

# Synchronization: Implementing Barriers Promises + Futures

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# Today



- Questions?
- Administrivia
  - Lab 2 due sooner than you'd like
- Material for the day
  - Barrier implementation
  - Promises & Futures
- Acknowledgements
  - Thanks to Gadi Taubenfield: I borrowed from some of his slides on barriers

# Faux Quiz

(answer any N, 5 min)

- How are promises and futures related? Since there is disagreement on the nomenclature, don't worry about which is which—just describe what the different objects are and how they function.

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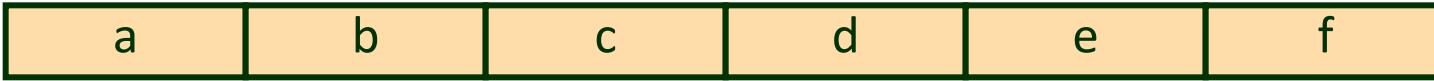
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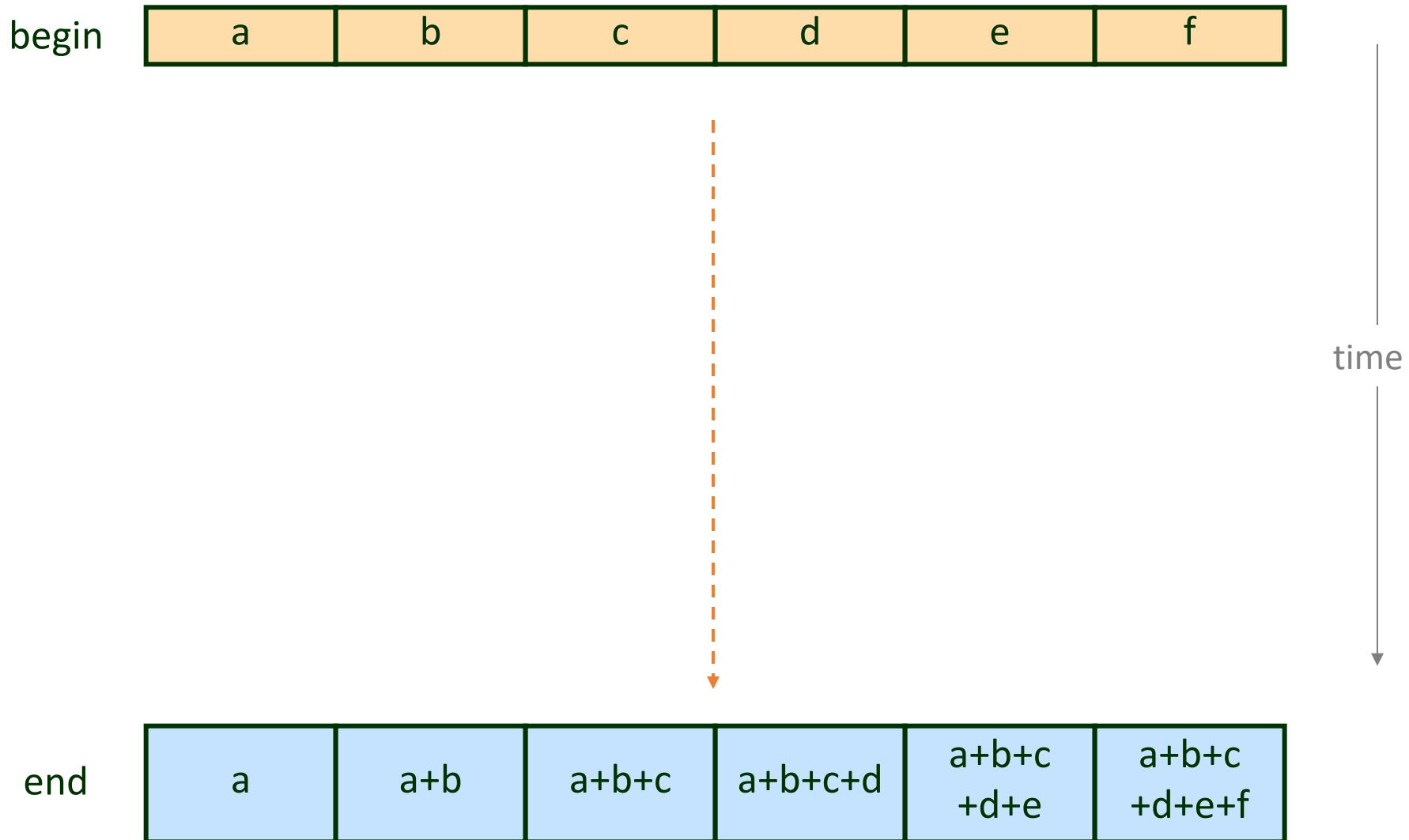
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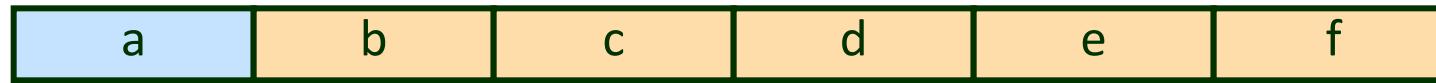


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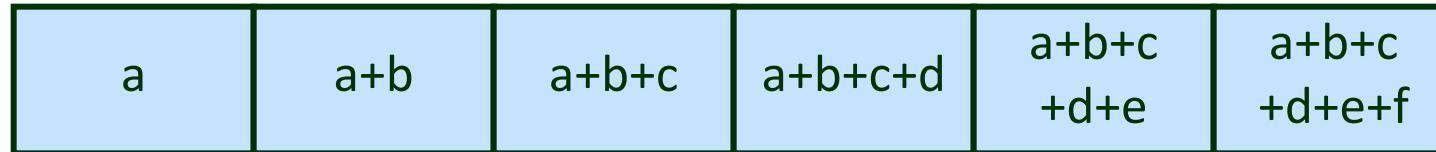
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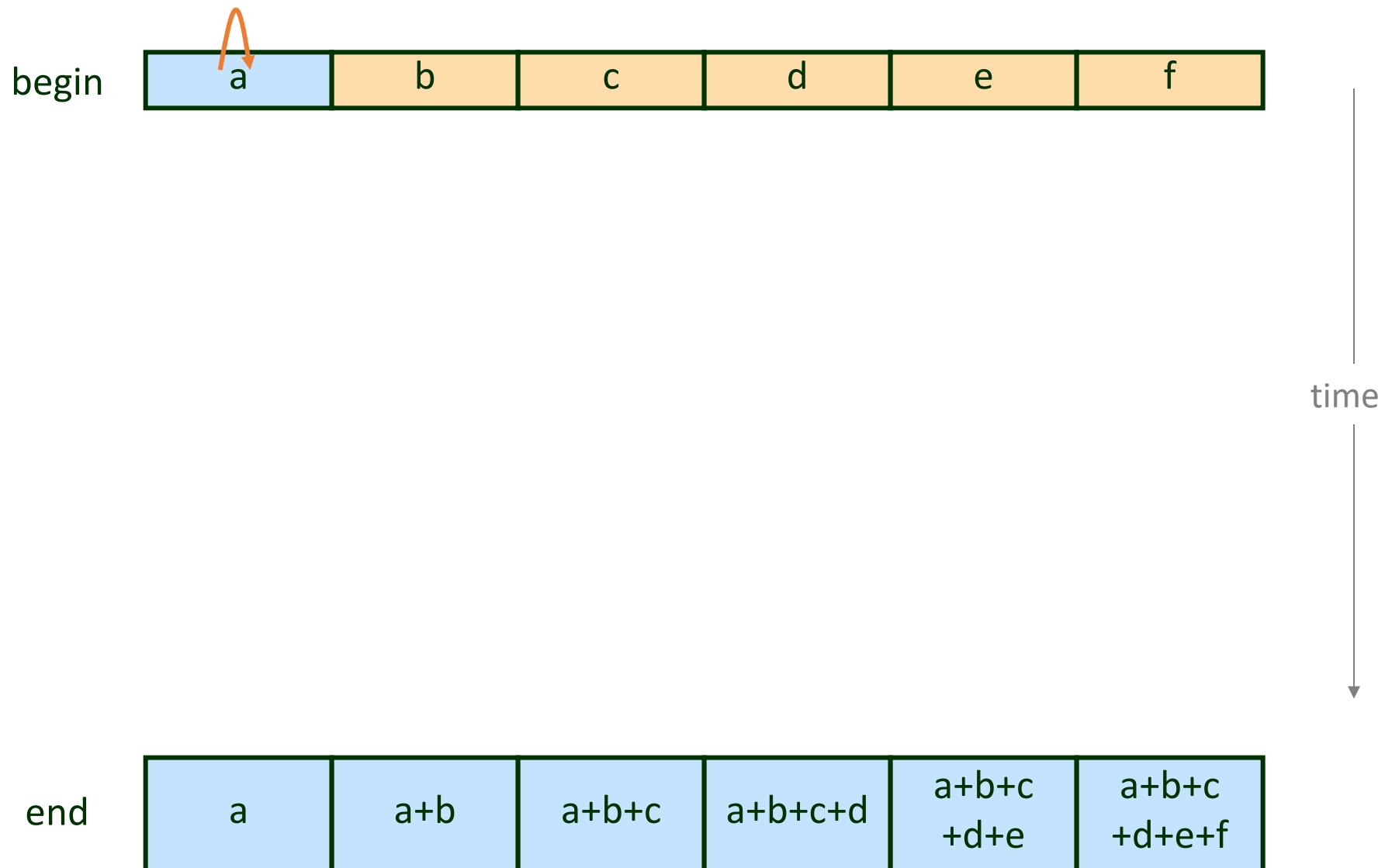


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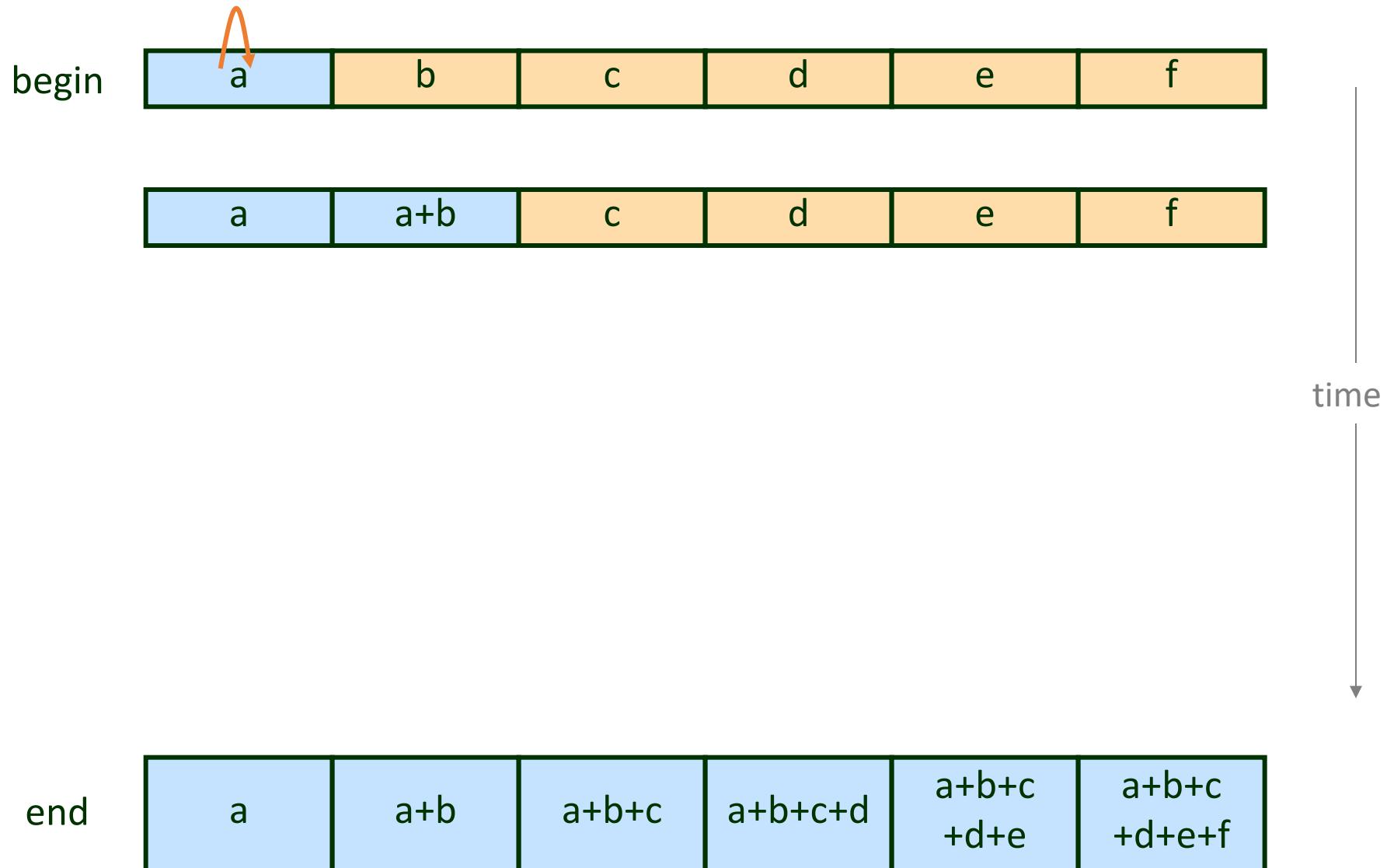
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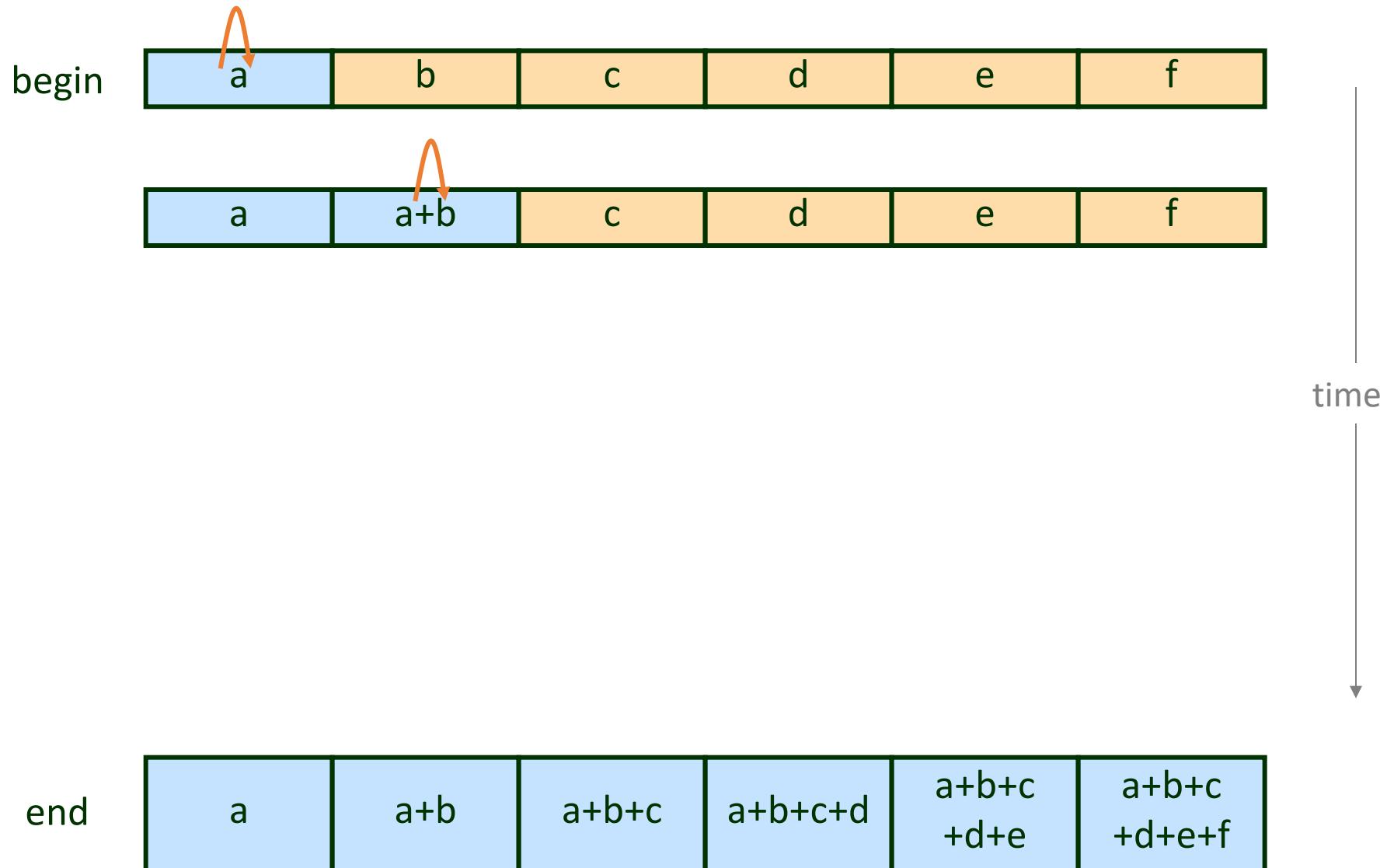
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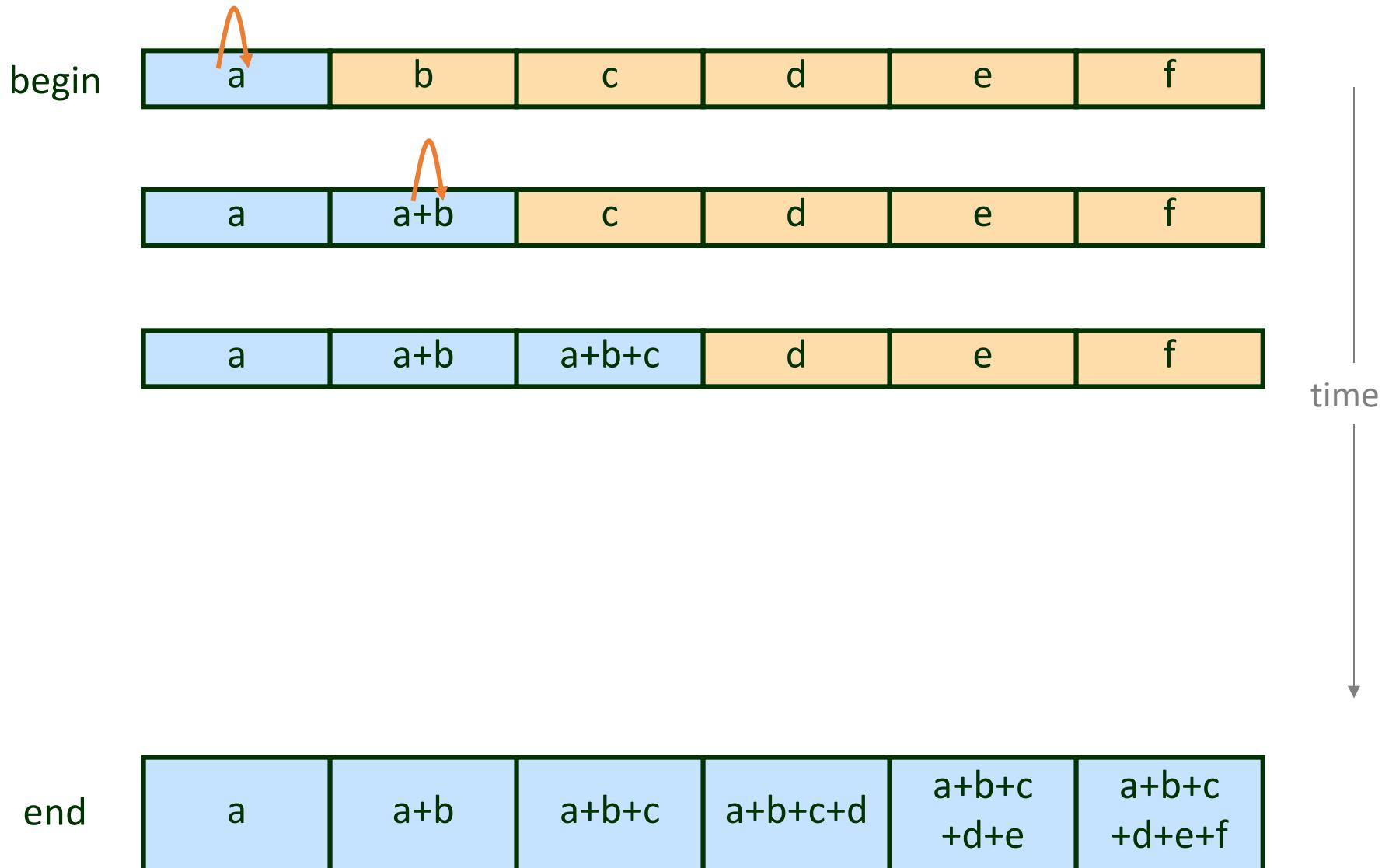
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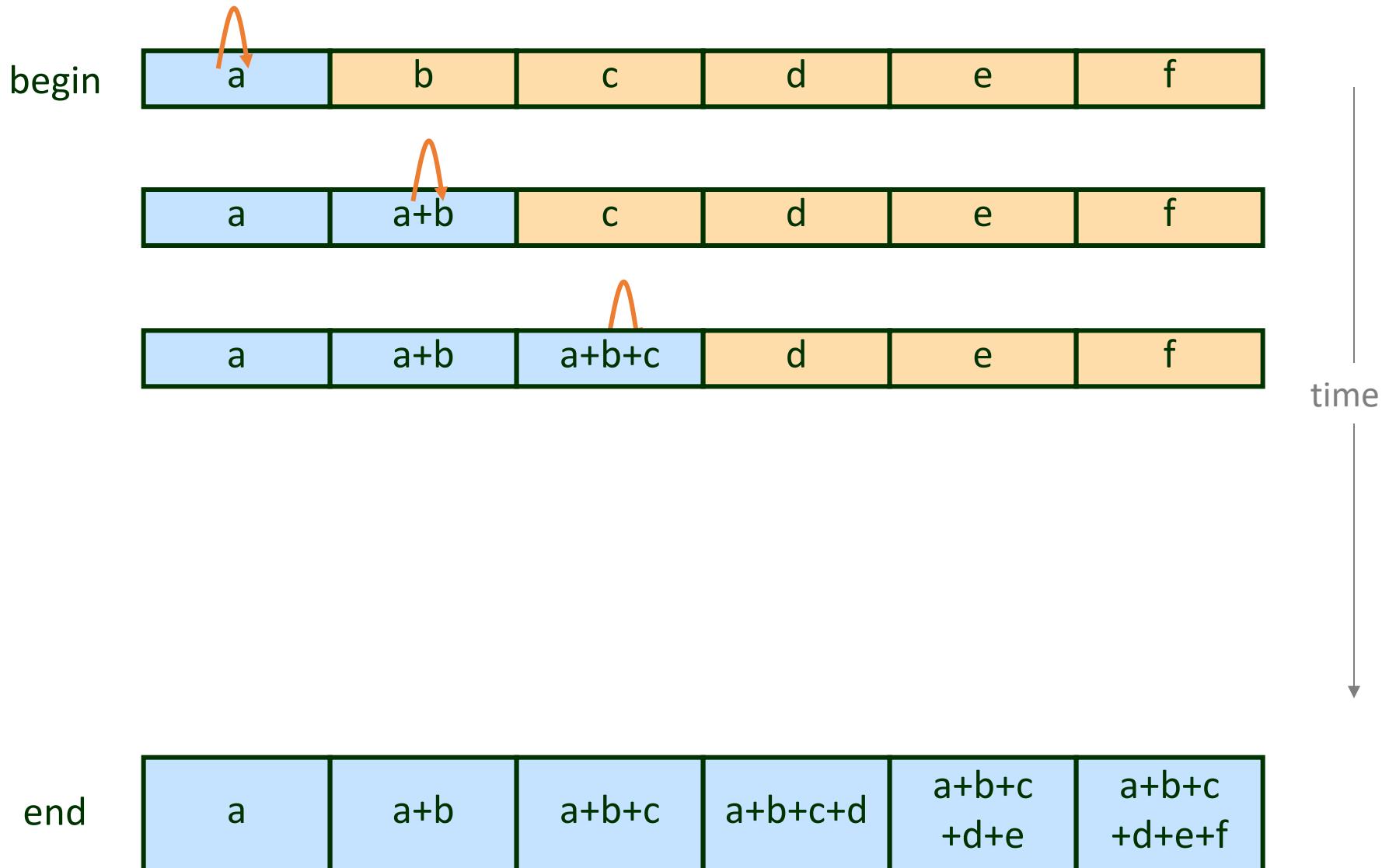
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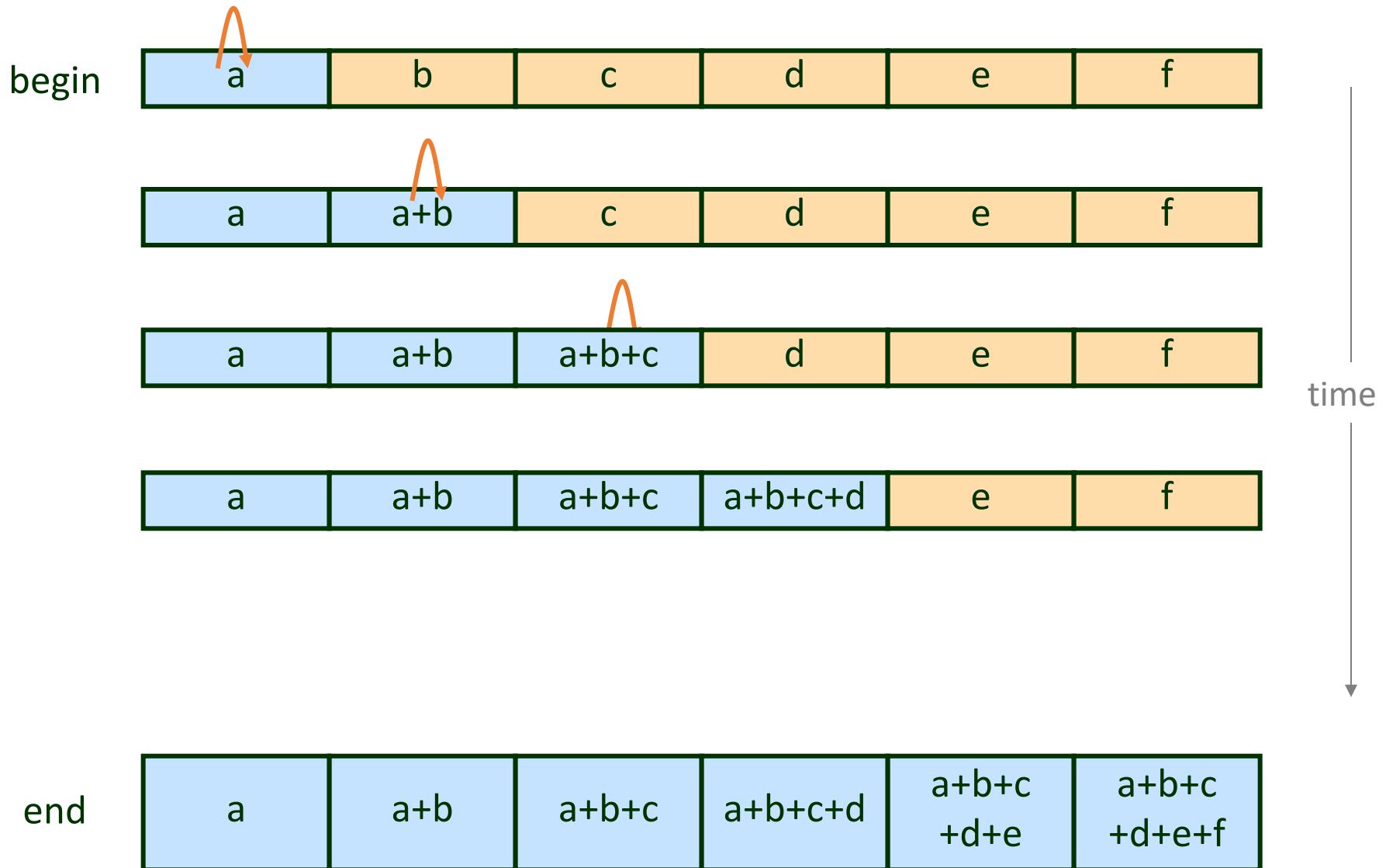
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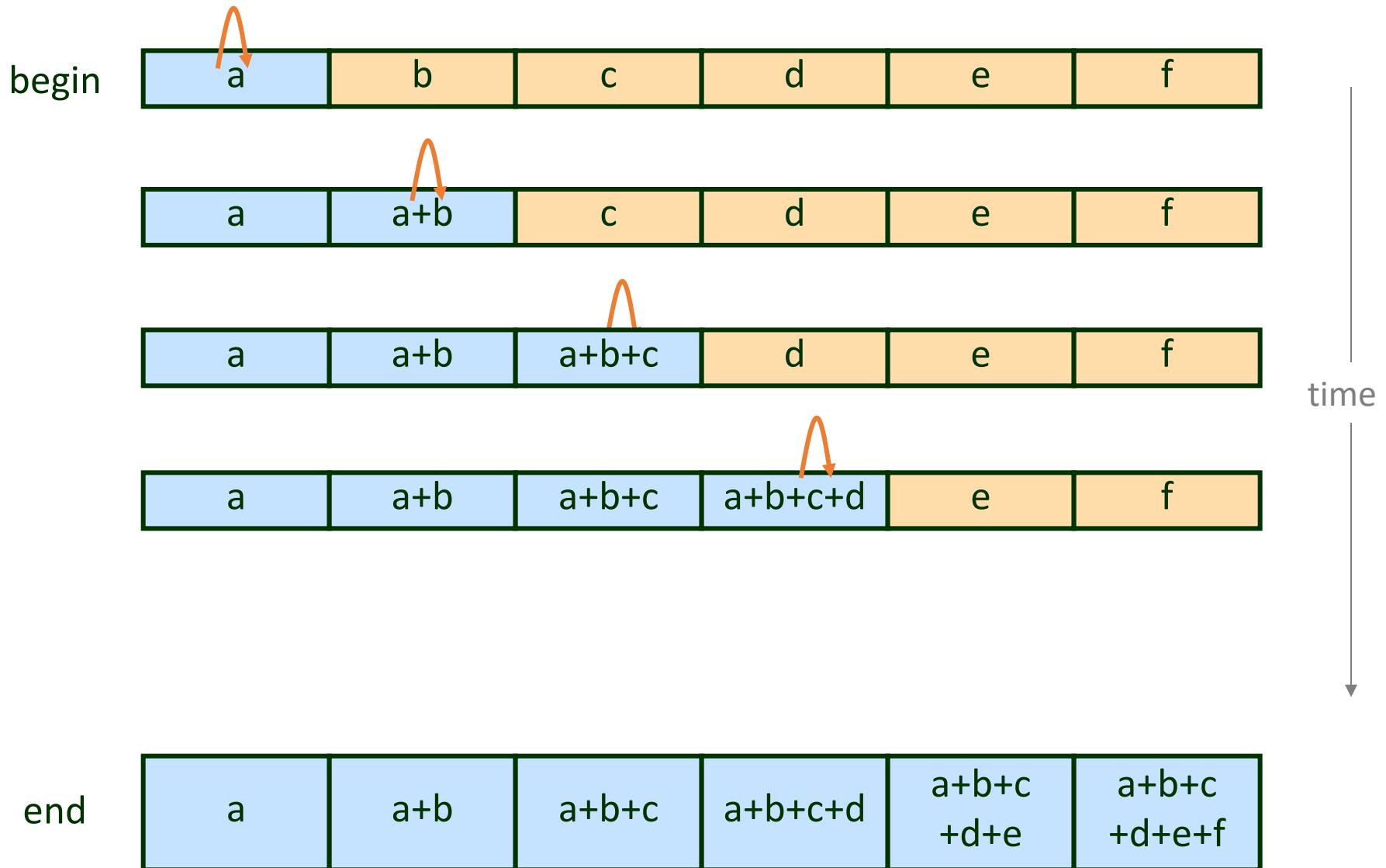
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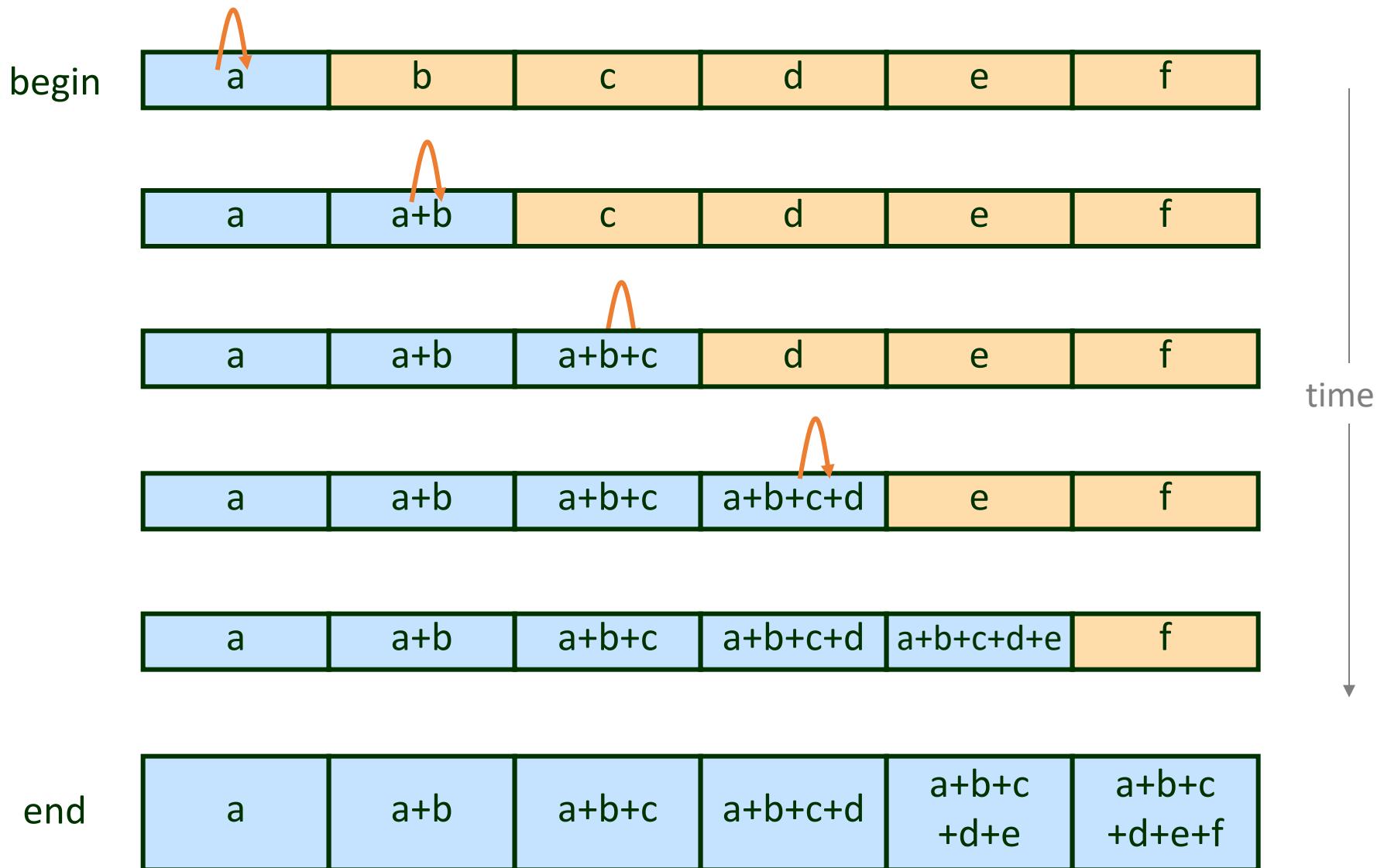
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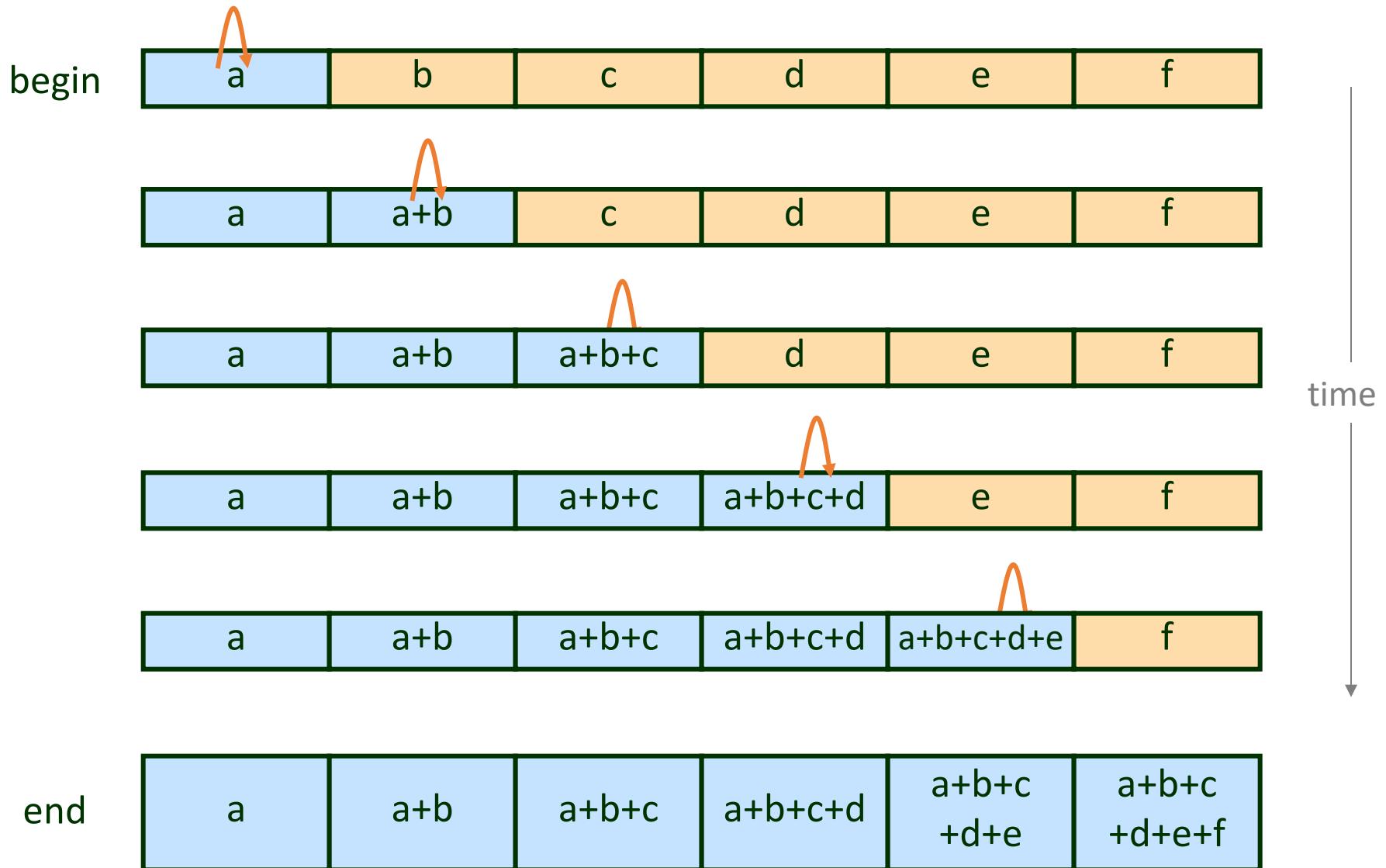
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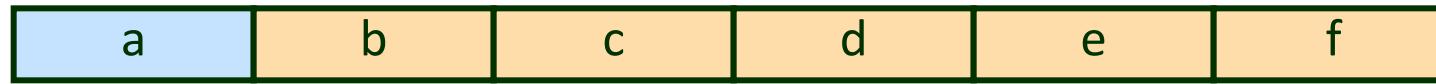


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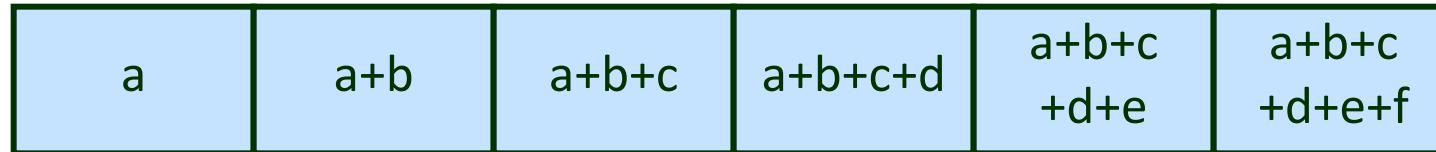
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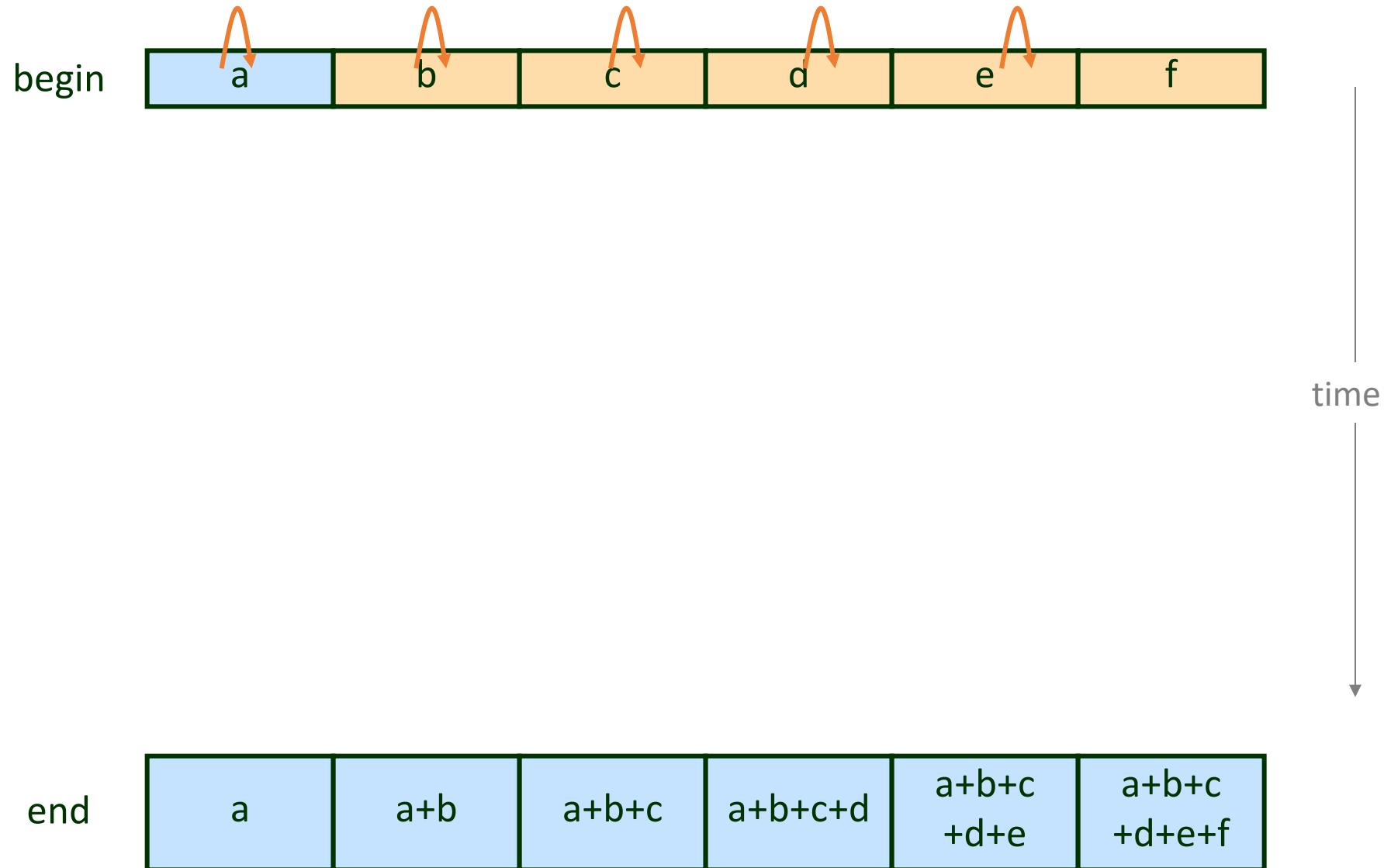


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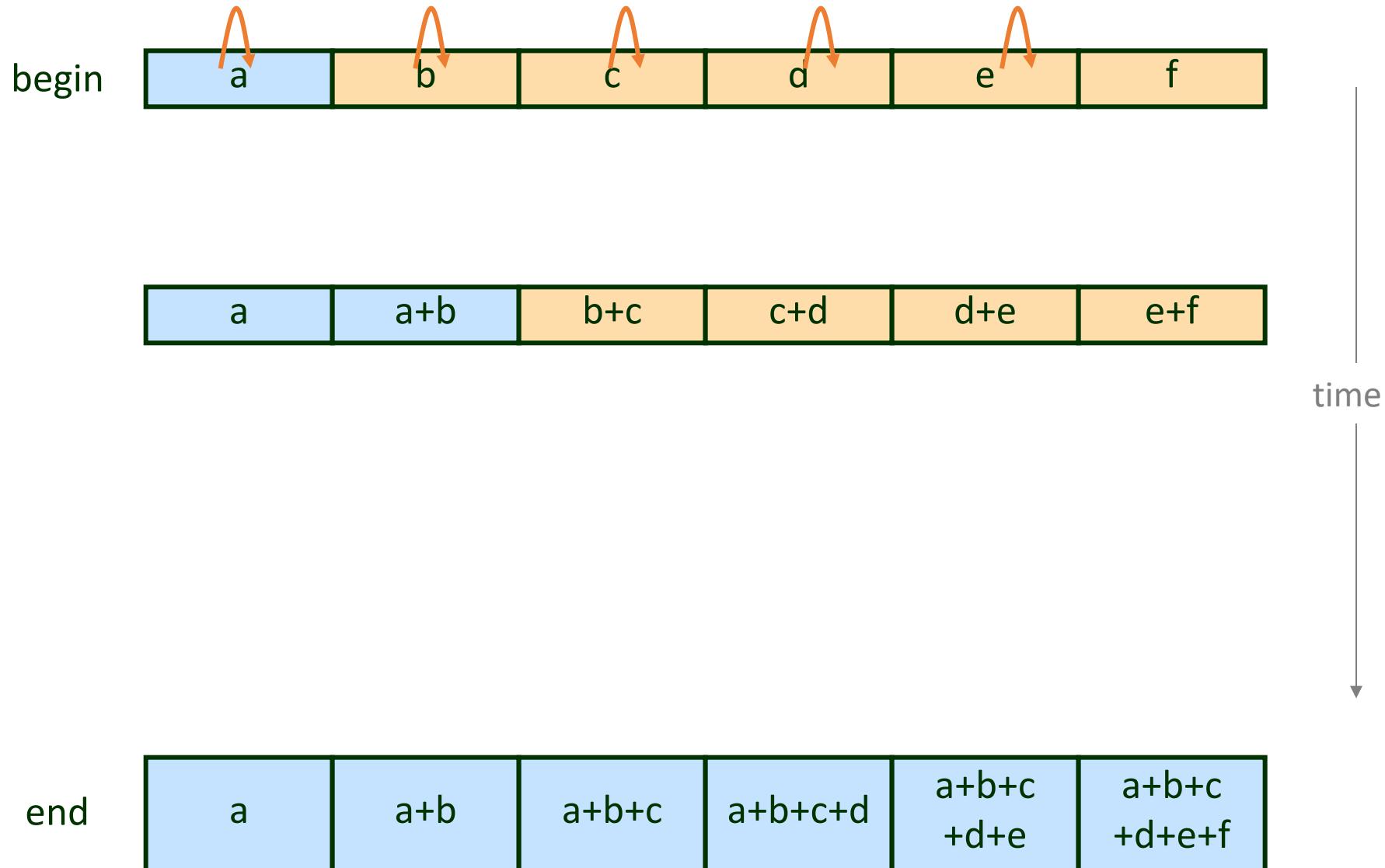
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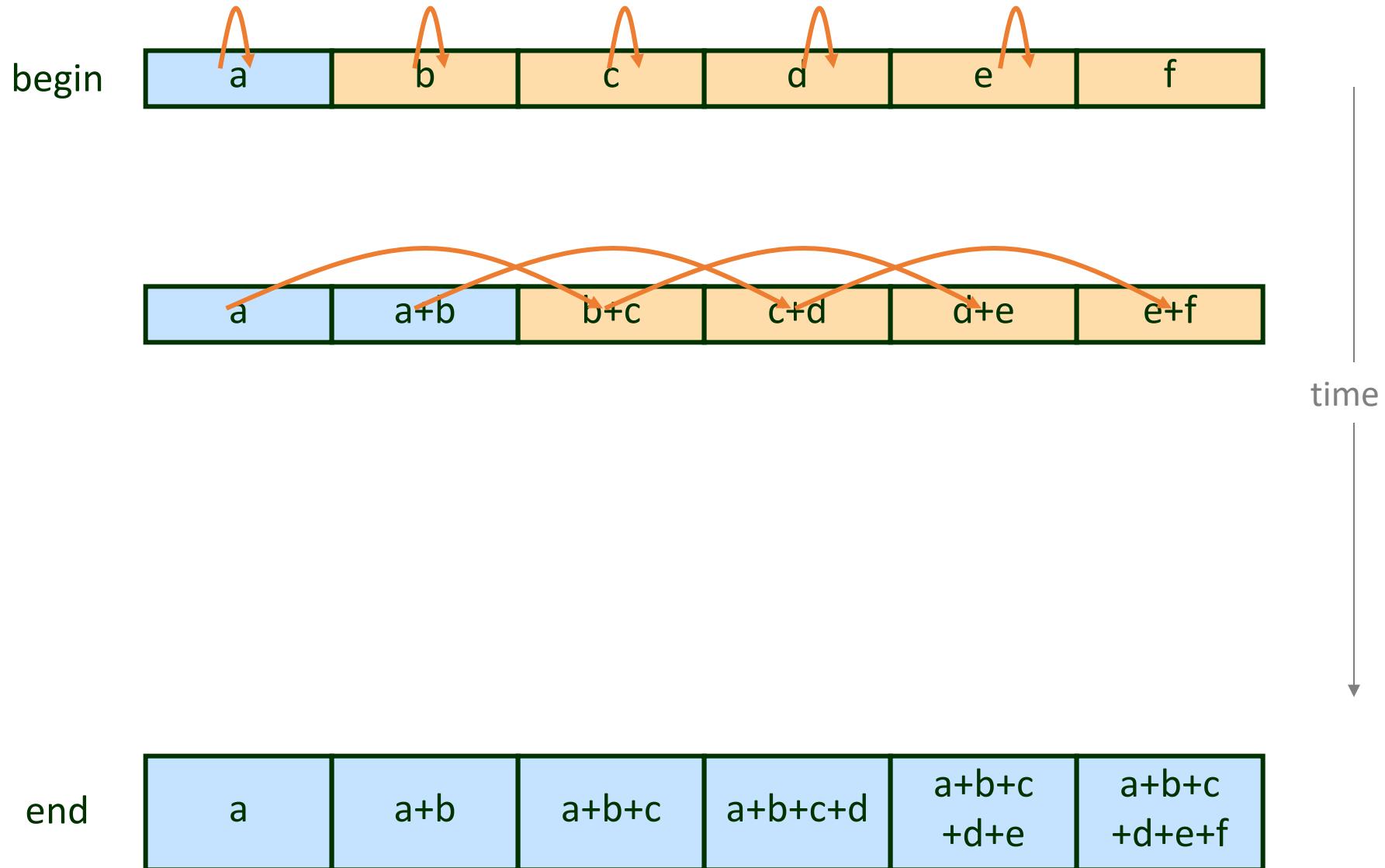
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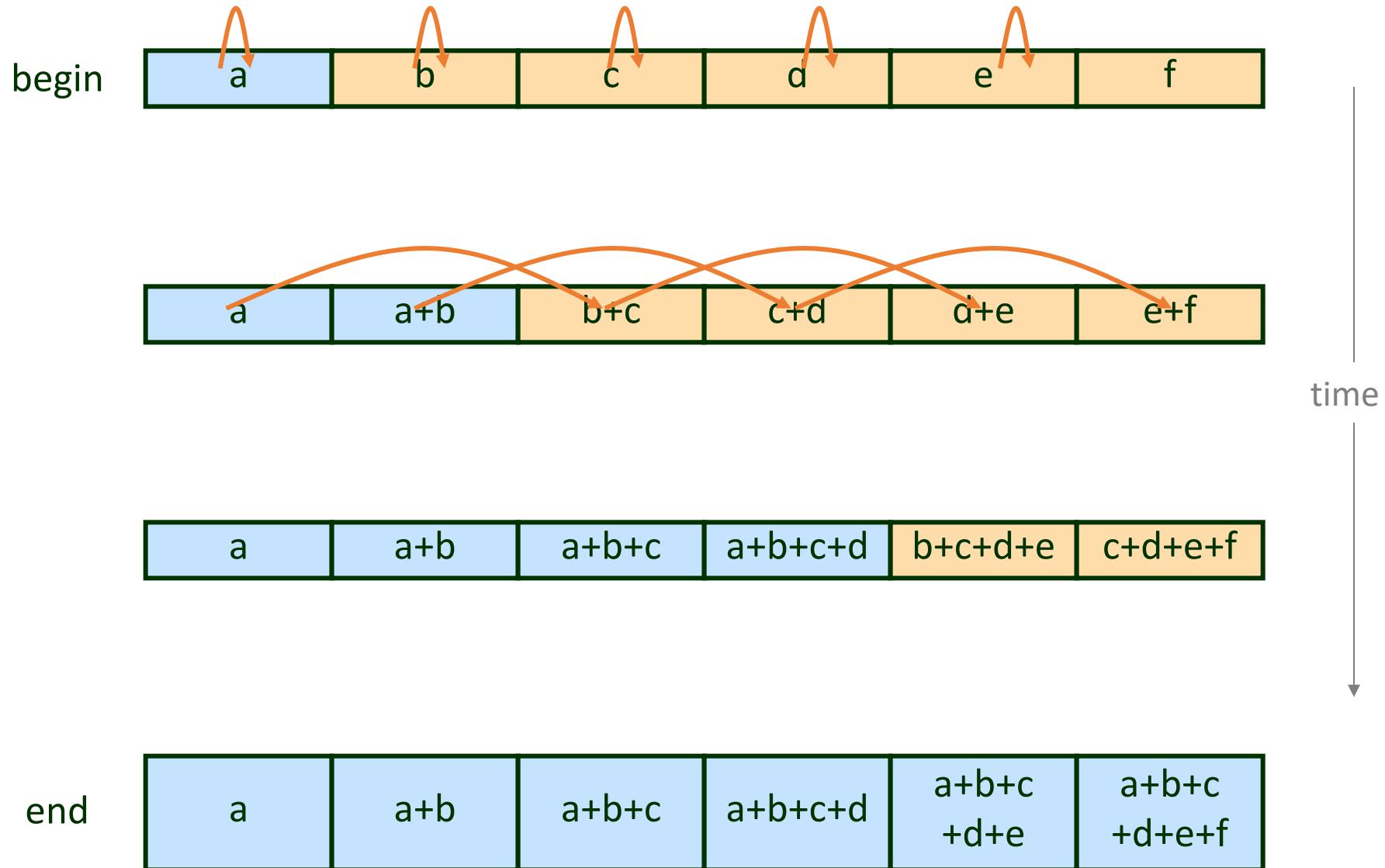
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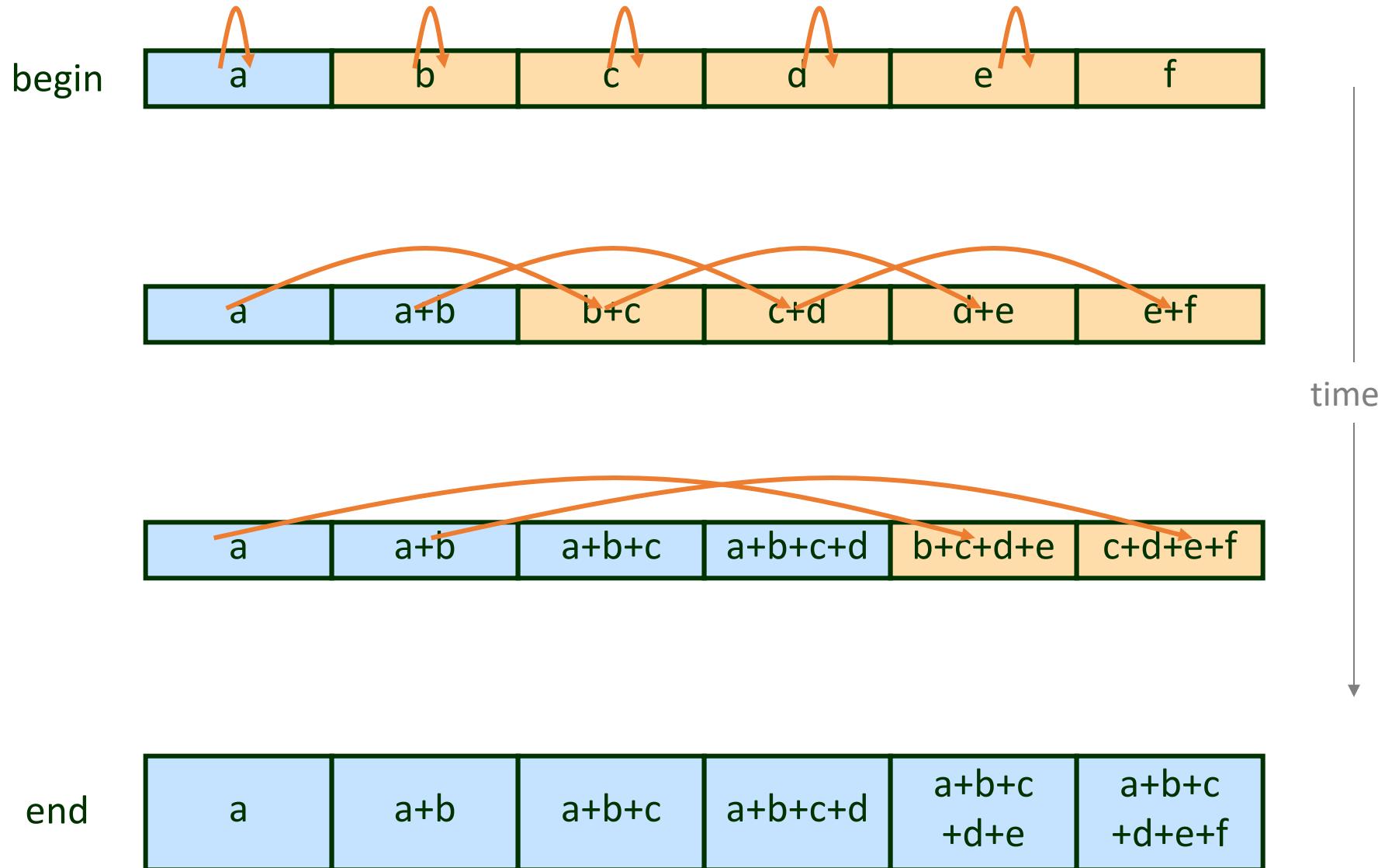
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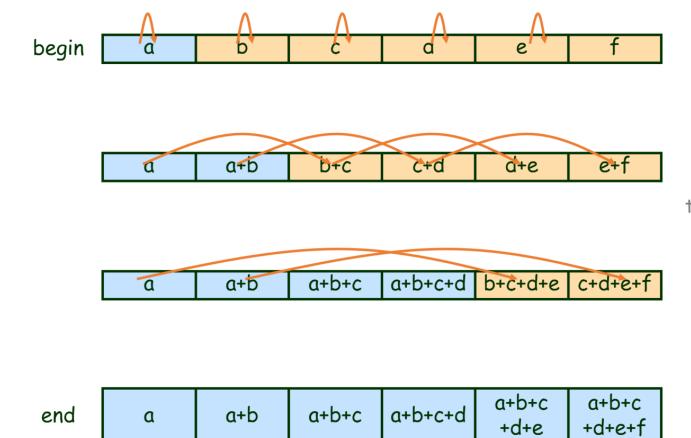


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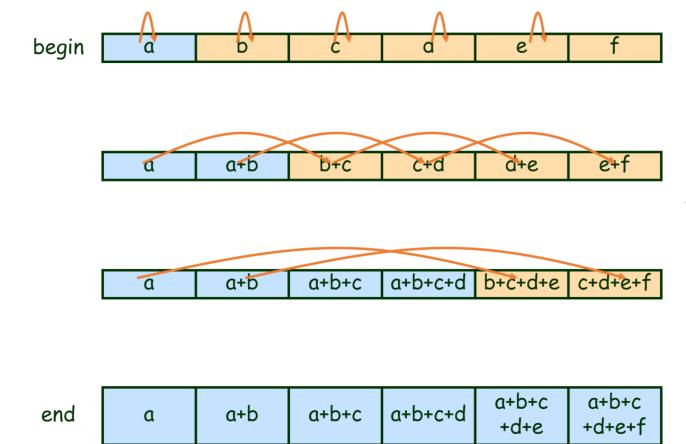
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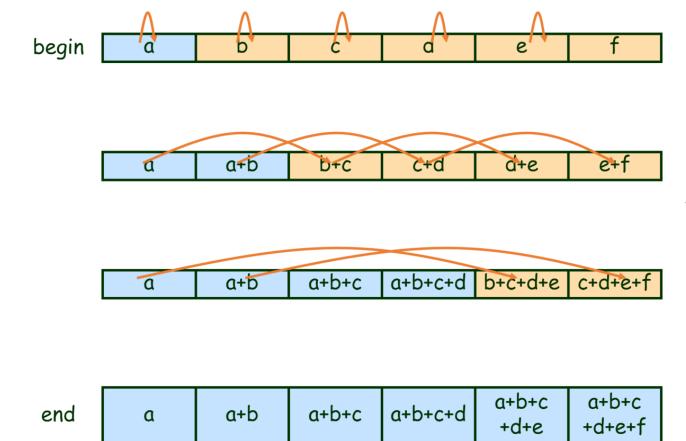
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Will this work?



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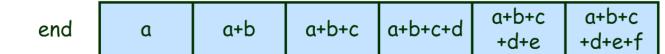
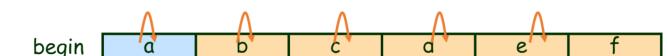
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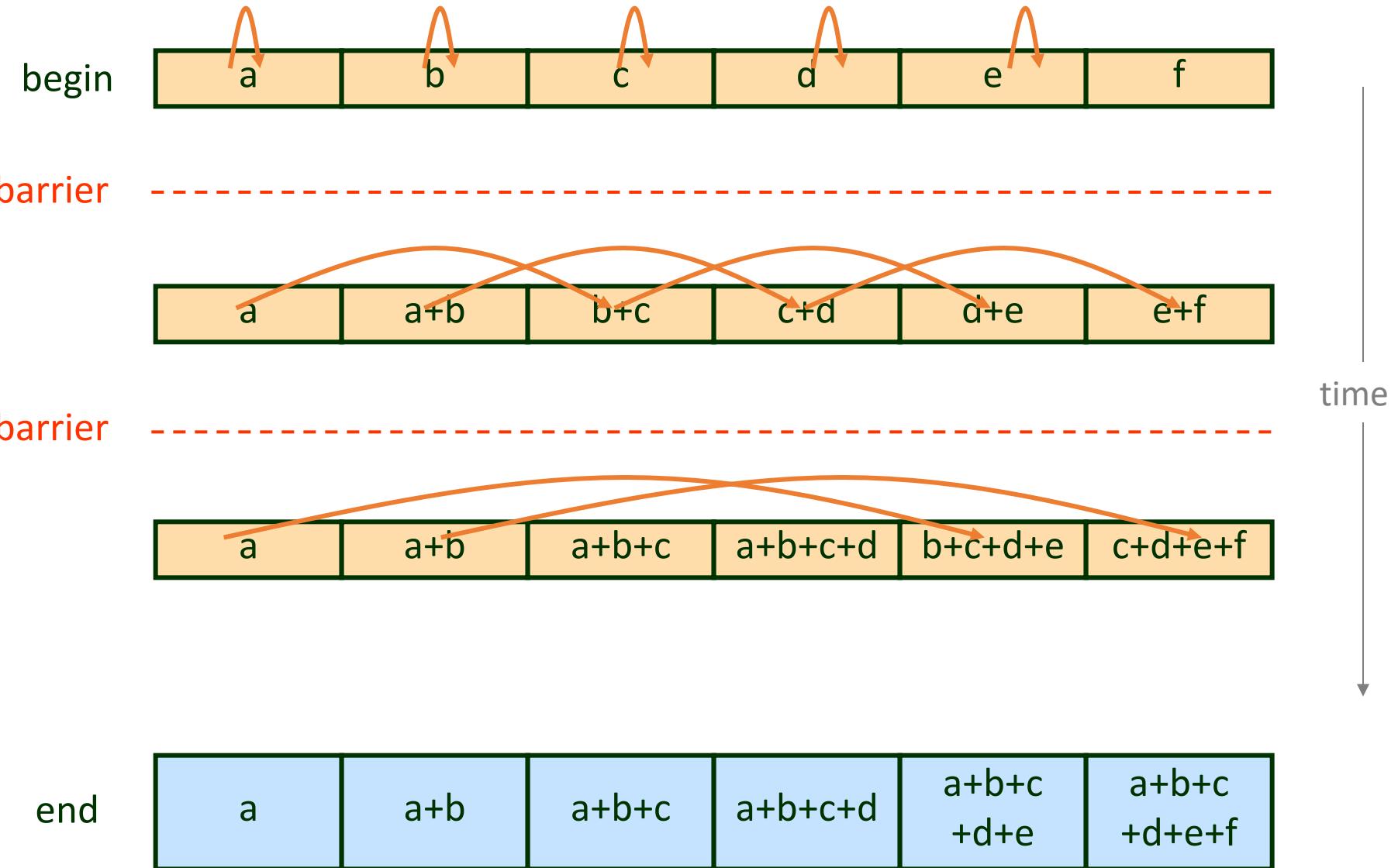
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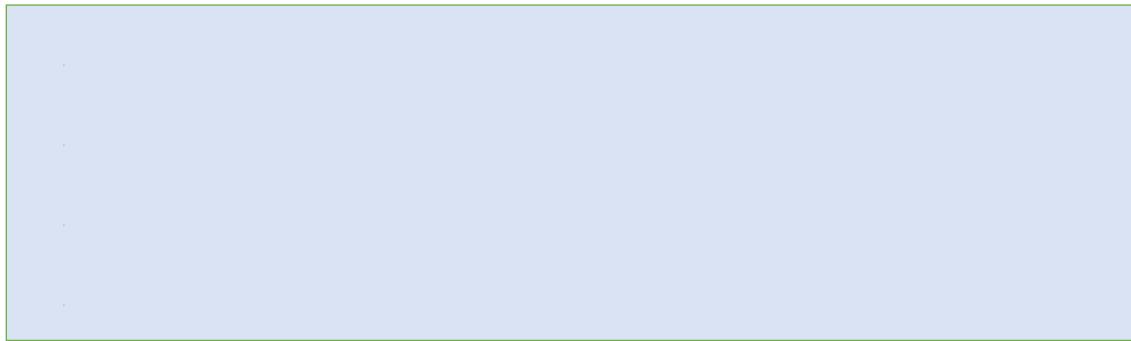
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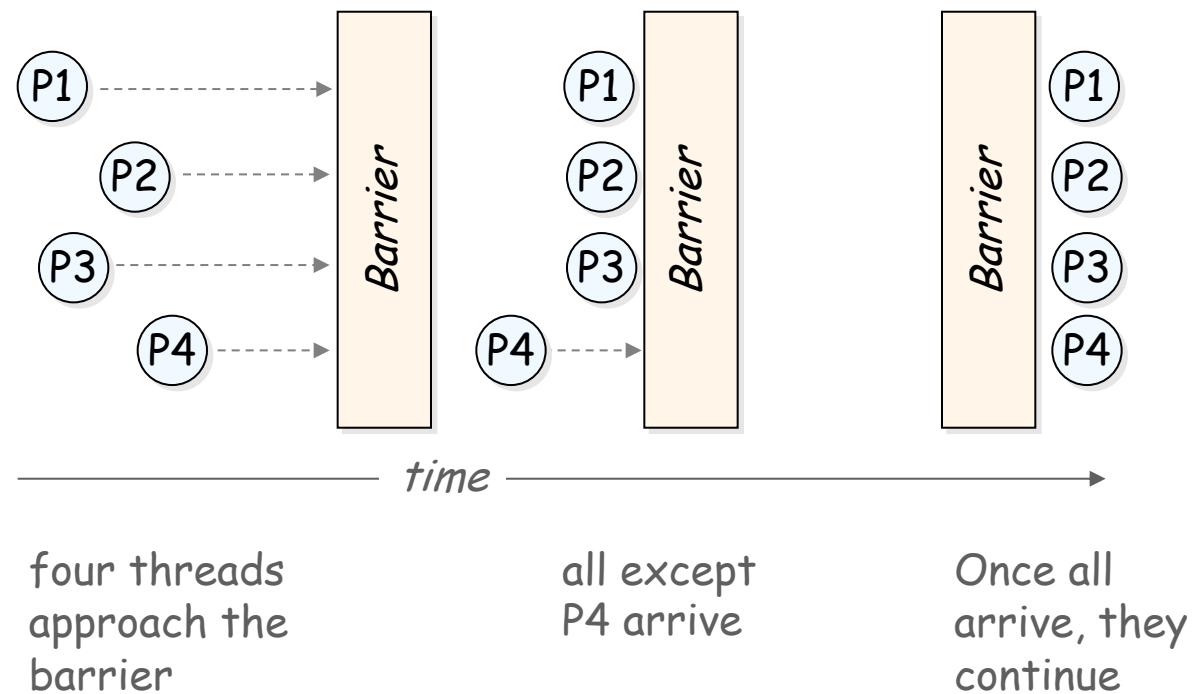


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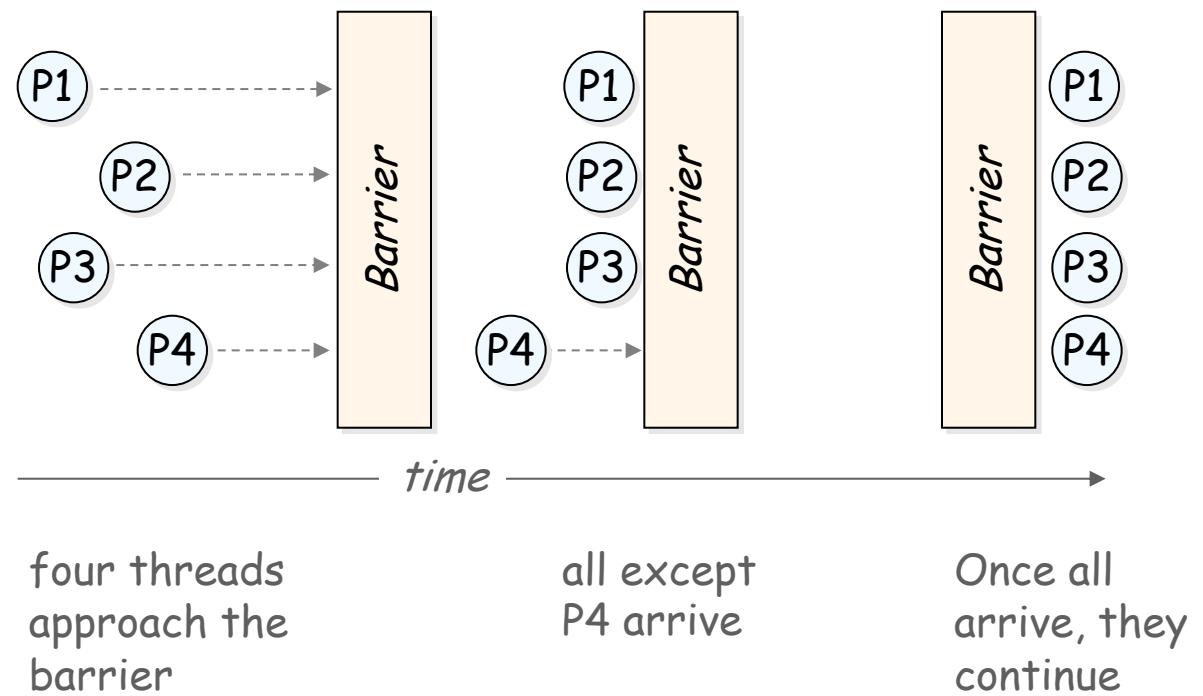
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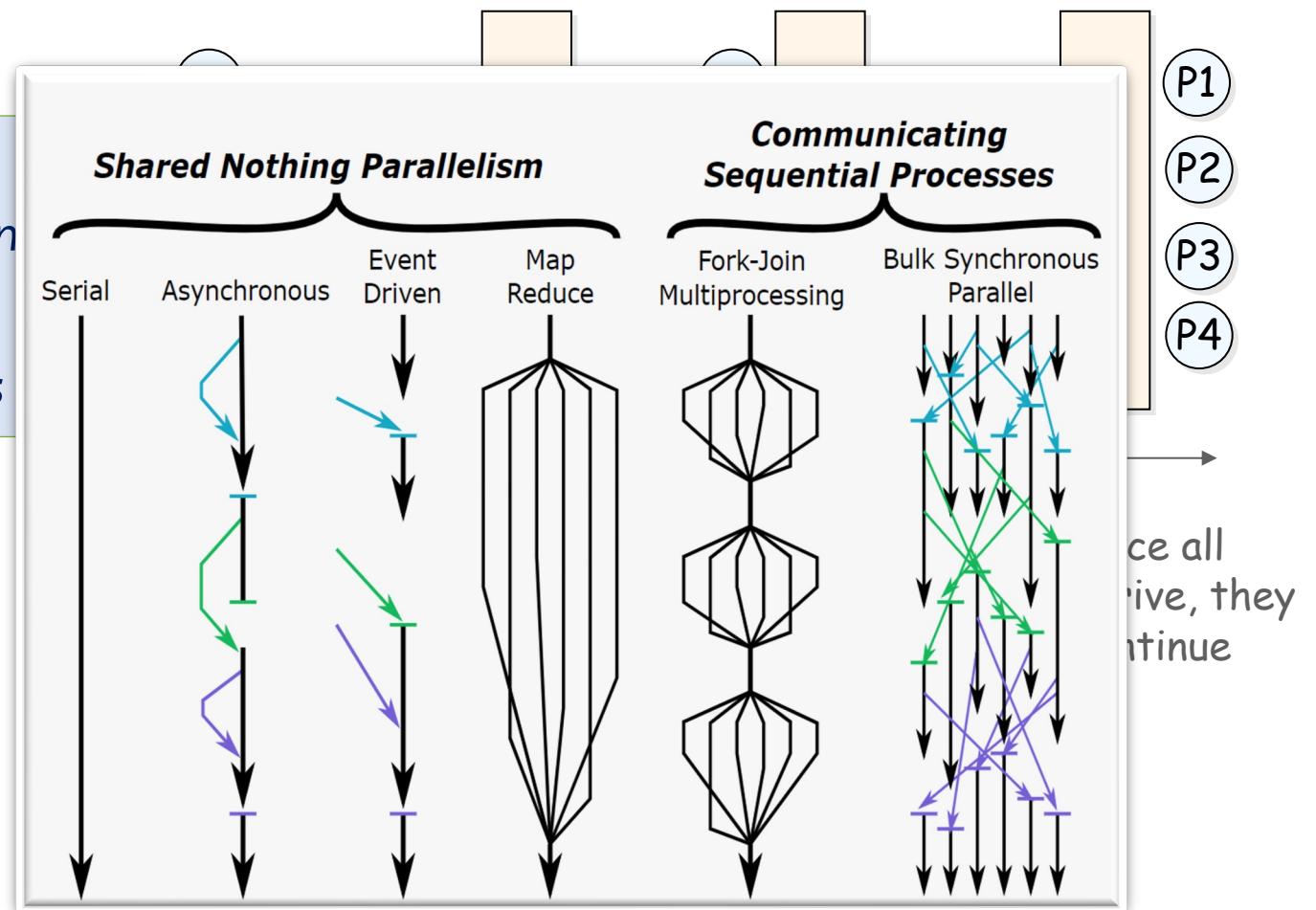
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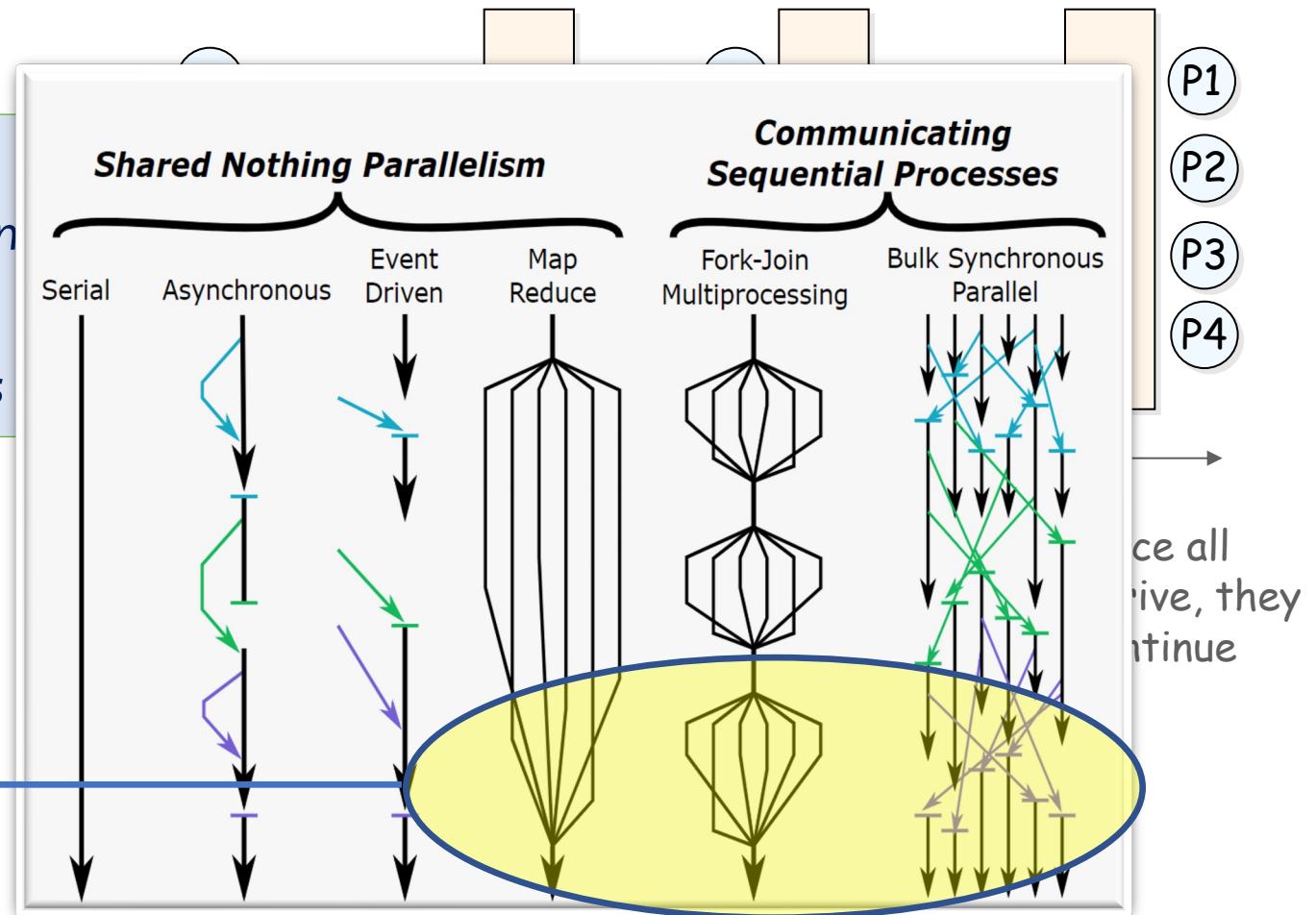
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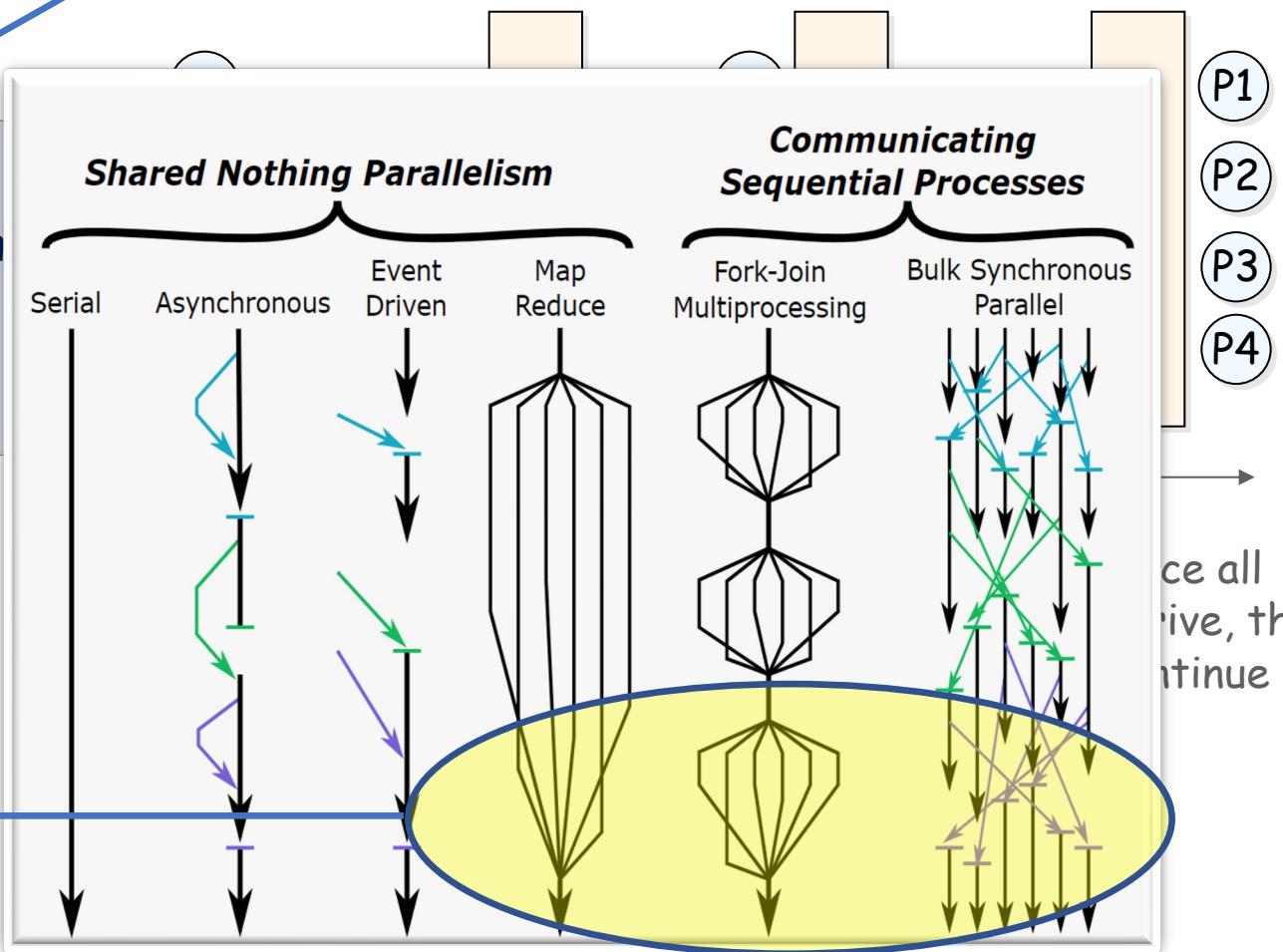
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- Reusability of the barrier (**must!**)

# Barrier Building Blocks

- Conditions
- Semaphores
- Atomic Bit
- Atomic Register
- Fetch-and-increment register
- Test and set bits
- Read-Modify-Write register

# Barrier with Semaphores



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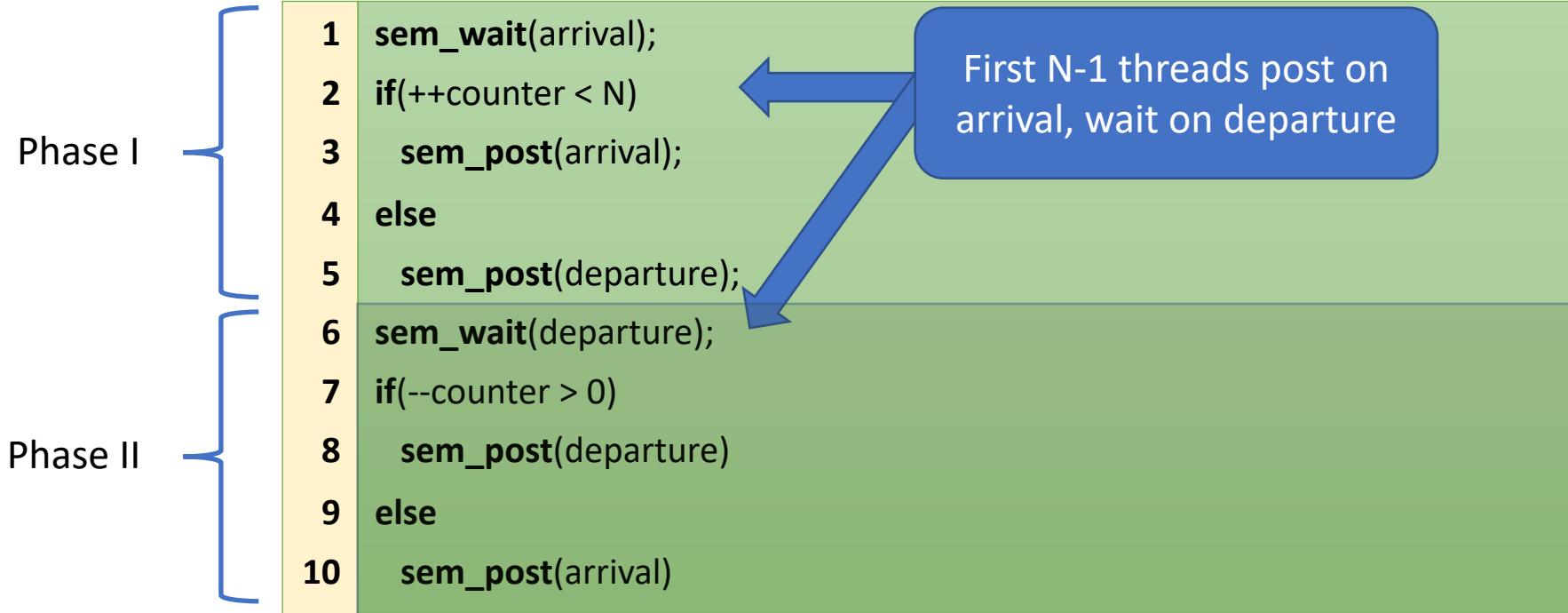
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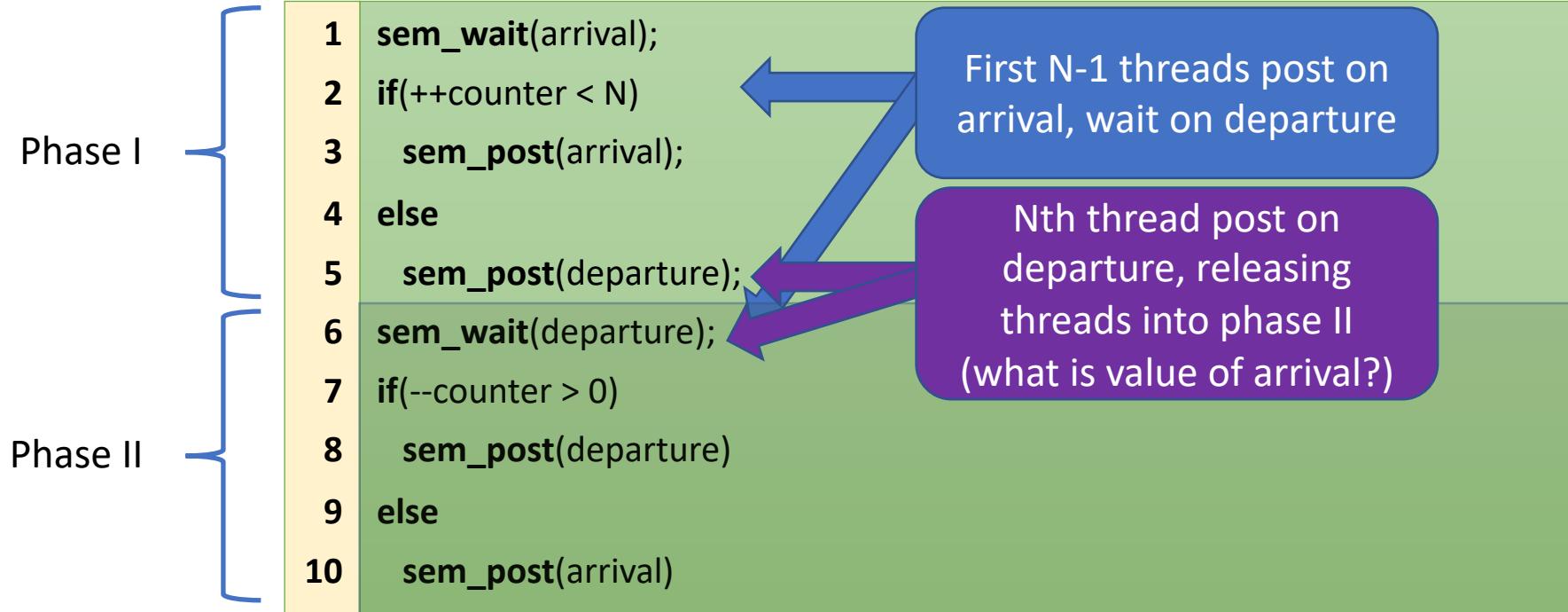




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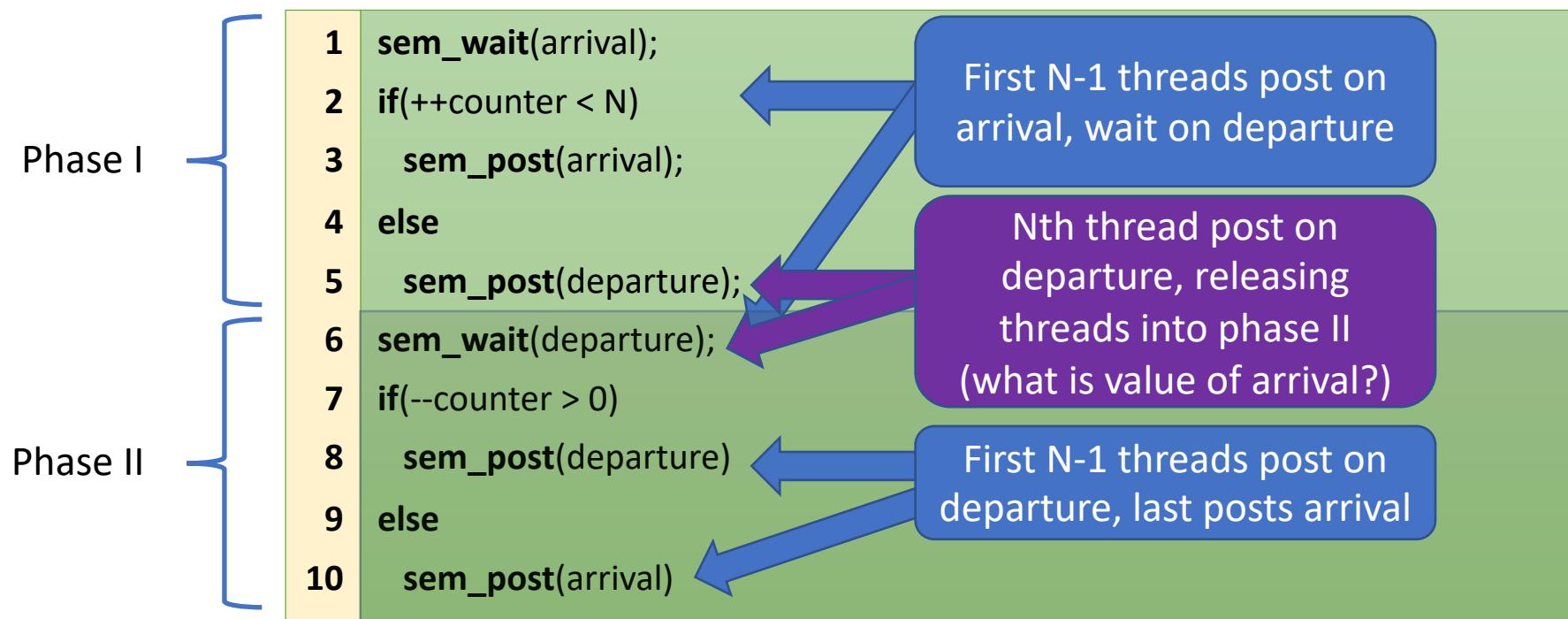




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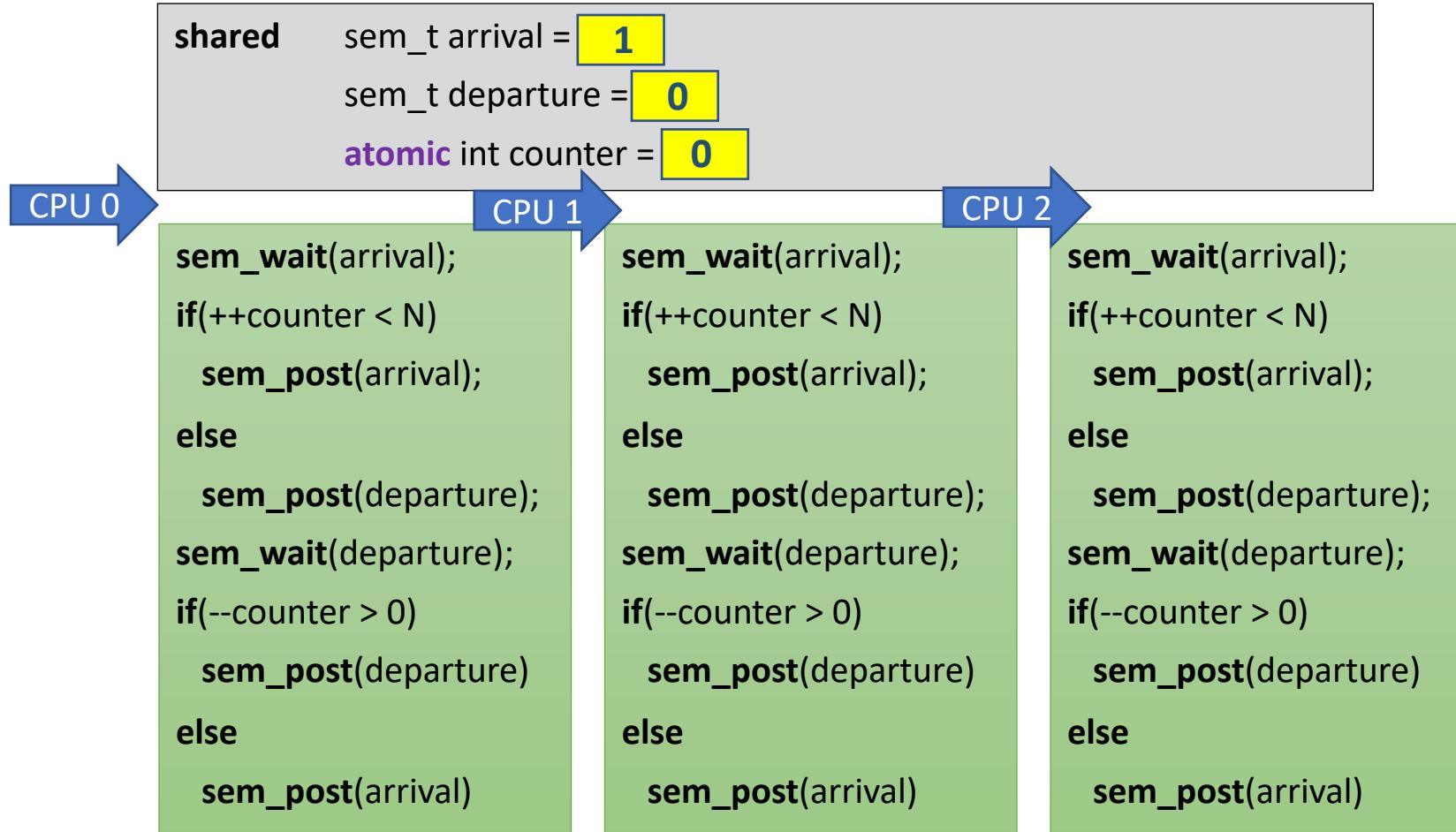
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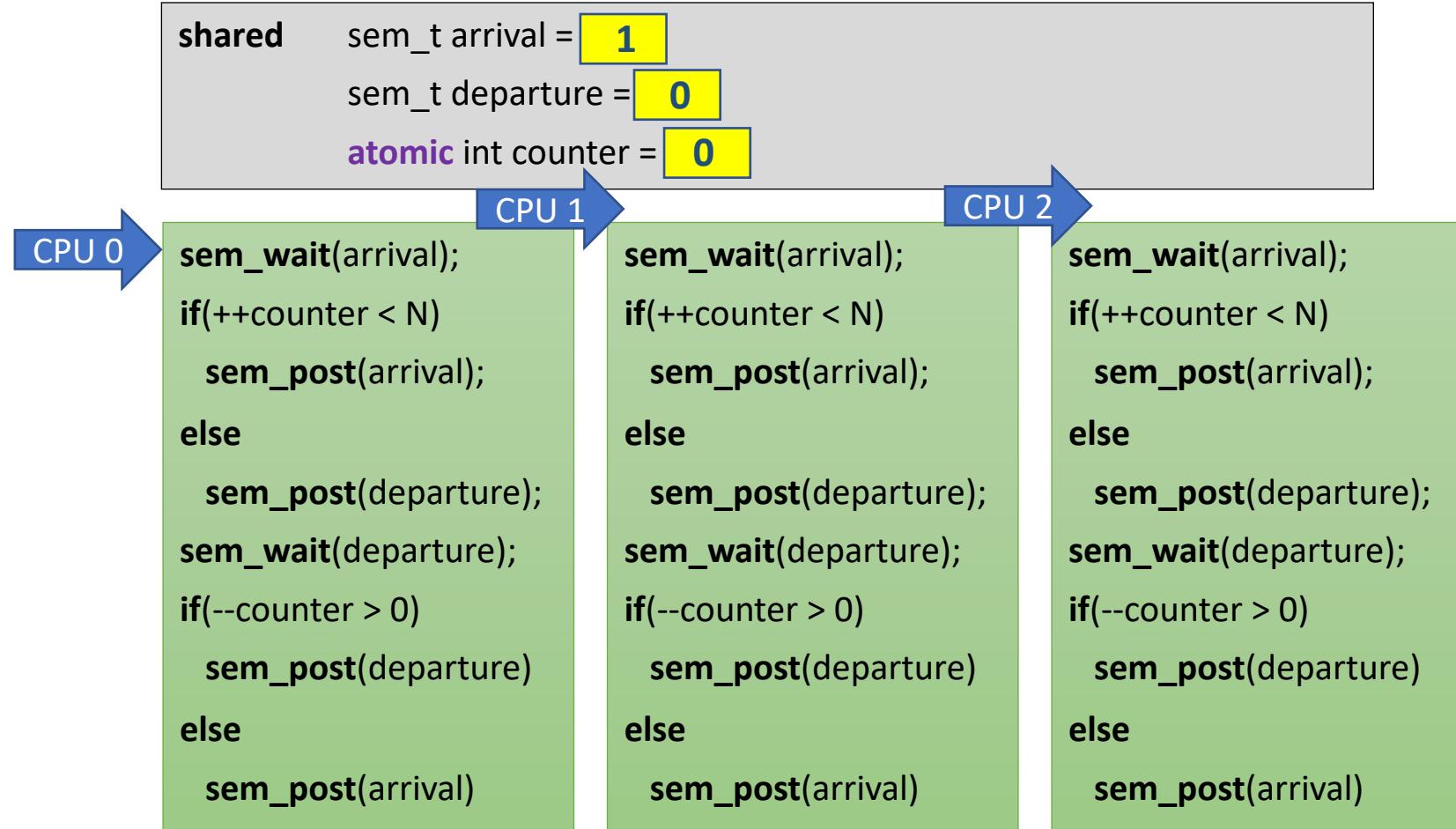
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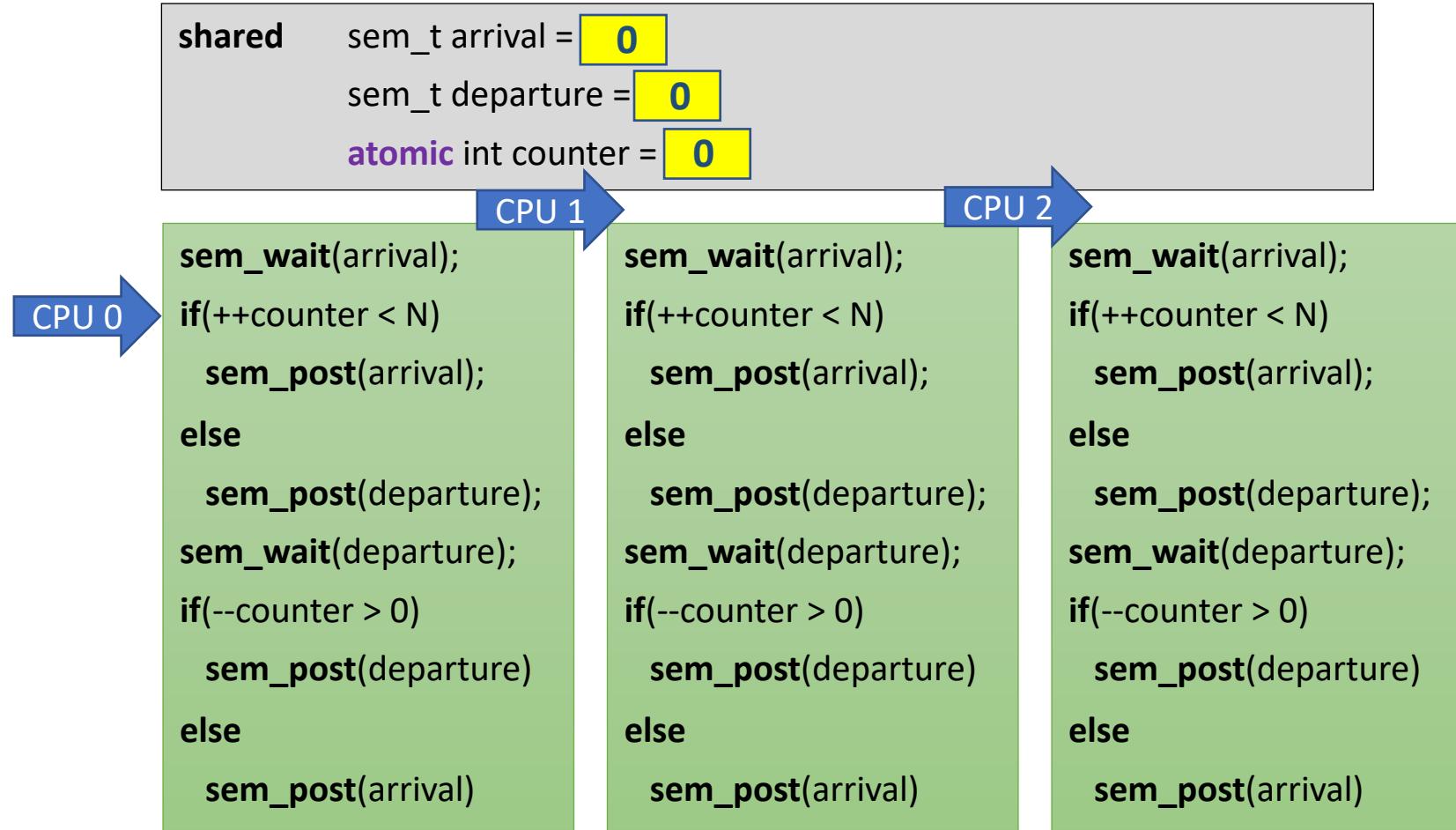
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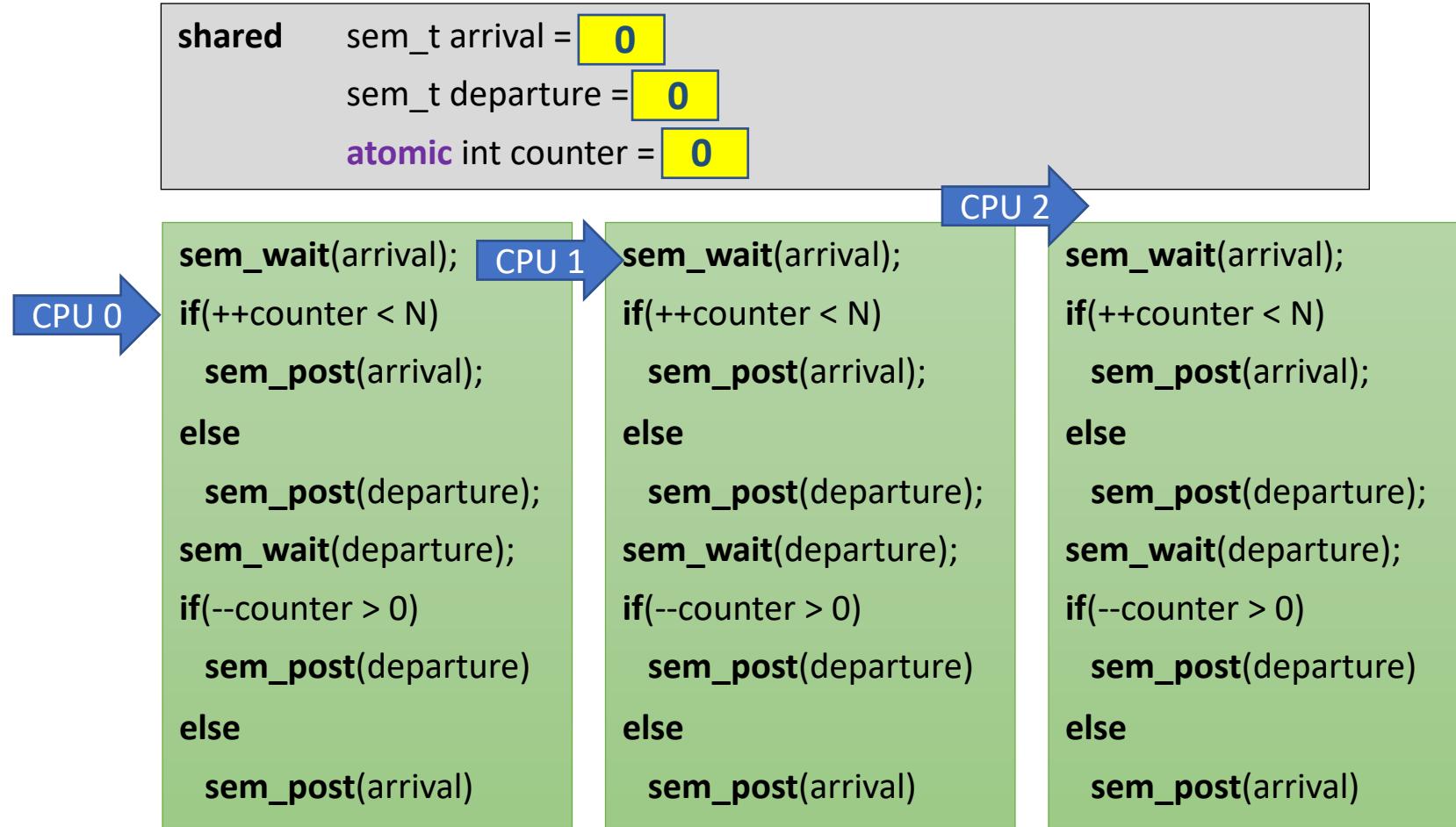


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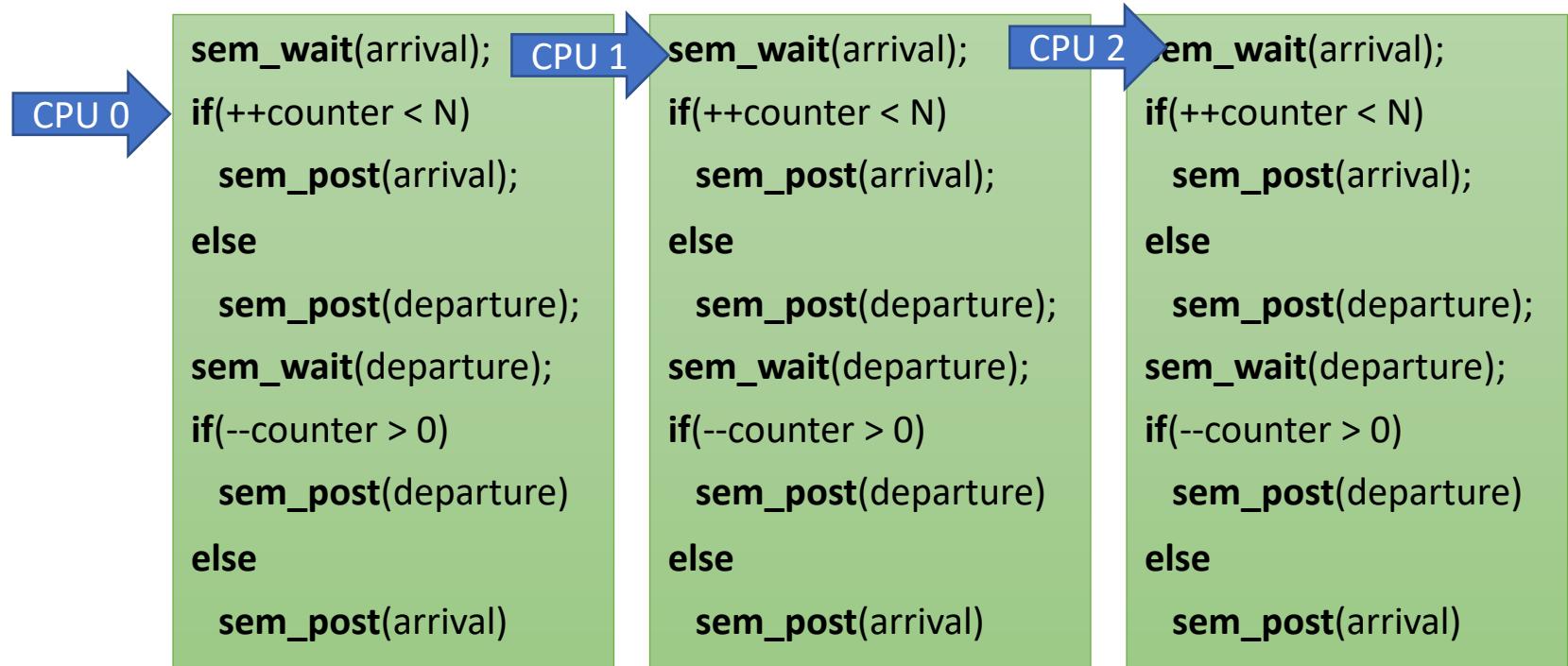


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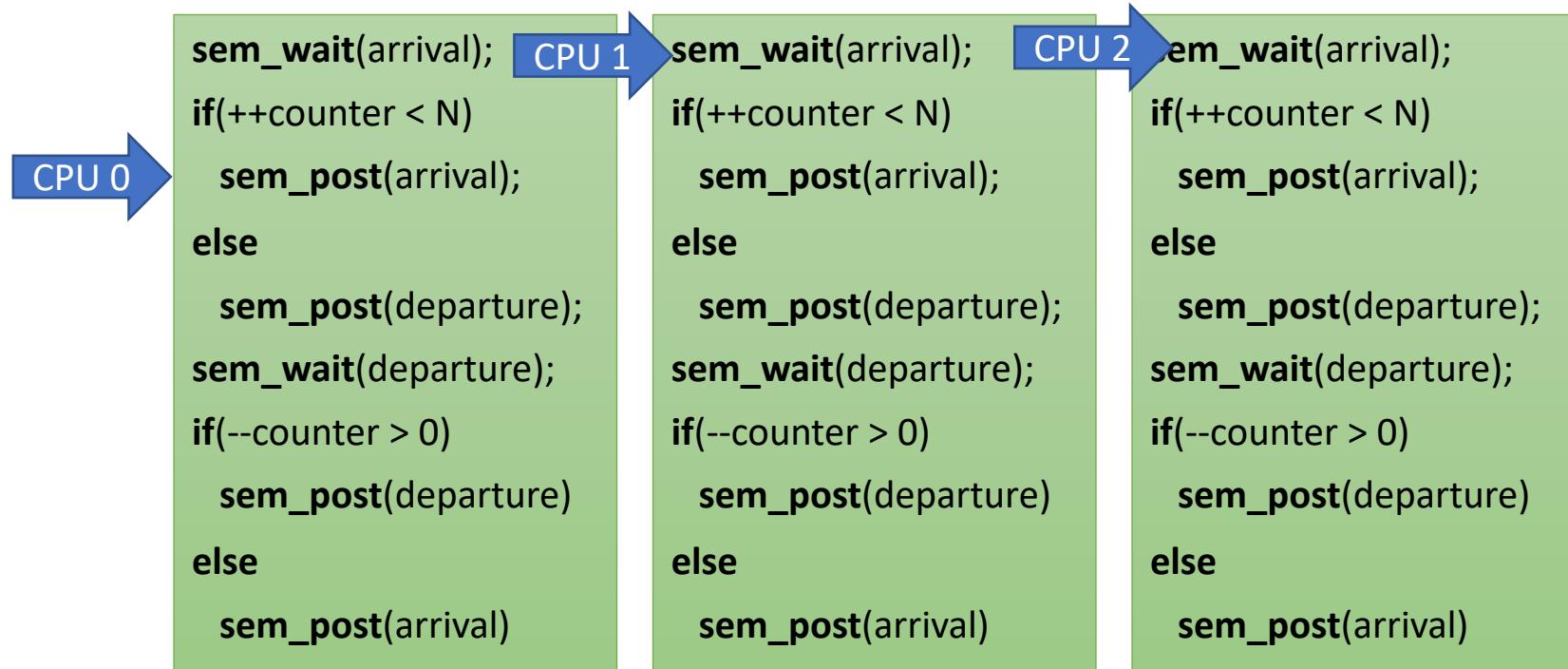


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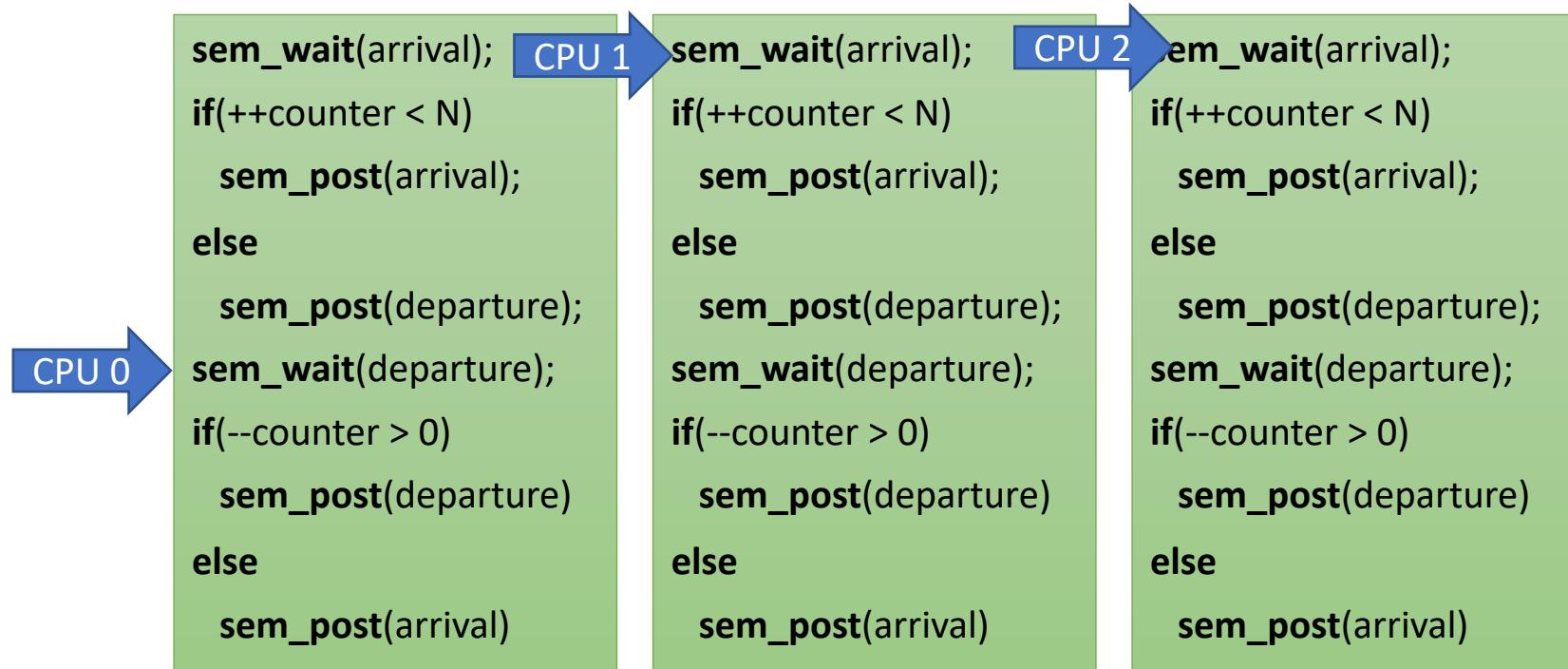


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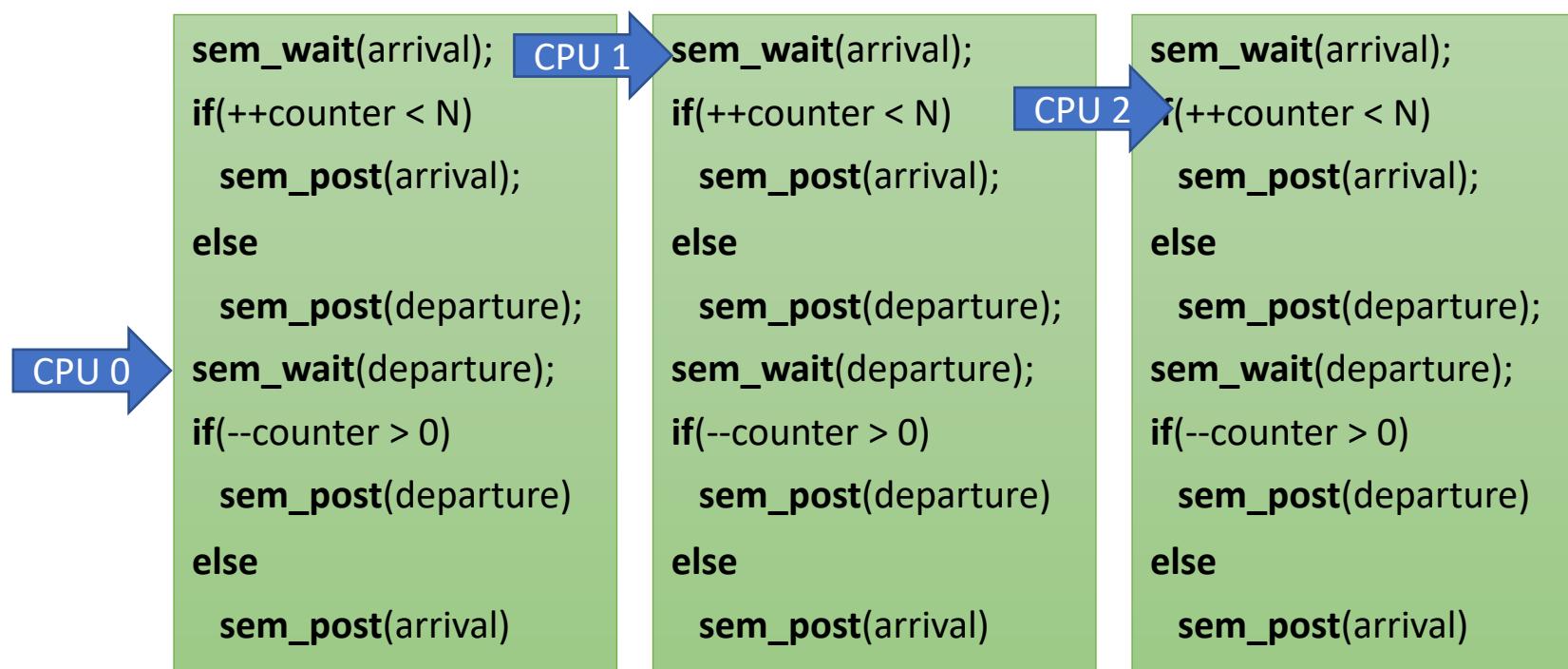


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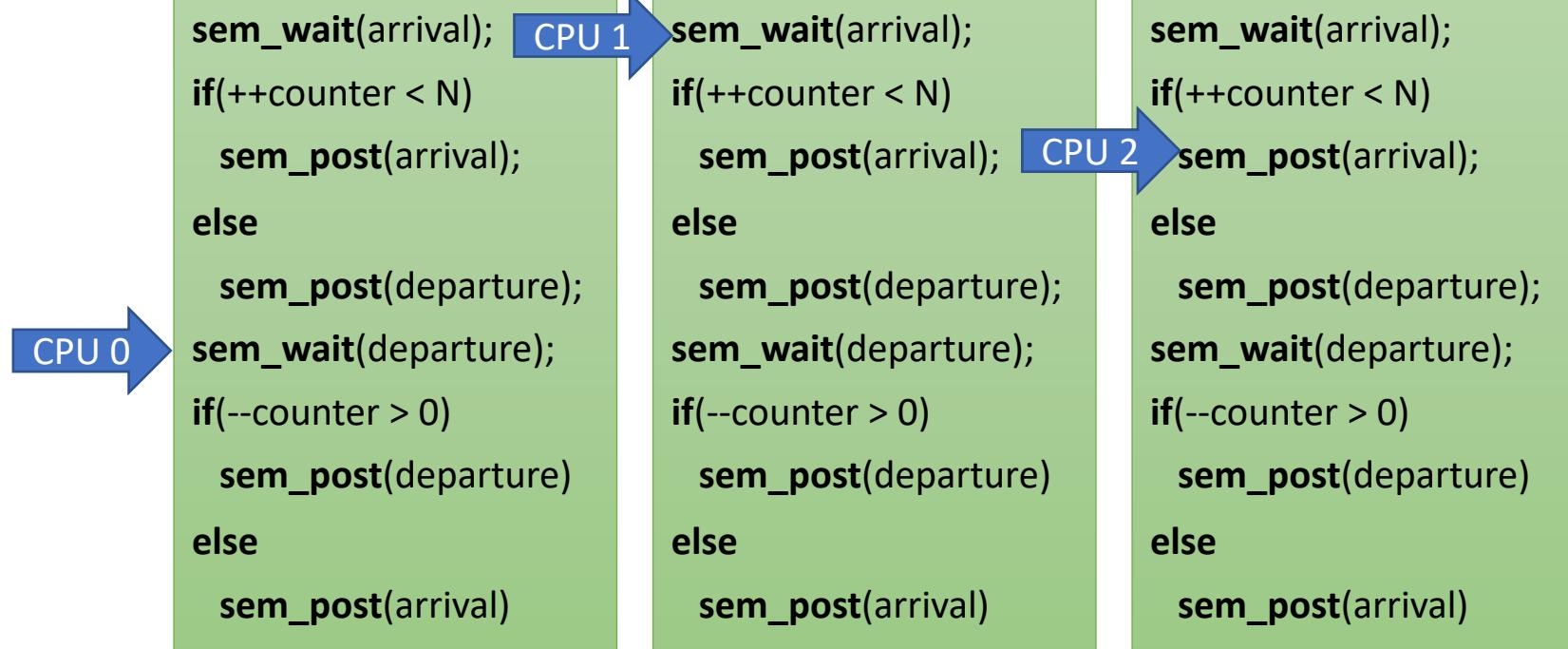


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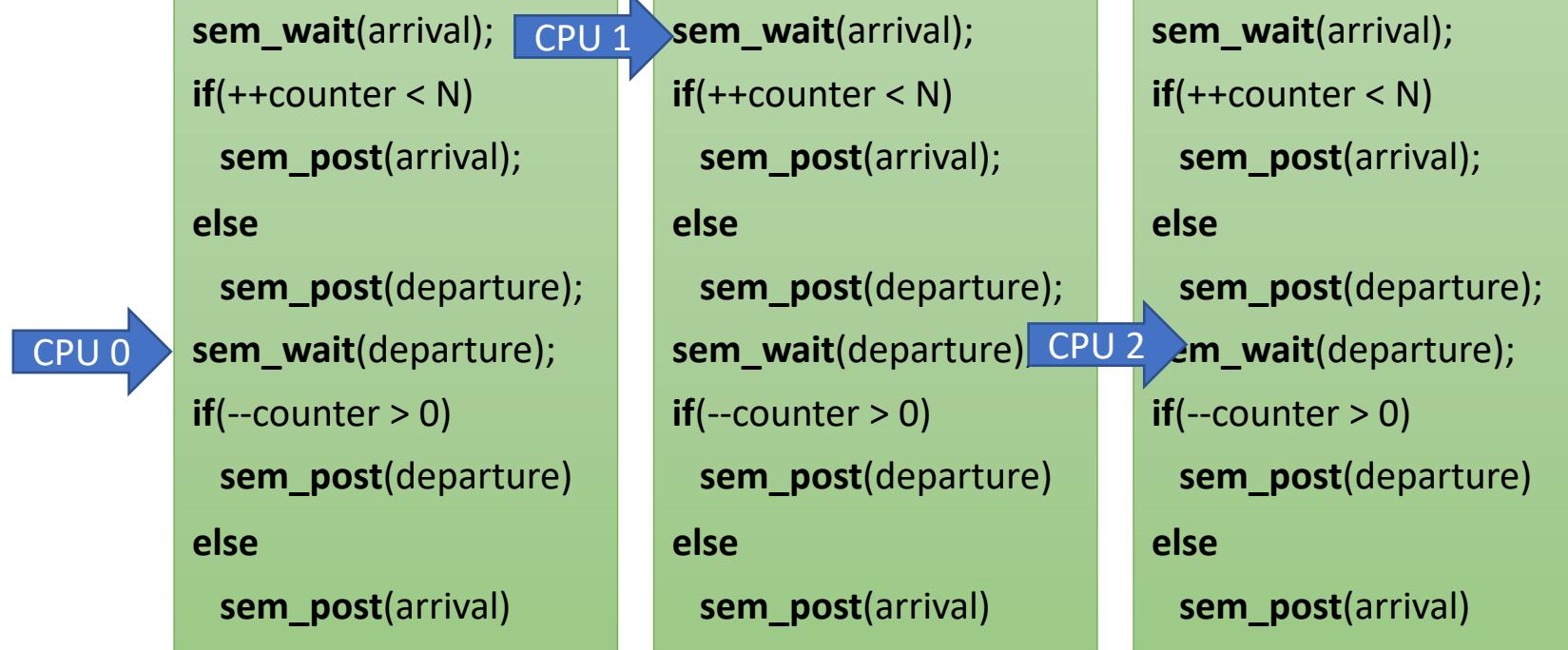


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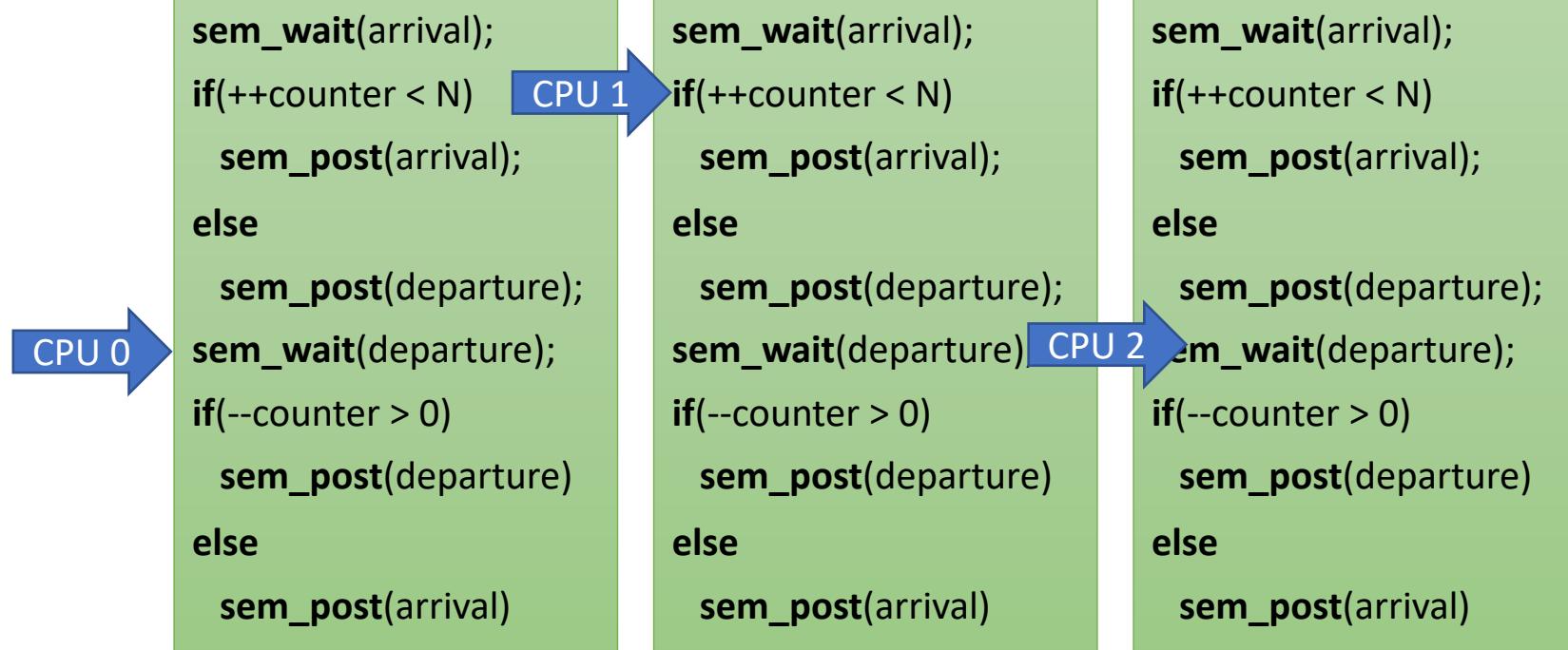


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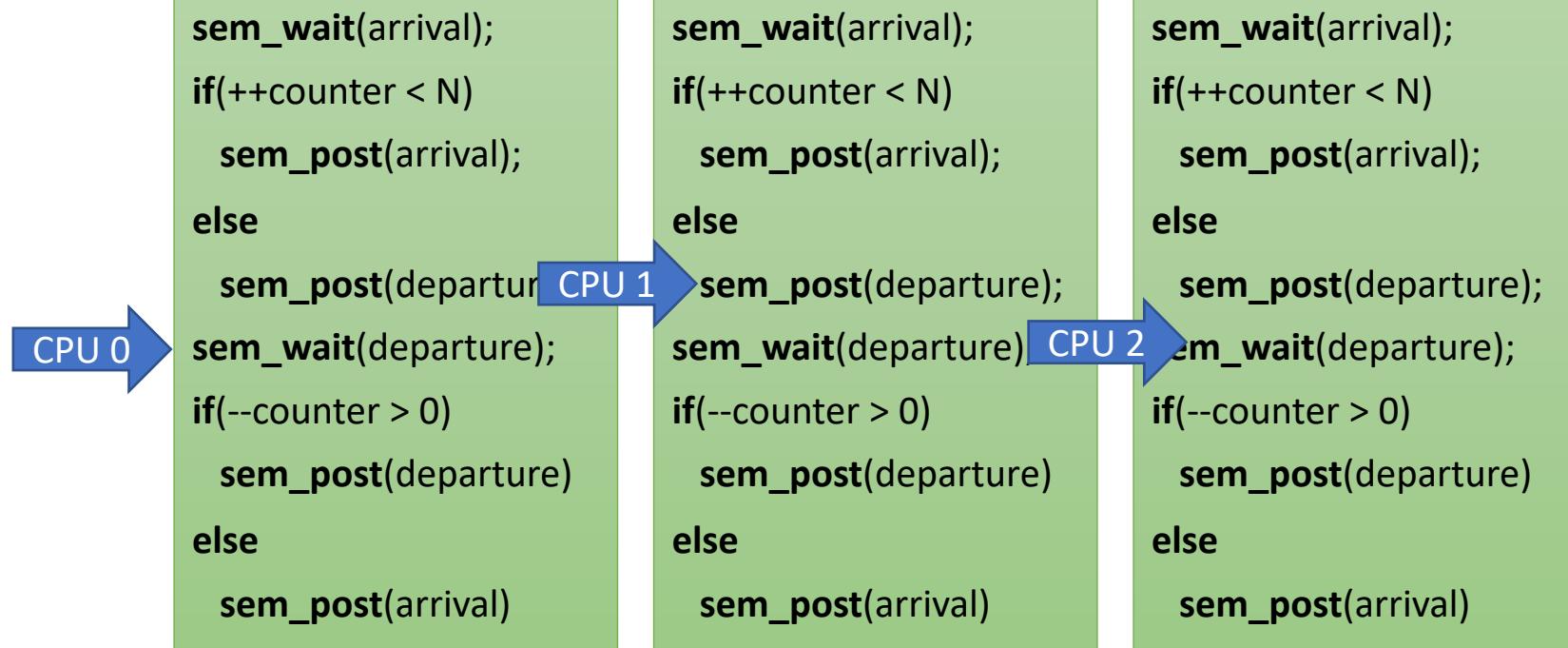


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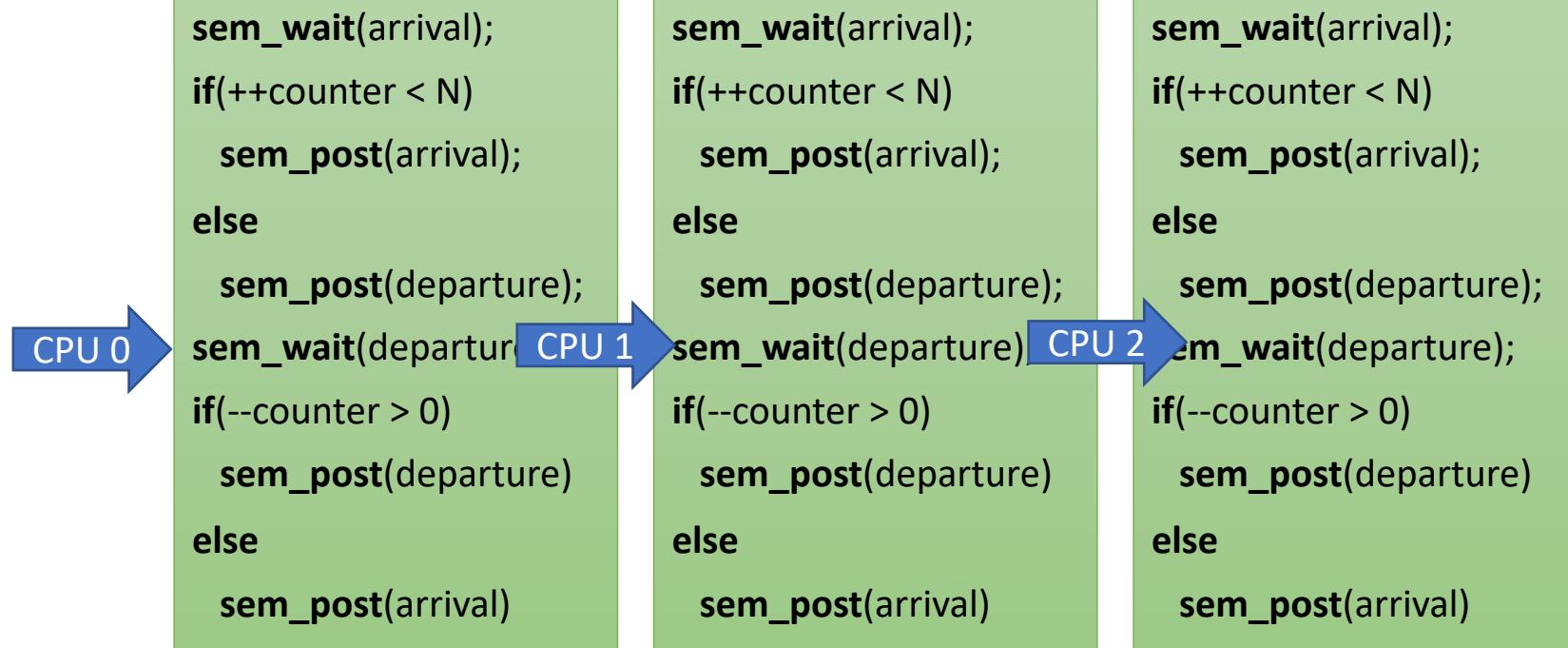


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Do we need two phases?

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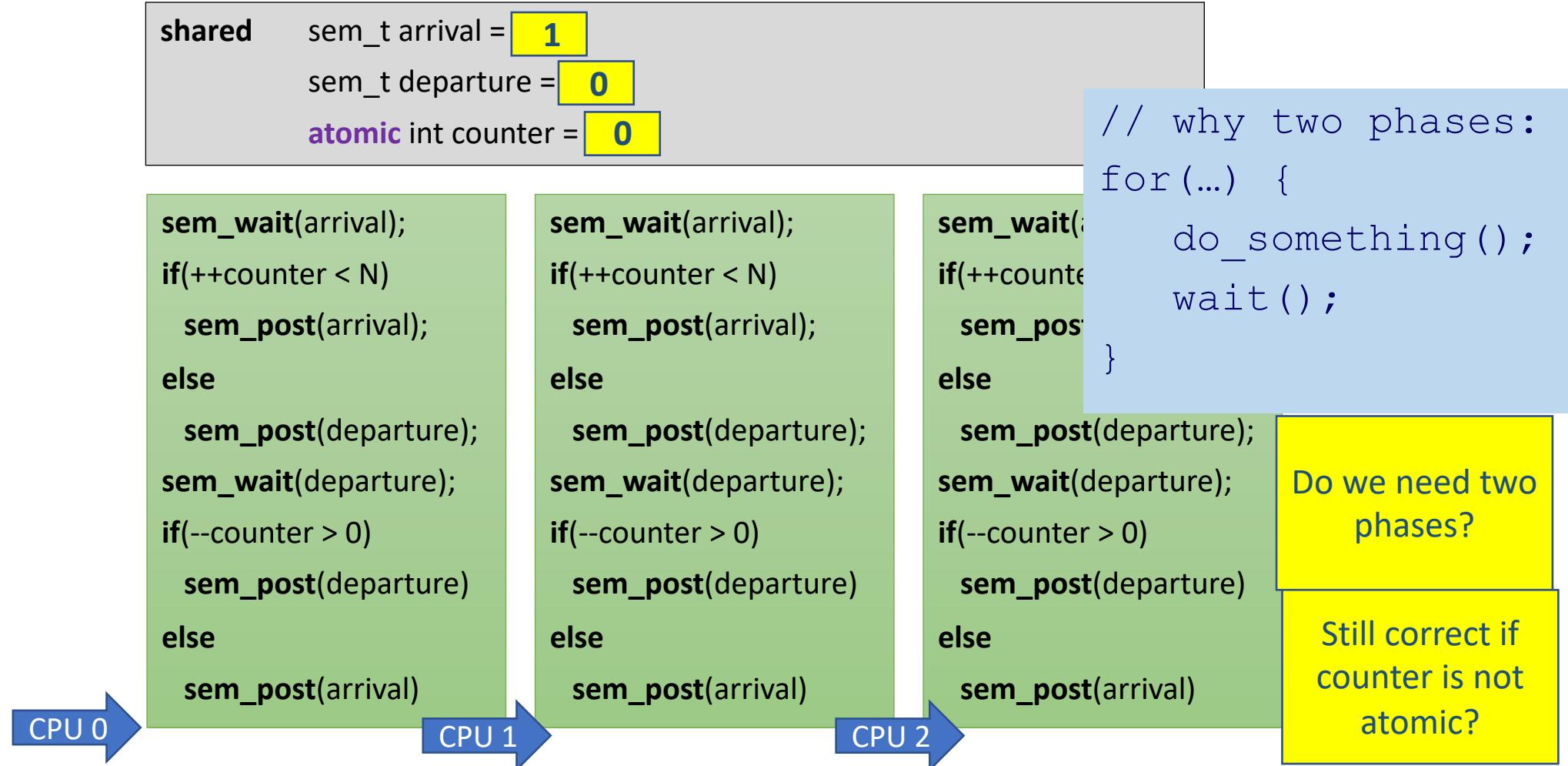
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    - Requires some central manager
    - High contention on the semaphores
  - Propagation delay  $O(n)$



# Barriers based on counters



# Counter Barrier Ingredients

## Fetch-and-Increment register

- A shared register that supports a F&I operation:
- Input: register  $r$
- Atomic operation:
  - $r$  is incremented by 1
  - the old value of  $r$  is returned

```
function fetch-and-increment (r : register)
    orig_r := r;
    r:= r + 1;
    return (orig_r);
end-function
```

## Await

- For brevity, we use the **await** macro
- Not an operation of an object
- This is just “spinning”

```
macro await (condition : boolean condition)
repeat
    cond = eval(condition);
until (cond)
end-macro
```

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- Reducing the contention:
  - Replace the *go* bit with *n* bits:  $go[1], \dots, go[n]$
  - Process  $p_i$  may spin only on the bit  $go[i]$

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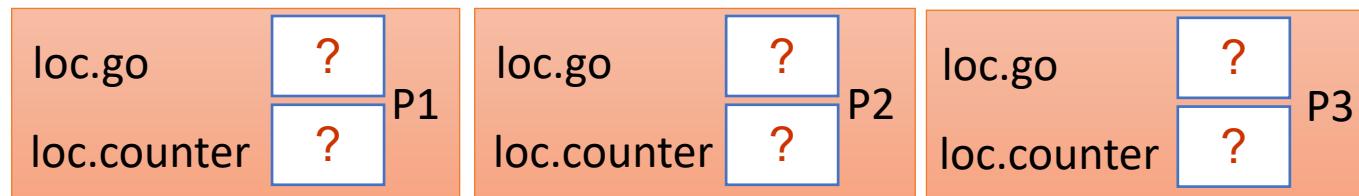
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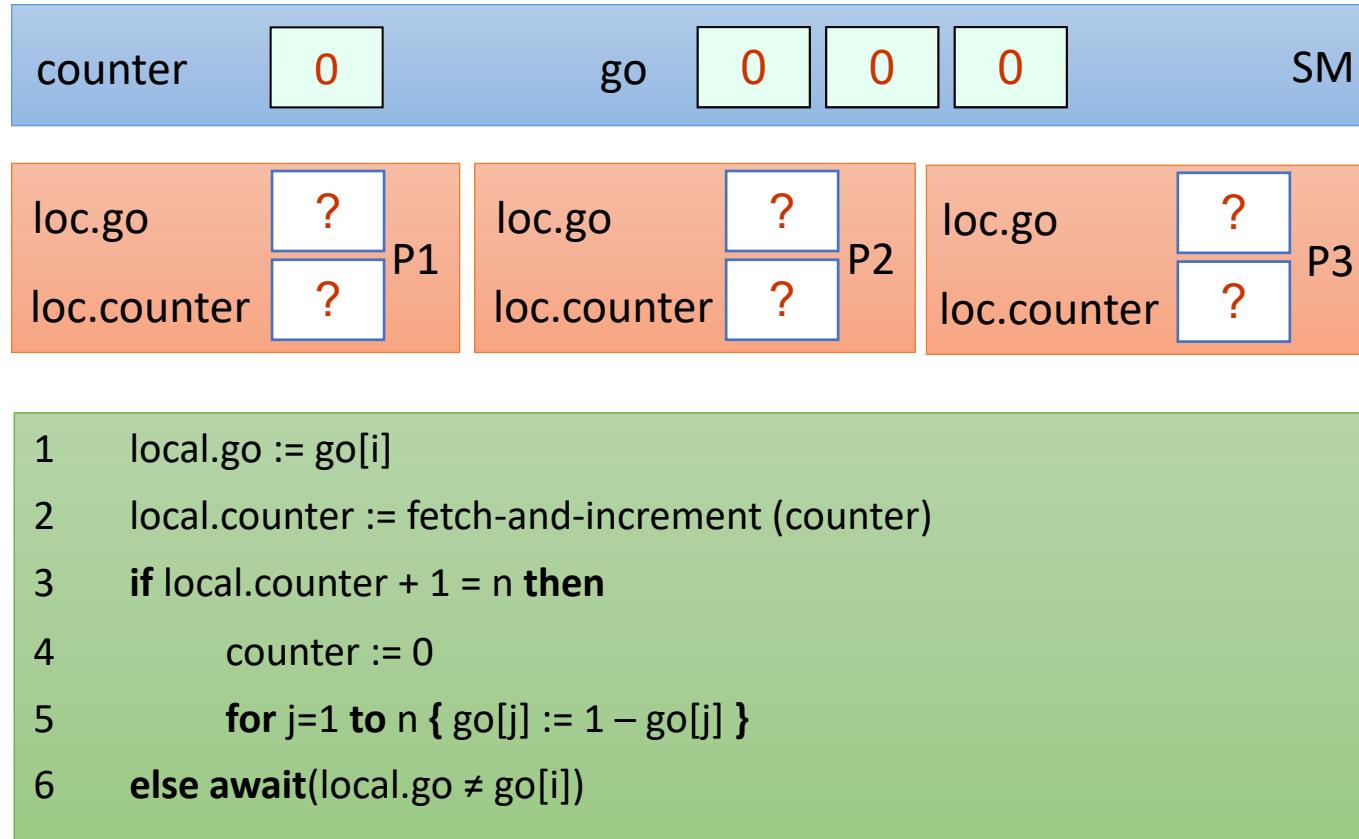
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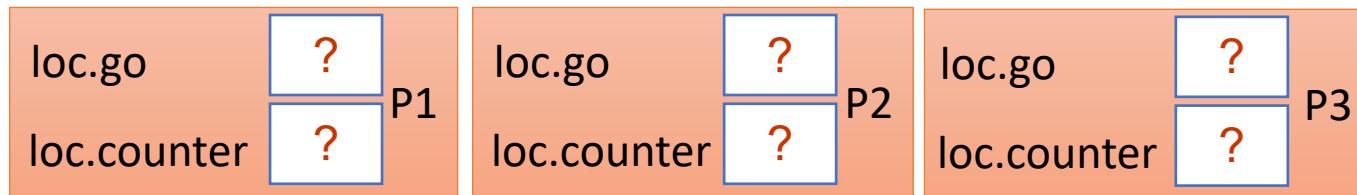
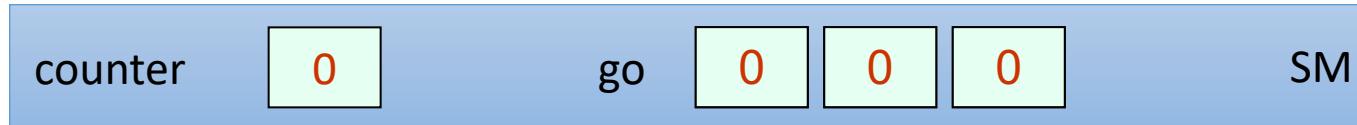
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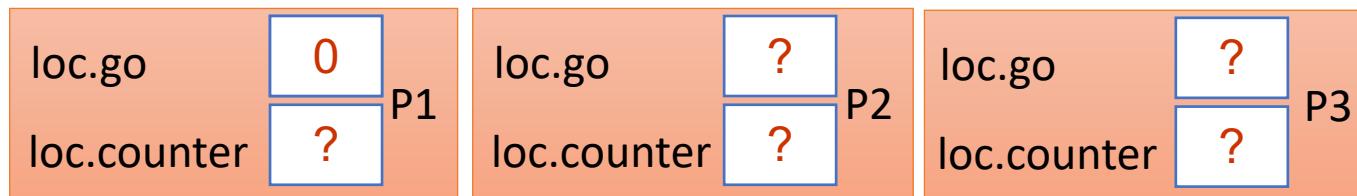
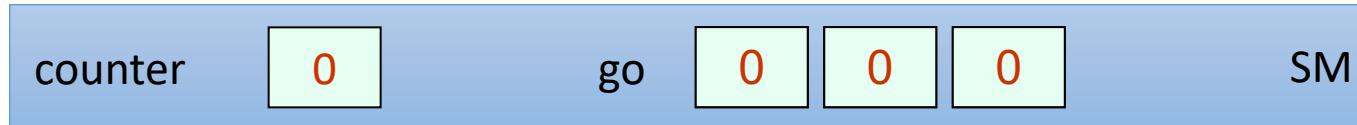


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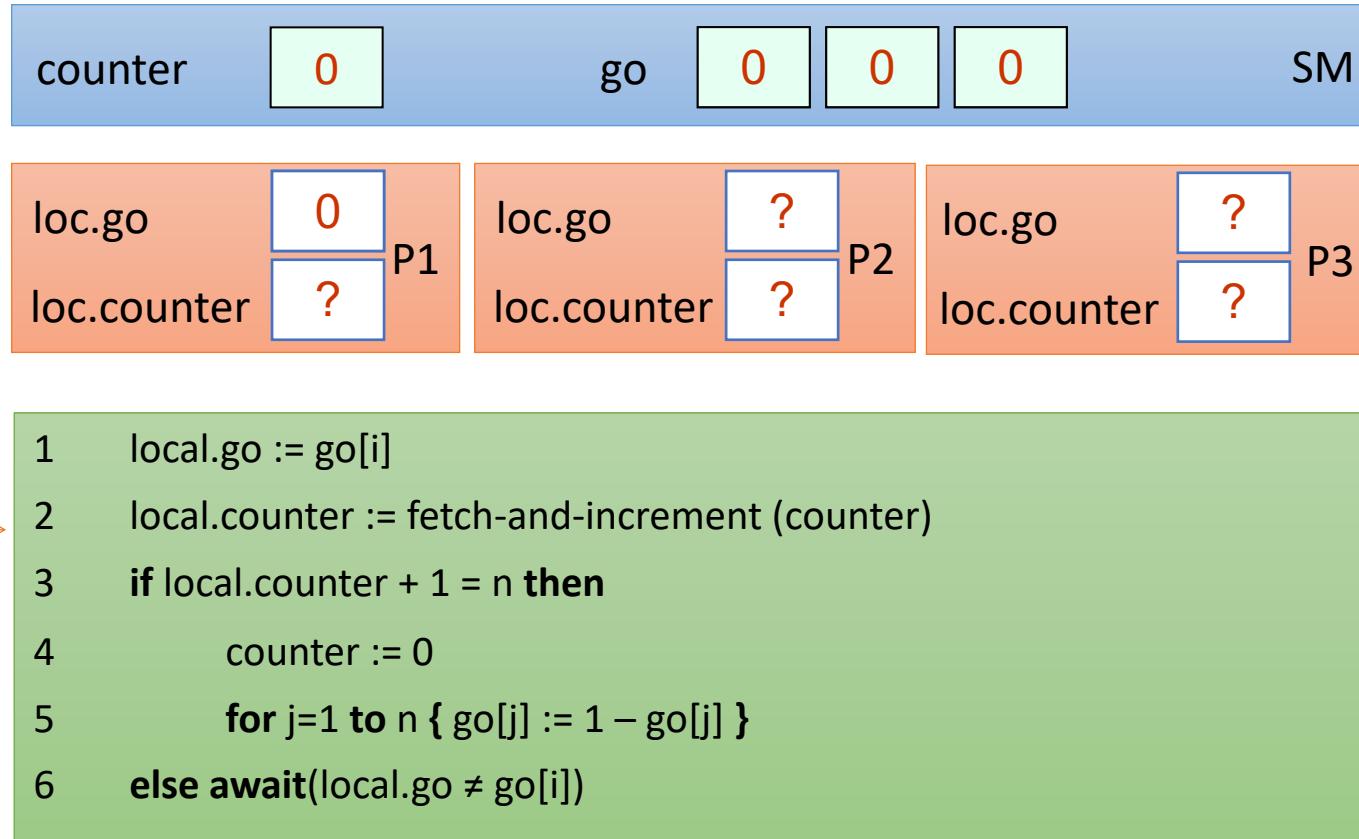


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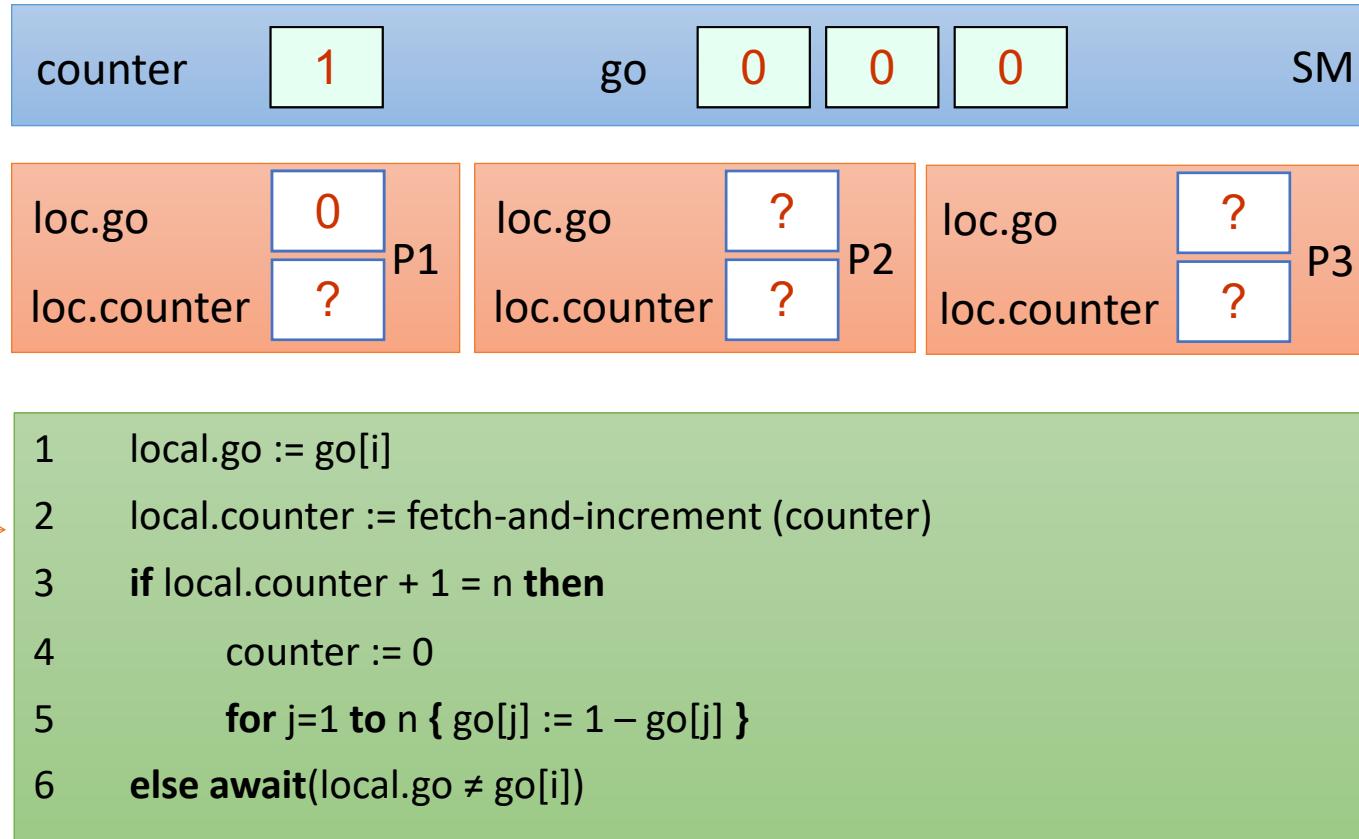
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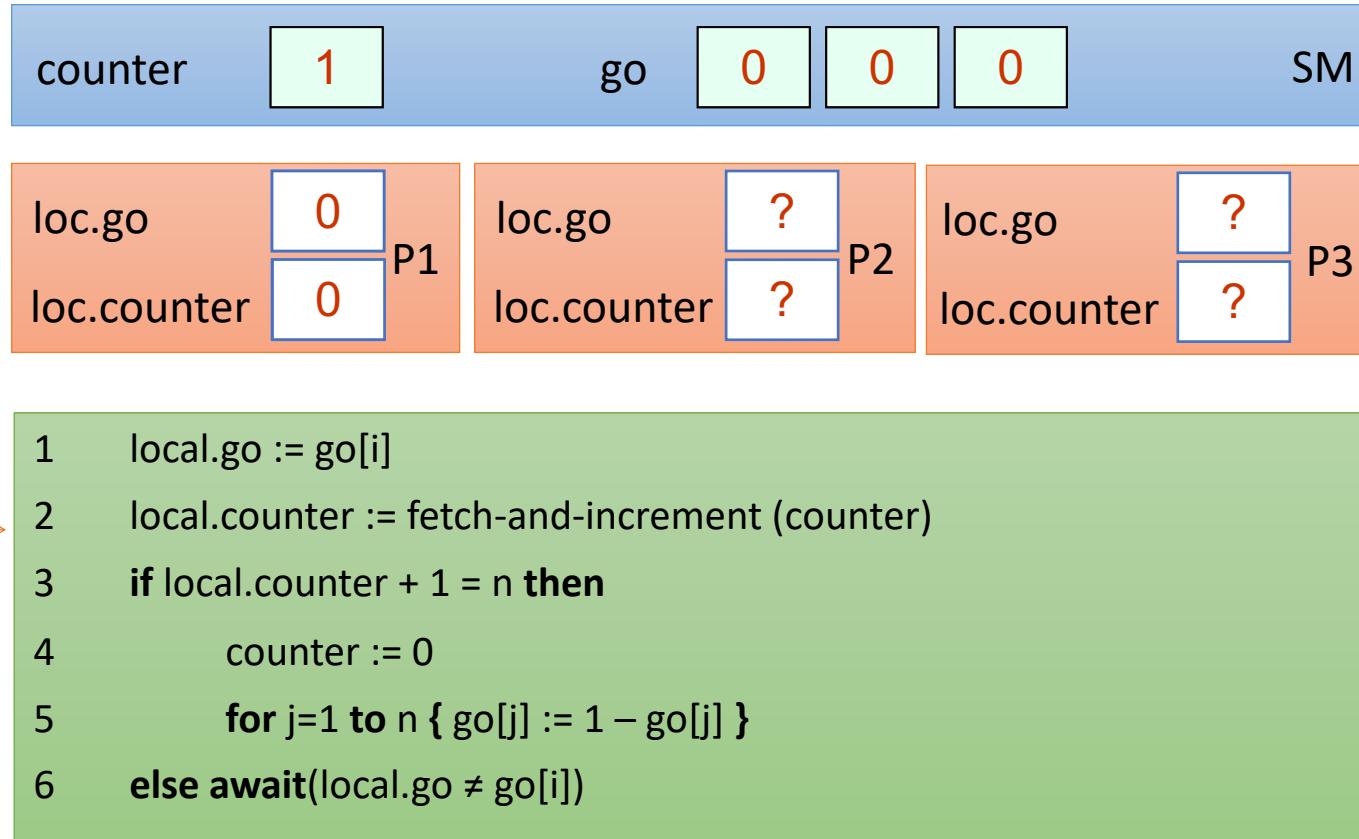
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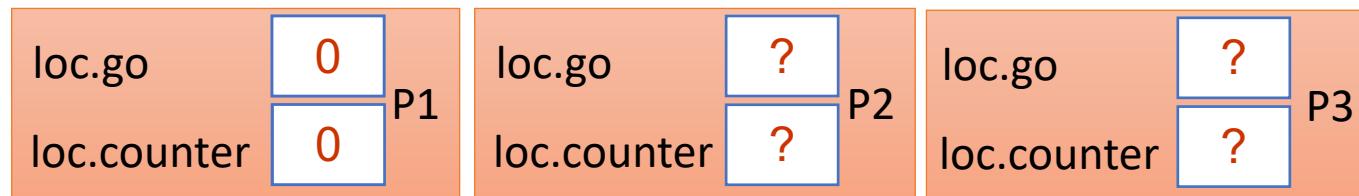
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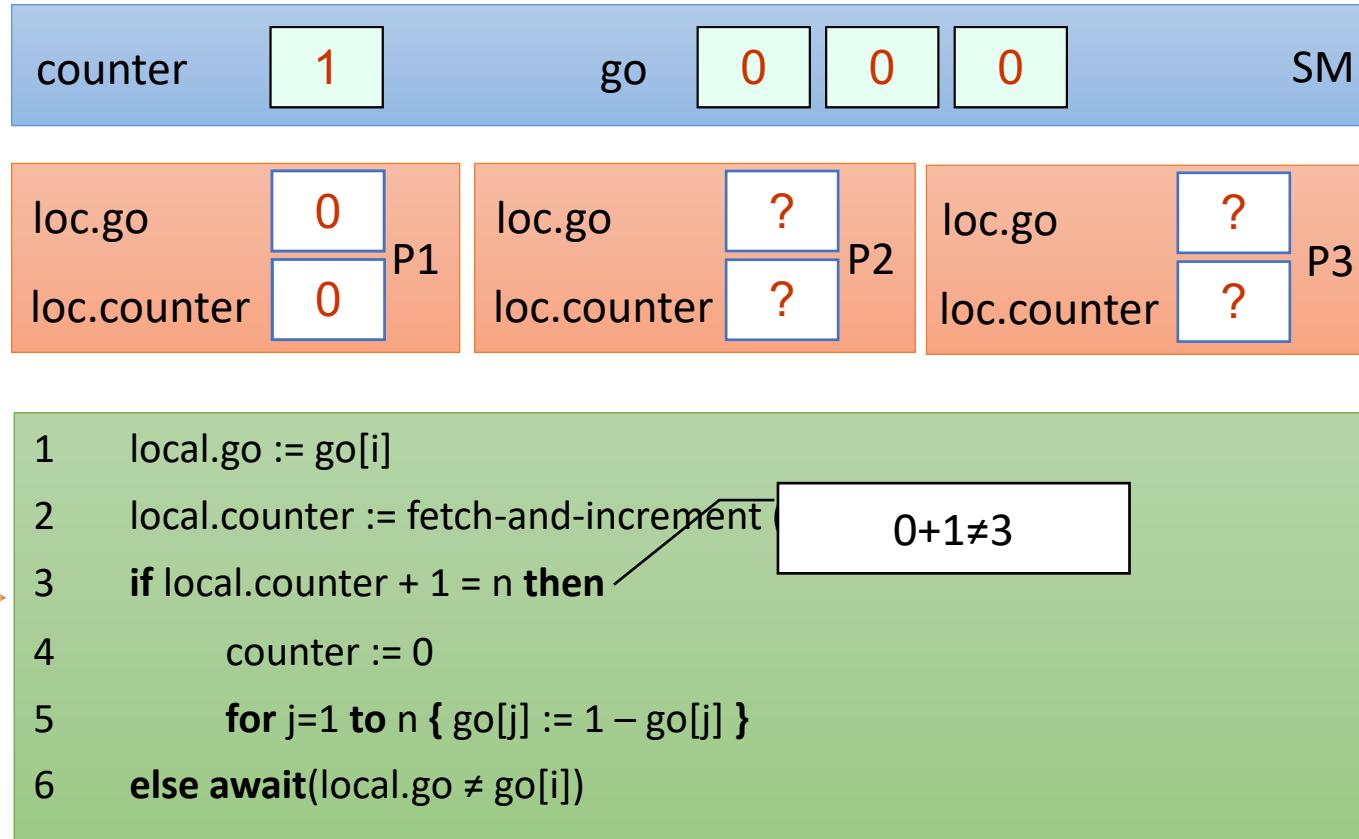
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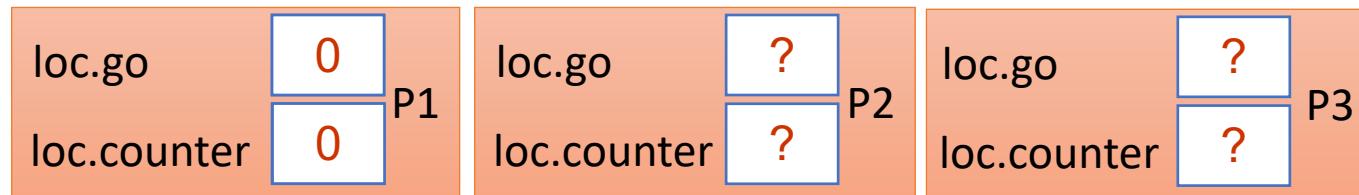
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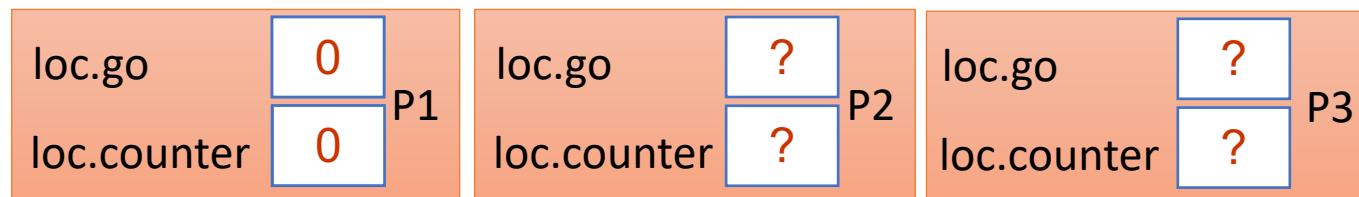


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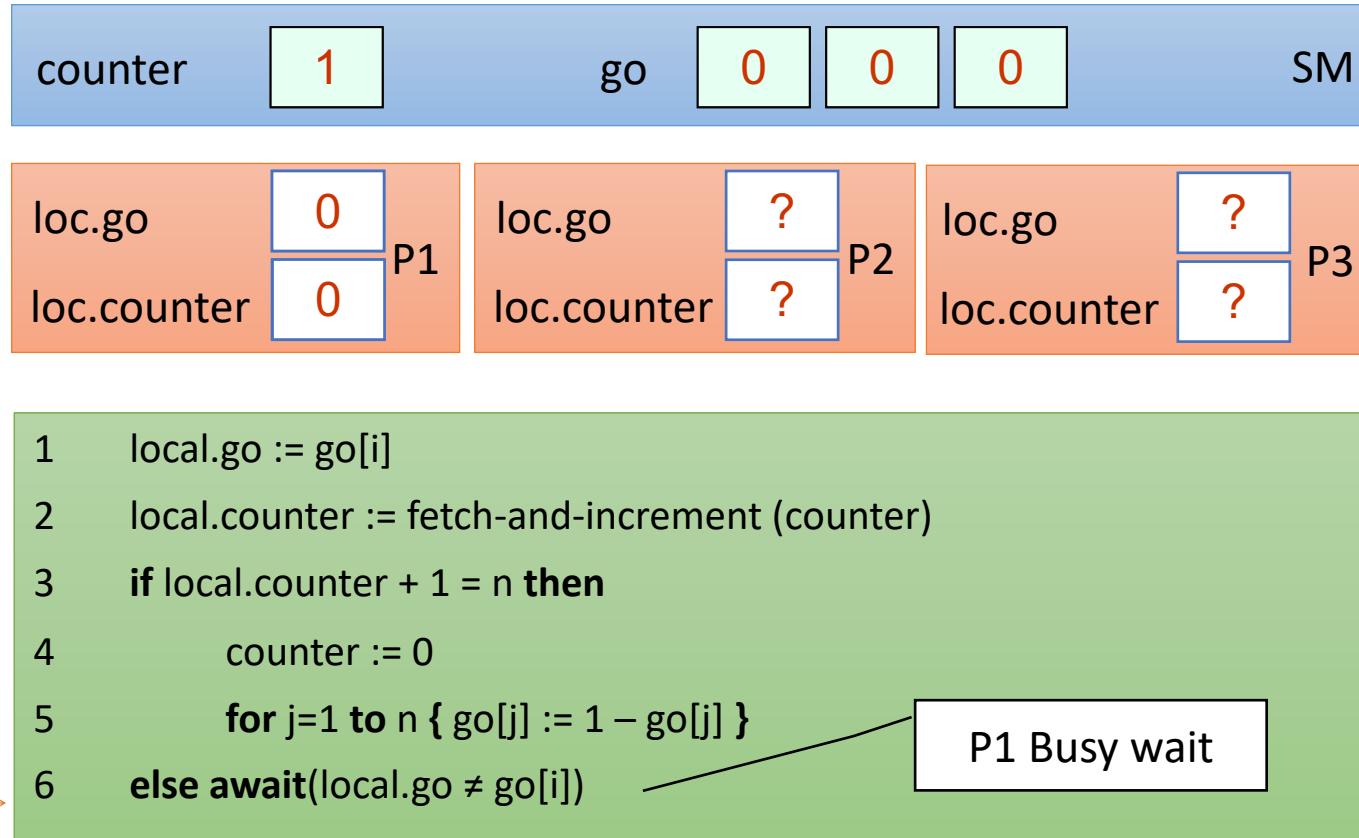
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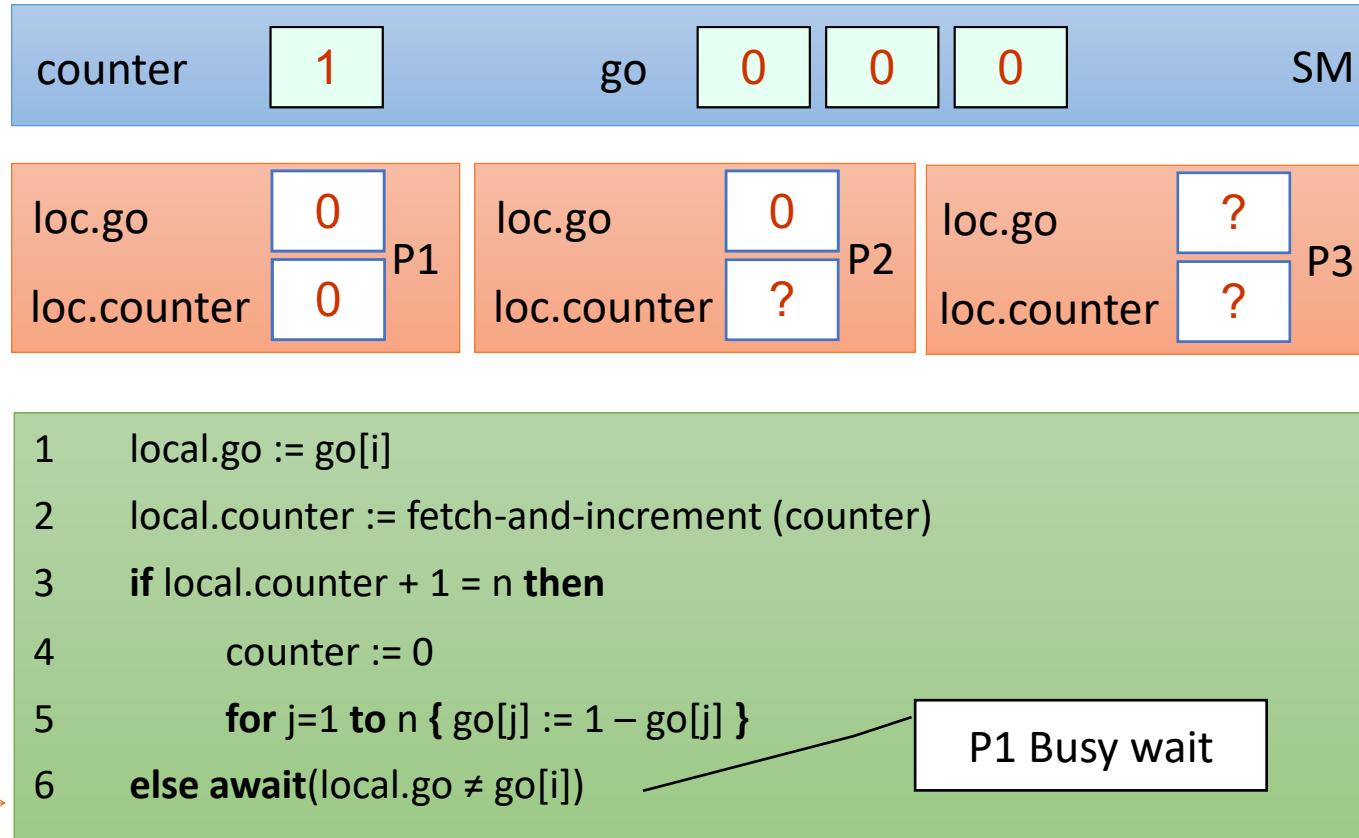
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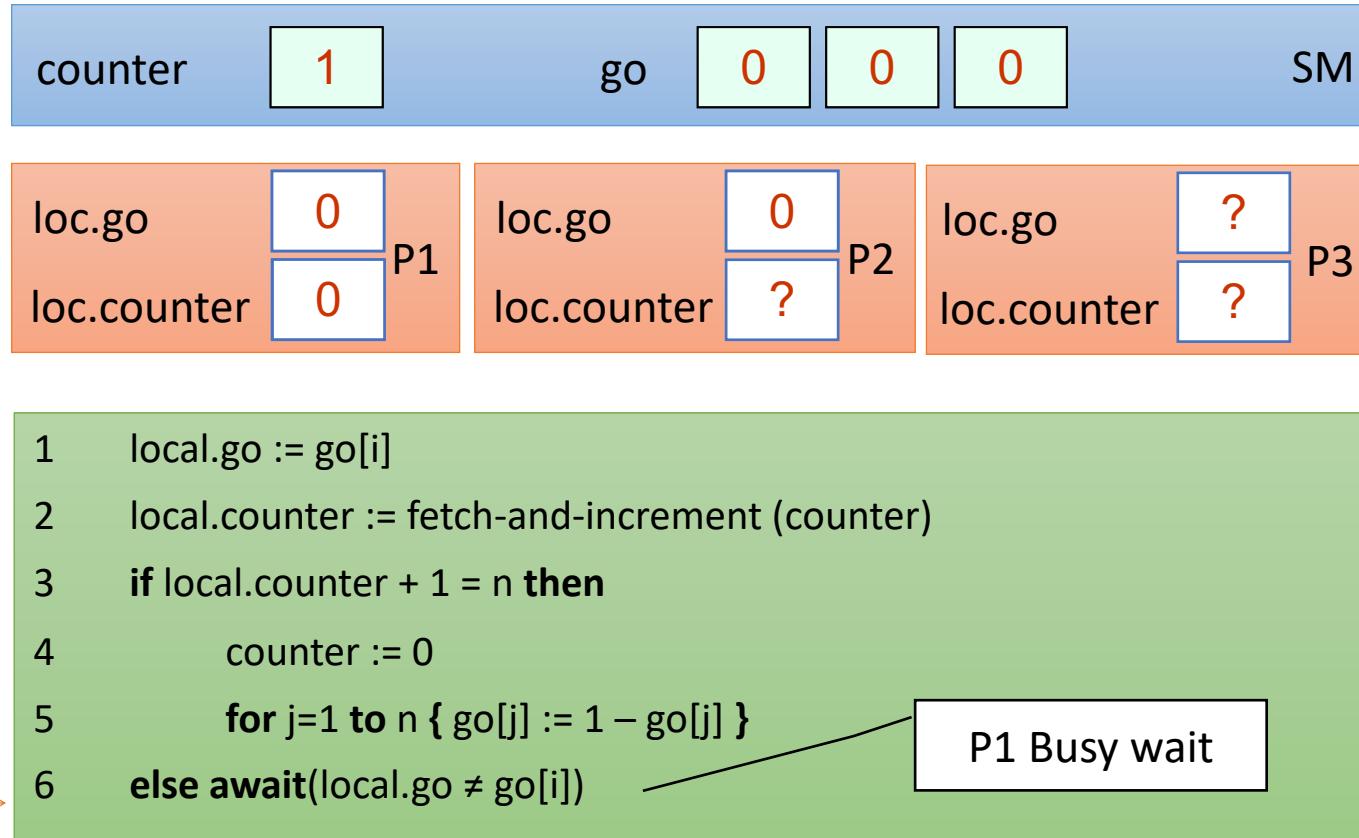
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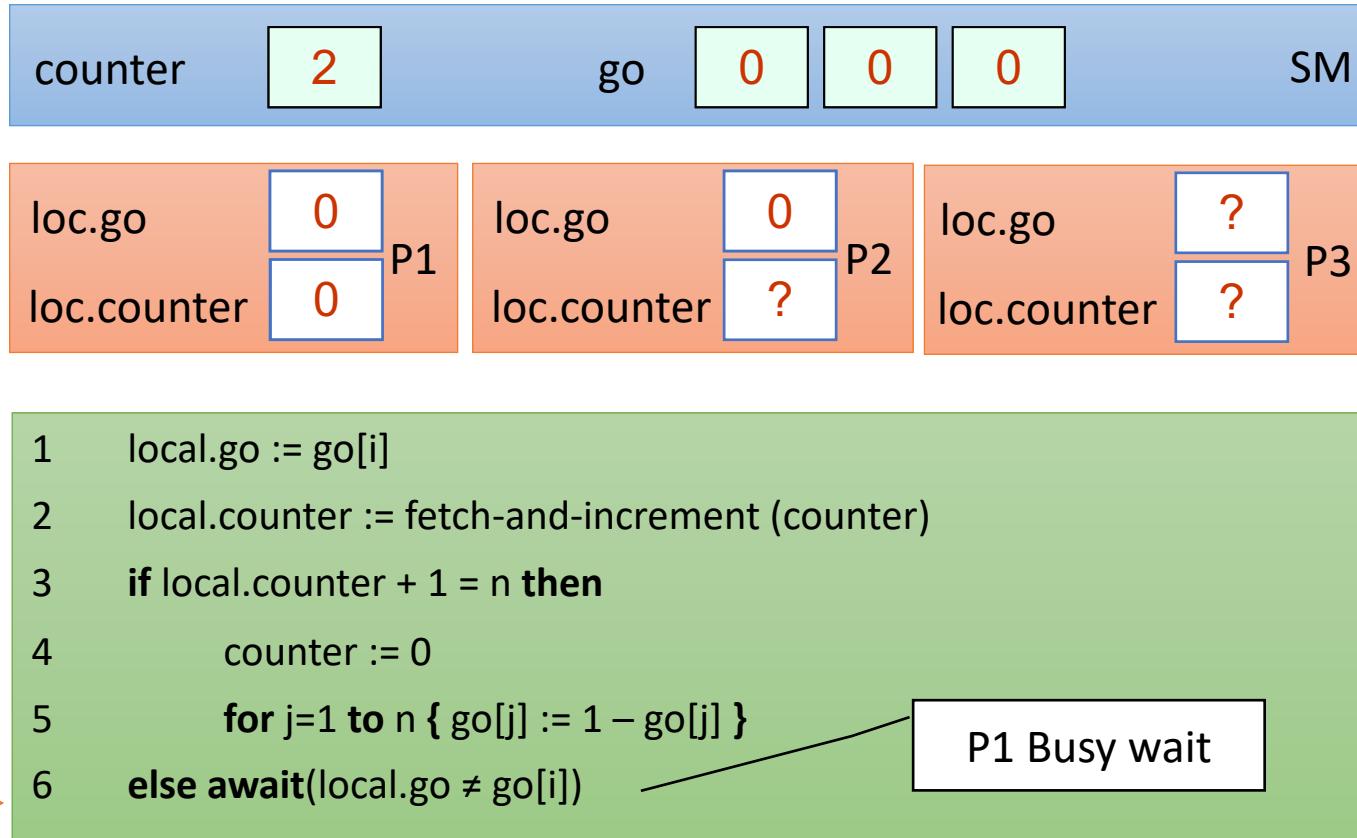
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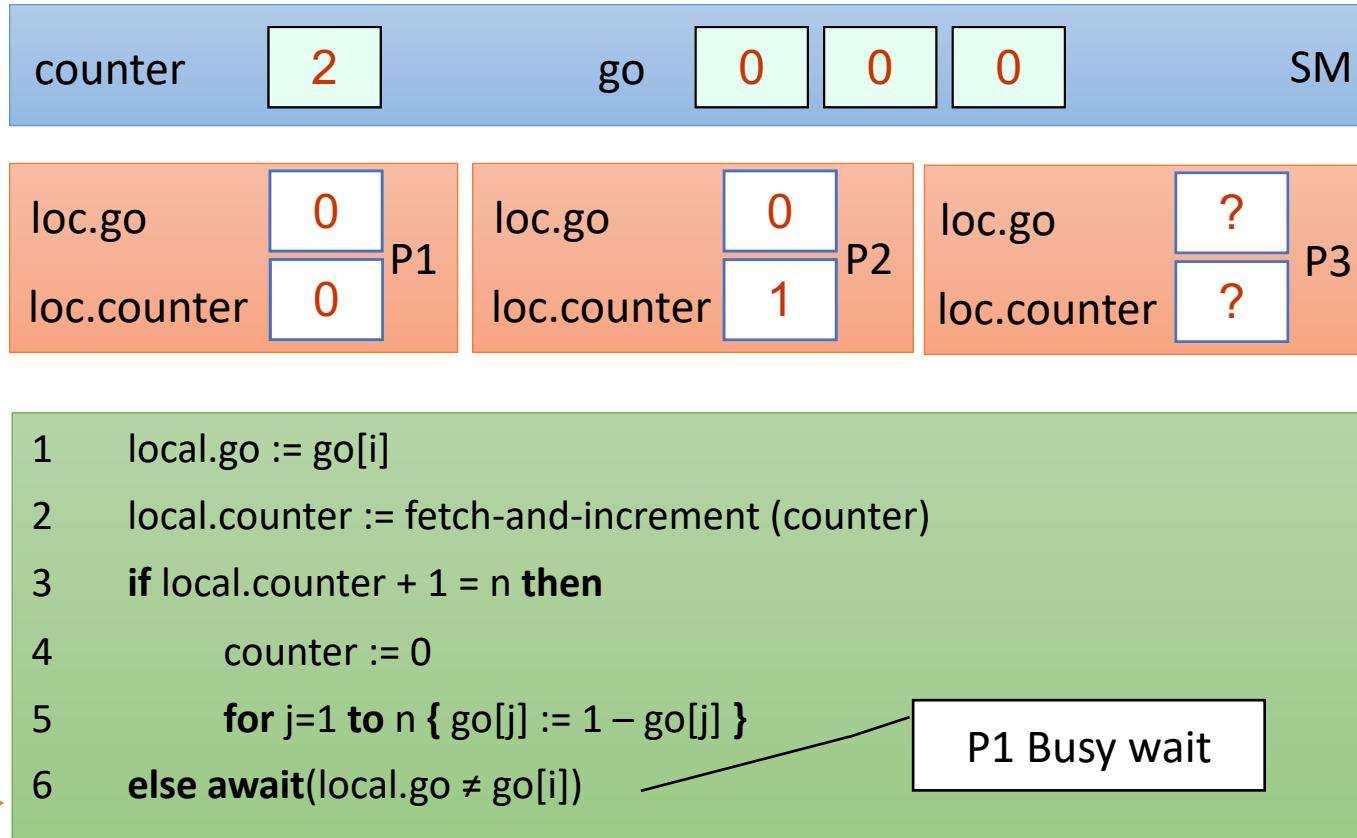
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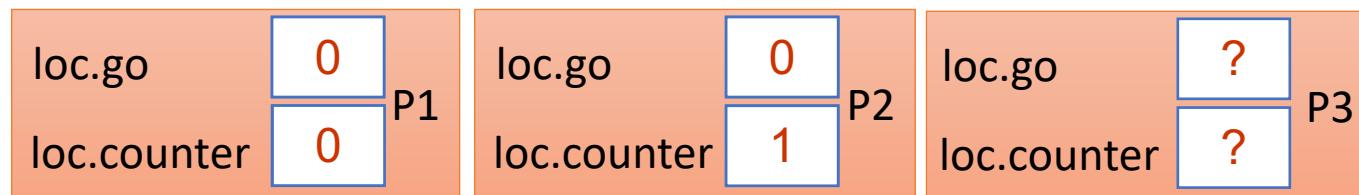
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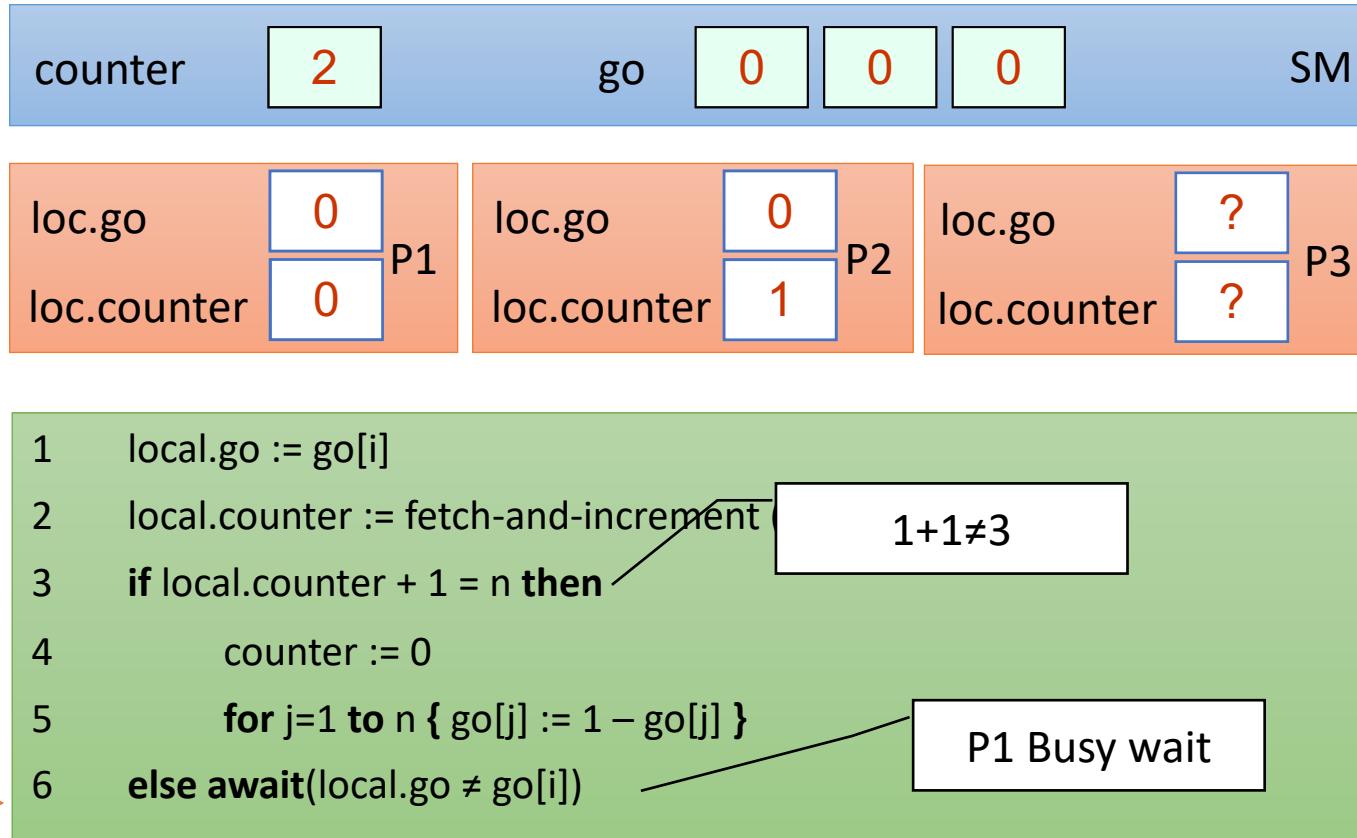


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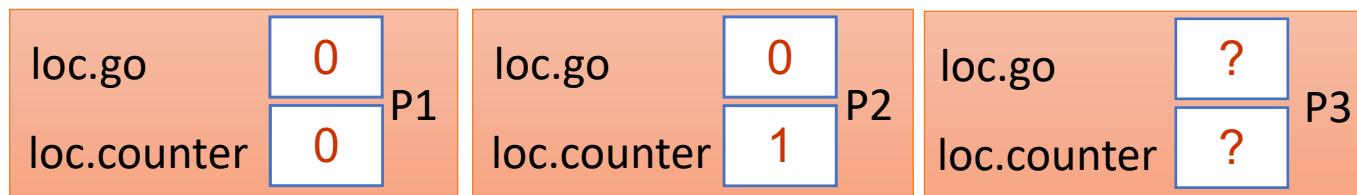
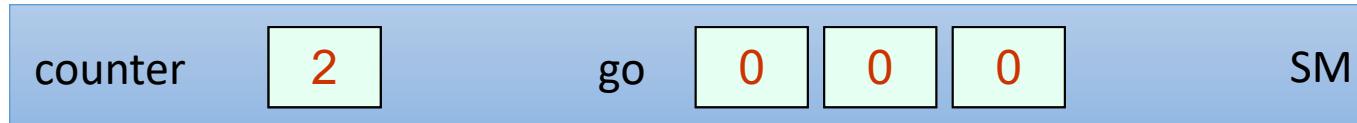
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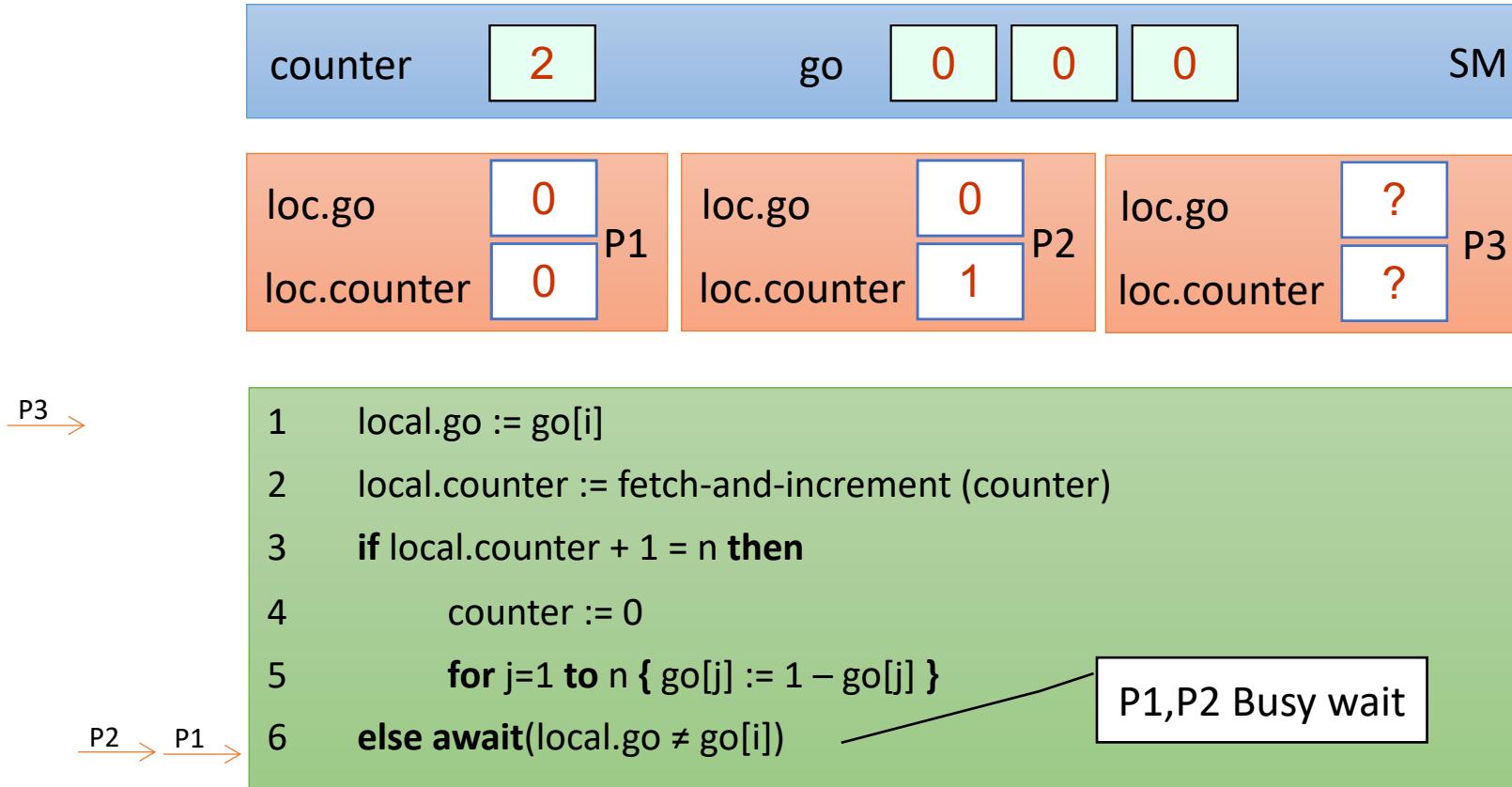
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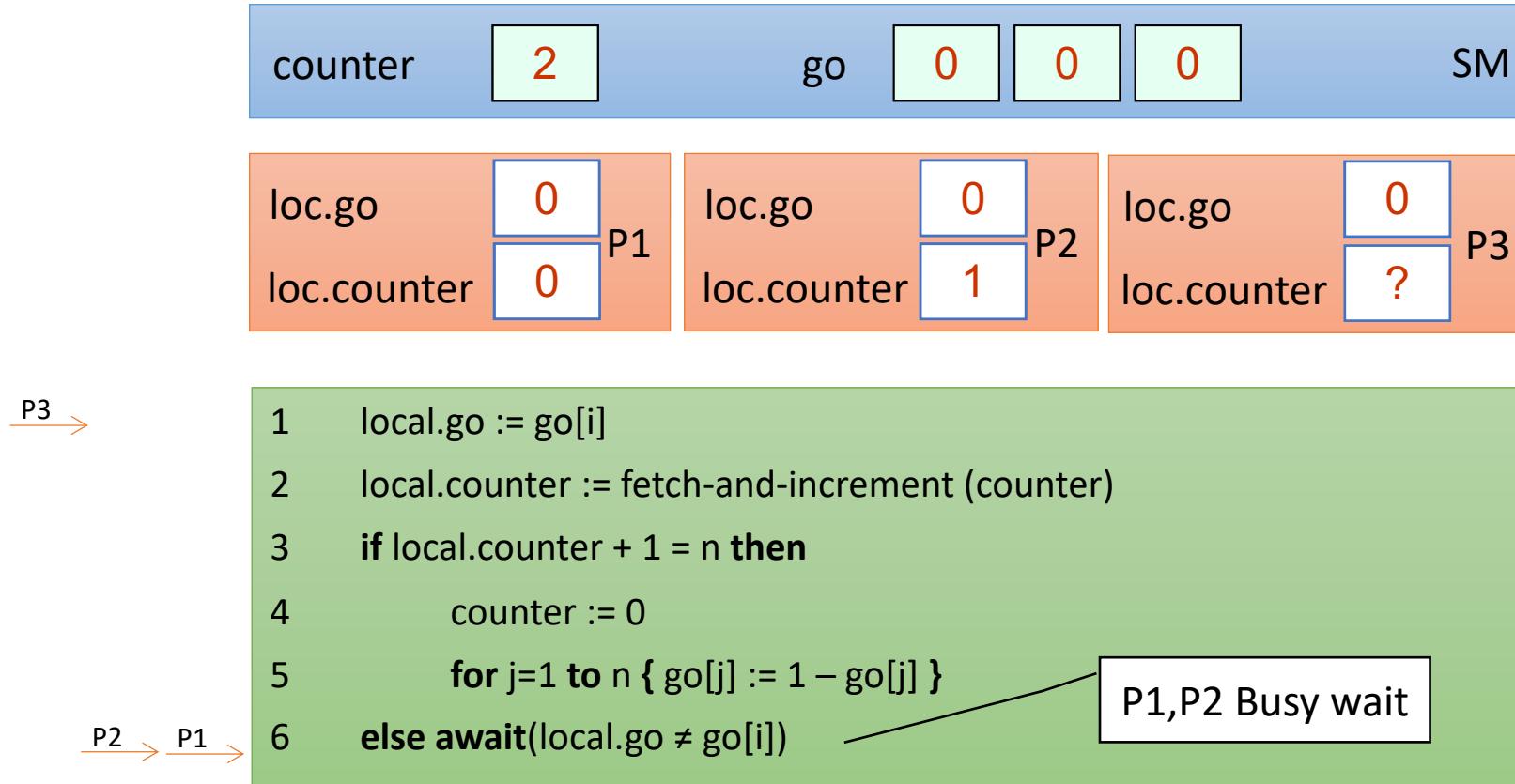
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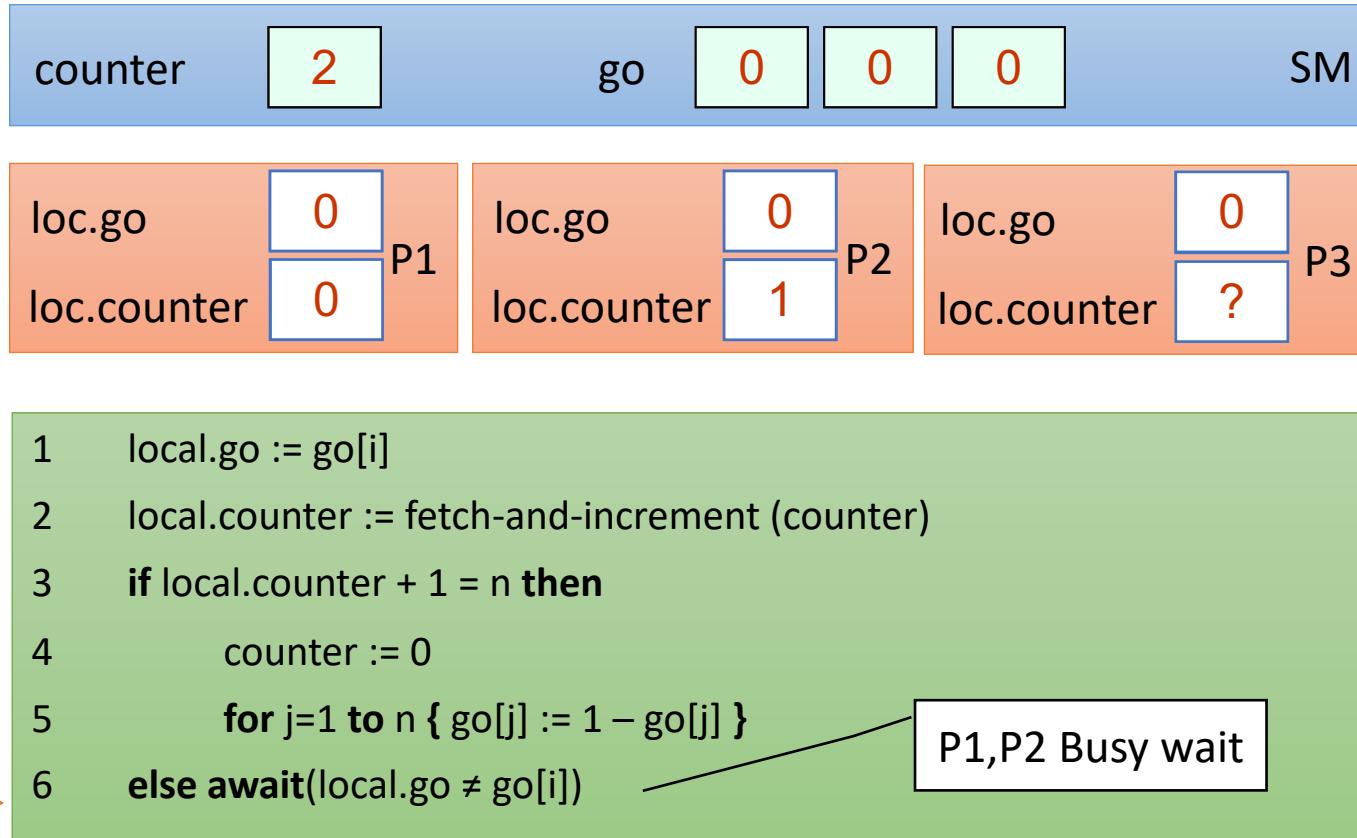
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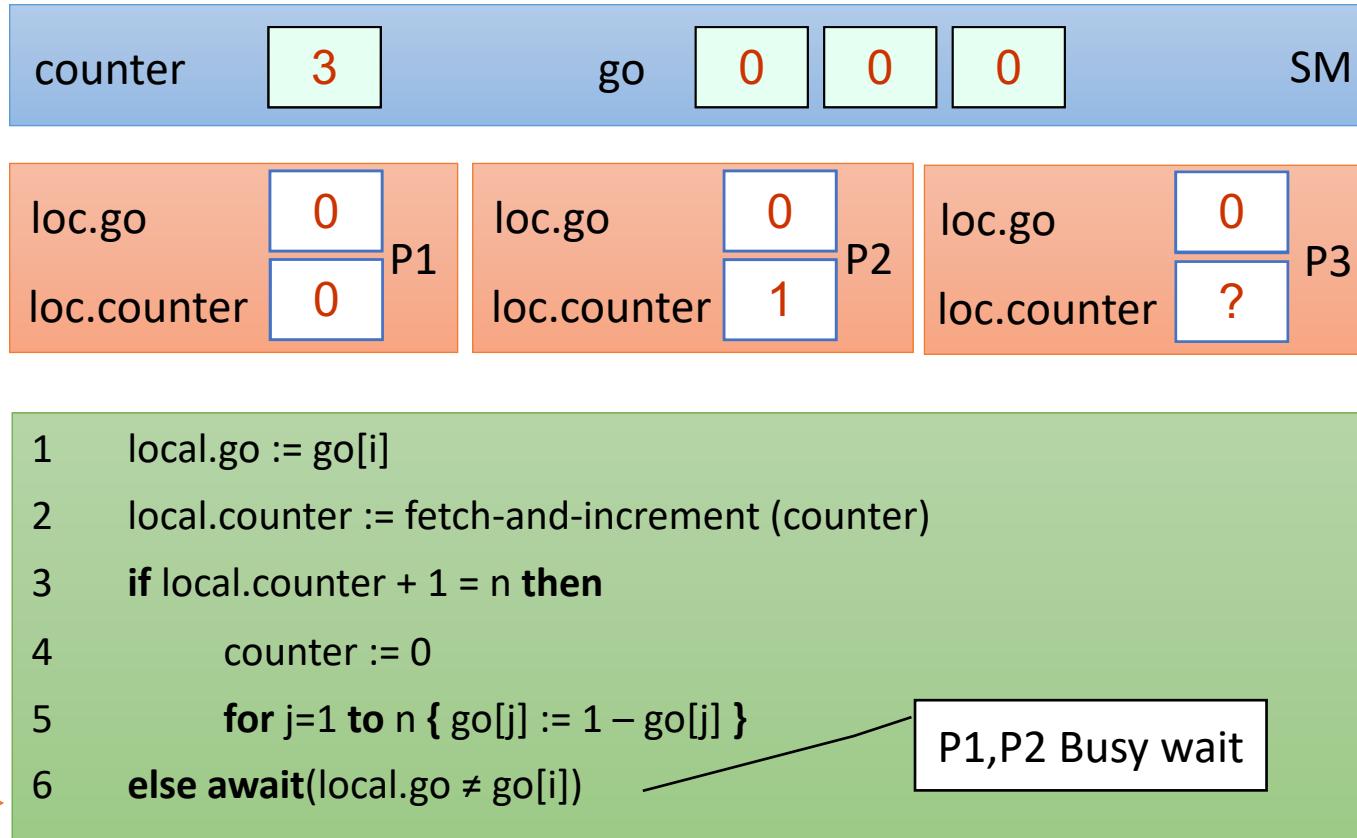
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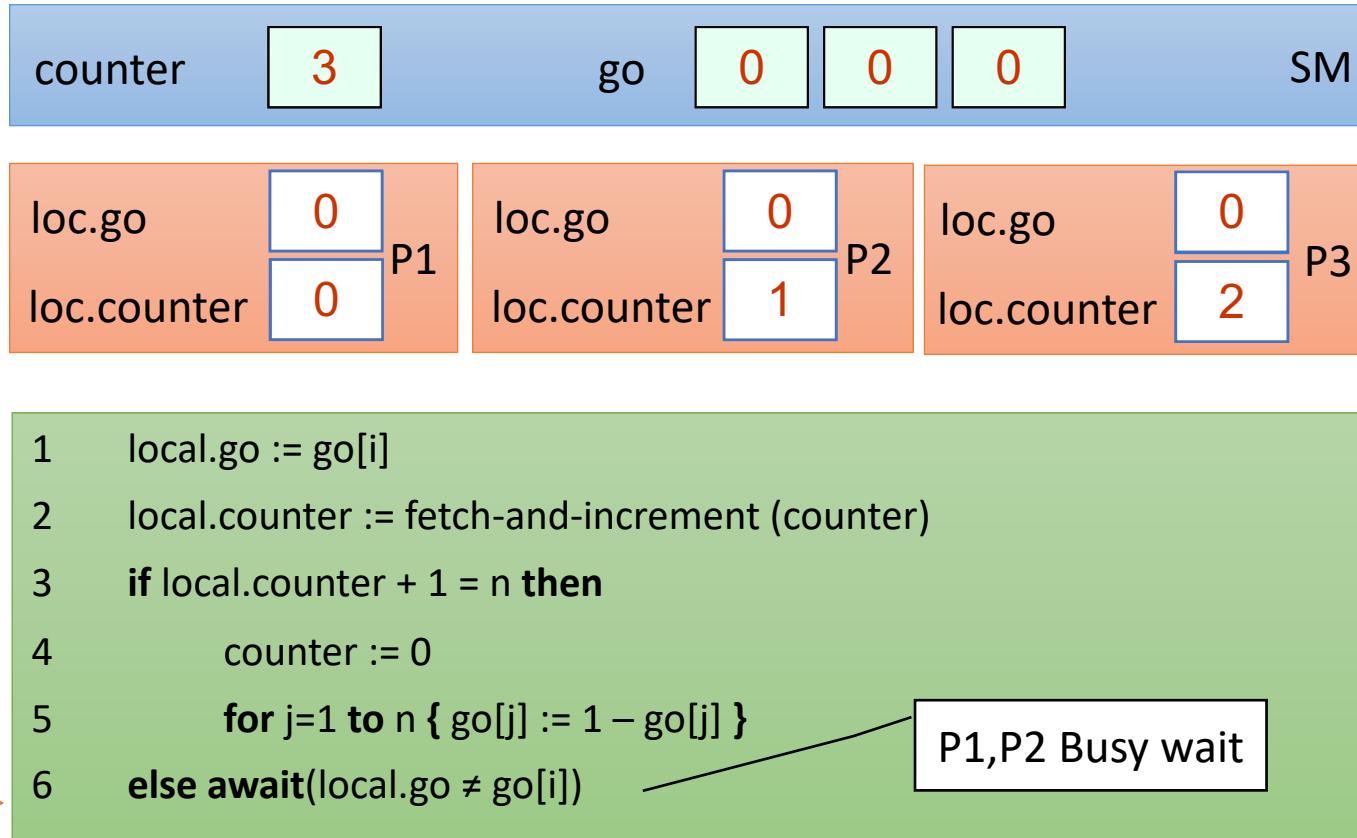
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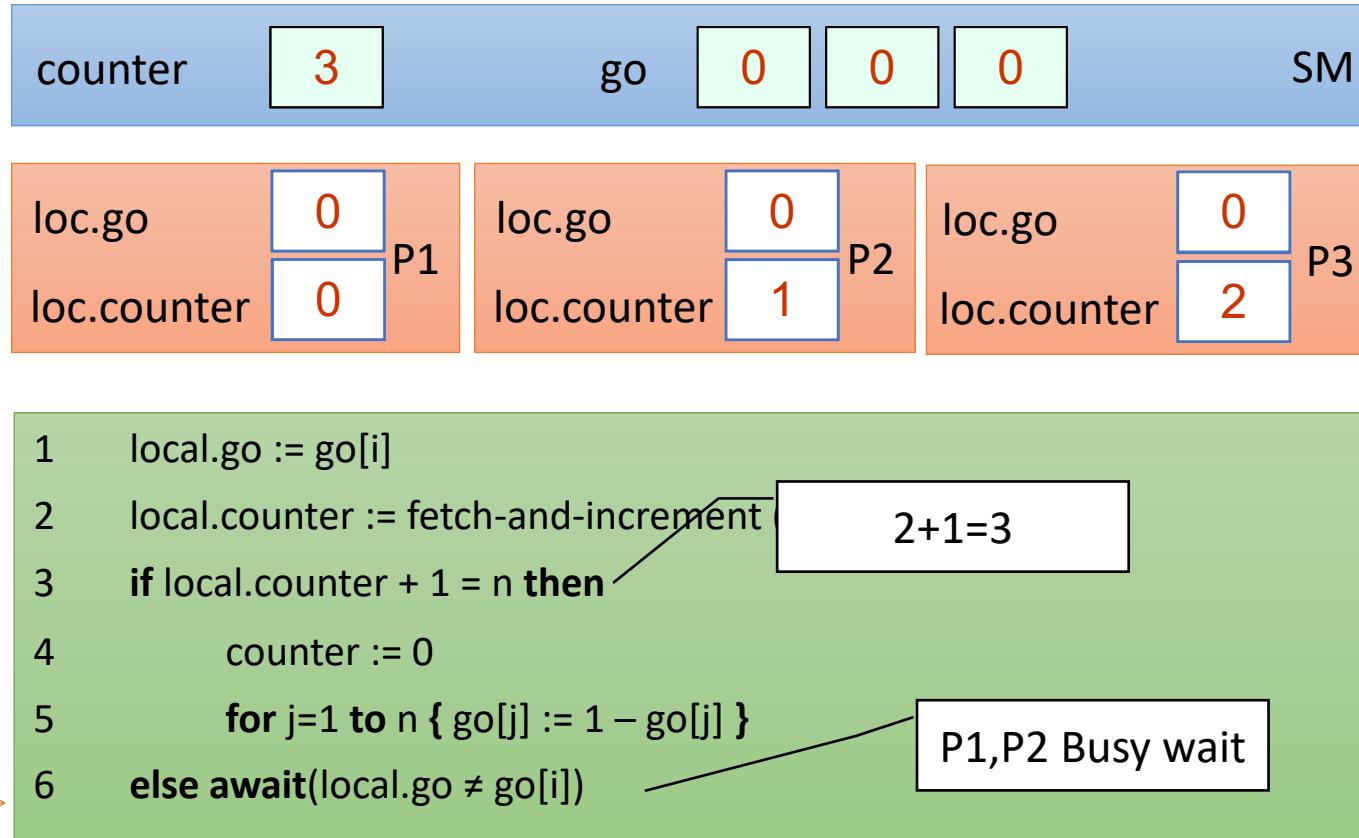
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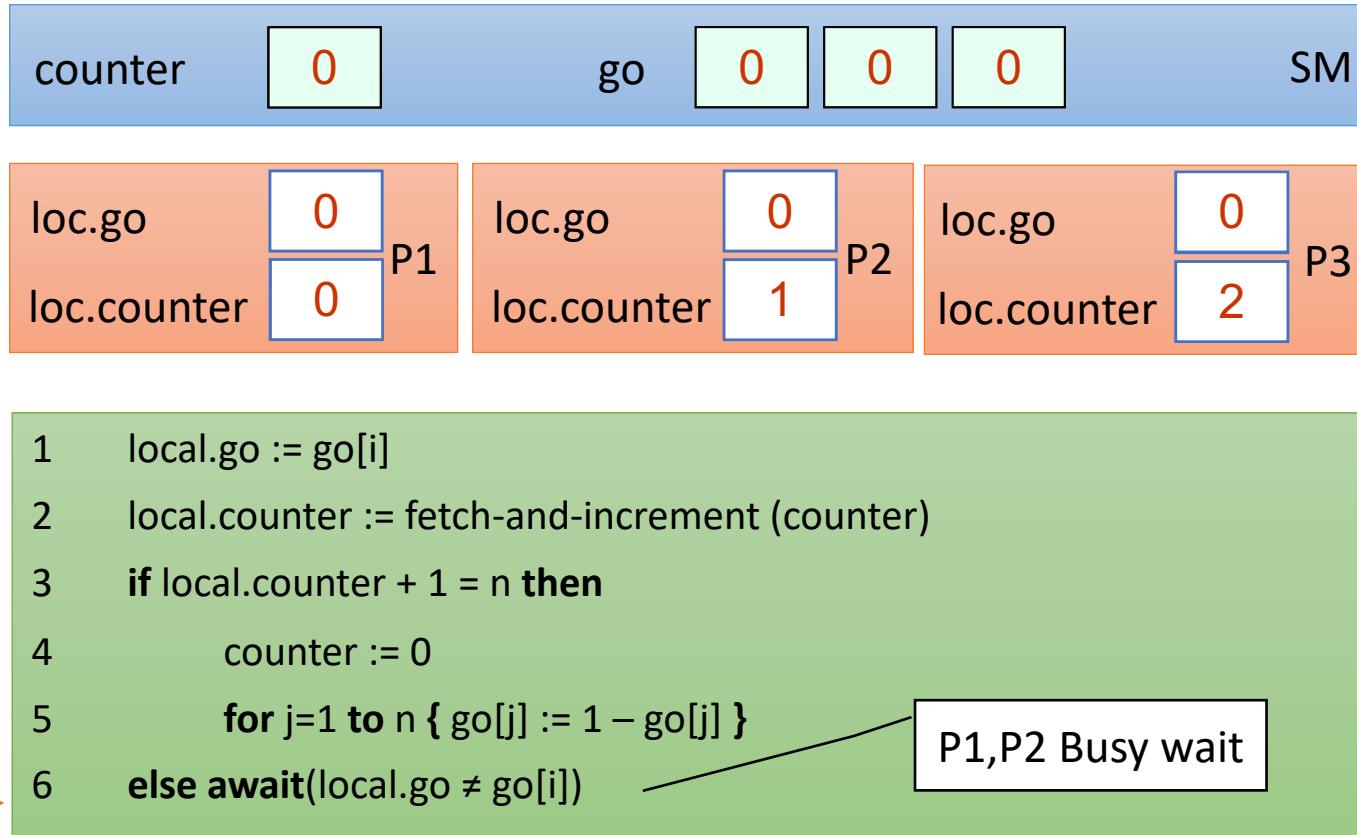
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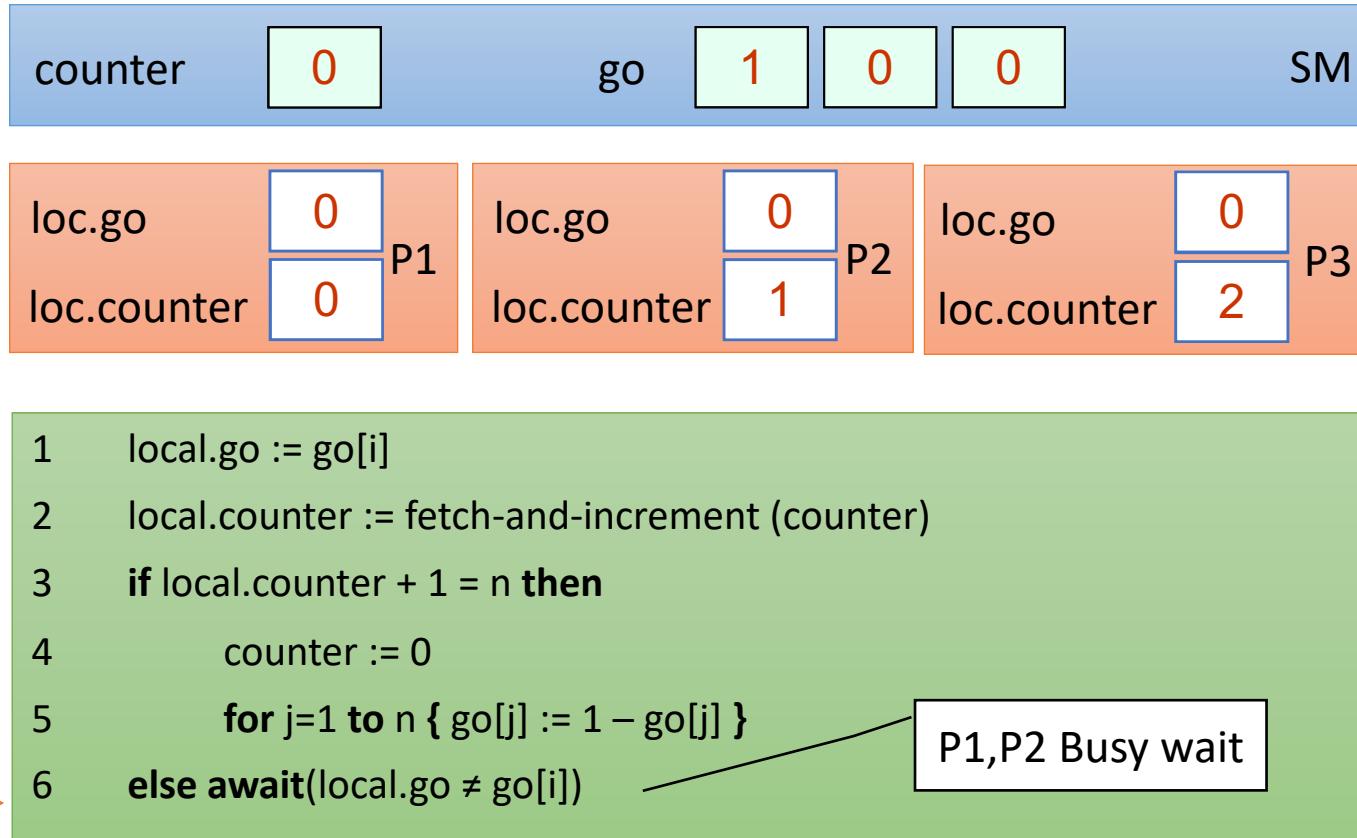
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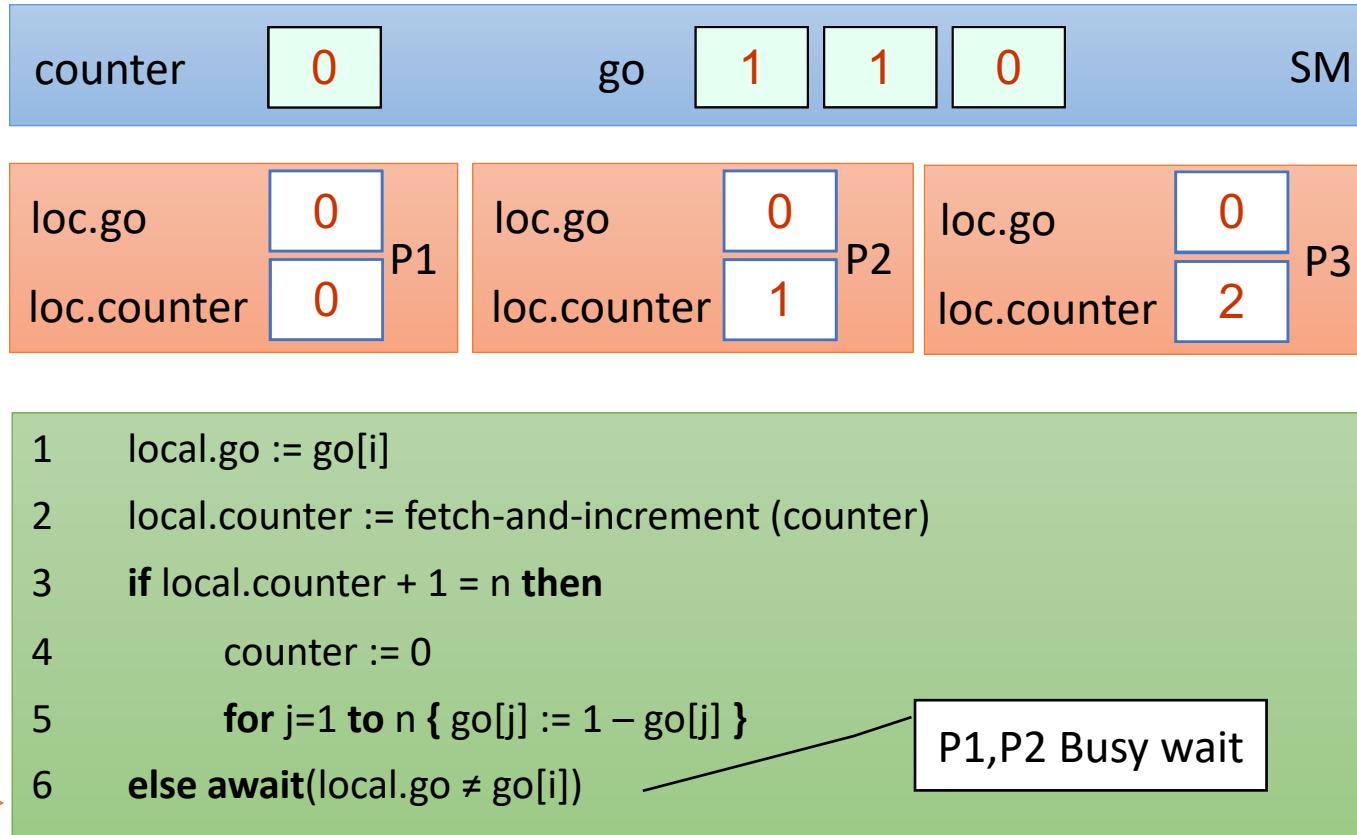
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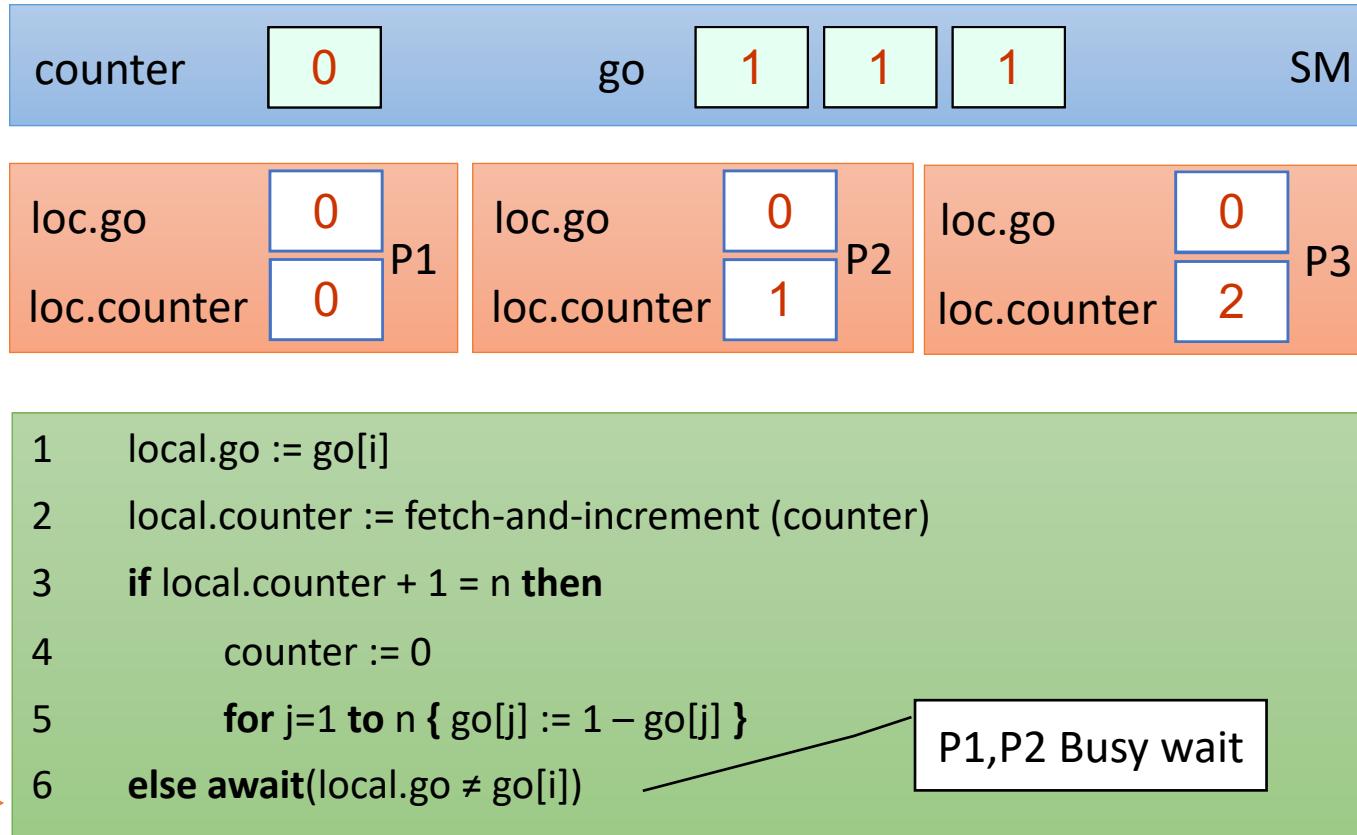
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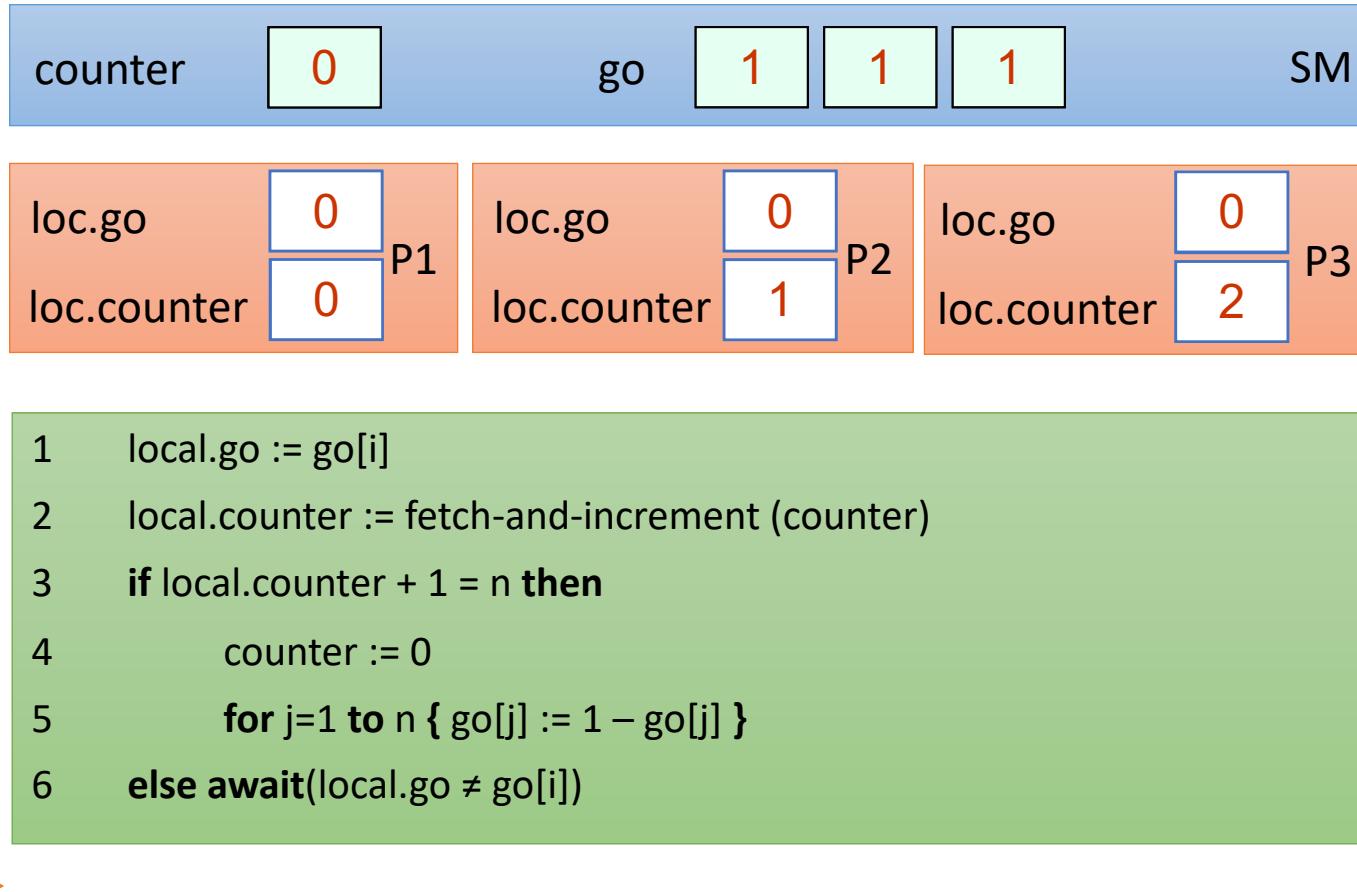
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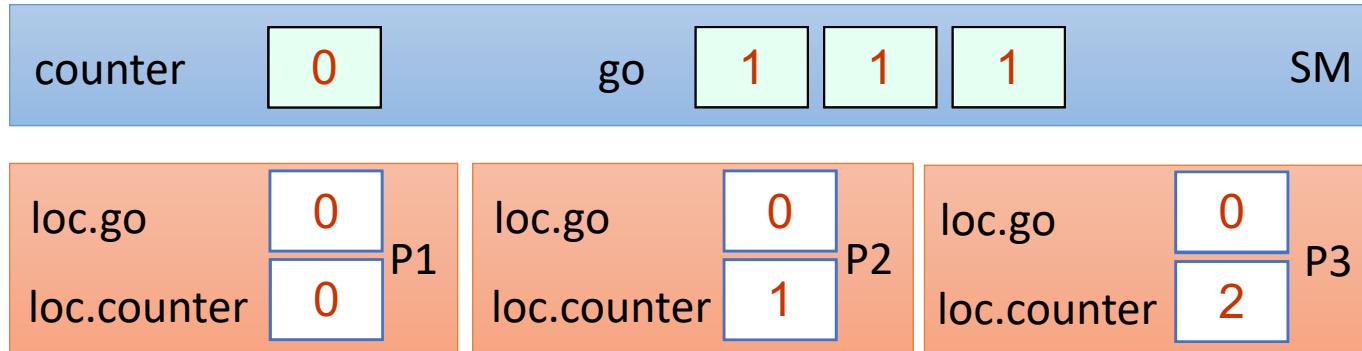
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## Simple Barrier

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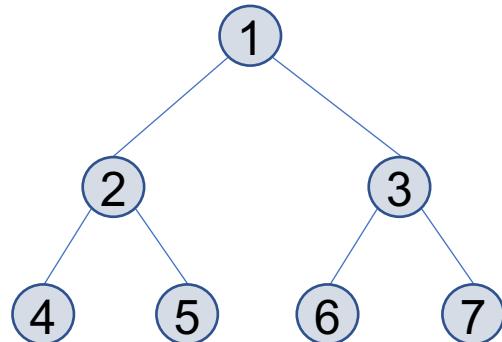
## Simple Barrier with go array

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  - In some models:
    - spinning is done on local memory
    - remote mem. ref.:  $O(1)$
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# Tree Barriers

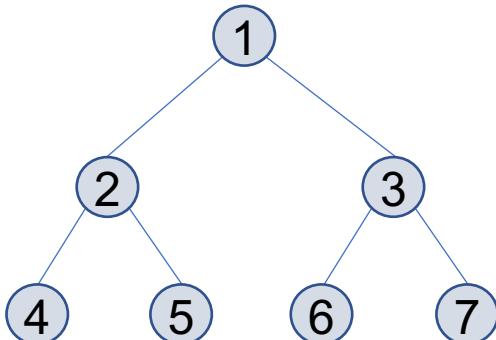


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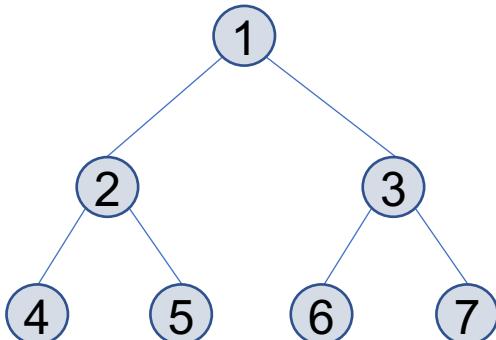
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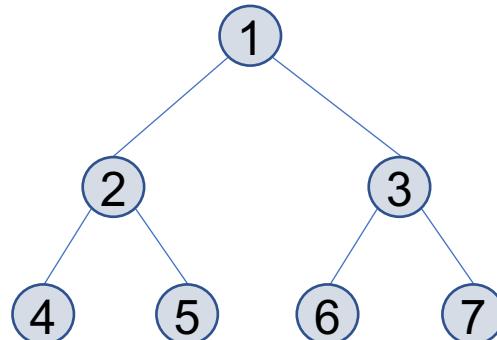
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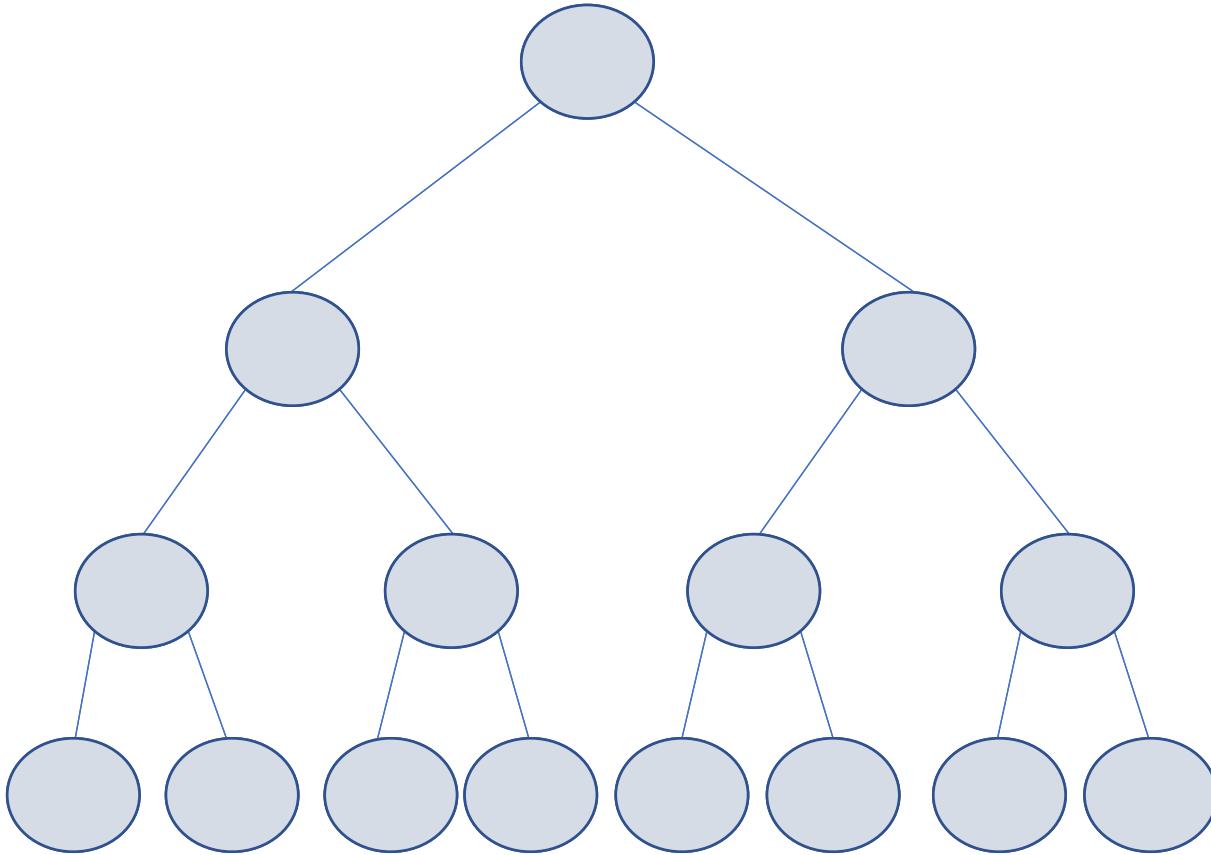


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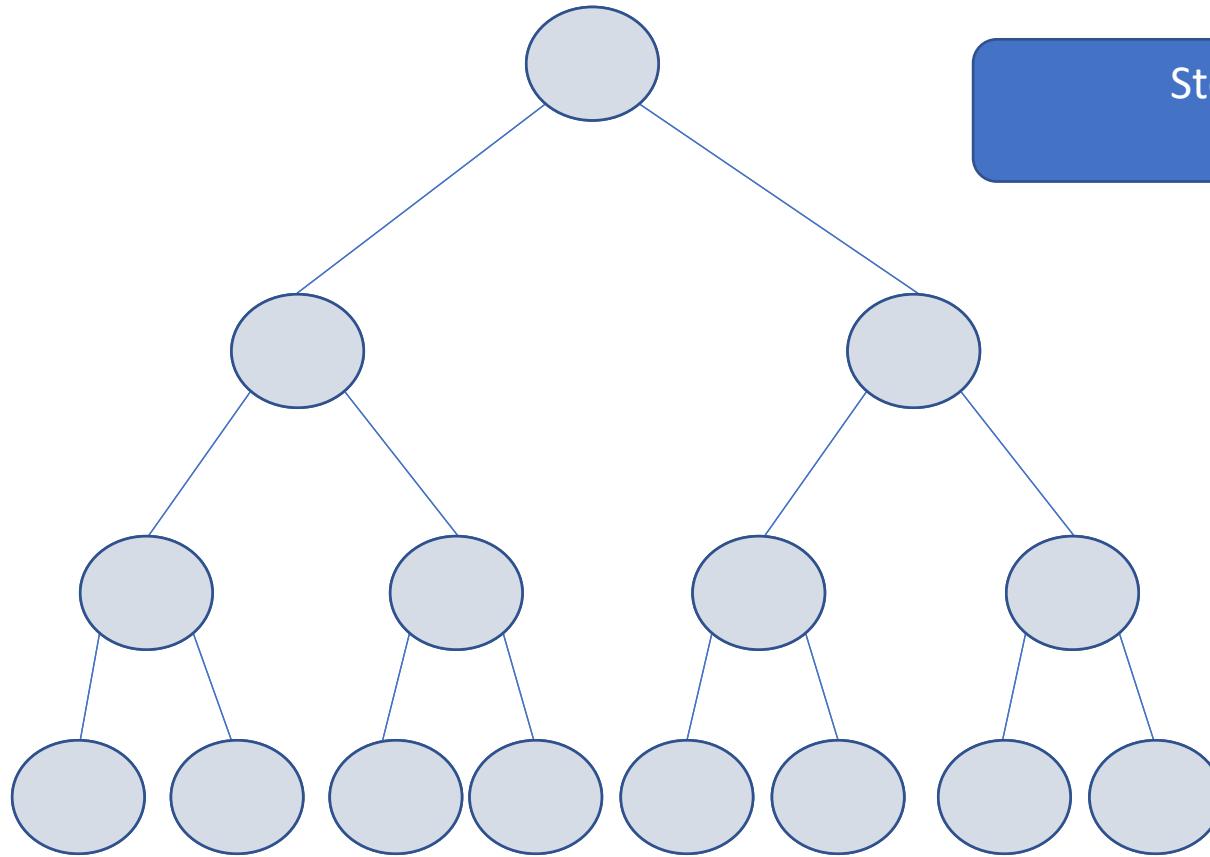
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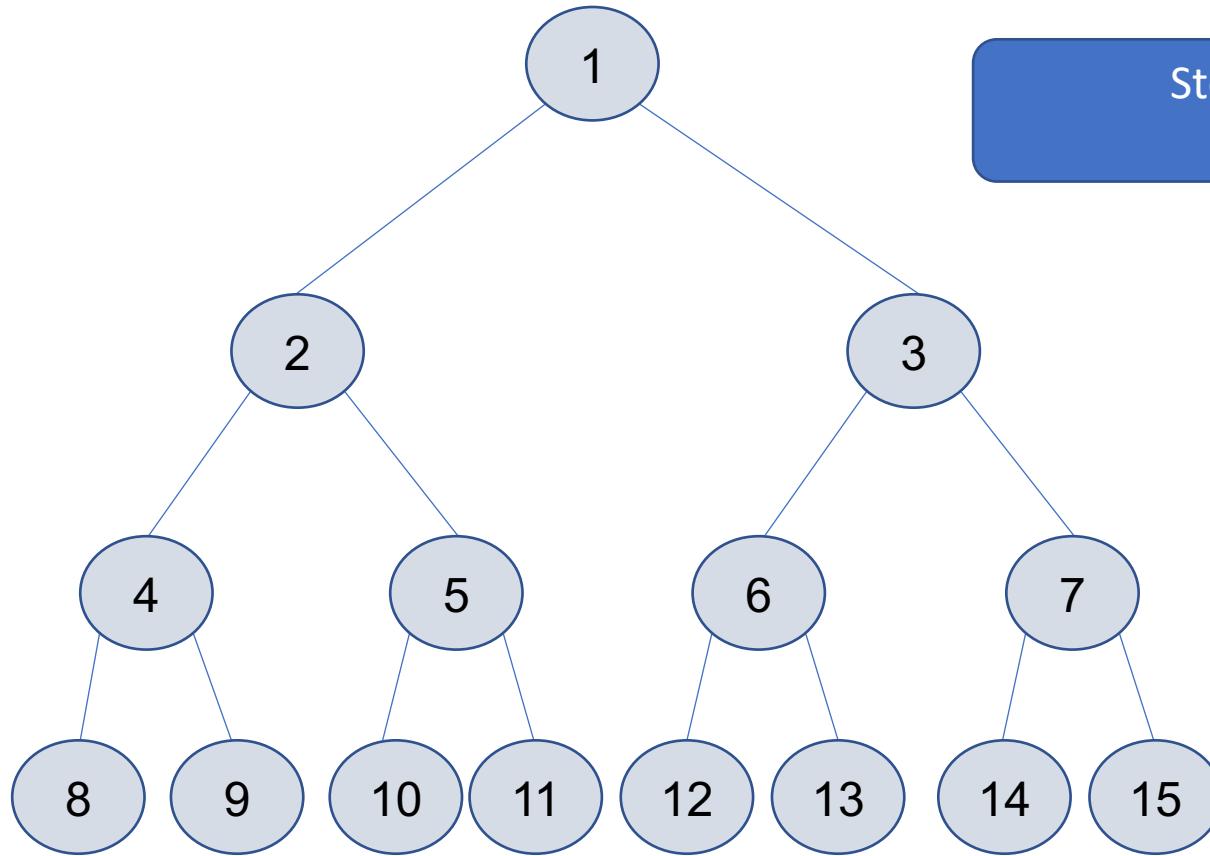


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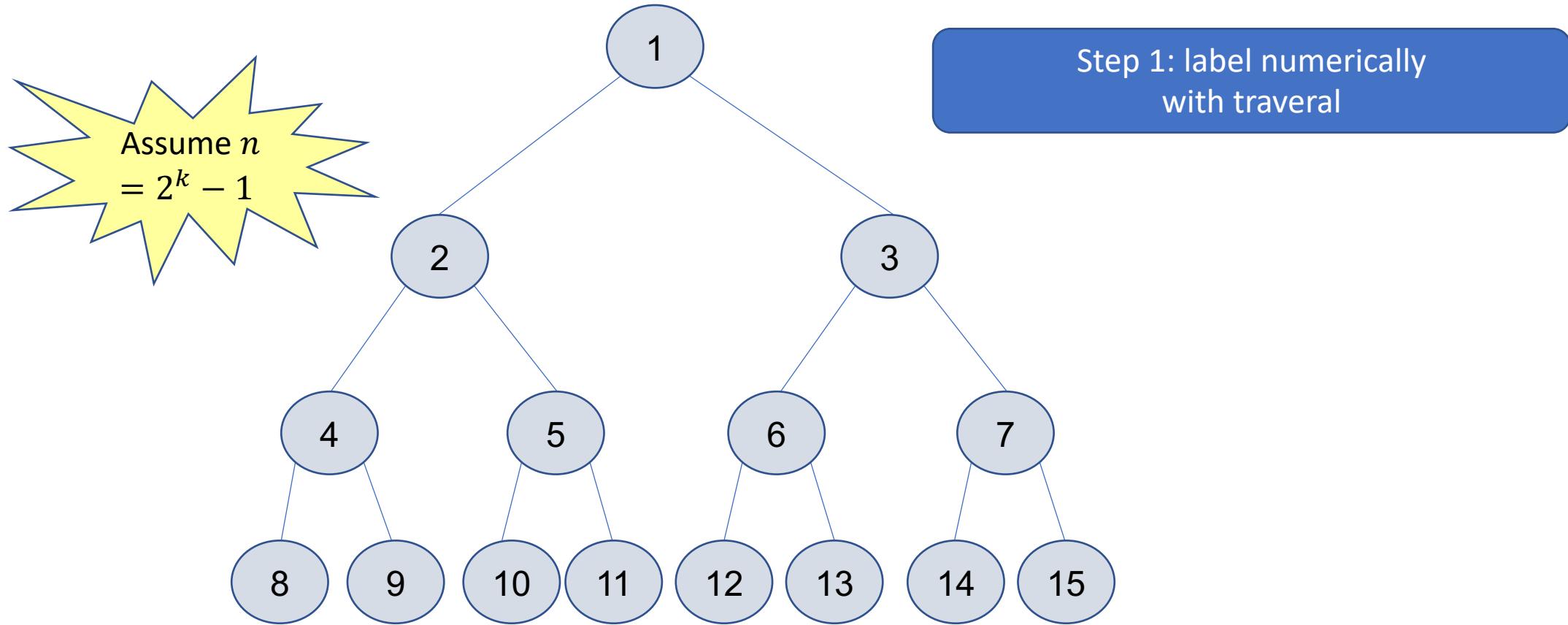
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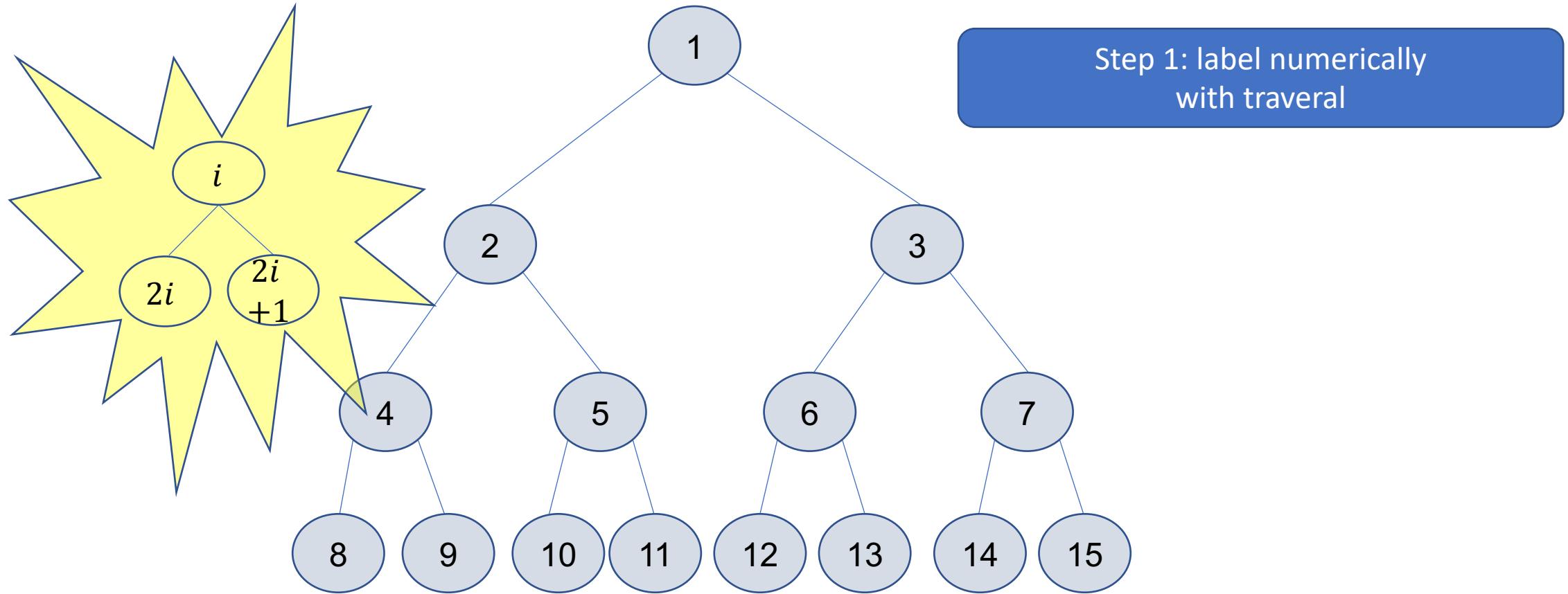


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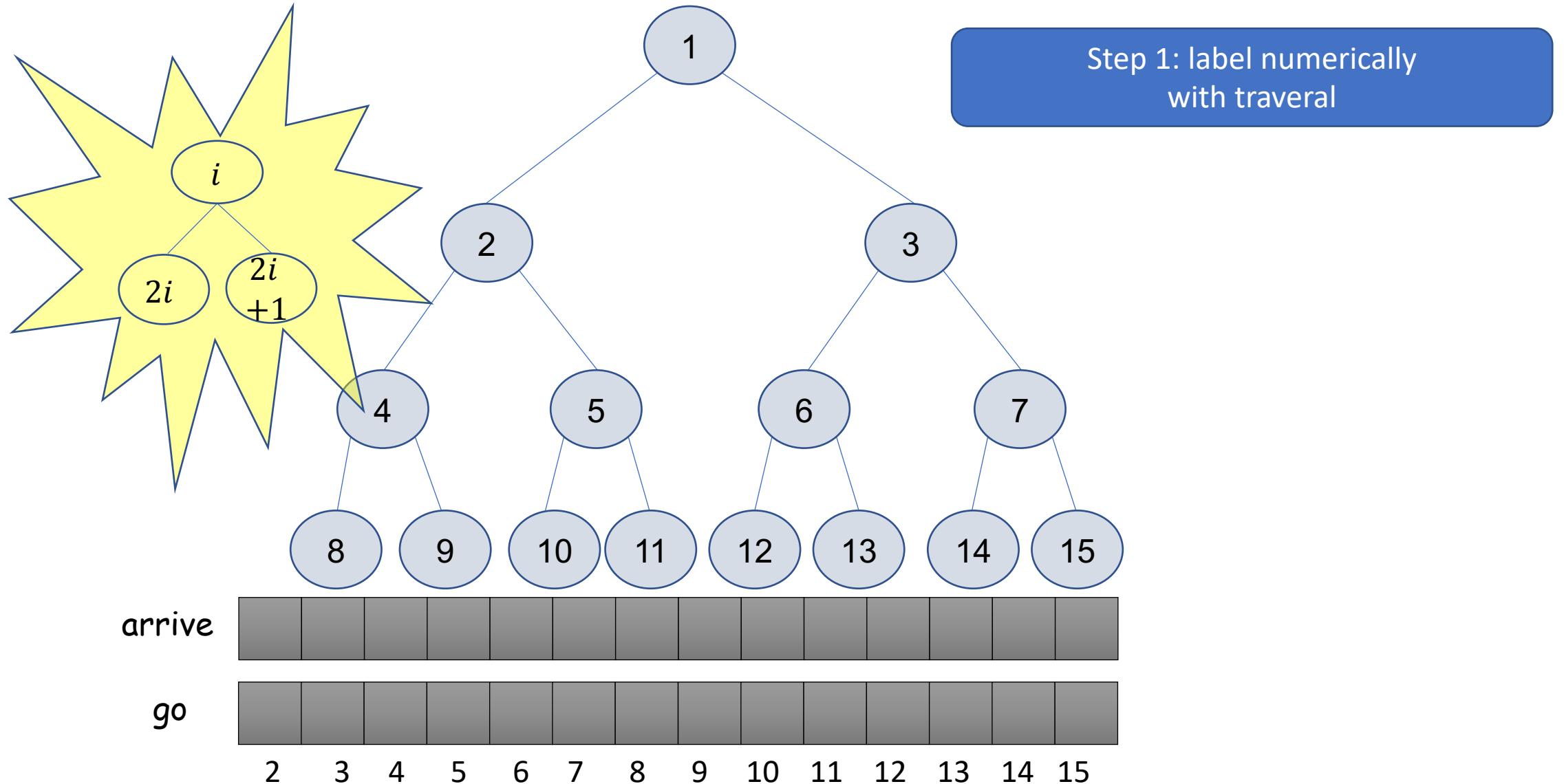
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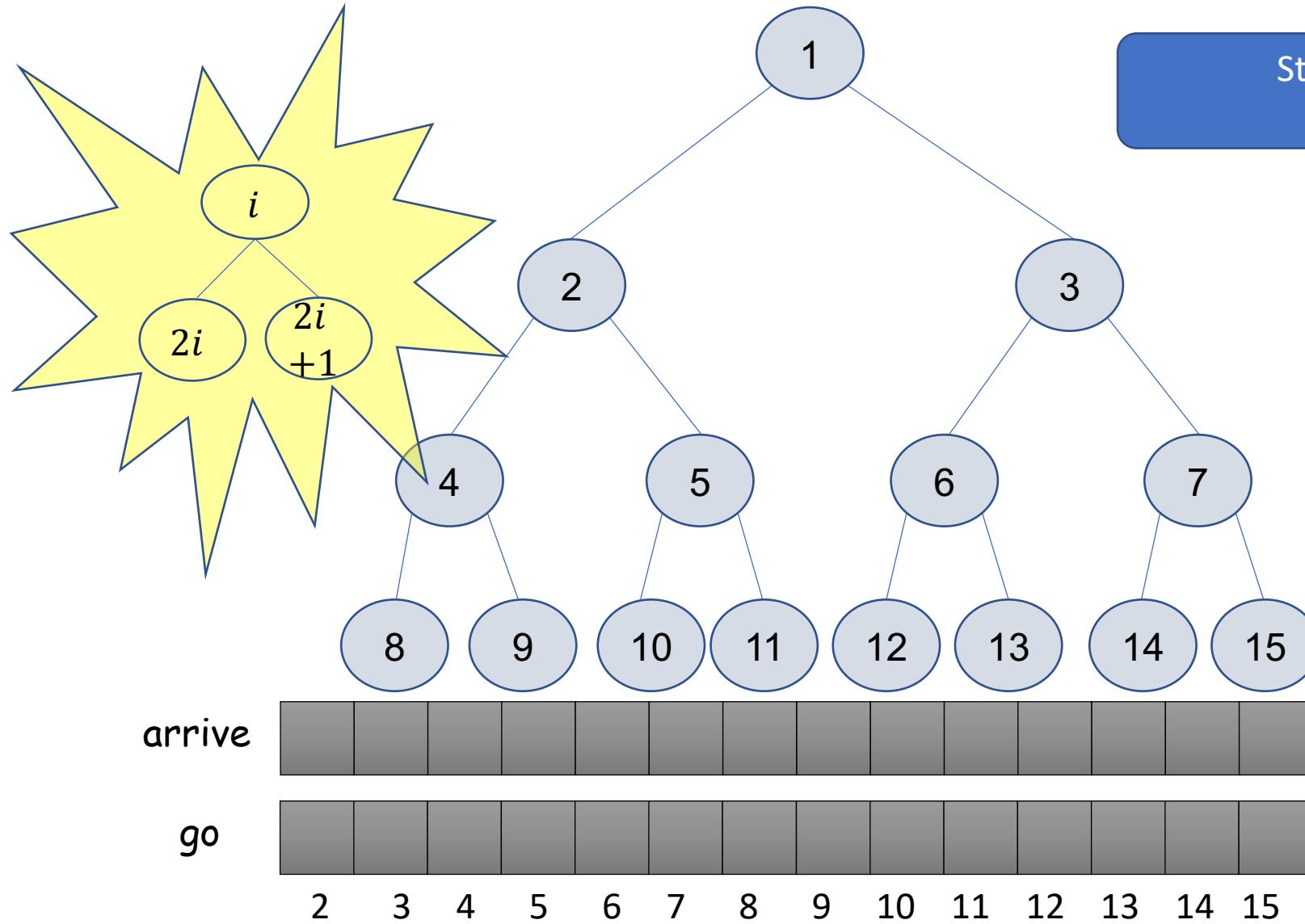
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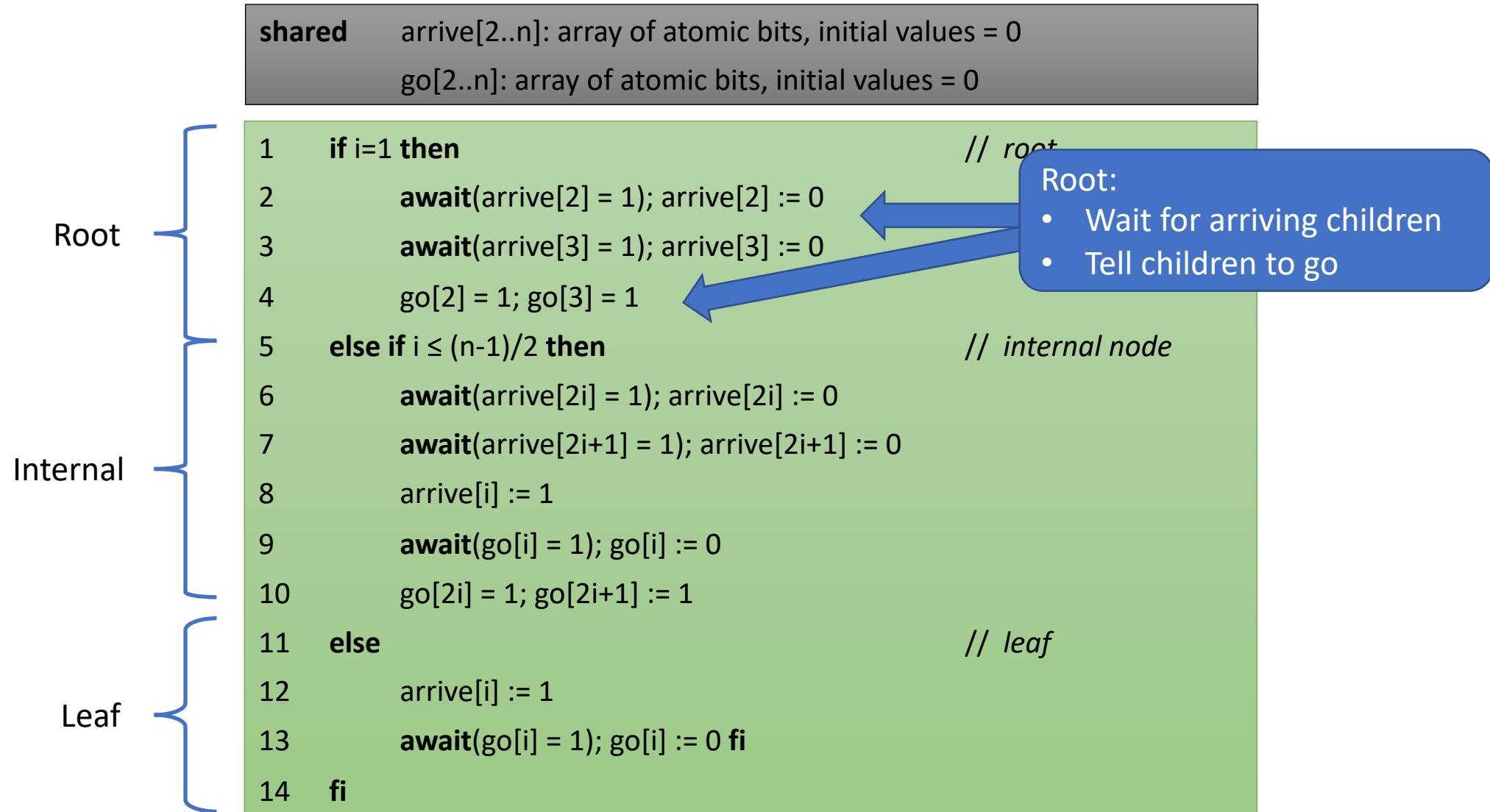
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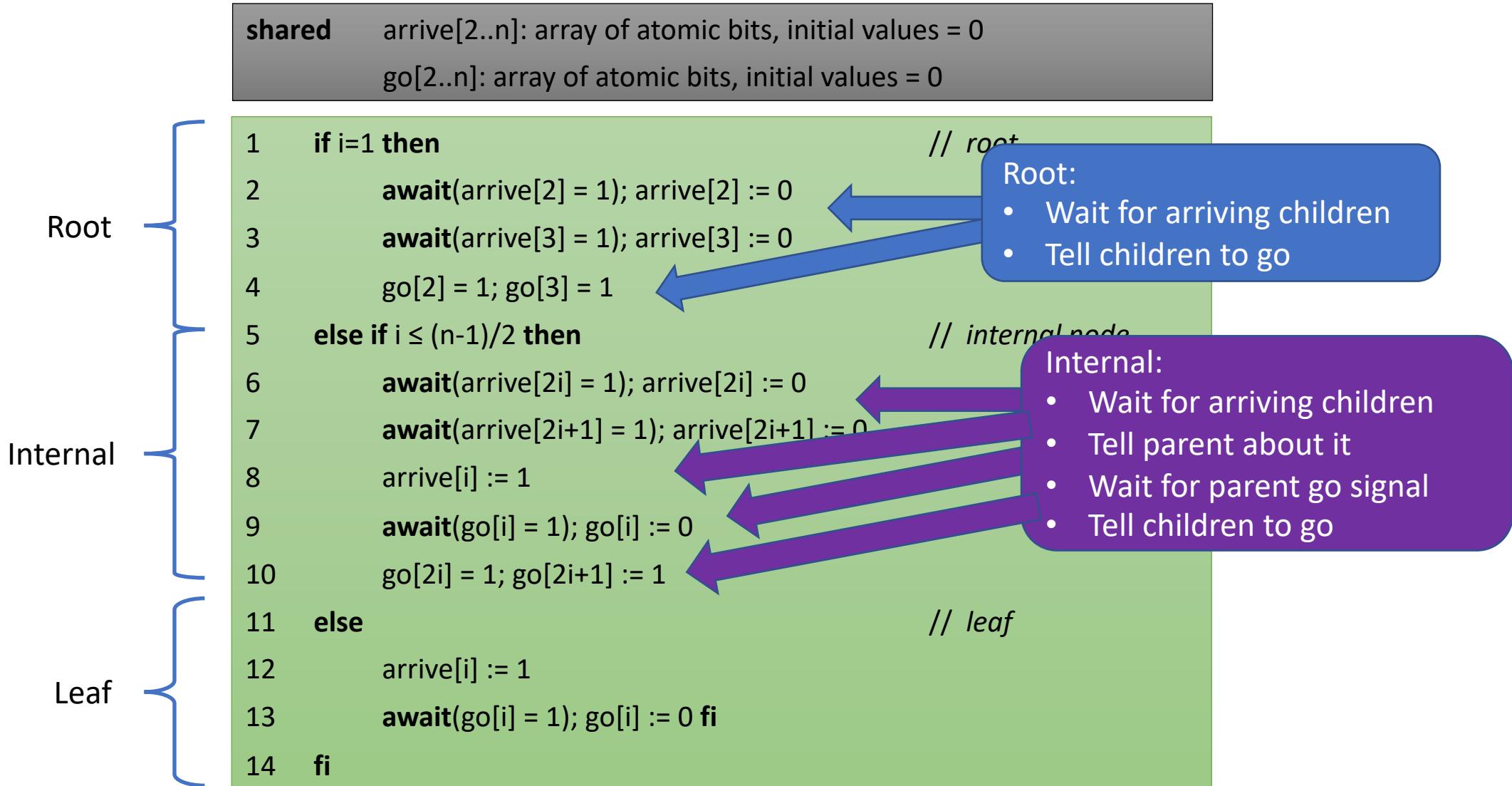
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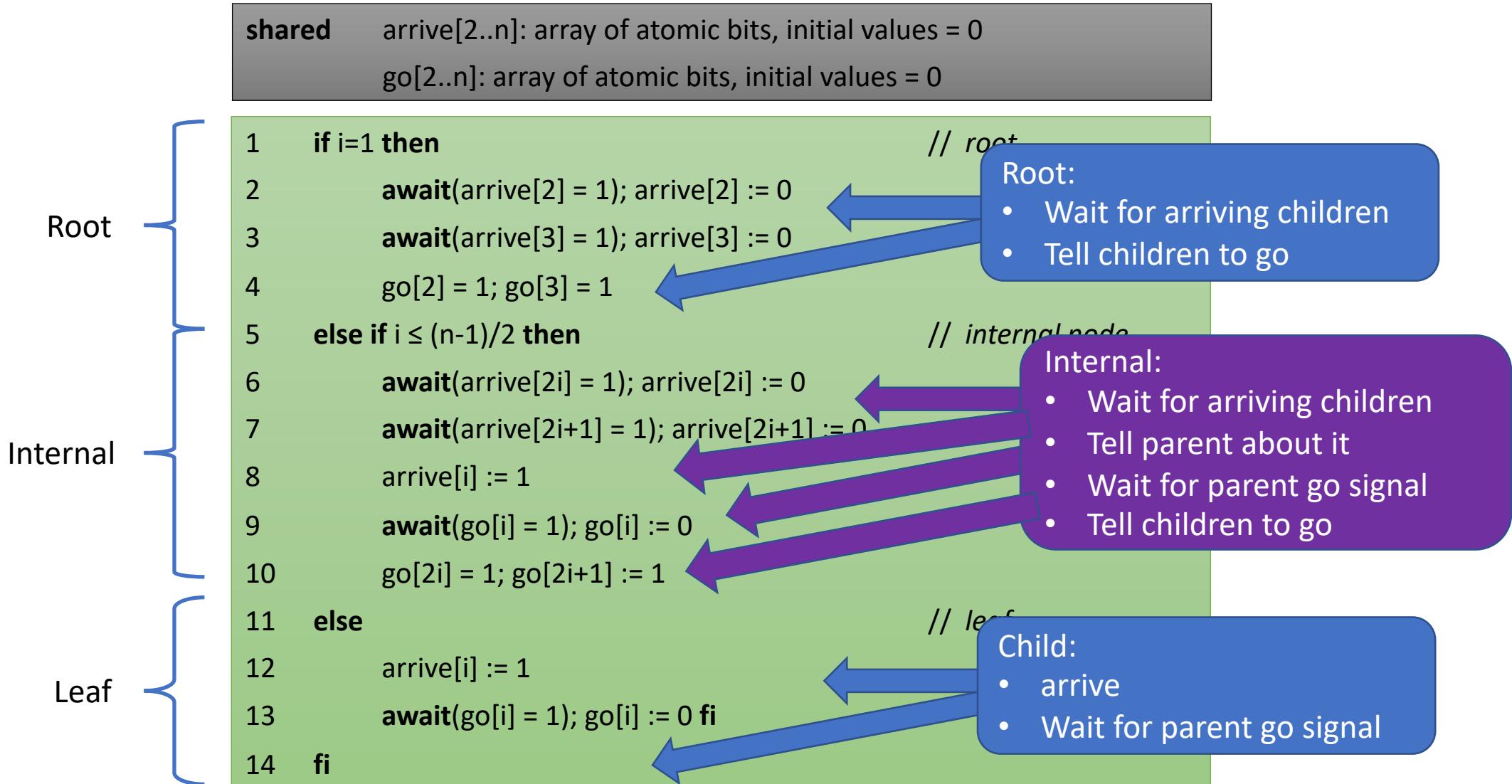
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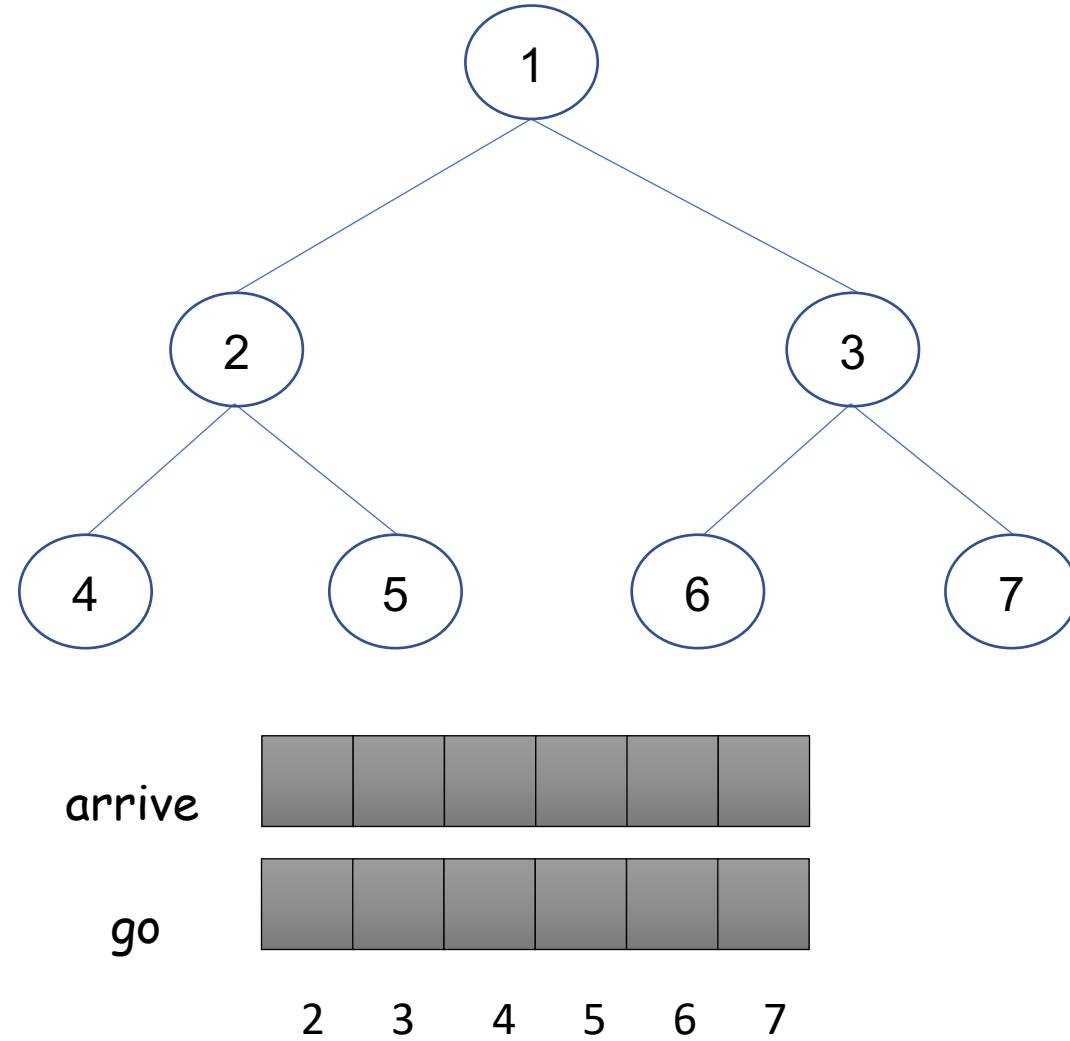
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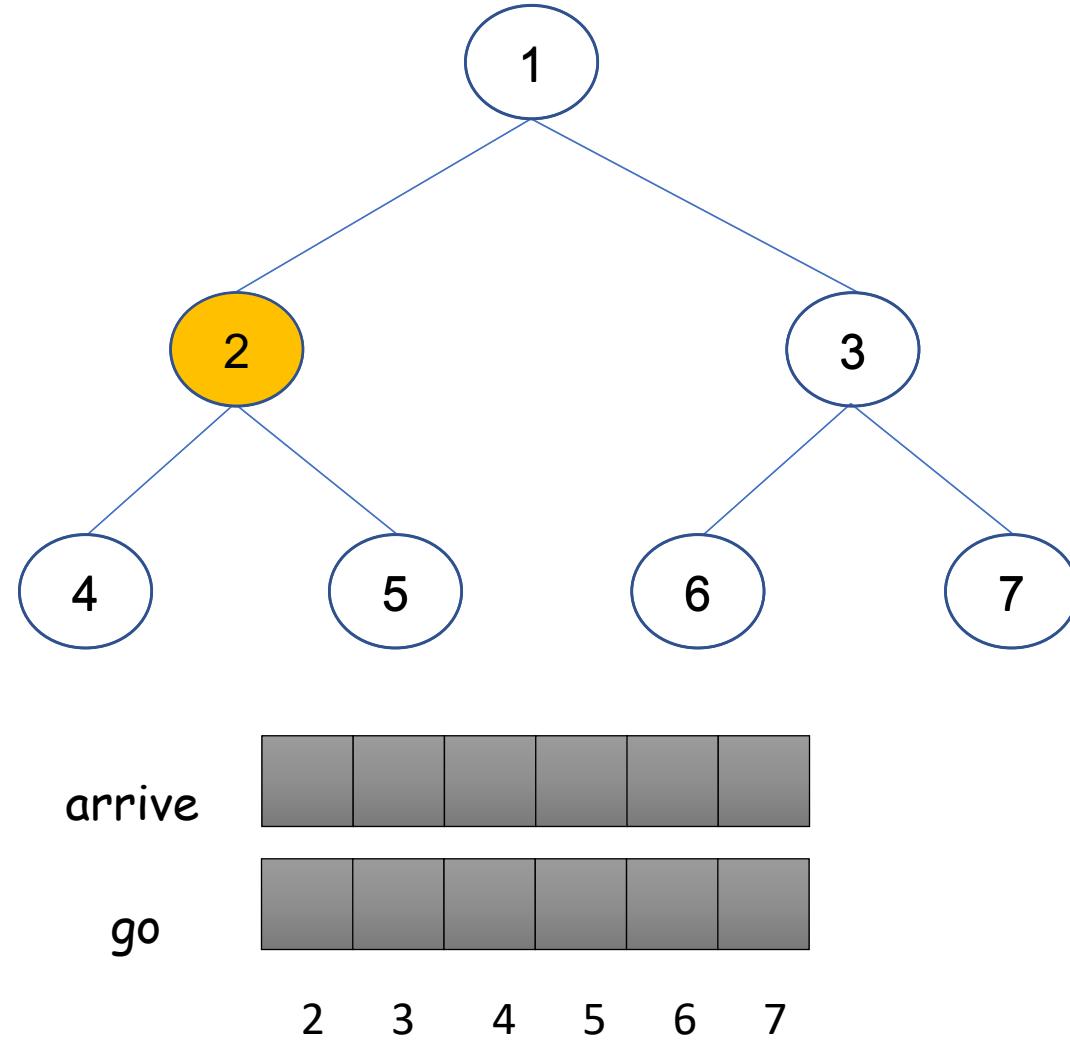
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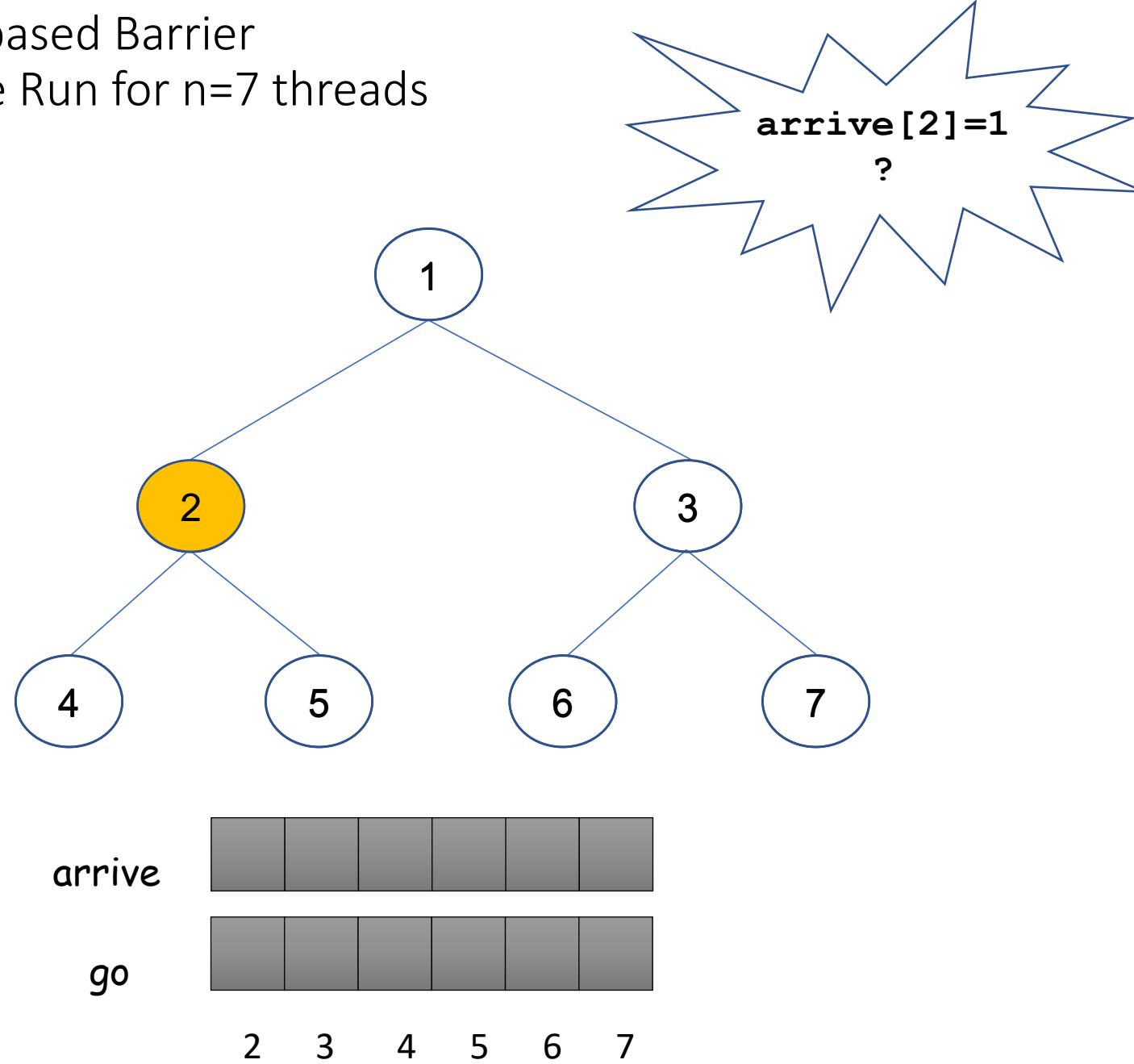
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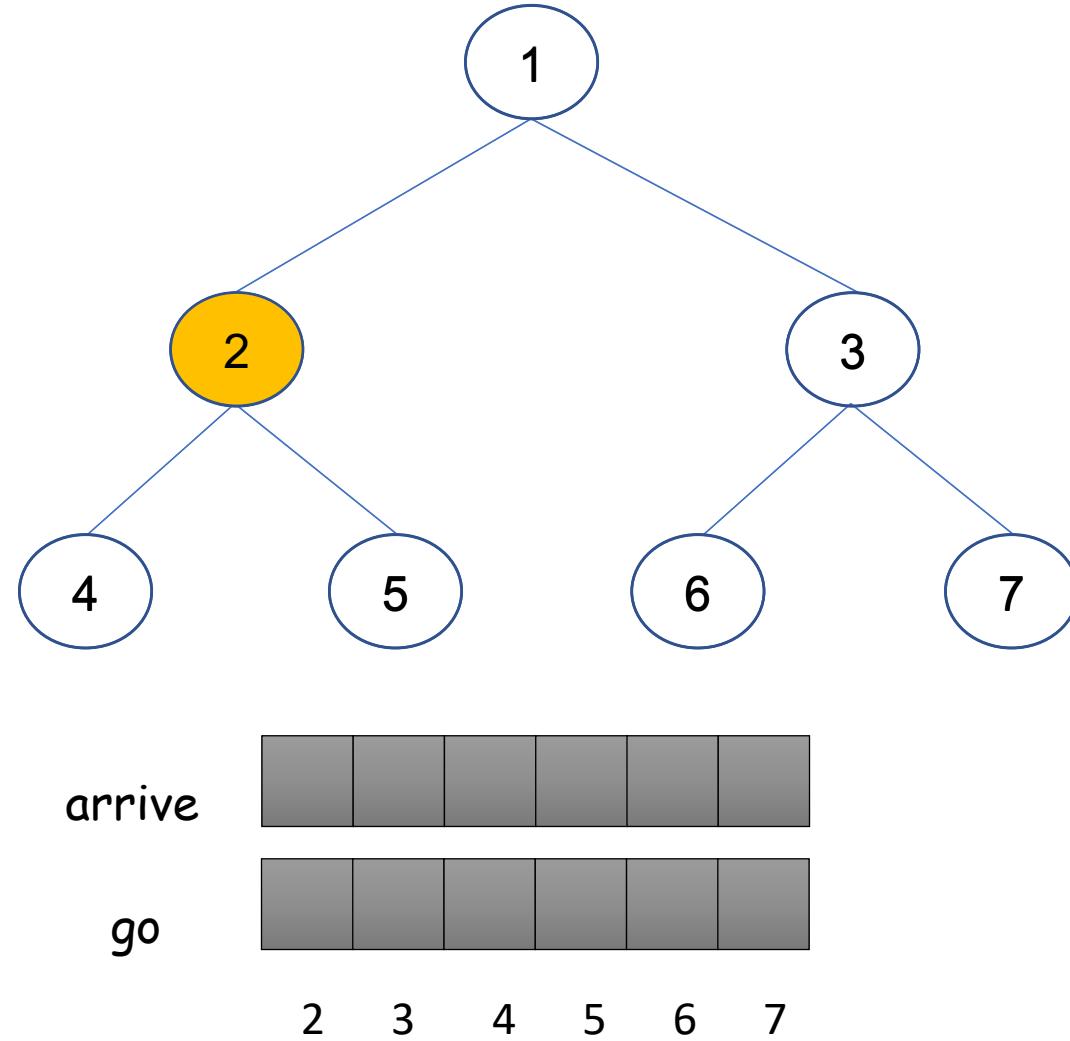
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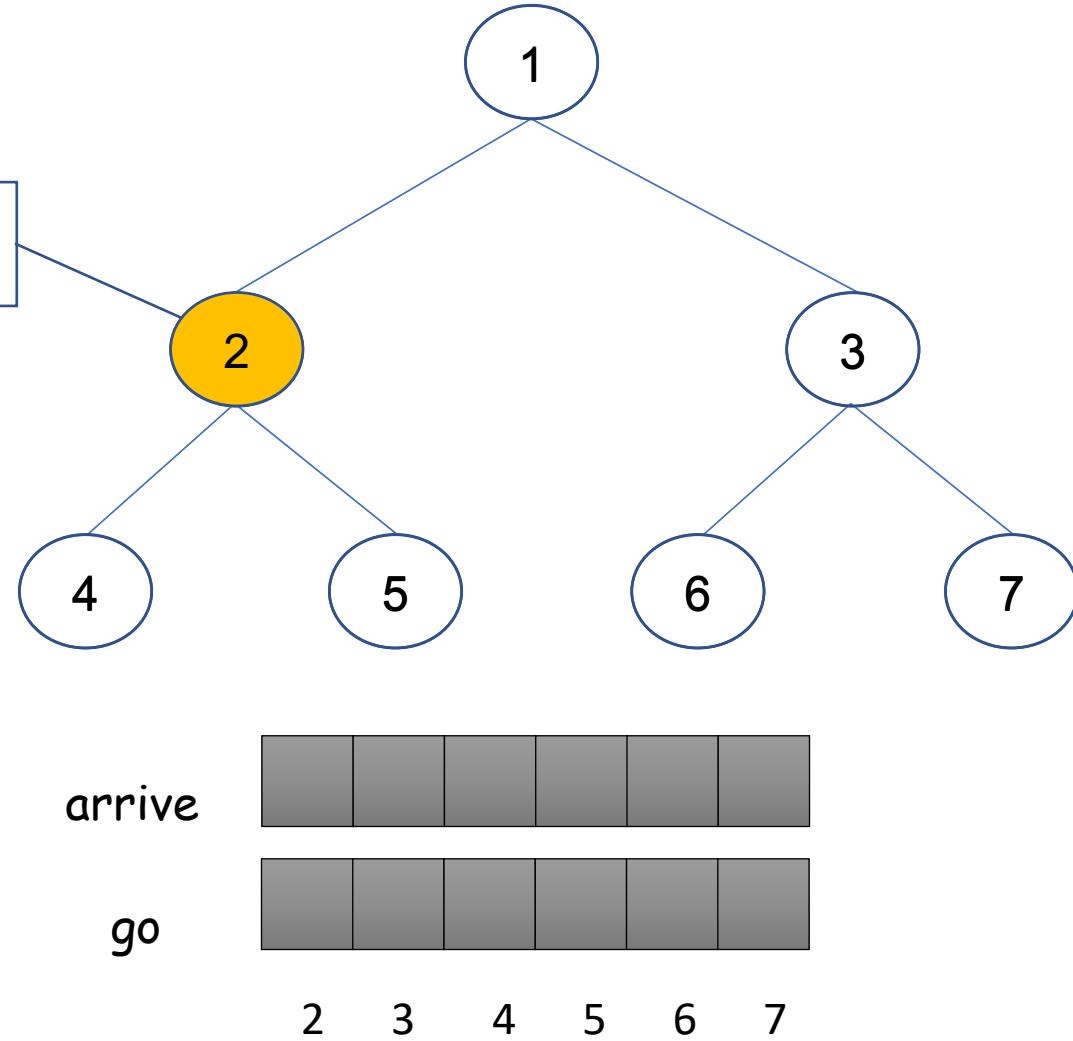
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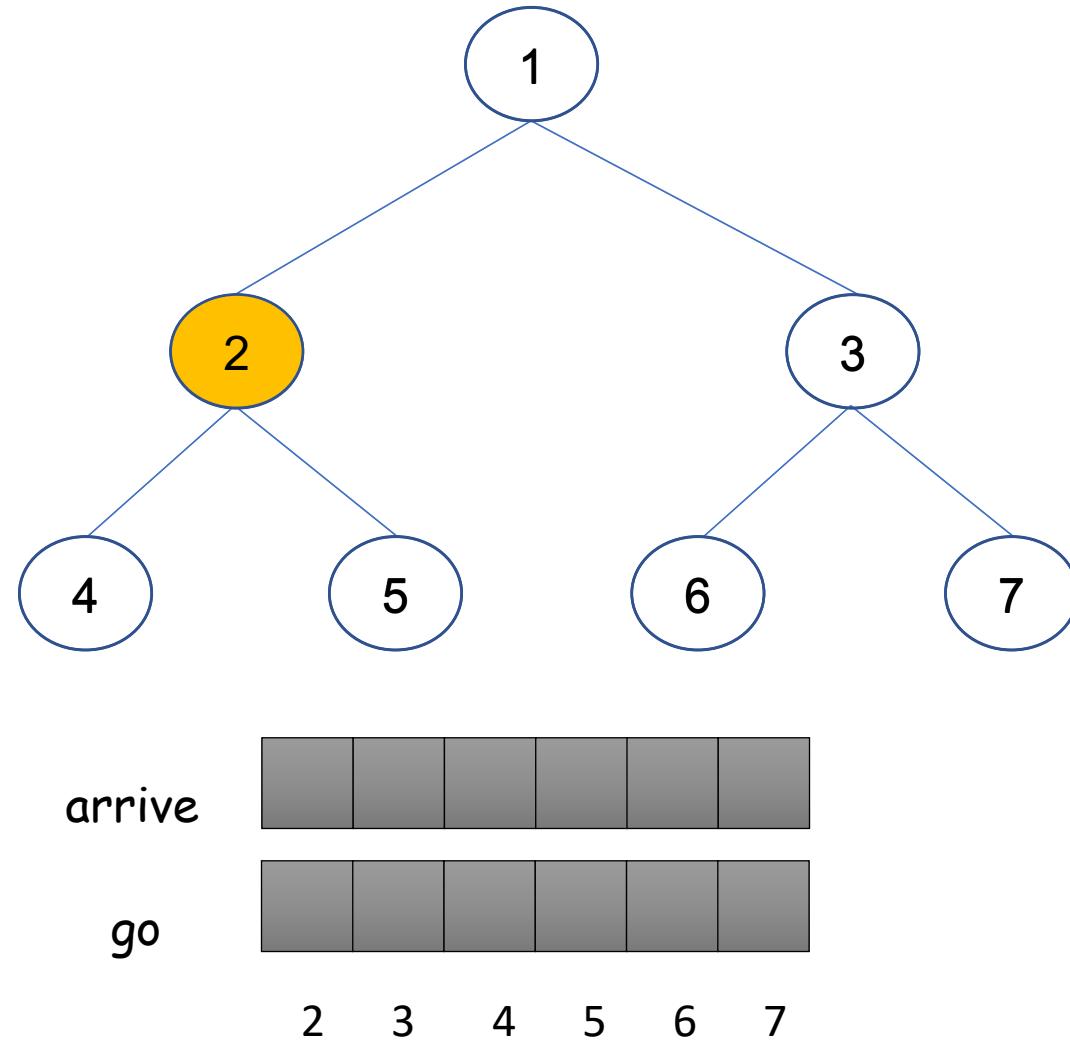
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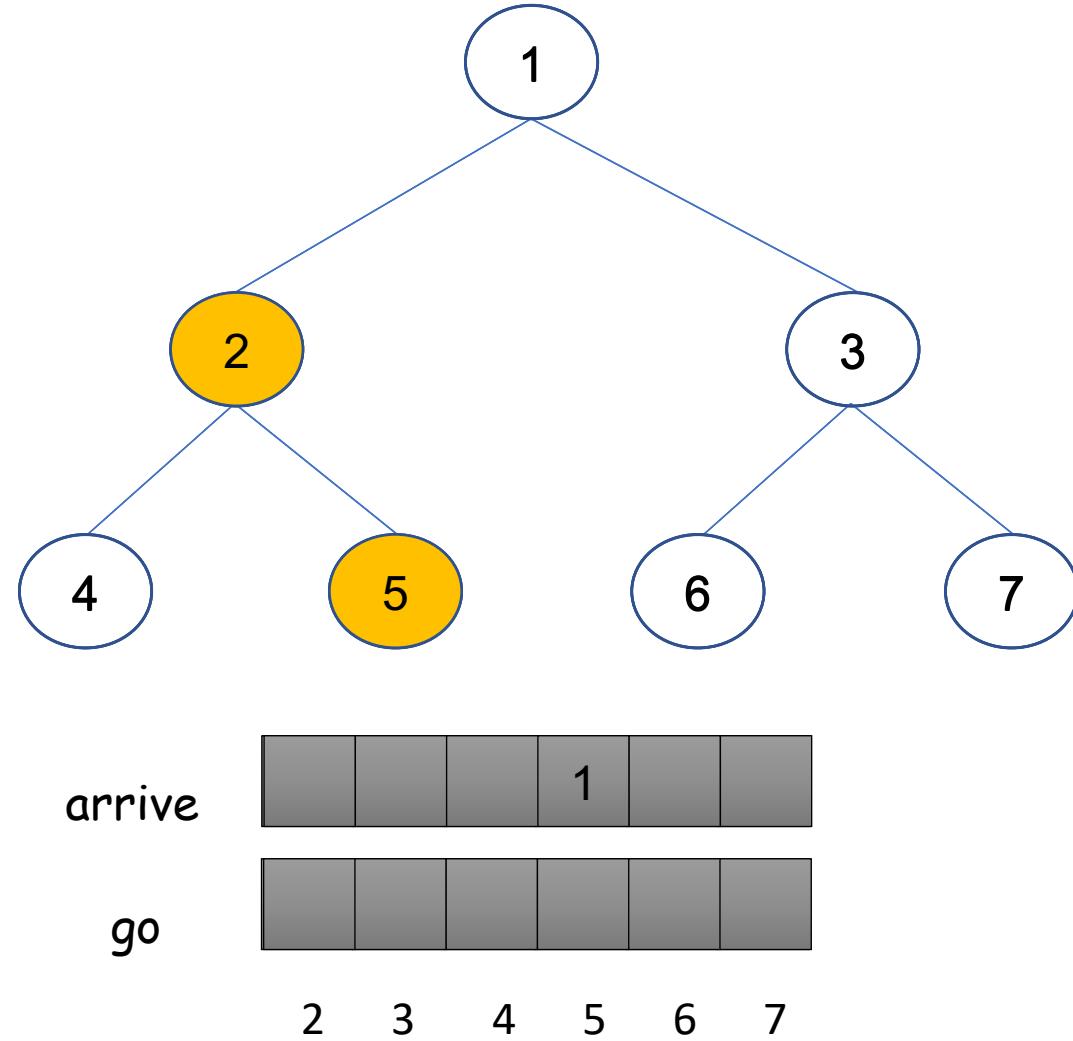
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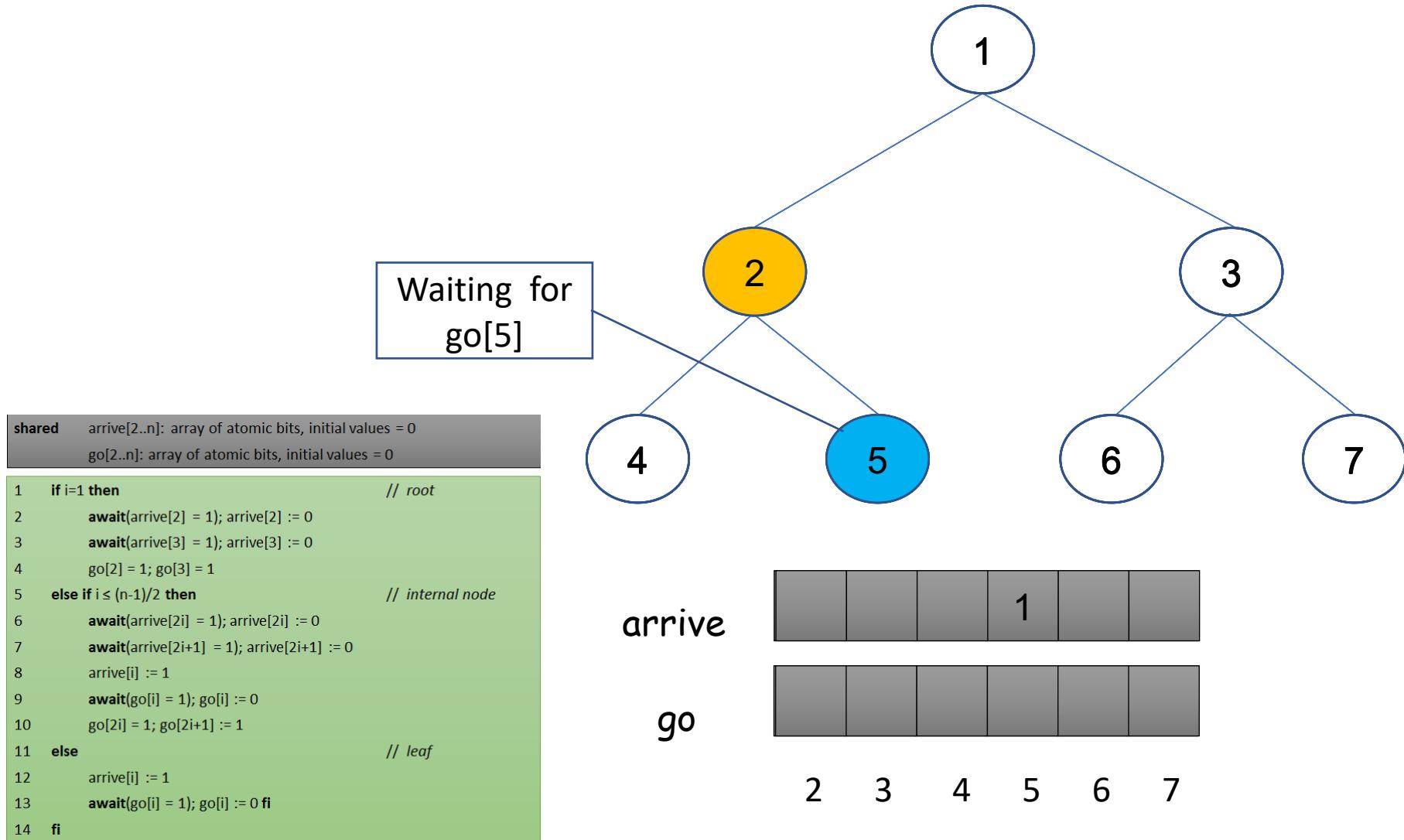
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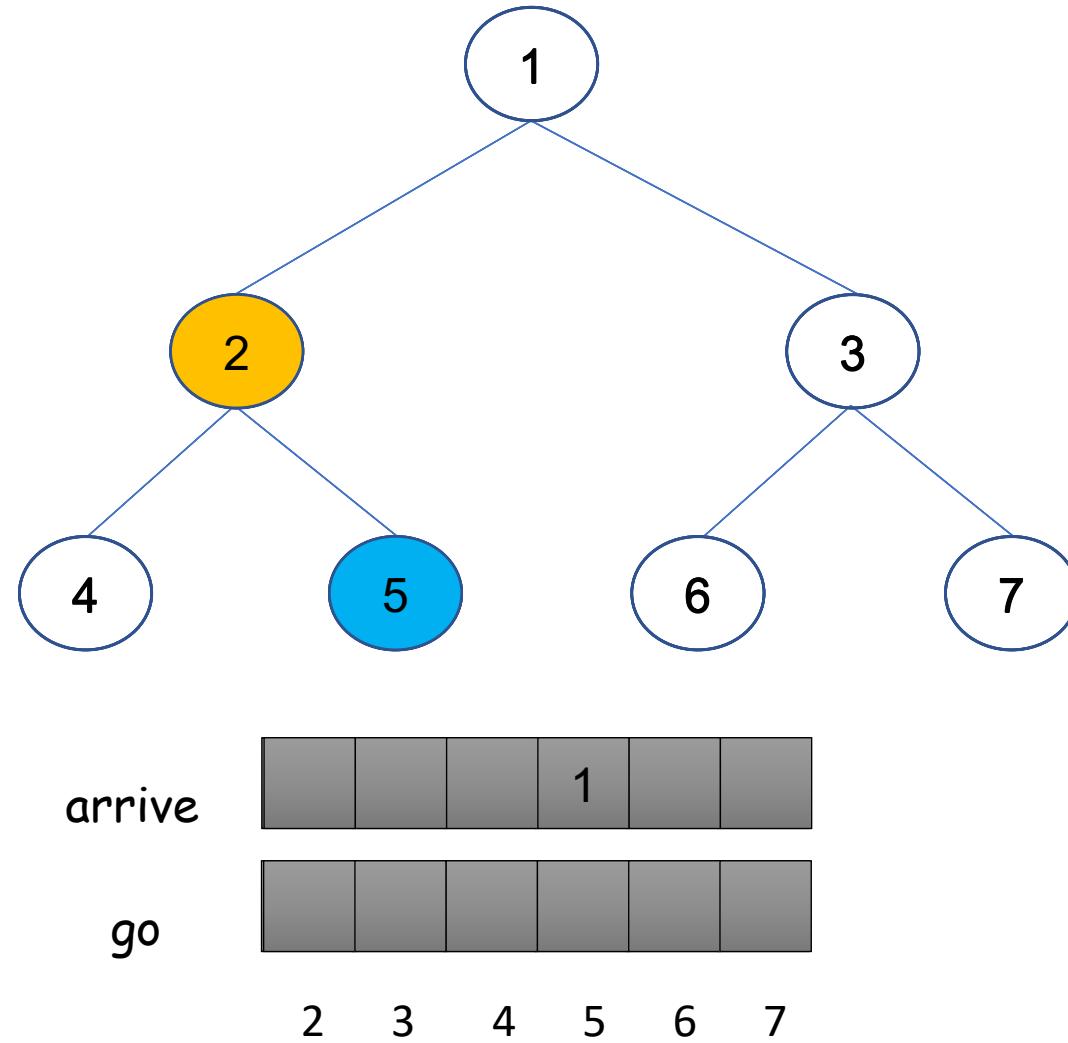
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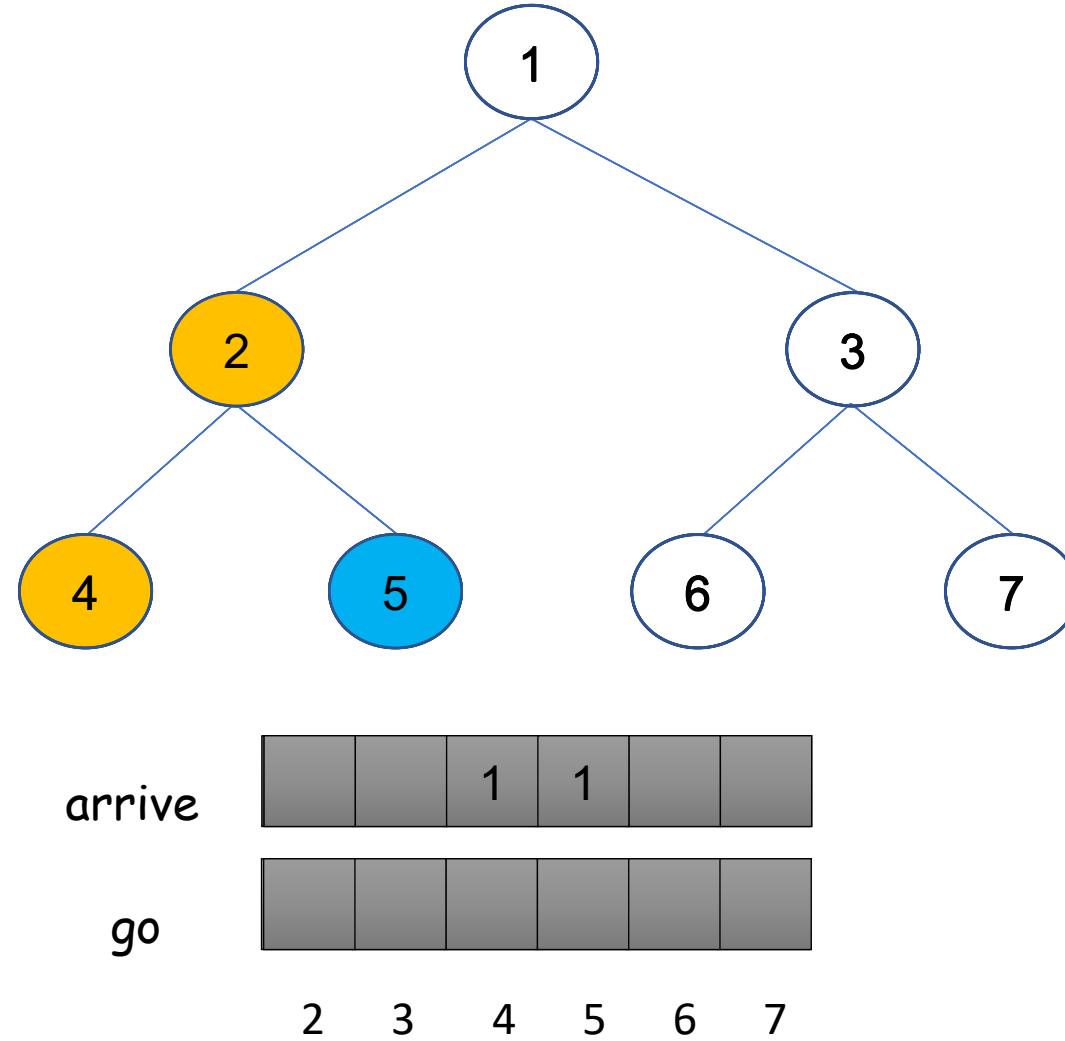
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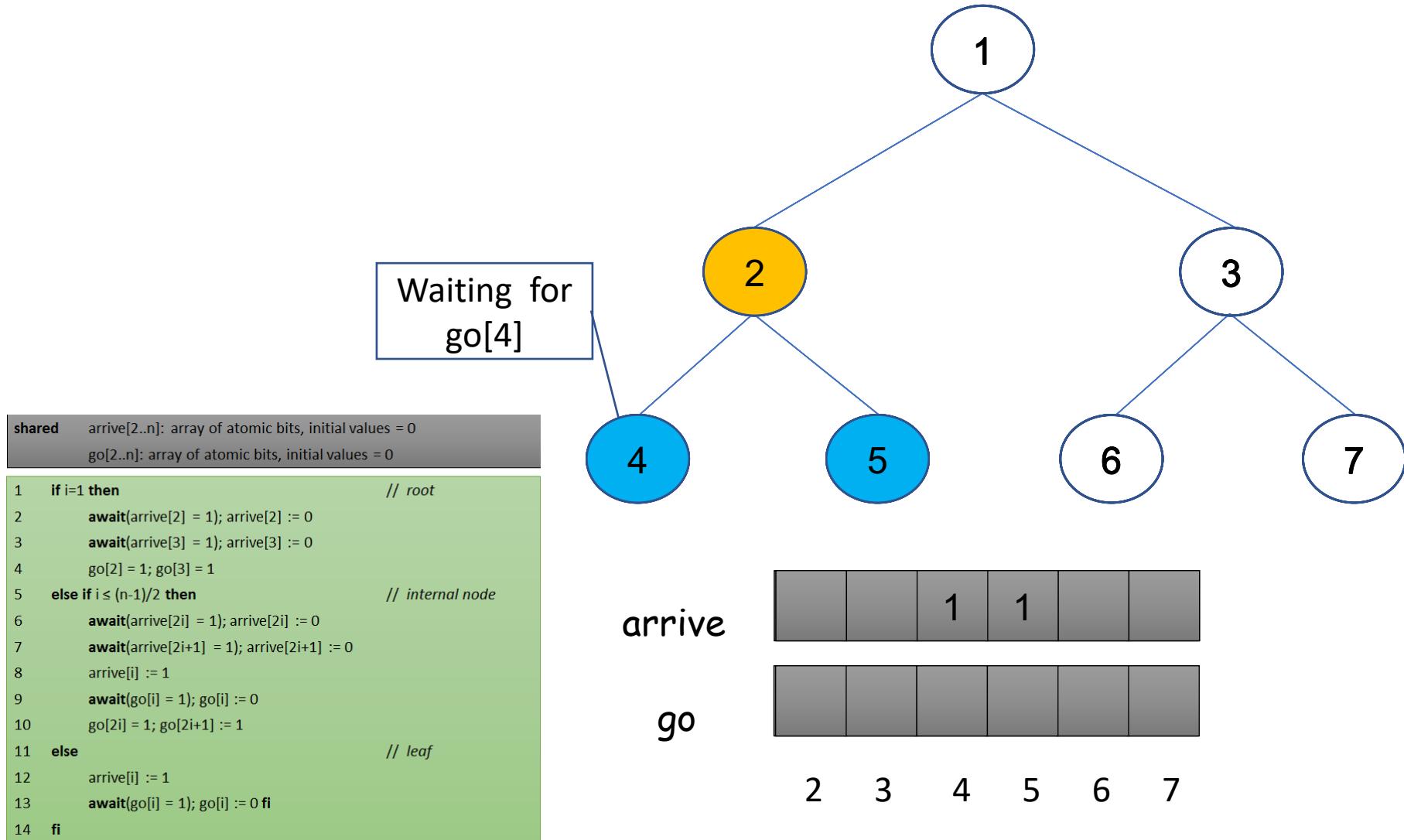
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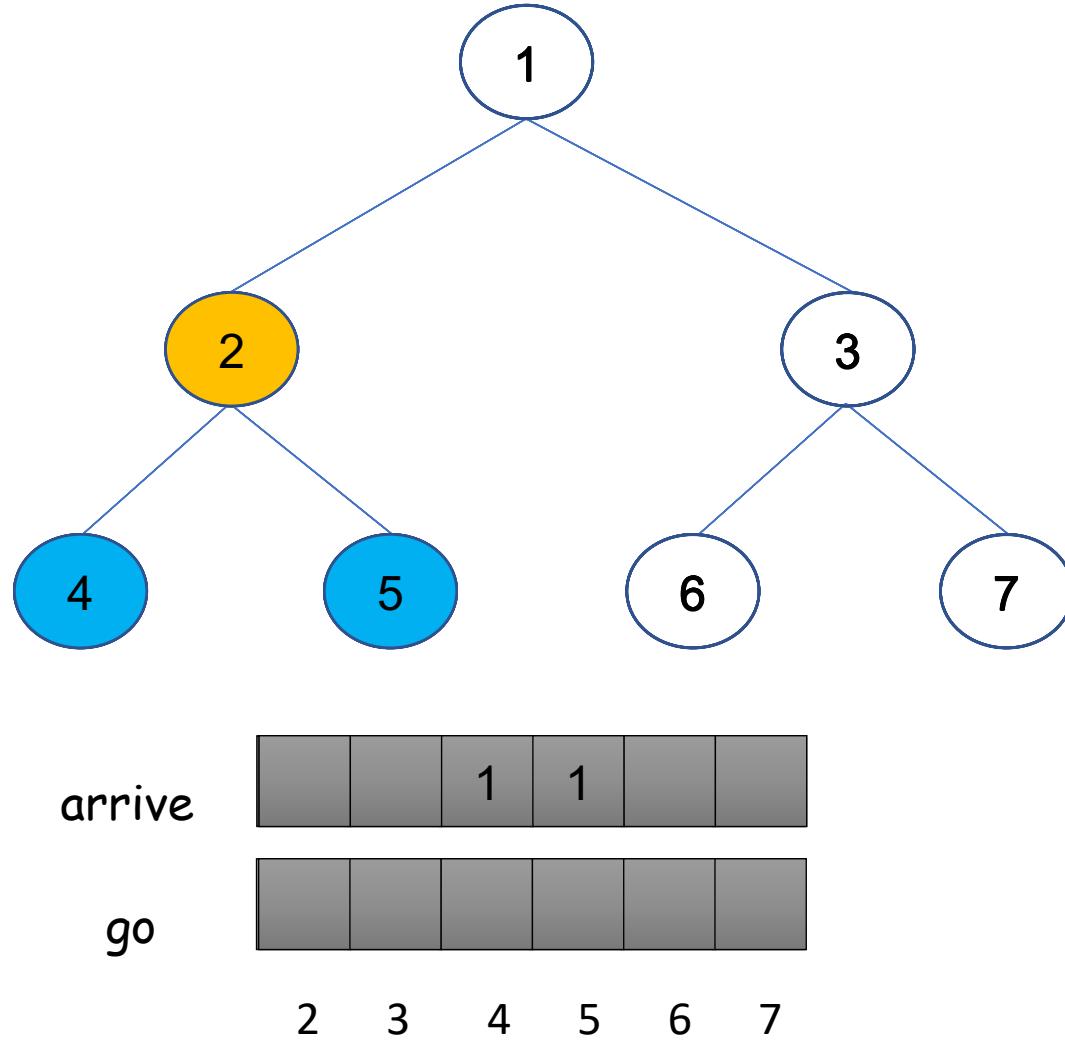
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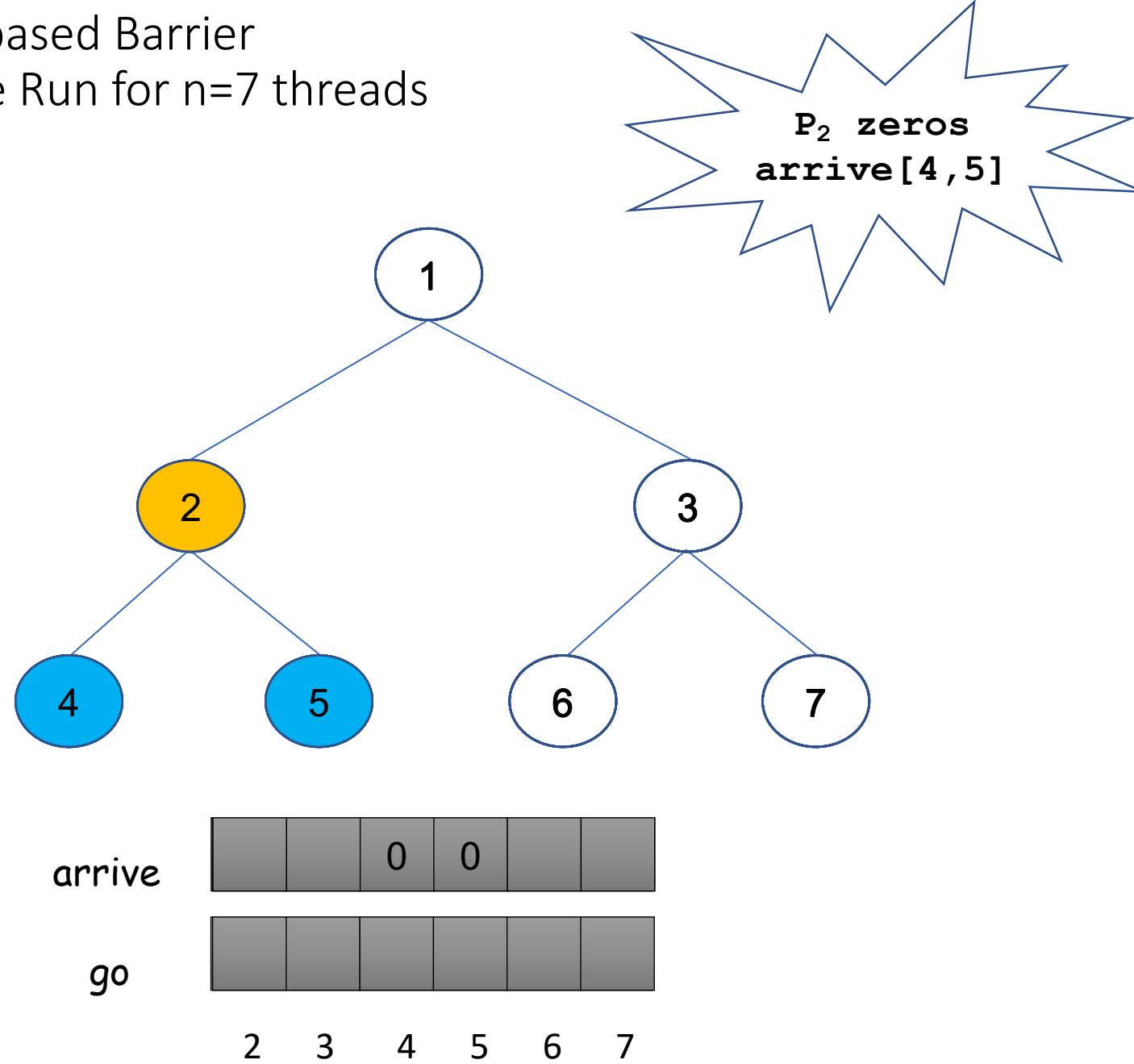
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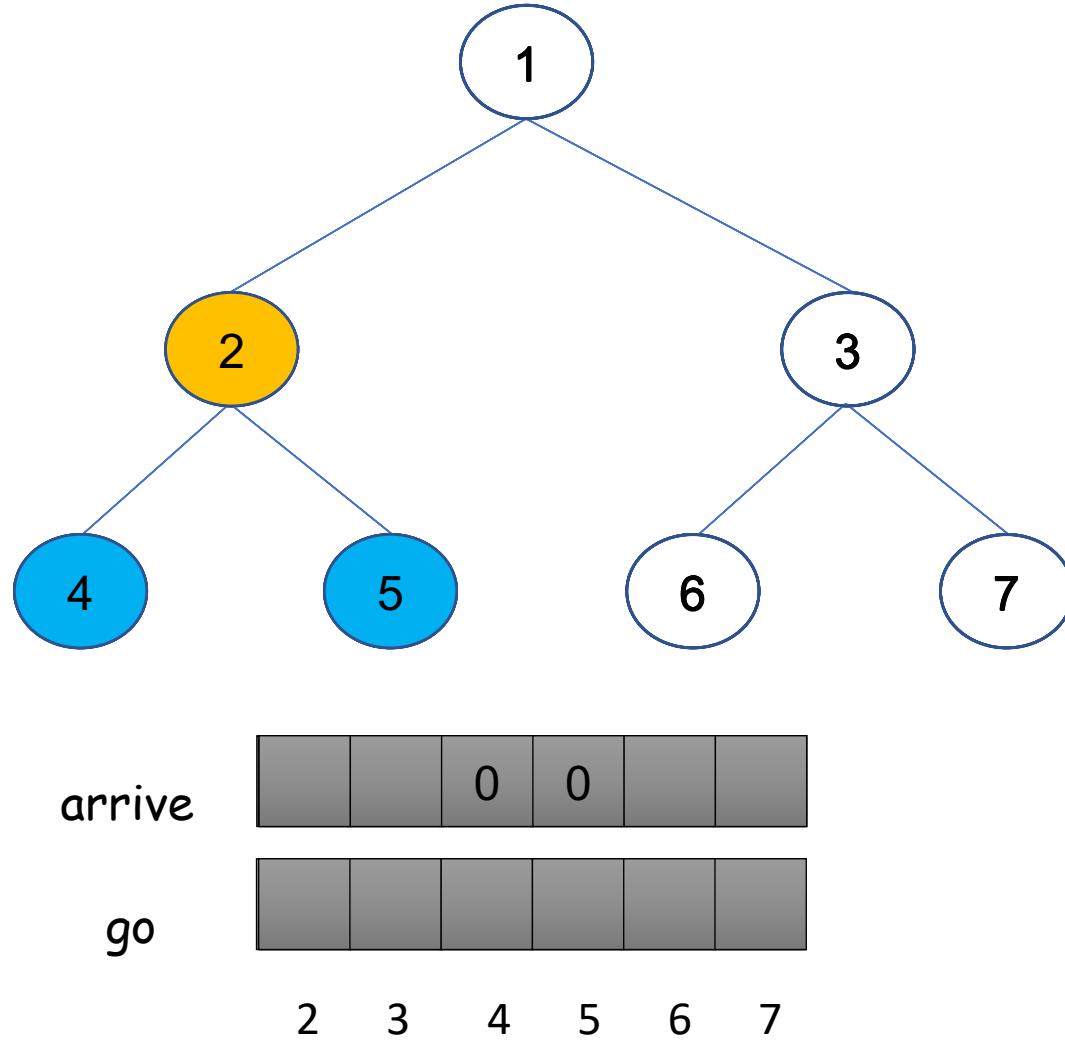
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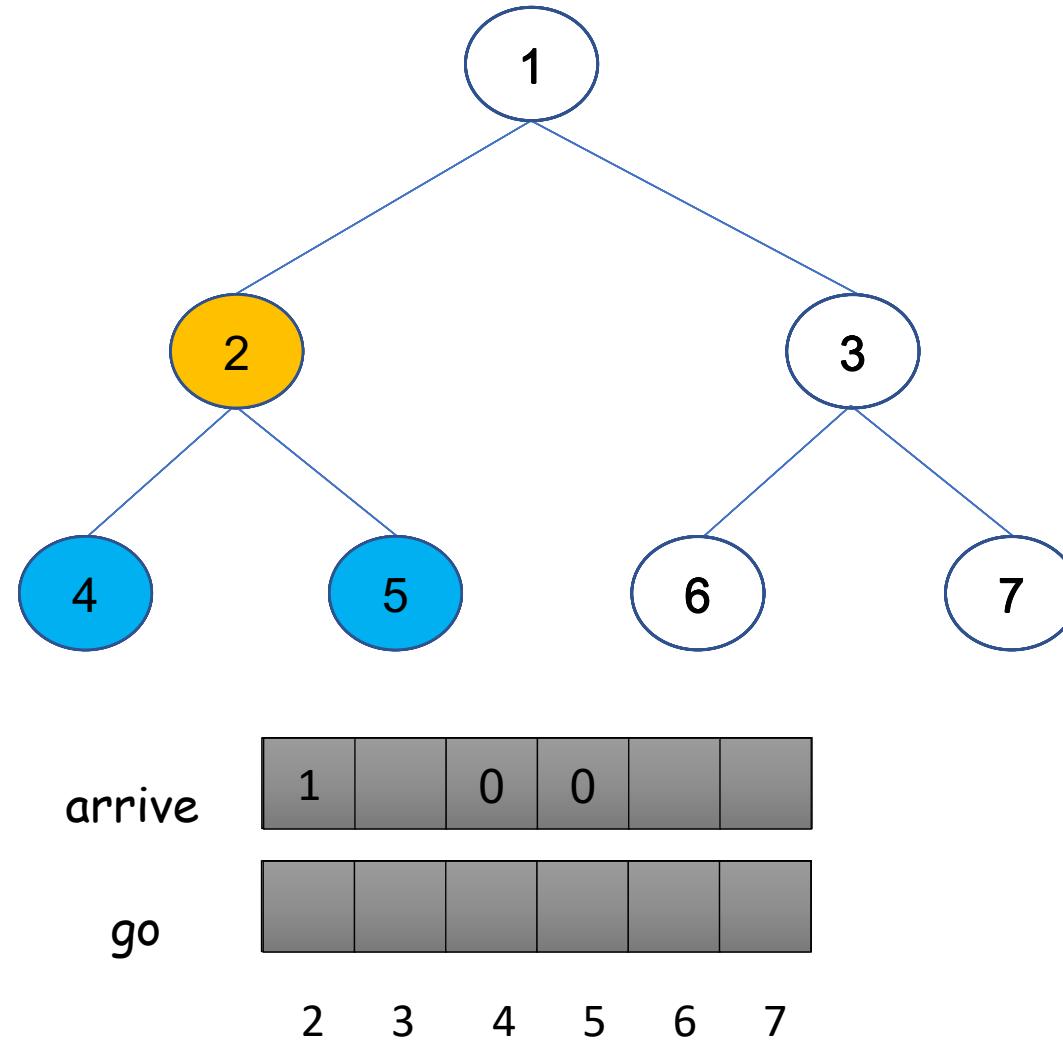
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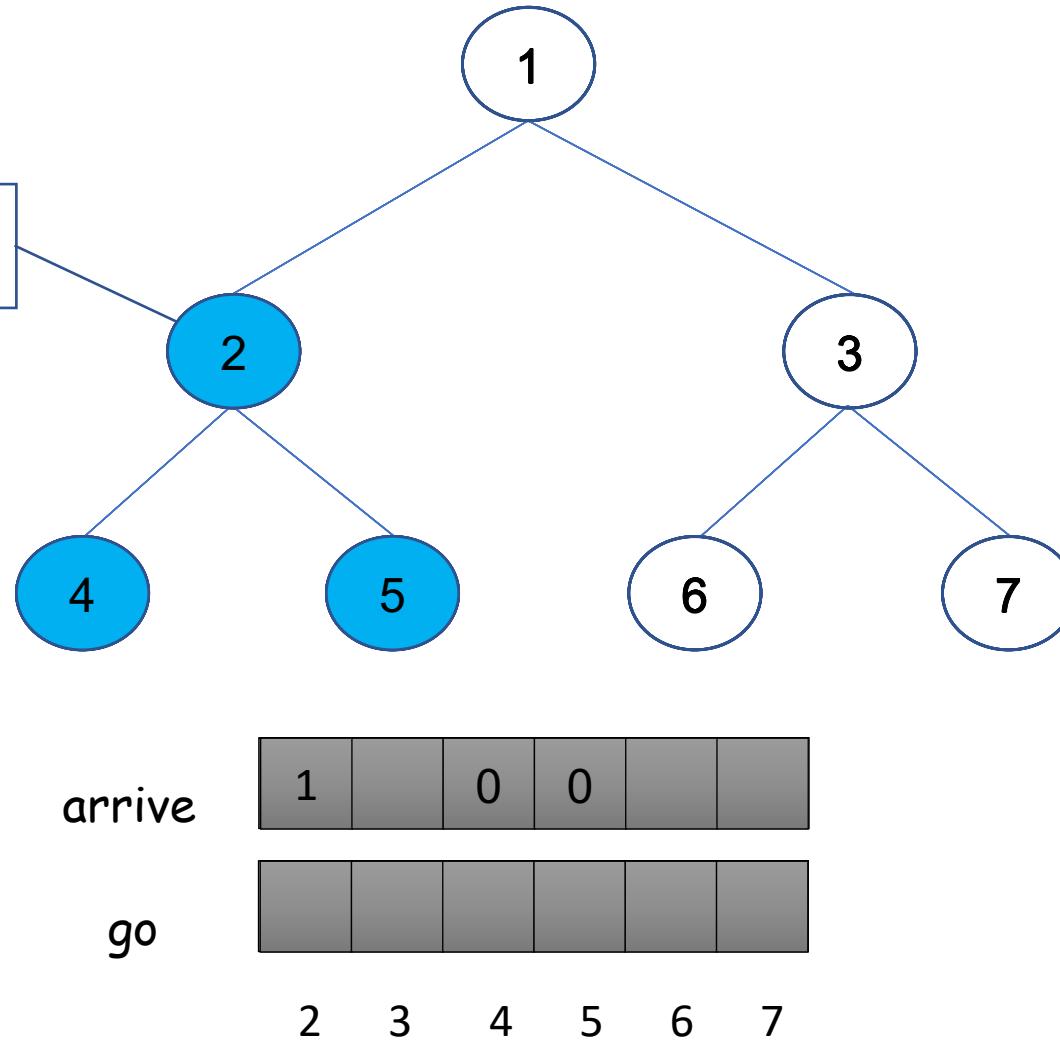
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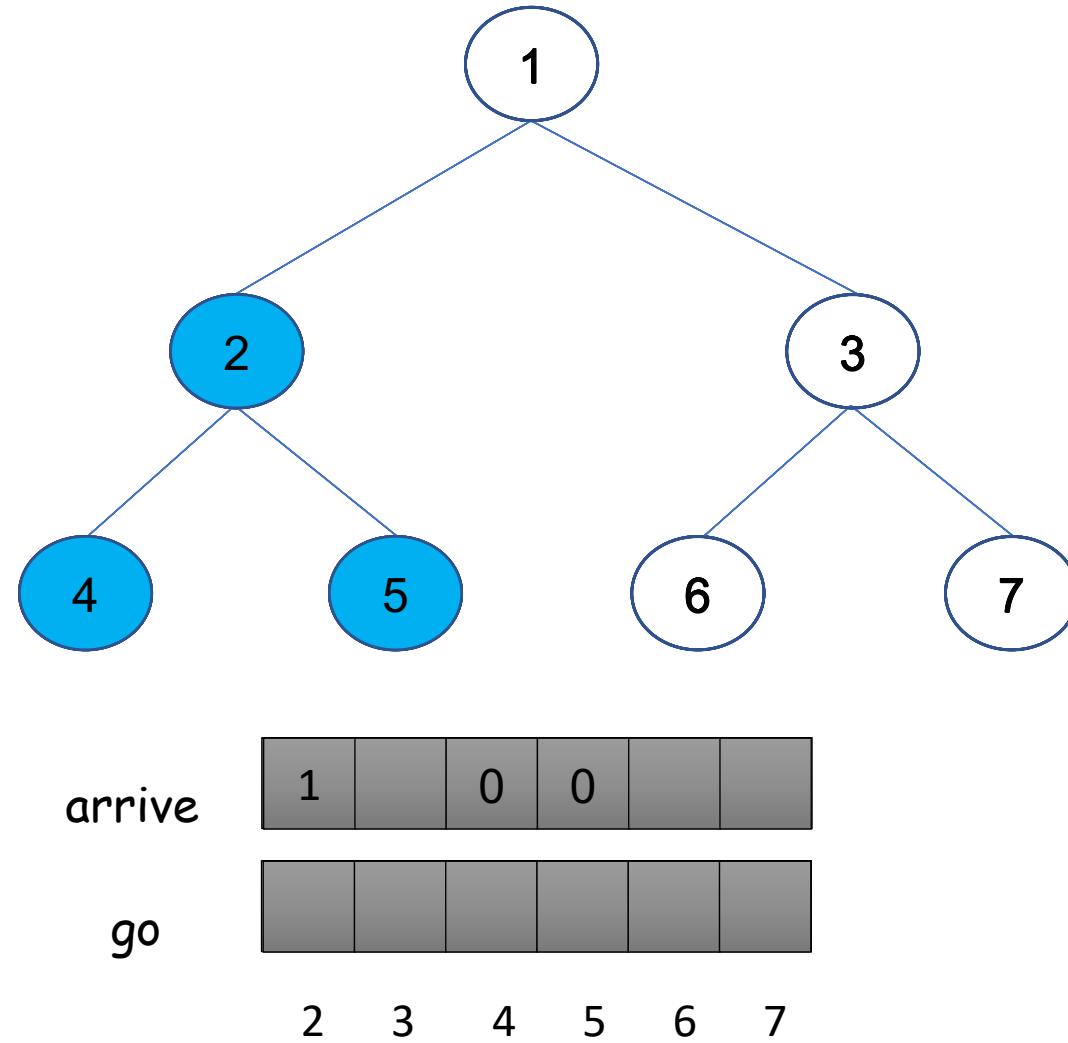
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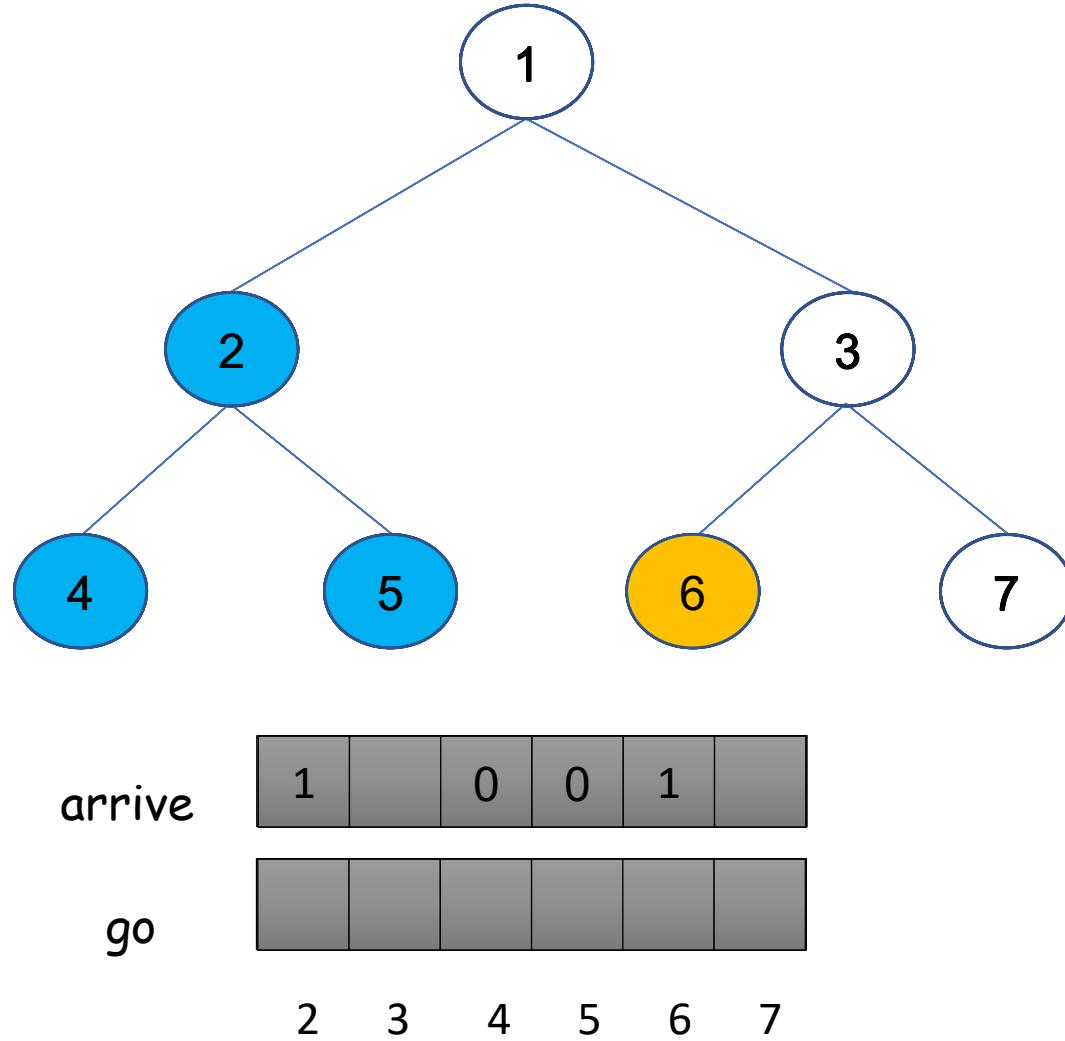
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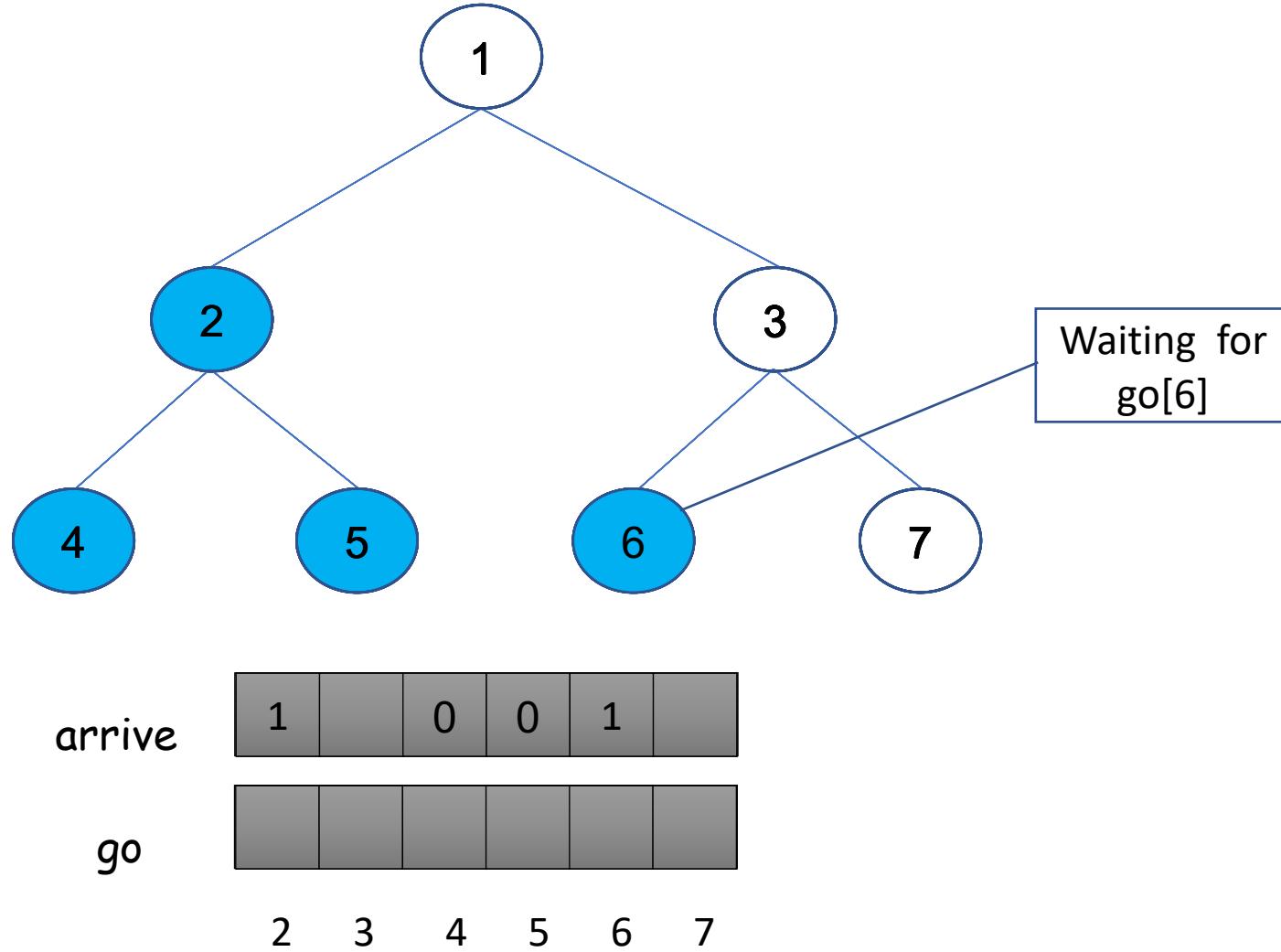
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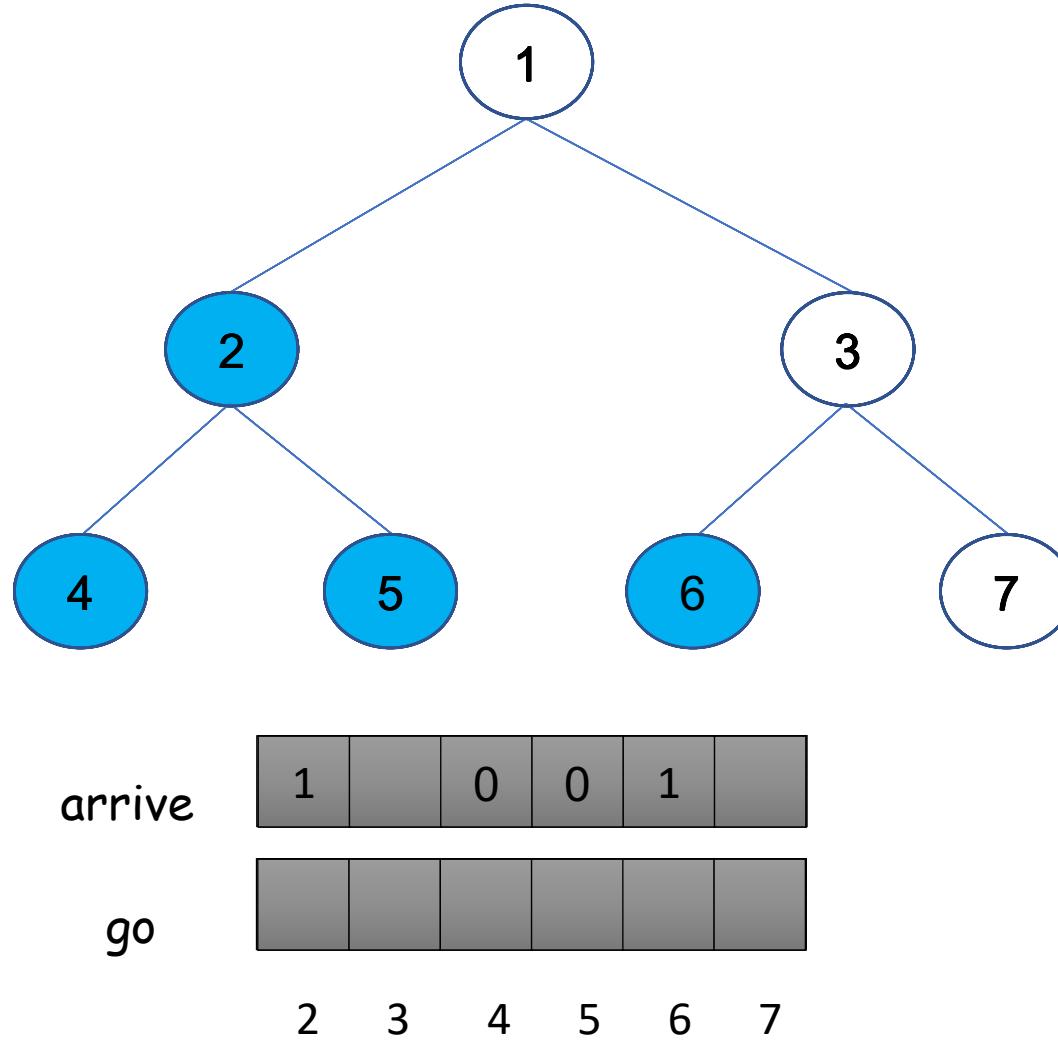
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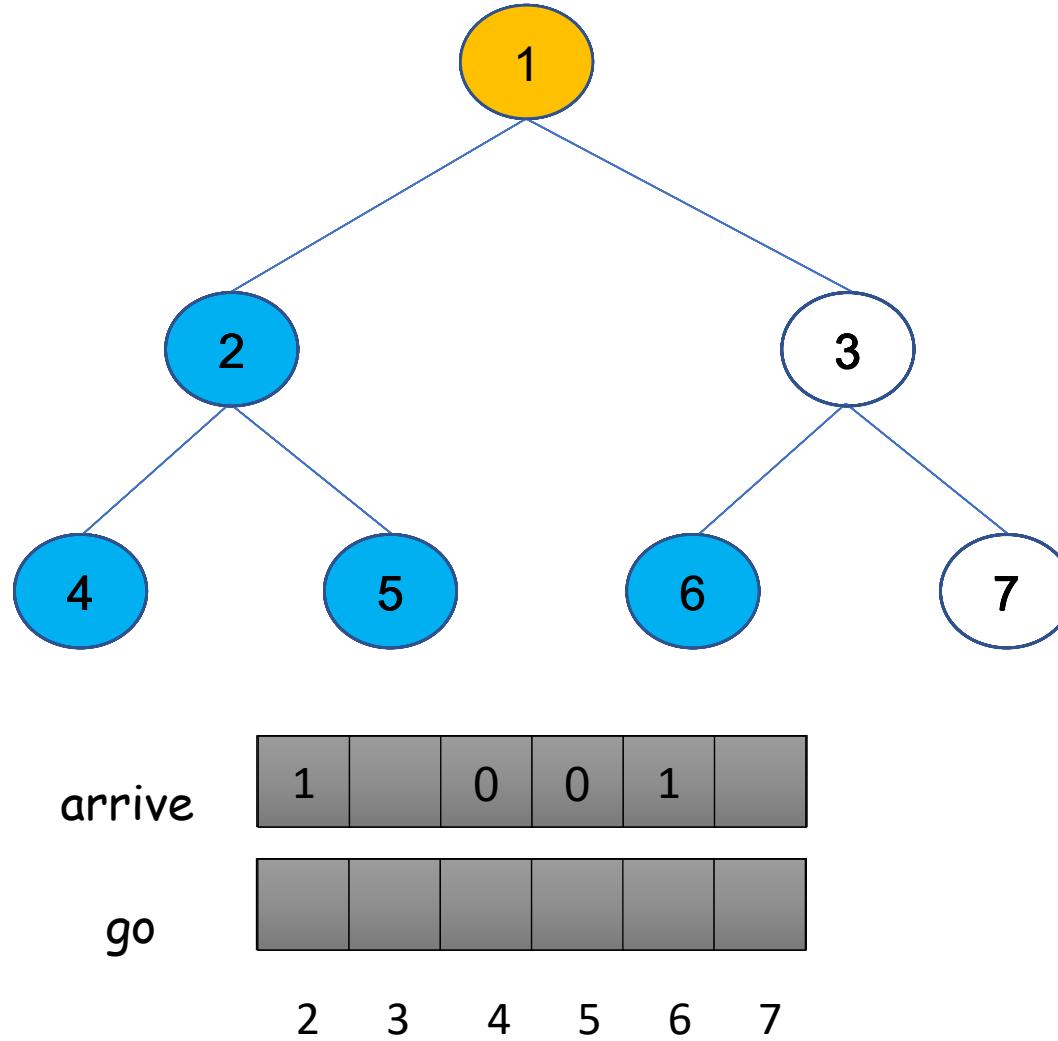
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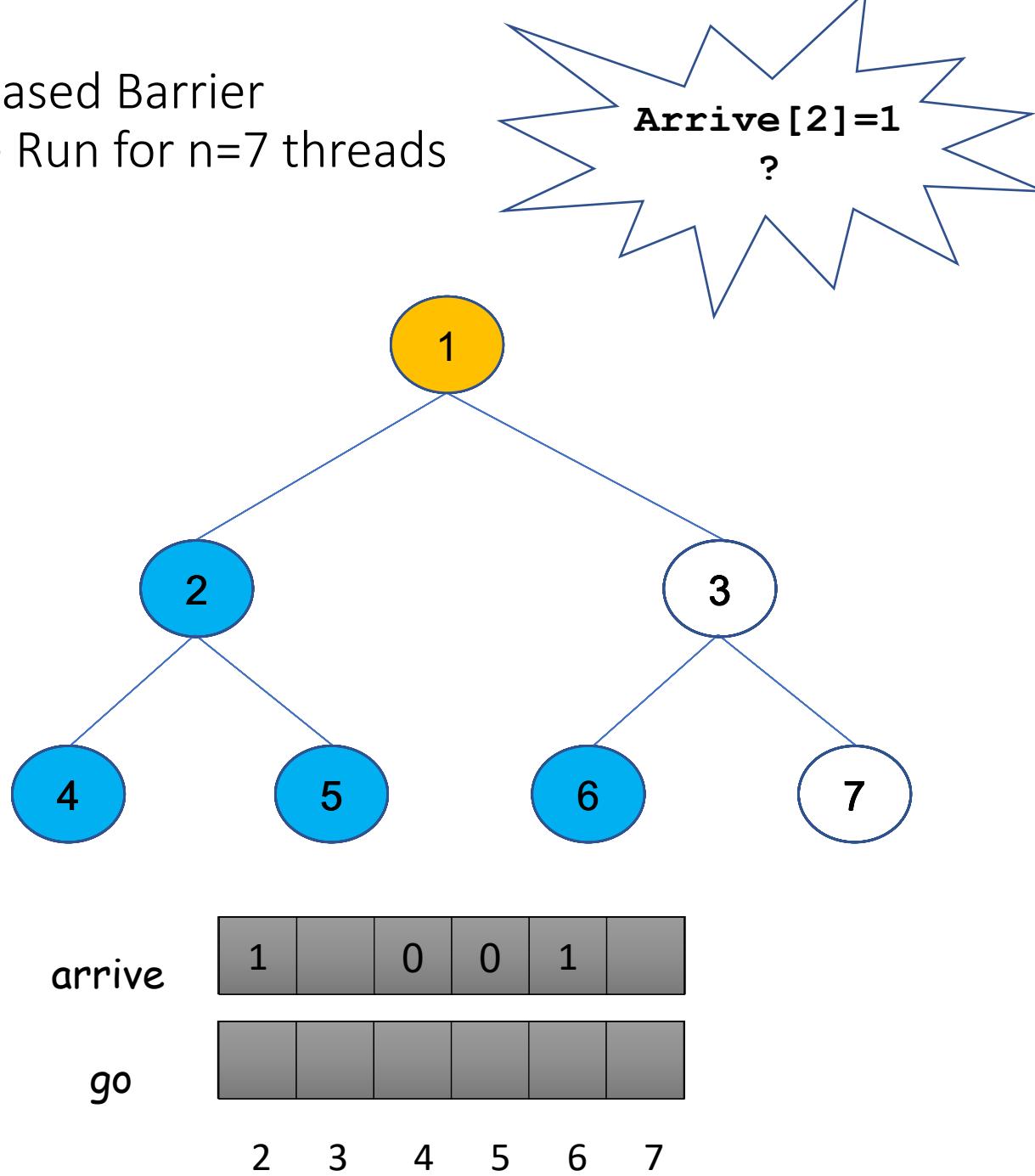
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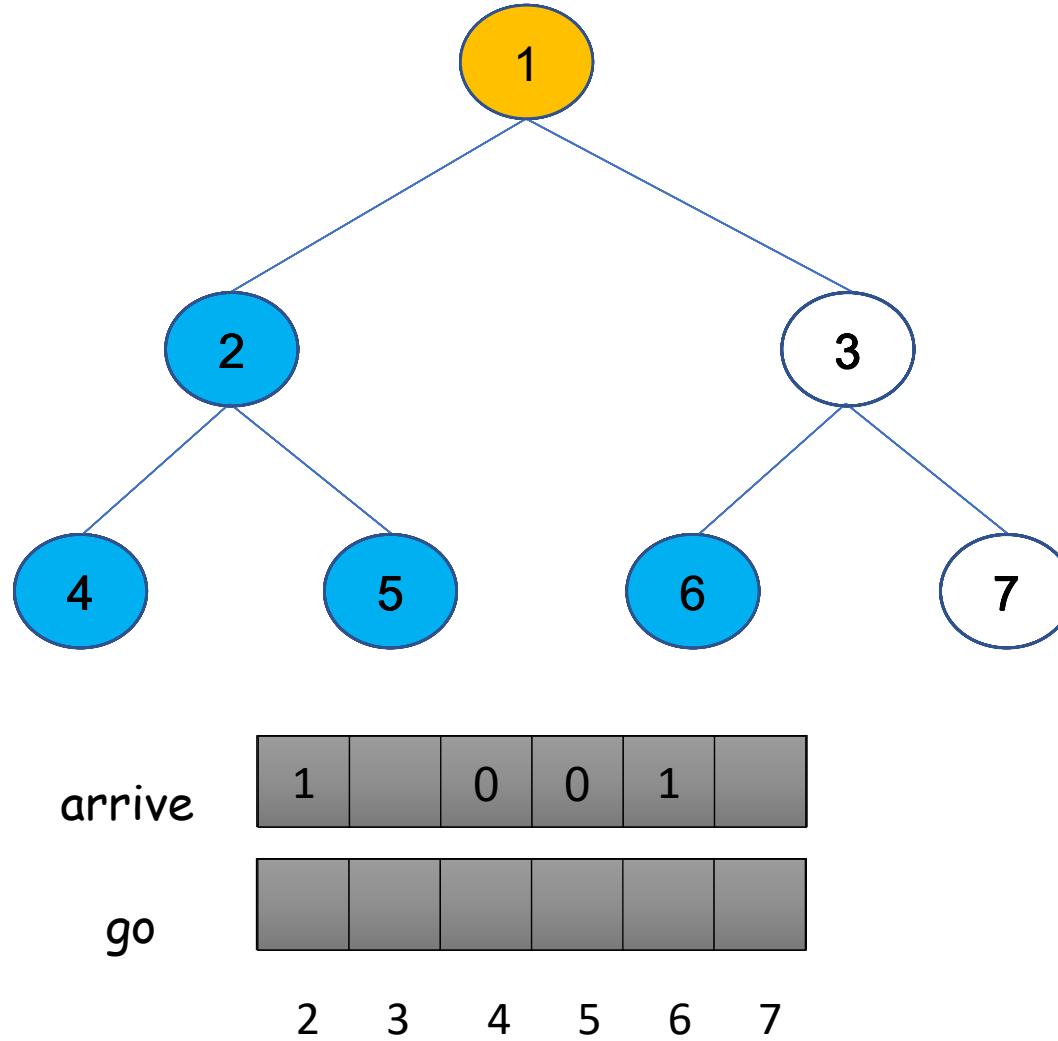
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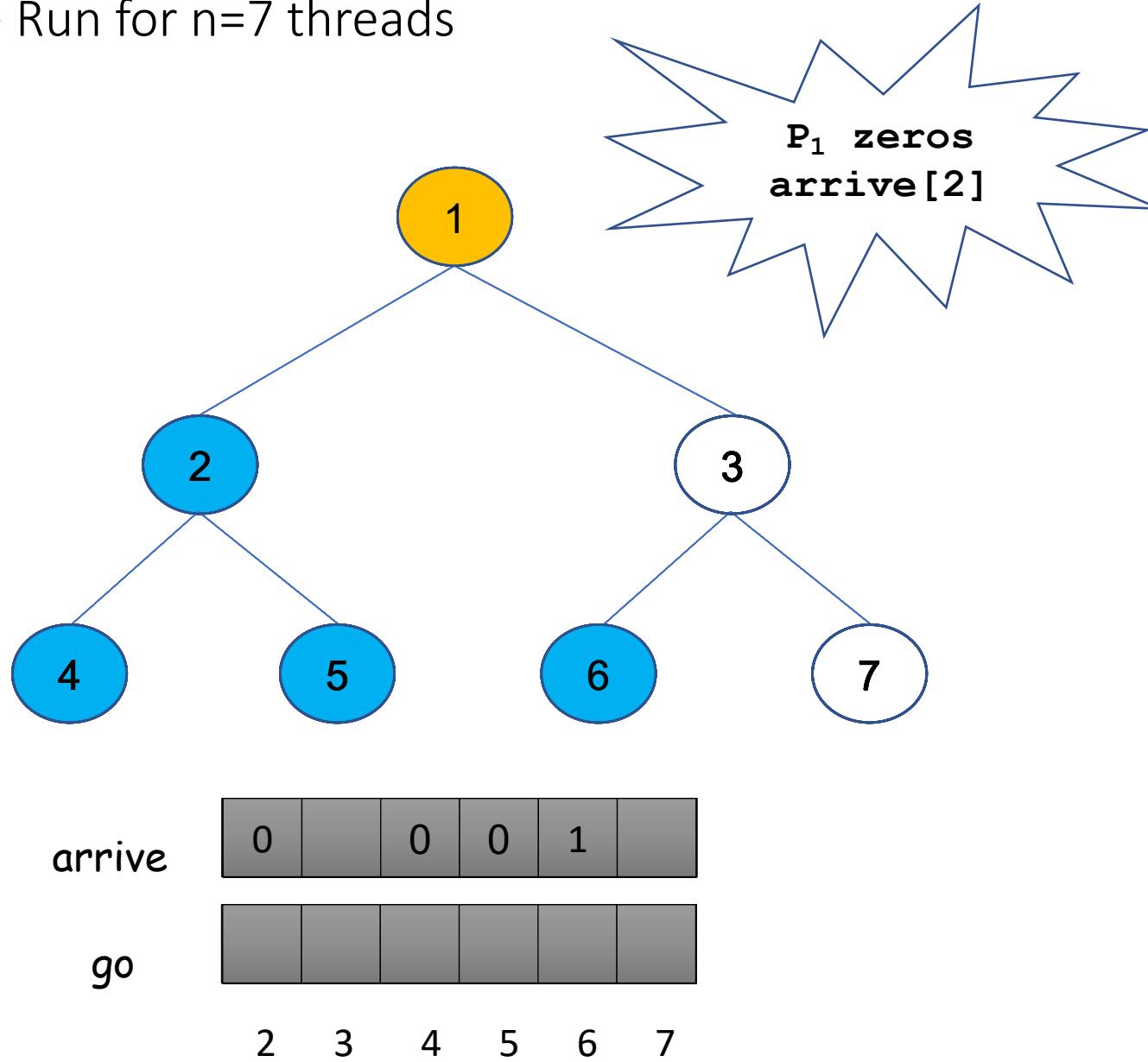
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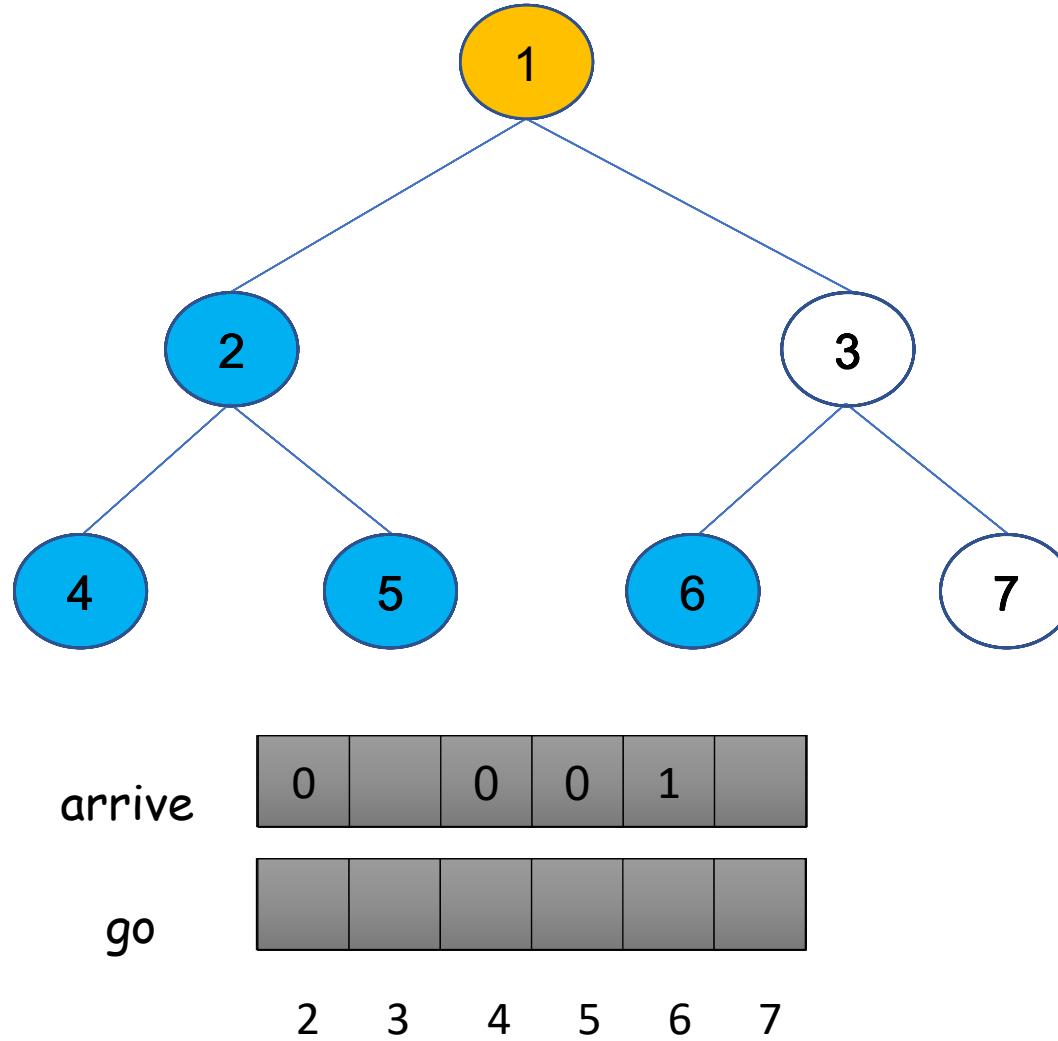
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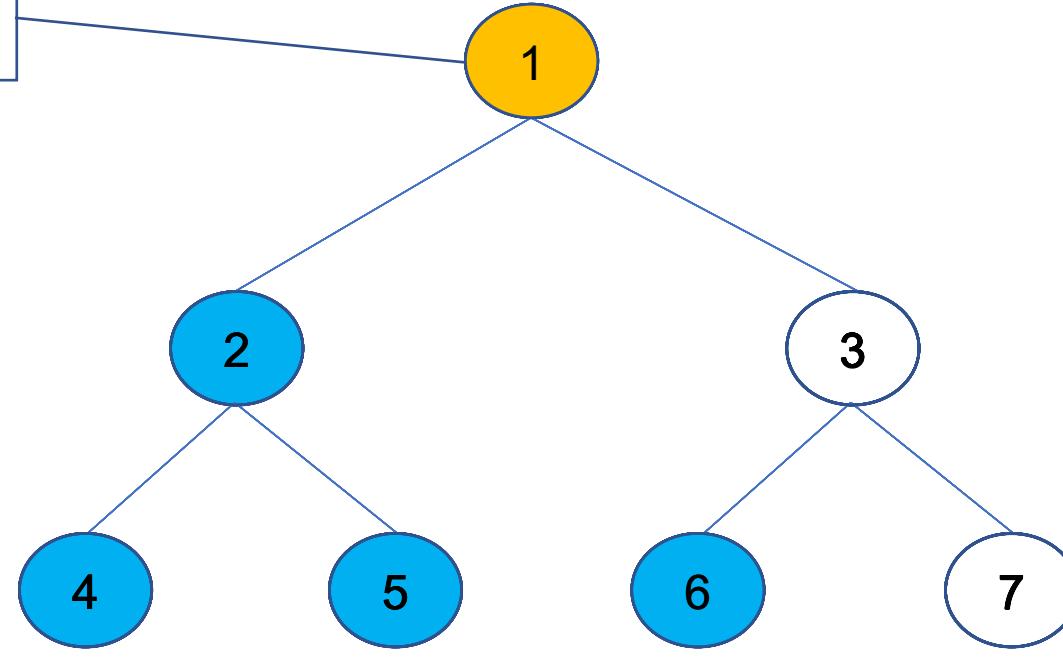
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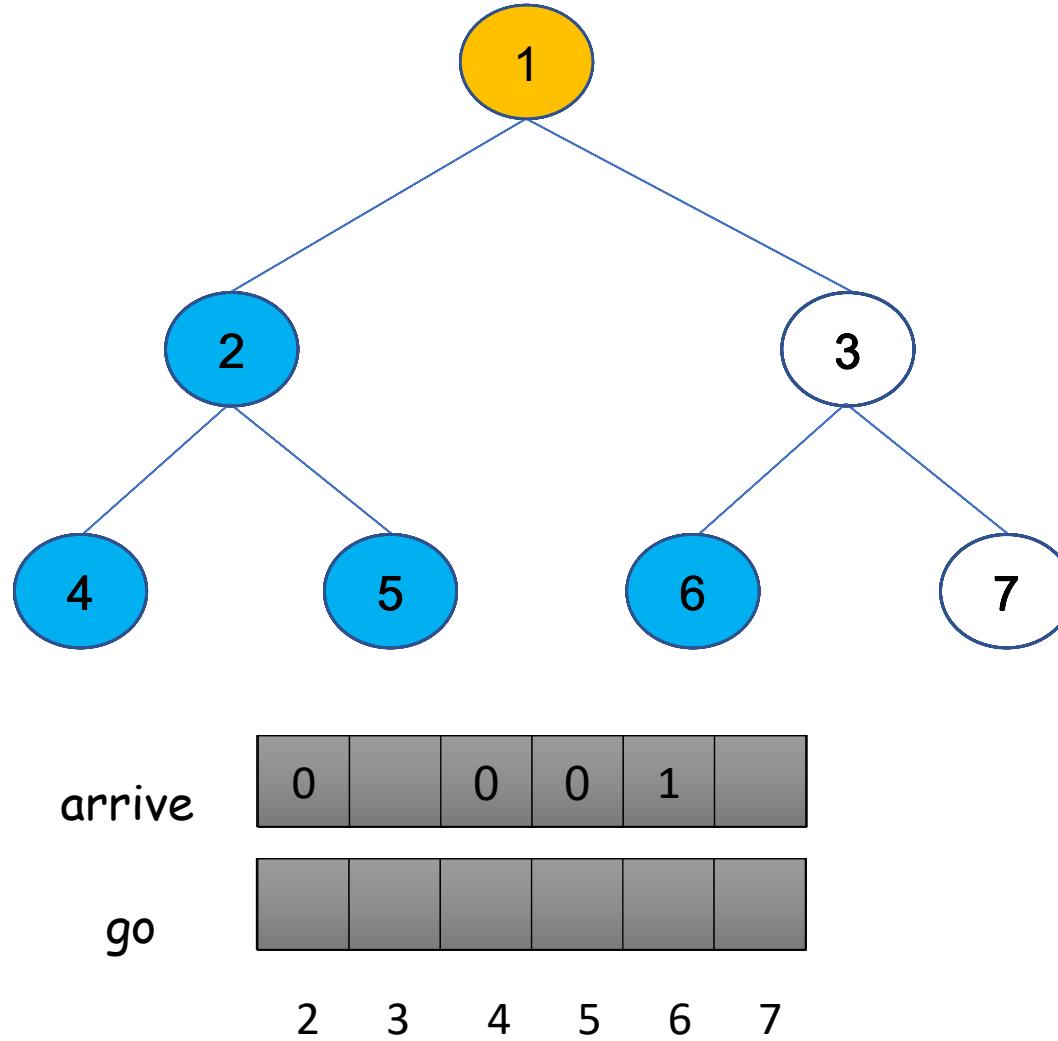


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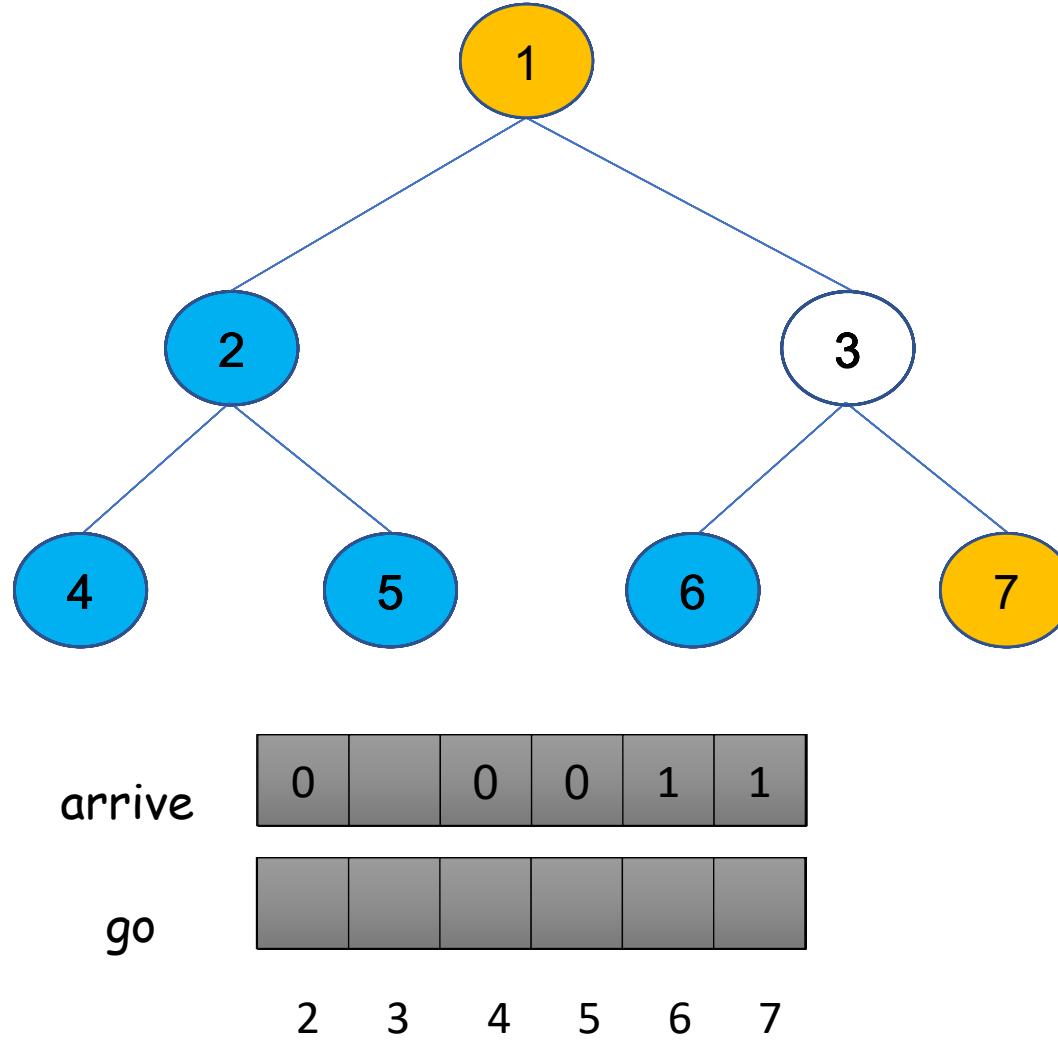
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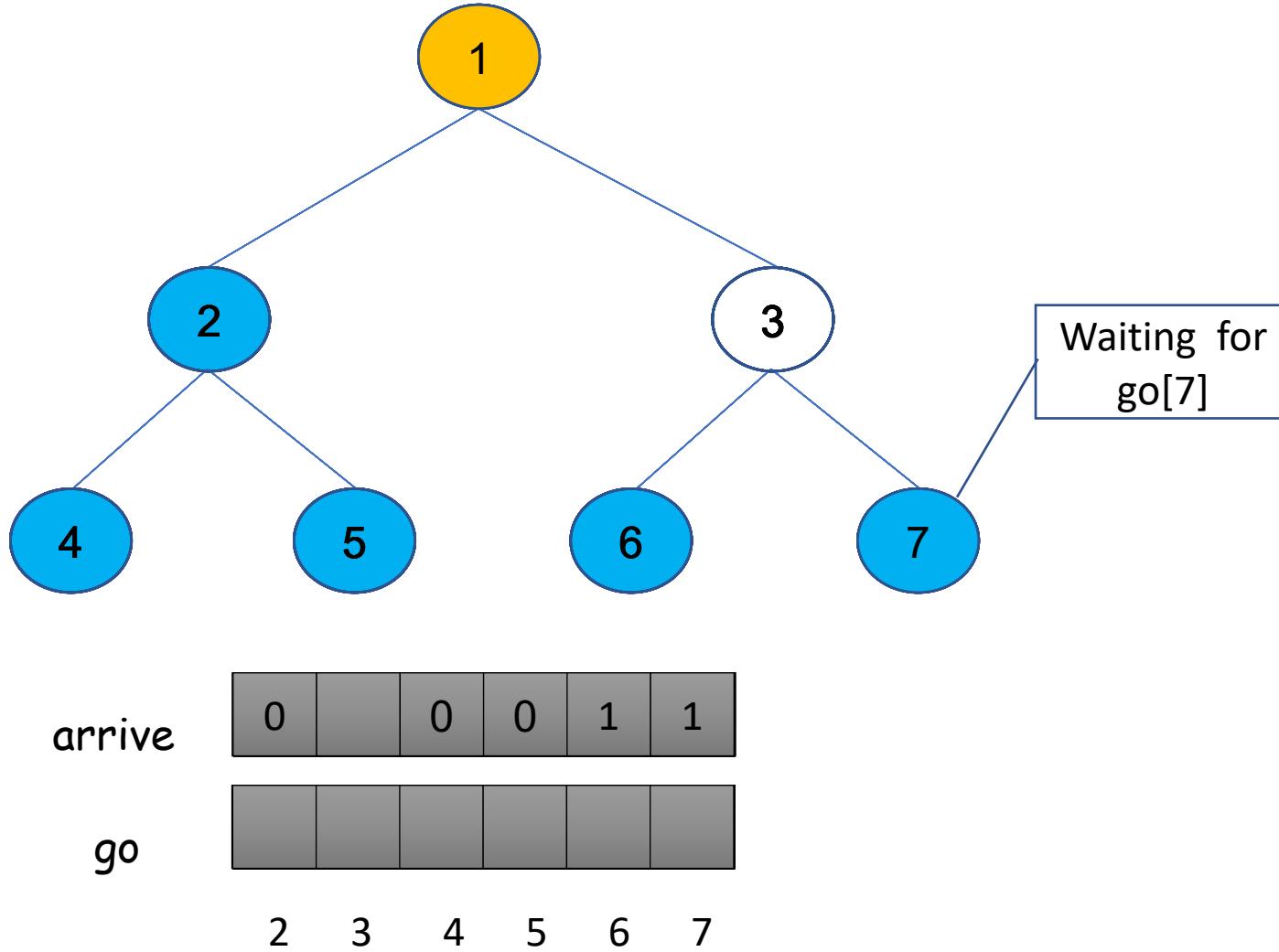
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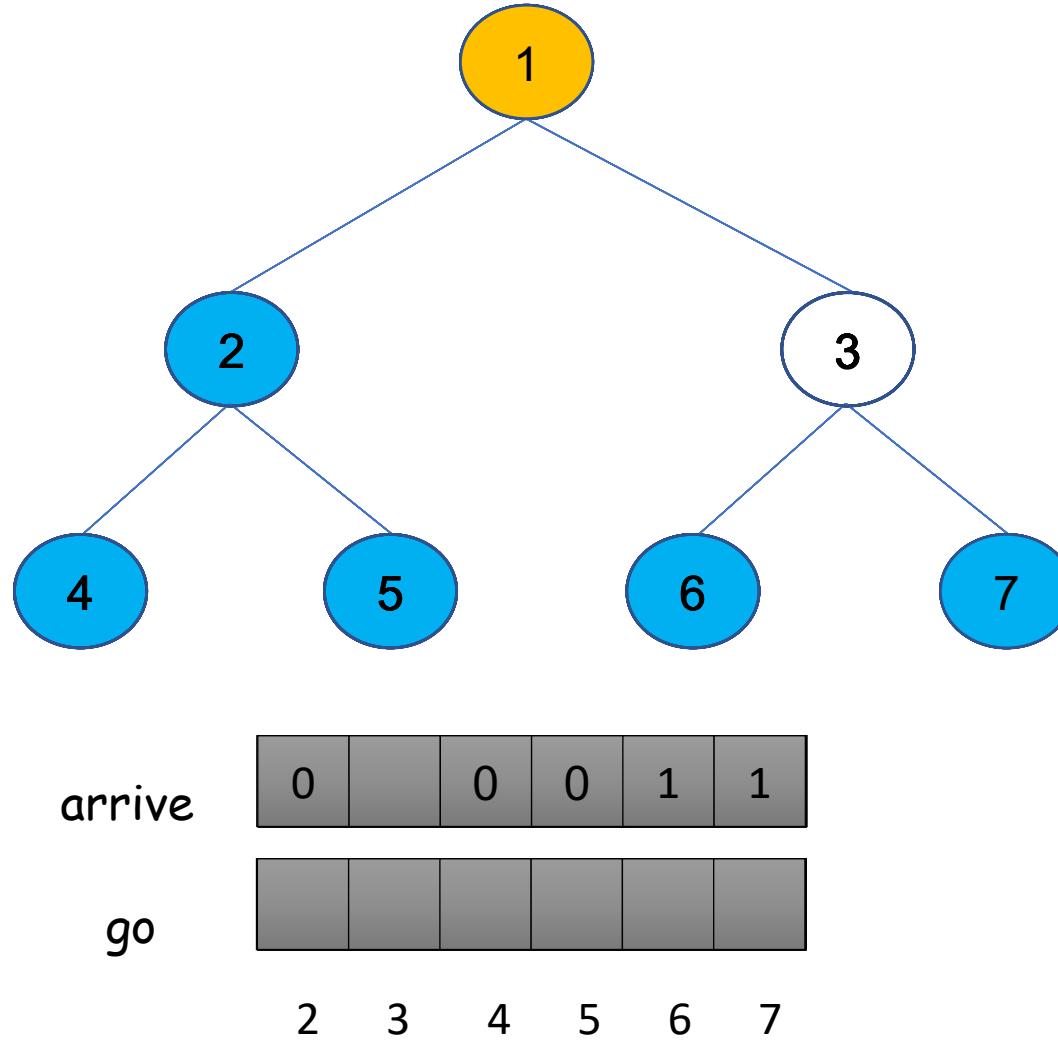
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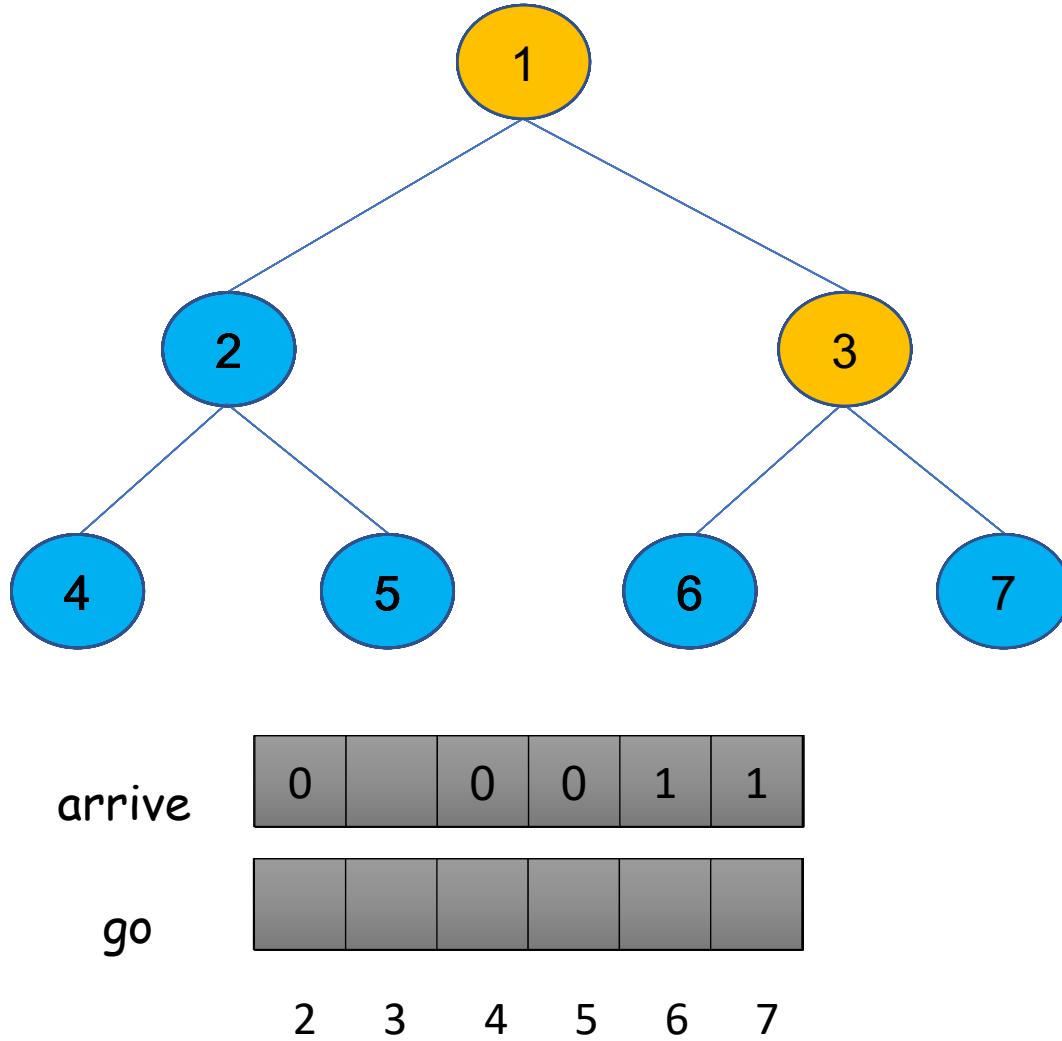
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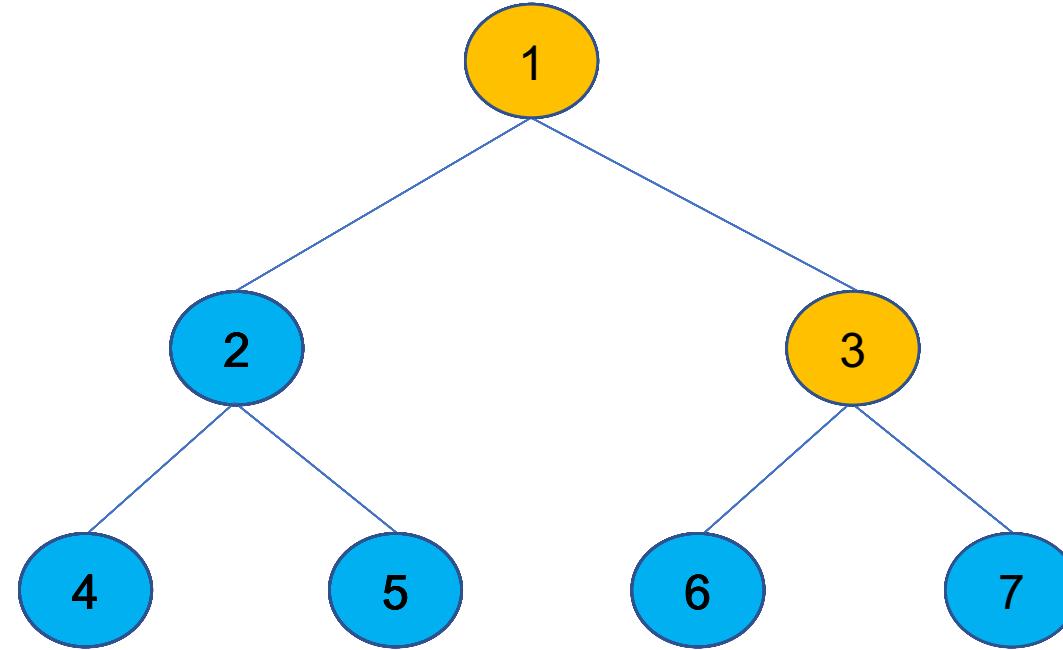
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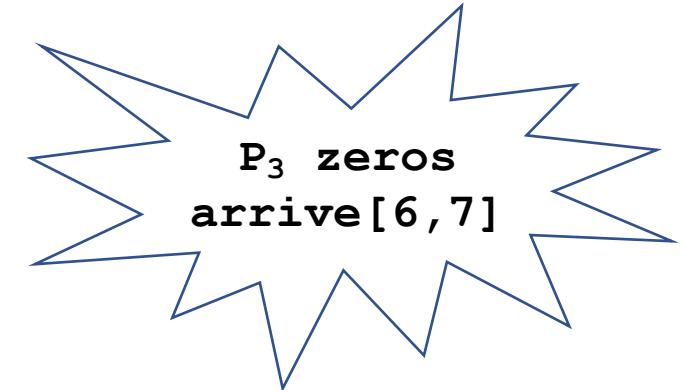
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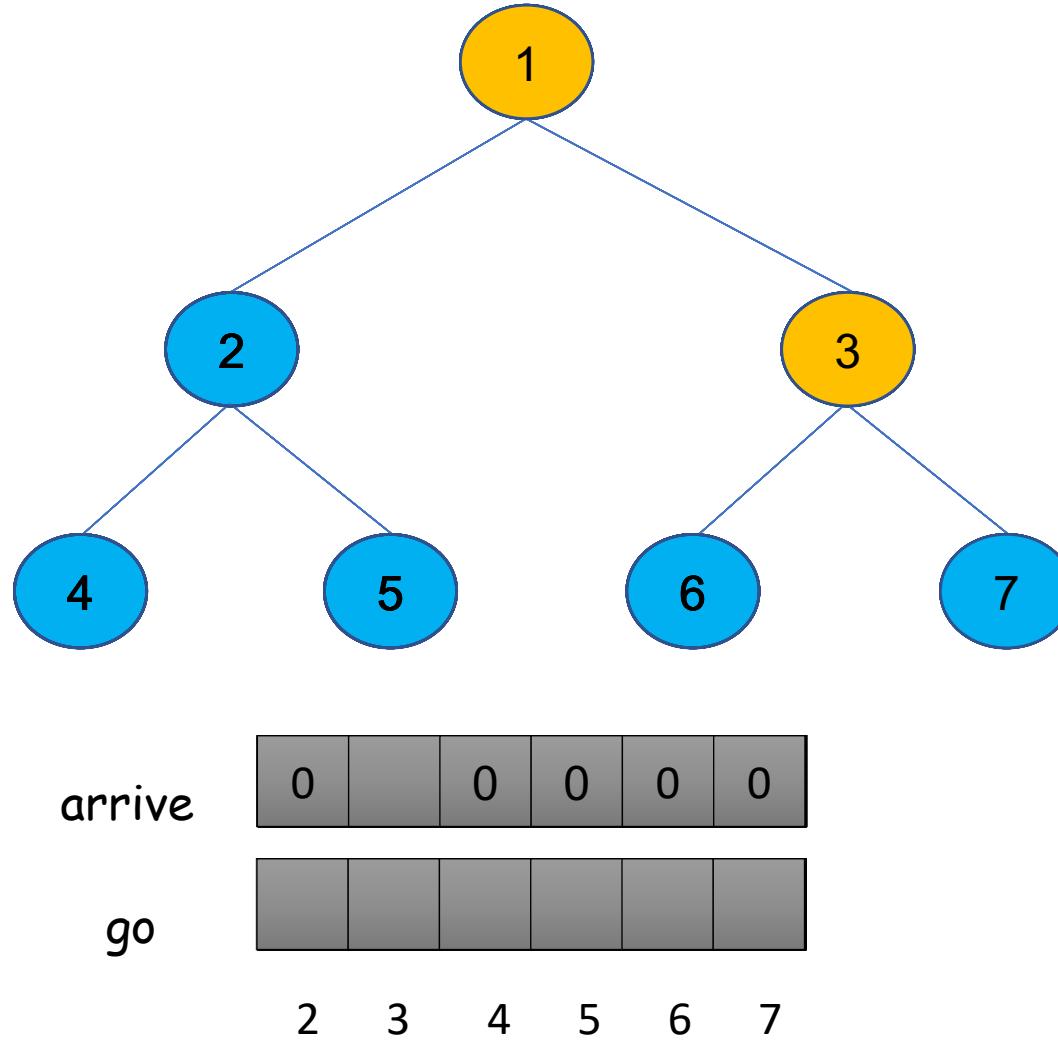
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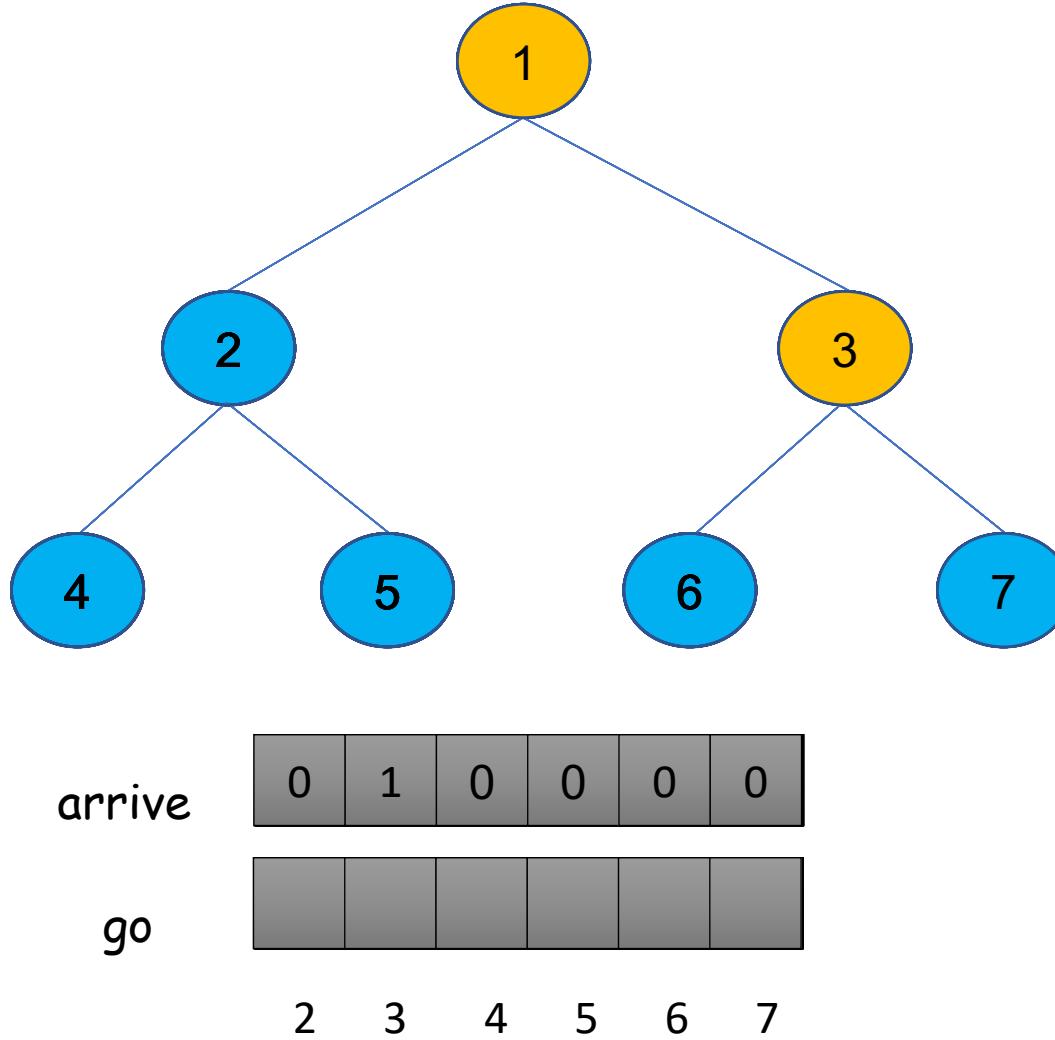
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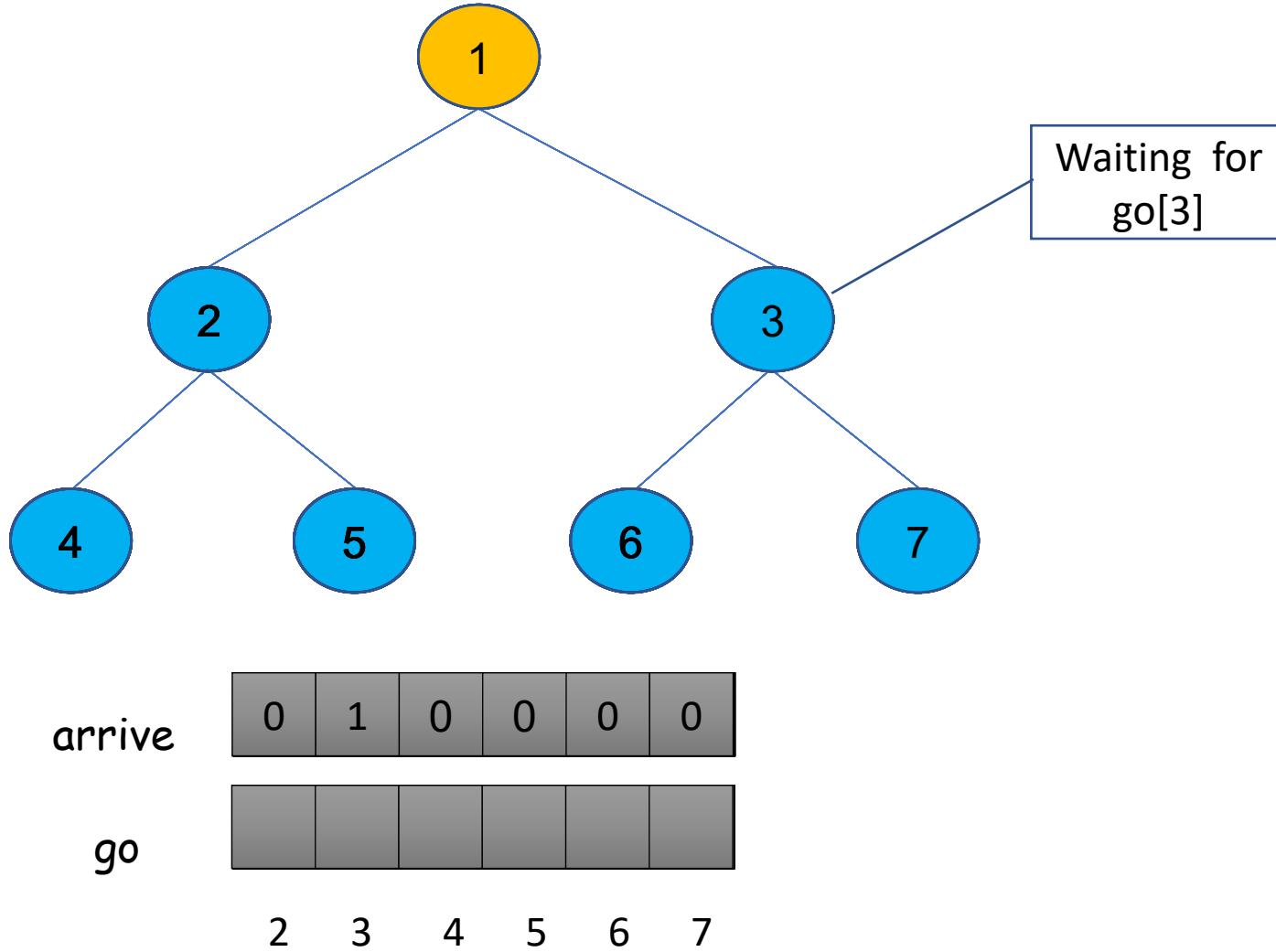
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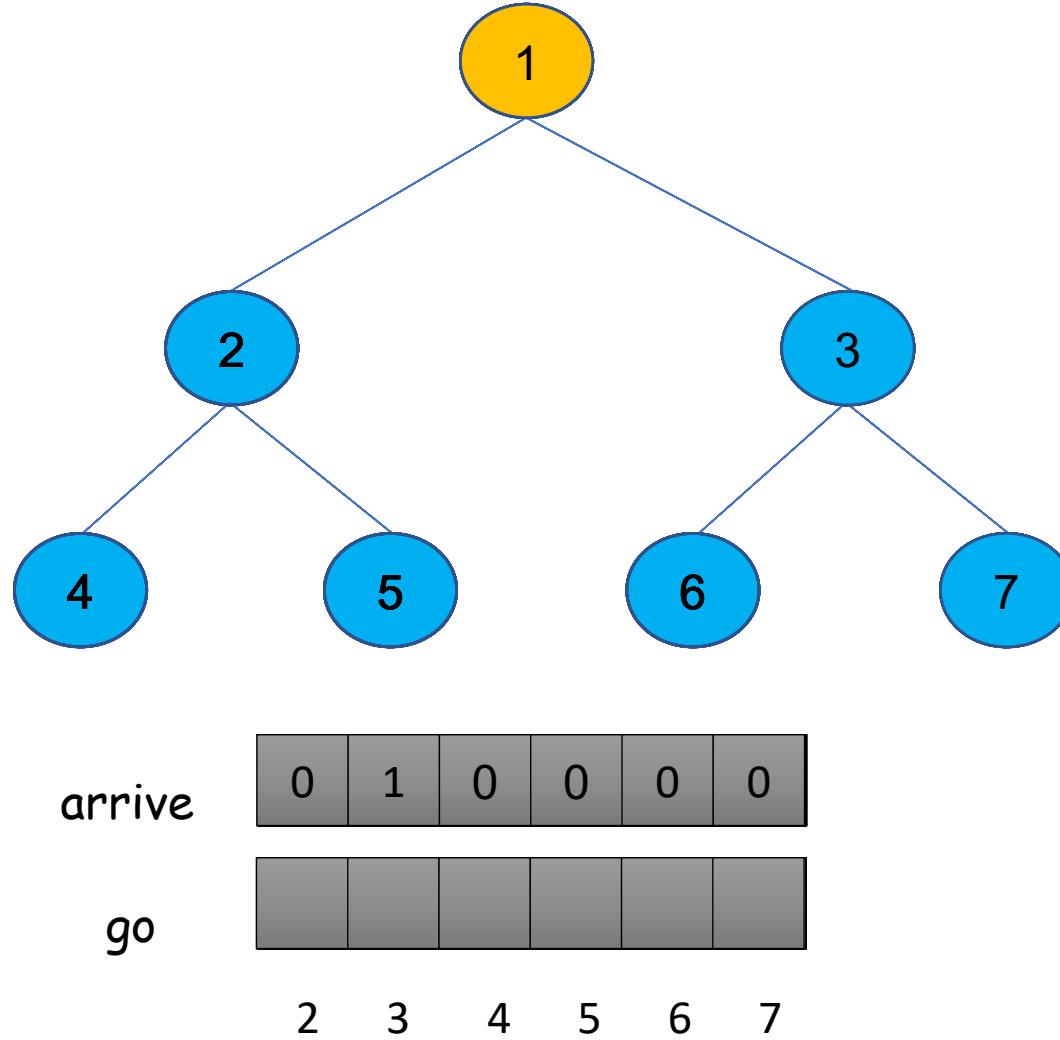
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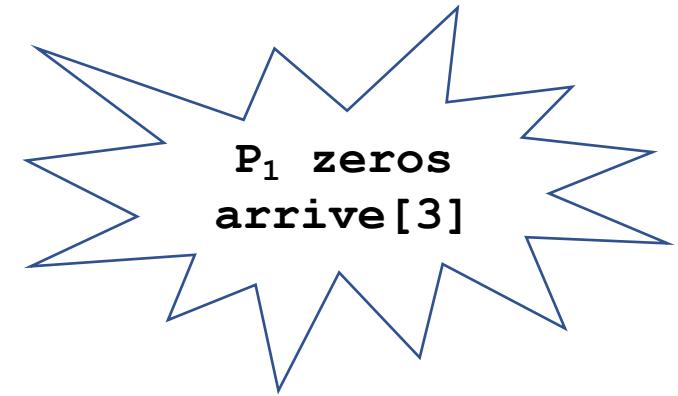
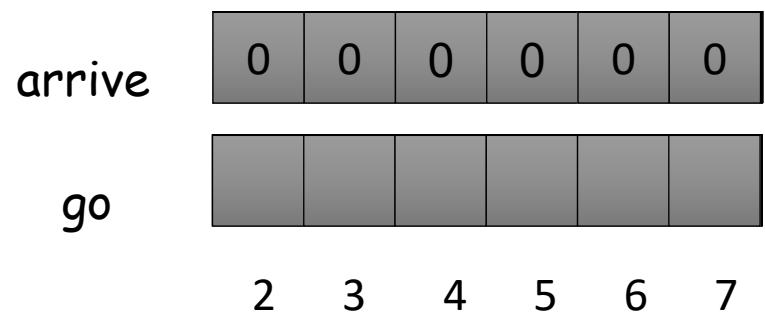
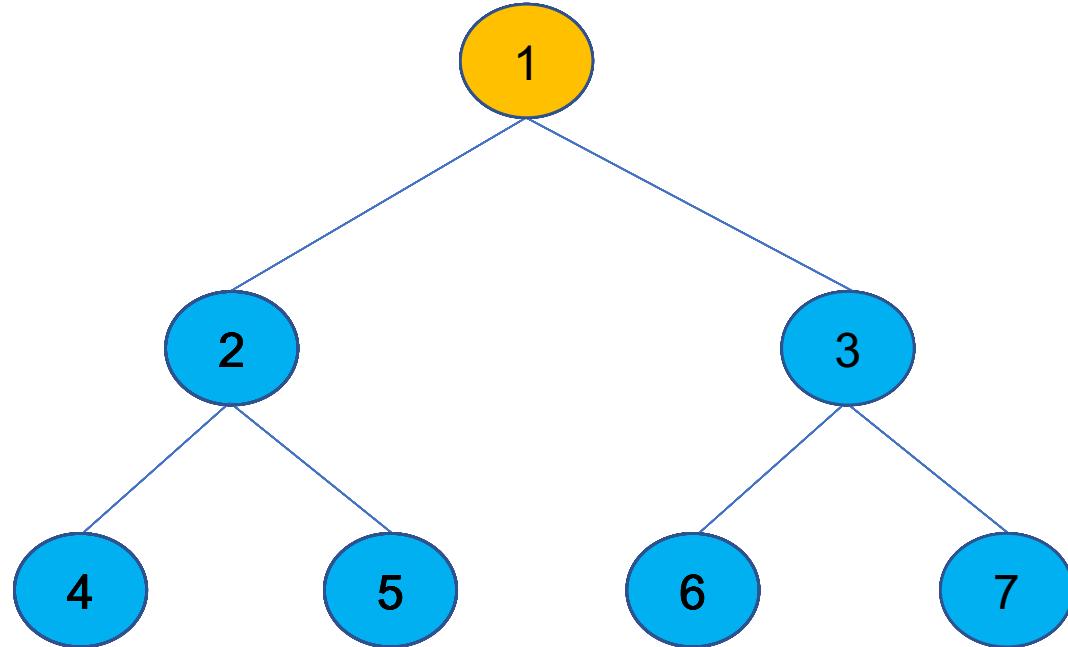
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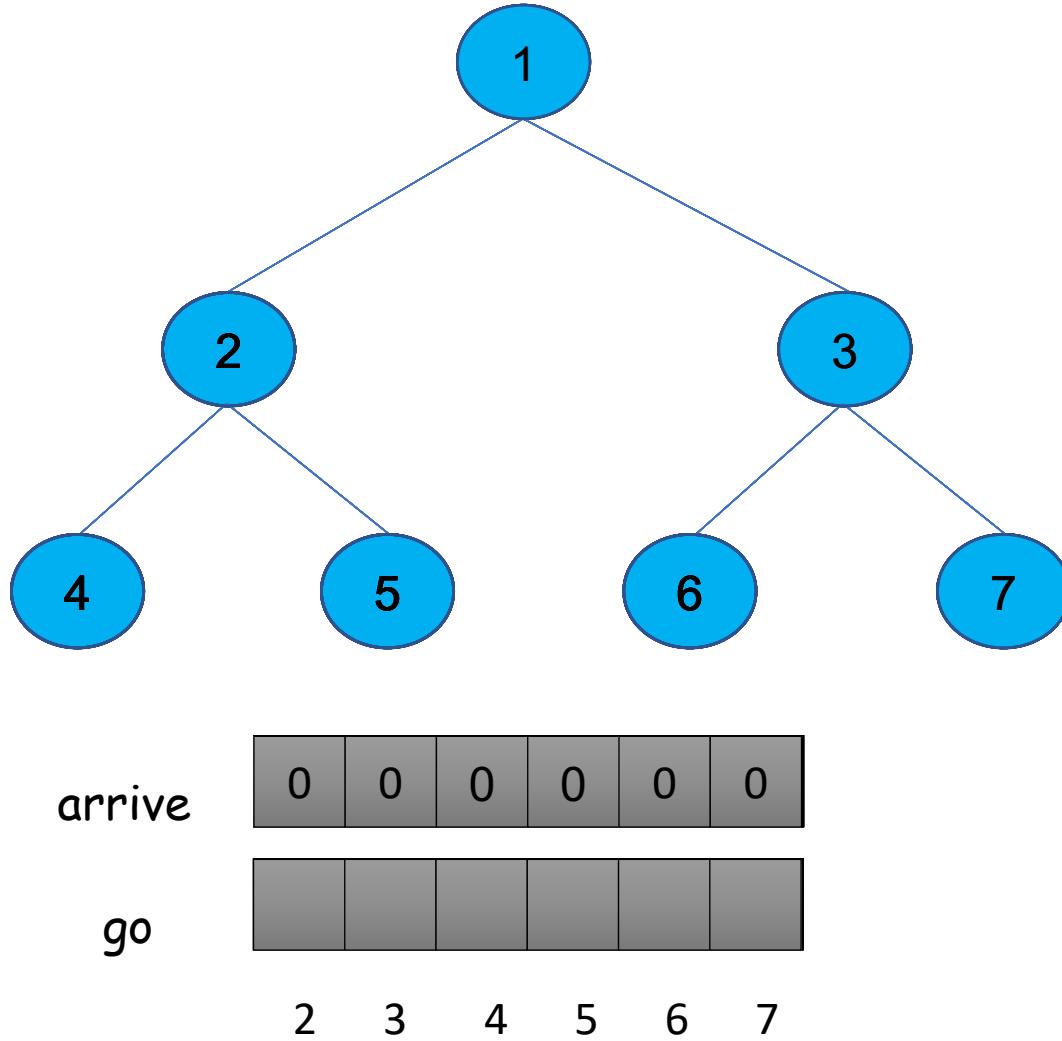
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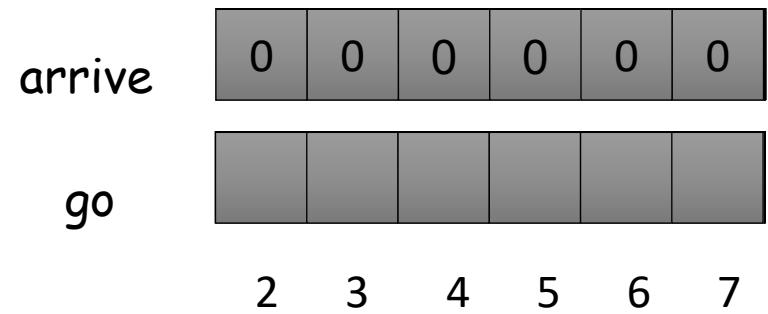
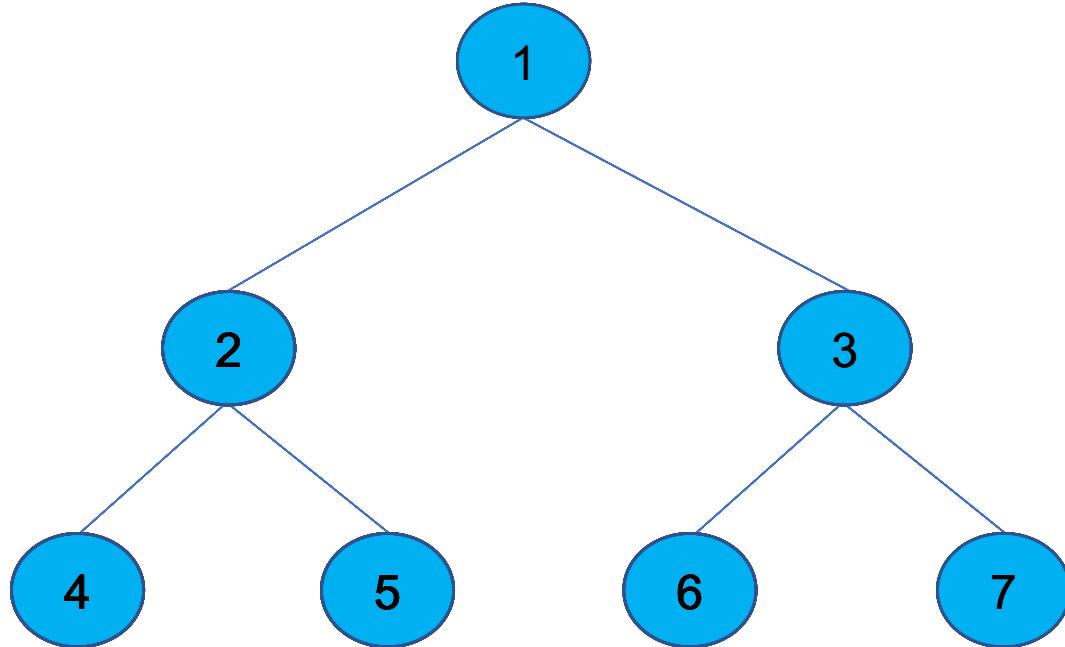


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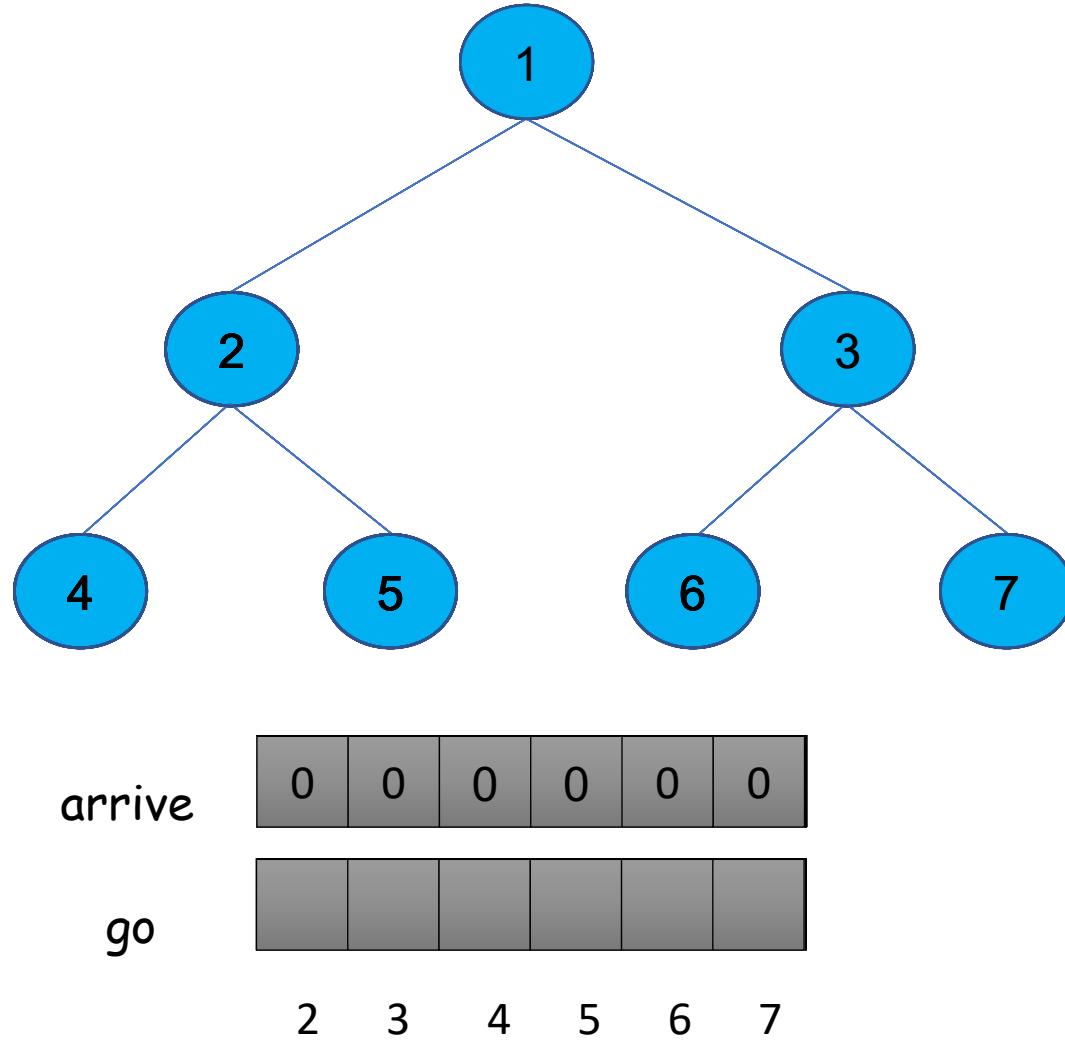


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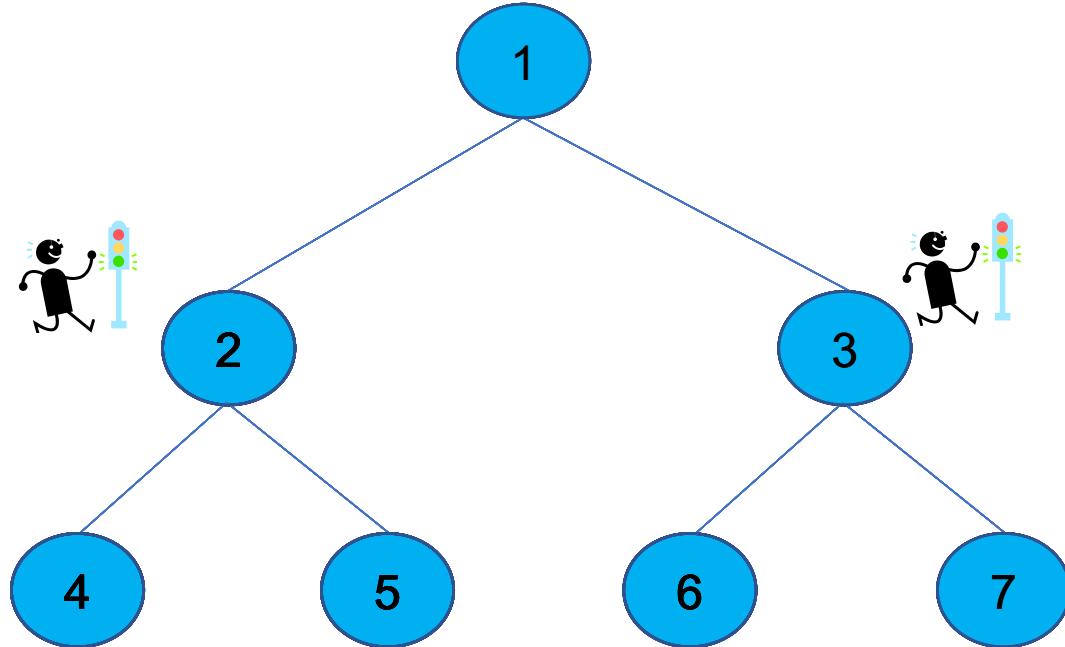
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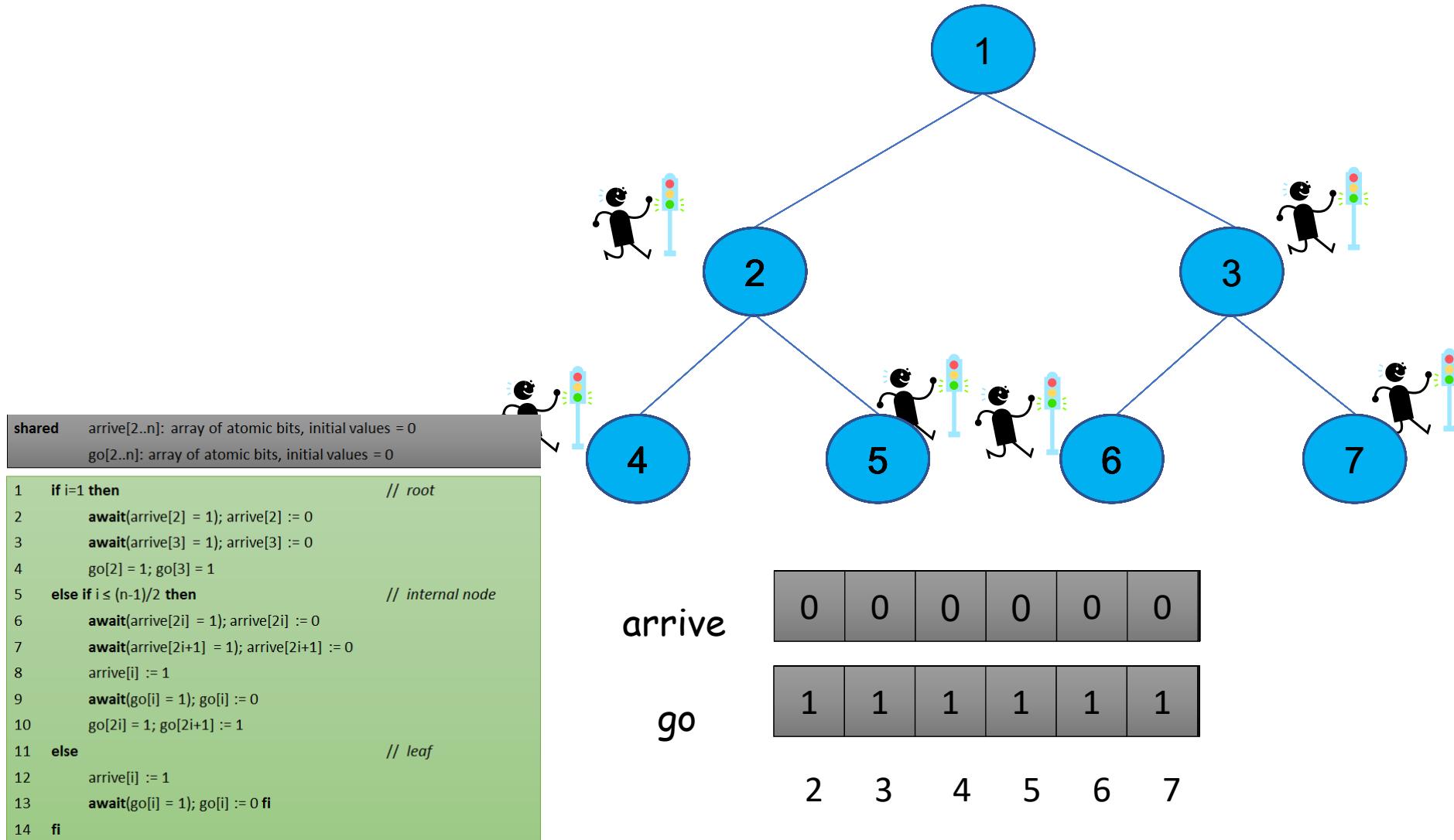
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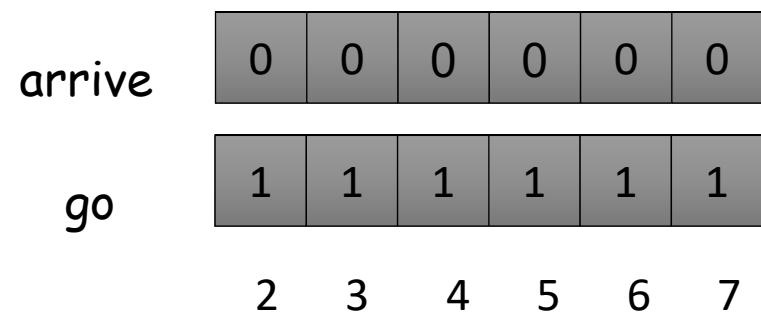
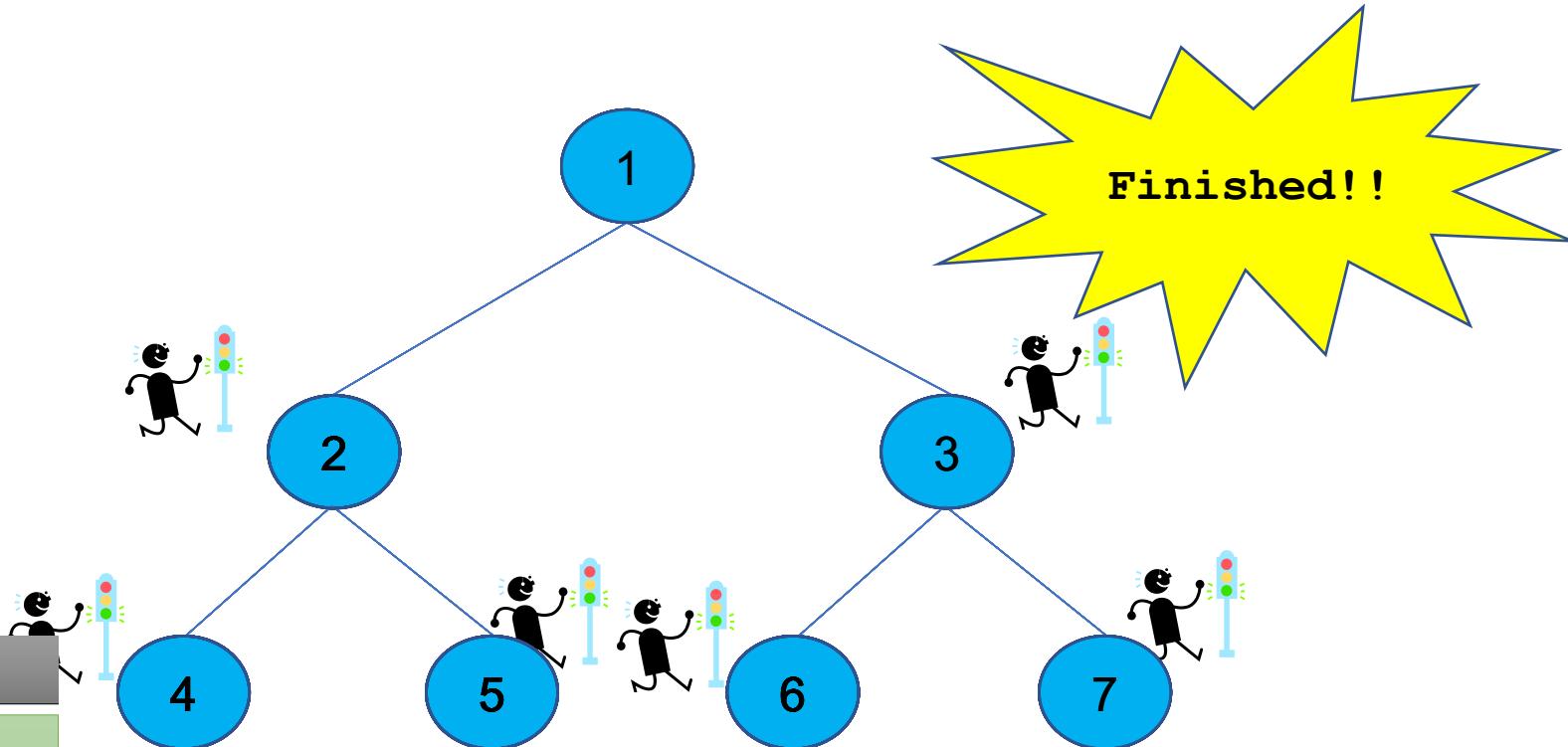
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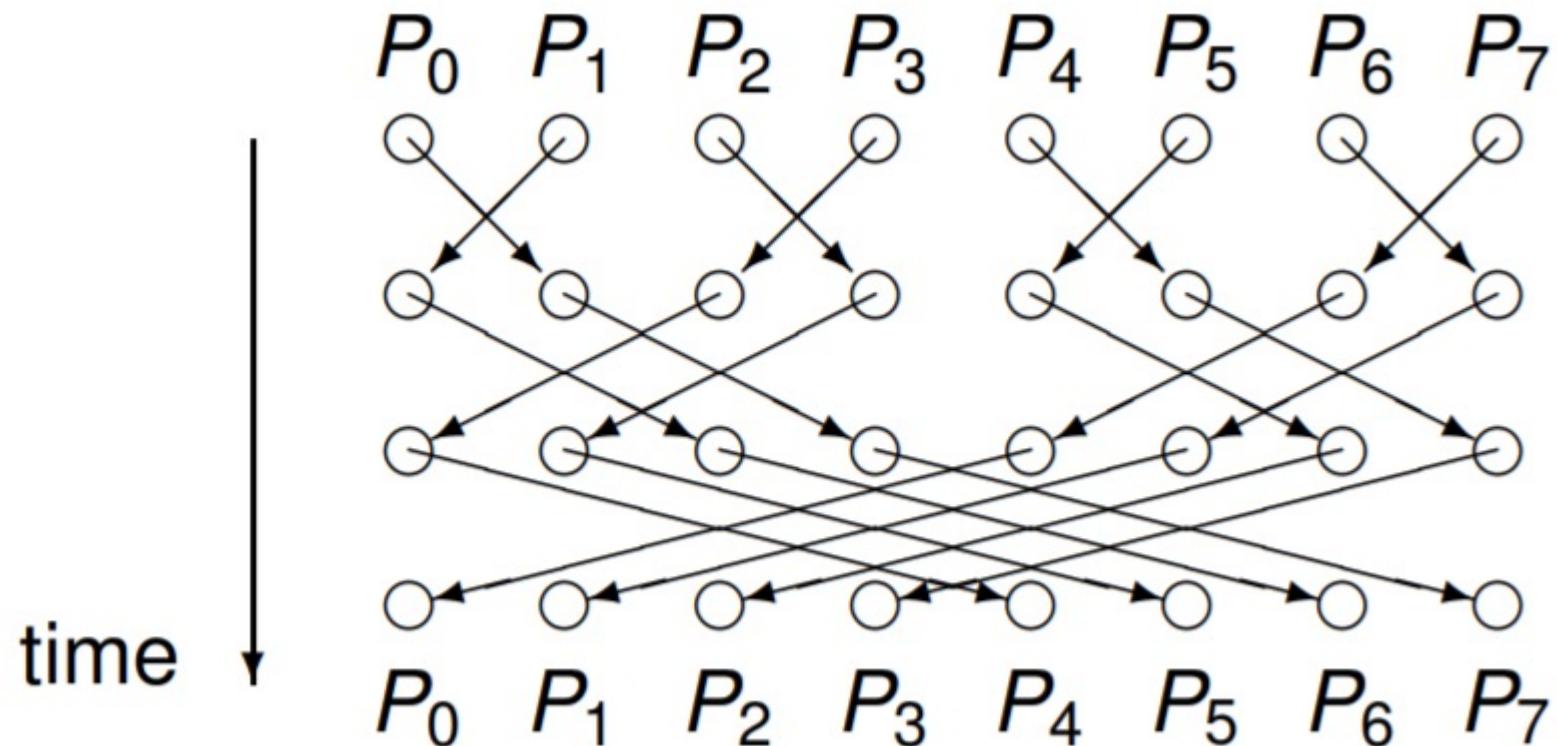
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- Fast – information from the root propagates after  $\log(n)$  steps
- Can use only atomic primitives (no special objects)
- On some models:
  - each process spins on a locally accessible bit
  - # (remote memory ref.) =  $O(1)$  per process

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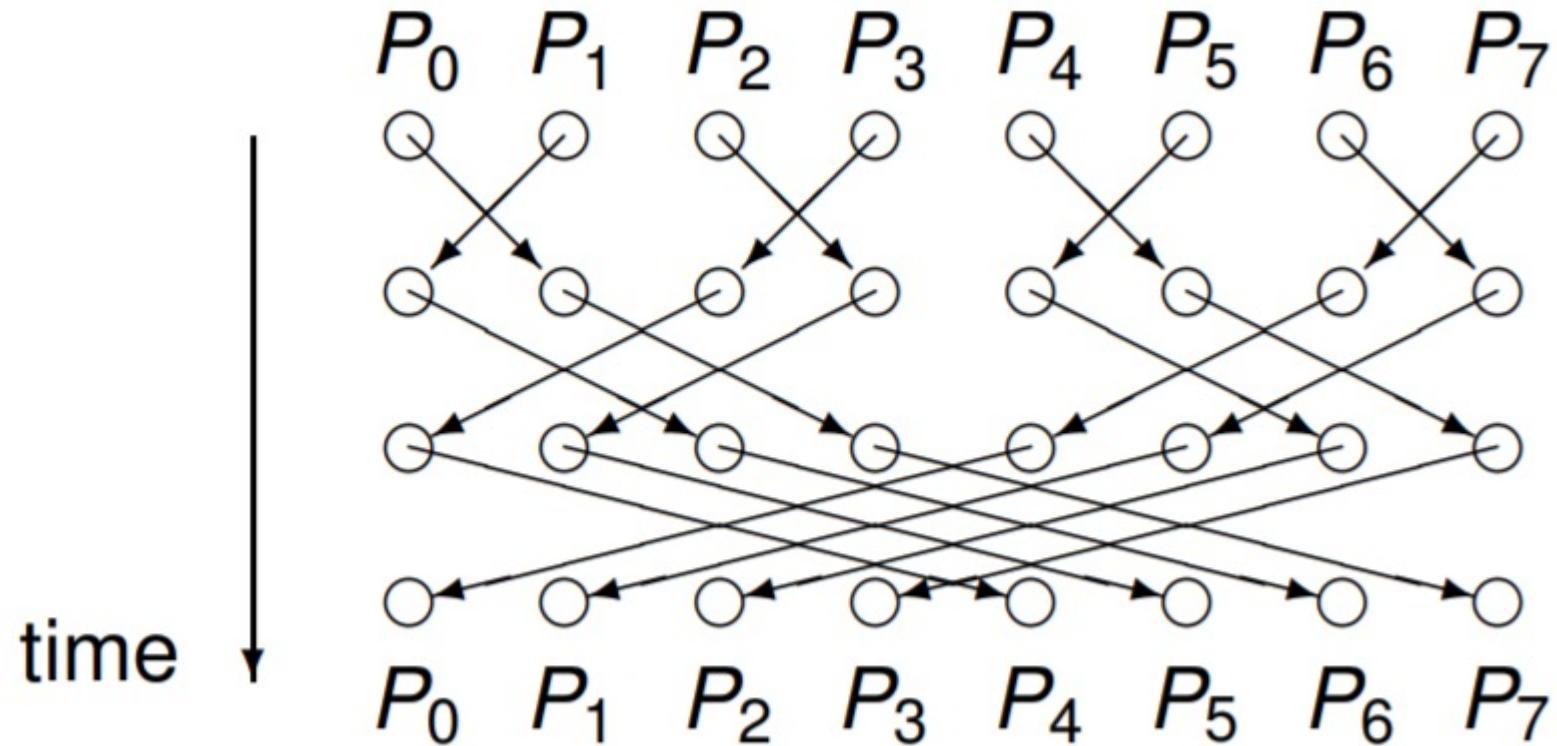
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- Corner cases for  $n \neq 2^k - 1$

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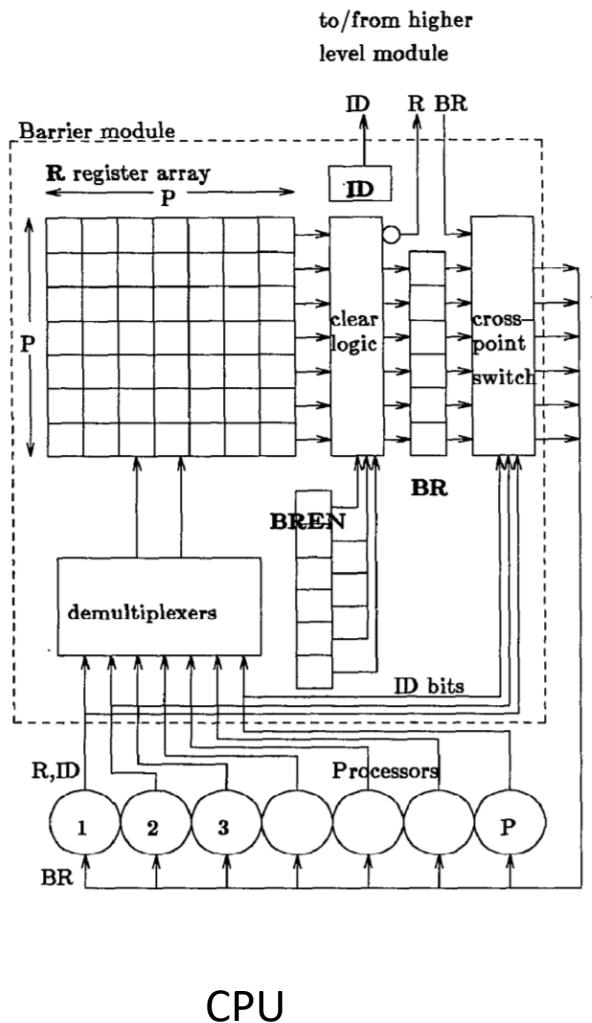


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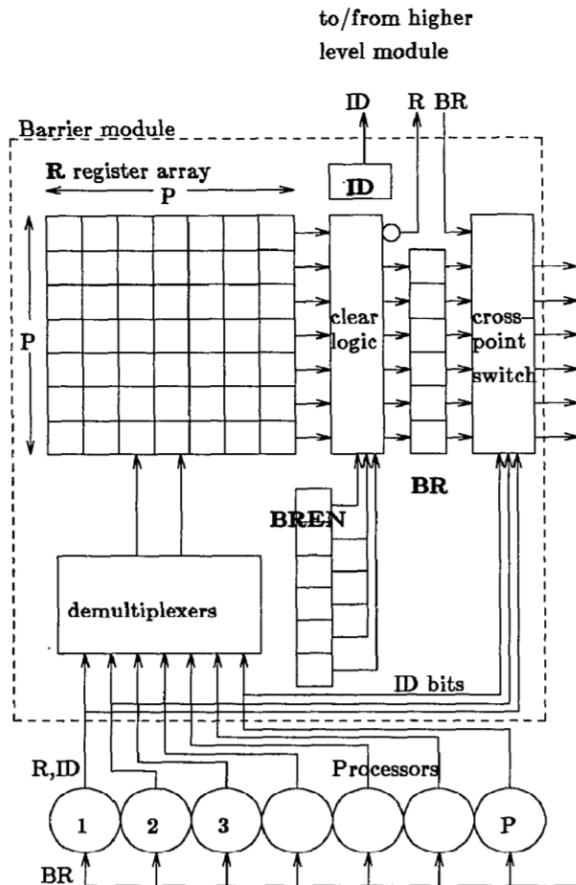


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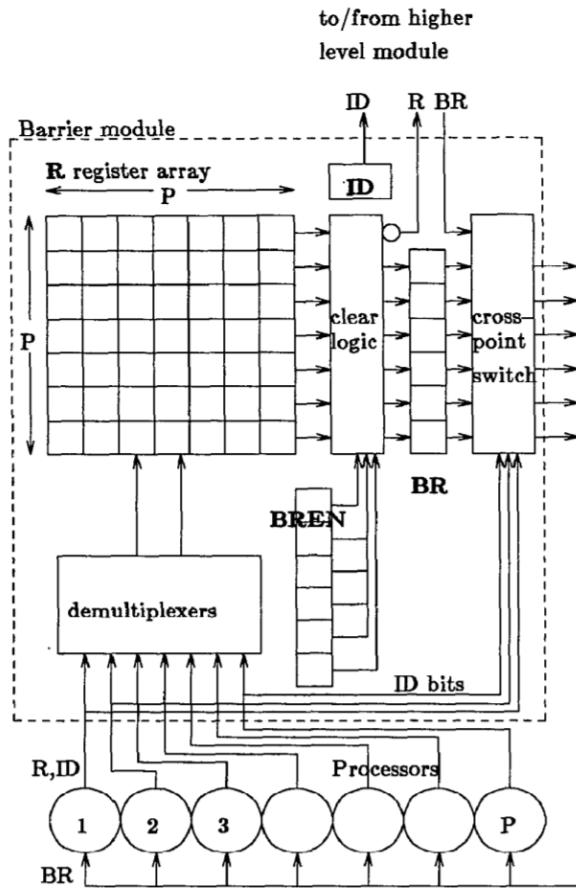
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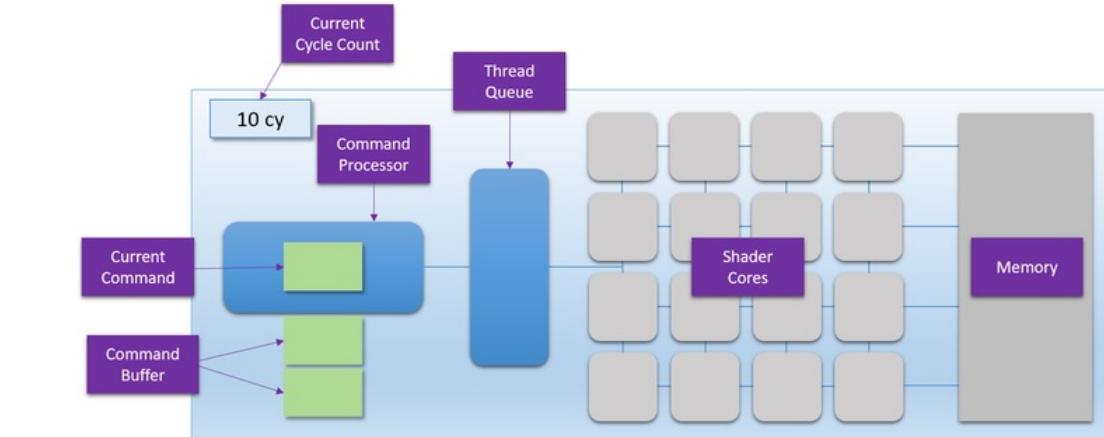
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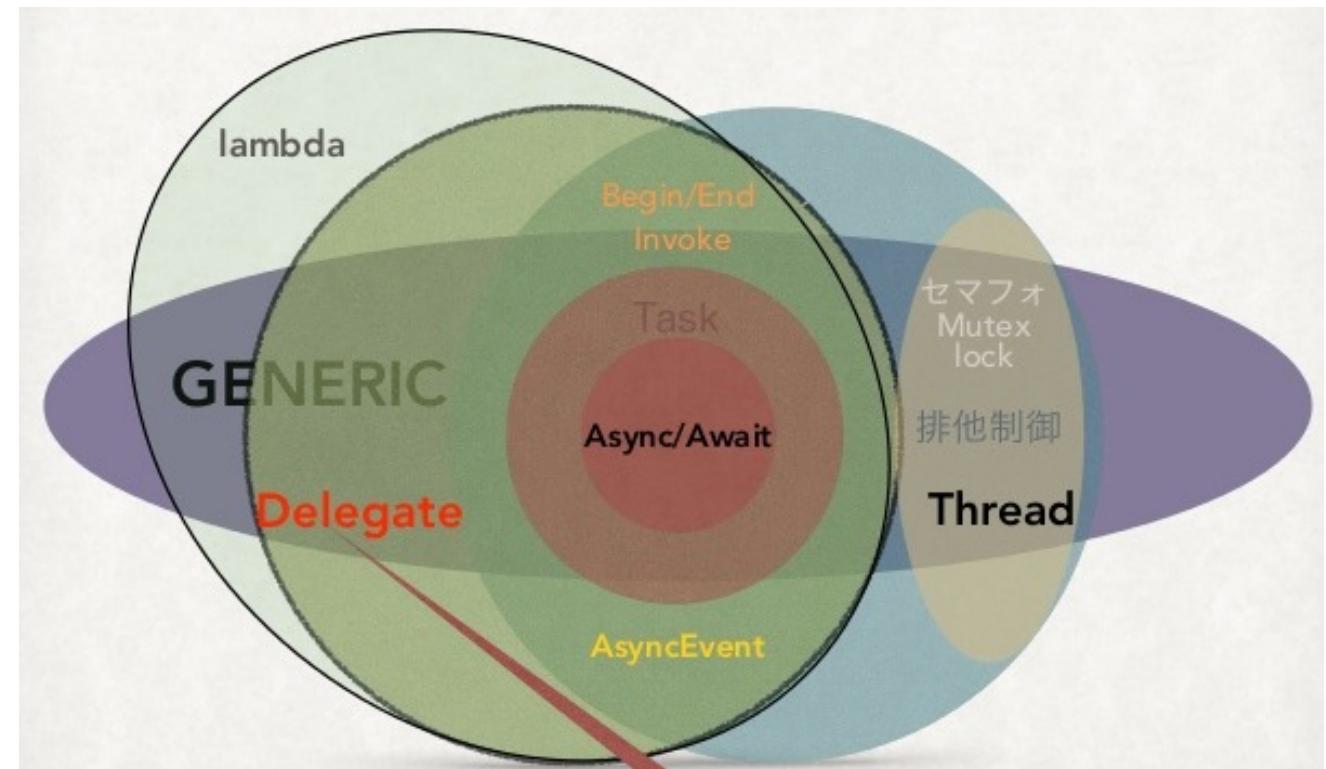
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# Asynchronous Programming

## Events, Promises, and Futures



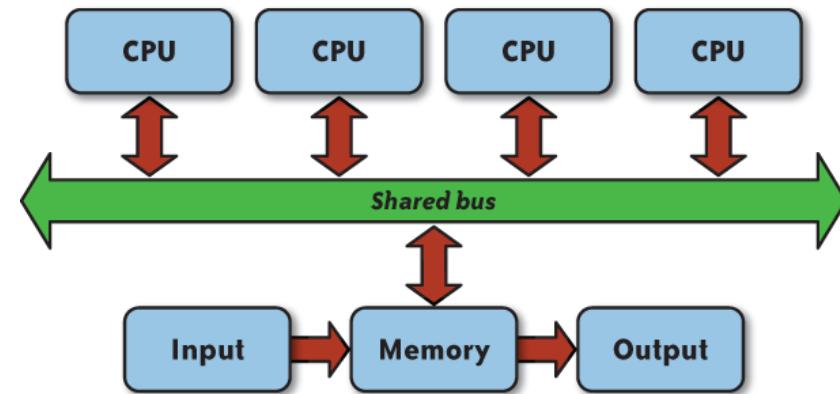
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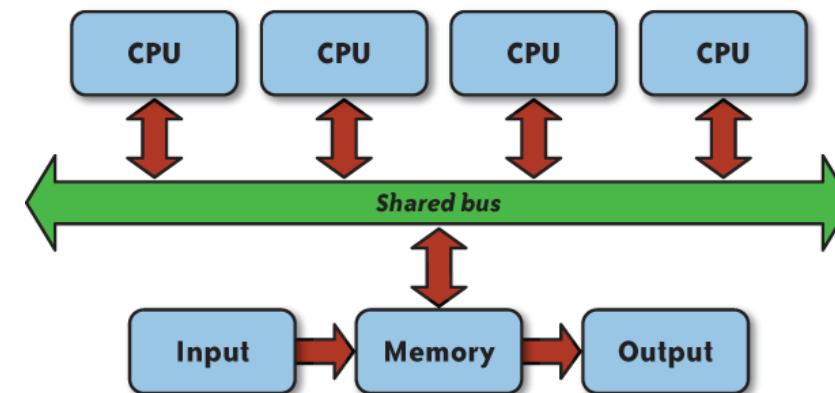
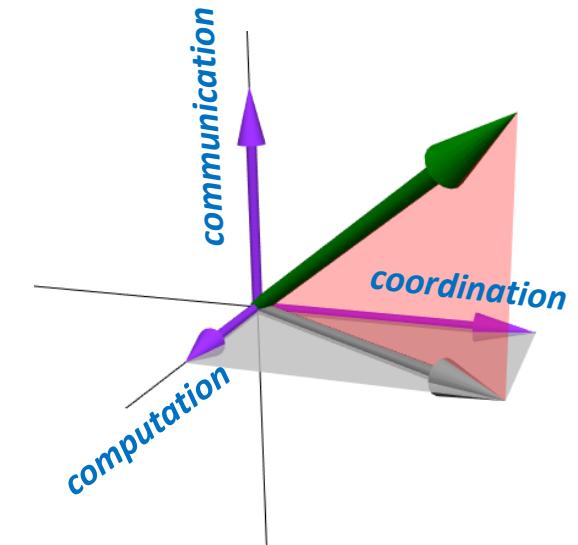
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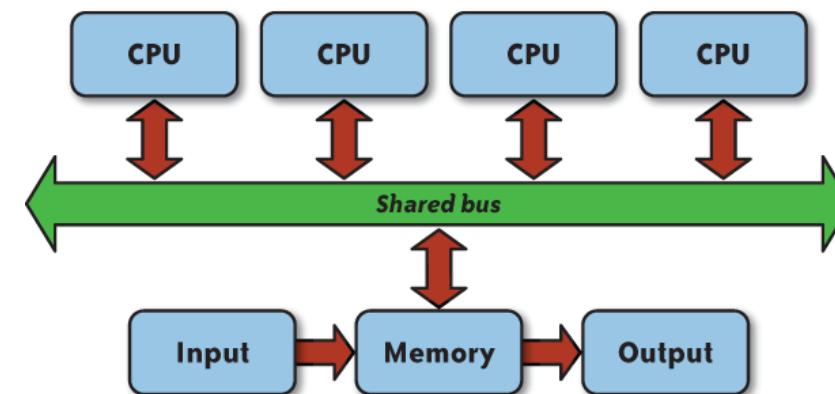
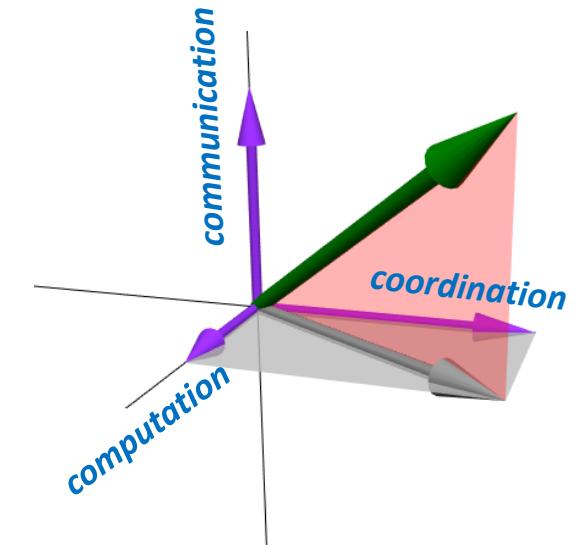
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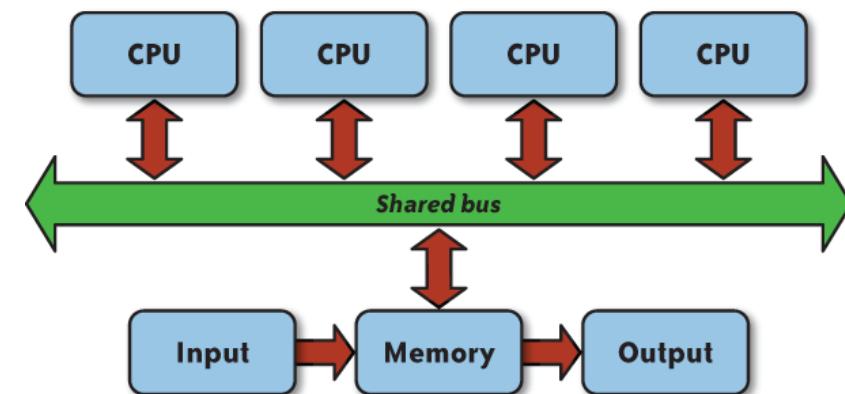
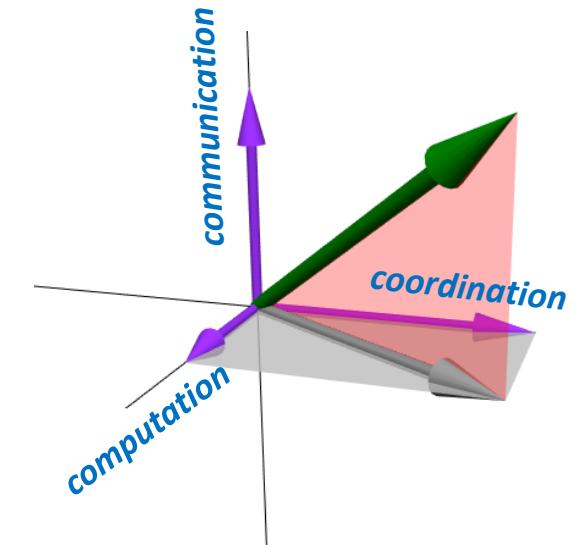
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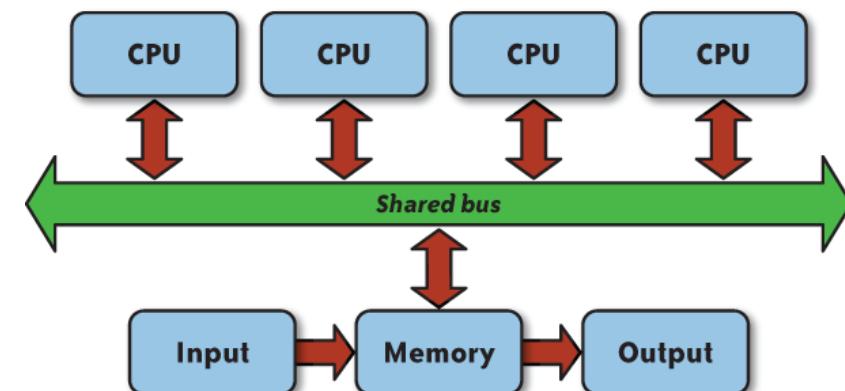
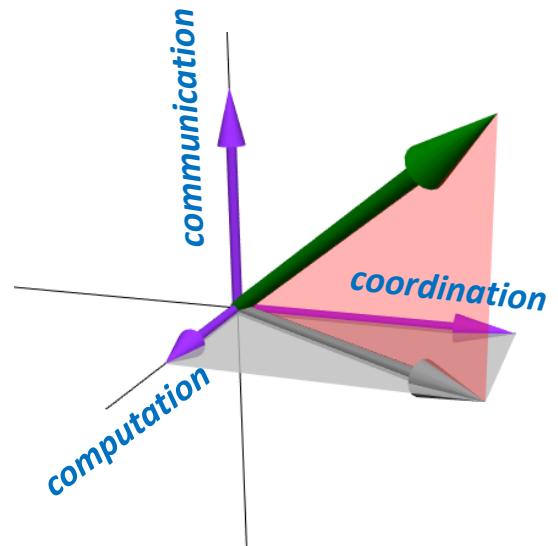
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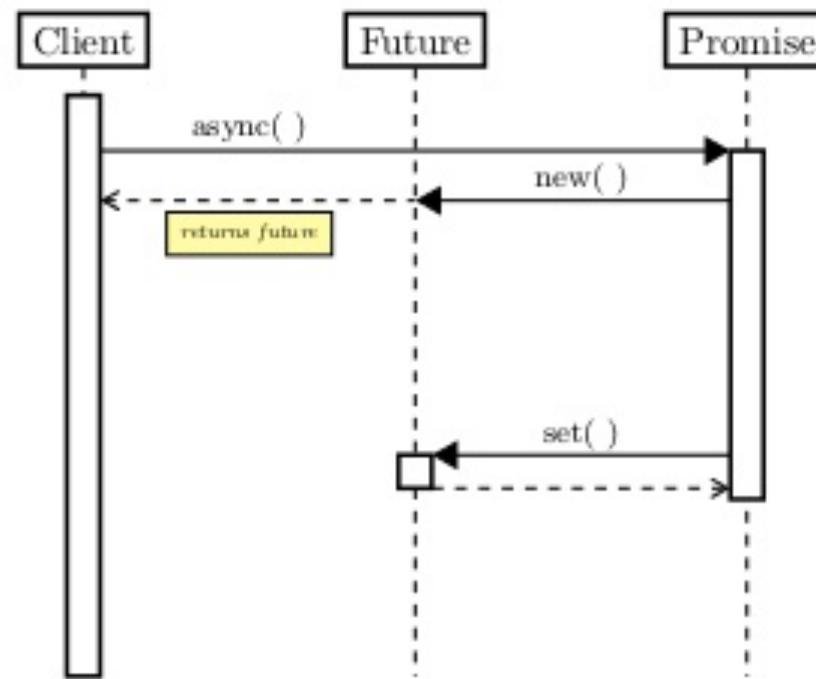
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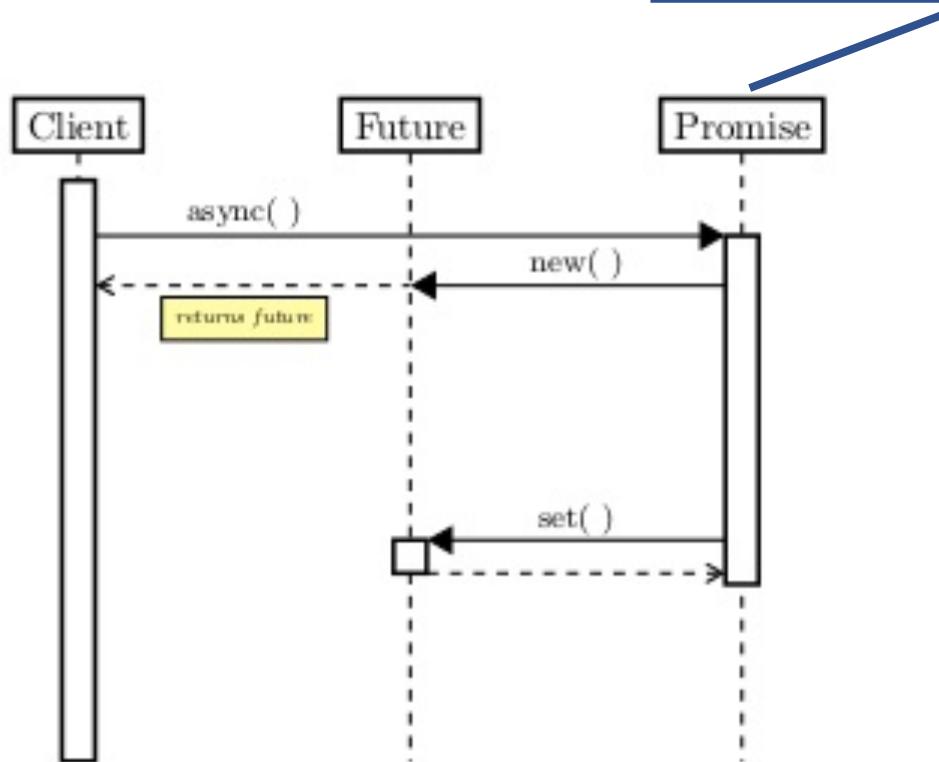


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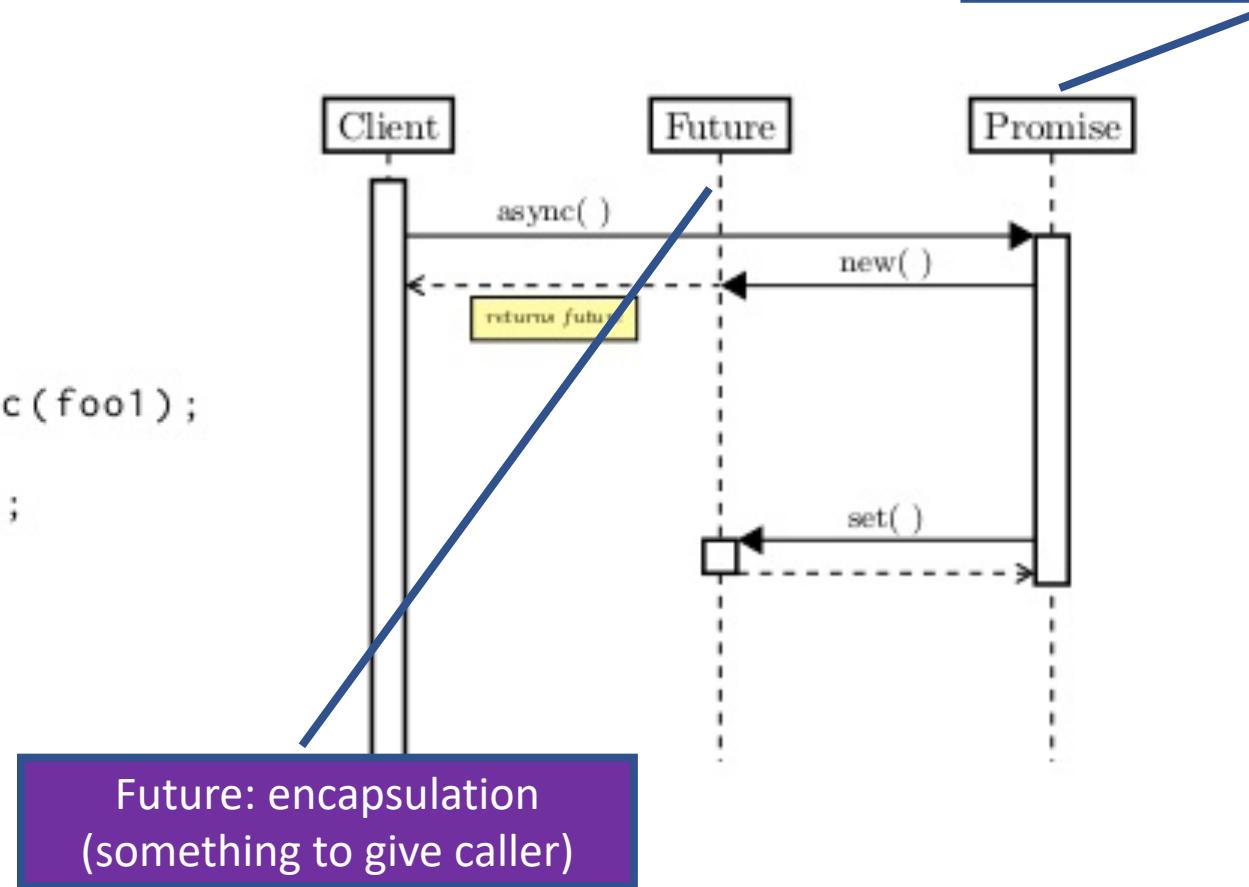


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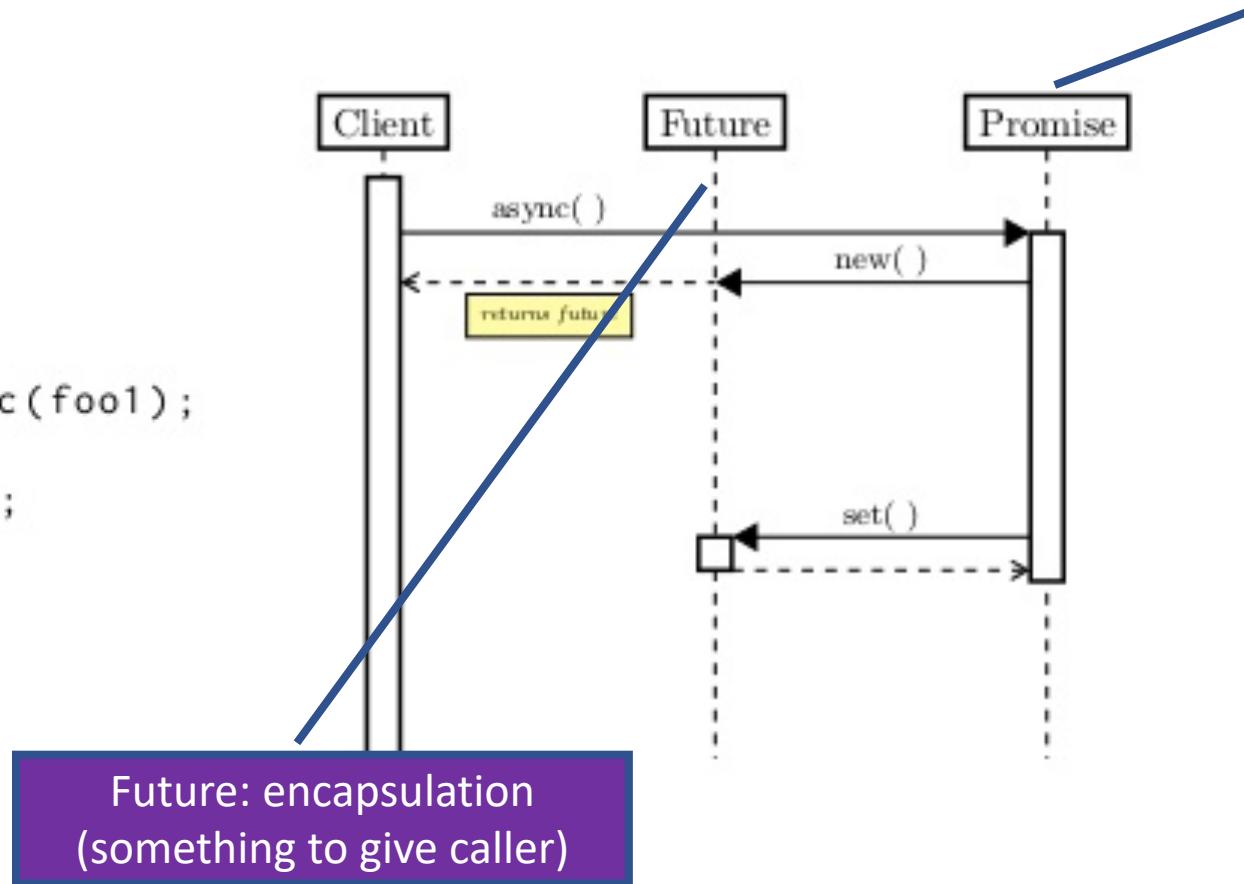


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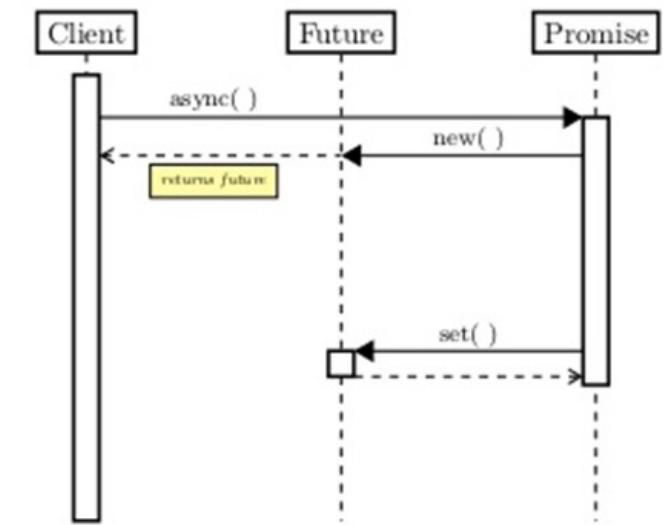
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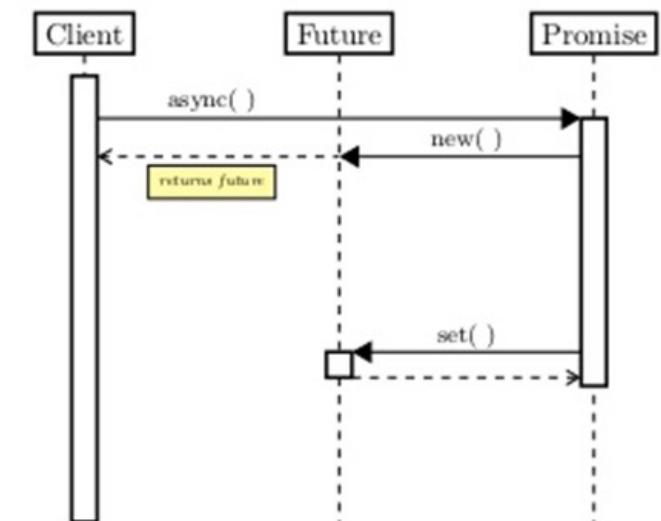
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- Promises *complete* the future with:
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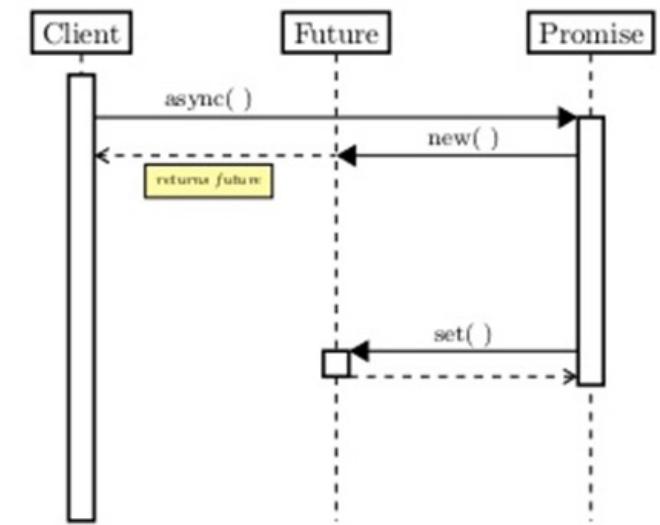


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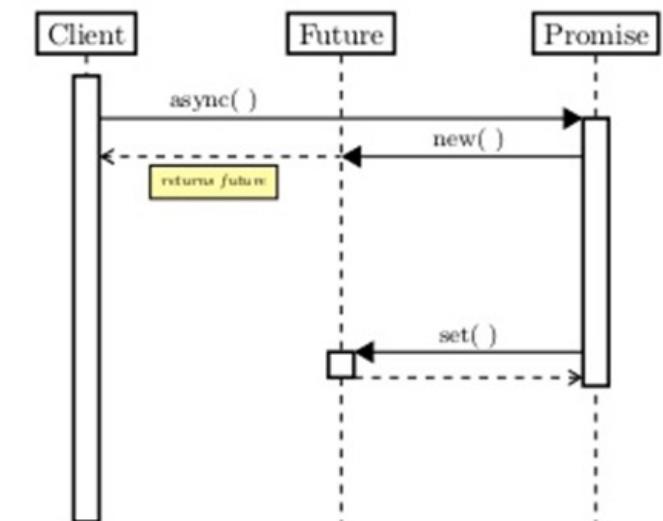
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4         randomSleep();  
5     });  
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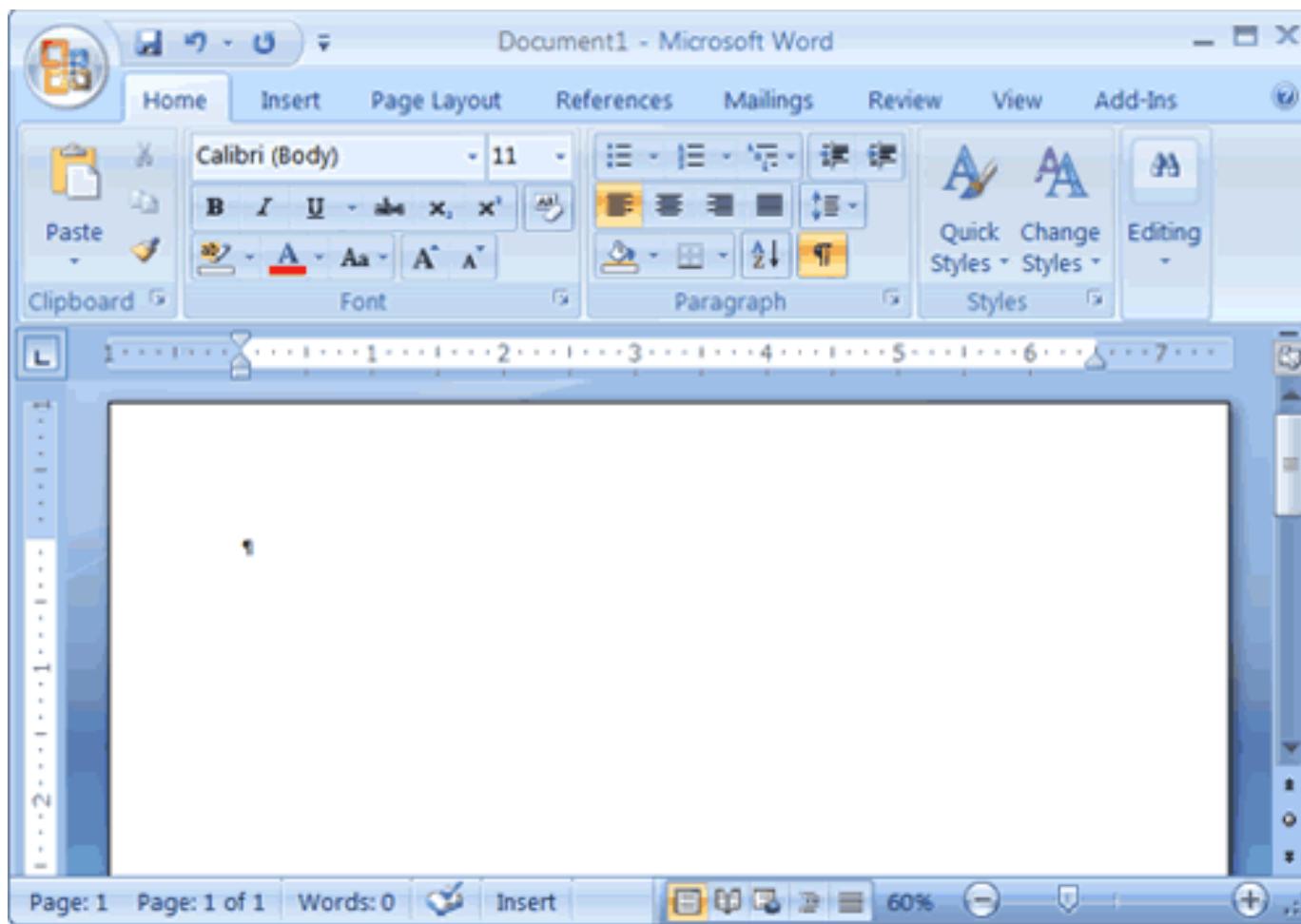
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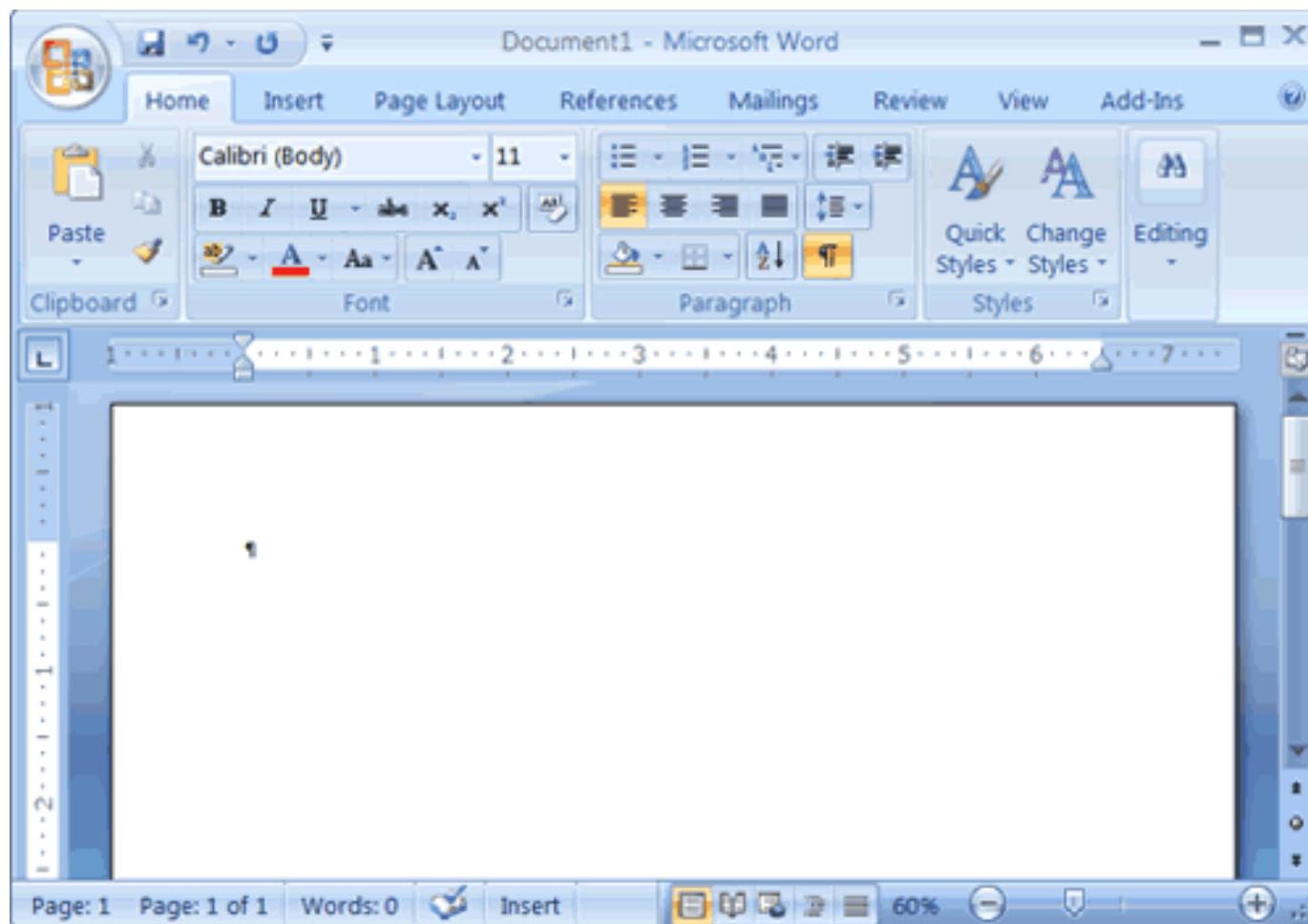
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Events vs. Threads!

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    RespondToThing();  
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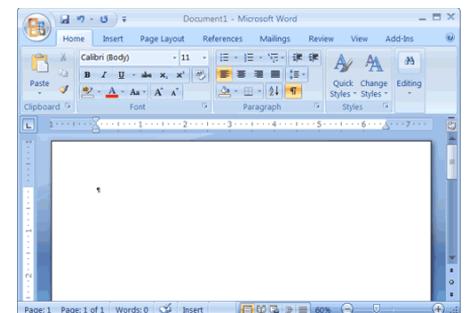
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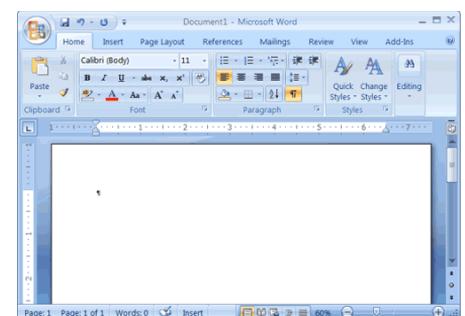
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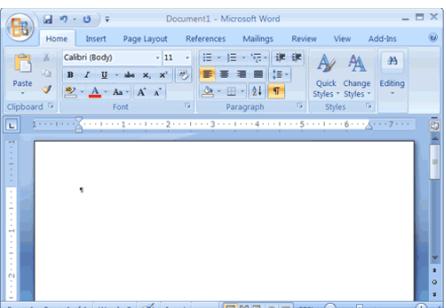
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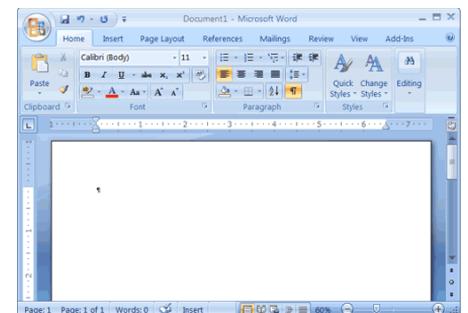
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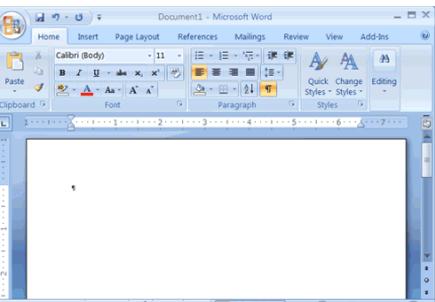
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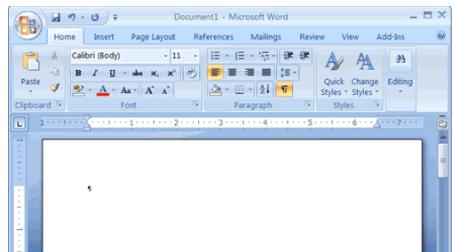
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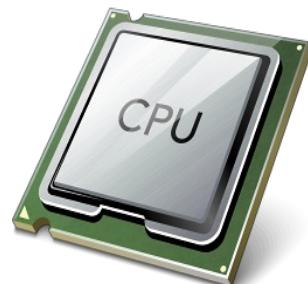
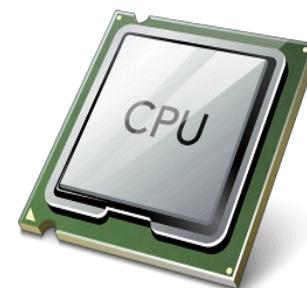
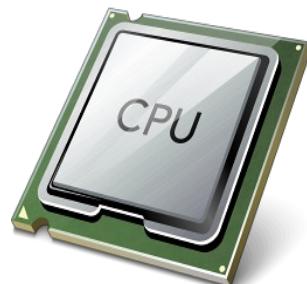
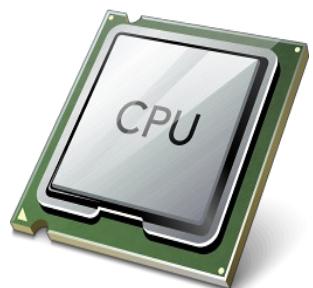
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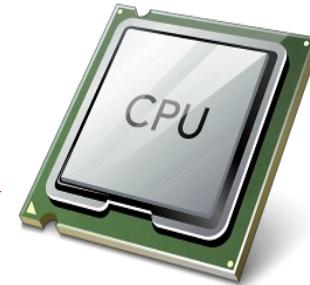


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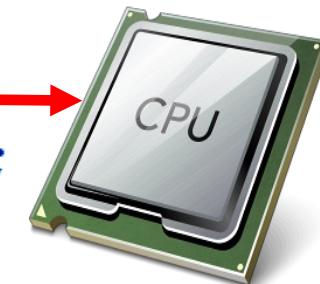
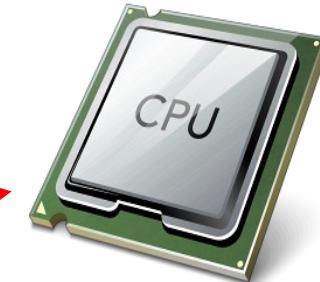
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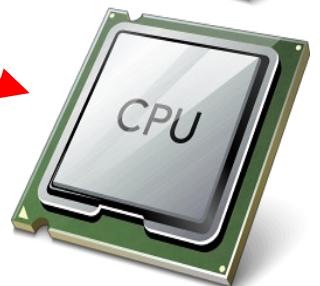
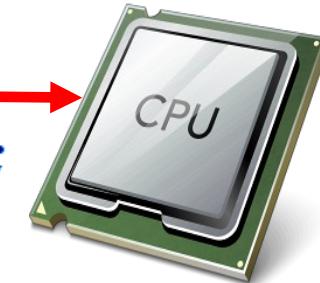
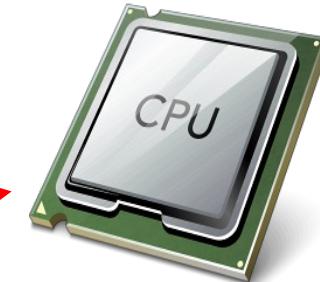
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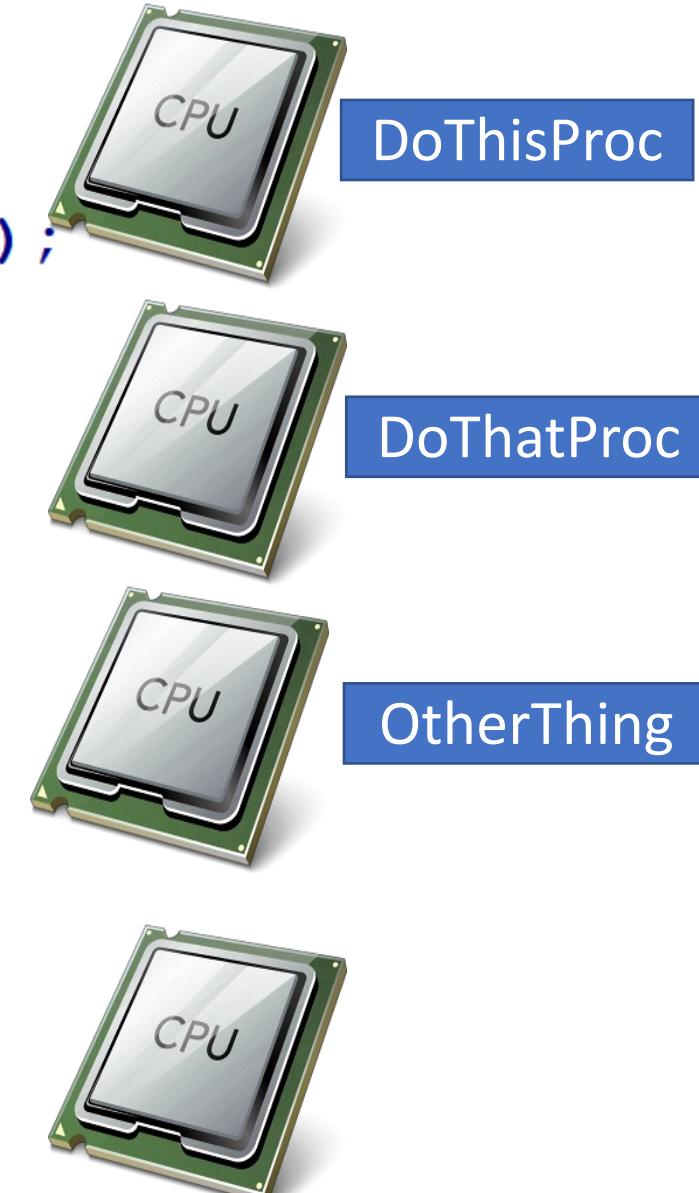
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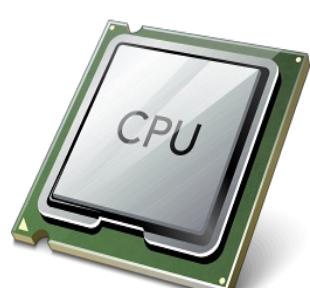
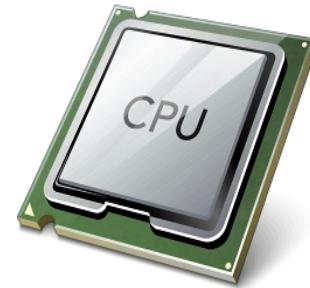
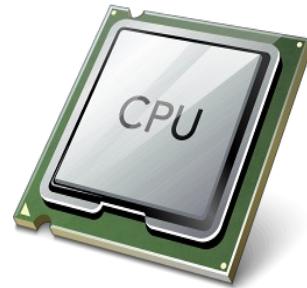
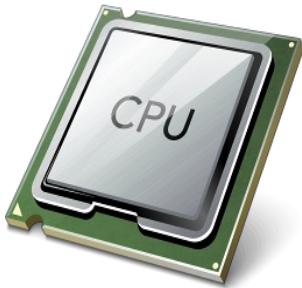
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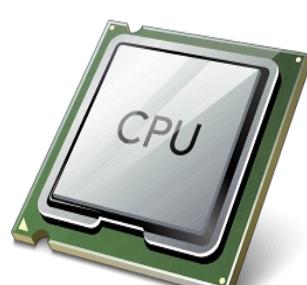
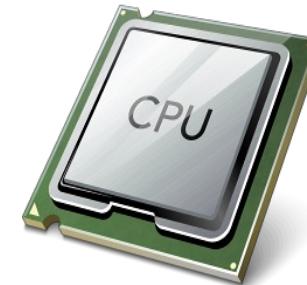
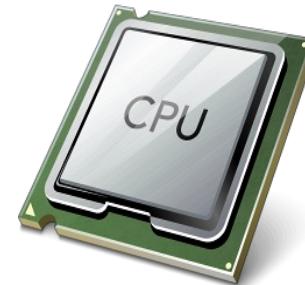
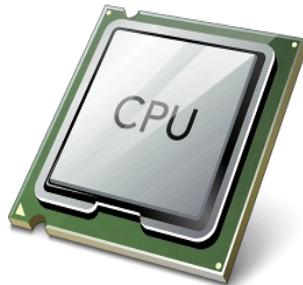
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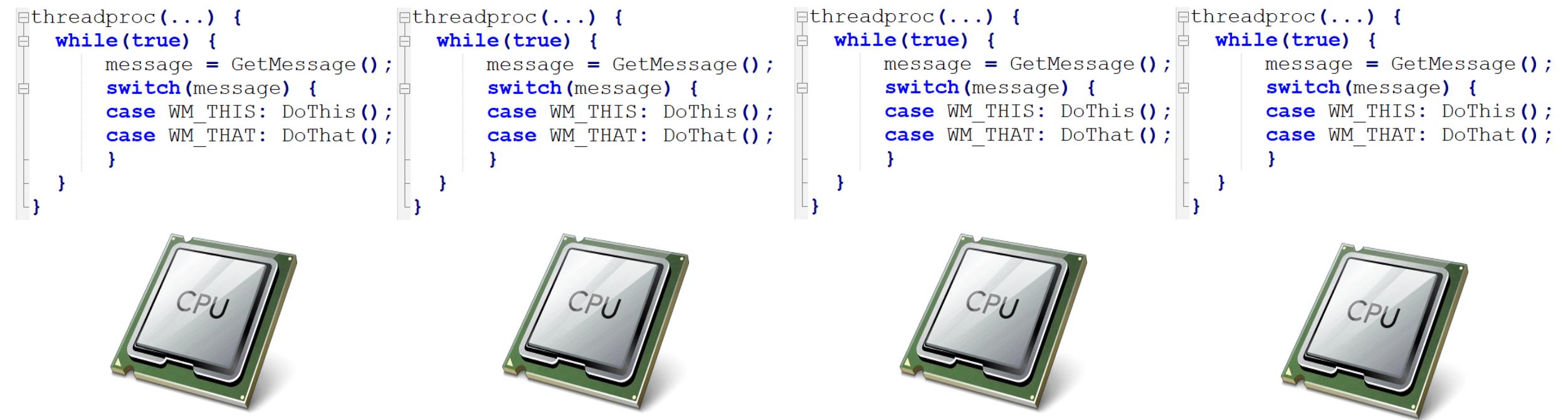
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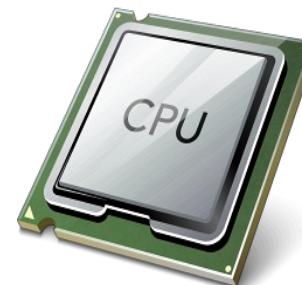
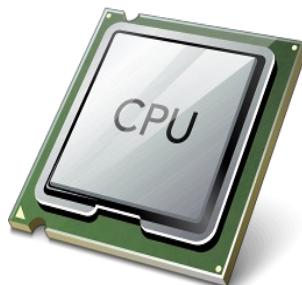
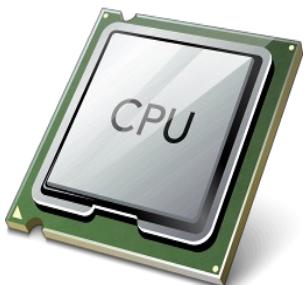
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switch (message)
{
    //case WM_COMMAND:
    //    // handle menu selections etc.
    //break;
    //case WM_PAINT:
    //    // draw our window - note: you must paint something here or not trap it!
    //break;
    case WM_DESTROY:
        PostQuitMessage(0);
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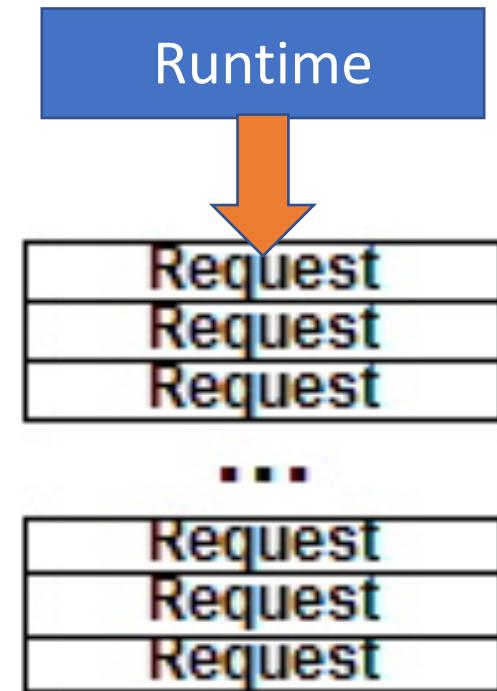
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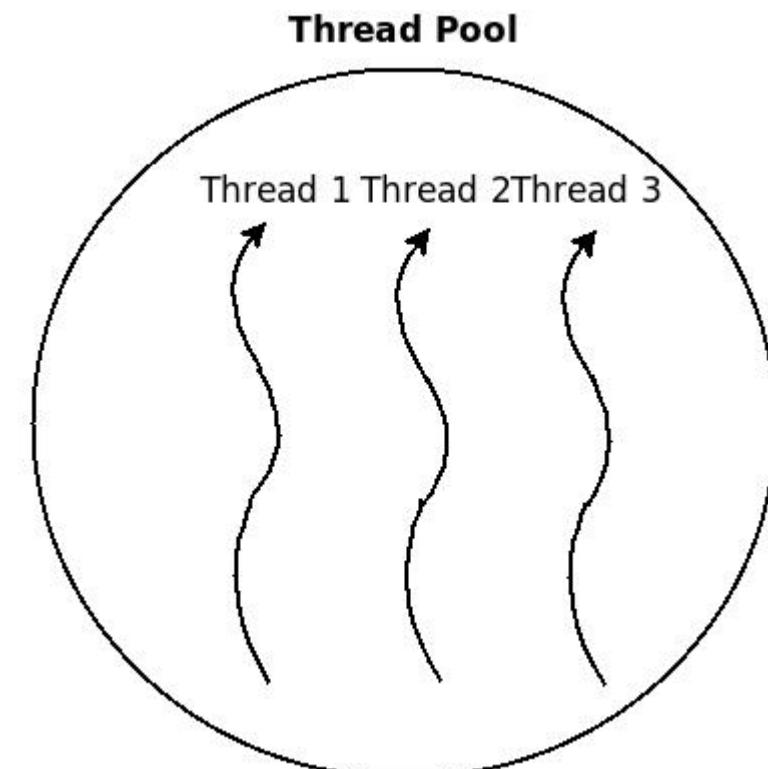
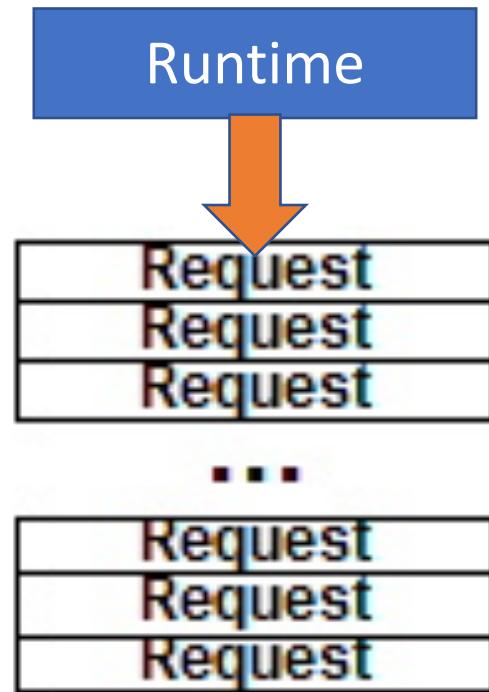
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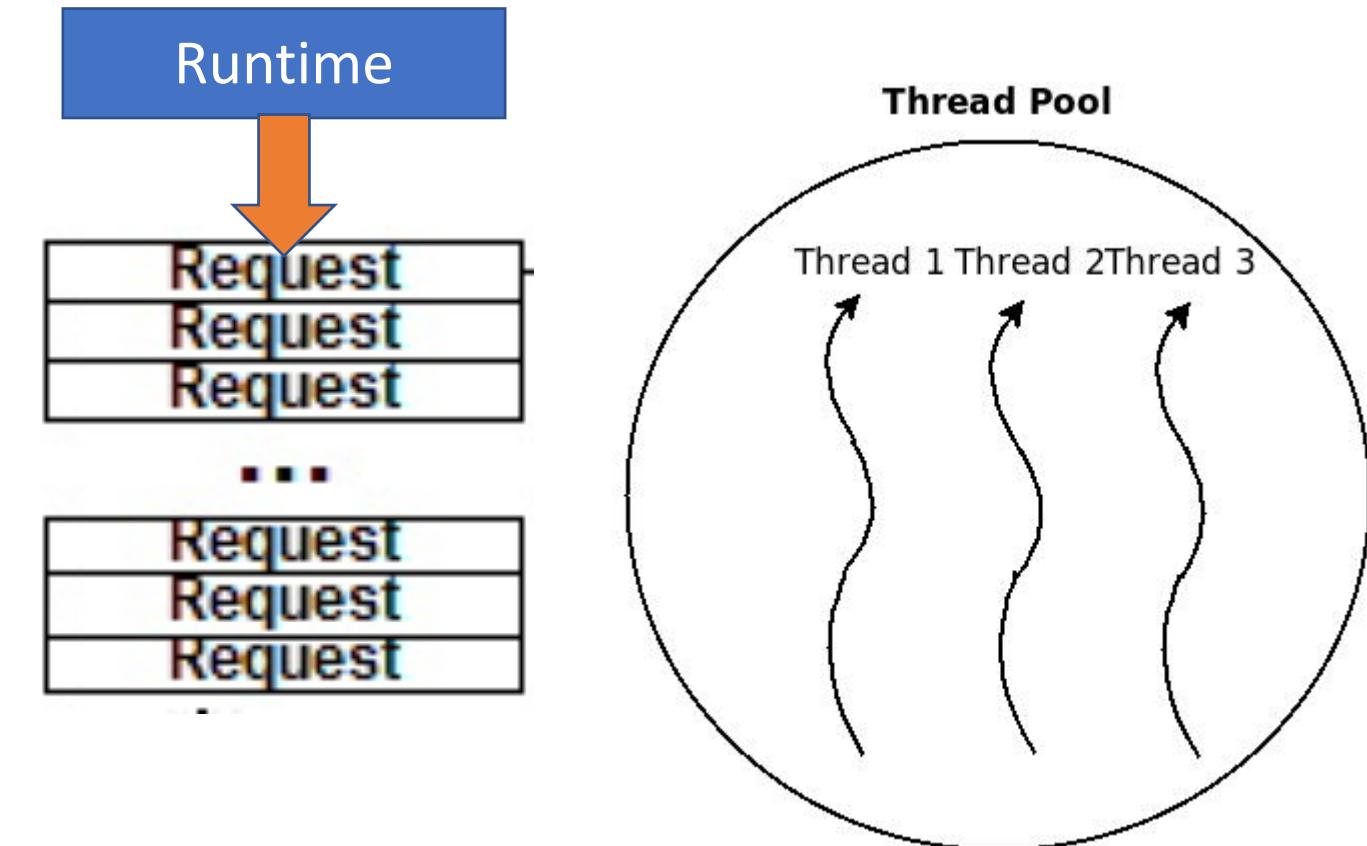
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# Just use more events/handlers, right?

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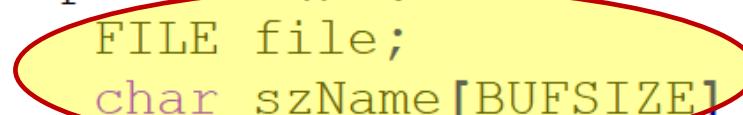
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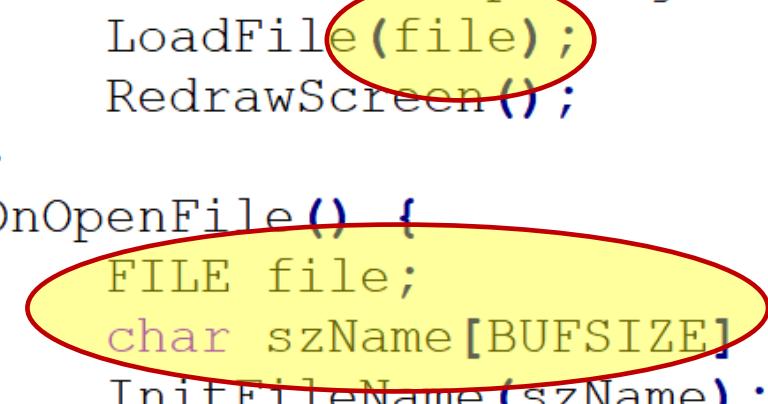
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            HANDLE * phThread = &pDesc->hThread;  
            *phThread = CreateThread(NULL, 0, _ThreadPoolProc, pDesc, 0, NULL);  
            m_vhAvailable.push_back(*phThread);  
            m_vhThreadDescs[*phThread] = pDesc;  
        }  
    }  
    m_uiThreads = (UINT)m_vhThreadDescs.size();  
    Unlock();  
    if(bWaitAllThreadsAlive)  
        WaitThreadsAlive();  
}
```

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Cool project idea: build a thread pool!

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ThreadPool::ThreadPoolProc(
    __in THREADDESC * pDesc
)
{
    HANDLE hThread = pDesc->hThread;
    HANDLE hStartEvent = pDesc->hStartEvent;
    HANDLE hRuntimeTerminate = PTask::Runtime::GetRuntimeTerminateEvent();
    HANDLE vEvents[] = { hStartEvent, hRuntimeTerminate };

    NotifyThreadAlive(hThread);
    while(!pDesc->bTerminate) {

        DWORD dwWait = WaitForMultipleObjects(dwEvents, vEvents, FALSE, INFINITE);
        pDesc->Lock();
        pDesc->bTerminate |= bTerminate;
        if(pDesc->bRoutineValid && !pDesc->bTerminate) {
            LPTHREAD_START_ROUTINE lpRoutine = pDesc->lpRoutine;
            LPVOID lpParameter = pDesc->lpParameter;
            pDesc->bActive = TRUE;
            pDesc->Unlock();
            dwResult = (*lpRoutine)(lpParameter);
            pDesc->Lock();
            pDesc->bActive = FALSE;
            pDesc->bRoutineValid = FALSE;
        }
        pDesc->Unlock();
        Lock();
        m_vhInFlight.erase(pDesc->hThread);
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            m_vhAvailable.push_back(pDesc->hThread);
        Unlock();
    }
    NotifyThreadExit(hThread);
    return dwResult;
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/// <summary> Starts a thread: if a previous call to RequestThread was made with  
/// the bStartThread parameter set to false, this API signals the thread  
/// to begin. Otherwise, the call has no effect (returns FALSE). </summary>  
///  
/// <remarks> crossbac, 8/29/2013. </remarks>  
///  
/// <param name="hThread"> The thread. </param>  
///  
/// <returns> true if it succeeds, false if it fails. </returns>  
///-----
```

```
BOOL  
ThreadPool::SignalThread(  
    __in HANDLE hThread  
)  
{  
    Lock();  
    BOOL bResult = FALSE;  
    std::set<HANDLE>::iterator si = m_vhWaitingStartSignal.find(hThread);  
    if(si!=m_vhWaitingStartSignal.end()) {  
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        SetEvent(hEvent);  
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