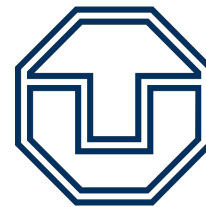


# Reasoning over Existential Rules with Acyclicity Notions and the Datalog-first Restricted Chase

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# Preliminaries

# Existential Rules

$$\forall x, y, z. \left( \text{HasParent}(x, y) \wedge \text{HasSister}(y, z) \rightarrow \text{HasAunt}(x, z) \right)$$
$$\forall x. \left( \text{Human}(x) \rightarrow \exists y. \left( \text{HasParent}(x, y) \wedge \text{Human}(y) \right) \right)$$
$$\forall x, y, w. \left( \text{P}(x, a, y) \wedge \text{R}(y, w) \wedge \text{S}(w, x) \rightarrow \exists v. \left( \text{R}(w, v) \wedge \text{A}(v) \right) \right)$$

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BCQs

$\exists x, y . \text{HasConflictOfInterest}(x, y)$

$\exists x, y, z, w . \text{P}(x, y, z) \wedge \text{R}(x, w) \wedge \text{A}(w)$

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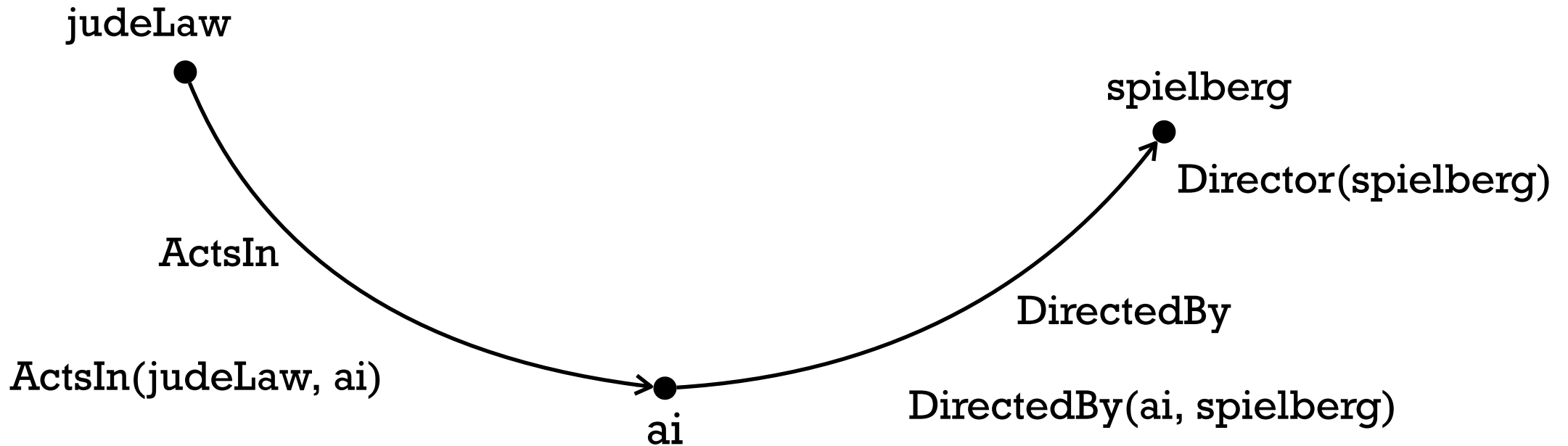
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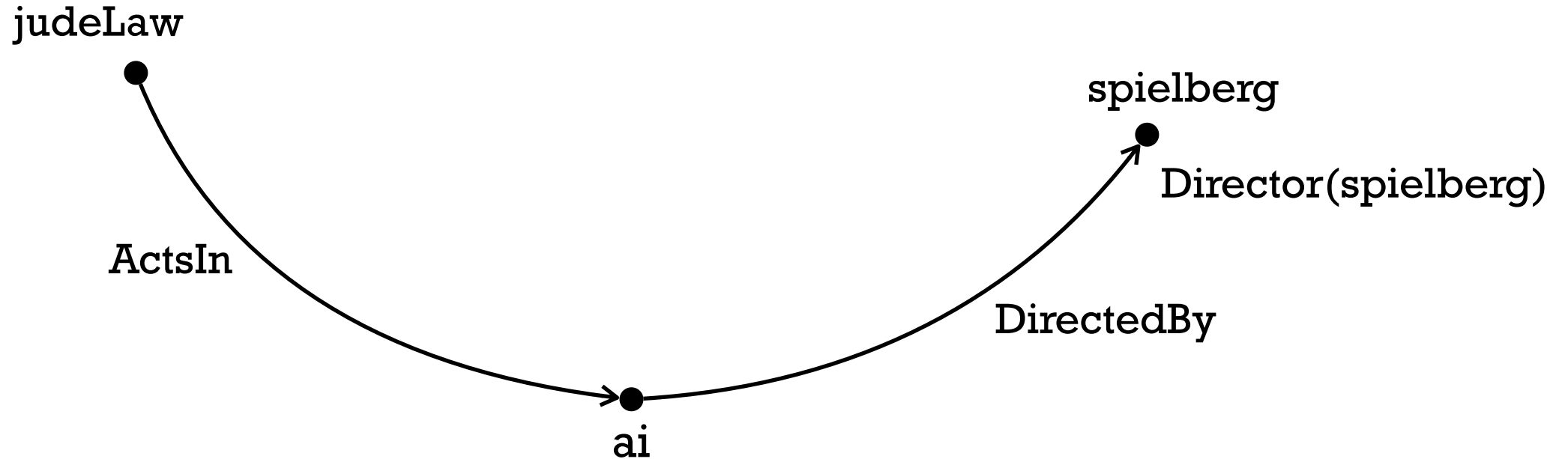
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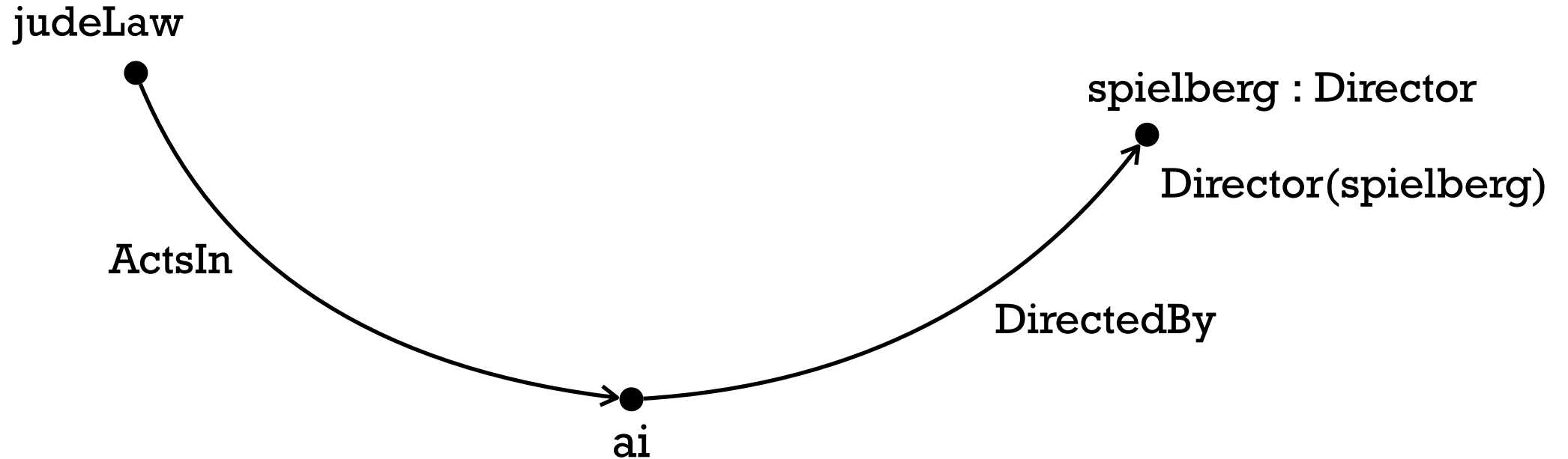
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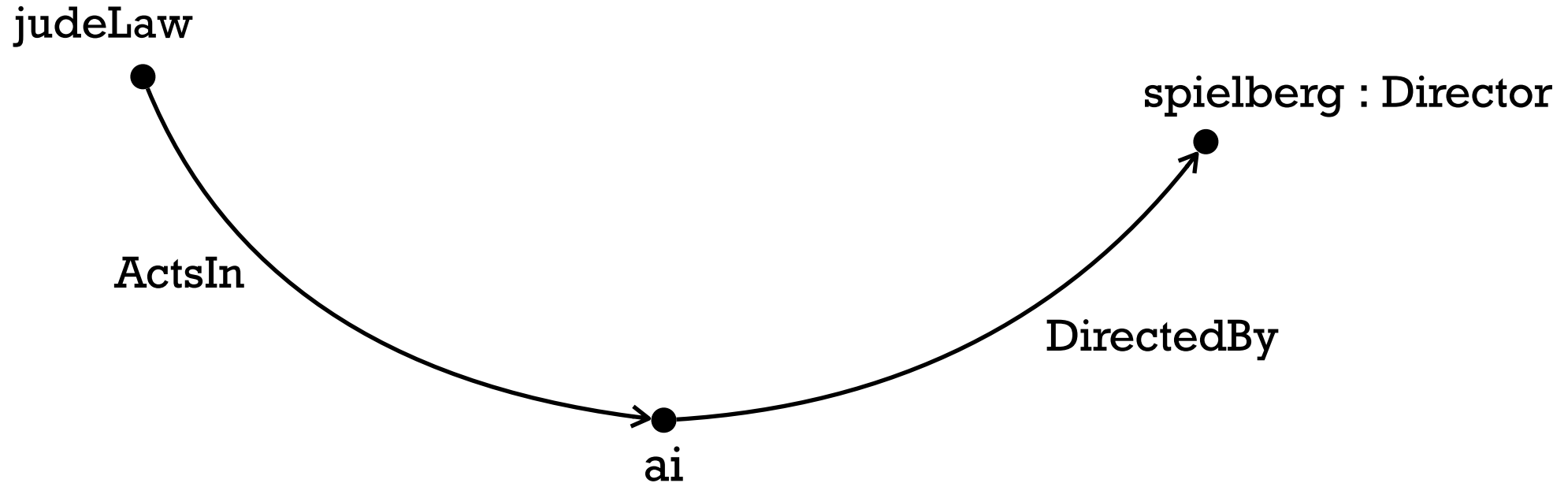
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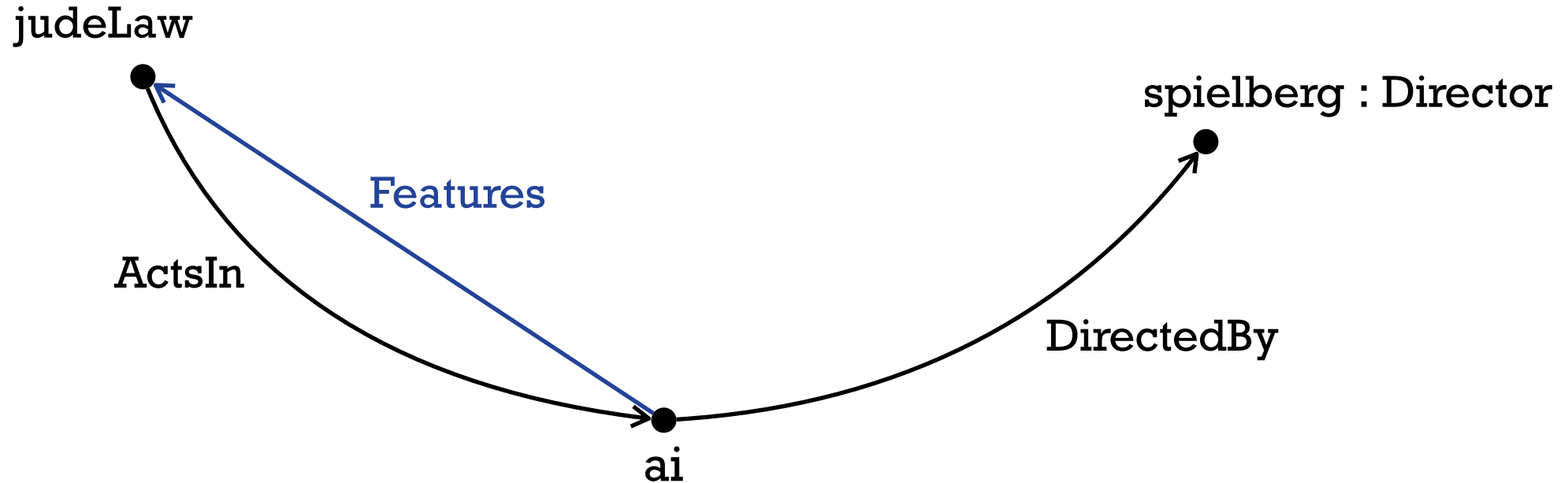
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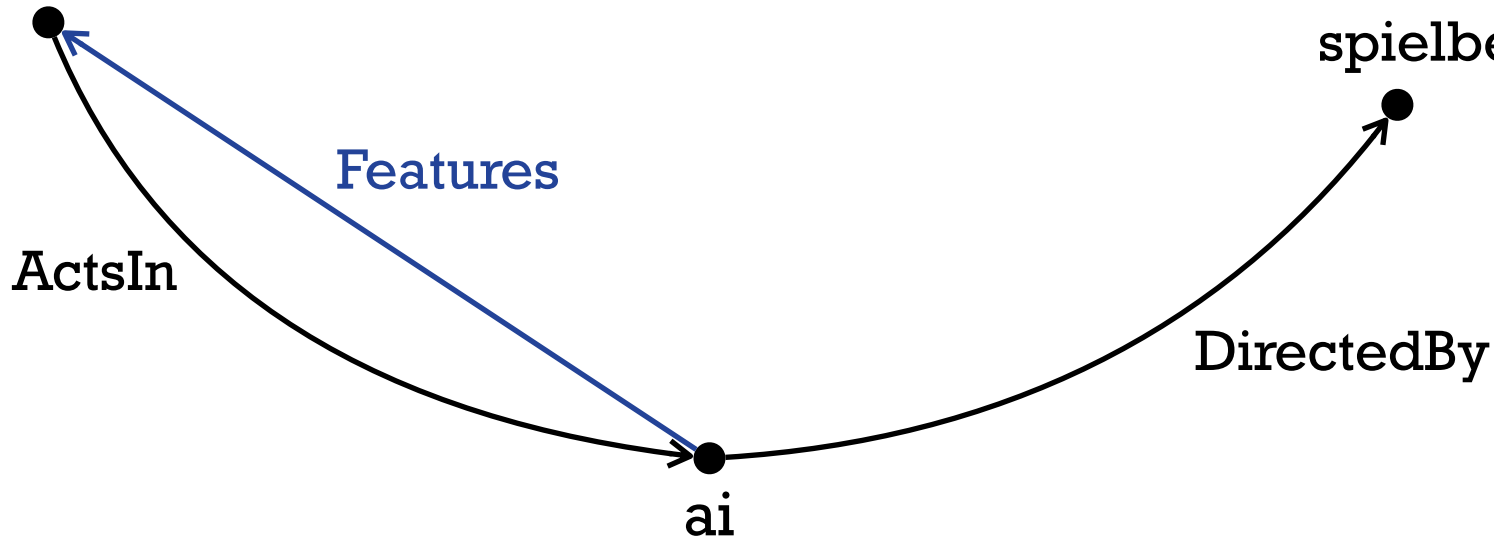
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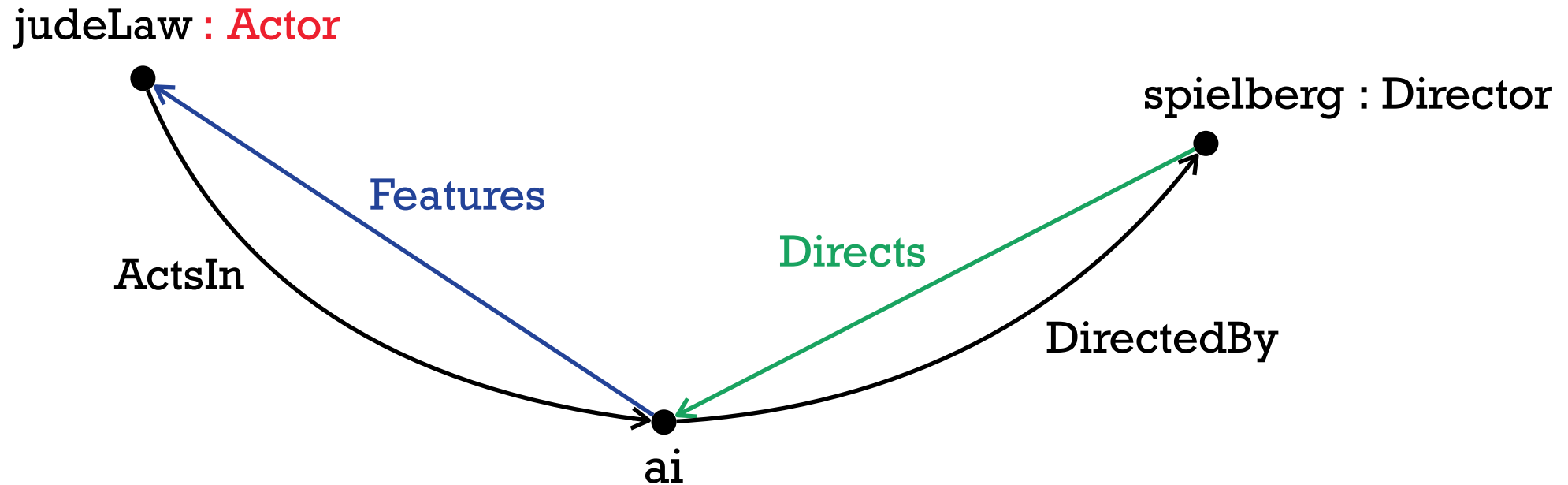
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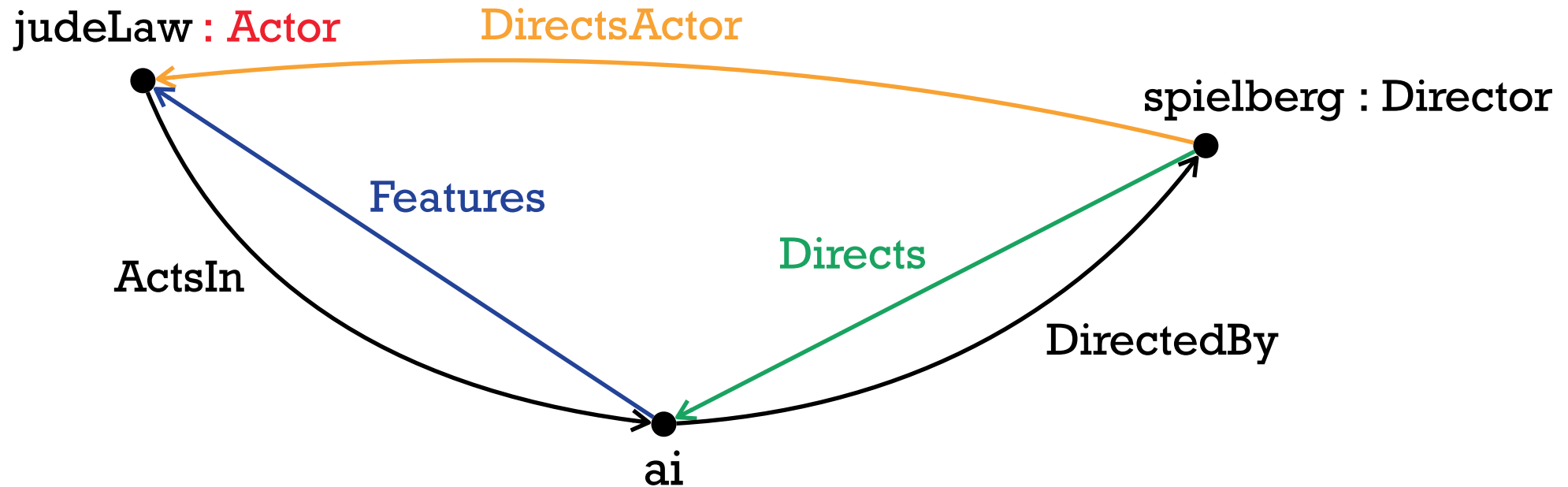
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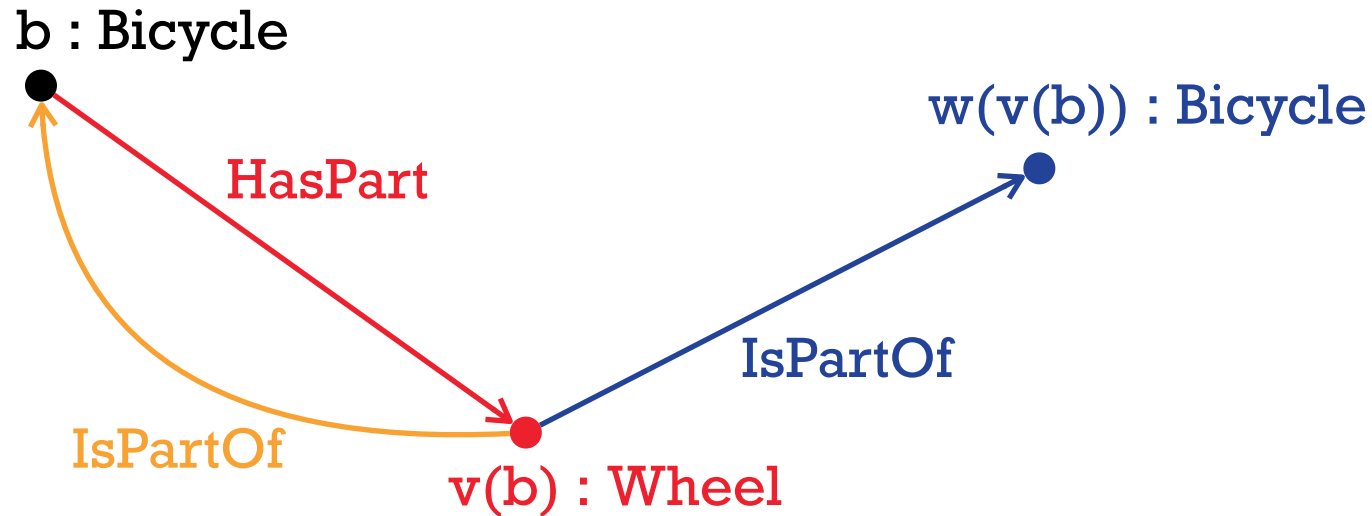
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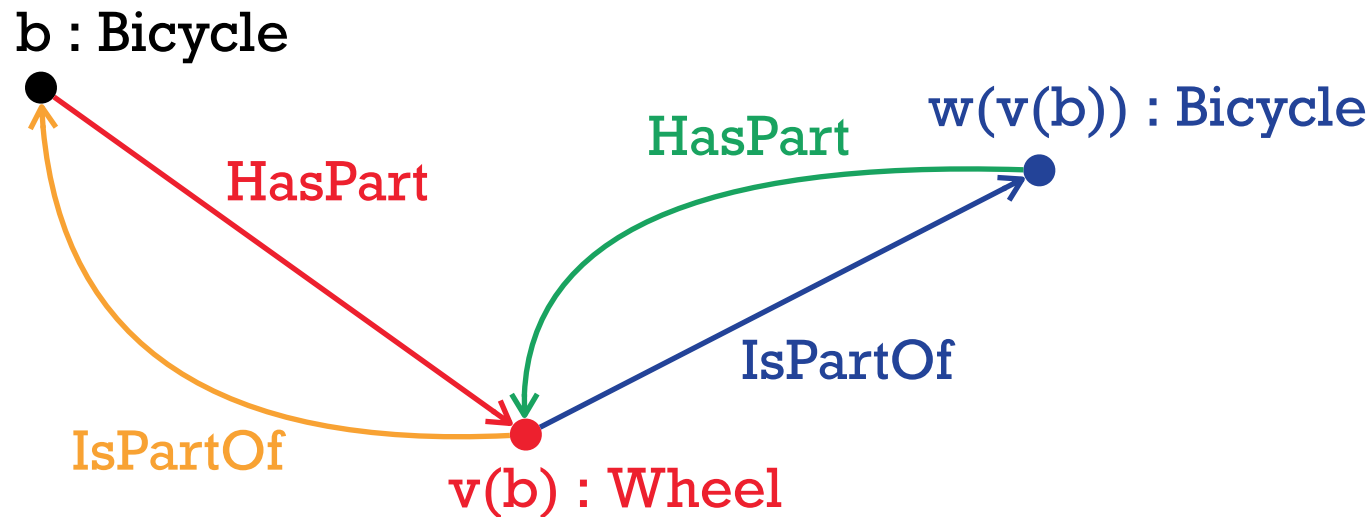
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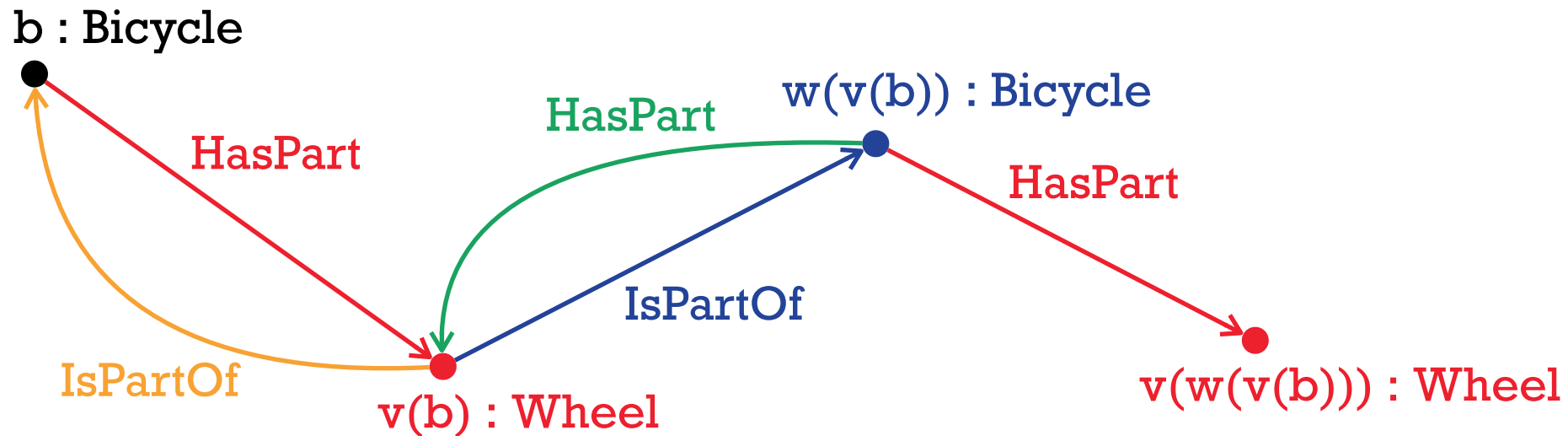
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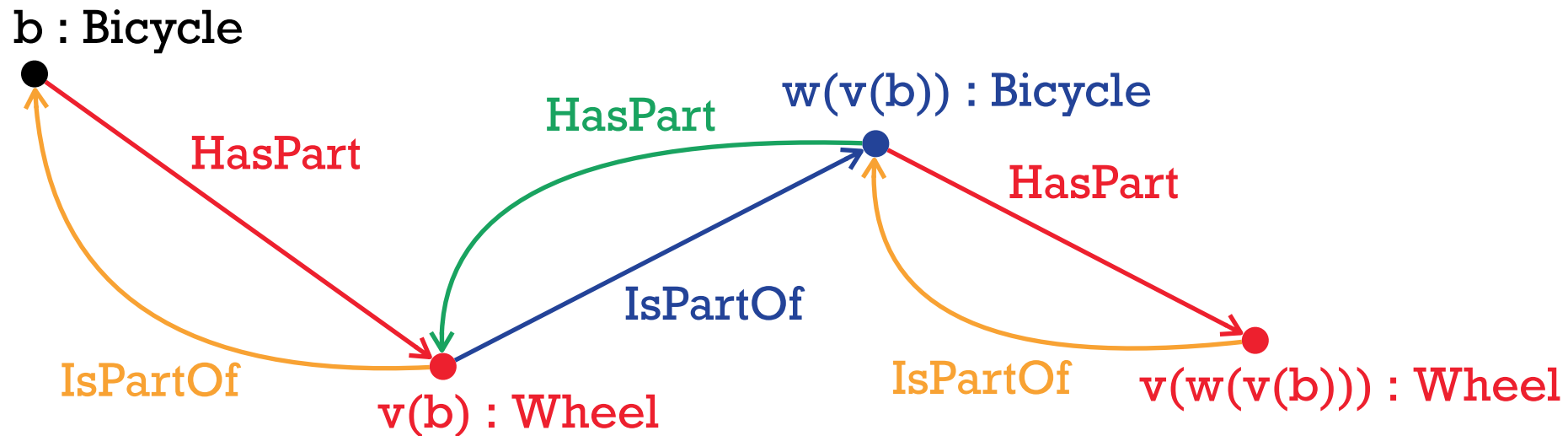
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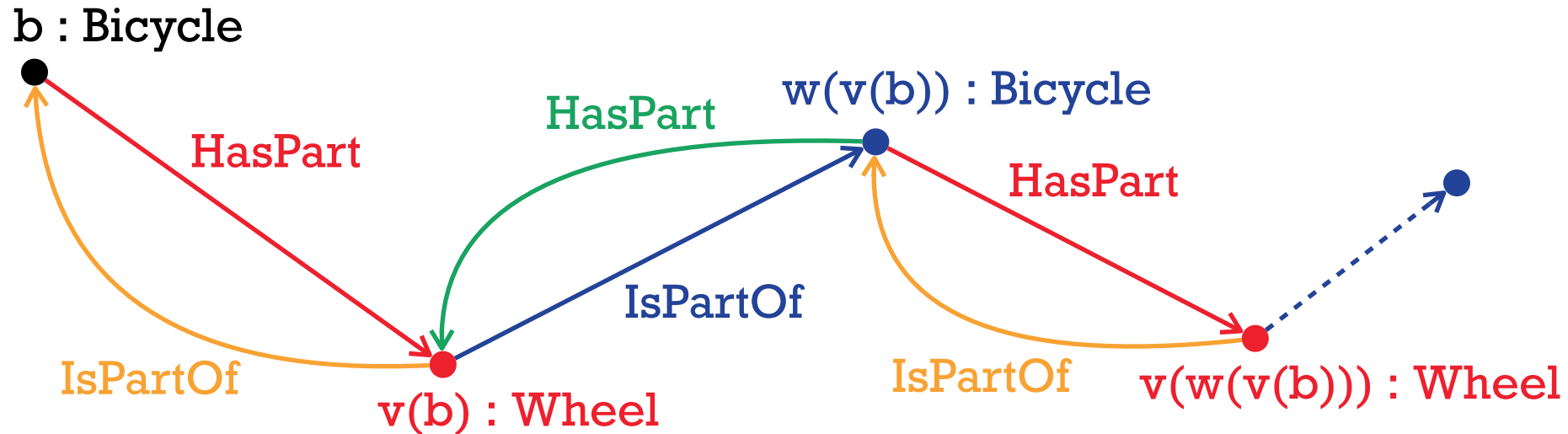
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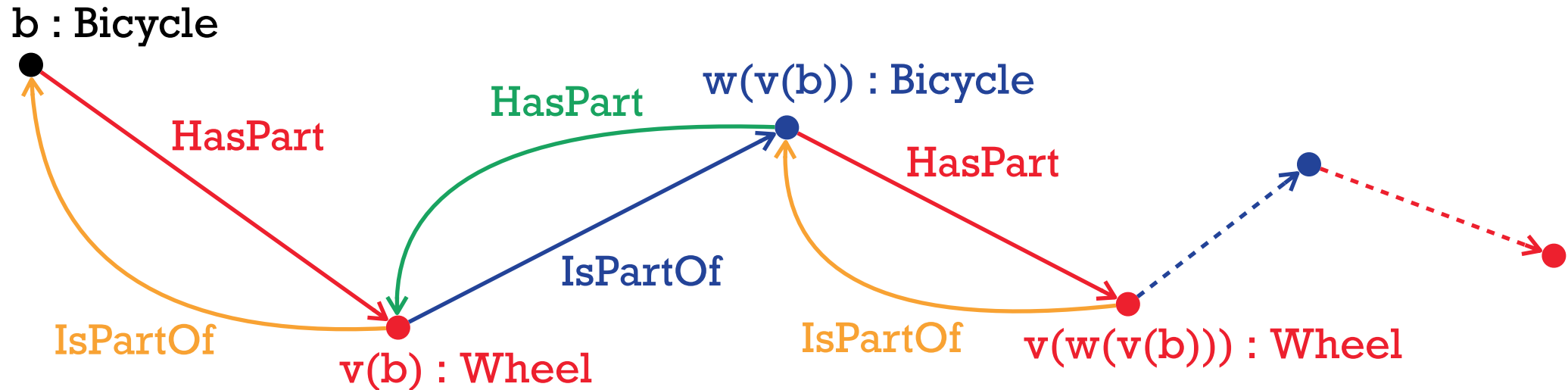
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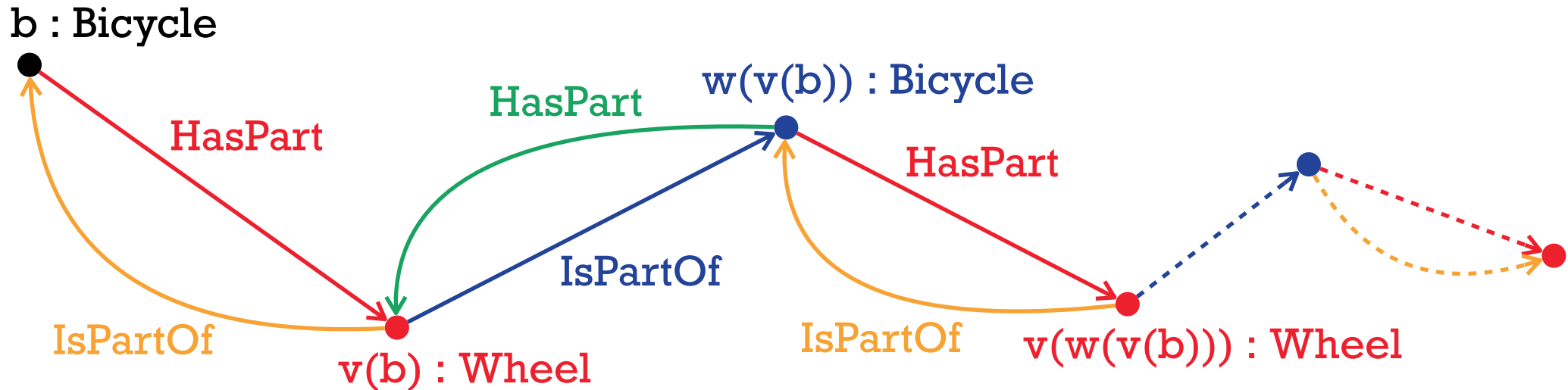
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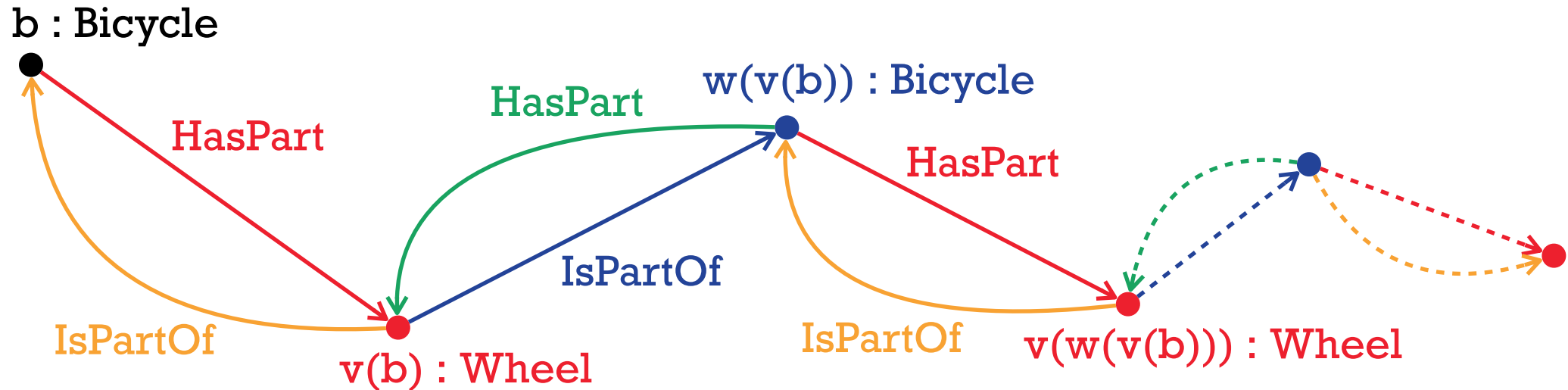
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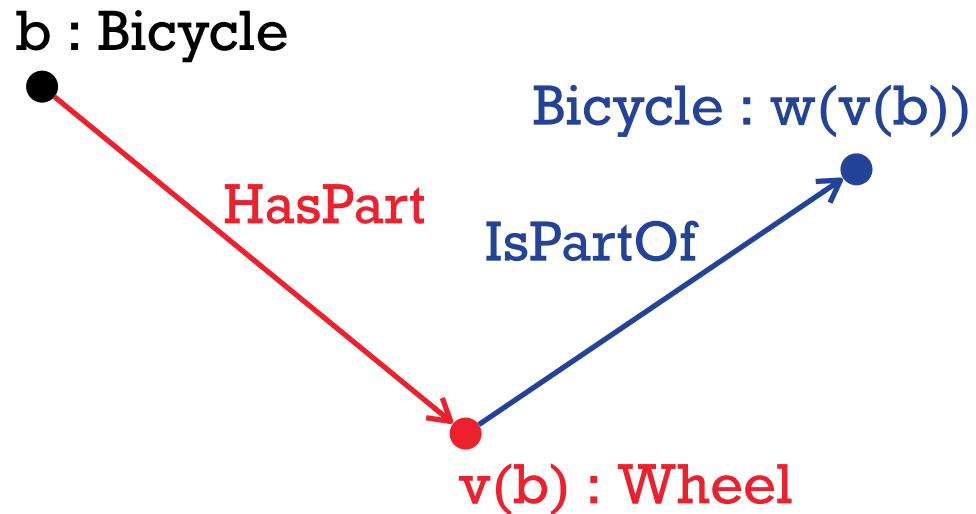
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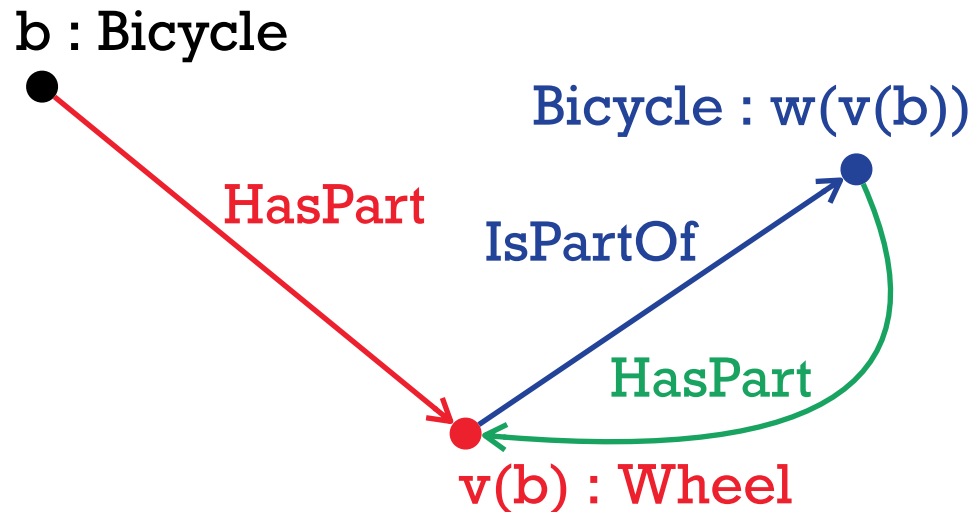
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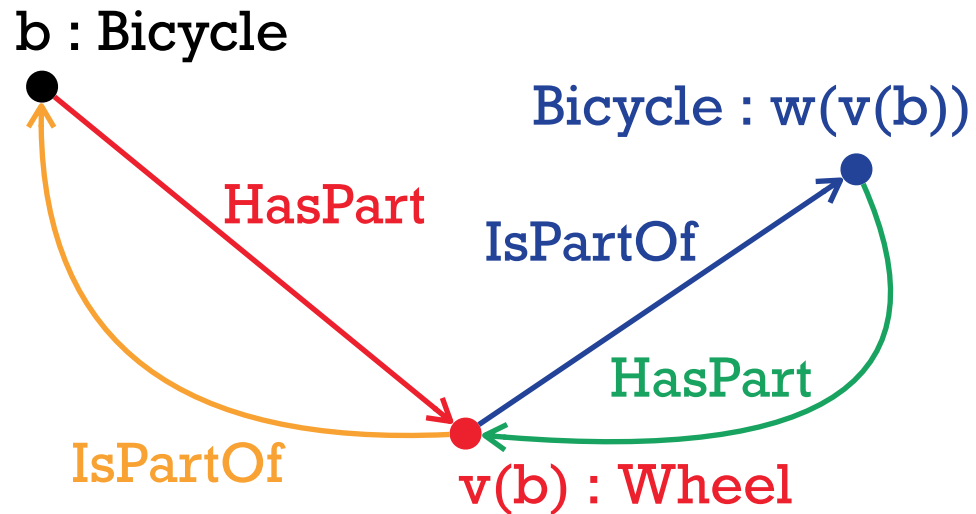
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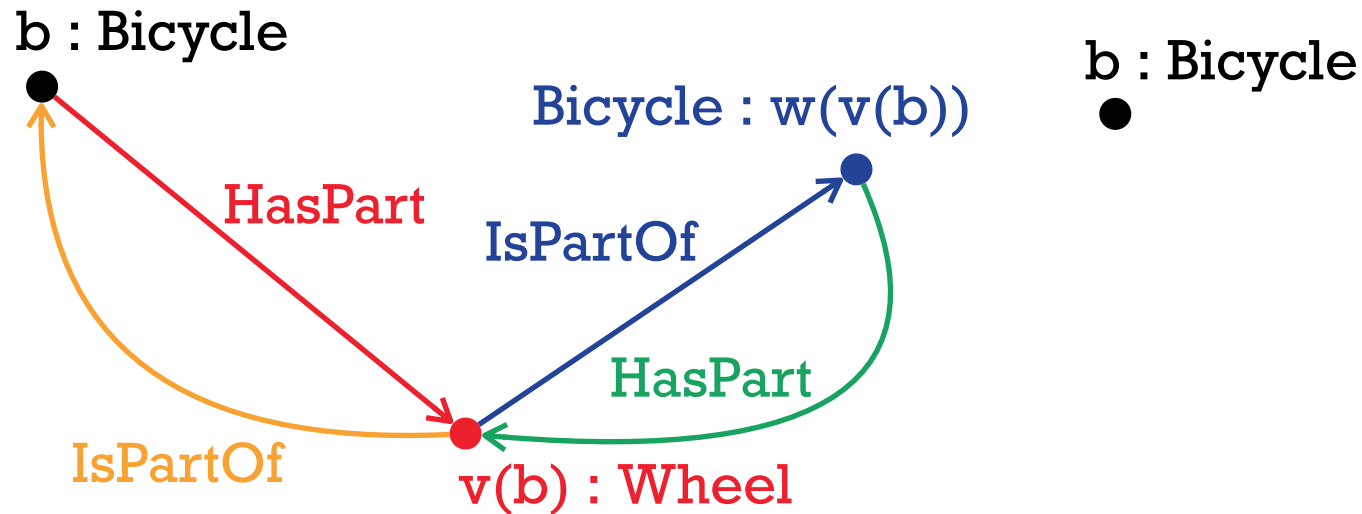
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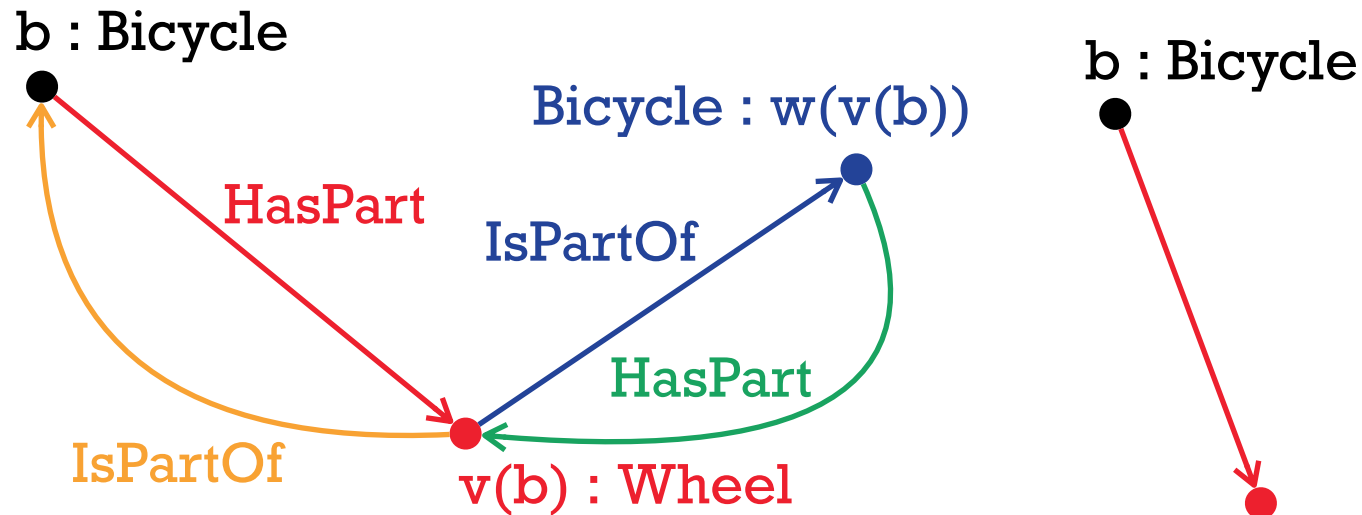
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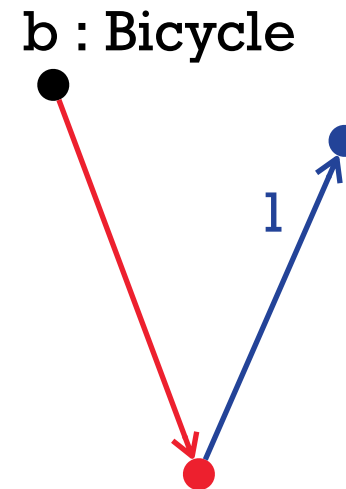
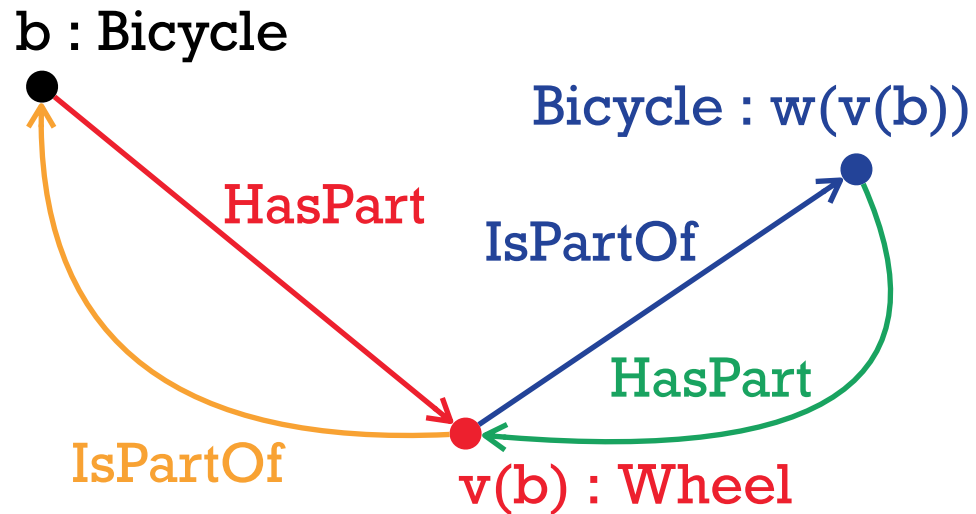
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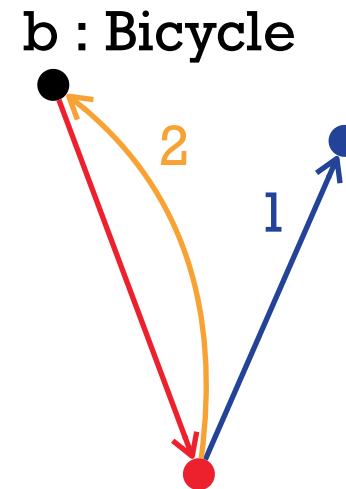
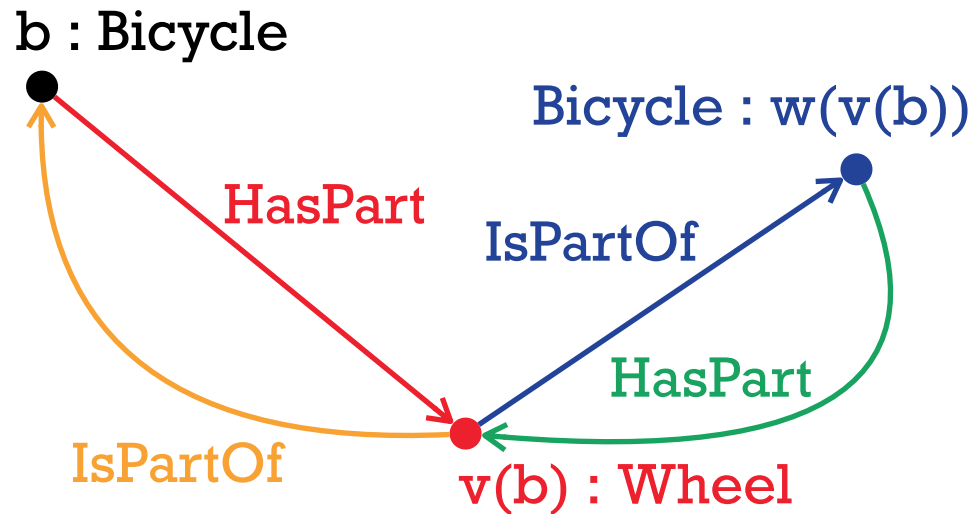
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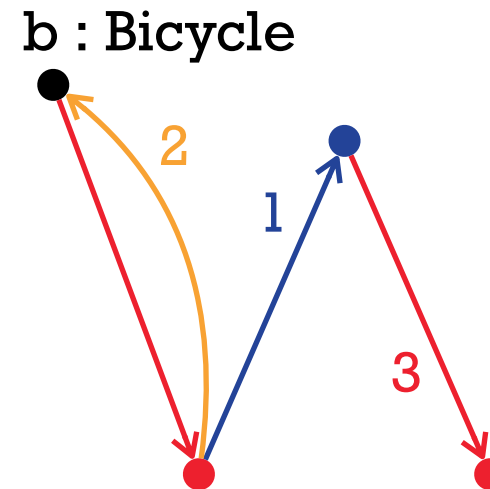
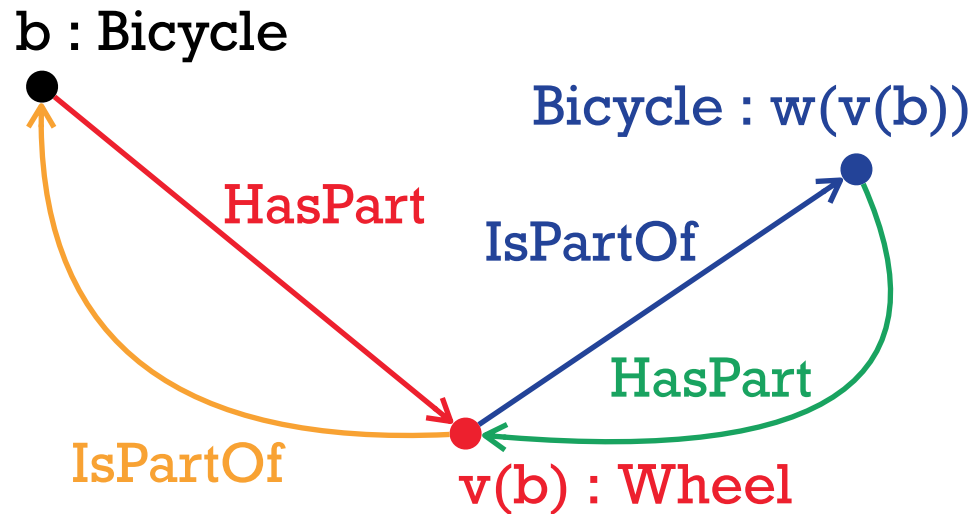
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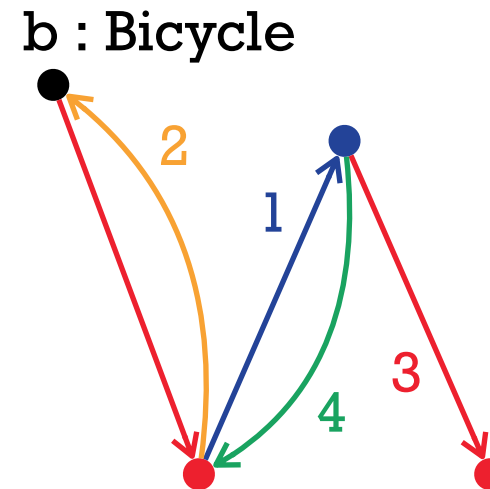
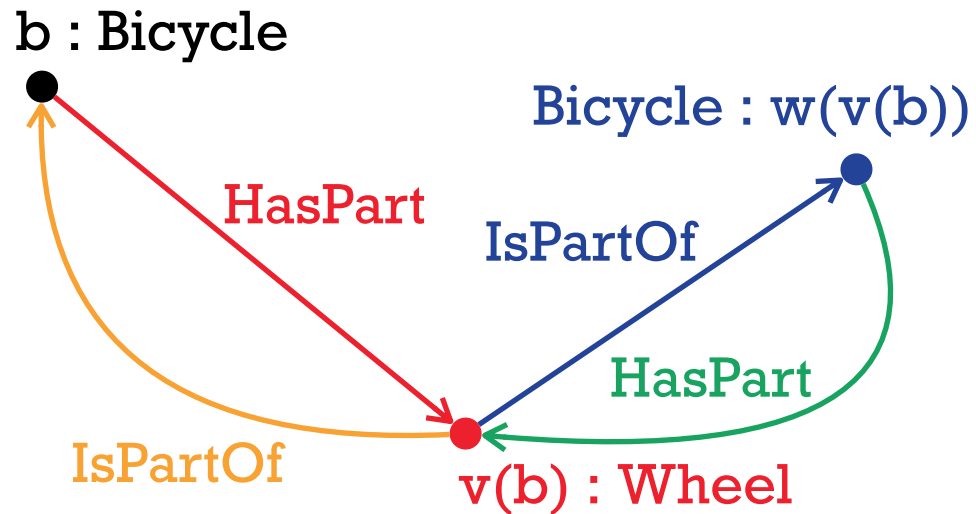
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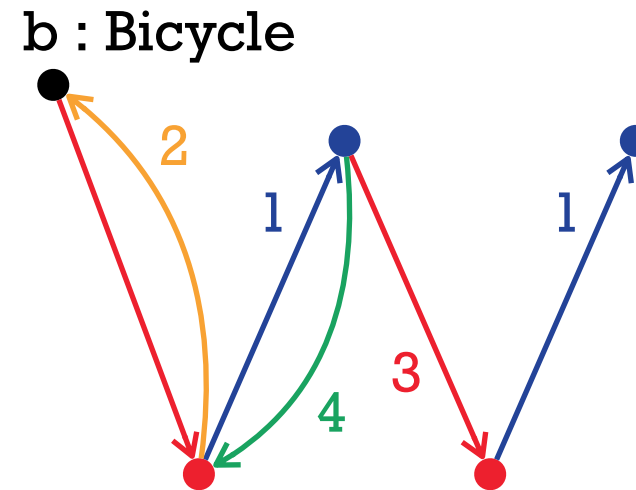
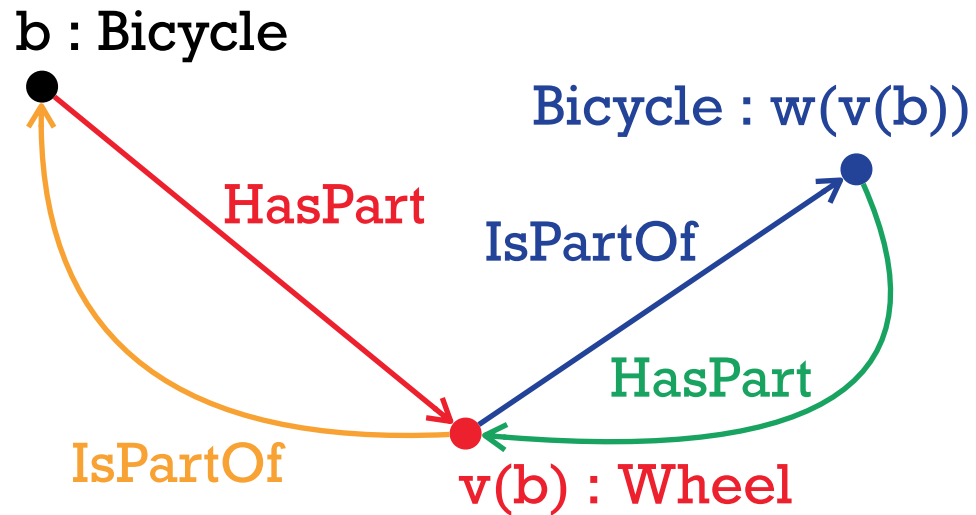
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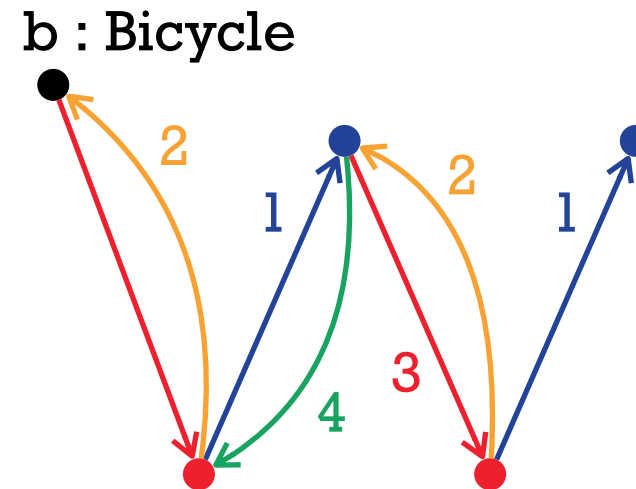
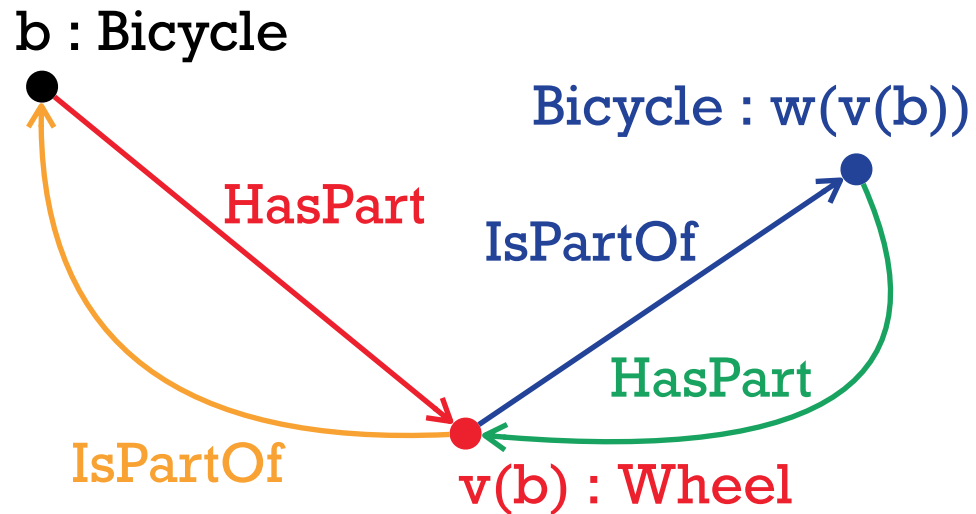
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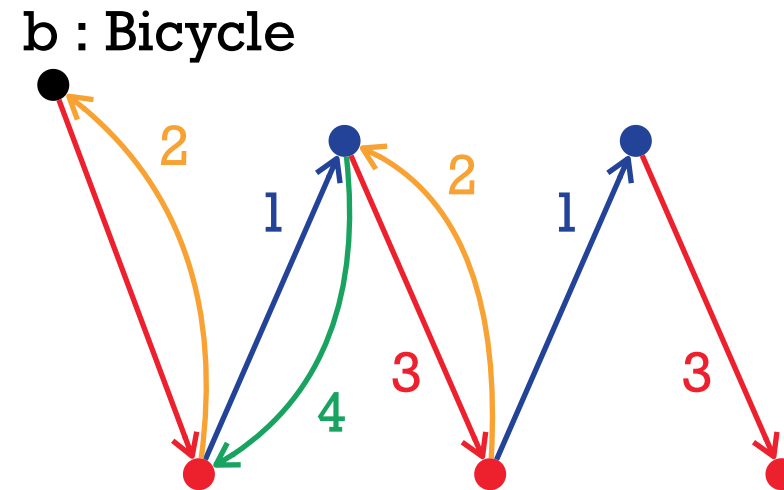
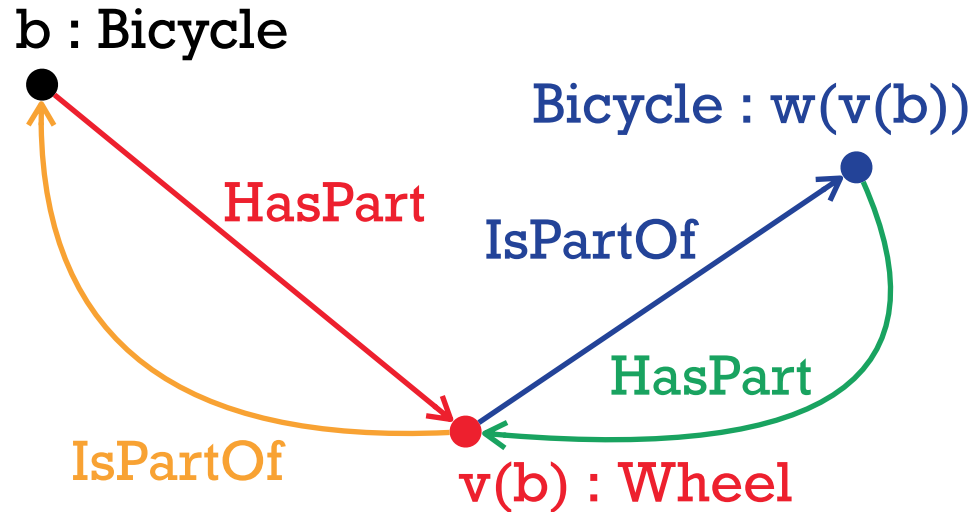
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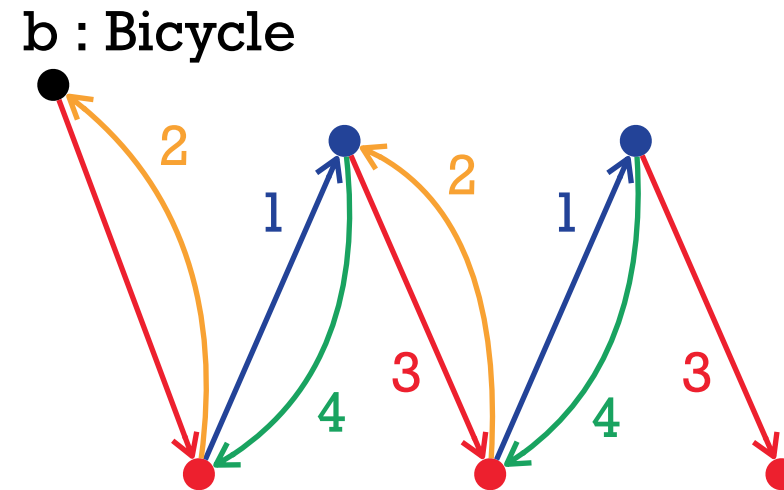
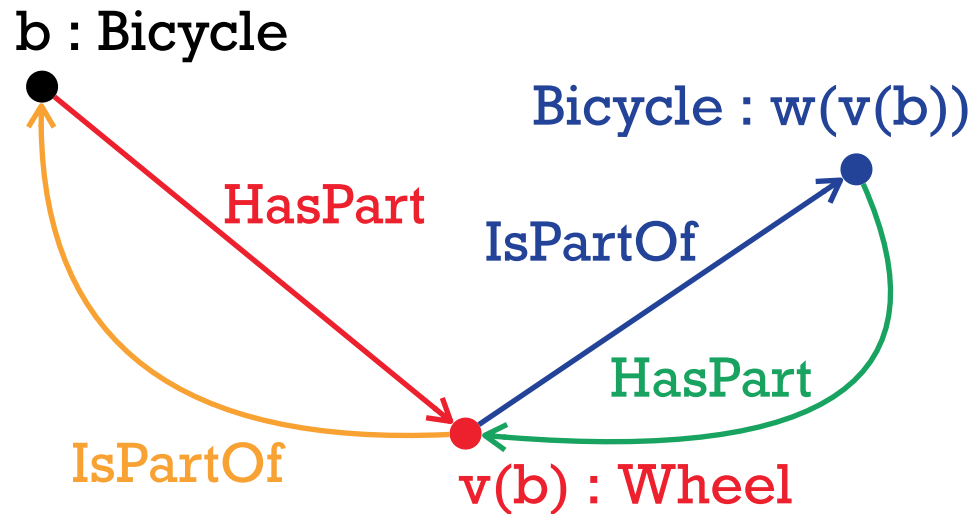
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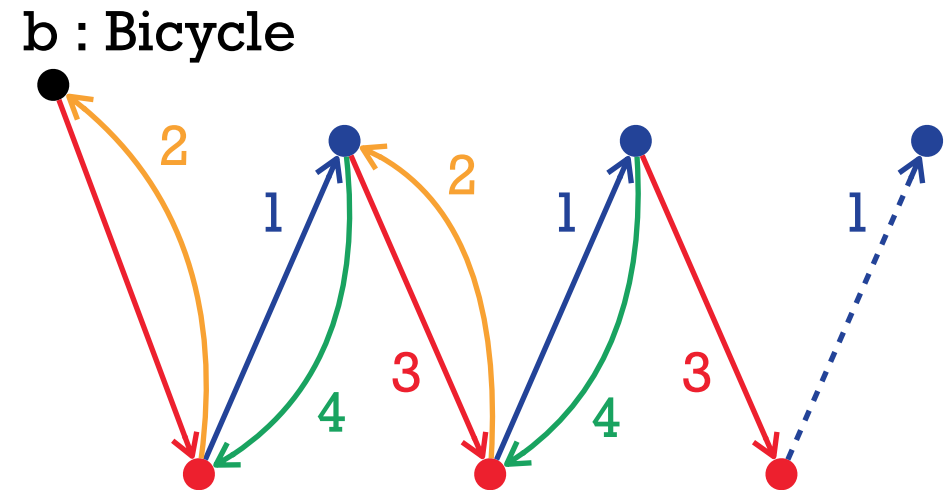
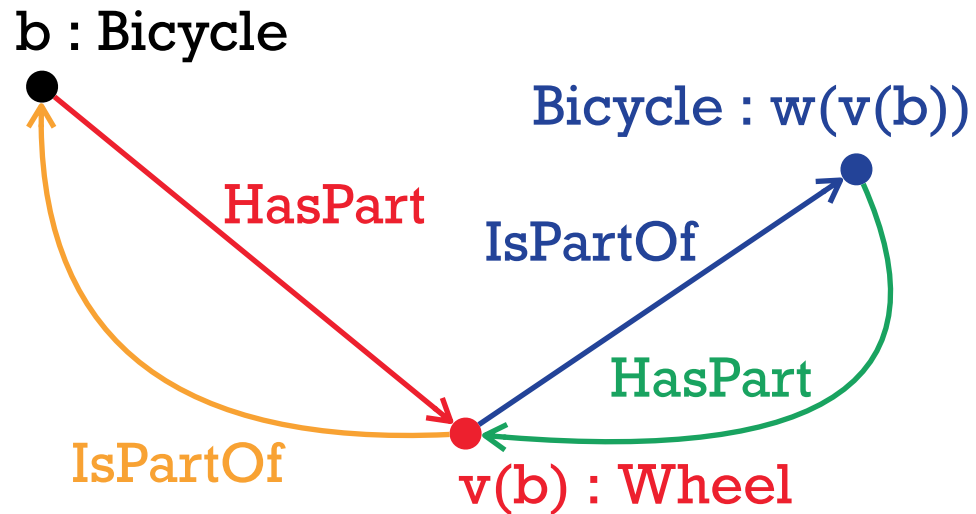
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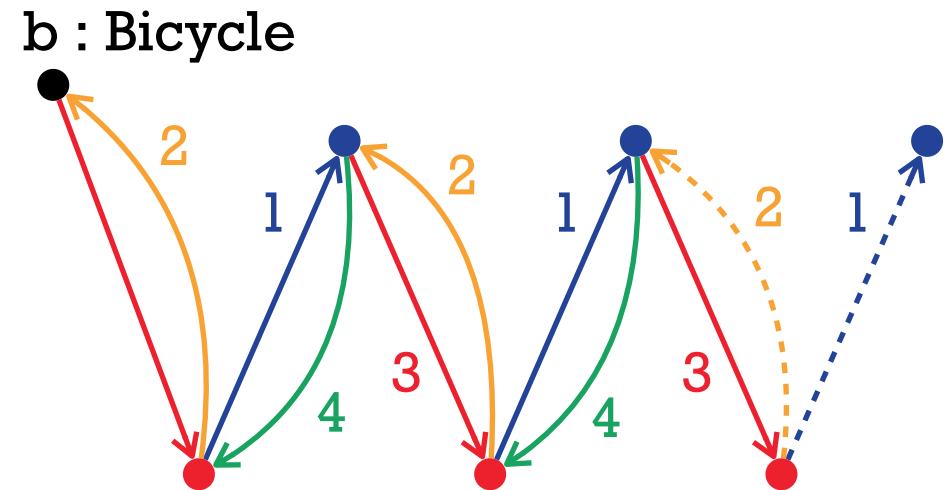
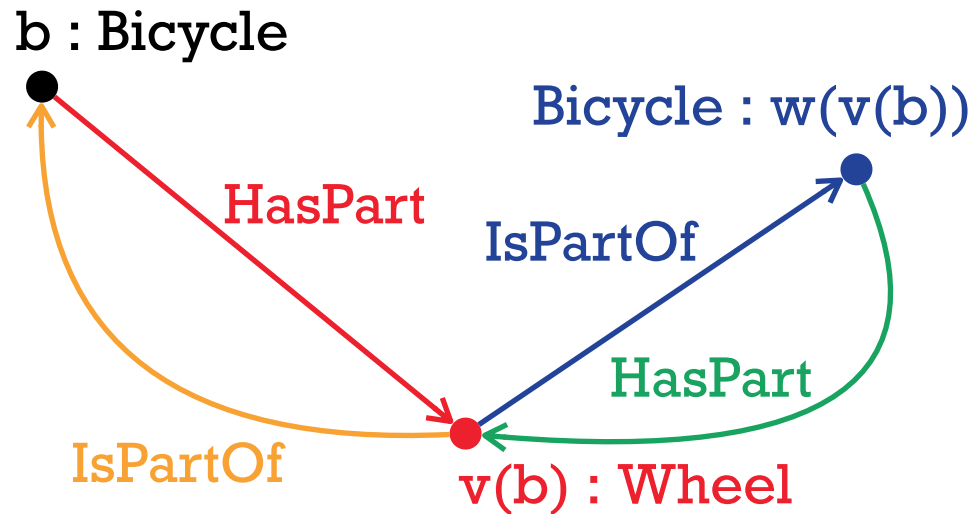
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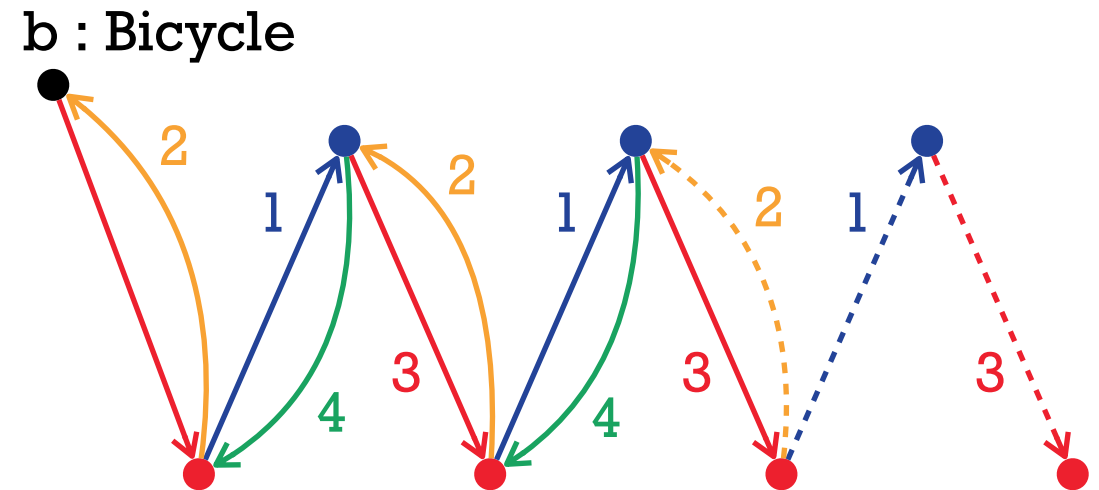
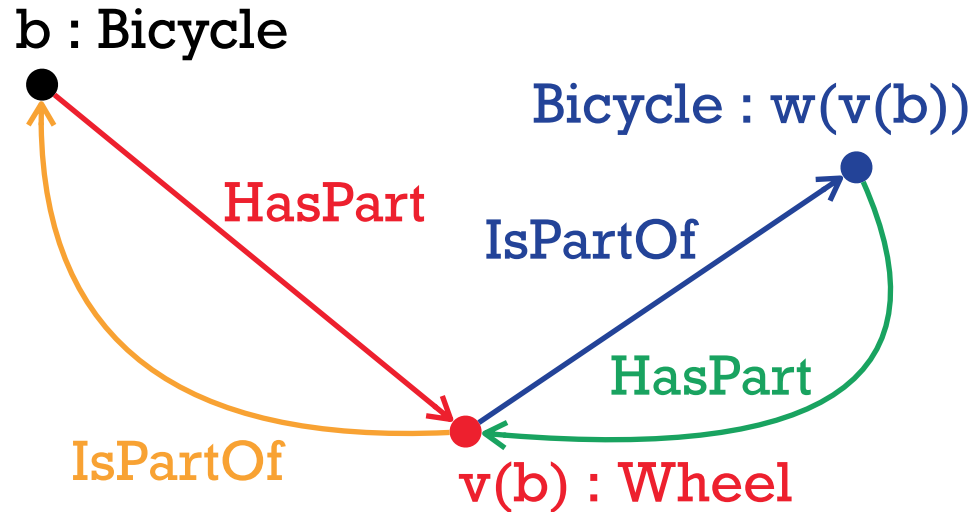
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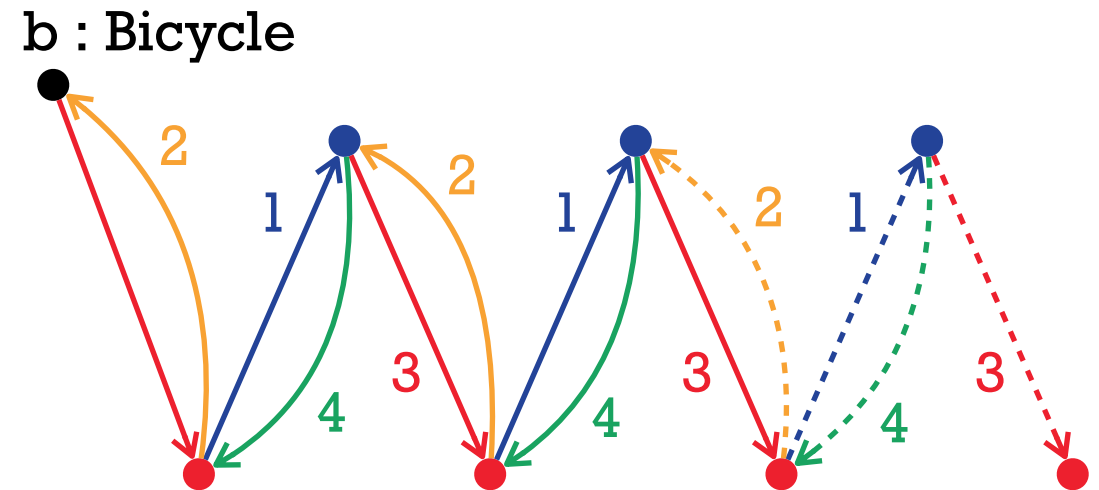
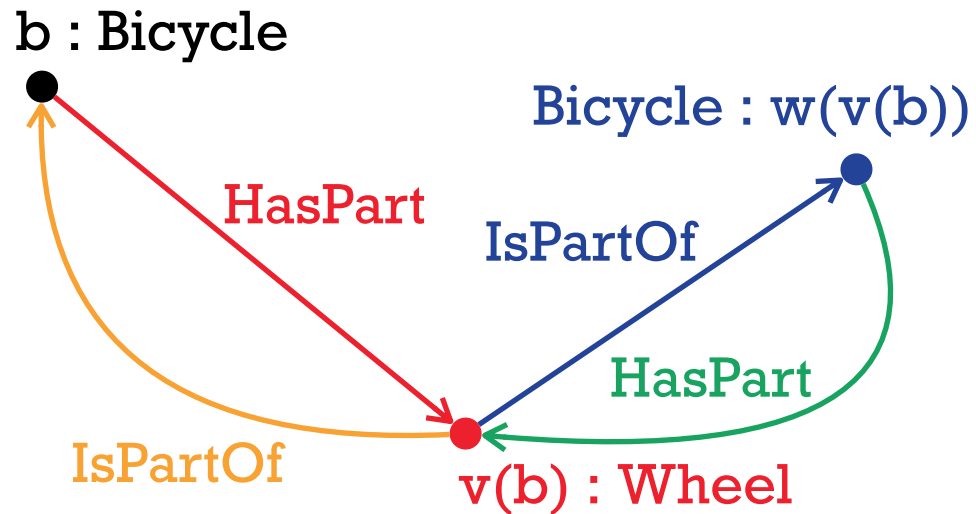
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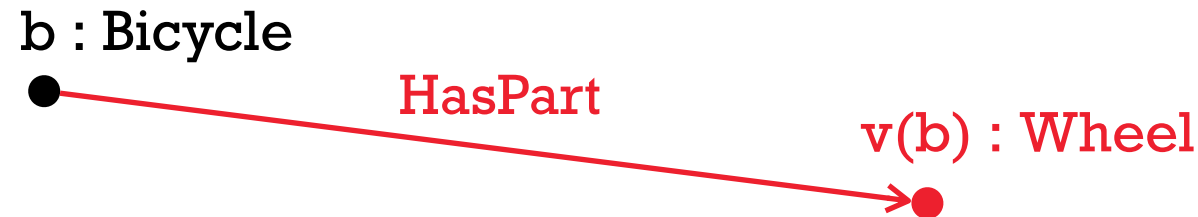
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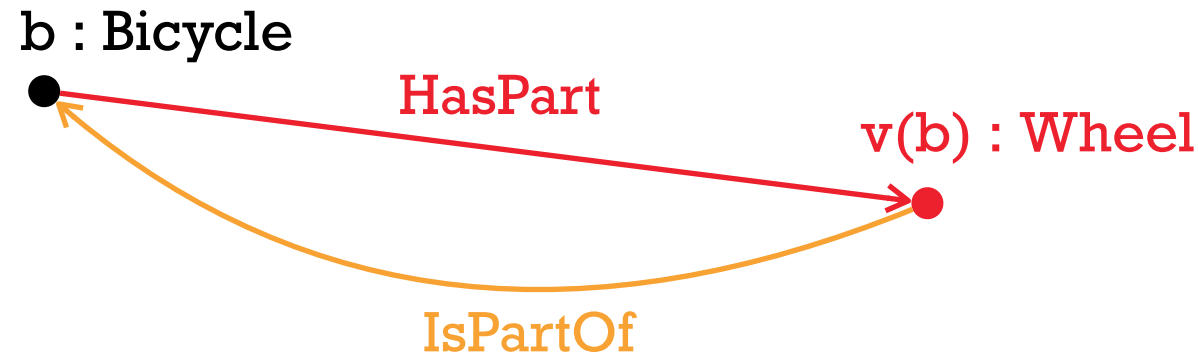
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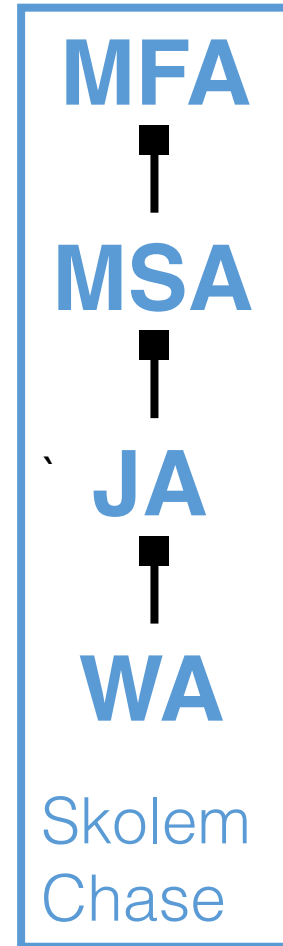
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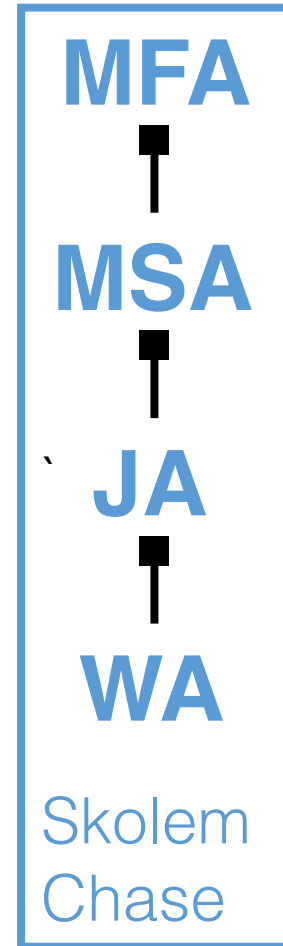
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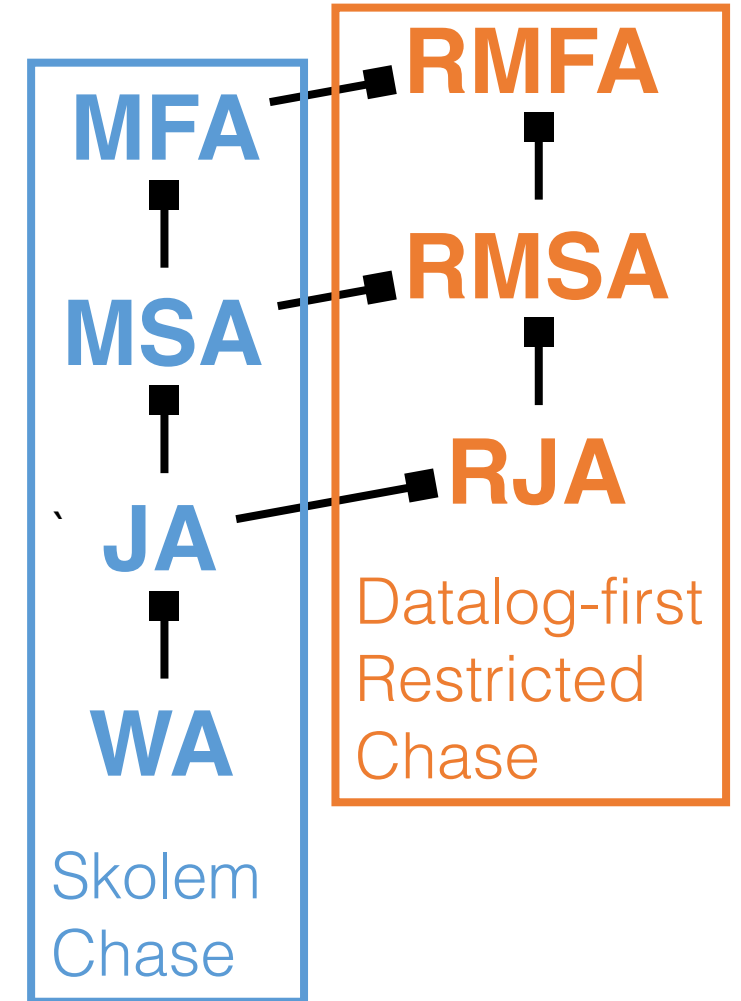
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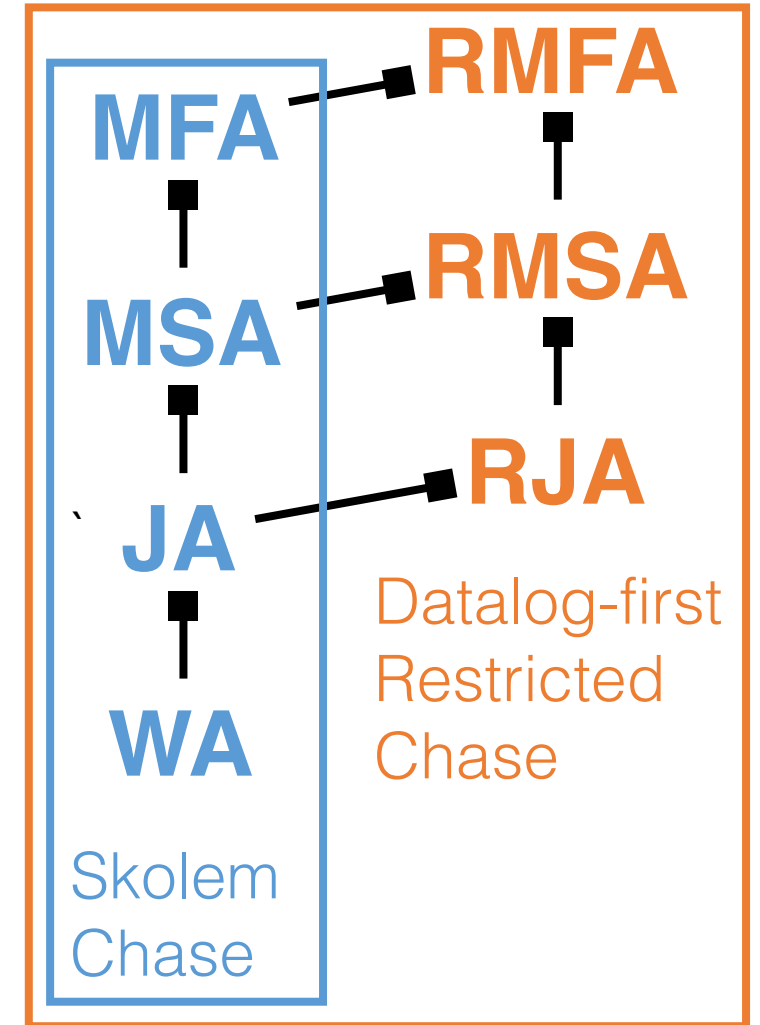
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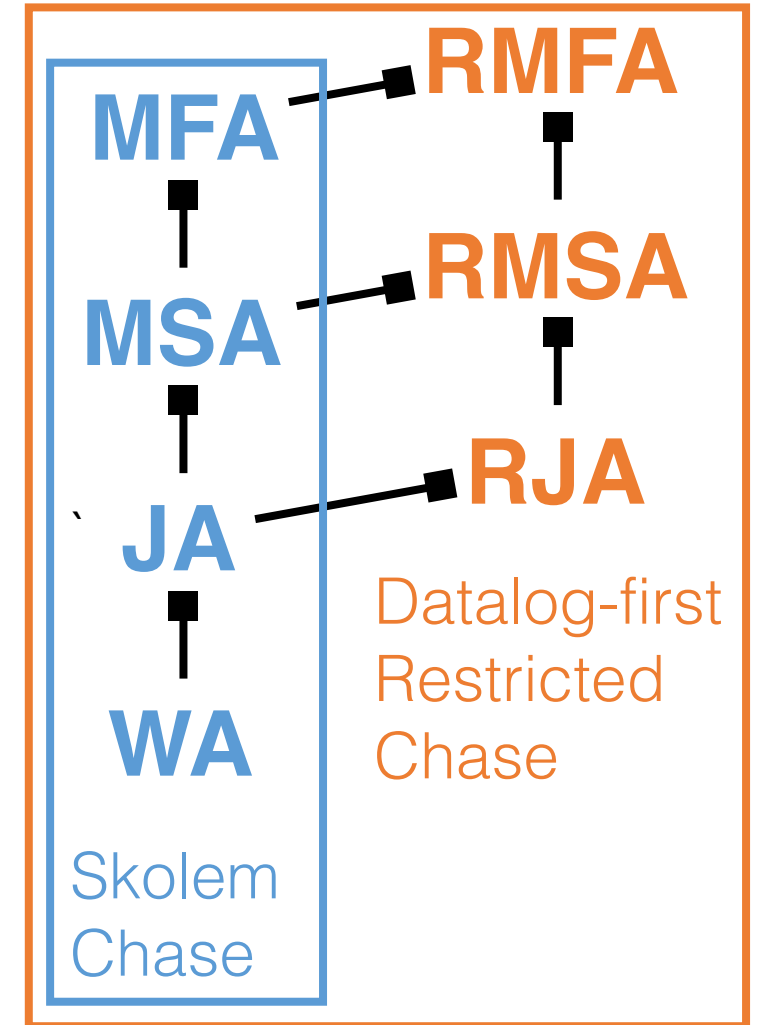
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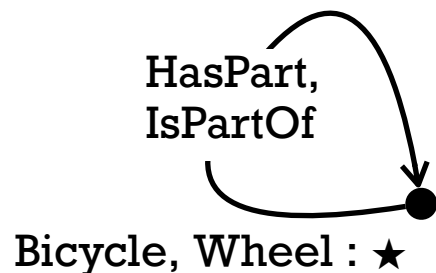
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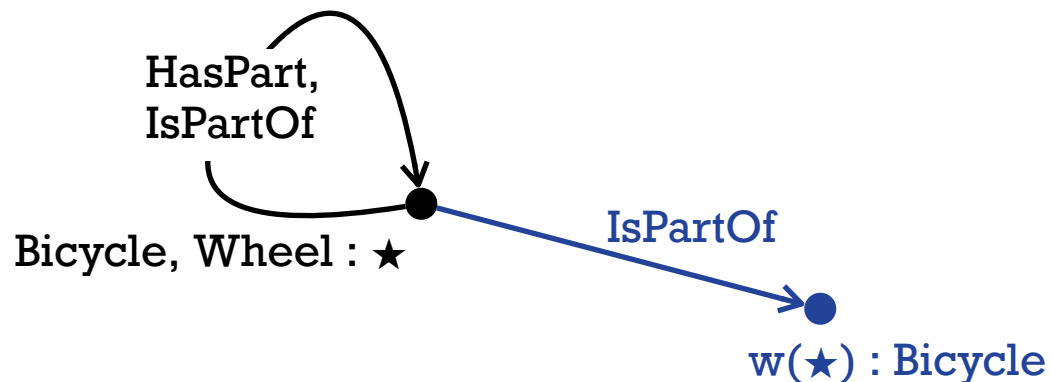
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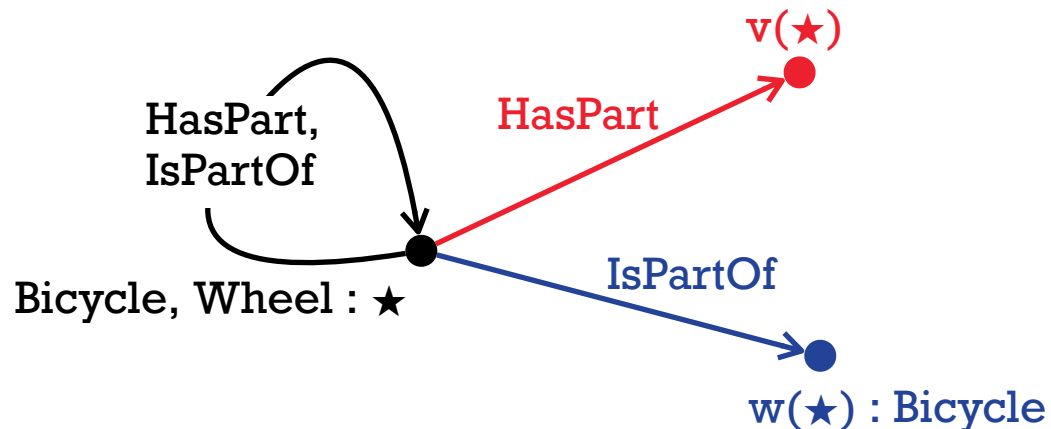
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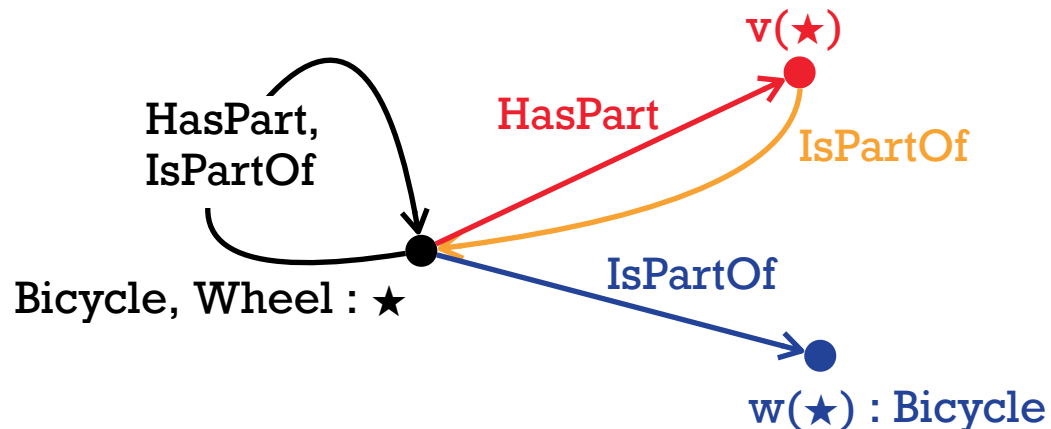
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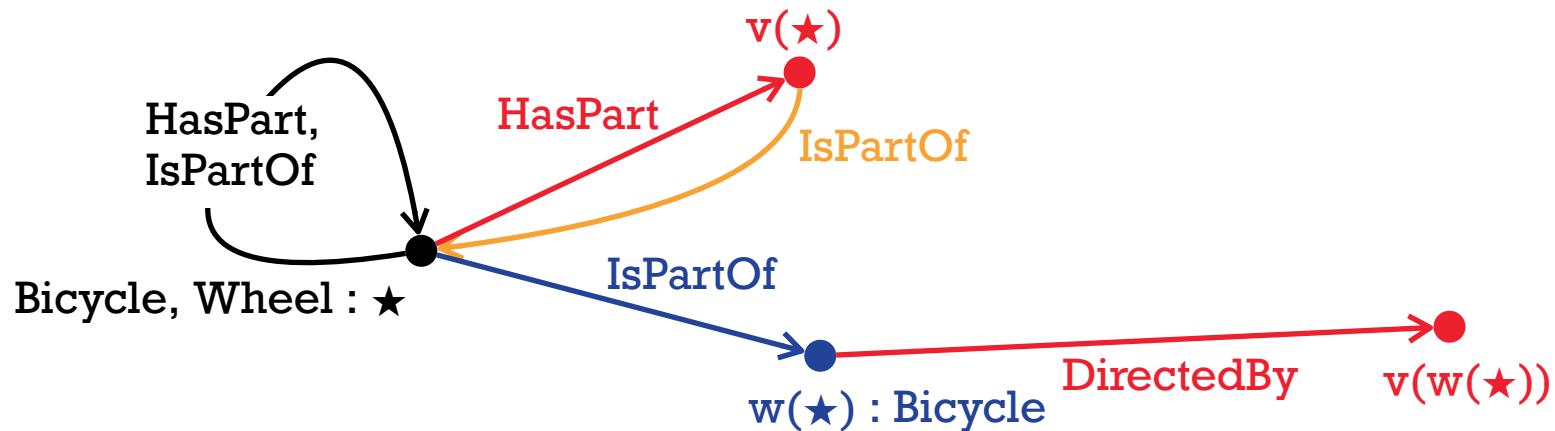
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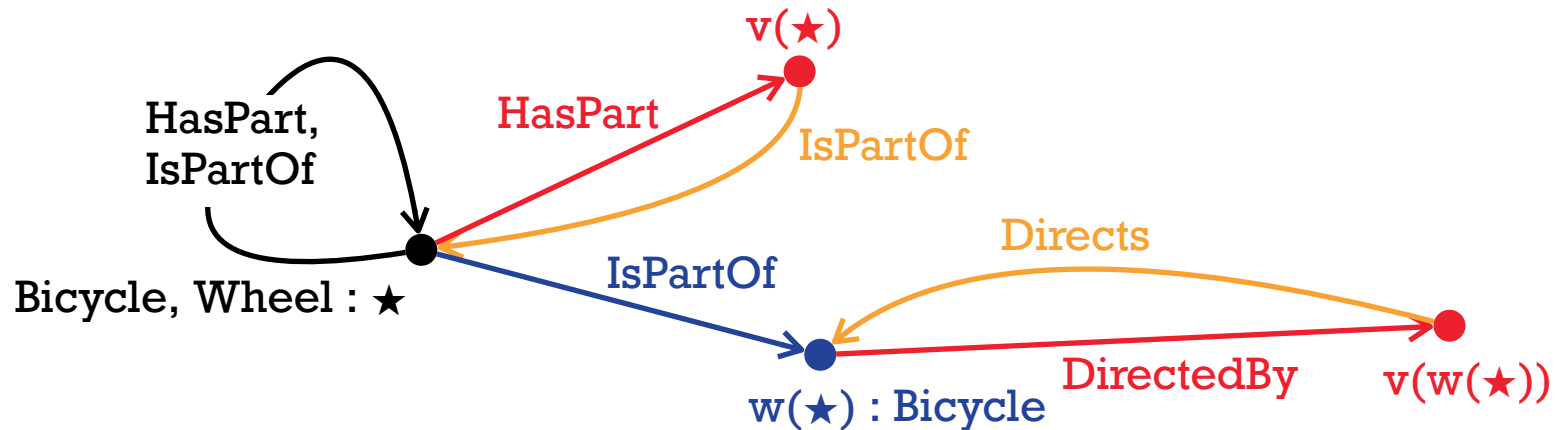
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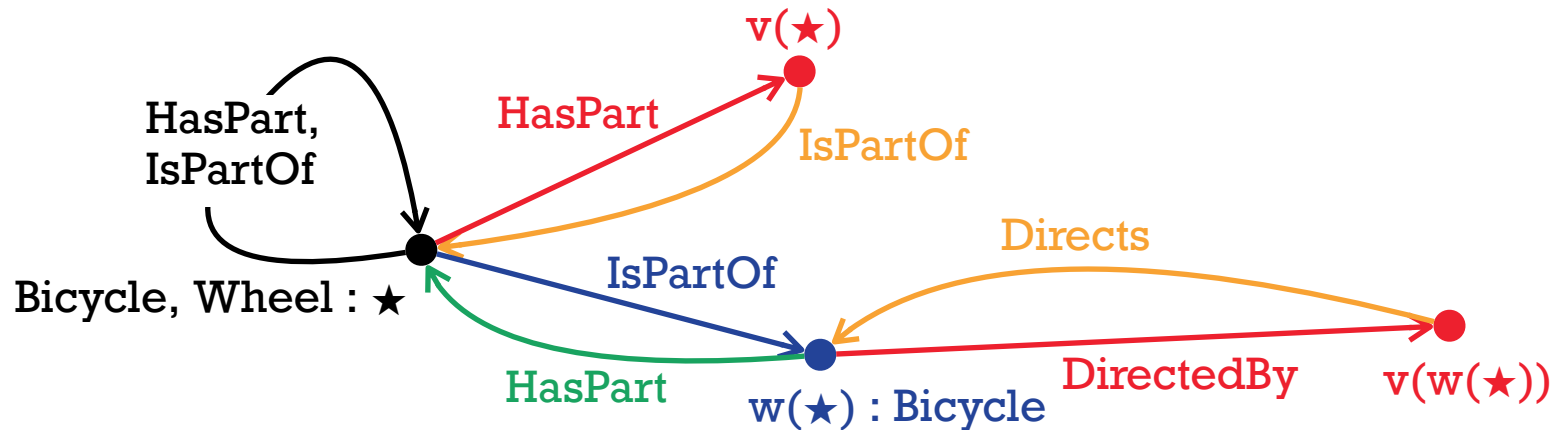
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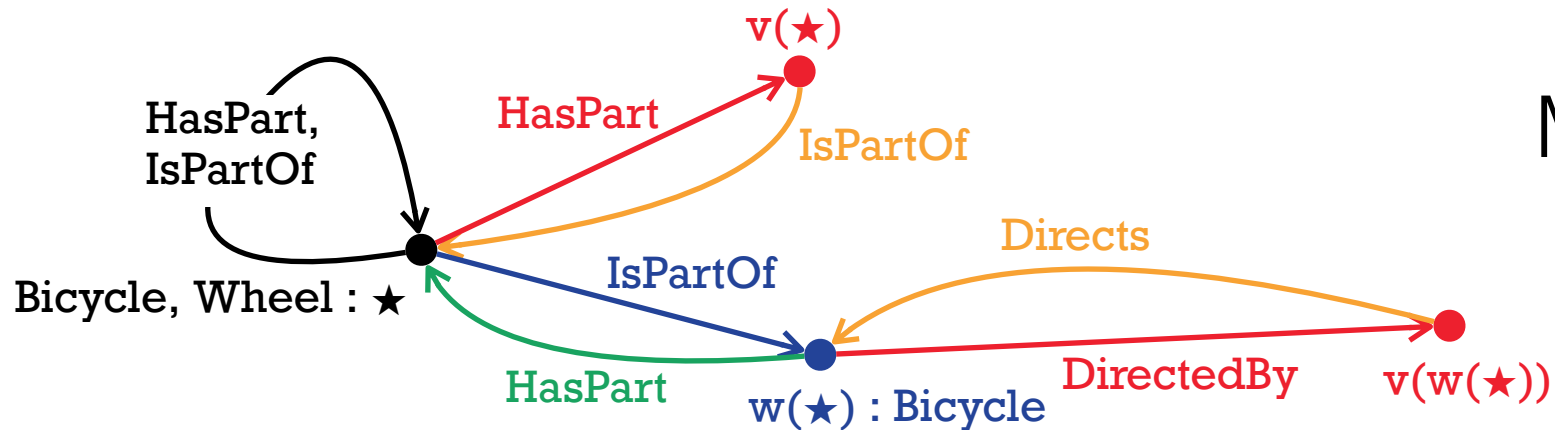
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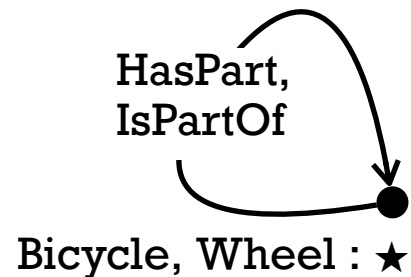
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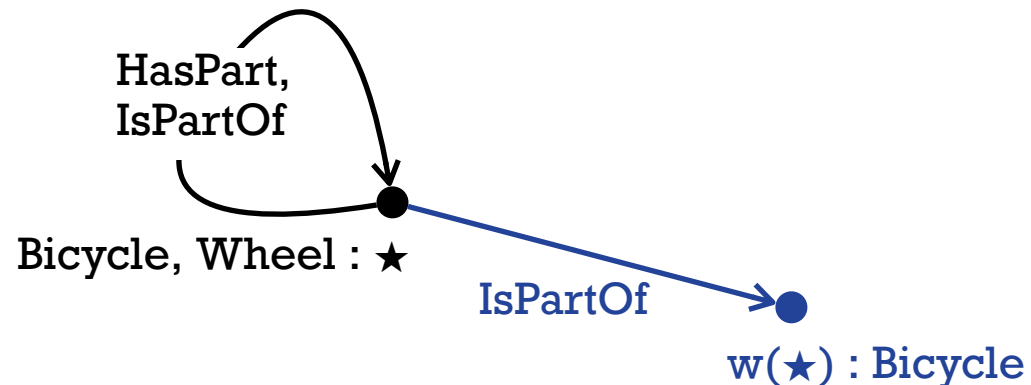
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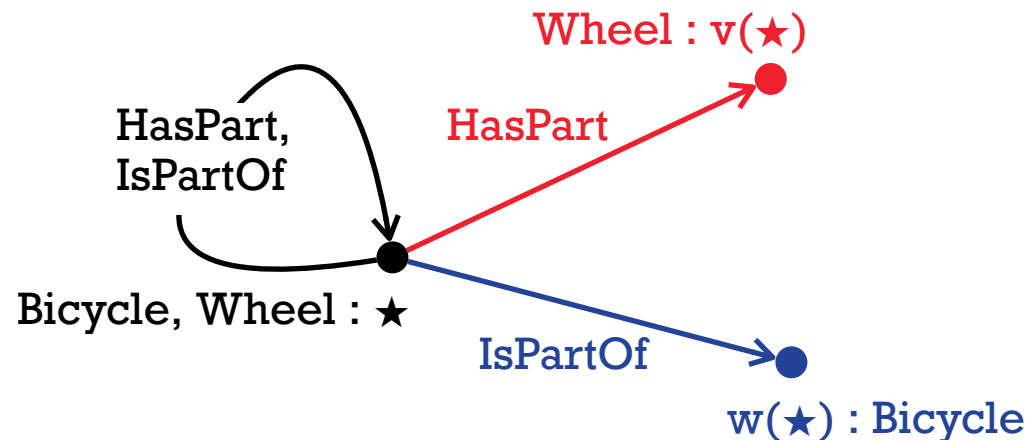
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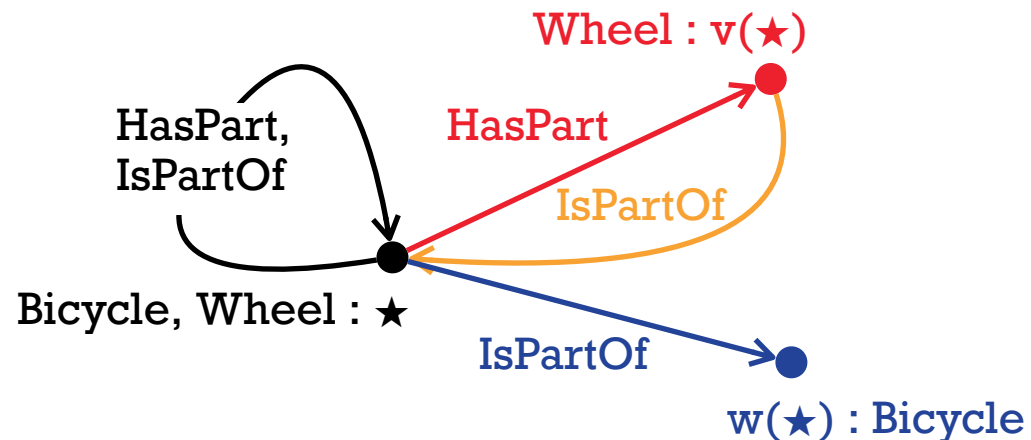
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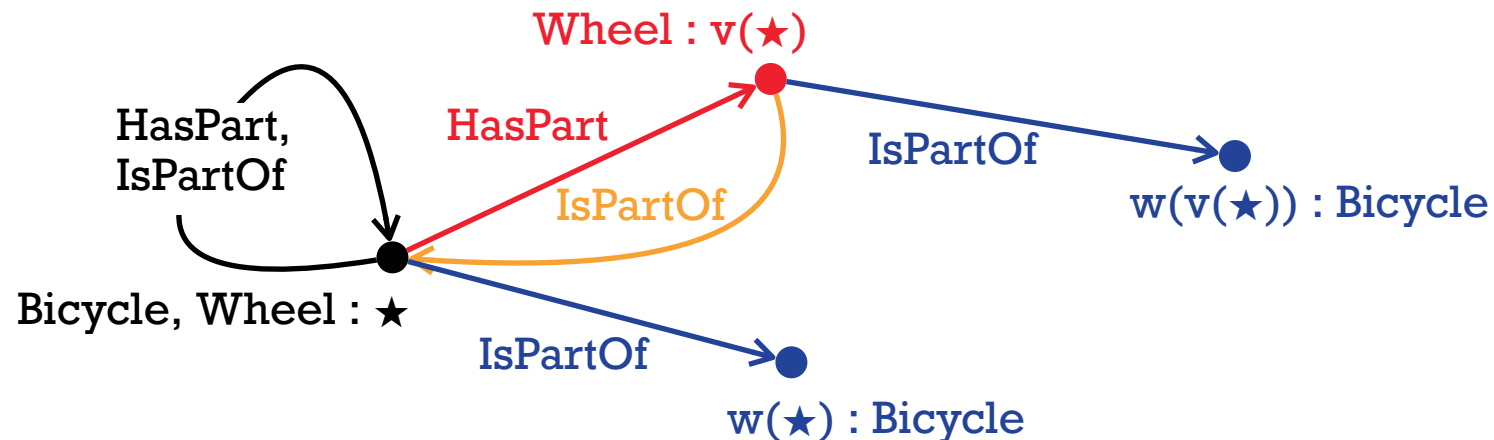
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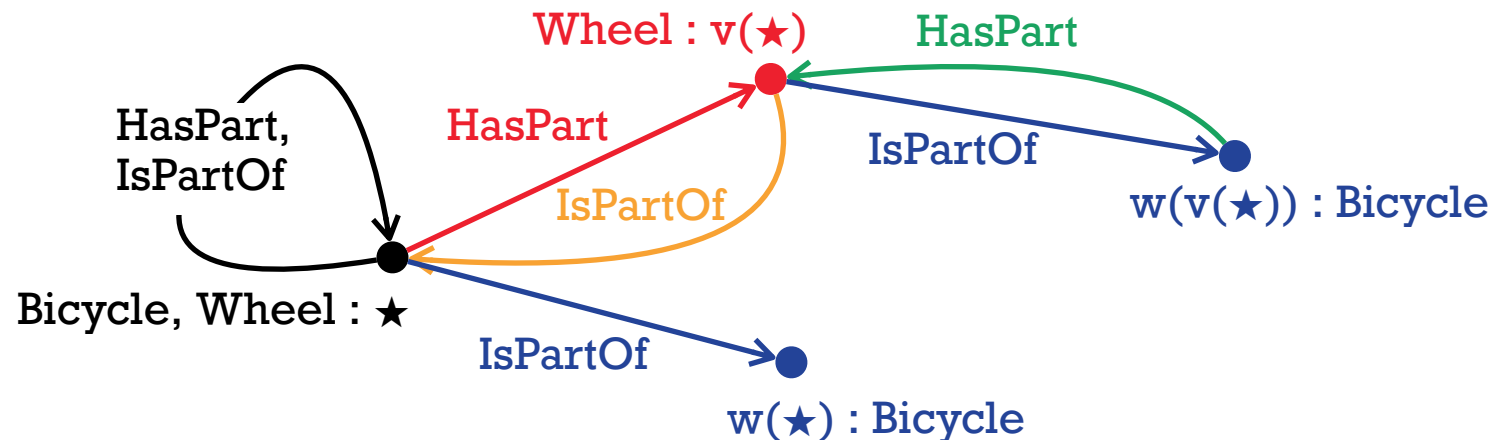
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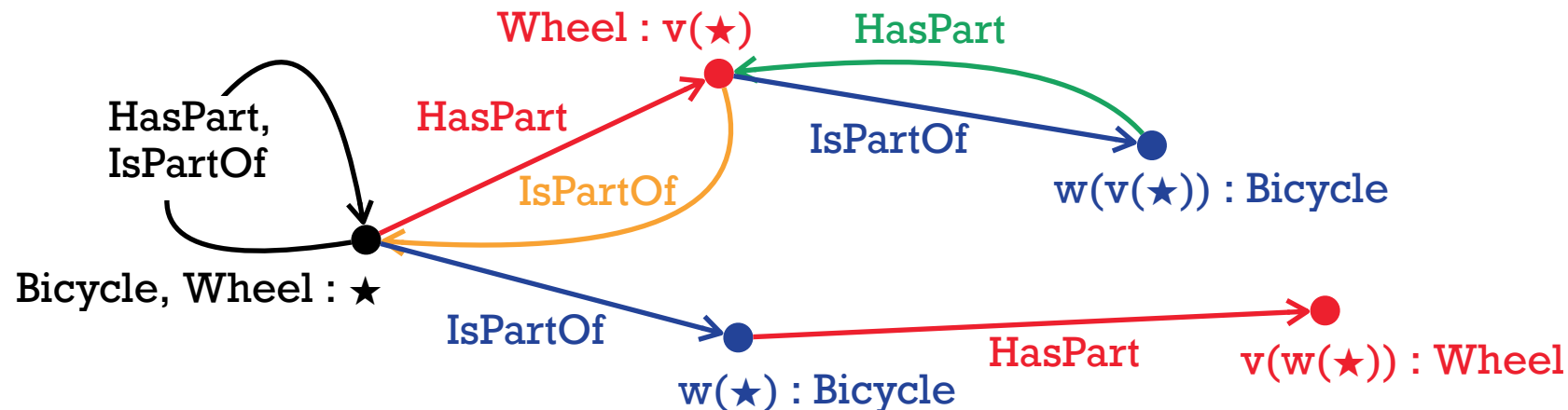
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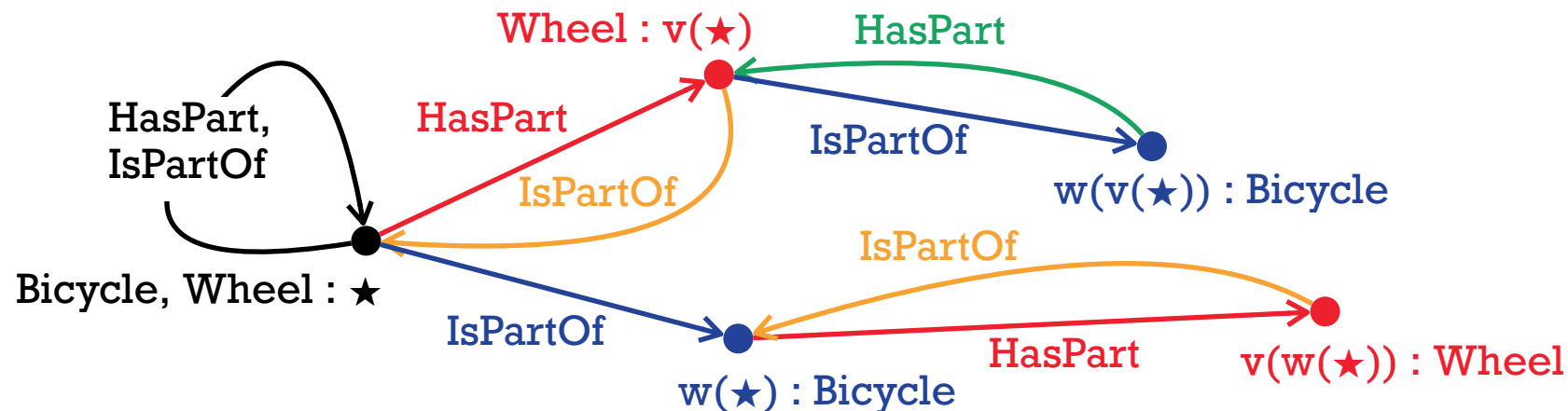
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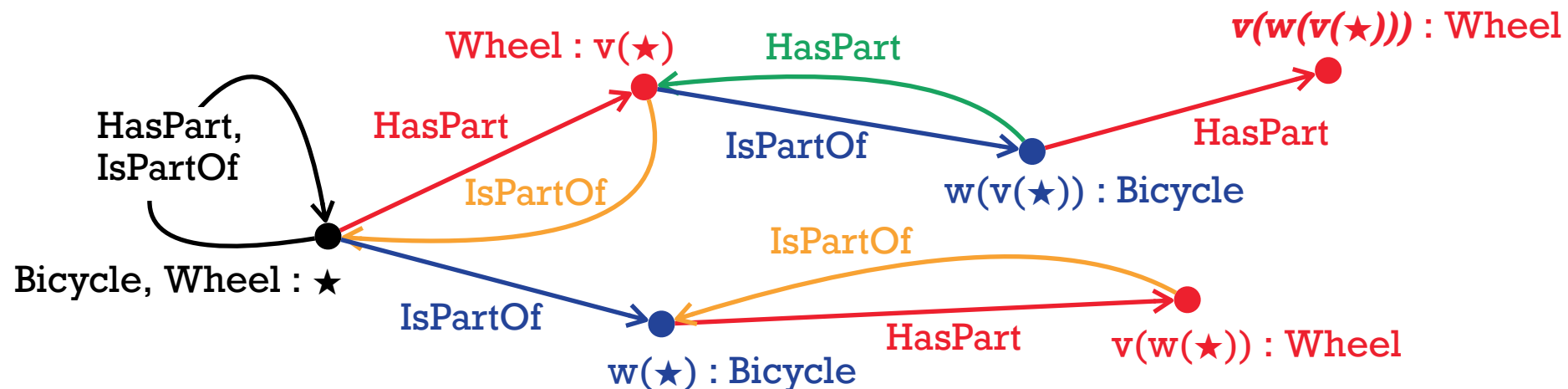
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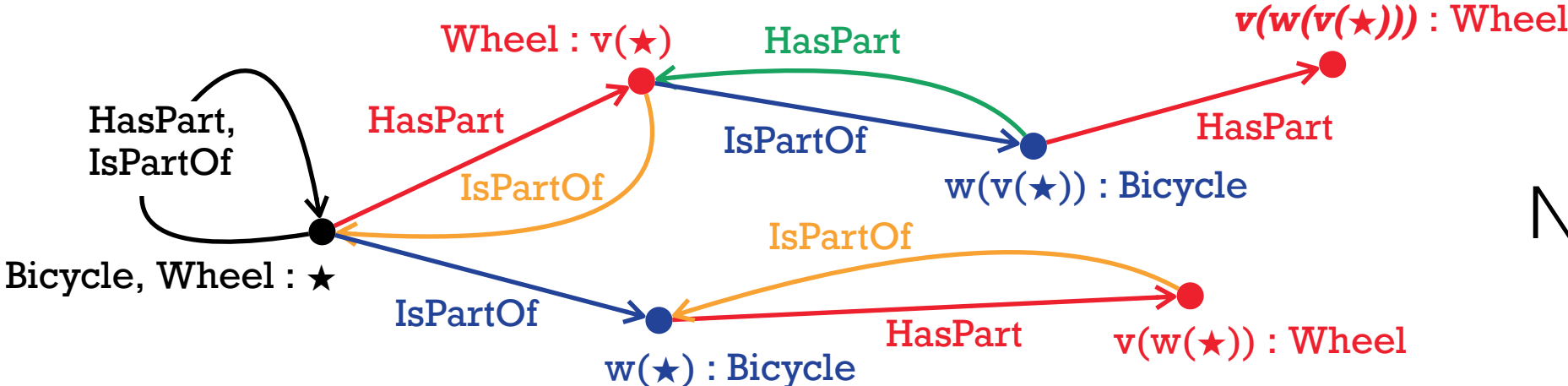
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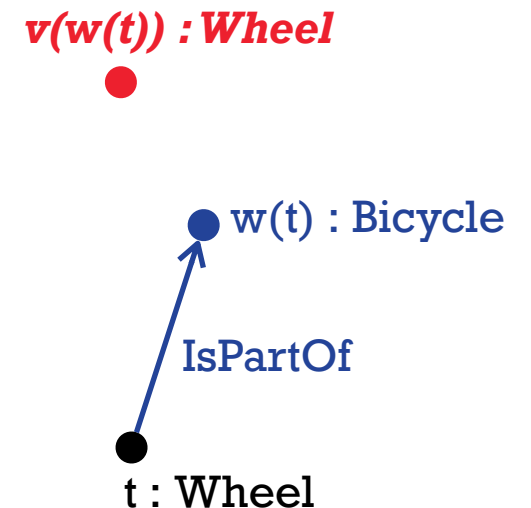
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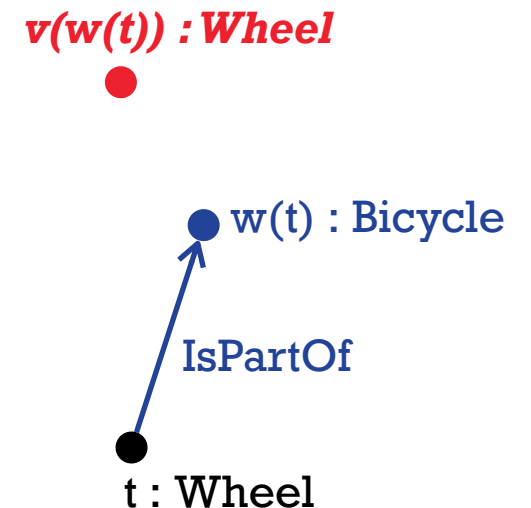
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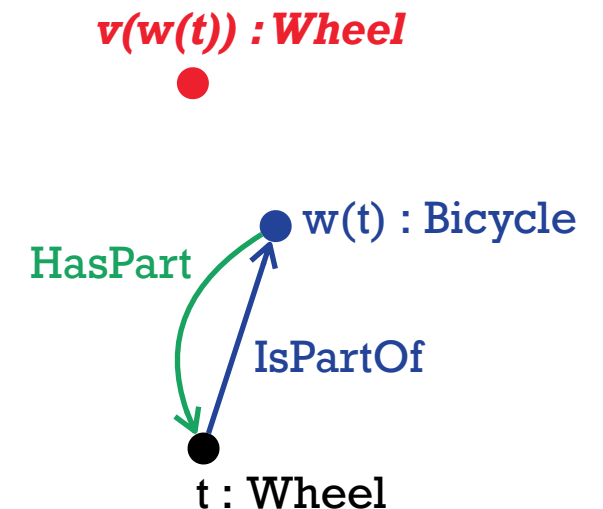
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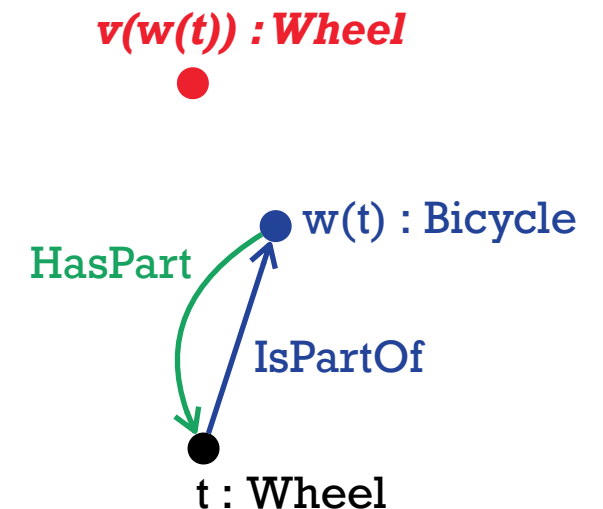
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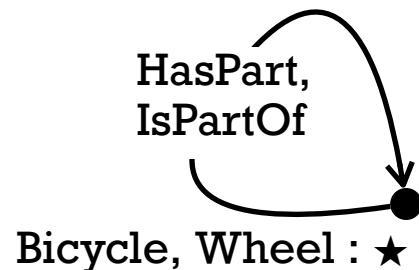
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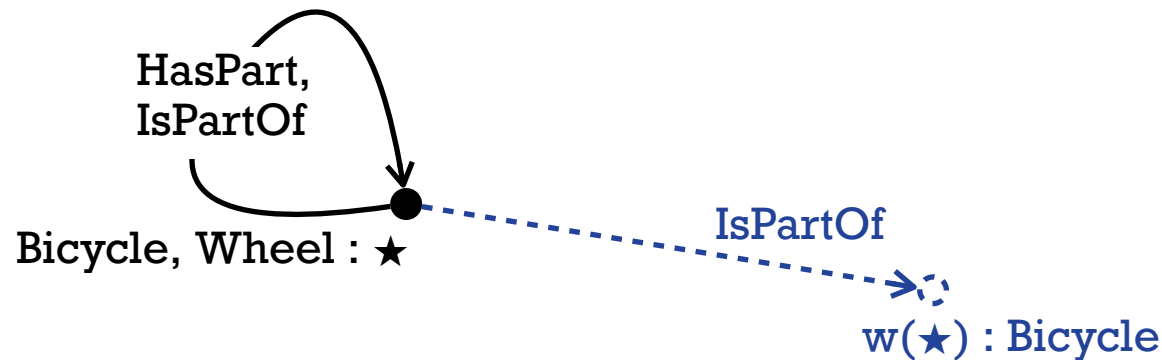
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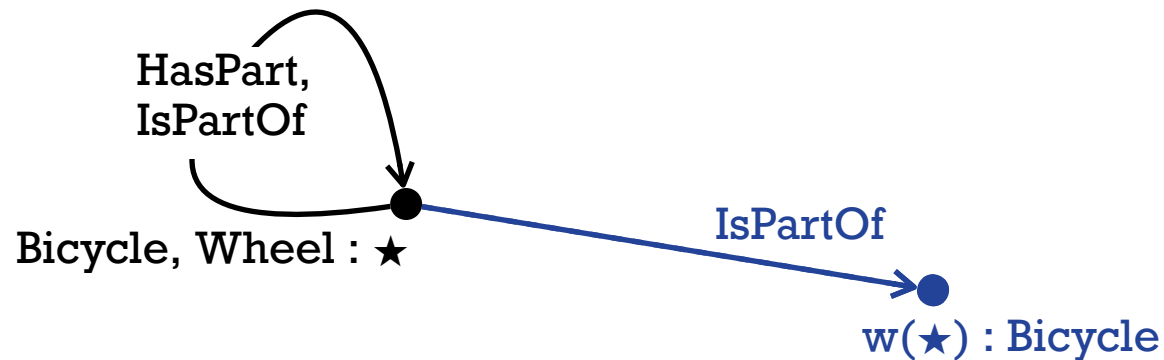
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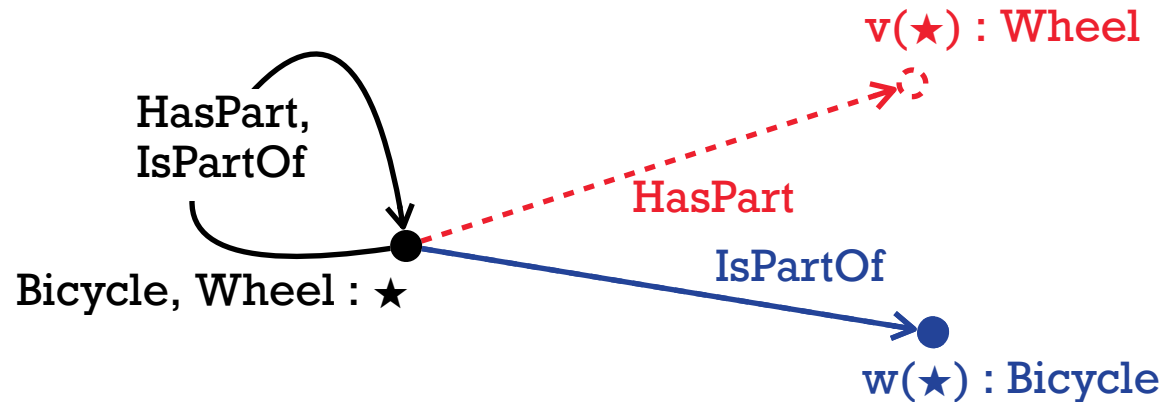
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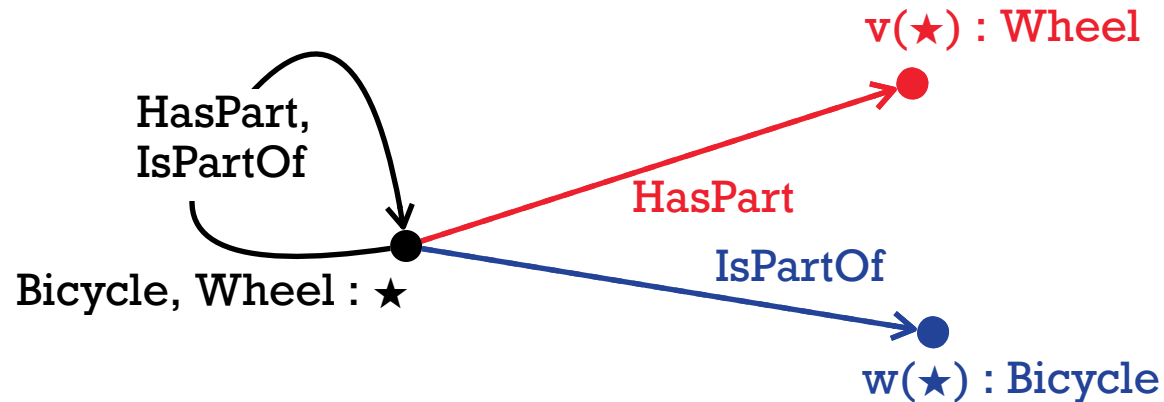
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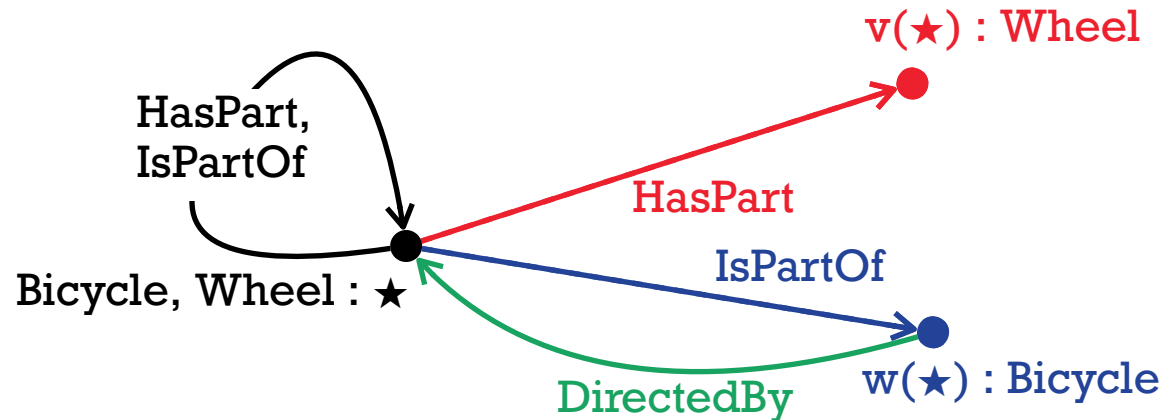
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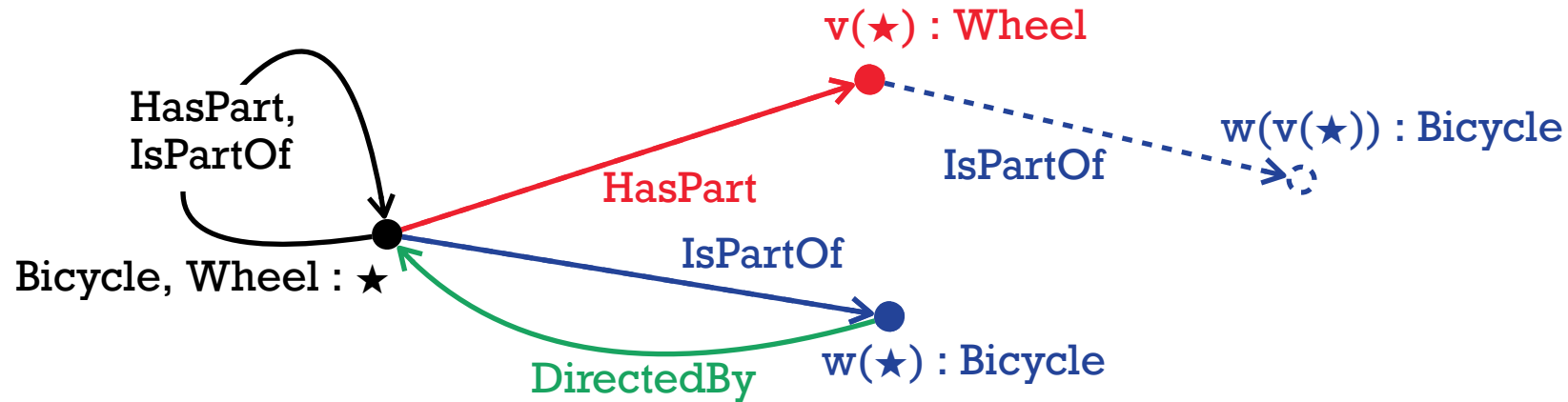
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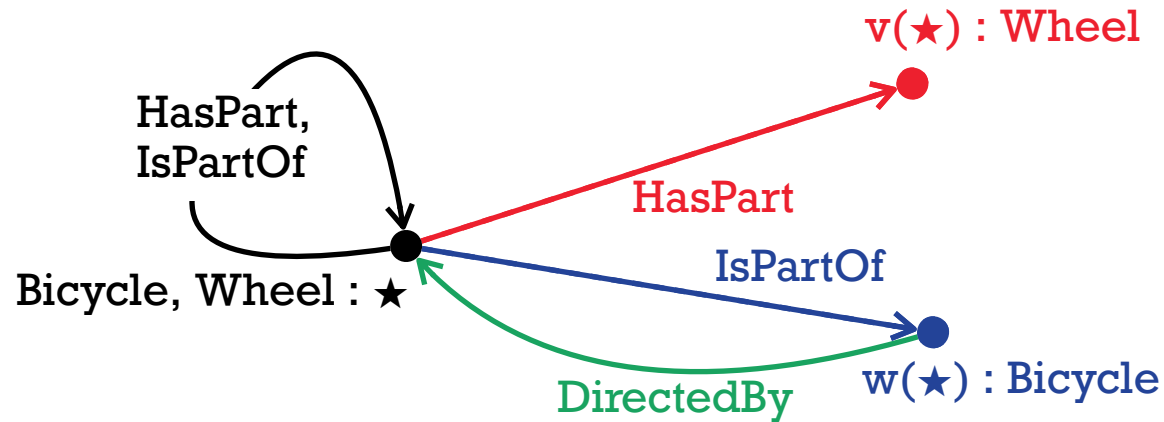
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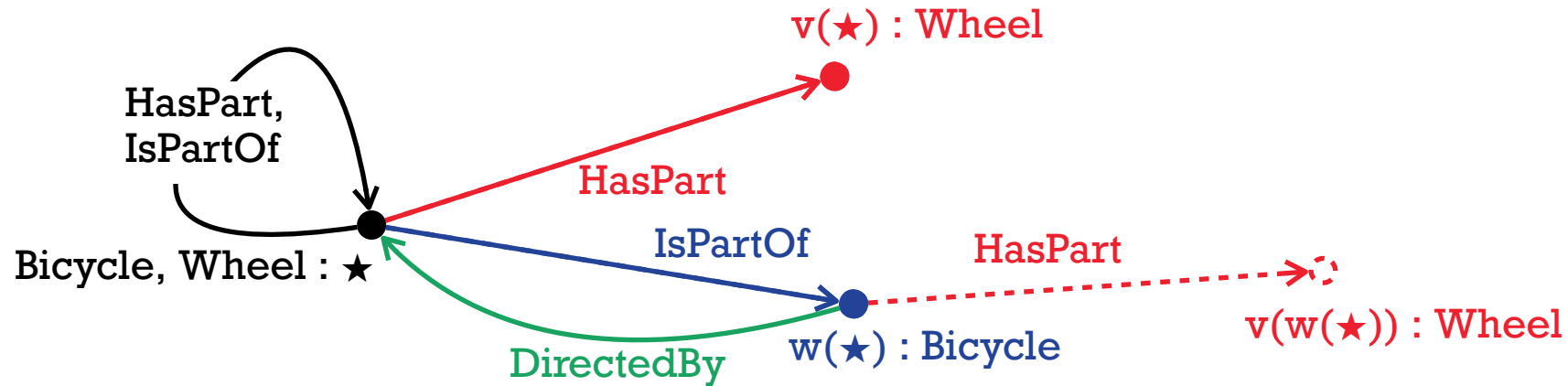
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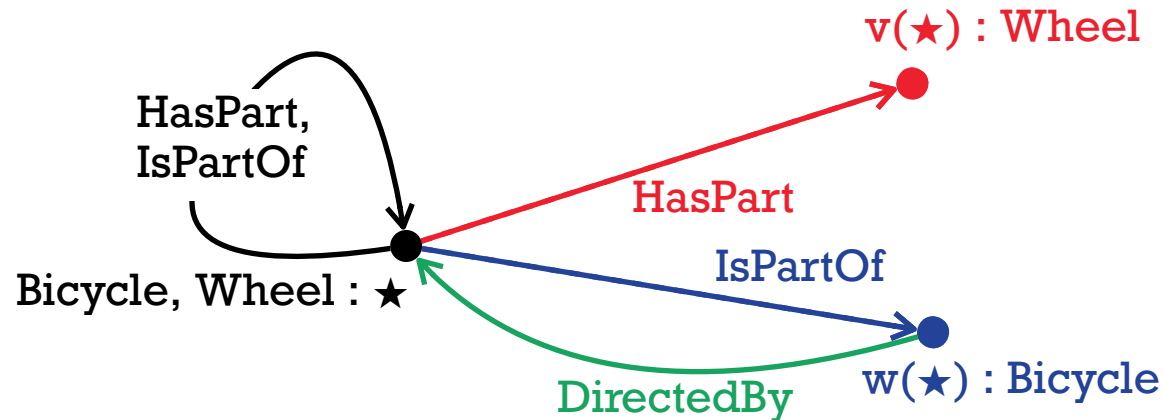
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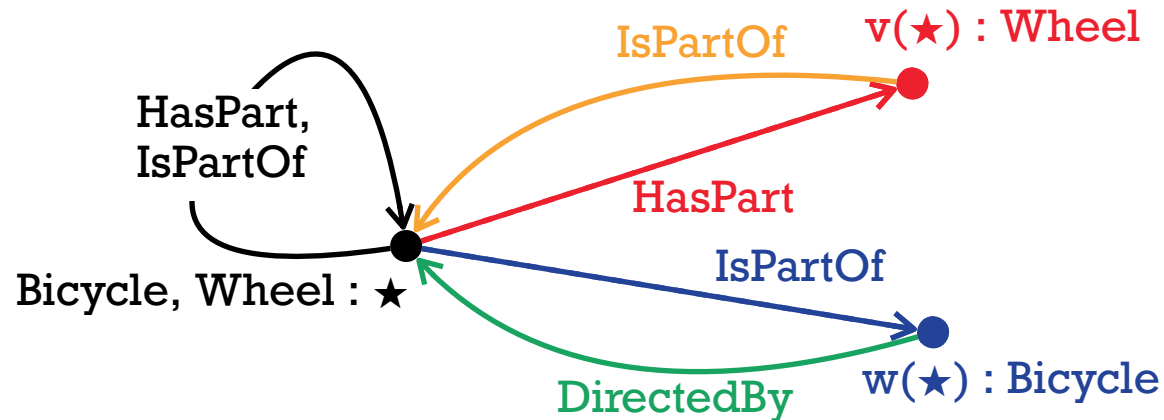
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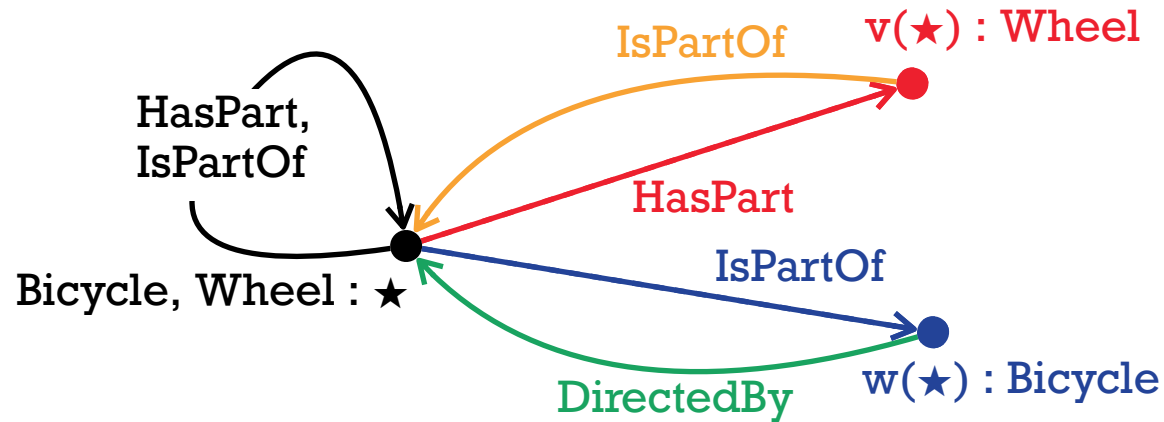
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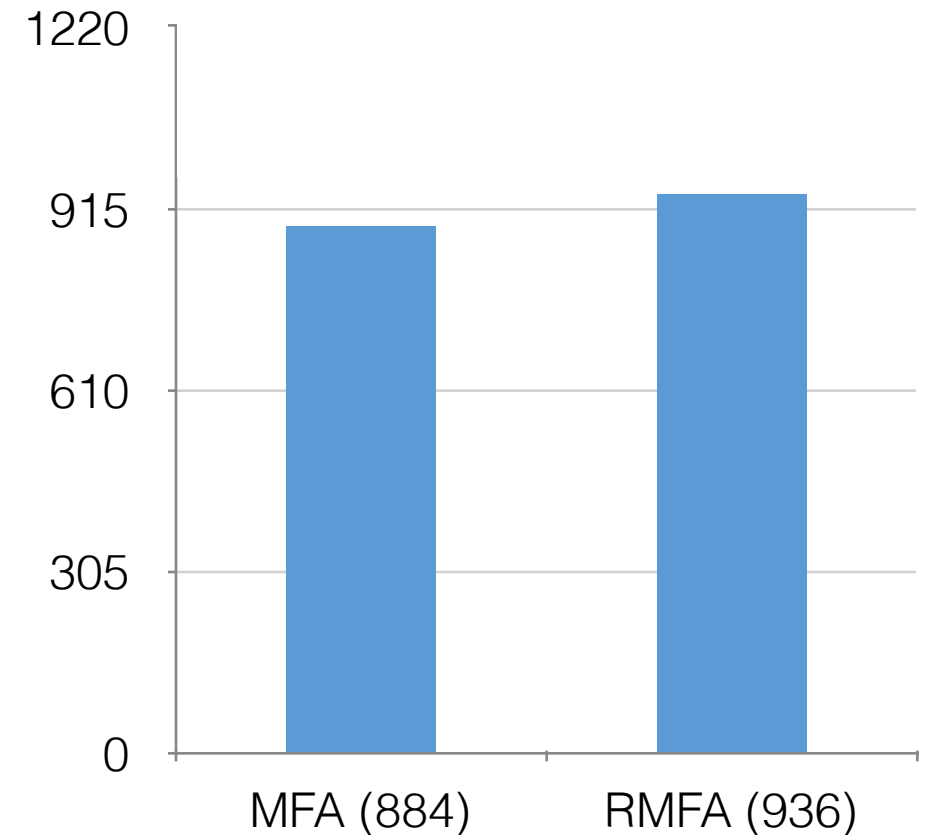
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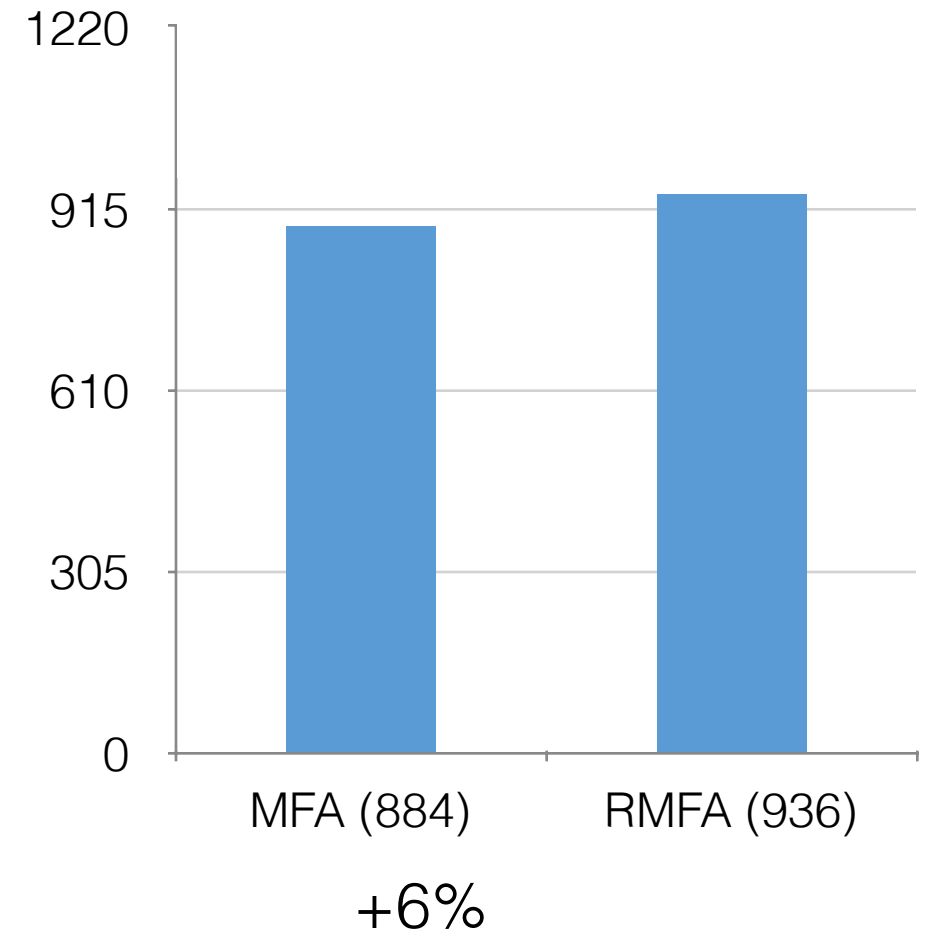
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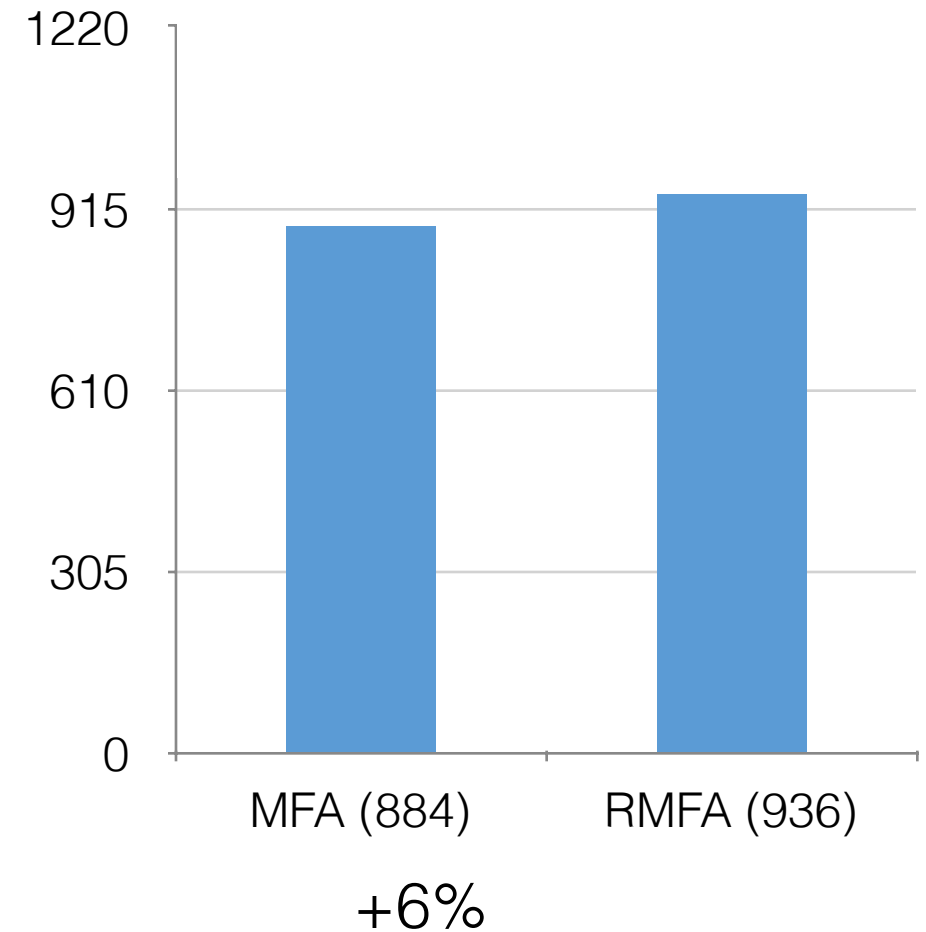
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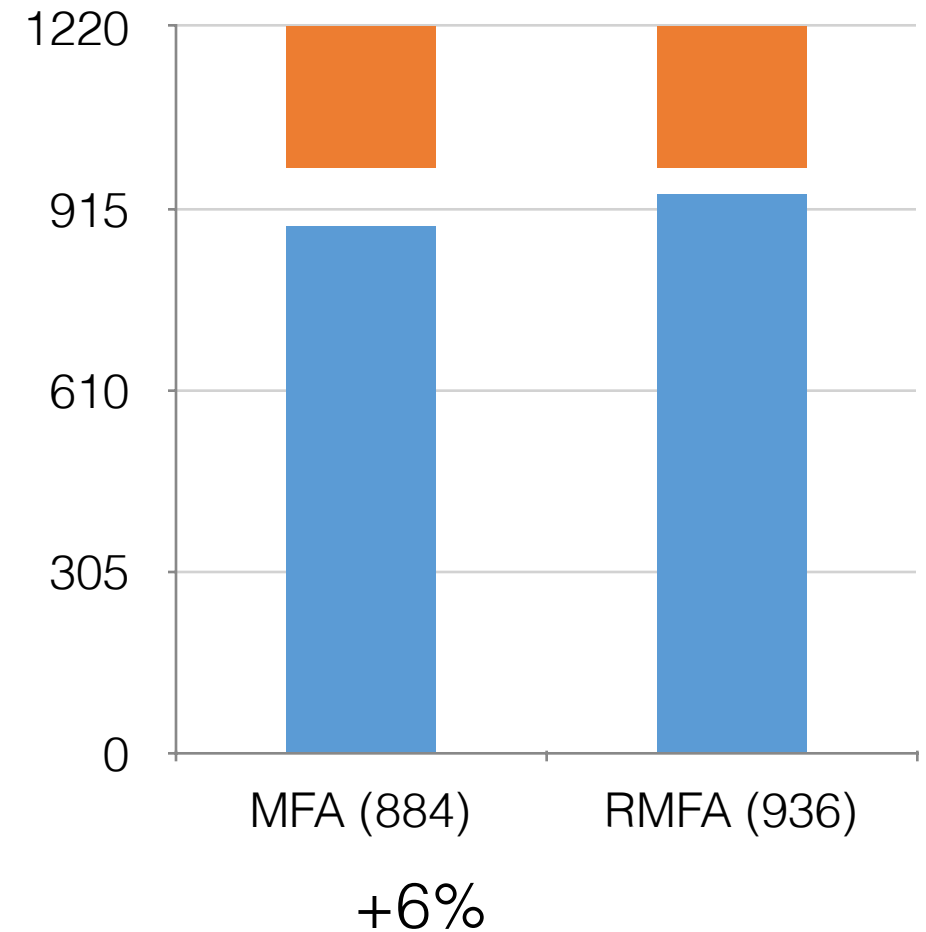
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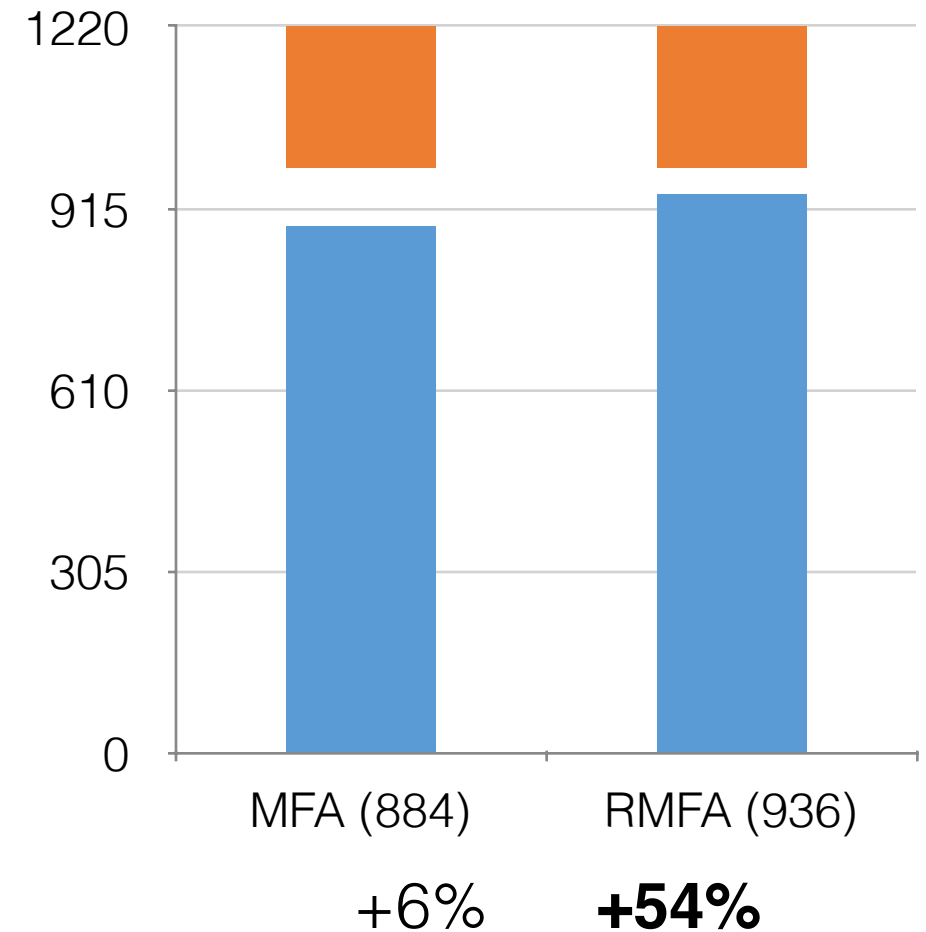
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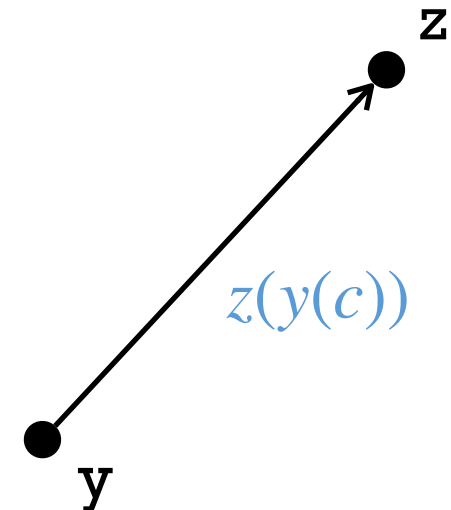
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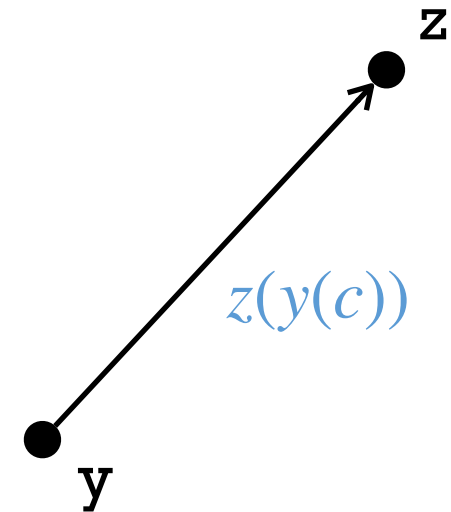
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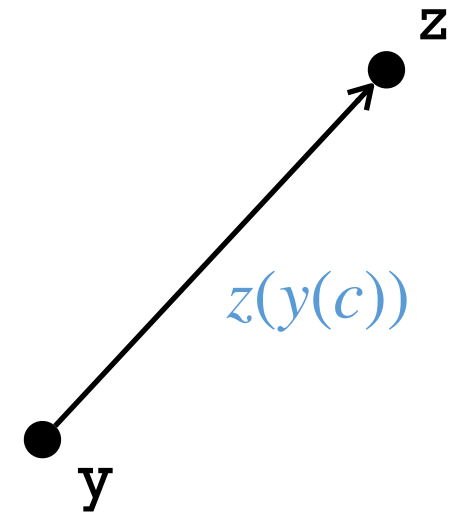
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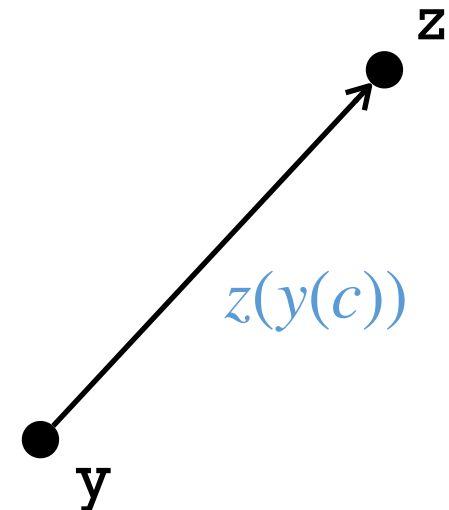
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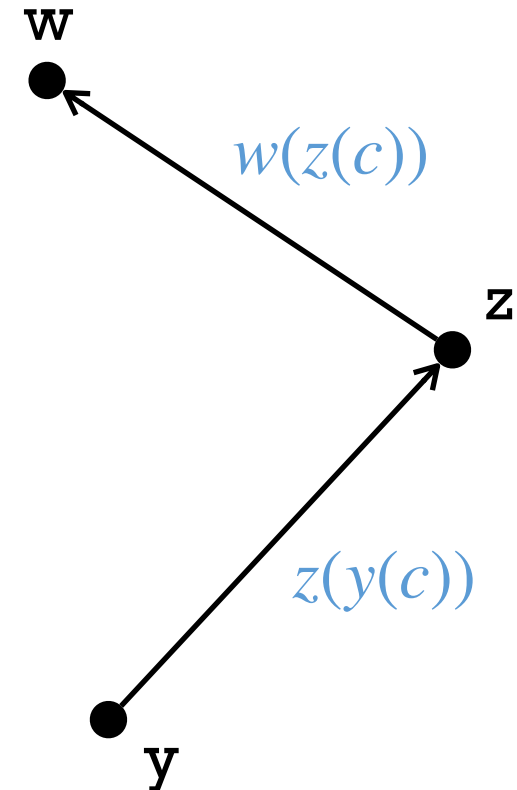
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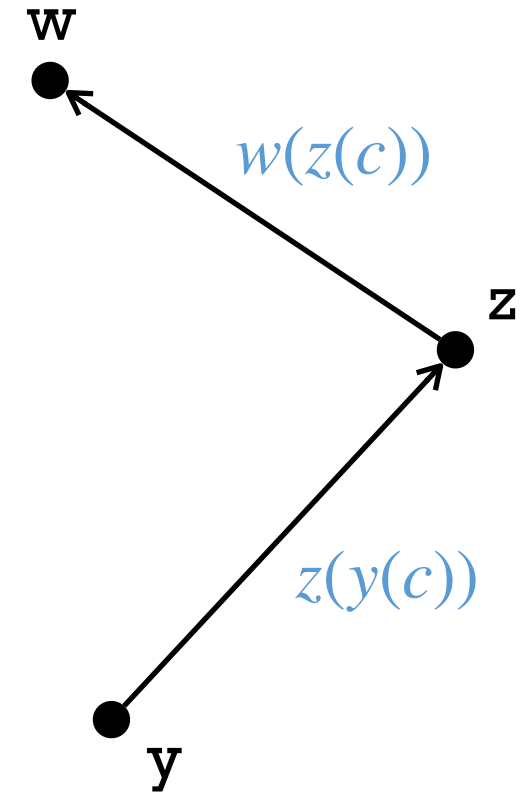
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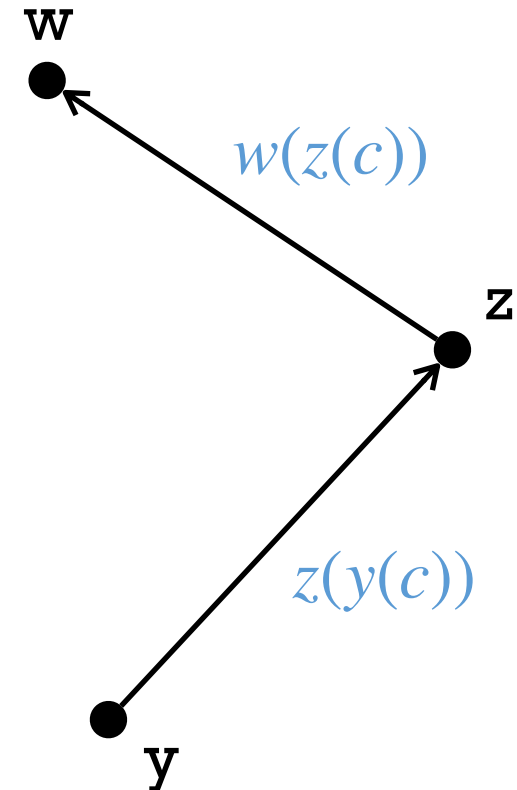
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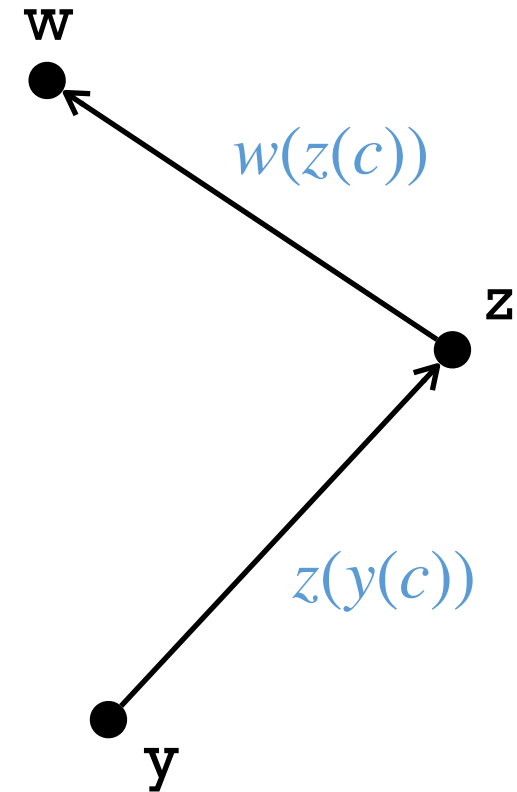
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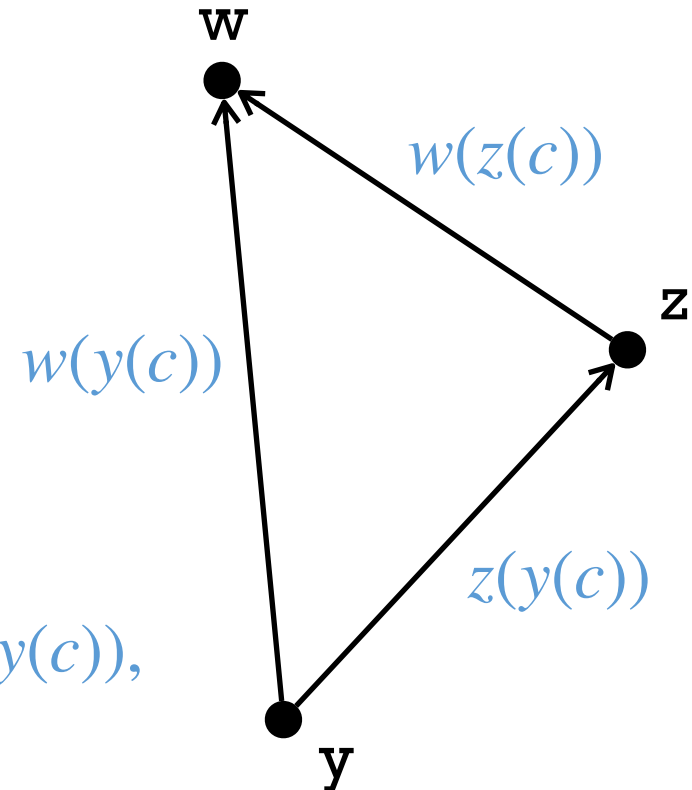
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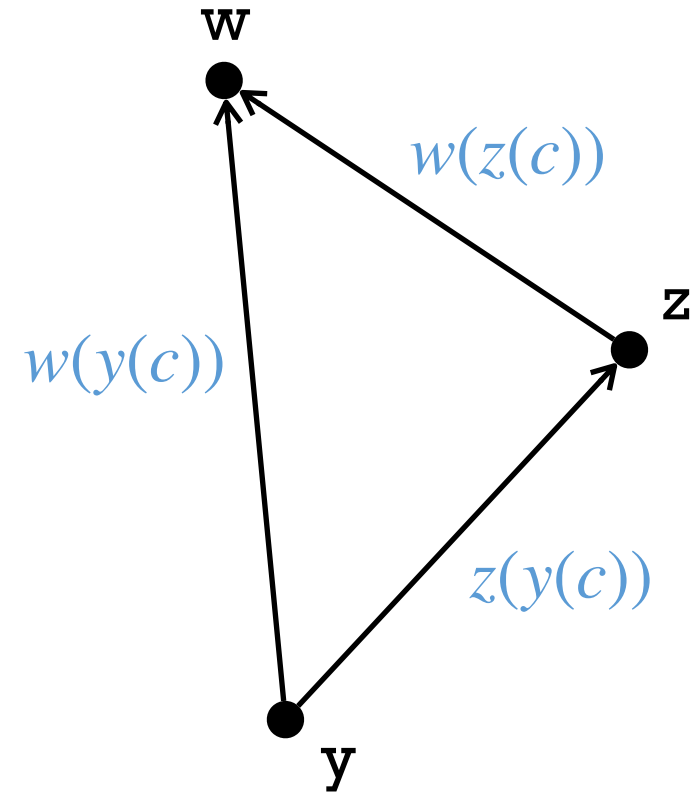
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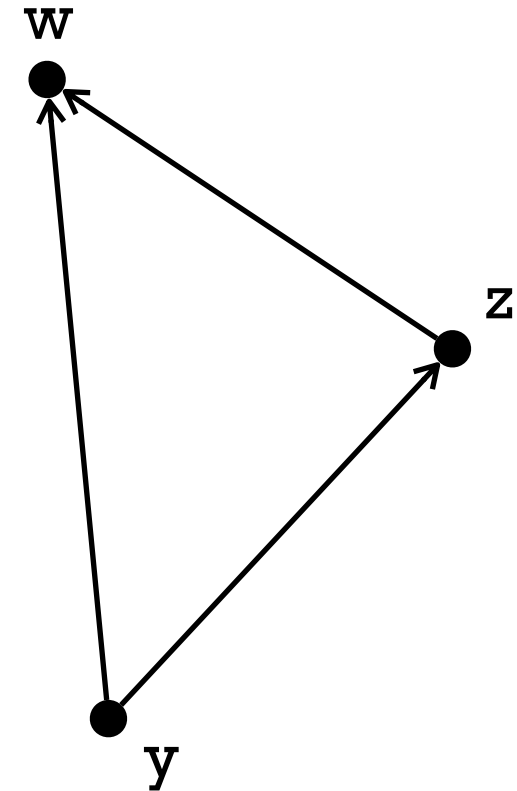
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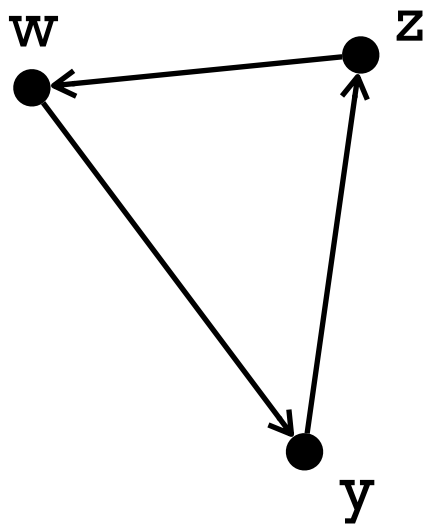
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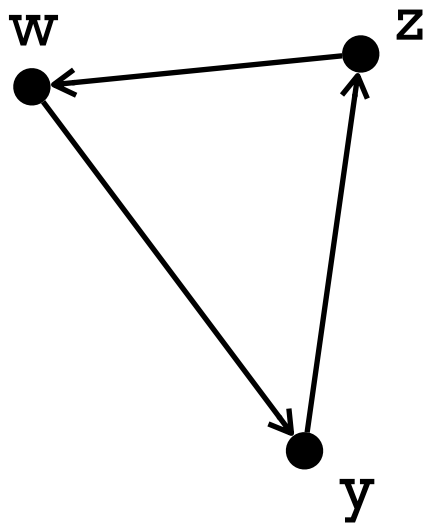




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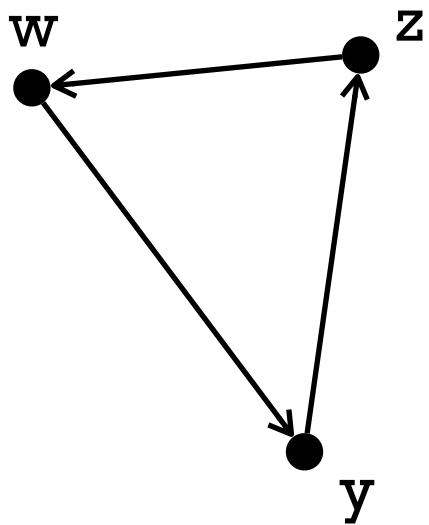


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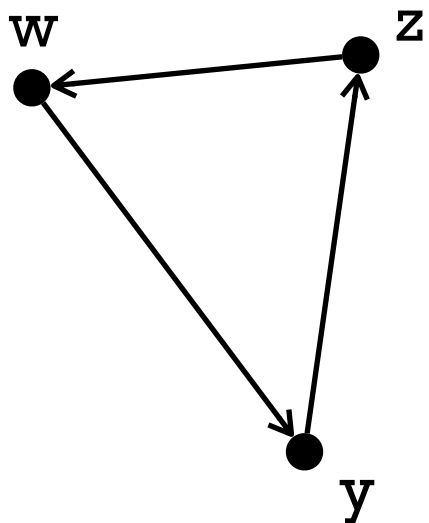
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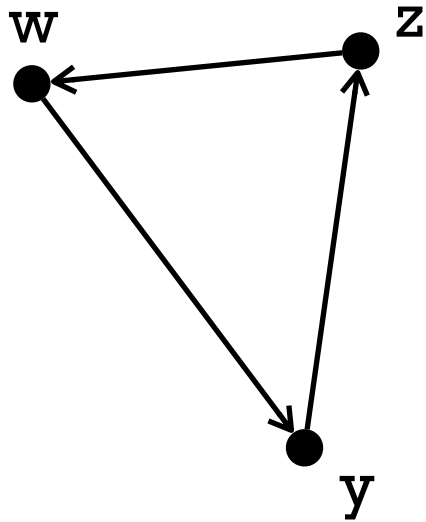


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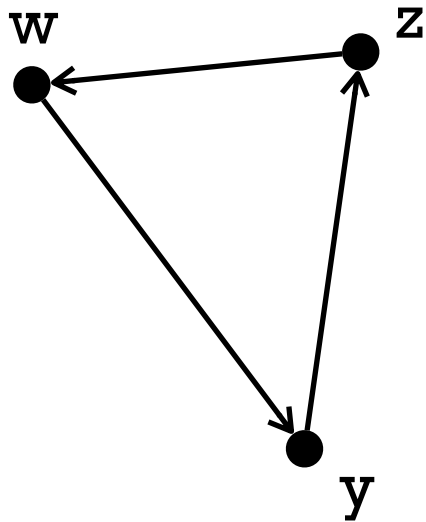
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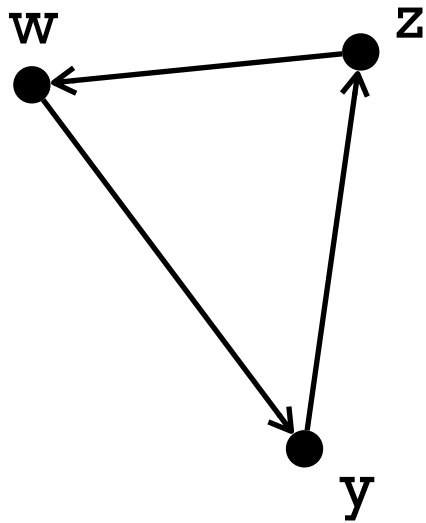
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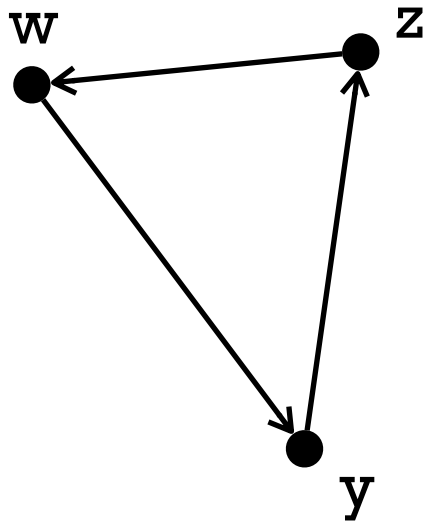
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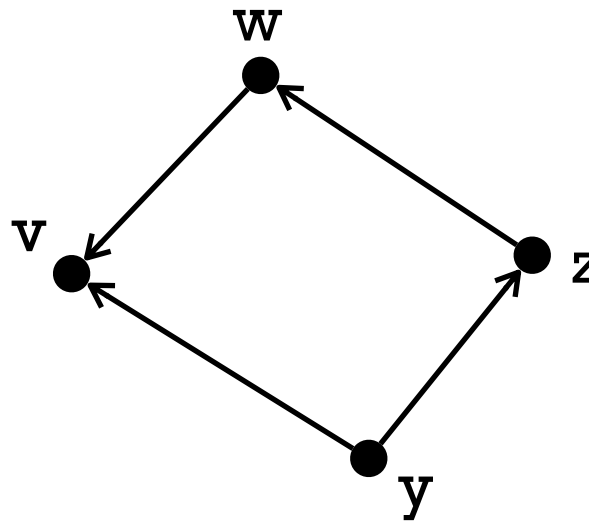
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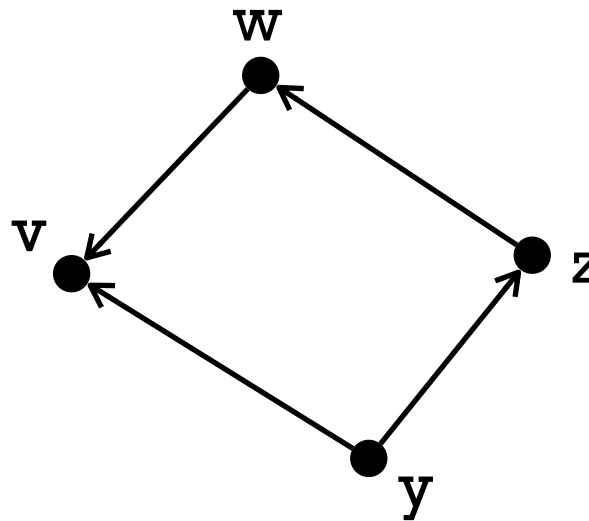
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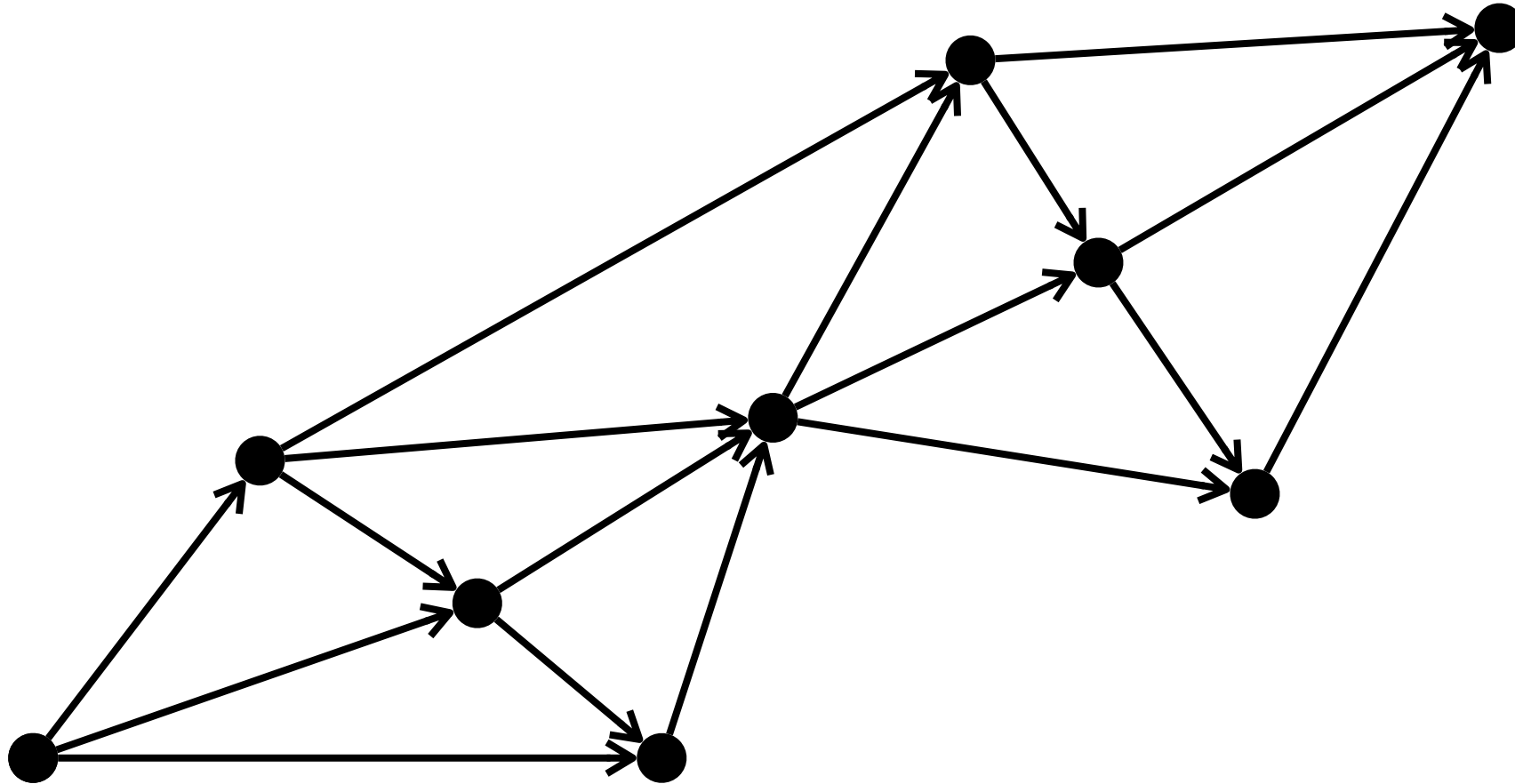
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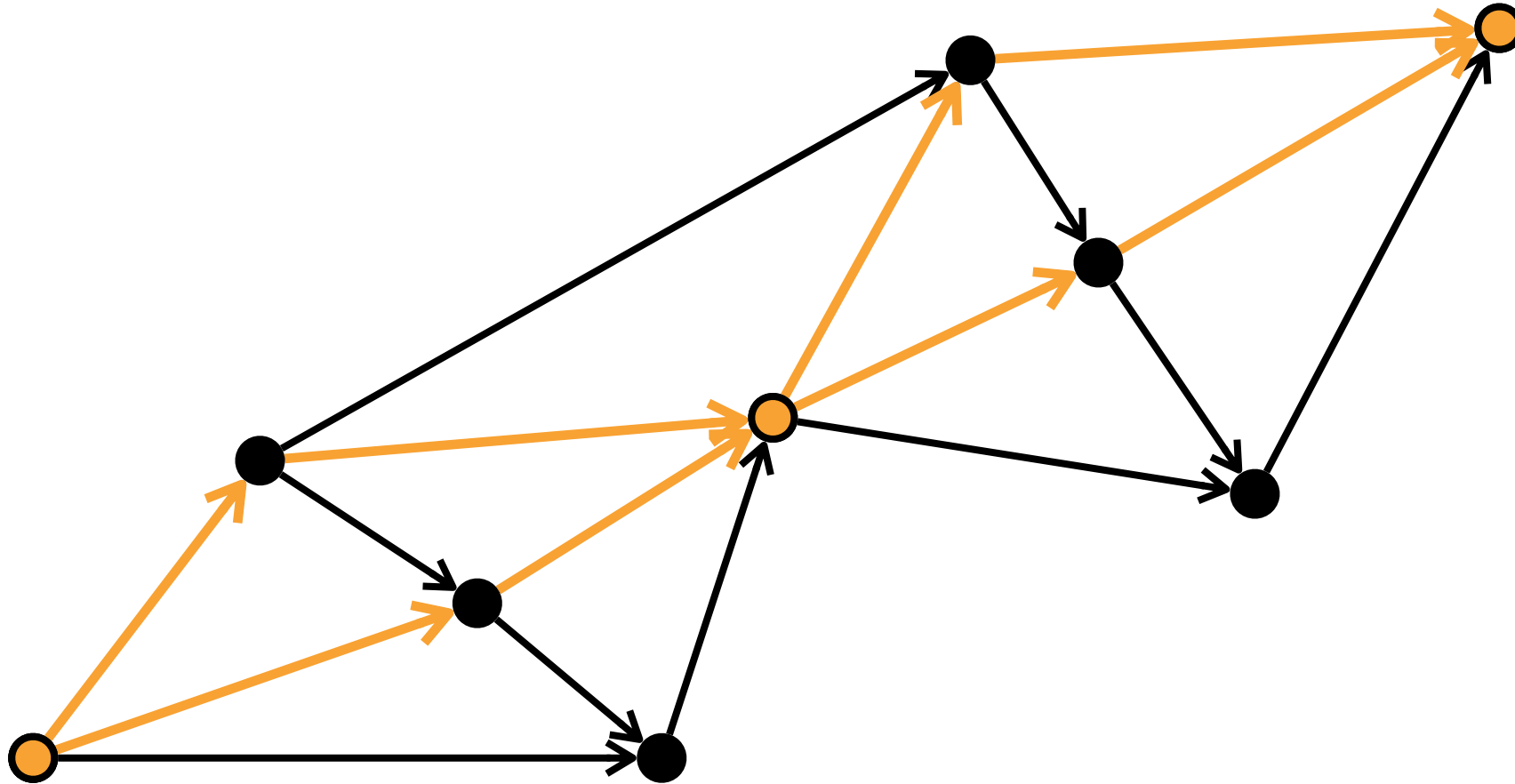
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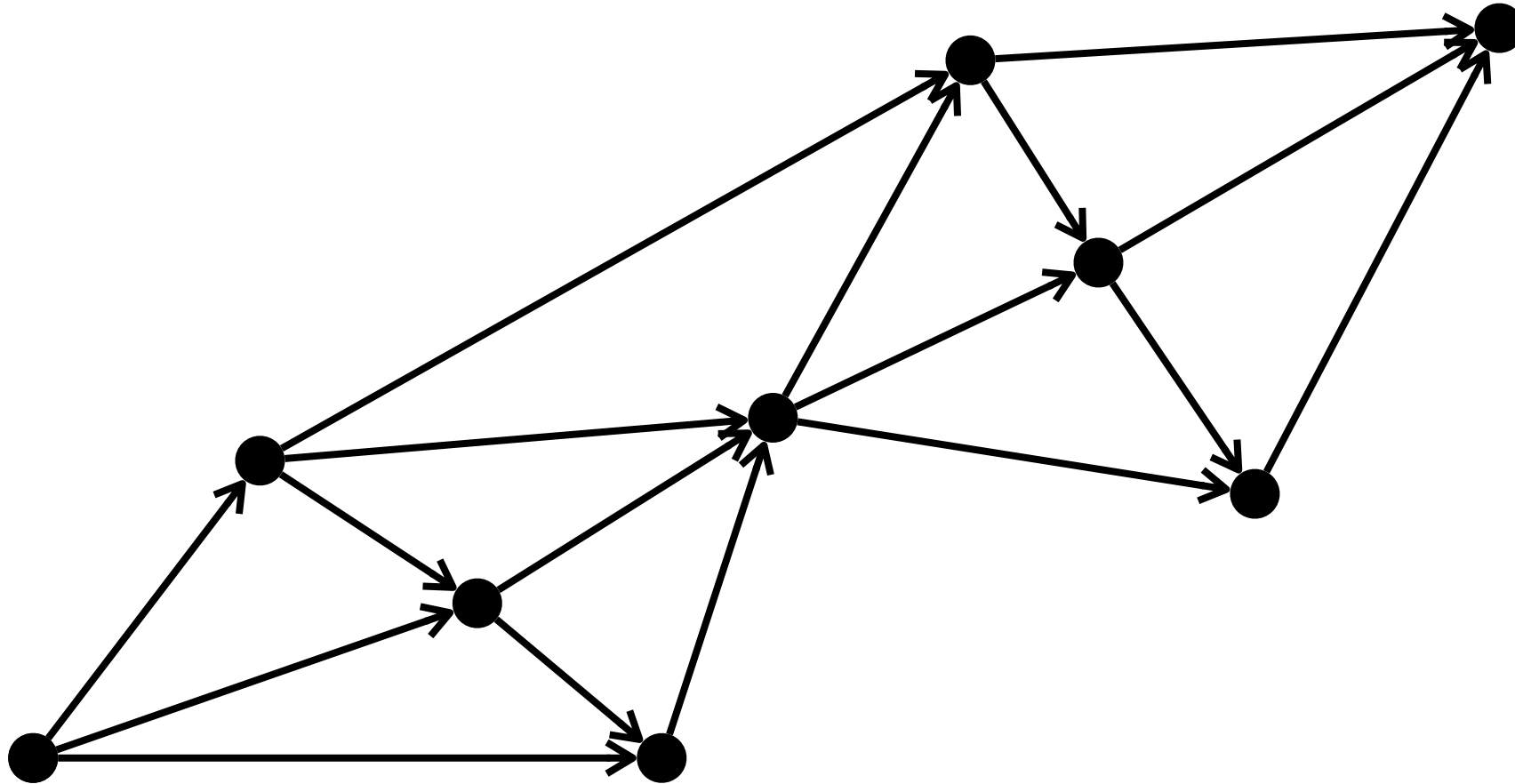
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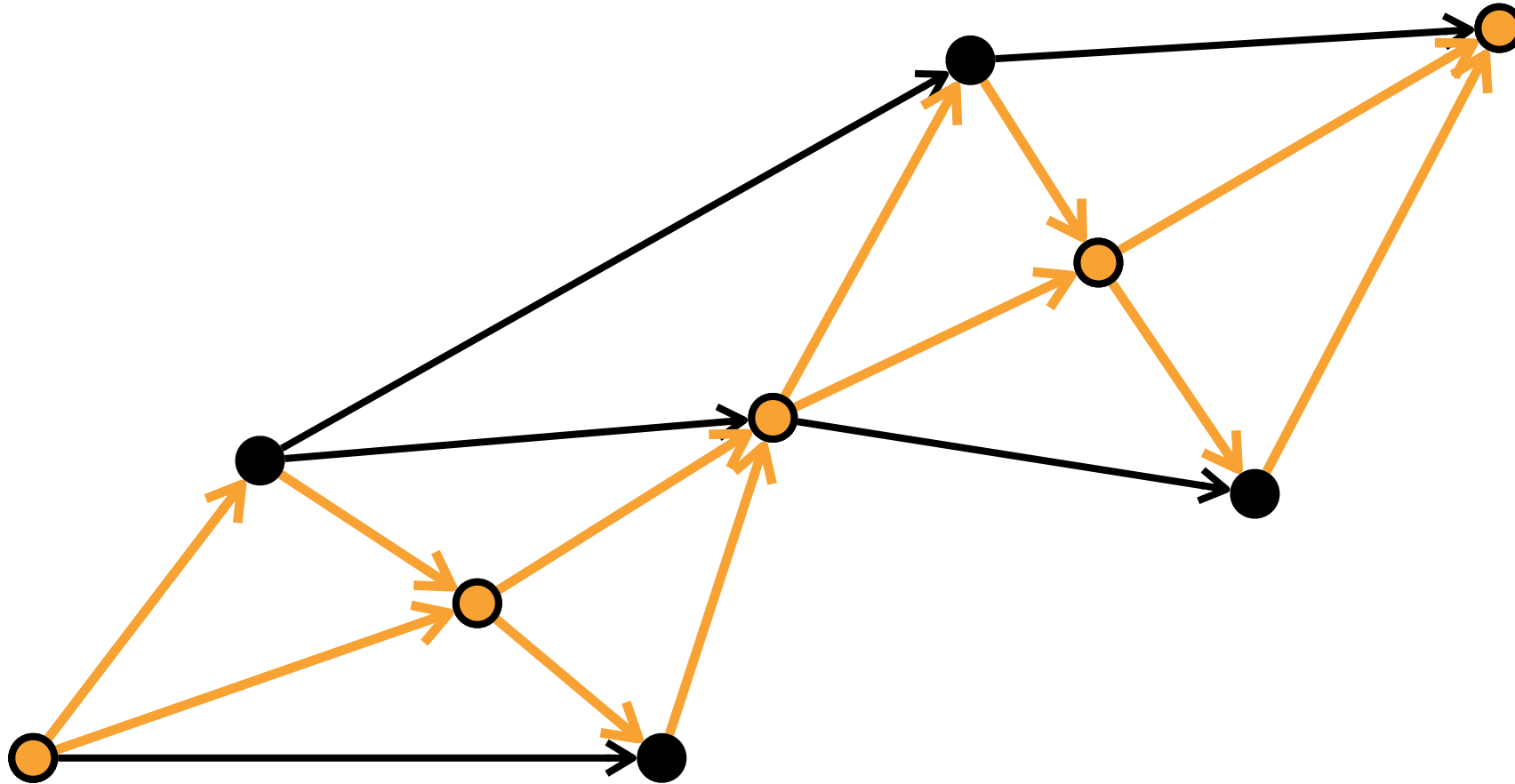
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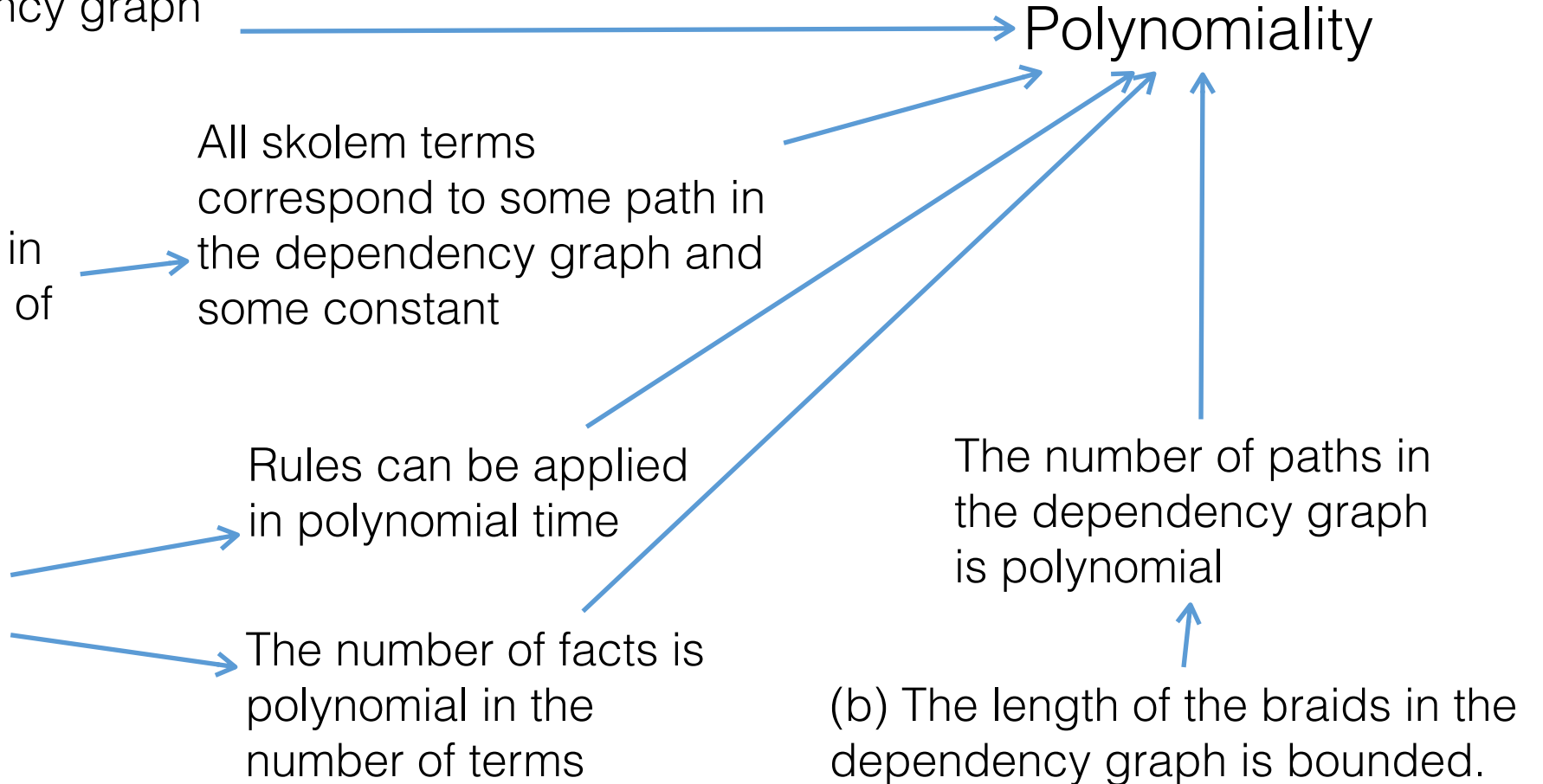
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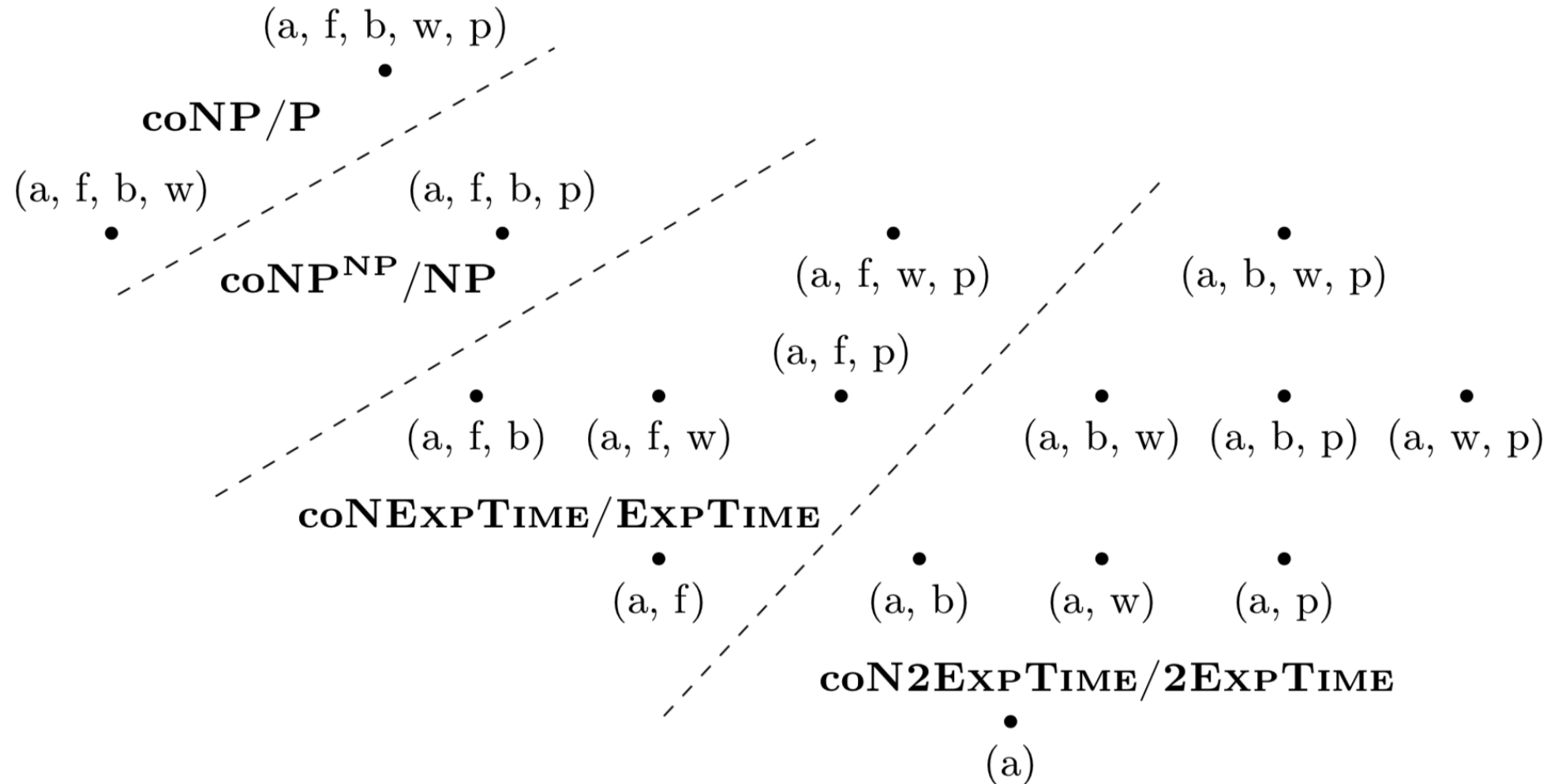
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# More Results!



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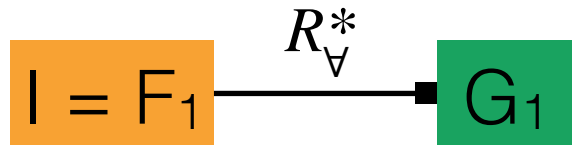


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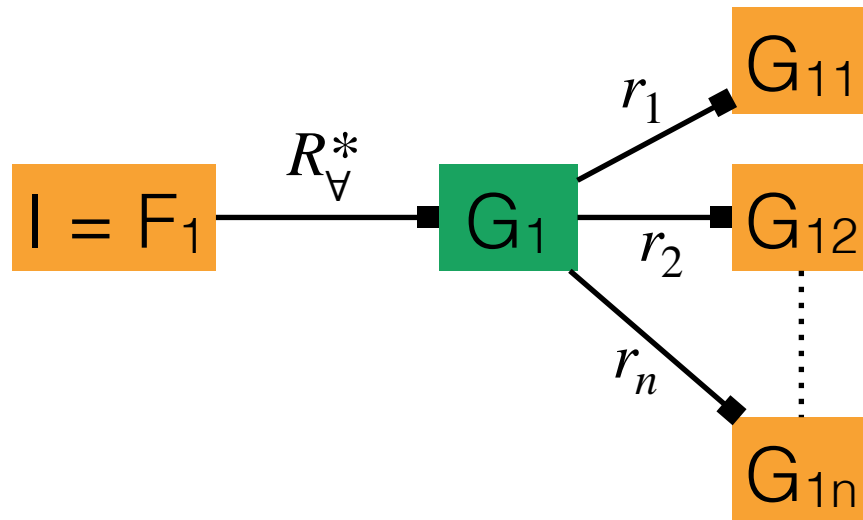


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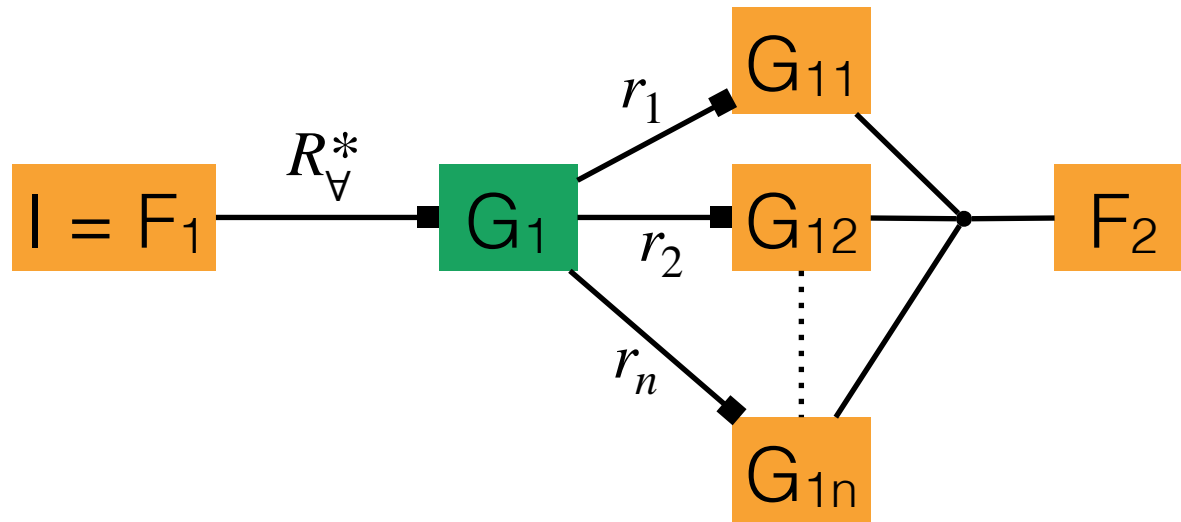


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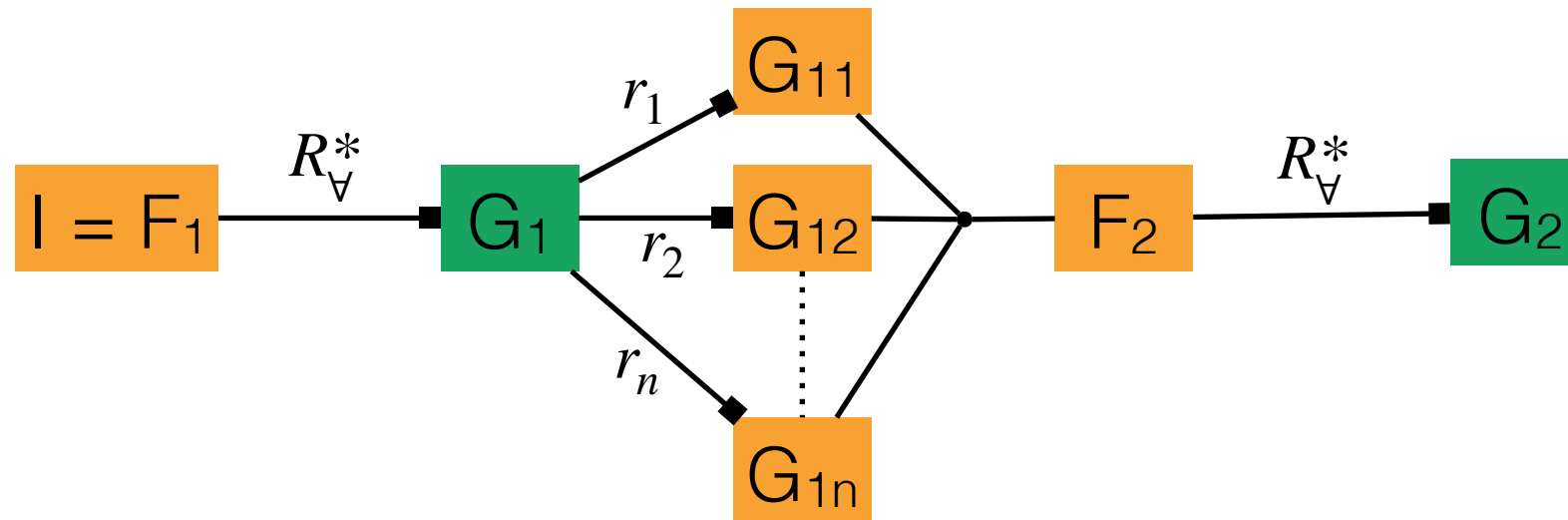


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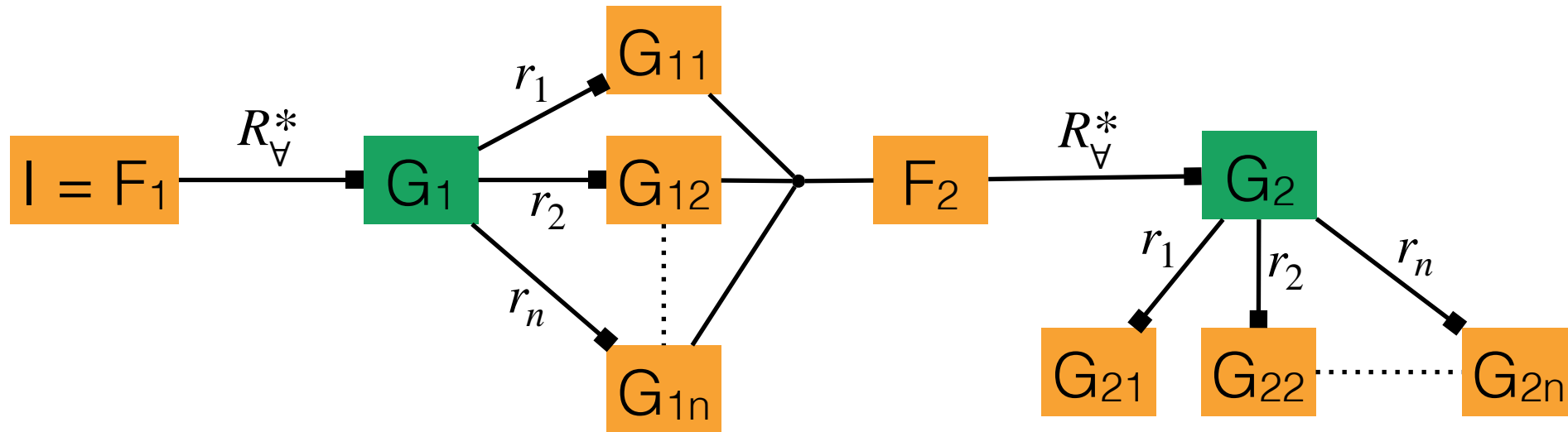


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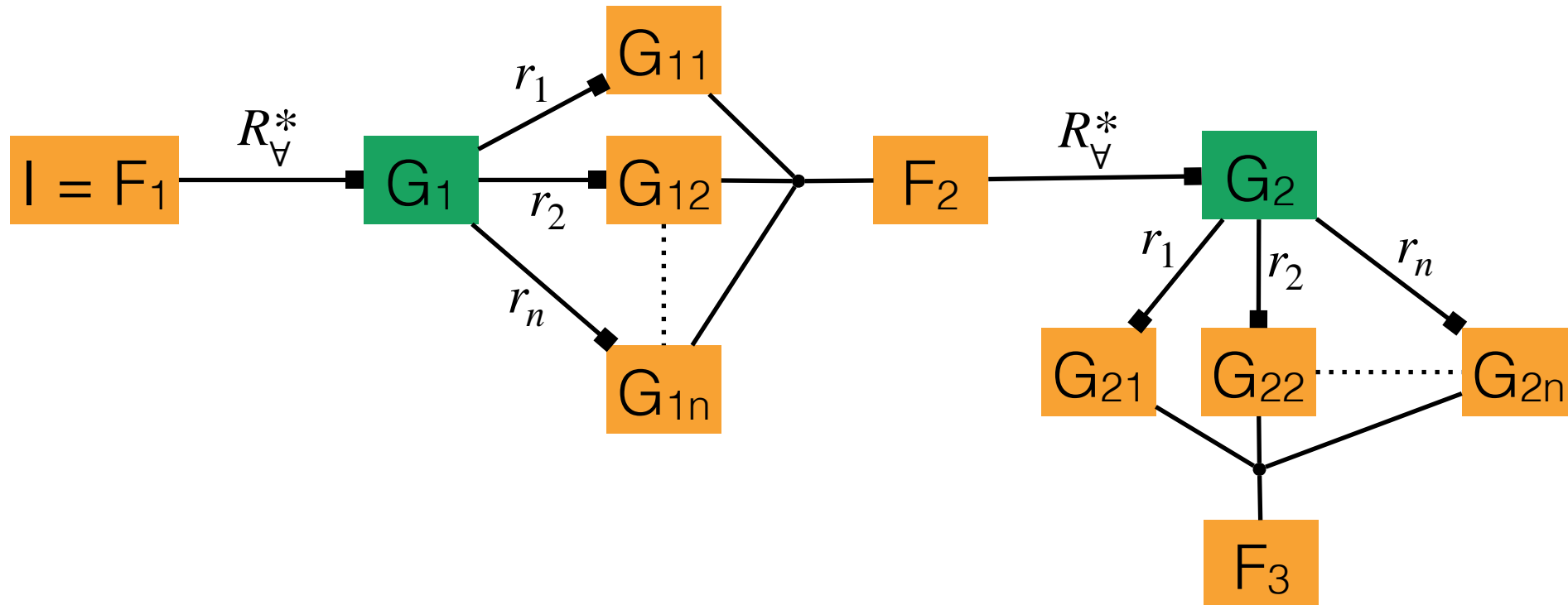


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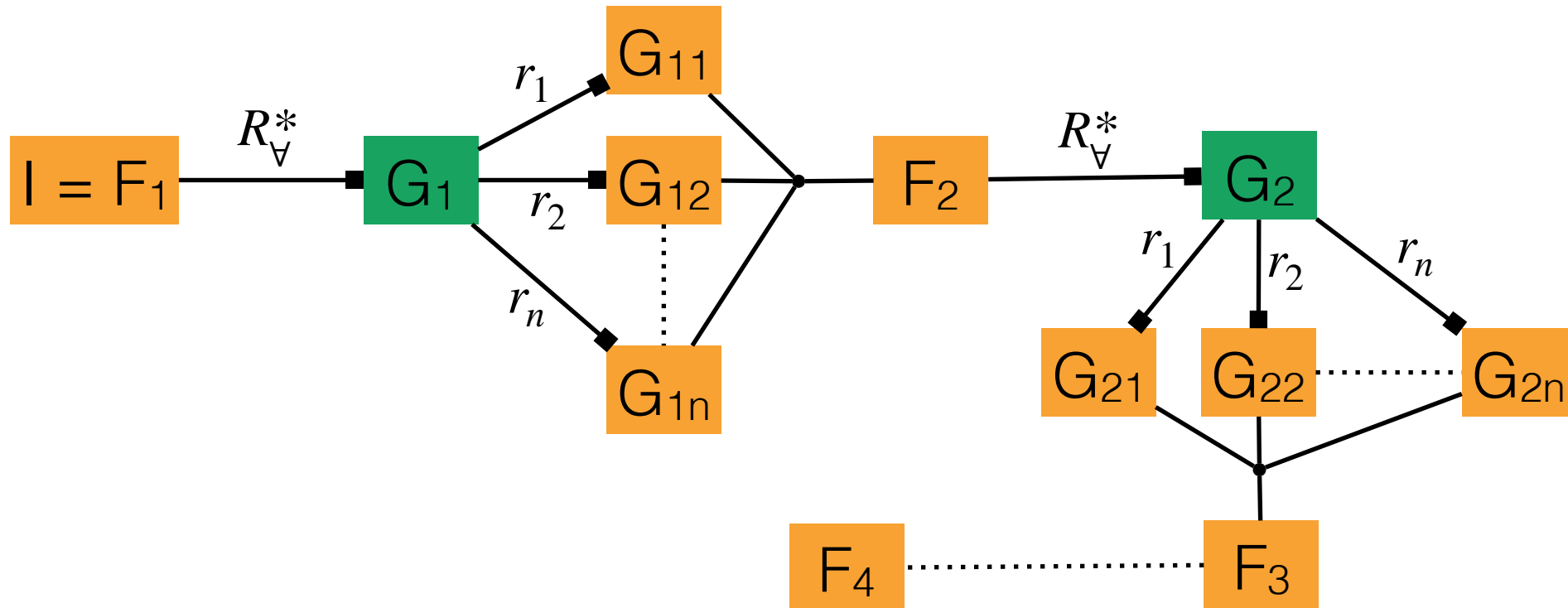


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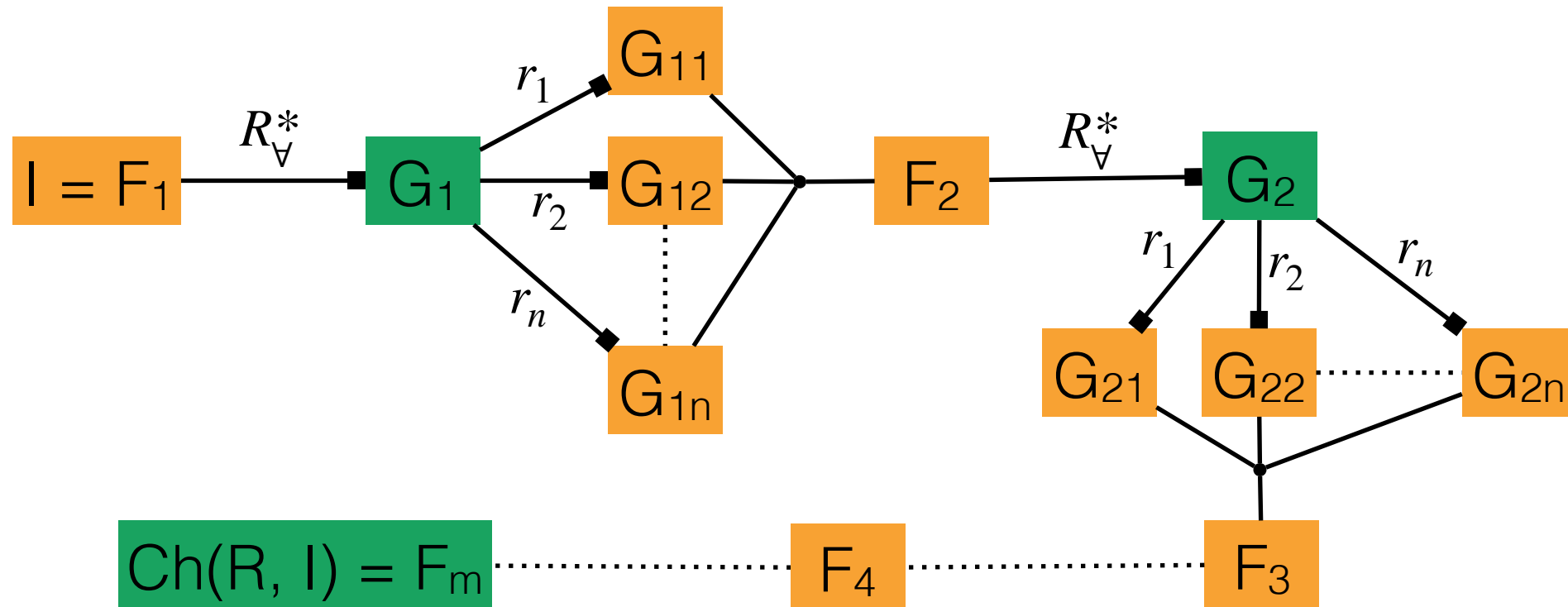


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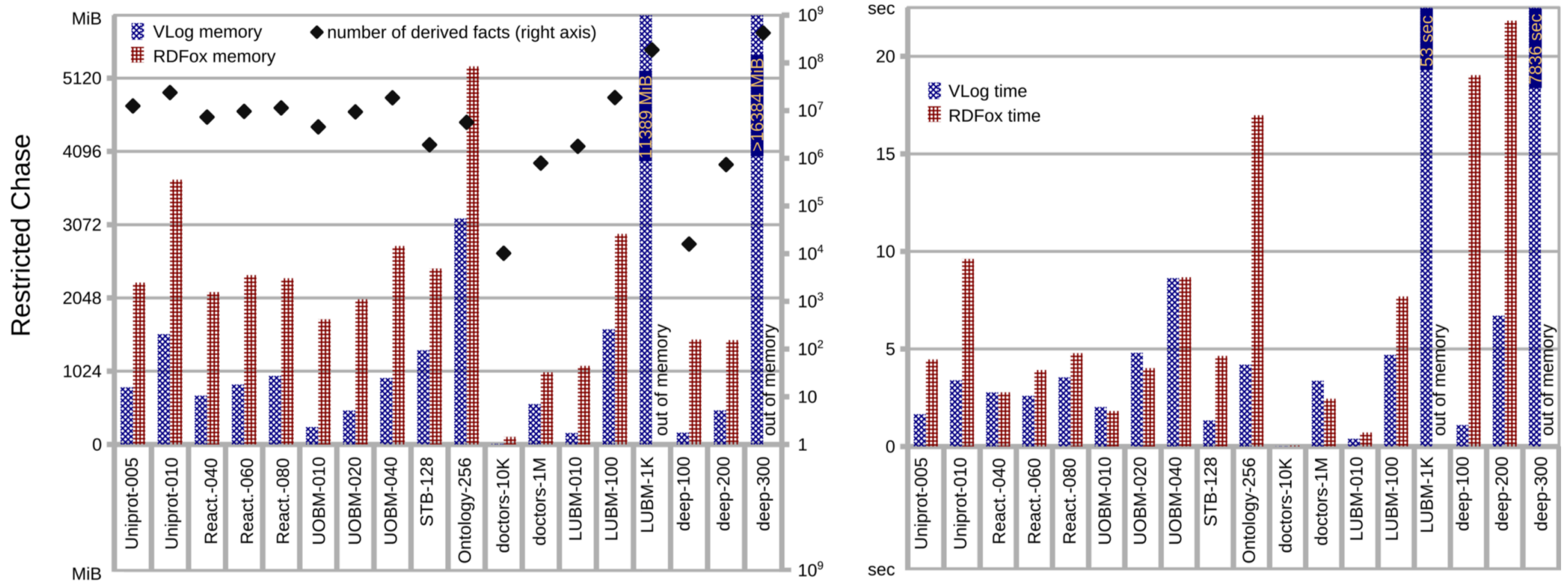
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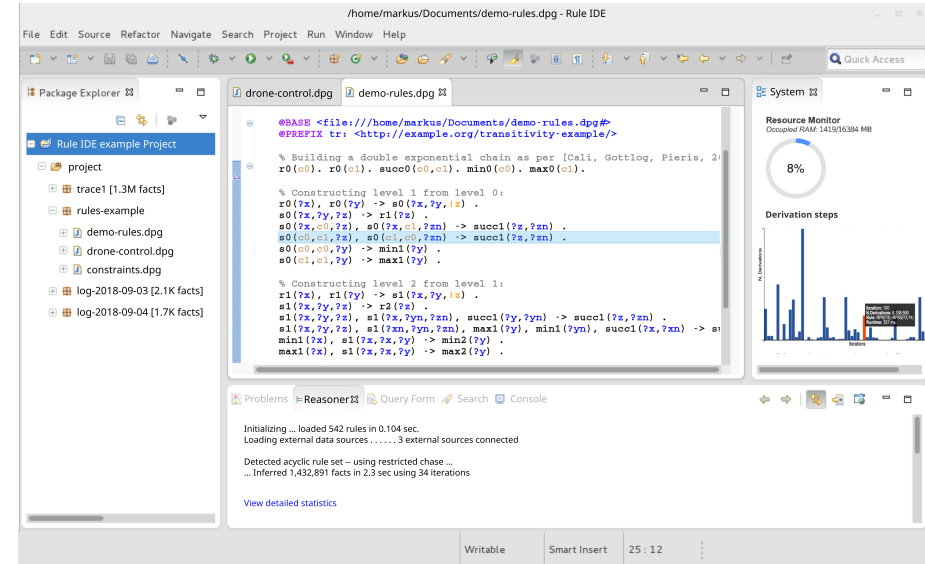
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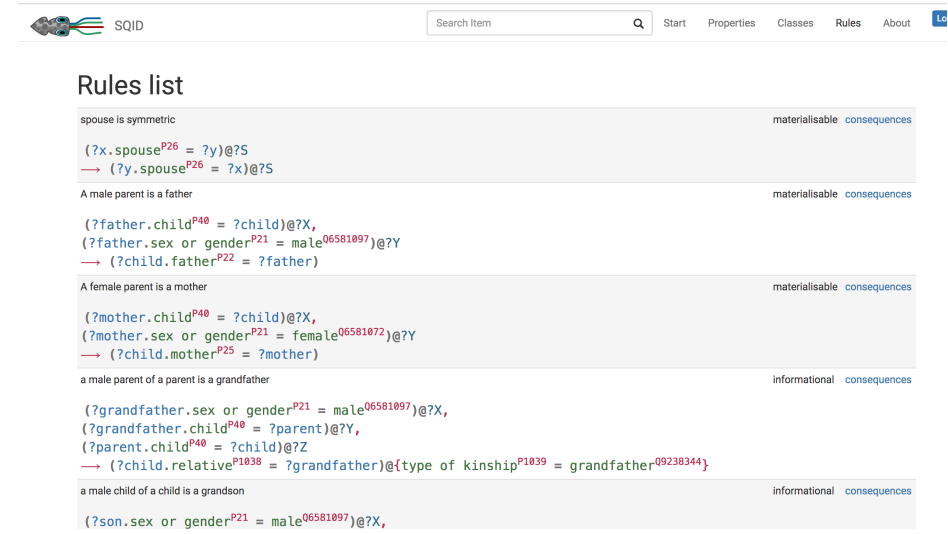
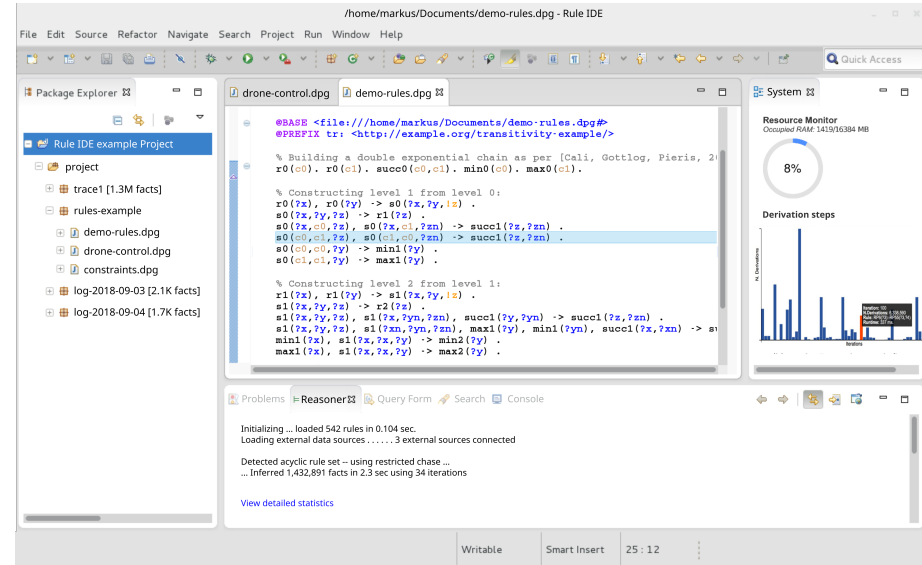


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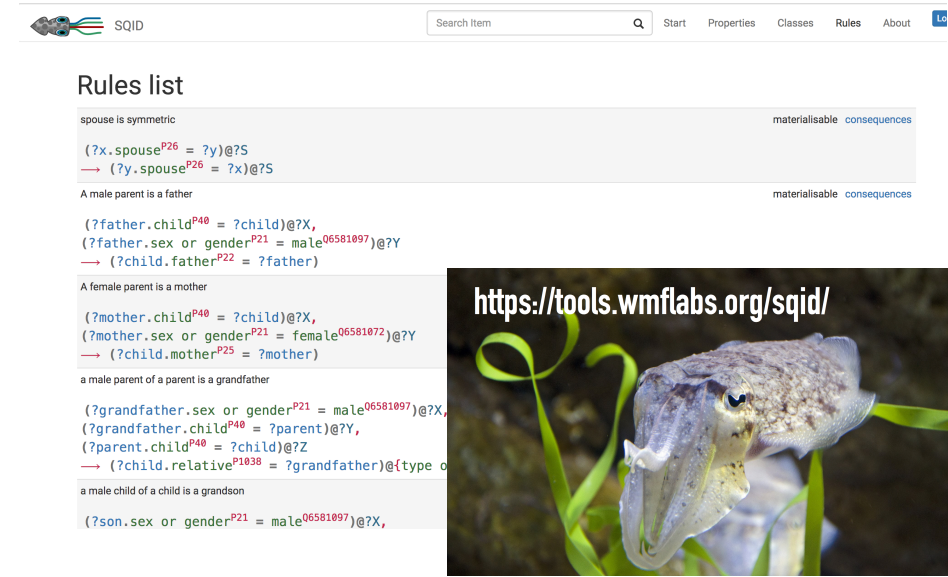
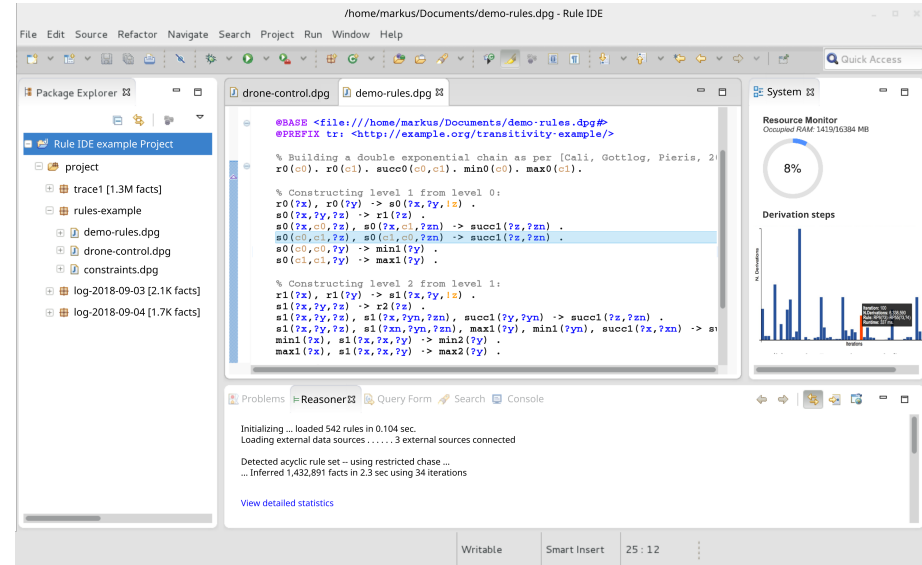


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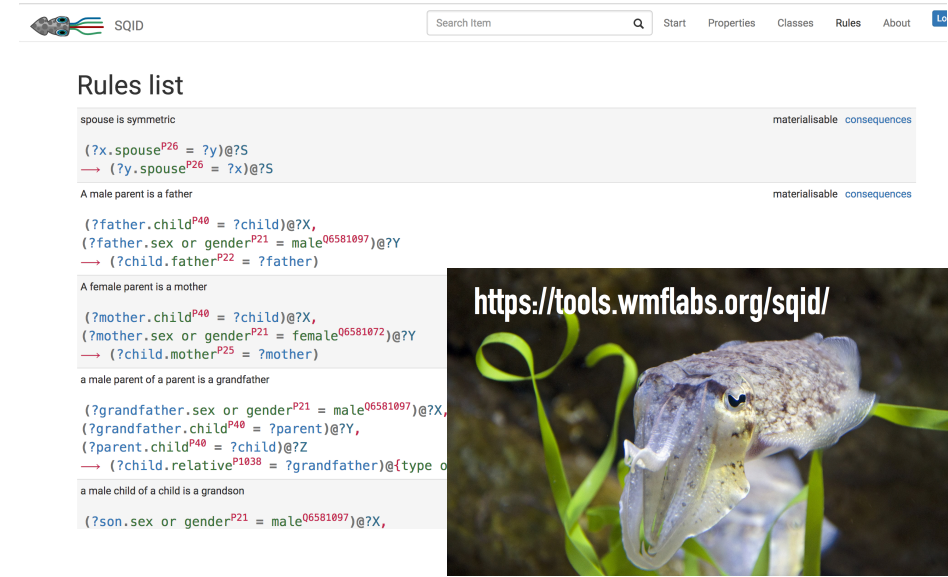
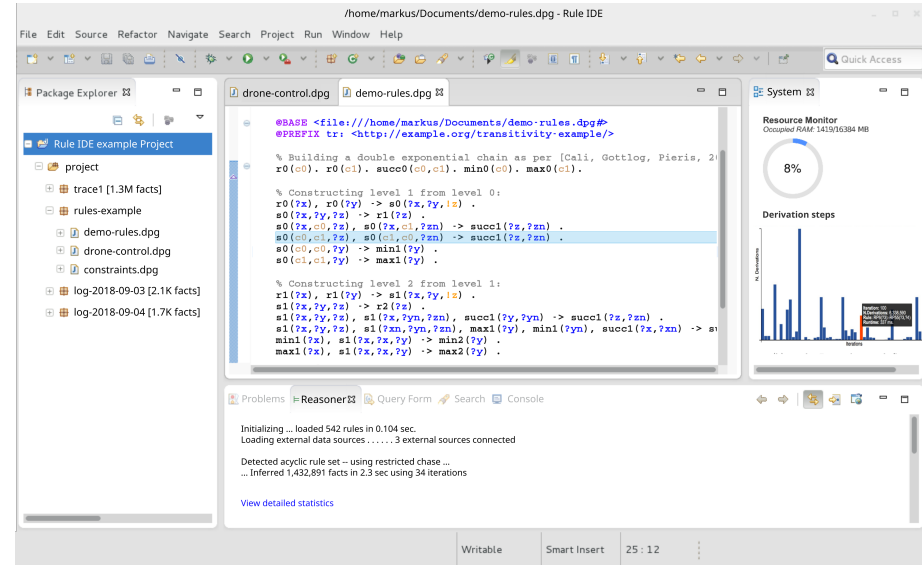


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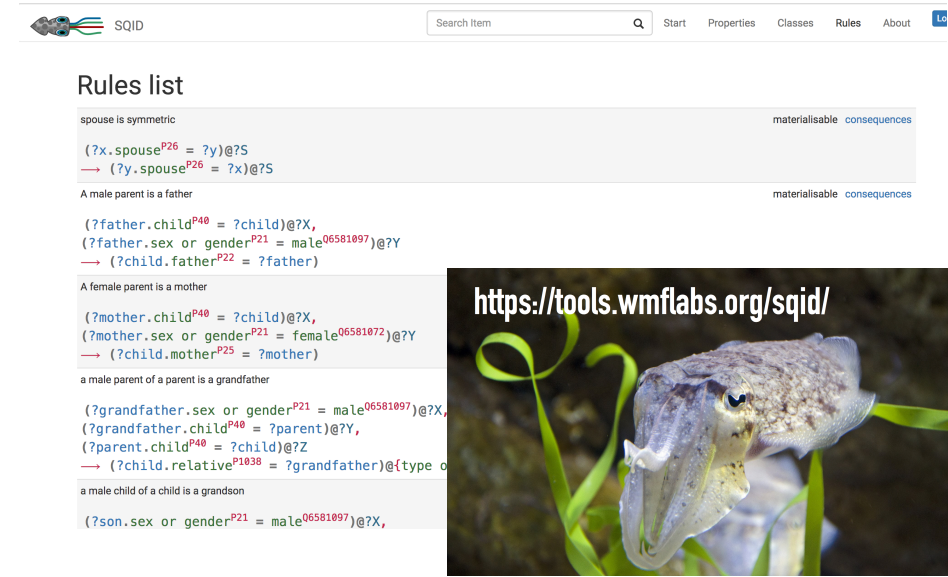
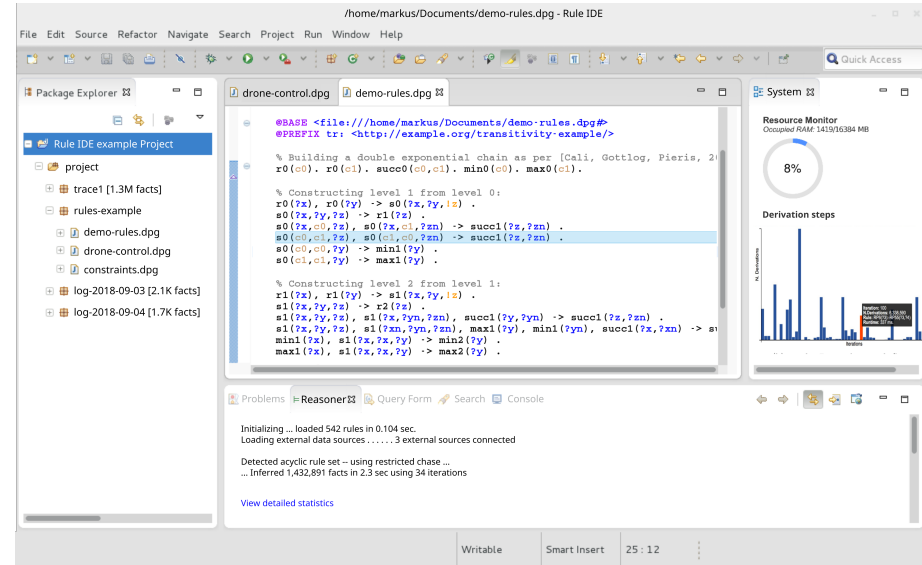


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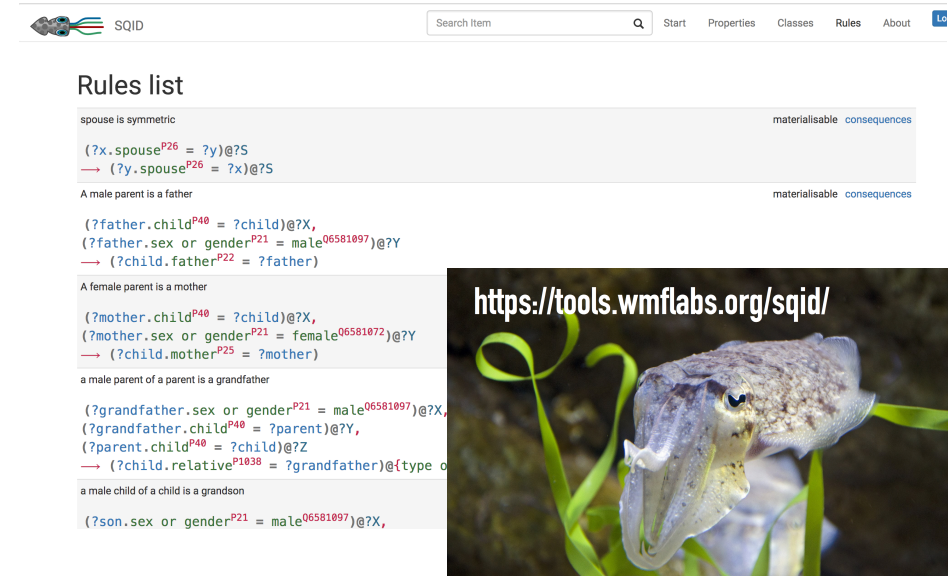
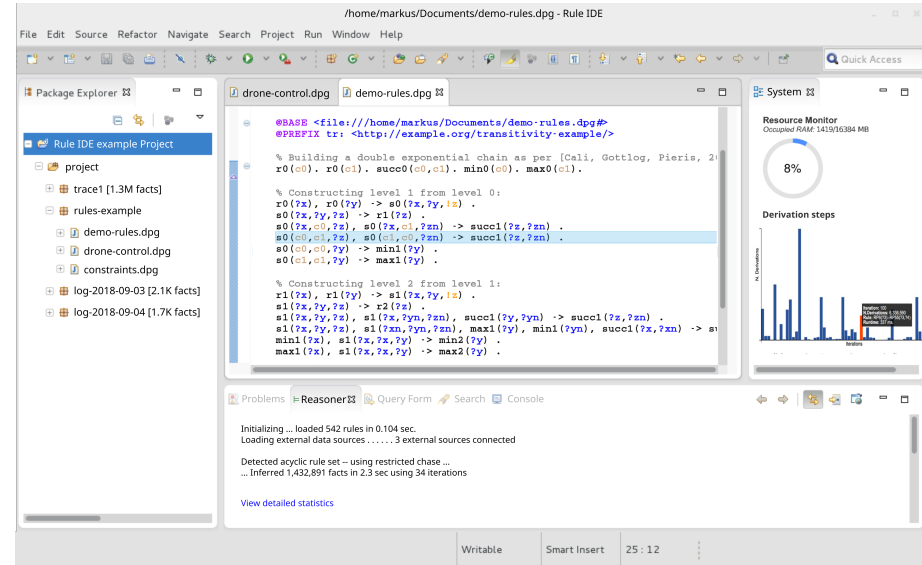


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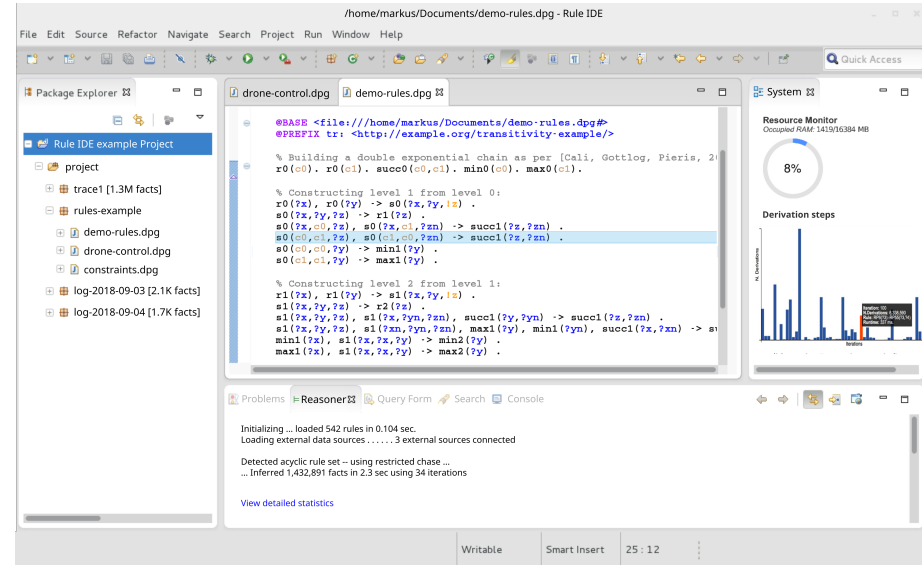
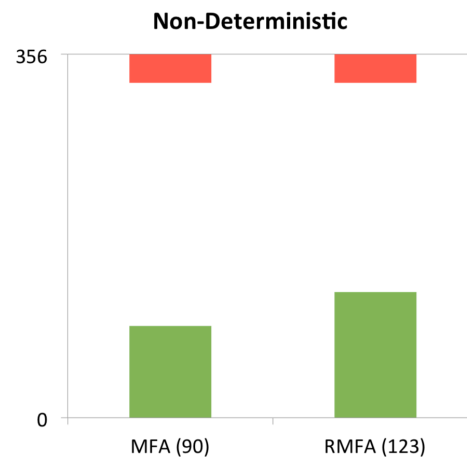


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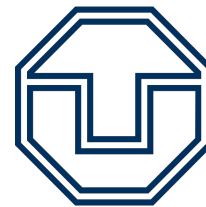
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