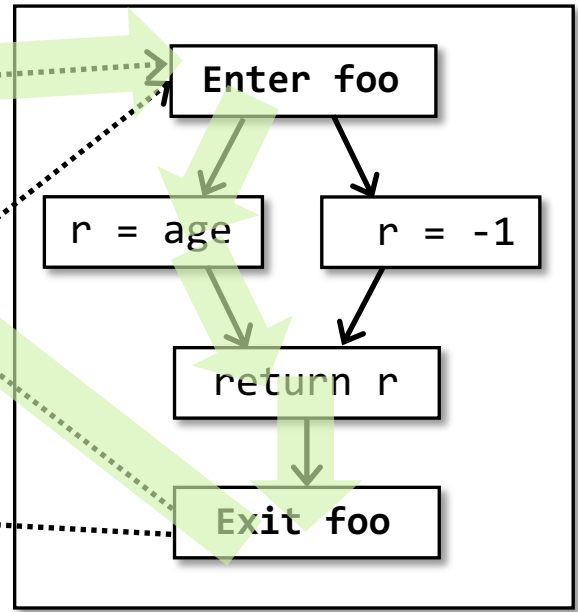
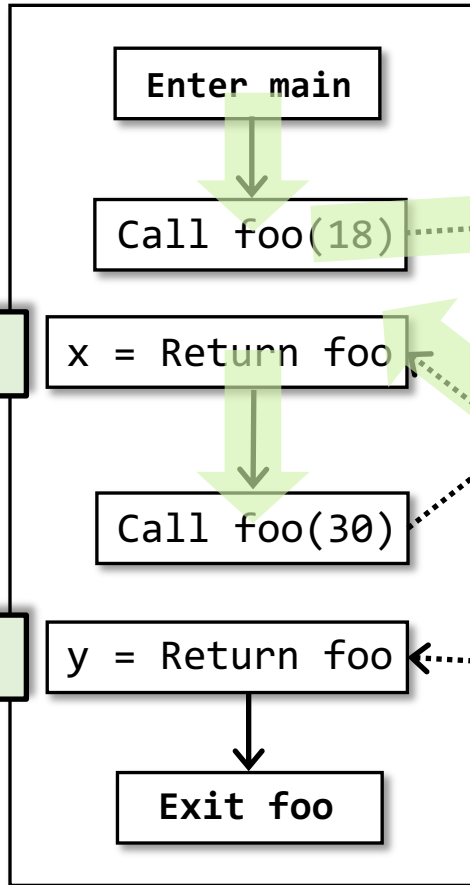


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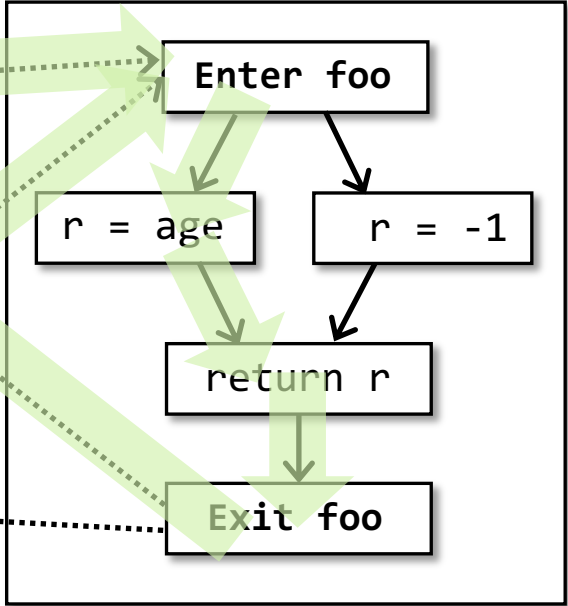
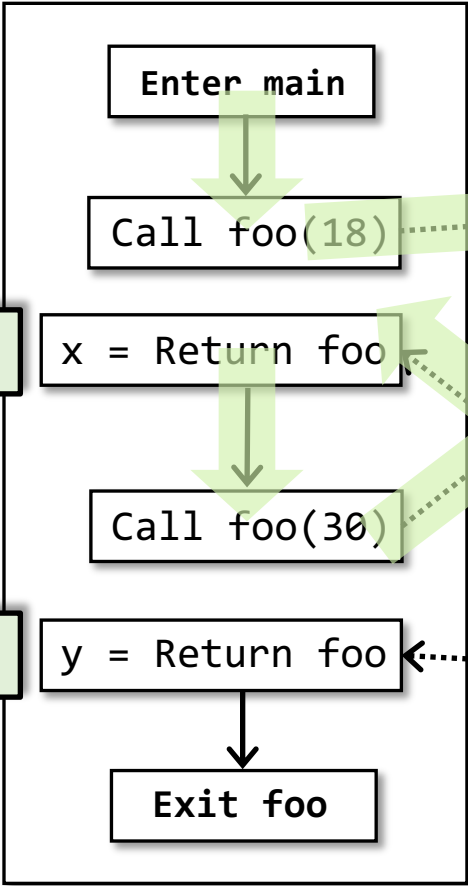
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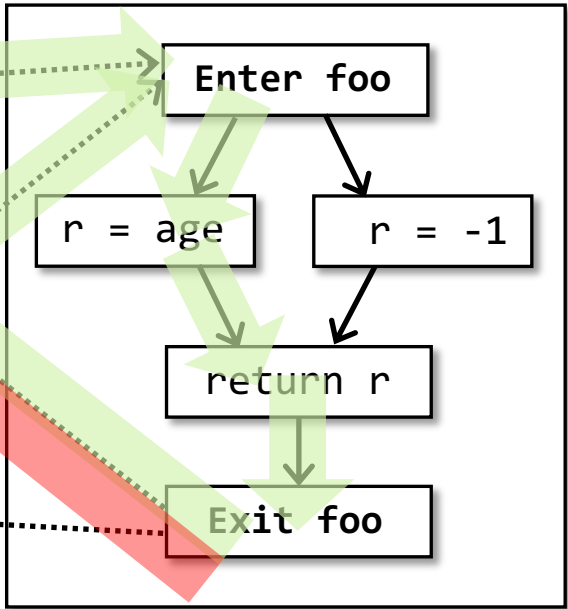
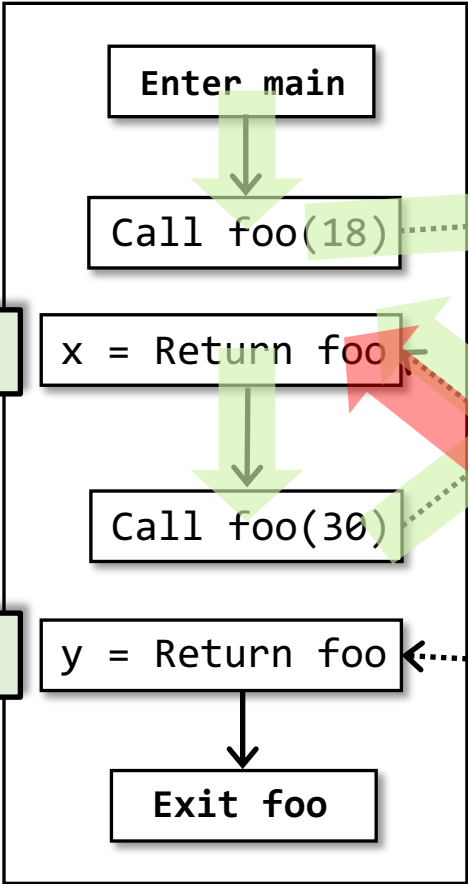
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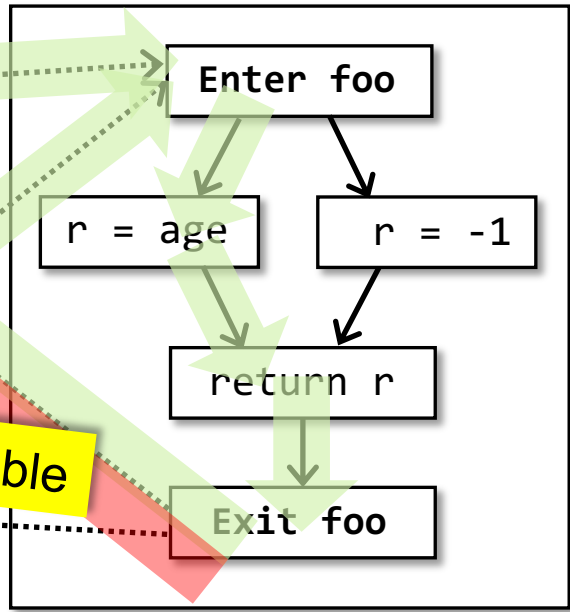
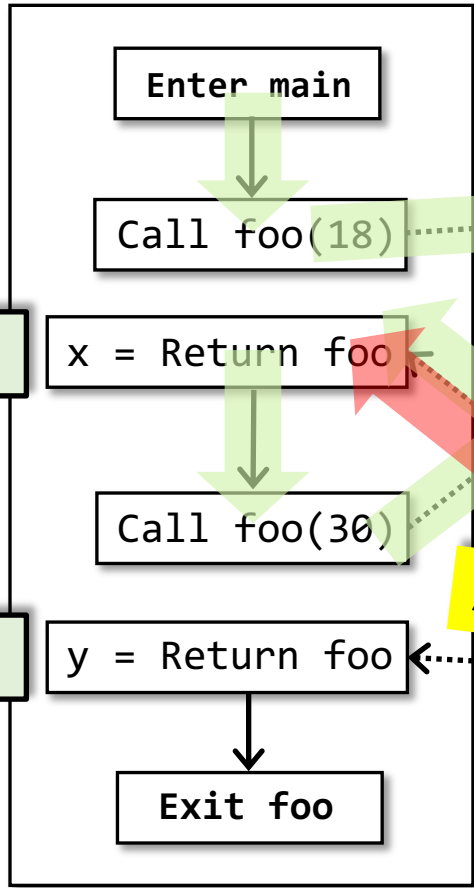
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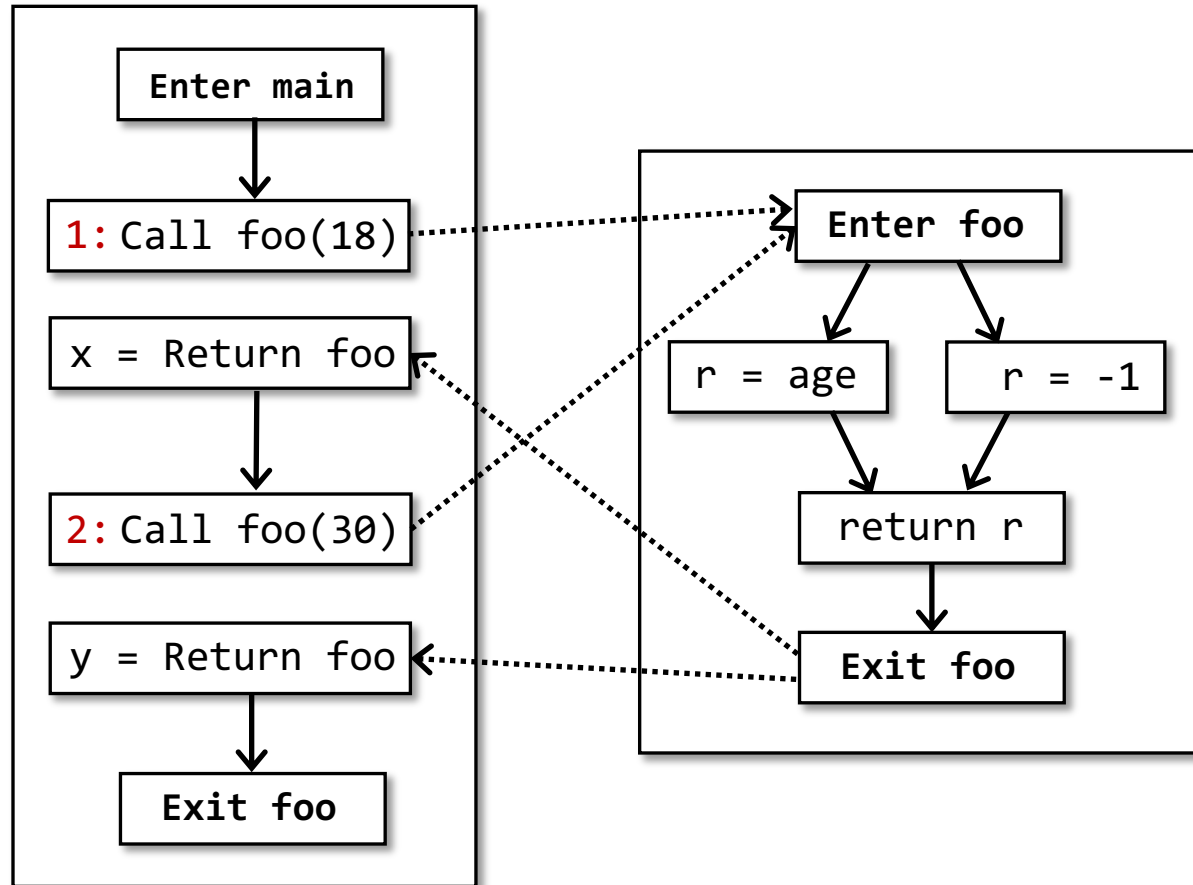
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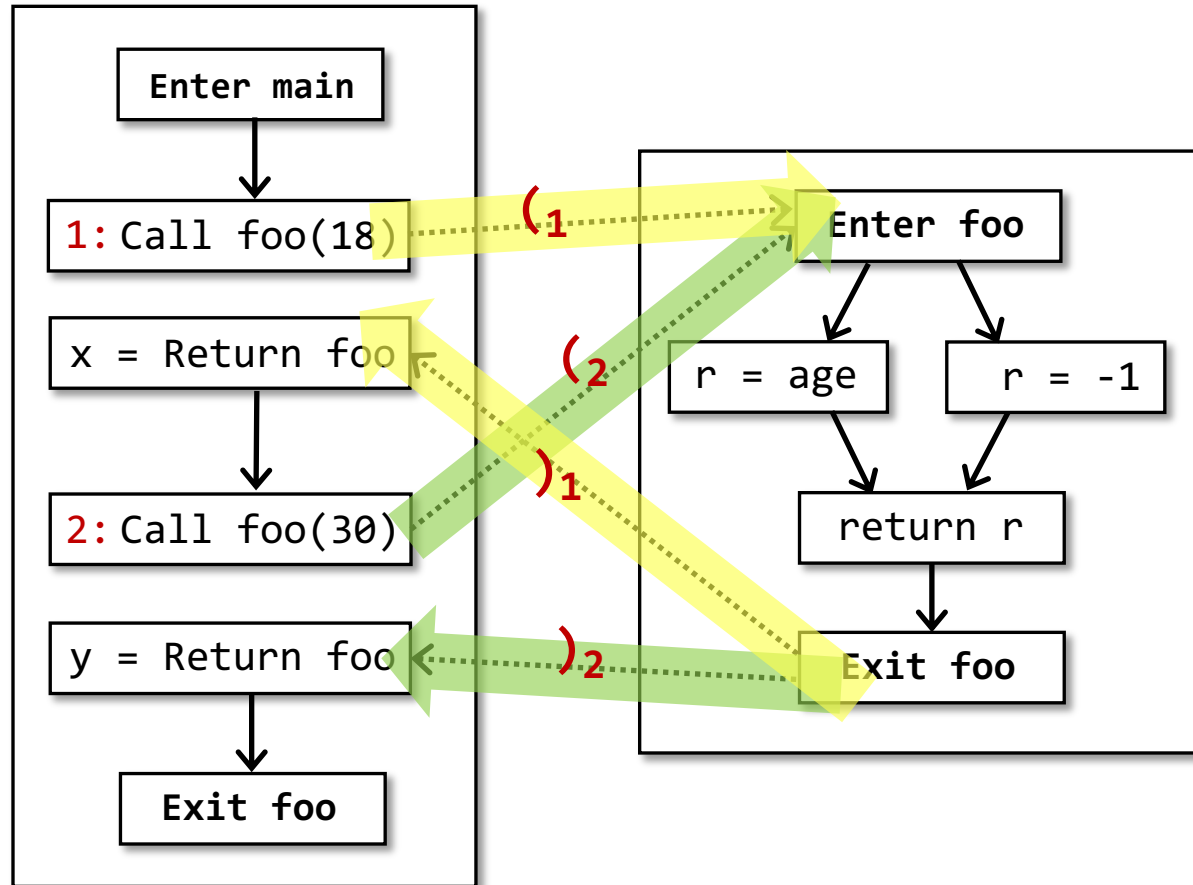
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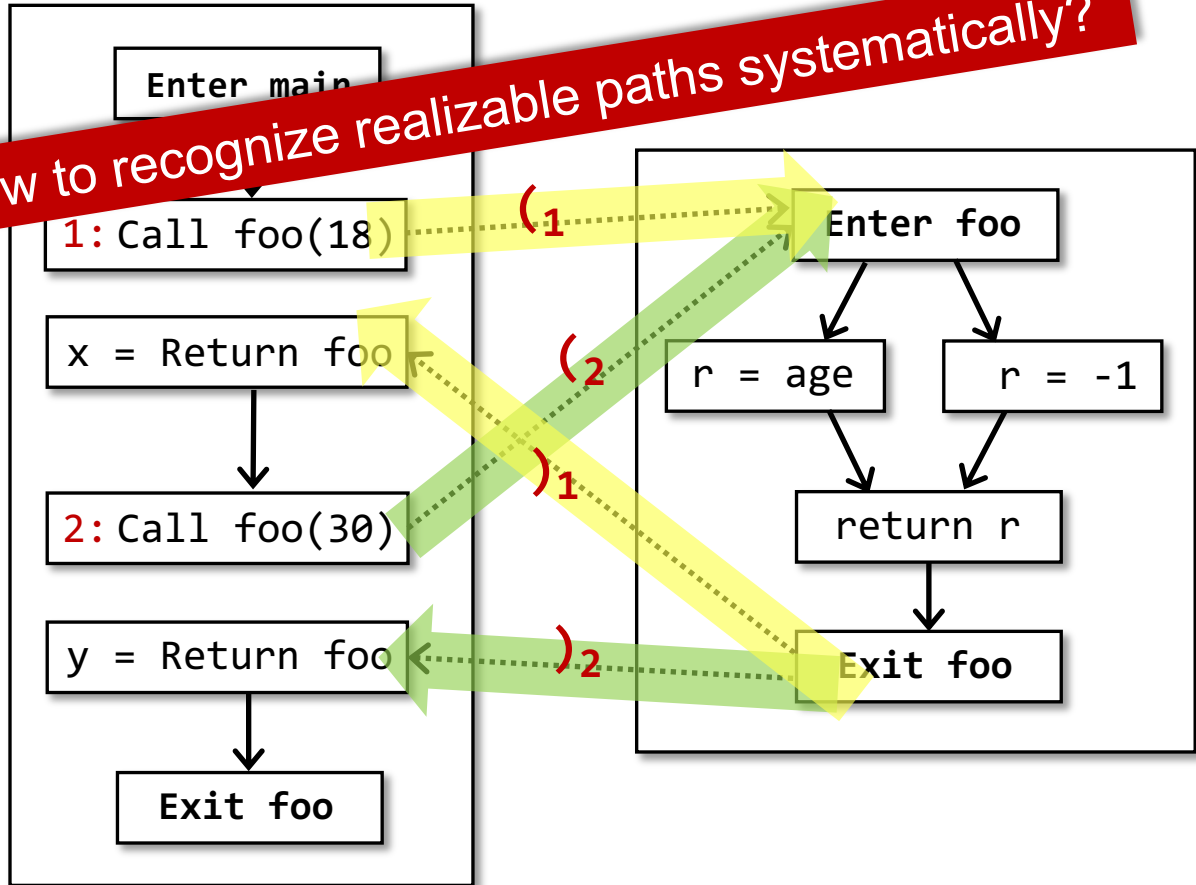


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CFG is a formal grammar in which every production is of the form:

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

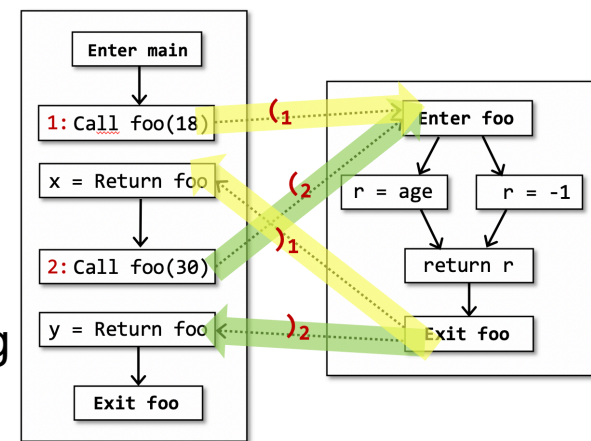
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Context-free means S could be replaced by aSb/ε anywhere, regardless of where S occurs.

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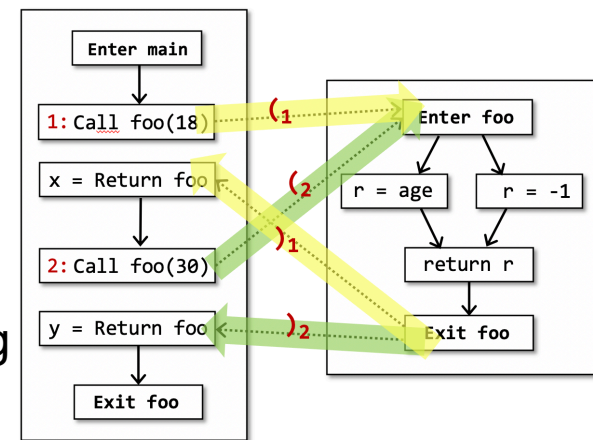
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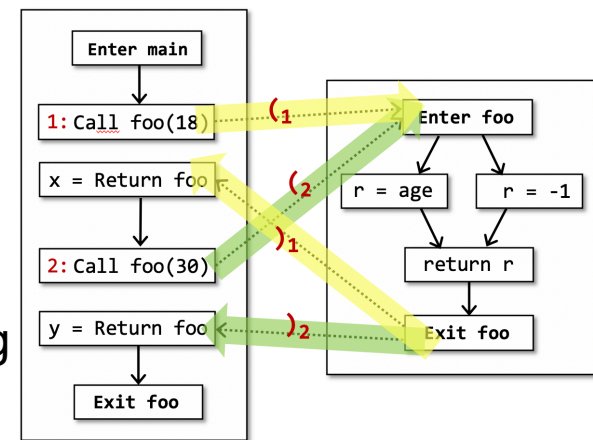


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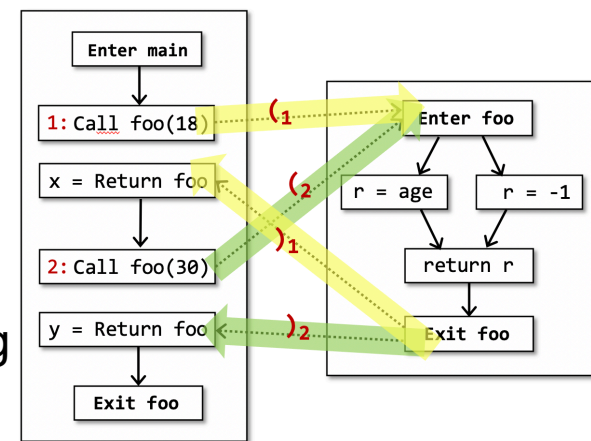
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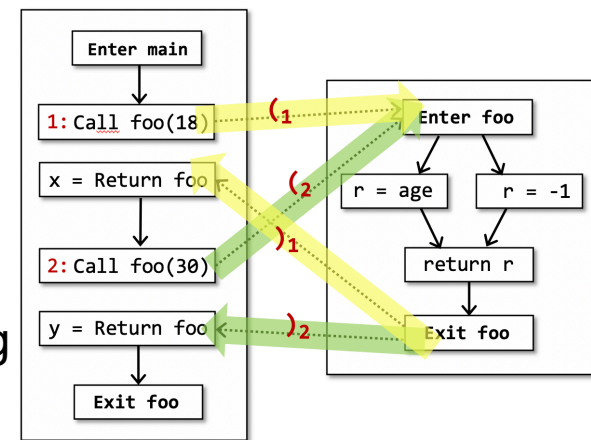
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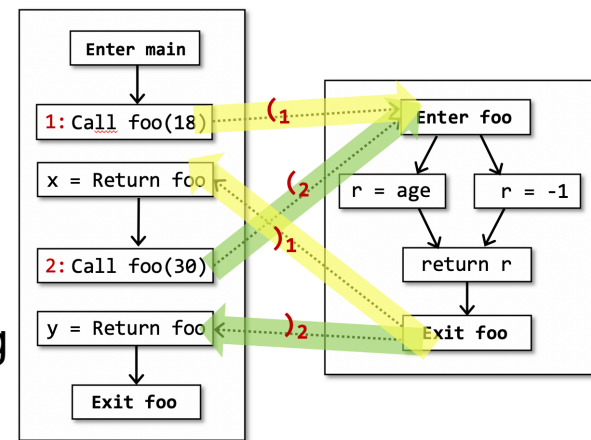
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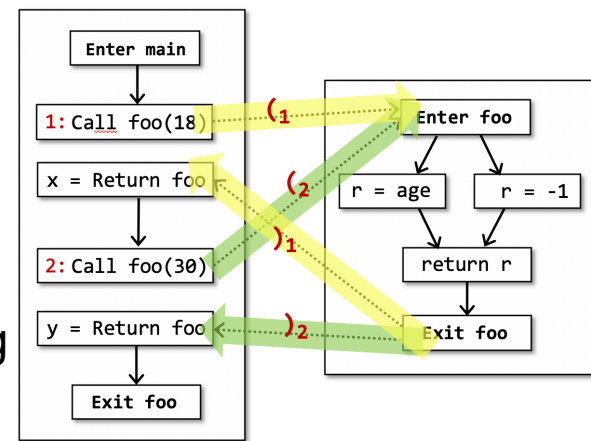
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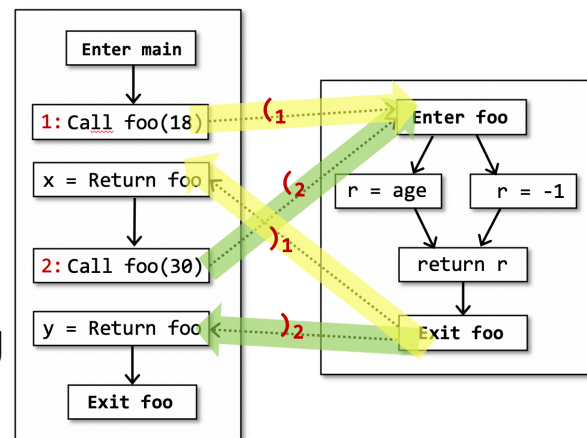
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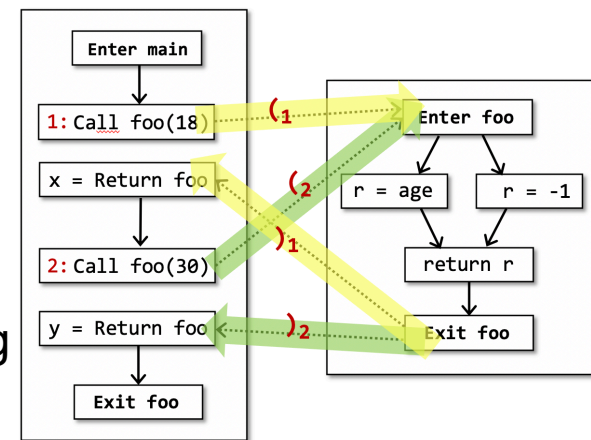
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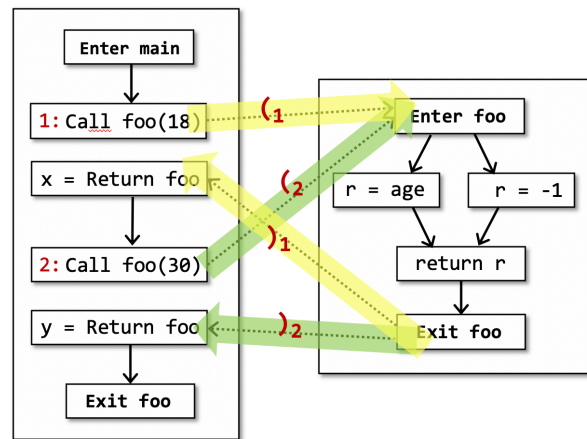
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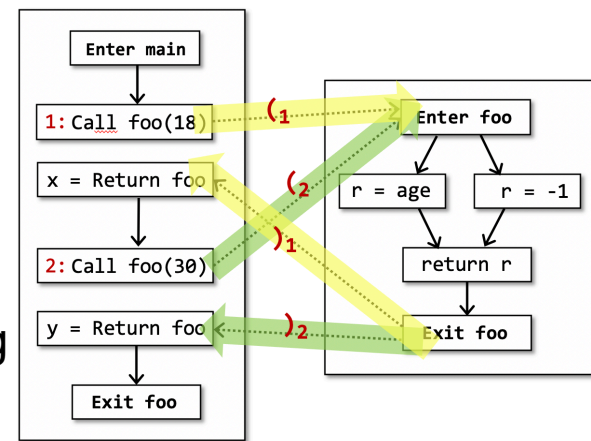
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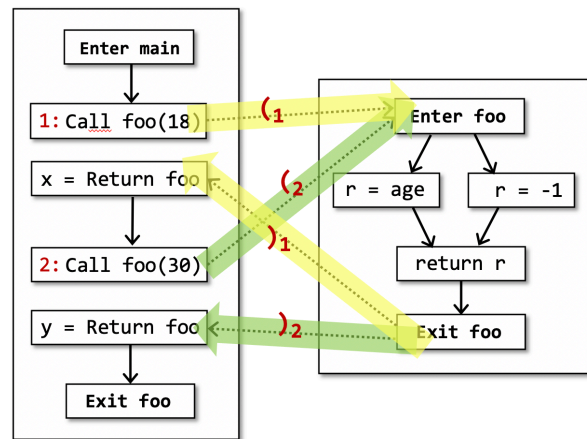
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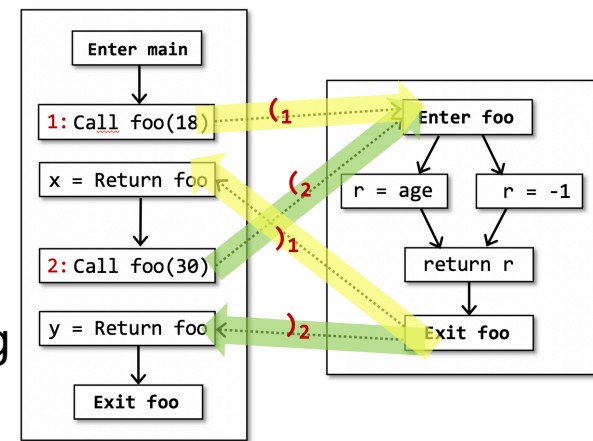
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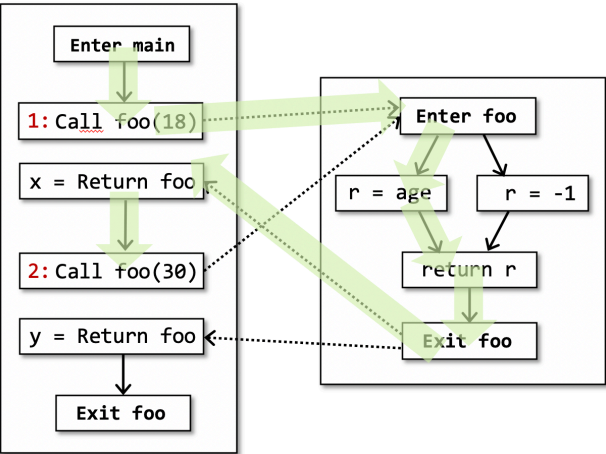
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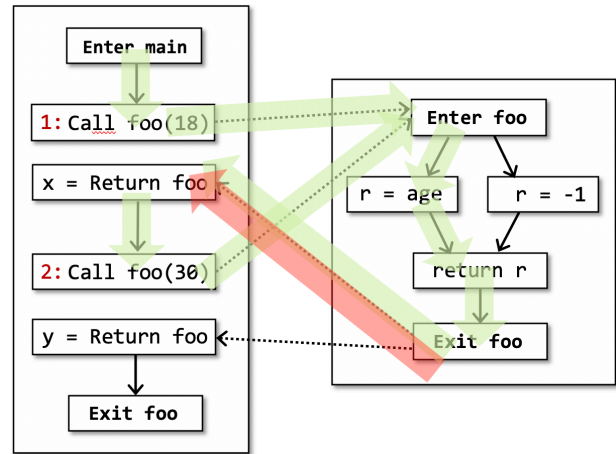
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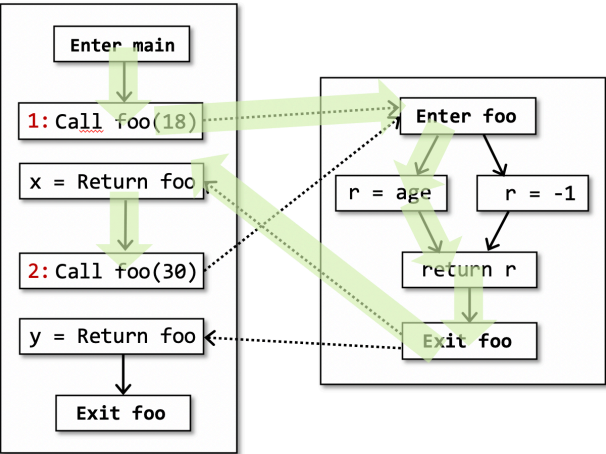
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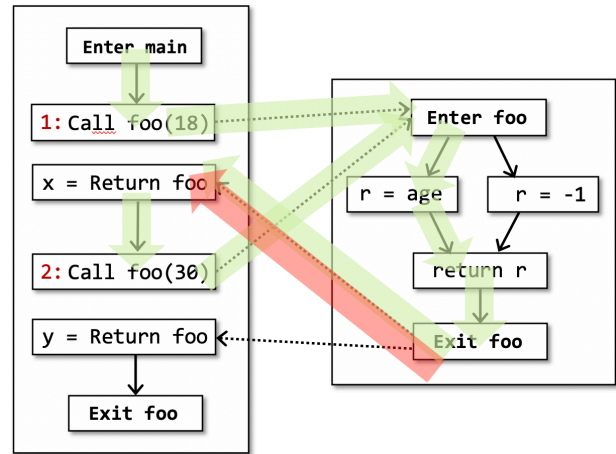


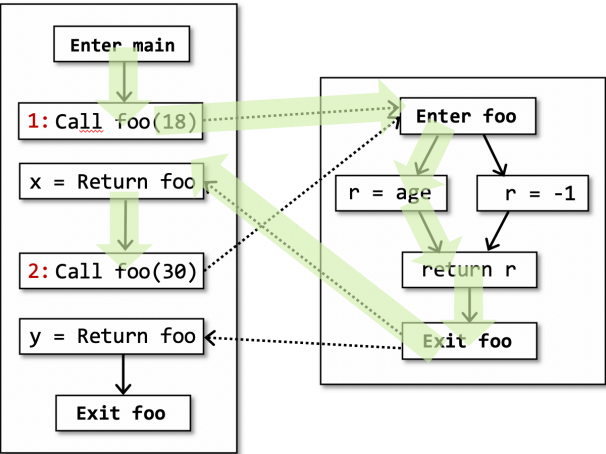


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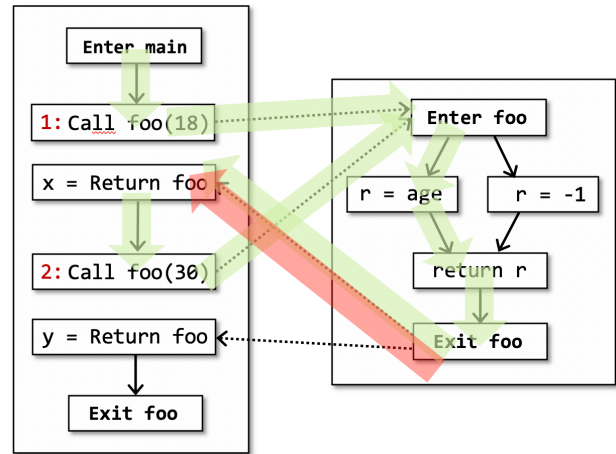




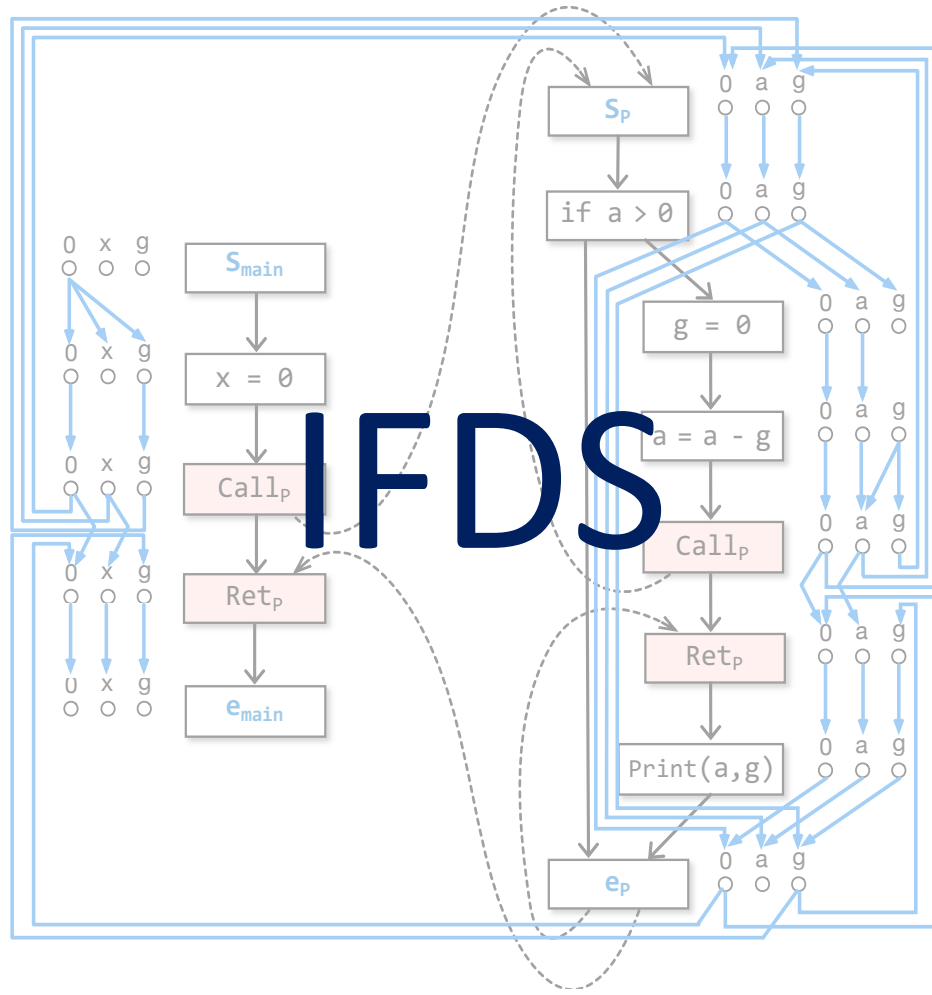
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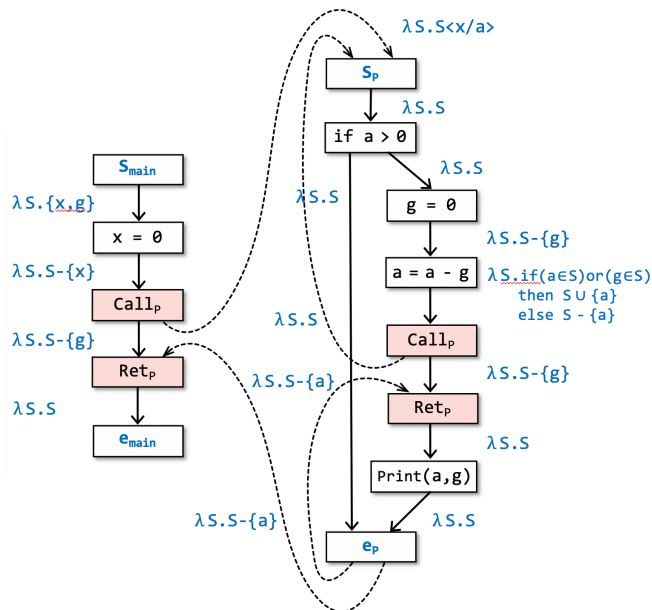
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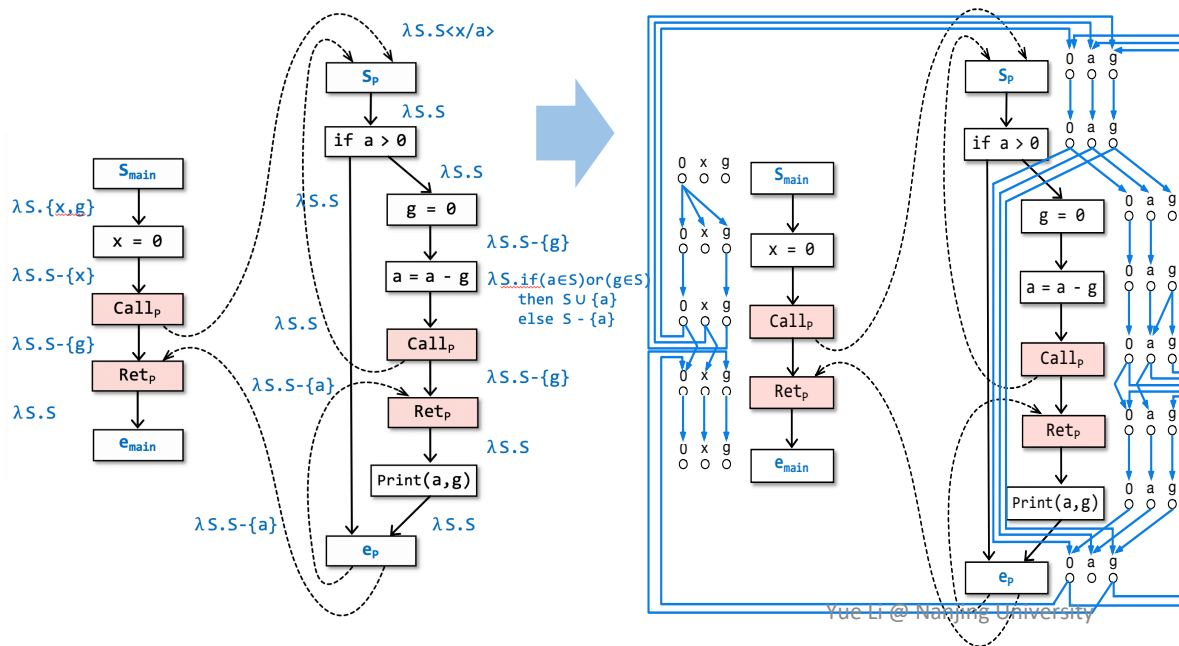
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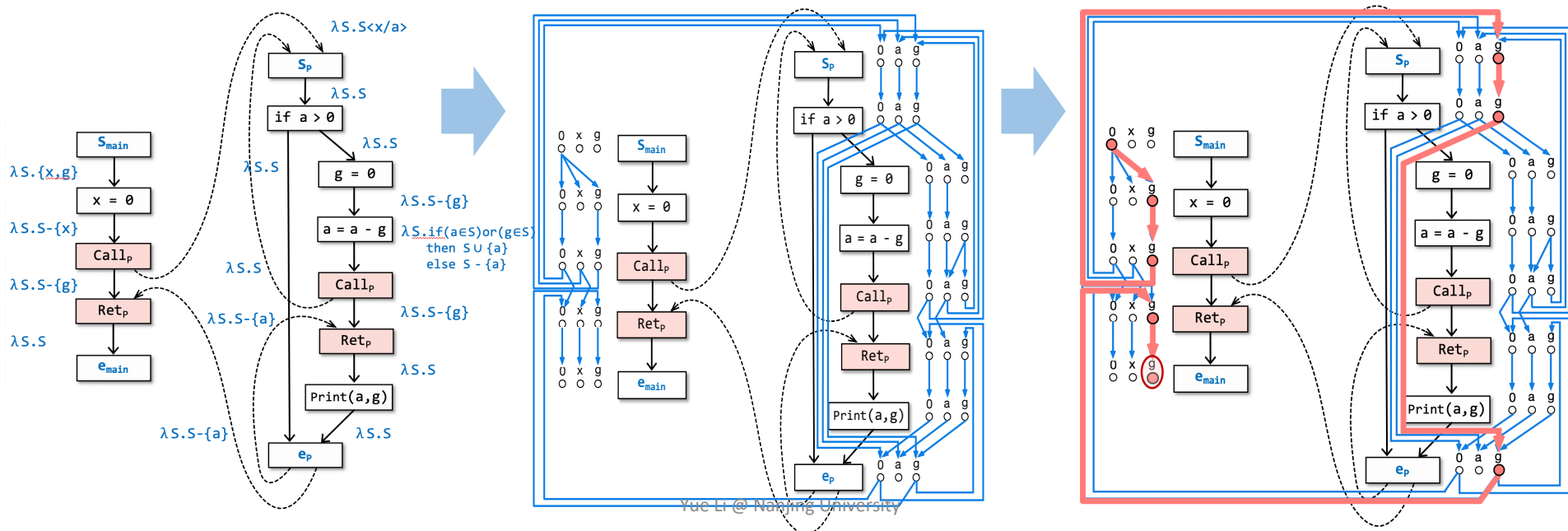
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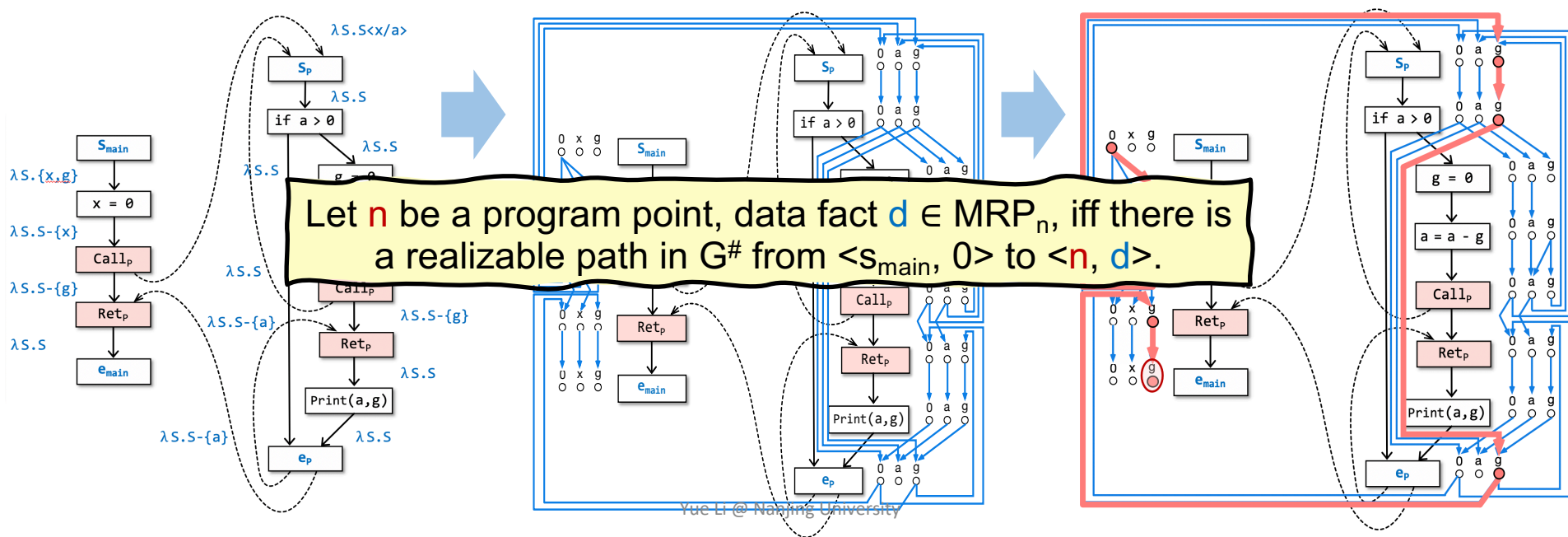
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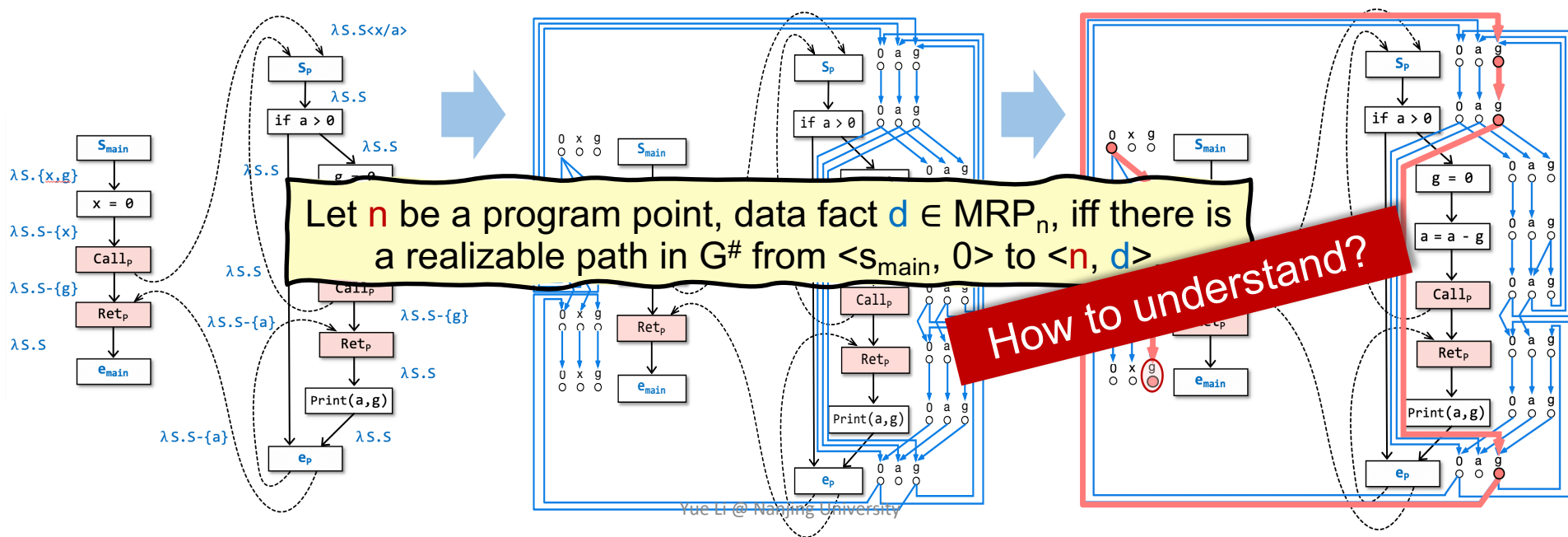
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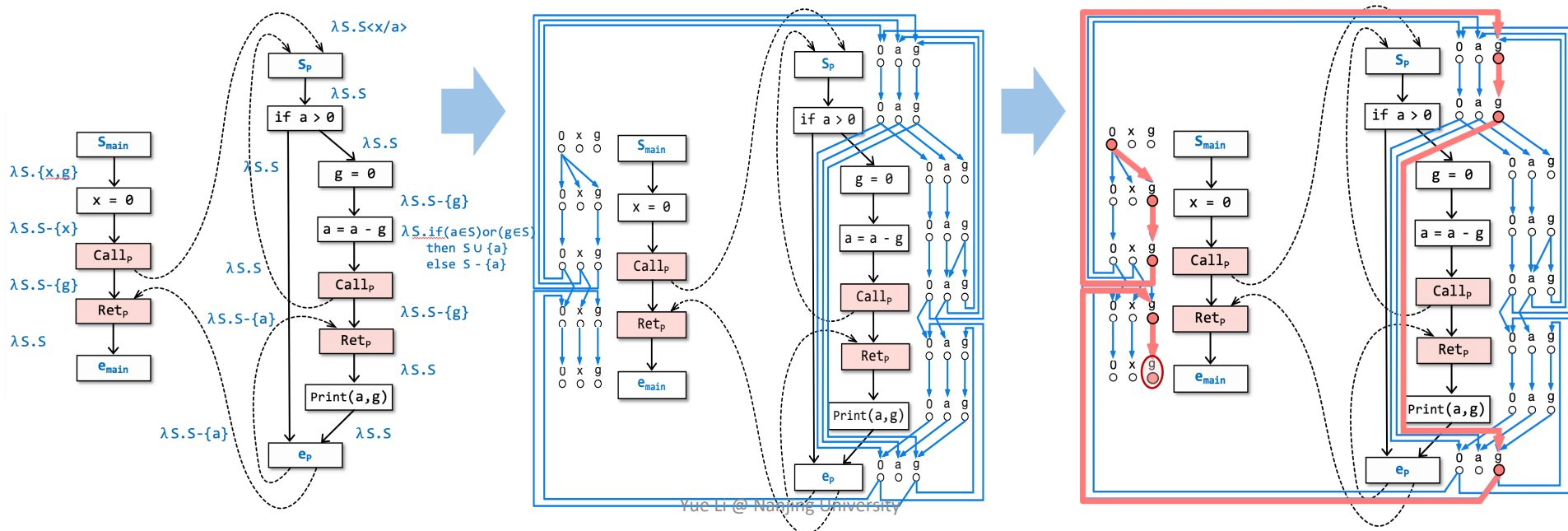
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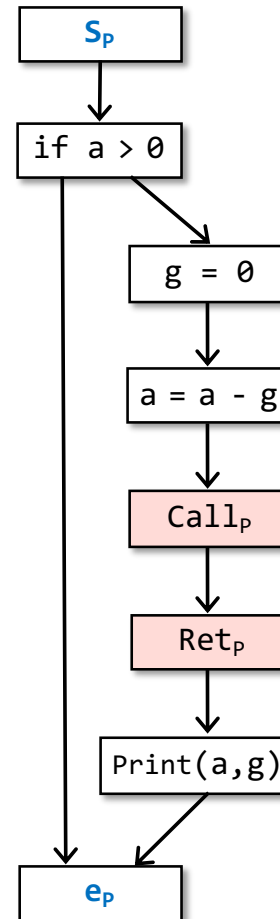
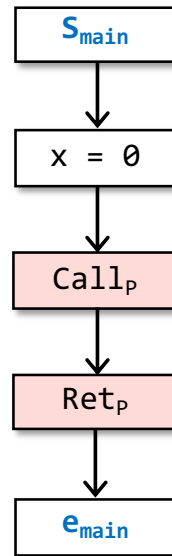
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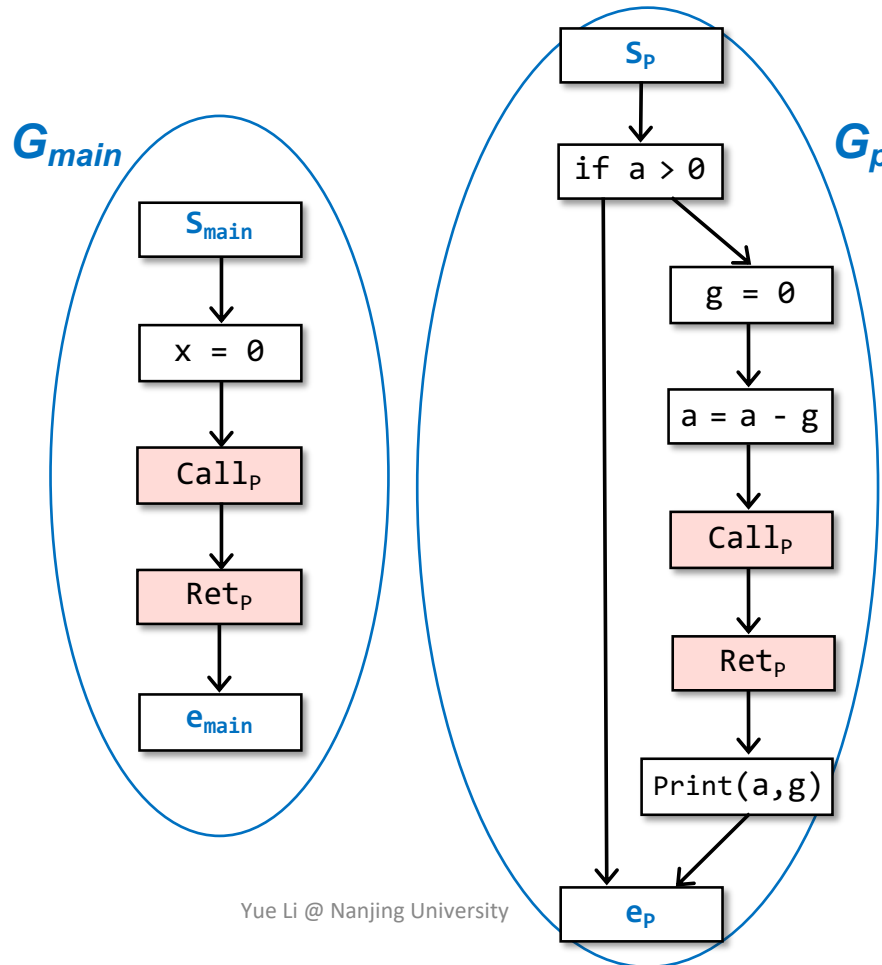


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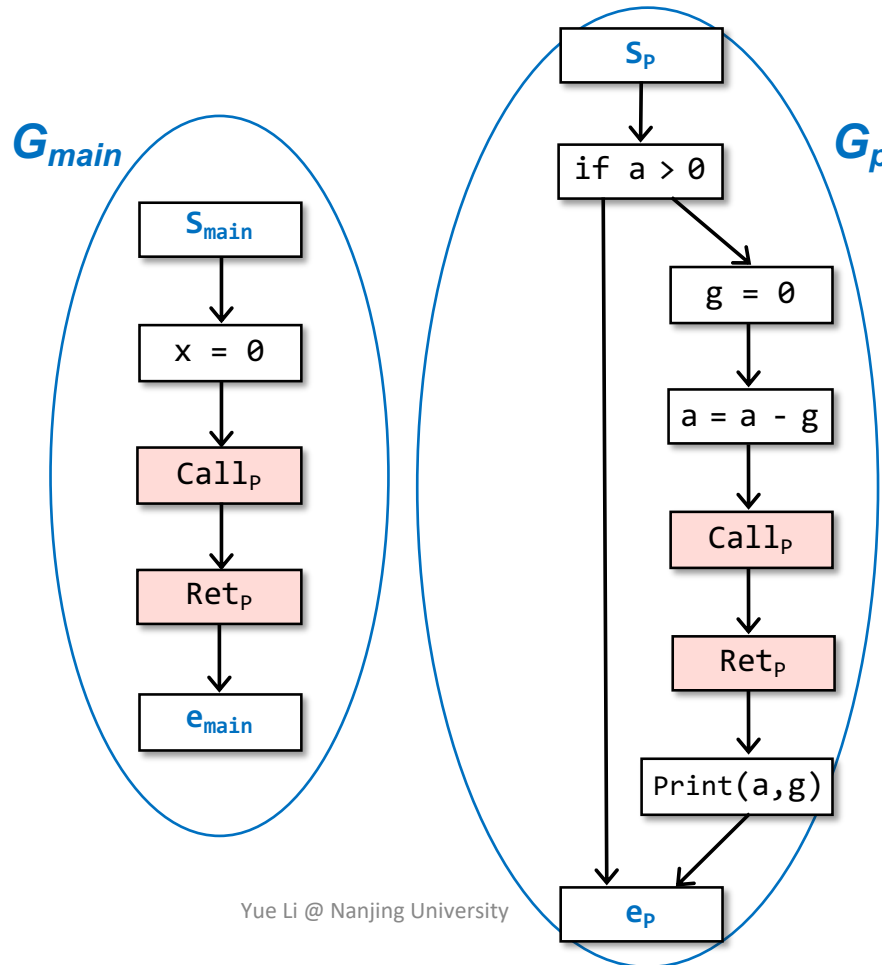


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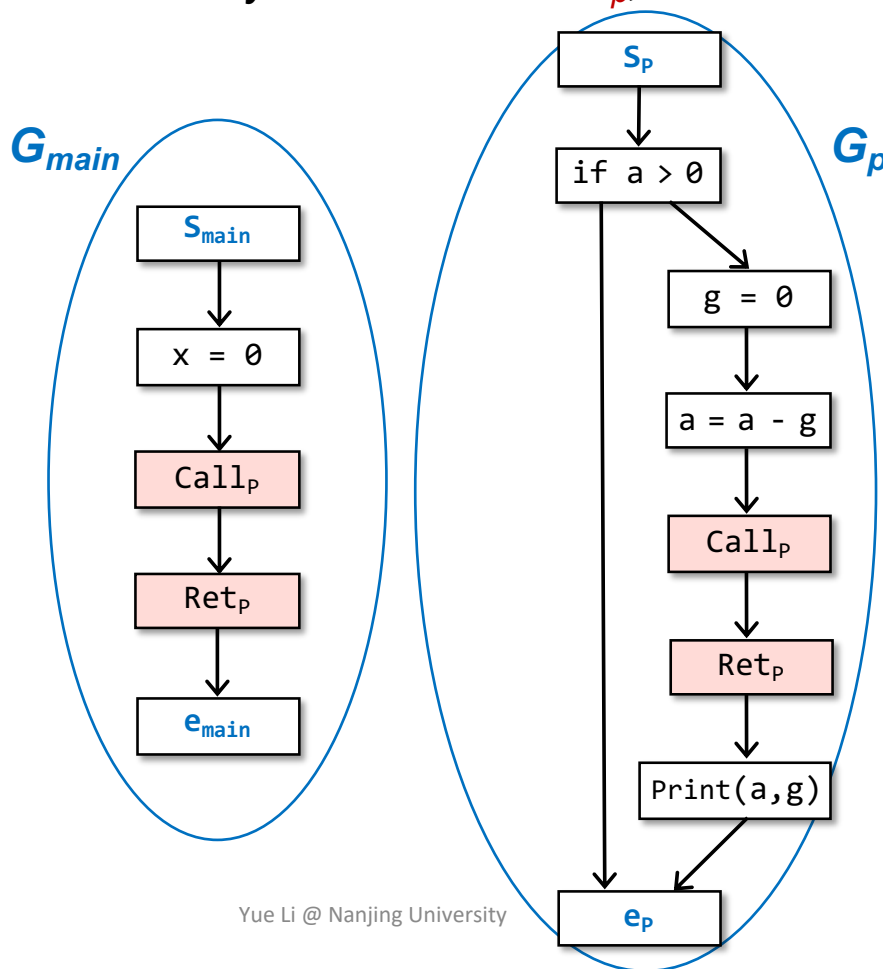


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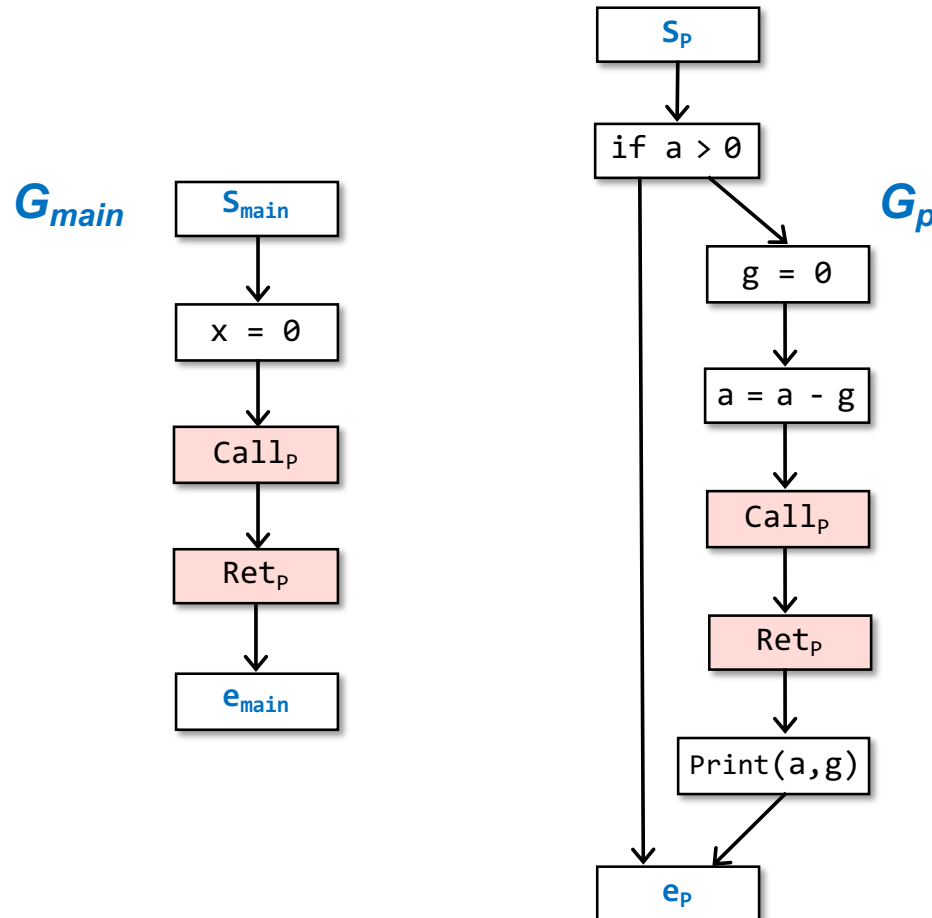
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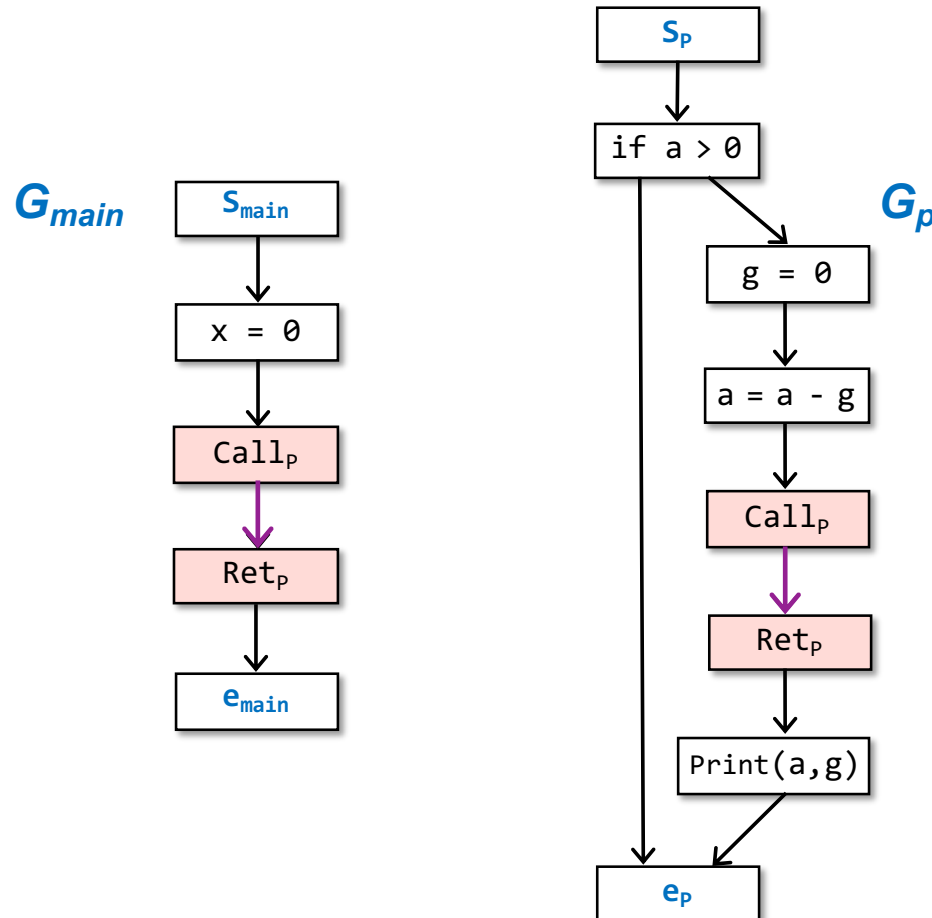


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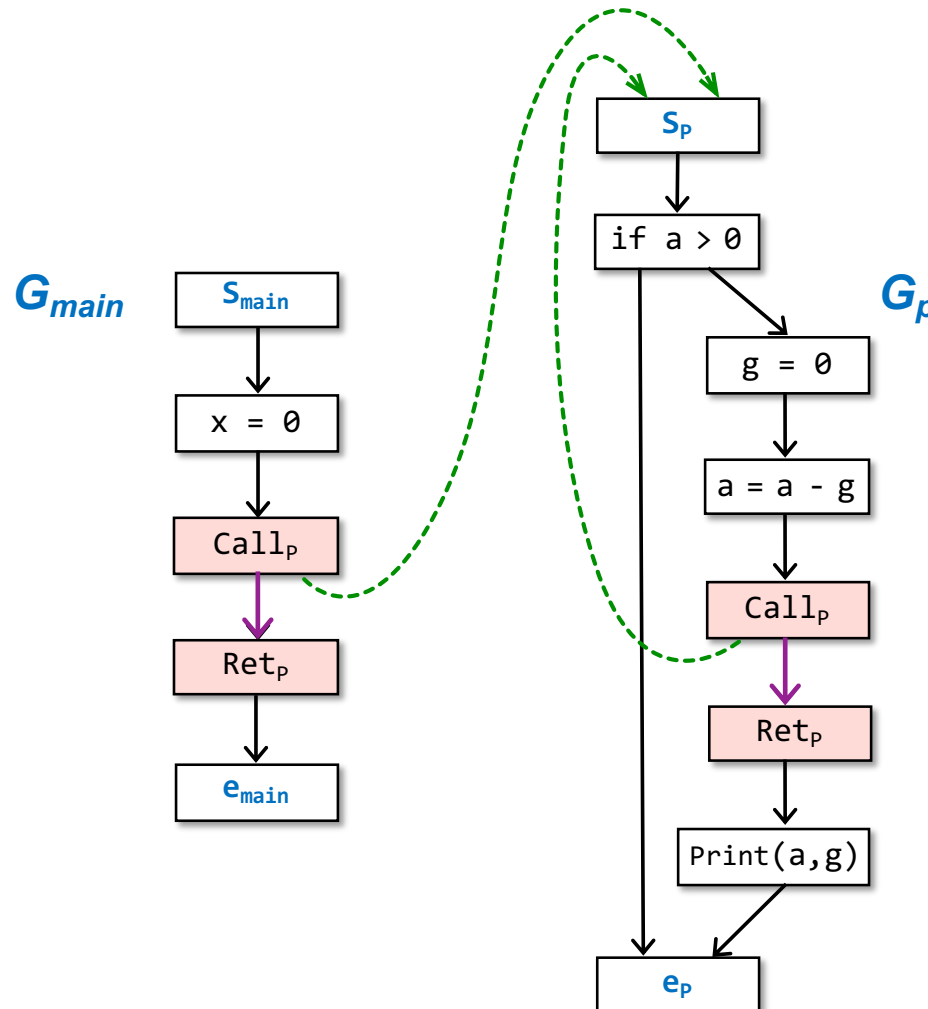


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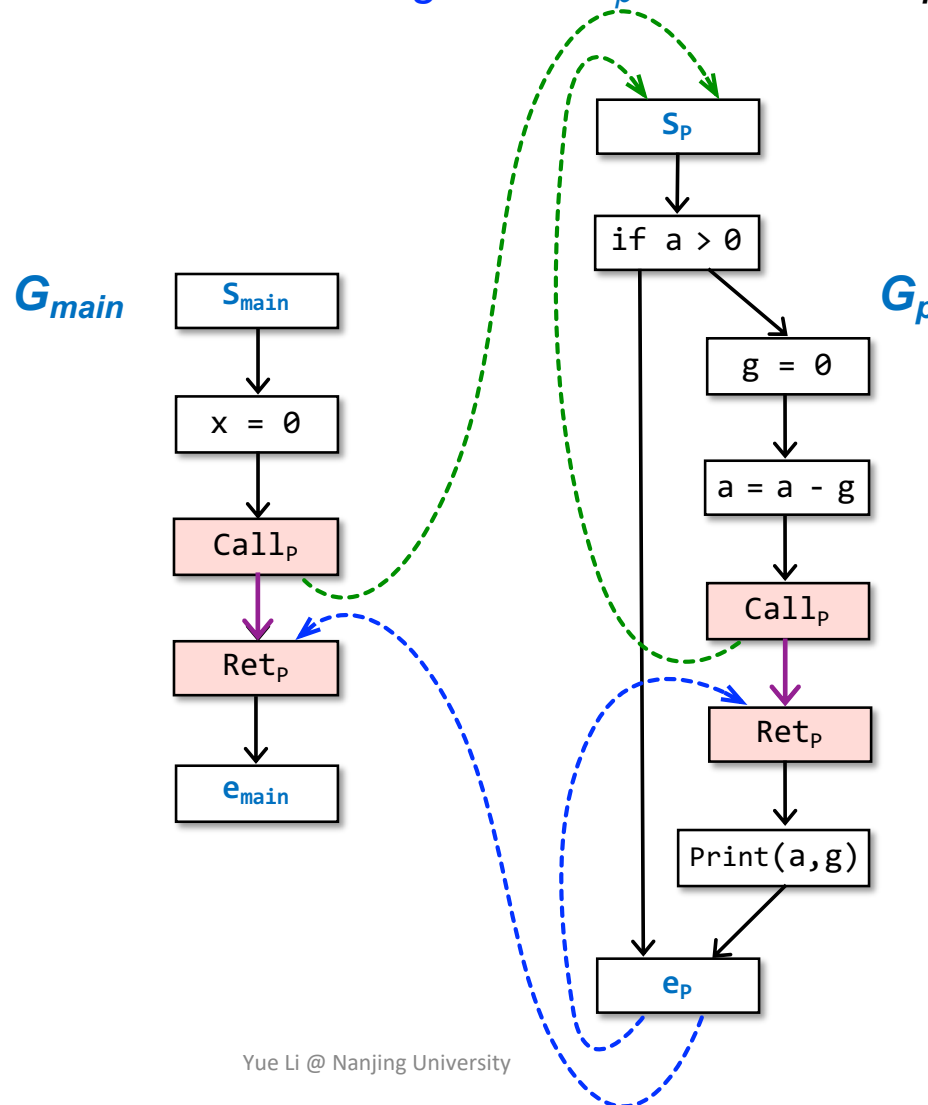


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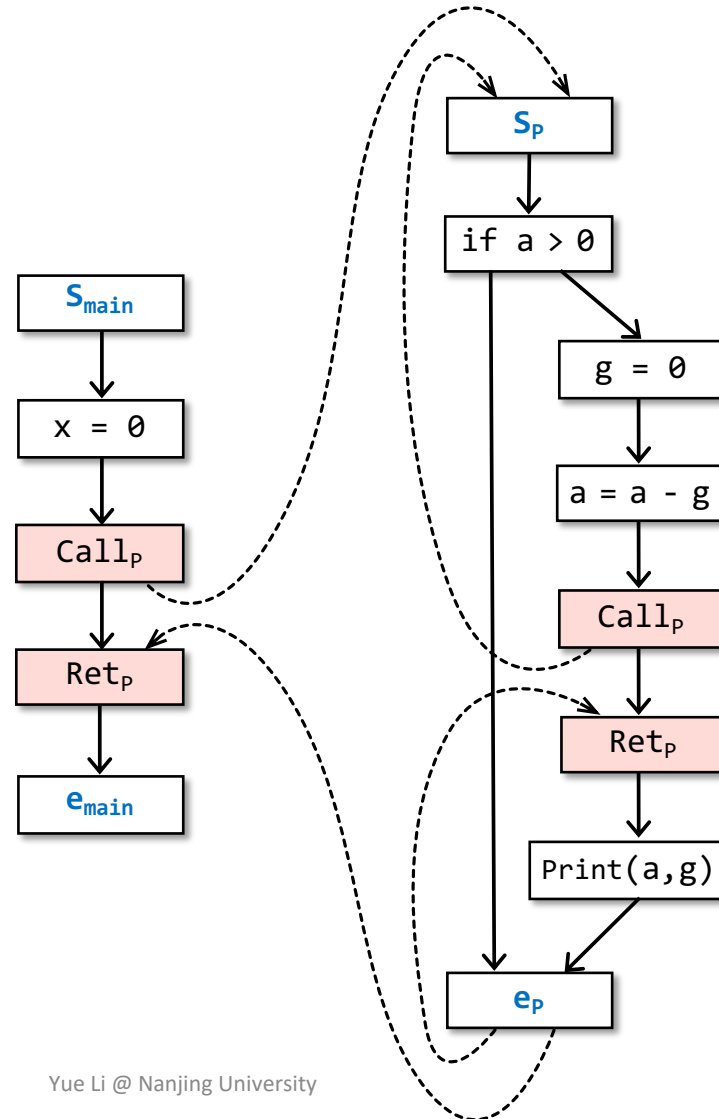
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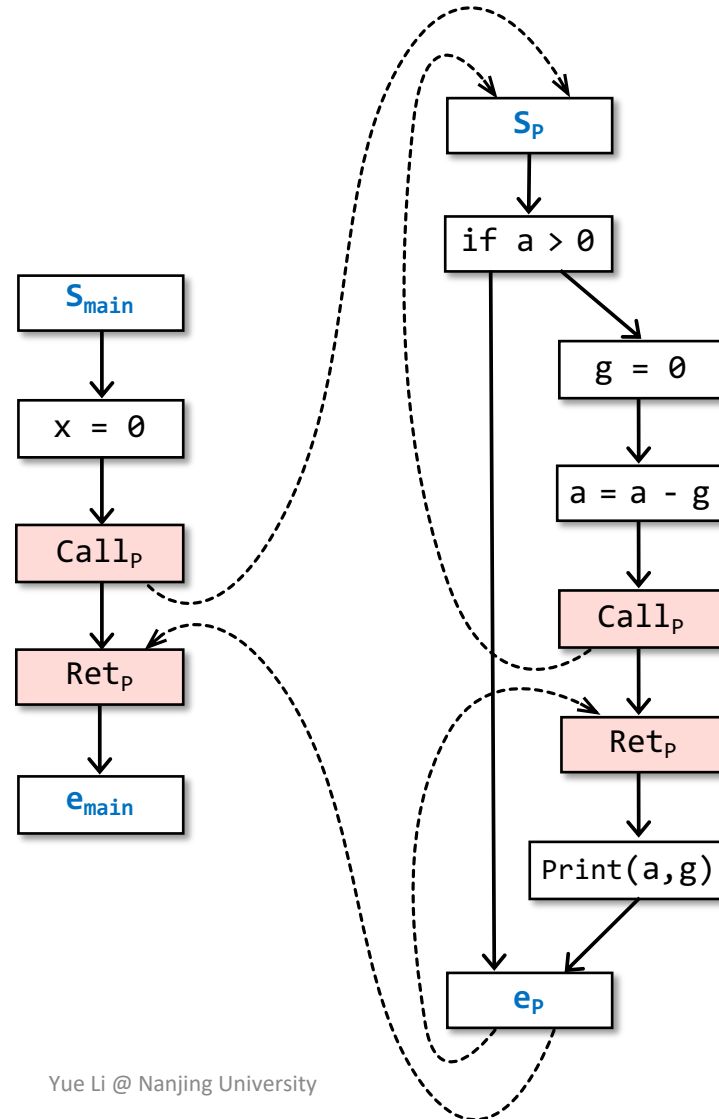
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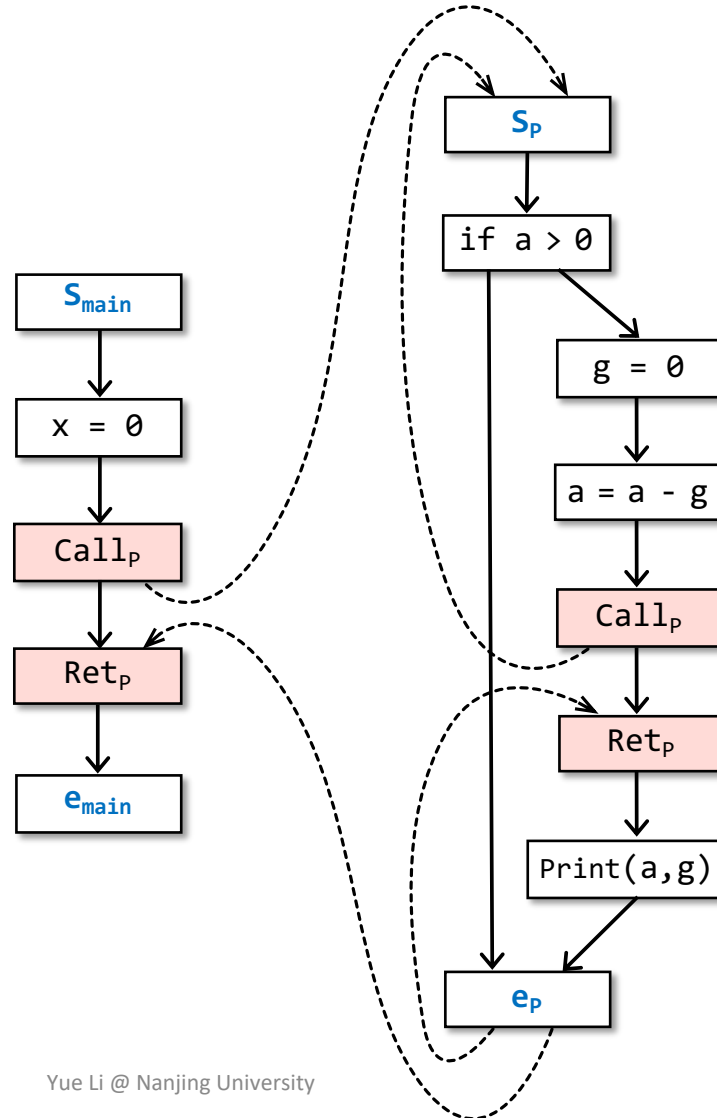


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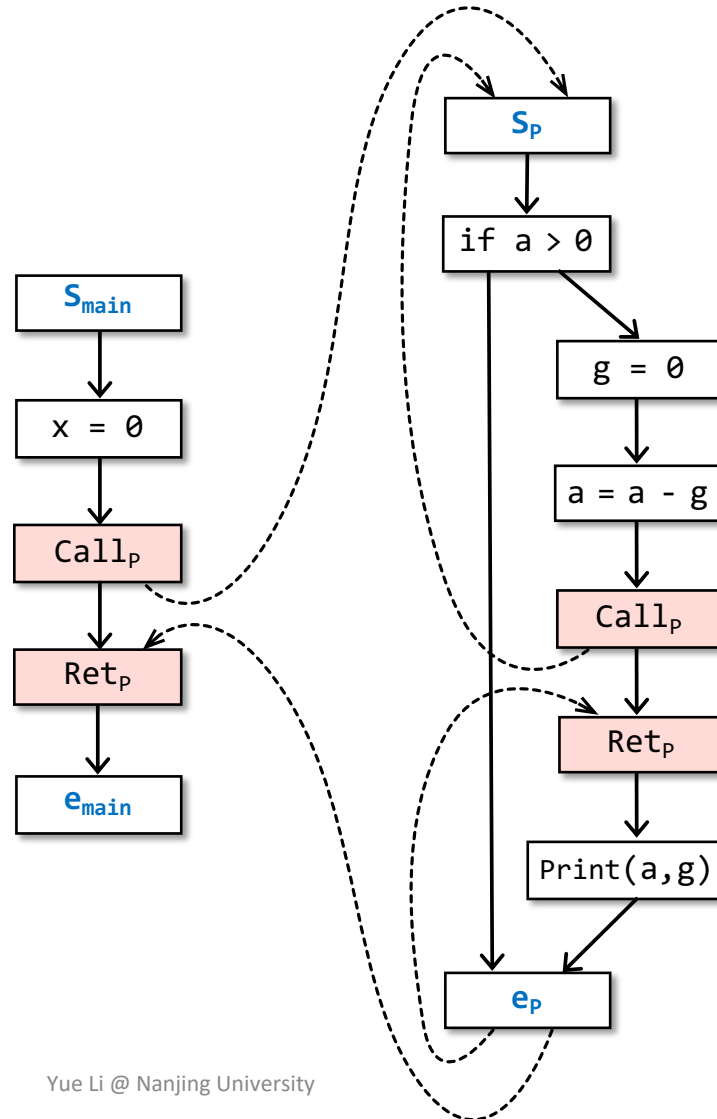
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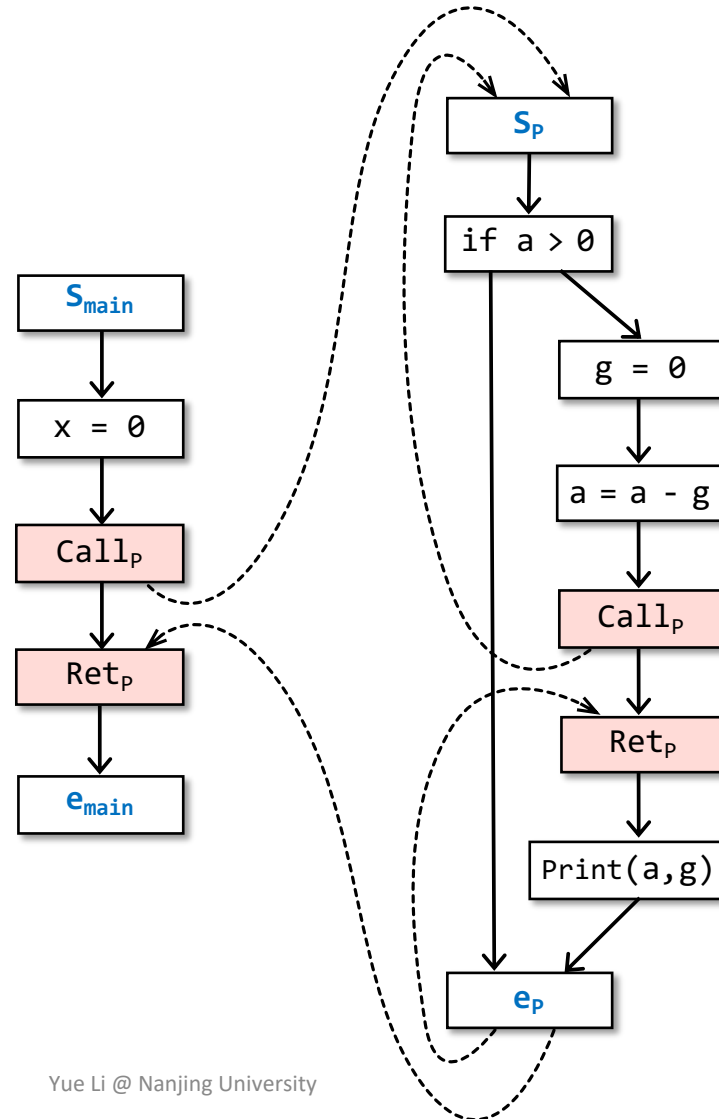
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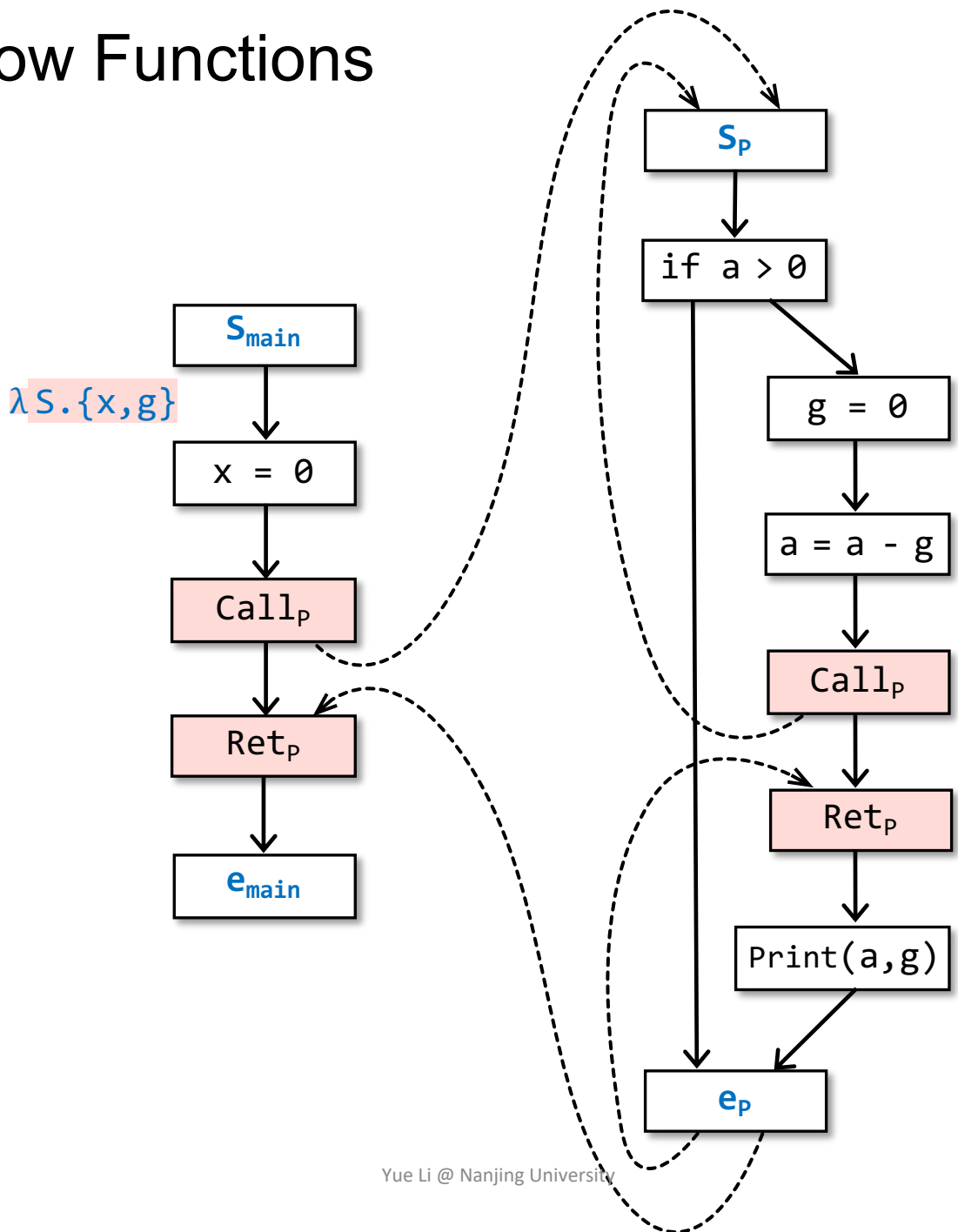
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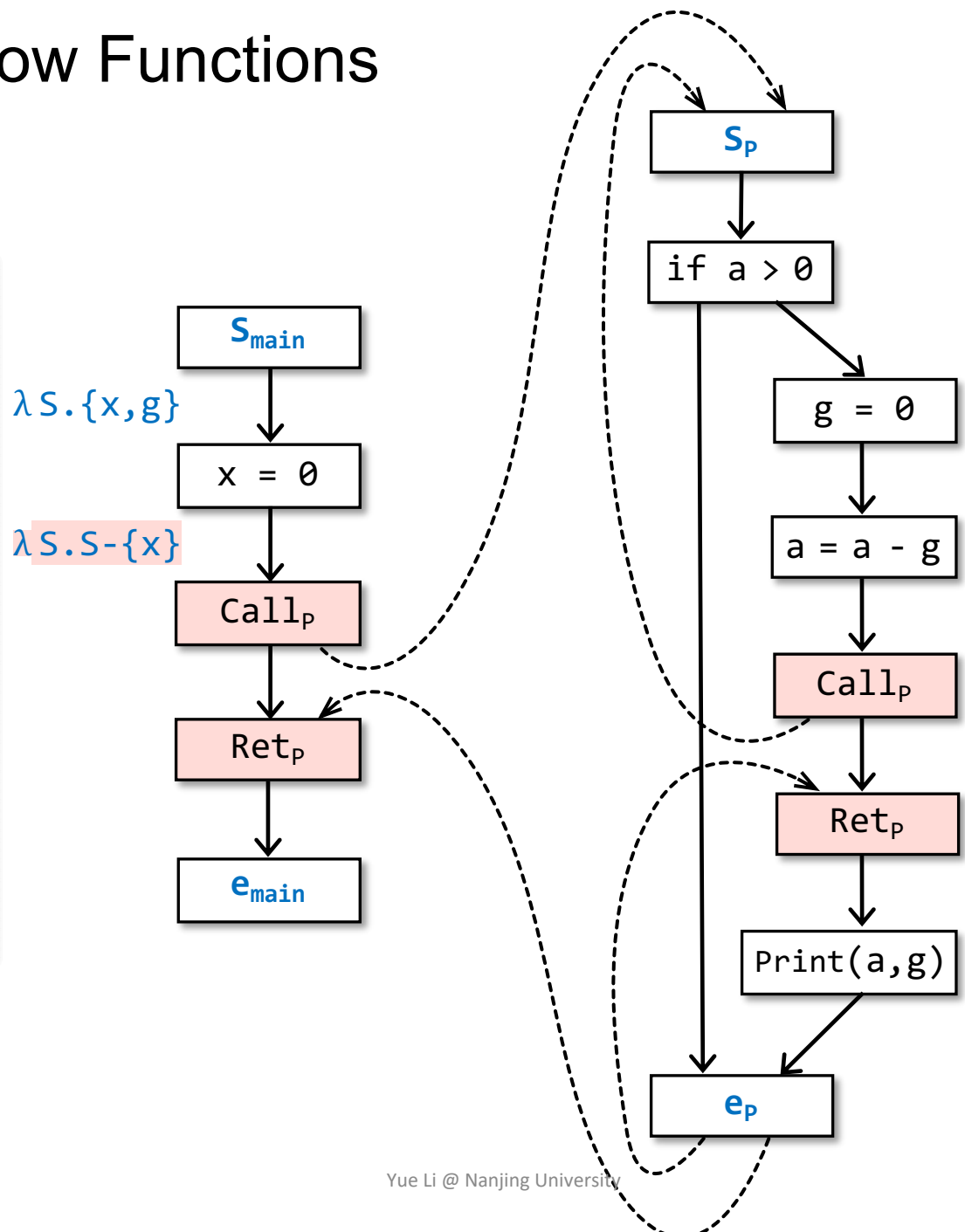
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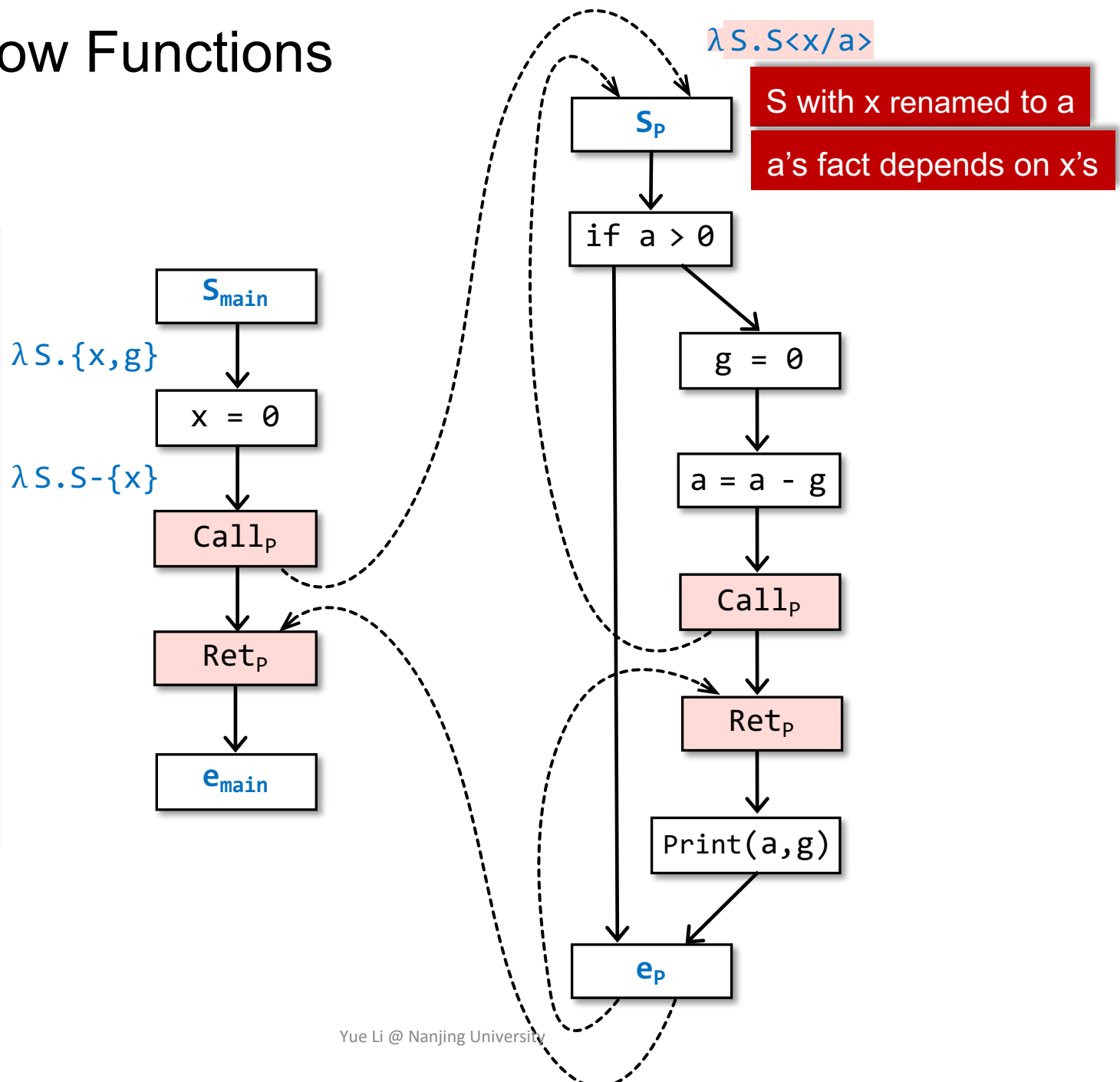
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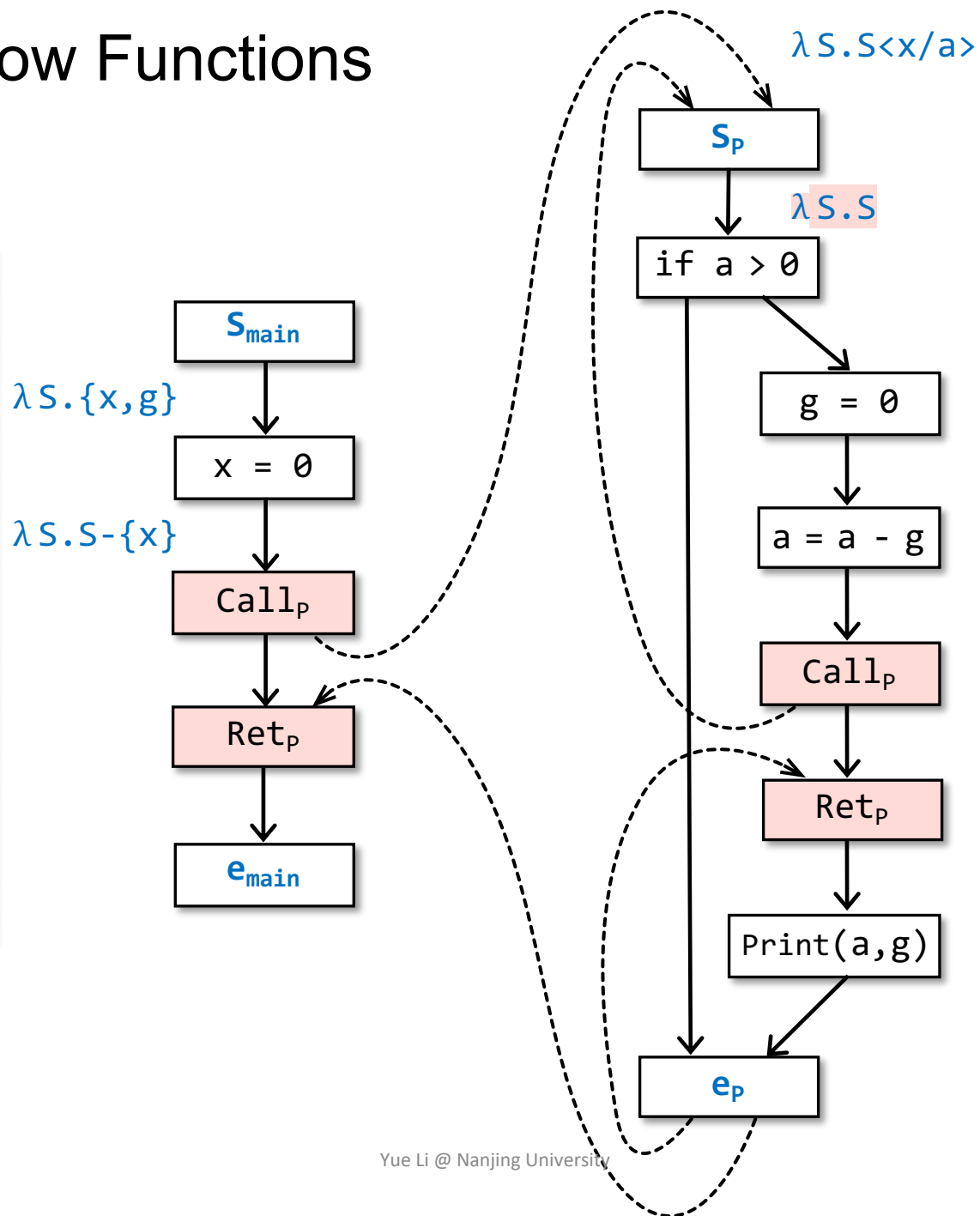
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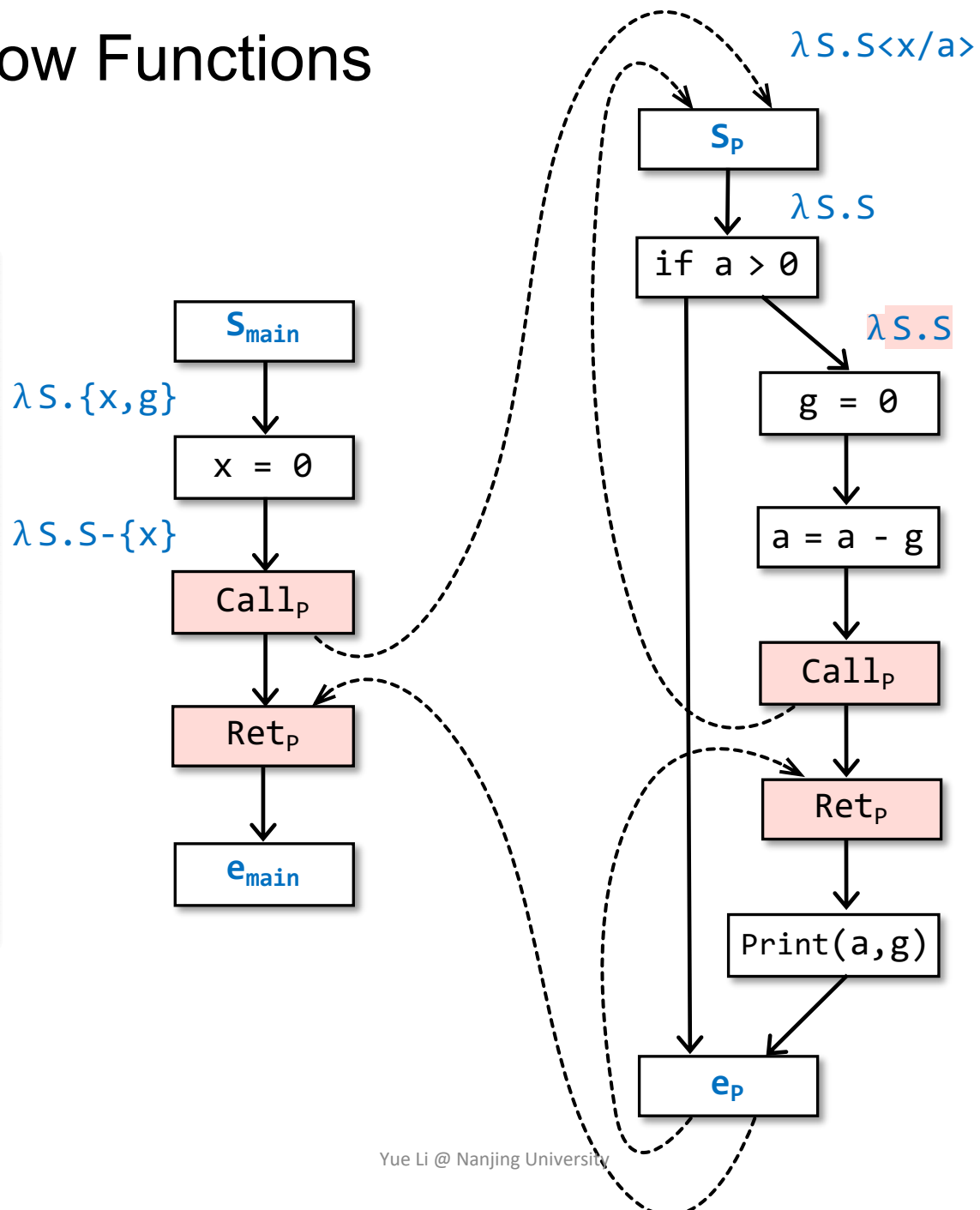
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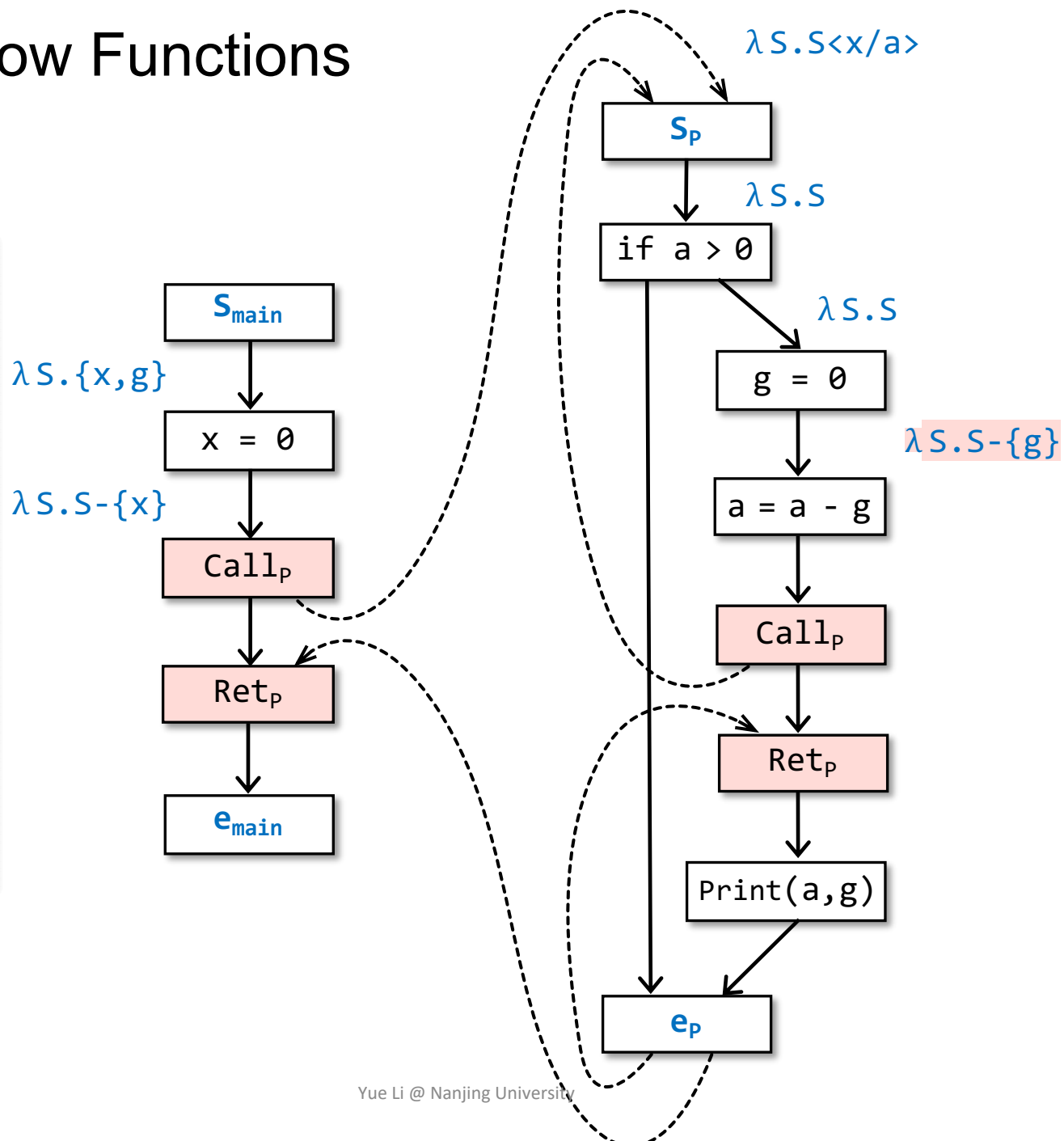
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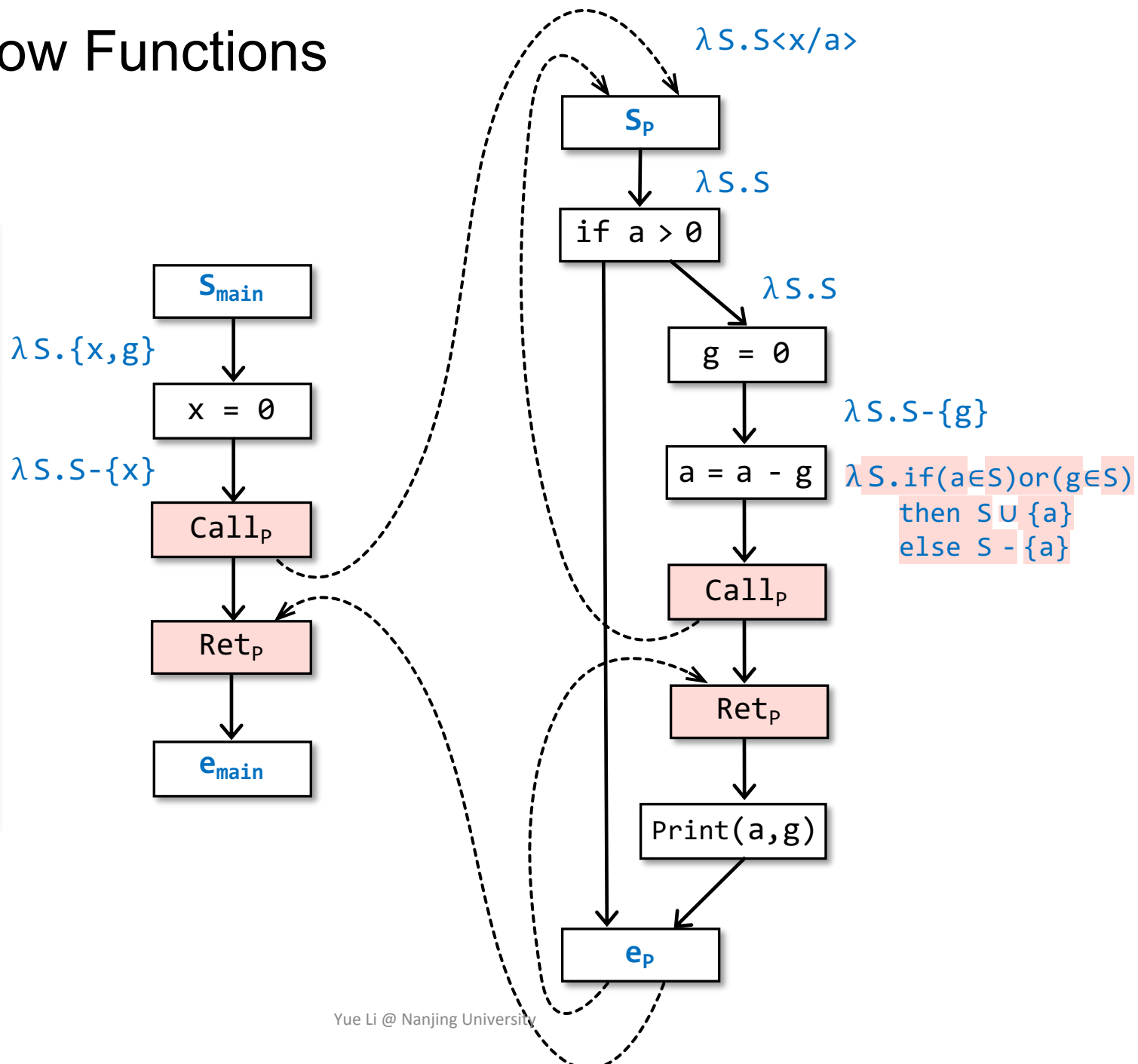
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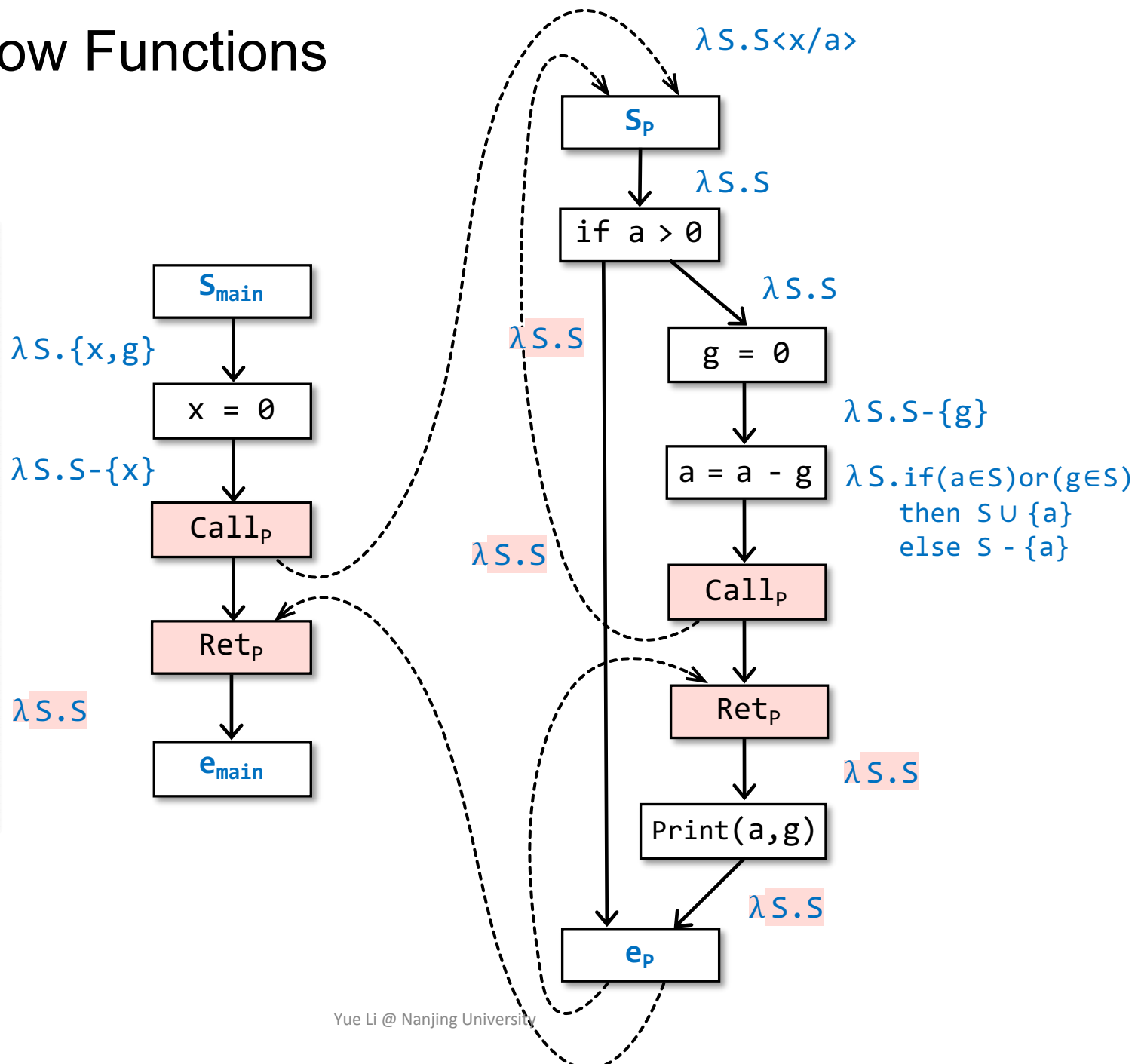
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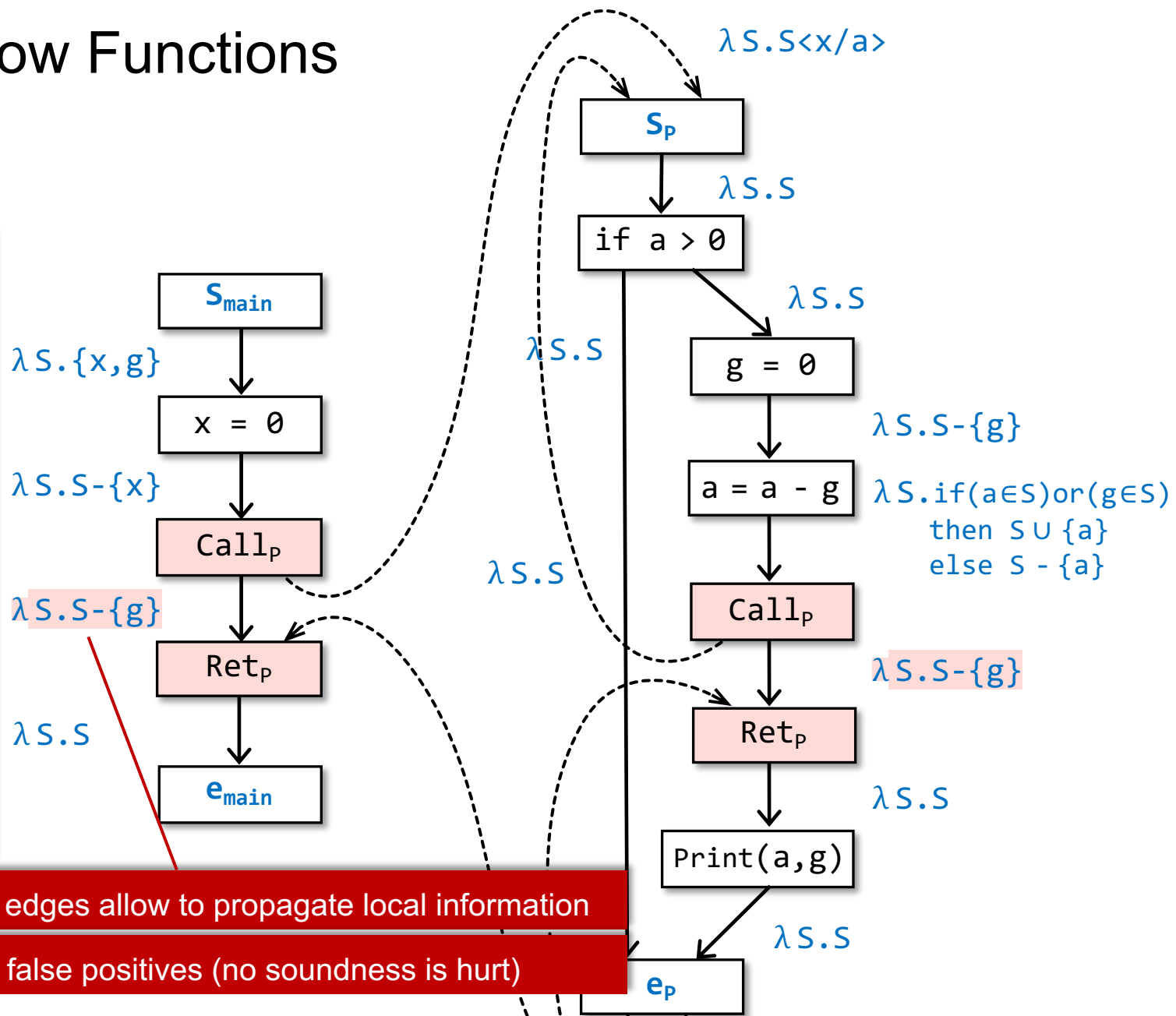
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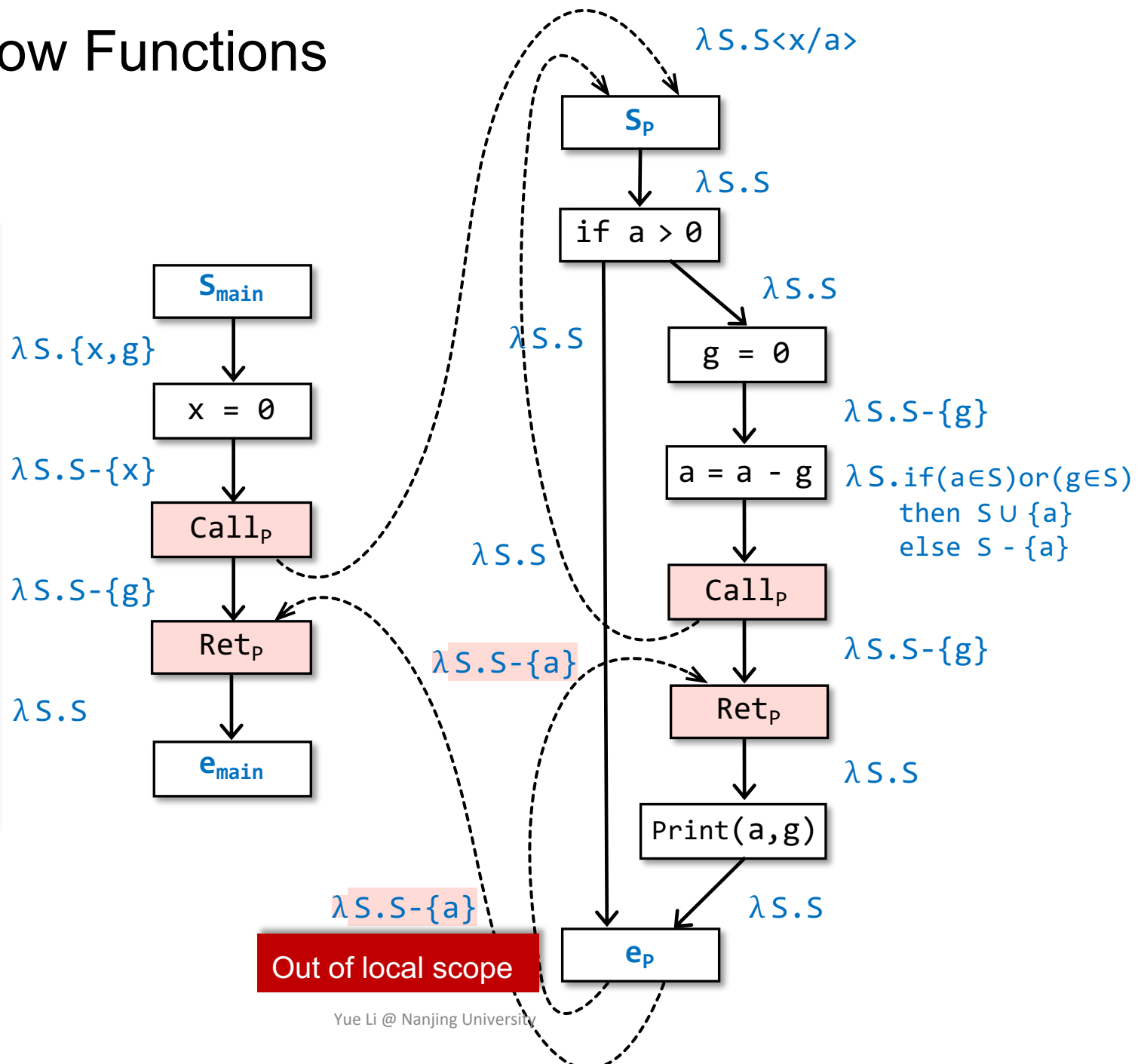
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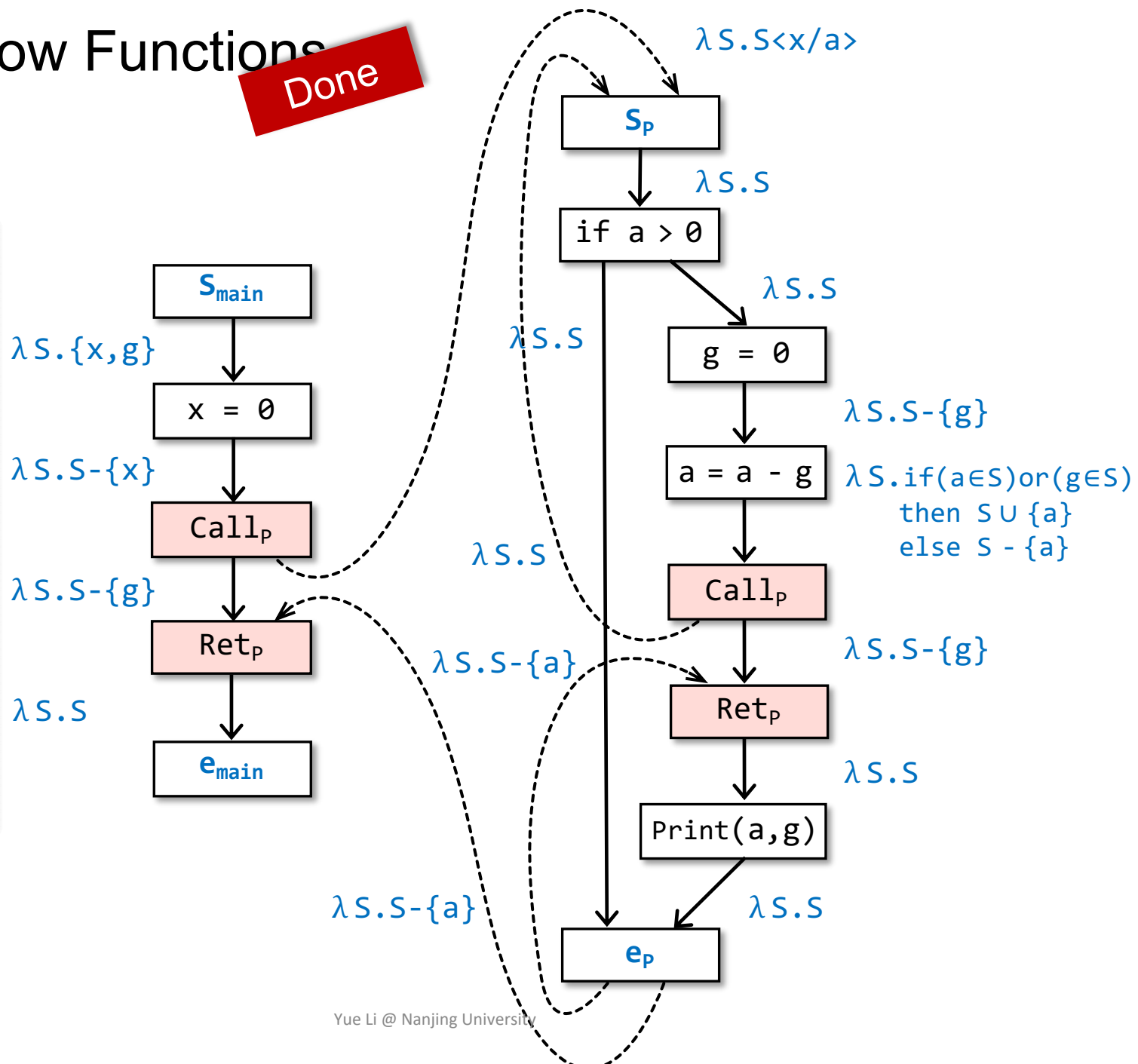


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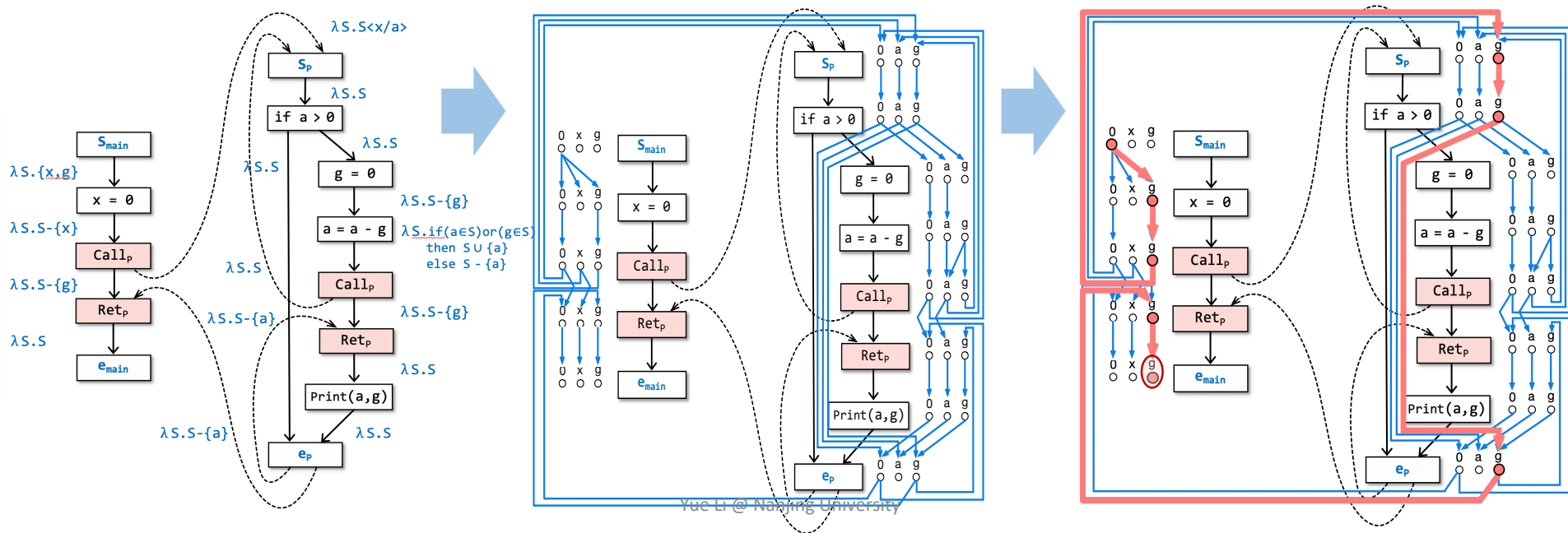
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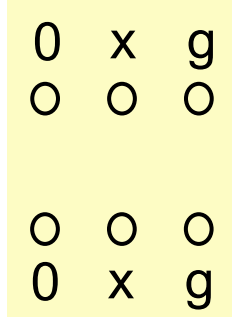
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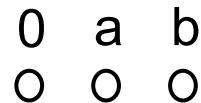
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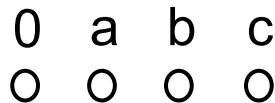
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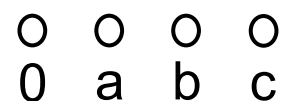
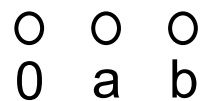
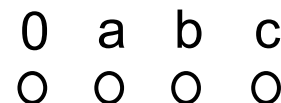
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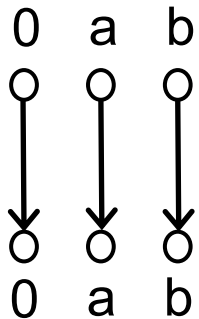
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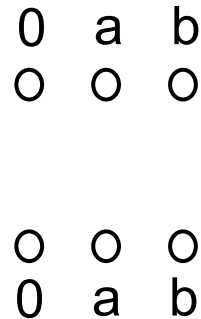
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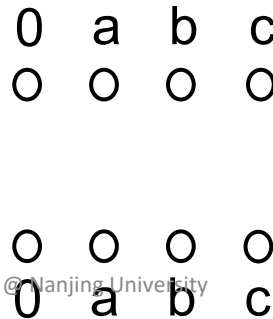
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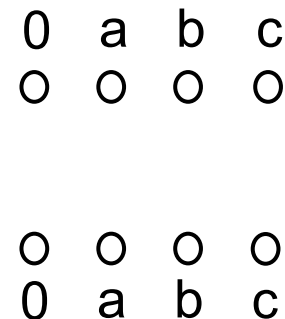
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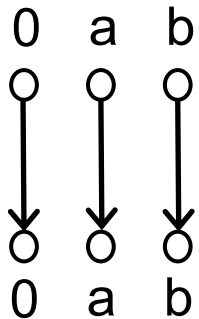
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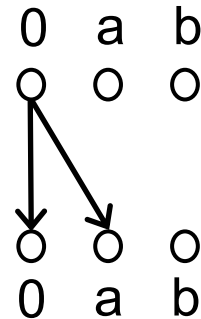
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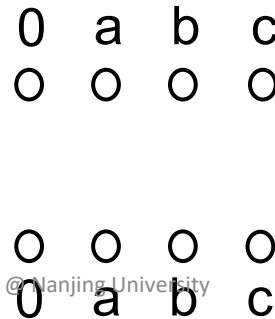
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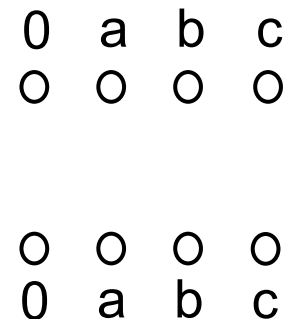
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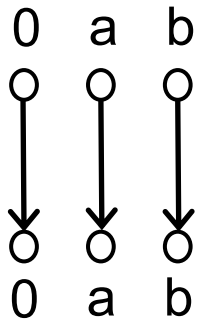
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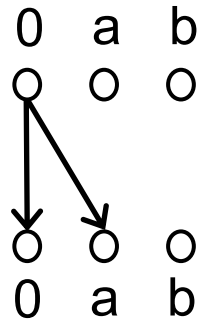
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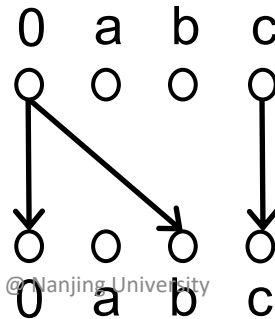
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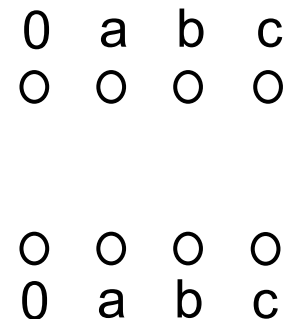
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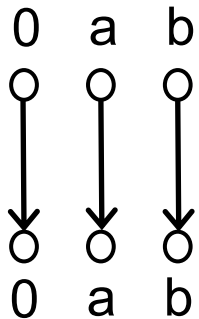
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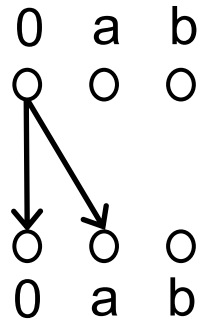
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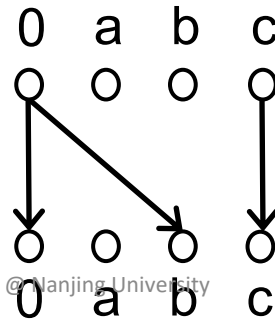
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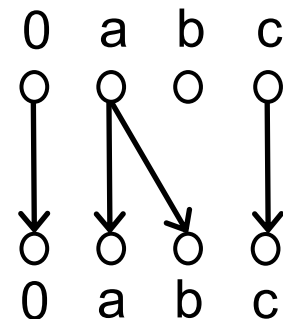
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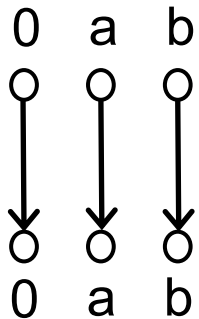
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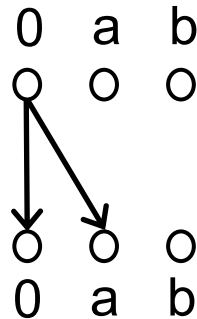
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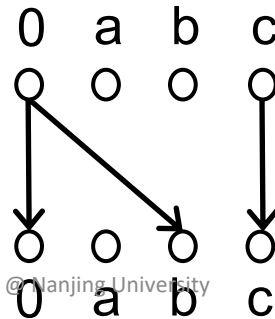
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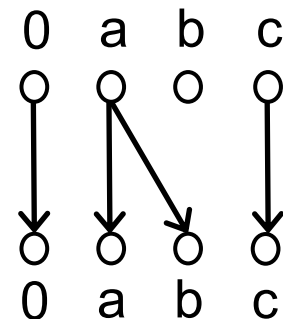
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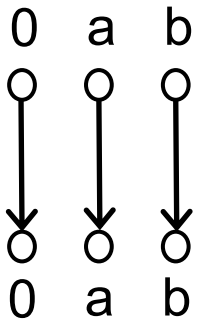
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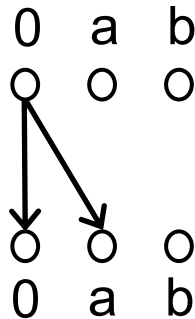
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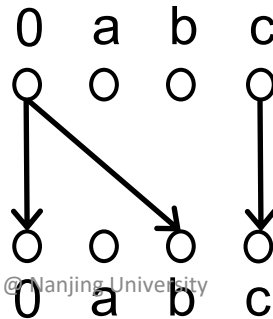
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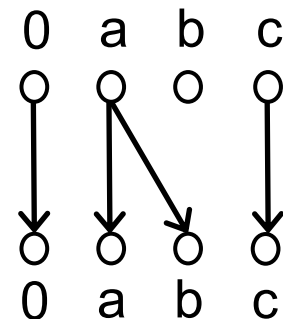
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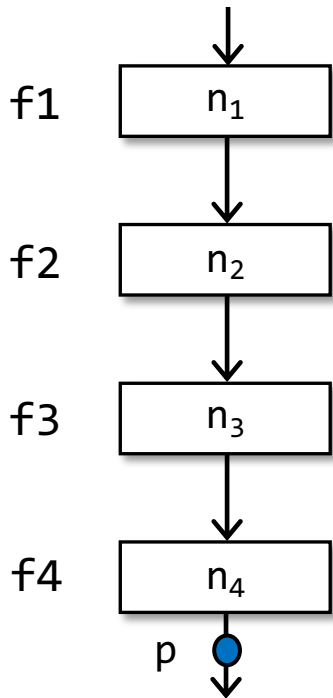
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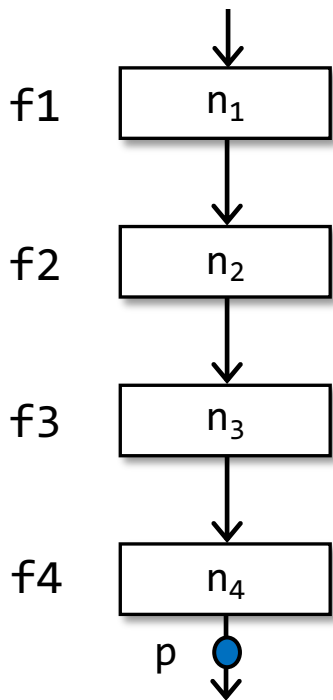


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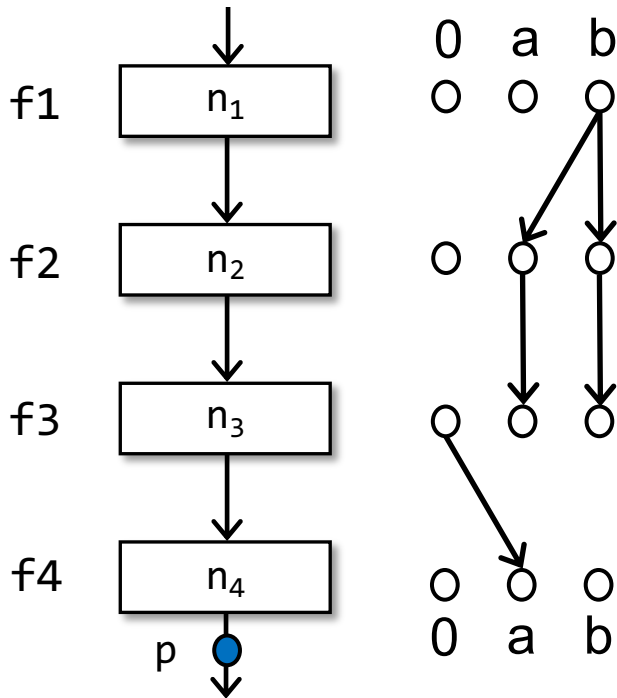


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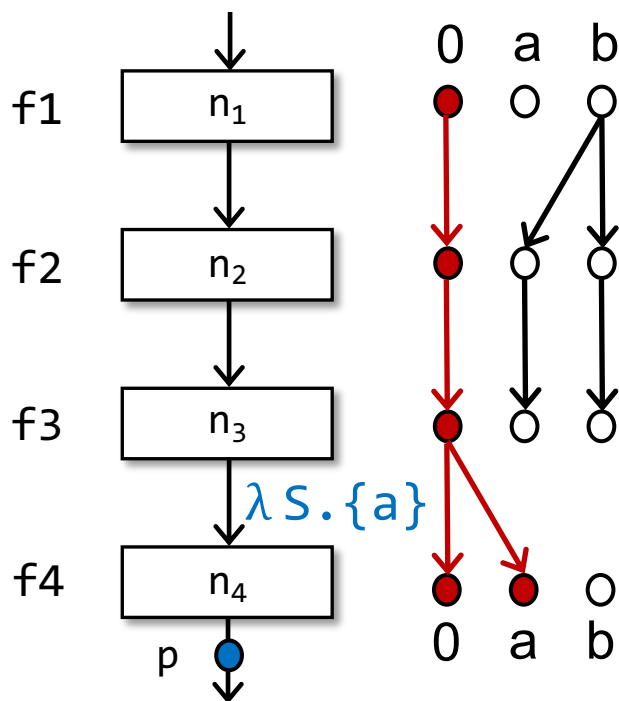
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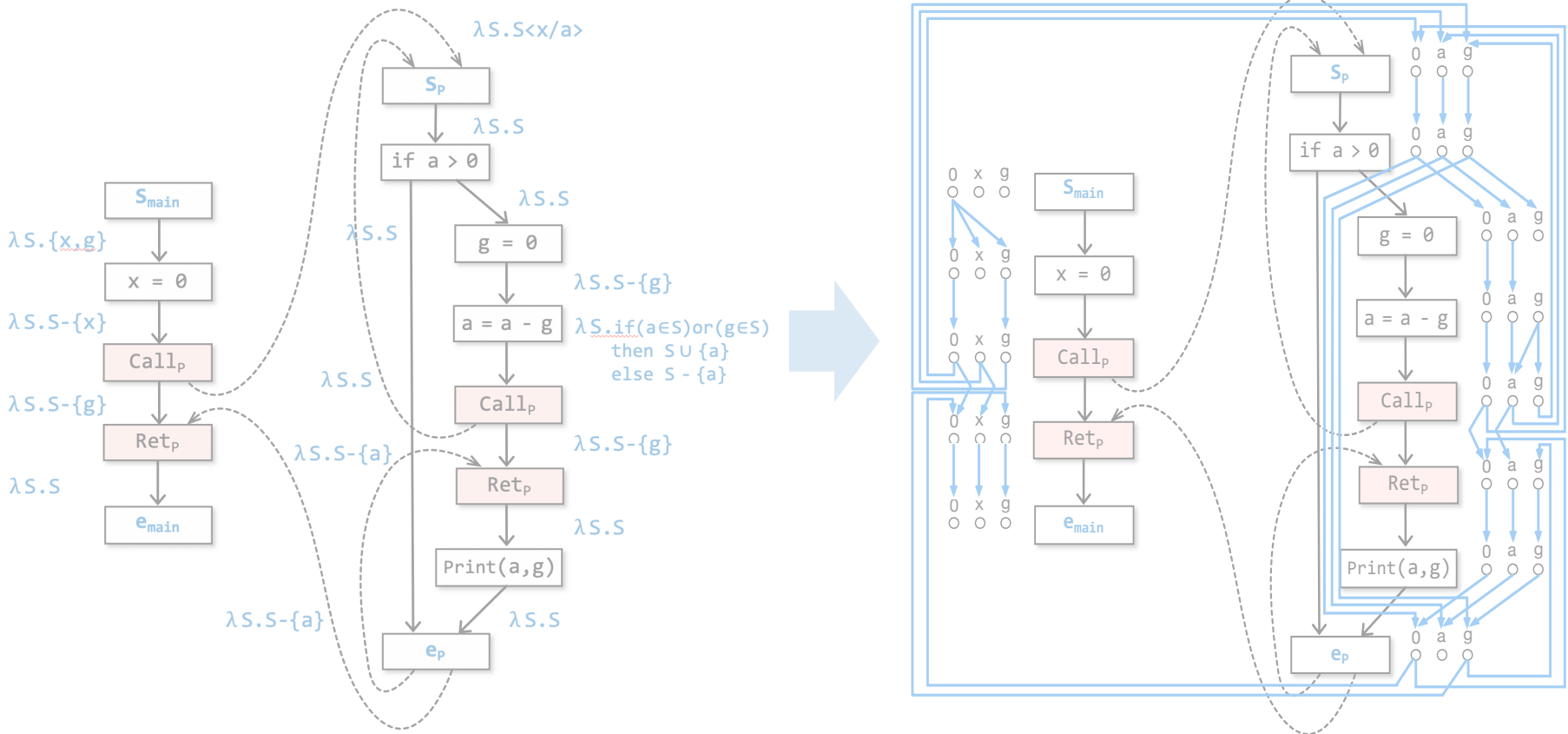
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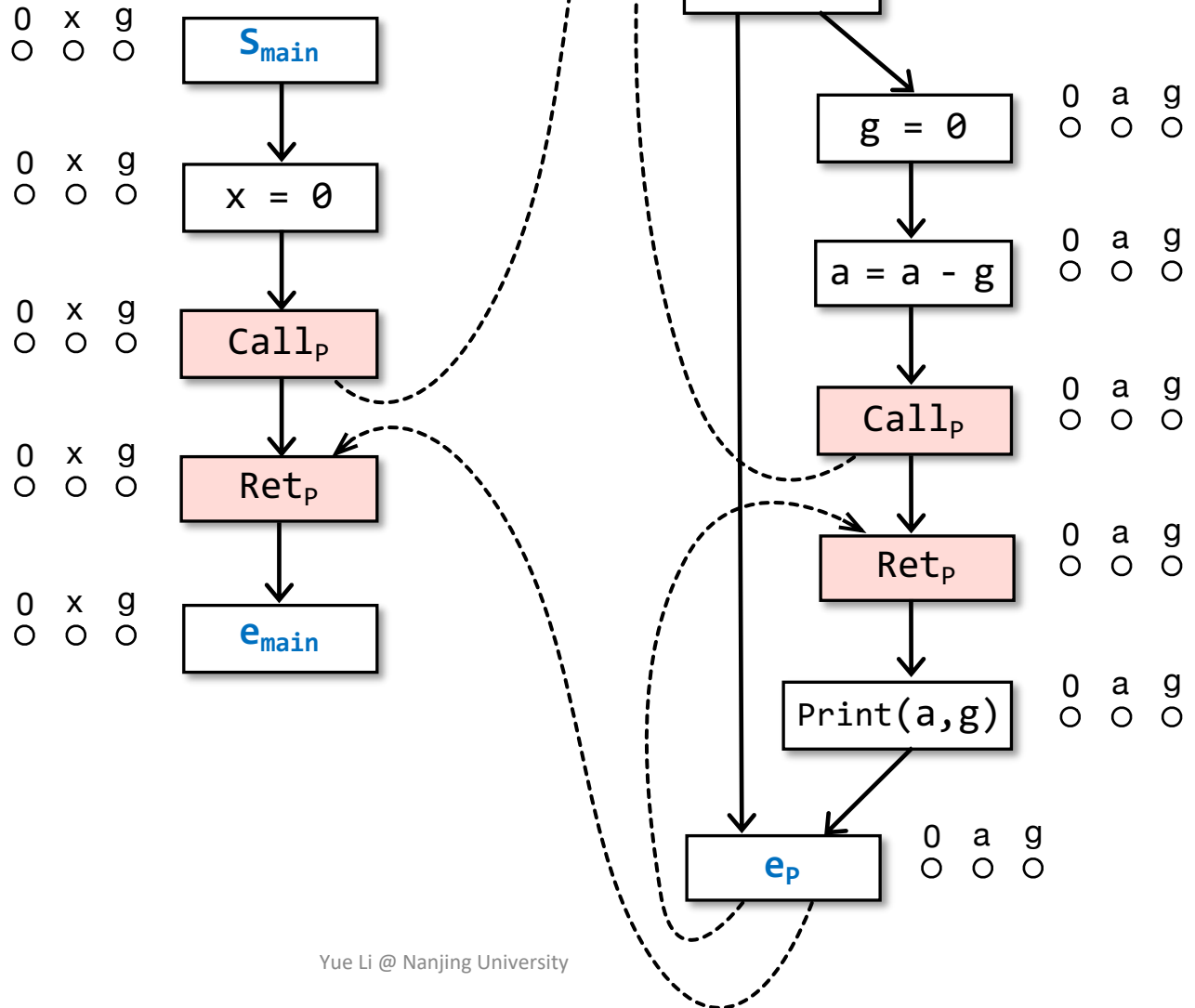
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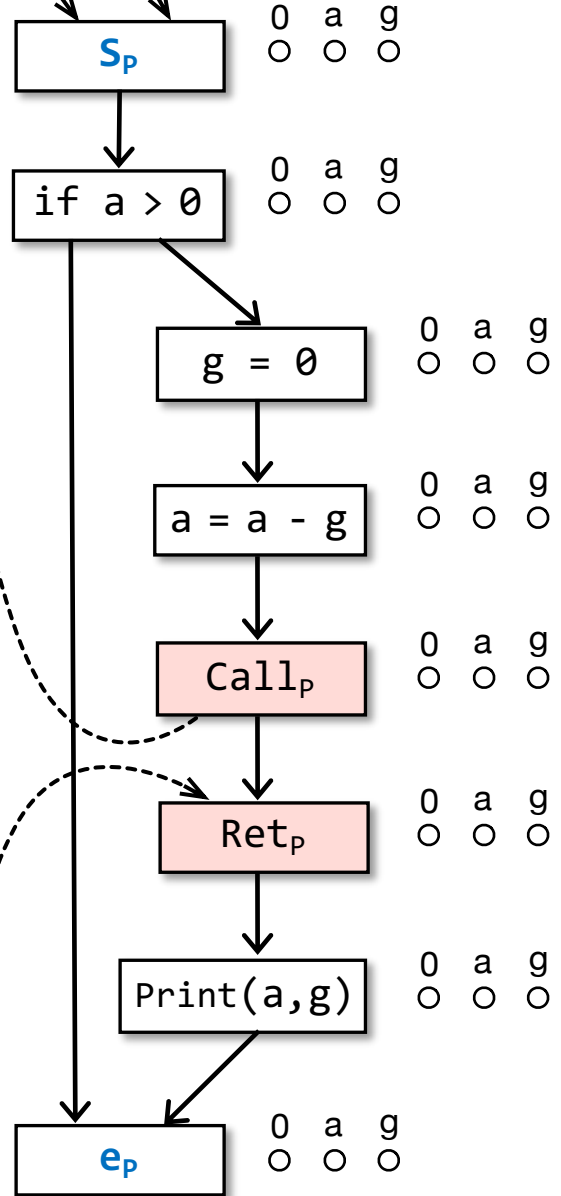
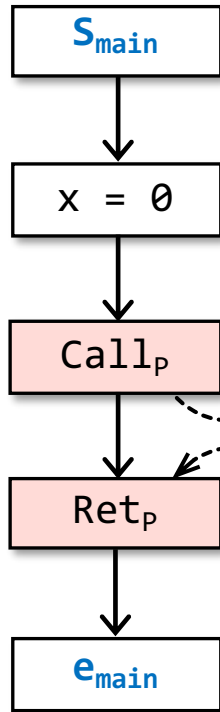
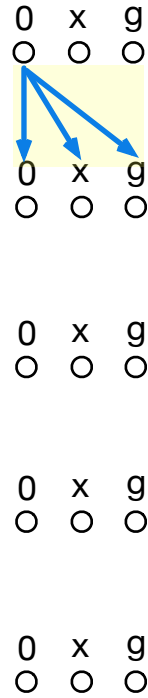
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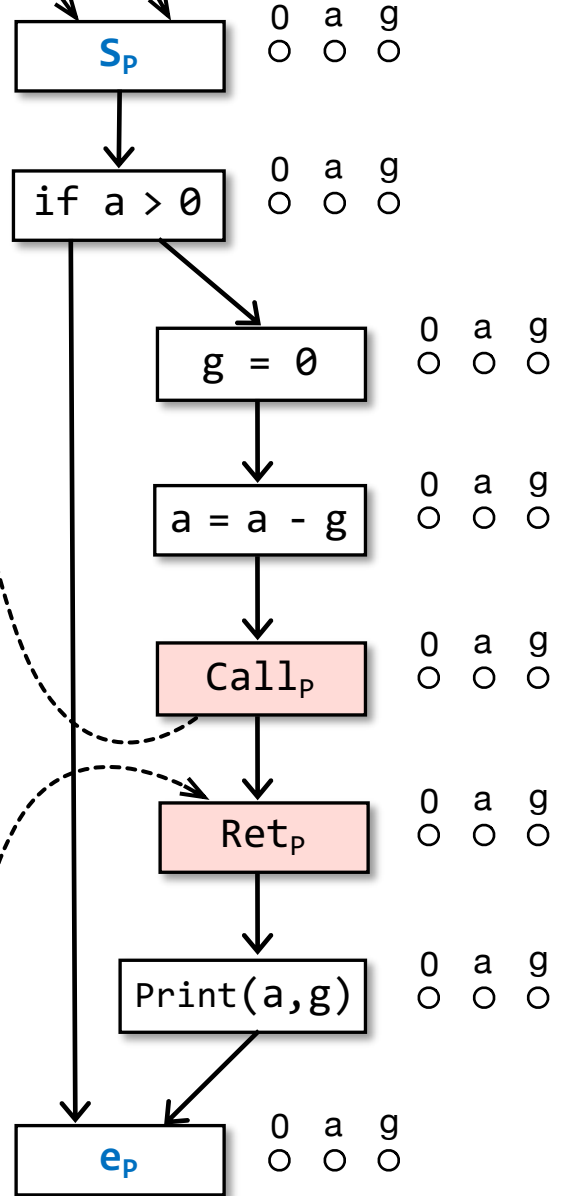
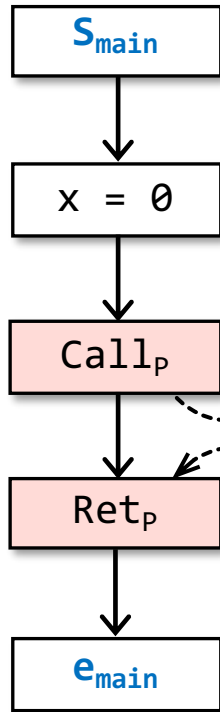
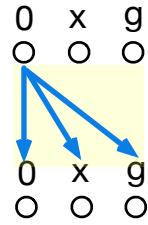
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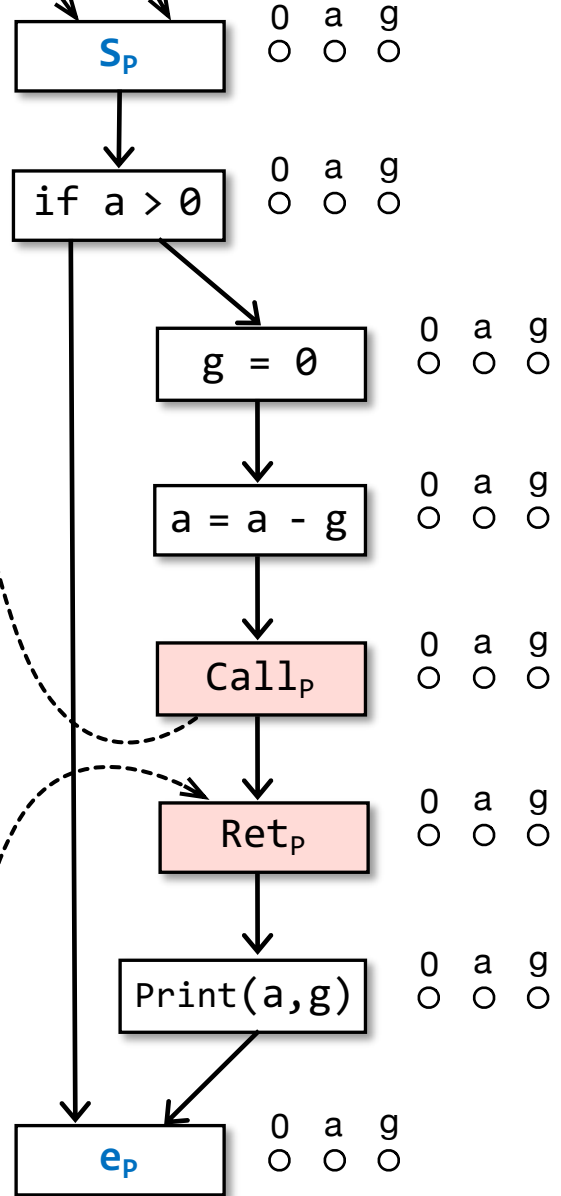
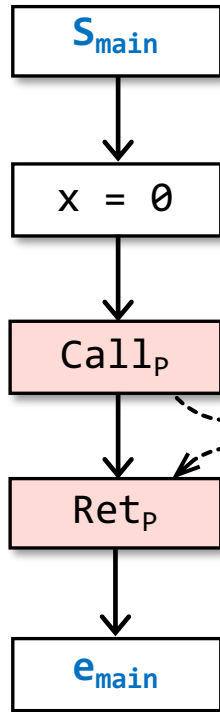
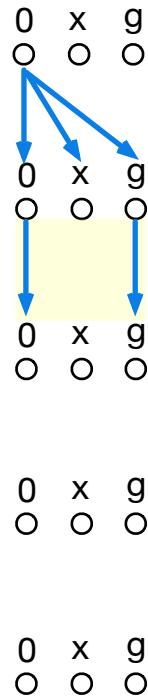
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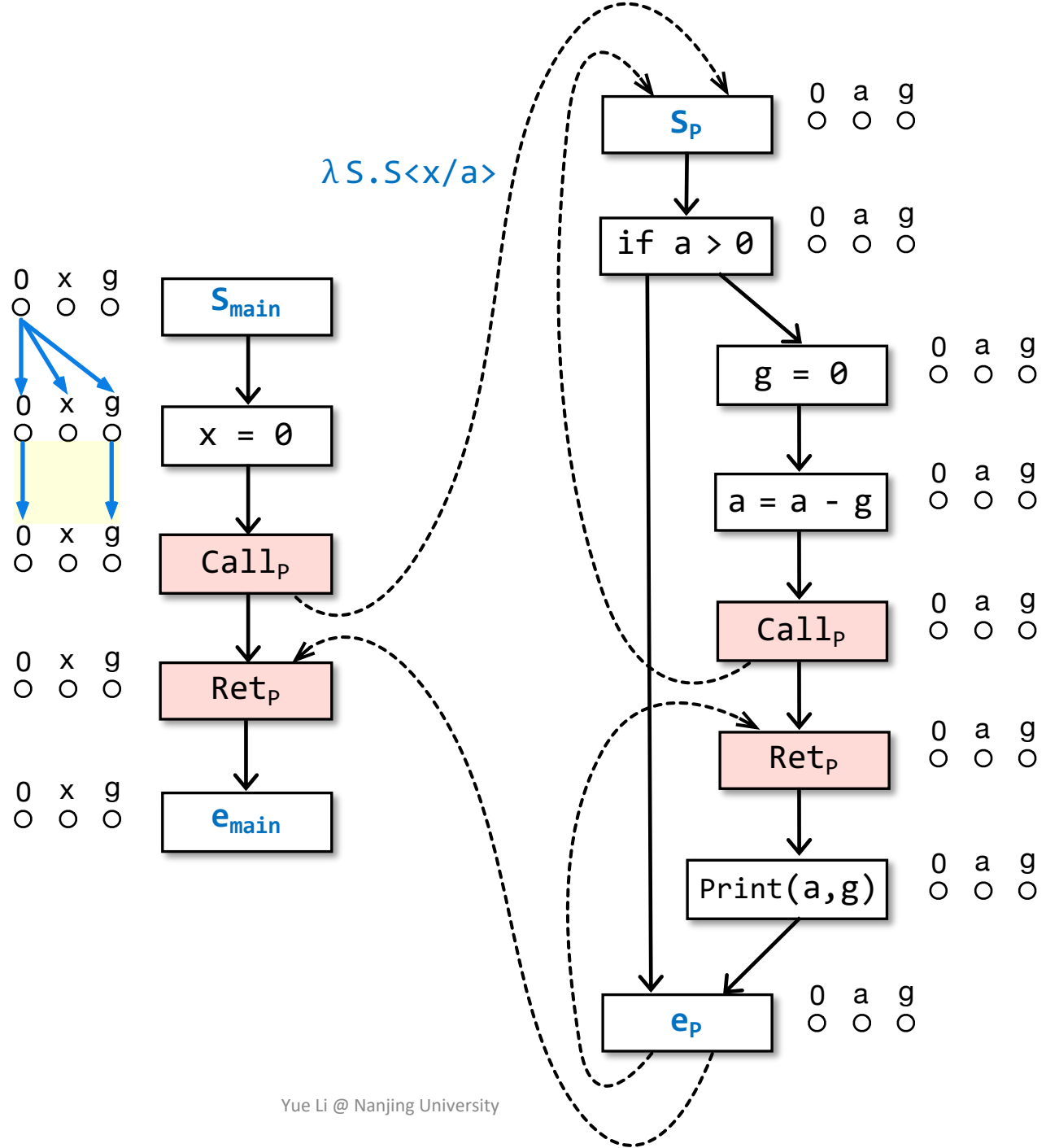


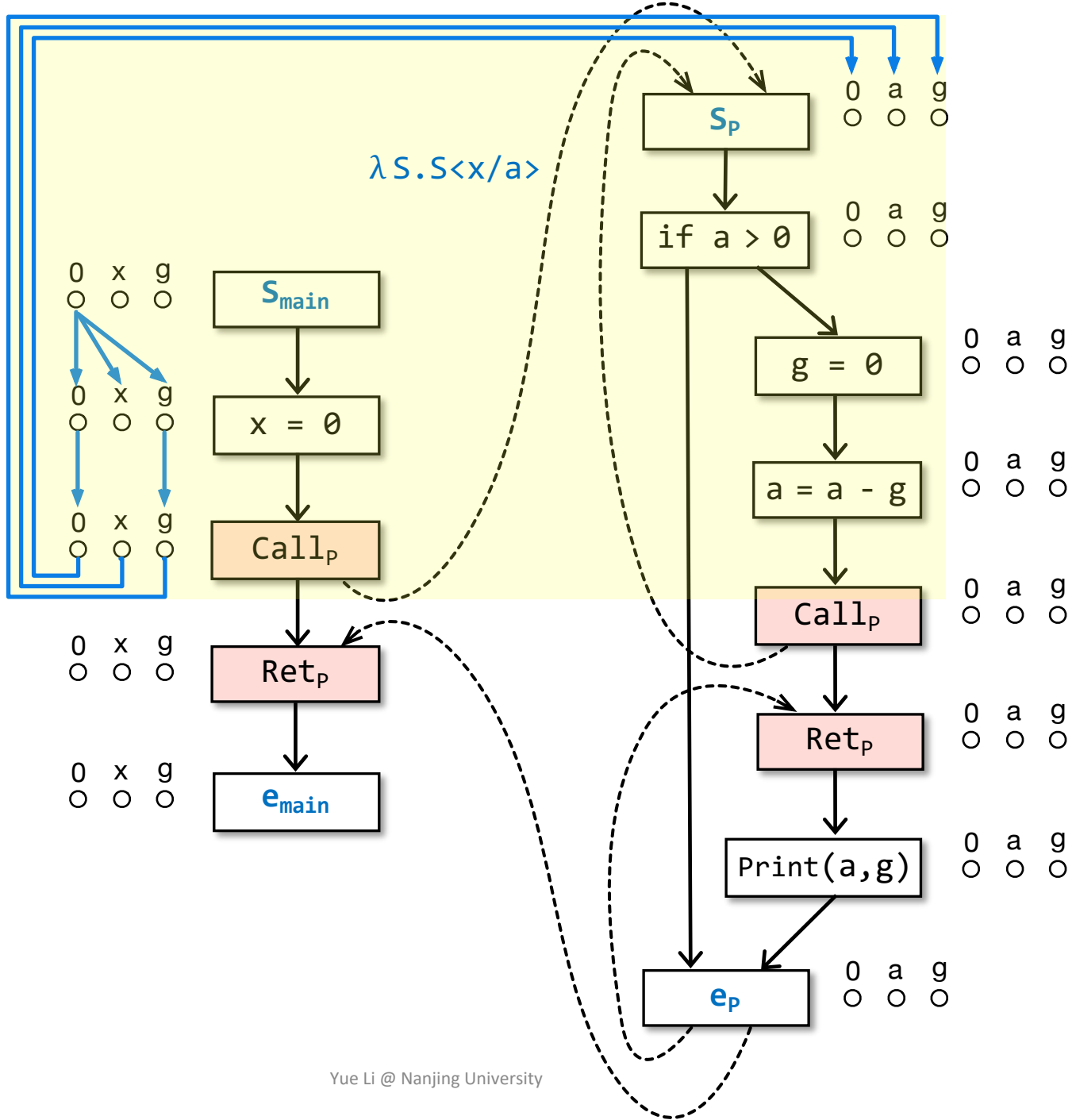
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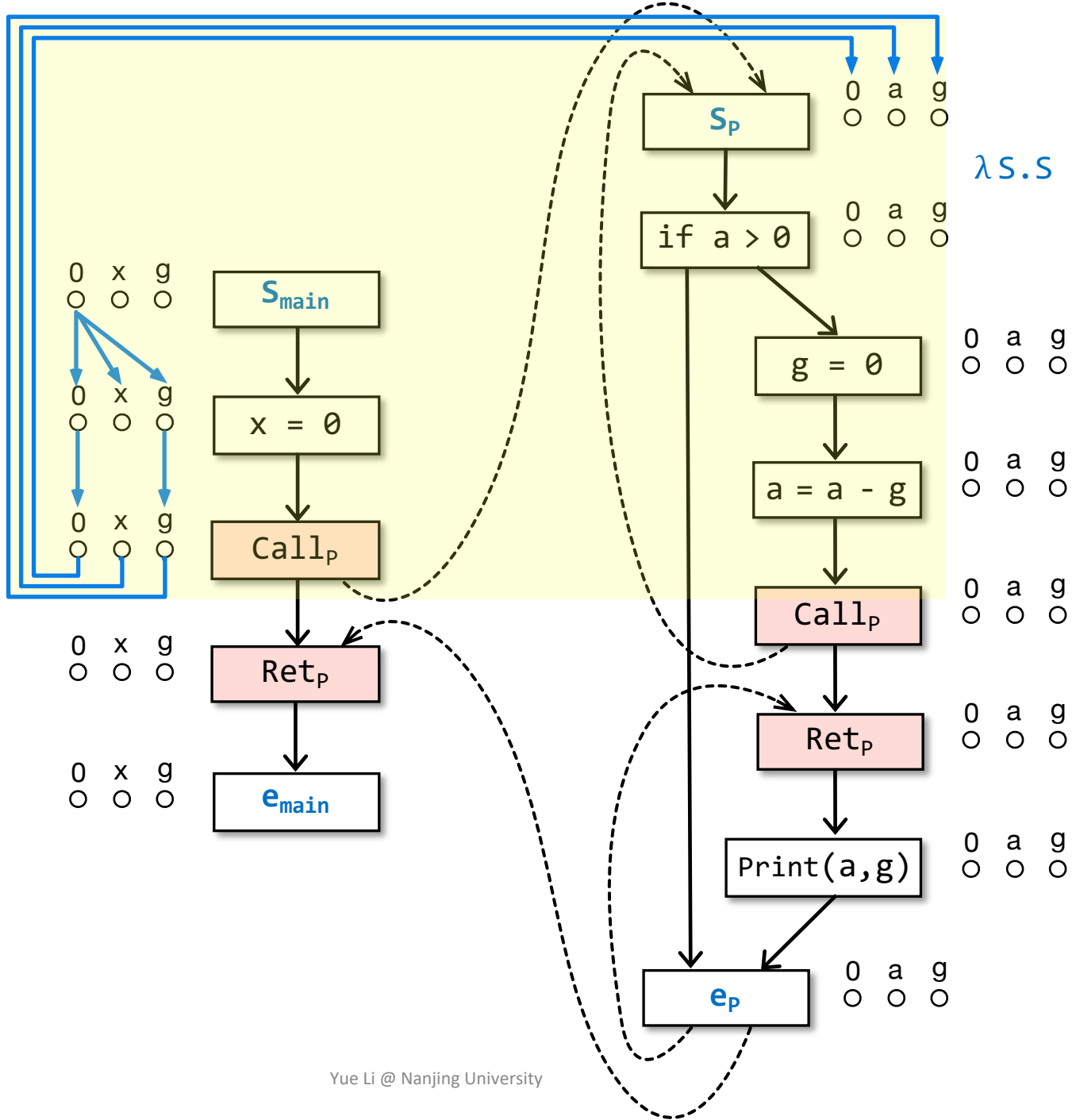


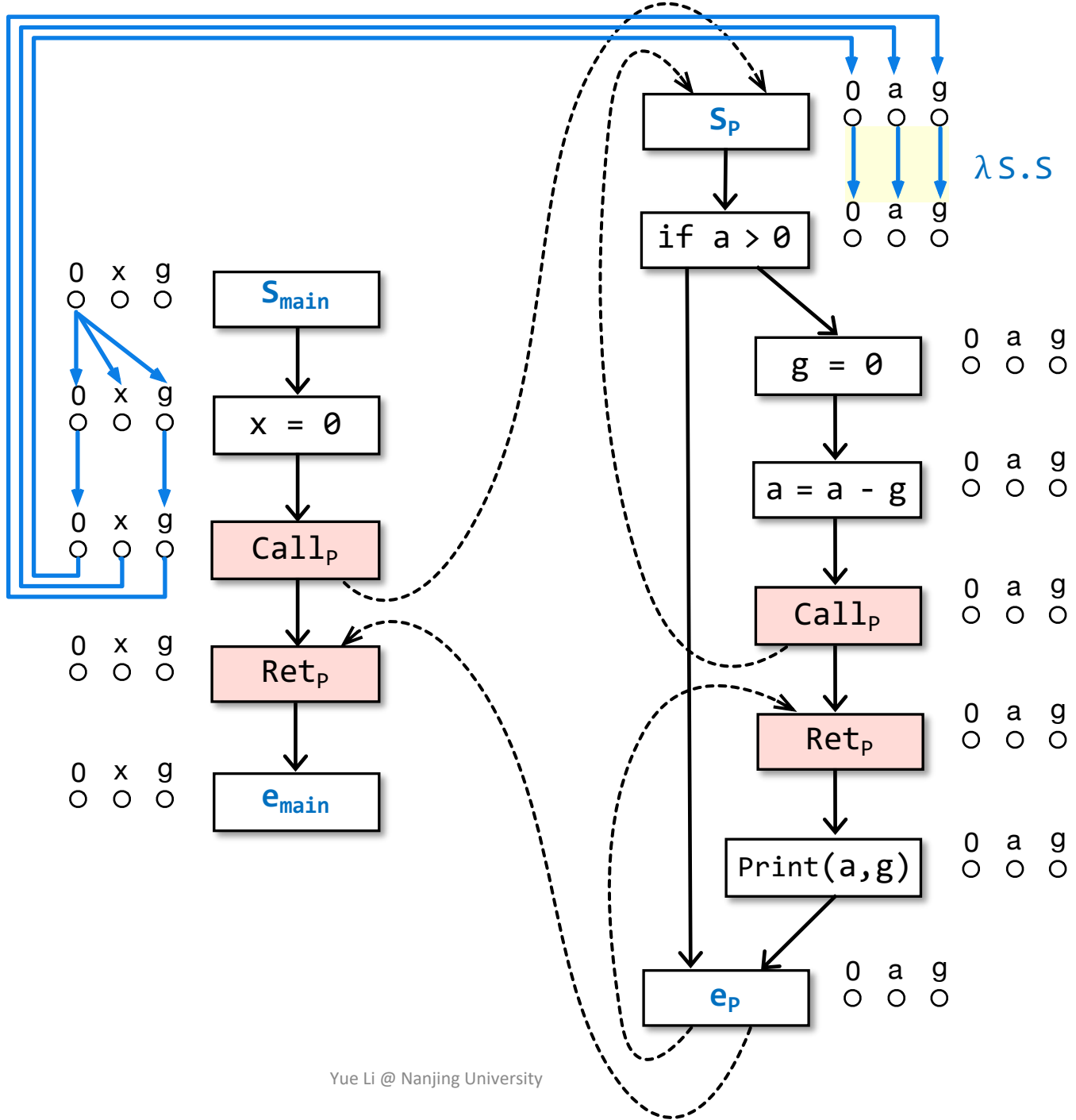
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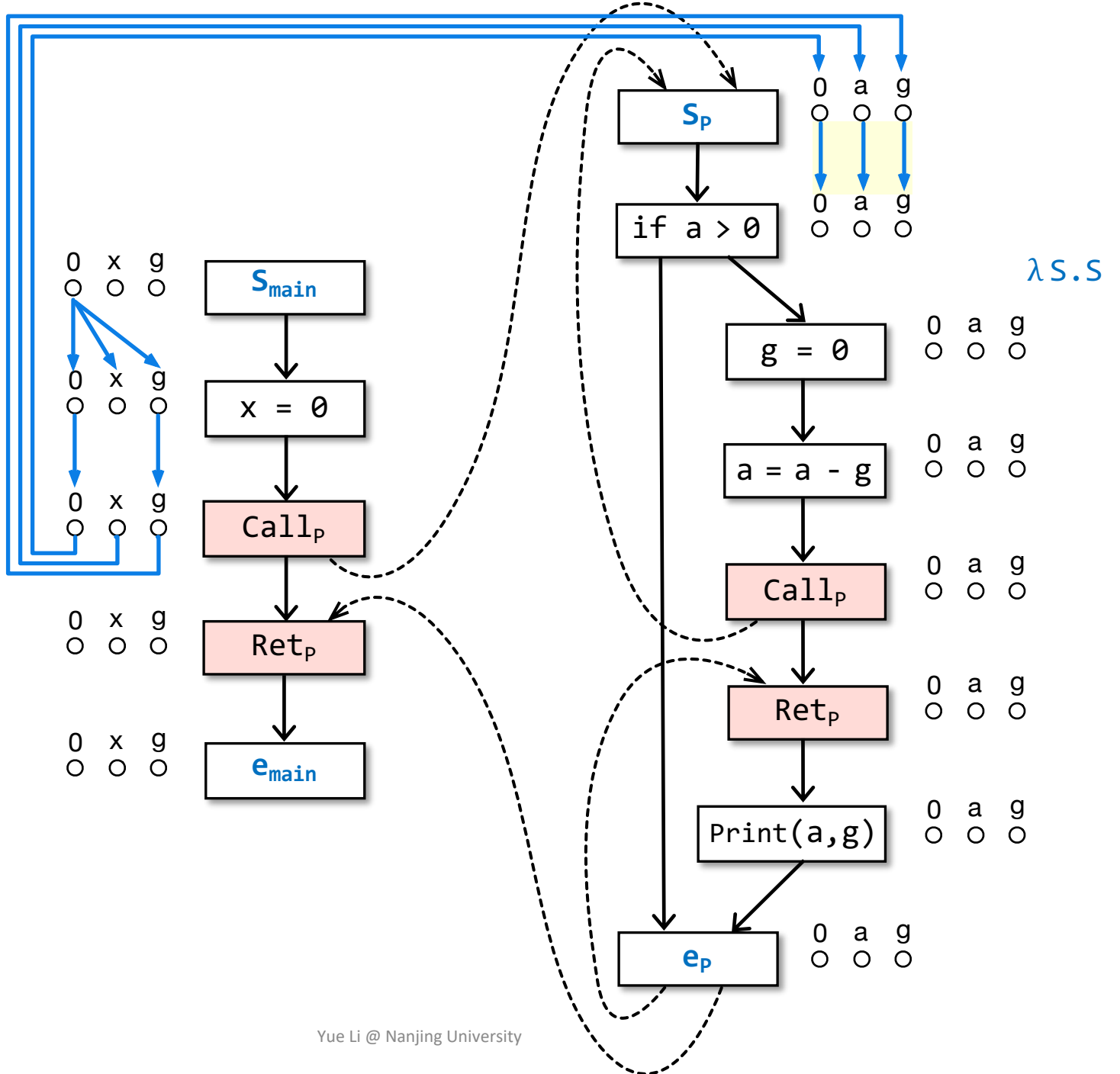


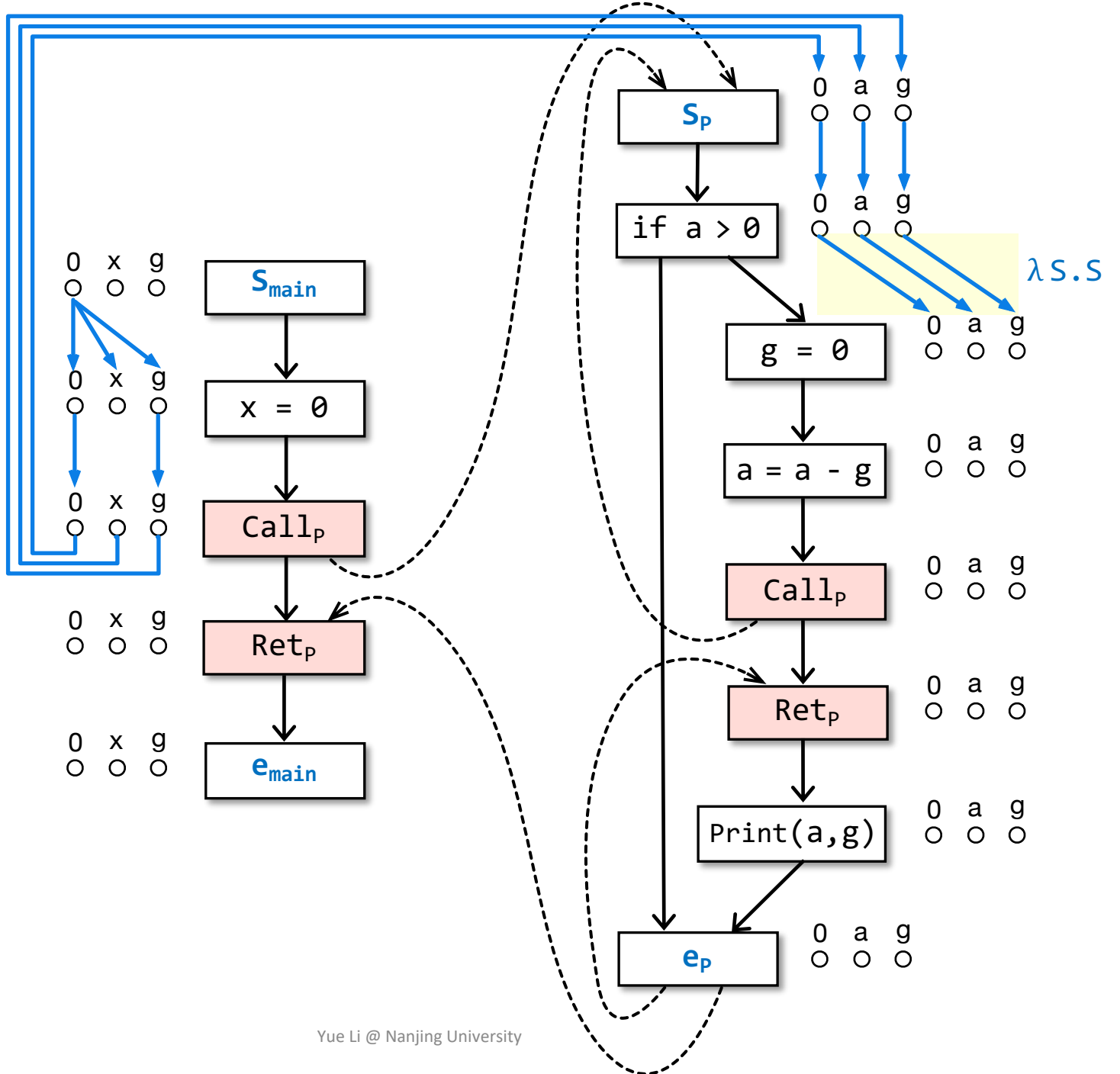


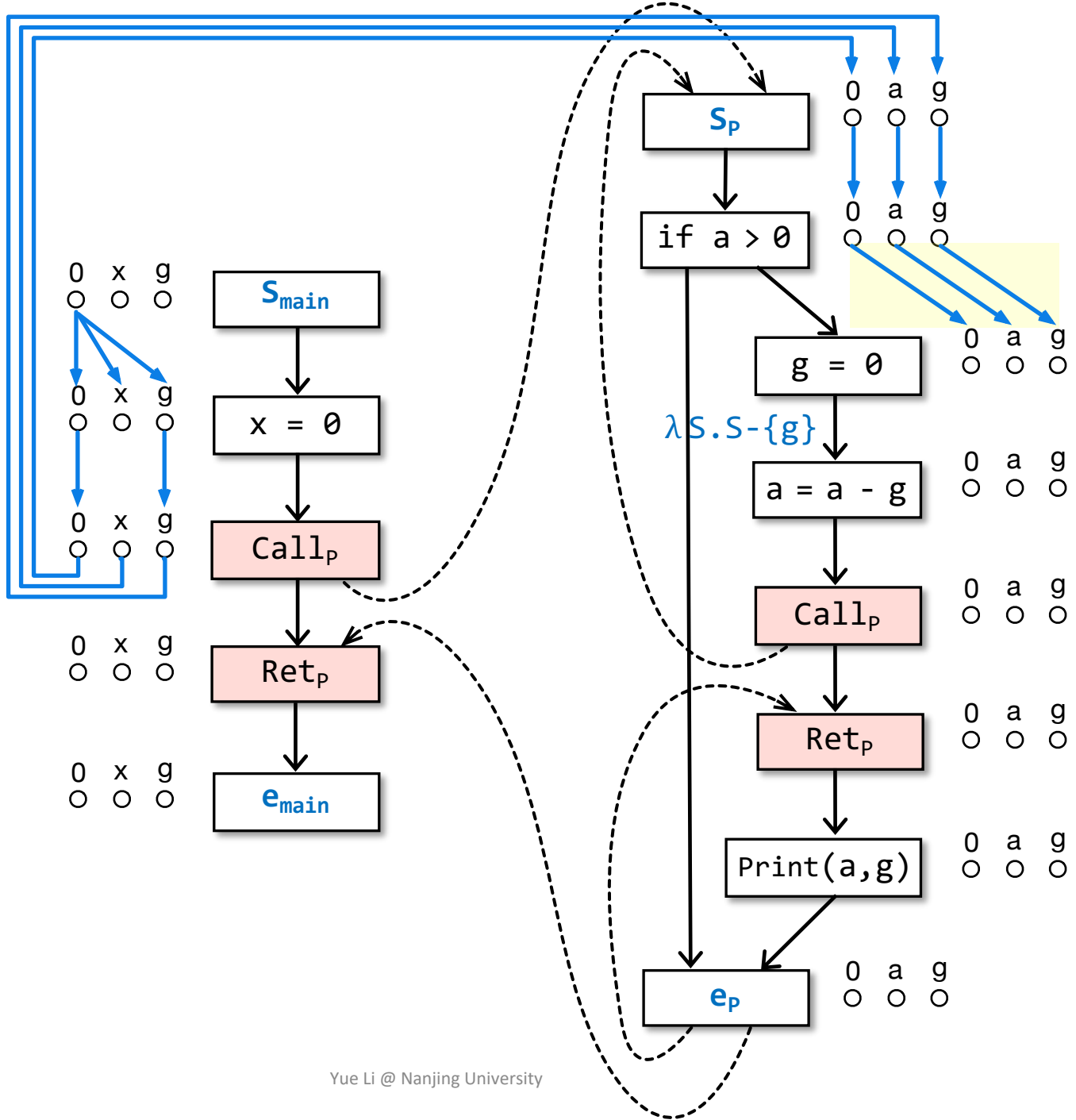


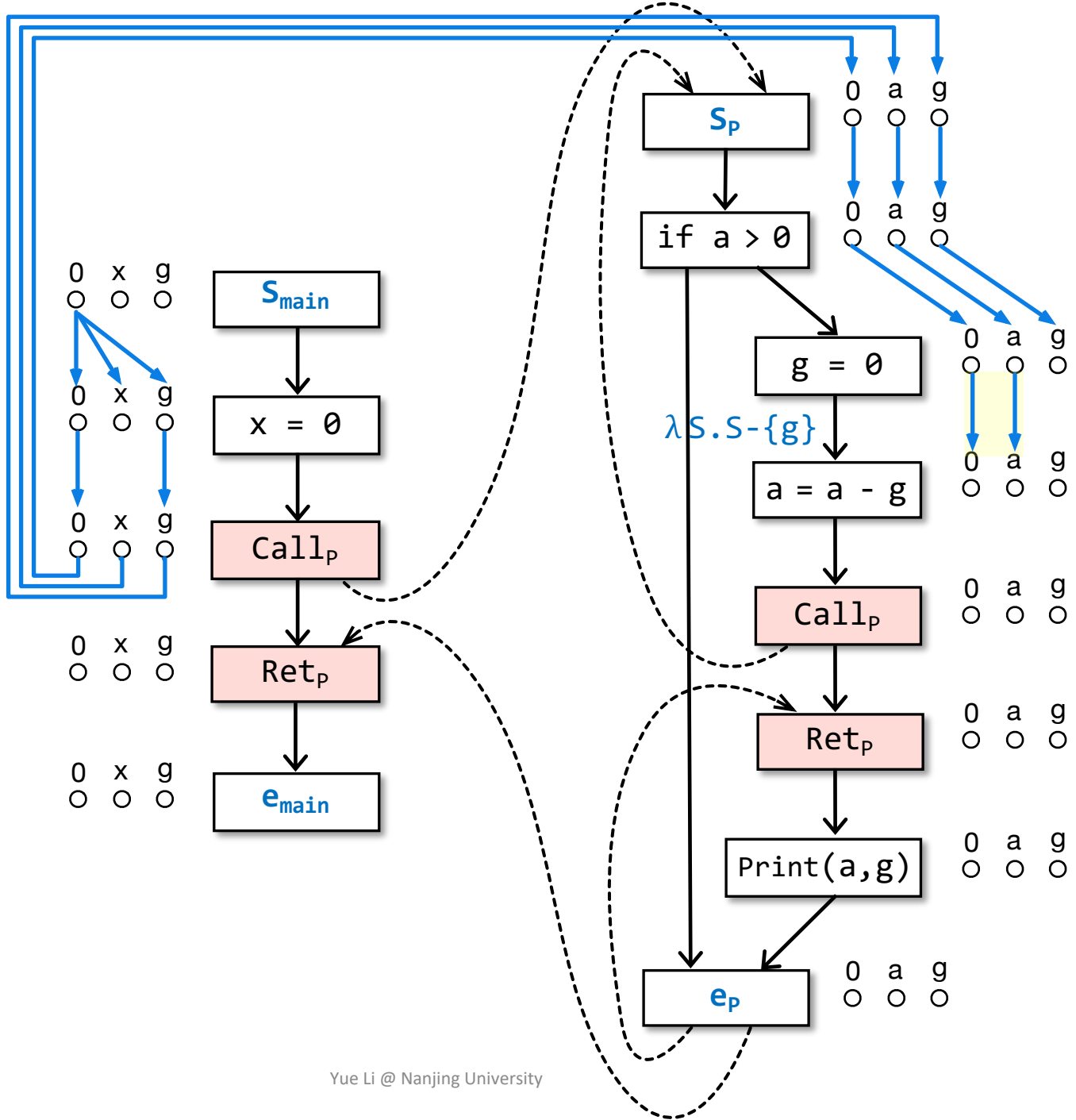


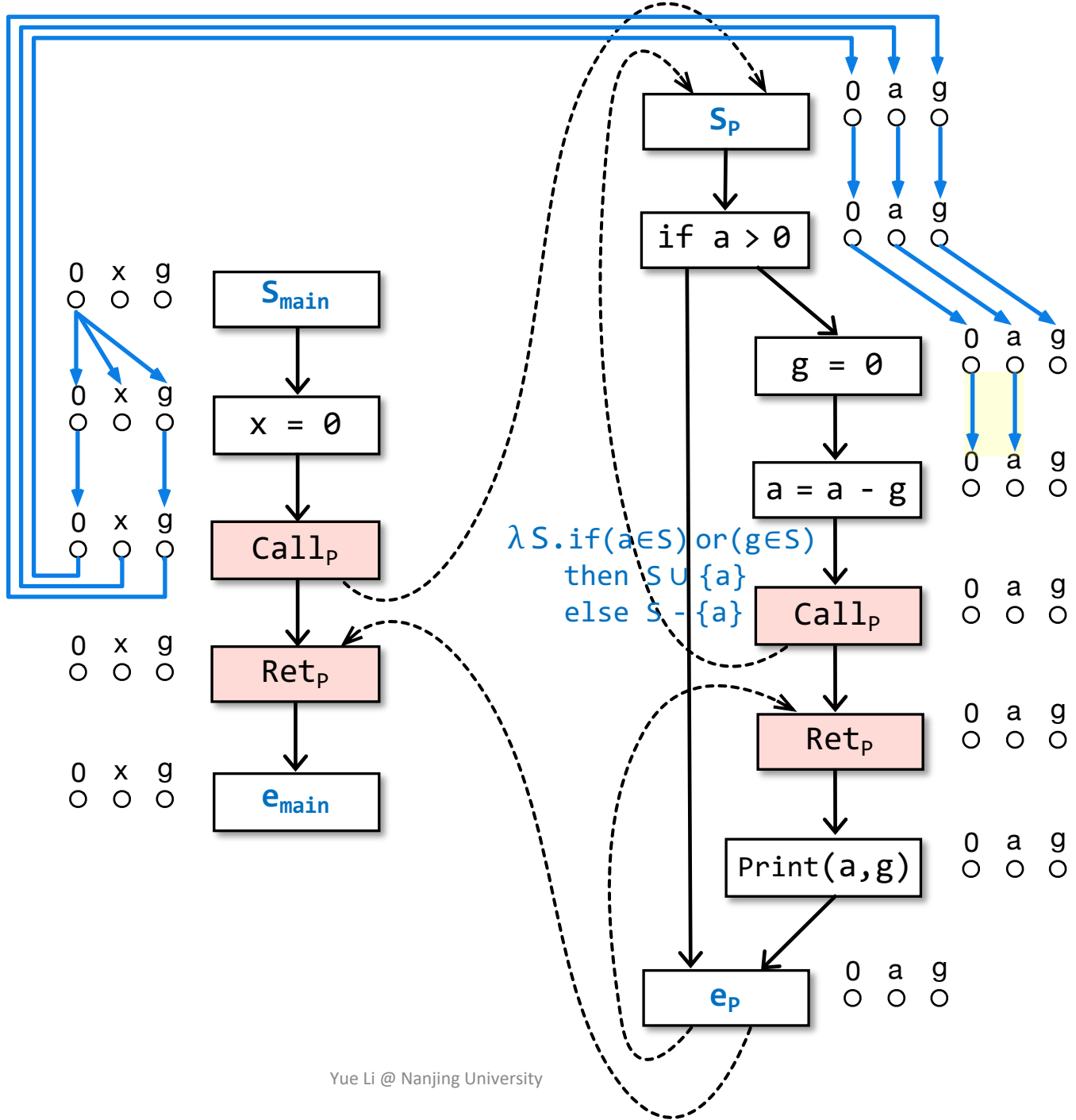


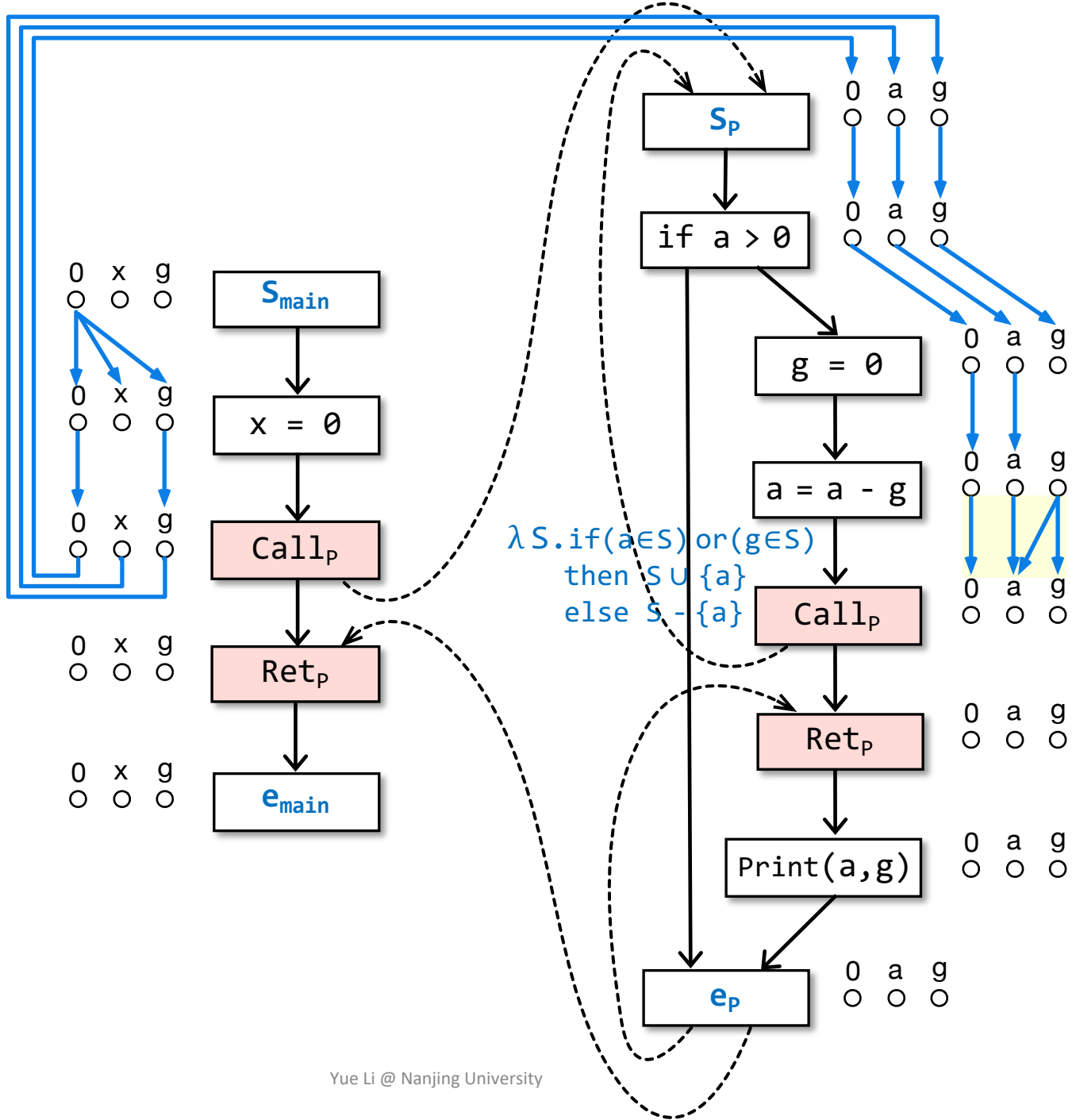


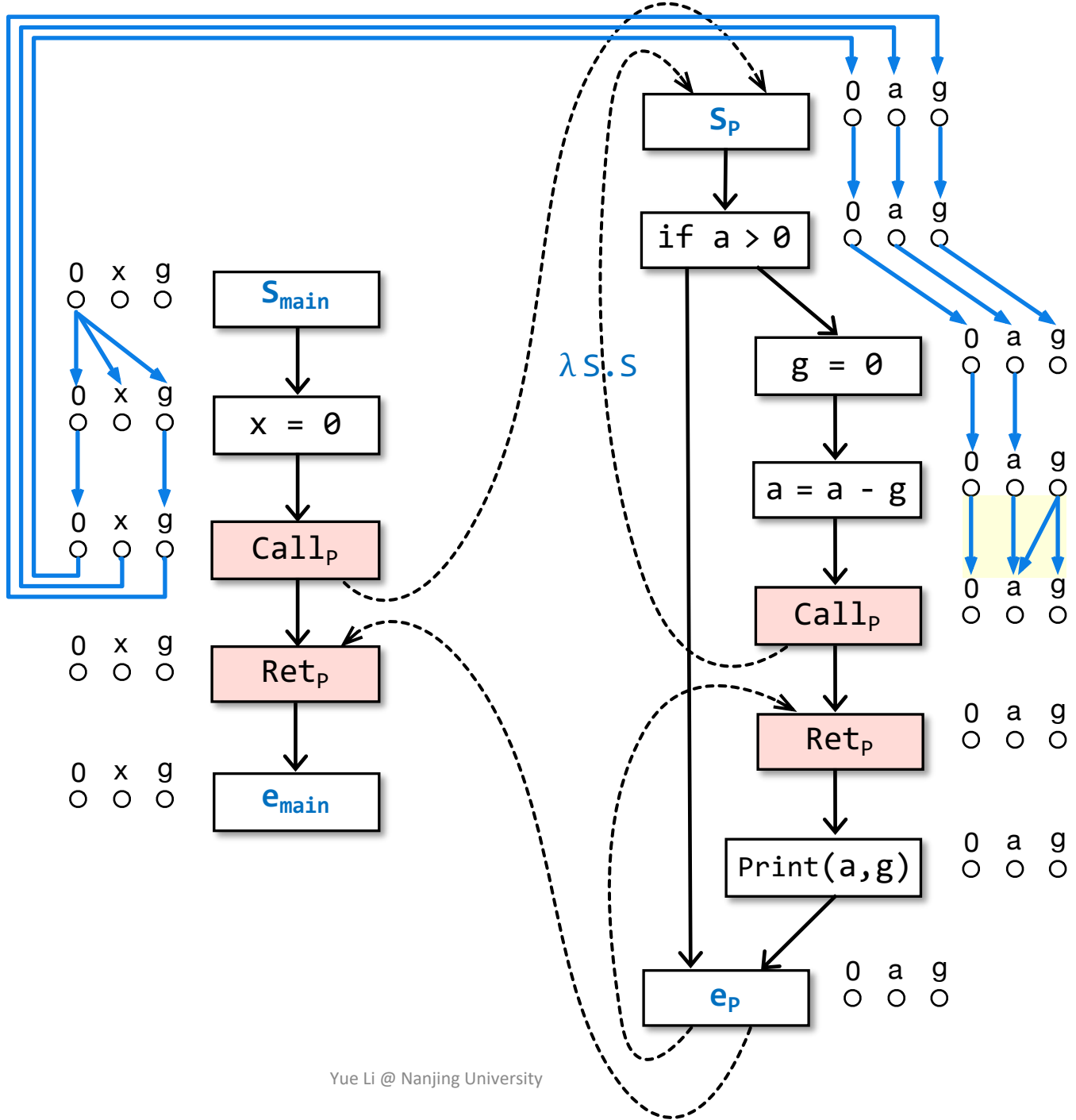


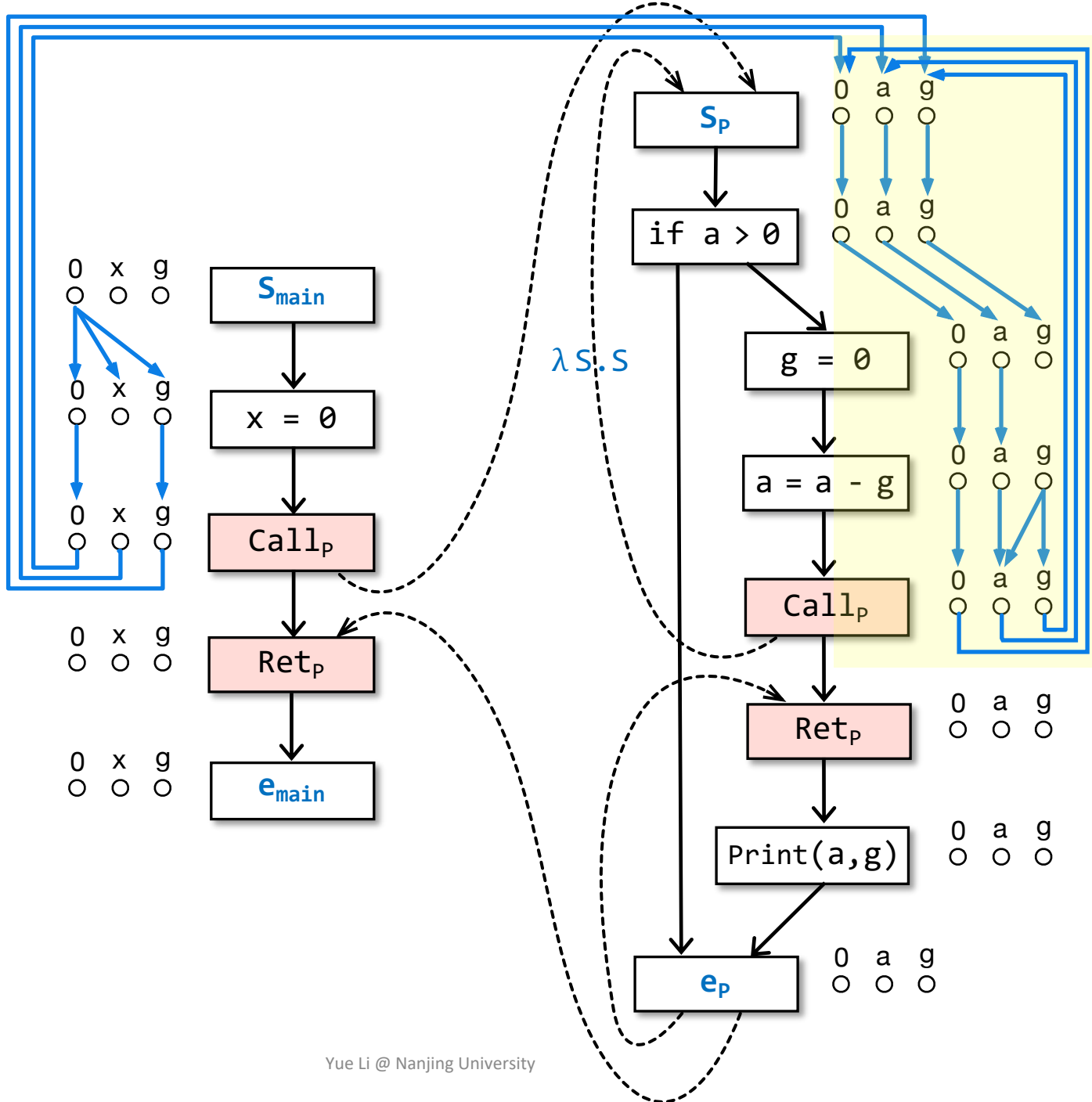


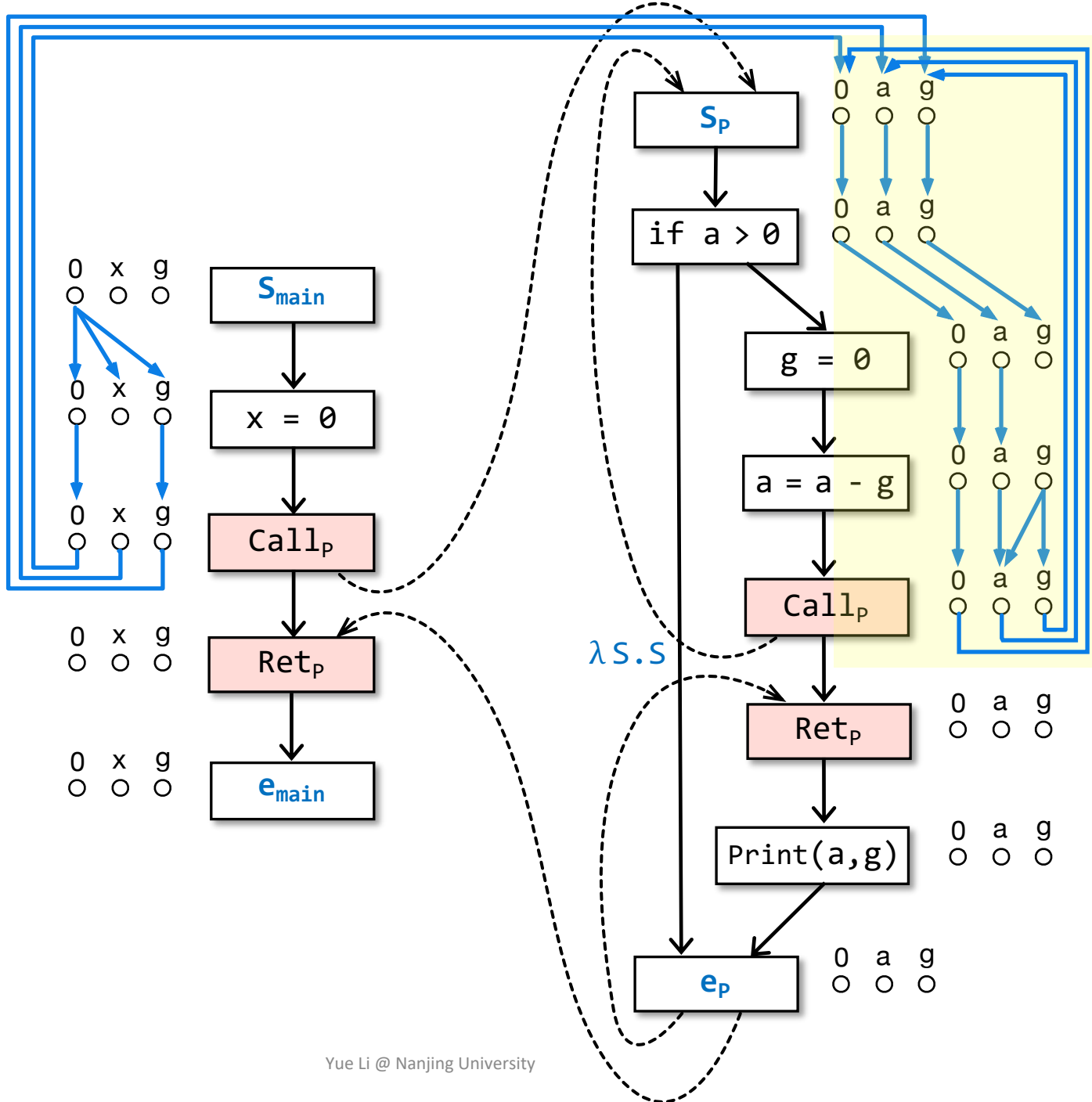


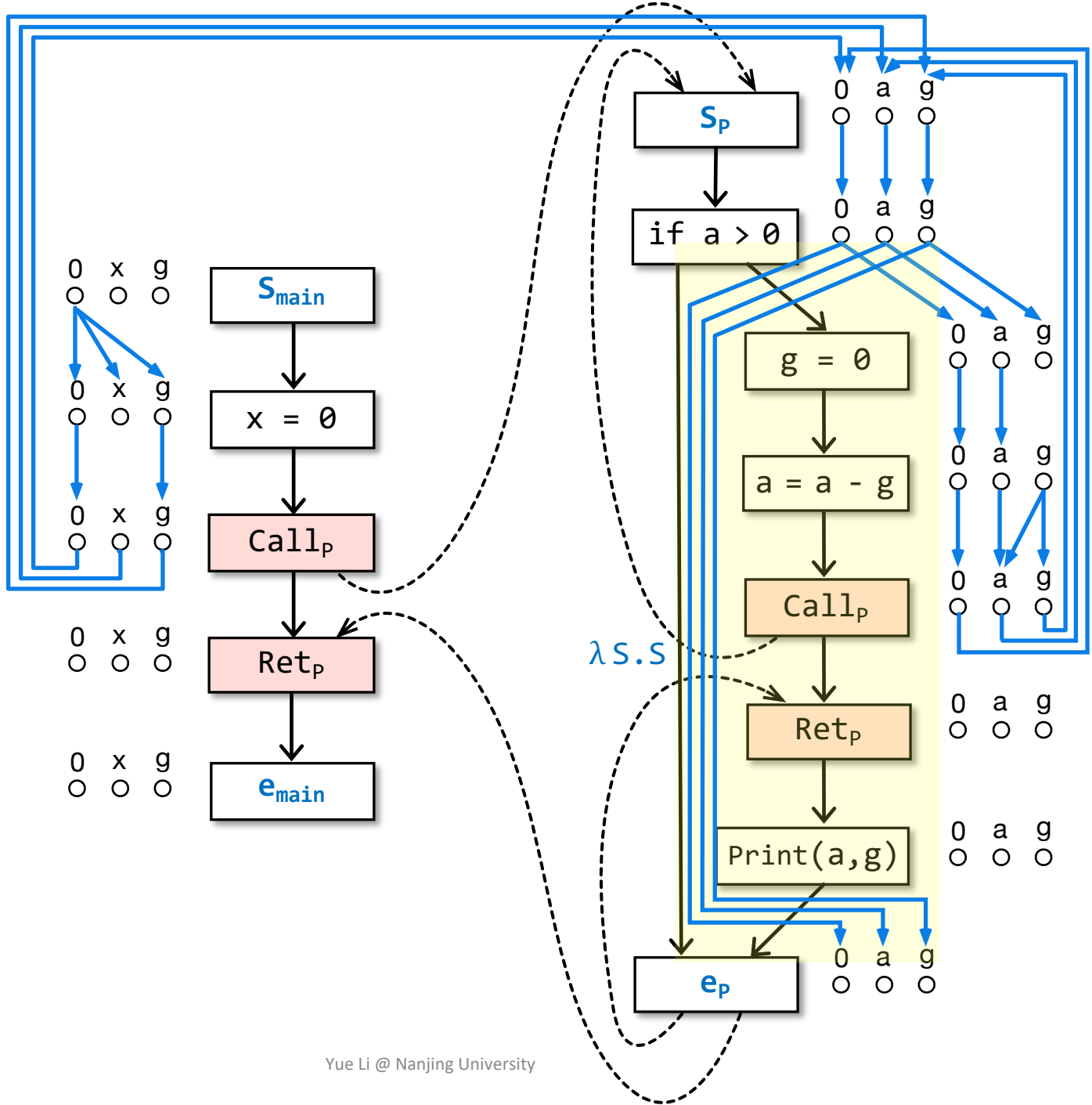


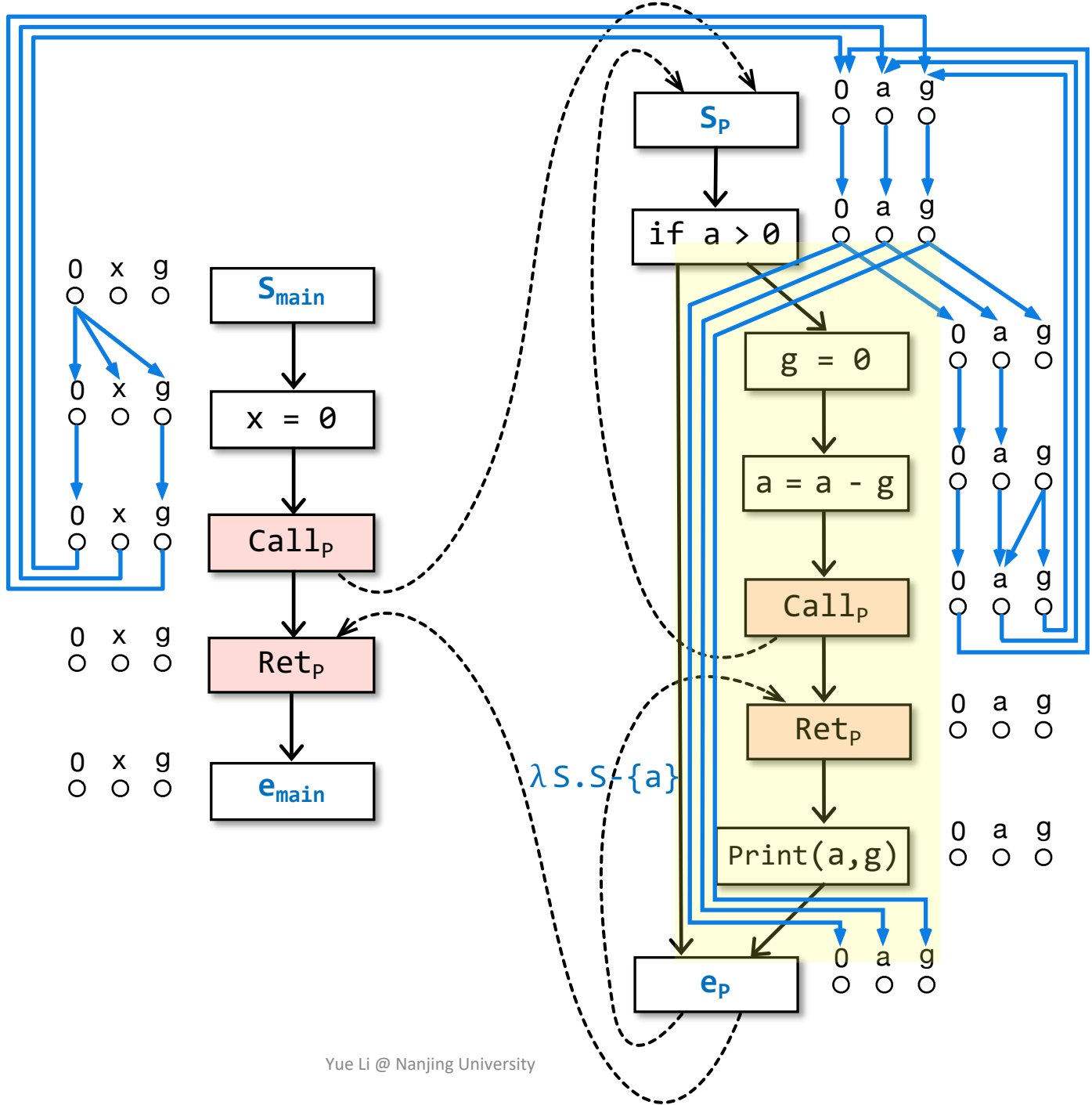


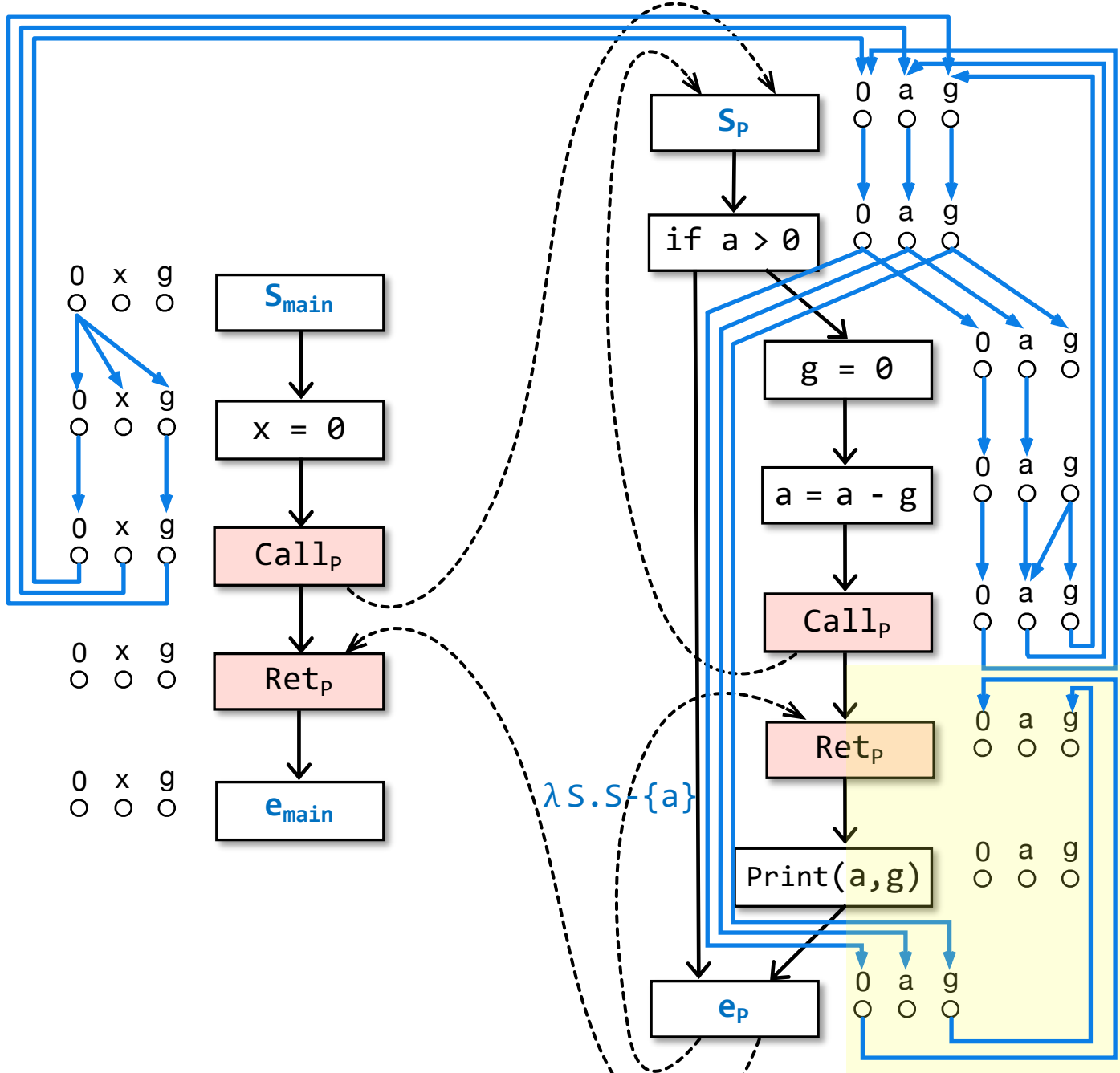


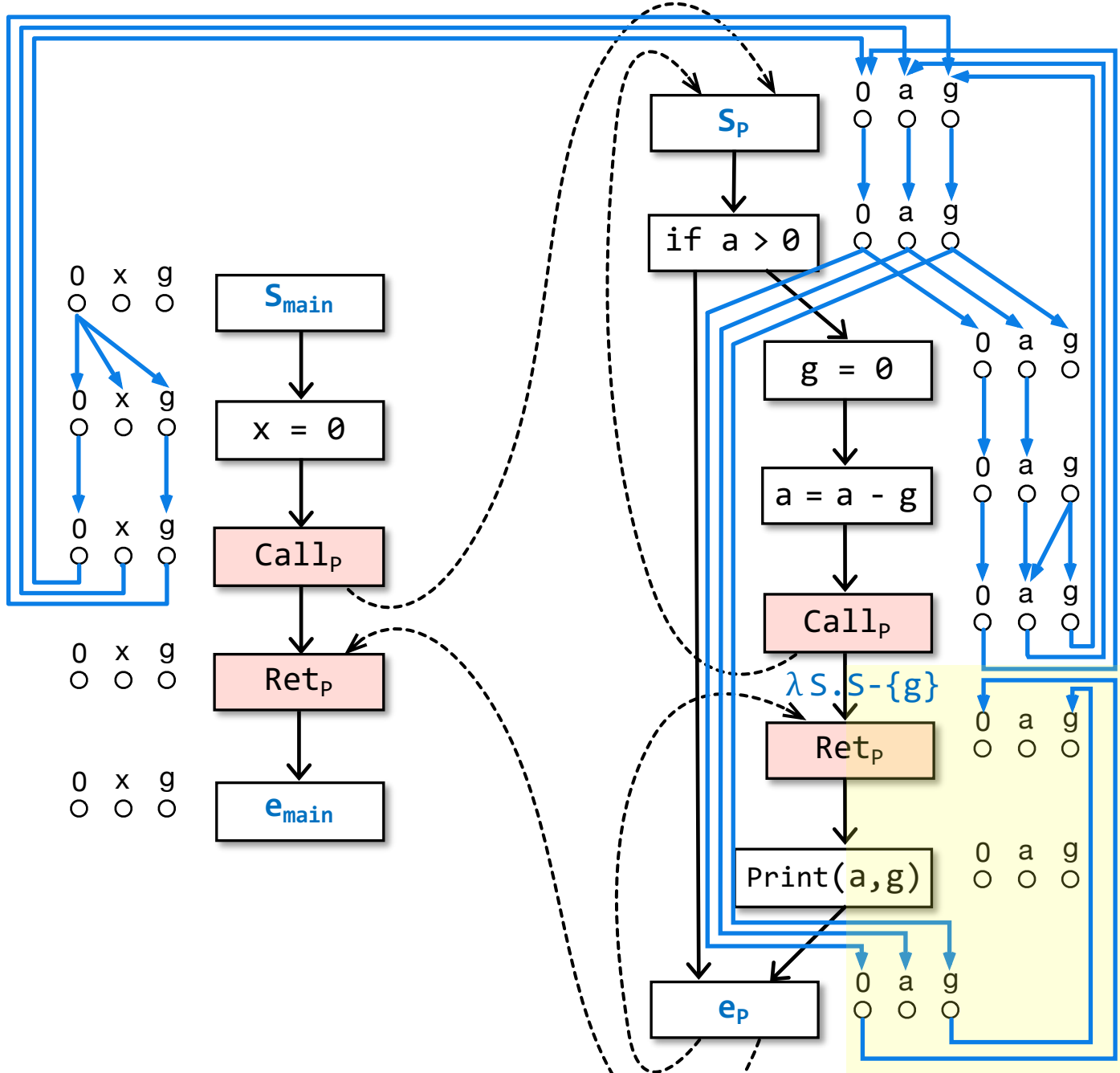


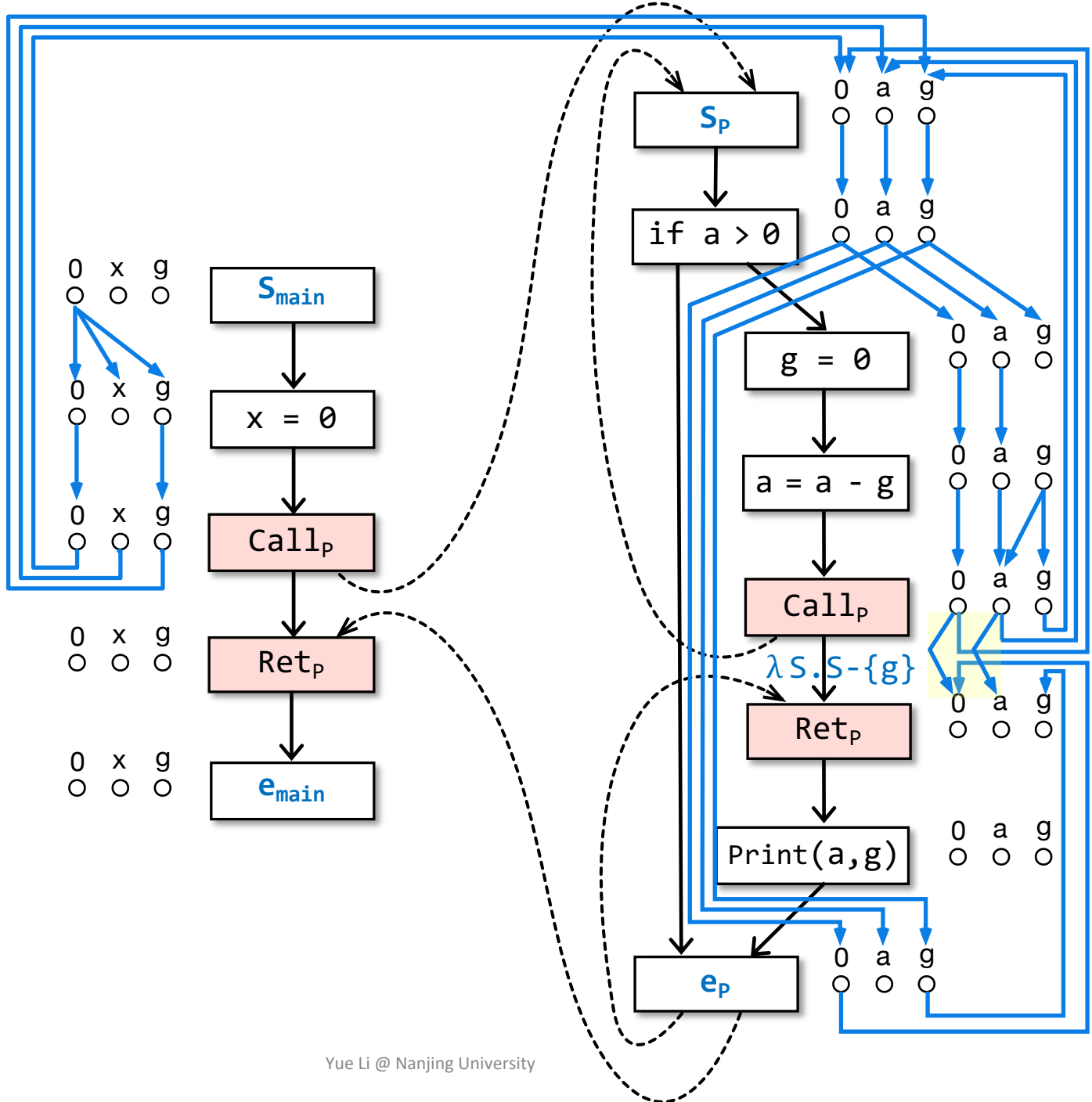


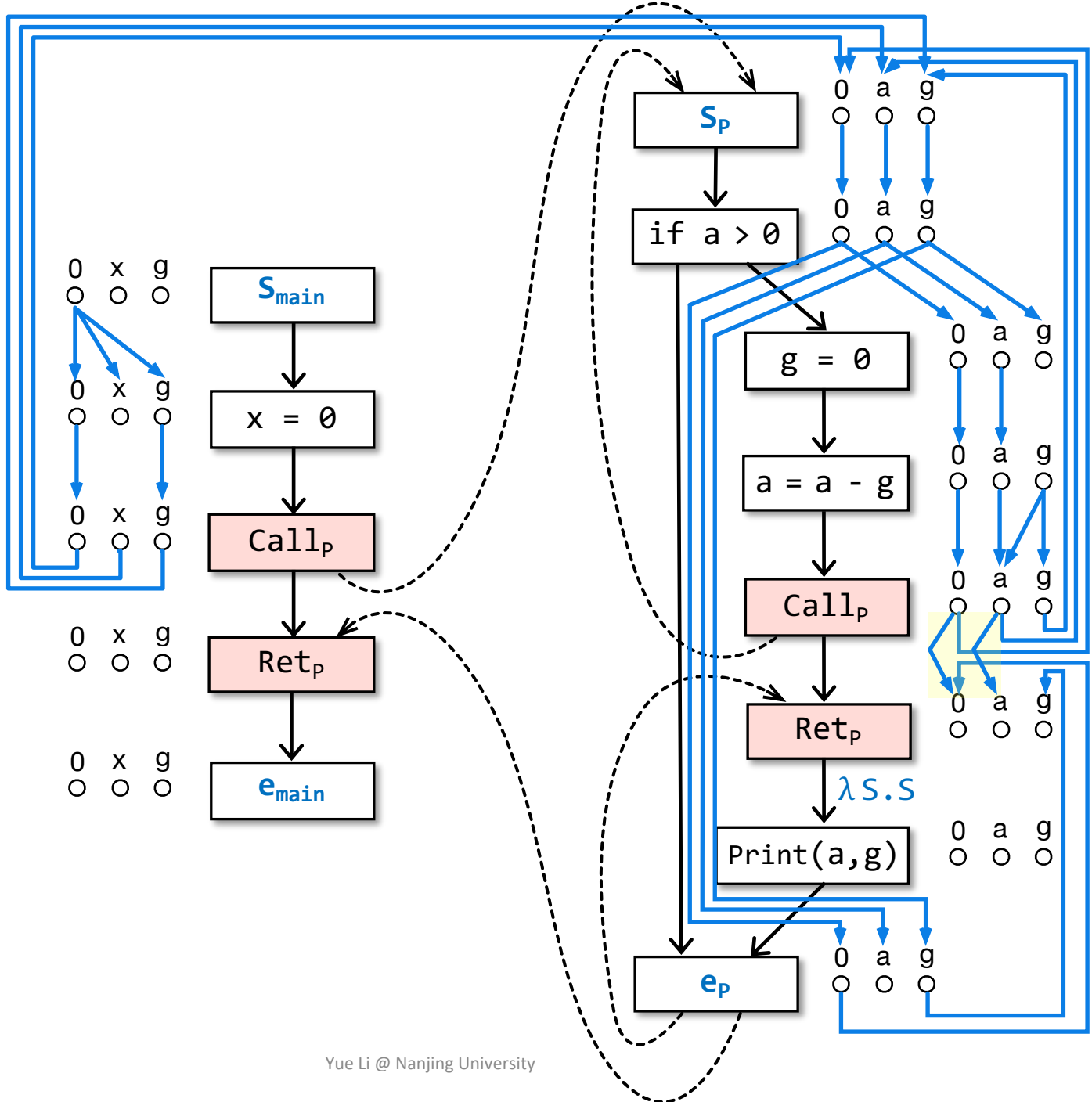


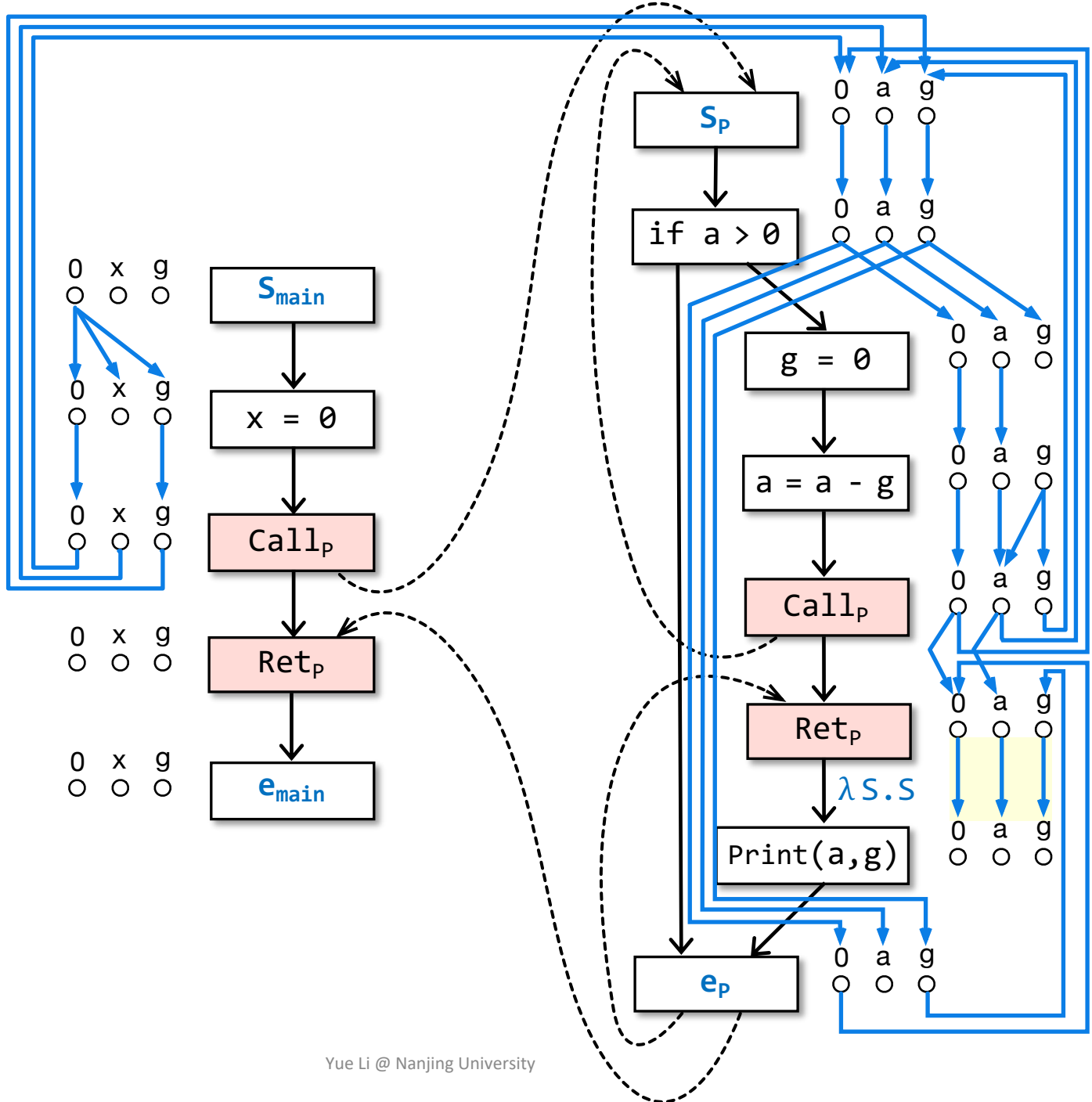


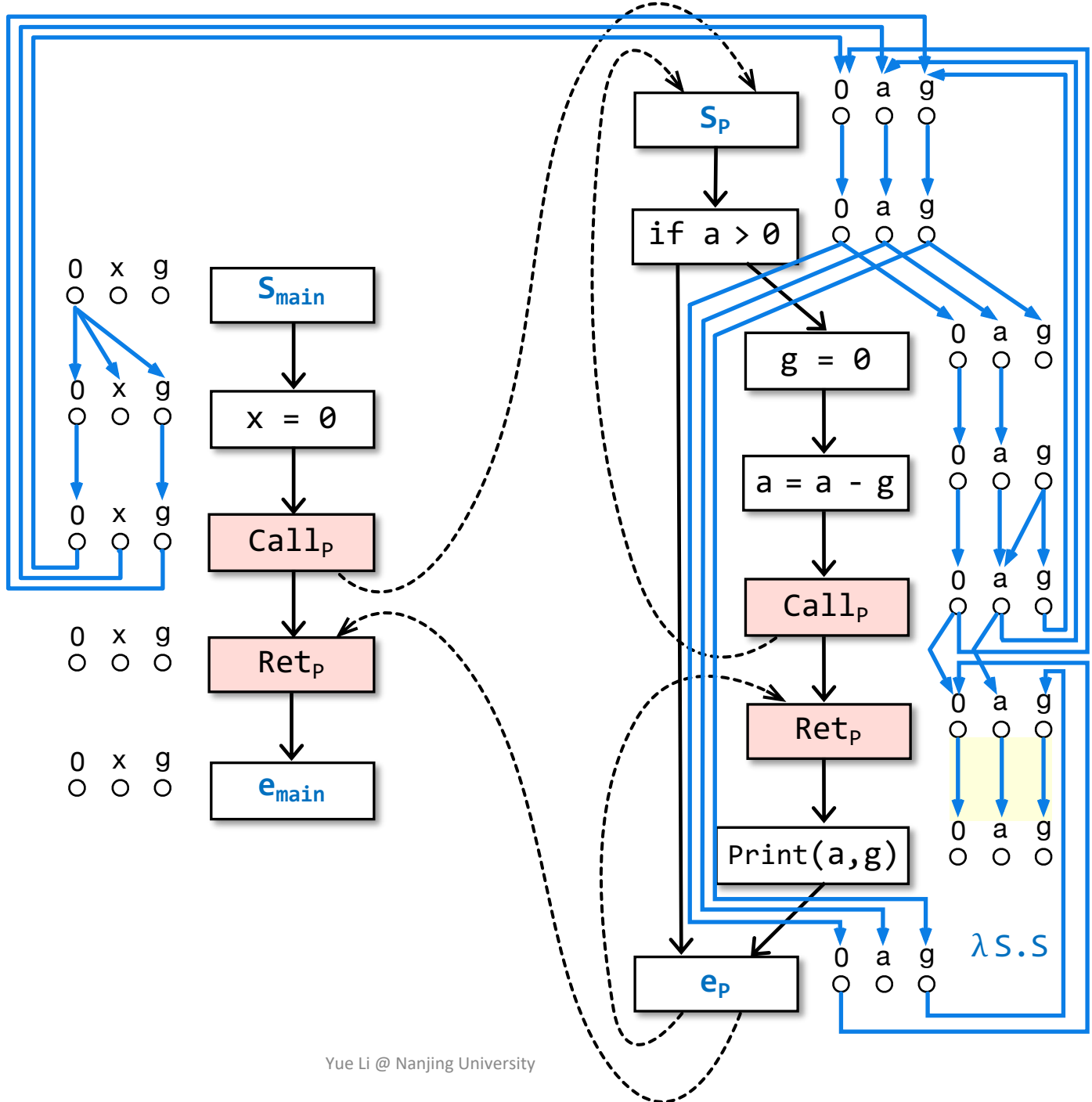


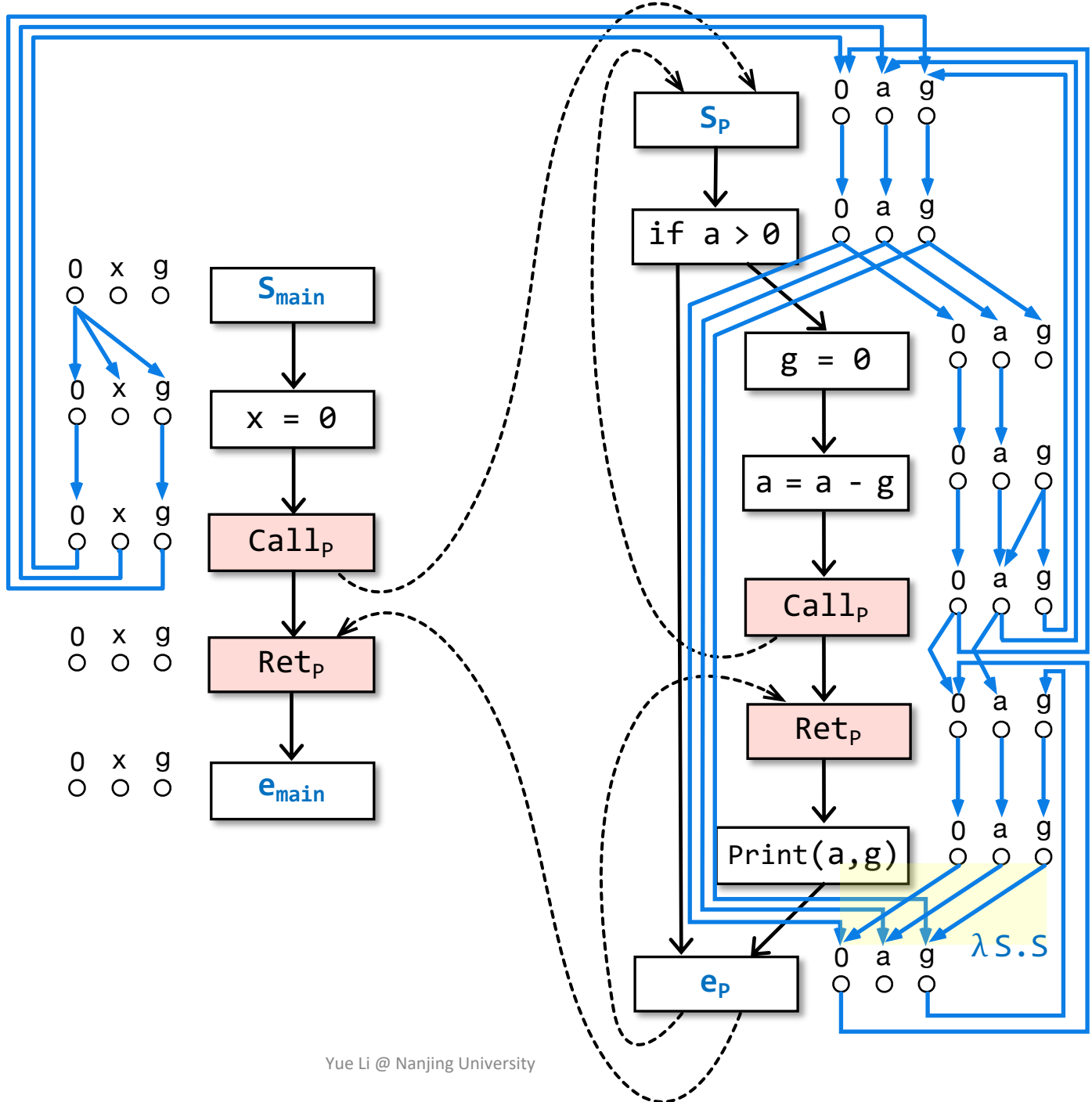


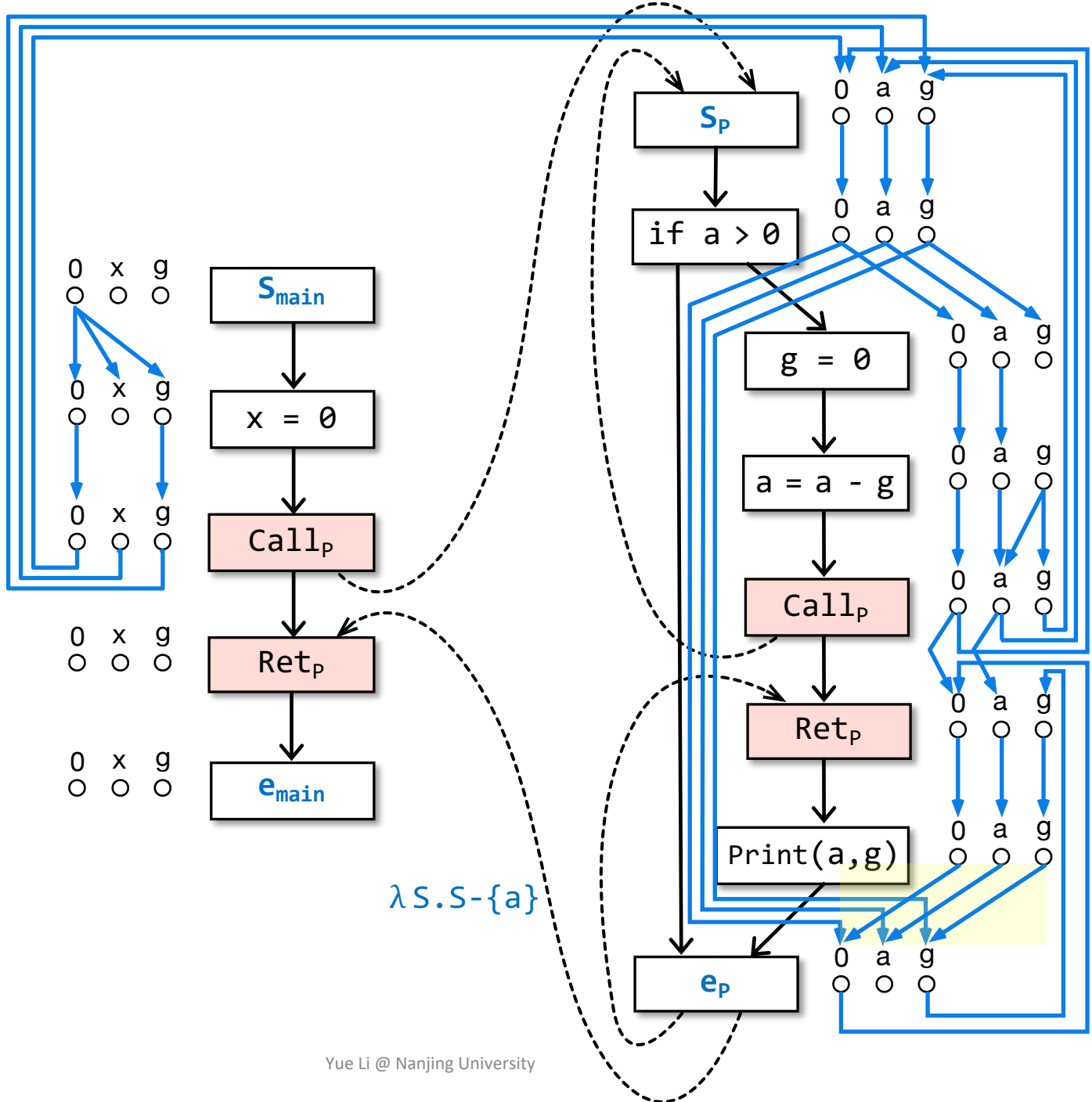


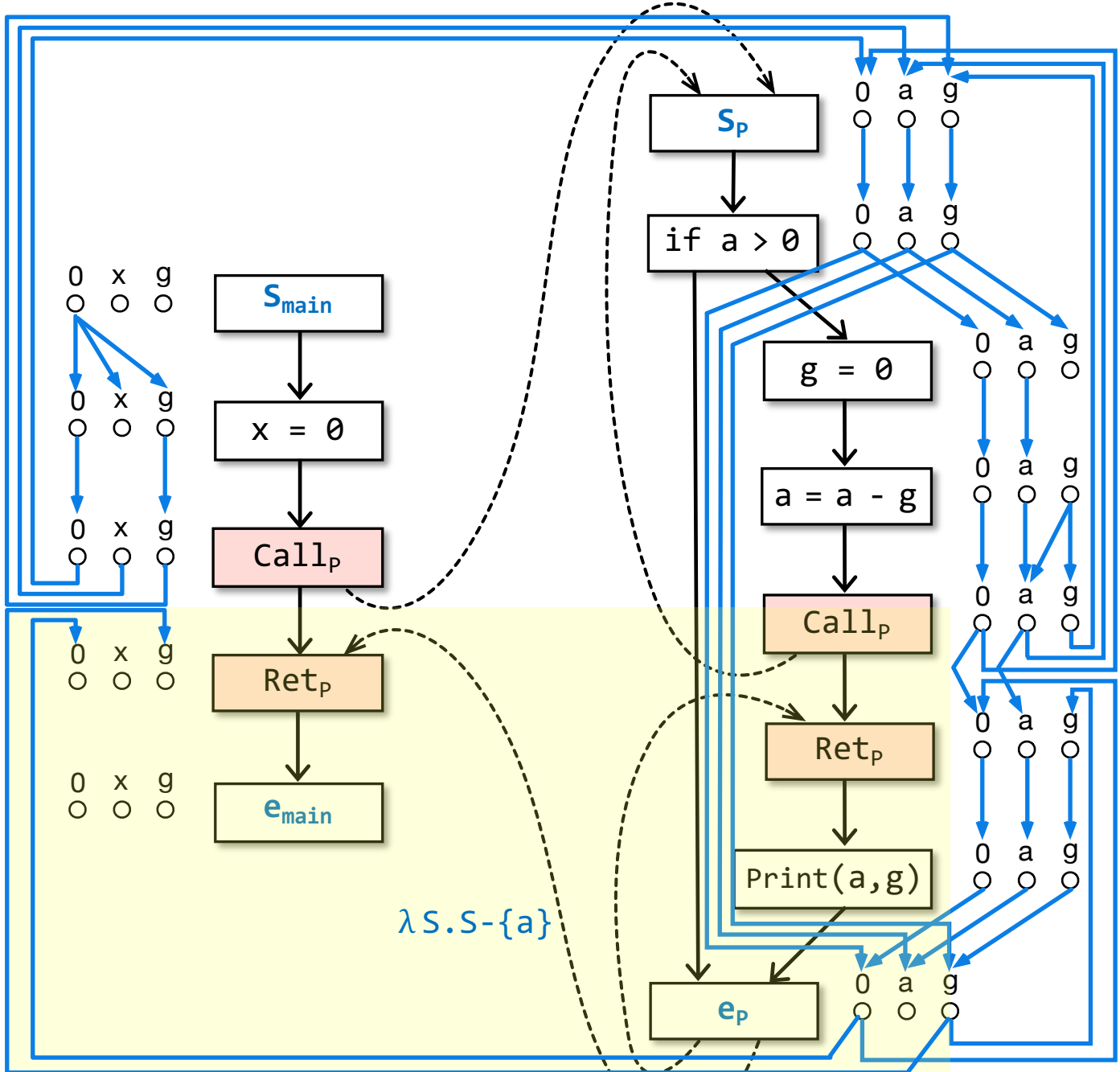


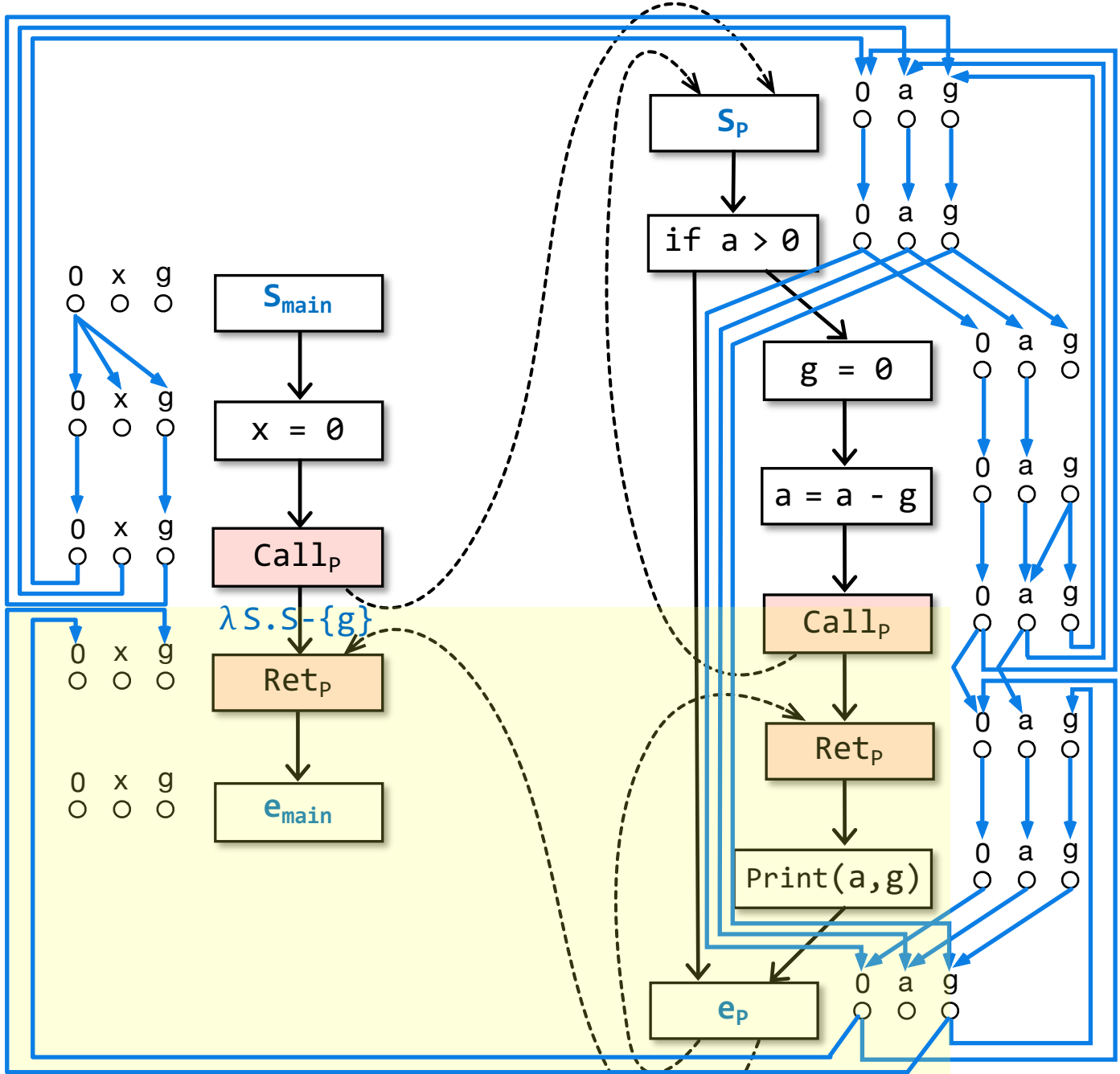


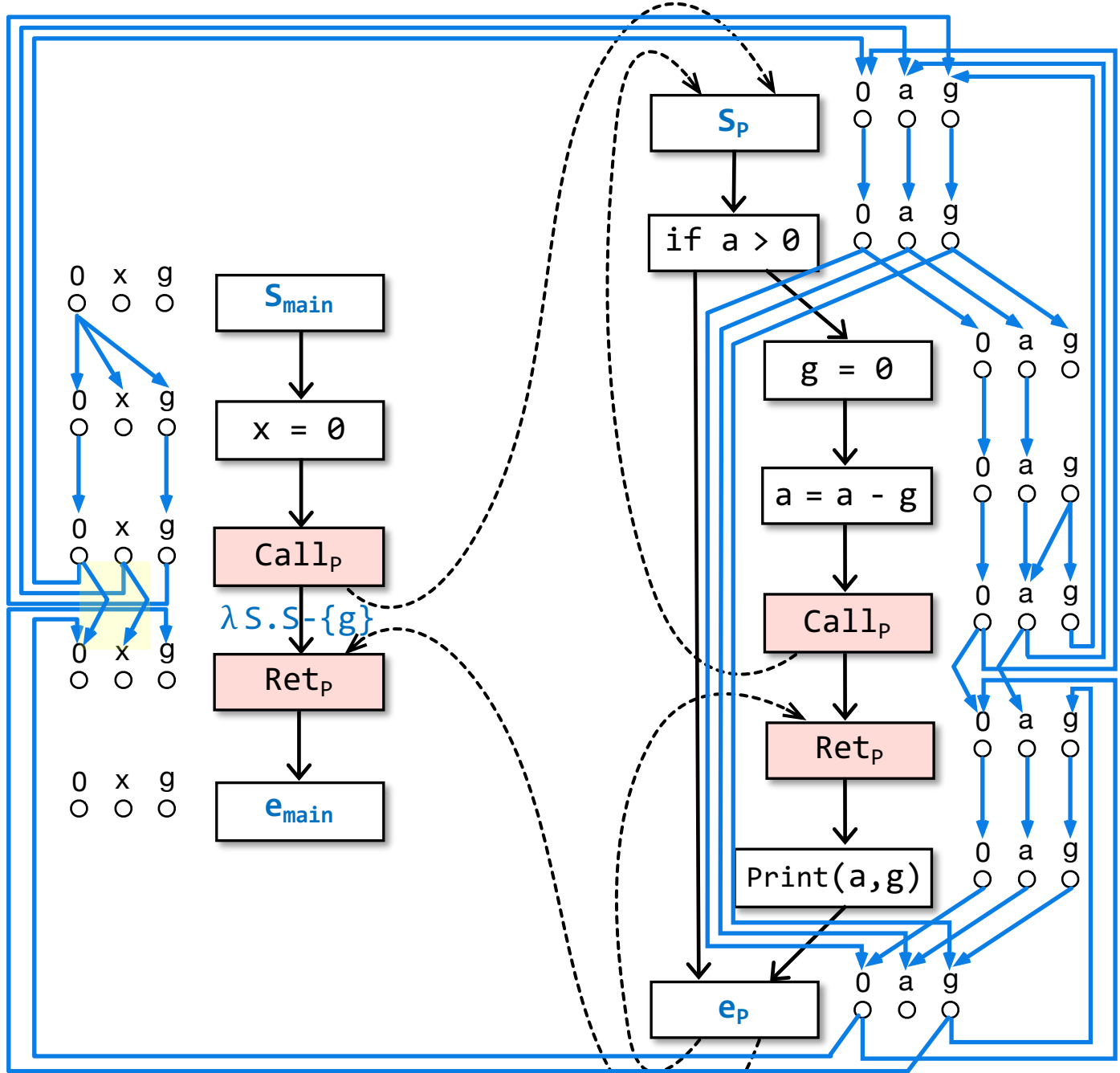


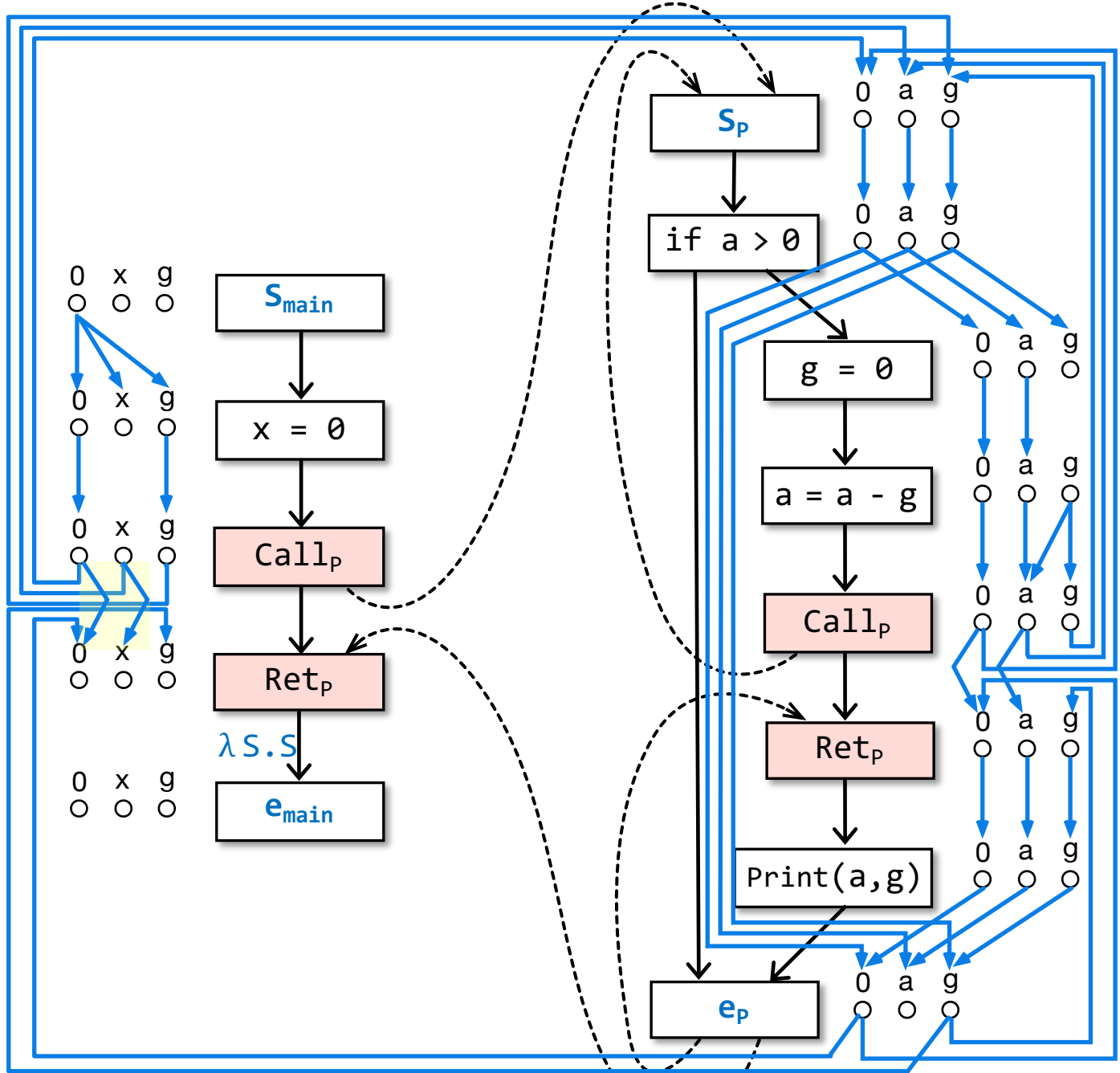


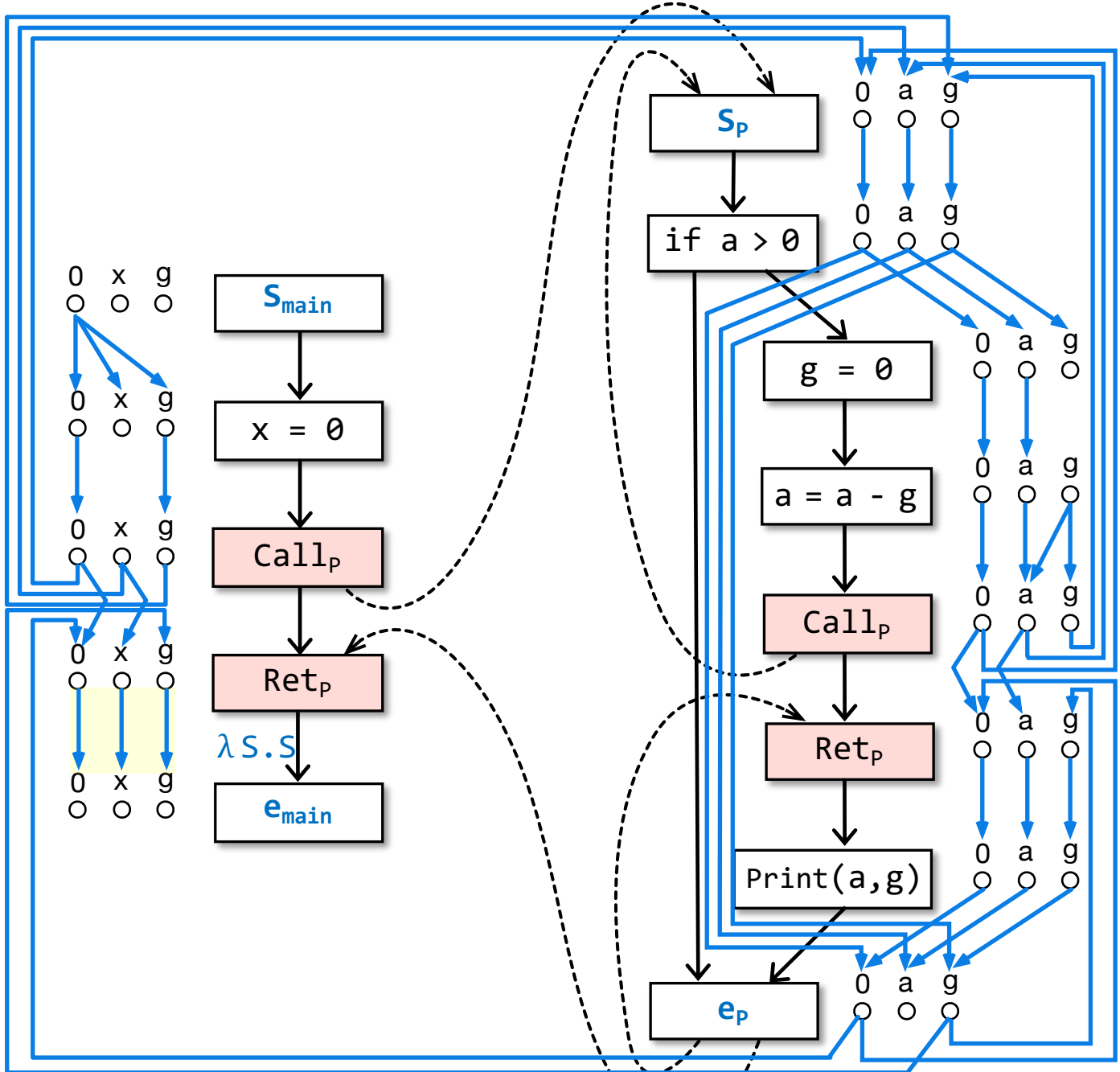




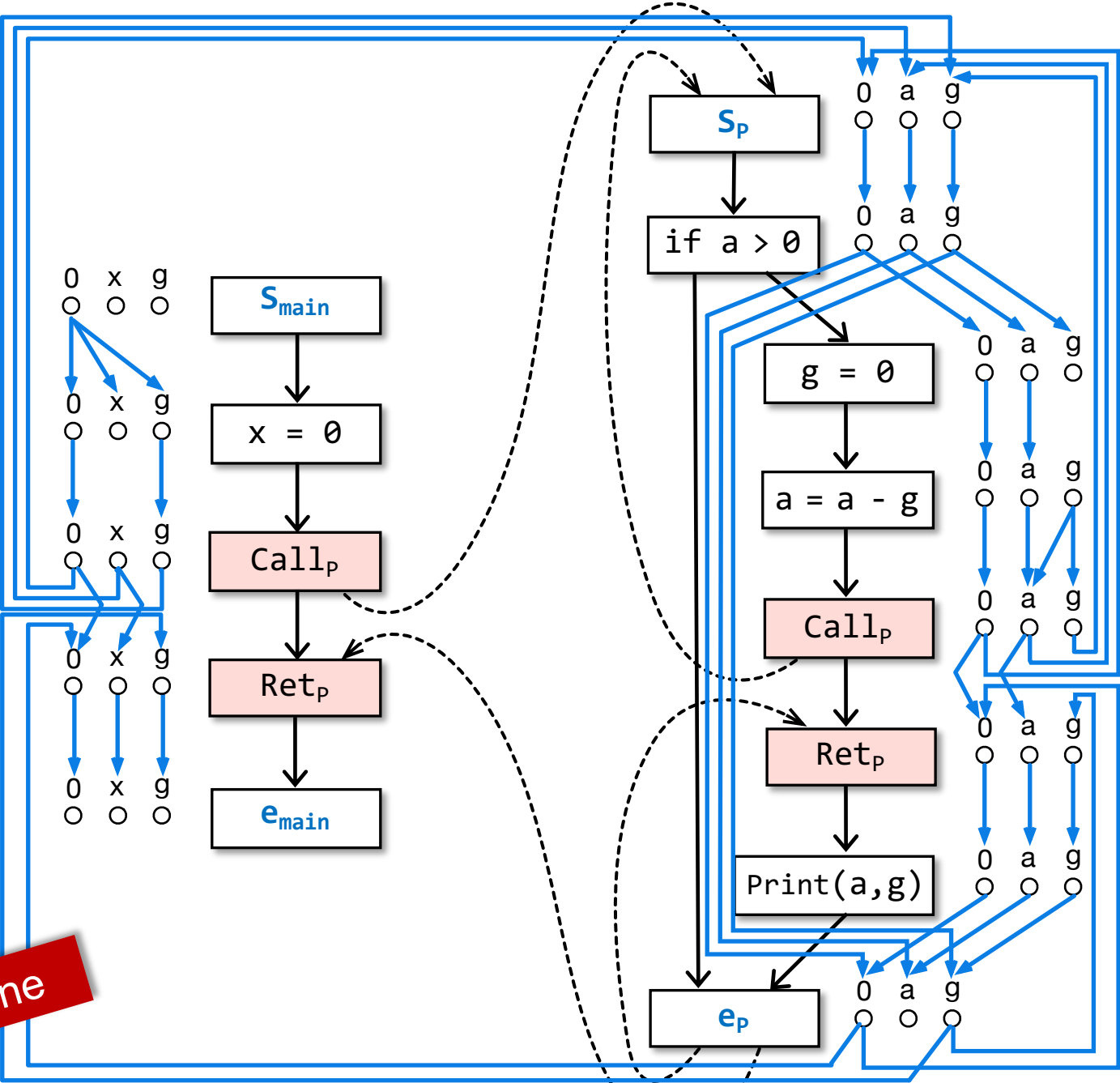


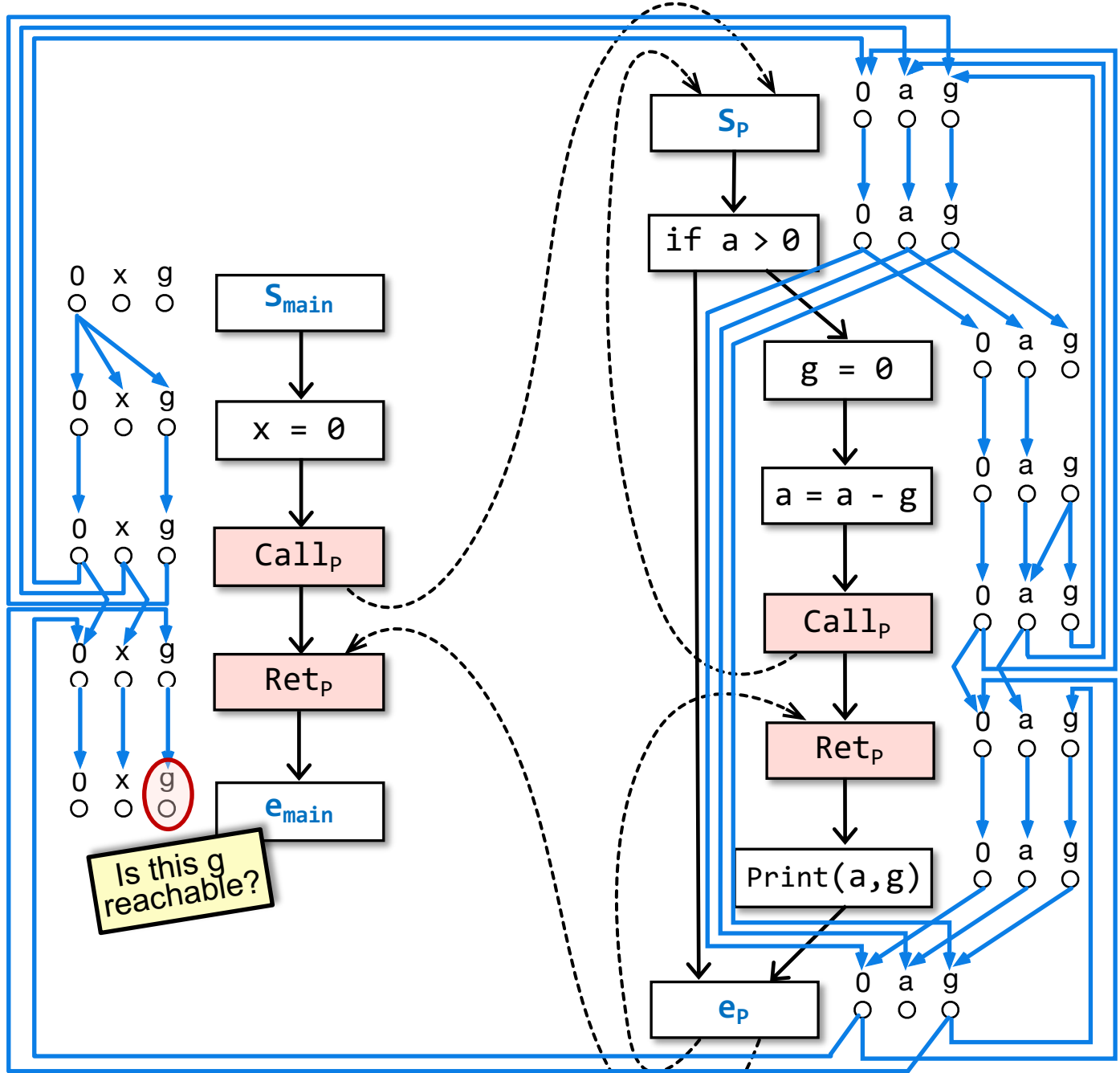


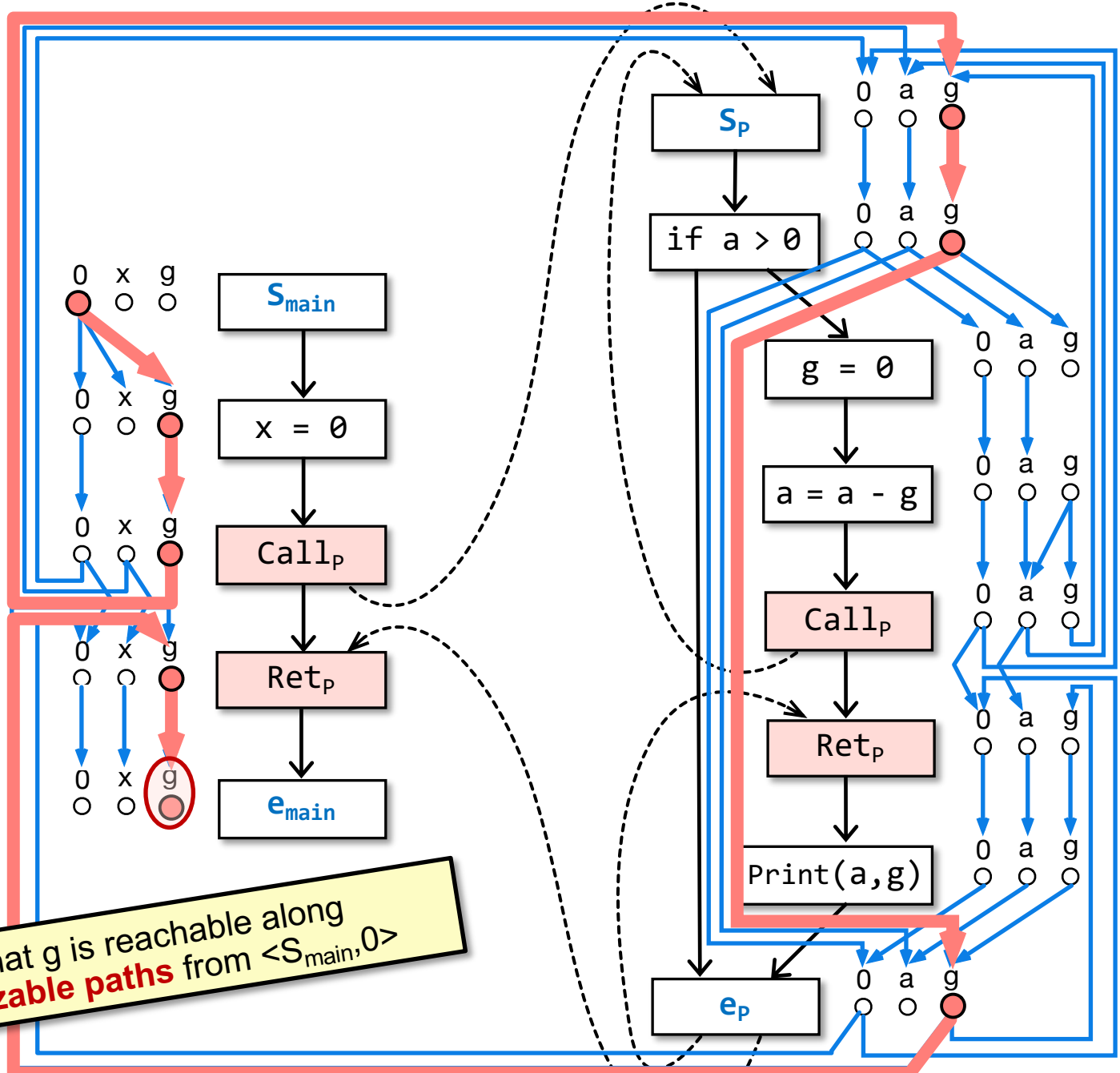




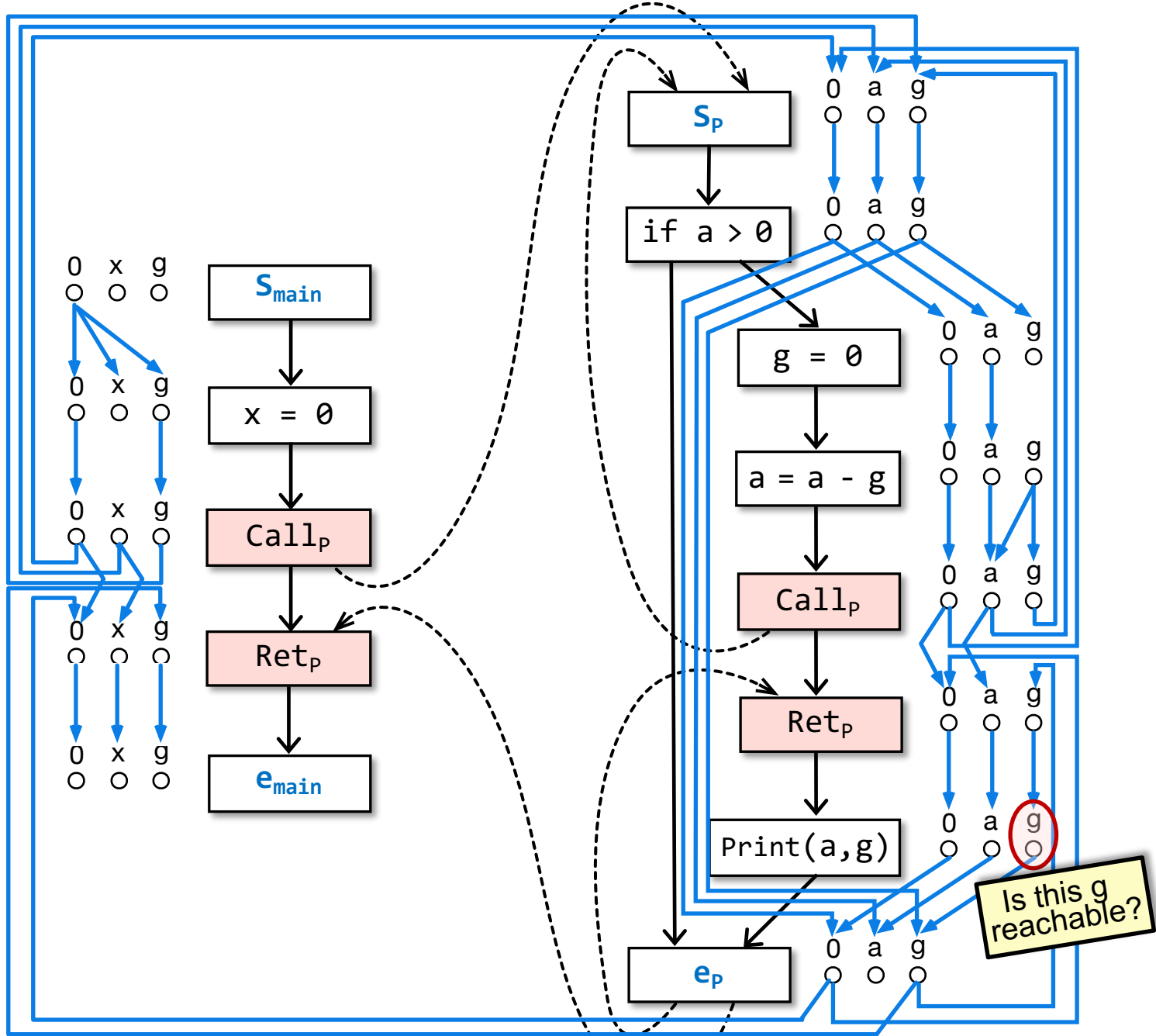
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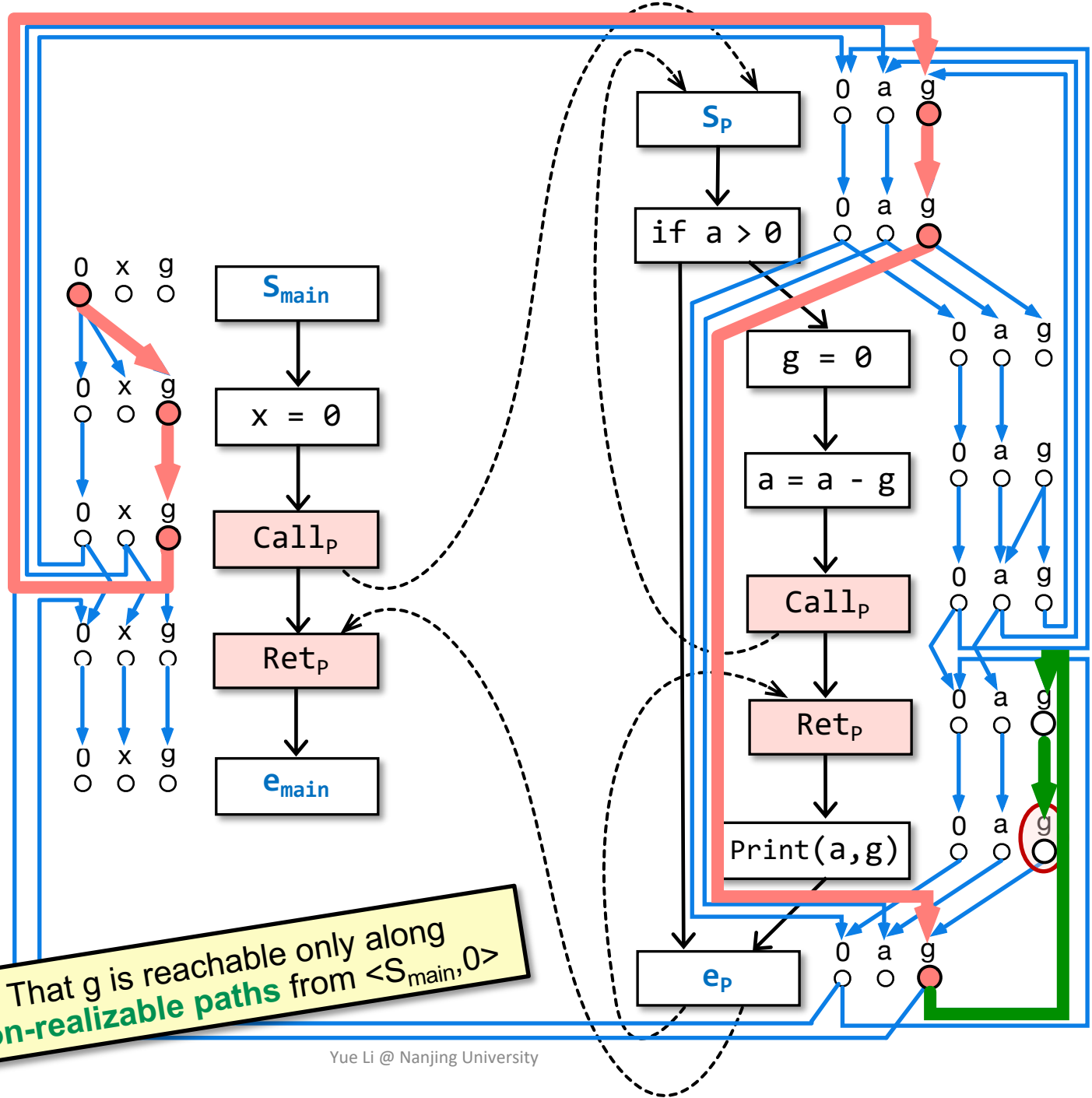




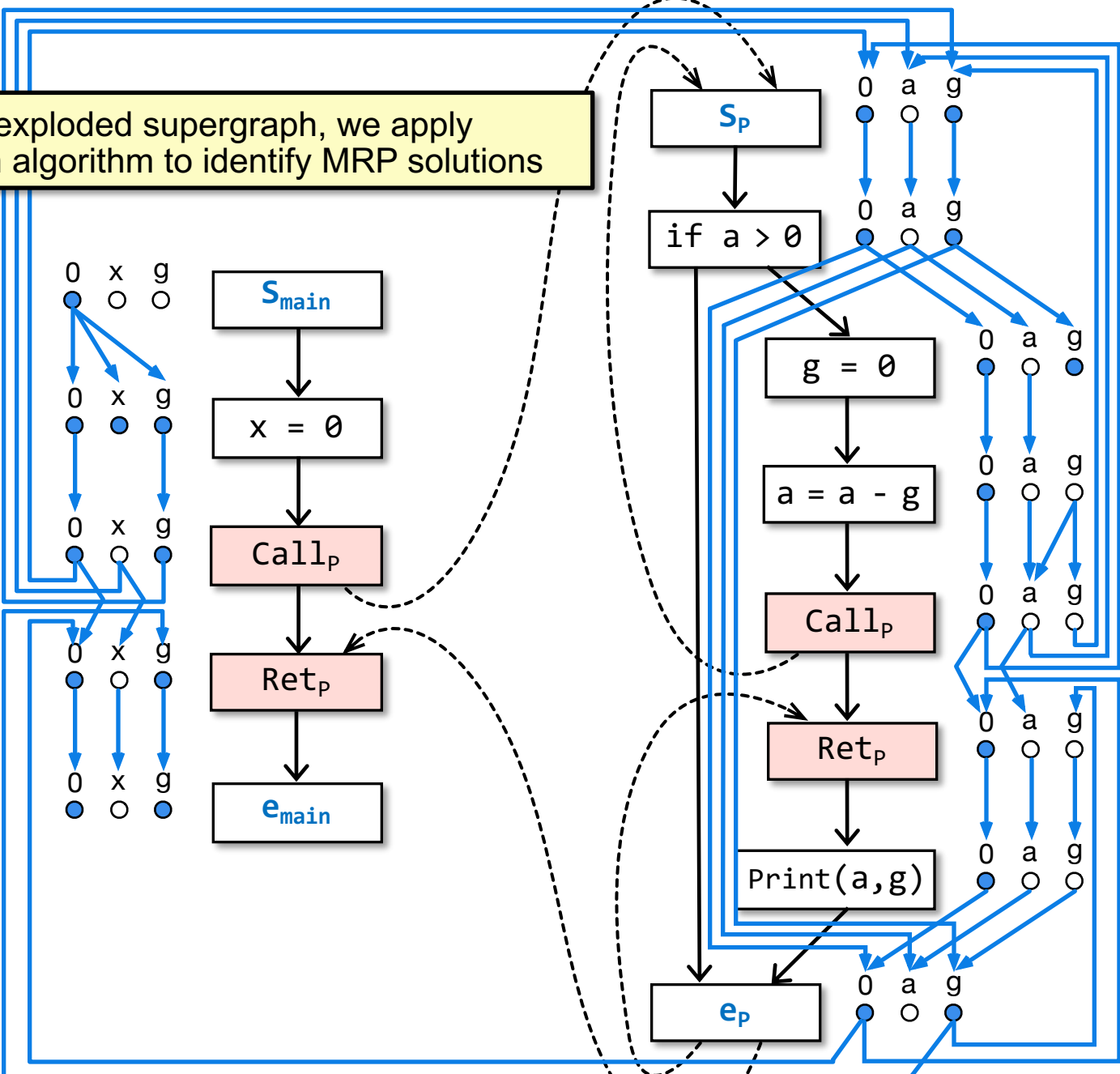
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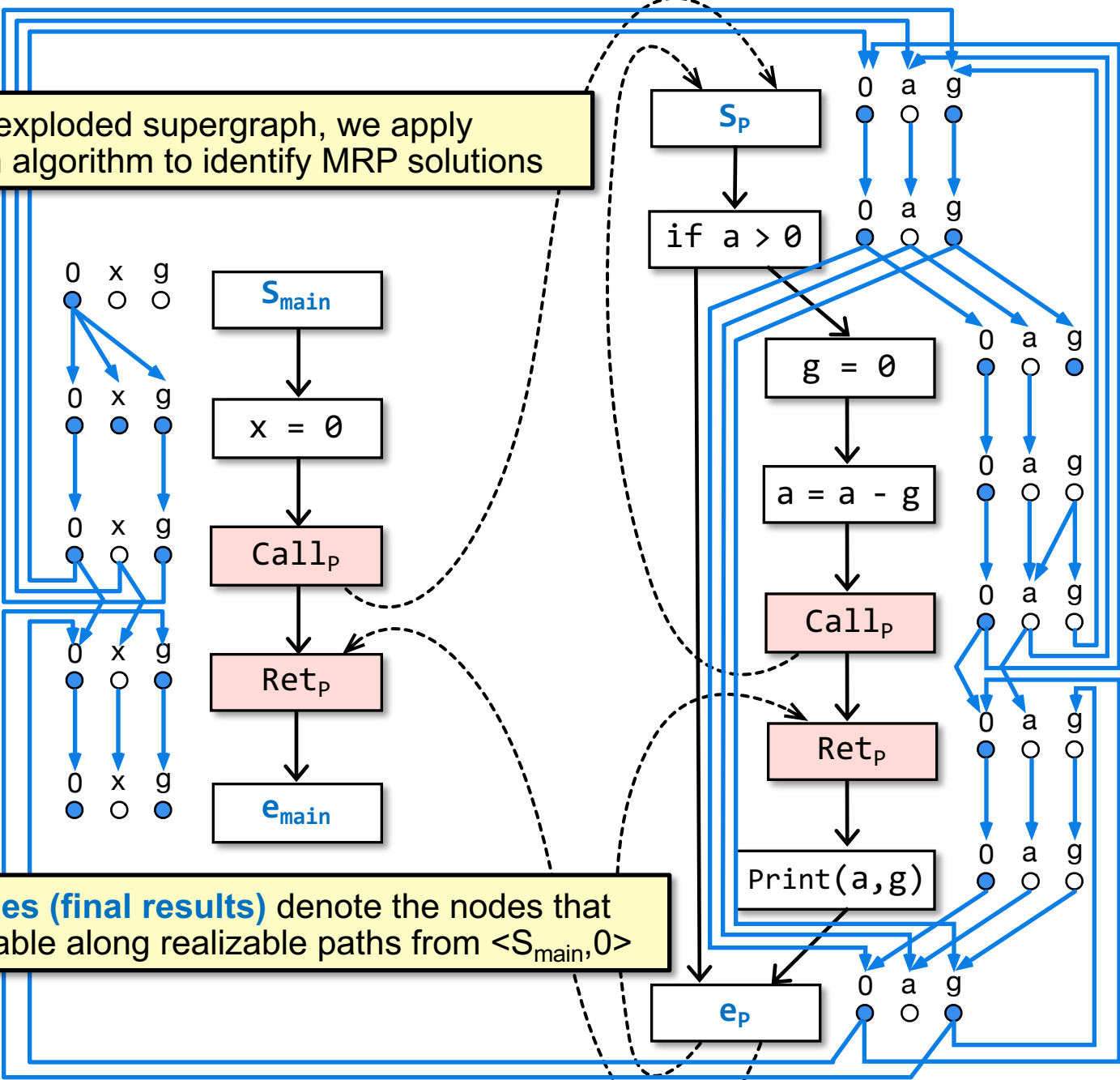
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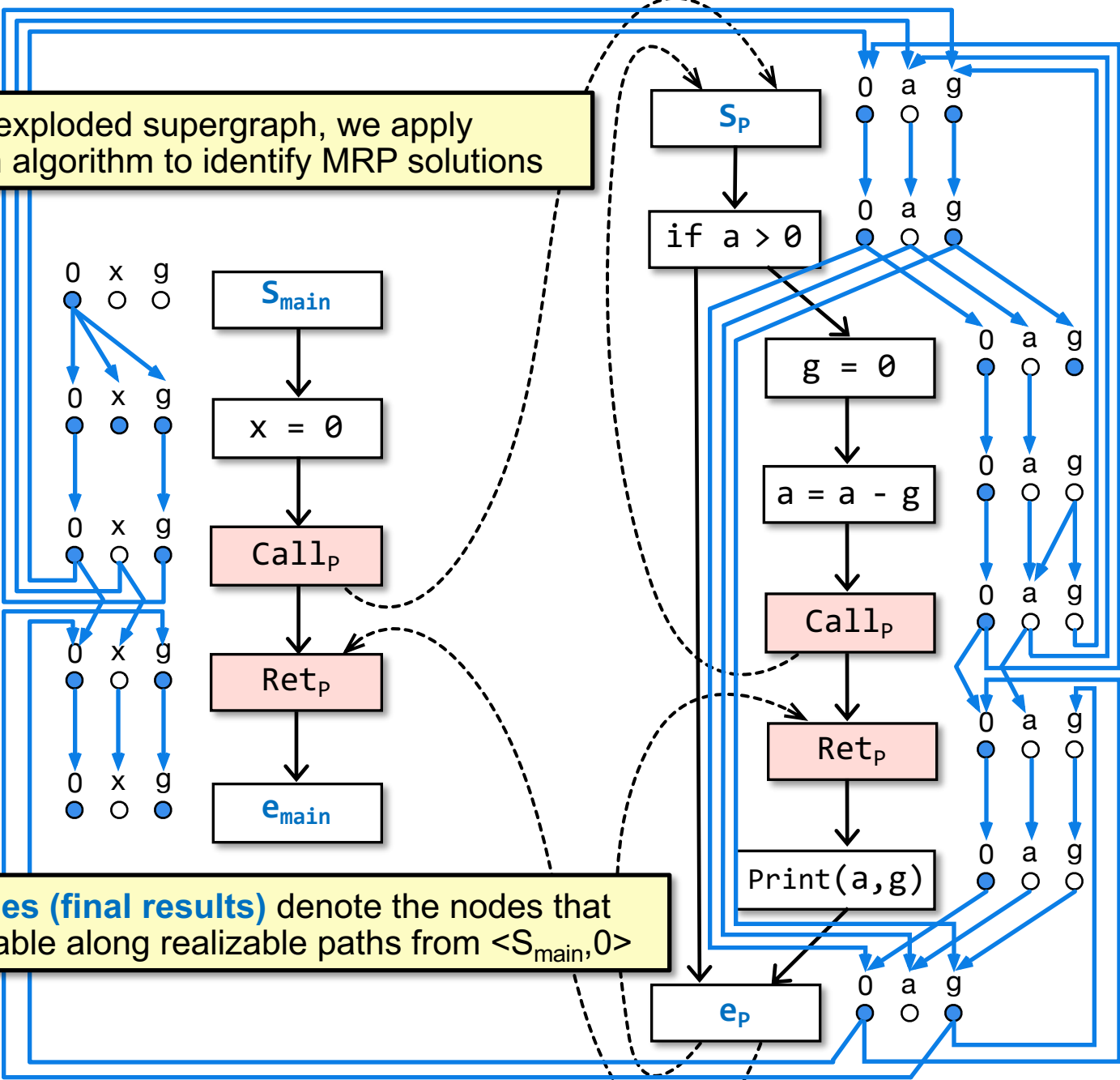
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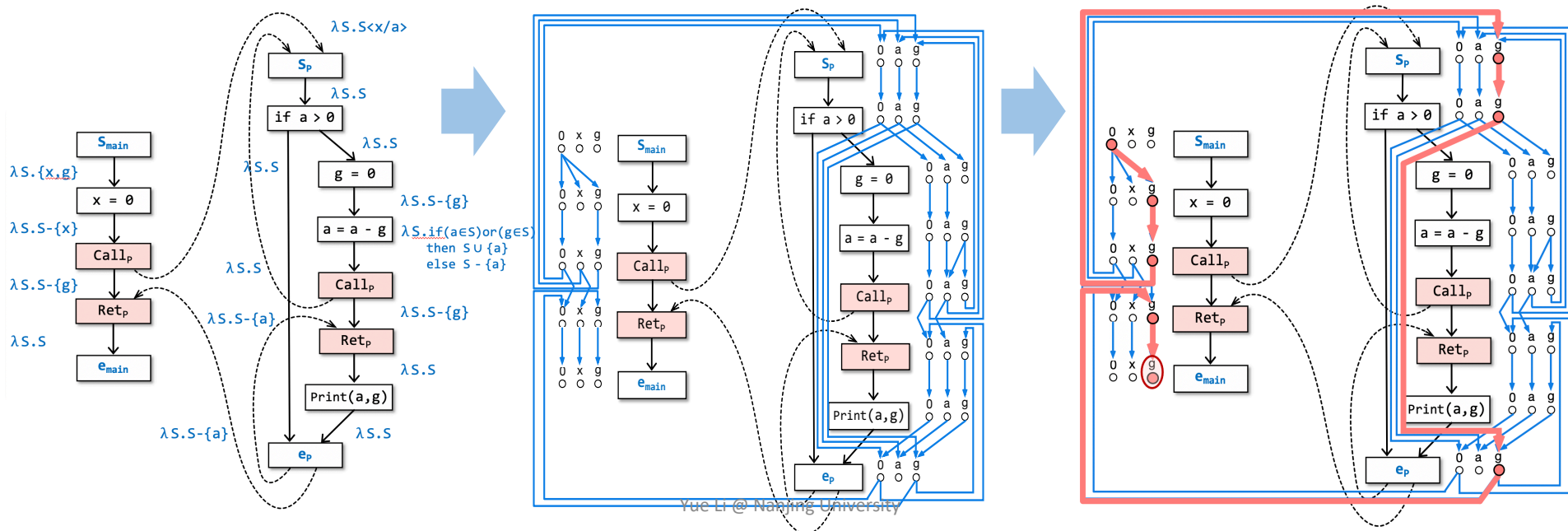


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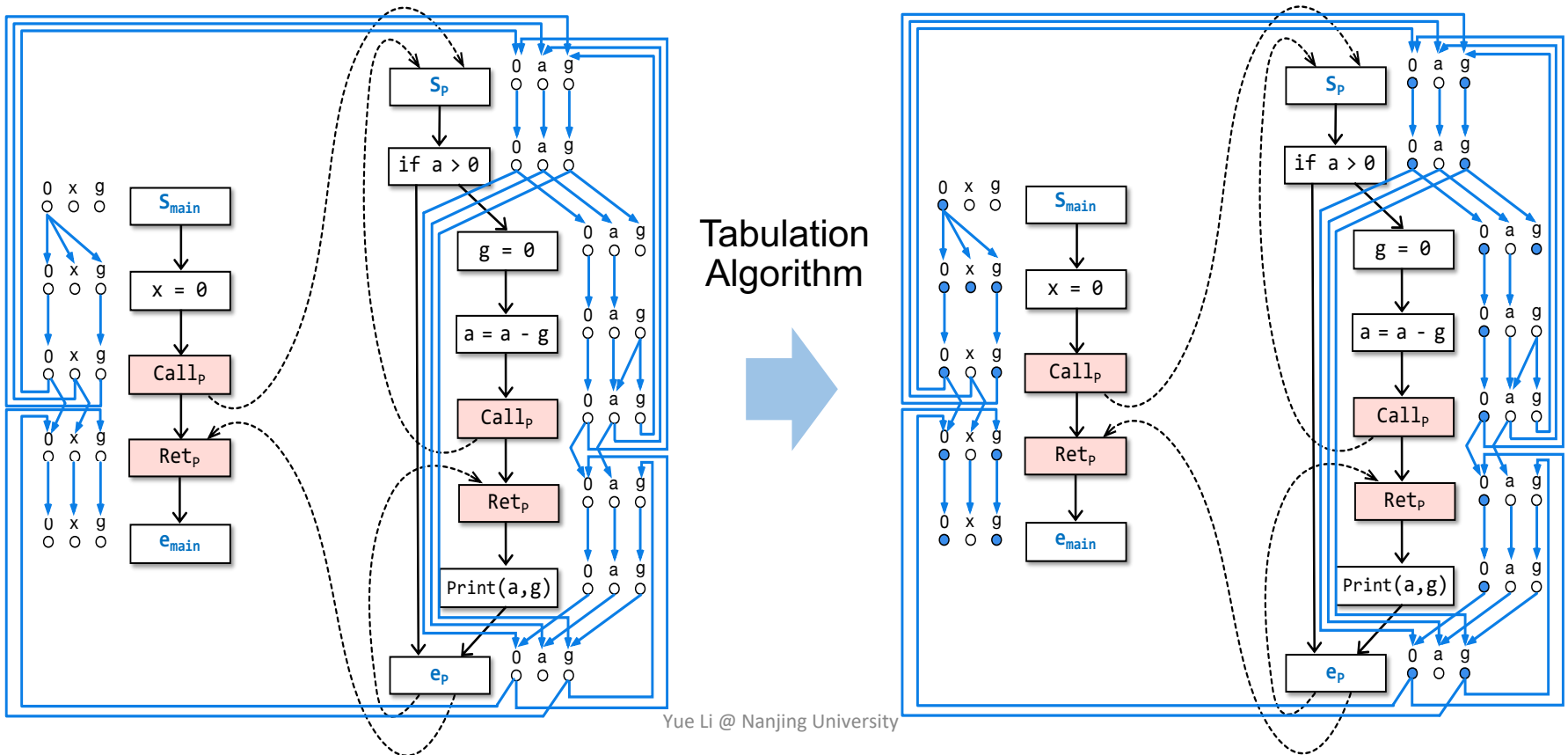
Given a program P, and a dataflow-analysis problem Q

- Build a **supergraph** G^* for P and define **flow functions** for edges in G^* based on Q
- Build **exploded supergraph** $G^\#$ for P by transforming flow functions to **representation relations** (graphs)
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Tabulation Algorithm

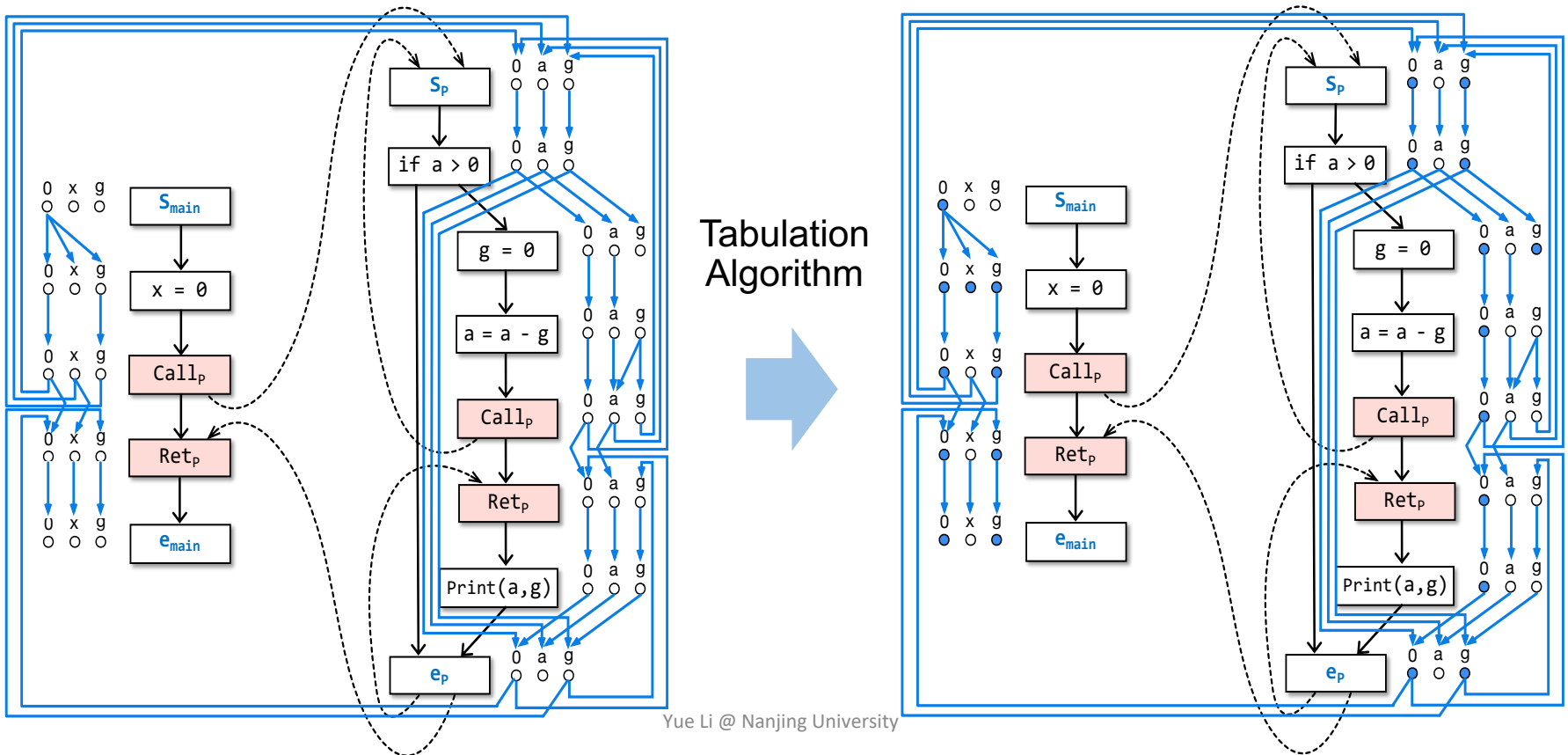
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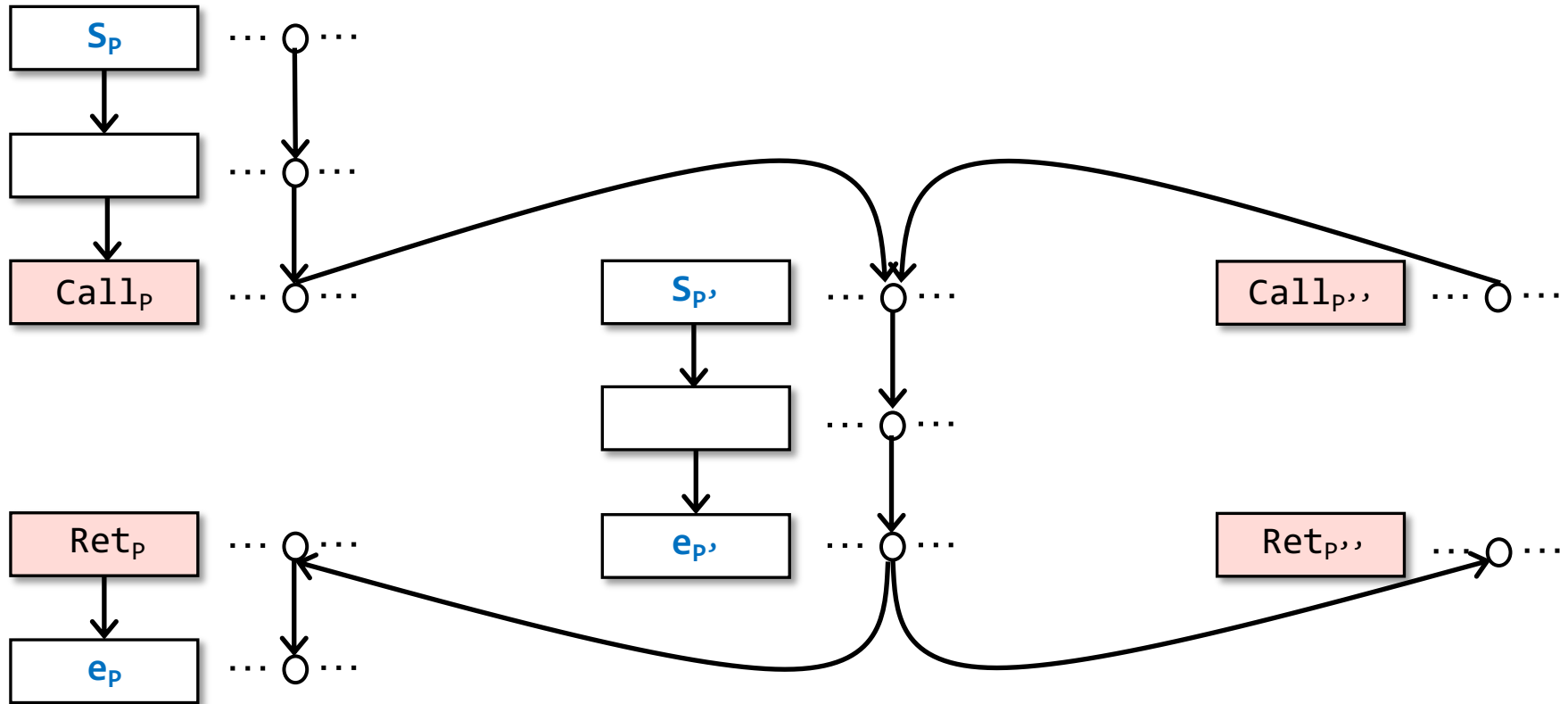
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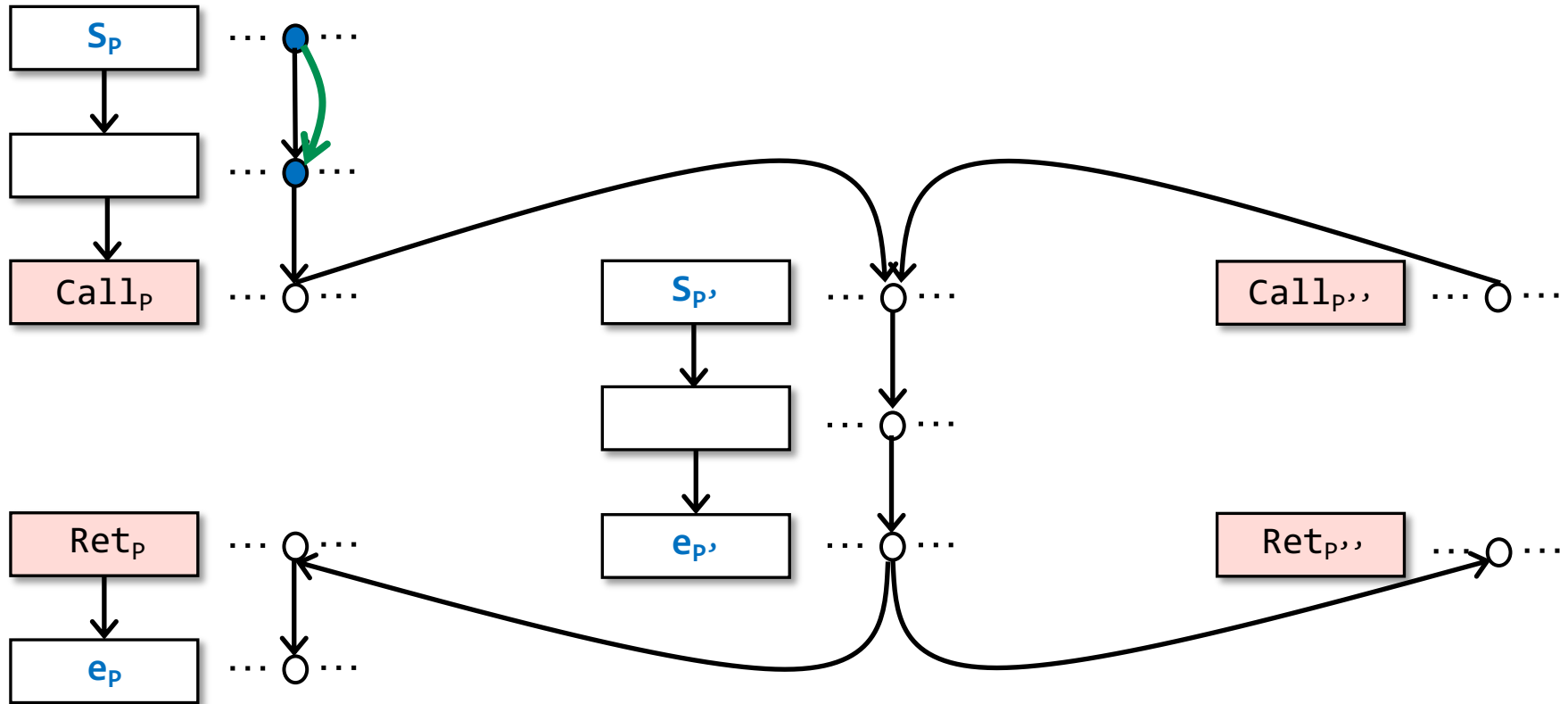
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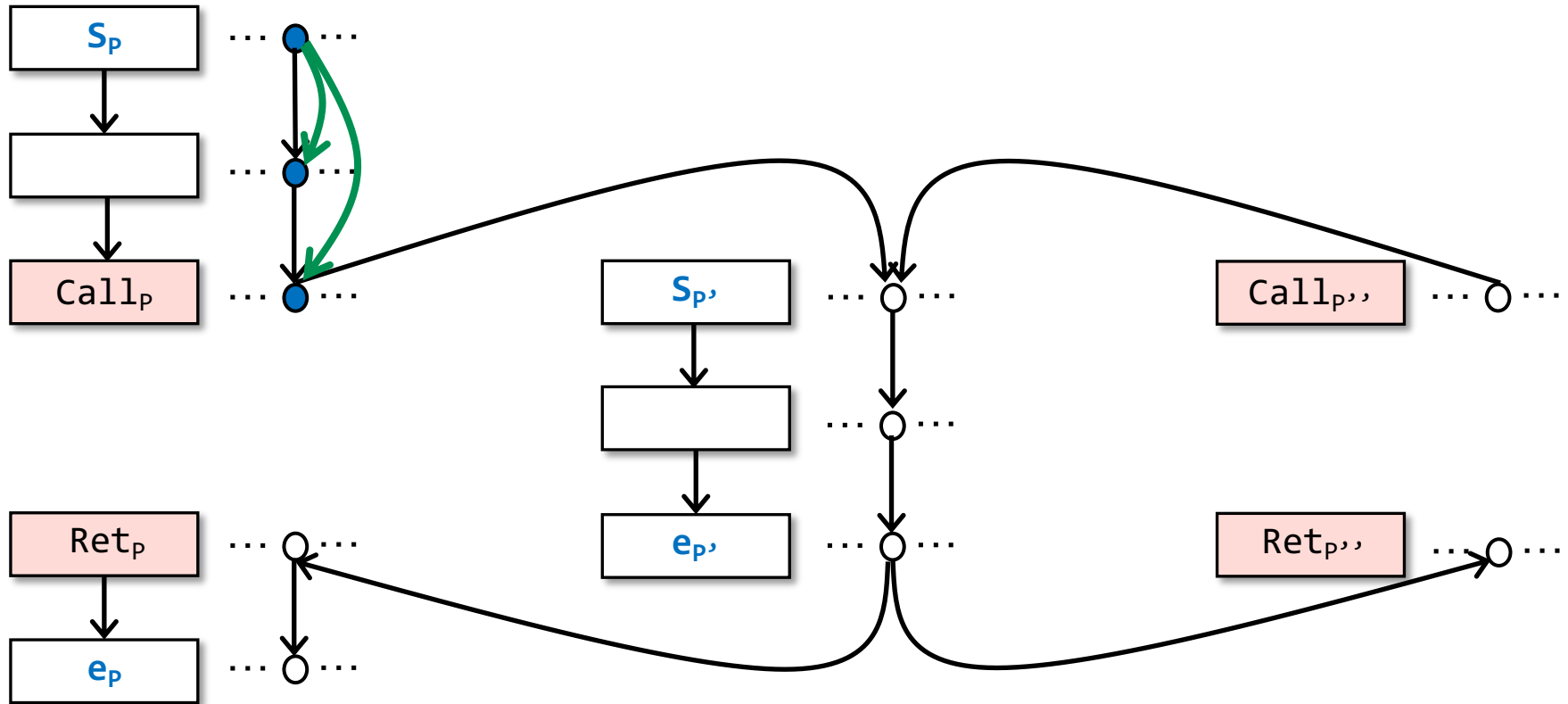
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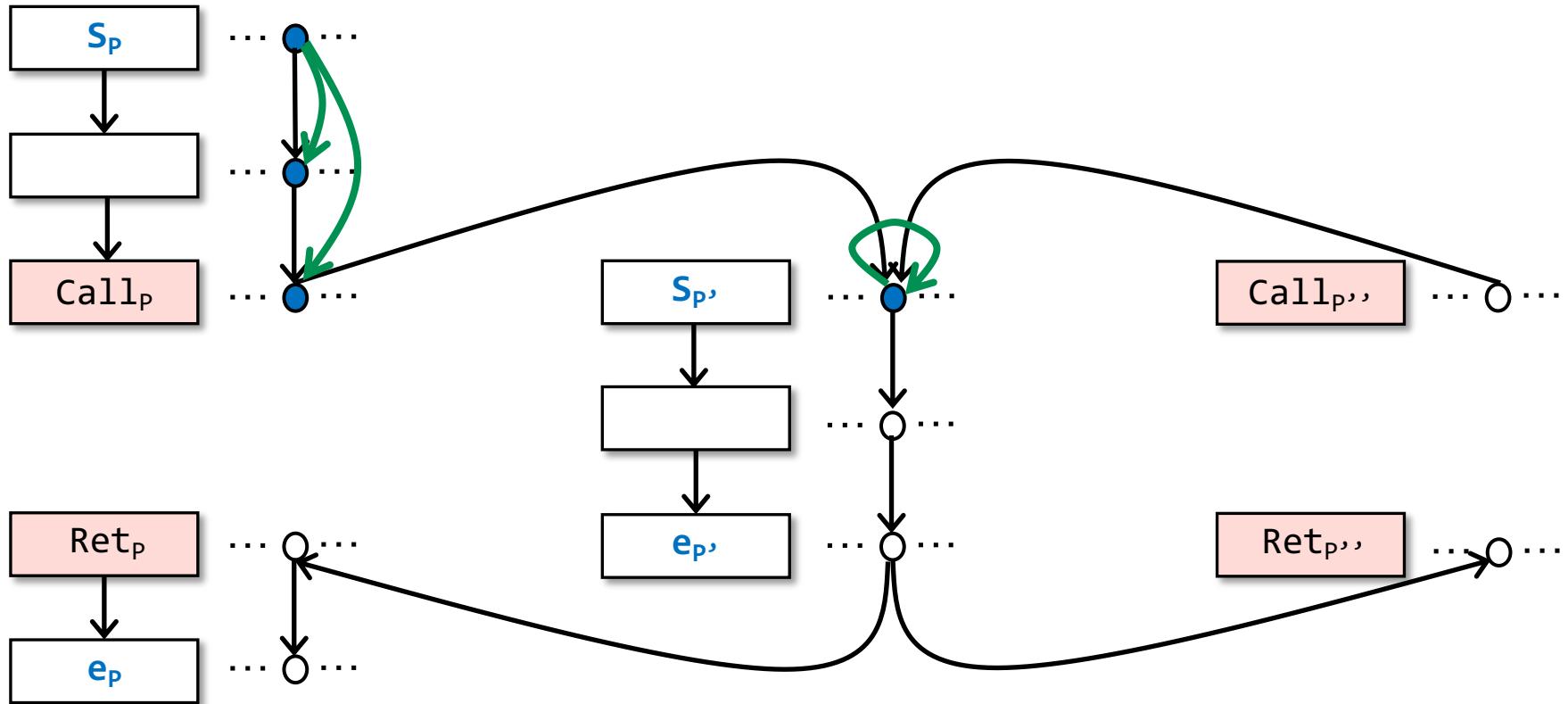
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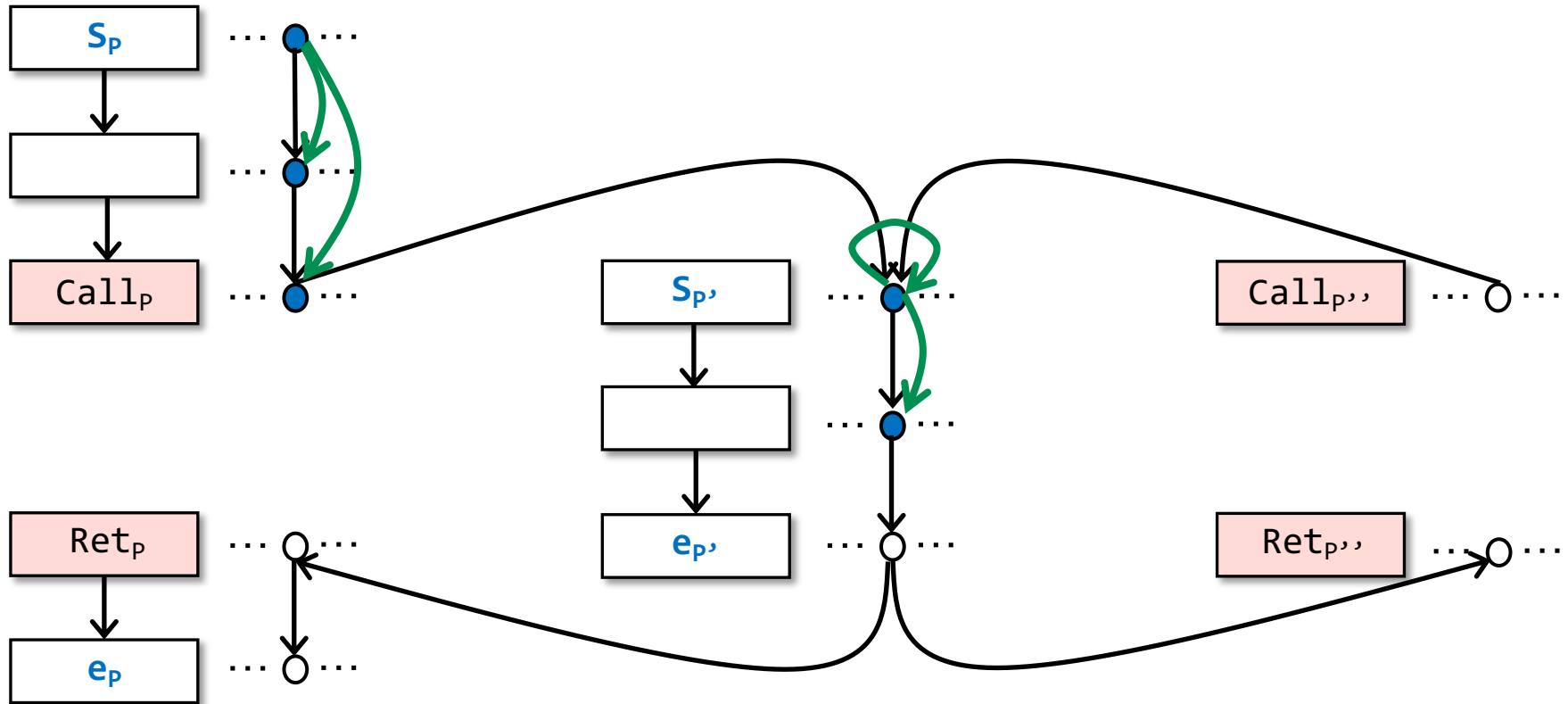
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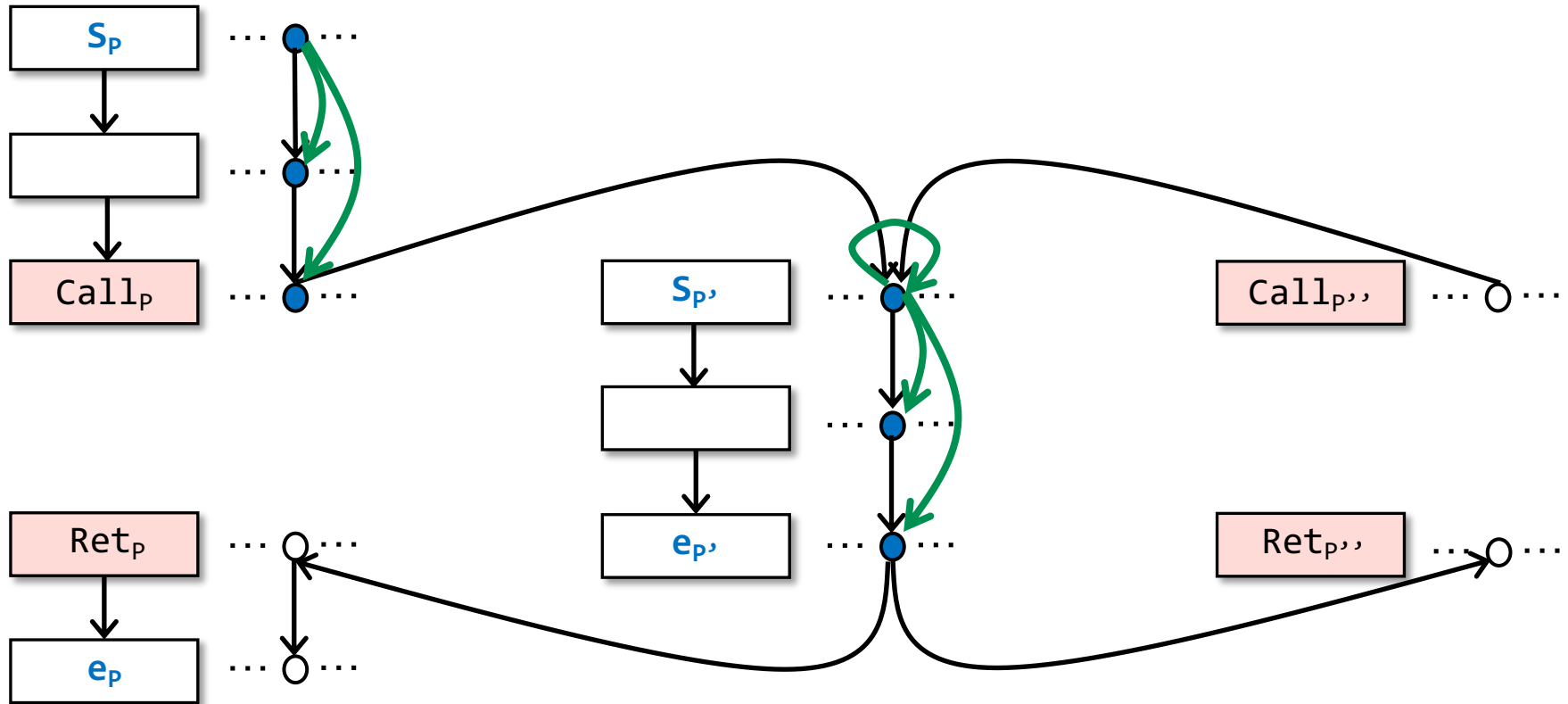
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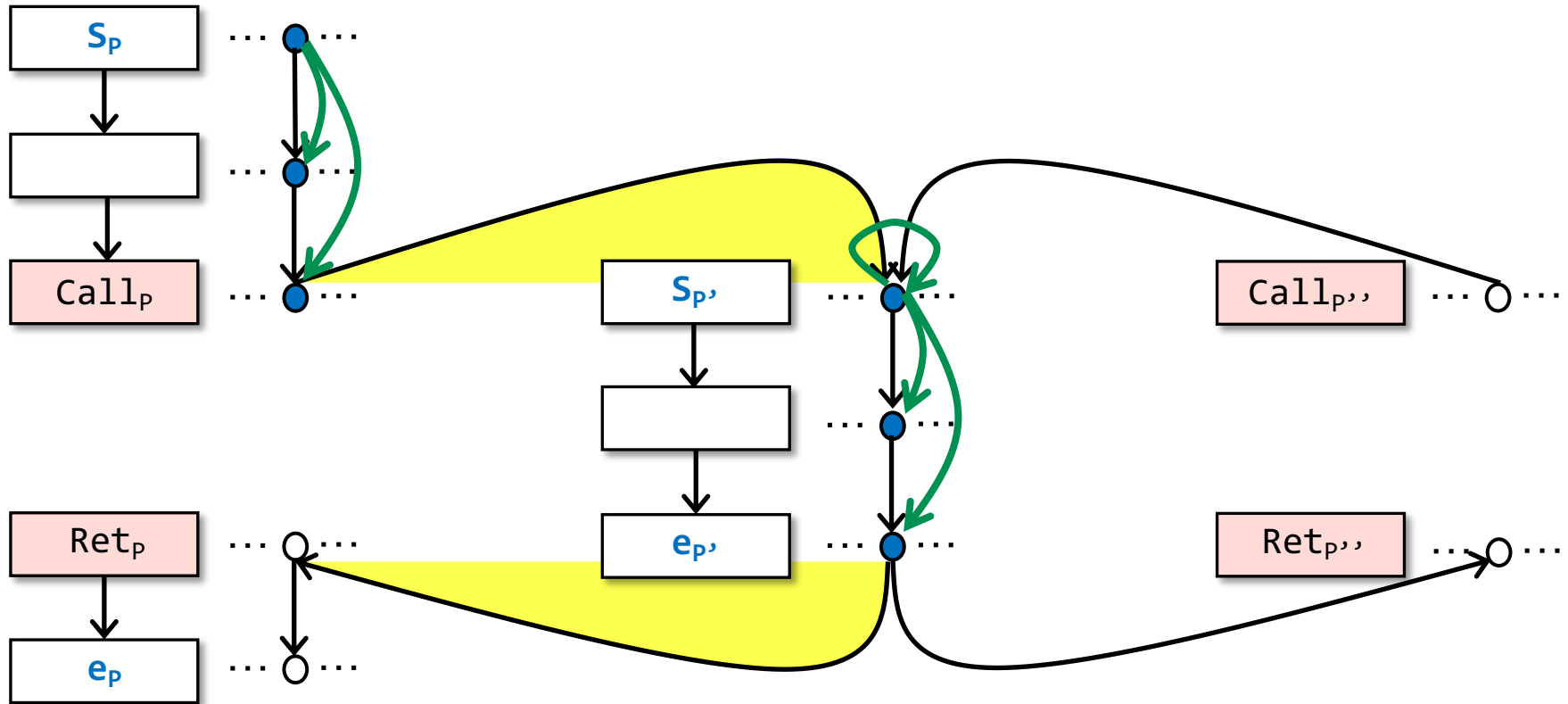
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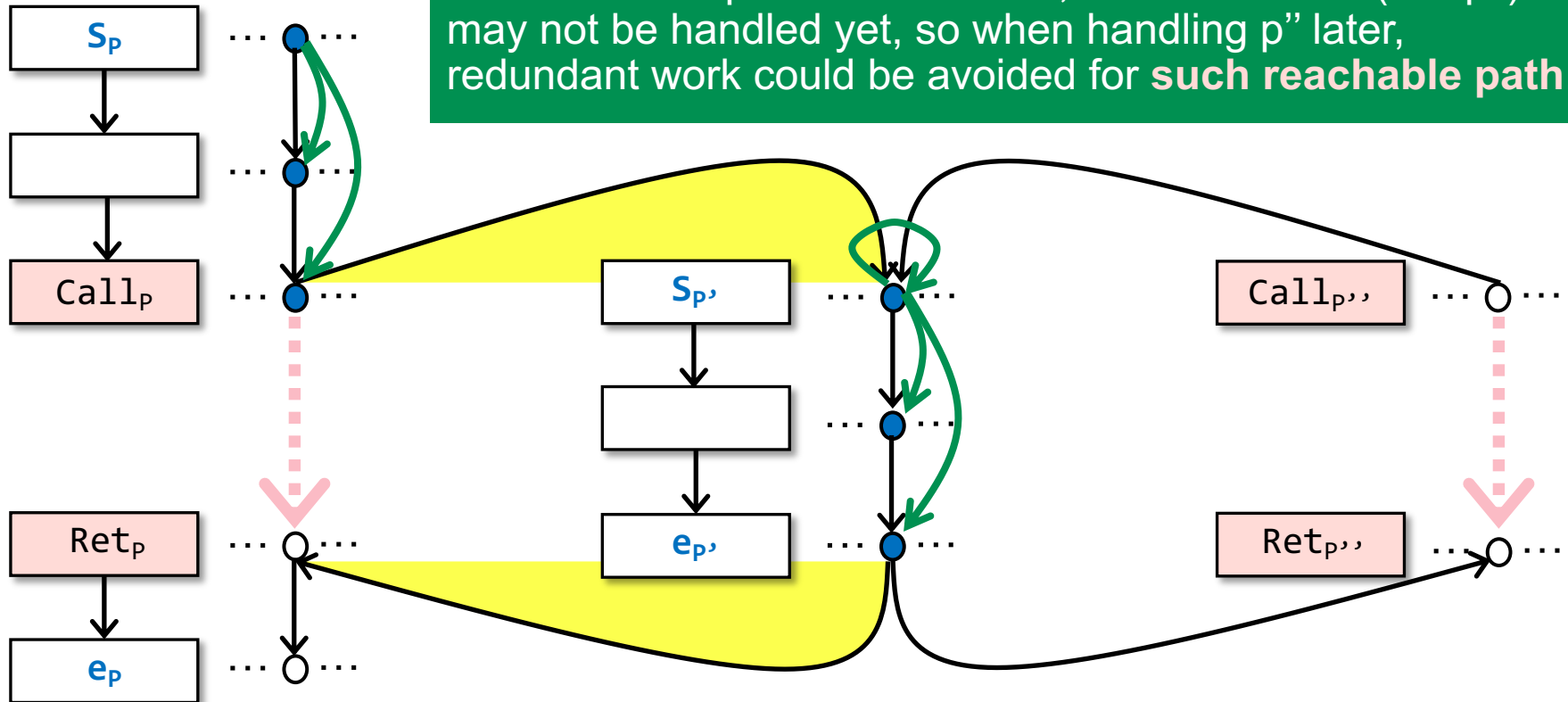
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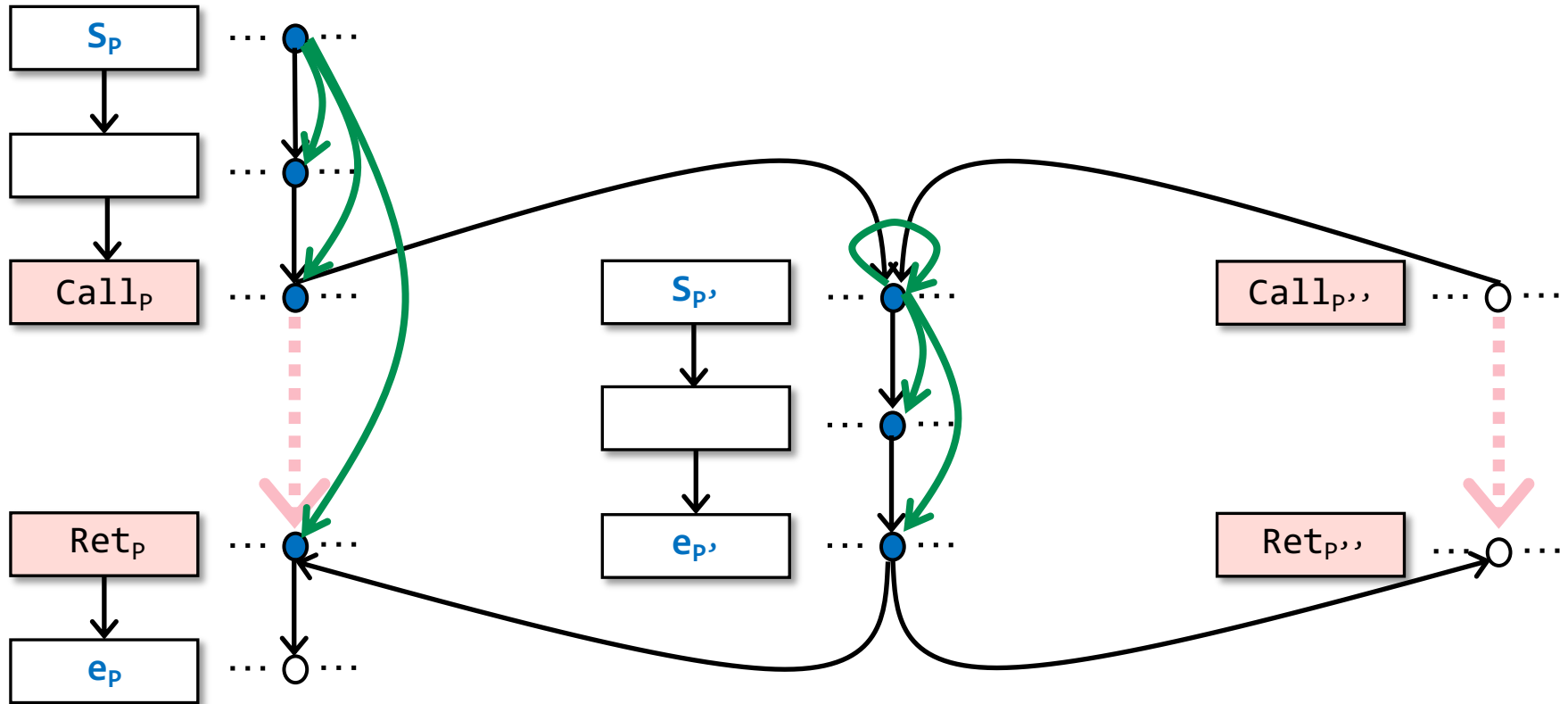
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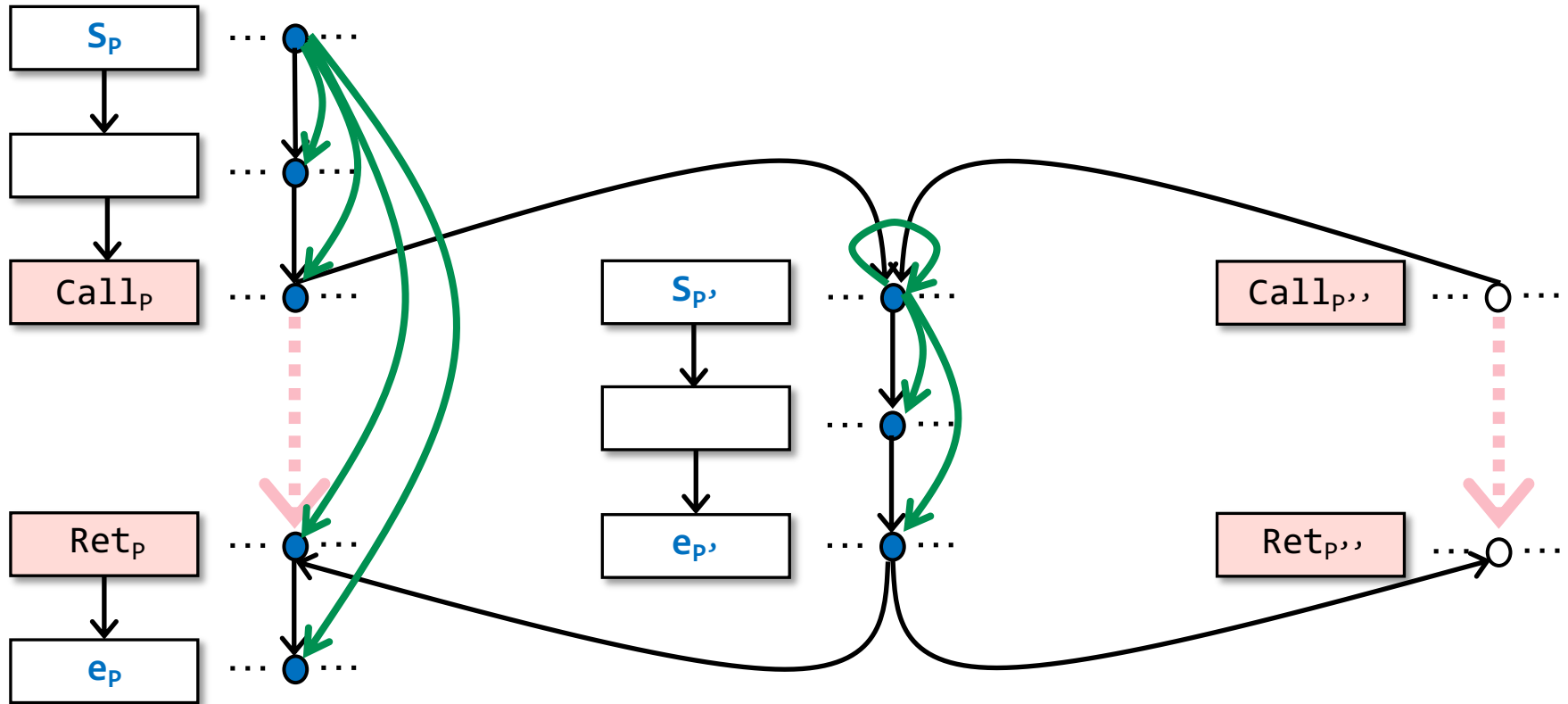


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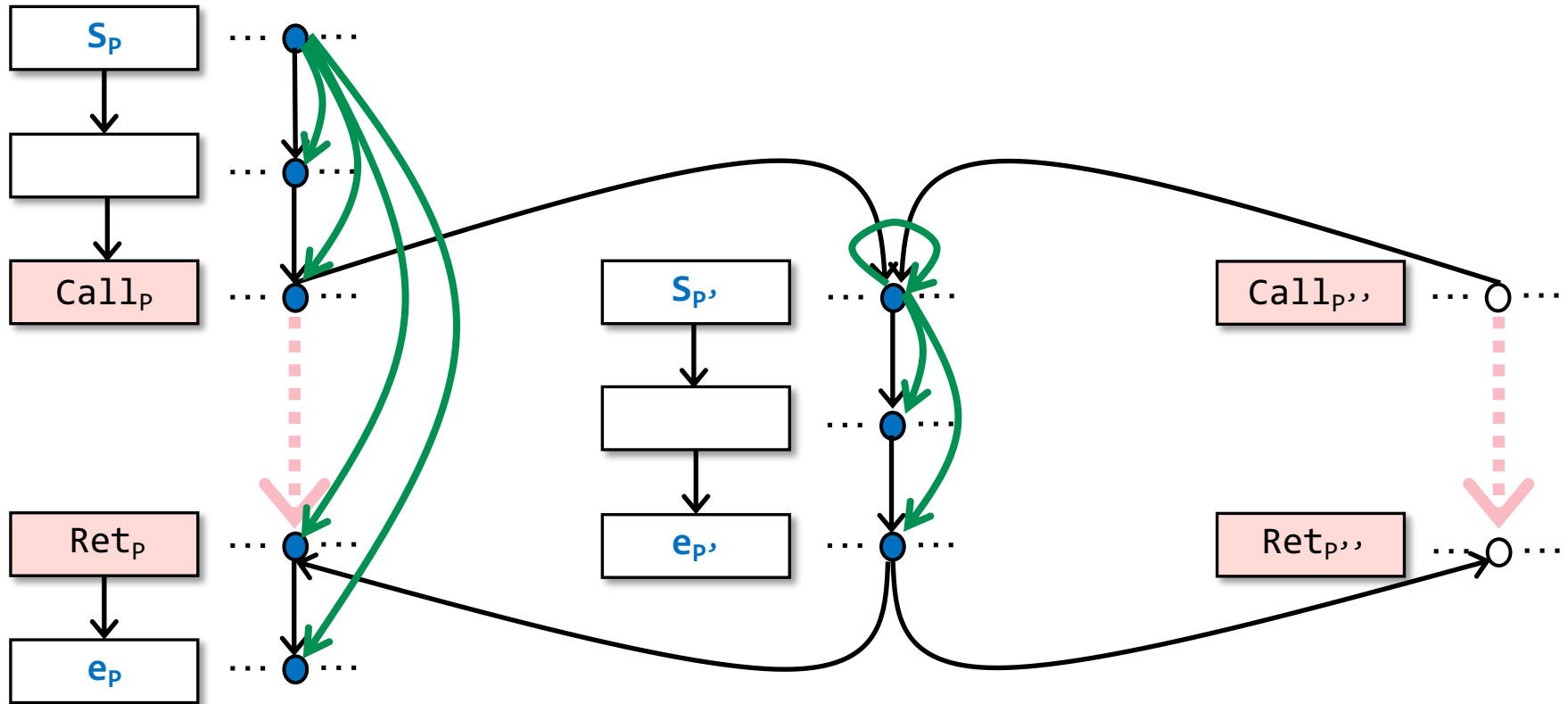
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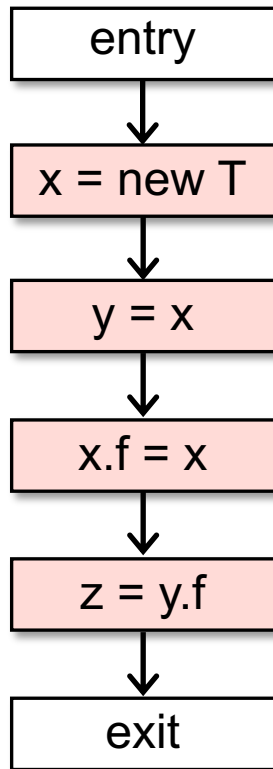
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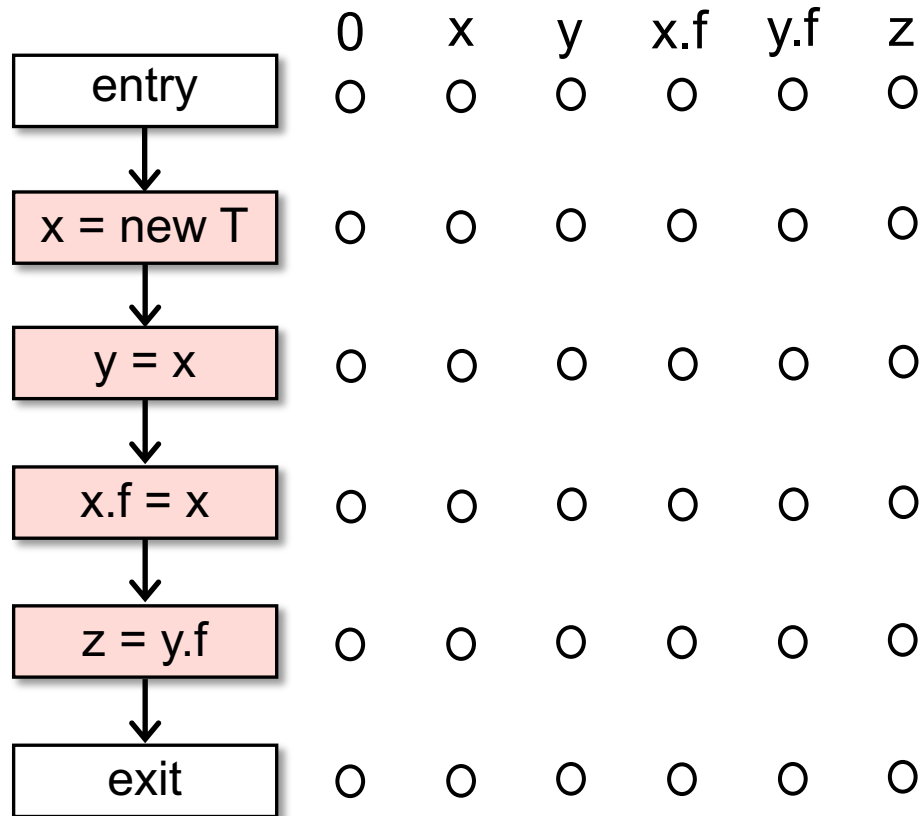
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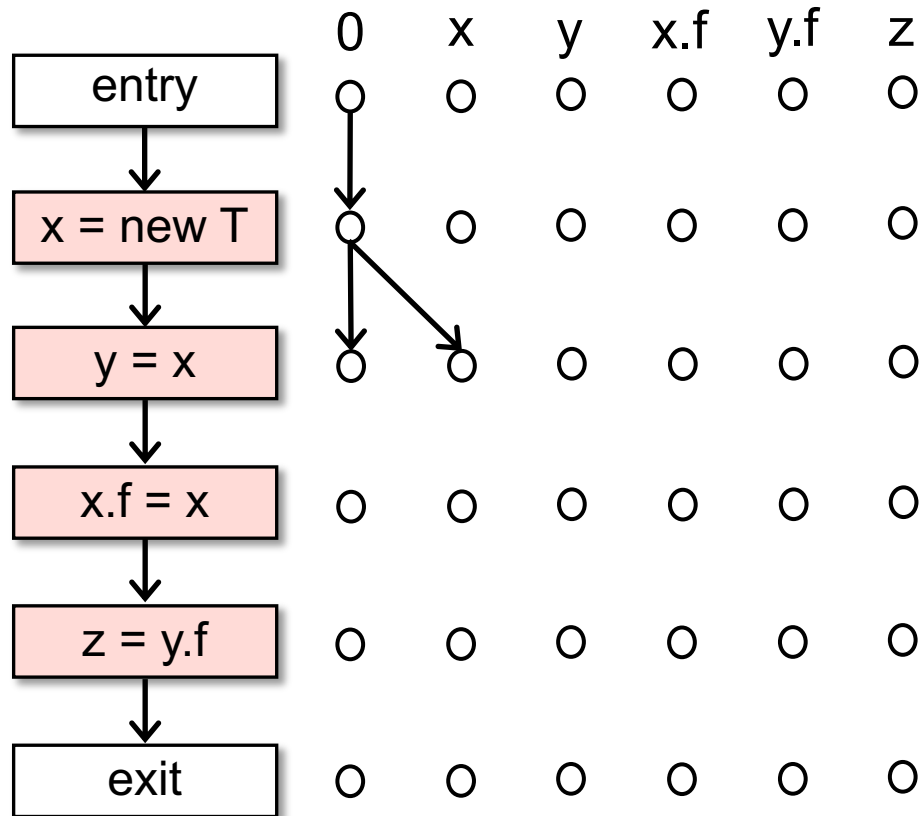
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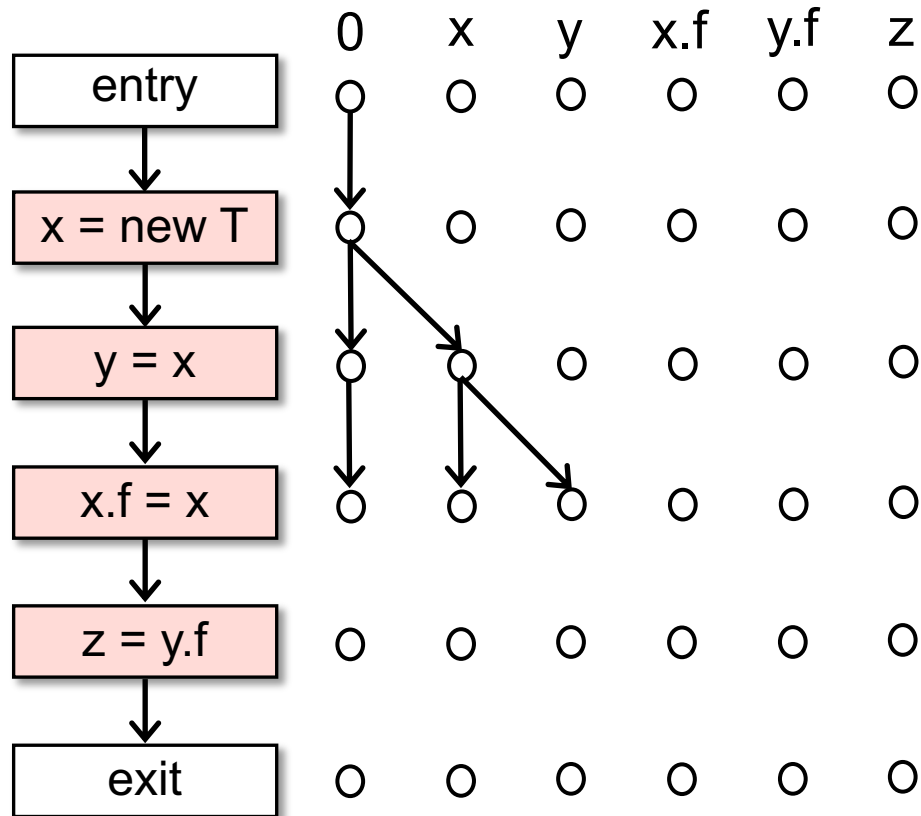
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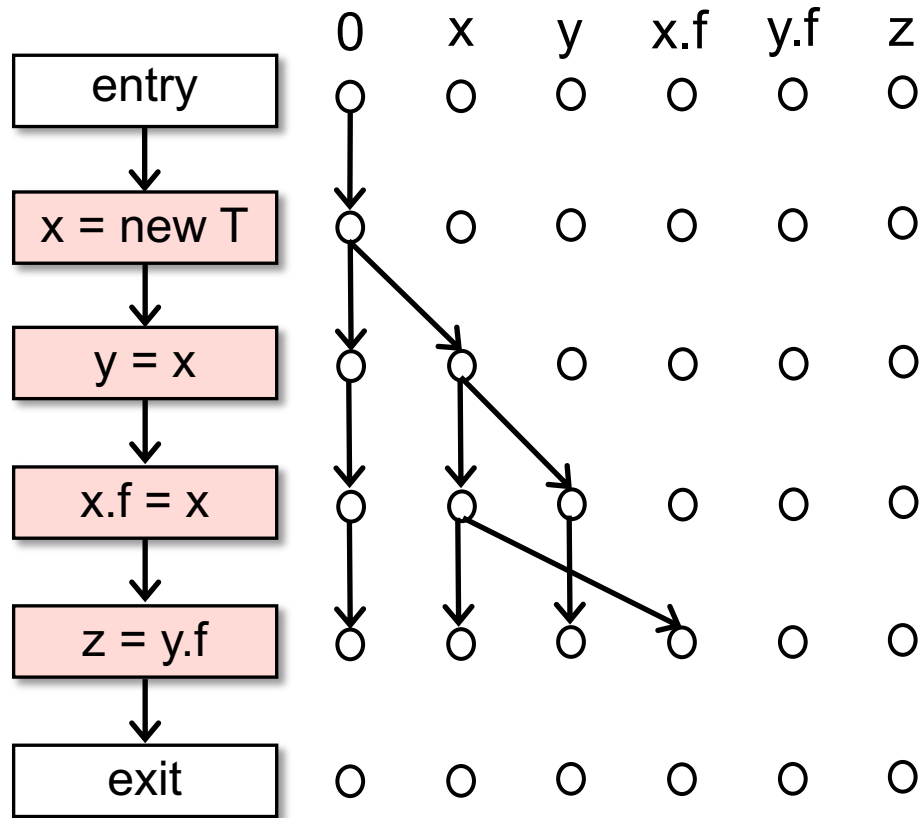
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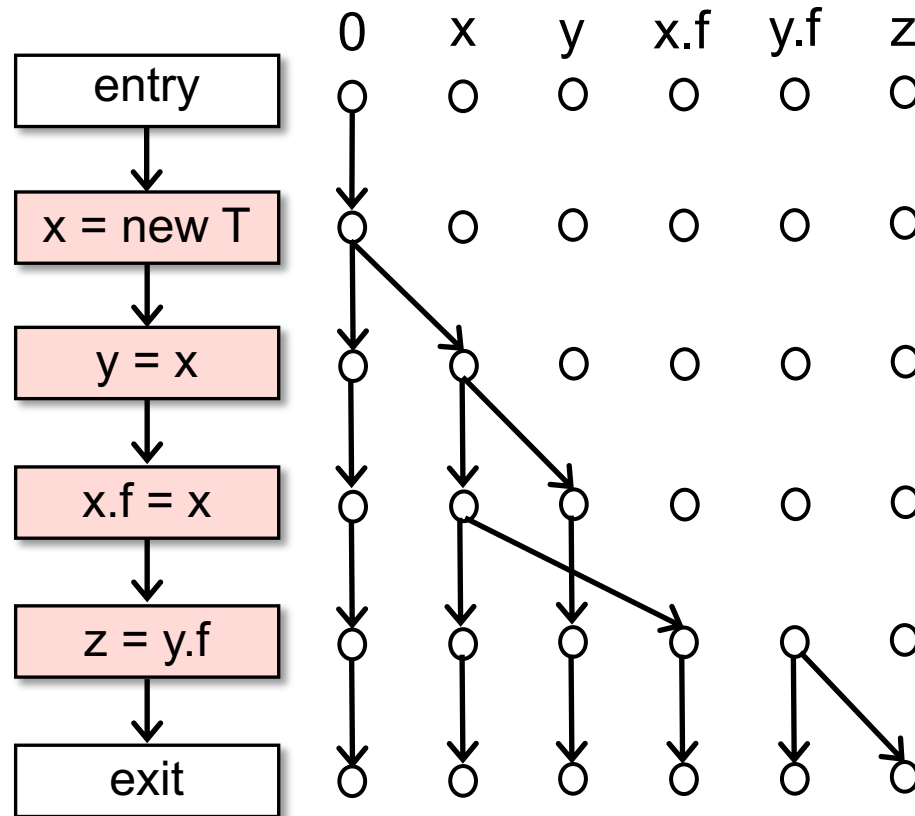
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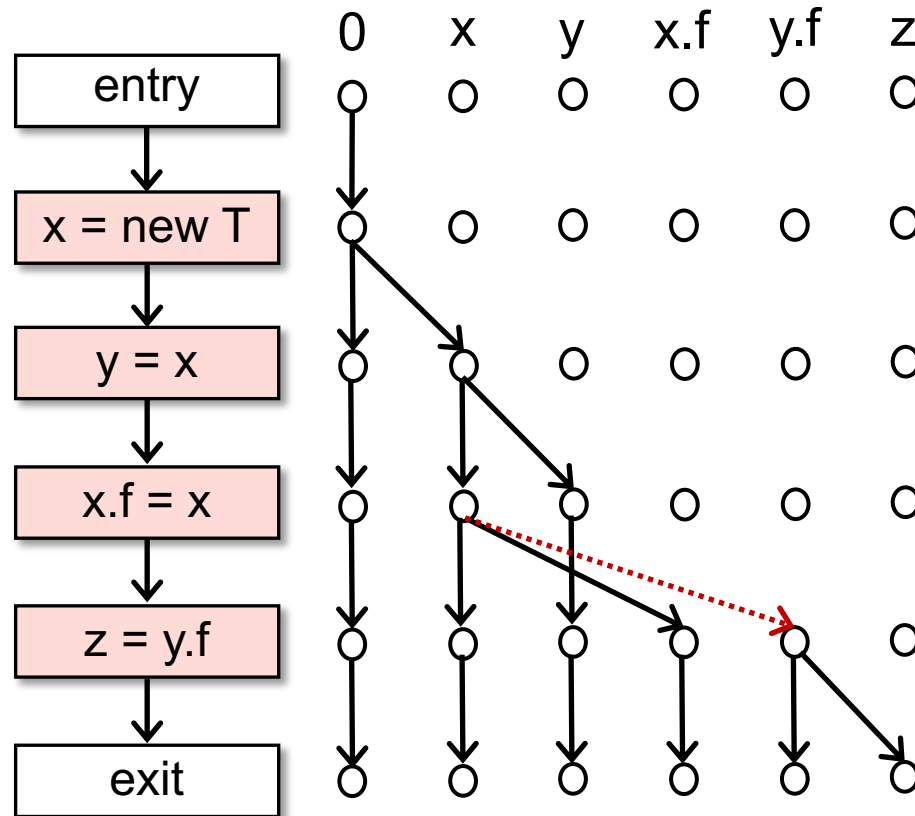
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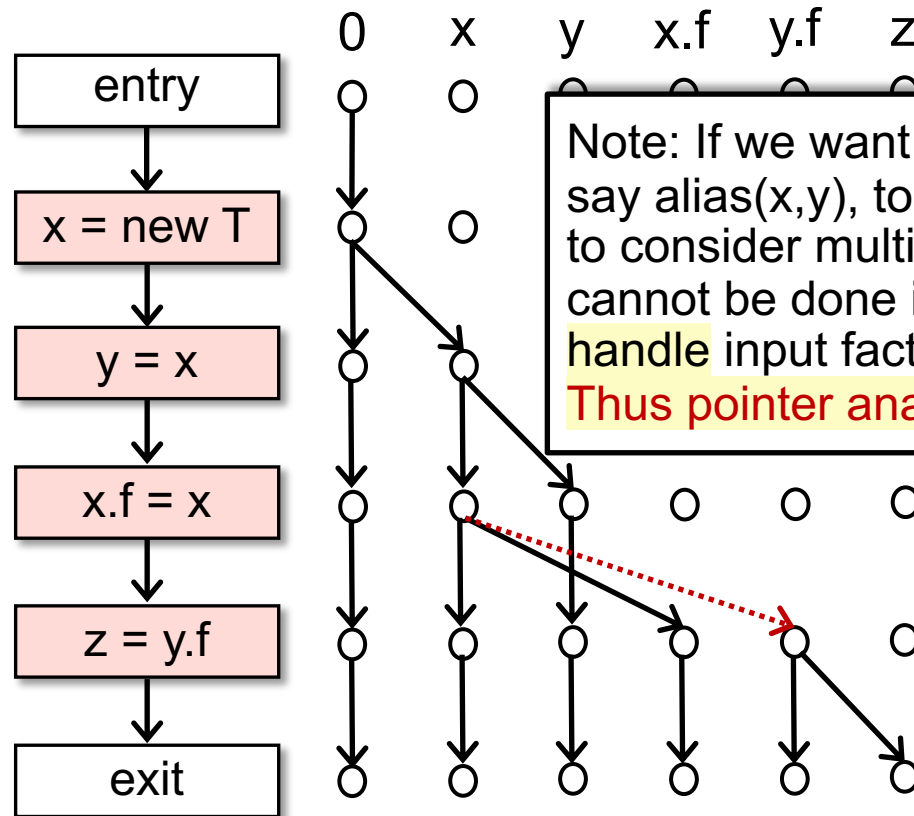


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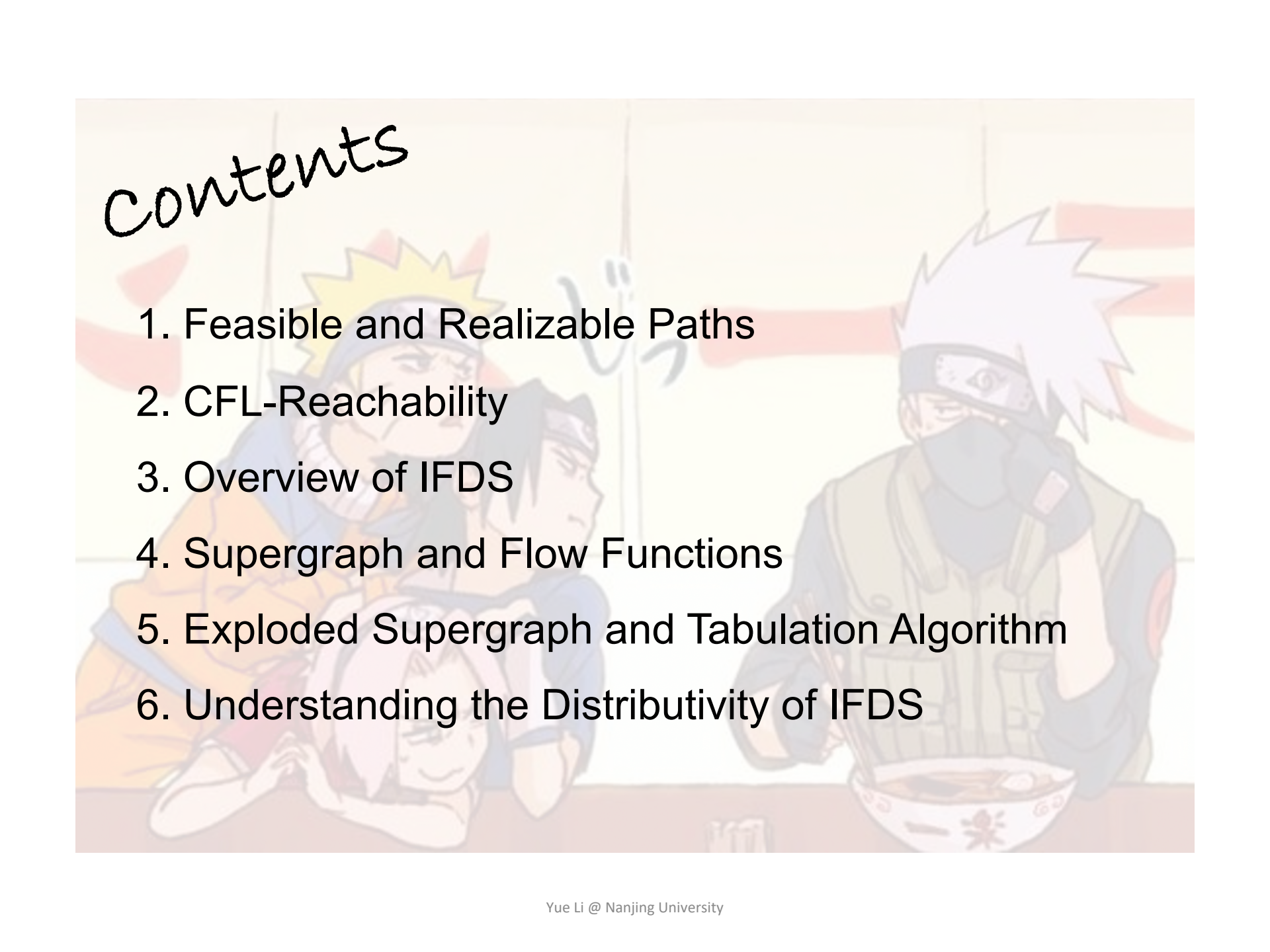
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Note: If we want to obtain alias information in IFDS, say $\text{alias}(x,y)$, to produce correct outputs, we need to consider multiple input data facts, x and y , which cannot be done in *standard* IFDS as flow functions handle input facts independently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

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