



TYPE FREEZING: EXPLOITING ATTRIBUTE TYPE MONOMORPHISM IN TRACING JIT COMPILERS

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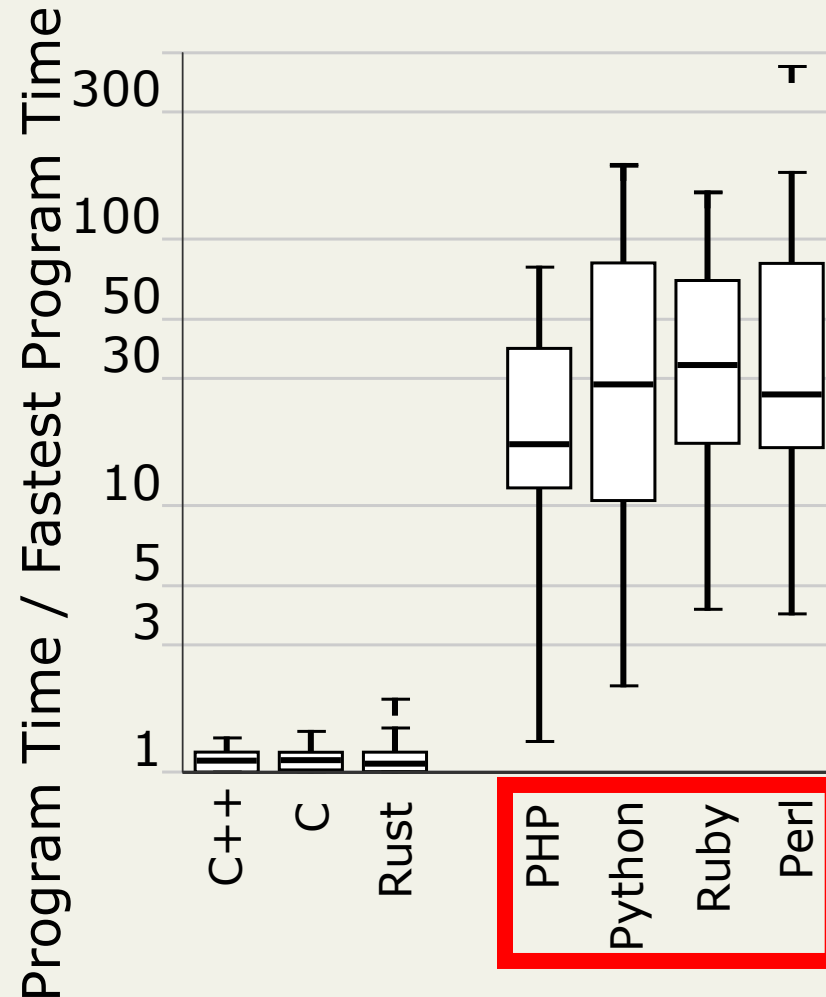
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DYNAMIC LANGUAGES ARE POPULAR AND SLOW

Rank	Language	Type	Score
1	Python	🌐 🗨️ ⚙️	100.0
2	Java	🌐 📱 🗨️	96.3
3	C	📱 🗨️ ⚙️	94.4
4	C++	📱 🗨️ ⚙️	87.5
5	R	🗨️	81.5
6	JavaScript	🌐	79.4
7	C#	🌐 📱 🗨️ ⚙️	74.5
8	Matlab	🗨️	70.6
9	Swift	📱 🗨️	69.1
10	Go	🌐 🗨️	68.0

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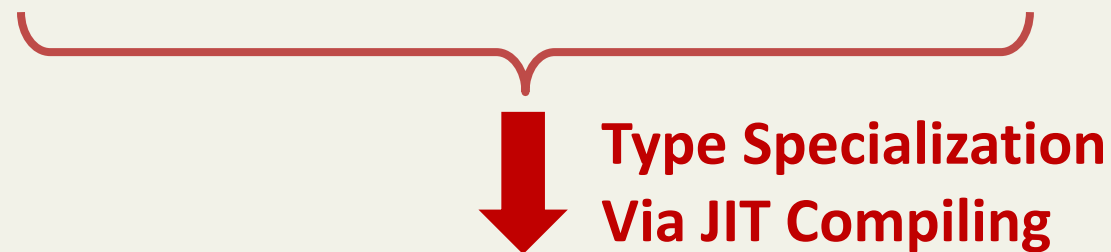
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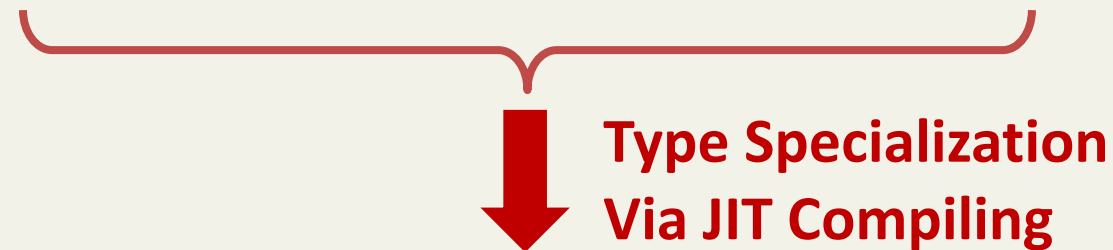


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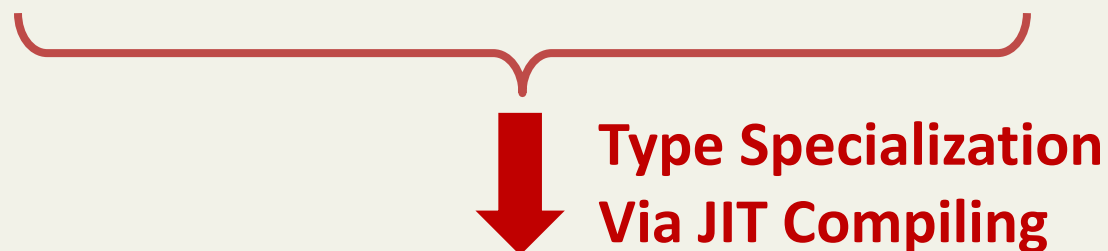
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- At least 79% of the identifiers in real world Python applications are type monomorphic [1]
- **Attribute type monomorphism** is a special kind of type monomorphism, in which a certain attribute of a user-defined type only holds a single type of data

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Knowing `pt` is a `Point` instance implies `x` and `y` are integers

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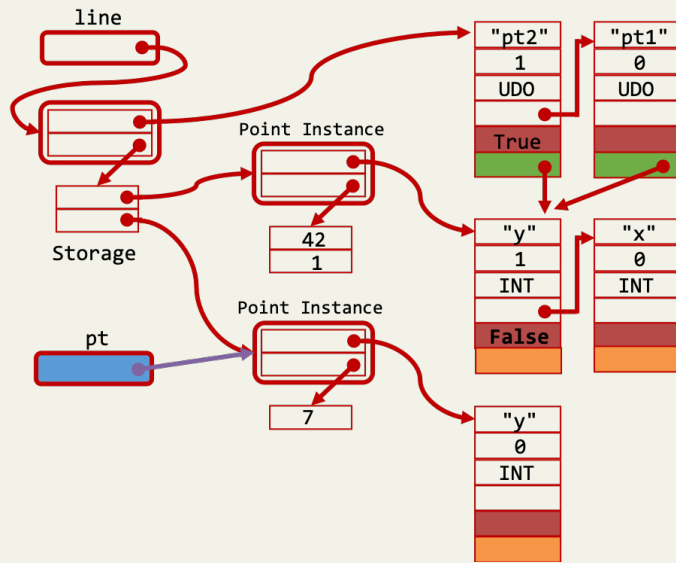
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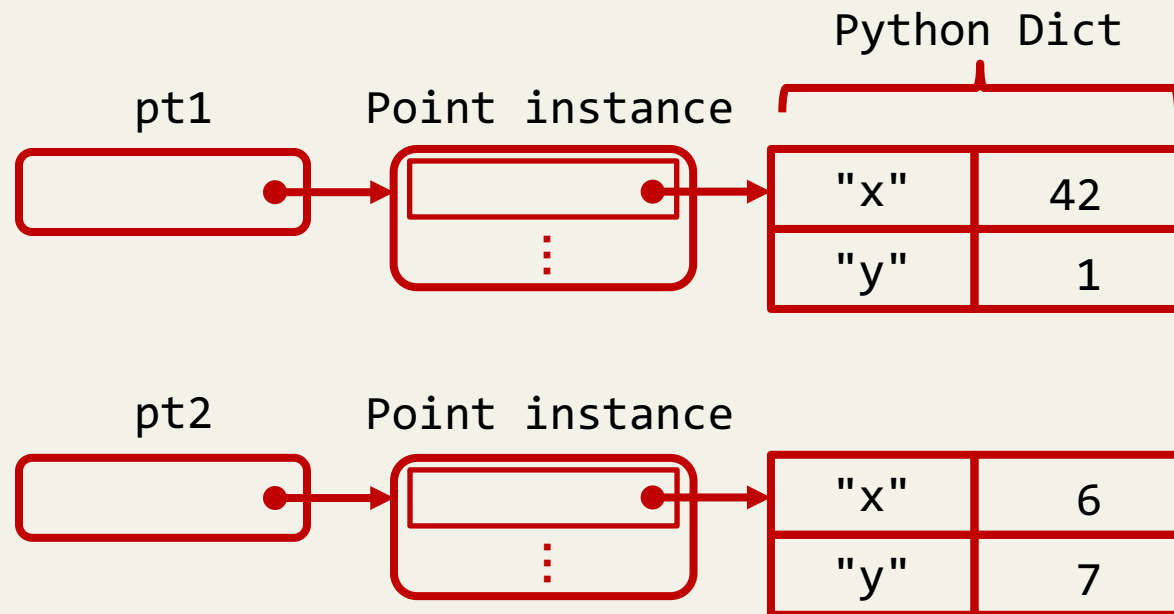
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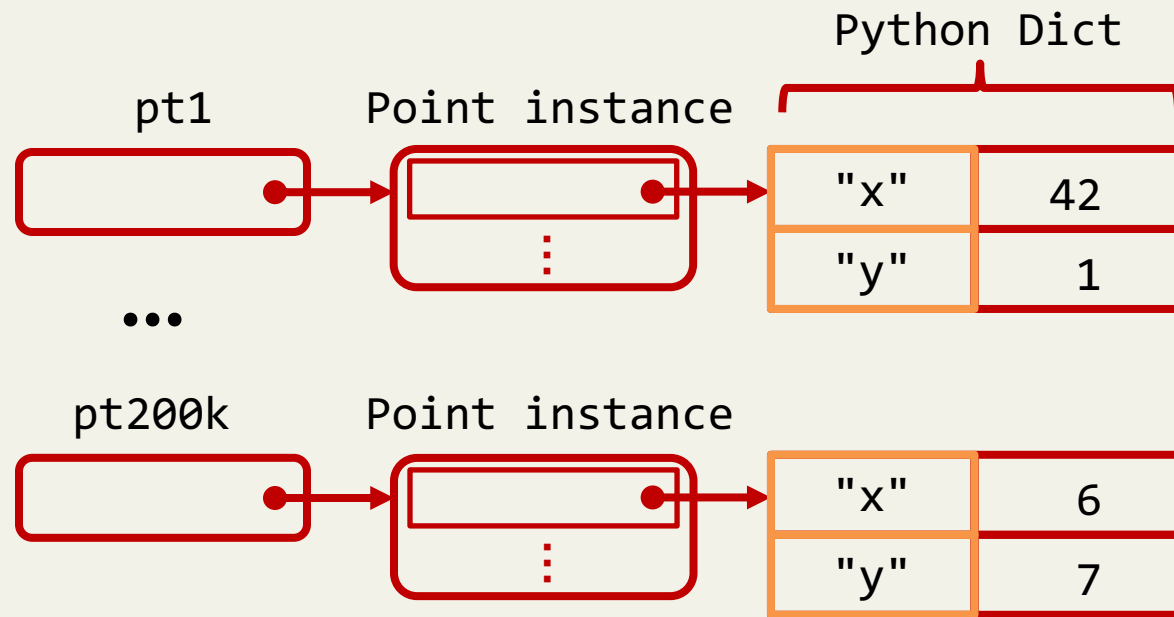


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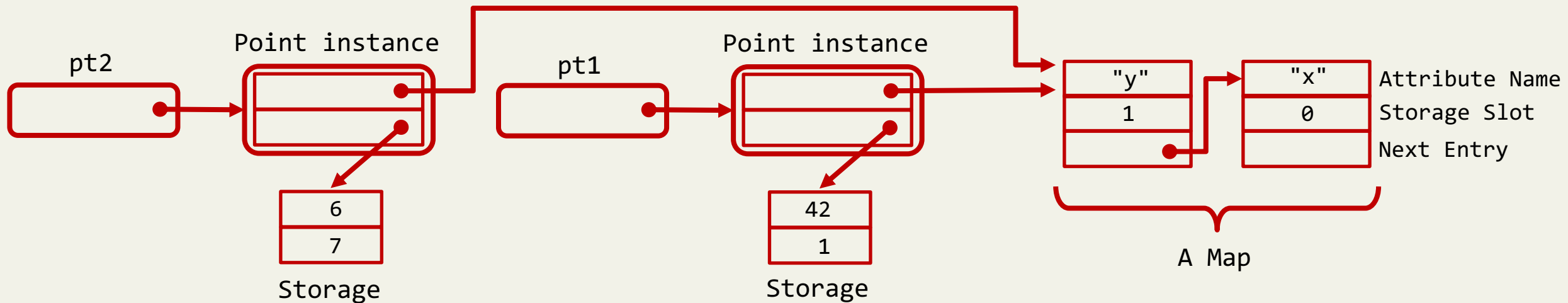


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- Instances are likely to have the same set of attributes: modern JIT compilers usually implement an optimization called **Maps** (also known as **Hidden Classes** or **Shapes**)
- User-defined types are structural: an instance's map determines its type



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class Point( object ):
    def __init__( self, x, y ):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

class Line( object ):
    def __init__( self, pt1, pt2 ):
        self.pt1 = pt1
        self.pt2 = pt2

def create_lines( n ):
    lines = []
    for i in range( n ):
        pt1 = Point( i, n-i )
        pt2 = Point( 2*i-n, i-n )
        lines.append( Line( pt1, pt2 ) )
    return lines
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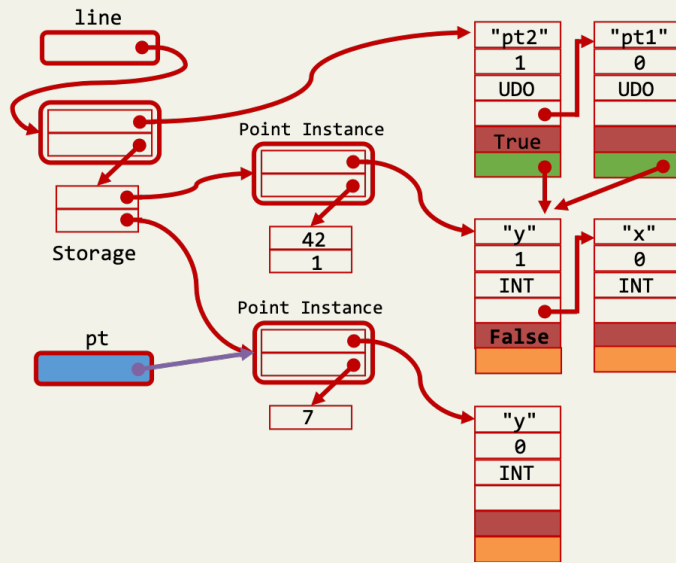
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p19 = get( p9, slot1 )            # pt1.y
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p20 = get( p10, slot1 )           # pt2.y
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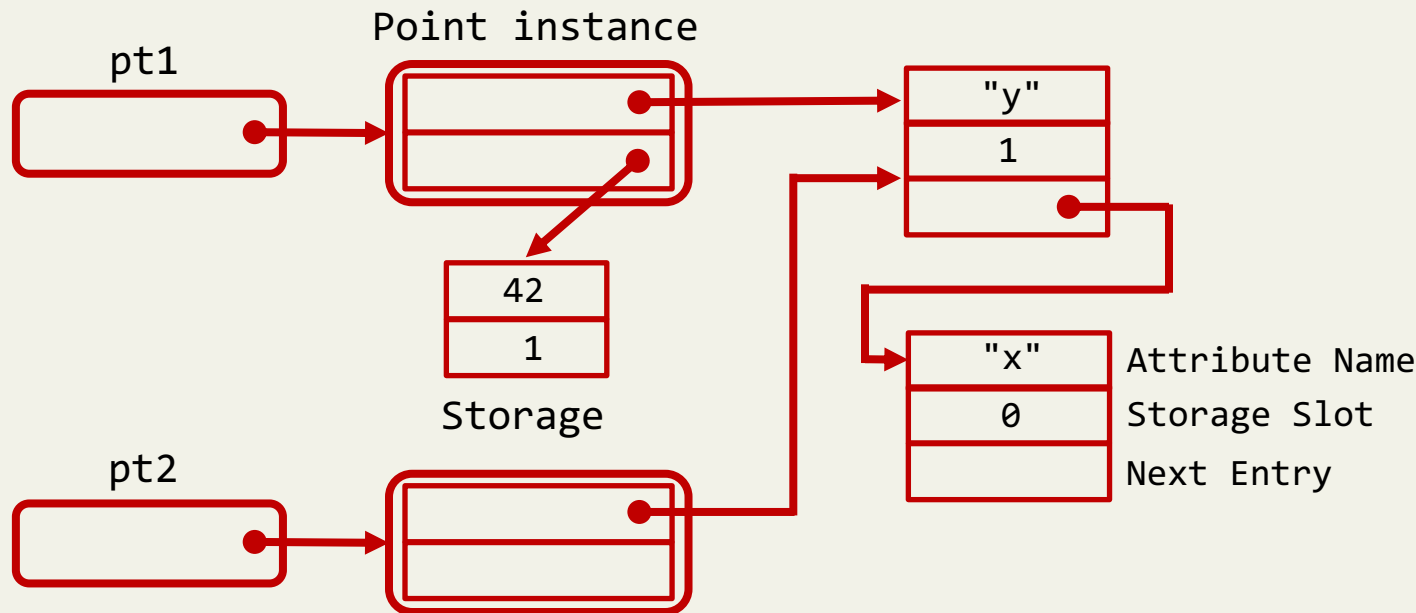
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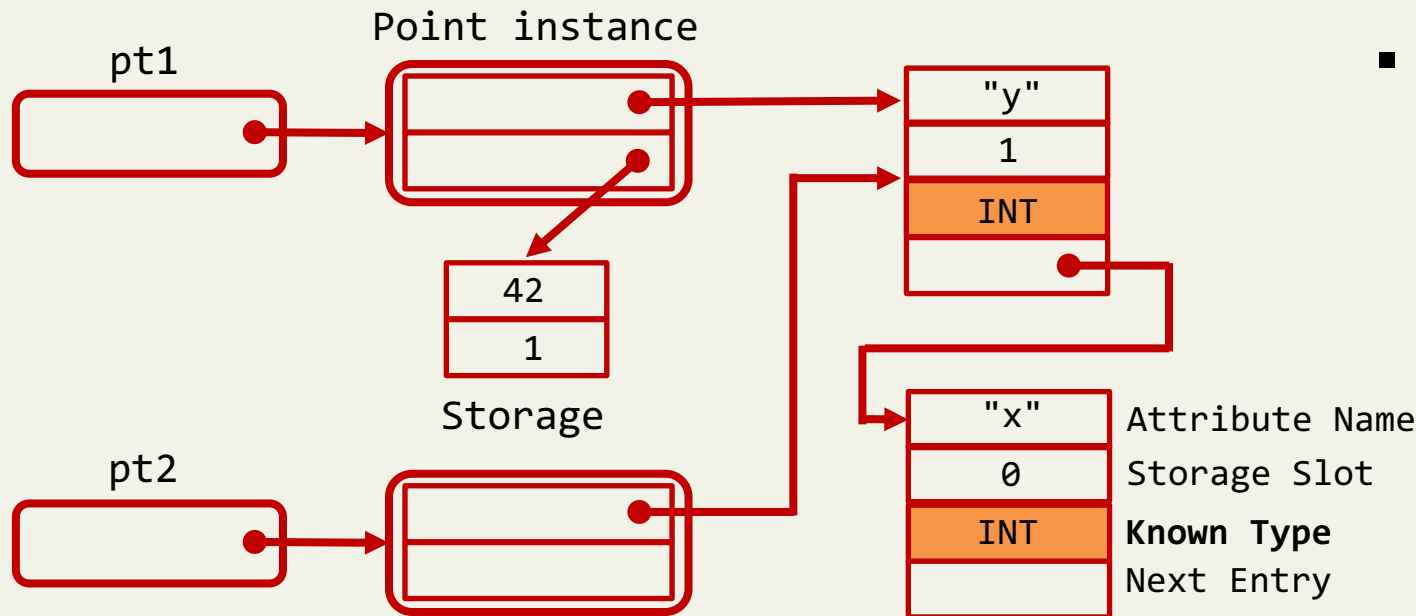


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- We "freeze" the type information of attributes into the map with an auxiliary field, **known type**
- With this extra info, **unmodified** PyPy JIT compiler is able to prove the type of these attributes at compiling time and eliminate type guards on them

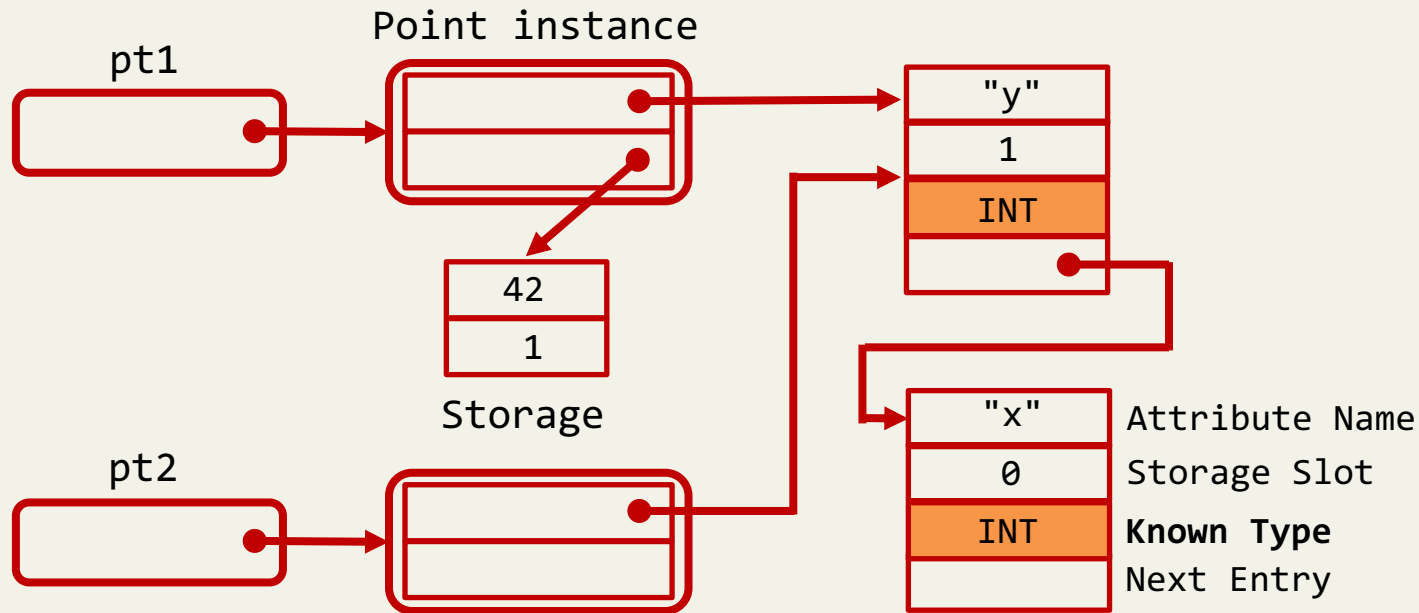


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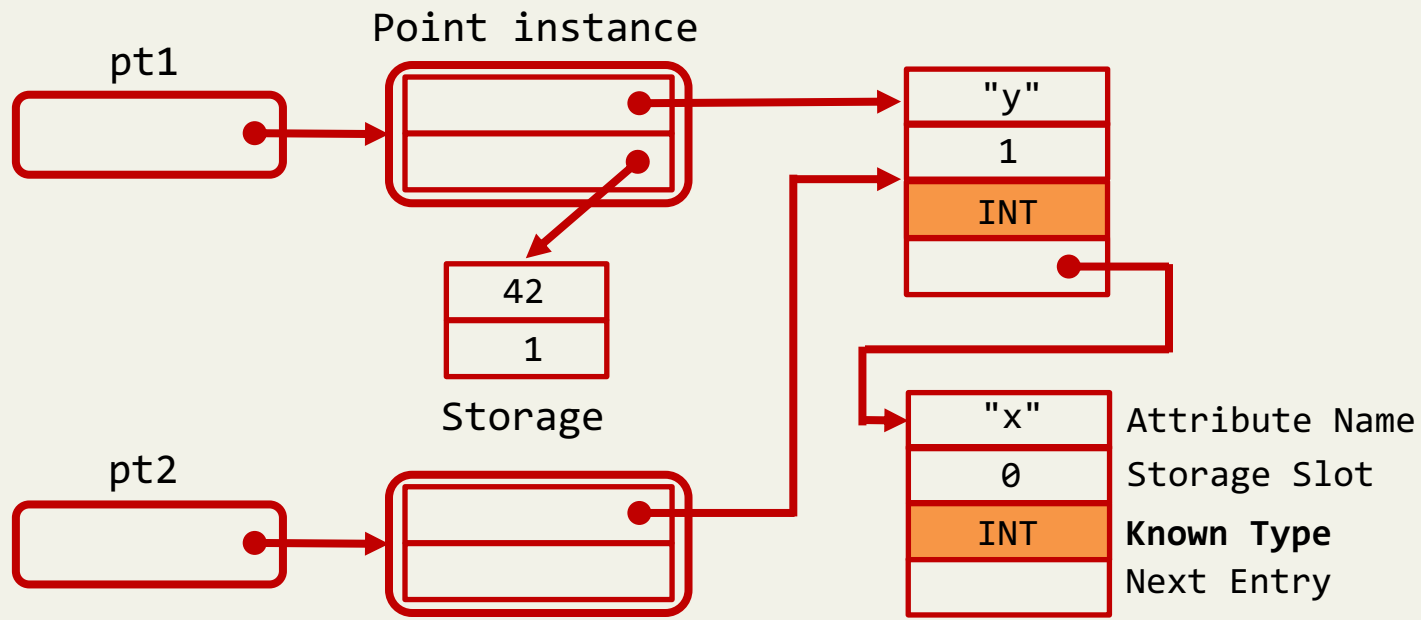
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CHALLENGE: ATTRIBUTES MAY BECOME POLYMORPHIC

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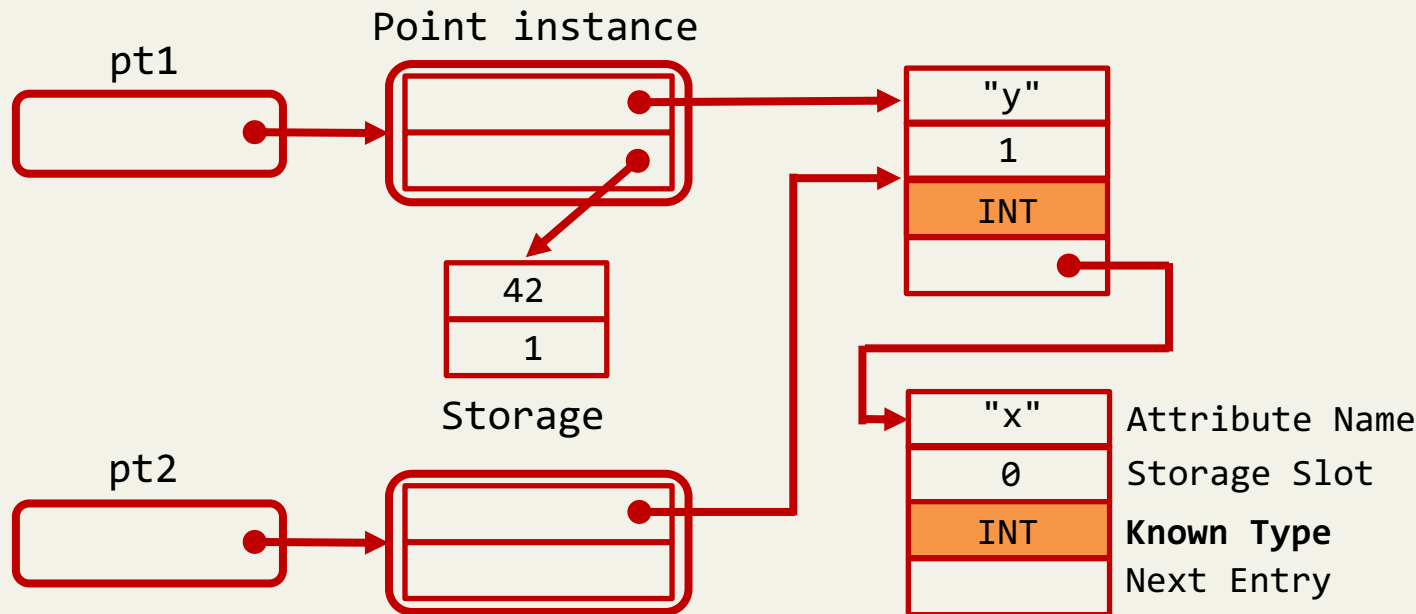
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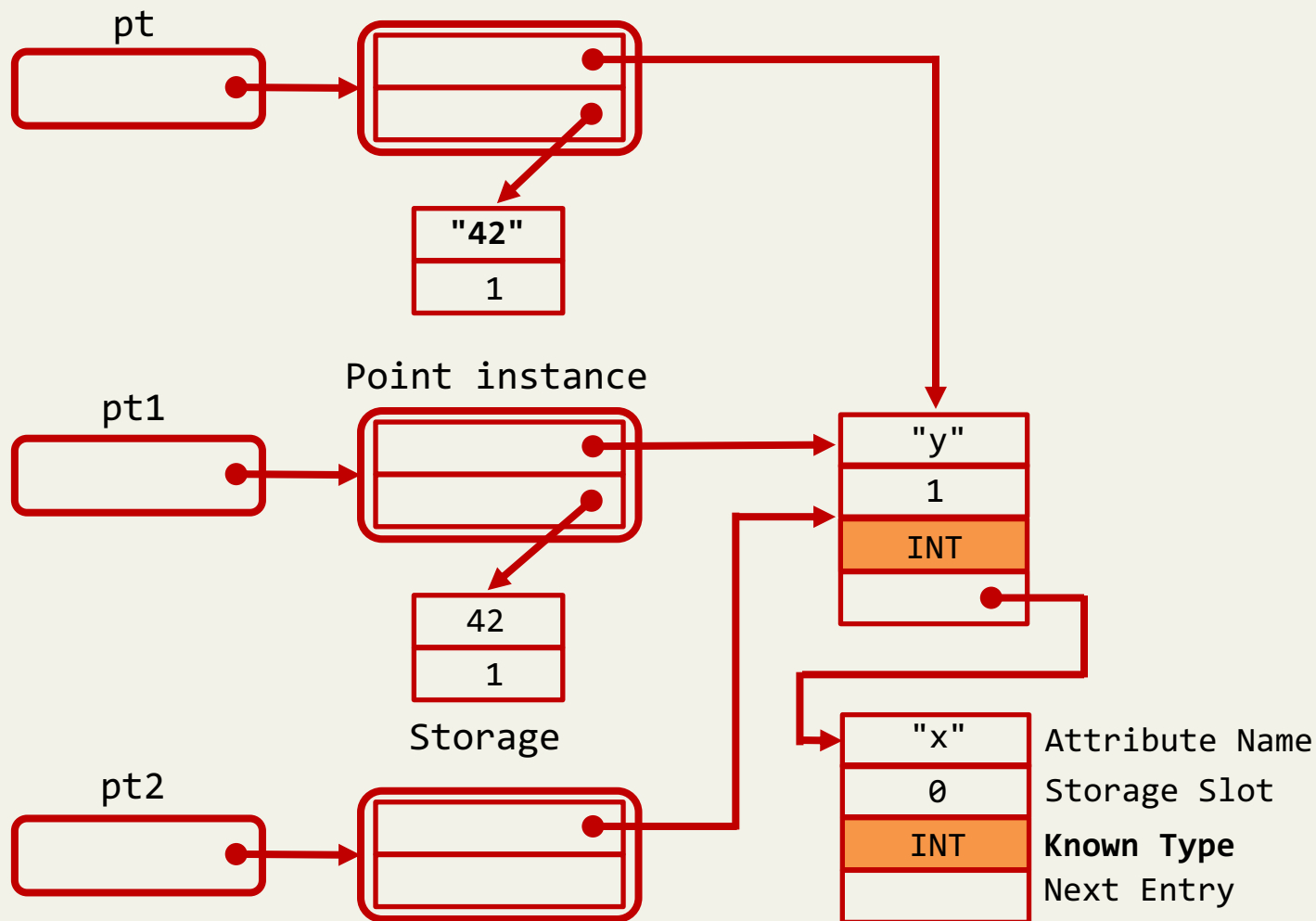
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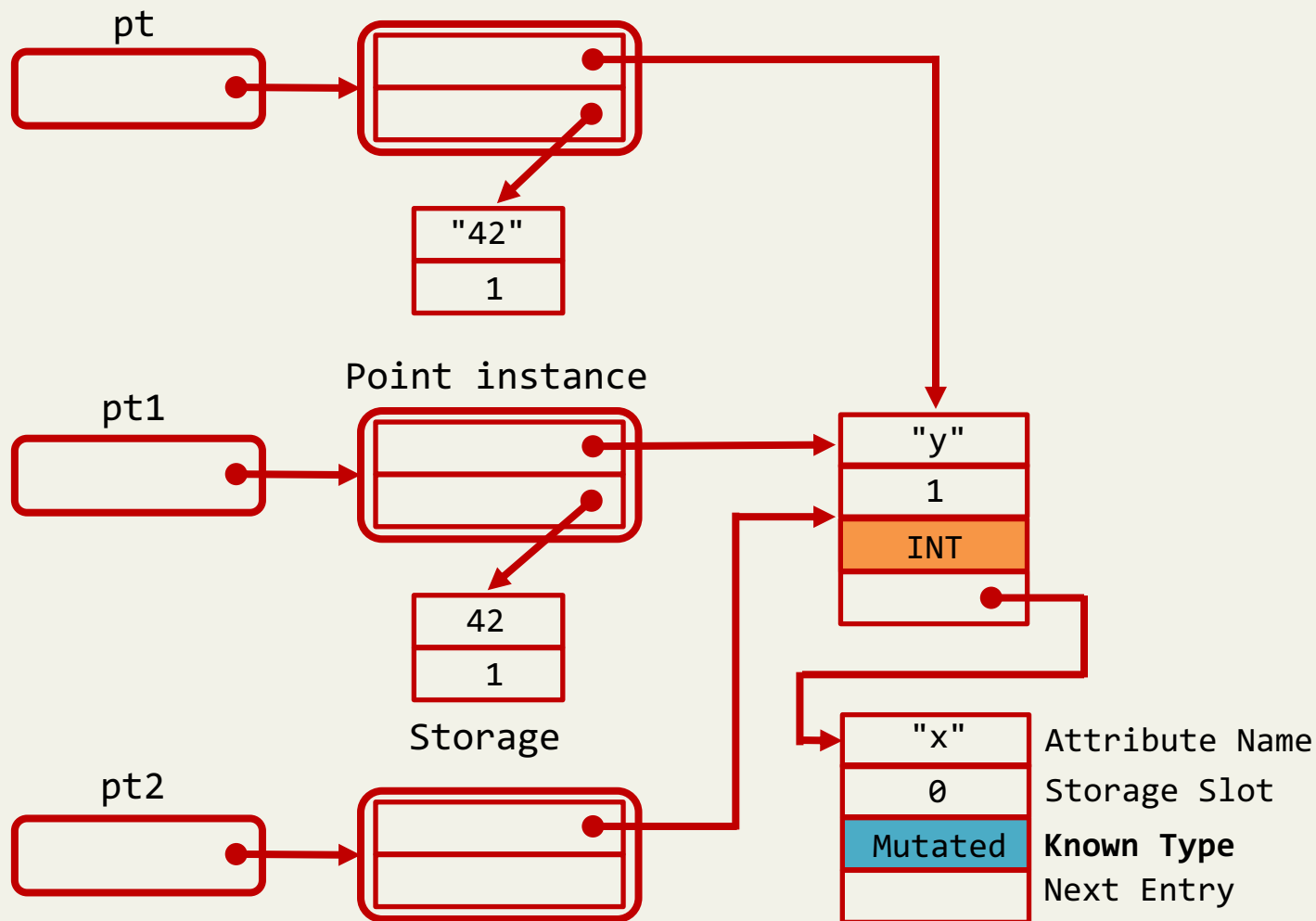
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SOLUTION: INVALID TRACES THROUGH QUASI-IMMUTABLE

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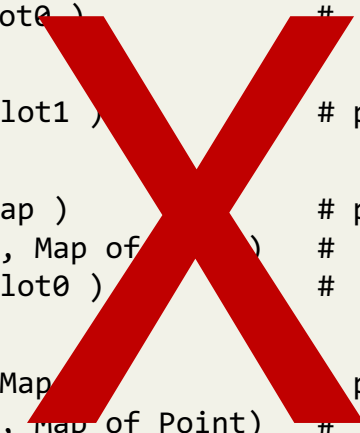
p11 = get( p9, Map )               # pt1.x
guard_value( p11, Map of Point )  #
p12 = get( p9, slot0 )             #

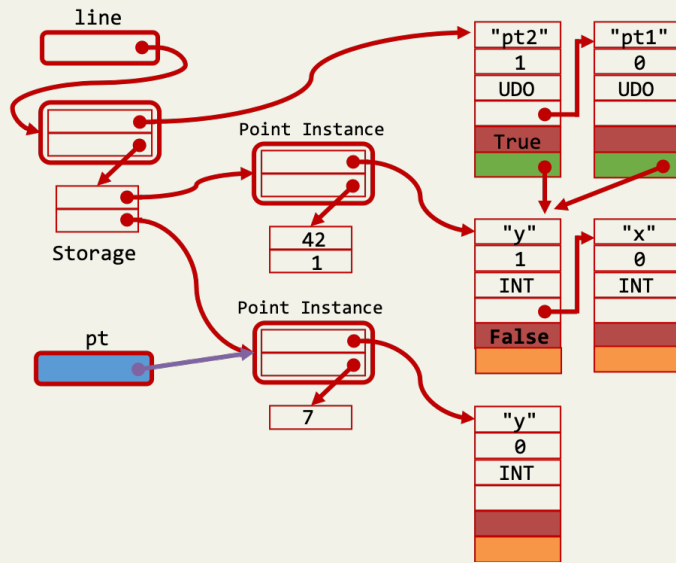
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Type Freezing

Motivation

Background

Simple Type Freezing

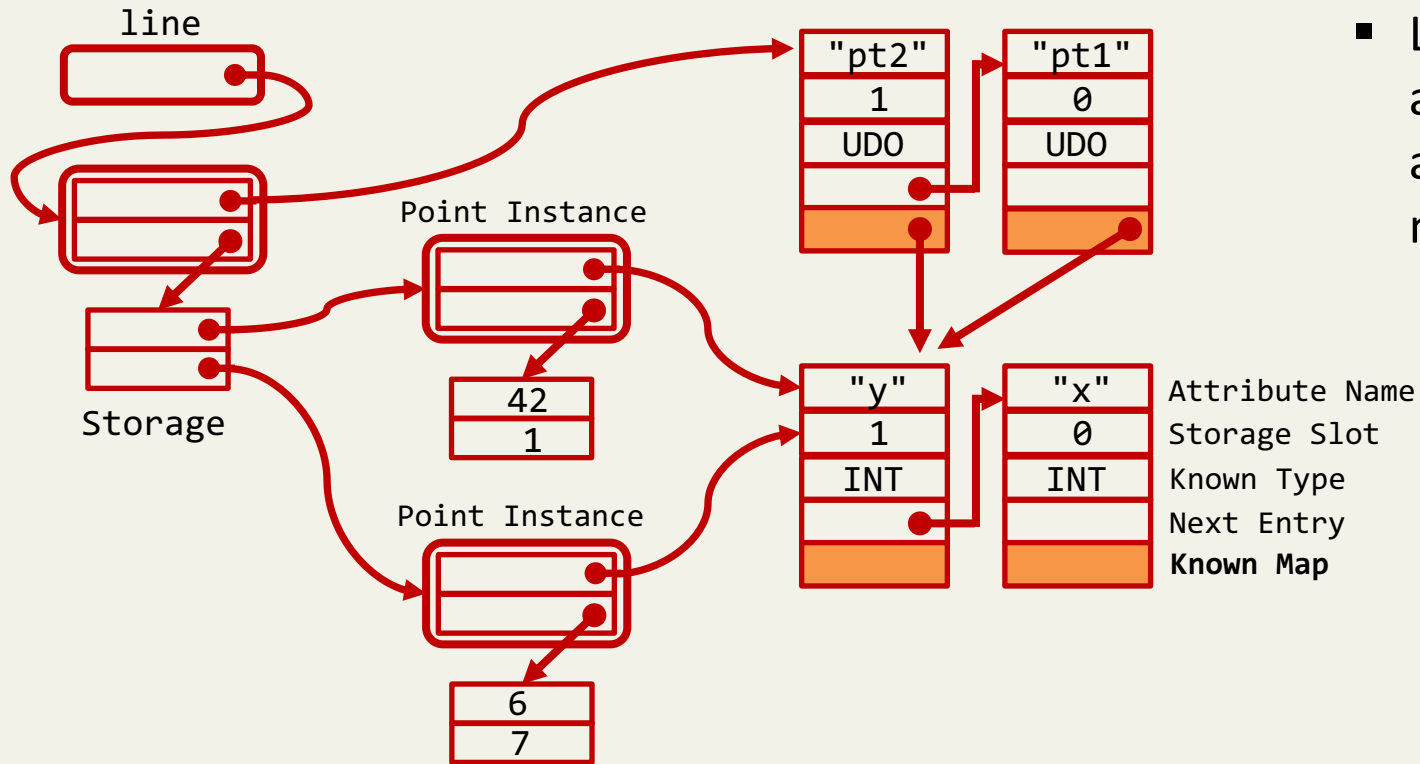
Nested Type Freezing

Evaluation

TECHNIQUE: NESTED TYPE FREEZING

```
class Line( object ):
    def __init__( self, pt1, pt2 ):
        self.pt1 = pt1
        self.pt2 = pt2
```

```
line = Line( Point(42, 1), Point(6, 7) )
```



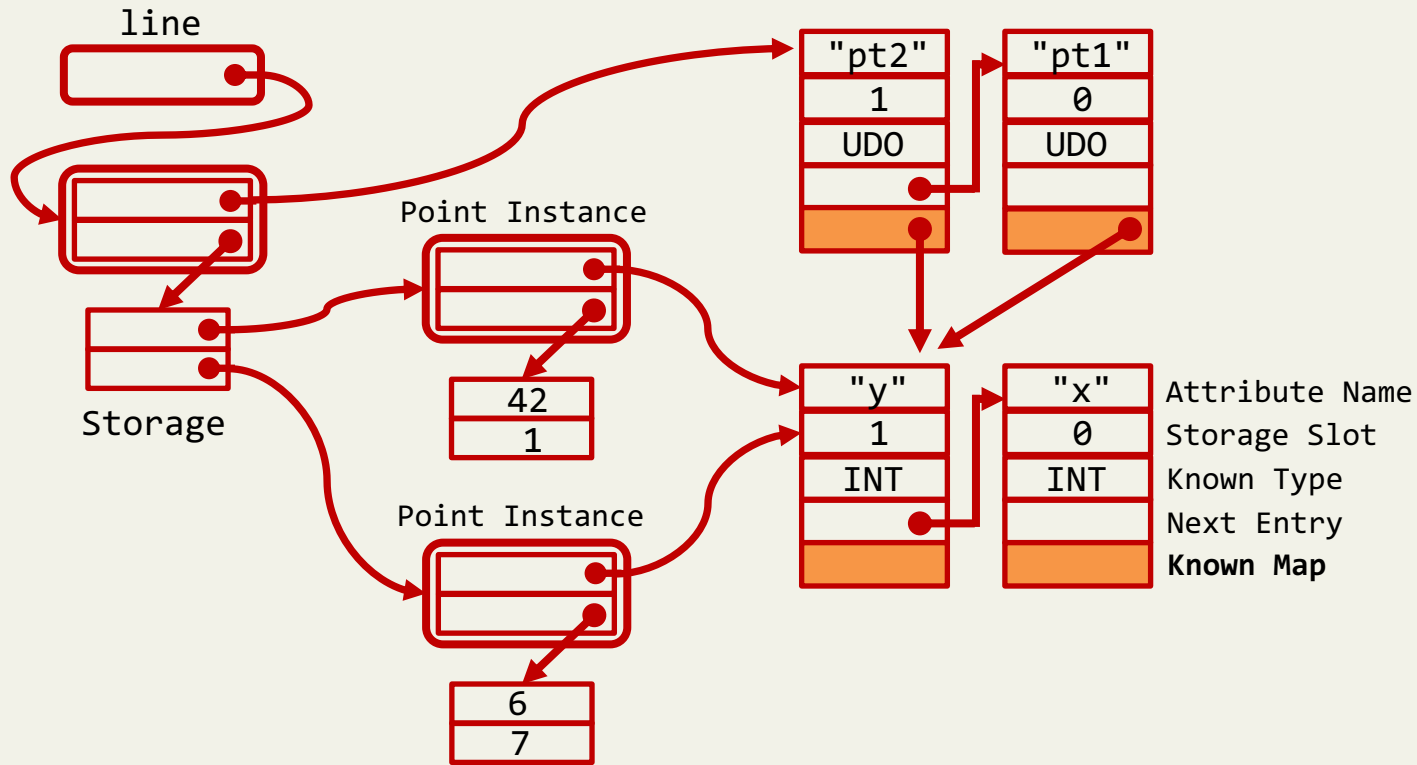
- If a type monomorphic attribute stores another kind of user-defined objects, knowing the type of top-level object implicitly tells the layout of nested objects
- Like the case in simple type freezing, we associate another quasi-immutable auxiliary field, **known map**, with each map entry.

BENEFIT: REMOVING GUARDS ON MAPS

```

while( i < n ):
    line = lines[i]
    pt1 = line.pt1
    pt2 = line.pt2
    a_side = ( pt1.x - pt2.x ) ** 2
    b_side = ( pt1.y - pt2.y ) ** 2
    length += math.sqrt( a_side + b_side )

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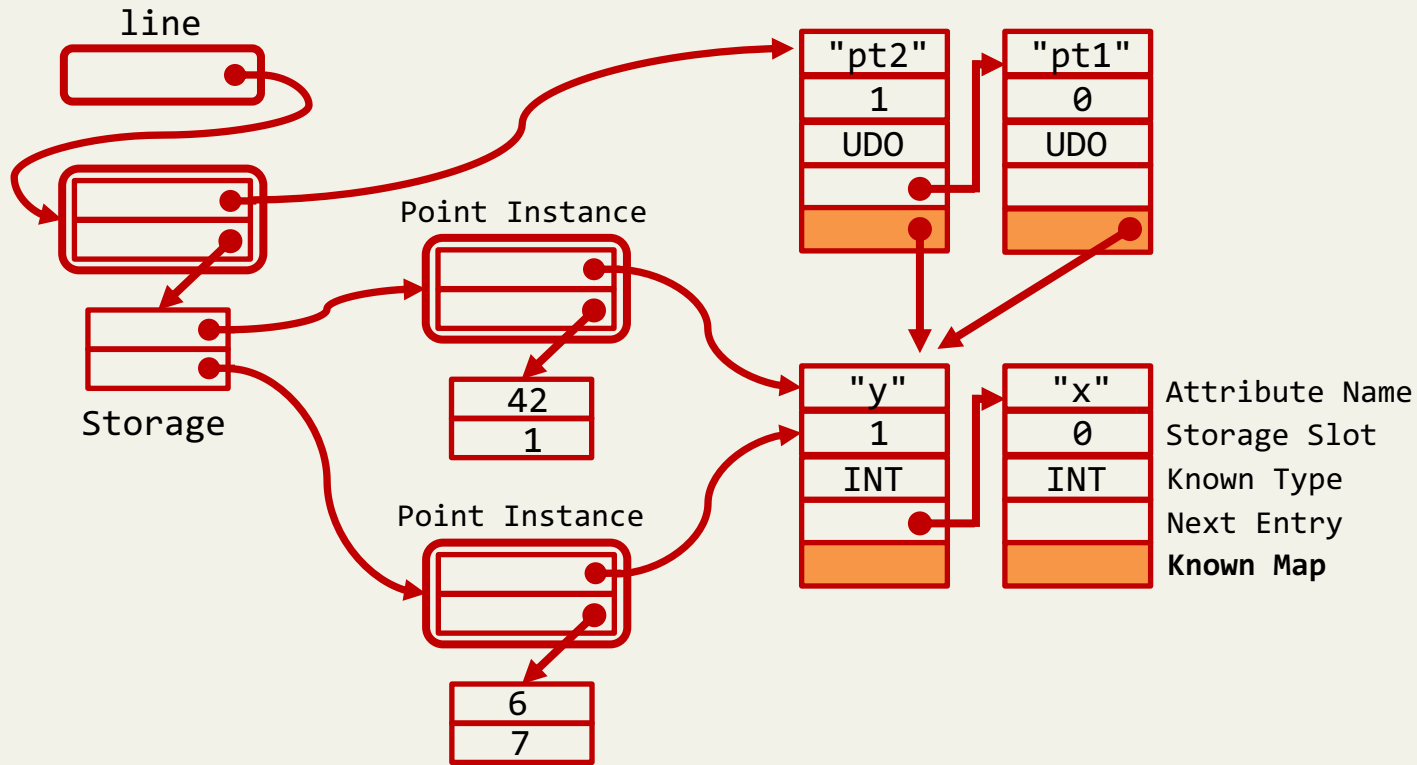
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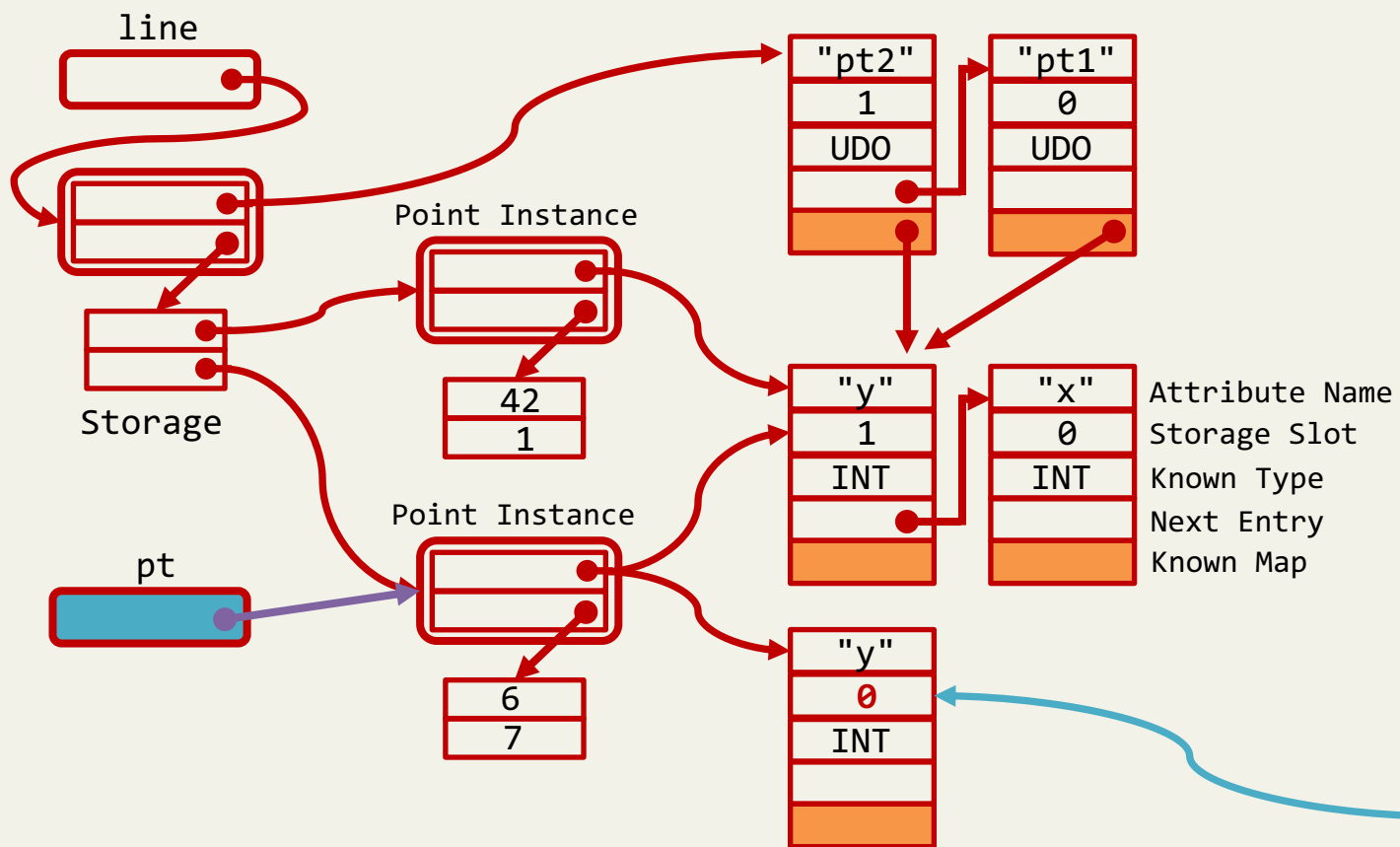
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CHALLENGE: TWO REFERENCES TO A SINGLE OBJECT

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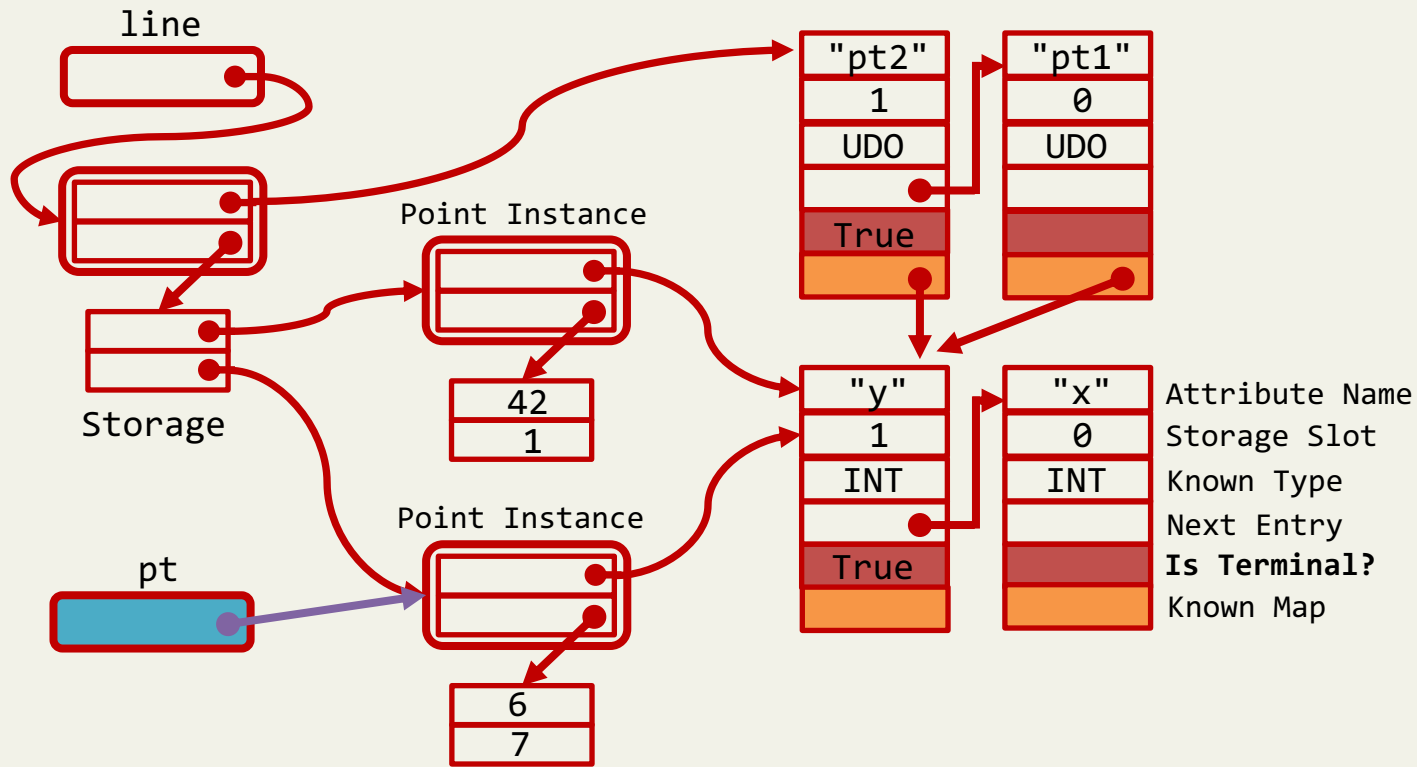
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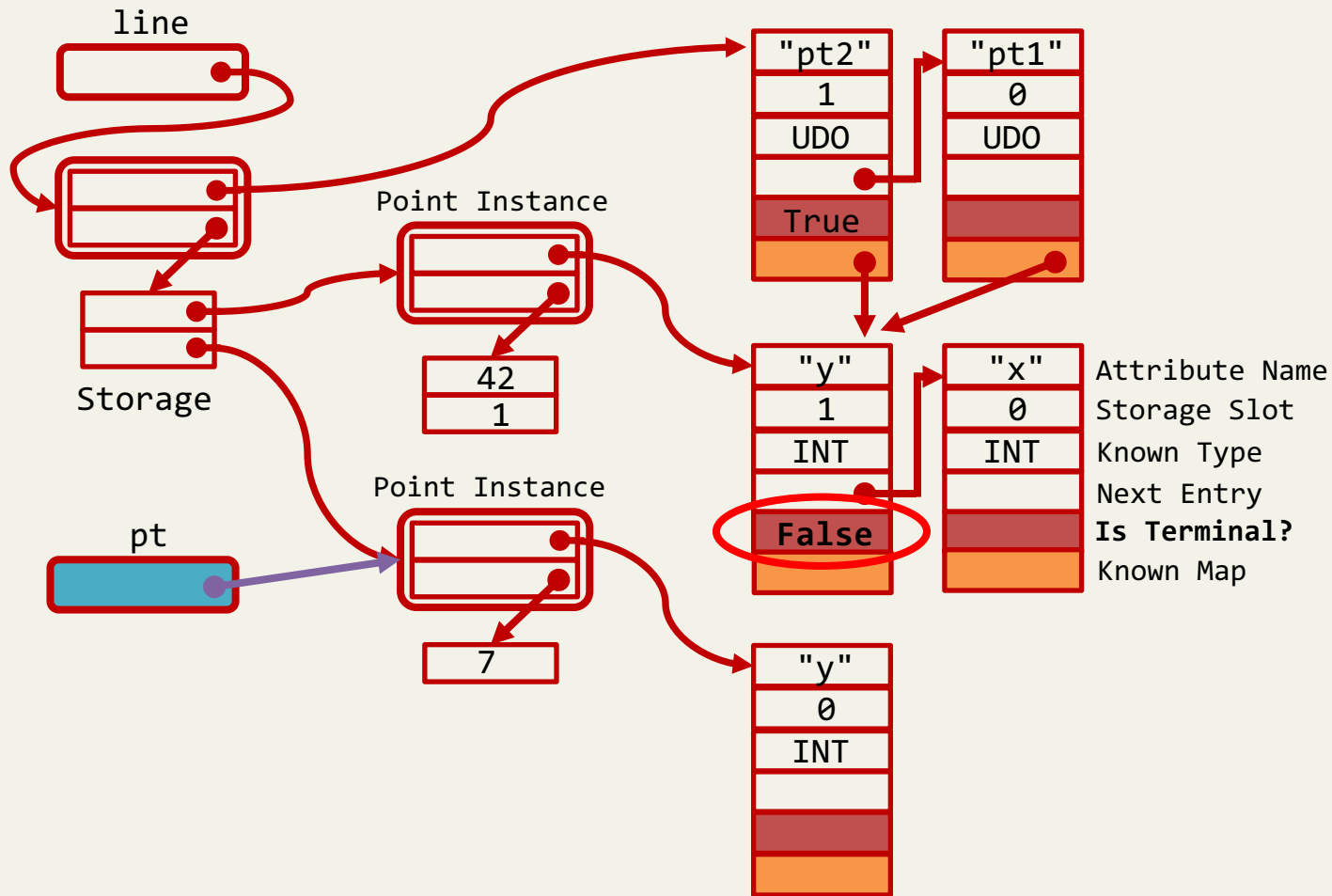
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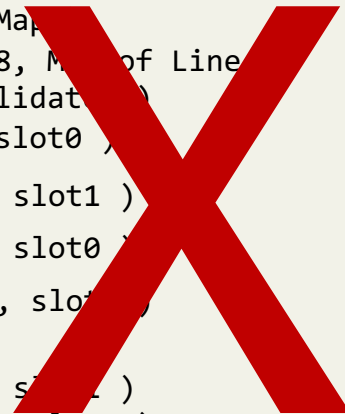


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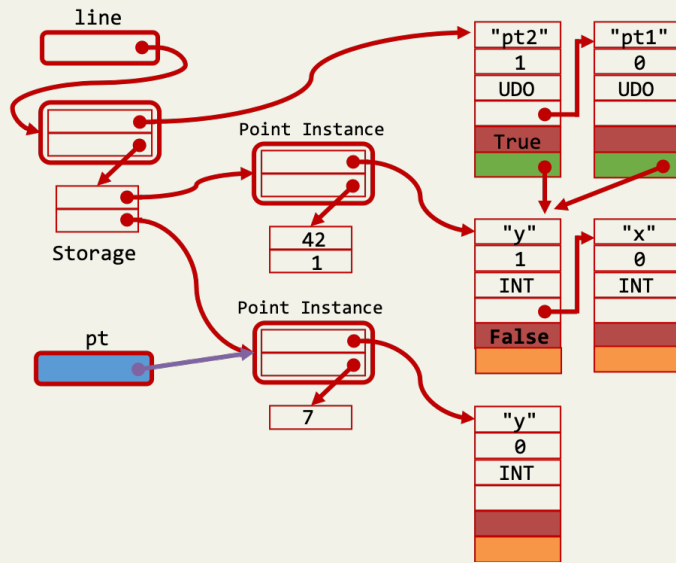
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- We move runtime type checking from **read time** to **write time** for two reasons
 - There are generally more reads than writes
 - Certain write time type checking can be optimized away, since type of the value to be written is known at JIT compile time
- We used the running example as a micro-benchmark
 - Type Freezing saves up to 30% of dynamic instructions
 - Type Freezing improves performance by up to 6%

Benchmark	Attribute Reads	Attribute Writes	Reads/Writes
deltablue	524.10 M	107.53 M	4.9
raytrace	5.01 B	1.23 B	4.1
richards	808.08 M	297.25 M	2.7
eparse	20.34 M	4.12 M	4.9
telco	376.50 M	103.42 M	3.6
float	150.01 M	90.00 M	1.7
html5lib	21.17 M	4.88 M	4.3
chaos	538.39 M	110.09 M	4.9
pickle	55.93 M	452.44 K	123.6
django	32.48 M	26.67 K	1217.5
sympy	6.20 M	1.44 M	4.3
sympy-opt	6.20 M	1.46 M	4.2
gcbench	37.14 M	190.47 M	0.2
genshi-xml	5.84 M	11.71 K	498.7
chameleon	451.46 K	488.86 K	0.9
mako	260.12 K	109.34 K	2.4
meteor-contest	11.52 K	4.67 K	2.5
nbody-modified	7.88 K	2.27 K	3.5
fib	7.88 K	2.27 K	3.5

```
def create_lines( n ):
    lines = []
    for i in range( n ):
        pt1 = Point( i, n-i )
        pt2 = Point( 2*i-n, i-n )
        lines.append( Line( pt1, pt2 ) )
    return lines
```



Type Freezing

Motivation

Background

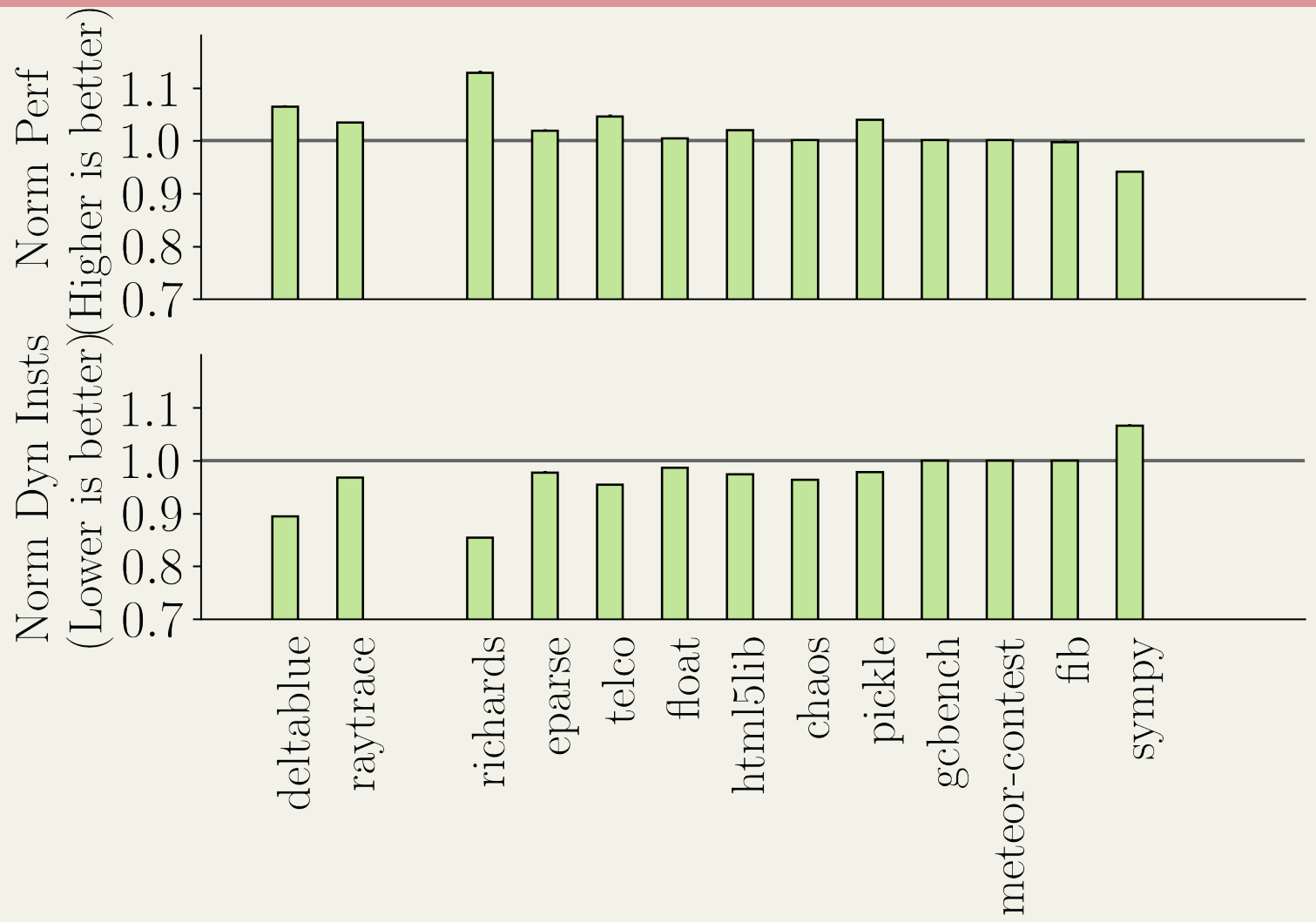
Simple Type Freezing

Nested Type Freezing

Evaluation

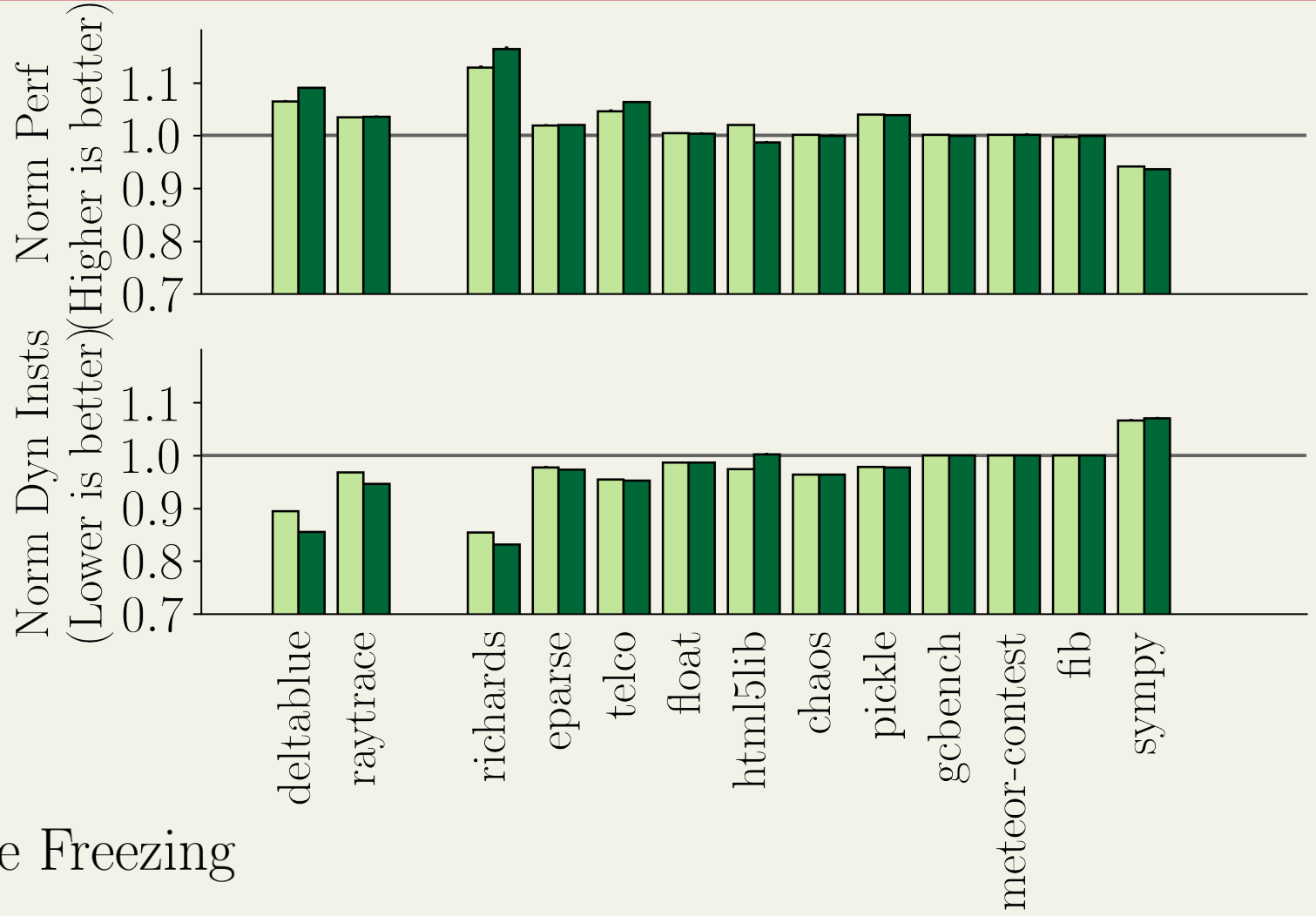
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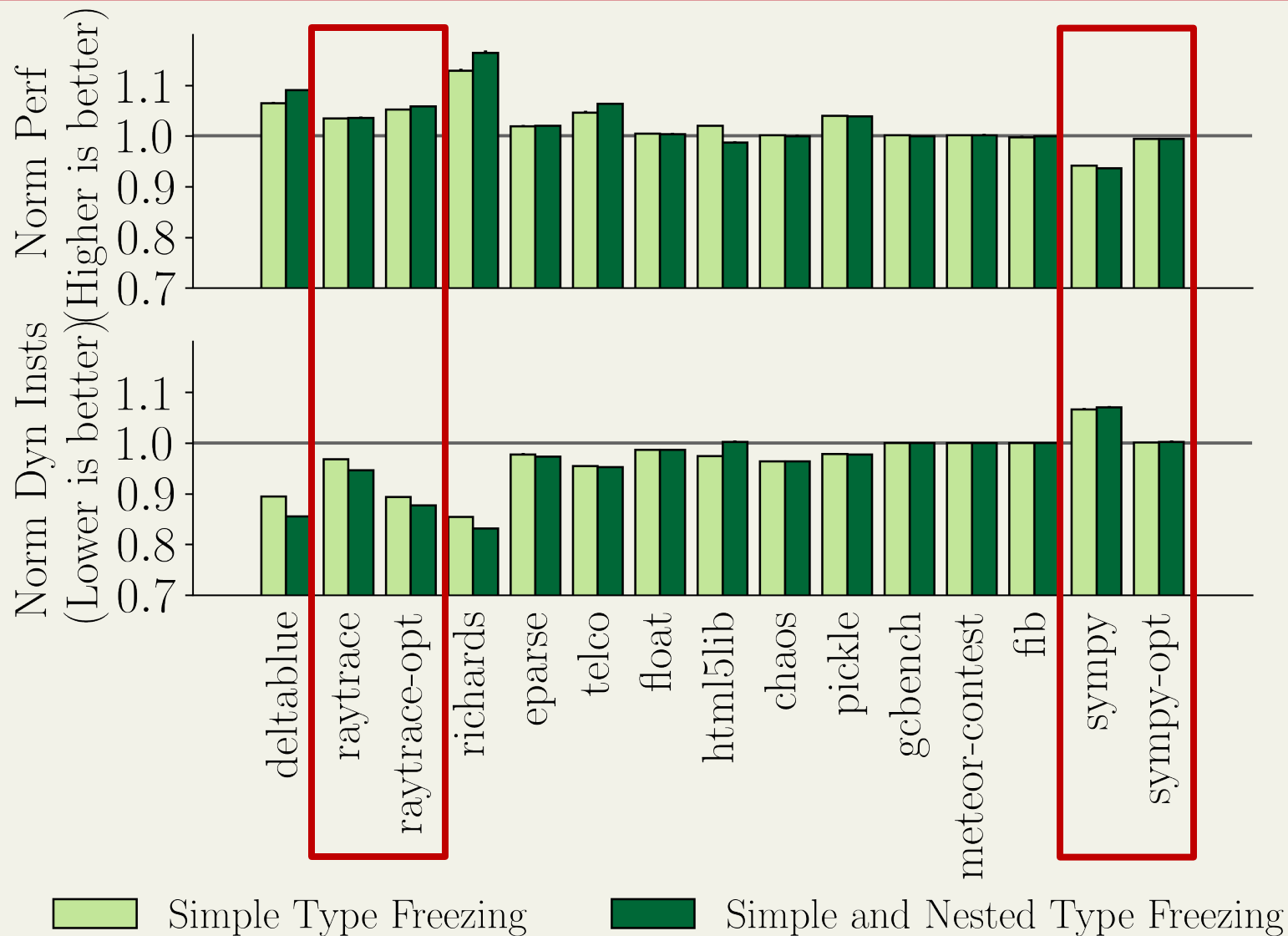
- sympy is the only case where type freezing constantly performs worse than baseline
 - We took a deep dive and found the performance cliff is related to class `Rational`
 - Create attribute type polymorphism on purpose
- Many type mutation is due to straight forward casting [1]. This is also the case in `Raytrace`
 - Classes like `Point` usually hold `Floats`, but they are initialized to `Integers`
 - Convert init values to floats so they don't introduce attribute type polymorphism

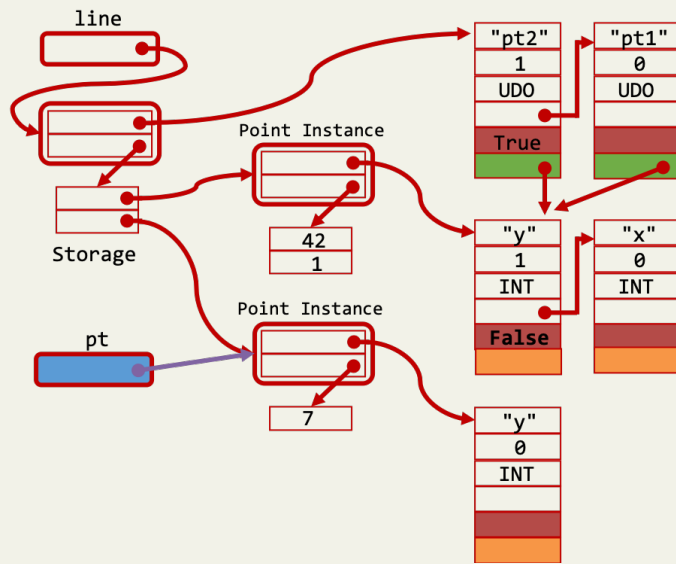
```
class Rational( Number ):
    def __new__( cls, p, q ):
        . . .
        obj.p = p
        obj.q = q } Small Int → Long Int
        . . .
dummy = Rational(None, None)

class Point( object ):
    def __init__( cls, x, y, z ):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
        self.z = z
        . . .
s.addLight( Point(30,0,30,10) 10.0 )
```

[1] Alex Holkner and James Harland. 2009. Evaluating The Dynamic Behaviour of Python Applications. *Australasian Conference on Computer Science* (Jan 2009)

MAKE APPS TYPE FREEZING FRIENDLY





- Attribute type monomorphism exists in real world applications
- We propose simple and nested type freezing to exploit attribute type monomorphism
- As a pure software technique, type freezing achieves most of the performance benefit of a prior SW/HW co-design work[1]

[1] Dot et al, Removing Checks in Dynamically Typed Languages Through Efficient Profiling. *Int'l Conf. on Code Generation and Optimization (CGO)* (Feb 2017)