

Software Verification (Fall 2013)

Lecture 7: Graph-Based Reasoning and Verification

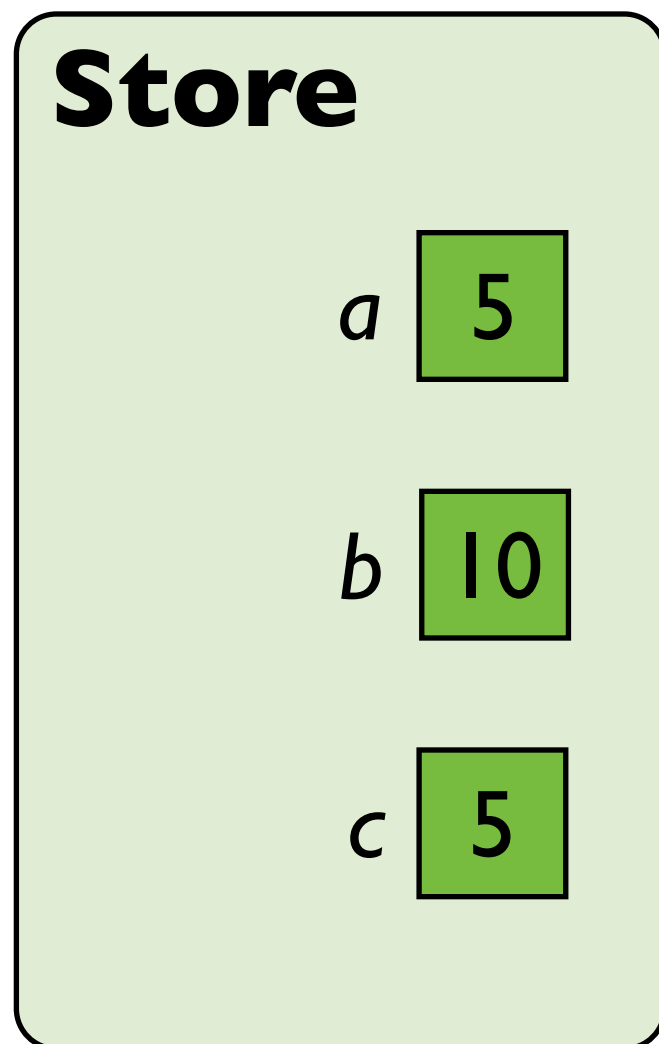
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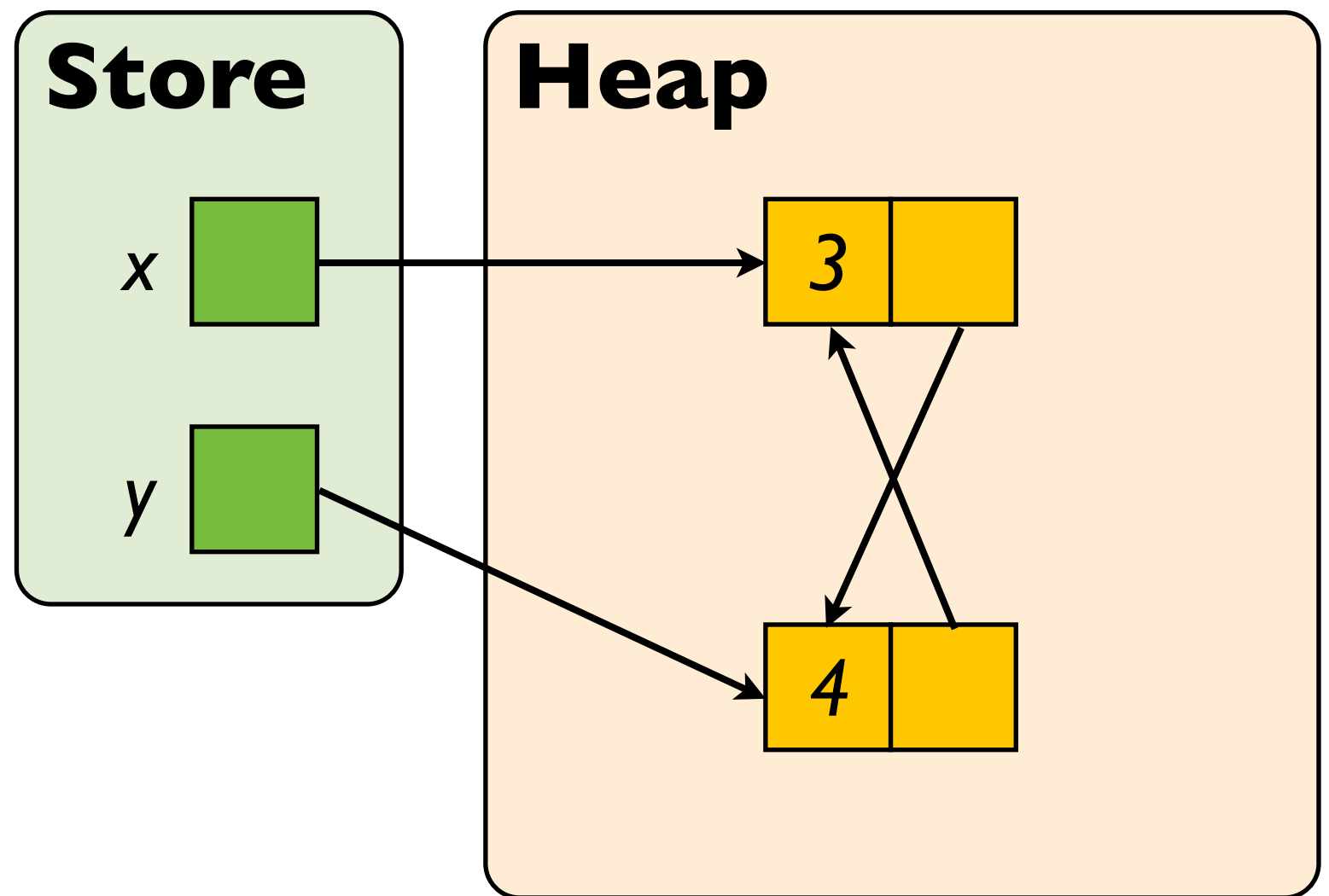


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b := a*2;  
c := a;
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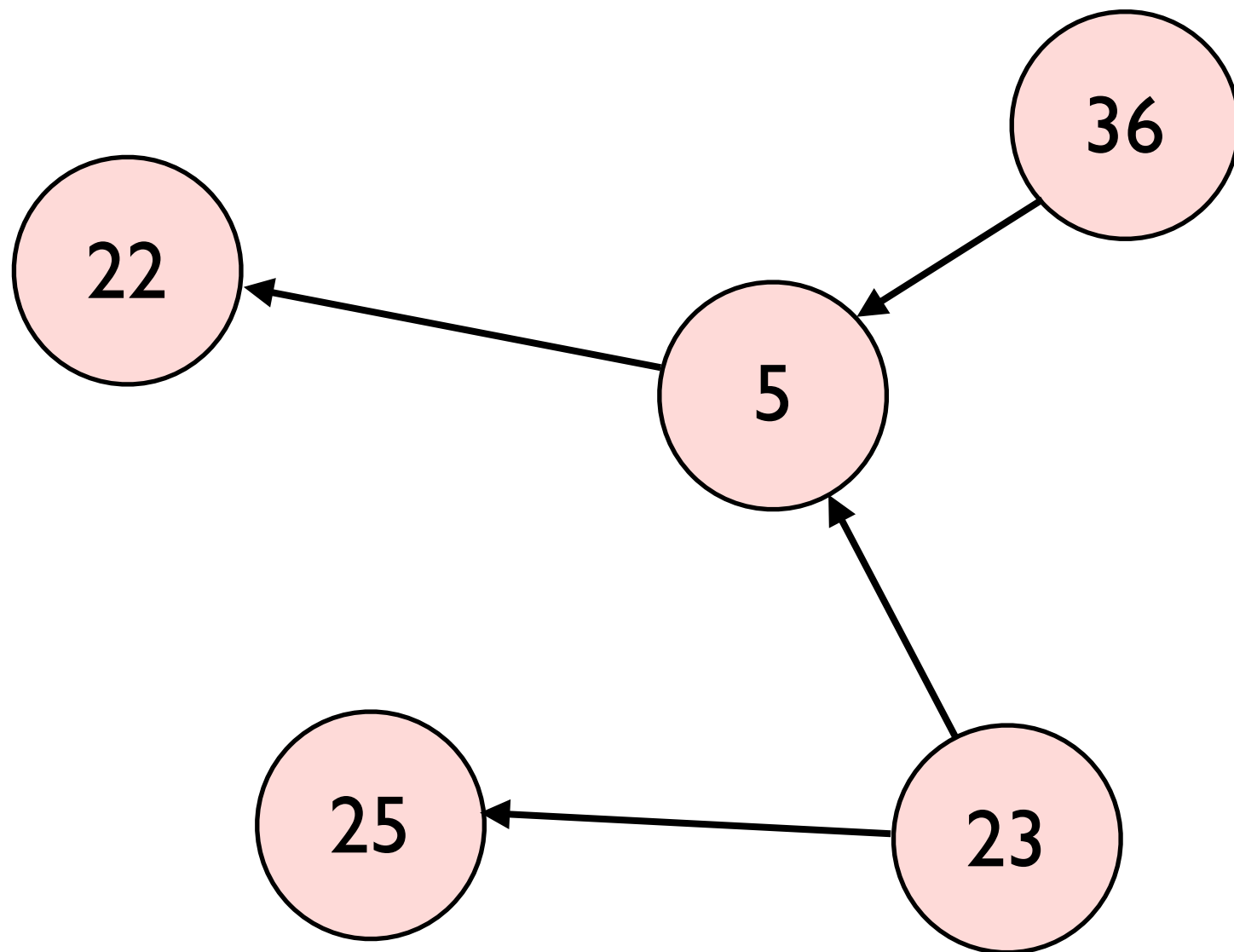
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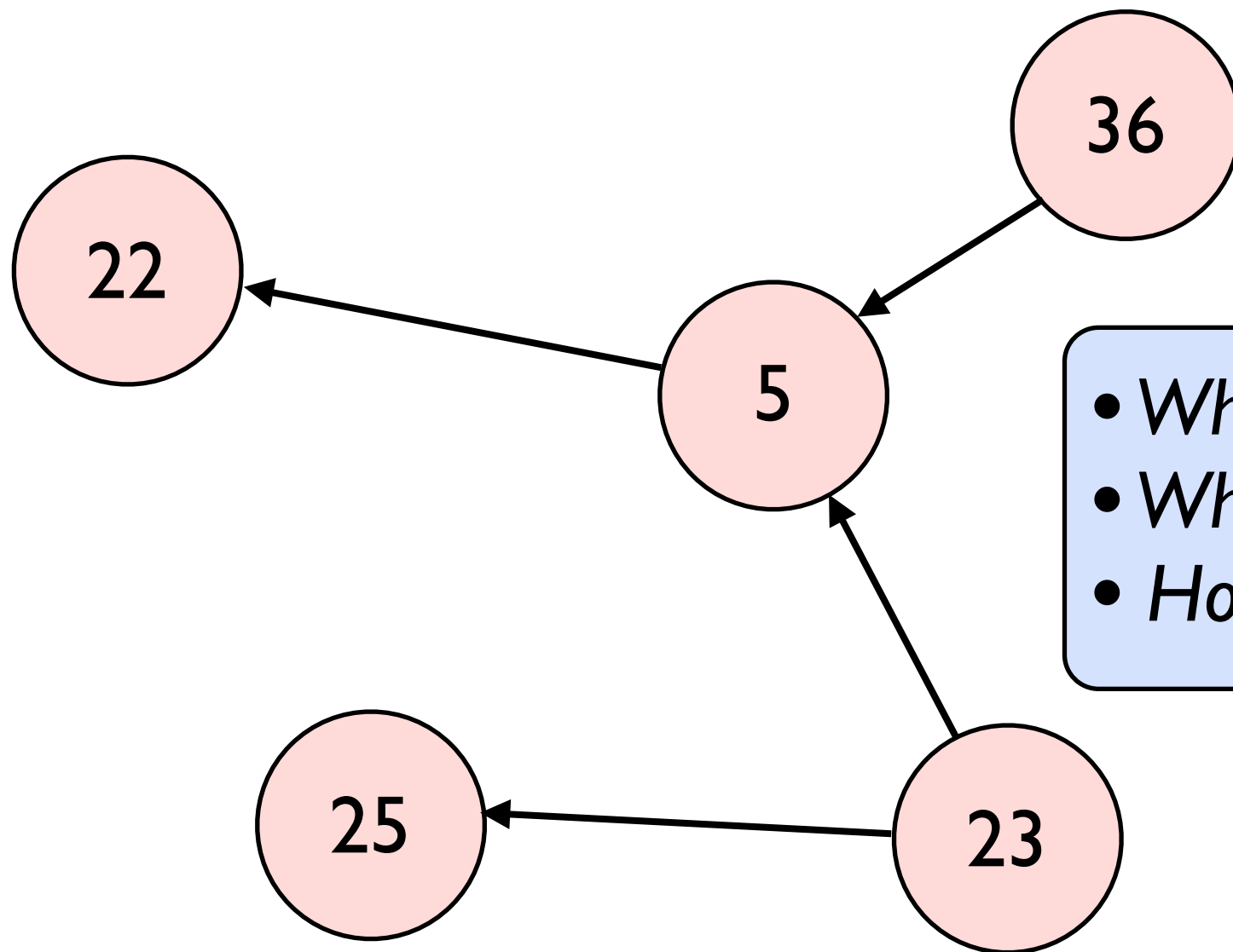
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x := cons(3,3);  
y := cons(4,4);  
[x+1] := y;  
[y+1] := x;
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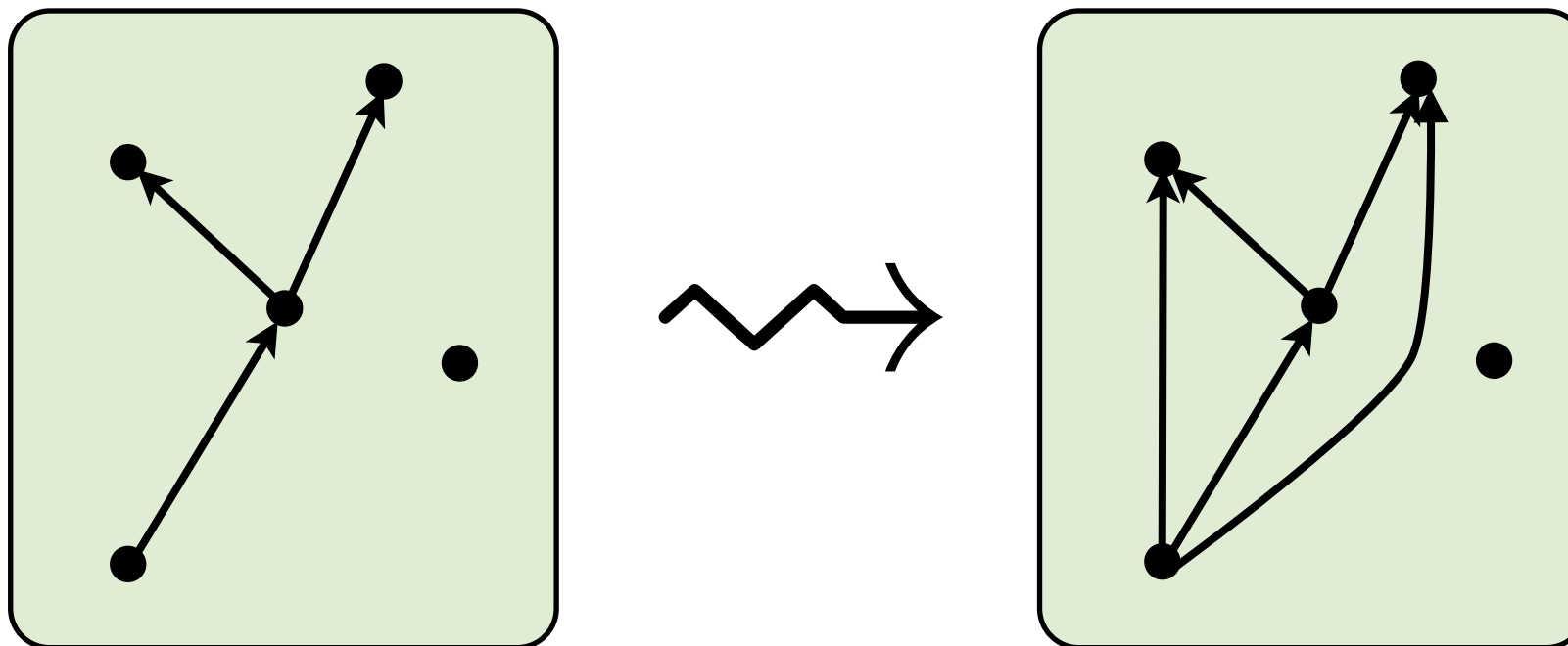
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- *What is a “graph manipulation”?*
- *Why reason about graphs?*
- *How do we reason about them?*

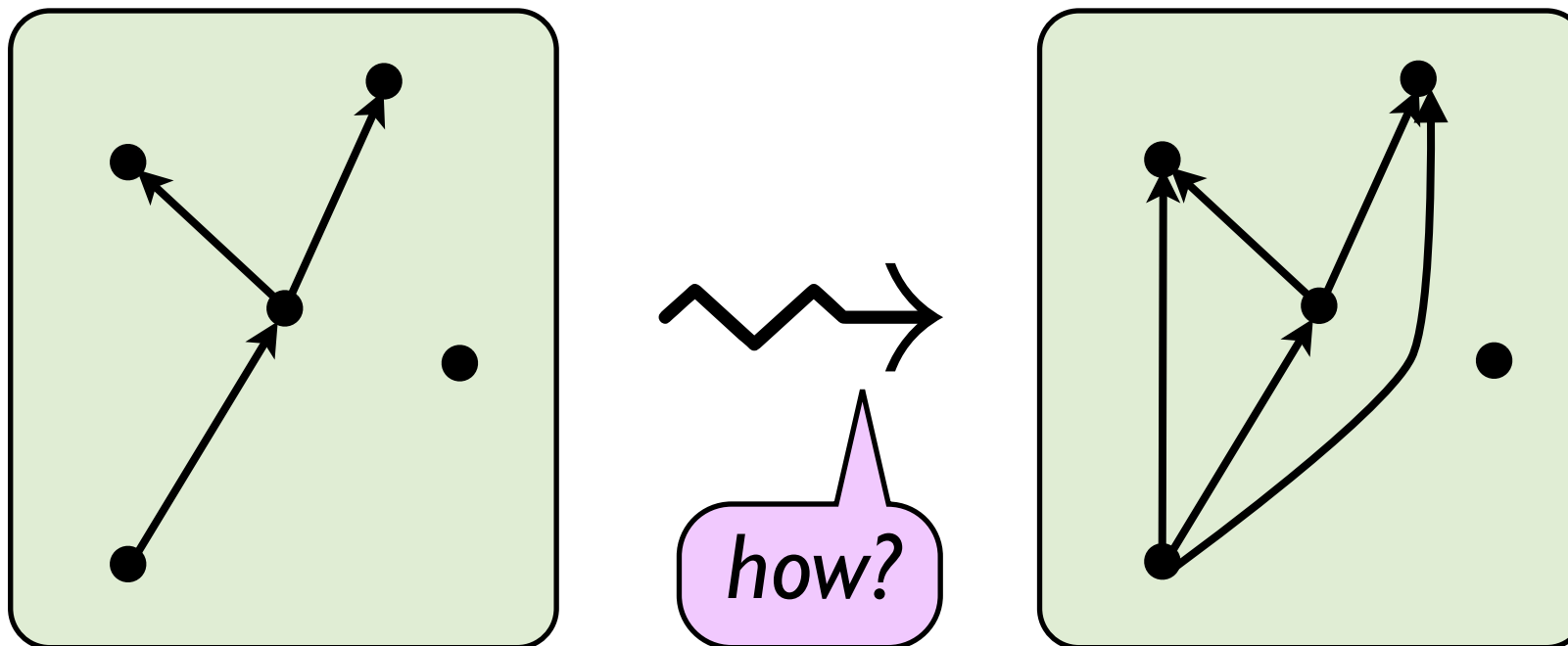
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One way to manipulate a graph

- graph as an **abstract data type**:

`adjacent ( $G, v, w$ )`
`addEdge ( $G, v, w$ )`
`deleteEdge ( $G, v, w$ )`
`etc.`

with the graph data structure represented as
e.g. an **adjacency matrix** or **adjacency list**

- implement graph algorithms
e.g. Dijkstra's shortest path



- reason about and verify them using **separation logic**

So, that's all ... ?

(not entirely!)

- can use separation logic in reasoning, but:
 - significant sharing possible in graphs
=> proofs can become complicated
- the beauty of graphs is in their simplicity
 - lose some of this when worrying about representation
- efficiently implementing graph algorithms is not our only aim
 - abstraction facilitates high-level reasoning about conceptually difficult problems

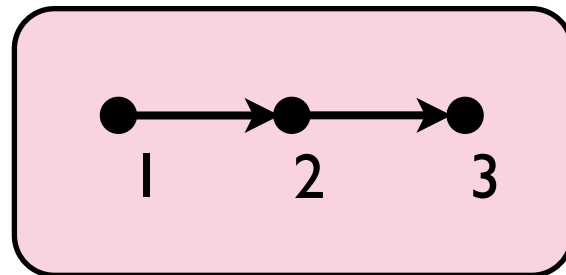
Raise the abstraction!



- we will use **graph transformation** as a computational abstraction
- program states are **graphs** (in the mathematical sense)
- computational steps are **applications of rules**
 - akin to Chomsky string-rewriting rules, but for graphs

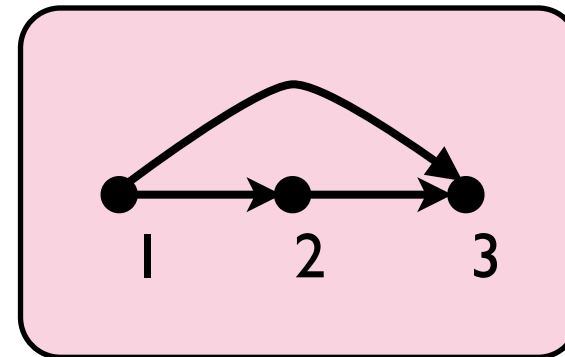
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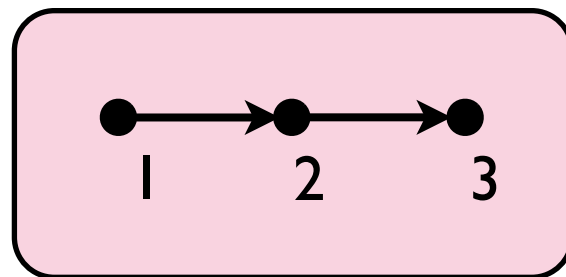
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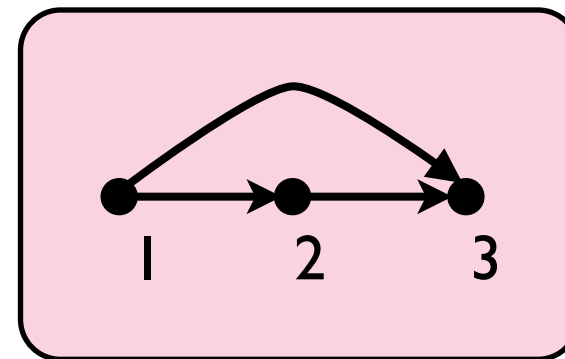


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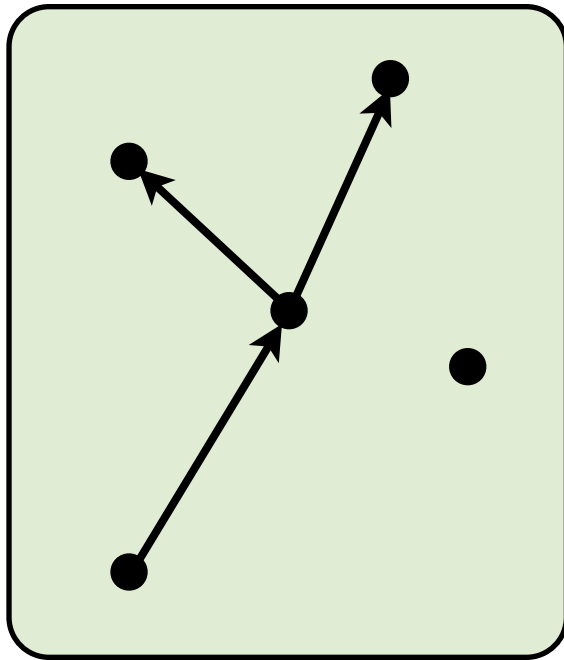
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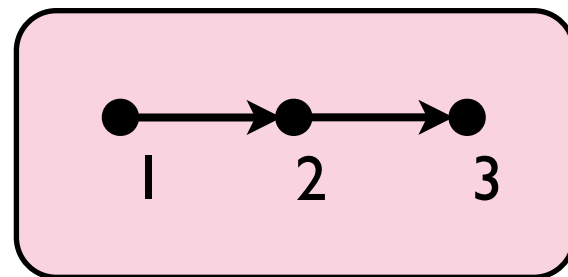


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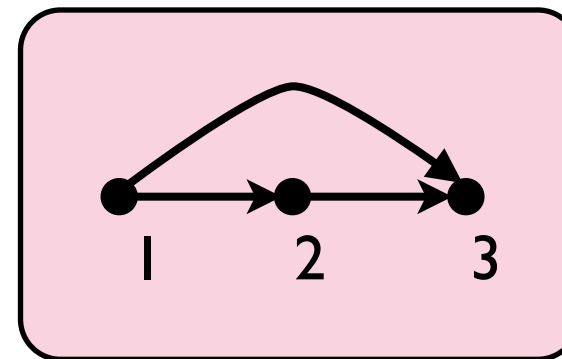


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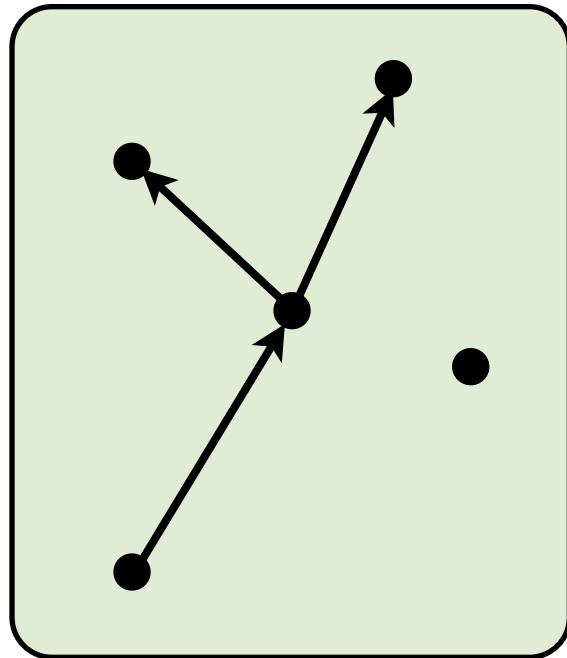
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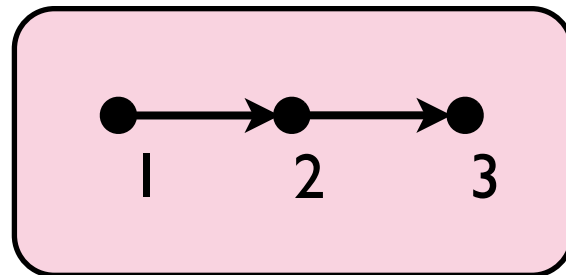


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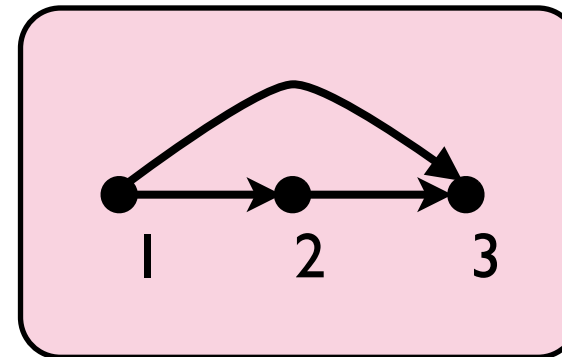
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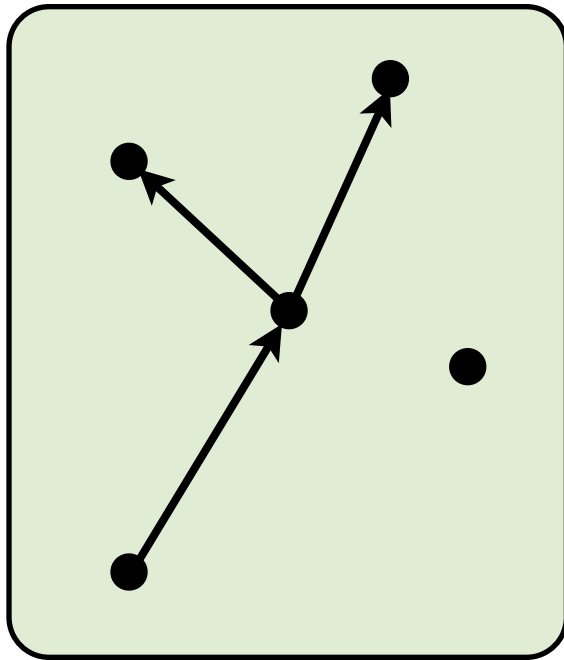
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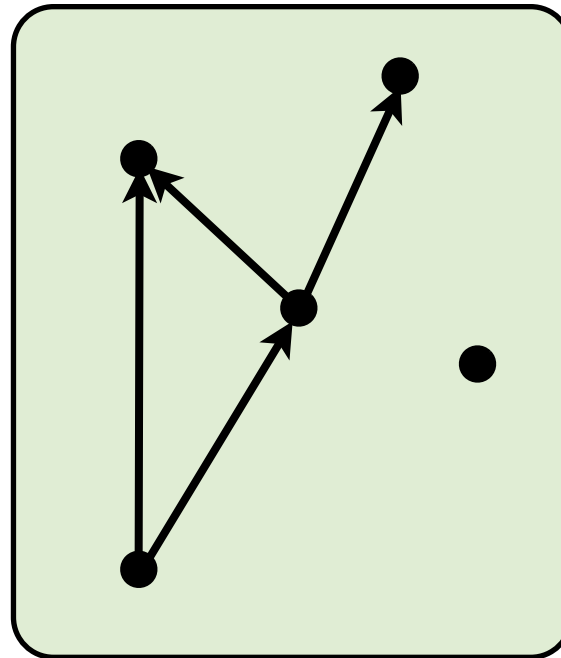


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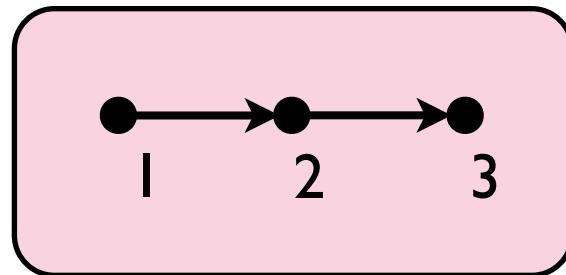
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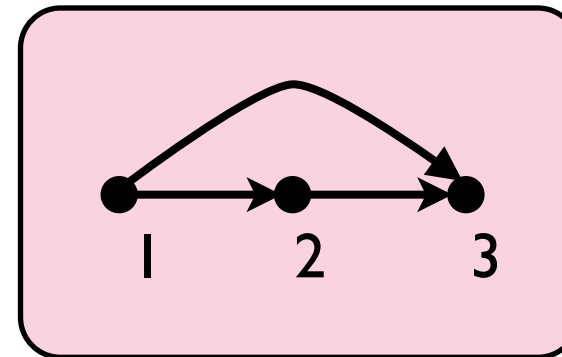
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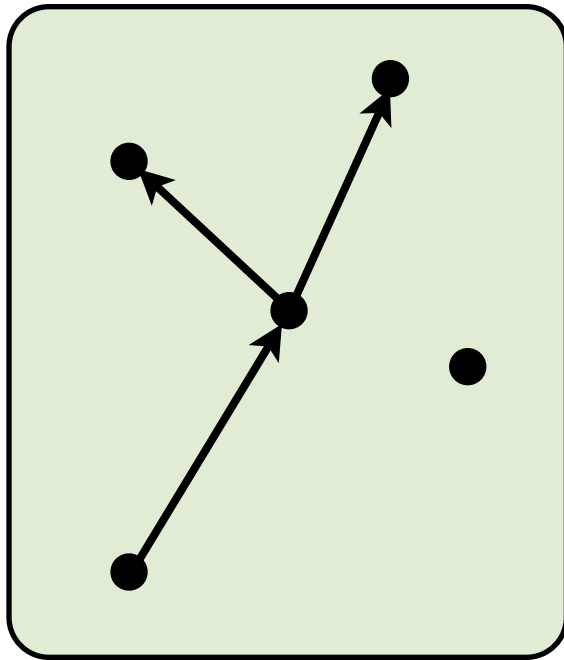
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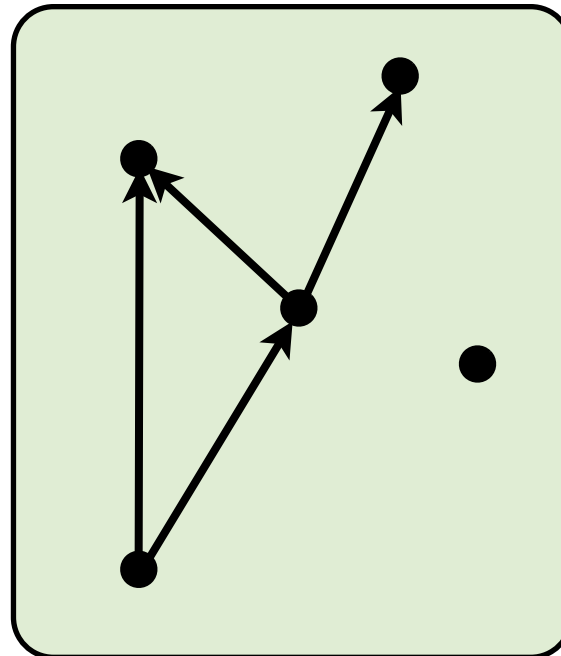


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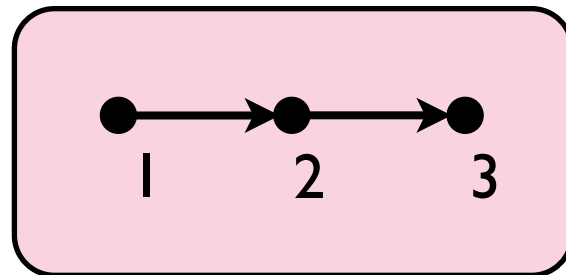
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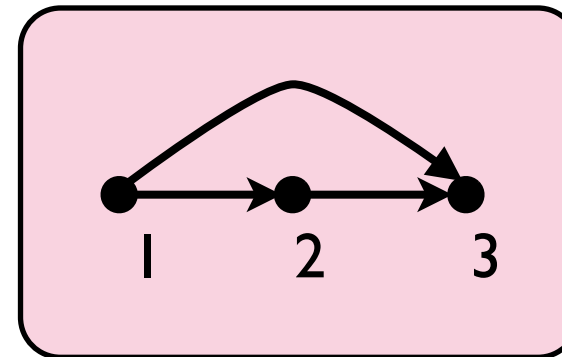
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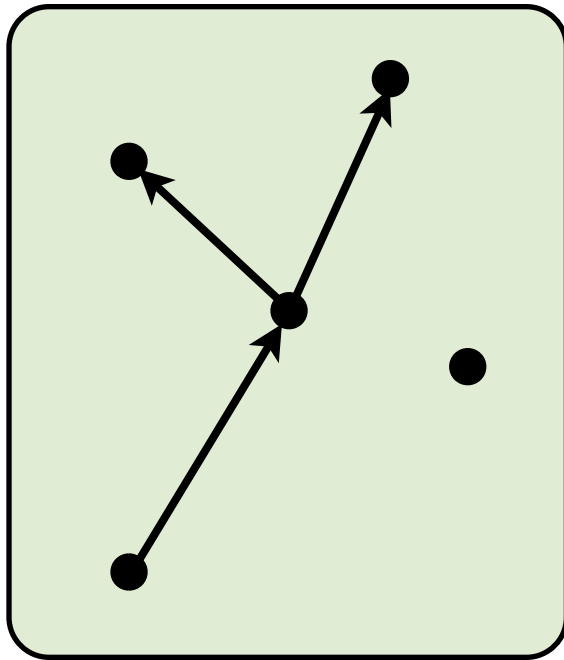
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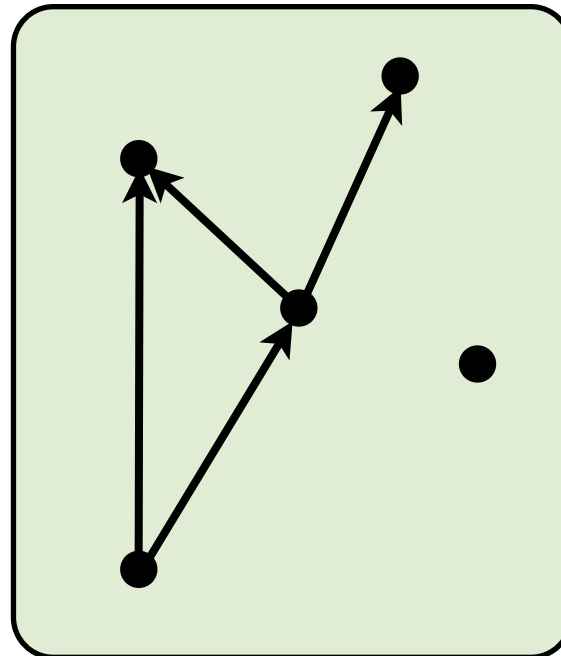


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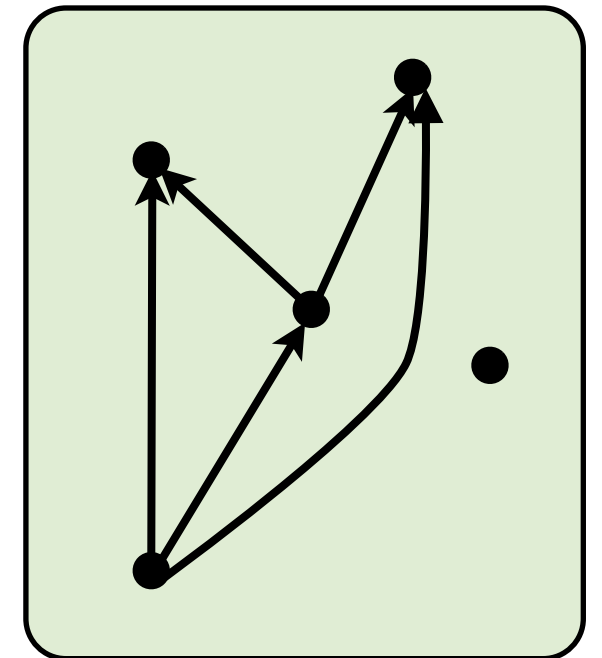
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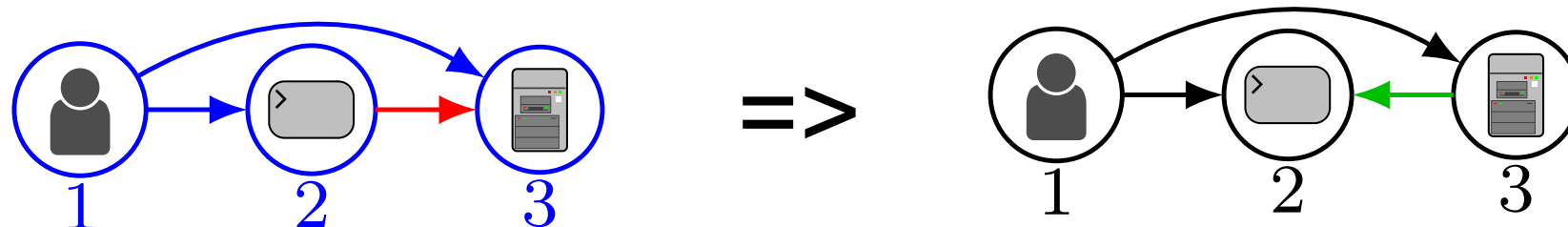
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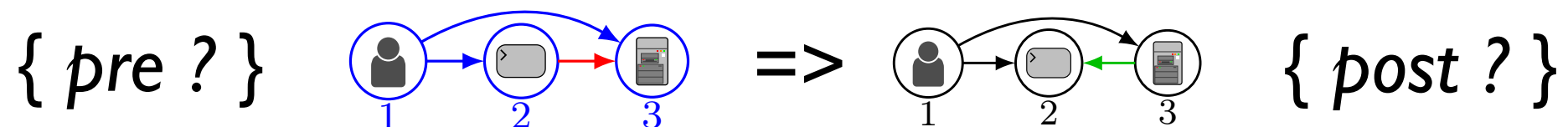
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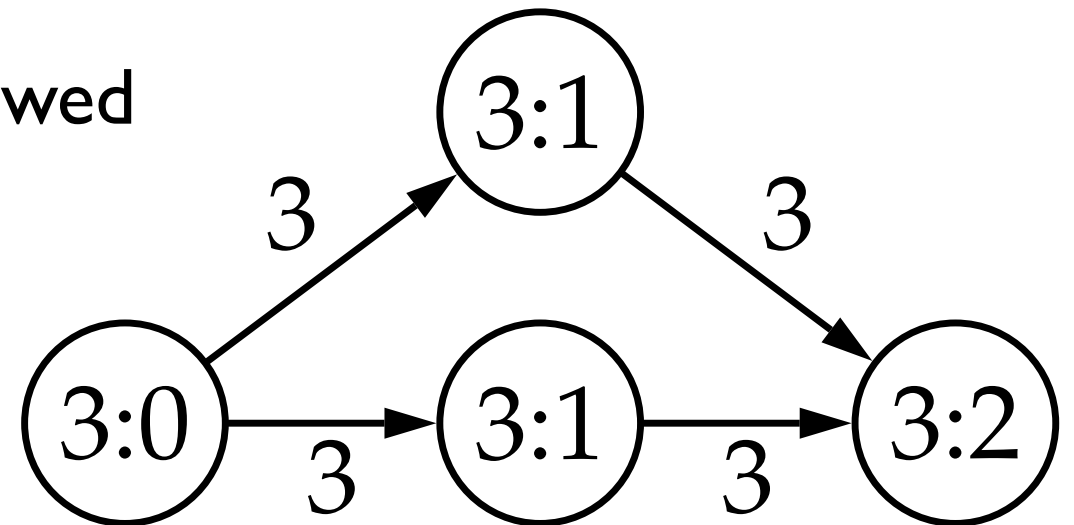
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Next on the agenda

- (1) a programming language for graphs
- (2) an assertion language for graphs
- (3) Hoare-style reasoning about graph transformation
- (4) program proofs

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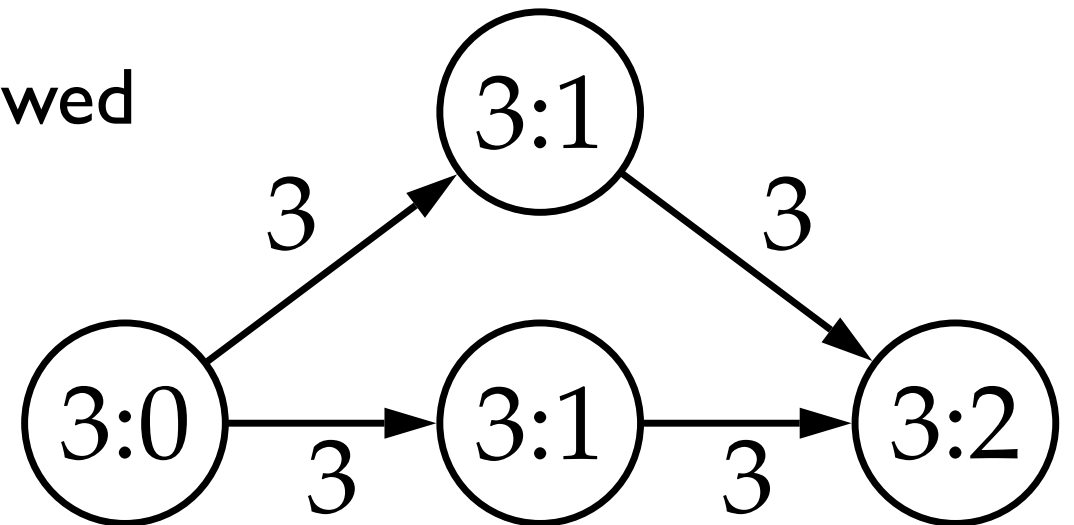


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*what about variables,
counters, ... ?*



A programming language based on graph transformation

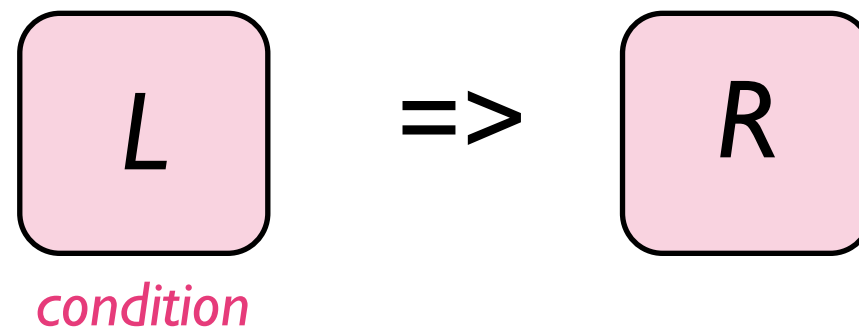
- we will follow the syntax and semantics of **GP 2**
 - for “**Graph Programs**”
 - other languages: AGG, Fujaba, and GrGen
- graph programs comprise two components:
 - (1) a set of **graph transformation rules**
 - (2) a **command sequence** informing their application



Plump

Graph transformation rules

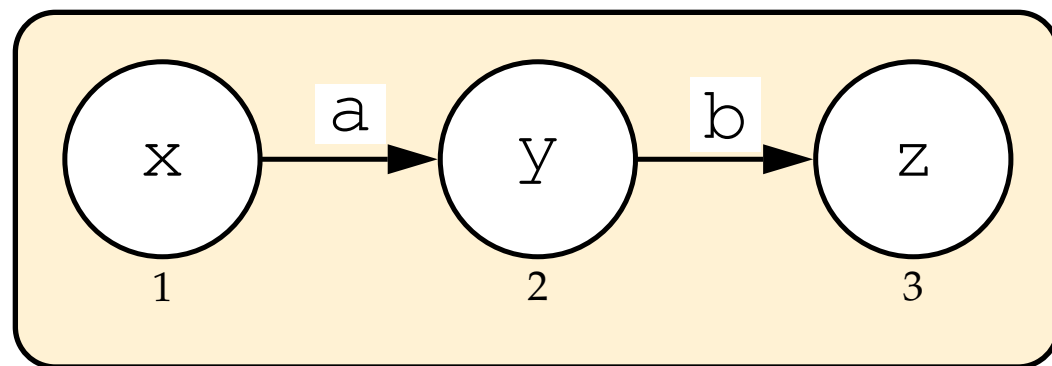
- rules comprise two graphs:
 - (1) a **left**-hand side L , describing **what is to be matched**
 - (2) a **right**-hand side R , describing what to **replace the match** with



- both L and R are labelled over **expressions**
- rule can be equipped with a **textual condition**
 - expressing relations between labels, nodes

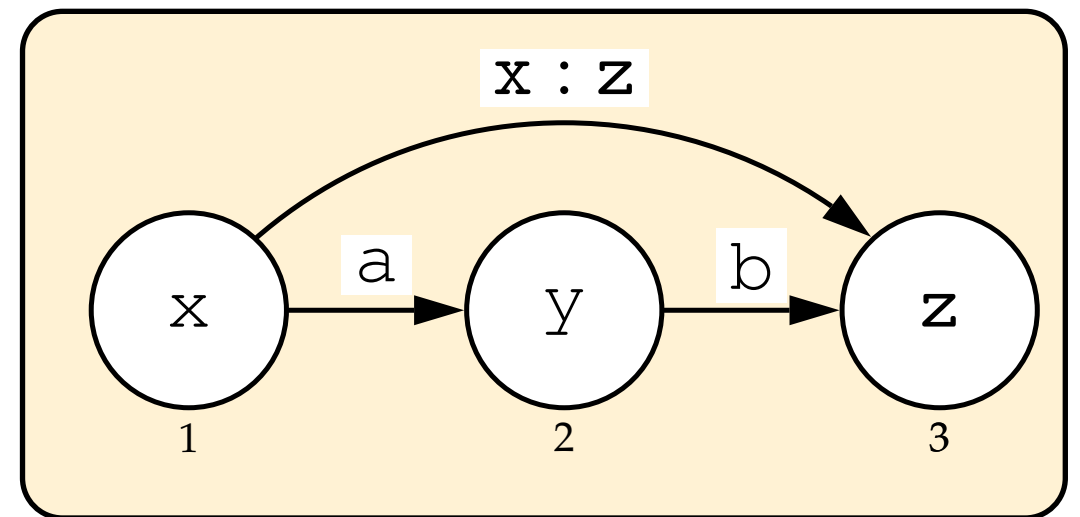
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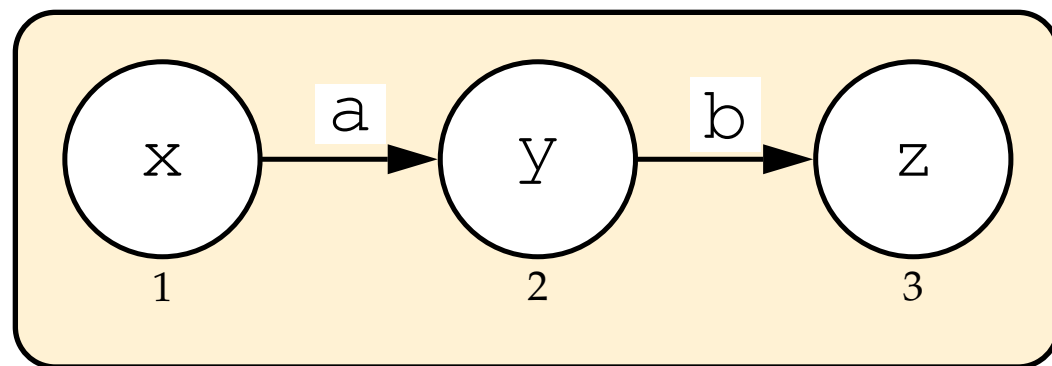
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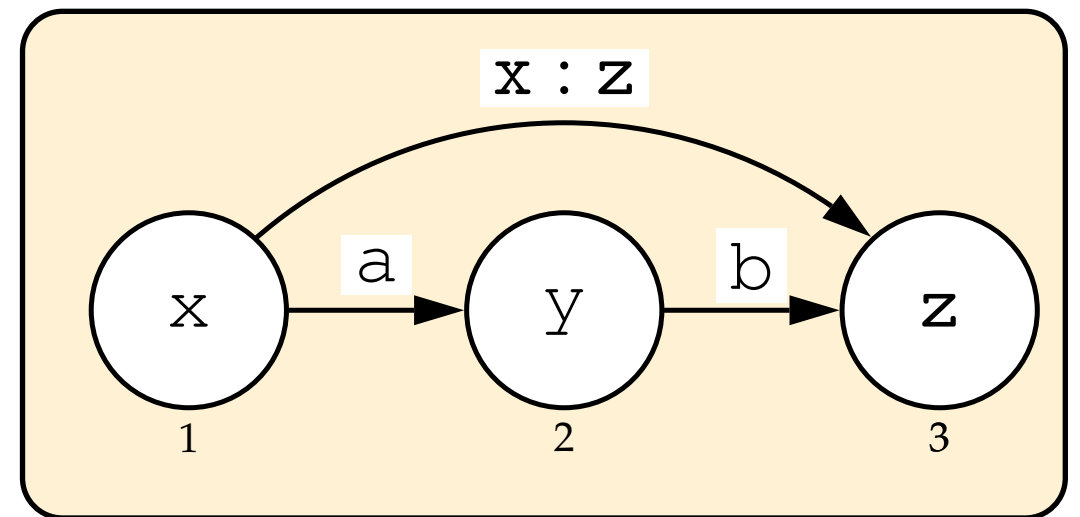
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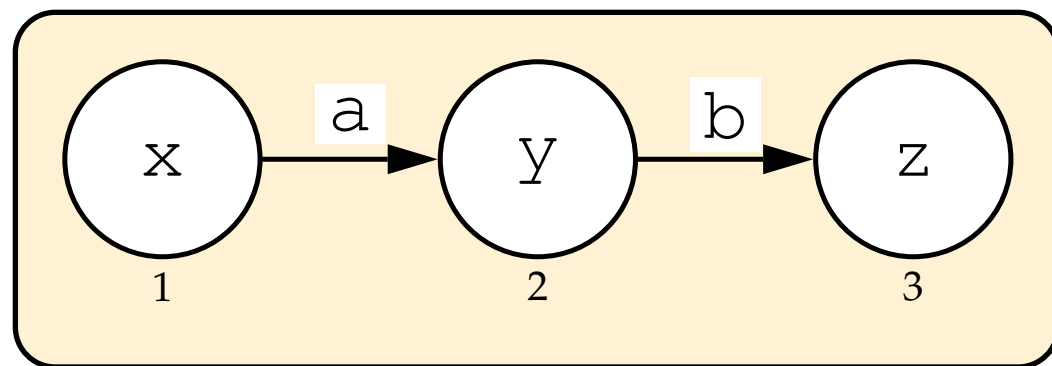
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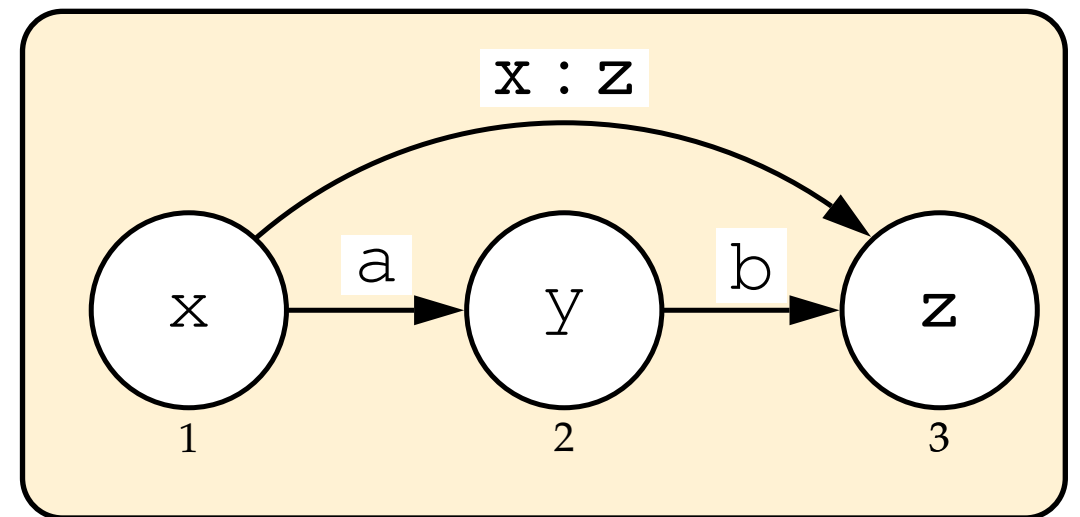
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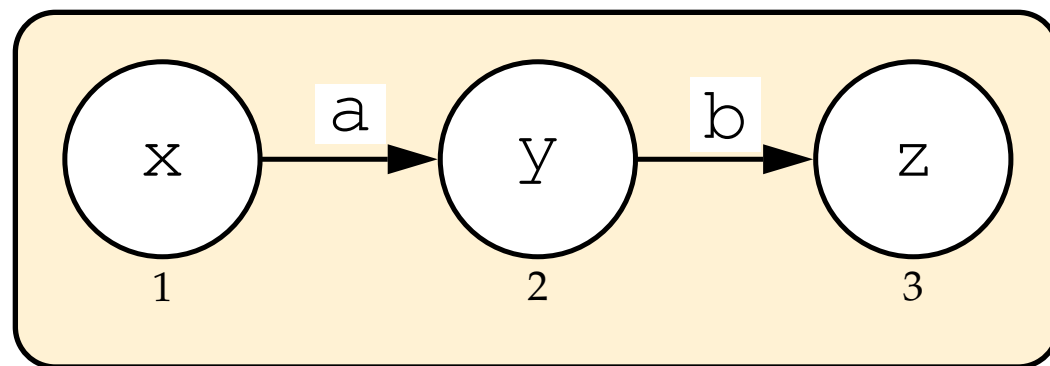
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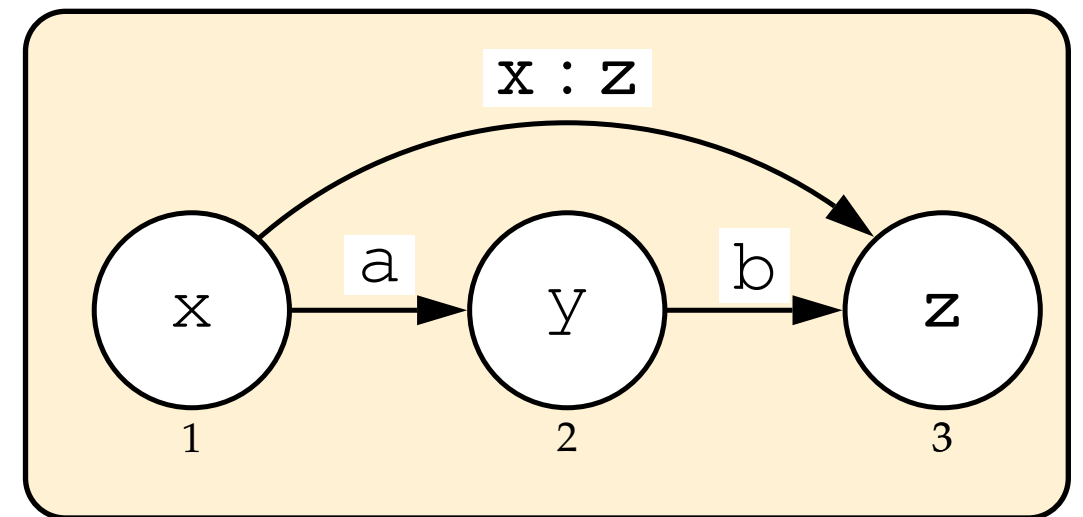
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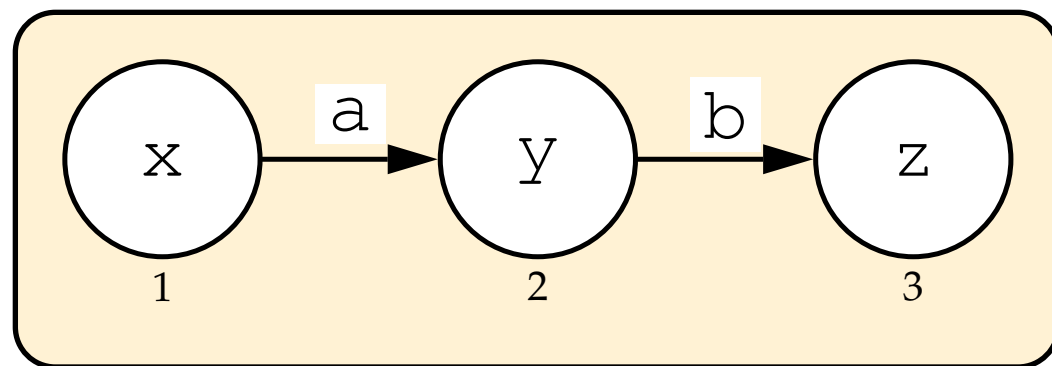


*program states (graphs) do not have variables
...but rules do!*

Here they are placeholders, not references to a store

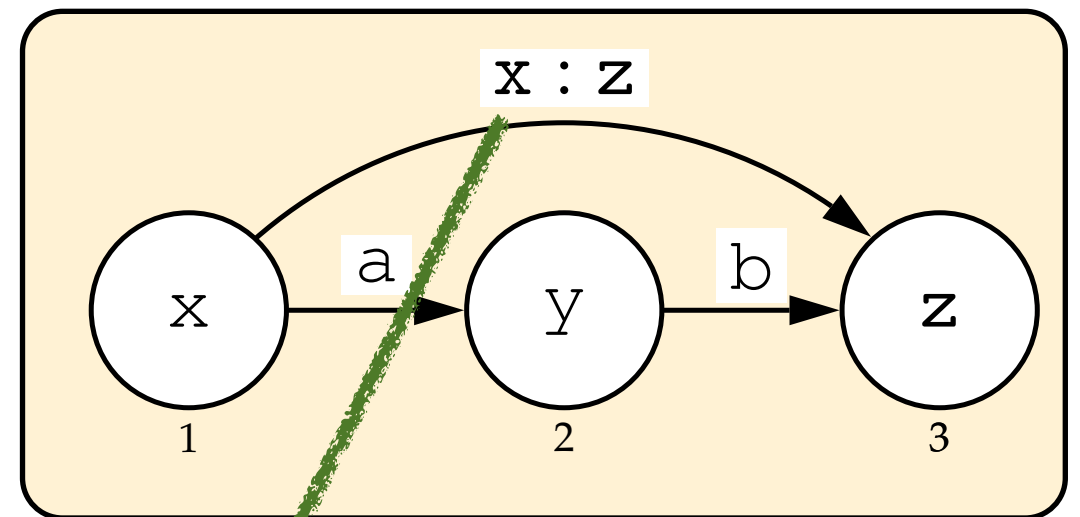
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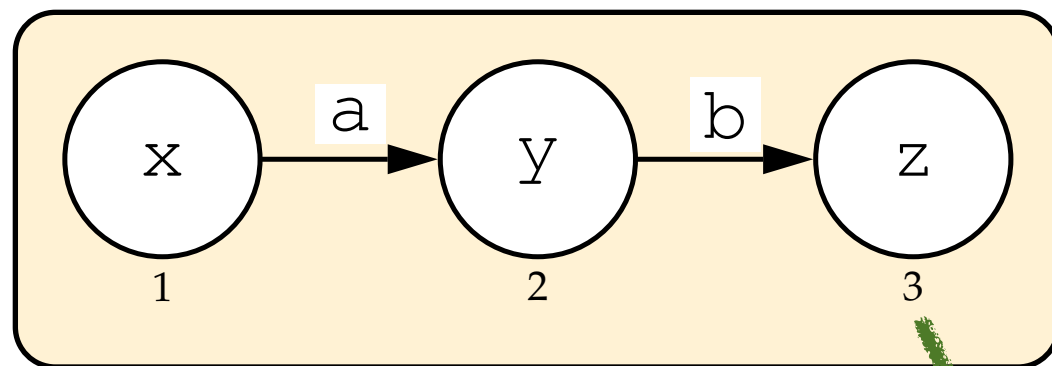
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*new edge takes the label $x' : z'$
where $x \mapsto x'$ and $z \mapsto z'$*

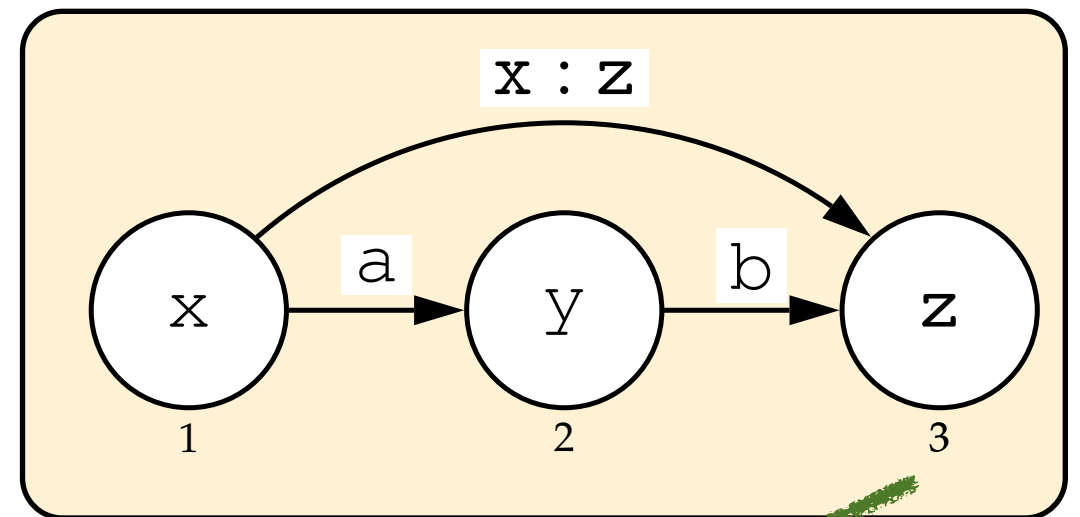
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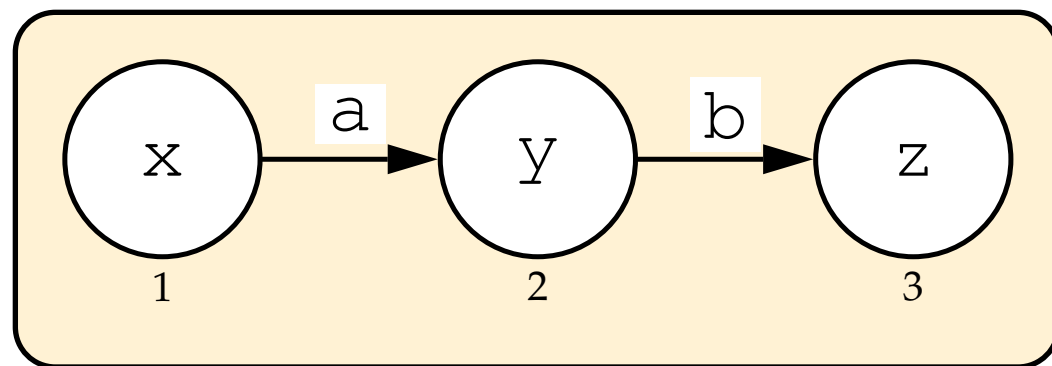
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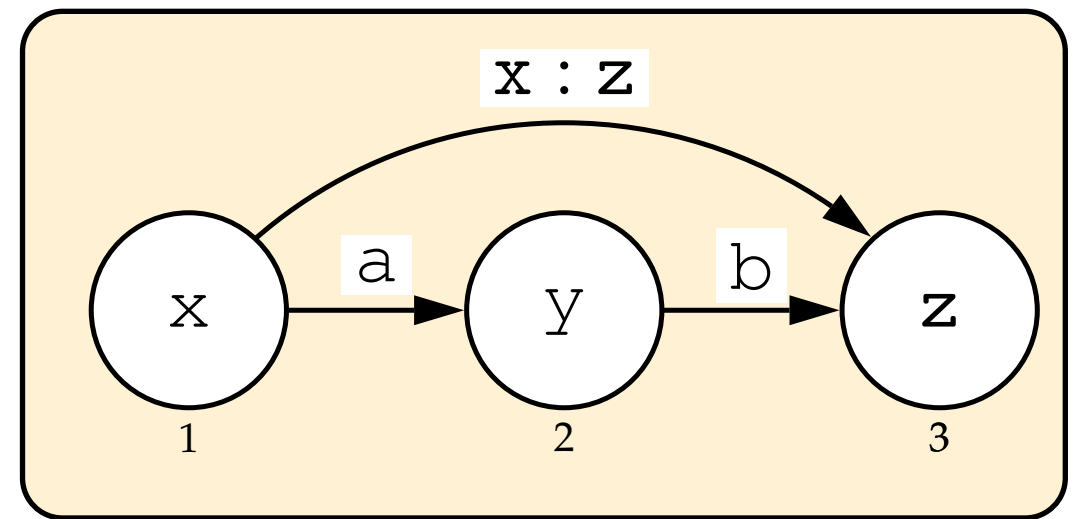
*numbers indicate that
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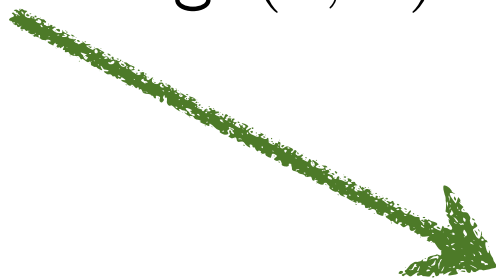
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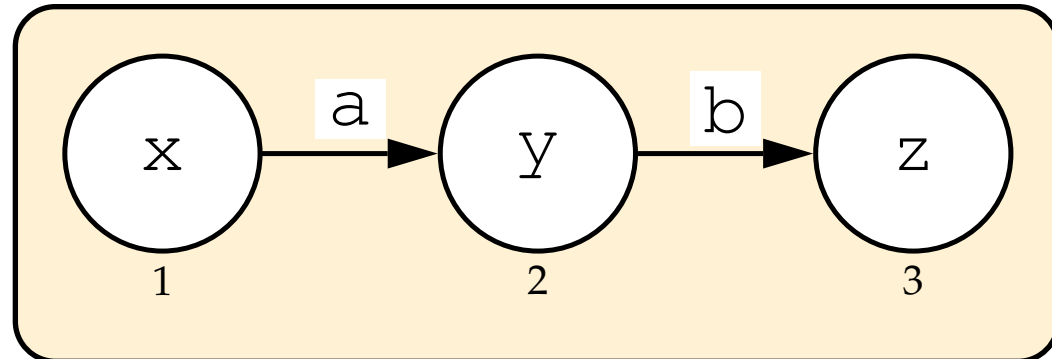


a condition: rule cannot be applied if there is an edge from matched node 1 to matched node 3

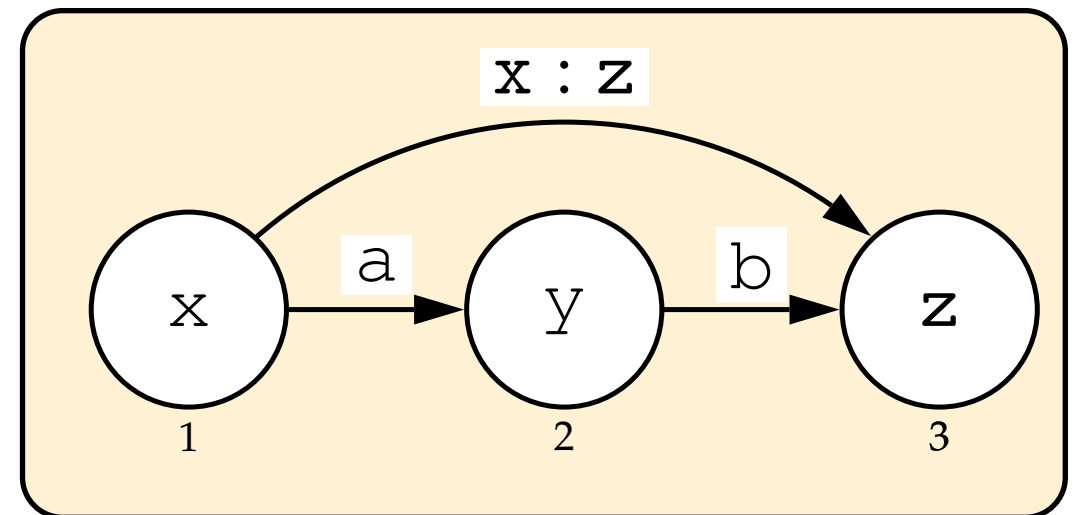
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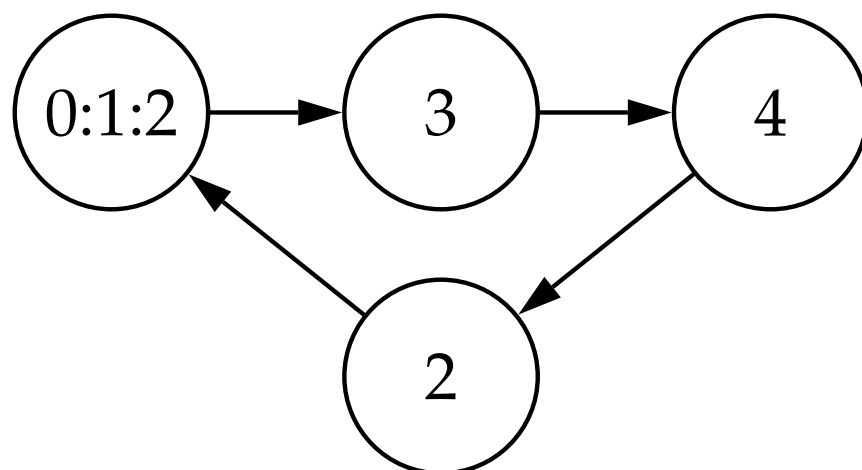
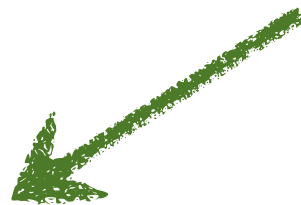


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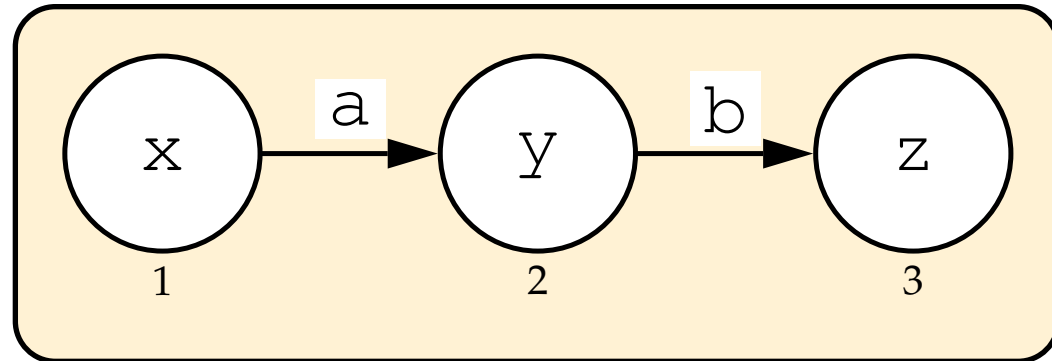
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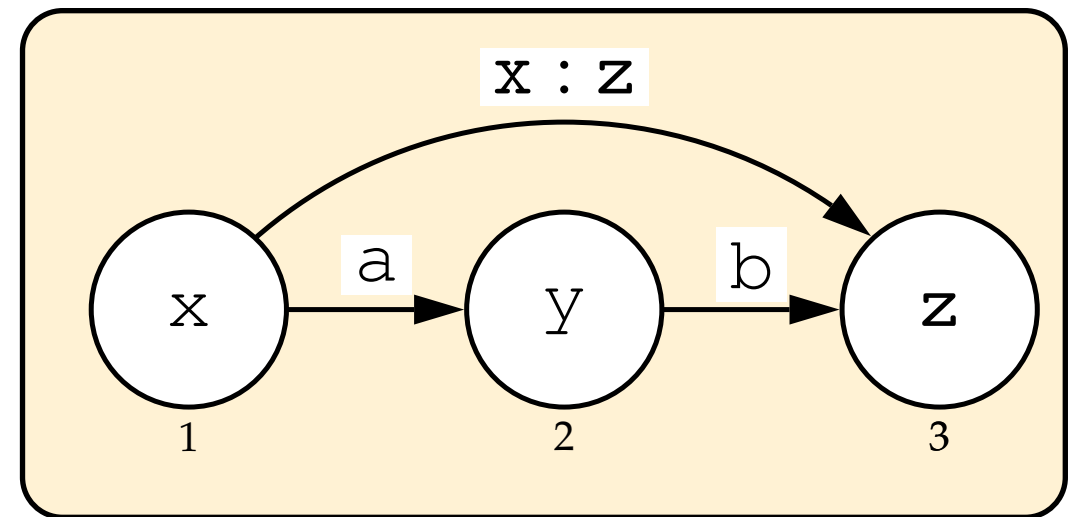
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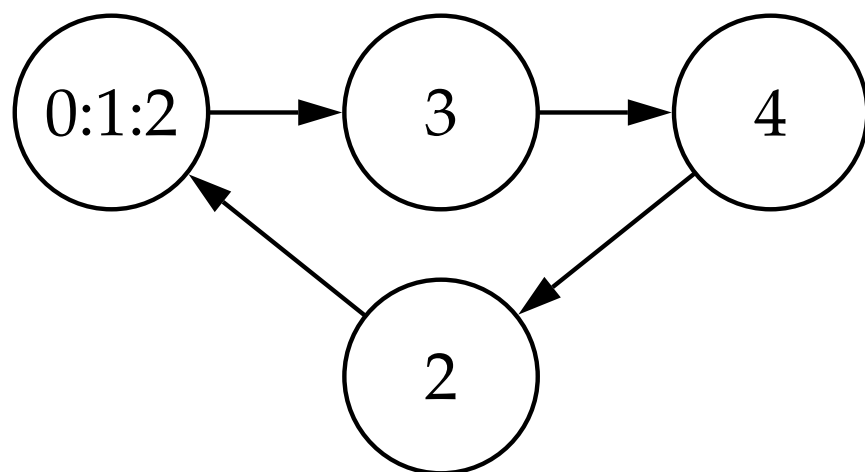
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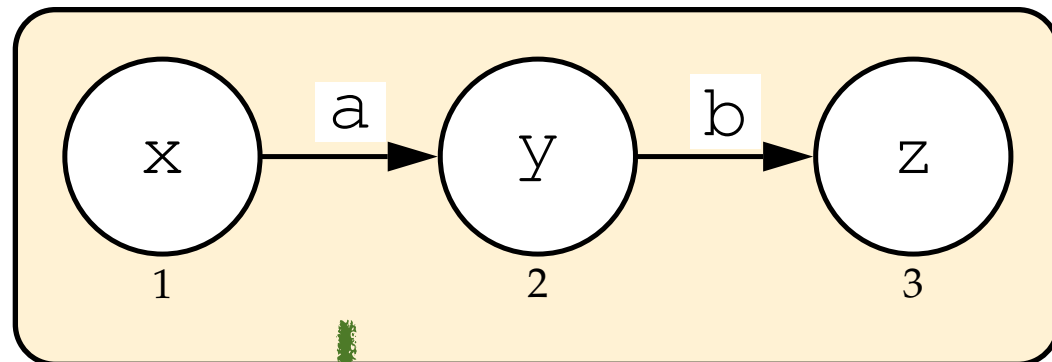


- (1) there is a “match” for L^α in the graph*
- (2) the condition holds*

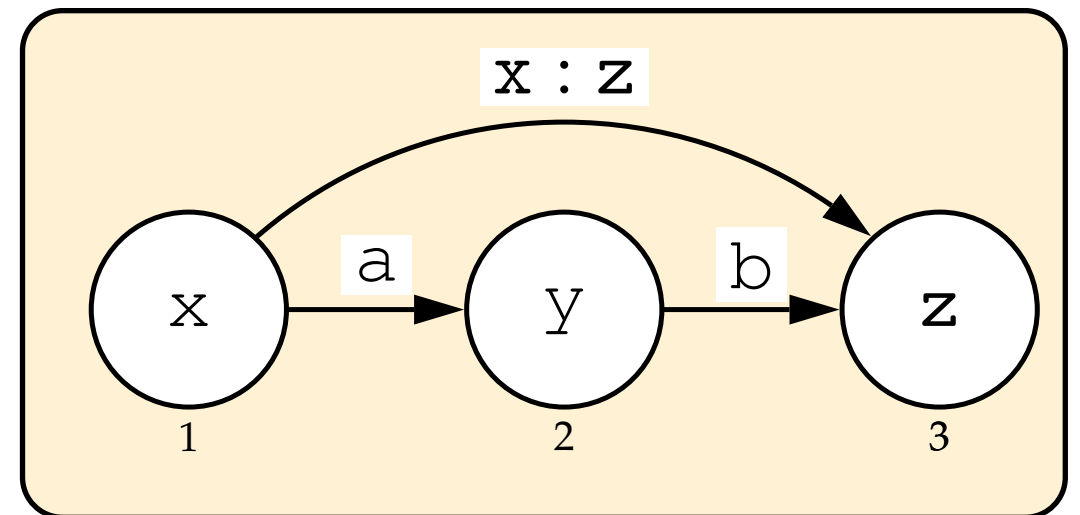
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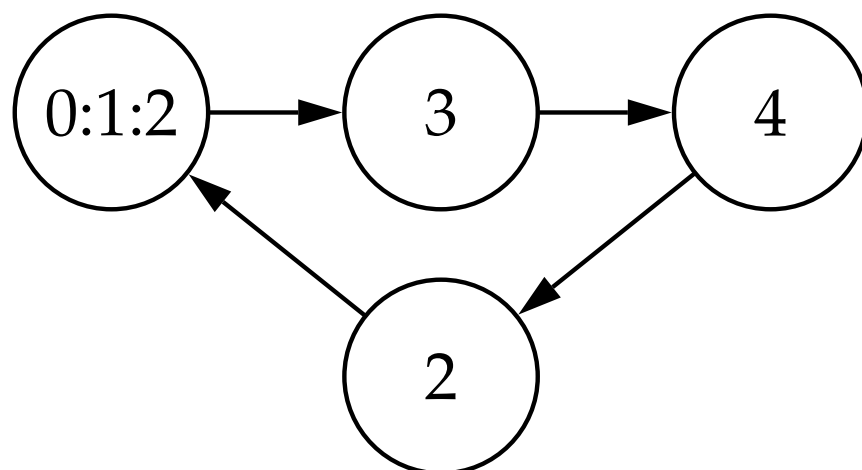


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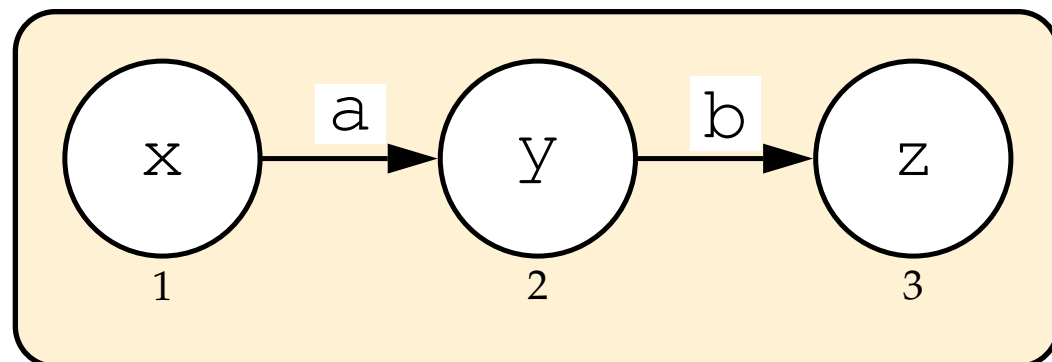
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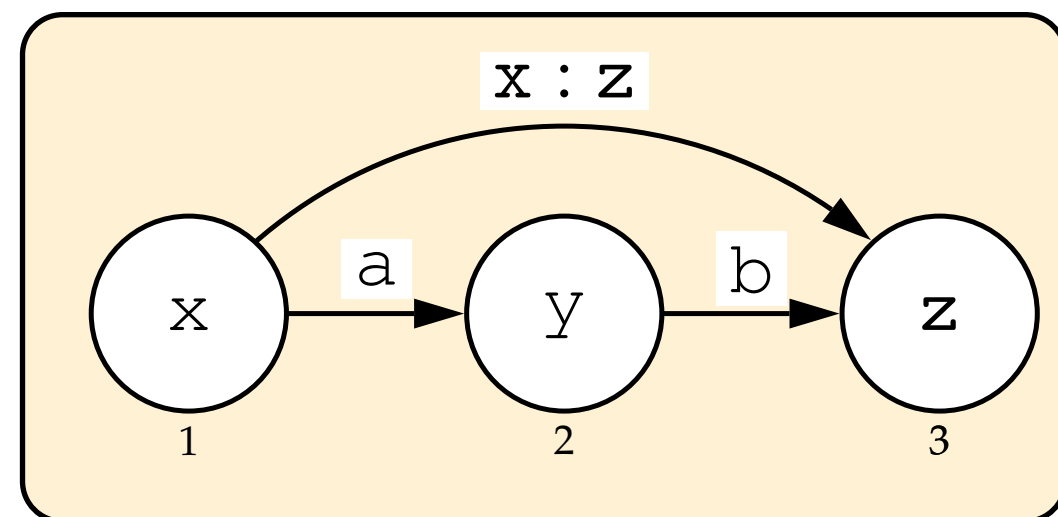
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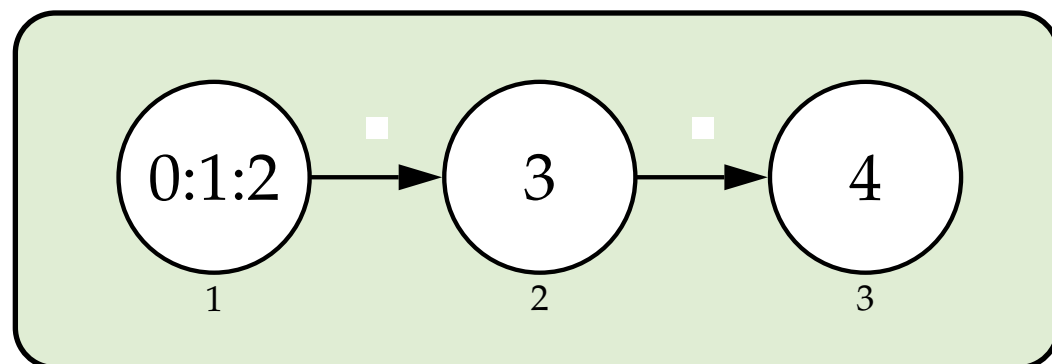


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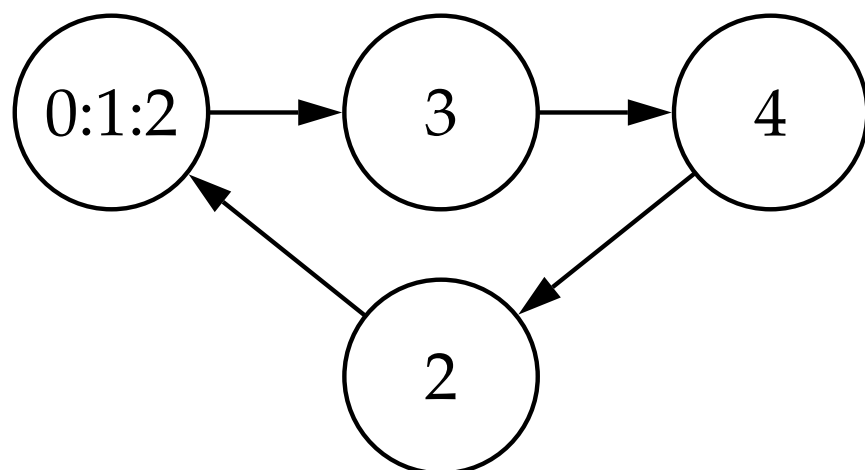
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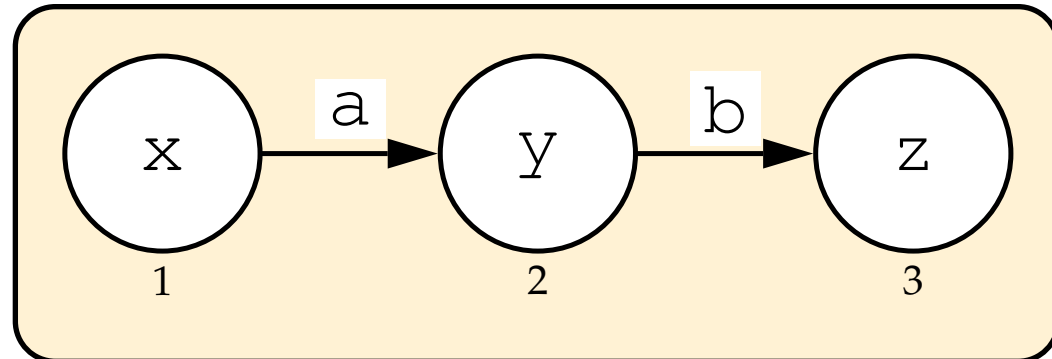
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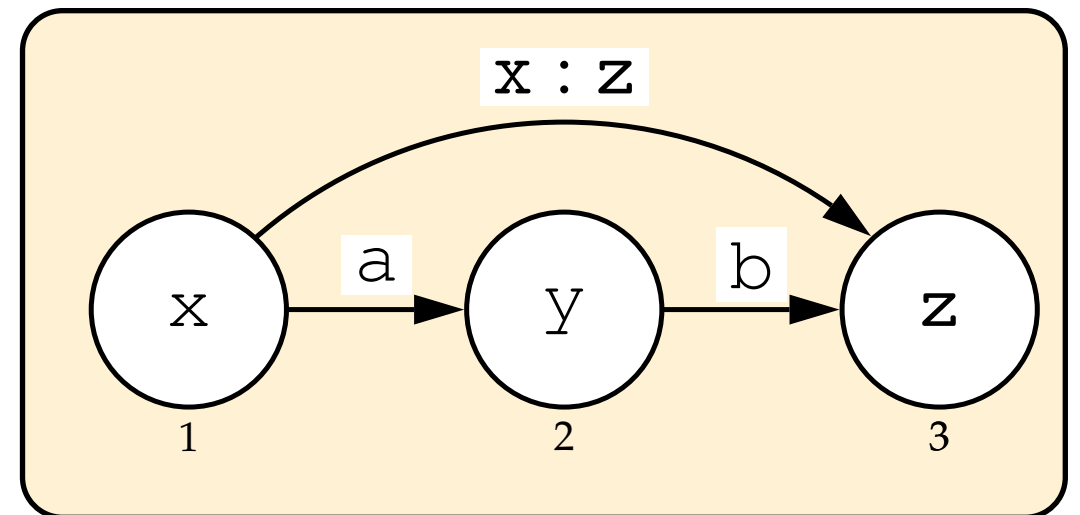
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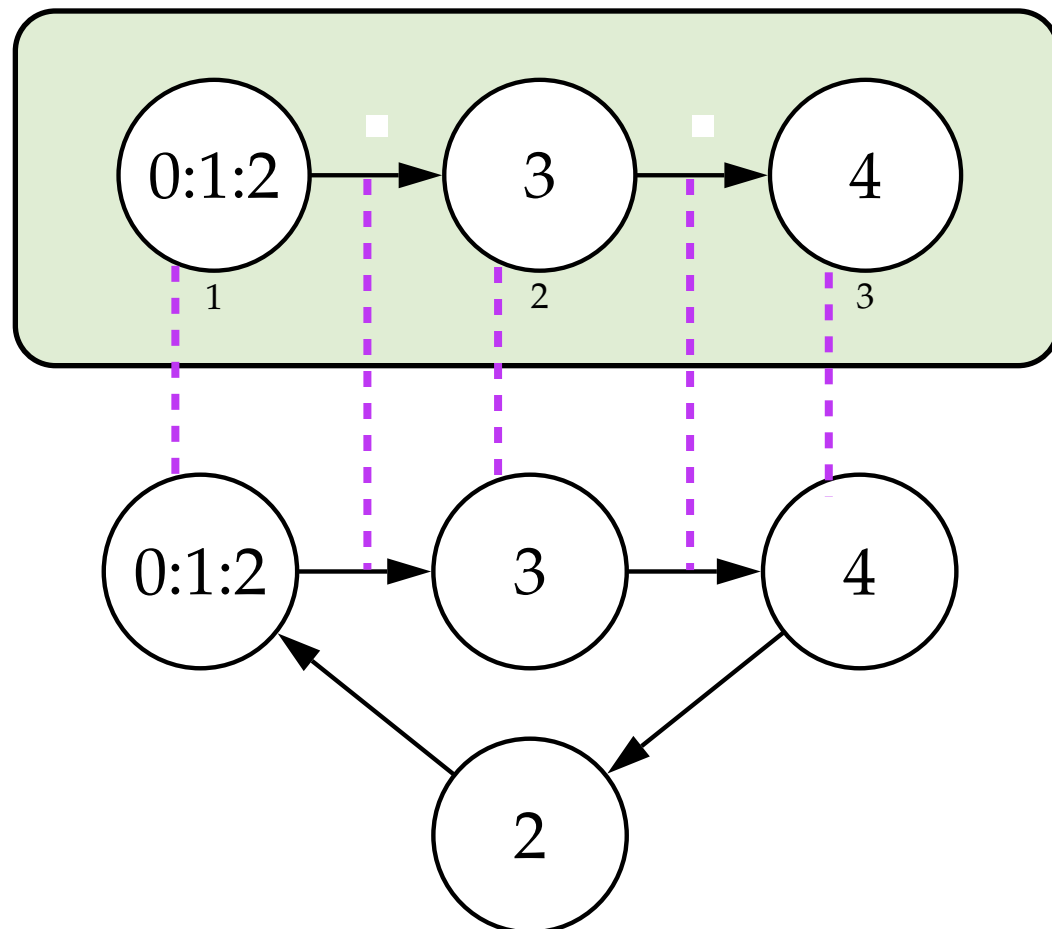


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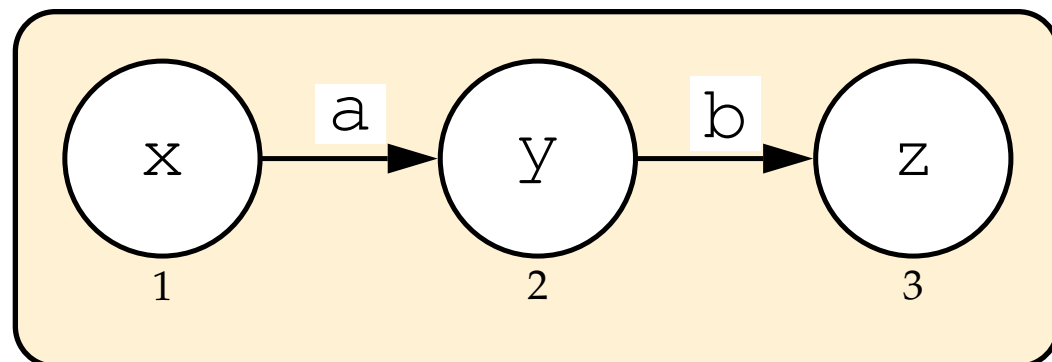
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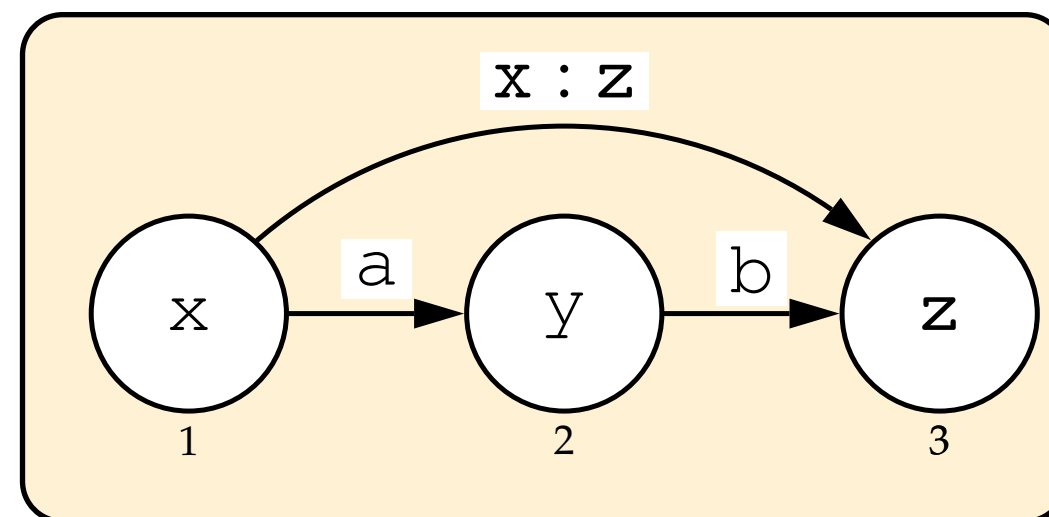
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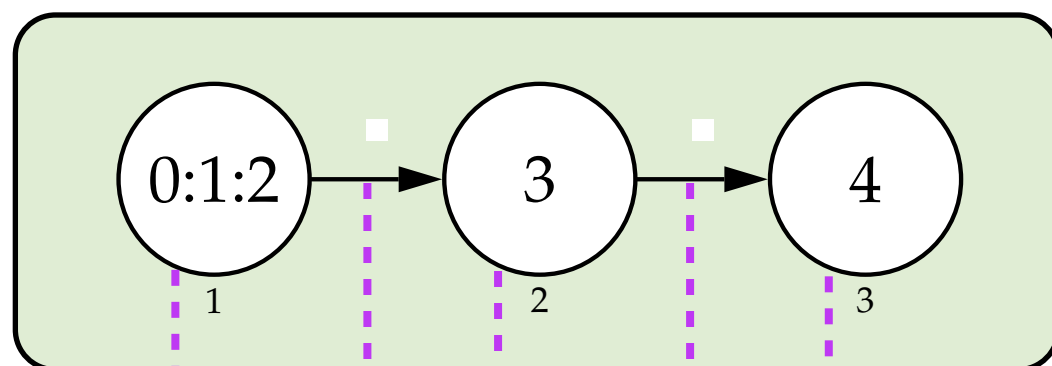


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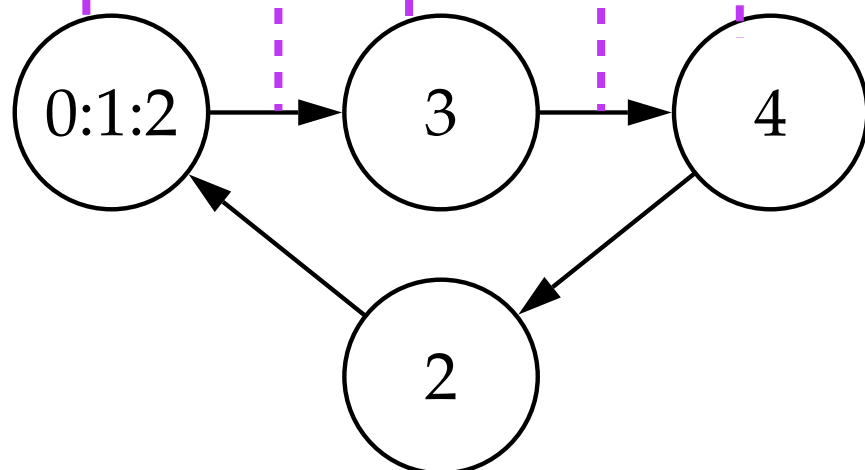
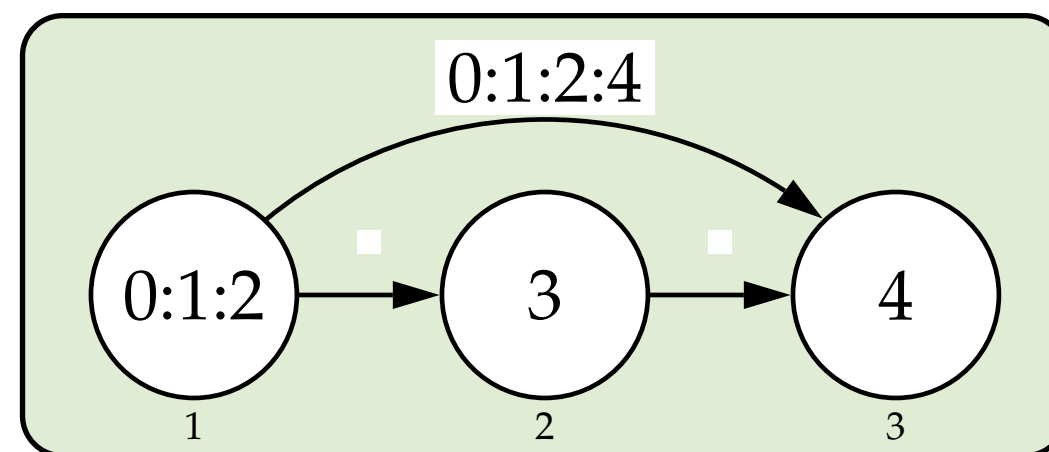


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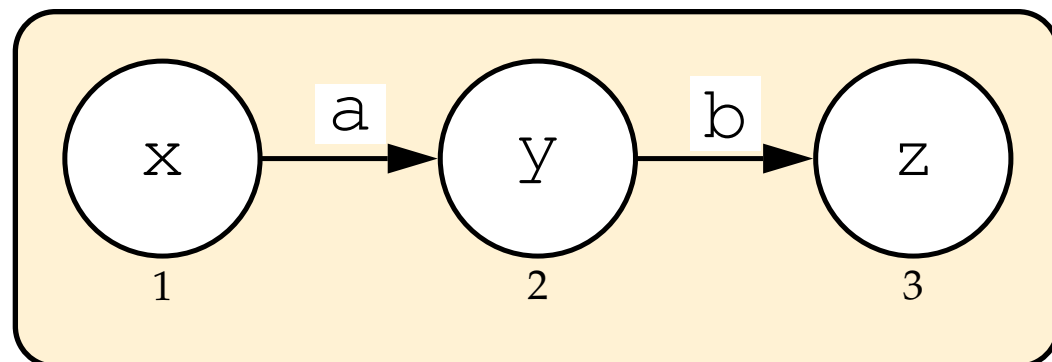
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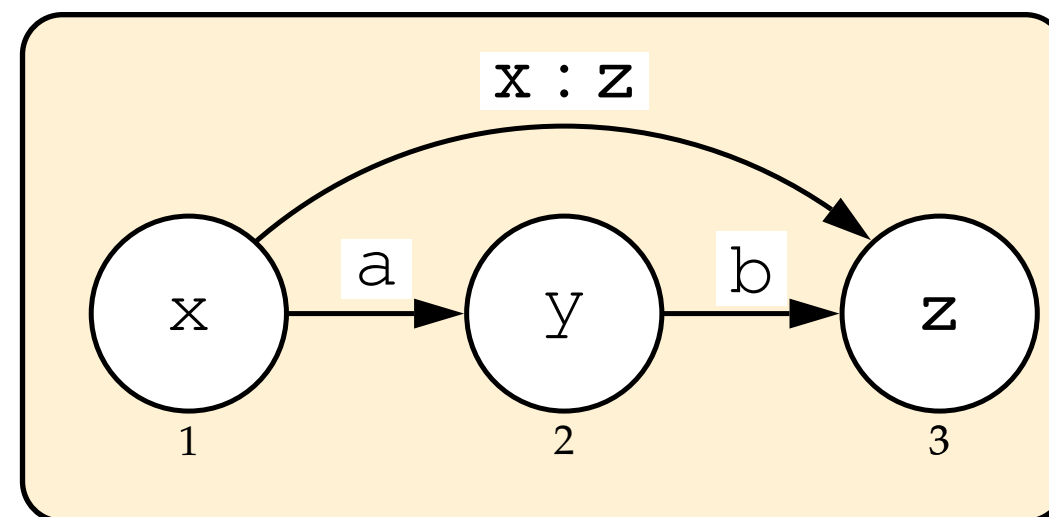
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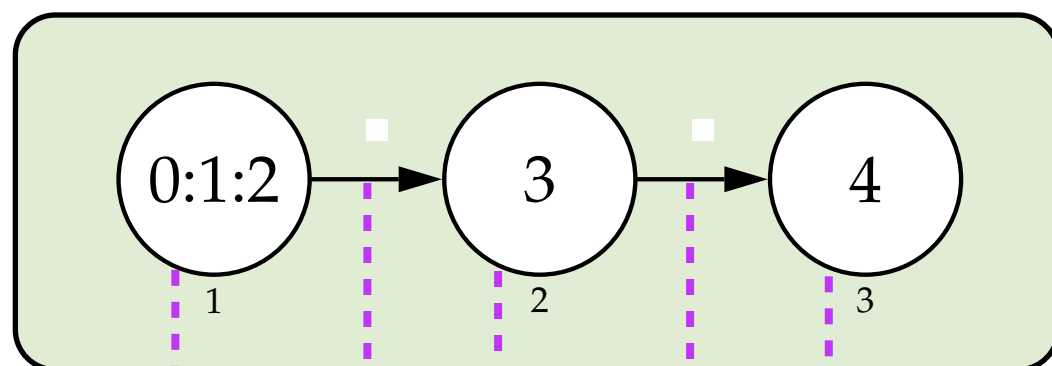


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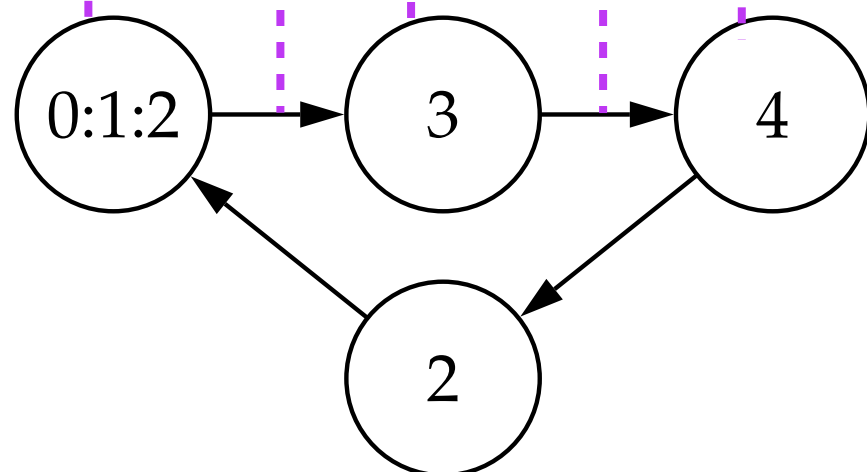
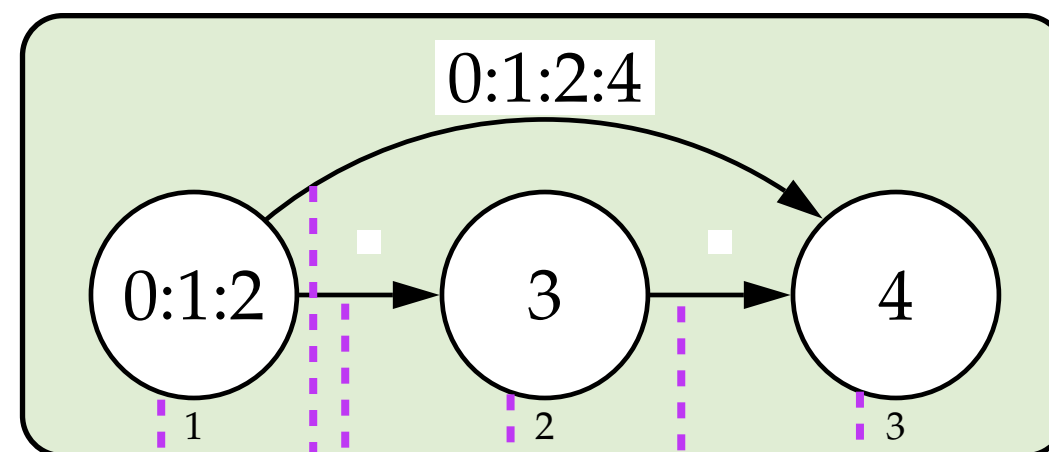


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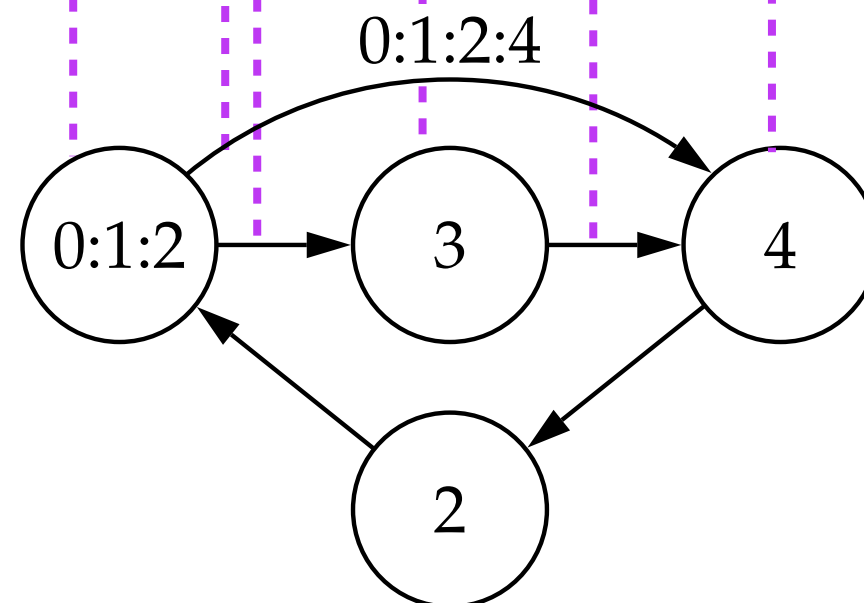
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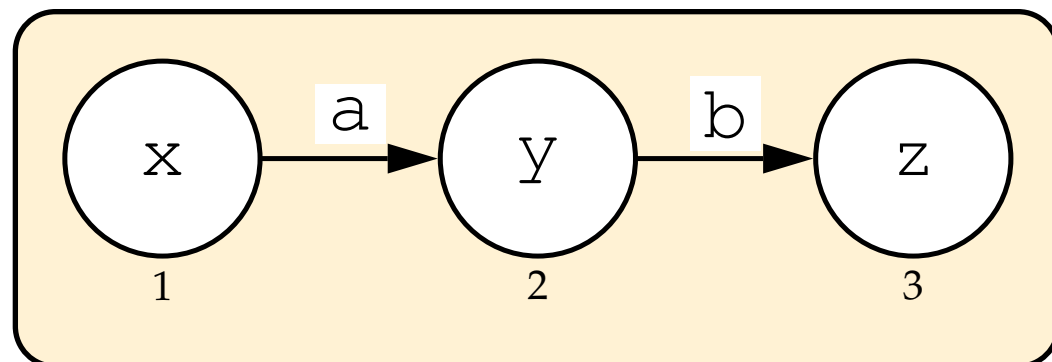
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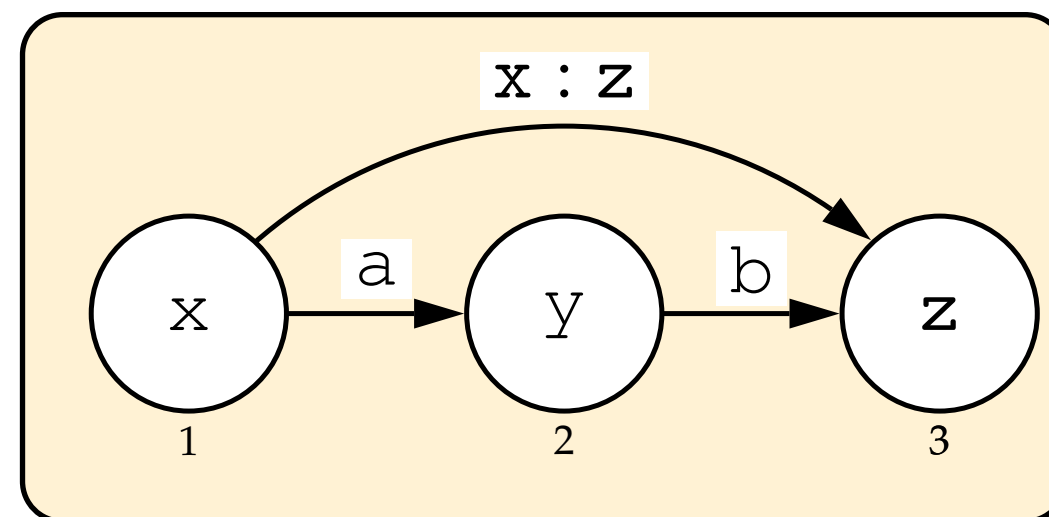
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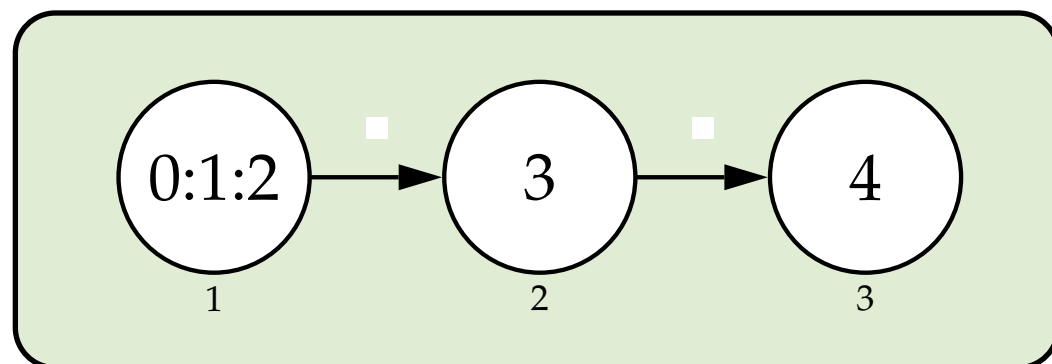


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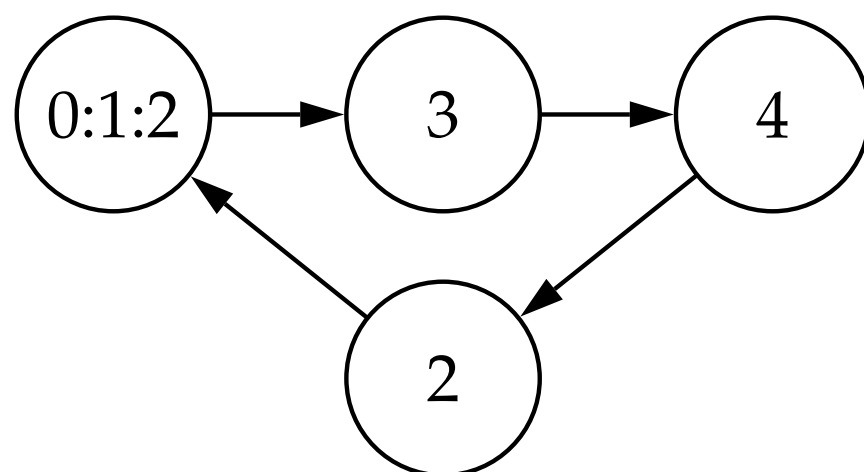
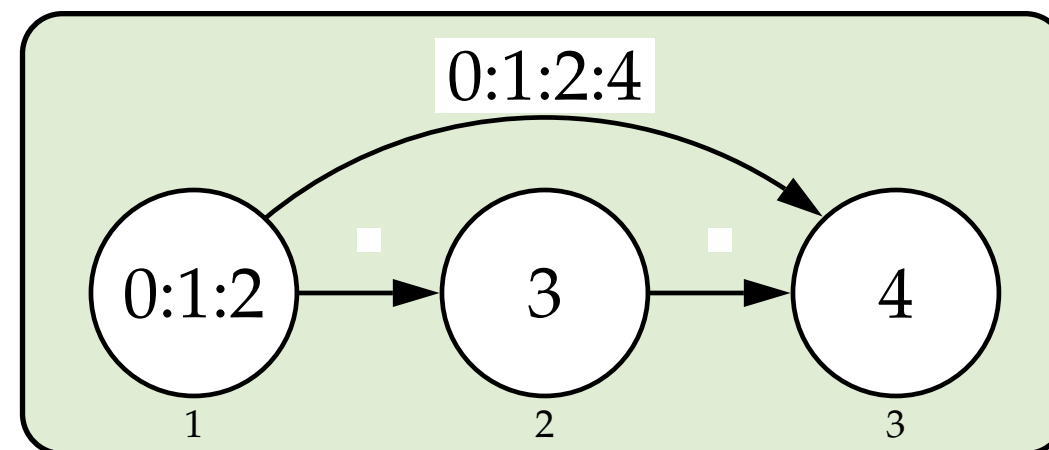


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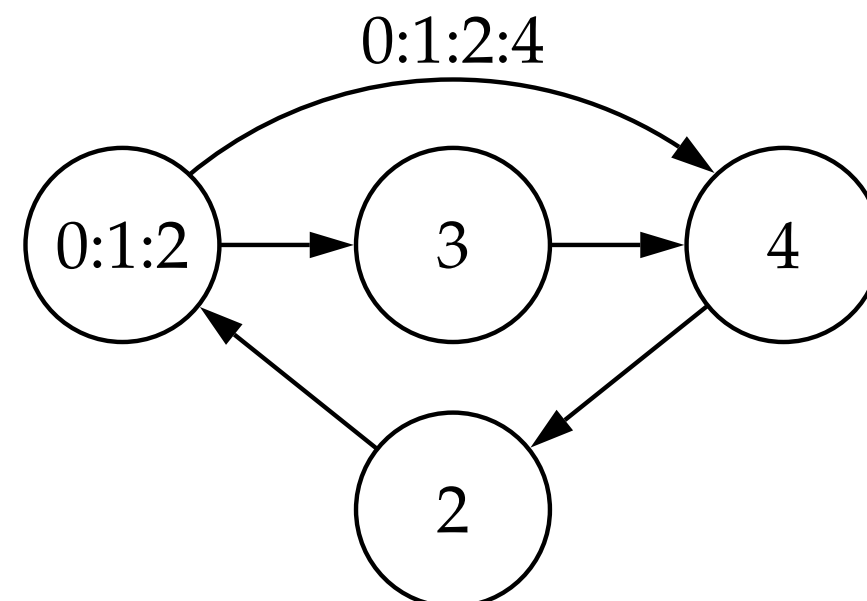
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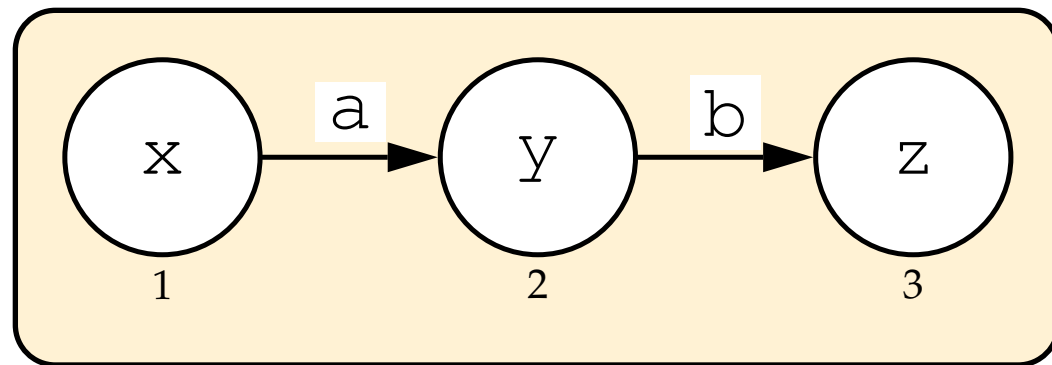


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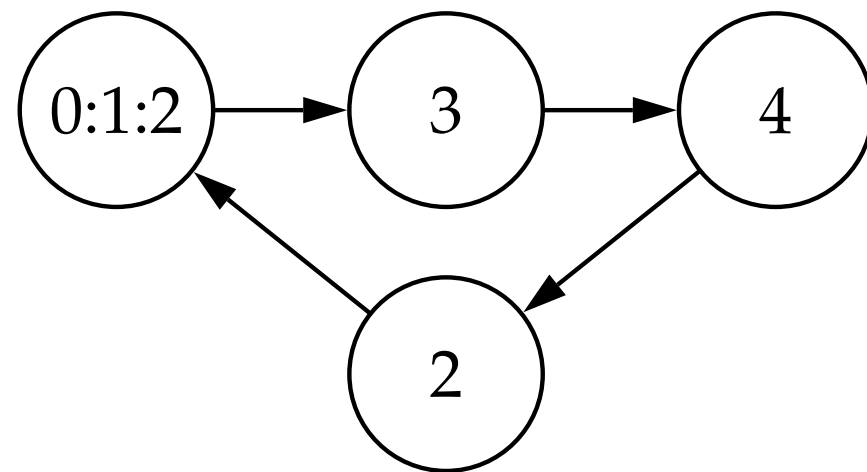
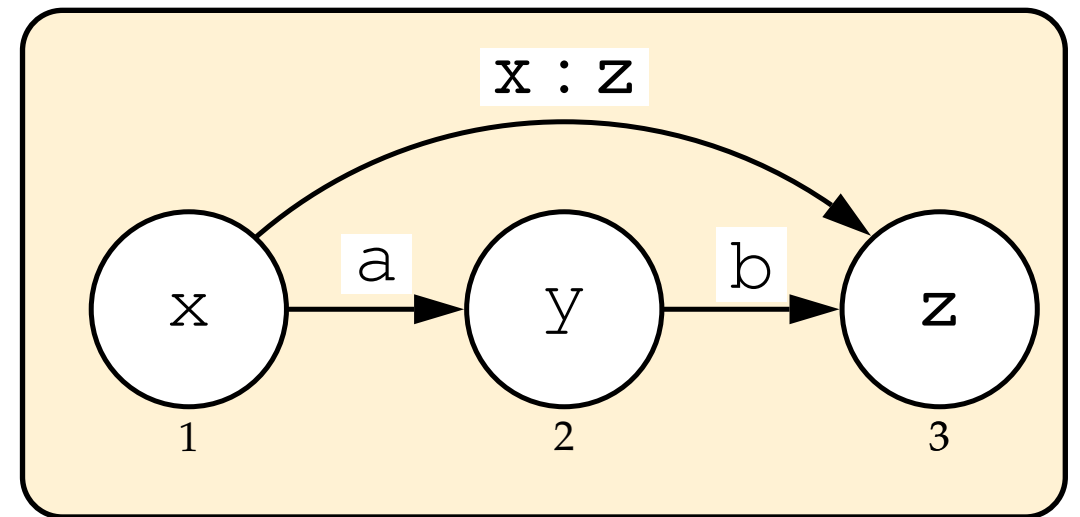
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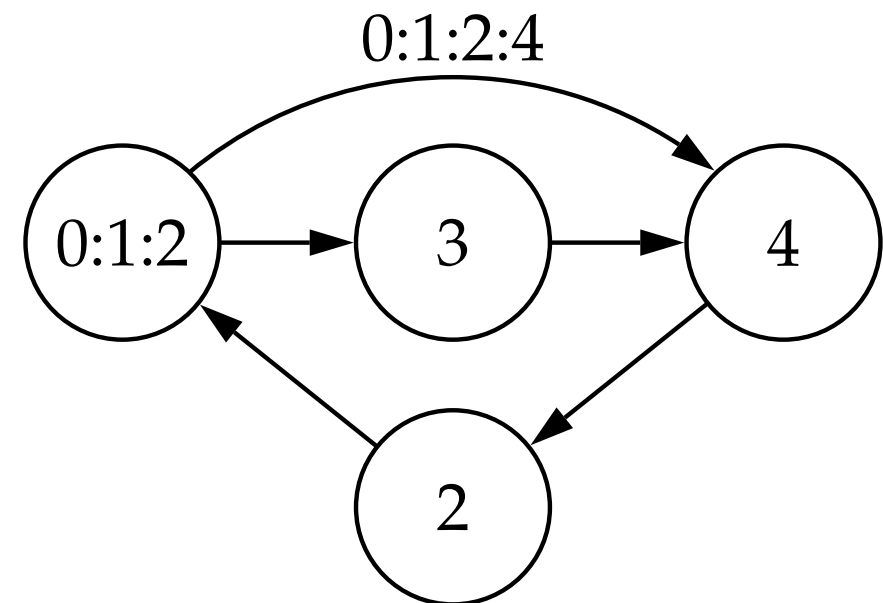


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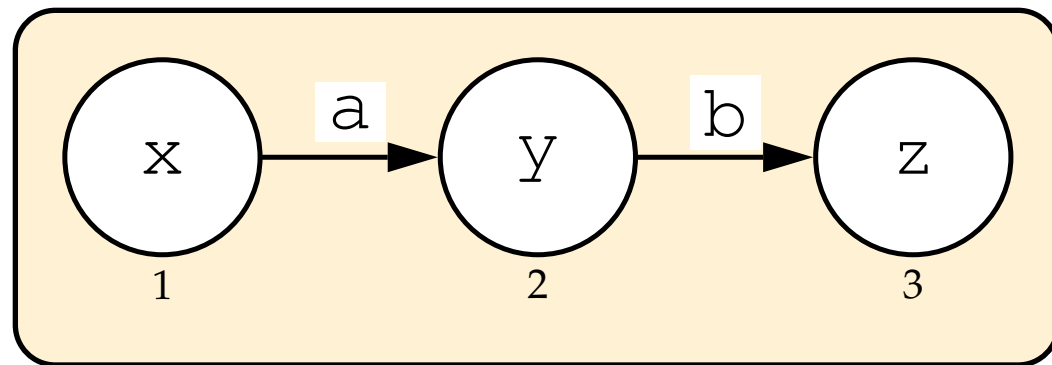


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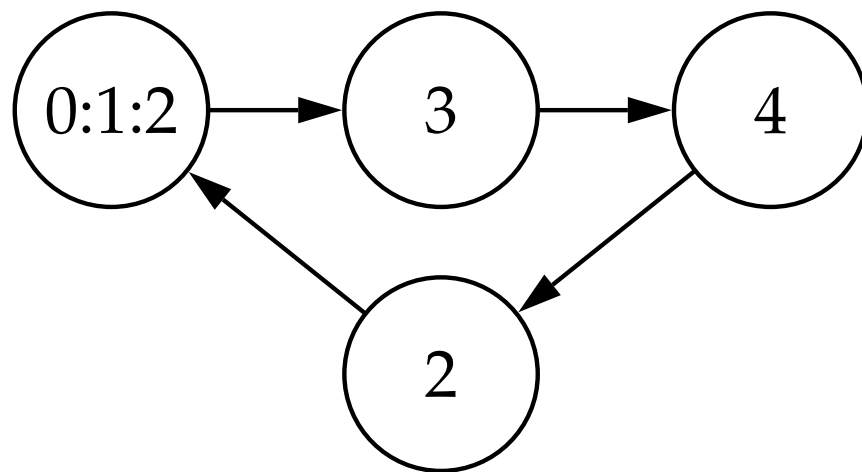
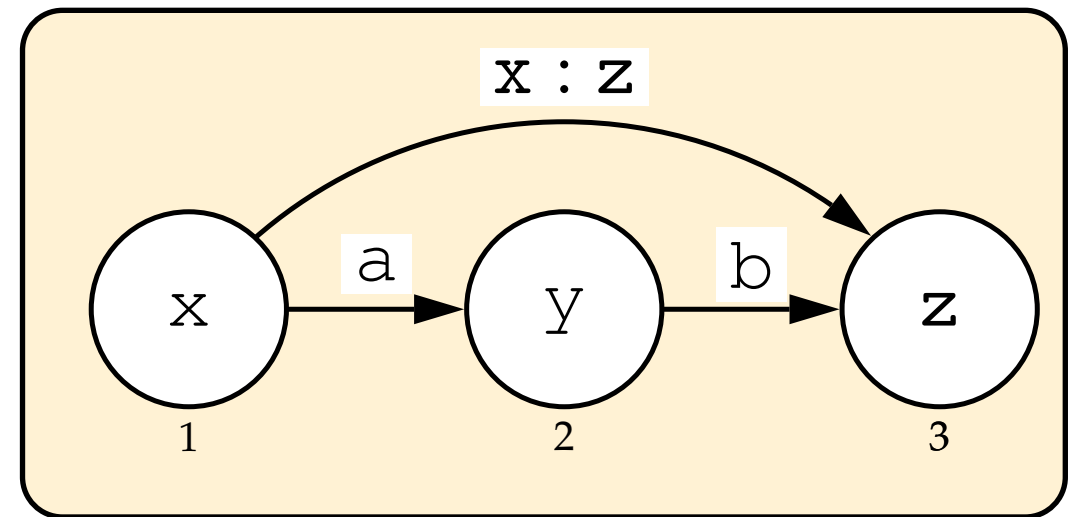
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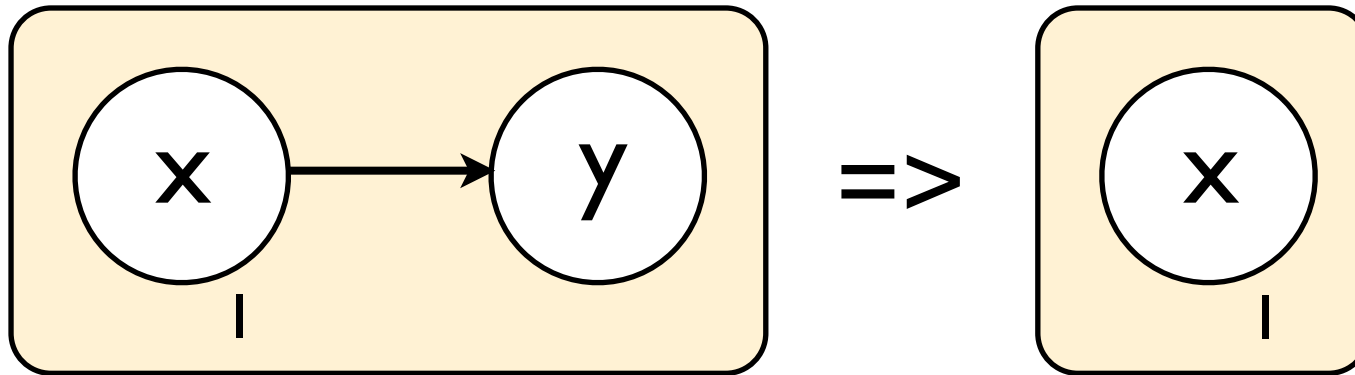
*rule application is nondeterministic
- what other graph could result?*

Deleting nodes

- we can create nodes/edges and relabel without issue
- we can even delete edges without issue
- can we arbitrarily delete nodes?

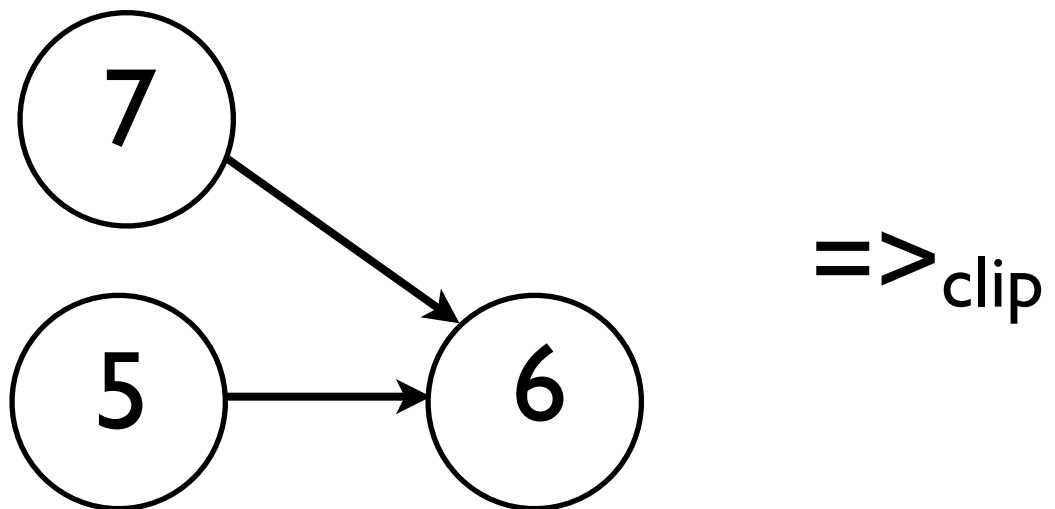
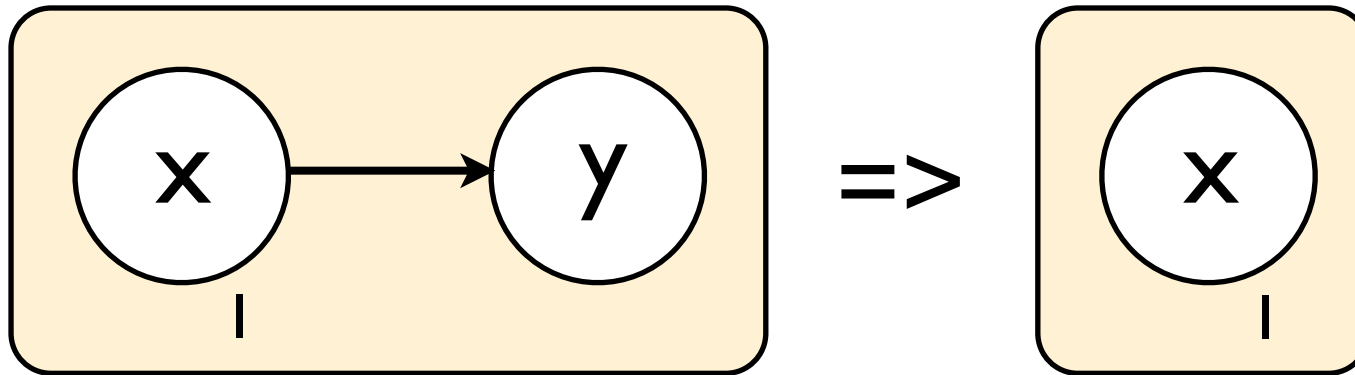
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clip (x,y: int)



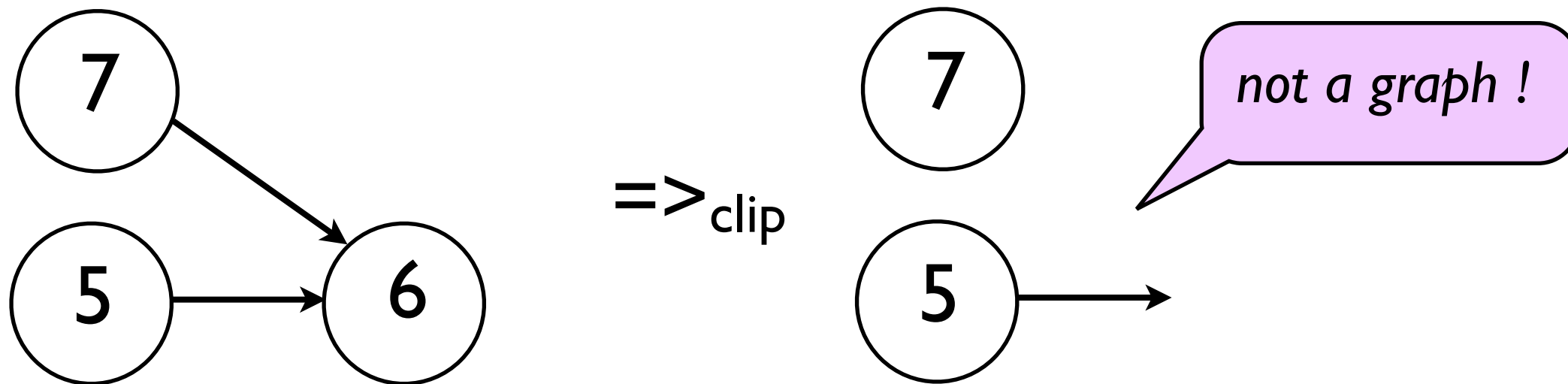
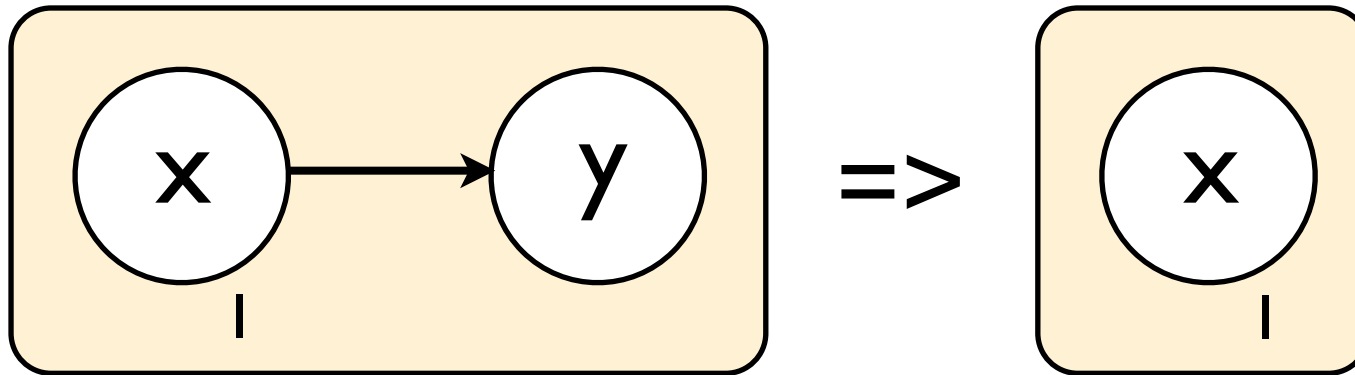
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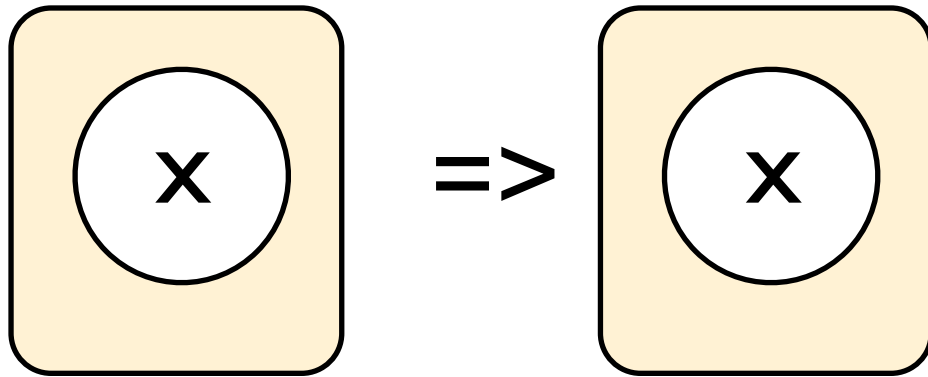


Deleting nodes: a solution

- only allow rule applications that do not leave edges dangling
- satisfy the “dangling condition”
- called the double-pushout approach (DPO) to graph transformation
 - key property: rule applications are side-effect free

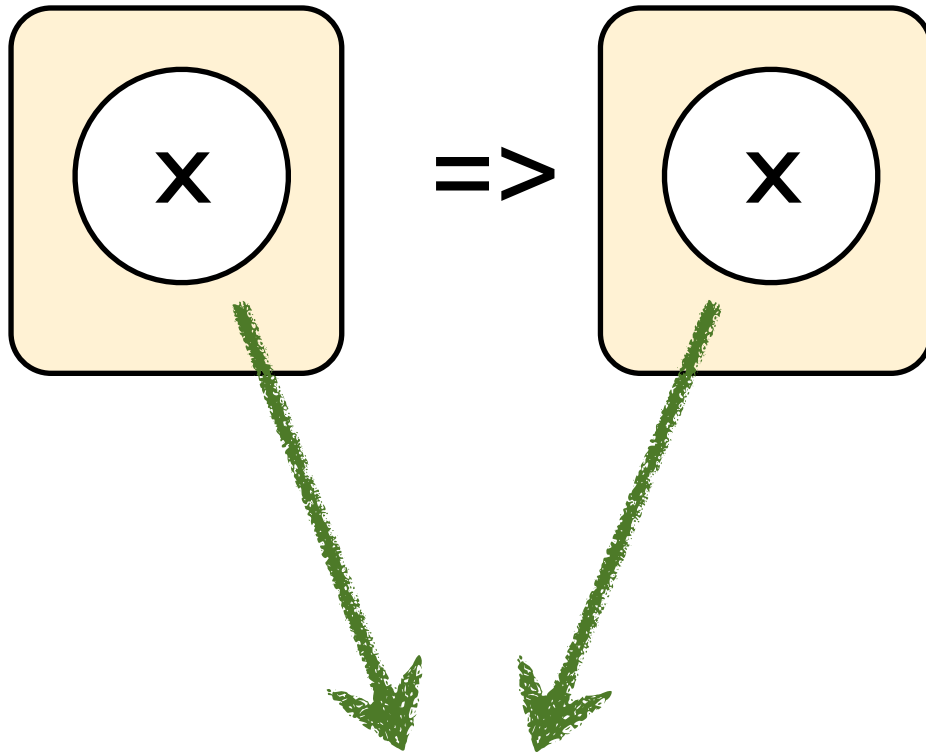
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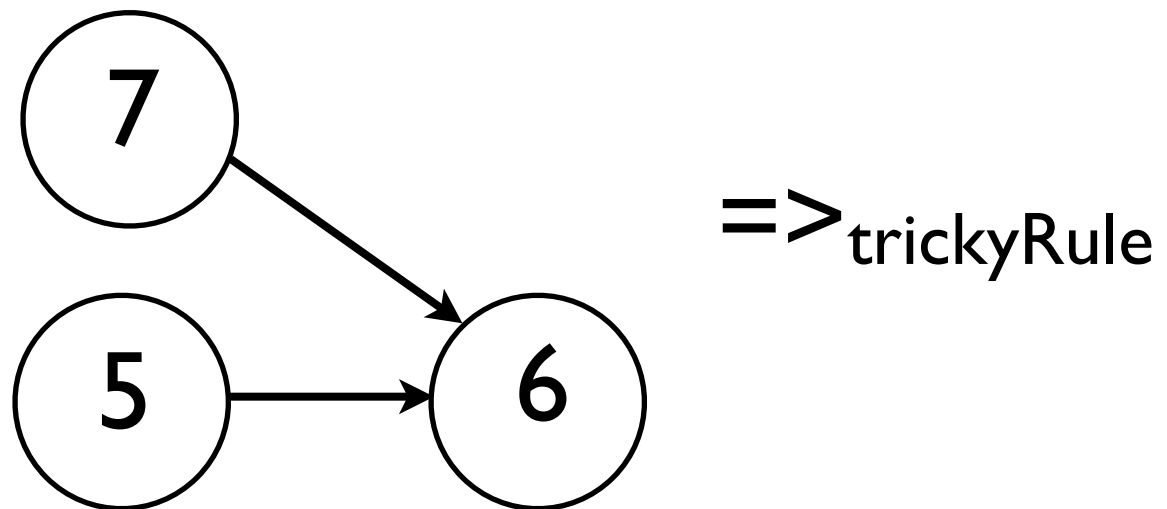
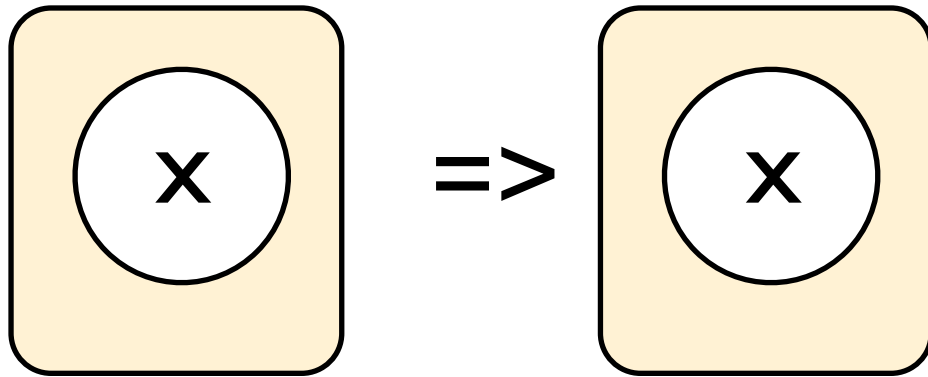
no number implies nodes are not the same

i.e. match of L^α is deleted, then recreated with the same label



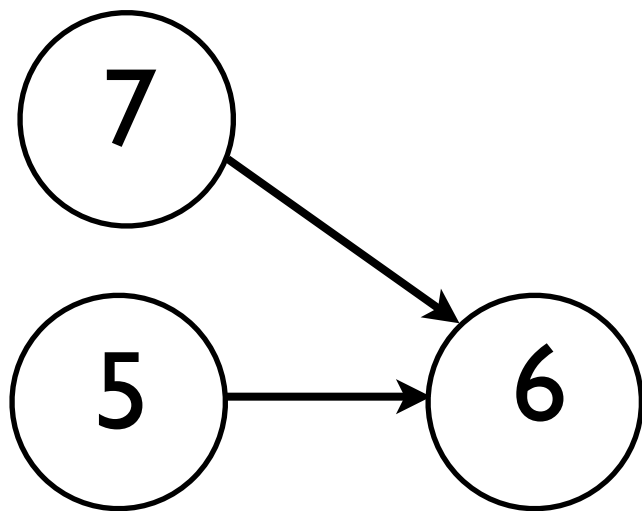
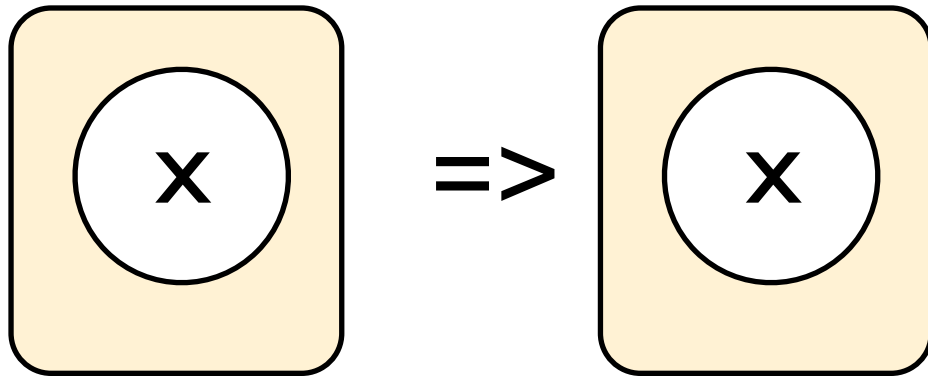
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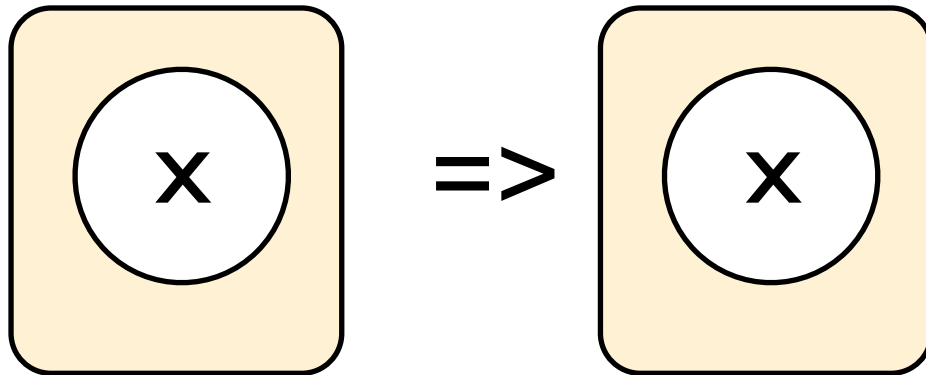


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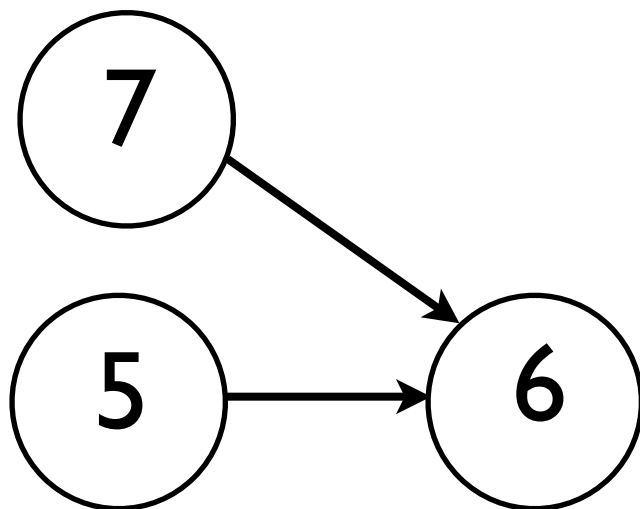
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*no match since an edge would be left dangling
- program fails and terminates*



$\Rightarrow$ trickyRule

fail

Graph programs: control constructs

- simple core of control constructs

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single rule application

$\{r_0, \dots, r_n\}$

nondeterministic rule choice

$P; Q$

sequential composition

$\{r_0, \dots, r_n\}!$

as-long-as-possible iteration

if $\{r_0, \dots, r_n\}$ then P else Q

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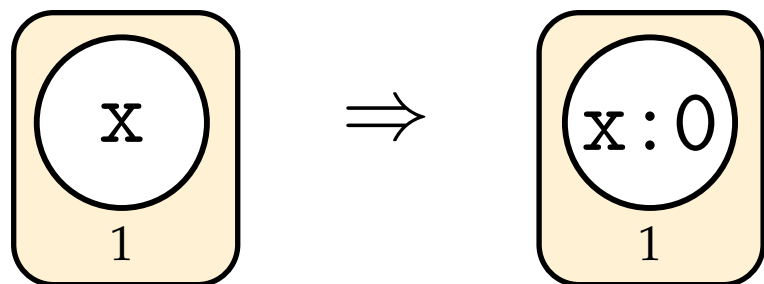
$\text{try } \{r_0, \dots, r_n\} \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q$

branch decided on whether guard fails or not
- in “if”, the effects of guard not retained
- in “try”, the effects of guard are retained

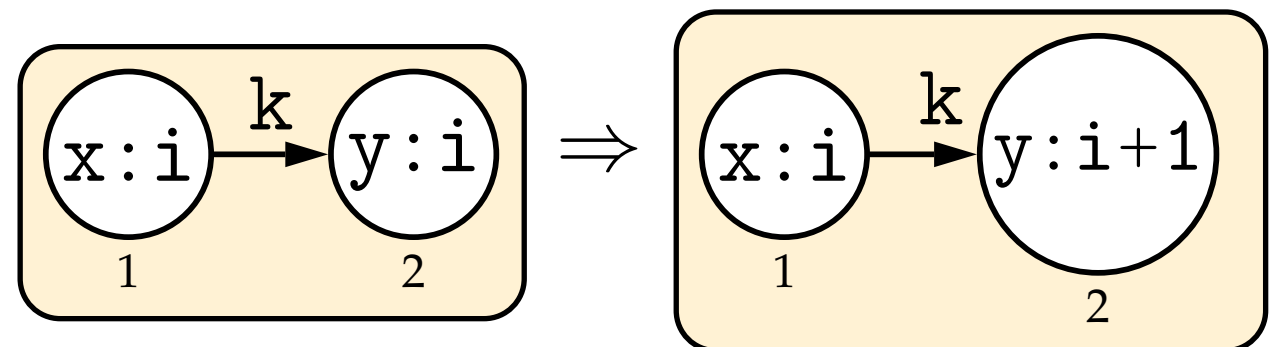
Example graph program: compute a colouring

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`init(x: atom)`



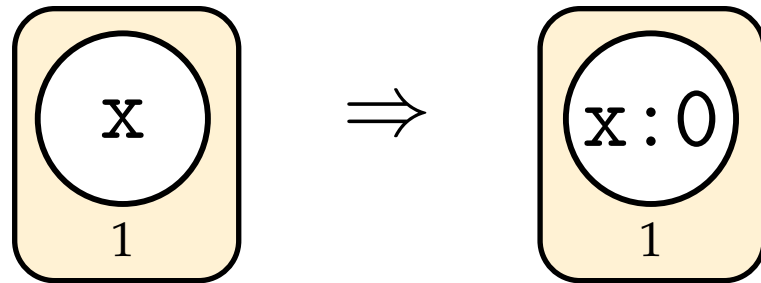
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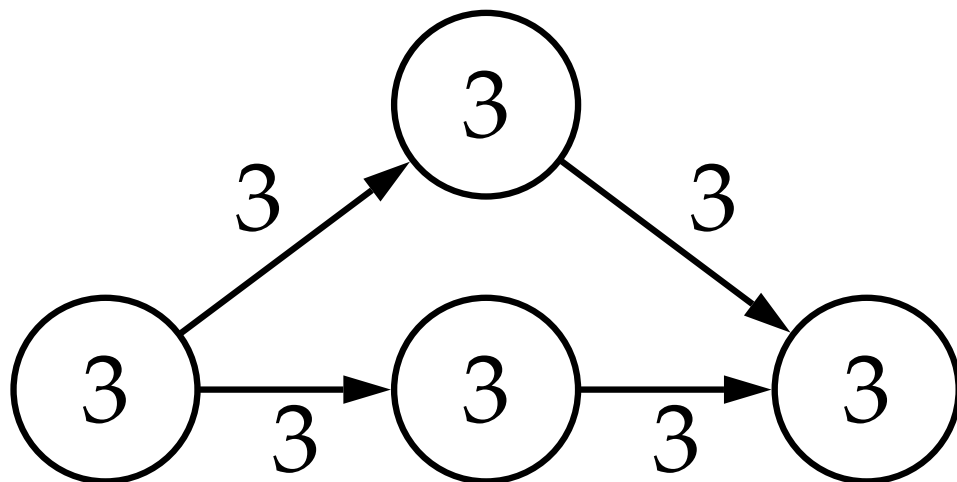
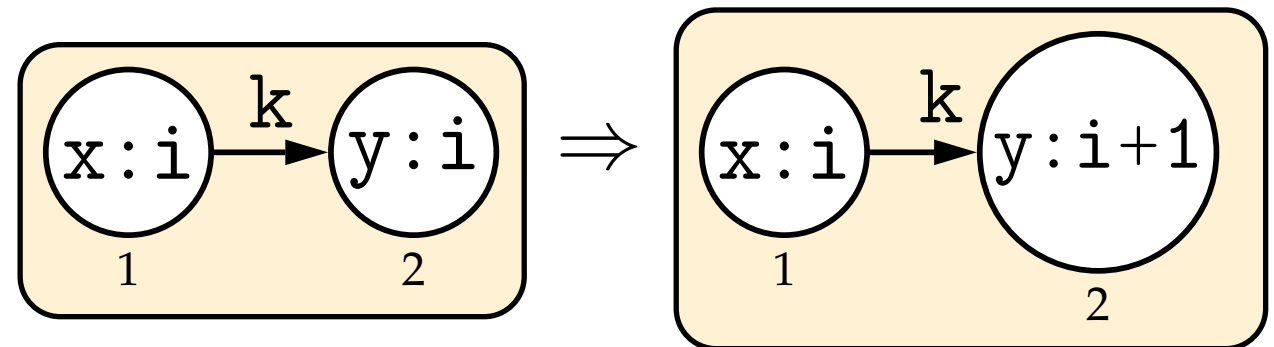
NB: type “atom” denotes an int or string; type “list” denotes an arbitrary sequence of ints/strings

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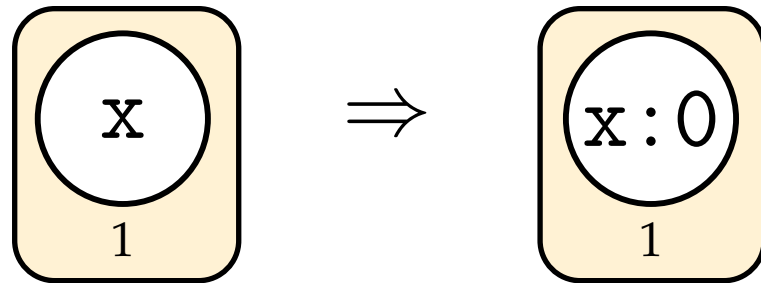


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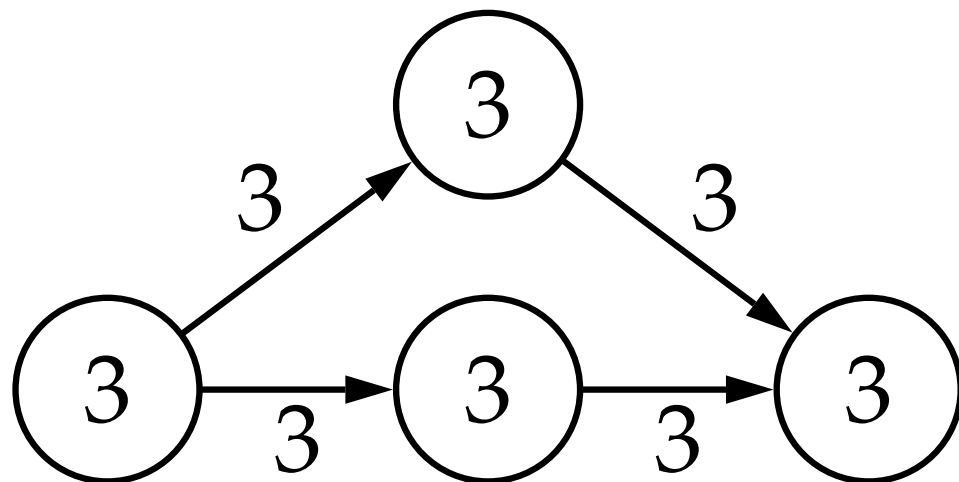
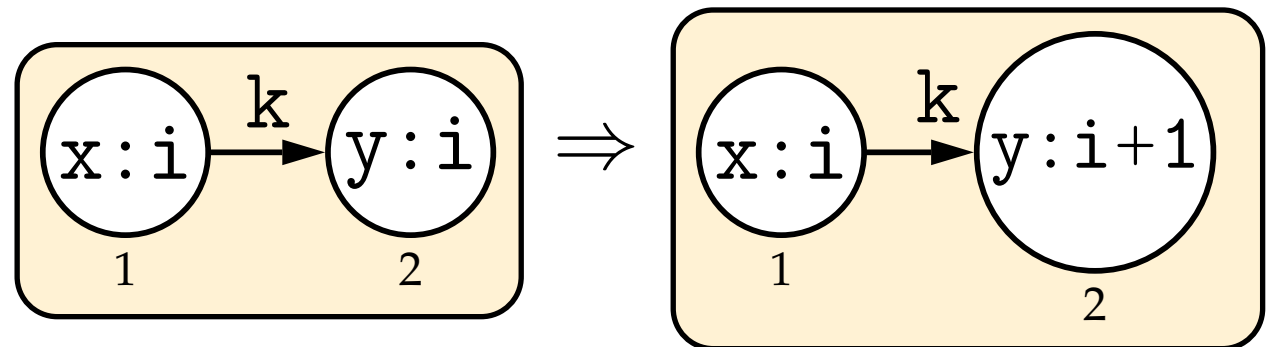


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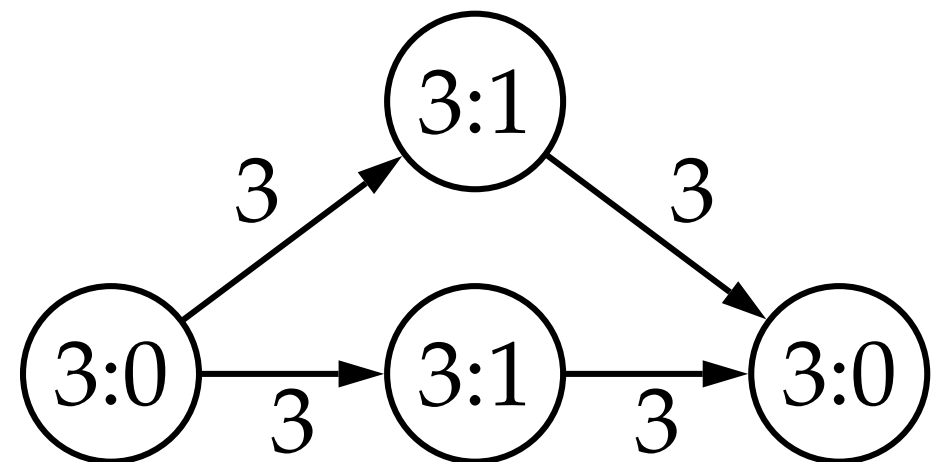
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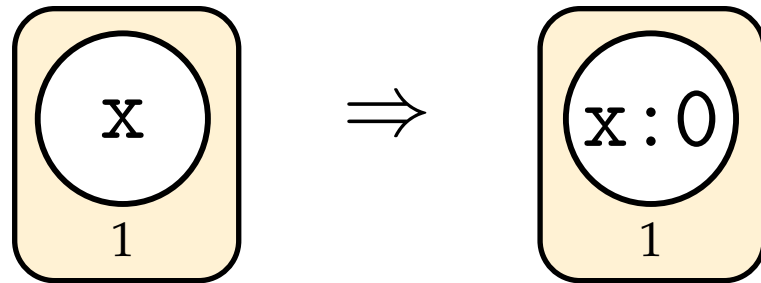


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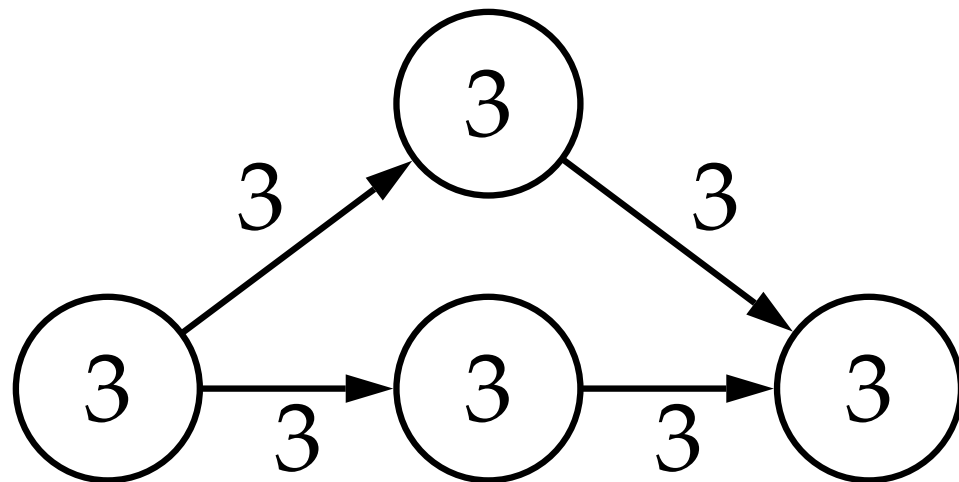
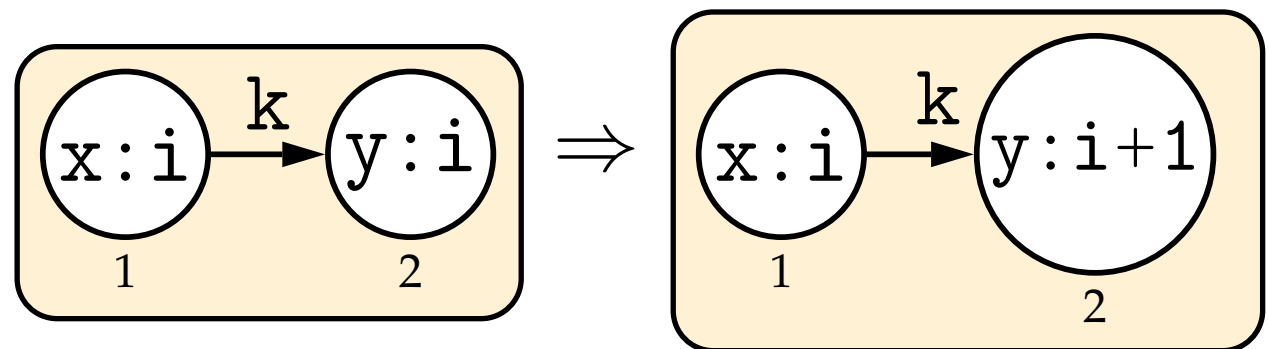


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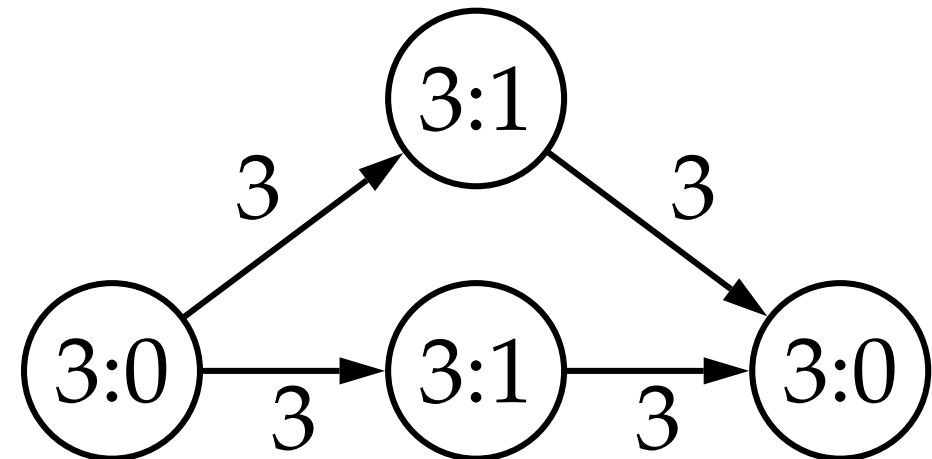
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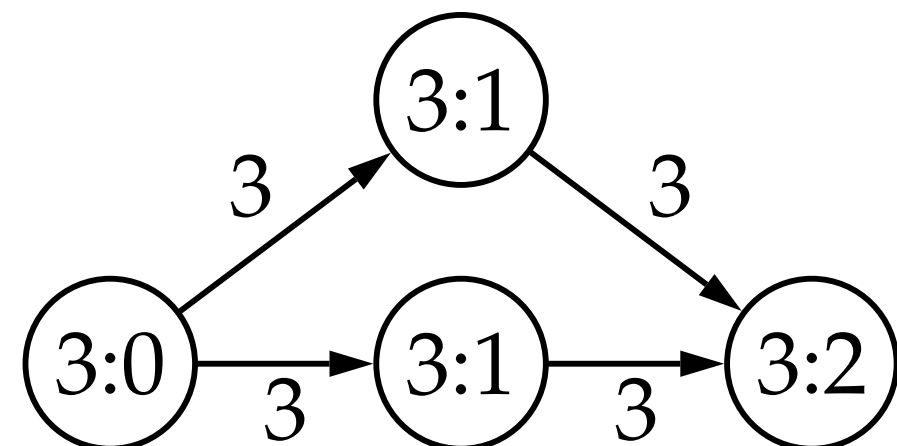
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Next on the agenda

(1) a programming language for graphs



(2) an assertion language for graphs

(3) Hoare-style reasoning about graph transformation

(4) program proofs

An assertion language for graphs

- we *could* use some first-order logic interpreted over graphs

$$\exists v. \text{node}(v) \wedge l(v) = \text{"party"}$$

- but program states are graphs, and computational steps are graph transformation rules
 - both at a **high-level of abstraction**
- define an assertion language at the **same level of abstraction**
 - facilitate visual specifications
 - integrate the theory of graph transformation into assertional reasoning

E-conditions: graphical assertions about the program state

- **E-conditions** - a logical assertion language embedding pictures of graphs
- *idea*: express the existence of some subgraph with particular **structural** features and **particular relations between labels**
- combine with Boolean negation and connectives for a **visual logic** equivalent to first-order logic over graphs
- *historical note*: a generalisation of nested conditions (Habel & Pennemann)

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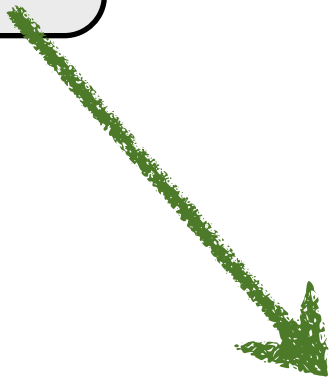
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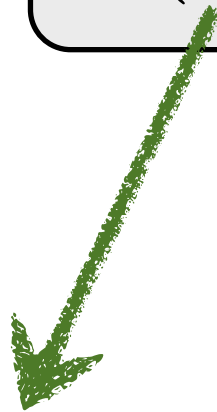


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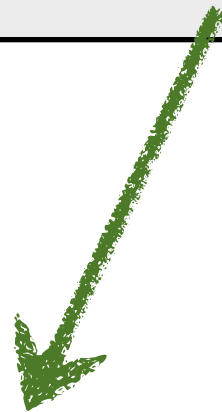


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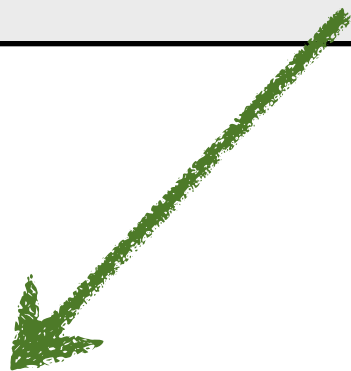


γ is a constraint over the labels of C

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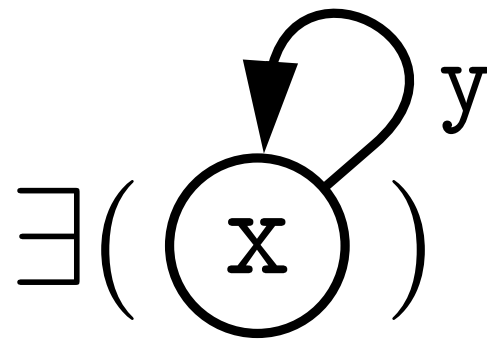
c' is an E-condition, i.e. true or $\exists(C' \mid \gamma', c'')$

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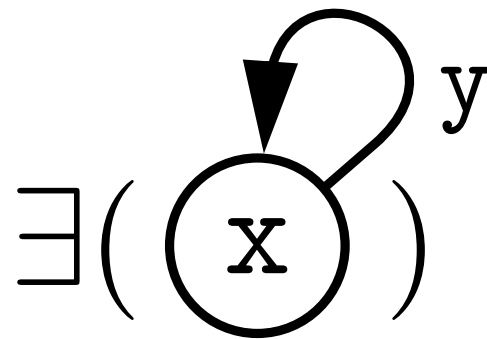
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Semantics by example



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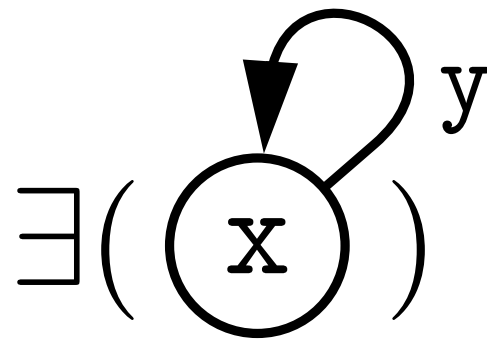
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*variables are untyped
(and here, unconstrained)*

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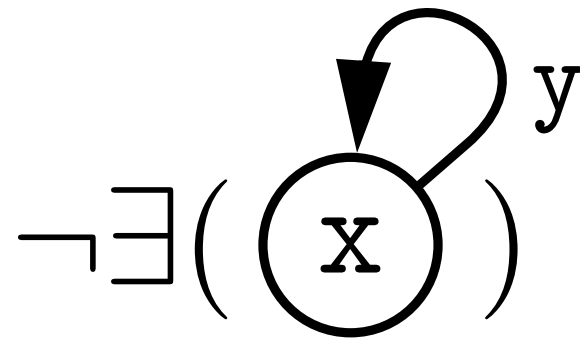


$$\exists(C \mid \gamma, c')$$

*we don't write γ or c'
if they are just true*

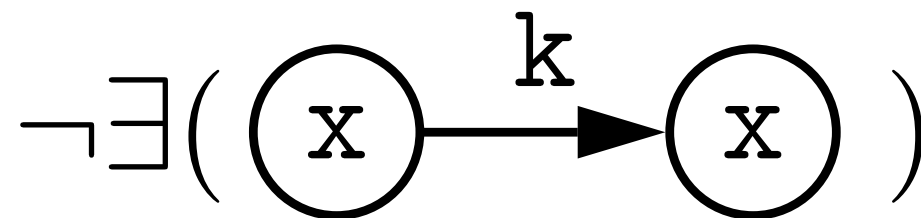
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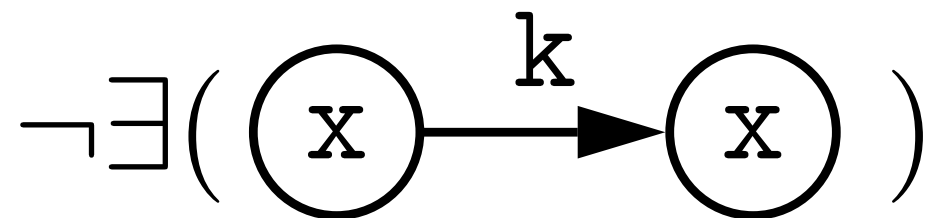


*“there does not exist a node
incident to a loop”*

Expressions as labels are important, too!

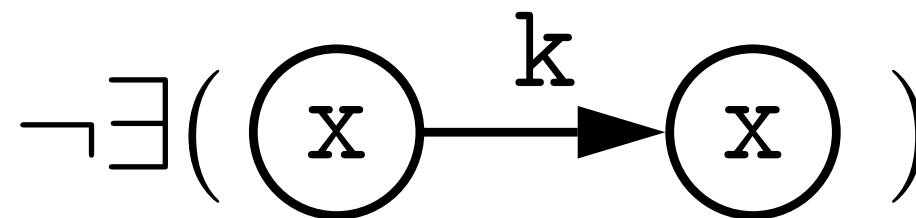


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what is k all about?

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Expressions as labels are important, too!

$$\neg \exists ((x) \xrightarrow{k} (x) \mid k = x * x)$$

now k is constrained

read aloud as “such that”

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“there does not exist a pair of adjacent nodes such that:

- (1) the nodes have the same label; and*
- (2) the edge is the square of that label”*

Constraints enforce relations between labels

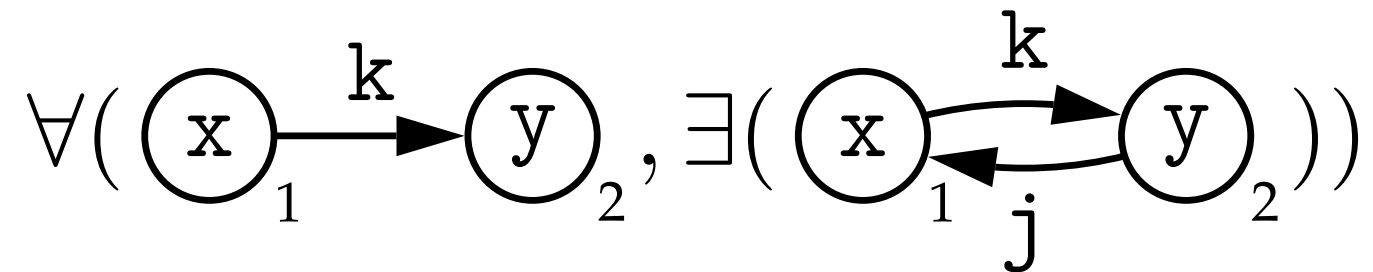
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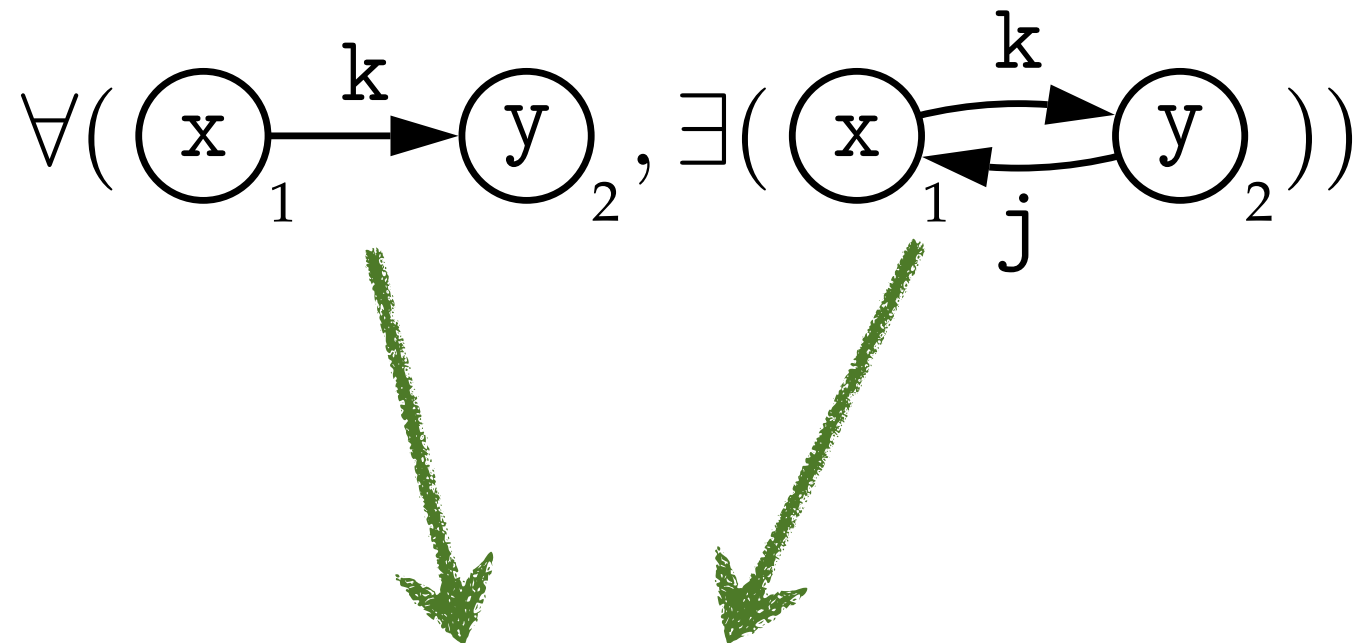
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*“there is a pair of adjacent nodes with source label greater than target label
AND no node is labelled with a negative number”*

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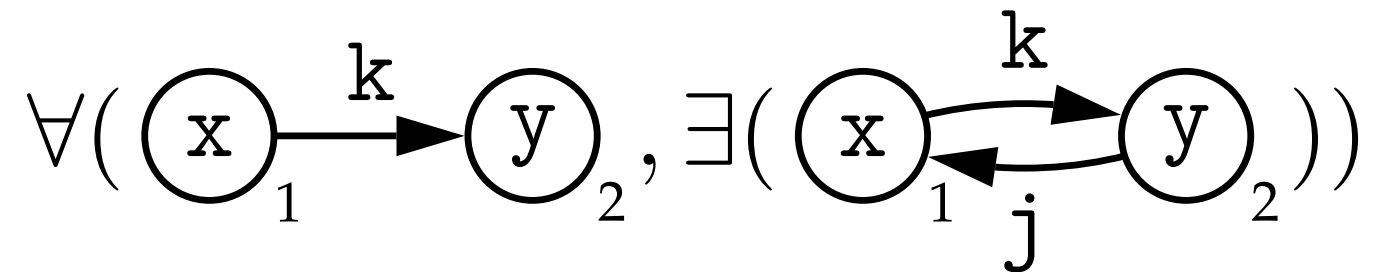
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these nodes and the k-labelled edge are the same

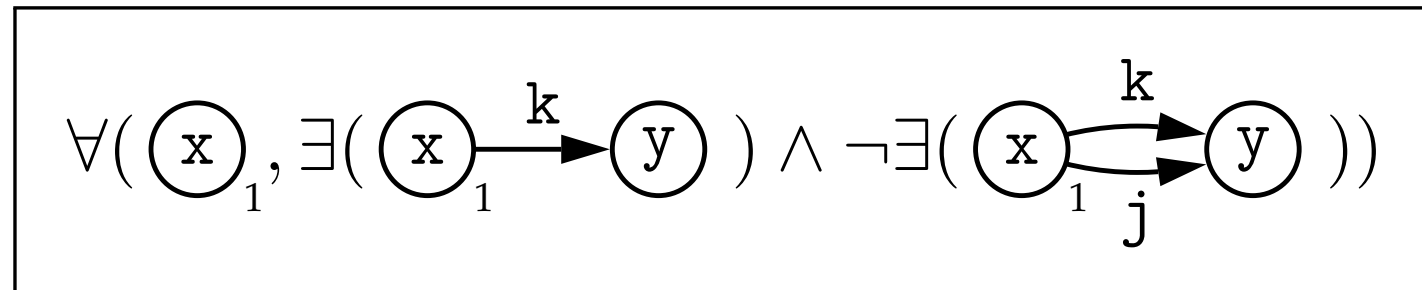
- *nesting allows us to express properties about particular contexts i.e. express something about the universally quantified graph*

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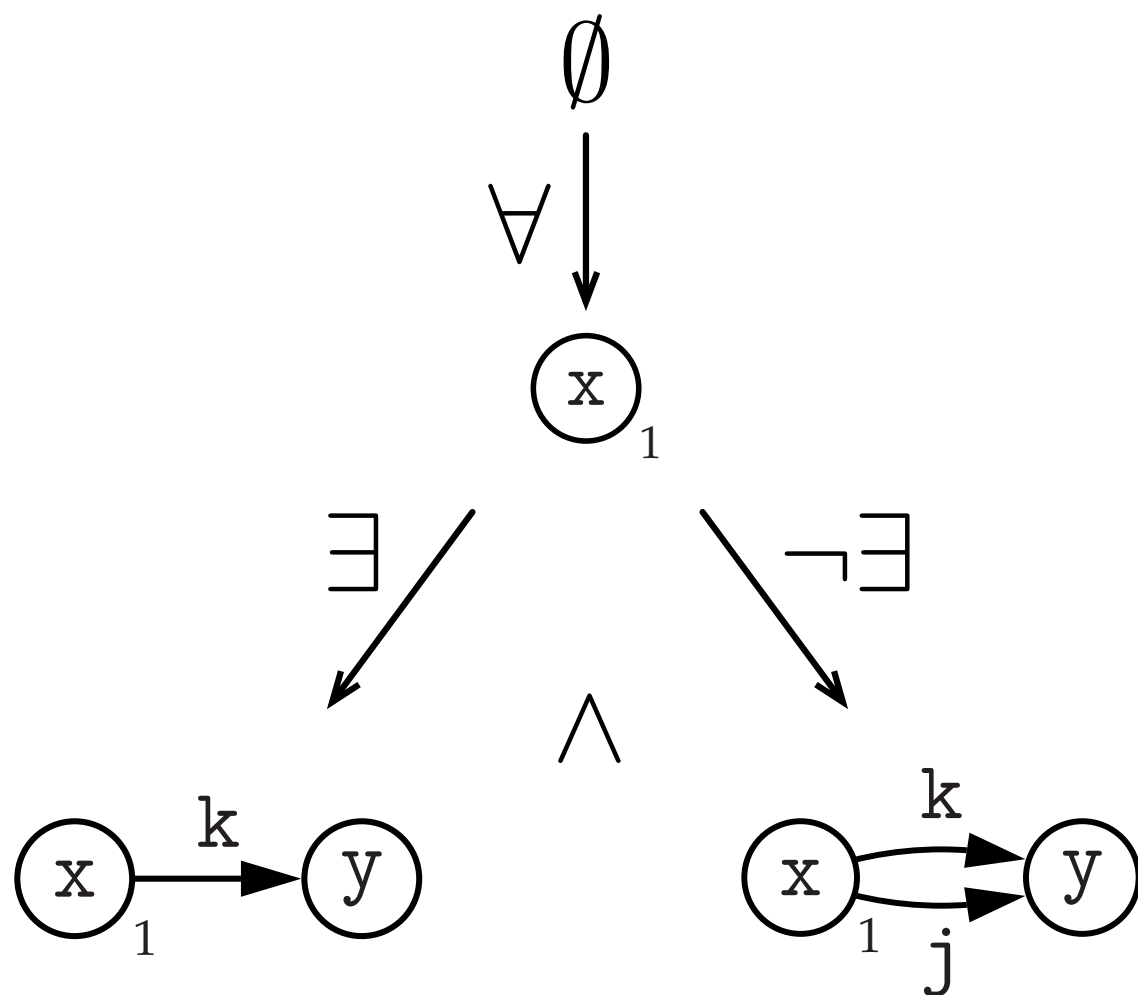
“if there is an edge from v to w , then there is also an edge from w to v (graph is undirected)”

View as a “tree” that is building up structural and relational information



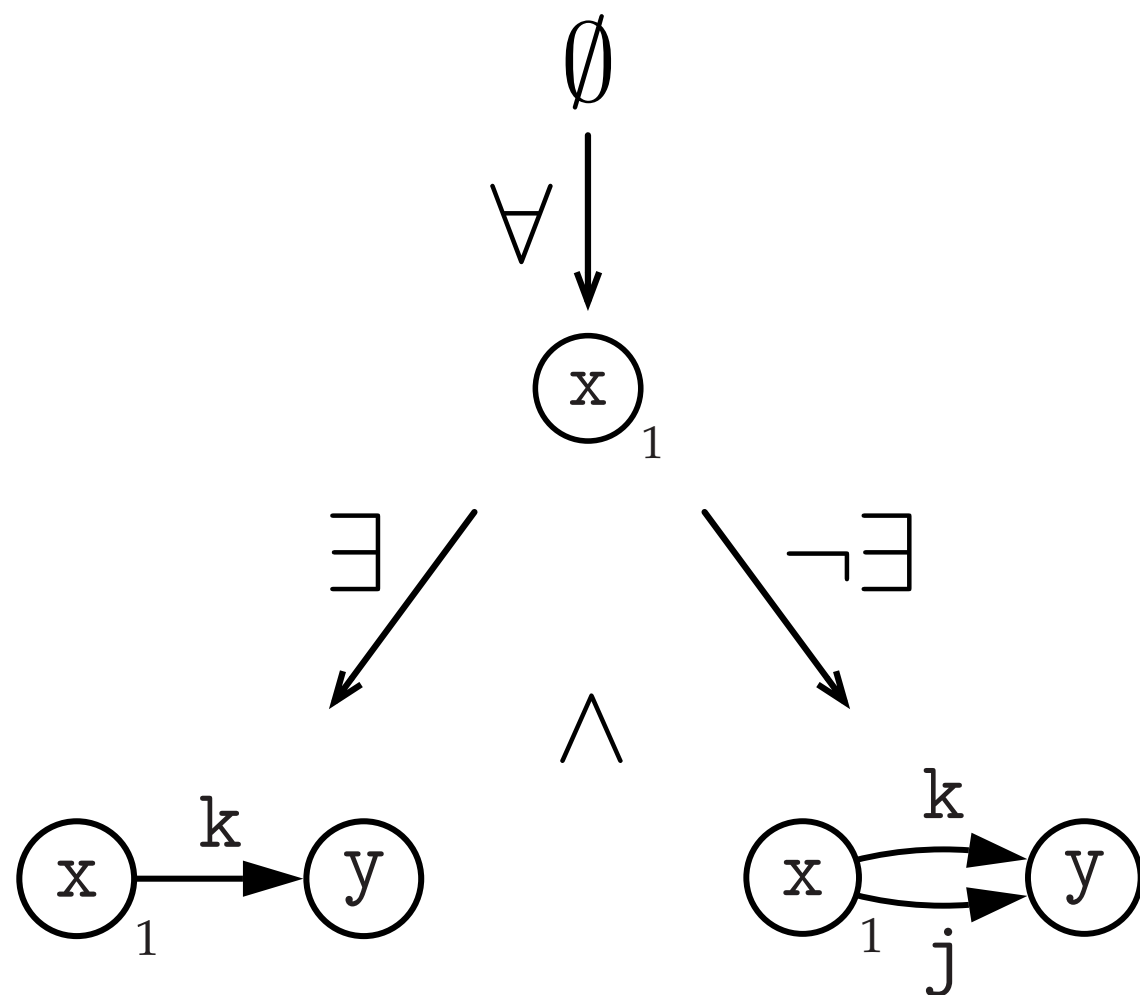
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for every node,
 (1) there exists an outgoing edge
 to another node; and
 (2) there does not exist a pair of
 outgoing edges to another node

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Satisfaction of E-conditions

(an incomplete definition)

- a graph G satisfies an E-condition c , written $G \models c$, if:

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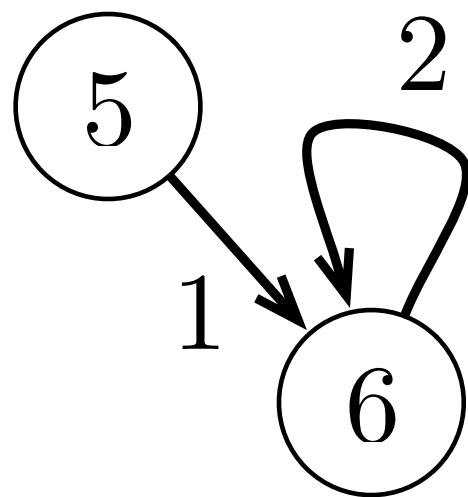
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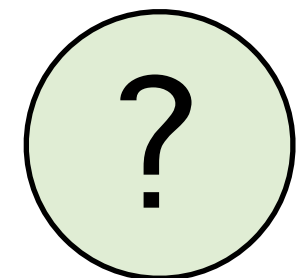
the complete formal definition needs the notion of “morphism” for the inductive part (c)

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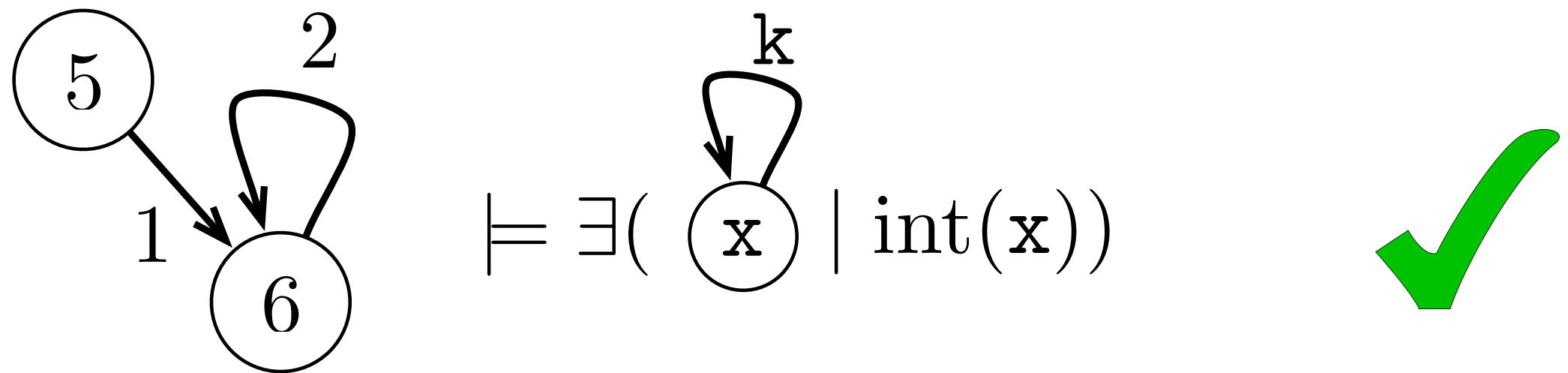


$$\models \exists(\text{node } x \mid \text{int}(x))$$

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graph TD; x((x)) -- k --> x;
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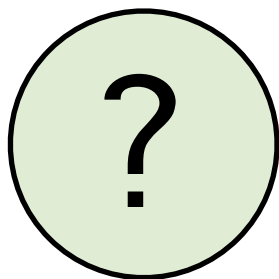
Satisfaction by example



by assignment $x \mapsto 6, k \mapsto 2$

What can E-conditions not specify?

- E-conditions are expressively equivalent to a **first-order logic** interpreted over graphs
- for relations between labels, this is great...
- ...but for graphs, first-order logic is quite **weak for expressing structure**
 - only “local” properties
 - need more than FO for **path properties**, connectedness...



what prevents us from simply adding predicates for these properties?

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(1) a programming language for graphs



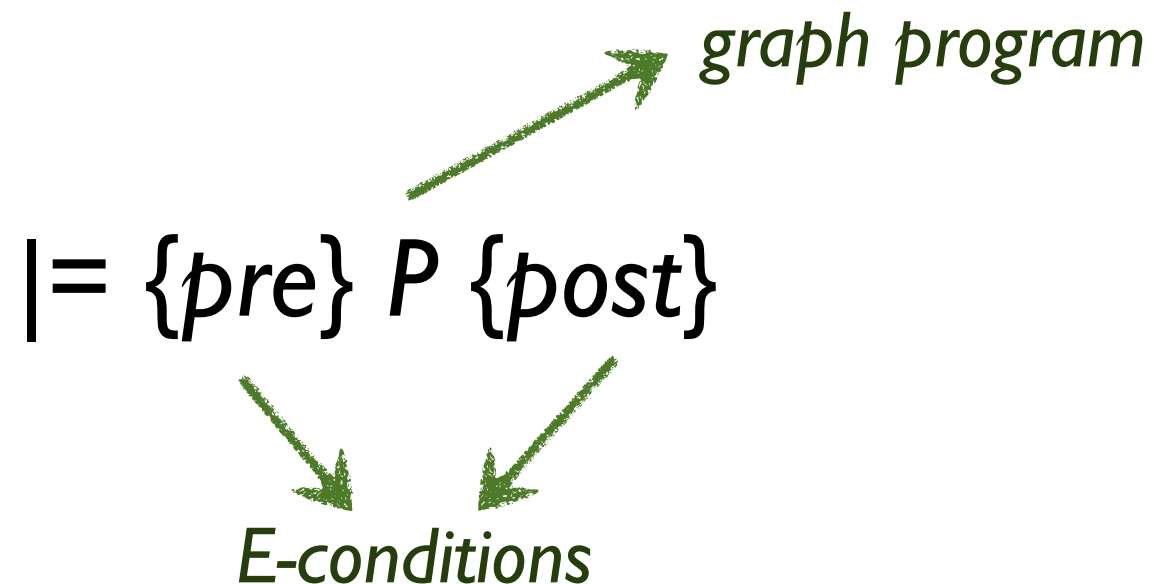
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Partial correctness specifications



- **partial correctness**: if program P is executed on a graph G such that $G \models pre$, then if a graph H results, $H \models post$
- differs to the partial correctness definition in lecture 2:
 - **nondeterminism**: many graphs H could result, but all guaranteed to satisfy $post$
 - P might **fail** on G

Proof rules

$$[\text{ruleset}] \frac{\{c\} \ r \ \{d\} \text{ for each } r \in \mathcal{R}}{\{c\} \ \mathcal{R} \ \{d\}}$$

where: $\mathcal{R} = \{r_0, \dots, r_n\}$

Proof rules

$$[\text{comp}] \frac{\{c\} P \{e\} \quad \{e\} Q \{d\}}{\{c\} P; Q \{d\}}$$

Proof rules

$$[!] \frac{\{inv\} \mathcal{R} \{inv\}}{\{inv\} \mathcal{R}! \{inv \wedge \neg \text{App}(\mathcal{R})\}}$$

where $\text{App}(\mathcal{R})$ constructs an E-condition expressing that $\mathcal{R}$ will not fail on the graph

Proof rules

$$\text{[if]} \frac{\{c \wedge \text{App}(\mathcal{R})\} P \{d\} \quad \{c \wedge \neg \text{App}(\mathcal{R})\} Q \{d\}}{\{c\} \text{ if } \mathcal{R} \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \{d\}}$$

$$\text{[try]} \frac{\{c \wedge \text{App}(\mathcal{R})\} \mathcal{R}; P \{d\} \quad \{c \wedge \neg \text{App}(\mathcal{R})\} Q \{d\}}{\{c\} \text{ try } \mathcal{R} \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \{d\}}$$

Proof rules

$$[\text{cons}] \frac{c \Rightarrow c' \quad \{c'\} P \{d'\} \quad d' \Rightarrow d}{\{c\} P \{d\}}$$

how to show the validity of an E-condition?

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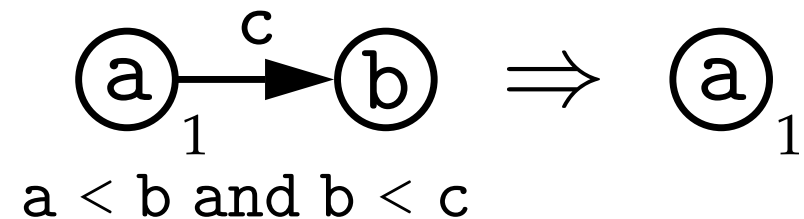
$$[\text{ruleapp}] \frac{}{\{\text{Pre}(r, c)\} \ r \ \{c\}}$$

where $\text{Pre}(r, c)$ constructs an E-condition expressing the weakest precondition that must hold for r to establish c

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(see Poskitt 13 for the construction)

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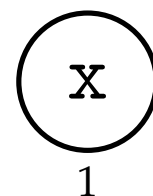
there is a potential match satisfying the condition

context satisfies dangling condition!

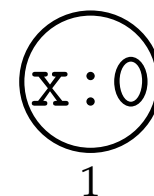
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$\text{init}(x: \text{atom})$



$\Rightarrow$



take init as r

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take as postcondition c

*“every node is either labelled by (1) an atom; or
(2) a sequence $b:c$ with b an atom, c a natural*

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take home point:
embeds the left-hand graph of r and the
postcondition c together in a precondition

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Classic Hoare logic vs. graph program Hoare logic

- for the most part, classic and graph-based Hoare logic are very similar

- but interestingly, in “raising the abstraction” of programs and assertions, we make the core axiom of the Hoare logic very technical / complicated



- compare to the simplicity of the assignment axiom

- motivates tool support, especially for generating App(R), Pre(r,c), and for deciding implications that have them as consequences

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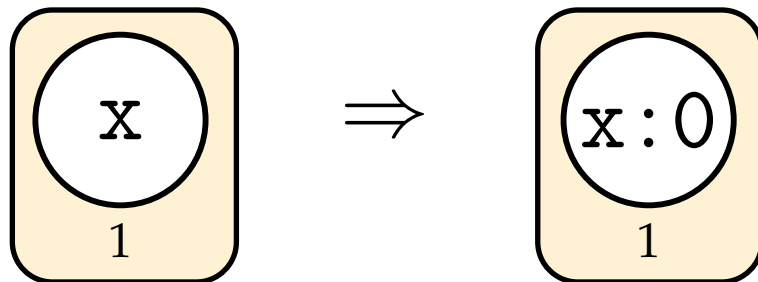


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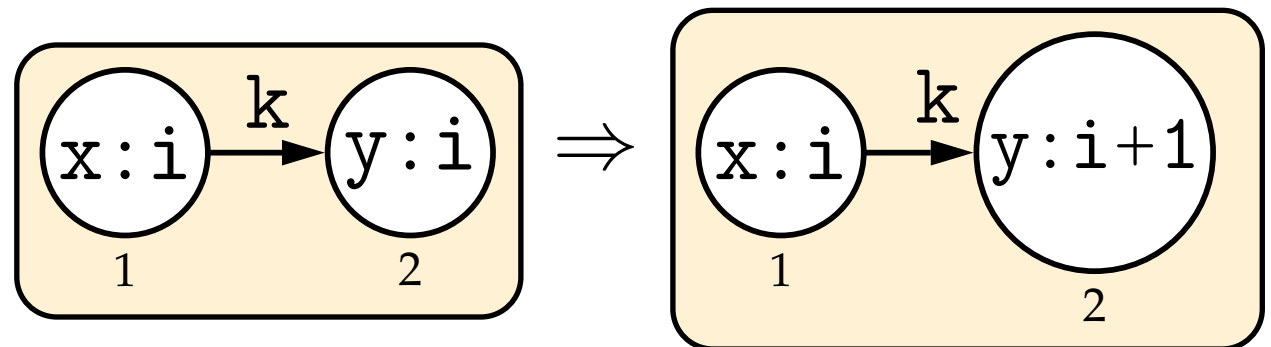
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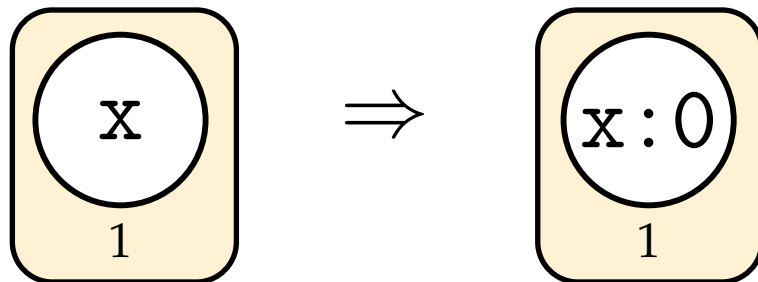
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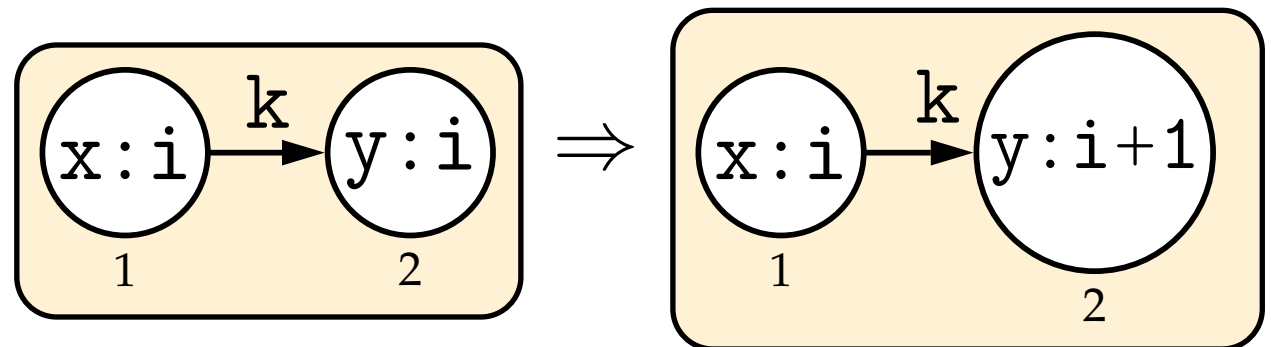
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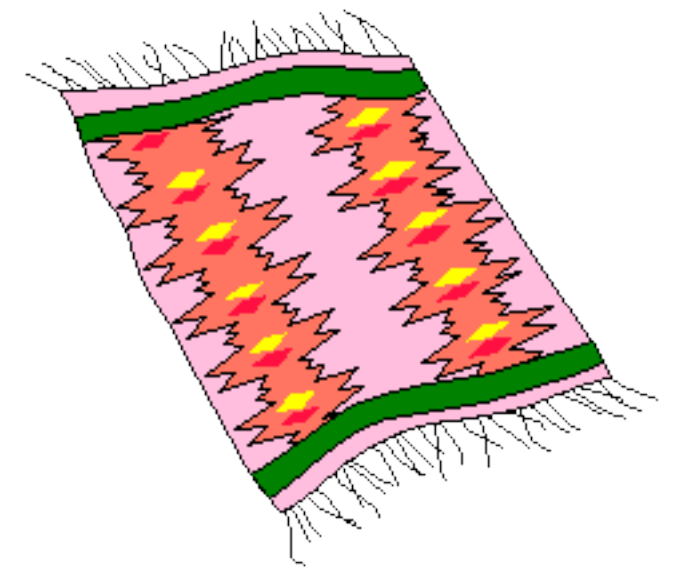
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The full picture



- many technical details hidden “under the carpet”
 - impossible to cover everything in the assigned time
- the full picture is quite interesting (I think!)
 - references will be added to the course webpage
 - but these are of course **optional readings**
 - the exercises on Wednesday will make clear the level of understanding I aimed for

Summary

- motivated the study of **graph-manipulating programs** and discussed some applications
- introduced the notion of **graph transformation**: program states as **graphs**; steps as **rules**
- considered a **programming language** for modelling problems as graph transformations
- presented an overview of an **assertion language** and **Hoare logic** for proving properties about graph structure and relations between labels

Ongoing work

- reasoning about arbitrary-length path properties
- graph-based semantics for concurrency models

Thank you! Questions?

Next lecture:

- data flow analysis (with Sebastian Nanz)