

# Software Verification (Autumn 2015)

## Lecture 17: Separation Logic for Object-Oriented

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# Verifying object-oriented programs

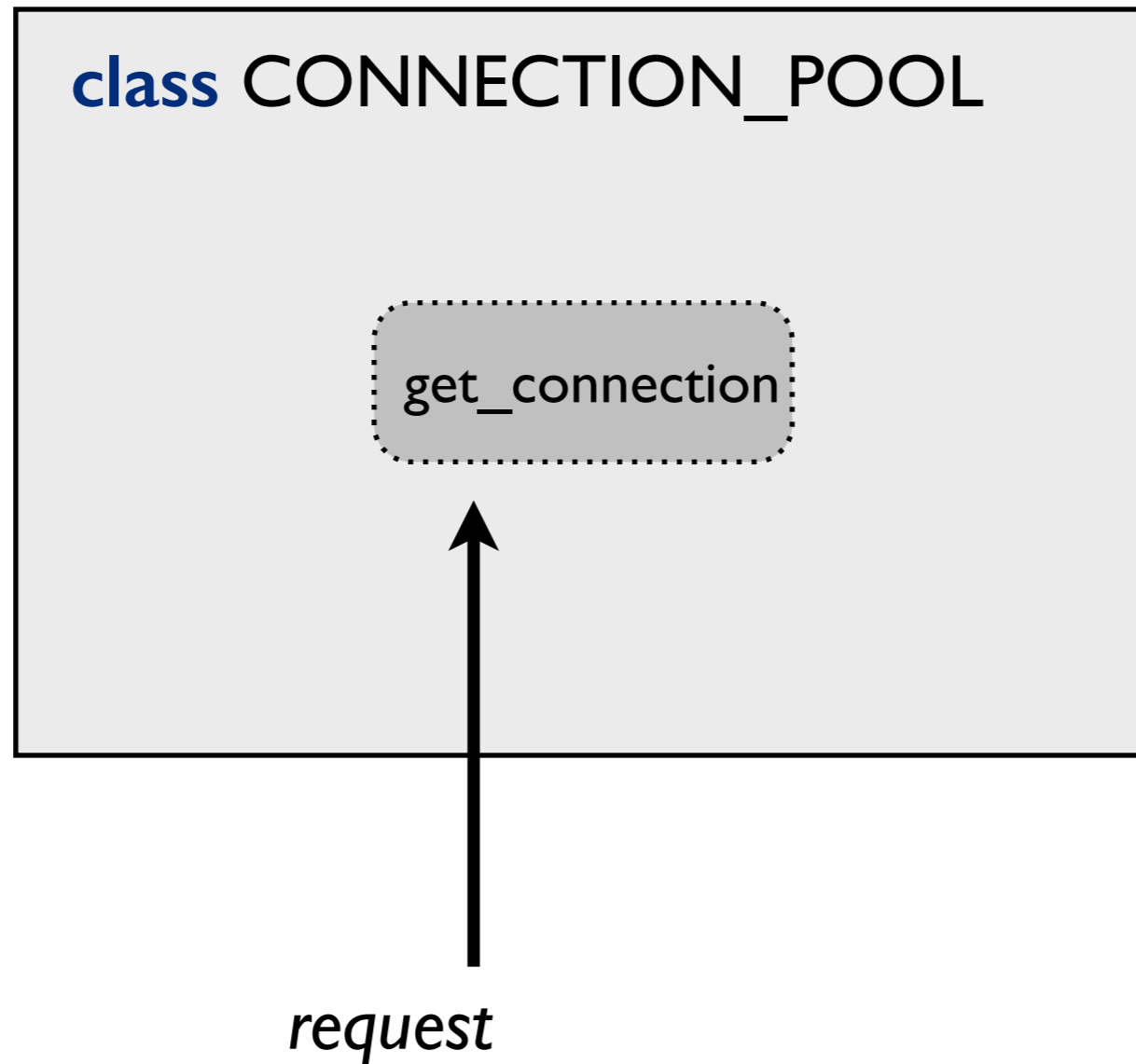
- **object-oriented (O-O) languages** are popular and widely used
  - ⇒ *objects combine data with operations*
  - ⇒ *clients don't need to know about internal representation*
- **encapsulation** facilitates **modular thinking**
- **reasoning about O-O programs is challenging**
  - ⇒ *shared mutable state*
  - ⇒ *inheritance (i.e. subtyping and method overriding)*

# Shared mutable state

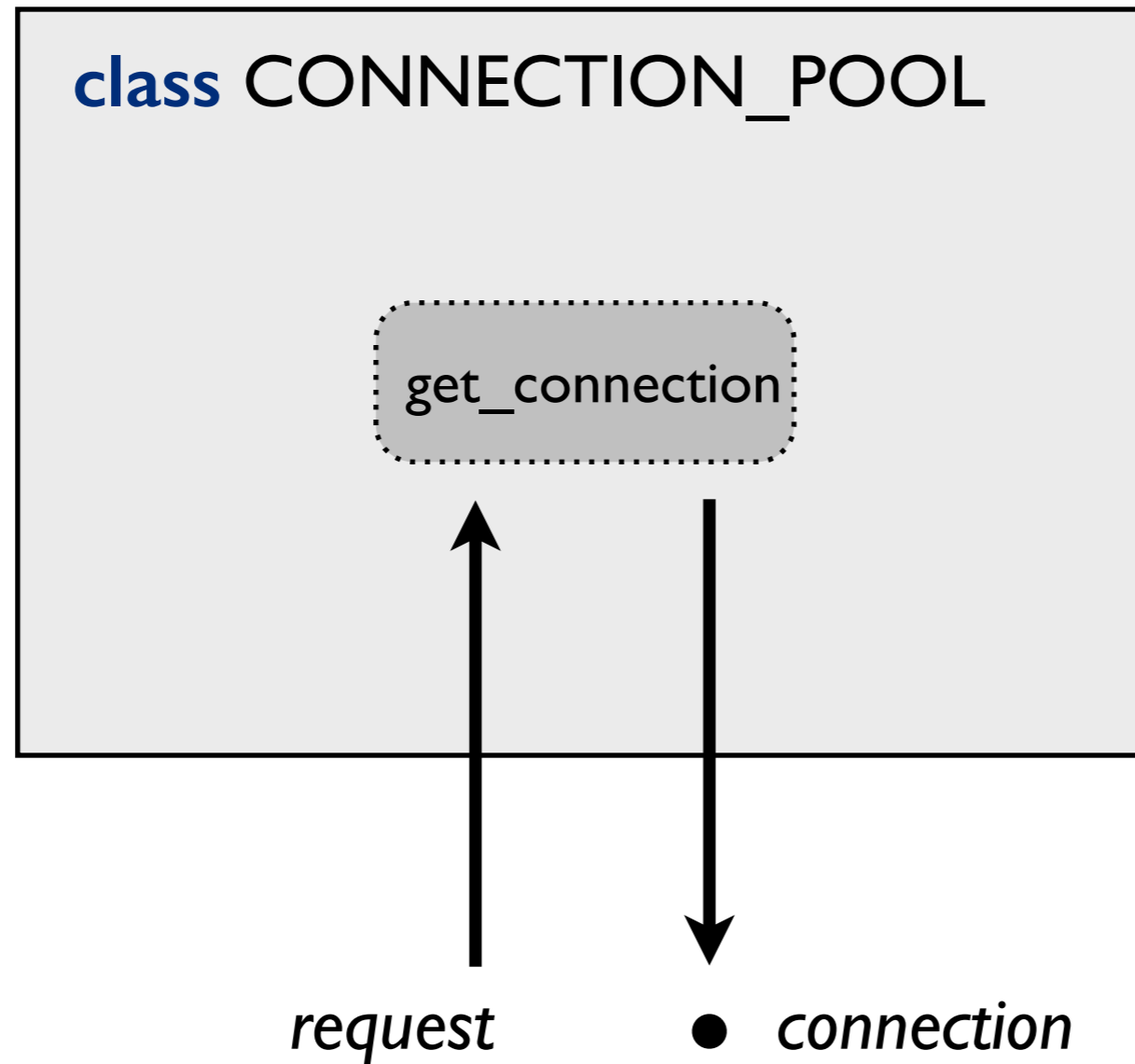
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class CONNECTION_POOL
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```
    get_connection
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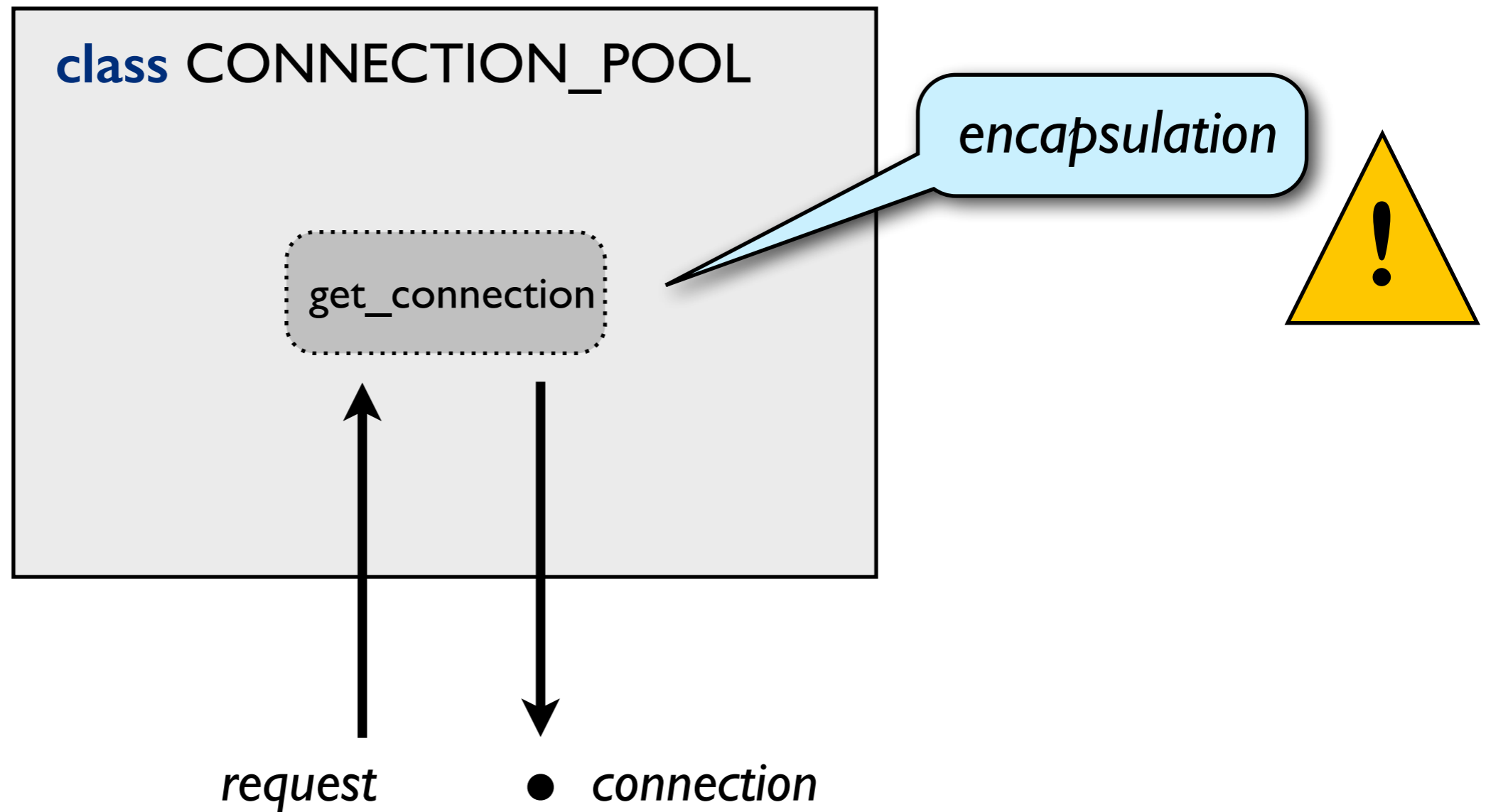
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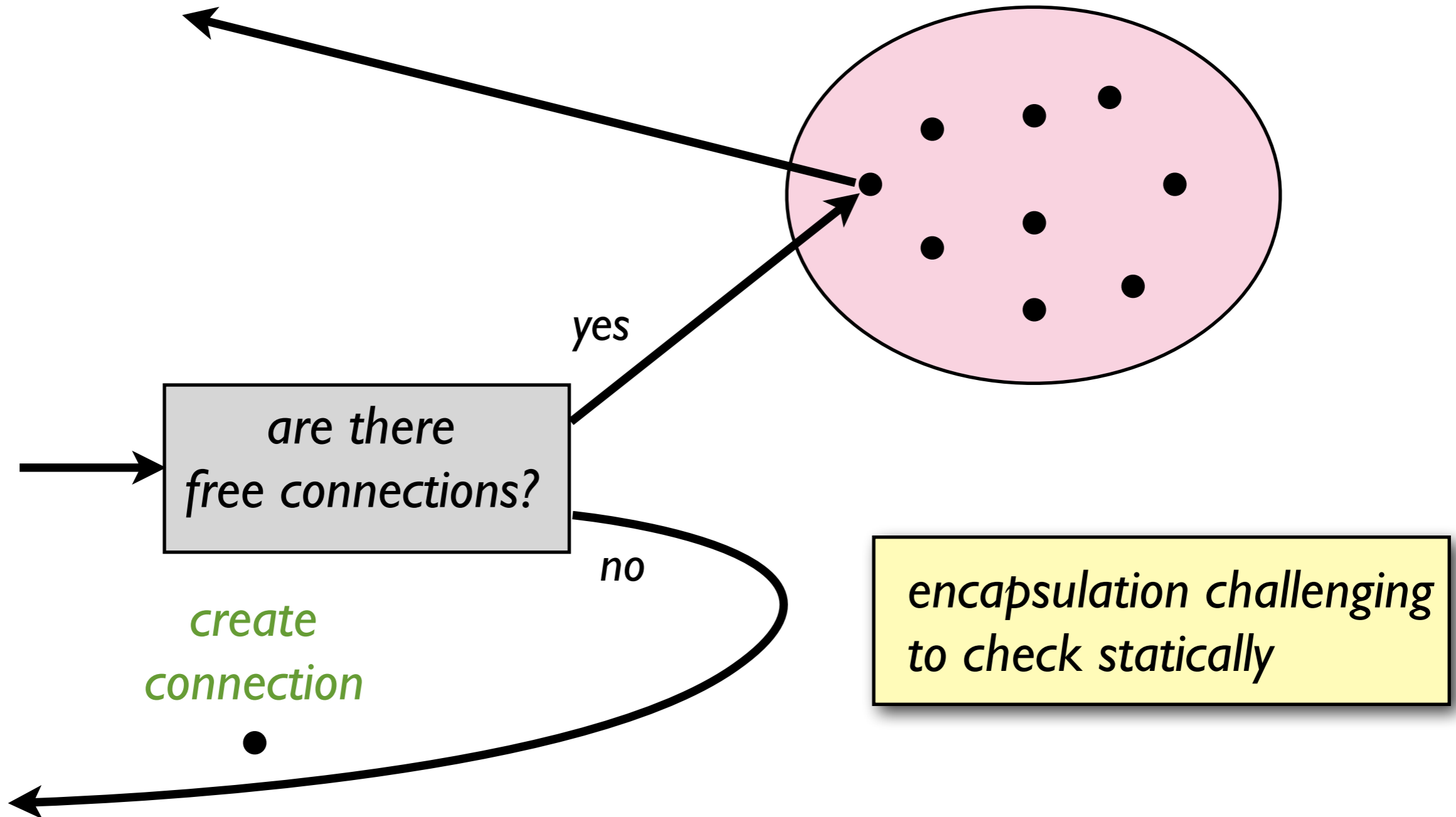
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# Inheritance

- inheritance allows **specialisation** and **overriding**
- determining what a method call actually does is difficult
- lookup scheme relies on **dynamic information**  
*=> but we are interested in static reasoning and verification*



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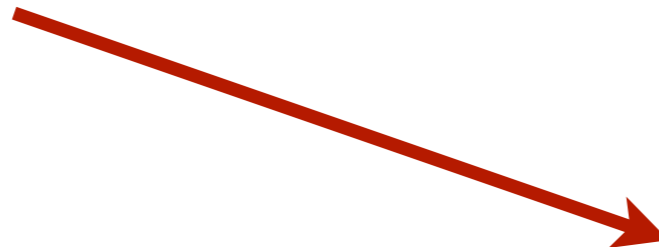
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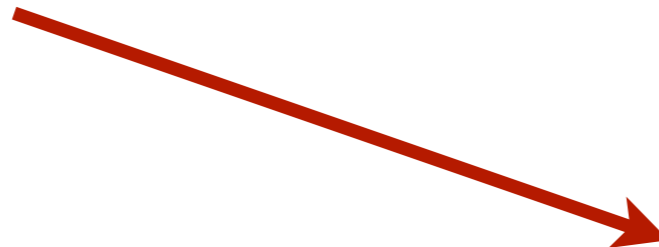
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*if not modifies clauses,  
then what?  
=> ownership, SL, ...*

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- **separation logic** makes modifications implicit in the specification
  - => *“anything not mentioned isn’t changed”*
- supports assertions describing only the **part of the memory being modified**
- “natural” reasoning for O-O programs
  - => *but need a new memory model*
  - => *need to address encapsulation*
  - => *and need to accommodate and control inheritance*



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(3) simple statements and proof rules

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# Recap: the heaplet model

- the store: state of the local variables

Variables  $\rightarrow$  Integers

- the heap: state of dynamically-allocated objects

Locations  $\rightarrow$  Integers

where: Locations  $\subset$  Naturals

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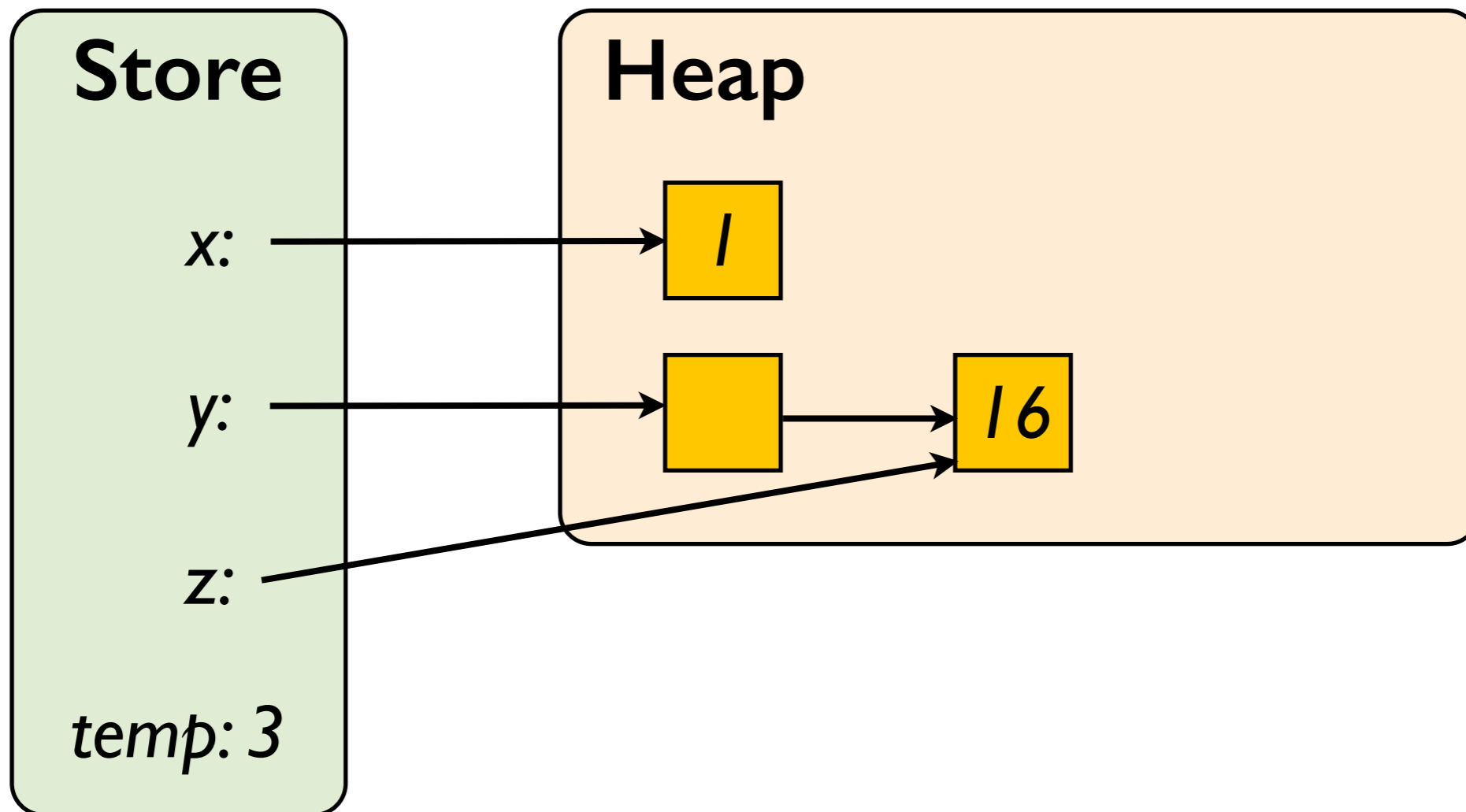
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*disjoint function  
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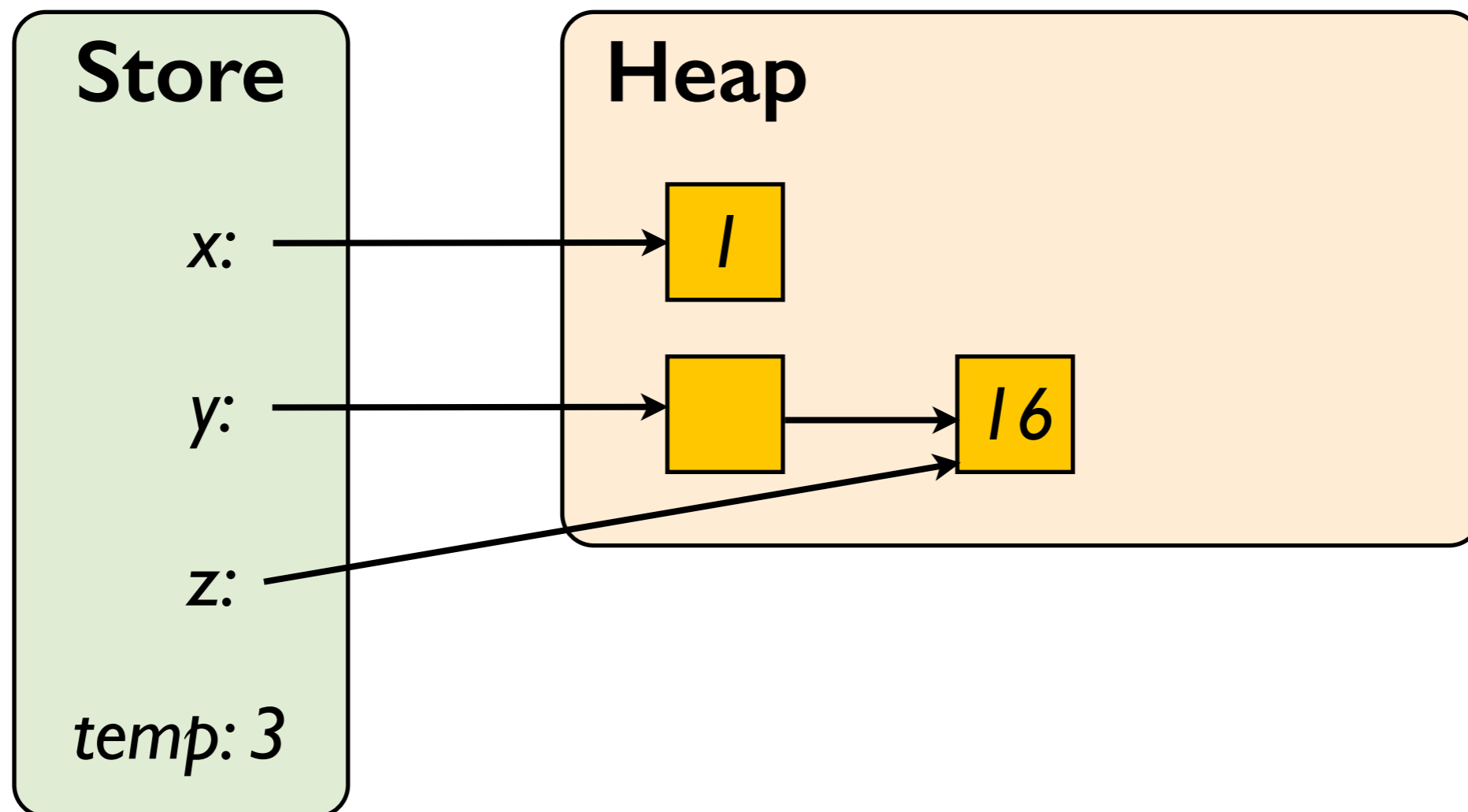
$$s, h \models p * q \quad \text{if} \quad \exists h_1, h_2. (h_1 \perp h_2), (h_1 \circ h_2 = h), \\ s, h_1 \models p \text{ and } s, h_2 \models q$$

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$x \mapsto 1 * y \mapsto z * z \mapsto 16 \wedge temp = 3$



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- different to last week!  
- contains “at least” (not “exactly”)

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$s, h, d \models p * q$  if  $\exists h_1, h_2 . h_1 \perp h_2 \wedge h = h_1 \cup h_2$   
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# Simple instructions and proof rules

- we start by building a separation logic for a simple object-oriented language
  - => field mutation, field lookup, ...*
- postpone method specification and verification
  - => avoid the complexity of method dispatch until later*
- reminder: **tight interpretation** of triples

$$\models \{pre\} P \{post\}$$

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# Structural rules

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

*provided*  $\text{modifies}(C) \cap \text{fv}(r) = \{\}$

$$\frac{\{p\} \ C \ \{q\}}{\{\exists v. p\} \ C \ \{\exists v. q\}}$$

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# Simple proof example

- consider the statement  $x := x.next$   
 $\Rightarrow$  e.g. from a linked list class

- verify the following triple:

$$\{x.next \mapsto \_ * x = y\} x := x.next \{y.next \mapsto x\}$$

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# Recap: Cell, ReCell, and DCell

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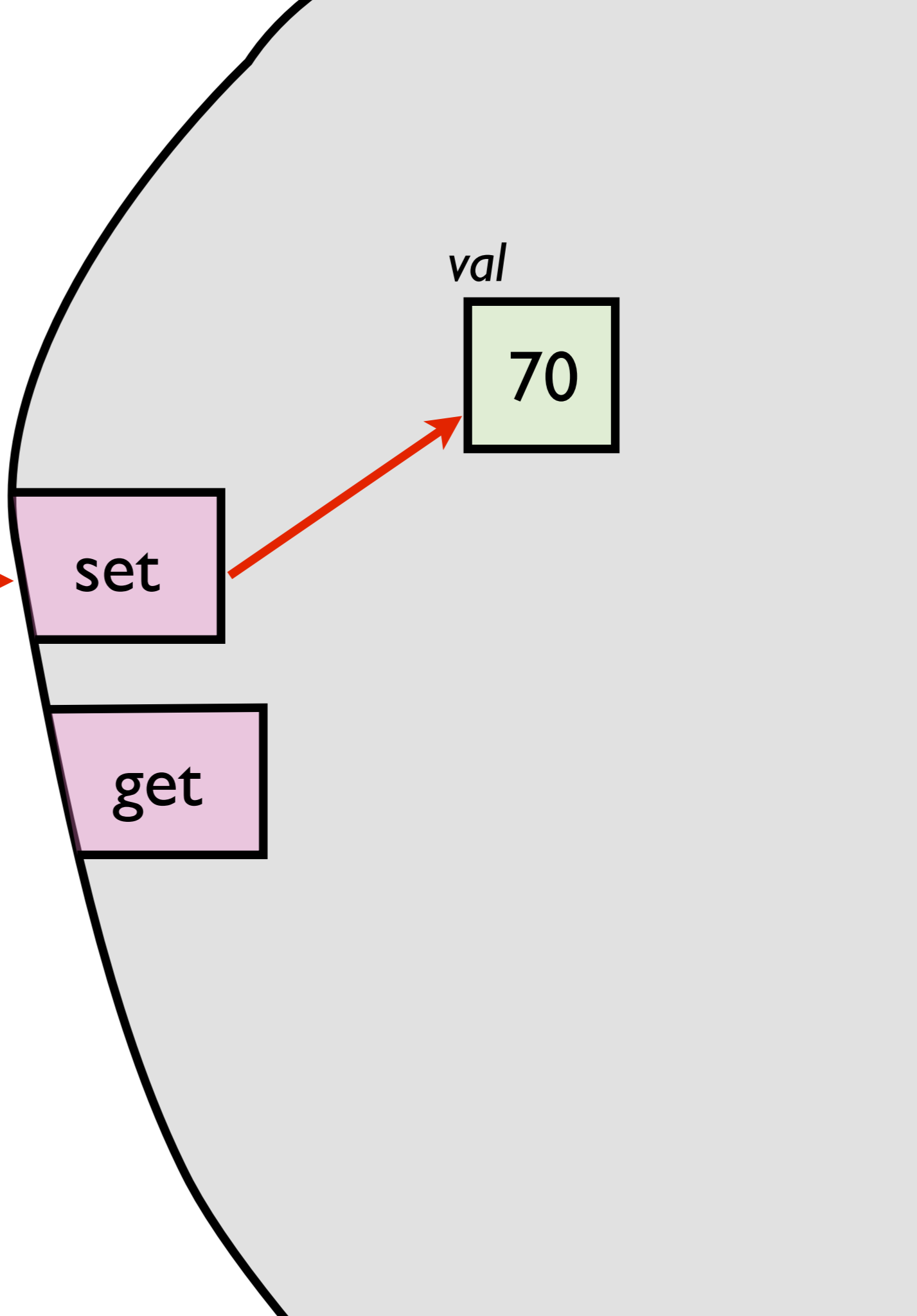
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x.set(5)

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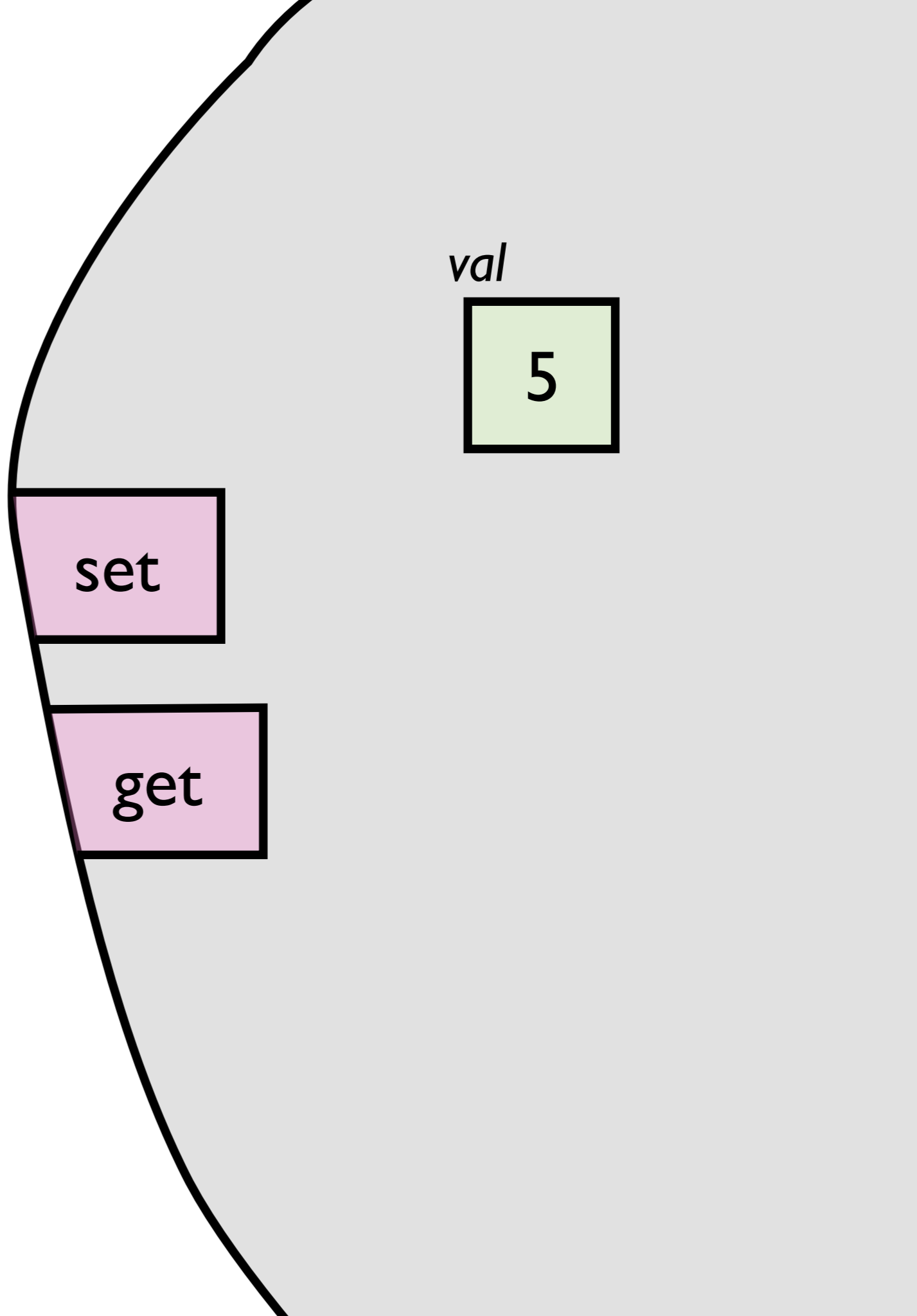
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$\{ \text{x.val} \mapsto \_ \}$

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$\{ \text{???} \}$

*breaks abstraction!*

*val*

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set

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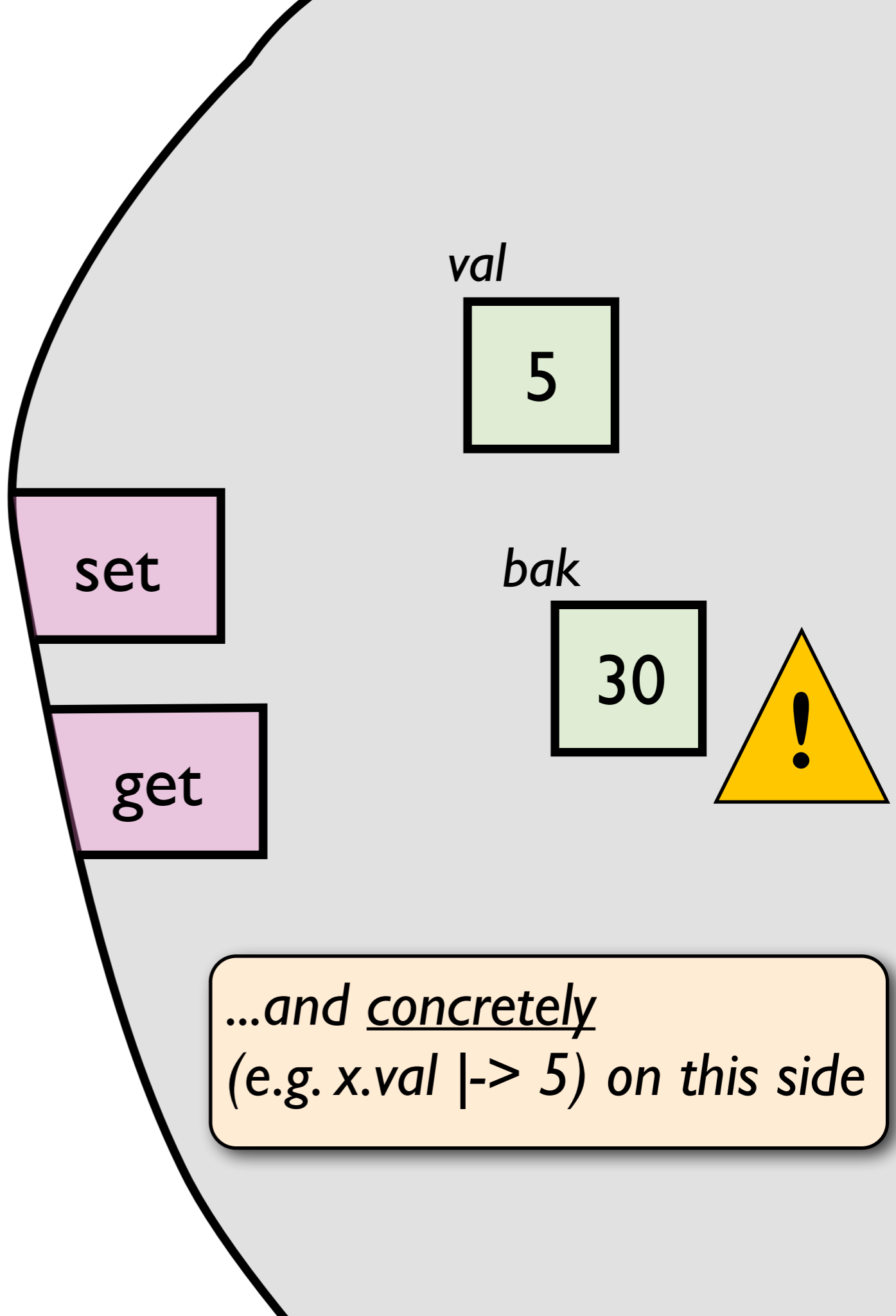
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*need to be able to reason  
abstractly on this side...*



# The boundary of abstraction

- there is a need for **data-centred abstractions** in our reasoning system
- reason, on the client side, about encapsulated state abstractly
- need to cope with **inheritance** and **dynamic dispatch**



# Abstract predicates (Ap)

- annotate classes with **abstract predicate (Ap)** definitions
- an Ap consists of a **name**, **definition**, and **scope**  
*=> for simplicity, scope here is a single class*
- within the scope, can freely change between the name and definition
- outside the scope, can **only use the name**


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*definition?*     $x.\text{val} \mapsto n$   
*scope?*            CELL

$\{ x.\text{ValCell}(\_) \}$   
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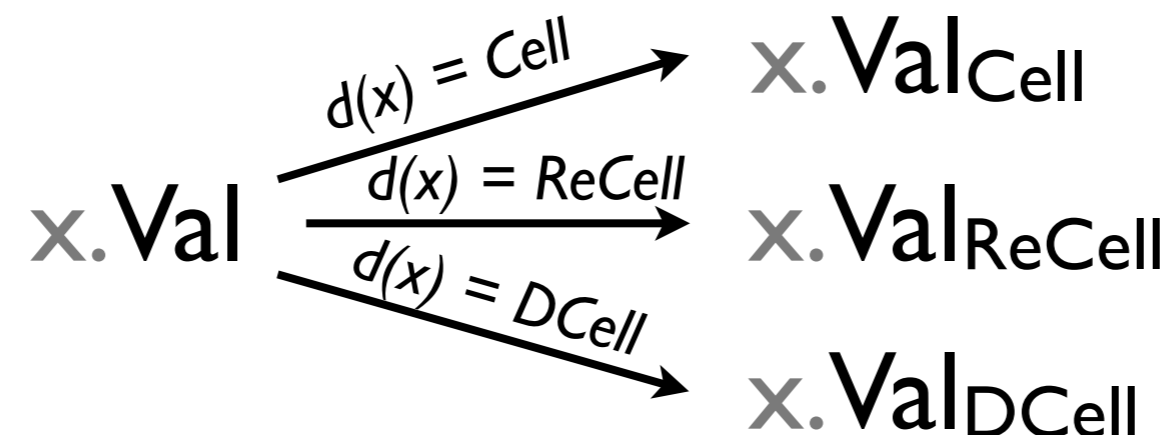
- how do we prove  $\{x.\text{ValCell}(\_)\} x.\text{set}(5) \{x.\text{ValCell}(5)\}$  ?
- what if  $d(x) = \text{ReCell}$  ?

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```

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{
  // Apf definitions
  define x.ValReCell(n,b)
  as x.ValCell(n) * x.bak |-> b

  // field declarations
  private int bak;

  // methods (i.e. override set)
  ...
}
```

*ReCell adds an argument to the Apf Val*

*=> in the scope of ReCell,  $\forall x,n: x.Val(n) \Leftrightarrow x.Val(n, \_)$*

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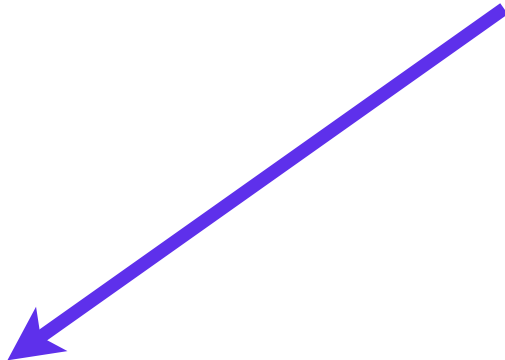
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(5) method specification and verification

# Static vs. dynamic specifications

- two types of method calls in O-O languages
  - => statically dispatched, e.g. `y.Cell::get()`
  - => dynamically dispatched, e.g. `x.m(a)`
- annotate methods with **static** and **dynamic specifications**



*describes in detail what the body does*



*more abstract: “idea” behind the method that subclasses must respect*

# Example

```
class CELL
{
  define x.ValCell(n) as x.val |-> n

  private int val;

  public virtual void set(int x)
  dynamic { ??? } _ { ??? }
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  { this.val = x; }

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```

*prove!*

```
{ true }
x := new Cell(3)
y := new Cell(4)
x.set(5)
n := y.get()
{ x.Val(5) * y.Val(4)
  * n=4 }
```

# Verifying a newly introduced method

- two proof obligations
- first, **verify the method body** against the **static specification**
  - => e.g.  $\{this.Val_{Cell}(\_)\} this.val := x \{this.Val_{Cell}(x)\}$
  - => we are now “in scope” and can use the definition of  $Val_{Cell}$
- second, **check the consistency** of the static and dynamic specifications
  - => e.g.  $\{this.Val_{Cell}(\_)\} \_ \{this.Val_{Cell}(x)\}$   
implies  
 $\{this:Cell * this.Val(\_)\} \_ \{this.Val(x)\}$

# Subclassing

```
class RECELL: CELL
{
  // Apf definitions
  define x.ValRecell(n,b) as x.ValCell(n) * x.bak |-> b

  private int bak;

  public override void set(int x)
  dynamic { ??? } _ { ??? }
  static { ??? } _ { ??? }
  { this.bak = base.get(); base.set(x); }

  inherit get()
  dynamic { ??? } _ { ??? }
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# Verifying an overridden method

(e.g. set)

- three proof obligations
- (1) body verification; (2) consistency checking; and
- (3) verify that the dynamic specification is stronger than the one in the parent class



# Verifying an inherited method (e.g. *get*)

- three proof obligations
- (1) body verification; (2) consistency checking; and
- (3) verify that the static specification follows from the one in the parent class

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    public override void set(int x)
    {
        base.set(2*x);
    }
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class DCELL: CELL
{
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  define x.DValDCell(n) as x.ValCell(n)

  public override void set(int x)
  dynamic { this.Val(_) } _ { ??? }
    also { this.DVal(_) } _ { ??? }
  static { ??? } _ { ??? }
  { base.set(2*x); }

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# Conclusion

- **separation logic**, for reasoning about **shared mutable state**, can be extended to object-oriented programs
- memory model extended to support **objects** and **dynamic type** information
- inheritance tackled with **Apfs** and **static/dynamic specs**
- implemented (e.g. jStar, VeriFast); can verify common design patterns
- **only just the basics!** See the papers for the full story

# Main sources for these lectures

Parkinson and Bierman: *Separation Logic, Abstraction and Inheritance*.  
In: POPL 2008

Parkinson and Bierman: *Separation Logic for Object-Oriented Programming*.  
In: *Aliasing in Object-Oriented Programming*, 2013



# *Thank you! Questions?*

Next unit:

- testing (with Bertrand Meyer and guest lecturers)