

# Example

main

procedure P

P

begin

procedure S begin ... end S

if random(1) < 1 then P()

else { S(); Q() }

end P;

procedure Q begin ... end Q;

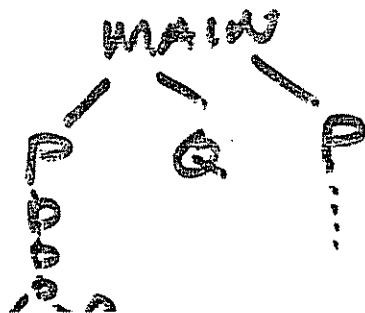
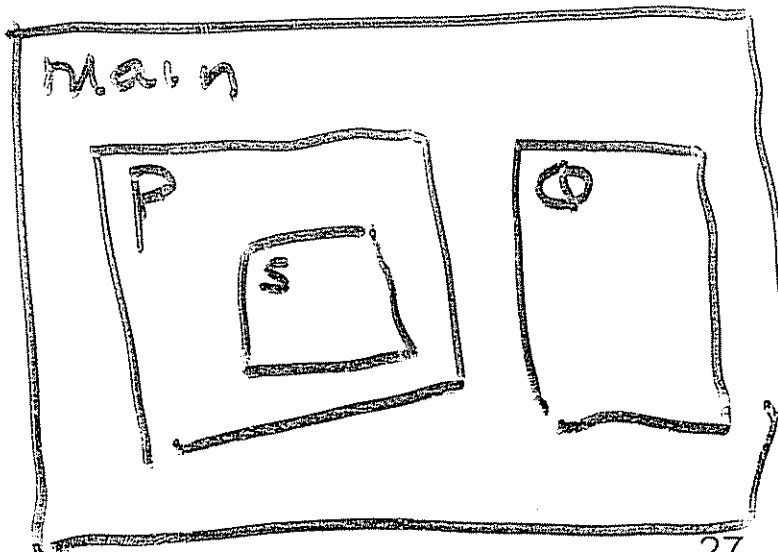
P; —

Q; —

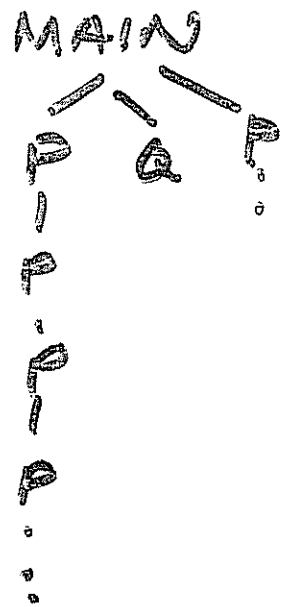
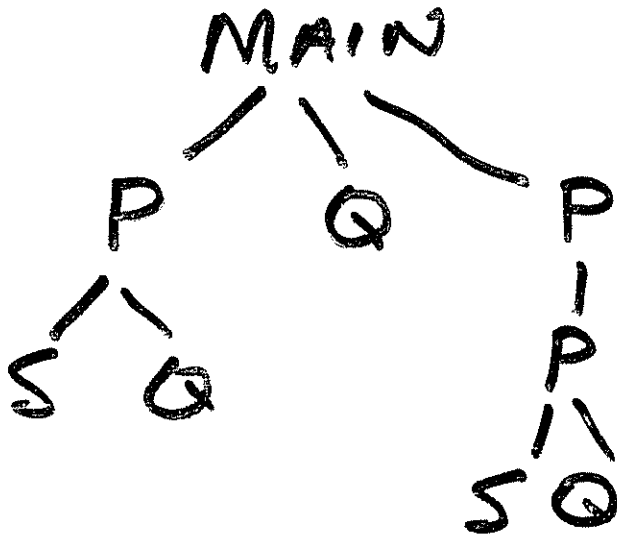
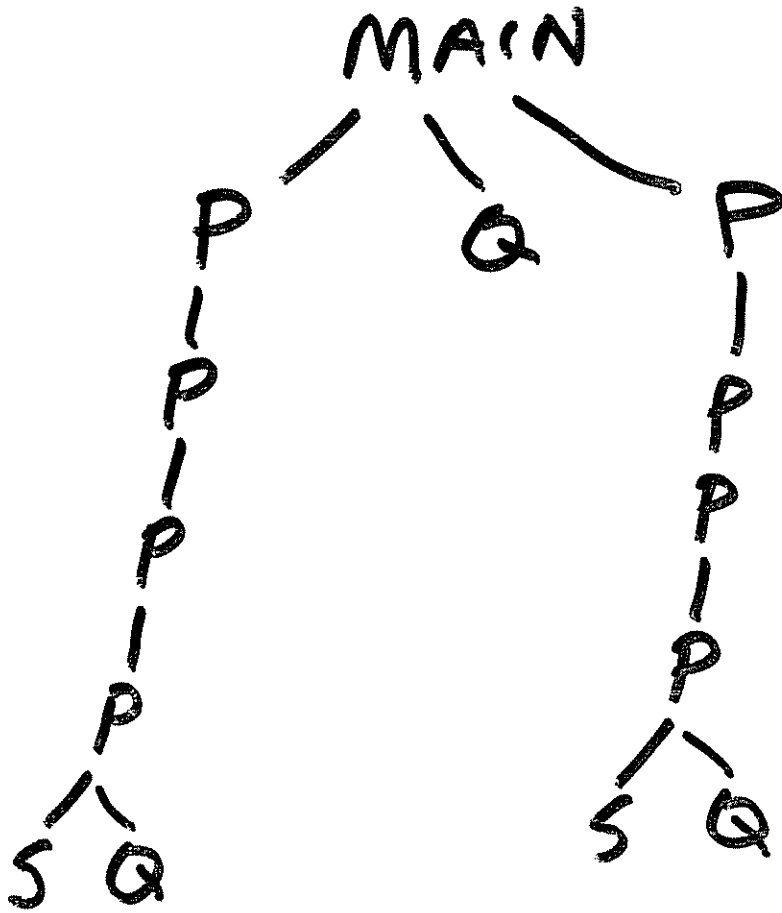
P; —

end

Note Recursive



# Sample Activation Trees



# ACTIVATION TREE

MAIN

MAIN

P

MAIN

P

MAIN

S

MAIN

P

# RUNTIME STACK

MAIN

top

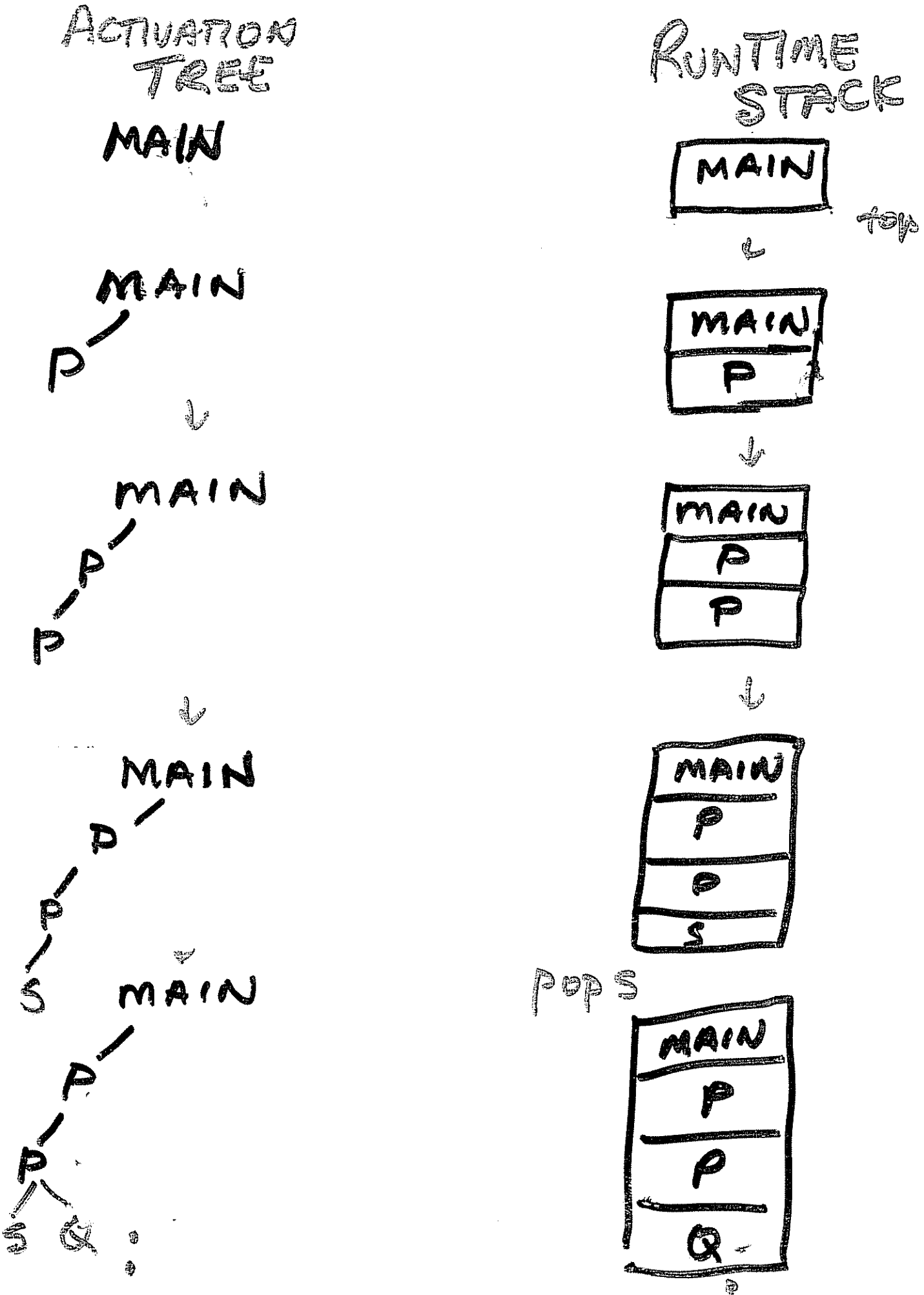
MAIN  
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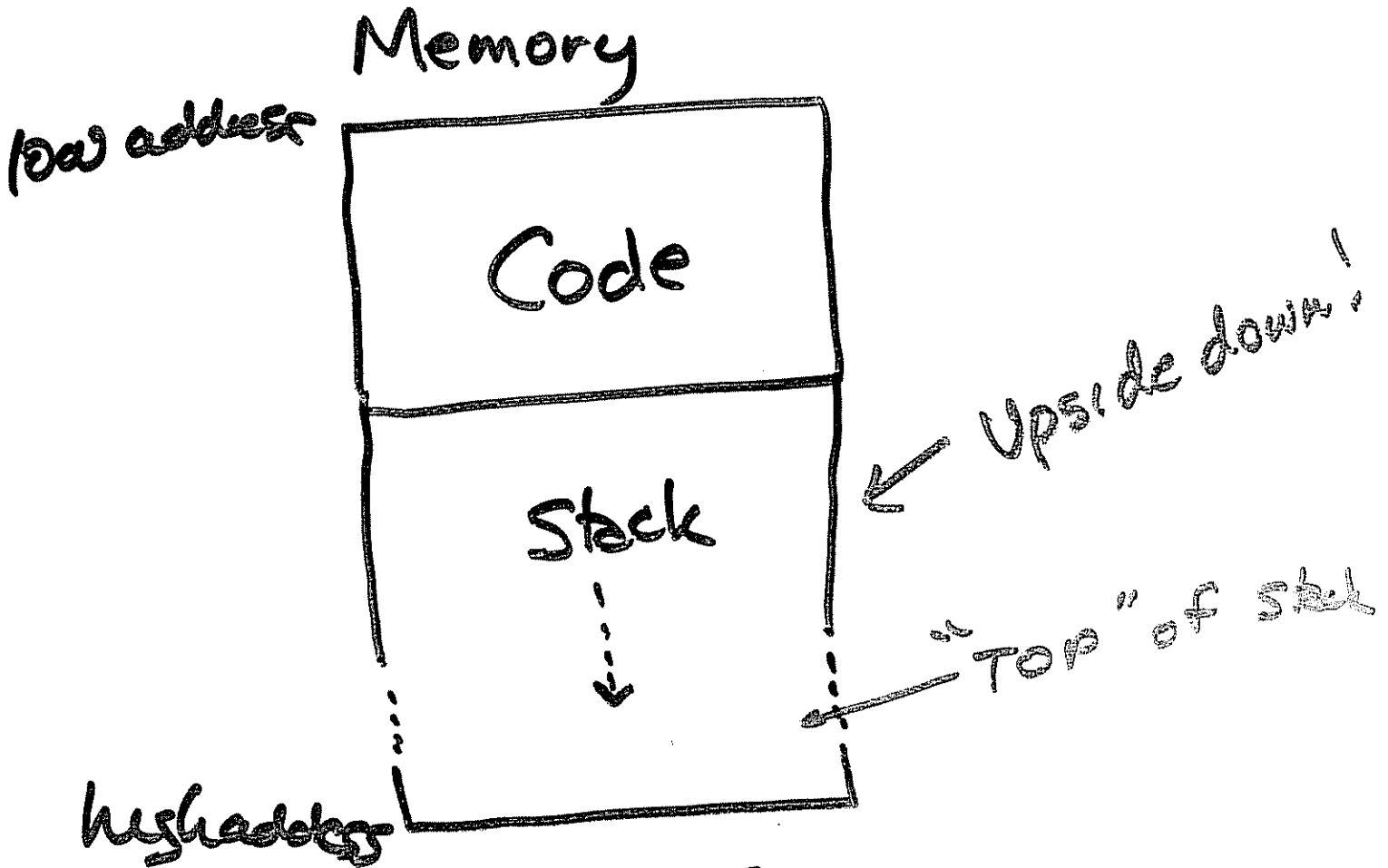
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P  
P

MAIN  
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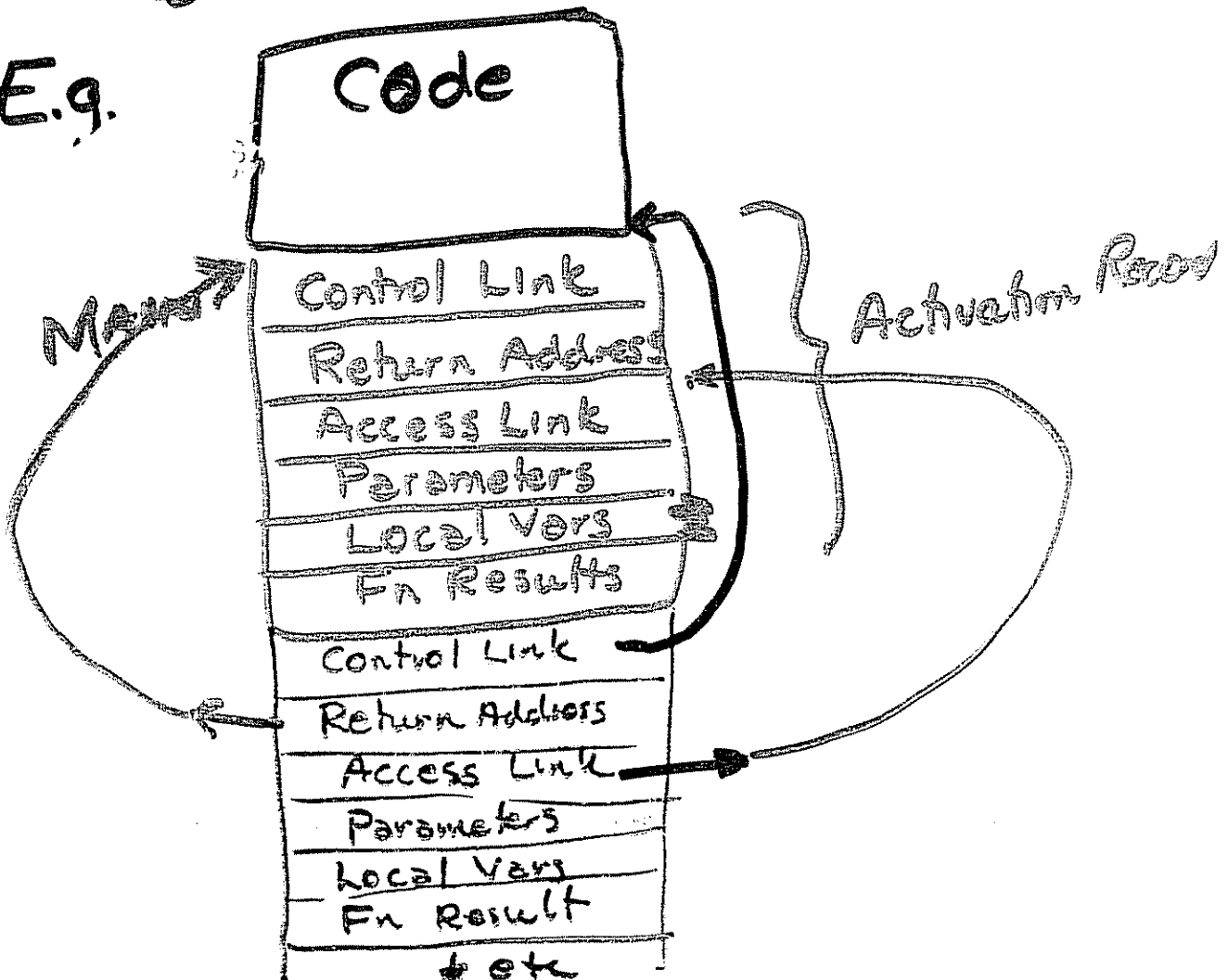
POP S

MAIN  
P  
P  
Q



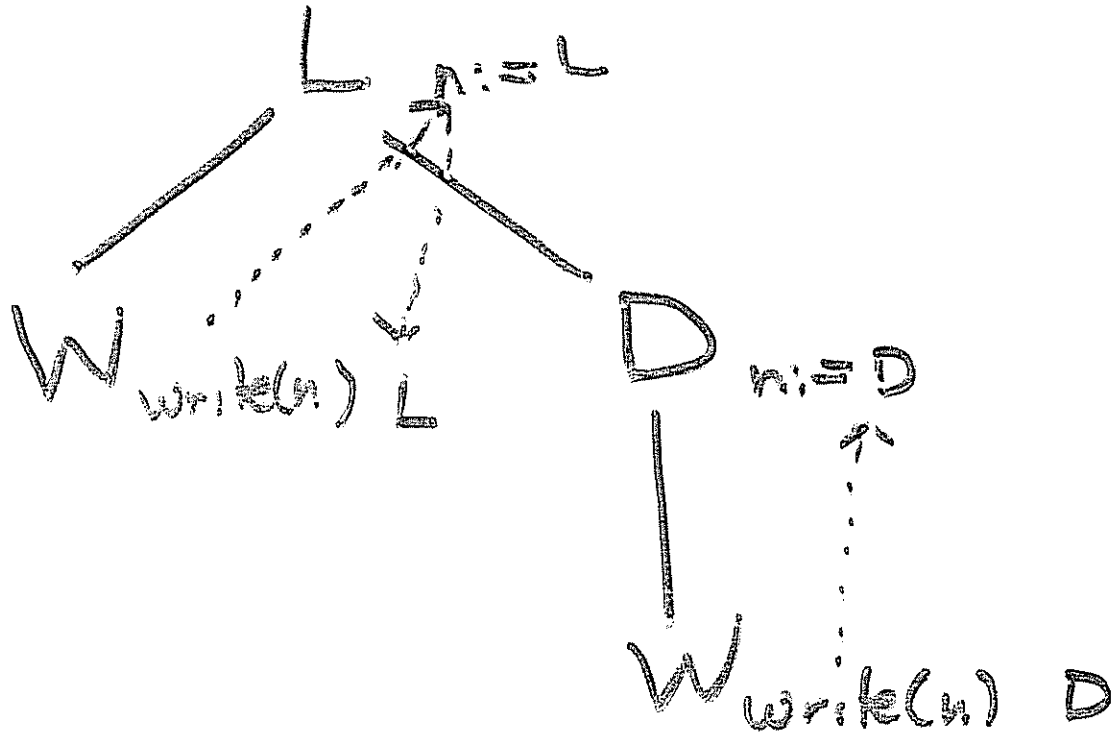


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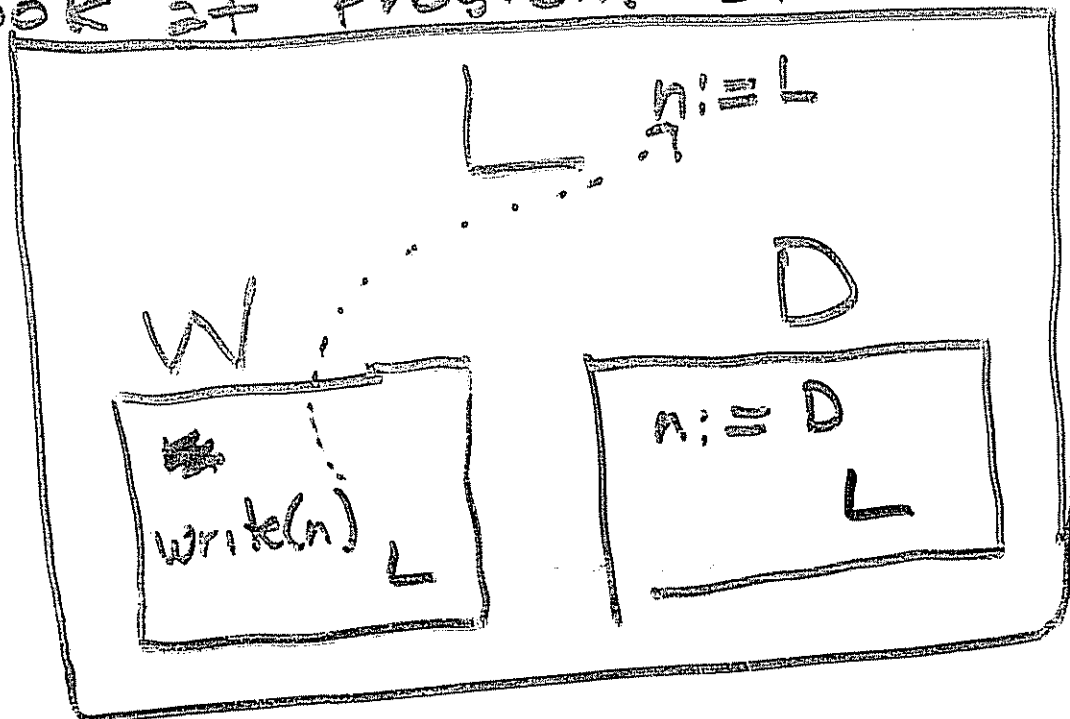
# Dynamic Scope

⇒ Look @ Activation Tree

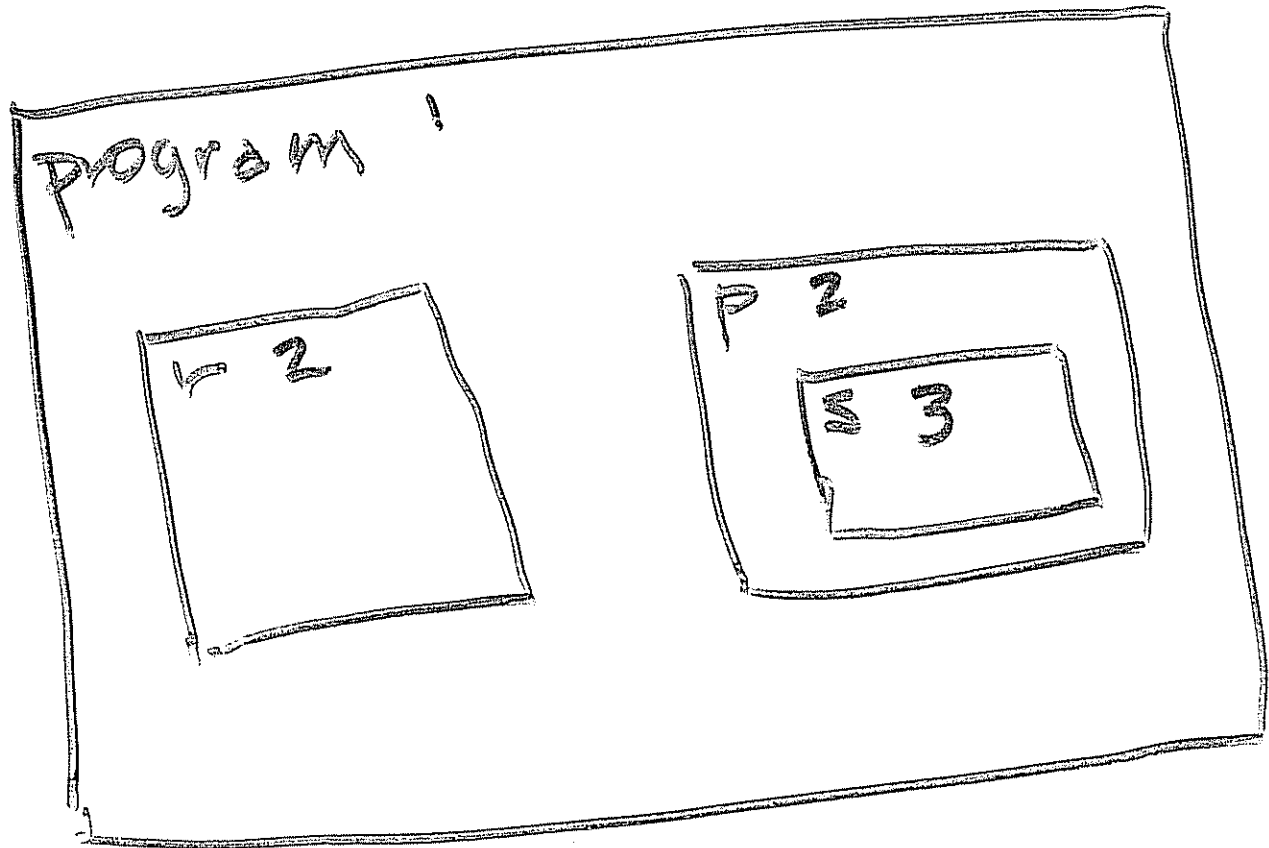


# Static/Lexical Scope

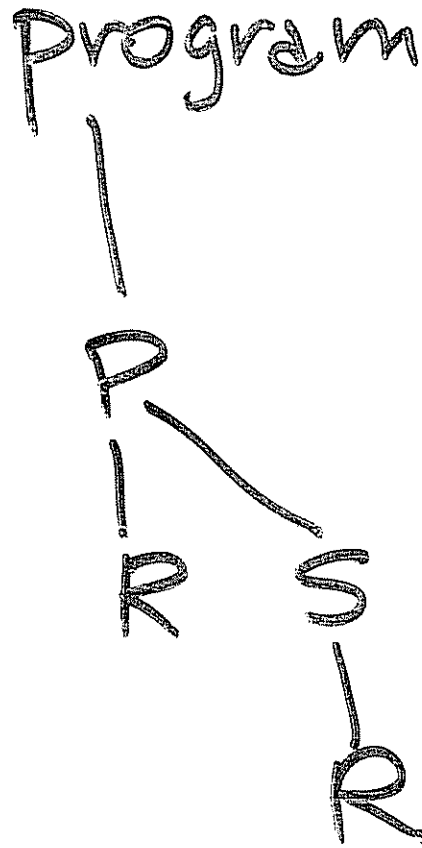
⇒ Look at Program Structure



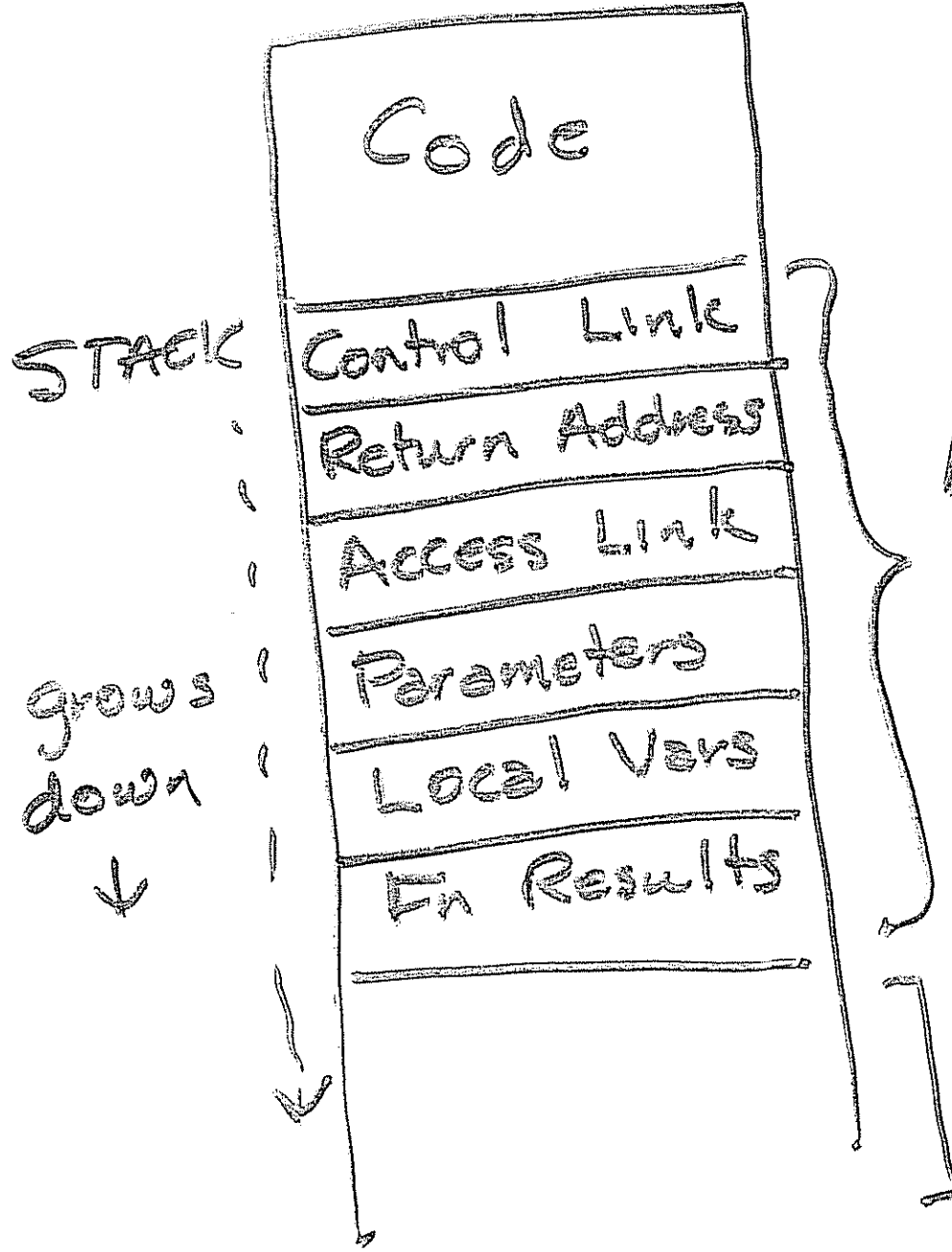
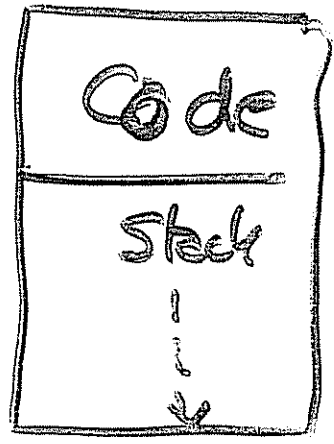
# Draw the Program Structure



# What's the Activation Tree?



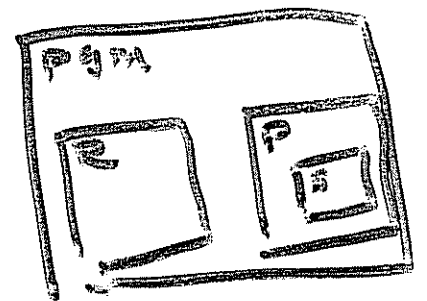
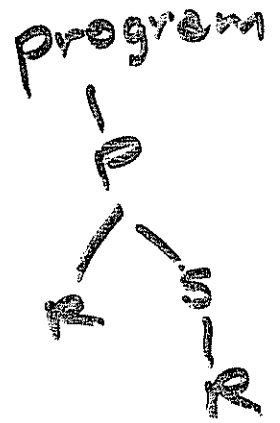
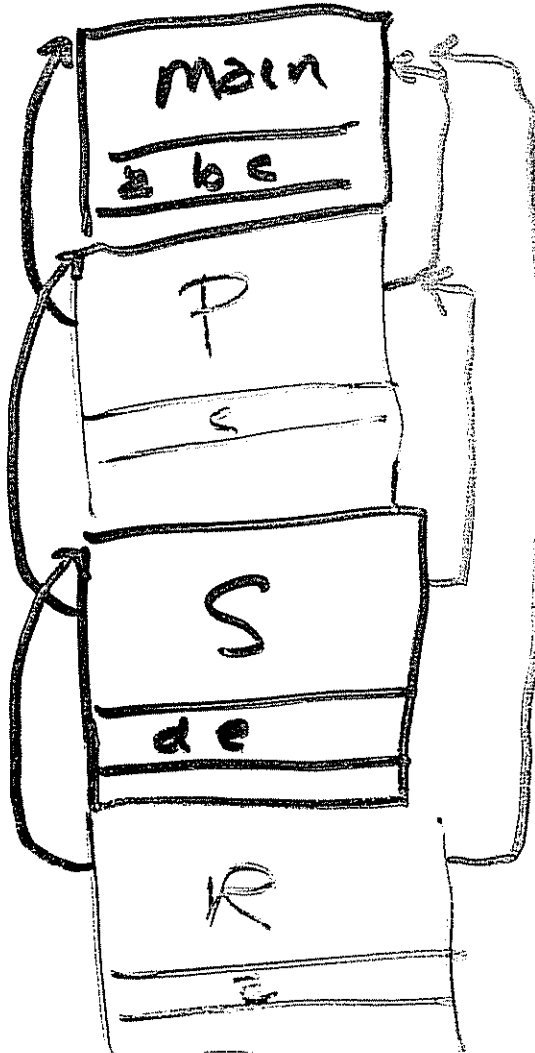
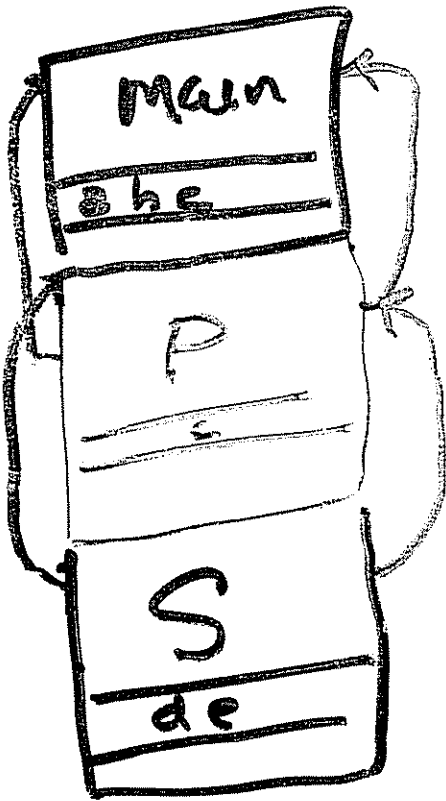
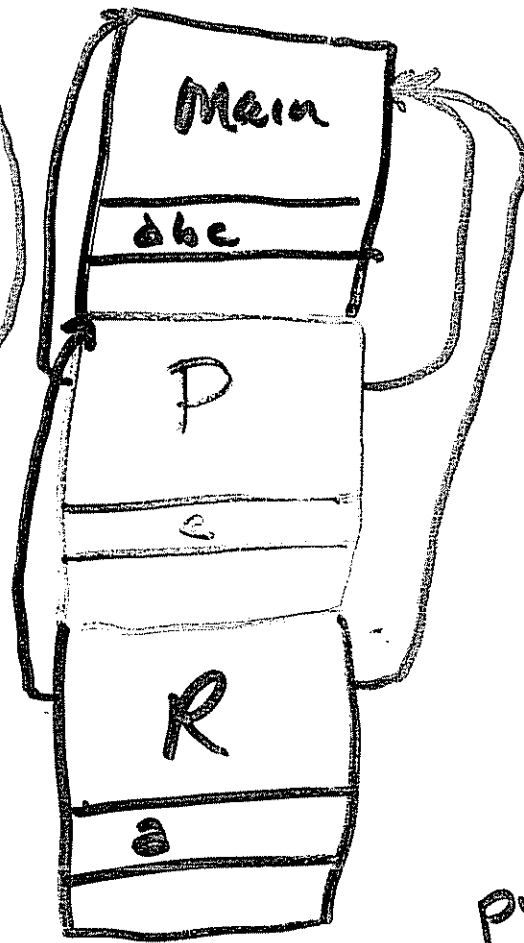
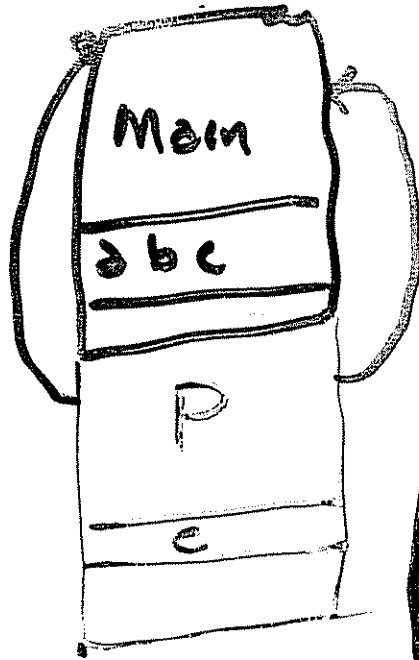
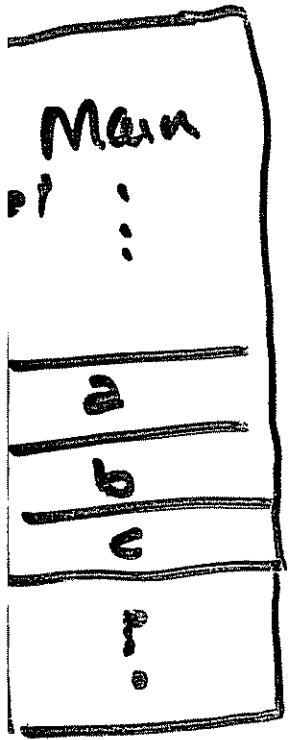
Recall What's In  
Our Stack!



A typical  
Activation  
Record

Another record  
pushed onto  
stack





To determine the access link  
for name  $a, b, c$  in  $S$   
follow  $n-m$  access links from  
procedure  $S$  (where  $a, b, c$  are used)

① Nesting Depth,  $n$ , of  $S$

for  $a$              $n = 3$

for  $b$              $n = 3$

for  $c$              $n = 3$

② Nesting Depth of declaration,  $m$ , of  $a, b, c$

for  $a$              $m = 1$

for  $b$              $m = 1$

for  $c$              $m = 2$

← because  
re declared  
in procedure  $P$

∴ For  $a, b$  follow  $n-m = 2$  links  
For  $c$  follow  $n-m = 1$  link

# Dynamic Scope Example

program

a : integer;

procedure z

a : integer; ...

a := 1;

y;

output a; ←←

end z;

procedure w

a : integer; ...

a := 2;

y;

output a; ←←

end w;

procedure y ...

a := 0;

end y;

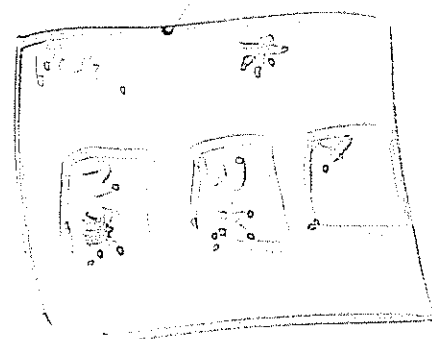
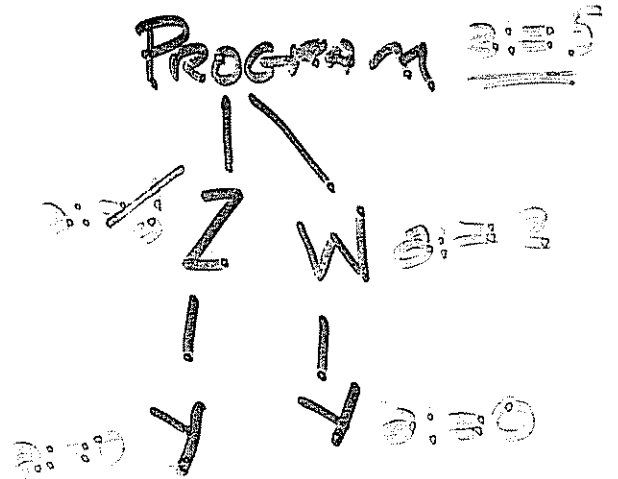
a := 5;

z;

w;

output a; ←←

end



no declaration

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