Adding Delimited and Composable Control to a Production Programming Environment

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Scheme provides first-class *continuations*

Continuations are useful for implementing a **web server**

Web Servlet with Continuations

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(define (paper-search-servlet)
  (let ([terms (get-search-terms)])
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Web Servlet with Continuations

send back HTML form, then
wait for answer as new request

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Implementing a Web Server

```
(serve out₁ in₁)
```

Implementing a Web Server

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(reply out1 (generate-html in1))
```

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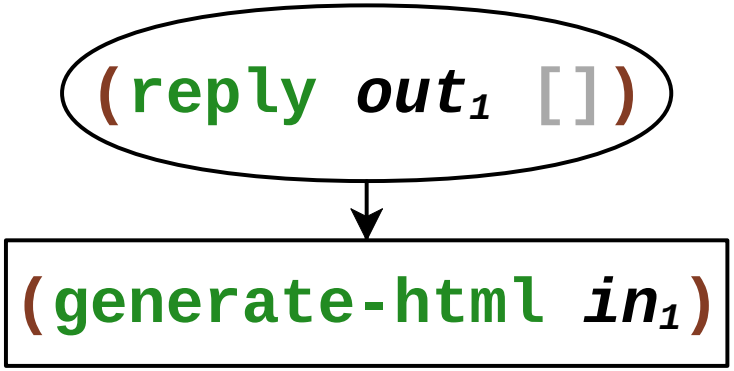

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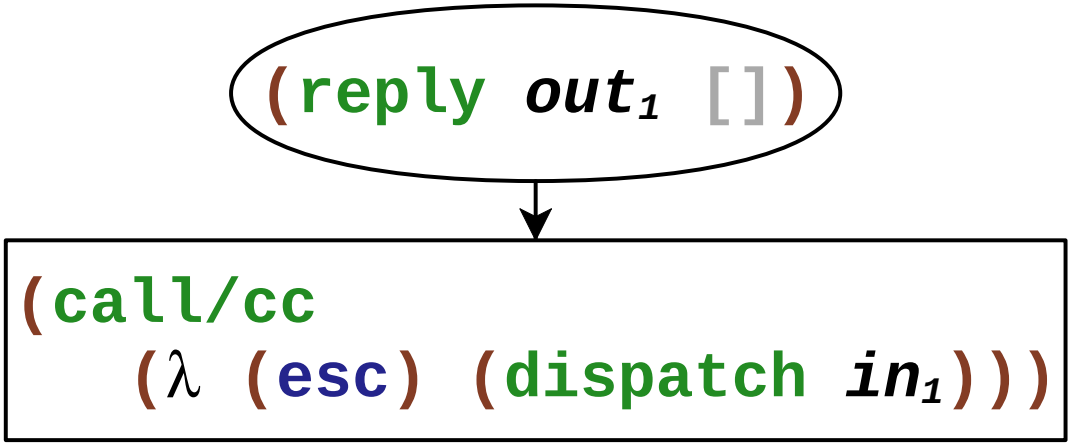

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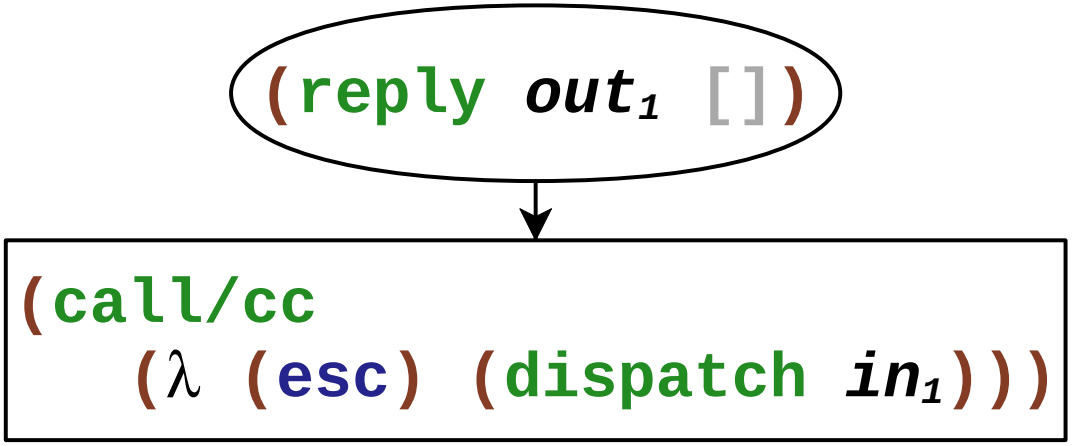

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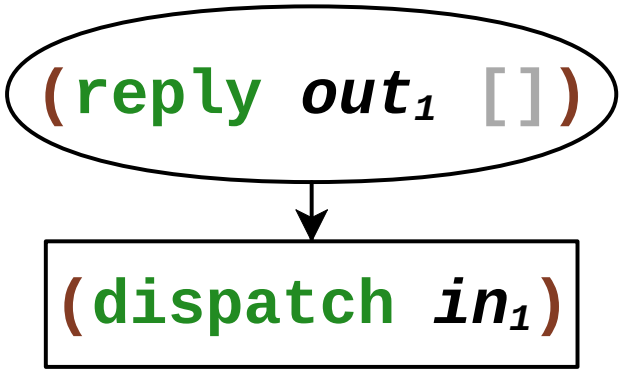

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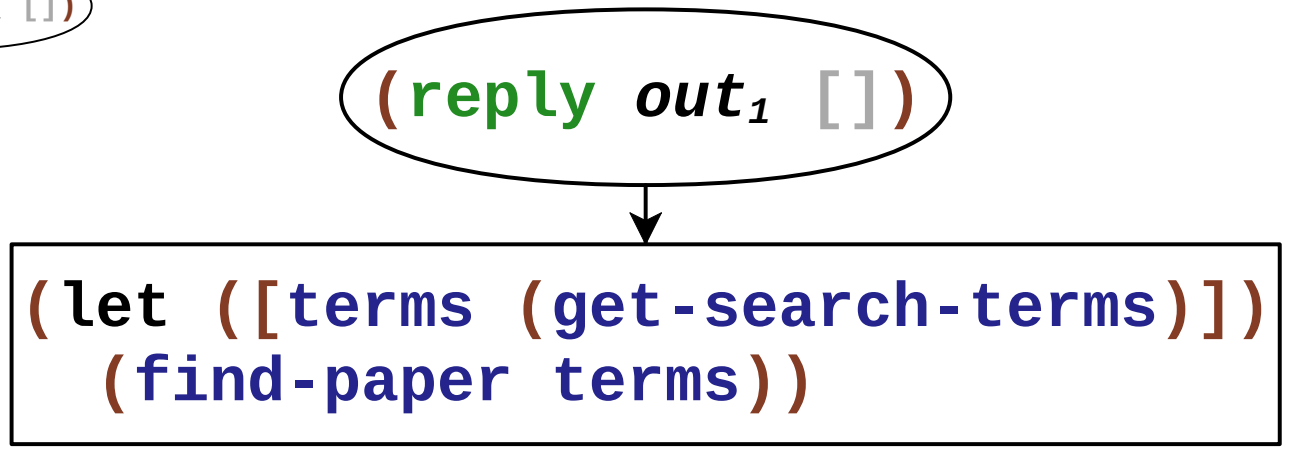

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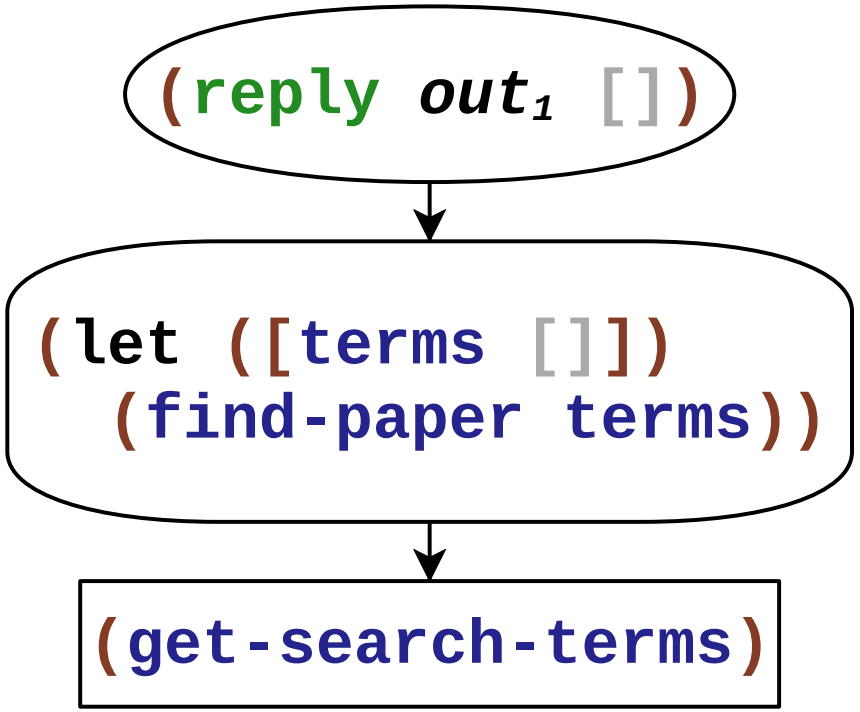

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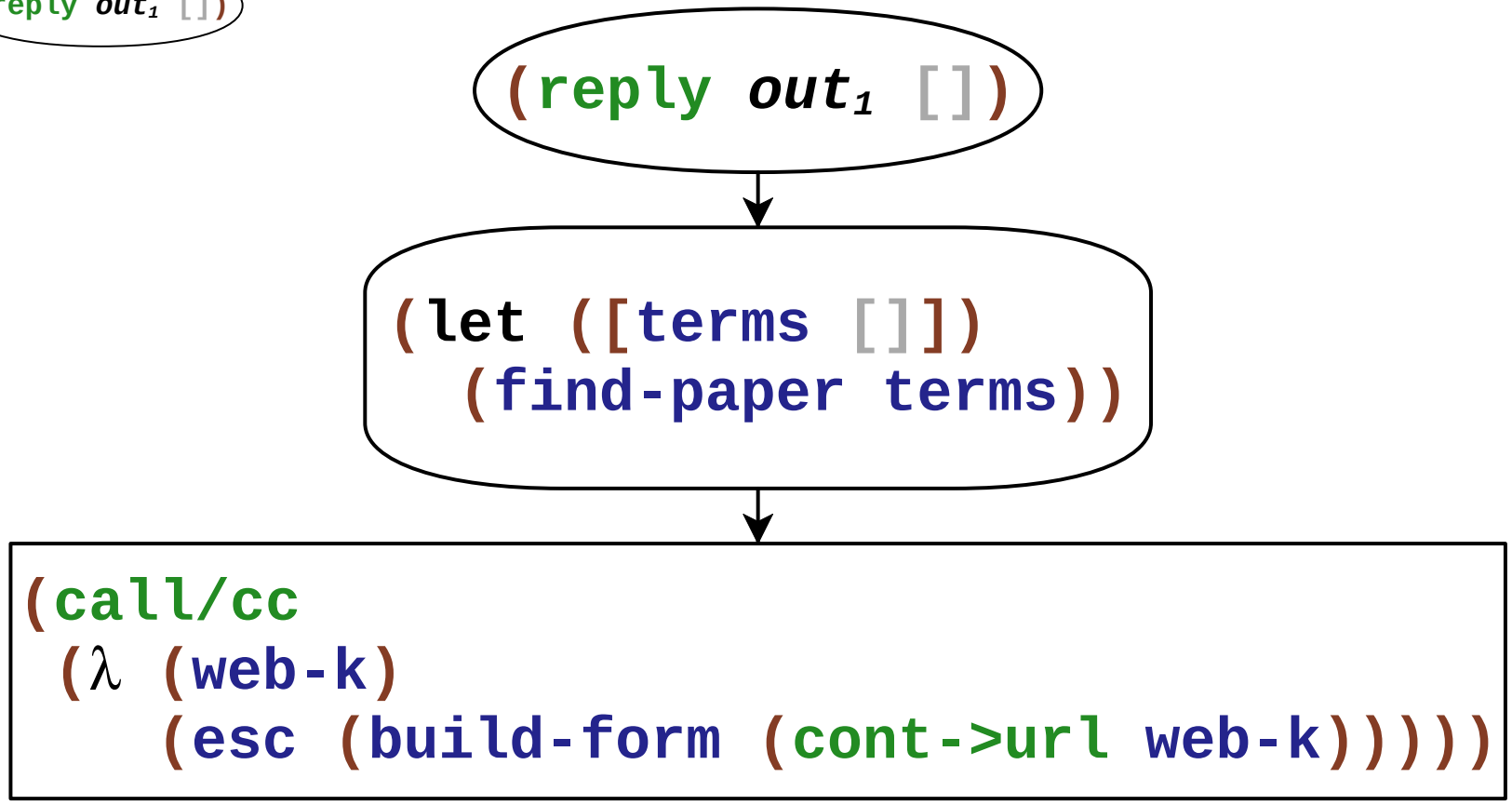

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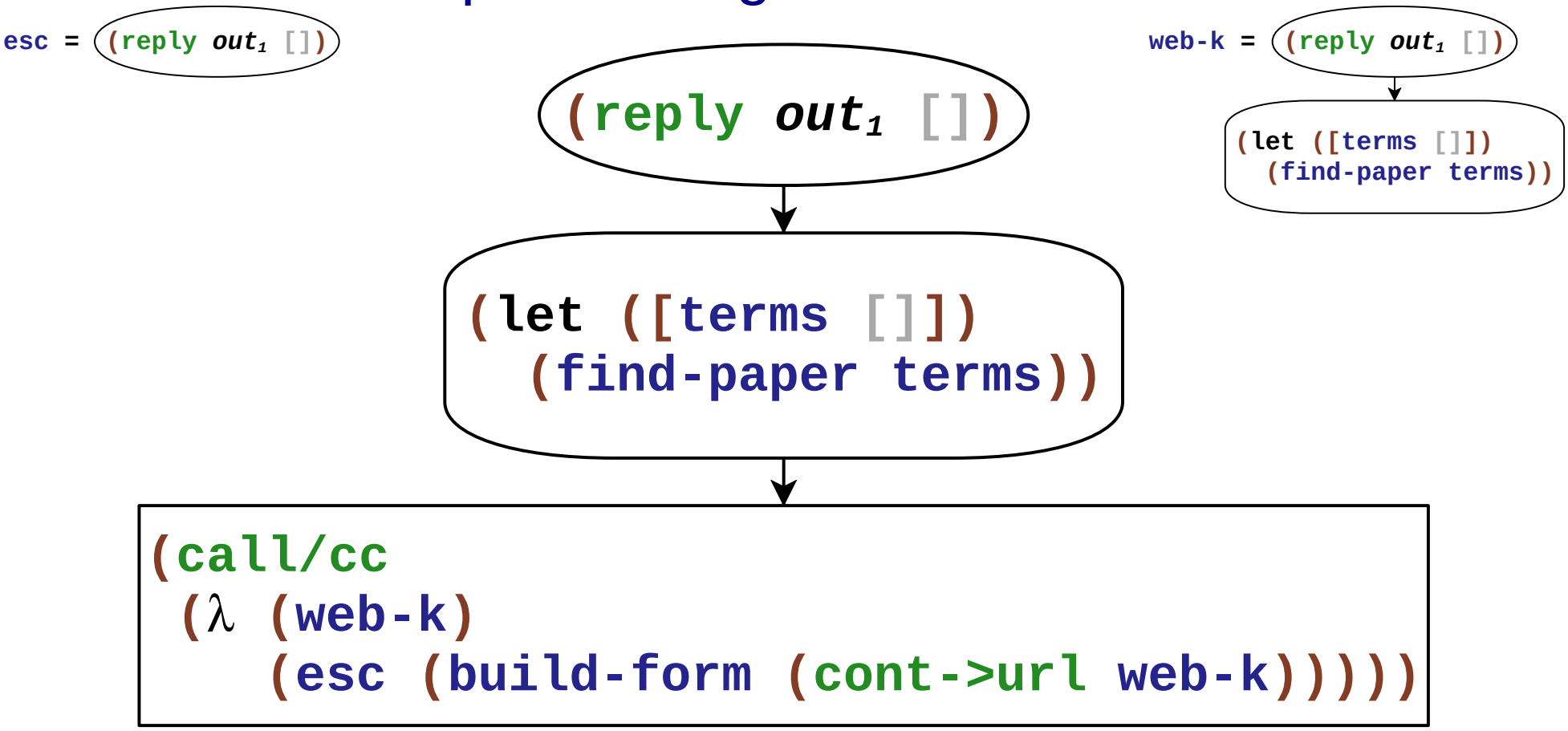

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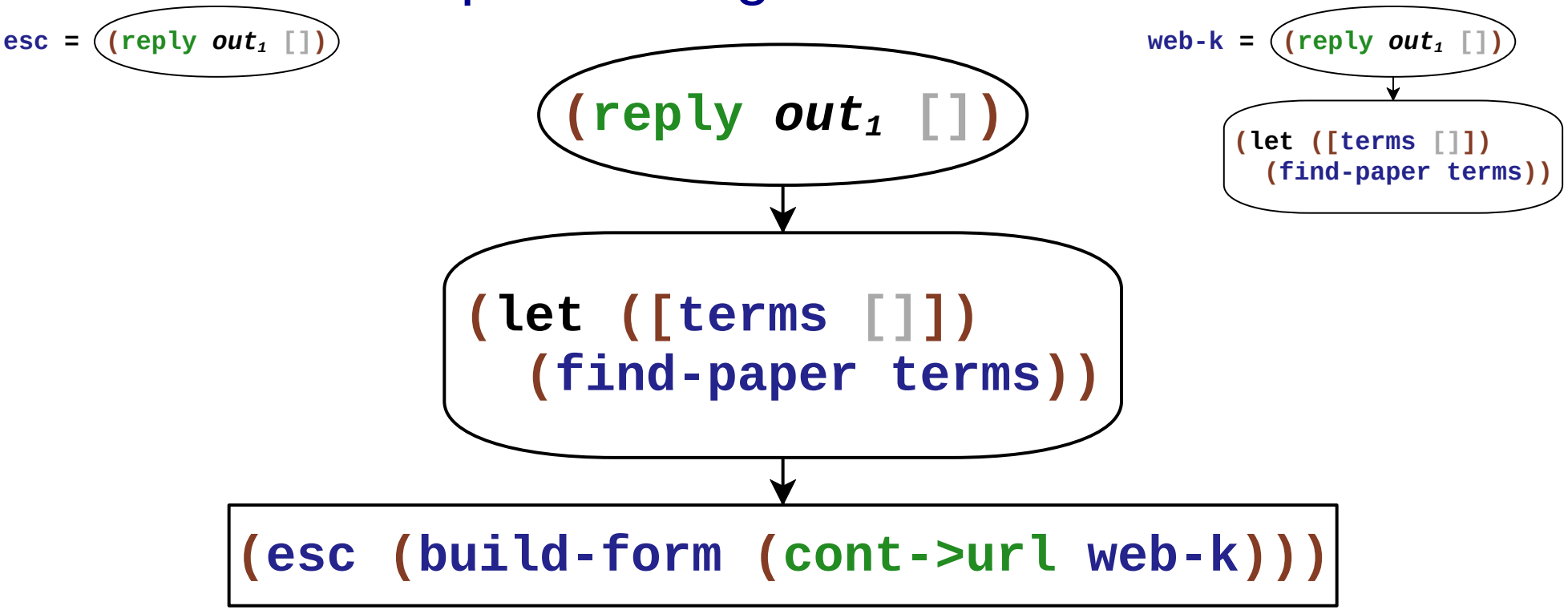

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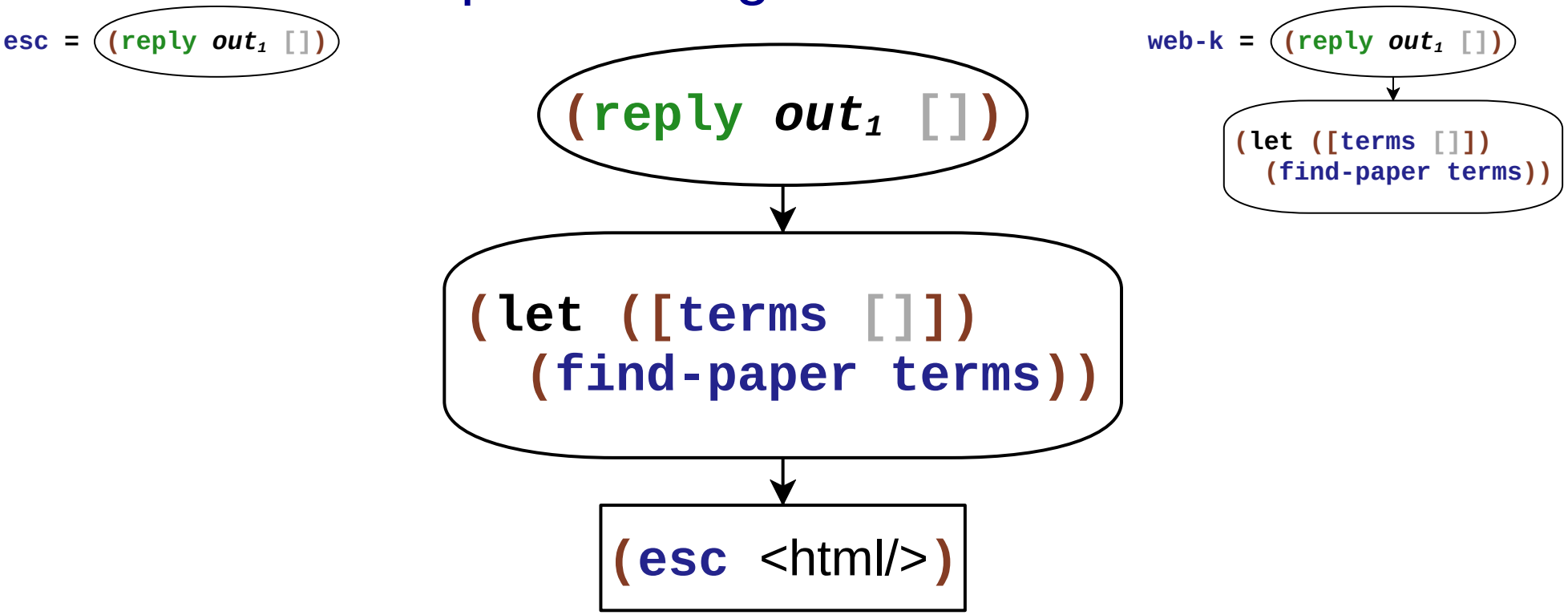

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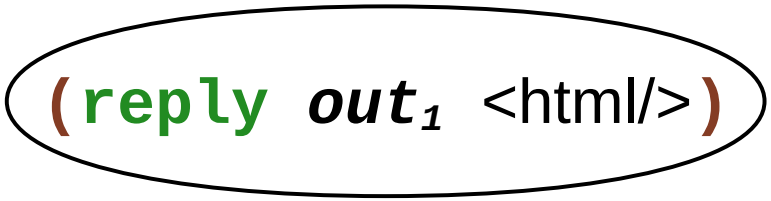

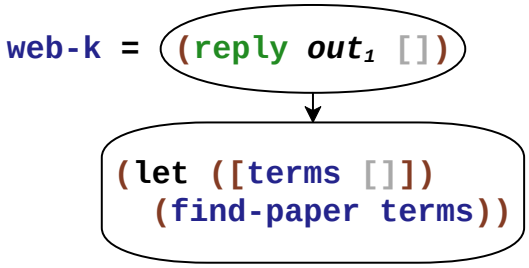

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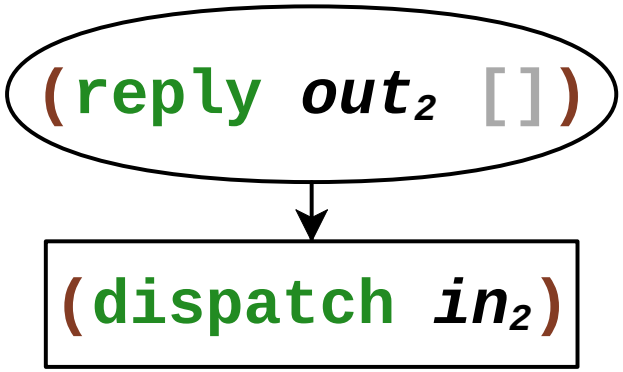

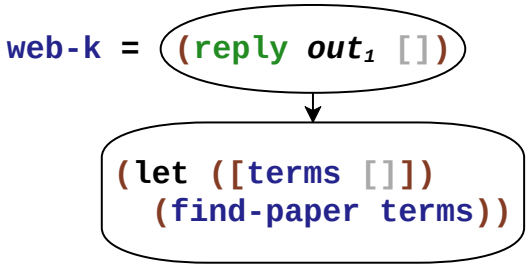

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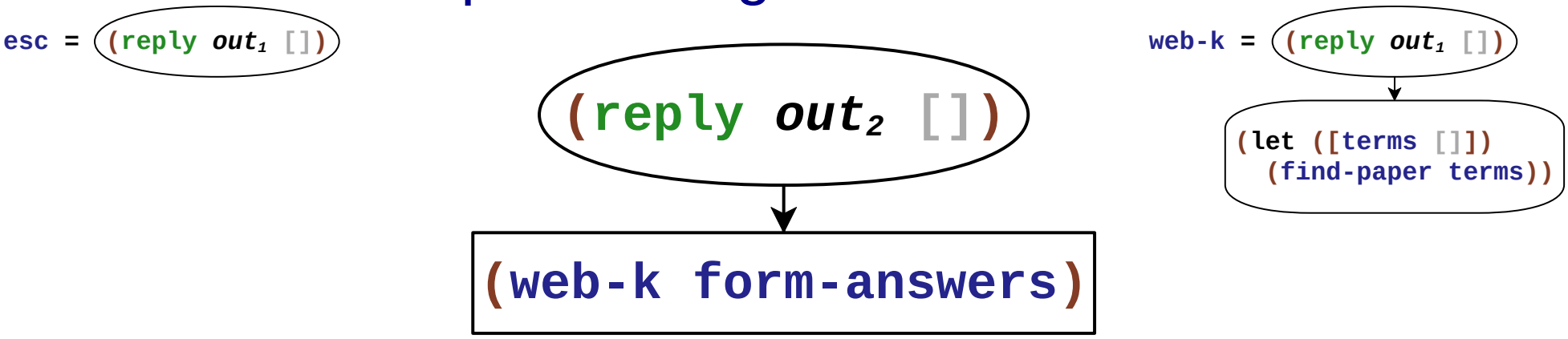

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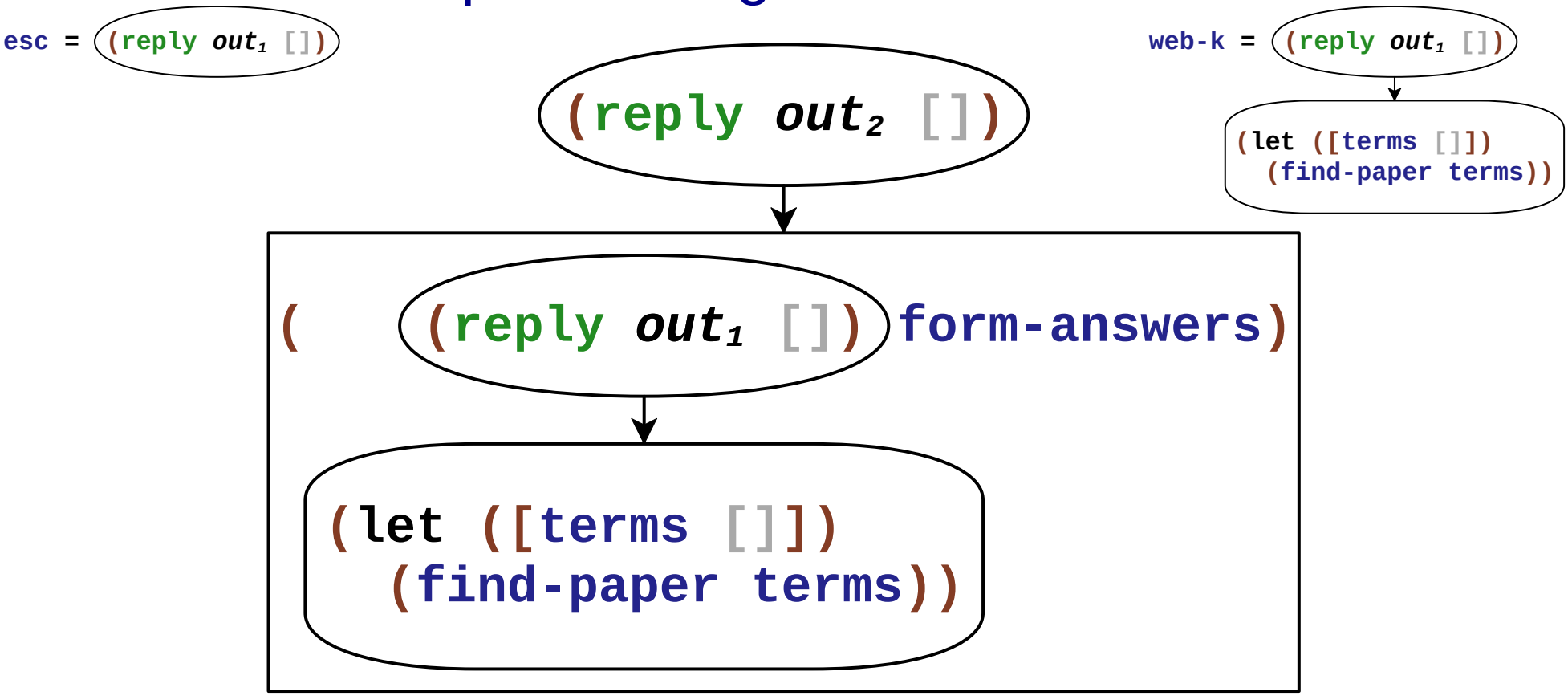

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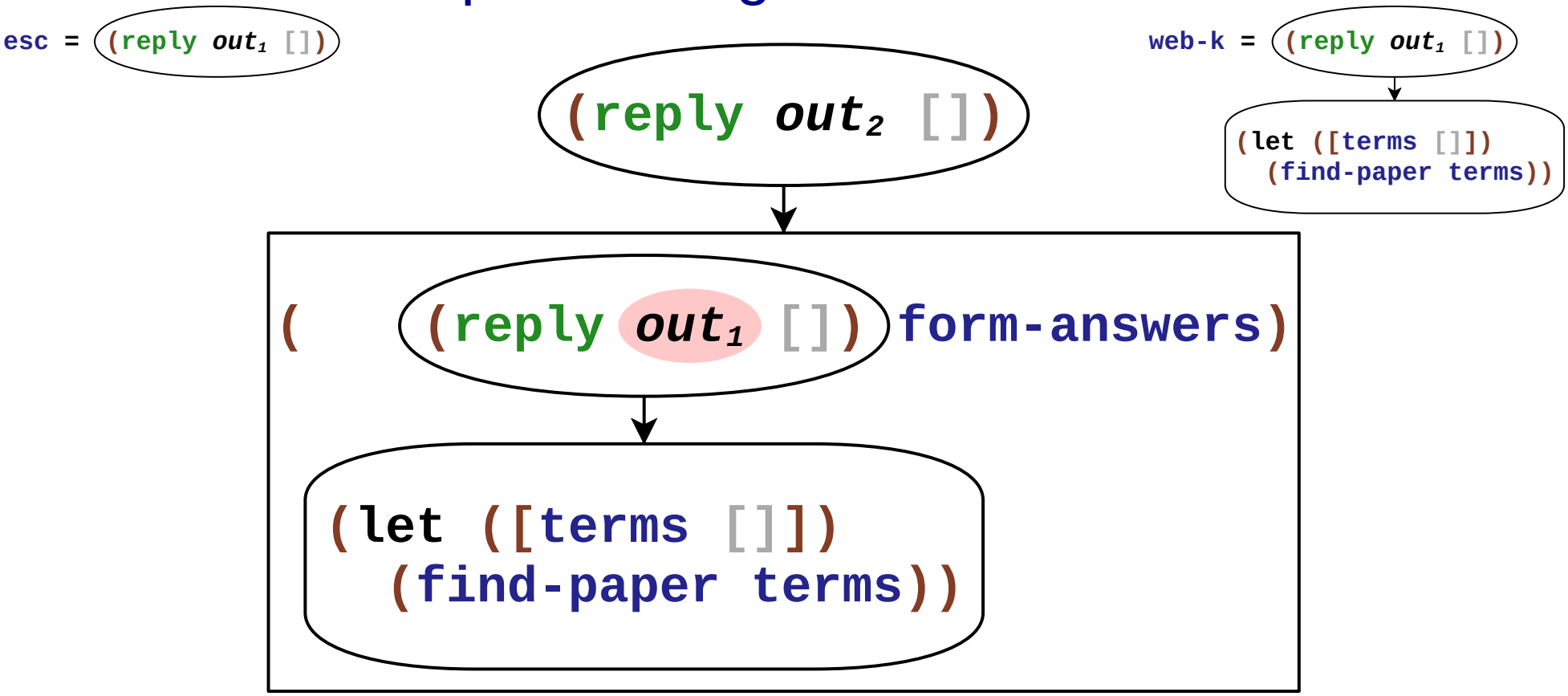

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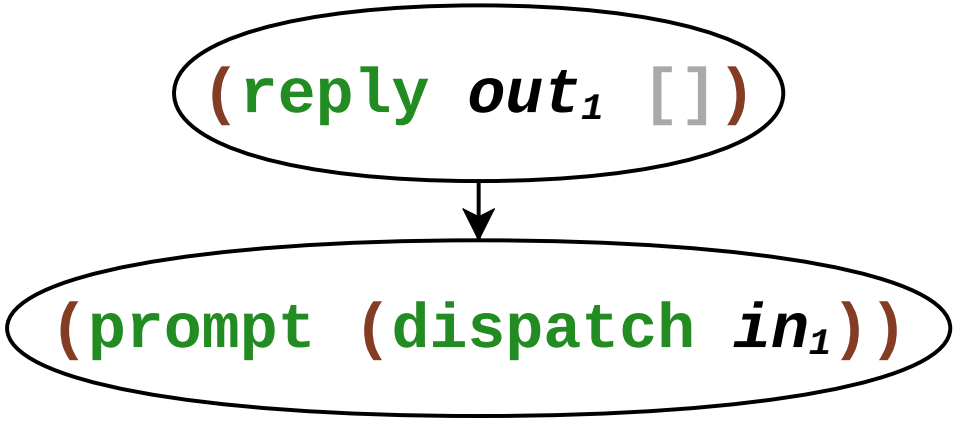

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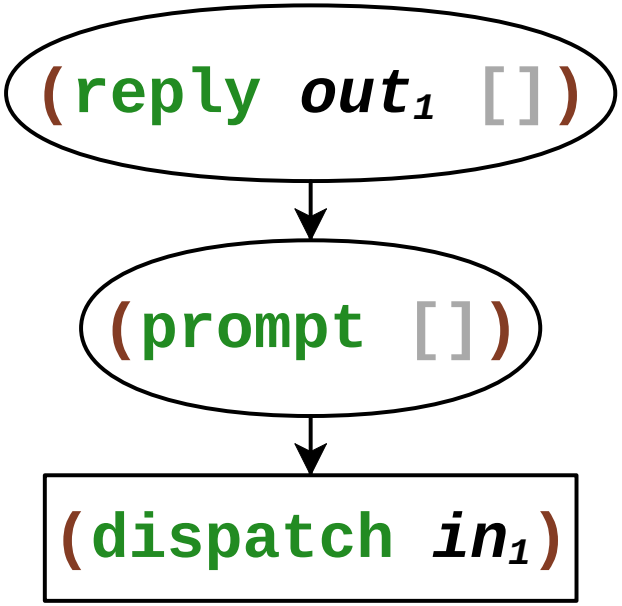

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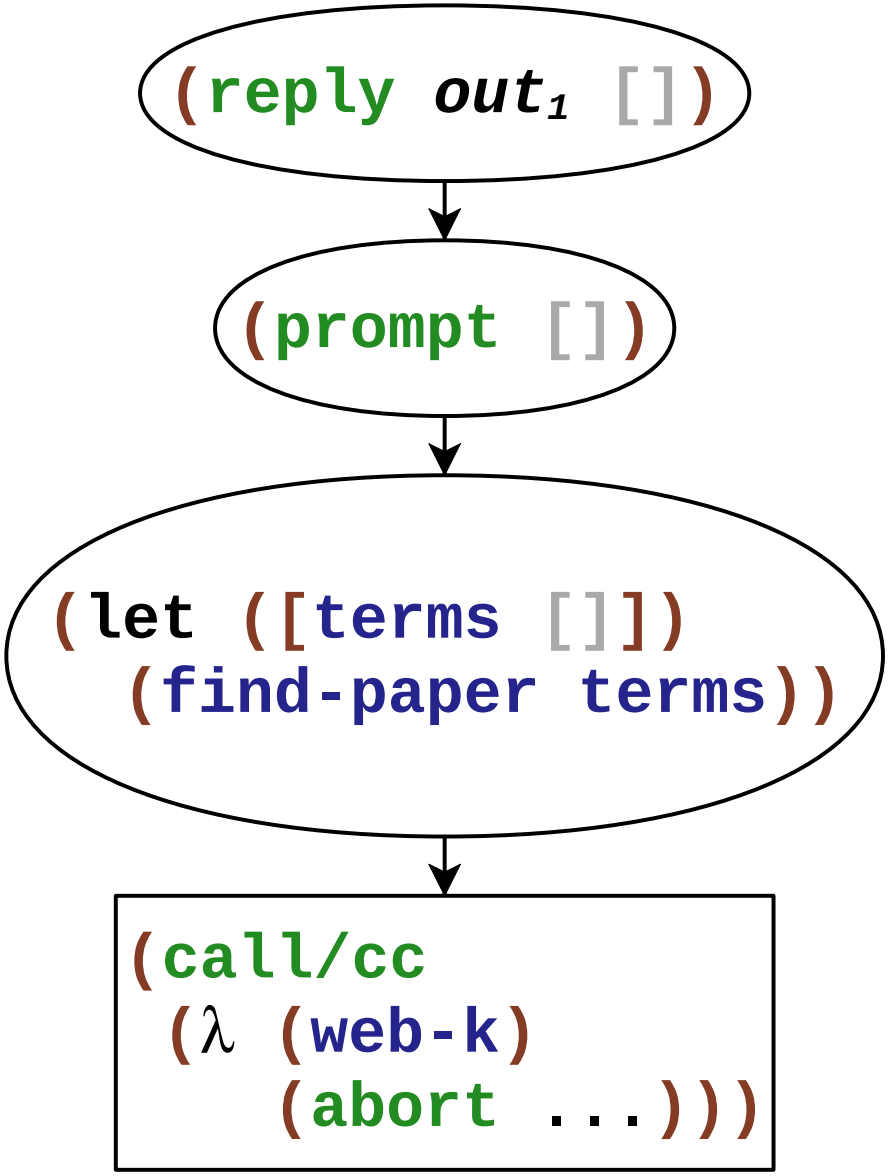

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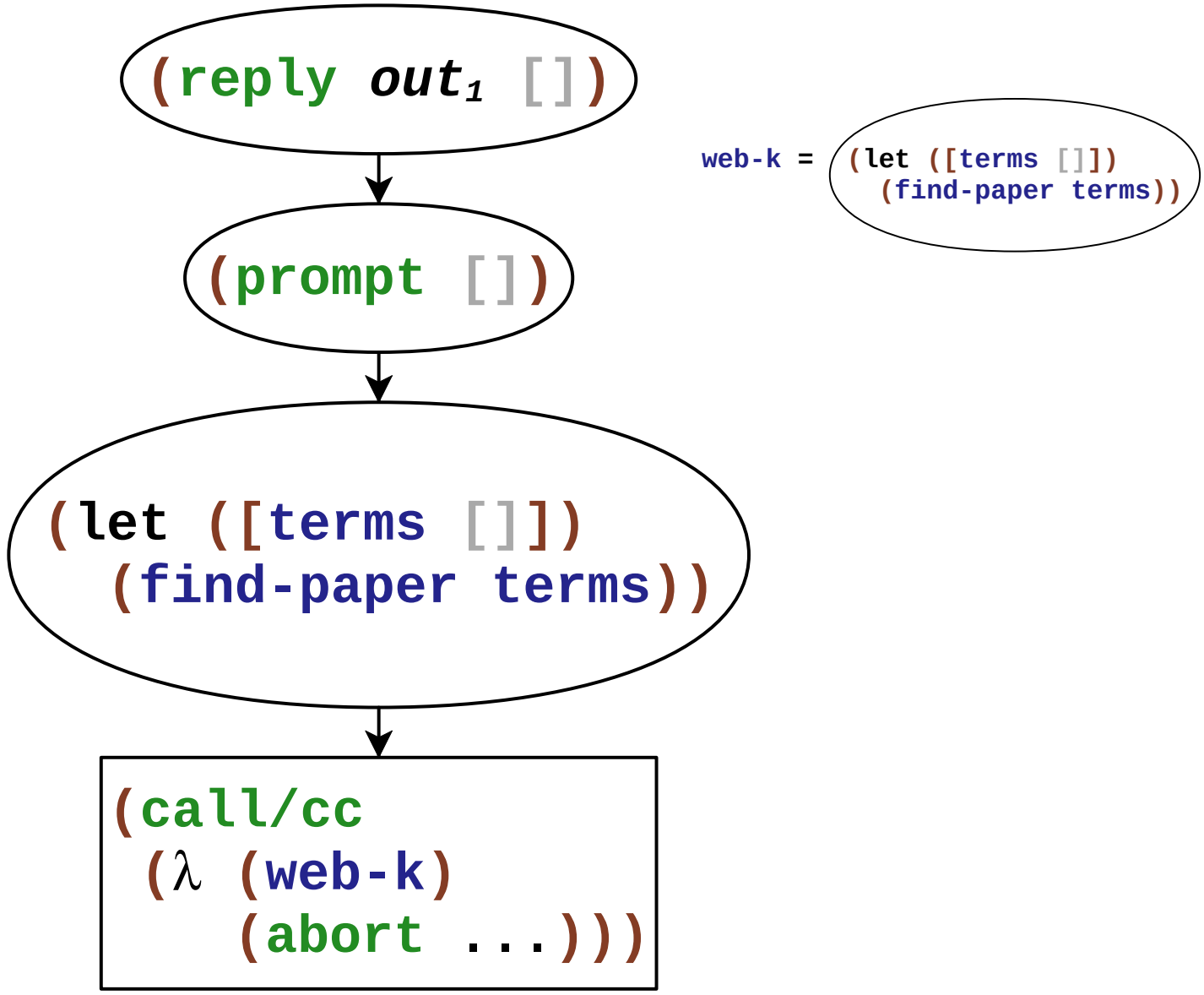

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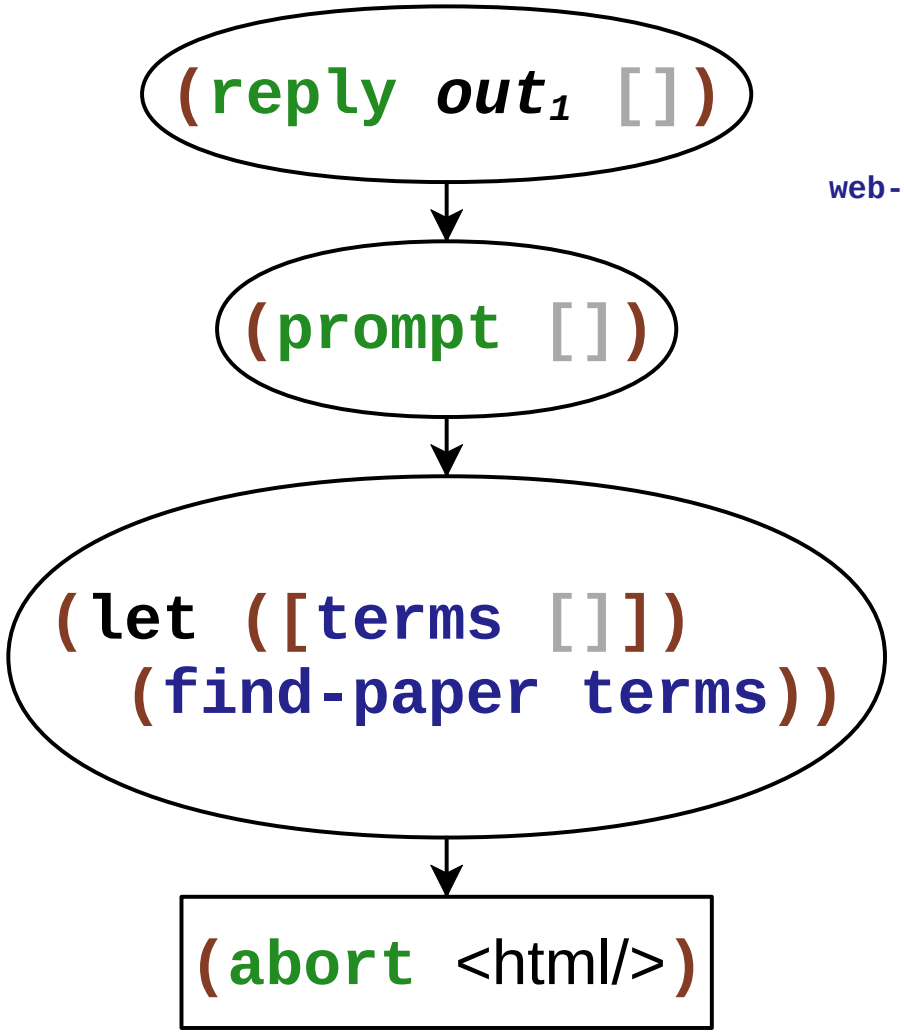

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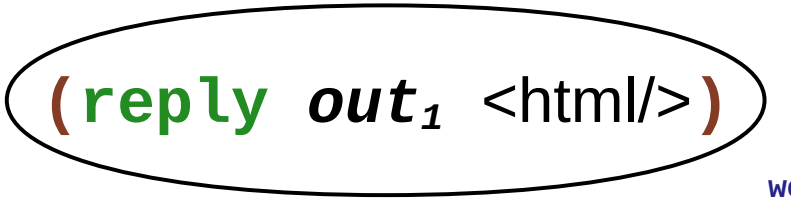


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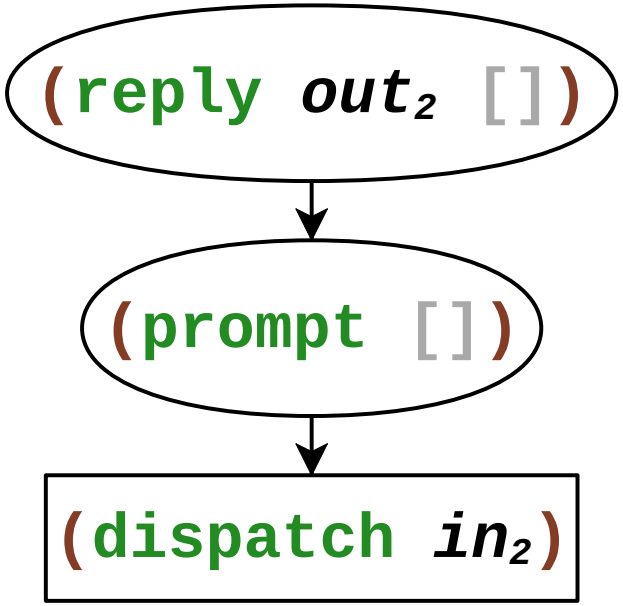


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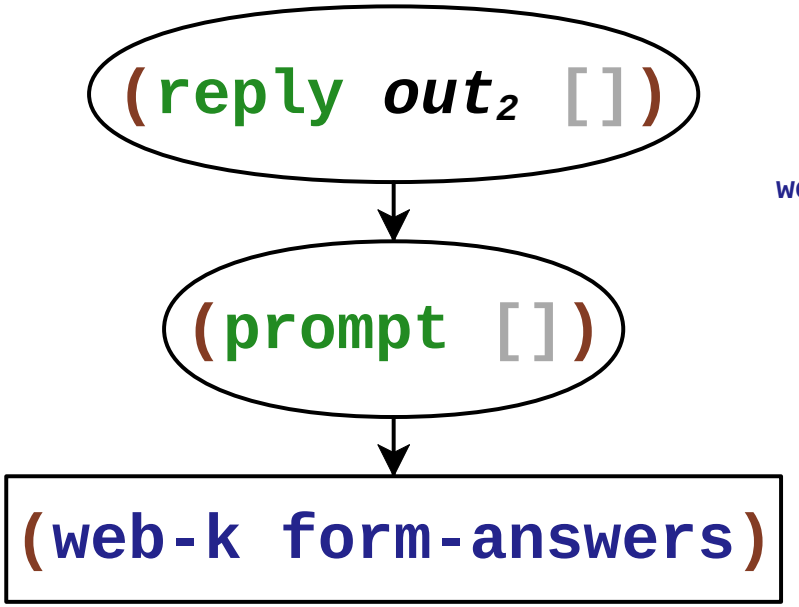


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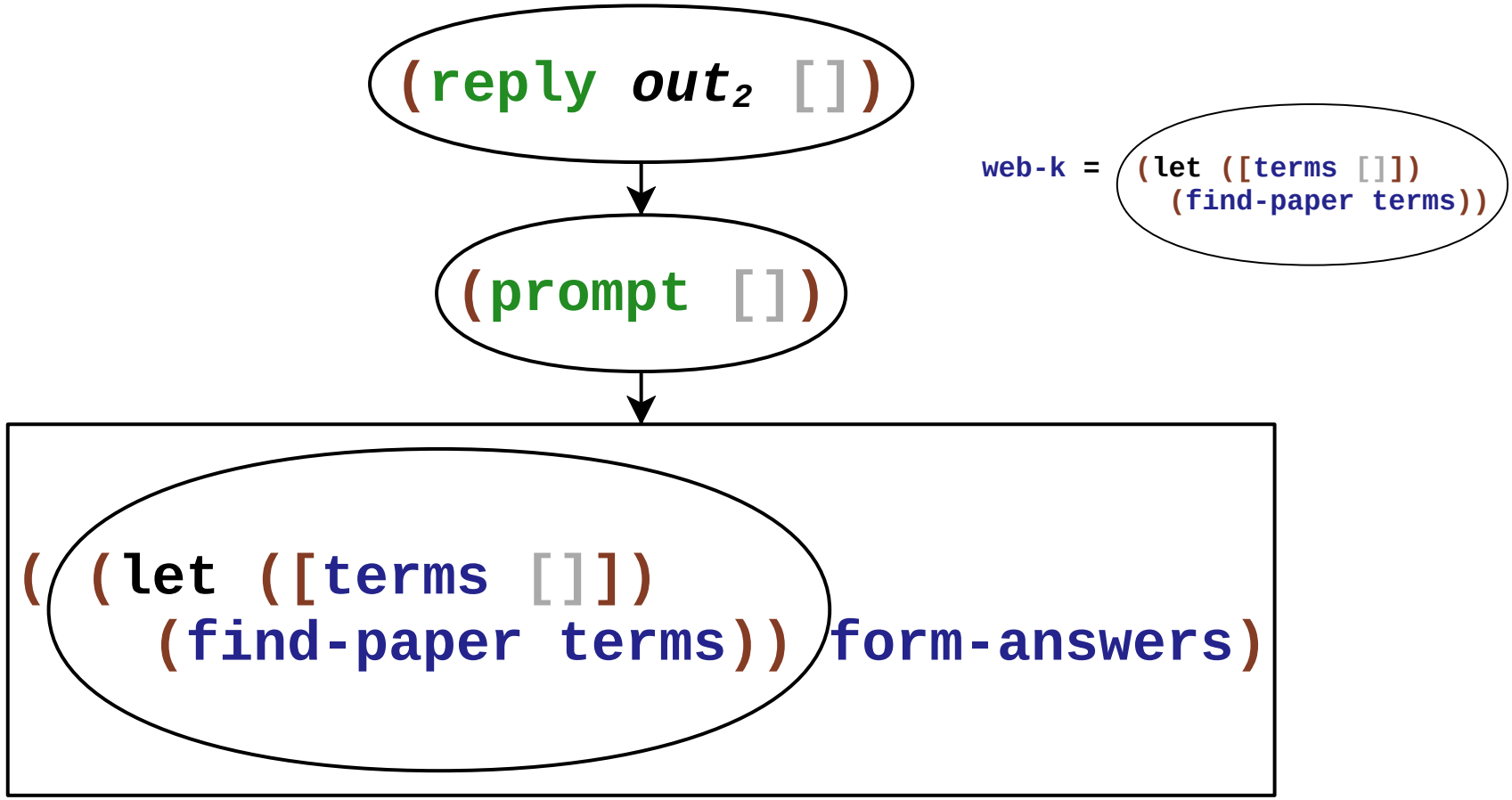

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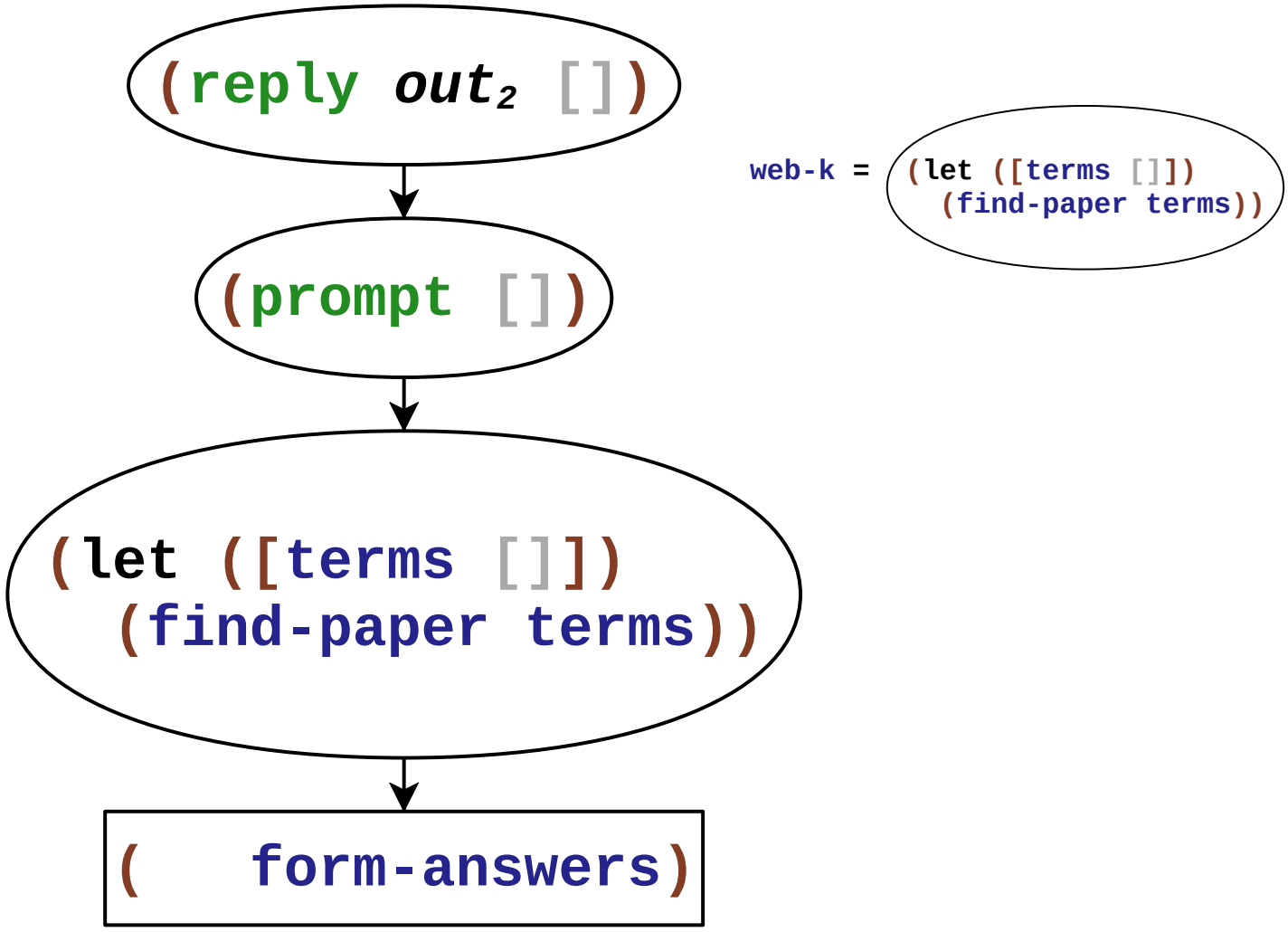

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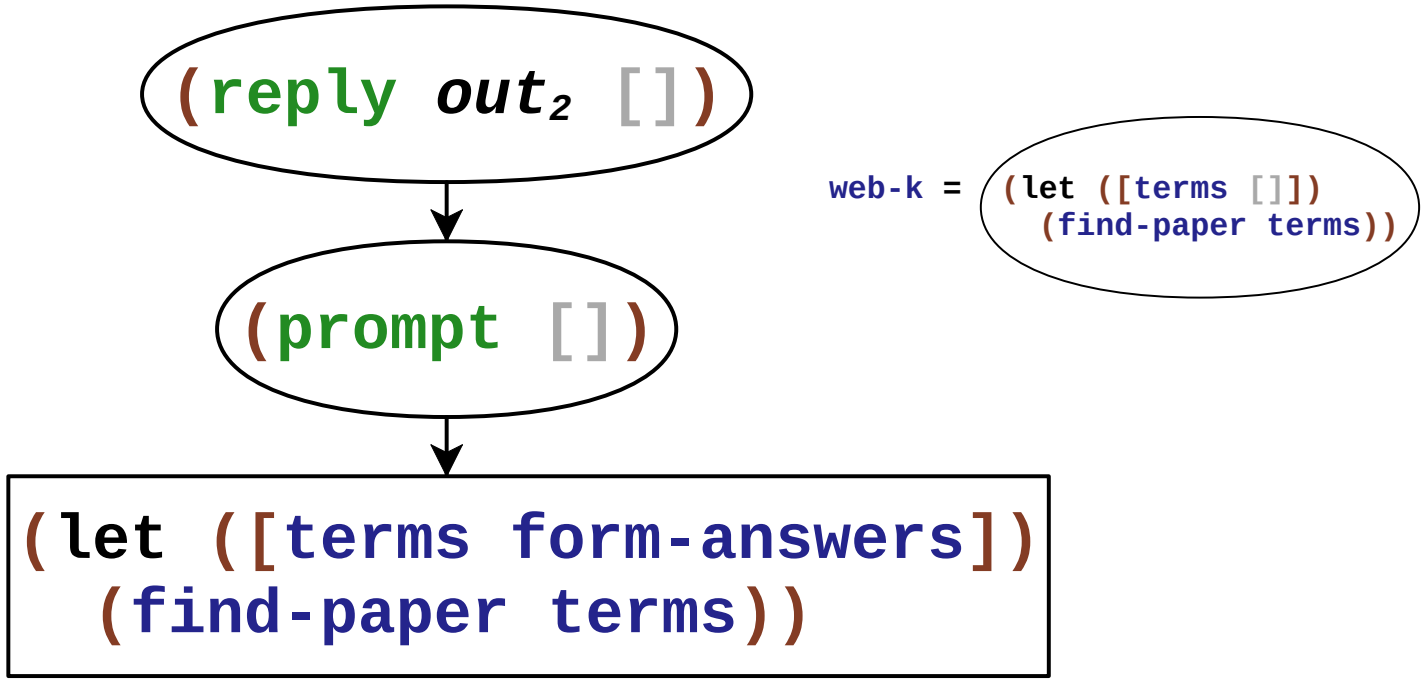

Rolling Your Own vs. Language Extension

Delimited control via `call/cc` doesn't work right with

- exceptions
- dynamic binding
- `dynamic-wind`

Our goal: delimited control integrated with existing constructs

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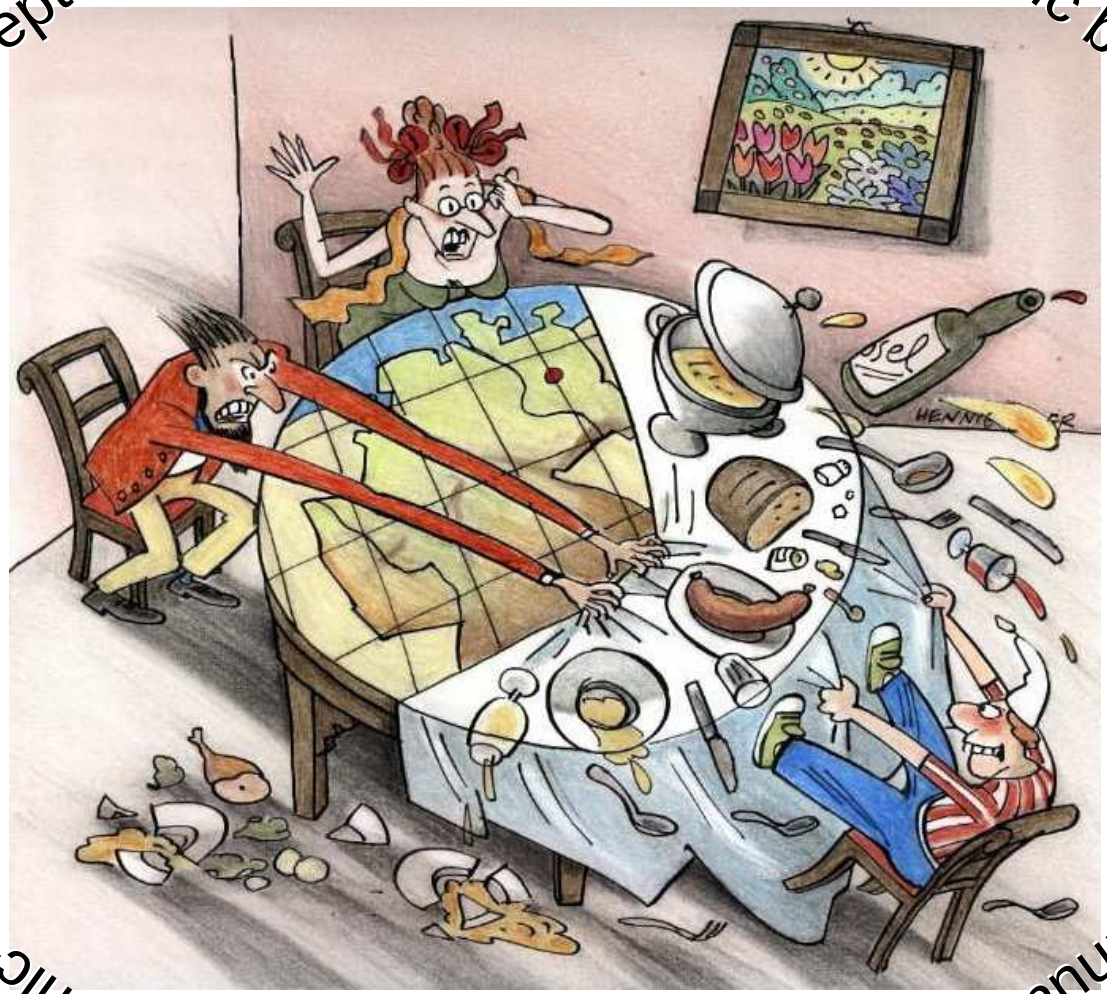
Implementations (Now)

Balance

exceptions

dynamic binding

prompts



abort

dynamic-wind

continuations

Contributions

- Comprehensive design
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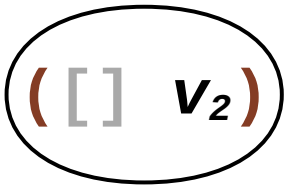

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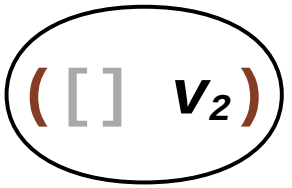

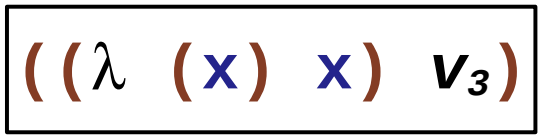

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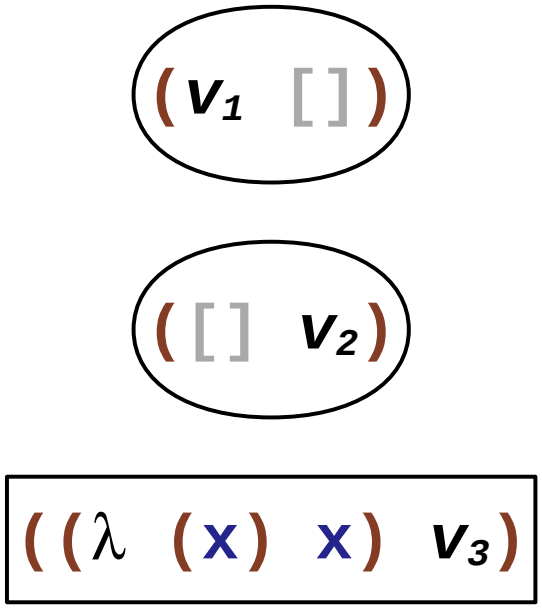

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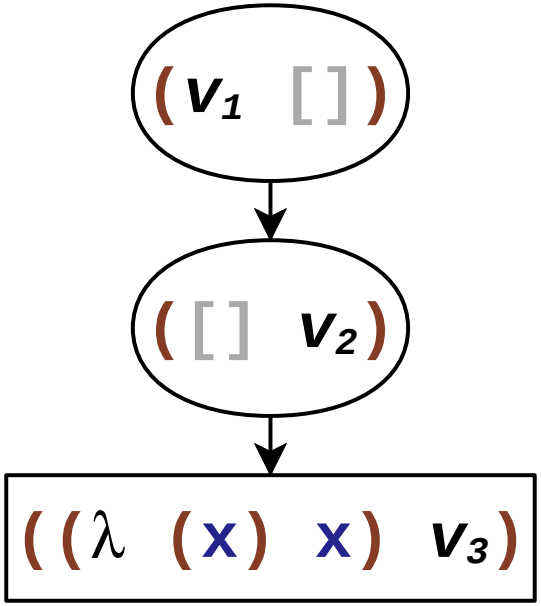

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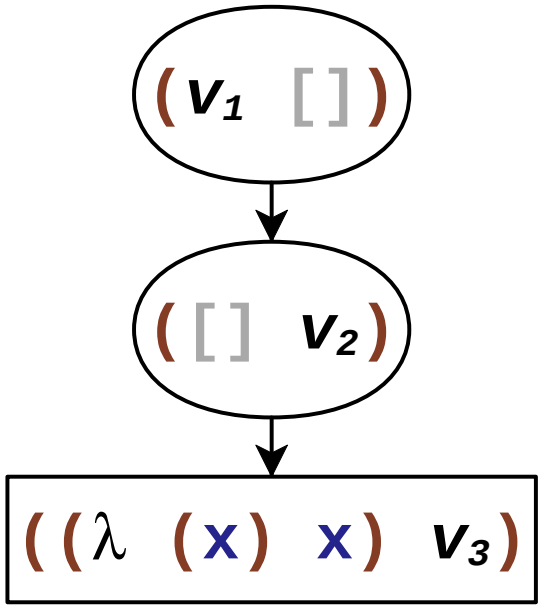

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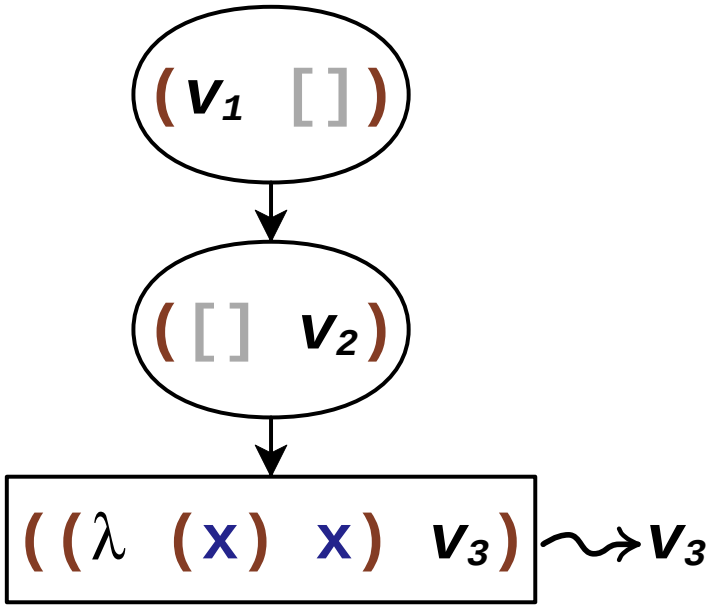

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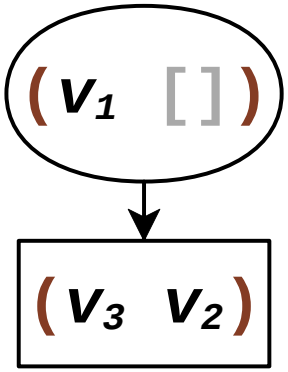

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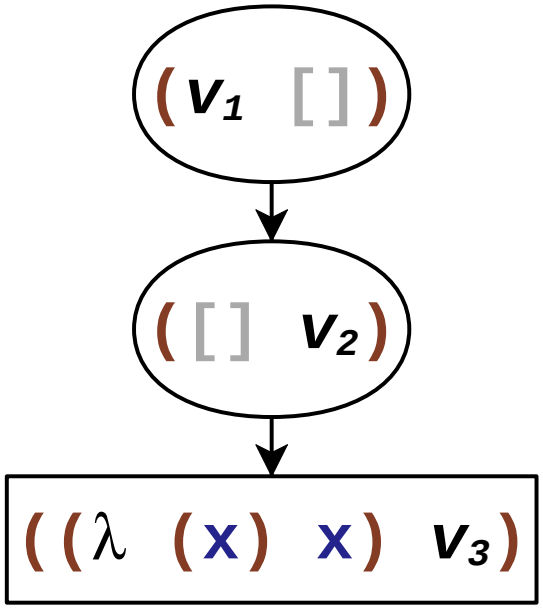

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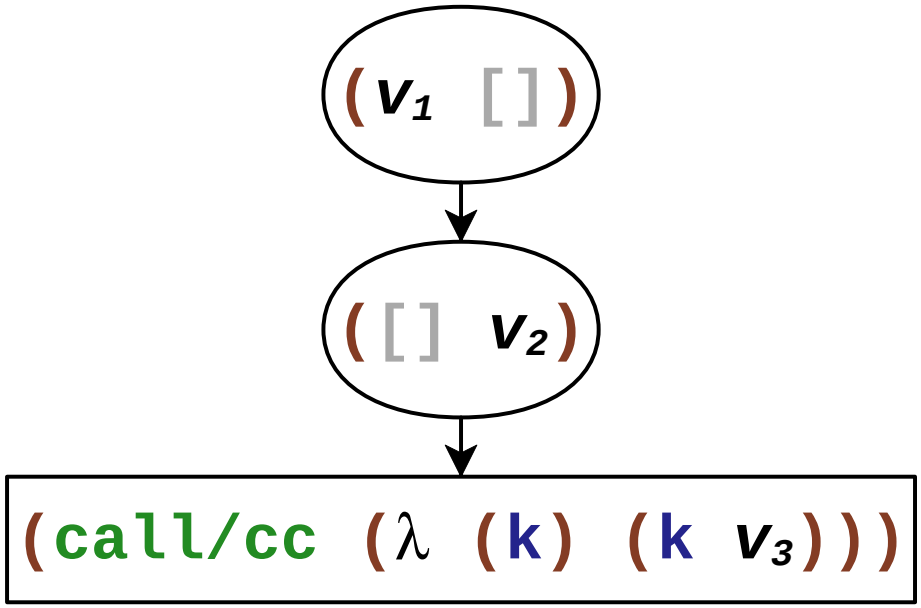

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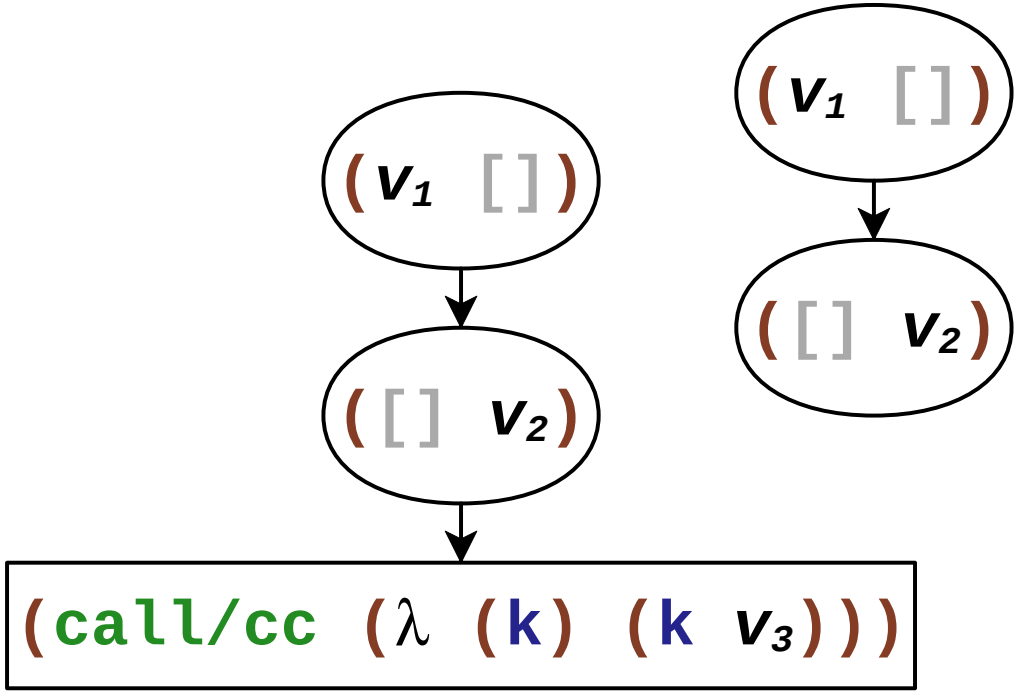

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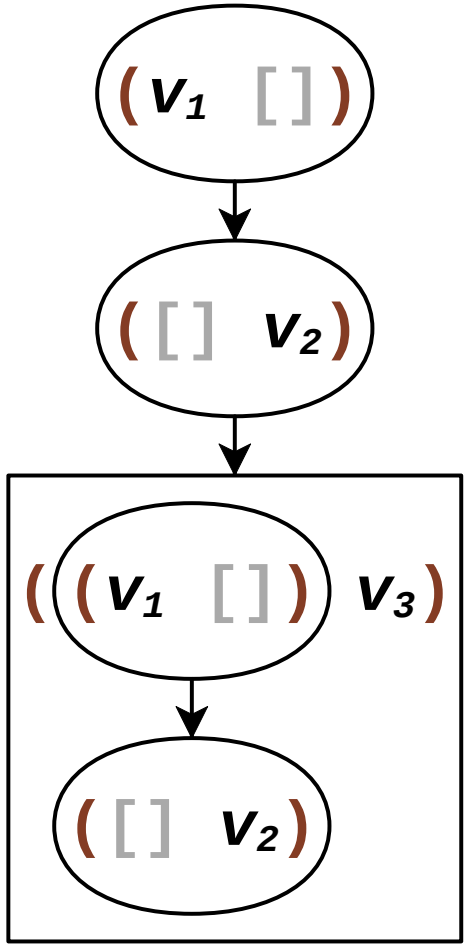

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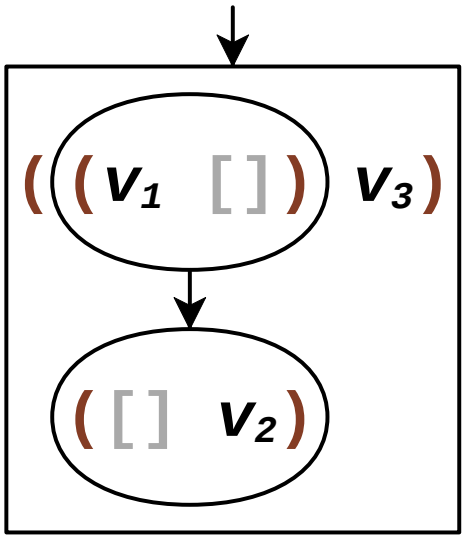

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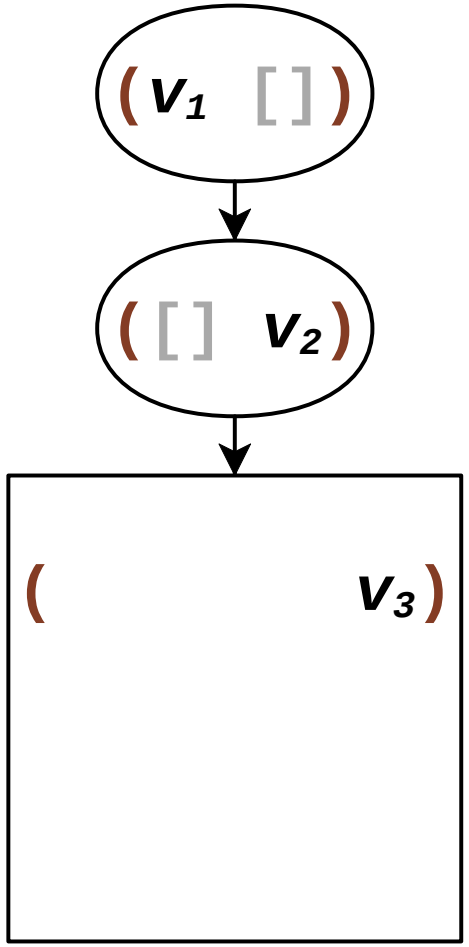

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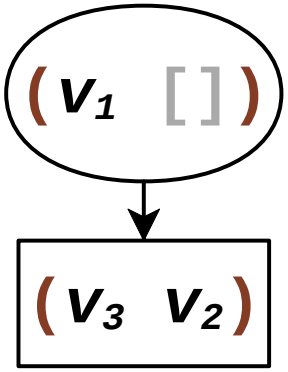

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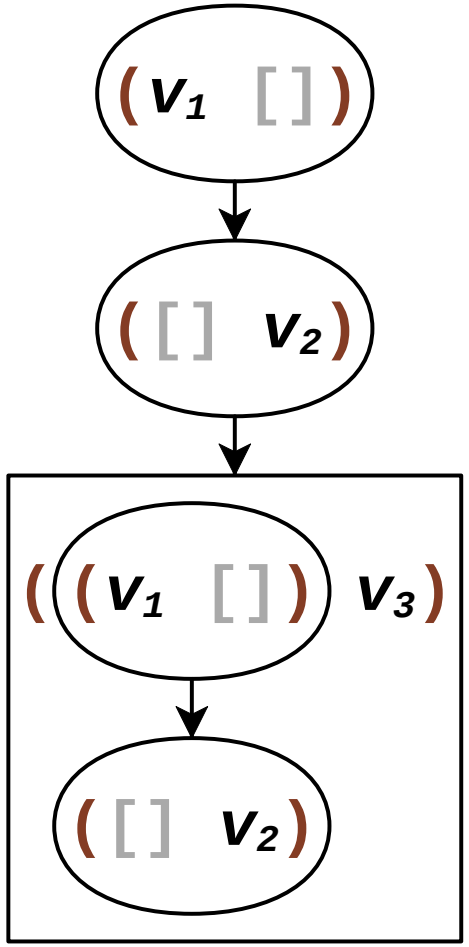

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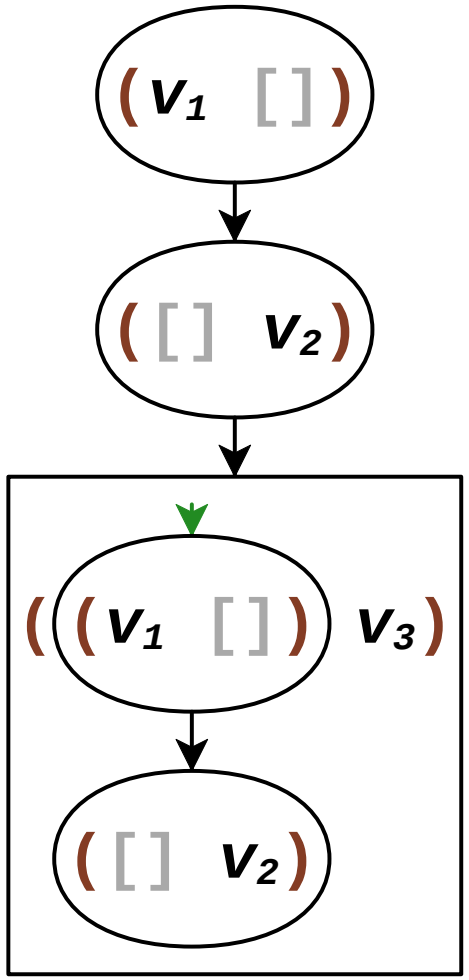

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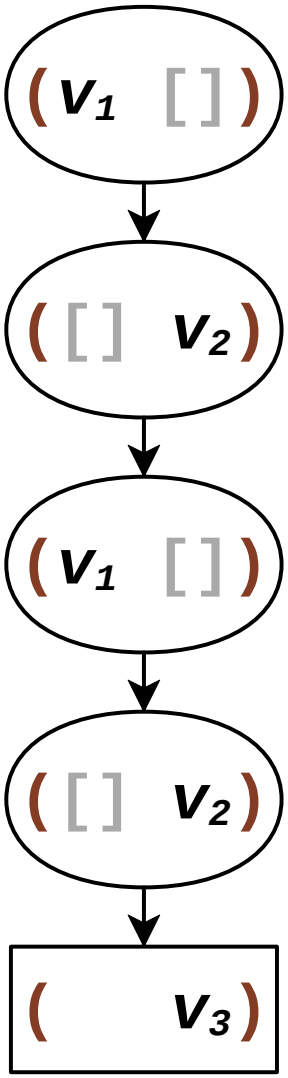

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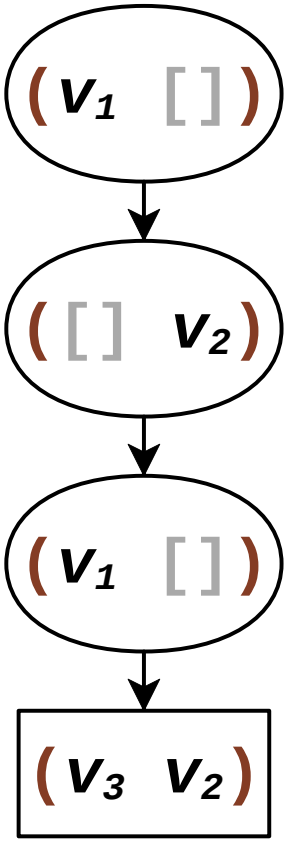

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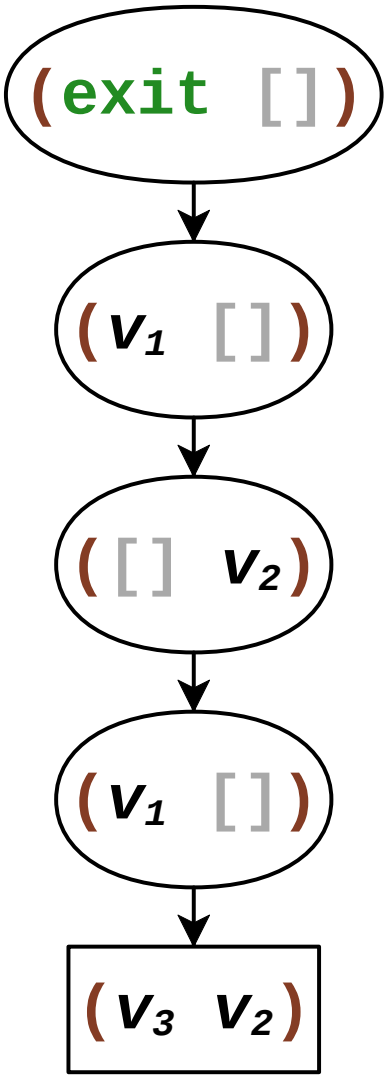

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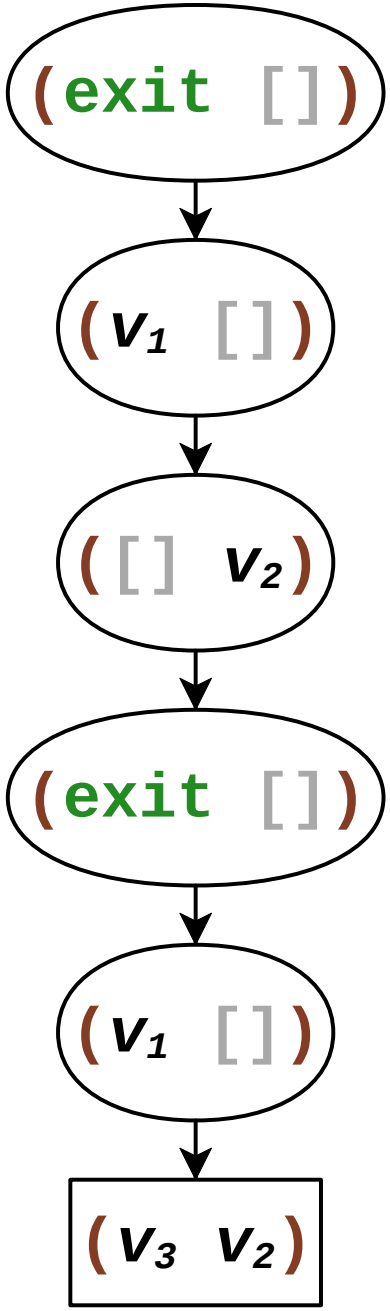

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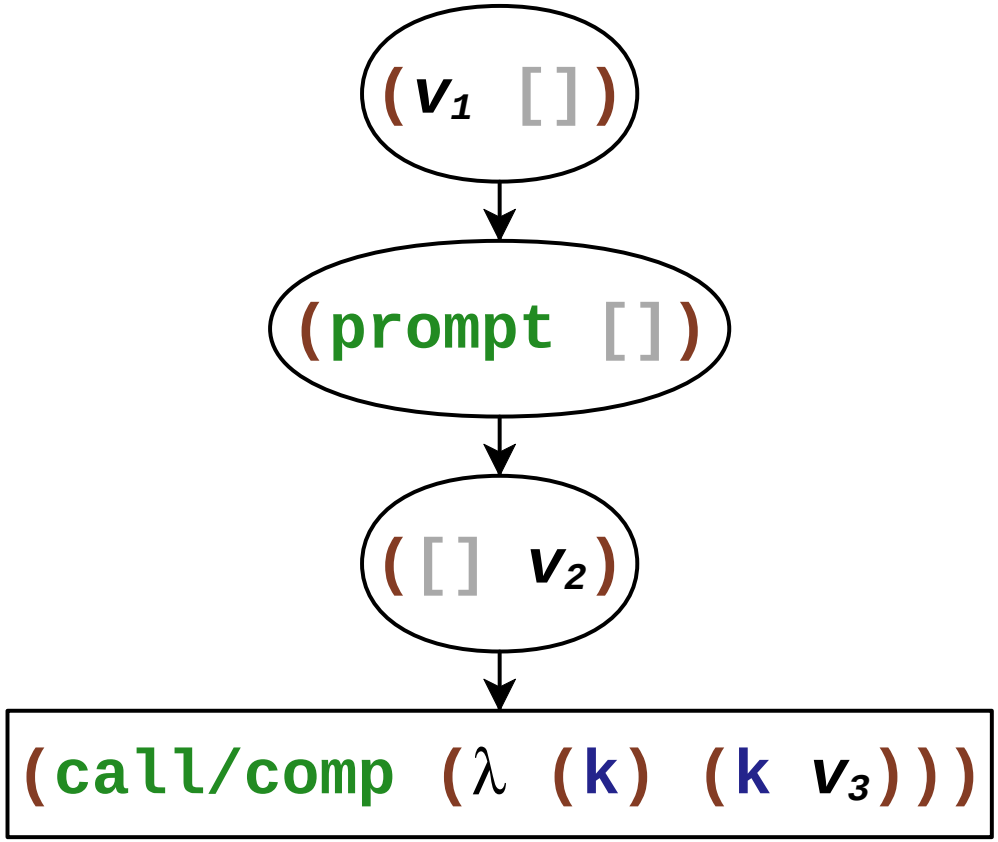

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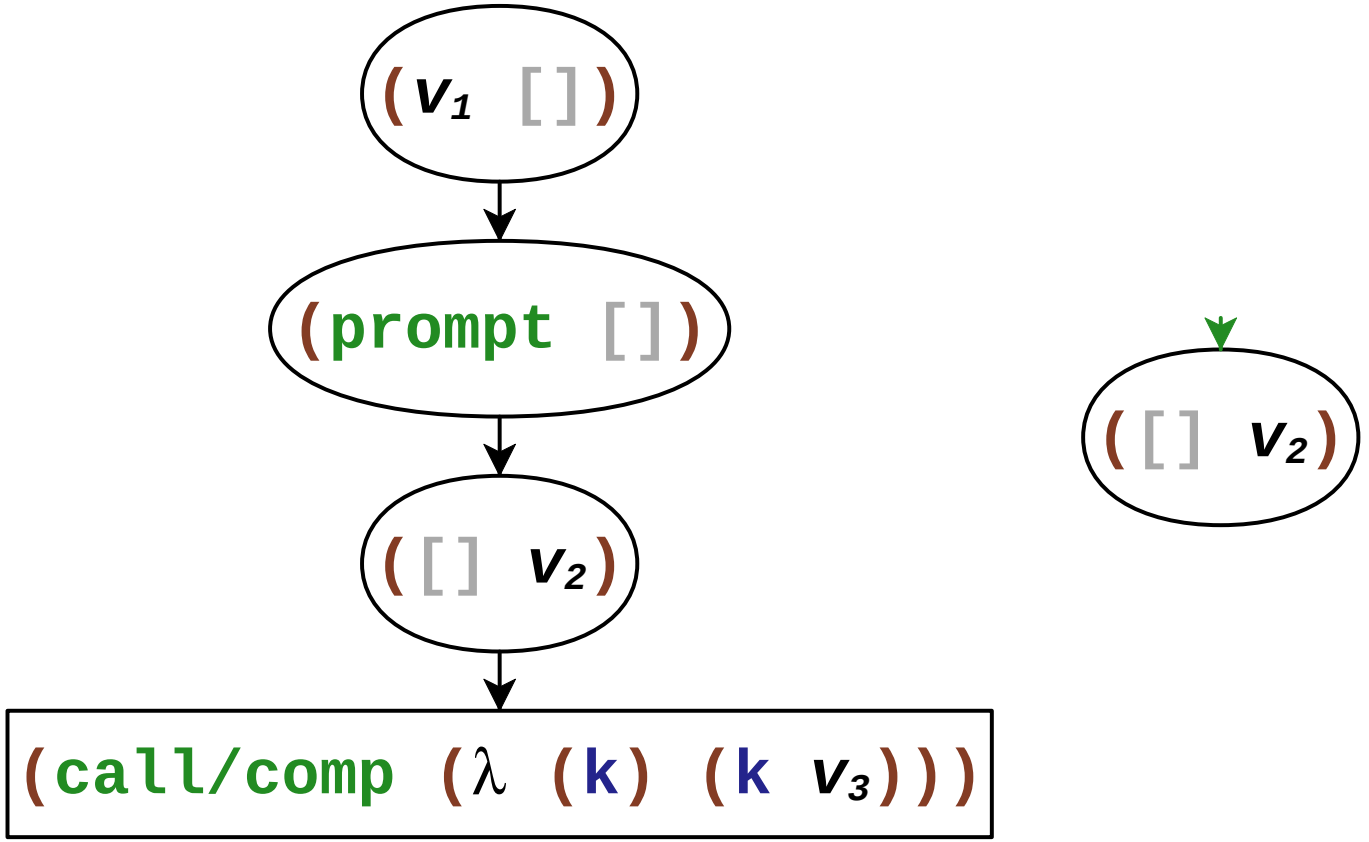

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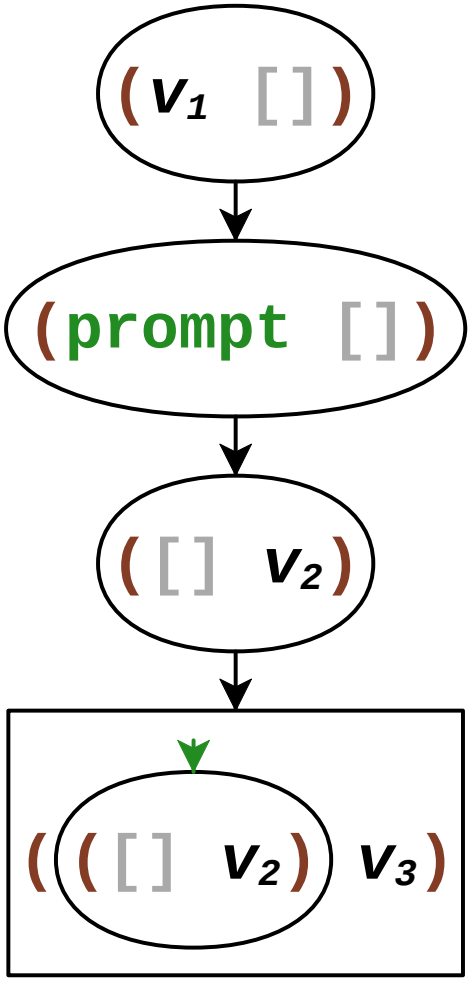

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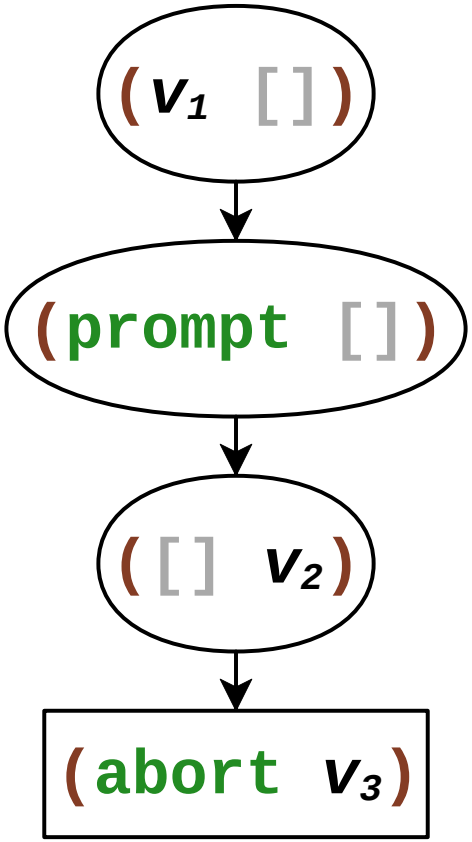

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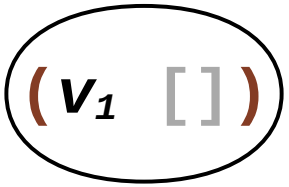

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Delimited Abort

Splitting Capture and Abort

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- $\mathcal{F}$: capture and abort current continuation

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```
F = (λ (f) (call/comp
             (λ (k) (abort (λ () (f k))))))
```

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```
F = (λ (f) (call/comp
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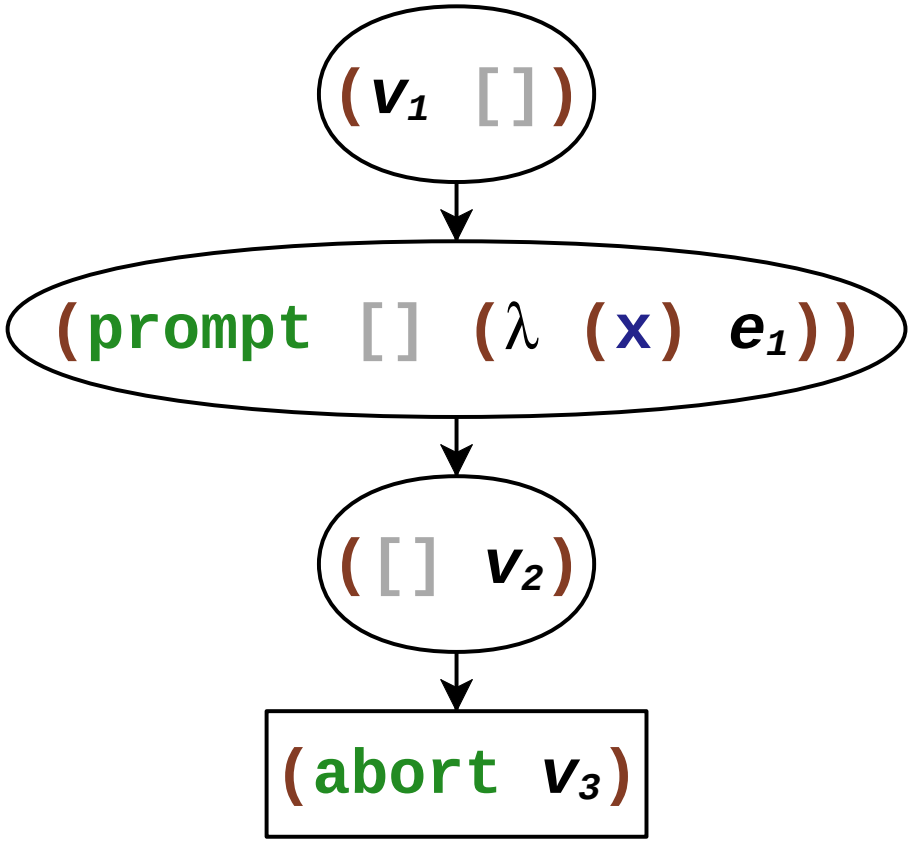
```

delay `(f k)`
until after abort

Prompt with Handler



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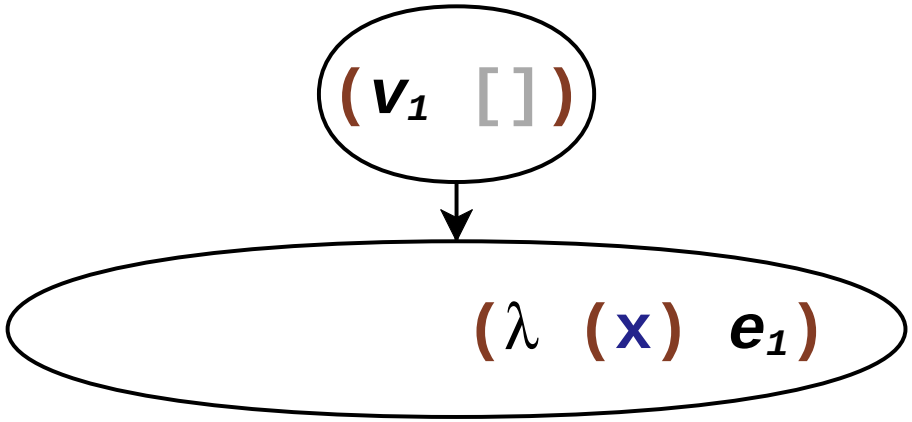

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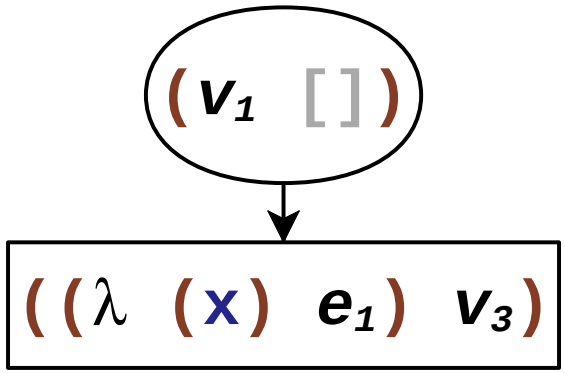

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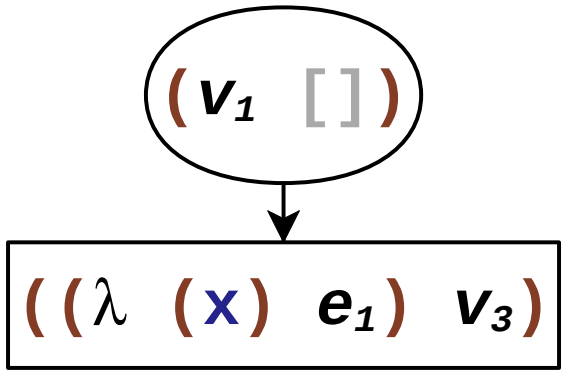
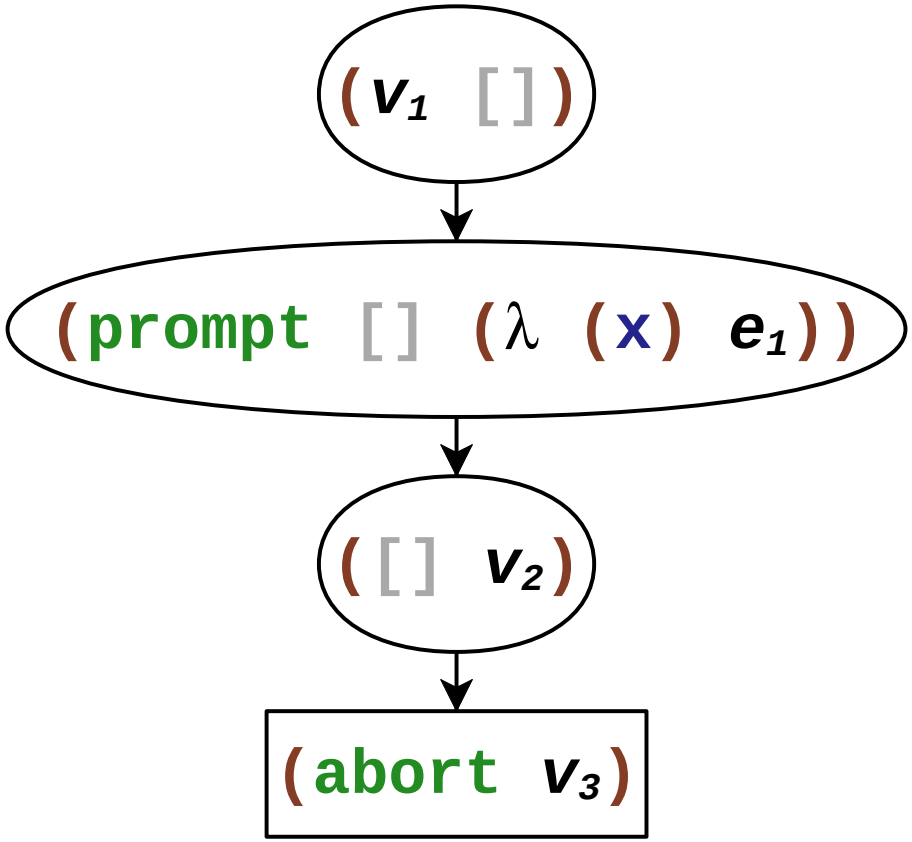



```
(prompt e1) = (prompt e1 (λ (t) (t)))

F = (λ (f) (call/comp
             (λ (k) (abort (λ () (f k))))))
```

Prompt with Handler



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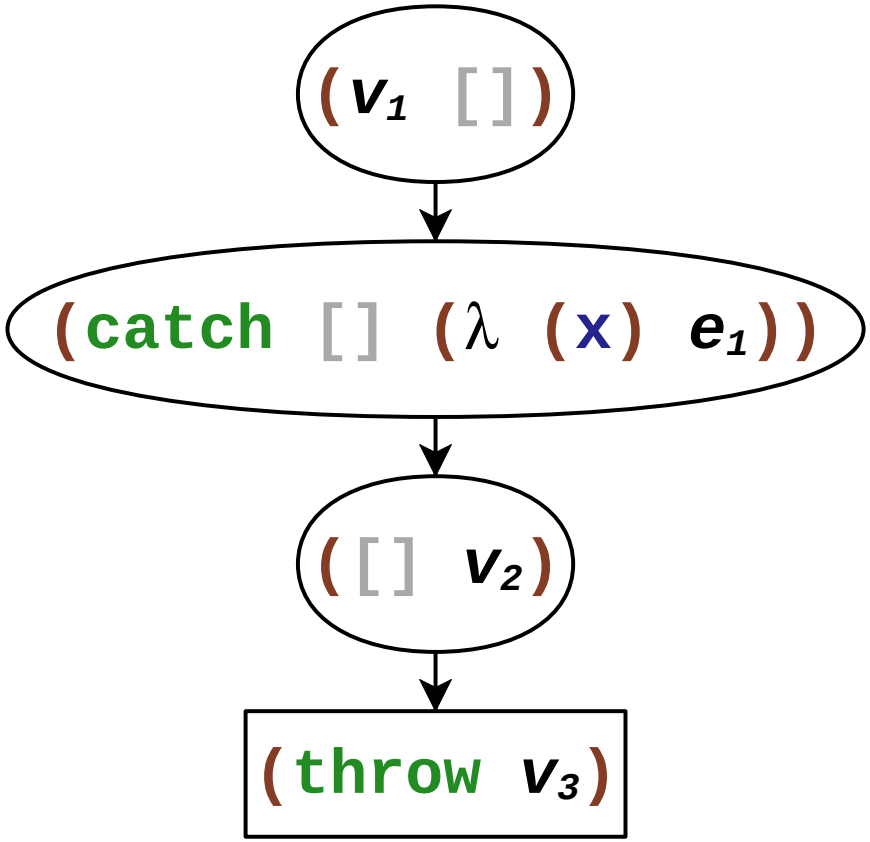

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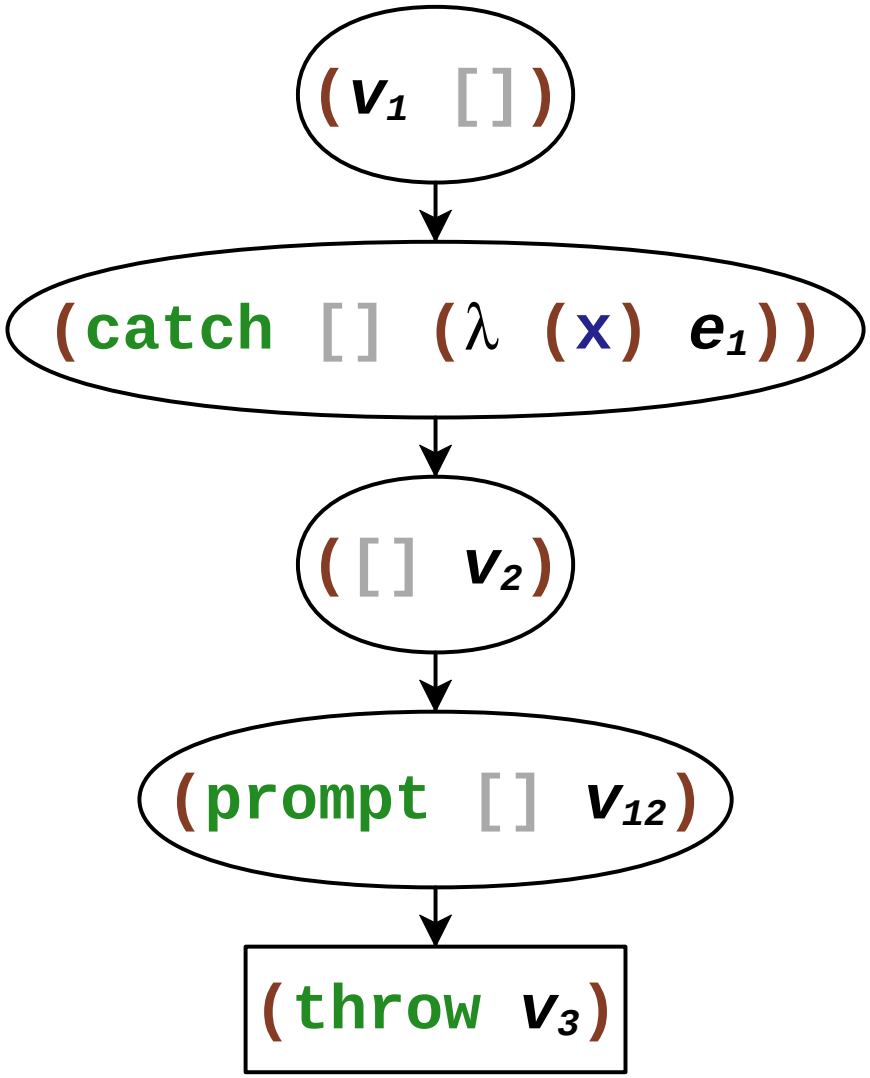

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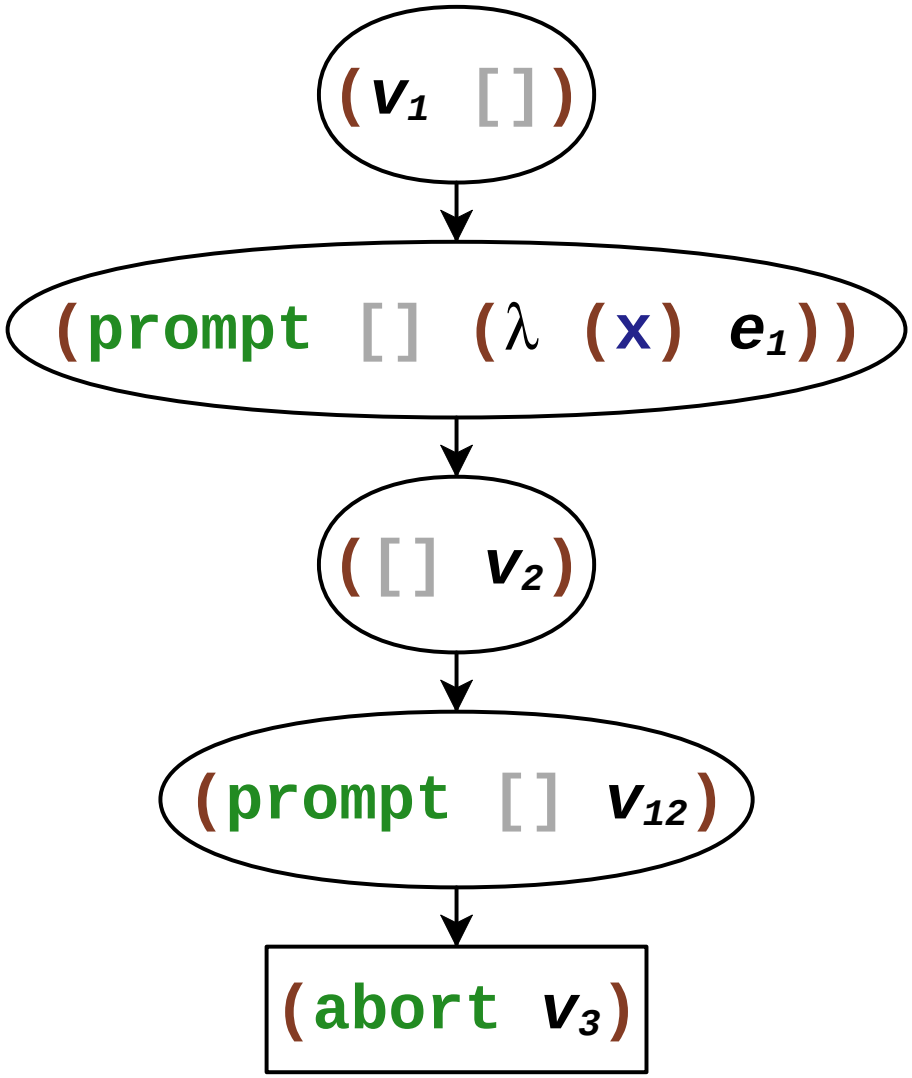

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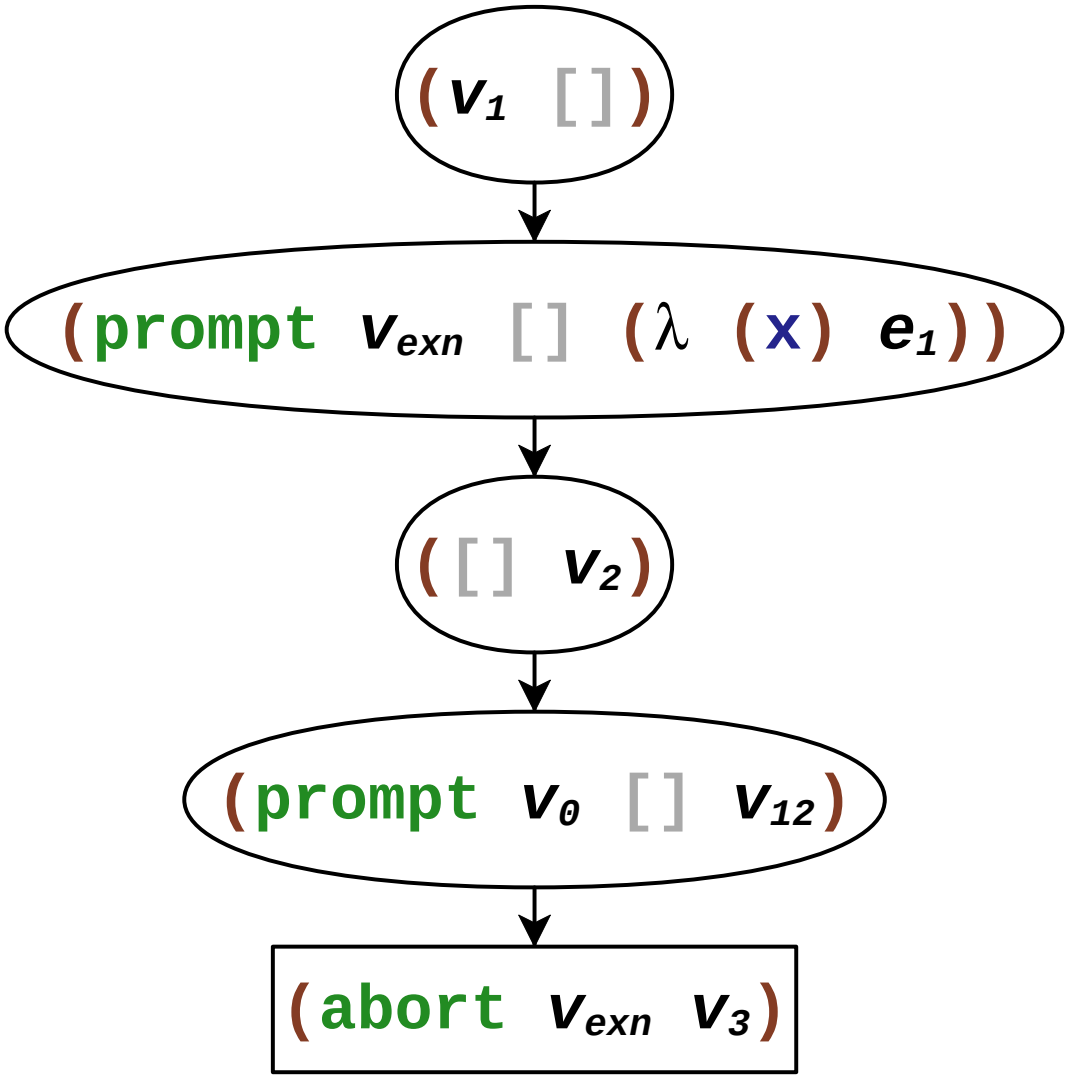

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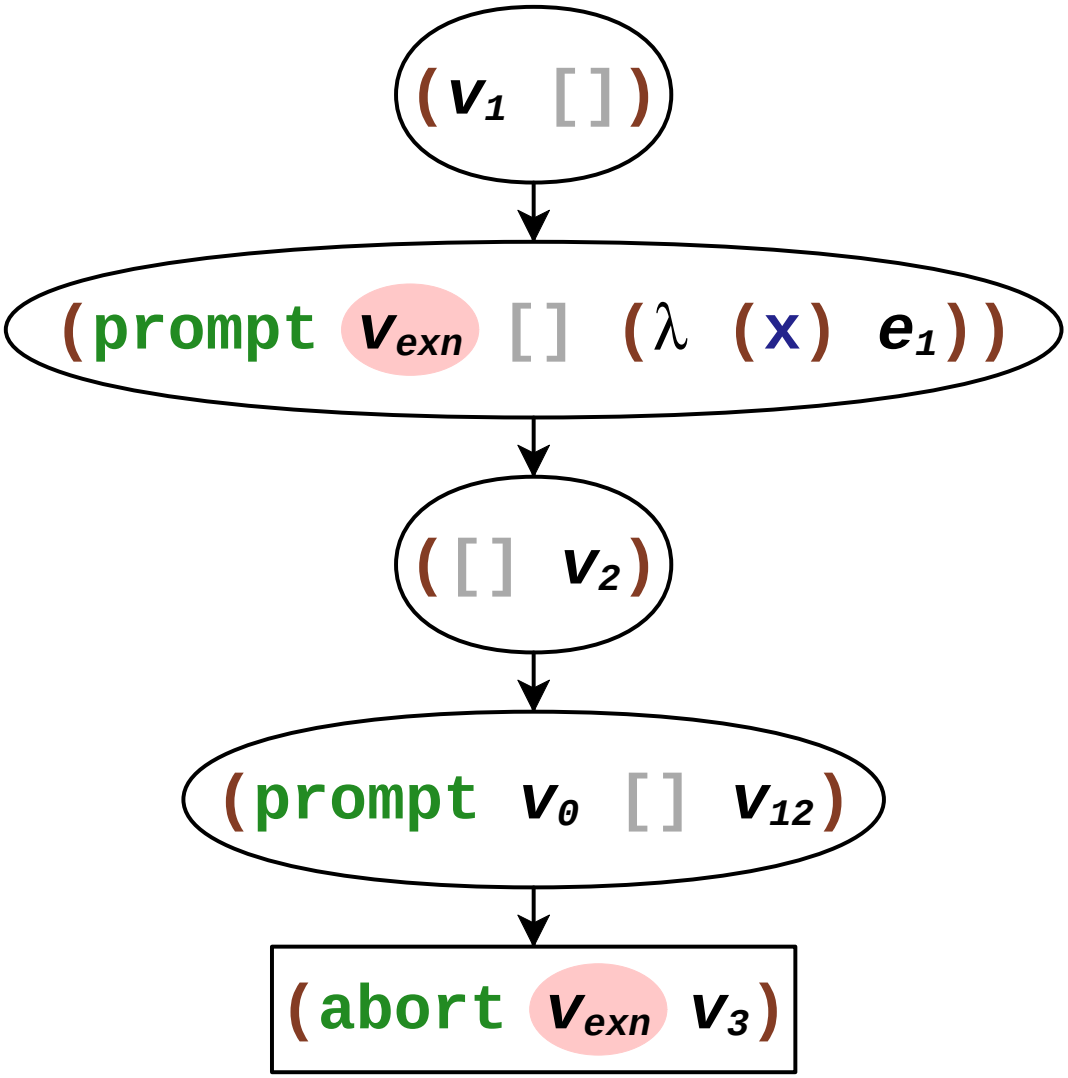

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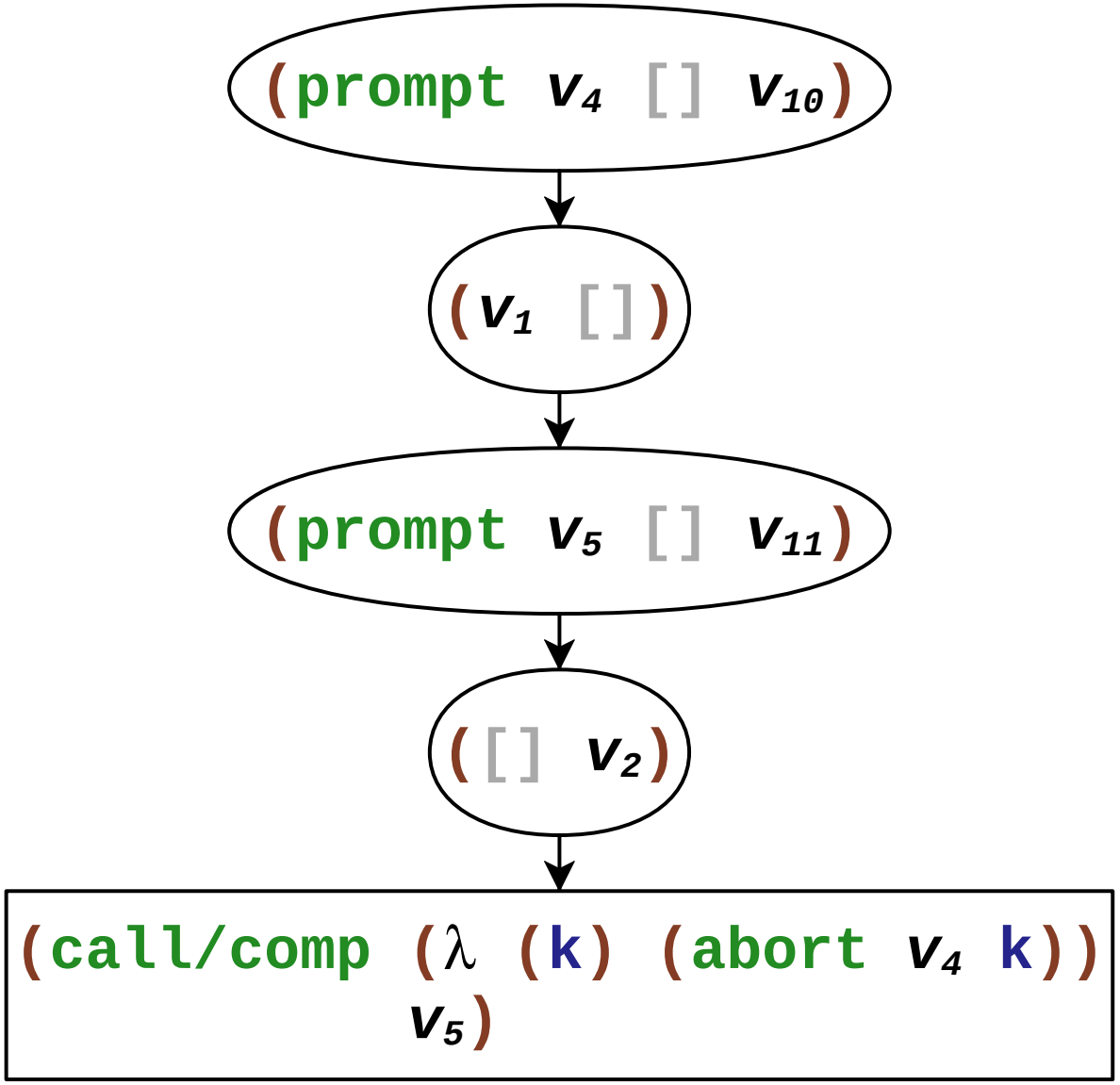

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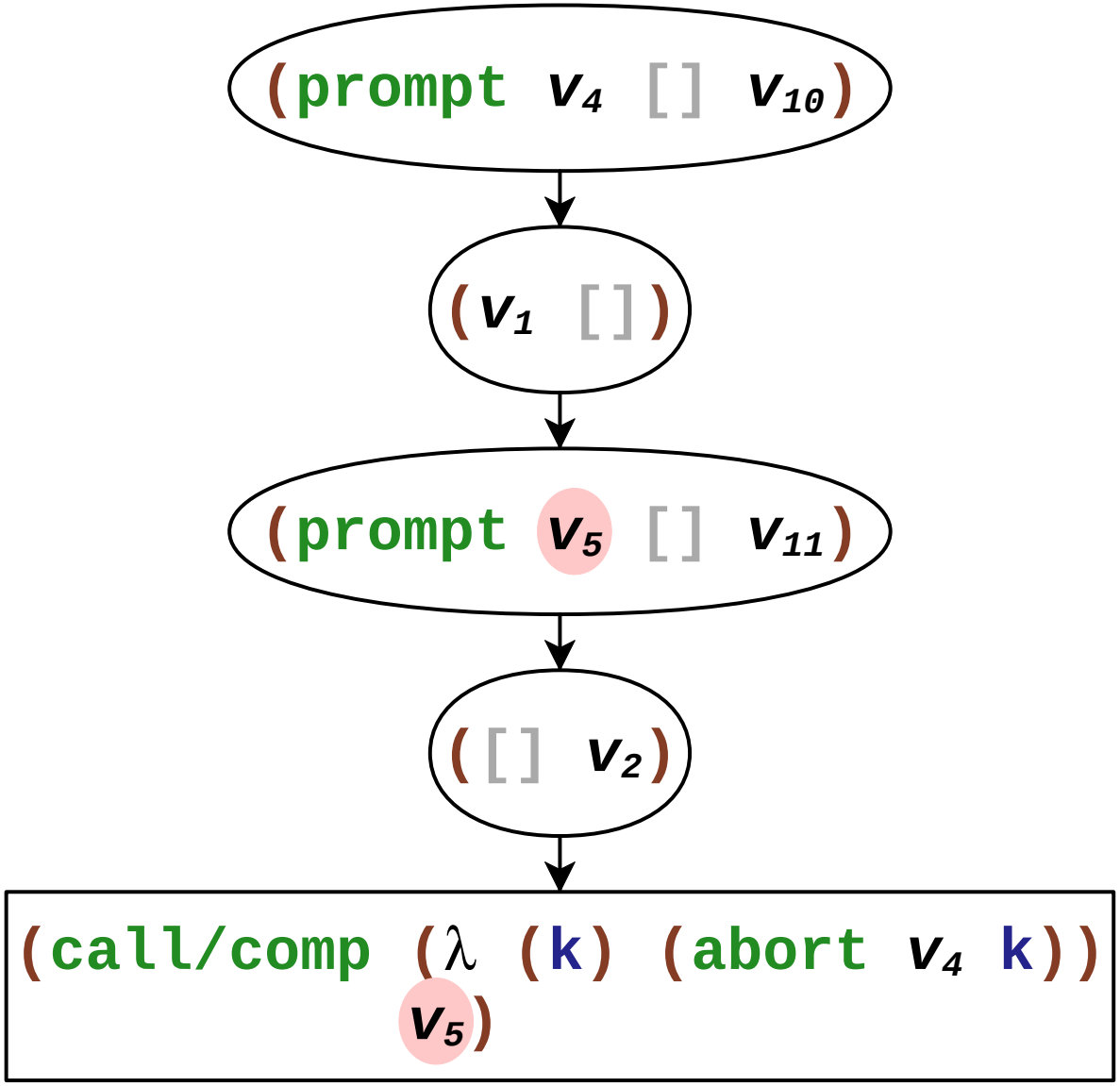

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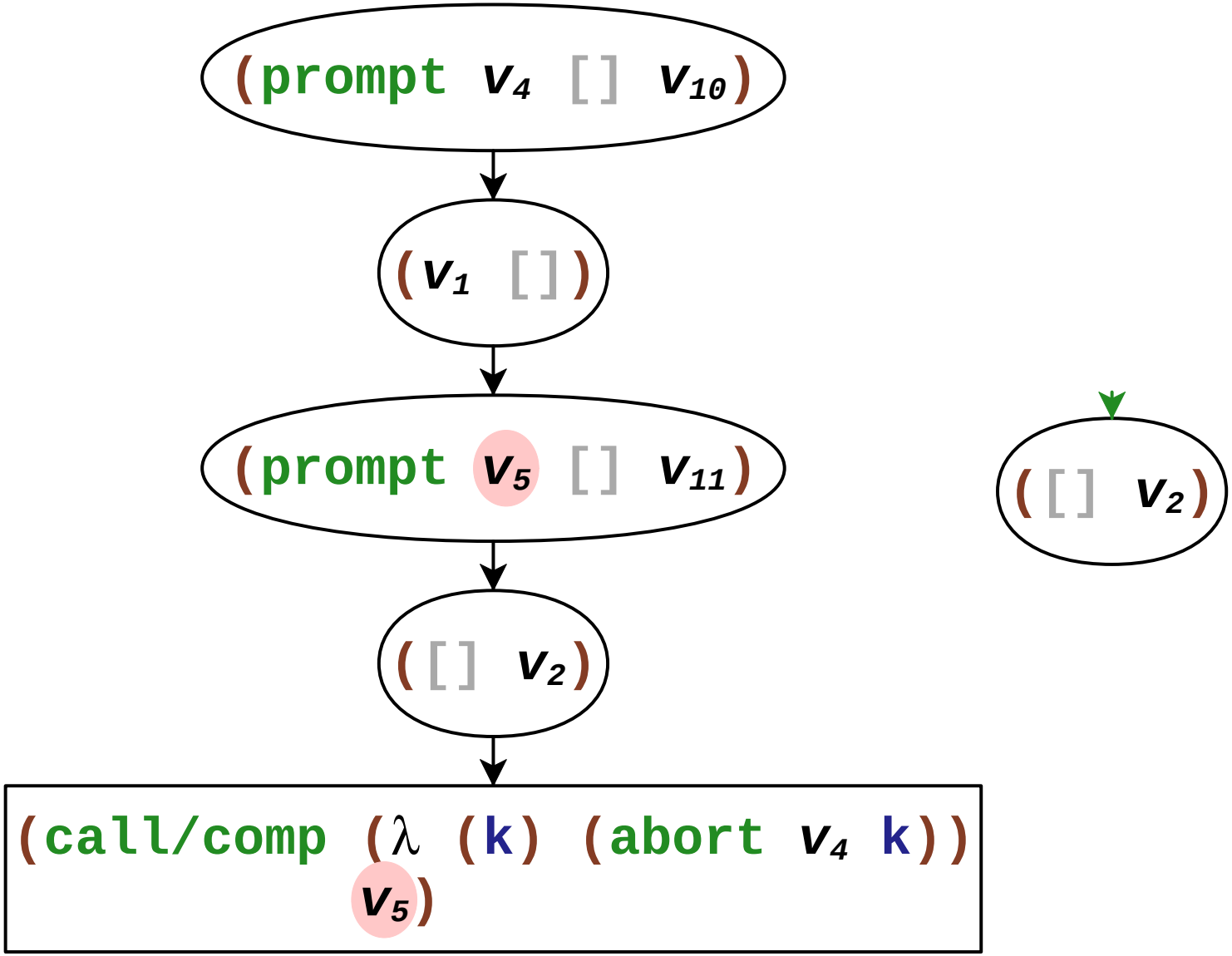

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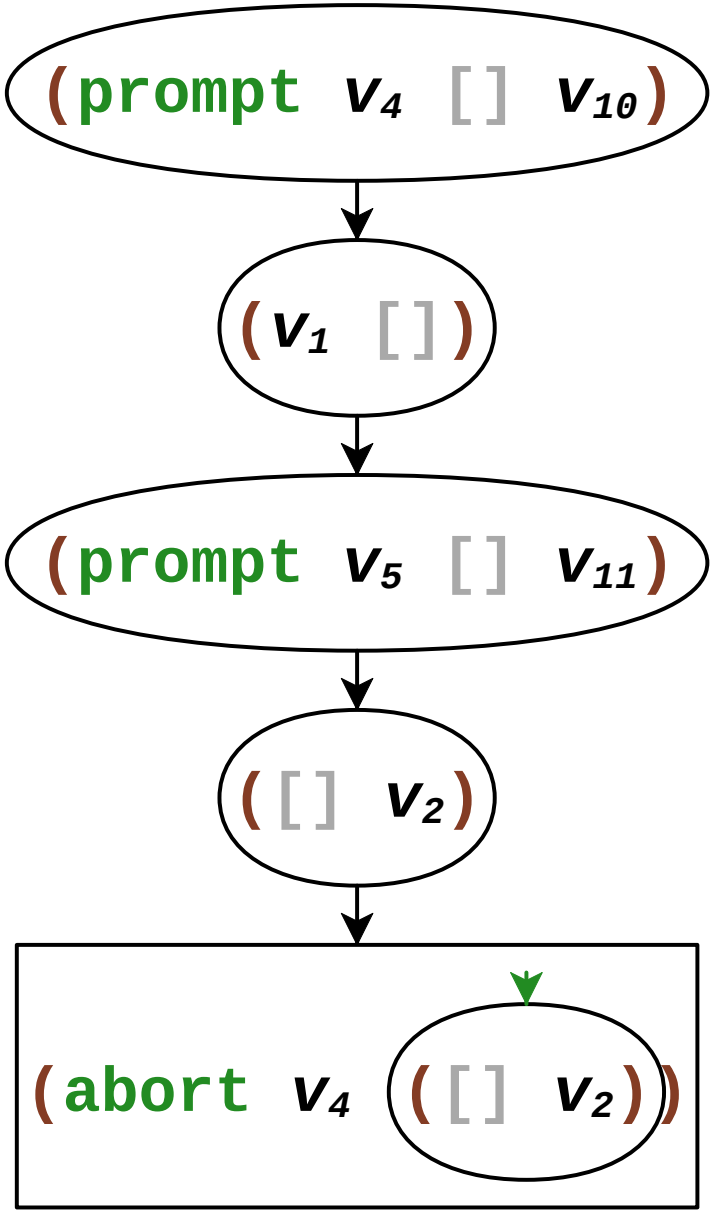

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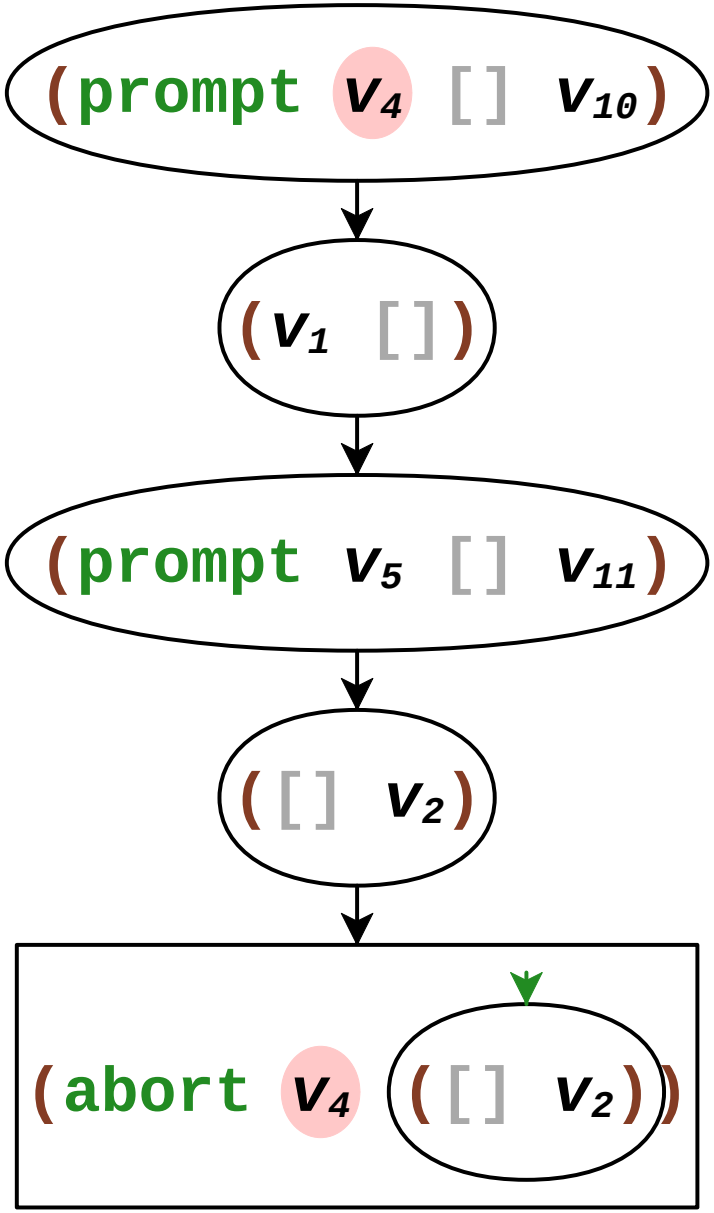

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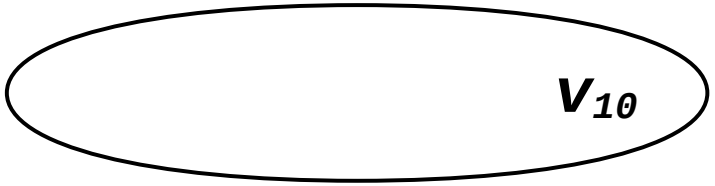

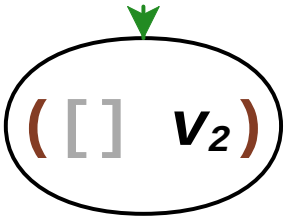

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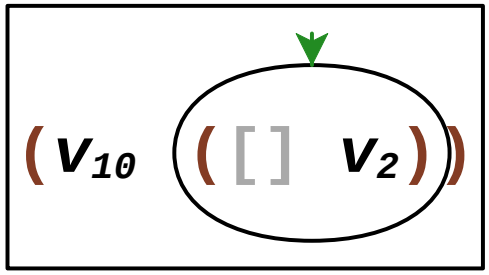

Continuations Summary

- `prompt` with handler and tag
- `abort` with tag
- `call/comp` with tag
- continuation composition

- plain `call/cc` uses default tag

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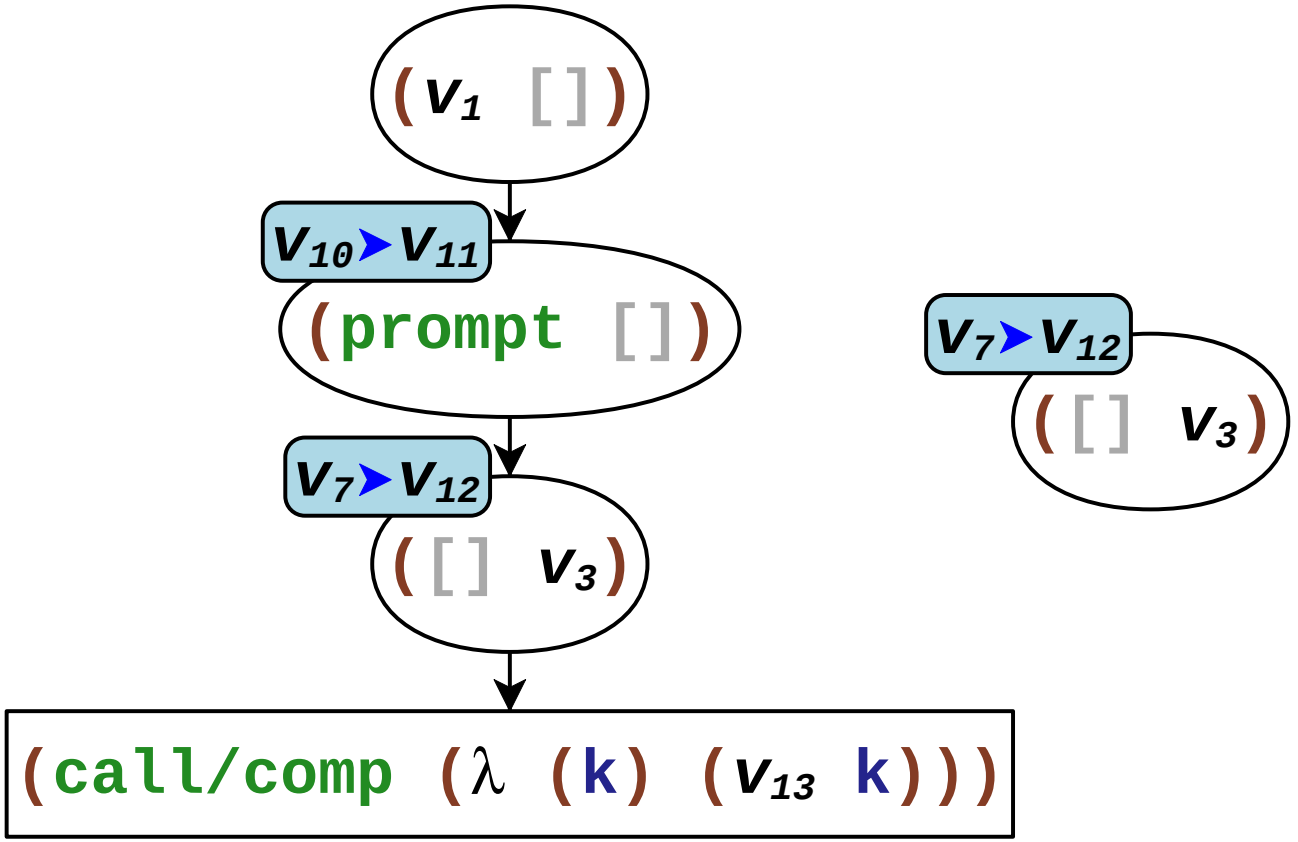
Continuation Marks



Dynamic Binding Summary

- `call/cm` to add marks
- `current-marks` to get marks, up to a tag

- capture marks in `call/comp`
- splice marks in continuation composition

Side Effects and Control

```
(define (with-resource work-thunk)
  (begin
    (grab-resource)
    (work-thunk)
    (release-with-resource)))
```

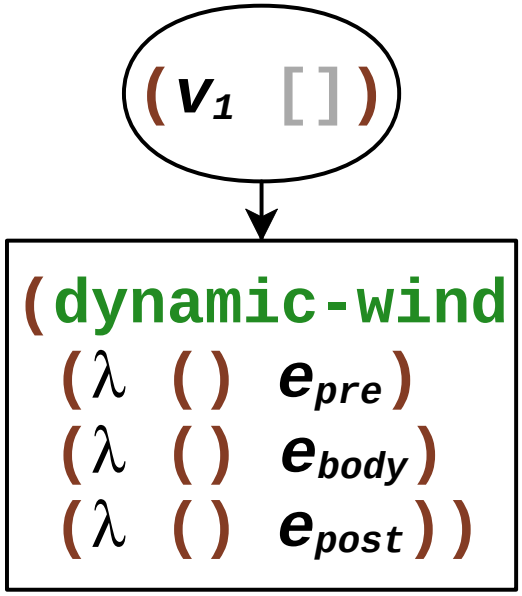
Dynamic Wind

```
(define (with-resource work-thunk)
  (dynamic-wind
   (λ () (grab-resource))
   (λ () (work-thunk))
   (λ () (release-with-resource))))
```

Dynamic Wind

```
(dynamic-wind
 (λ () e_pre)
 (λ () e_body)
 (λ () e_post))
```

Dynamic Wind



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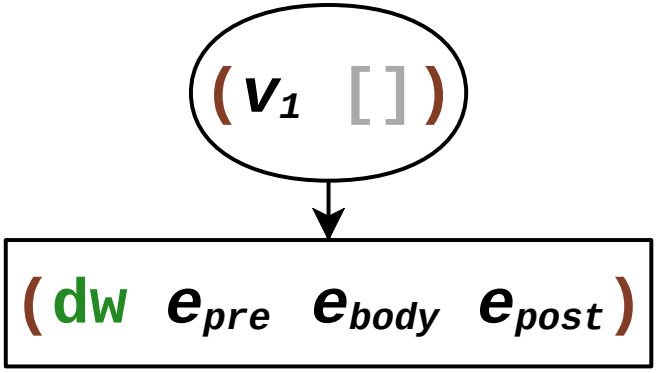

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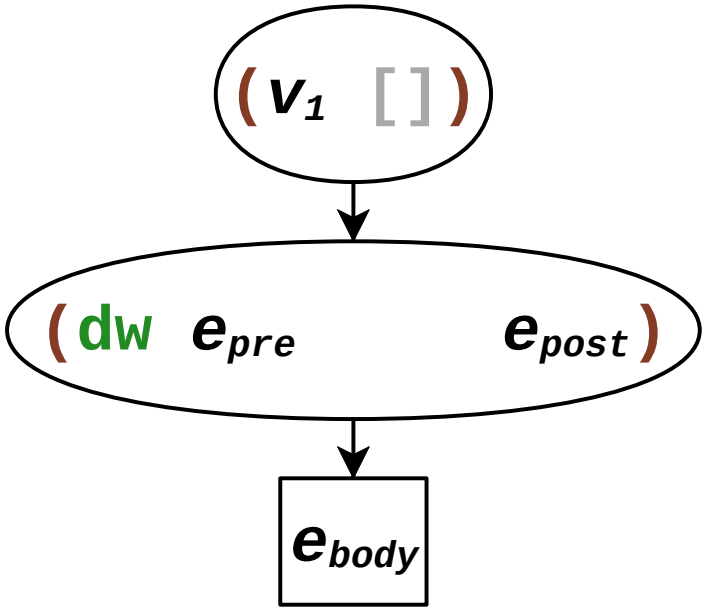

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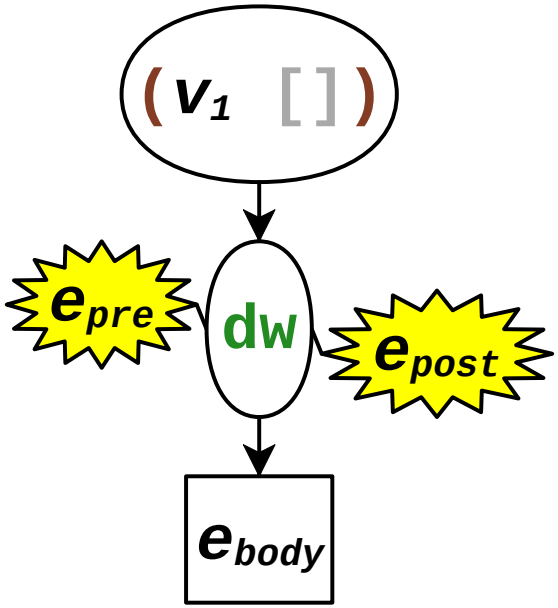

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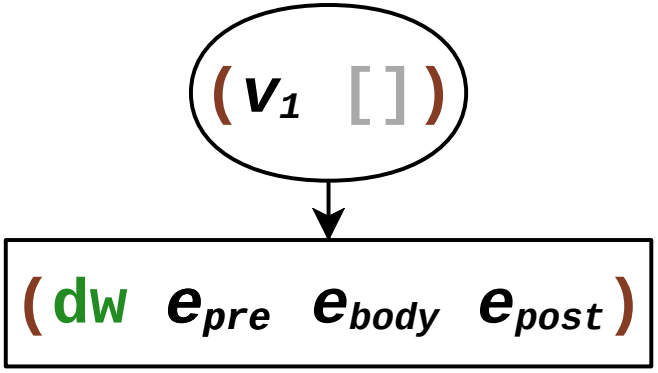

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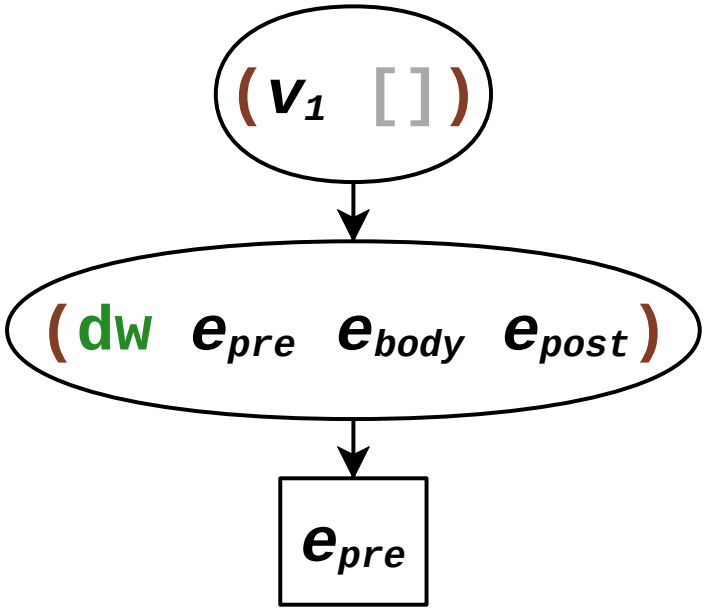

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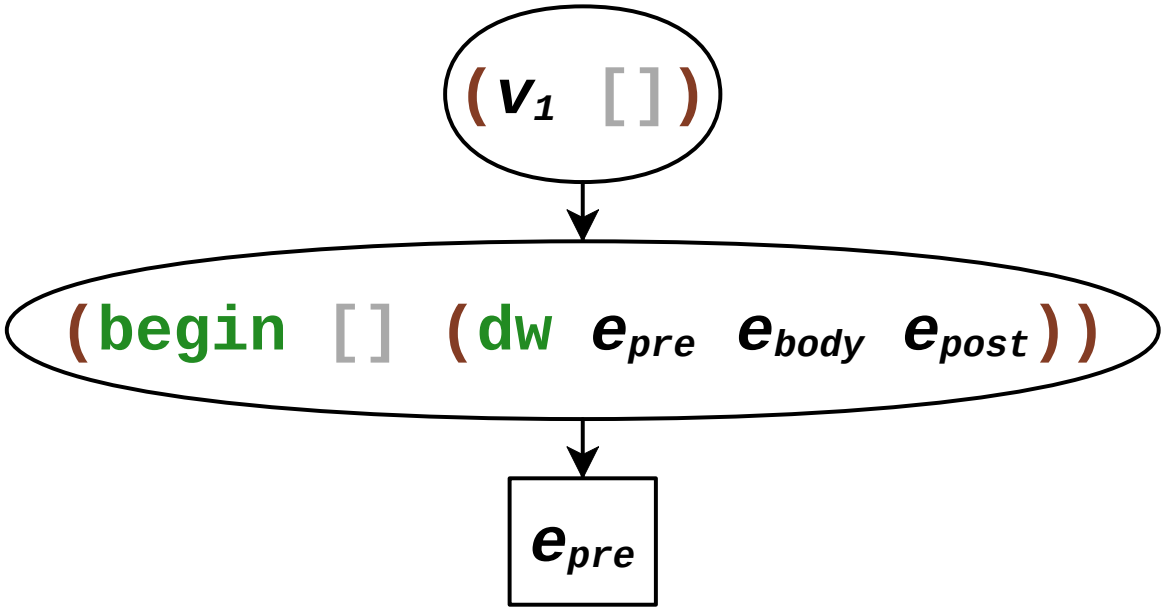

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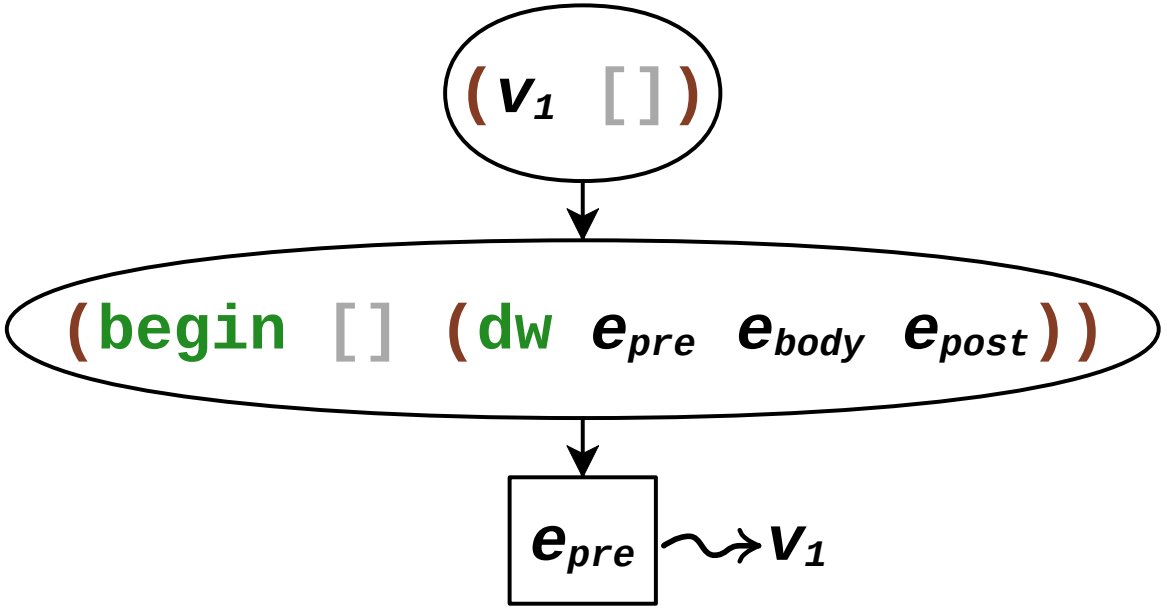

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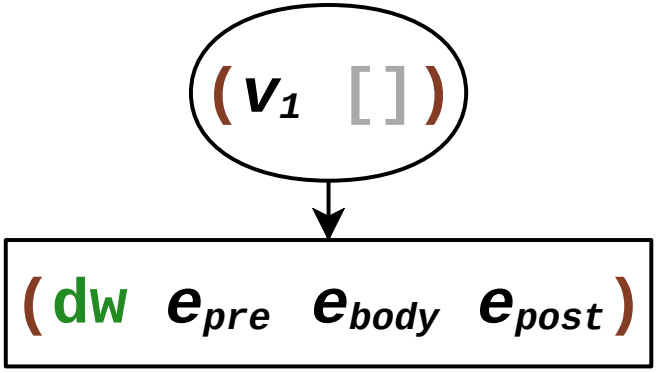

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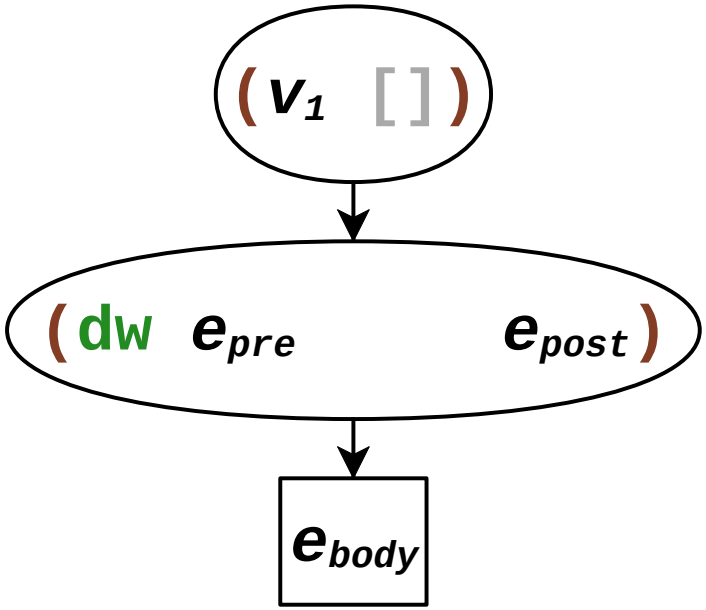

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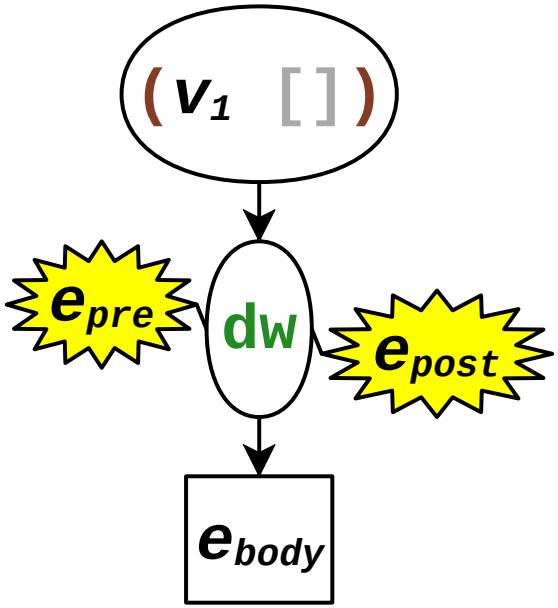

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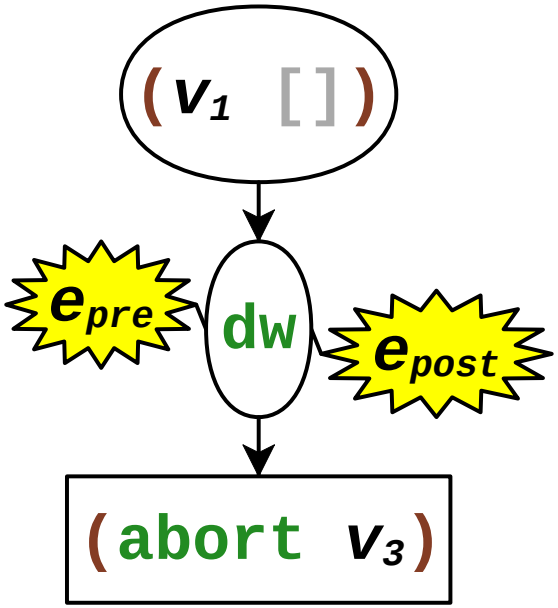

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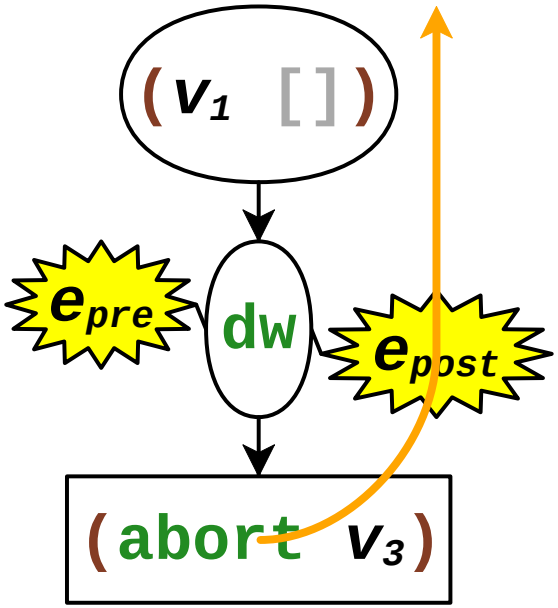

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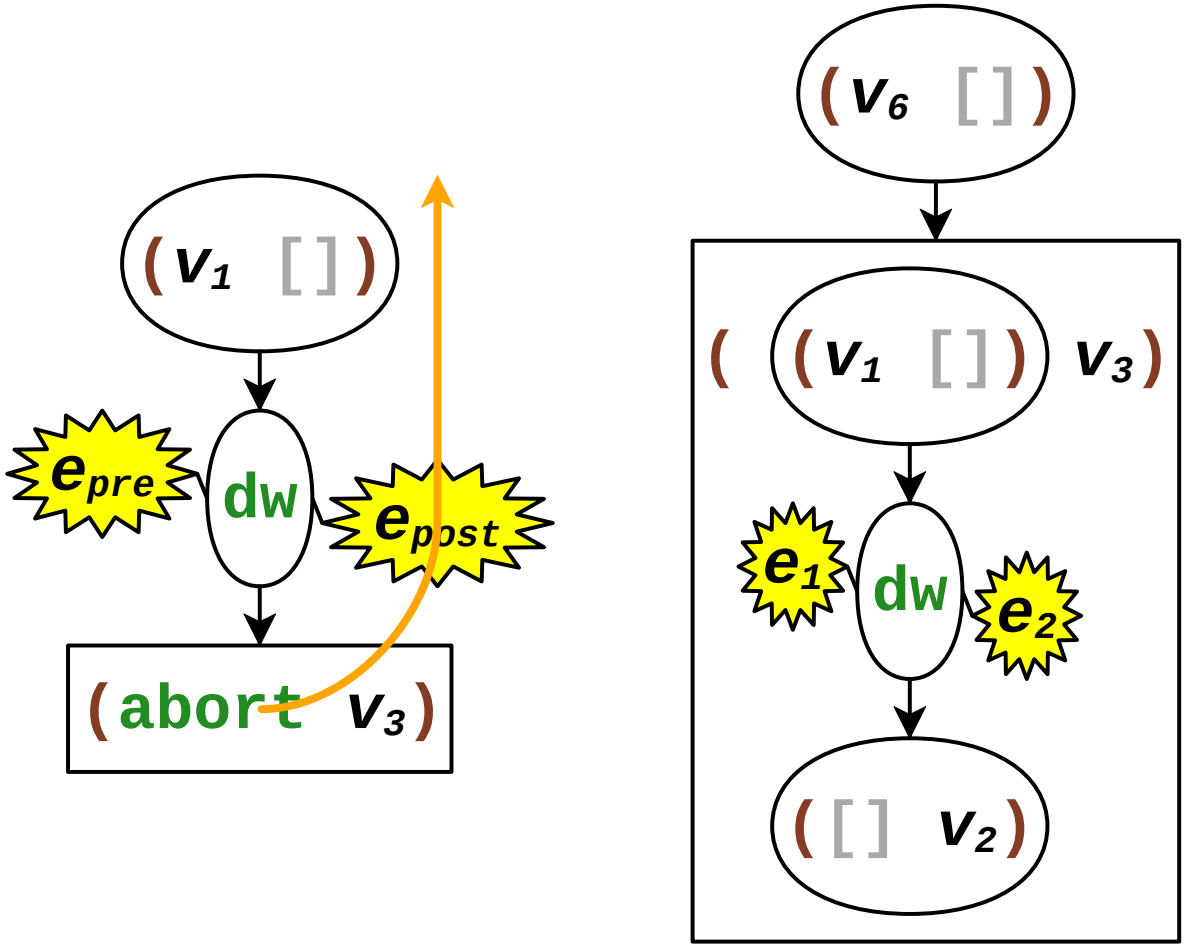

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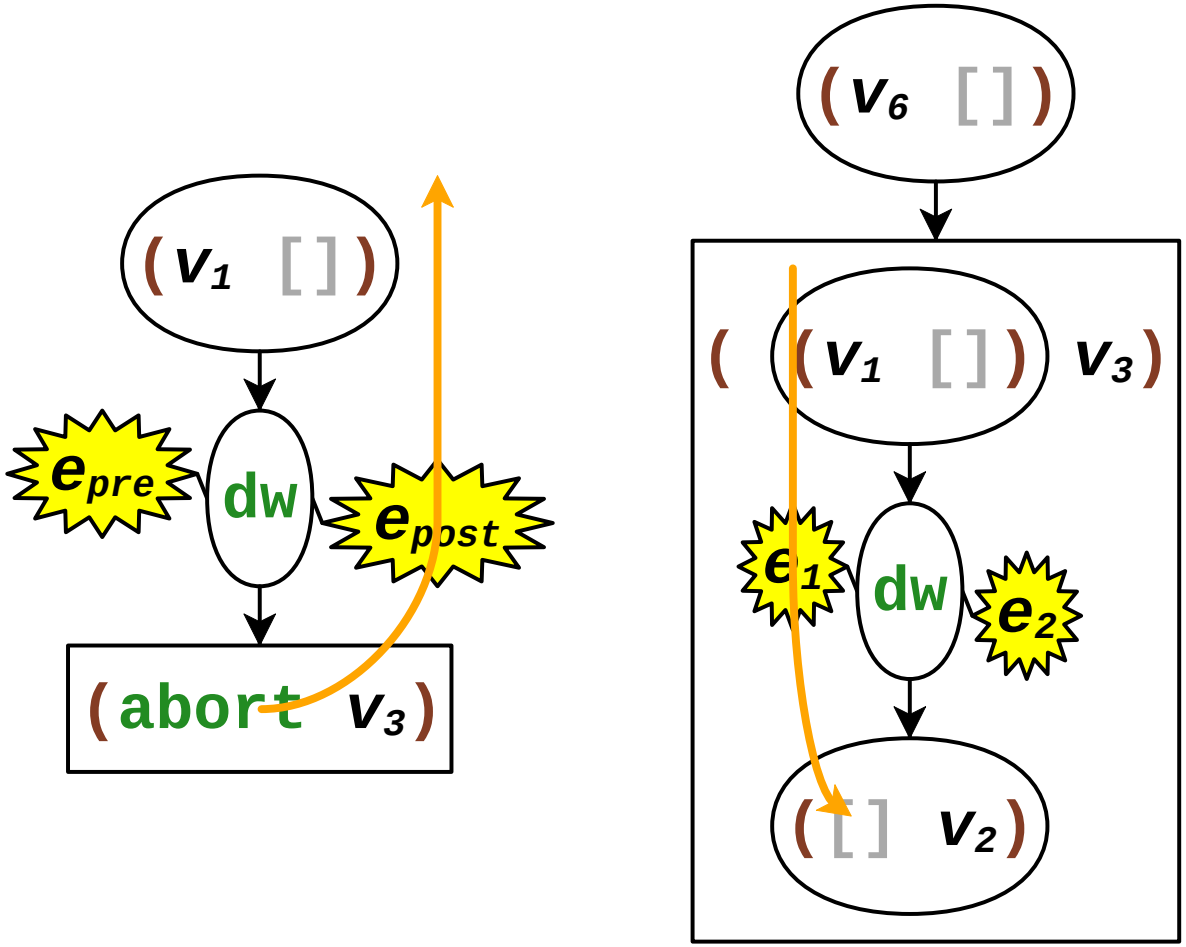

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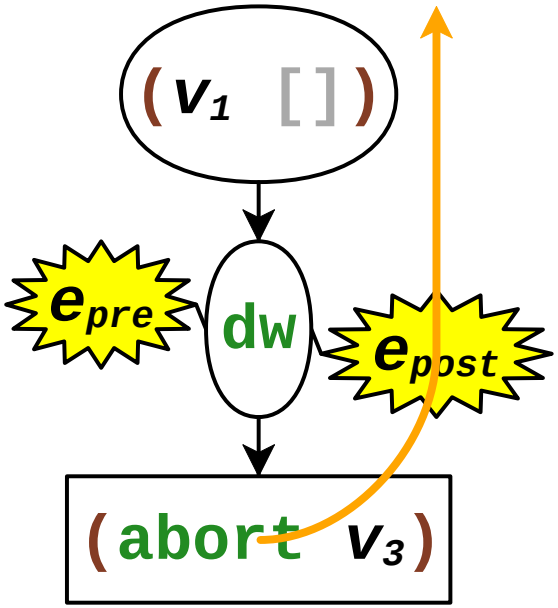

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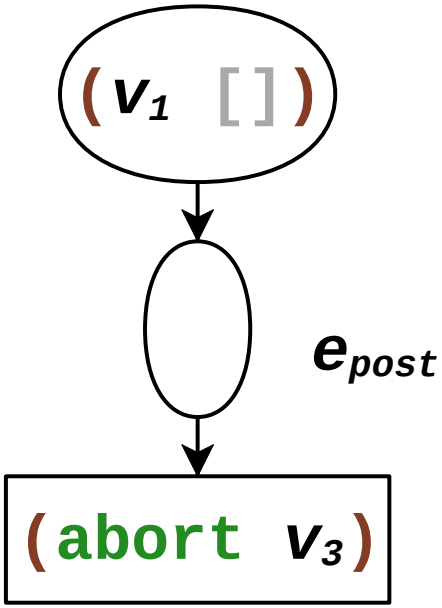

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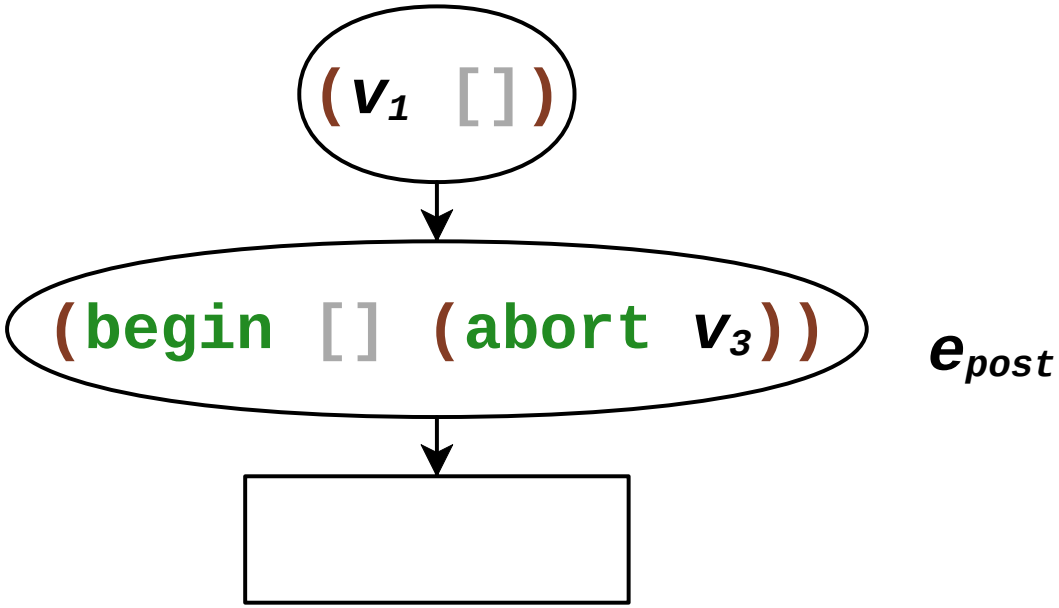

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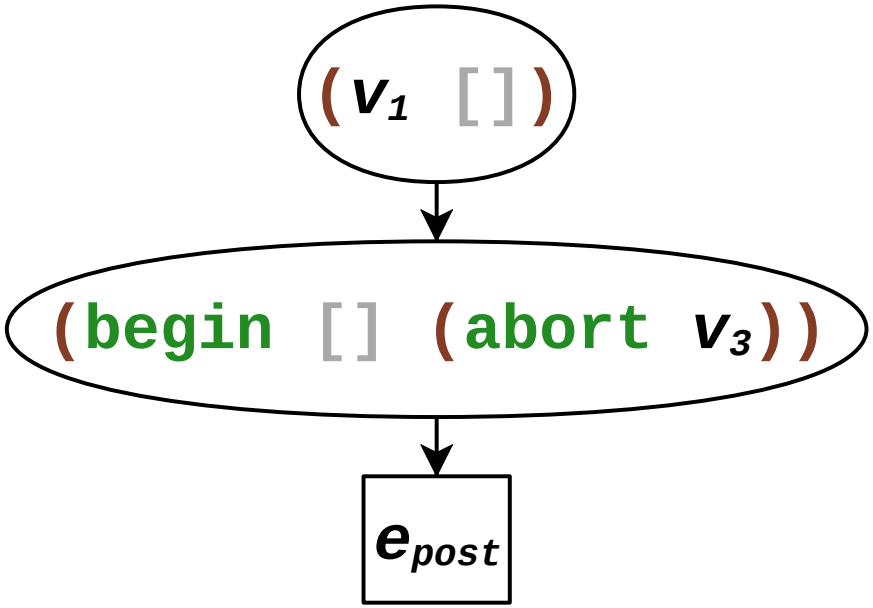

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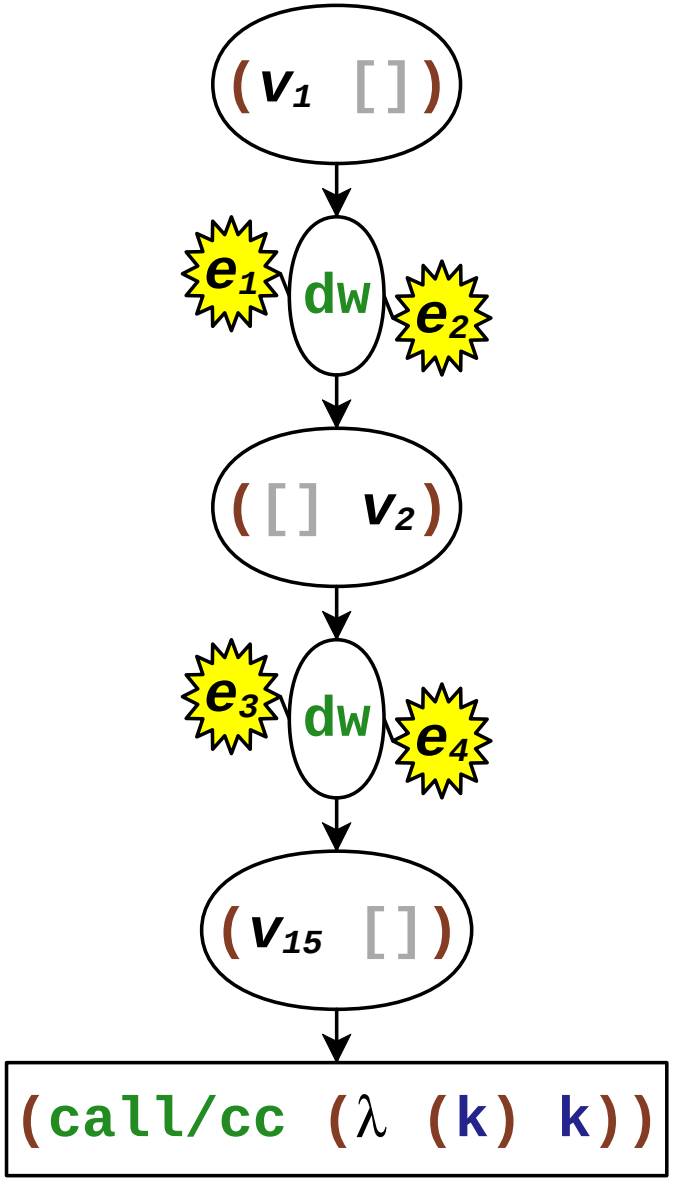

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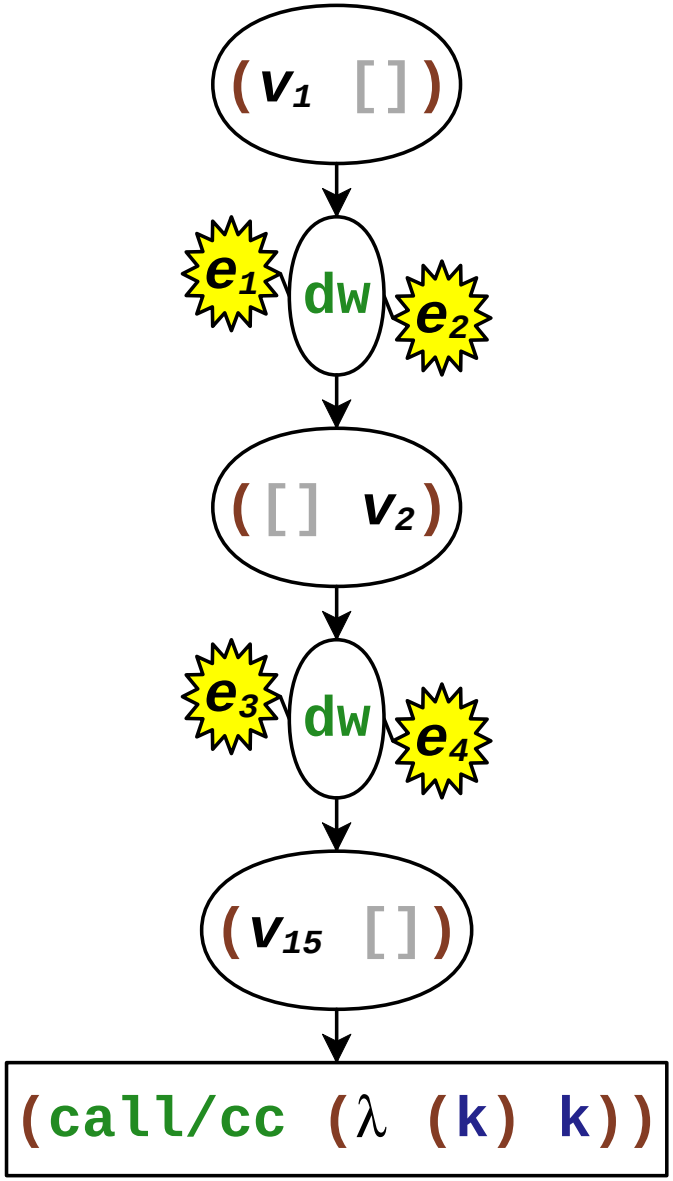

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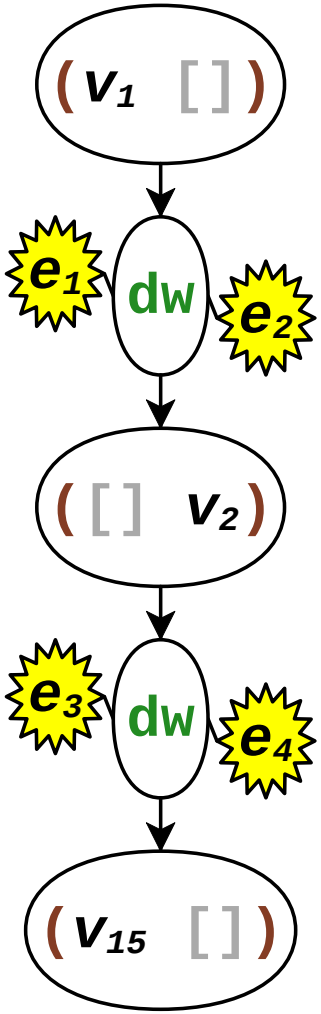

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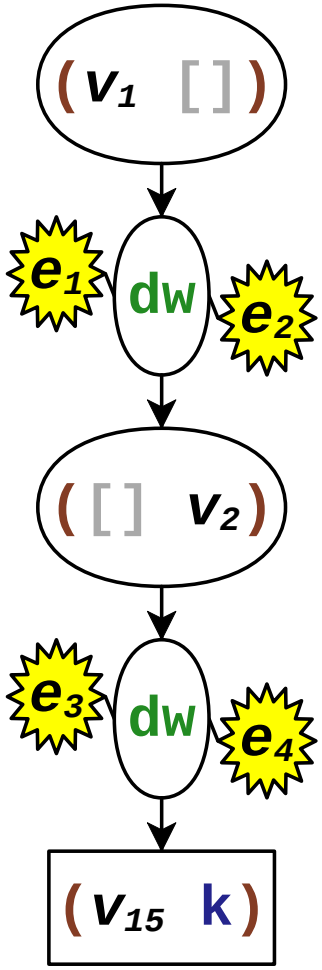

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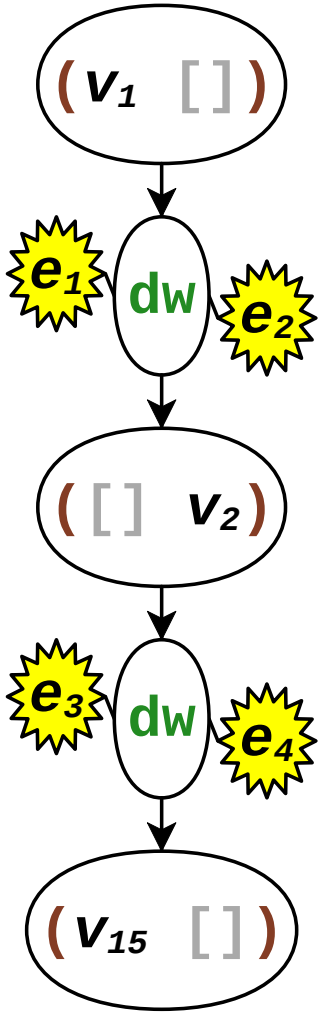

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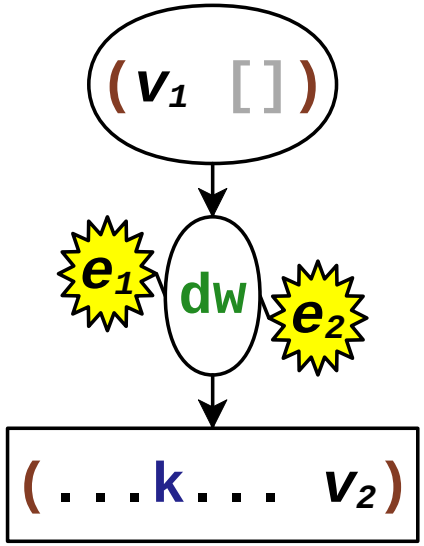

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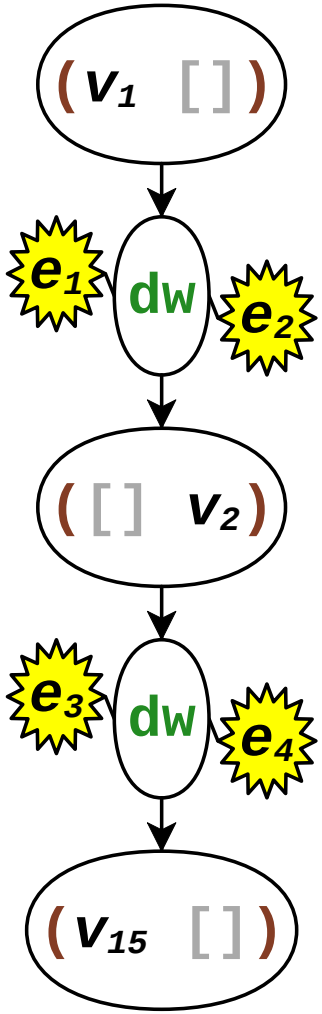

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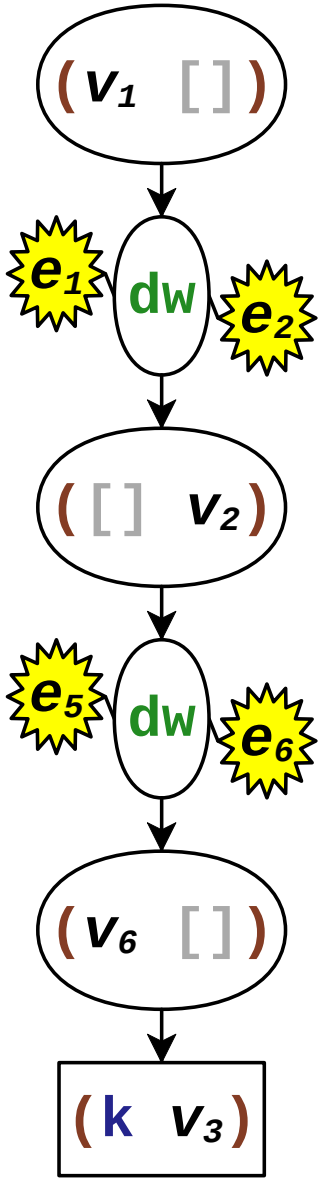

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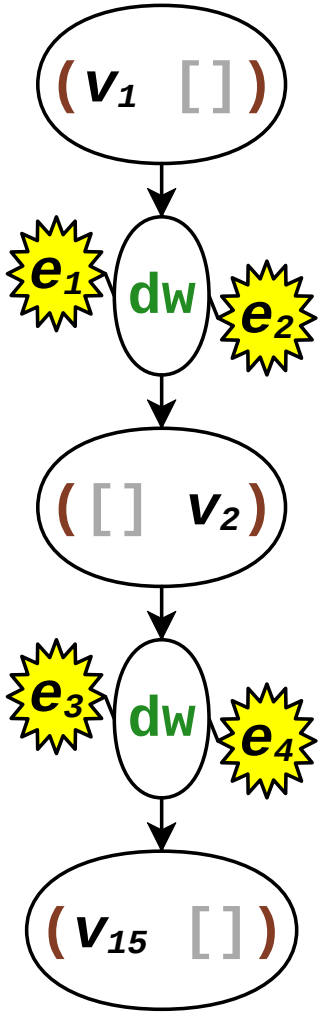

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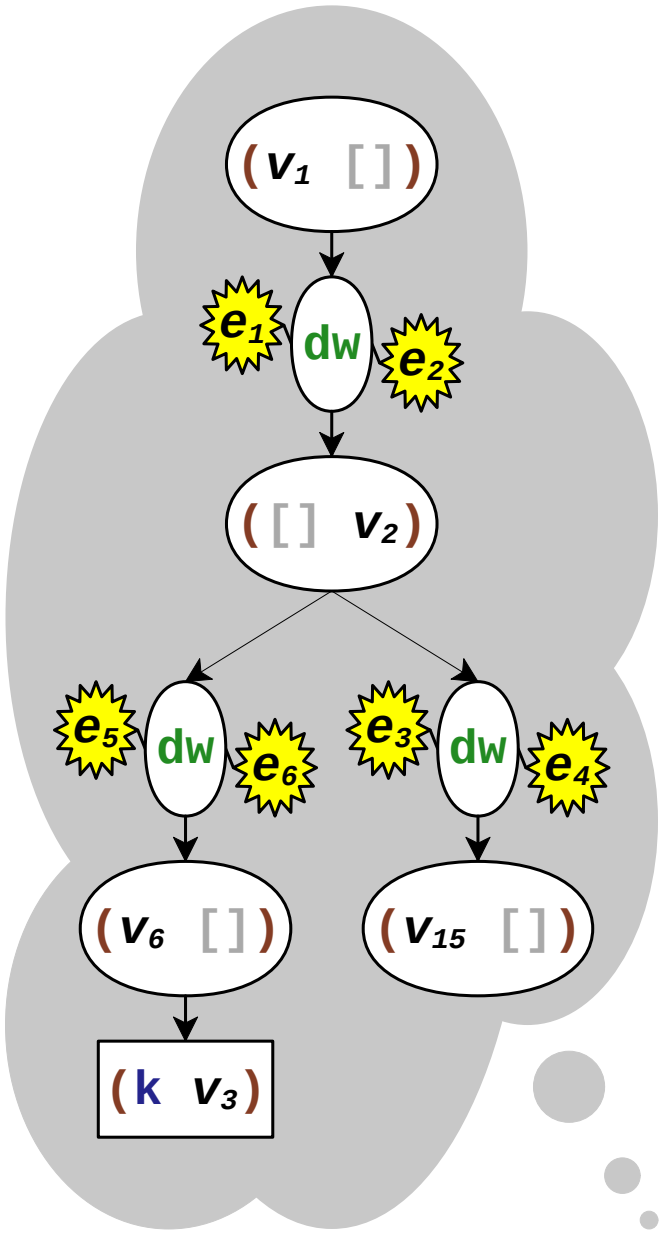

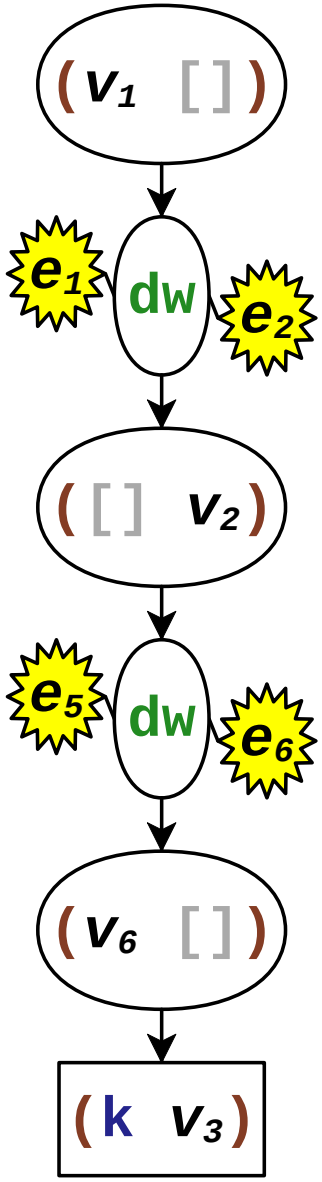

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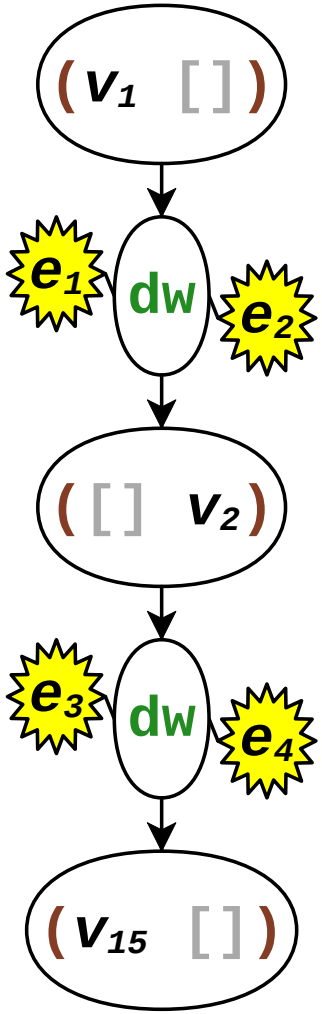

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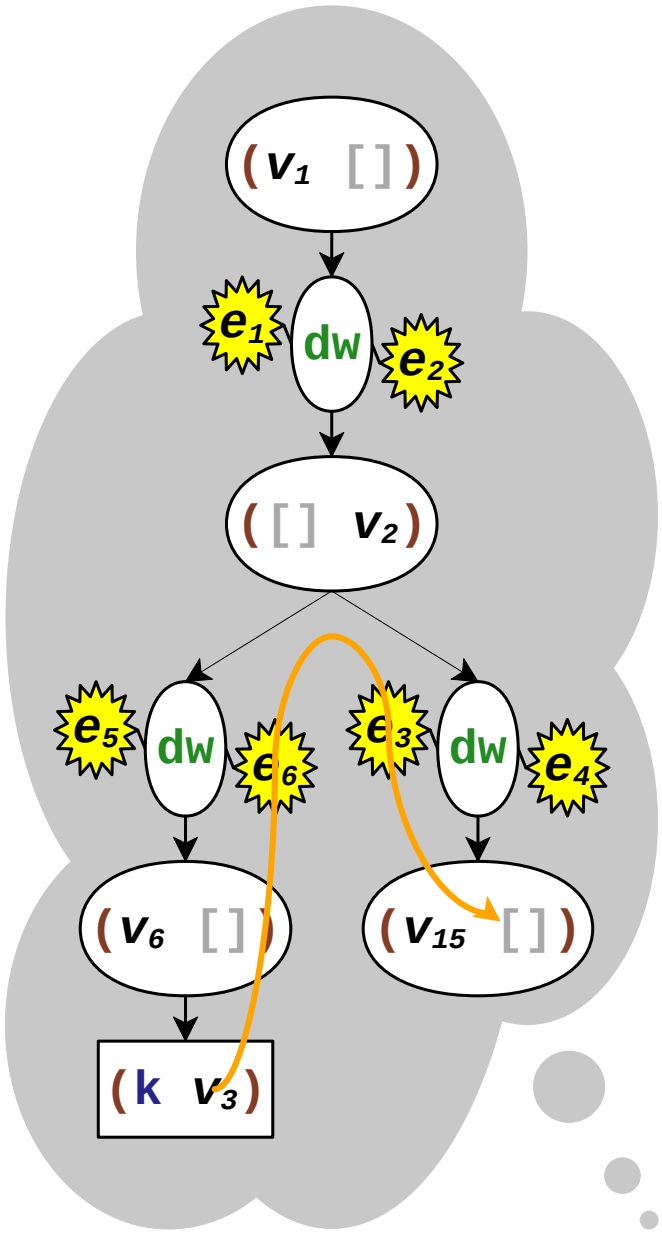

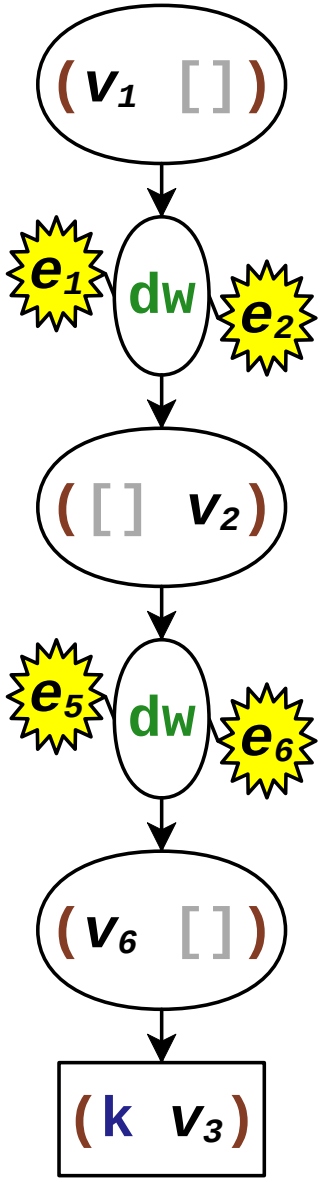

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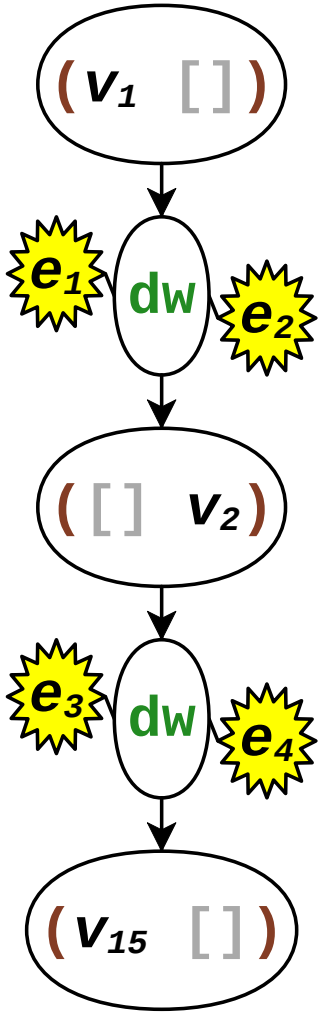

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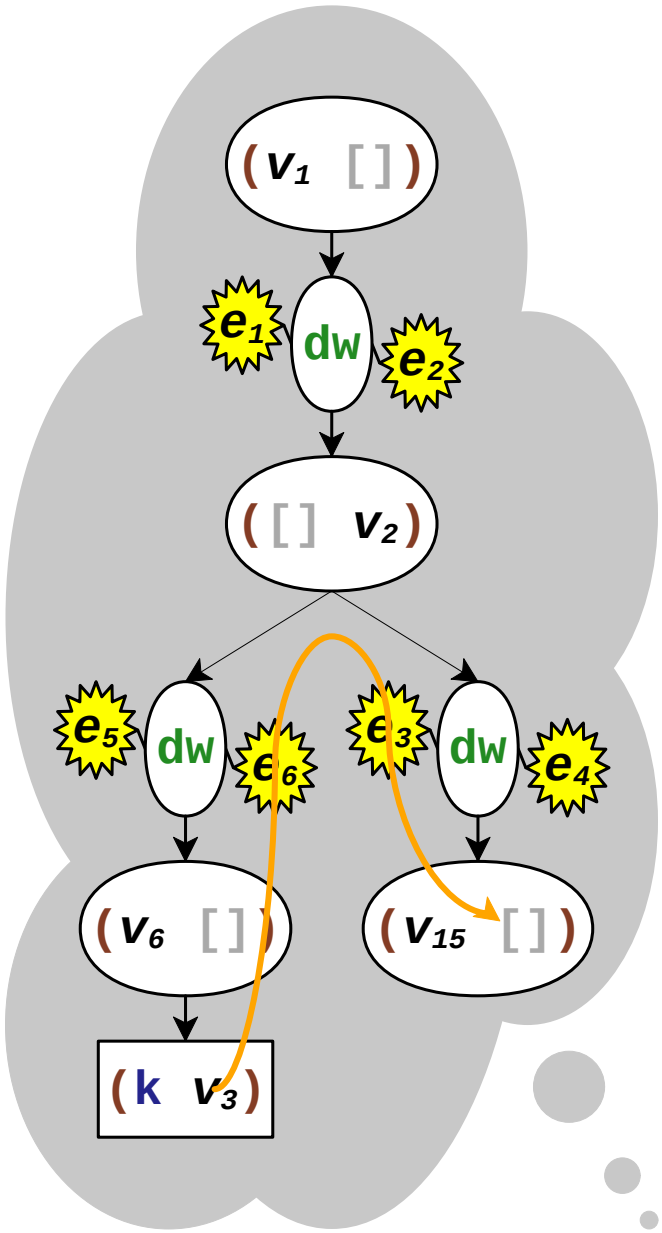

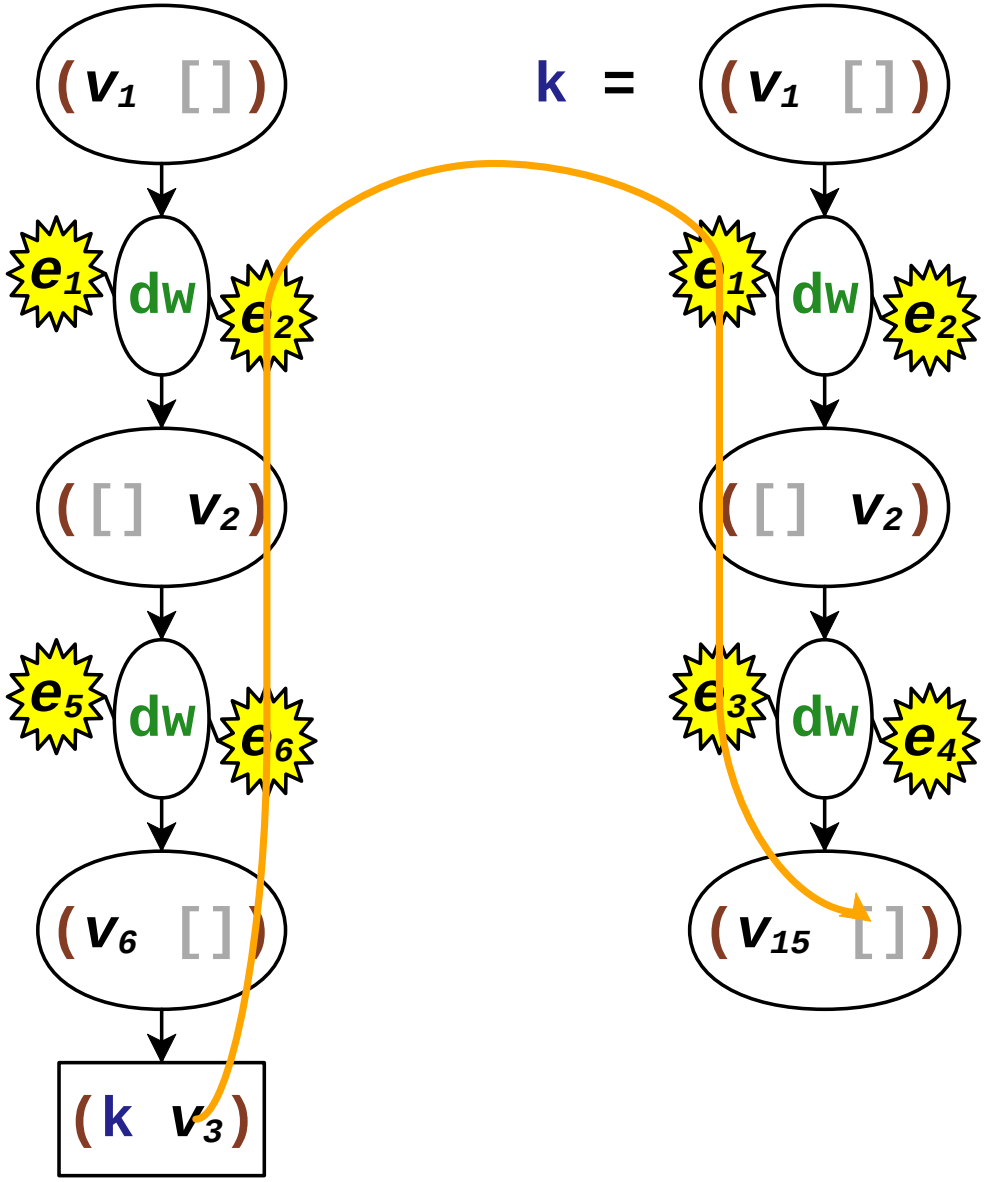

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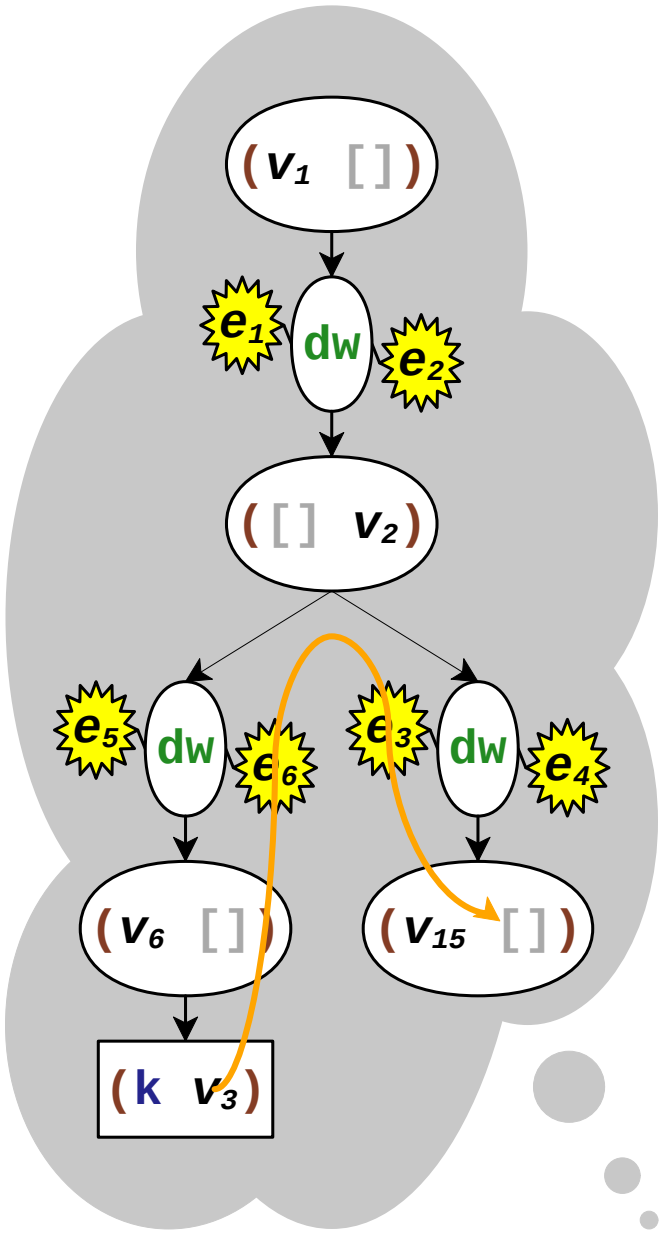

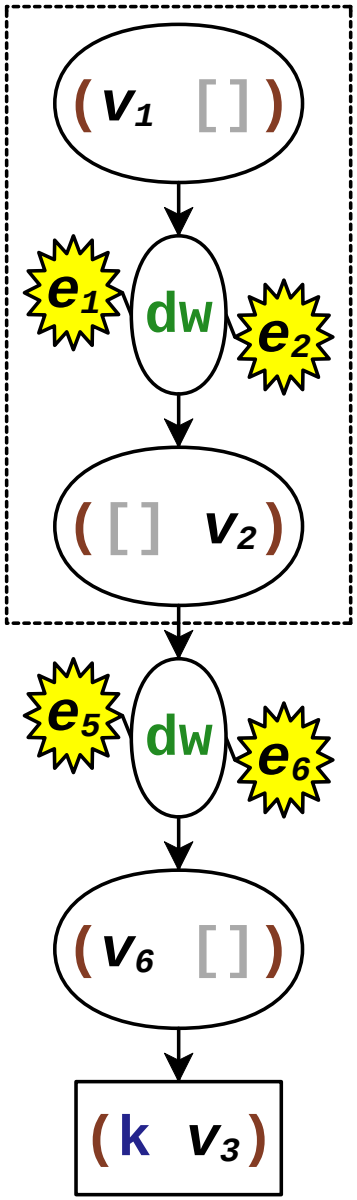

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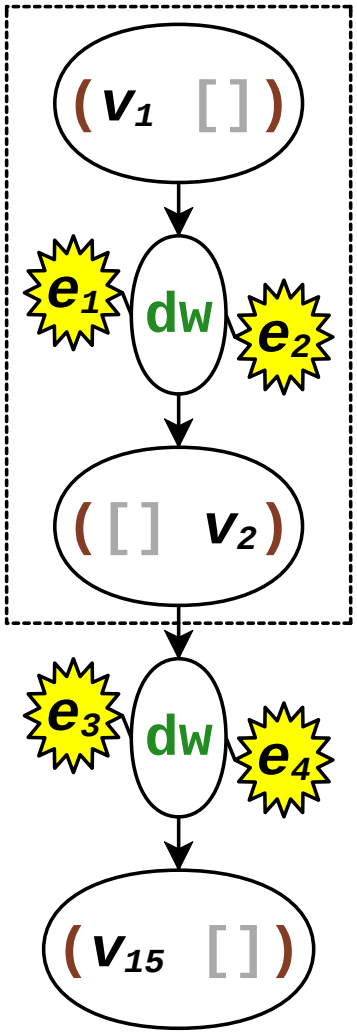

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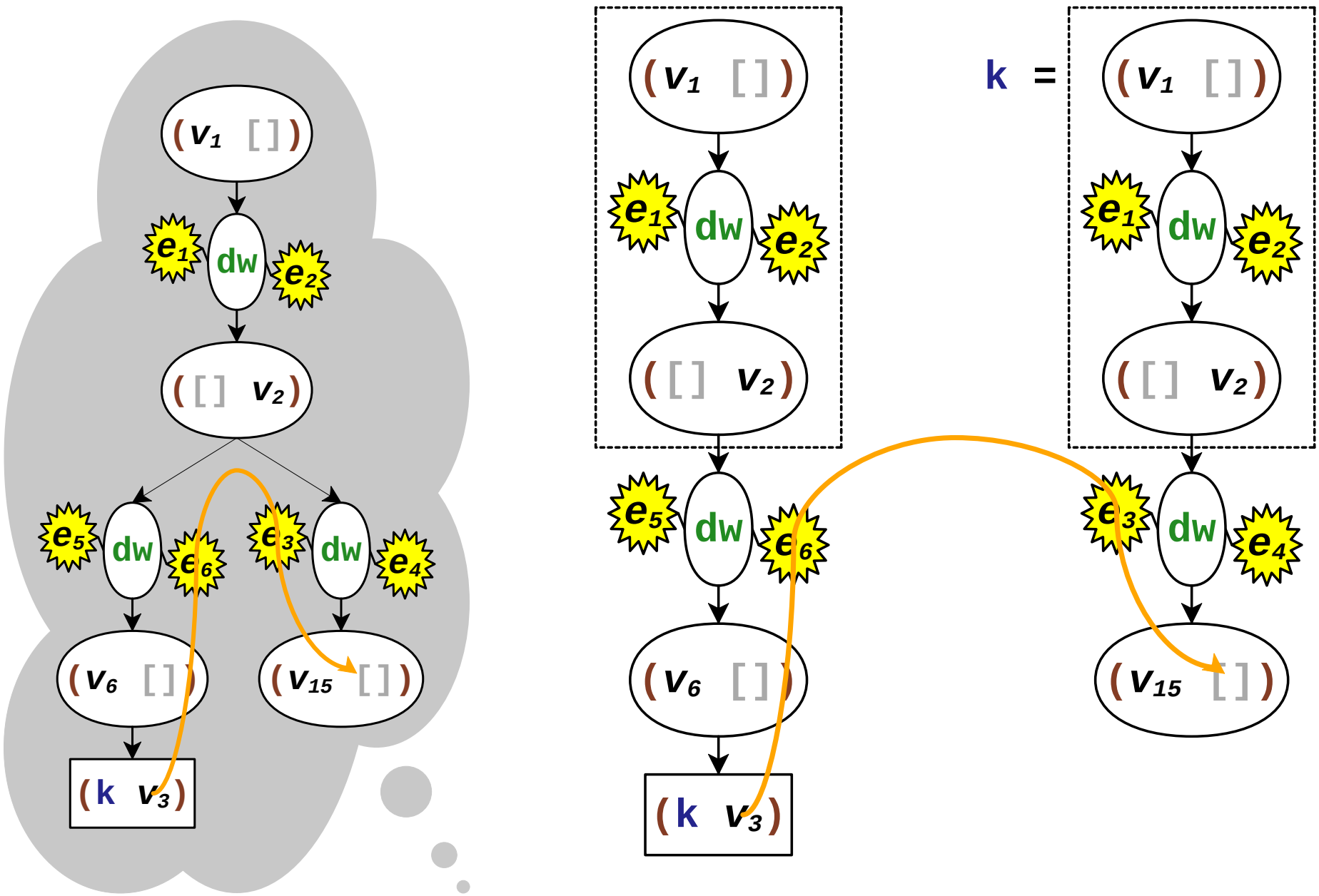

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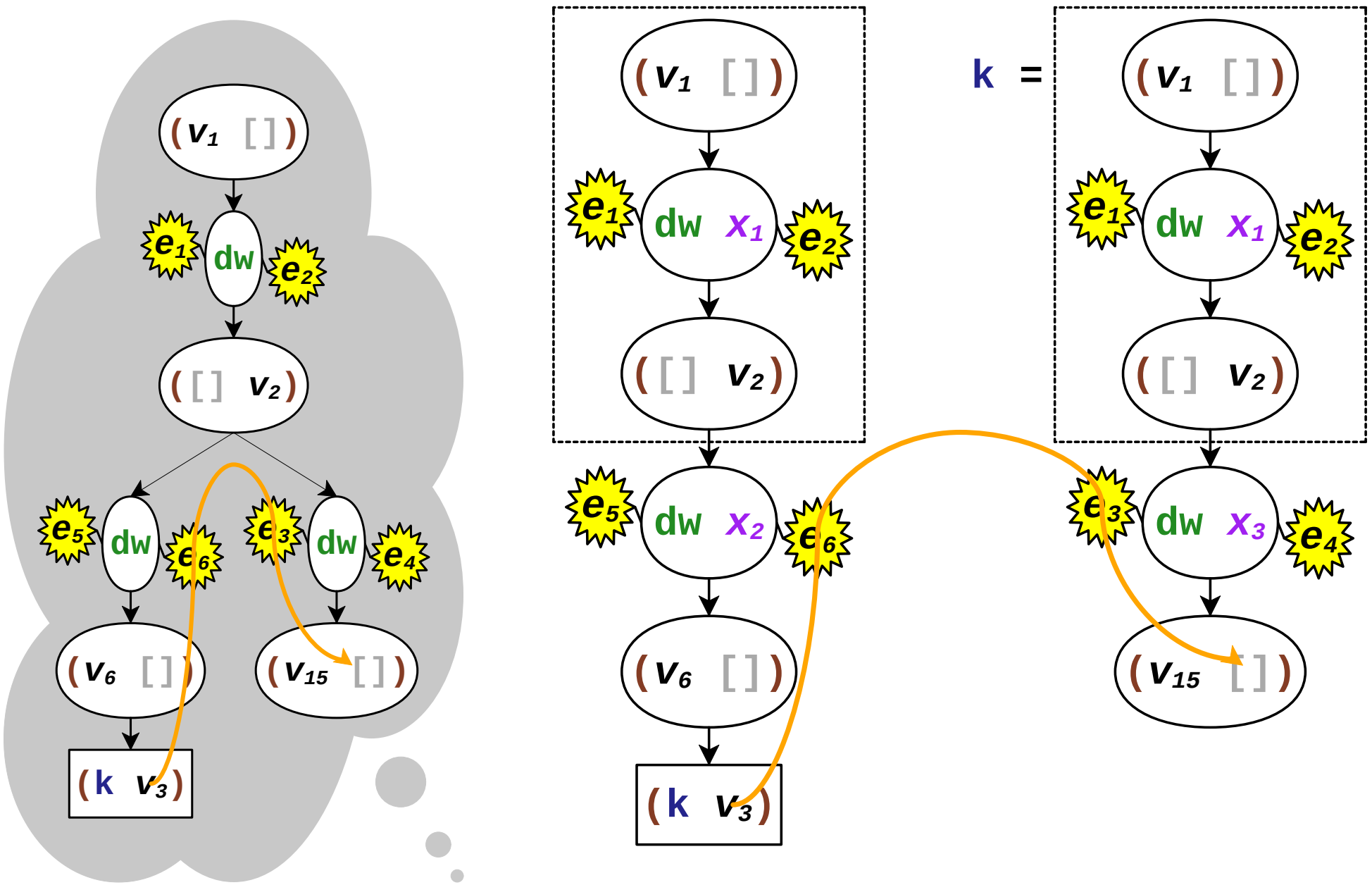

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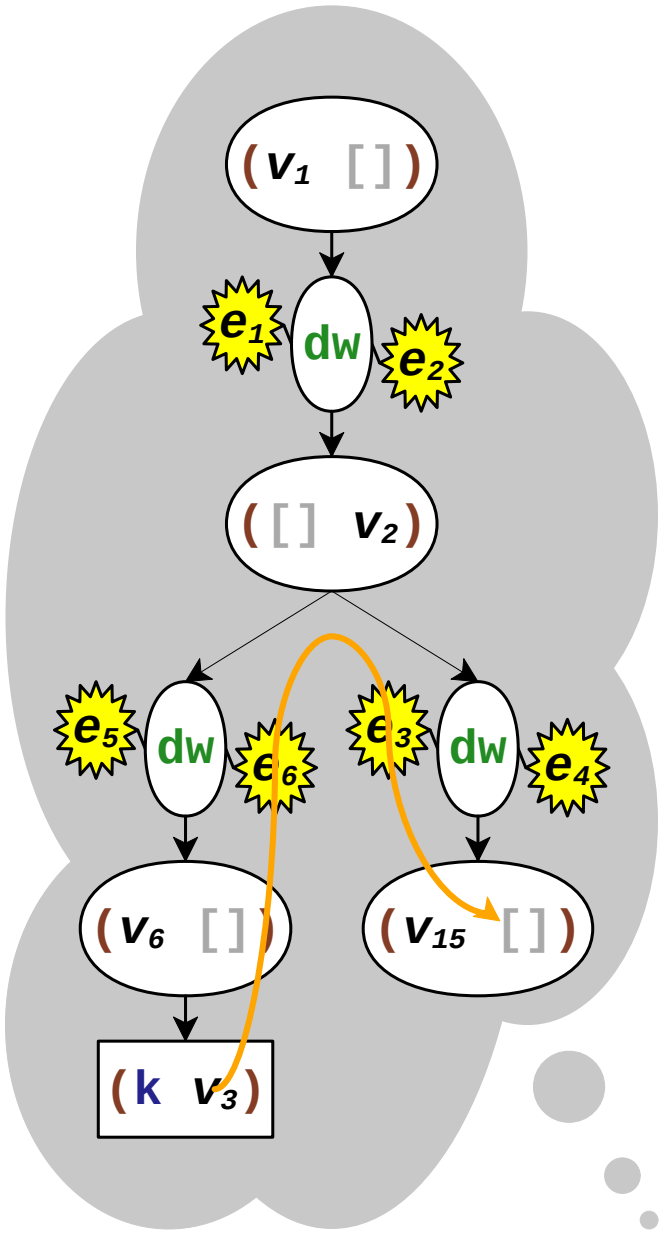

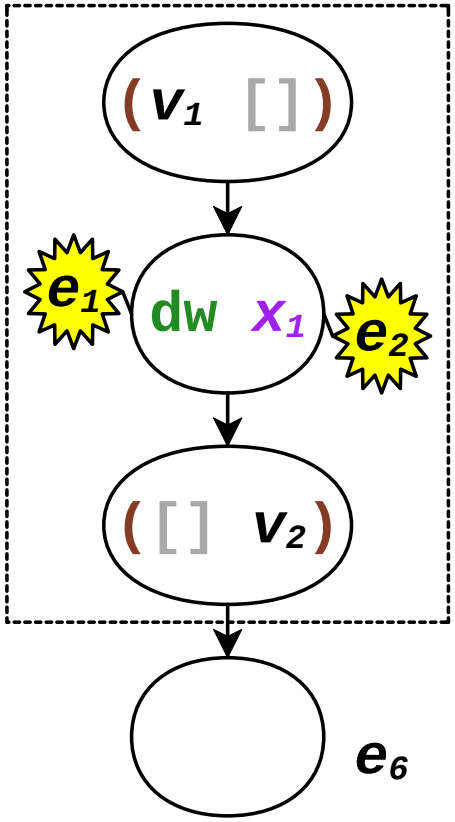

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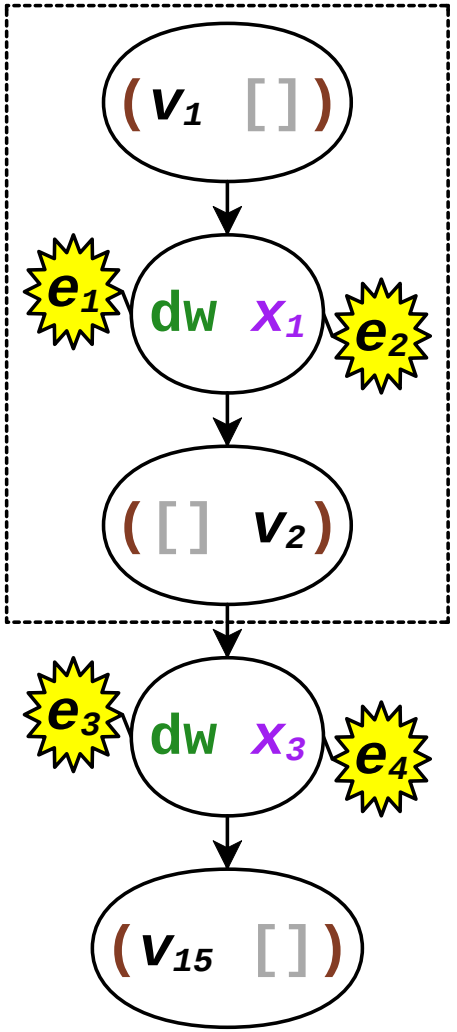

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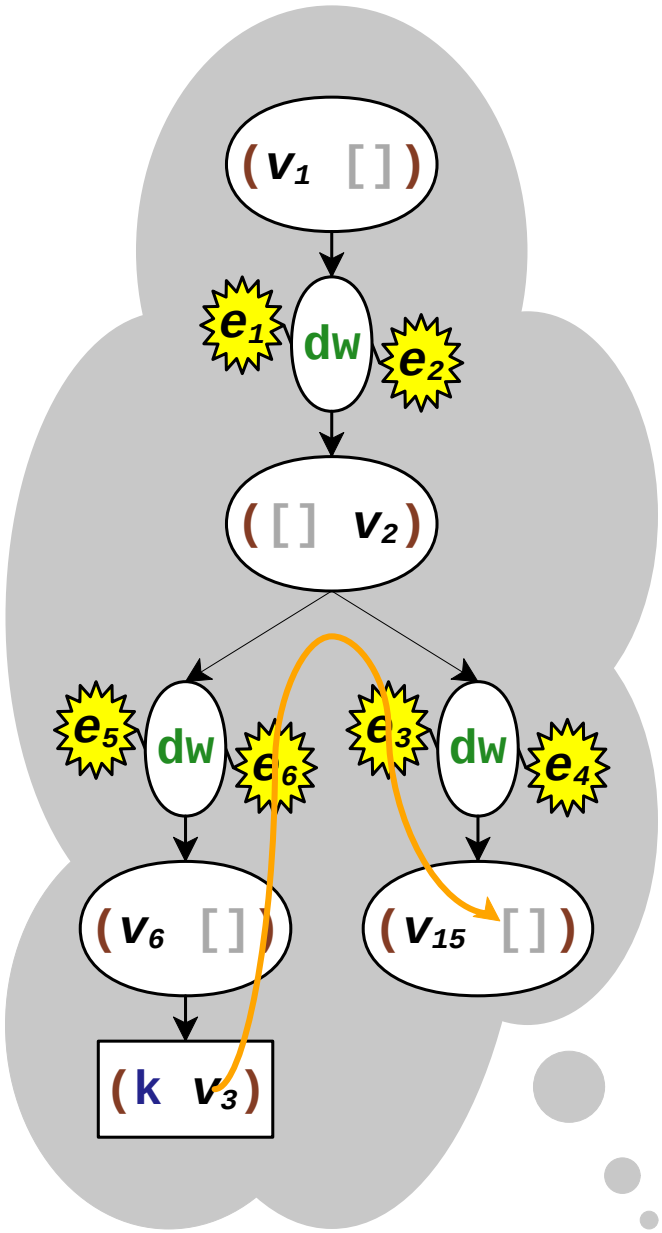

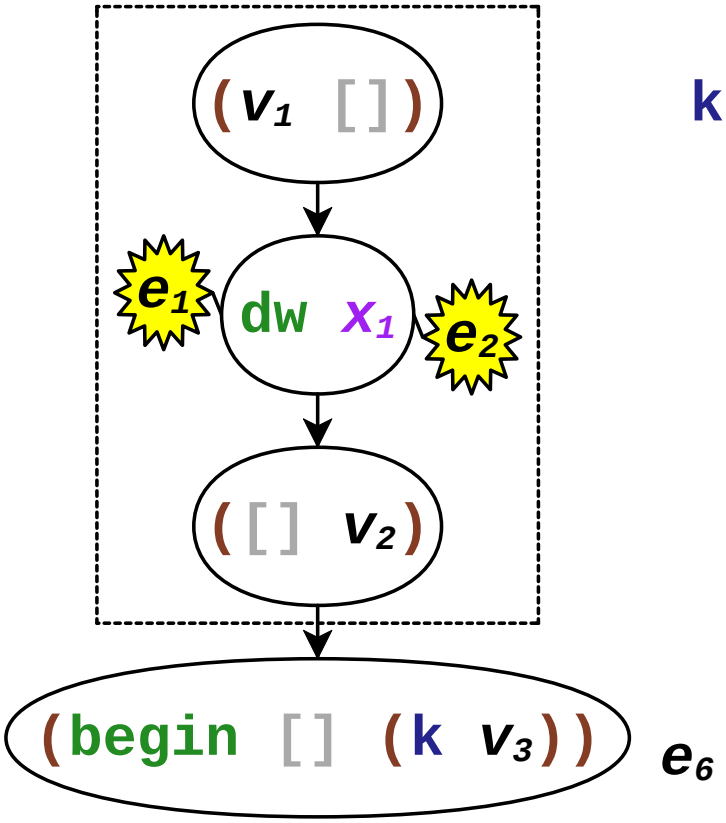

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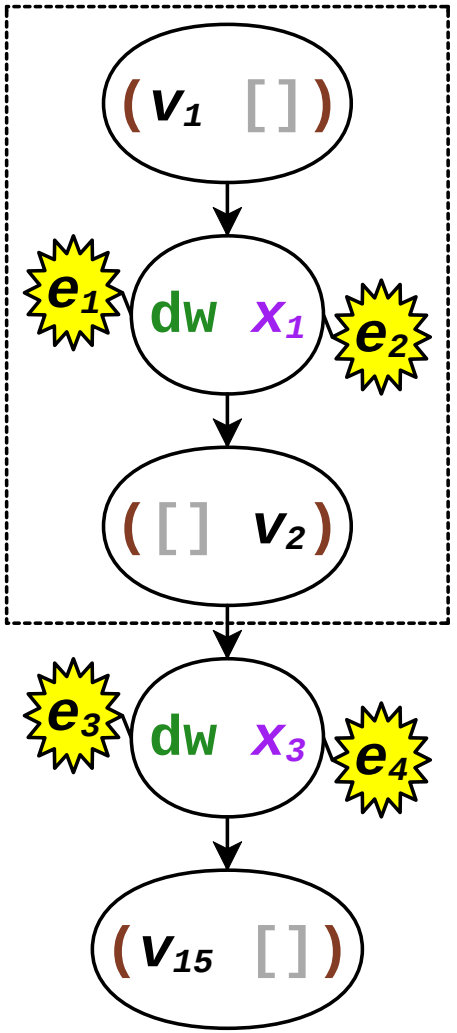

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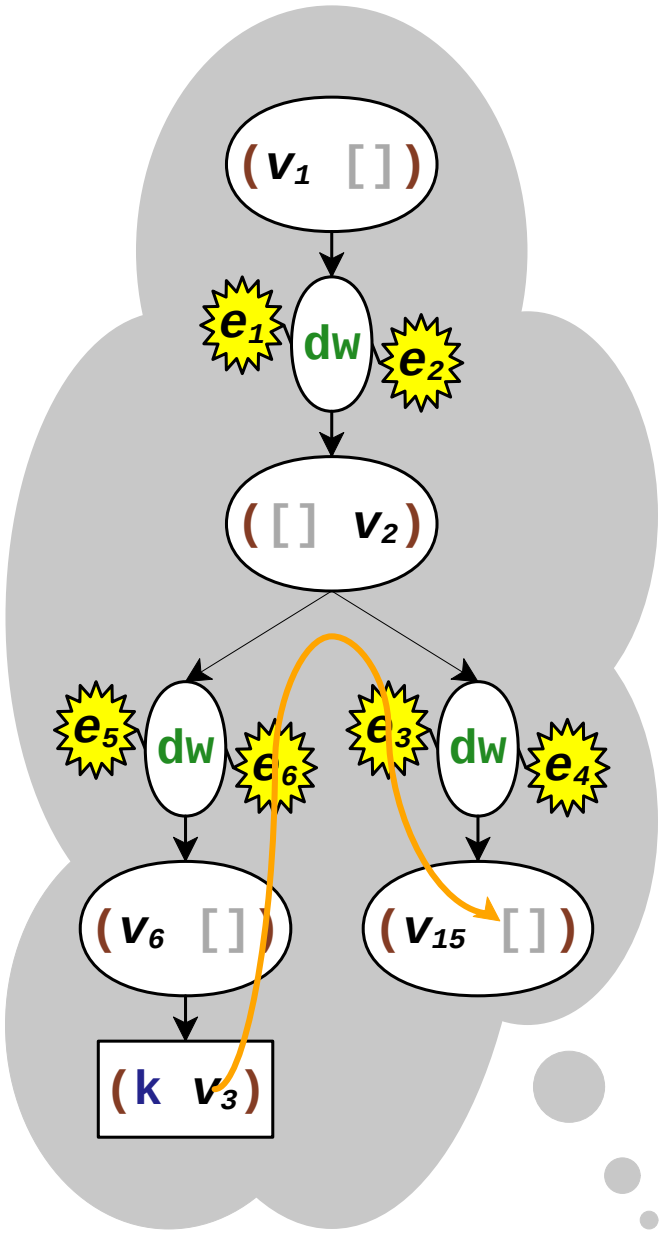

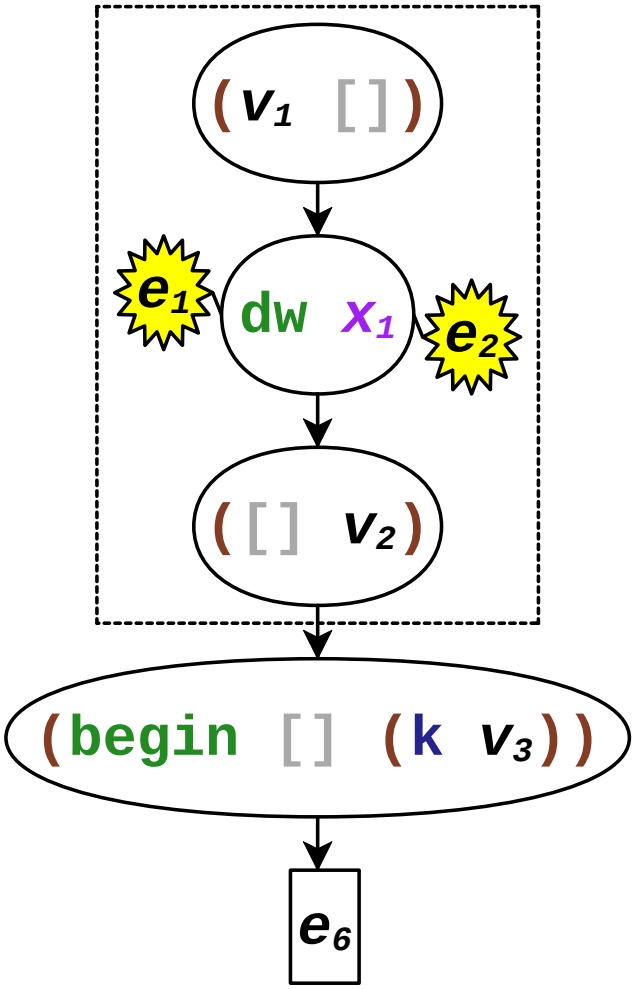

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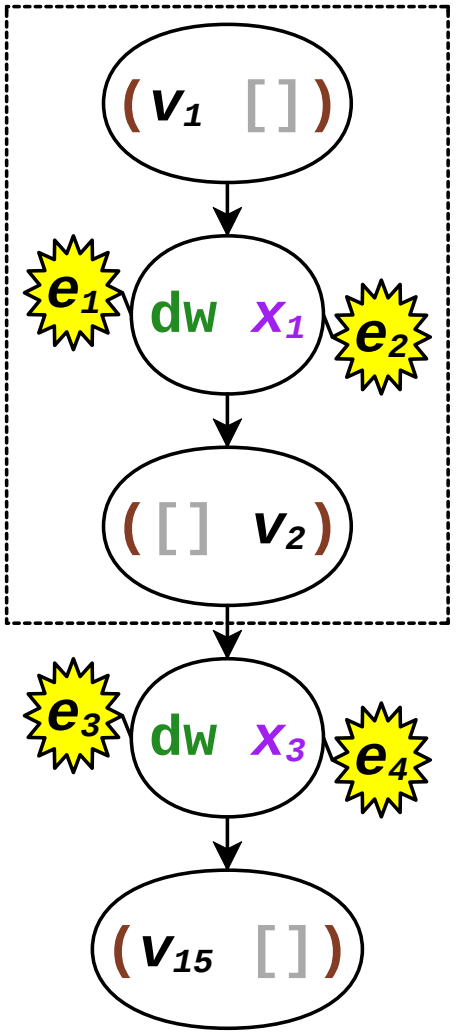

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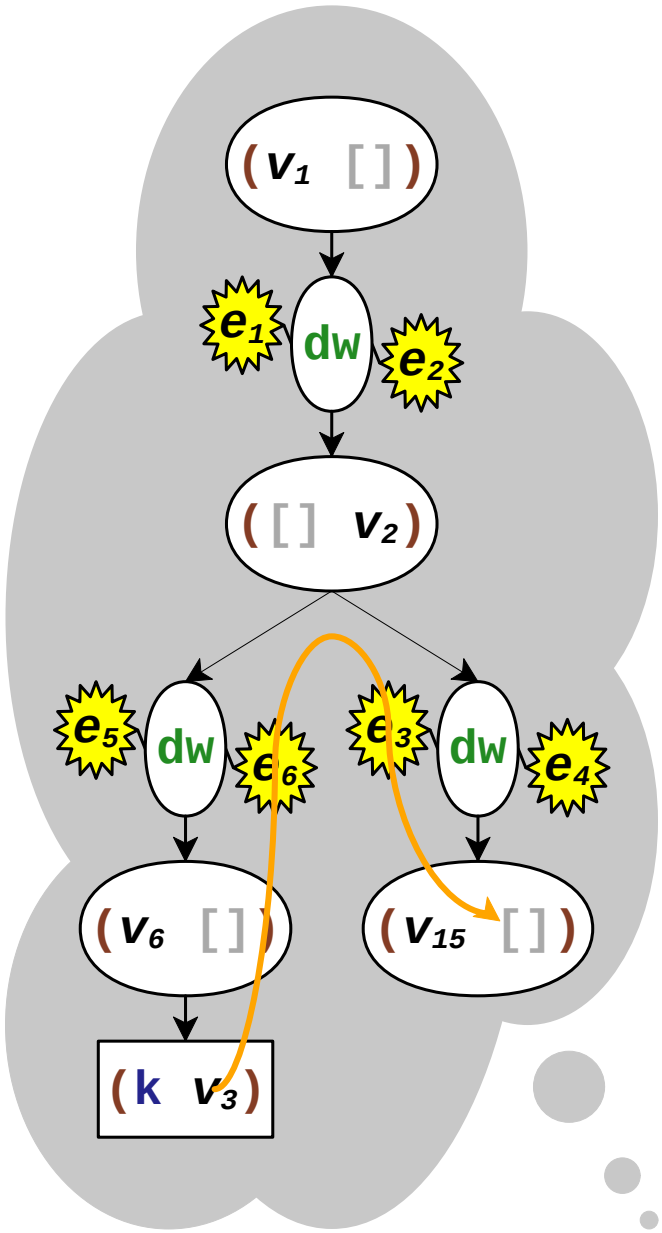

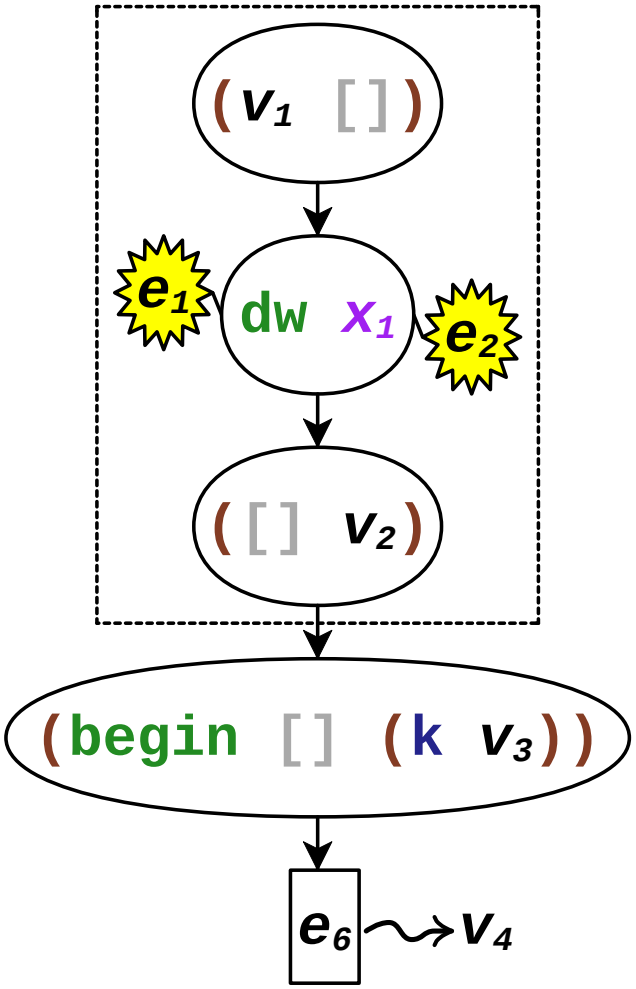

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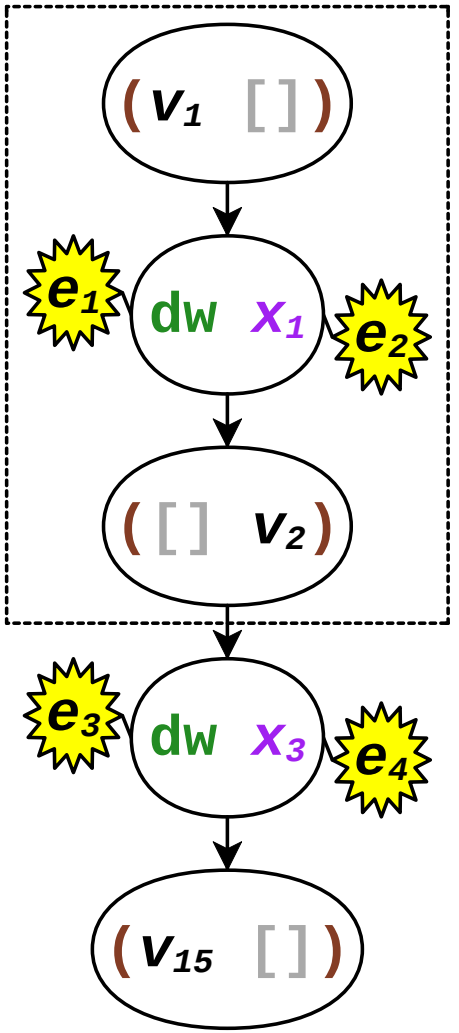

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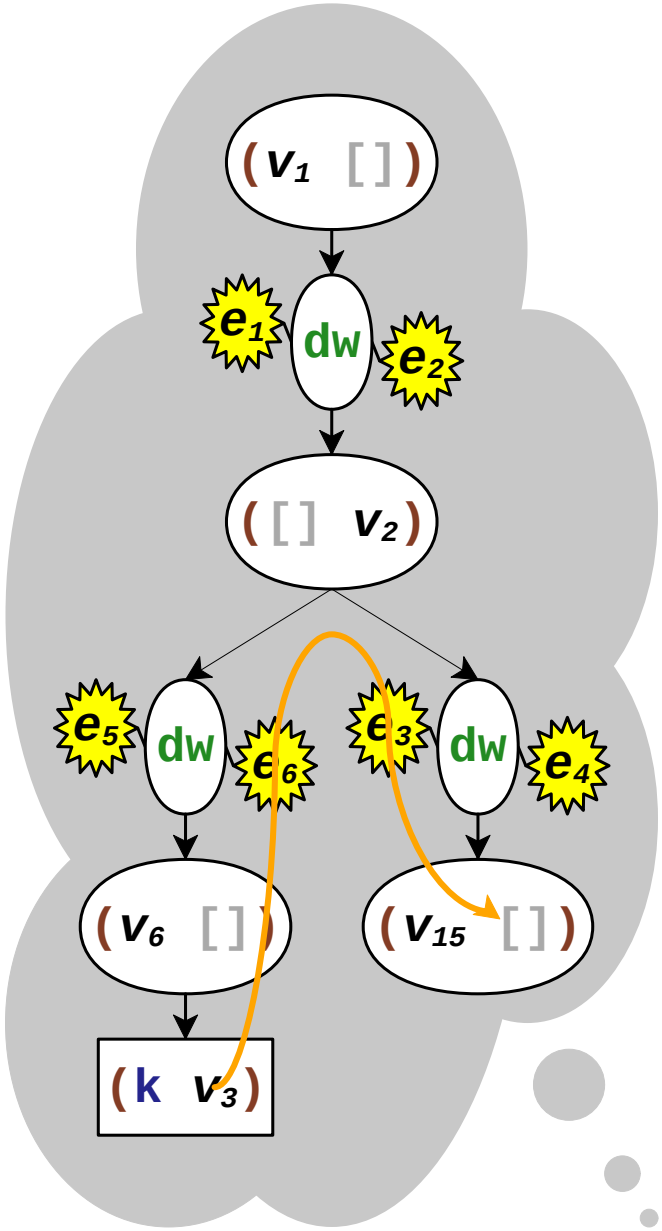

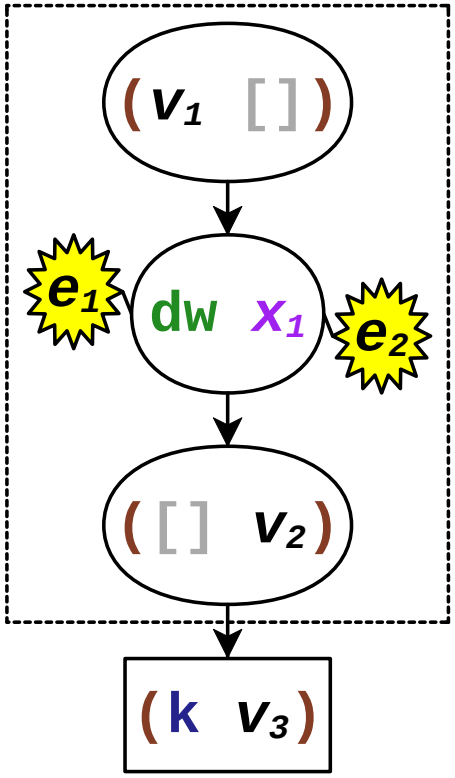

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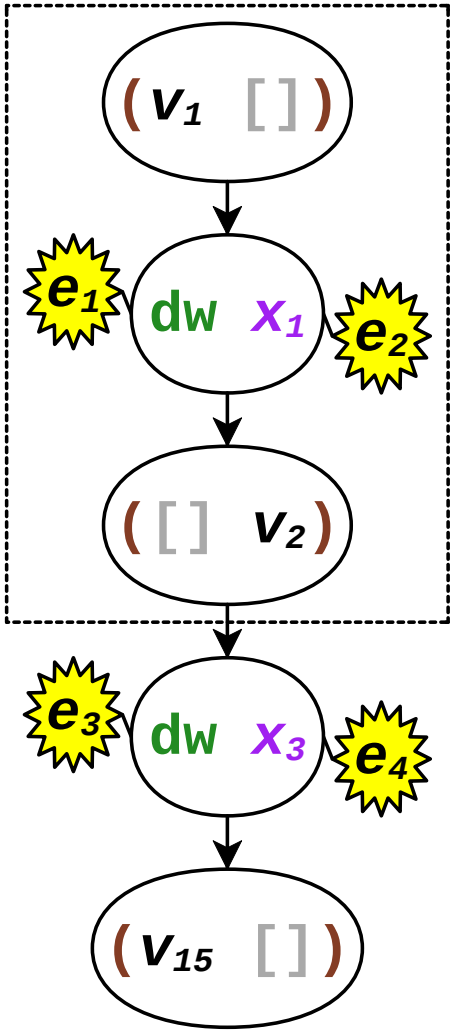

Dynamic Wind Summary

- `dynamic-wind` generates `dw`
- `call/cc` detects sharing in continuation jumps

- capture `dw` thunks in `call/comp` and `call/cc`
- run post thunks in `abort`
- run pre thunks in continuation composition

To Continue...

- Read the paper

  ICFP'07 Flatt, Yu, Findler, and Felleisen

- Run the Redex model:

  `http://www.cs.utah.edu/plt/delim-cont/`

- Download the implementation:

  `http://www.plt-scheme.org/`