

Declarative Game Programming

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- More principled objection:

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(We focus on the core game logic in the following: there will often be code around the “edges” (e.g., rendering, interfacing to input devices) that may not be very declarative, at least not in the sense above.)

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You too can program games declaratively ... today!



This Tutorial

We will implement a Breakout-like game using:

- Functional Reactive Programming (FRP): a paradigm for describing time-varying entities
- Simple DirectMedia Layer (SDL) for rendering etc.

Focus on FRP as that is what we need for the game logic. We will use Yampa:

<http://hackage.haskell.org/package/Yampa-0.9.6>

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- Often realised as an ***Embedded Domain-Specific Language (EDSL)***.

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(but not everything labelled “FRP” supports them all).



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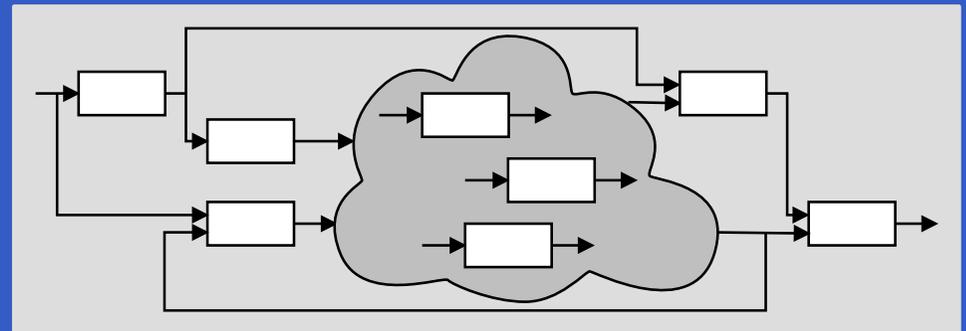
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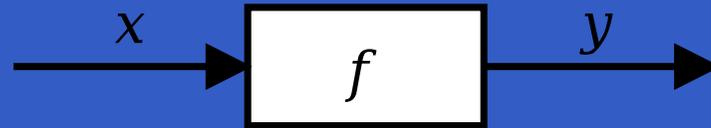


A good metaphor for hybrid systems!

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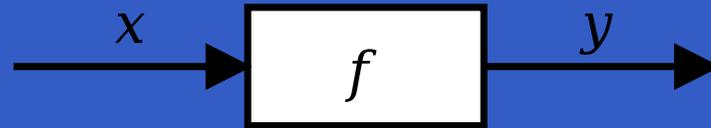


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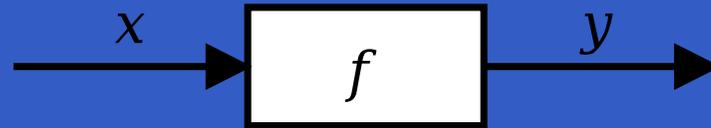
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Additionally, **causality** required: output at time t must be determined by input on interval $[0, t]$.

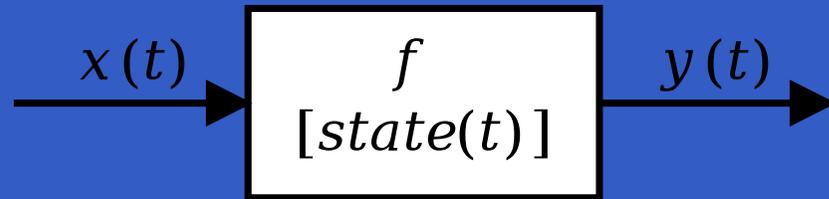
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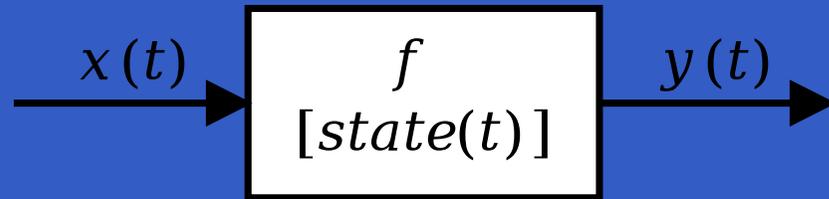


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From this perspective, signal functions are:

- **stateful** if $y(t)$ depends on $x(t)$ and $state(t)$
- **stateless** if $y(t)$ depends only on $x(t)$

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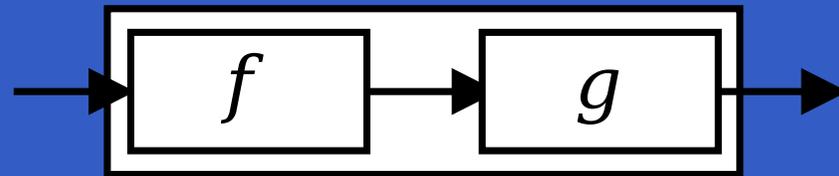
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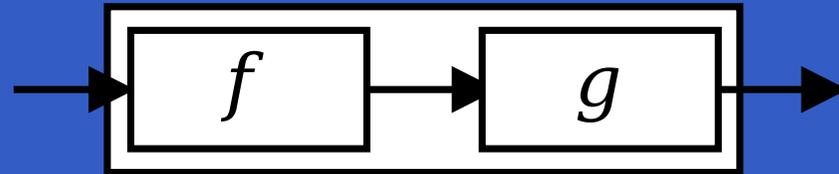
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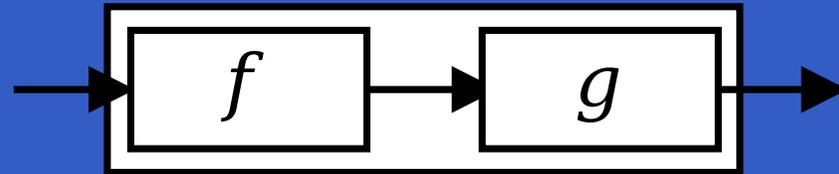
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Signal functions are the primary notion; signals a secondary one, only existing indirectly.

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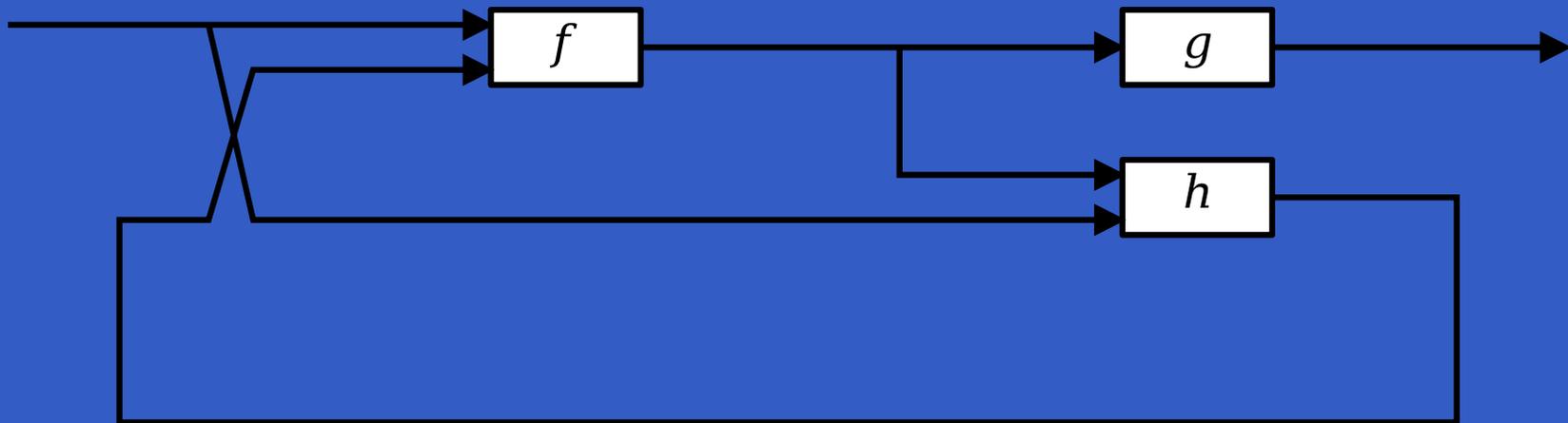
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Note: there is **no** built-in notion of global time in Yampa: time is always **local**, measured from when a signal function started.

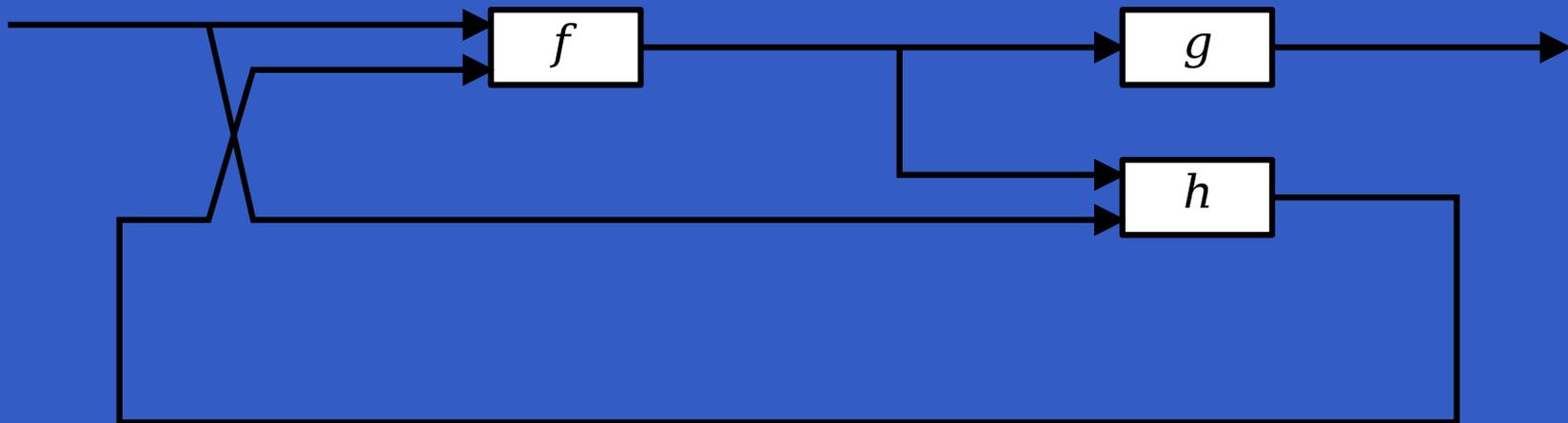
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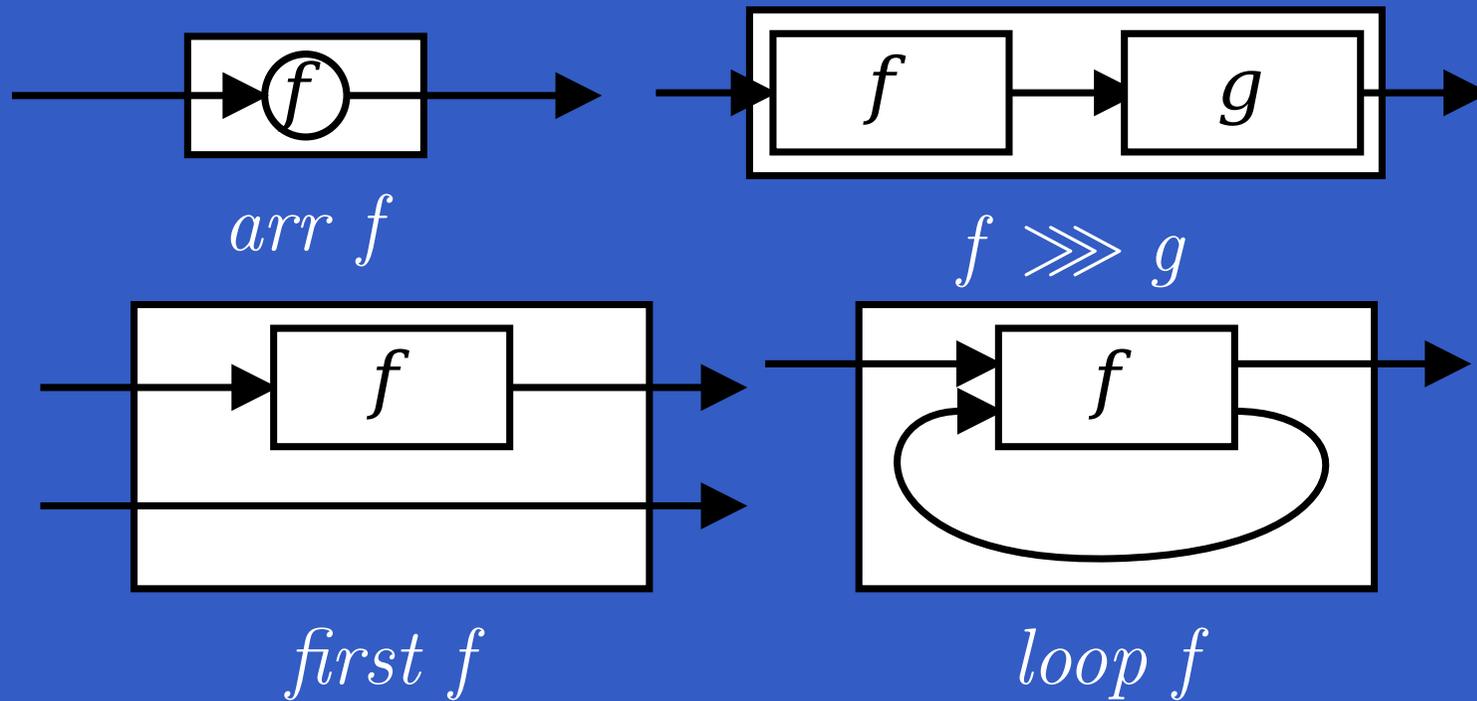
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John Hughes's **Arrow** framework provides a good answer!

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$(\ggg) \quad :: SF \ a \ b \rightarrow SF \ b \ c \rightarrow SF \ a \ c$

$first \quad :: SF \ a \ b \rightarrow SF \ (a, c) \ (b, c)$

$loop \quad :: SF \ (a, c) \ (b, c) \rightarrow SF \ a \ b$

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Examples:

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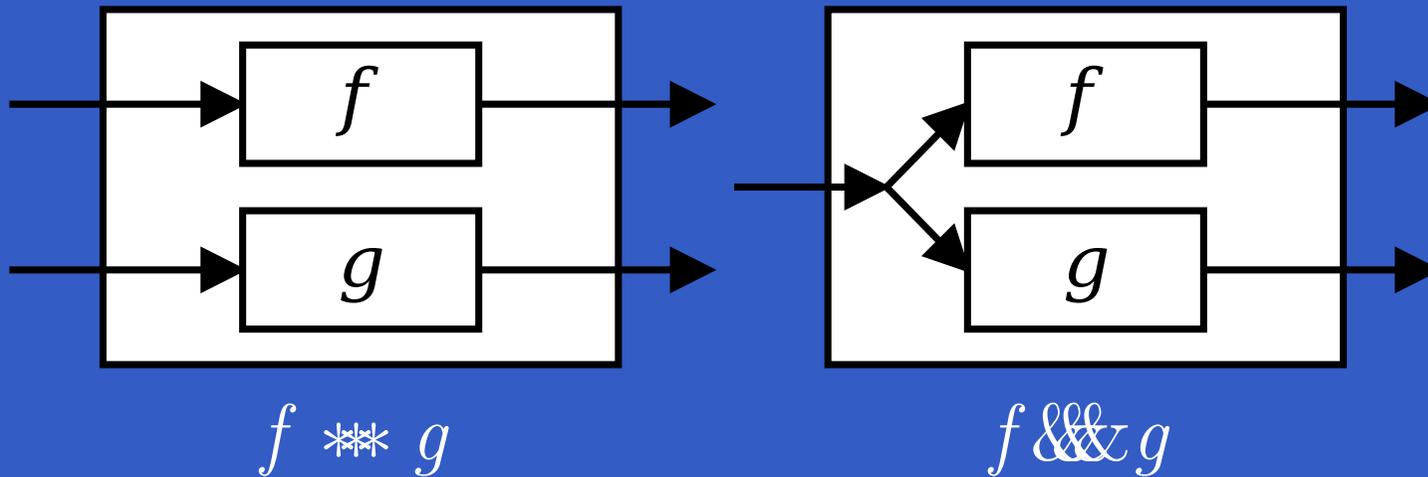
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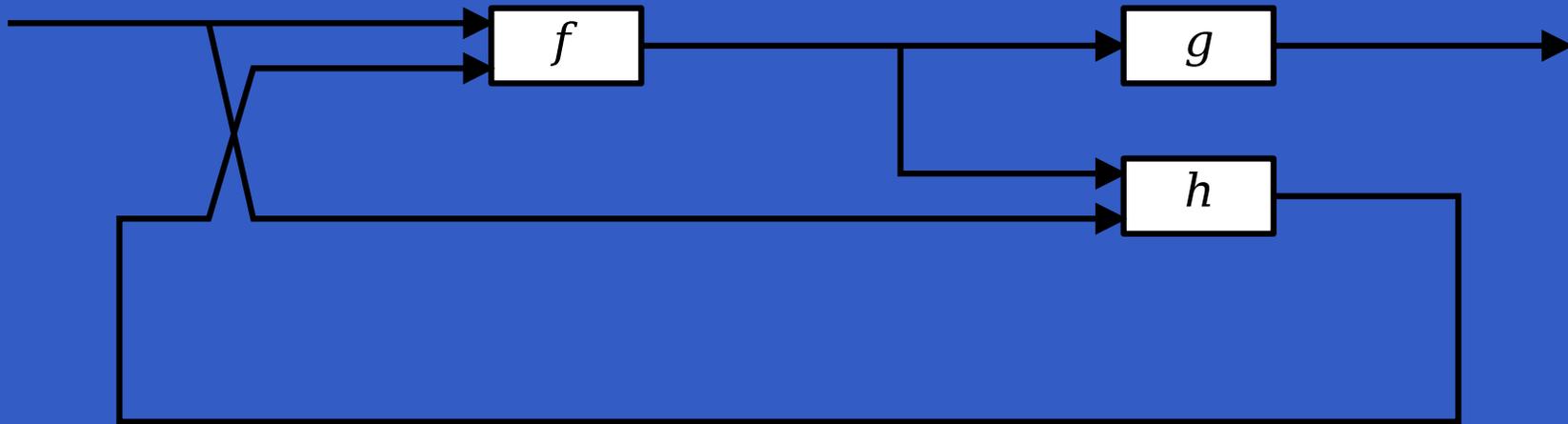
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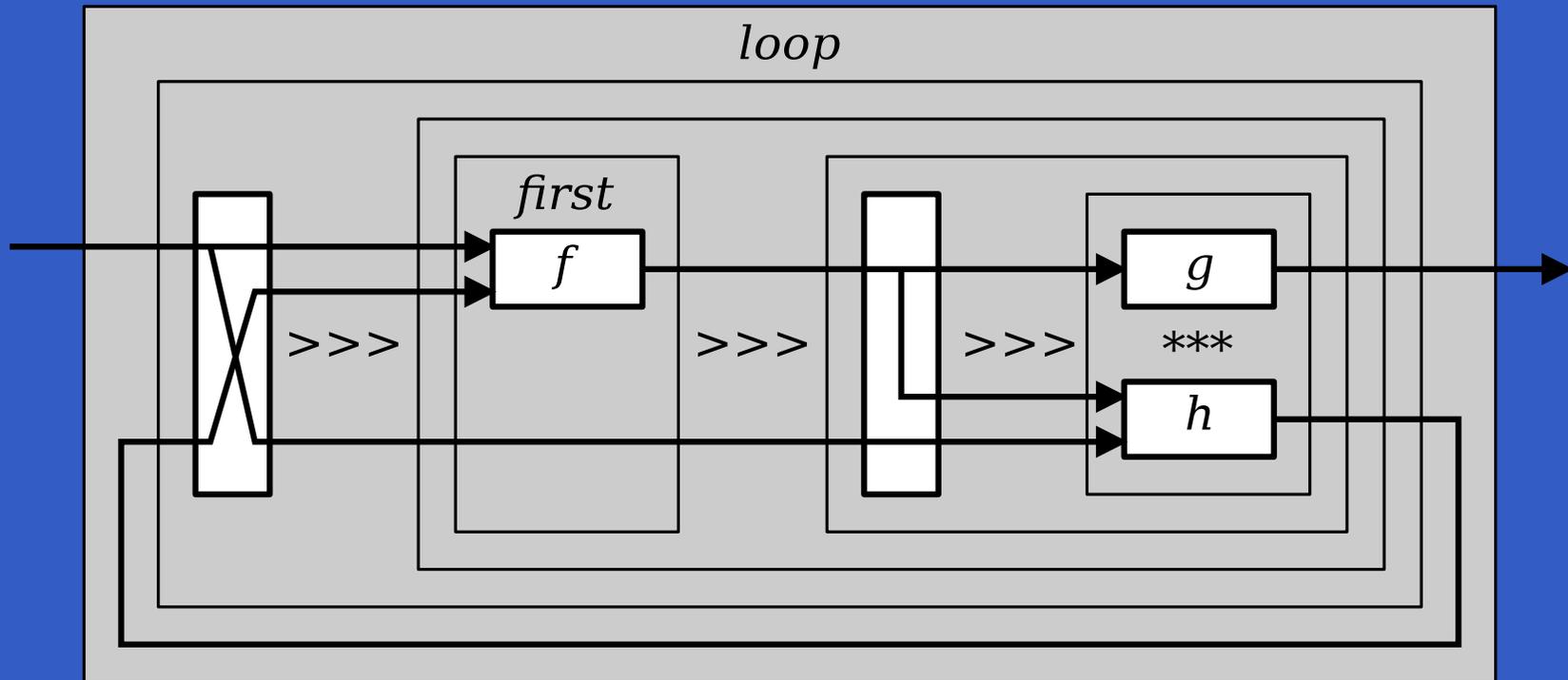
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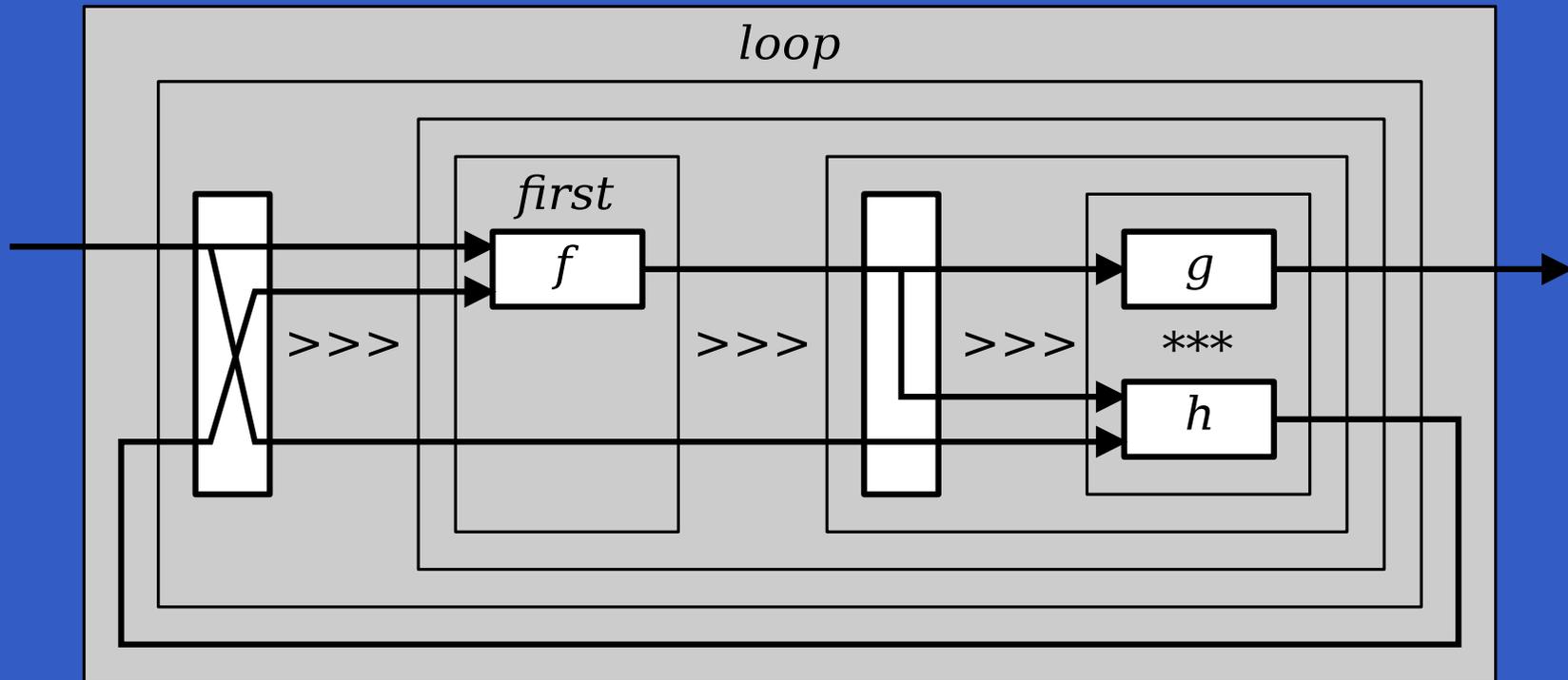
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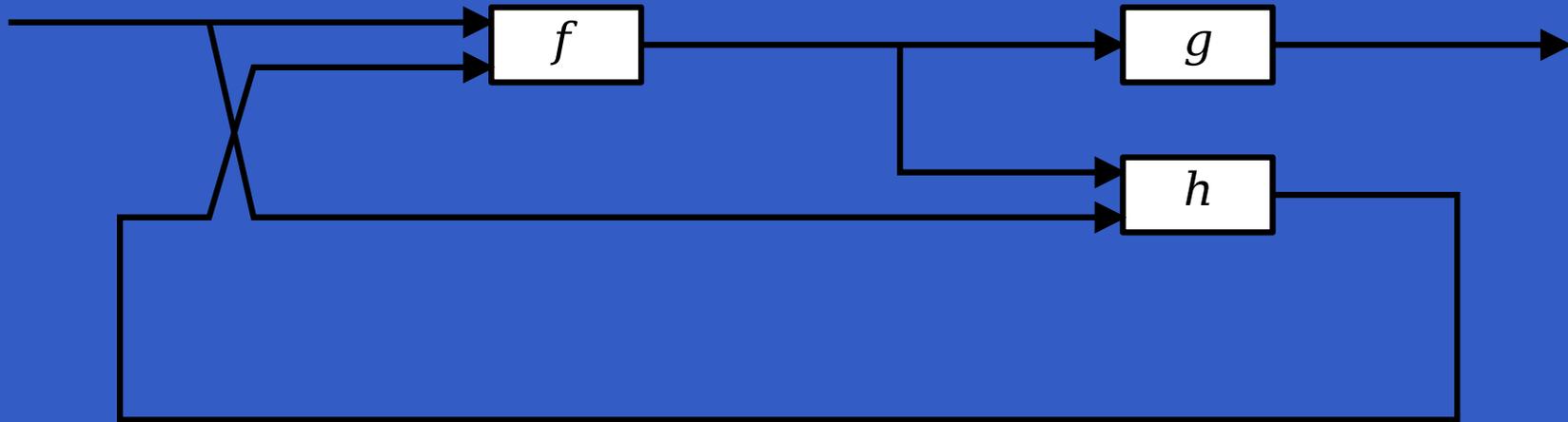


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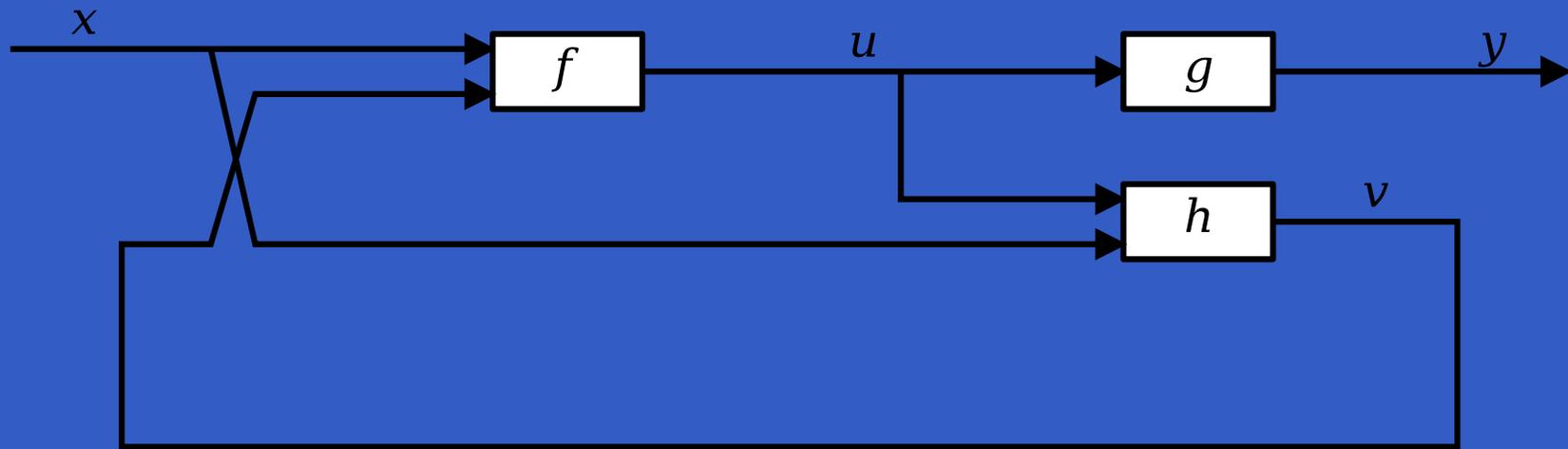
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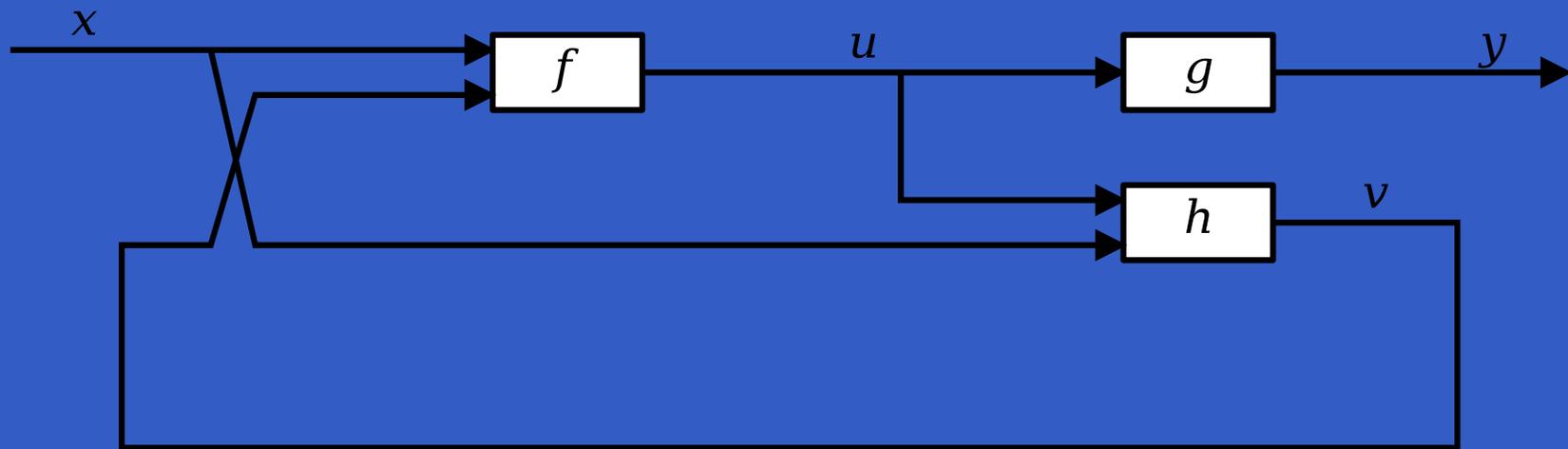
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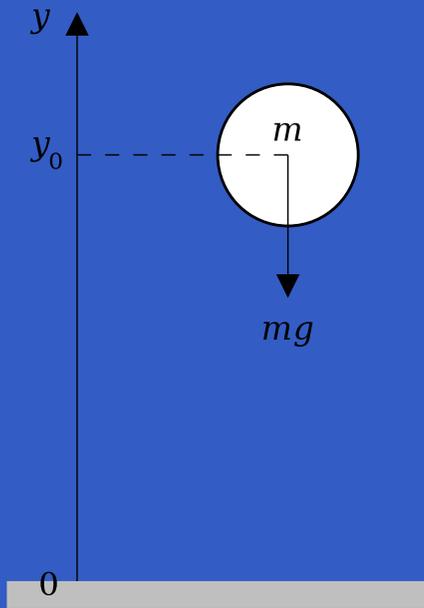
`$u \leftarrow f \multimap (x, v)$`

`$y \leftarrow g \multimap u$`

`$v \leftarrow h \multimap (u, x)$`

`return $A \multimap y$`

A Bouncing Ball



$$y = y_0 + \int v dt$$

$$v = v_0 + \int -9.81$$

On impact:

$$v = -v(t-)$$

(fully elastic collision)

Modelling the Bouncing Ball: Part 1

Free-falling ball:

```
type Pos = Double
```

```
type Vel = Double
```

```
fallingBall :: Pos → Vel → SF () (Pos, Vel)
```

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fallingBall y0 v0 = proc () → do
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Discrete-time signal = `Signal (Event α)`.

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$tag :: Event\ a \rightarrow b \rightarrow Event\ b$

$never :: SF\ a\ (Event\ b)$

$now :: b \rightarrow SF\ a\ (Event\ b)$

$after :: Time \rightarrow b \rightarrow SF\ a\ (Event\ b)$

$repeatedly :: Time \rightarrow b \rightarrow SF\ a\ (Event\ b)$

$edge :: SF\ Bool\ (Event\ ())$

$notYet :: SF\ (Event\ a)\ (Event\ a)$

$once :: SF\ (Event\ a)\ (Event\ a)$

Modelling the Bouncing Ball: Part 2

Detecting when the ball goes through the floor:

fallingBall' ::

$Pos \rightarrow Vel \rightarrow SF () ((Pos, Vel), Event (Pos, Vel))$

fallingBall' *y0 v0* = **proc** () → **do**

yv@(*y*, -) ← *fallingBall* *y0 v0* ↯ ()

hit ← *edge* ↯ $y \leq 0$

returnA ↯ (*yv*, *hit* 'tag' *yv*)

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Switchers thus allow systems with **varying structure** to be described.

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Making the ball bounce:

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$bouncingBall\ y0 = bbAux\ y0\ 0.0$

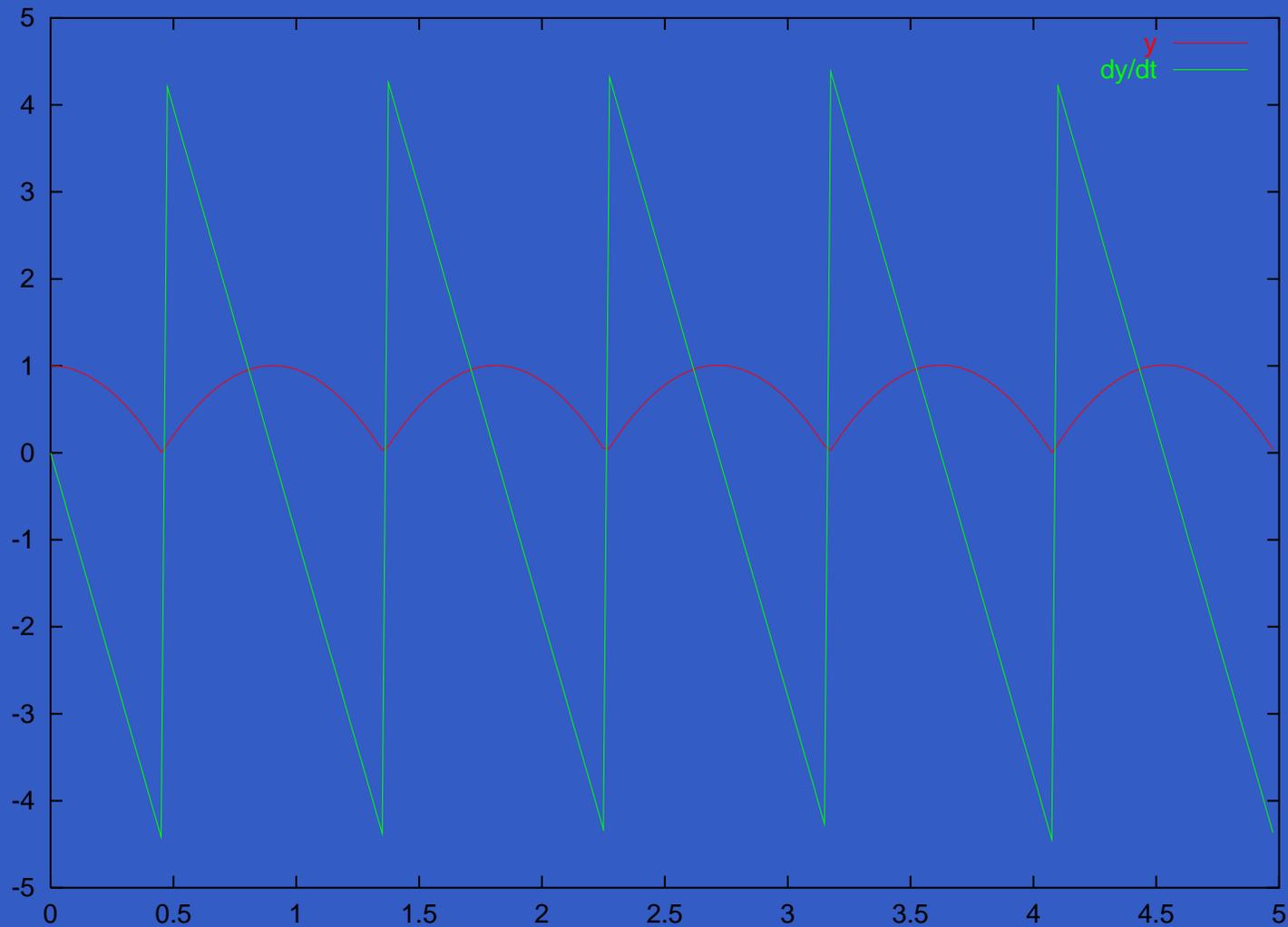
where

$bbAux\ y0\ v0 =$

$switch\ (fallingBall'\ y0\ v0)\ \$\ \lambda(y, v) \rightarrow$

$bbAux\ y\ (-v)$

Simulation of the Bouncing Ball



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Yampa does provide a derived version of `integral` capturing the basic idea:

impulseIntegral ::

VectorSpace a k ⇒

SF (a, Event a) a

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- **Output** at the current point in time thus **independent** of whether or not the **switching event** occurs at that point. Hence decoupled. Useful e.g. in some feedback scenarios.

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However, they can **all** be defined in terms of *switch* or *dSwitch* and a notion of **ageing** signal functions:

$$age :: SF\ a\ b \rightarrow SF\ a\ (b, SF\ a\ b)$$

Game Objects (1)

Observable aspects of game entities:

```
data Object = Object {  
    objectName :: ObjectName,  
    objectKind  :: ObjectKind,  
    objectPos   :: Pos2D,  
    objectVel   :: Vel2D,  
    objectAcc   :: Acc2D,  
    objectDead  :: Bool,  
    objectHit   :: Bool,  
    ...  
}
```

Game Objects (2)

```
data ObjectKind = Ball    Double
                 | Paddle Size2D
                 | Block  Energy Size2D
                 | Side   Side
```

Game Objects (3)

```
type ObjectSF = SF ObjectInput ObjectOutput
data ObjectInput = ObjectInput {
  userInput      :: Controller,
  collisions     :: [Collision],
  knownObjects  :: [Object]
}
data ObjectOutput = ObjectOutput {
  outputObject  :: Object,
  harakiri     :: Event ()
}
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- Typically achieved through delayed feedback to ensure the feedback is well-defined:

$$\begin{aligned} loopPre &:: c \rightarrow SF (a, c) (b, c) \rightarrow SF a b \\ loopPre &c_init sf = \\ &loop (second (iPre c_init) \gg\gg sf) \end{aligned}$$

Paddle, Take 1

objPaddle :: *ObjectSF*

objPaddle = **proc** (*ObjectInput* *ci cs os*) → **do**

let *name* = "paddle"

let *isHit* = *inCollision* *name cs*

let *p* = *refPosPaddle* *ci*

v ← *derivative* ← *p*

return *A* ← *livingObject* \$ *Object* {

objectName = *name*,

objectPos = *p*,

objectVel = *v*,

 ... }

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objBall :: *ObjectSF*

objBall =

switch followPaddleDetectLaunch \$ $\lambda p \rightarrow$
objBall

followPaddleDetectLaunch = **proc** *oi* \rightarrow **do**

o \leftarrow *followPaddle* \multimap *oi*

click \leftarrow *edge* \multimap *controllerClick*

(*userInput oi*)

returnA \multimap (*o*, *click* 'tag' (*objectPos*
(*outputObject o*)))

Ball, Take 2

objBall :: *ObjectSF*

objBall =

switch followPaddleDetectLaunch \$ $\lambda p \rightarrow$

switch (*freeBall* *p* *initBallVel* && *never*) \$ $\lambda_ \rightarrow$

objBall

freeBall *p0* *v0* = **proc** (*ObjectInput* *ci cs os*) \rightarrow **do**

$p \leftarrow (p0 \hat{+} \hat{) \ll integral \multimap v0'$

returnA \multimap *livingObject* \$ {...}

where

$v0' = \text{limitNorm } v0 \text{ maxVNorm}$

Ball, Take 3

objBall :: *ObjectSF*

objBall =

switch followPaddleDetectLaunch \$ $\lambda p \rightarrow$

switch (bounceAroundDetectMiss p) \$ $\lambda_ \rightarrow$

objBall

bounceAroundDetectMiss p = **proc** *oi* \rightarrow **do**

o \leftarrow *bouncingBall p initBallVel* \multimap *oi*

miss \leftarrow *collisionWithBottom* \multimap *collisions oi*

returnA \multimap (*o*, *miss*)

Making the Ball Bounce

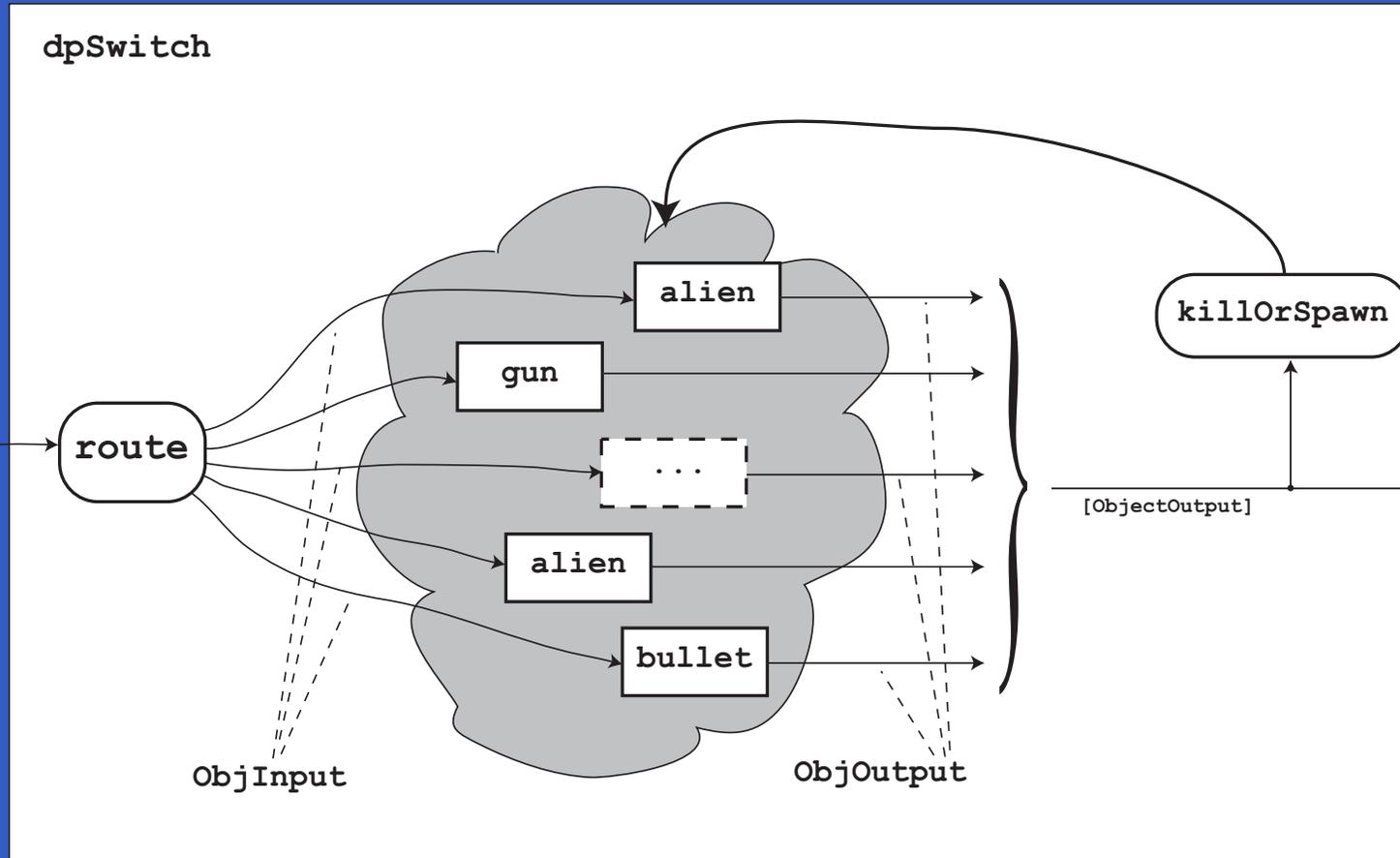
```
bouncingBall p0 v0 =  
  switch (moveFreelyDetBounce p0 v0) $ λ(p', v') →  
  bouncingBall p' v'
```

```
moveFreelyDetBounce p0 v0 =  
  proc oi@(ObjectInput _ cs _) → do  
    o ← freeBall p0 v0 ↯ oi  
    ev ← edgeJust ≪≪ initially Nothing  
      ↯ changedVelocity "ball" cs  
  returnA ↯ (o, fmap (λv → (objectPos (... o), v))  
    ev)
```

Highly dynamic system structure?

The basic switch allows one signal function to be replaced by another.

Typical Overall Game Structure



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Routing function

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-> col (SF b c) ← Initial collection
-> SF (a, col c) (Event d)
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-> SF a (col c)
```

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Function yielding SF to switch into

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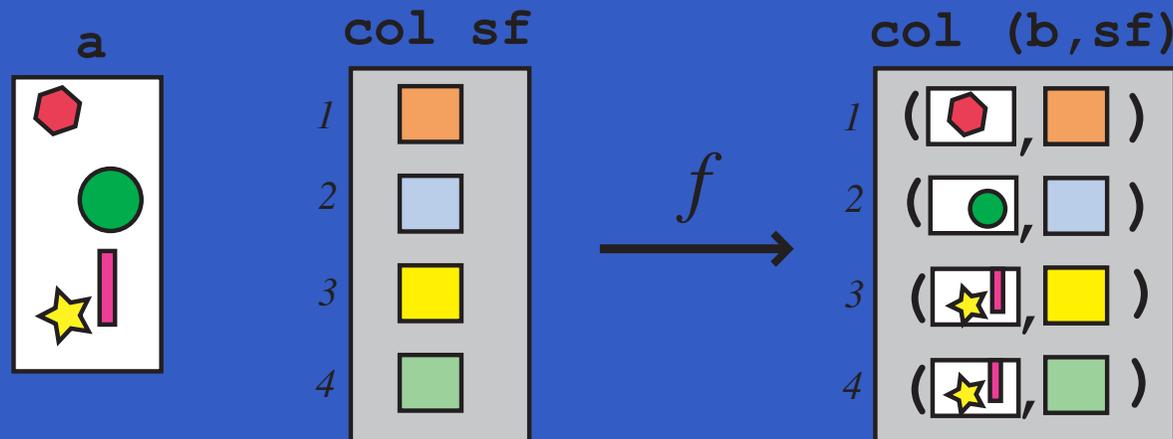
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- It achieves this by pairing a projection of the input with each running instance:



The Routing Function Type

Universal quantification over the collection members:

$$\text{Functor } col \Rightarrow \\ (\text{forall } sf \circ (a \rightarrow col \ sf \rightarrow col \ (b, sf)))$$

Collection members thus **opaque**:

- Ensures only signal function instances from argument can be returned.
- Unfortunately, does not prevent duplication or discarding of signal function instances.

Blocks

```
objBlockAt (x, y) (w, h) =  
  proc (ObjectInput ci cs os) → do  
    let name = "blockat" ++ show (x, y)  
        isHit = inCollision name cs  
        hit ← edge ↯ isHit  
        lives ← accumHoldBy (+) 3 ↯ (hit 'tag' (-1))  
        let isDead = lives ≤ 0  
        dead ← edge ↯ isDead  
        return A ↯ ObjectOutput  
          (Object {...})  
        dead
```

The Game Core

processMovement ::

[ObjectSF] → SF ObjectInput (IL ObjectOutput)

processMovement objs =

dpSwitchB objs

(noEvent → arr suicidalSect)

(λsfs' f → processMovement' (f sfs'))

loopPre ([], [], 0) \$

adaptInput

≫≫ processMovement objs

≫≫ (arr elemsIL && detectCollisions)

Recovering Blocks

```
objBlockAt (x, y) (w, h) =  
  proc (ObjectInput ci cs os) → do  
    let name = "blockat" ++ show (x, y)  
      isHit = inCollision name cs  
      hit ← edge ↯ isHit  
      recover ← delayEvent 5.0 ↯ hit  
      lives ← accumHoldBy (+) 3  
        ↯ (hit 'tag' (-1)  
          'lMerge' recover 'tag' 1)
```

...