

# Software Verification (Autumn 2014)

## Lecture 5: Separation Logic

### Part III

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## In the previous lecture we saw that:

- separation logic is an extension of Hoare logic for shared mutable data structures
- program states are now modelled by **variable stores and heaps**
- **spatial connectives** allow assertions to focus on resources used by programs
- **frame rule** enables local reasoning

# Next on the agenda

(1) model of program states for separation logic ✓

(2) assertions and spatial connectives ✓

(3) axioms and inference rules ✓

(4) program proofs

# Exercise: prove this!

{emp}

$x := \text{cons}(3,3);$

$y := \text{cons}(4,4);$

$[x+1] := y;$

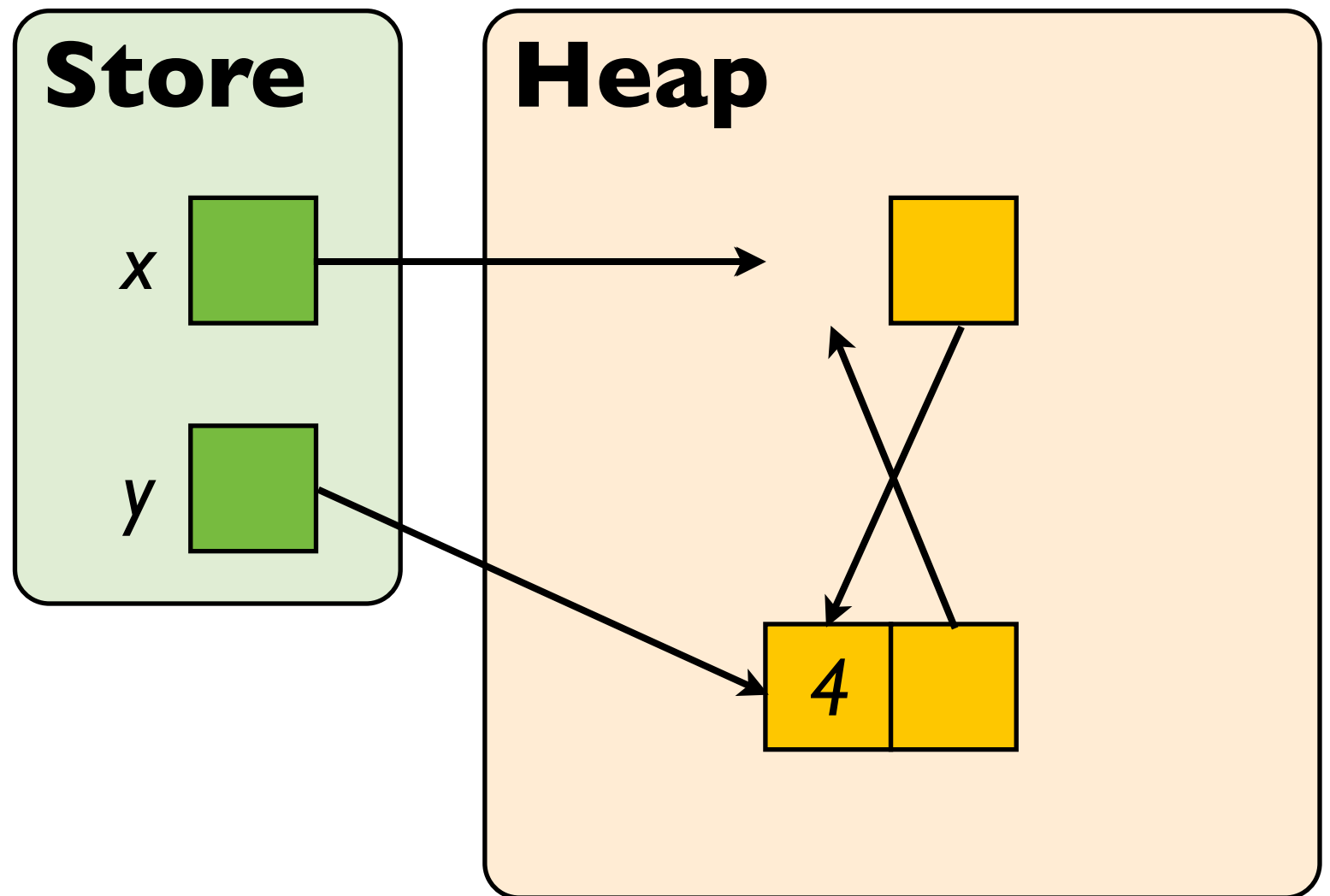
$[y+1] := x;$

$y := x+1;$

dispose  $x;$

$y := [y];$

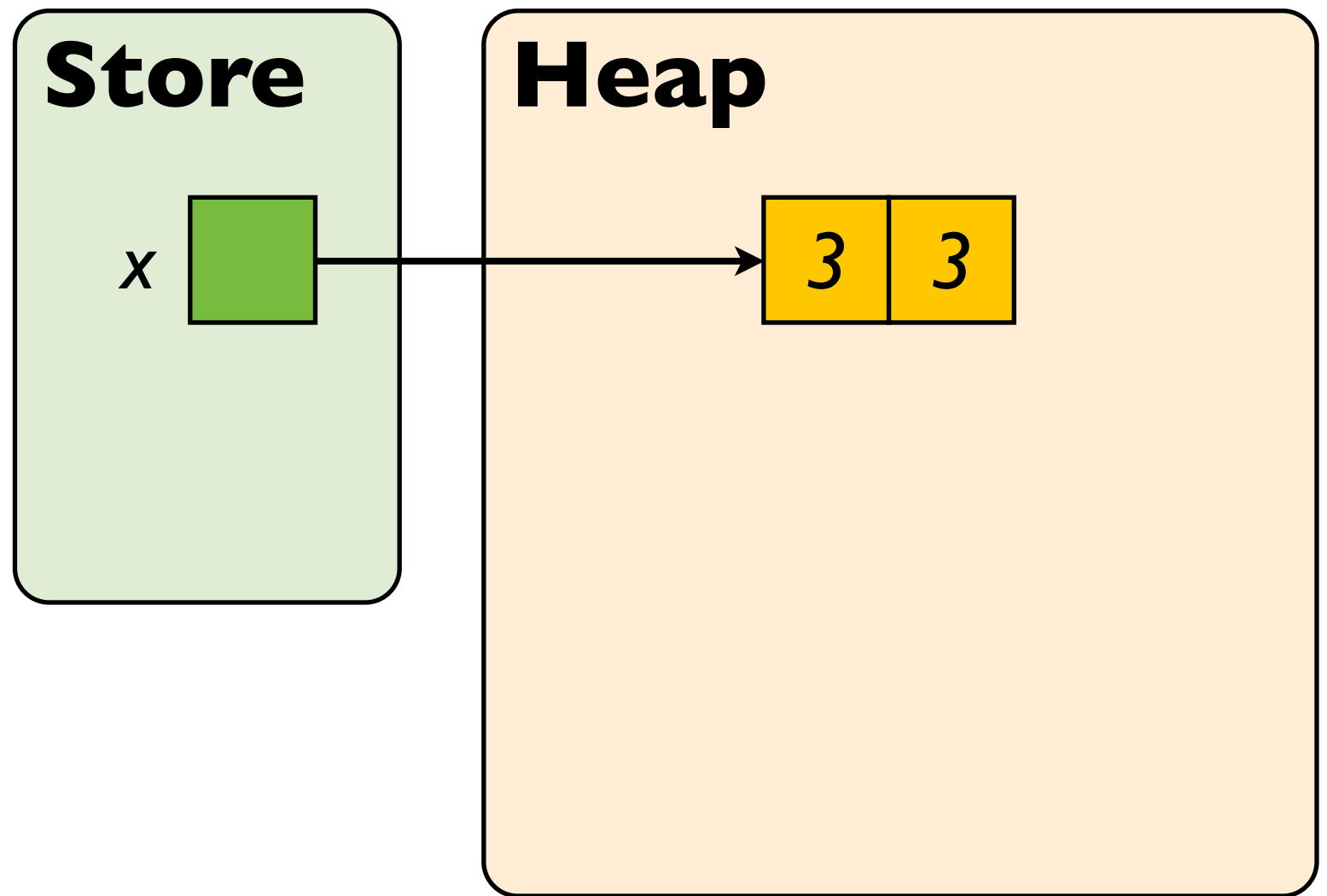
{ $y \rightarrow 4 * \text{true}$ }



# Proof outline

{emp}

$x := \text{cons}(3,3);$

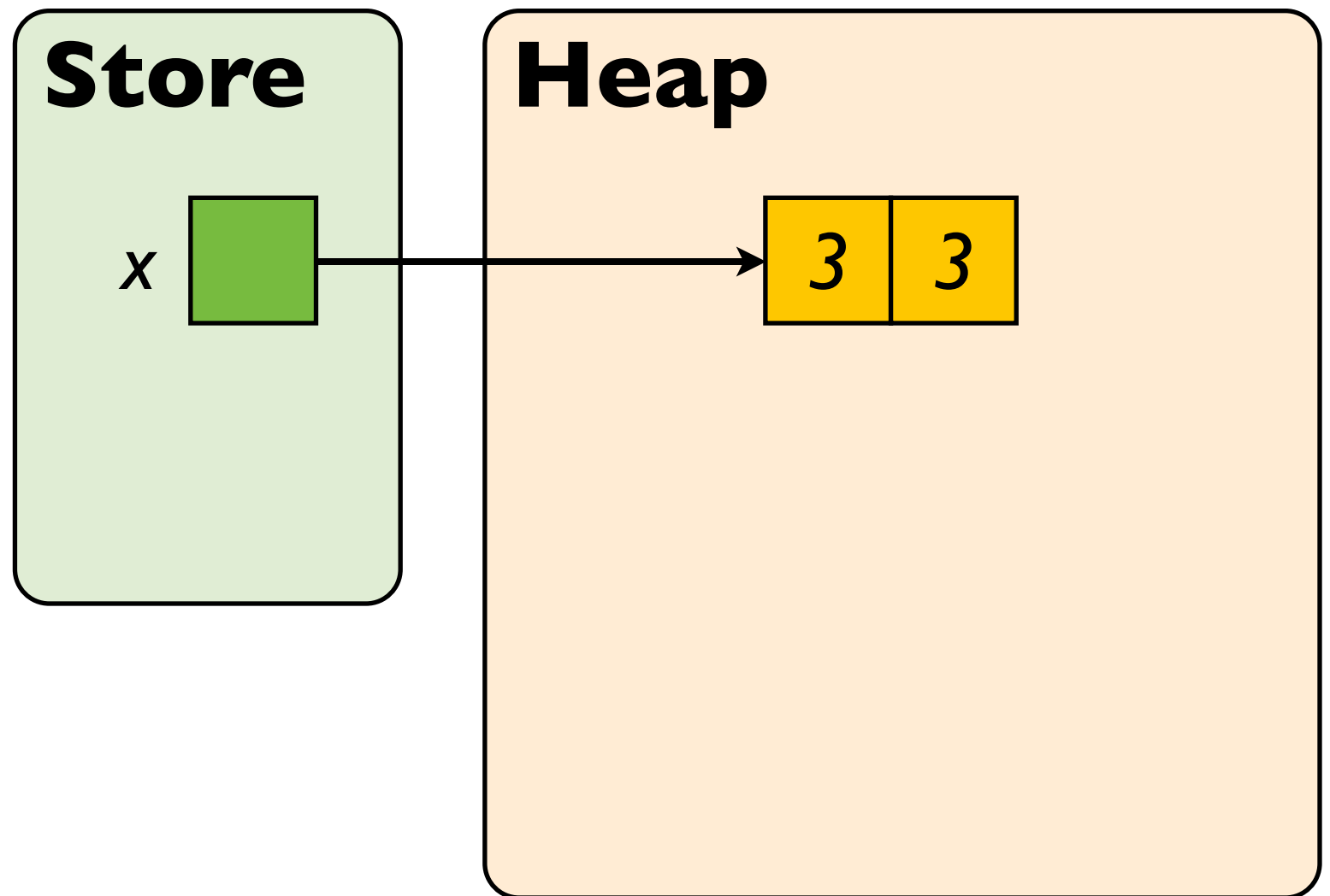


# Proof outline

{emp}

$x := \text{cons}(3,3);$

{ $x \mapsto 3,3$ }



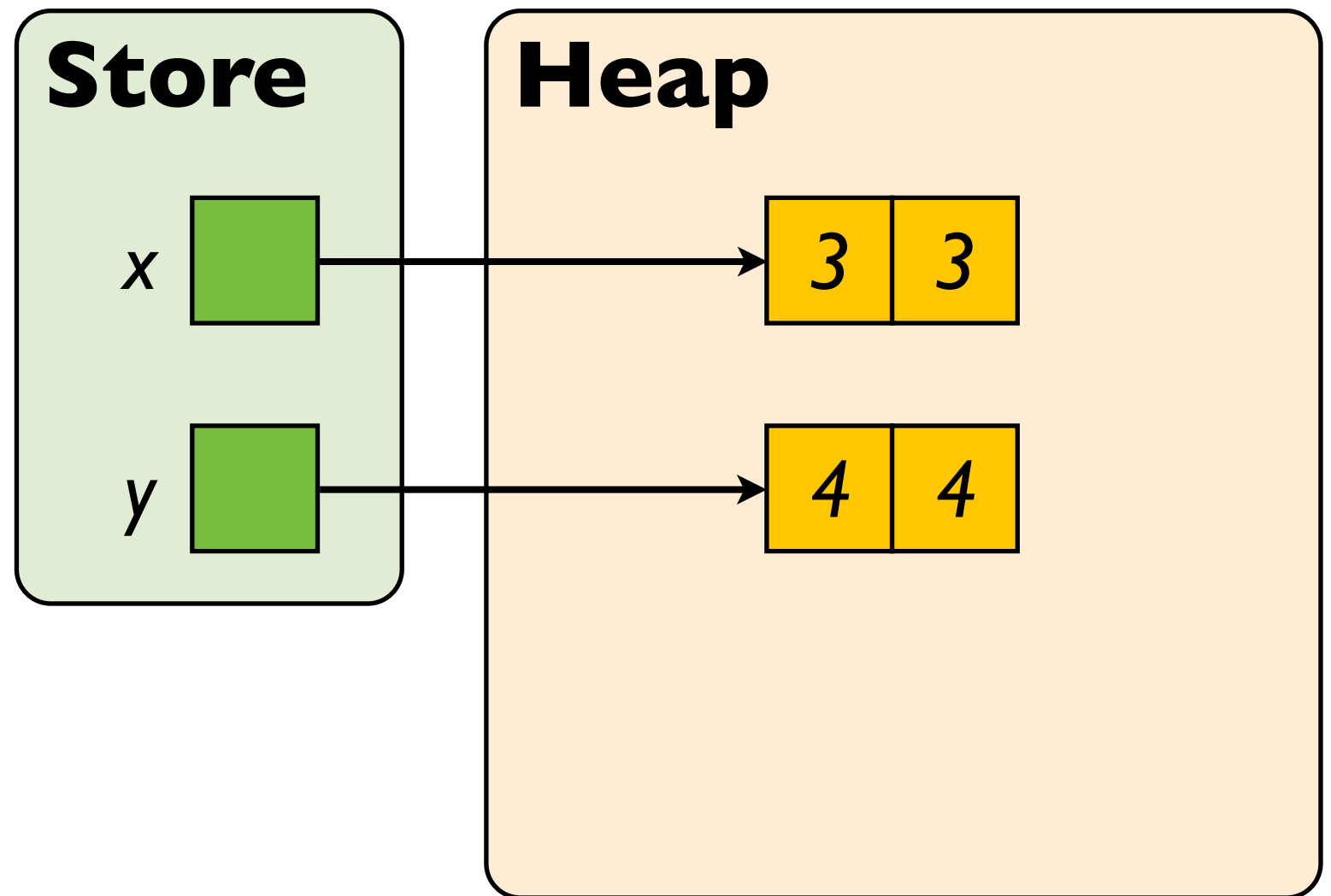
# Proof outline

{emp}

$x := \text{cons}(3,3);$

{ $x \mapsto 3,3$ }

$y := \text{cons}(4,4);$



# Proof outline

$\{\text{emp}\}$

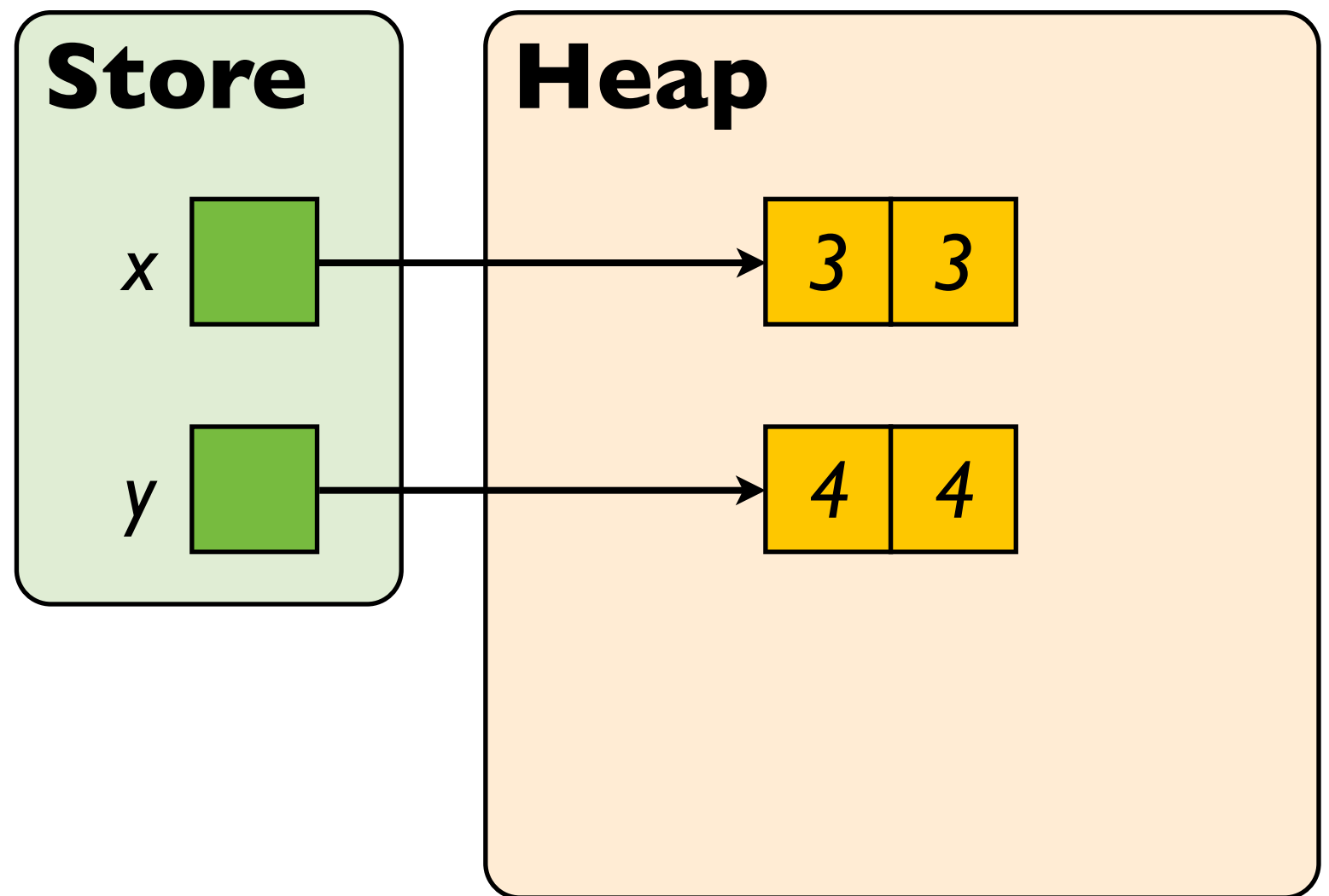
$x := \text{cons}(3,3);$

$\{x \mapsto 3,3\}$

$\{x \mapsto 3,3 * \text{emp}\}$

$y := \text{cons}(4,4);$

*rule of  
consequence*





# Proof outline

{emp}

x := cons(3,3);

{x |-> 3,3}

{x |-> 3,3 \* emp}

{emp}

y := cons(4,4);

{y |-> 4,4}

{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}



*frame rule!*

# Proof outline

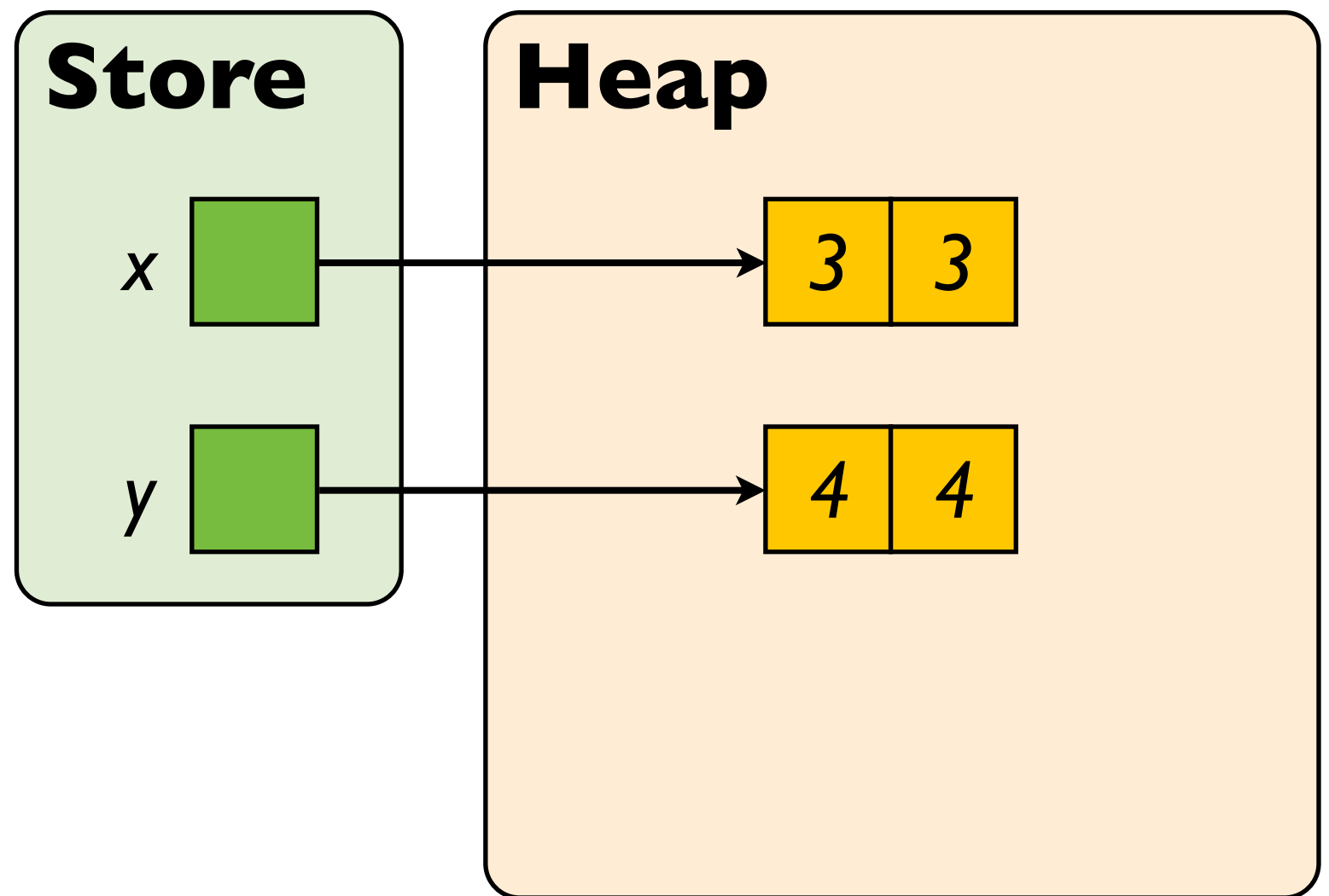
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{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}



# Proof outline

{emp}

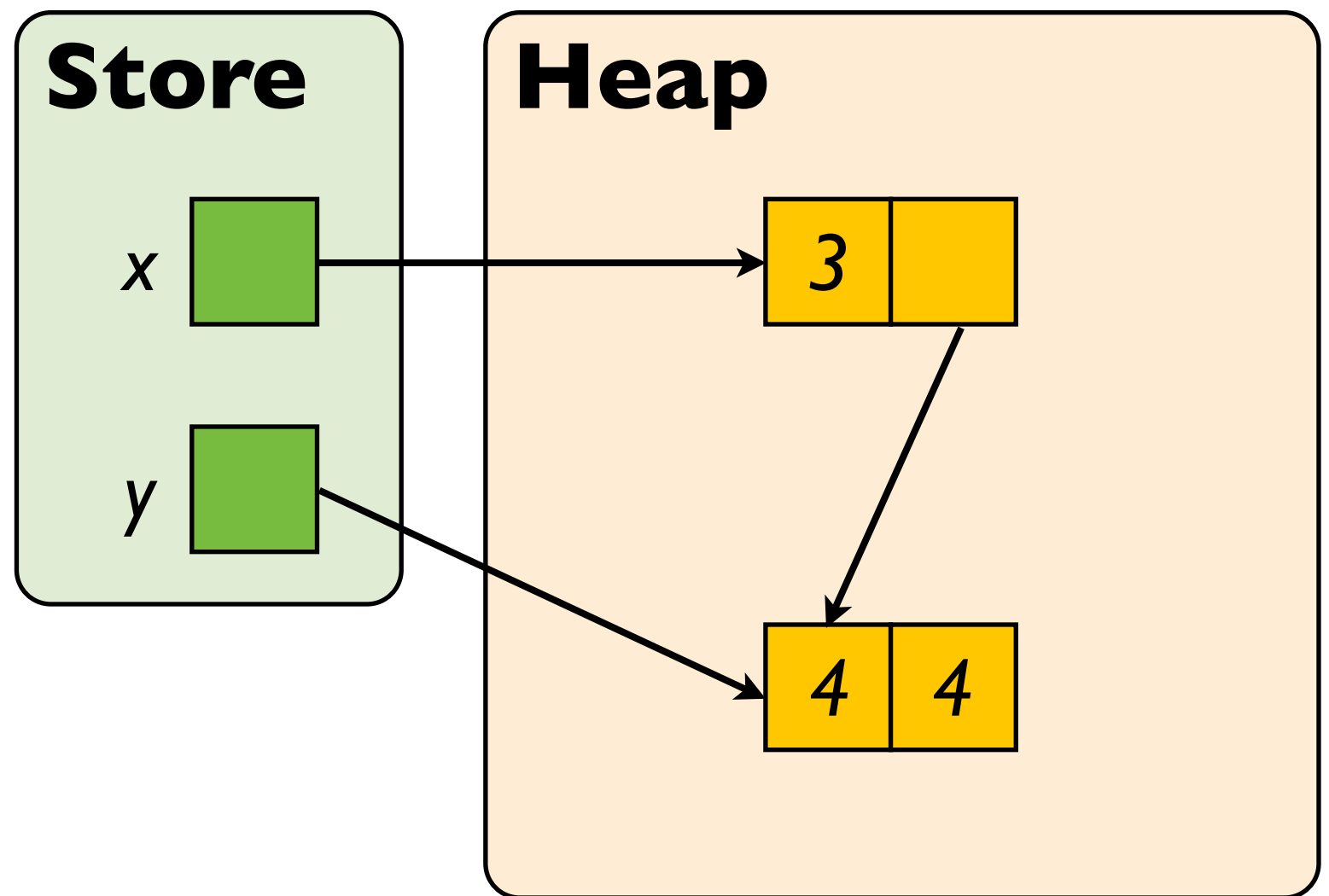
x := cons(3,3);

{x |-> 3,3}

y := cons(4,4);

{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}

[x+1] := y;



# Proof outline

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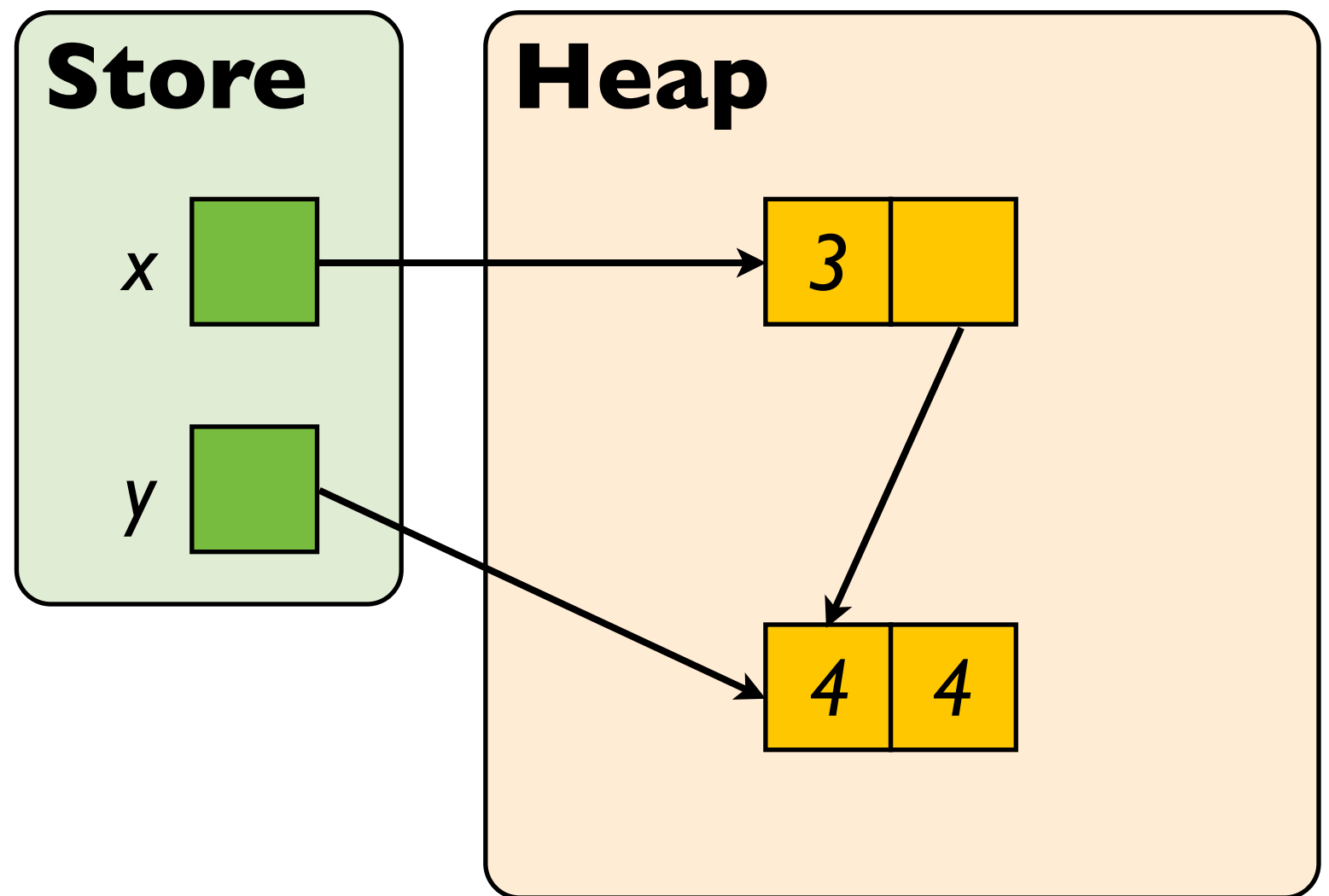
{x |-> 3,3}

y := cons(4,4);

{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}

{x |-> 3 \* x+1 |-> 3  
\* y |-> 4,4}

[x+1] := y;



# Proof outline

{emp}

x := cons(3,3);

{x |-> 3,3}

y := cons(4,4);

{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}

{x |-> 3 \* x+1 |-> 3  
\* y |-> 4,4}

[x+1] := y;

{x |-> 3 \* x+1 |-> y  
\* y |-> 4,4}

{x+1 |-> 3}

[x+1] := y;

{x+1 |-> y}



*frame rule!*

# Proof outline

{emp}

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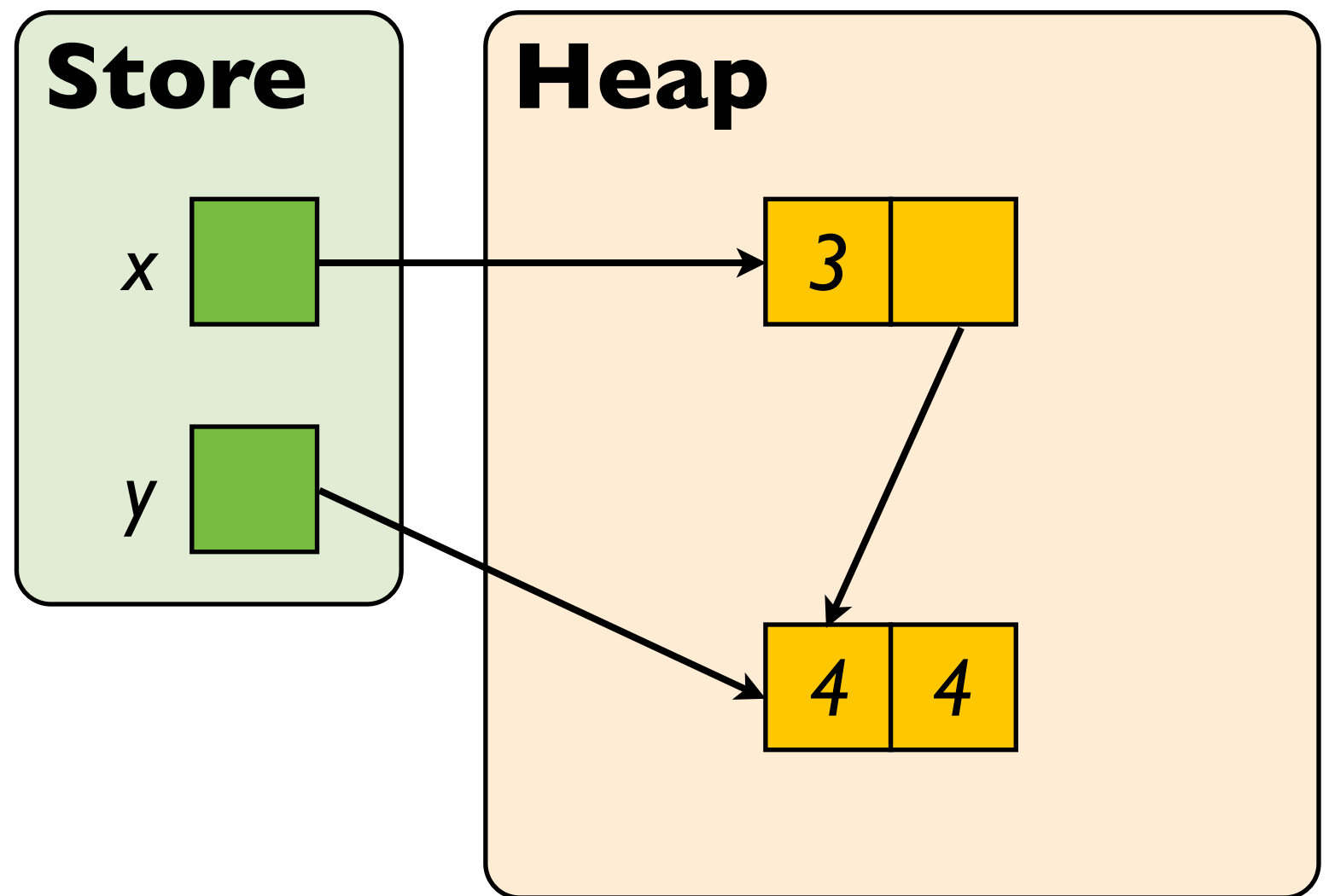
{x ↦ 3,3}

y := cons(4,4);

{x ↦ 3,3 \* y ↦ 4,4}

[x+1] := y;

{x ↦ 3,y \* y ↦ 4,4}



# Proof outline

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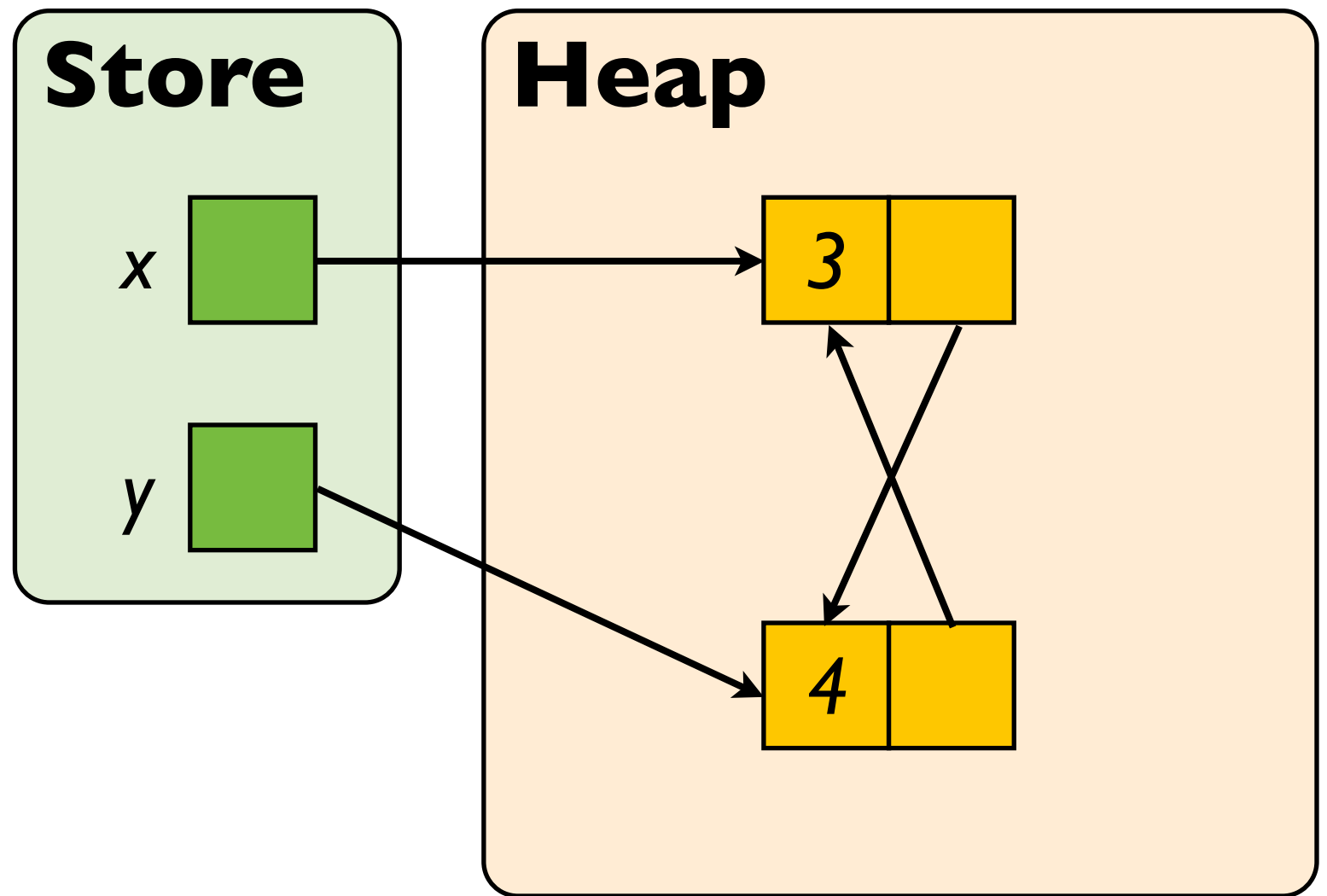
y := cons(4,4);

{x |-> 3,3 \* y |-> 4,4}

[x+1] := y;

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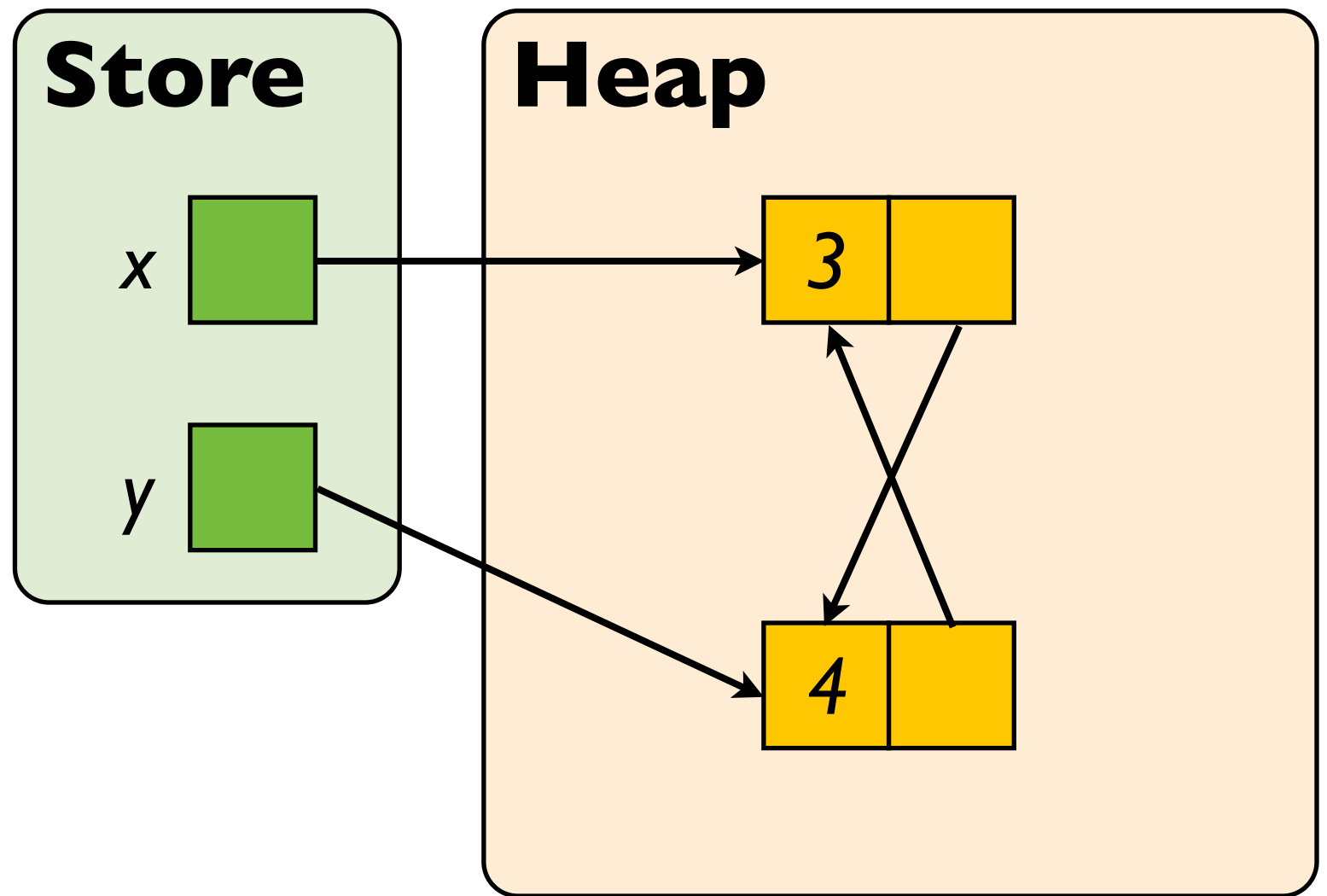
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[y+1] := x;

{x |-> 3,y \* y |-> 4,x}



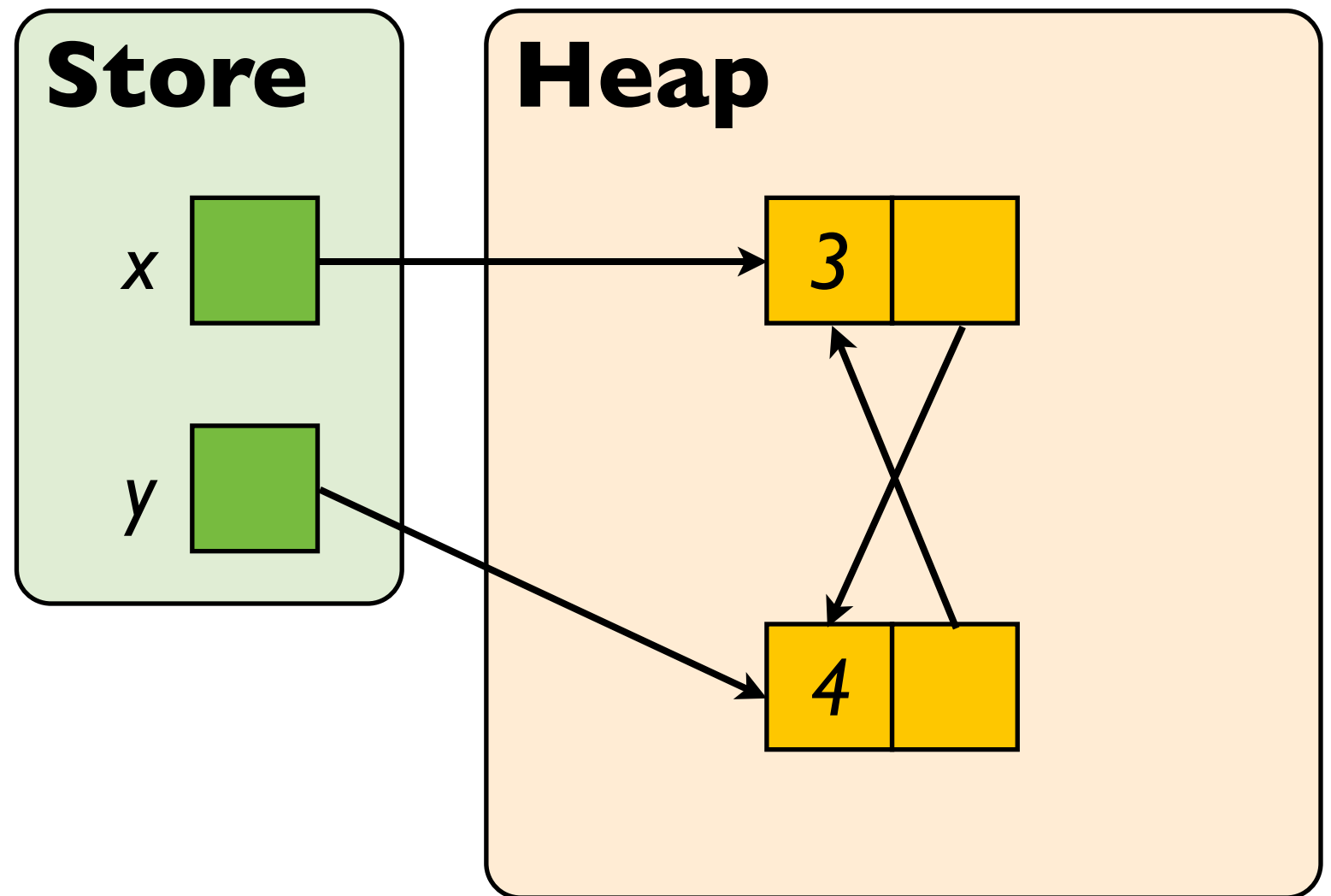


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{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}

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## Proof outline

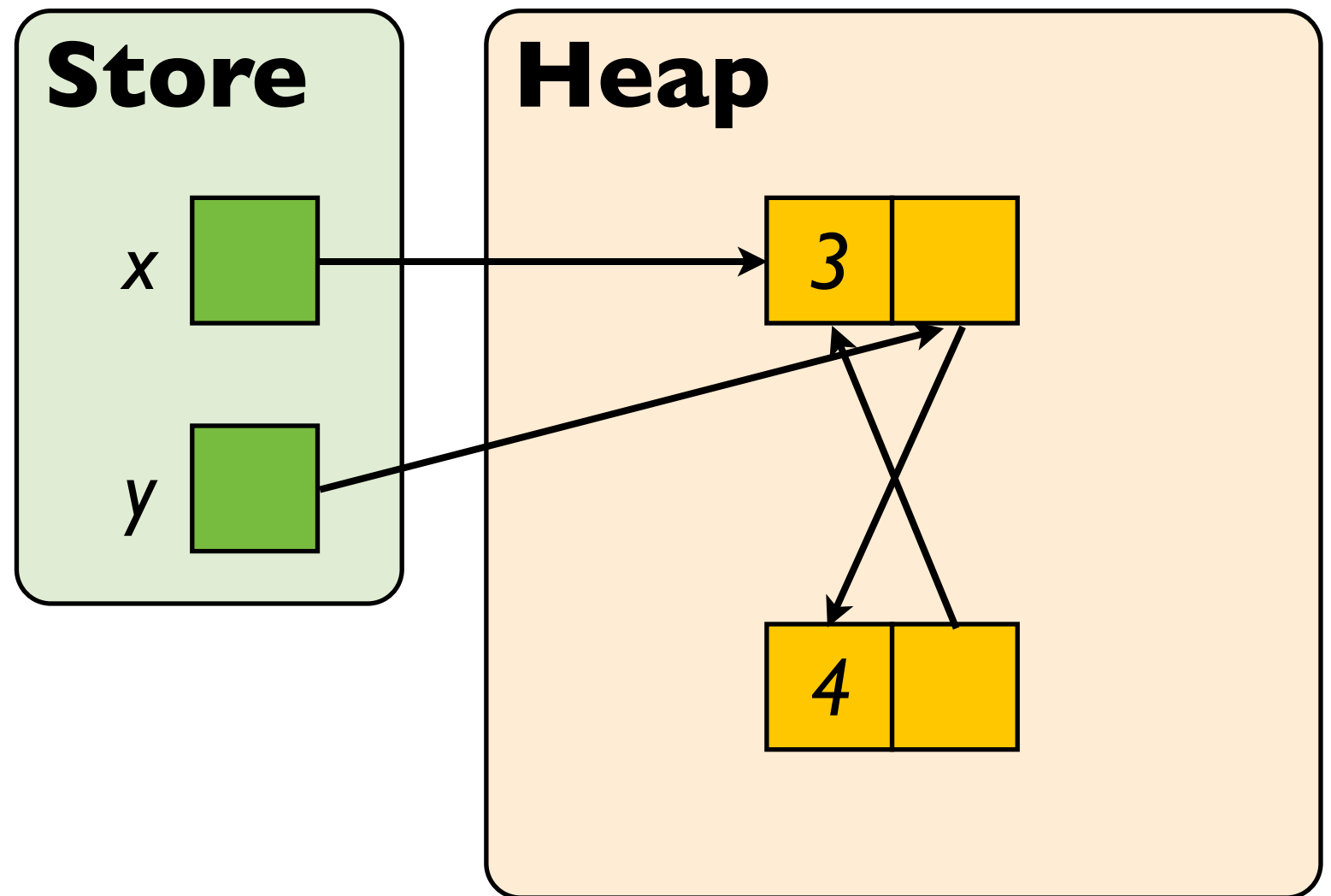


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{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;

```

## Proof outline



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{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;

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## Proof outline



via “forward” assignment  
axiom (from Hoare logic)

$$\{x \mapsto 3, y * y \mapsto 4, x\}$$

$$y := x+1$$

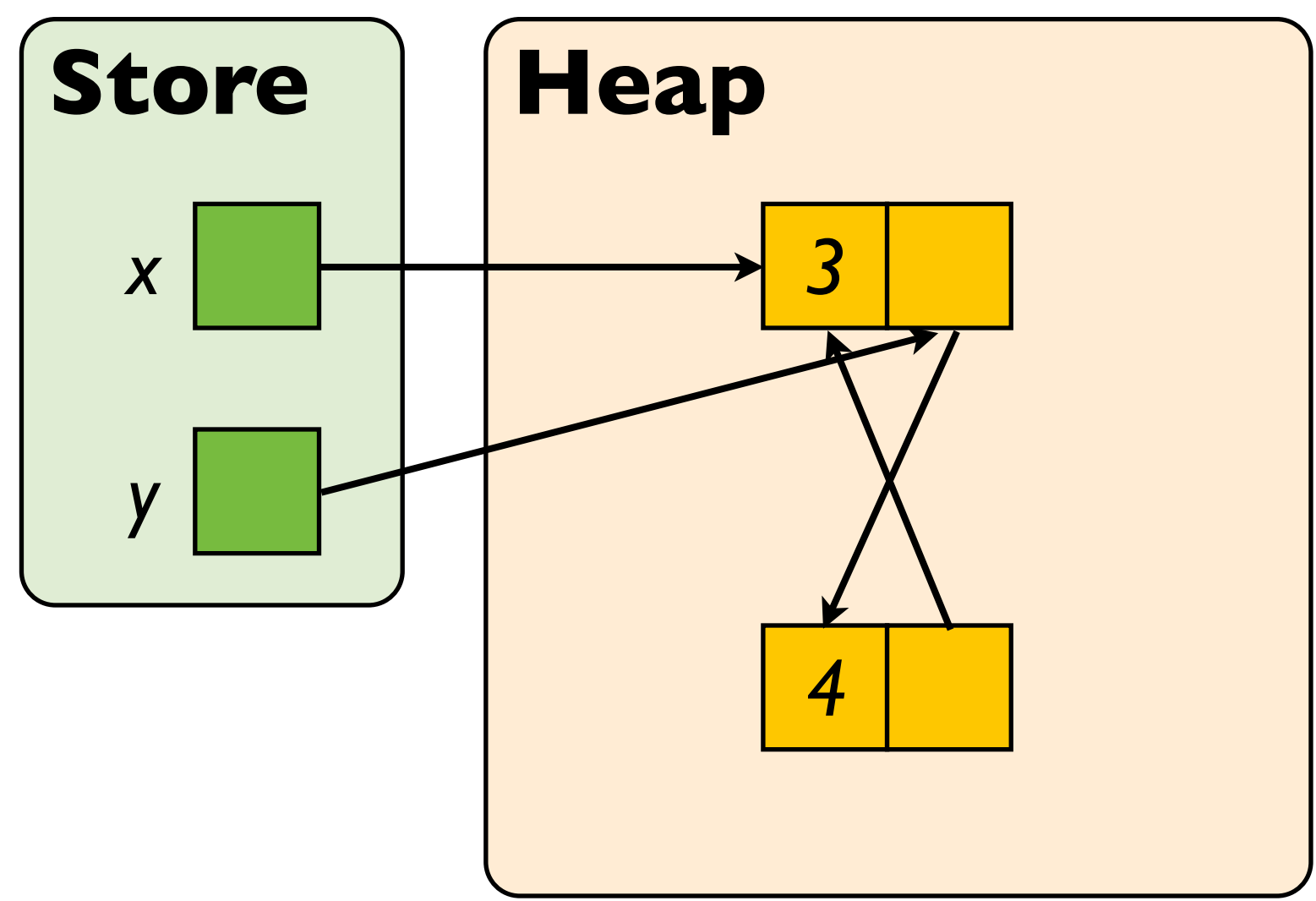
$$\{x \mapsto 3, y^{\text{old}} * y^{\text{old}} \mapsto 4, x \wedge y = x+1\}$$

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{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}

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# Proof outline

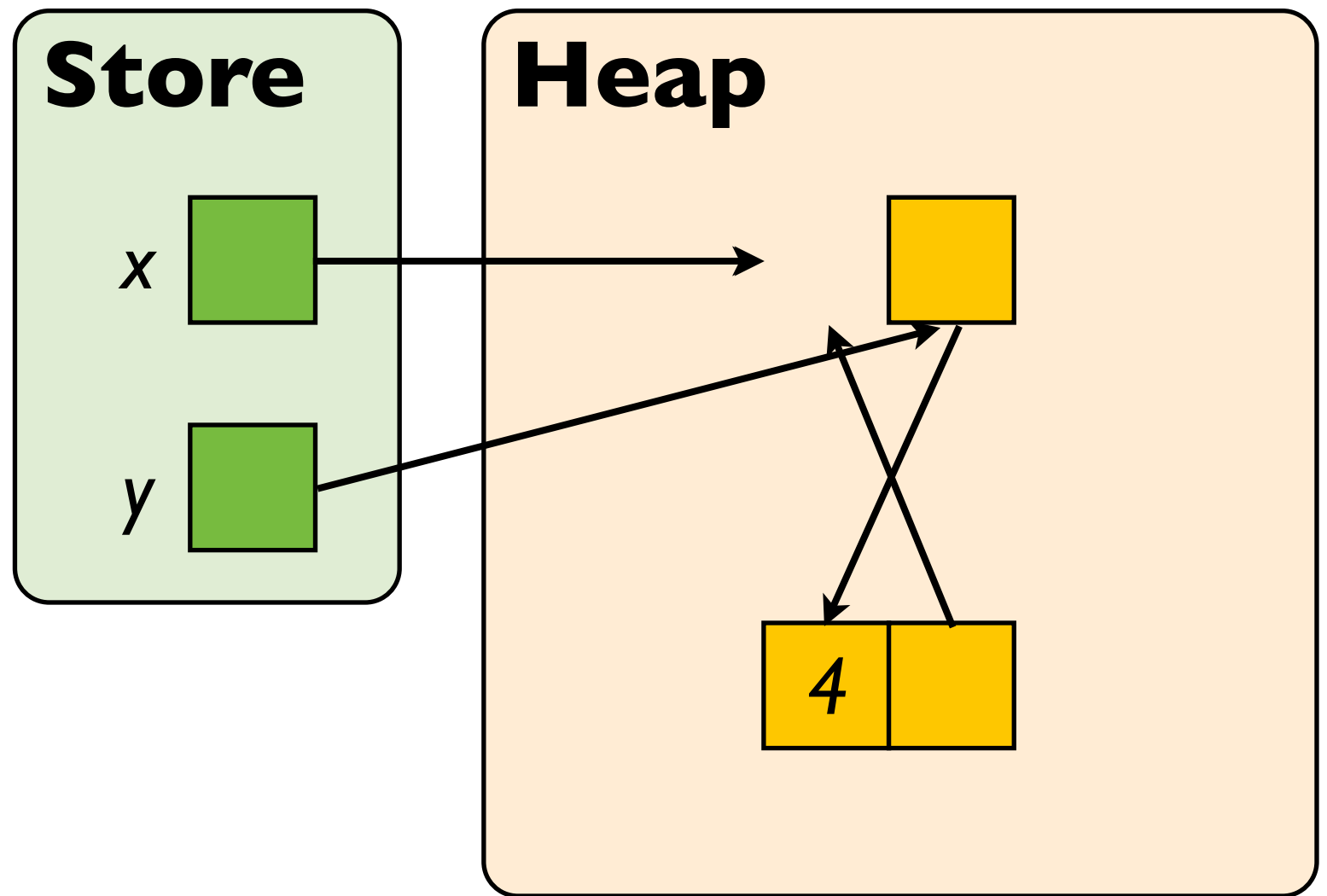


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{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
dispose x;

```

# Proof outline



```

{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  dispose x;
{emp * x+1 |-> yold *
yold |-> 4,x ^ y = x+1}

```

## Proof outline

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{x |-> 3}
  dispose x;
{emp}

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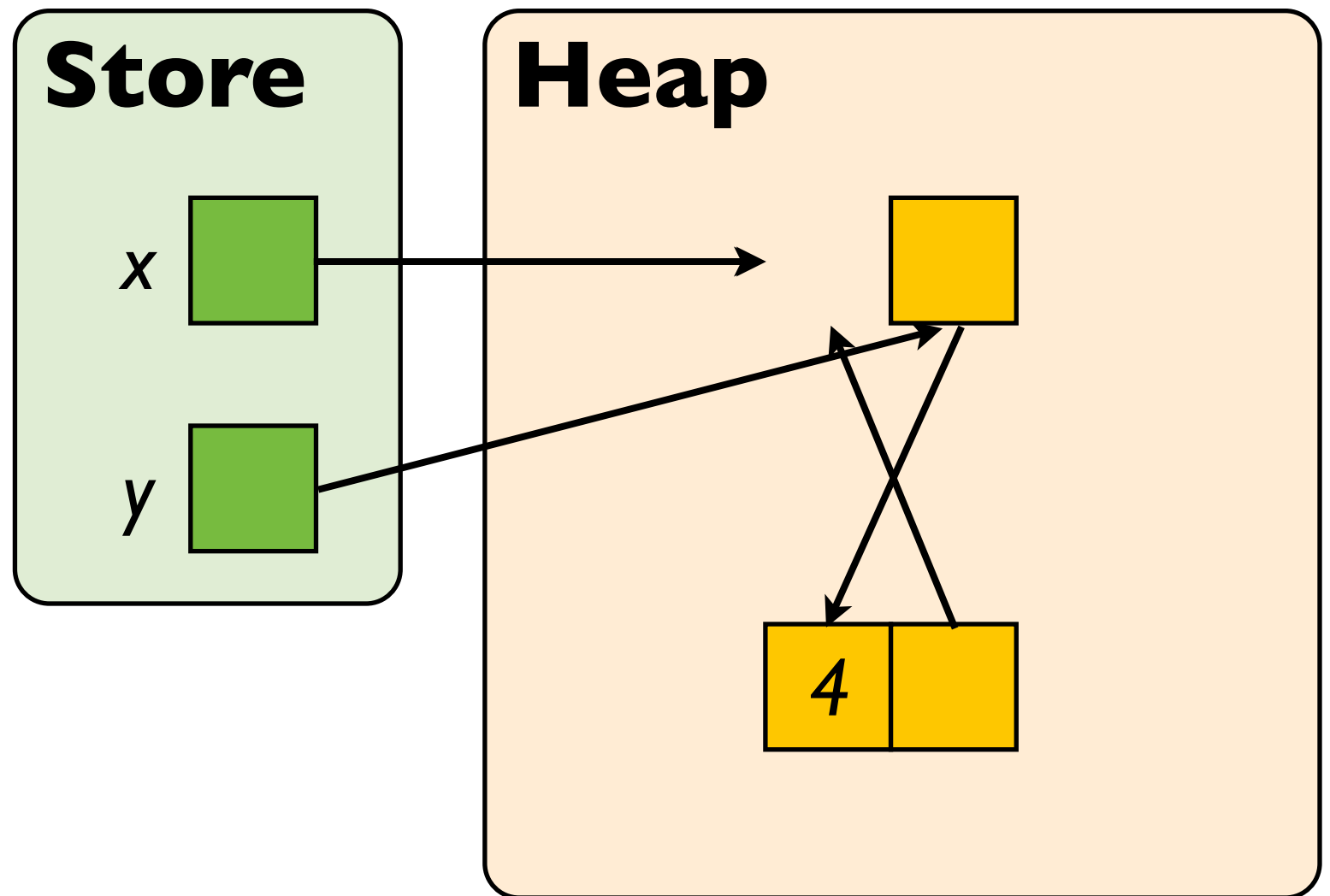
*frame rule!*

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{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  dispose x;
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}

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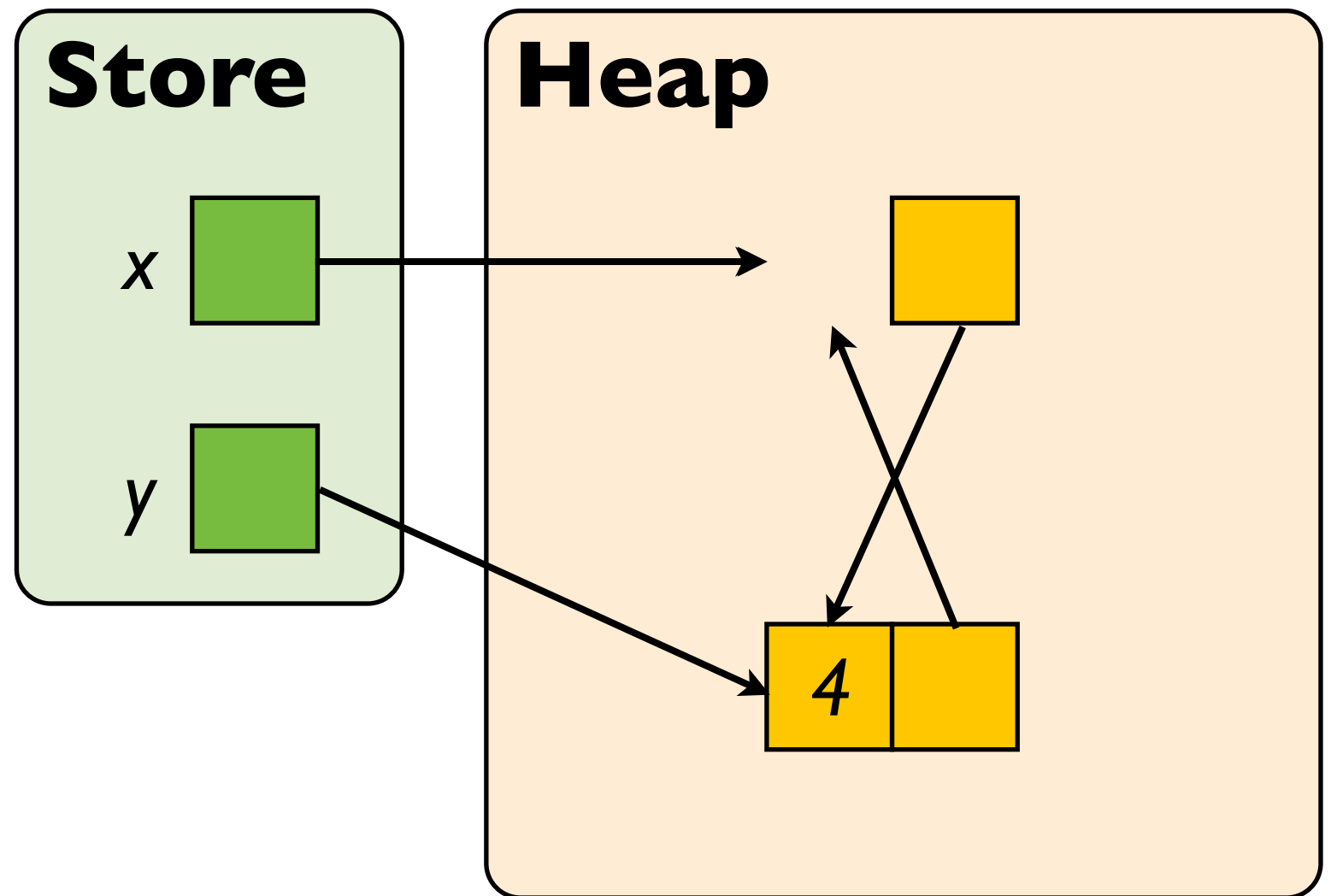


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  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  dispose x;
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  y := [y];

```

## Proof outline





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{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}
  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  dispose x;
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  y := [y];

```

## Proof outline



*frame rule and consequence!*

$$\{x+1 = y \wedge y \text{ |-> } y^{\text{old}}\}$$

$$y := [y];$$

$$\{x+1 \text{ |-> } y^{\text{old}} \wedge y^{\text{old}} = y\}$$

```

{emp}
  x := cons(3,3);
{x |-> 3,3}
  y := cons(4,4);
{x |-> 3,3 * y |-> 4,4}

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[x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}

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[y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}

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y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}

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dispose x;
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x
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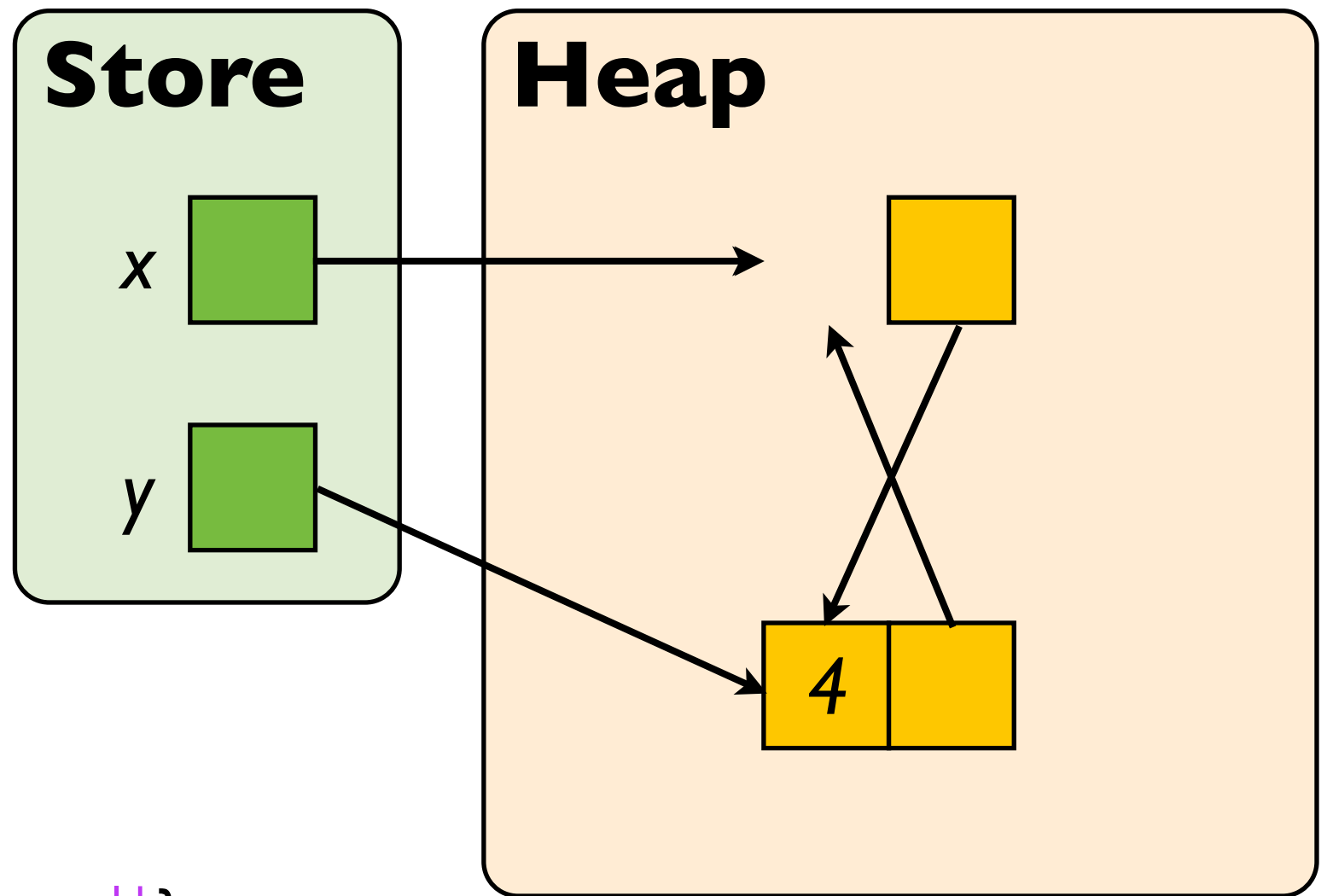
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y := [y];
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x ^ y = yold}

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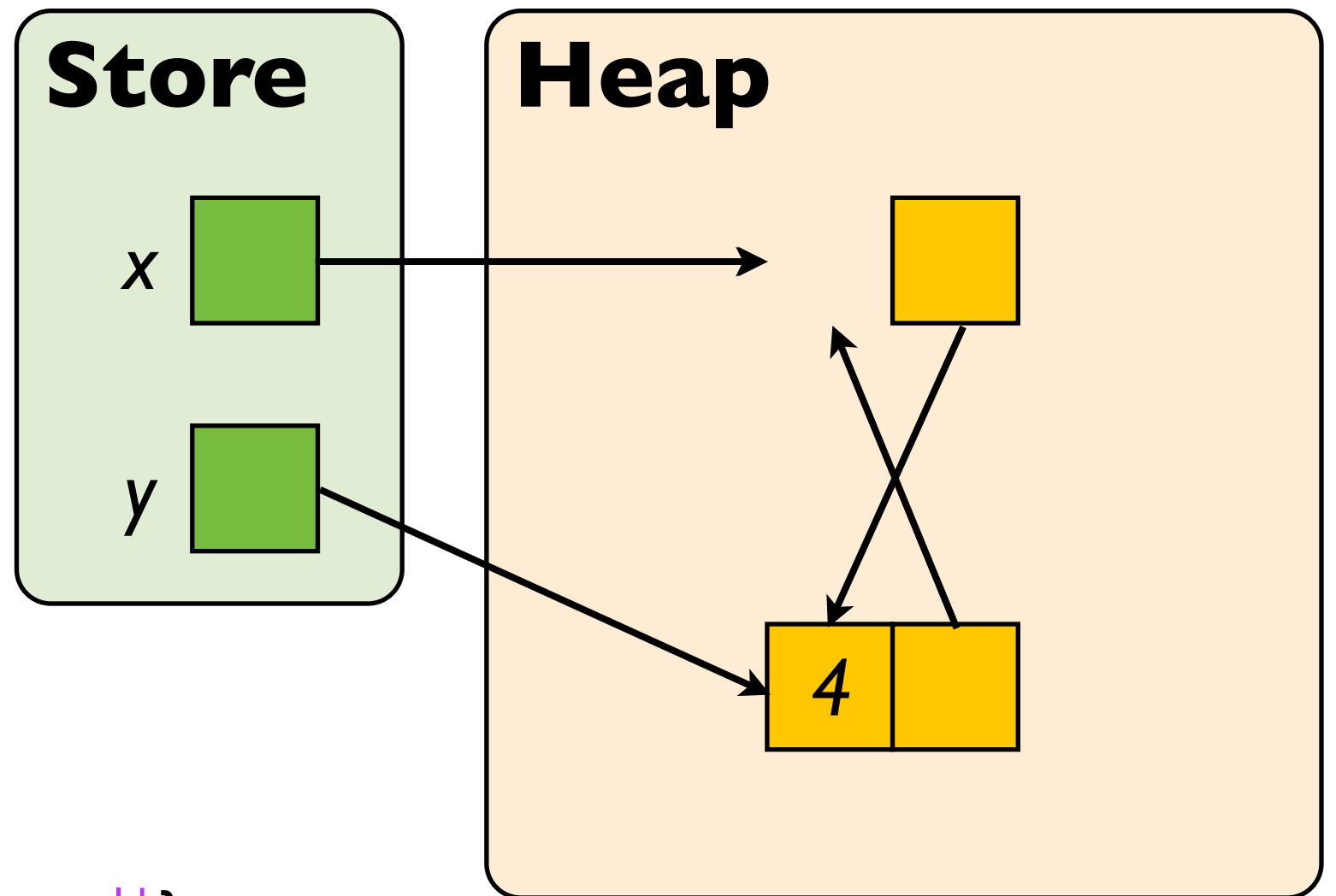


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  [x+1] := y;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,4}
  [y+1] := x;
{x |-> 3,y * y |-> 4,x}
  y := x+1;
{x |-> 3,yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  dispose x;
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x
  ^ y = x+1}
  y := [y];
{x+1 |-> yold * yold |-> 4,x ^ y = yold}
{y |-> 4 * true}

```

## Proof outline

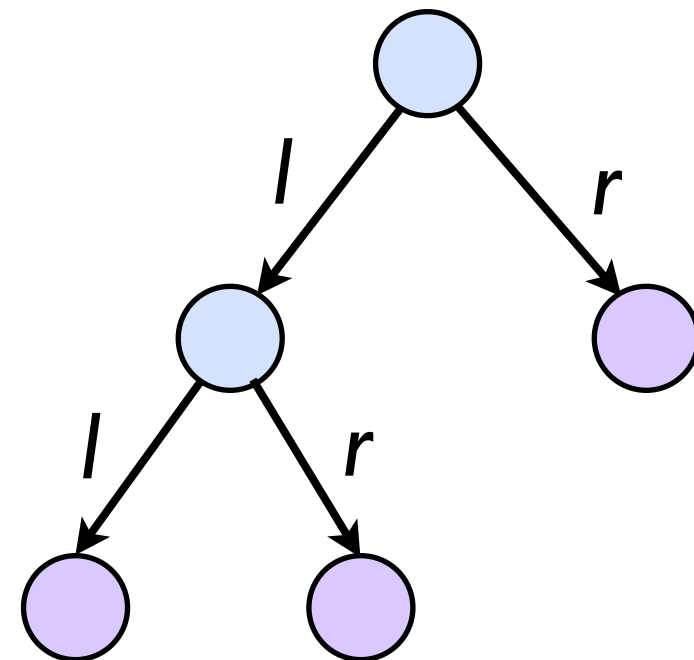


# Inductive definitions in assertions

- heap portions in more realistic programs might comprise e.g. **a tree, linked list**
- helpful and concise to define such structures as **predicates**

# Tree disposal

```
procedure DispTree(p)
  local i, j;
  if  $\neg$ isatom?(p) then
    i := p→l;
    j := p→r;
    DispTree(i)
    DispTree(j)
  dispose(p)
```



# Tree predicate

$\text{tree}(e) \iff$   
if  $\text{isAtom}(e)$  then emp  
else  $\exists x, y. e \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)$

- notes:
  - **isAtom(e)** returns true if e is an atomic value (e.g. characters) and not a location
  - if-then-else is easily compilable to logic (**how?**)

# Tree disposal

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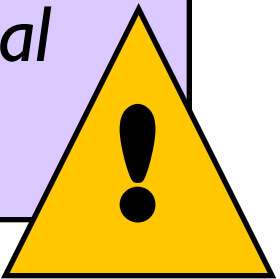
{tree(p)} DispTree(p) {emp}

# Tree disposal

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*we first:*

- *adjust for our store/heap model*
- *focus the proof on the crucial part*



$\{\text{tree}(p)\}$  DispTree(p)  $\{\text{emp}\}$



# Tree disposal proof

(from O'Hearn)

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

$j := [p+1];$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\text{DispTree}(j);$

$\text{dispose}(p);$

$\text{dispose}(p+1);$

$\{\text{emp}\}$

# Tree disposal proof

(from O'Hearn)

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

# Tree disposal proof

(from O'Hearn)

$$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$$
$$i := [p];$$
$$\{p \mapsto x\}$$
$$i := [p]$$
$$\{p \mapsto x \wedge x = i\}$$


*frame rule!*

$$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y) \wedge x = i\}$$
$$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$$

# Tree disposal proof

(from O'Hearn)

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$j := [p+1];$

# Tree disposal proof

(from O'Hearn)

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

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$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

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$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$



*frame rule!*

$\{\text{tree}(i)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i)$

$\{\text{emp}\}$

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$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(j);$



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$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(j);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{emp}\}$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(j);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{emp}\}$

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$i := [p];$

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$j := [p+1];$

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$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(j);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{emp}\}$

$\text{dispose}(p);$

$\text{dispose}(p+1);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(x) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$i := [p];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(y)\}$

$j := [p+1];$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{tree}(i) * \text{tree}(j)\}$

$\text{DispTree}(i);$

$\{p \mapsto x, y * \text{emp} * \text{tree}(j)\}$

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$\{\text{emp} * \text{emp} * \text{emp}\}$

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$\{\text{emp}\}$

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# In a nutshell



The **frame rule** is absolutely **key** to separation logic proofs

$$\frac{\{p\} \quad C \quad \{q\}}{\{p * r\} \quad C \quad \{q * r\}}$$

*Thank you! Questions?*