

# Session Types with Arithmetic Refinements

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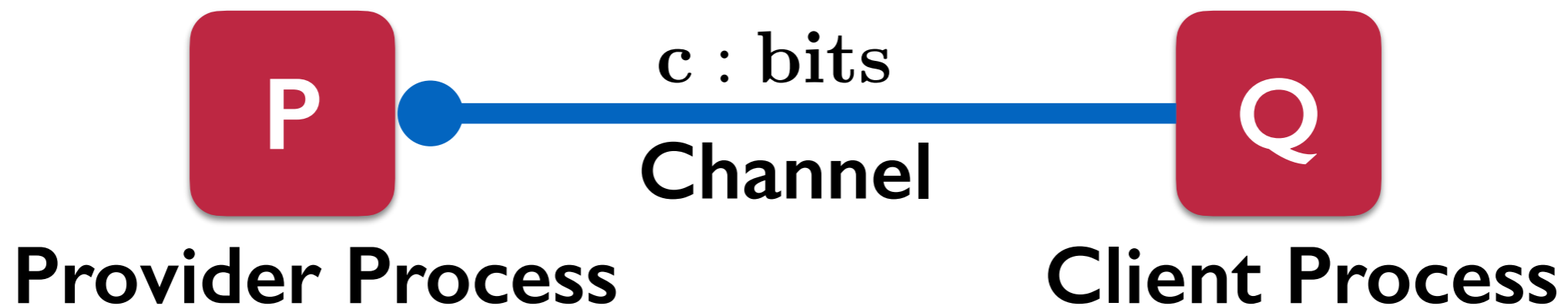
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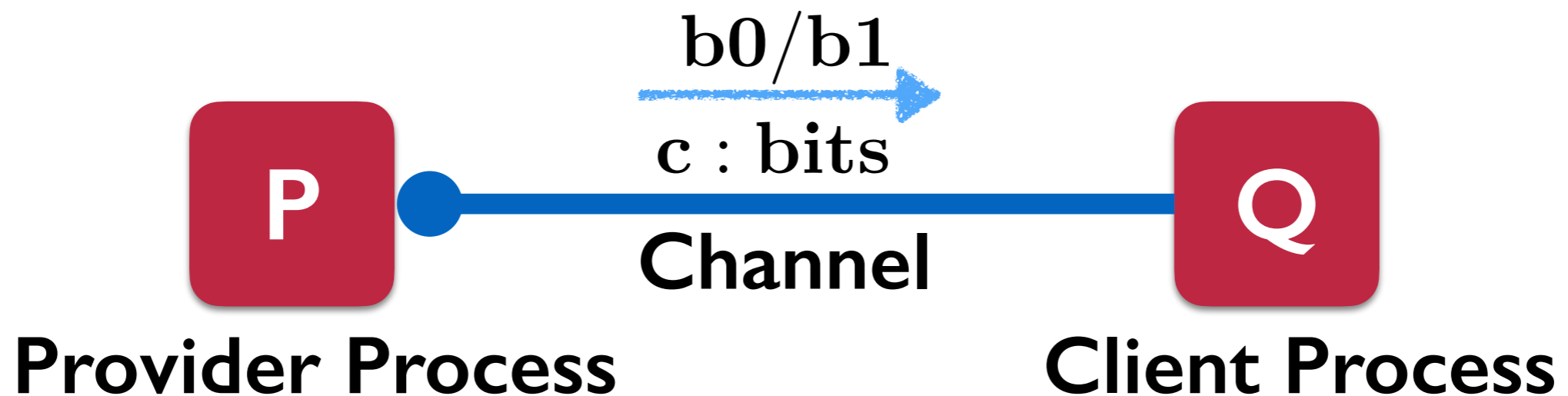
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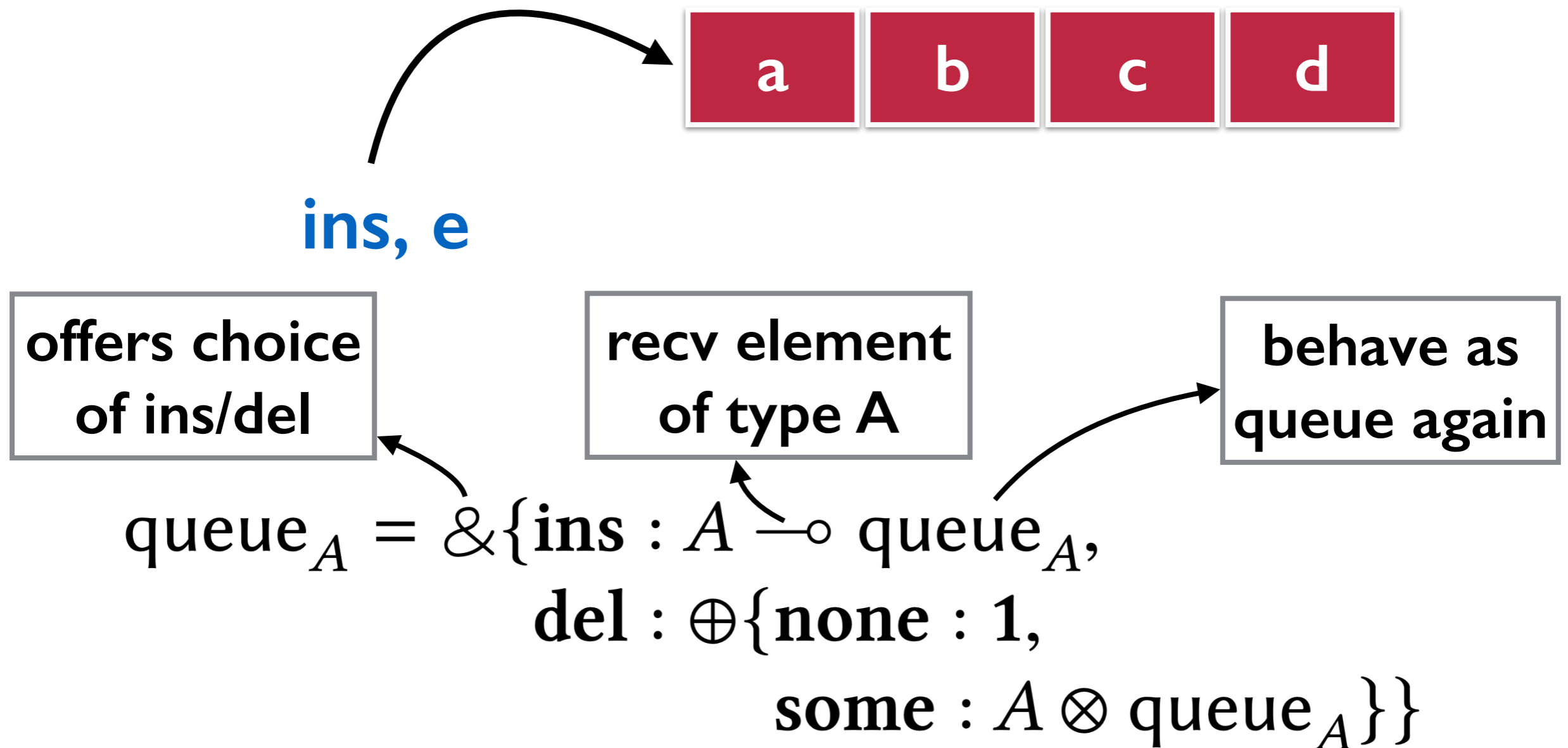
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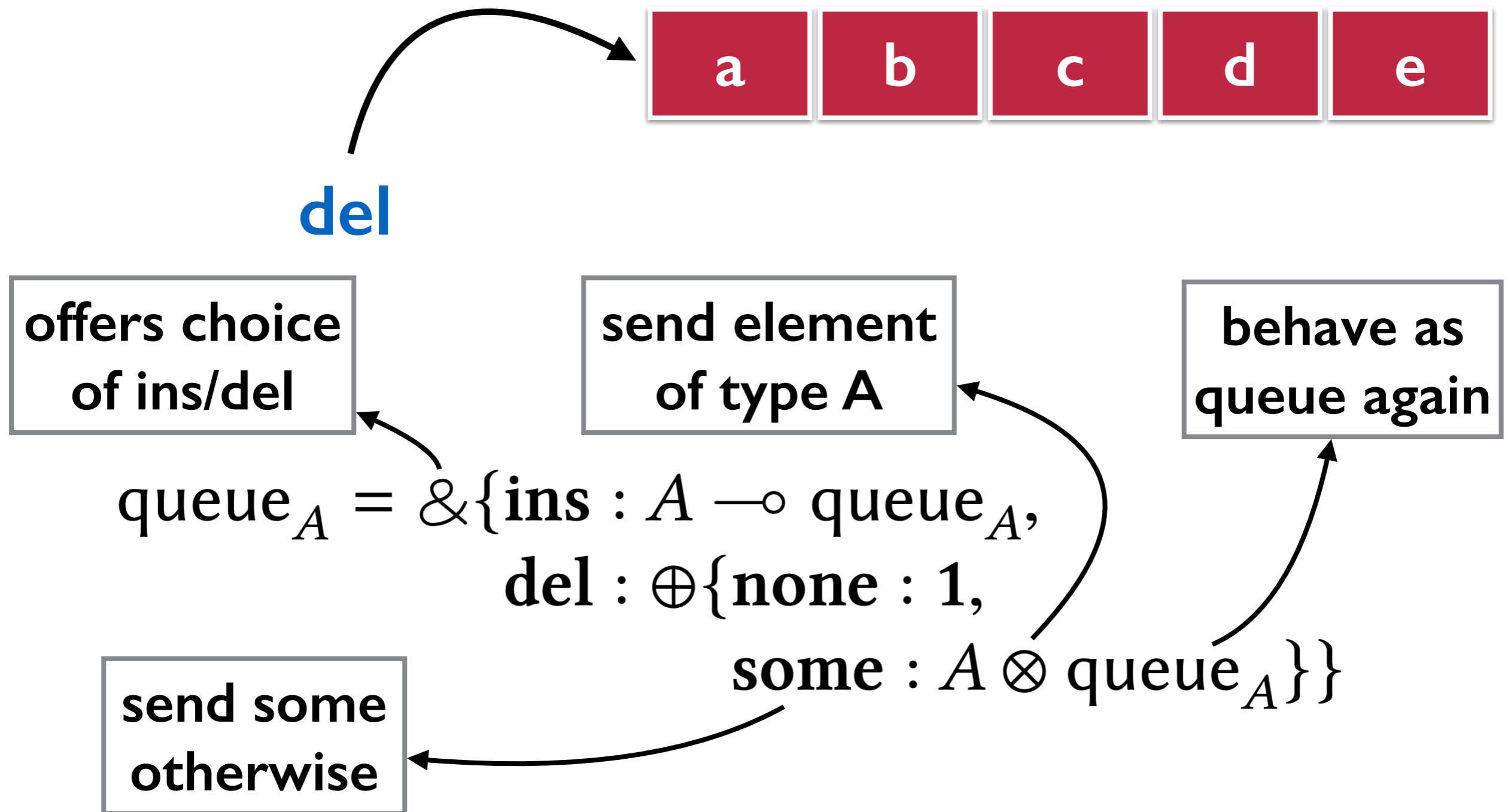
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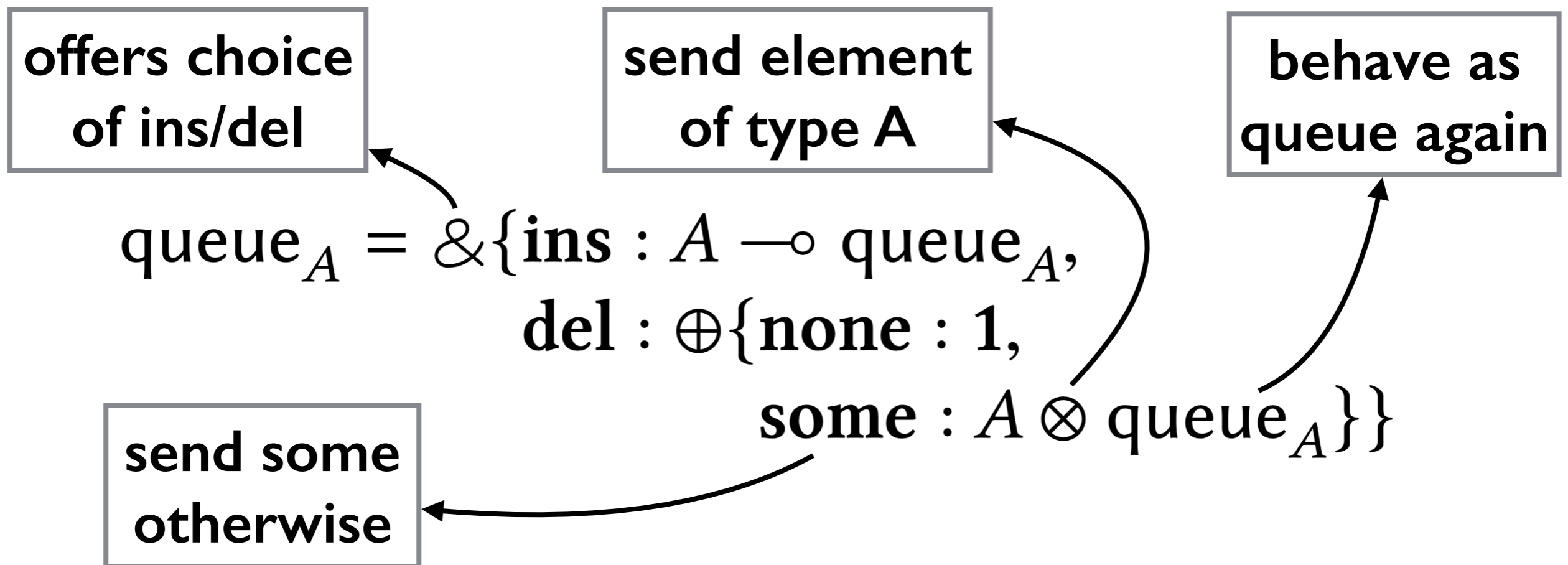
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*When are the none and some branches taken?  
Can the size of queue be encoded in the type?*

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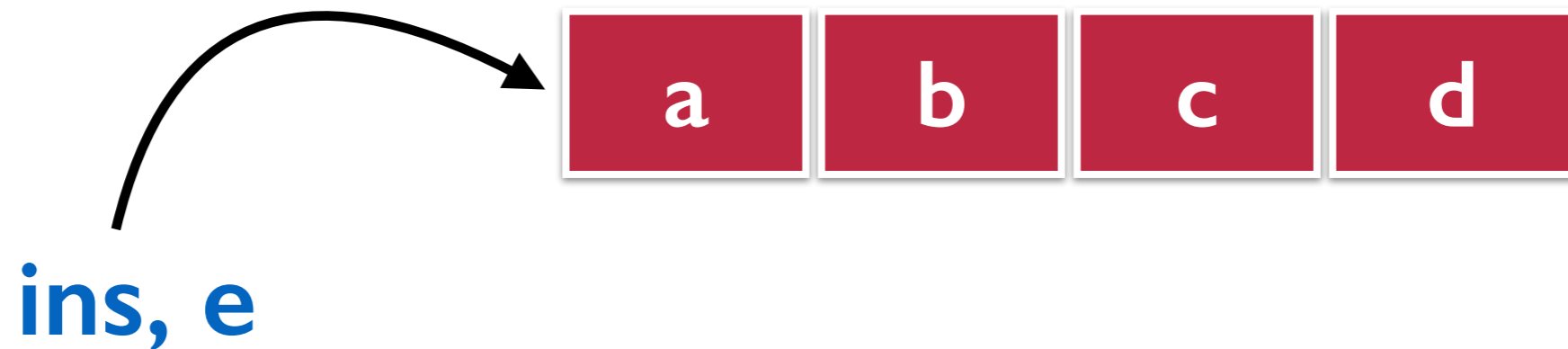
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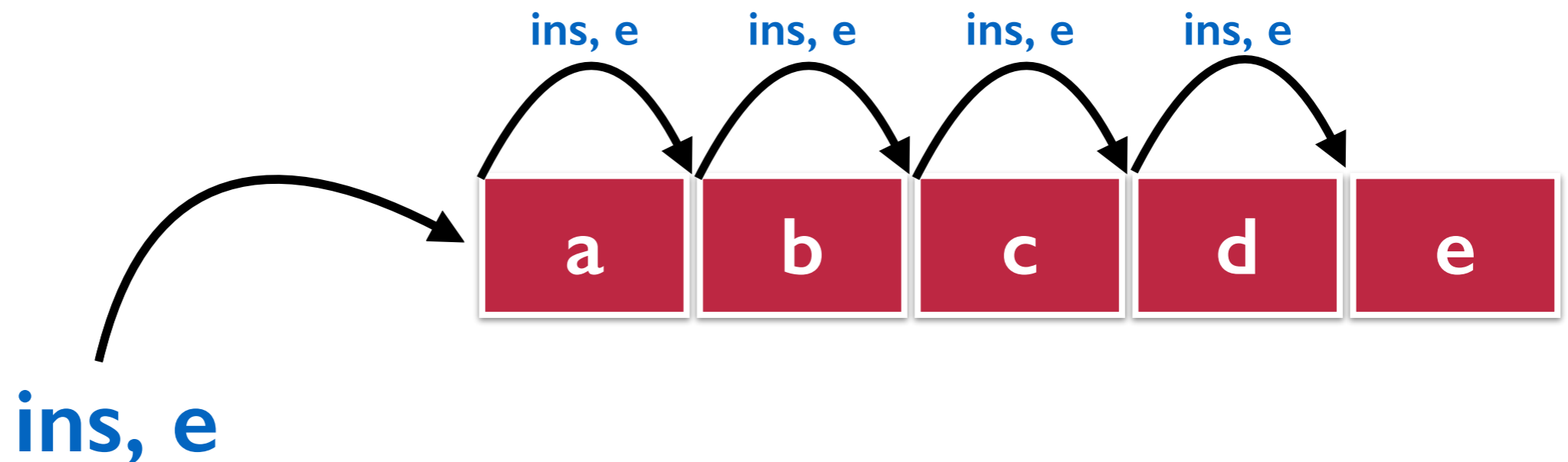
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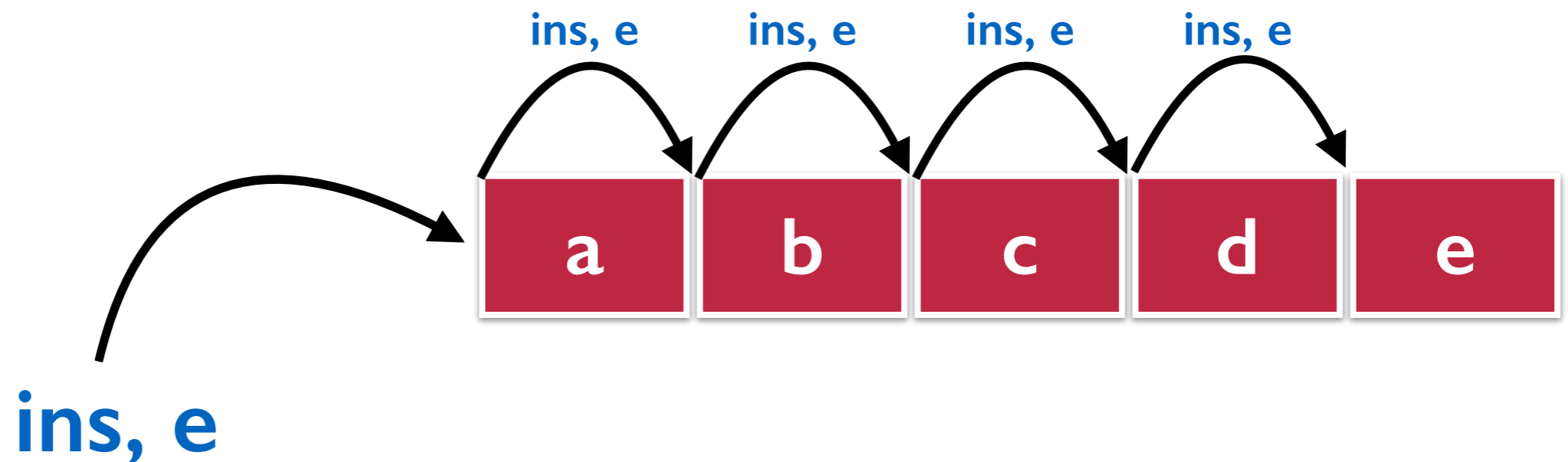
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*Insertion: How do you refer to  $n$  in the queue type?*

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(Sent by queue)

- ▶ ‘none’ branch: send (proof of) constraint  $\{n=0\}$
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- ▶ Domain of constraints: Presburger Arithmetic

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Since Presburger arithmetic is decidable and only closed programs are executed, no need to exchange proofs/constraints at runtime

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# Co-inductive Type Equality 10

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- ▶ Two types are considered equal if they have the *same communication behavior (structural type system)*
- ▶ Formally defined by establishing a *type bisimulation*
- ▶ Refinement session types can encode *2-counter machines (2CM)*!
- ▶ Equality reduces to determining if the 2CM halts, and is thus, *undecidable!*
- ▶ Given a 2CM and input, we construct two types that *only differ at the halting instruction*

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substitute  $x+1$  for  $X$ ,  $y$  for  $Y$

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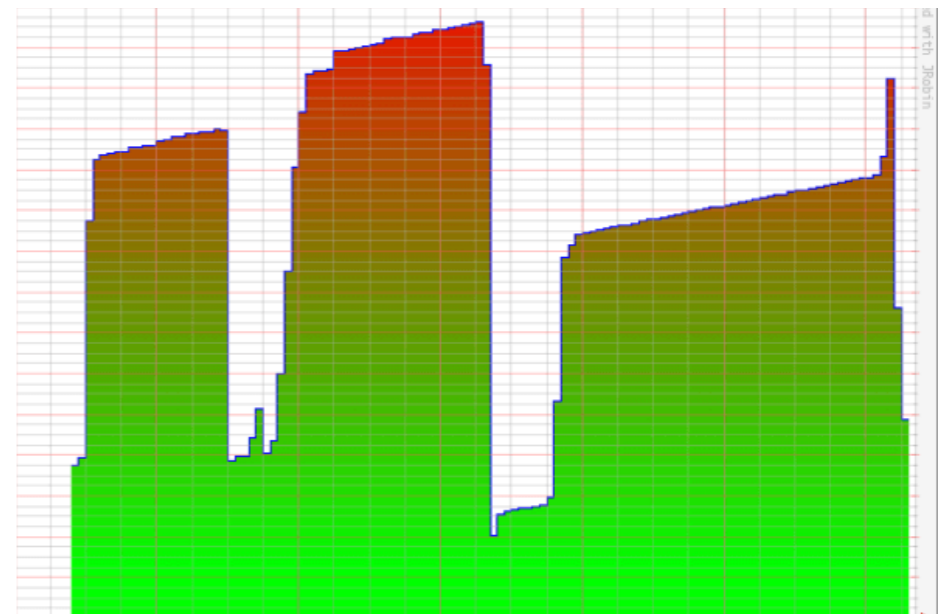
*That is what the second premise achieves!*

# Rast Programming Language

## Lightweight Verification and Resource Analysis of Concurrent Programs

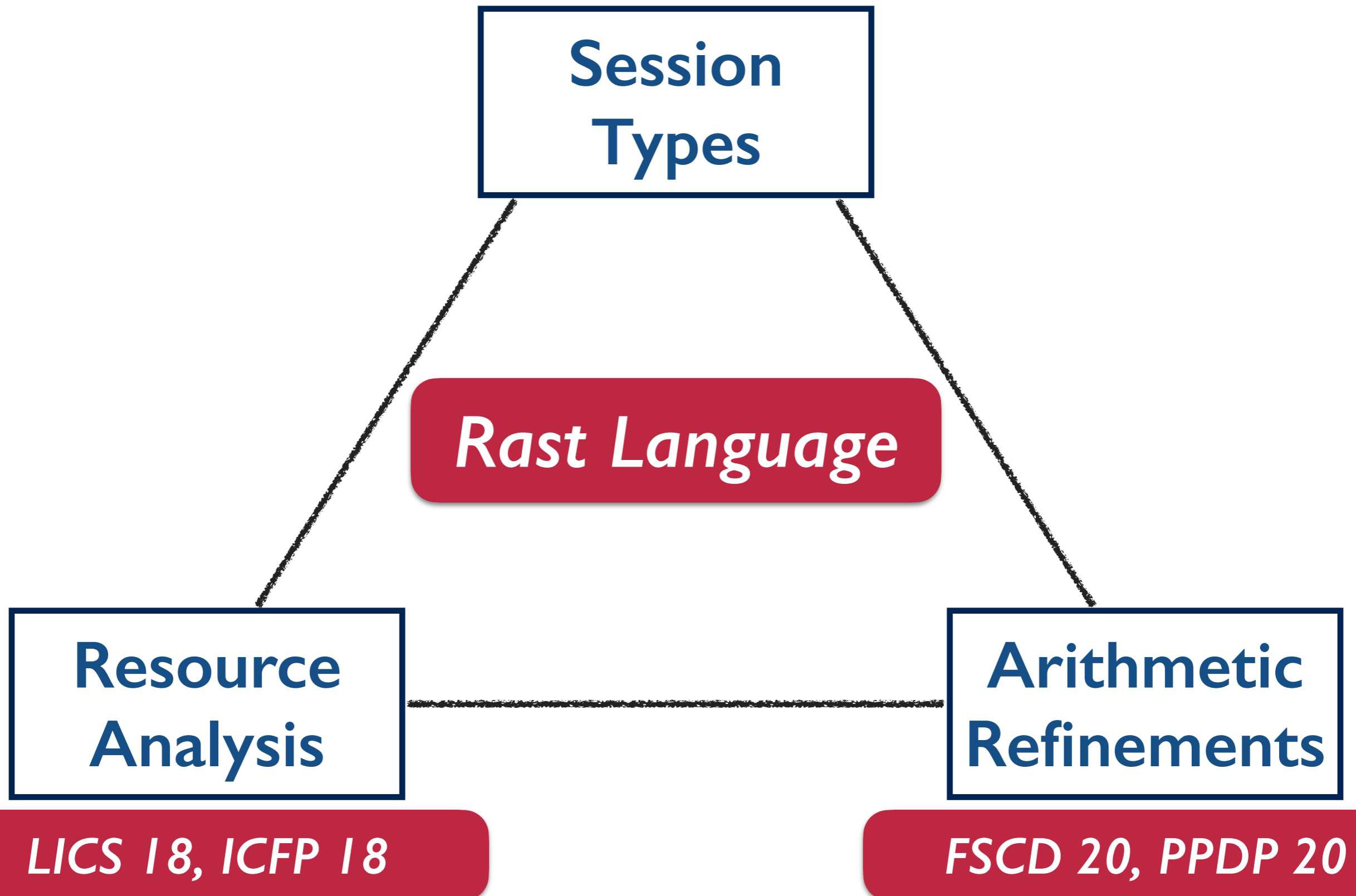


**Execution Time**



**Memory Usage**

# Key Features of Rast



# Evaluation

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<b>Module</b>	<b>LOC</b>	<b>#Defs</b>	<b>T (ms)</b>
arithmetic	143	8	1.325
integers	114	8	1.074
linlam	67	6	4.003
list	441	29	3.419
primes	118	8	1.646
segments	65	9	0.195
ternary	235	16	1.967
theorems	141	16	0.894
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