

Software Verification with Satisfiability Modulo Theories

- Verify Cryptographic Software -

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Verifying Curve25519 Software

[CCS'14]

- Formal verification of the central **hand-optimized assembly routine (ladderstep)** of Curve25519 Diffie-Hellman key-exchange software [Ber06]
- Two implementations [BDL+11] written in qhasm [Ber] (~1.5K LOC)
- Speed-record holder
- Reproduce a bug previously found by the developers
- Verified the corrected version

a joint work with Yu-Fang Chen *et al.*

Applications of Curve25519

- OpenSSH
- iOS
- Apple HomeKit
- Tor
- ...

Ladderstep

Algorithm 2 Single Curve25519 Montgomery Ladderstep

function LADDERSTEP(X_1, X_2, Z_2, X_3, Z_3)

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$$T_2 \leftarrow X_2 - Z_2$$

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$$T_6 \leftarrow T_1^2$$

$$T_5 \leftarrow T_6 - T_7$$

$$T_3 \leftarrow X_3 + Z_3$$

$$T_4 \leftarrow X_3 - Z_3$$

$$T_9 \leftarrow T_3 \cdot T_2$$

$$T_8 \leftarrow T_4 \cdot T_1$$

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$$T_9 \equiv T_3 T_2 \pmod{p}$$

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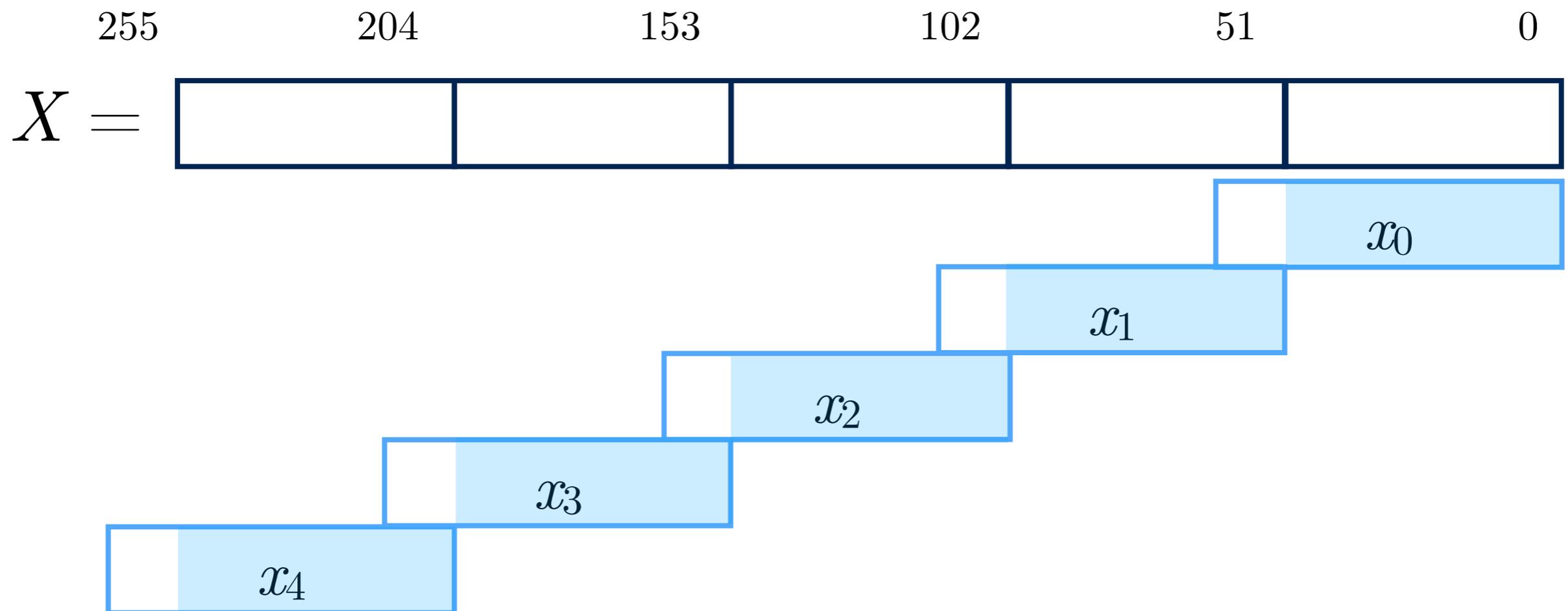
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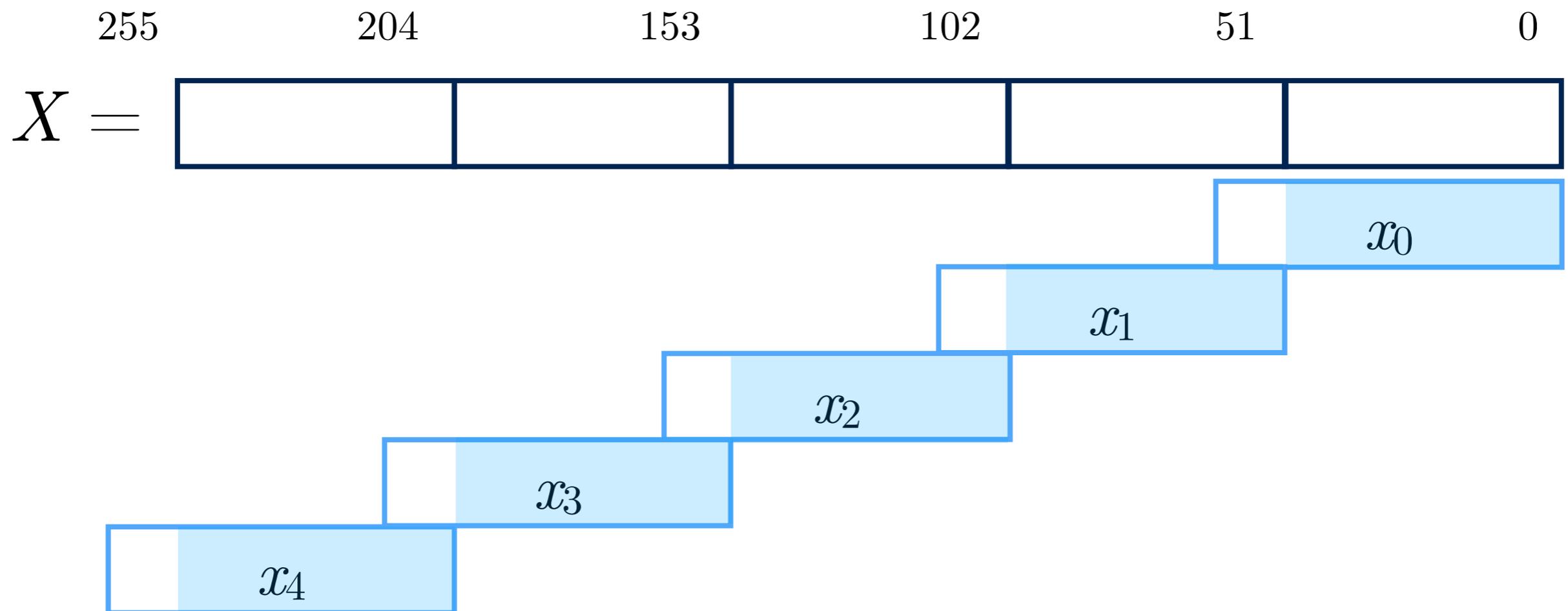
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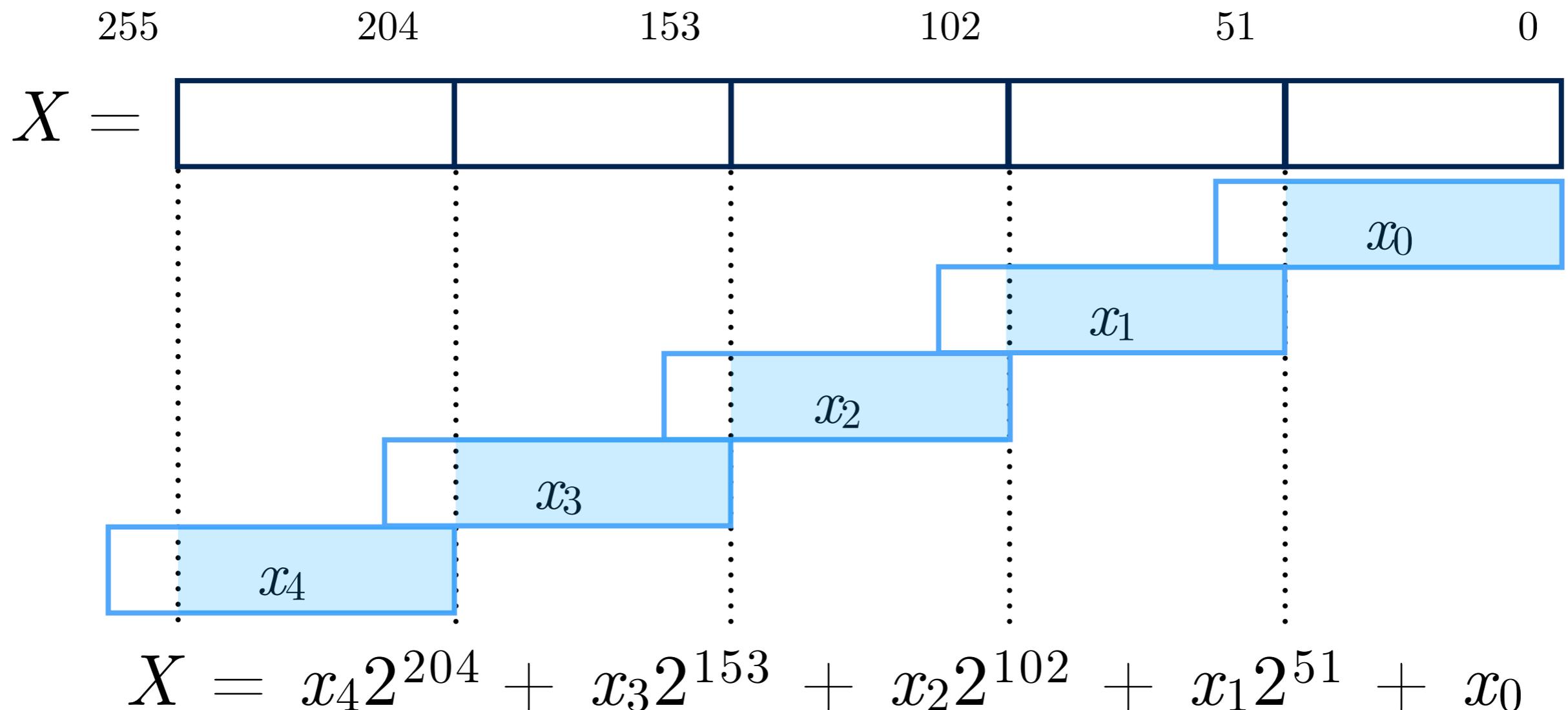
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Carries can be stored in the extra bits

Multiplication (Radix-2⁵¹)

- Compute $R \equiv XY \pmod{2^{255}-19}$

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$$Y = y_4 2^{204} + y_3 2^{153} + y_2 2^{102} + y_1 2^{51} + y_0$$

$$R = r_4 2^{204} + r_3 2^{153} + r_2 2^{102} + r_1 2^{51} + r_0$$

- The naive approach has three steps
 - Multiply
 - Reduce
 - Delayed carry
- The efficient implementation merges Multiply and Reduce

Multiply

- Compute $T = XY$



- $t_0 = x_0y_0$

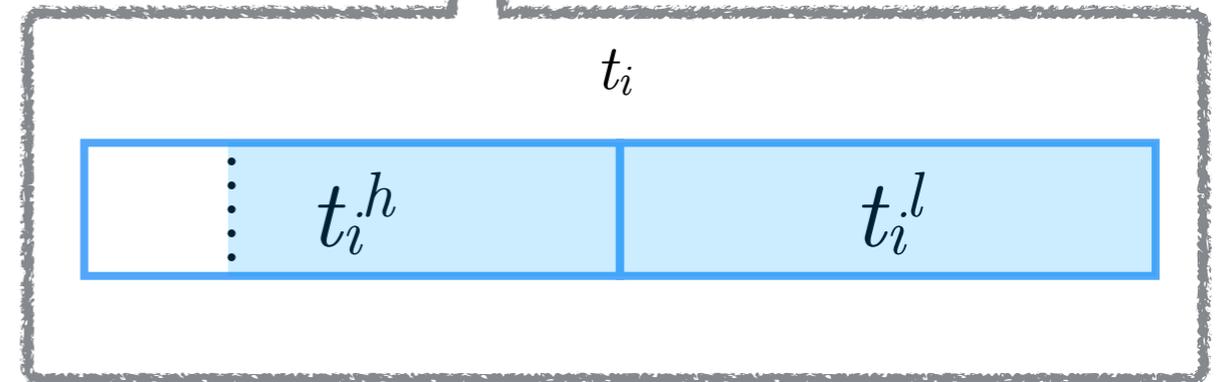
- $t_1 = x_0y_1 + x_1y_0$

- ...

- $t_8 = x_4y_4$

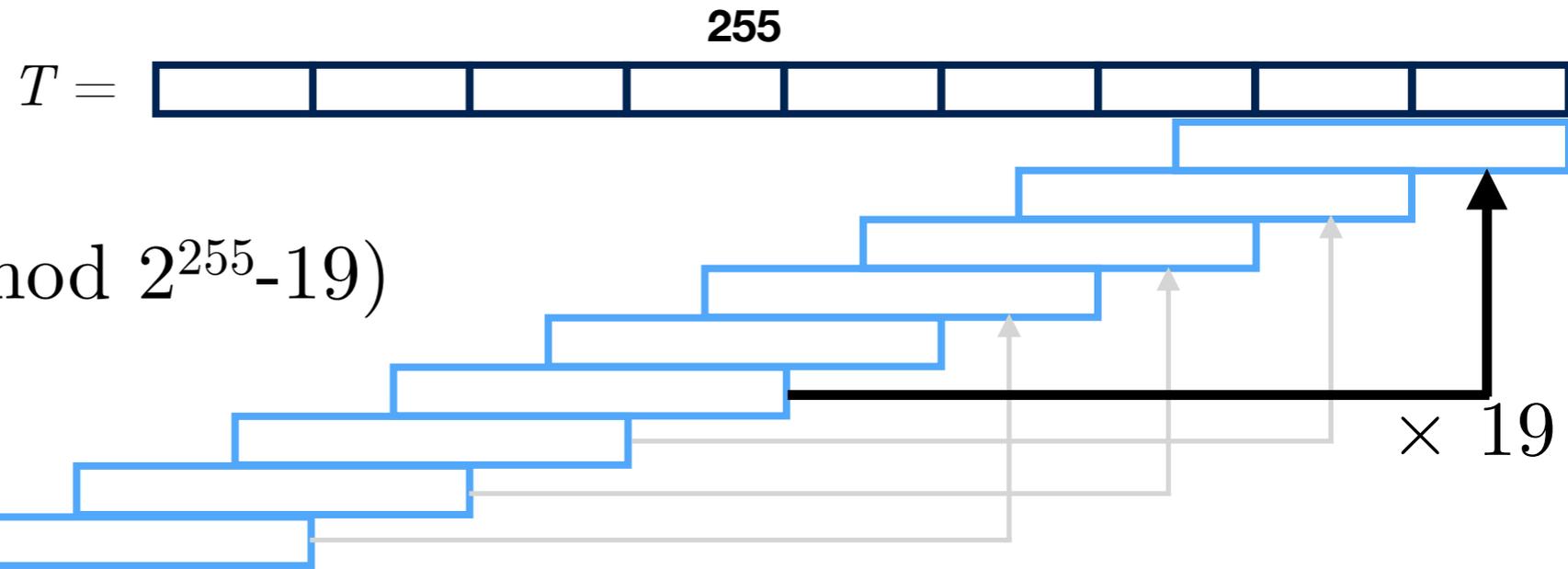
- T has 9 limbs

- A limb in T may have more than 64 bits



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Reduce



- Compute $S \equiv T \pmod{2^{255}-19}$
- S has 5 limbs
- A limb in S may have more than 64 bits
- $n2^{255} \equiv 19n \pmod{2^{255}-19}$

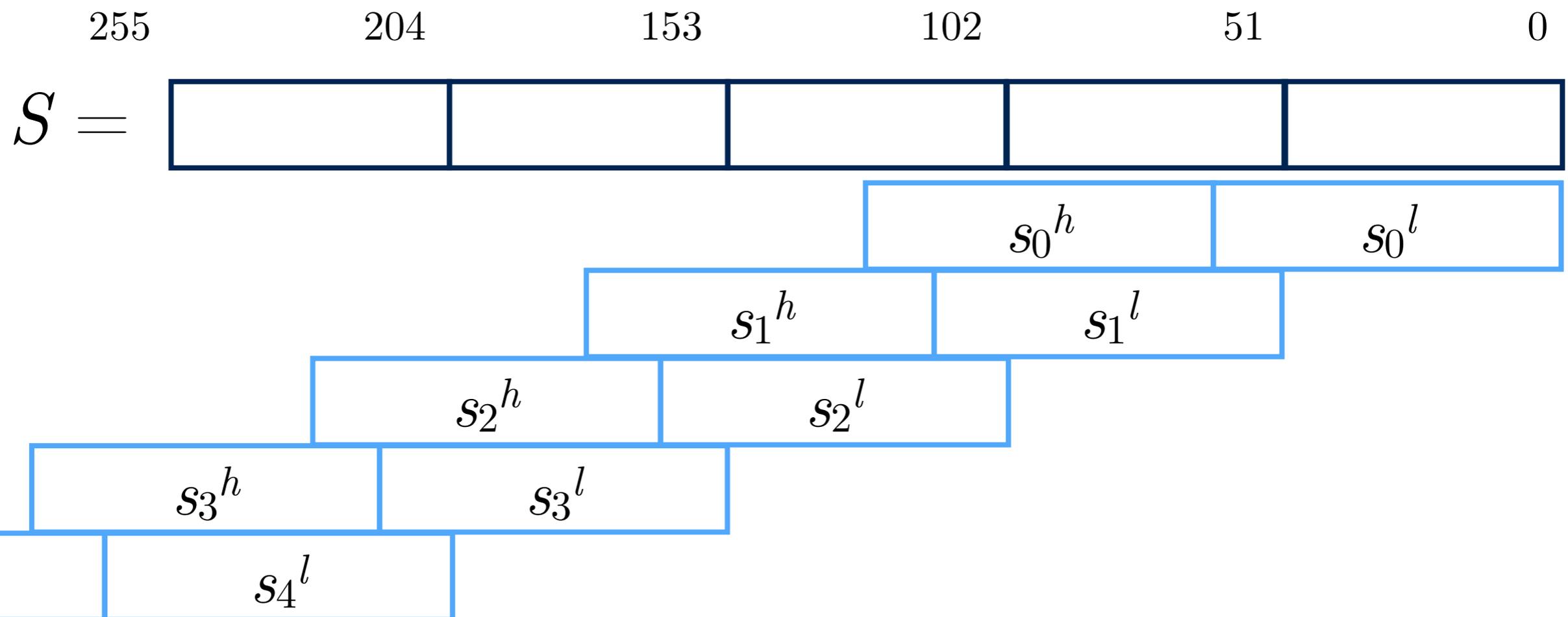
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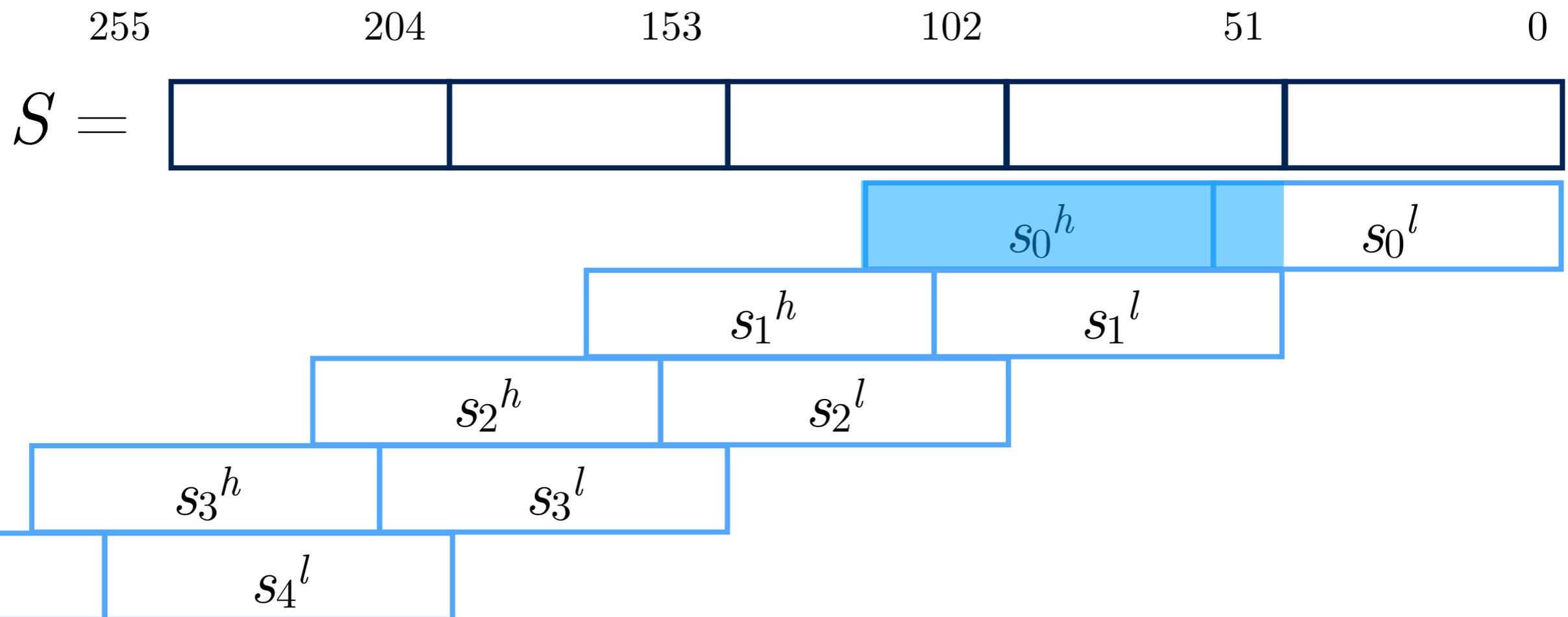
Delayed-Carry (Simplified)

- Compute $R \equiv S \pmod{2^{255}-19}$
- A limb in R has at most 52 bits



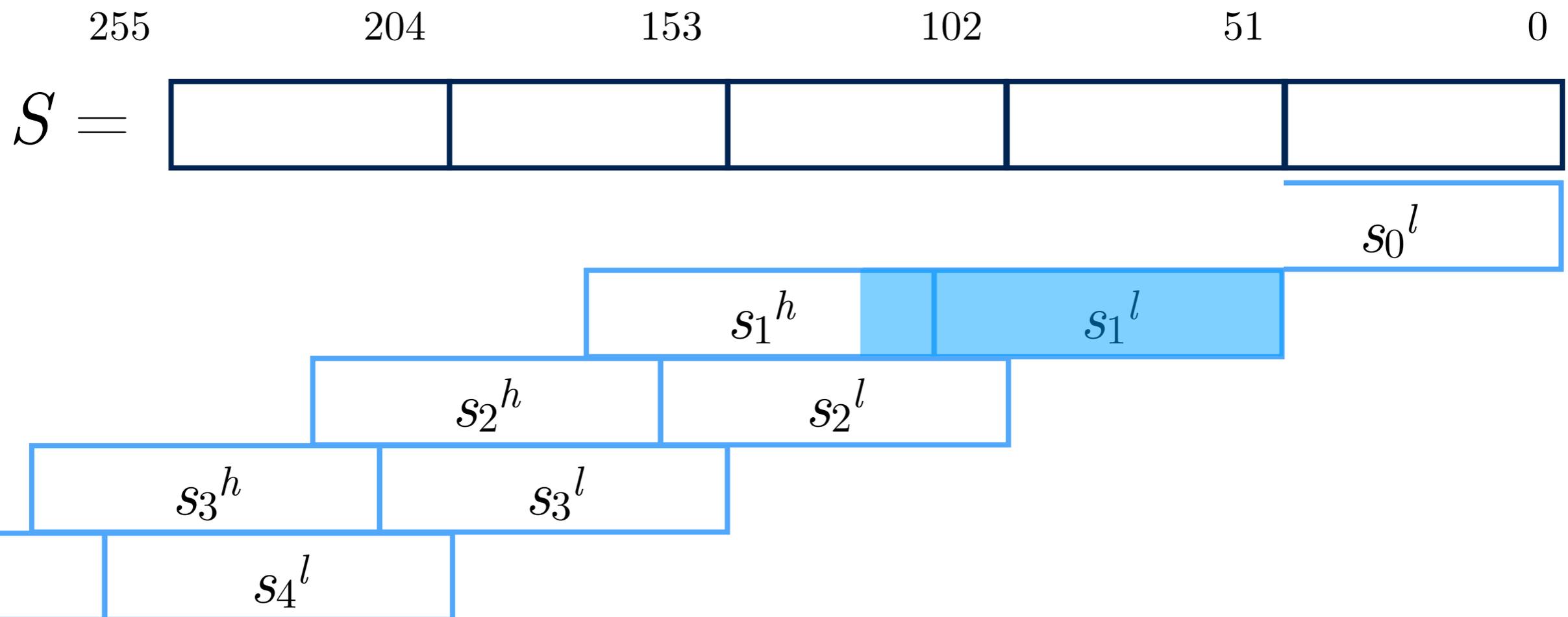
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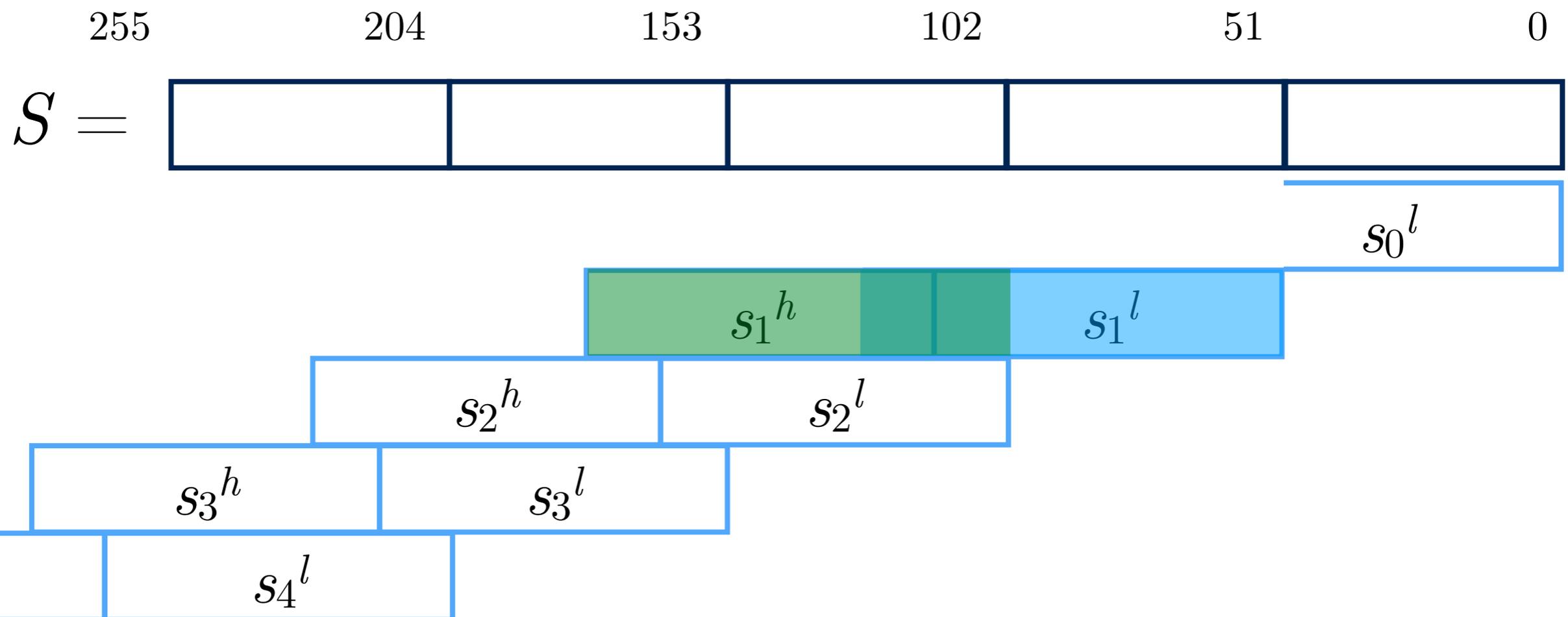
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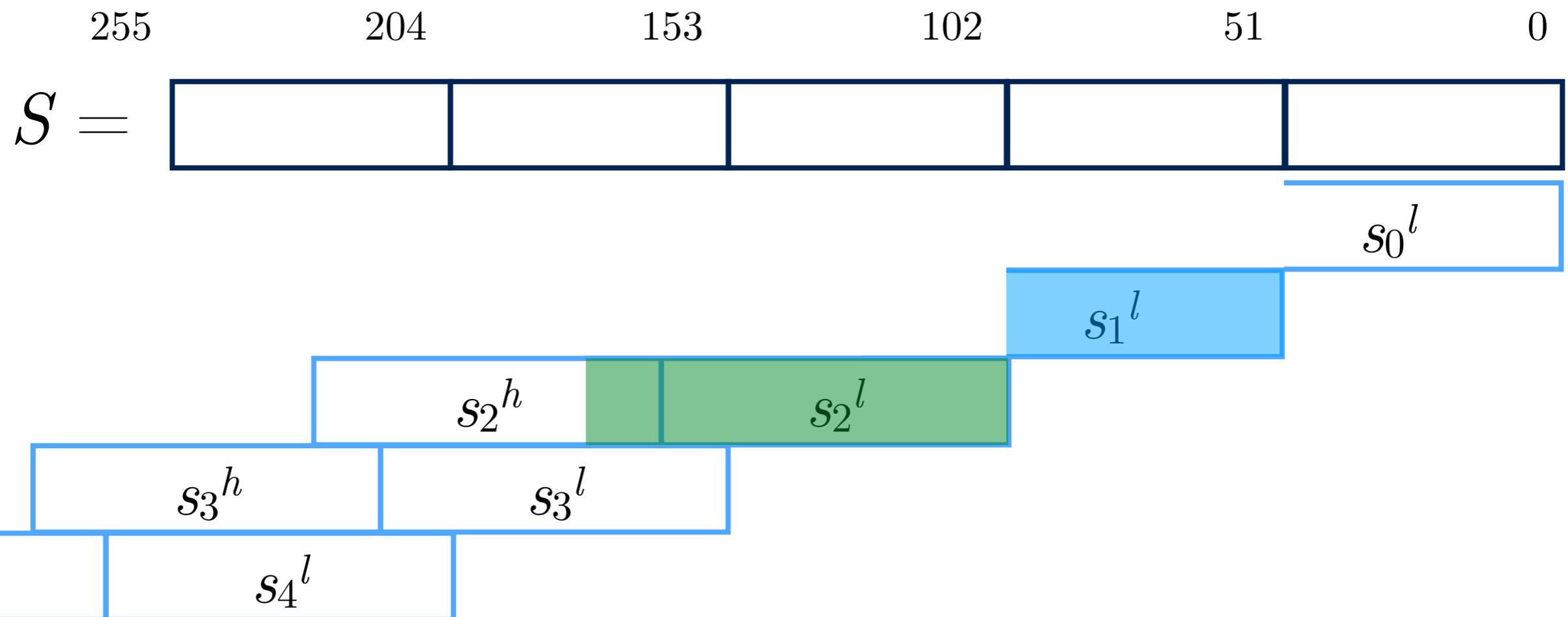
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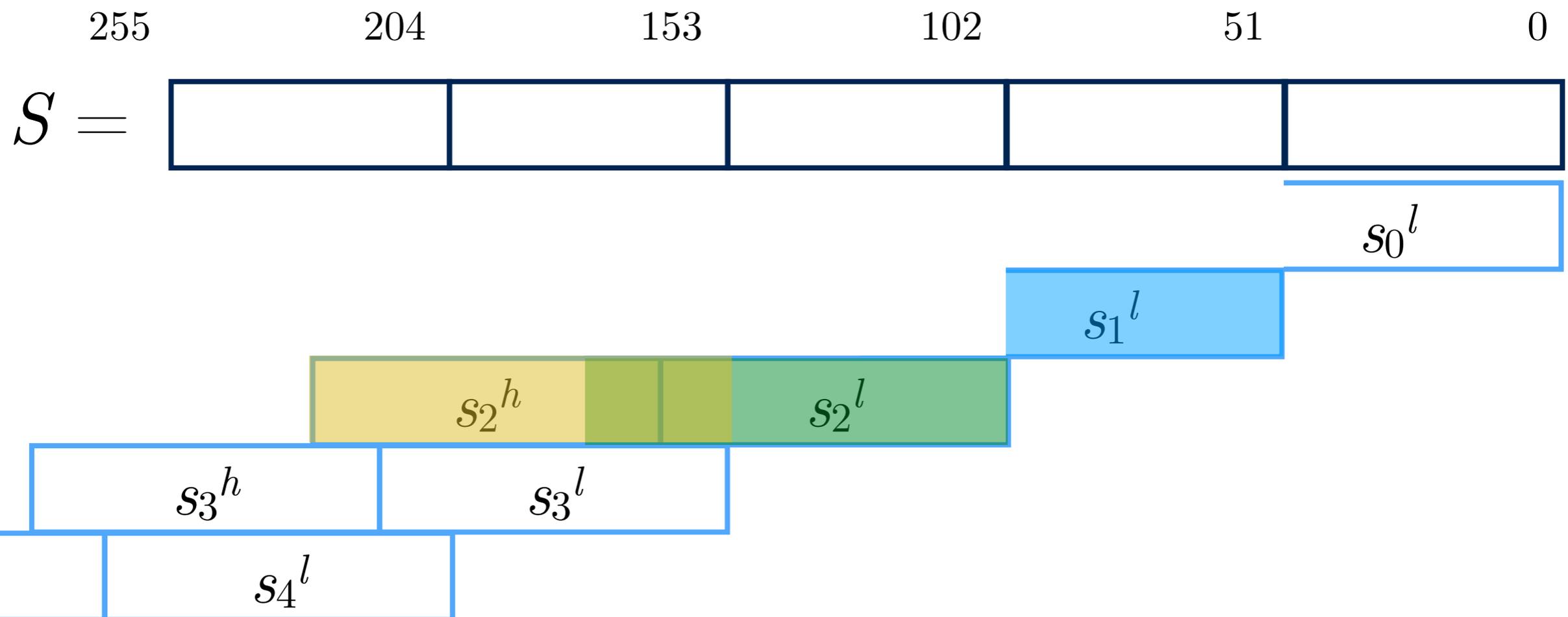
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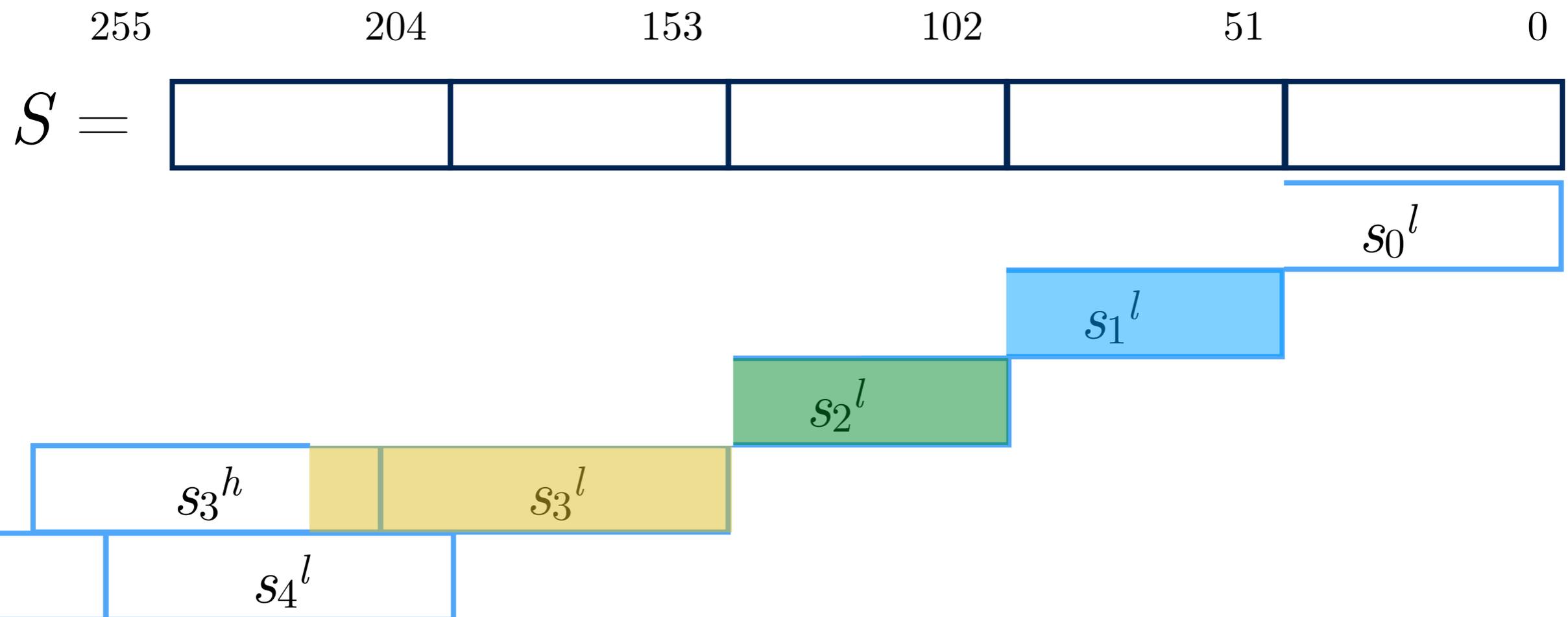
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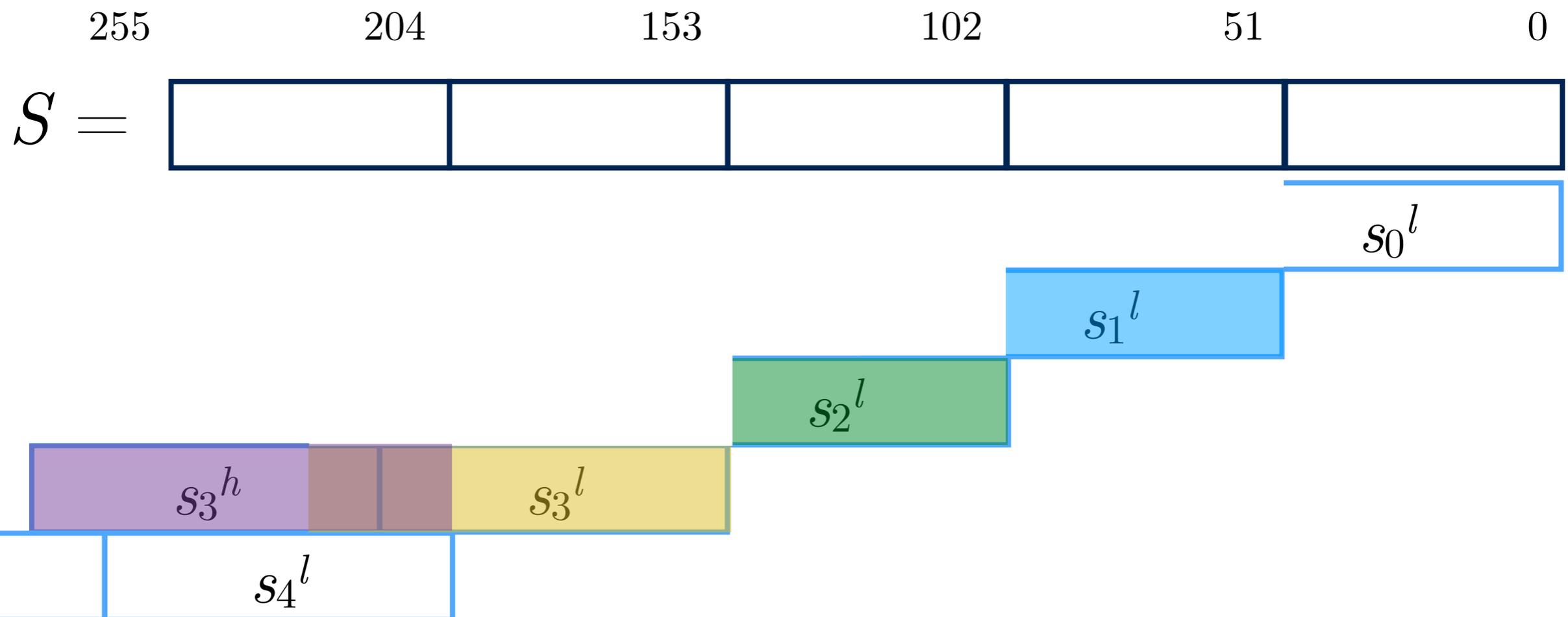
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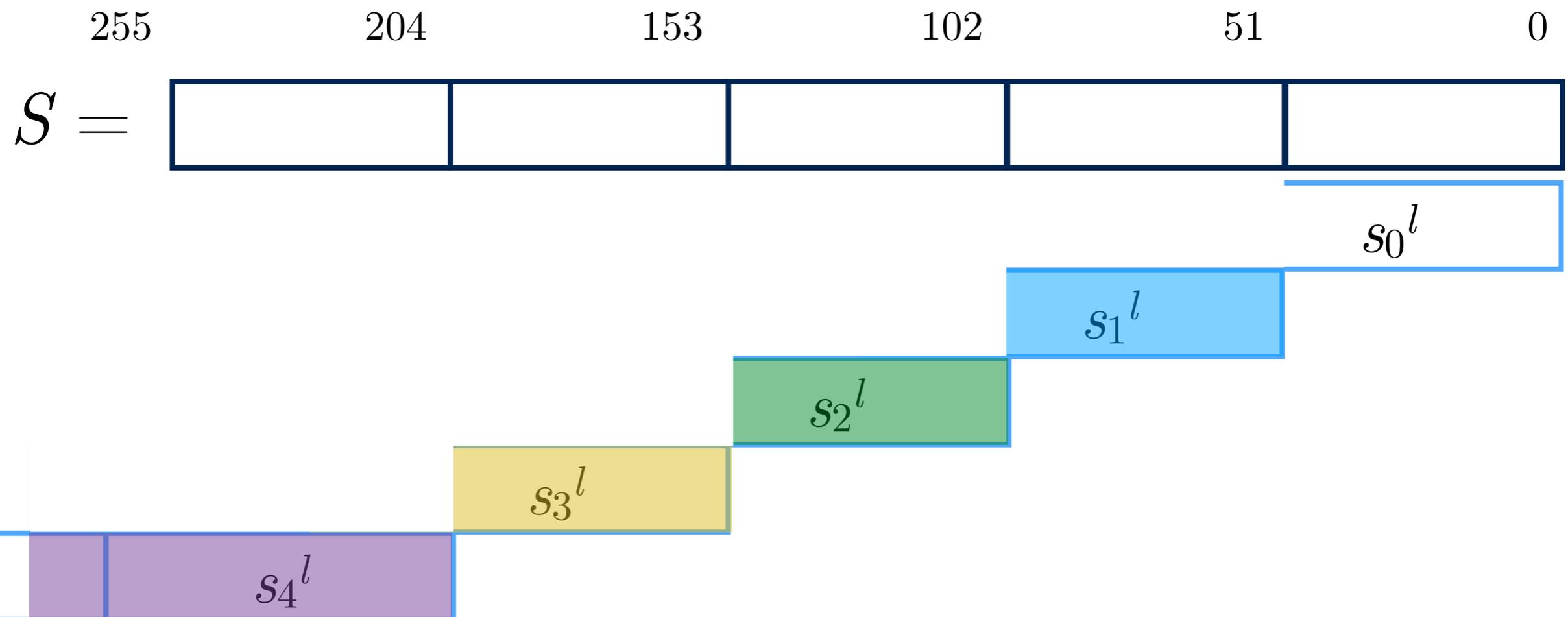
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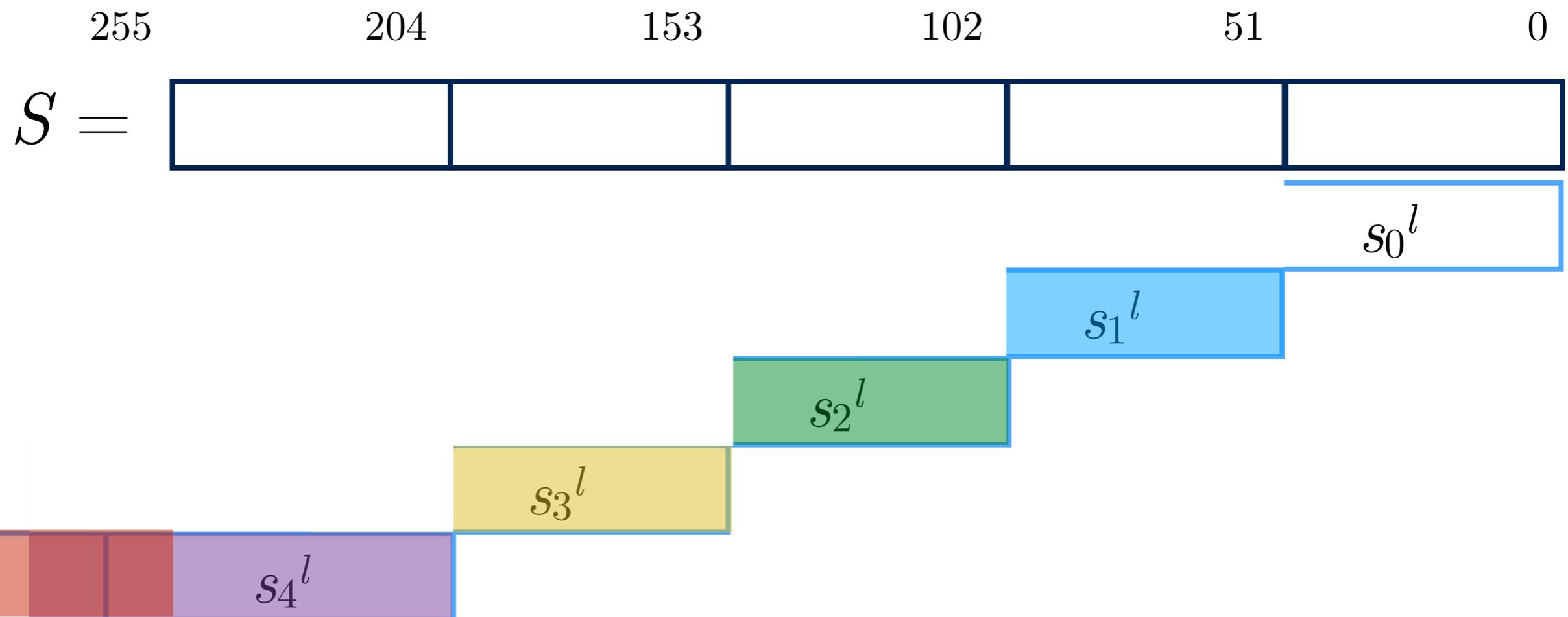
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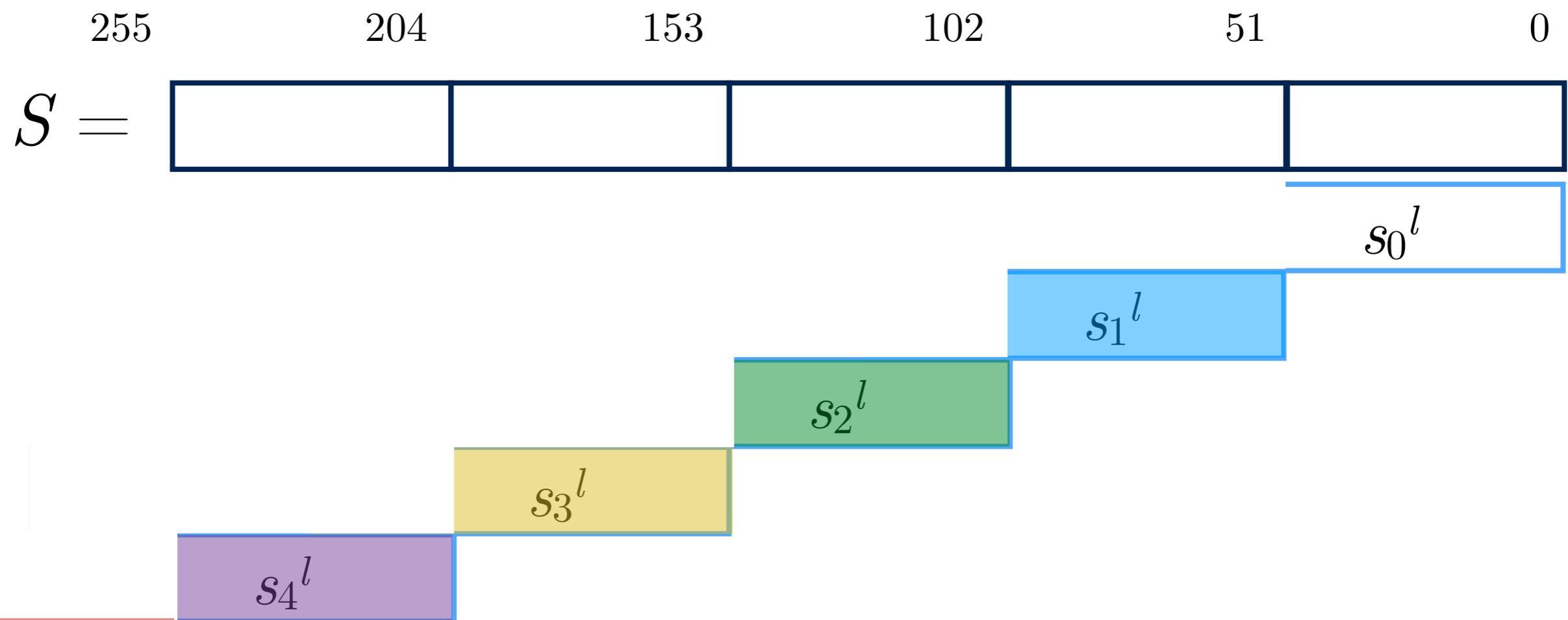
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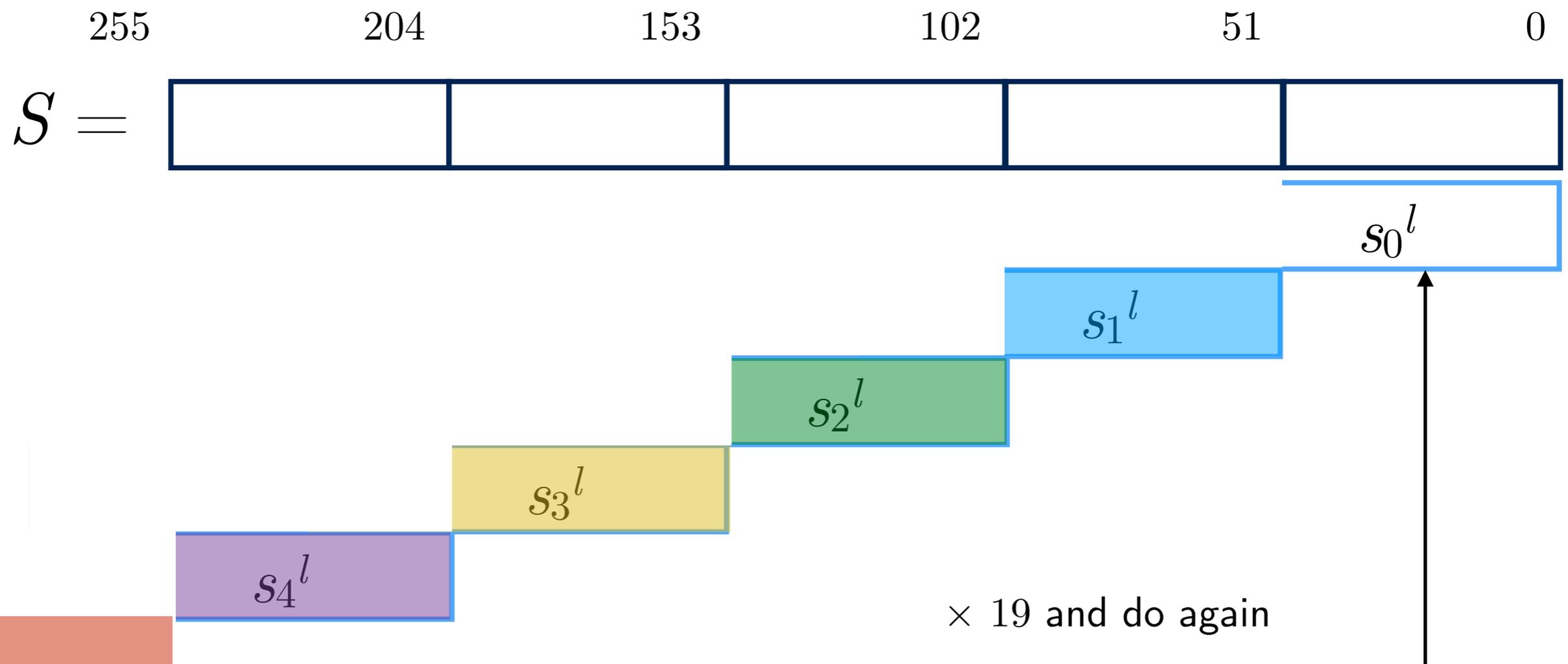
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The Implementation

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...
mulrax = *(uint64 *) (xp + 0)
(uint128) mulrdx mulrax = mulrax * *(uint64 *) (yp + 0)
carry? r0 += mulrax
mulr01 += mulrdx + carry
...
mulrax = *(uint64 *) (xp + 8)
(uint128) mulrdx mulrax = mulrax * *(uint64 *) (yp + 0)
carry? r1 += mulrax
mulr11 += mulrdx + carry
...
mulr01 = (mulr01.r0) << 13
r0 &= mulredmask
...
```

- Sequential
- Bit-vector operations
- Good for SMT solvers

SAT

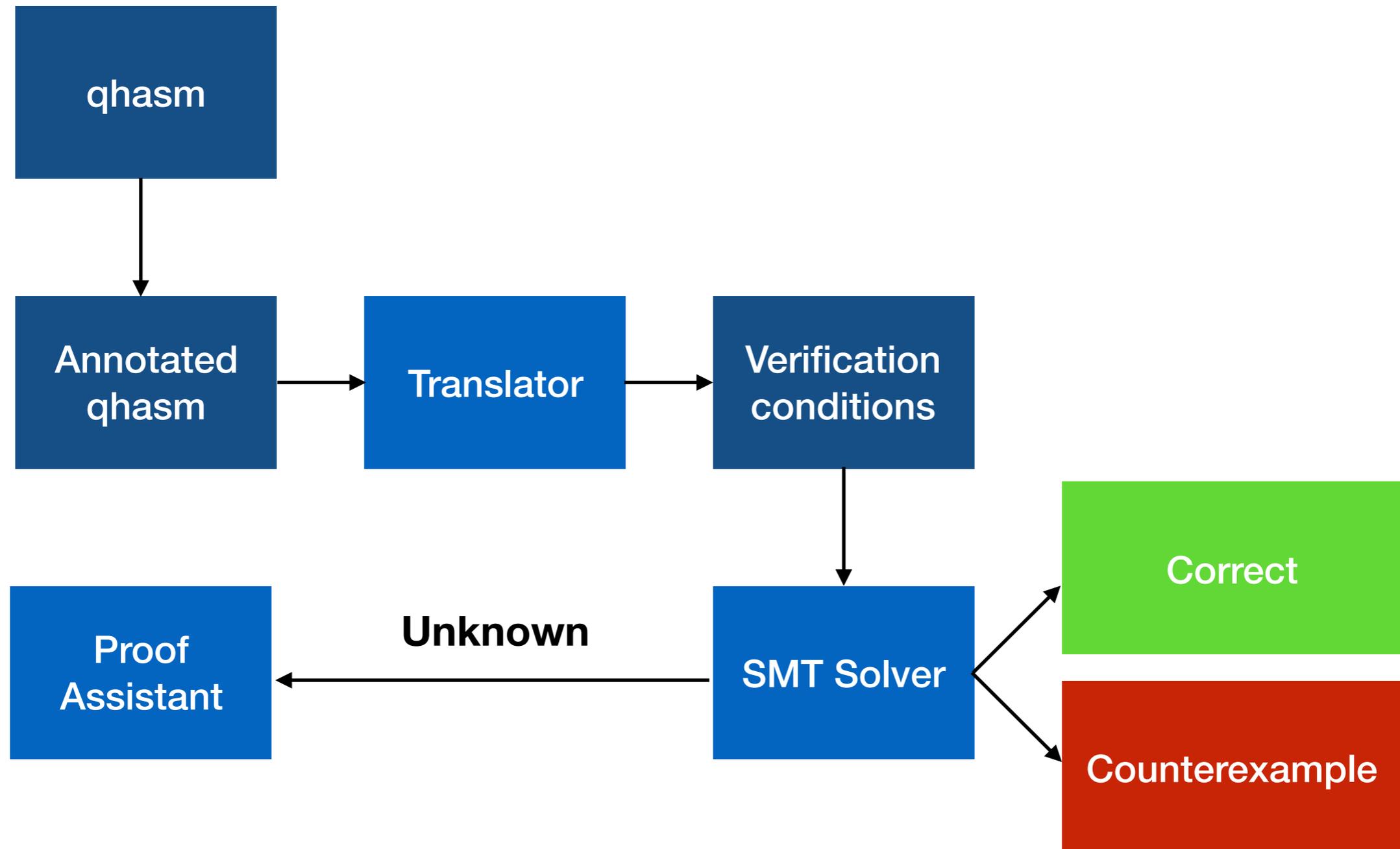
- Satisfiability of Boolean expressions (usually in CNF)
- Can be effectively solved by modern SAT solvers
 - minisat
 - glucose
 - lingeling $(a \vee b) \wedge (\neg b \vee c) \wedge (a \vee d)$

SMT

- Satisfiability modulo theories
- A Boolean variable corresponds to an expression under a theory
- SMT solvers
 - Z3, Boolector, MathSAT, STP, Yices

$$\frac{\text{array}}{(a[0] = 1)} \wedge \frac{\text{floating point}}{(3.07 + f1 < f2)} \wedge \frac{\text{bit-vector}}{((b1 \& b2) \ll 2 = b3)}$$

Hybrid Methodology



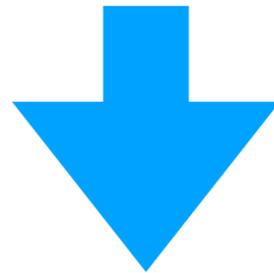
Annotation

- Hoare logic style annotation: $\{ P \} C \{ Q \}$ where
 - P : the precondition
 - C : the program
 - Q : the postcondition
- $\{ P \} C \{ Q \}$ is valid \Leftrightarrow for every initial state s satisfying P , if C runs from s and ends with a final state t , then t satisfies Q

Translation

{ precondition } program { postcondition }

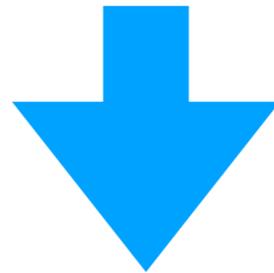
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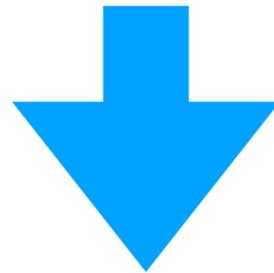


$$\{x_0 - 1 > 0\} x_1 = x_0 - 1 \{x_1 > 0\}$$

1. Convert to SSA (Static Single Assignment) form

Translation

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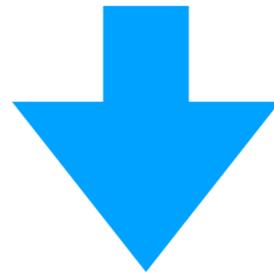


$$(x_0 - 1 > 0) \wedge (x_1 = x_0 - 1) \wedge (x_1 > 0)$$

2. Make conjunction

Translation

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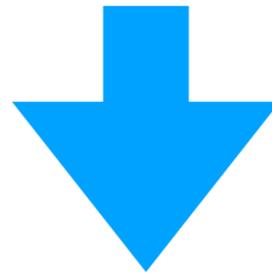


$$(x_0 - 1 > 0) \wedge (x_1 = x_0 - 1) \wedge \neg(x_1 > 0)$$

3. Take negation of the post-condition

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Unsatisfiable: Valid specification
Satisfiable: Counterexample found

Specification of Multiplication

$$\{ 0 \leq x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 < 2^{52} \wedge 0 \leq y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4 < 2^{52} \}$$

Multiply

Reduce

Delayed-Carry

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Not proven!

}

Problems

- The SMT solver failed to verify the multiplication operation
 - $\{ \text{pre} \}$ multiplication $\{ \text{post} \}$
- Verify the three steps (multiply, reduce, carry) separately

$$\frac{\vdash \{ P \} C_1 \{ Q \} \quad \vdash \{ Q \} C_2 \{ R \}}{\vdash \{ P \} C_1; C_2 \{ R \}} \text{Seq}$$

Specification of Multiplication Revisited

$\{ P \}$

Multiply

$\{ R_1 \}$

Reduce

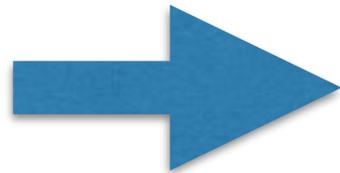
$\{ R_2 \}$

Delayed-Carry

$\{ Q \}$

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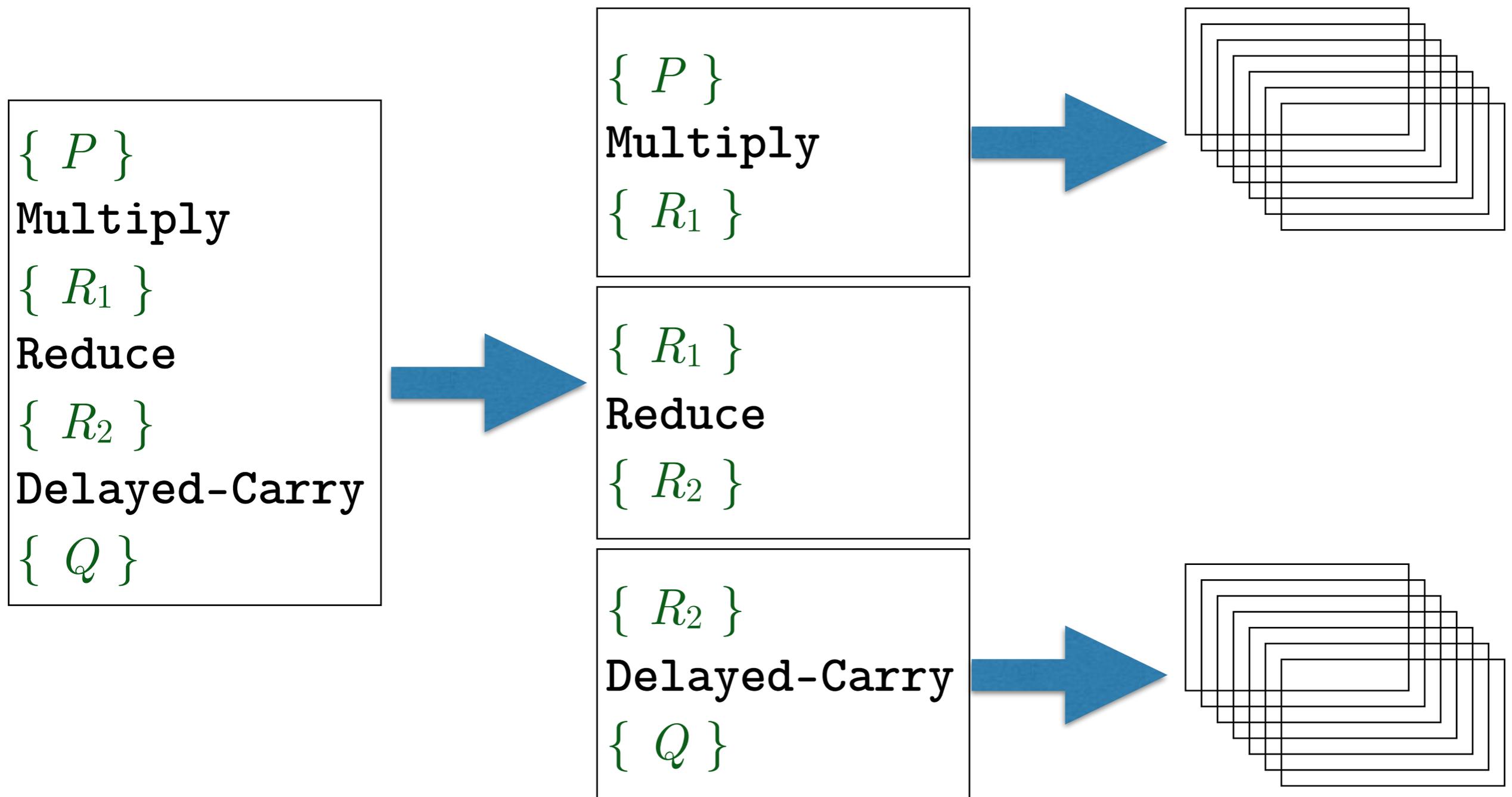


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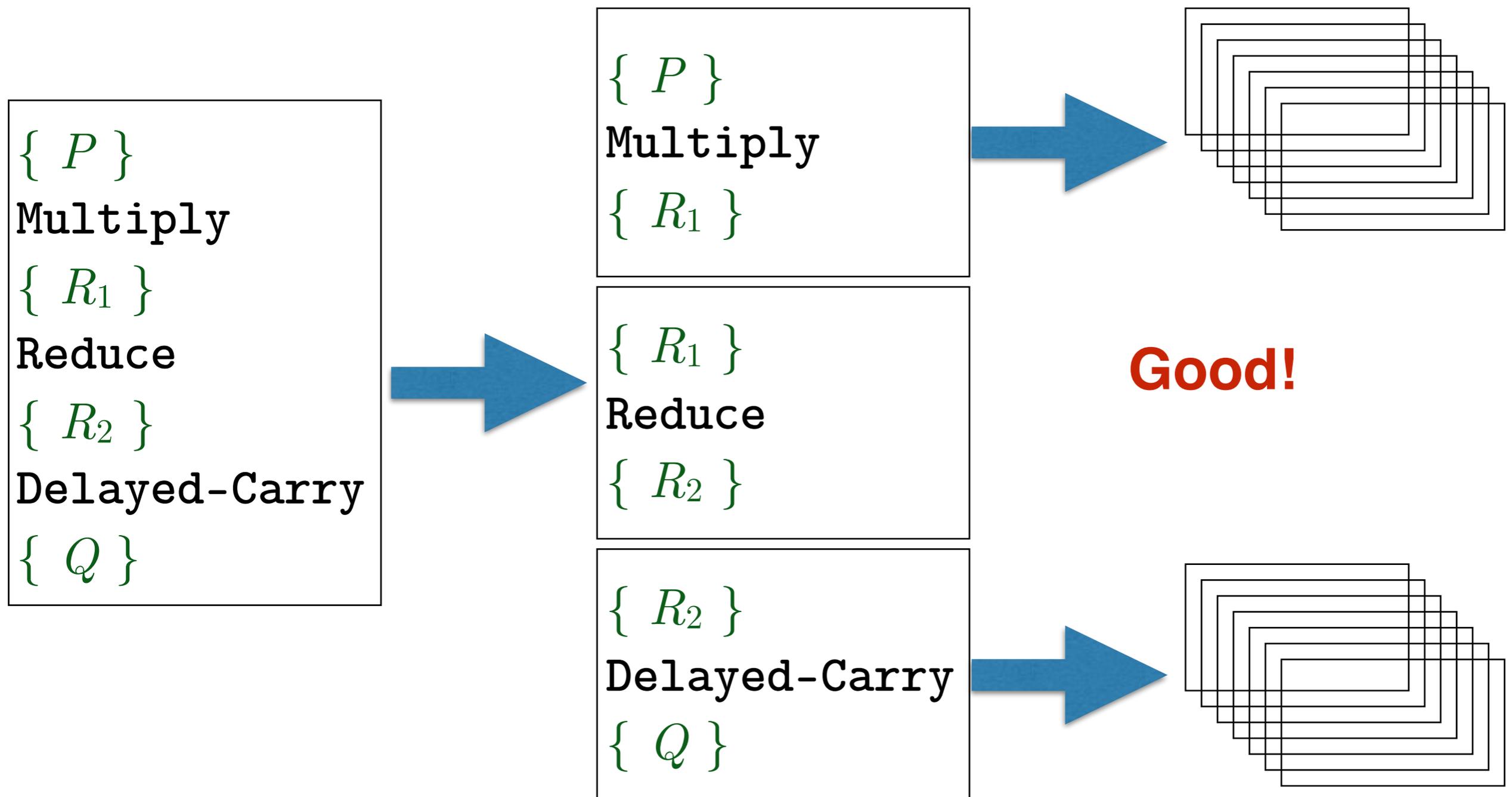
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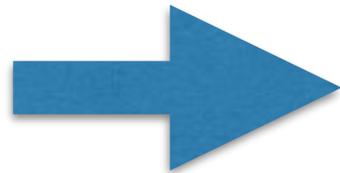


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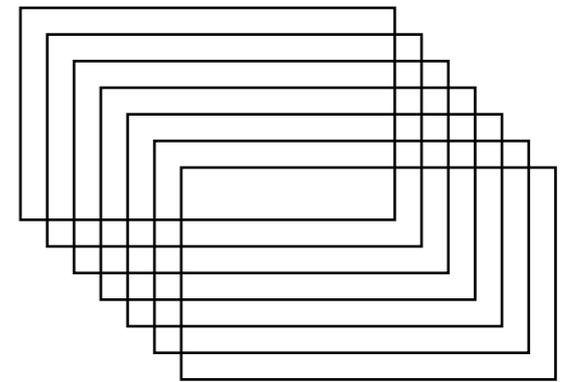
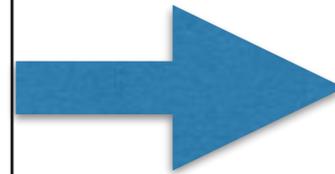
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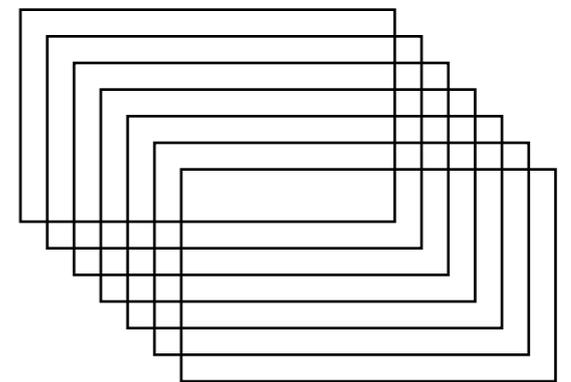
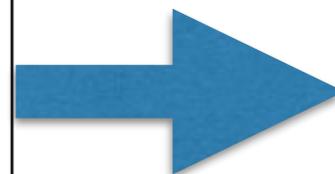
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Good!
Not enough!



Simple but Failed

read memory
shift left
128-bit multiplication

```
{ 0 ≤ xp[0], xp[8], xp[16] < 254 ∧ r11.r1 = 2 * xp[0]@128 * xp[8]@128 }
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```
rax = xp[0]
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rax <<= 1
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(uint128) rdx rax = rax * xp[16]
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r2 = rax
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r21 = rdx
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(qasm syntax simplified)

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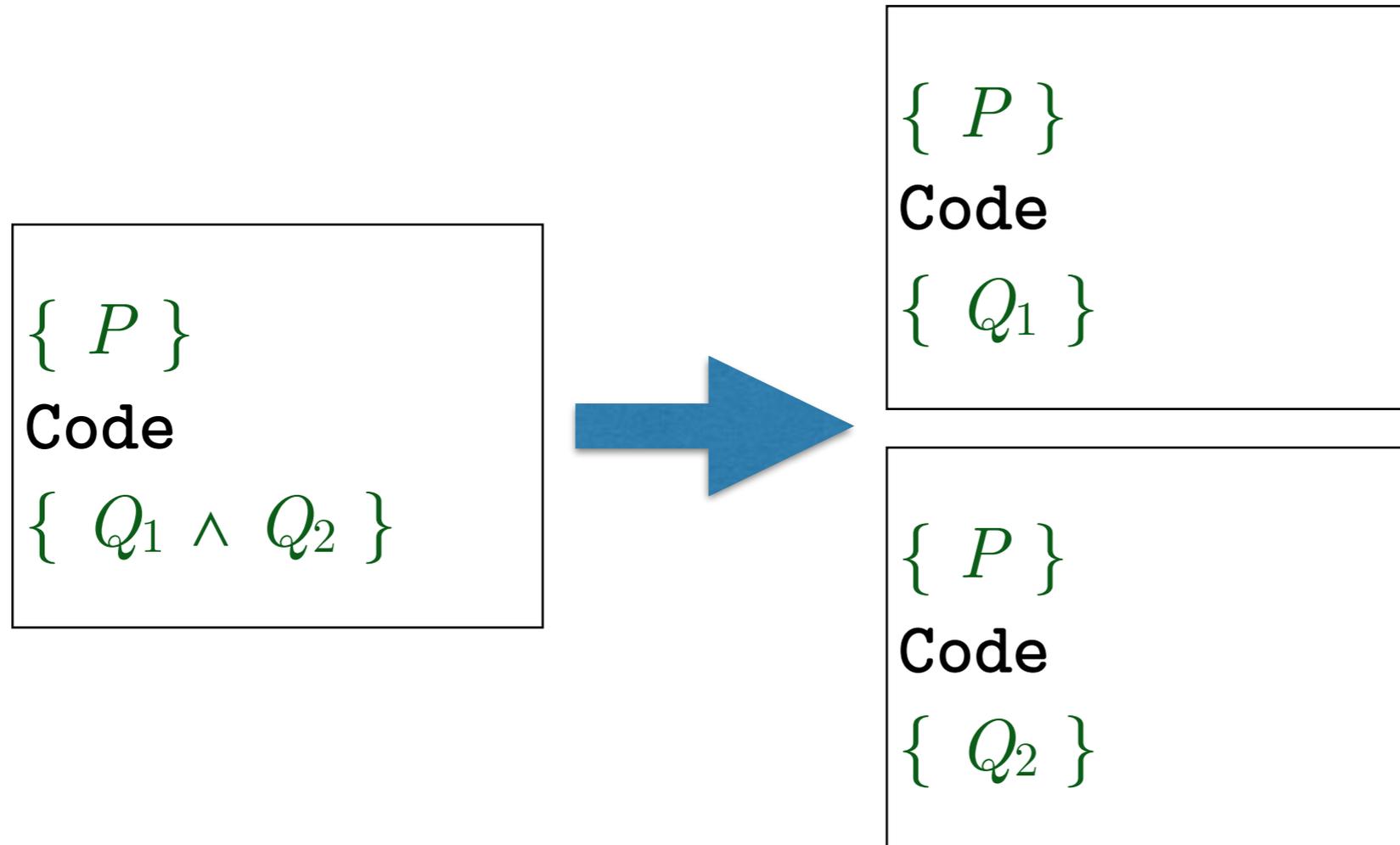
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Need more heuristics to reduce the complexity

Heuristic 1

- Split Conjunctions -

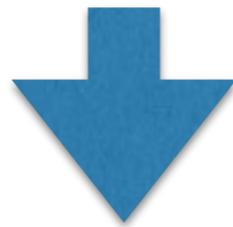


Heuristic 2

- Delayed Extension -

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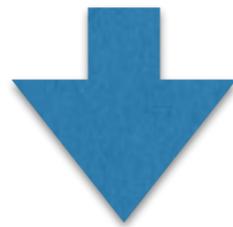
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R : 256-bit vector
 x, y : 64-bit vectors

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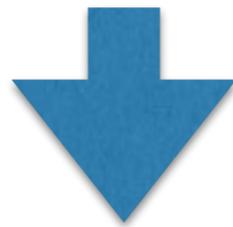
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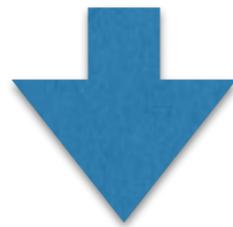
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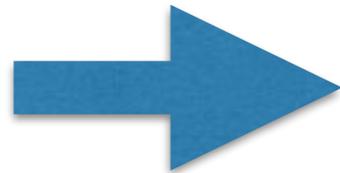
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Fail: prove the original one

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Coq

- A proving assistant based on Calculus of Inductive Constructions (CIC)
- Proofs in Coq are type checked

Natural Numbers in Coq

```
Inductive nat : Set :=  
  | O : nat  
  | S : nat -> nat.
```

```
0: O  
1: S O  
2: S S O  
3: S S S O
```

Addition in Coq

```
Fixpoint add n m :=  
  match n with  
  | 0 => m  
  | S p => S (p + m)  
  end
```

Lemma plus_n_0 : forall n:nat, n = n + 0.

Proof.

...

Qed.

Lemma plus_comm : forall n m:nat, n + m = m + n.

Lemma plus_assoc : forall n m p:nat, n + (m + p) = (n + m) + p.

What to be Certified?

- The qhasm translator ✓
- The SMT solver ✗
- Use Coq tactics with automatic proof generation

Solving Polynomials

$$P_0 = 0 \wedge P_1 = 0 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n = 0 \rightarrow \exists k, x - y = k * p$$

where P_0, \dots, P_n are polynomials over integers

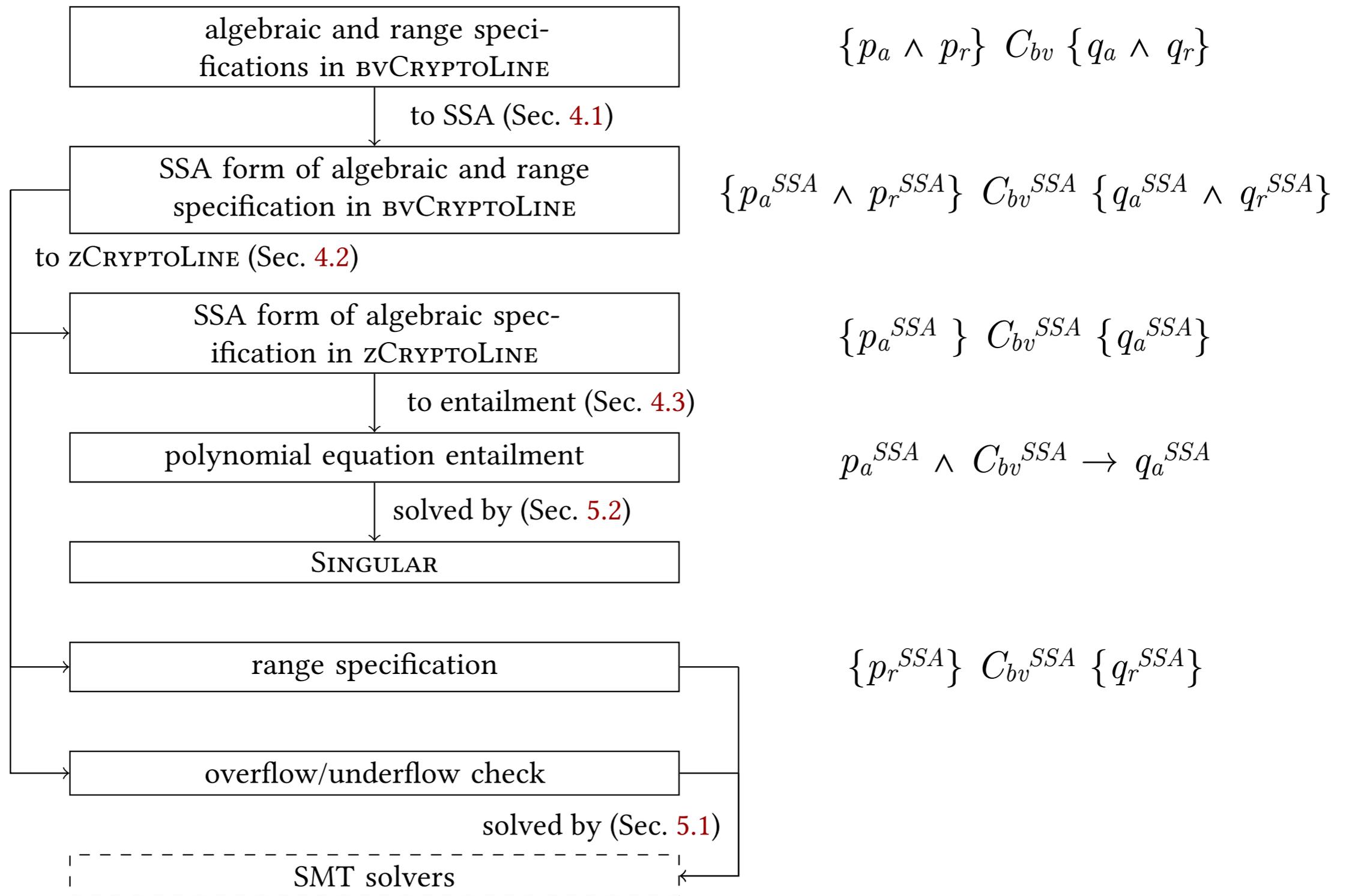
Can be solved automatically in Coq

John Harrison. Automating Elementary Number-Theoretic Proofs Using Gröbner Bases. CADE 2007.
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Done in Coq

- Formalize a simplified version of qhasm: bvCryptoLine
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 - polynomials via zCryptoLine (for algebraic properties)
 - SMT problems (for range properties)
- Prove the translation is correct
- Verify the solution to the polynomials

New Approach Overview



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