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## Execution Plan Video Training

Block 3: Combining data

Level: Advanced

Chapter 3: Hash Match (advanced)

# Hash Match

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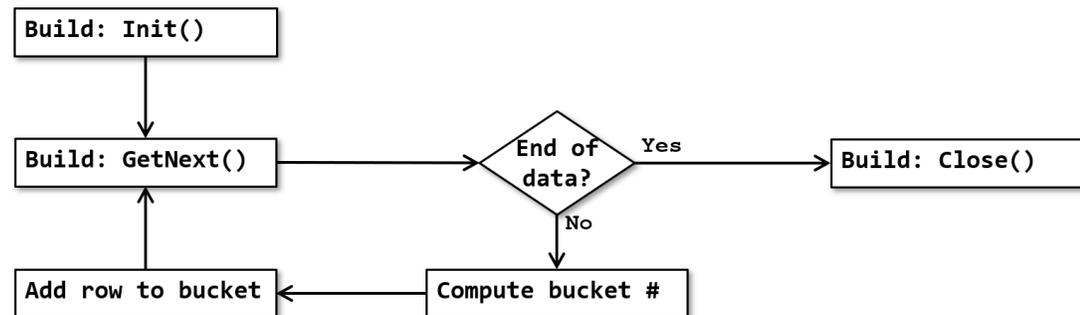
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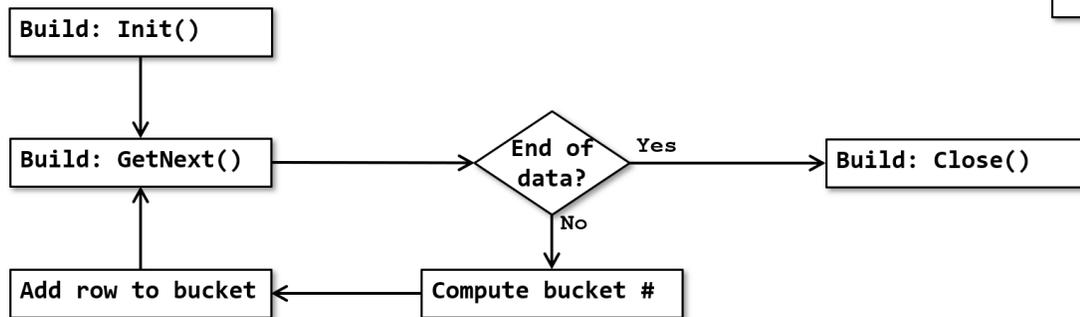
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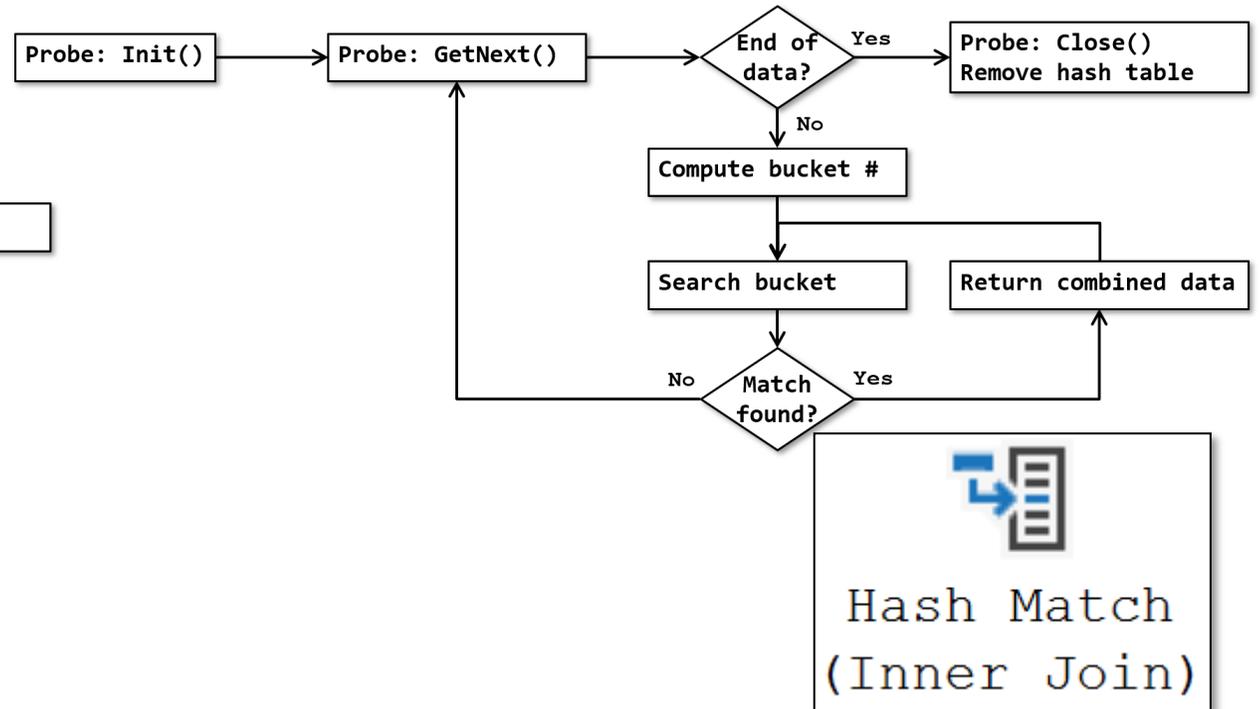


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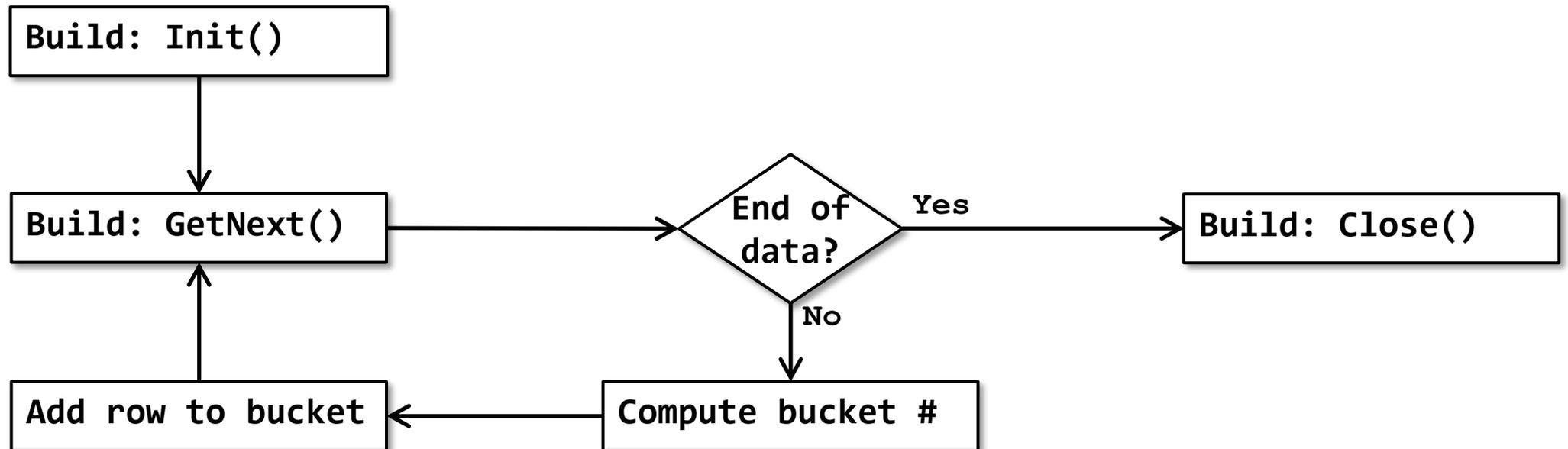
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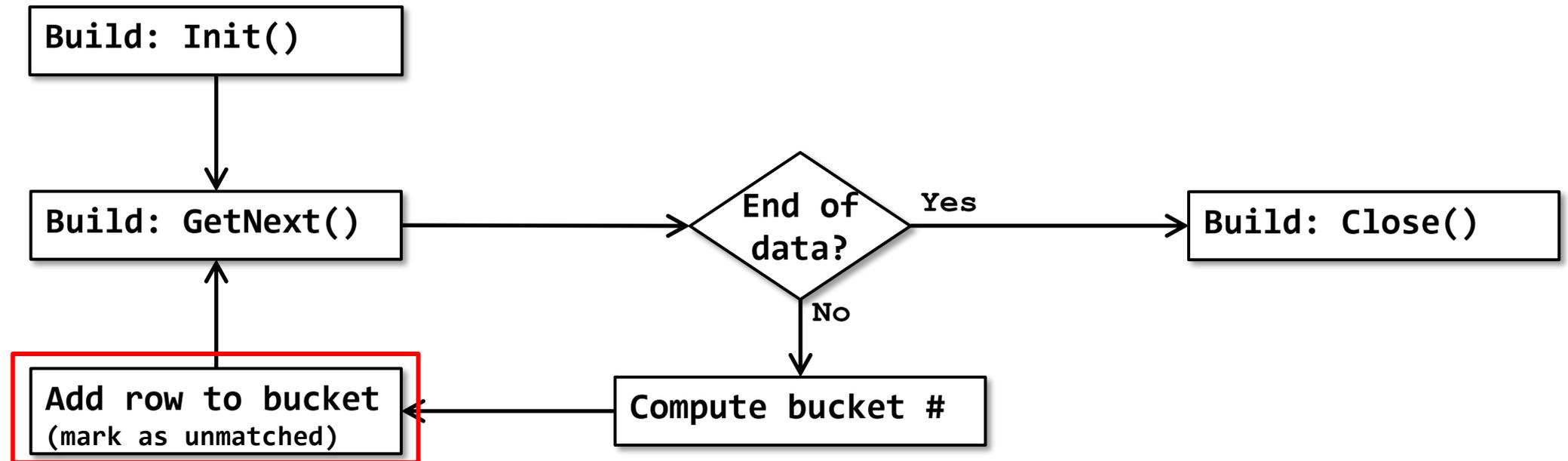
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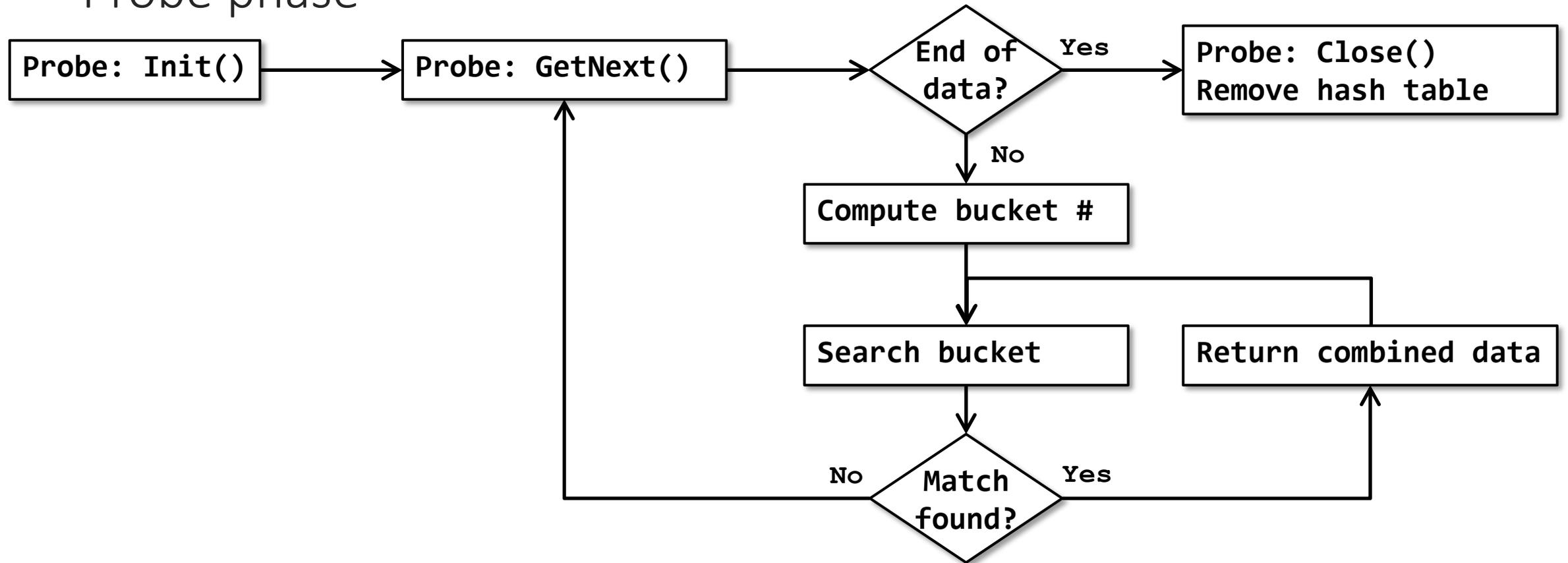
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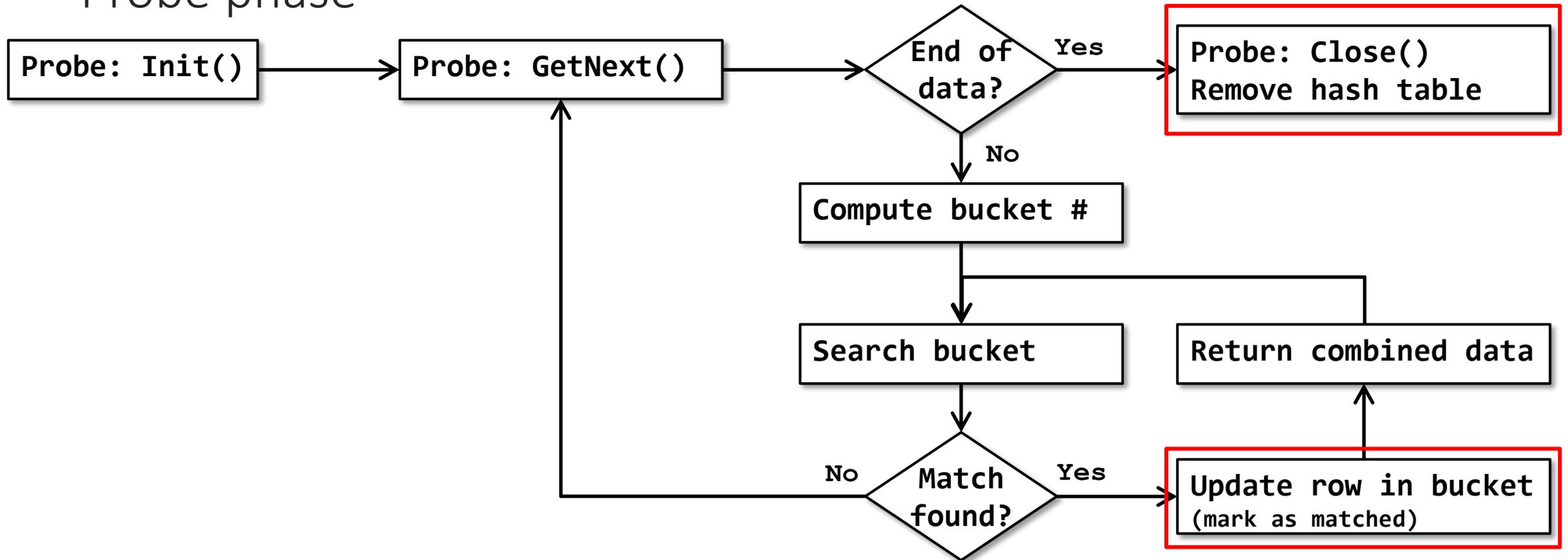
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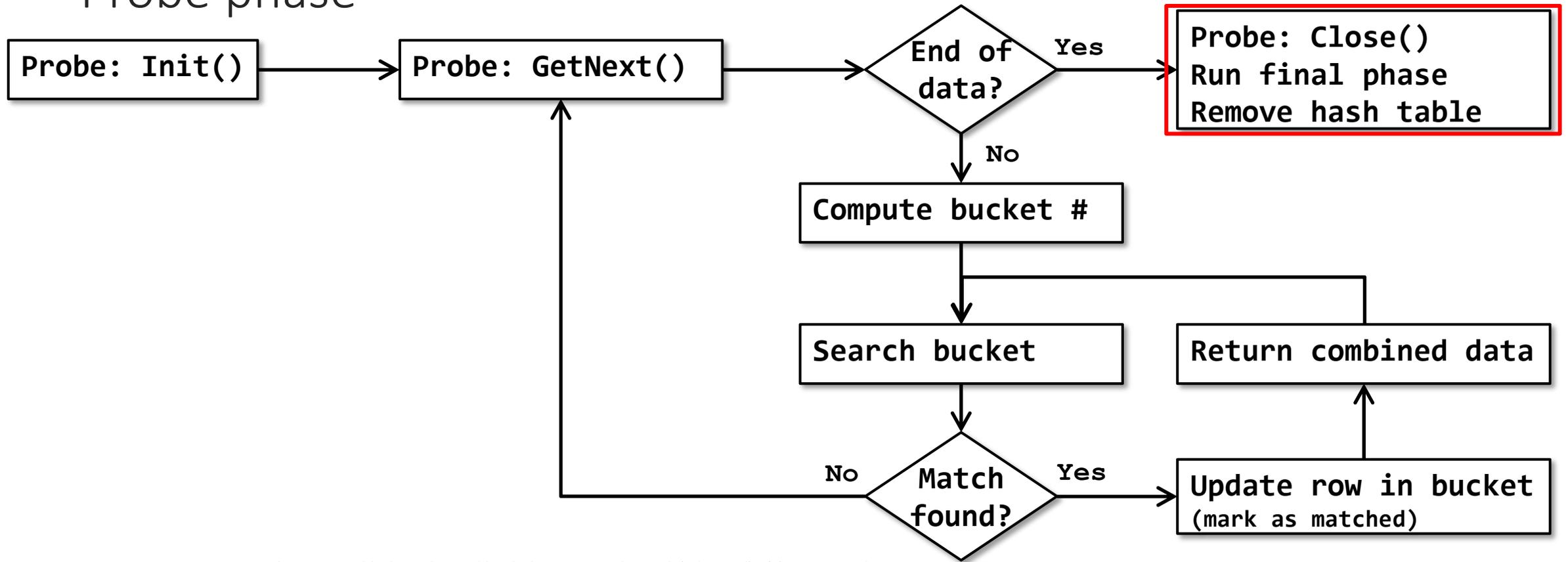
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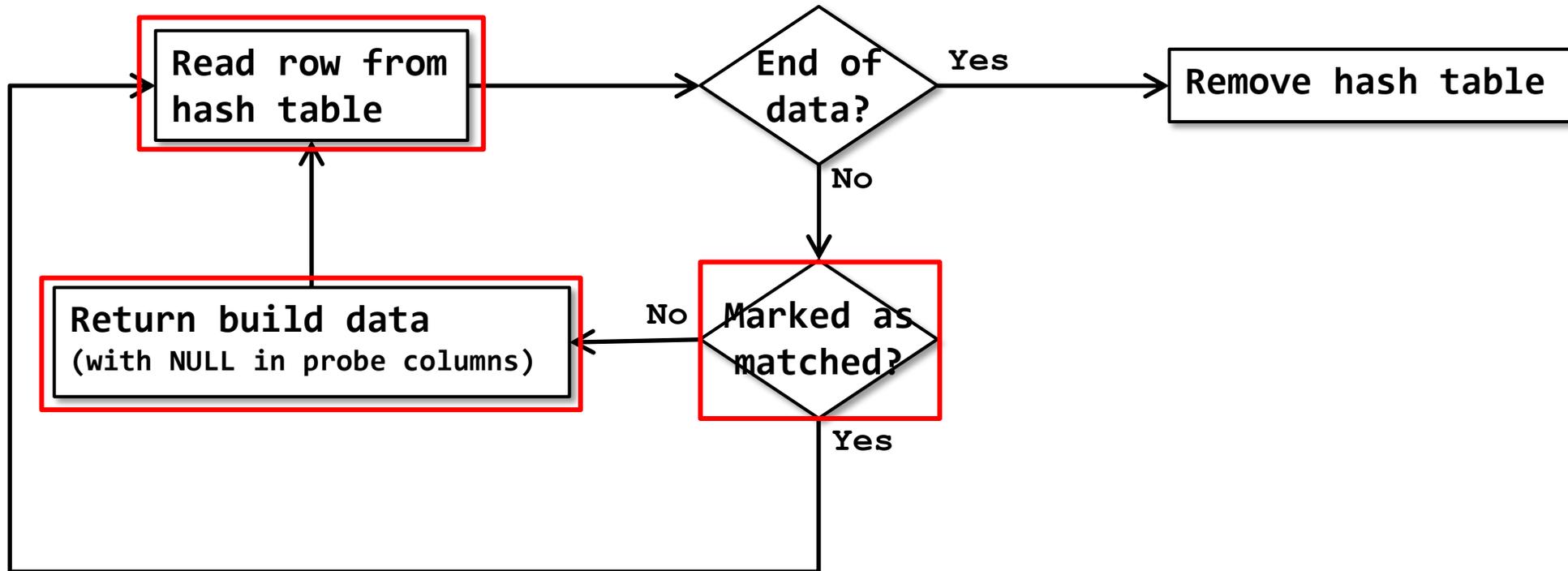
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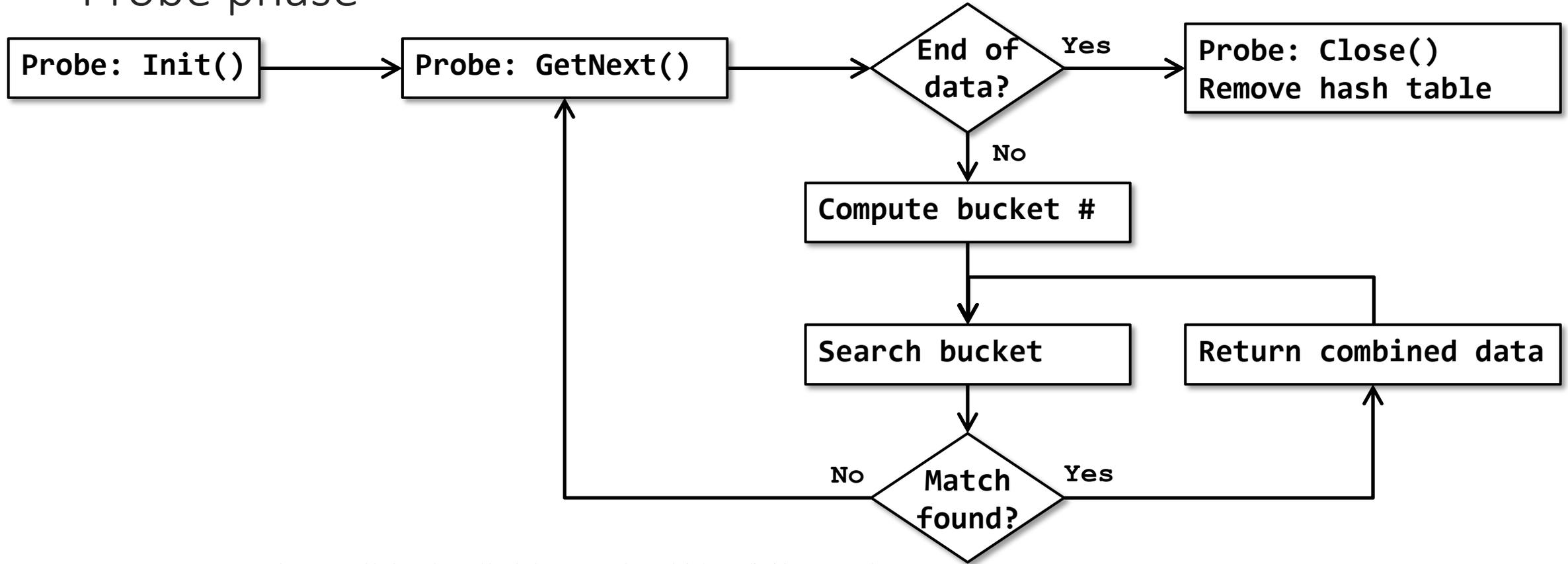
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Final phase (officially part of the probe phase)



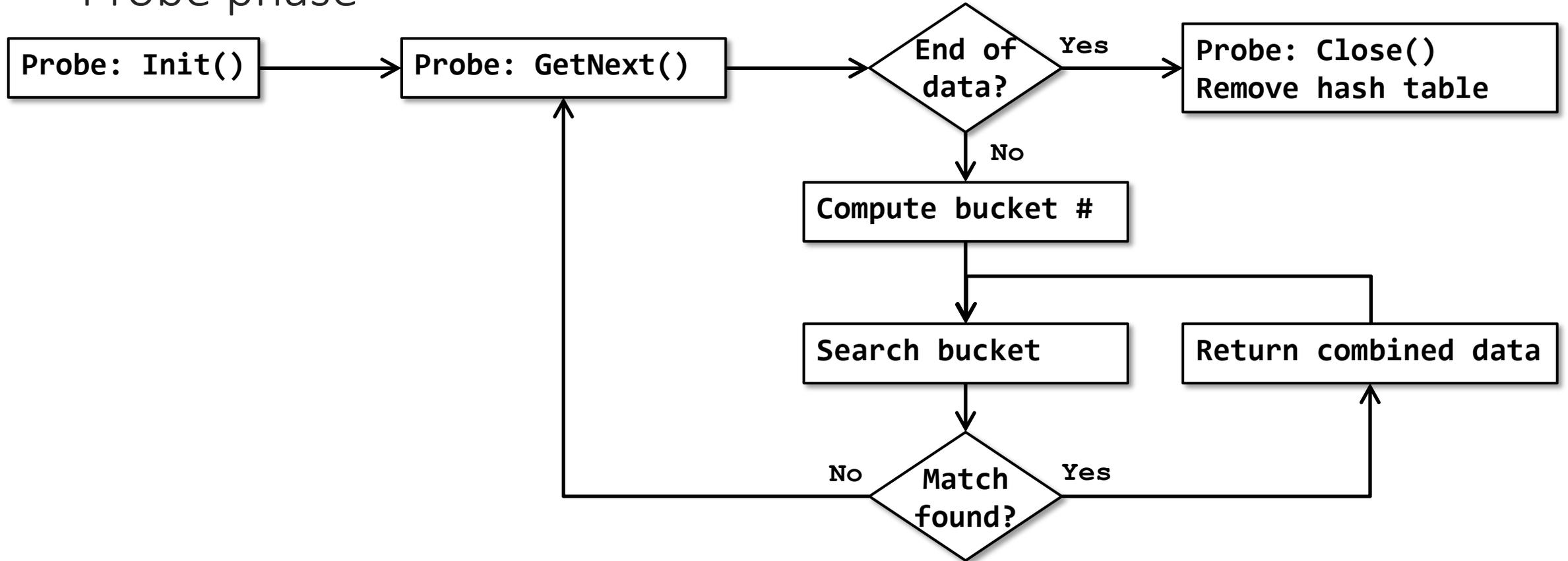
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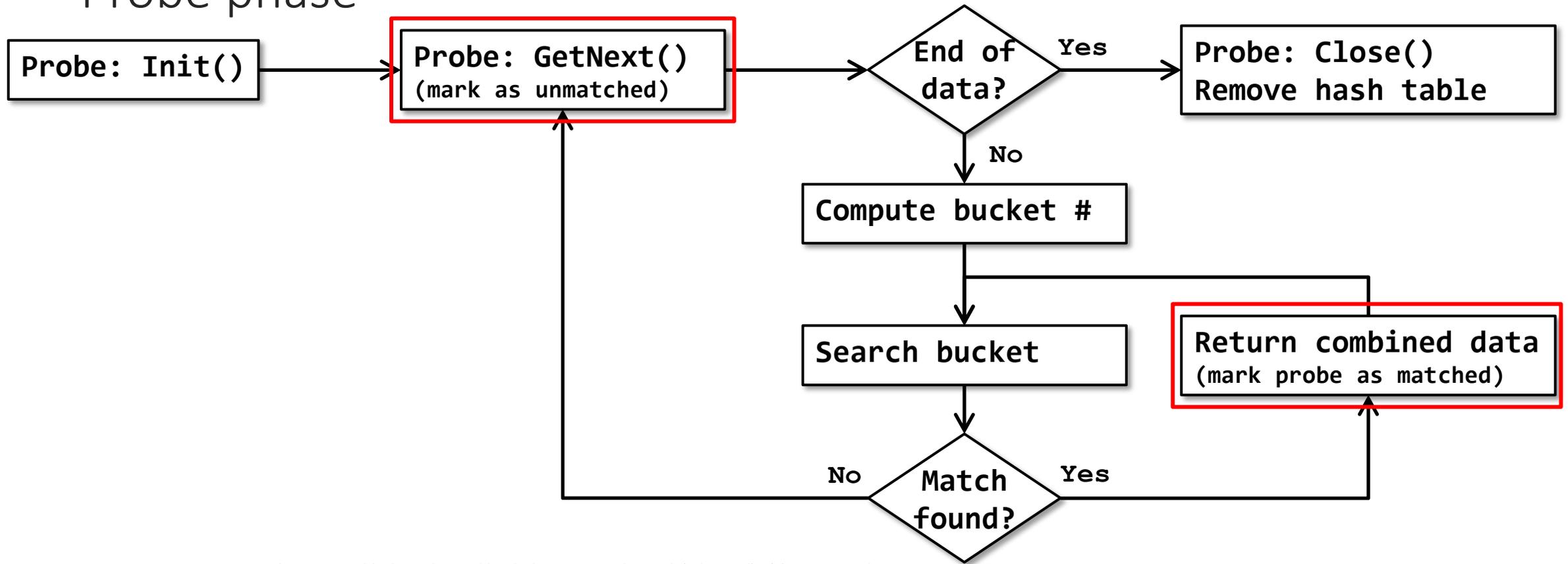
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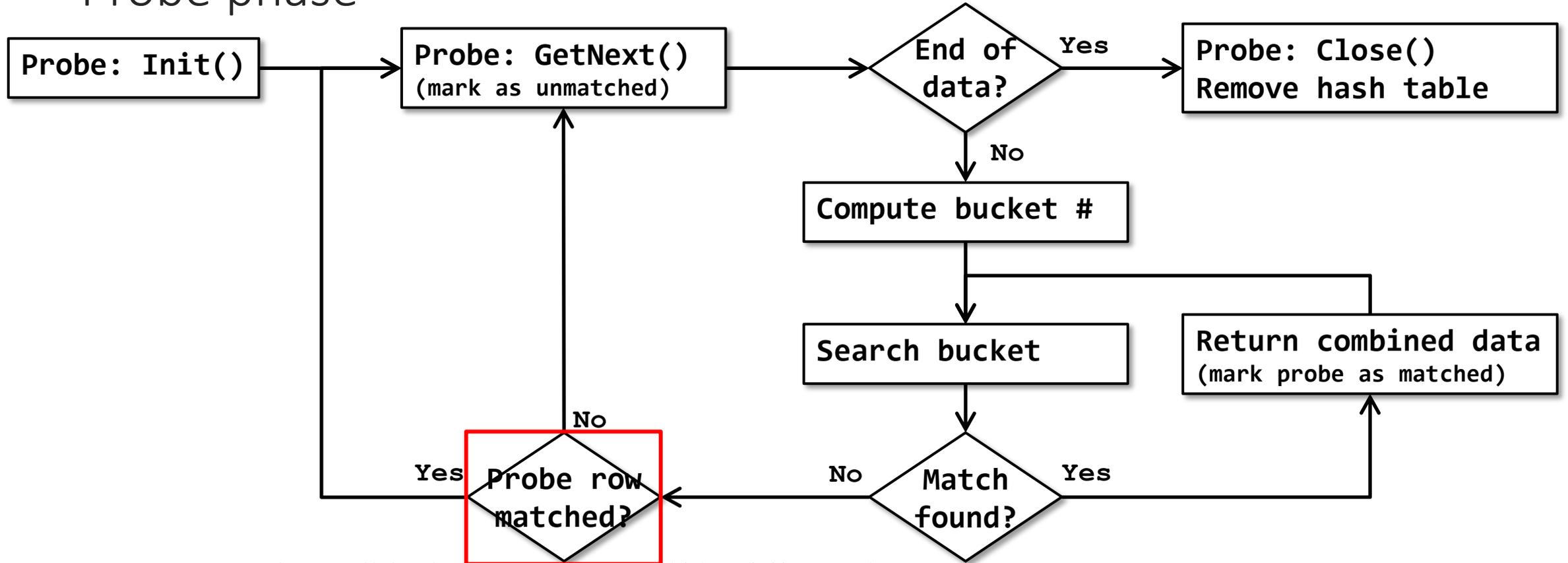
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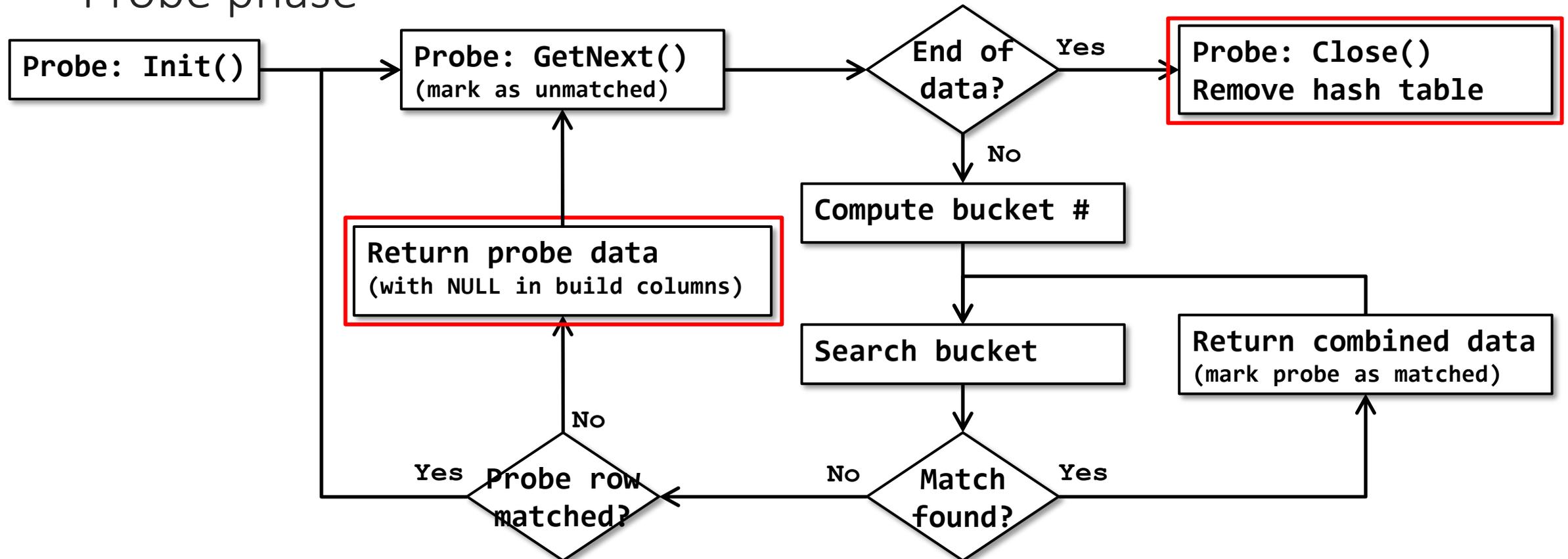
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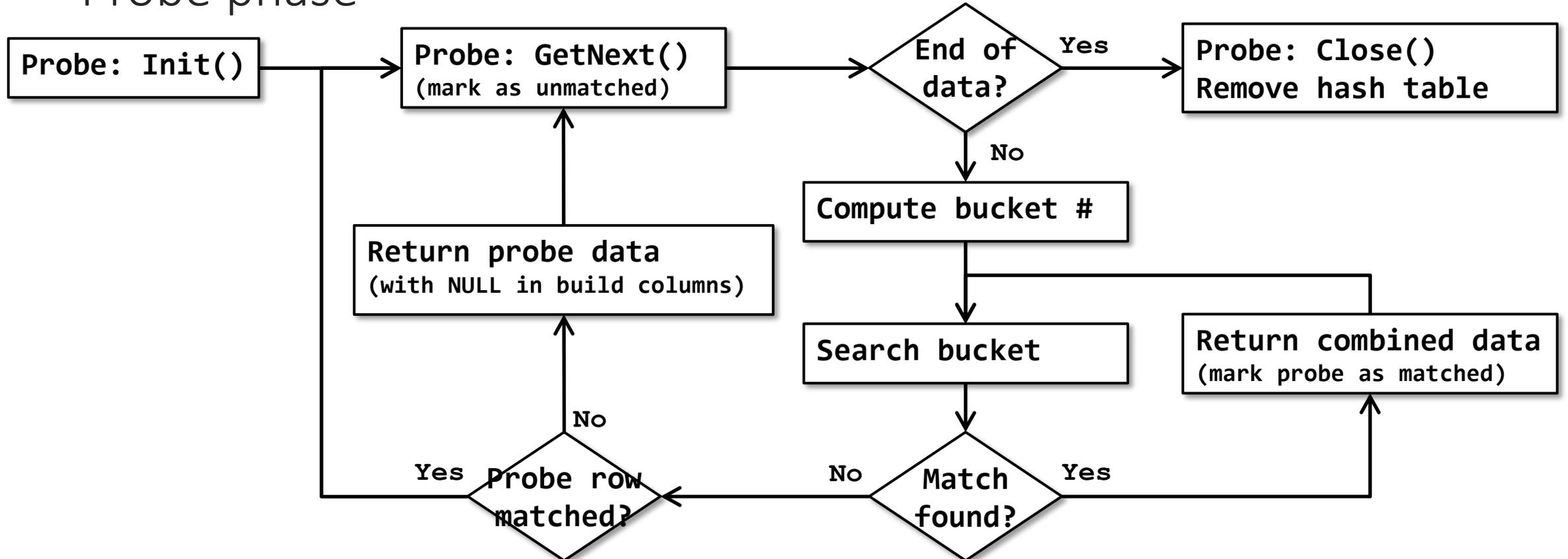
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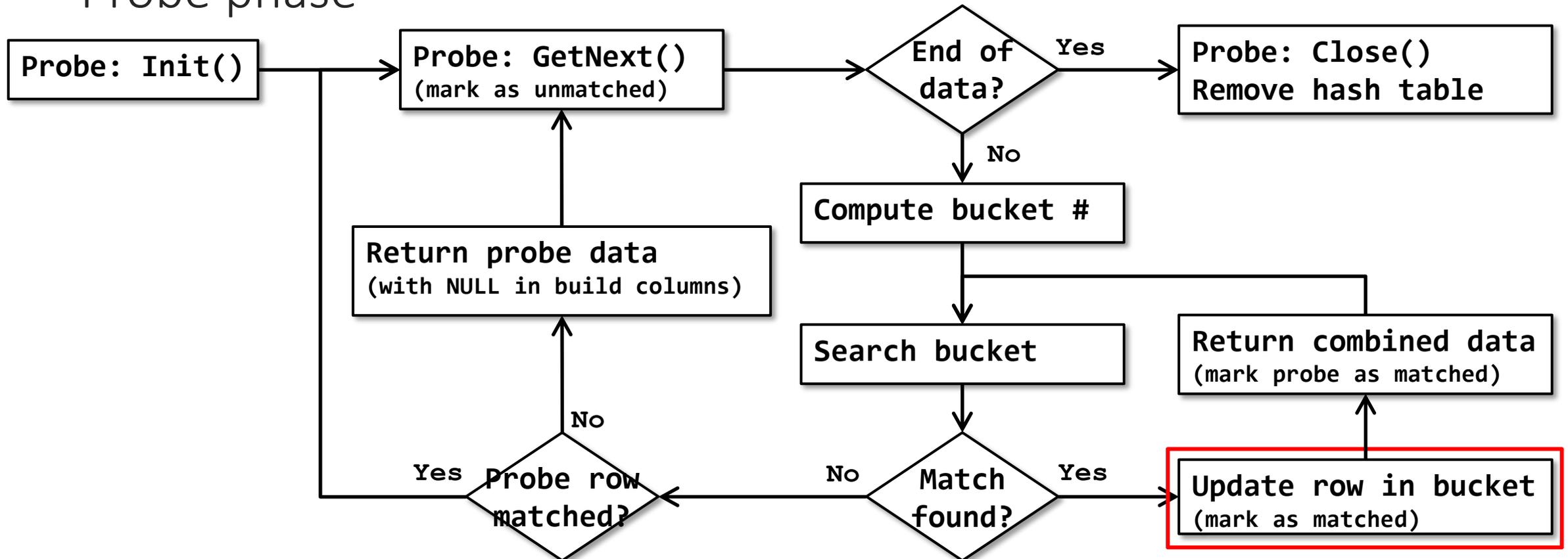
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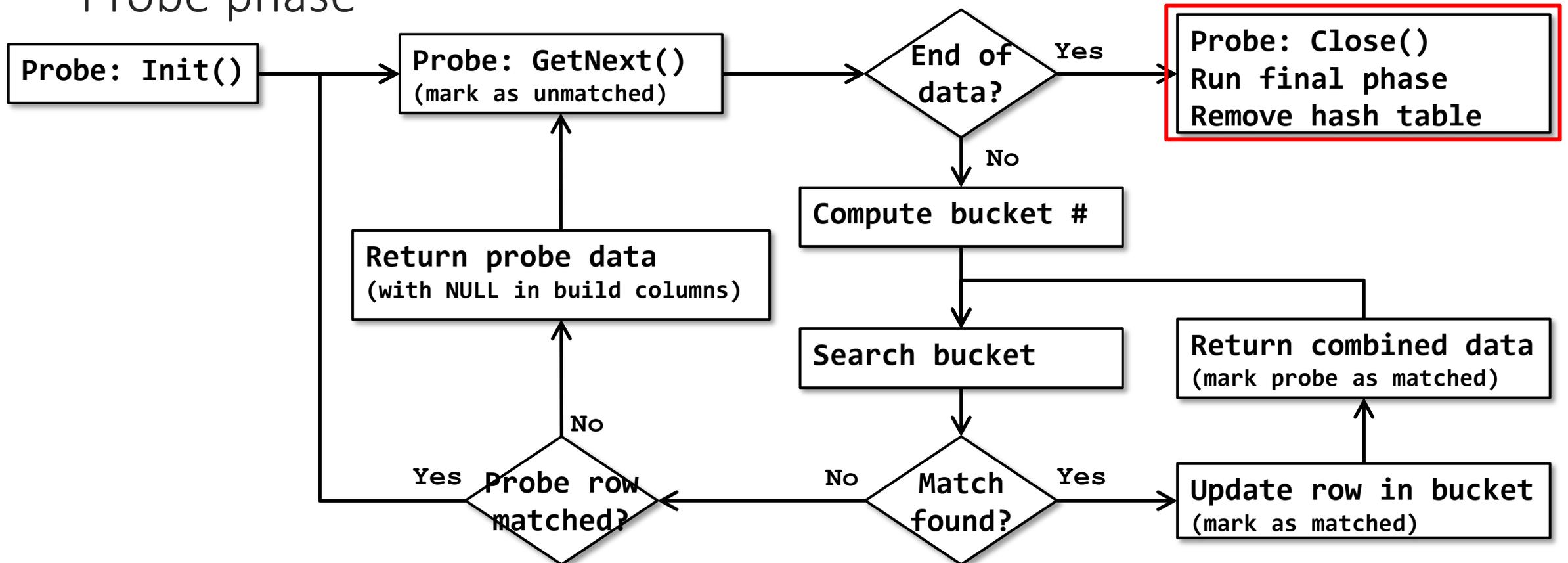
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# Hash Match (full outer join, no spills)

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Typical output order (*when there are no spills!*)

All probe rows, matched and unmatched, in original order

All unmatched build rows, in “semi random” order

This order is not guaranteed

But you should still be aware of it, in case it matters



Hash Match  
(Inner Join)

# Hash Match (inner to left semi)

From inner join to left semi join

Only return matched build rows

Return matched build rows once, regardless of number of matches

Two options

Return when first match found

- Mark as matched

- Skip on next match

Mark as matched when any match found

- Return matched rows in final phase



# Hash Match (left semi join, no spills)

From inner join to left semi join

- Only return matched build rows

- Return matched build rows once, regardless of number of matches

- Marks as matched during probe phase

- Returns matched rows during final phase

- Operator is now *fully* blocking

  - No data returned during build phase

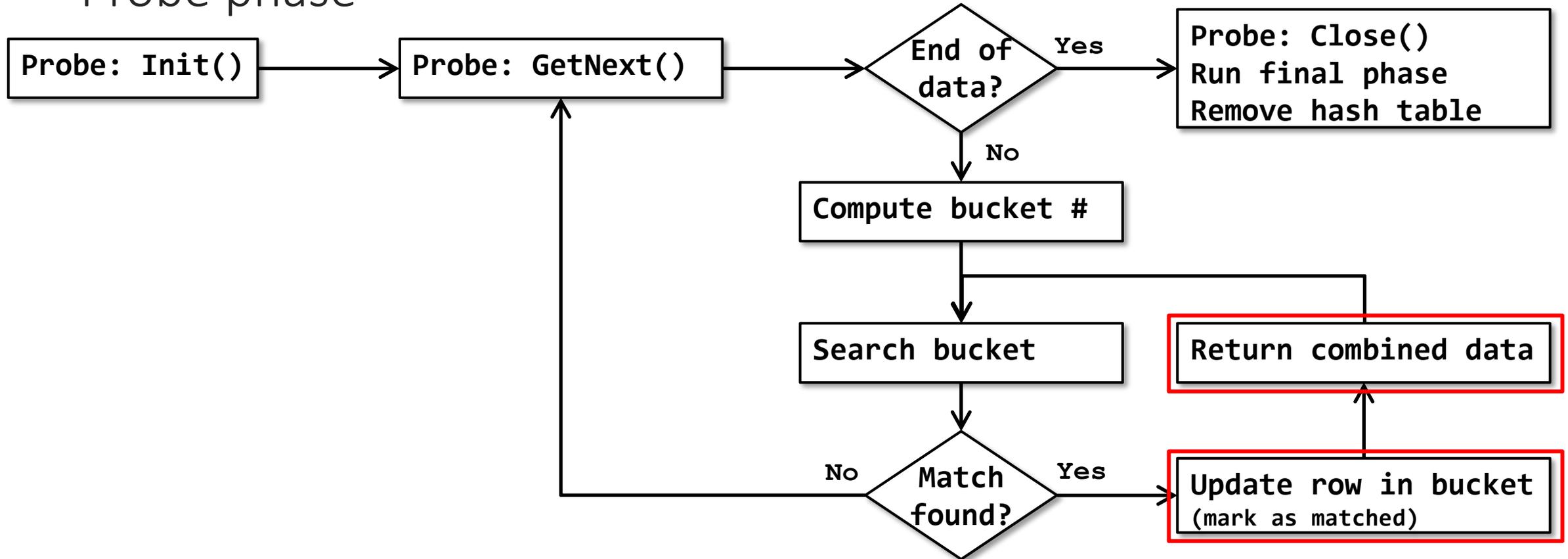
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  - All data returned during final phase



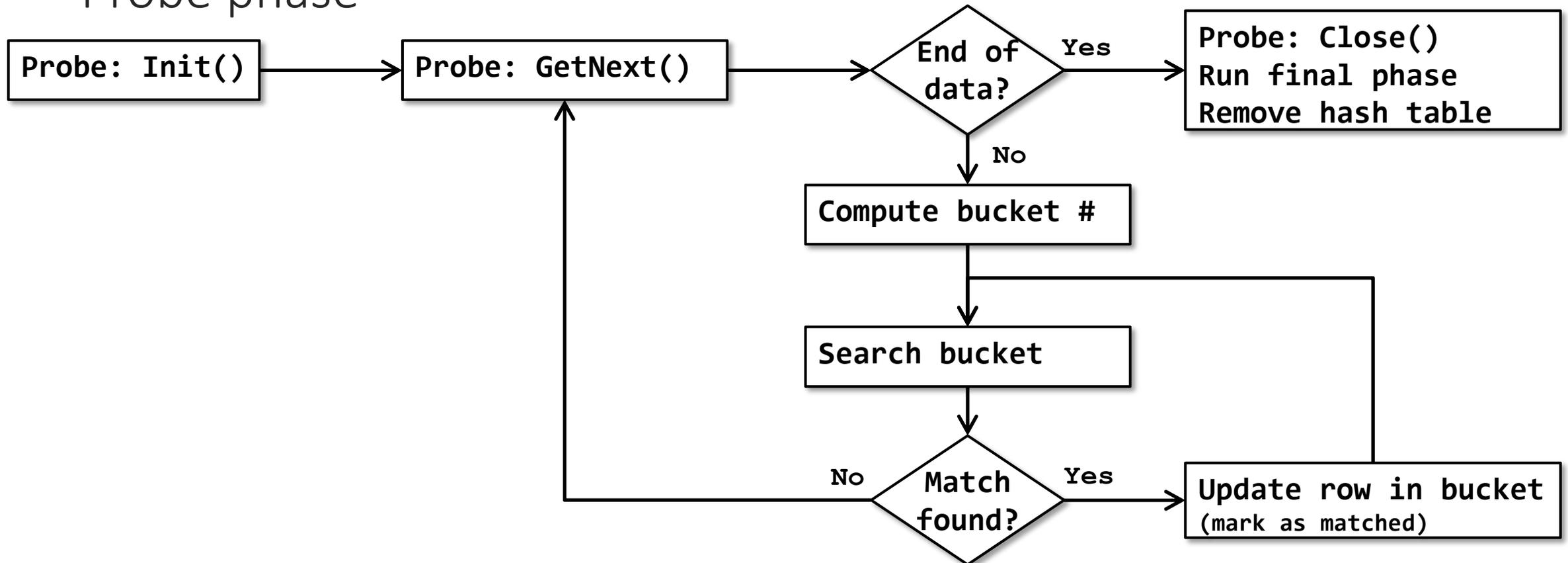
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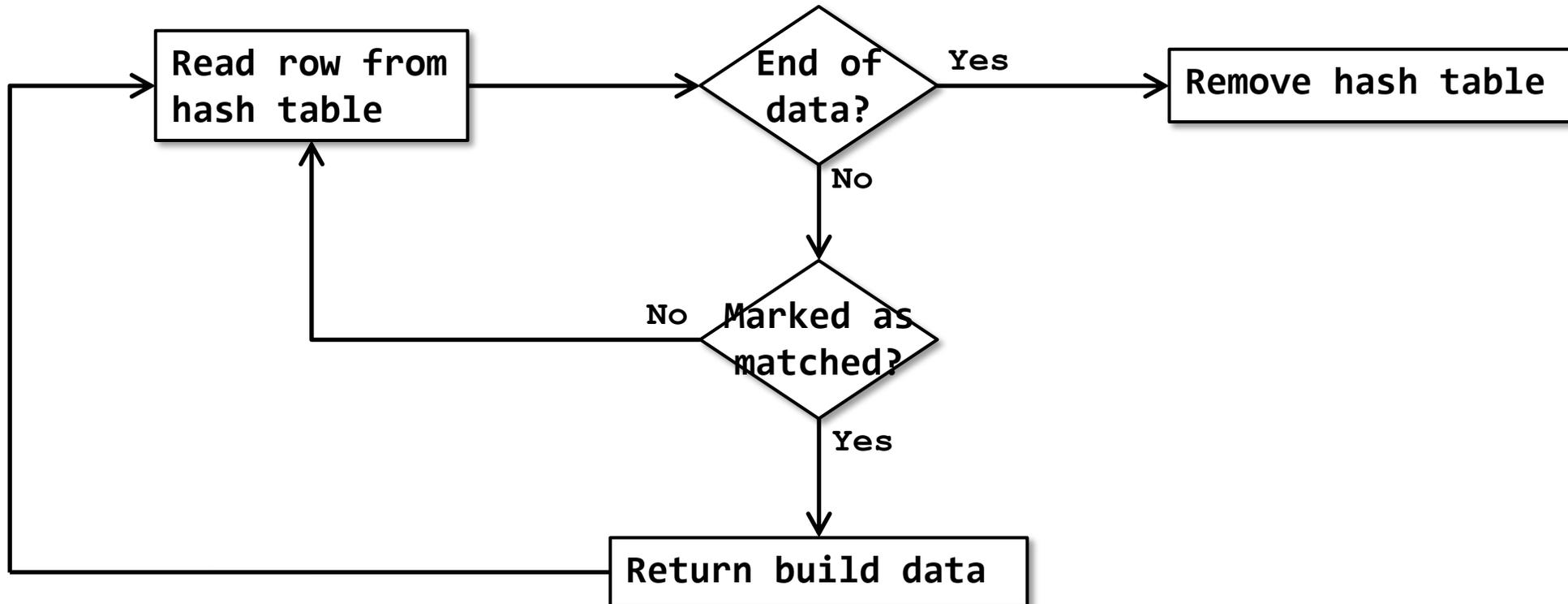
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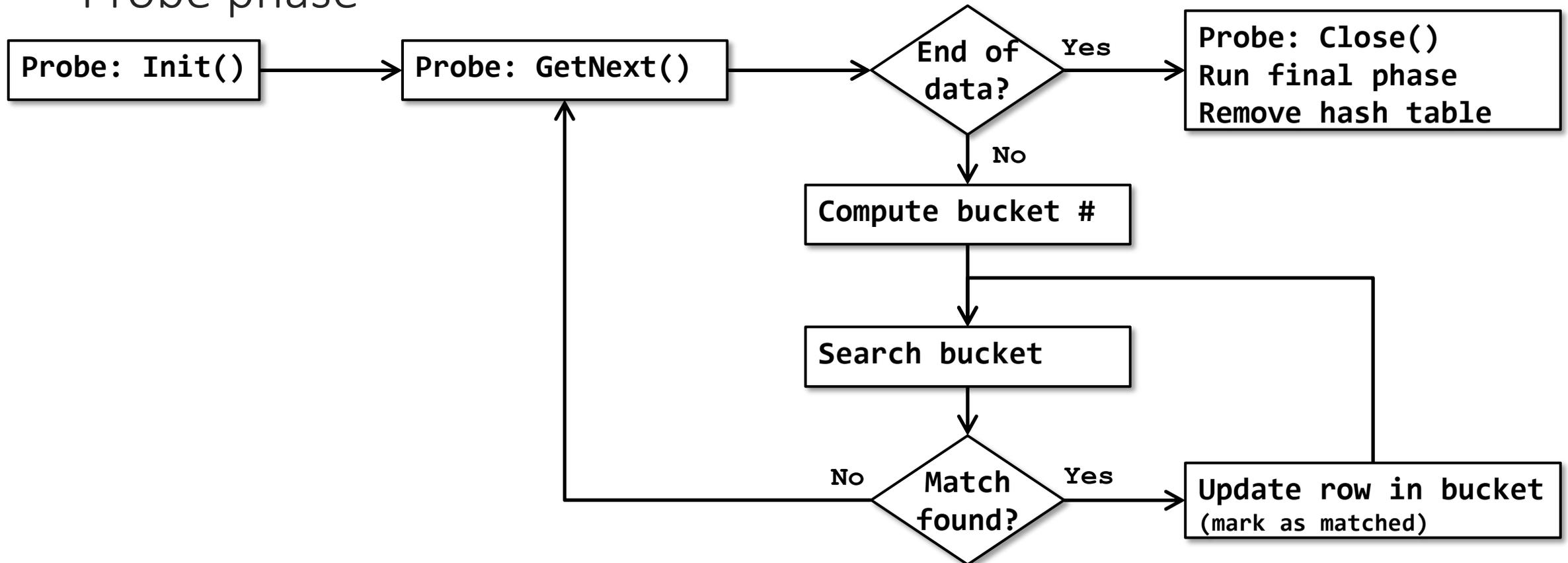
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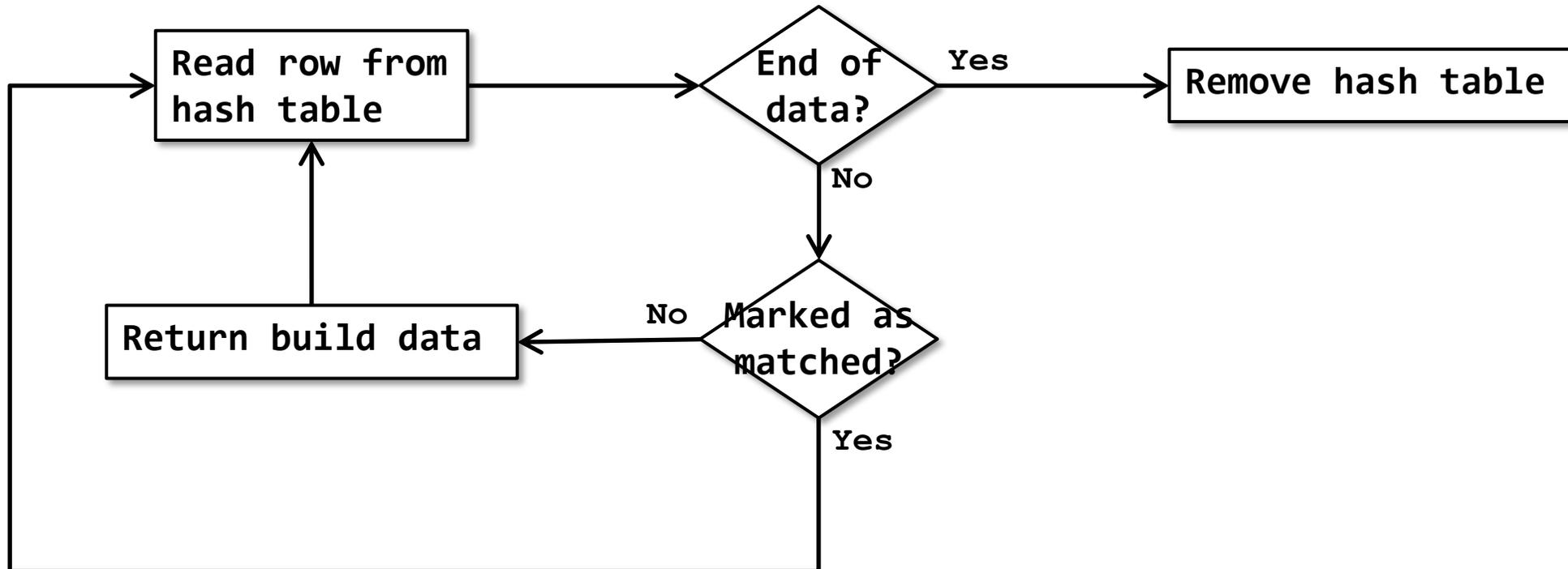
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Probe phase



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# Hash Match (probed left semi join)

Probed left semi join

Not supported

Not clear why

Would be relatively easy to build

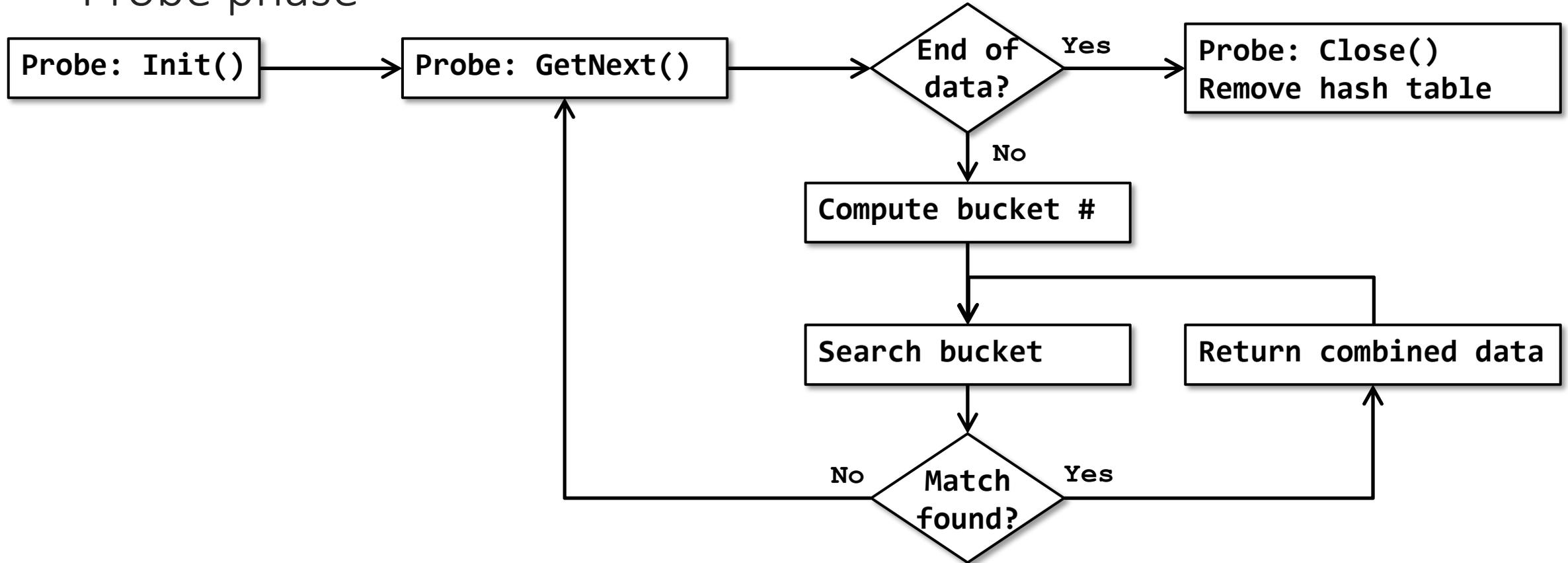
Never encountered, never been able to repro



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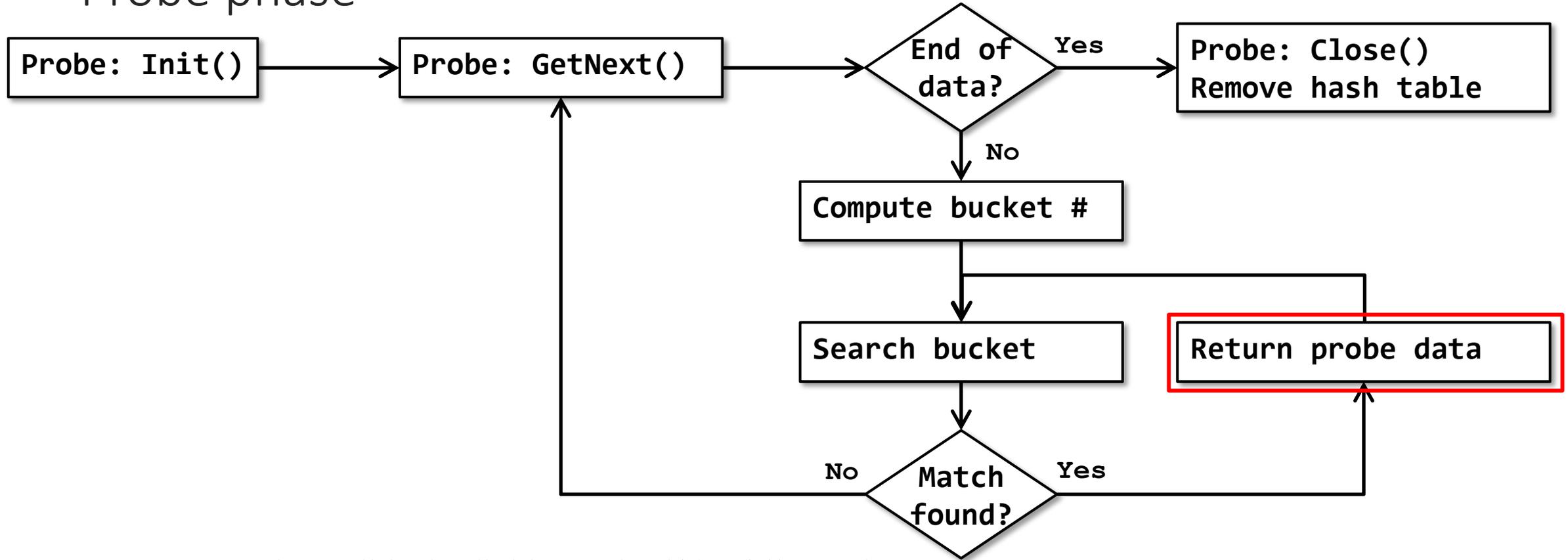
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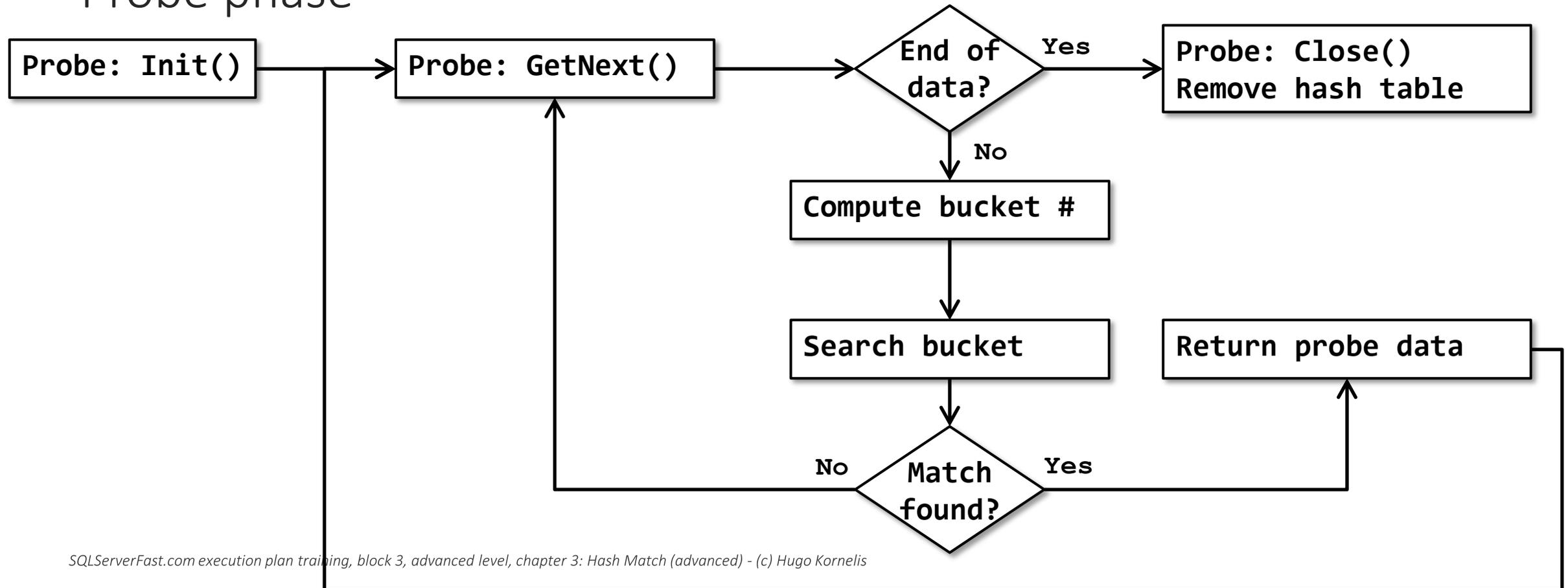
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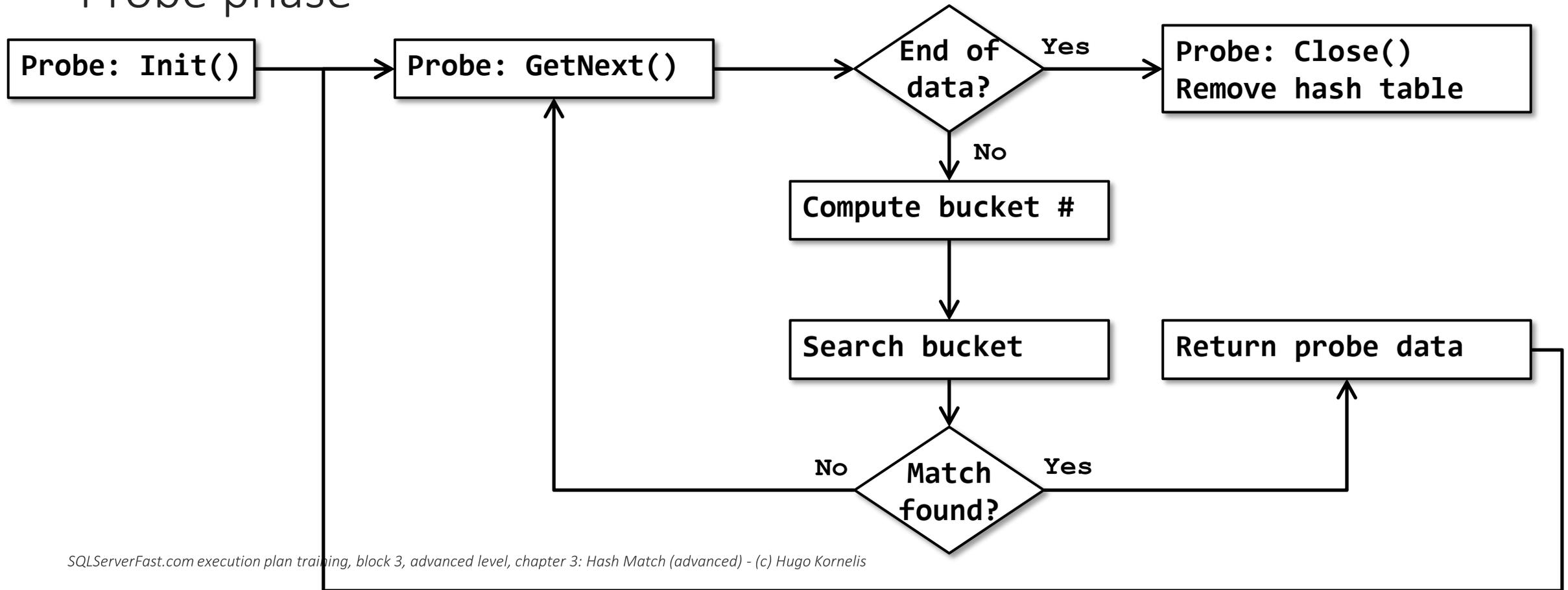
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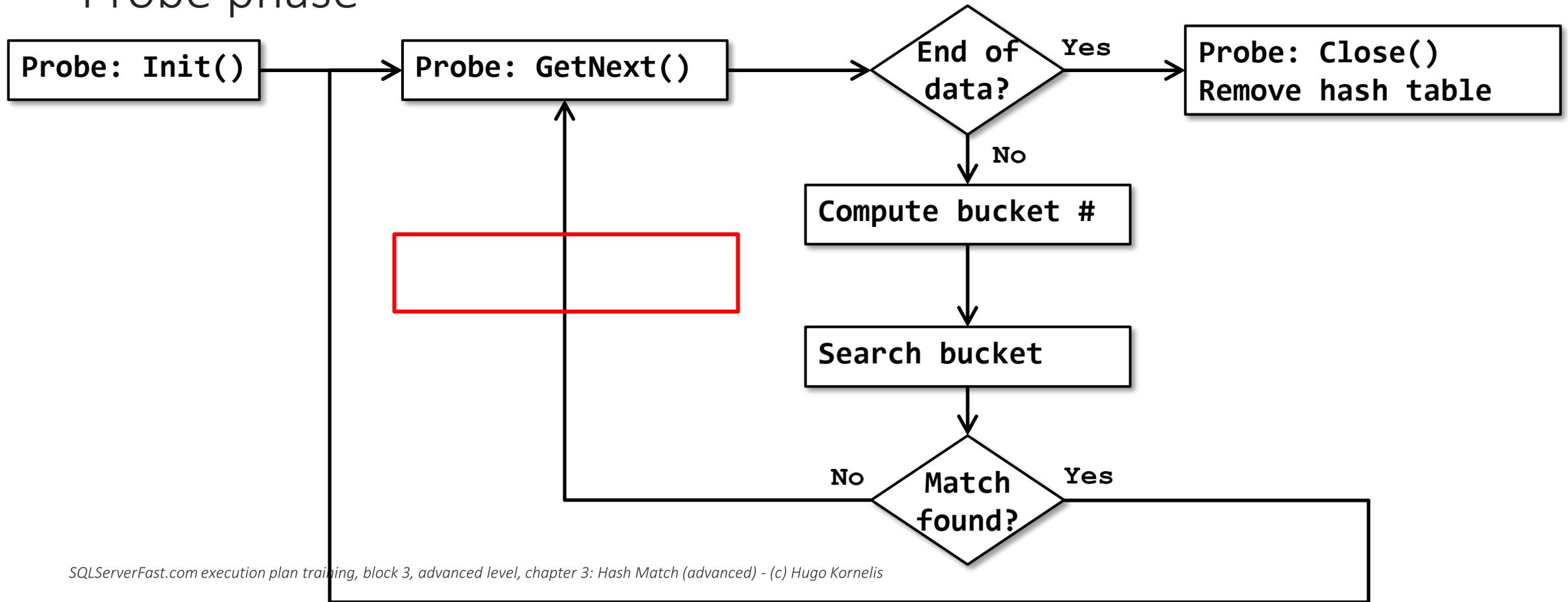
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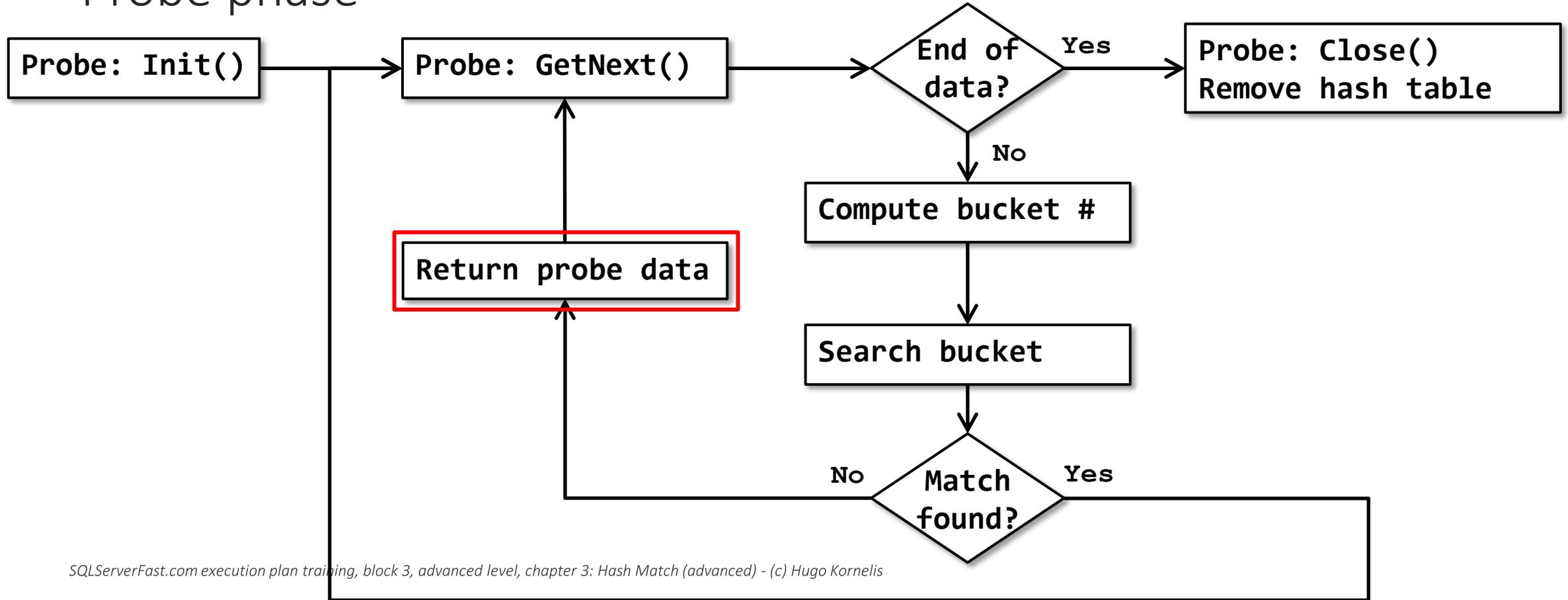
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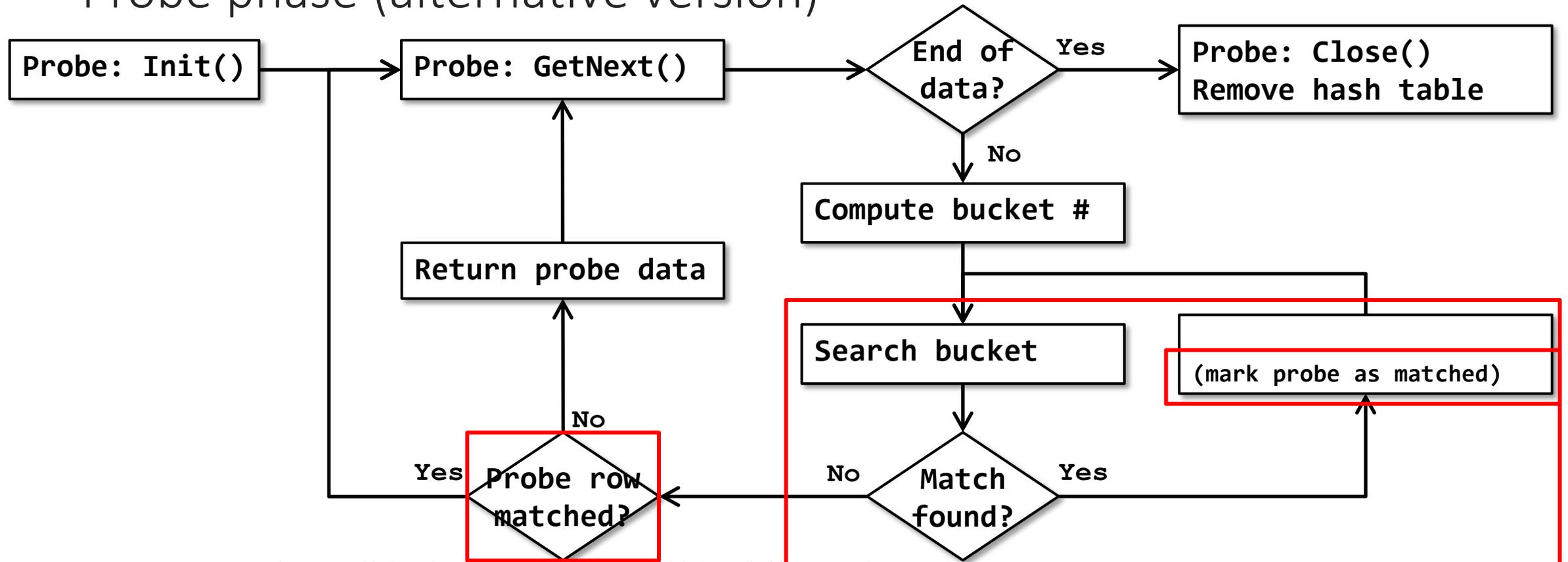
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Probe phase



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Probe phase (alternative version)



# Hash Match (union)

## Union

### Merge Join (Union)

Both inputs have to be free of duplicates already

Avoids new duplicates after combining the two inputs

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Duplicates in build input are removed by the operator

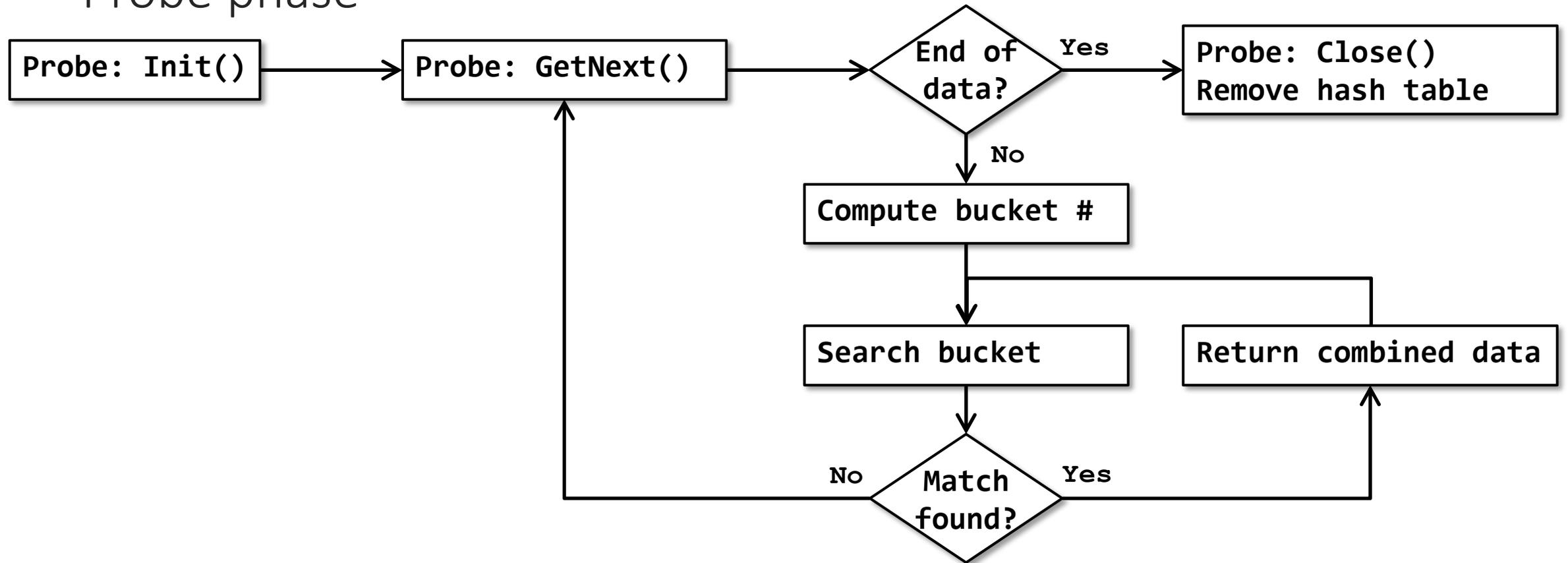
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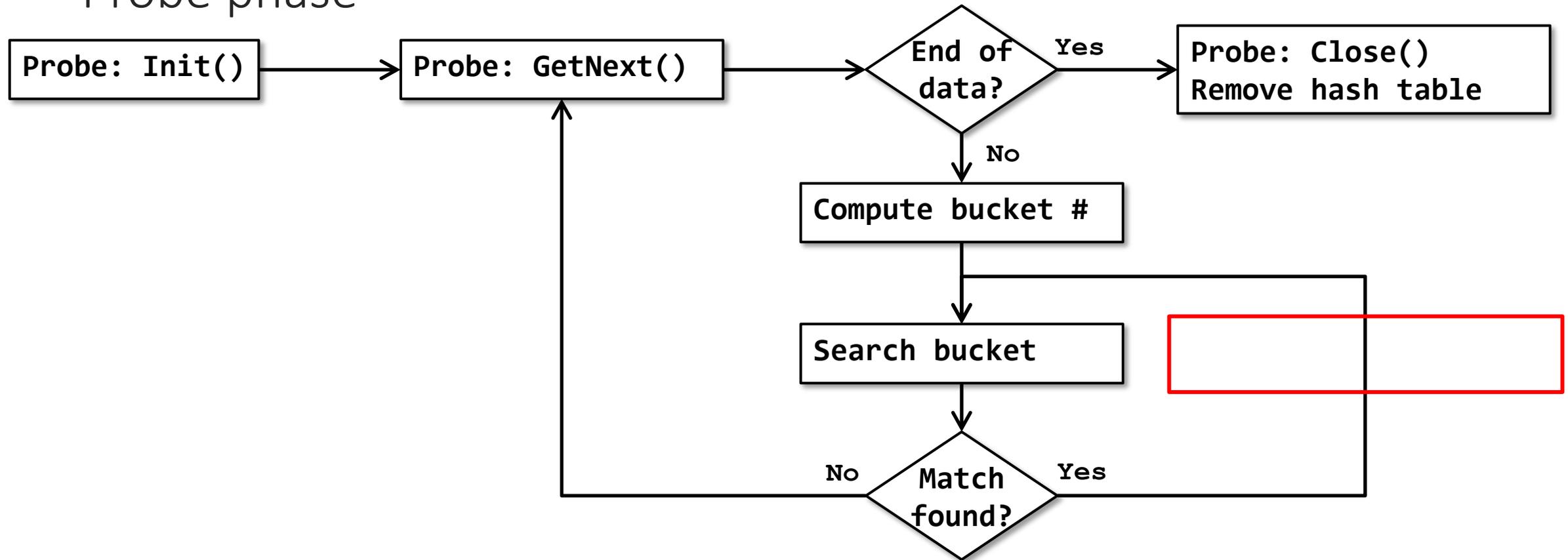
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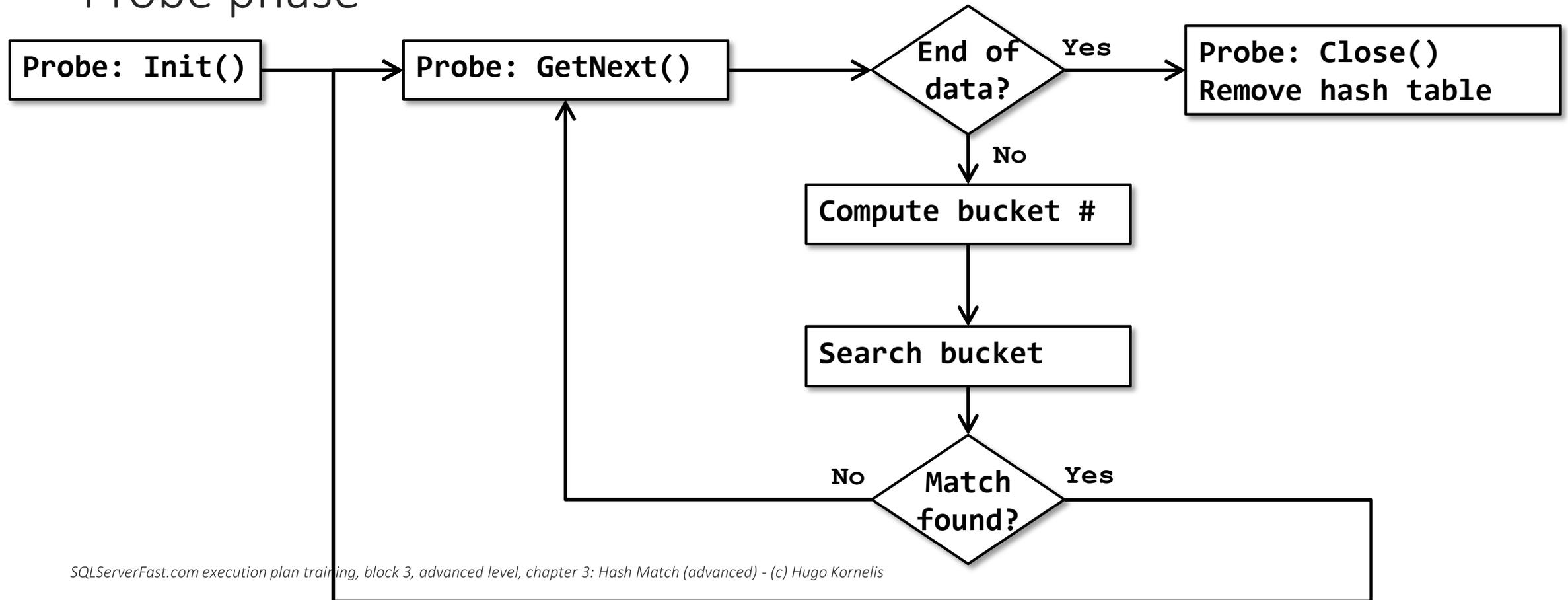
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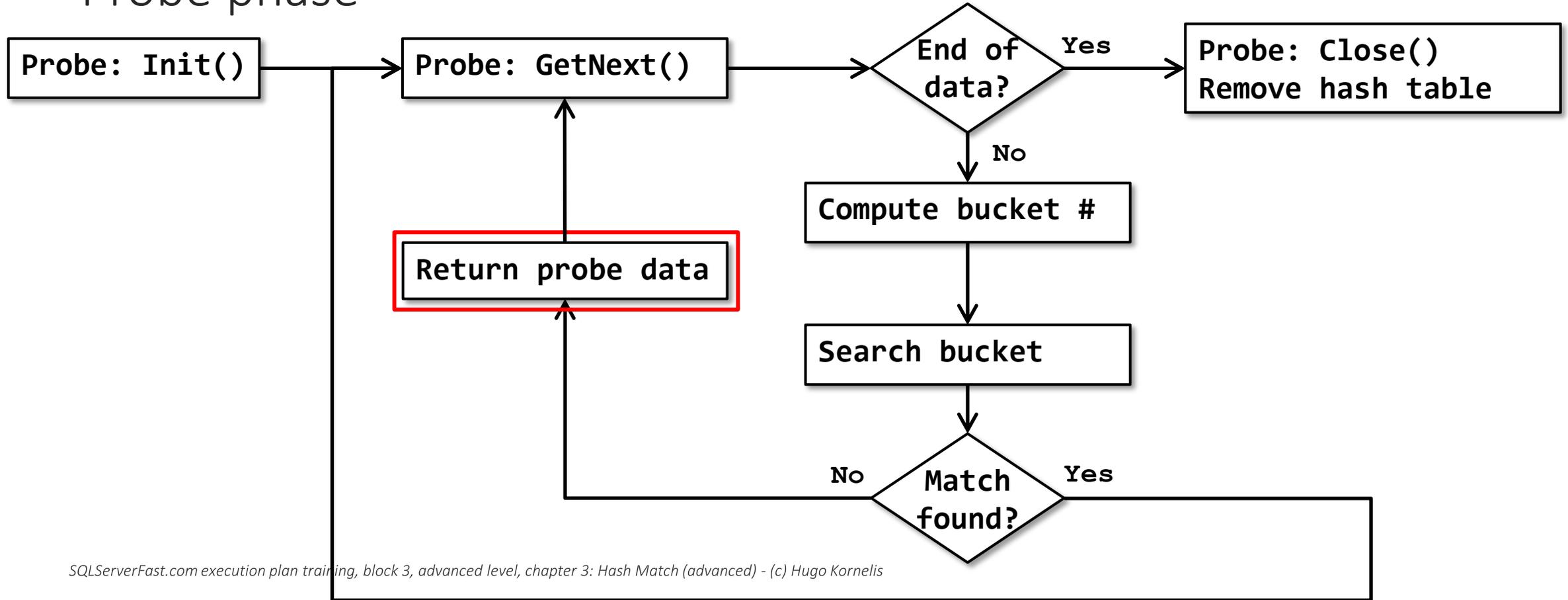
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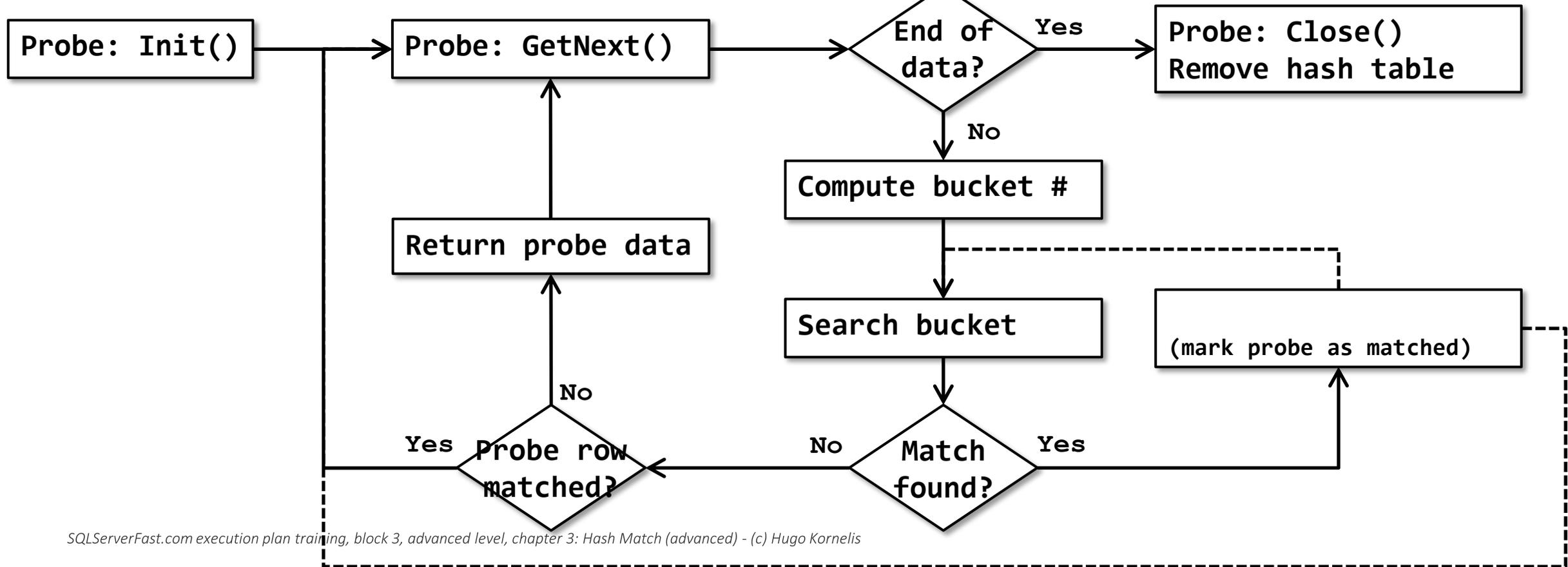
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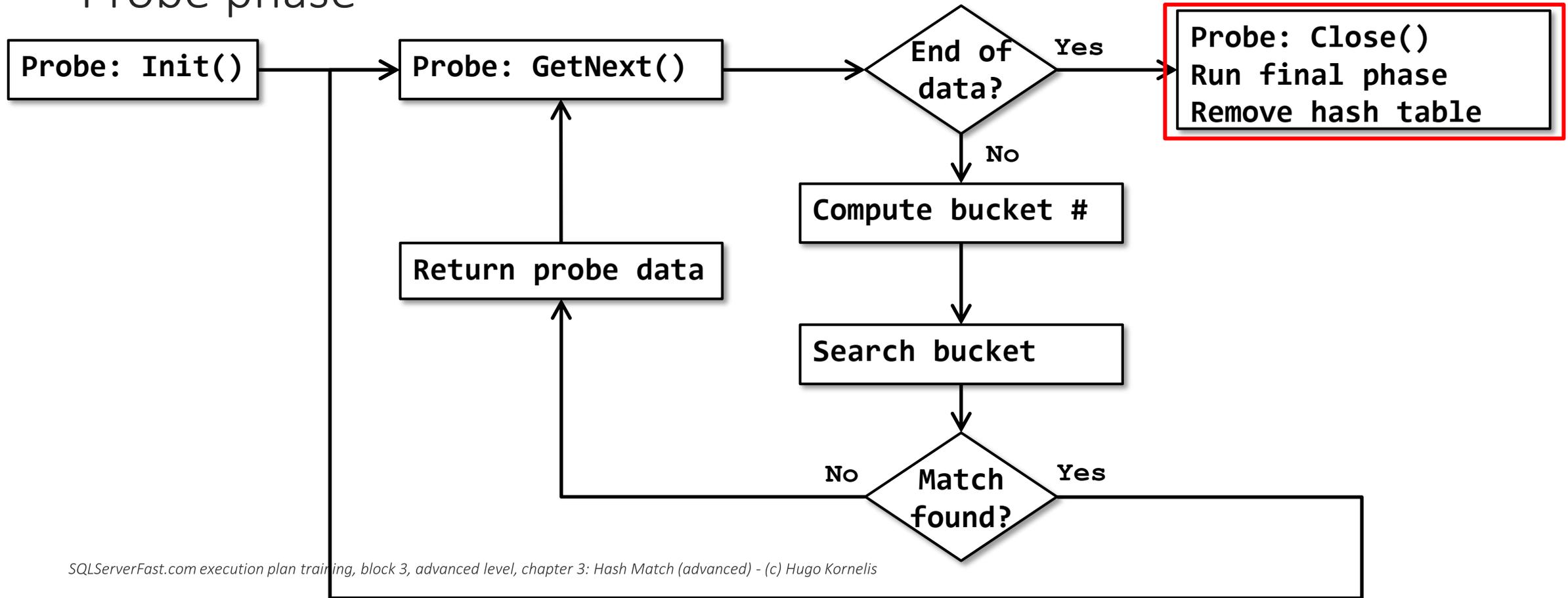
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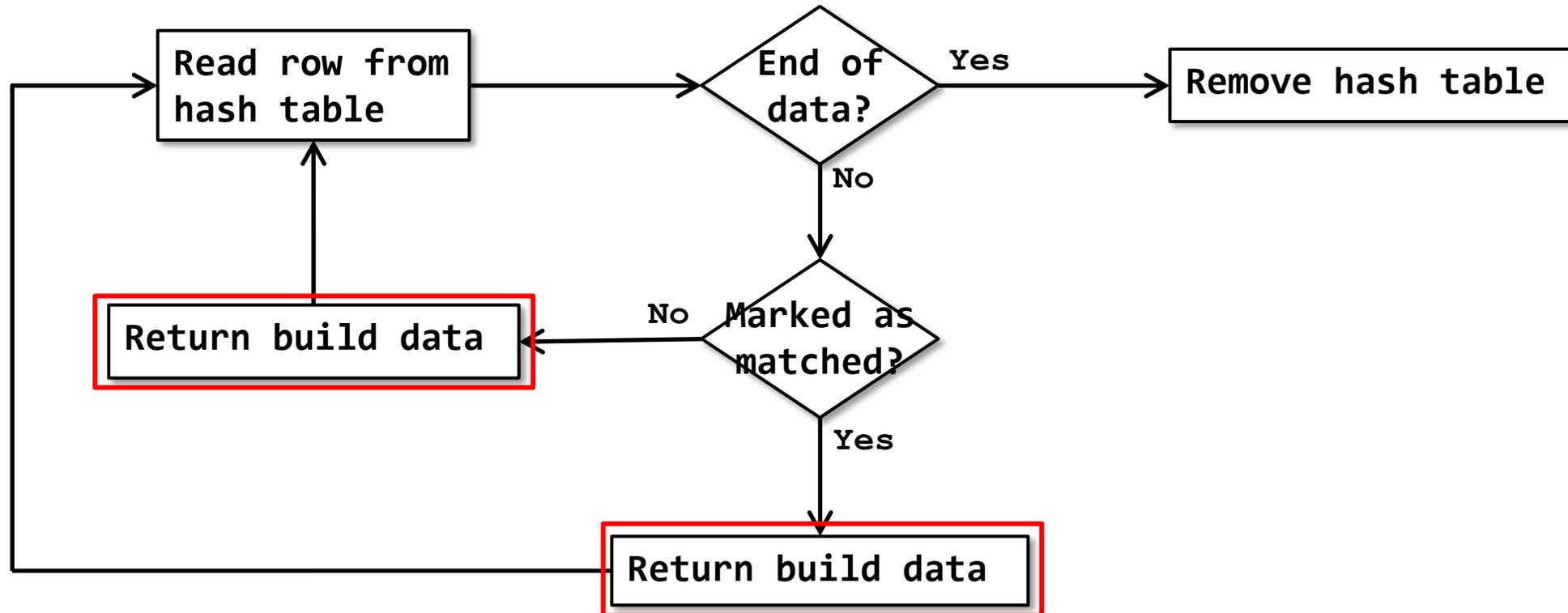
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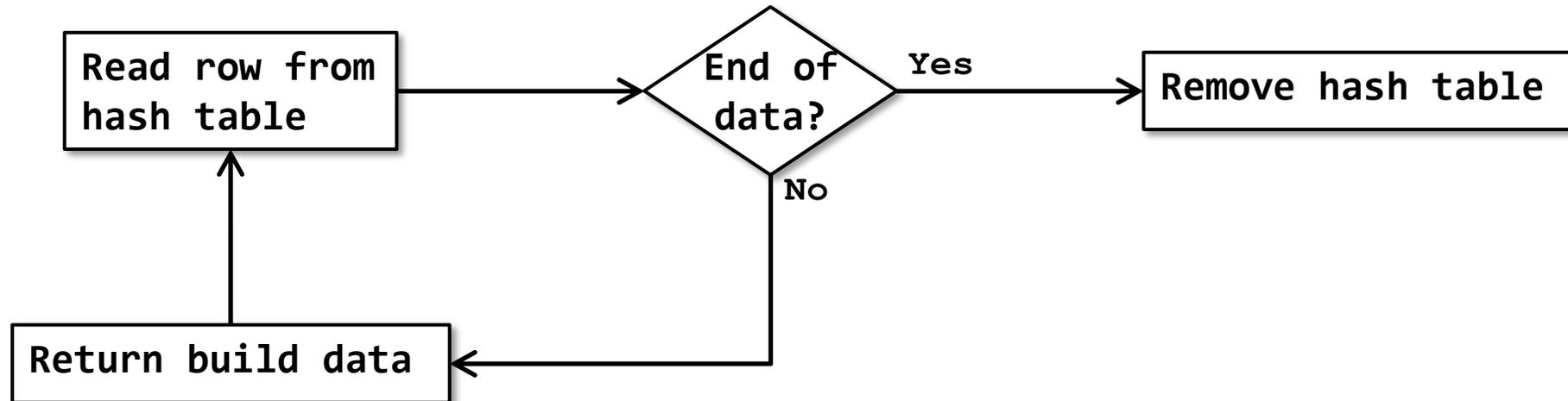
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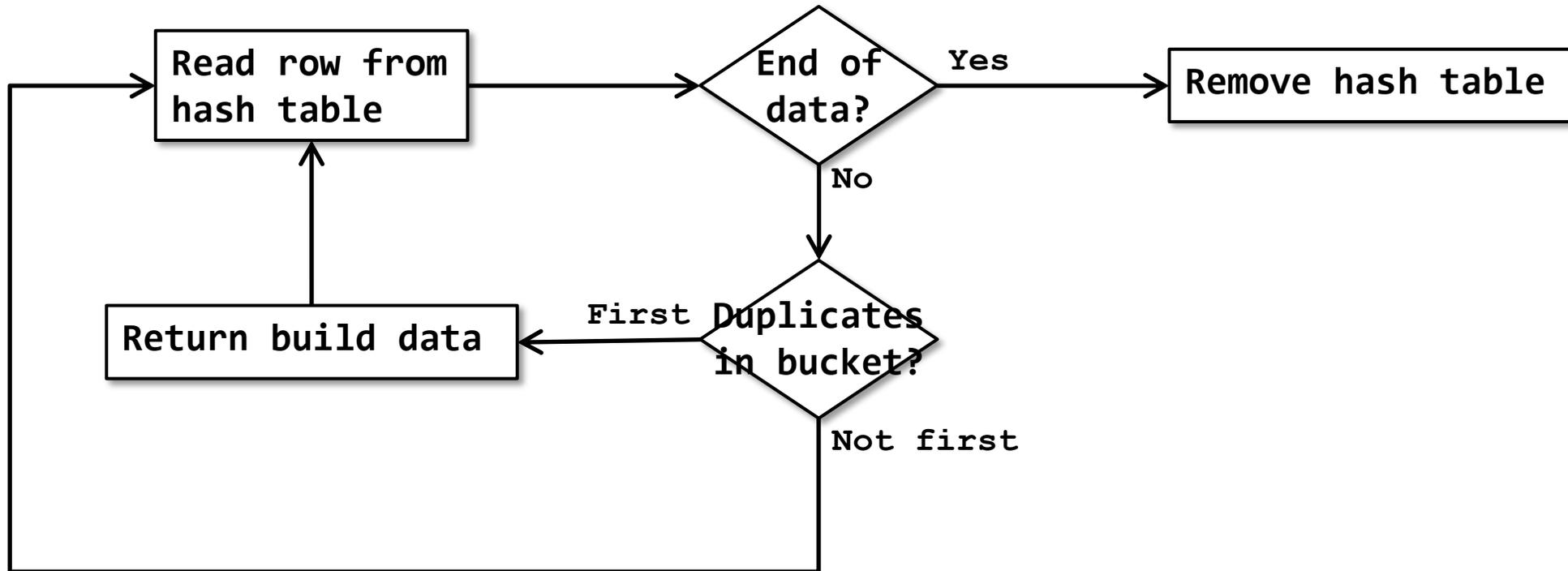
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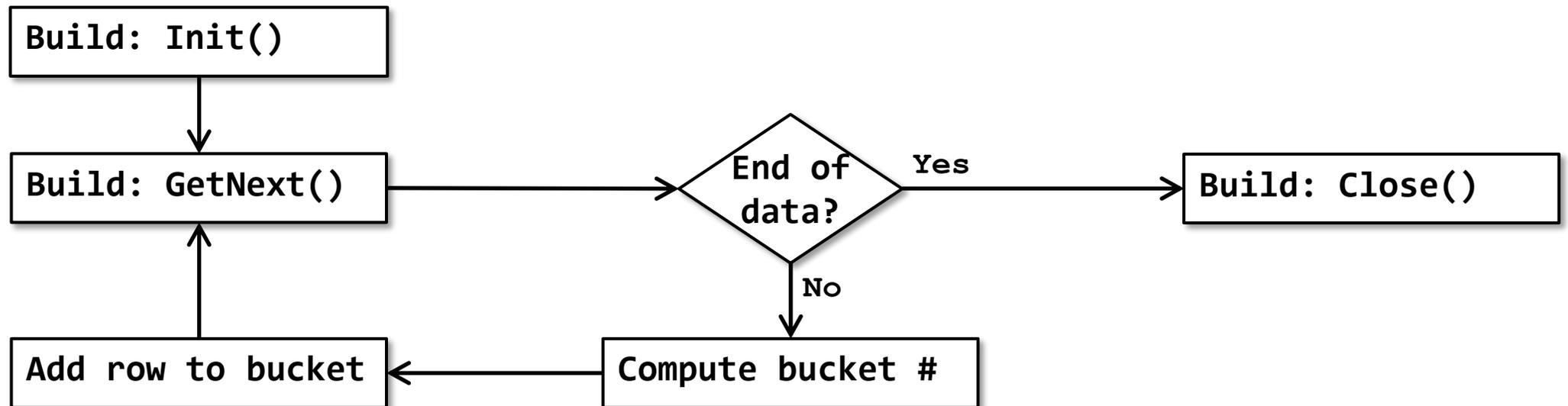
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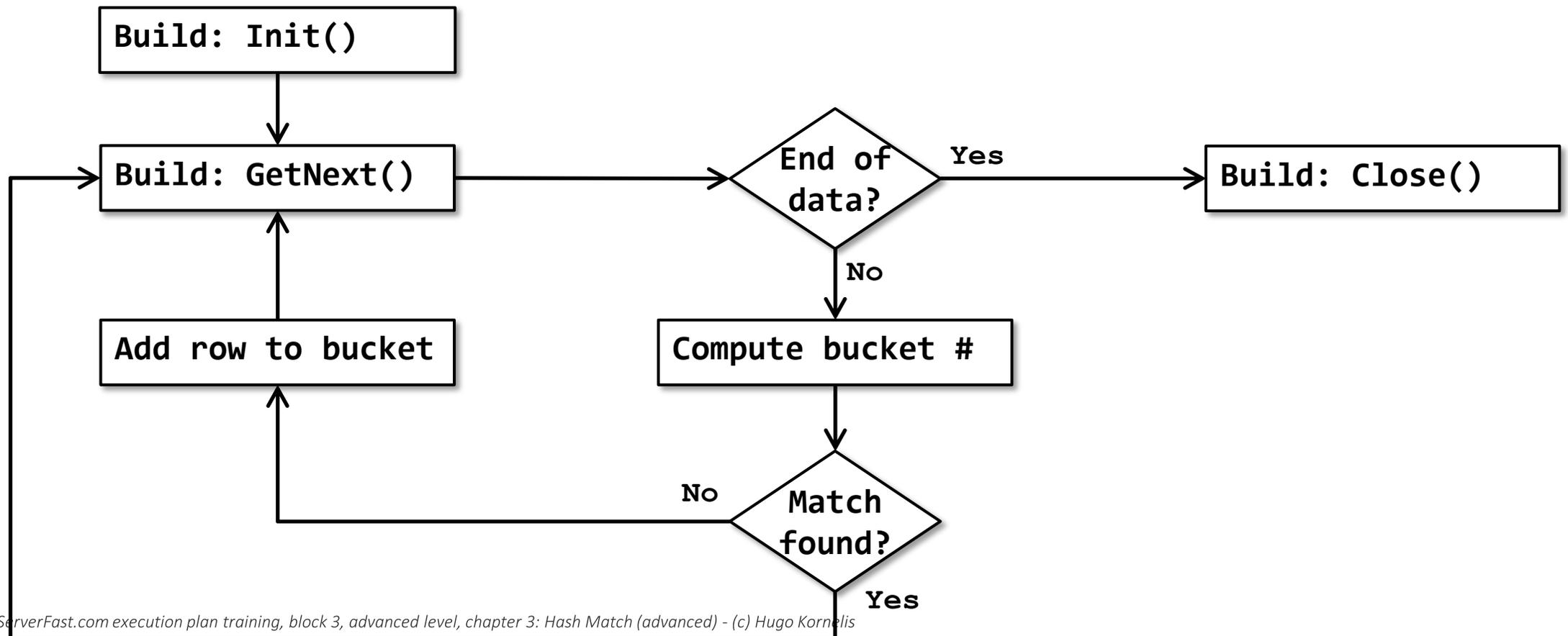
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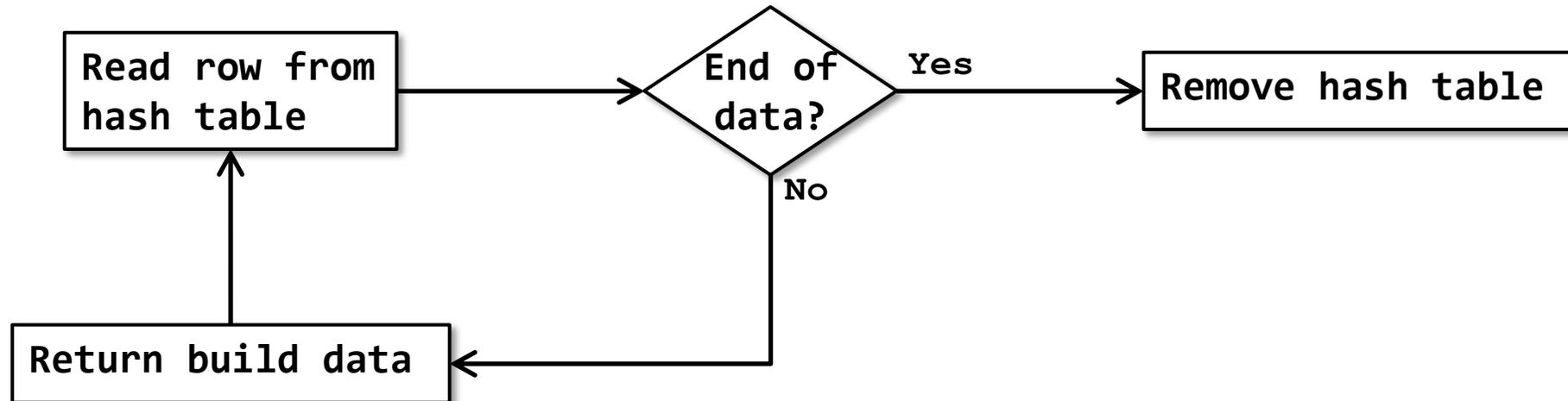
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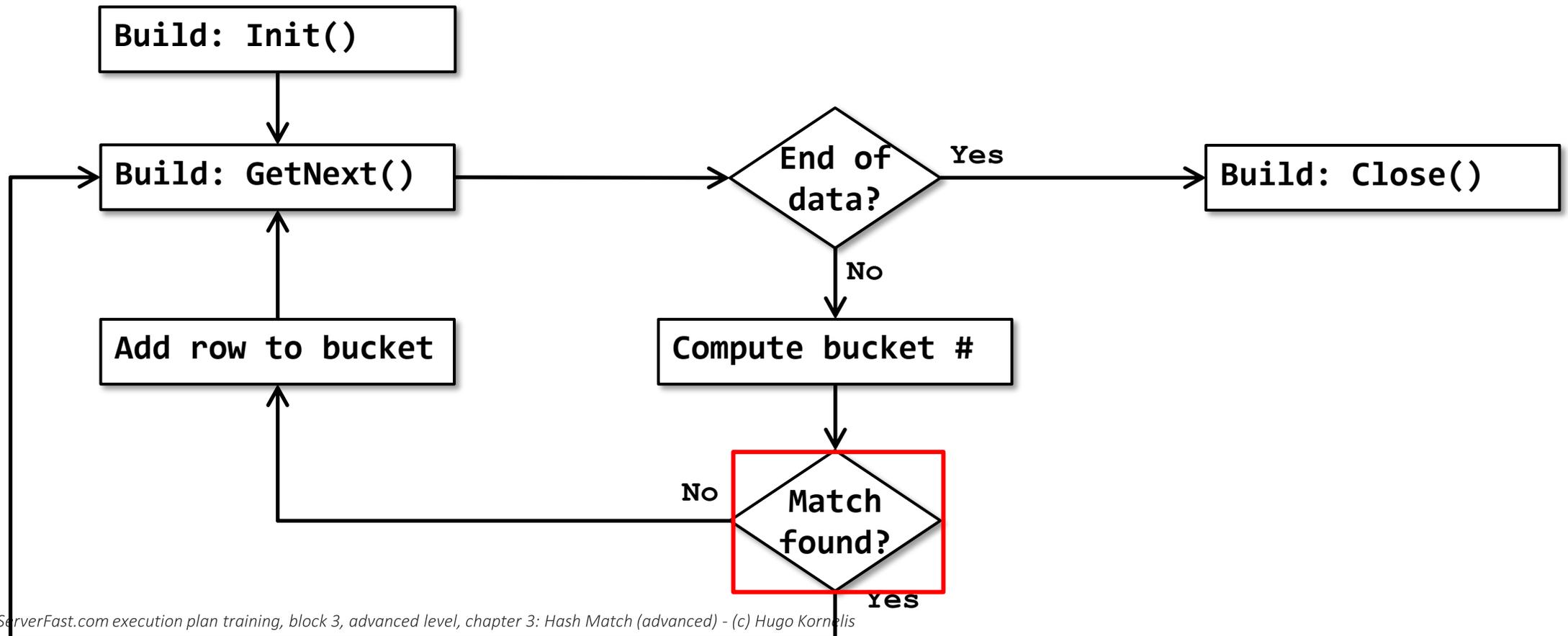
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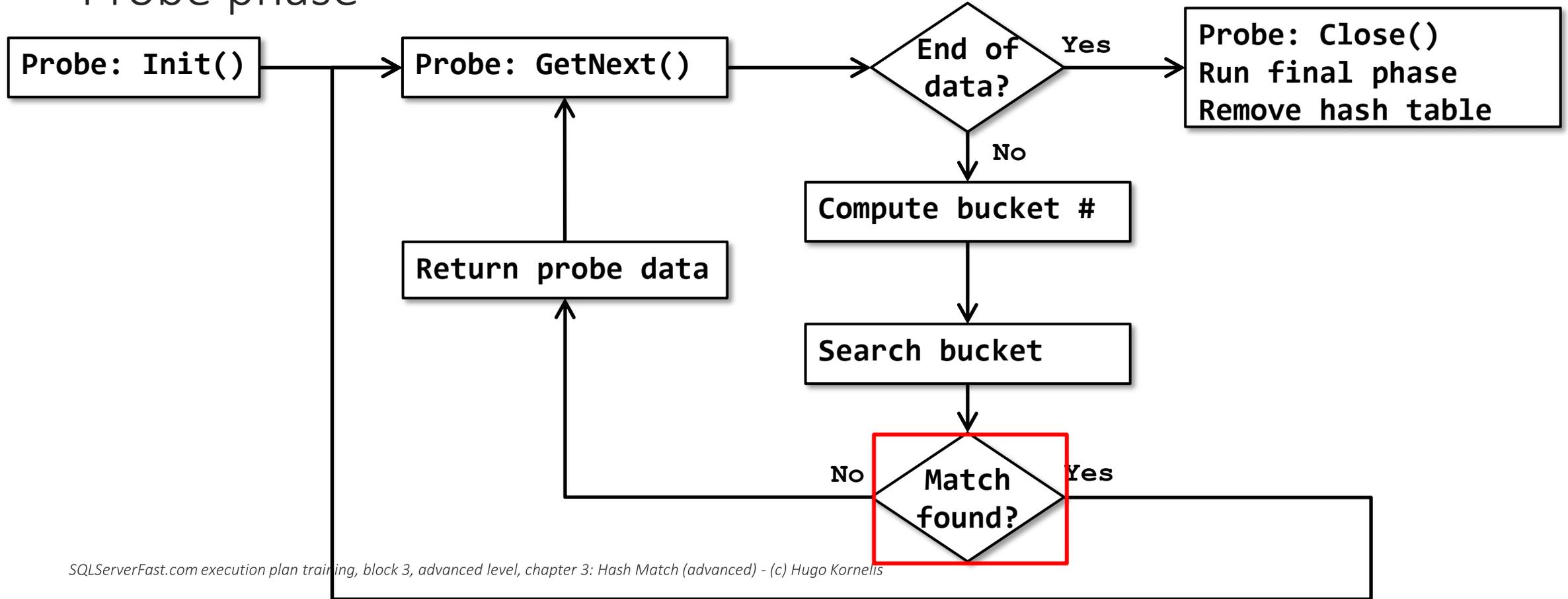
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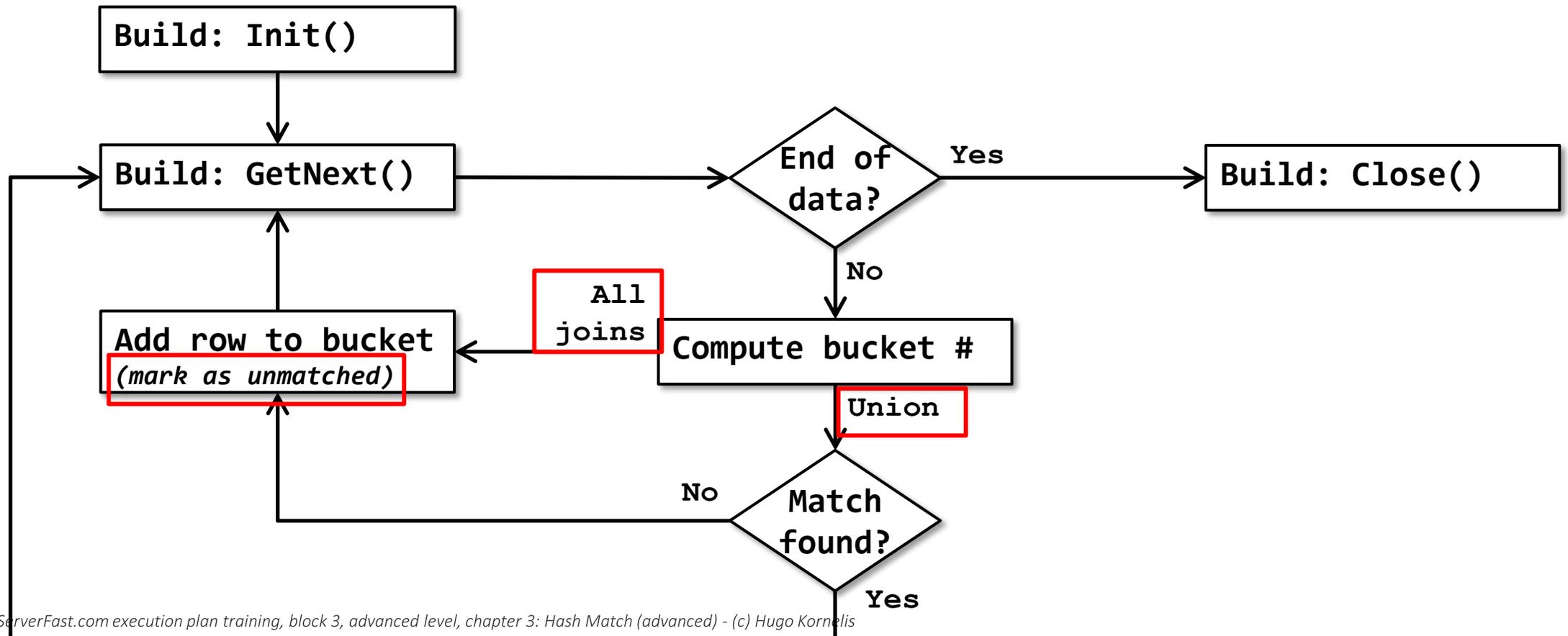
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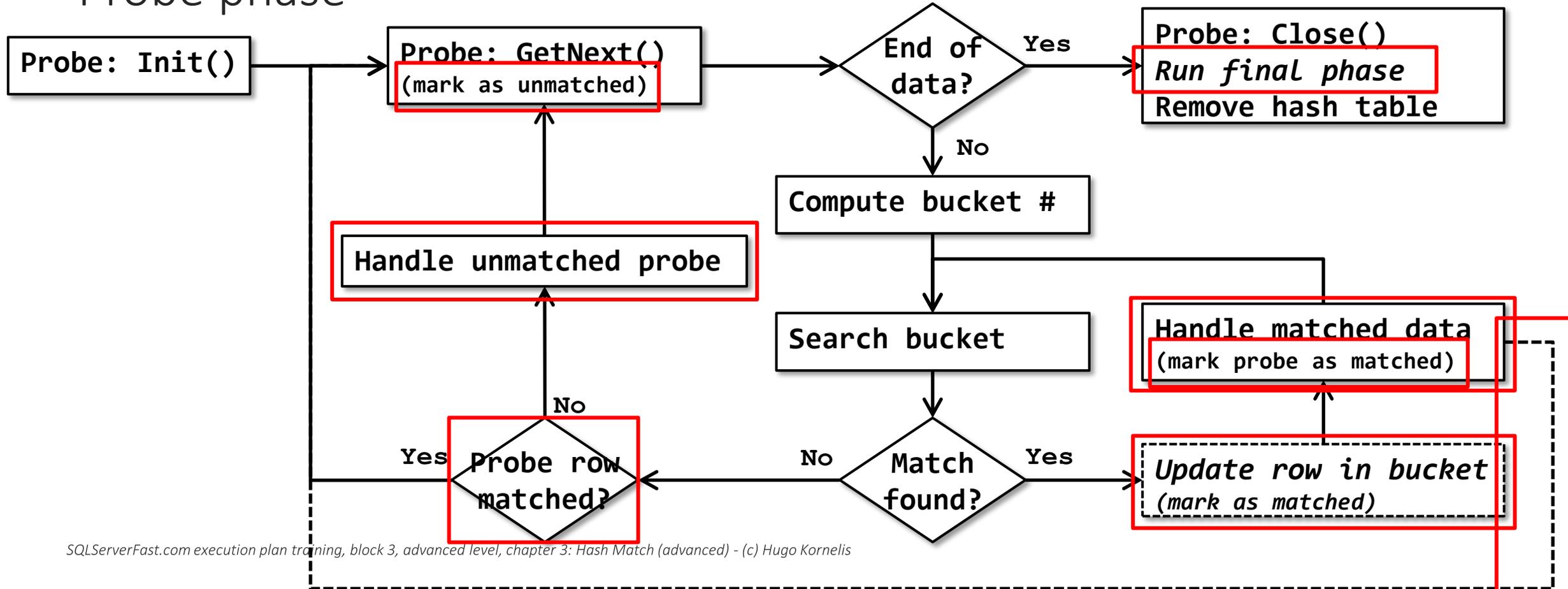
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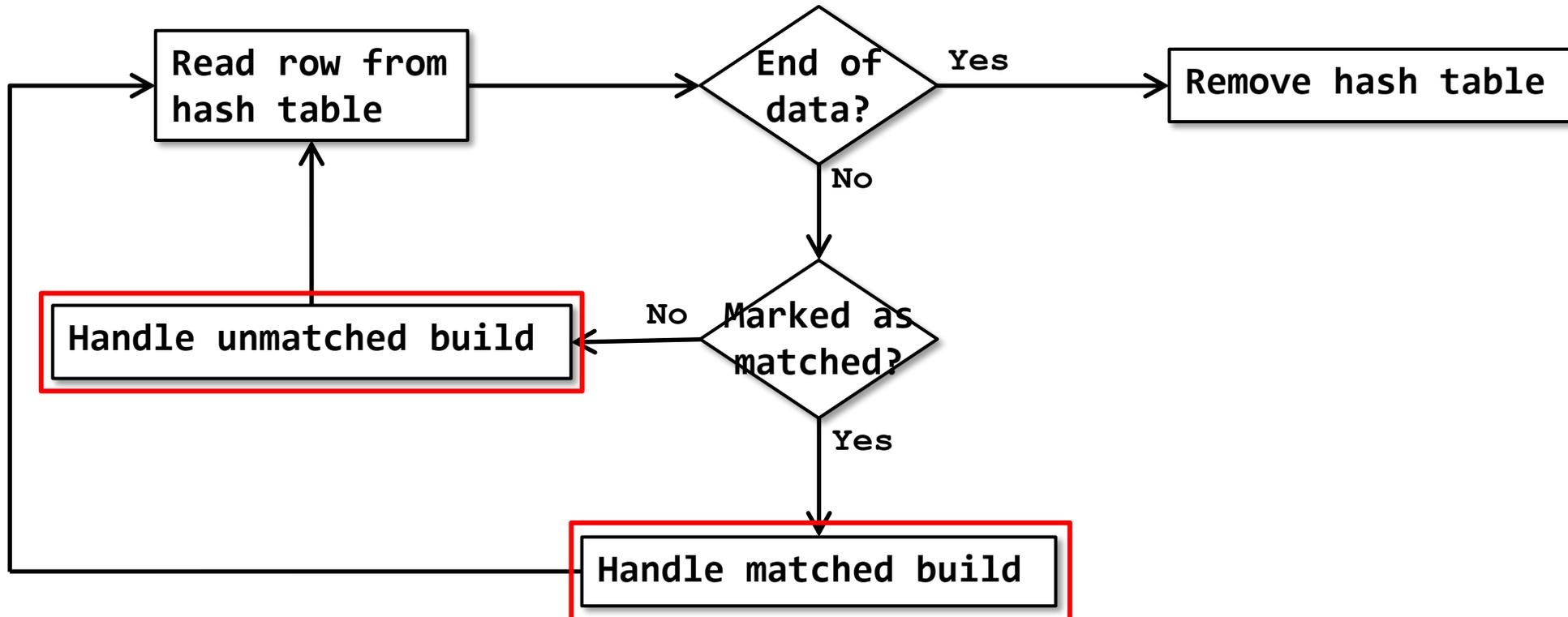
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Final phase



# Hash Match

## Memory

Hash table stored in memory

## Memory Grant

Determined by optimizer

Based on estimates

May be adjusted for later executions by Memory Grant Feedback

Since SQL Server 2017 for batch mode

Since SQL Server 2019 for row mode

No additional memory allocations once query runs

(there are some rare exceptions to this in batch mode plans only)



Hash Match  
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## Hash spill in detail

Can only occur during the build phase

Build row read, but no memory available to store it

Algorithm changes from “in-memory hash join” to “dynamic hash join” or “grace hash join”



Hash Match  
(Inner Join)

# Hash Match

## Hash spill in detail

### Dynamic hash join / grace hash join

Hash table divided into several partitions

Partition number determined by hashing the bucket number

One “active” partition remains in memory

(For grace hash join, zero partitions remain in memory)

All inactive partitions spill to tempdb

Data already in hash table moved to “files” in tempdb

Rest of build phase stores data in memory or in appropriate file

End of build phase: active partition in memory, rest in files



# Hash Match

## Hash spill in detail

### Dynamic hash join / grace hash join

Build phase: Active partition in memory, inactive partitions in tempdb files

Probe phase:

- Rows in active partition can be regularly processed

- Rows in inactive partitions stored in yet more tempdb files

- This finds matches and non-matches for active partition only

  - Execute final phase (if needed) to complete final results for active partition

- No results at all for inactive partitions

  - But build and probe data for these partitions is now in separate files in tempdb



# Hash Match

## Hash spill in detail

### Dynamic hash join / grace hash join

Build phase: Active partition in memory, inactive partitions in tempdb files

Probe phase: Results for active partition, inactive partitions in tempdb files

### Process inactive partitions

- Make active

- Read build file, store data in hash table

- Read probe file, handle matches and non-matches as they are found

- Execute final phase (if needed)

Repeat for each inactive partition



# Hash Match

## Hash spill in detail

### Dynamic hash join / grace hash join

Multiple iterations of build, probe, and final phase

#### First iteration

Reads build input, stores in memory or in tempdb

Reads probe input, produces partial results or stores in tempdb

#### Later iterations

Reads build data from tempdb, stores in memory

Reads probe data from tempdb, produces partial results



# Hash Match

## Hash spill in detail

Dynamic hash join / grace hash join

Recursive hash join

Initial partitions too large

Partitions are split into new, smaller partitions



Hash Match  
(Inner Join)

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Recursive hash join

Bail-out

When recursive hash join fails

Merge Join or Nested Loops for only those partition(s)

Input from files in tempdb



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(Inner Join)

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Bail-out

Bit-vector filtering

Probe rows that match empty bucket are handled immediately

This reduces size of probe files for inactive partitions



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Dynamic role reversal

Partitions that start inactive

Reverse build and probe if probe file has less rows



Hash Match  
(Inner Join)

# Hash Match

## Hash spill

- Data split into multiple partitions

- Data for partitions written to tempdb

- Partitions processed one by one

## Output

- Start with first partition

  - (may be mixed with some unmatched probe rows)

- Then second partition, etc

- Effectively (semi) random



# Hash Match

Multiple Hash Match operators in a single execution plan

Reusing memory

Hash teams

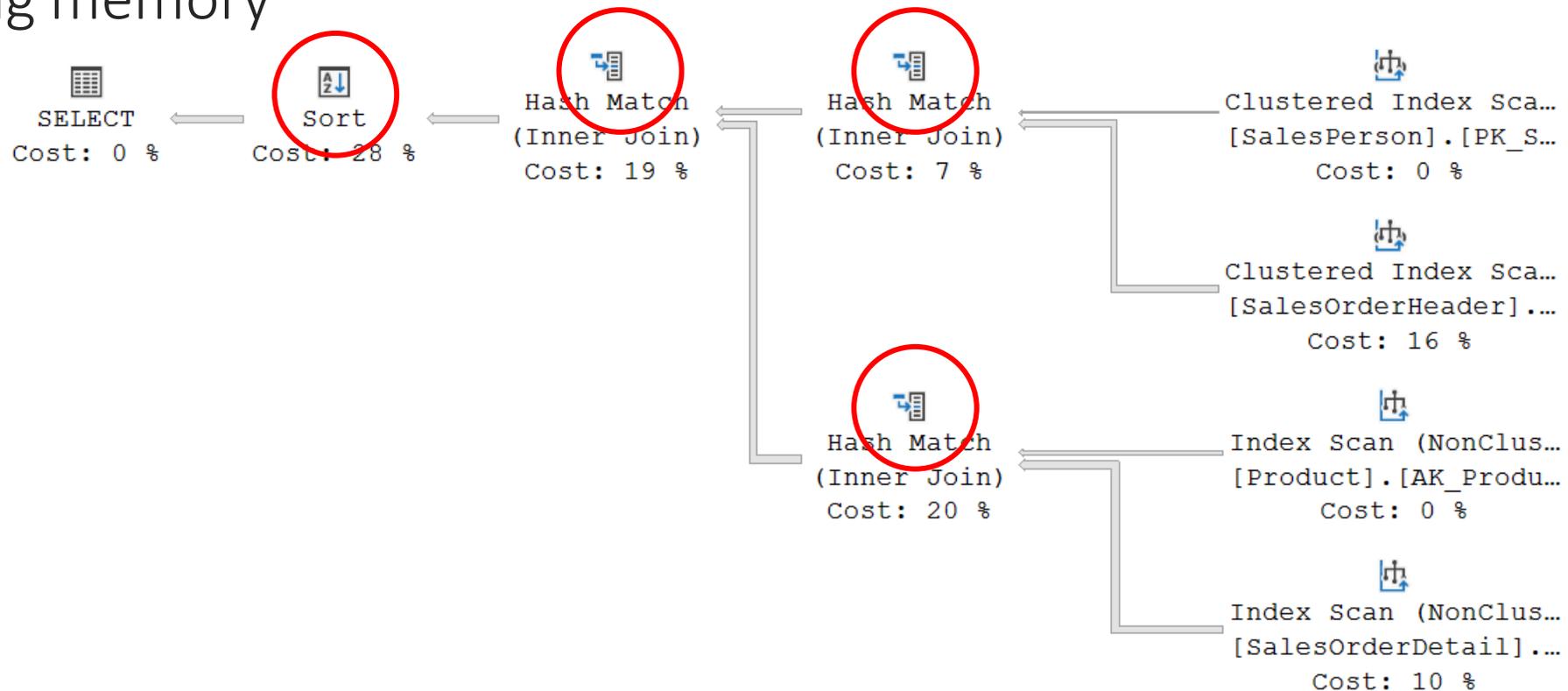


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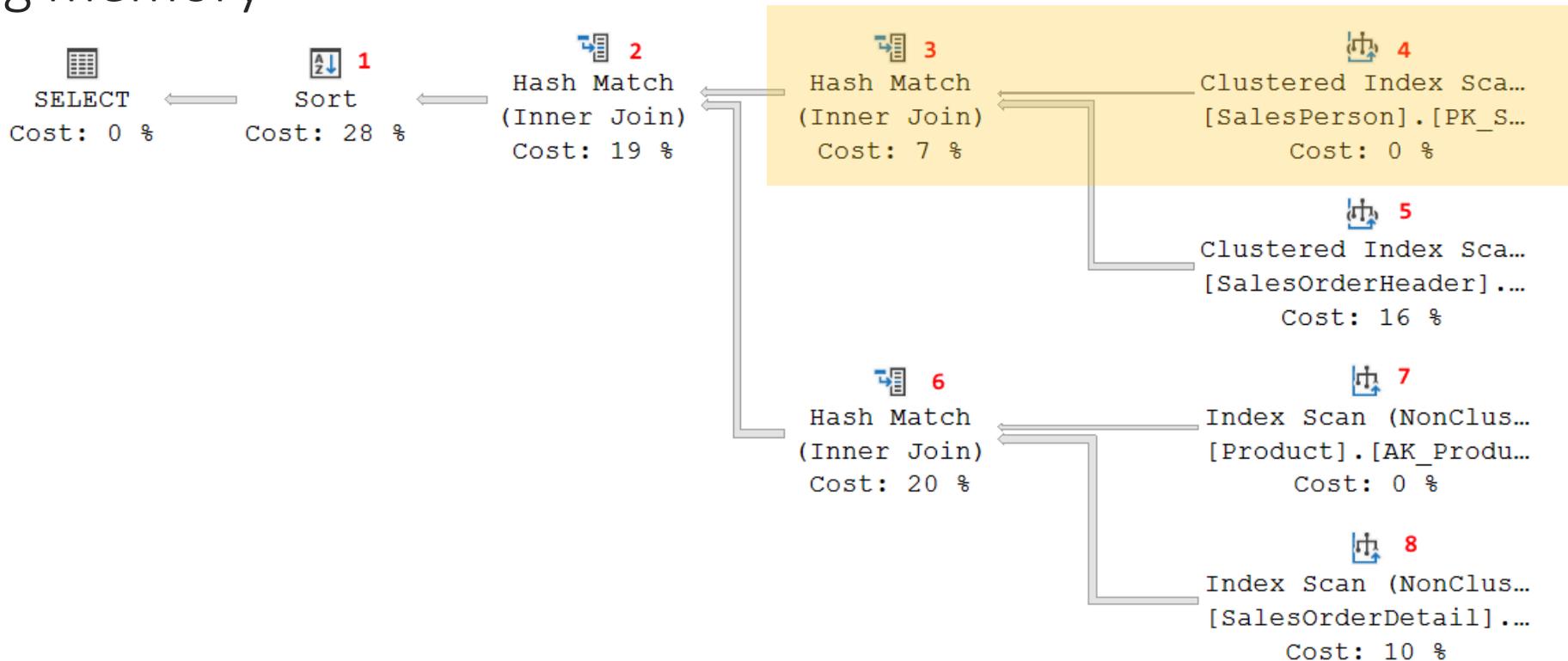
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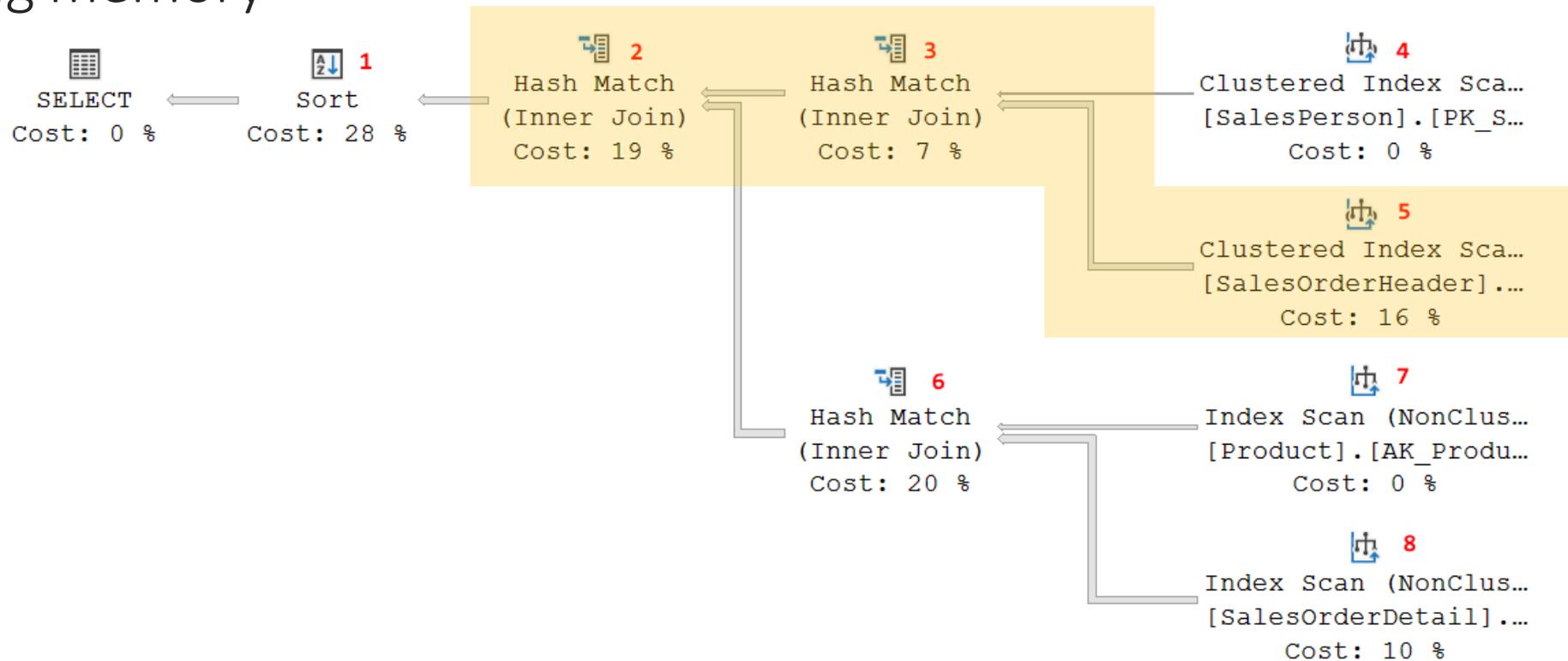
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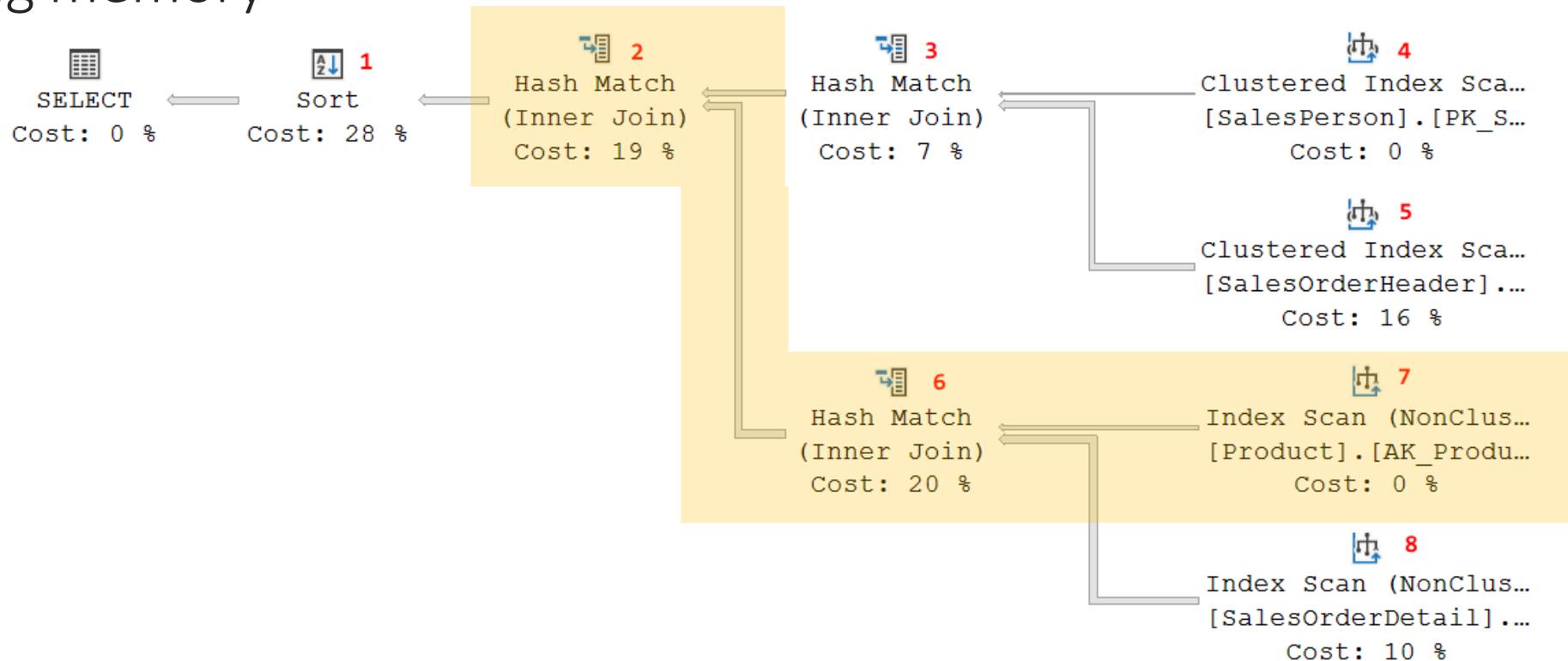
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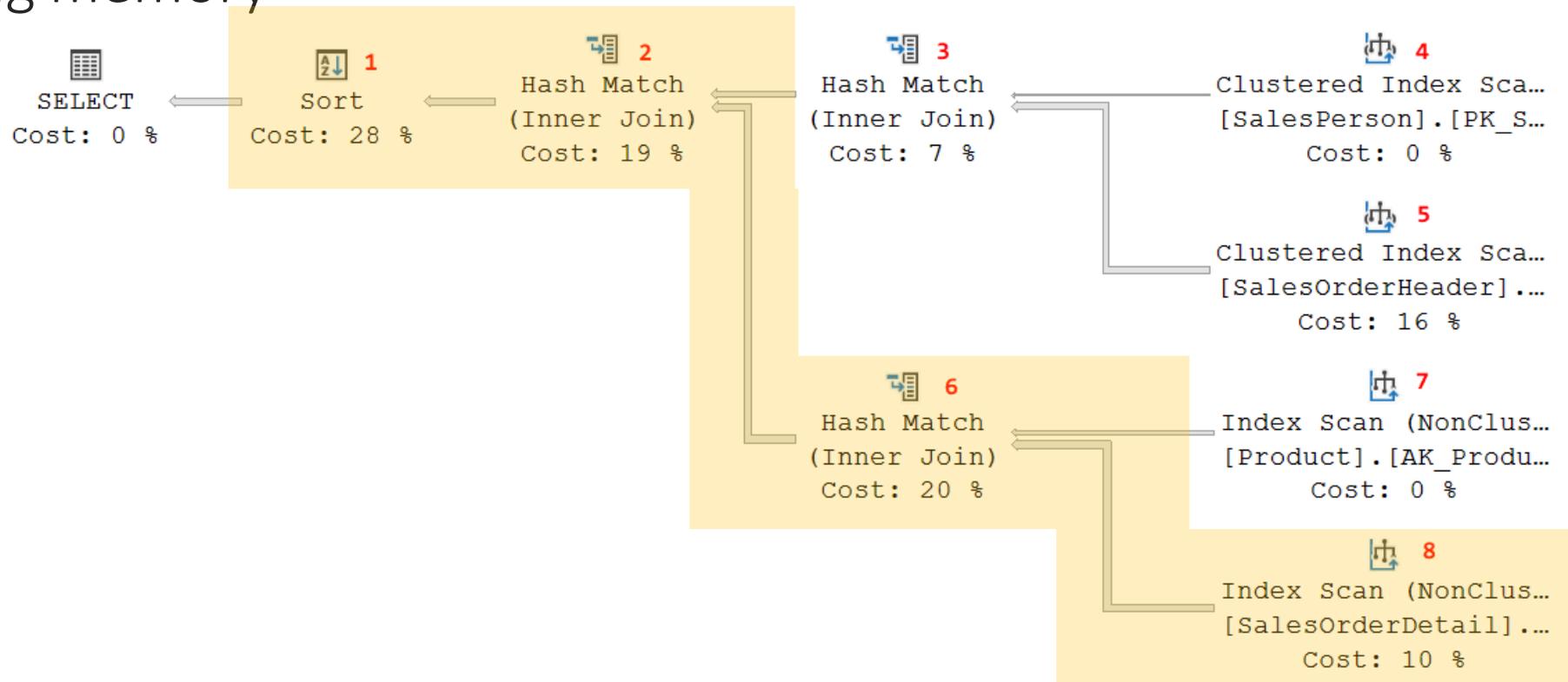
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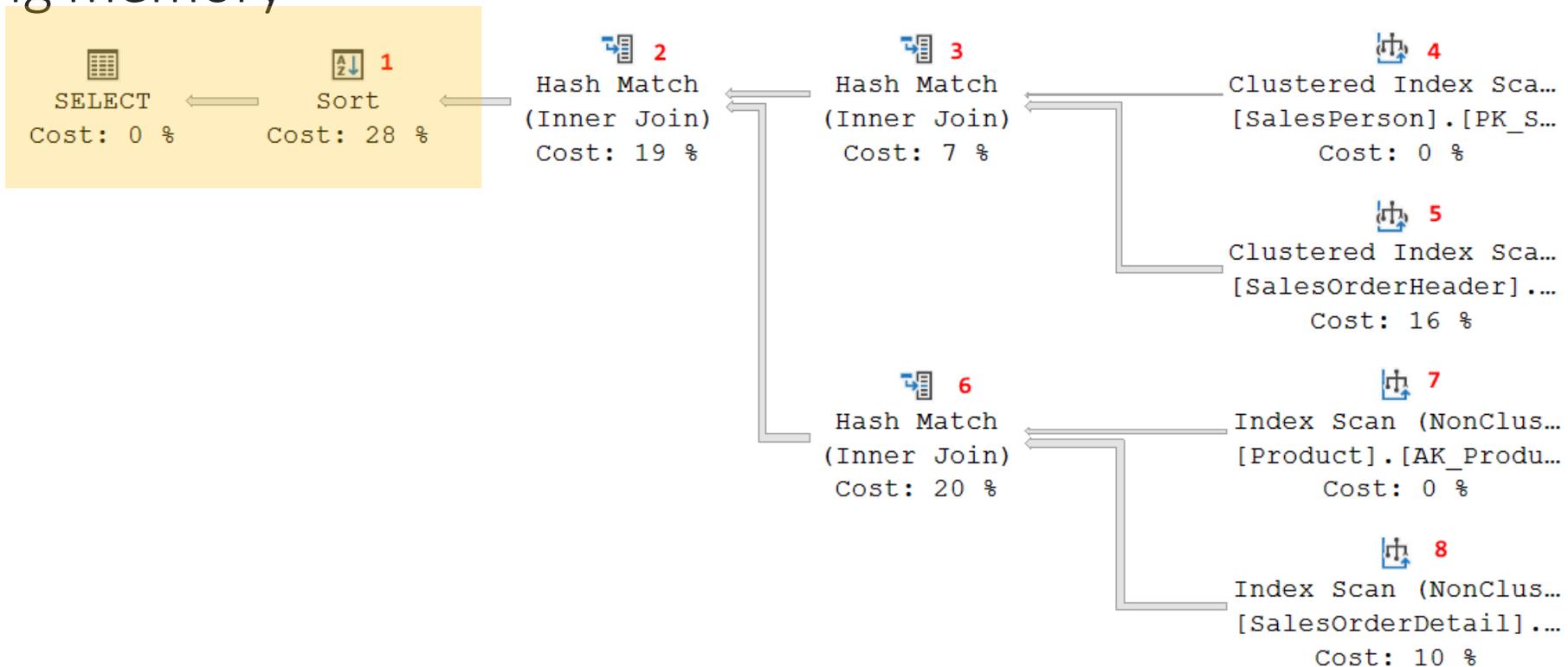
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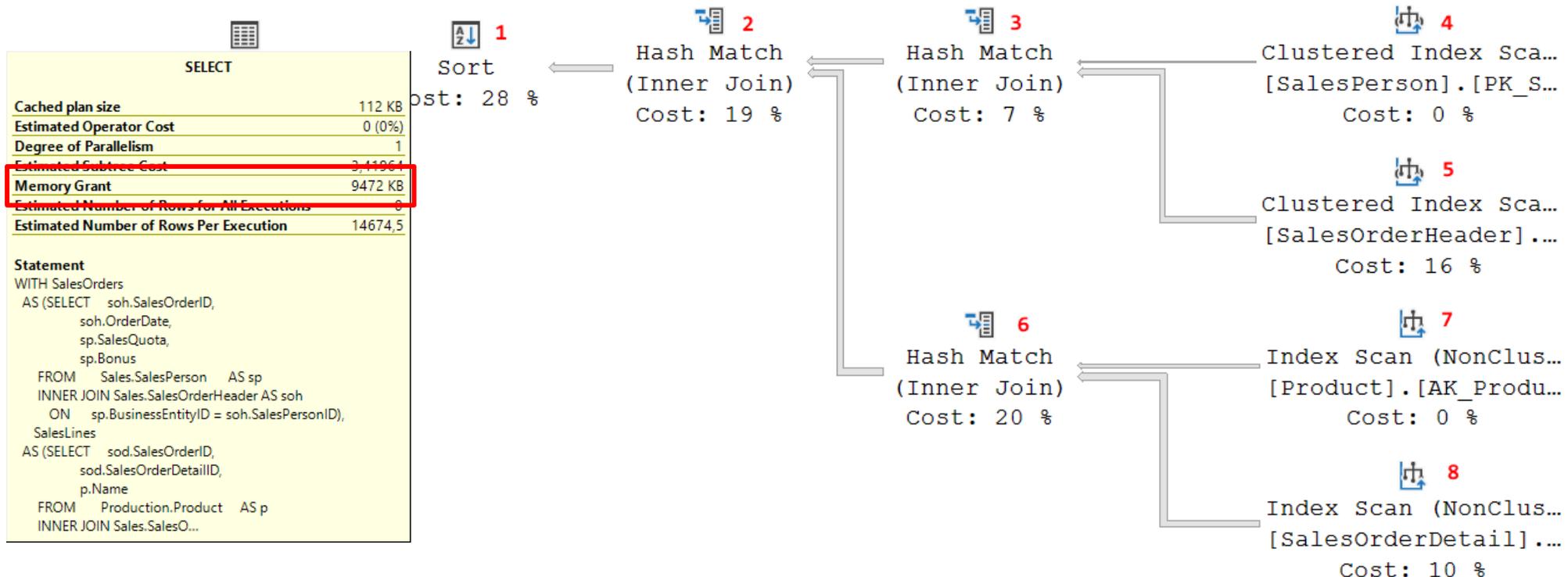
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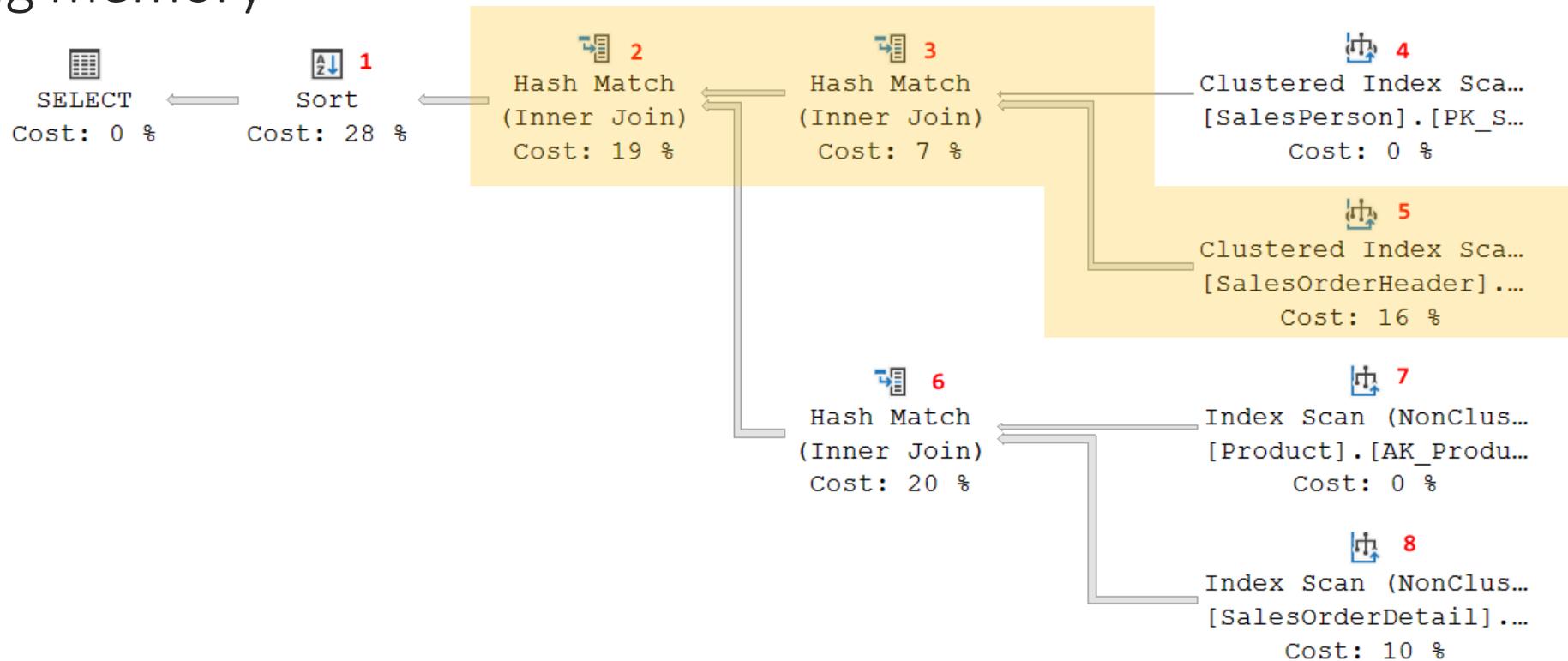
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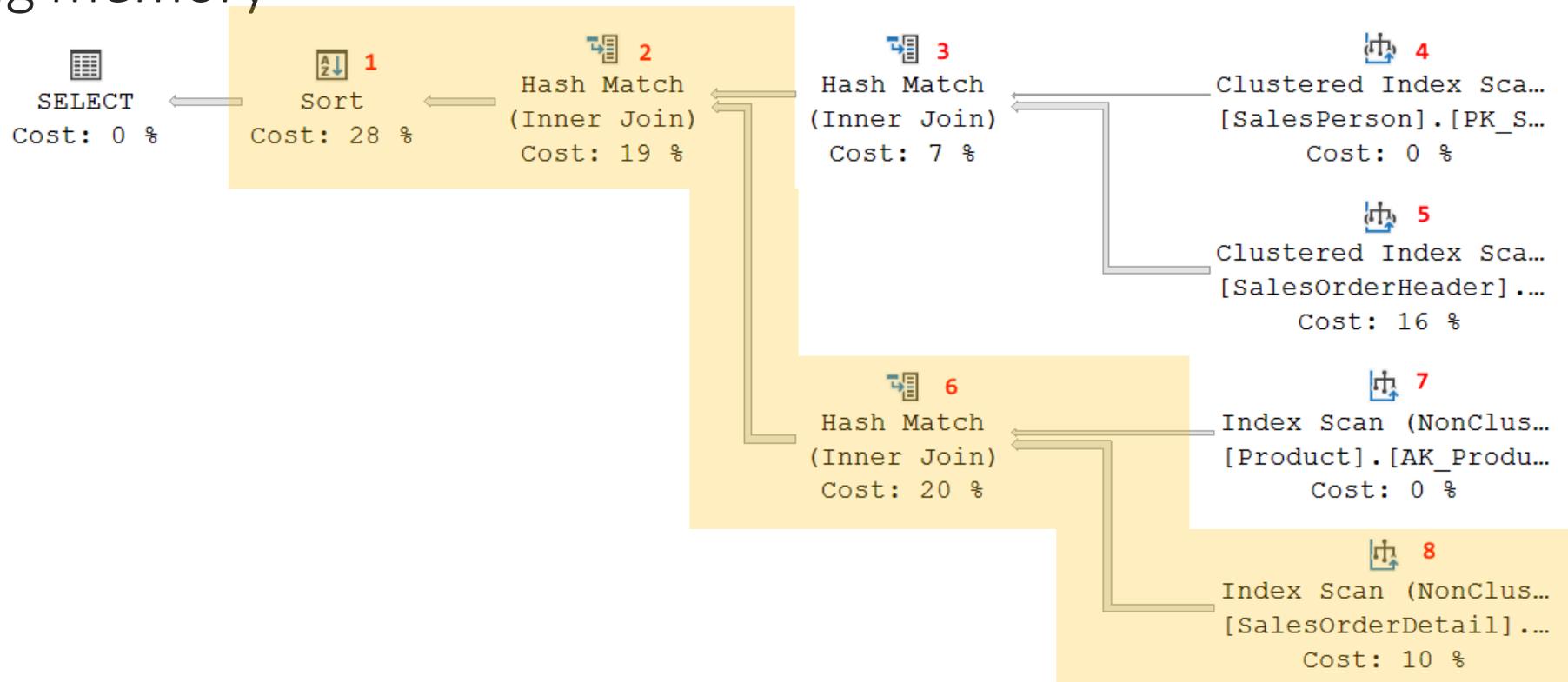
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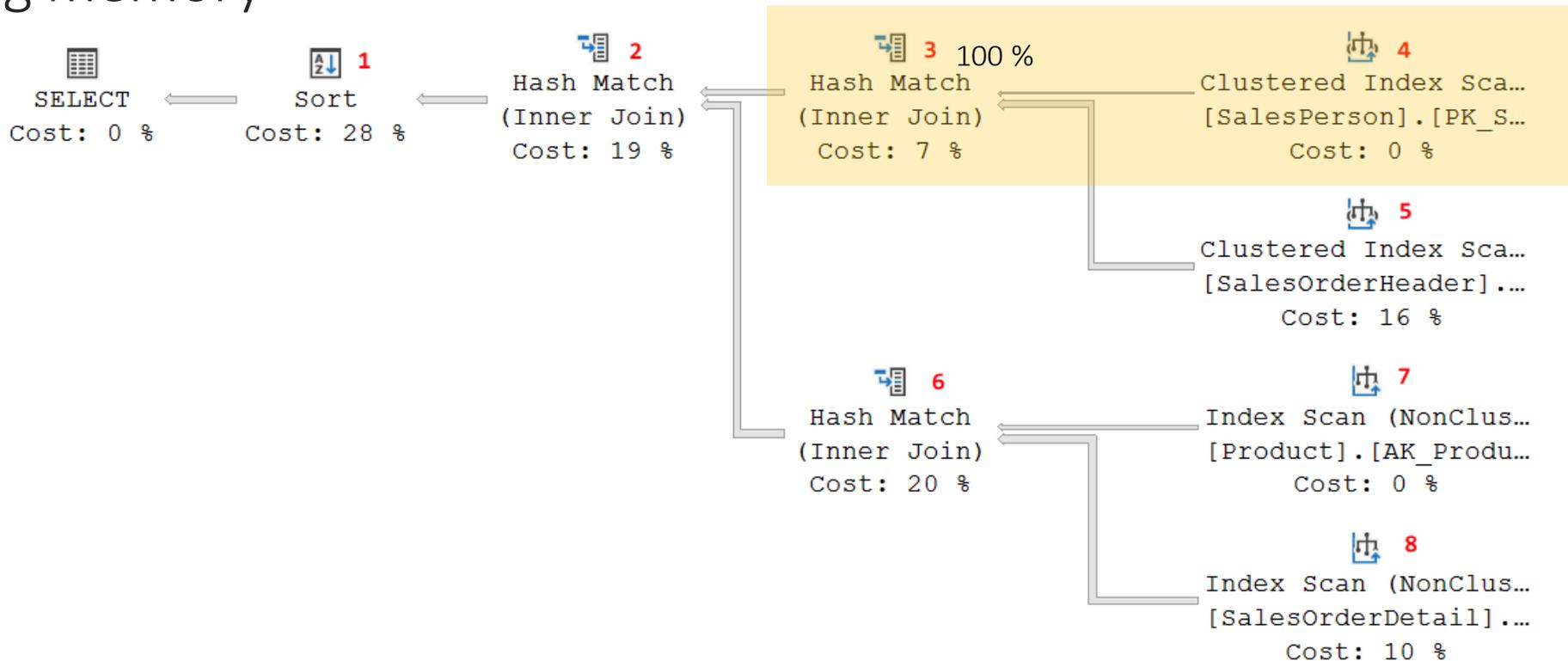
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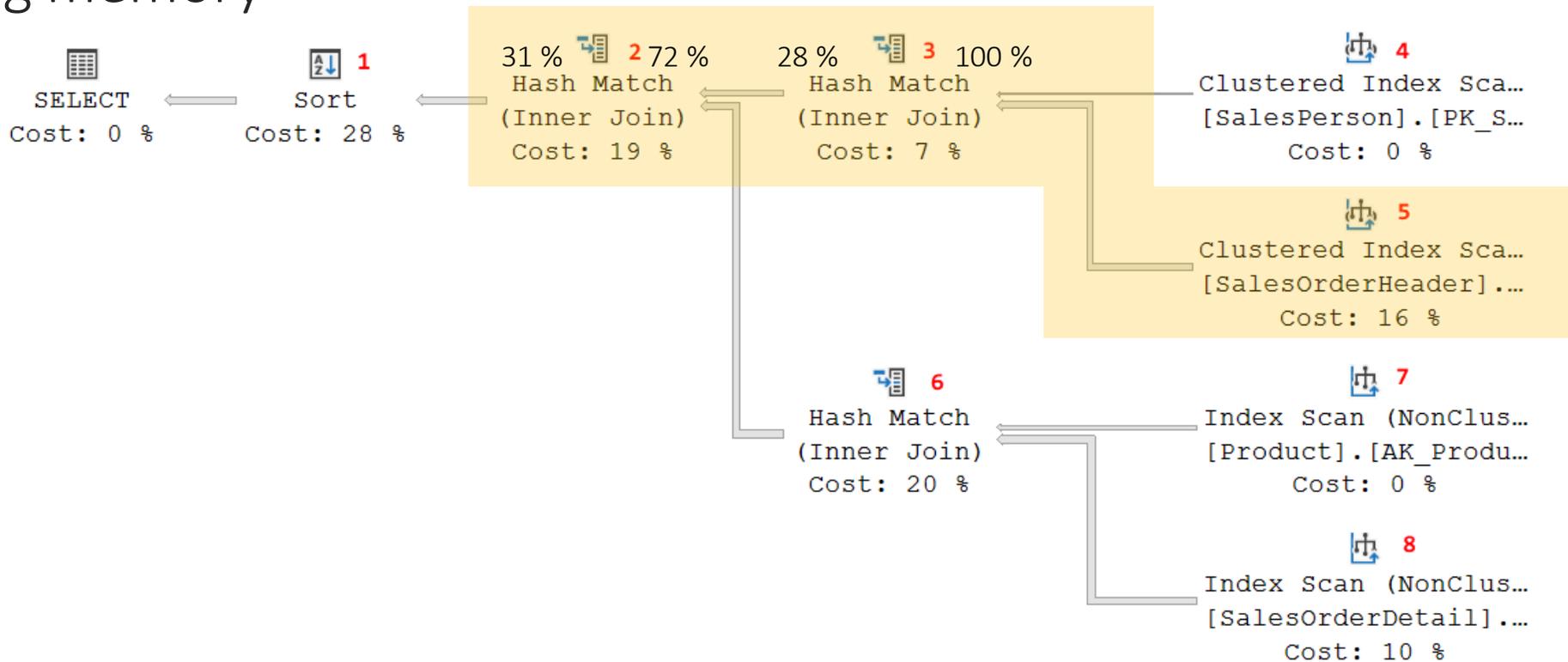
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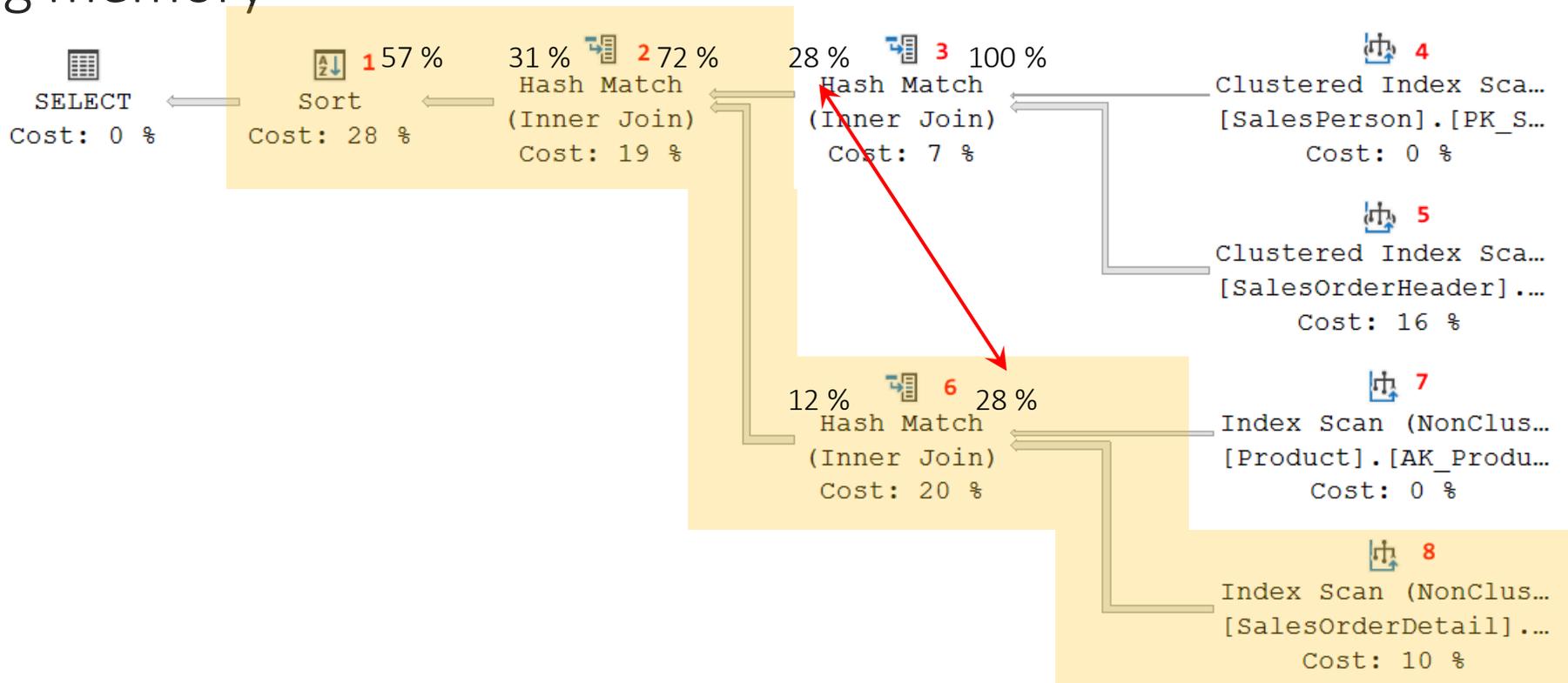
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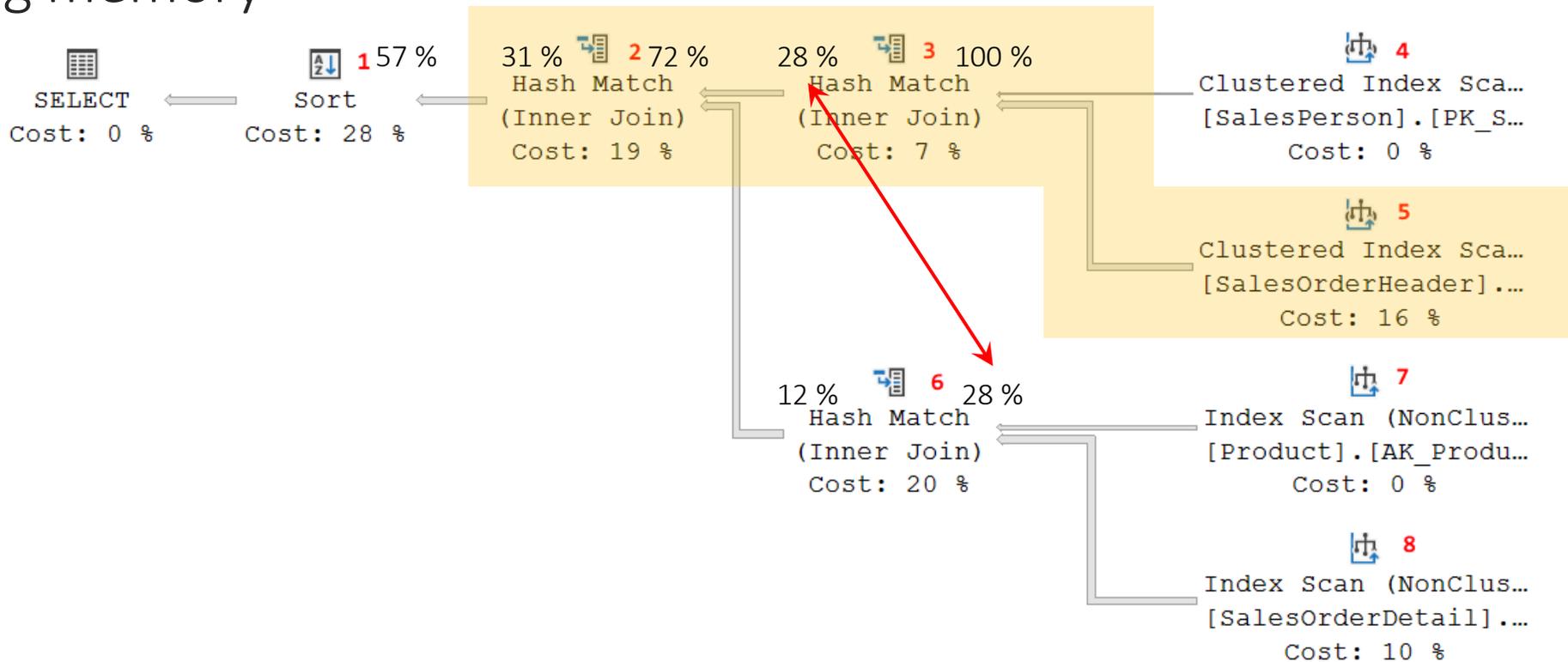
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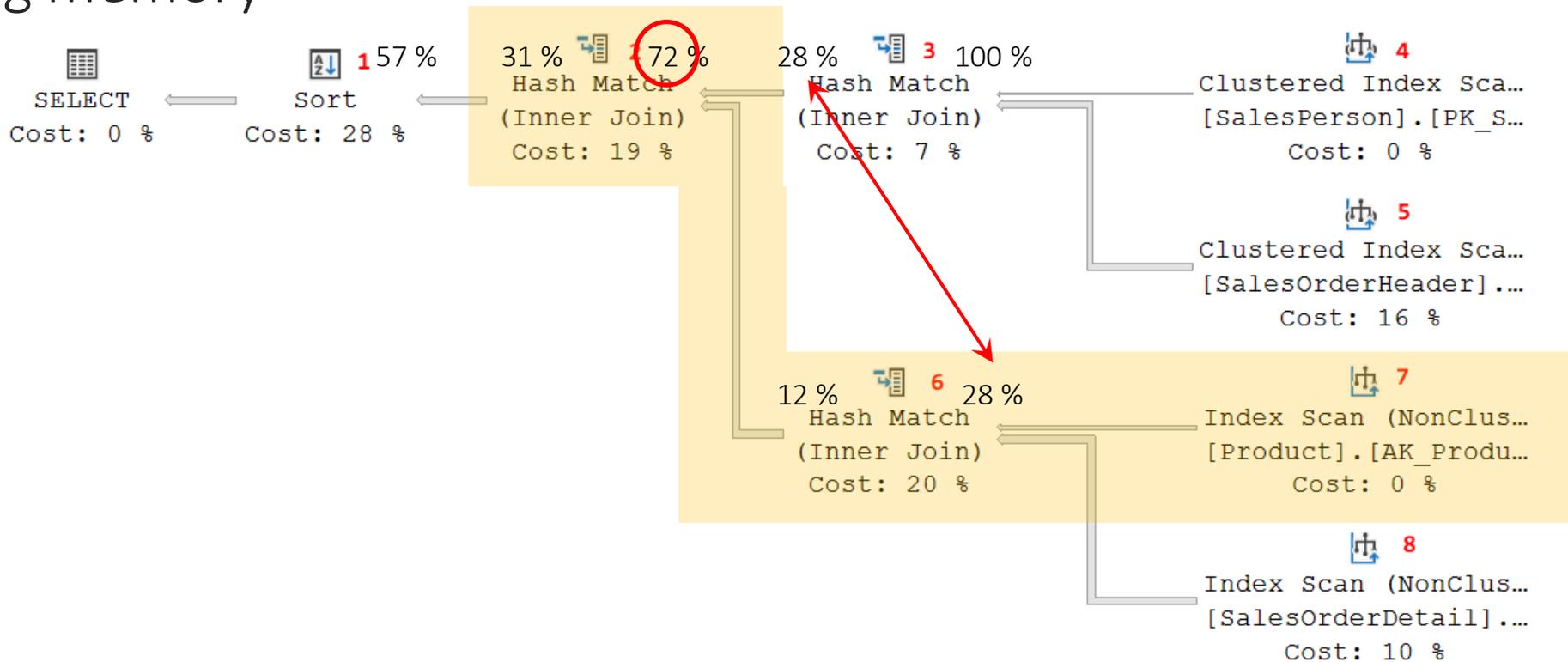
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Memory Fractions Input

Memory Fractions Output

# Hash Match

Multiple *memory using* operators in a single execution plan

- Reusing memory

- Hash teams

  - Directly adjacent Hash match operators

  - Using the same hash keys

  - Team manager

    - Mapping of values to buckets

    - Mapping of buckets to partitions

    - Memory management

    - Decisions to spill

      - Entire team spills at once

# Summary

## Hash Match (advanced)

- Logic for all supported join types

- Hash spills

  - Effect on order

- Memory fractions

- Hash teams

# Next chapters

## Chapter 4: Adaptive Join (advanced)

- Logic for all supported join types

- Spills

- Considerations for choosing Adaptive Join