

# Can Graph Transformation be Bidirectionalized?

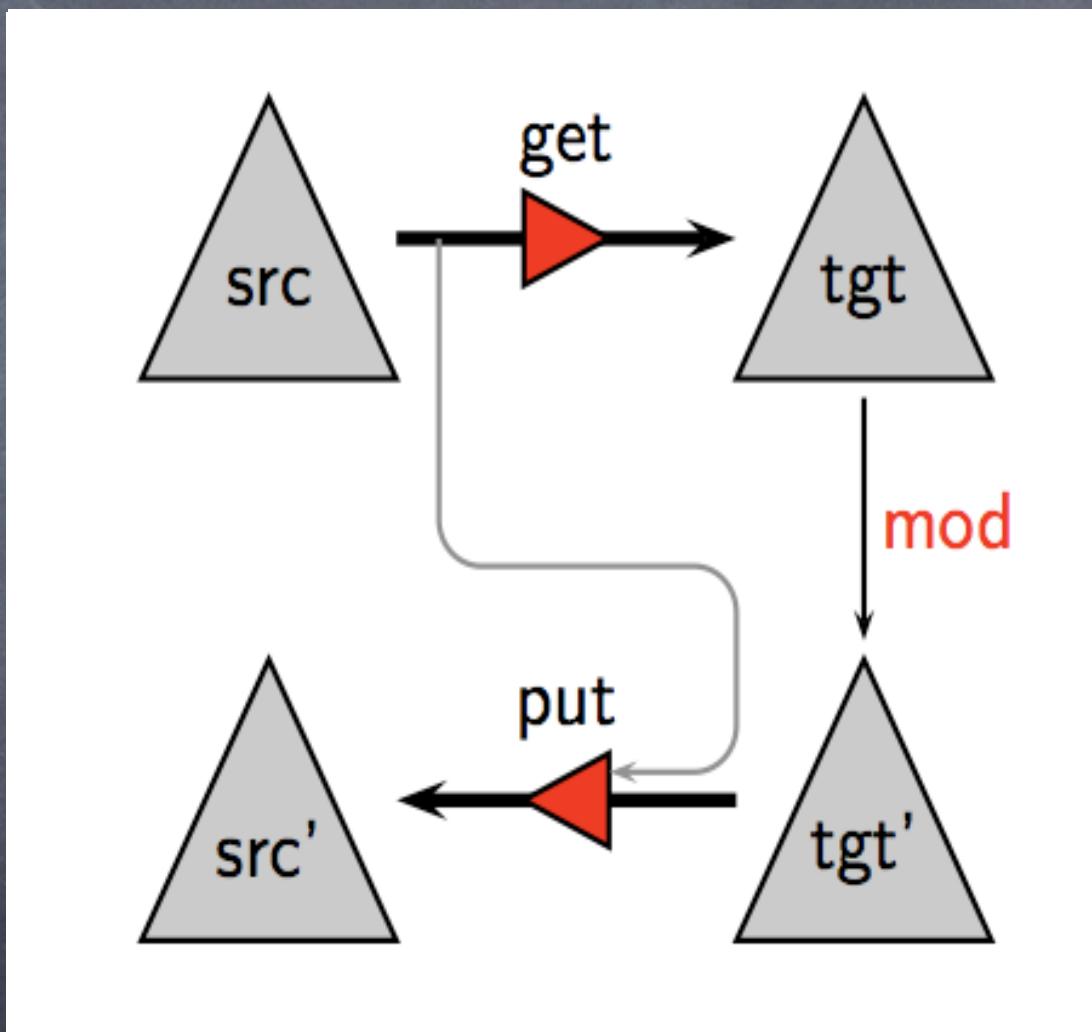
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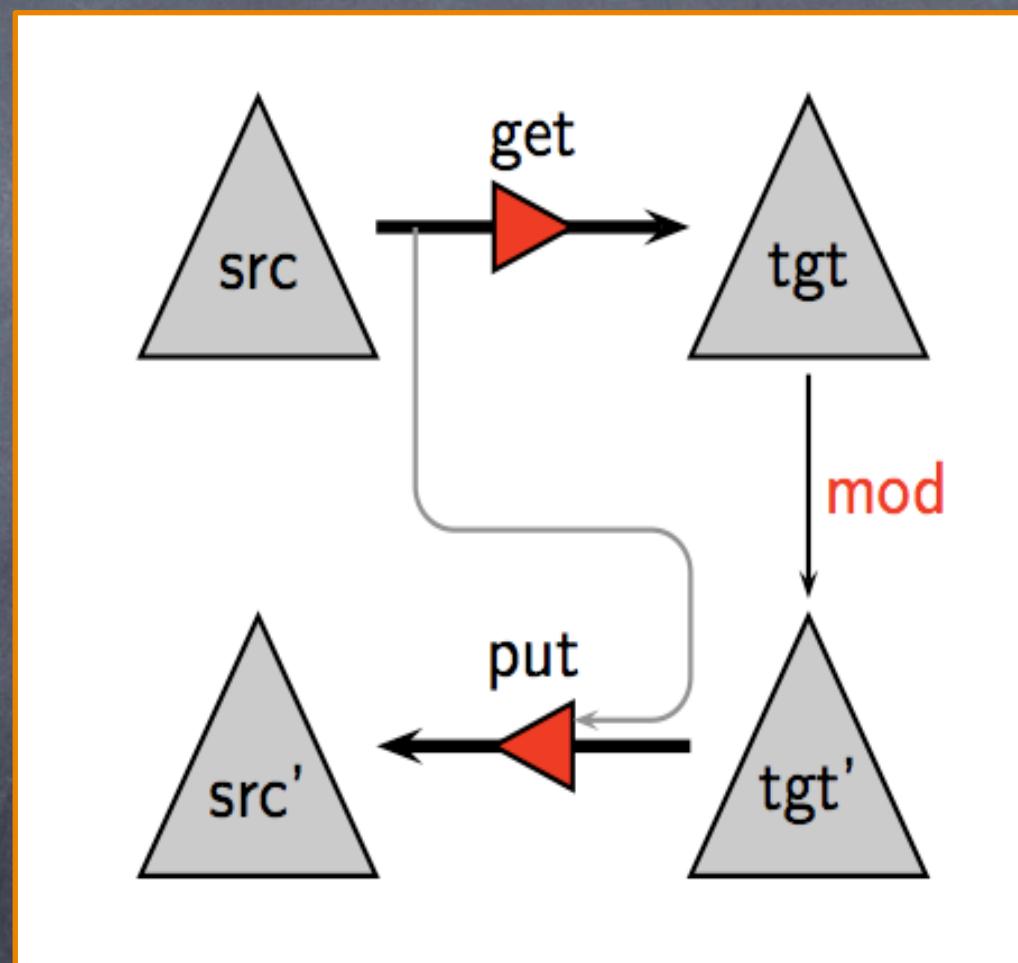
# Bi-directional Transformation



consists of a pair of computation **forward** and **backward**

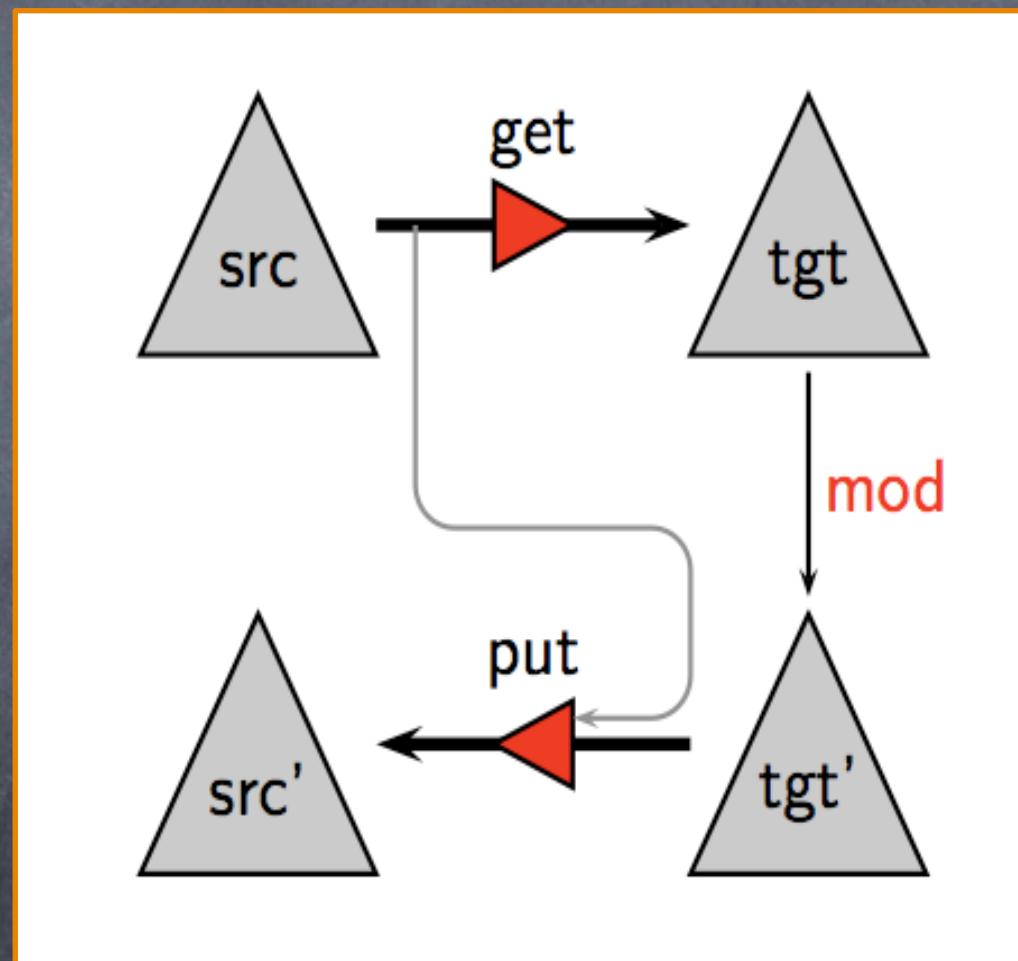
# Stability

No Change on the view implies no change on the source



# Reflectivity

Changes on the view is reflected to the source

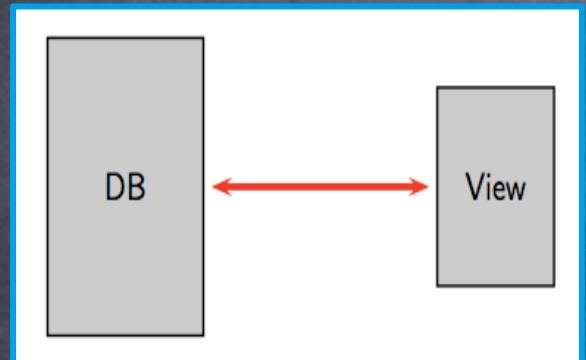


# Pervasive DB Calls for Language Support

Data Synchronization (2006)

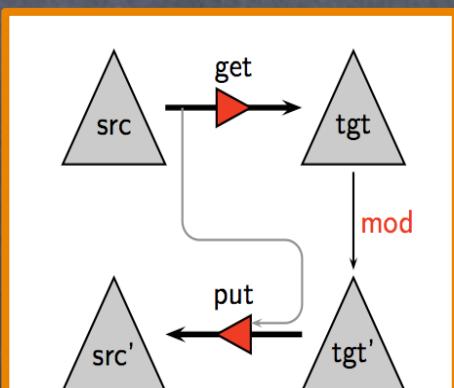
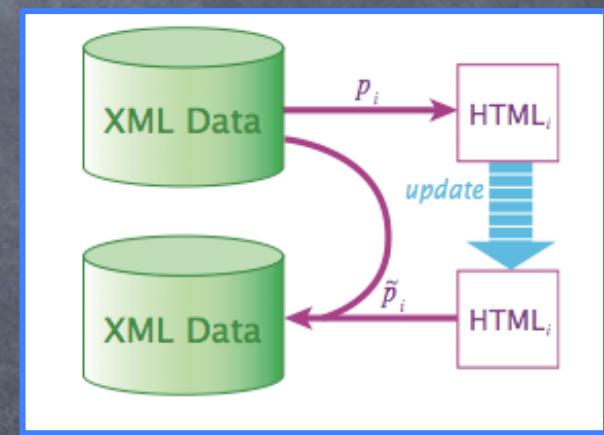


View Updating (80')



Roundtrip Engineering

Web Maintainer (2008)



# Directional Tree Transformation Languages

- Languages for support **data synchronization**
  - University of Pennsylvania
  - Lens [POPL'06], Boomerang [ICFP'08], ...
- Language for **document construction**
  - University of Tokyo
  - X/Inv [PEPM'04,MPC'04], BX18 [ICFP'07,ESOP'

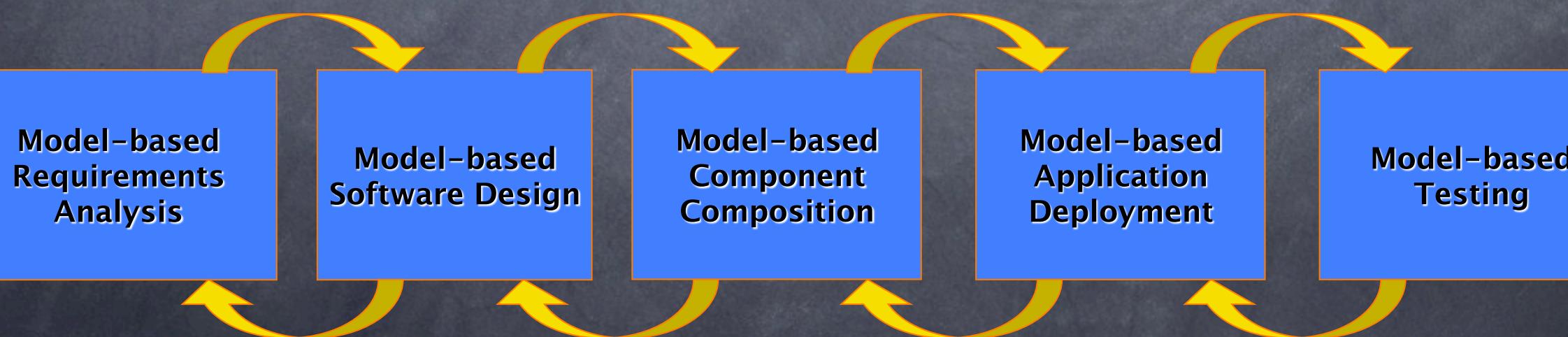
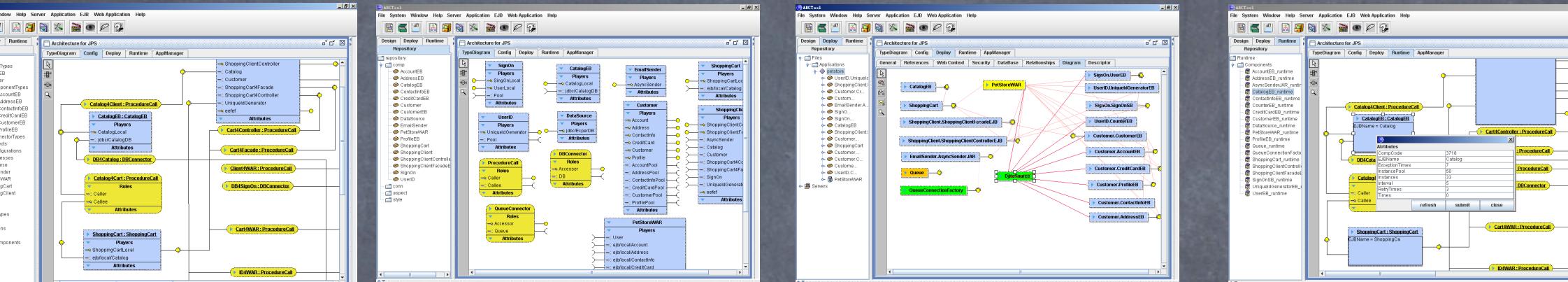
Can we design a language  
for bidirectional graph  
transformation (BiG)?

# My Talk

- We report our design and implementation of a bidirectional graph transformation language UnQL+
- We demonstrate its application in evolutionary software engineering
- We highlight some difficult problems

# BiG is Important

## Model-driven software development

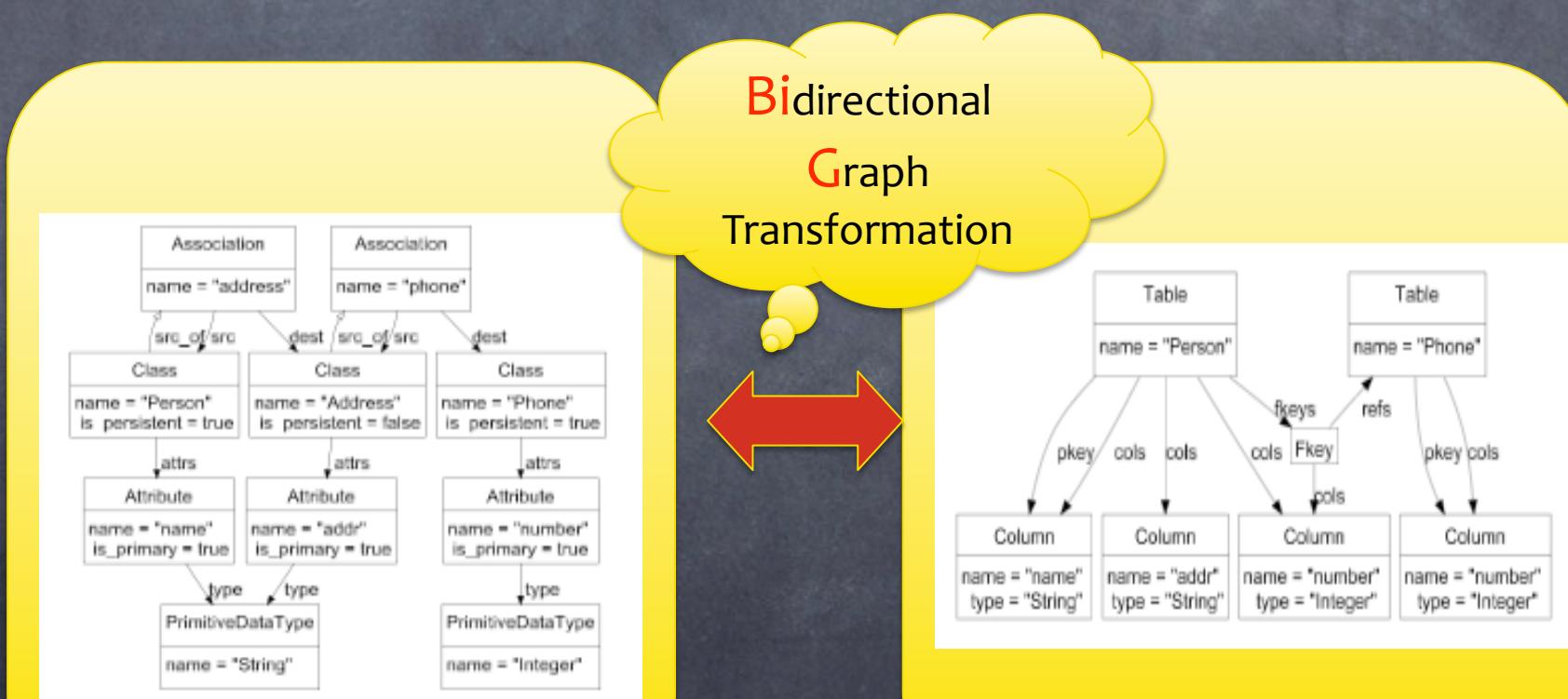


# BiG is Important

Model-driven software development:

Models ==> Graphs

Model transformation ==> Graph transformations



# BiG is Challenging

- How to deal with termination of graph transformation?
- How to deal with equality of two graphs?
- How to reflect changes on the view to the source?

## BiG in UnQL+



UnQL+



Graph Algebras  
(structured recursion)



Source  
graph

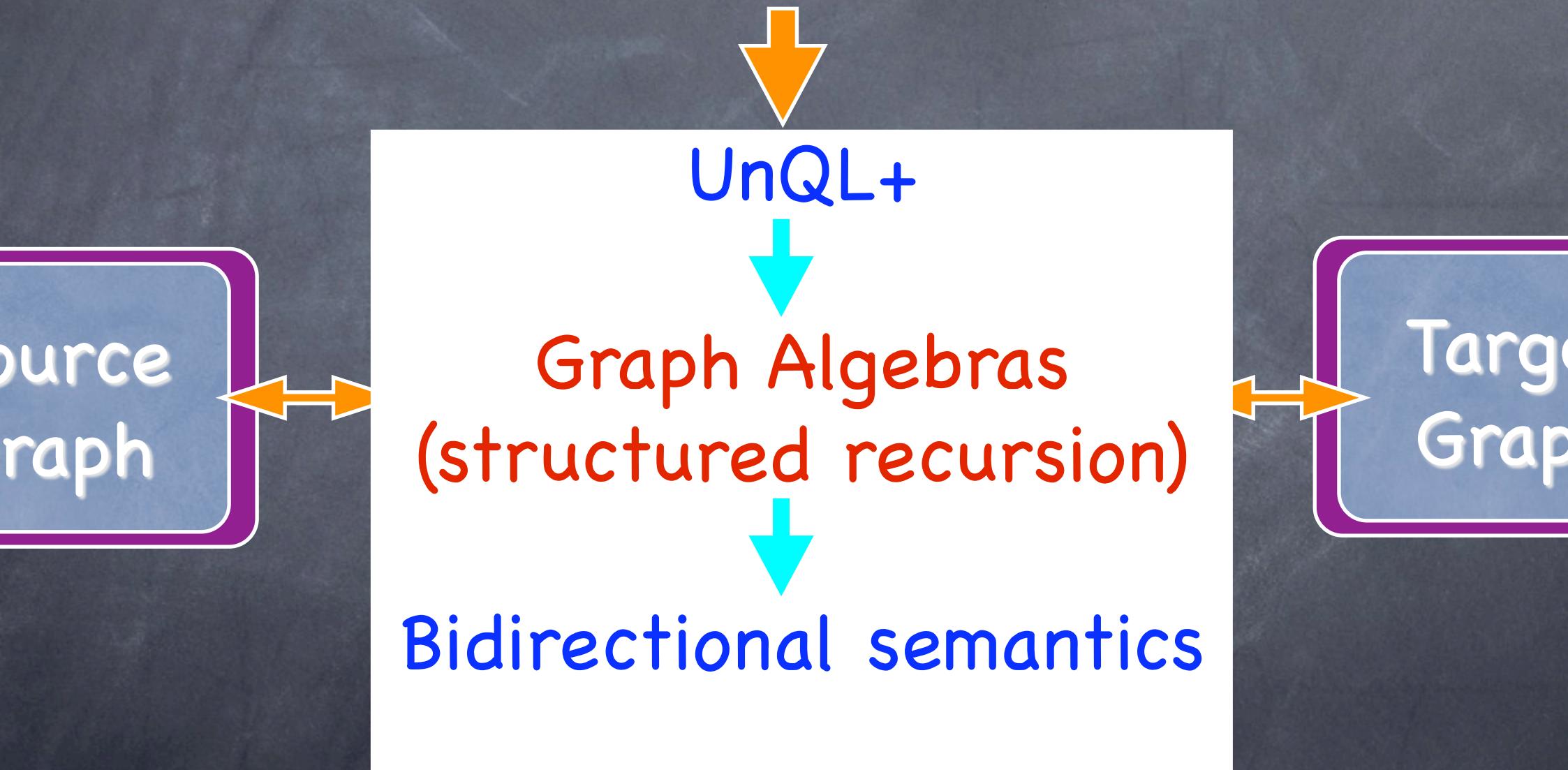


Target  
Graph



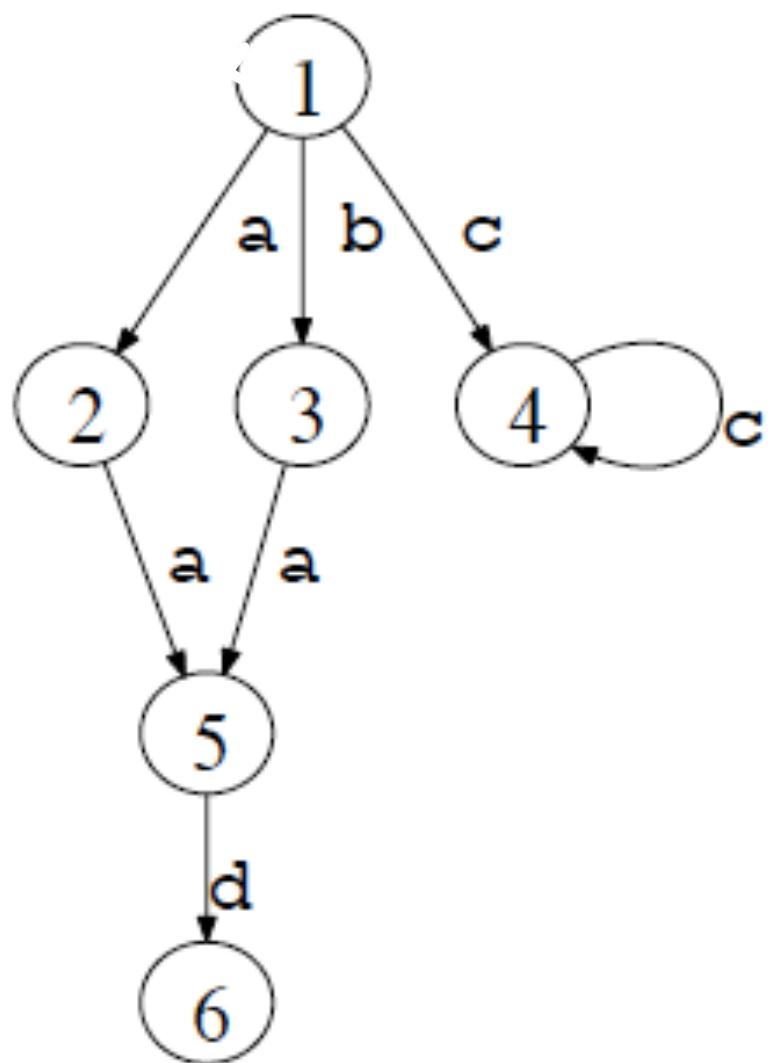
Bidirectional semantics

## BiG in UnQL+



# Graph Model

## Rooted Edged-Labeled Graph



$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{root}} &= \{a : \{a : G_5\}, b : \{a : G_5\}, c : G_4\} \\ G_5 &= \{d : \{\}\} \\ G_4 &= \{c : G_4\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$G = (V, E, I, O)$$

where

$$V = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

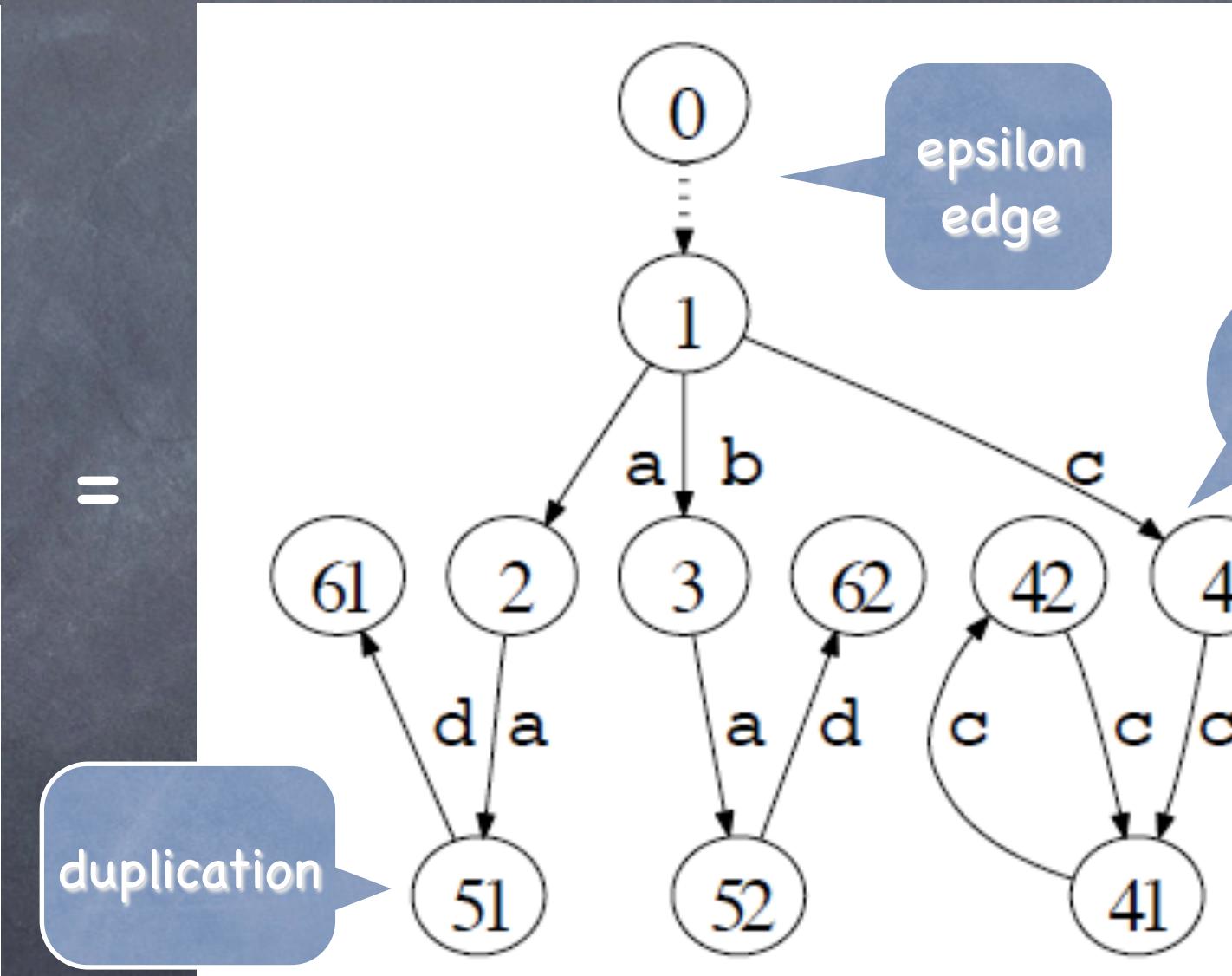
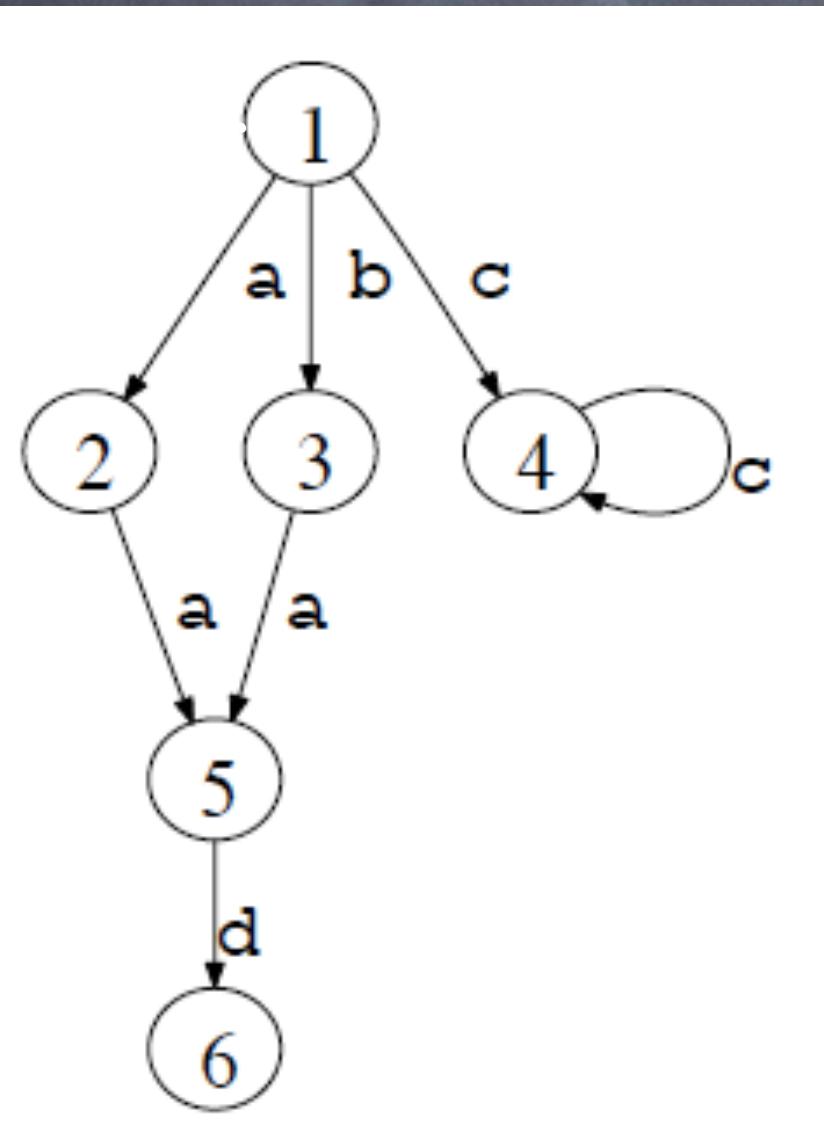
$$E = \{(1, a, 2), (1, b, 3), (1, c, 4), (2, a, 5), (3, a, 5), (5, d, 6)\}$$

$$I = \{(\&, 1)\}$$

$$O = \{\}$$

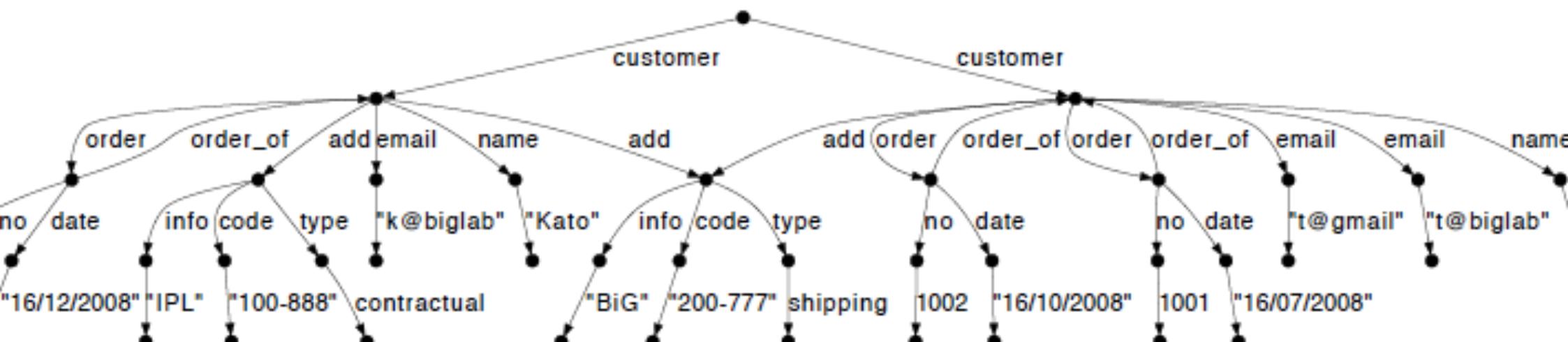
# Graph Model

Equivalence based on Bisimulation



# Graph Model

## An Example: A Customer Graph



BiG in UnQL+



UnQL+



Graph Algebras  
(structured recursion)



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graph



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Bidirectional semantics

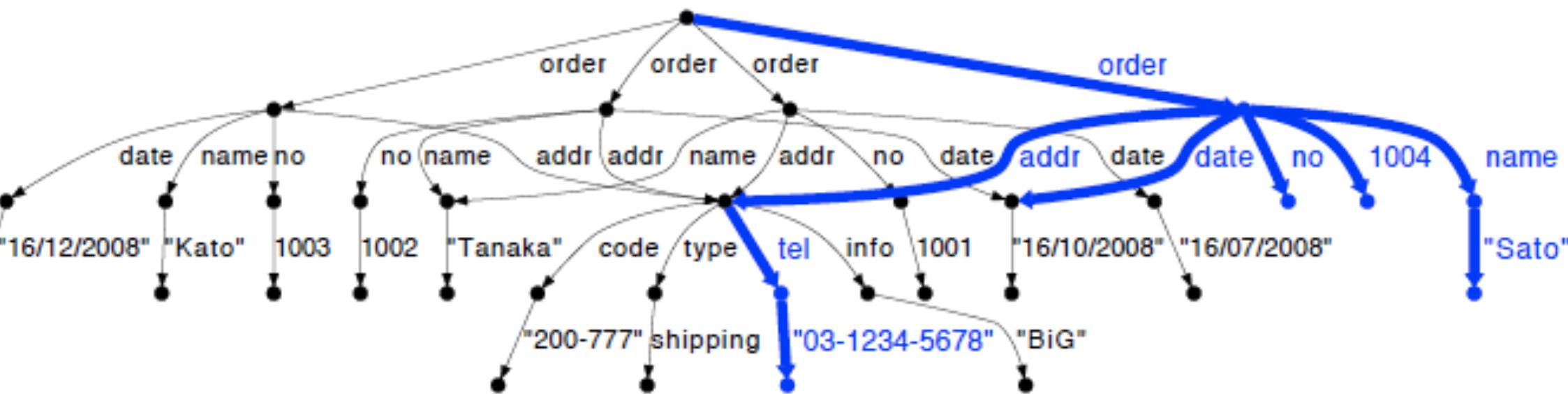
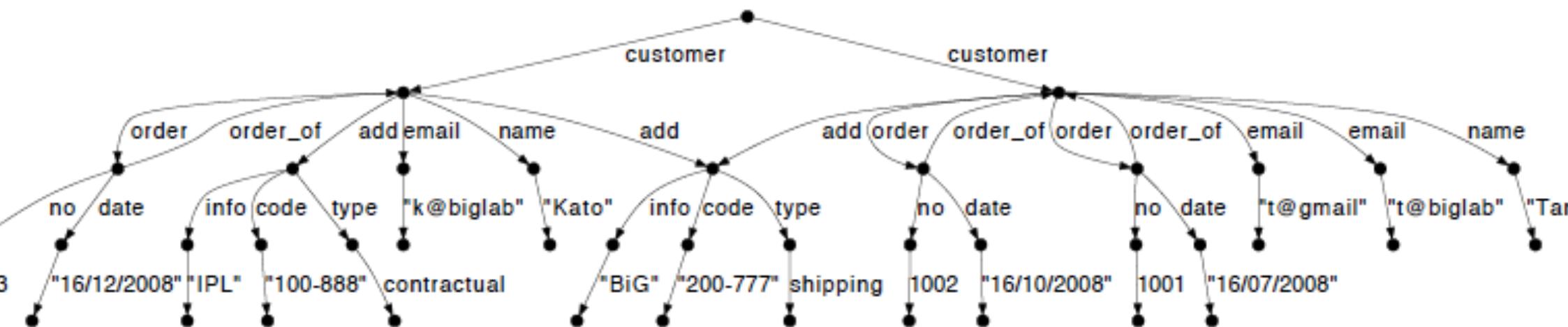
# UnQL+

An extension of UnQL, a functional graph query language [Buneman et. al. VLDB'00].

- select ... where ...
- replace ... by ... where ...

```
select {order : {date : $date,  
                 no : $no,  
                 name : $name,  
                 addr : $a}}}
```

```
where {customer.order : $o} in $customer_db,  
       {order_of : $c, date : $date, no : $no} in $o,  
       {add : $a, name : $name} in $c,
```



BiG in UnQL+



UnQL+



Graph Algebras  
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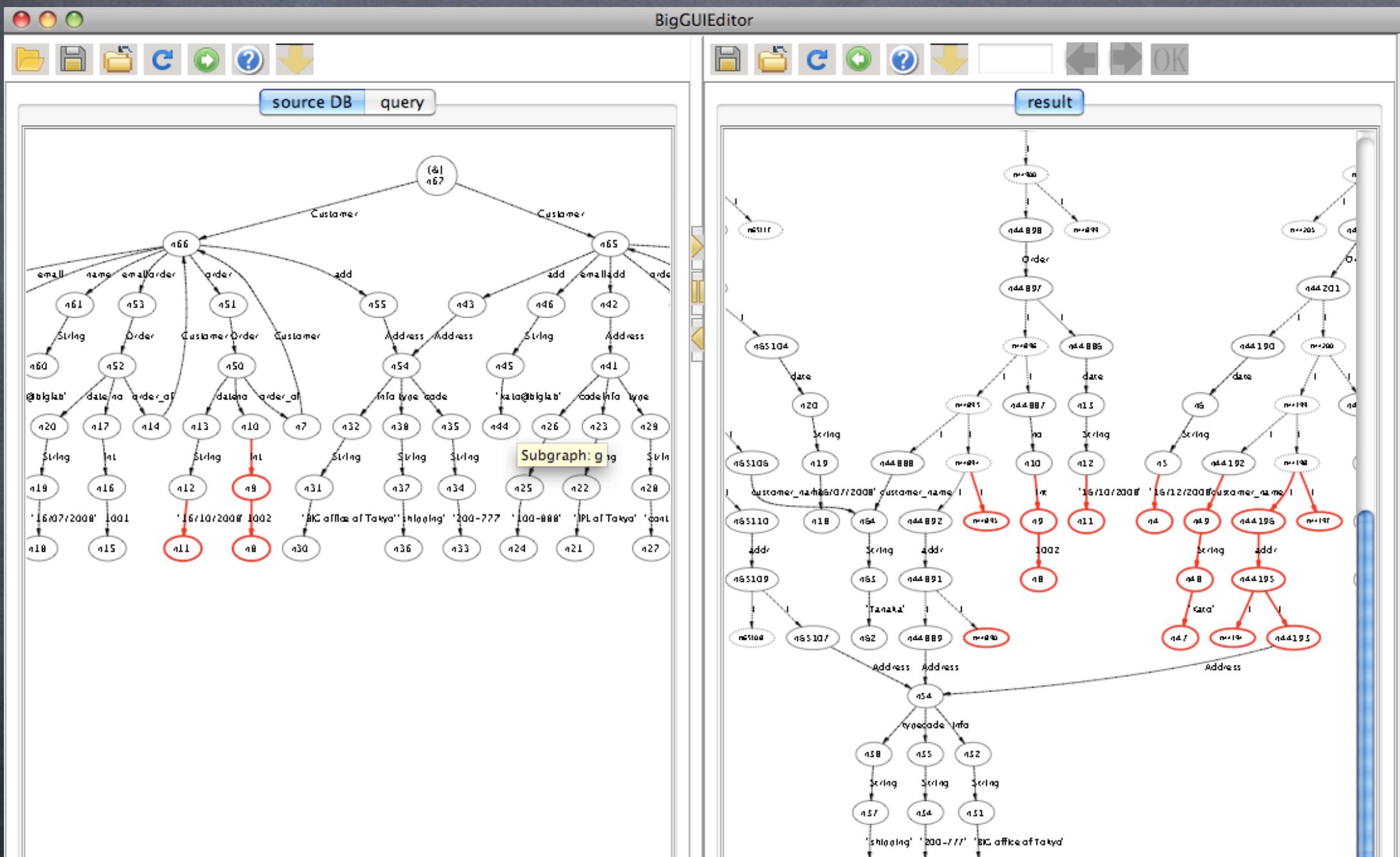
Bidirectional semantics

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# Simple Demos



BiG in UnQL+



UnQL+



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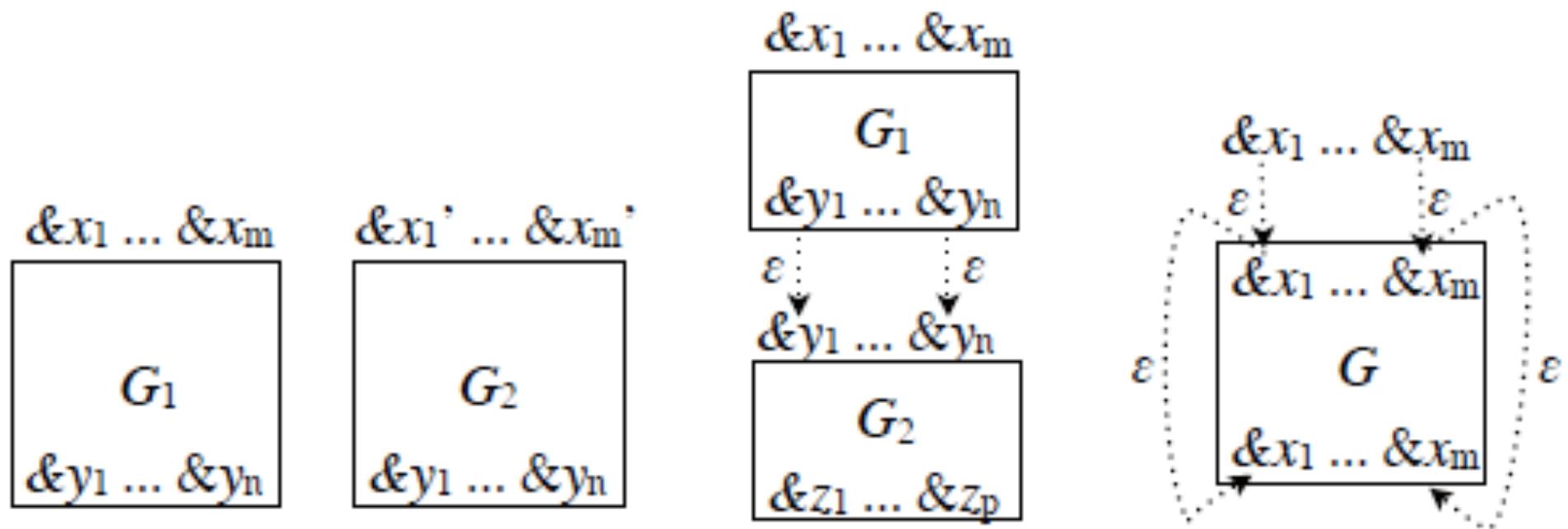
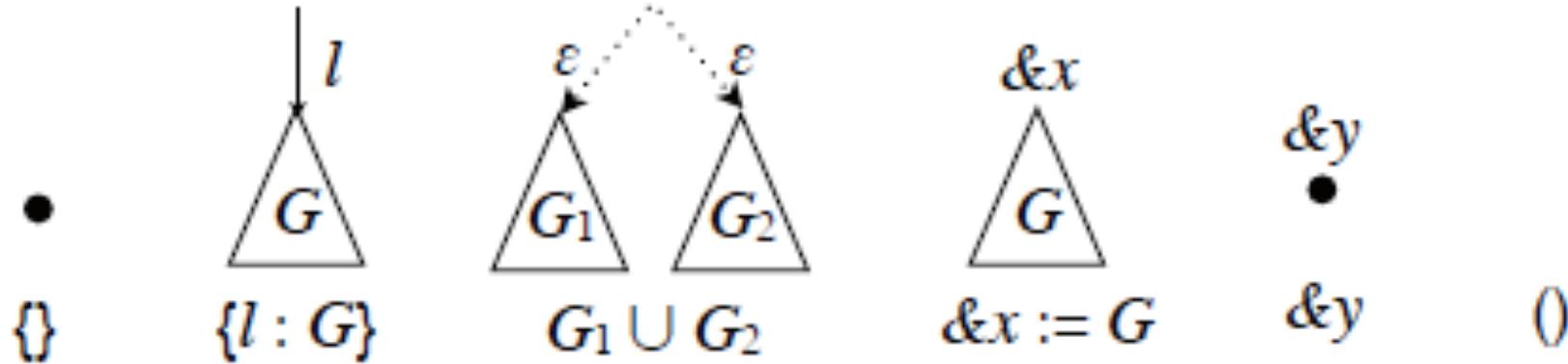


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# Graph Algebra

## Graph Constructors



# Graph Algebra

## Structured Recursion

Structural Recursion:

$$f(\{\}) = \{\}$$

$$f(\{l : g\}) = l \odot f(g)$$

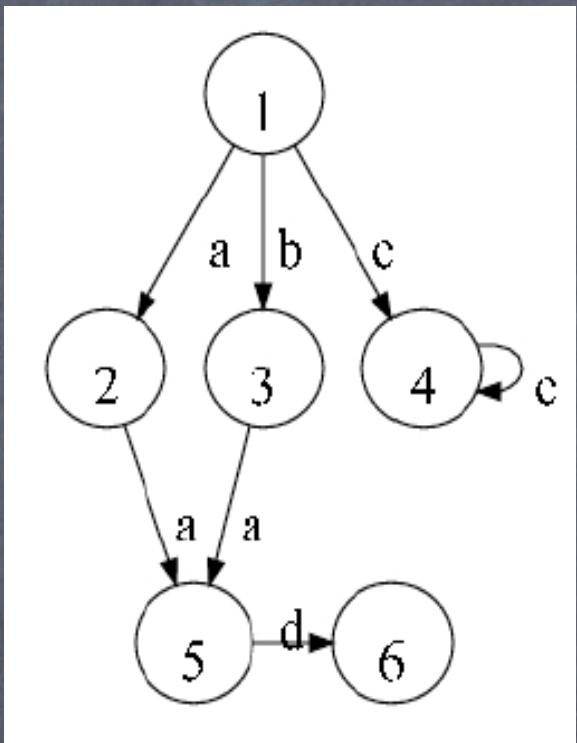
$$f(g_1 \cup g_2) = f(g_1) \cup f(g_2)$$

Or written as:

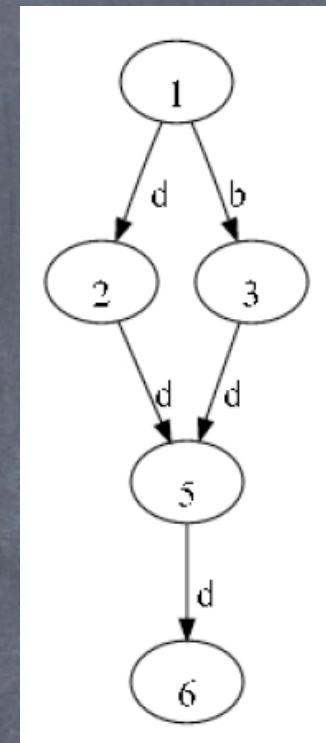
$$\text{sfun } f(\{l : g\}) = l \odot f(g)$$

# Graph Algebra

## Structured Recursion



a2d\_xc



```
sfun a2d_xc ({l : g}) = if l = a then {d : a2d_xc(g)}  
else if l = c then a2d_xc(g)  
else {l : a2d_xc(g)}
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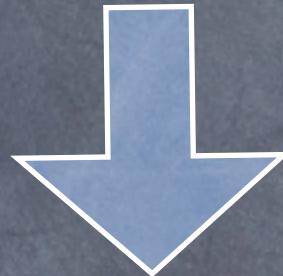
# Graph Algebra

## UnCAL (Buneman et al. 2000)

```
 $\text{ ::= } \{\} \mid \{l : e\} \mid e \cup e \mid \&x := e \mid \&y \mid () \mid e \oplus e \mid e @ e \mid \text{cycle}$ 
 $\mid \$g \hspace{10em} (* \text{ variable reference})$ 
 $\mid \text{if } l = l \text{ then } e \text{ else } e \hspace{10em} (* \text{ conditional})$ 
 $\mid \text{rec}(\lambda(\$l, \$g).e)(e) \hspace{2em} (* \text{ application of structural recursion})$ 
 $\text{ ::= } \$l \hspace{10em} (* \text{ label variable reference})$ 
 $\mid a \hspace{10em} (* \text{ label } (a \in Label))$ 
```

# Desugaring [SAC'09]

Graph Transformation  
in UnQL+



Graph Transformation as  
composition of structured  
recursive functions

# Bidirectional Semantics

Forward Evaluation

$\mathcal{F}[e]\rho$  to produce a view graph

Backward Evaluation

$\mathcal{B}[e](\rho, G')$  to produce a new environment

# Bidirectional Semantics

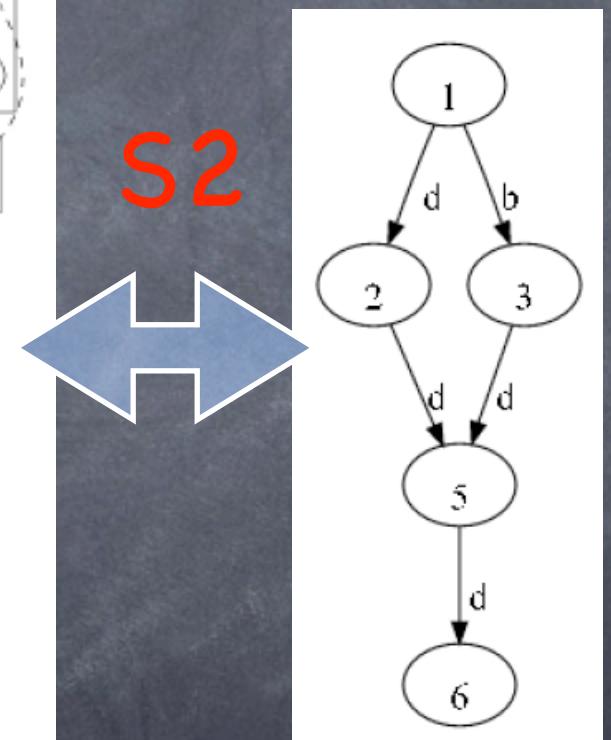
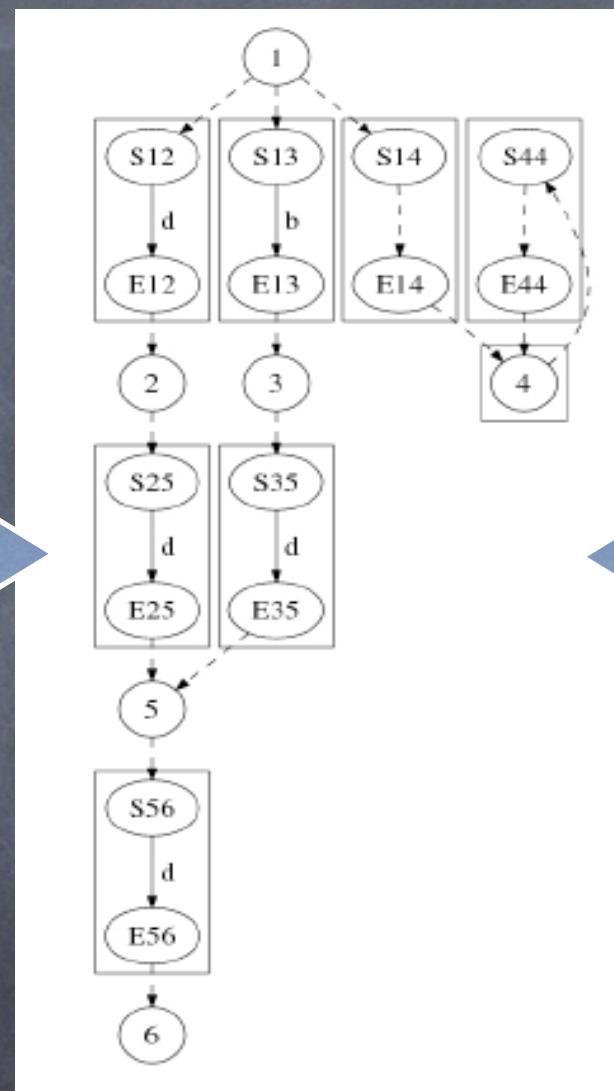
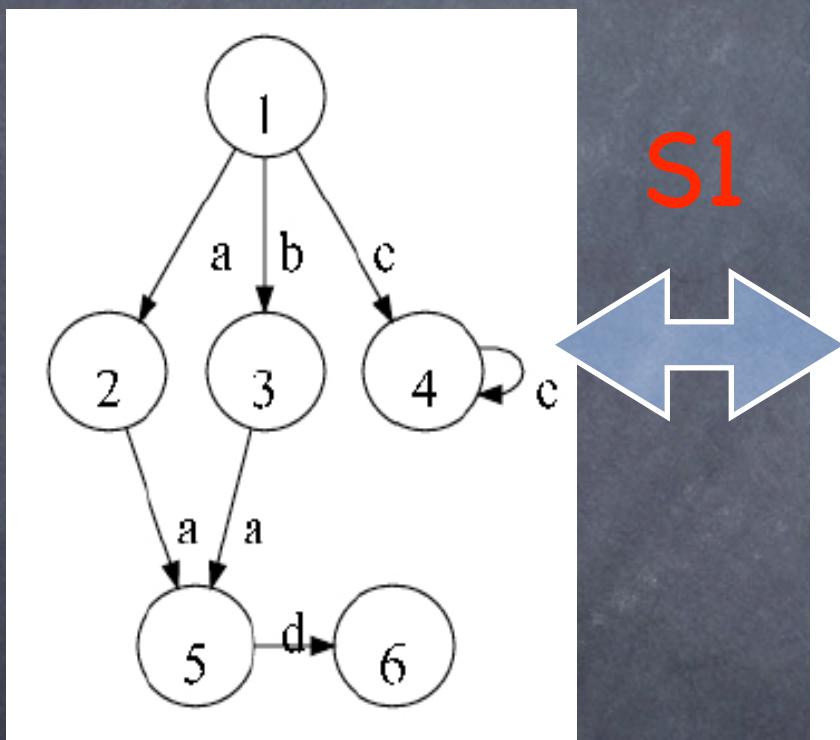
## Bidirectional Properties

$$\frac{\mathcal{F}\llbracket e \rrbracket \rho = G}{\mathcal{B}\llbracket e \rrbracket(\rho, G) = \rho} \text{(GETPUT)}$$

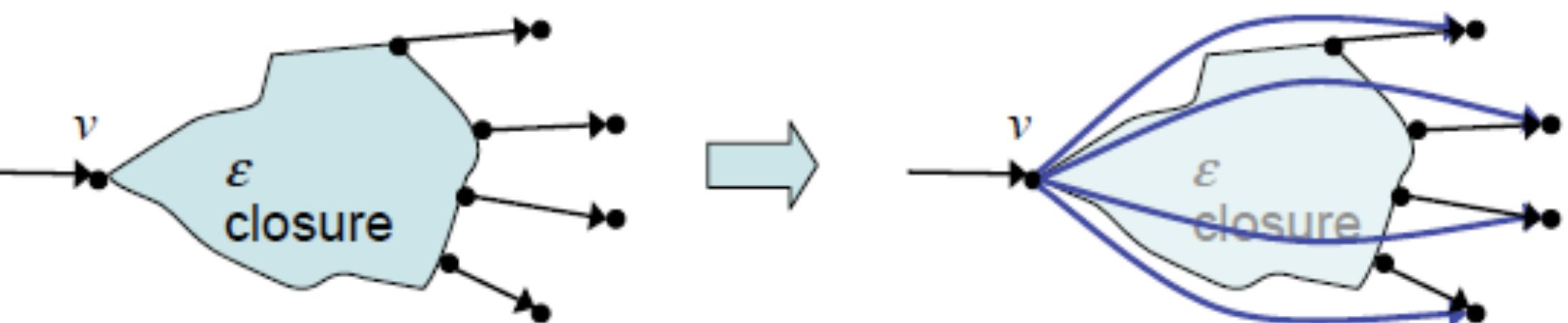
$$\frac{\mathcal{B}\llbracket e \rrbracket(\rho, G') = \rho' \quad G' \in \text{Range}(\mathcal{F}\llbracket e \rrbracket)}{\mathcal{F}\llbracket e \rrbracket \rho' = G'} \text{(PUTGET)}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}\llbracket e \rrbracket(\rho, G') = \rho' \quad \mathcal{F}\llbracket e \rrbracket \rho' = G''}{\mathcal{B}\llbracket e \rrbracket(\rho, G'') = \rho'} \text{(WPUTGET)}$$

# Two-stage Bidirectionalization



# 32. Epsilon-Edge Elimination



# Bidirectional Semantics

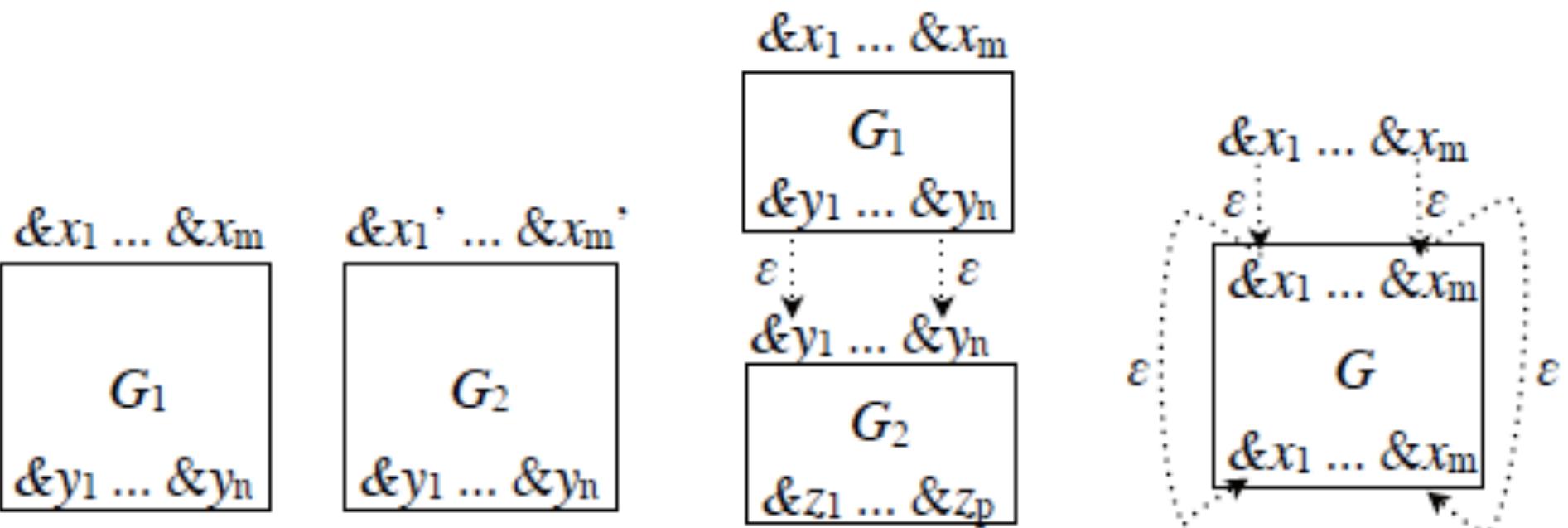
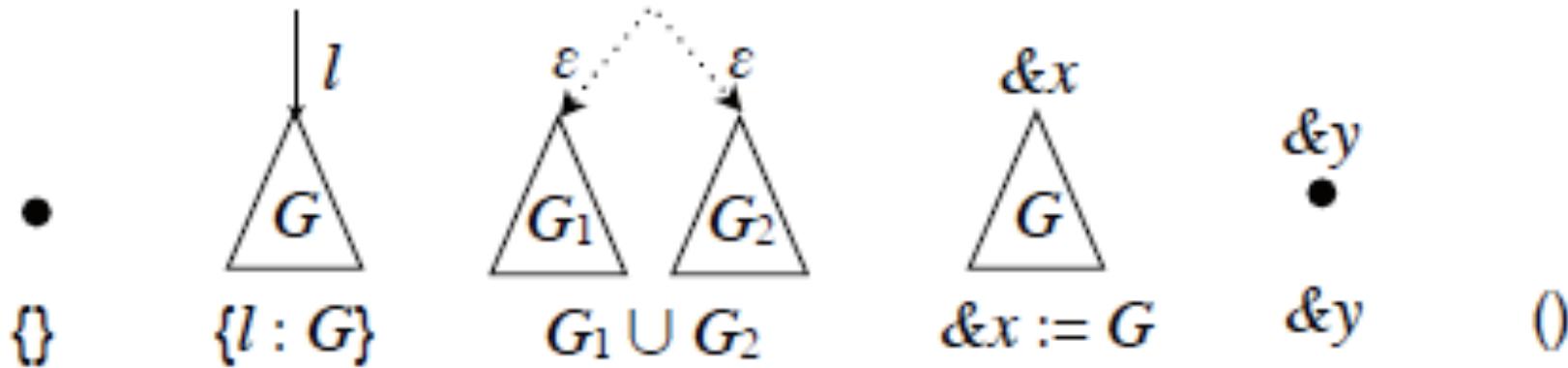
## Variable

$$\mathcal{F}[(\$v)^p]\rho = \rho(\$v)$$

$$\mathcal{B}[\$v](\rho, G') = \rho[\$v \leftarrow G']$$

# Bi-directional Semantics

## Constructors



$G_1 \oplus G_2$

$G_1 \otimes G_2$

$!G$

# BiDirectional Semantics

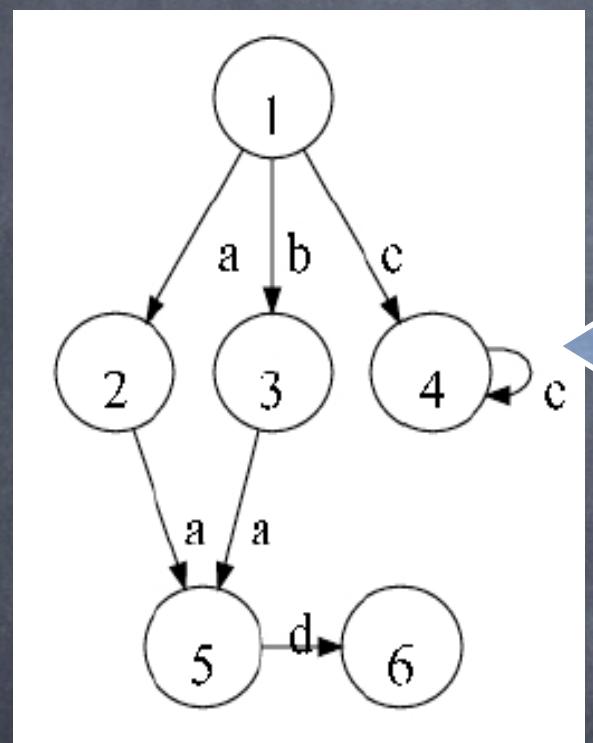
## Condition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}[(\text{if } l_1 = l_2 \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2)^p] \rho \\ = \begin{cases} \mathcal{F}[e_1] \rho & \text{if } l_1 \rho = l_2 \rho \\ \mathcal{F}[e_2] \rho & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

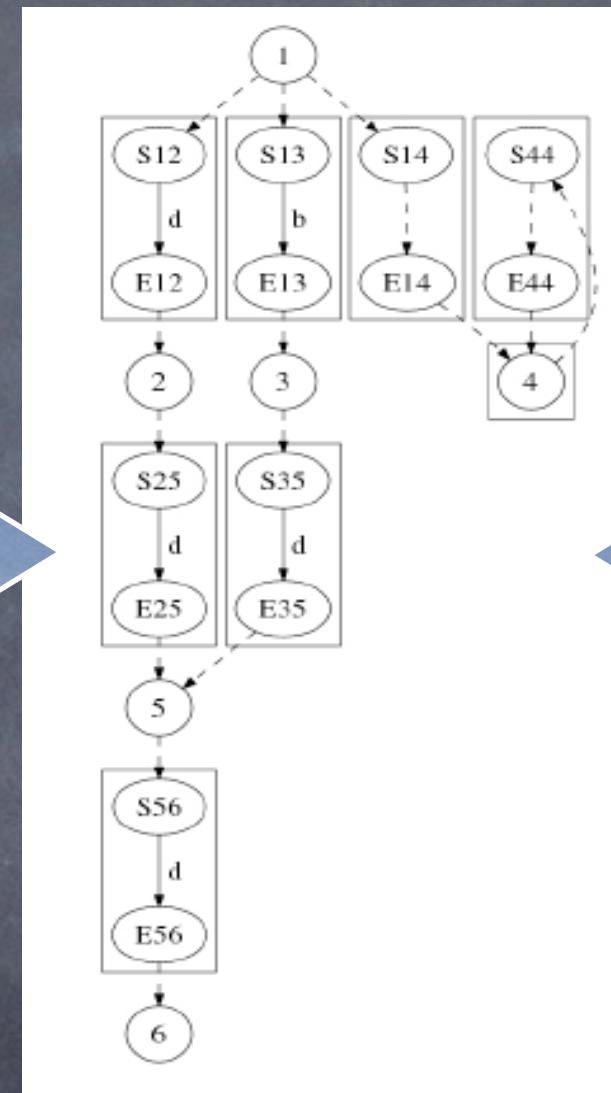
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{B}[\text{if } l_1 = l_2 \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2](\rho, G') \\ = \begin{cases} \rho'_1 & \text{if } l_1 \rho = l_2 \rho \wedge l_1 \rho'_1 = l_2 \rho'_1 \\ \rho'_2 & \text{if } l_1 \rho \neq l_2 \rho \wedge l_1 \rho'_2 \neq l_2 \rho'_2 \\ \text{FAIL} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{where } \rho'_1 &= \mathcal{B}[e_1](\rho, G') \\ \rho'_2 &= \mathcal{B}[e_2](\rho, G')\end{aligned}$$

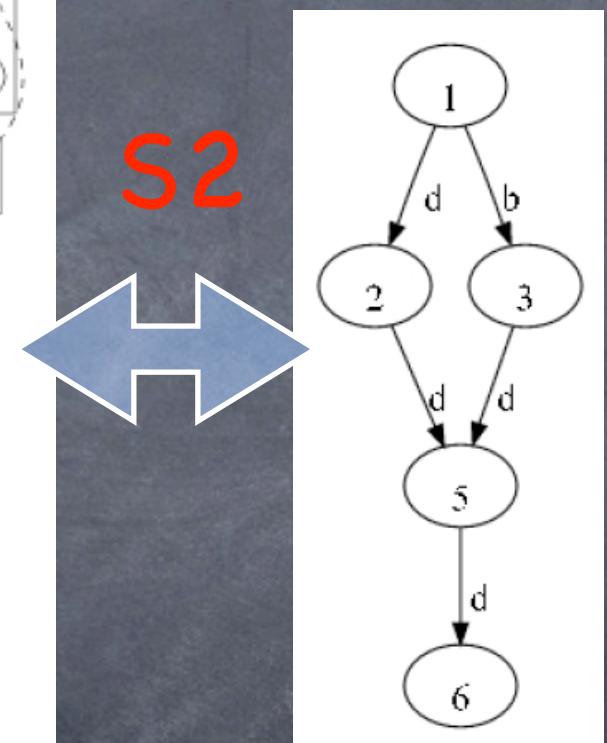
# Building Structured Recursion



S1



S2



sfun *a2d\_xc* (*{l : g}*) = if *l* = *a* then *{d : a2d\_xc(g)}*

# Project Web Site

For more information, please visit the project page which contains all published papers as well as the source codes of the GRoudTram system.



# Applications

- Many examples in the BiG website
- Applications in bidirectional model transformation (Software Engineering):
  - ASE'09, FSE'09, ICSE'09 (NIER track), models@runtime'09 (best paper)

# 1<sup>st</sup> GRACE International Meeting on Bidirectional Transformation

Shonan Village Center, Japan, 2008



Bidirectional Transformations: A Cross-Discipline Perspective  
-- GRACE meeting notes, state of the art, and outlook --,  
International Conference on Model Transformation (ICMT 2009),  
ETH Zurich, Switzerland, June 29-July 3 2009. LNCS 5563, Springer. pp.260-283.

# Todo List

- How to type check graph transformation?
- How to type check bidirectional graph transformation (updability checking)?
- How to deal with selection of best updates (order on graph updating)?
- How to deal with high-order structural recursions (dealing join, zip, ...)?