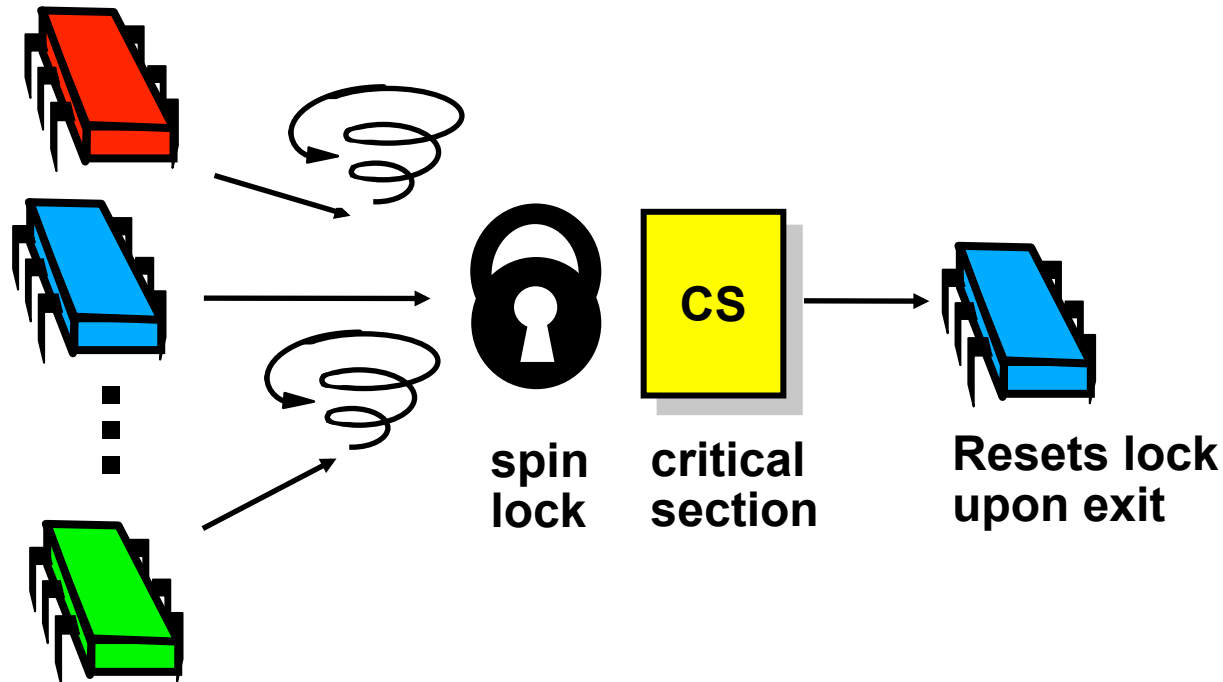


Linked Lists: Locking, Lock-Free, and Beyond ...

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Last Lecture: Spin-Locks



Today: Concurrent Objects

- Adding threads should not lower throughput
 - Contention effects
 - Mostly fixed by Queue locks
- Should increase throughput
 - Not possible if inherently sequential
 - Surprising things are parallelizable

Coarse-Grained Synchronization

- Each method locks the object
 - Avoid contention using queue locks
 - Easy to reason about
 - In simple cases
 - Standard Java model
 - **Synchronized** blocks and methods
- So, are we done?

Coarse-Grained Synchronization

- Sequential bottleneck
 - Threads “stand in line”
- Adding more threads
 - Does not improve throughput
 - Struggle to keep it from getting worse
- So why even use a multiprocessor?
 - Well, some apps inherently parallel ...

This Lecture

- Introduce four “patterns”
 - Bag of tricks ...
 - Methods that work more than once ...
- For highly-concurrent objects
- Goal:
 - Concurrent access
 - More threads, more throughput

First: Fine-Grained Synchronization

- Instead of using a single lock ..
- Split object into
 - Independently-synchronized components
- Methods conflict when they access
 - The same component ...
 - At the same time

Second: Optimistic Synchronization

- Search without locking ...
- If you find it, lock and check ...
 - OK: we are done
 - Oops: start over
- Evaluation
 - Usually cheaper than locking
 - Mistakes are expensive

Third: Lazy Synchronization

- Postpone hard work
- Removing components is tricky
 - Logical removal
 - Mark component to be deleted
 - Physical removal
 - Do what needs to be done

Fourth: Lock-Free Synchronization

- Don't use locks at all
 - Use `compareAndSet()` & relatives ...
- Advantages
 - No Scheduler Assumptions/Support
- Disadvantages
 - Complex
 - Sometimes high overhead

Linked List

- Illustrate these patterns ...
- Using a list-based Set
 - Common application
 - Building block for other apps

Set Interface

- Unordered collection of items
- No duplicates
- Methods
 - `add(x)` put x in set
 - `remove(x)` take x out of set
 - `contains(x)` tests if x in set

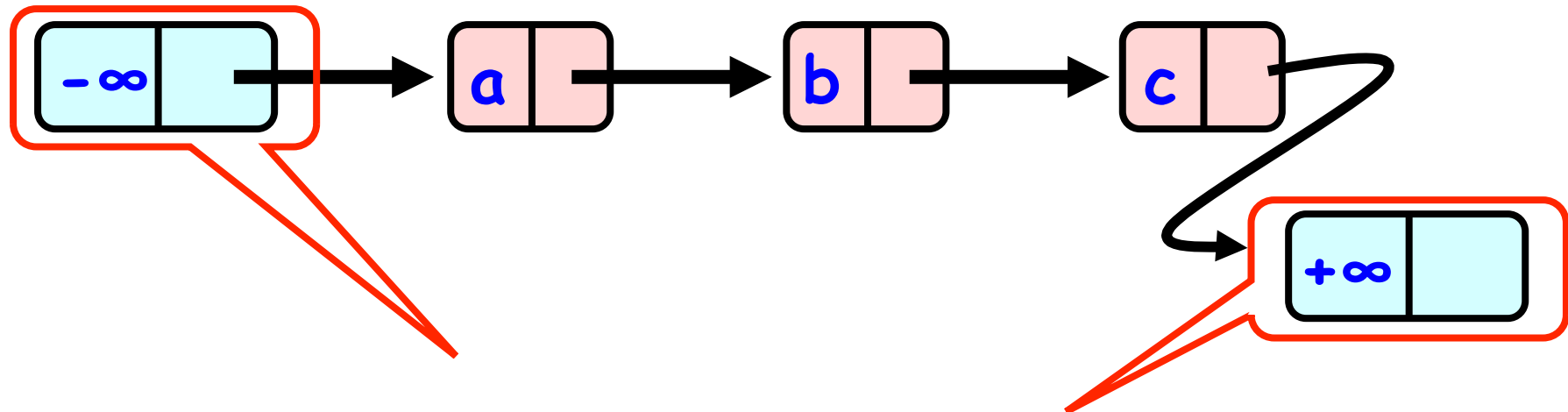
List-Based Sets

```
public interface Set<T> {  
    public boolean add(T x);  
    public boolean remove(T x);  
    public boolean contains(T x);  
}
```

List Node

```
public class Node {  
    public T item;  
    public int key;  
    public Node next;  
}
```

The List-Based Set



Sorted with Sentinel nodes
(min & max possible keys)

Reasoning about Concurrent Objects

- Invariant
 - Property that always holds
- Established because
 - True when object is **created**
 - Truth **preserved** by each method
 - Each **step** of each method?
 - o importante são passos visíveis externamente...
 - **sentinels are neither added nor removed**
 - **nodes are sorted by unique keys**

Specifically ...

- Invariants preserved by
 - add()
 - remove()
 - contains()
- linearizability:
 - o efeito de cada método deve se tornar visível instantaneamente em algum momento entre sua invocação e retorno
 - com locks, seção crítica

Interference

- Invariants make sense only if
 - methods considered are the only modifiers
- Language encapsulation helps
 - List nodes not visible outside class

Interference

- Freedom from interference needed even for removed nodes
 - Some algorithms traverse removed nodes
 - Careful with **malloc()** & **free()**!
- Garbage-collection helps here

Sequential List Based Set

Add()

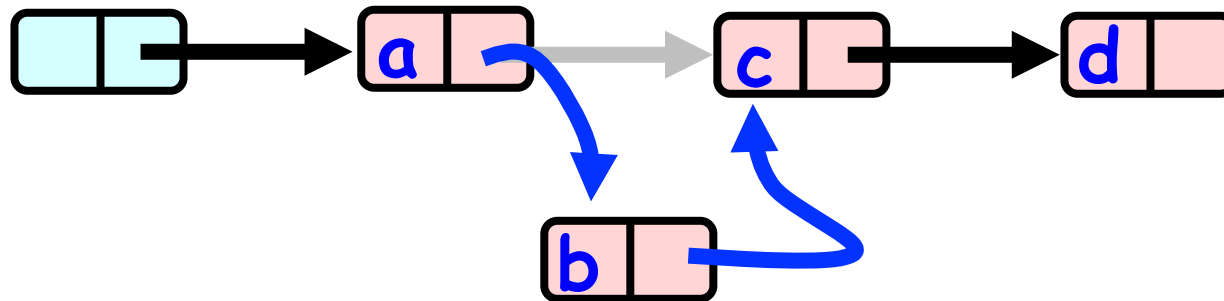


Remove()

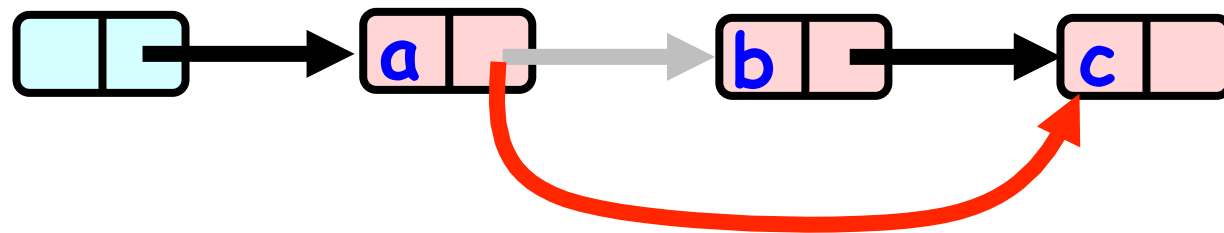


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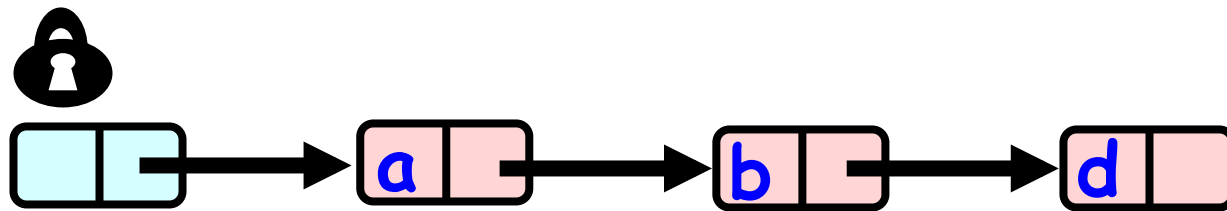
Add()



Remove()



Course Grained Locking

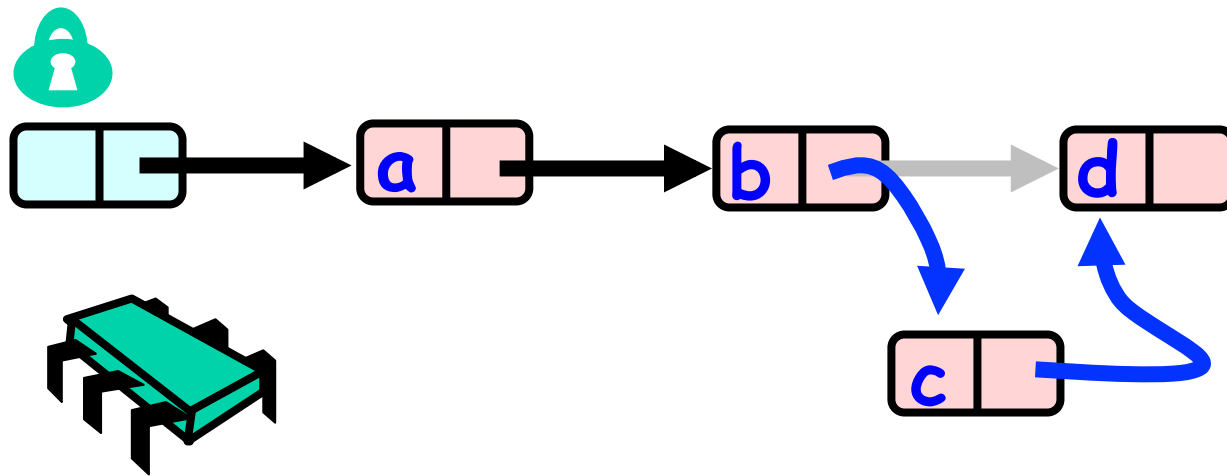


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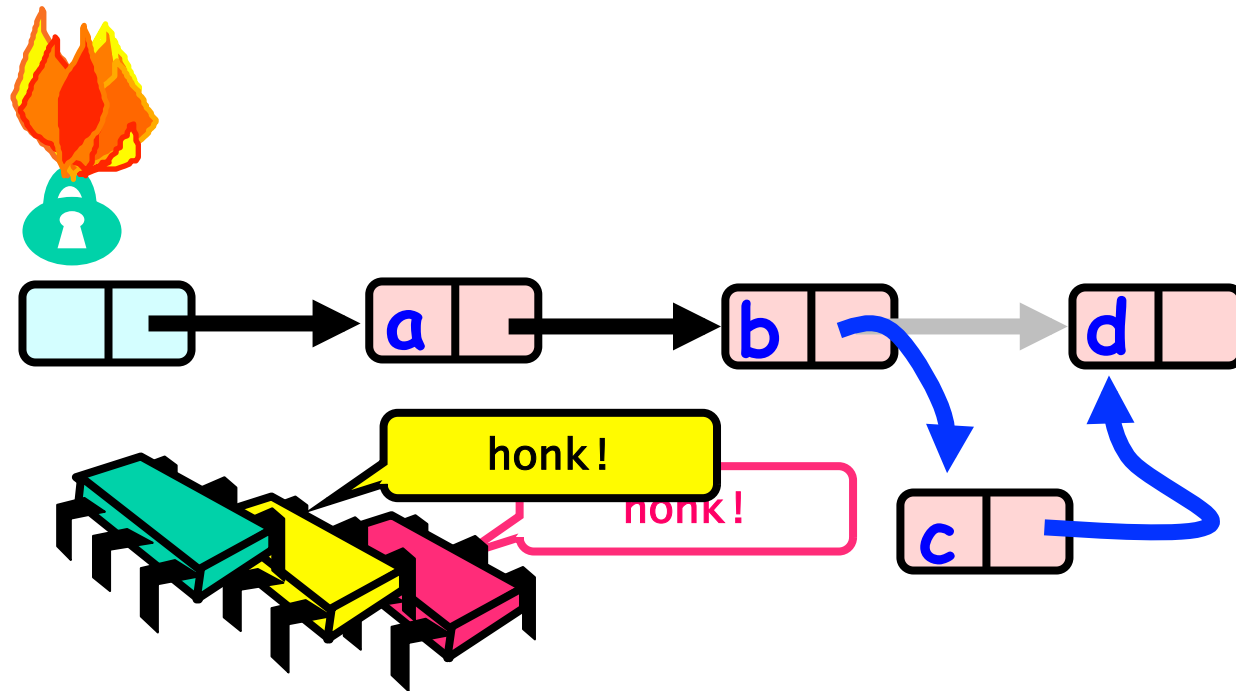
public boolean remove(T item) {
    Node pred, curr;
    int key = item.hashCode();
    lock.lock();
    try {
        pred = head; curr = pred.next;
        while (curr.key < key) {
            pred = curr; curr = curr.next;
        }
        if (key == curr.key) {
            pred.next = curr.next;
            return true; }
        else return false;
    }
    finally lock.unlock();
}

```

Course Grained Locking



Course Grained Locking



Simple but hotspot + bottleneck

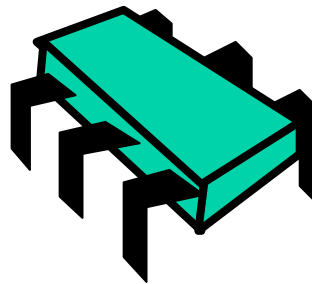
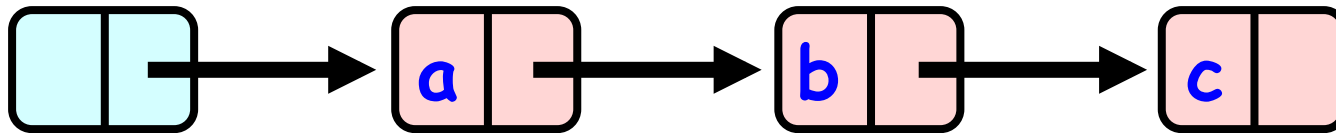
Coarse-Grained Locking

- Easy, same as synchronized methods
 - “One lock to rule them all ...”
- Simple, clearly correct
 - Deserves respect!
- Works poorly with contention
 - Queue locks help
 - But bottleneck still an issue

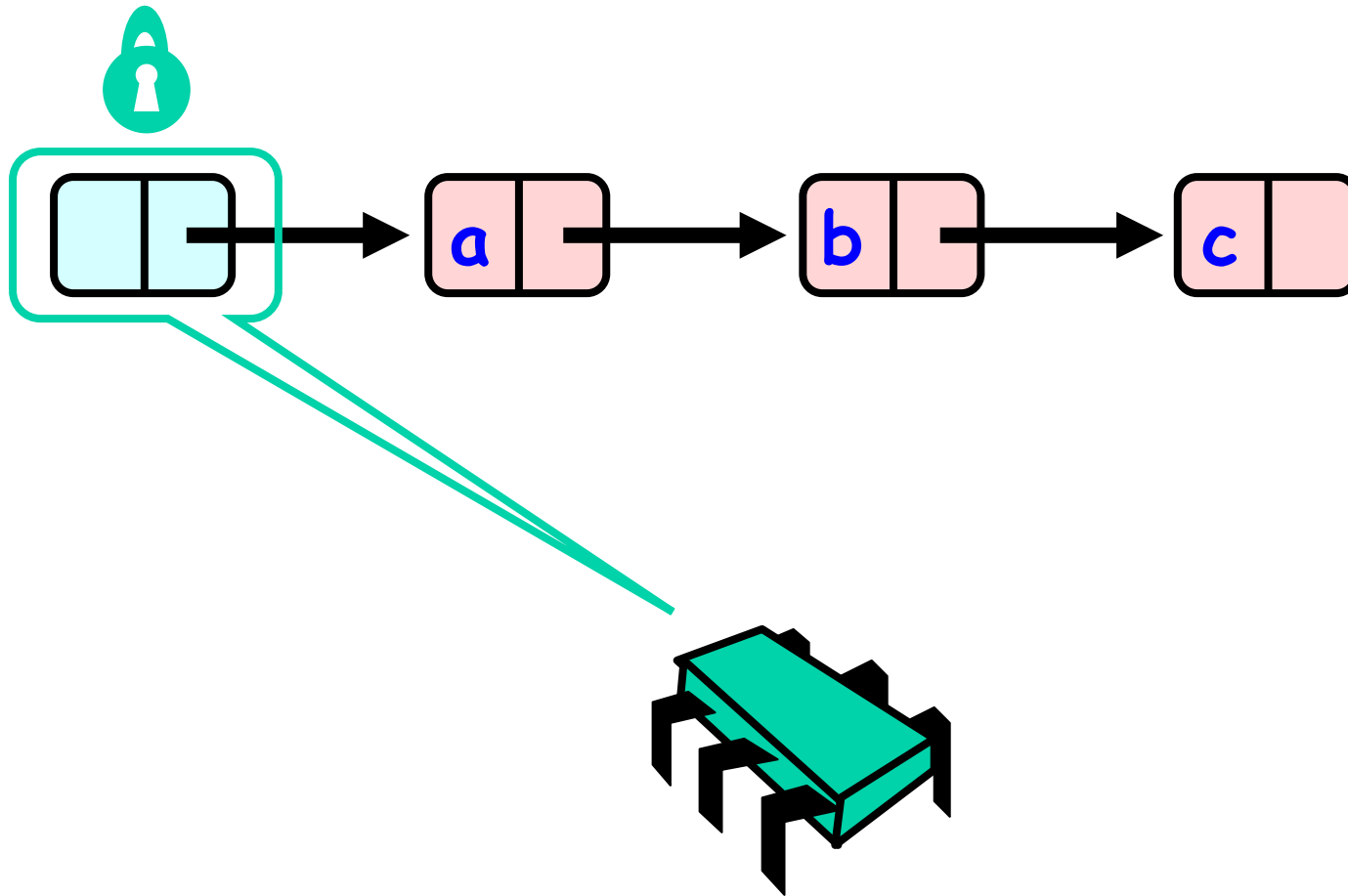
Fine-grained Locking

- Requires careful thought
 - “Do not meddle in the affairs of wizards, for they are subtle and quick to anger”
- Split object into pieces
 - Each piece has own lock
 - Methods that work on disjoint pieces need not exclude each other

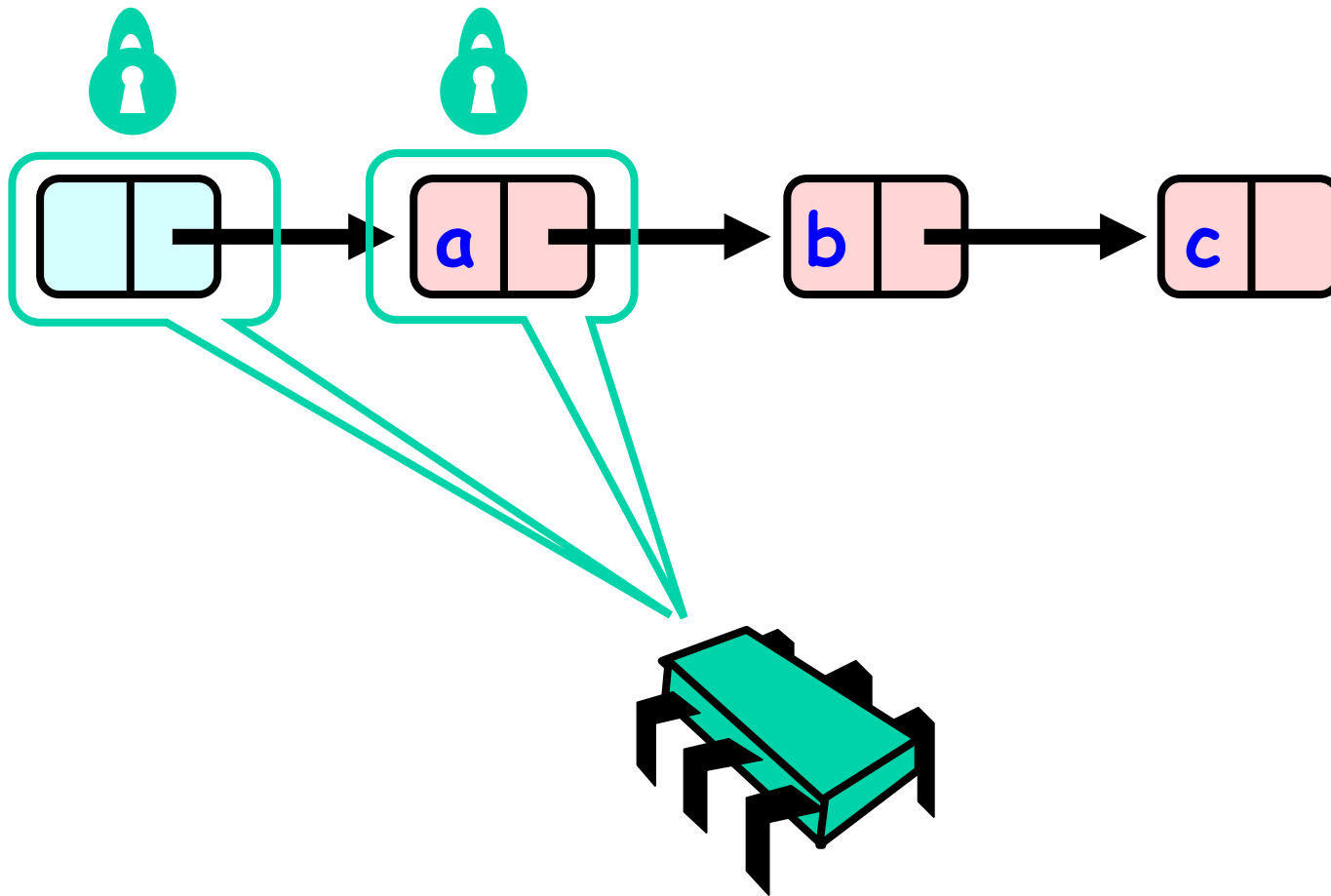
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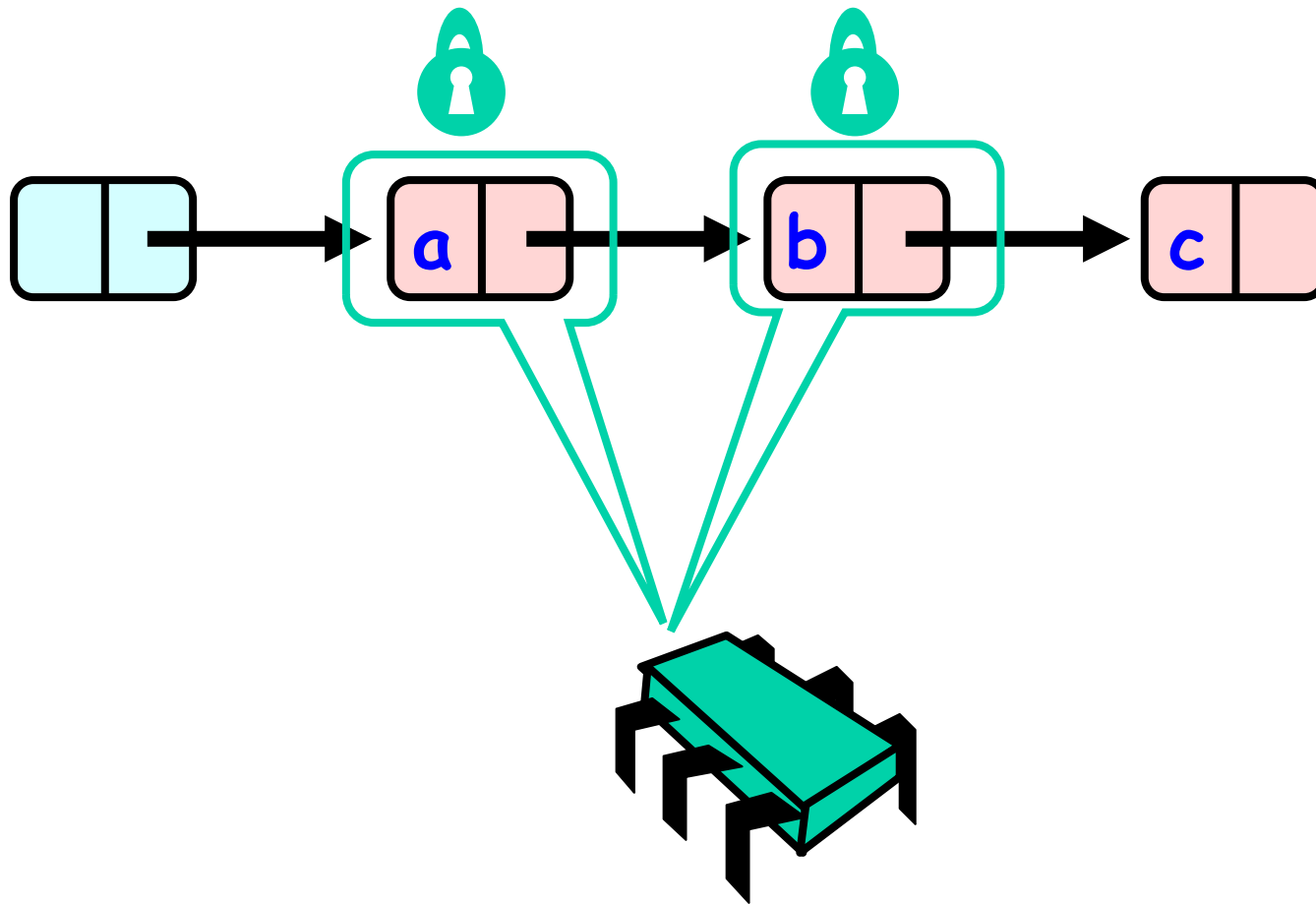
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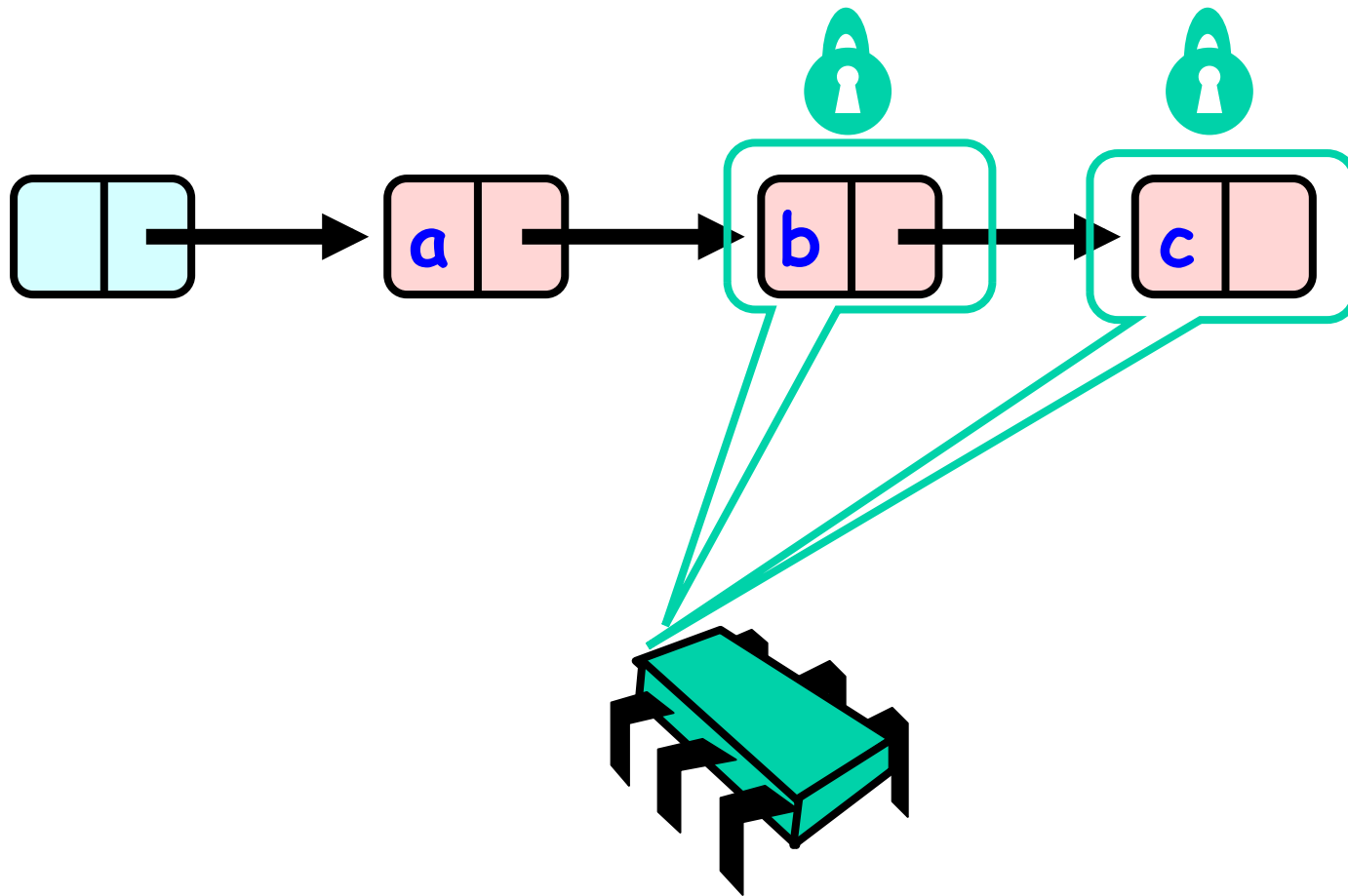
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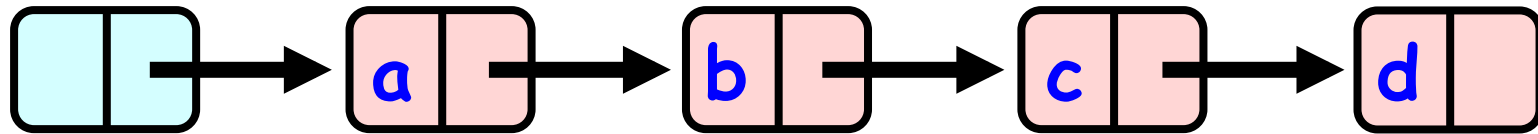
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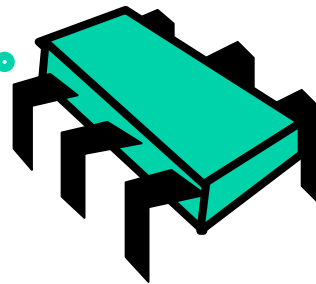
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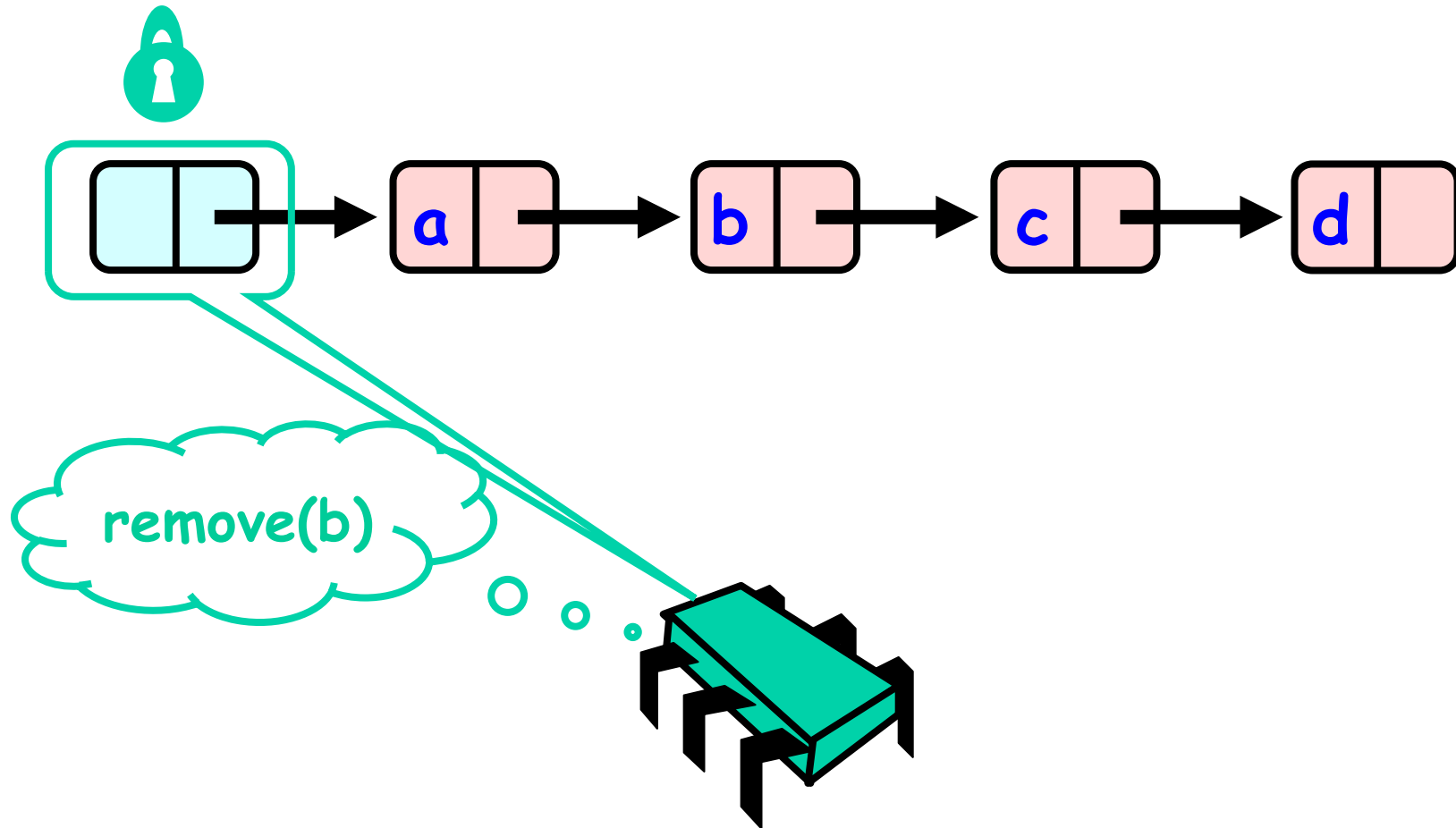
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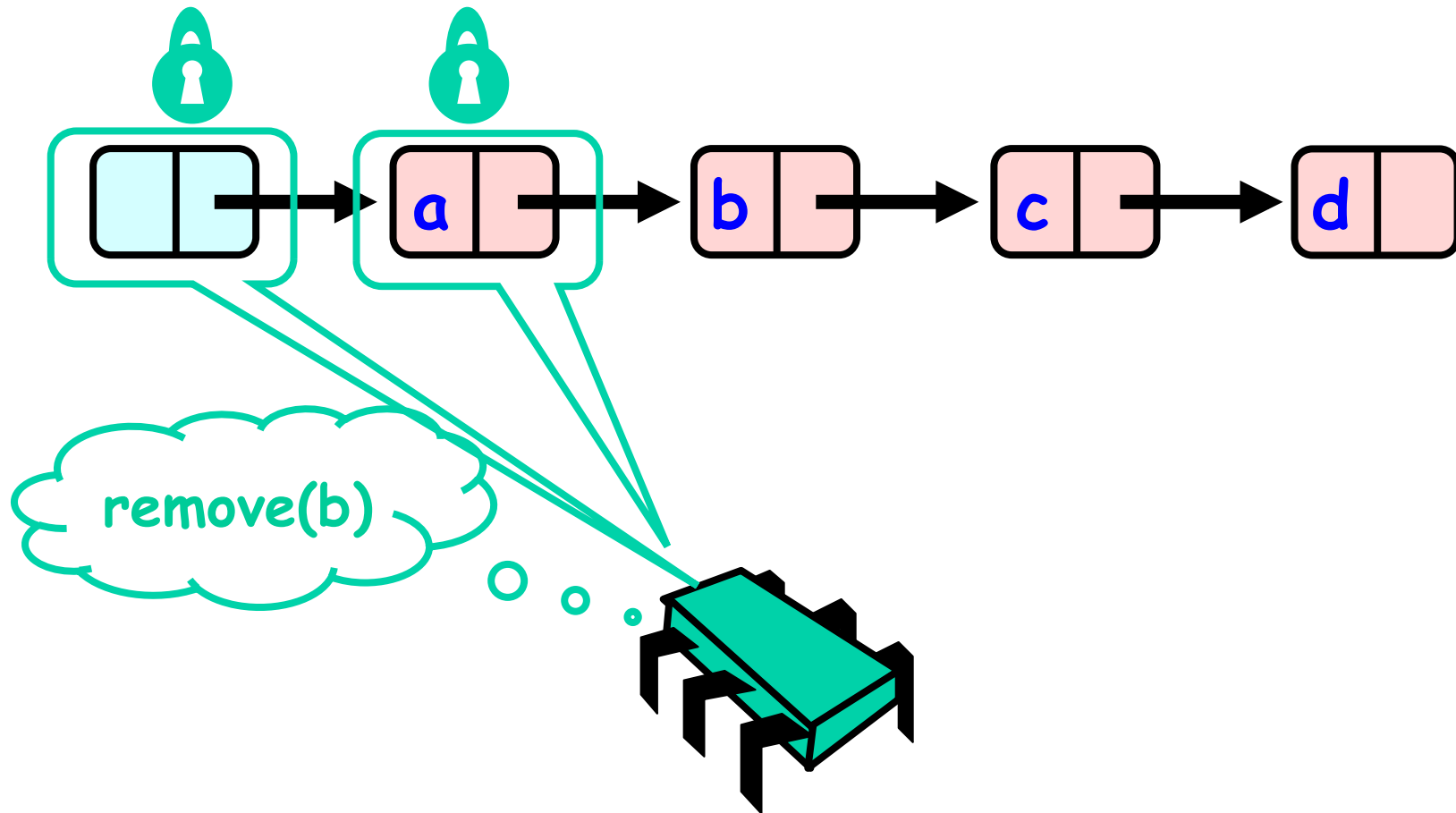
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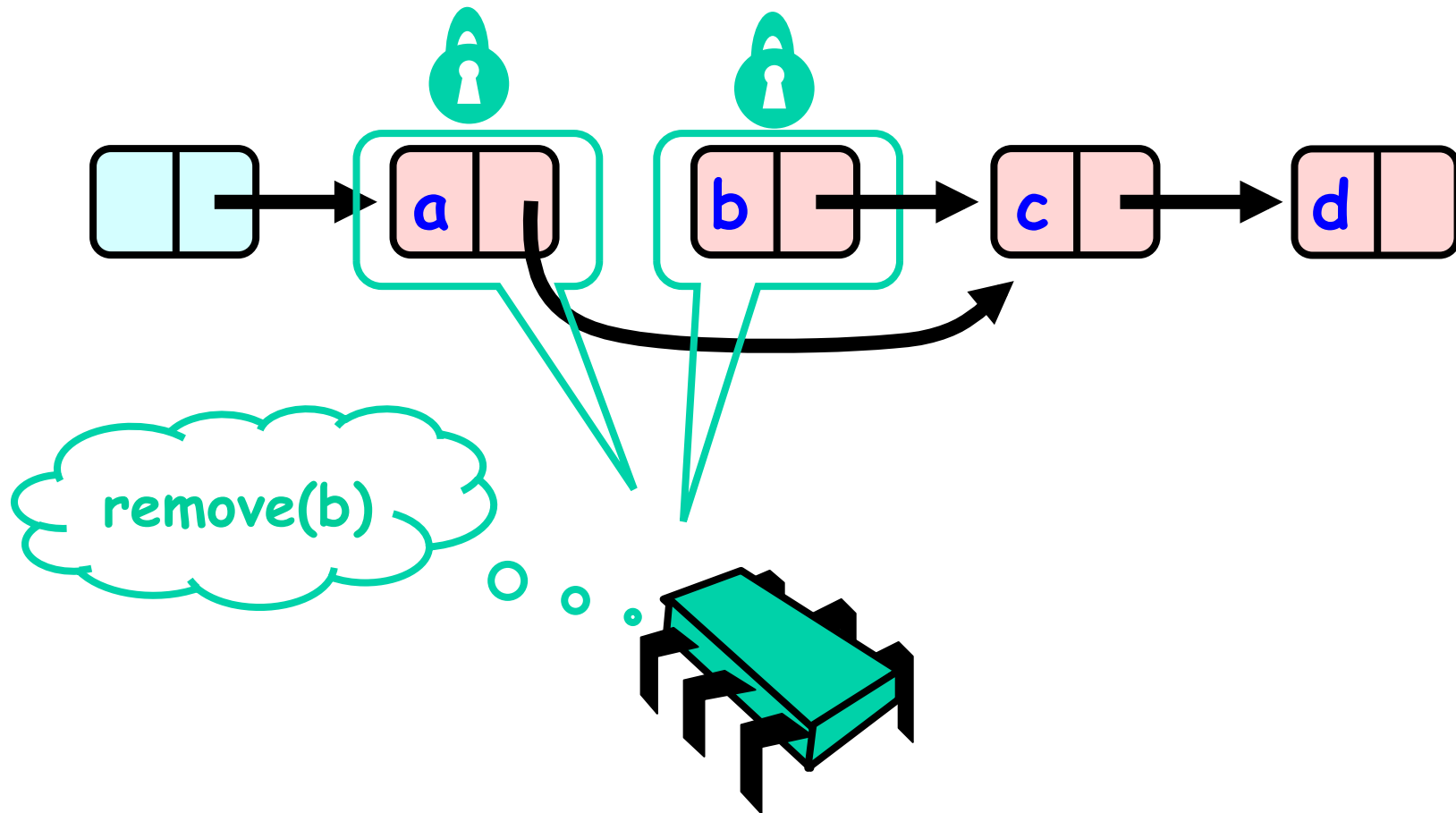
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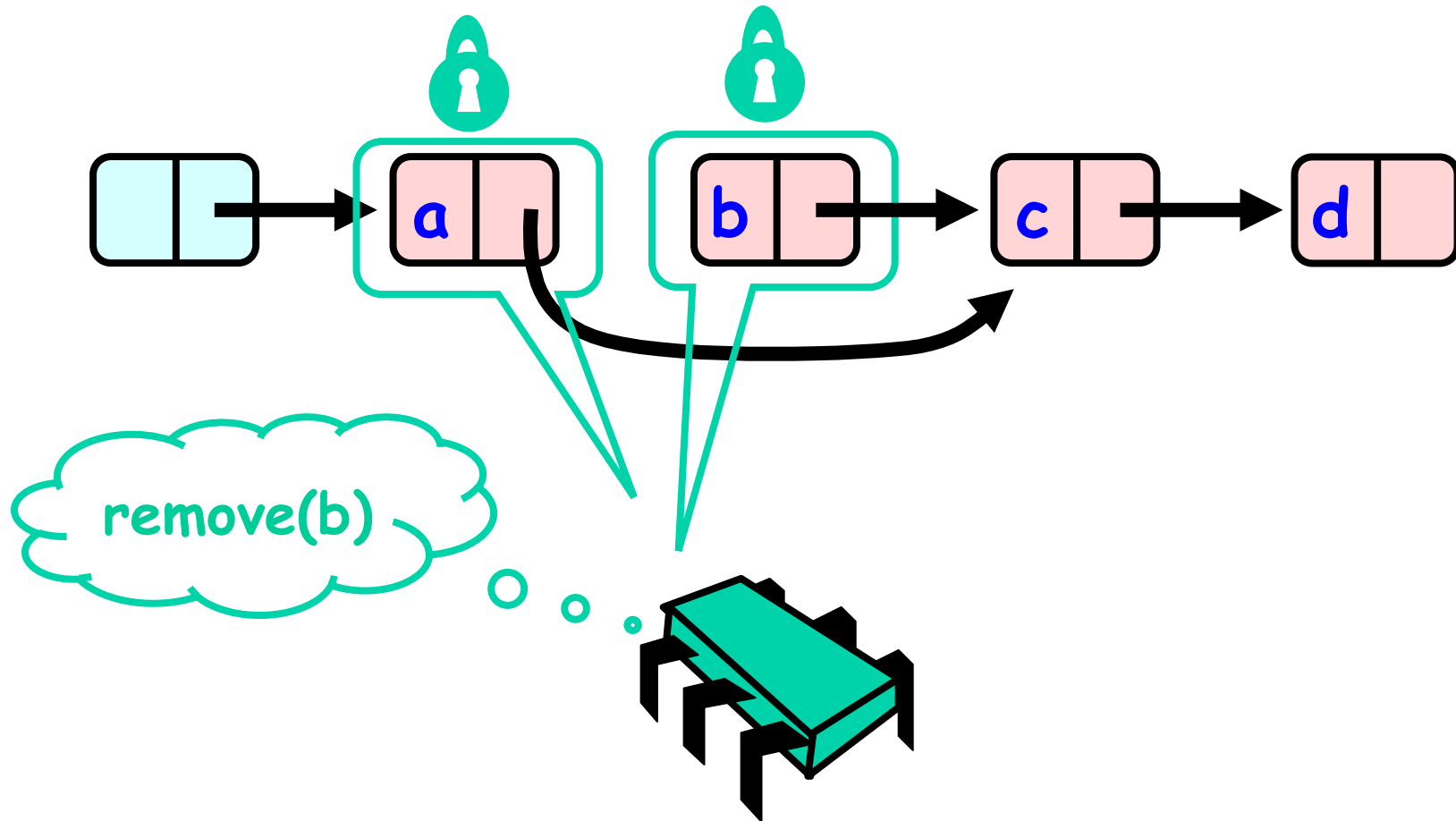
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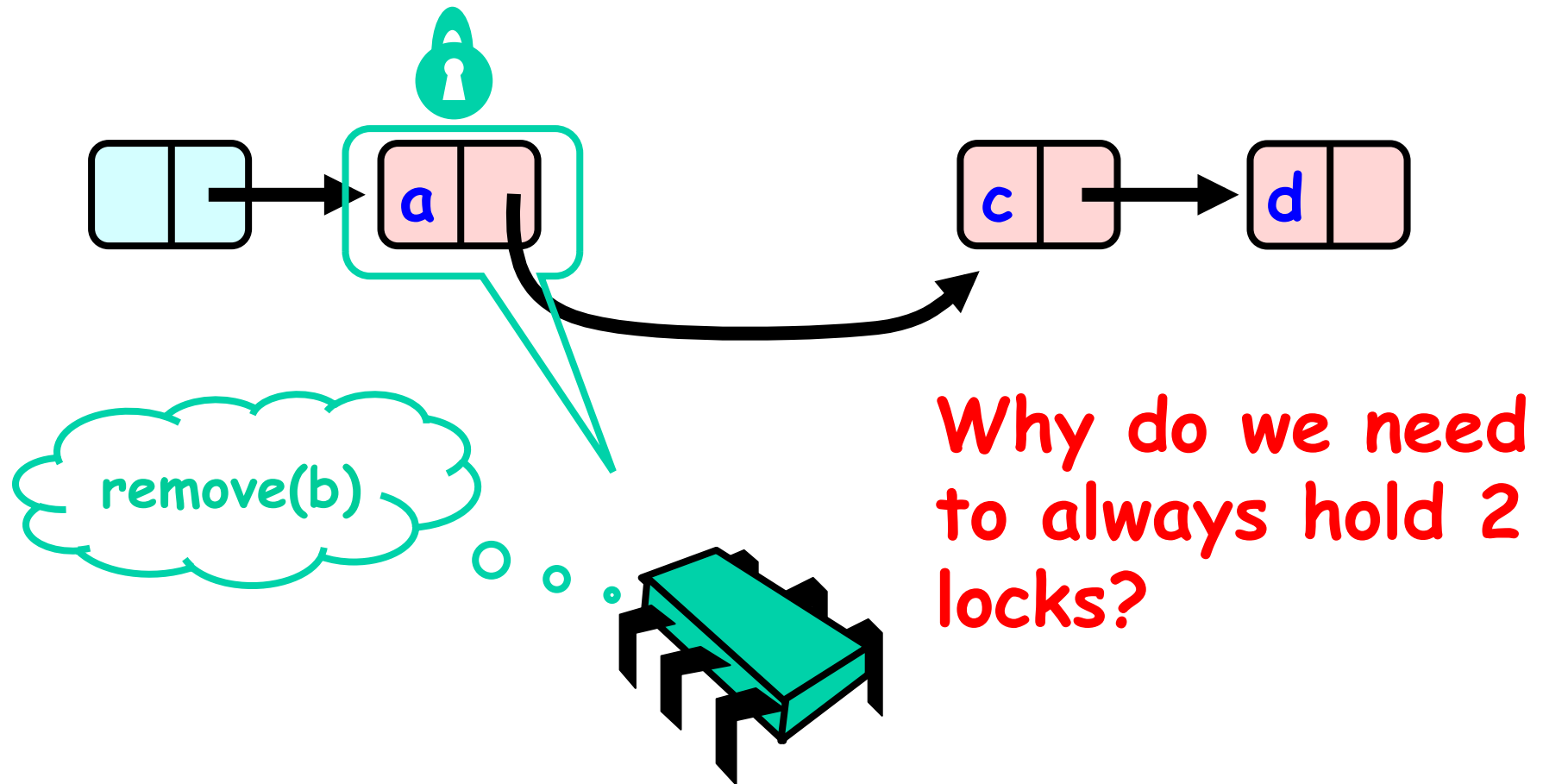
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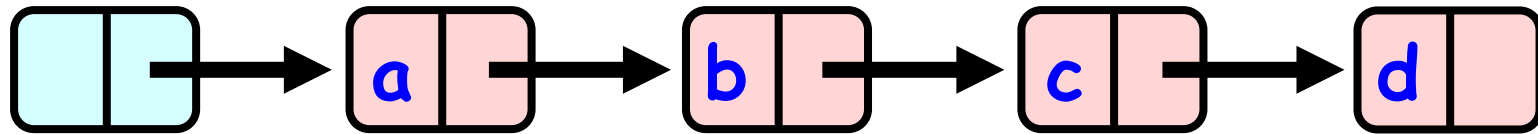
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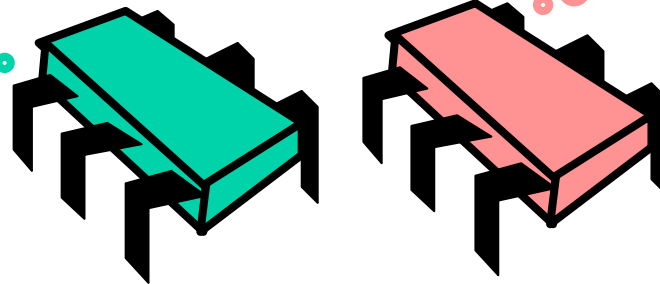


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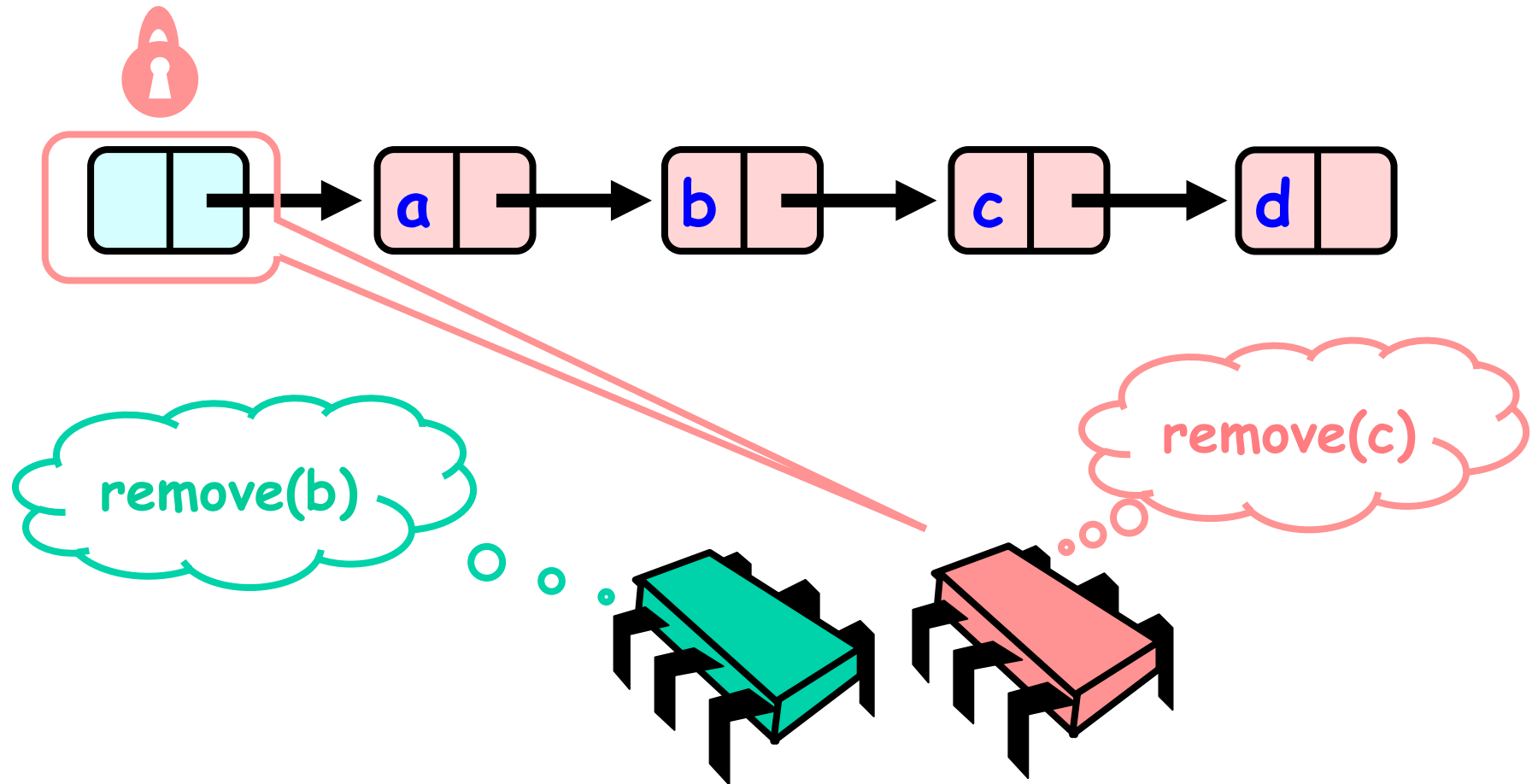


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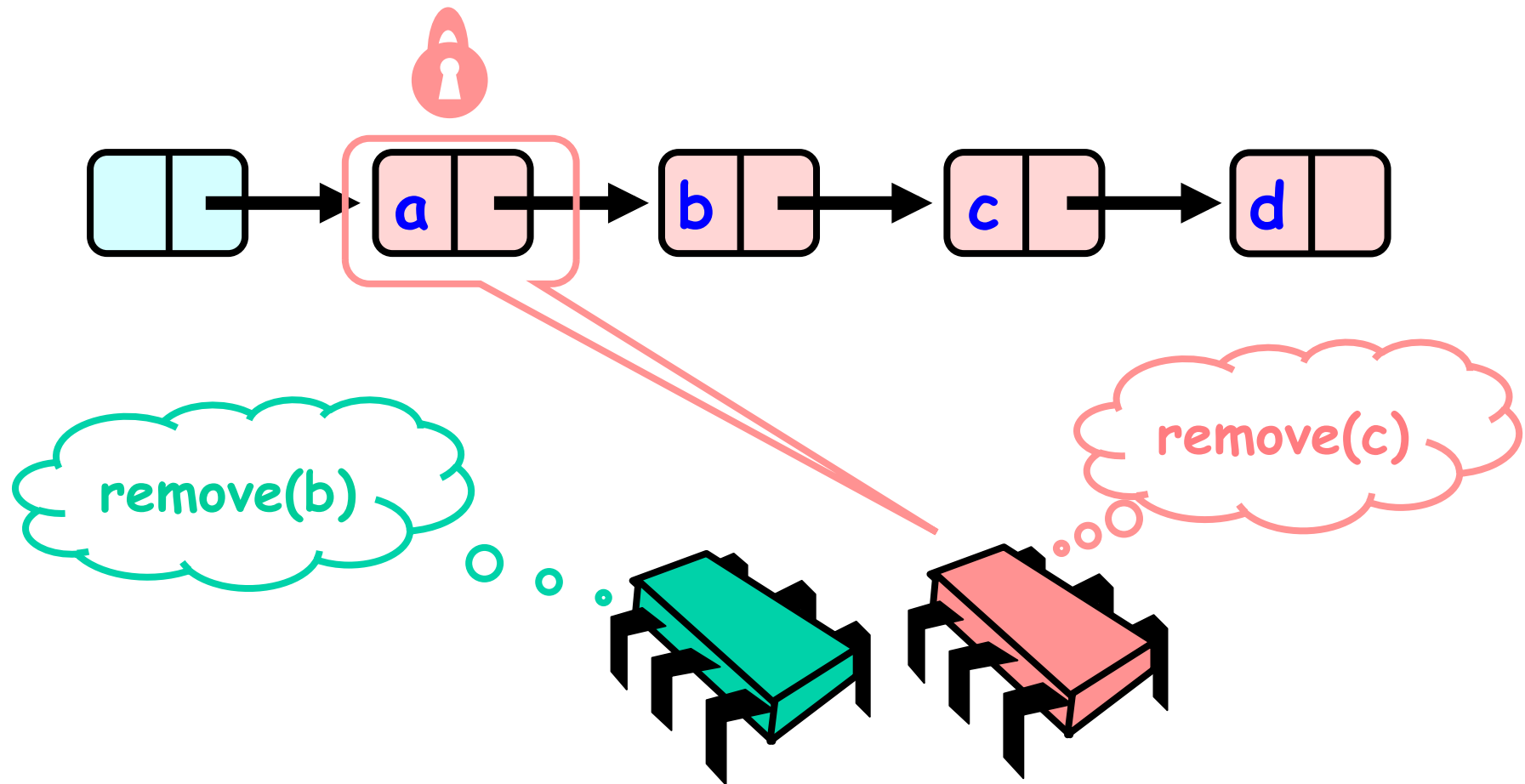
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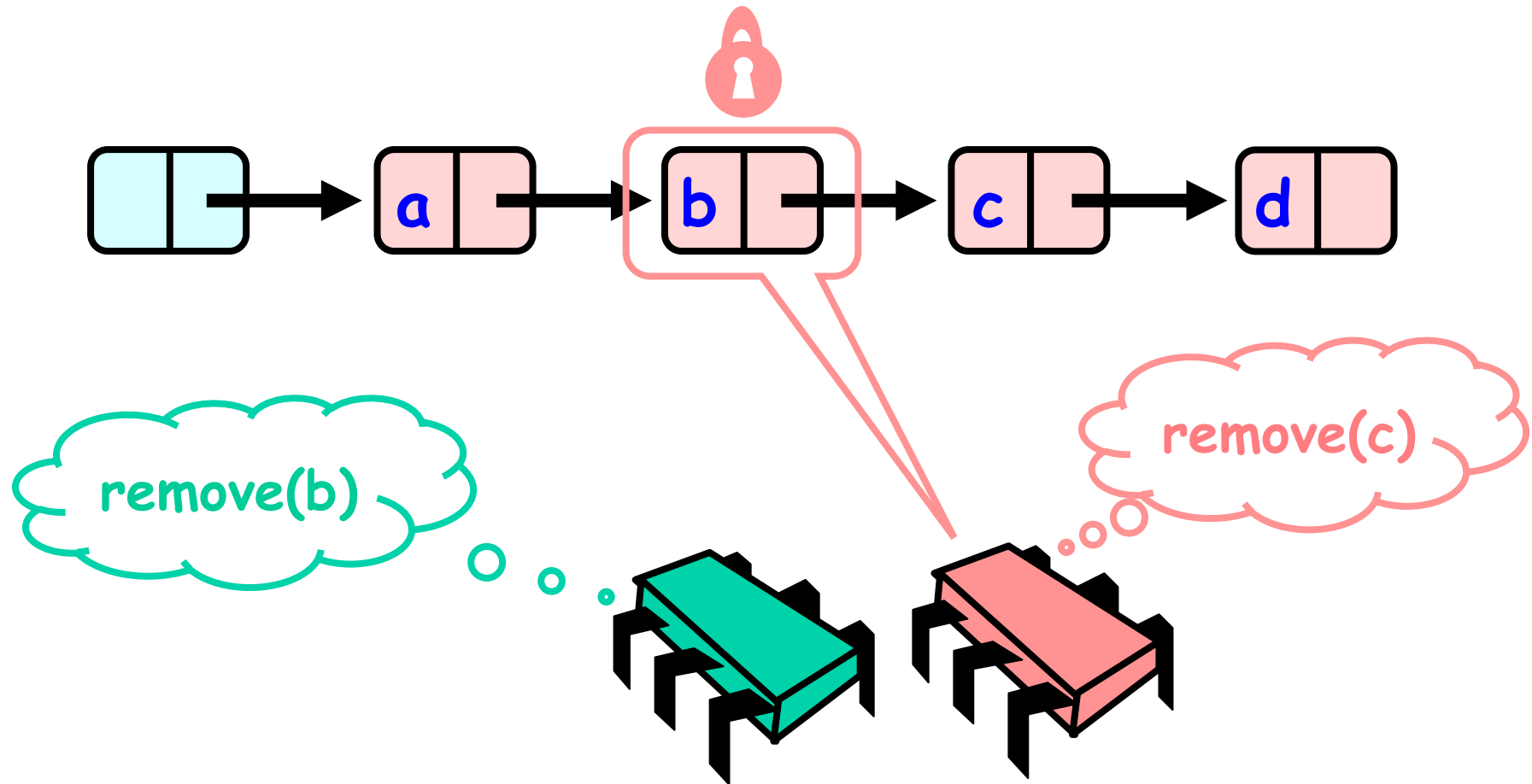
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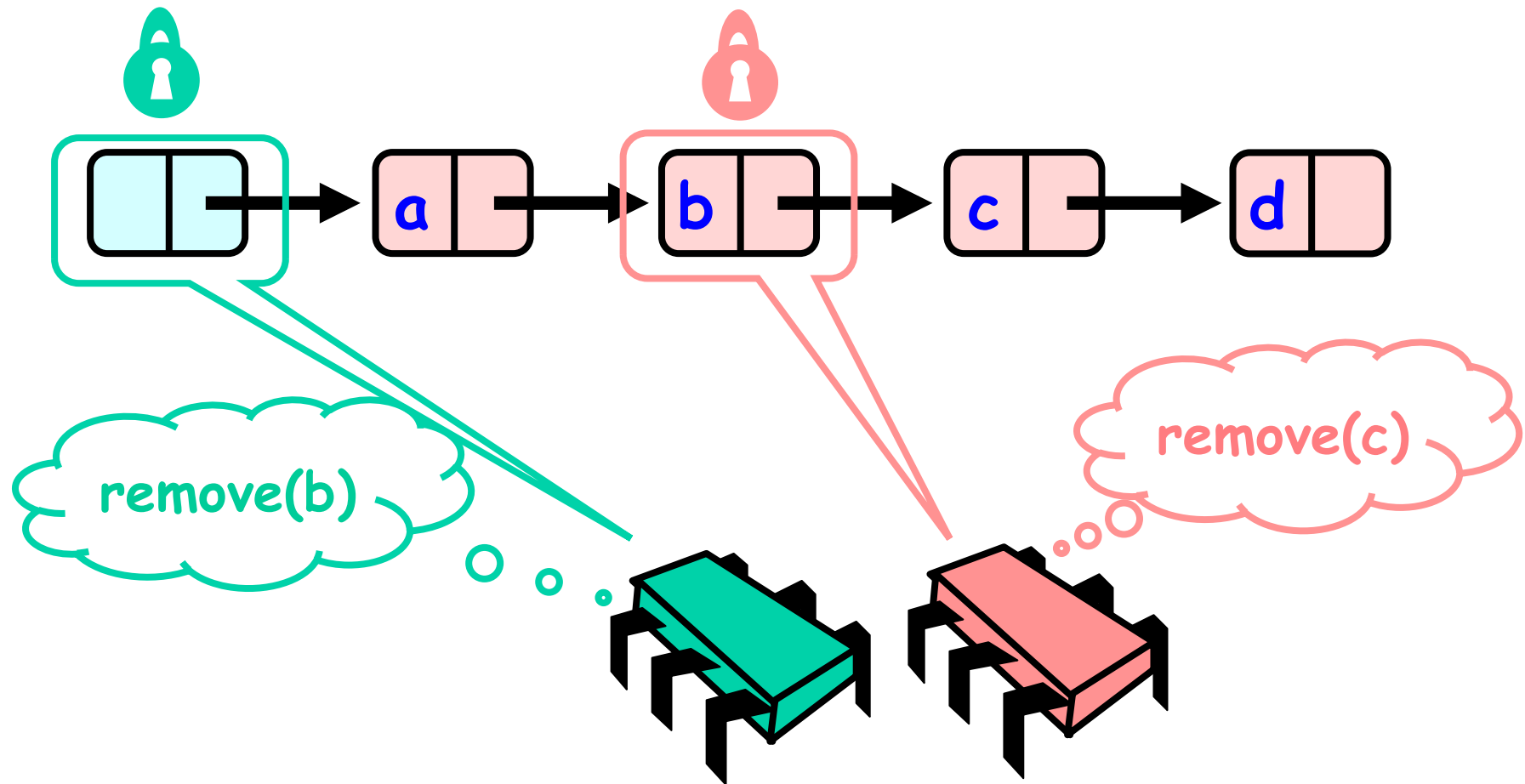
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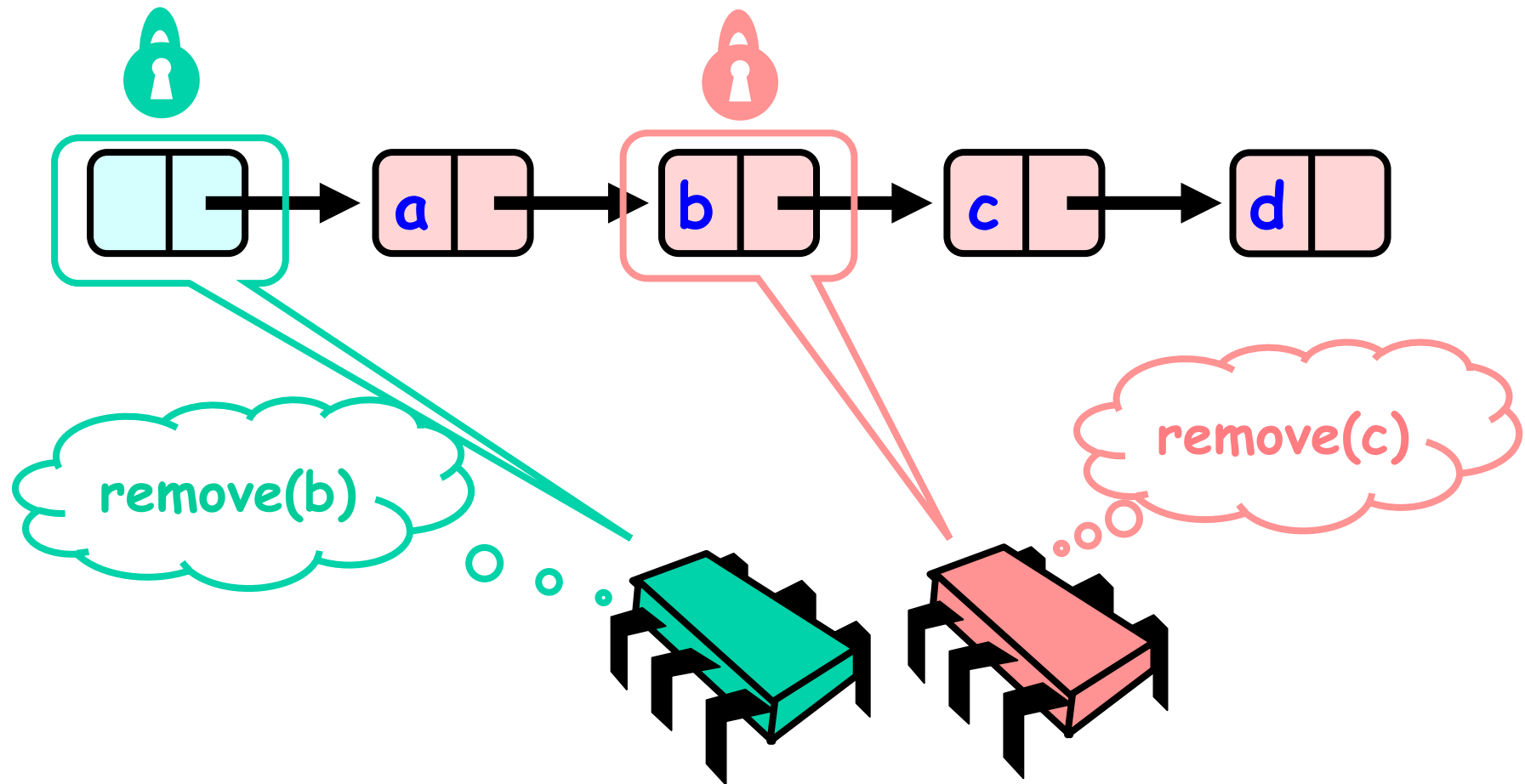
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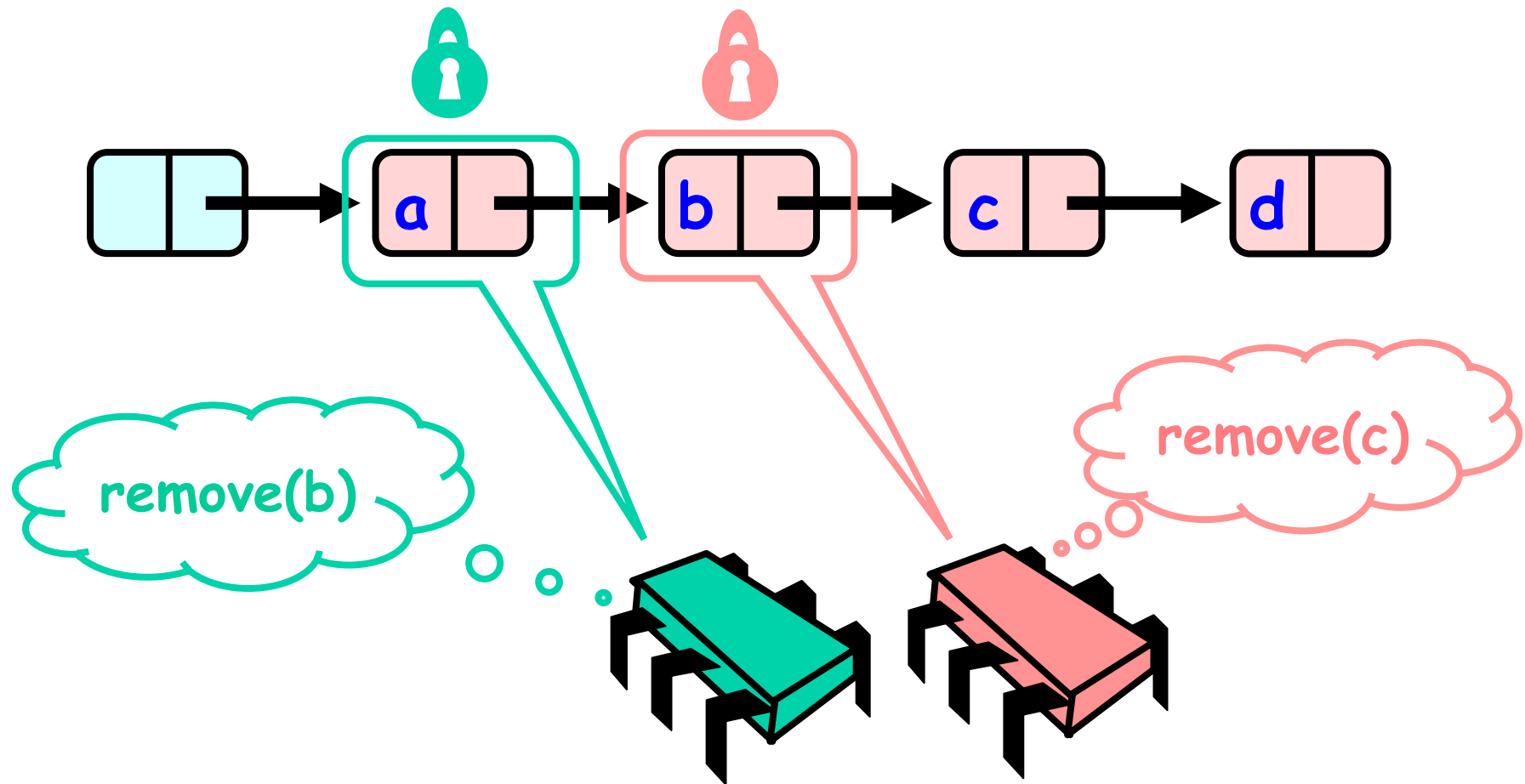
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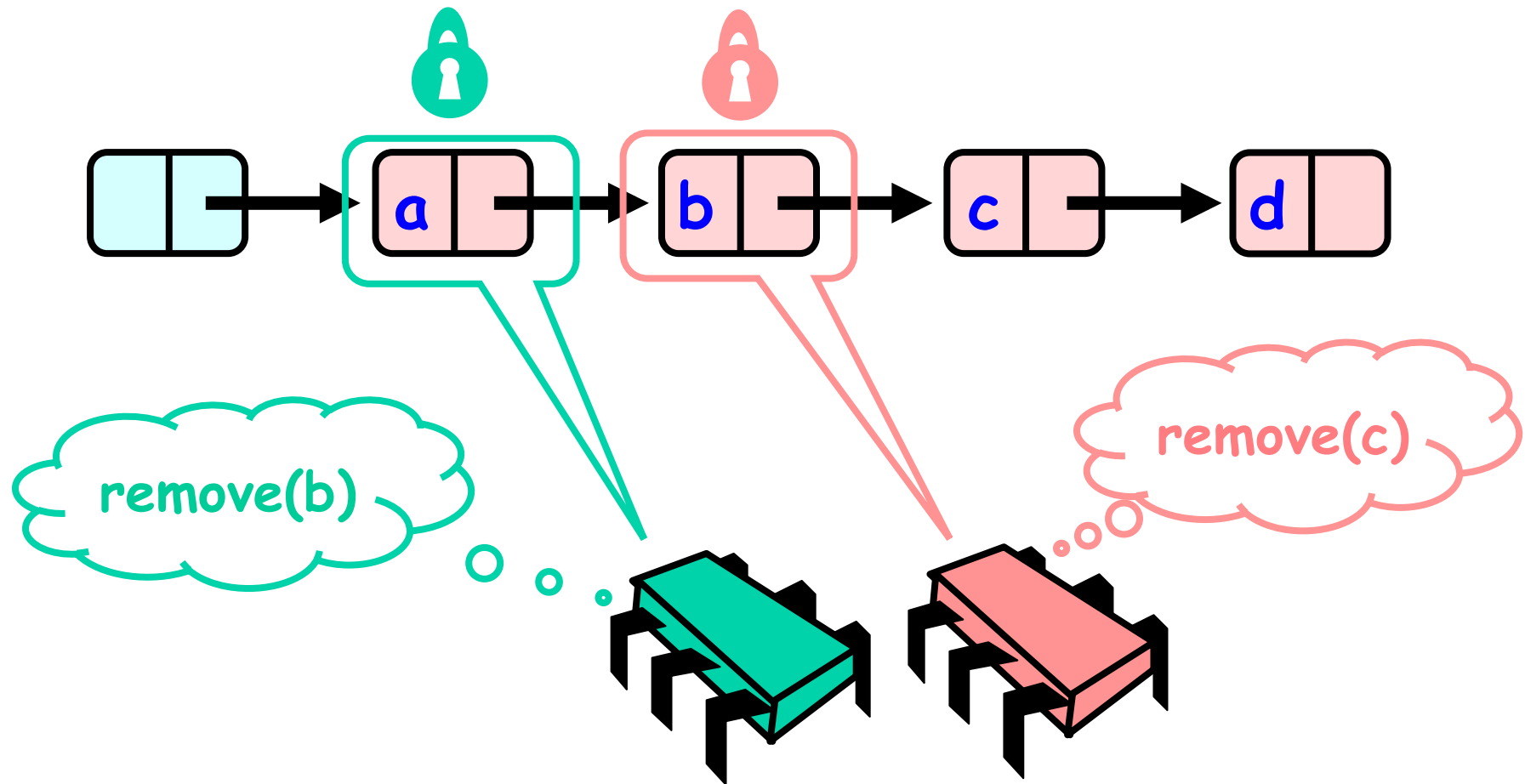
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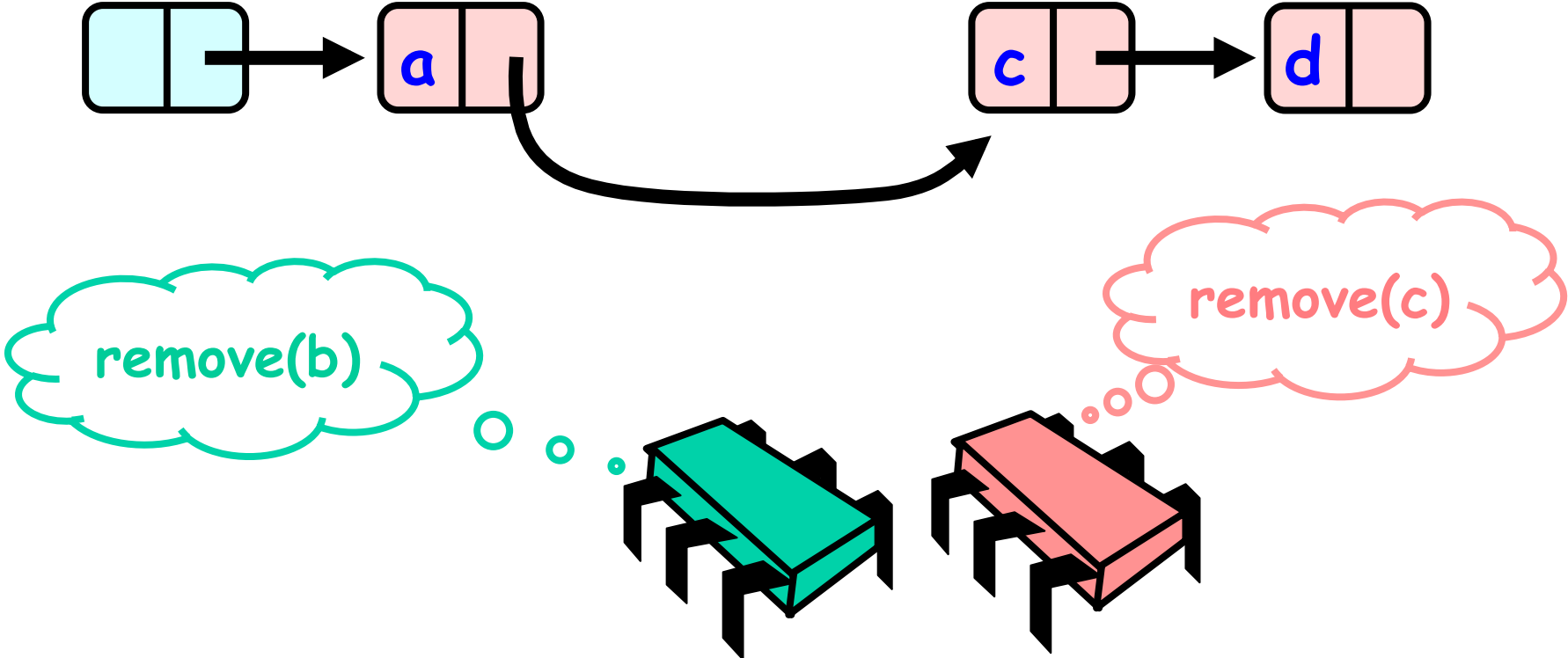
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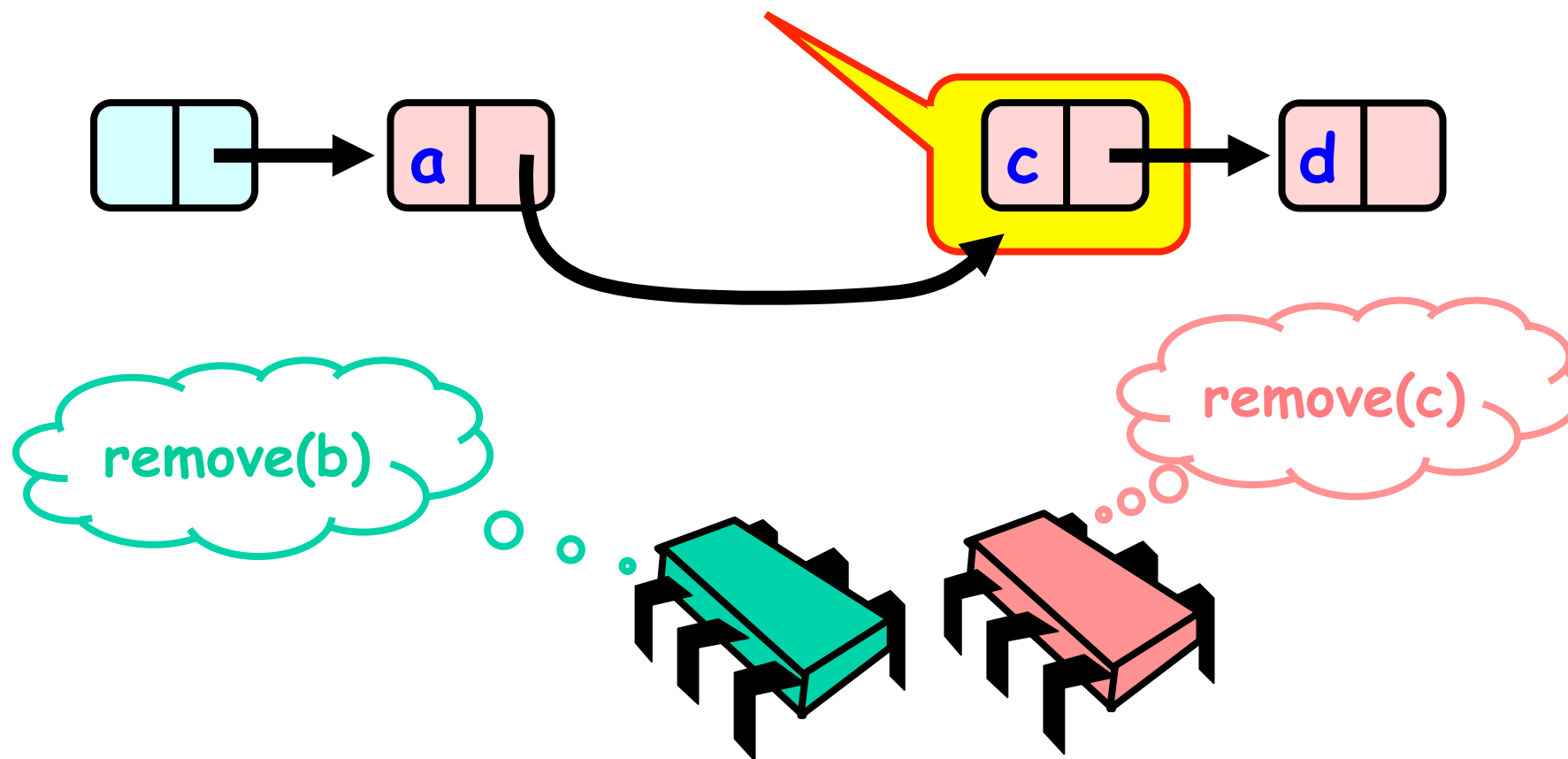


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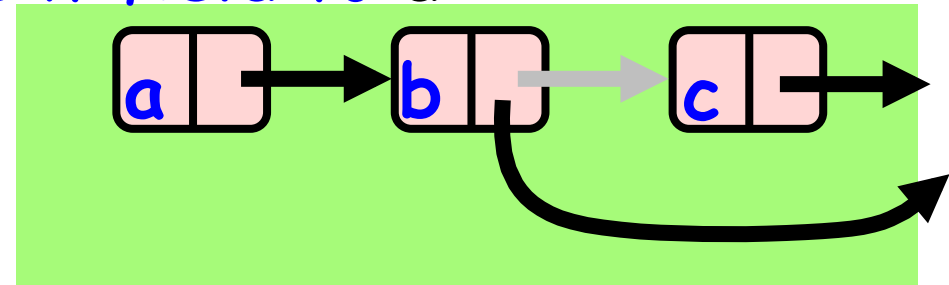
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Bad news, C not removed

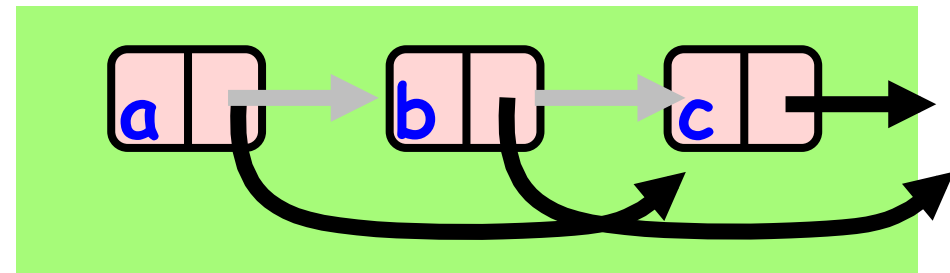


Problem

- To delete node *c*
 - Swing node *b*'s next field to *d*



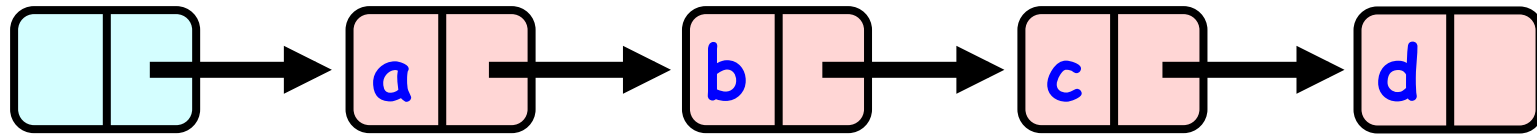
- Problem is,
 - Someone deleting *b* concurrently could direct a pointer to *c*



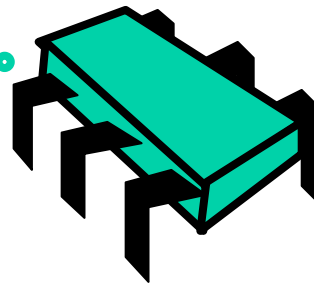
Insight

- If a node is locked
 - No one can delete node' s *successor*
- If a thread locks
 - Node to be deleted
 - And its predecessor
 - Then it works

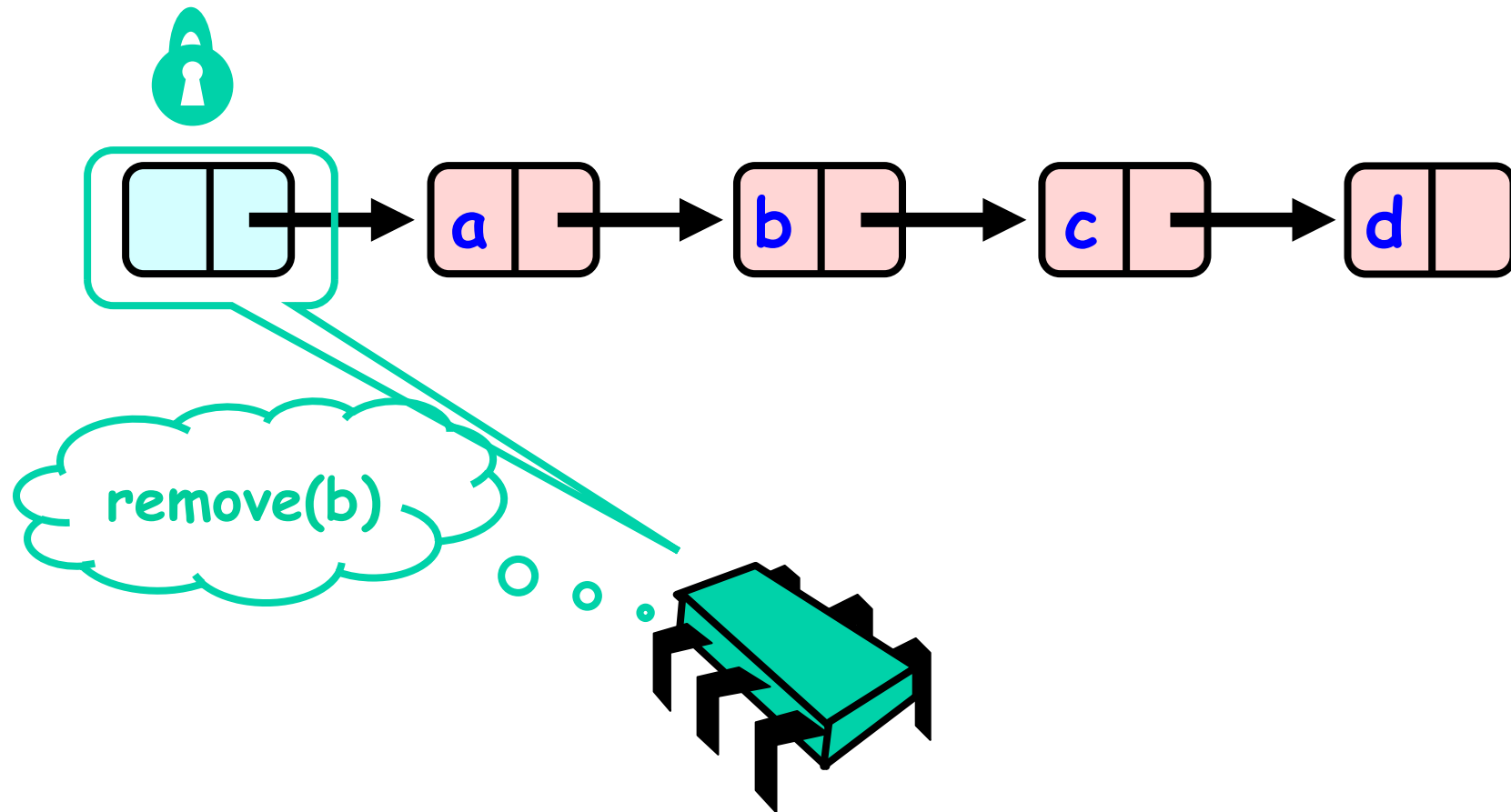
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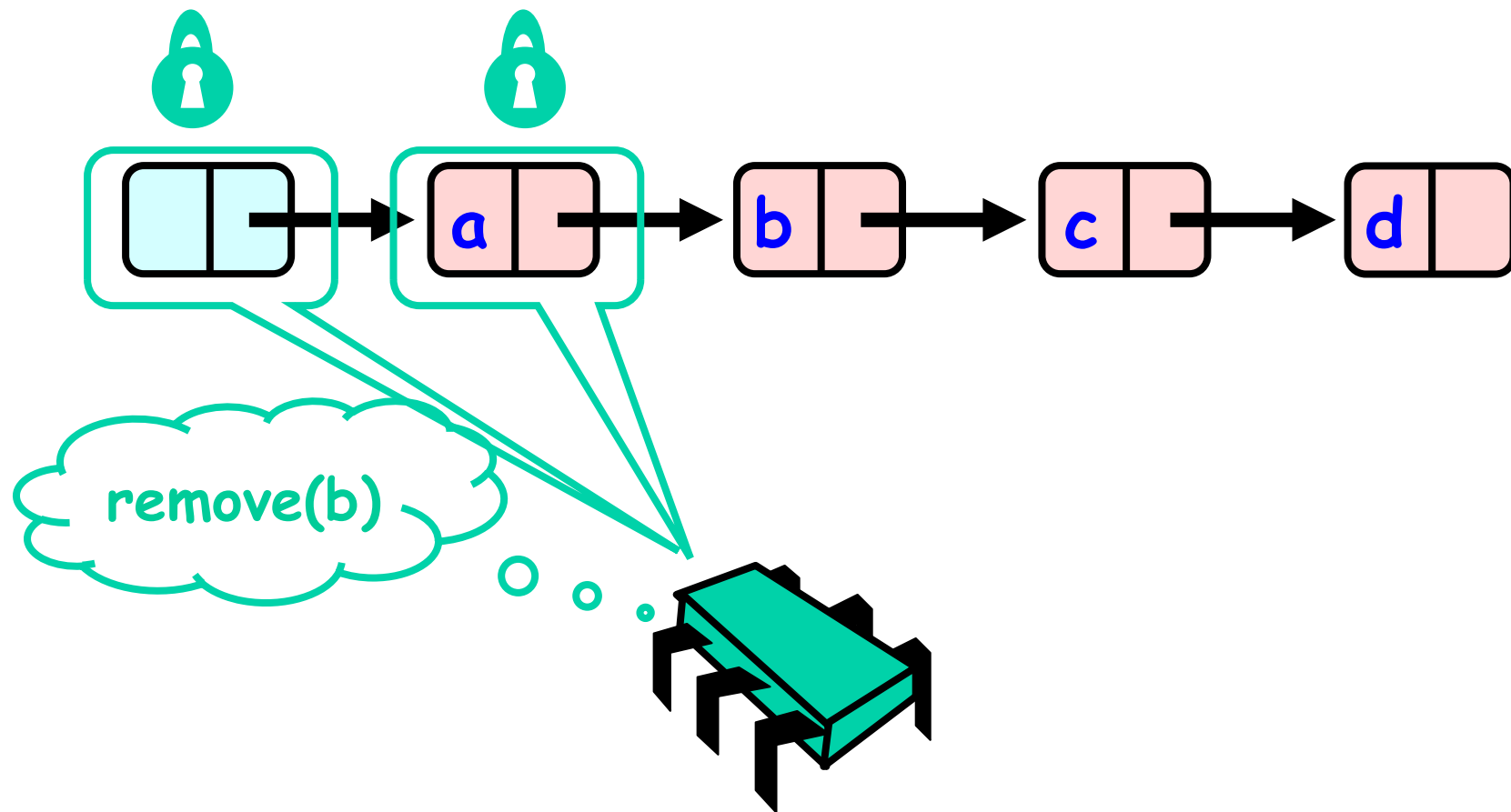
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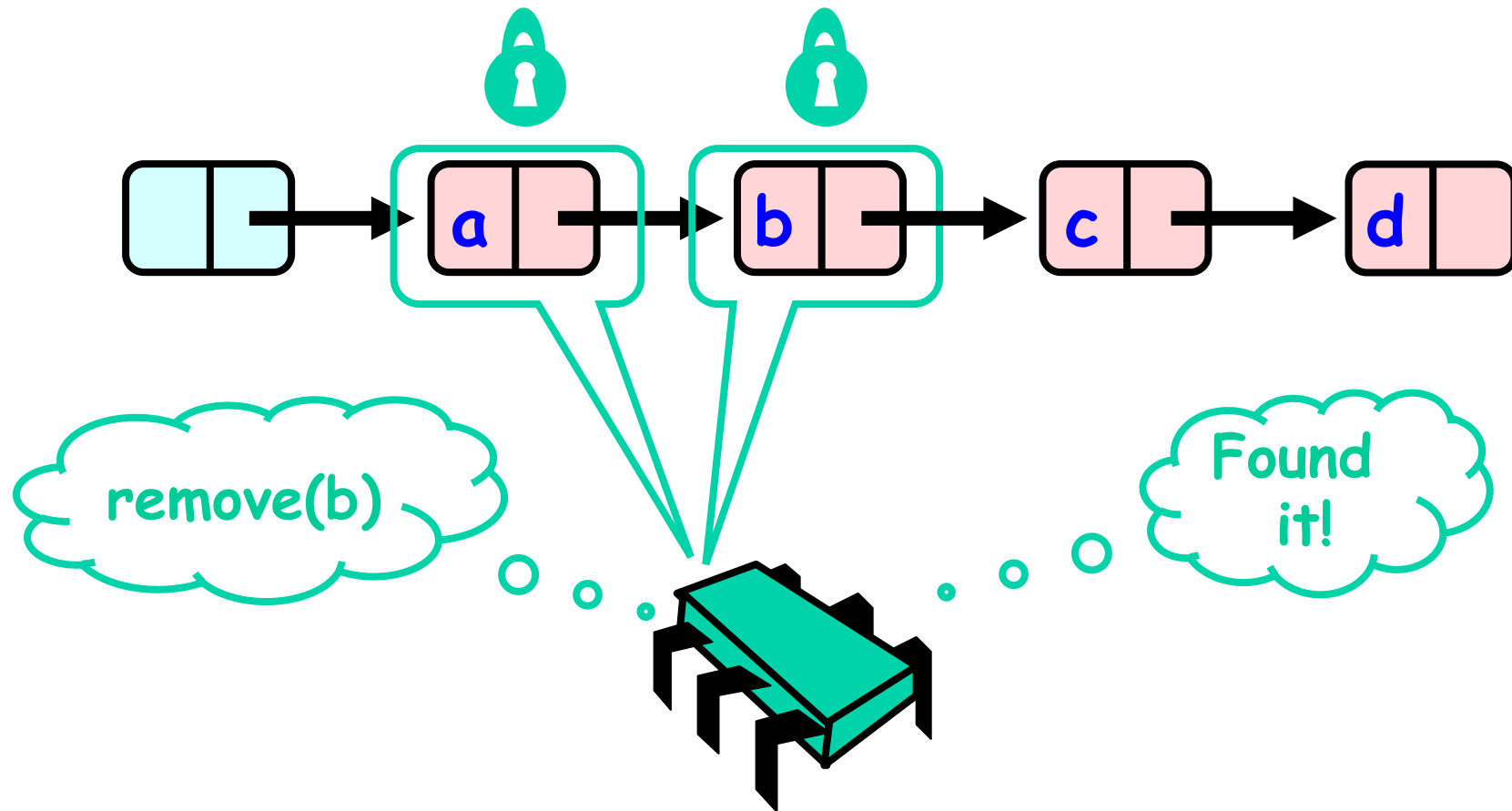
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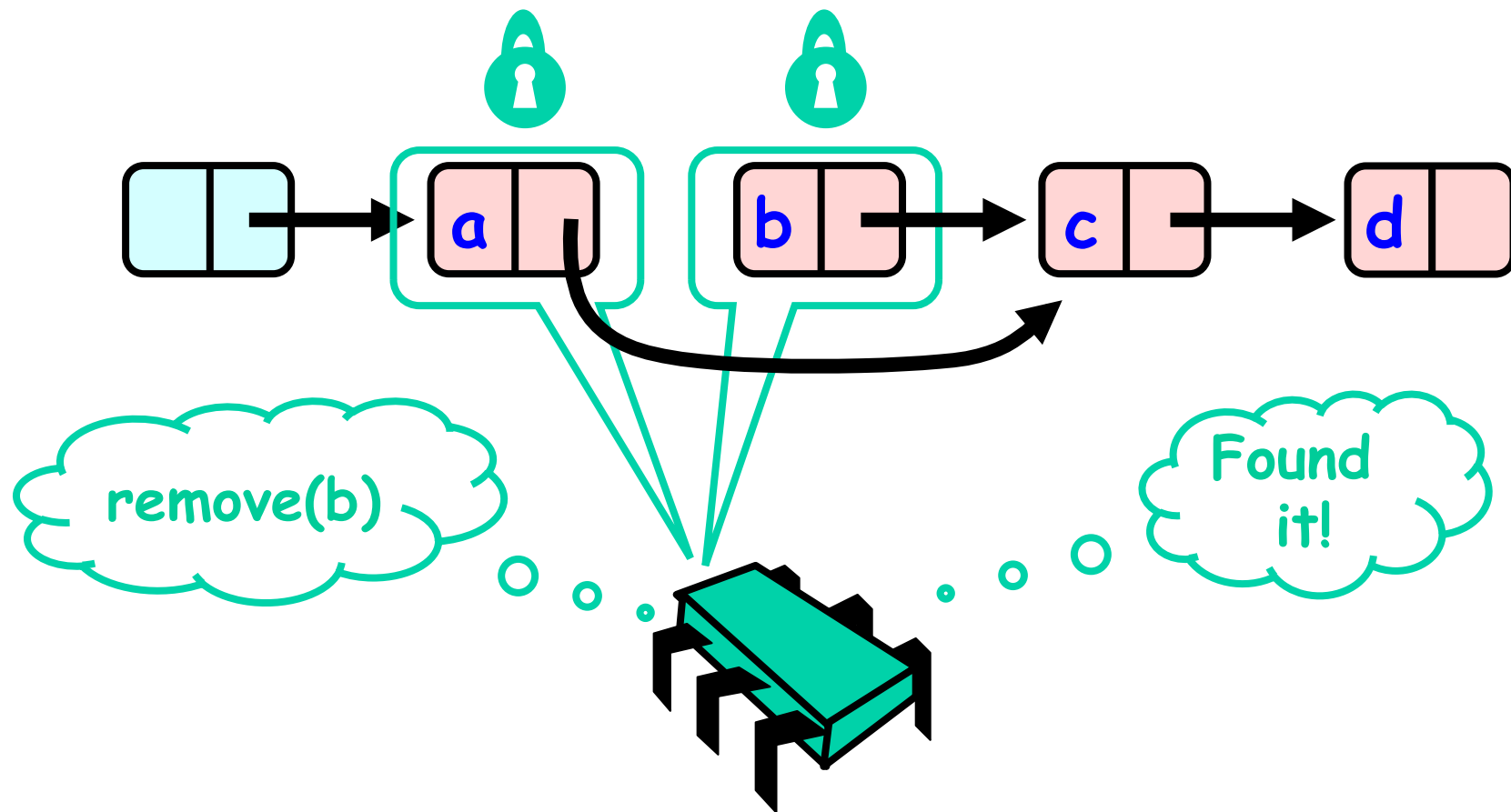
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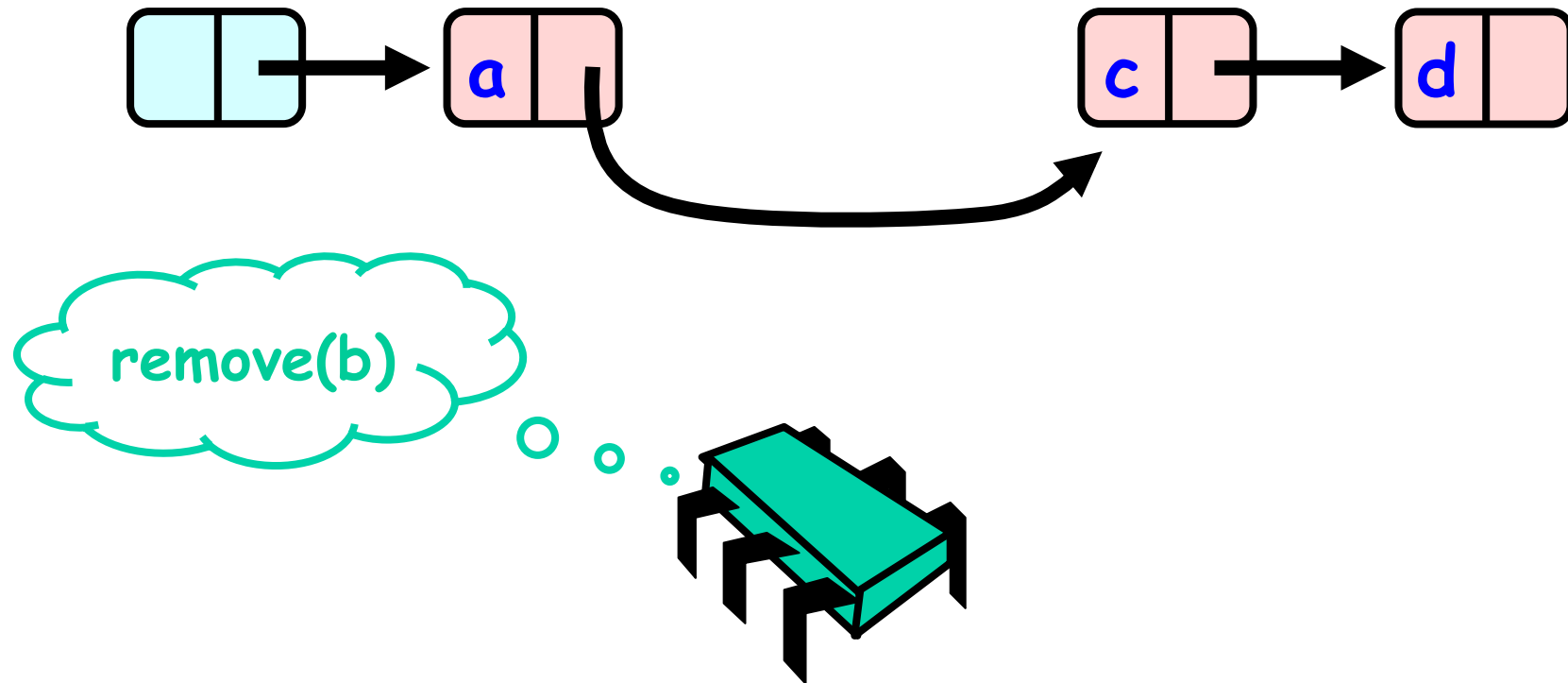
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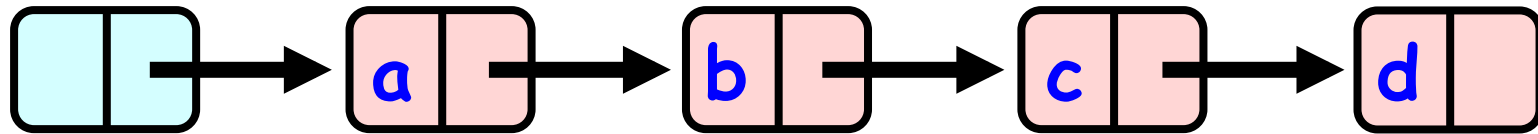
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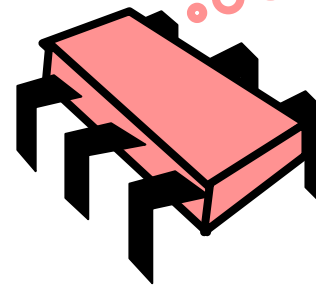
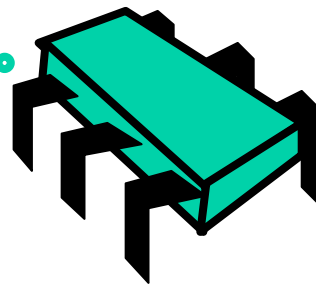
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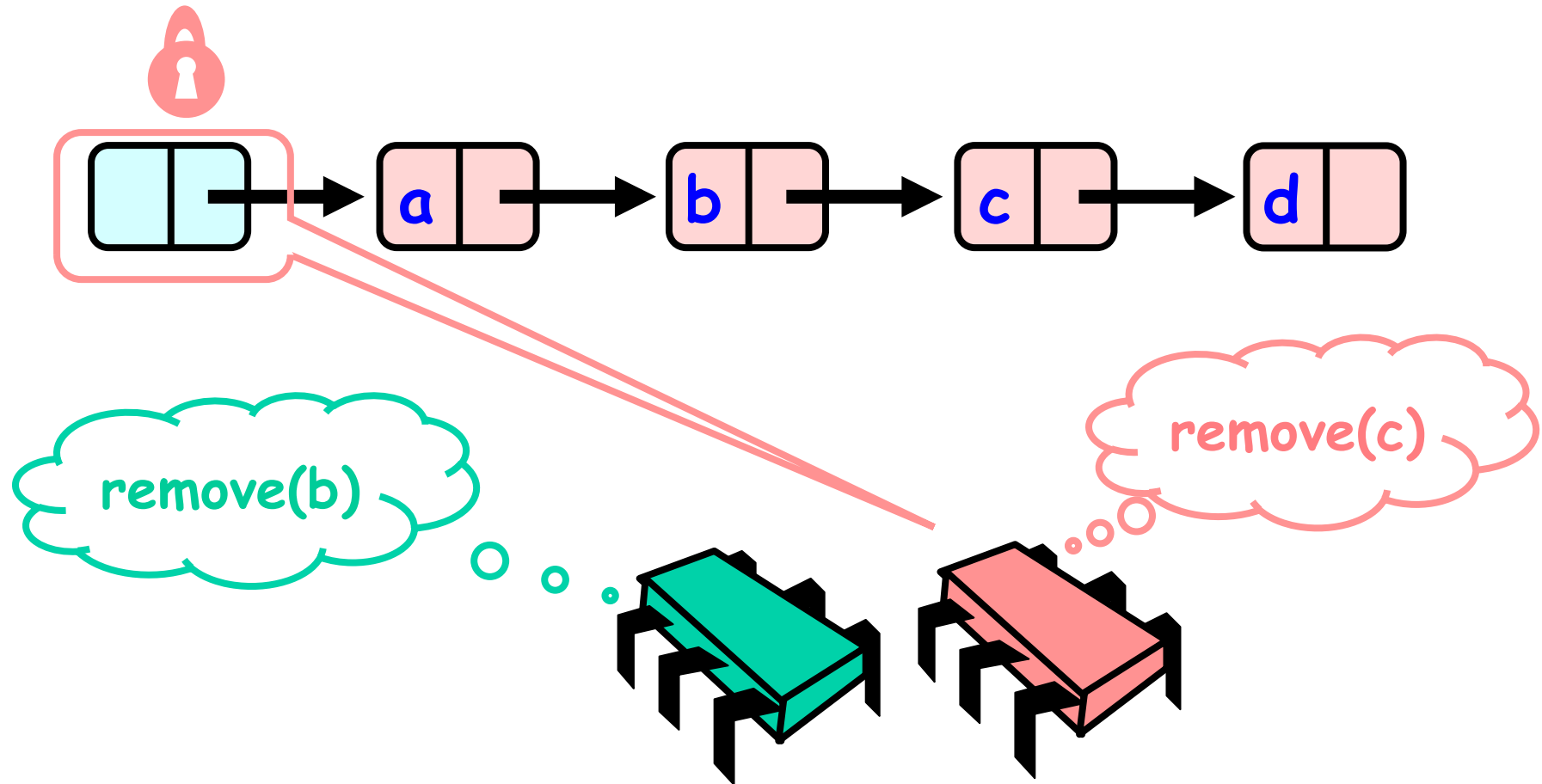


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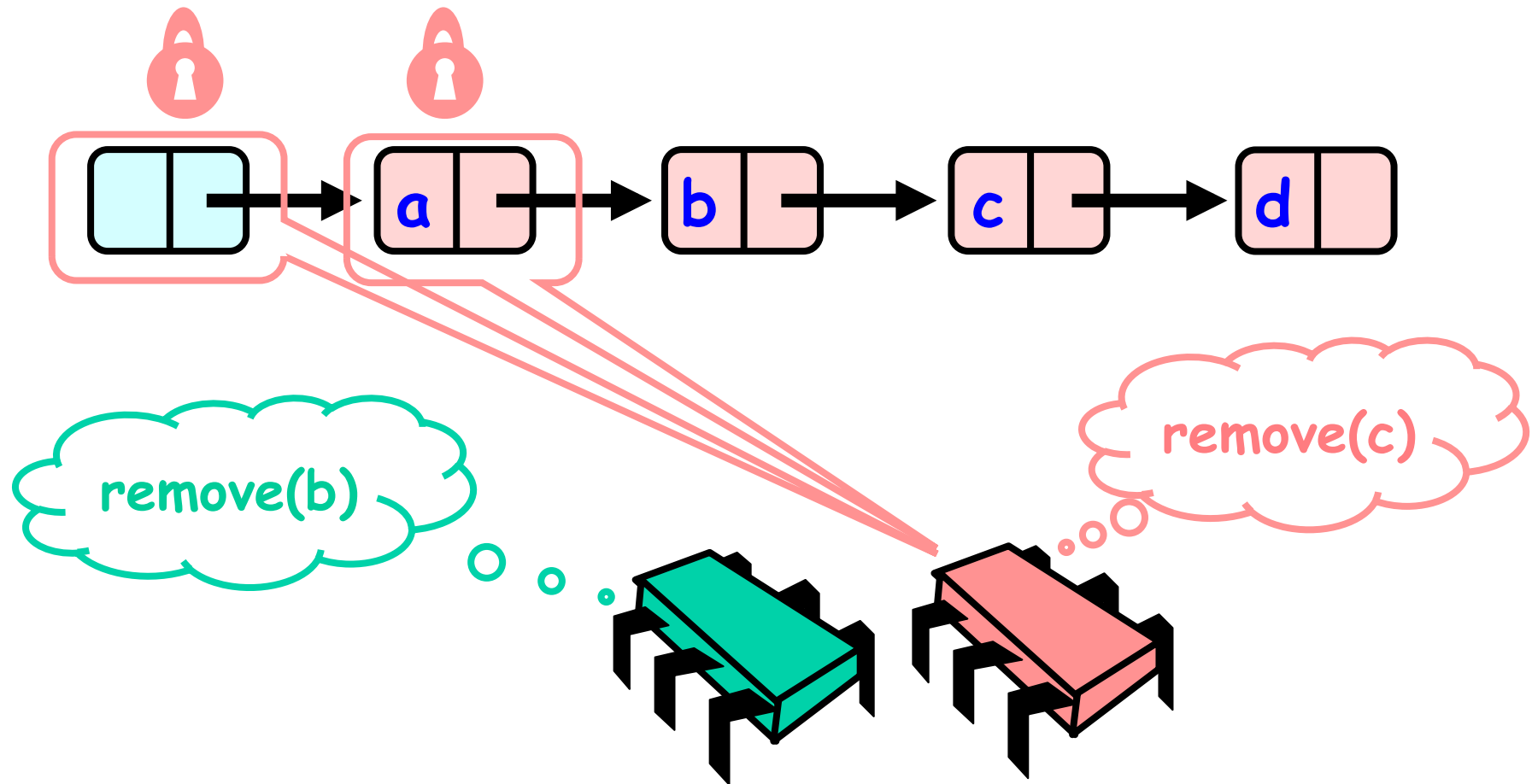


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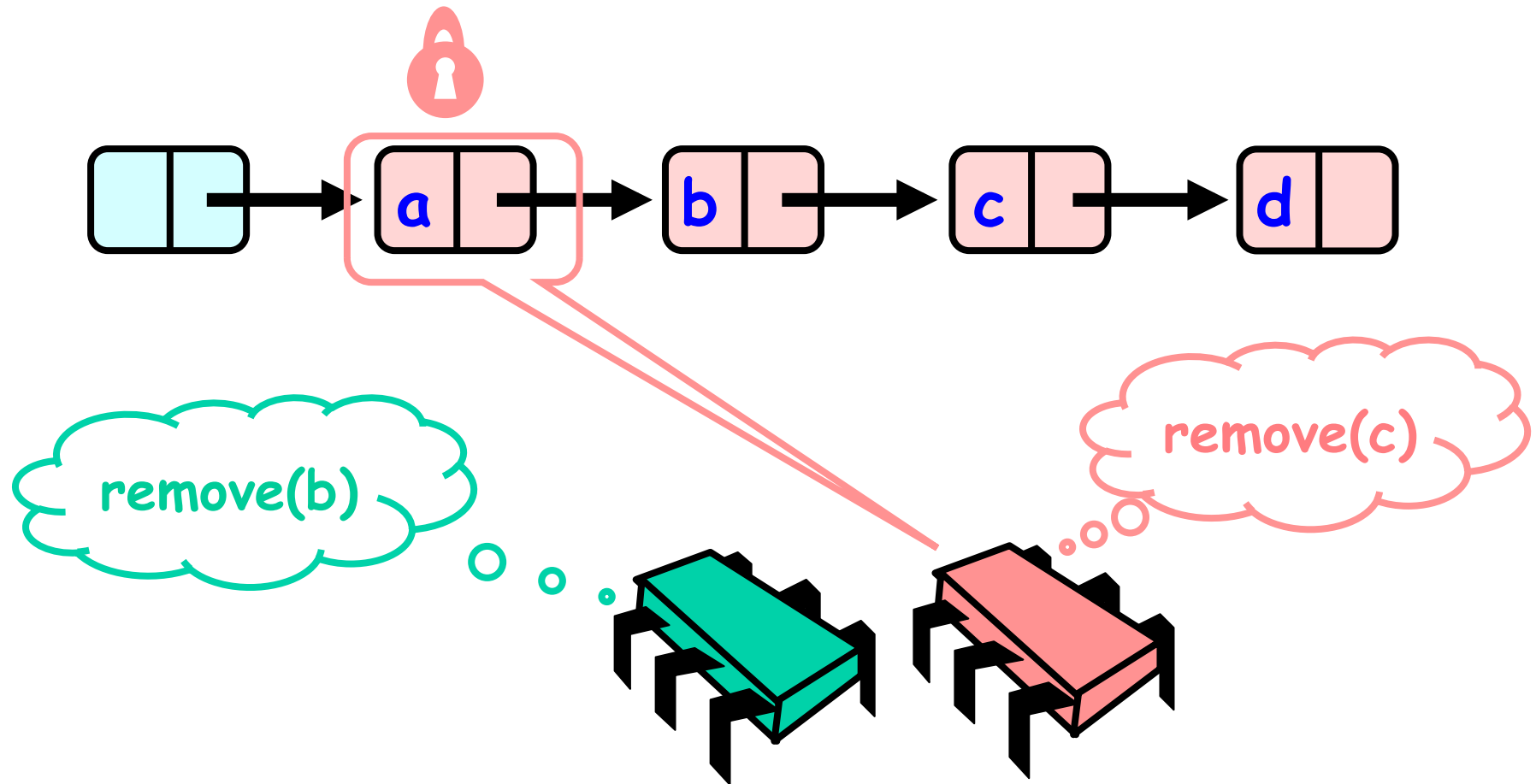
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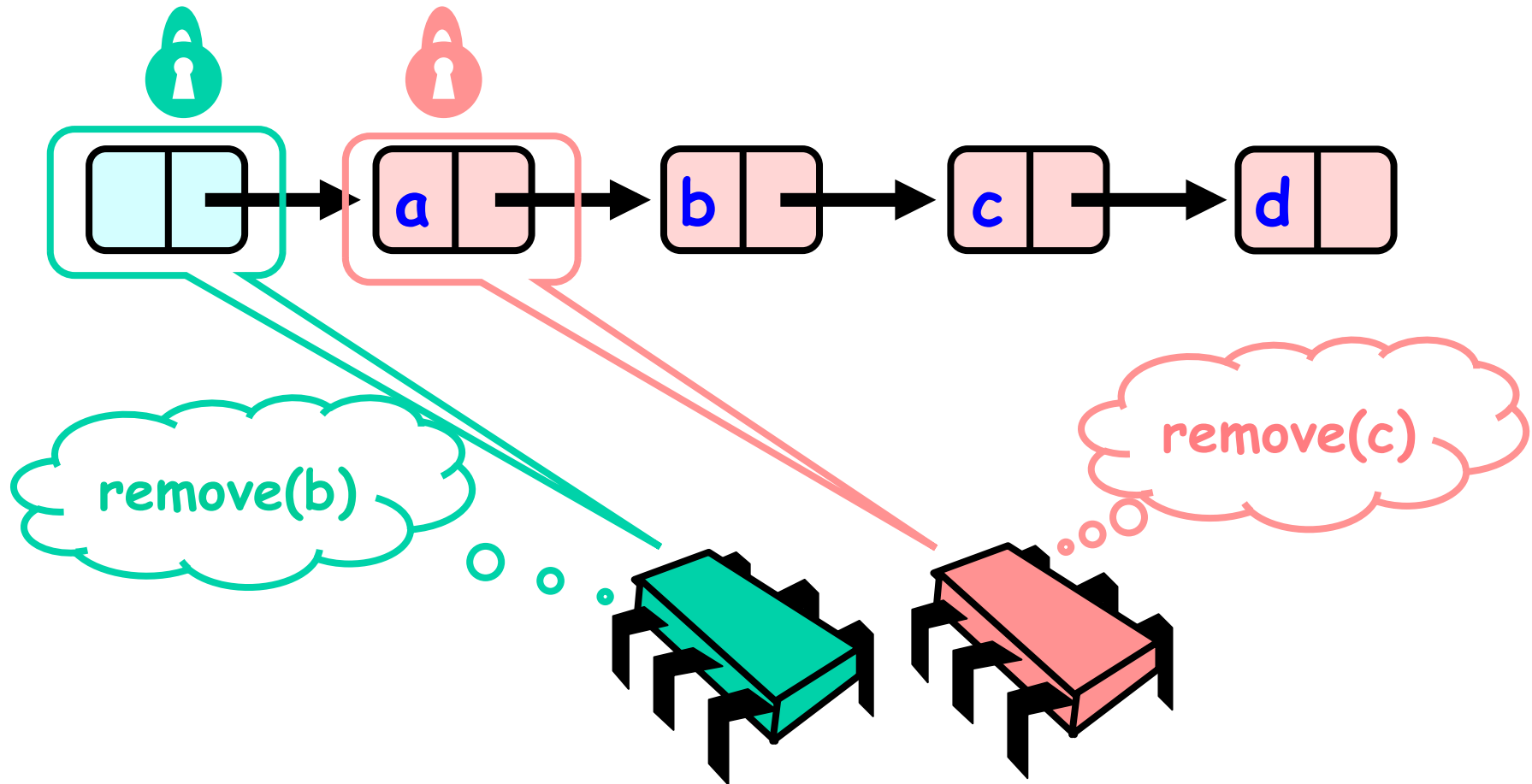
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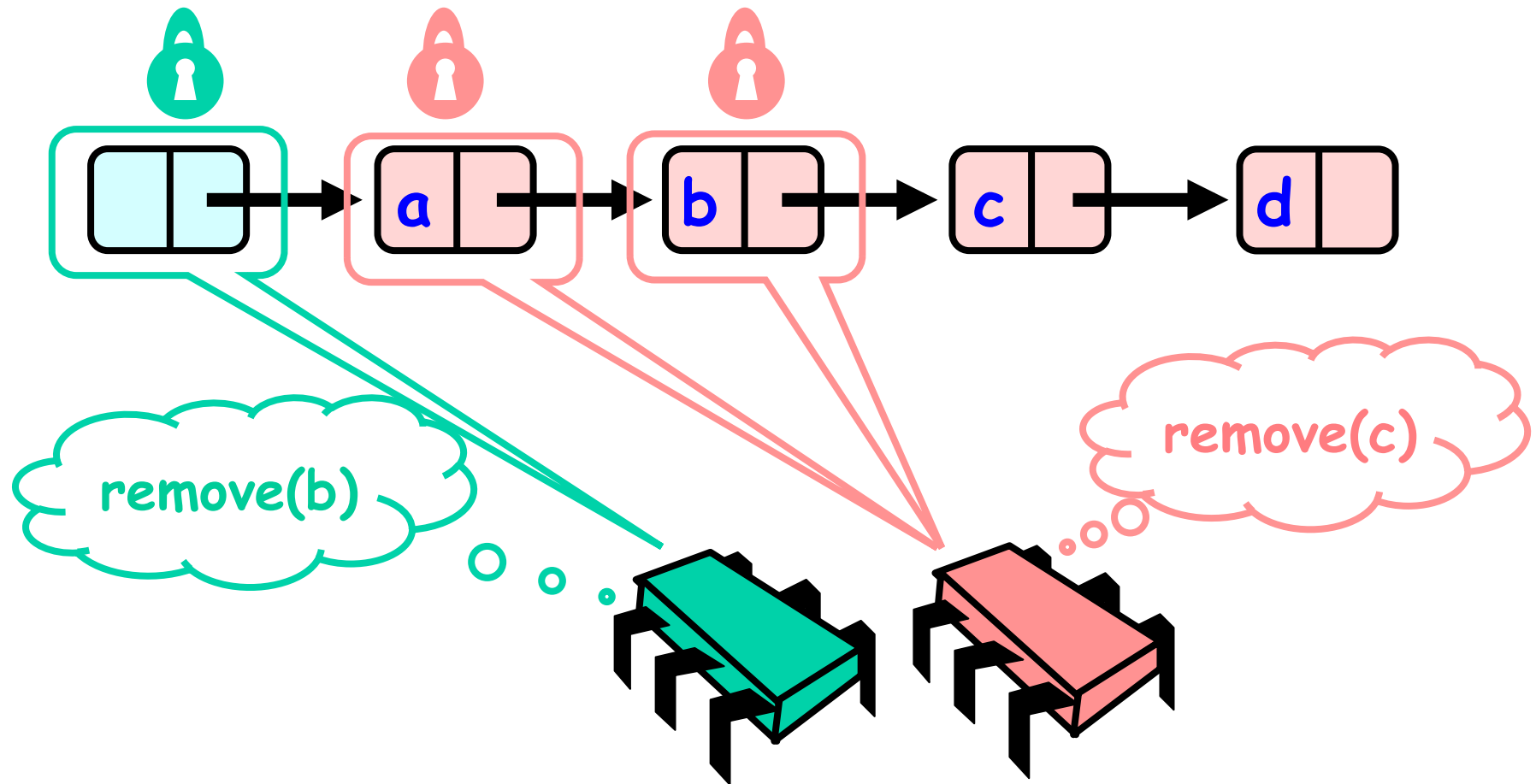
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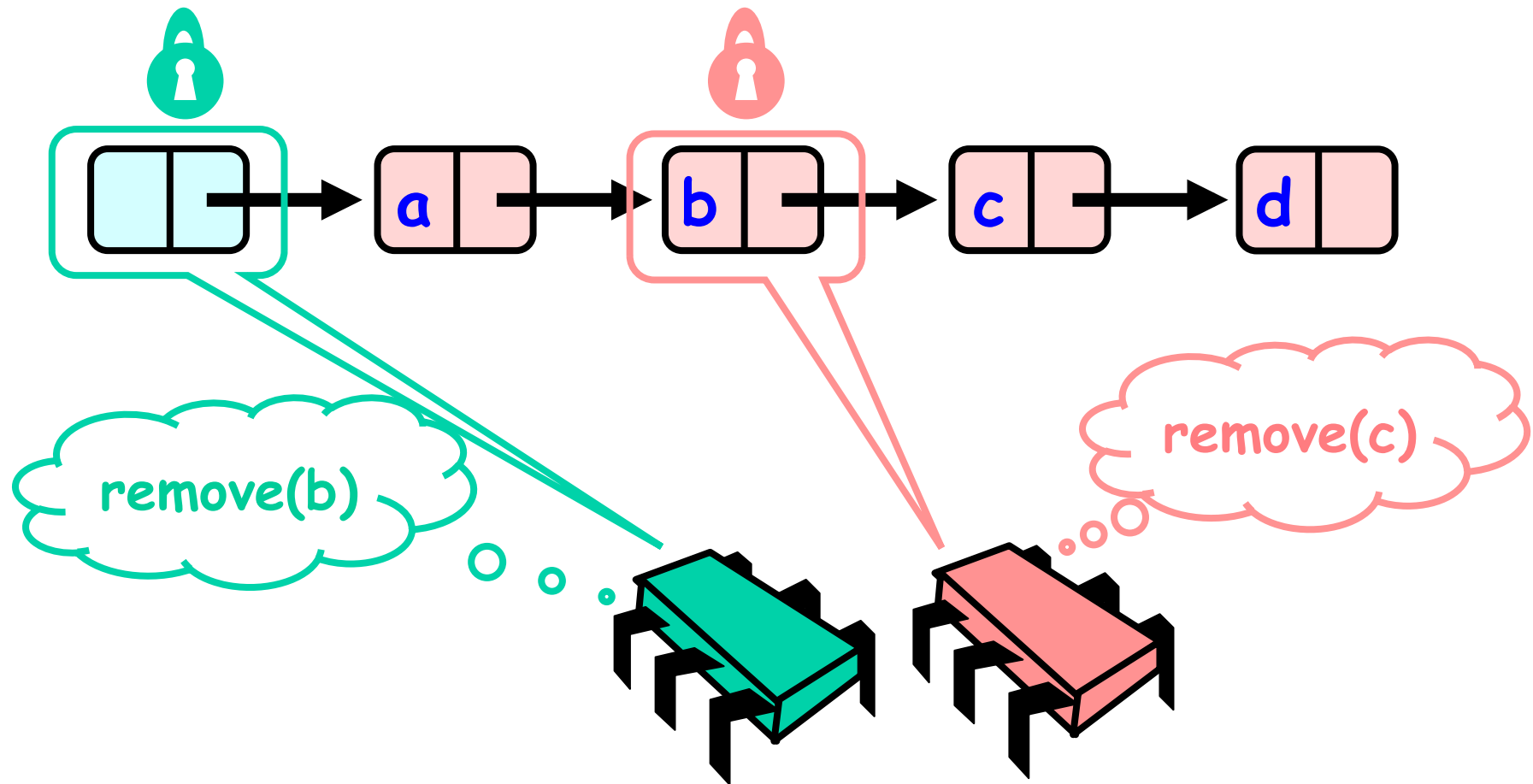
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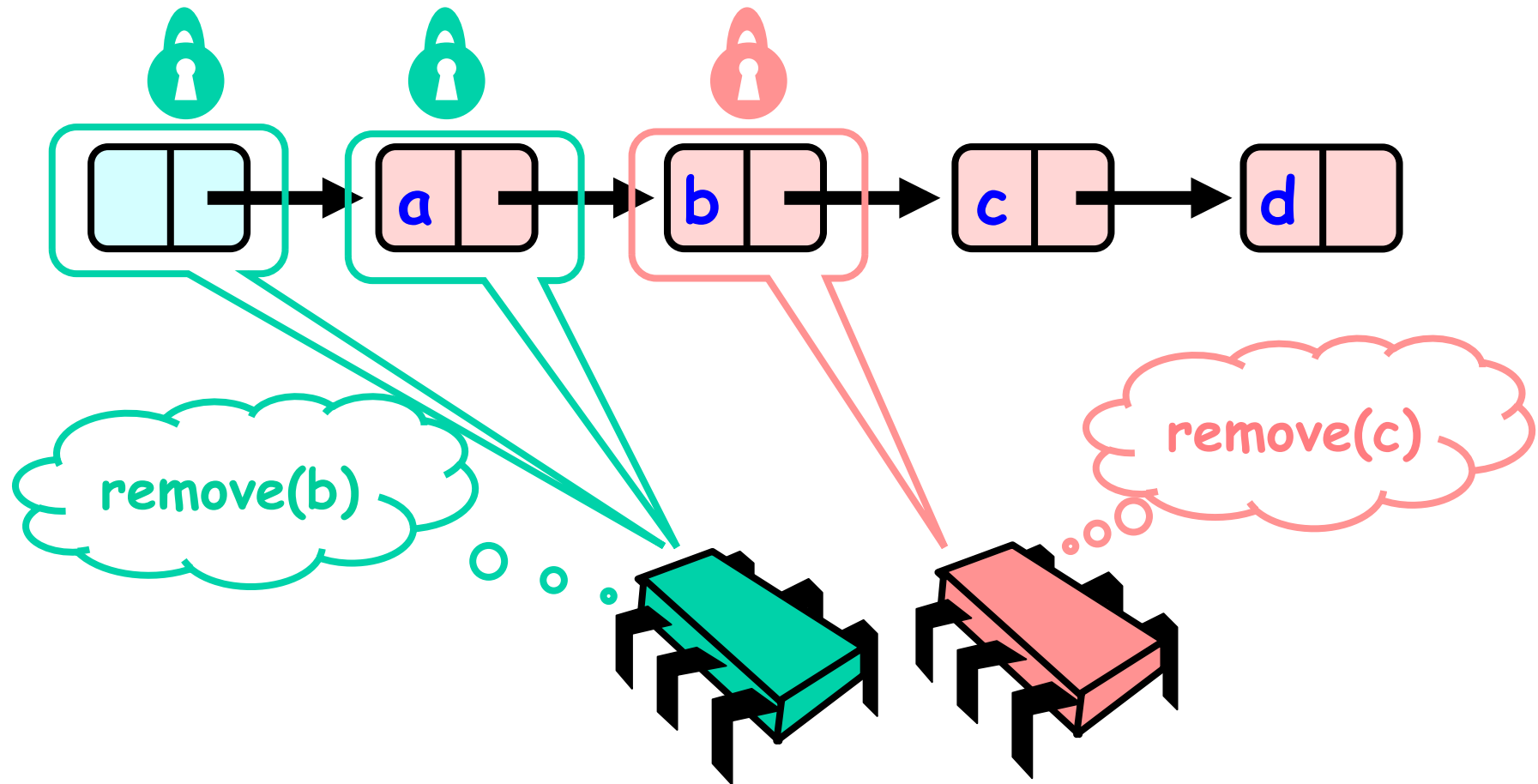
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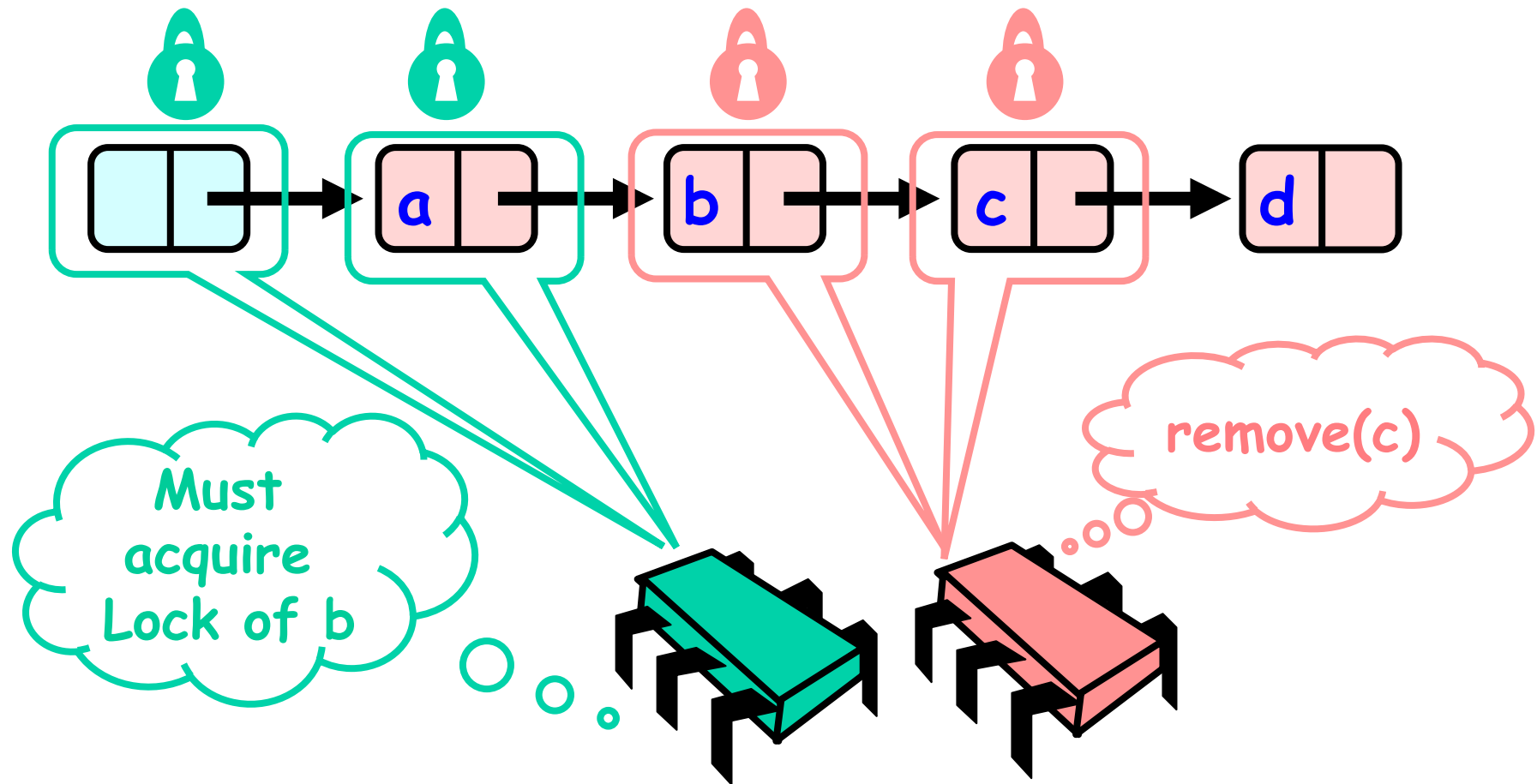
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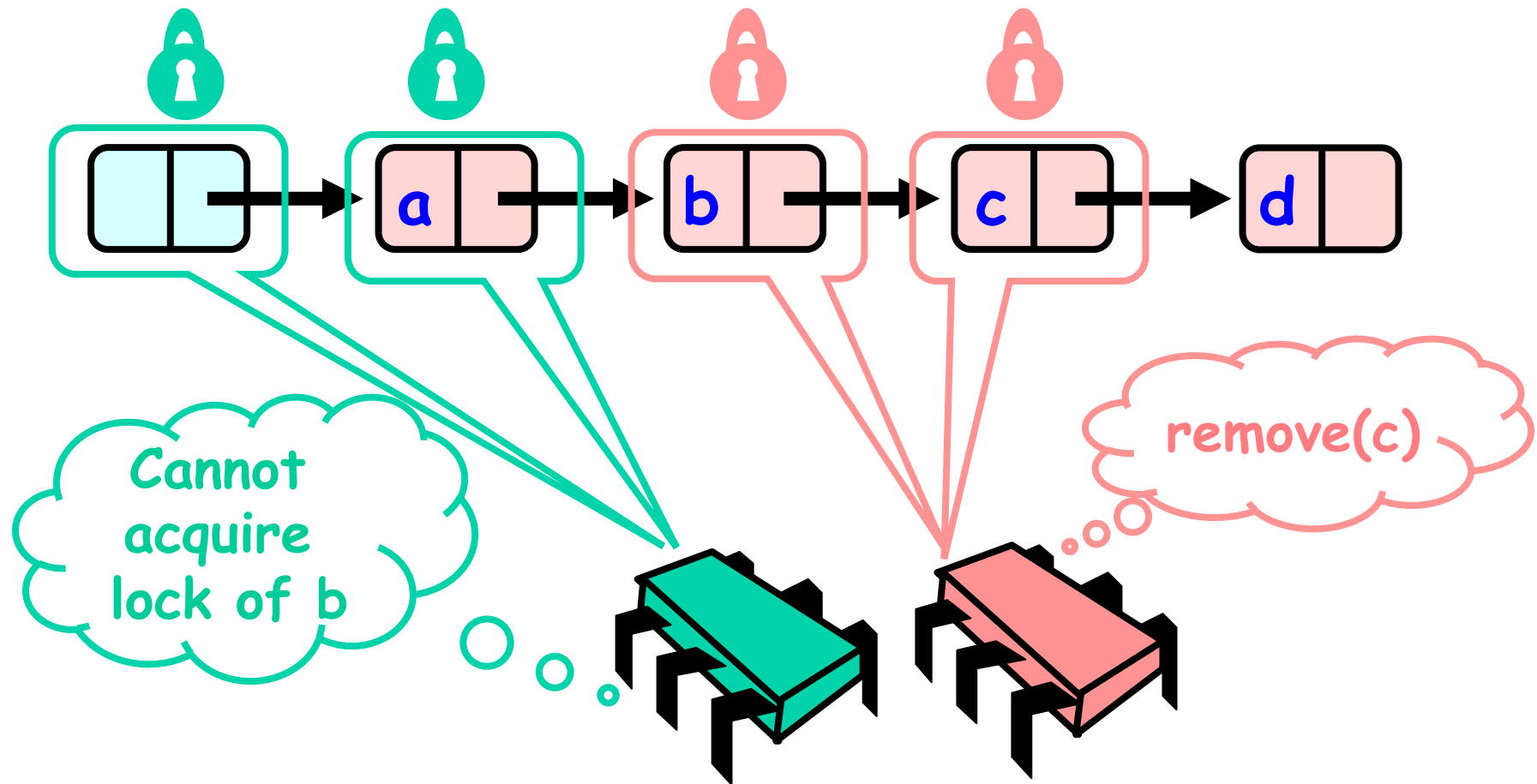
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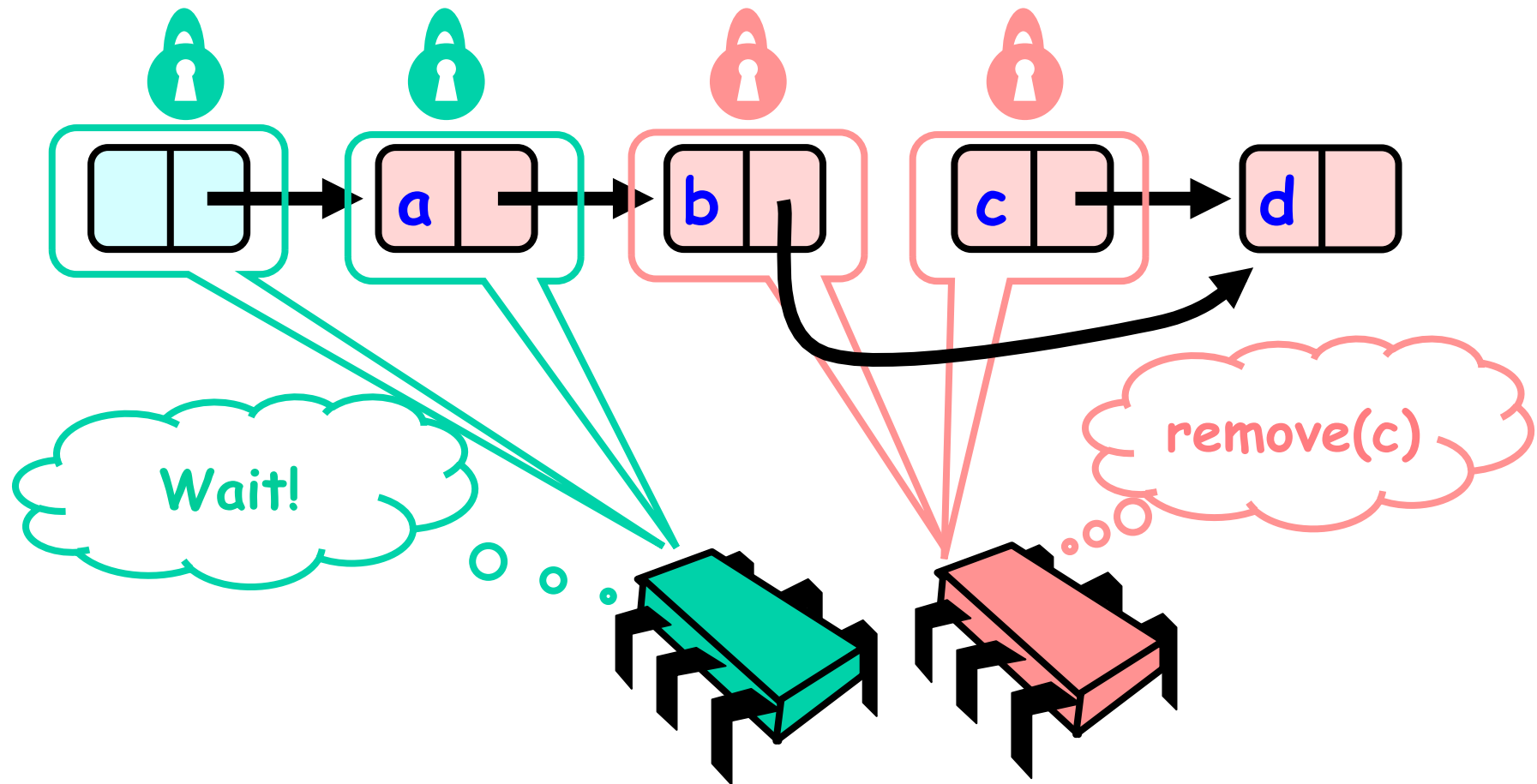
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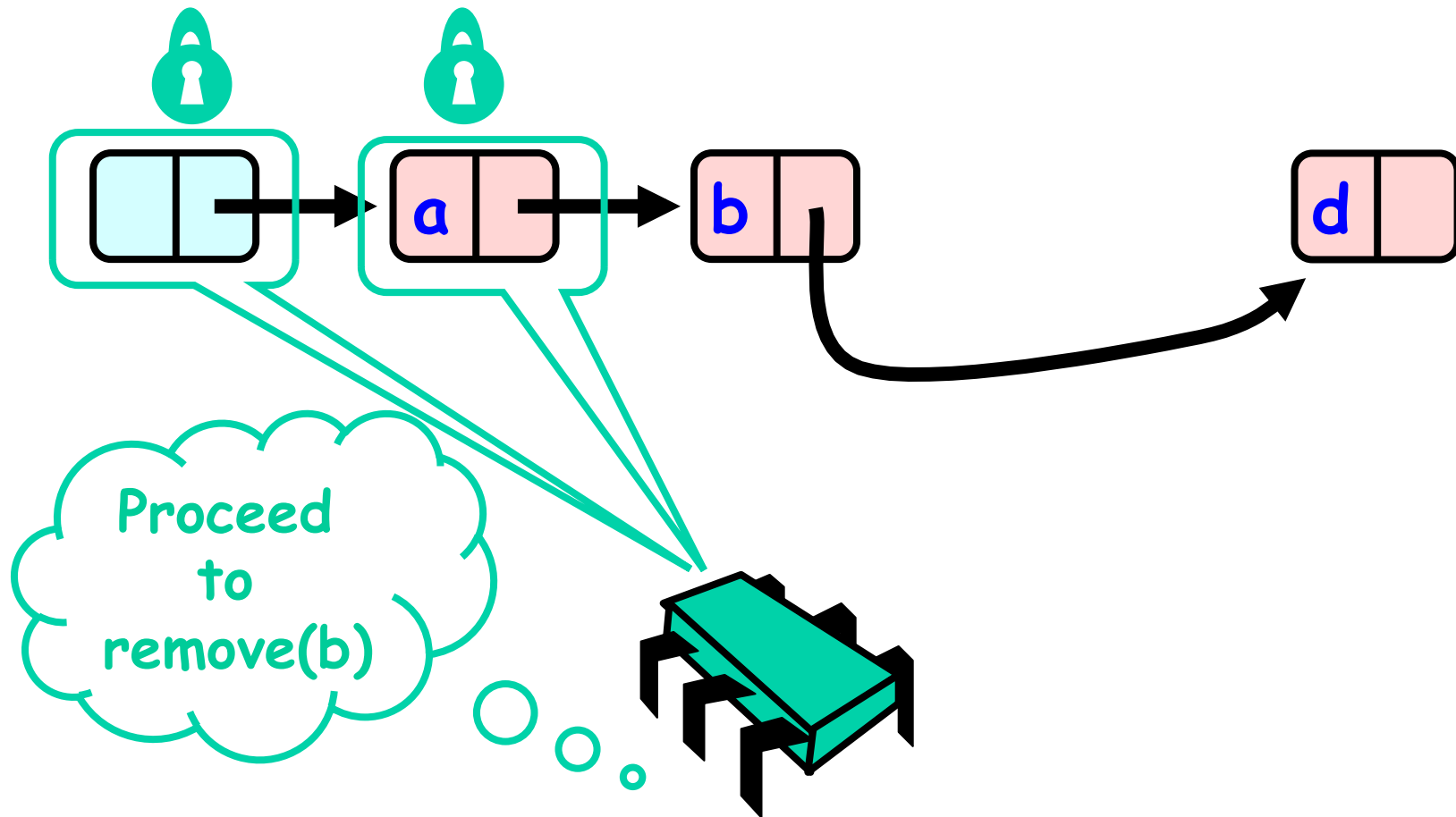
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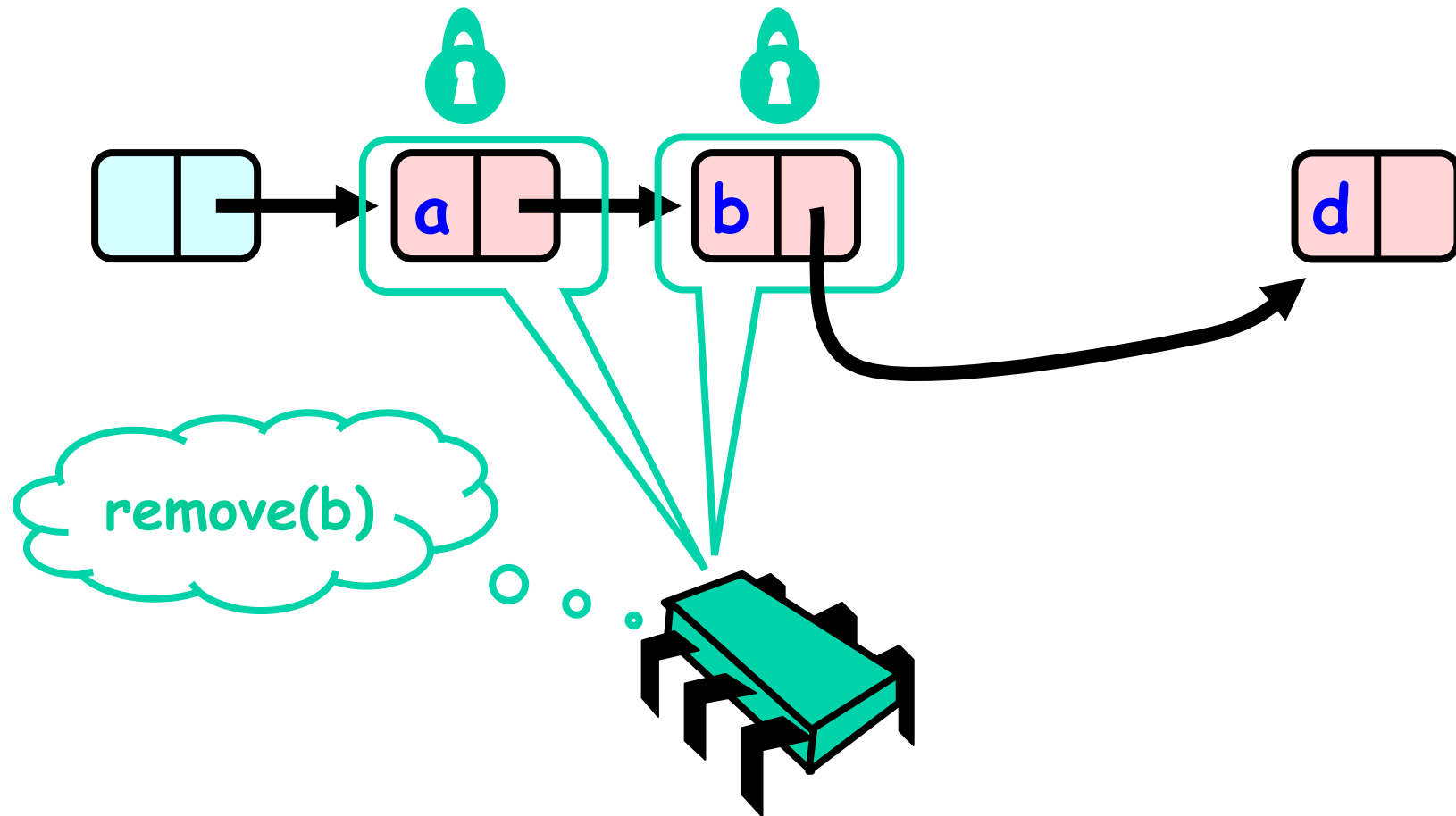
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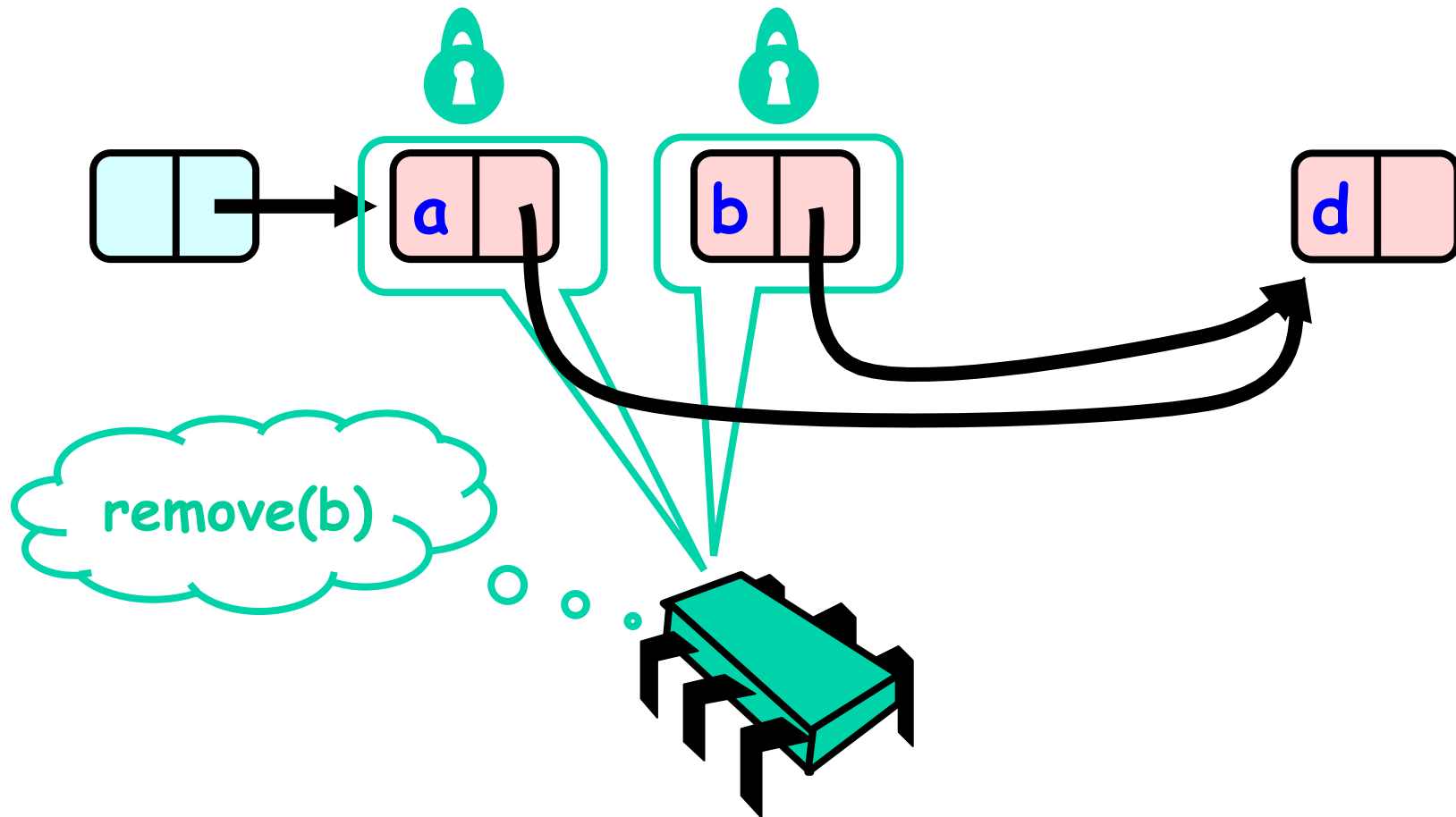
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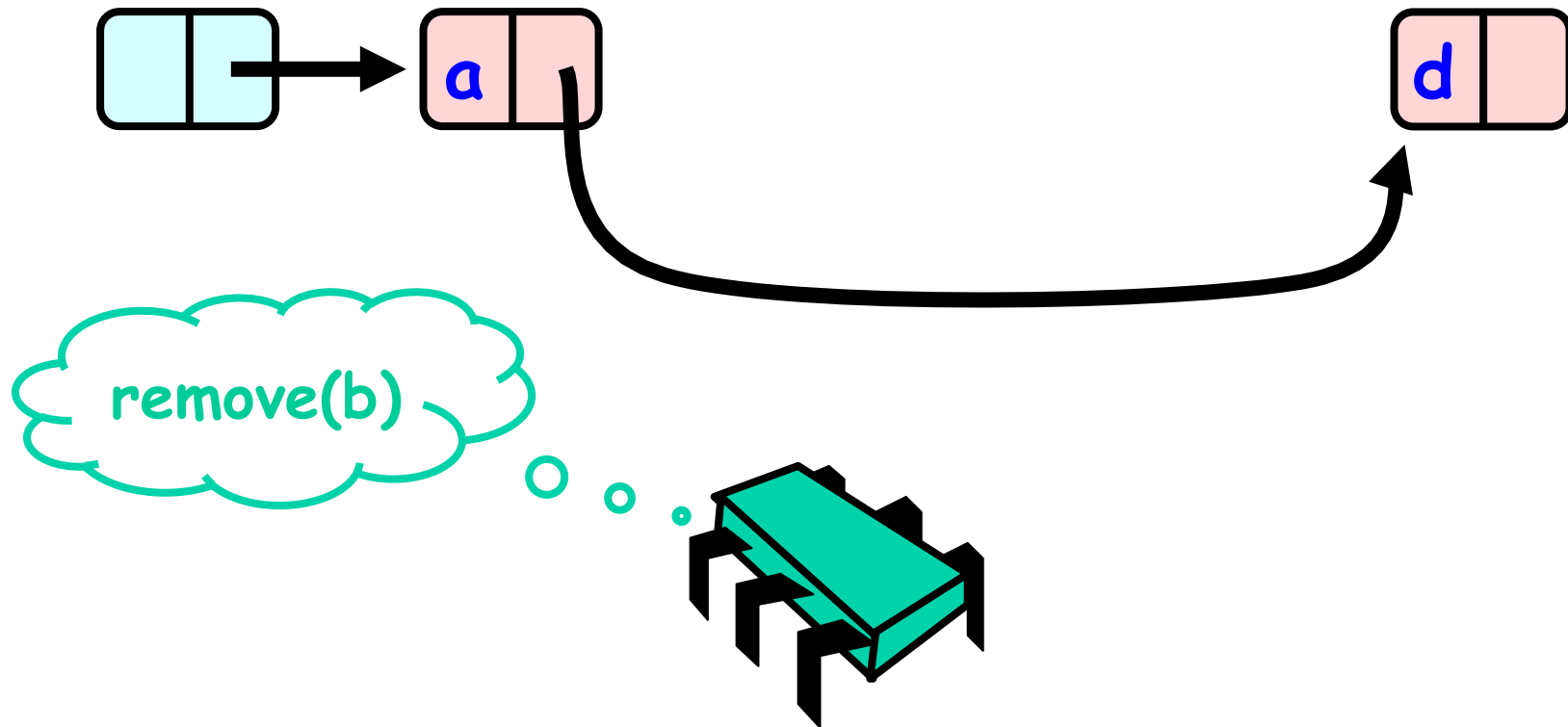
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Remove method

```
public boolean remove(Item item) {  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node pred, curr;  
    try {  
        ...  
    } finally {  
        curr.unlock();  
        pred.unlock();  
    }  
}
```

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    }  
}
```

Key used to order node

Remove method

```
public boolean remove(Item item) {  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node pred, curr;  
    try {  
        ...  
    } finally {  
        currNode.unlock();  
        predNode.unlock();  
    }  
}
```

Predecessor and current nodes

Remove method

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public boolean remove(Item item) {  
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    Node pred, curr;  
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        pred.unlock();  
    }  
}
```

**Make sure
locks released**

Remove method

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    }  
}
```

Everything else

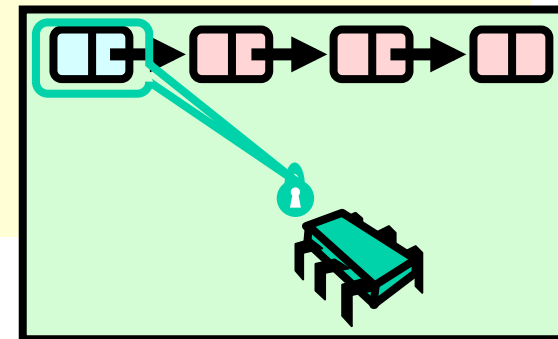
Remove method

```
try {  
    pred = this.head;  
    pred.lock();  
    curr = pred.next;  
    curr.lock();  
  
    ...  
} finally { ... }
```

Remove method

```
try {  
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    ...  
} finally { ... }
```

lock pred == head



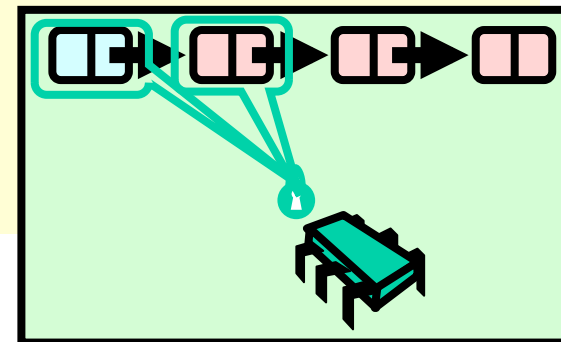
Remove method

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try {  
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  curr = pred.next;  
  curr.lock();
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  ...  
} finally { ... }
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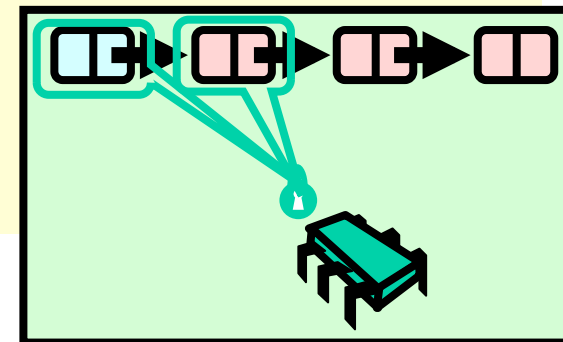
Lock current



Remove method

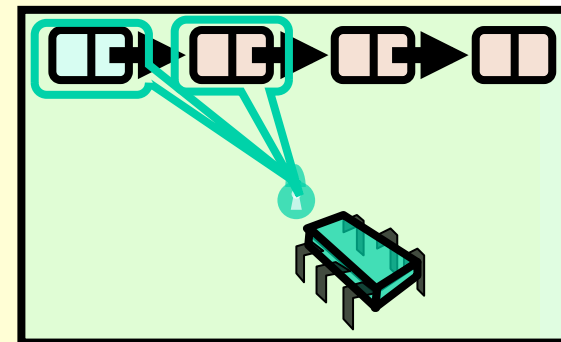
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try {  
  pred = this.head;  
  pred.lock();  
  curr = pred.next;  
  curr.lock();  
  ...  
} finally { ... }
```

Traversing list



Remove: searching

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```



Remove: searching

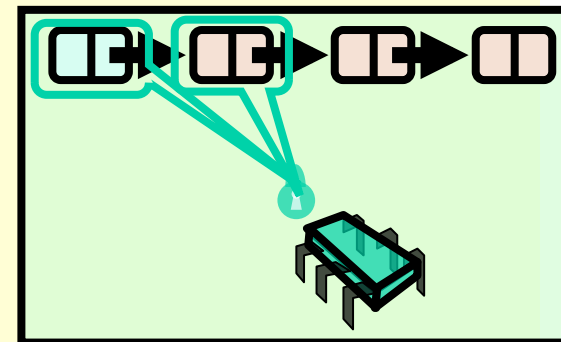
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    if (item == curr.item) {  
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}
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```
return false;
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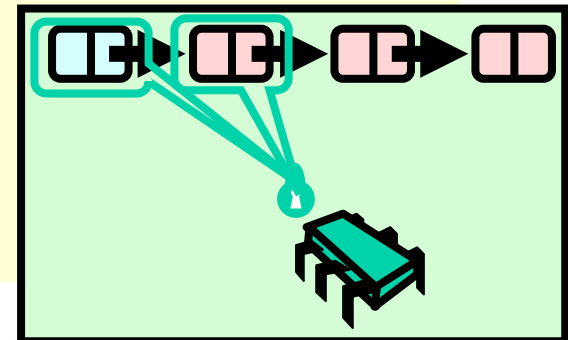
Search key range



Remove: searching

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return false;
```

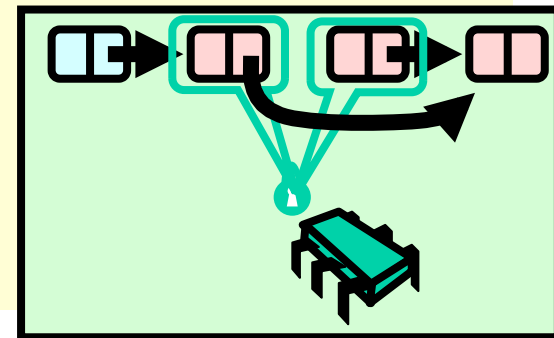
**At start of each loop: curr
and pred locked**



Remove: searching

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}
```

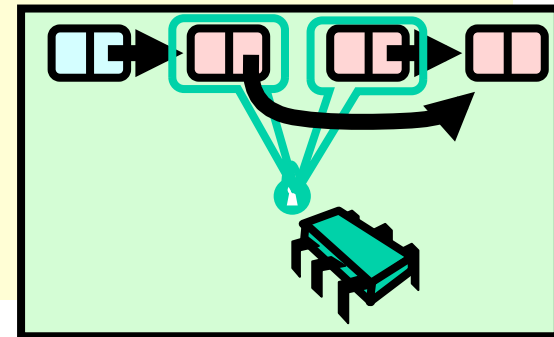
If item found, remove node



Remove: searching

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}
```

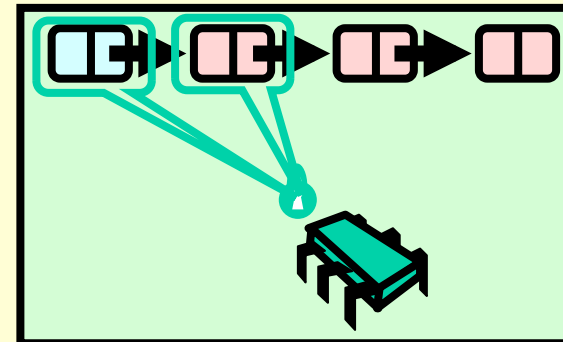
If node found, remove it



Remove: searching

Unlock predecessor

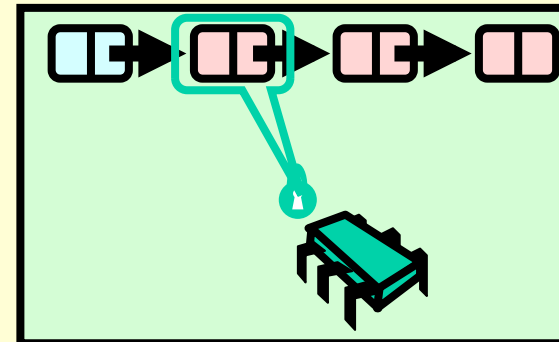
```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```



Remove: searching

Only one node locked!

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```

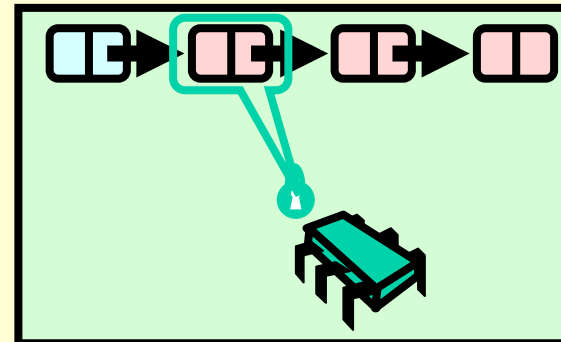


Remove: searching

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```

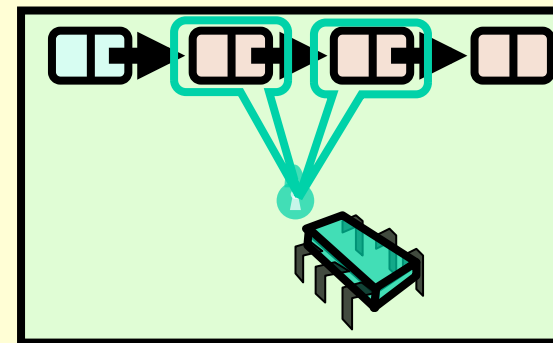
demote current

pred = curr;



Remove: searching

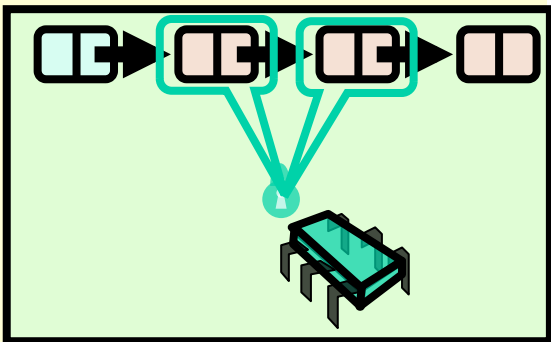
```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    Find and lock new current  
    if (curr == curr.next) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = currNode;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```



Remove: searching

```
while (curr_key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = currNode;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```

Lock invariant restored

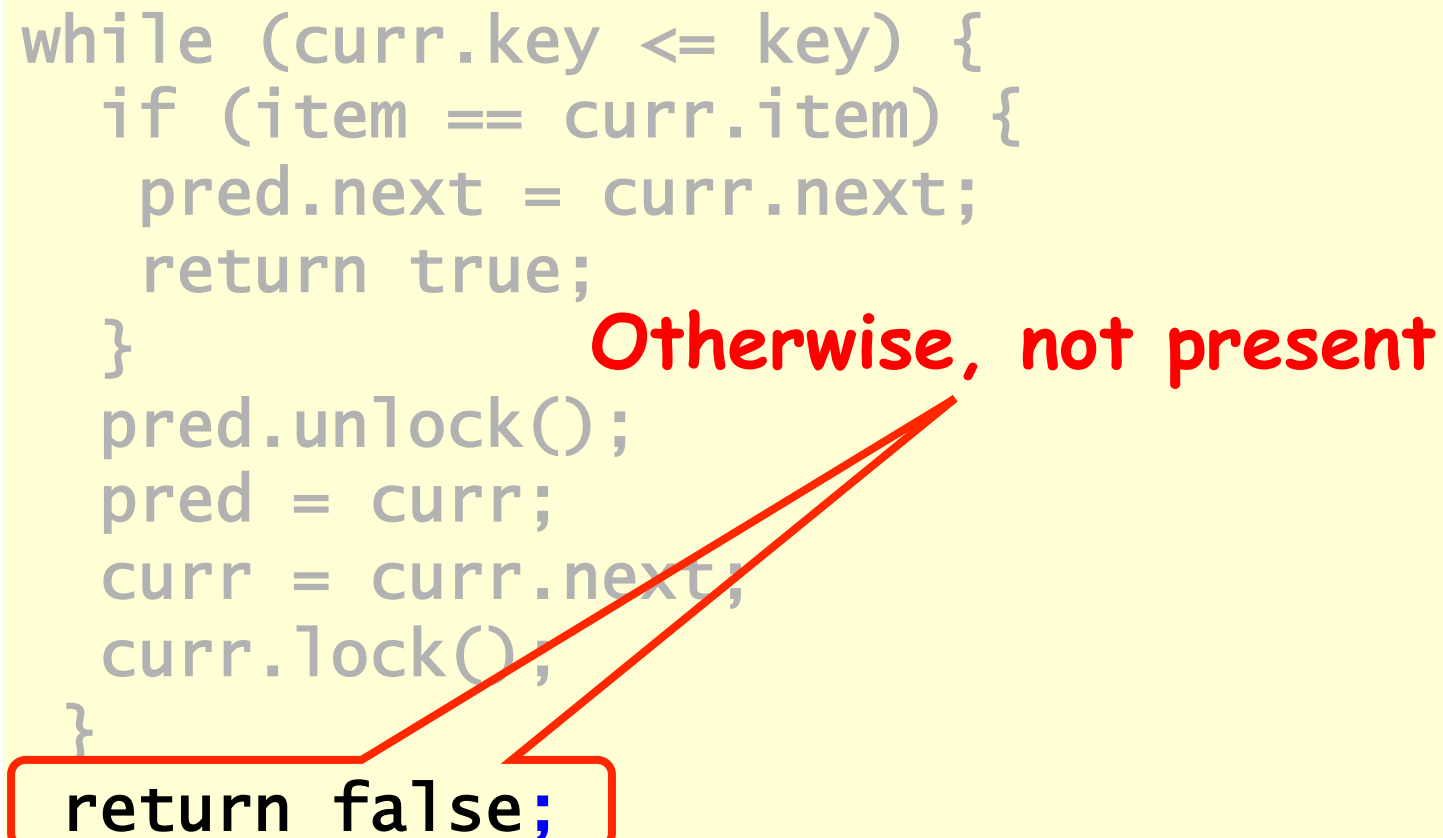


The diagram illustrates a linked list with four nodes. The first node is light blue, and the next three are light pink. The second and third nodes are highlighted with a red box. A red circle is positioned below the second and third nodes, with two red lines connecting it to the red box. Below the red circle is a processor icon, representing the state where the lock invariant is restored.

Remove: searching

```
while (curr.key <= key) {  
    if (item == curr.item) {  
        pred.next = curr.next;  
        return true;  
    }  
    pred.unlock();  
    pred = curr;  
    curr = curr.next;  
    curr.lock();  
}  
return false;
```

Otherwise, not present



Why does this work?

- To remove node e
 - Must lock e
 - Must lock e 's predecessor
- Therefore, if you lock a node
 - It can't be removed
 - And neither can its successor

Linearization point:

- if e is present, when e 's predecessor is

Locked

Rep Invariant

- Easy to check that
 - tail always reachable from head
 - Nodes sorted, no duplicates

Drawbacks

- Better than coarse-grained lock
 - Threads can traverse in parallel
- Still not ideal
 - Long chain of acquire/release
 - Inefficient

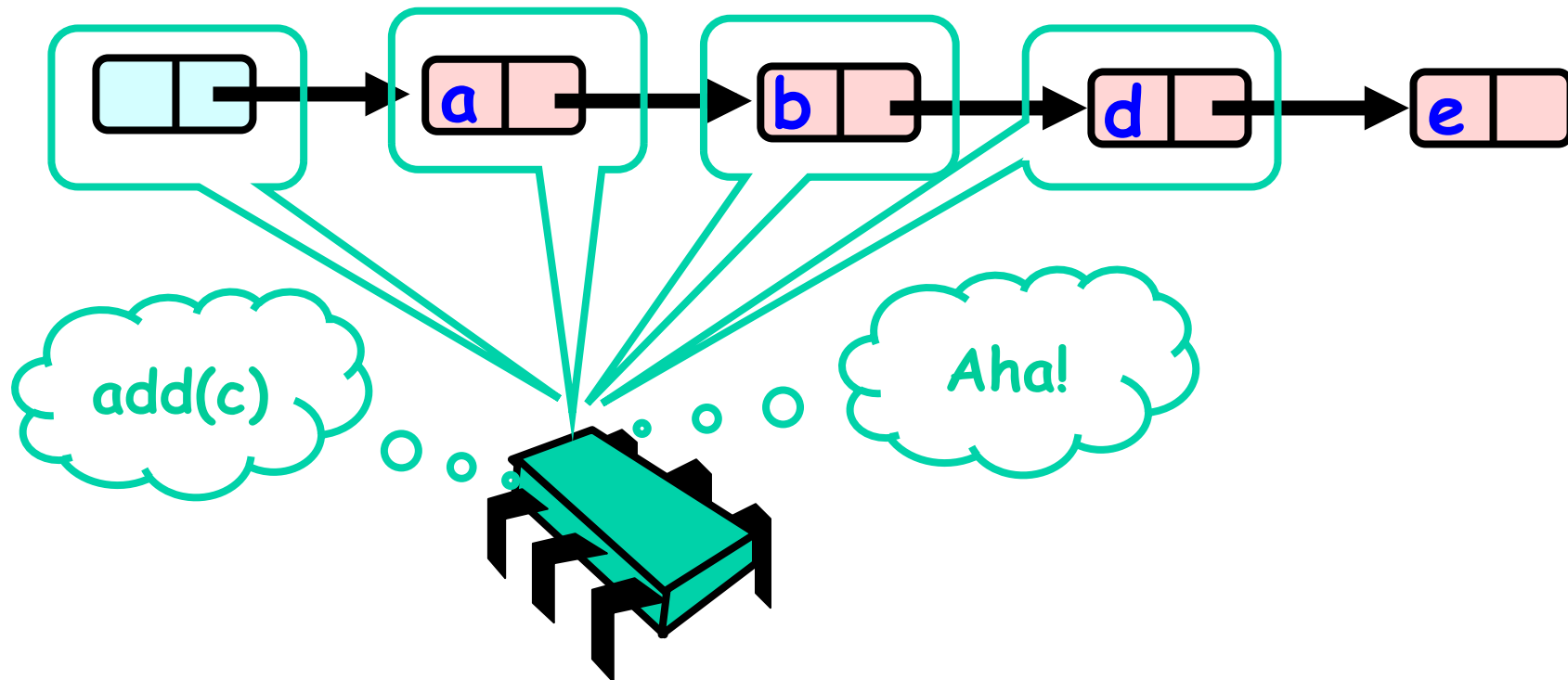
thread may still be delayed by another using different part of the list...

but if the locks are fair, there will be no starvation

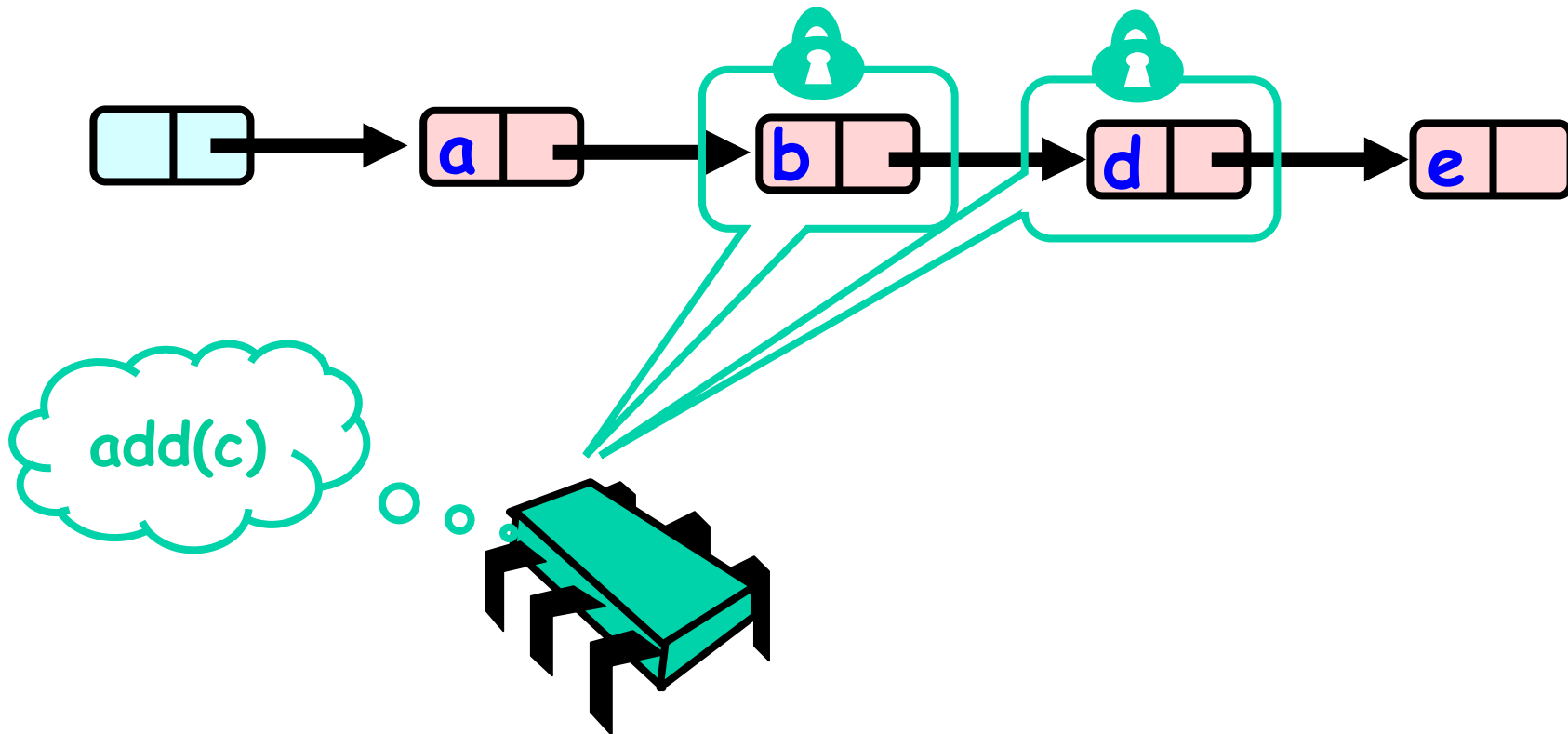
Optimistic Synchronization

- Find nodes without locking
- Lock nodes
- Check that everything is OK

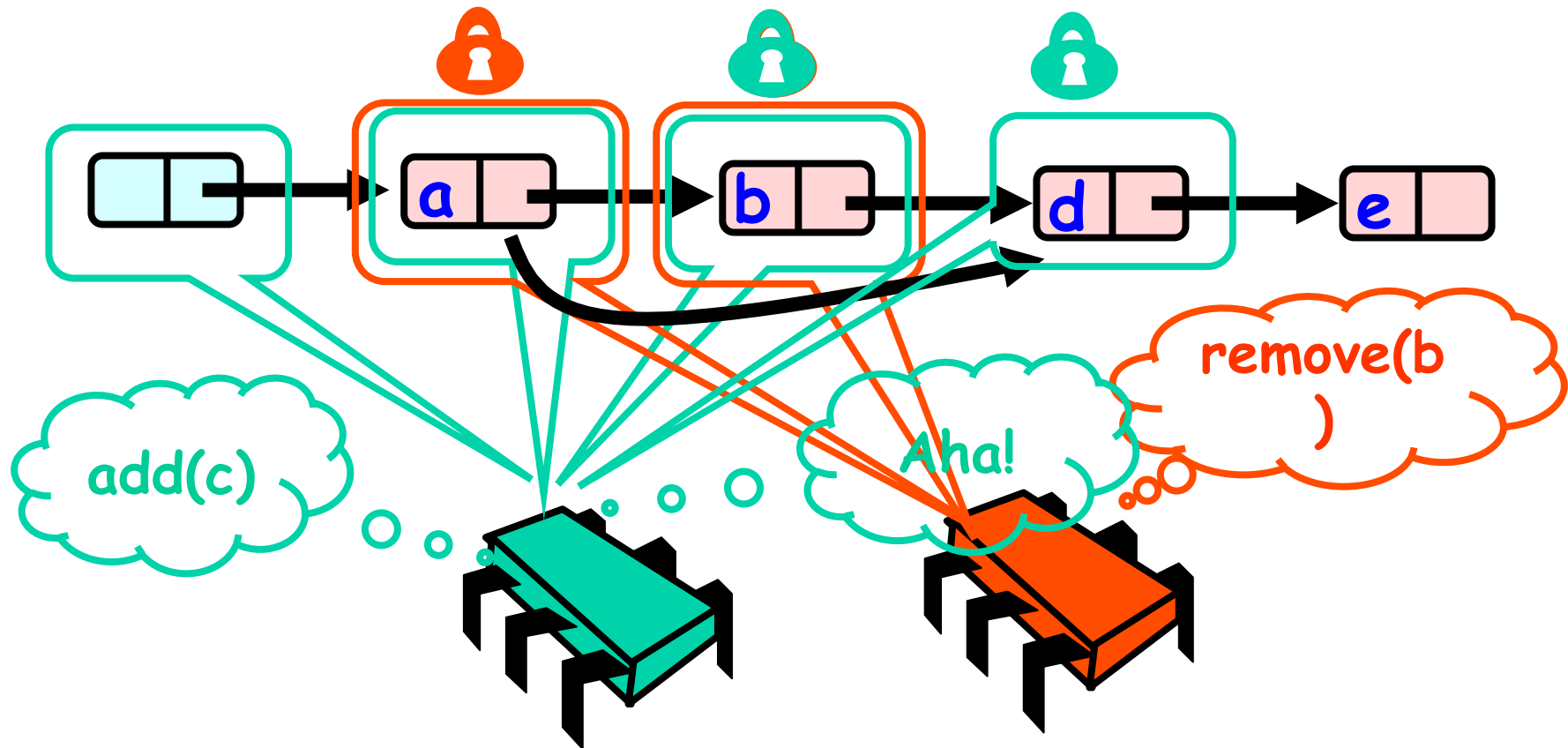
Optimistic: Traverse without Locking



Optimistic: Lock and Load



What could go wrong?



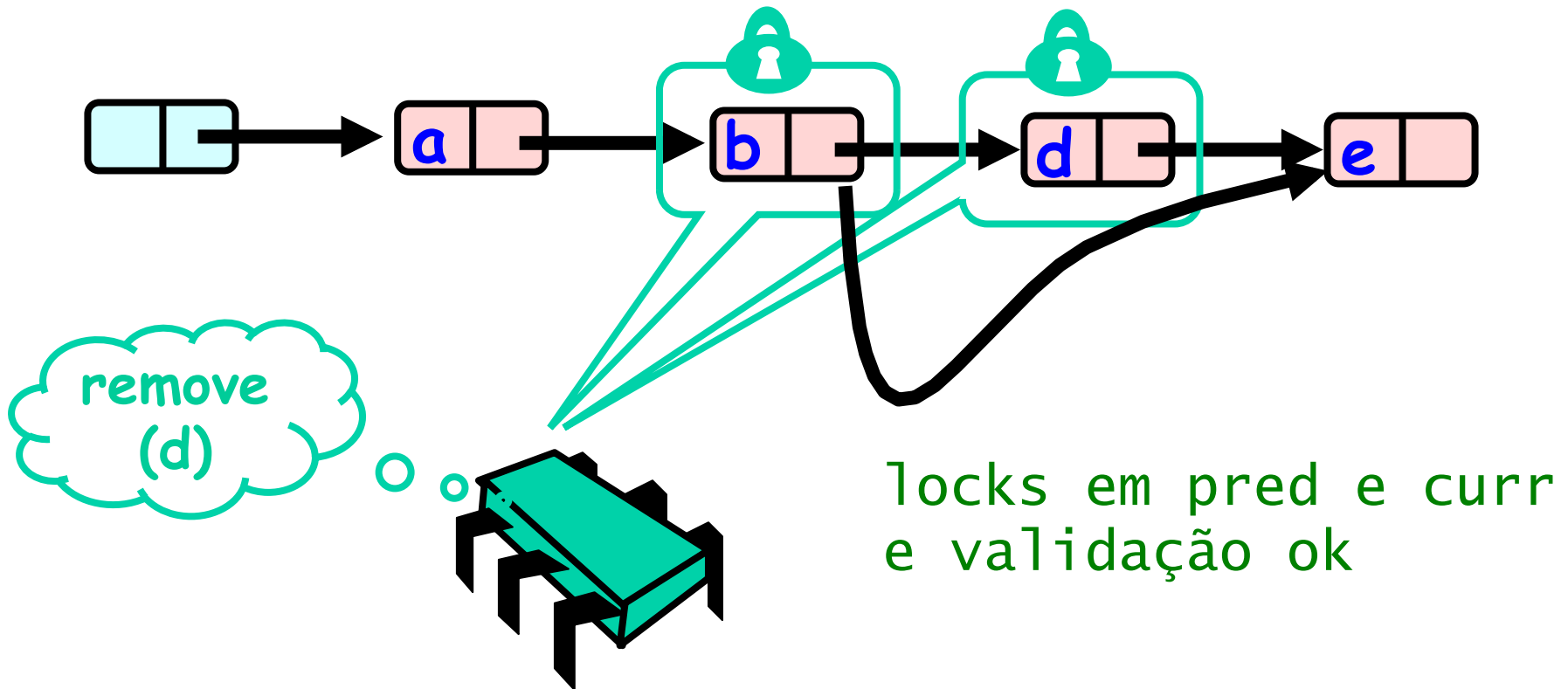
```

public boolean remove(T item) {
    int key = item.hashCode();
    while (true) {
        Node pred = head; Node curr = pred.next;
        while (curr.key <= key) {
            pred = curr; curr = curr.next;
            while (curr.key < key) {
                pred = curr; curr = curr.next;
            }
            pred.lock(); curr.lock();
            try {
                if (validate(pred, curr)) {
                    if (curr.key == key) {
                        pred.next = curr.next;
                        return true; }
                    else return false;
                }
            } finally {
                pred.unlock(); curr.unlock();
            }
        }
    }
}

```

atenção para a
espera ocupada!

Optimistic: Linearization Point



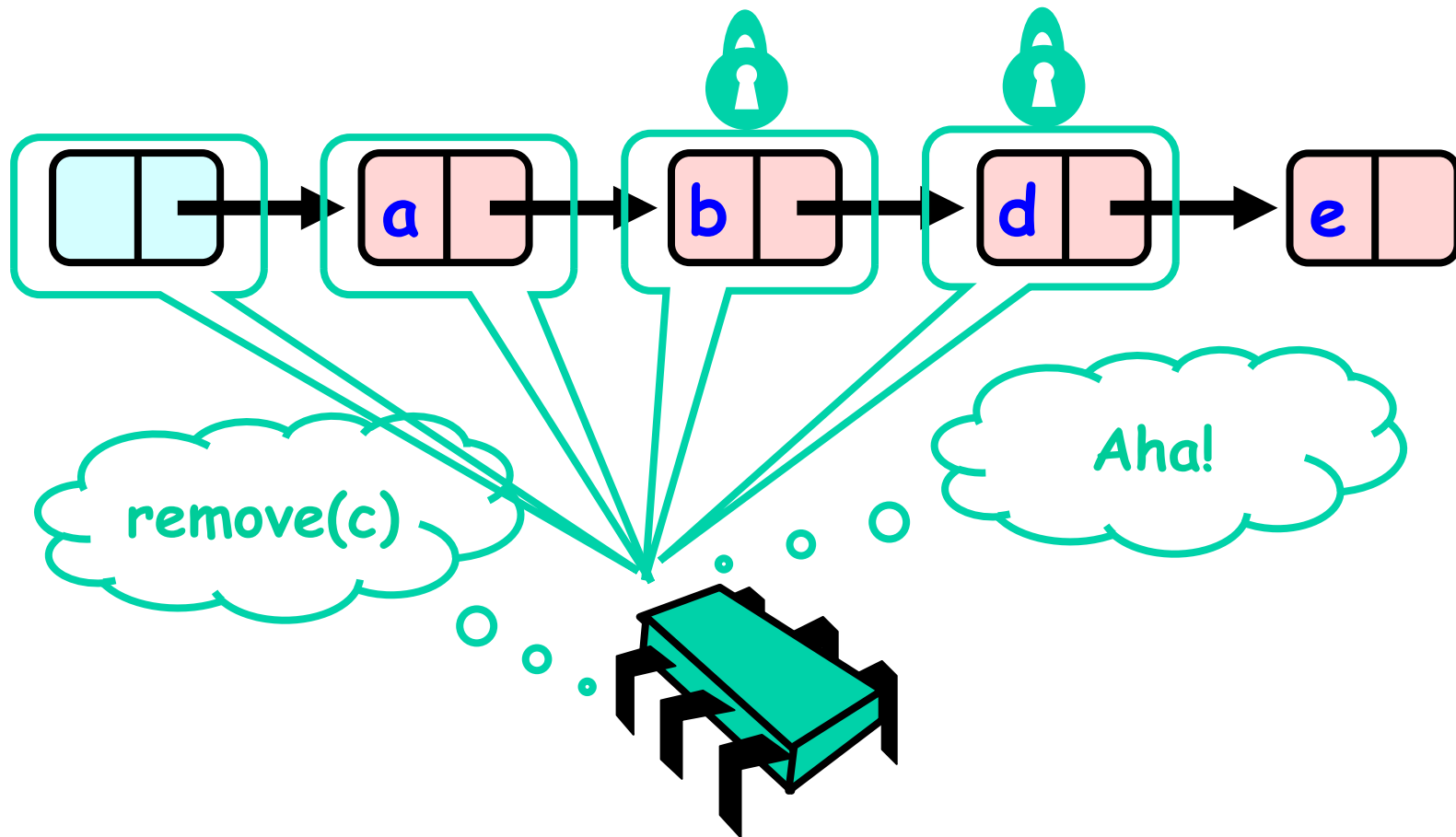
Invariants

- Careful: we may traverse deleted nodes
- But we establish properties by
 - Validation
 - After we lock target nodes

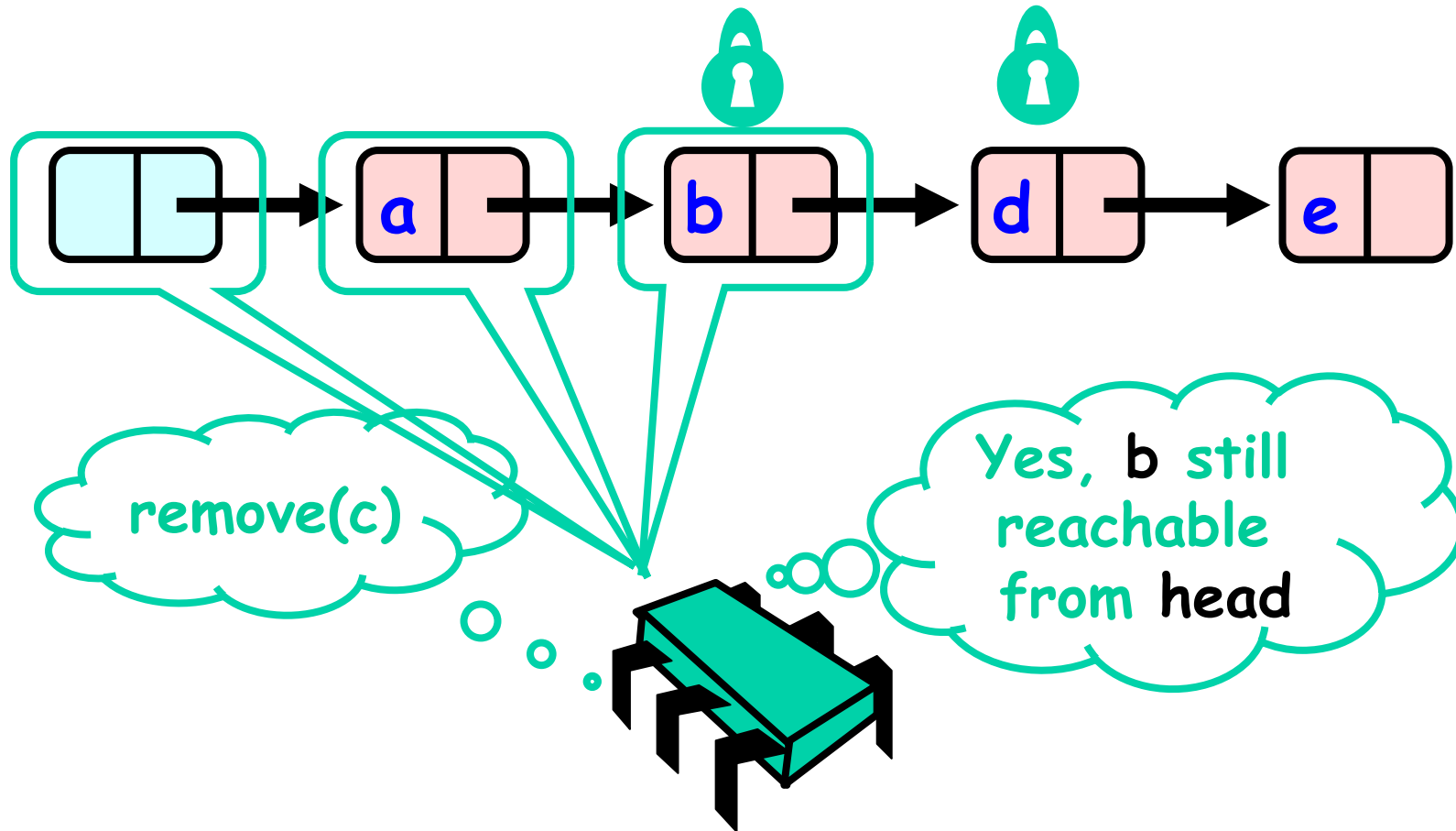
Correctness

- If
 - Nodes b and d both locked
 - Node b still accessible
 - Node d still successor to b
- Then
 - Neither will be deleted
 - OK to delete and return true

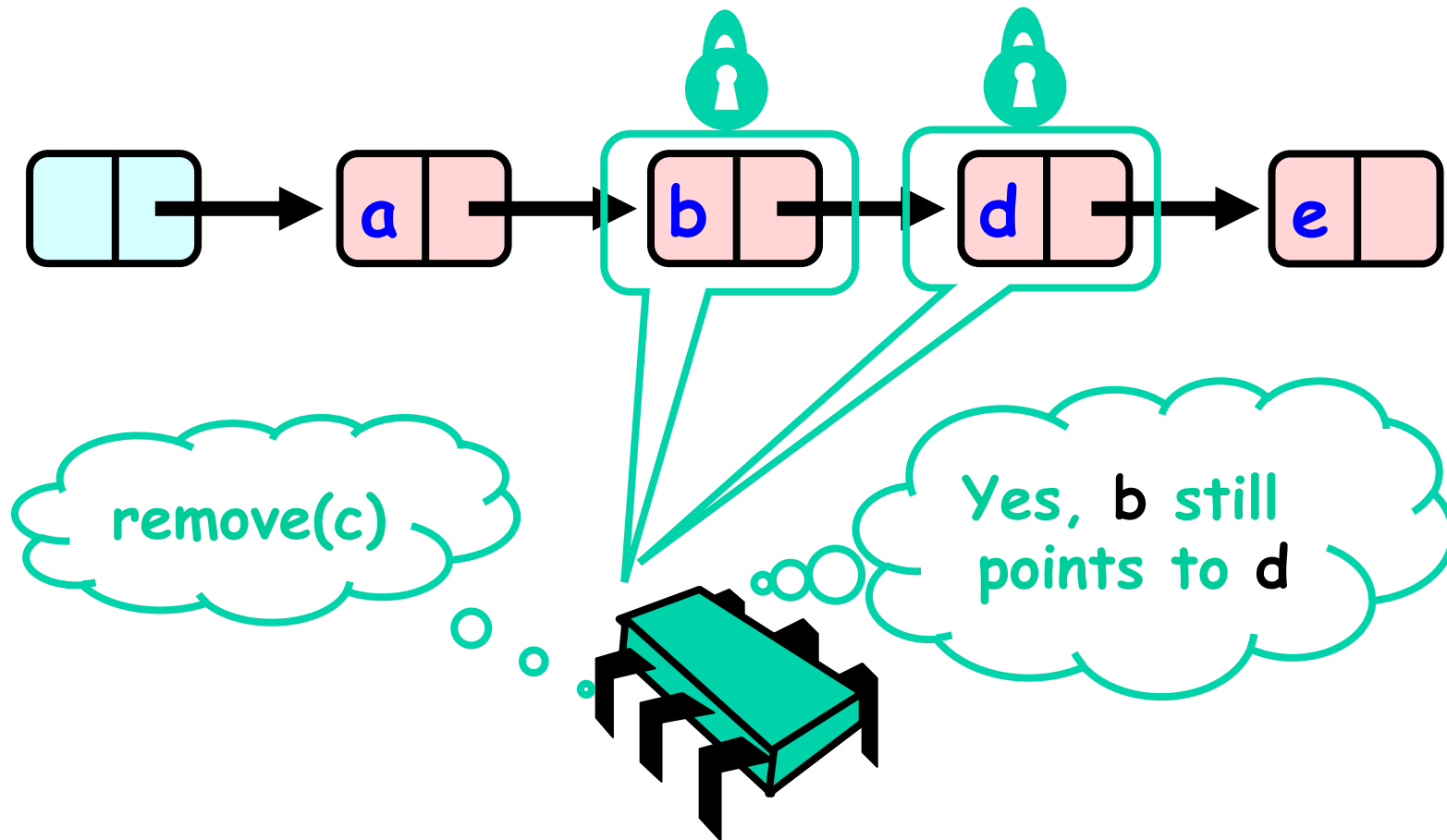
Unsuccessful Remove



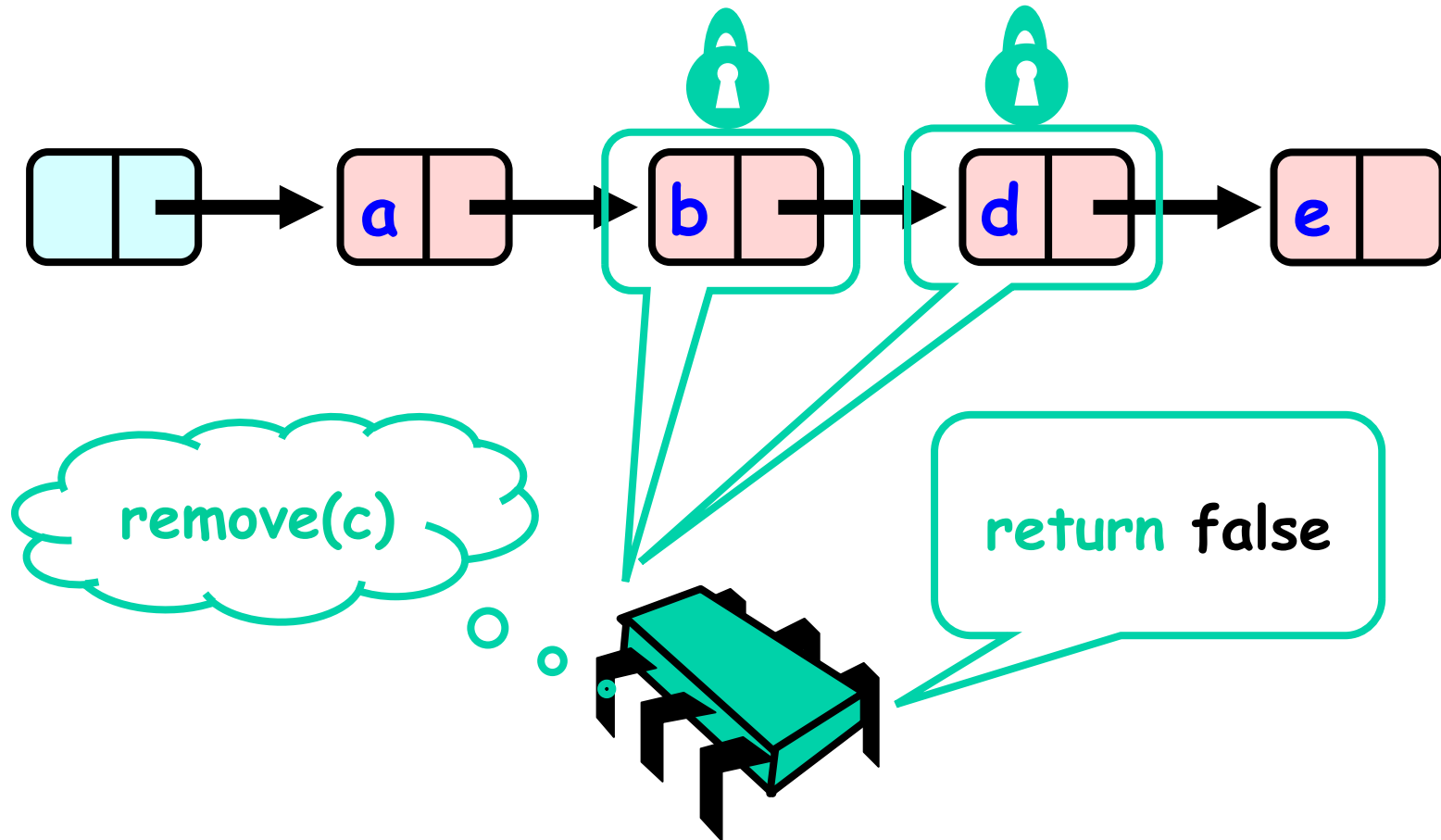
Validate (1)



Validate (2)



OK Computer



Correctness

- If
 - Nodes b and d both locked
 - Node b still accessible
 - Node d still successor to b
- Then
 - Neither will be deleted
 - No thread can add c after b
 - OK to return false

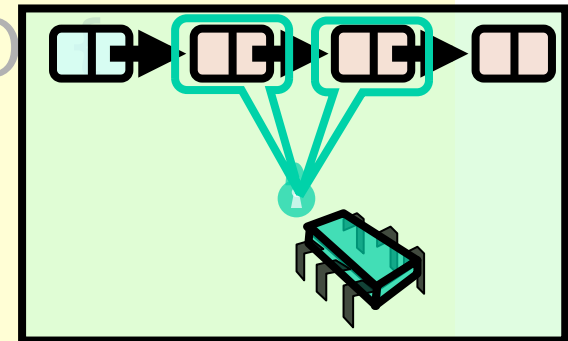
Validation

```
private boolean
  validate(Node pred,
           Node curr) {
  Node node = head;
  while (node.key <= pred.key) {
    if (node == pred)
      return pred.next == curr;
    node = node.next;
  }
  return false;
}
```

Validation

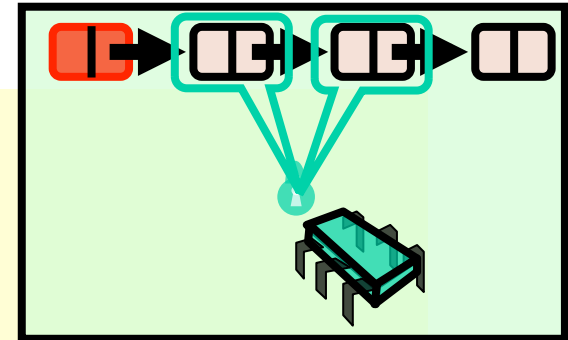
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Node node = head;
while (node.key <= pred.key)
if (node == pred)
return pred.next == curr;
node = node.next;
}
return false;
}
```

**Predecessor &
current nodes**



Validation

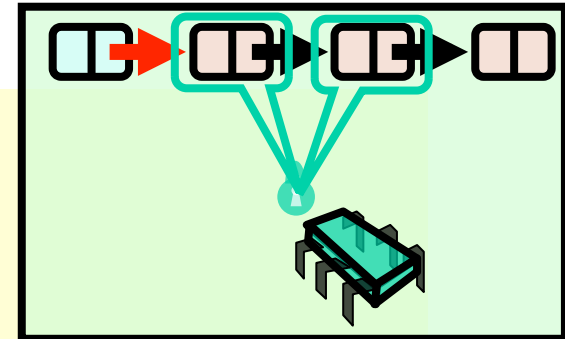
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validate(Node pred,
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    Node node = head;
    while (node.key <= pred.key) {
        if (node == pred)
            return pred.next == curr;
        node = node.next;
    }
    return false;
}
```



Begin at the beginning

Validation

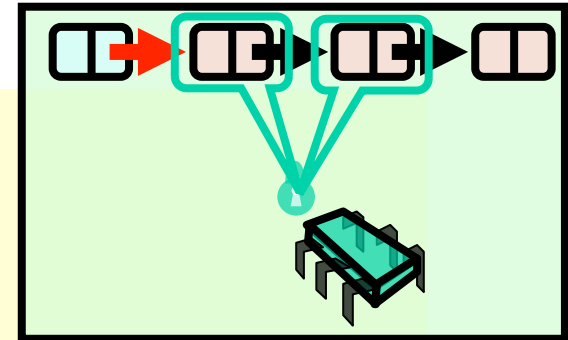
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Node node = head;
while (node.key <= pred.key) {
    if (node == pred)
        return pred.next == curr;
    node = node.next;
}
return false;
}
```



Search range of keys

Validation

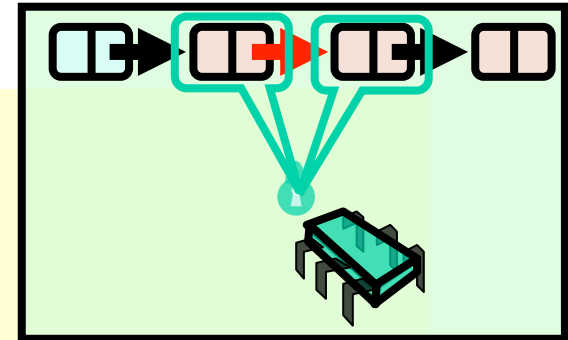
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    Node node = head;
    while (node.key <= pred.key) {
        if (node == pred)
            return pred.next == curr;
        node = node.next;
    }
    return false;
}
```



Predecessor reachable

Validation

```
private boolean
validate(Node pred,
         Node curr) {
    Node node = head;
    while (node.key <= pred.key) {
        if (node == pred)
            return pred.next == curr;
        node = node.next;
    }
    return false;
}
```

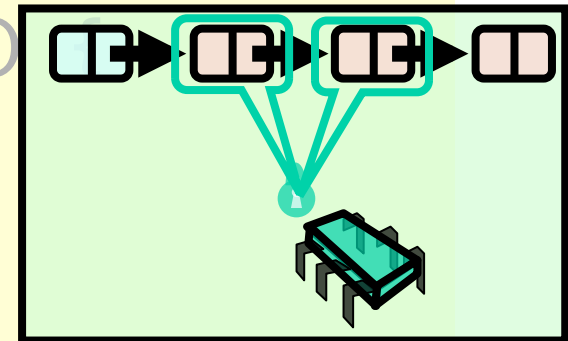


Is current node next?

Validation

```
private boolean  
validate(Node pred,  
         Node curr) {  
    Node node = head;  
    while (node.key <= pred.key) {  
        if (node == pred)  
            return pred.next == curr;  
        node = node.next;  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```

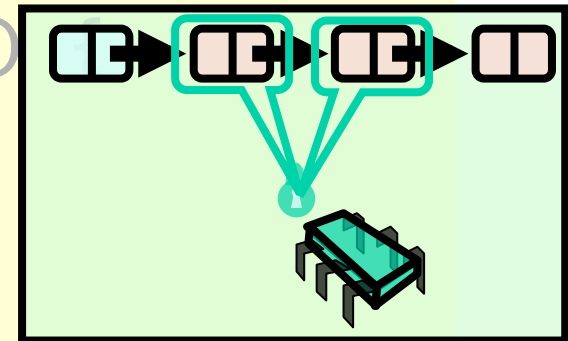
Otherwise move on



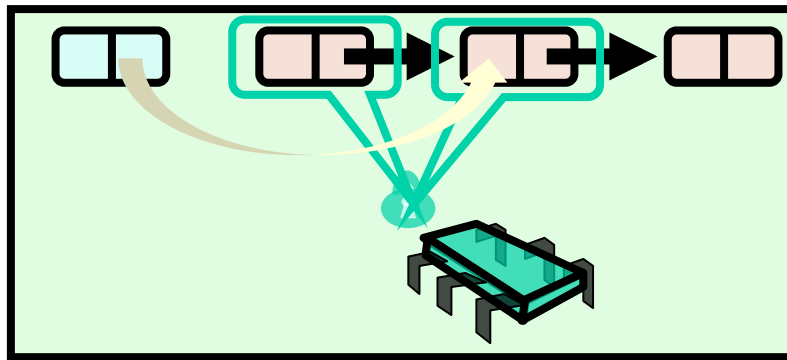
Validation

```
private boolean validate(Node pred,  
                          Node curr) {  
    Node node = head;  
    while (node.key <= pred.key)  
        if (node == pred)  
            return pred.next == curr;  
        node = node.next;  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```

Predecessor not reachable



possíveis problemas




- nós podem ter saído da lista
 - mas enquanto alguma thread os referenciar, não serão coletados....

```

public boolean remove(T item) {
    int key = item.hashCode();
    while (true) {
        Node pred = head; Node curr = pred.next;
        while (curr.key <= key) {
            pred = curr; curr = curr.next;
            while (curr.key < key) {
                pred = curr; curr = curr.next;
            }
            pred.lock(); curr.lock();
            try {
                if (validate(pred, curr)) {
                    if (curr.key == key) {
                        pred.next = curr.next;
                        return true; }
                    else return false;
                }
            } finally {
                pred.unlock(); curr.unlock();
            }
        }
    }
}

```

 nesse caso volta
a fazer todo o percurso!

Optimistic List

- Limited hot-spots
 - Targets of `add()`, `remove()`, `contains()`
 - No contention on traversals
- Moreover
 - Traversals are wait-free
 - Food for thought ...
- not starvation-free

So Far, So Good

- Much less lock acquisition/release
 - Performance
 - Concurrency
- Problems
 - Need to traverse list twice
 - contains() method acquires locks

Evaluation

- Optimistic is effective if
 - cost of scanning twice without locks is less than
 - cost of scanning once with locks
- Drawback
 - contains() acquires locks
 - 90% of calls in many apps

Lazy List

- Like optimistic, except
 - Scan once
 - contains(x) never locks ...
- Key insight
 - Removing nodes causes trouble
 - Do it “lazily”

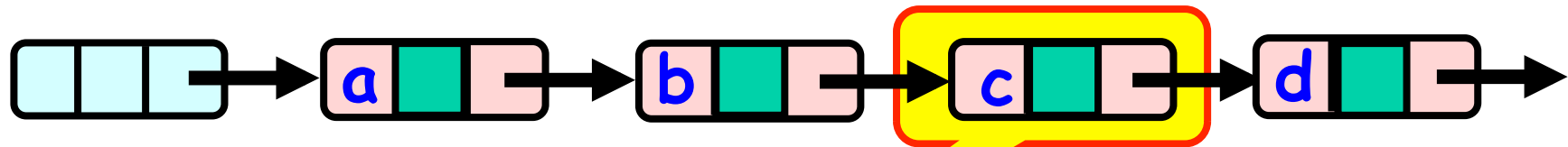
Lazy List

- `remove()`
 - Scans list (as before)
 - Locks predecessor & current (as before)
- Logical delete
 - Marks current node as removed (new!)
- Physical delete
 - Redirects predecessor's next (as before)

Lazy Removal



Lazy Removal



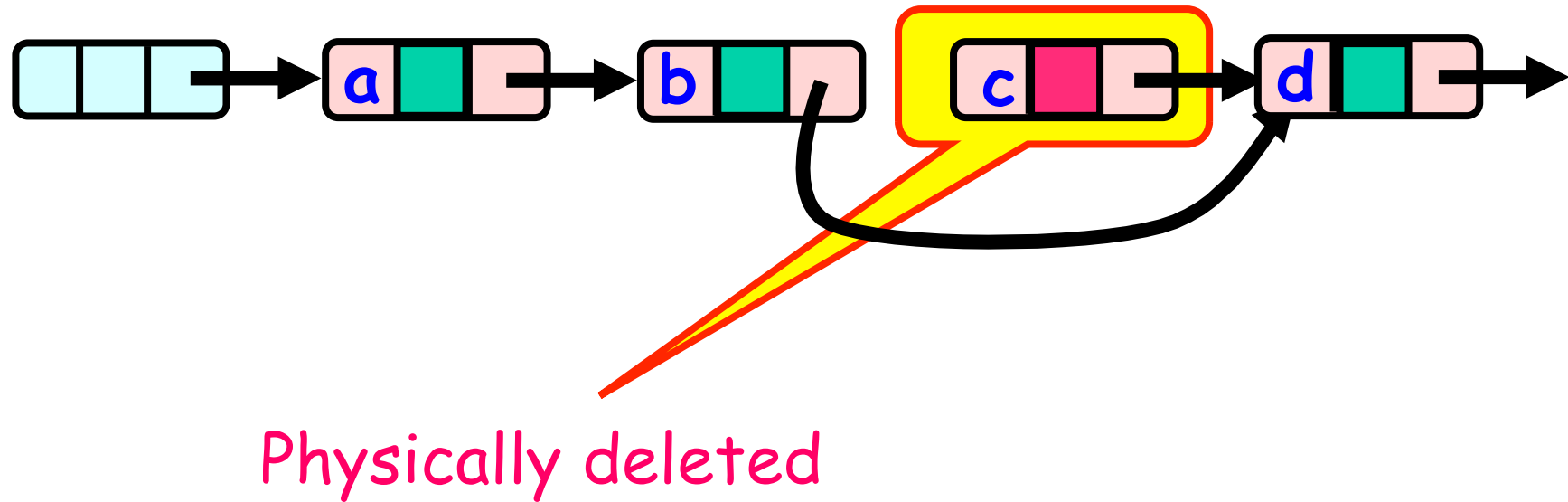
Present in list

Lazy Removal

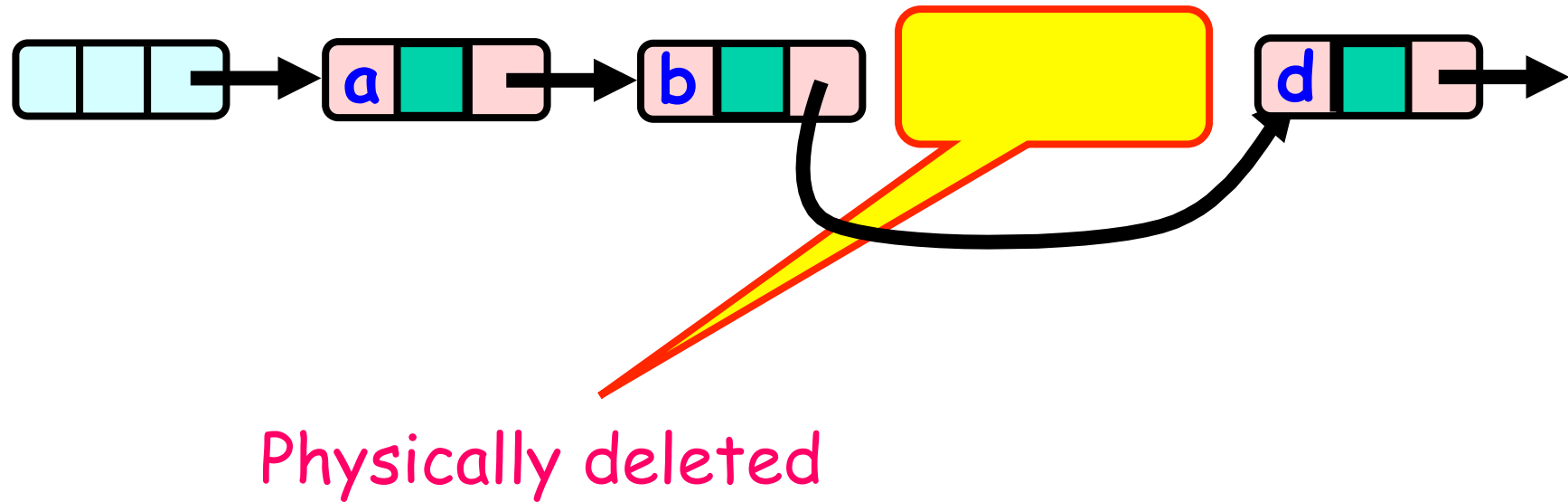


Logically deleted

Lazy Removal



Lazy Removal



Lazy List

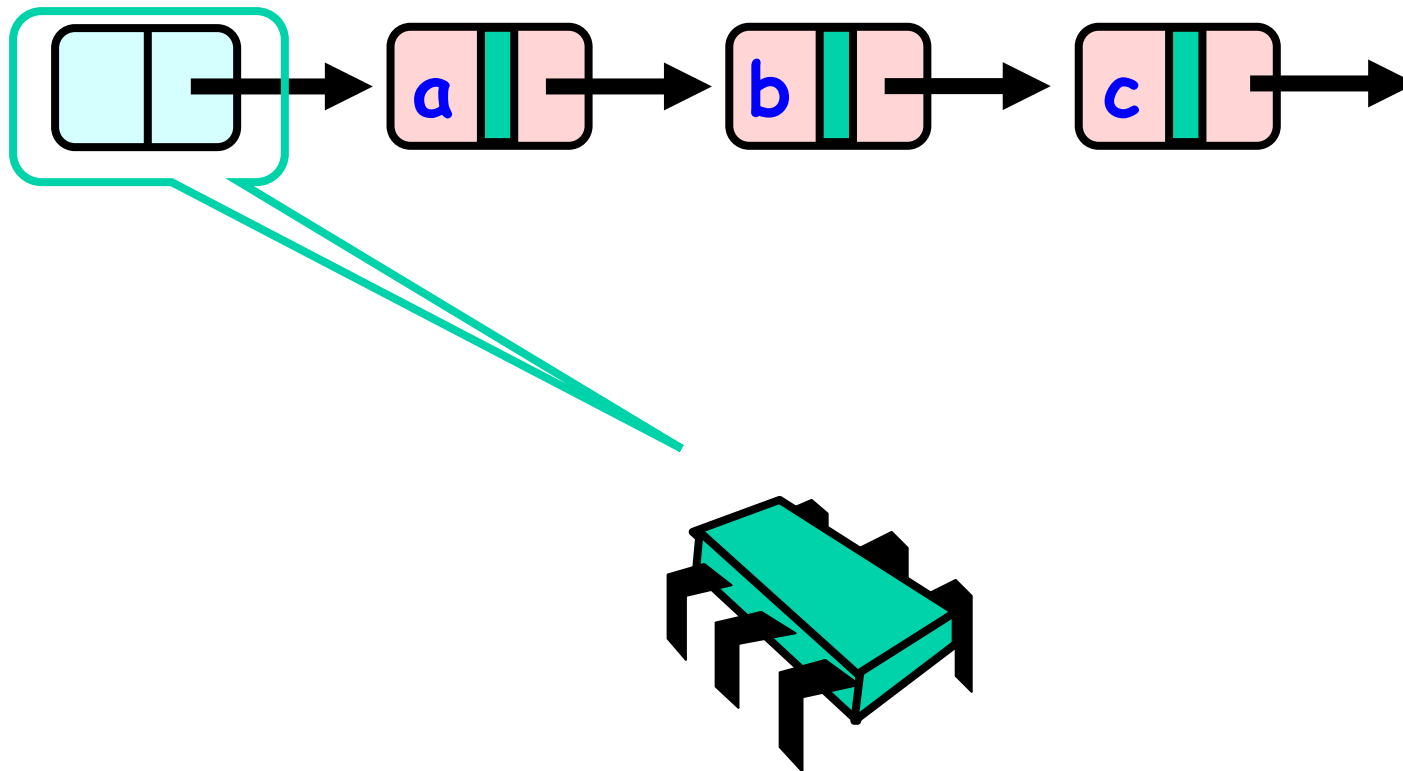
- All Methods
 - Scan through locked and marked nodes
 - Removing a node doesn't slow down other method calls ...
- Must still lock pred and curr nodes.

Validation

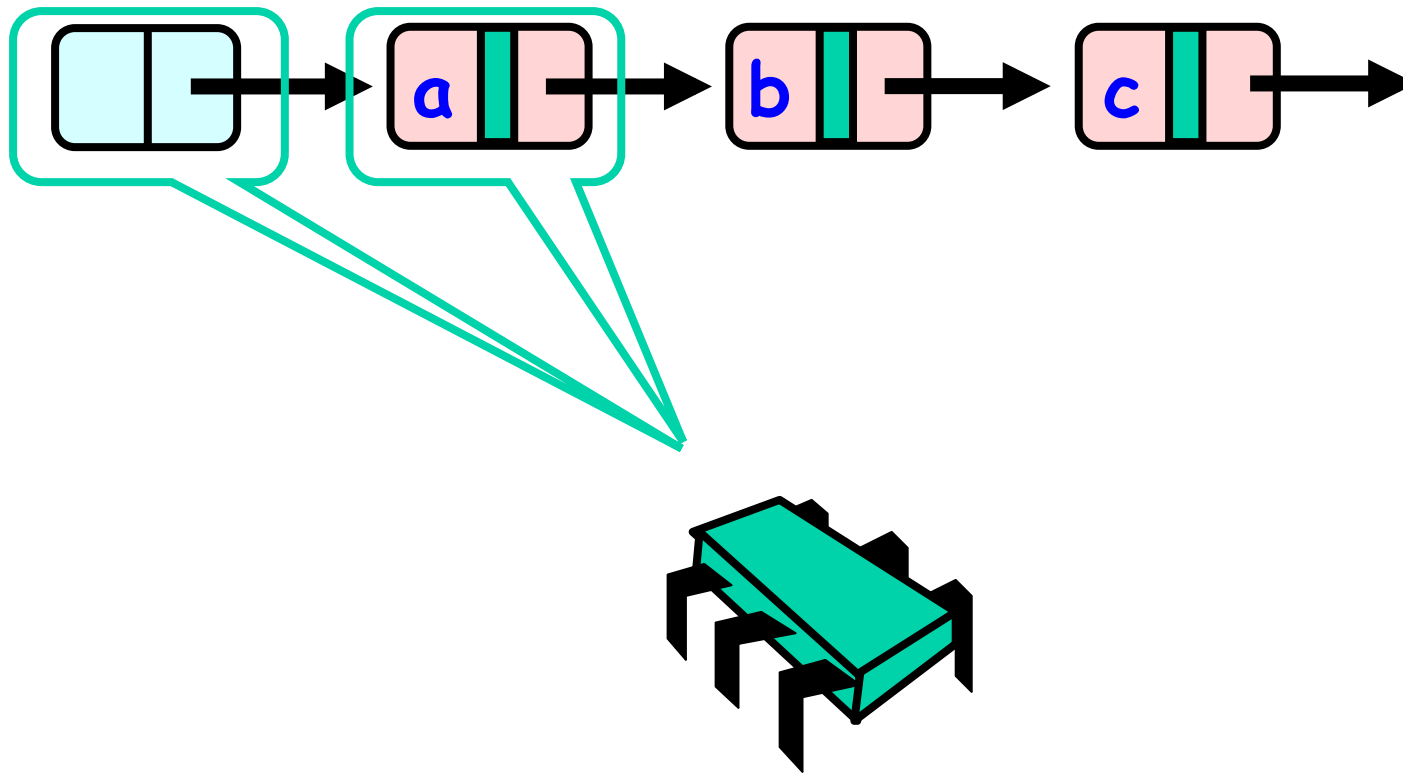
- No need to rescan list!
- Check that pred is not marked
- Check that curr is not marked
- Check that pred points to curr

mas não precisa percorrer a lista desde o início

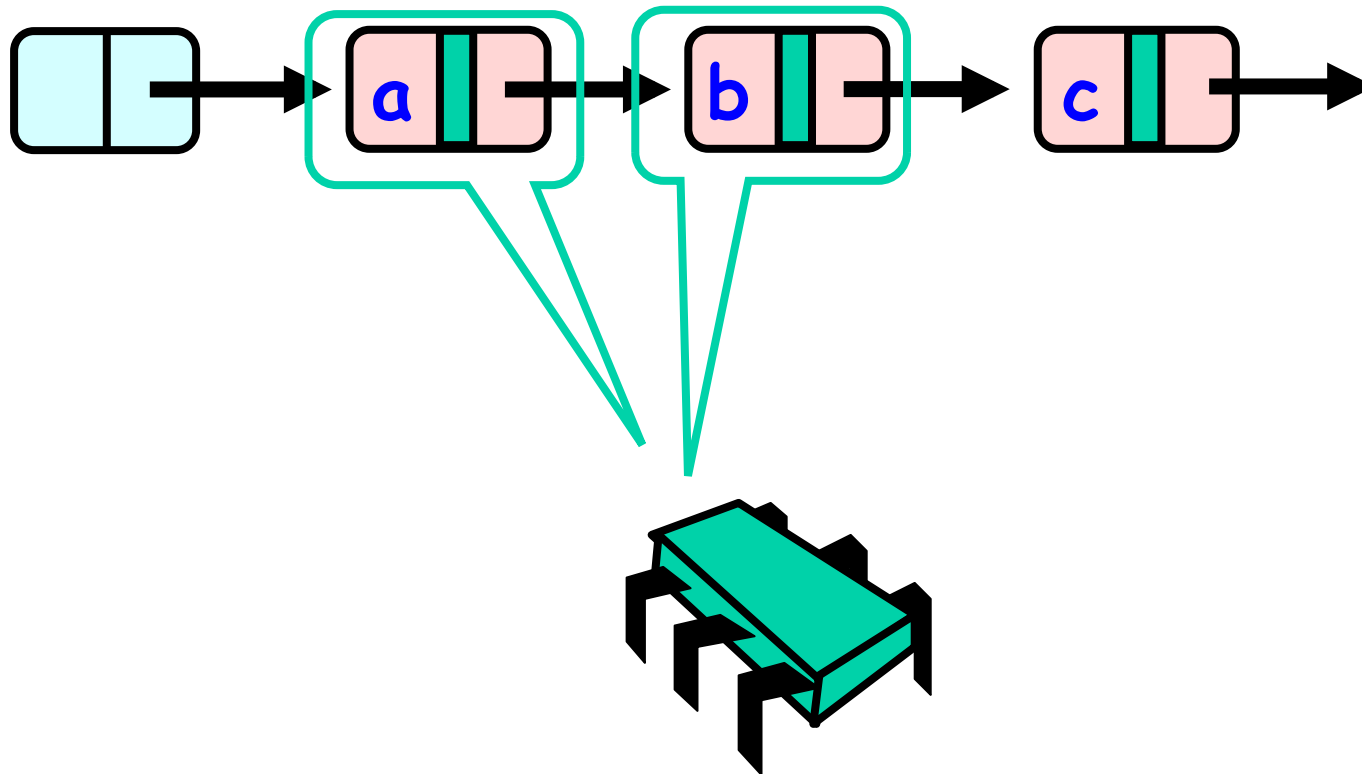
Business as Usual



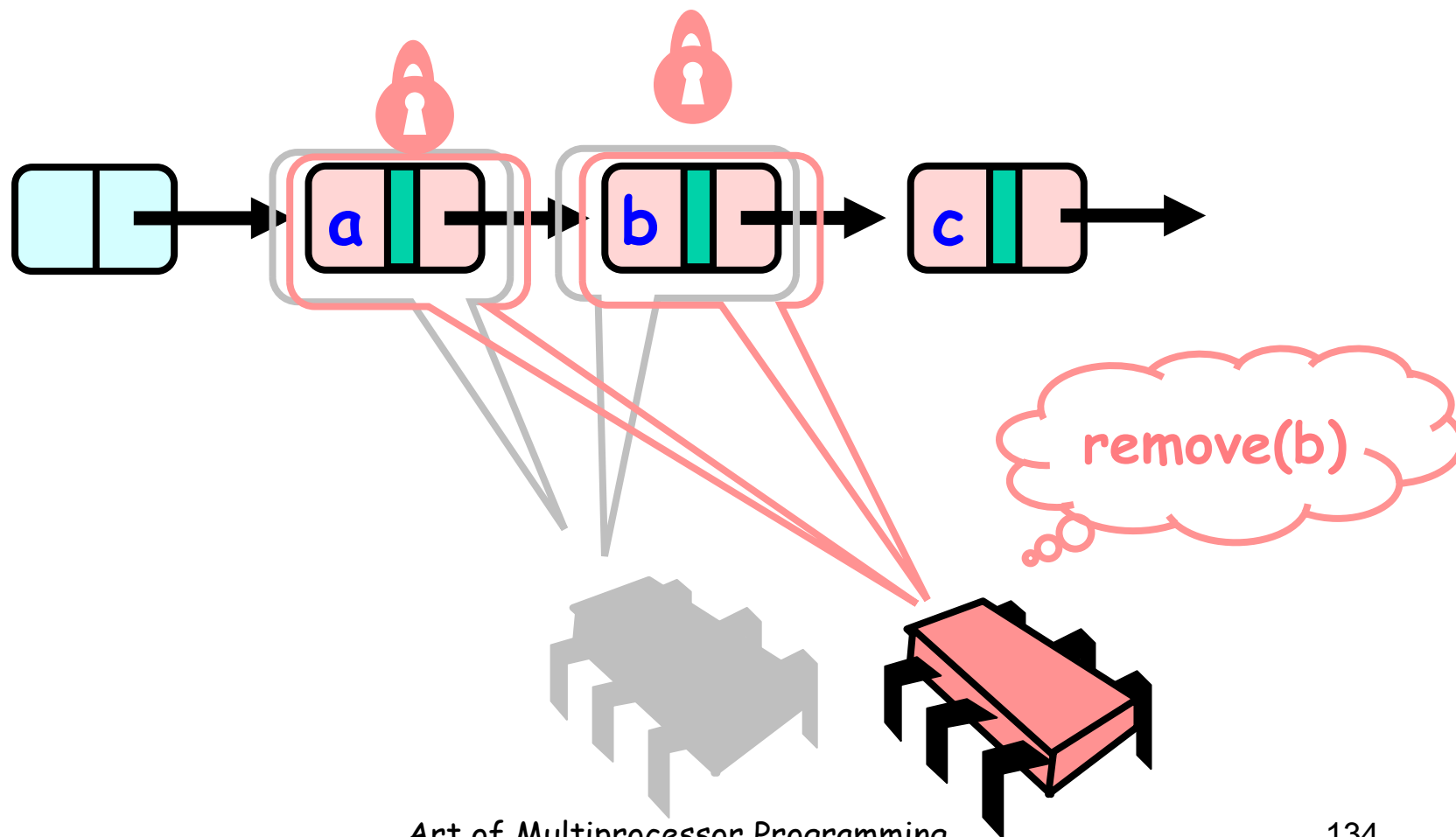
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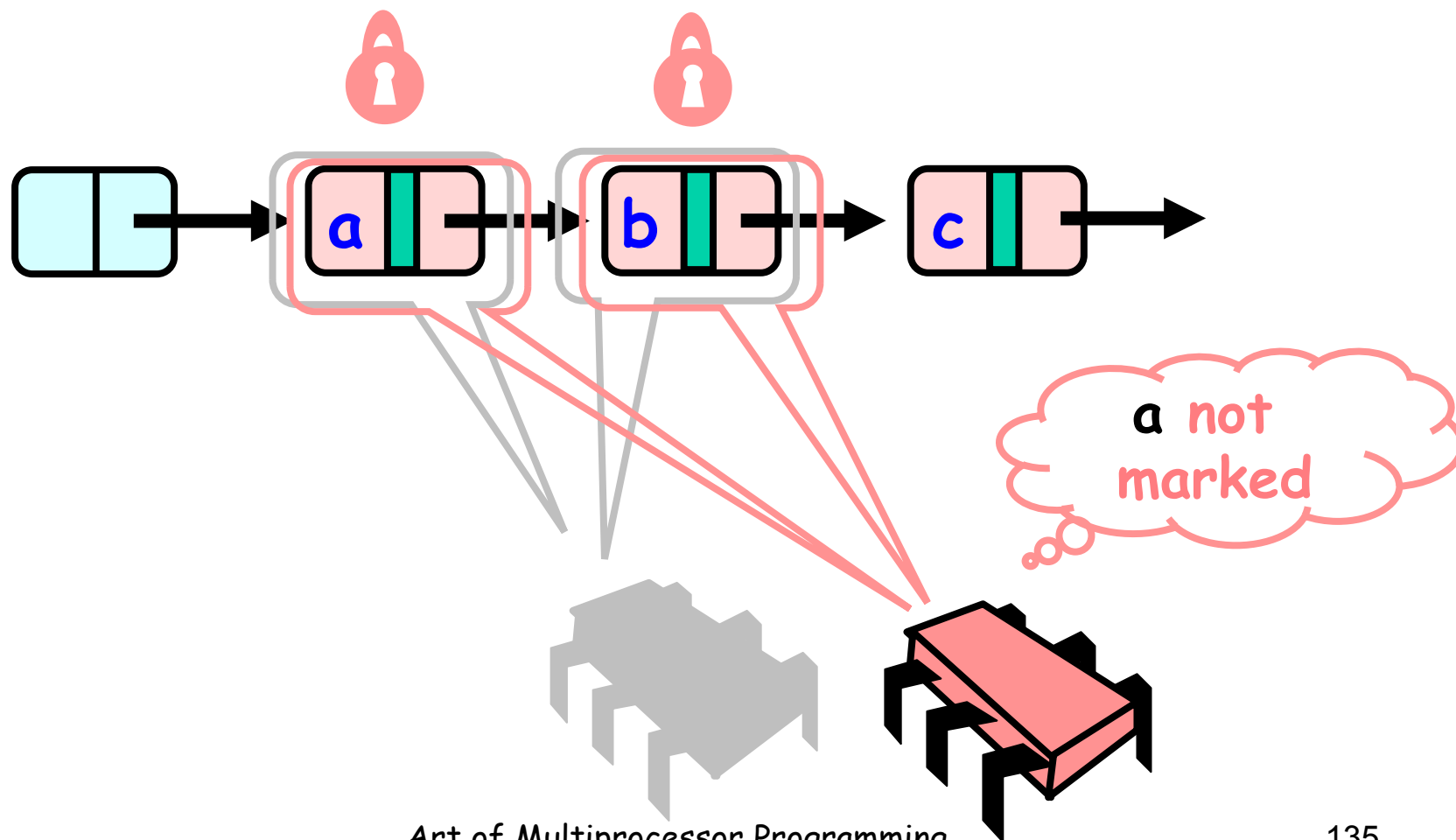
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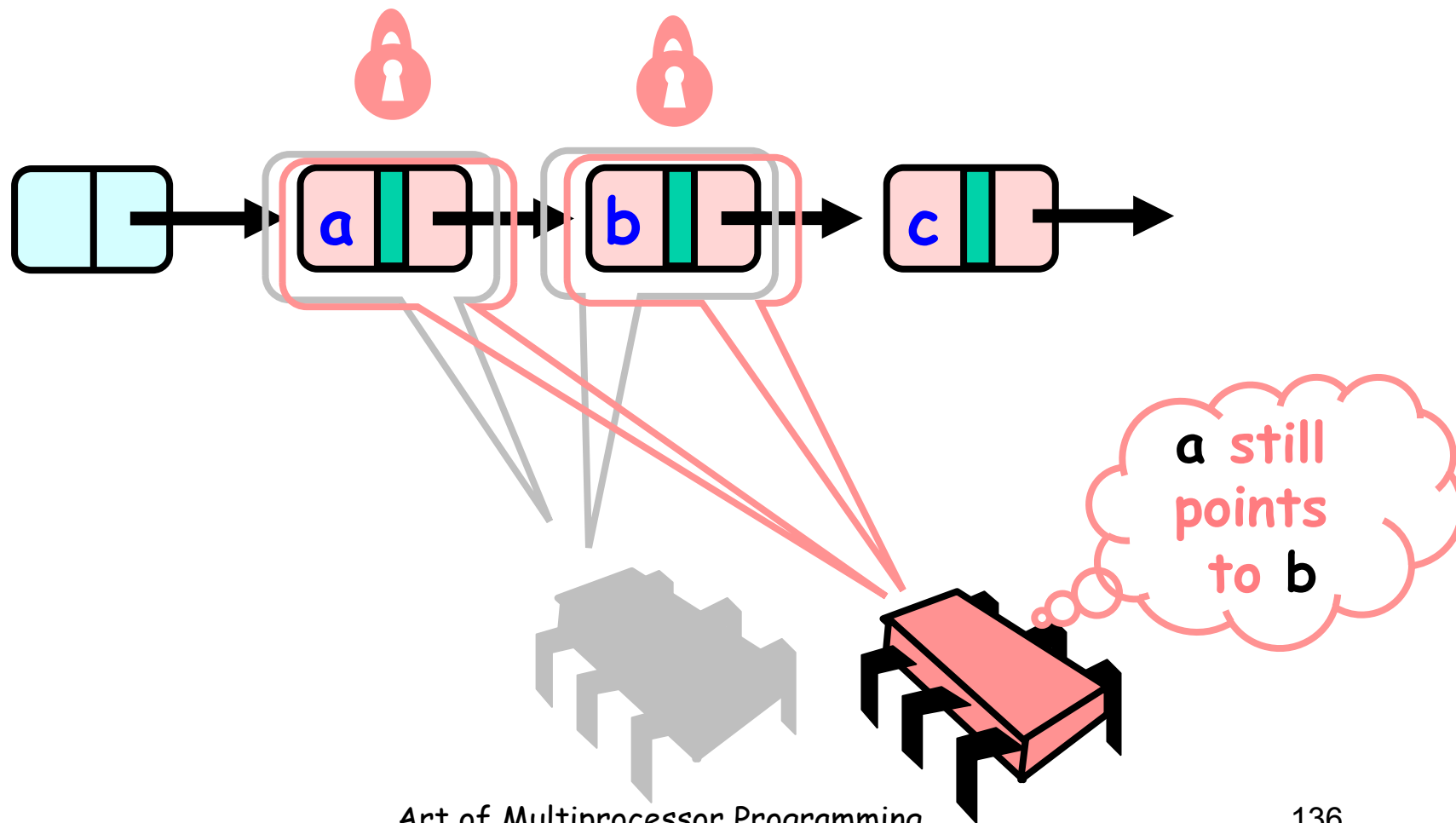
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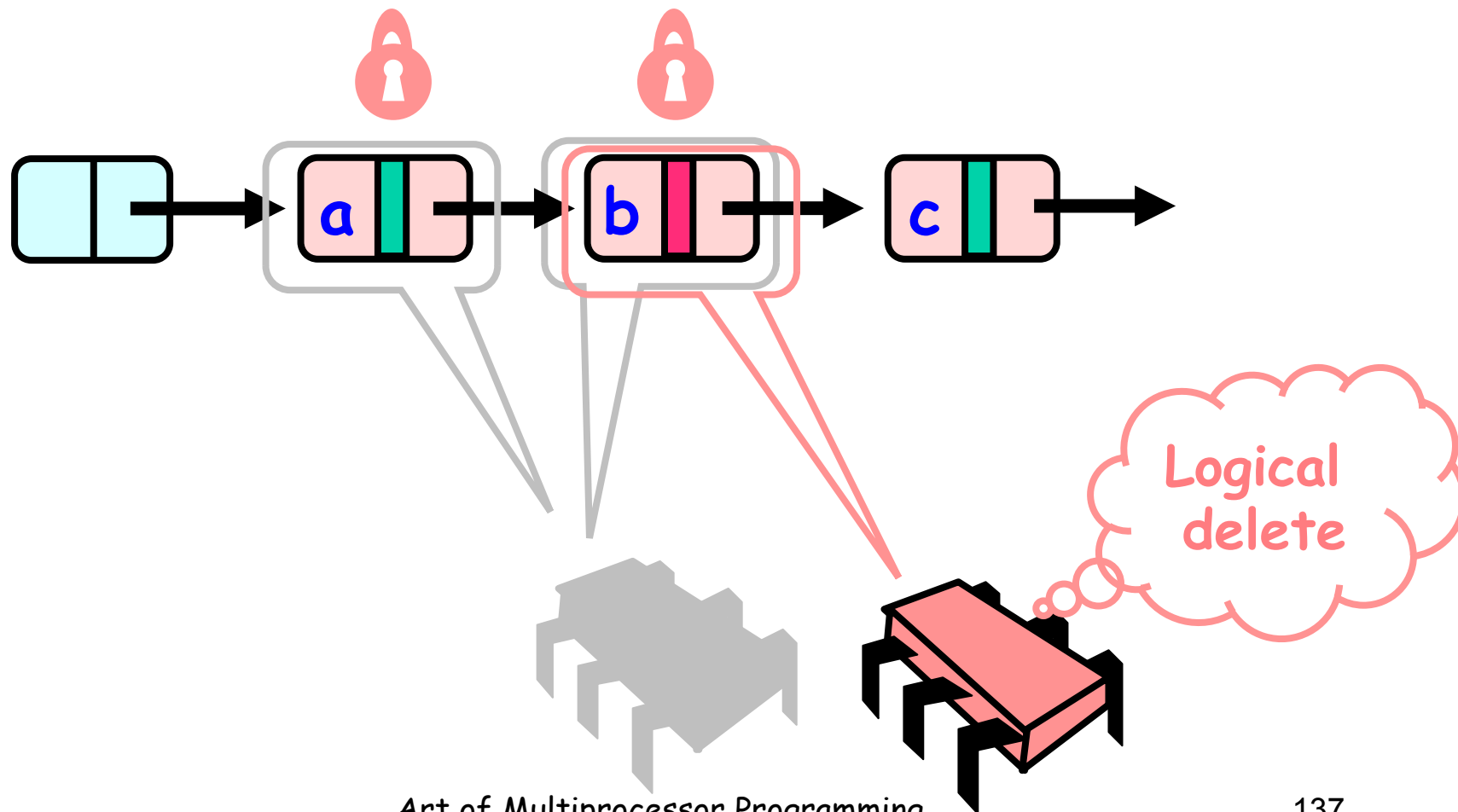
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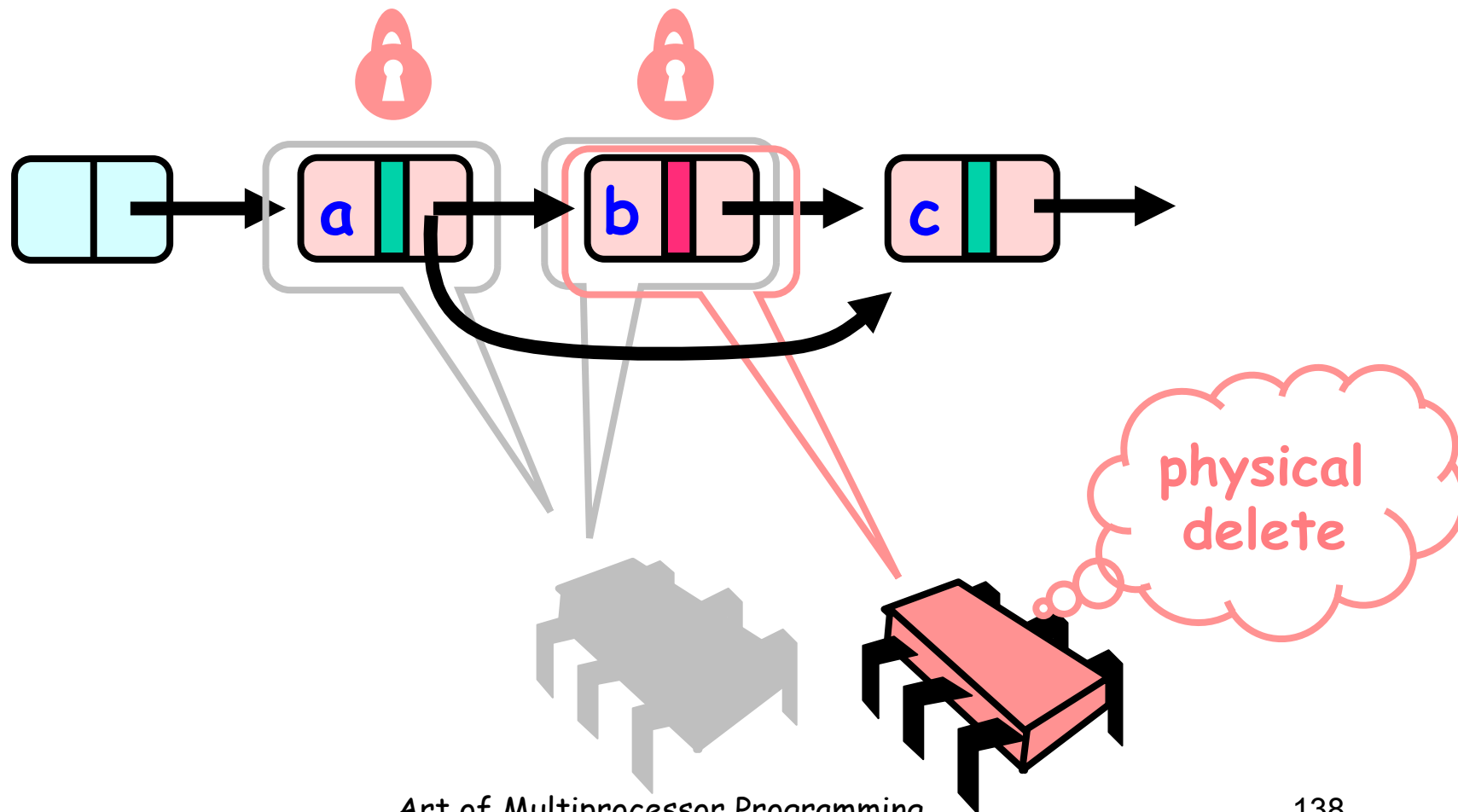
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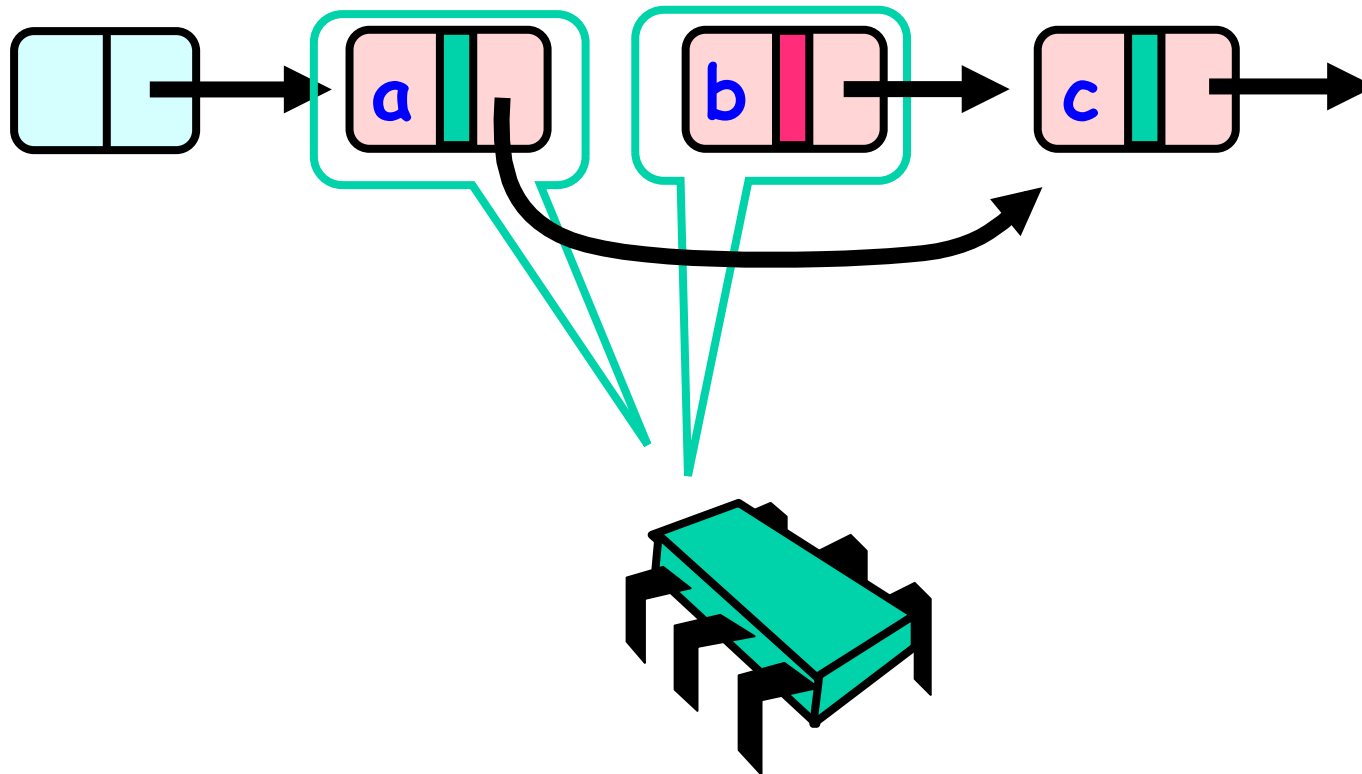
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Validation

```
private boolean  
    validate(Node pred, Node curr) {  
return  
    !pred.marked &&  
    !curr.marked &&  
    pred.next == curr);  
}
```

objetivo da marca: evitar duplo percurso

List Validate Method

```
private boolean  
    validate(Node pred, Node curr) {  
    return  
    !pred.marked &&  
    !curr.marked &&  
    pred.next == curr);  
}
```

**Predecessor not
Logically removed**

List Validate Method

```
private boolean  
    validate(Node pred, Node curr) {  
    return  
        !pred.marked &&  
        !curr.marked &&  
        pred.next == curr);  
}
```

**Current not
Logically removed**

List Validate Method

```
private boolean  
    validate(Node pred, Node curr) {  
    return  
        !pred.marked &&  
        !curr.marked &&  
        pred.next == curr);  
}
```

**Predecessor still
Points to current**

Remove

```
try {  
    pred.lock(); curr.lock();  
    if (validate(pred,curr) {  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            curr.marked = true;  
            pred.next = curr.next;  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
} finally {  
    pred.unlock();  
    curr.unlock();  
}
```


Remove

```
try {  
    pred.lock(); curr.lock();  
    if (validate(pred, curr) {  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            curr.marked = true;  
            pred.next = curr.next;  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            return false;  
        }  
    } finally {  
        pred.unlock();  
        curr.unlock();  
    }  
}
```

Validate

Remove

```
try {  
    pred.lock(); curr.lock();  
    if (validate(pred, curr) {  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            curr.marked = true;  
            pred.next = curr.next;  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
} finally {  
    pred.unlock();  
    curr.unlock();  
}
```

Key found

Remove

```
try {  
    pred.lock(); curr.lock();  
    if (validate(pred,curr) {  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            curr.marked = true;  
            pred.next = curr.next;  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
} finally {  
    pred.unlock();  
    curr.unlock();  
}
```

Logical remove

Remove

```
try {  
    pred.lock(); curr.lock();  
    if (validate(pred,curr) {  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            curr.marked = true;  
            pred.next = curr.next;  
            return true;  
        } else {  
            return false;  
        }  
    }  
} finally {  
    pred.unlock();  
    curr.unlock();  
}
```

physical remove

Contains

```
public boolean contains(Item item) {  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node curr = this.head;  
    while (curr.key < key) {  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
    return curr.key == key && !curr.marked;  
}
```

Contains

```
public boolean contains(Item item) {  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node curr = this.head;  
    while (curr.key < key) {  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
    return curr.key == key && !curr.marked;  
}
```

Start at the head

Contains

```
public boolean contains(Item item) {  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node curr = this.head;  
    while (curr.key < key) {  
        curr = curr.next;  
    }  
    return curr.key == key && !curr.marked;  
}
```

Search key range

Contains

```
public boolean contains(Item item) {
    int key = item.hashCode();
    Node curr = this.head;
    while (curr.key < key) {
        curr = curr.next;
    }
    return curr.key == key && !curr.marked;
}
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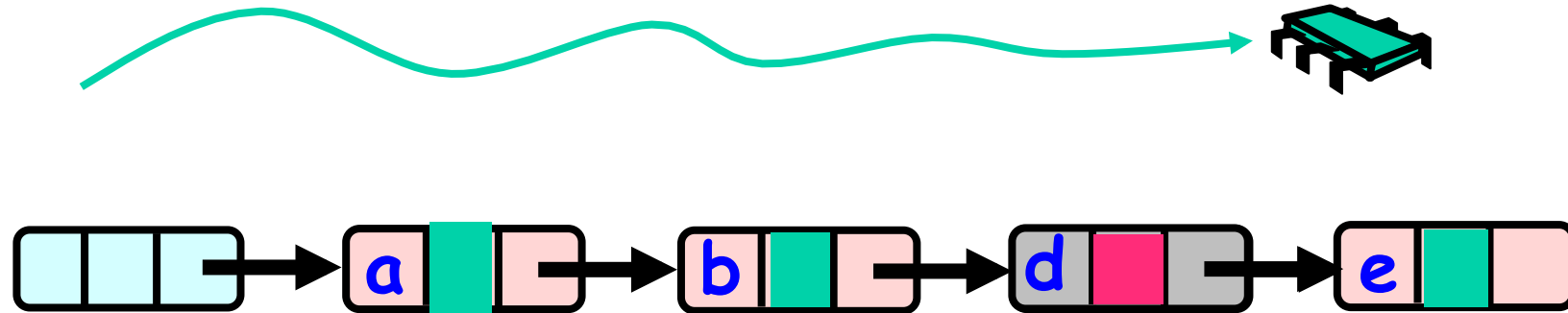
**Traverse without locking
(nodes may have been removed)**

Contains

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    }  
    return curr.key == key && !curr.marked;  
}
```

Present and undeleted?

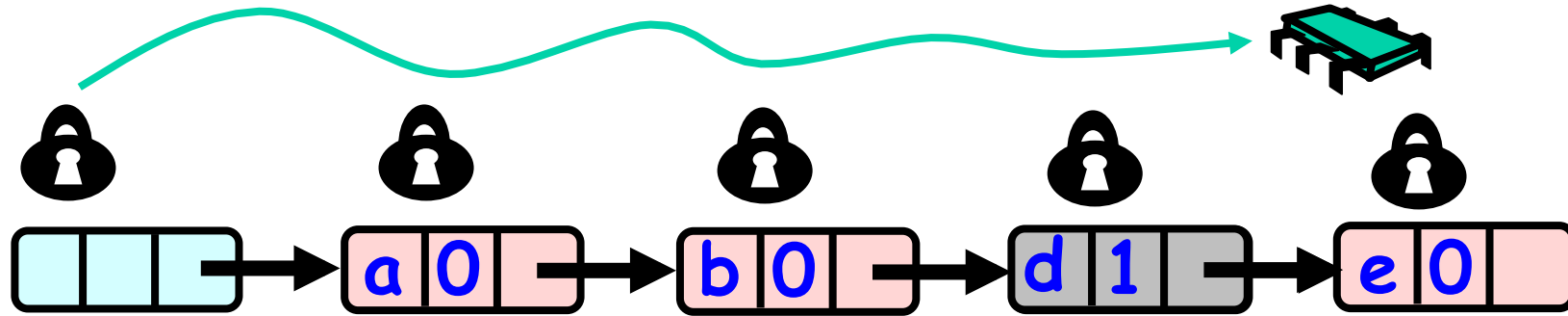
Summary: Wait-free Contains



Use Mark bit + Fact that List is ordered

1. Not marked \rightarrow in the set
2. Marked or missing \rightarrow not in the set

Lazy List



Lazy add() and remove() + Wait-free contains()

Evaluation

- Good:
 - contains() doesn't lock
 - In fact, its wait-free!
 - Good because typically high % contains()
 - Uncontended calls don't re-traverse
- Bad
 - Contended add() and remove() calls do re-traverse
 - Traffic jam if one thread delays

Traffic Jam

- Any concurrent data structure based on mutual exclusion has a weakness
- If one thread
 - Enters critical section
 - And “eats the big muffin”
 - Cache miss, page fault, descheduled ...
 - Everyone else using that lock is stuck!
 - Need to trust the scheduler....

Reminder: Lock-Free Data Structures

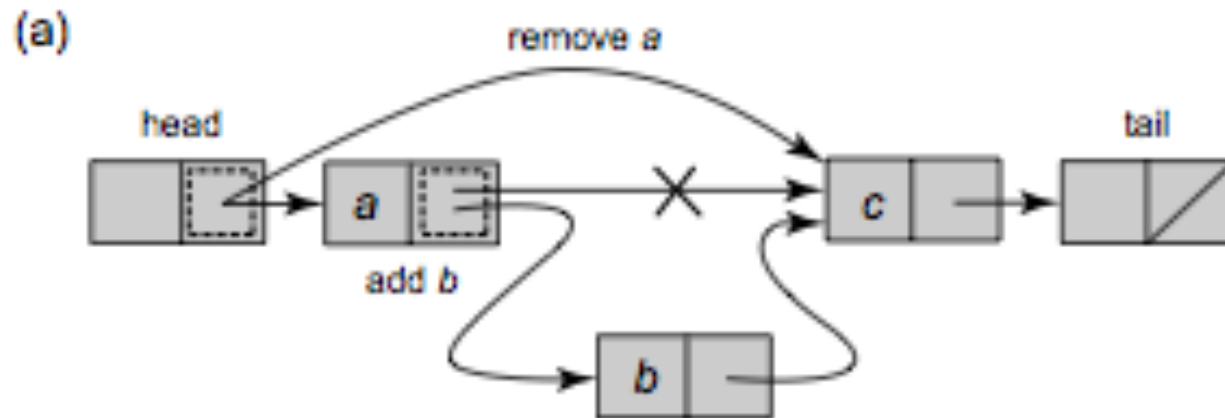


- No matter what ...
 - Guarantees minimal progress in any execution
 - i.e. Some thread will always complete a method call
 - Even if others halt at malicious times
 - Implies that implementation can't use locks

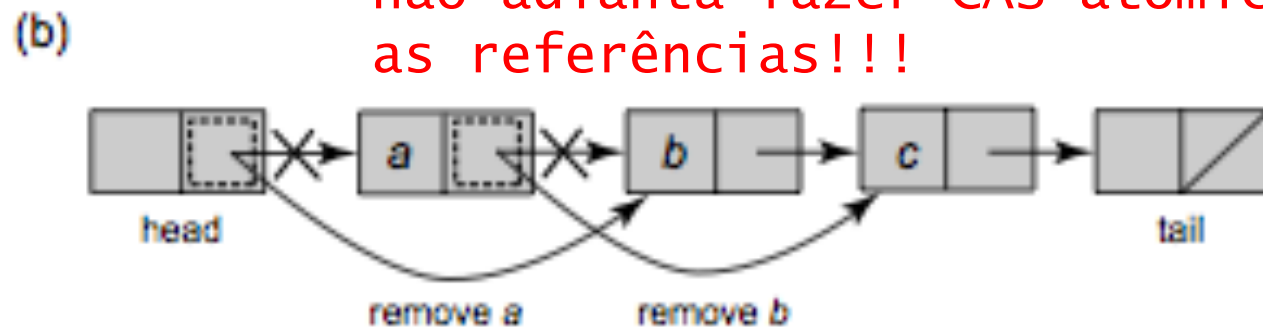
Lock-free Lists

- Next logical step
- Eliminate locking entirely
- `contains()` wait-free and `add()` and `remove()` lock-free
- Use only `compareAndSet()`
- What could go wrong?

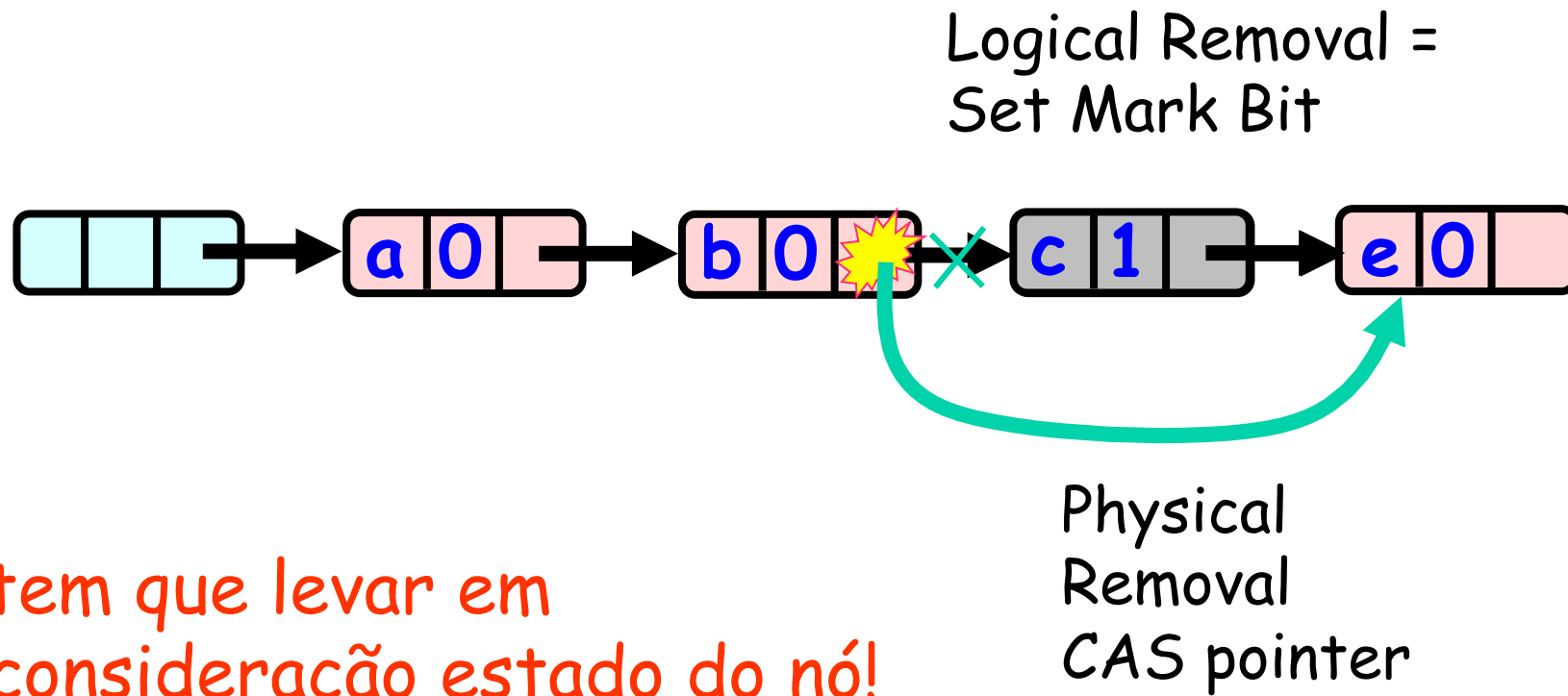
Remove Using CAS



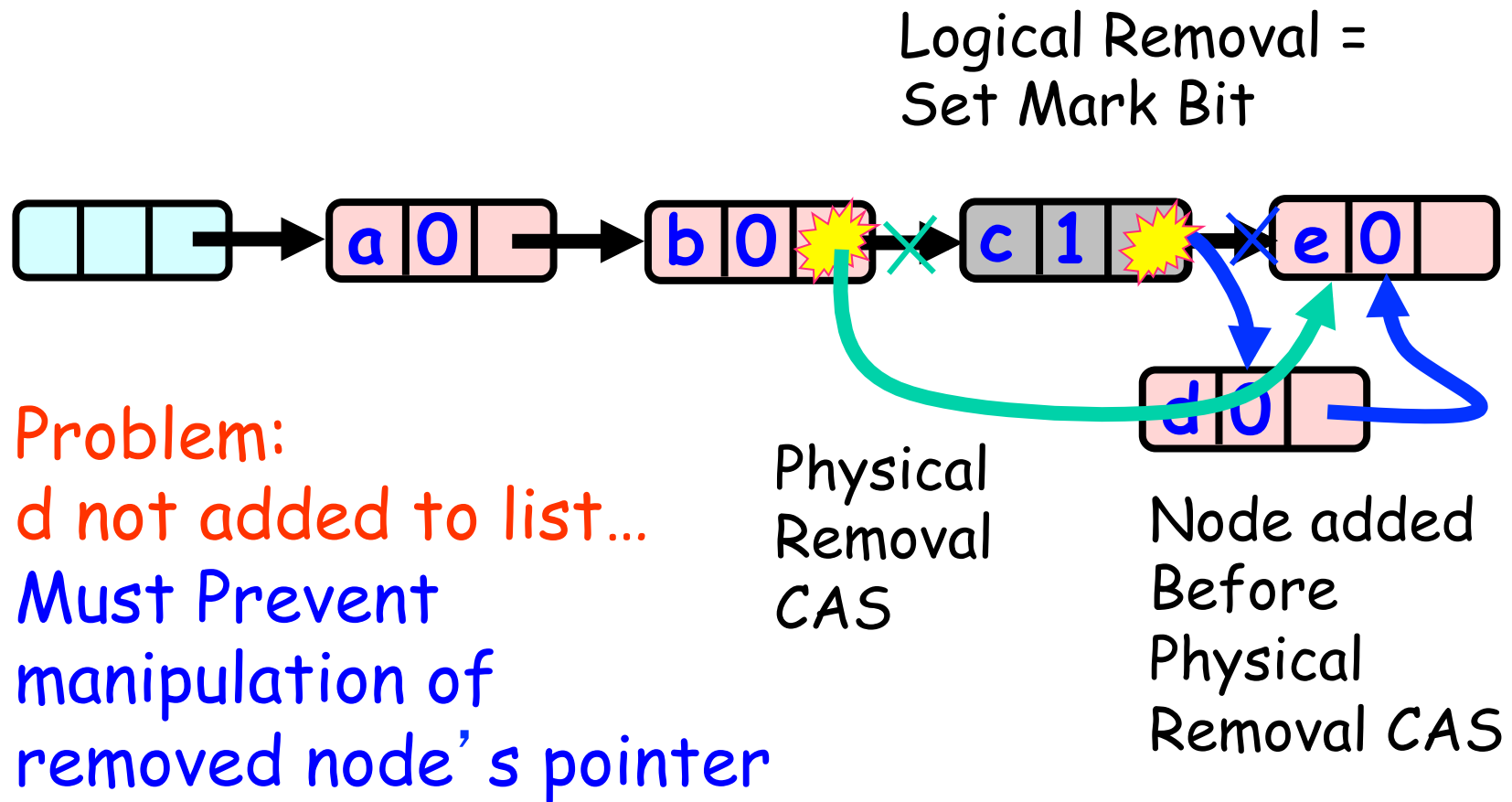
não adianta fazer CAS atômico com as referências!!!



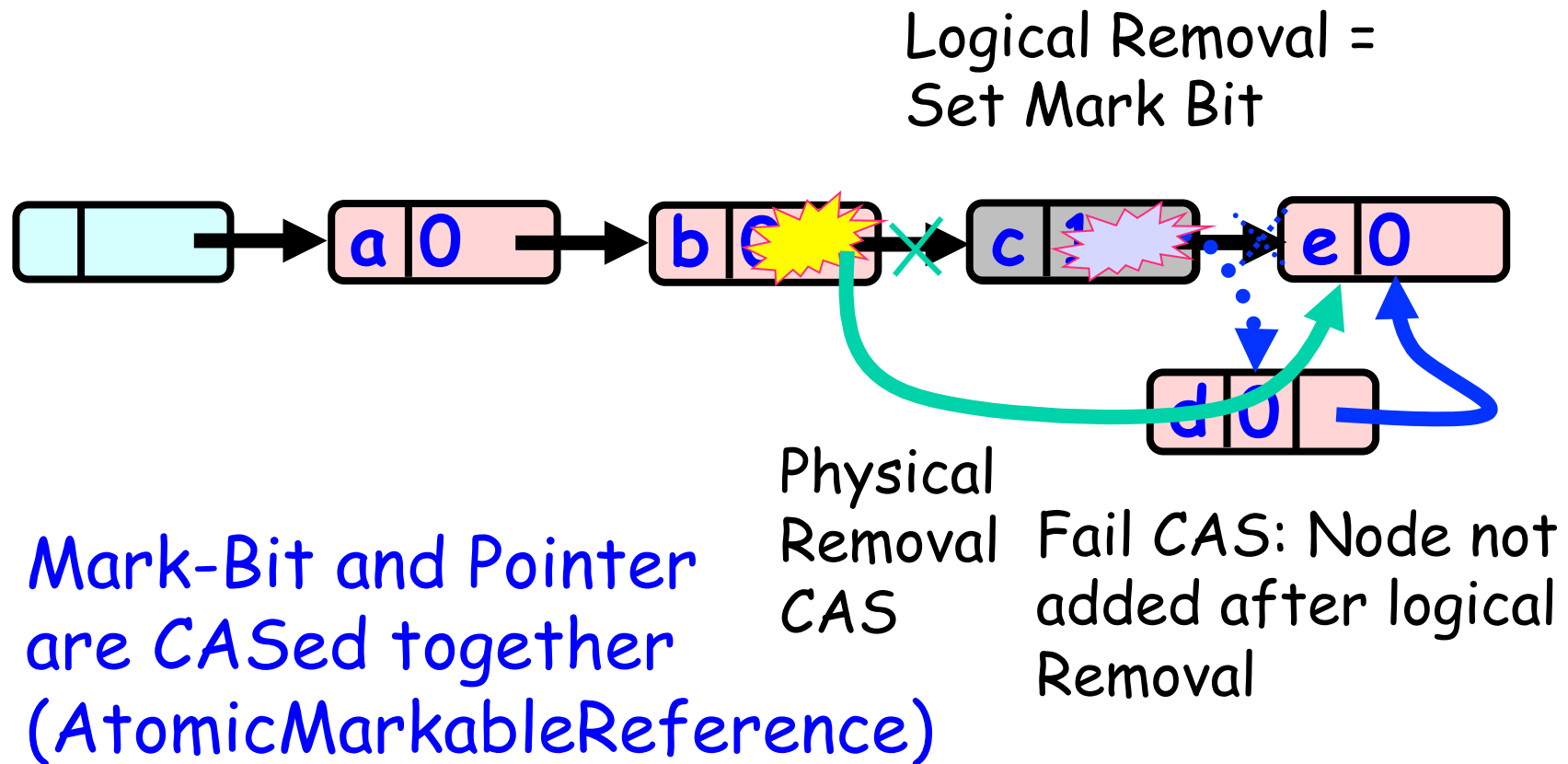
Remove Using CAS



Problem...



The Solution: Combine Bit and Pointer

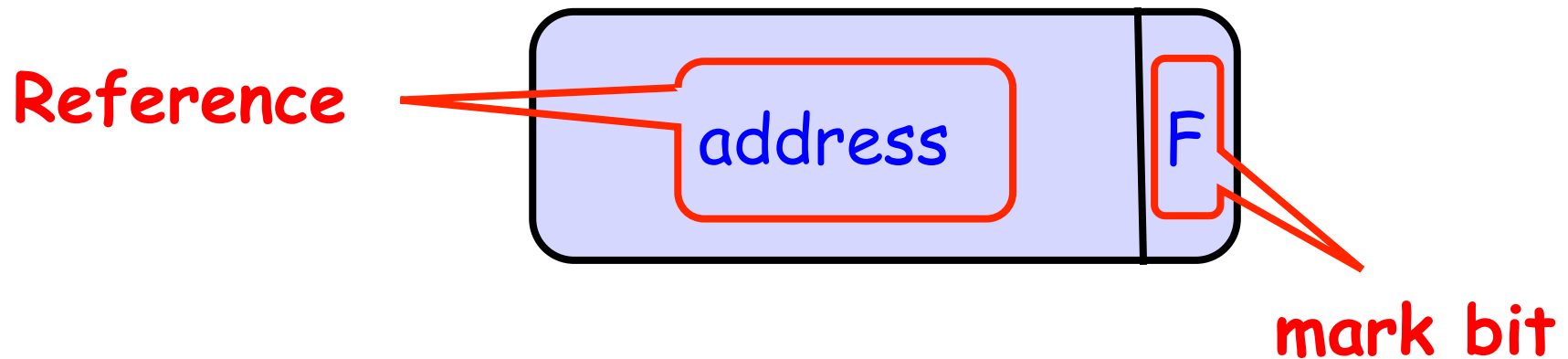


Solution

- Use AtomicMarkableReference
- Atomically
 - Swing reference and
 - Update flag
- Remove in two steps
 - Set mark bit in next field
 - Redirect predecessor's pointer

Marking a Node

- AtomicMarkableReference class
 - Java.util.concurrent.atomic package



Extracting Reference & Mark

```
Public Object get(boolean[] marked);
```

Extracting Reference & Mark

```
Public object get(boolean[] marked);
```

Returns
reference

Returns mark at
array index 0!

Extracting Reference Only

```
public boolean isMarked();
```

Value of
mark

Changing State

```
Public boolean compareAndSet(  
    Object expectedRef,  
    Object updateRef,  
    boolean expectedMark,  
    boolean updateMark);
```

Changing State

If this is the current
reference ...

```
Public boolean compareAndSet(  
Object expectedRef,  
Object updateRef,  
boolean expectedMark,  
boolean updateMark);
```

And this is the
current mark ...

Changing State

...then change to this
new reference ...

```
Public boolean compareAndSet(  
    Object expectedRef,  
    Object updateRef,  
    boolean expectedMark,  
    boolean updateMark);
```

... and this new
mark

Changing State

```
public boolean attemptMark(  
    Object expectedRef,  
    boolean updateMark);
```

Changing State

```
public boolean attemptMark(  
    Object expectedRef,  
    boolean updateMark);
```

**If this is the current
reference ...**

Changing State

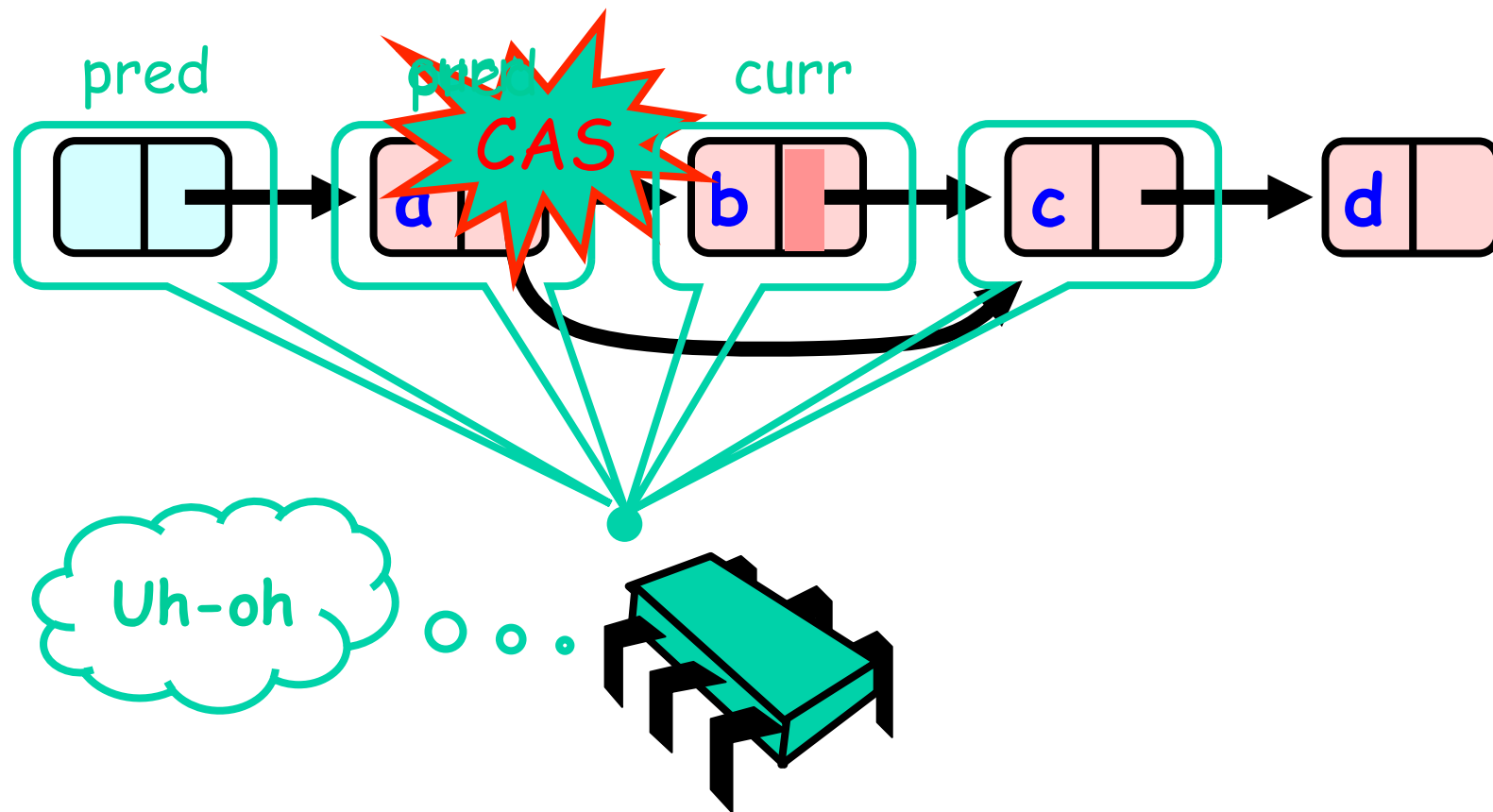
```
public boolean attemptMark(  
    Object expectedRef,  
    boolean updateMark);
```

.. then change to
this new mark.

Traversing the List

- Q: what do you do when you find a “logically” deleted node in your path?
- A: finish the job.
 - CAS the predecessor's next field
 - Proceed (repeat as needed)

Lock-Free Traversal (only Add and Remove)



The Window Class

```
class window {  
    public Node pred;  
    public Node curr;  
    window(Node pred, Node curr) {  
        this.pred = pred; this.curr = curr;  
    }  
}
```

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        this.pred = pred; this.curr = curr;  
    }  
}
```

**A container for pred
and current values**

Using the Find Method

```
Window window = find(head, key);  
Node pred = window.pred;  
curr = window.curr;
```

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curr = window.curr;
```

Find returns window

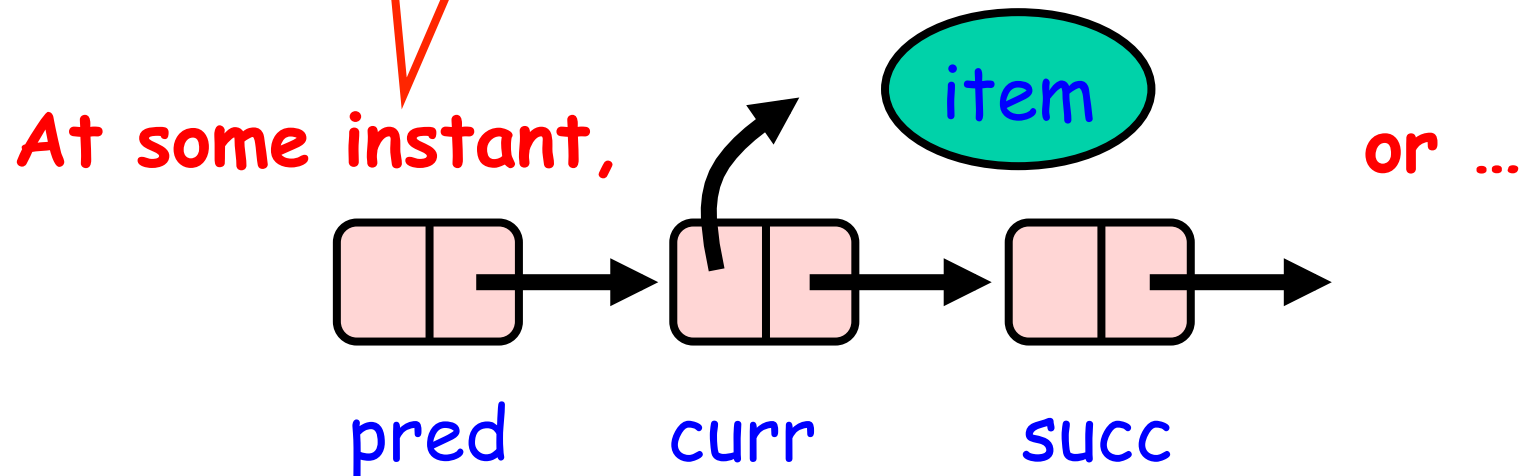
Using the Find Method

```
Window window = find(head, key);  
Node pred = window.pred;  
curr = window.curr;
```

Extract pred and curr

The Find Method

```
window window = find(item);
```



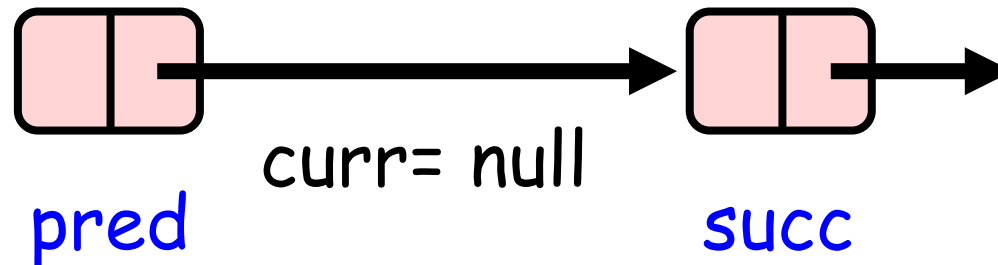
The Find Method

```
window window = find(item);
```

At some instant,

item

not in list



Remove

```
public boolean remove(T item) {
    Boolean snip;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key != key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node succ = curr.next.getReference();
            snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);
            if (!snip) continue;
            pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,
            false);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```


Remove

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public boolean remove(T item) {
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            if (!snip) continue;
            pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,
            false);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

Keep trying

Remove

```
public boolean remove(T item) {
    Boolean snip;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key != key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node succ = curr.next.getReference();
            snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);
            if (!snip) continue;
            pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,
            false);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

Find neighbors

Remove

```
public boolean remove(T item) {
    Boolean snip;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key != key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node succ = curr.next.getReference();
            snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);
            if (!snip) continue;
            pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,
            false);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

She's not there ...

Remove

```
public boolean remove(T item) {
    Boolean snip;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key != key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node succ = curr.next.getReference();
            snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);
            if (!snip) continue;
            pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,
            false);
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

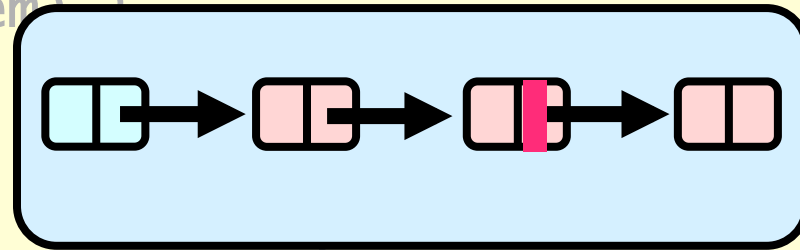
Try to mark node as deleted

se curr.next
ainda referencia
succ, marca curr
como eliminado

Remove

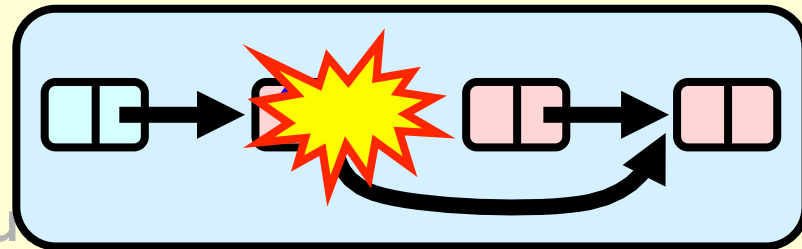
```
public boolean remove(T item) {  
    Boolean found = false;  
    while (curr != null) {  
        window.window = find(head,  
            curr.pred, curr = window.curr;  
            find(curr, key) {  
                return false;  
            } else {  
                Node succ = curr.next.getReference();  
                snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);  
                if (!snip) continue;  
                pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,  
                    false);  
                return true;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

If it doesn't
work, just retry,
if it does, job
essentially done



Remove

```
public boolean remove(T item) {  
    Boolean snip;  
    while (true) {  
        Window window = find(head,  
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;  
        if (curr.key != key) {
```



**Try to advance reference
(if we don't succeed, someone else did or will).**

```
        return false;  
    }  
    Node succ = curr.next.getReference();  
    snip = curr.next.attemptMark(succ, true);  
    if (!snip) continue;  
    pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, succ, false,  
false);  
    return true;
```

faz pred.next
apontar para succ

```
}}}
```

Add

```
public boolean add(T item) {
    boolean splice;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key == key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node node = new Node(item);
            node.next = new AtomicMarkableRef(curr, false);
            if (pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, node, false,
false)) {return true;}
        }
    }
}
```

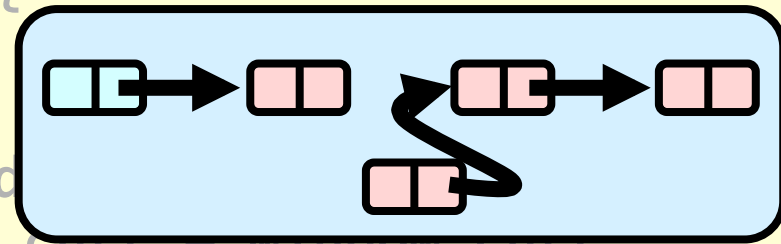
Add

```
public boolean add(T item) {
    boolean splice;
    while (true) {
        Window window = find(head, key);
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr;
        if (curr.key == key) {
            return false;
        } else {
            Node node = new Node(item);
            node.next = new AtomicMarkableRef(curr, false);
            if (pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, node, false,
                false)) {return true;}
        }
    }
}
```

Item already there.

Add

```
public boolean add(T item) {  
    boolean splice;  
    while (true) {  
        Window window = find(head);  
        Node pred = window.pred, curr = window.curr,  
        if (curr.key == key) {  
            return false;  
        } else {  
            Node node = new Node(item);  
            node.next = new AtomicMarkableRef(curr, false);  
            if (pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, node, false,  
            false)) {return true;}  
        }  
    }  
}
```

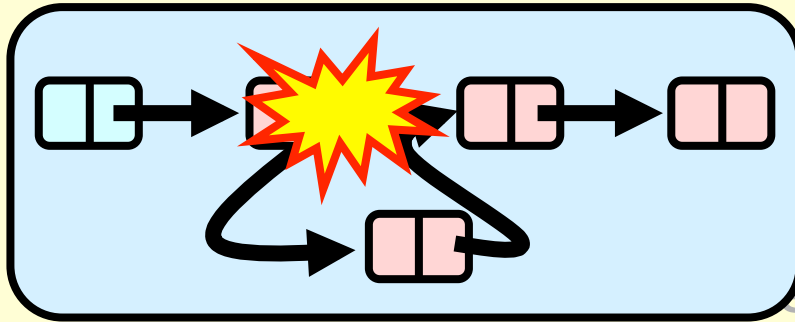


create new node

Add

```
public boolean add(T item) {  
    boolean splice;  
    while (true) {  
        window window = find(head, key);  
        curr = window.curr;  
  
        node.next = new AtomicMarkableRef(curr, false);  
        if (pred.next.compareAndSet(curr, node, false,  
false)) {return true;}  
    }  
}
```

Install new node,
else retry loop



Wait-free Contains

```
public boolean contains(Tt item) {  
    boolean marked;  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node curr = this.head;  
    while (curr.key < key)  
        curr = curr.next;  
    Node succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    return (curr.key == key && !marked[0])  
}
```

Wait-free Contains

```
public boolean contains(T item) {  
    boolean marked;  
    int key = item.hashCode();  
    Node curr = this.head;  
    while (curr.key < key)  
        curr = curr.next;  
    Node succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    return (curr.key == key && !marked[0])  
}
```

Only diff is that we get and check marked

Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```

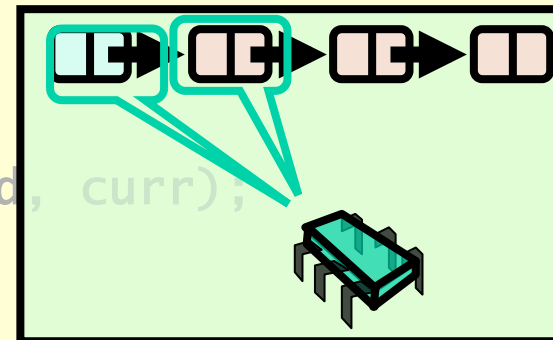
Lock-free Find

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    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```

If list changes while traversed, start over Lock-Free because we start over only if someone else makes progress

Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {  
    Node pred = null; Start looking from head  
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;  
    retry: while (true) {  
        pred = head;  
        curr = pred.next.getReference();  
        while (true) {  
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
            while (marked[0]) {  
                ...  
            }  
            if (curr.key >= key)  
                return new Window(pred, curr);  
            pred = curr;  
            curr = succ;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) { Move down the list
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```


Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false};
    boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```

**Get ref to successor and
current deleted bit**

Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```

Try to remove deleted nodes in path...code details soon

Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false}; boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        succ = curr.next.getReference(marked);
        while (marked[0]) {
            ...
        }
        if (curr.key >= key)
            return new Window(pred, curr);
        pred = curr;
        curr = succ;
    }
}
```

If curr key that is greater or equal, return pred and curr

if (curr.key >= key)
return new Window(pred, curr);

Lock-free Find

```
public Window find(Node head, int key) {
    Node pred = null, curr = null, succ = null;
    boolean[] marked = {false};
    boolean snip;
    retry: while (true) {
        pred = head;
        curr = pred.next.getReference();
        while (true) {
            succ = curr.next.get(marked);
            while (marked[0]) {
                ...
            }
            if (curr.key >= key)
                return new Window(pred, curr);
            pred = curr;
            curr = succ;
        }
    }
}
```

Otherwise advance window and loop again

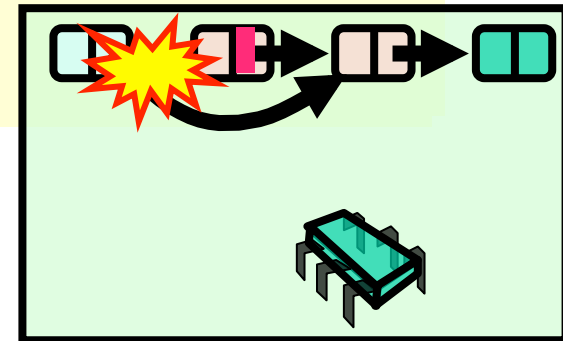
Lock-free Find

```
retry: while (true) {  
    ...  
    while (marked[0]) {  
        snip = pred.next.compareAndSet(curr,  
succ, false, false);  
        if (!snip) continue retry;  
        curr = succ;  
        succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Lock-free Find

Try to snip out node

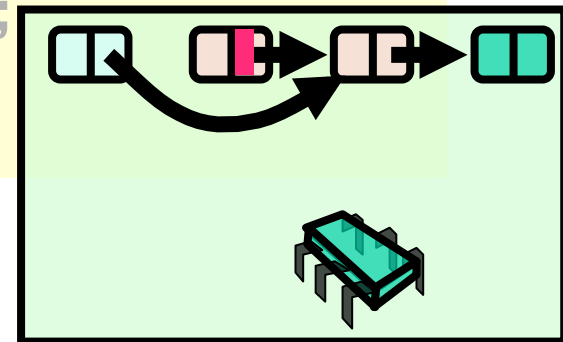
```
retry: while (true) {  
    ...  
    while (marked[0]) {  
        snip = pred.next.compareAndSet(curr,  
succ, false, false);  
        if (!snip) continue retry;  
        curr = succ;  
        succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



Lock-free Find

if predecessor's next field
changed must retry whole
traversal

```
retry: while (true) {  
    ...  
    while (marked[0]) {  
        snip = pred.next.compareAndSet(curr,  
succ, false, false);  
        if (!snip) continue retry;  
        curr = succ;  
        succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

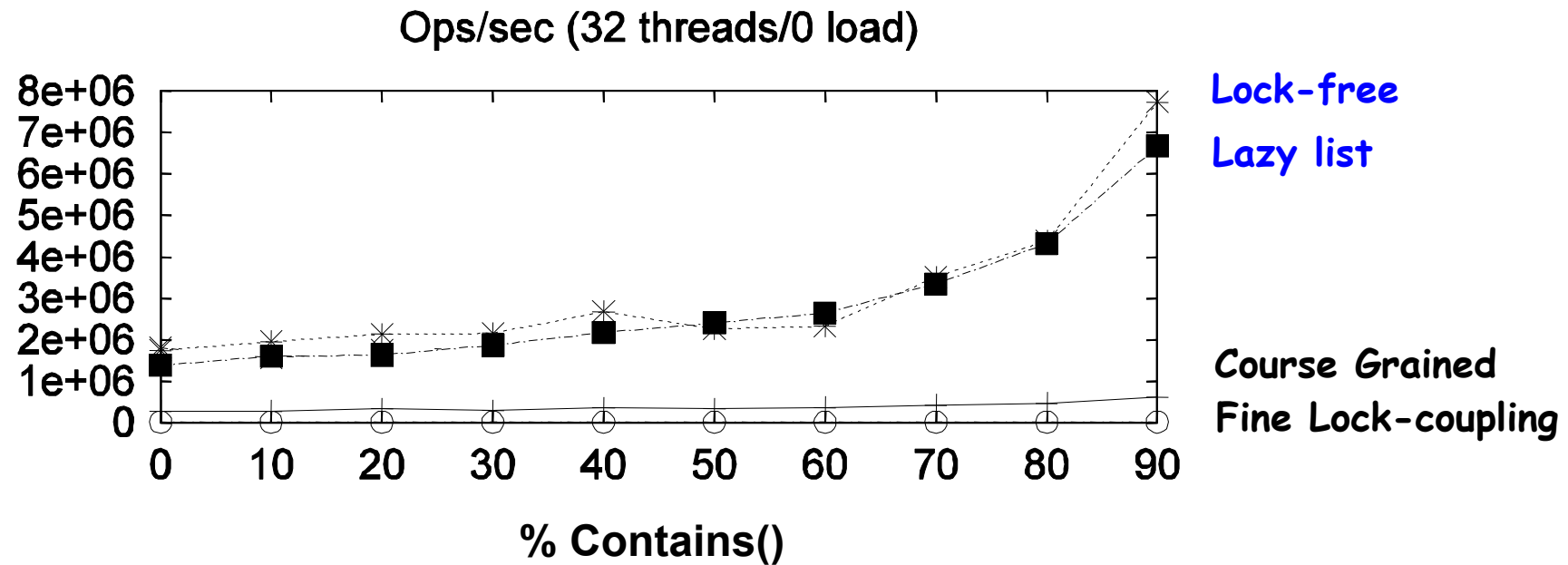


Lock-free Find

Otherwise move on to
check if next node deleted

```
retry: while (true) {  
    ...  
    while (marked[0]) {  
        snip = pred.next.compareAndSet(curr,  
succ, false, false);  
        if (!snip) continue retry;  
        curr = succ;  
        succ = curr.next.get(marked);  
    }  
    ...  
}
```


As Contains Ratio Increases



Summary

- Coarse-grained locking
- Fine-grained locking
- Optimistic synchronization
- Lock-free synchronization

“To Lock or Not to Lock”

- Locking vs. Non-blocking: Extremist views on both sides
- The answer: nobler to compromise, combine locking and non-blocking
 - Example: Lazy list combines blocking `add()` and `remove()` and a wait-free `contains()`
 - Remember: Blocking/non-blocking is a property of a method



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