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Developing Applications for iOS
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Today

- Demo: The FaceViewController MVC's Model

It's a facial expression

- Gestures

Getting multitouch input from users

- Demo: Modifying the facial expression

Panning, pinching, tapping

- Multiple MVCs

Tab Bar, Navigation and Split View Controller



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Gestures

- We've seen how to draw in a UIView, how do we get touches?

We can get notified of the raw touch events (touch down, moved, up, etc.)

Or we can react to certain, predefined "gestures." The latter is the way to go!

- Gestures are recognized by instances of UIGestureRecognizer

The base class is "abstract." We only actually use concrete subclasses to recognize.

- There are two sides to using a gesture recognizer

1. Adding a gesture recognizer to a UIView (asking the UIView to "recognize" that gesture)

2. Providing a method to "handle" that gesture (not necessarily handled by the UIView)

- Usually the first is done by a Controller

Though occasionally a UIView will do this itself if the gesture is integral to its existence

- The second is provided either by the UIView or a Controller

Depending on the situation. We'll see an example of both in our demo.



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- A handler for a gesture needs gesture-specific information

So each concrete subclass provides special methods for handling that type of gesture

- For example, UIPanGestureRecognizer provides 3 methods

```
func translation(in: UIView?) -> CGPoint // cumulative since start of recognition
```

```
func velocity(in: UIView?) -> CGPoint // how fast the finger is moving (points/s)
```

```
func setTranslation(CGPoint, in: UIView?)
```

This last one is interesting because it allows you to reset the translation so far

By resetting the translation to zero all the time, you end up getting “incremental” translation

- The abstract superclass also provides state information

```
var state: UIGestureRecognizerState { get }
```

This sits around in `.possible` until recognition starts

For a continuous gesture (e.g. pan), it moves from `.began` thru repeated `.changed` to `.ended`

For a discrete (e.g. a swipe) gesture, it goes straight to `.ended` or `.recognized`.

It can go to `.failed` or `.cancelled` too, so watch out for those!



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By resetting the translation, the next one we get will be incremental movement



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• UIPinchGestureRecognizer

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var scale: CGFloat // not read-only (can reset)
var velocity: CGFloat { get } // scale factor per second
```

• UIRotationGestureRecognizer

```
var rotation: CGFloat // not read-only (can reset); in radians
var velocity: CGFloat { get } // radians per second
```

• UISwipeGestureRecognizer

Set up the direction and number of fingers you want

```
var direction: UISwipeGestureRecognizerDirection // which swipe directions you want
var numberOfTouchesRequired: Int // finger count
```

• UITapGestureRecognizer

Set up the number of taps and fingers you want

```
var numberOfTapsRequired: Int // single tap, double tap, etc.
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```



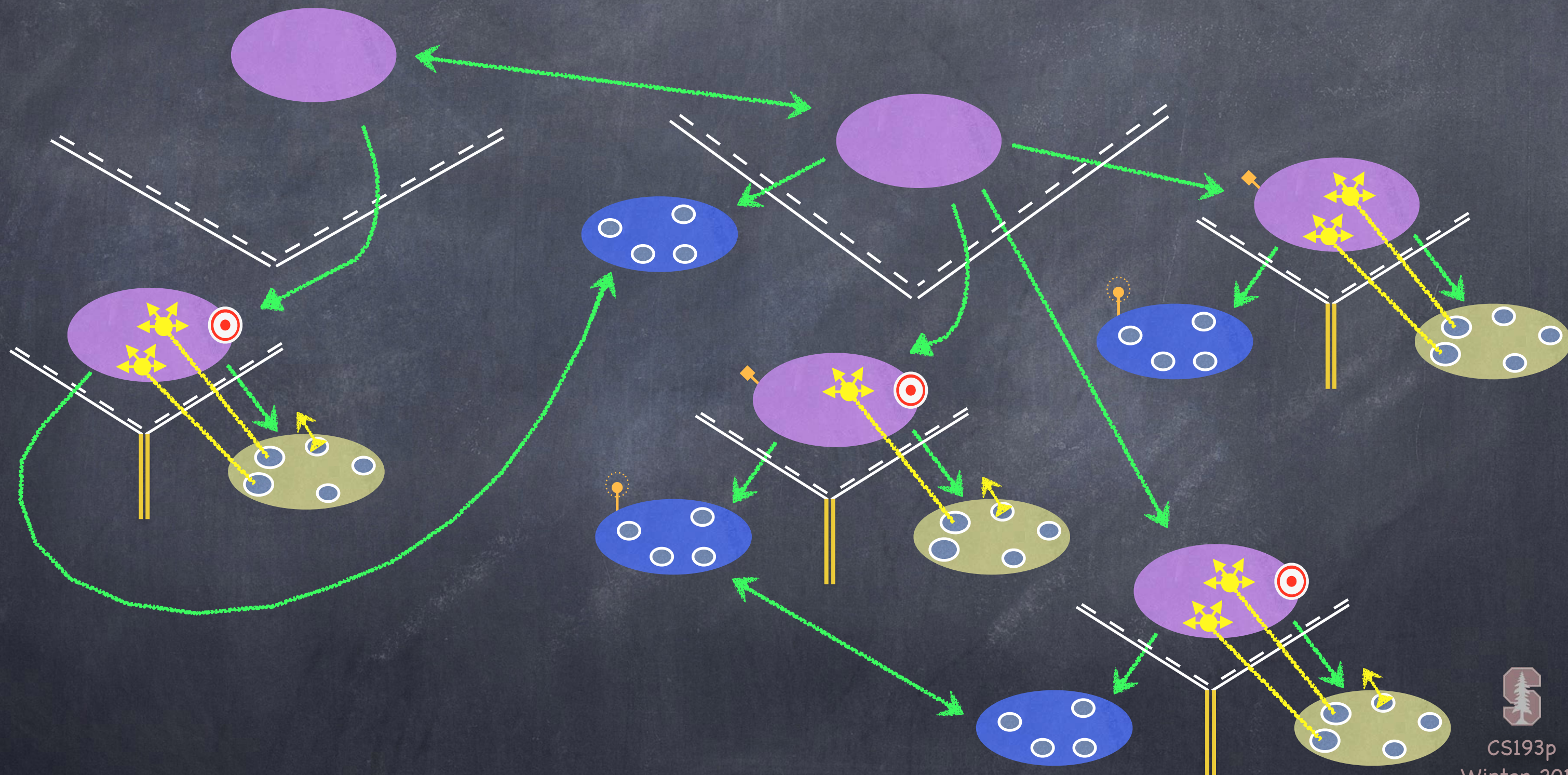
Demo

👁️ Gestures Demo

- Add a gesture recognizer (pinch) to zoom in and out (control the FaceView's own scale)
- Add gesture recognizers (pan & tap) to control the expression (Model) in the Controller



MVCs working together

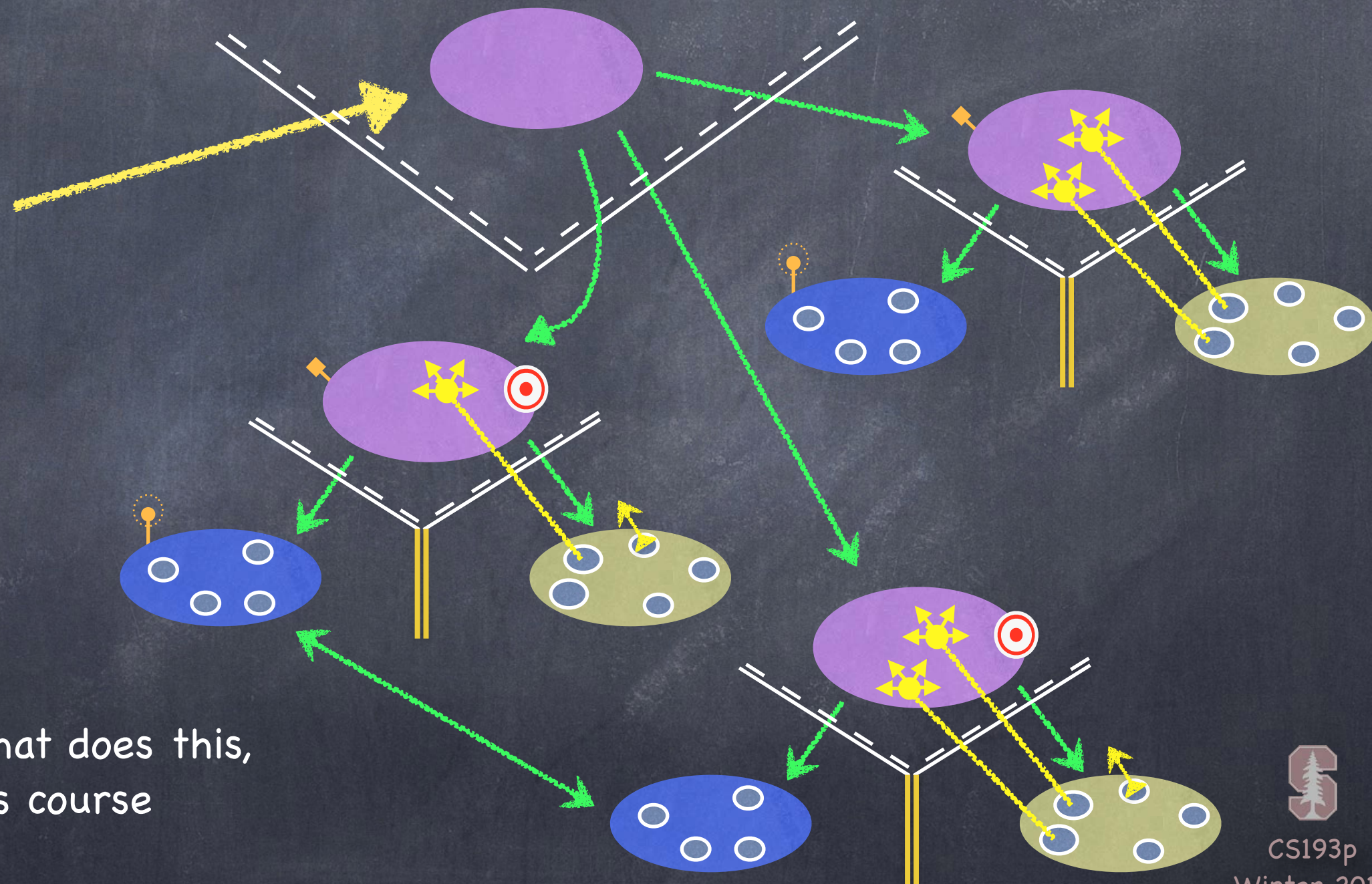


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* you could build your own Controller that does this, but we're not going to cover that in this course



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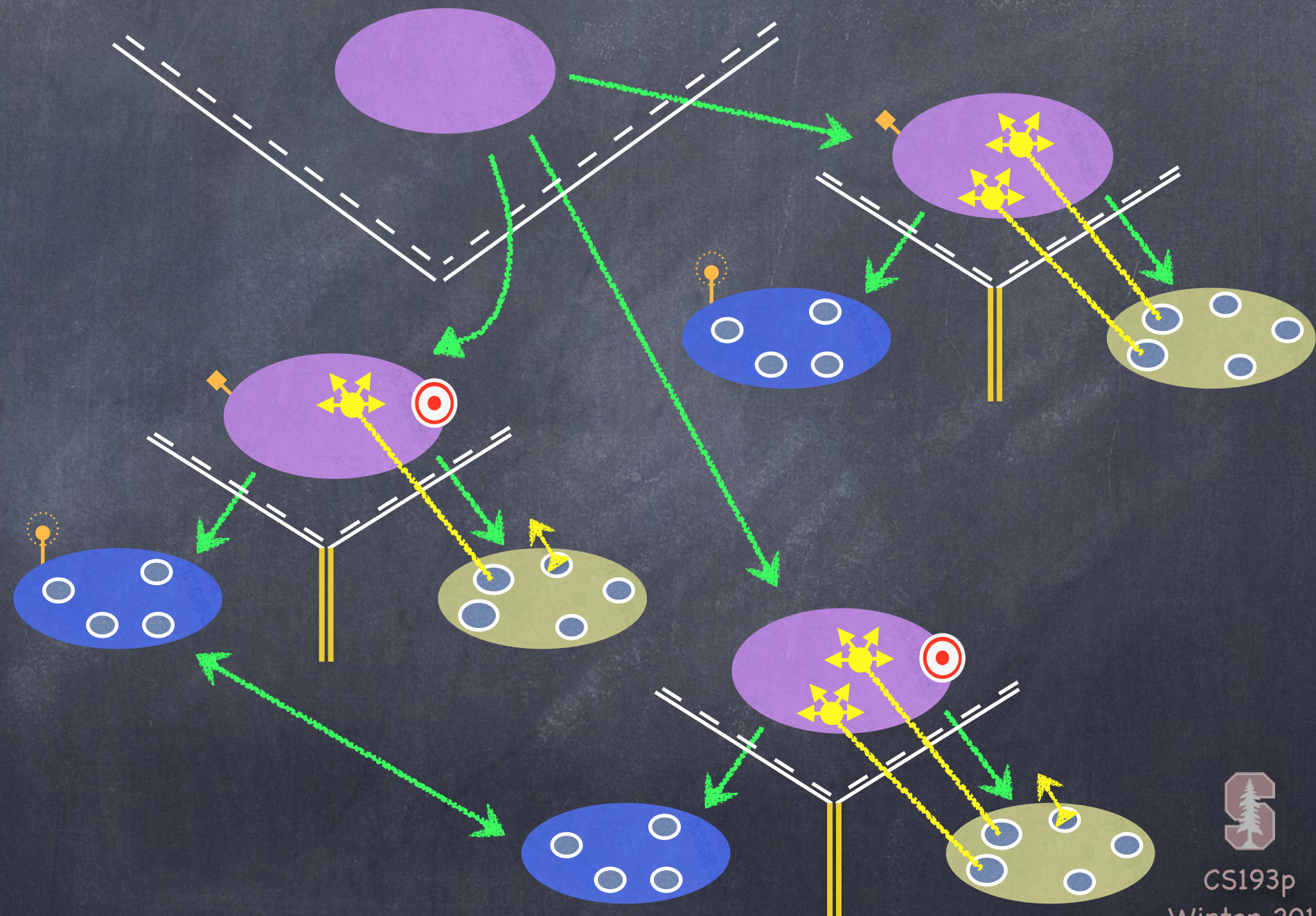
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Examples:

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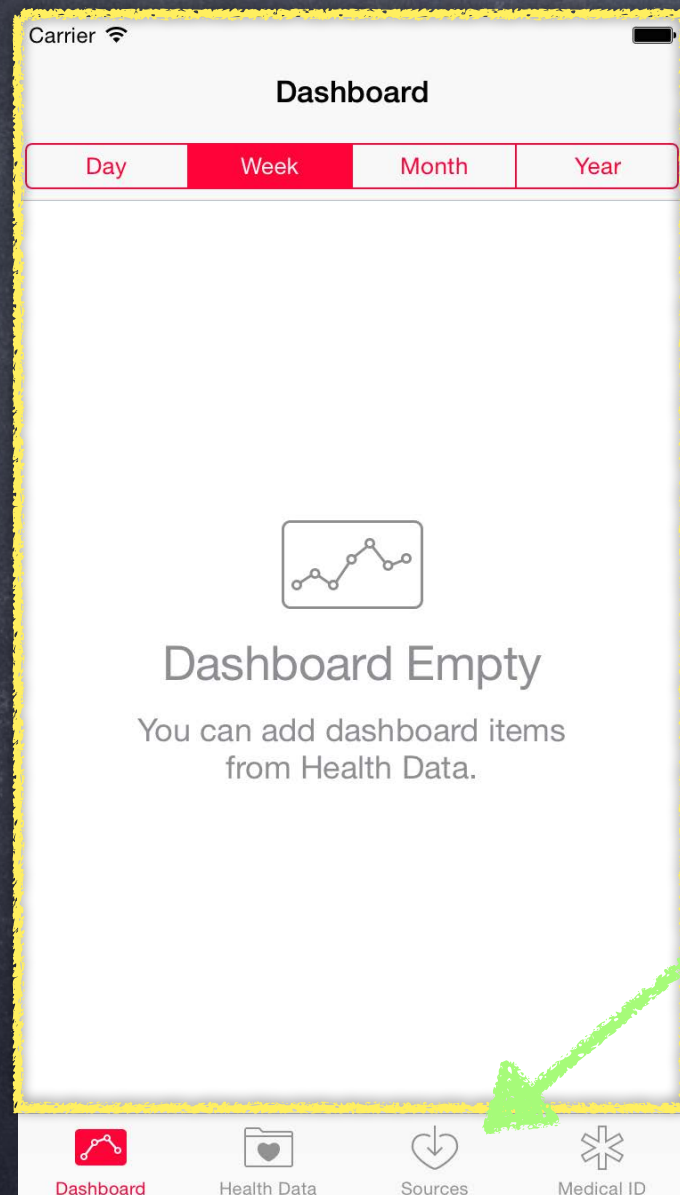
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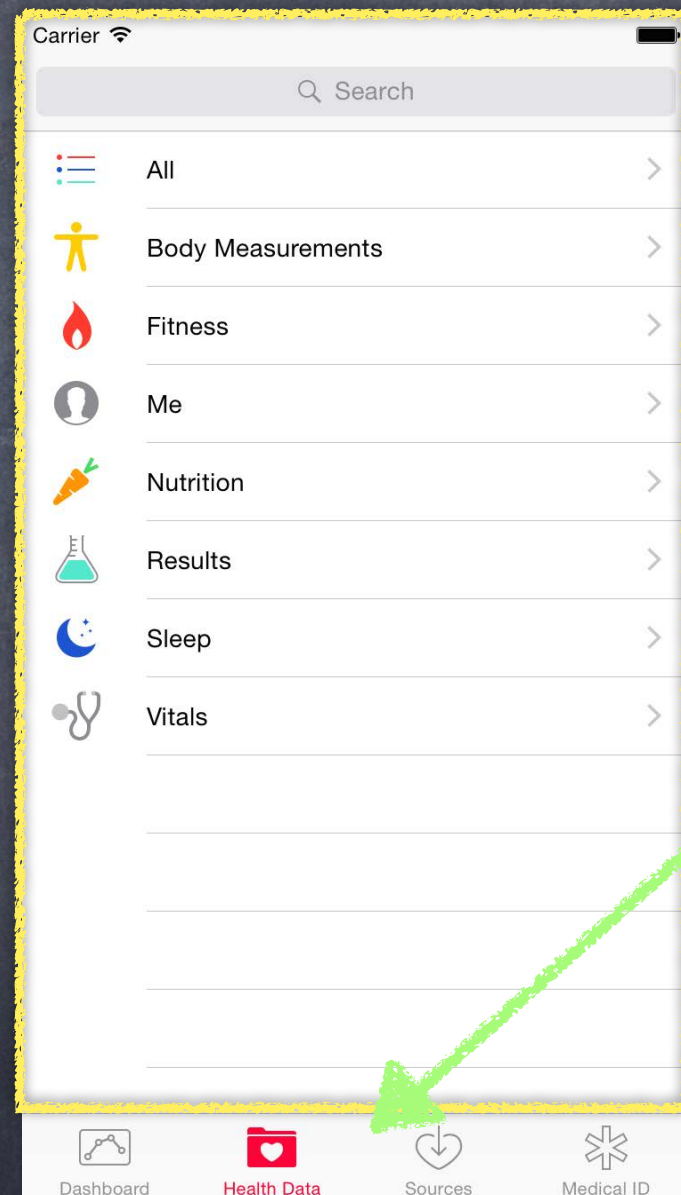
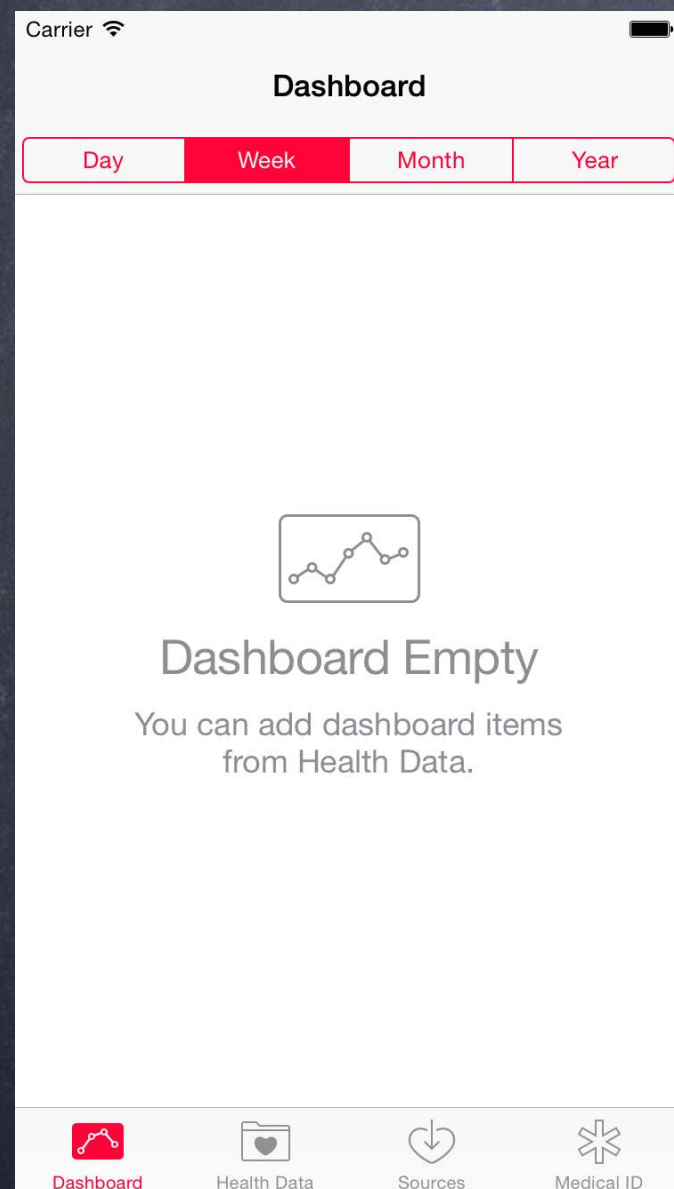
← A "Dashboard" MVC

The icon, title and even a "badge value" on these is determined by the MVCs themselves via their property:
`var tabBarItem: UITabBarItem!`
But usually you just set them in your storyboard.



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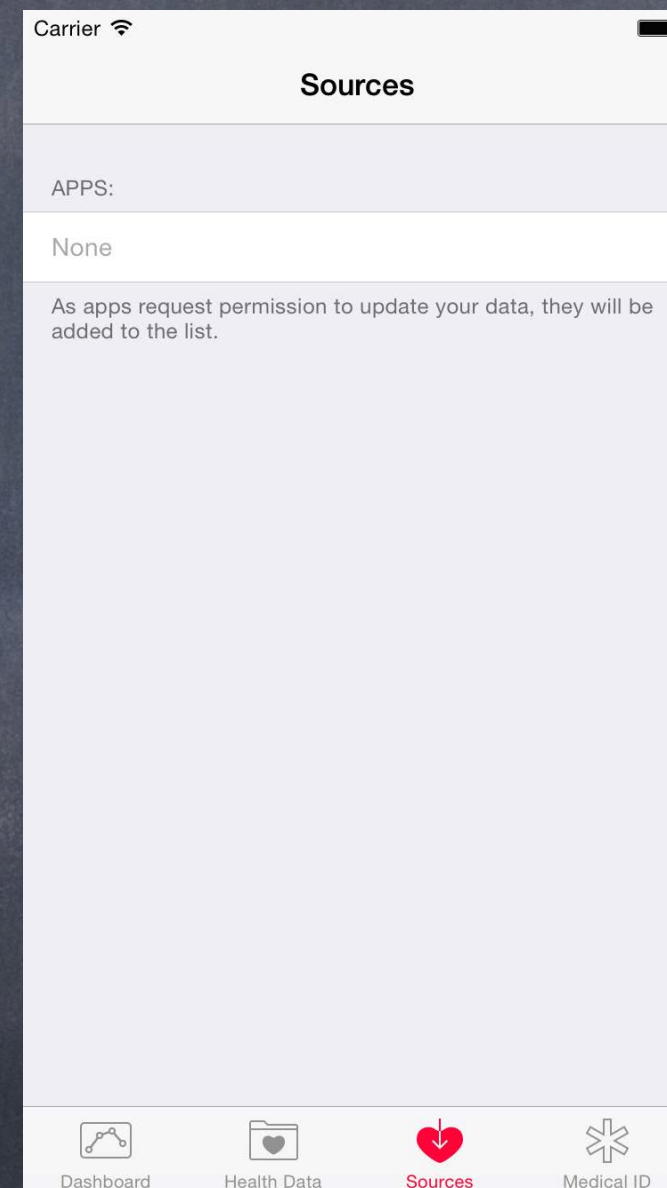
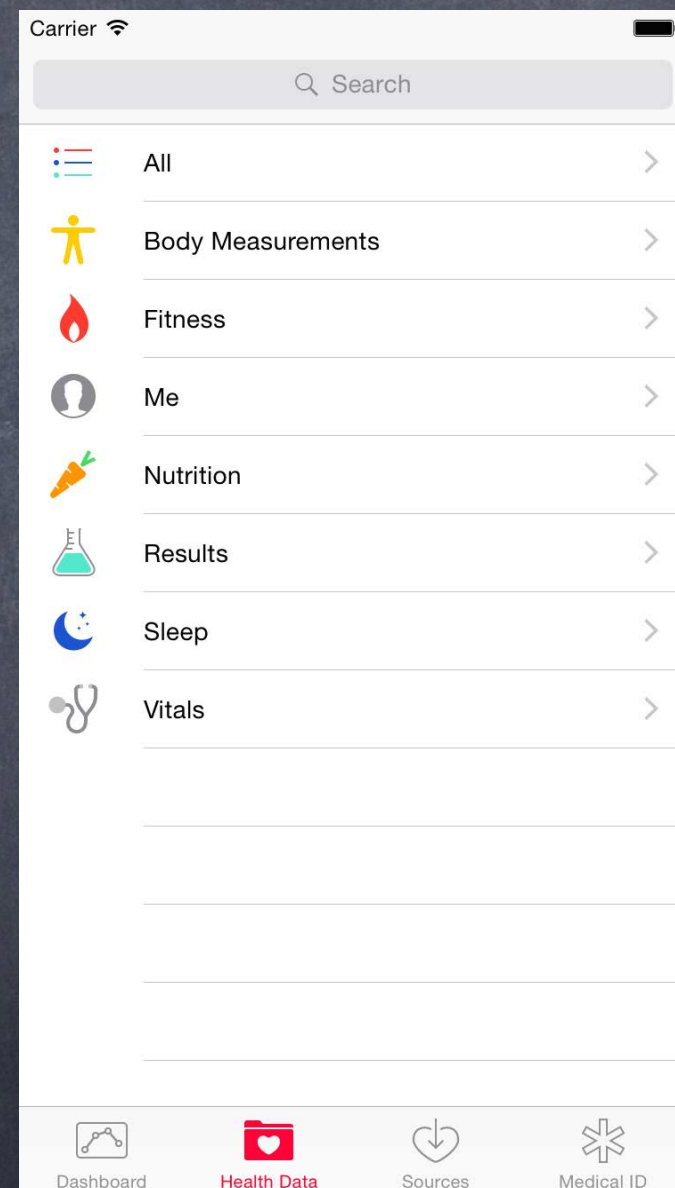
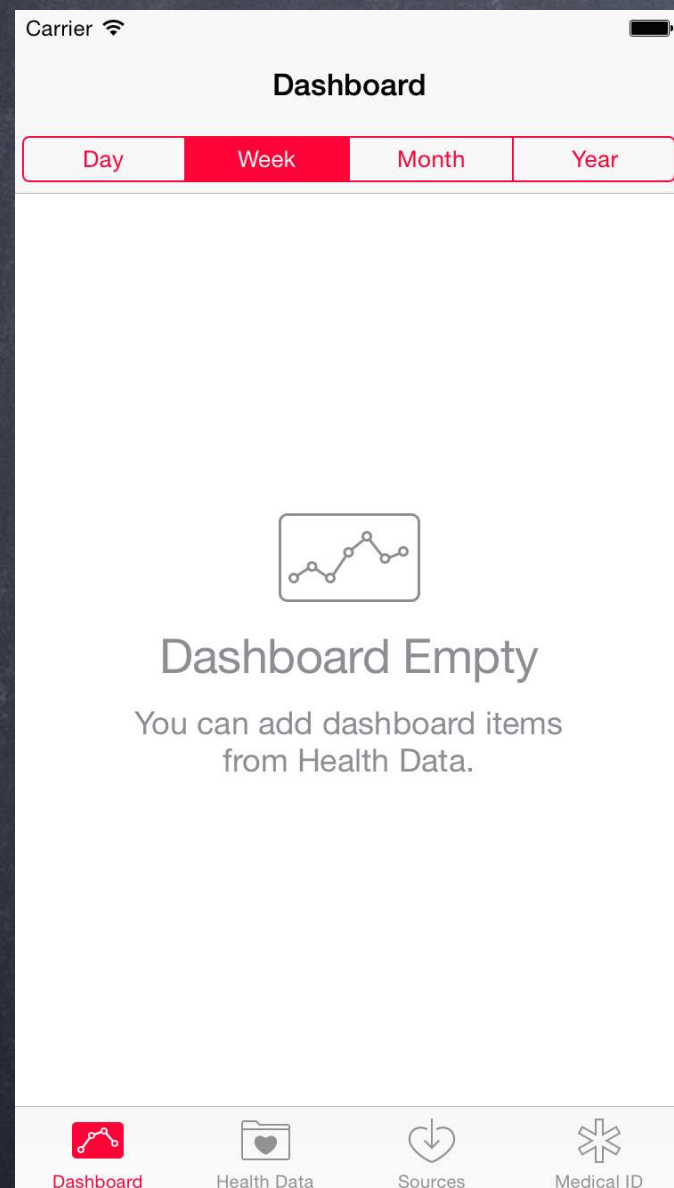
← A "Health Data" MVC

If there are too many tabs to fit here, the UITabBarController will automatically present a UI for the user to manage the overflow!



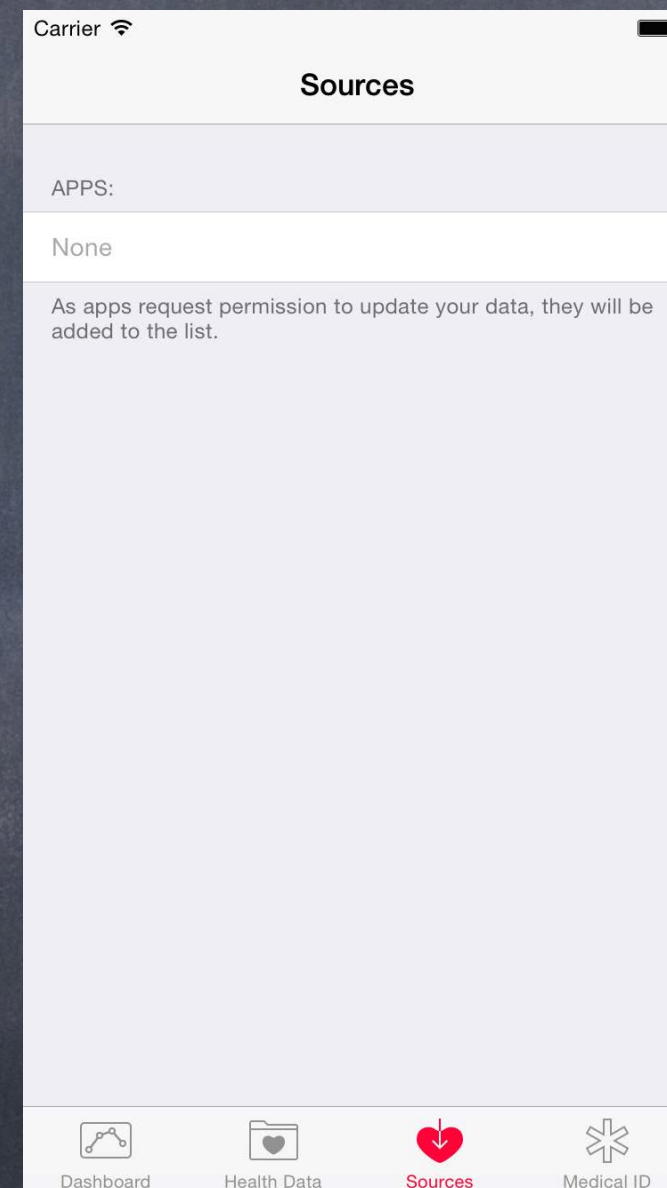
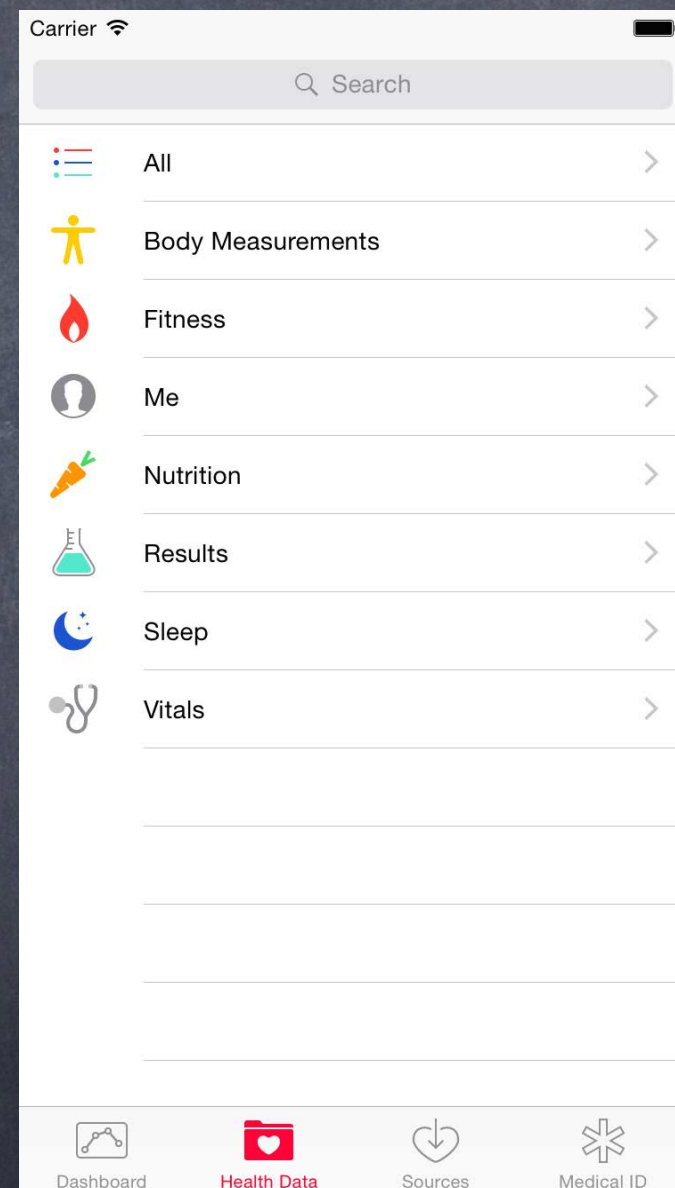
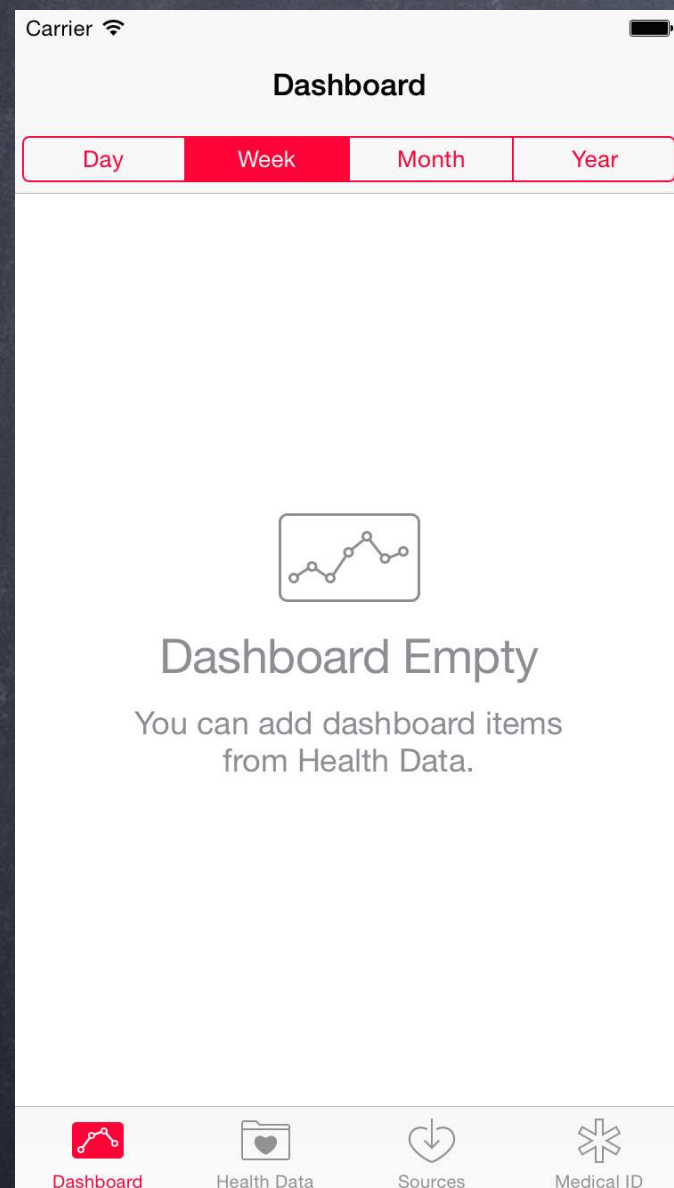
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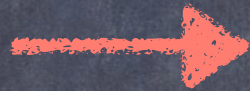
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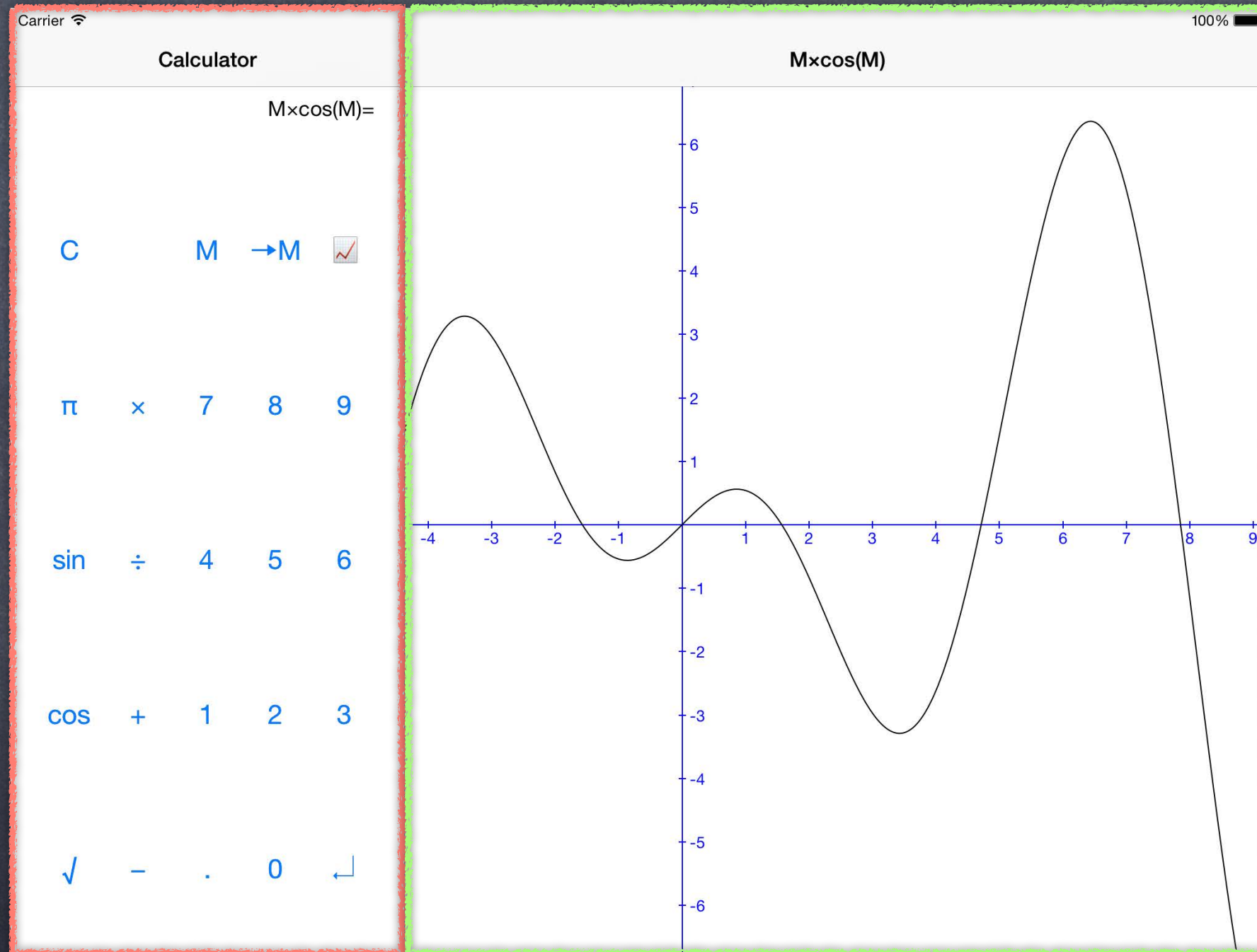
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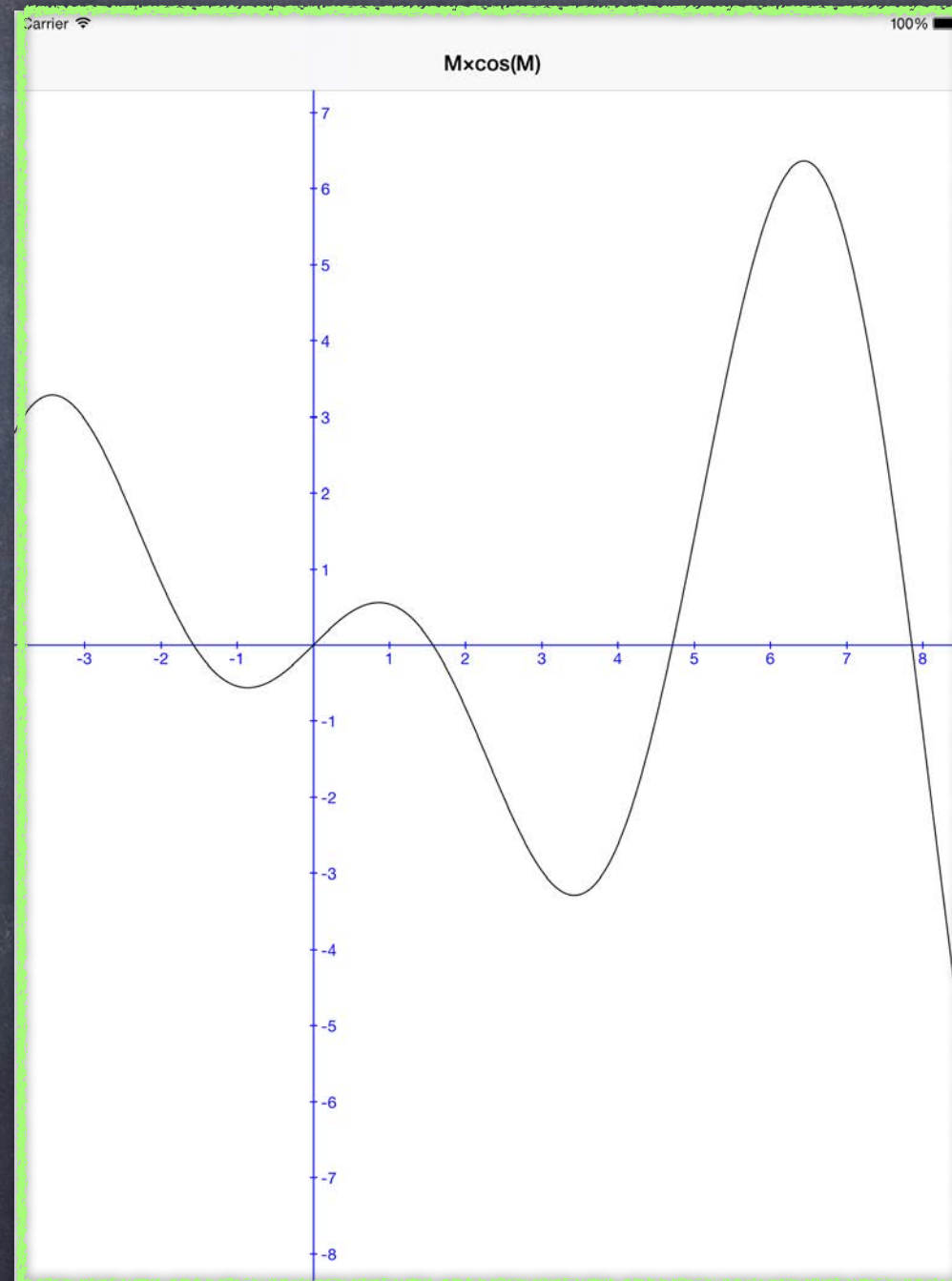


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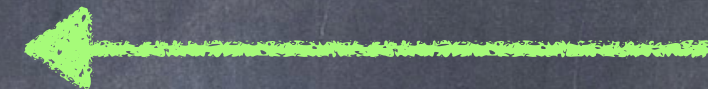
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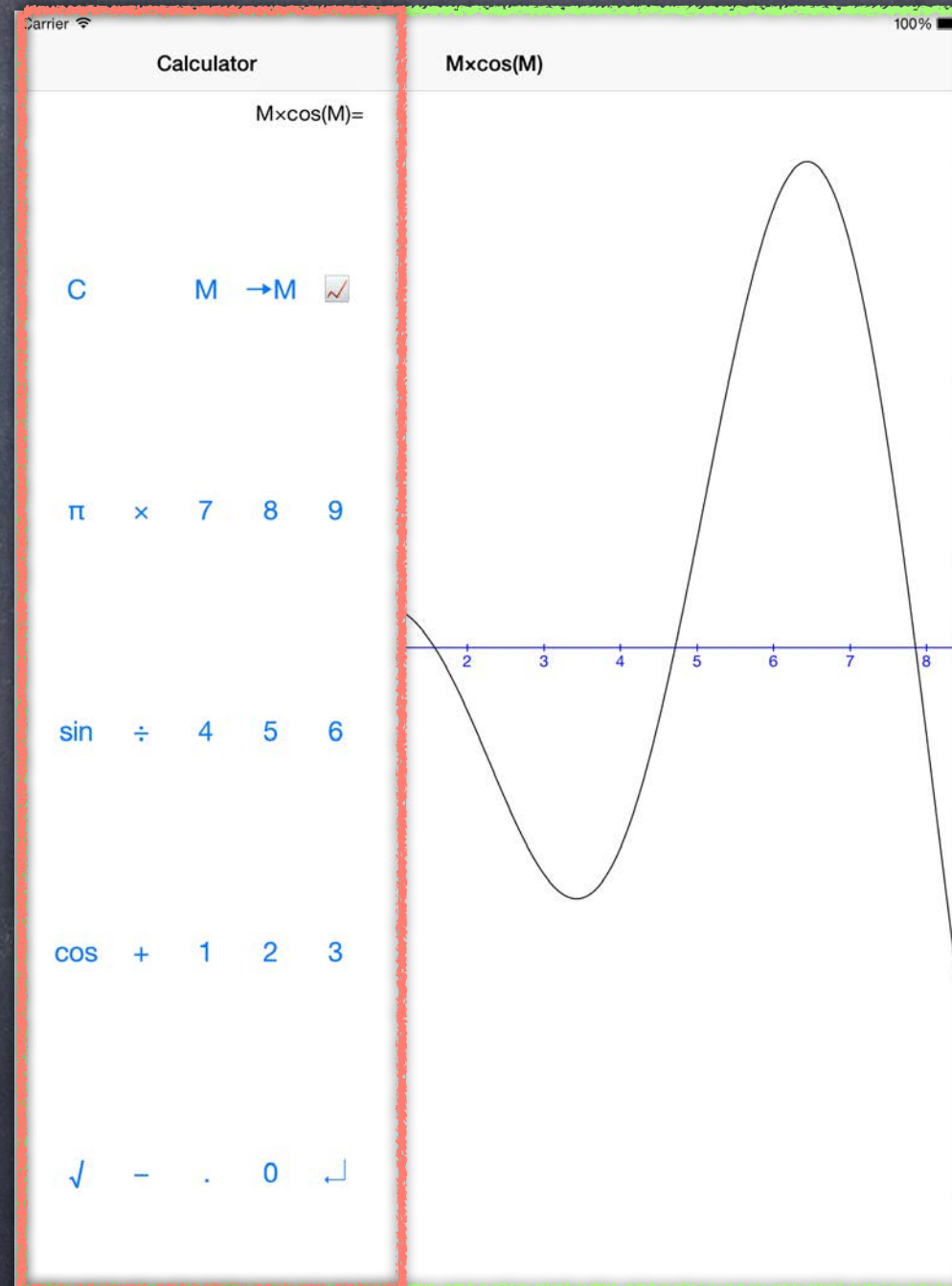
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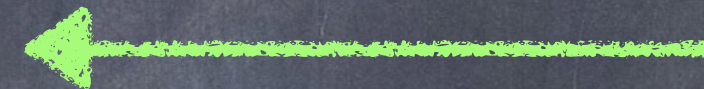
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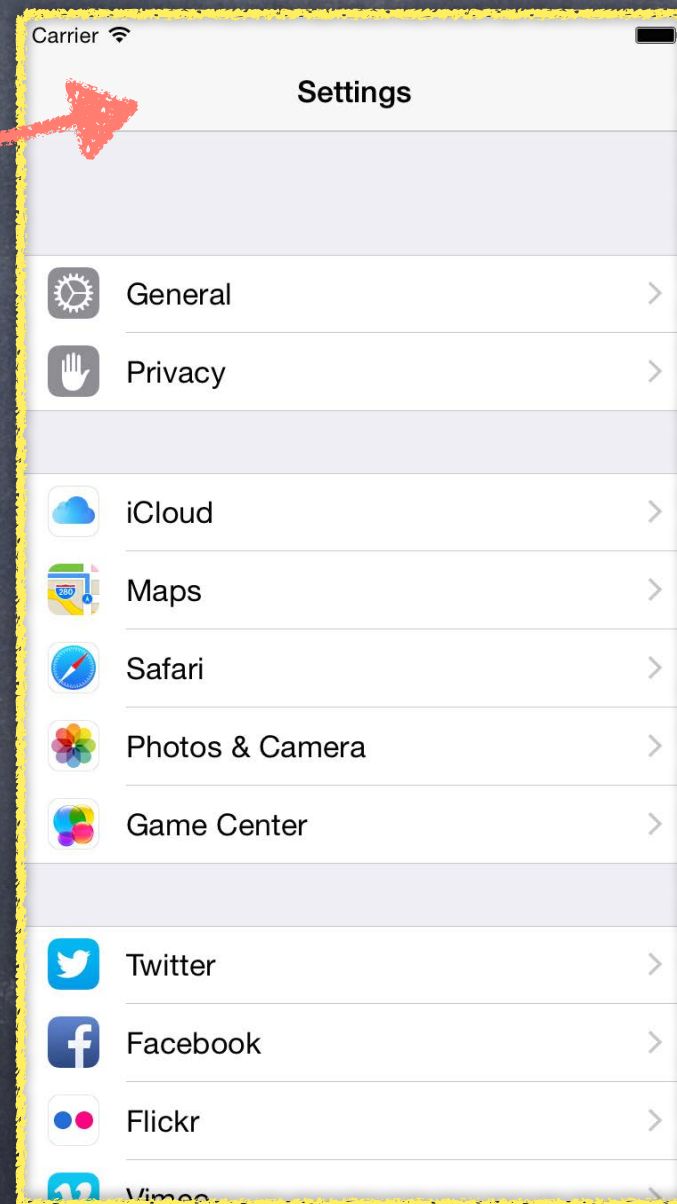
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This top area is drawn by the UINavigationController

But the contents of the top area (like the title or any buttons on the right) are determined by the MVC currently showing (in this case, the "All Settings" MVC)

Each MVC communicates these contents via its UINavigationController's `navigationItem` property

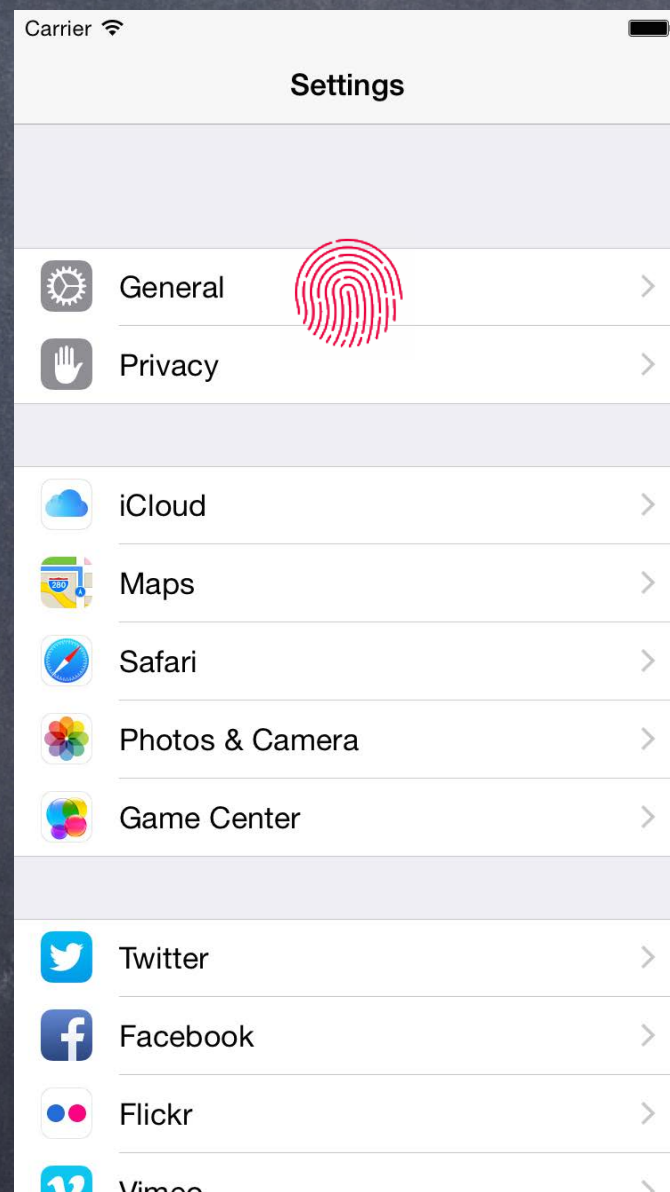


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It's possible to add MVC-specific buttons here too via the UINavigationController's `toolbarItems` property →



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Notice this "back" button has appeared. This is placed here automatically by the UINavigationController.

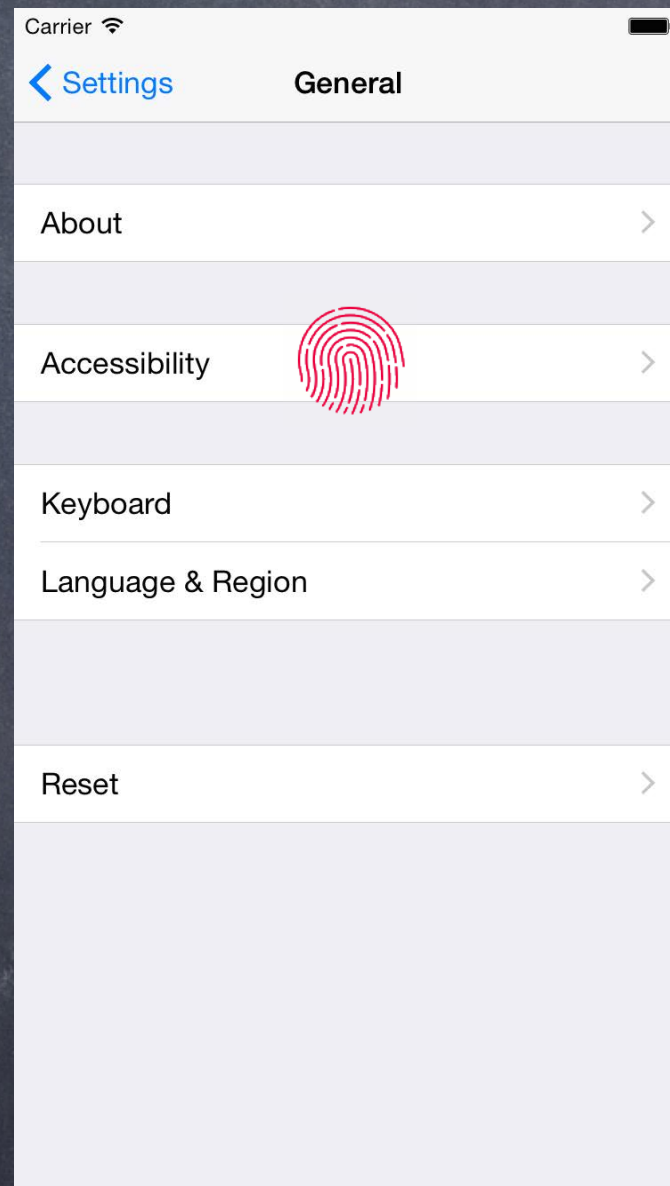


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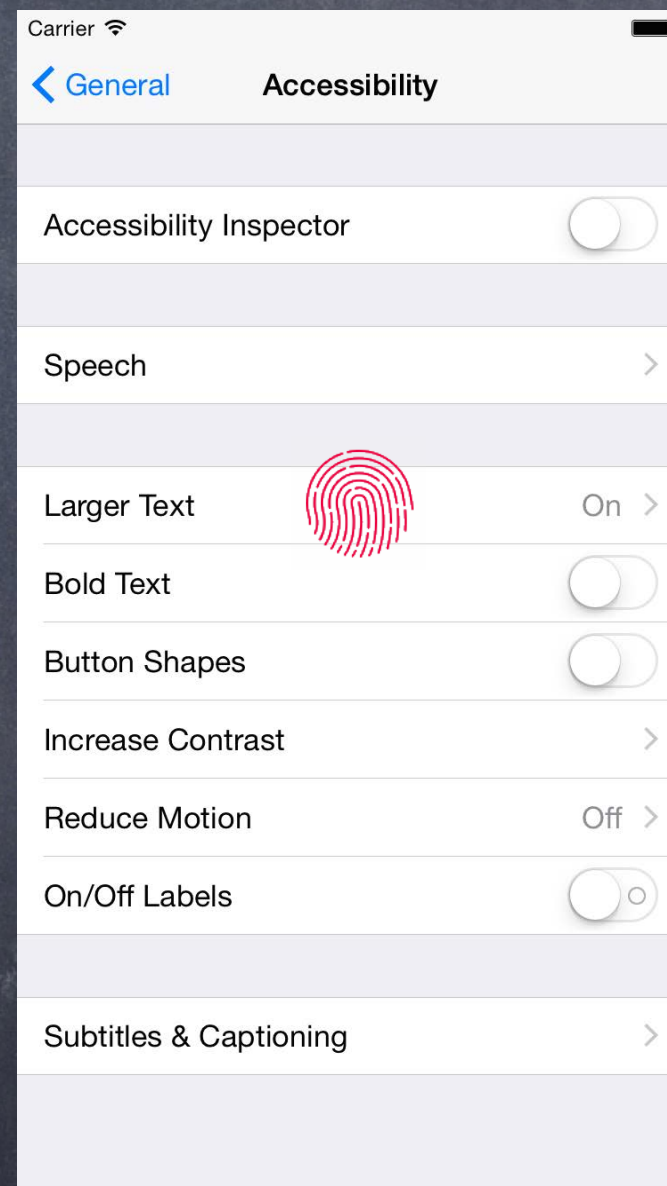


← An "Accessibility" MVC



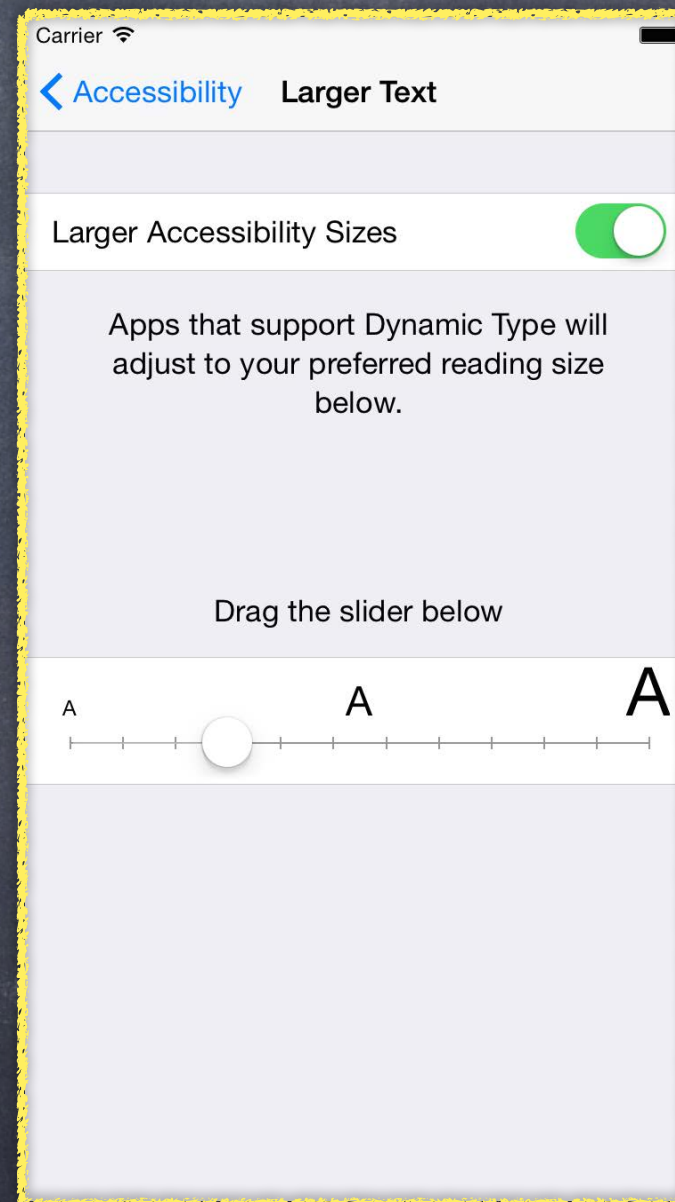
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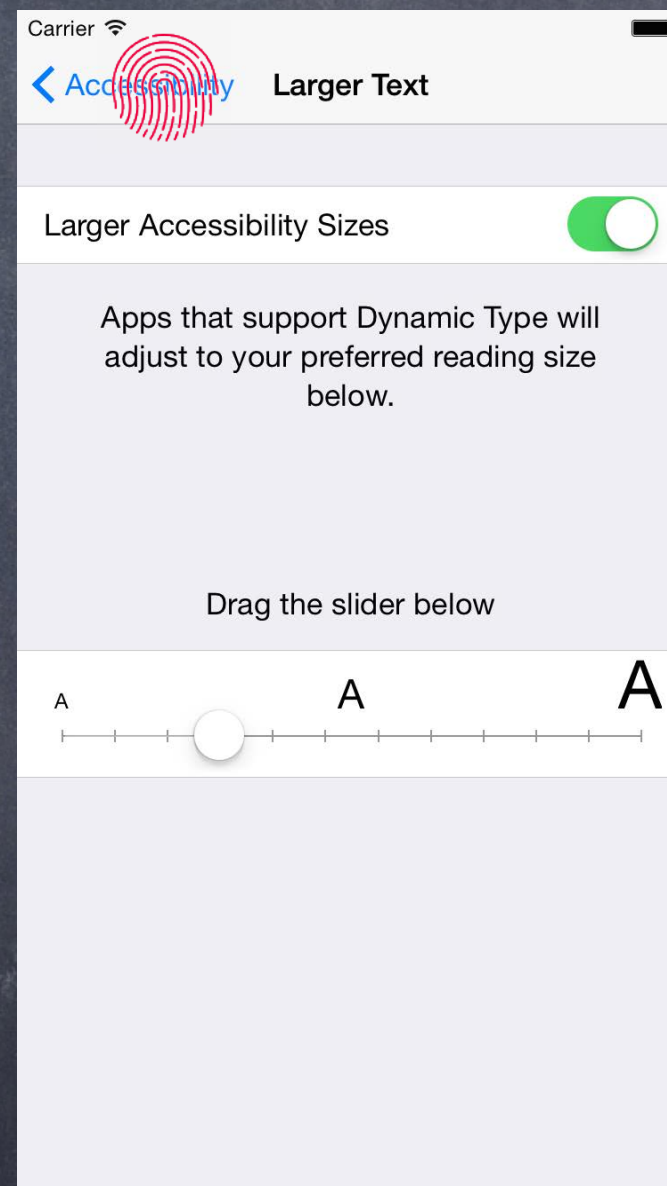


← A "Larger Text" MVC



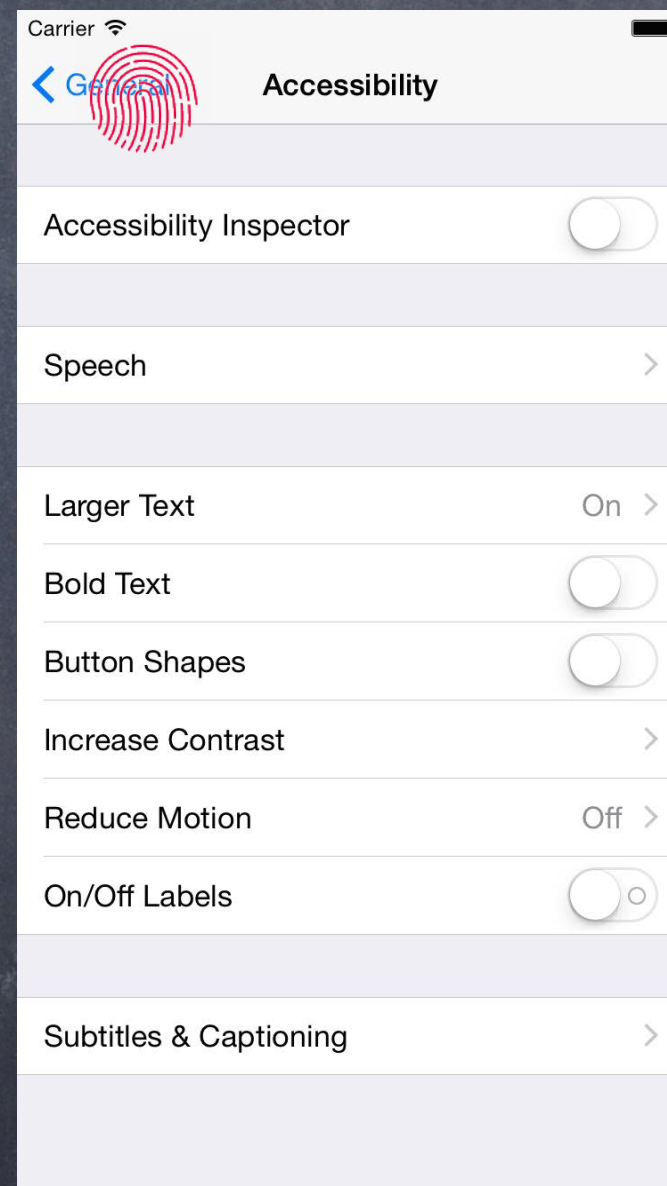
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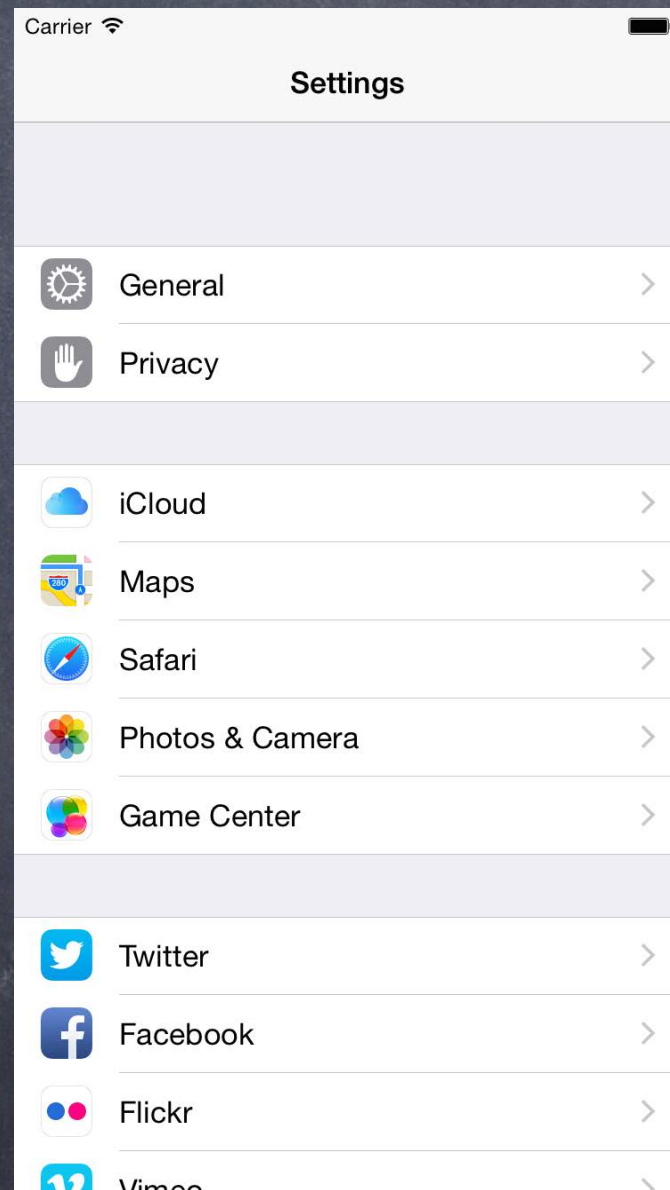
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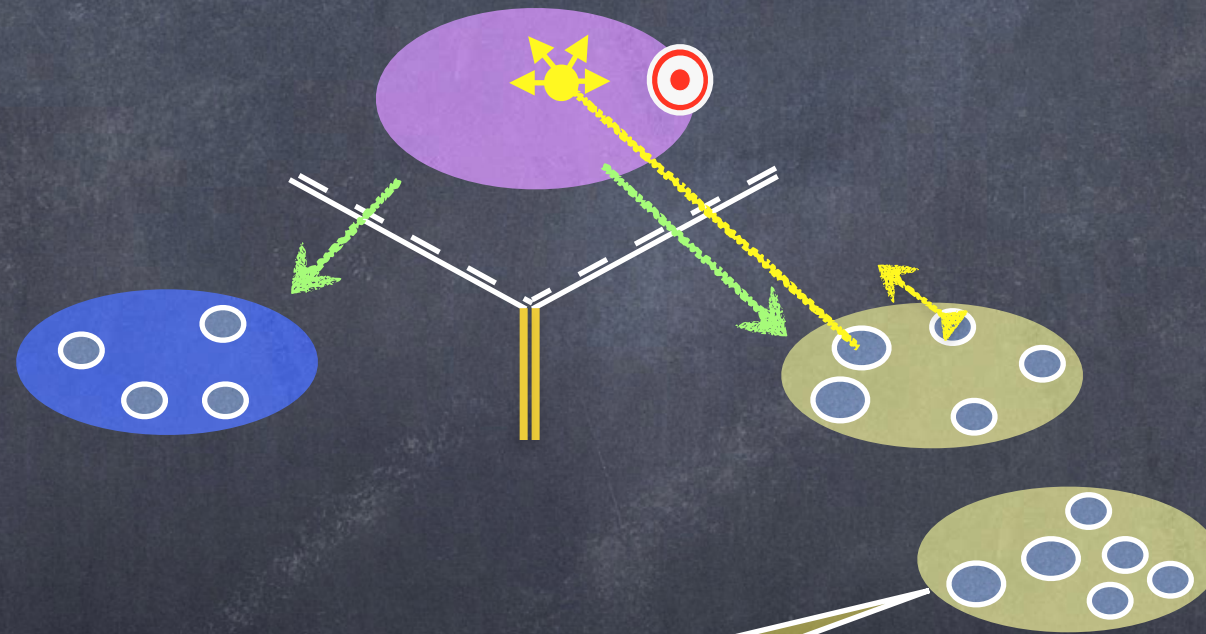


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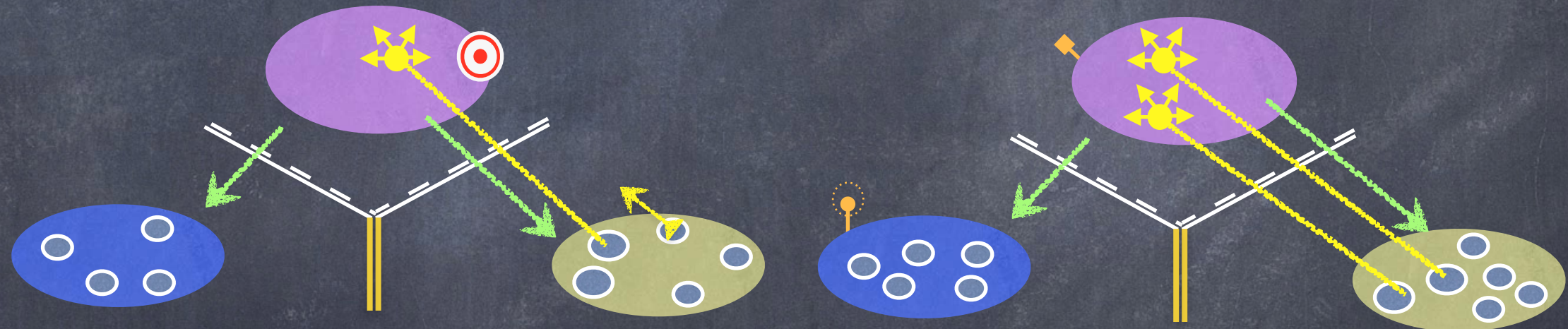
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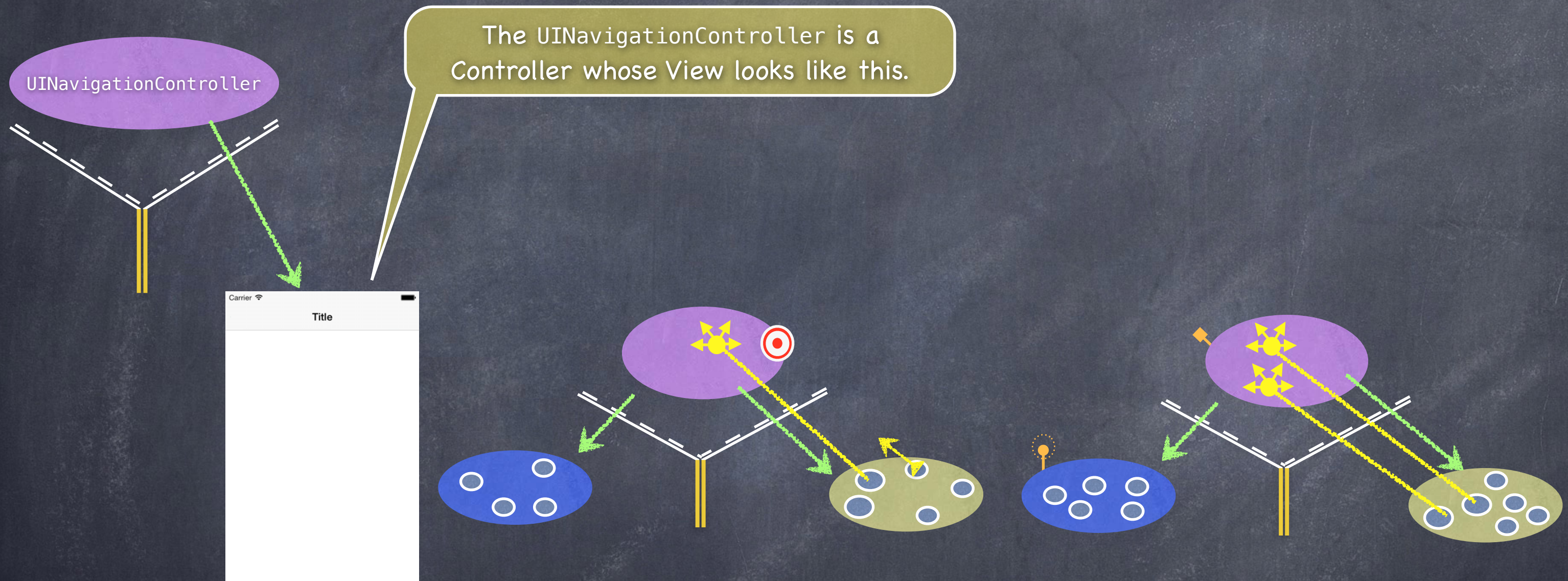
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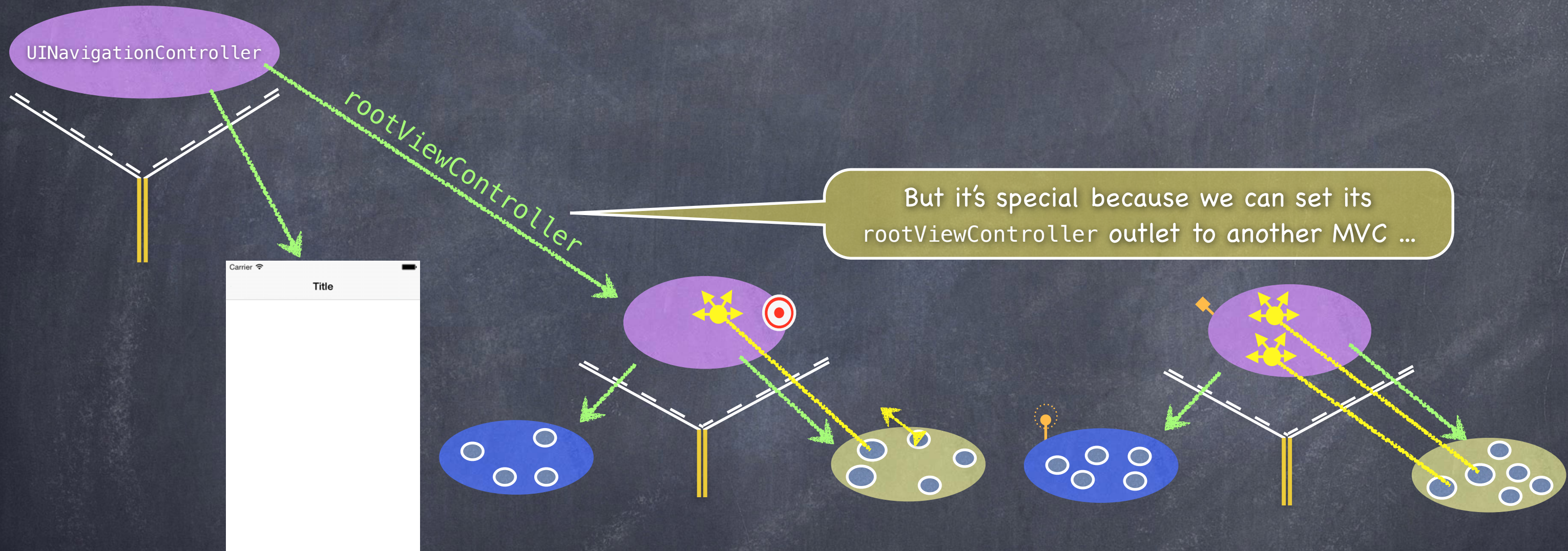
We can use a UINavigationController to let them share the screen.



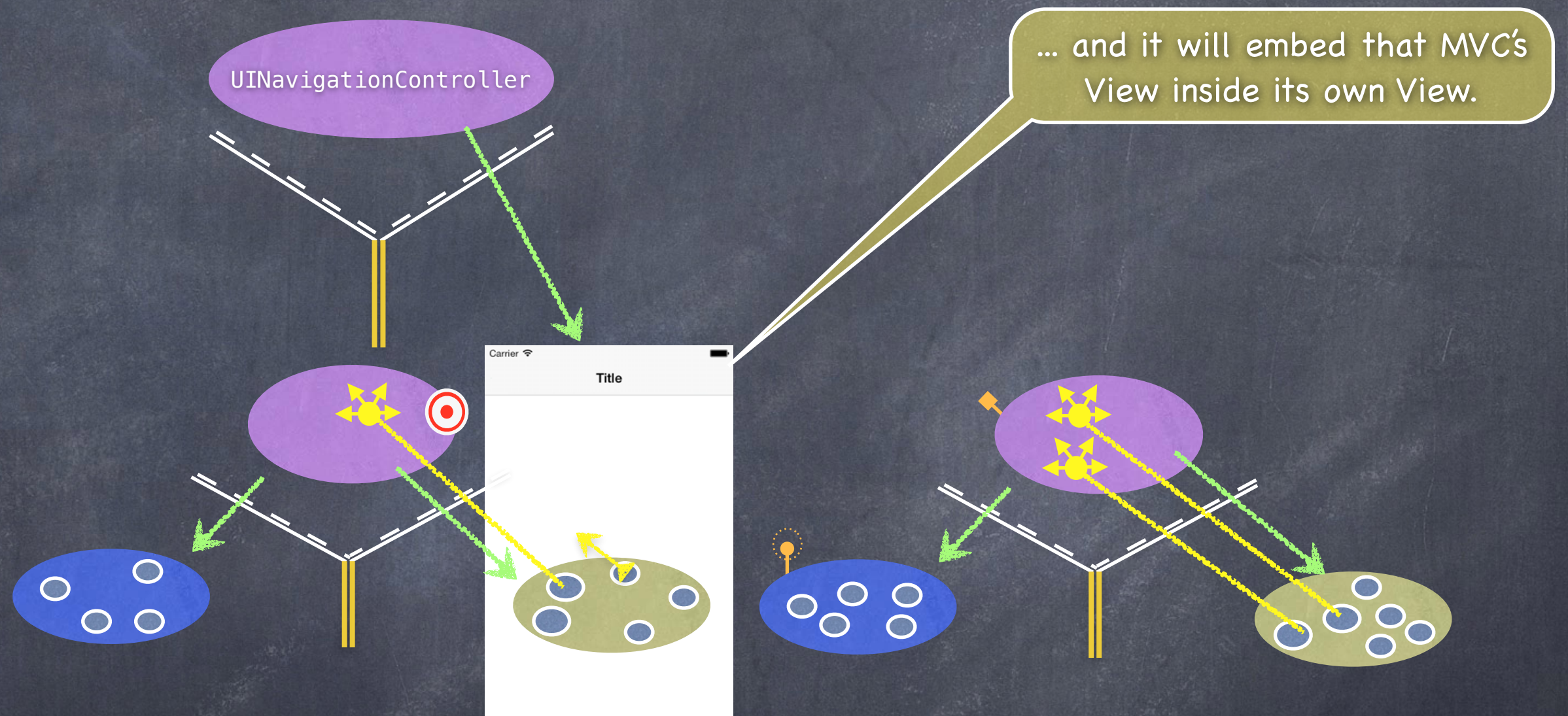
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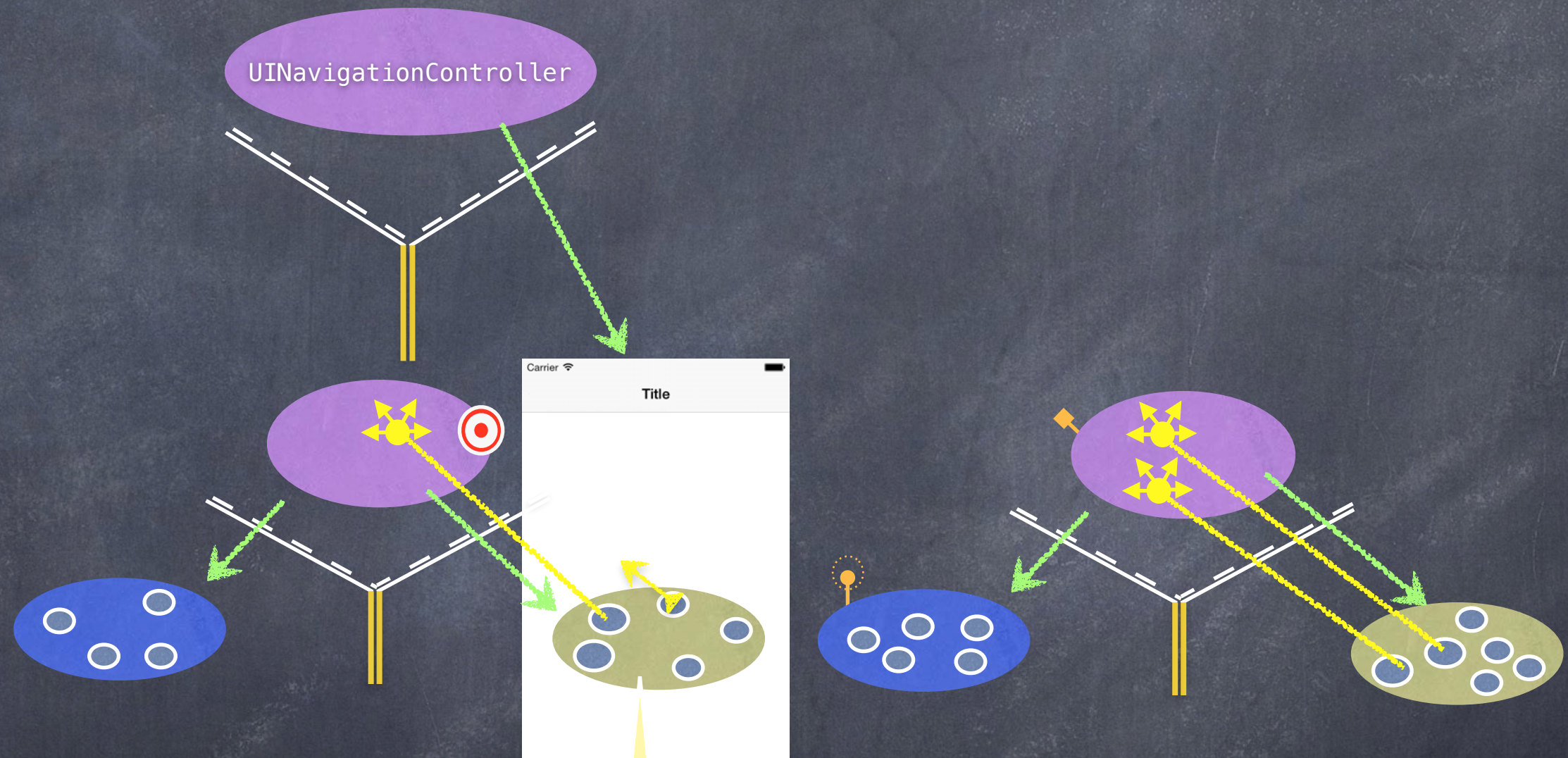
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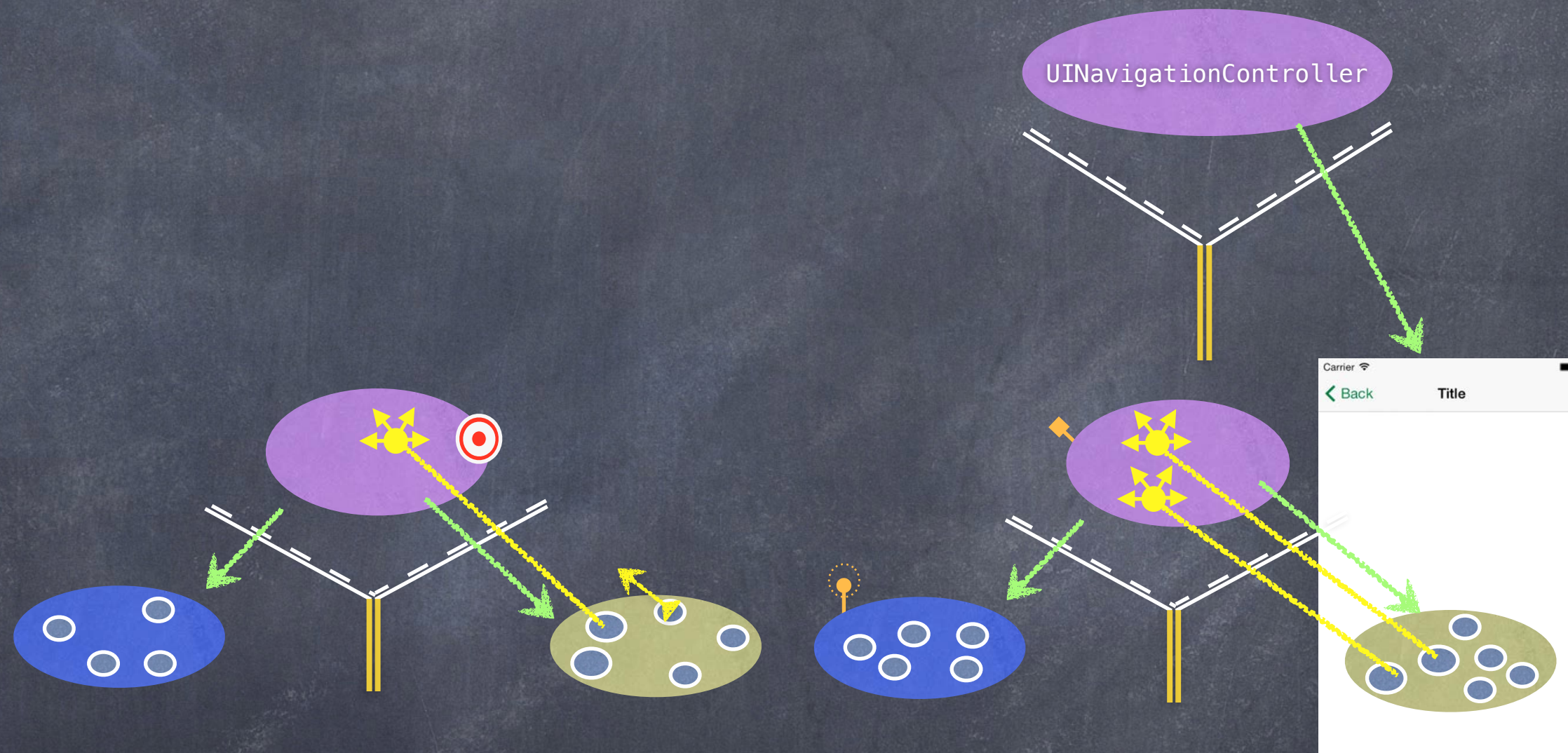
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Then a UI element in this View (e.g. a UIButton) can segue to the other MVC and its View will now appear in the UINavigationController instead.



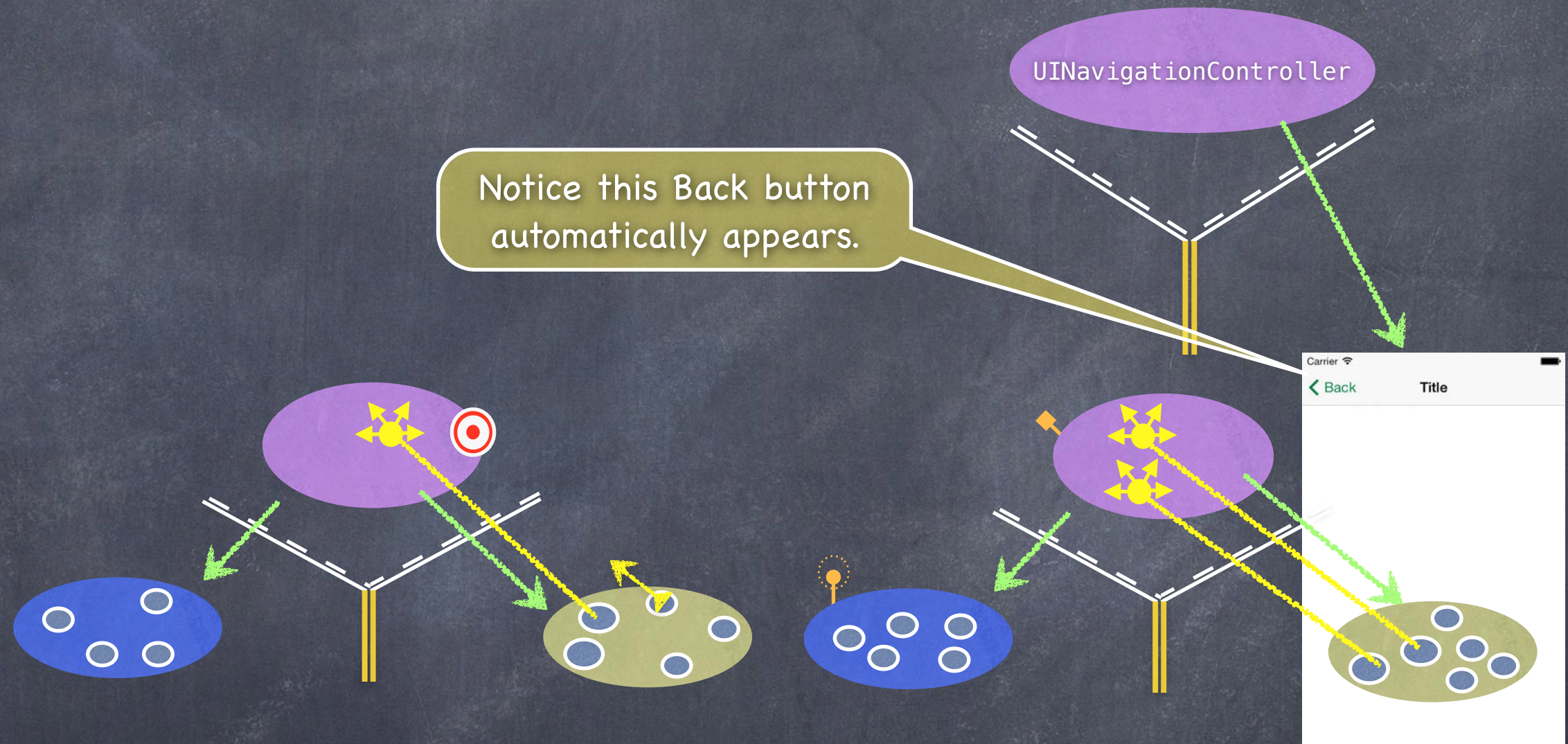
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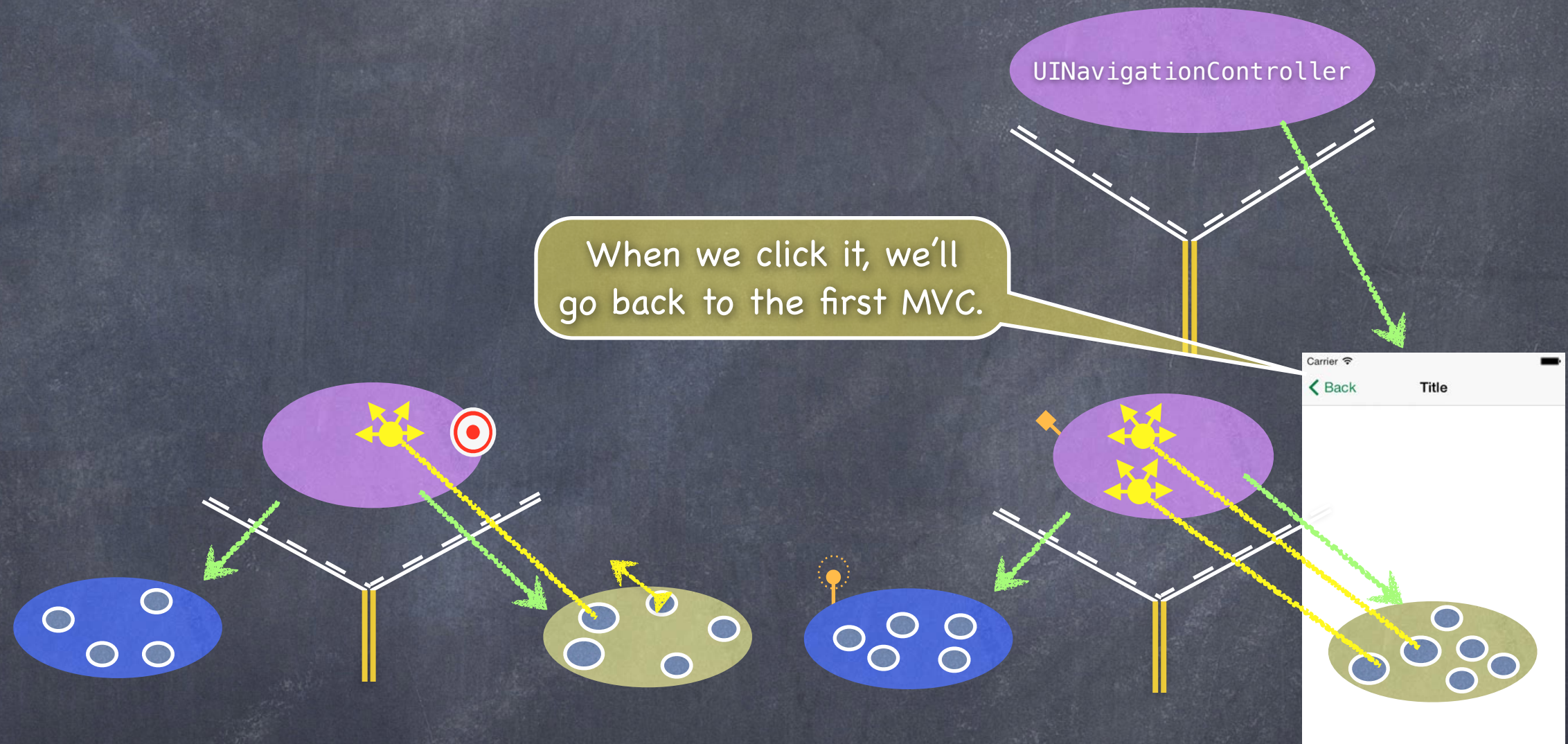
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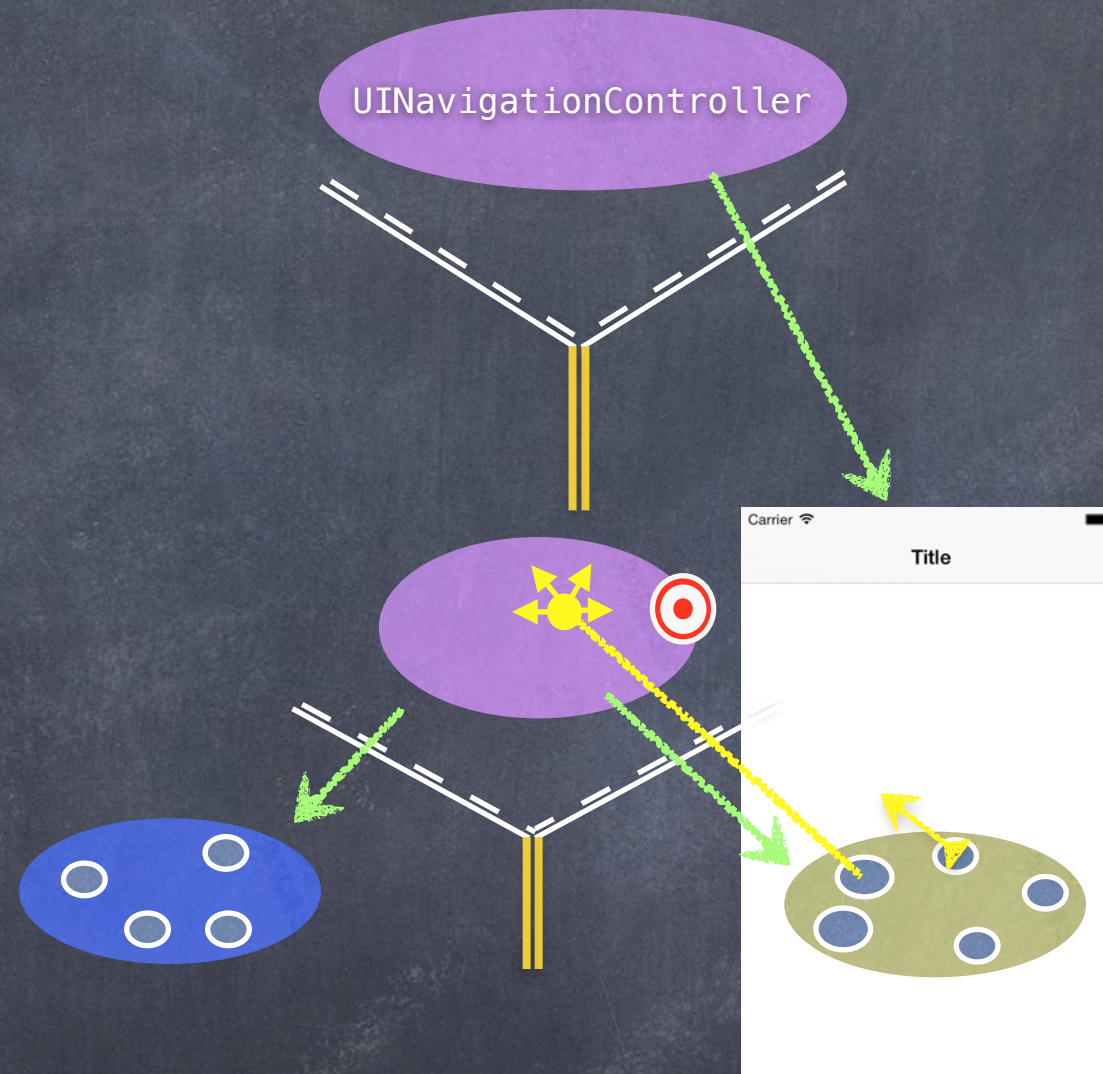
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Notice that after we back out of an MVC, it disappears (it is deallocated from the heap, in fact).

Accessing the sub-MVCs

- You can get the sub-MVCs via the `viewControllers` property

```
var viewControllers: [UIViewController]? { get set } // can be optional (e.g. for tab bar)
// for a tab bar, they are in order, left to right, in the array
// for a split view, [0] is the master and [1] is the detail
// for a navigation controller, [0] is the root and the rest are in order on the stack
// even though this is settable, usually setting happens via storyboard, segues, or other
// for example, navigation controller's push and pop methods
```

- But how do you get ahold of the SVC, TBC or NC itself?

Every `UIViewController` knows the Split View, Tab Bar or Navigation Controller it is currently in
These are `UIViewController` properties ...

```
var tabBarController: UITabBarController? { get }
var splitViewController: UISplitViewController? { get }
var navigationController: UINavigationController? { get }
```

So, for example, to get the detail (right side) of the split view controller you are in ...

```
if let detail: UIViewController? = splitViewController?.viewControllers[1] { ... }
```

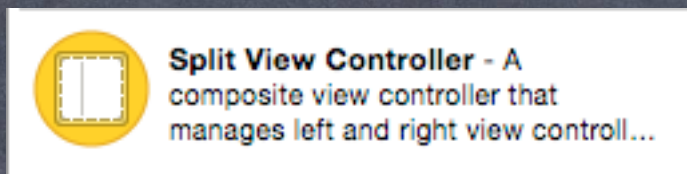


Wiring up MVCs

- How do we wire all this stuff up?

Let's say we have a Calculator MVC and a Calculator Graphing MVC
How do we hook them up to be the two sides of a Split View?

Just drag out a

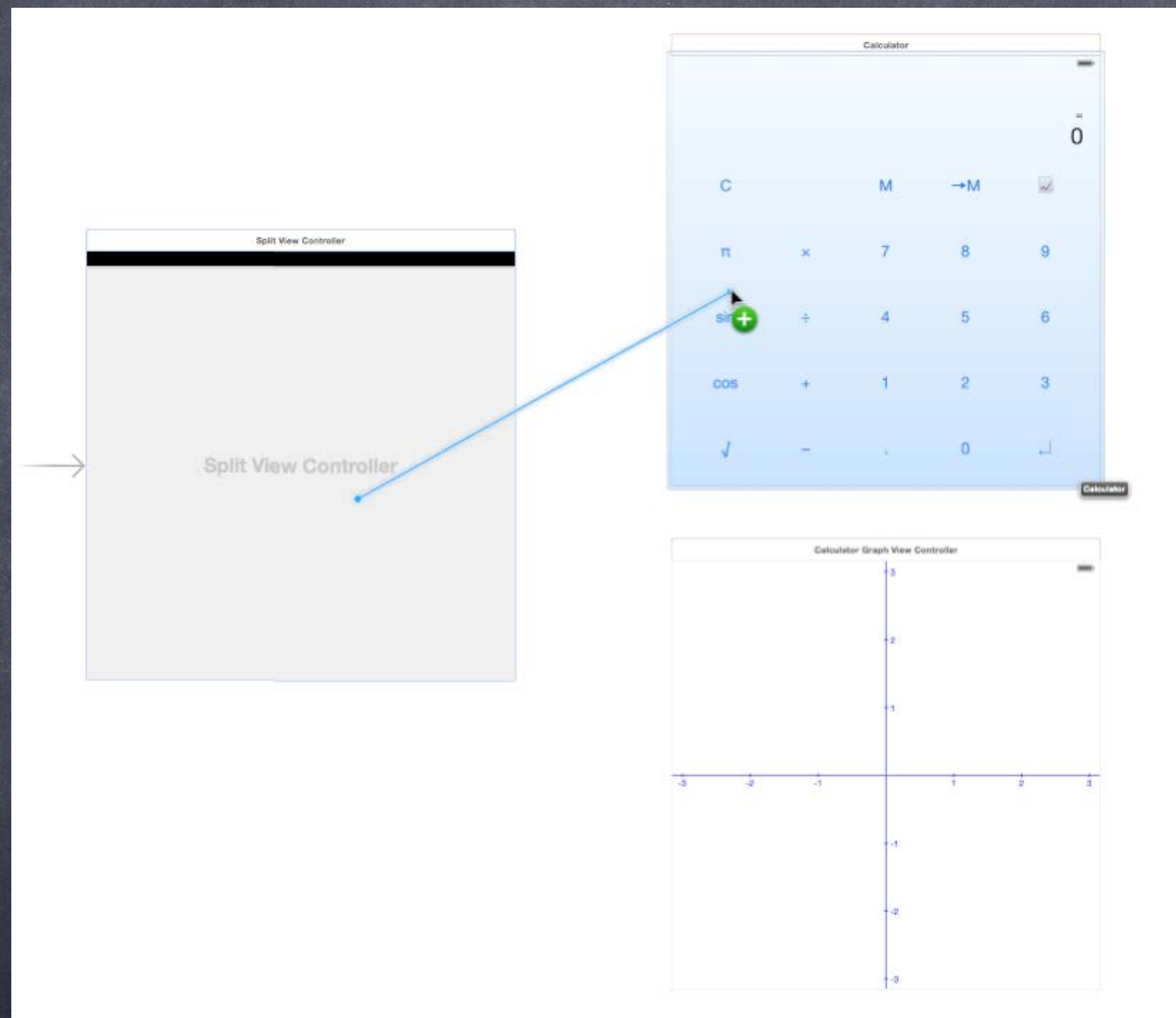


(and delete all the extra VCs it brings with it)

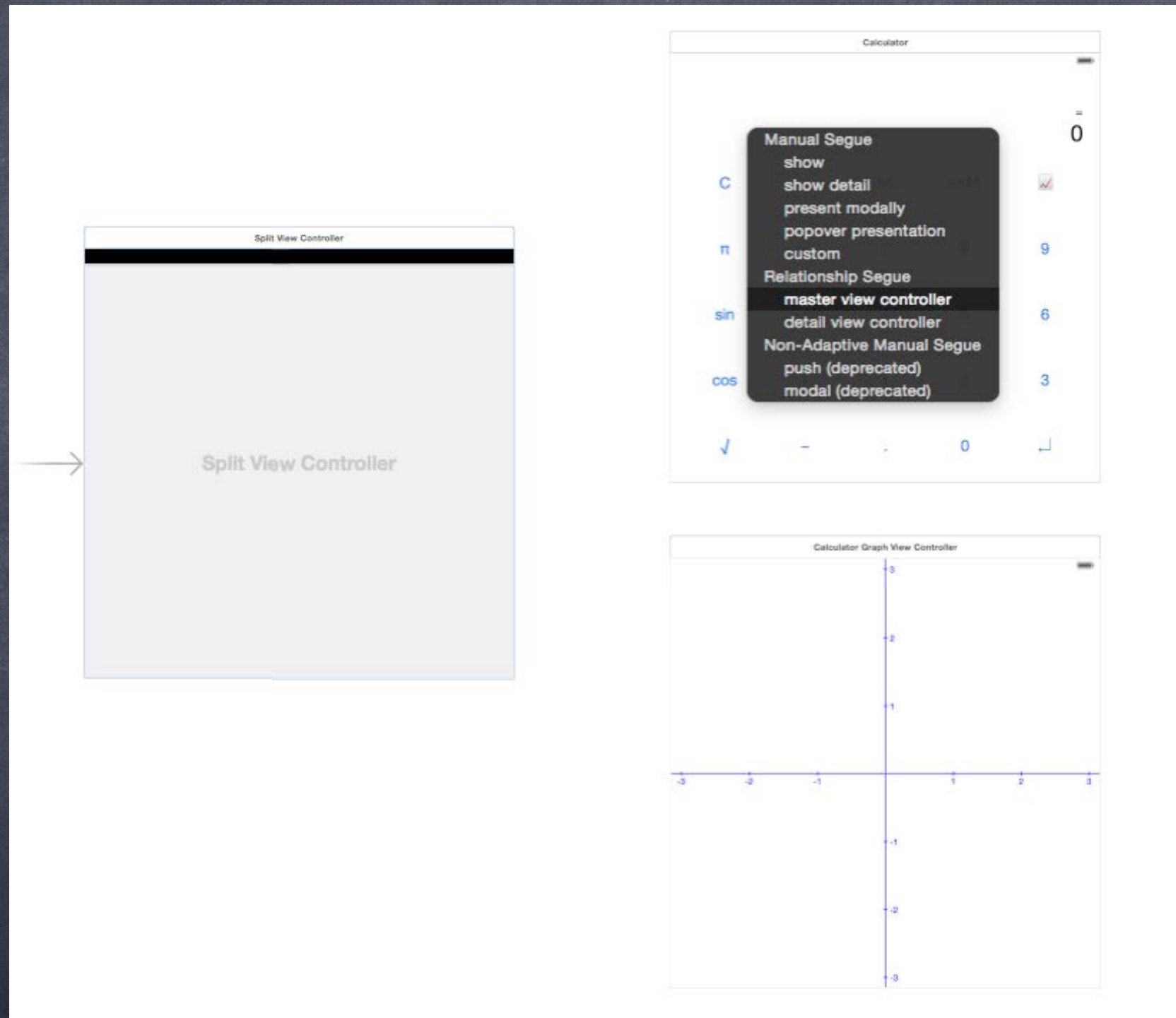
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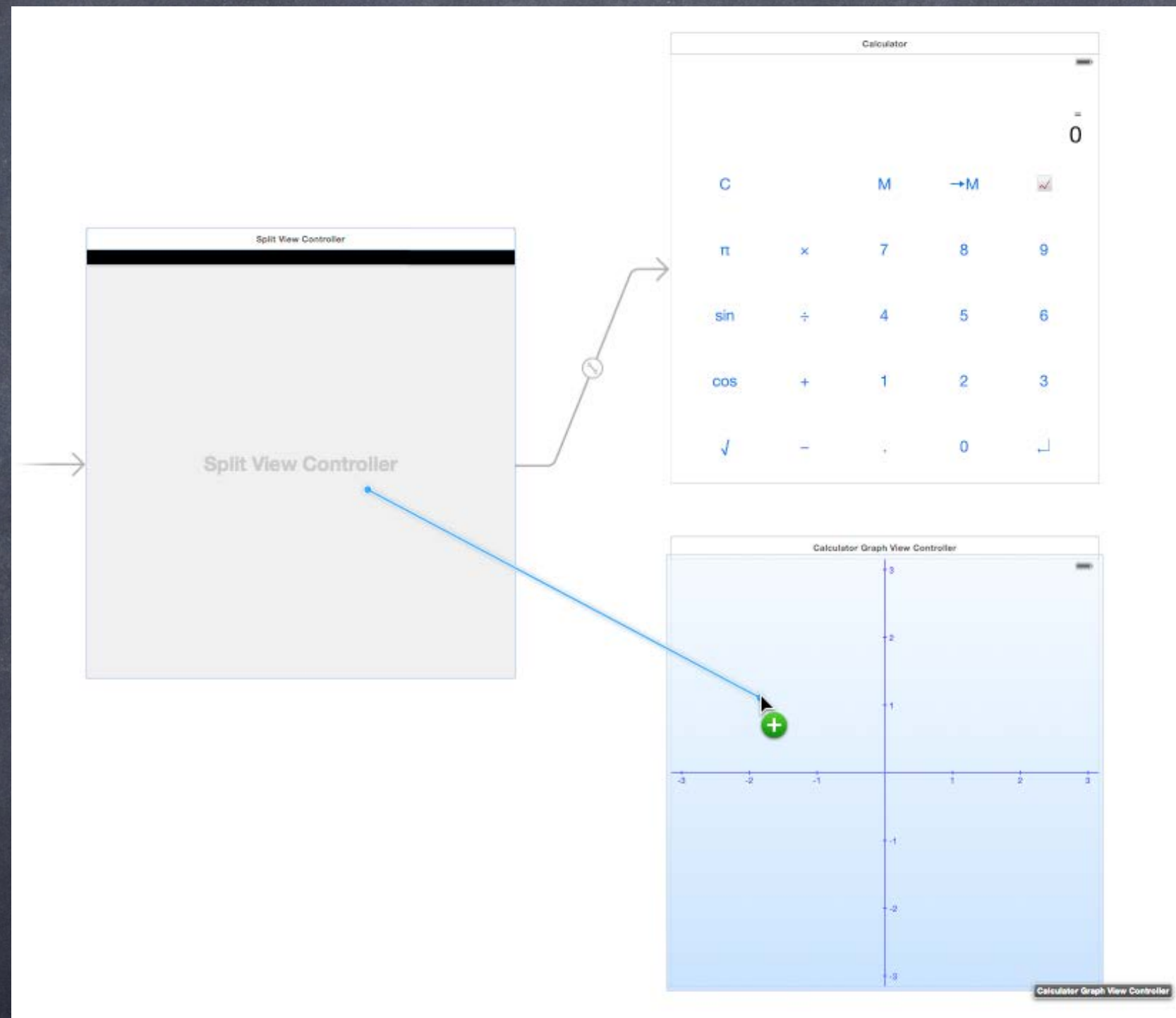
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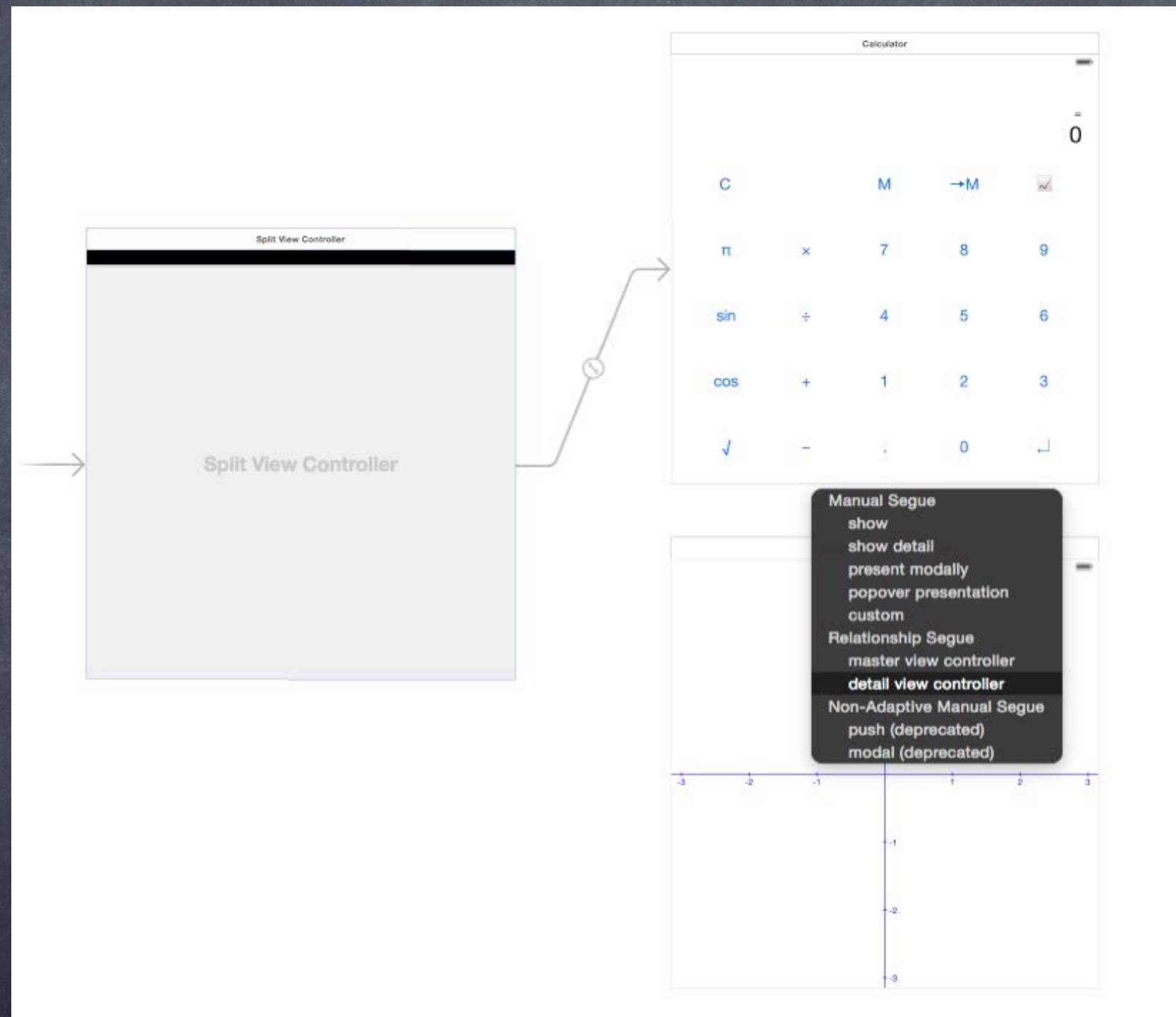
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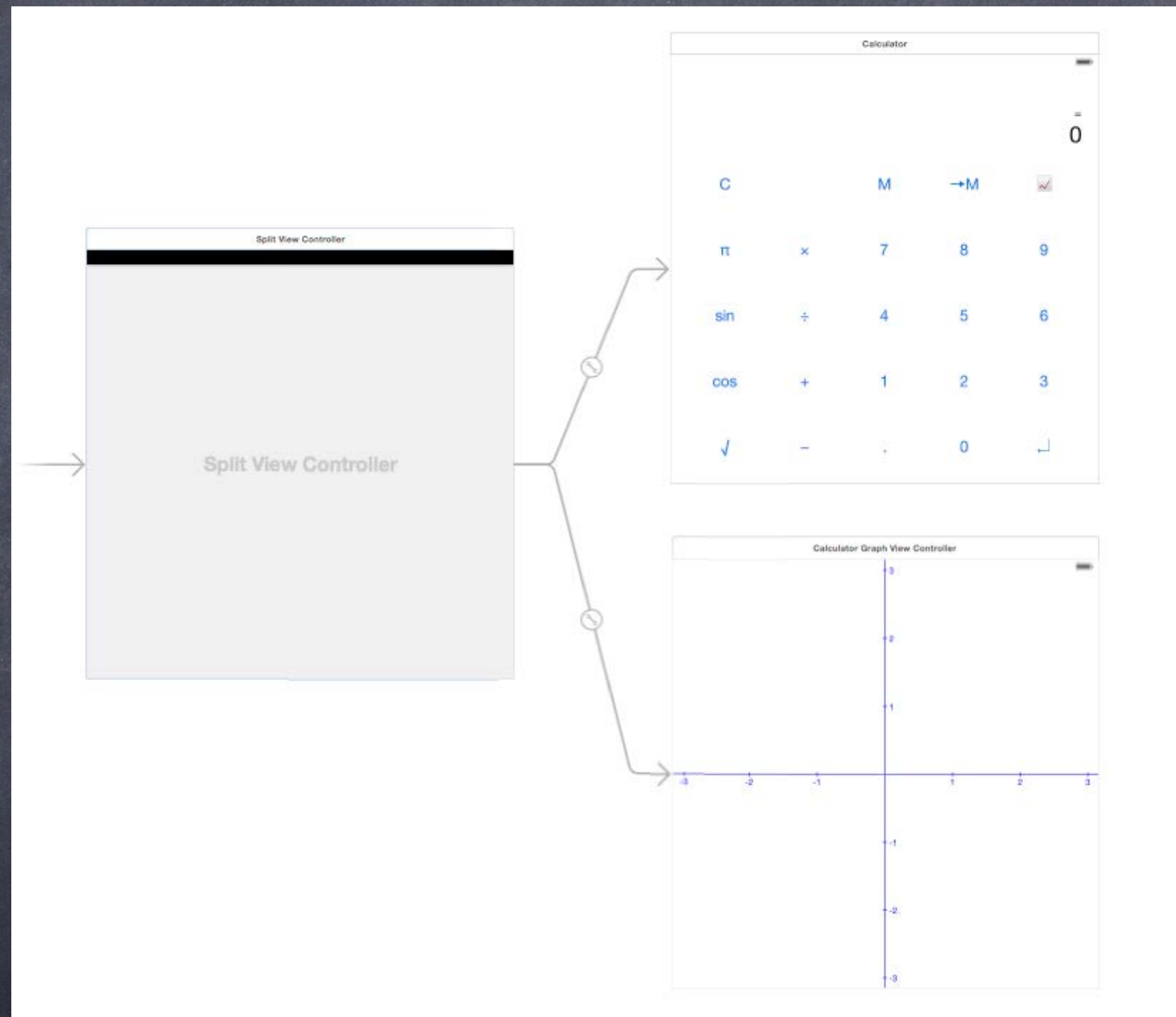
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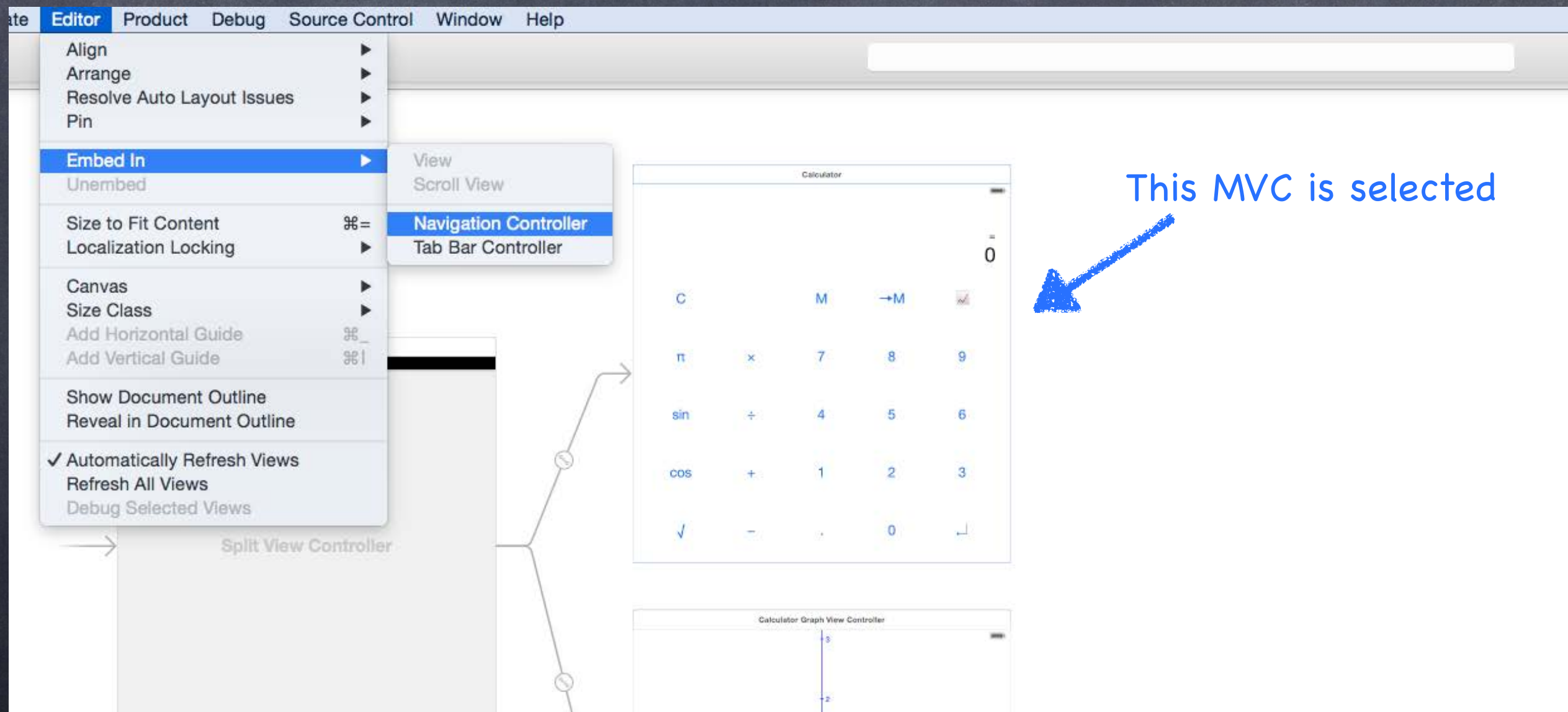
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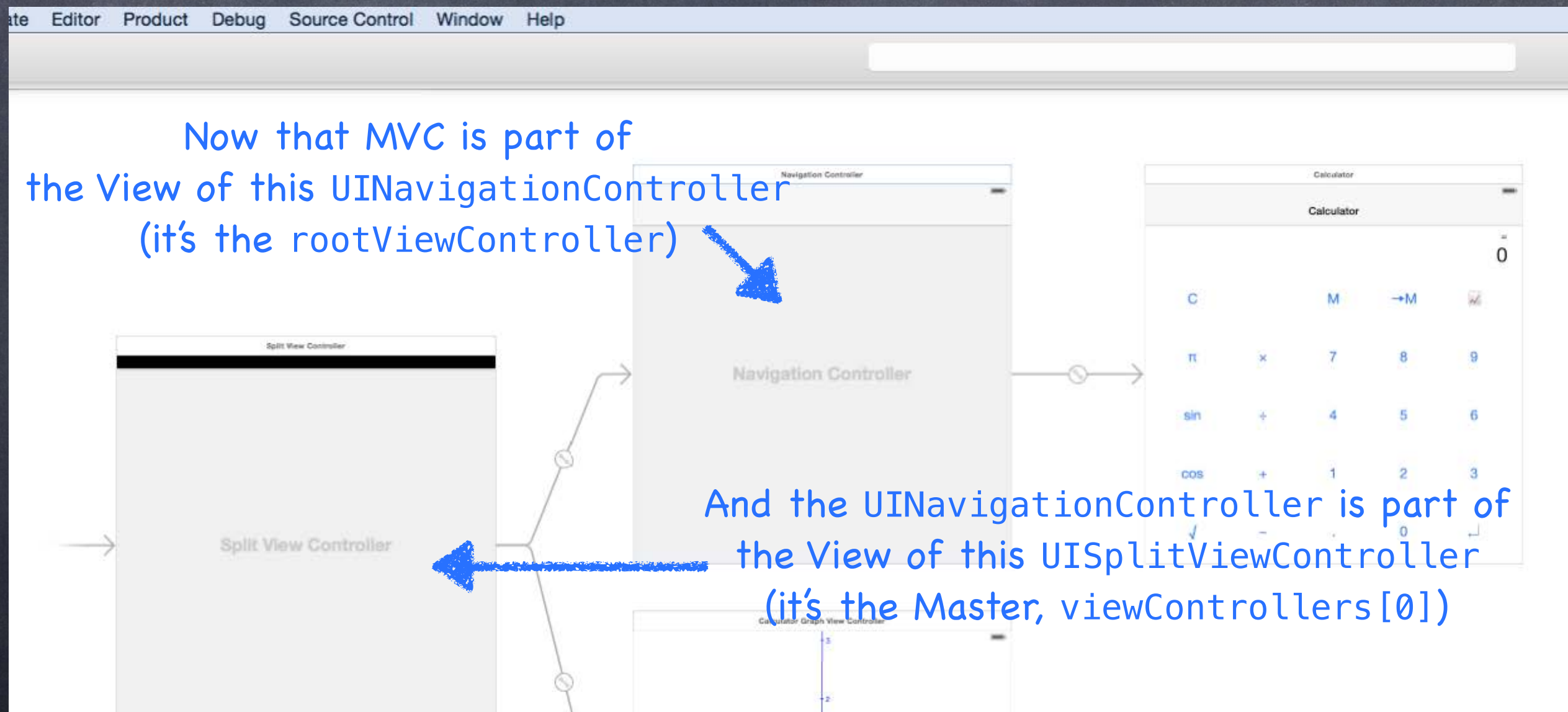
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The screenshot shows the Xcode interface with a menu bar at the top (File, Editor, Product, Debug, Source Control, Window, Help). The main workspace contains a storyboard with three overlapping views:

- A **Split View Controller** on the left, with a black bar over its top edge.
- A **Navigation Controller** in the center, containing a **Calculator** MVC.
- A **Graph View Controller** at the bottom, partially obscured by the Navigation Controller.

Blue text annotations are overlaid on the storyboard:

- "You can put this MVC in a UINavigationController too (to give it a title, for example), but be careful because the Detail of the UISplitViewController would now be a UINavigationController (so you'd have to get the UINavigationController's rootViewController if you wanted to talk to the graphing MVC inside)"
- A blue arrow points from the text to the Navigation Controller.
- A blue arrow points from the text to the top edge of the Split View Controller.



Segues

- We've built up our Controllers of Controllers, now what?

Now we need to make it so that one MVC can cause another to appear

We call that a "segue"

- Kinds of segues (they will adapt to their environment)

Show Segue (will push in a Navigation Controller, else Modal)

Show Detail Segue (will show in Detail of a Split View or will push in a Navigation Controller)

Modal Segue (take over the entire screen while the MVC is up)

Popover Segue (make the MVC appear in a little popover window)

- Segues always create a **new instance** of an MVC

This is important to understand

Even the Detail of a Split View will get replaced with a new instance of that MVC

When you segue in a Navigation Controller it will not segue to some old instance, it'll be new

Going "back" in a Navigation Controller is NOT a segue though (so no new instance there)



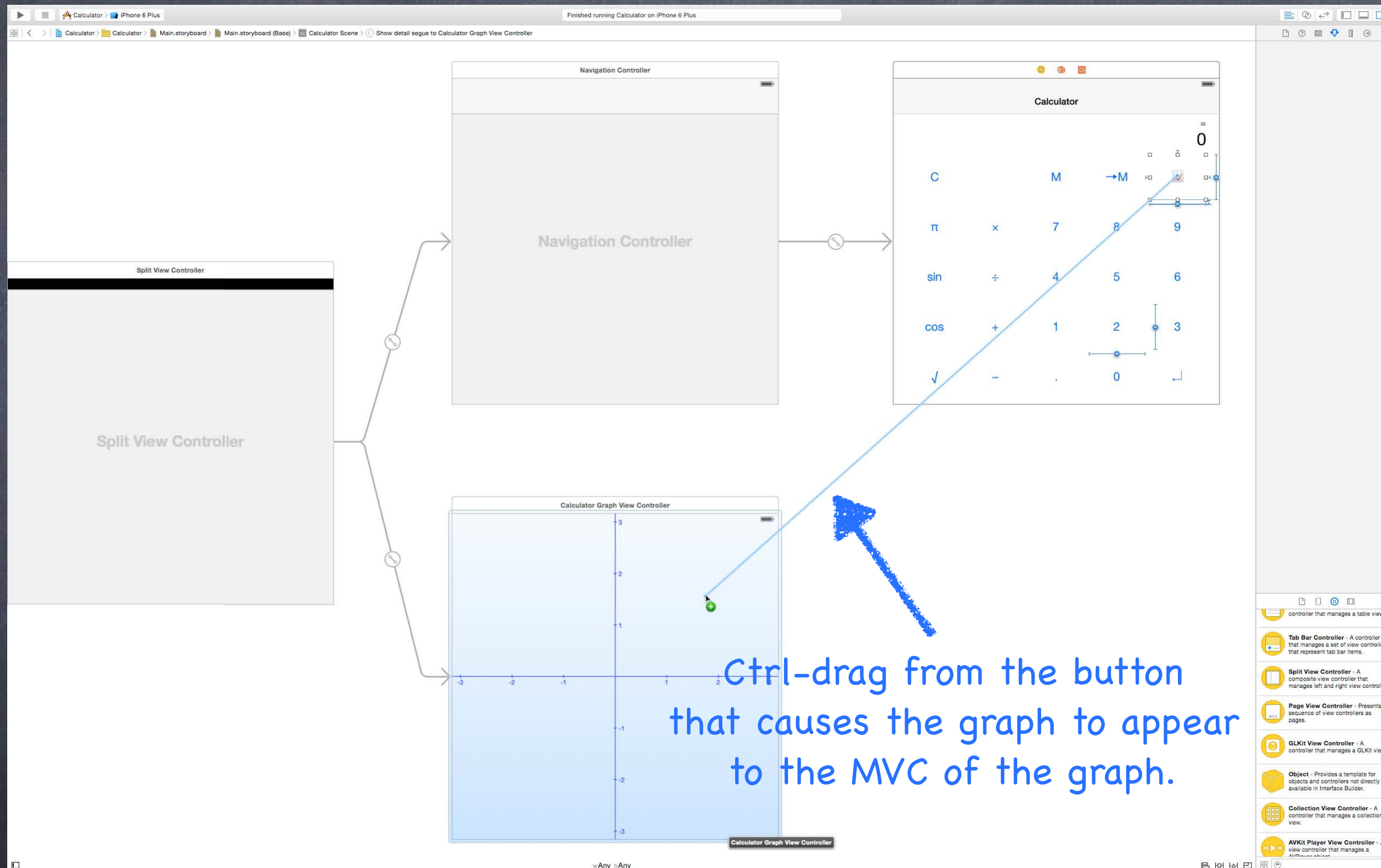
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- How do we make these segues happen?

Ctrl-drag in a storyboard from an instigator (like a button) to the MVC to segue to
Can be done in code as well



Segues



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The screenshot shows the Xcode Interface Builder environment for an iPhone 6 Plus app named 'Calculator'. The storyboard contains four view controllers: a Split View Controller on the left, a Navigation Controller in the center, a Calculator view controller on the right, and a Calculator Graph View Controller at the bottom. A segue menu is open over the Calculator Graph View Controller, listing various segue types. A blue arrow points to the 'show detail' option in the menu. To the right of the storyboard, a dark grey box lists the segue types: Action Segue (show, show detail, present modally, popover presentation, custom) and Non-Adaptive Action Segue (push (deprecated), modal (deprecated)).

Select the kind of segue you want.
Usually Show or Show Detail.

Action Segue
show
show detail
present modally
popover presentation
custom
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push (deprecated)
modal (deprecated)

Segues

Now click on the segue and open the Attributes Inspector

Storyboard Segue

Identifier

Segue Show Detail (e.g. Replace)

Split View Controller

Navigation Controller

Calculator

Calculator Graph View Controller

Attributes Inspector

- controller that manages a table view.
- Tab Bar Controller - A controller that manages a set of view controllers that represent tab bar items.
- Split View Controller - A composite view controller that manages left and right view controll...
- Page View Controller - Presents a sequence of view controllers as pages.
- GLKit View Controller - A controller that manages a GLKit view.
- Object - Provides a template for objects and controllers not directly available in Interface Builder.
- Collection View Controller - A controller that manages a collection view.
- AVKit Player View Controller - A view controller that manages a...



Segues

Give the segue a unique identifier here.
It should describe what the segue does.

The screenshot shows the Xcode storyboard editor for an iPhone 6 Plus app. The storyboard contains a Split View Controller, a Navigation Controller, and a Calculator Graph View Controller. A segue is defined between the Navigation Controller and the Calculator Graph View Controller. A blue arrow points from this segue to the 'Storyboard Segue' panel, which is open and shows the segue configuration. The Identifier is set to 'Show Graph' and the Segue type is set to 'Show Detail (e.g. Replace)'. In the background, a calculator interface is visible with various mathematical functions and numbers.



Segues

• What's that identifier all about?

You would need it to invoke this segue from code using this UIViewController method
`func performSegue(withIdentifier: String, sender: Any?)`

(but we almost never do this because we set usually ctrl-drag from the instigator)

The `sender` can be whatever you want (you'll see where it shows up in a moment)

You can ctrl-drag from the Controller itself to another Controller if you're segueing via code (because in that case, you'll be specifying the sender above)

• More important use of the identifier: preparing for a segue

When a segue happens, the View Controller containing the instigator gets a chance to prepare the destination View Controller to be segued to

Usually this means setting up the segued-to MVC's Model and display characteristics

Remember that the MVC segued to is always a fresh instance (never a reused one)



Preparing for a Segue

- The method that is called in the instigator's Controller

```
func prepare(for segue: UIStoryboardSegue, sender: Any?) {  
    if let identifier = segue.identifier {  
        switch identifier {  
            case "Show Graph":  
                if let vc = segue.destinationViewController as? GraphController {  
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The `segue` passed in contains important information about this segue:

1. the identifier from the storyboard
2. the Controller of the MVC you are segueing to (which was just created for you)



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The **sender** is either the instigating object from a storyboard (e.g. a UIButton) or the sender you provided (see last slide) if you invoked the segue manually in code



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Here is the identifier from the storyboard (it can be nil, so be sure to check for that case)
Your Controller might support preparing for lots of different segues from different instigators
so this identifier is how you'll know which one you're preparing for



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For this example, we'll assume we entered "Show Graph" in the Attributes Inspector when we had the segue selected in the storyboard



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Here we are looking at the Controller of the MVC we're segueing to
It is Any so we must cast it to the Controller we (should) know it to be



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This is where the actual preparation of the segued-to MVC occurs

Hopefully the MVC has a clear public API that it wants you to use to prepare it

Once the MVC is prepared, it should run on its own power (only using delegation to talk back)



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It is crucial to understand that this preparation is happening BEFORE outlets get set!
It is a very common bug to prepare an MVC thinking its outlets are set.



Preventing Segues

- You can prevent a segue from happening too

Just return false from this method your UIViewController ...

```
func shouldPerformSegue(withIdentifier identifier: String?, sender: Any?) -> Bool
```

The identifier is the one in the storyboard.

The sender is the instigating object (e.g. the button that is causing the segue).

