FIG. 1A

Original Graph in the Object Database

- Nodes A, S and X1 are persistent root nodes

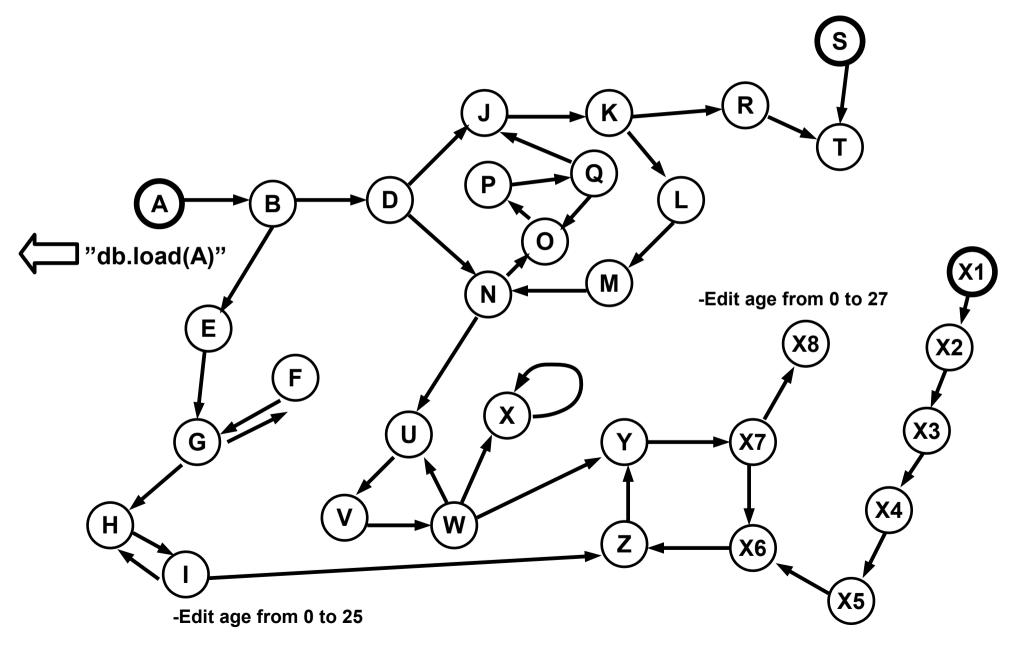


FIG. 1B Load Graph A in the Run-Time Memory

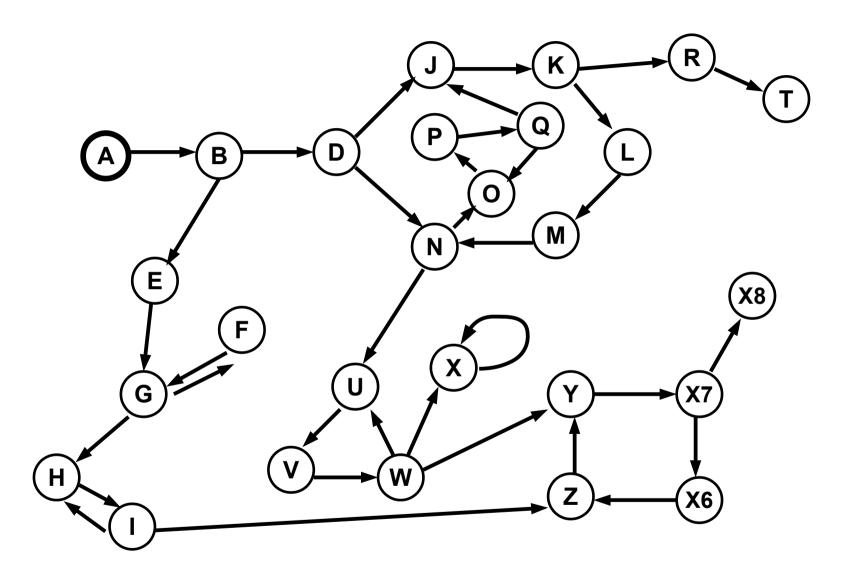
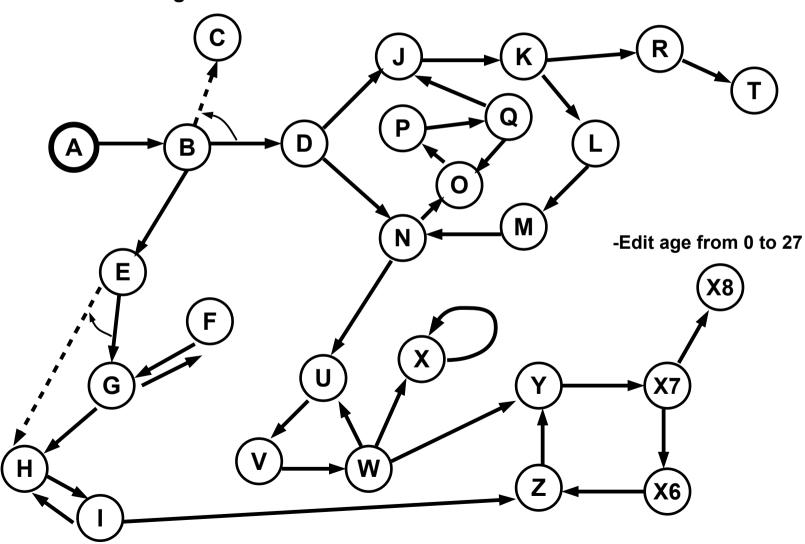


FIG. 1C Modify Graph in the Run-Time Memory

Complex modifications for complex object structure A:

- -B refers now to C, not to D
- -E refers now to H, not to G
- -Age of I is now 25
- -Age of X8 is now 27



-Edit age from 0 to 25

FIG. 1D

Modified Graph In the Run-Time Memory

- After complex modifications for complex object structure A
- Call the embed method for A

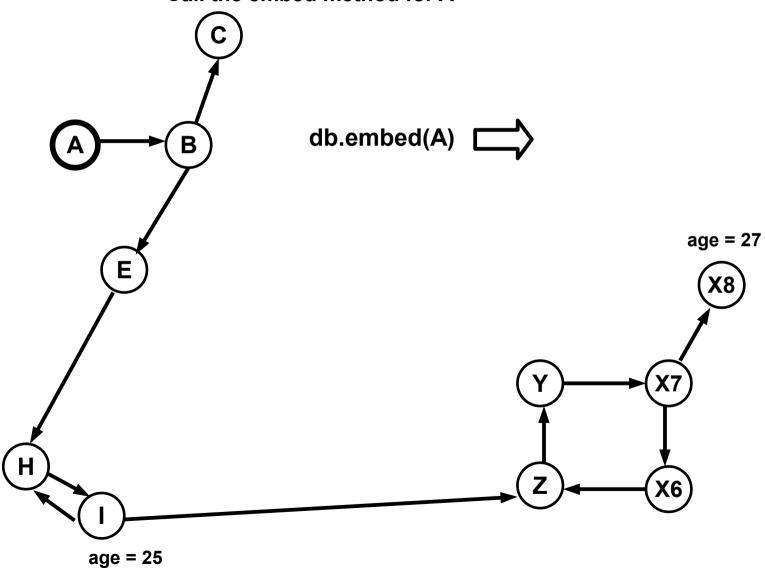
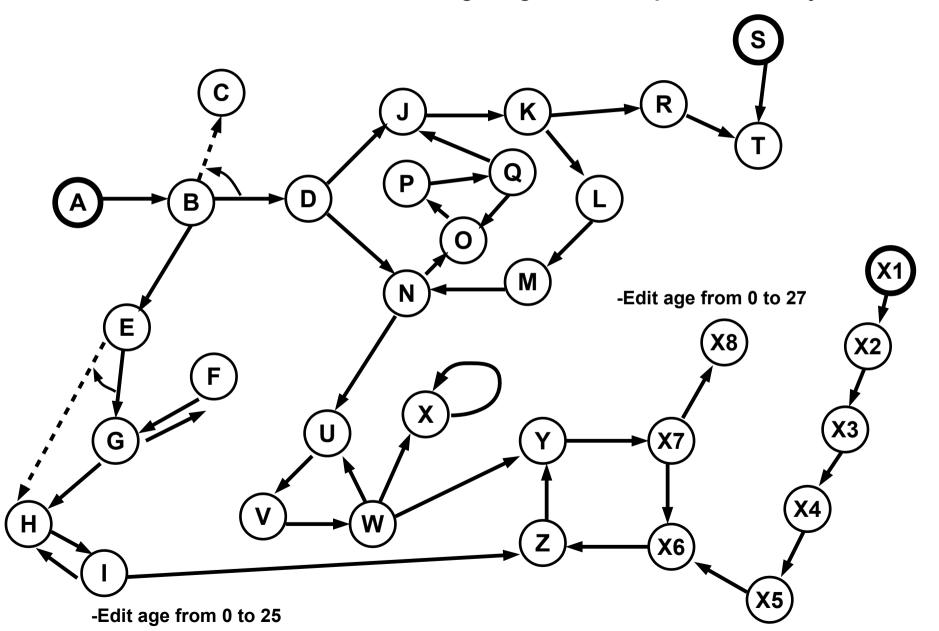


FIG. 1E Embedded Graph In the Object Database

- before the embed method has executed garbage collection phase in the object database



Embedded Graph in the Object Database

FIG. 1F

Final results when the embed method has finished:

- -Large parts of the network removed automatically
- -Objects C created automatically
- -References between objects updated accordingly
- -Scalar fields (age) updated accordingly
- -Objects have correct reference counts in the database and the database is in a consistent state!

