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Goals of Statix Design

Static semantics definition

- Define static semantics of (domain-specific) programming languages

High-level and Understandable

- Can be used as reference documentation

Executable

- Generate type checkers

Declarative

- Understand in terms of declarative

Multi-purpose

- Derive many/all tools from single definition

Correct by Construction

- Implementations sound wrt declarative semantics

Type System Specification in Statix

Constraint-based language with declarative semantics

- Understand type system without algorithmic reasoning

Name binding using scope graphs

- *as part of constraint resolution*

Implementation

- Solver interprets specification as type checker
- Sound wrt declarative semantics
- Scheduling of constraint resolution based on language independent principles

Scopes as Types

- Van Antwerpen, Bach Poulsen, Rouvoet, Visser
- OOPSLA 2018

A constraint language for static semantic analysis based on scope graphs

- van Antwerpen, Néron, Tolmach, Visser, Wachsmuth
- PEPM 2016

A Theory of Name Resolution

- Néron, Tolmach, Visser, Wachsmuth
- ESOP 2015

This Tutorial: Statix by Example

- Concrete and abstract syntax
- Modular language definition
- Type predicates
- Declaring and resolving names
- Lexical scope
- Scopes as types
- Modules and imports
- Records
- Incompleteness
- Scheduling queries and critical edges
- Permission to extend

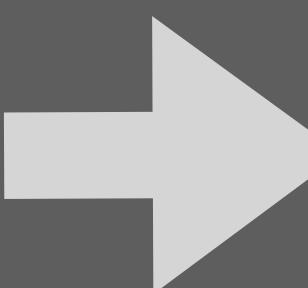
Concrete and Abstract Syntax

From Concrete Syntax Definition to Abstract Syntax Signature

```
module lang/base/syntax

imports lang/base/lexical

lexical sorts ID INT STRING
sorts Exp Type Val Decl Bind TYPE
context-free syntax
Exp = <(<Exp>)> {bracket}
Type = <(<Type>)> {bracket}
```



```
module signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig

imports signatures/lang/base/lexical-sig

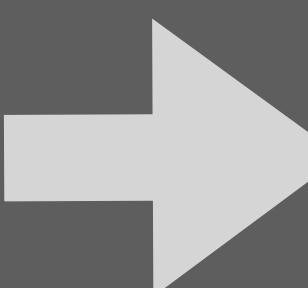
signature
sorts
ID = string
INT = string
STRING = string
Exp Type Val Decl Bind TYPE
```

```
module lang/arithmetic/syntax

imports lang/base/syntax

context-free syntax
Exp.Int = <<INT>>
Exp.Min = [-[Exp]]
Exp.Add = <<Exp> + <Exp>> {left}
Exp.Sub = <<Exp> - <Exp>> {left}
Exp.Mul = <<Exp> * <Exp>> {left}
Type.IntT = <Int>

context-free priorities
Exp.Mul > {left: Exp.Add Exp.Sub}
```



```
module signatures/lang/arithmetic/syntax-sig

imports signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig

signature
constructors
Int : INT → Exp
Min : Exp → Exp
Add : Exp * Exp → Exp
Sub : Exp * Exp → Exp
Mul : Exp * Exp → Exp
IntT : Type
```

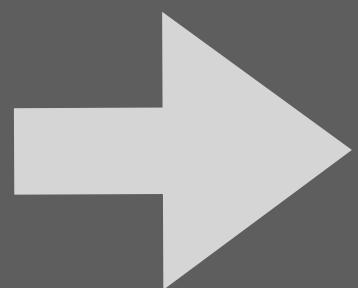
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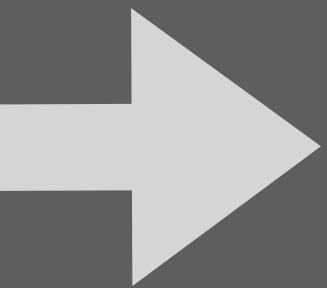


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  Min : Exp → Exp
  Add : Exp * Exp → Exp
  Sub : Exp * Exp → Exp
  Mul : Exp * Exp → Exp
  IntT : Type
```

1 + 2 * 3



```
Add(
  Int("1"),
  Mul(
    Int("2"),
    Int("3")))
```

From here we will use concrete syntax examples and abstract syntax rules

Modular Language Definition

Modular Language Definition: Composing Languages from Components

- ▼  > lang
 -  > arithmetic
 -  > base
 -  > booleans
 -  > file
 -  function
 -  > generics
 -  > L1
 -  module
 -  record
 -  string
 -  type
 -  union
 -  unit
 -  variable

- ▼  > lang
 -  > arithmetic
 - dynamics.str
 - statics.stx
 - syntax.sdf3
 -  > base
 - dynamics.str
 - frames.str
 - lexical.sdf3
 - statics.stx
 - syntax.sdf3
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 -  > type
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 - syntax.sdf3
 -  > union
 - statics.stx
 - syntax.sdf3
 -  > unit
 - statics.stx
 - syntax.sdf3
 -  > variable
 - statics.stx
 - syntax.sdf3

```
module lang/L1/statics

imports lang/base/statics

imports lang/arithmetic/statics
imports lang/booleans/statics
imports lang/string/statics
imports lang/unit/statics
//imports lang/union/statics

//imports lang/generics/statics

imports lang/record/statics
imports lang/function/statics

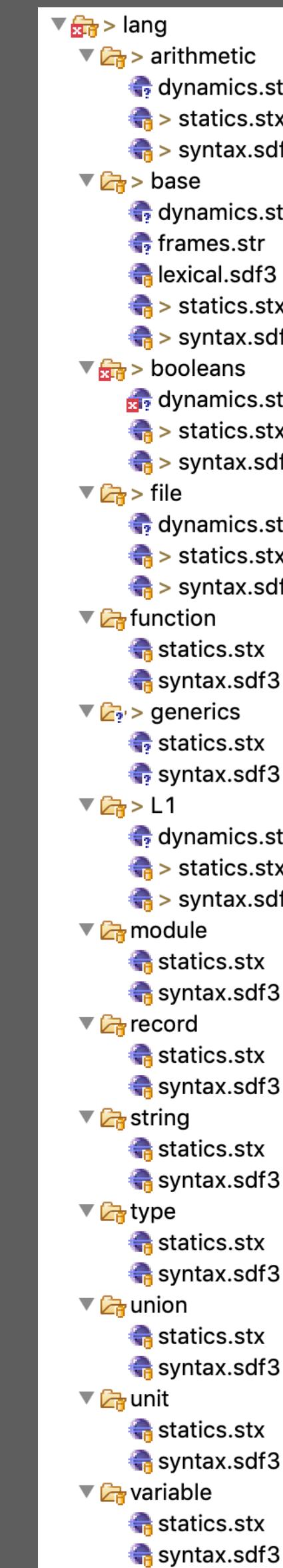
imports lang/variable/statics
imports lang/let/statics
imports lang/type/statics
imports lang/module/statics
//imports lang/module-simple/statics
//imports lang/module-seq/statics

imports lang/file/statics
```

Easily experiment with alternative language definitions

Modular Language Definition: Extending Common Base Types

- ▼  > lang
 -  > arithmetic
 -  > base
 -  > booleans
 -  > file
 -  function
 -  > generics
 -  > L1
 -  module
 -  record
 -  string
 -  type
 -  union
 -  unit
 -  variable



```
module signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig

imports
    signatures/lang/base/lexical-sig

signature
sorts
    ID      = string
    INT     = string
    STRING  = string
    Type   // syntactic types
    TYPE   // semantic types
    Exp    // expressions
    Decl   // declarations
    Bind   // binding
    Val    // values
```

Work in progress:
combining language
projects

Predicates

Predicates Represent Program Properties

```
module lang/base/statics
imports signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig
rules // type of ...
typeOfType : scope * Type → TYPE
typeOfExp  : scope * Exp   → TYPE
rules // well-typedness of ...
decl0k : scope * Decl
decls0k maps decl0k(*, list(*))
bind0k : scope * scope * Bind
binds0k maps bind0k(*, *, list(*))
```

Use **maps** to apply a predicate to all elements of a list

Statix is a *pure logic programming language*

A Statix specification defines *predicates*

If a predicate *holds* for some term, the term has the *property* represented by the predicate

$\text{typeOfExp}(s, e) = T$
expression e has type T in scope s

$\text{typeOfType}(s, t) = T$
syntactic type t has semantic type T in scope s

$\text{decl0k}(s, d)$
declaration d is well-defined (Ok) in scope s

Functional Notation vs Predicate Notation

rules

```
typeOfType : scope * Type → TYPE  
typeOfExp  : scope * Exp   → TYPE
```

rules

```
typeOfType : scope * Type * TYPE  
typeOfExp  : scope * Exp  * TYPE
```

$\text{typeOfExp}(s, e) = T$
expression e has type T in scope s

$\text{typeOfExp}(s, e, T)$
expression e has type T in scope s

One expression has one type

One expression can have
multiple types

(Solver does not match on type argument)

Predicates are Defined by Rules

Predicate

typeOfType : scope * Type → TYPE

Rule

typeOfExp(s, Add(e1, e2)) = INT() :-
typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),
typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT()

Head

Premises

For all s, e1, e2

If the premises are true, the head is true

Declarative Reading vs Operational Reading

Predicate

typeOfExp : scope * Exp → TYPE

Rule

typeOfExp(s, Add(e1, e2)) = INT() :-
typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),
typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT()

Head

Premises

Declarative Names

Operational Names

typeOfExp(e) = T

typeCheck(e) = T

The type of expression e is T

Type checking expression e produces type T

Type system defines a (functional) relation

Type checking is a process

Syntax-Directed Definitions: One Rule per Language Construct

```
module lang/base/statics

imports signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig

rules

    typeOfType : scope * Type → TYPE
    typeOfExp   : scope * Exp    → TYPE
```

```
module signatures/lang/arithmetic/syntax-sig

imports signatures/lang/base/syntax-sig

signature

    constructors
        Int : INT → Exp
        Min : Exp → Exp
        Add : Exp * Exp → Exp
        Sub : Exp * Exp → Exp
        Mul : Exp * Exp → Exp
        IntT : Type
```

```
module lang/arithmetic/statics

imports lang/base/statics
imports signatures/lang/arithmetic/syntax-sig

signature
    constructors
        INT : TYPE

rules
    typeOfType(s, IntT()) = INT().

rules
    typeOfExp(s, Int(i)) = INT().

    typeOfExp(s, Min(e)) = INT() :-  
        typeOfExp(s, e) = INT().

    typeOfExp(s, Add(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
        typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),  
        typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT().

    typeOfExp(s, Sub(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
        typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),  
        typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT().

    typeOfExp(s, Mul(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
        typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),  
        typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT().
```

From Now: No Module Headers

rules

```
typeOfType : scope * Type → TYPE
typeOfExp   : scope * Exp    → TYPE
```

signature

```
constructors
Int : INT → Exp
Min : Exp → Exp
Add : Exp * Exp → Exp
Sub : Exp * Exp → Exp
Mul : Exp * Exp → Exp
IntT : Type
```

signature

```
constructors
INT : TYPE
```

rules

```
typeOfType(s, IntT()) = INT().
```

rules

```
typeOfExp(s, Int(i)) = INT().
```

```
typeOfExp(s, Min(e)) = INT() :-  
  typeOfExp(s, e) = INT().
```

```
typeOfExp(s, Add(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
  typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),  
  typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT().
```

```
typeOfExp(s, Sub(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
  typeOfExp(s, e1) = INT(),  
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```

```
typeOfExp(s, Mul(e1, e2)) = INT() :-  
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  typeOfExp(s, e2) = INT().
```

Types Are Just Terms

signature constructors

```
BoolT      : Type
BOOL       : TYPE
True       : Exp
False      : Exp
Not        : Exp → Exp
And        : Exp * Exp → Exp
Or         : Exp * Exp → Exp
If          : Exp * Exp * Exp → Exp
Eq         : Exp * Exp → Exp
```

rules // operations on types

```
subtype   : Exp * TYPE * TYPE
equitype : TYPE * TYPE
lub       : TYPE * TYPE → TYPE
subtype(_, T, T).
equitype(T, T).
lub(T, T) = T.
```

rules

```
typeOfType(s, BoolT()) = BOOL().
```

rules

```
typeOfExp(s, True()) = BOOL().
```

```
typeOfExp(s, False()) = BOOL().
```

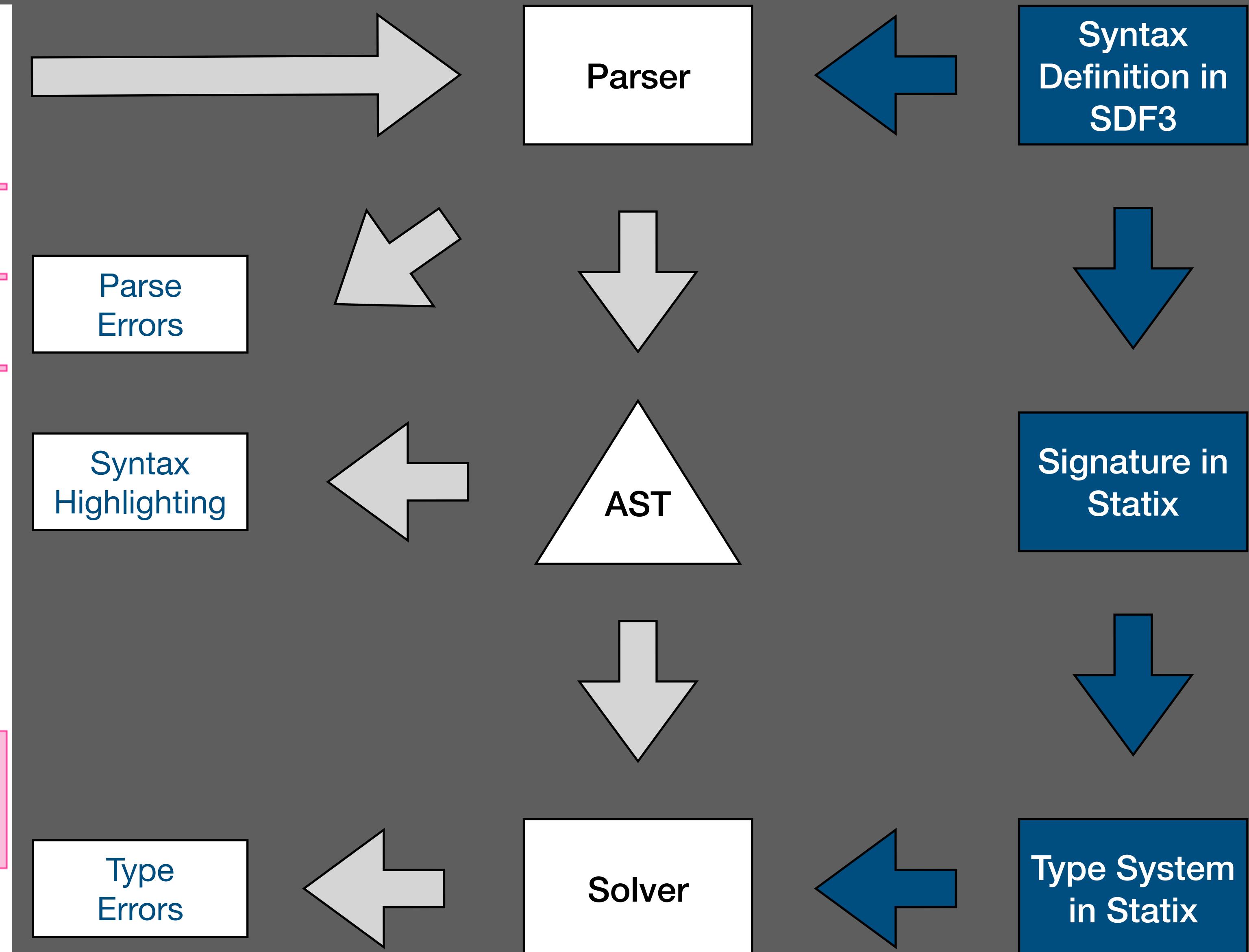
```
typeOfExp(s, And(e1, e2)) = BOOL() :-  
    typeOfExp(s, e1) = BOOL(),  
    typeOfExp(s, e2) = BOOL().
```

```
typeOfExp(s, If(e1, e2, e3)) = lub(T1, T2) :-  
    typeOfExp(s, e1) = BOOL(),  
    typeOfExp(s, e2) = T1,  
    typeOfExp(s, e3) = T2,  
    equityype(T1, T2).
```

```
typeOfExp(s, Eq(e1, e2)) = BOOL() :- {T1 T2}  
    typeOfExp(s, e1) = T1,  
    typeOfExp(s, e2) = T2,  
    equityype(T1, T2).
```

From Declarative Definition to Type Checker

```
1> 1 + 2 * 3
2
3> true && false
4
5> 1 ^ 2
6
7> true + 4
8
9> 1 && (true || false)
10
11> if 1 = 1 then
12    true
13  else
14    1 = 3
15
16> if 1 = 1 then
17    true
18  else
19    2
```



Programs with Names

Programs with Names

```
module Names {  
  
    module Even {  
        import Odd  
        def even = fun(x) {  
            if x = 0 then true else odd(x - 1)  
        }  
    }  
  
    module Odd {  
        import Even  
        def odd = fun(x) {  
            if x = 0 then false else even(x - 1)  
        }  
    }  
  
    module Compute {  
        type Result = { input : Int, output : Bool }  
        def compute = fun(x) {  
            Result{ input = x, output = Odd@odd x }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Name binding key in programming languages

Many name binding patterns

Deal with erroneous programs

Name resolution complicates type checkers, compilers

Ad hoc non-declarative treatment

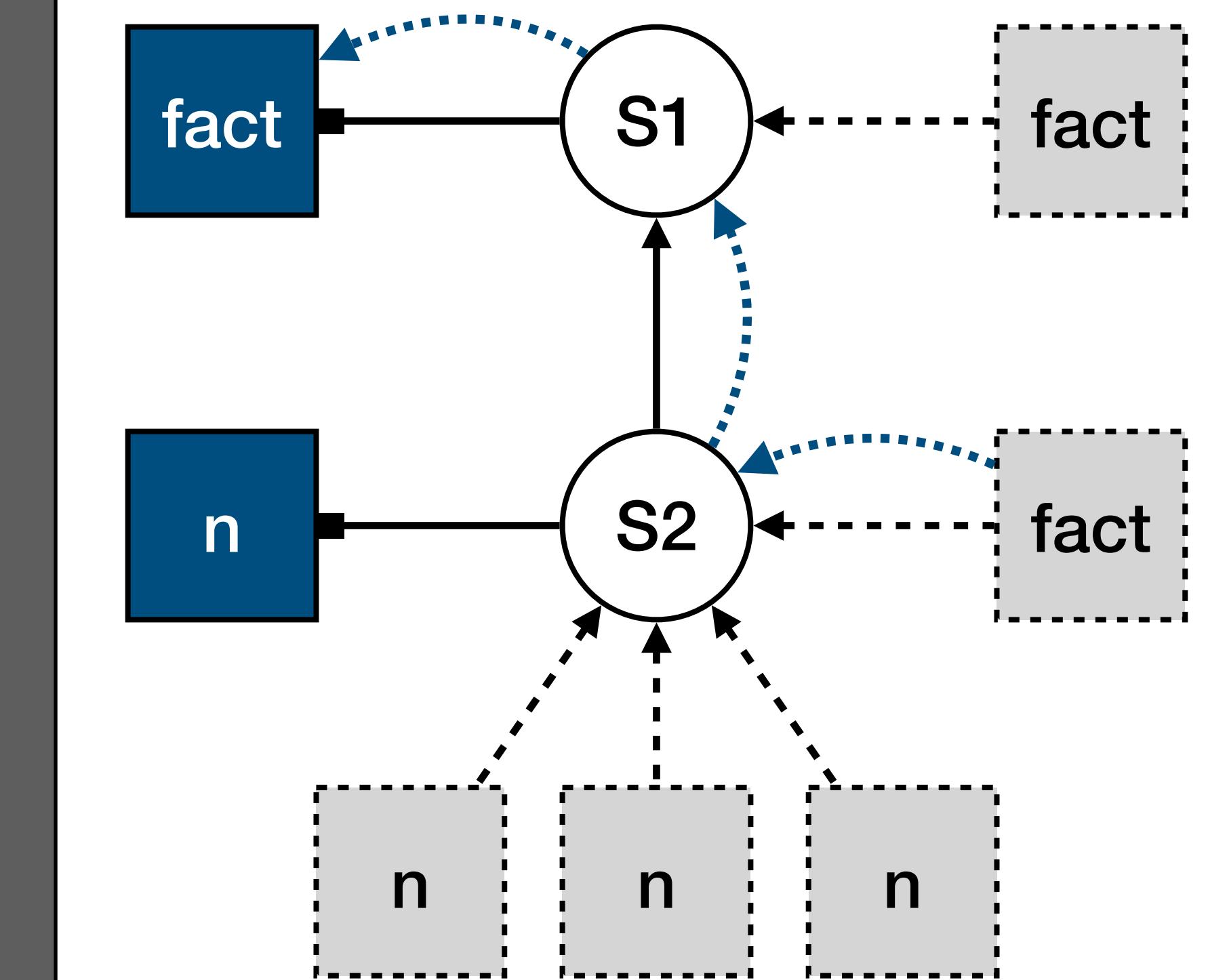
A systematic, uniform approach to name resolution?

Name Resolution with Scope Graphs

Program

```
let function fact(n : int) : int =  
    if n < 1 then  
        1  
    else  
        n * fact(n - 1)  
  
in  
fact(10)  
end
```

Scope Graph



Name Resolution

Name Resolution with Scope Graphs in Statix

Declarations and References

Lexical Scope

Records

Modules

Permission to Extend

Scheduling Resolution

Declaring and Resolving Names

Declarations and References

signature
constructors
Var : ID → Exp
Def : Bind → Decl
Bind : ID * Exp → Bind
BindT : ID * Type * Exp → Bind

rules
decl0k : scope * Decl
decls0k maps decl0k(*, list(*))
bind0k : scope * scope * Bind

```
def a = 0
def b = a + 1
def c = a + b
> a + b + c
```

declaration and reference

```
def a : Int = 0
def b : Int = a + 3
def c : Int = a + b
> a + b + c
```

typed declarations

rules
typeOfExp(s, Var(x)) = typeOfVar(s, x).
decl0k(s, Def(bind)) :-
bind0k(s, s, bind).

bind0k(s_bnd, s_ctx, Bind(x, e)) :- {T}
typeOfExp(s_ctx, e) = T,
declareVar(s_bnd, x, T).

bind0k(s_bnd, s_ctx, BindT(x, t, e)) :- {T1 T2}
typeOfType(s_ctx, t) = T1,
declareVar(s_bnd, x, T1),
typeOfExp(s_ctx, e) = T2,
subtype(e, T2, T1).

```
def a = true
def b : Int = a
def c = 1 + b
def e = b && c
```

type mismatch

```
def a = 0
def b = a + 1
def c = a + d
> a + e + c
```

undefined variable

```
def a = 0
def b = a + 1
def b = 2 + a
def c = 3
> a + b + c
```

duplicate definition

```
> a + b + c
def a = 0
def c = a + b
def b = a + 1
```

use before definition

Representing Name Binding with Scope Graphs

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def c = a + b
> a + b + c
```

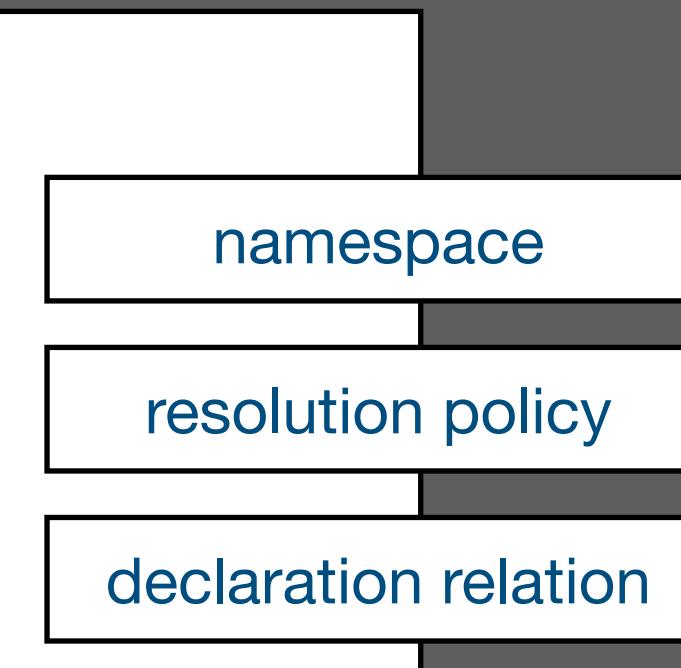
declaration and reference

rules

```
declareVar : scope * string * TYPE
typeOfVar  : scope * string → TYPE
```

Representing Name Binding with Scope Graphs

```
signature
  namespaces
    Var : string
  name-resolution
    resolve Var filter e
  relations
    typeOfDecl : occurrence → TYPE
```



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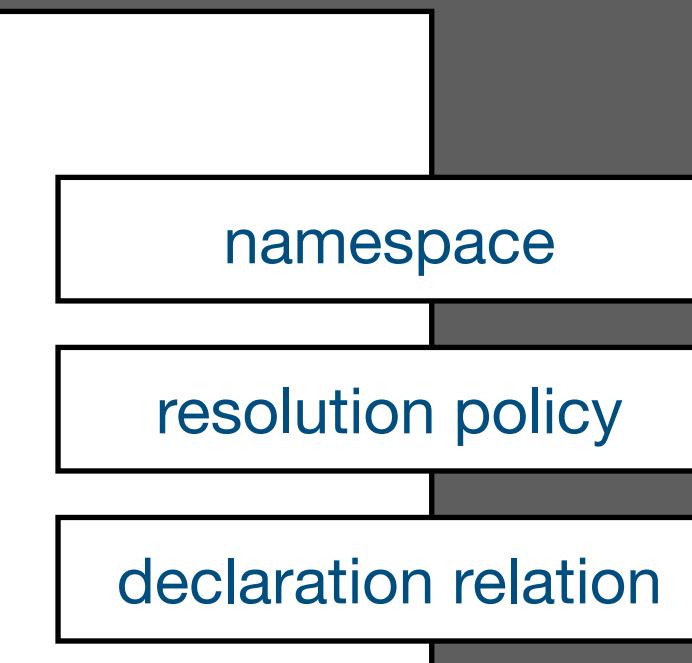
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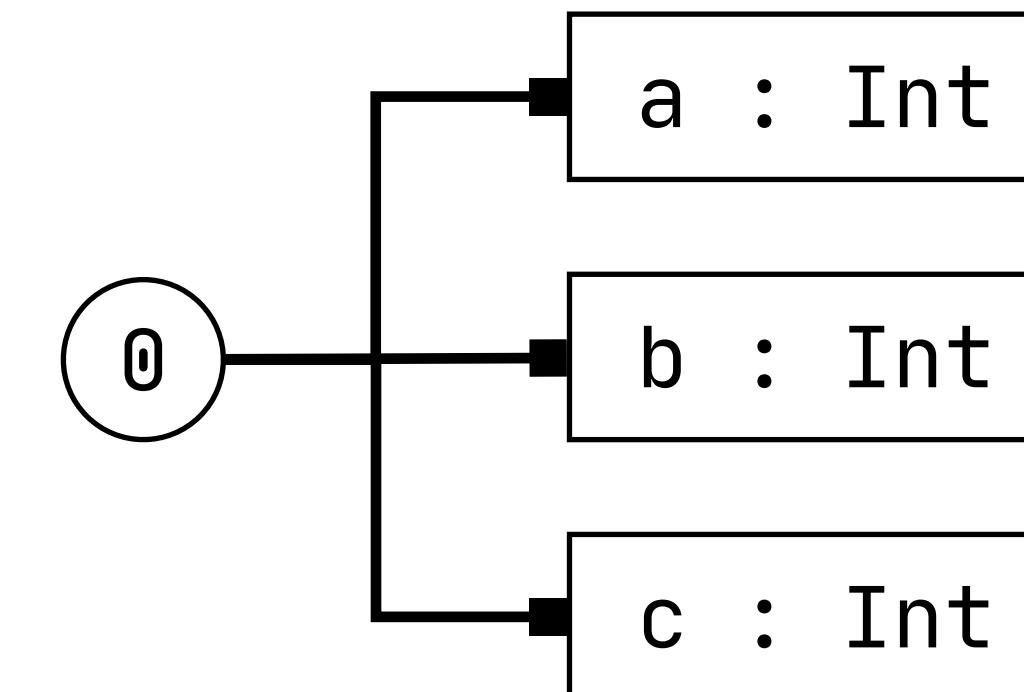
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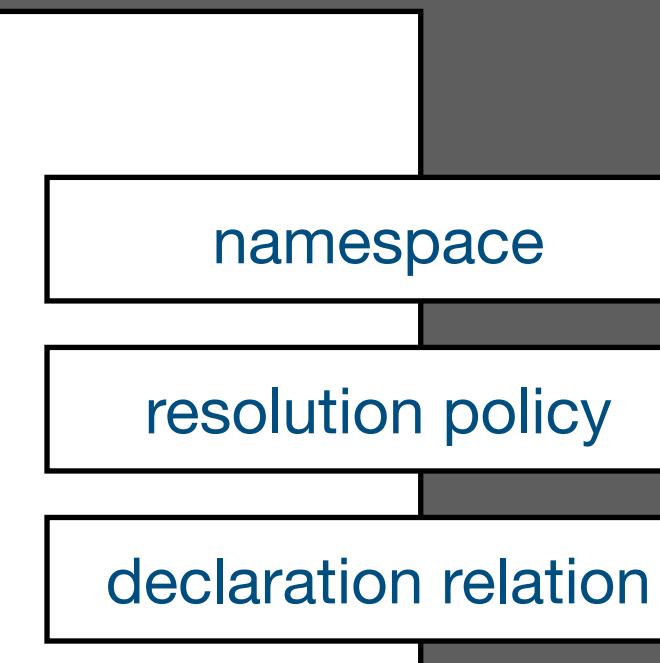
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  s → Var{x} with typeOfDecl T.
```

variable x is declared in
scope s with type T



Representing Name Binding with Scope Graphs

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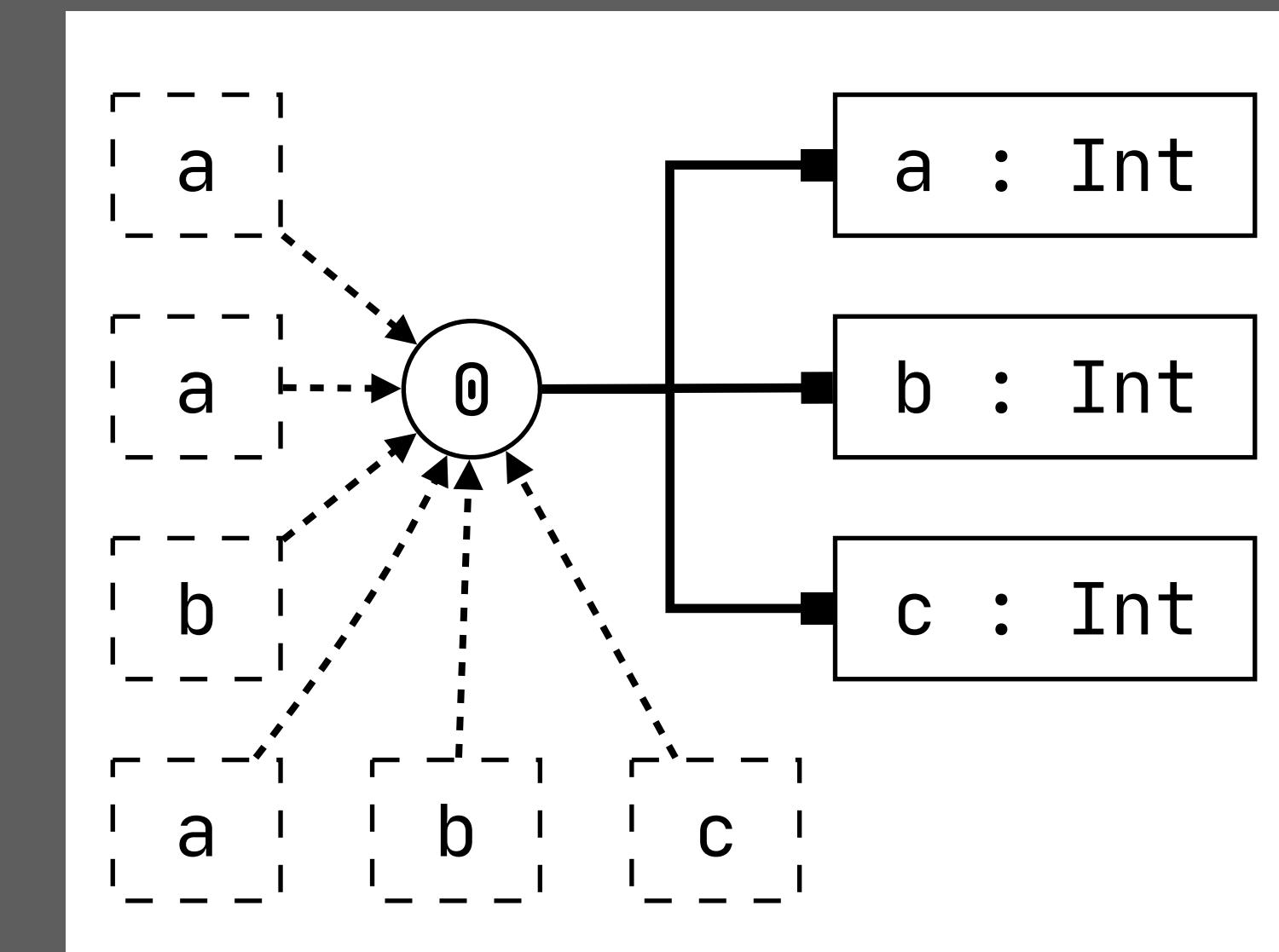
typeOfVar(s, x) = T :- {x'}
```

variable x is declared in
scope s with type T

variable x in scope s resolves to
declaration x' with type T

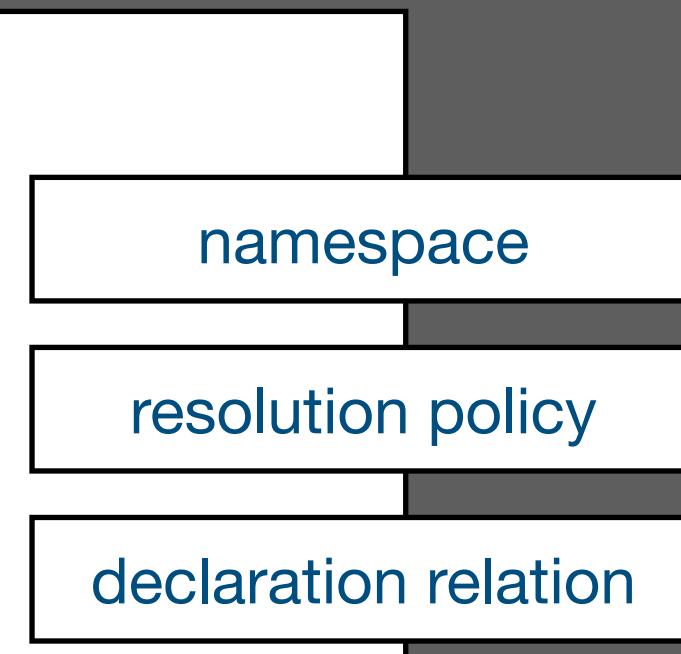
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> a + b + c
```

declaration and reference



Undefined Variable

```
signature
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    Var : string
  name-resolution
    resolve Var filter e
  relations
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```



```
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> a + e + c
```

undefined variable

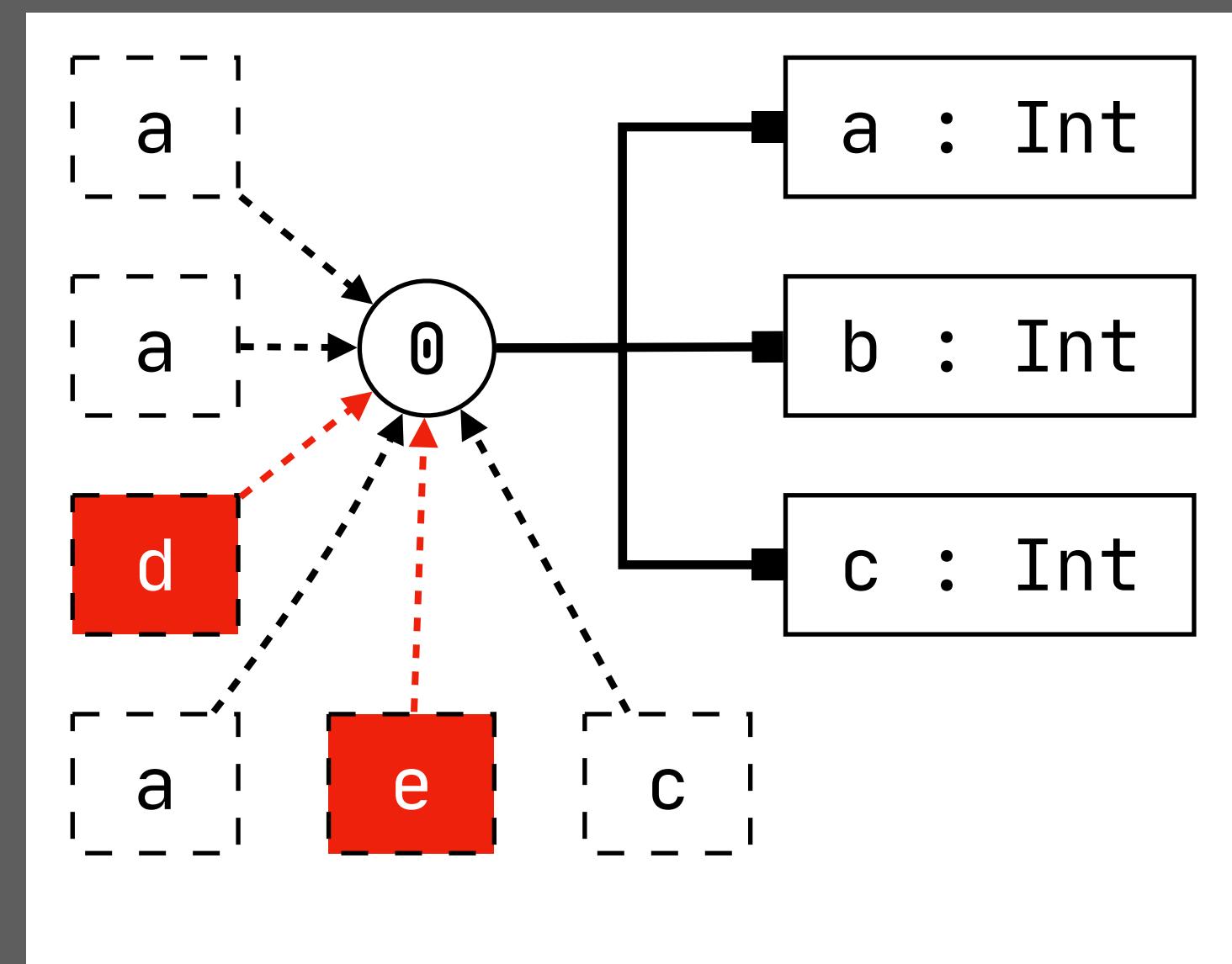
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rules
declareVar : scope * string * TYPE
typeOfVar : scope * string → TYPE

declareVar(s, x, T) :-
  s → Var{x} with typeOfDecl T.

typeOfVar(s, x) = T :- {x'}
typeOfDecl of Var{x} in s ↪ [_, (Var{x'}, T)].
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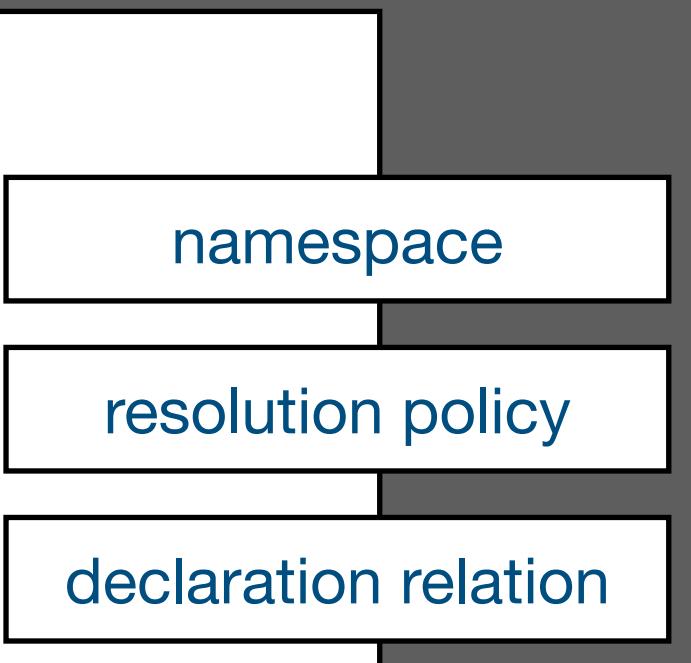
resolution query is not satisfiable

Duplicate Definition

```

signature
  namespaces
    Var : string
name-resolution
  resolve Var filter e
relations
  typeOfDecl : occurrence → TYPE

```



```

rules

declareVar : scope * string * TYPE
typeOfVar  : scope * string → TYPE

declareVar(s, x, T) :-  

  s → Var{x} with typeOfDecl T.

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```

variable x is declared in
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def b = 2 + a
def c = 3
> a + b + c

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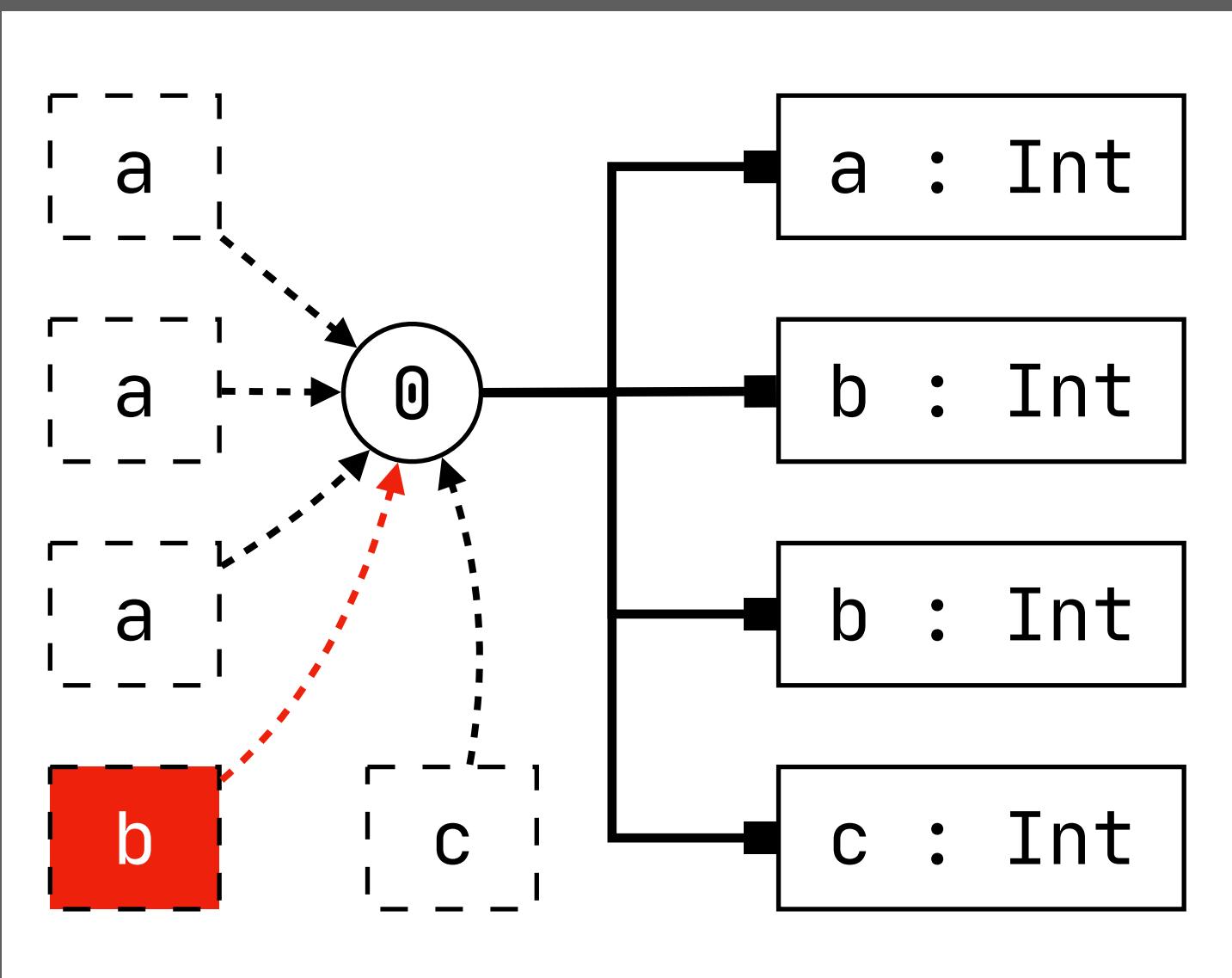
what we want

```

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def c = 3
> a + b + c

```

what we get

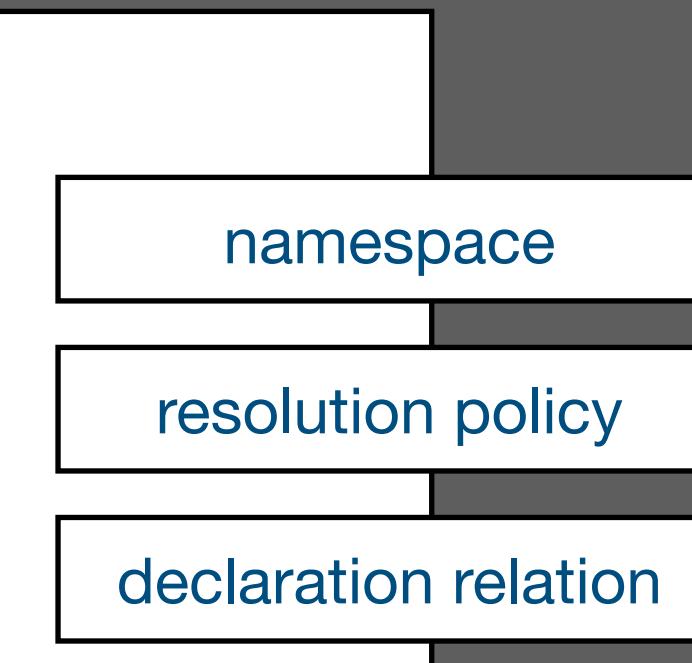


Duplicate Definition: Permissive Resolution

```

signature
  namespaces
    Var : string
name-resolution
  resolve Var filter e
relations
  typeOfDecl : occurrence → TYPE

```



```

rules

declareVar : scope * string * TYPE
typeOfVar  : scope * string → TYPE

declareVar(s, x, T) :-
  s → Var{x} with typeOfDecl T,
  typeOfDecl of Var{x} in s ↪ [_, ( _, T)]
  | error $[Duplicate definition of variable [x]].
  // declaration is distinct

typeOfVar(s, x) = T :- {x'}
  typeOfDecl of Var{x} in s ↪ [_, (Var{x'}, T)] /_
  | error $[Variable [x] not defined],
  // permissive lookup to cope with double declaration
  @x.ref := x'.

```

record link from reference to declaration

```

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def c = 3
> a + b + c

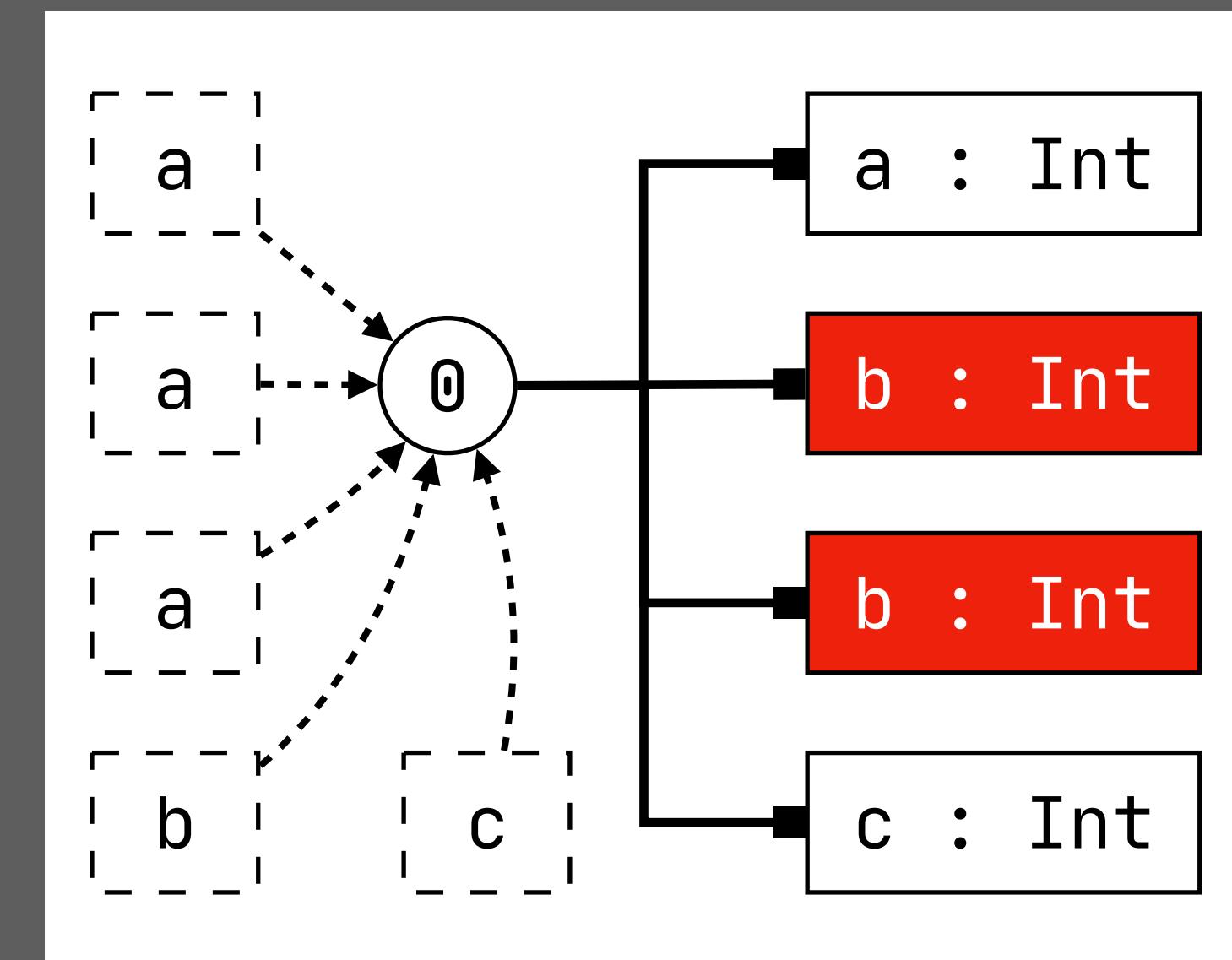
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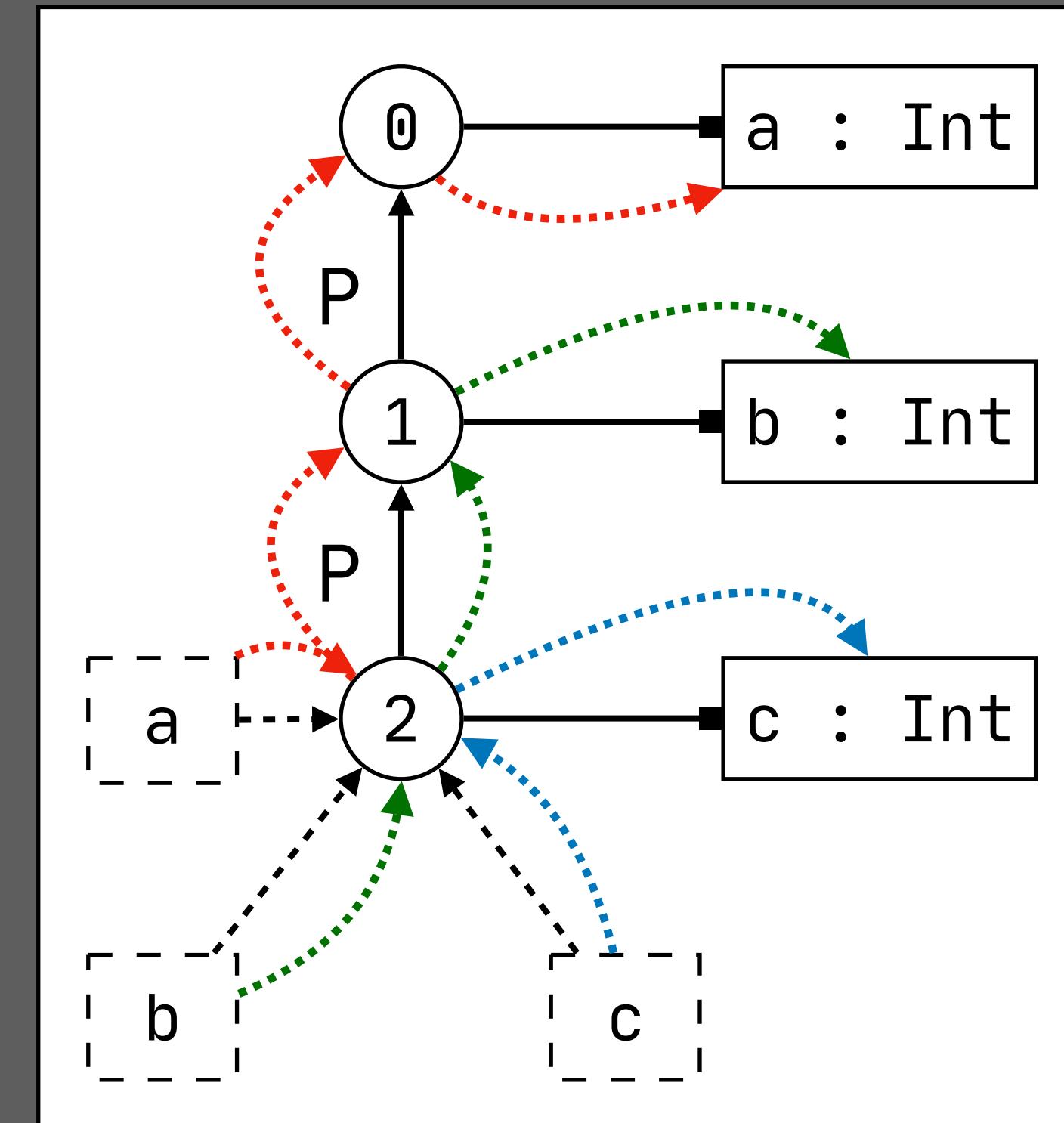
How about shadowing?

Lexical Scope

Labeled Scope Edges: What Scopes are Reachable?

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signature  
constructors  
Let : ID * Exp * Exp → Exp
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let a = 1 in  
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let c = 3 in  
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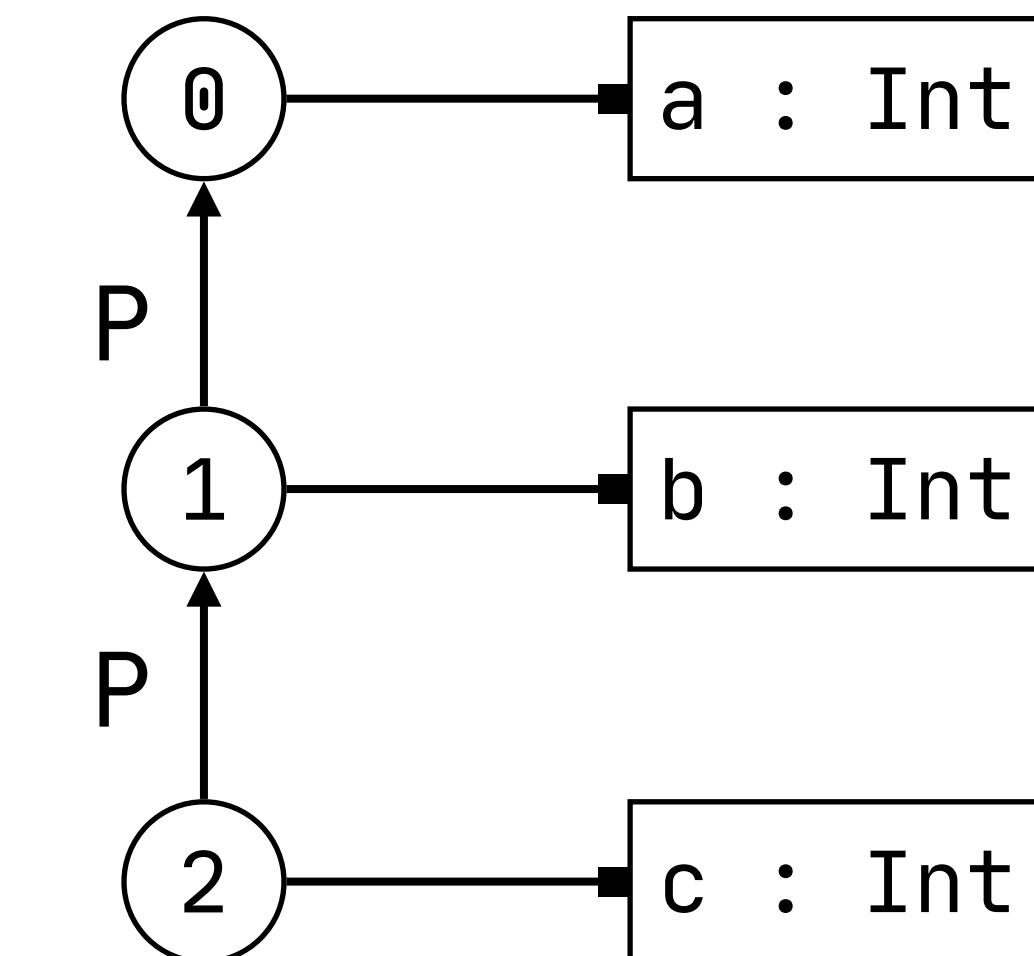
New Scope and Scope Edge Constraints

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Path Wellformedness: Reachability

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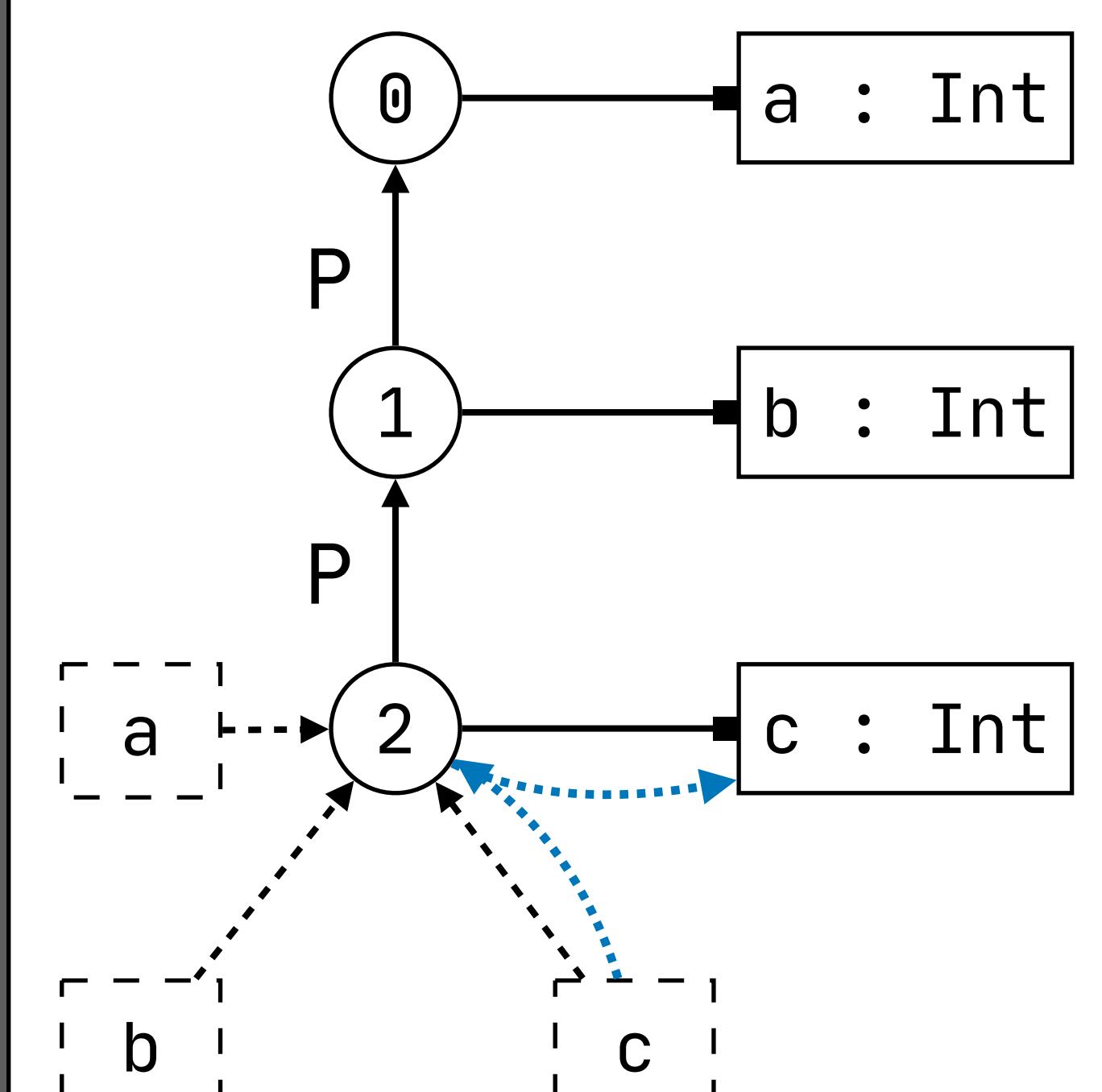
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new scope
scope edge

```
signature  
namespaces  
Var : string  
name-resolution  
resolve Var filter e
```

empty path **e** only allows resolution in 'this' scope



Path Wellformedness: Reachability

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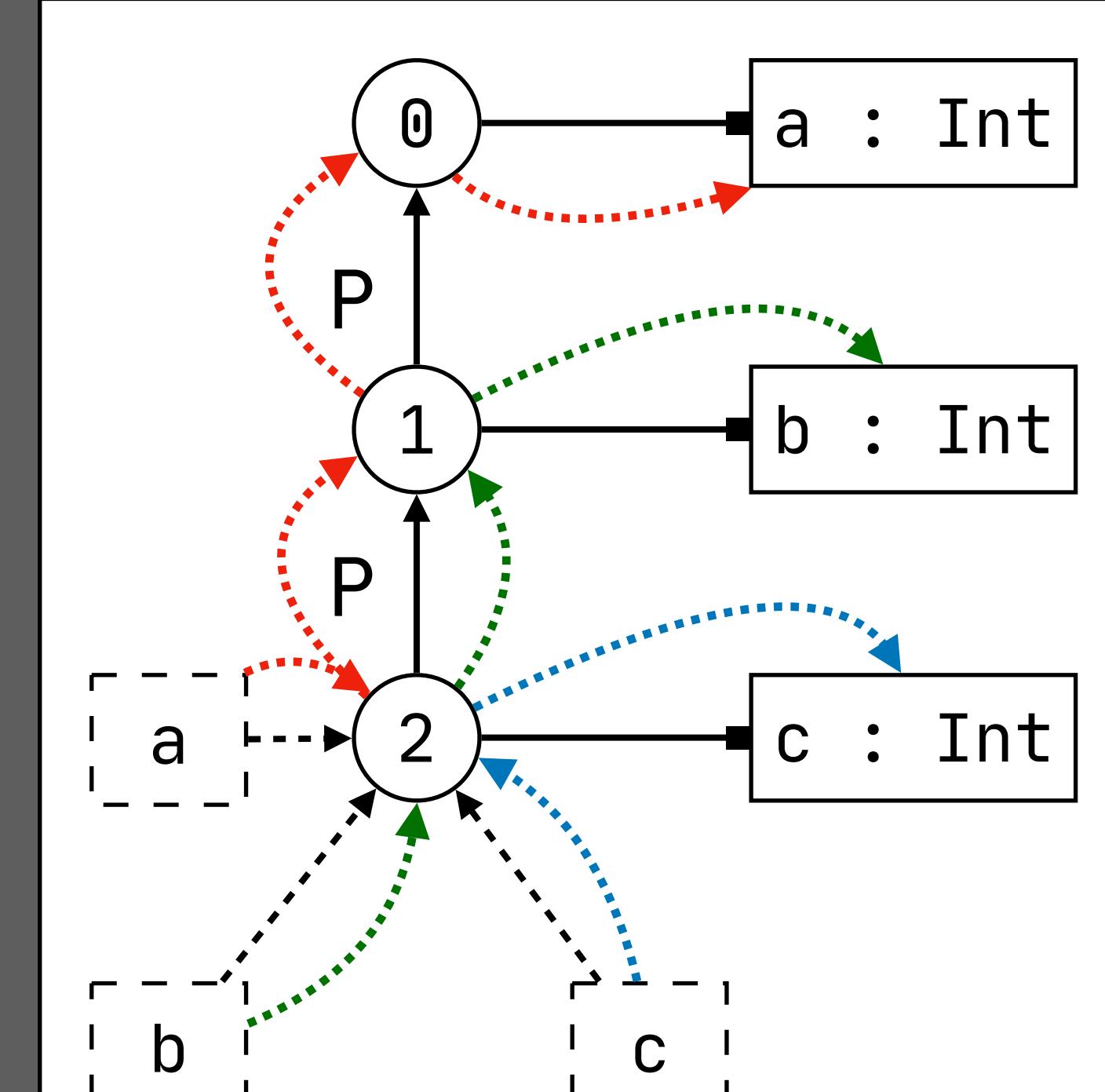
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new scope
scope edge

signature
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name-resolution
resolve Var *filter P**



path P^* allows resolution through zero or more P edges

Duplicate Definitions Revisited

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constructors
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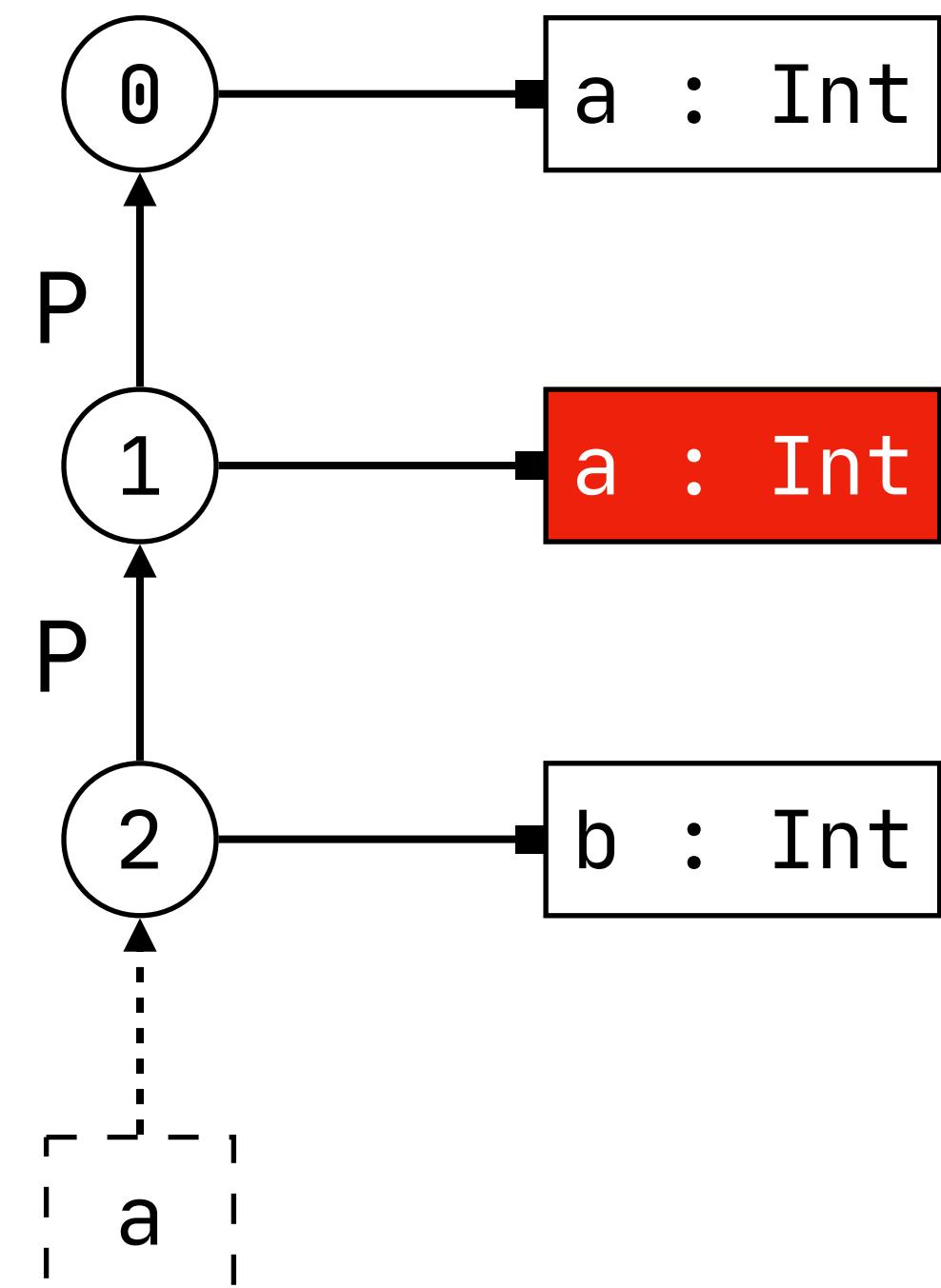
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new scope
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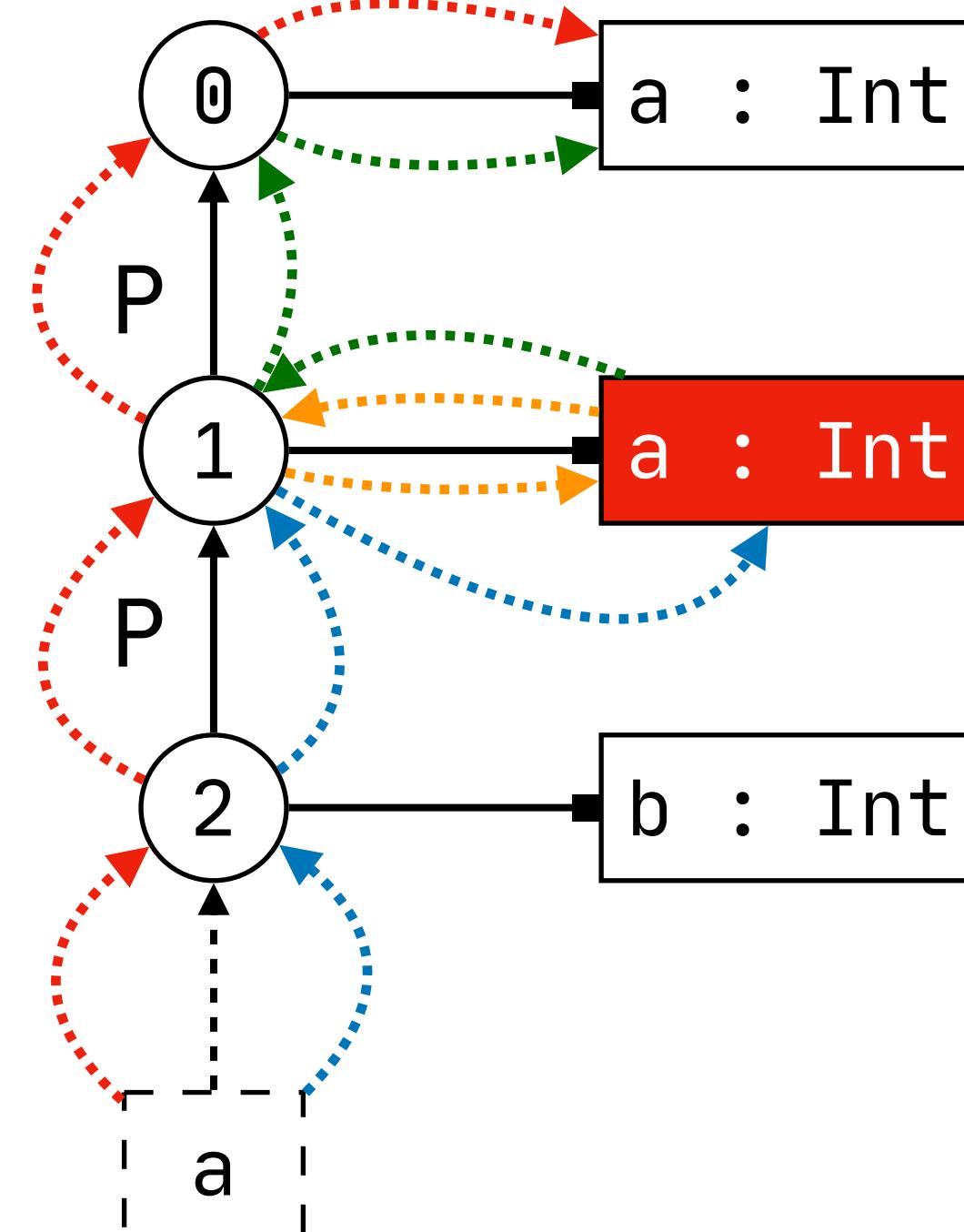
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namespaces
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resolve Var filter P*

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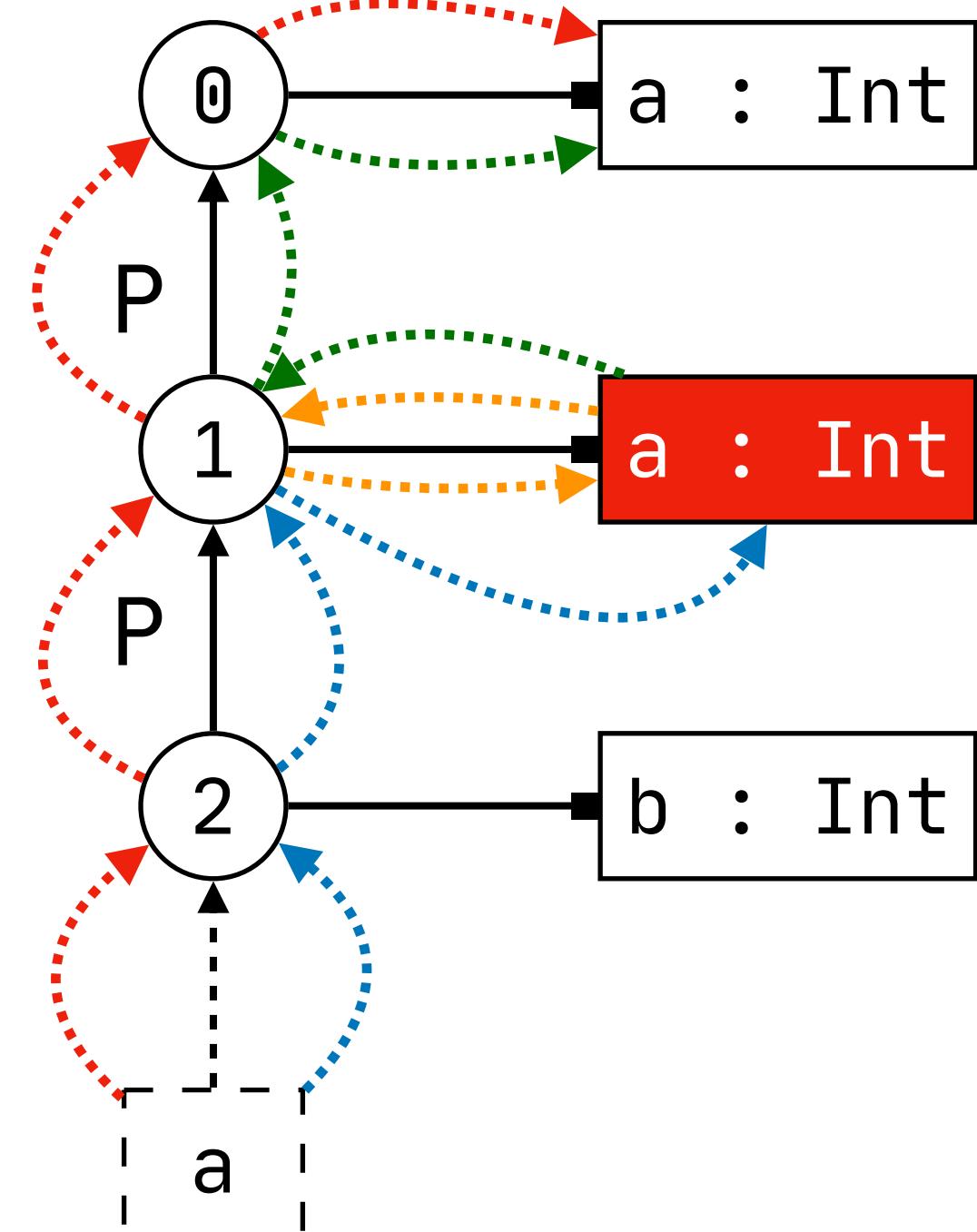
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prefer local scope (\$) over parent scope (P)

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let b = 3 in
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```

duplicate definition



prefer blue path over red path

prefer orange path over green path

Path Specificity: Visibility (Shadowing)

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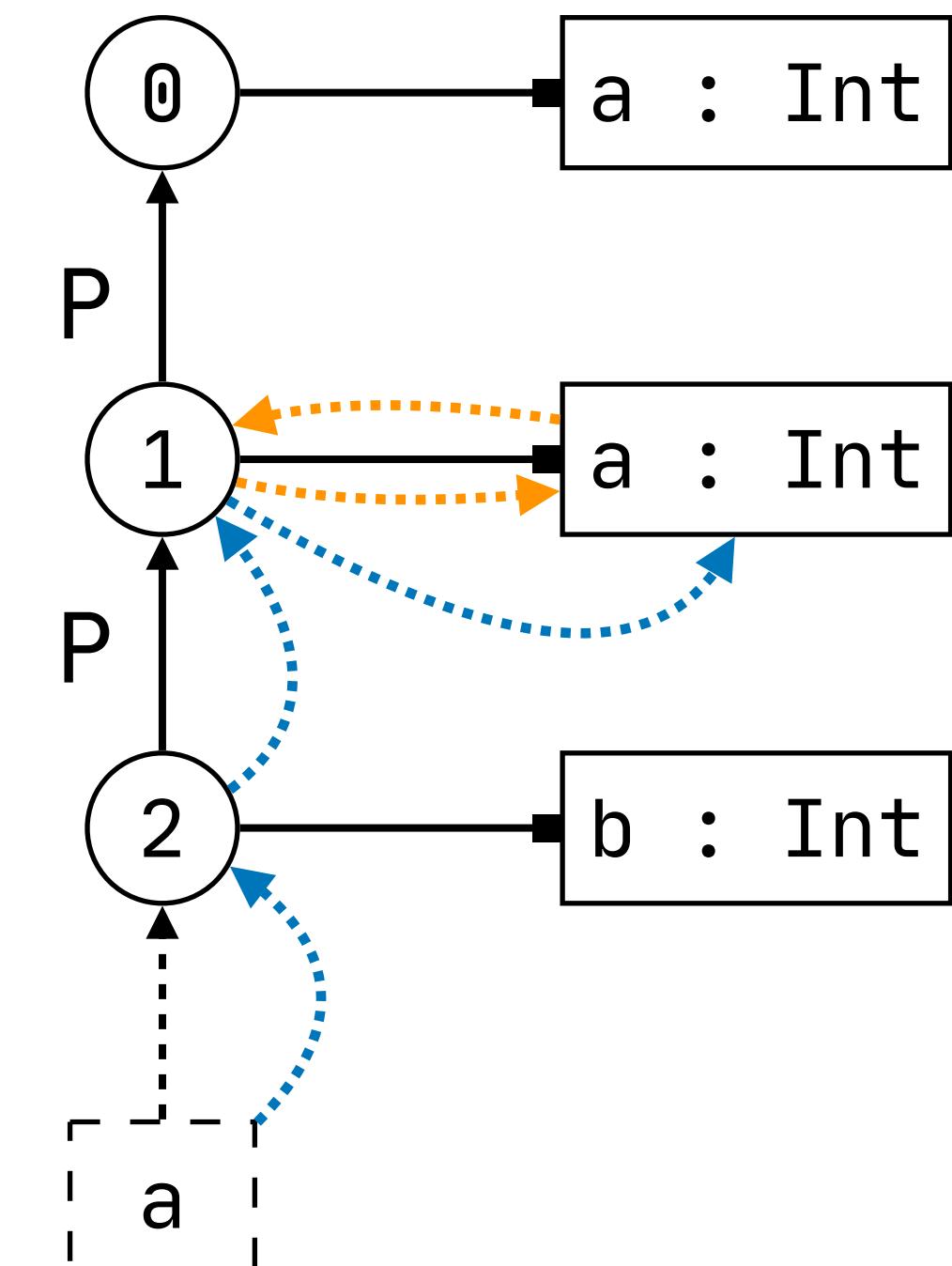
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new scope
scope edge

signature
namespaces
Var : string
name-resolution
resolve Var filter P^* min \$ < P



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How about non-lexical bindings?

Scopes as Types / Modules

Modules: Scopes as Types

signature

constructors

```
MOD : scope → TYPE
Module : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import : ID → Decl
```

scope as type

rules

```
decl0k(s, Module(m, decls)) :- {s_mod}
  new s_mod, s_mod -P→ s,
  declareMod(s, m, MOD(s_mod)),
  decls0k(s_mod, decls).
```

lexical scope

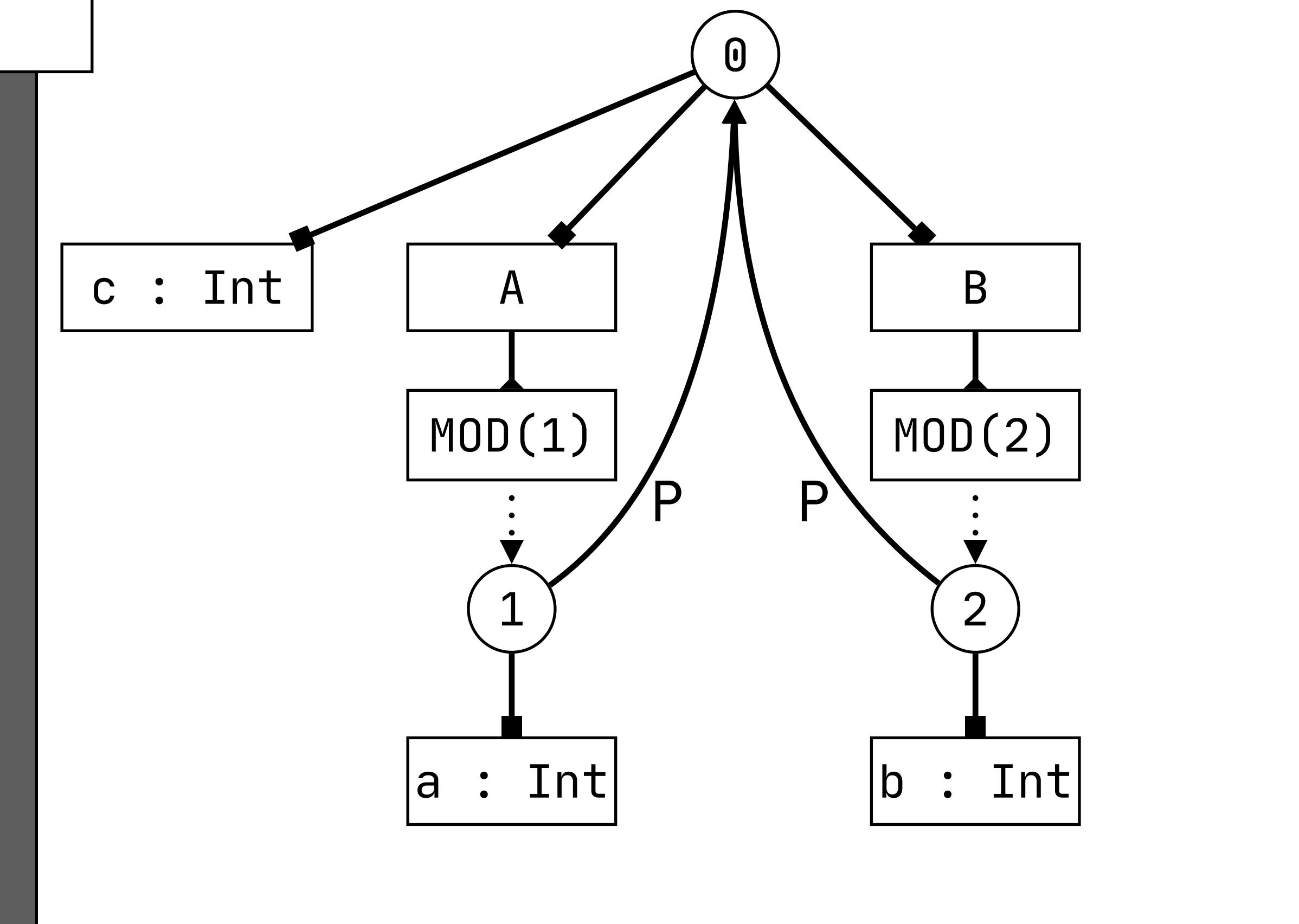
scope as type

```
def c = 0
module A {
  import B
  def a = b + c
}
module B {
  def b = 2
}
```

signature

namespaces

```
Mod : string
```



Resolving Import

signature

constructors

```
MOD : scope → TYPE
Module : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import : ID → Decl
```

scope as type

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```

lexical scope

scope as type

```
decl0k(s, Import(p)) :- {s_mod s_end}
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```

resolve import

signature

namespaces

```
Mod : string
```

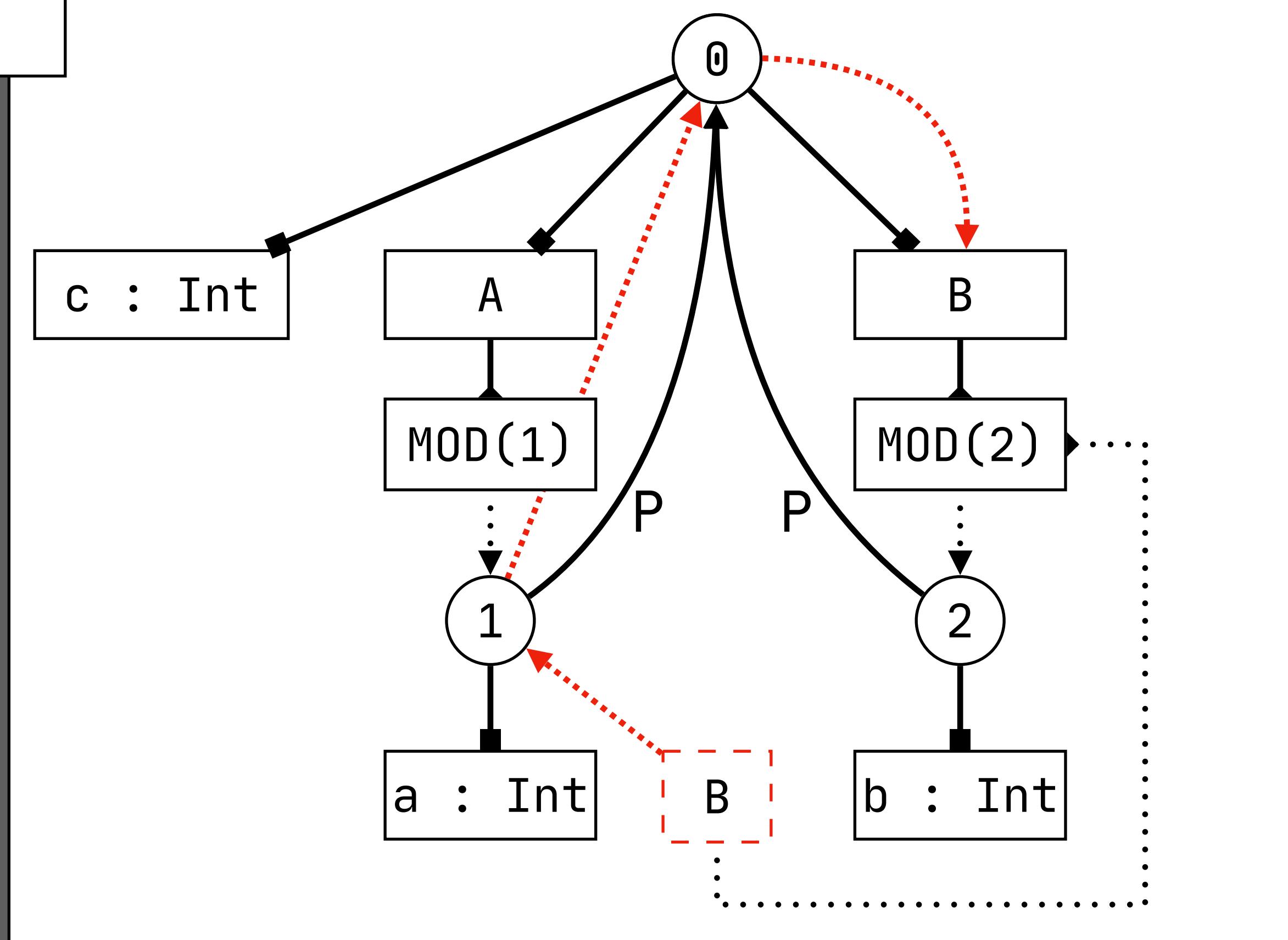
name-resolution

```
resolve Mod
```

```
filter P*
```

```
min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
```

```
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  def a = b + c
}
module B {
  def b = 2
}
```



Import Edge

signature

constructors

```
MOD : scope → TYPE
Module : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import : ID → Decl
```

scope as type

rules

```
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```

lexical scope

scope as type

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```

resolve import

import edge

signature

namespaces

```
Mod : string
```

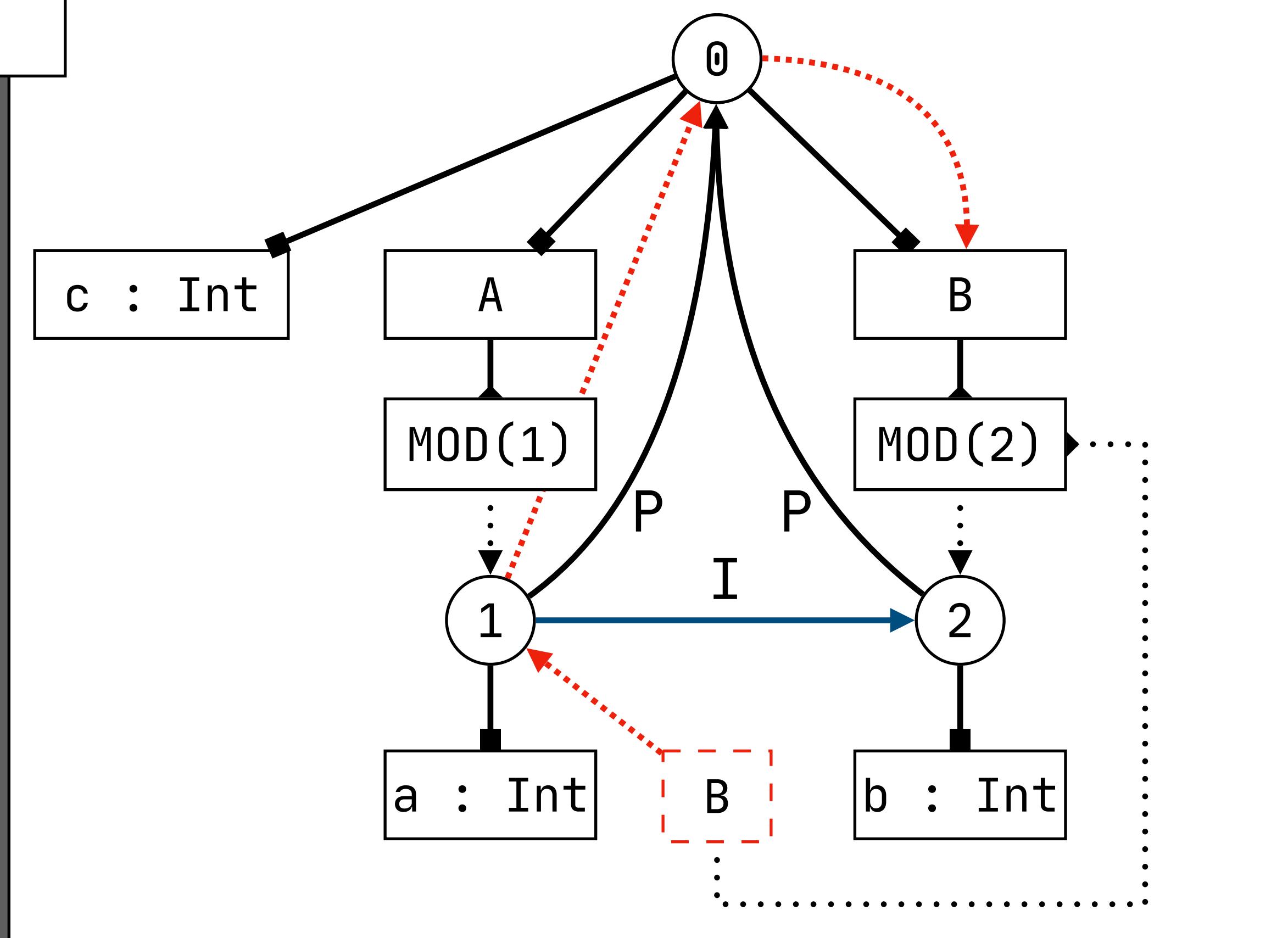
name-resolution

```
resolve Mod
```

```
filter P*
```

```
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```

```
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  def a = b + c
}
module B {
  def b = 2
}
```



Resolving through Import Edge

signature

constructors

```

MOD      : scope → TYPE
Module   : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import   : ID → Decl

```

scope as type

rules

```

decl0k(s, Module(m, decls)) :- {s_mod}
  new s_mod, s_mod -P→ s,
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```

lexical scope

scope as type

resolve import

import edge

signature

namespaces

```

Var : string

```

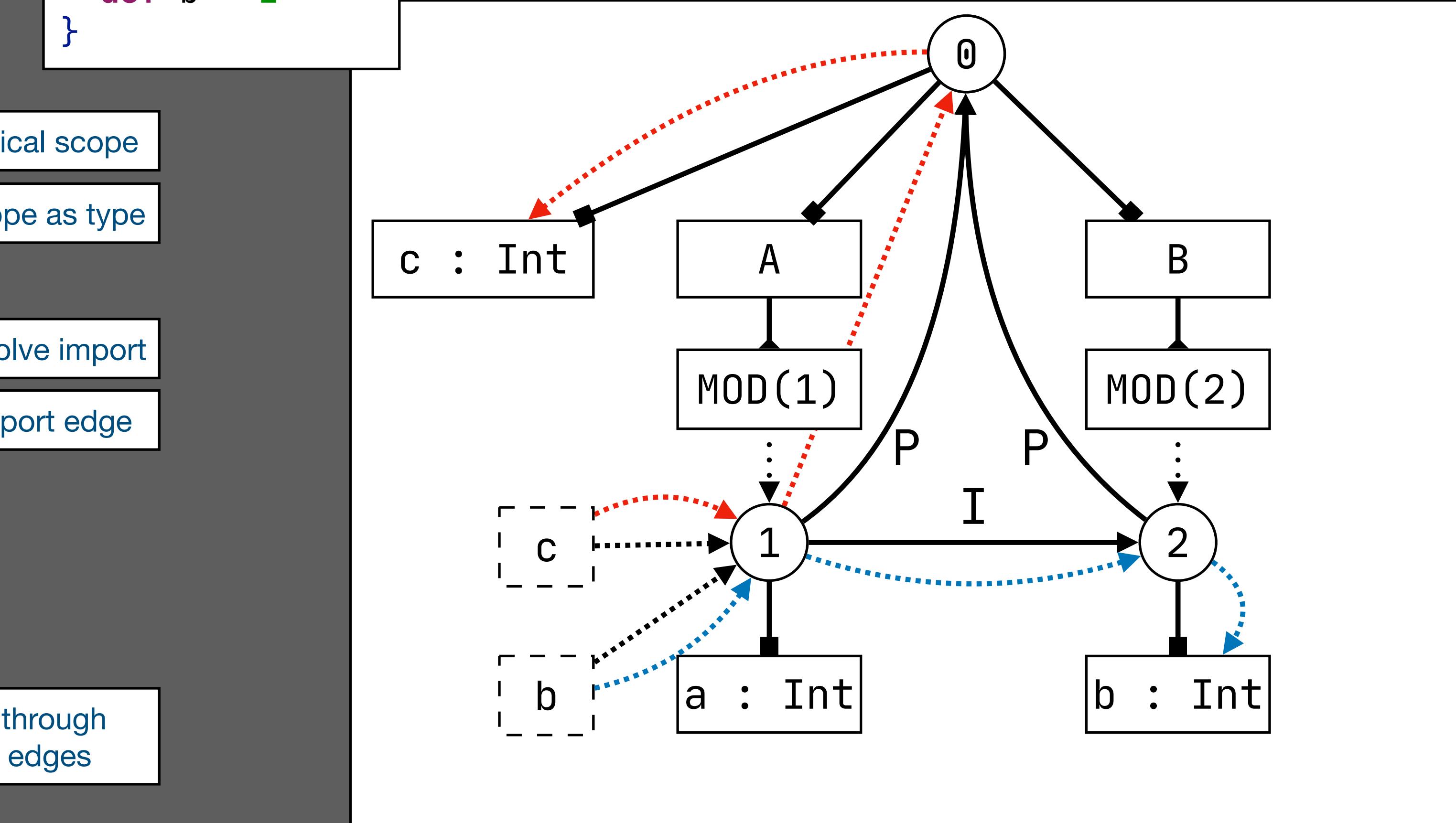
name-resolution

```

resolve Var
filter P* I*
min $ < I, $ < P, I < P

```

resolve through
import edges



Import vs Parent

signature

constructors

```
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Module : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import : ID → Decl
```

scope as type

rules

```
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```

lexical scope

```
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scope as type

resolve import

import edge

signature

namespaces

```
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```

name-resolution

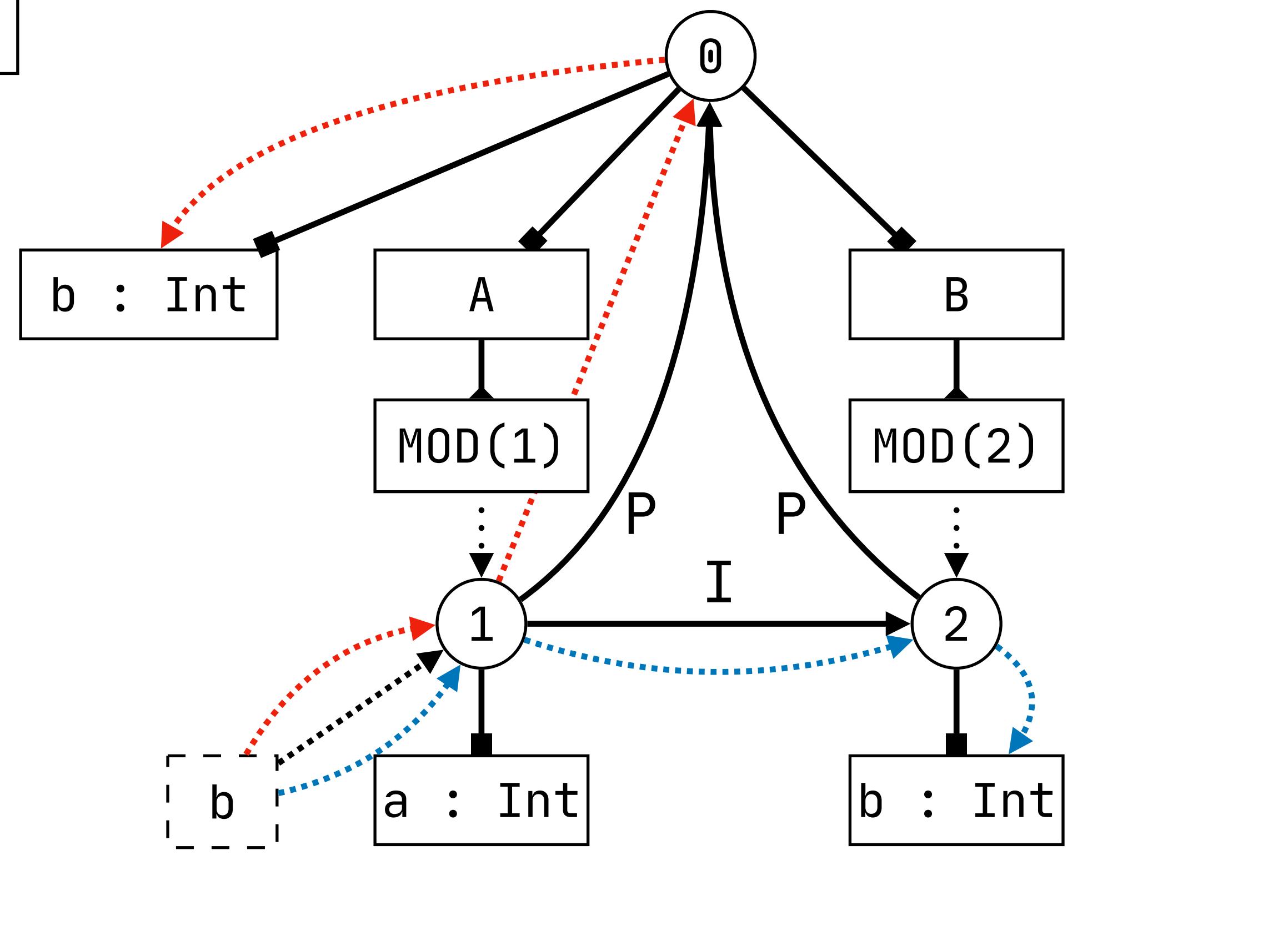
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resolve Var
filter P* I*
min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
```

resolve through
import edges

prefer import

```
def b = 0
module A {
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  def a = b
}
module B {
  def b = 2
}
```

prefer blue path over red path



Mutual Imports

signature

constructors

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```

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rules

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resolve import

import edge

signature

namespaces

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Var : string
```

name-resolution

```
resolve Var
```

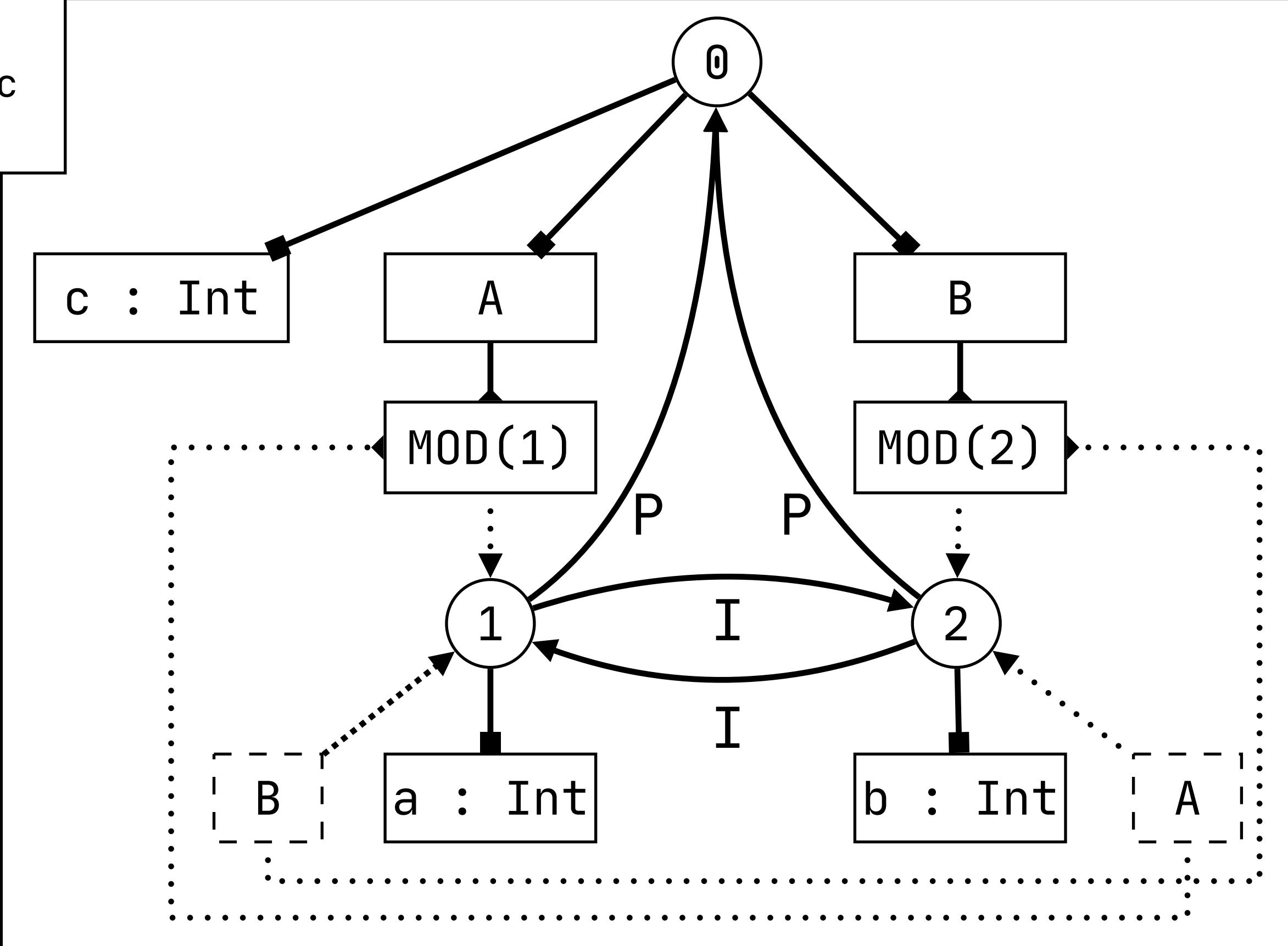
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filter P* I*
```

```
min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
```

import after parent

prefer import

```
def c = 0
module A {
  import B
  def a = b + c
}
module B {
  import A
  def b = 2
  def d = a + c
}
```



Mutual Imports

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Var : string

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name-resolution

```

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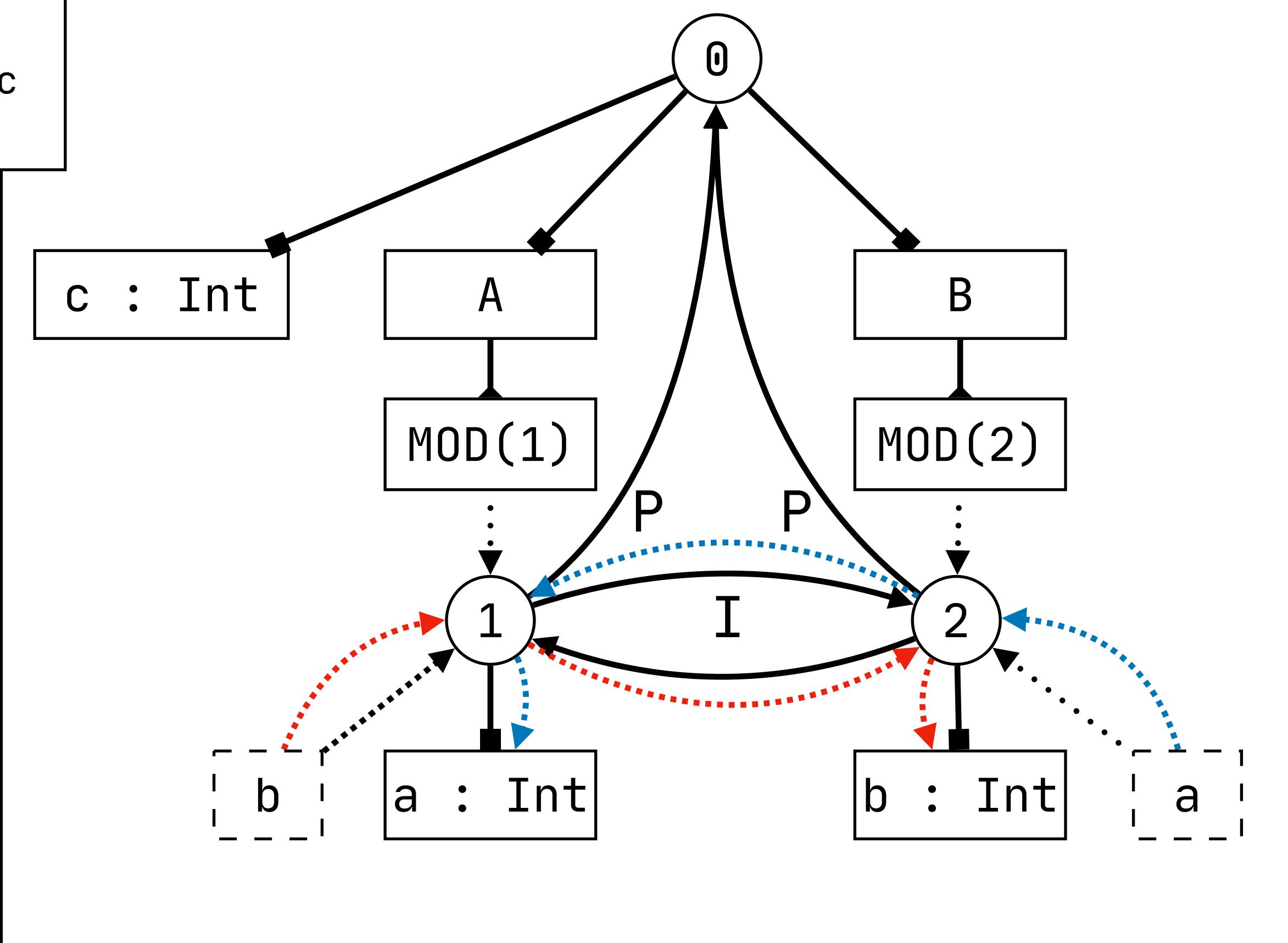
scope as type

resolve import

import edge

resolve through
import edges

prefer import



Transitive Import

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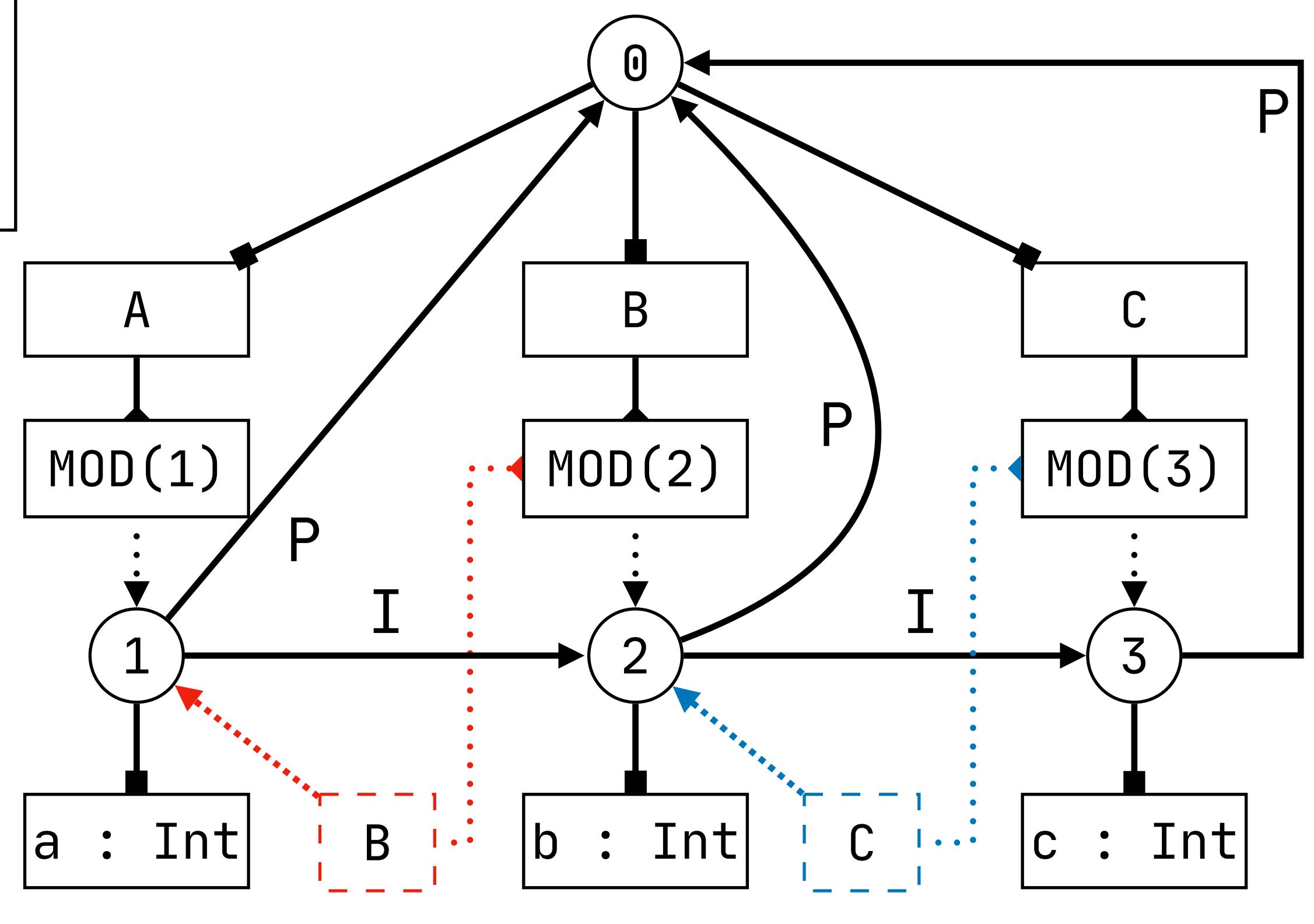
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  import C
  def b = c + 2
}
module C {
  def c = 1
}

```



Transitive Import

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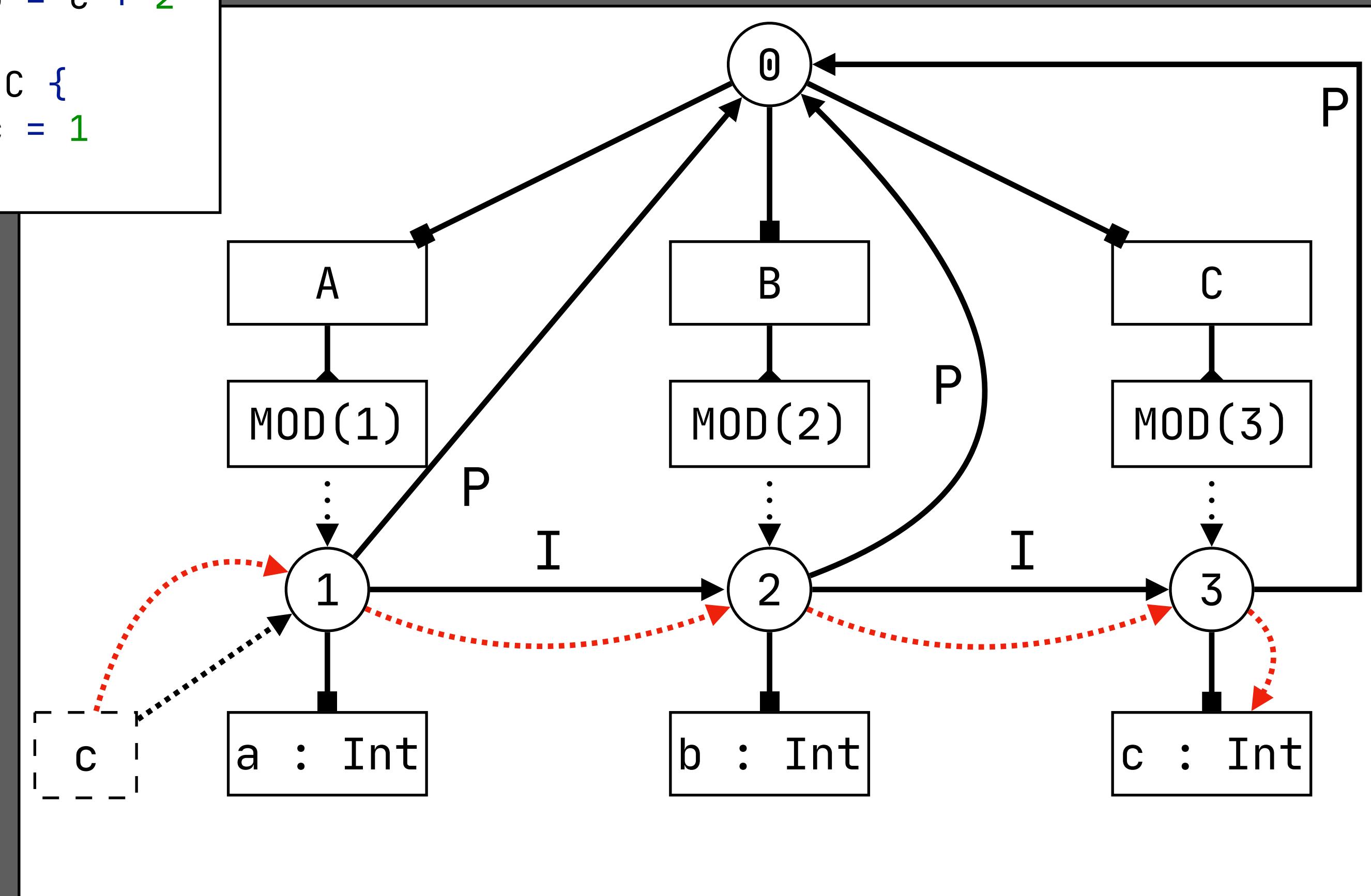
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```



Changing Query Outcomes (is not allowed)

Nested Modules

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  Import : ID → Decl

```

```

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namespaces
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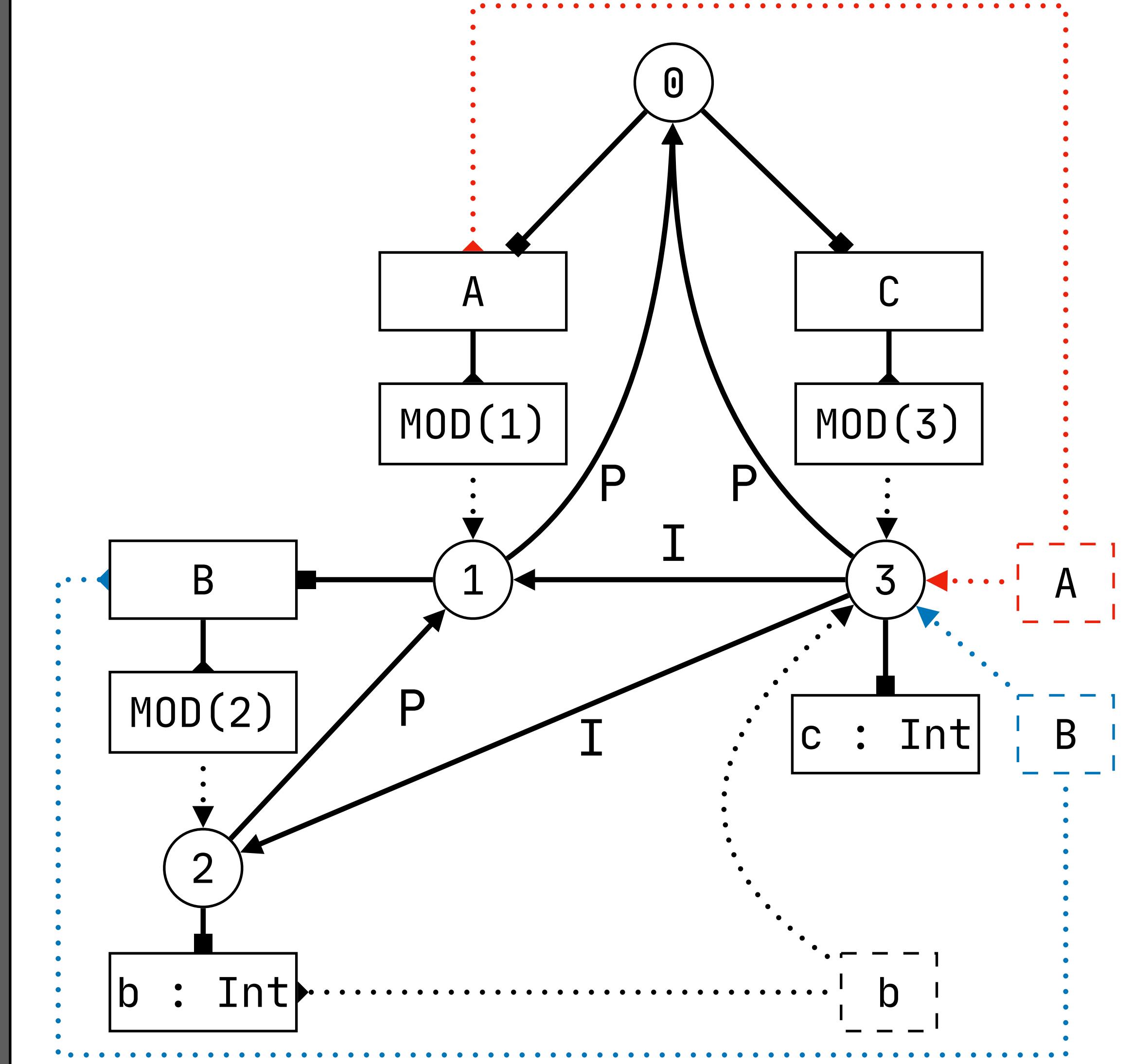
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module C {
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  import B
  def c = b
}

```



Changing Result of Query

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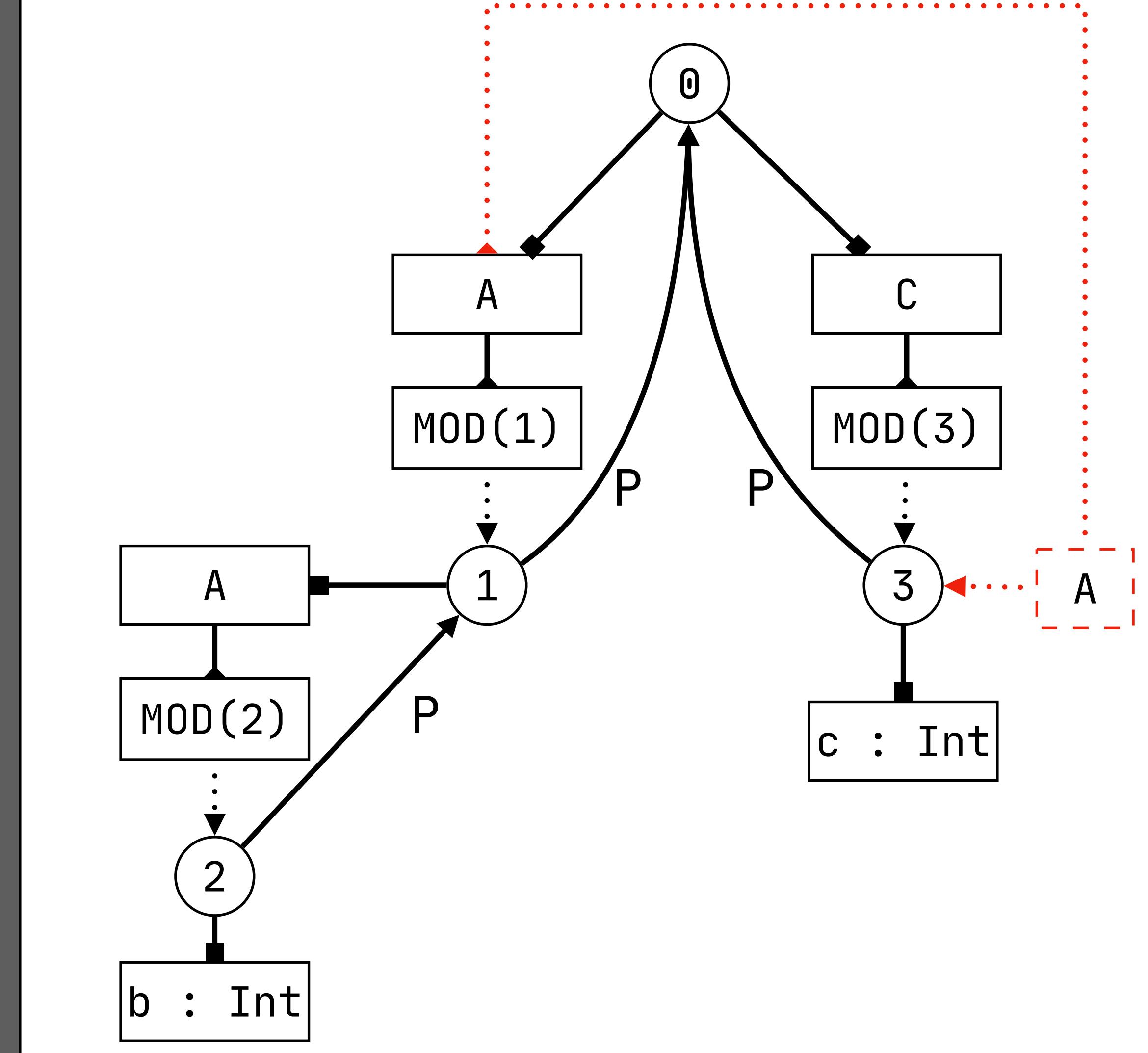
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```

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    def b = 1
  }
}

module C {
  import A
  import A
  def c = b
}

```



Changing Result of Query

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```

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```

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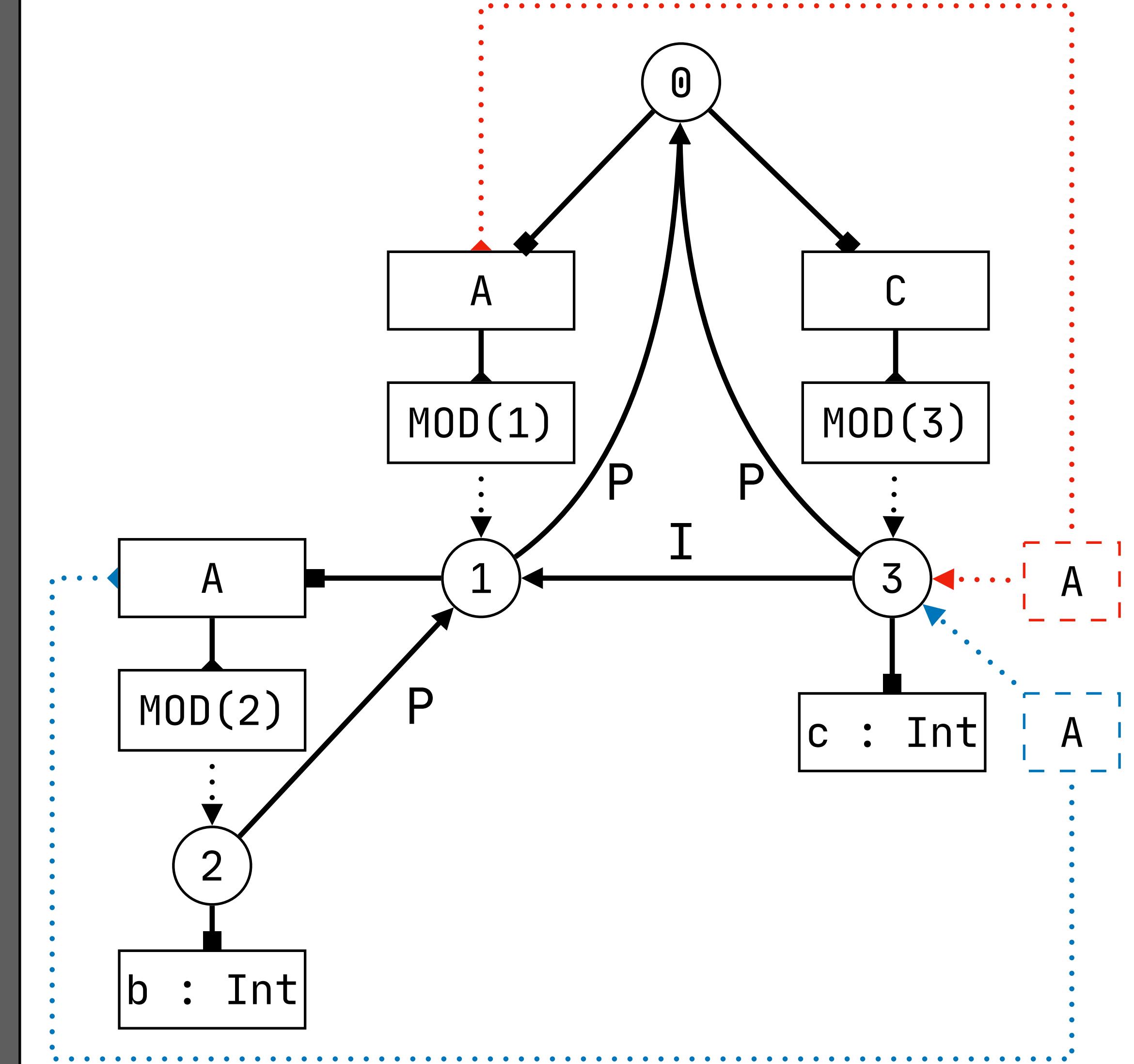
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```

module A {
  module A {
    def b = 1
  }
}

module C {
  import A
  import A
  def c = b
}

```



Changing Result of Query

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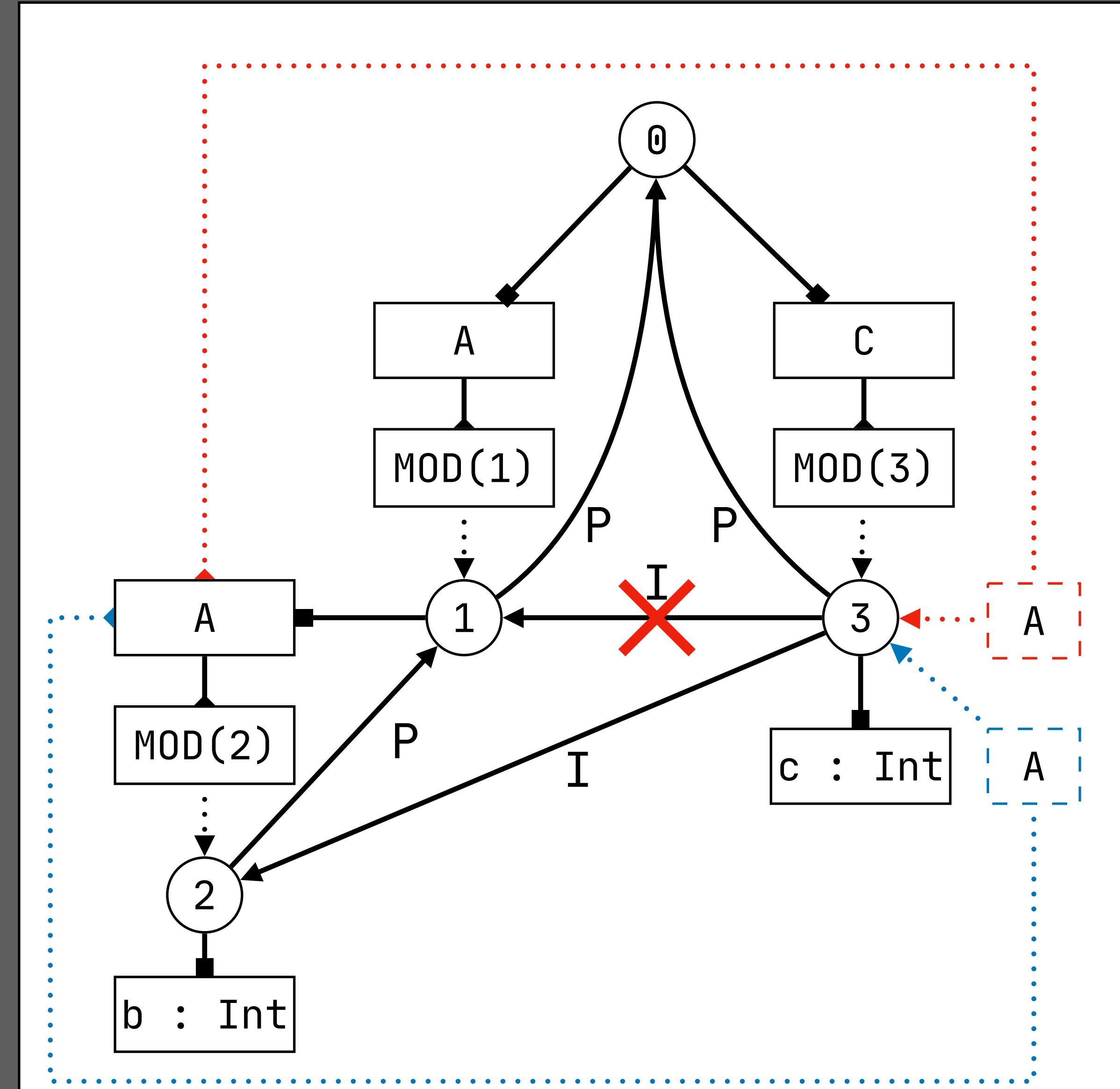
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  Mod : string
name-resolution
  resolve Mod
  filter P* I*
  min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
```

```
module A {
  module A {
    def b = 1
  }
}

module C {
  import A
  import A
  def c = b
}
```



Alternative Encoding: Scoped Imports

```

signature
  sorts DecGroups
  constructors
    MOD      : scope → TYPE
    Module   : ID * DecGroups → Decl
    Import   : ID → Decl
    ModRef   : ID * ID → Exp

    Decls   : list(Decl) → DecGroups
    Seq     : list(Decl) * DecGroups
              → DecGroups
  
```

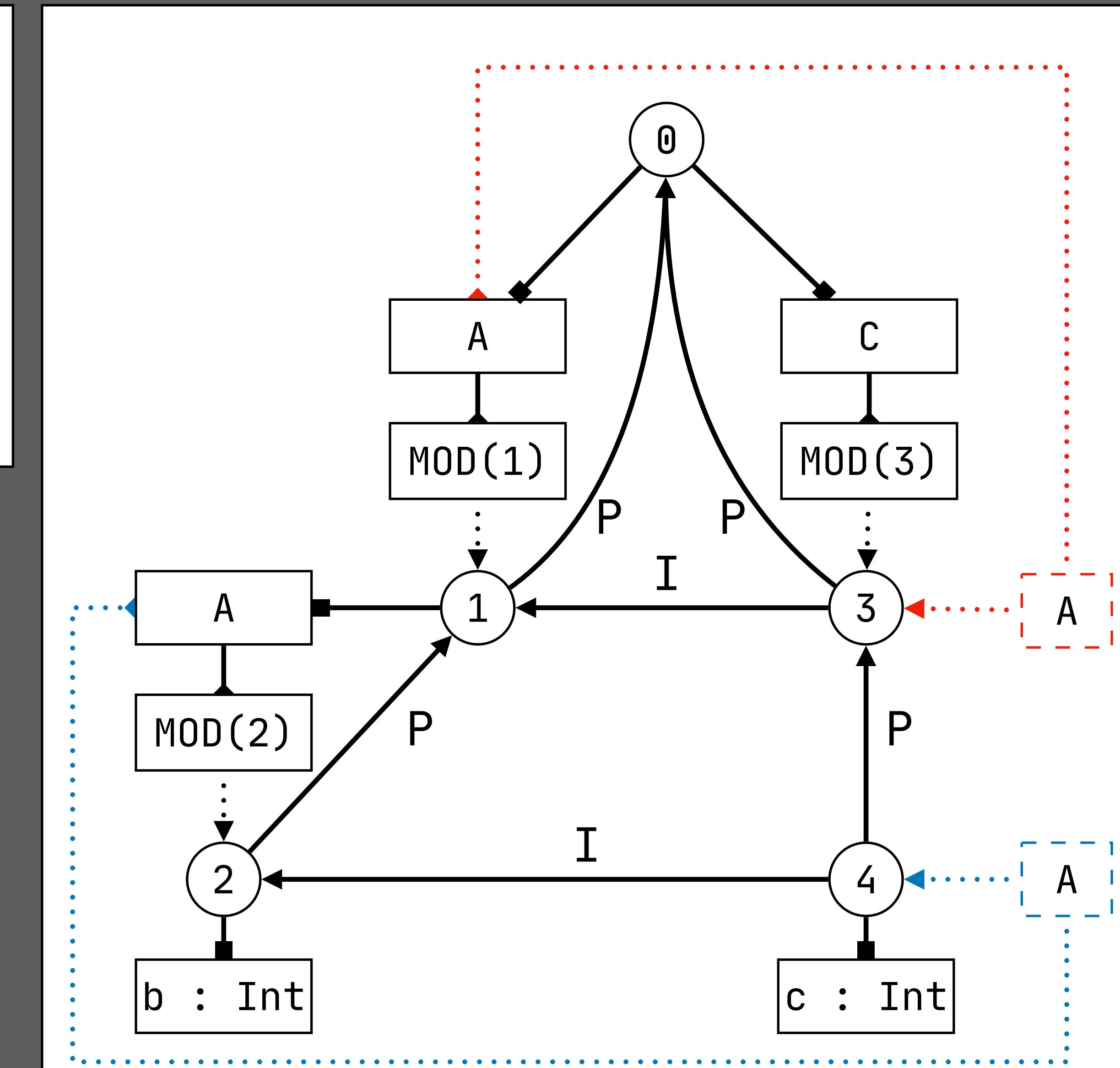
```

module A {
  module A {
    def b = 1
  }
}

module C {
  import A;
  import A
  def c = b
}
  
```

```

signature
  namespaces
    Mod : string
  name-resolution
    resolve Mod
    filter P P* I*
    min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
  
```



Alternative Encoding: Scoped Imports – M Edge Label

```

signature
  sorts DecGroups
  constructors
    MOD      : scope → TYPE
    Module   : ID * DecGroups → Decl
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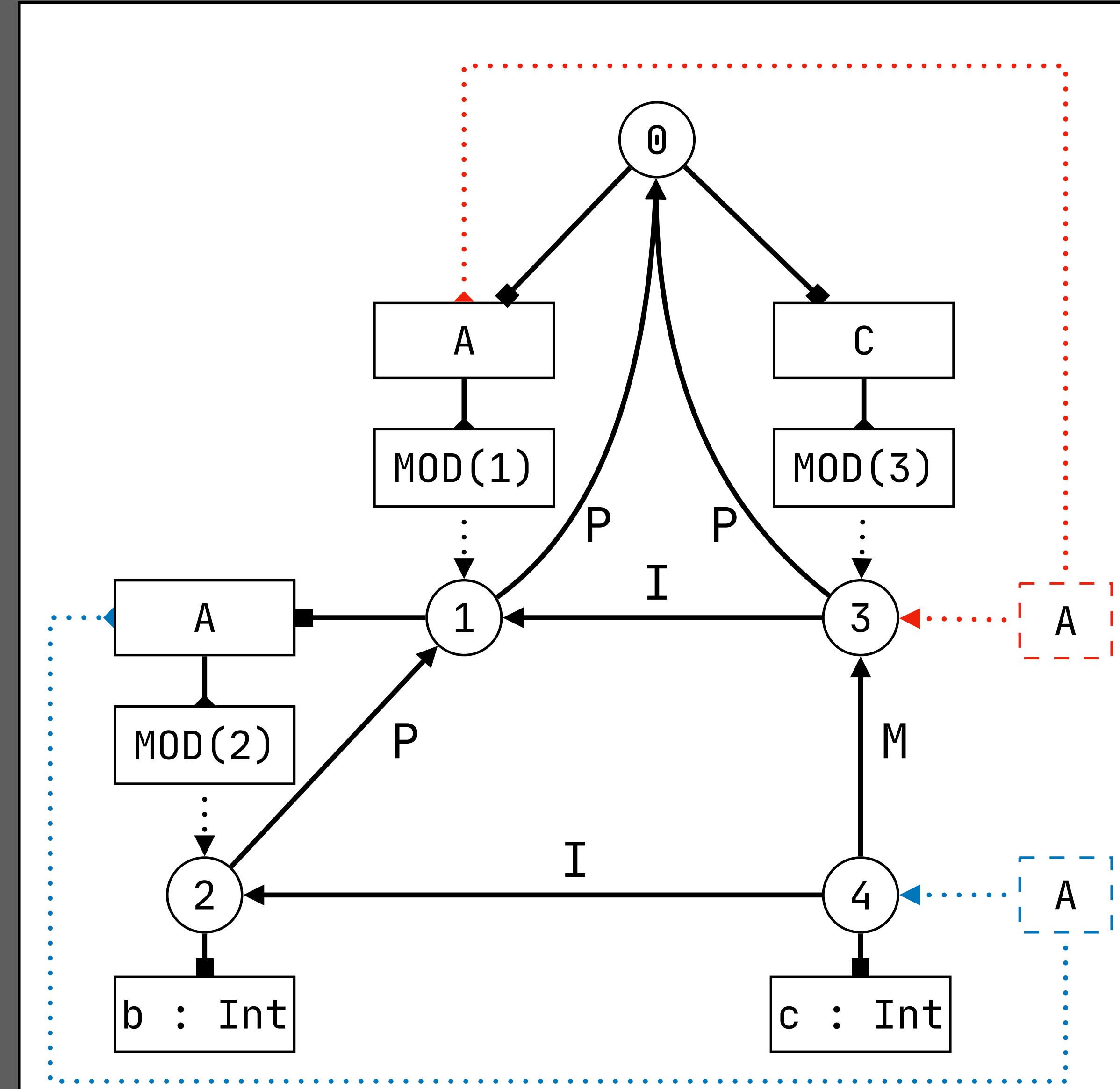
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module A {
  module A {
    def b = 1
  }
}

module C {
  import A;
  import A
  def c = b
}
  
```

```

signature
  namespaces
    Mod : string
  name-resolution
    resolve Mod
      filter (P | M) P* (I | M)*
      min $ < I, $ < P, I < P
  
```



**Permission to
Extend**

Permission to Extend

```
signature
constructors
MOD : scope → TYPE
Module : ID * list(Decl) → Decl
Import : ID → Decl
ExtendRemote : ID * ID * Exp → Decl
```

```
rules // extend remote

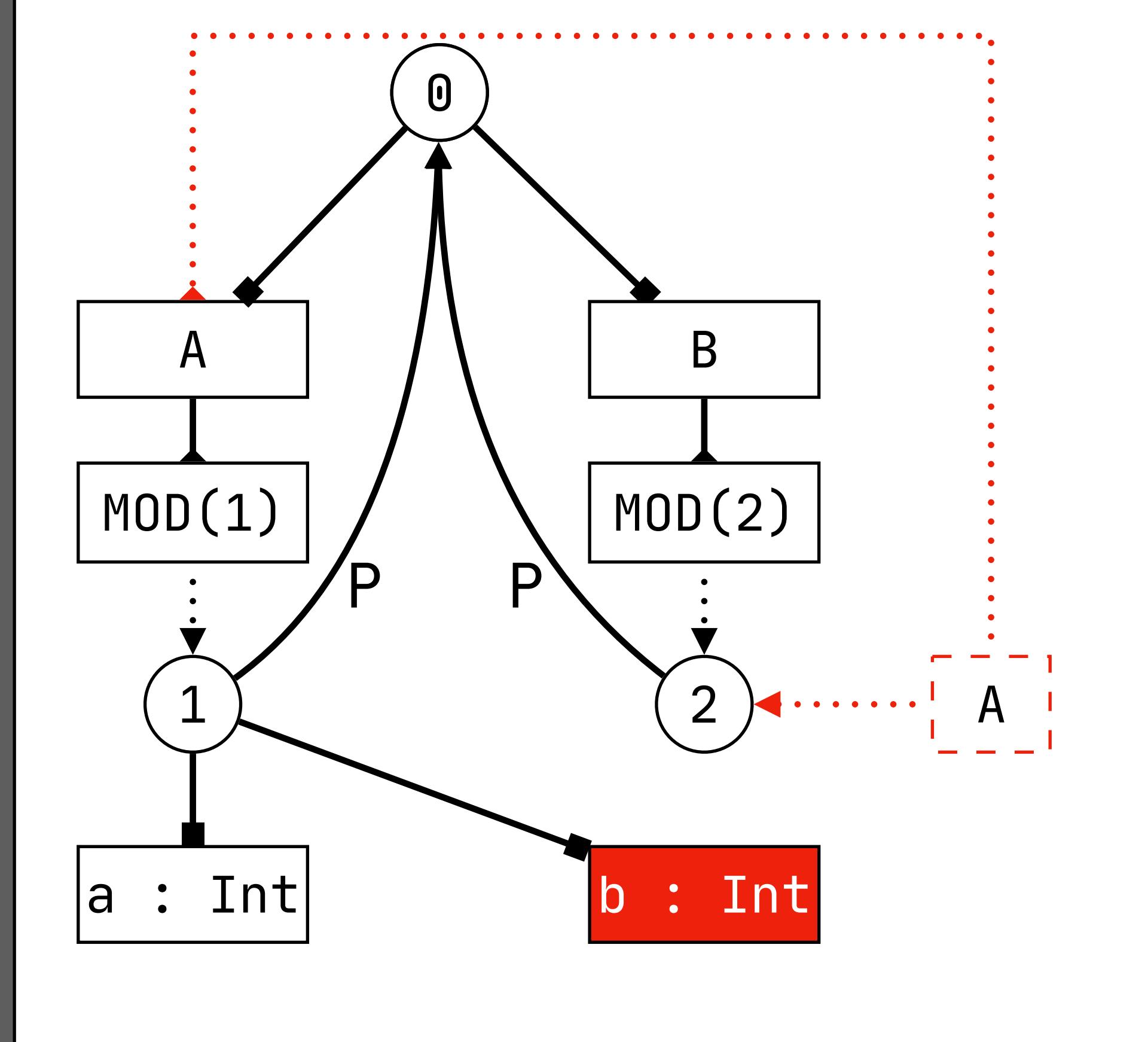
decl0k(s, ExtendRemote(m, x, e)) :- {s_mod T}
typeOfModRef(s, m) = MOD(s_mod),
typeOfExp(s, e) = T,
declareVar(s_mod, x, T).
// no permission to extend
```

This is not allowed in Statix

A predicate can only extend scopes over which its has ownership, i.e. that it creates or gets passed down as an argument

```
module A {
  def a = b
}
module B {
  def A.b := 2
}
```

extend remote: def M.x := e
extend module M with declaration of x



Type-Dependent Name Resolution

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Records

Records

```
signature
constructors
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Record : ID * list(FDecl) → Decl
FDecl  : ID * Type → FDecl
New    : ID * list(FBind) → Exp
FBind  : ID * Exp → FBind
Proj   : Exp * ID → Exp
```

```
record Point { x : Int, y : Int }

def p = Point{ x = 1, y = 2 }

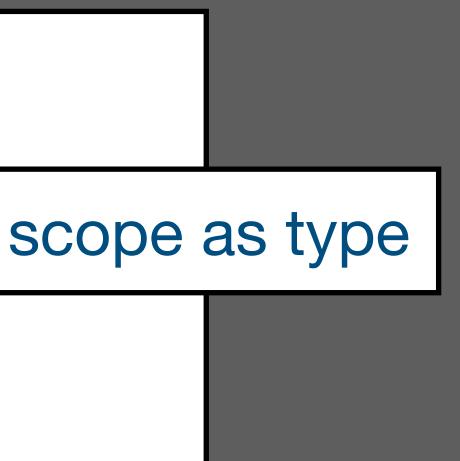
> p.y
```

Record Type: Scope as Type

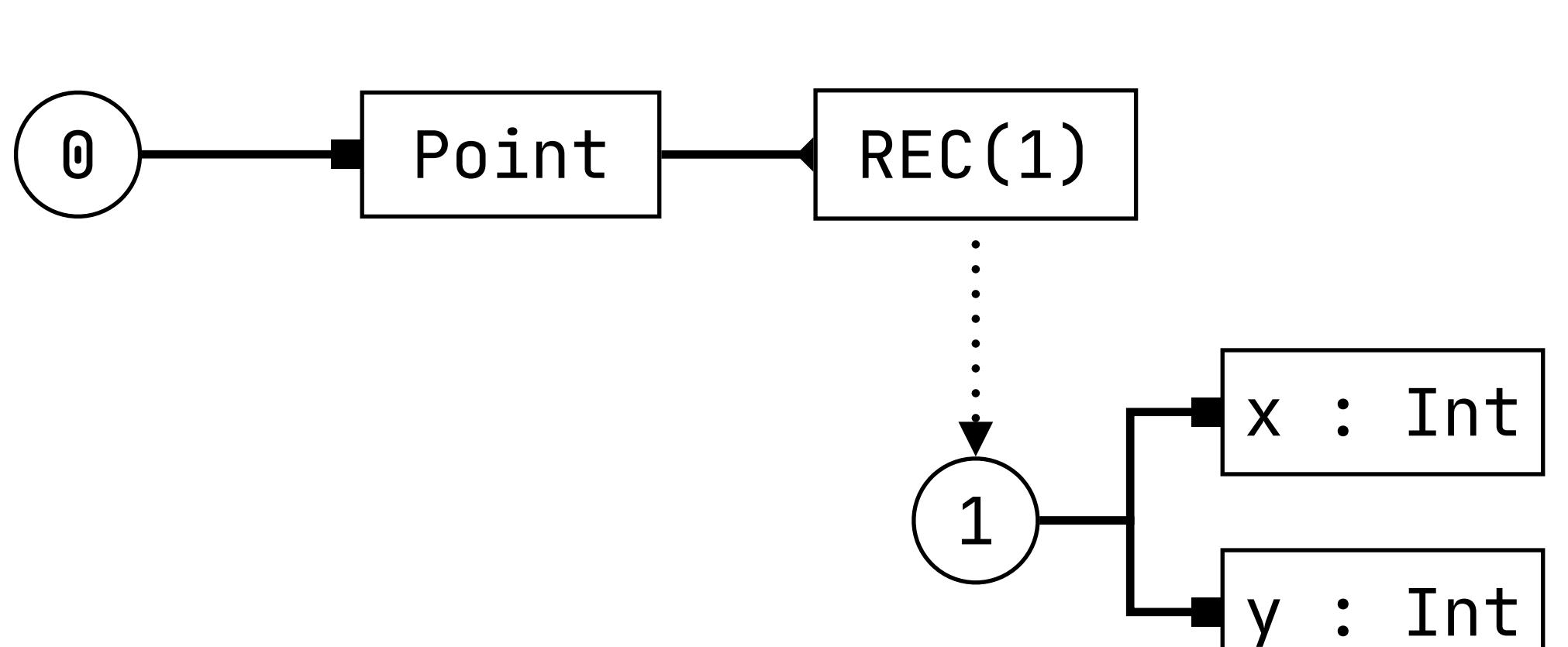
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```

rules // record type

```
decl0k(s, Record(x, fdecls)) :- {s_rec}
  new s_rec,
  fdecls0k(s_rec, s, fdecls),
  declareType(s, x, REC(s_rec)).  
  
fdecl0k(s_bnd, s_ctx, FDecl(x, t)) :- {T}
  type0fType(s_ctx, t) = T,
  declareVar(s_bnd, x, T).
```



```
record Point { x : Int, y : Int }
def p = Point{ x = 1, y = 2 }
> p.y
```



Record Construction & Initialization

```
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constructors
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```

rules // record construction

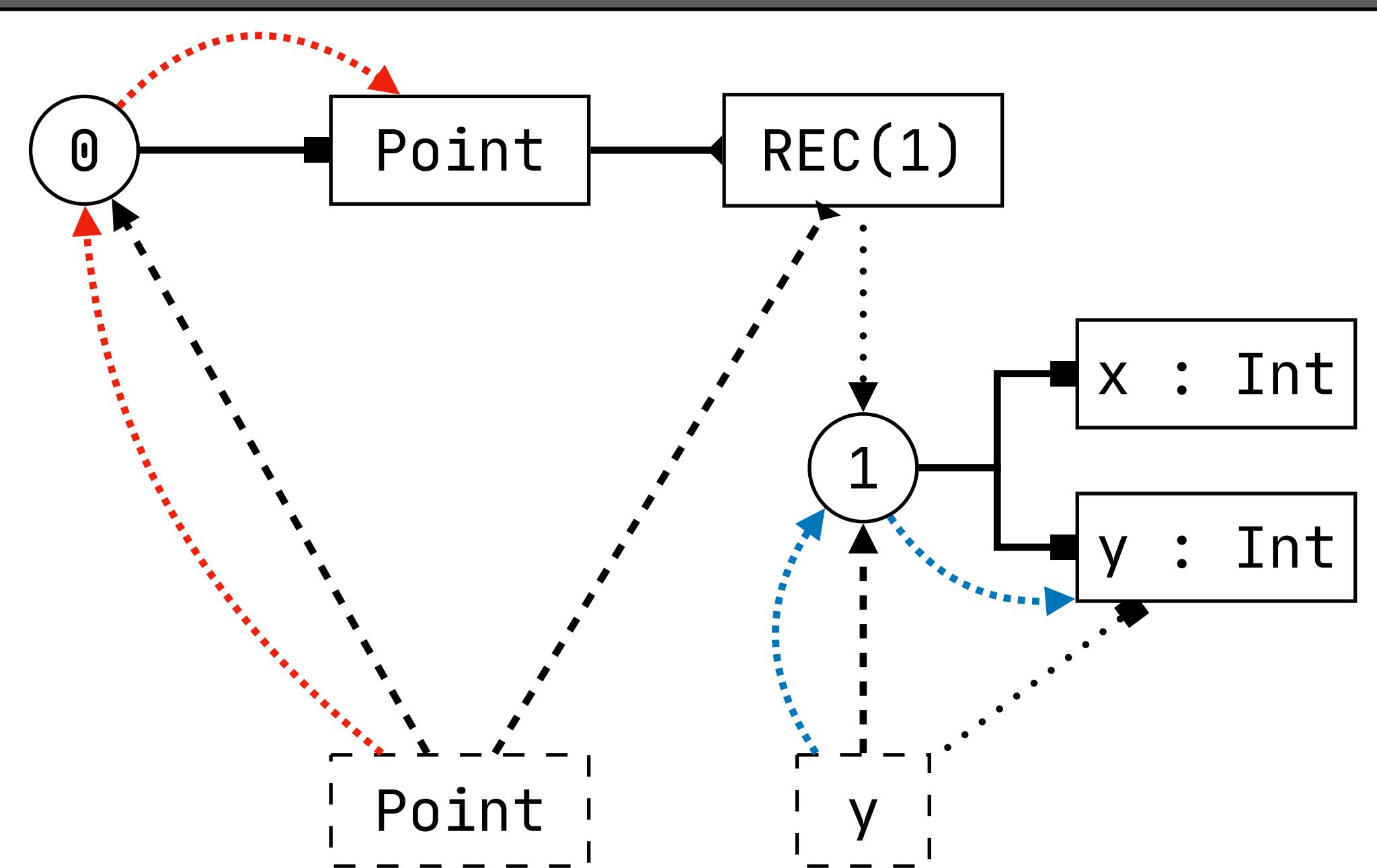
```
typeOfExp(s, New(x, fbinds)) = REC(s_rec) :- {p d}
typeOfTypeRef(s, x) = REC(s_rec),
fbindsOk(s, REC(s_rec), fbinds).

fbindOk(s, T_rec, FBind(x, e)) :- {T1 T2}
typeOfExp(s, e) = T1,
proj(T_rec, x) = T2,
subtype(e, T1, T2).
```

```
record Point { x : Int, y : Int }

def p = Point{ x = 1, y = 2 }

> p.y
```



Type-Dependent Name Resolution

```
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rules // record construction

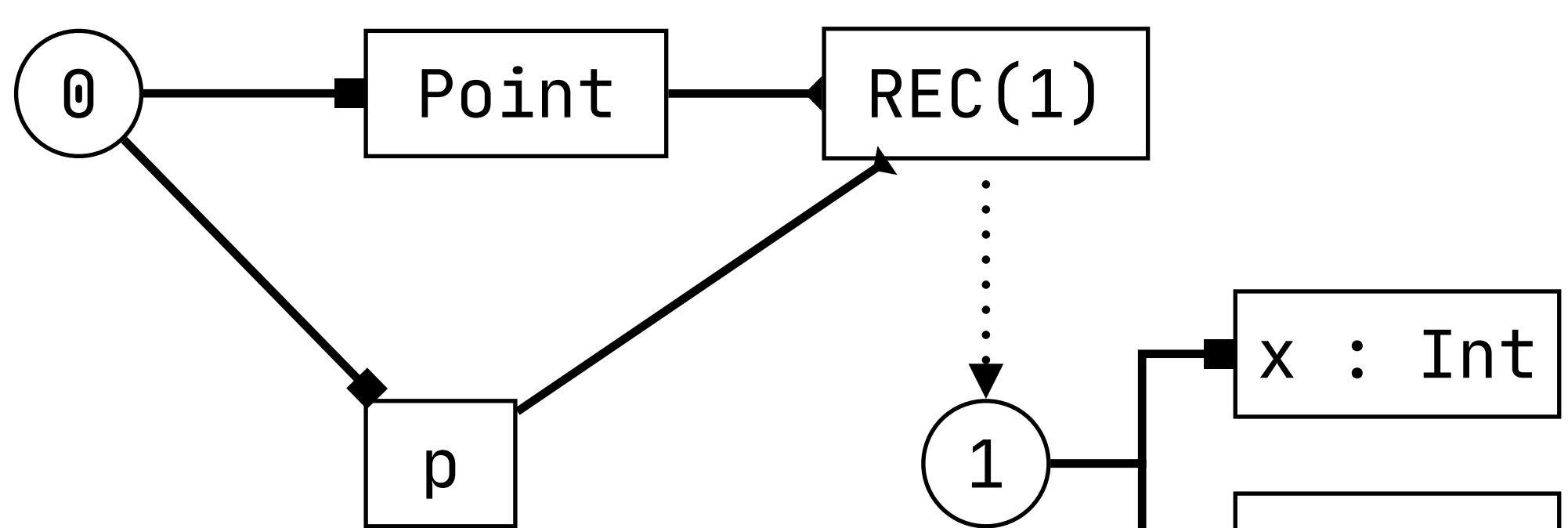
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def p = Point{ x = 1, y = 2 }

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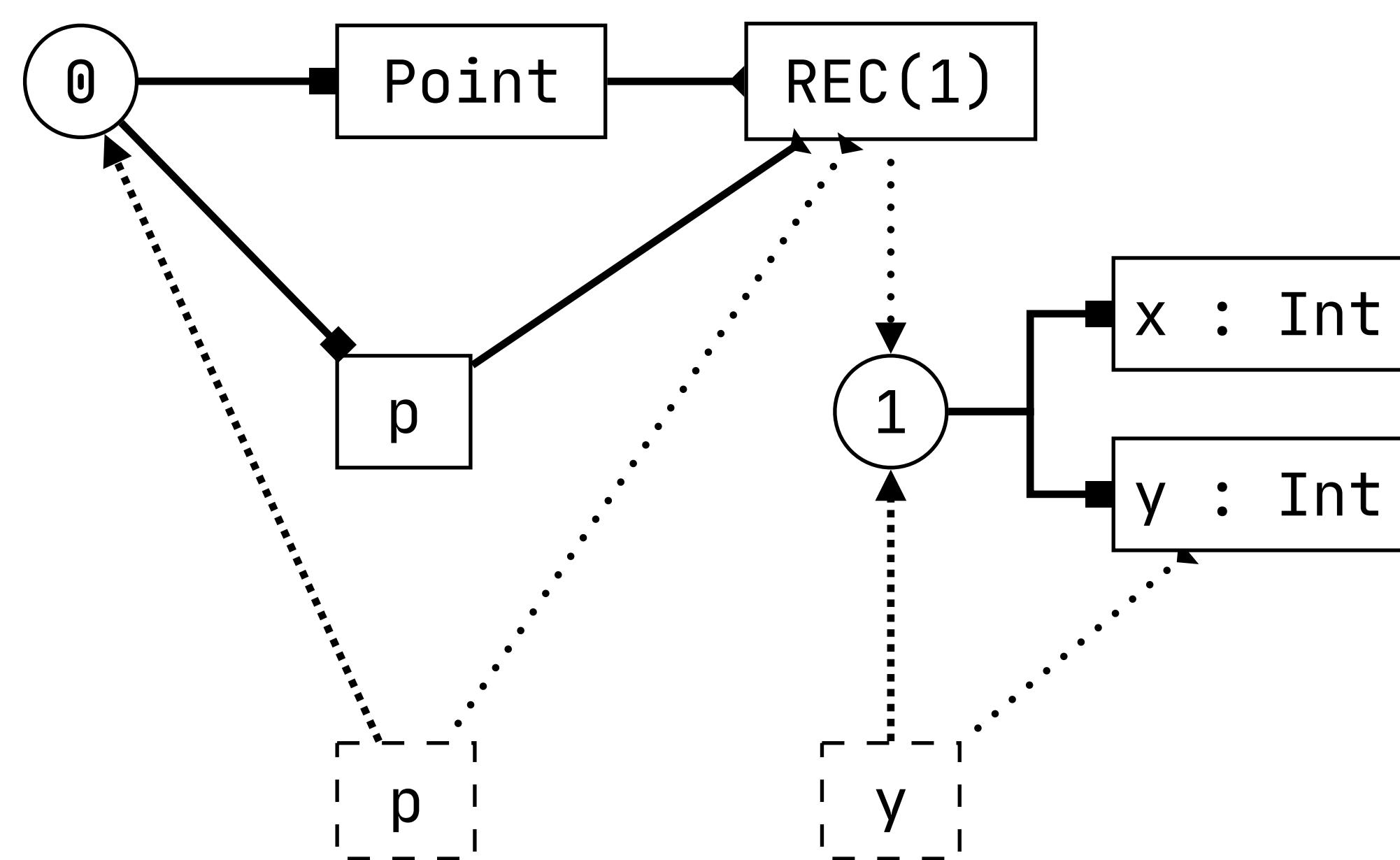
rules // record projection

```
typeOfExp(s, Proj(e, x)) = T :- {p d s_rec S}
typeOfExp(s, e) = REC(s_rec),
typeOfVar(s_rec, x) = T.
```

```
record Point { x : Int, y : Int }

def p = Point{ x = 1, y = 2 }

> p.y
```



With

```

signature
constructors
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  FDecl  : ID * Type → FDecl
  New    : ID * list(FBind) → Exp
  FBind  : ID * Exp → FBind
  Proj   : Exp * ID → Exp

```

rules // with record value

```

typeOfExp(s, With(e1, e2)) = T :- {s_with s_rec}
typeOfExp(s, e1) = REC(s_rec),
new s_with, s_with -P→ s, s_with -R→ s_rec,
typeOfExp(s_with, e2) = T.

```

```

signature
namespaces
  Var : string
name-resolution
  resolve Var filter P* R* min $ < P, R < P

```

```

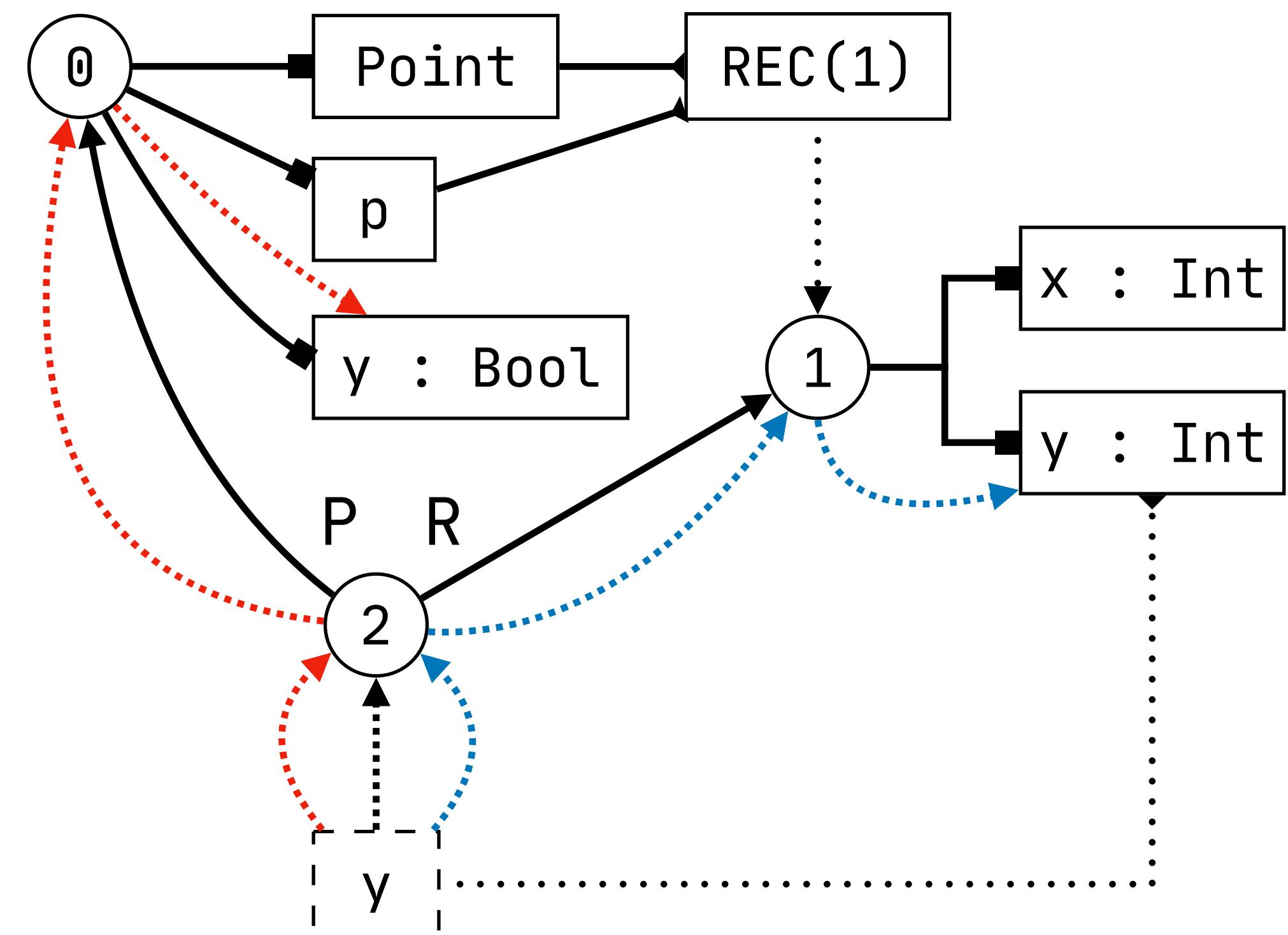
record Point { x : Int, y : Int }

def p = Point{x = 1, y = 2}

def y = true

> with p do y

```



Scheduling Constraint Resolution

Scheduling in Type Checkers

Type checker constructs scope graph

- Module, variable declarations
- Module imports
- Scopes

Type checker queries scope graph

- Type of variable reference

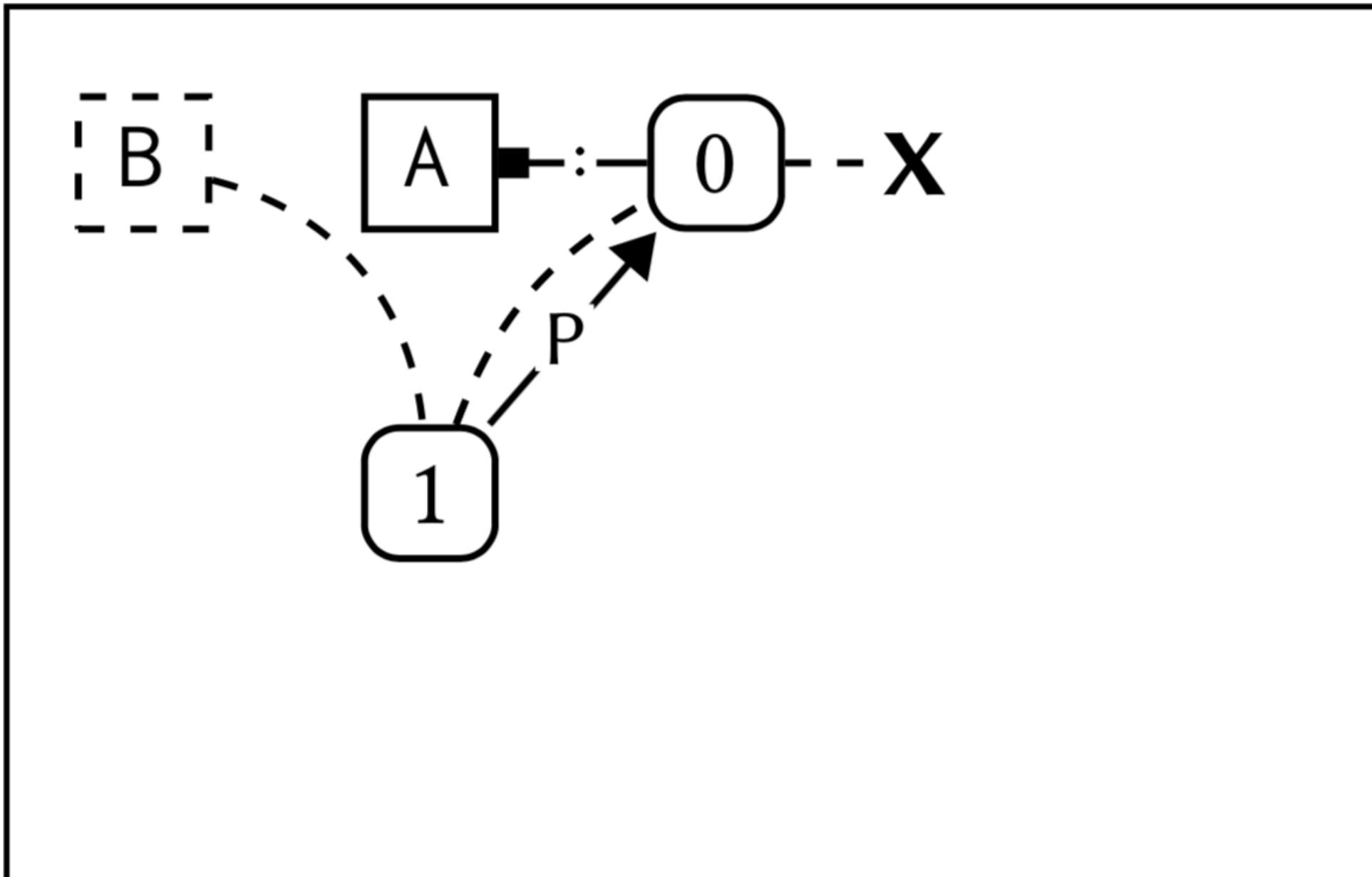
Scope graph construction depends on queries

- Imports require name resolution of module name

When is it safe to query the scope graph?

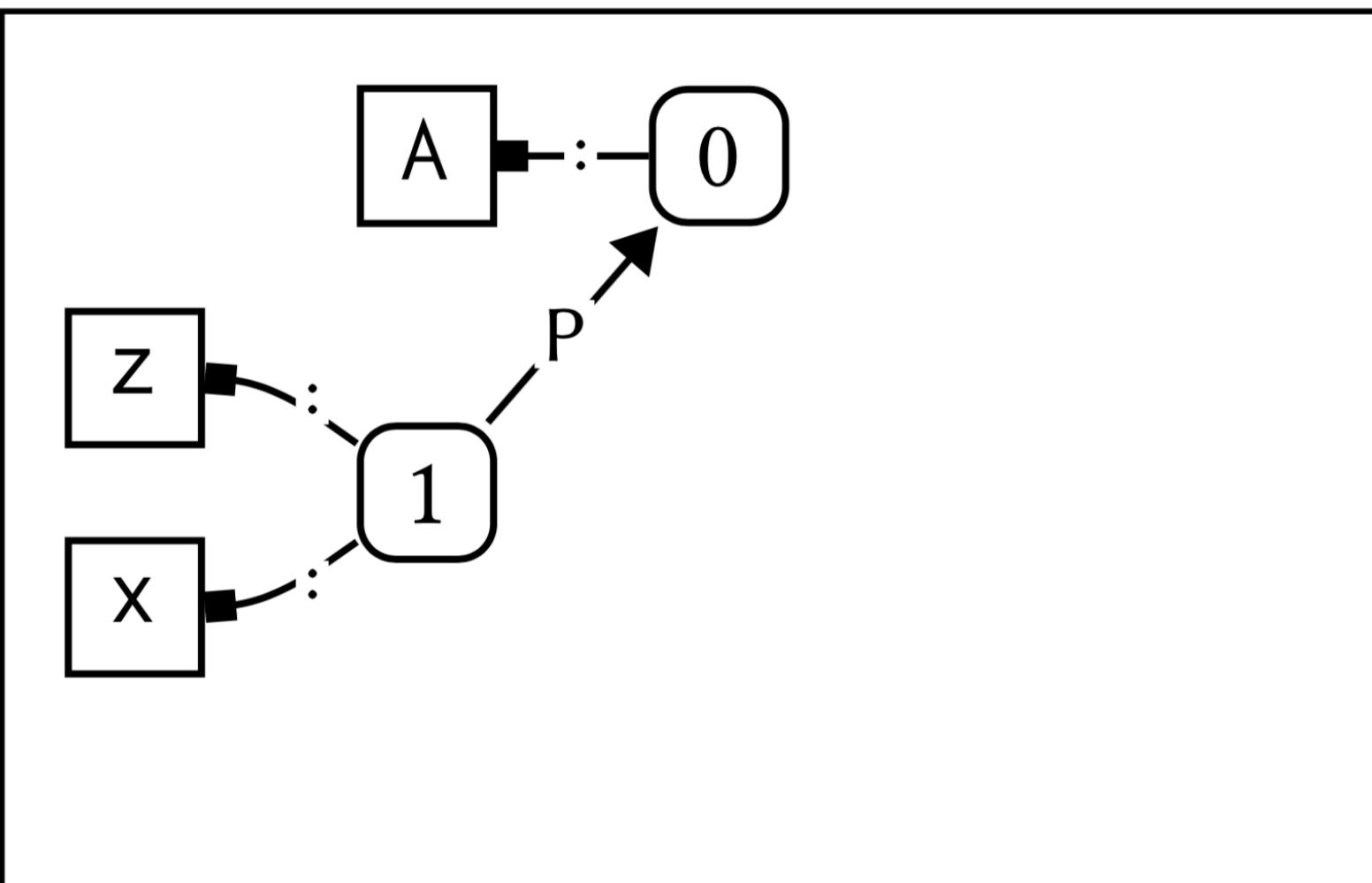
- In what order should type checker perform construction, querying?

A Single Stage Type Checker (Fails)

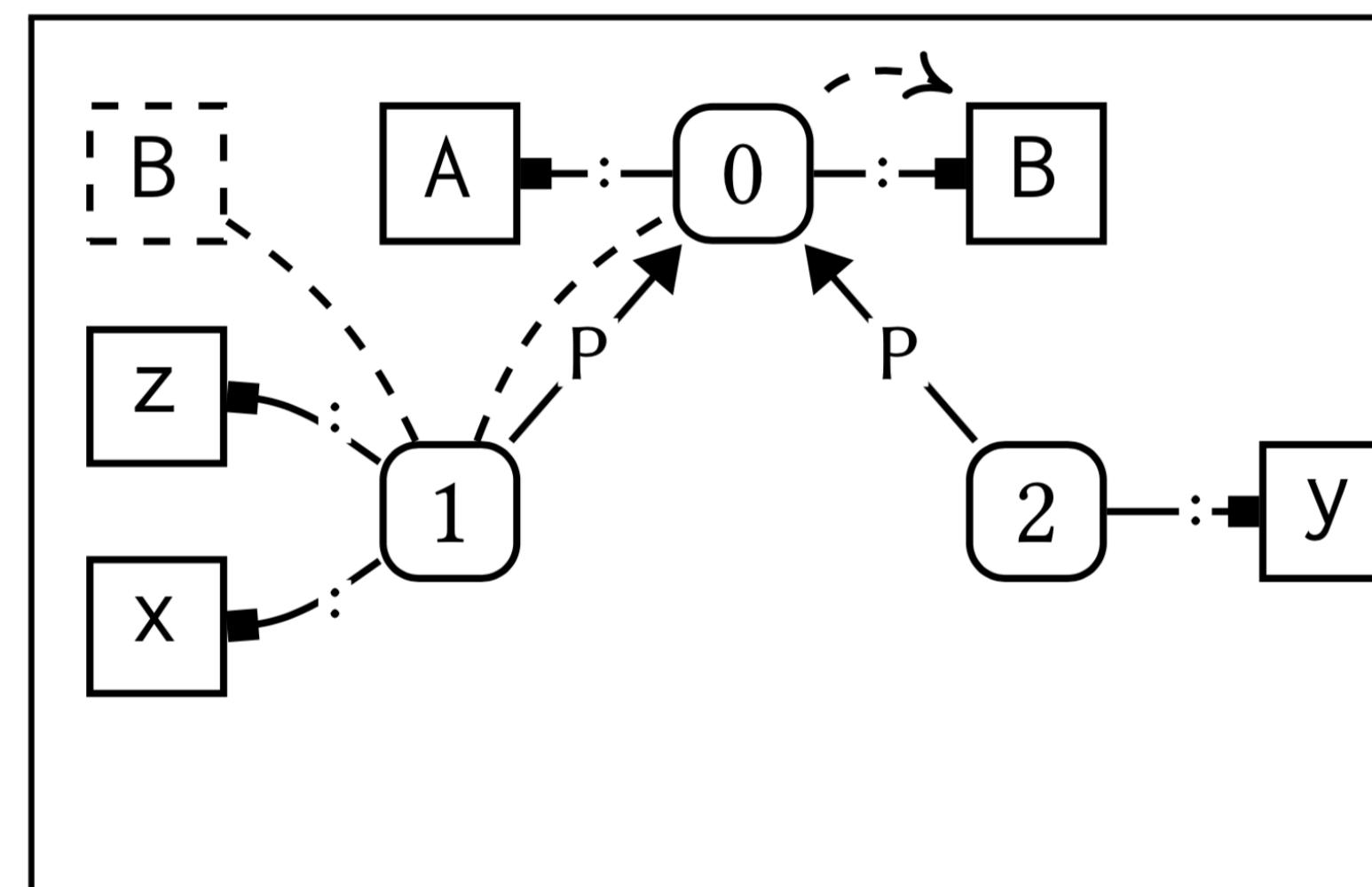


```
module A {  
    import B  
    def z:int = 3  
    def x:int = y + z  
}  
module B {  
    import A  
    def y:int = z * 2  
}
```

A Two Stage Type Checker: Stage 1 (Build Module Table)



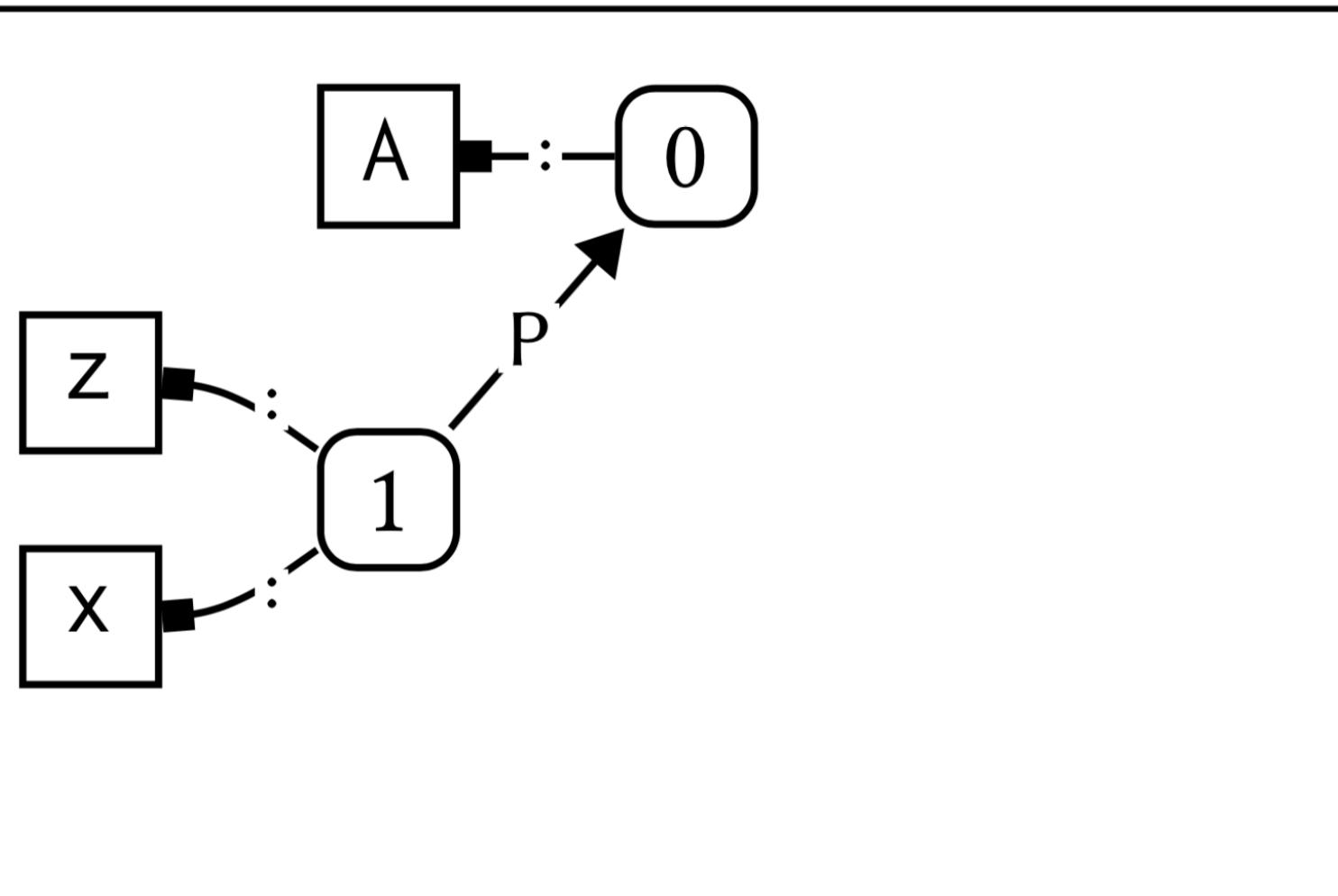
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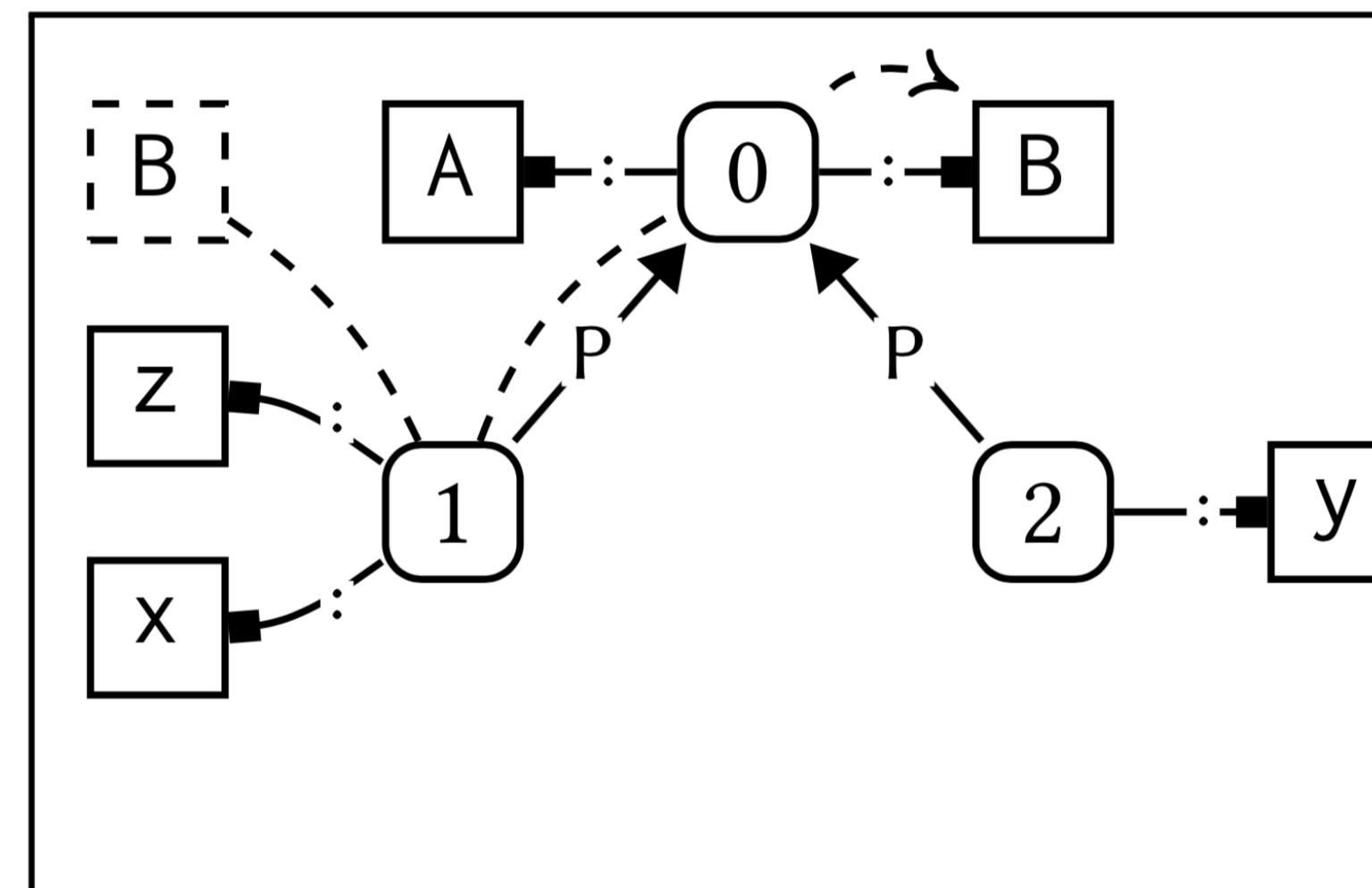
(2)

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}
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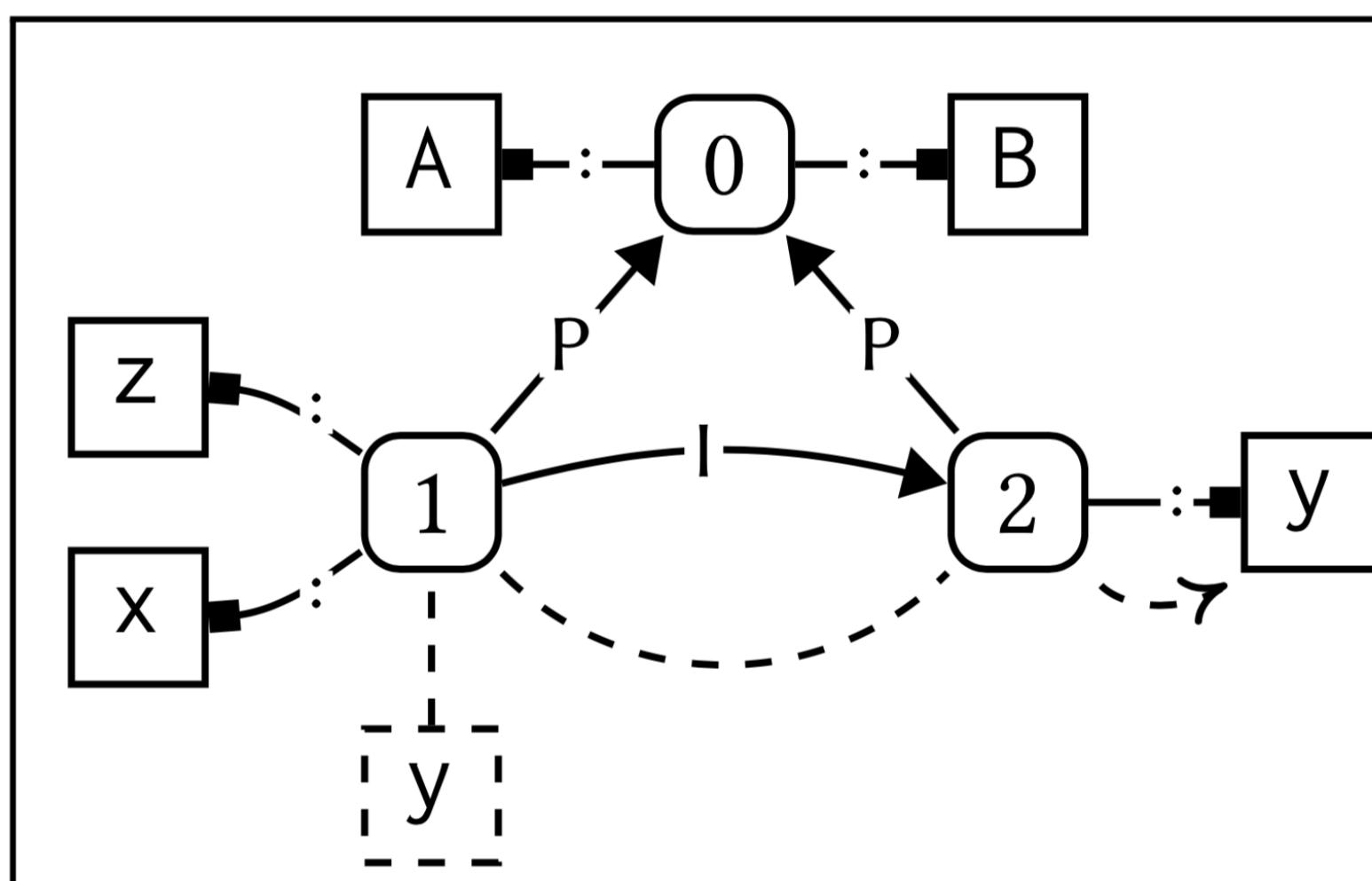
A Two Stage Type Checker: Stage 2 (Check Modules)



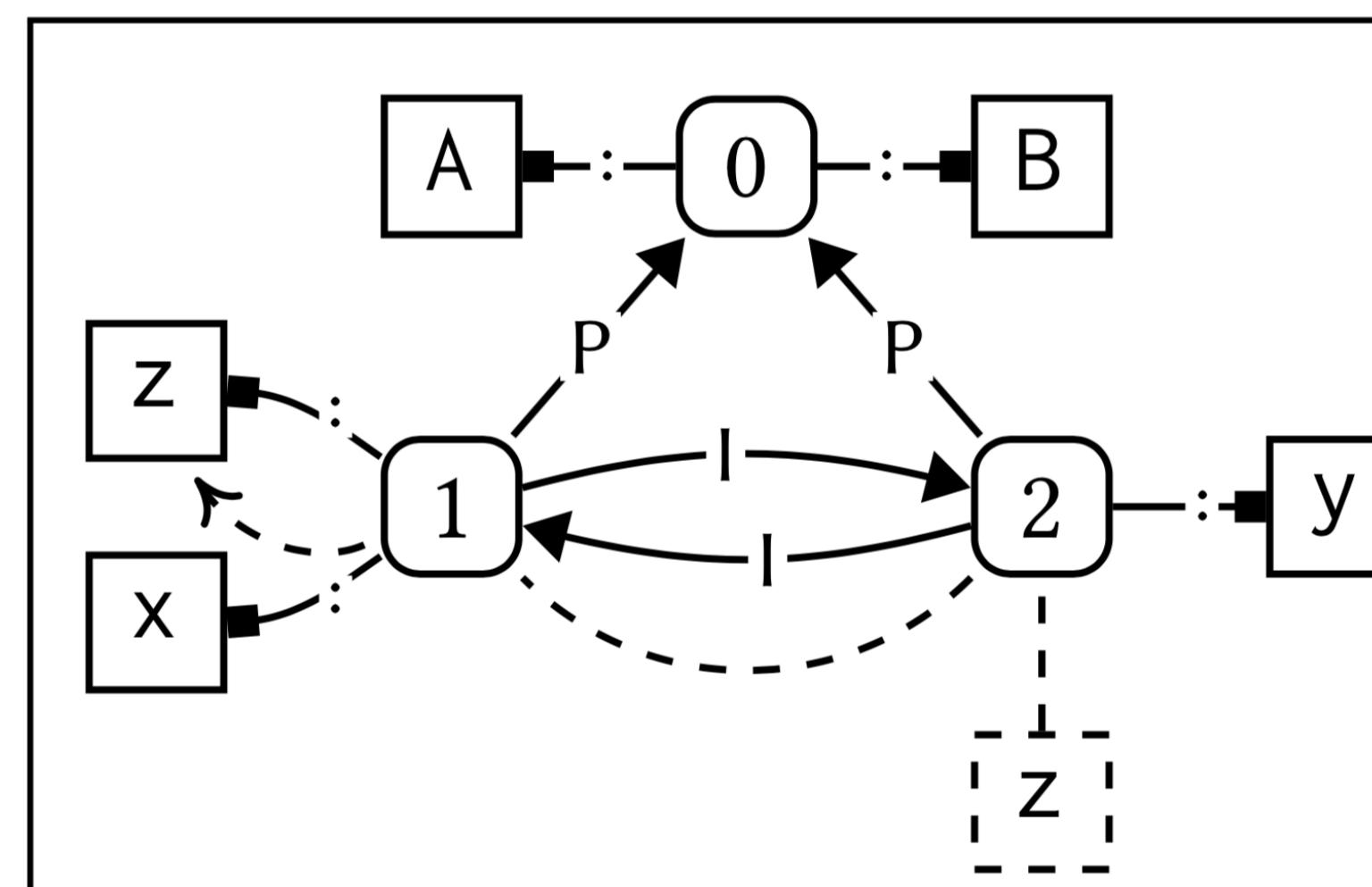
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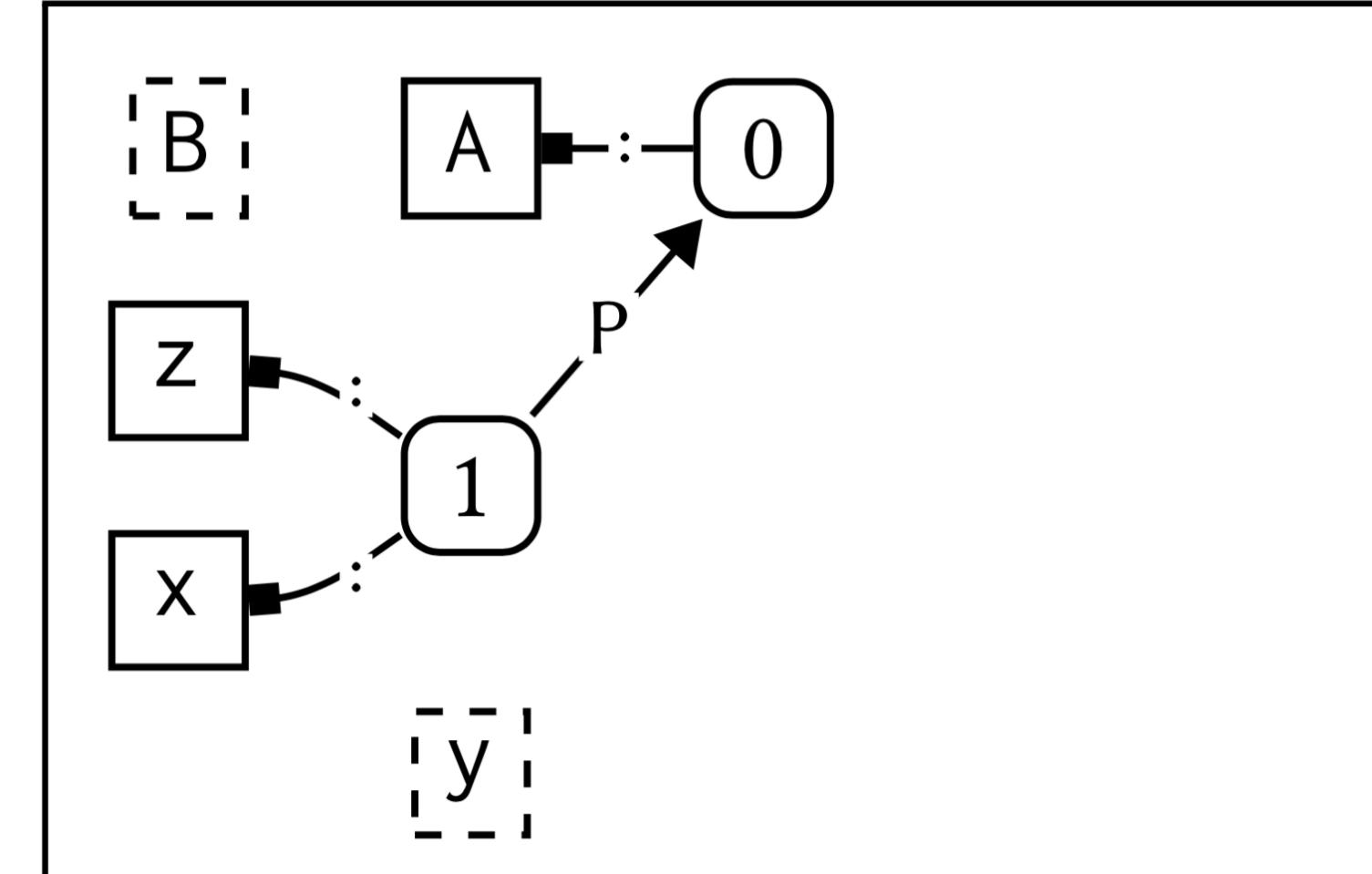
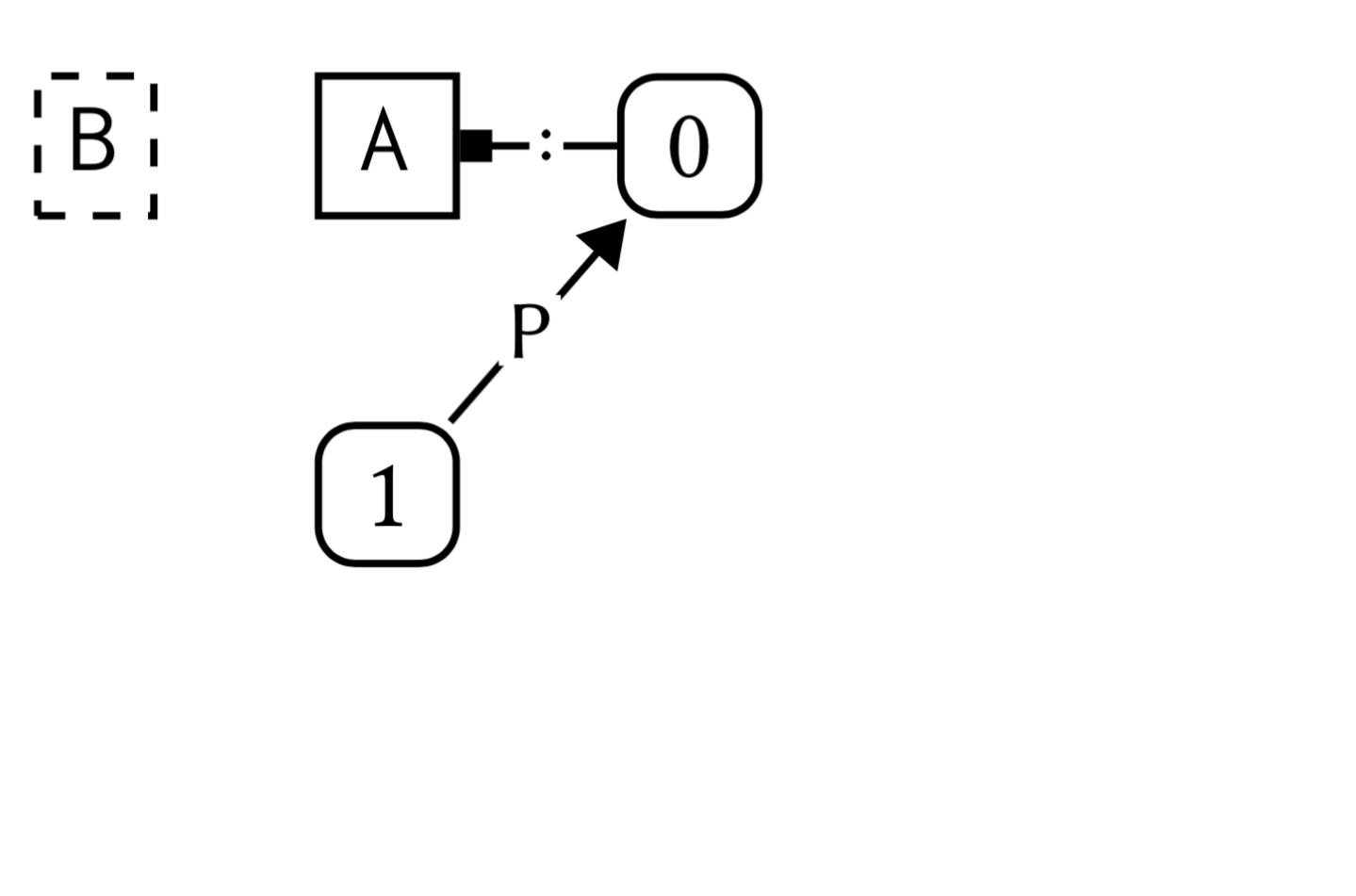


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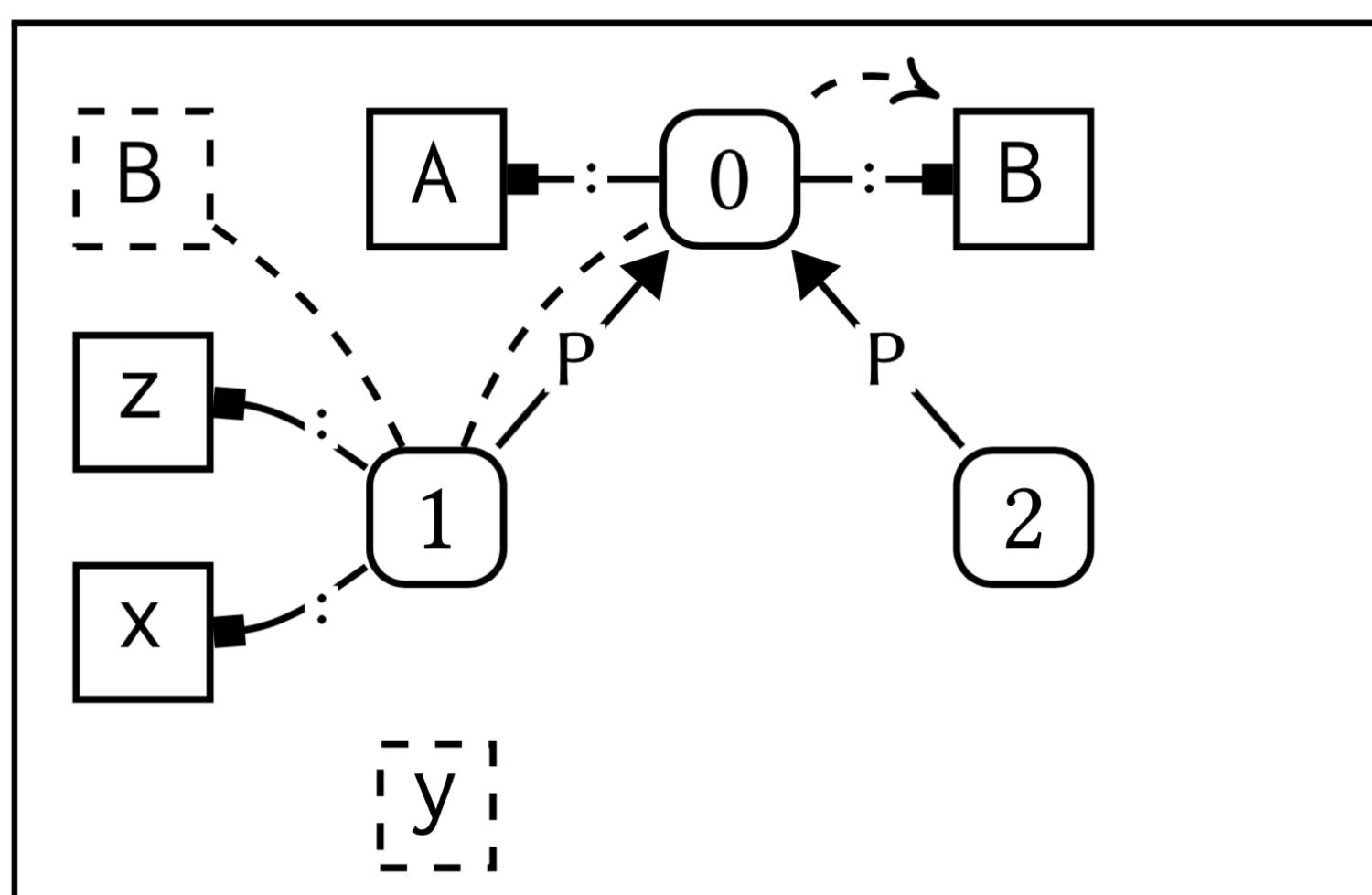
Requires that imports
are resolved before
variable references

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}  
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    import A  
    def y:int = z * 2  
}
```

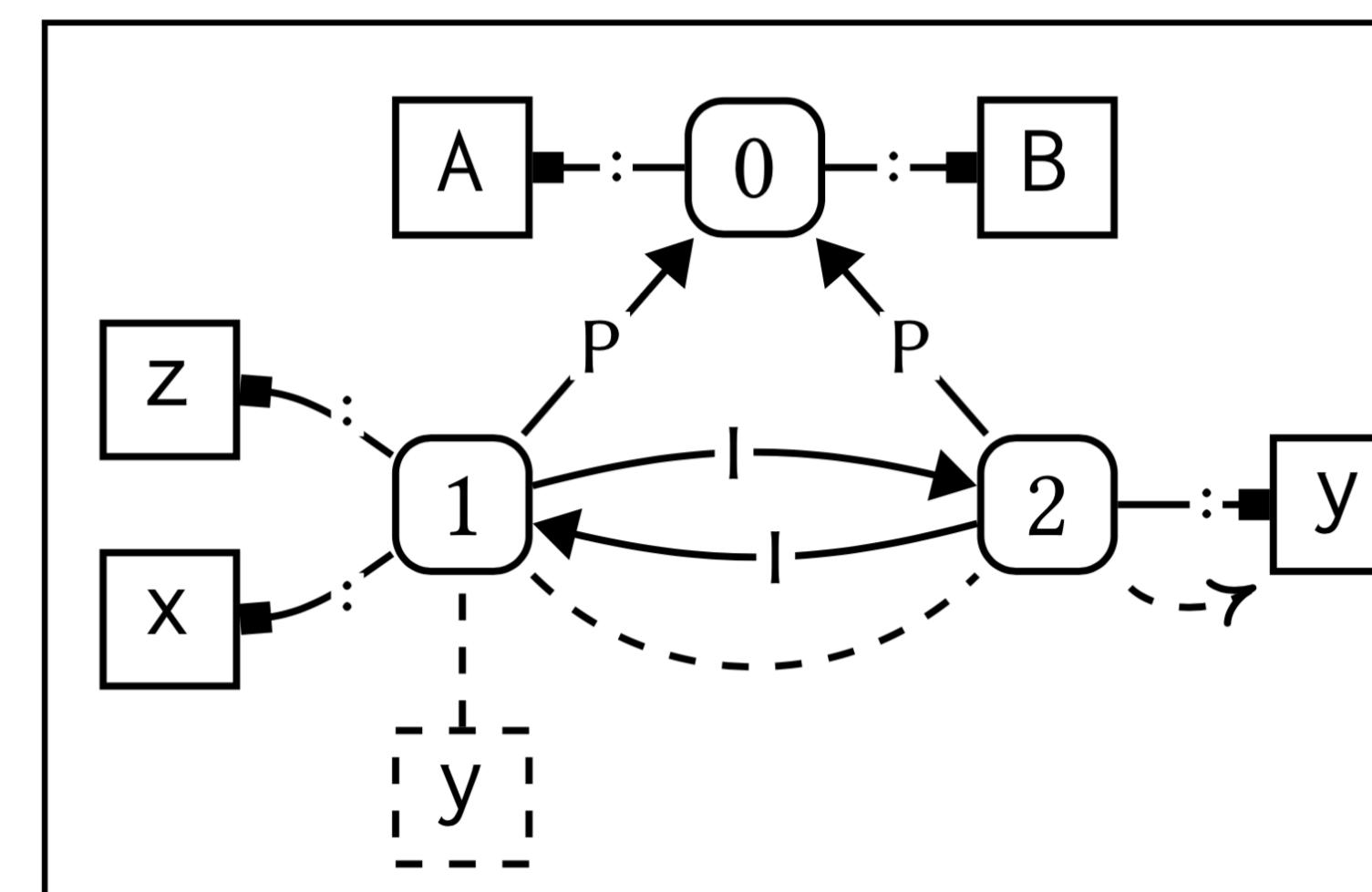
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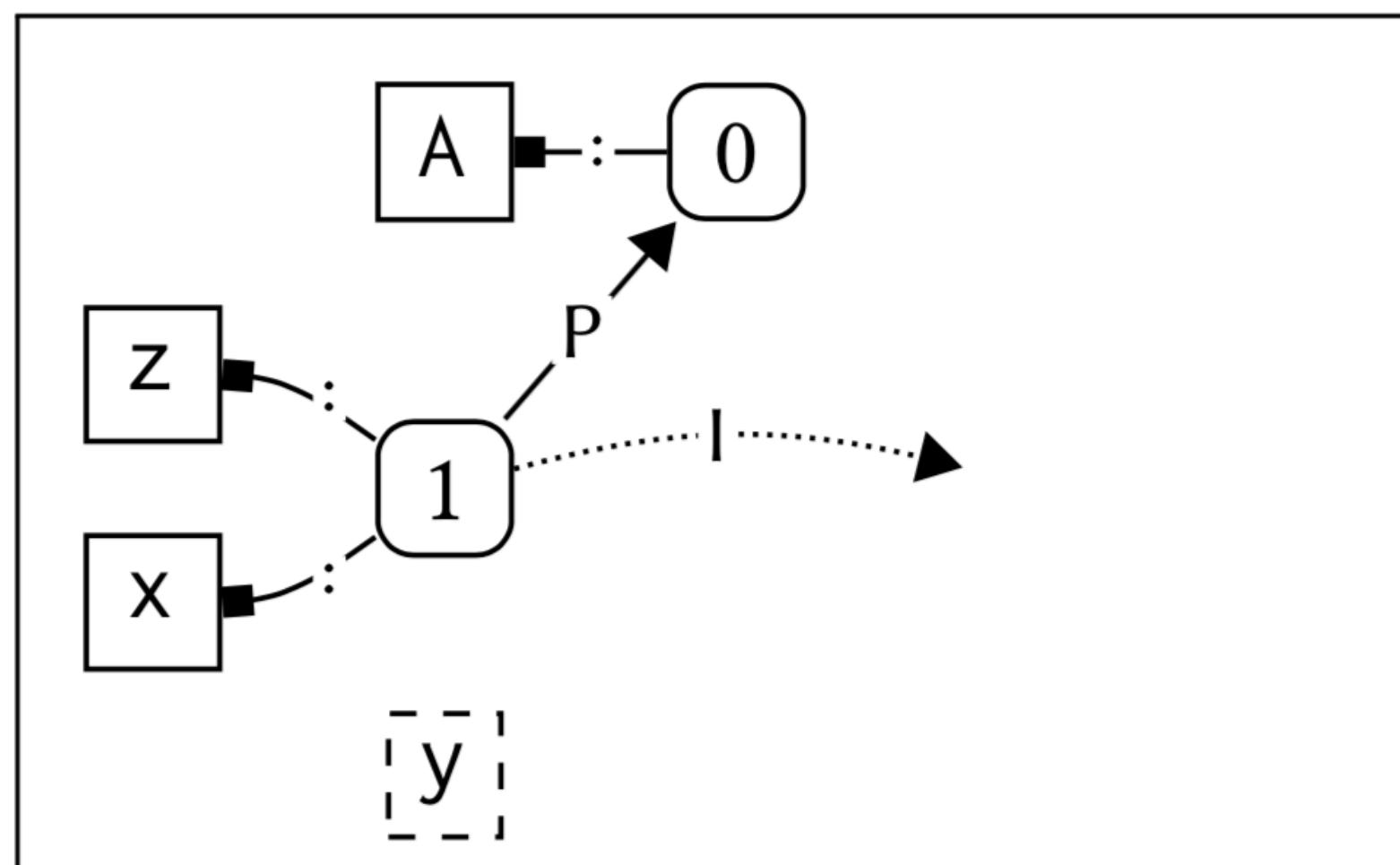
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When do we have sufficient information to answer a query?

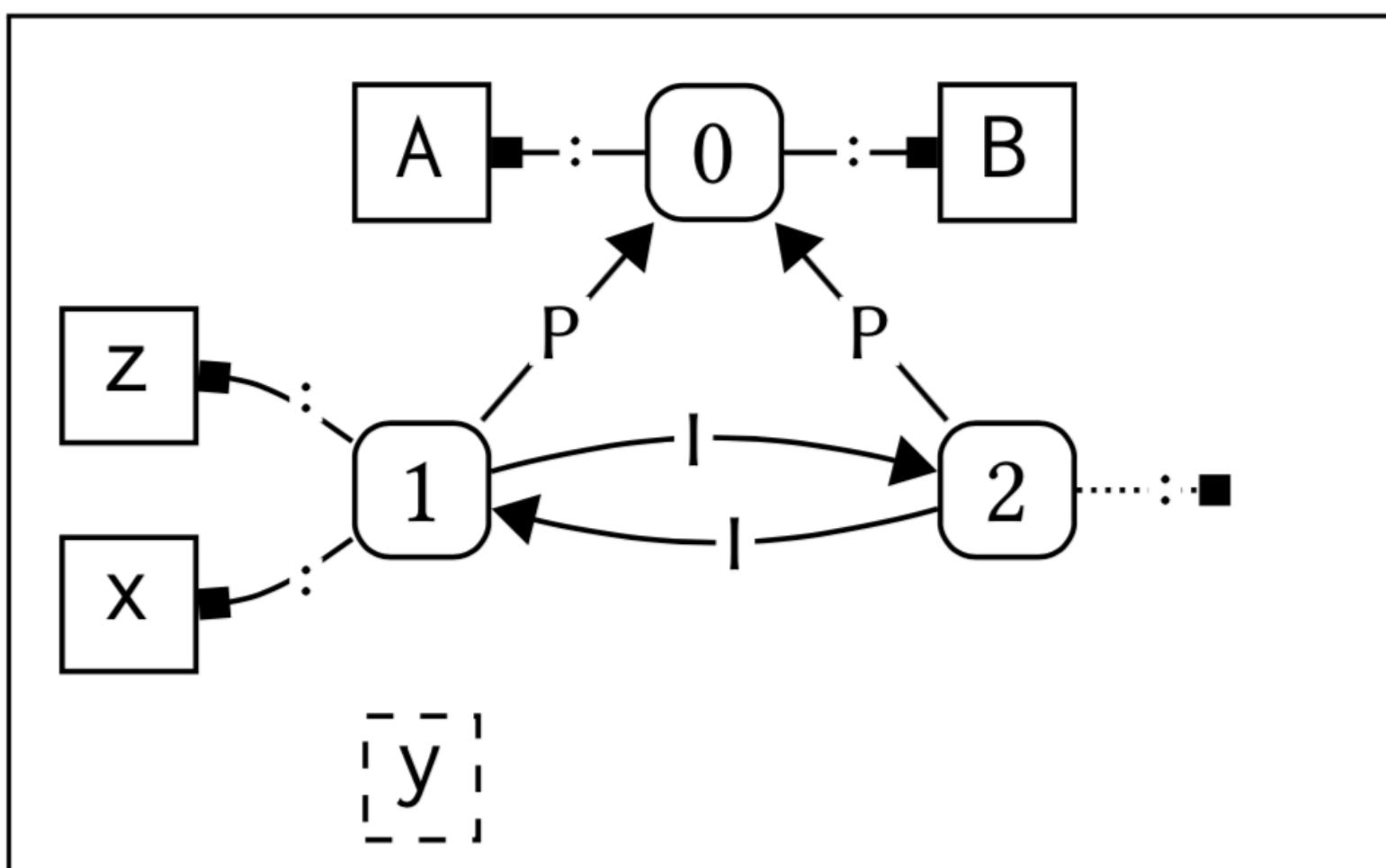
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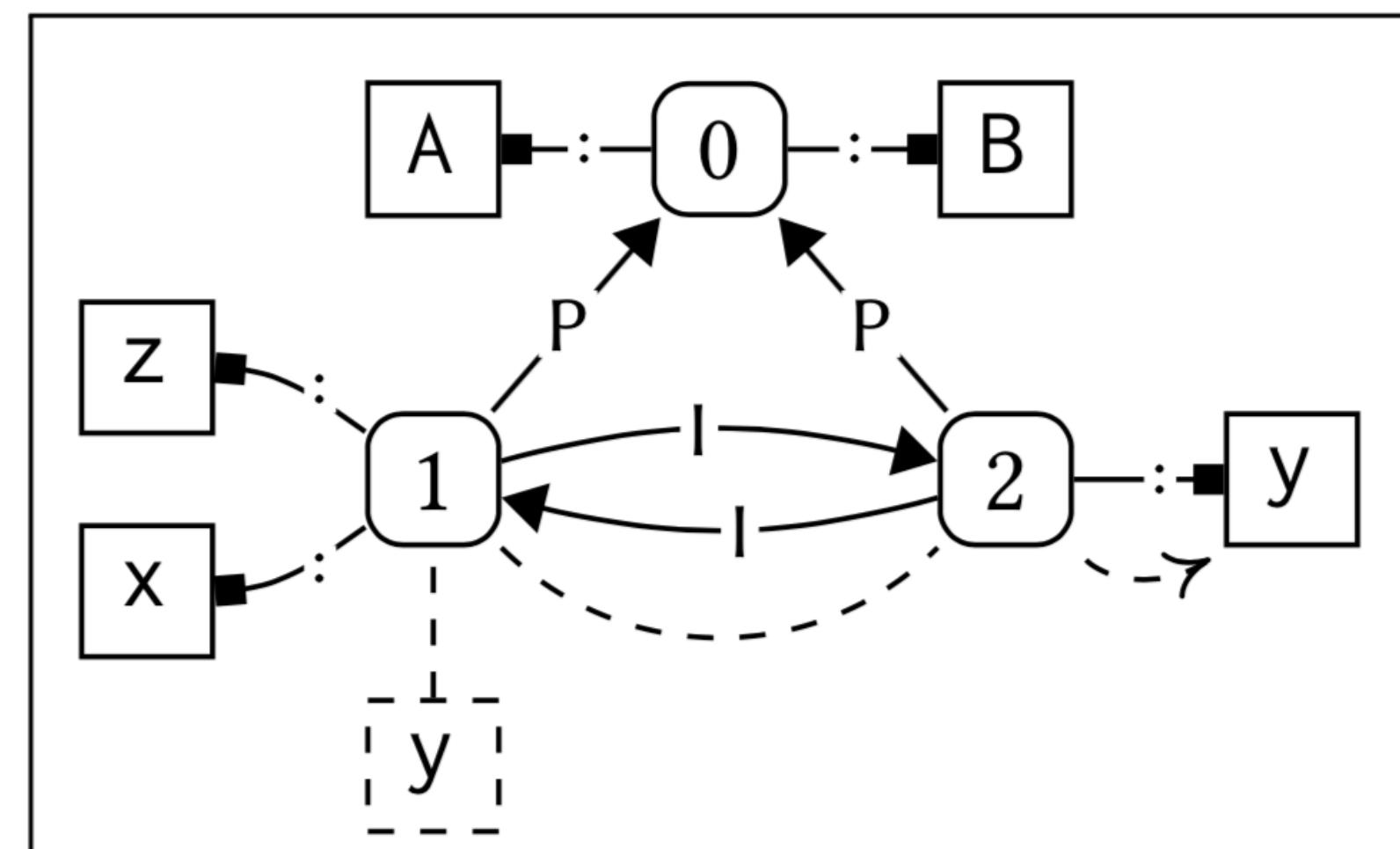
Critical Edges



(a) Intermediate scope graph



(b) Intermediate scope graph



(c) Final scope graph

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```

(Weakly) Critical Edges

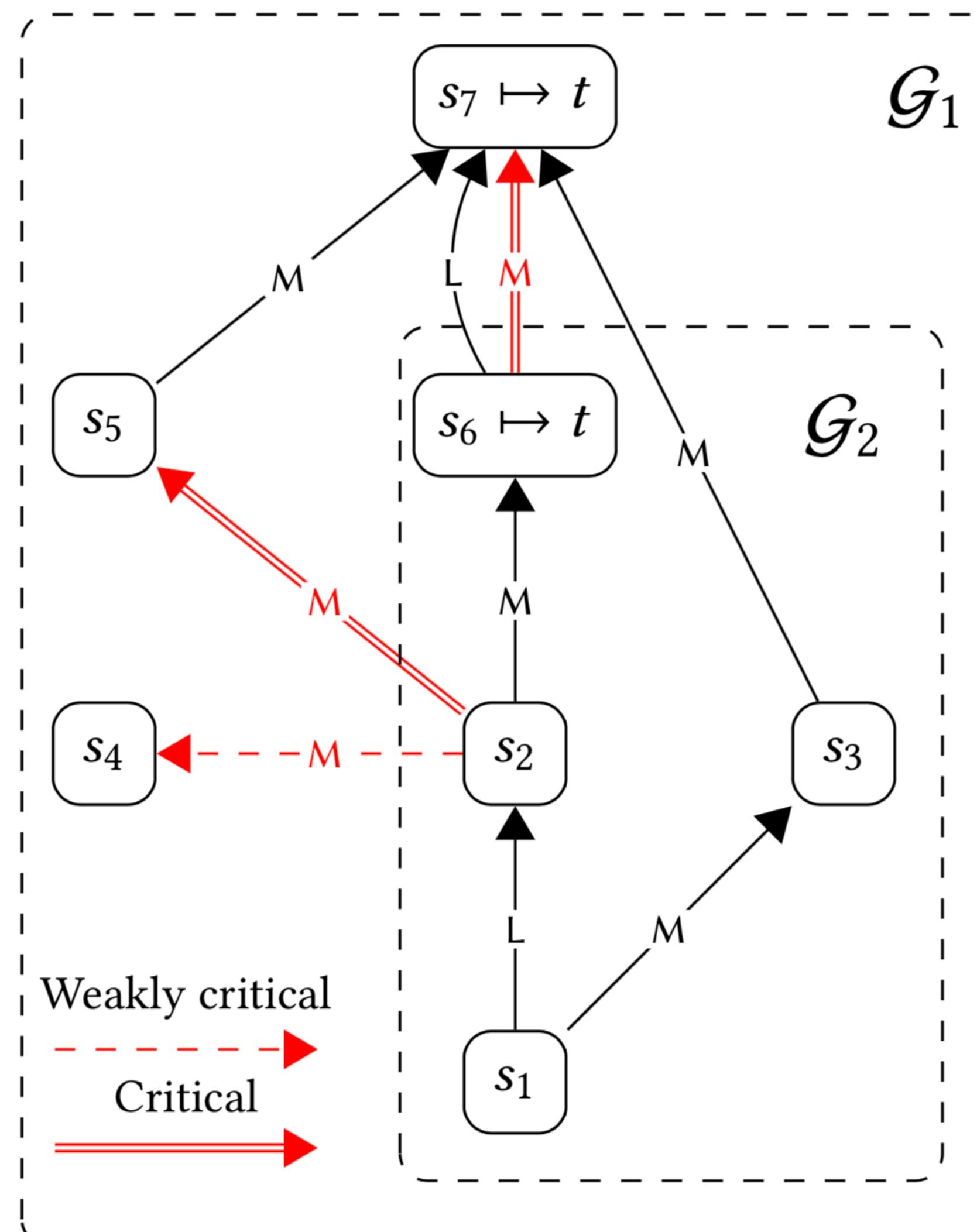


Fig. 11. (Weakly) critical edges for the query $s_1 \xrightarrow{LM^*} R D$, assuming $t \in D$

Automatically Scheduling Constraint Resolution

Scope graph represents context information

- Type checker constructs scope graph
- Type checker queries scope graph
- Scope graph construction depends on queries

When is it safe to query the scope graph?

- When there are no more critical edges *for this query*

Conclusion

Modeling Name Binding with Scope Graphs

- Scopes + declarations + edges (reachability)
- Queries to resolve references
- Visibility policies = path disambiguation
 - ▶ path well-formedness + path specificity
- Model wide range of name binding policies

Scheduling Constraint Resolution

- Declarative: no explicit scheduling / staging / stratification of traversal
- Only perform queries when outcome will not be changed (capture)
- Don't extend scopes 'remotely' (permission to extend)

This talk: ESOP'15 + PEPM'16 in Statix

Scopes as Types

- Van Antwerpen, Bach Poulsen, Rouvoet, Visser. OOPSLA 2018

Applications

- Structural (sub)typing (records)
- Parametric polymorphism (System F)
- Nominal subtyping (FJ)
- Generic classes (FGJ)

Under investigation

- Make those encodings less clunky
- Hindley-Milner: inference supported, but how to generalize?

Incremental multi-file analysis

- Given a change, which files need to be reanalyzed?

Code completion [vision: ECOOP 2019]

- Given a hole, what can be filled in?
- Expressions, but also declarations, ...

Refactoring

- Renaming, inlining, ...

Other editor services

- Quick fixes, ...

Random term generation

- Generate program that is well-typed and well-bound