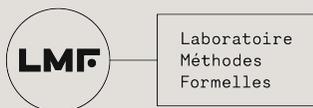


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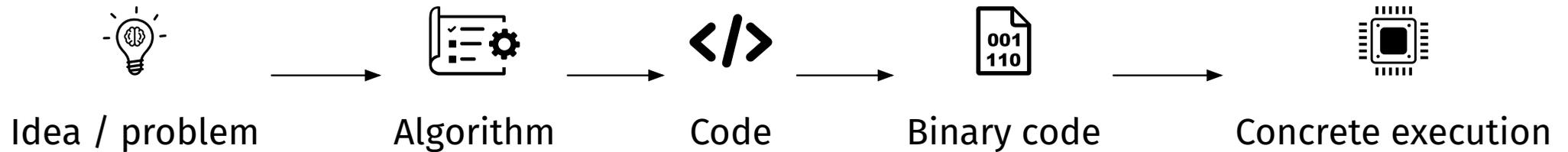


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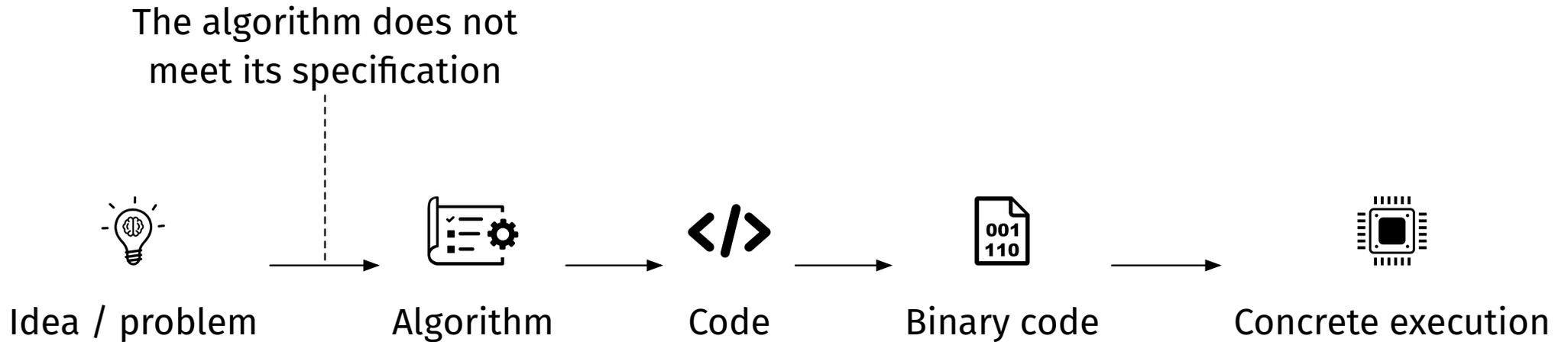
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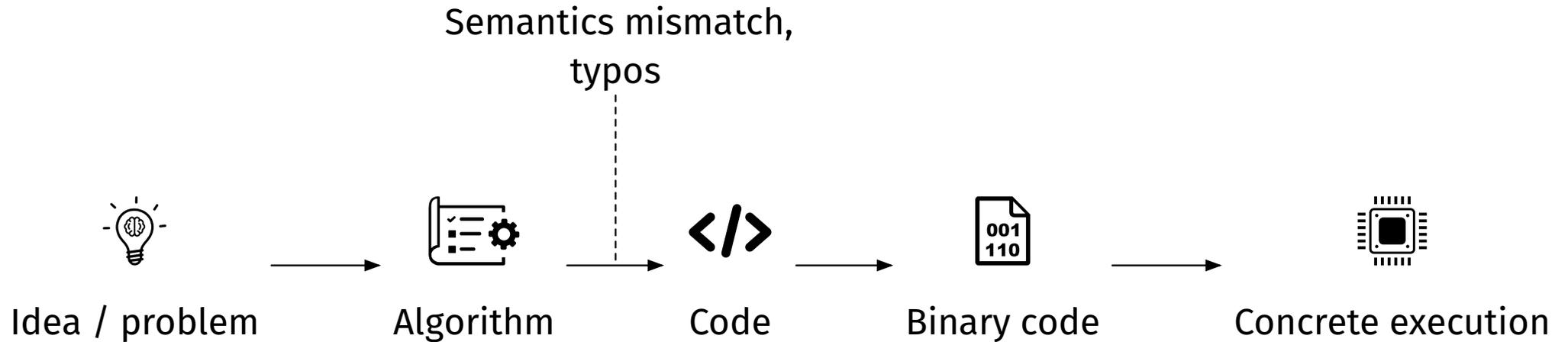
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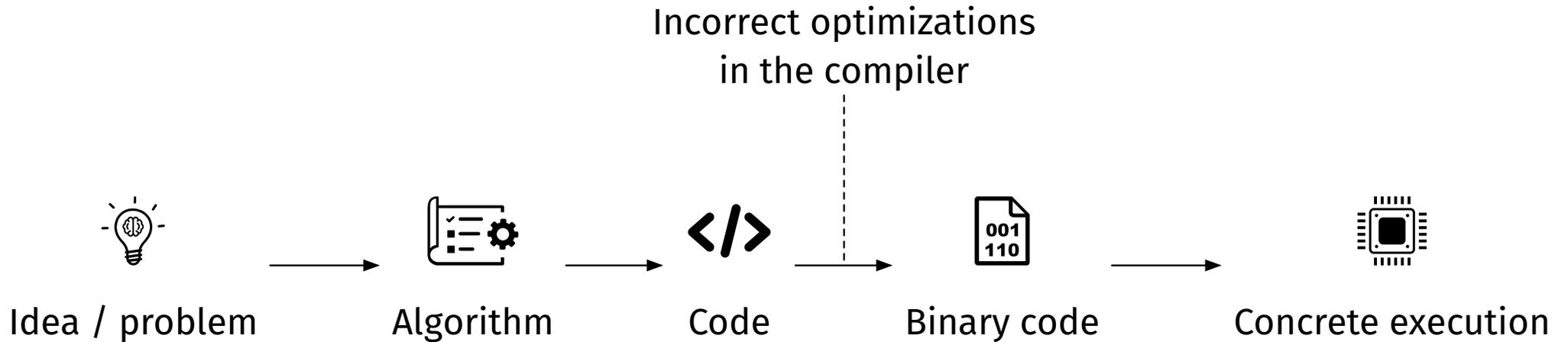
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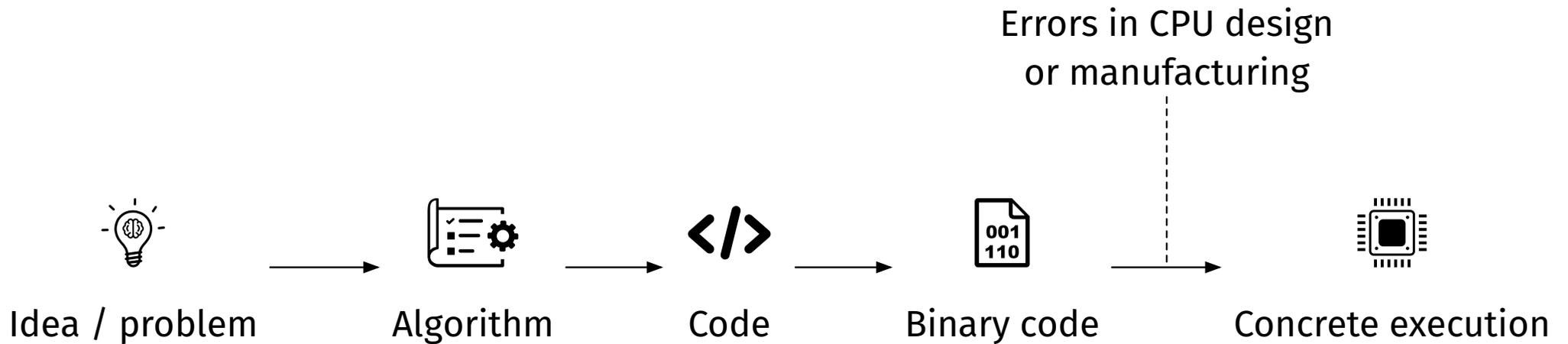
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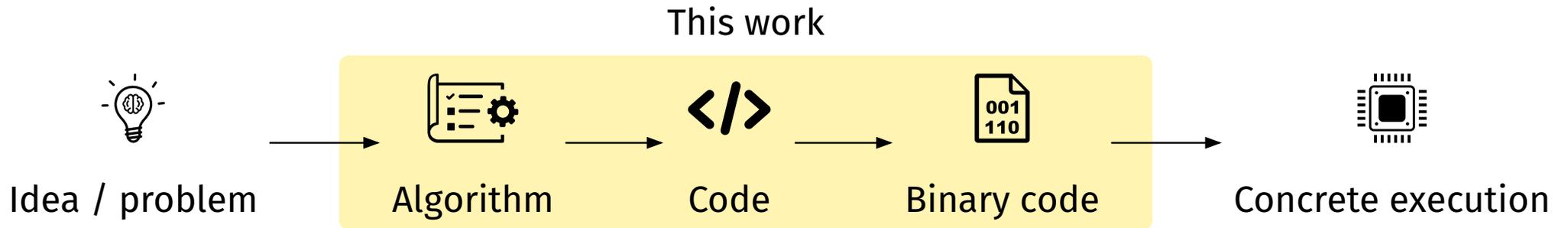
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Designed and optimized to work with a specific **concrete** mathematical object

Examples of widely used libraries:

- ▶ GMP: operations on arbitrarily large integers
- ▶ BLAS: operations on vectors and matrices
- ▶ FFTW: fast Fourier transform

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+     FIXME: Make it handle such overlap.  */
+   mp_ptr rp = TMP_ALLOC_LIMBS (dn);
mp_size_t itch = mpn_mu_div_qr_itch (nn, dn, 0);
mp_ptr scratch = TMP_ALLOC_LIMBS (itch);
-   mpn_mu_div_qr (qp, np, np, nn, dp, dn, scratch);
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+   MPN_COPY (np, rp, dn);
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Output

Input



Algorithm

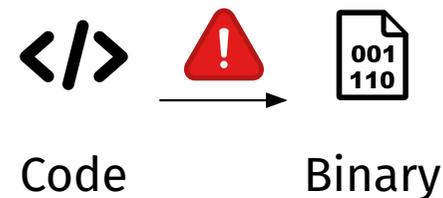
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# Compiler can have bugs

« MacOS Xcode 11 prior to 11.3 miscompiles GMP 6.2.0, leading to **crashes and miscomputation**.

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« – Clearly, GMP is **not compiled correctly** by newer Apple compilers.  
– “Apple compilers” are actually based on LLVM clang.  
– Indeed. Plus a bunch of bugs.

— GMP Bug mailing-list, “problems on MacOS 14.5 (23F79) (XCode 15.4)” »

« Enable link-time optimizations in GMP 6.3.0  
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Written in C, Fortran, and assembly

Pros:

- ▶ Allow a precise management of the data representation and memory
- ▶ Compilers generate highly optimized code

Cons:

- ▶ Error-prone languages
- ▶ Difficult program verification
- ▶ Compilers are too complicated for a total confidence in the generated code

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- ▶ Typing and safety
- ▶ Compiler and semantics preservation
- ▶ Expressiveness and benchmarks
- ▶ Conclusion

# The Capla language

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## A first example: Pascal's triangle

```
fun binomial(n k: u64) -> u64 {  
  let t = alloc u64, k + 1; // allocate a sufficiently long line  
  t[0] = 1;  
  for i = 0 .. n {  
    next_line(t, k + 1); // compute the i+1-th line using the i-th line  
  }  
  let r = t[k];  
  free t;  
  return r;  
}
```

Arrays with explicit sizes are the main data structure



```
fun next_line(t: mut [u64; k], k: u64) {  
  for decre i = (k - 1) .. 0 {  
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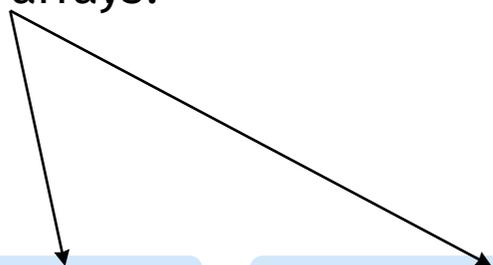
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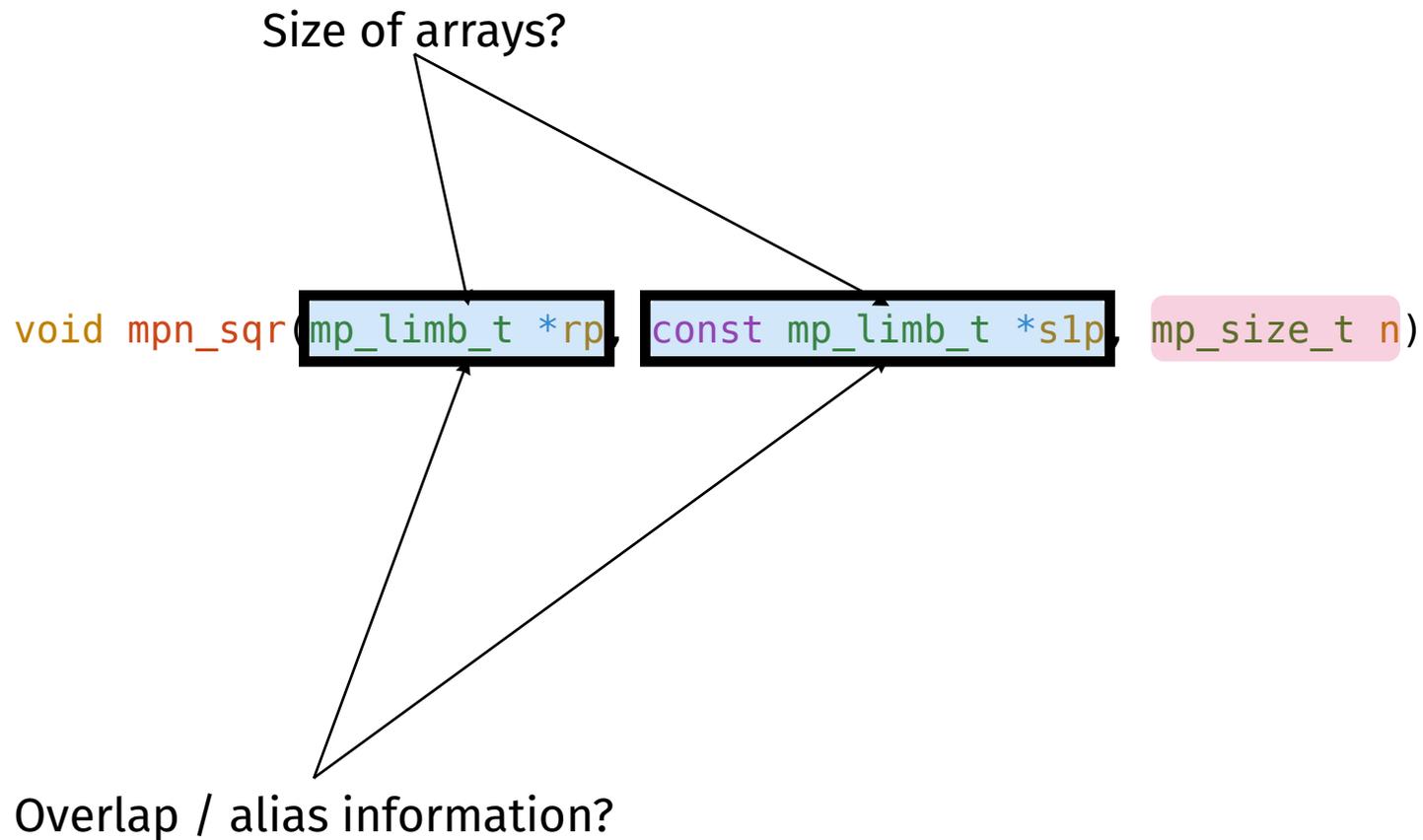
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Remark: The signatures of C and Capla are compatible.

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{ ...
  let k = n / 2;
  add(r, a, a[k..], k);
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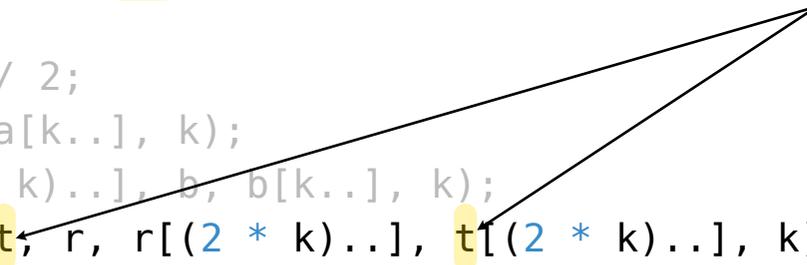
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$$\begin{aligned}
r_0 &\leftarrow a_0 + a_1 \\
r_2 &\leftarrow b_0 + b_1 \\
t &\leftarrow r_0 r_2 = (a_0 + a_1)(b_0 + b_1) \\
r_{0,1} &\leftarrow a_0 b_0 \\
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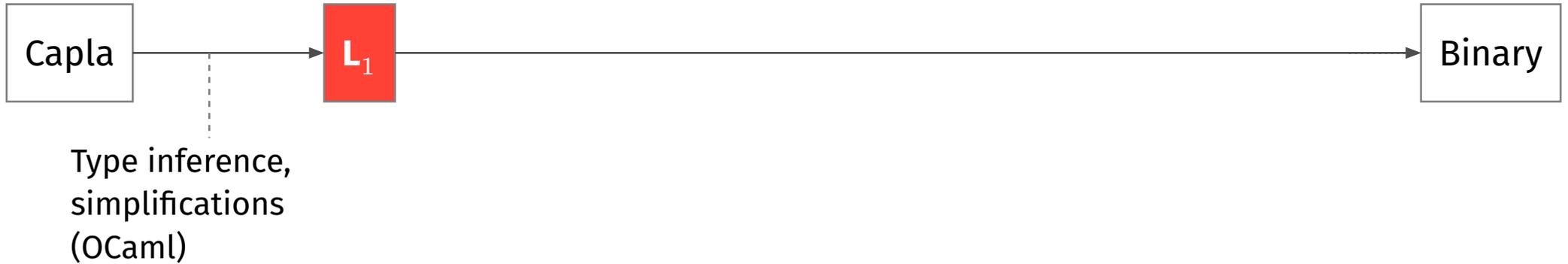
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  add2(r[k..(3 * k)], t0, 2 * k); ← t is restored here
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## Copy-restore

Programs behave as if arrays were deep-copied at function entry and copied back at the end of the function.

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  → g(t);
  ...
}
```

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## Function call and return

```
fun g(a: mut [i64; 1]) {
  f(a);
}
```

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fun f(x: [i64; 1]) {
  ...
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```

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fun g(a: [i64; 1]) {
  let v = a[0];
  f(a); // illegal
        // otherwise, a would change
  assert(a[0] == v);
}

```

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  f(a, n + 1); // illegal
}

fun f(x: mut [i64; n]; n: u64) {
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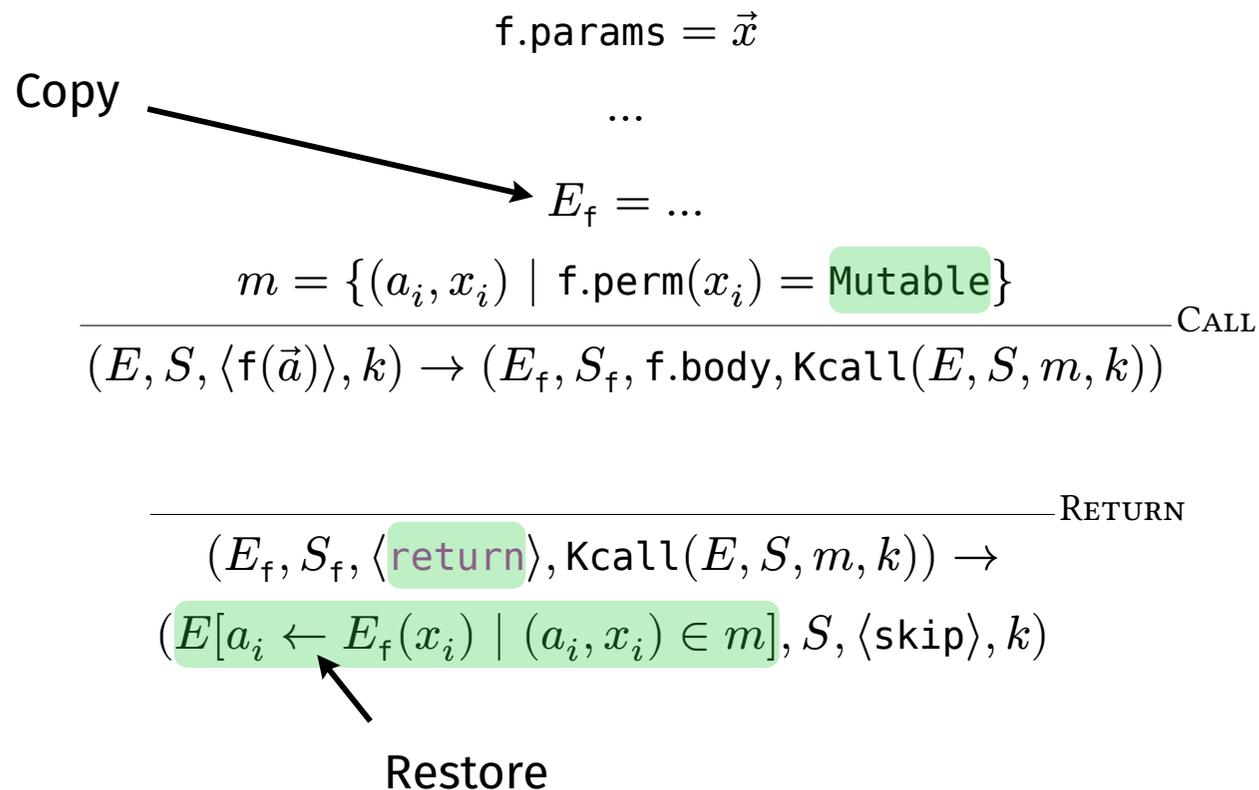
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► Aliases in function calls (e.g., arrays of arrays)

```
fun f(u: mut [i64; 42], v: [i64; 42]) { ... }
fun g(t: mut [[i64; 42]; n], n: u64) {
```

```
let j = i;
f(t[i], t[j]);
```

UB and rejected

```
let j = i + 1;
f(t[i], t[j]);
```

Safe but rejected

```
f(t[0], t[1]);
```

Safe and accepted

## Theorem (Type safety)

Given a successfully typed  $L_1$  program,  
if all the invariants hold in a non-final  $L_1$  state  $s$ , then

- ▶ there exists a state  $t$  such that  $s \rightarrow t$  and,
- ▶ for every  $t$  such that  $s \rightarrow t$ , all the invariants hold in  $t$ .



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## Invariants

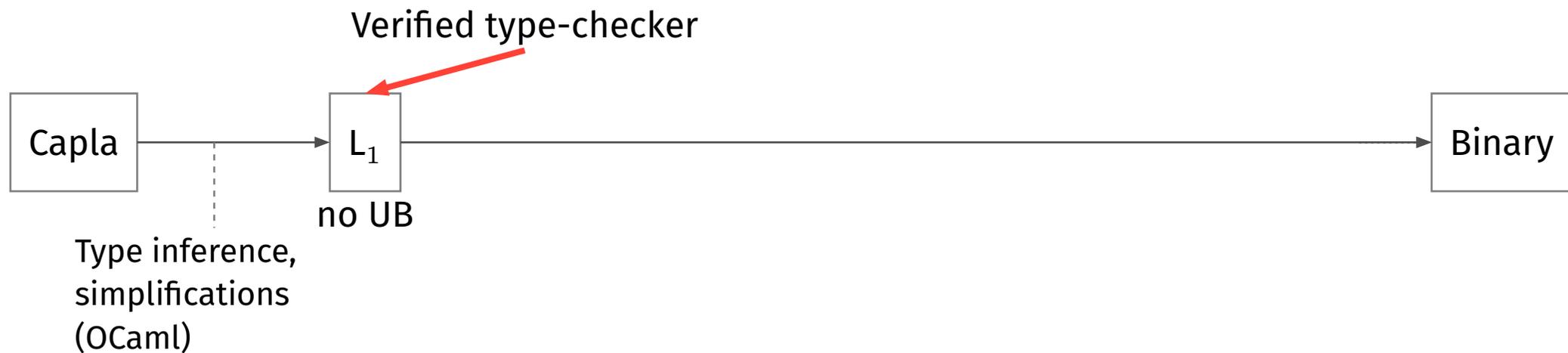
1 The content of the local environment has the expected type.

2 The needed variables are initialized.

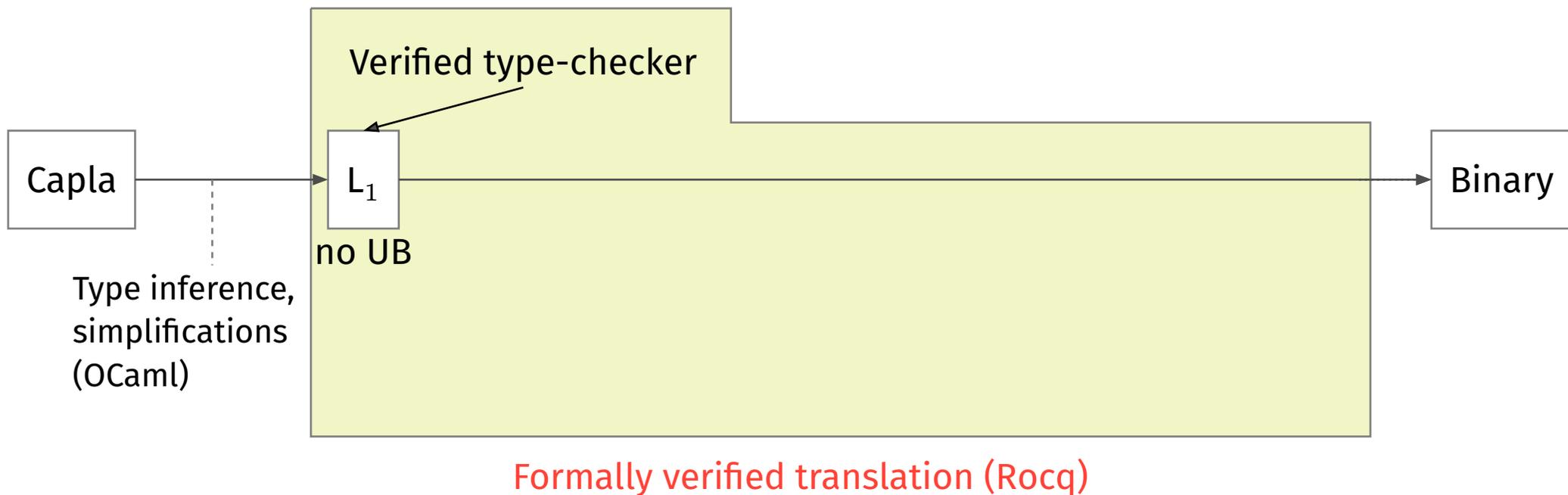
3 Size environments are well-formed.

4 Multidimensional arrays have valid sizes:  $\text{length}(E(t)) = S(t)$ . 

# Compiler and semantics preservation



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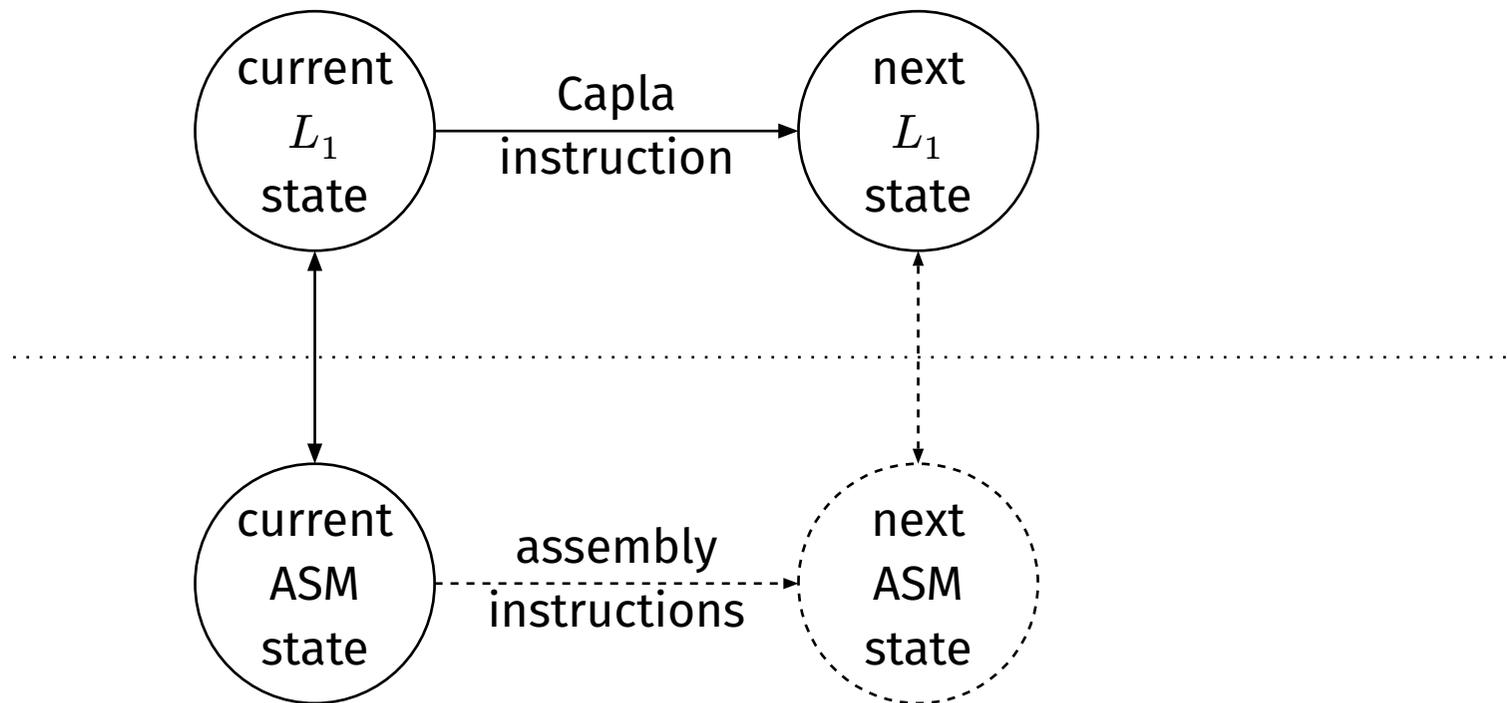


### Theorem (Compiler correctness)

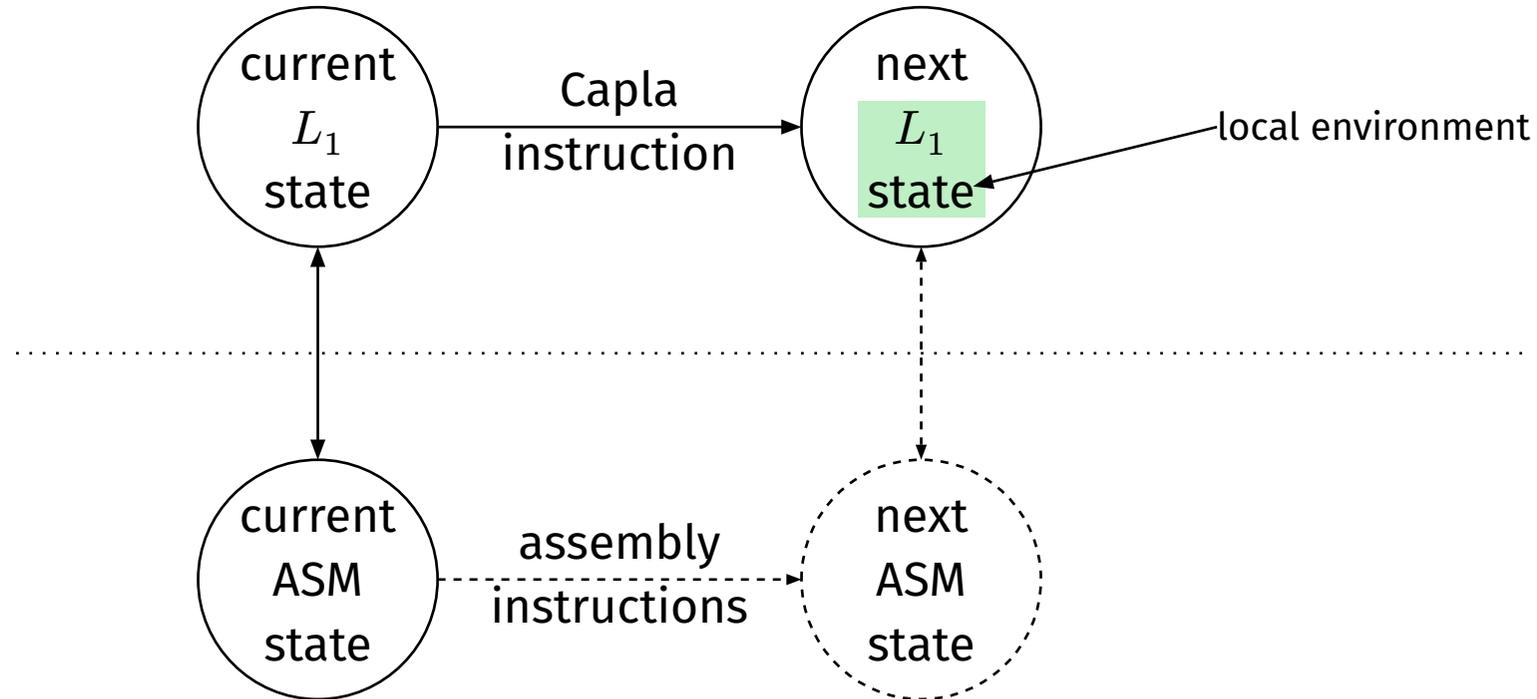
*Let  $p$  be an  $L_1$  program.*

*Assuming  $p$  has been successfully compiled to an ASM program  $p'$ ,  
any behavior of  $p'$  is also a behavior of  $p$ , according to the semantics of  $L_1$ .*

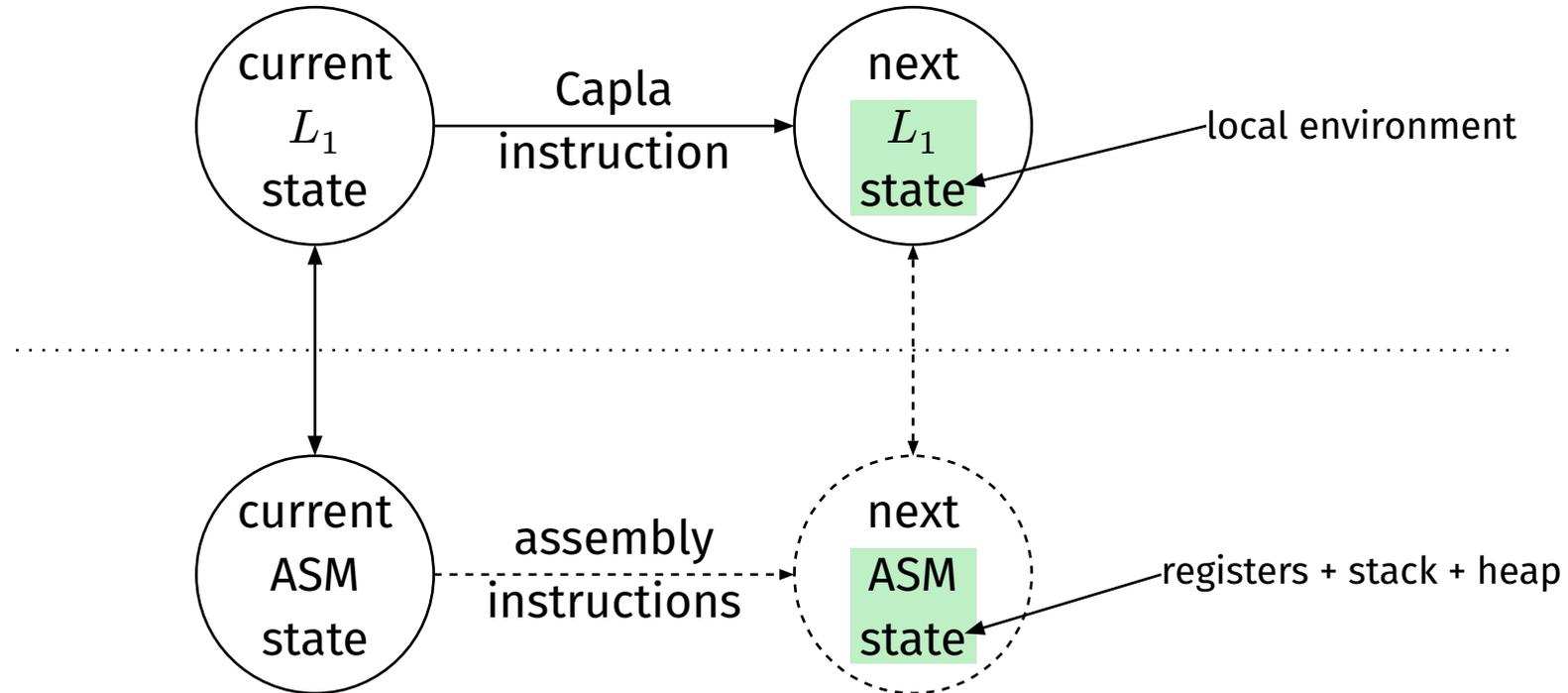
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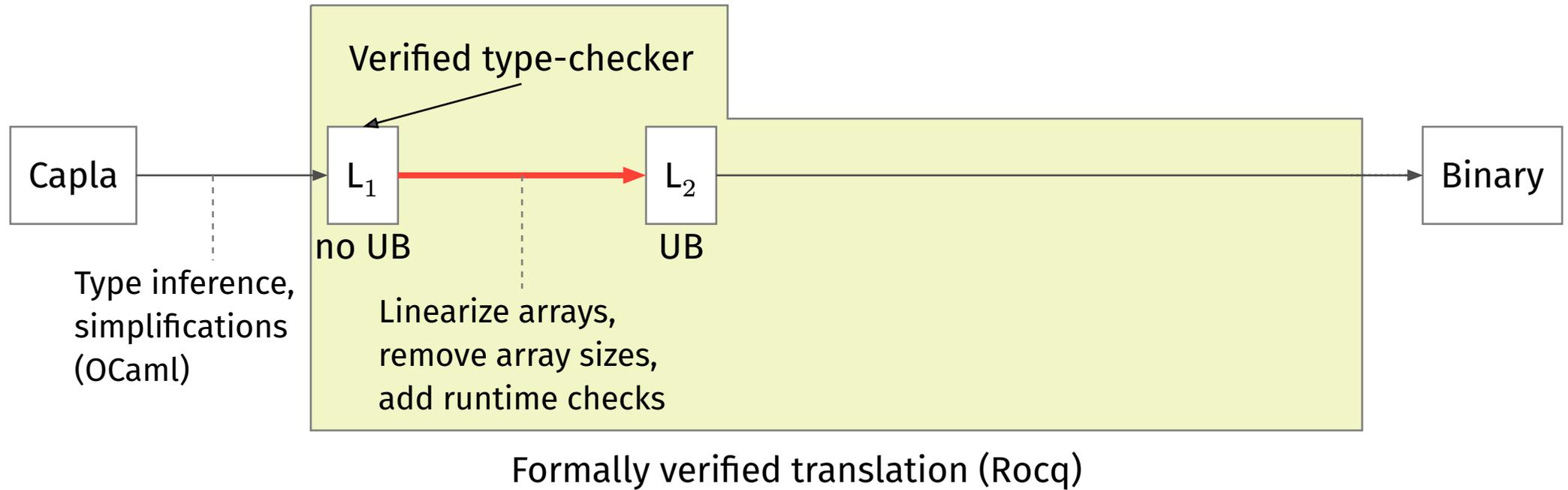


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}
```

→

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fun g(u: mut [i64]) -> void {  
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    u1, u2 = split u __tmp {  
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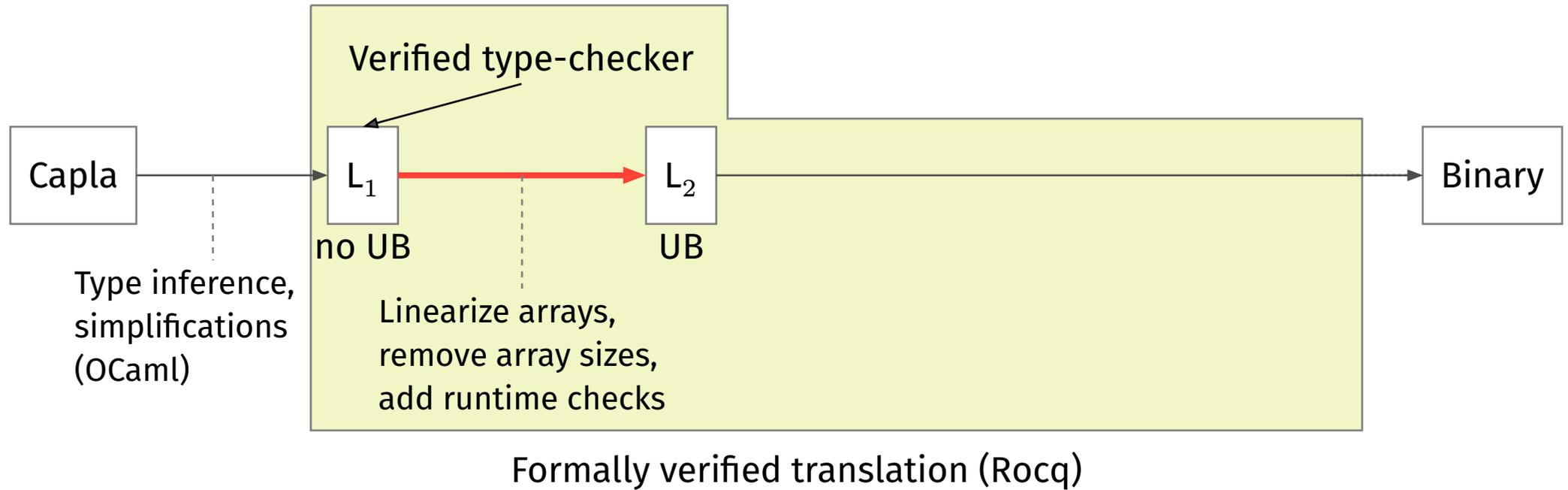
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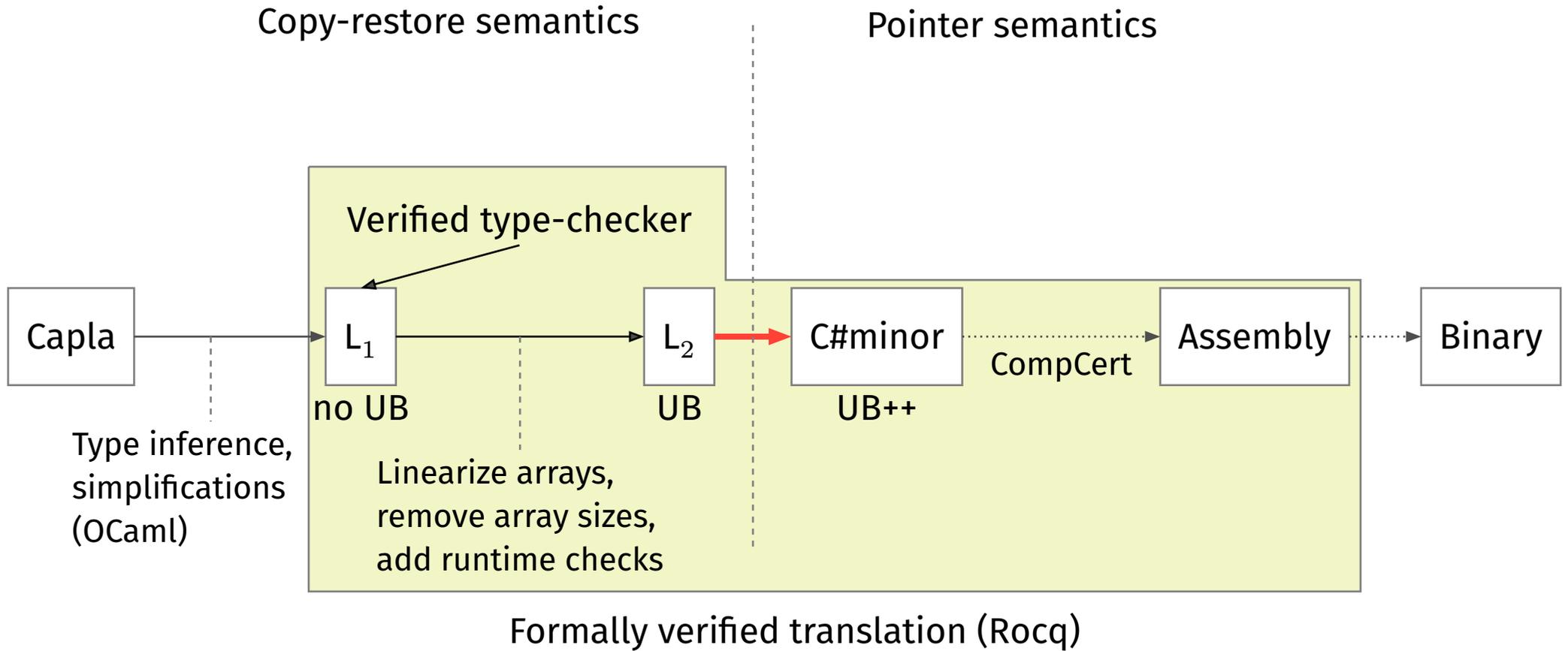
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Array indices must be computed without overflows

$E, S \vdash t[x, y] \Rightarrow E(t)[i]$   
with  $i = E(x) \times_{\mathbb{Z}} S(t) +_{\mathbb{Z}} E(y)$

$$t[x \times_{u64} s +_{u64} y]$$





$L_1$

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  __tmp = u1_size * 1LL;  
  u1 = u;  
  → u2 = u + 8LL * __tmp;  
  assert(0LL < u2_size);  
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  s_size = 2LL;  
  s = calloc(s_size, 4LL);  
  assert(s != 0LL);  
}
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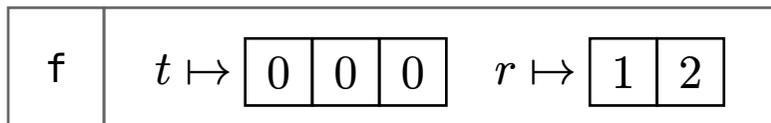
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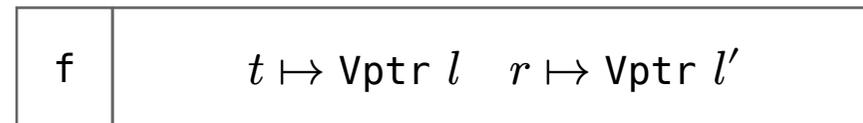
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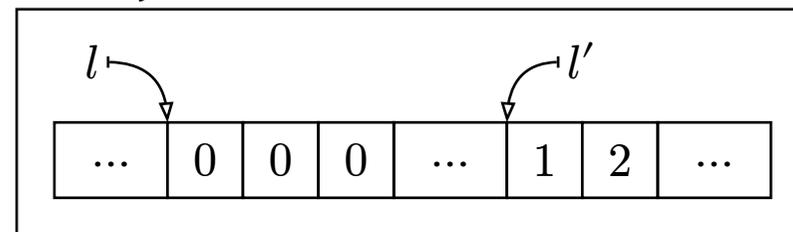


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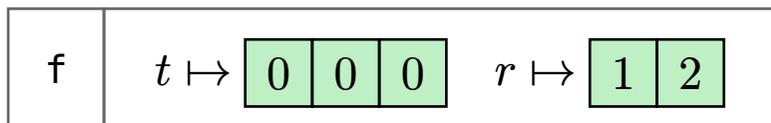
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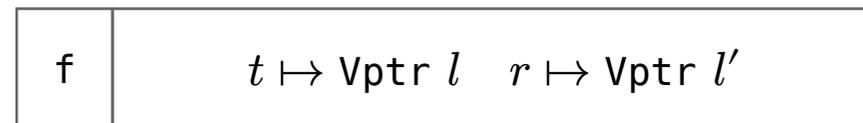
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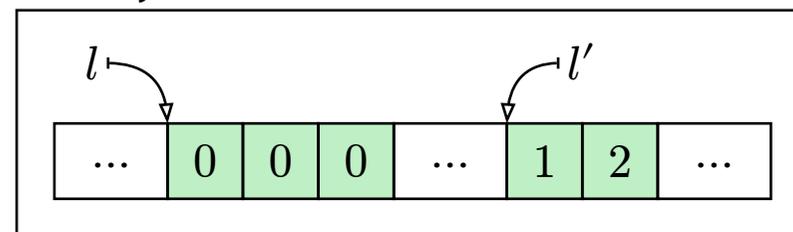
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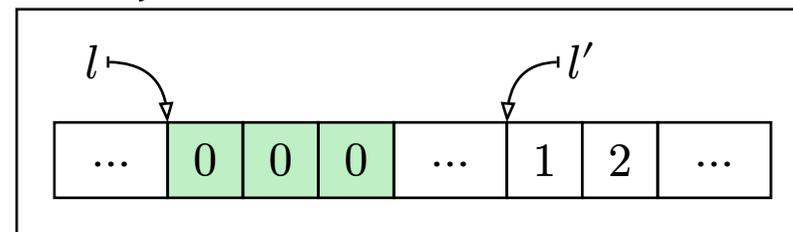
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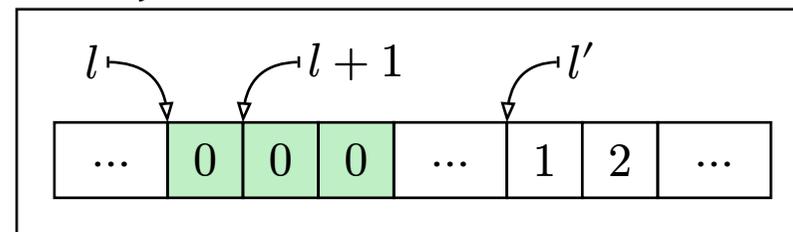
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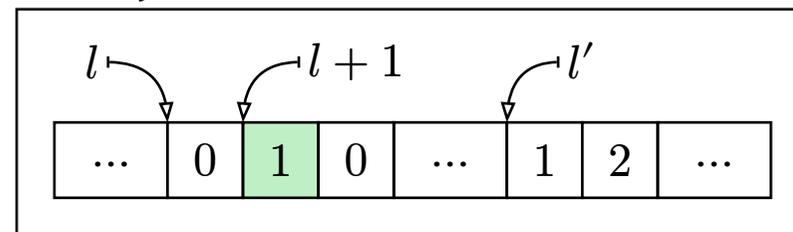
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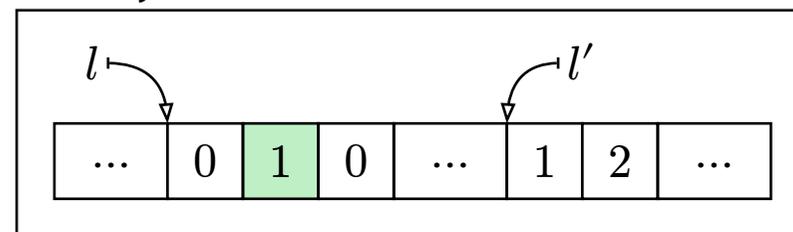
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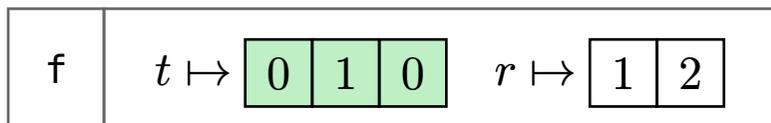
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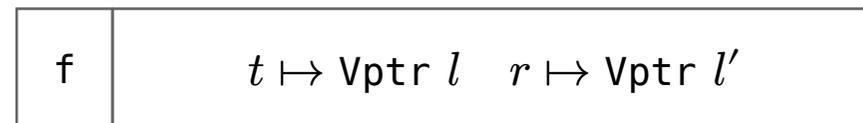
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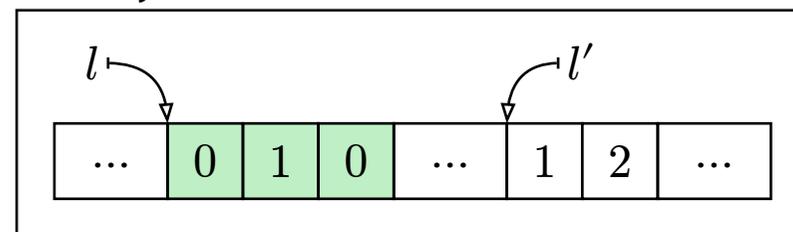


```

fun f(t: mut [i64; 3], r: [i64; 2]) {
  → g(t);
}

fun g(u: mut [i64; 3]) {
  let [u1: ..; u2: 1..] = u;
  u2[0] = 1;
}
    
```

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$L_2$

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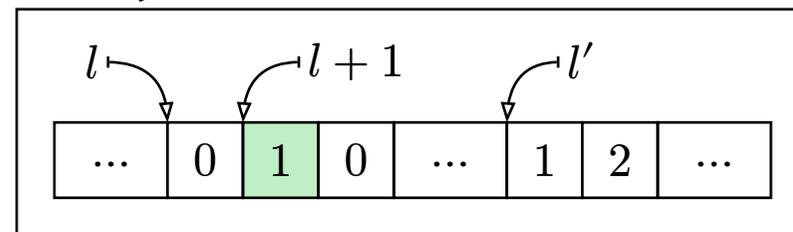
**Problem:**

- ▶ The  $L_2$  environment of the calling function does not match C#minor's memory.

**Solution:** 

- ▶ Virtually performing return resynchronizes  $L_2$  environments and C#minor's memory.

Memory



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 $L_2 \rightarrow C\#\text{minor}$ : ~9000 loc

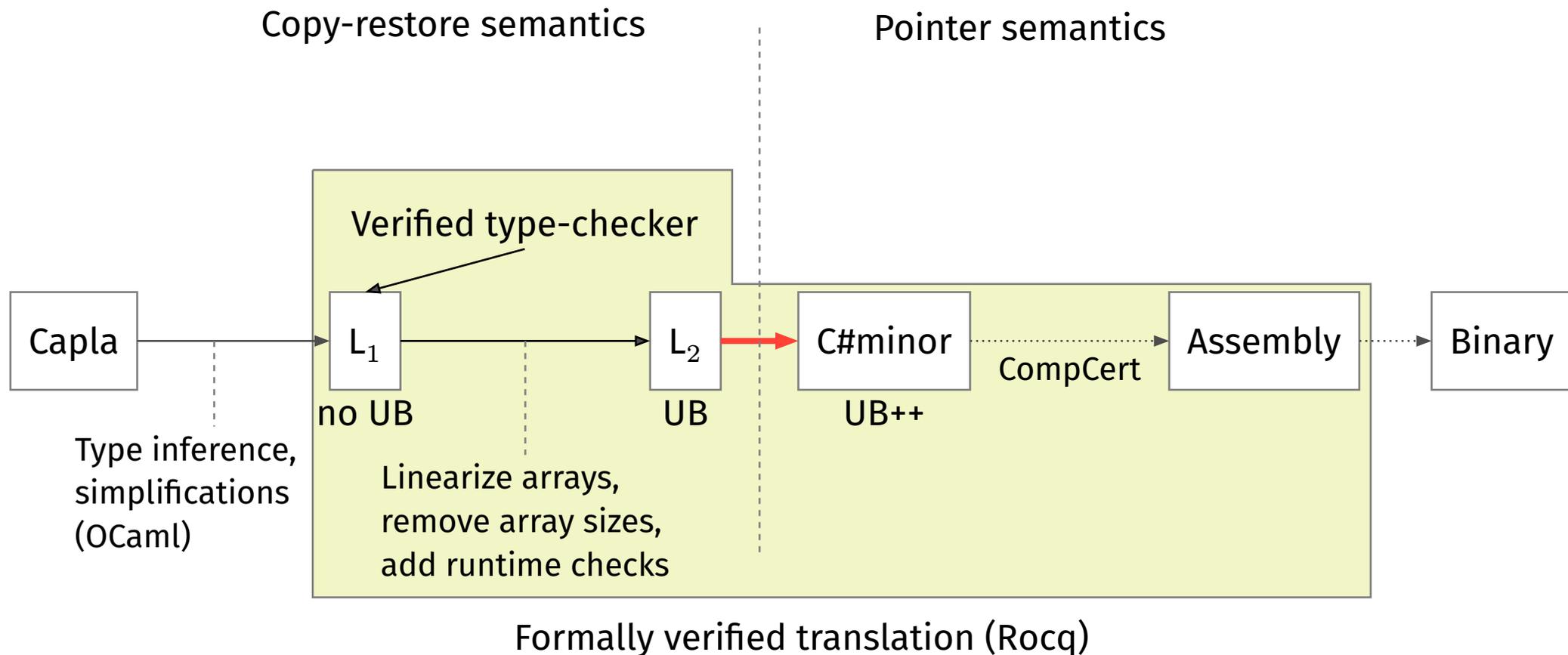
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# Expressiveness and benchmarks



## Reimplementing some BLAS and GMP functions in Capla

## BLAS

saxpy	$x \leftarrow \alpha x + y$	zdotu	$x \cdot y$
sgemv dgemv	$x \leftarrow \alpha Ax + \beta y$	dtrsv	$x \leftarrow A^{-1}x$ or $x \leftarrow A^{-T}x$

## GMP

mpn_cmp	$x = y?$	mpn_zero	$x \leftarrow 0$
mpn_add_1	$y \leftarrow x + \alpha$	mpn_add	$z \leftarrow x + y$ with $ x  \geq  y $
mpn_add_n	$z \leftarrow x + y$ with $ x  =  y $	mpn_add_nc	$z \leftarrow x + y + \alpha$
mpn_sub_1	$y \leftarrow x - \alpha$	mpn_sub	$z \leftarrow x - y$ with $ x  \geq  y $
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mpn_lshift	$y \leftarrow x \ll \alpha$	mpn_rshift	$y \leftarrow x \gg \alpha$
mpn_addmul_1	$y \leftarrow y + \alpha x$	mpn_submul_1	$y \leftarrow y - \alpha x$
mpn_mul_1	$y \leftarrow \alpha x$	mpn_mul_basecase	$z \leftarrow xy$ (schoolbook mul)
mpn_toom22_mul	$z \leftarrow xy$ (Toom-2 mul)	mpn_toom32_mul	$z \leftarrow xy$ (Toom-2.5 mul)
mpn_mul_n	$z \leftarrow xy$ when $ x  =  y $	mpn_mul	$z \leftarrow xy$

## Reimplementing some GMP functions

## GMP generic C code

```

mp_limb_t mpn_addmul_1 (mp_ptr rp,
                       mp_srcptr up,
                       mp_size_t n, mp_limb_t v0)
{
    mp_limb_t u0, crec, c, p1, p0, r0;
    ASSERT (n >= 1);
    ASSERT (MPN_SAME_OR_SEPARATE_P (rp, up, n));
    crec = 0;
    do {
        u0 = *up++;
        umul_ppmm (p1, p0, u0, v0);

        r0 = *rp;

        p0 = r0 + p0;
        c = r0 > p0;
        p1 = p1 + c;
        r0 = p0 + crec;
        c = p0 > r0;

        crec = p1 + c;
        *rp++ = r0;
    } while (--n != 0);

    return crec;
}

```

## Capla

```

fun mpn_addmul_1_b(rp: mut [u64; n],
                  up:      [u64; n],
                  n v0: u64) -> u64
{
    let u0 crec c p1 p0 r0: u64;
    assert (n >= 1);

    crec = 0;
    for i : u64 = 0 .. n {
        u0 = up[i];
        p0 = u0 * v0;
        p1 = __builtin_umulh64(u0, v0);

        r0 = rp[i];

        p0 = r0 + p0;
        c = (u64) (r0 > p0);
        p1 = p1 + c;
        r0 = p0 + crec;
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}

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## GMP handwritten ASM (actually executed)

```

MULFUNC_PROLOGUE(mpn_addmul_1)
...
L(top): mul    %rcx
        add    %r8, %r10
        lea   (%rax), %r8
        mov   (up,%rbx,8), %rax
        adc  %r9, %r11
        mov  %r10, -8(rp,%rbx,8)
        mov  (rp,%rbx,8), %r10
        lea  (%rdx), %r9
        adc  $0, %rbp
L(mid): mul    %rcx
        add    %r11, %r10
        lea   (%rax), %r11
        mov   8(up,%rbx,8), %rax
        adc  %rbp, %r8
        mov  %r10, (rp,%rbx,8)
        mov  8(rp,%rbx,8), %r10
        lea  (%rdx), %rbp
L(e):   add    $2, %rbx
        js    L(top)
...

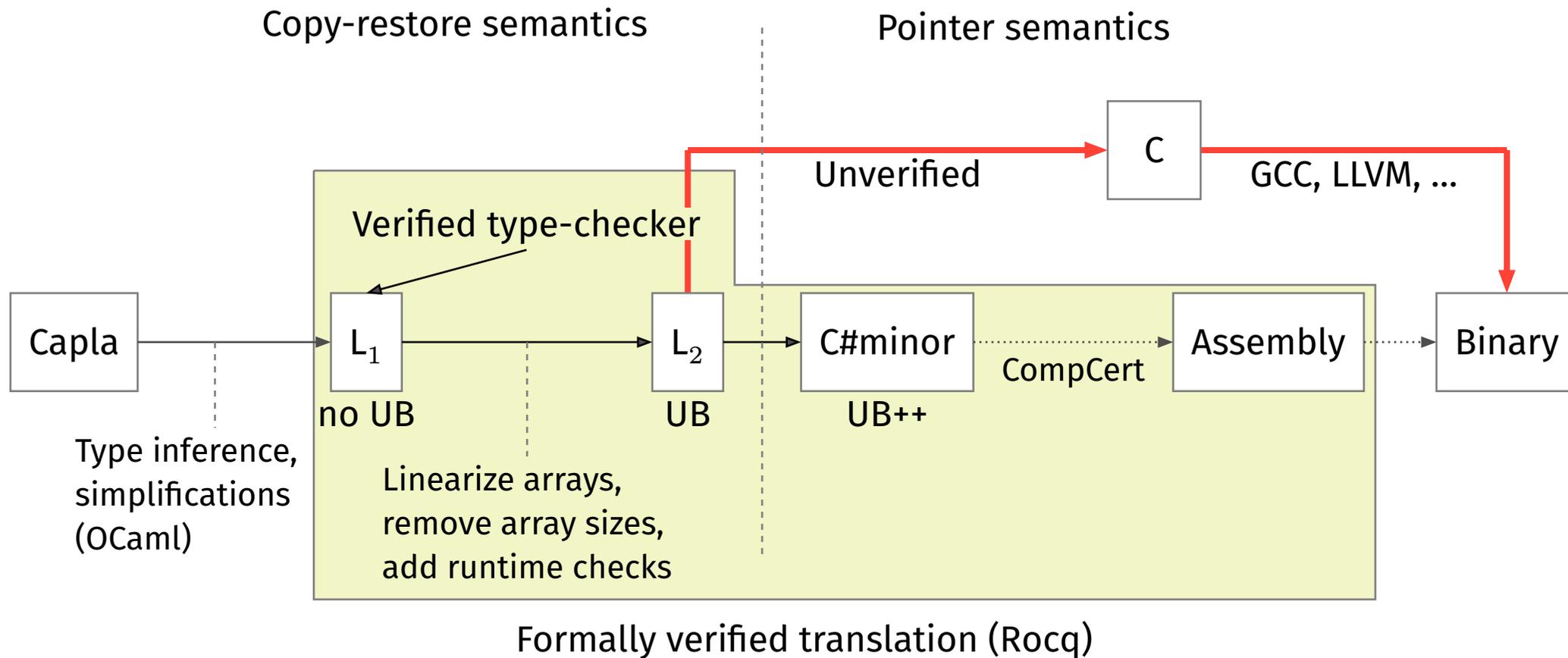
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	mpn_mul (only)	1.19	1.02	1.03

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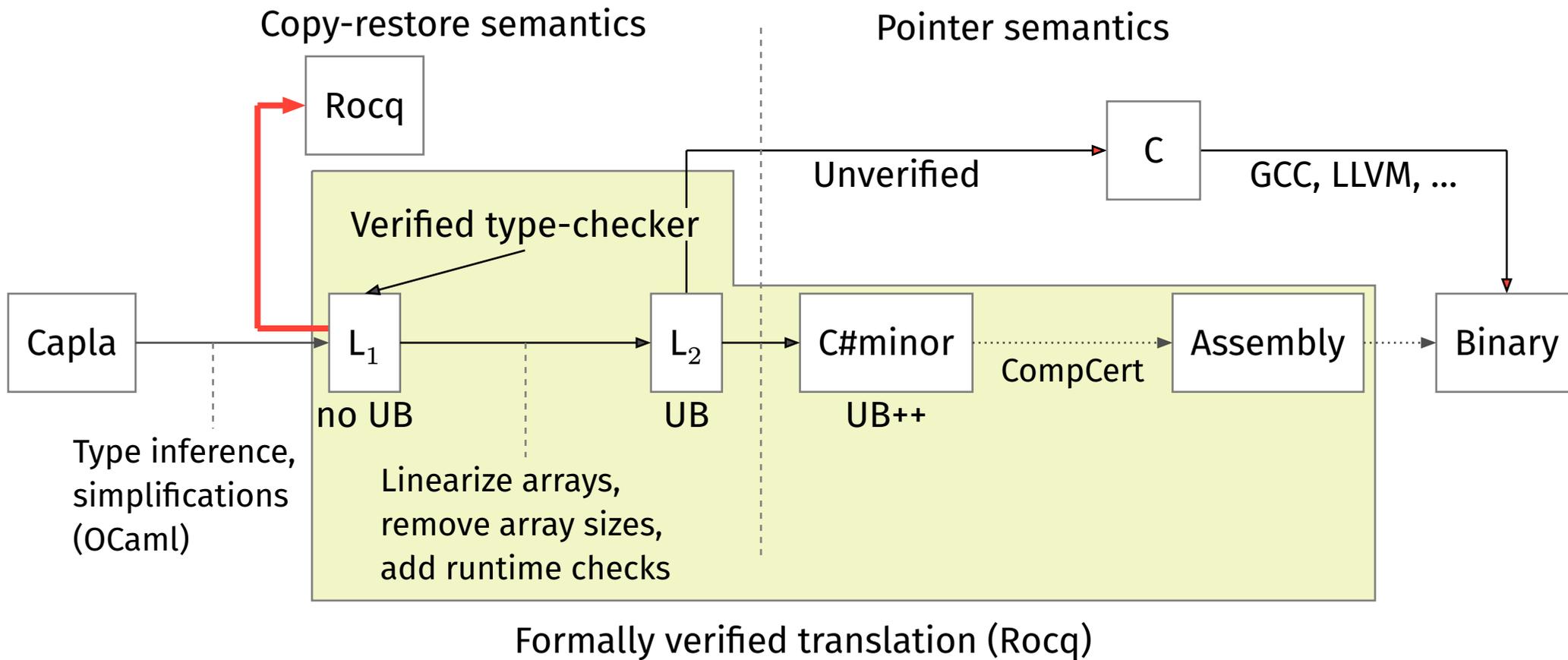
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# Future work: verifying and running Capla code inside of Rocq



Application: Turn Rocq into a computer algebra system

- ▶ Invoke Capla functions from Rocq
- ▶ Prove correctness theorems to use their results

Theorem `is_prime_correct` n b:

```
eval is_prime_capla [Vint64 n] (Some (Vbool b)) -> is_prime n = b.
```

Proof. (\* complicated proof using the semantics of L1 \*) Qed.

Axiom `is_prime_exec` n v:

```
exec is_prime_compiled n = Some v -> eval is_prime_capla [Vint64 n] (Some v).
```

Goal `is_prime 298348787309 = true`.

Proof.

```
apply is_prime_correct. (* The Capla code is correct *)
```

```
apply is_prime_exec. (* The Capla code was correctly compiled *)
```

```
now compute. (* The Capla code is executed inside Rocq's kernel *)
```

Qed.

# **Appendix**

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```
fun karatsuba(r: mut [i64; 2 * n],
             a b: [i64; n],
             t: mut [i64; 2 * n], n: u64) {
```

```
    ...
→ let k = n / 2;
   let [a0: ..k; a1: k..] = a;
   let [b0: ..k; b1: k..] = b;
   let [t0: ..(2 * k); t1: ..] = t;
   { let [r0: ..(2 * k); r2: ..] = r;
     add(r0[..k], a0, a1, k);
     add(r2[..k], b0, b1, k);
     karatsuba(t0, r0[..k], r2[..k], t1, k);
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     karatsuba(r2, a1, b1, t1, k);
     sub2(t0, r0, 2 * k);
     sub2(t0, r2, 2 * k);
   }
   add2(r[k..(3 * k)], t0, 2 * k);
}
```

$k \mapsto 2$

$a \mapsto$ 

1	2	3	4
---	---	---	---

$b \mapsto$ 

6	4	2	0
---	---	---	---

$t \mapsto$ 

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

$r \mapsto$ 

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```

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```

```
→ { let [r0: ..(2 * k); r2: ..] = r;
    add(r0[..k], a0, a1, k);
    add(r2[..k], b0, b1, k);
    karatsuba(t0, r0[..k], r2[..k], t1, k);
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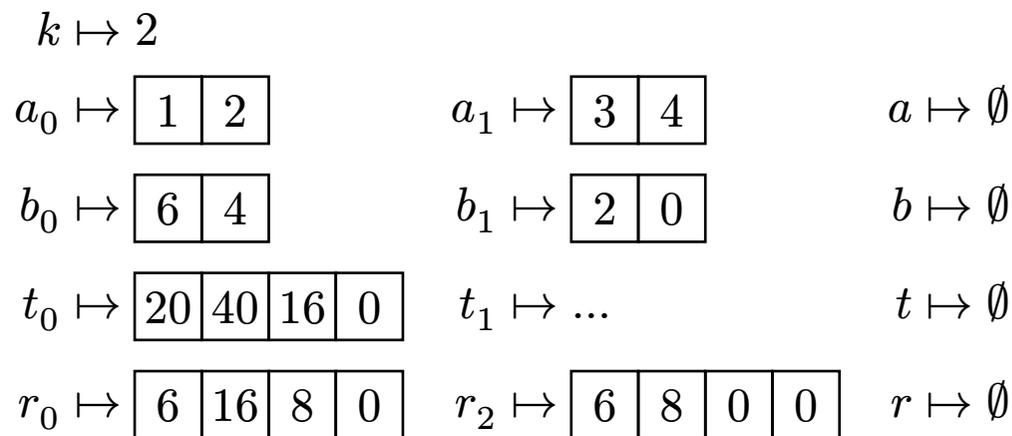
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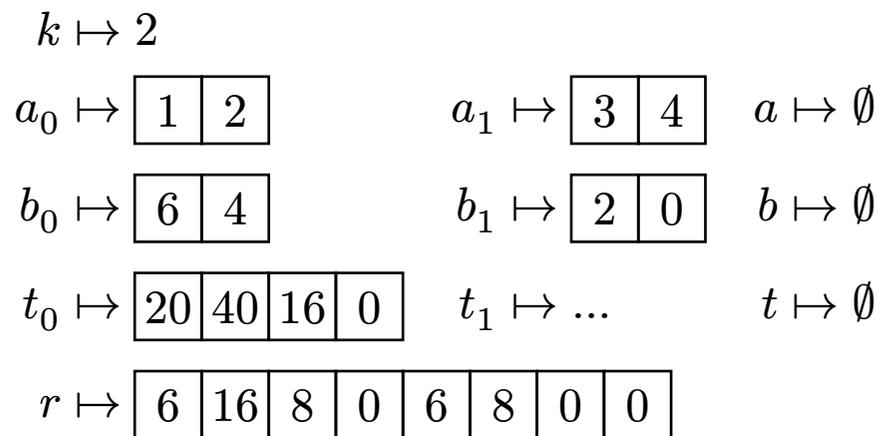
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}

```



## Reimplementing BLAS functions

## Capla

```

fun b_sgemv_n(
  trans: u8, m n: i32, alpha: f32,
  a: [f32; (u64) n, (u64) lda], lda: i32,
  x: [f32; (u64) (1 + (n - 1) * incx)], incx: i32,
  beta: f32,
  y: mut [f32; (u64) (1 + (m - 1) * incy)], incy: i32) {
  ...
  jx = kx;
  if incy == 1 {
    for j: u32 = 0 .. (u32) n {
      temp = alpha * x[jx];
      for i: u32 = 0 .. (u32) m {
        y[i] = y[i] + temp * a[j, i];
      }
      jx = jx + incx;
    }
  } else {
    for j: u32 = 0 .. (u32) n {
      temp = alpha * x[jx];
      iy = ky;
      for i: u32 = 0 .. (u32) m {
        y[iy] = y[iy] + temp * a[j, i];
        iy = iy + incy;
      }
      jx = jx + incx;
    }
  }
  ...
}

```

## Fortran

```

SUBROUTINE SGEMV(TRANS,M,N,ALPHA,A,LDA,X,INCX,BETA,Y,INCY)
  REAL ALPHA,BETA
  INTEGER INCX,INCY,LDA,M,N
  CHARACTER TRANS
  REAL A(LDA,*),X(*),Y(*)
  ...
  IF (LSAME(TRANS,'N')) THEN
    JX = KX
    IF (INCY.EQ.1) THEN
      DO 60 J = 1,N
        TEMP = ALPHA*X(JX)
        DO 50 I = 1,M
          Y(I) = Y(I) + TEMP*A(I,J)
50        CONTINUE
        JX = JX + INCX
60      CONTINUE
    ELSE
      DO 80 J = 1,N
        TEMP = ALPHA*X(JX)
        IY = KY
        DO 70 I = 1,M
          Y(IY) = Y(IY) + TEMP*A(I,J)
          IY = IY + INCY
70        CONTINUE
        JX = JX + INCX
80      CONTINUE
    ...
  ...

```

## Reimplementing BLAS functions

```

fun zdotu(n: i32, zx: [f64; 1 + (n - 1) * incx, 2], incx: i32,
         zy: [f64; 1 + (n - 1) * incy, 2], incy: i32,
         res: mut [f64; 2])
{ res[0] = 0.; res[1] = 0.;
  if n <= 0 return;

```

Dynamic test:  $i < 1 + (n - 1) \cdot \text{incy}$

Eliminated but the compiler needs a bit of help

```

if incx == 1 && incy == 1 {
  assert (1 + (n - 1) * incx == n);
  assert (1 + (n - 1) * incy == n);
  for i: i32 = 0 .. n {
    res[0] = res[0] + (zx[i,0] * zy[i,0] - zx[i,1] * zy[i,1]);
    res[1] = res[1] + (zx[i,1] * zy[i,0] + zx[i,0] * zy[i,1]);
  }
} else {
  ...
} }

```

Dynamic test:  $1 < 2$   
Trivially eliminated

Straightforward translation from the original BLAS implementation in Fortran

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E(\vec{a}) = \vec{v} \quad \vec{v} \in \text{f.sig\_args} \quad \text{f.params} = \vec{x} \\
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\forall i j, \text{f.perm}(x_i) \geq \text{Mutable} \wedge i \neq j \Rightarrow a_i \neq a_j \\
\text{valid\_call}(S, \text{f}, \vec{a}) \\
E' = E - \{a_i \mid \text{f.perm}(x_i) = \text{Owned}\} \\
m = \{(a_i, x_i) \mid \text{f.perm}(x_i) = \text{Mutable}\} \\
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(E, S, \langle y = \text{f}(\vec{a}) \rangle, k) \rightarrow (E_f, S_f, \text{f.body}, \text{Kcall}(y, E', S, m, k)) \quad \text{CALL}
\end{array}$$

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(E_f, S_f, \langle \text{return } v \rangle, \text{Kcall}(y, E', S, m, k)) \rightarrow (E' [a_i \leftarrow E_f(x_i), \dots] [y \leftarrow v], S, \langle \rangle, k) \quad \text{RETURN}$$

Statically guaranteed by typing  
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	sgemv	1.71	1.14	0.31
	dgemv	2.86	1.26	0.89
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	sgemv	1.71	1.14	0.31	1.16	0.31
	dgemv	2.86	1.26	0.89	1.81	0.88
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  for i = 1 .. vn {
    addmul_1(rp[i..(un + i)], up, un, vp[i]);
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