

Agenda Item: 5
Source: NTT DoCoMo
Title: **Report on RLC SDL e-mail discussion**
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In starting the discussion, DoCoMo proposed to use new SDL that includes all of the toolbox functions in stead of the SDL of Tdoc-99629. Since there was no objection to using it, this e-mail discussion was carried out using the SDL. And there were two comments from Anite Telecoms.

- 1) It was pointed out that all of the definitions of vt_XXX and vr_XXX should define them as referring to not sequences of PDUs but sequences of PUs since they are defined as referring to sequences of PUs in TS25.322 (V1.1.1).
-> The definition of vt_s, vt_a, vt_dat, vt_ms, vr_r, vr_h, and vr_mr were corrected.
- 2) It was suggested that "transmission_queue" is changed to "transmitted_queue" as a more meaningful name as the original name almost implies that the data is still to be sent.
-> It was agreed to change the name.

Since sufficient discussion was not carried out this time, it is necessary to continue e-mail discussion to make the SDL better. Current SDL is shown below.



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am_pdu, tmp, pdu                                AmPdu,
/*A representation of data contained within a AmPdu.*/

stat_pdu, rx_stat_pdu                          StatPdu,
/*A representation of data contained within a StatPdu.*/

pdus, rem_pdus                                AmPduArrayType,
/*The initially segmented sdu.*/

receiver_queue                                Queue,
/*A queue used for storing PDUs as they arrive.*/

retransmission_queue                          Queue,
/*A queue used for PDUs that are to be retransmitted.*/

assembly_queue                                Queue,
/*A queue used for reassembly of received PDUs into an SDU.*/

transmitted_queue                             Queue,
/*A queue used for PDUs that have been transmitted.*/

am_queue                                       Queue,
/*A queue used for PDUs to be transmitted.*/

stat_queue                                    Queue,
/* Queues used for PDUs associated with STATUS Pdus to be transmitted.*/

prohibit , rx_prohibit, epc_active            IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used to determine whether the timer_PROHIBIT
is running or not.*/

empty, no_tx, no_retx                          IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used to determine whether a queue is empty or not.*/

exists                                         IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used to determine whether a particular pdu exists
within a queue or not.*/

poll_triggers                                 PollTriggArrType,
/*a configuration parameter dealing with when to issue poll requests.*/

status_triggers                               StatusTriggArrType,
/*A configuraion parameter dealing with when to issue Status reports.*/

rx_period                                     DURATION,
/*The duration of a periodic Statut report generation timer.*/

rx_prohibdur, epc_dur                         DURATION,
/*The duration of a prohibit retransmission of status report timer.*/

discard                                       DiscardArrayType,
/*A configuration parameter identifying discard conditions.*/

complete, cnf                                 IndicatorType;
/*An indicator used to determine whether an SDU has been
completely reassembled or whether an SDU requires confirmation.*/

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period                                DURATION,
/*The duration of a periodic Polling generation timer.*/

retransmission                        IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used to determine whether the received PDU is a retransmission.*/

logical_channel                       LogicalChannelType,
/*The logical channel associated with transmissions.*/

i                                     INTEGER,
/*A local counter.*/

mui                                   MuiType,
/*The message uit identifier associated with a message to be transmitted.*/

muis                                  MuiArrayType,
/*An array used to store message unit identifiers.*/

no_sdu, no_pu, xpu, xsdu, tx_win, rx_win, no_of_pu_per_tti,
rx_pu, rx_sdu, muis_tot, tot, k, no_of_sq, tot_rem, l, no_s      PduIndexType,
/*Counters used to manage the amount of PUs and SDUs received.*/

percent, rx_percent                   REAL,
/*Percentages of the transmit and receive window.*/

sdu                                   OctetType,
/*The sdu data from the higher protocol layer.*/

sdus                                  OctetArrayType,
/*A set of octets.*/

seq, n, np, sn_ack, sq, sn           SequenceNumberType,
/*A local sequence number.*/

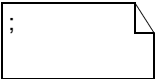
vt_s                                  SequenceNumberType,
/*Send state variable: The sequence number of the next PU to be transmitted for the first time.
It is incremented after transmission of a PU for the first time (i.e. excluding retransmissions).*/

vt_a                                  SequenceNumberType,
/*Acknowledge state variable: The sequence number of the next in-sequence PU expected to
be acknowledged, thus forming the lower edge of the window of acceptable acknowledgements.
The variable vt_a is updated upon acknowledgement of in-sequence PUs.*/

vt_dat                                SequenceNumberType,
/*This variable is used to count the retransmission number of each PU. It is incremented by a
PU transmission.*/

vt_ms                                 SequenceNumberType;
/*Maximum send state variable: This is the sequence number of the first PU not allowed by the
receiver. It thus represents the upper edge of the transmit window. If vt_s is equal to vt_ms, now
new PU should be transmitted. The variable is updated based on receipt of STATUS PDU.*/

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vr_r                               SequenceNumberType,
/*Receive state variable: The sequence number of the next in sequence PU expected to be received.
  It is incremented upon receipt of the next in-sequence PU.*/

vr_h                               SequenceNumberType,
/*Highest expected state variable: The sequence number of the next highest expected PU. The variable
  is updated whenever a new PU is received.*/

vr_mr                              SequenceNumberType,
/*Maximum acceptable receive state variable: The sequence number of the first PU not allowed by the
  receiver, thus the receiver shall discard PUs with an n_s=vr_mr. Updating of vr_mr is implementation
  dependent but should not be set to a value less than vr_h.*/

rx_sufi_tot                        PduIndexType,
/*Local variable for maintaining knowledge of the number of super fields.*/

tx_sufi                            SufiStructType,
/*The contents of one superfield.*/

rx_sufis, sufis, tx_sufis          SufiArrayStructType,
/*The set of superfields associated with a status report.*/

flip, possible, status, rx_flip, polling_answer          IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used in or to determine whether the highest sequence number value has been passed or not.
  The second is used to indicate whether status piggyback is possible or not.*/

retransmissions_requested          IndicatorType,
/*An indicator used to keep track whether a generated status report contains retransmission requests or not.*/

status_timer_active, start_am      IndicatorType,
/*This indicator keeps track of whether the timer_STATUS timer is running or not.*/

per                                REAL,
/*Local storage of a percentage value.*/

rx_ongoing, tx_ongoing             IndicatorType,
/*These indicators are used to maintain information about whether something is in the process of being
  transmitted or received.*/

bitmap                             IndicatorArrayType,
/*This array of boolean values indicates losses experienced by the receiver.*/

vr_ep                              SequenceNumberType;
/*Estimated PDU counter state variable: The number of PUs that should have been received after the latest
  STATUS PDU was sent. In acknowledged mode, this state variable is updated at the end of each transmission
  time interval. If vr_ep is equal to the number of requested PUs in the latest STATUS PDU it should be checked
  if all PUs requested for retransmission have been received.*/

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**TIMER**

timer_AM,

/*This timer is used to sequence transmissions.*/

timer_EPC,

/*This timer accounts for the round trip delay, i.e. the time when the first retransmitted PU should have been received after a status report has been sent. The value of timer is heavily based on the transmission time interval (layer 1 interleaving depth). When changing the transmission time interval, the value of the EPC timer also needs to be changed.*/

timer_STATUS,

/*This timer is used to detect the loss of response from the receiver side. The timer is set when a transmitted AmPdu requests a status report and it will be stopped when the transmitter receives acknowledgement of the pdu within StatPdu (positive) or UstatPdu (negative). When the timer expires, the pdus of the oldest unconfirmed pdus should be retransmitted together with a status report request and the timer set again. If polling takes place when this timer is active, it should be reset and then set again.*/

timer_DISCARD(MuiType),

/*This timer is used for the SDU discard function. In the transmitter, the timer is activated upon reception of an SDU from a higher layer. If the SDU has not been acknowledged when the timer expires, the SDU is discarded and a move receiving window request is sent to the receiver. If the SDU discard function does not use the move receiving window request, the timer is also used in the receiver, where it is activated once a PDU is detected as outstanding, i.e. there is a gap between sequence numbers of received PDUs.*/

timer_PERIOD,

/*A timer used for the periodic creation of polls.*/

timer_RXPERIOD,

/*A timer used for the periodic creation of status reports.*/

timer_RXPROHIBIT,

/*A timer used on the receive side to limit STATUS transmissions.*/

timer_PROHIBIT;

/*It is used to prohibit transmission of polling messages within a certain period. If polling takes place while the timer is active, it will be reset and then set again. No action other than indicating that the timer is not active is needed when it expires.*/

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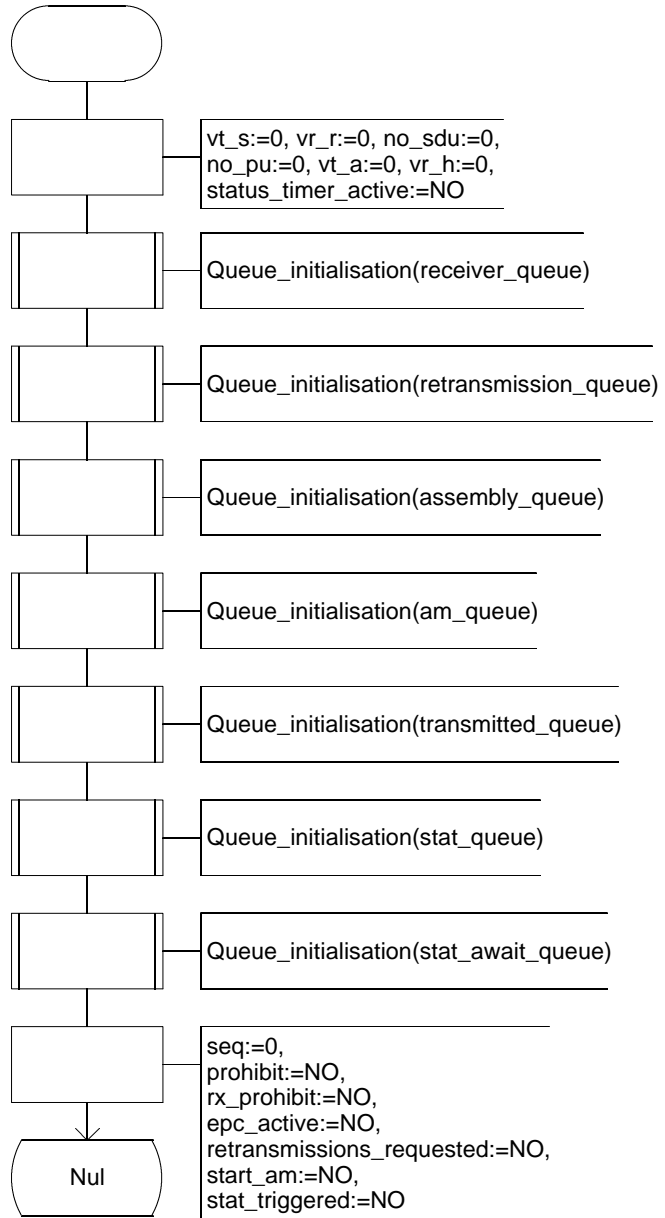
Sdu_am_segmentation	This procedure manages segmentation and concatenation of sdus. It applies polling in accordance with the toolset functions applied by the higher layer protocols.
Virtual Transmit_am_pdu	This procedure manages transmission of RLC PDUs across the proper SAP.
Check_if_queue_empty	This procedure checks if there are any PDUs remaining in the queue given as parameter to the procedure.
Remove_from_queue	This procedure removes the first PDU in the queue given as parameter to the procedure.
Place_in_queue	This procedure places the indicated pdu within the queue given as parameter to the procedure
Update_sequence_number	This procedure increments the sequence number properly based on the maximum allowed.
Read_pdu	This procedure retrieves a copy of the first entry in the queue indicated as parameter to the procedure.
Remove_identified_from_queue	This procedure removes a pdu with a given sequence number from the queue identified.
Remove_acks_get_muis	This procedure removes all pdus that have been acknowledged from the indicated queue and stores the muis that are removed from the queue in a special array.
Complete_muis	This procedure checks if any of the muis identified still exists within the retransmission queue and updates the list of muis that should be confirmed accordingly.
Remove_list_from_transmitted_queue	This procedure removes a list of pdus indicated by sequence numbers from the transmitted queue.
Remove_bitmap_from_transmitted_queue	This procedure removes a list of pdus in accordance with a bitmap from the transmitted queue.

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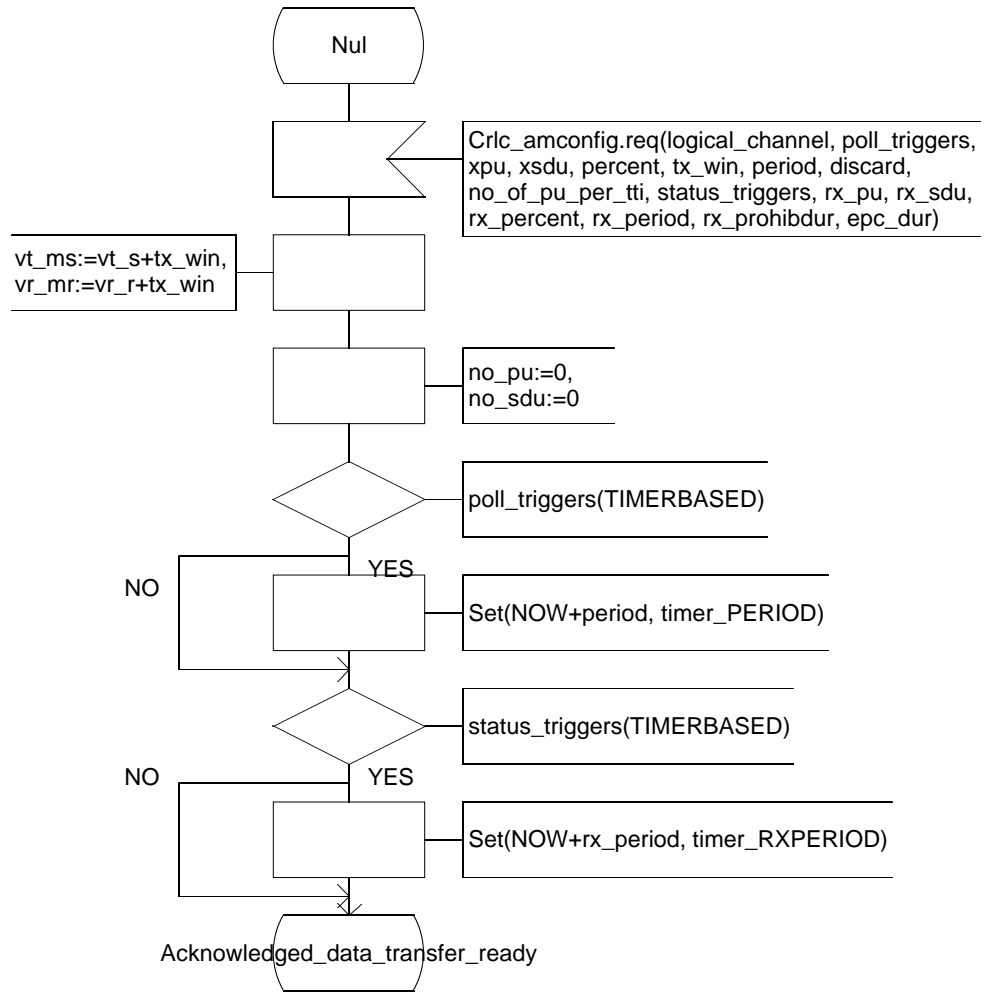
Place_several_in_queue	This procedure places several pdus in the indicated queue.
Update_state_variables	This procedure updates the state variables vt_a and vt_ms after a STATUS PDU has been received and processed.
Place_first_in_queue	This procedure places an AM_PDU with polling=YES first in the retransmission queue after its associated STATUS timer has expired.
Reassemble_am_pdu	This procedure reassembles Rlc pdu contents into Sdu:s as they arrive.
Virtual Transmit_ack	This procedure transmits a reset acknowledgement on the correct logical channel.
Virtual Transmit_reset	This procedure transmits a reset on the correct logical channel.
Virtual Transmit_stat	This procedure transmits status signal on the correct logical channel.
Place_piggyback_in_queue	This procedure places a sufi containing a move receive window piggybacked onto a pdu within a queue.
Exists_in_receiver_queue	This procedure checks if an identified pdu exists within the receiver queue.
Create_status	This procedure creates a status report based on available information.
Check_status_creation	This procedure checks if a status report should be generated.
Place_in_stat_queue	This procedure places a STAT_PDU in a queue waiting for transmission.
Remove_from_stat_queue	This procedure removes a STAT-PDU from the STAT queue.

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Remove_mui_from_queues	This procedure removes all pdus associated with a given mui from the transmitted_queue.
Remove_all_below_from_queues	This procedure removes all pdus below an identified sequence number from all receiver queues.
Set_polling_flag	This procedure causes the polling flag to be set in the first PDU within a defined queue
Count_epc	This procedure counts the received PDUs.
Exists_in_stat_await_queue	This procedure checks whether the STATUS PDU includes ACK or NACK for the AMD PDU which triggered timer_STATUS.
Replace_am_pdu	This procedure places the AMD PDU which triggered timer_STATUS in the STAT_await queue. If other AMD PDU has already been existing in the queue, the old one will be replaced with the new one.



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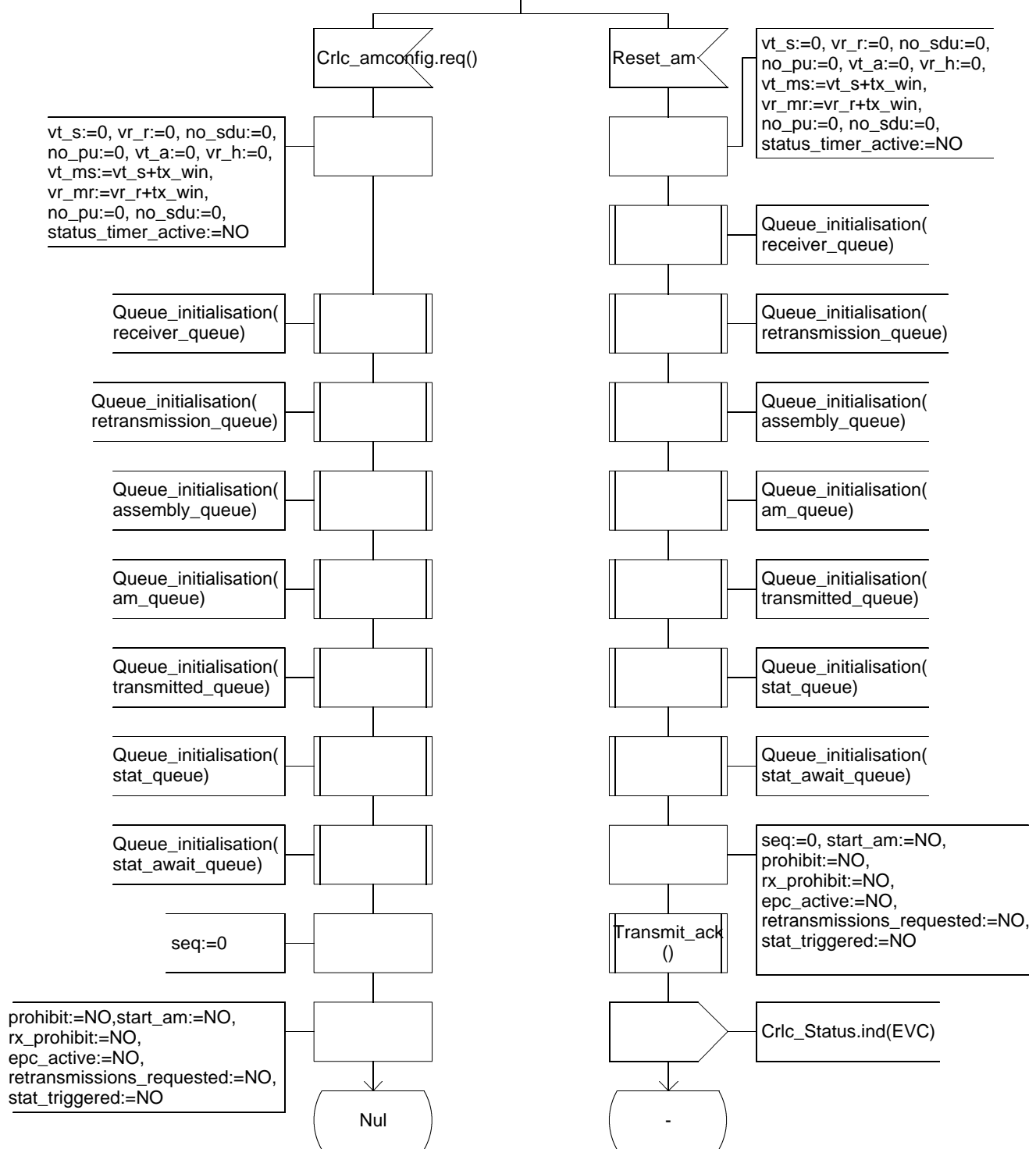


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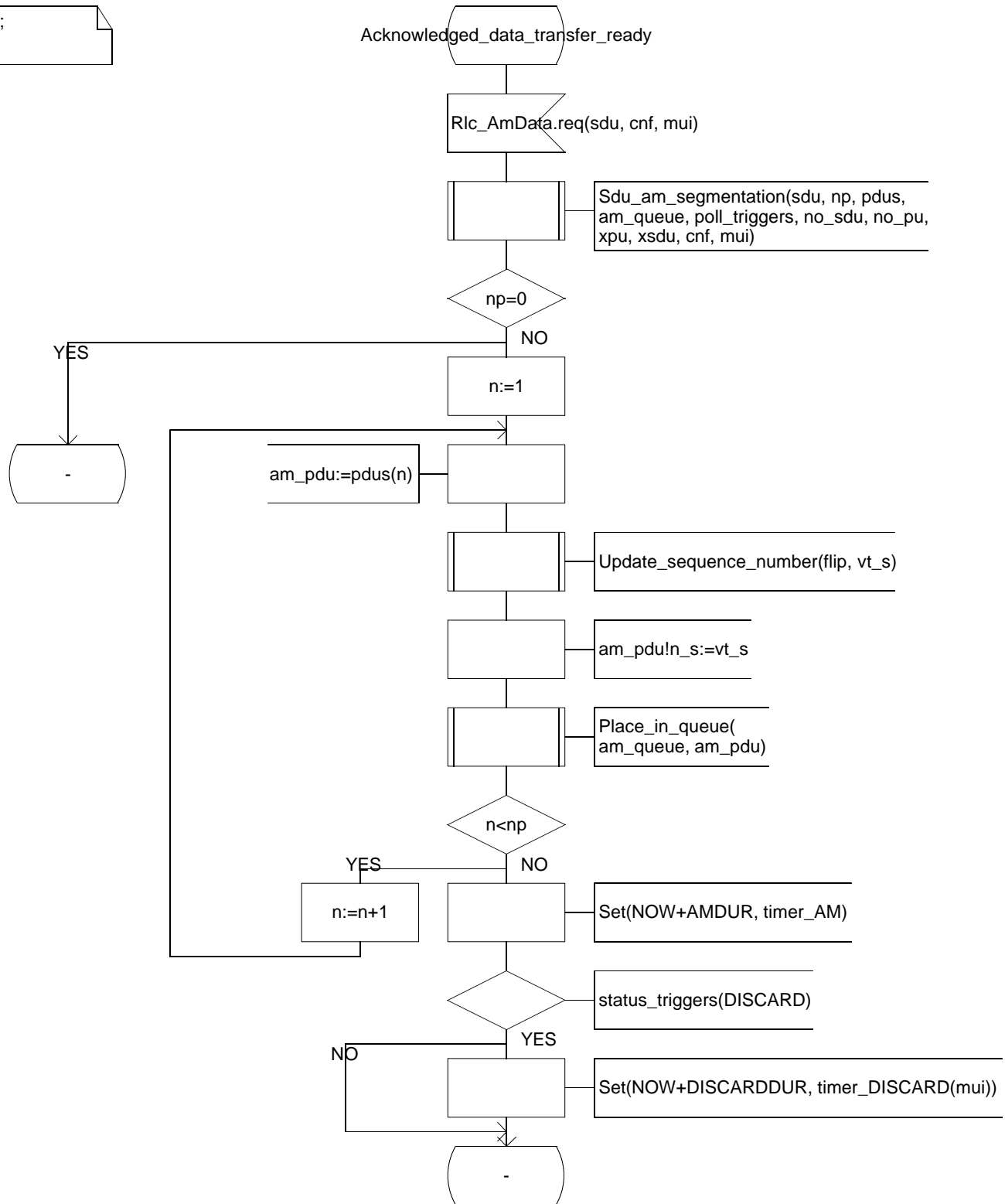
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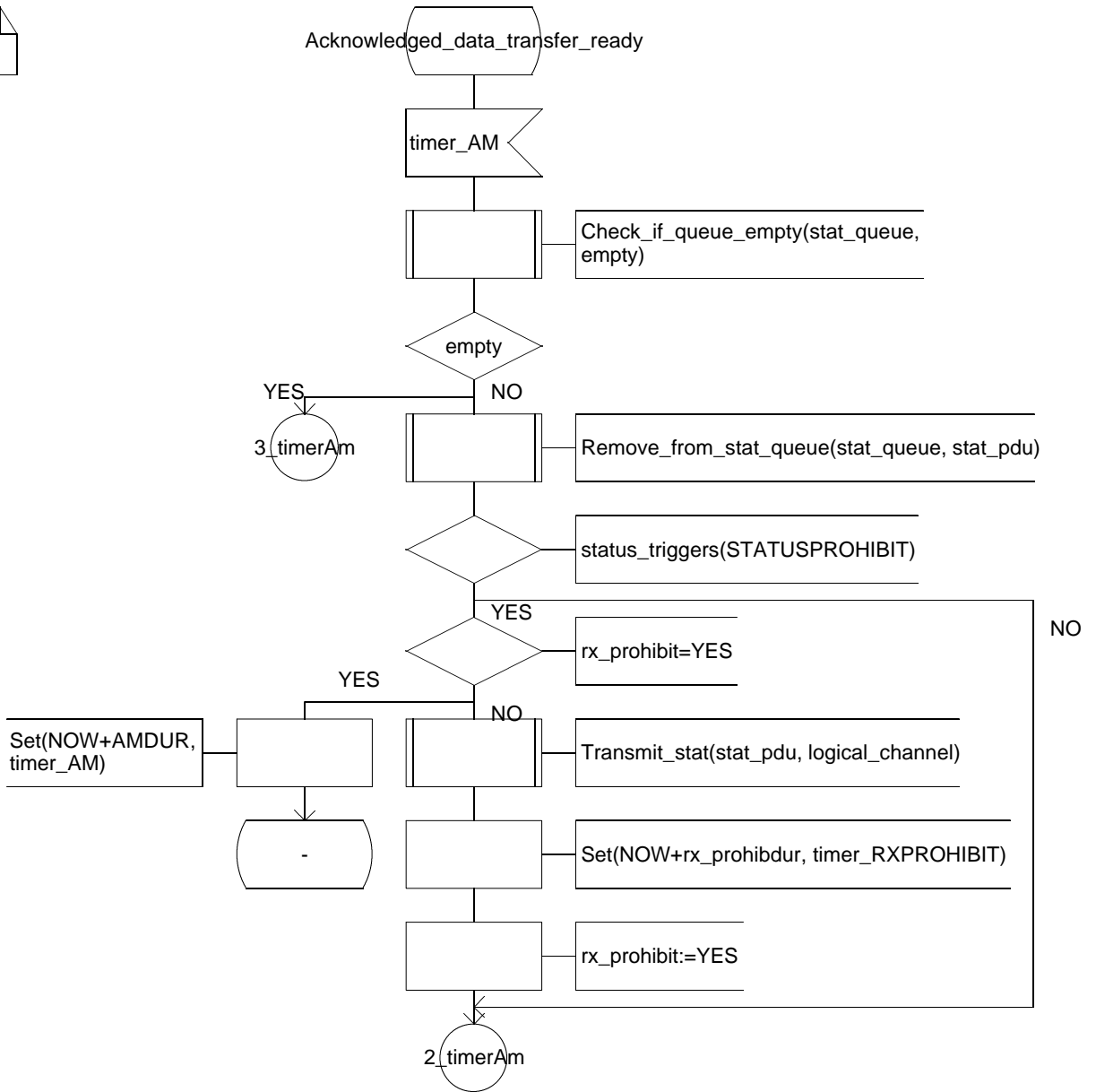
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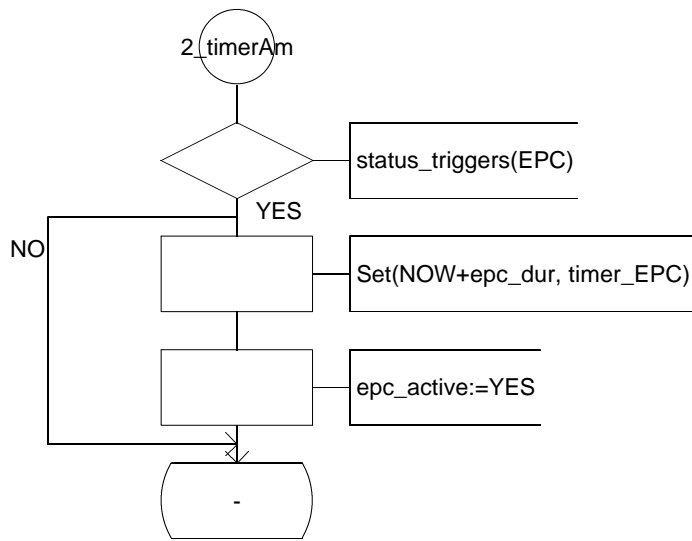
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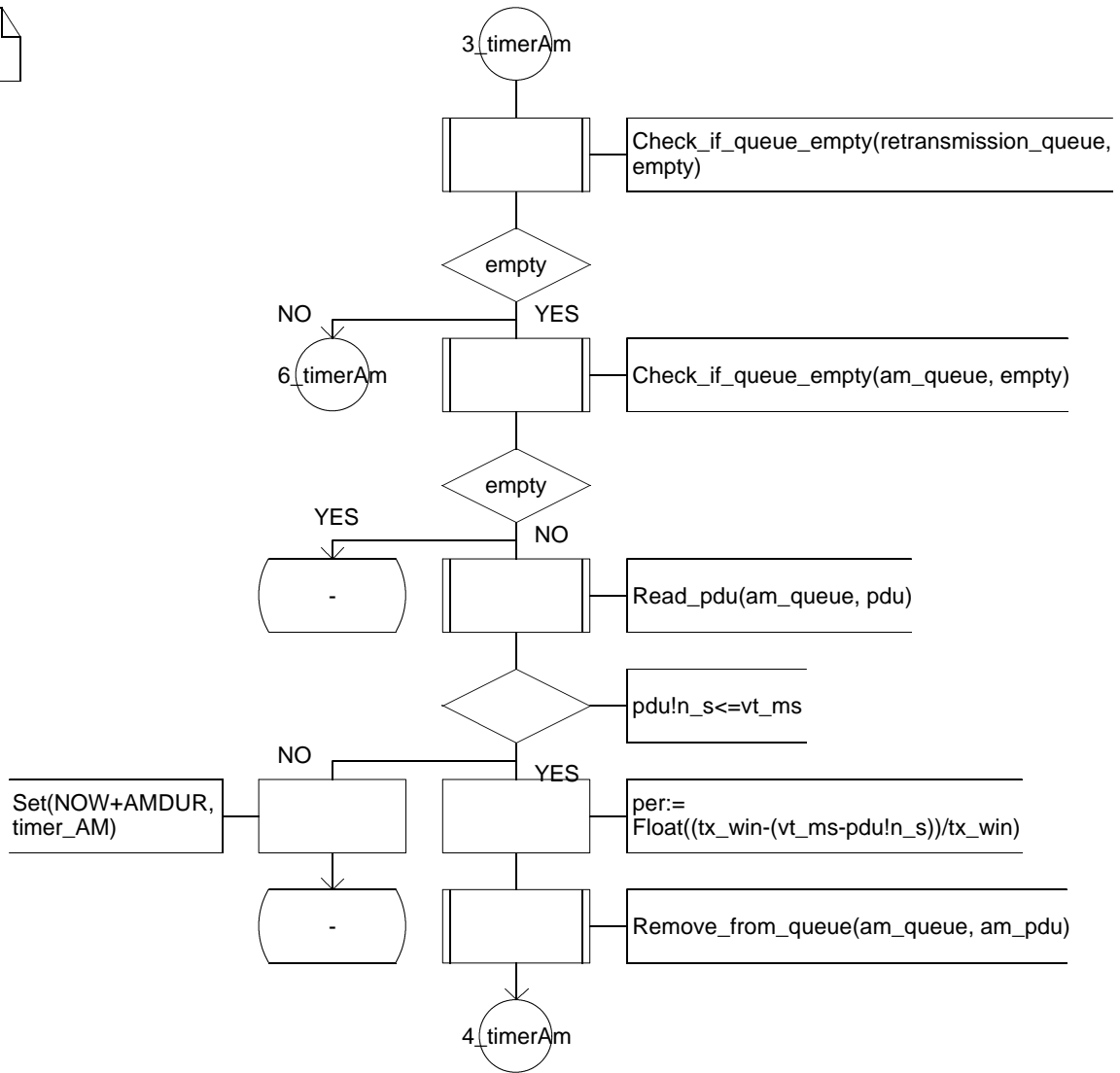
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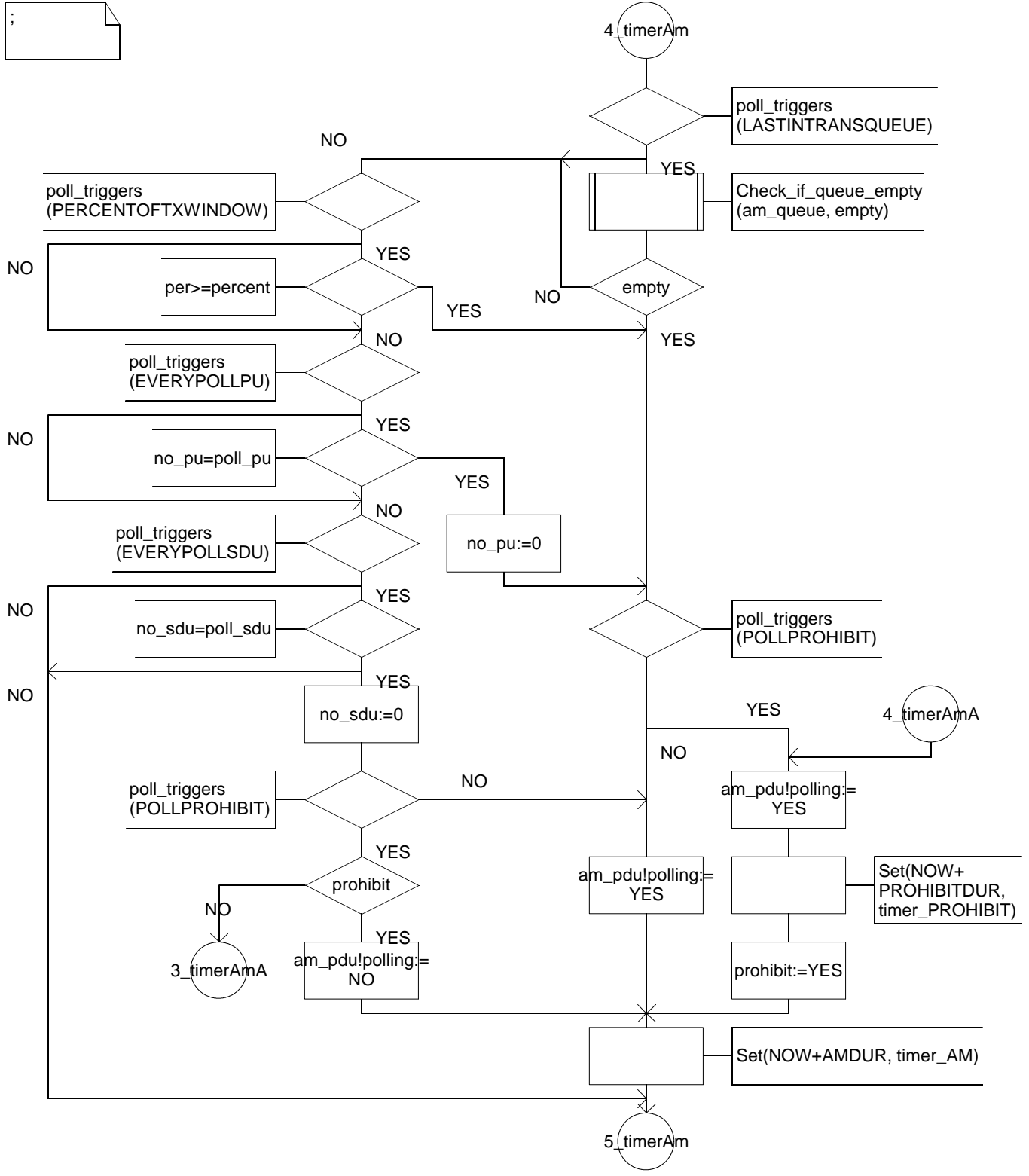
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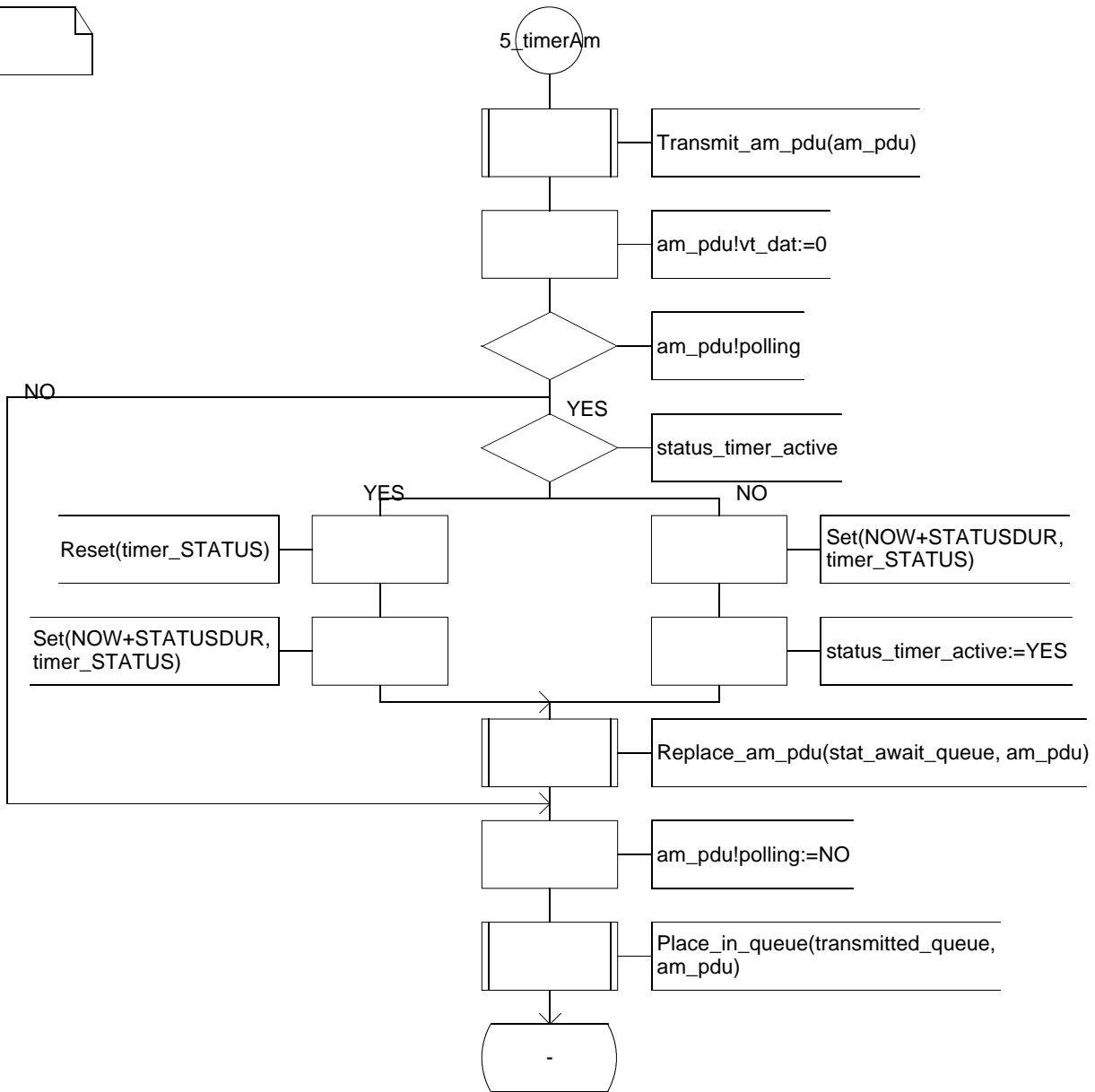
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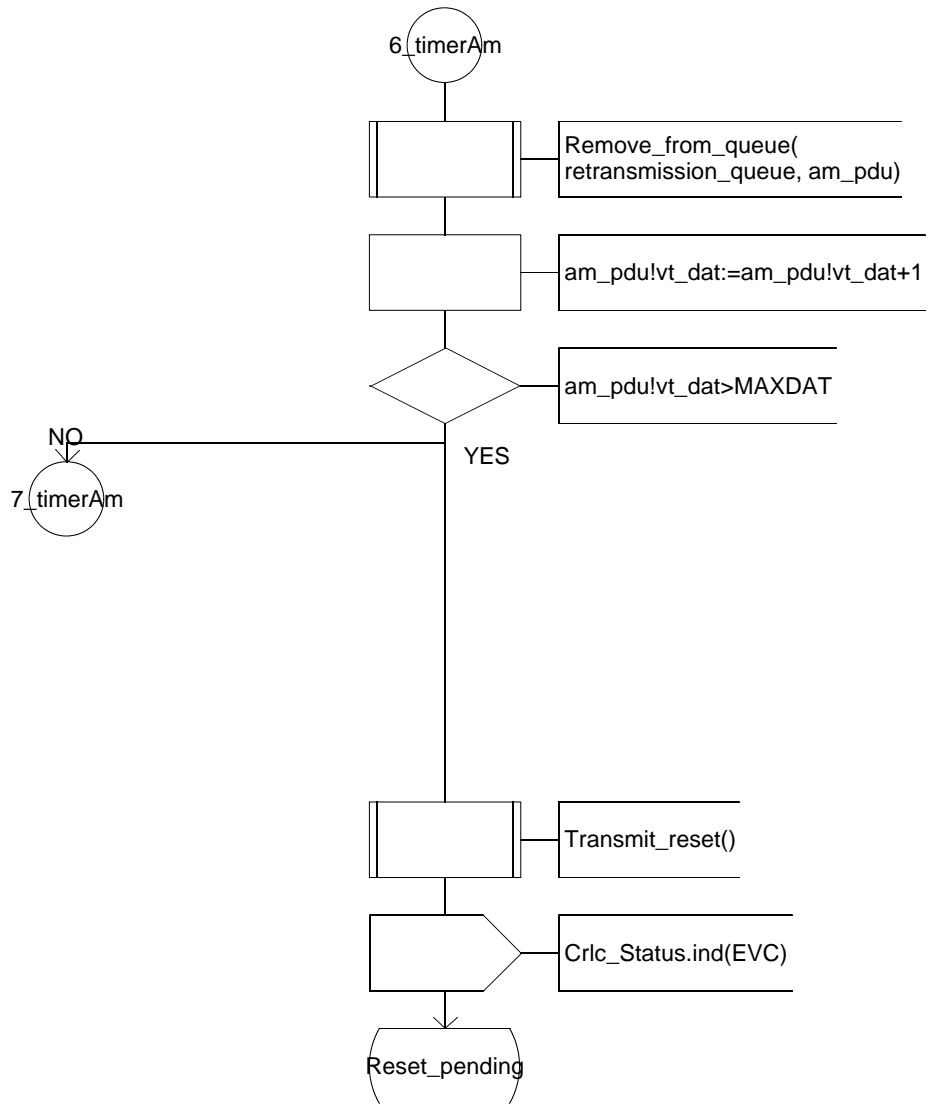


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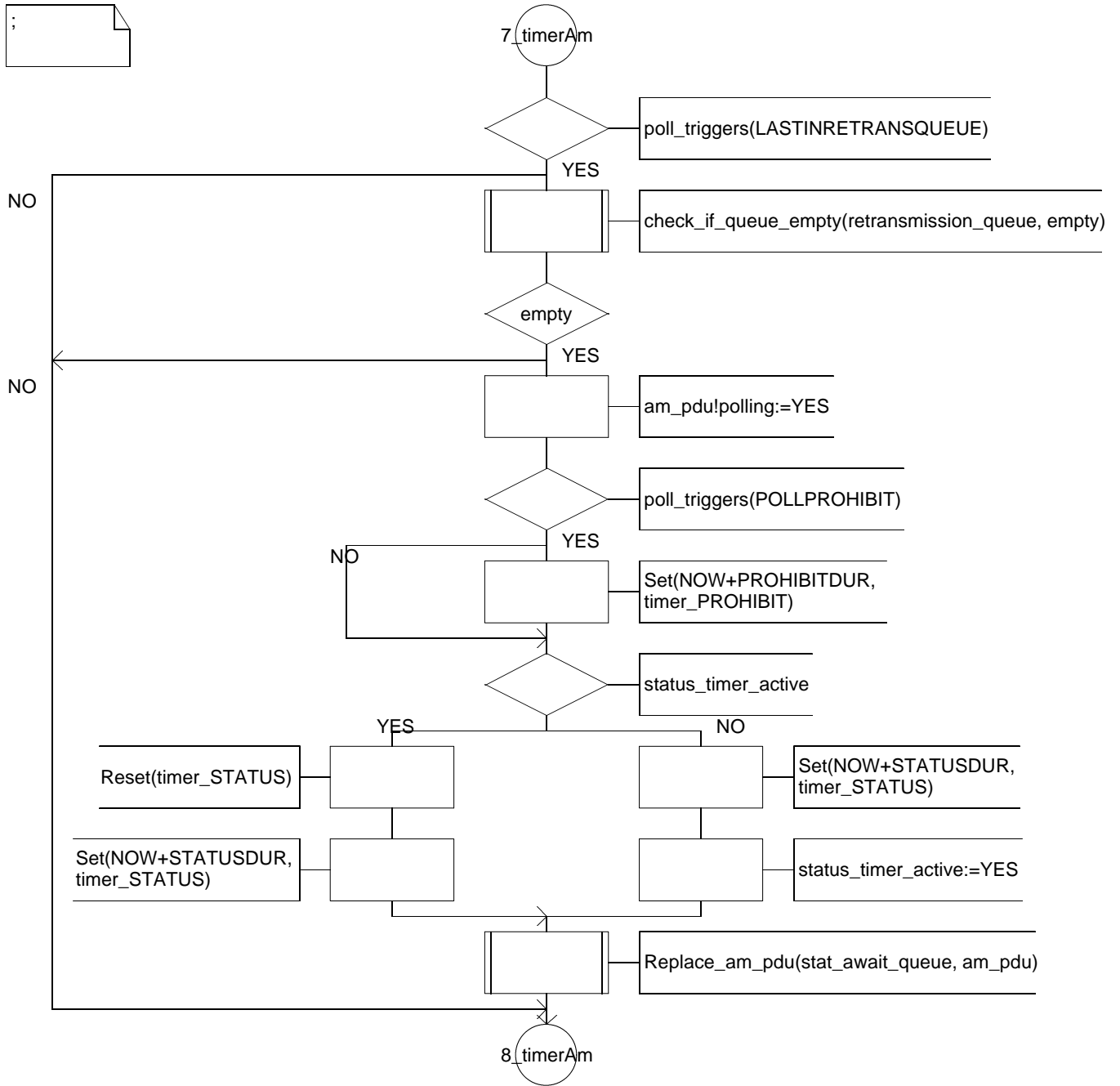
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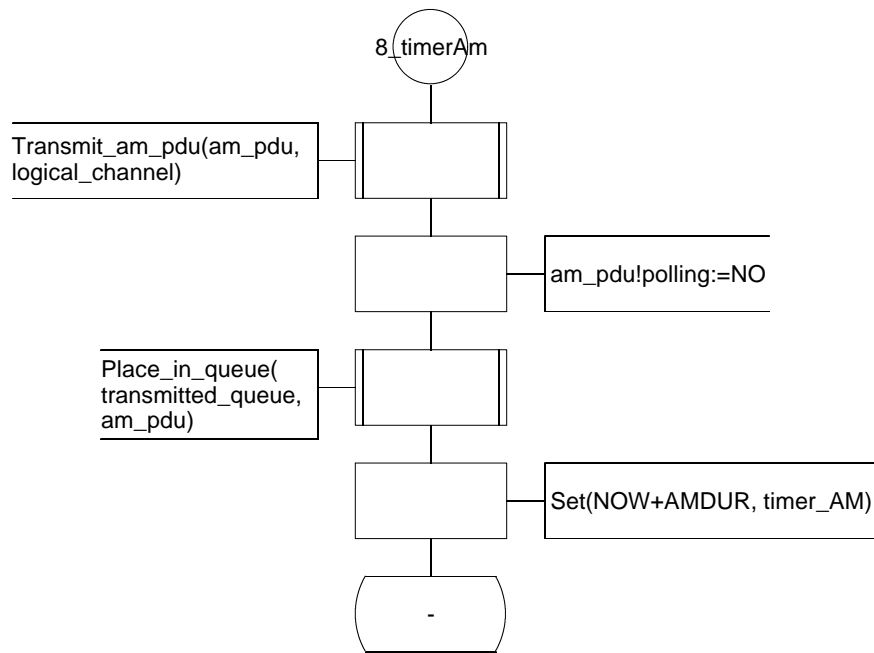


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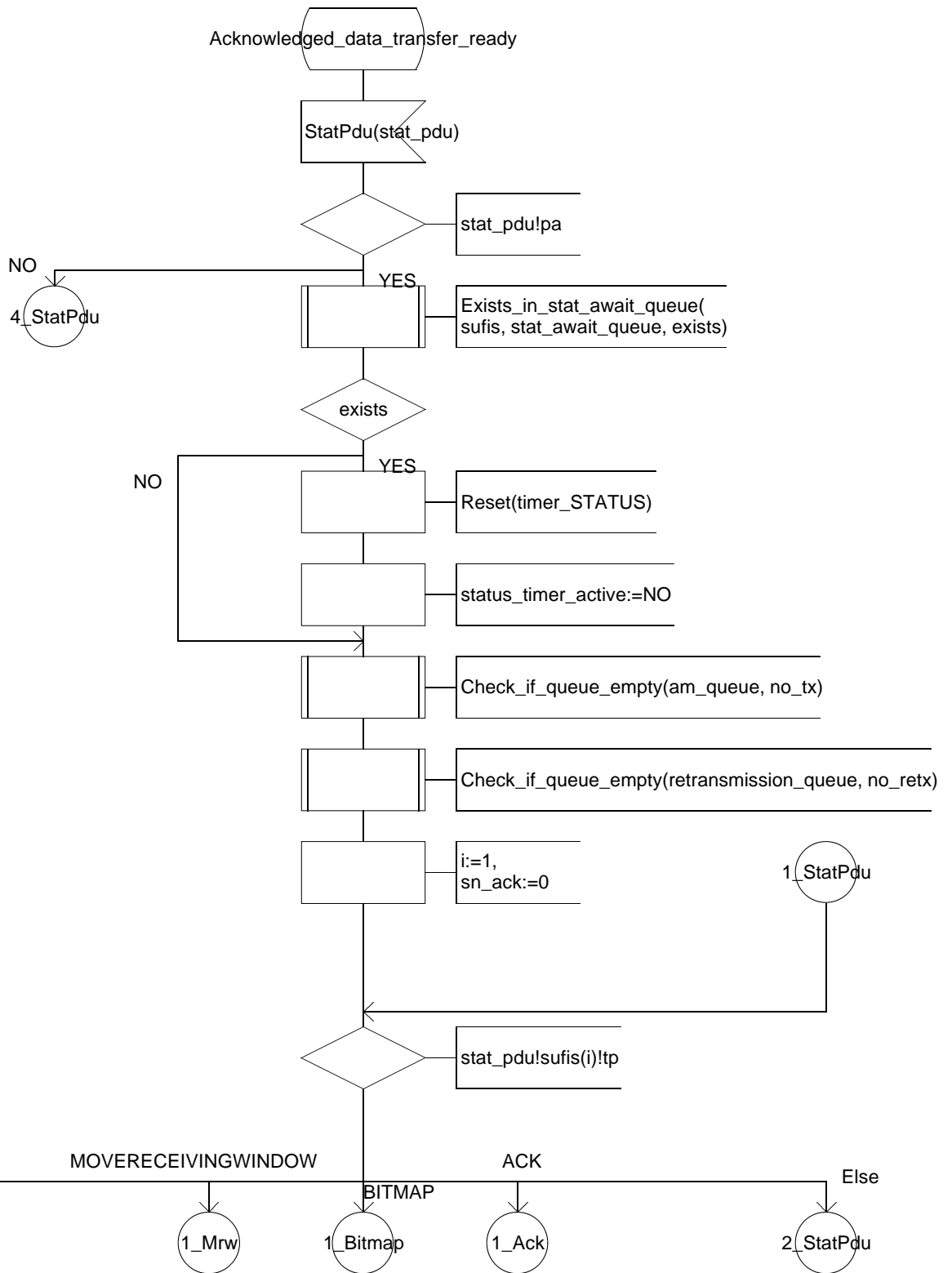
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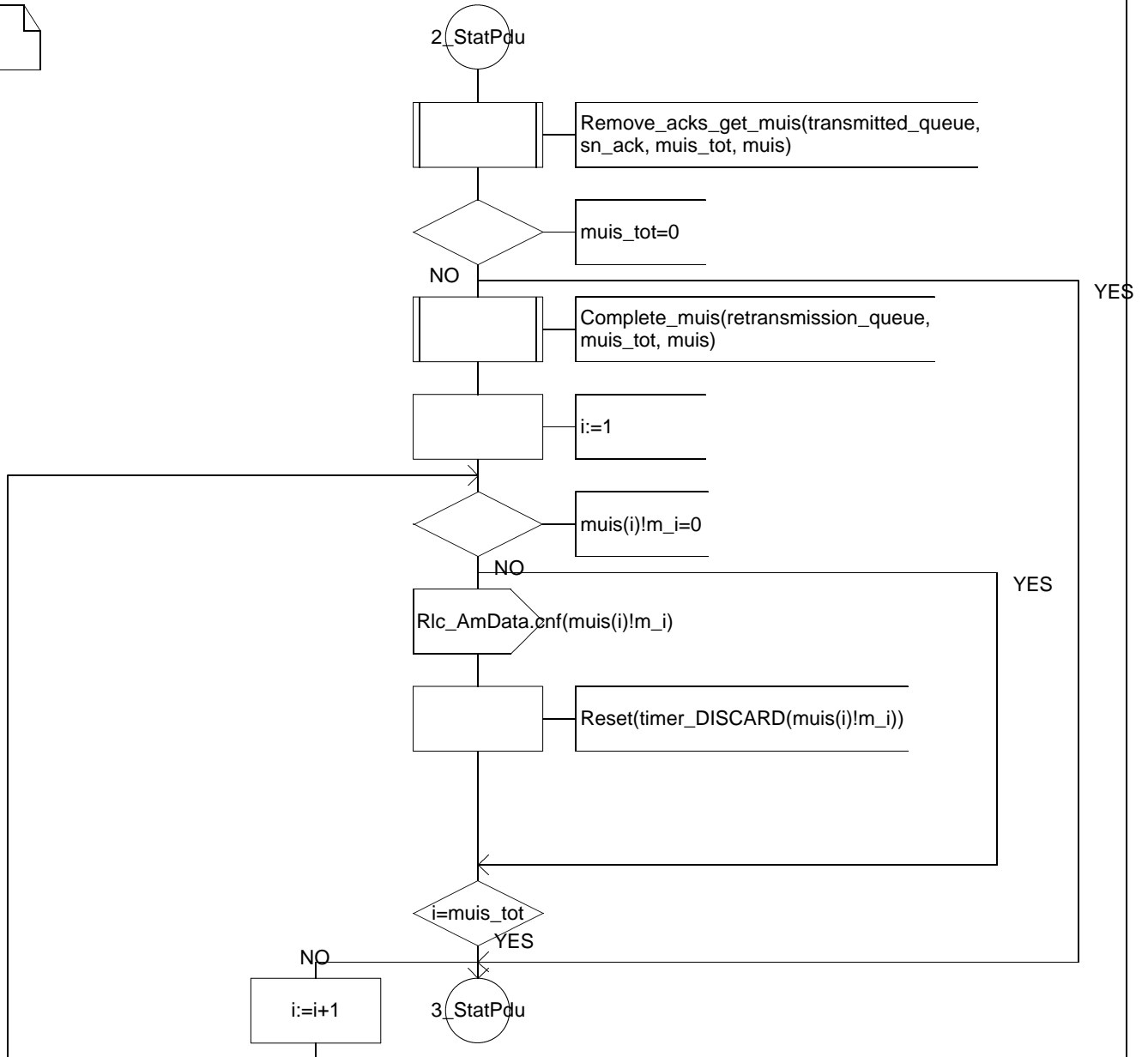


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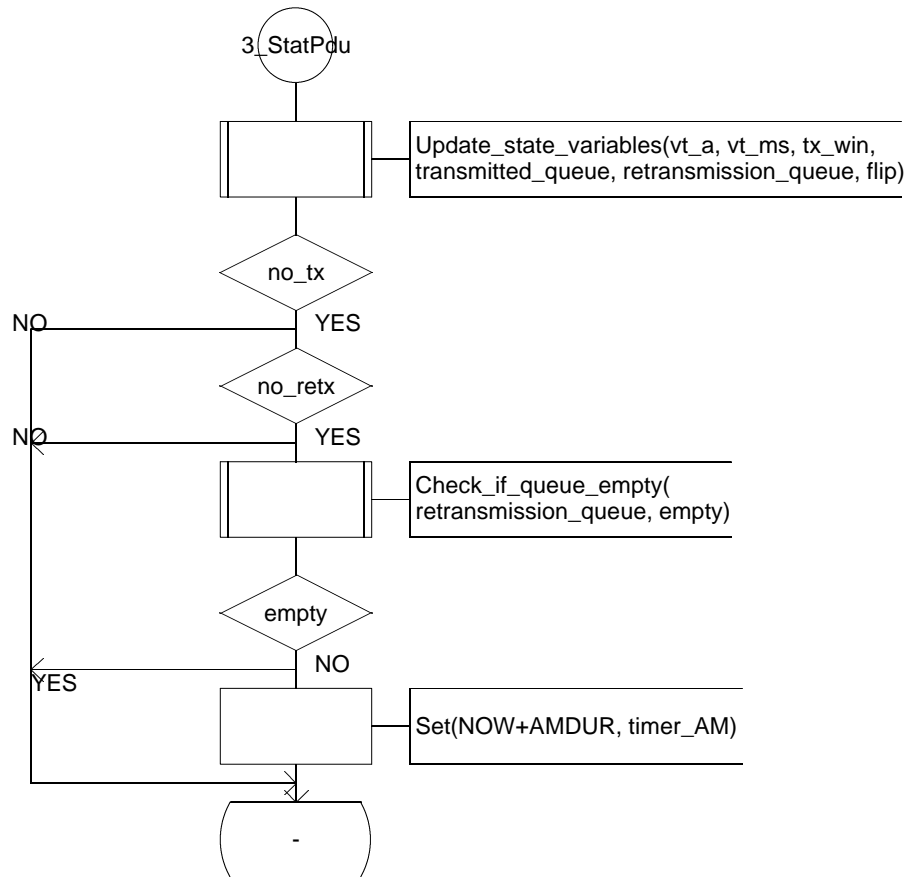


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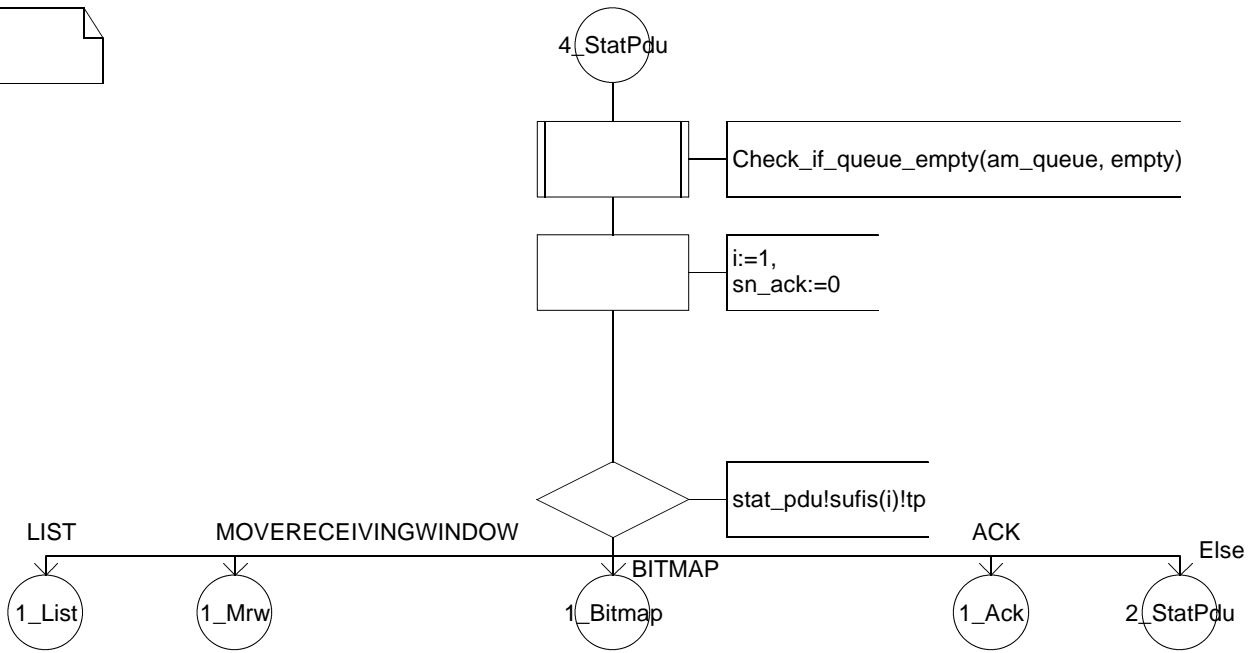
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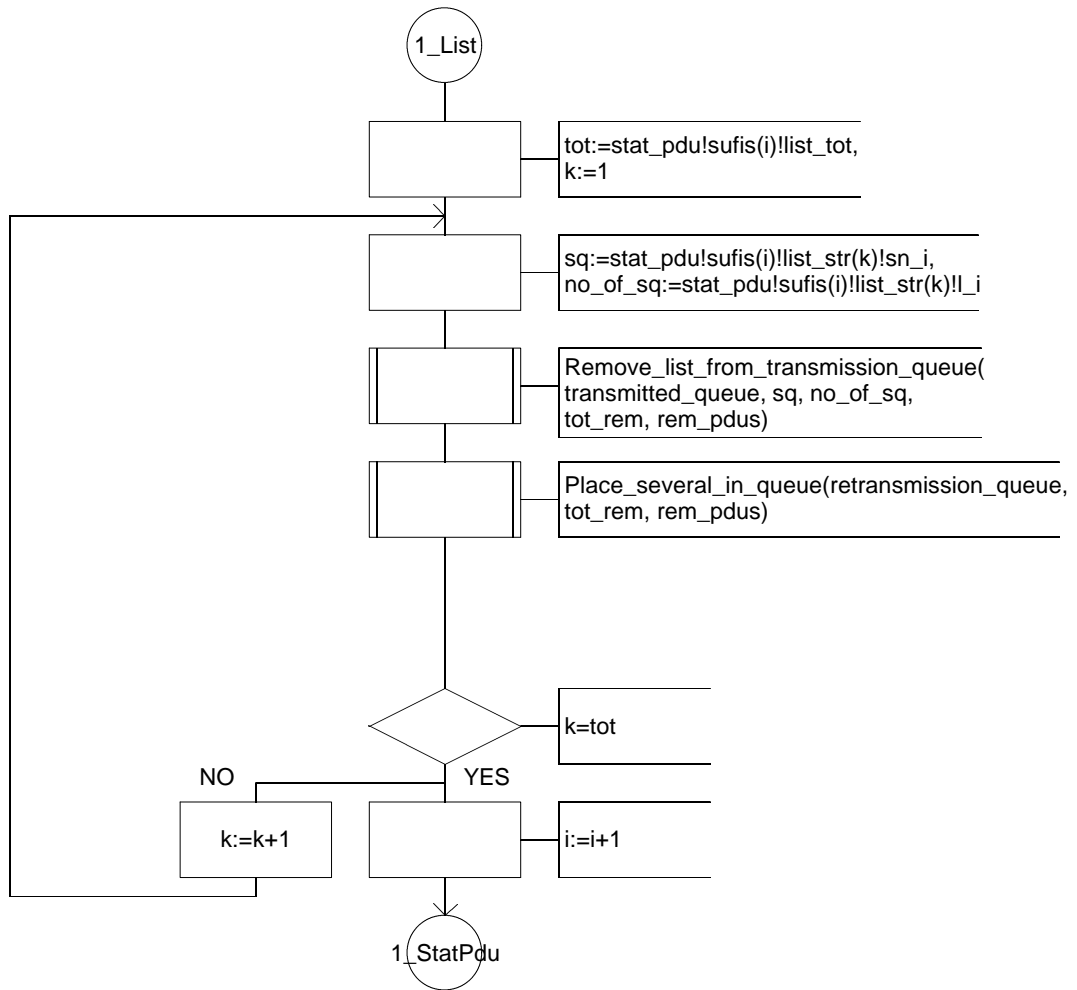
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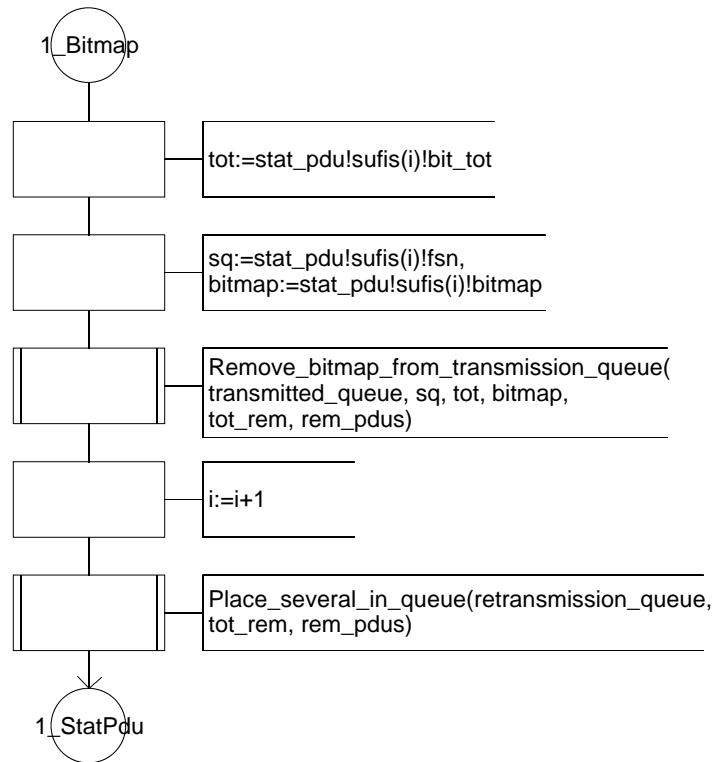
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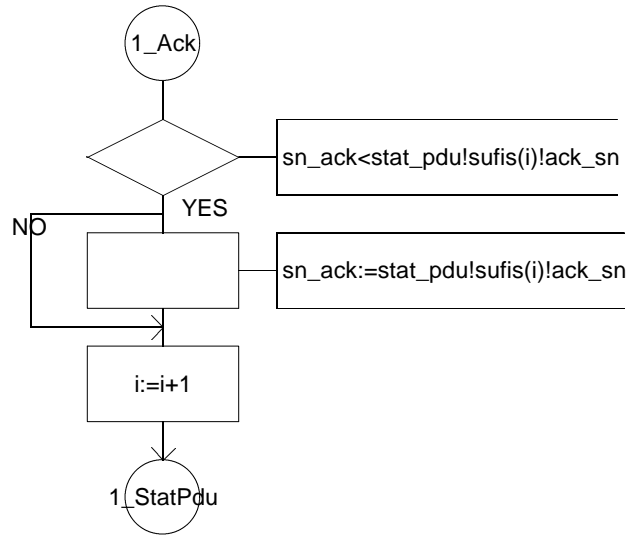
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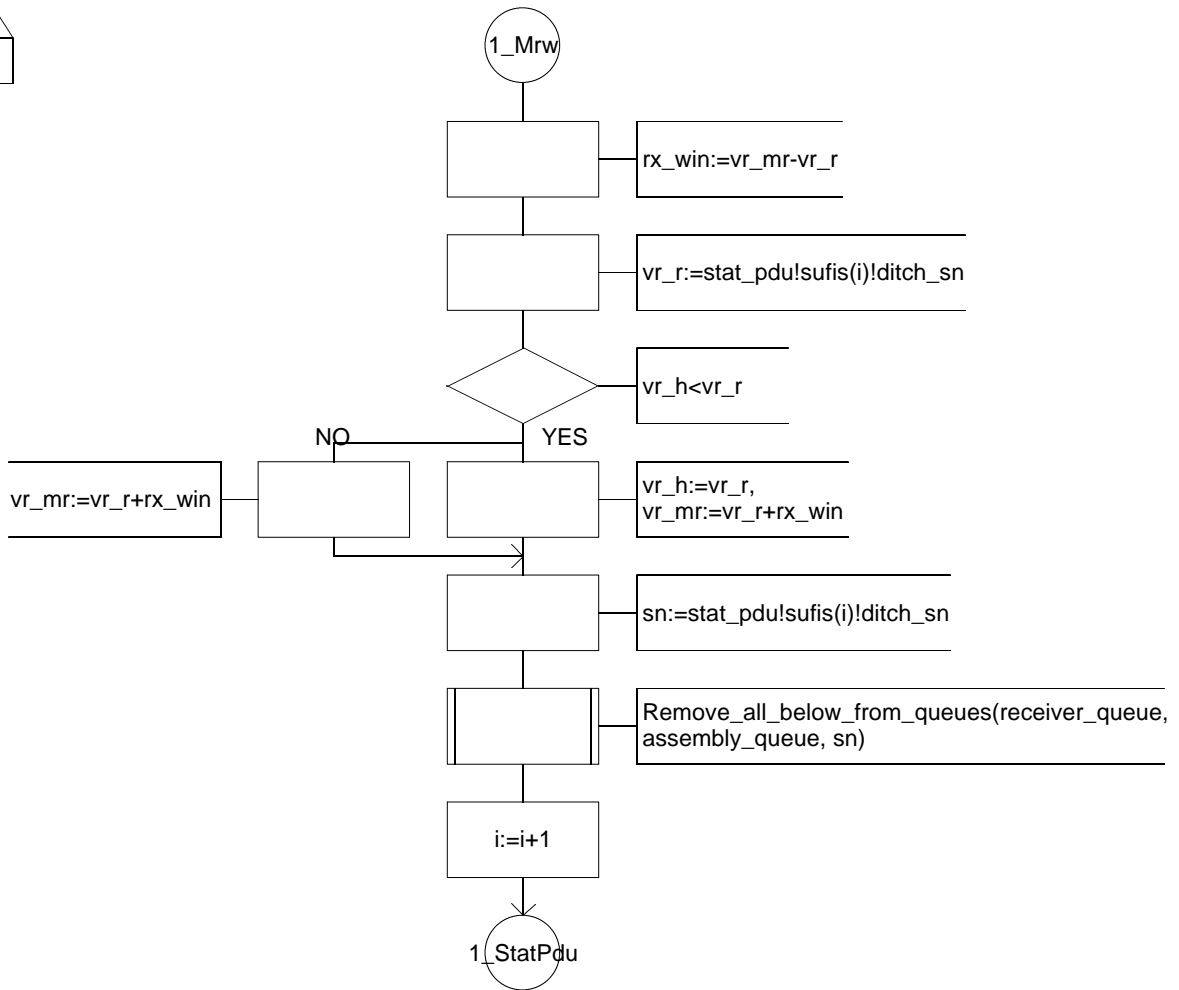
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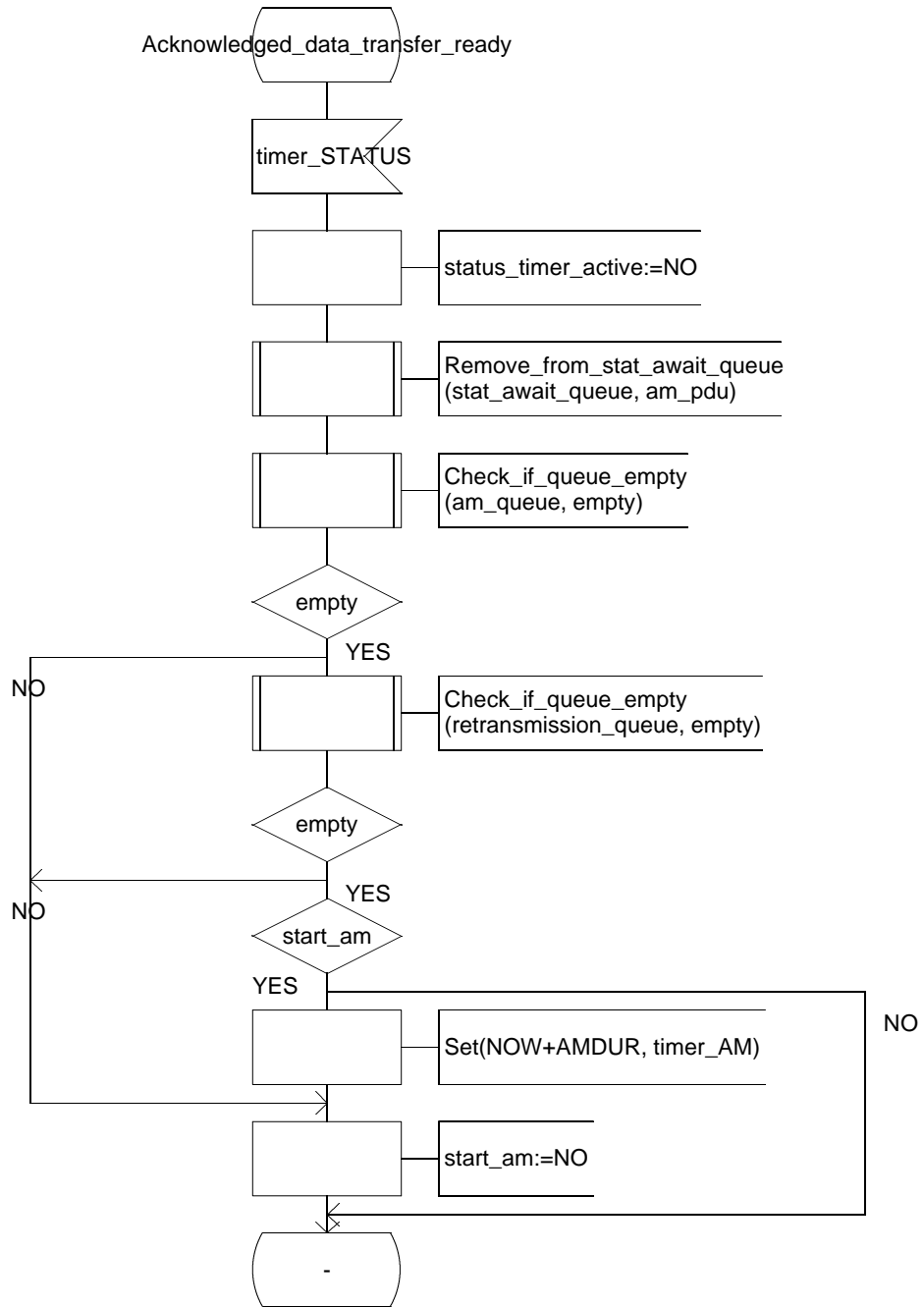
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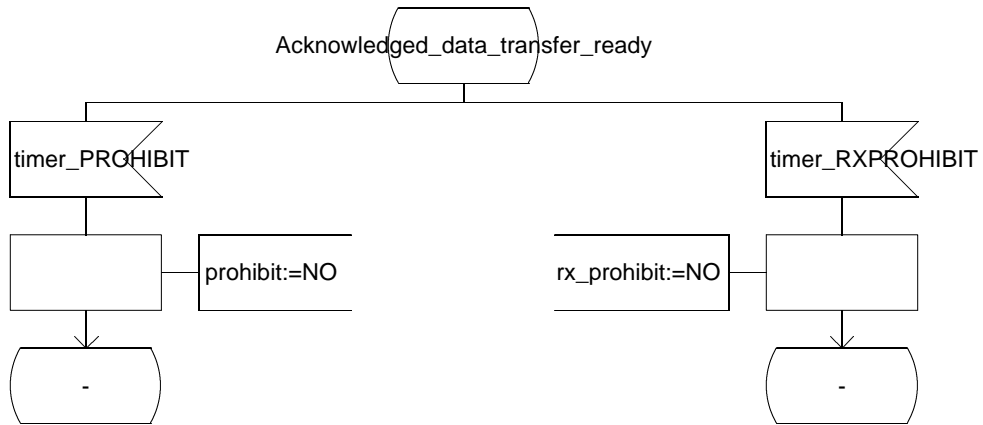
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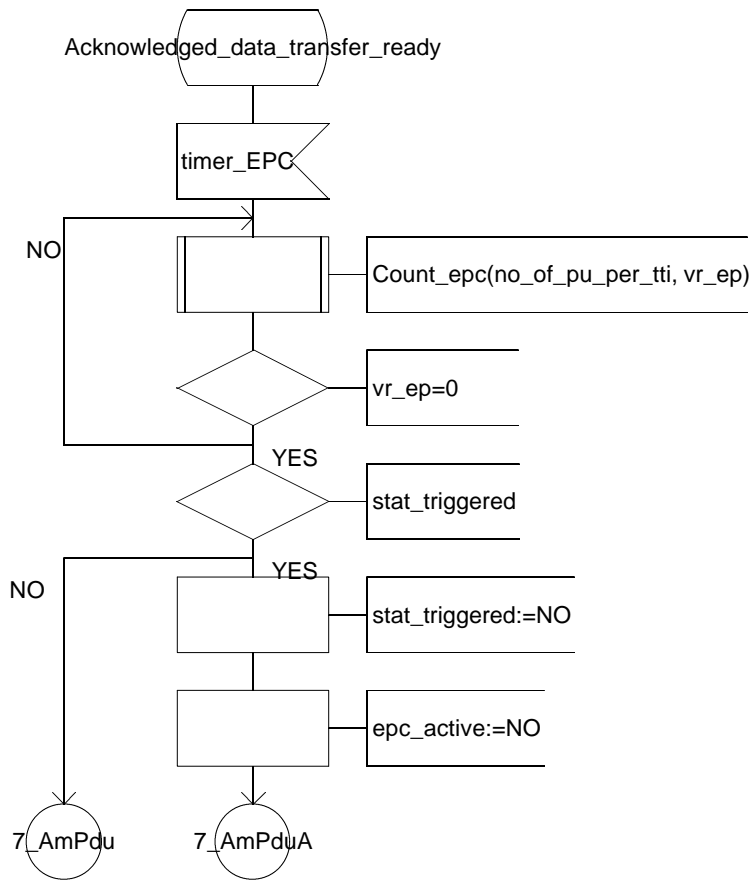
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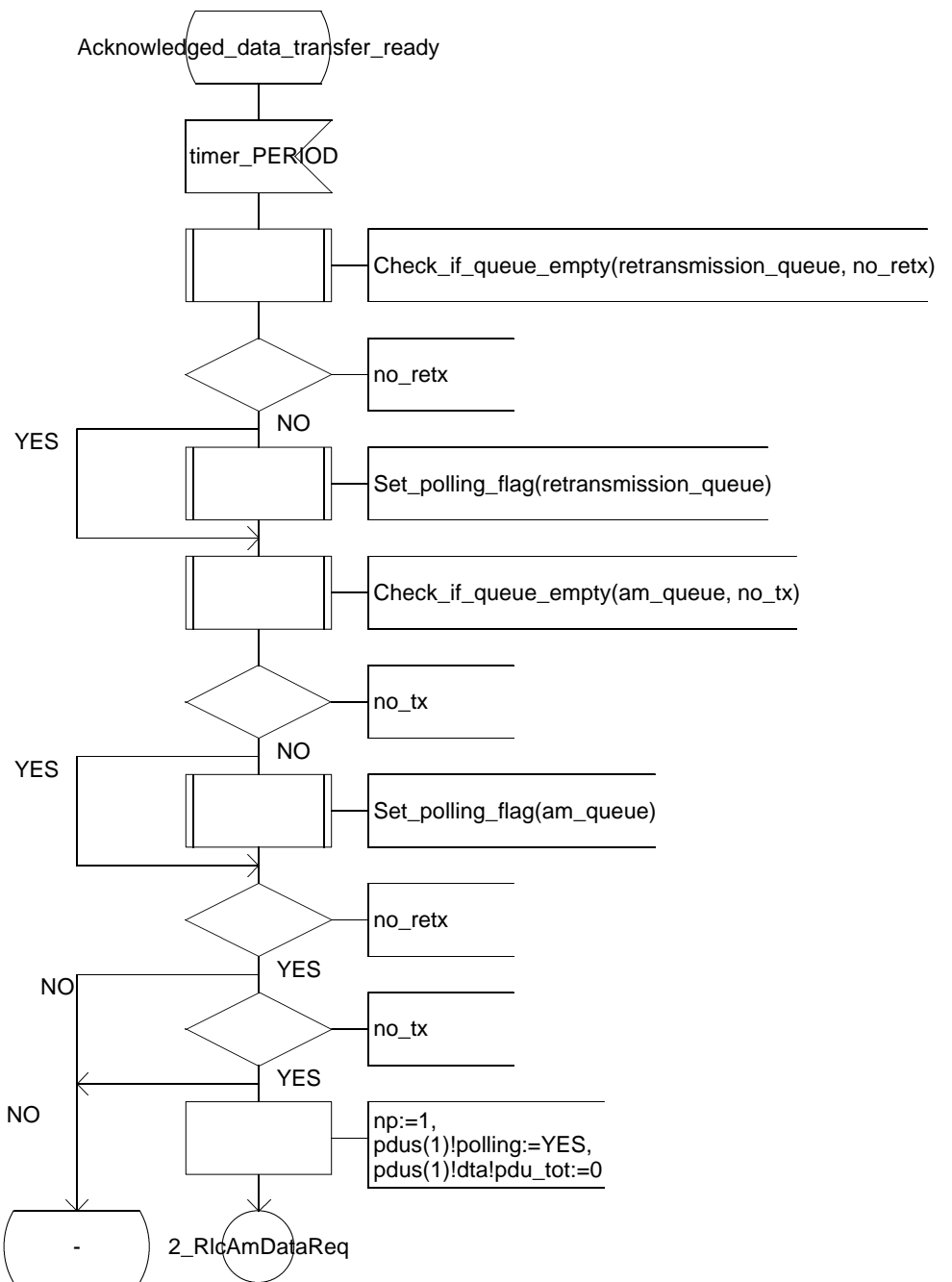
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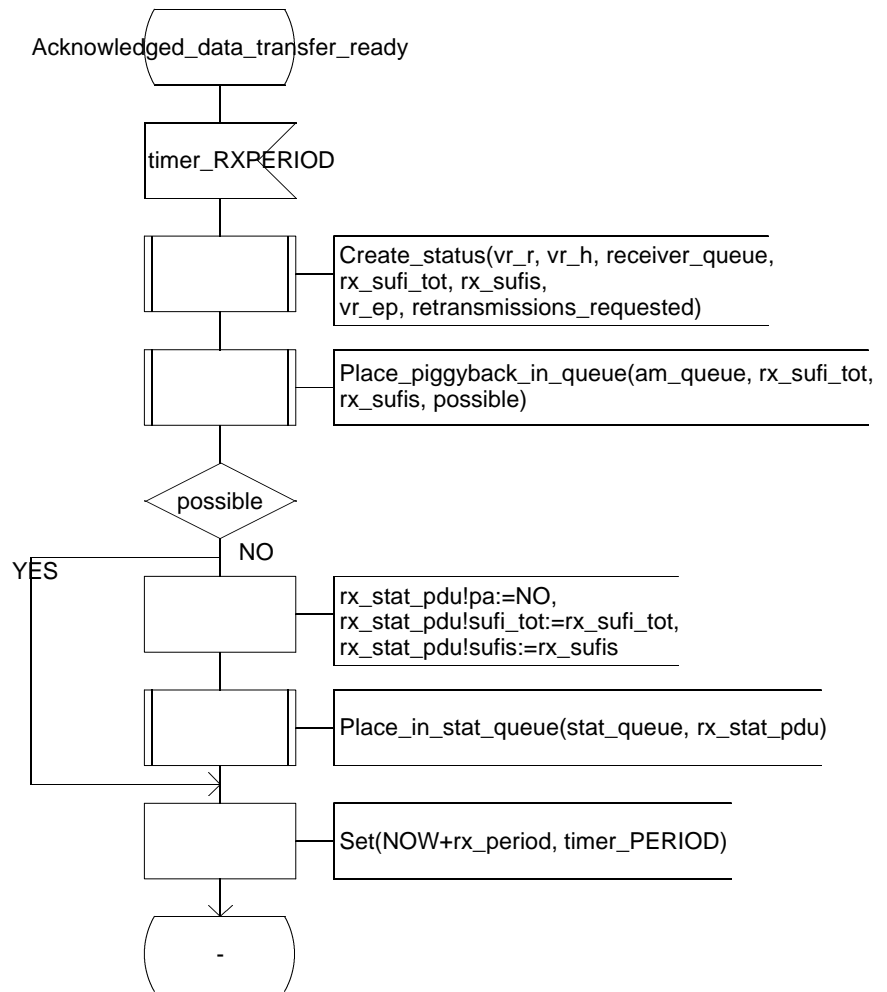
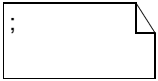


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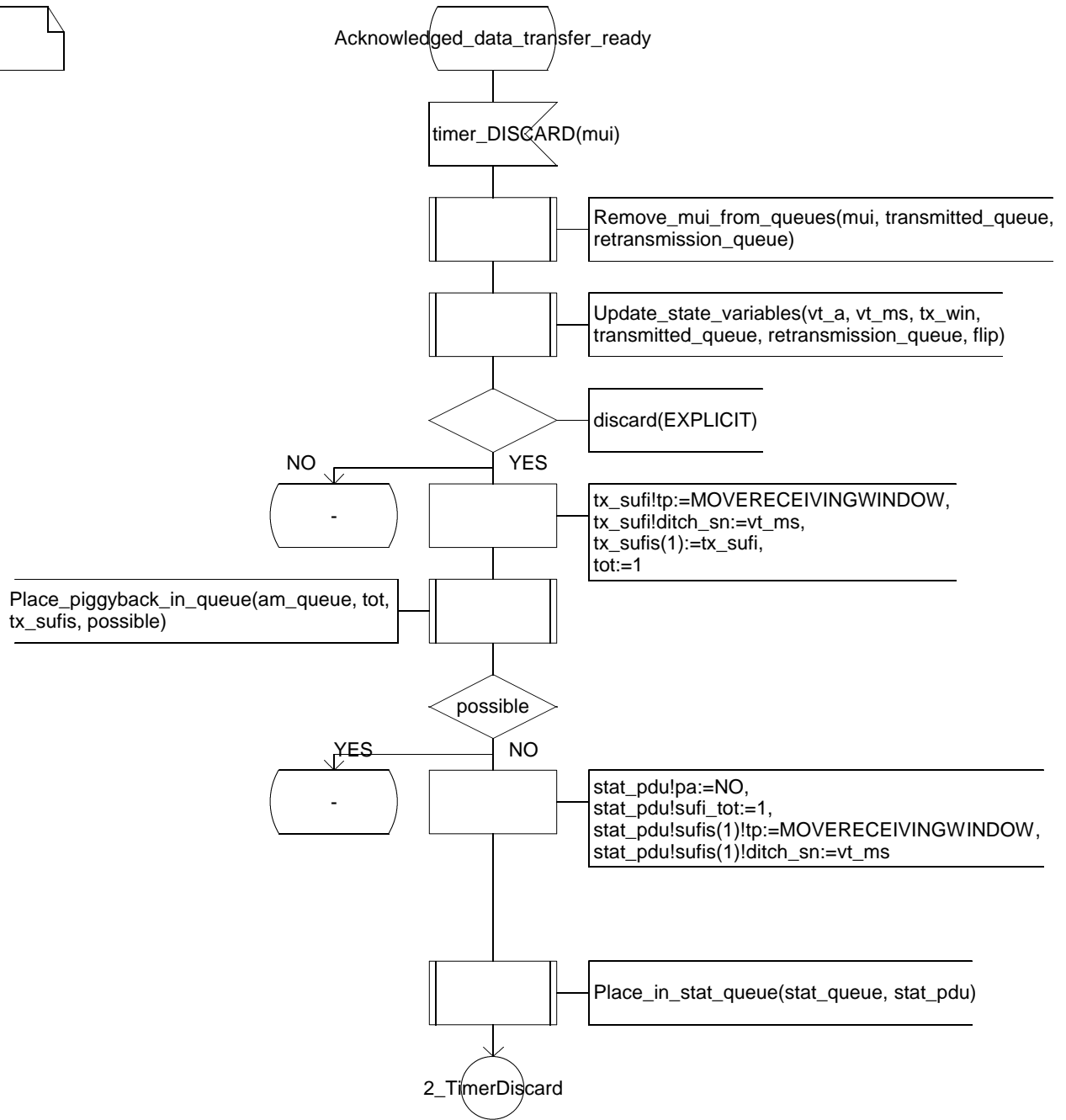


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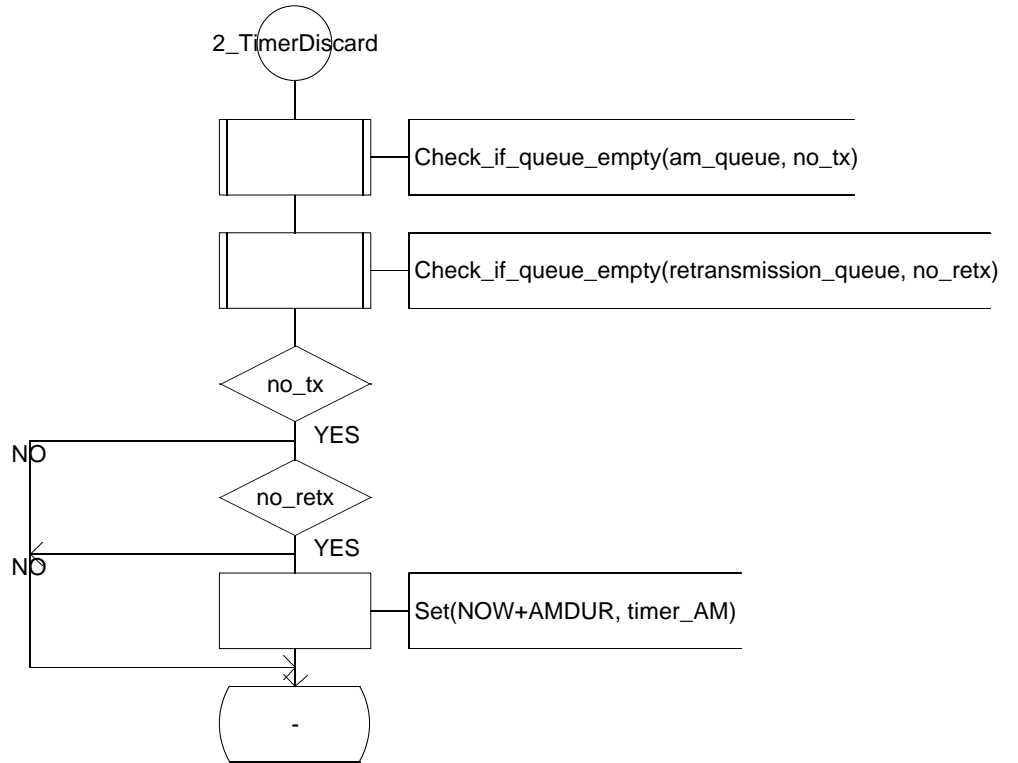
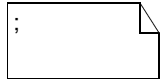


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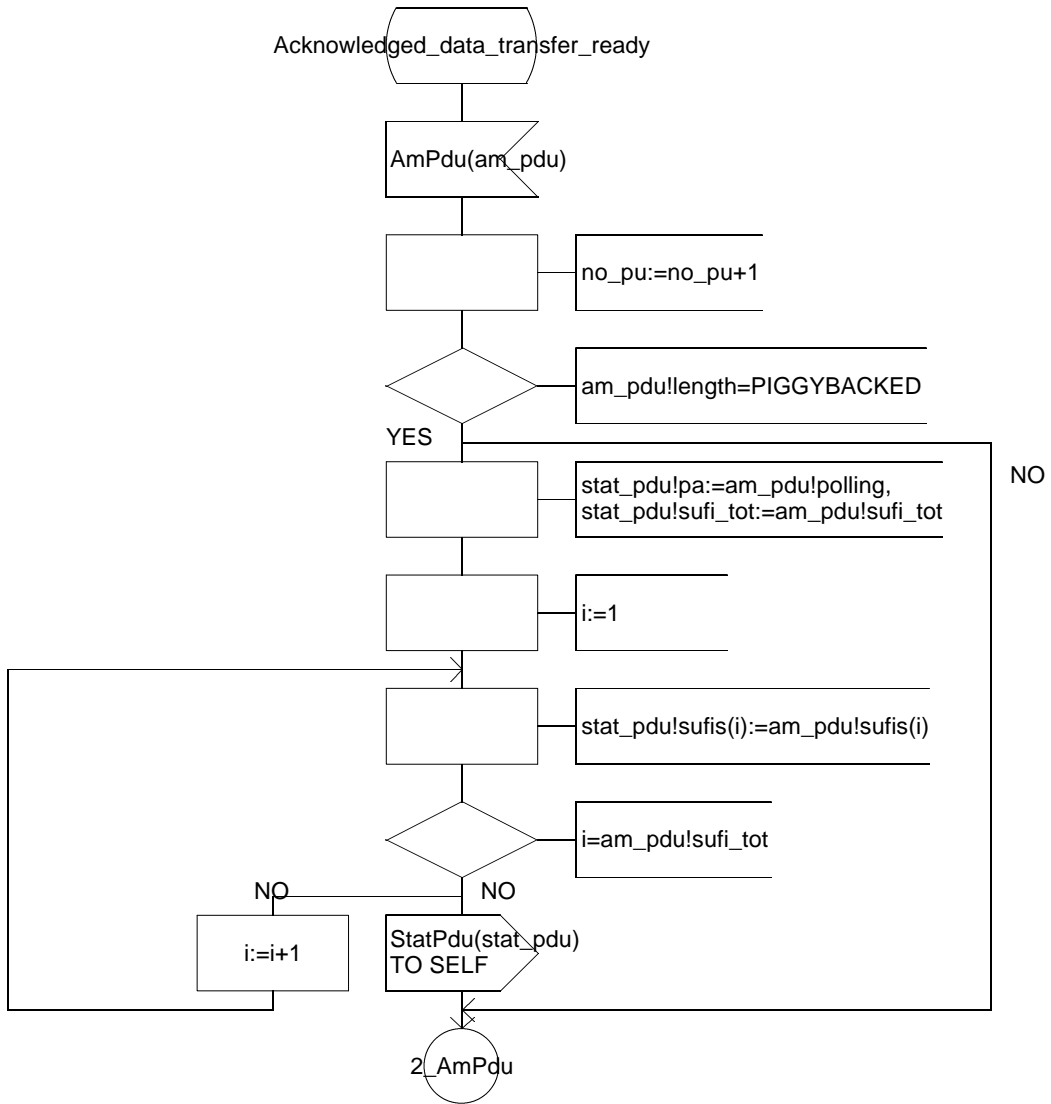


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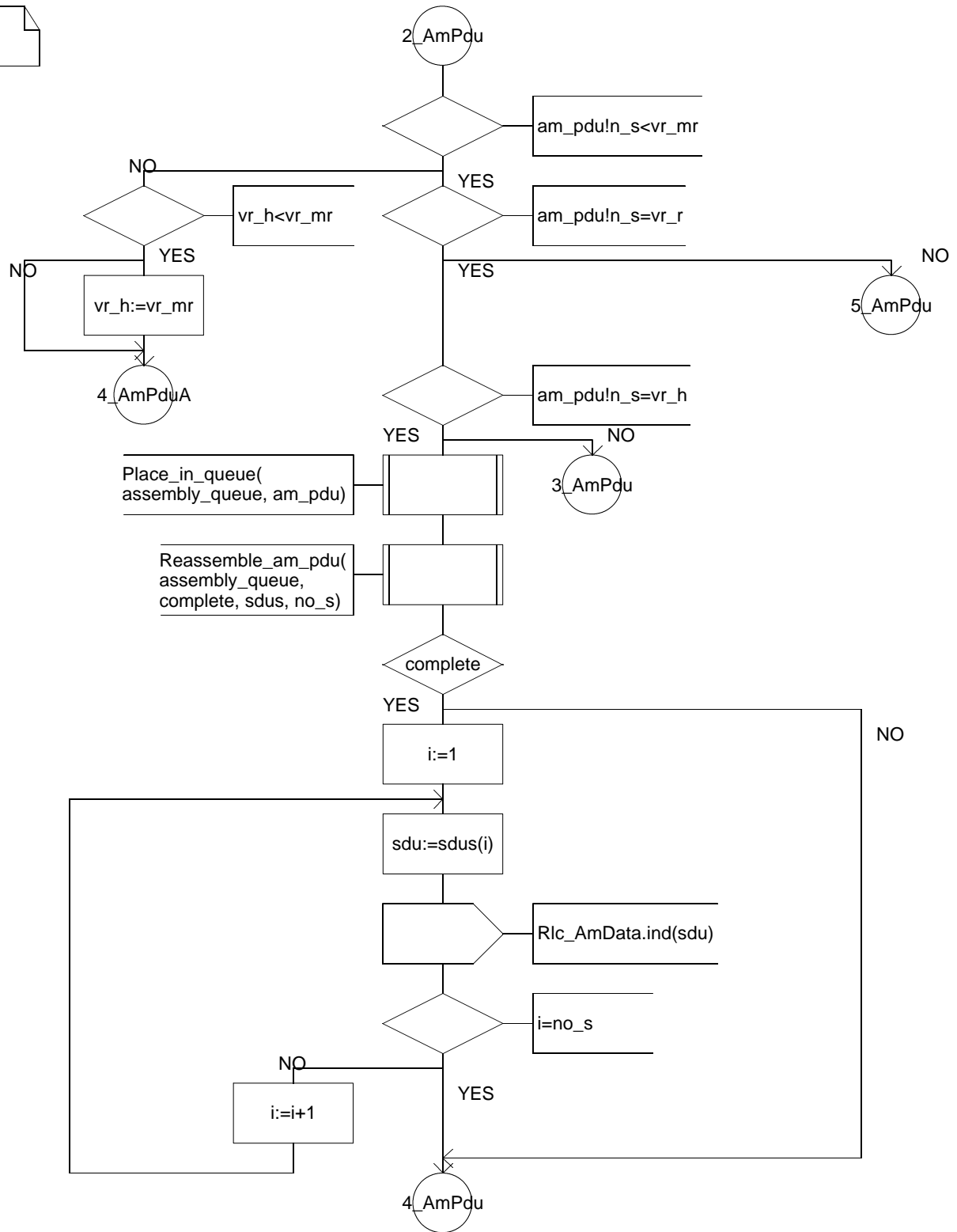
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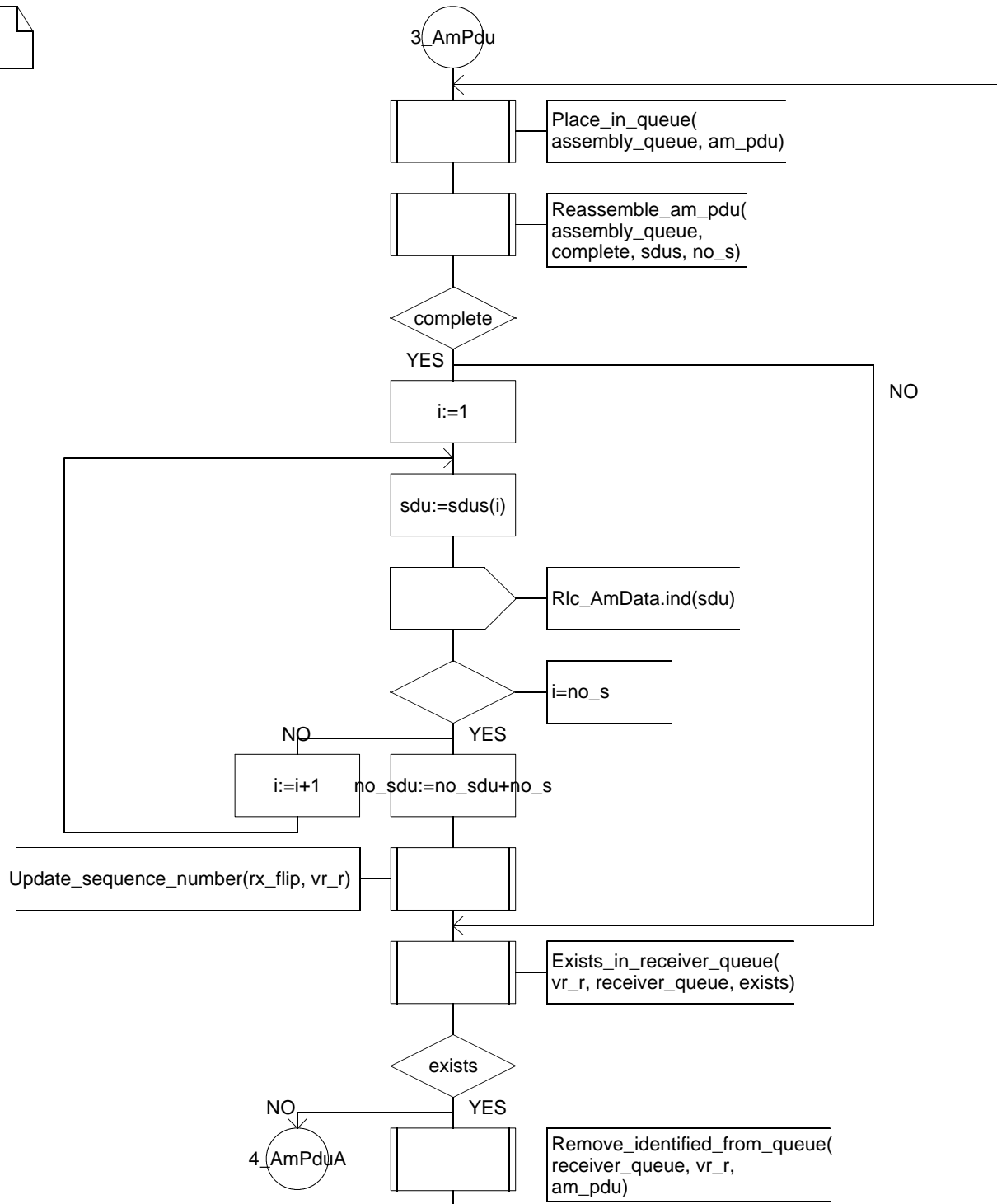
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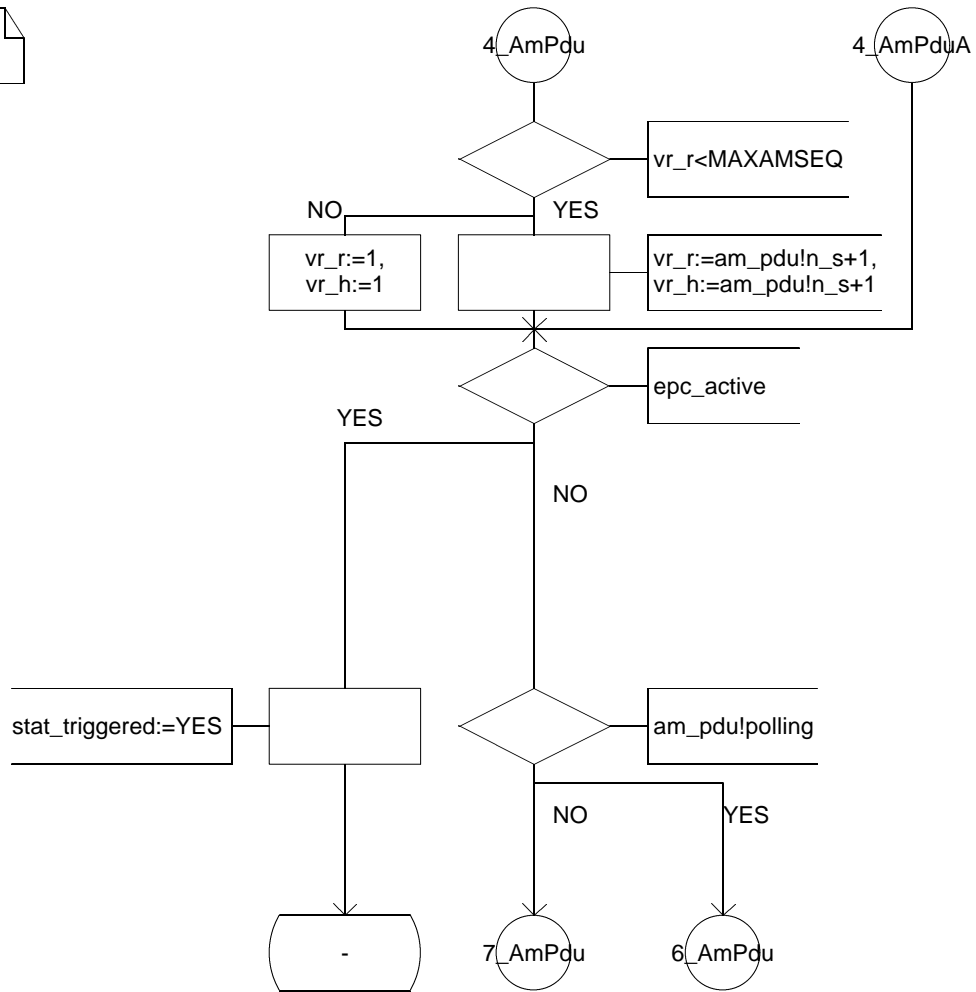
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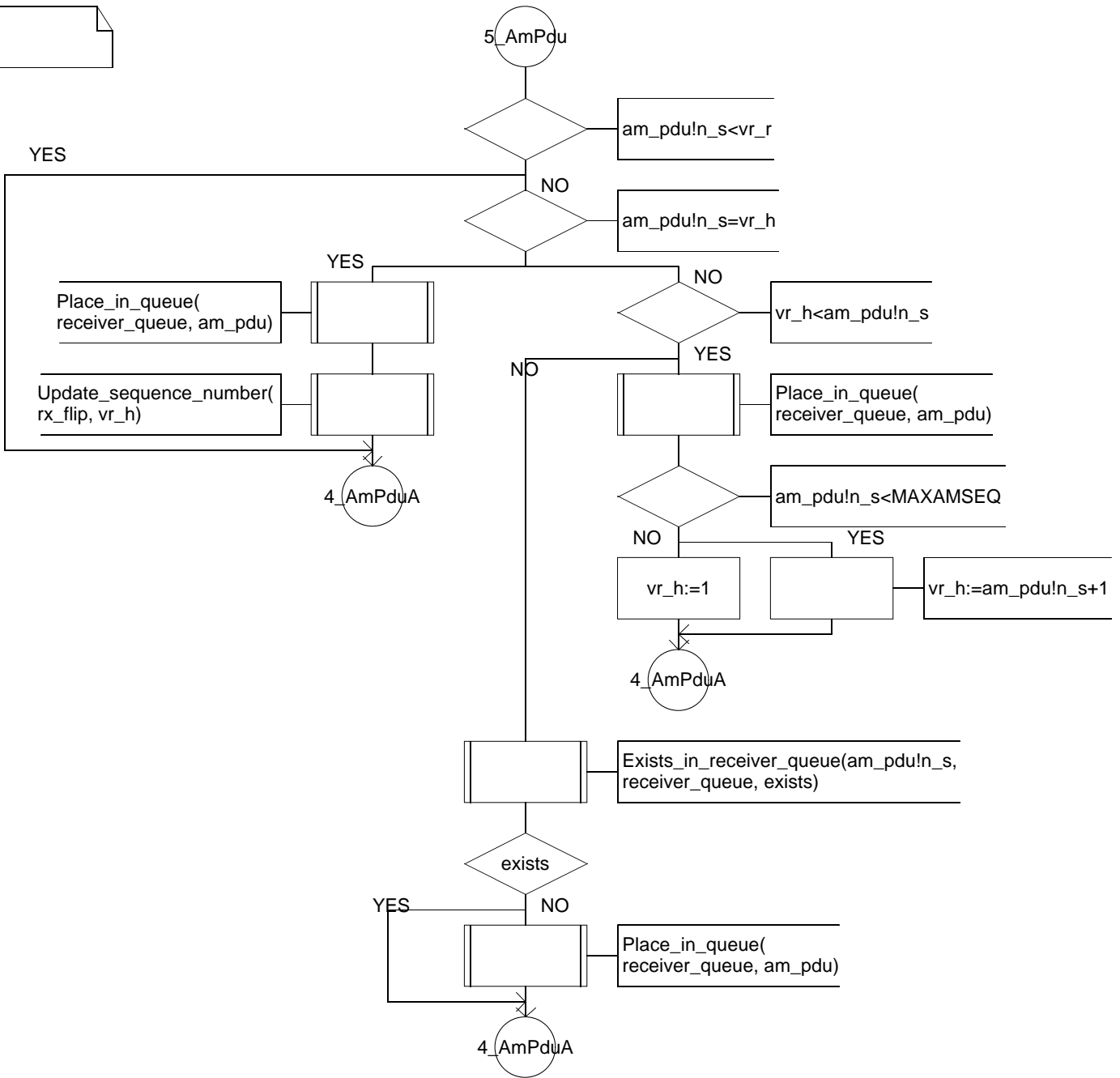
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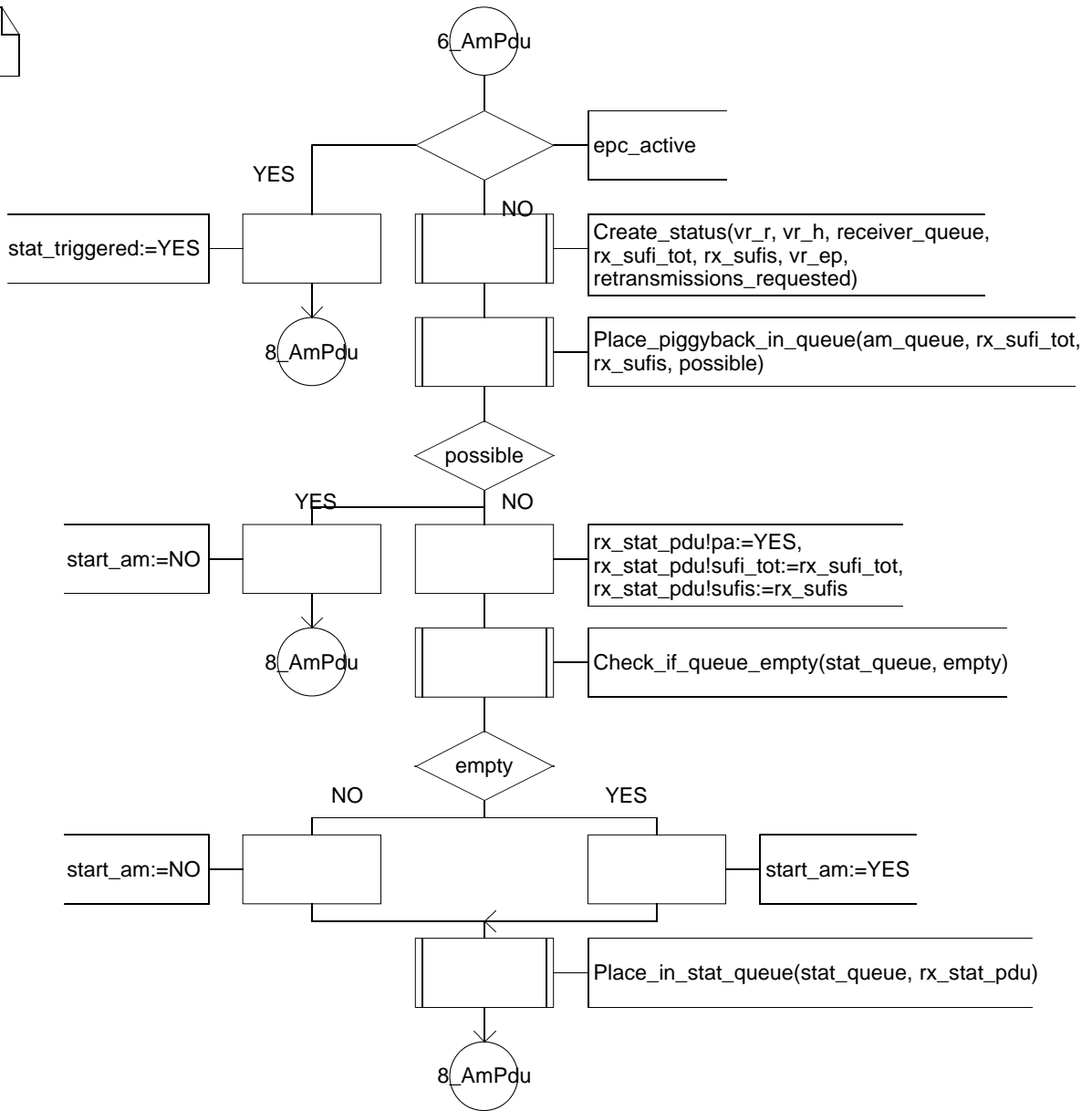
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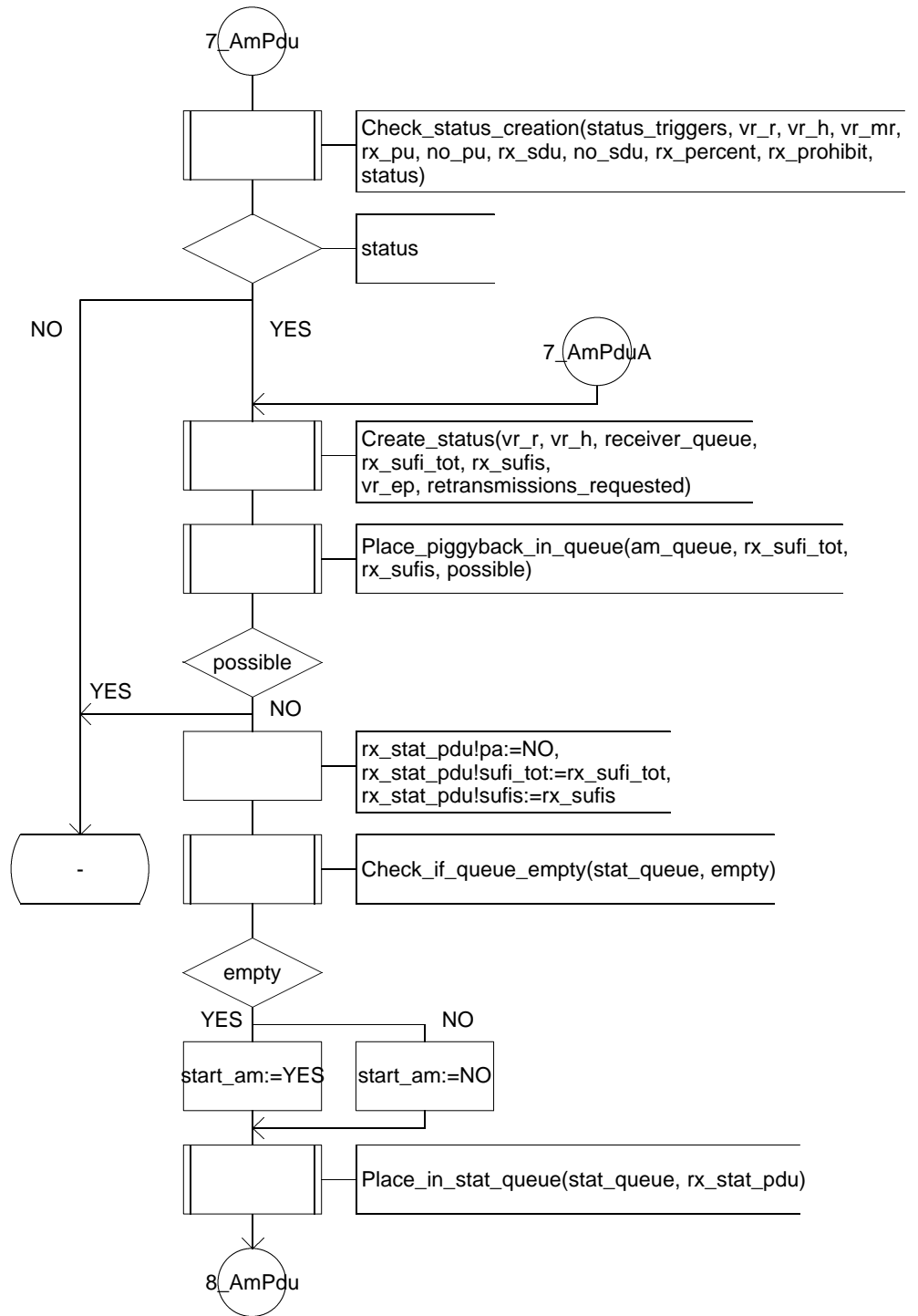
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