

Automated Termination Analysis

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I. Termination of **Term Rewriting**

- 1 Termination of Term Rewrite Systems
- 2 Non-Termination of Term Rewrite Systems
- 3 Complexity of Term Rewrite Systems
- 4 Termination of Integer Term Rewrite Systems

II. Termination of **Programs**

- 1 Termination of Functional Programs (Haskell) (ACM TOPLAS '11)
- 2 Termination of Logic Programs (Prolog)
- 3 Termination of Imperative Programs (Java)

Automated Termination Tools for TRSs

- AProVE (*Aachen*)
- CARIBOO (*Nancy*)
- CiME (*Orsay*)
- Jambox (*Amsterdam*)
- Matchbox (*Leipzig*)
- MU-TERM (*Valencia*)
- MultumNonMulta (*Kassel*)
- TEPARLA (*Eindhoven*)
- Termptation (*Barcelona*)
- TORPA (*Eindhoven*)
- TPA (*Eindhoven*)
- TTT (*Innsbruck*)
- VMTL (*Vienna*)
- *Annual International Competition of Termination Tools*
- well-developed field
- active research
- powerful techniques & tools
- **But:**
What about application in practice?
- **Goal:**
TRS-techniques for programming languages

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(Walther, 94), (Giesl, 95), (Lee, Jones, Ben-Amram, 01)
- ensuring termination (e.g., by typing)
(Telford & Turner, 00), (Xi, 02), (Abel, 04), (Barthe et al, 04) etc.
- outermost termination of untyped first-order rewriting
(Fissore, Gnaedig, Kirchner, 02)
- automated technique for small HASKELL-like language
(Panitz & Schmidt-Schauss, 97)
- do **not** work on full existing languages
- **no use of TRS-techniques** (stand-alone methods)

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- **new approach to use TRS-techniques for termination of HASKELL**
- based on *(Panitz & Schmidt-Schauss, 97)*, but:
 - works on full **HASKELL**-language
 - allows to integrate modern TRS-techniques and TRS-tools

HASKELL

- one of the most popular functional languages
- using TRS-techniques for HASKELL is challenging:
 - HASKELL has a **lazy evaluation strategy**.
For TRSs, one proves termination of *all* reductions.
 - HASKELL's equations are handled from **top to bottom**.
For TRSs, *any* rule may be used for rewriting.
 - HASKELL has **polymorphic types**.
TRSs are *untyped*.
 - In HASKELL-programs, often only **some** functions terminate.
TRS-methods try to prove termination of *all* terms.
 - HASKELL is a **higher-order language**.
Most automatic TRS-methods only handle *first-order* rewriting.

Syntax of HASKELL

Data Structures

● `data Nats = Z | S Nats`

type constructor: `Nats` of arity 0

data constructors: `Z :: Nats`

`S :: Nats → Nats`

● `data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)`

type constructor: `List` of arity 1

data constructors: `Nil :: List a`

`Cons :: a → (List a)`

`→ (List a)`

Terms (well-typed)

● Variables: `x, y, \dots`

● Function Symbols: constructors (`Z, S, Nil, Cons`) & defined (`from, take`)

● Applications (`$t_1 t_2$`)

● `S Z` represents number 1

● `Cons x Nil ≡ (Cons x) Nil` represents `[x]`

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Types

• Type Variables: `a, b, ...`

• Applications of type constructors to types: `List Nats, a → (List a), ...`

`S Z` has type `Nats`

`Cons x Nil` has type `List a`

Syntax of HASKELL

Function Declarations (general)

$$f \ell_1 \dots \ell_n = r$$

- f is *defined* function symbol
- n is *arity* of f
- r is arbitrary term
- $\ell_1 \dots \ell_n$ are linear *patterns* (terms from constructors and variables)

Function Declarations (example)

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from $:: \text{Nats} \rightarrow \text{List Nats}$ take $:: \text{Nats} \rightarrow (\text{List } a) \rightarrow (\text{List } a)$

from $x \equiv [x, x + 1, x + 2, \dots]$ take $n [x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots] \equiv [x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Syntax of HASKELL

Extension of our approach for

- type classes
- built-in data structures

All other HASKELL-constructs: eliminated by automatic transformation

- Lambda Abstractions

replace $\lambda m \rightarrow \text{take } u \text{ (from } m)$
by $f \ u$
where $f \ u \ m = \text{take } u \text{ (from } m)$

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replace $\lambda t_1 \dots t_n \rightarrow t$ with free variables x_1, \dots, x_m
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where $f x_1 \dots x_m t_1 \dots t_n = t$

- Conditions

- Local Declarations

- ...

Semantics and Termination of HASKELL

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● Evaluation Relation \rightarrow_H

from Z

$\rightarrow_H \text{Cons } Z (\text{from } (S \ Z))$

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$\rightarrow_H \dots$

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● Evaluation Relation \rightarrow_H

take $(S \ Z) (\text{from } m)$

\rightarrow_H take $(S \ Z) (\text{Cons } m (\text{from } (S \ m)))$

\rightarrow_H Cons m (take Z (from $(S \ m)$))

\rightarrow_H Cons $m \ \text{Nil}$

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● Evaluation Relation \rightarrow_H

● H-Termination of ground term t if

● t does not start infinite evaluation $t \rightarrow_H \dots$

● if $t \rightarrow_H^* (f \ t_1 \dots t_n)$, f defined, $n < \text{arity}(f)$,
then $(f \ t_1 \dots t_n \ t')$ is also H-terminating if t' is H-terminating

● if $t \rightarrow_H^* (c \ t_1 \dots t_n)$, c constructor,
then t_1, \dots, t_n are also H-terminating.

● H-Termination of arbitrary term t if

$t\sigma$ H-terminates for all substitutions σ with H-terminating terms.

● “from” not H-terminating (“from Z” has infinite evaluation)

“take u (from m)” is H-terminating

Proving Termination of HASKELL

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● **Goal:** Prove termination of *start term* “take u (from m)”

● **Naive approach:**

- take defining equations of take and from as TRS
- **fails**, since from is not terminating
- disregards HASKELL's lazy evaluation strategy

● **Our approach:**

- evaluate start term a few steps \Rightarrow **termination graph**
- do not transform **HASKELL** into TRS directly, but transform **termination graph** into TRS

From HASKELL to Termination Graphs

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take $u (\text{from } m)$

- begin with node marked with start term
- 5 expansion rules to add children to leaves
- expansion rules try to *evaluate* terms

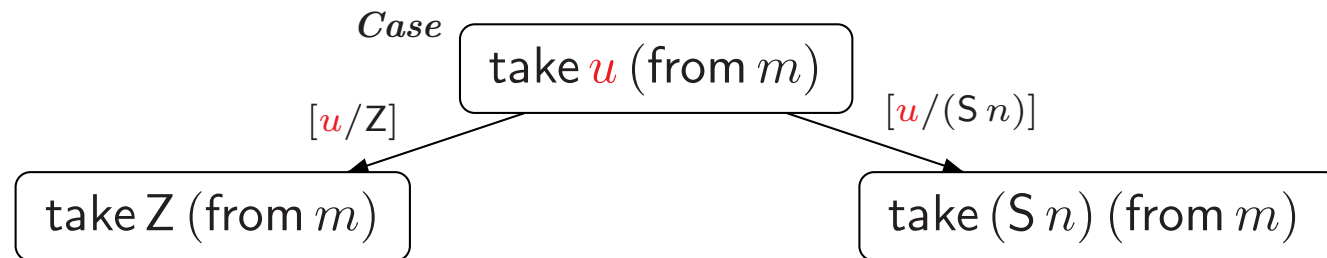
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Case rule:

● **evaluation** has to continue with variable u

● instantiate u by all possible constructor terms of correct type

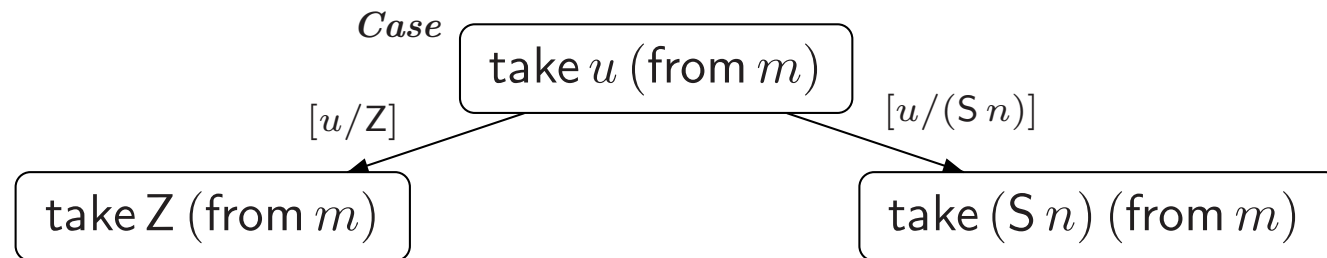
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● Main Property of Termination Graphs:

A node is H-terminating if all its children are H-terminating.

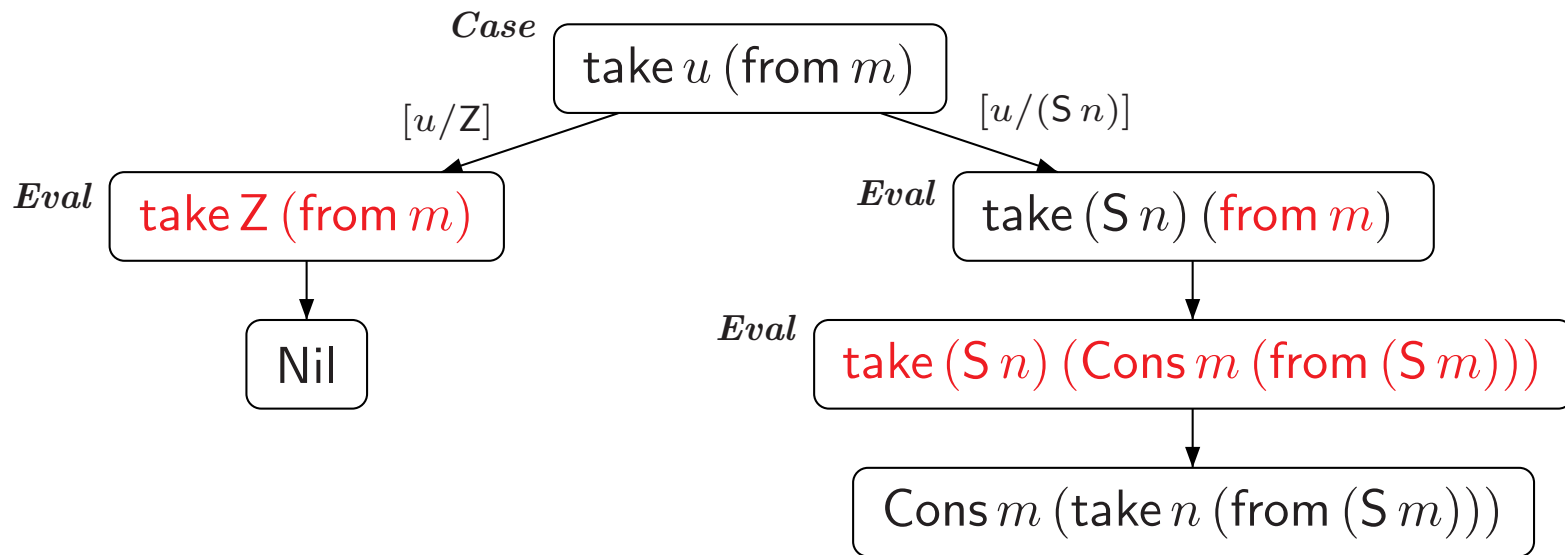
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● **Eval** rule:

performs one **evaluation** step with \rightarrow_H

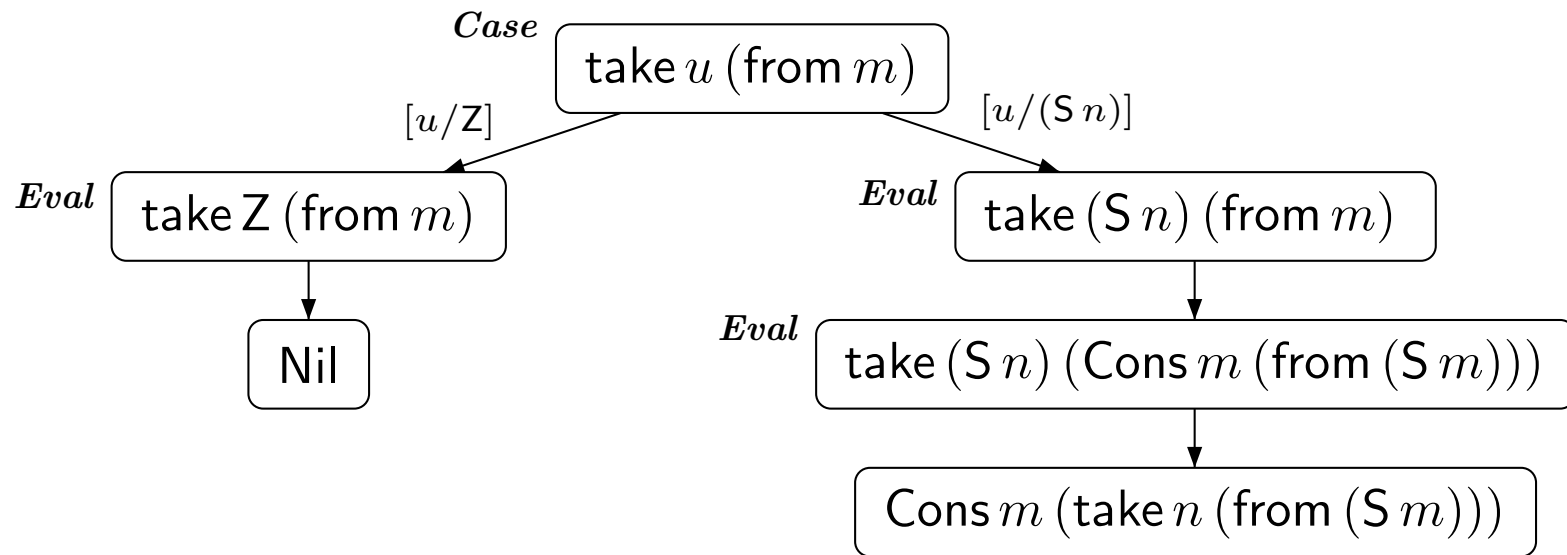
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Case and **Eval** rule perform *narrowing*

w.r.t. HASKELL's evaluation strategy and types

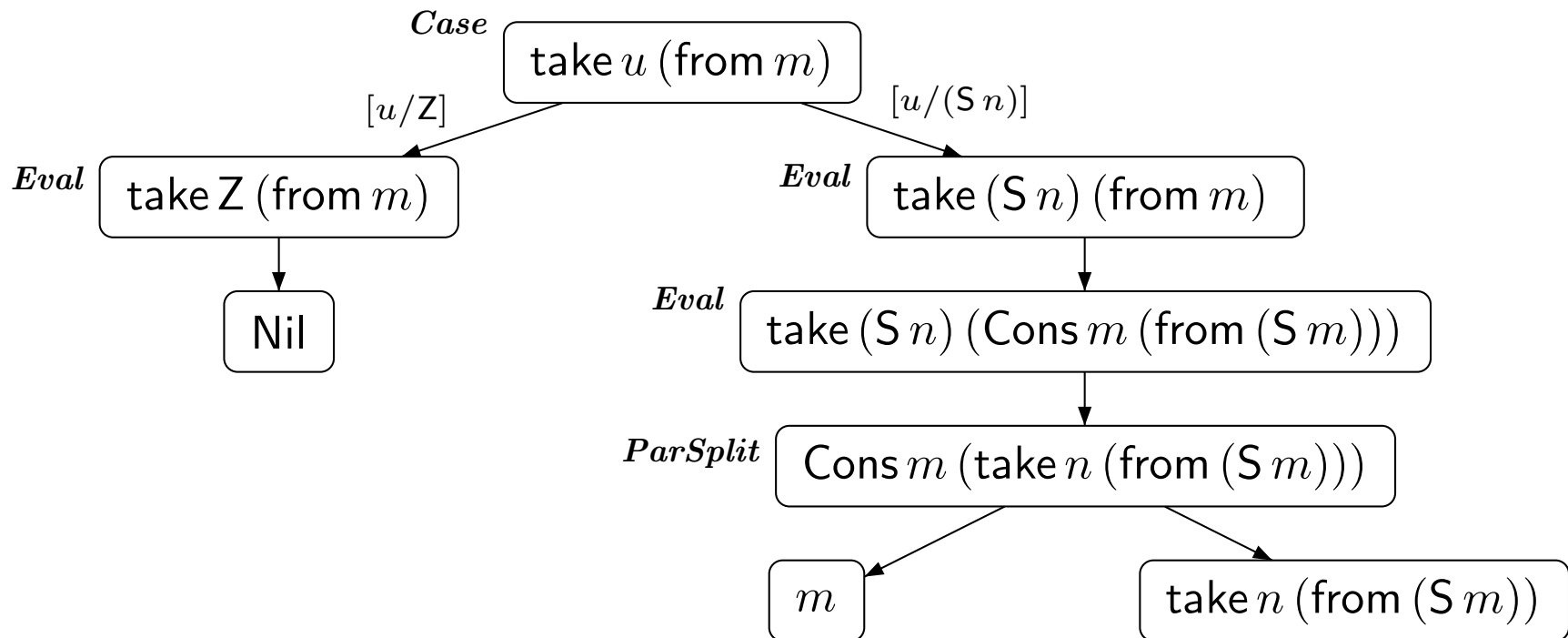
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ParSplit rule:

if head of term is a constructor like Cons or a variable,
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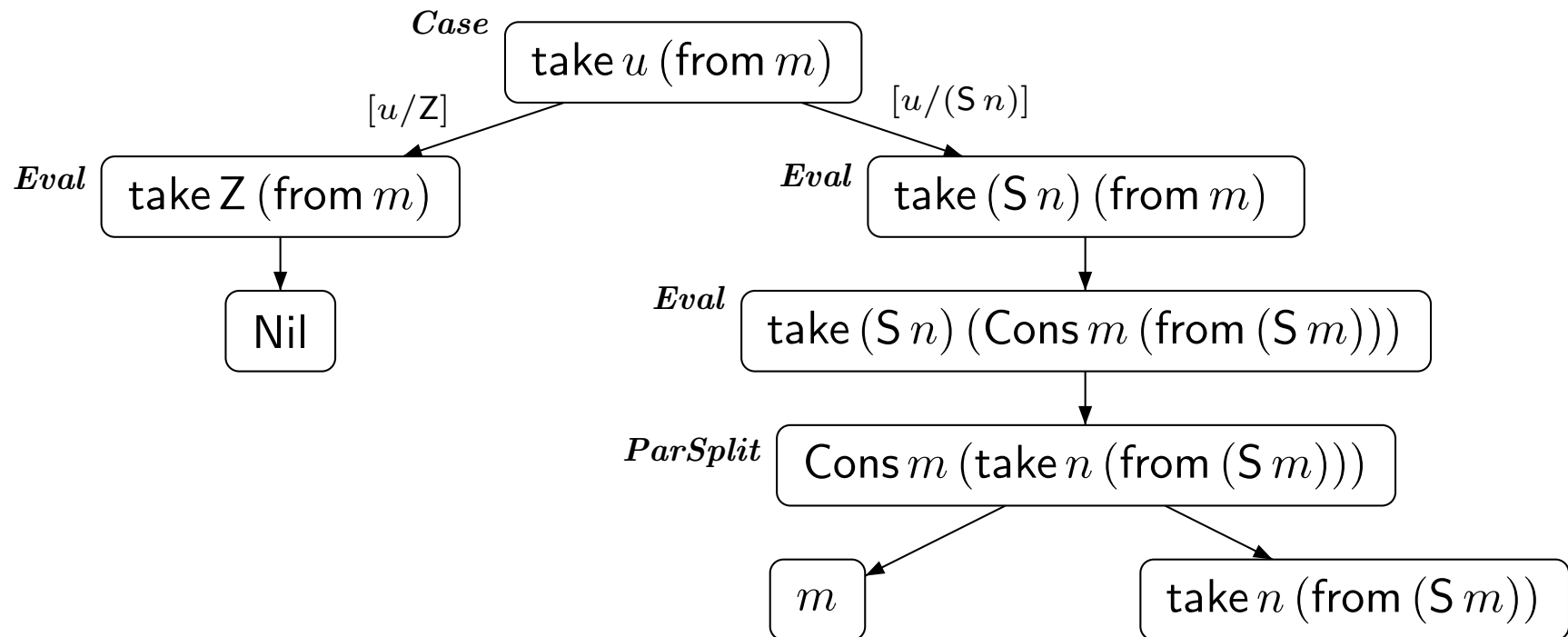
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● one could continue with **Case**, **Eval**, **ParSplit**

⇒ infinite tree

● **Instead: Ins** rule to obtain finite graphs

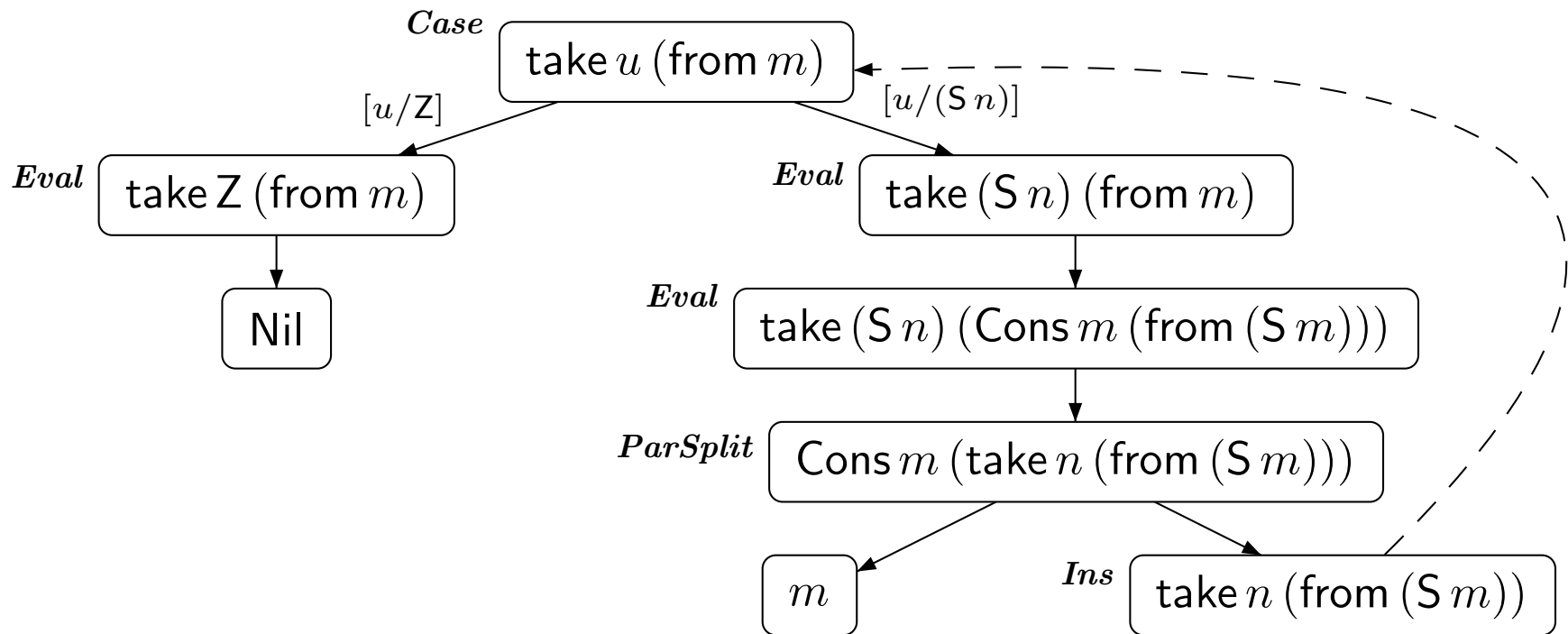
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Ins rule:

- if leaf t is instance of t' , then add **instantiation edge** from t to t'
- one may re-use an existing node for t' , if possible

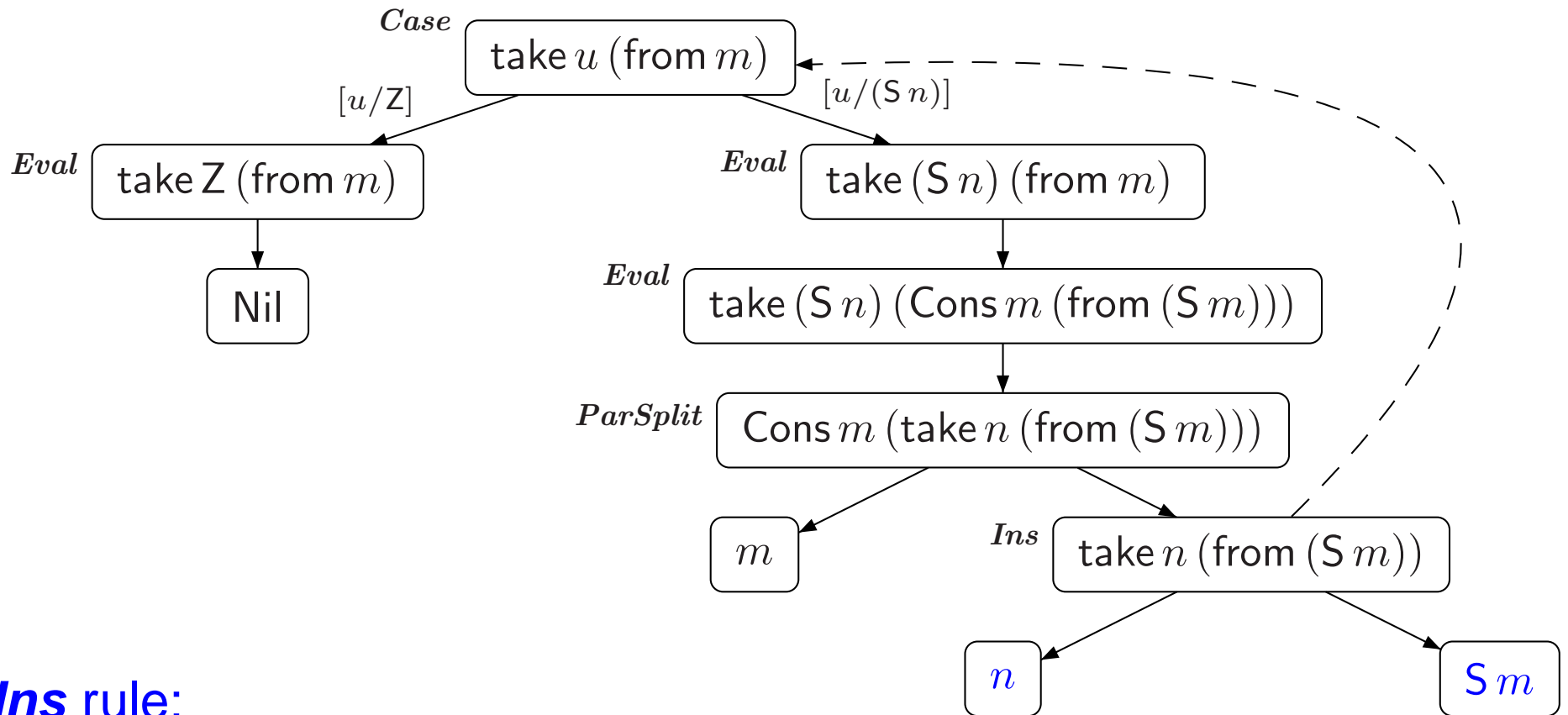
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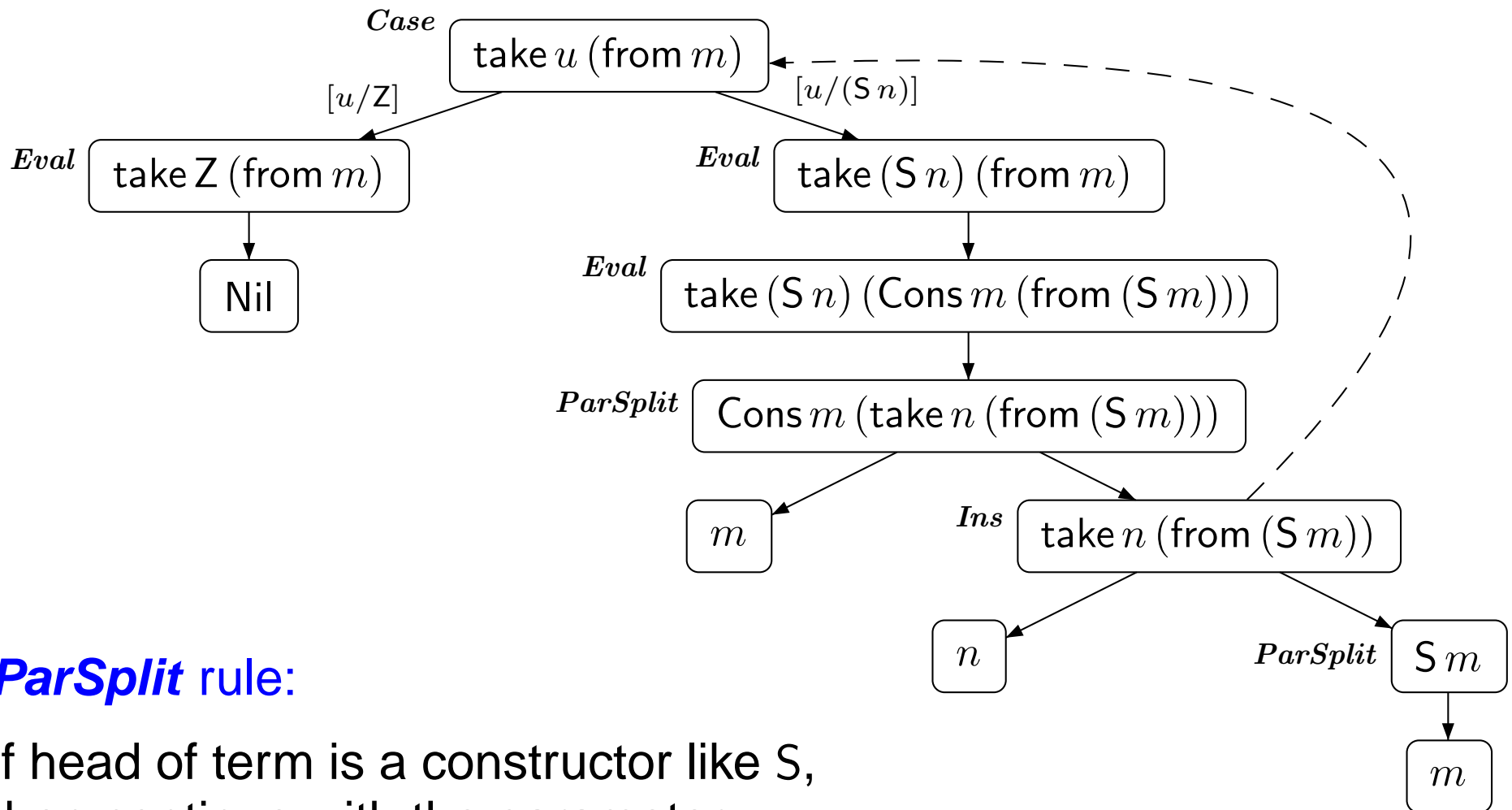
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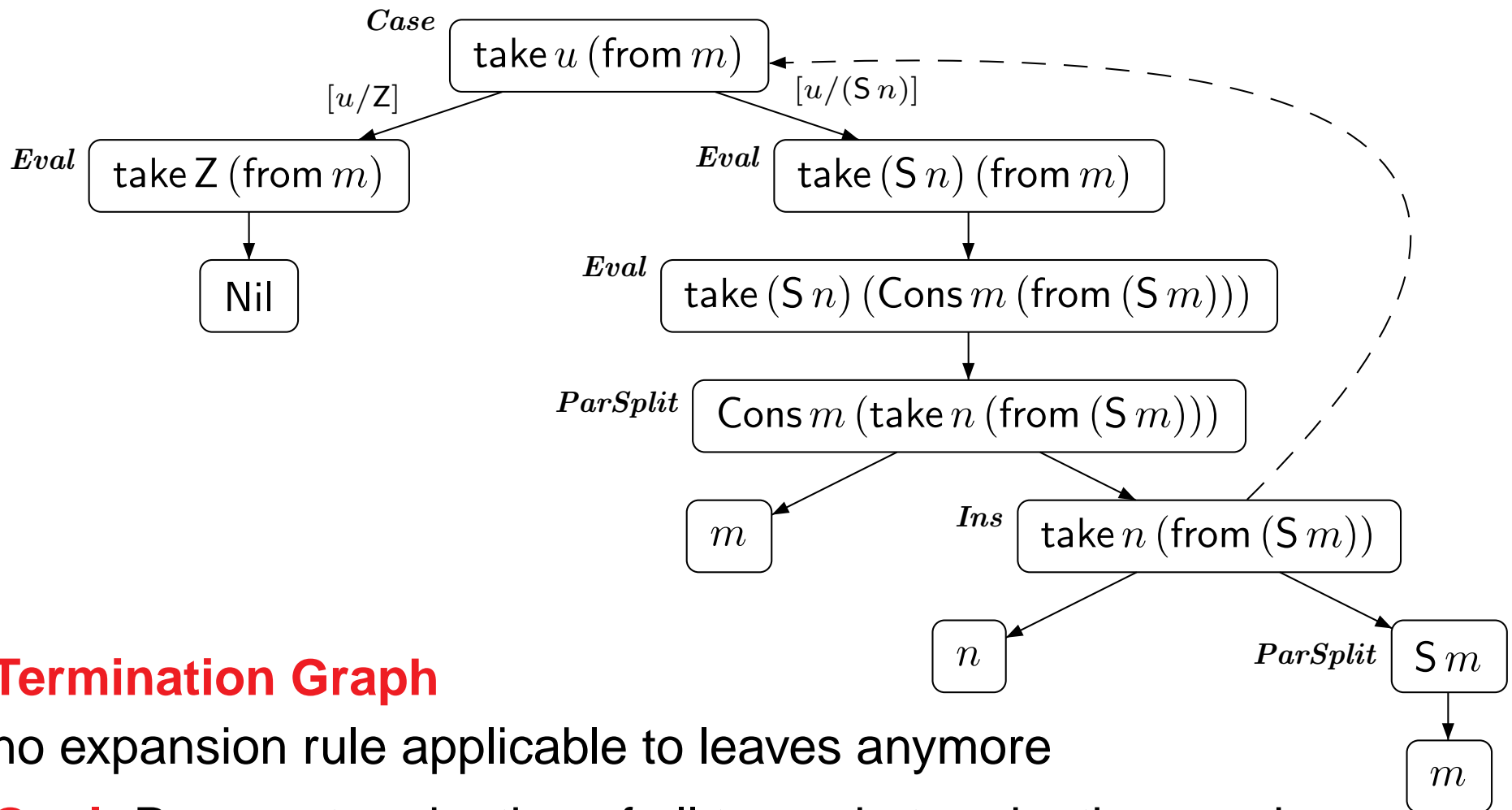
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Termination Graph

no expansion rule applicable to leaves anymore

Goal: Prove H-termination of all terms in termination graph

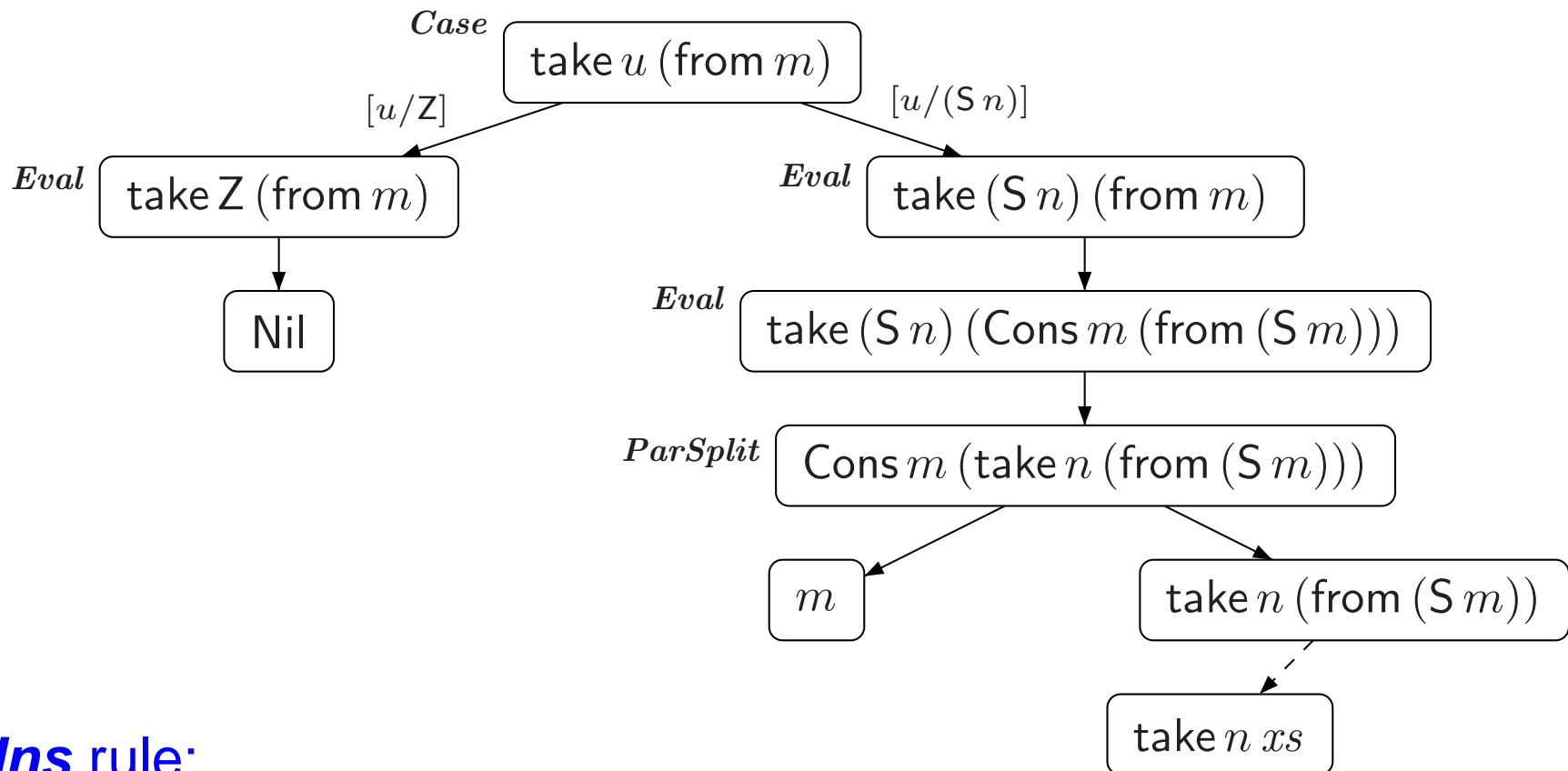
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- introduces **indeterminism**

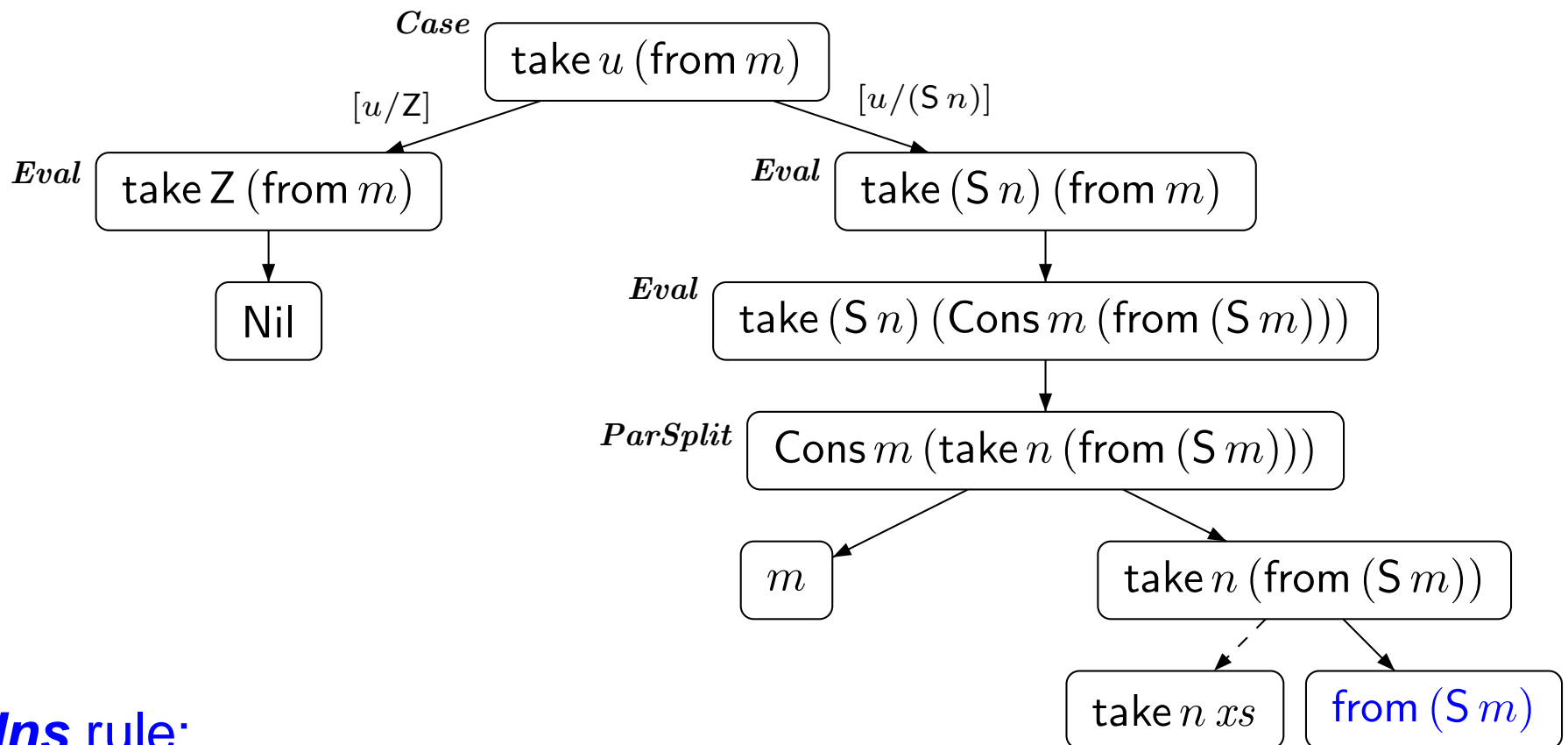
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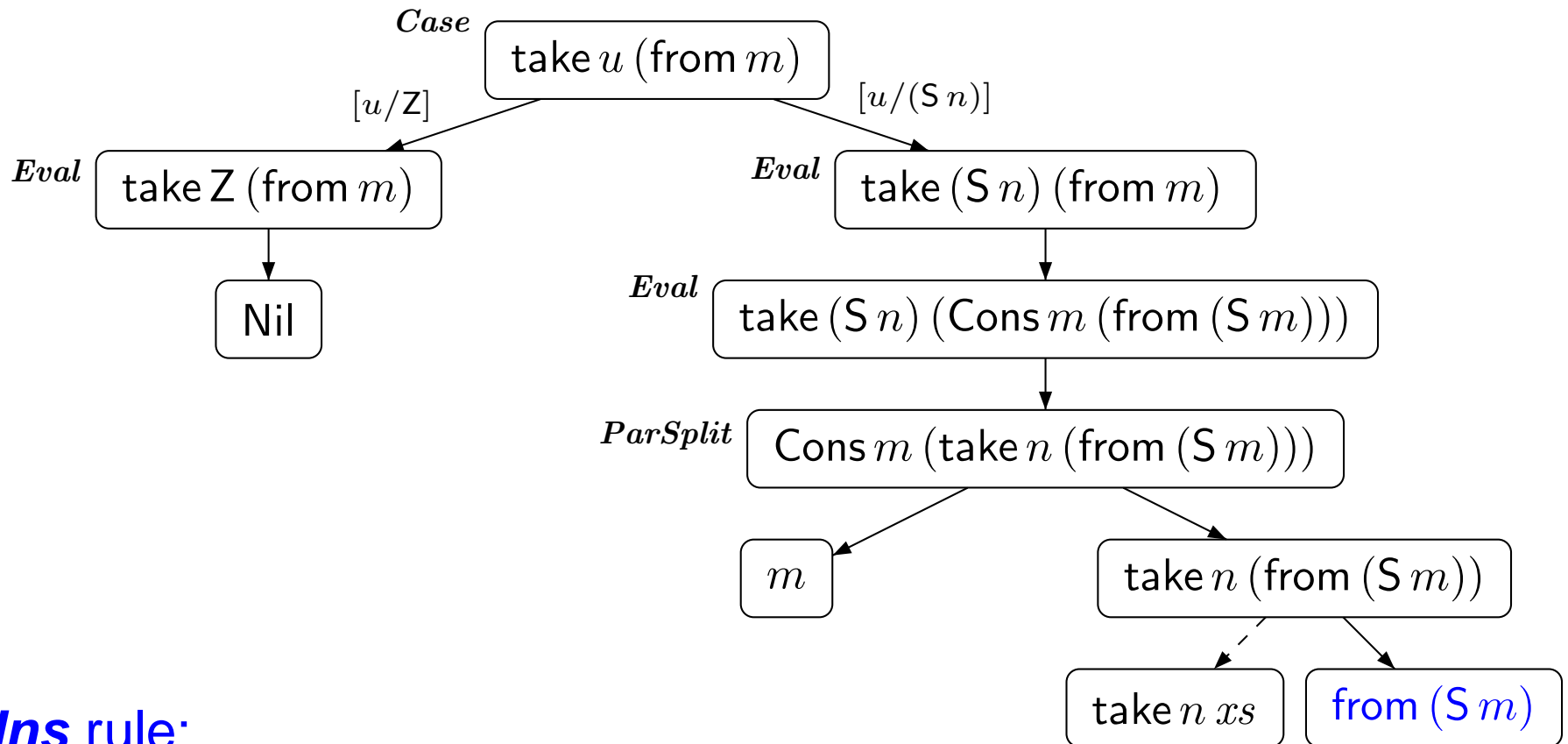
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- proving H-termination of all terms in termination graph fails!**

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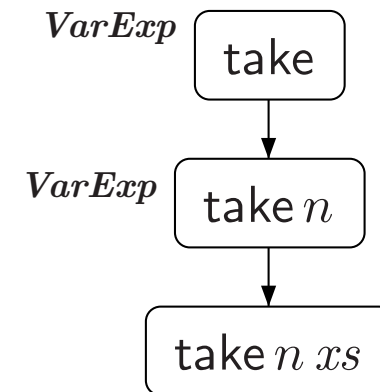
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Expansion Rules

- **Case**
- **Eval**
- **ParSplit**
- **Ins**
- **VarExp**



● **VarExp** rule:

- if function is applied to too few arguments, then add fresh variable as additional argument

From Termination Graphs to TRSs

- Termination graphs can be obtained for any start term
- Goal:** Prove H-termination of all terms in termination graph

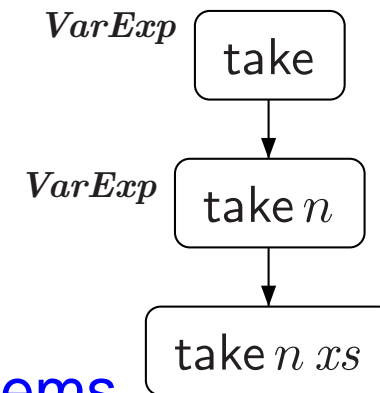
- First Approach:**

Transform termination graph into TRS

⇒ disadvantageous

- Better Approach:**

Transform termination graph into DP problems



- Dependency Pairs**

- powerful & popular termination technique for TRSs
- DP framework allows integration & combination of *any* TRS-termination technique

Dependency Pair Framework

- Apply the general idea of **problem solving** for termination analysis
 - transform problems into simpler sub-problems repeatedly until all problems are solved
- What **objects** do we work on, i.e., what are the “**problems**”?
 - DP problems $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$
 - \mathcal{P} *dependency pairs*
 - \mathcal{R} *rules*
- What **techniques** do we use for transformation?
 - DP processors: $Proc((\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})) = \{(\mathcal{P}_1, \mathcal{R}_1), \dots, (\mathcal{P}_n, \mathcal{R}_n)\}$
- When is a problem **solved**?
 - $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$ is *finite* iff there is no infinite $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$ -chain
 $s_1\sigma_1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} t_1\sigma_1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^* s_2\sigma_2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} t_2\sigma_2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^* \dots$ where $s_i \rightarrow t_i \in \mathcal{P}$

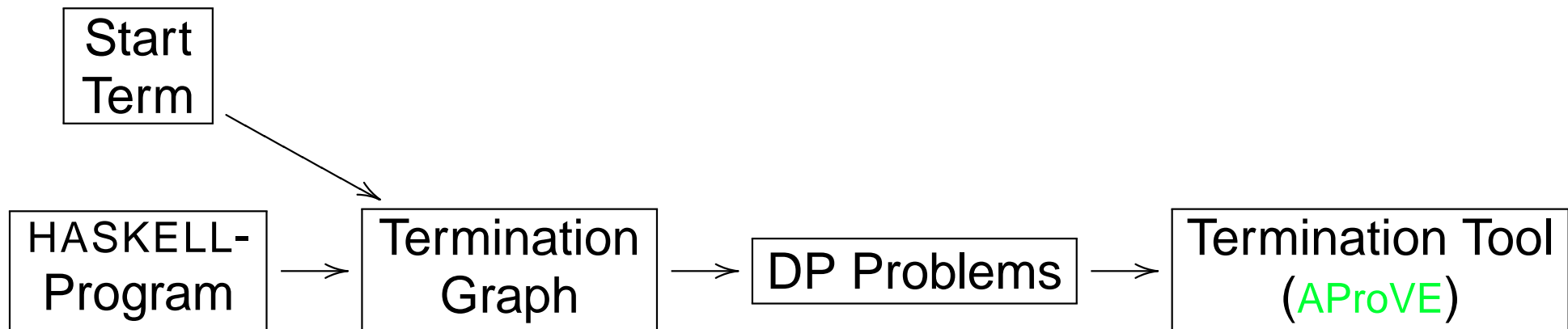
Dependency Pair Framework

Termination of TRS \mathcal{R}

- construct initial DP problem $(DP(\mathcal{R}), \mathcal{R})$
- TRS \mathcal{R} is terminating iff initial DP problem is finite
- use DP framework to prove that initial DP problem is finite

Termination of HASKELL

- generate termination graph for start term
- construct initial DP problems from termination graph
- start term is H-terminating if initial DP problems are finite
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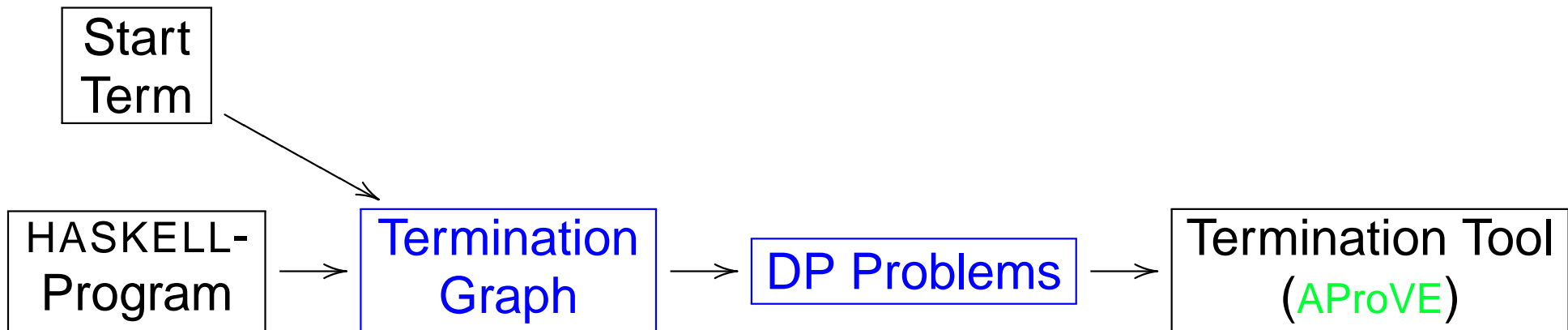


Dependency Pair Framework

How to construct DP problems from termination graph?

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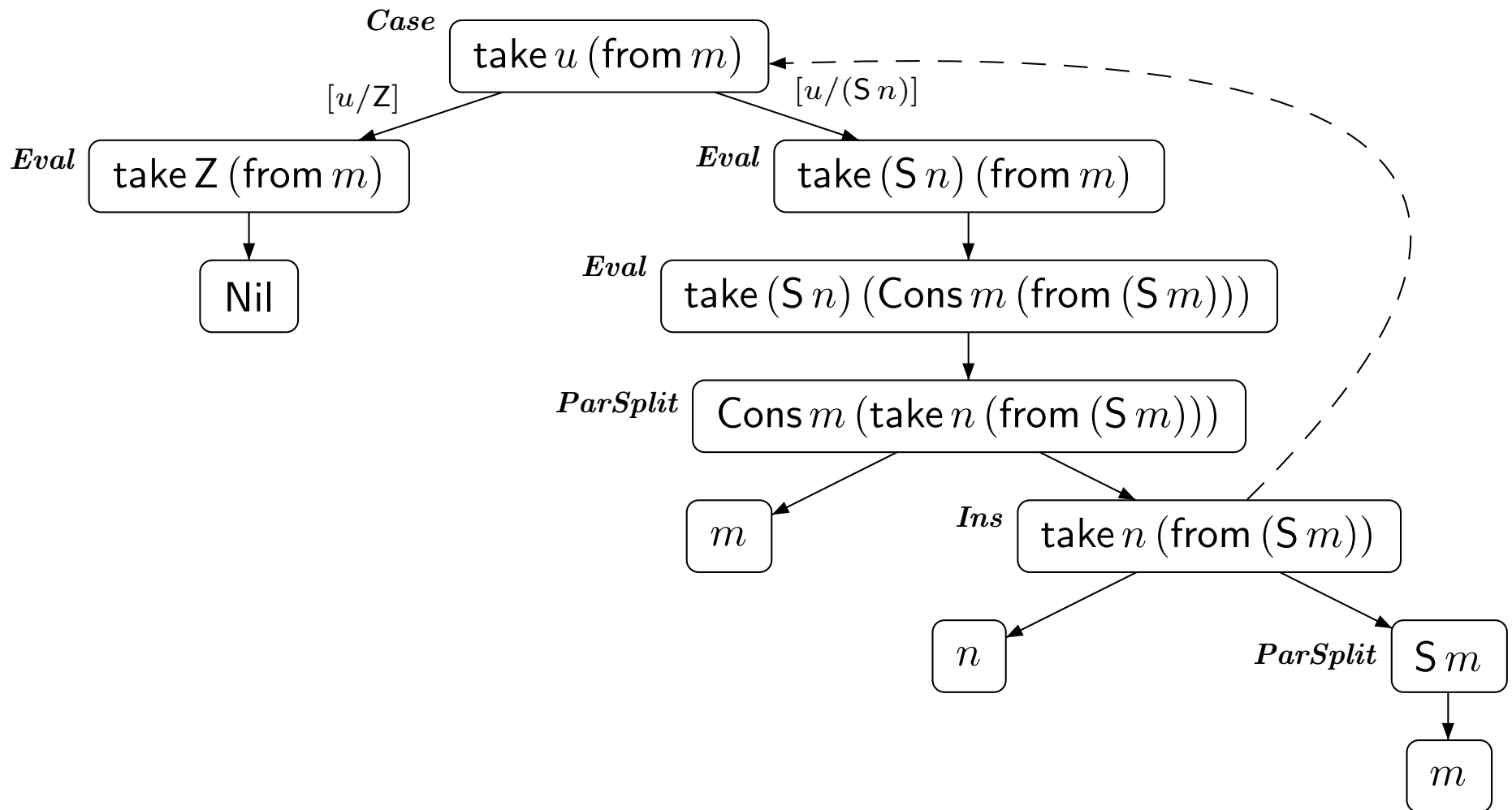
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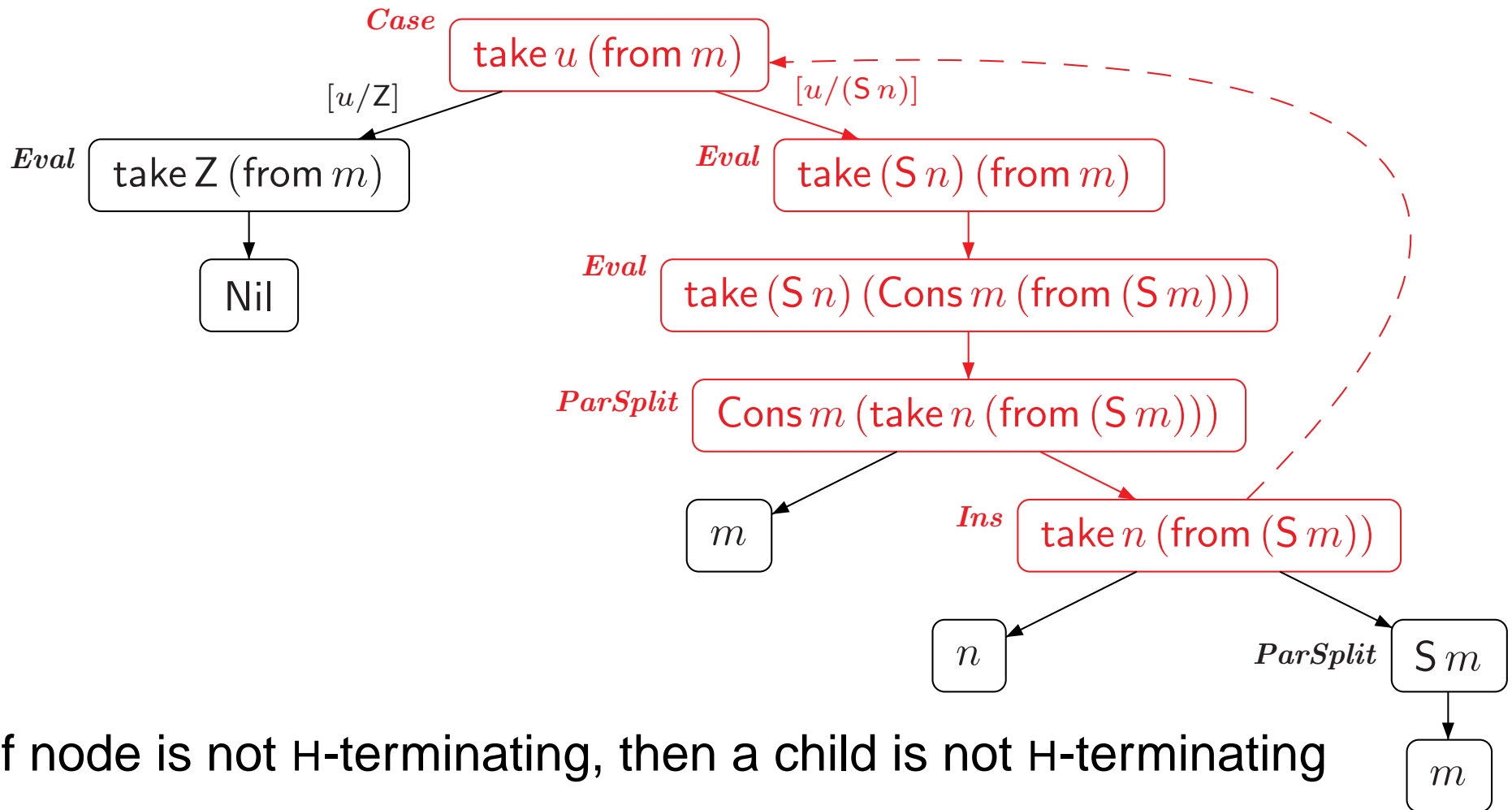
- higher-order terms can be represented as applicative first-order terms

“ $x\ y$ ” becomes “ $\text{ap}(x, y)$ ”



From Termination Graphs to DP Problems

● **Goal:** Prove H-termination of all terms for each SCC

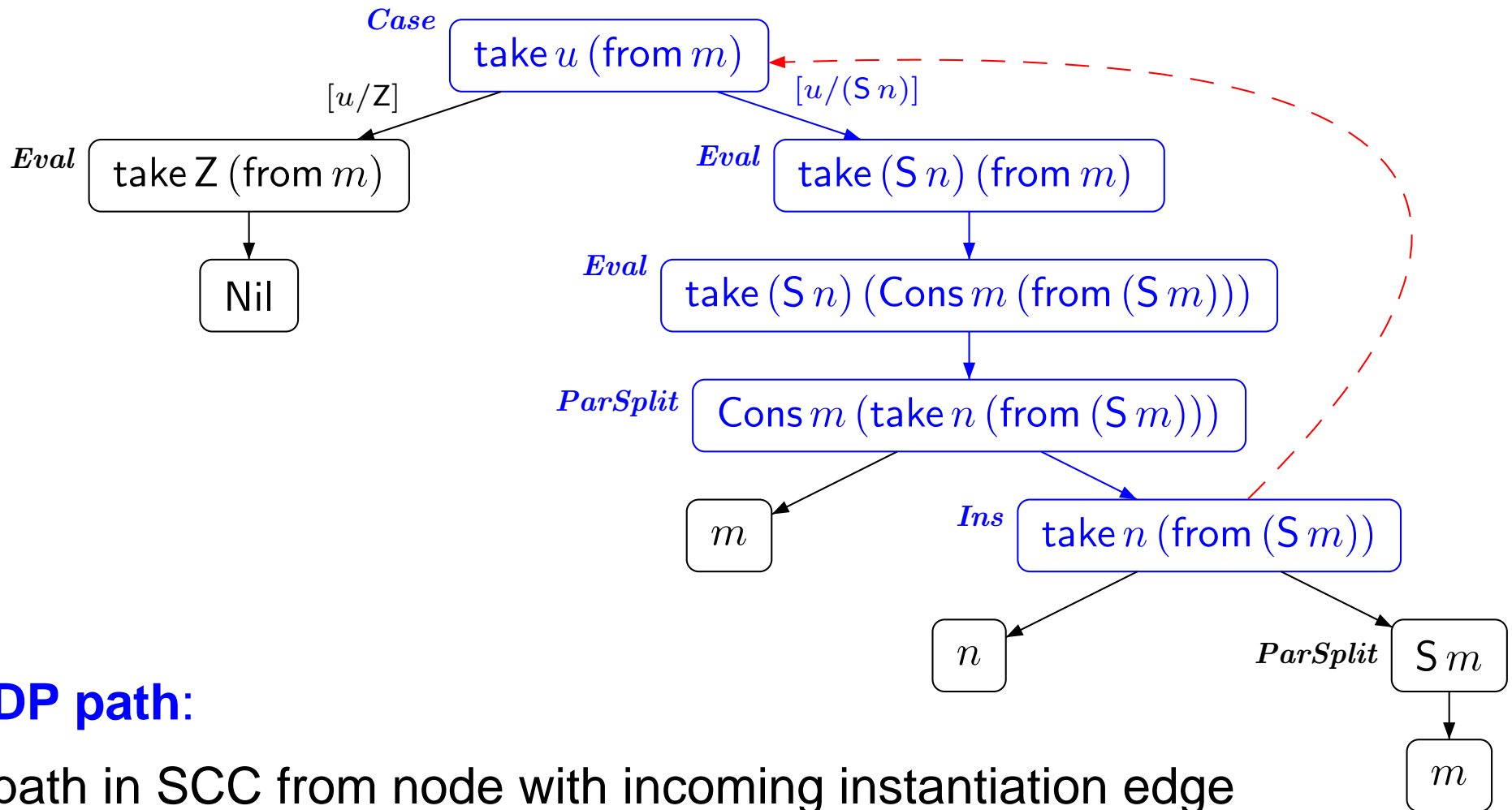


● if node is not H-terminating, then a child is not H-terminating

● not H-terminating node corresponds to **SCC**

From Termination Graphs to DP Problems

- every infinite path traverses a DP path infinitely often
⇒ generate a dependency pair for every DP path



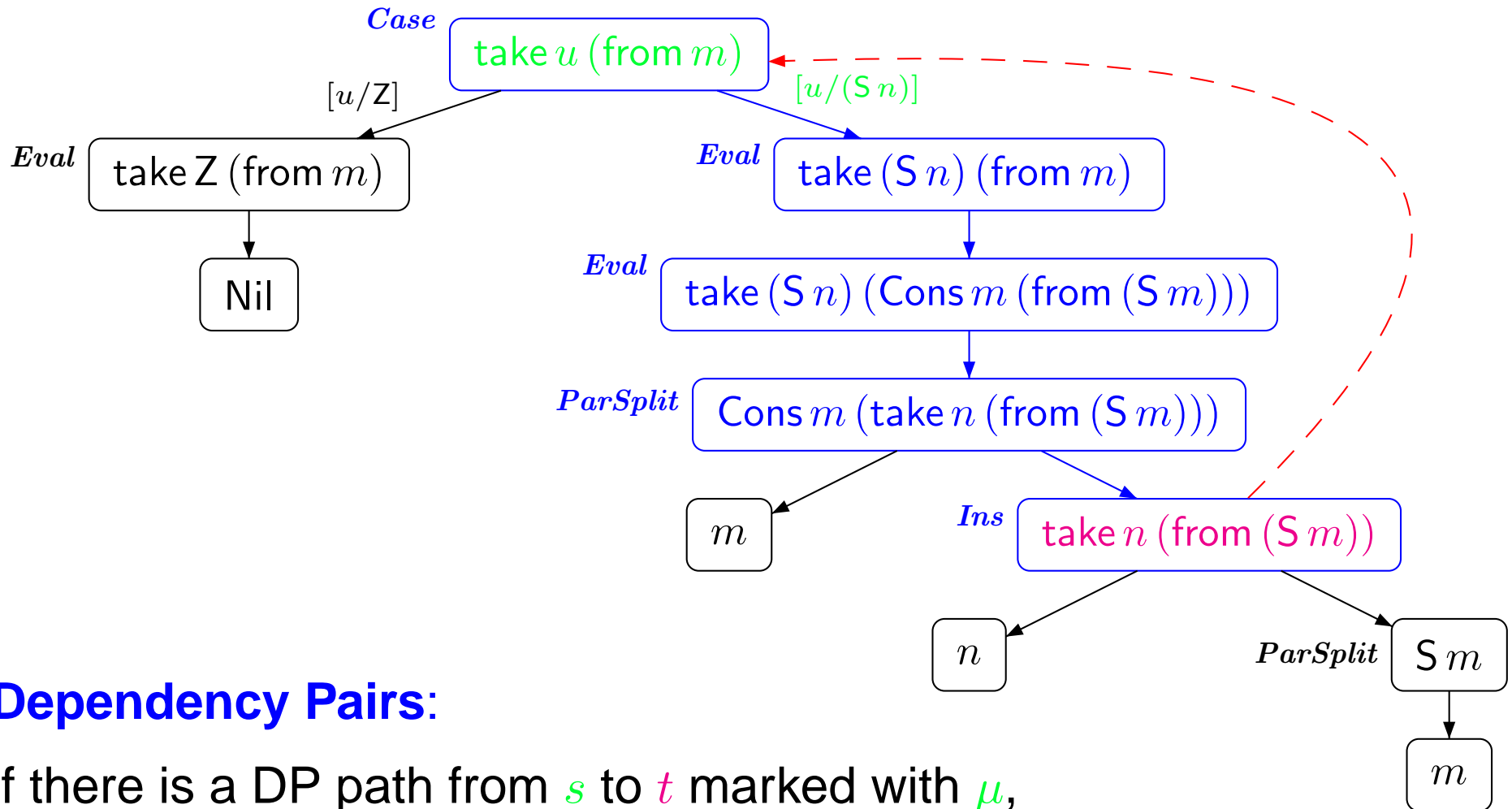
DP path:

path in SCC from node with incoming instantiation edge
to node with outgoing instantiation edge

From Termination Graphs to DP Problems

Dependency Pair \mathcal{P} : $\text{take } (S n) \text{ (from } m) \rightarrow \text{take } n \text{ (from } (S m))$

Rules \mathcal{R} : \emptyset termination is easy to prove



Dependency Pairs:

if there is a DP path from s to t marked with μ ,
then generate the dependency pair $s \mu \rightarrow t$

Generating infinite $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{R})$ -chains

Term in graph not terminating

\curvearrowright s_1 not terminating

DP path from s_1 to t_1 marked with μ_1

\curvearrowright $s_1 \tau_1$ not terminating

\curvearrowright $s_1 (\tau_1 \downarrow_H)$ not terminating

\curvearrowright $s_1 \mu_1 \sigma_1$ not terminating

\curvearrowright $t_1 \sigma_1$ not terminating

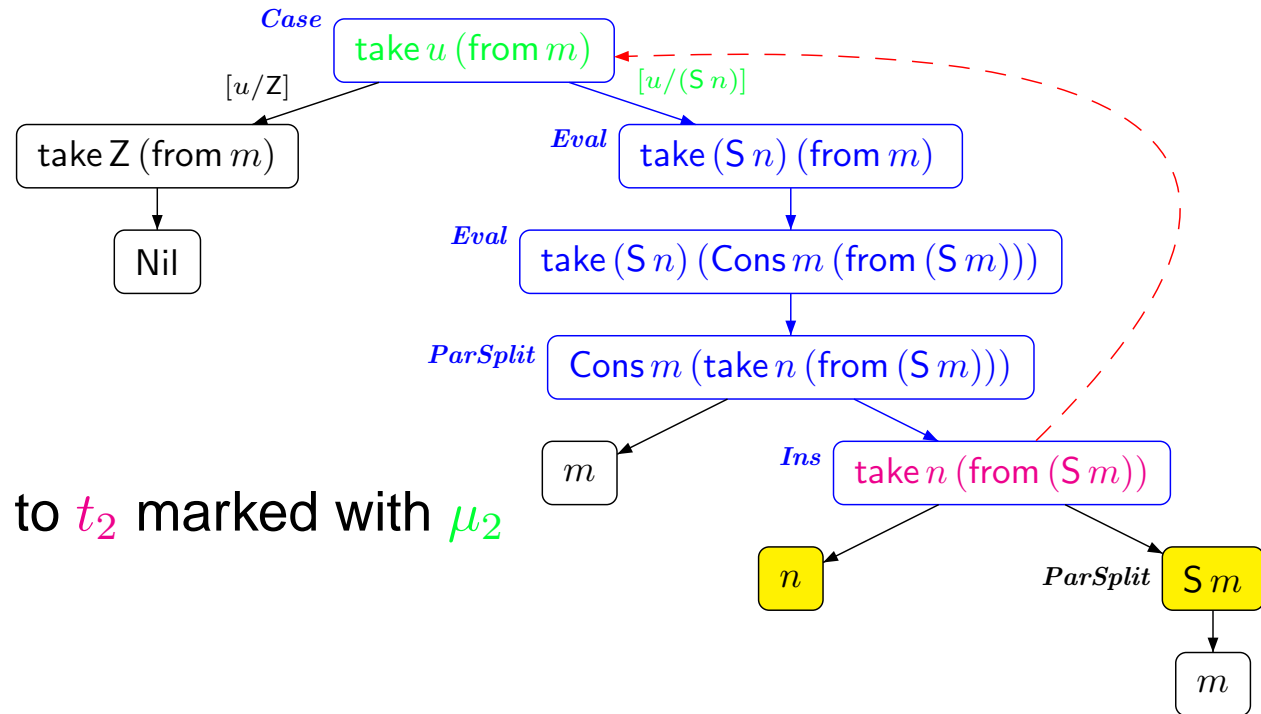
\curvearrowright $s_2 \tau_2$ not terminating

DP path from s_2 to t_2 marked with μ_2

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$$s_1 \mu_1 \sigma_1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} \underbrace{t_1 \sigma_1}_{s_2 \tau_2} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^* s_2 \tau_2$$

$$s_2 \mu_2 \sigma_2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{P}} t_2 \sigma_2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^* s_2 (\tau_2 \downarrow_H)$$

\mathcal{R} : rules for terms in matcher

$\mathcal{R} = \emptyset$ if no defined symbol in matcher

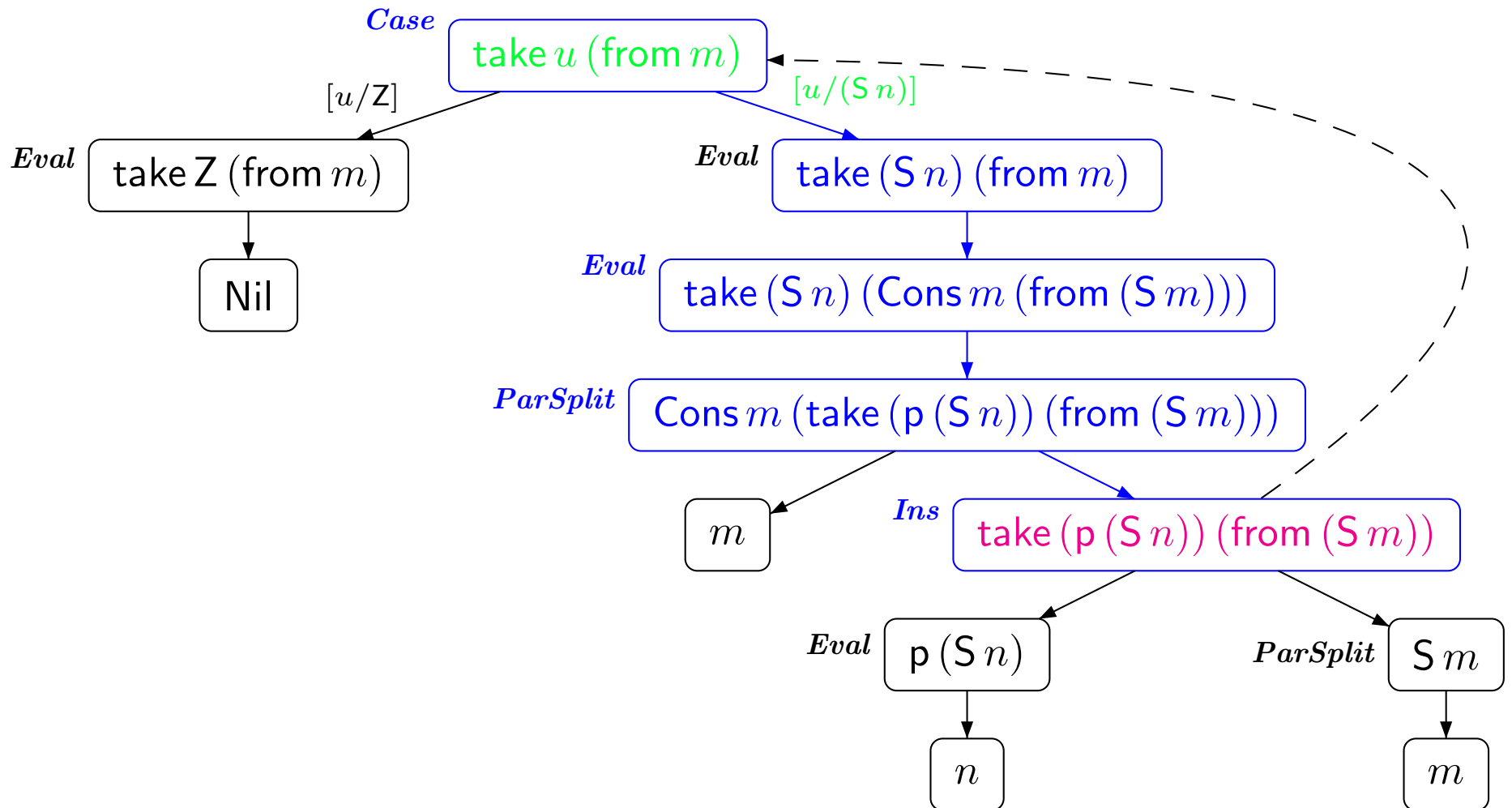
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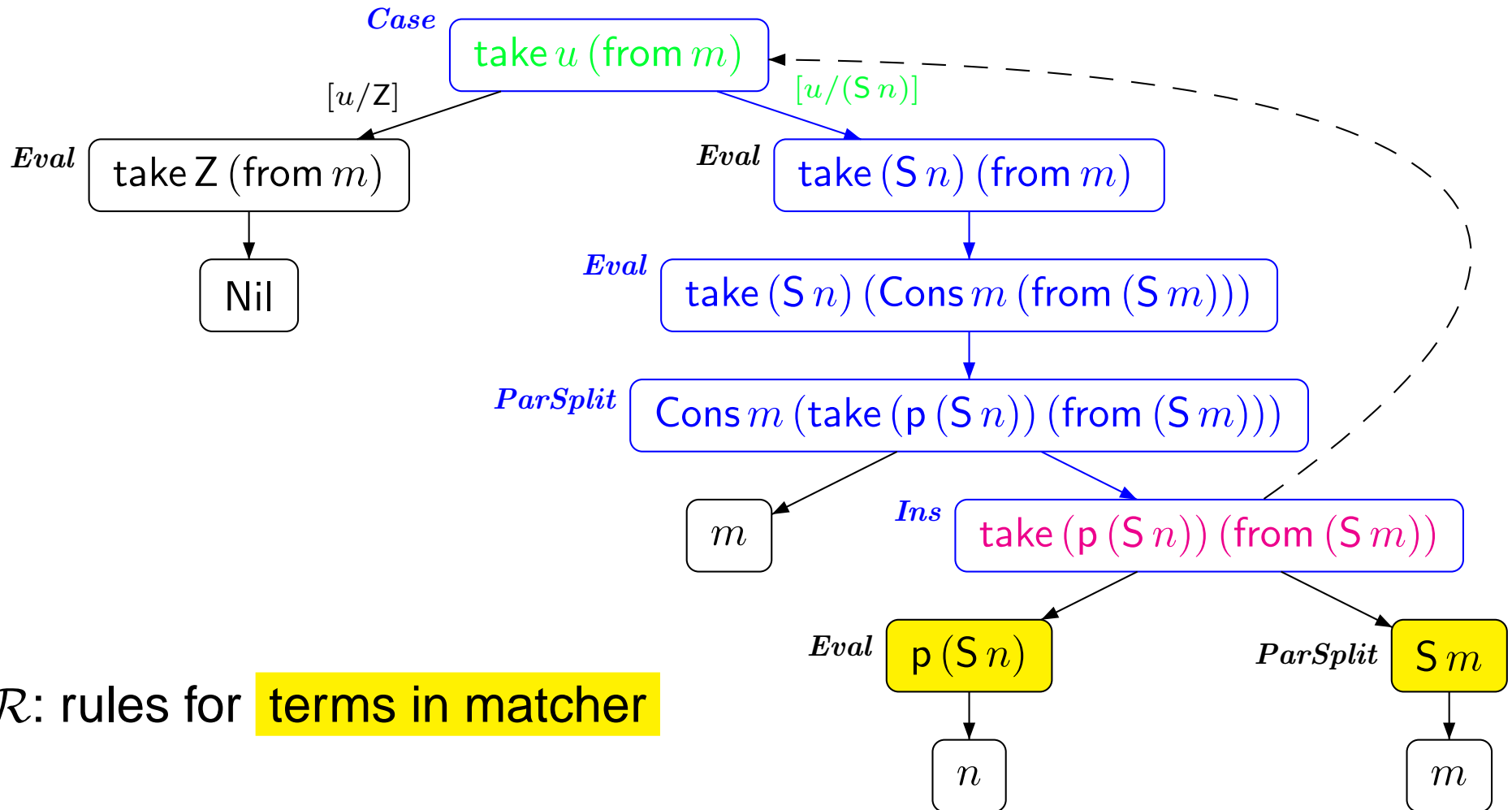
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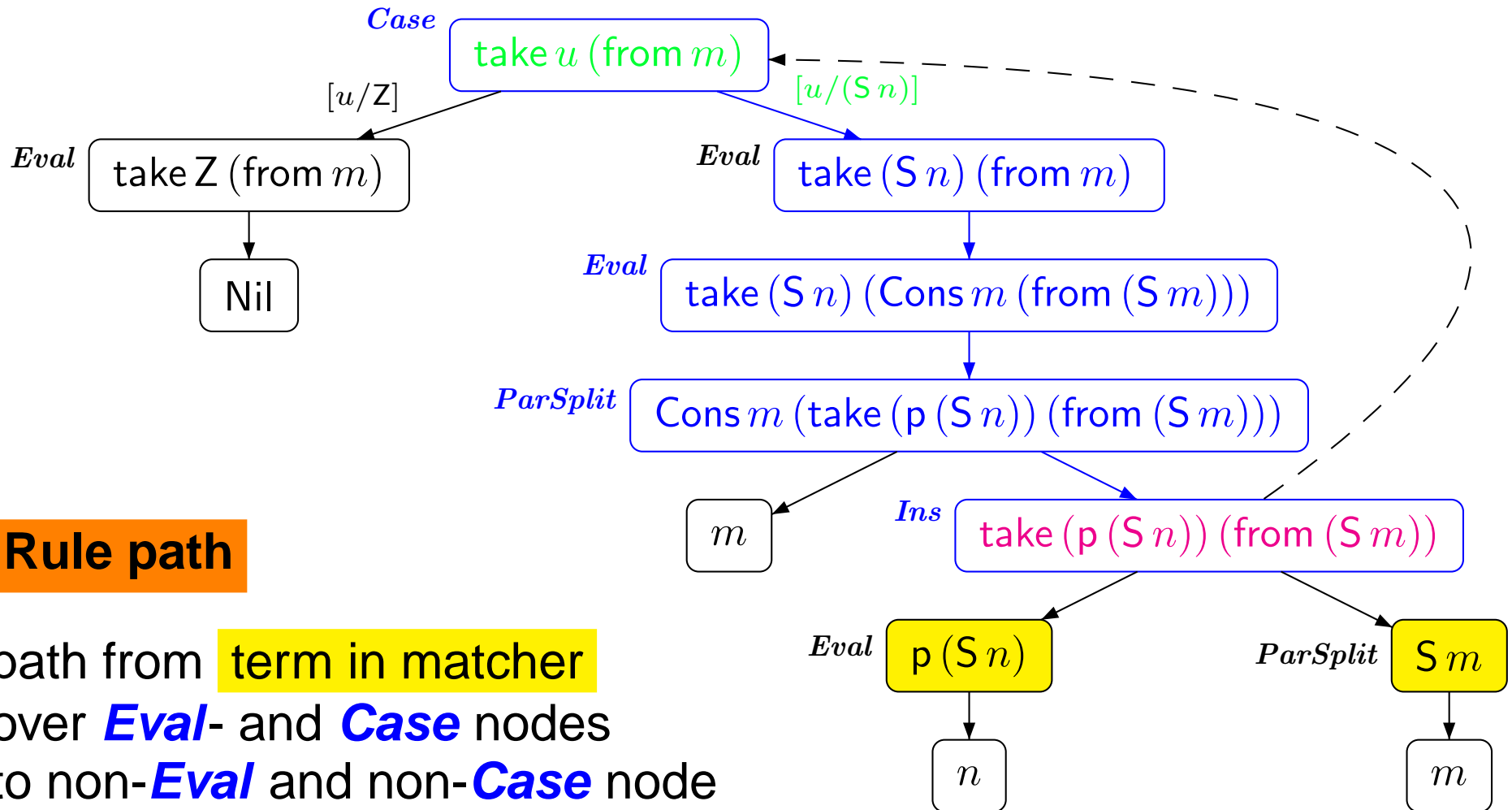
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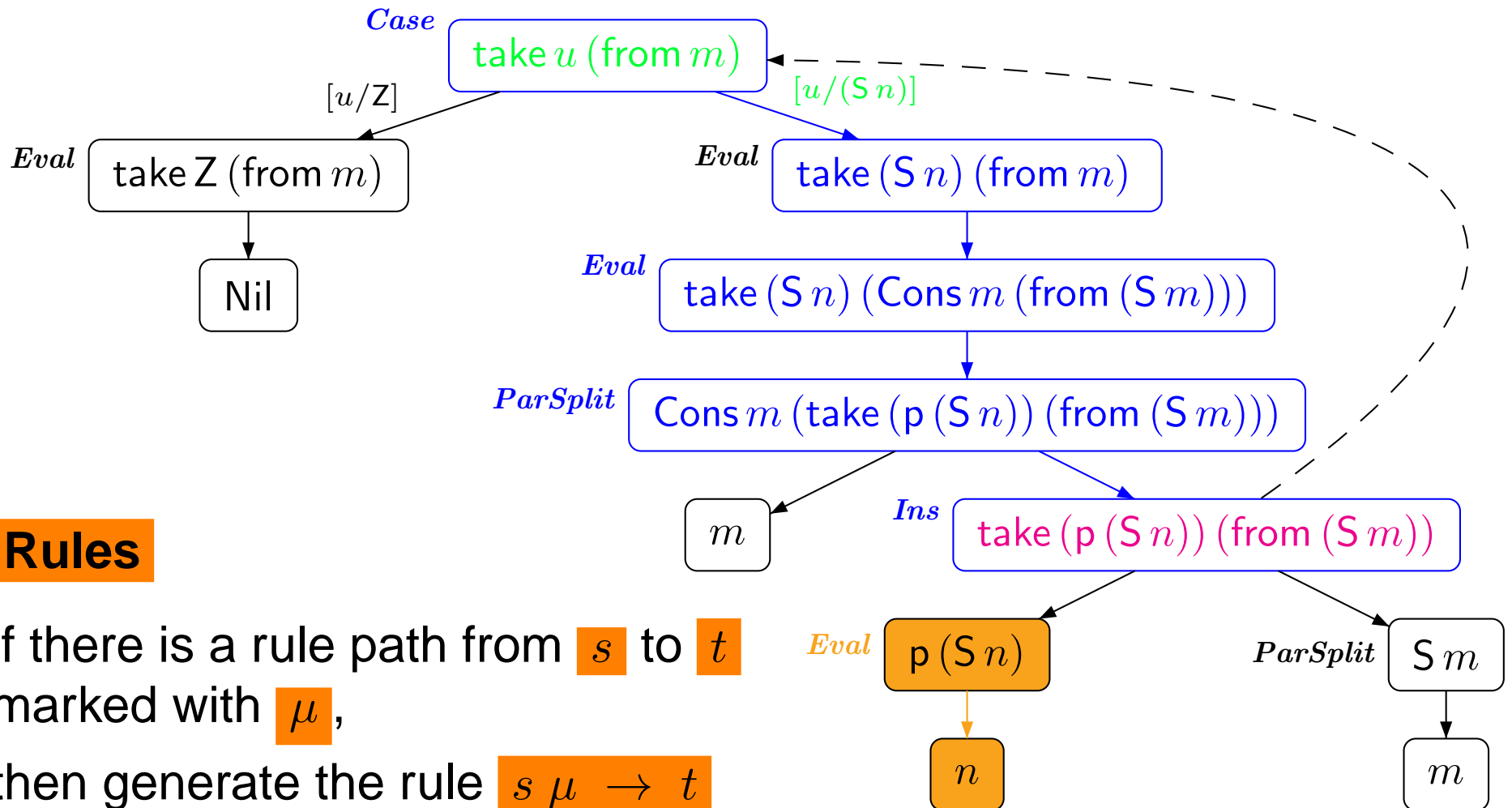
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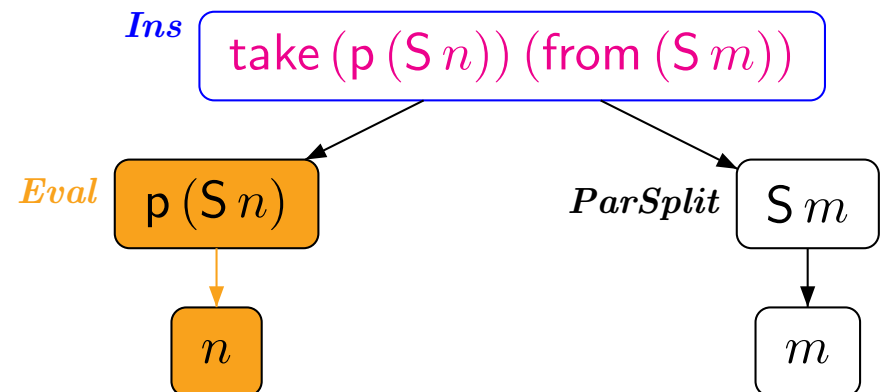
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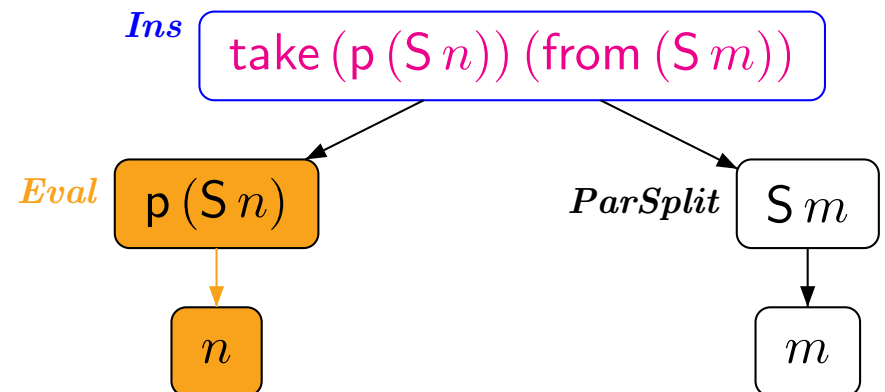
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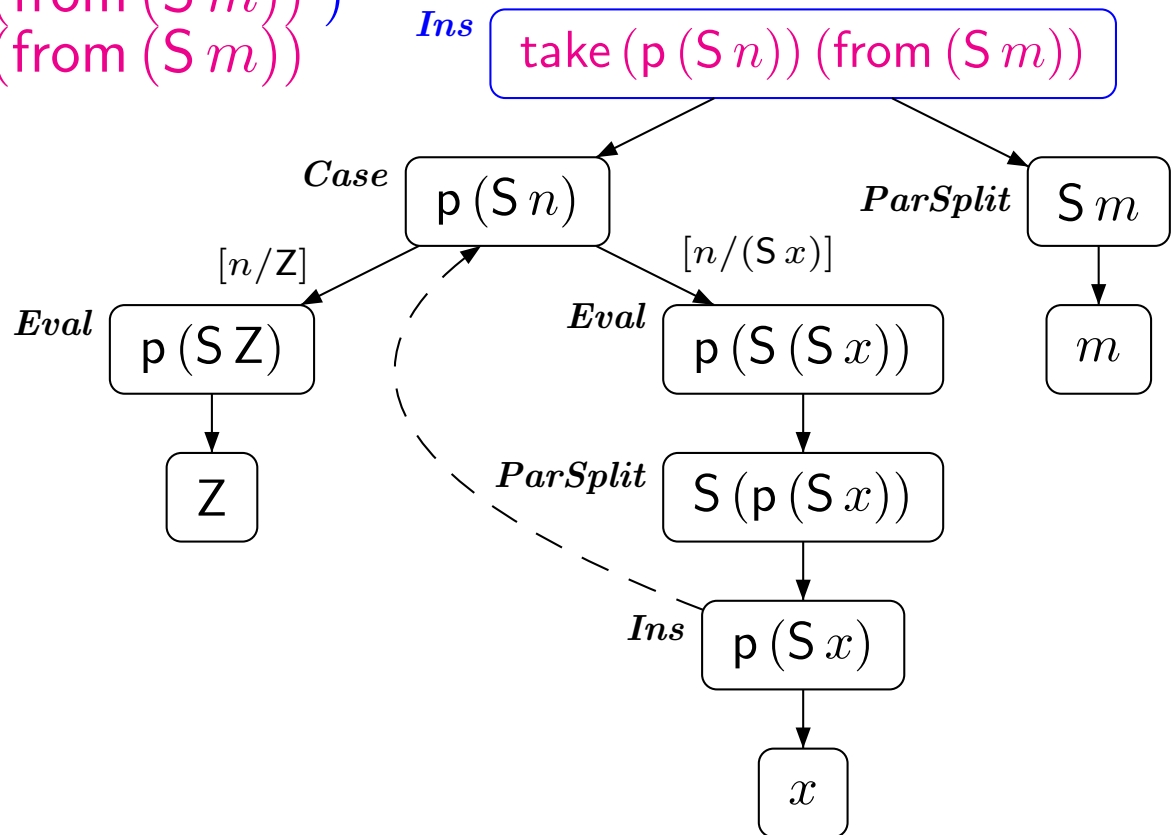


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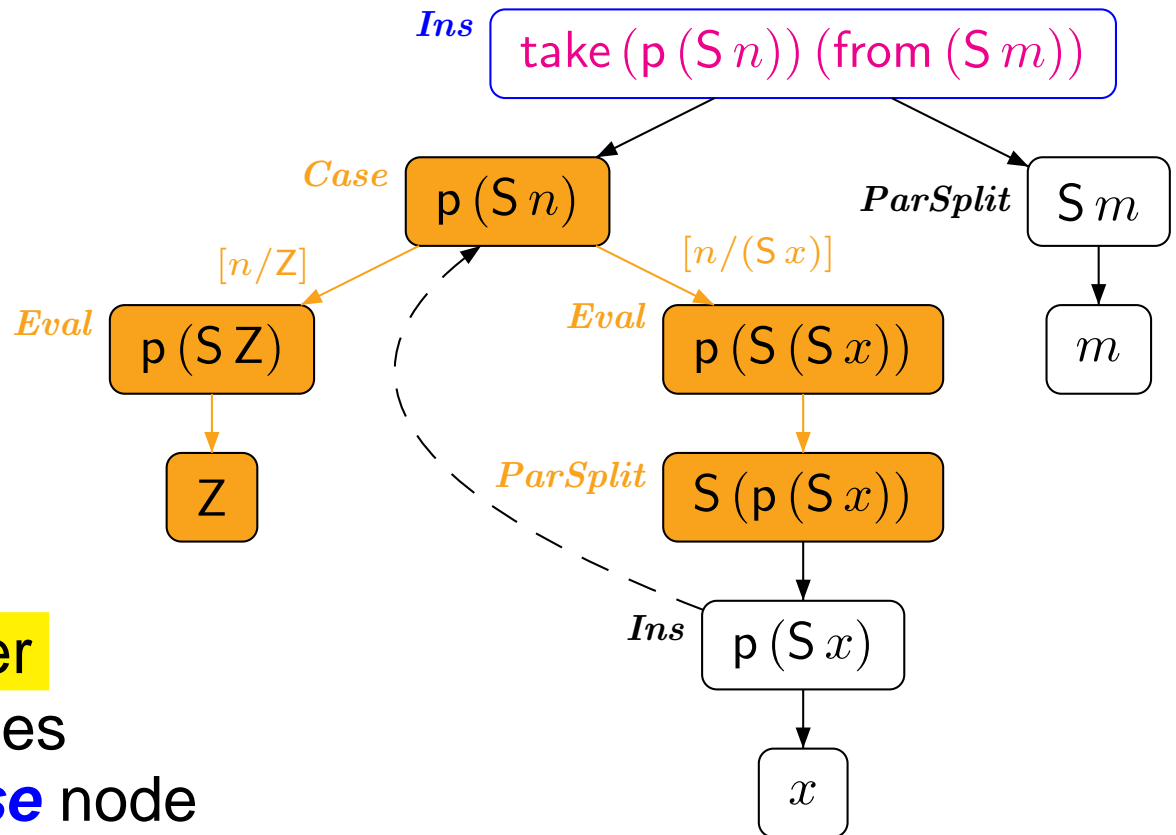
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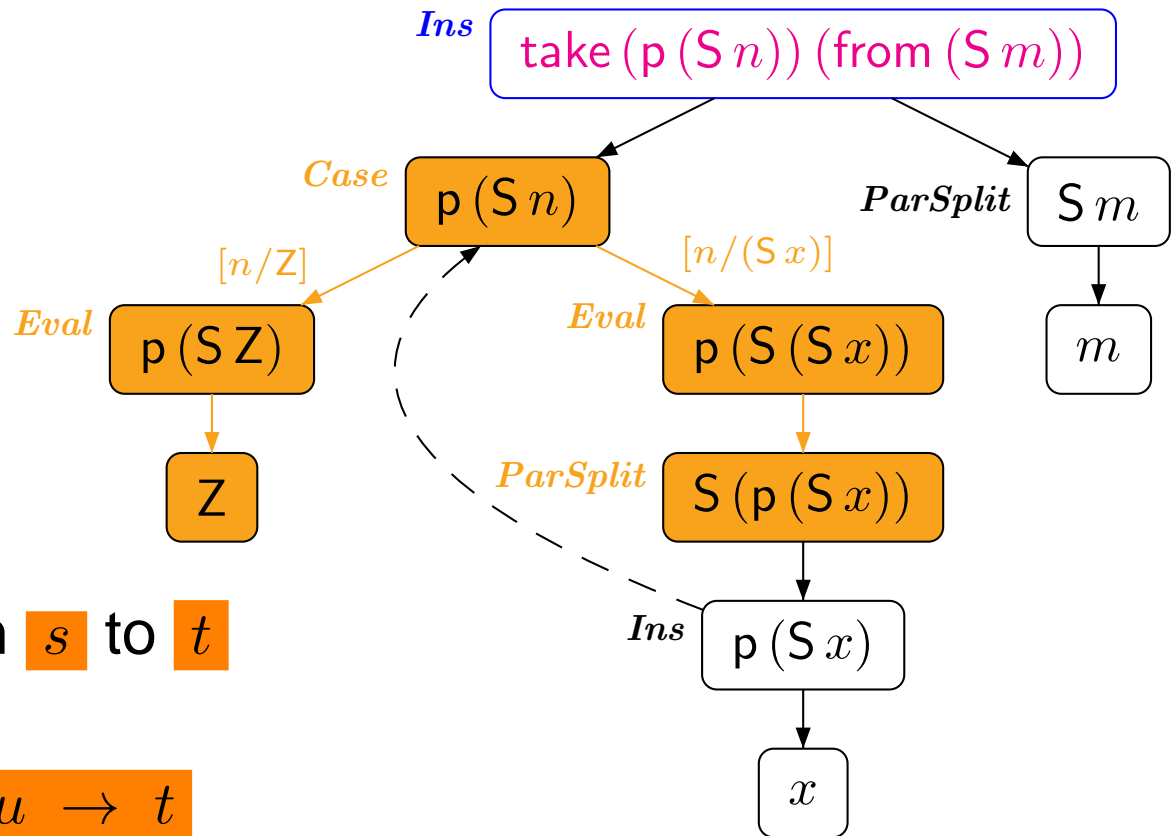
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if there is a rule path from s to t marked with μ ,

then generate the rule $s \mu \rightarrow t$

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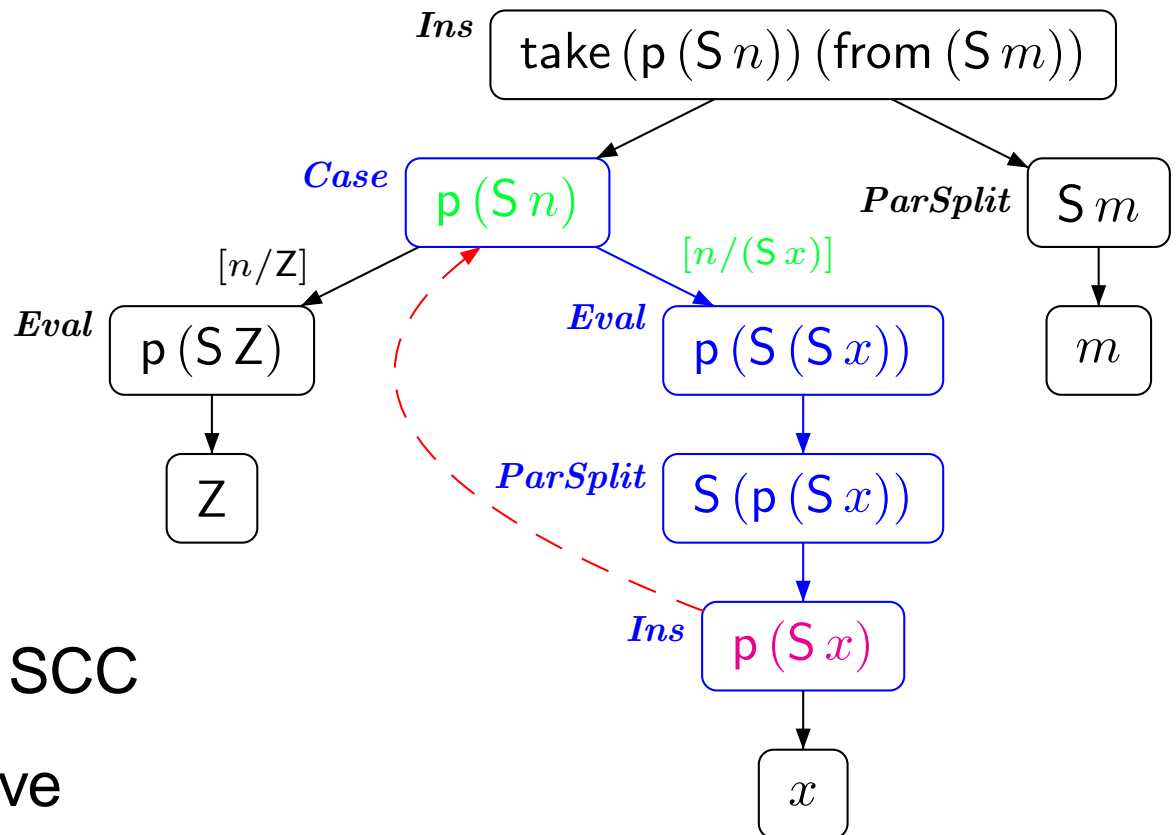
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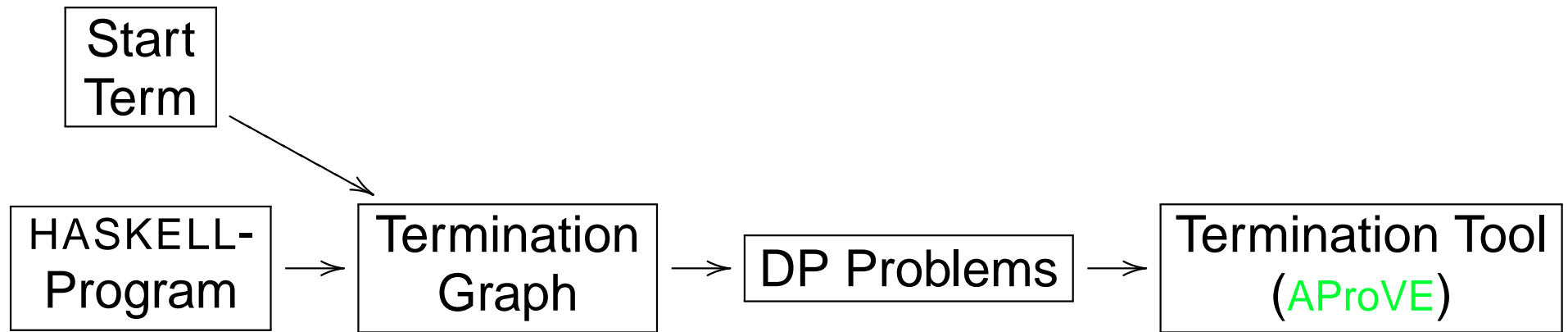
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Termination of Logic Programming Languages

- well-developed field (*De Schreye & Decorte, 94*) etc.
- **direct approaches:** work directly on the logic program
 - cTI (*Mesnard et al*)
 - TerminWeb (*Codish et al*)
 - TermiLog (*Lindenstrauss et al*)
 - Polytool (*Nguyen, De Schreye, Giesl, Schneider-Kamp*)

TRS-techniques can be adapted to work *directly* on the LP

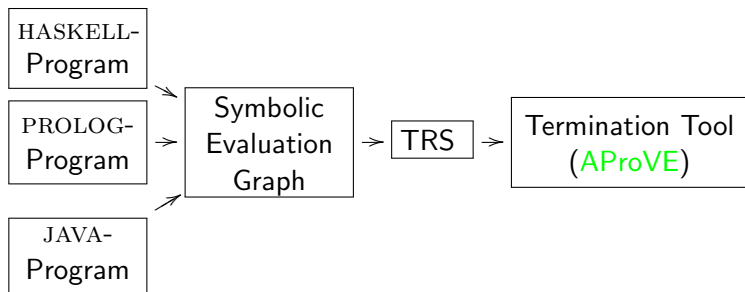
- **transformational approaches:** transform LP to TRS
 - TALP (*Ohlebusch et al*)
 - AProVE (*Giesl et al*)
- only for *definite* LP (without cut)
- not for real PROLOG

Termination of Logic Programming Languages

- analyzing PROLOG is challenging due to cuts etc.
- **New approach**
 - **Frontend**
 - evaluate PROLOG a few steps \Rightarrow **symbolic evaluation graph**
graph captures evaluation strategy due to cuts etc.
 - transform **symbolic evaluation graph** \Rightarrow **TRS**
 - **Backend**
 - prove termination of the resulting TRS
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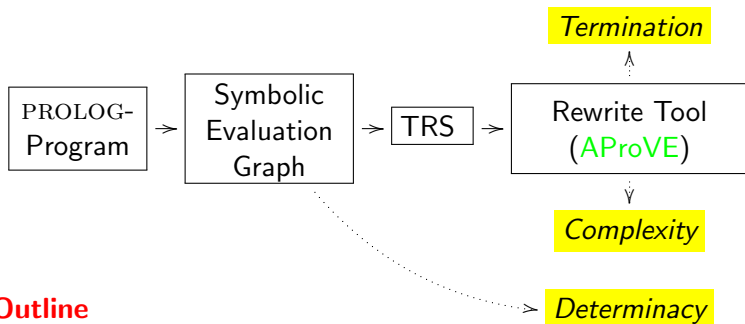
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- $\text{star}(t_1, t_2)$ holds iff t_2 results from concatenation of t_1 ($t_2 \in (t_1)^*$)
 - $\text{star}([1, 2], [])$ holds
 - $\text{star}([1, 2], [1, 2])$ holds, since $\text{app}([1, 2], [], [1, 2]), \text{star}([1, 2], [])$ hold
 - $\text{star}([1, 2], [1, 2, 1, 2])$ holds, etc.
- **cut** in clause (2) needed for *termination*. Otherwise:
 - $\text{star}([], t)$ would lead to
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- **goal:** (t_1, \dots, t_k) query or
 $(t_1, \dots, t_k)^c$ query labeled by clause c used for next resolution
- **inference rules:**

- CASE
- EVAL
- BACK
- CUT
- SUC

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 \Rightarrow evaluation is a *sequence* of states, not a search *tree*
- suitable for extension to *abstract states*

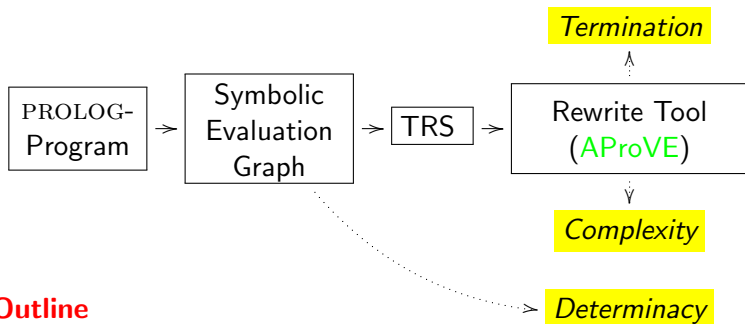
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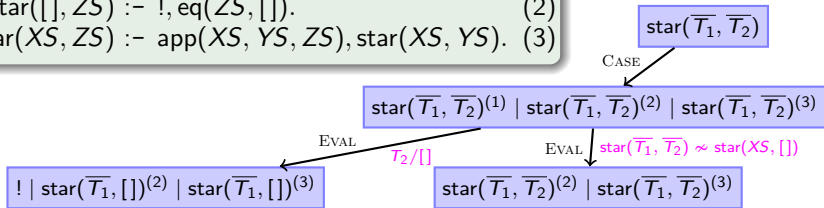
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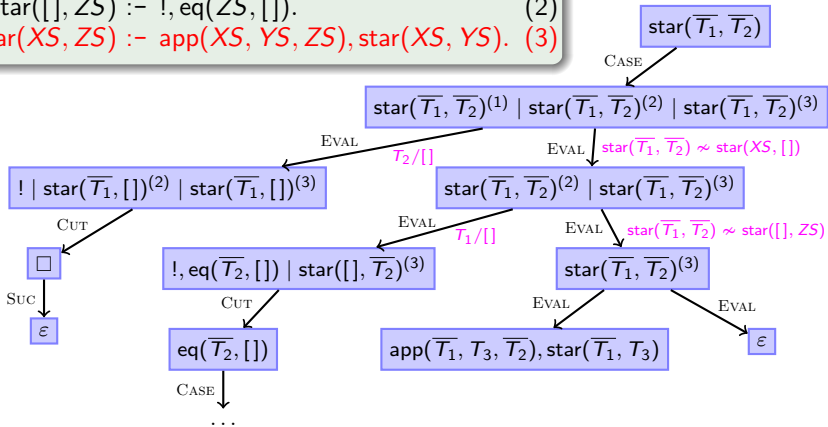


- **symbolic evaluation graph:** all evaluations for a *class* of queries
- **class of queries** Q_m^p described by *predicate* p and *moding* m
Example: $Q_m^{\text{star}} = \{\text{star}(t_1, t_2) \mid t_1, t_2 \text{ are ground}\}$.
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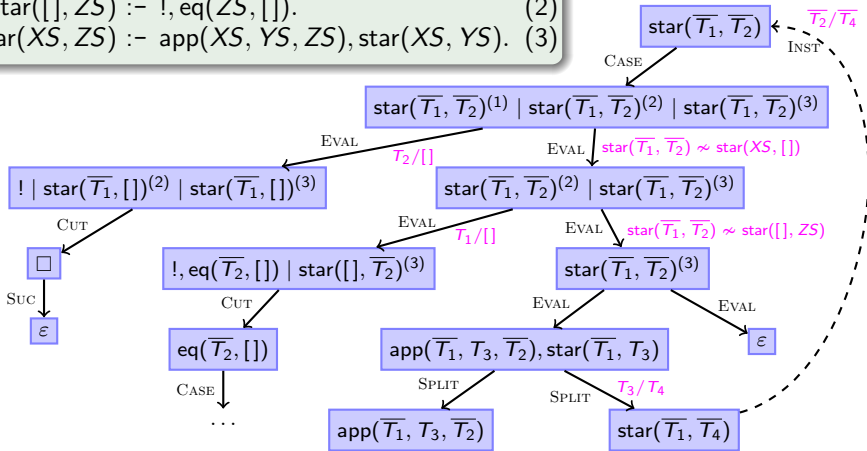


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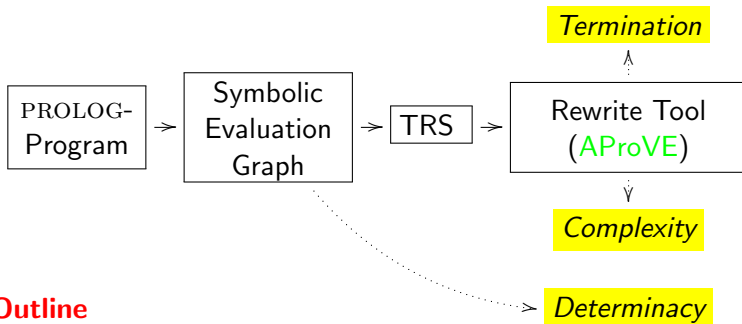
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- INST: connection to previous state if current state is an *instance*
- SPLIT: split away first atom from a query
 - fresh variables in SPLIT's second successor
 - approximate first atom's answer substitution by *groundness analysis*

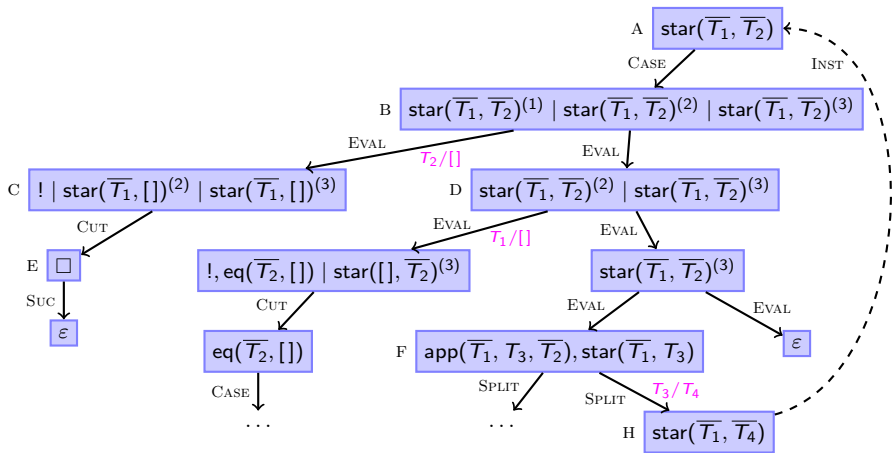
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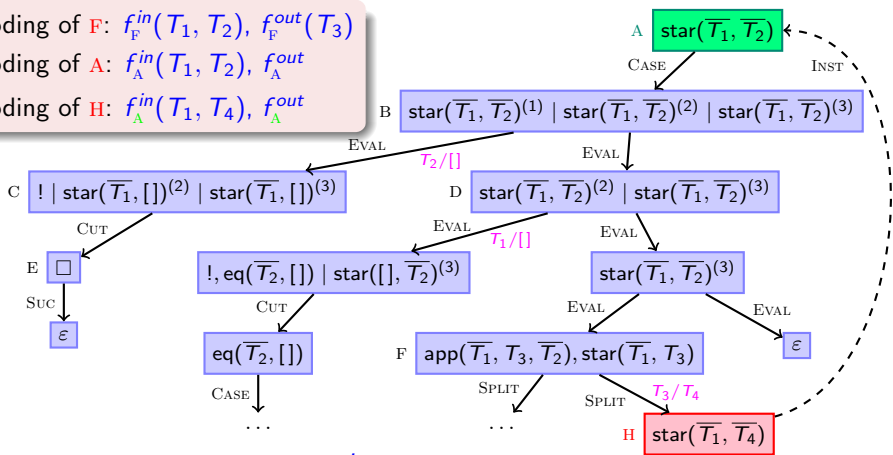


- **Aim:** show termination of concrete states represented by graph
- **Solution:** synthesize TRS from the graph
 - TRS captures all evaluations that are crucial for termination behavior
 - existing rewrite tools can show termination of TRS
 - ⇒ prove termination of original PROLOG program

Encoding of **F**: $f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2), f_F^{out}(T_3)$

Encoding of **A**: $f_A^{in}(T_1, T_2), f_A^{out}$

Encoding of **H**: $f_A^{in}(T_1, T_4), f_A^{out}$



• encode **state** s to **terms** $f_s^{in}(\dots), f_s^{out}(\dots)$

• arguments of f_s^{in} : abstract ground variables of s ($\overline{T}_1, \overline{T}_2, \dots$)

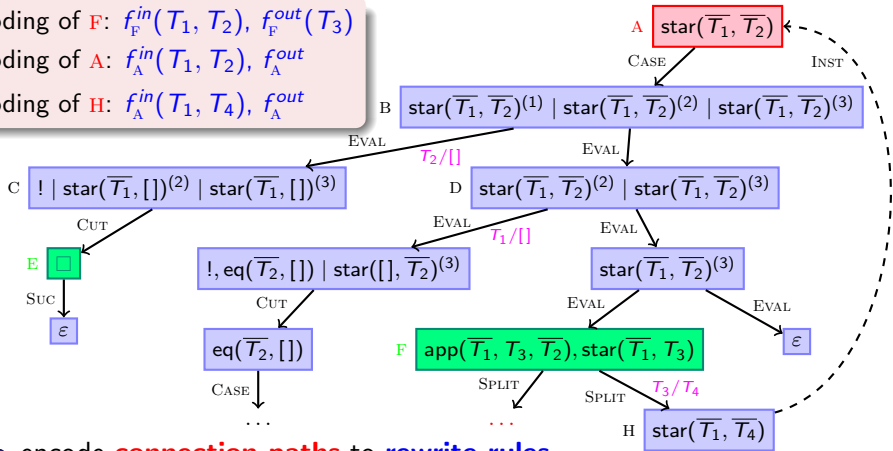
• arguments of f_s^{out} : remaining abstract variables of s which are made ground by every answer substitution of s (*groundness analysis*)

• for state s with INST edge to s' : use $f_{s'}^{in}, f_{s'}^{out}$ instead of f_s^{in}, f_s^{out}

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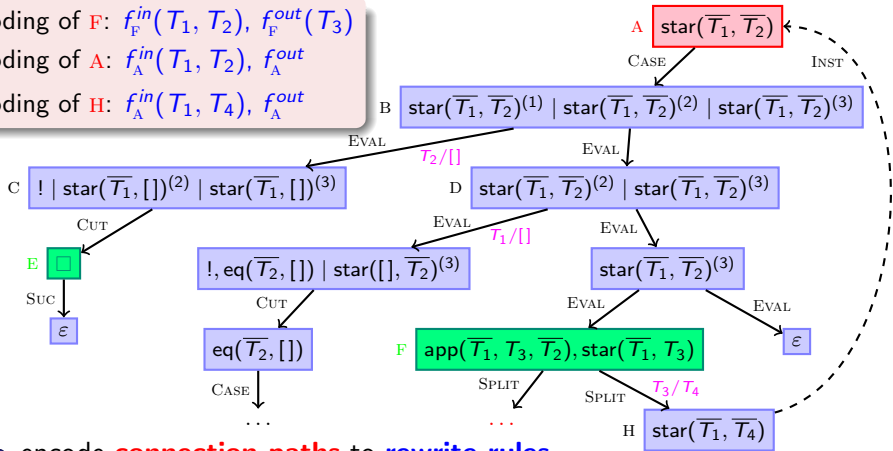
● **connection path**:

- **start state** = root, successor of INST, or successor of SPLIT but no INST or SPLIT node itself
- **end state** = INST, SPLIT, SUC node, or successor of INST node
- connection path may not traverse end nodes except SUC nodes

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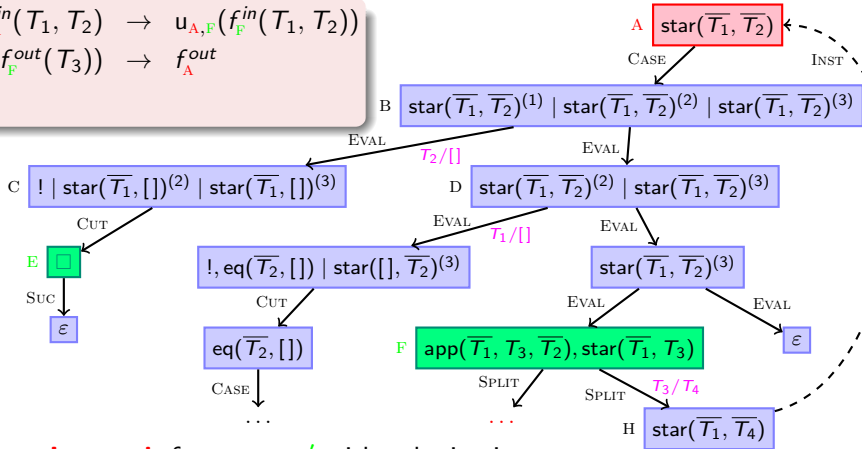
- INST edges (are covered by the encoding of terms)

- SPLIT edges (will be covered by extra SPLIT rules later)

- parts without cycles or SUC nodes (irrelevant for termination behavior)

$$f_A^{in}(T_1, T_2) \rightarrow u_{A,F}(f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2))$$

$$u_{A,F}(f_F^{out}(T_3)) \rightarrow f_A^{out}$$



connection path from s to s' with substitution σ :

$$f_s^{in}(\dots)\sigma \text{ evaluates to } f_s^{out}(\dots)\sigma \text{ if}$$

$$f_{s'}^{in}(\dots) \text{ evaluates to } f_{s'}^{out}(\dots)$$

$$f_A^{in}(T_1, T_2) \text{ evaluates to } f_A^{out} \text{ if}$$

$$f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2) \text{ evaluates to } f_F^{out}(T_3)$$

rewrite rules:

$$f_s^{in}(\dots)\sigma \rightarrow u_{s,s'}(f_{s'}^{in}(\dots))$$

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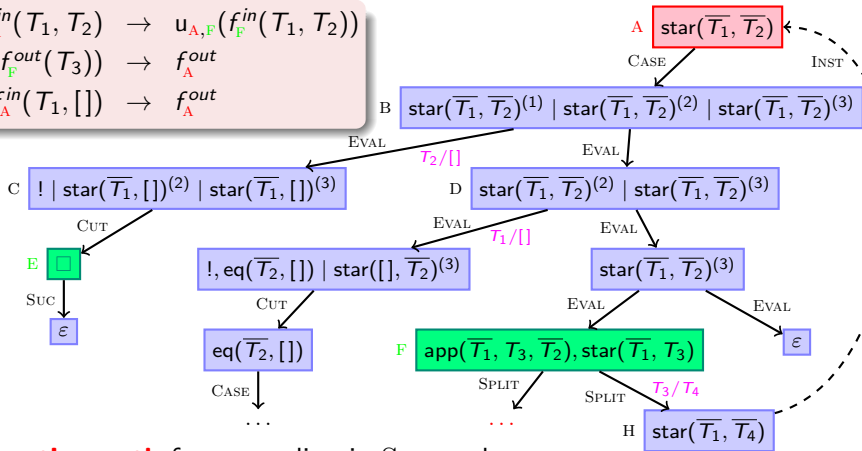
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connection path from s ending in SUC node:

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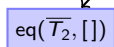
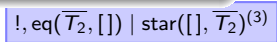
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intuition:

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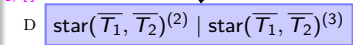
$$f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2) \text{ evaluates to } f_F^{out}(T_3) \quad \text{if } T_1 \neq [], T_2 \neq [], T_3 \text{ is } T_2 \text{ without prefix } T_1, T_3 \in (T_1)^*$$

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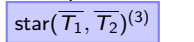
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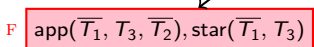
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$T_1/[]$

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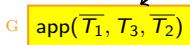
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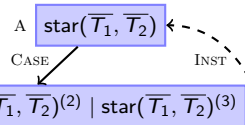
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T_3/T_4



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SPLIT node s with successors s_1 and s_1 :

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$f_{s_1}^{in}(\dots)\sigma$ evaluates to $f_{s_1}^{out}(\dots)\sigma$ and

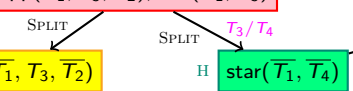
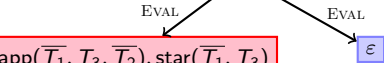
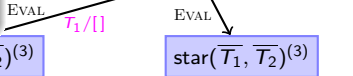
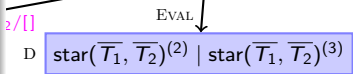
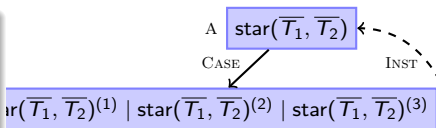
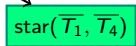
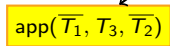
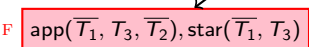
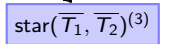
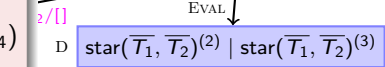
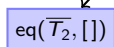
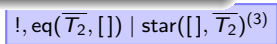
$f_{s_2}^{in}(\dots)$ evaluates to $f_{s_2}^{out}(\dots)$

$f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2)$ evaluates to $f_F^{out}(T_4)$ if

$f_G^{in}(T_1, T_2)$ evaluates to $f_G^{out}(T_4)$ and

$f_A^{in}(T_1, T_4)$ evaluates to f_A^{out}

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_A^{in}(T_1, T_2) &\rightarrow u_{A,F}(f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2)) \\
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 f_A^{in}(T_1, []) &\rightarrow f_A^{out} \\
 f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2) &\rightarrow u_{F,G}(f_G^{in}(T_1, T_2)) \\
 u_{F,G}(f_G^{out}(T_4)) &\rightarrow u_{G,H}(f_A^{in}(T_1, T_4), T_4) \\
 u_{G,H}(f_A^{out}, T_4) &\rightarrow f_F^{out}(T_4)
 \end{aligned}$$



INST

EVAL $T_1/[]$

SPLIT T_3/T_4

intuition:

$f_F^{in}(T_1, T_2)$ evaluates to $f_F^{out}(T_4)$ if $T_1 \neq [], T_2 \neq [], T_4$ is T_2 without prefix T_1 , $T_4 \in (T_1)^*$

$f_G^{in}(T_1, T_2)$ evaluates to $f_G^{out}(T_4)$ if $T_1 \neq [], T_2 \neq [], T_4$ is T_2 without prefix T_1

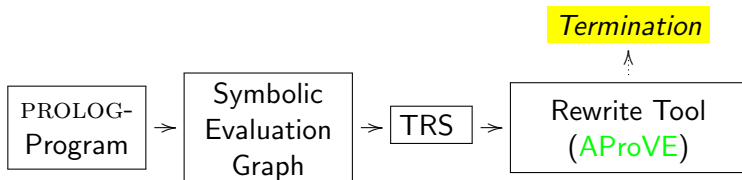
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 $\text{eq}(X, X).$

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 $f_G^{\text{in}}([T_5 | T_6], [T_5 | T_7]) \rightarrow u_{G,I}(f_I^{\text{in}}(T_6, T_7))$
 $u_{G,I}(f_I^{\text{out}}(T_3)) \rightarrow f_G^{\text{out}}(T_3)$
 $f_I^{\text{in}}([T_8 | T_9], [T_8 | T_{10}]) \rightarrow u_{I,K}(f_I^{\text{in}}(T_9, T_{10}))$
 $u_{I,K}(f_I^{\text{out}}(T_3)) \rightarrow f_I^{\text{out}}(T_3)$
 $f_I^{\text{in}}([], T_3) \rightarrow f_I^{\text{out}}(T_3)$

- existing TRS tools prove termination automatically
- original PROLOG program terminates

Symbolic Evaluation Graphs and Term Rewriting

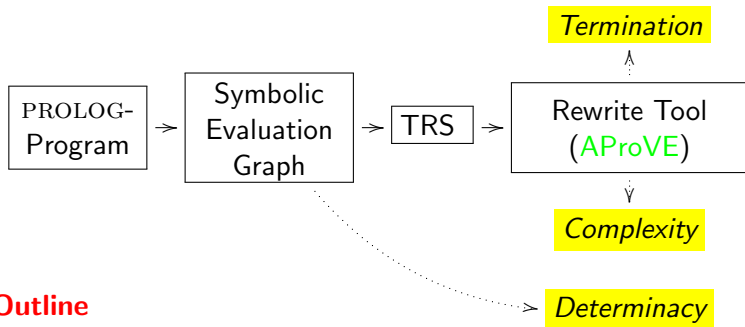


implemented in tool **AProVE**

- most powerful tool for termination of **definite** logic programs
- only tool for termination of **non-definite** PROLOG programs
- winner of *termination competition* for PROLOG
(proves 342 of 477 examples, average runtime 6.5 s per example)

Symbolic Evaluation Graphs and Term Rewriting

General methodology for analyzing PROLOG programs



Outline

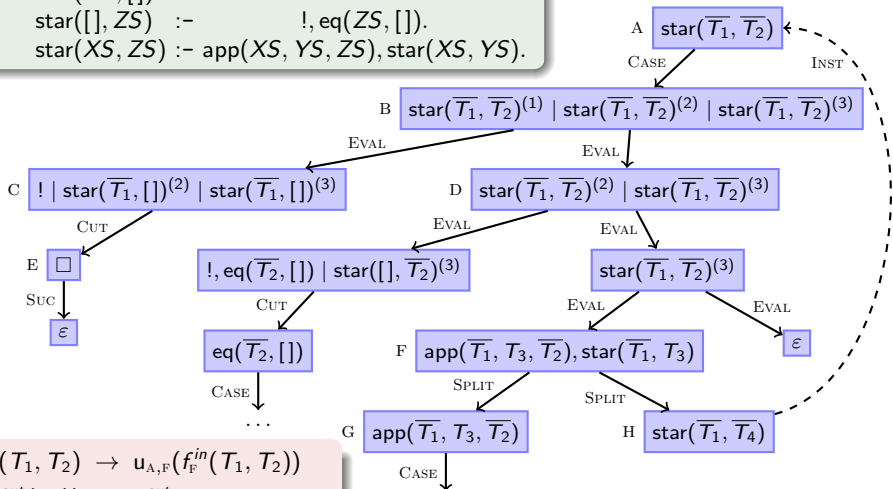
- linear operational semantics of PROLOG
- from PROLOG to symbolic evaluation graphs
- from symbolic evaluation graphs to TRSs for **termination analysis**
- from symbolic evaluation graphs to TRSs for **complexity analysis**
- **determinacy analysis**

Complexity for Logic Programs

Program \mathcal{P} , Class of queries $Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}$

- $prc_{\mathcal{P}, Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}}$ maps $n \in \mathbb{N}$ to longest evaluation starting with $Q \in Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}$, where $|Q|_m \leq n$
- $|Q|_m$: number of variables and function symbols on *input positions*
- corresponds to number of unification attempts
- \mathcal{R} has **linear** complexity for class $Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}$ if $prc_{\mathcal{P}, Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}}(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$
 \mathcal{R} has **quadratic** complexity for class $Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}$ if $prc_{\mathcal{P}, Q_m^{\mathcal{P}}}(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ etc.
- **Example (star-program)**: has linear complexity
- Goal: Re-use existing methodology for termination analysis to analyze complexity as well

\mathcal{P} : $\text{star}(XS, []) :-$ $!$.
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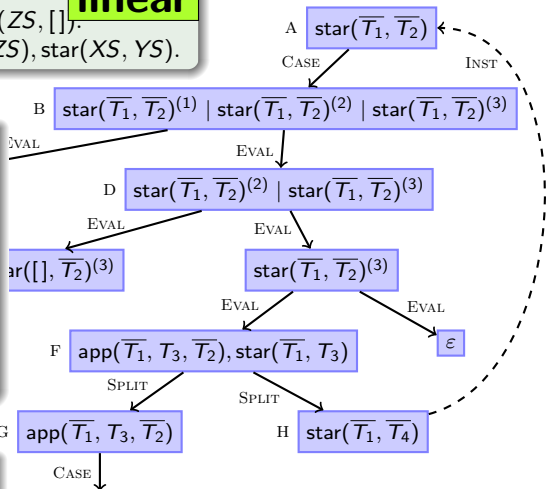
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- generate symbolic evaluation graph
- generate TRS from graph
- determine complexity of TRS by existing tool

\mathcal{P} : $\text{star}(XS, [])$:- !. **linear**
 $\text{star}([], ZS)$:- !, eq(ZS, []).
 $\text{star}(XS, ZS)$:- app(XS, YS, ZS), star(XS, YS).

Correct!

- depends on SPLIT's successor G
- in \mathcal{P} : repeat evaluation of H for every answer of G (*backtracking*)
- in TRS: evaluate H once (choose G's answer *non-deterministically*)
- Here: G is *deterministic* (has only one answer)



$f_A^{in}(T_1, T_2) \rightarrow u_{A,F}(f_F^{in})$ **linear**

$u_{A,F}(f_F^{out}(T_3)) \rightarrow f_A^{out}$

$f_A^{in}(T_1, []) \rightarrow f_A^{out}$

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$\mathcal{P} : \quad \text{sublist}(X, Y) :- \text{app}(P, U, Y), \text{app}(V, X, P). \quad (1)$

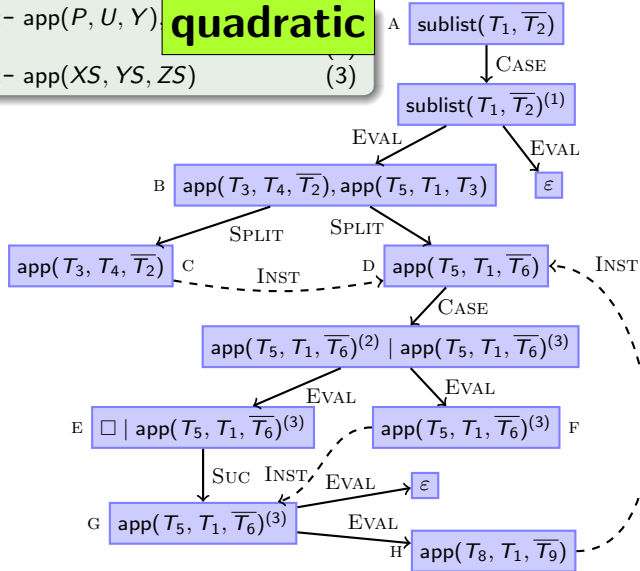
$\text{app}([], YS, YS). \quad (2)$

$\text{app}([X|XS], YS, [X|ZS]) :- \text{app}(XS, YS, ZS) \quad (3)$

Evaluation of sublist

- $Q_m^{\text{sublist}} = \{\text{sublist}(t_1, t_2) \mid t_2 \text{ ground}\}$
- computes all sublists of Y
(by *backtracking*)
- \mathcal{P} :
 - linear many possibilities to split Y into P and U
 - for each possible P , linear evaluation of $\text{app}(V, X, P)$

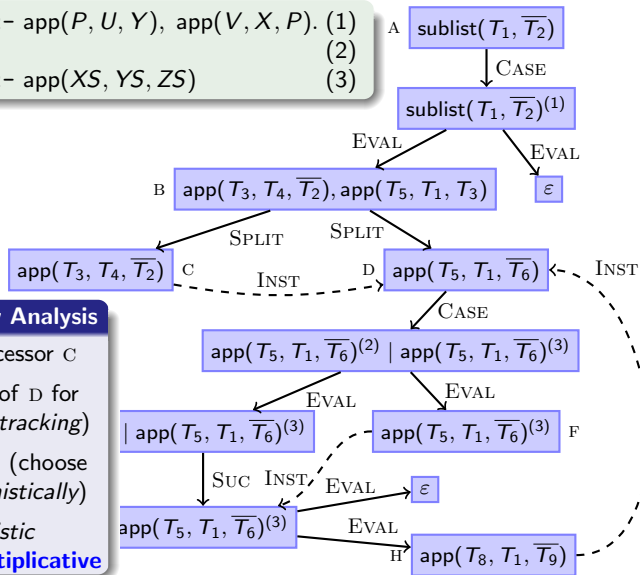
\mathcal{P} : $\text{sublist}(X, Y) := \text{app}(P, U, Y)$ **quadratic**
 $\text{app}([], YS, YS)$.
 $\text{app}([X | XS], YS, [X | ZS]) := \text{app}(XS, YS, ZS)$ (3)



$f_B^{in}(T_2) \rightarrow u$ **linear**
 $u_{B,C}(f_D^{out}(\dots)) \rightarrow u_{C,D}(f_D^{in}(\dots))$
 $u_{C,D}(f_D^{out}(\dots)) \rightarrow f_B^{out}(\dots)$

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Correctness of Complexity Analysis

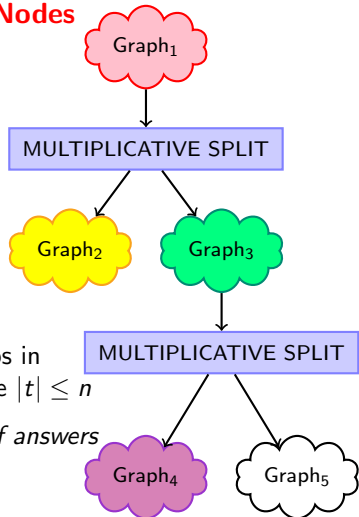
- depends on SPLIT's successor C
- in \mathcal{P} : repeat evaluation of D for every answer of C (*backtracking*)
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- Here: C is *not deterministic*
 \Rightarrow SPLIT node B is **multiplicative**

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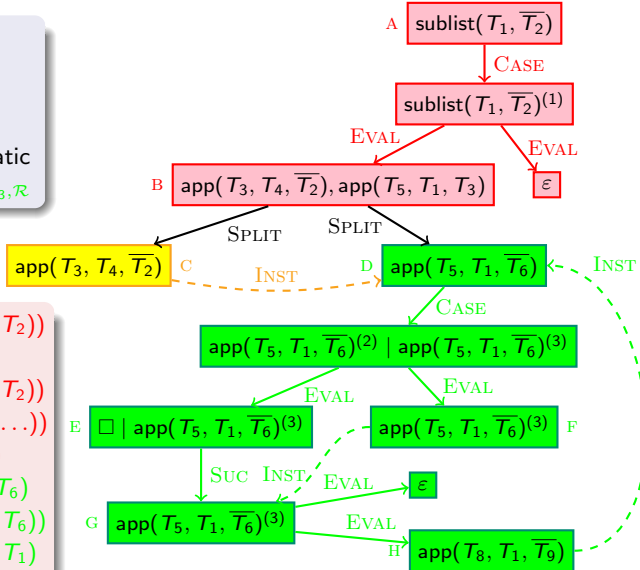
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Decompose Graph by Multiplicative Split Nodes

- generate symbolic evaluation graph
- generate **separate** TRSs $\mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_5$ for parts up to **multiplicative** SPLIT nodes (no **multiplicative** SPLIT node may reach itself)
- determine $irc_{\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}}, \dots, irc_{\mathcal{R}_5, \mathcal{R}}$ separately
 - maps $n \in \mathbb{N}$ to maximal number of \mathcal{R}_i -steps in evaluation starting with basic term t , where $|t| \leq n$
 - upper bound for *runtime* and for *number of answers*
- combine complexities
 - **multiply** complexities for children of multiplicative SPLITS
 - **add** complexities of parents of multiplicative SPLITS
 - $irc_{\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}} + irc_{\mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}} \cdot (irc_{\mathcal{R}_3, \mathcal{R}} + irc_{\mathcal{R}_4, \mathcal{R}} \cdot irc_{\mathcal{R}_5, \mathcal{R}})$



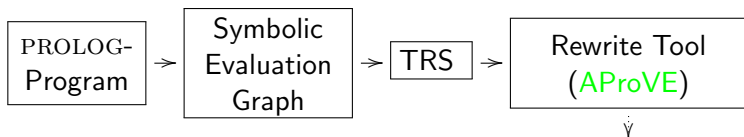
- $irc_{\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}}$: constant
- $irc_{\mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}}$: linear
- $irc_{\mathcal{R}_3, \mathcal{R}}$: linear
- complexity of \mathcal{P} : quadratic
 $irc_{\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}} + irc_{\mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}} \cdot irc_{\mathcal{R}_3, \mathcal{R}}$



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- $u_{C,D}(f_D^{out}(\dots)) \rightarrow f_B^{out}(\dots)$
- $f_D^{in}(T_6) \rightarrow f_D^{out}([], T_6)$
- $f_D^{in}(T_6) \rightarrow u_{D,G}(f_G^{in}(T_6))$
- $u_{D,G}(f_G^{out}(\dots)) \rightarrow f_D^{out}(T_5, T_1)$
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- $u_{D,F}(\dots) \rightarrow f_D^{out}(T_5, T_1)$
- $f_G^{in}([T_7 | T_9]) \rightarrow u_{G,H}(\dots)$
- $u_{G,H}(\dots) \rightarrow f_G^{out}([T_7 | T_8])$

- generate graph and TRSs $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}_3$
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- infer complexity of \mathcal{P}

Symbolic Evaluation Graphs and Term Rewriting



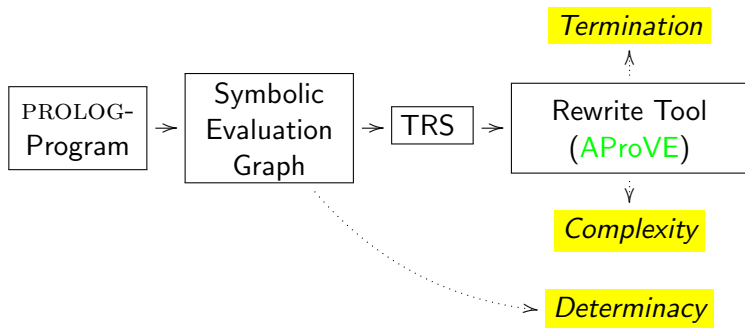
implemented in tool **AProVE**

- only tool for complexity of **non-well-moded** or **non-definite** programs
- experiments on all 477 programs of *TPDB*

| | $\mathcal{O}(1)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n \cdot 2^n)$ | bounds | time |
|--------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| CASLOG | 1 | 21 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 14.8 |
| CiaoPP | 3 | 19 | 4 | 3 | 29 | 11.7 |
| AProVE | 54 | 117 | 37 | 0 | 208 | 10.6 |

Symbolic Evaluation Graphs and Term Rewriting

General methodology for analyzing PROLOG programs



Outline

- linear operational semantics of PROLOG
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- from symbolic evaluation graphs to TRSs for **complexity analysis**
- **determinacy analysis**

Criterion for determinacy of s

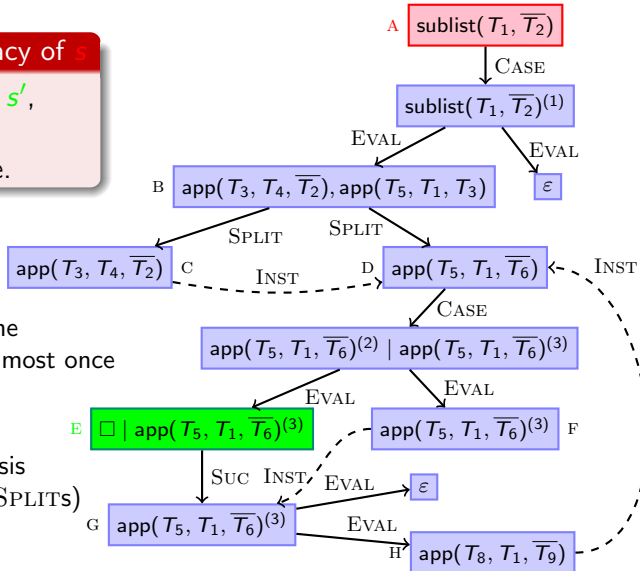
If s reaches **SUC** node s' ,
then there is no path
from s' to a **SUC** node.

- query **deterministic** iff

it generates at most one
answer substitution at most once

- for program analysis
- for complexity analysis
(**non-multiplicative SPLITS**)

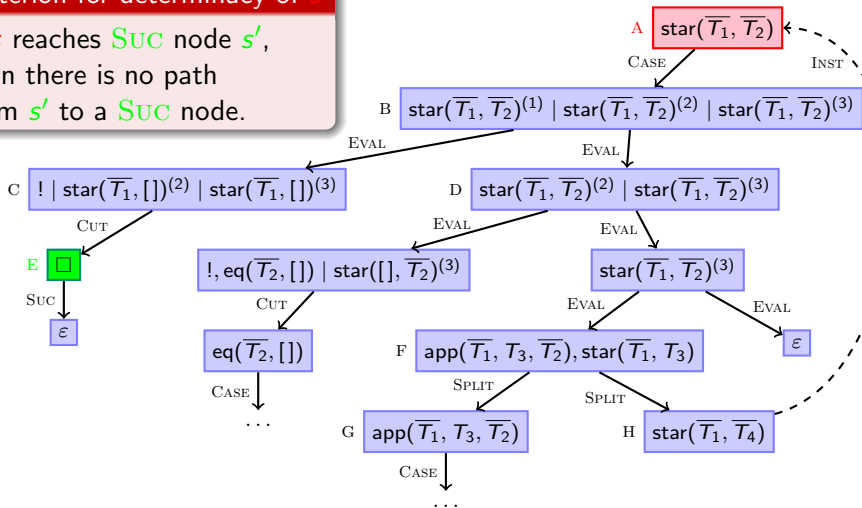
- successful evaluation \Rightarrow
path to **SUC** node in
symbolic evaluation graph



- C** not deterministic
 \Rightarrow **SPLIT** node **B** multiplicative
- A** not deterministic

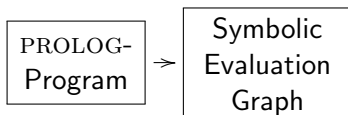
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- **G** is deterministic
 \Rightarrow SPLIT node F not multiplicative
- **A** is deterministic

Symbolic Evaluation Graphs and Term Rewriting



implemented in tool **AProVE**

- experiments on 300 **definite** programs:
CiaoPP: 132, AProVE: 69
- experiments on 177 **non-definite** programs:
CiaoPP: 61, AProVE: 92
- only first step, but substantial addition to existing determinacy analyses
(AProVE succeeds on 78 examples where CiaoPP fails)
- strong enough for complexity analysis

Determinacy

I. Termination of **Term Rewriting**

- 1 Termination of Term Rewrite Systems
- 2 Non-Termination of Term Rewrite Systems
- 3 Complexity of Term Rewrite Systems
- 4 Termination of Integer Term Rewrite Systems

II. Termination of **Programs**

- 1 Termination of Functional Programs (Haskell)
- 2 Termination of Logic Programs (Prolog)
- 3 Termination of Imperative Programs (Java) (RTA '10 & '11, CAV '12)

Termination of Imperative Programs

Direct Approaches

- Synthesis of Linear Ranking Functions
(*Colon & Sipma, 01*), (*Podelski & Rybalchenko, 04*), ...
 - **Terminator**: Termination Analysis by Abstraction & Model Checking
(*Cook, Podelski, Rybalchenko et al., since 05*)
 - **Julia & COSTA**: Termination Analysis of JAVA BYTECODE
(*Spoto, Mesnard, Payet, 10*),
(*Albert, Arenas, Codish, Genaim, Puebla, Zanardini, 08*)
 - ...
-
- used at Microsoft for verifying Windows device drivers
 - **no use of TRS-techniques** (stand-alone methods)

Termination of Imperative Programs

Rewrite-Based Approach

- analyze JAVA BYTECODE (JBC) instead of JAVA
- using TRS-techniques for JBC is challenging
 - sharing and aliasing
 - side effects
 - cyclic data objects
 - object-orientation
 - recursion
 - ...

Termination of Imperative Programs

- **New approach**

- **Frontend**

- evaluate JBC a few steps \Rightarrow **termination graph**
termination graph captures side effects, sharing, cyclic data objects etc.
- transform **termination graph** \Rightarrow **TRS**

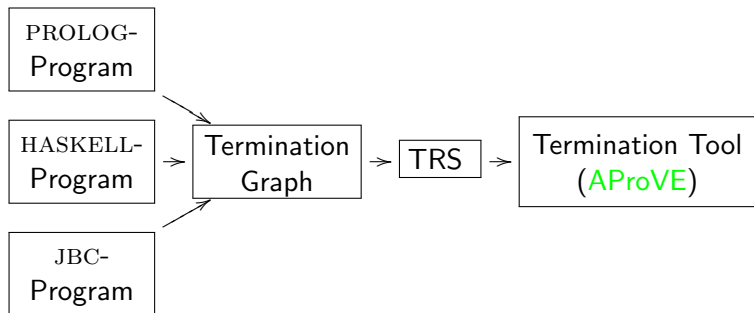
- **Backend**

- prove termination of the resulting TRS
(using existing techniques & tools)

- implemented in **AProVE**

- successfully evaluated on JBC-collection
- competitive termination tool for JBC

Termination of Imperative Programs



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Termination of Imperative Programs

- **other techniques:**

abstract objects to **numbers**

- IntList-object representing [0, 1, 2] is abstracted to **length 3**

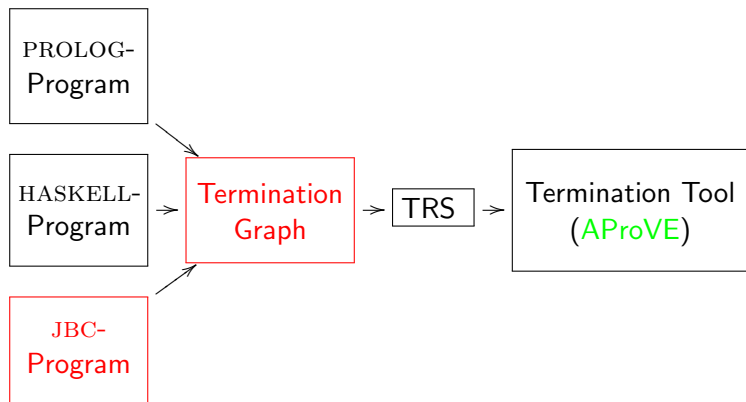
```
public class IntList {  
    int value;  
    IntList next;  
}
```

- **our technique:**

abstract objects to **terms**

- introduce function symbol for every class
- IntList-object representing [0, 1, 2] is abstracted to **term:** `IntList(0, IntList(1, IntList(2, null)))`
- TRS-techniques generate suitable orders to compare arbitrary terms
- particularly powerful on user-defined data types
- powerful on pre-defined data types by using **Integer TRSs**

From JBC to Termination Graphs



Example

```
00: aload_0      // load num to opstack
01: ifnull 8     // jump to line 8 if top
                // of opstack is null
04: aload_1     // load limit
05: ifnonnull 9 // jump if not null
08: return
09: aload_0     // load num
10: astore_2    // store into copy
11: aload_0     // load num
12: getfield val // load field val
15: aload_1     // load limit
16: getfield val // load field val
19: if_icmpge 35 // jump if
                // num.val >= limit.val
22: aload_2     // load copy
23: aload_2     // load copy
24: getfield val // load field val
27: iconst_1    // load constant 1
28: iadd        // add copy.val and 1
29: putfield val // store into copy.val
32: goto 11
35: return
```

```
public class Int {
    // only wrap a primitive int
    private int val;

    // count up to the value
    // in "limit"
    public static void count(
        Int num, Int limit) {

        if (num == null
            || limit == null) {
            return;
        }

        // introduce sharing
        Int copy = num;

        while (num.val < limit.val) {
            copy.val++;
        }
    }
}
```

Abstract States of the JVM

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```

$\text{ifnull } 8 \mid n:o_1, l:o_2 \mid o_1$
 $o_1 = \text{Int}(\text{val} = i_1) \quad i_1 = (-\infty, \infty)$
 $o_2 = \text{Int}(?)$

4 components

- 1 next program instruction
- 2 values of local variables
(value of num is *reference* o_1)
- 3 values on the operand stack
- 4 information about the heap
 - object at address o_2 is null or of type Int
 - object at o_1 has type Int, val-field has value i_1
 - i_1 is an arbitrary integer
 - no sharing

From JBC to Termination Graphs

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    :
    :
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    :
    :
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35: return
```

| |
|--|
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|--|

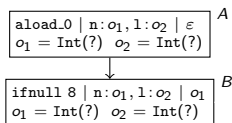
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State A:

- do all calls of count terminate?
- num and limit are arbitrary, but distinct Int-objects

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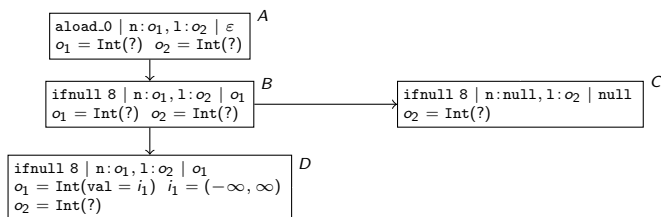


State B:

- “aload_0” loads value of num on operand stack
- A connected to B by *evaluation edge*

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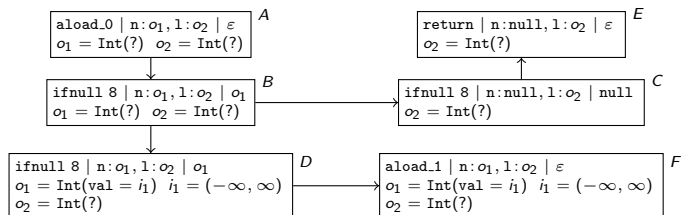


States C and D:

- “ifnull 8” needs to know whether o_1 is null
- *refine* information about heap (*refinement edges*)

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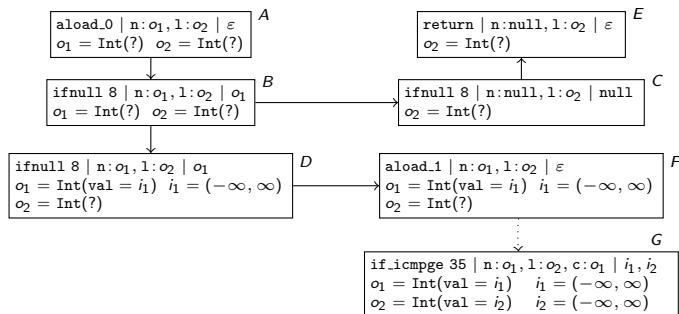


States E and F:

- evaluate “ifnull 8” in C and D
- *evaluation edges*

From JBC to Termination Graphs

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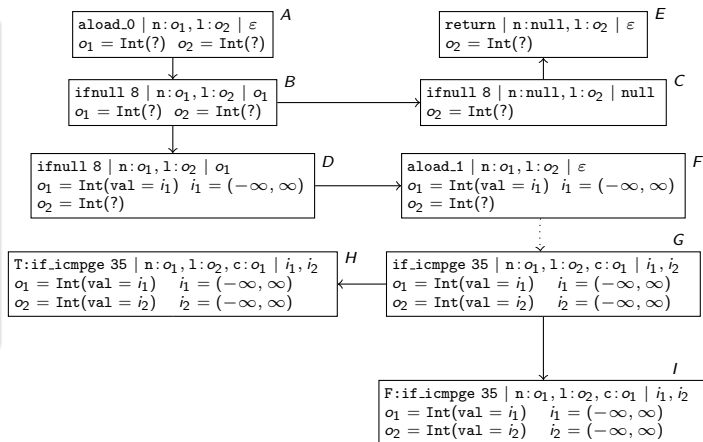


State G:

- in state *F*, check if `limit` is null analogously
- aliasing in *G*: `num` and `copy` point to the same address o_1
- `val`-fields of `num` and `limit` pushed on operand stack

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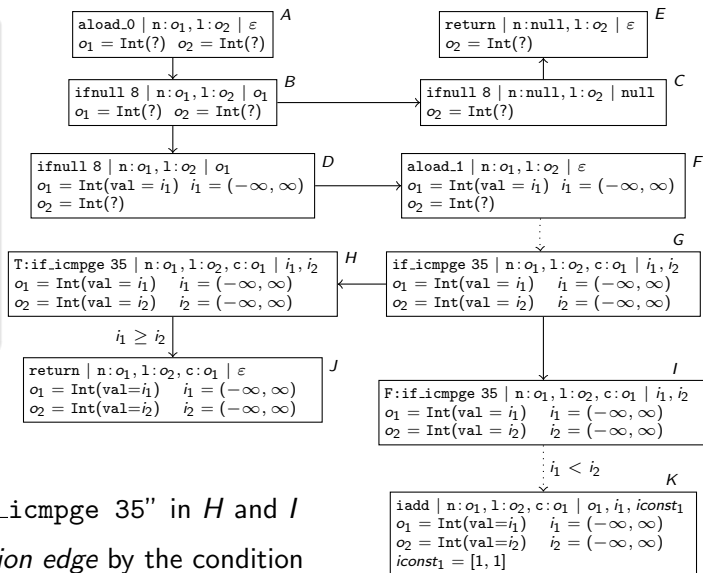


States H and I:

- “if_icmpge 35” needs to know whether $i_1 \geq i_2$
- *refine* information about heap (*refinement edges*)

From JBC to Termination Graphs

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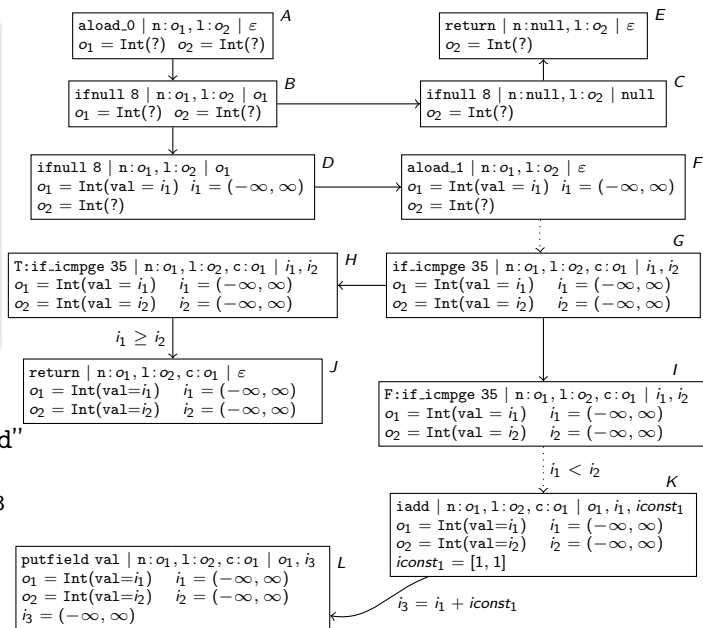
States J and K:

- evaluate “if_icmpge 35” in H and I
- label *evaluation edge* by the condition
- val-field of copy and integer variable with value 1 on operand stack

From JBC to Termination Graphs

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State L:

- evaluate "iadd"
- new variable i_3
- label edge by connection

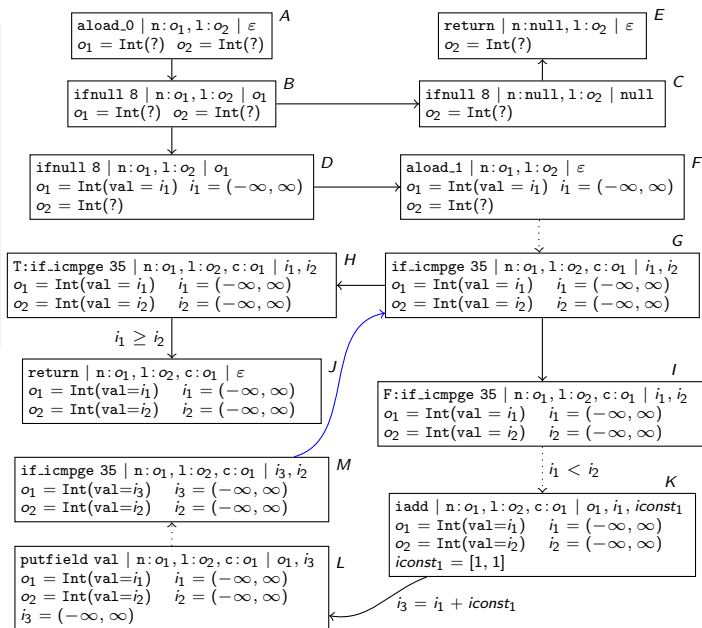
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```

State M:

- again reaches "if_icmpge"
- M* instance of *G*
- instantiation edge



From JBC to Termination Graphs

Termination Graphs

- expand nodes until all leaves correspond to program ends
- by appropriate generalization steps, one always reaches a *finite* termination graph
- state s_1 is *instance* of s_2 iff every concrete state described by s_1 is also described by s_2

Using Termination Graphs for Termination Proofs

- every JBC-computation of concrete states corresponds to a *computation path* in the termination graph
- termination graph is called *terminating* iff it has no infinite computation path

Example with User-Defined Data Type

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    public static IntList
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        TreeList cur = list;
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                TreeList oldCur = cur;
                cur = new TreeList();
                cur.value = tree.left;
                cur.next = oldCur;
                oldCur.value = tree.right;
            } else cur = cur.next;
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```

```
public class Tree {
    int value;
    Tree left;
    Tree right;
}

public class TreeList {
    Tree value;
    TreeList next;
}

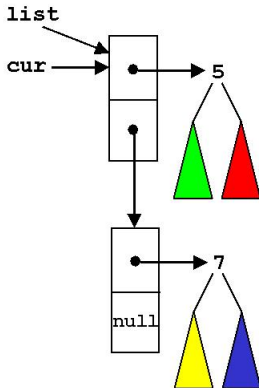
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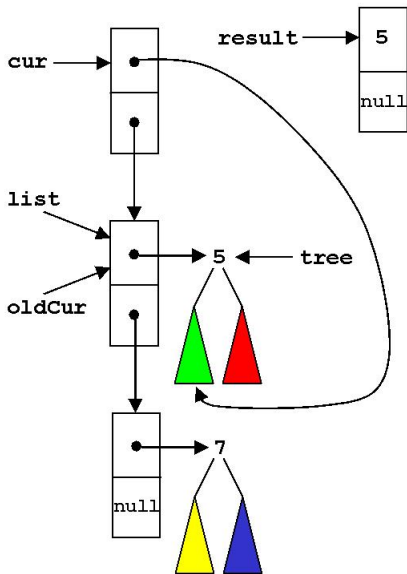
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}
```

result: null



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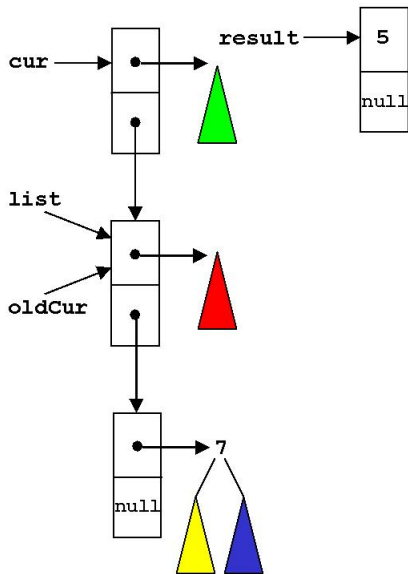
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no termination by *path length*

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```

General state at beginning of loop body

```
aload_1 | l:o1, c:o2, r:o3 | ε
o1 = TreeList(?) o2 = TreeList(?)
o3 = IntList(?)
o1 =? o2      o1 ∨w o2
```

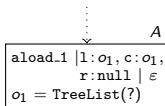
Annotations

- $o_1 =^? o_2$: o_1 and o_2 may be equal
- $o_1 \vee^w o_2$: o_1 and o_2 may join
 - $o \rightarrow o'$ iff object at address o has a field with value o'
 - $o_1 \vee^+ o_2$: $o_1 \rightarrow^* o \leftarrow^+ o_2$ or $o_1 \rightarrow^+ o \leftarrow^* o_2$
- $o !$: o does not have to be a tree

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State A:

- reaches loop condition
“ $\text{cur} \neq \text{null}$ ”
for the first time
- list and cur (o_1) are equal

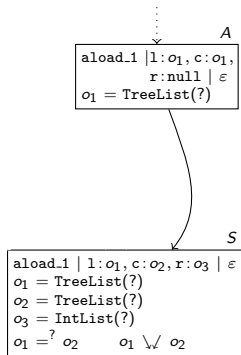
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```

State S:

- generalize A to obtain finite termination graph
- list (o_1) and cur (o_2) may be equal and may join

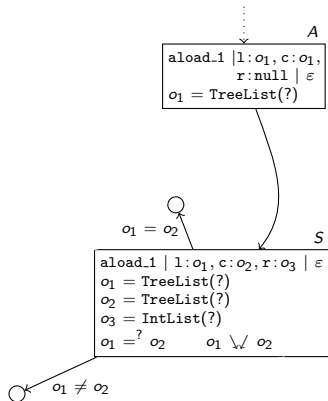


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  }
}
```

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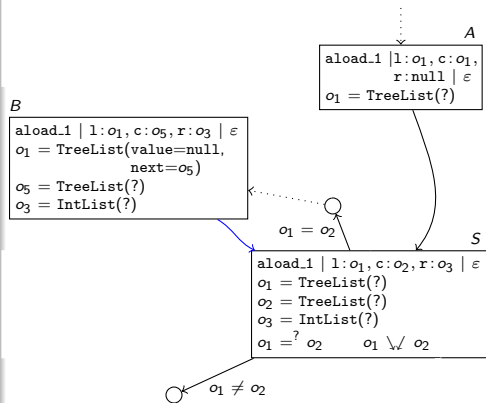


- *refinement* of annotation $o_1 = ? o_2$

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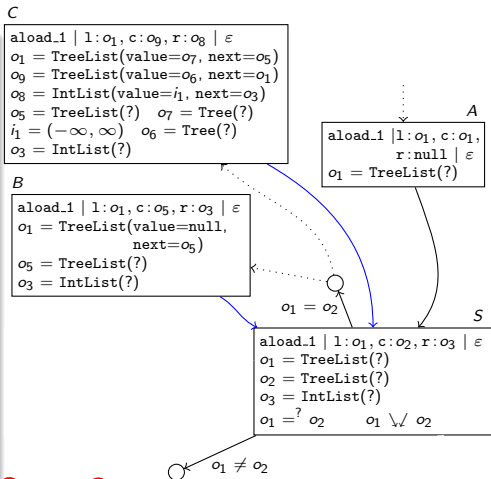
State B:

- reach loop condition if $\text{tree} == \text{null}$
- $\text{list} \rightarrow^+ \circ \leftarrow^* \text{cur}$
- B is *instance* of S

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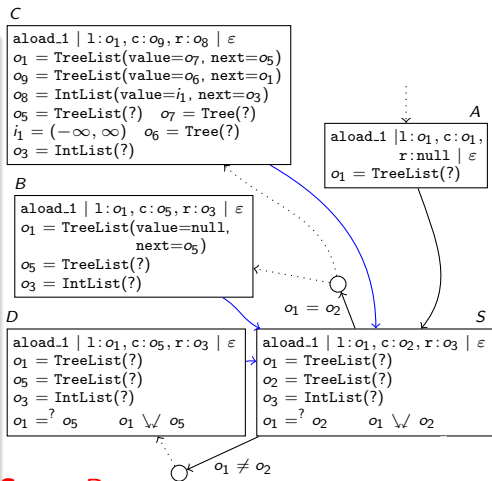
State C:

- $\text{Tree}(\text{value}=\circ_1, \text{left}=\circ_6, \text{right}=\circ_7)$
- $\text{list} \rightarrow^* \circ \leftarrow^+ \text{cur}$
- C is *instance* of S

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State D:

- $o_2 = \text{TreeList}(\text{value}=o_4, \text{next}=o_5)$
- $\text{tree}(o_4)$ is null
- D is *instance* of S

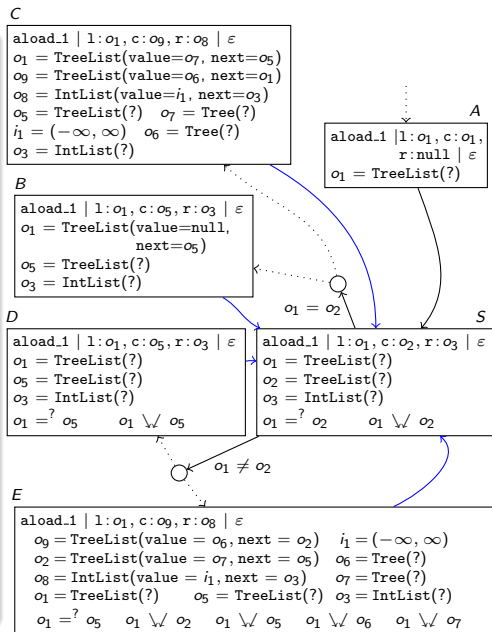
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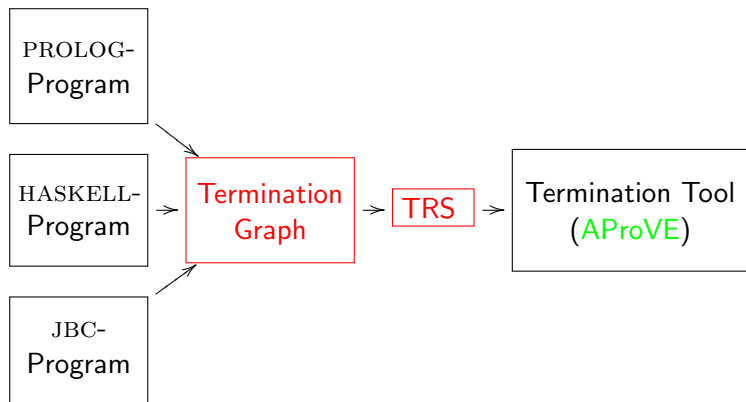
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From Termination Graphs to TRSs



Transforming Objects to Terms

```
aload_1 | l:o1, c:o9, r:o8 | ε
o9 = TreeList(value = o6, next = o2)   i1 = (-∞, ∞)
o2 = TreeList(value = o7, next = o5)   o6 = Tree(?)
o8 = IntList(value = i1, next = o3)   o7 = Tree(?)
o1 = TreeList(?)   o5 = TreeList(?)   o3 = IntList(?)
o1 =? o5   o1 ↘ o2   o1 ↘ o5   o1 ↘ o6   o1 ↘ o7
```

For every class C with n fields,
introduce function symbol C with n arguments

- term for o_1 : o_1
- term for o_2 : $TL(o_7, o_5)$
- term for o_9 : $TL(o_6, TL(o_7, o_5))$
- term for o_8 : $IL(i_1, o_3)$

Transforming Objects to Terms

Class Hierarchy

- for every class C with n fields, introduce function symbol C with $n + 1$ arguments
- first argument: part of the object corresponding to subclasses of C

```
public class A {  
    int a;  
}
```

```
A x = new A();  
x.a = 1;
```

```
public class B extends A {  
    int b;  
}
```

```
B y = new B();  
y.a = 2;  
y.b = 3;
```

- term for x : $\text{jIO}(A(\text{eoc}, 1))$ (eoc for “end of class”)
- term for y : $\text{jIO}(A(B(\text{eoc}, 3), 2))$ (jIO for “java.lang.Object”)

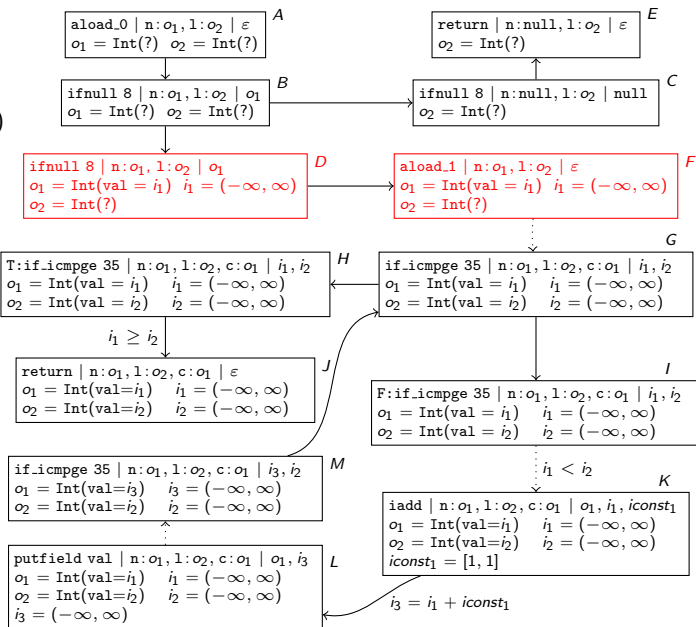
Transforming States to Tuples of Terms

Transforming D

$f_D(\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)),$
 $o_2,$
 $\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)))$

Transforming F

$f_F(\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)),$
 $o_2)$



Transforming Edges to Rewrite Rules

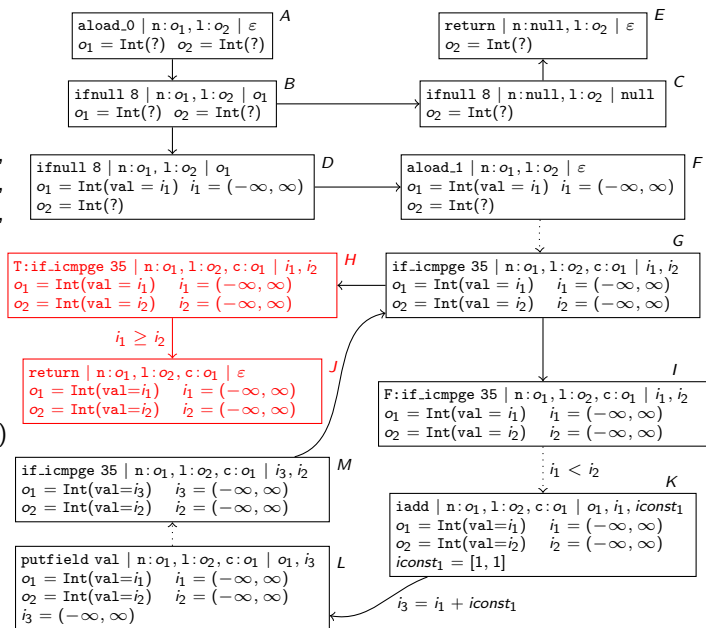
Transforming Evaluation Edges with Conditions

$f_H(jIO(Int(eoc, i_1)),$
 $jIO(Int(eoc, i_2)),$
 $jIO(Int(eoc, i_1)),$
 $i_1,$
 $i_2)$

→

$f_J(jIO(Int(eoc, i_1)),$
 $jIO(Int(eoc, i_2)),$
 $jIO(Int(eoc, i_1)))$

$| i_1 \geq i_2$



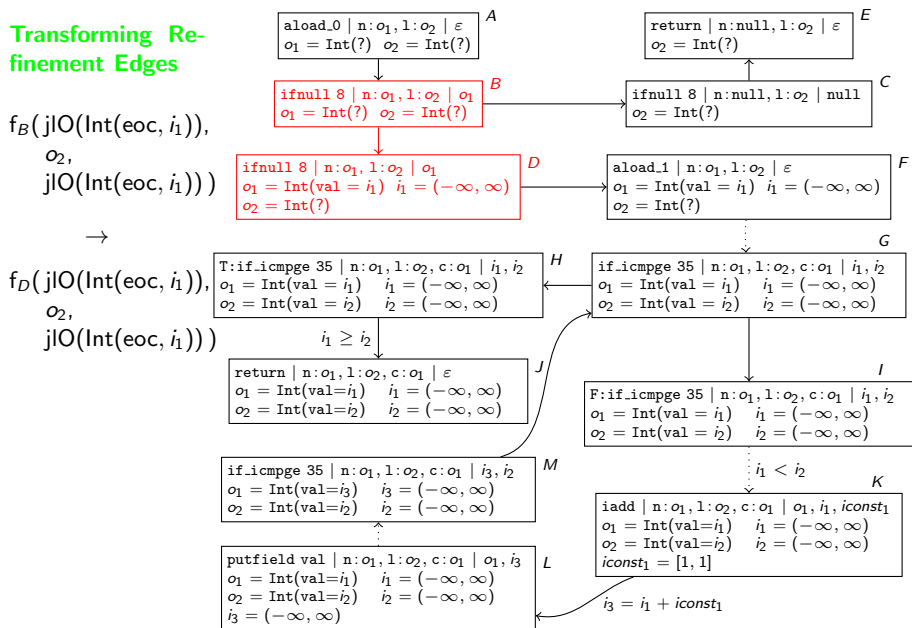
Transforming Edges to Rewrite Rules

Transforming Refinement Edges

$f_B(\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)),$
 $o_2,$
 $\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)))$

→

$f_D(\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)),$
 $o_2,$
 $\text{jIO}(\text{Int}(\text{eoc}, i_1)))$



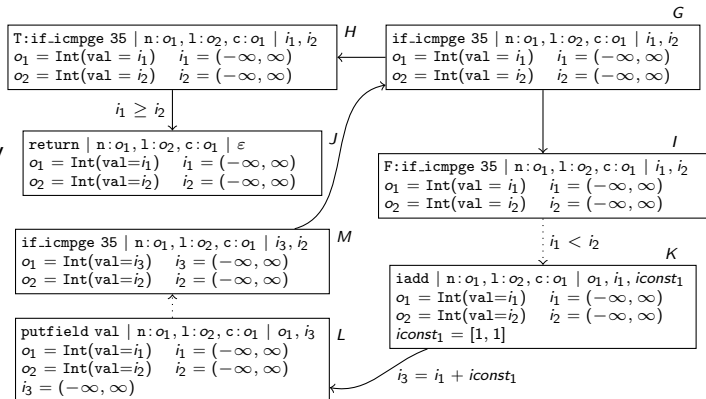
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TRS for count

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TRS is
"natural"

termination easy
to prove
automatically



From Termination Graphs to TRSs

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- every JBC-computation of concrete states corresponds to a *computation path* in the termination graph
- termination graph is called *terminating* iff it has no infinite computation path
- every computation path corresponds to rewrite sequence in TRS

Theorem

TRS corresponding to termination graph is terminating \Rightarrow

termination graph is terminating \Rightarrow

JBC-program terminating for all states represented in termination graph

From Termination Graphs to TRSs

$$f_S(\text{TL}(\text{null}, o_5), \text{TL}(\text{null}, o_5), o_3) \rightarrow$$

$$f_S(\text{TL}(\text{null}, o_5), o_5, o_3)$$

$$f_S(\dots, \text{TL}(\text{T}(i_1, o_6, o_7), o_5), o_3) \rightarrow$$

$$f_S(\dots, \text{TL}(o_6, \text{TL}(o_7, o_5)), \text{IL}(i_1, o_3))$$

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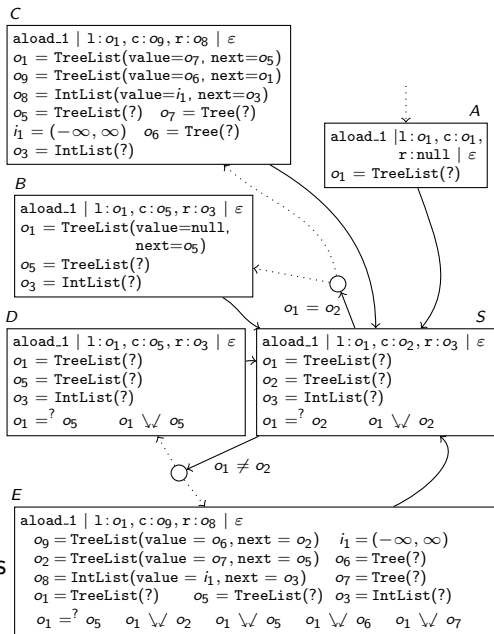
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Rewrite Rules & Annotations

- when writing to a field of o_2 with $o_1 \Downarrow o_2$:
 o_1 on lhs, fresh variable o'_1 on rhs
- cyclic objects: fresh variable on rhs



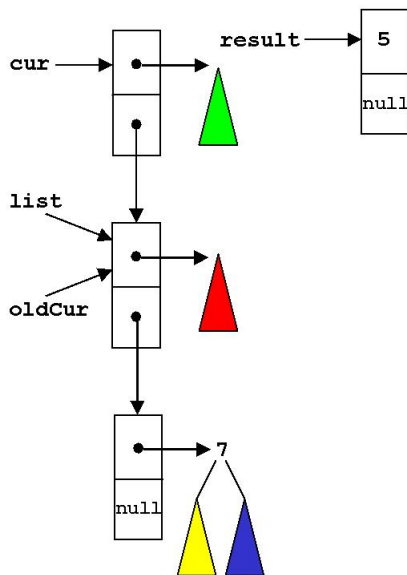
From Termination Graphs to TRSs

$$f_S(\text{TL}(\text{null}, \sigma_5), \text{TL}(\text{null}, \sigma_5), \sigma_3) \rightarrow$$
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$$f_S(\sigma_1, \sigma_5, \sigma_3)$$
$$f_S(\sigma_1, \text{TL}(T(5, \sigma_6, \sigma_7), \sigma_5), \text{null}) \rightarrow$$
$$f_S(\sigma'_1, \text{TL}(\sigma_6, \text{TL}(\sigma_7, \sigma_5)), \text{IL}(5, \text{null}))$$

TRS is “*natural*”

termination easy

to prove automatically



Automated Termination Analysis of JAVA BYTECODE by Term Rewriting

- implemented in **AProVE** and evaluated on collection of 387 JAVA-programs (including `java.util.LinkedList` and `HashMap`)
- extended for *recursion* and *cyclic data*
- adapted to detect *non-termination* and **NullPointerExceptions**

| | Yes | No | Failure | Timeout | Runtime |
|--------|-----|----|---------|---------|---------|
| AProVE | 267 | 81 | 11 | 28 | 9.5 |
| Julia | 191 | 22 | 174 | 0 | 4.7 |
| COSTA | 160 | 0 | 181 | 46 | 11.0 |

- AProVE winner of the *International Termination Competition* for **JAVA**, **HASKELL**, **PROLOG**, **term rewriting**
- termination of “real” languages can be analyzed automatically, term rewriting is a suitable approach