

Holistic Specifications for Robust Code

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\mid **A in S** space

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Holistic Assertions — examples

- ERC20
- DAO
- DOM attenuation
- Bank & Account
- Escrow

Example1: ERC20

a popular standard for initial coin offerings. (https://theethereum.wiki/w/index.php/ERC20_Token_Standard); allows clients to buy and transfer tokens, and to designate other clients to transfer on their behalf.

In particular, a client may call

- `transfer`: transfer some of her tokens to another clients,
- `approve`: authorise another client to transfer some of her tokens on her behalf.
- `transferFrom`: cause another client's tokens to be transferred

Moreover, ERC20 keeps for each client

- `balance` the number of tokens she owns

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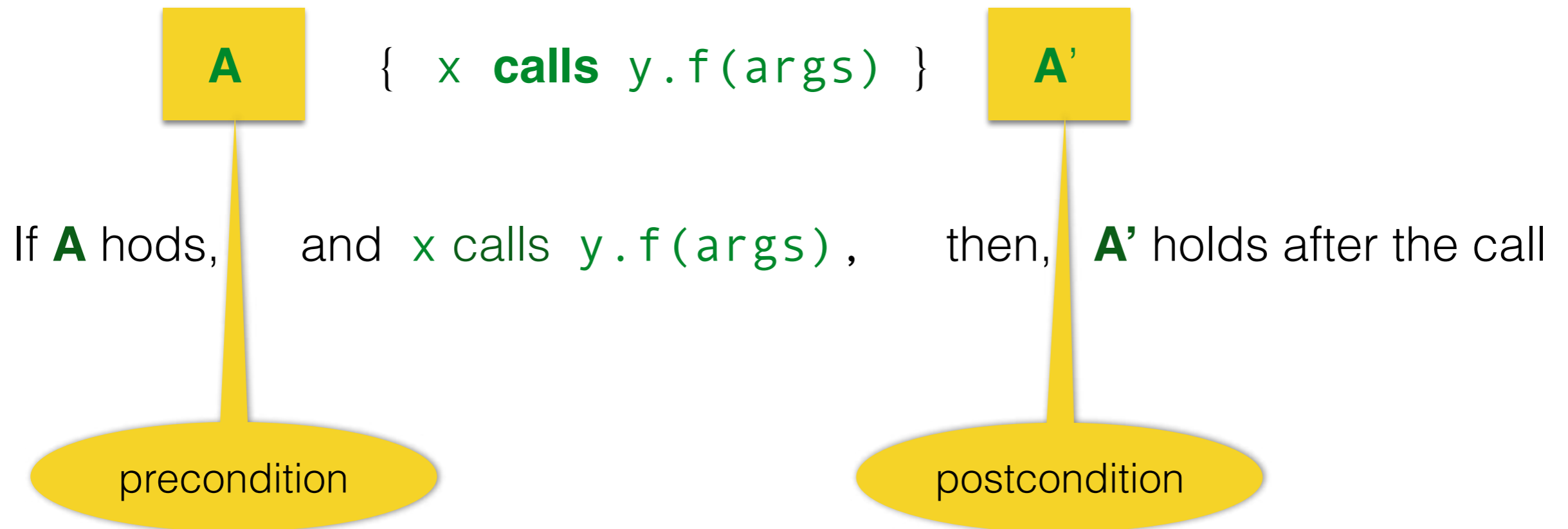
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$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \neq c3 \neq c1 \wedge$$

$$e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' \geq m$$

$$\wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) \geq m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c3, m) \}$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m \wedge e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m' - m)$$

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \neq c3 \neq c1 \wedge$$

$$(\neg e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \vee e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' < m$$

$$\vee e.\text{balance}(c1) < m)$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c3, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}} \wedge$$

$$\forall c, m. [e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \leftrightarrow e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m)]$$

$$\dots \{ e.\text{totalSupply}() \} \dots$$

$$\dots \{ e.\text{allowanceOf}(c2) \} \dots$$

$$\dots \{ e.\text{balanceOf}(c) \} \dots$$

ERC20 classical spec

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) > m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge e.\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m$$

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) < m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}}$$

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \neq c3 \neq c1 \wedge$$

$$e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' \geq m$$

$$\wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) \geq m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c3, m) \}$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m \wedge e.\text{Authorized}$$

sufficient conditions
for change of balance

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \neq c3 \neq c1 \wedge$$

$$(\neg e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \vee e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' < m$$

$$\vee e.\text{balance}(c1) < m)$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c3, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}} \wedge$$

$$\forall c, m. [e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \leftrightarrow e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m)]$$

... { e.totalSupply() } ...

... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...

... { e.balanceOf(c) } ...

ERC20 classical spec

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) > m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge e.\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m$$

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) < m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}}$$

$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \neq c3 \neq c1 \wedge$$

$$e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' \geq m$$

$$\wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) \geq m$$

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$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge$$

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$$(\neg e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \vee e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' < m$$

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$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c3, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}} \wedge$$

$$\forall c, m. [e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \leftrightarrow e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m)]$$

$$\dots \{ e.\text{totalSupply}() \} \dots$$

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$$\dots \{ e.\text{balanceOf}(c) \} \dots$$

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

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$$\wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) > m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m$$

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$$\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) < m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transfer}(c2, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}}$$

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$$e.\text{transferFrom}(c1, c2, m)$$

$$\wedge e.\text{balance}(c1) \geq m$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c1, c2, m) \}$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c1) = e.\text{balance}(c1)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge$$

$$e.\text{balance}(c2) = e.\text{balance}(c2)_{\text{pre}} + m \wedge e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m' - m)$$

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$$e:\text{ERC20} \wedge \text{this} = c1 \neq c2 \wedge m > 0 \wedge$$

$$(\neg e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \vee e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m') \wedge m' < m$$

$$\vee e.\text{balance}(c1) < m)$$

$$\{ e.\text{transferFrom}(c2, c1, m) \}$$

$$\forall c. e.\text{balance}(c) = e.\text{balance}(c)_{\text{pre}} \wedge$$

$$\forall c, m. [ e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \rightarrow e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) ]$$

```

```
... { e.totalSupply() } ...
```

```
... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...
```

```
... { e.balanceOf(c) } ...
```

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

a function that takes 0.5% from each account?

```
...
    { e.balance(c1) > m
      e.transferFrom(c1, c2, m)
    }
    e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2)pre + m
...
ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ∧ e.balance(c1) < m
    { e.transferFrom(c1, c2, m)
    }
    ∃ c. e.balance(c) = e.balance(c)pre - m
...
e:ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ≠ c2 ∧ m > 0 ∧
( ¬ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ∨ e.Authorized(c2, c2, m') ∧ m' < m
  ∨ e.balance(c1) < m )
    { e.transferFrom(c2, c1, m) }
∃ c. e.balance(c) = e.balance(c)pre ∧
∃ c, m. [ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) → e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ]
...
    { e.totalSupply() }
...
    { e.allowanceOf(c2) }
...
    { e.balanceOf(c) }
...
```

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

a function that takes 0.5% from each account?

can authority increase?

```
... { e.balance(c1) > m }
... { e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2)pre + m }
ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ∧ e.balance(c1) < m
{ e.transferFrom(c1, c2, m) }
∀ c. e.balance(c) = e.balance(c)pre
e:ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ≠ c2 ∧
( ¬ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ∨ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ∧
  e.balance(c1) < m )
{ e.transferFrom(c2, c1, m) }
∀ c. e.balance(c) = e.balance(c)pre ∧
∀ c, m. [ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) → e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ]
... { e.totalSupply() } ...
... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...
... { e.balanceOf(c) } ...
```

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

a "super-client,"
authorised on all?

a function that
takes 0.5% from
each account?

can authority increase?

```
e:ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ∧ e.balance(c1) < m  
{ e.transferFrom(c1, c2, m) }  
e.balance(c1) = e.balance(c1)pre - m ∧  
e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2)pre + m ∧ e.Authorized(c1, c2, -m)
```

```
e:ERC20 ∧ this = c1 ≠ c2 ∧ 1 ∧  
( ¬ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ∨ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) )  
∨ e.balance(c1) < m )  
{ e.transferFrom(c2, c1, m) }  
∀ c. e.balance(c) = e.balance(c)pre ∧  
∀ c, m. [ e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) → e.Authorized(c1, c2, m) ]
```

```
{ e.totalSupply() }
```

```
... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...
```

```
... { e.balanceOf(c) } ...
```

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

a "super-client,"
authorised on all?

a function that
takes 0.5% from
each account?

can authority increase?



```
ERC20 & this = c1 & e.balance(c1) < m
{
  .transferFrom(c1, c2, m)
}
e.balance(c1) = e.balance(c1) - m
e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2) + m & e.Authorized(c1, c2, -m)

e.Authorized(c1, c2, m)
{
  .transferFrom(c1, c2, m)
}
e.balance(c1) = e.balance(c1) - m
e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2) + m & e.Authorized(c1, c2, m)

totalSupply()
{
  ... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...
  ... { e.balanceOf(c) } ...
}
```

ERC20 classical spec

Is that robust?

a "super-client,"
authorised on all?

a function that
takes 0.5% from
each account?

I am worried
about who/what can
reduce my balance

can authority increase?



```
ERC20 & this = c1 & e.balance(c1) < m
{
  .transferFrom(c1, c2, m)
}
e.balance(c1) = e.balance(c1) - m
e.balance(c2) = e.balance(c2) + m
e.Authorized(c1, c2, m)

totalSupply()
... { e.allowanceOf(c2) } ...
```


holistic specs - invariants

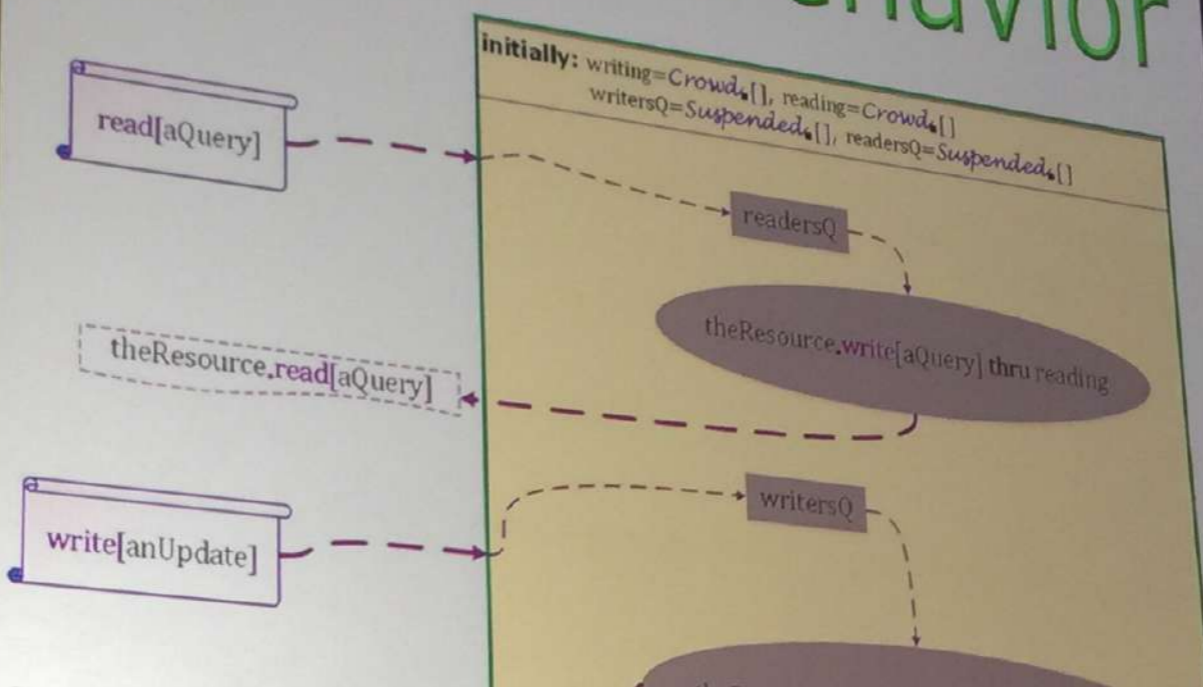
holistic specs - invariants



holistic specs - invariants



Invariant Behavior



holistic specs - invariants

- state

holistic specs - invariants ++

- state
- **time**
- **space**
- **control**
- **permission**
- **authority**
- **(when/where do they hold)**

holistic spec - reduce balance

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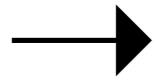
$\forall e:\text{ERC20}. \forall c1:\text{Client}. \forall m:\text{Nat}.$

[$e.\text{balance}(c1) = \mathbf{Was}(e.\text{balance}(c1)) - m$

holistic spec - reduce balance

$\forall e:\text{ERC20}. \forall c1:\text{Client}. \forall m:\text{Nat}.$

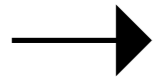
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holistic spec - reduce balance

$\forall e:\text{ERC20}. \forall c1:\text{Client}. \forall m:\text{Nat}.$

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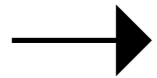
$(\exists c2, c3:\text{Client}.$

$\mathbf{Was} (c1.\mathbf{Calls}(e, \text{transfer}, c2, m)))$

holistic spec - reduce balance

$\forall e:\text{ERC20}. \forall c1:\text{Client}. \forall m:\text{Nat}.$

[$e.\text{balance}(c1) = \mathbf{Was}(e.\text{balance}(c1)) - m$



($\exists c2, c3:\text{Client}.$

$\mathbf{Was}(c1.\mathbf{Calls}(e, \text{transfer}, c2, m))$))

∨

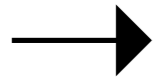
$\mathbf{Was}(e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \wedge$

$c2.\mathbf{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, c3, m))$))]

holistic spec - reduce balance

$\forall e:\text{ERC20}. \forall c1:\text{Client}. \forall m:\text{Nat}.$

$[e.\text{balance}(c1) = \mathbf{Was}(e.\text{balance}(c1)) - m$



$(\exists c2, c3:\text{Client}.$

$\mathbf{Was} (c1.\mathbf{Calls}(e, \text{transfer}, c2, m)))$

\vee

$\mathbf{Was} (e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \wedge$

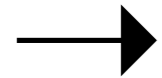
$c2.\mathbf{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, c3, m)))]$

*This says: A client's balance decreases *only* if that client, or somebody authorised by that client, made a payment.*

holistic spec - reduce balance

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[$e.\text{balance}(c1) = \text{Was}(e.\text{balance}(c1)) - m$]



($\exists c2, c3:\text{Client}.$

$\text{Was}(c1.\text{Calls}(e, \text{transfer}, c2, m))$))

\vee

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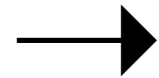
effect

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holistic spec - reduce balance

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[$e.\text{balance}(c1) = \text{Was}(e.\text{balance}(c1)) - m$]



($\exists c2, c3:\text{Client}.$

$\text{Was}(c1.\text{Calls}(e, \text{transfer}, c2, m))$)

\vee

$\text{Was}(e.\text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \wedge c2.\text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, c3, m))$)]

effect

necessary condition

This says: A client's balance decreases *only* if that client, or somebody authorised by that client, made a payment.

holistic spec - authority

holistic spec - authority

e . **Authorized**(c1, c2, m) \equiv

c2 is authorised by **c1** for **m** iff

holistic spec - authority

$e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \equiv$

$\text{Was}(c1.\text{Calls}(e, \text{approve}, c2, m))$

$c2$ is authorised by $c1$ for m iff

in previous step $c1$ informed e that it authorised $c2$ for m

holistic spec - authority

$e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \equiv$

$\text{Was}(c1 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{approve}, c2, m))$

\vee

$\text{Was}(e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m+m') \wedge c2 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, _, m')))$

$c2$ is authorised by $c1$ for m iff

in previous step $c1$ informed e that it authorised $c2$ for m
or

in previous step $c2$ was authorised for $m+m'$ and spent m' for $c1$

holistic spec - authority

$e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \equiv$

$\text{Was}(c1 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{approve}, c2, m))$

\vee

$\text{Was}(e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m+m') \wedge c2 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, _, m'))$

\vee

$\text{Was}(e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \wedge \neg c2 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, _, _))$

$c2$ is authorised by $c1$ for m iff

in previous step $c1$ informed e that it authorised $c2$ for m
or

in previous step $c2$ was authorised for $m+m'$ and spent m' for $c1$

or

in previous step $c2$ was authorised for m and did not spend $c1$

holistic spec - authority

effect

$e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \equiv$

$\text{Was}(c1 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{approve}, c2, m))$

\vee

$\text{Was}(e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m+m') \wedge c2 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, _, m'))$

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$e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m) \equiv$

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\vee

$\text{Was}(e . \text{Authorized}(c1, c2, m+m') \wedge c2 . \text{Calls}(e, \text{transferFrom}, c1, _, m'))$

\vee

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or

in previous step $c2$ was authorised for m and did not spend $c1$

classical vs holistic

classical vs holistic

$$\begin{aligned} & e:\text{ERC20} \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl) > m \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl') = m' \wedge cl \neq cl' \\ & \quad \{ e.\text{transfer}(cl', m) \wedge \text{Caller} = cl \} \\ & e.\text{balance}(cl) = e.\text{balance}(cl)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl')_{\text{pre}} = m' + m \\ \\ & e:\text{ERC20} \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl) > m \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl') = m' \wedge cl \neq cl' \\ & \quad \wedge \text{Authorized}(e, cl, cl'') \\ & \quad \{ e.\text{transferFrom}(cl', m) \wedge \text{Caller} = cl'' \} \\ & e.\text{balance}(cl) = e.\text{balance}(cl)_{\text{pre}} - m \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl')_{\text{pre}} = m' + m \\ \\ & e:\text{ERC20} \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl) > m \wedge e.\text{balance}(cl') = m' \\ & \quad \{ e.\text{allow}(cl') \wedge \text{Caller} = cl \} \\ & \quad \text{Authorized}(e, cl, cl'') \end{aligned}$$

Classical

- per function; *sufficient* conditions for some action/effect
- *explicit* about individual function, and *implicit* about emergent behaviour

classical vs holistic

```
e:ERC20 ∧ e.balance(cl) > m ∧ e.balance(cl') = m' ∧ cl ≠ cl'
    { e.transfer(cl', m) ∧ Caller = cl }
e.balance(cl) = e.balance(cl)pre - m ∧ e.balance(cl')pre = m' + m

e:ERC20 ∧ e.balance(cl) > m ∧ e.balance(cl') = m' ∧ cl ≠ cl'
    ∧ Authorized(e, cl, cl'')
    { e.transferFrom(cl', m) ∧ Caller = cl'' }
e.balance(cl) = e.balance(cl)pre - m ∧ e.balance(cl')pre = m' + m

e:ERC20 ∧ e.balance(cl) > m ∧ e.balance(cl') = m'
    { e.allow(cl') ∧ Caller = cl }
    Authorized(e, cl, cl'')

... another 7 specs ...
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```

∀ e:ERC20. ∀ cl: Client.
  [ e.balance(cl) = Was(e.balance(cl)) - m )
  →
  ( ∃ cl', cl'': Client.
    Was ( cl.Calls(e.transfer(cl', m)) ) )
    ∨
    Was ( Authorized(e, cl, cl'') ∧ cl''.Calls(e.transferFrom(cl, cl', m)) ) ) ]

Authorized(cl, cl') ≡ ∃ m: Nat. Was*( cl.Calls(e.approve(cl', m)) )

```


classical vs holistic

```

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    { e.transfer(cl', m) ∧ Caller = cl }
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    ∧ Authorized(e, cl, cl'')
    { e.transferFrom(cl', m) ∧ Caller = cl'' }
e.balance(cl) = e.balance(cl)pre - m ∧ e.balance(cl')pre = m' + m

e:ERC20 ∧ e.balance(cl) > m ∧ e.balance(cl') = m'
    { e.allow(cl') ∧ Caller = cl }
    Authorized(e, cl, cl'')
... another 7 specs ...

```

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Example2: DAO simplified

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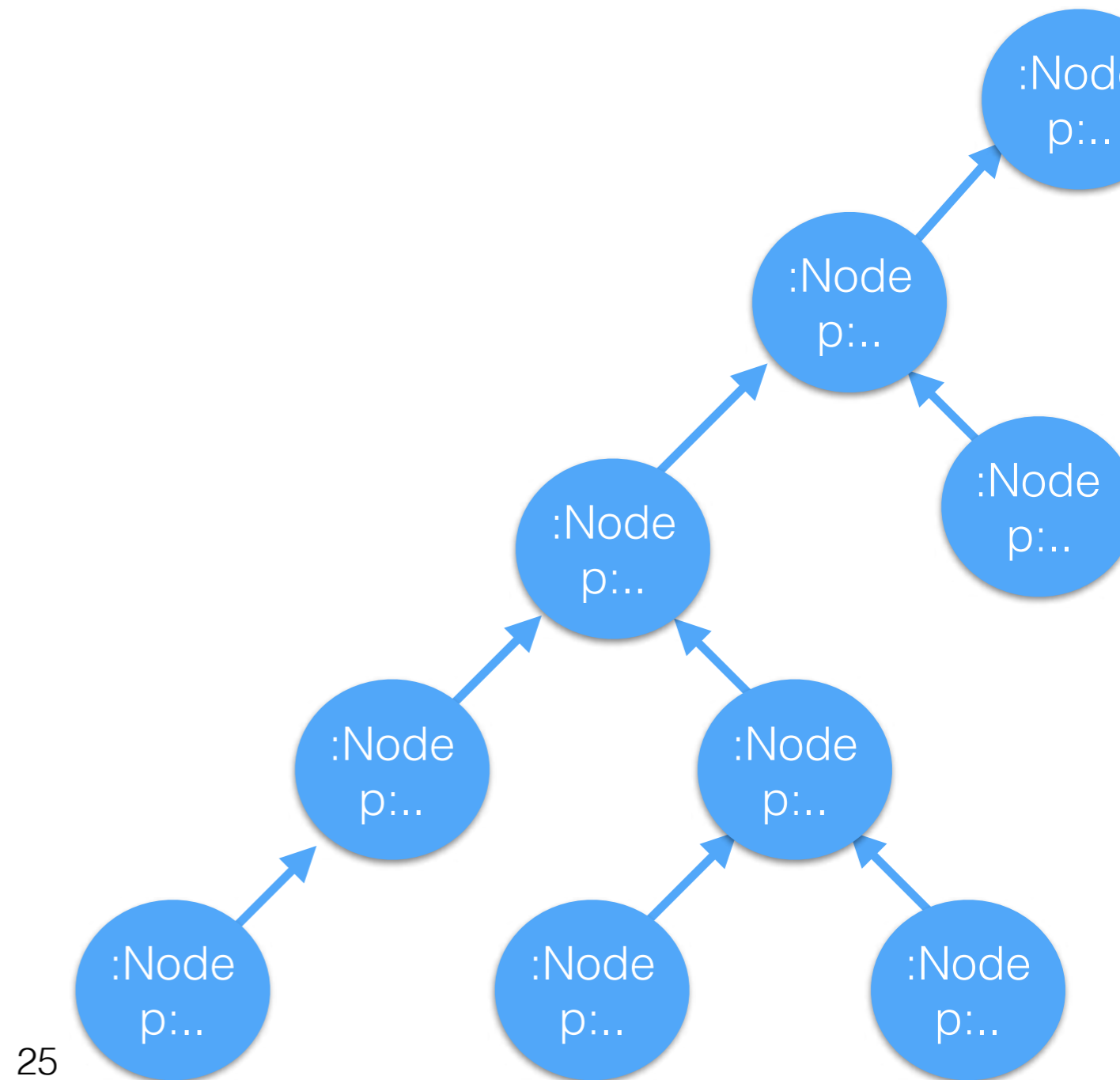
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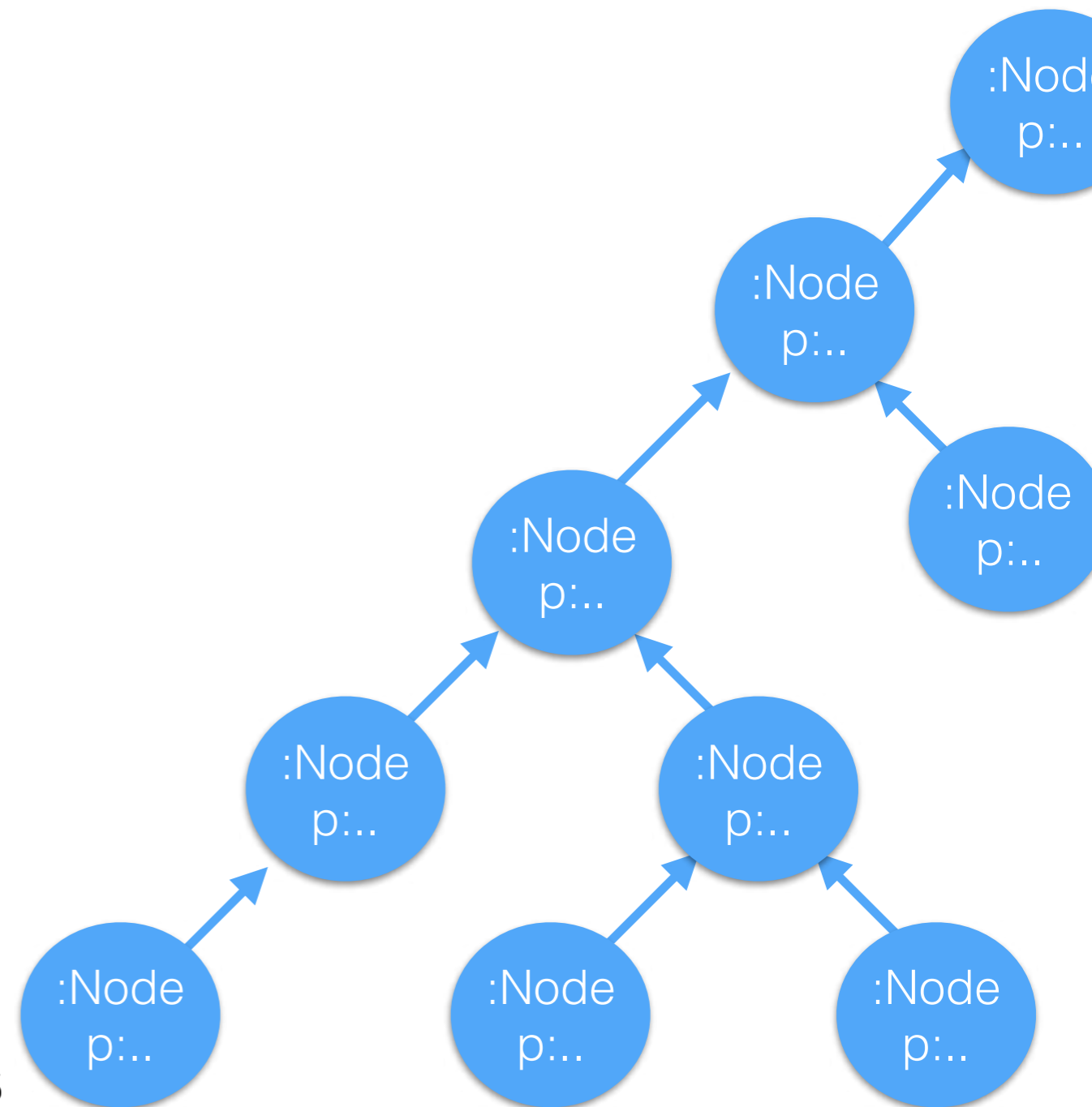
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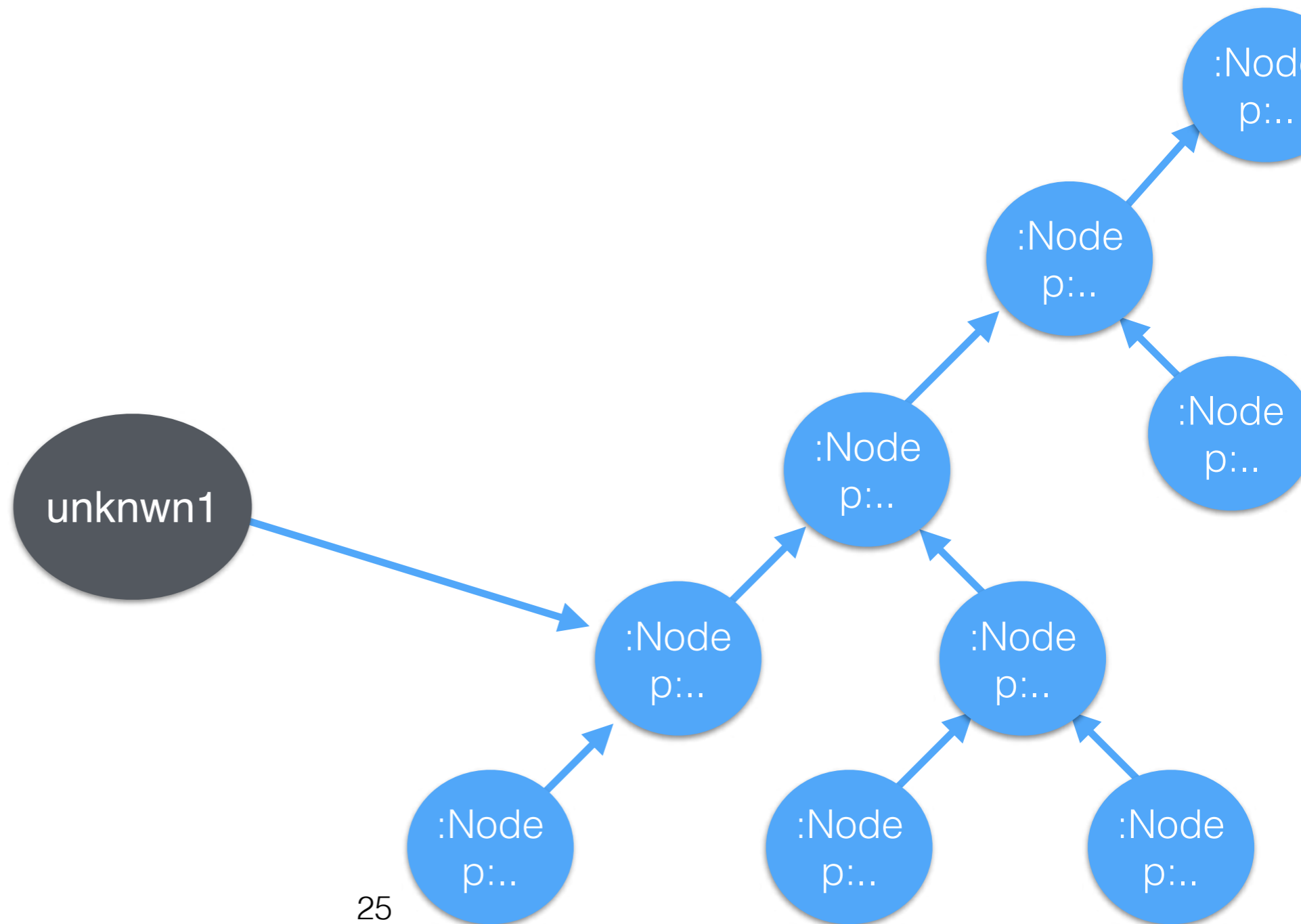
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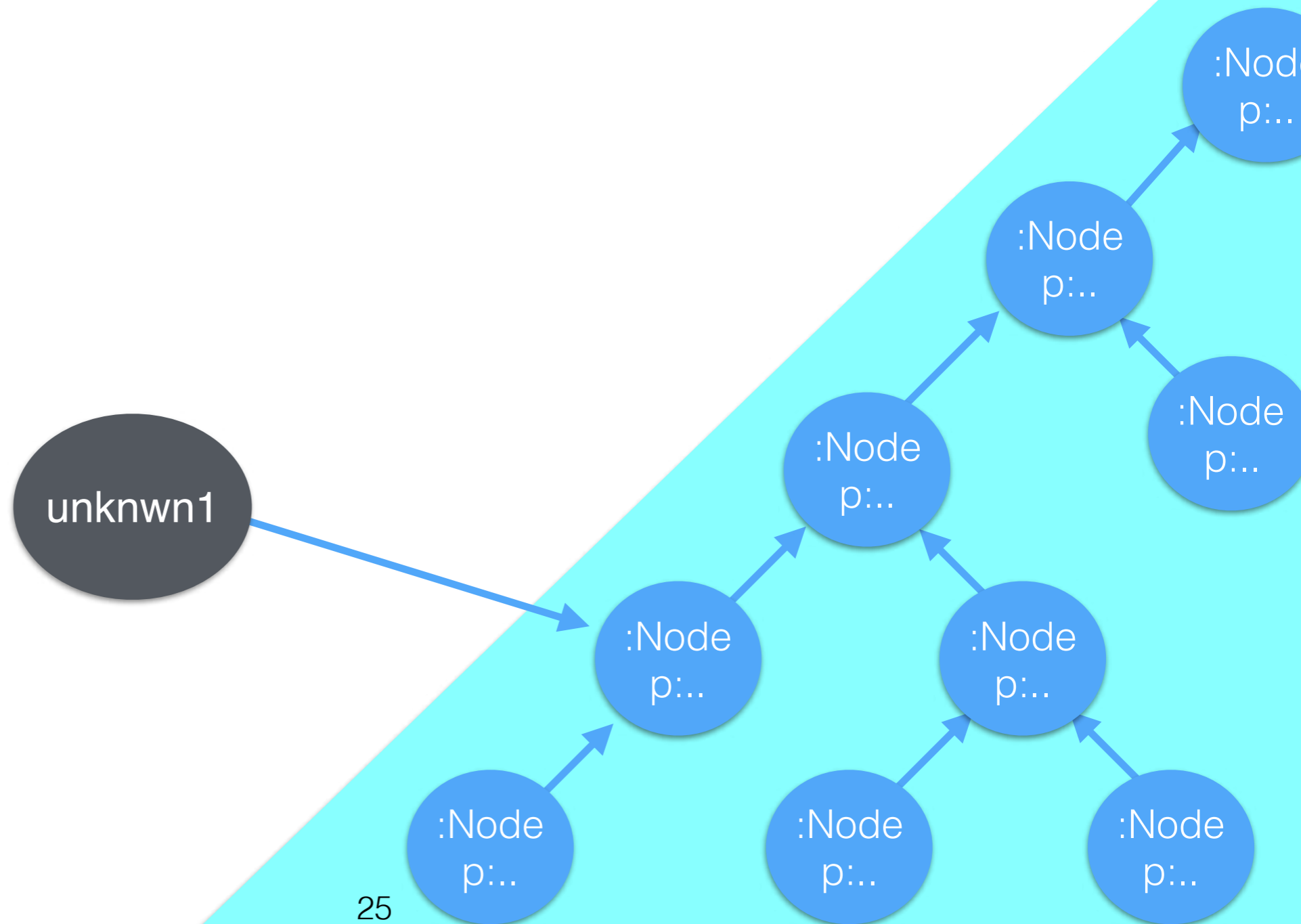
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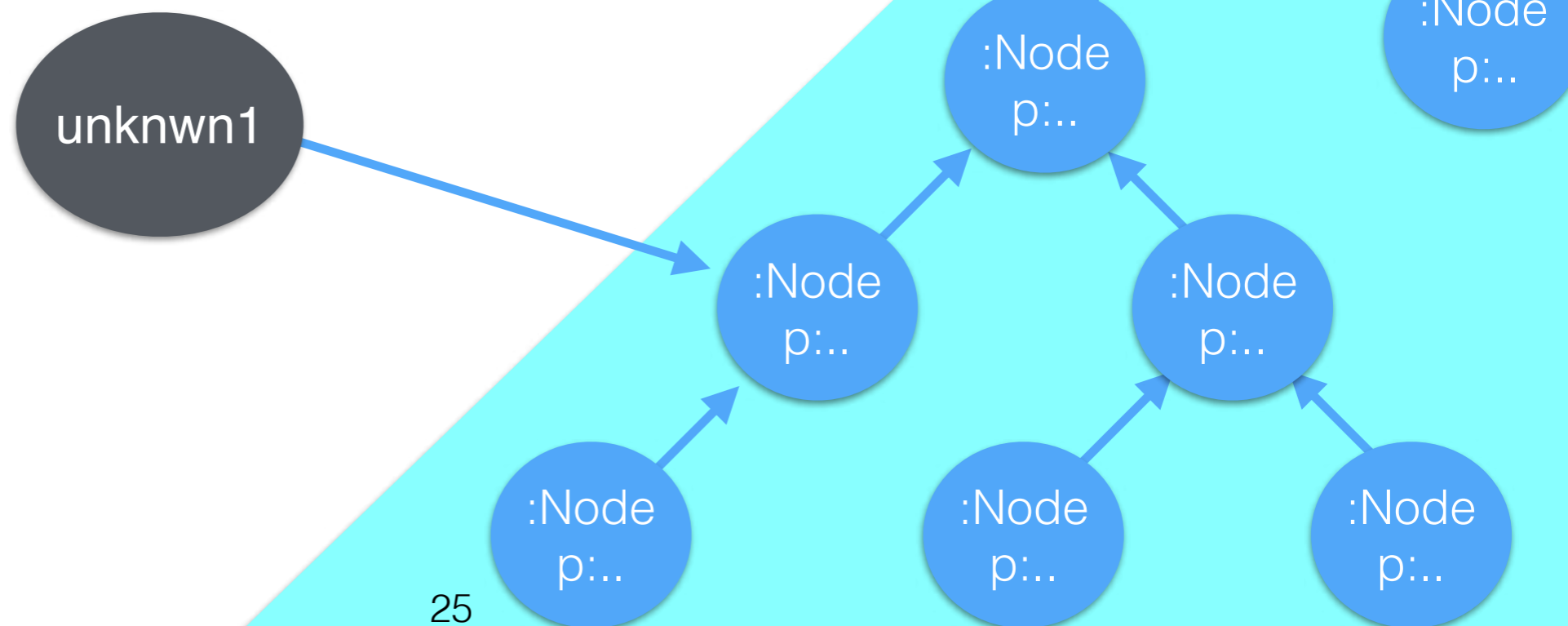
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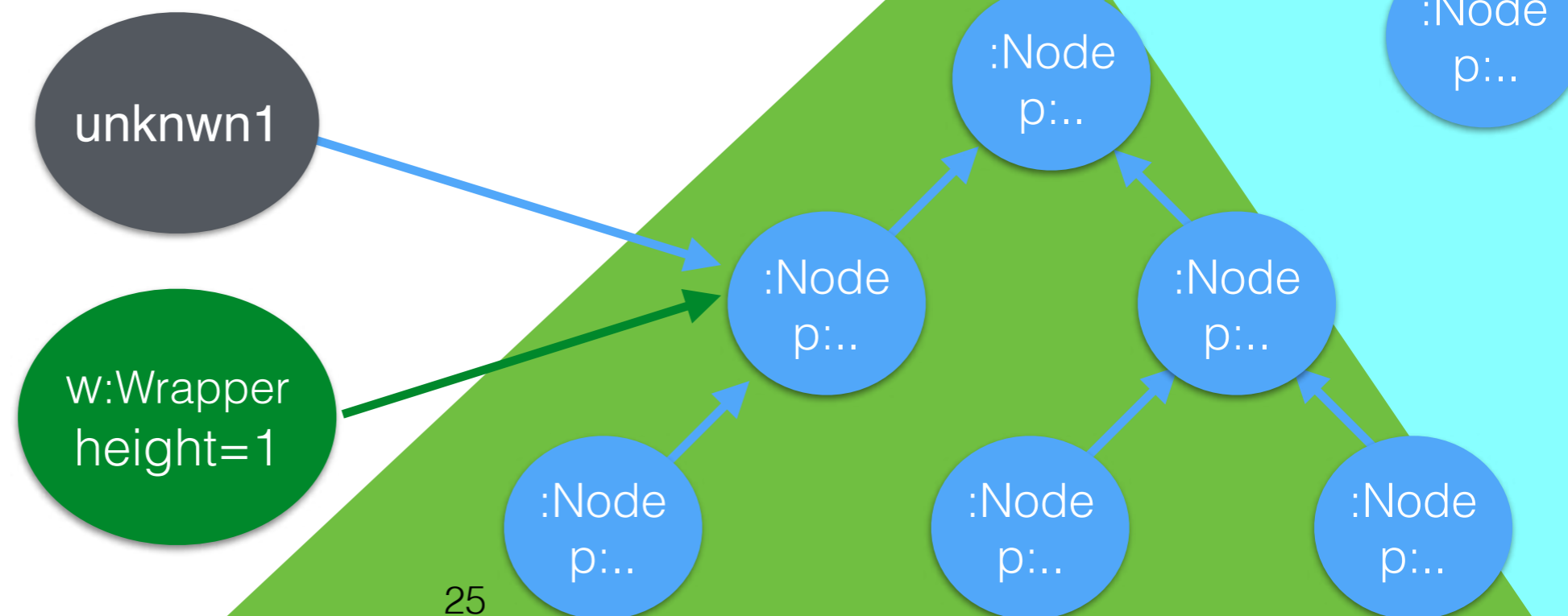
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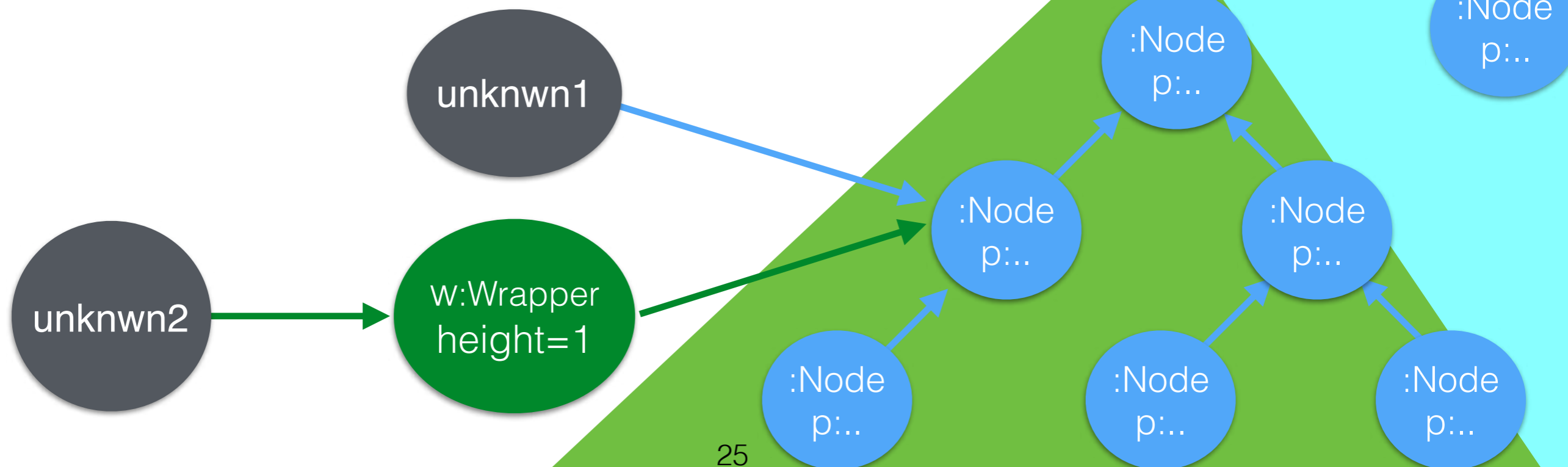
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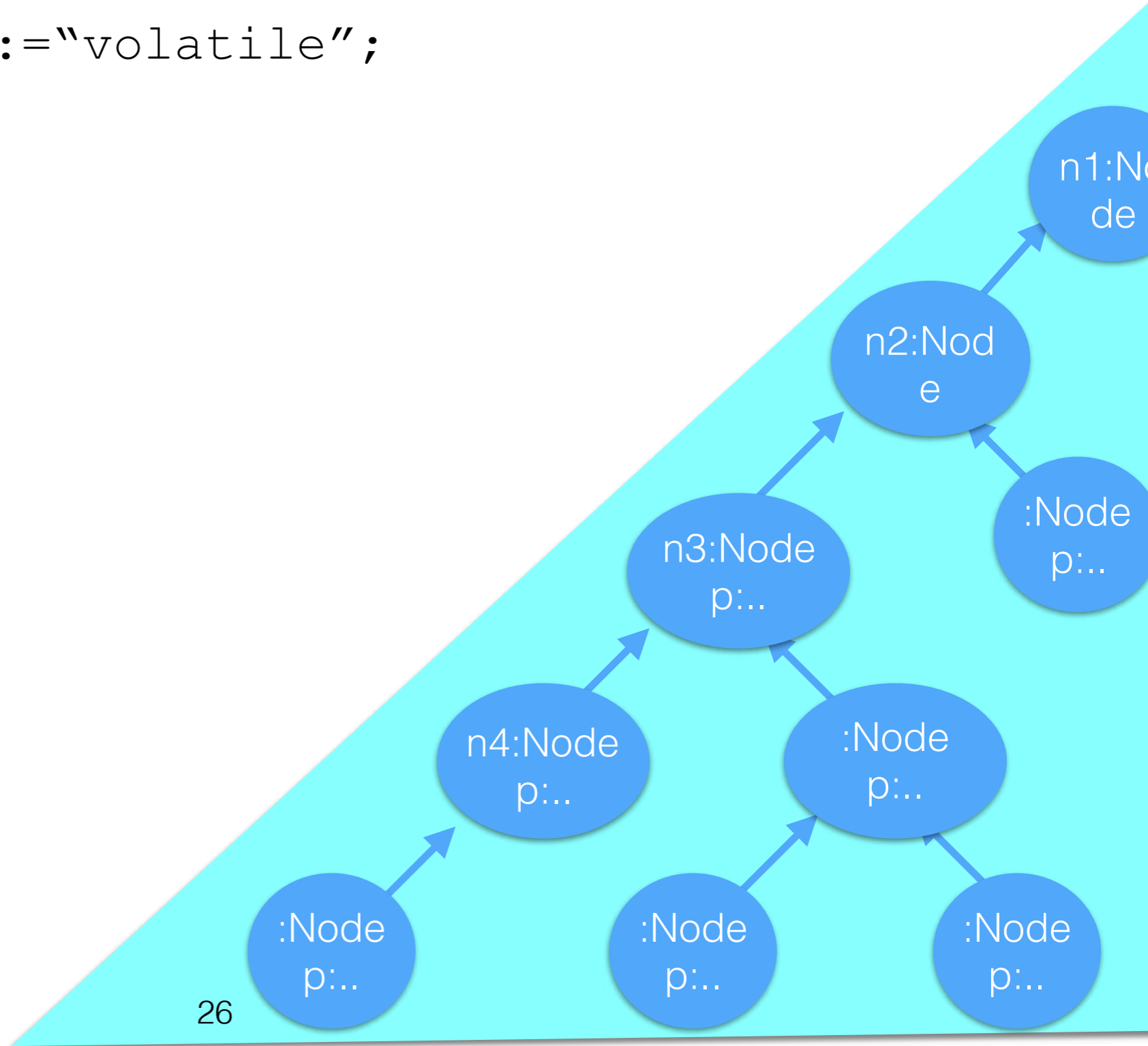
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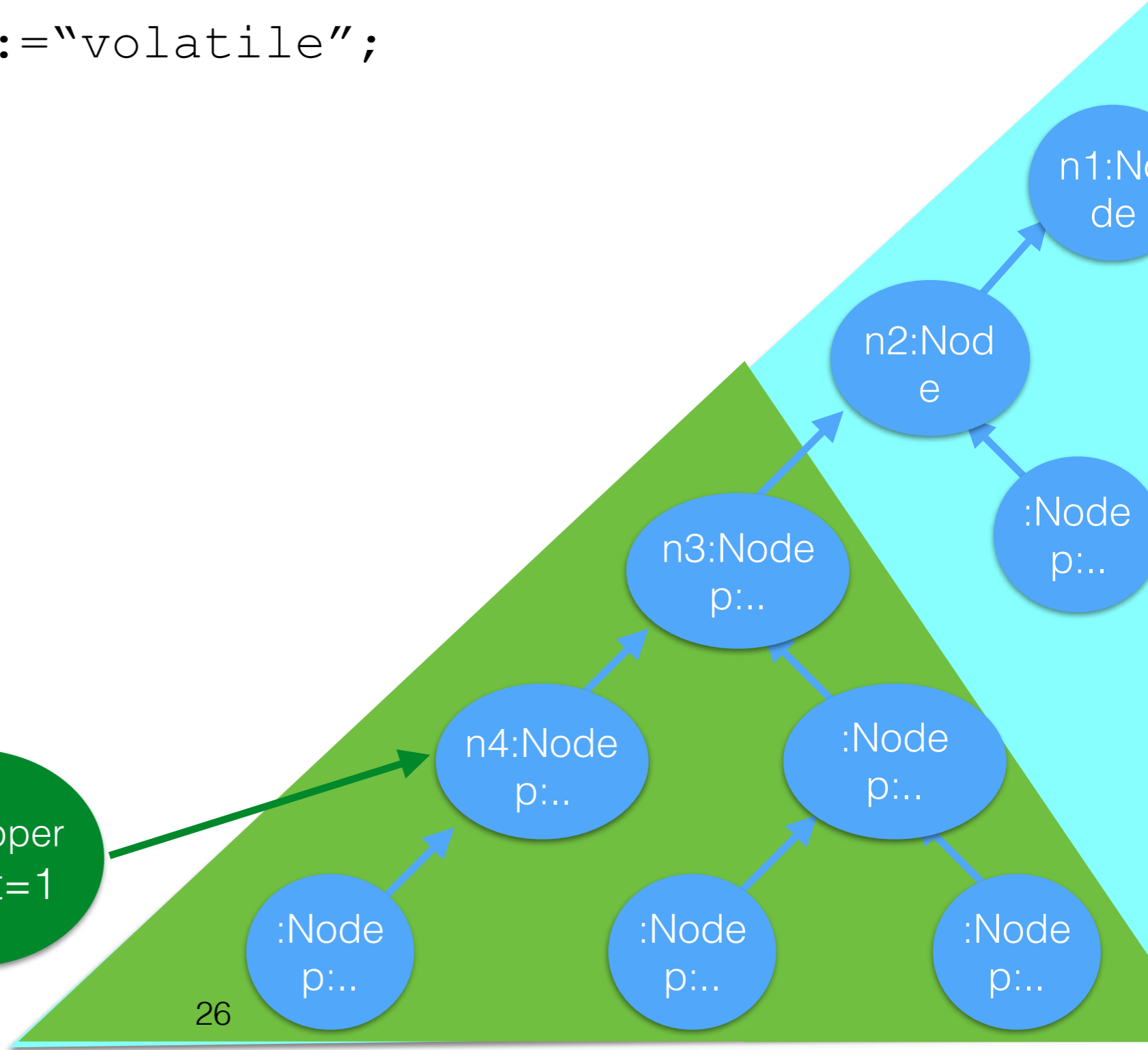
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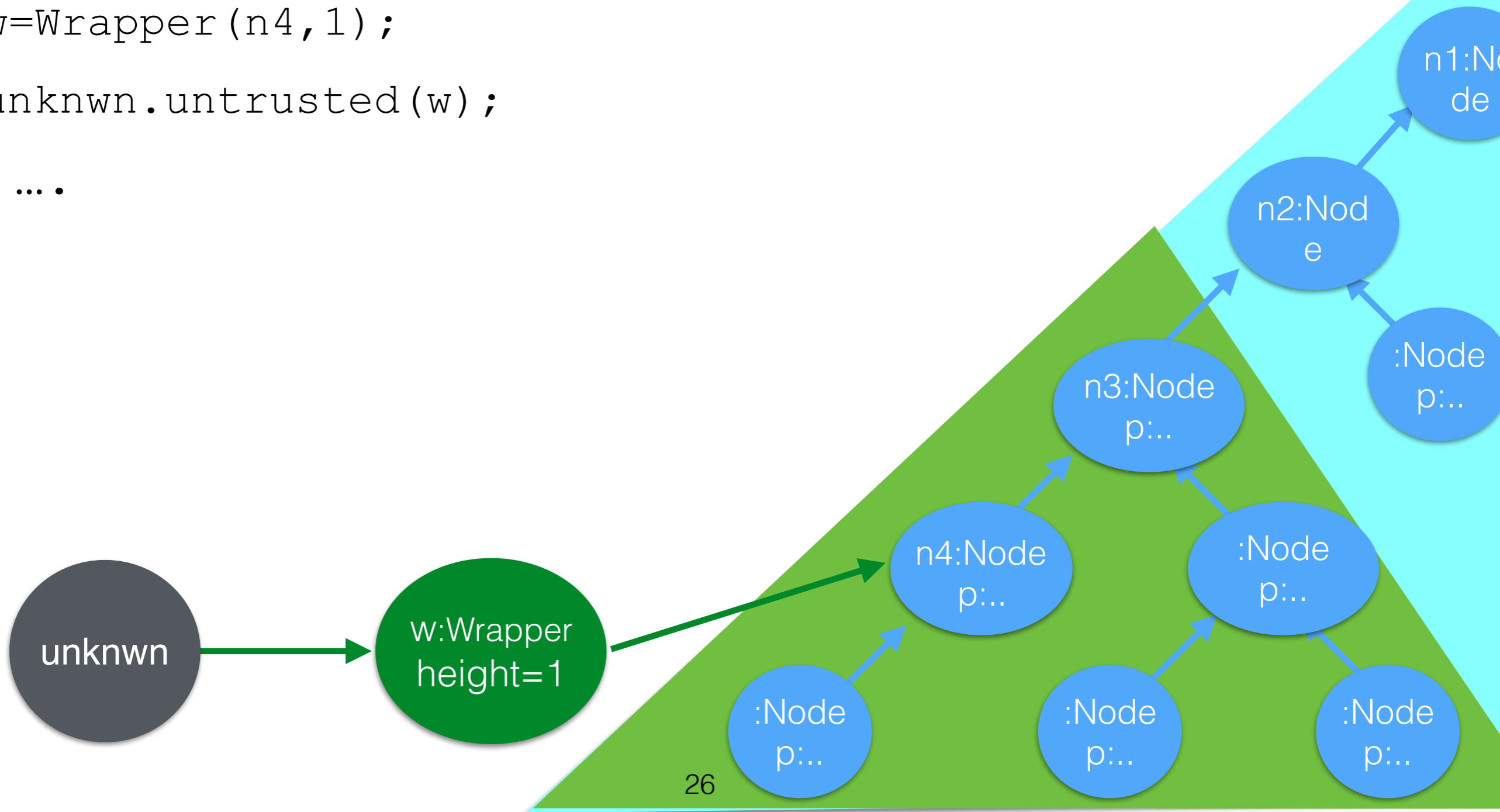
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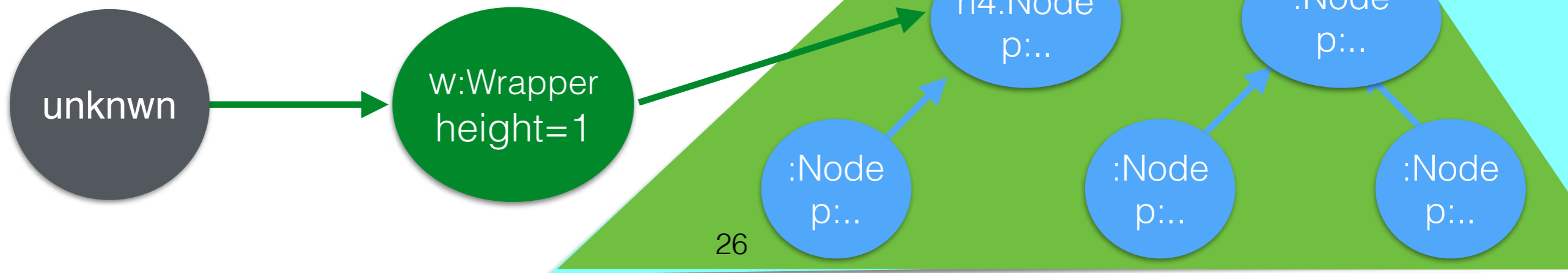
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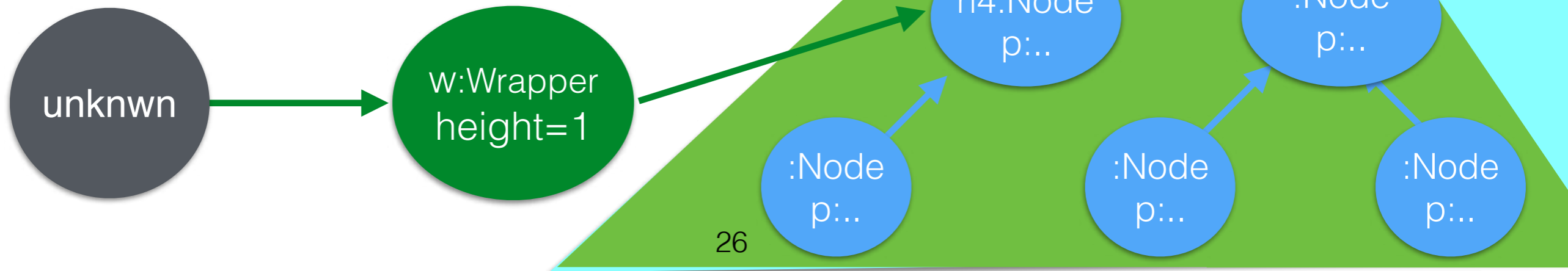
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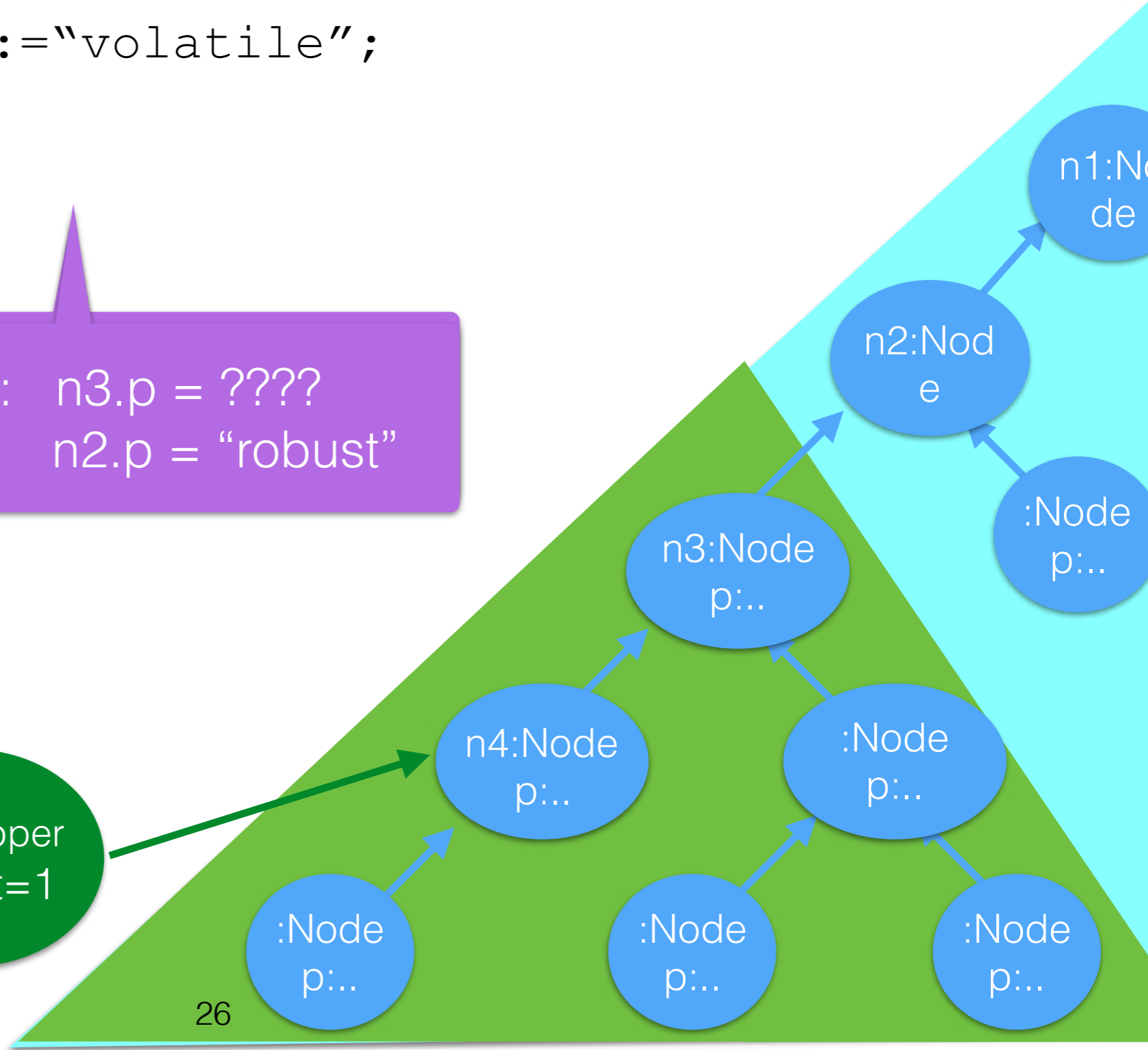
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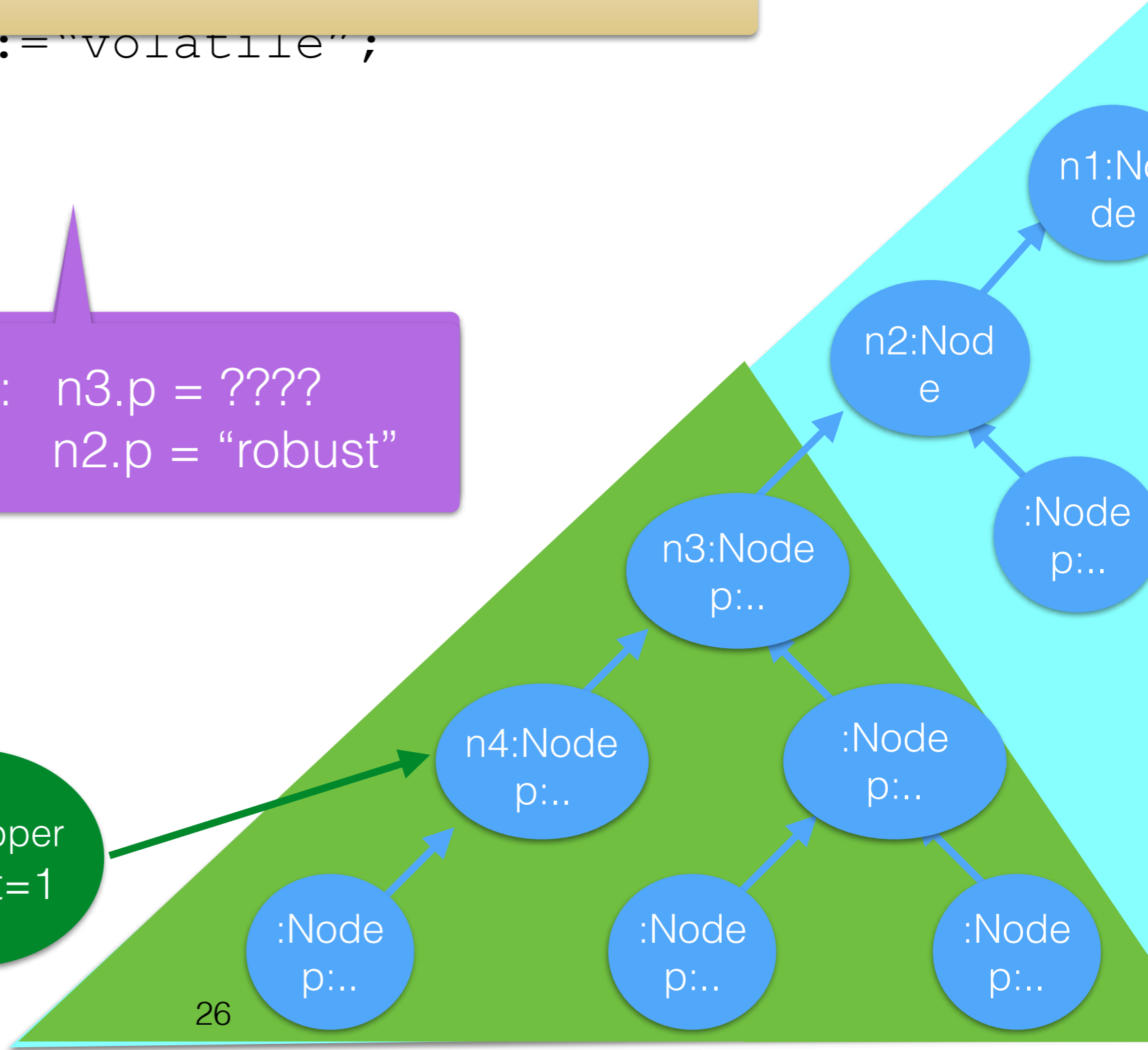
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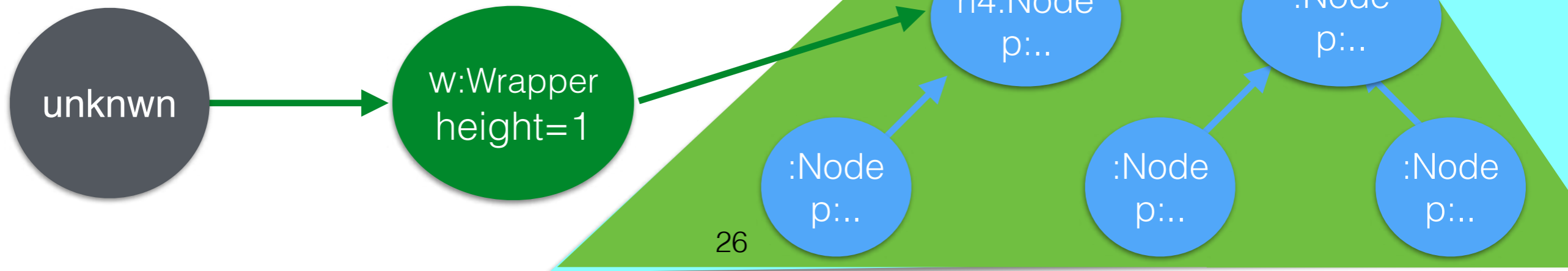
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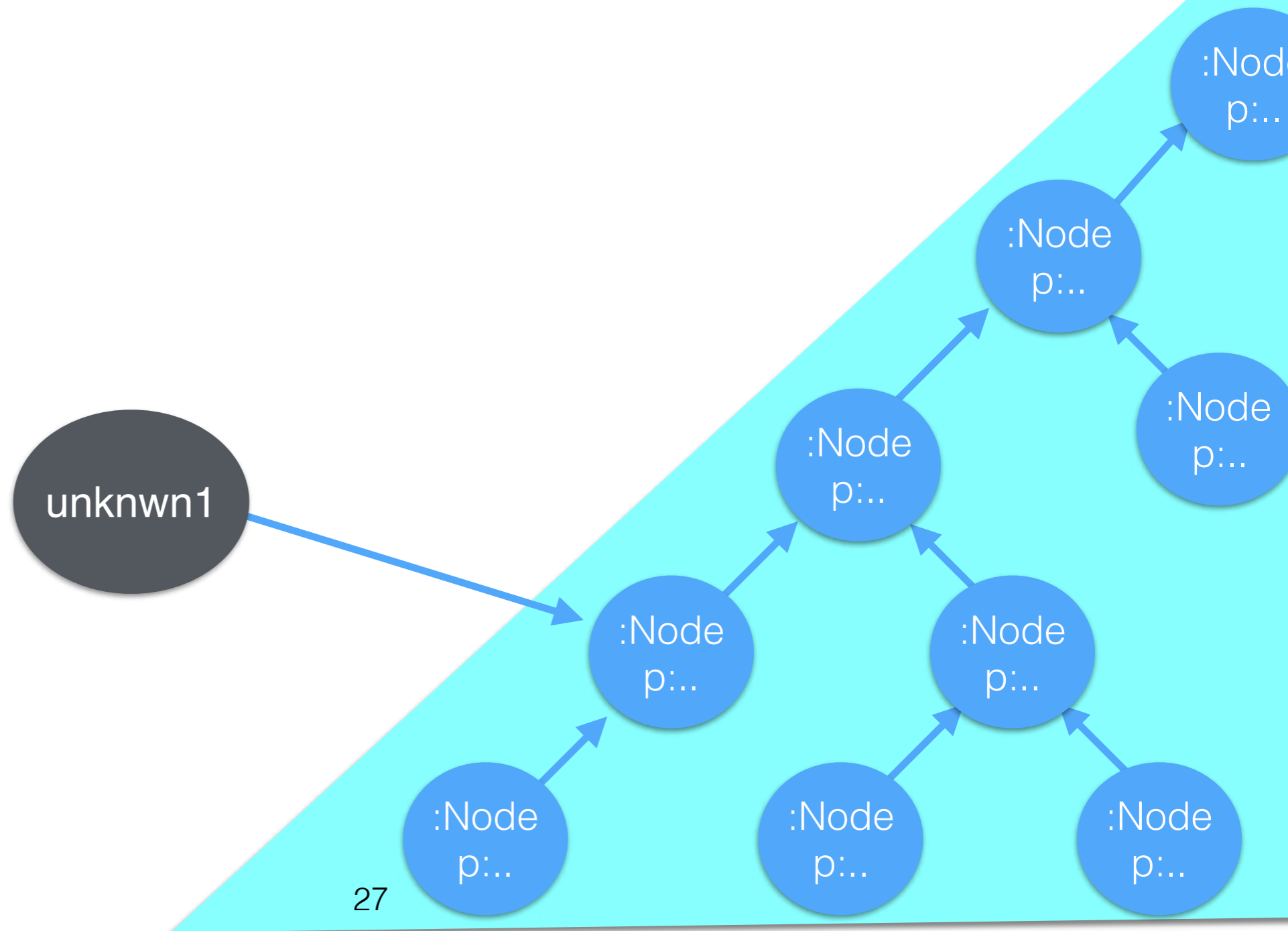
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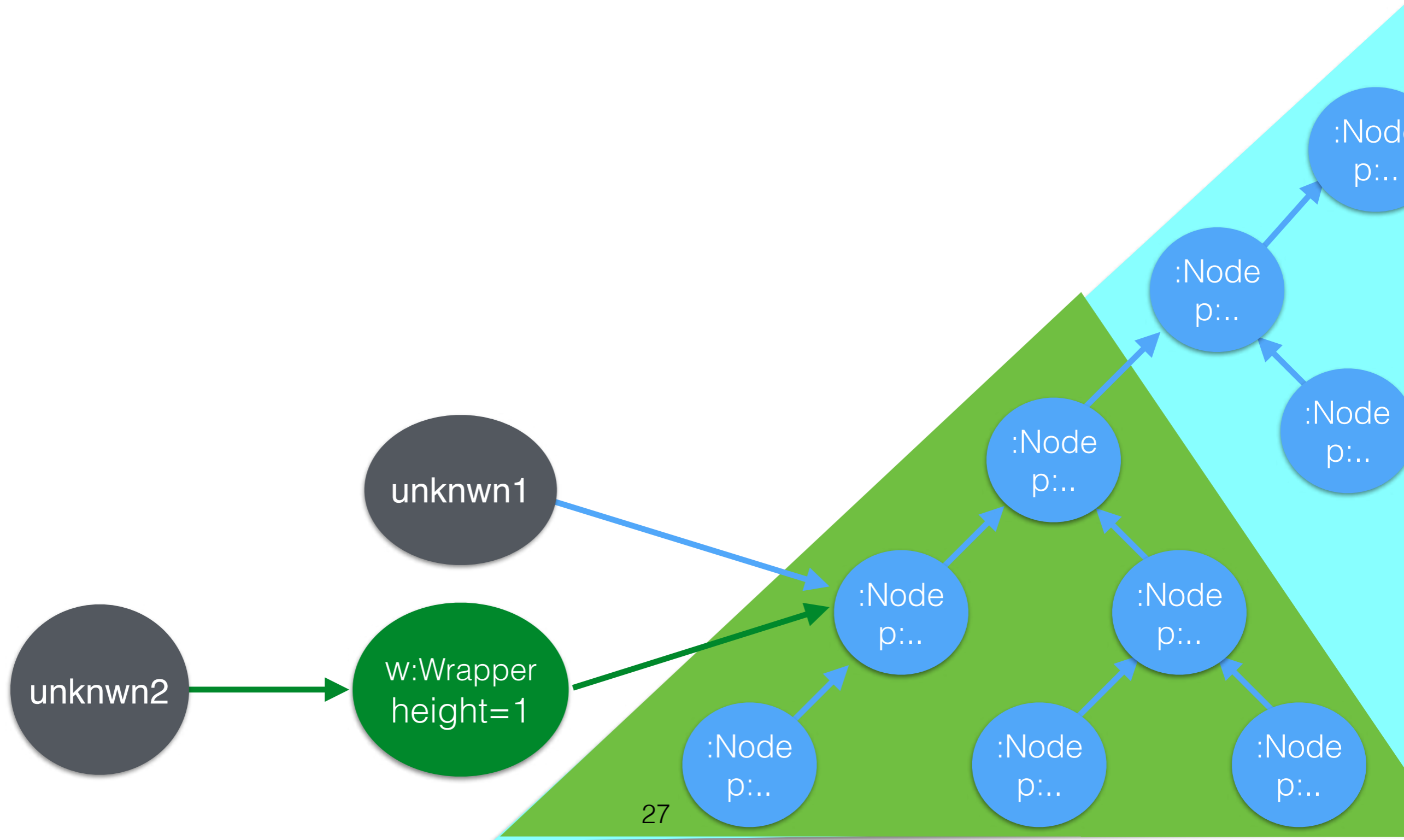
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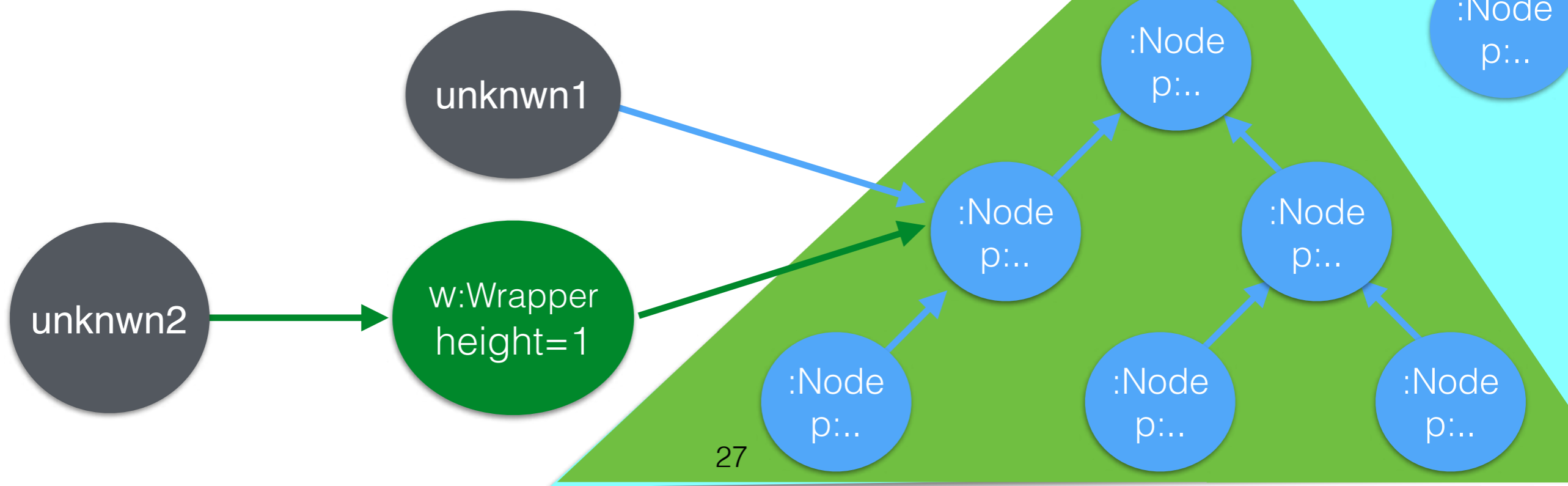
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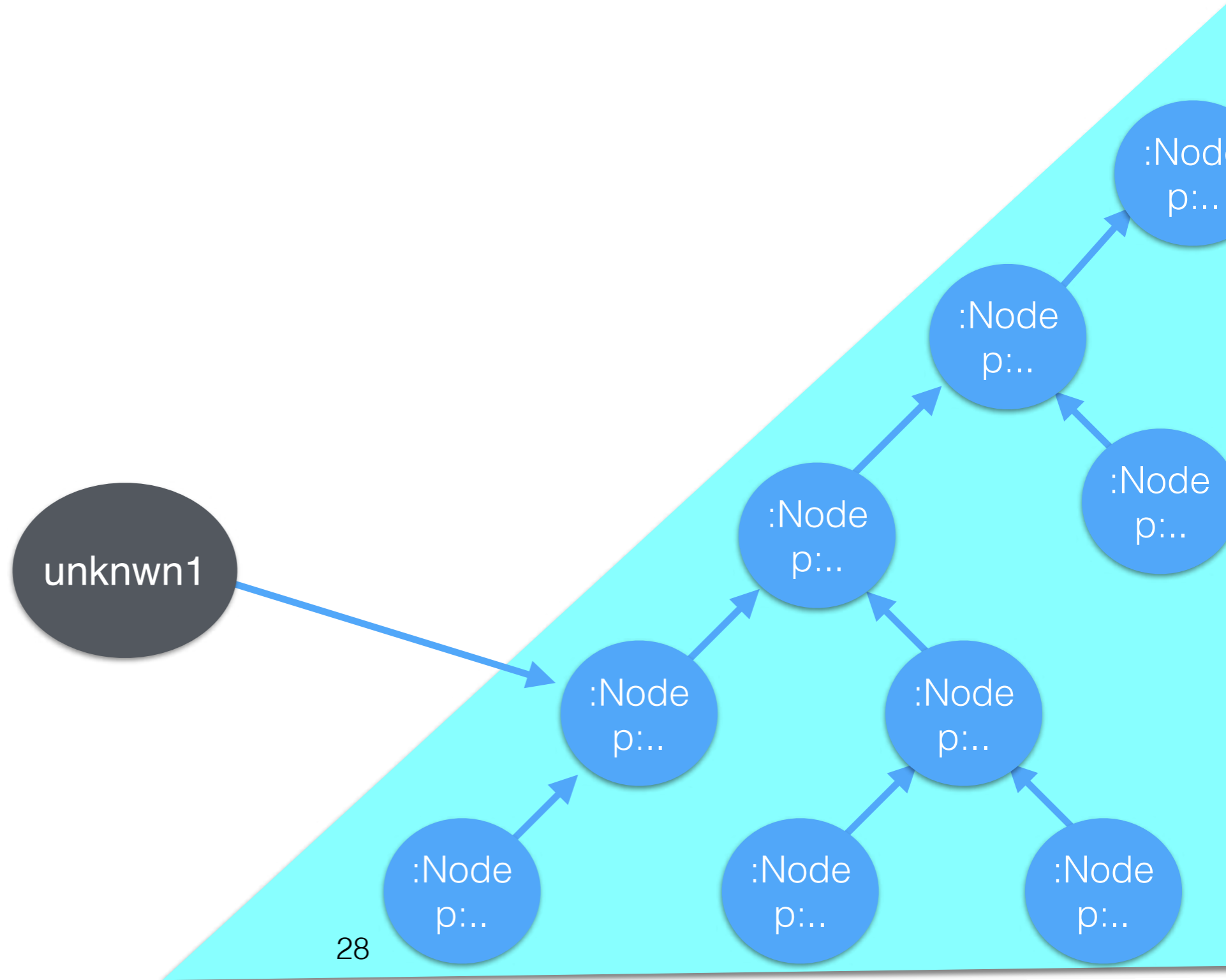
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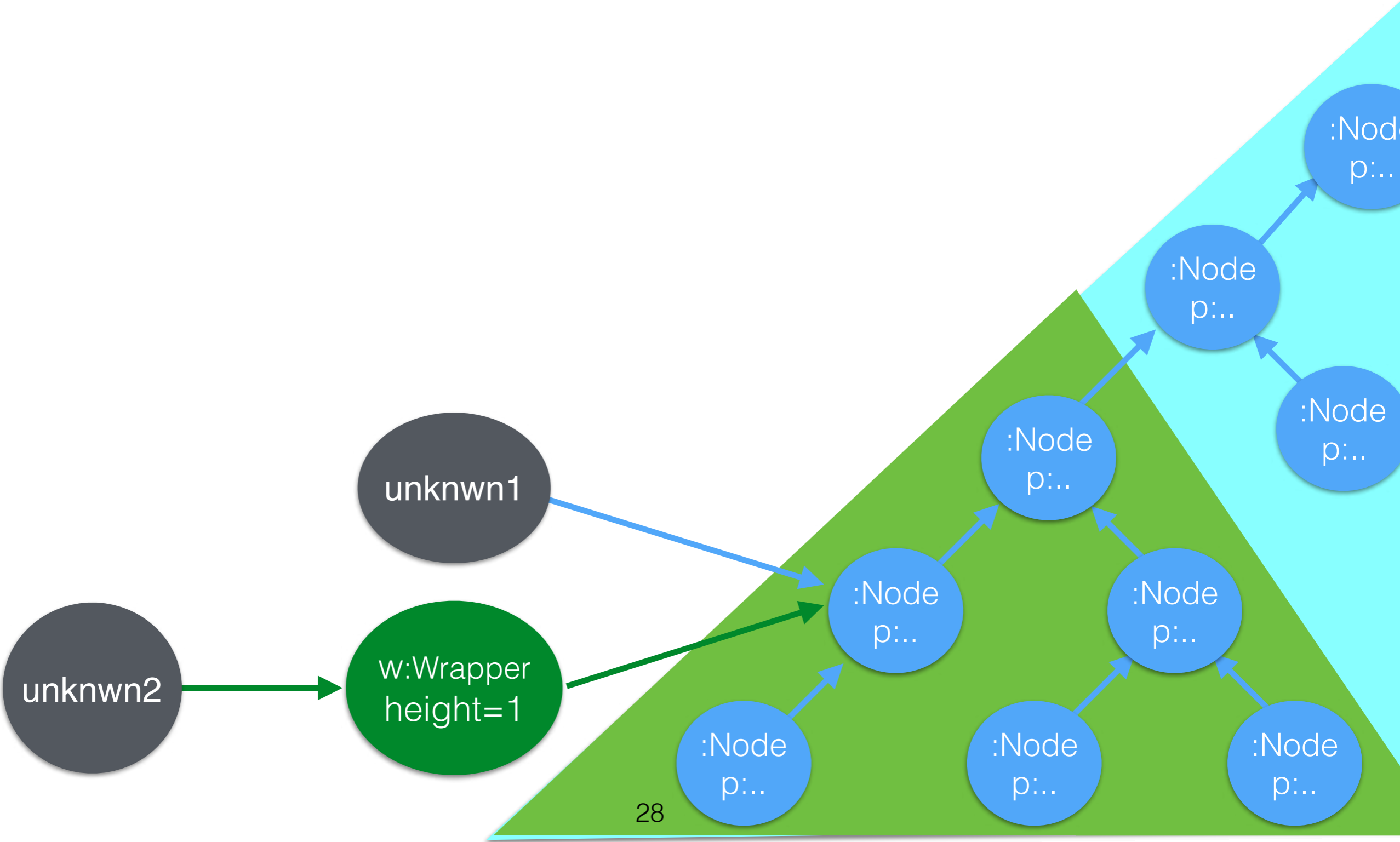
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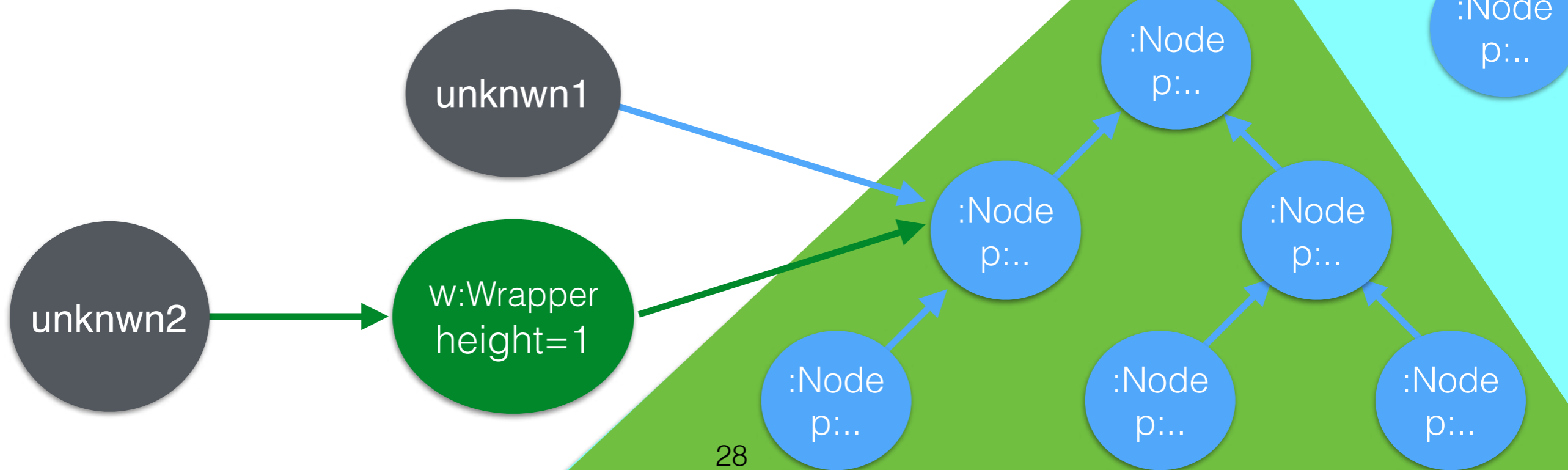
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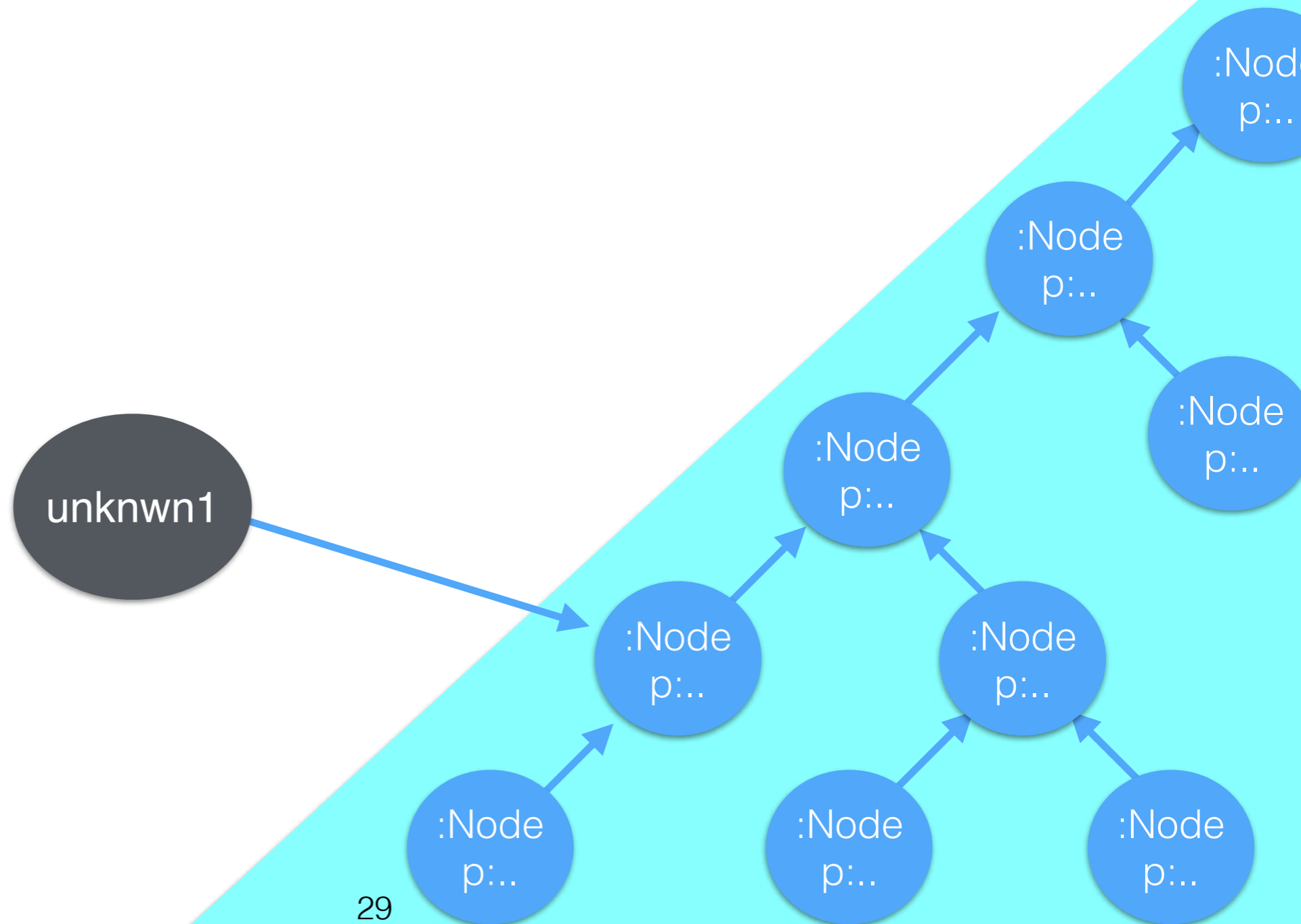
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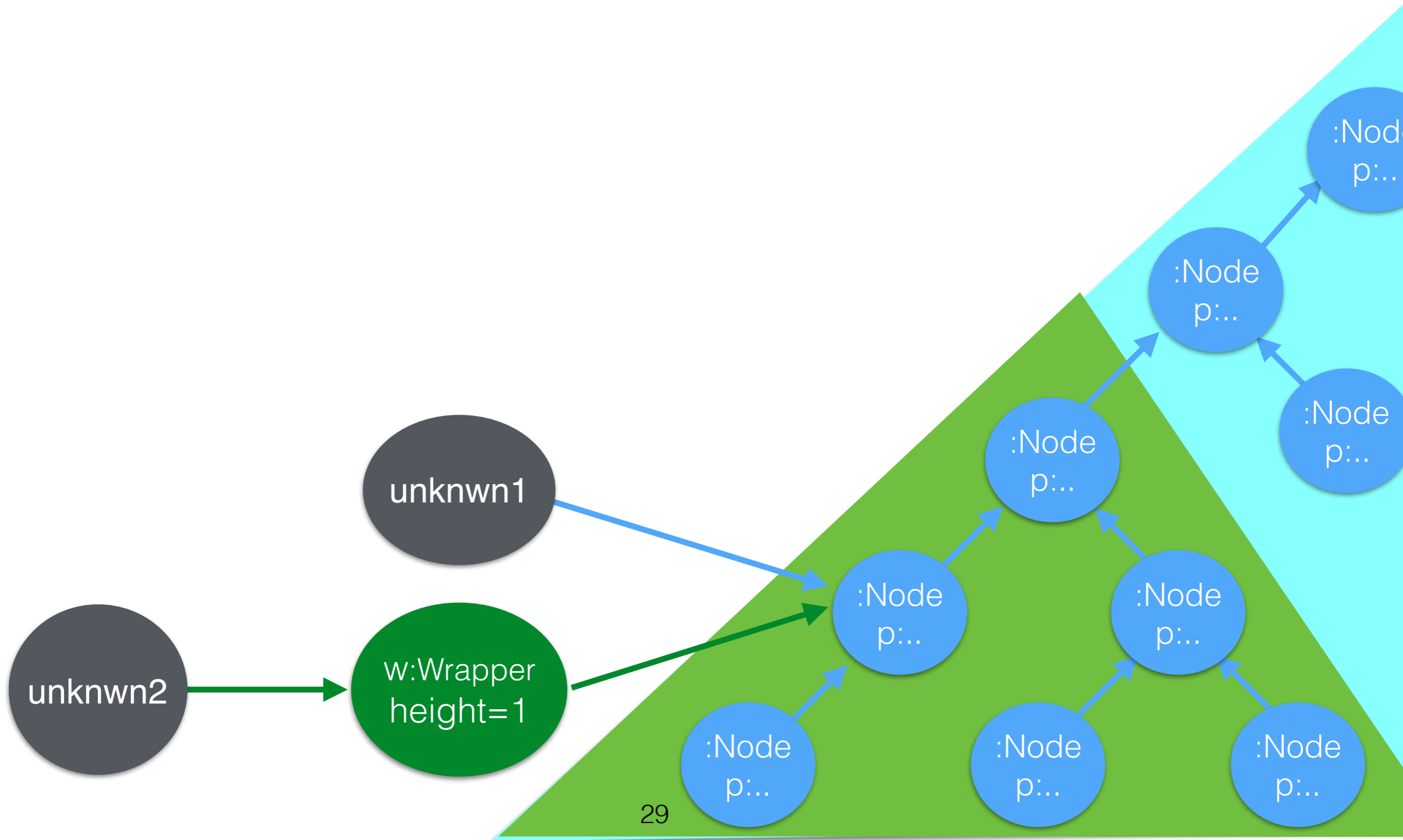
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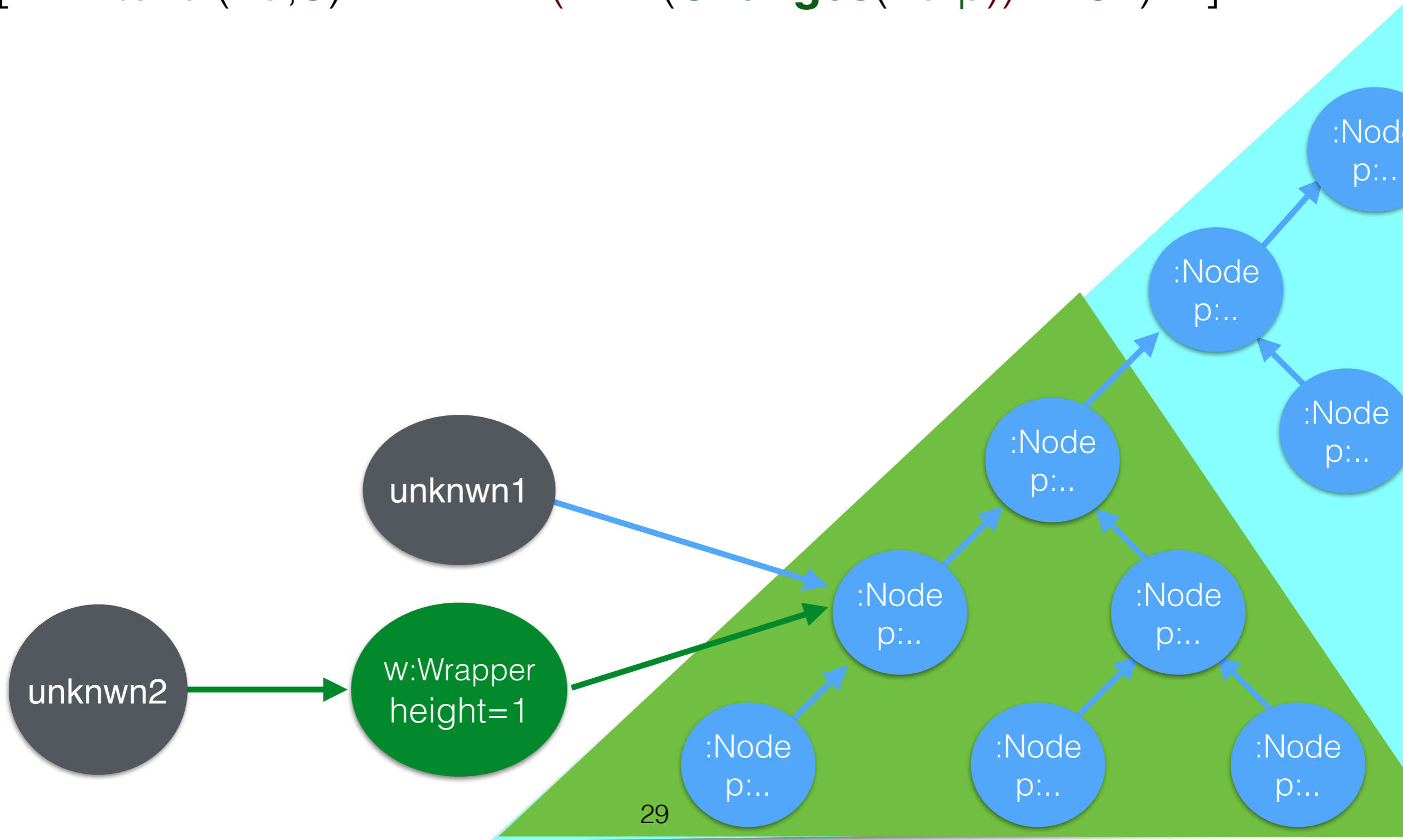
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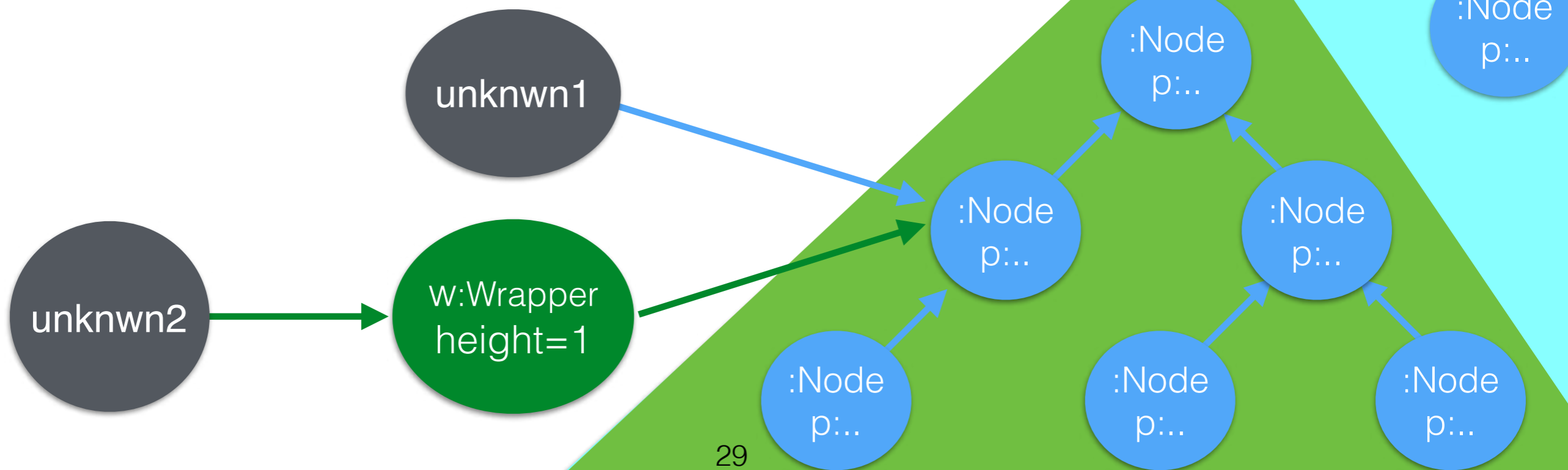


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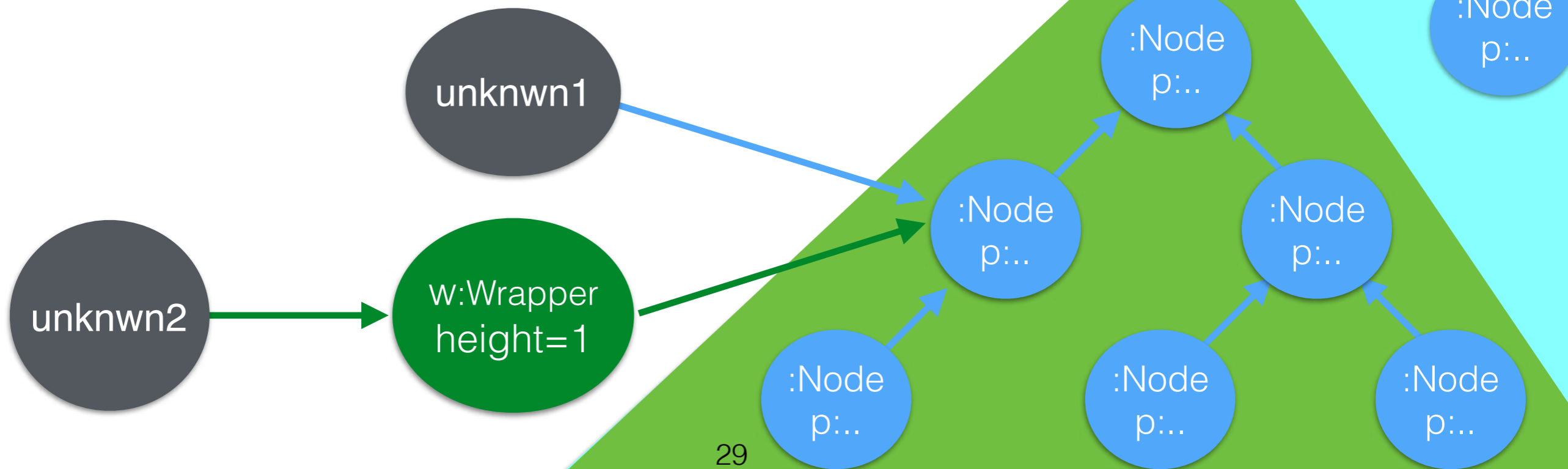
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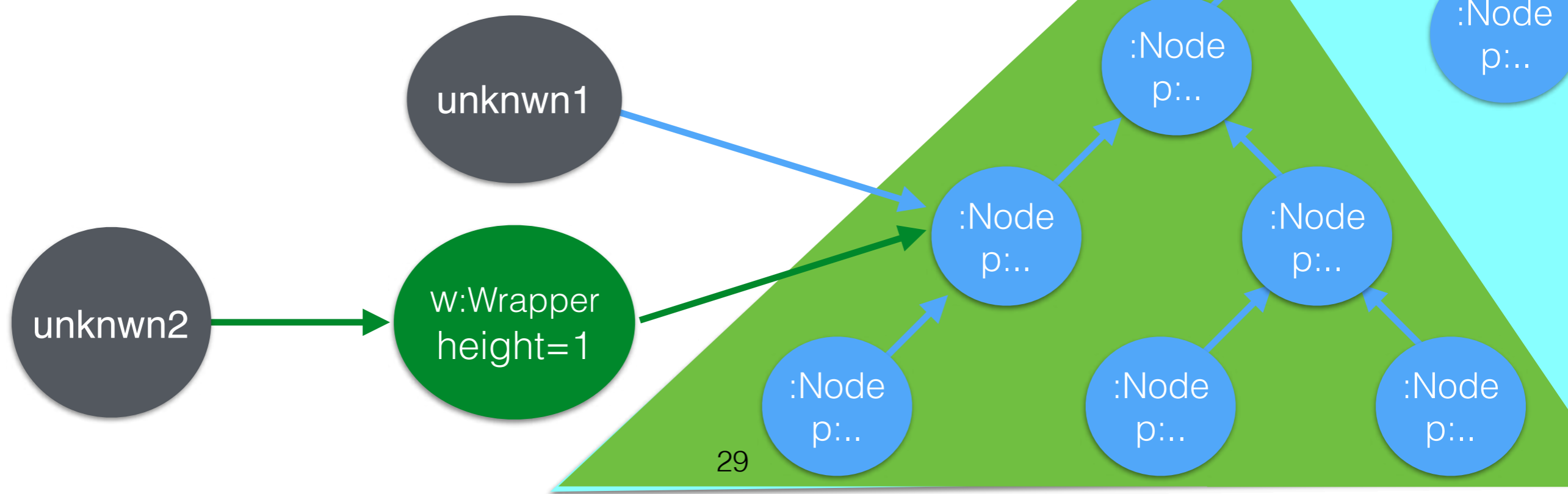
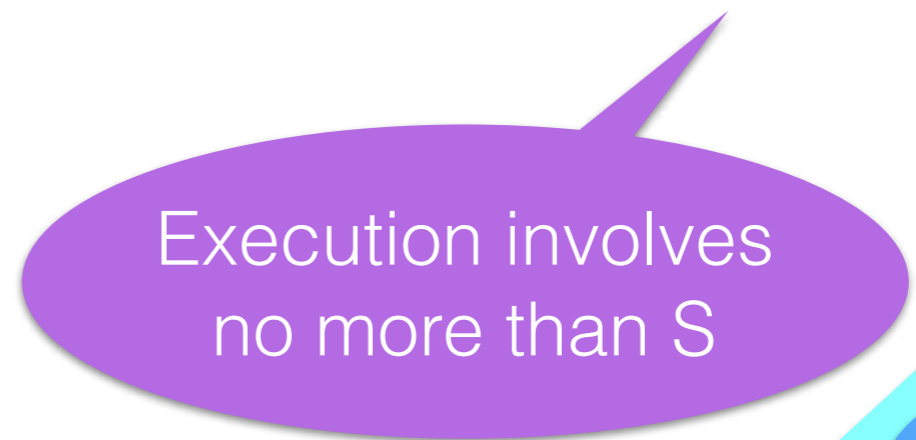
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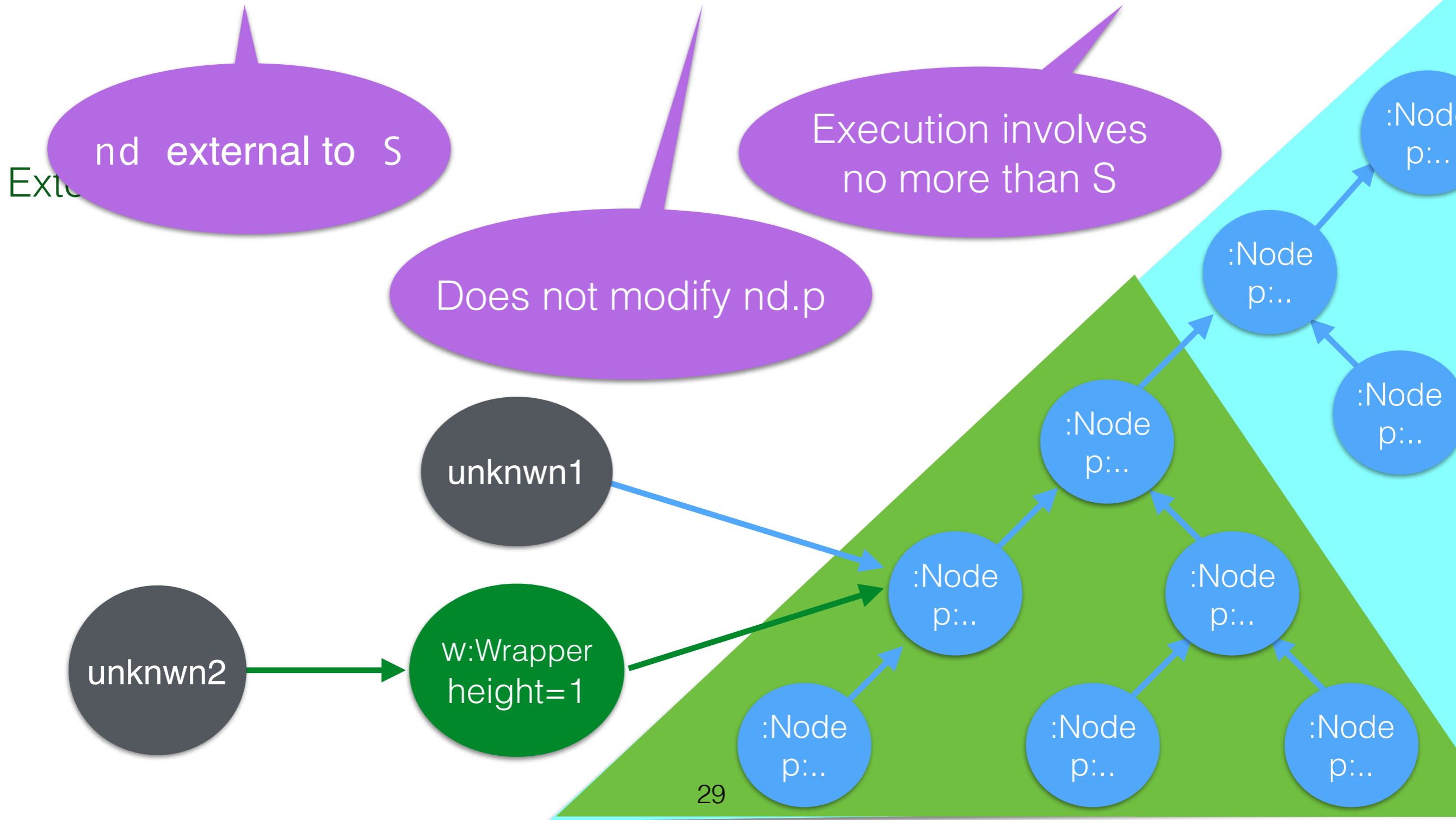
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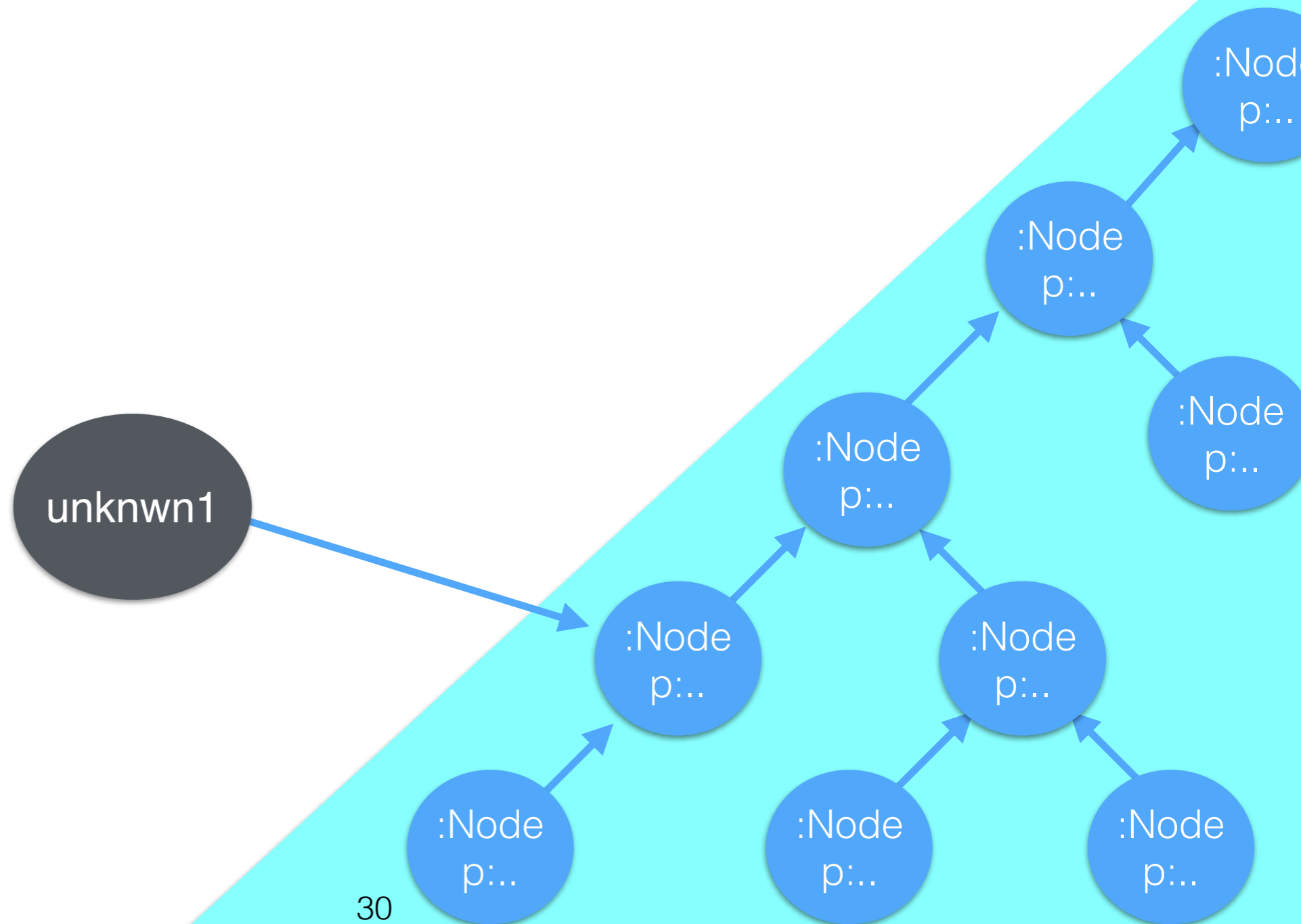
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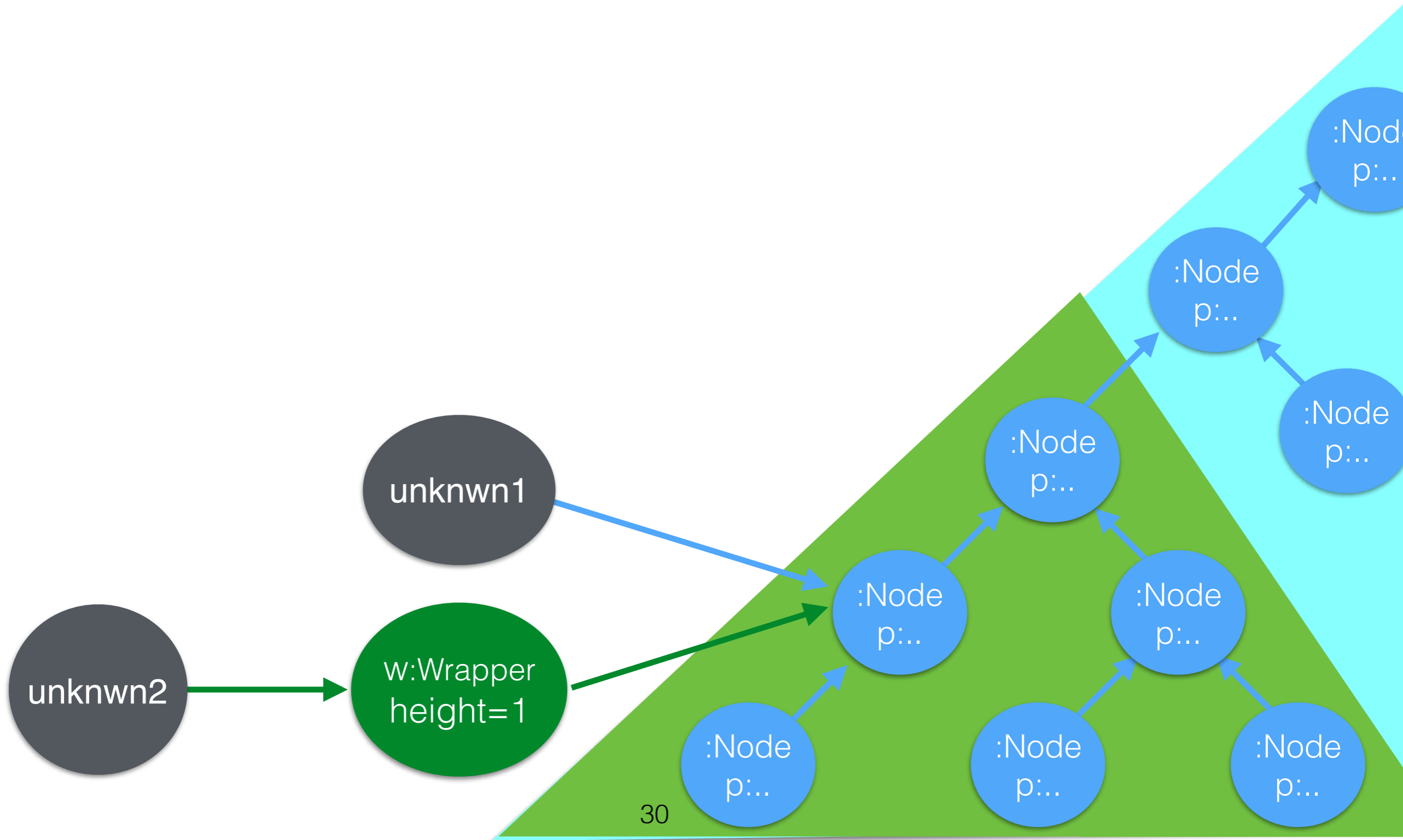
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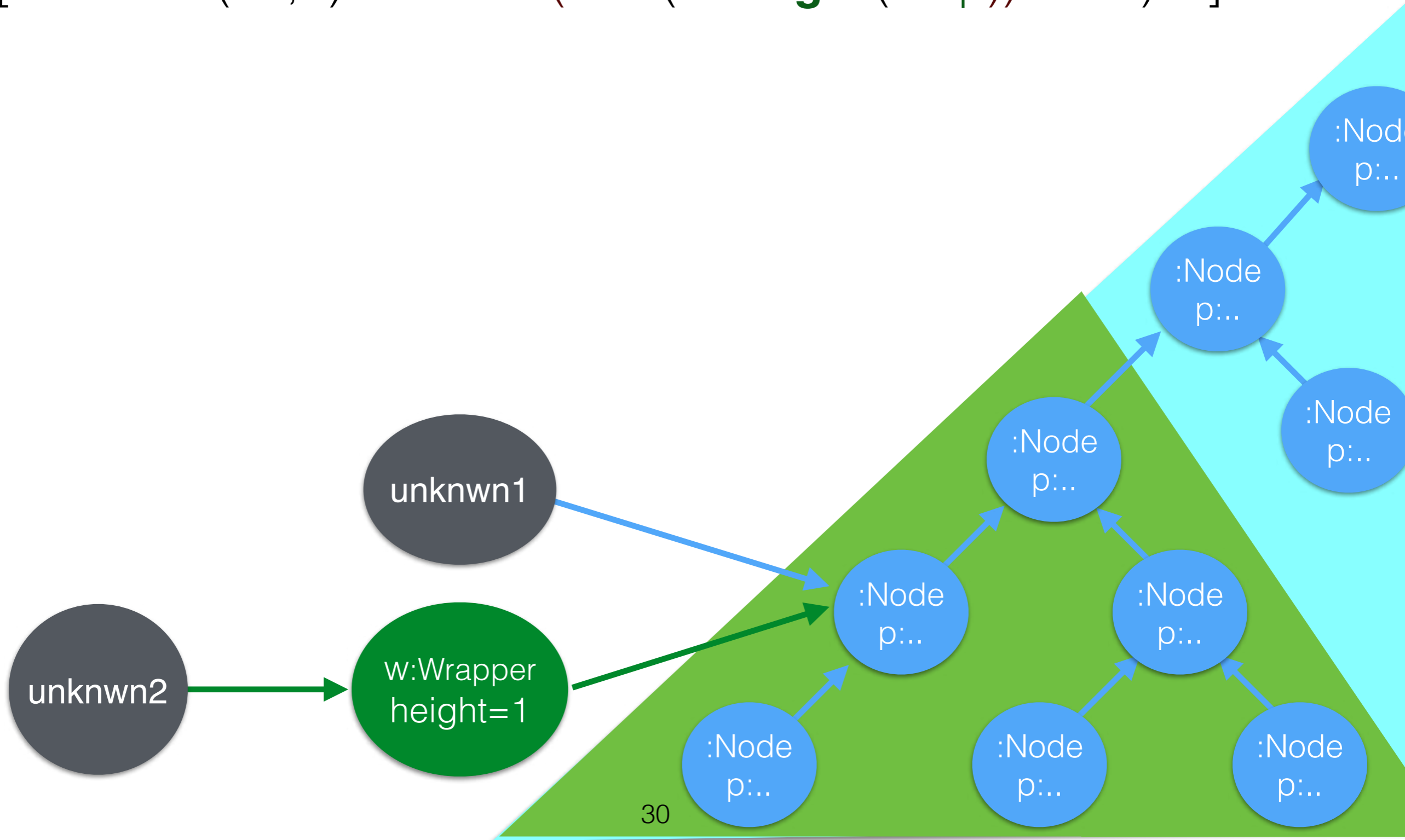
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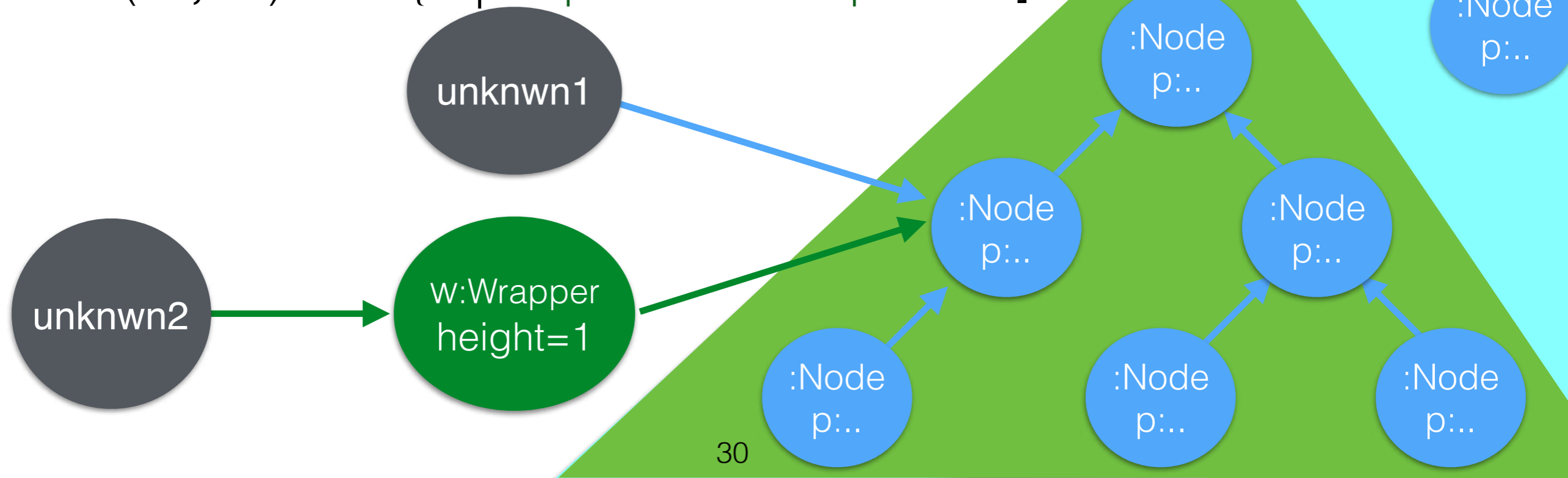
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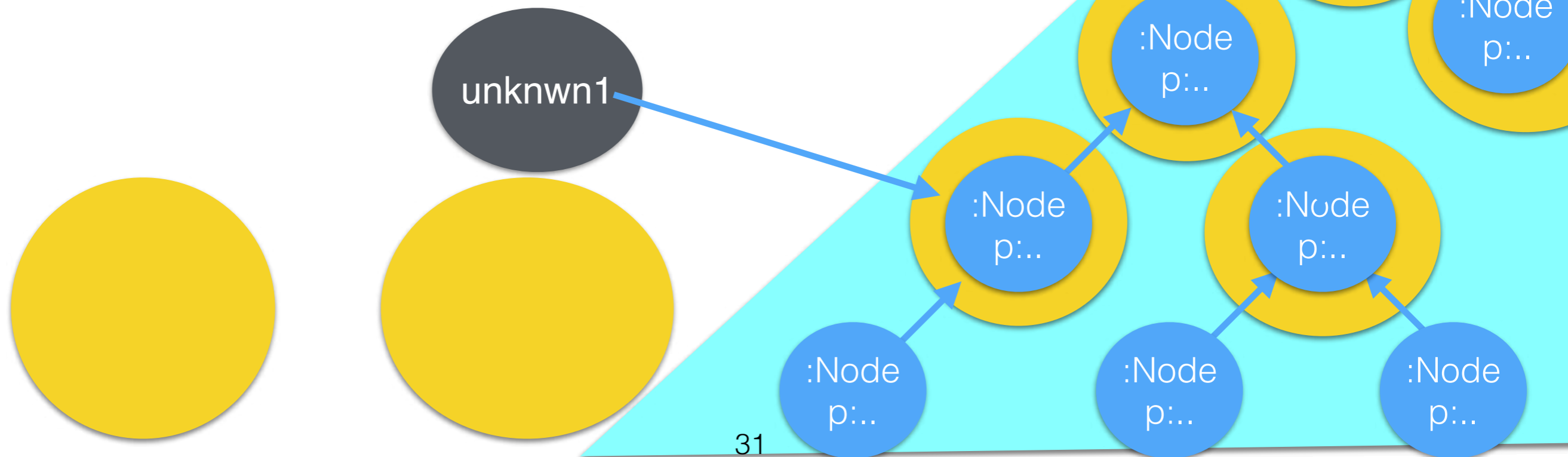


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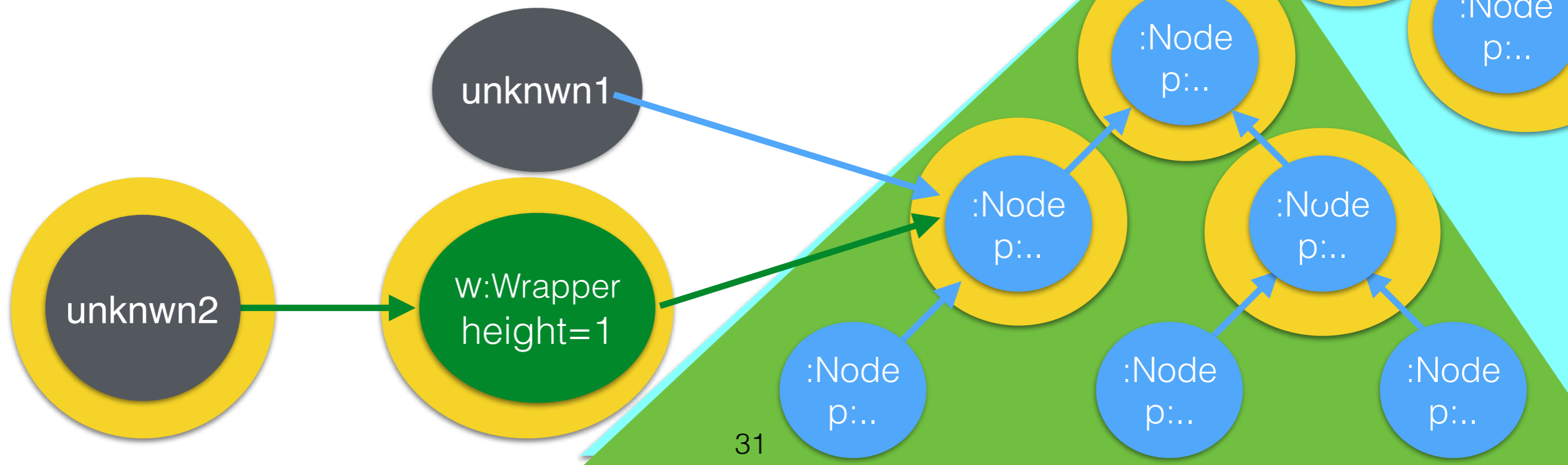


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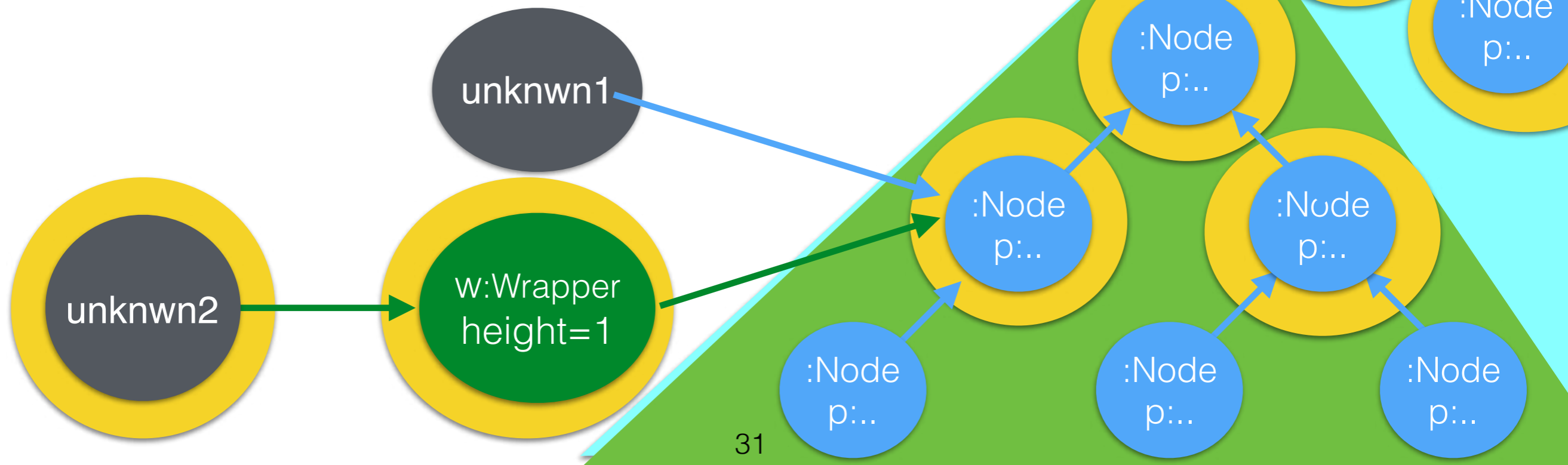
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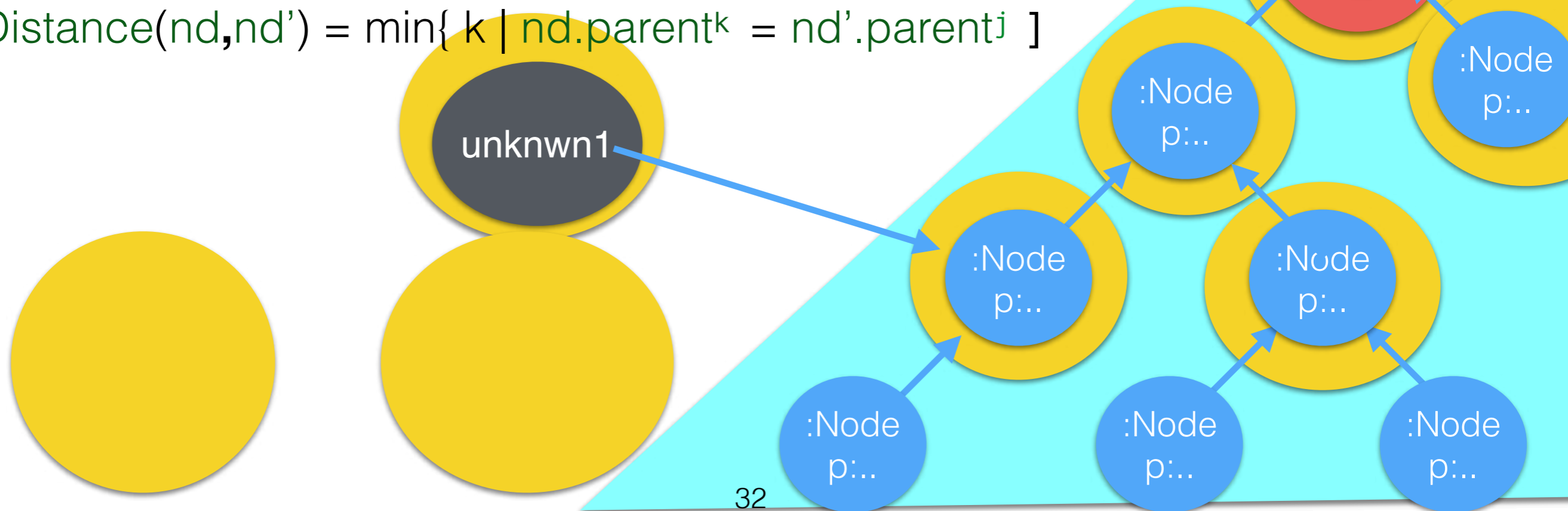


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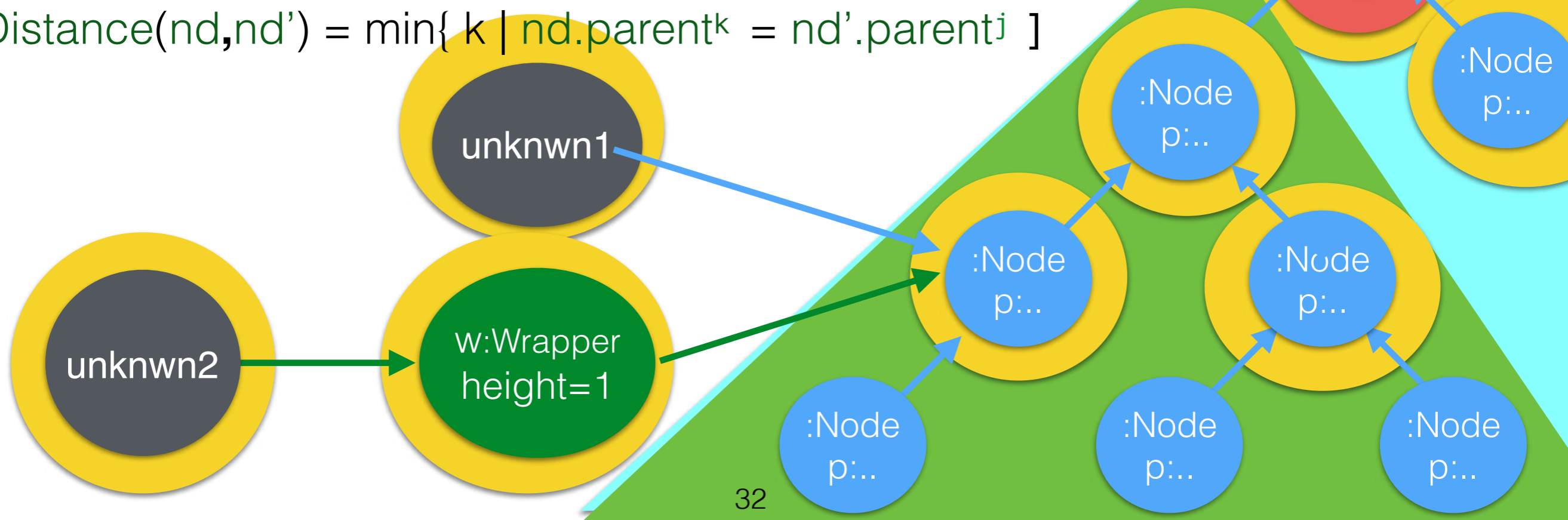


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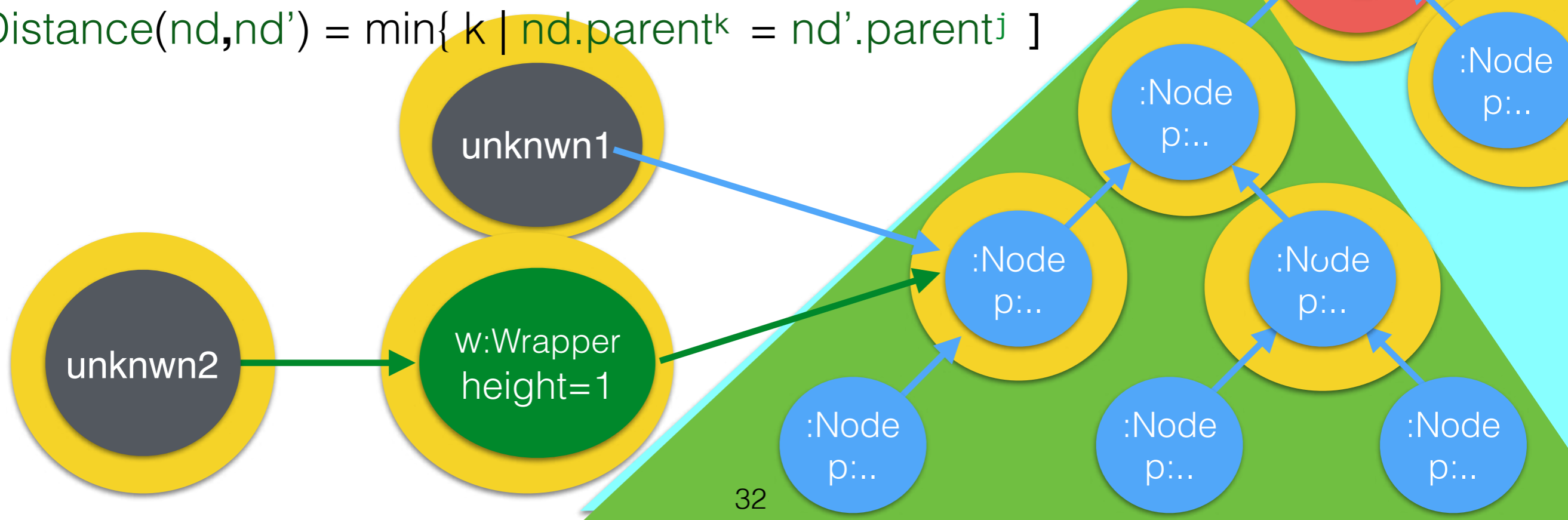
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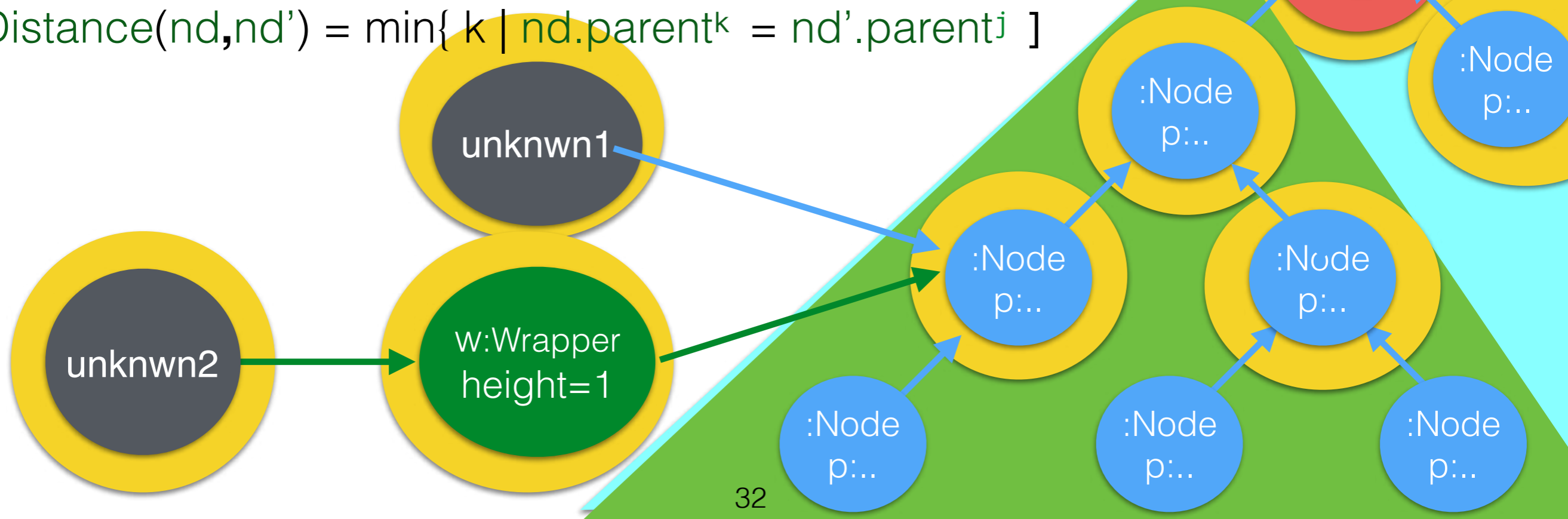
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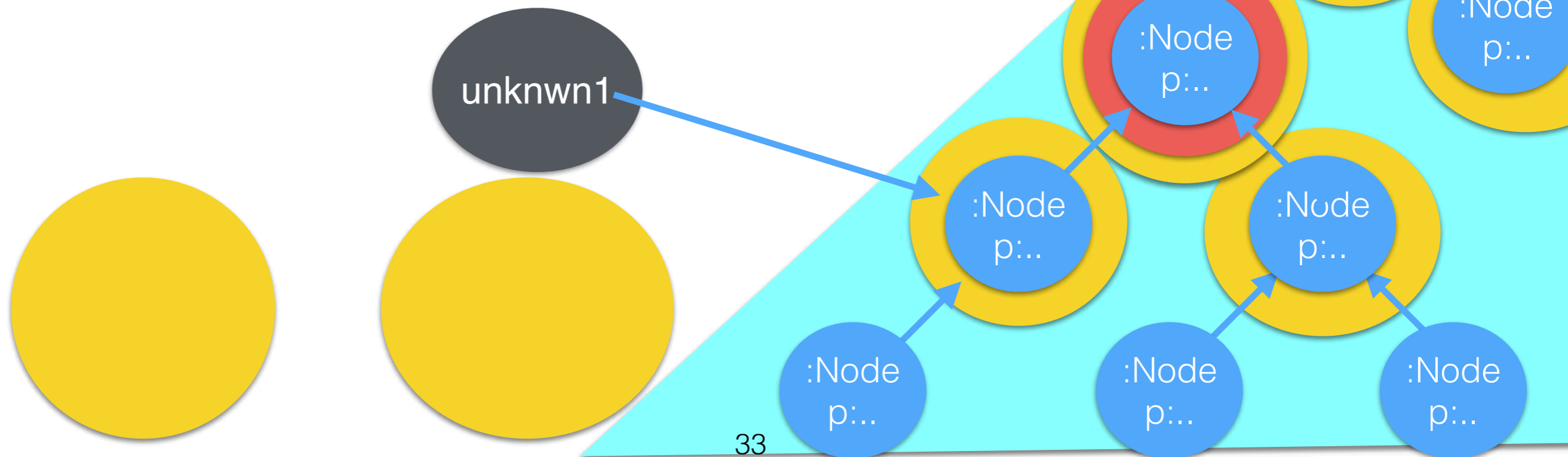


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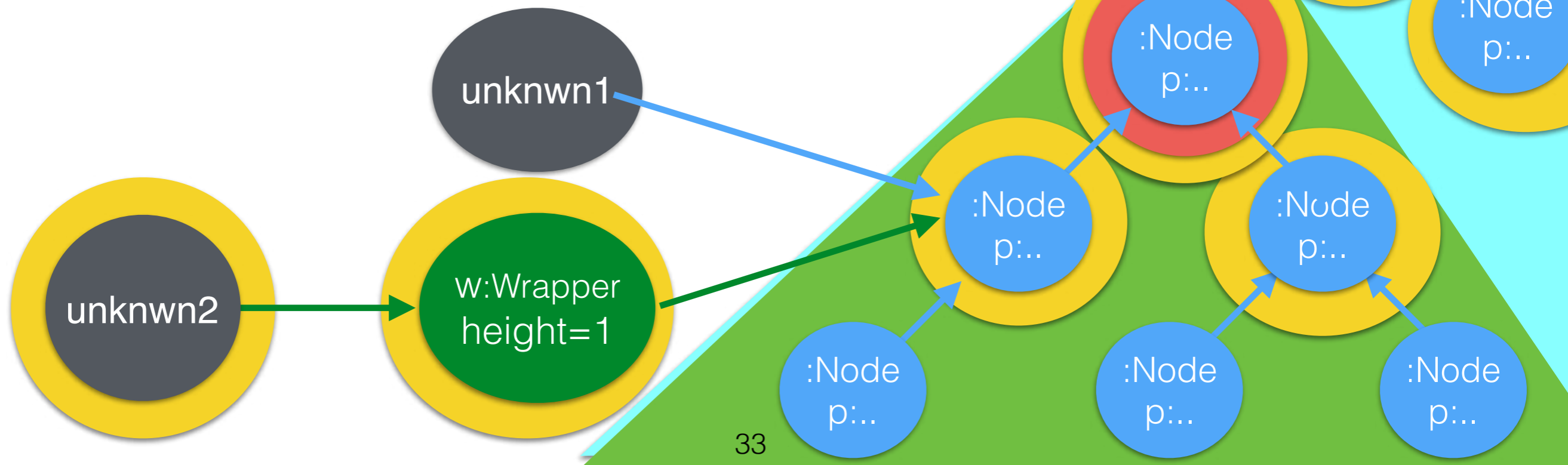


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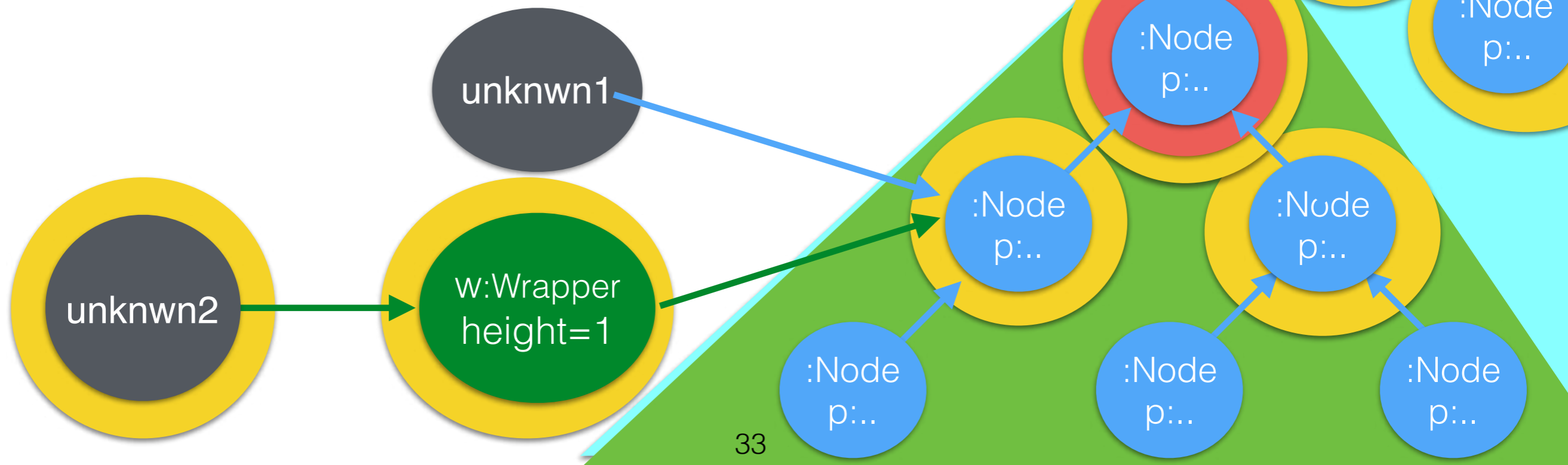
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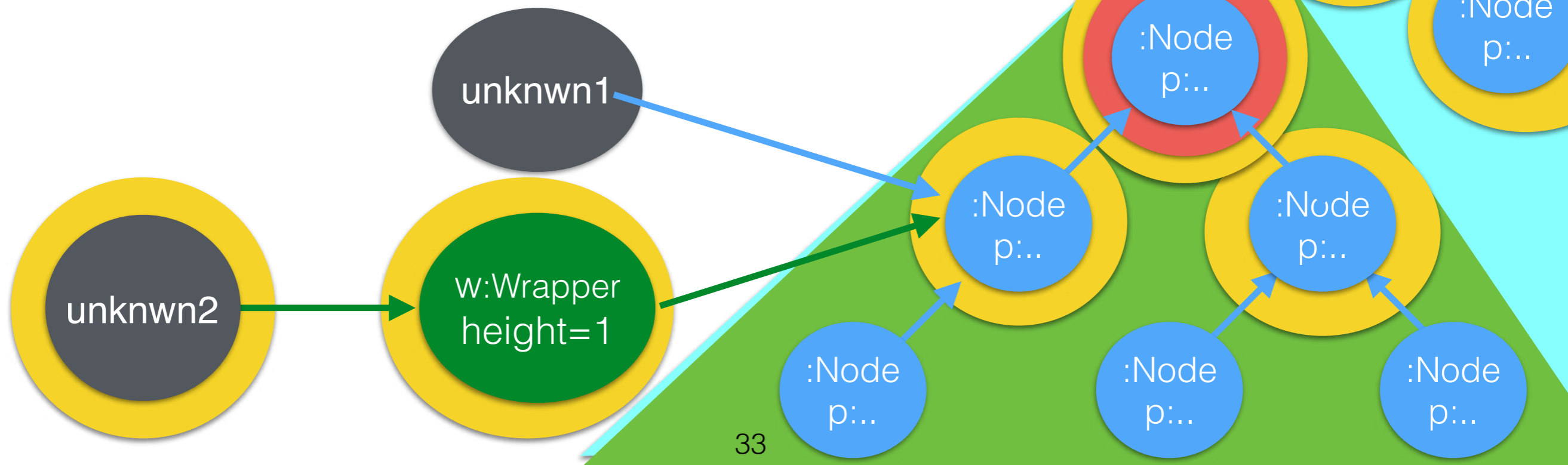
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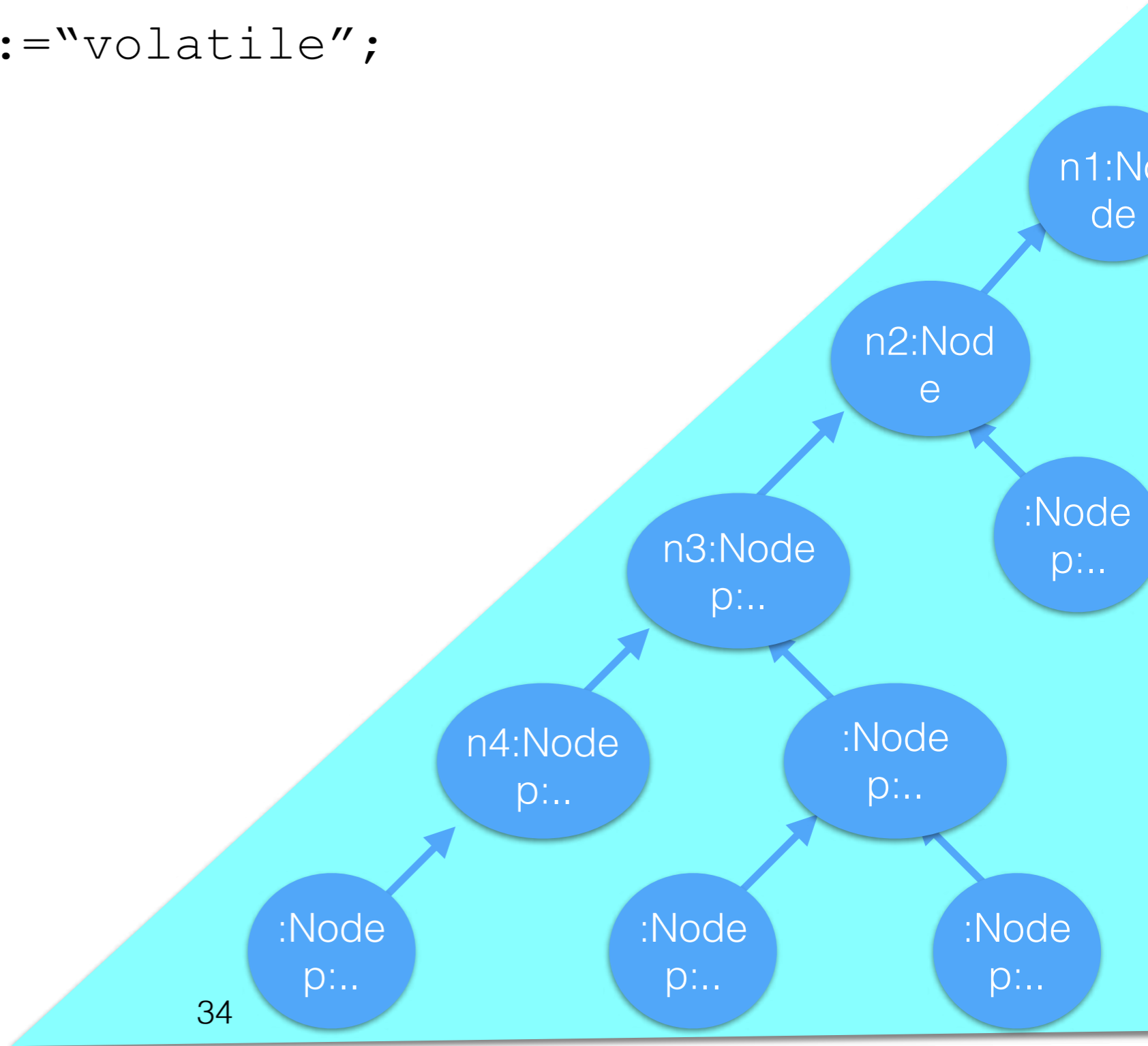
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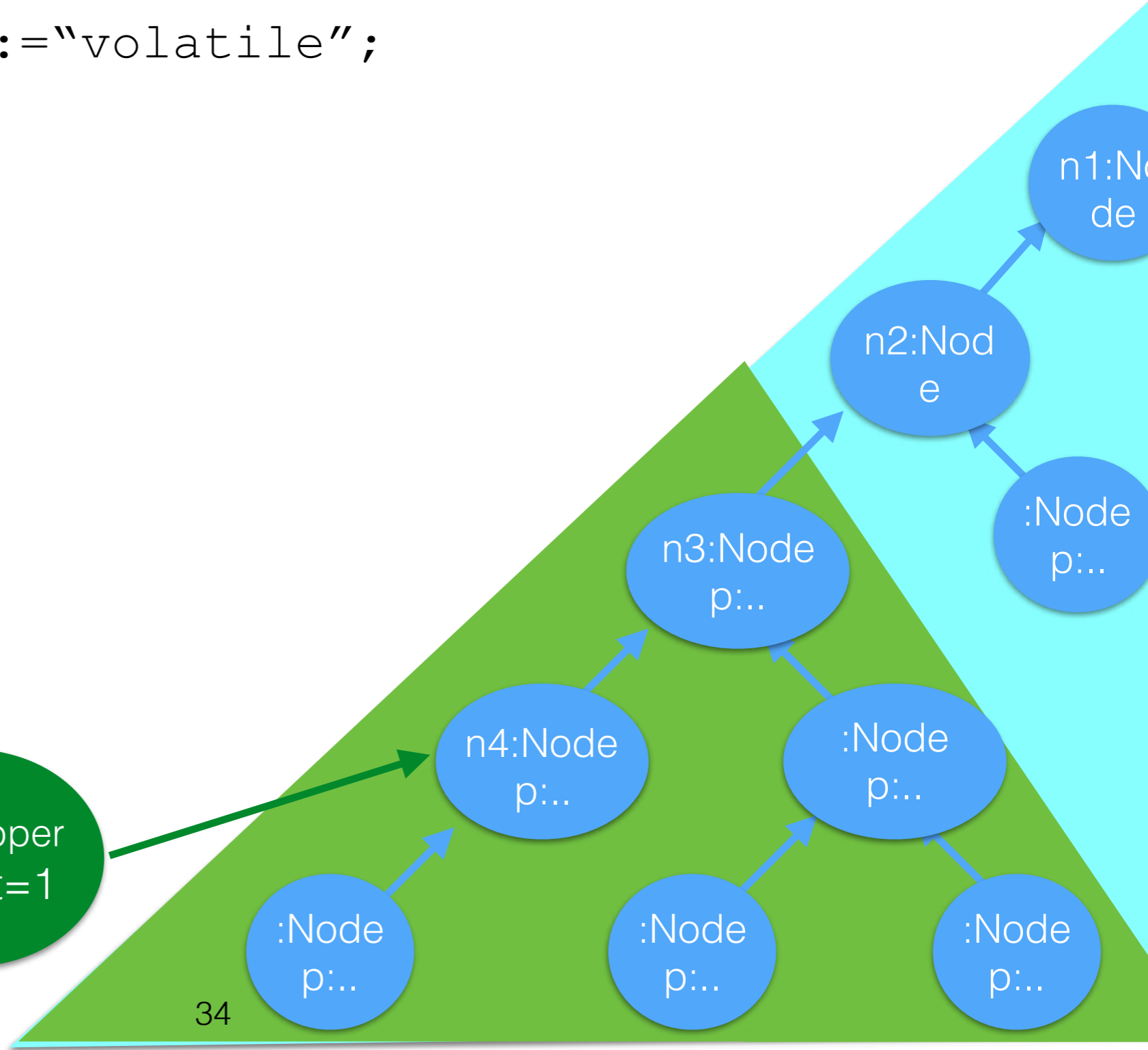
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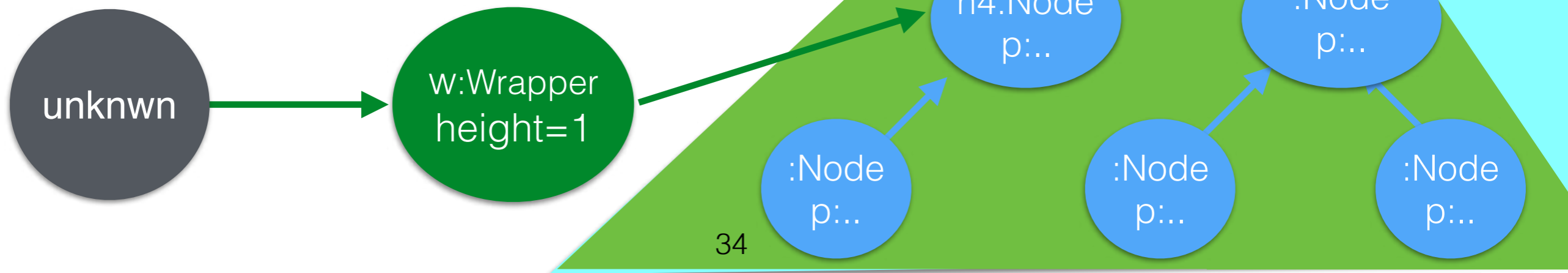
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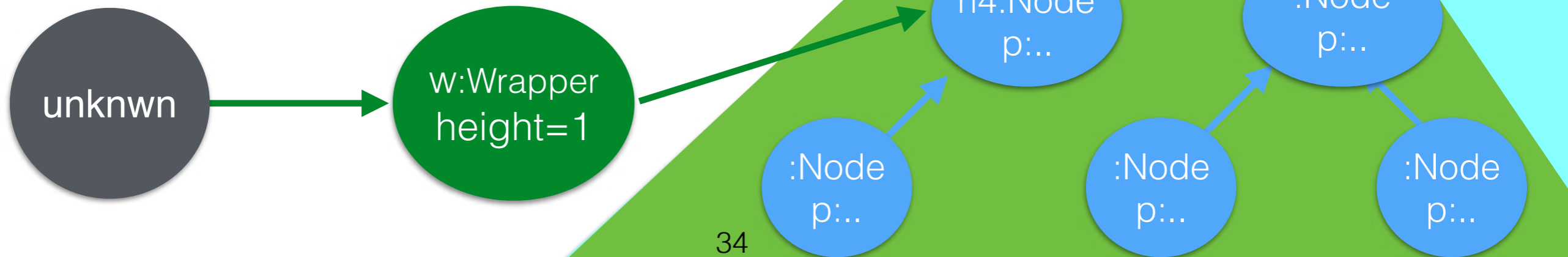
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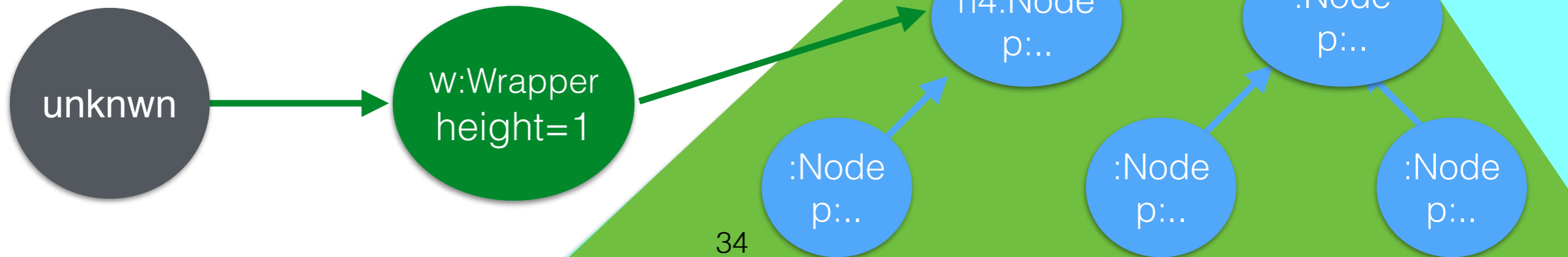


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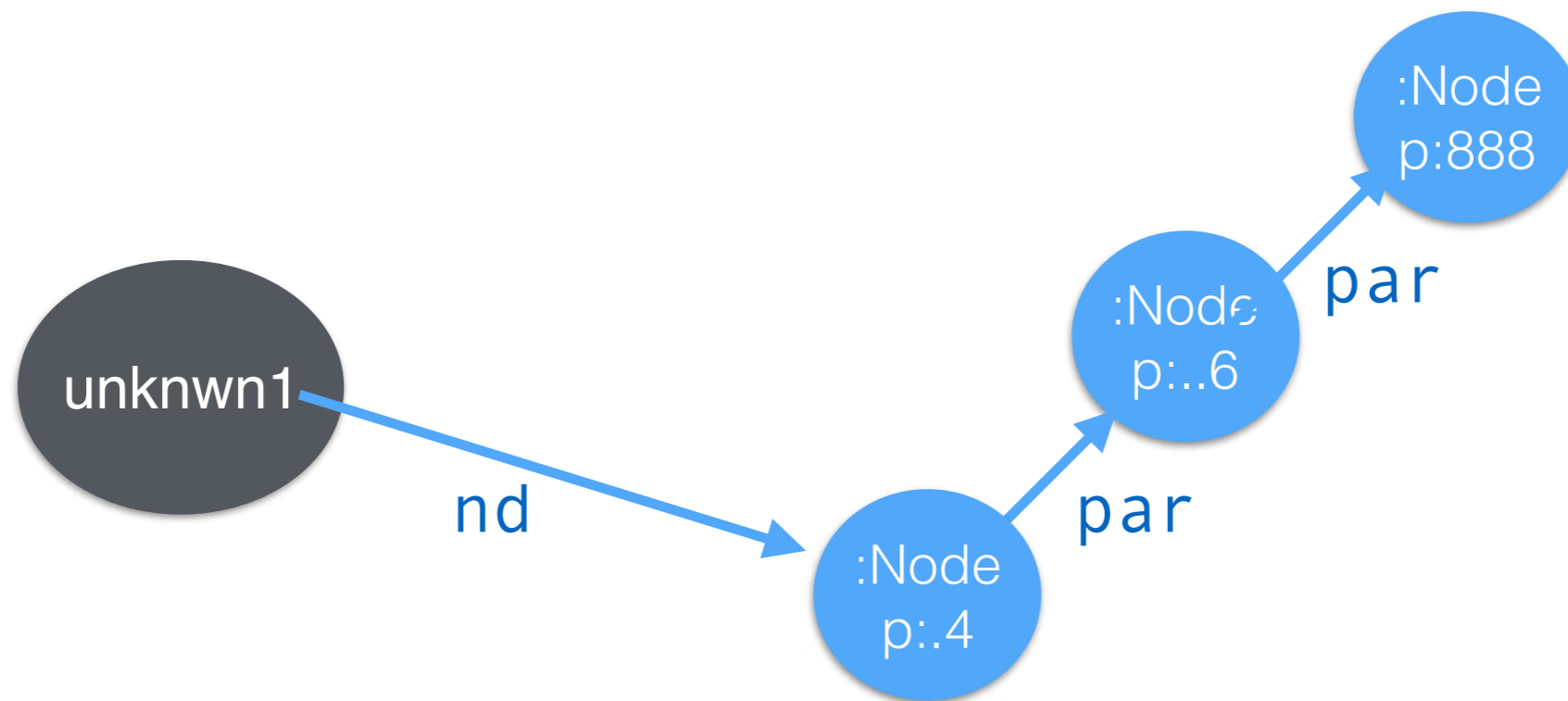
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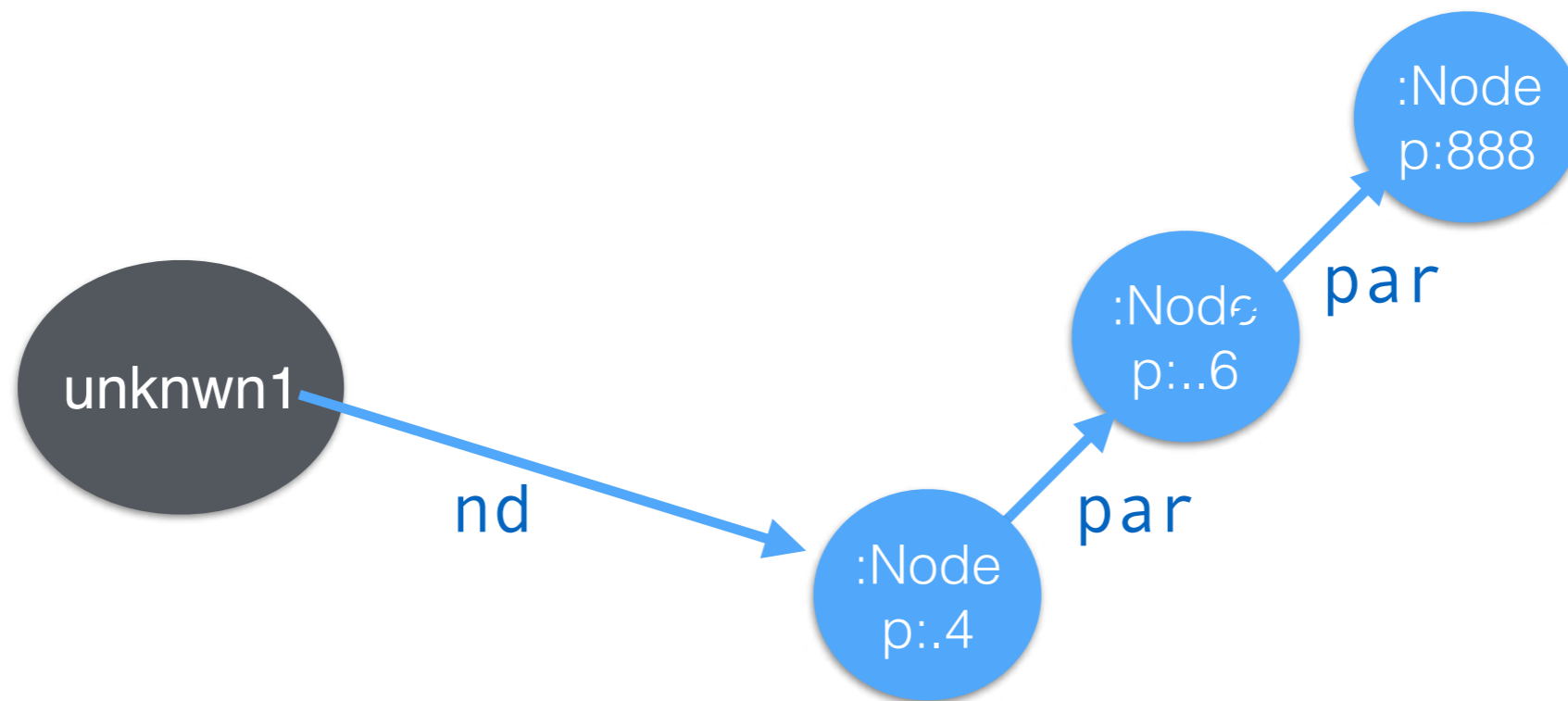
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- 2) The stack consists of just one frame, where **this** points to that object.

The code can be arbitrary

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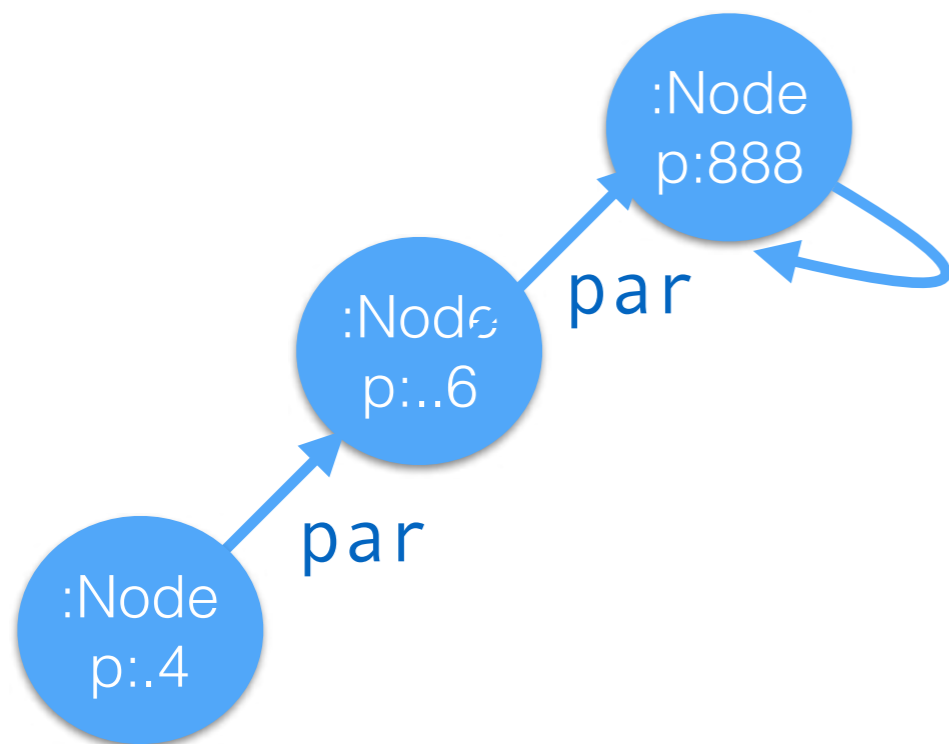
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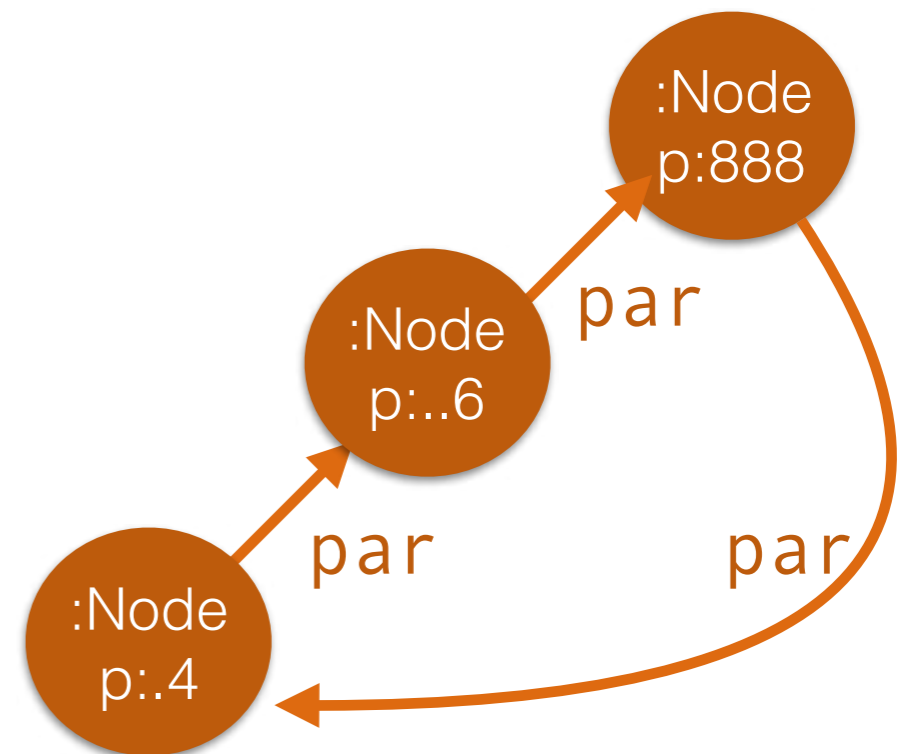
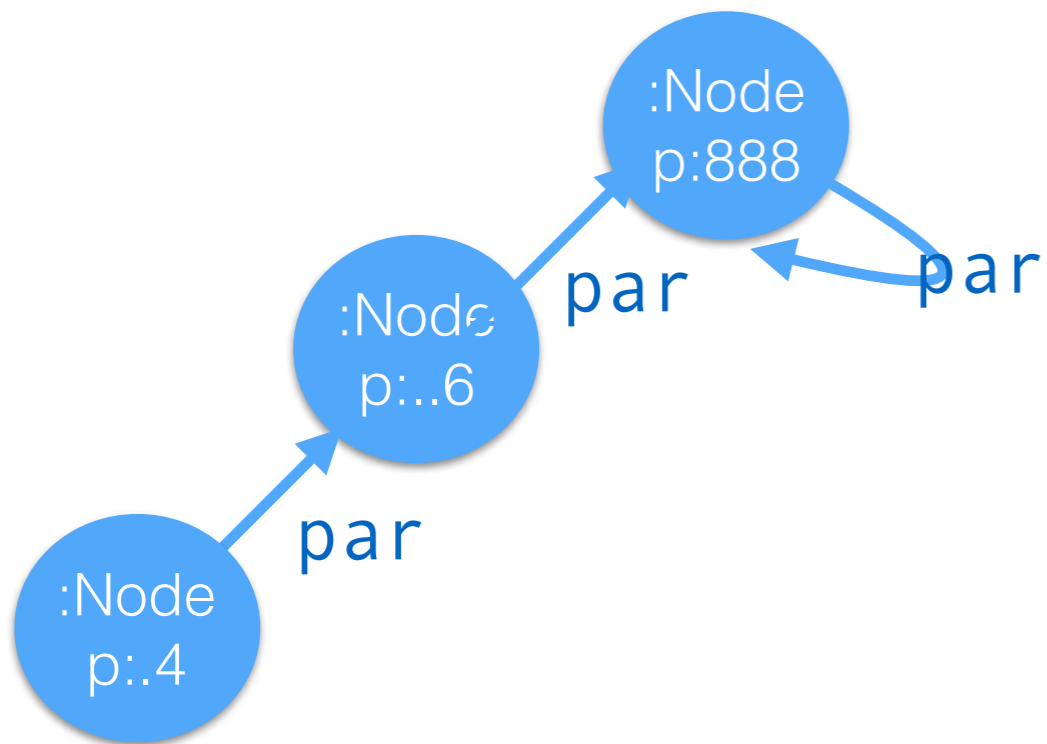
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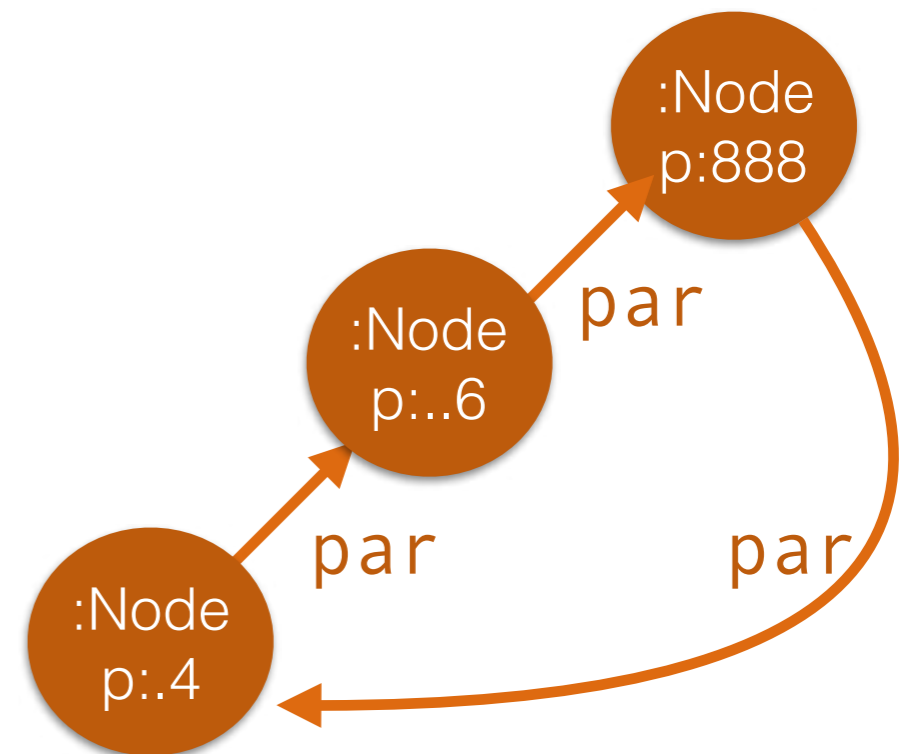
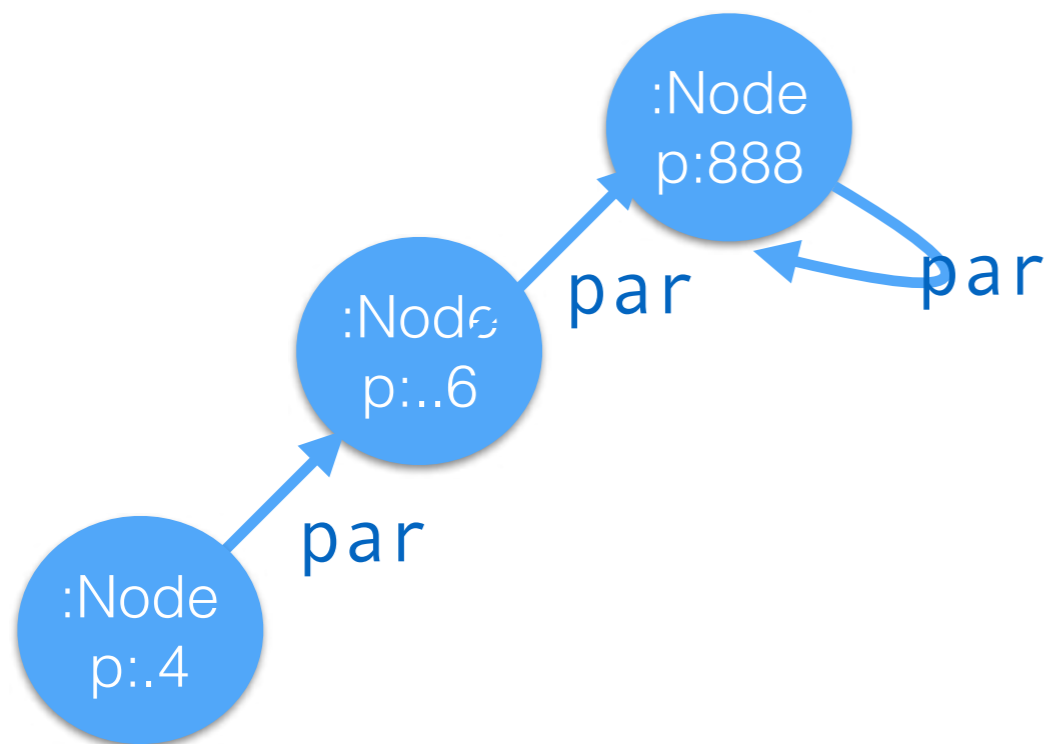
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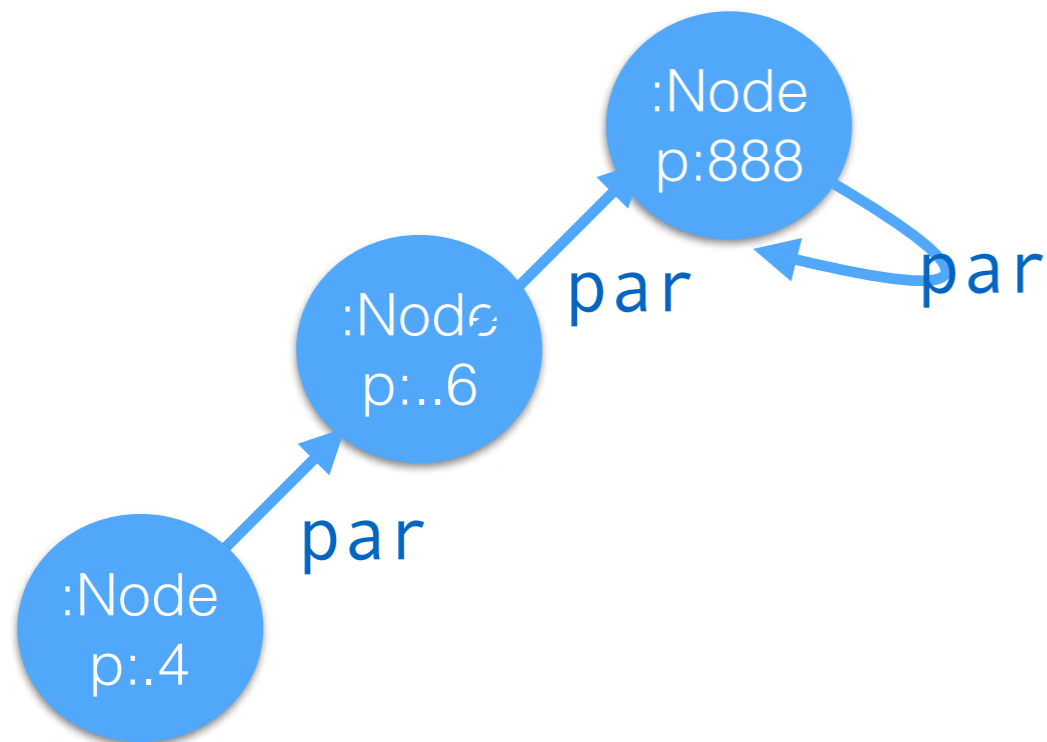
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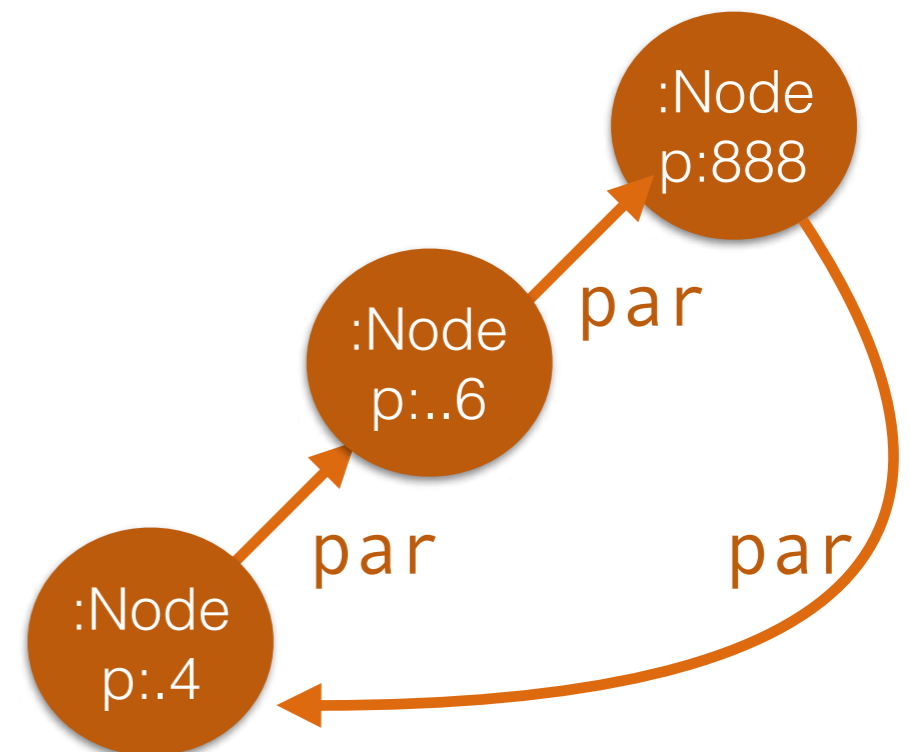
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Thank you

