# Automatically Learning Shape Specifications

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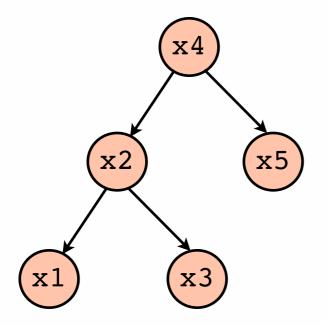
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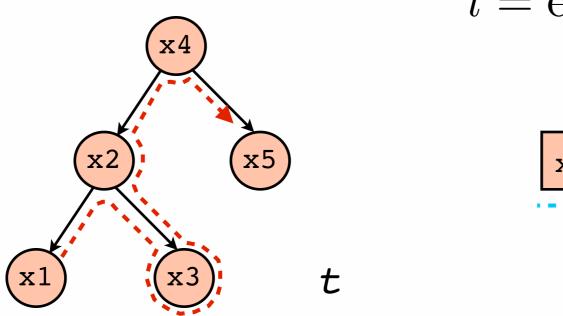
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                               type 'a tree =
     Nil
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    Cons 'a *
                                  Node 'a *
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Writing functions ...
// flat: 'a list -> 'a tree -> 'a list
let rec flat accu t =
                                      No assertions /
 match t with
                                         pre-conditions /
    Leaf -> accu
                                         post-conditions!
    Node (x, l, r) \rightarrow
    flat (x::(flat accu r)) l
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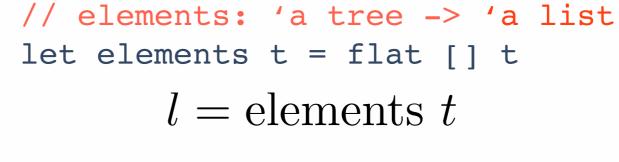
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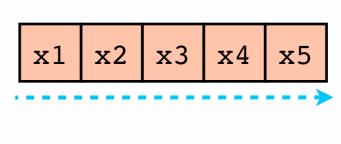


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       // in-order(t) forward-order(1)
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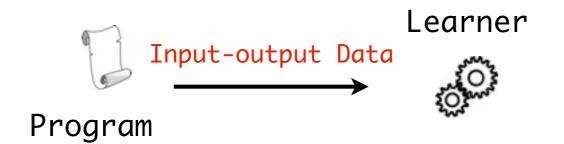






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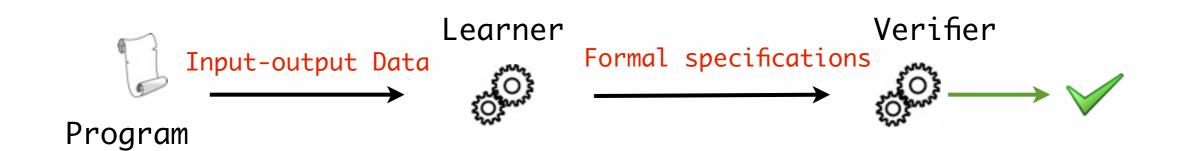




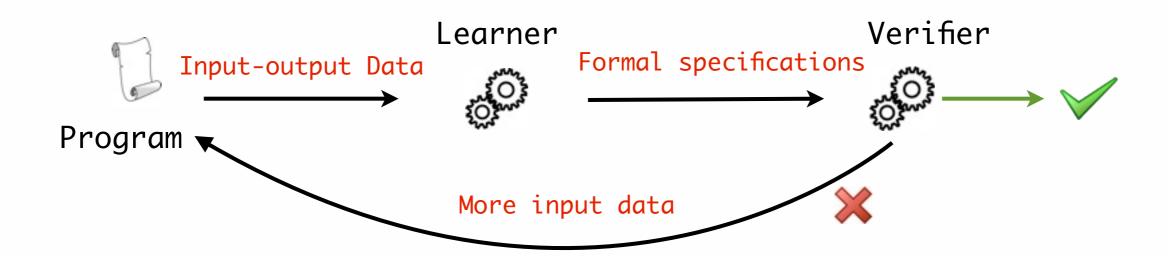




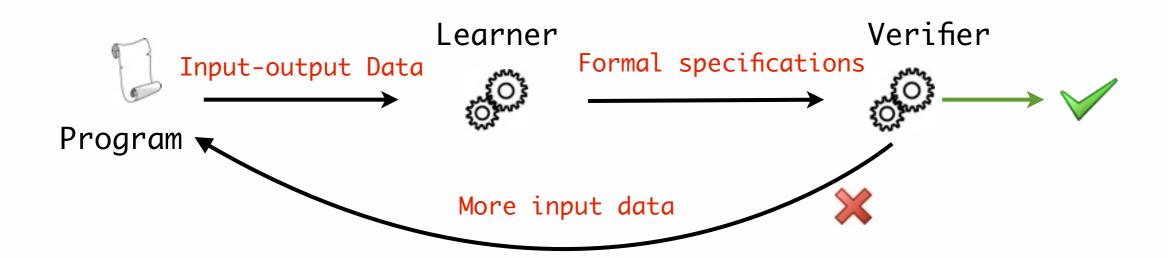






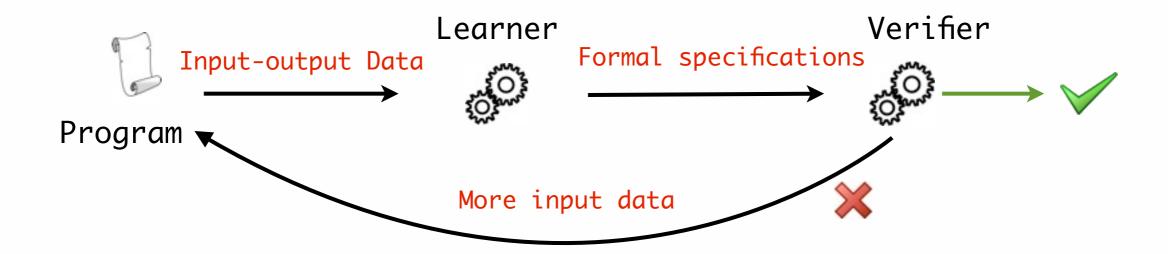






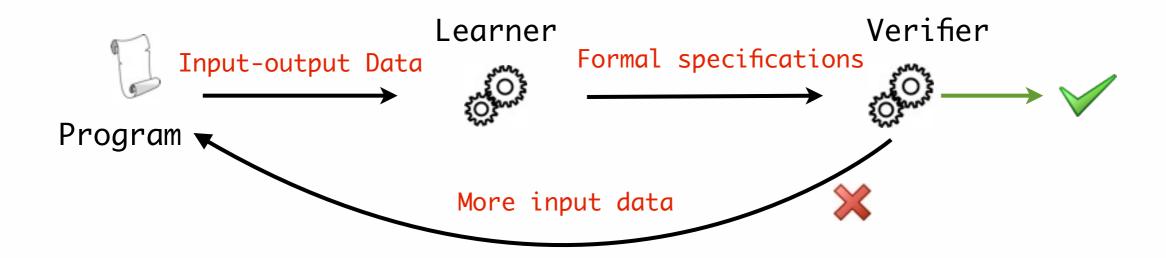
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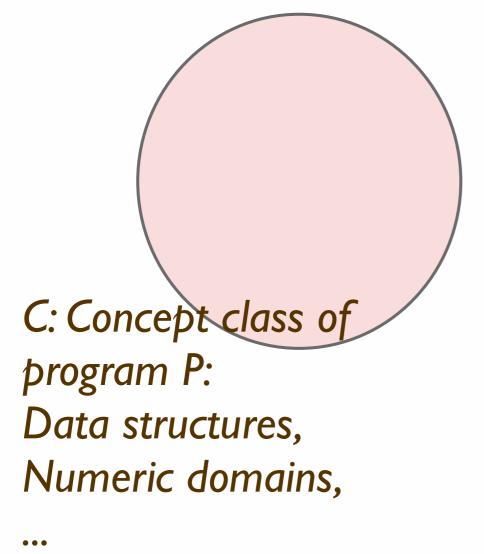
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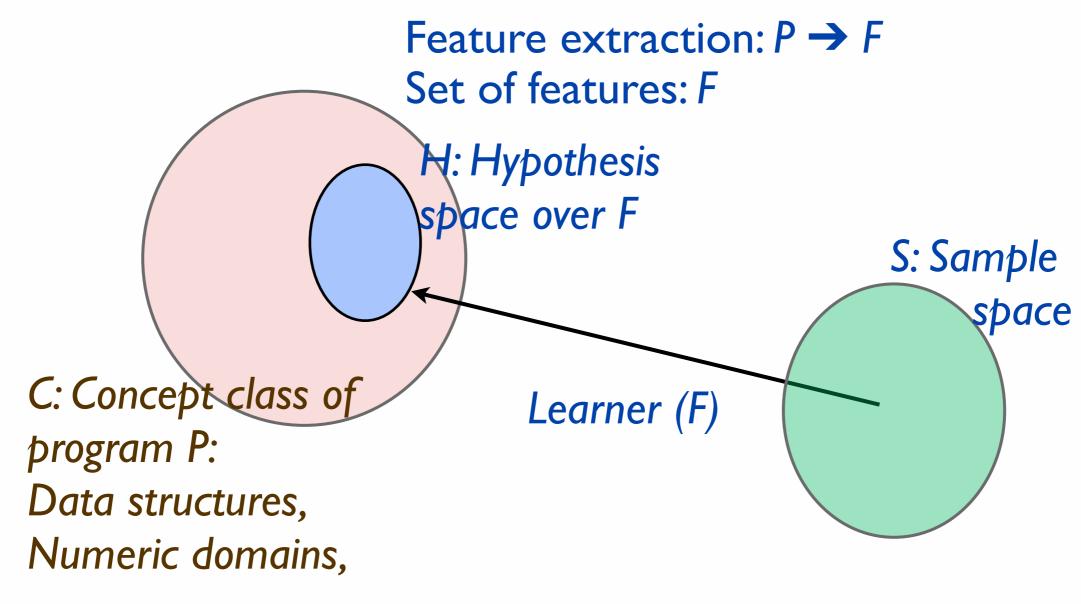
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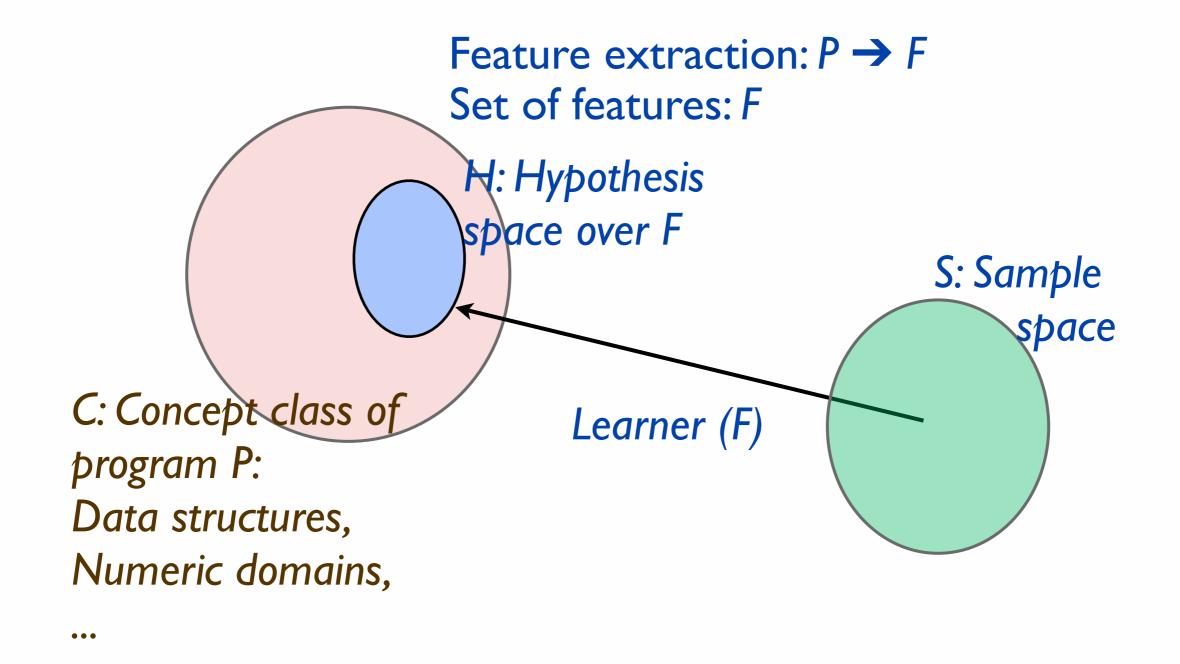
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- Assumptions:
  - Inductive Functional Data Structures

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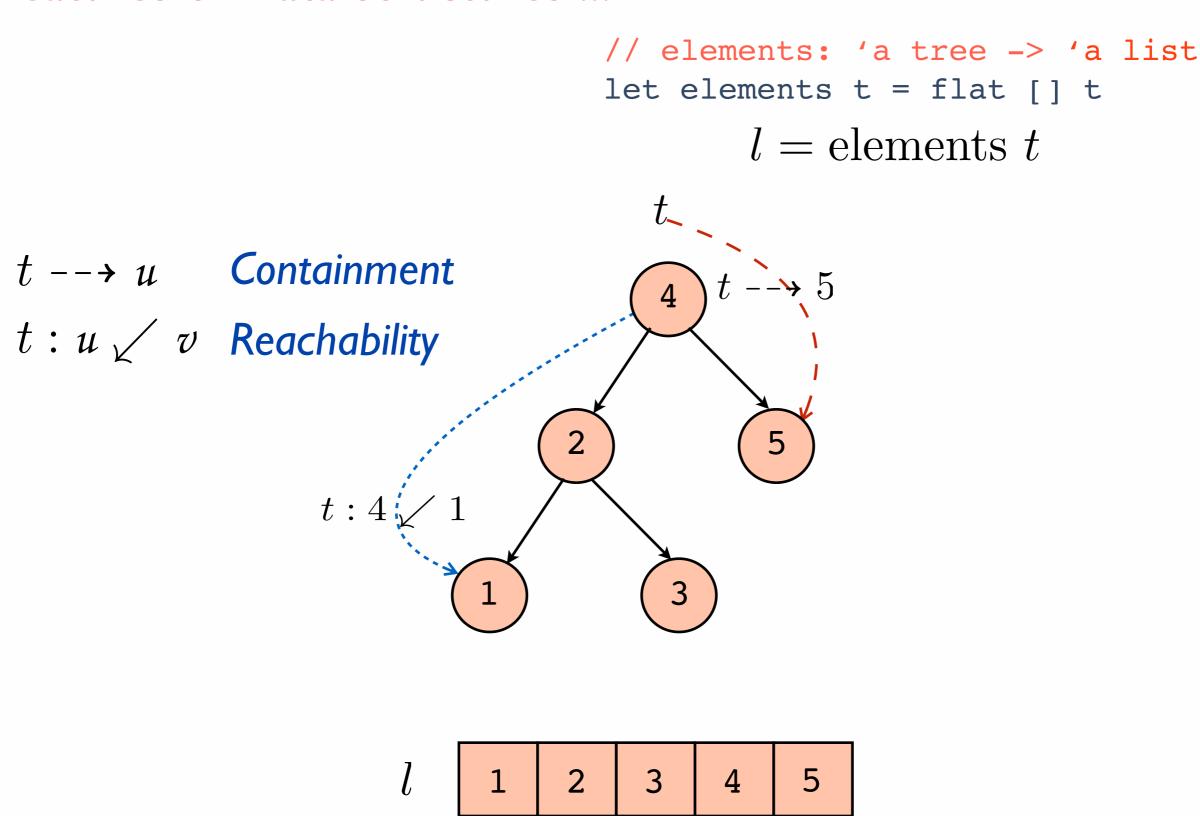
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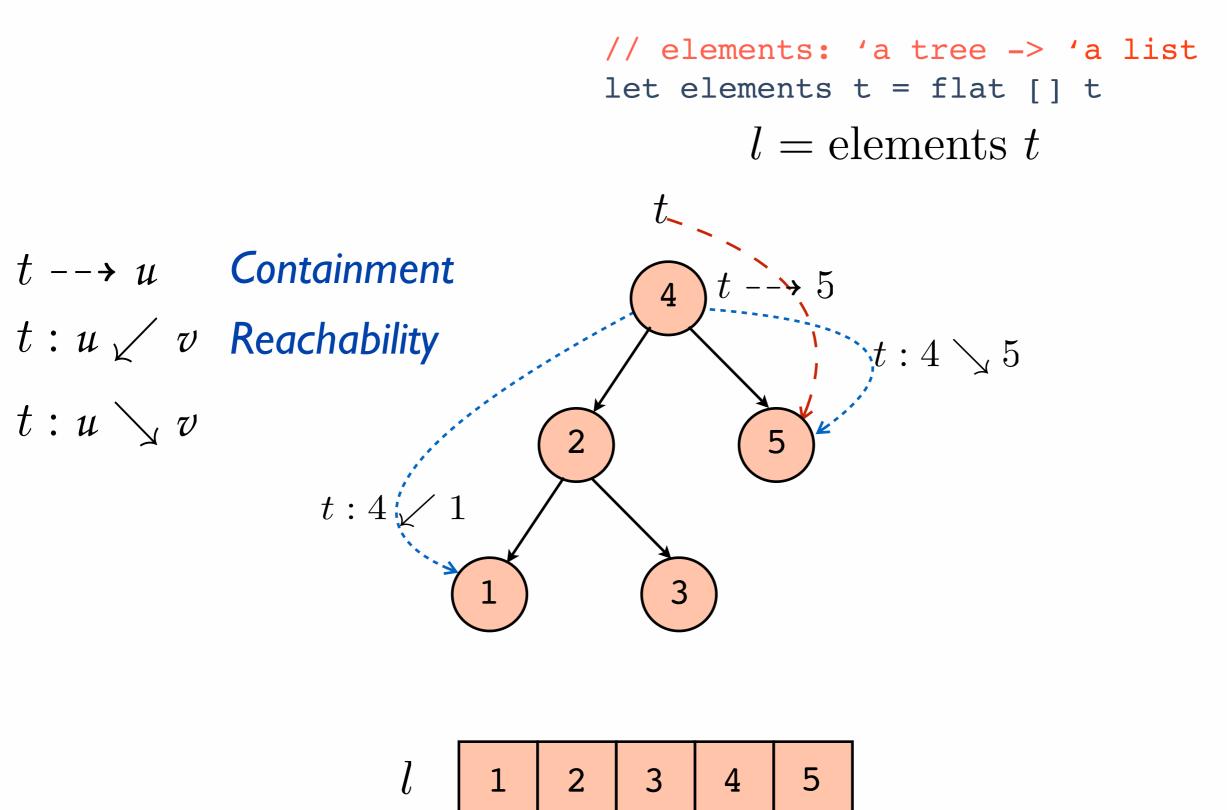
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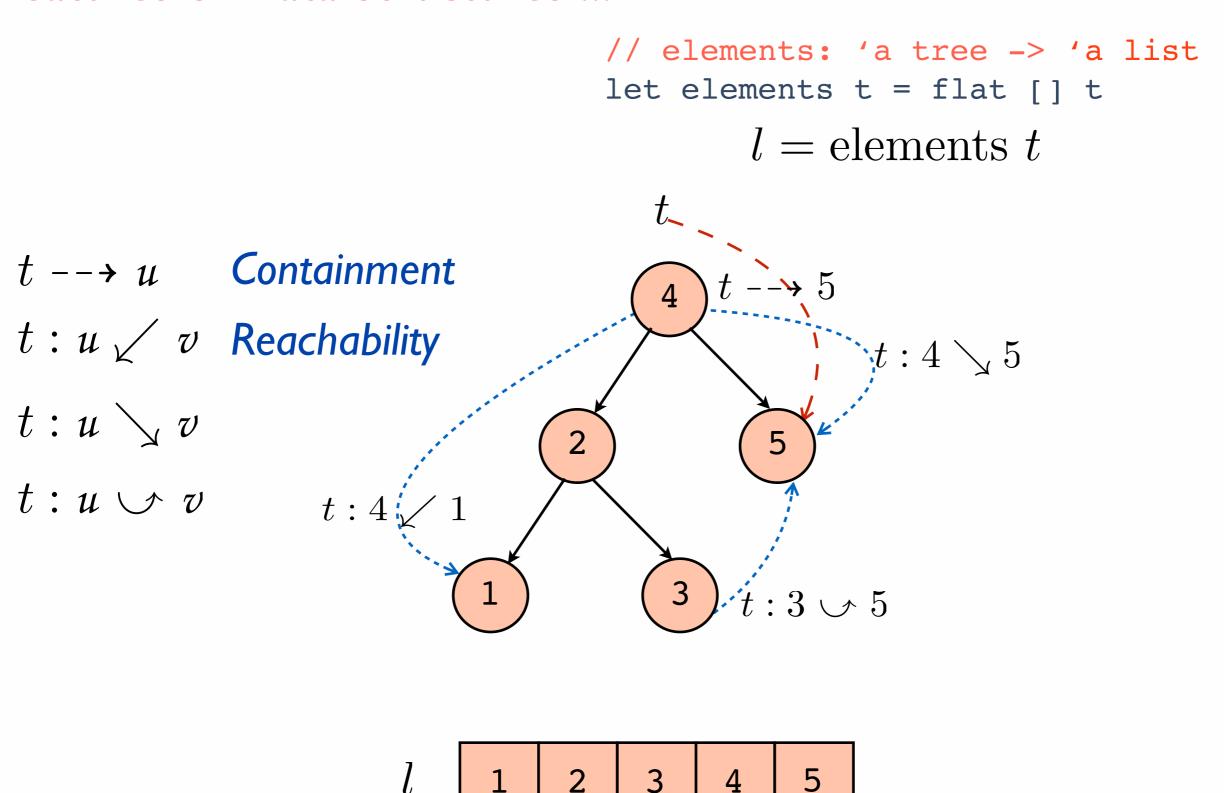
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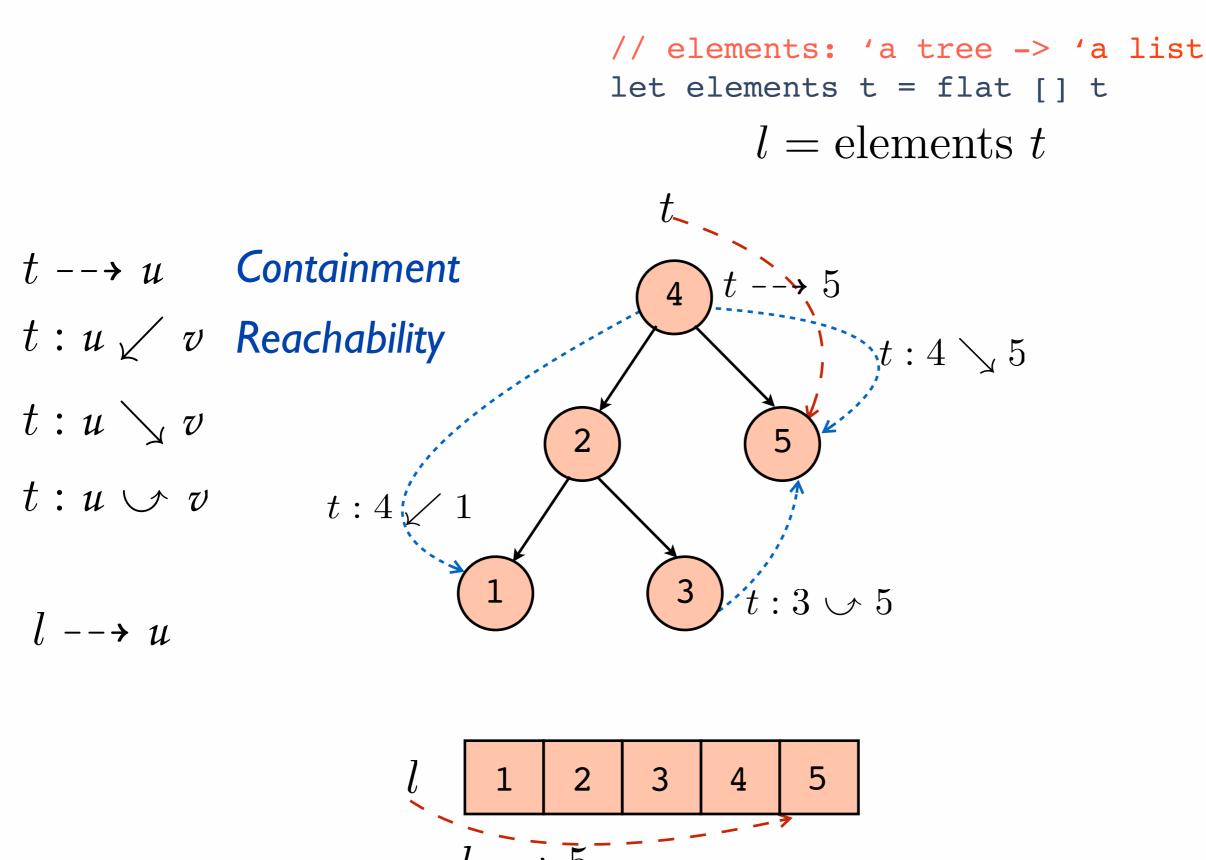
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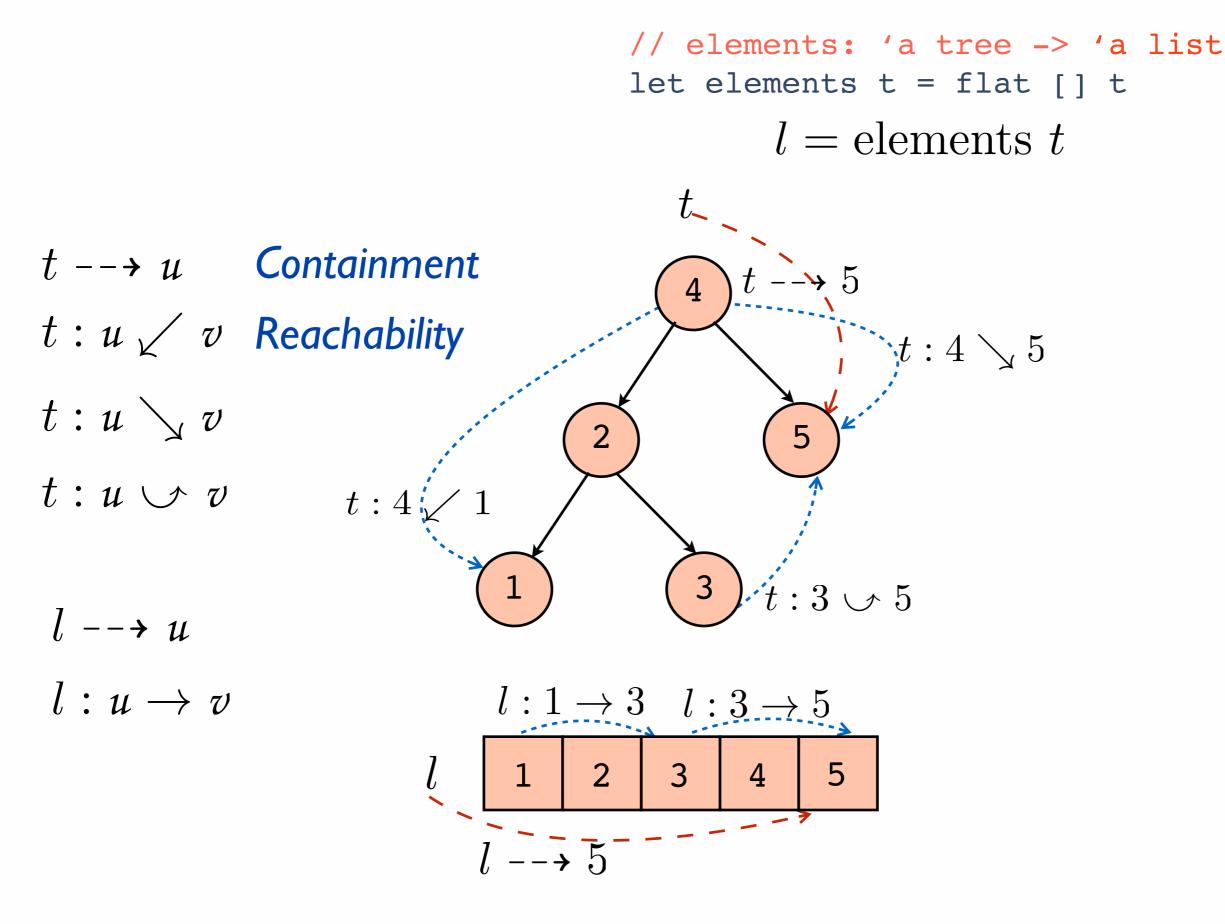
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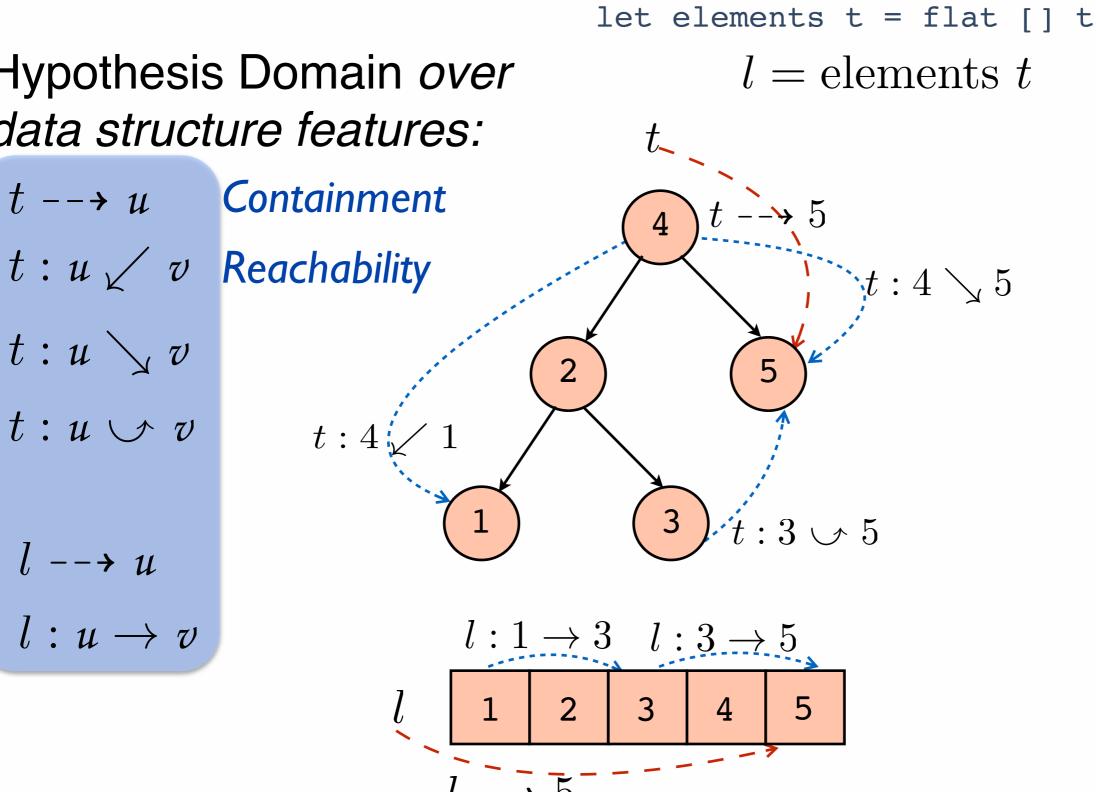


Hypothesis Domain *over* data structure features:

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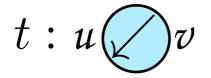
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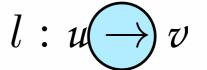


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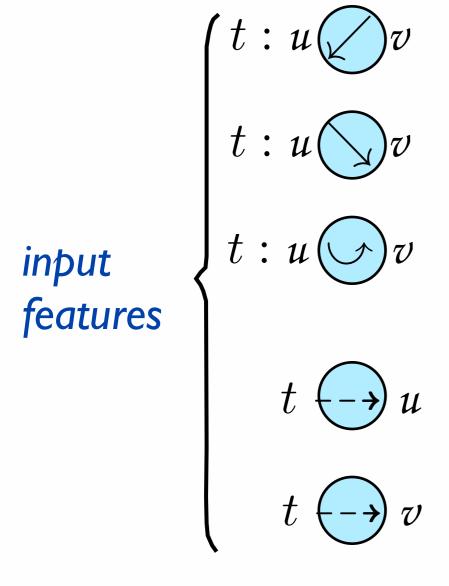
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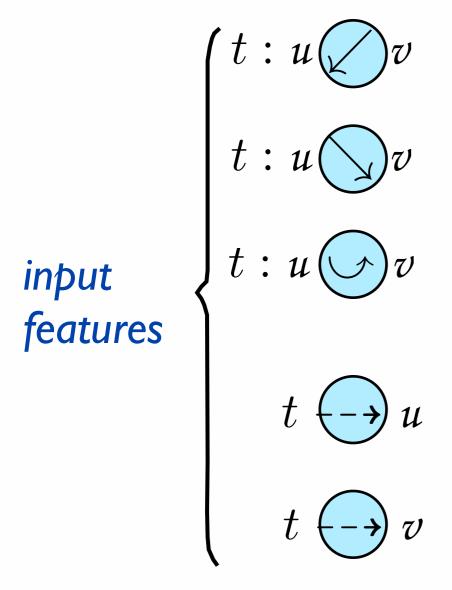
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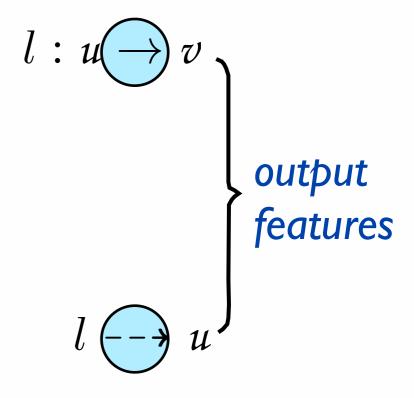


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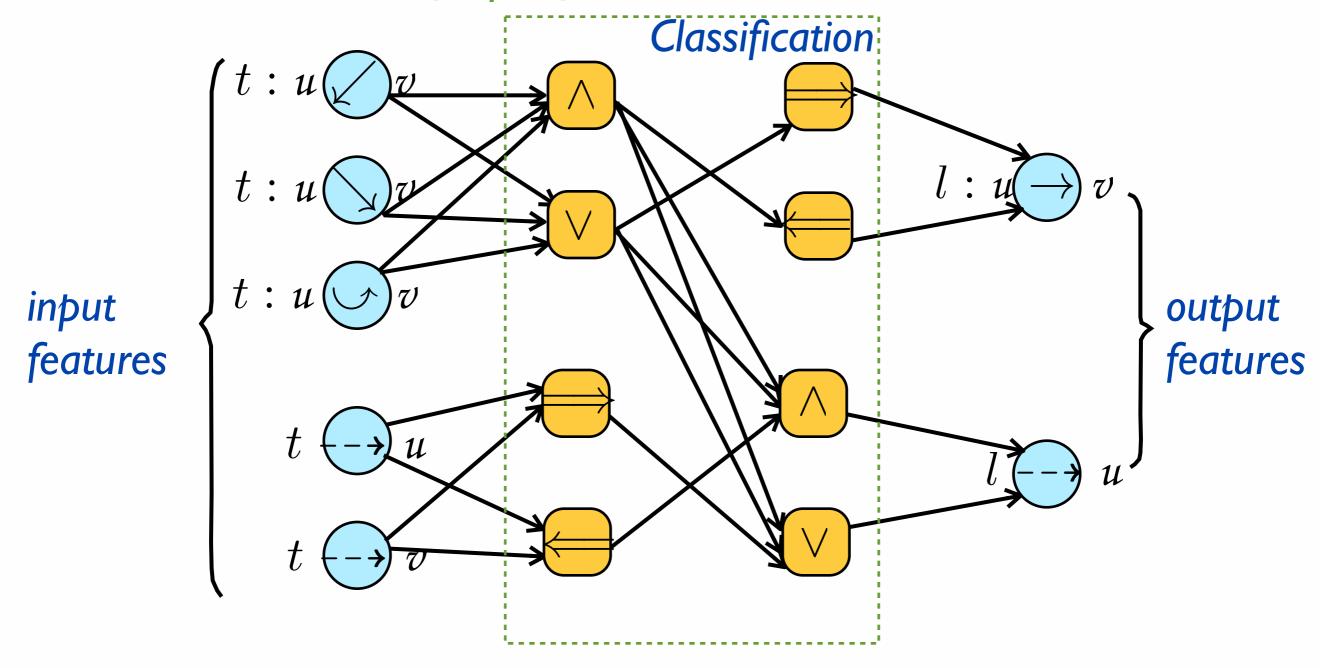




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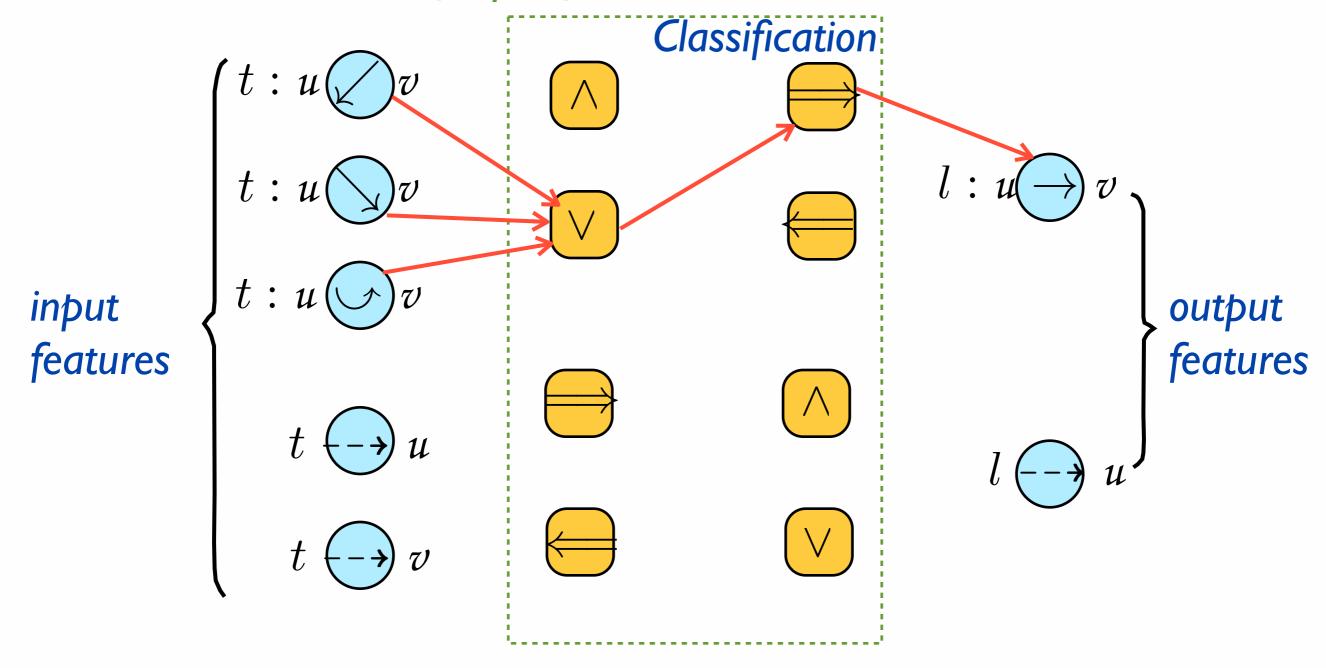
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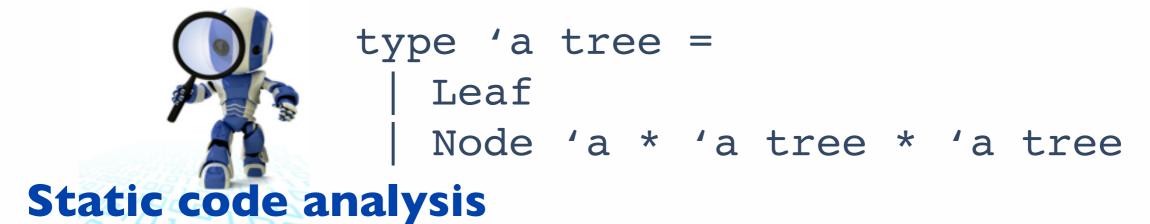
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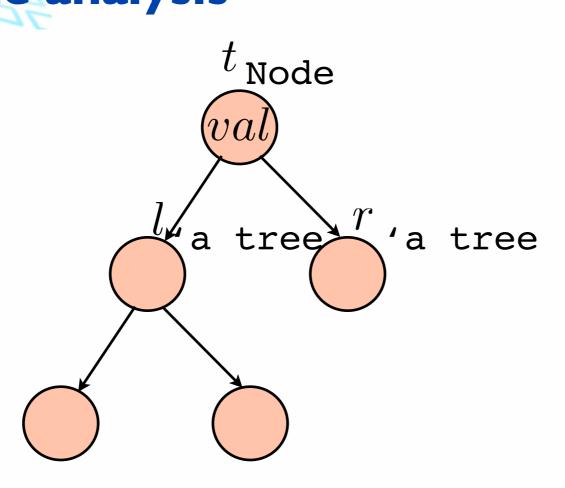
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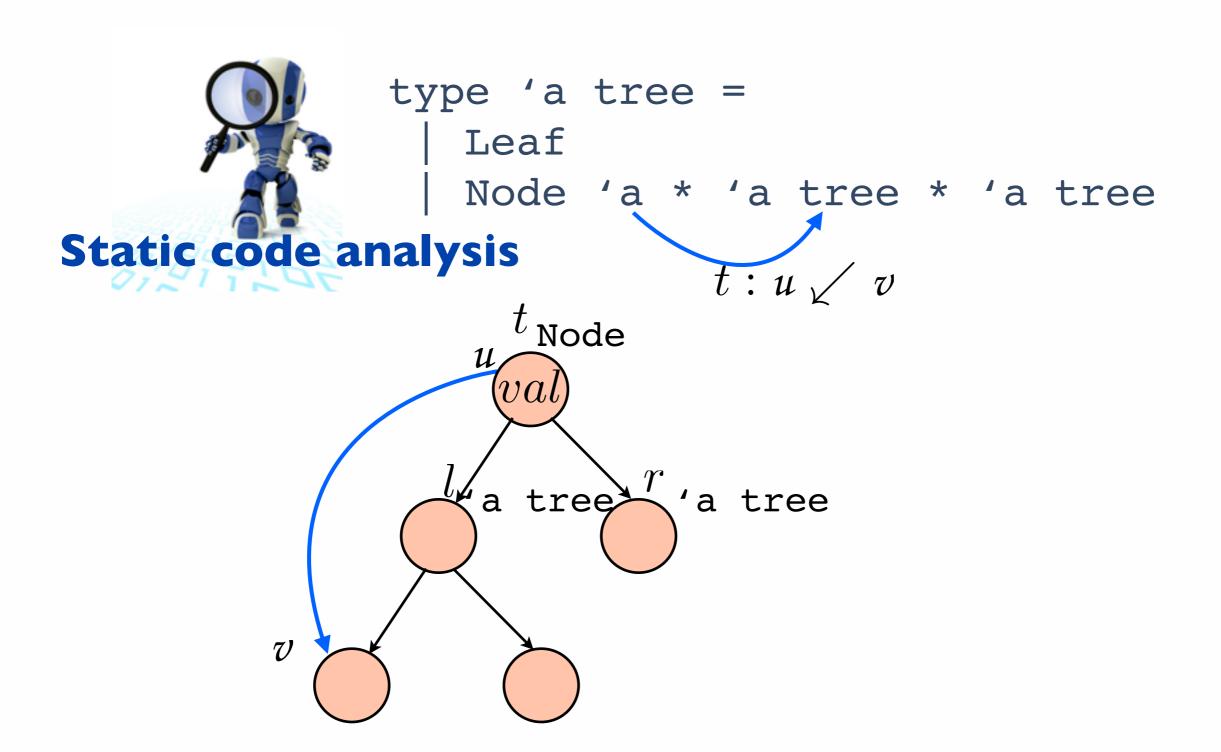
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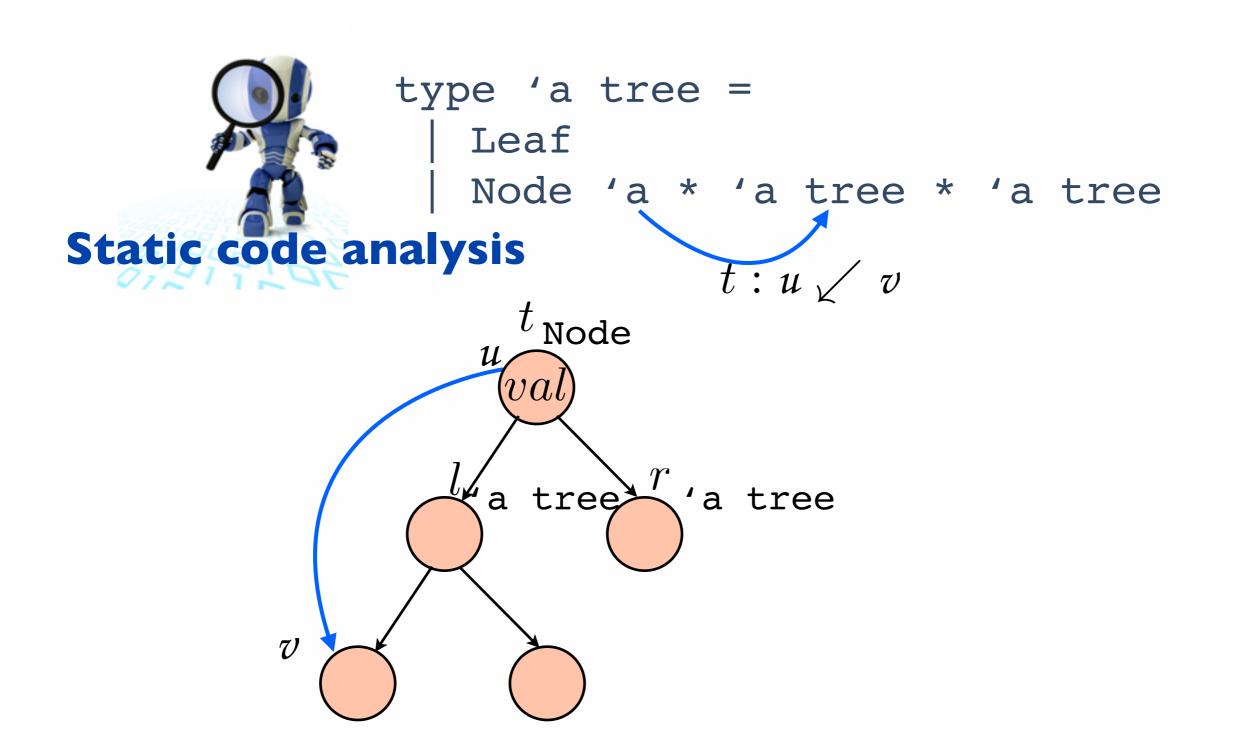
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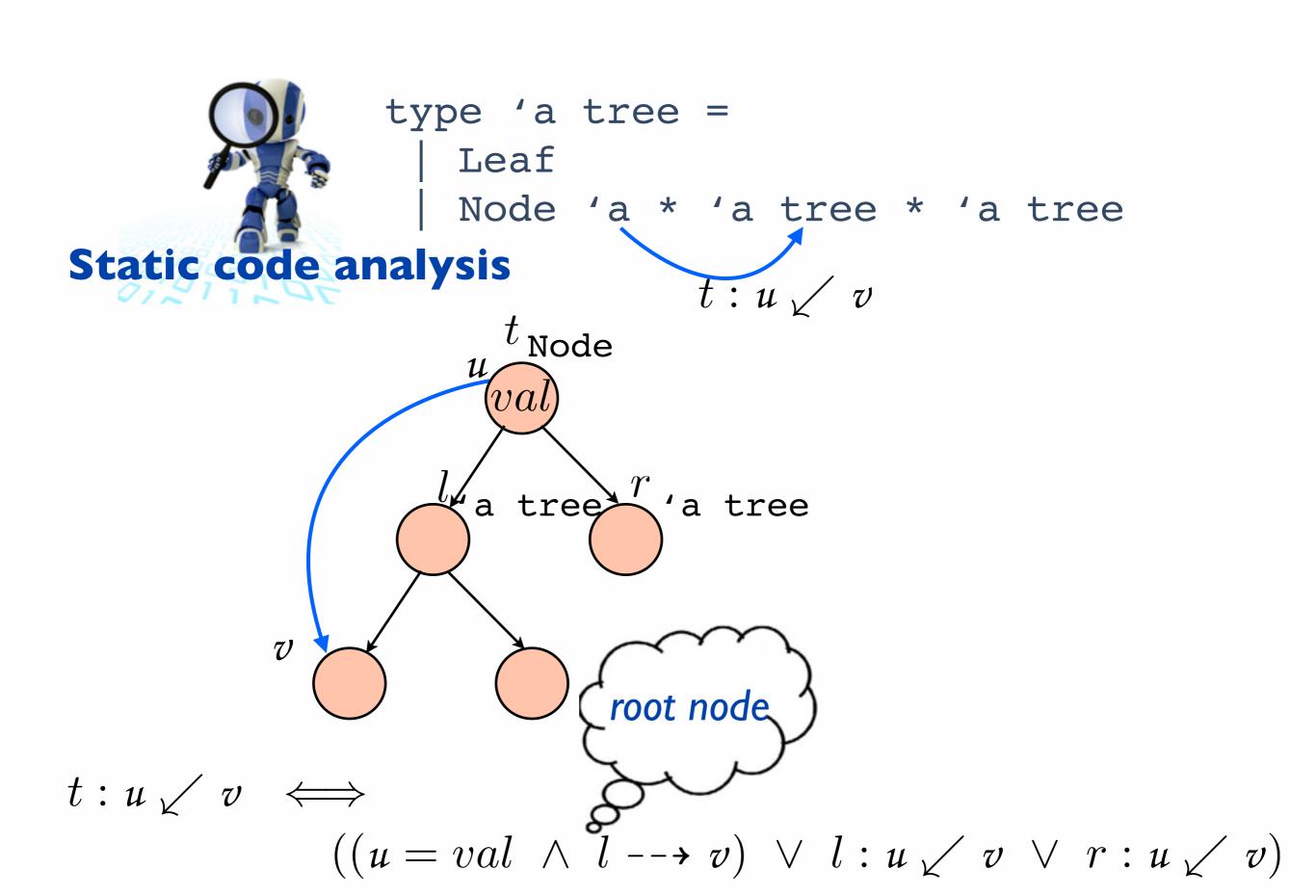


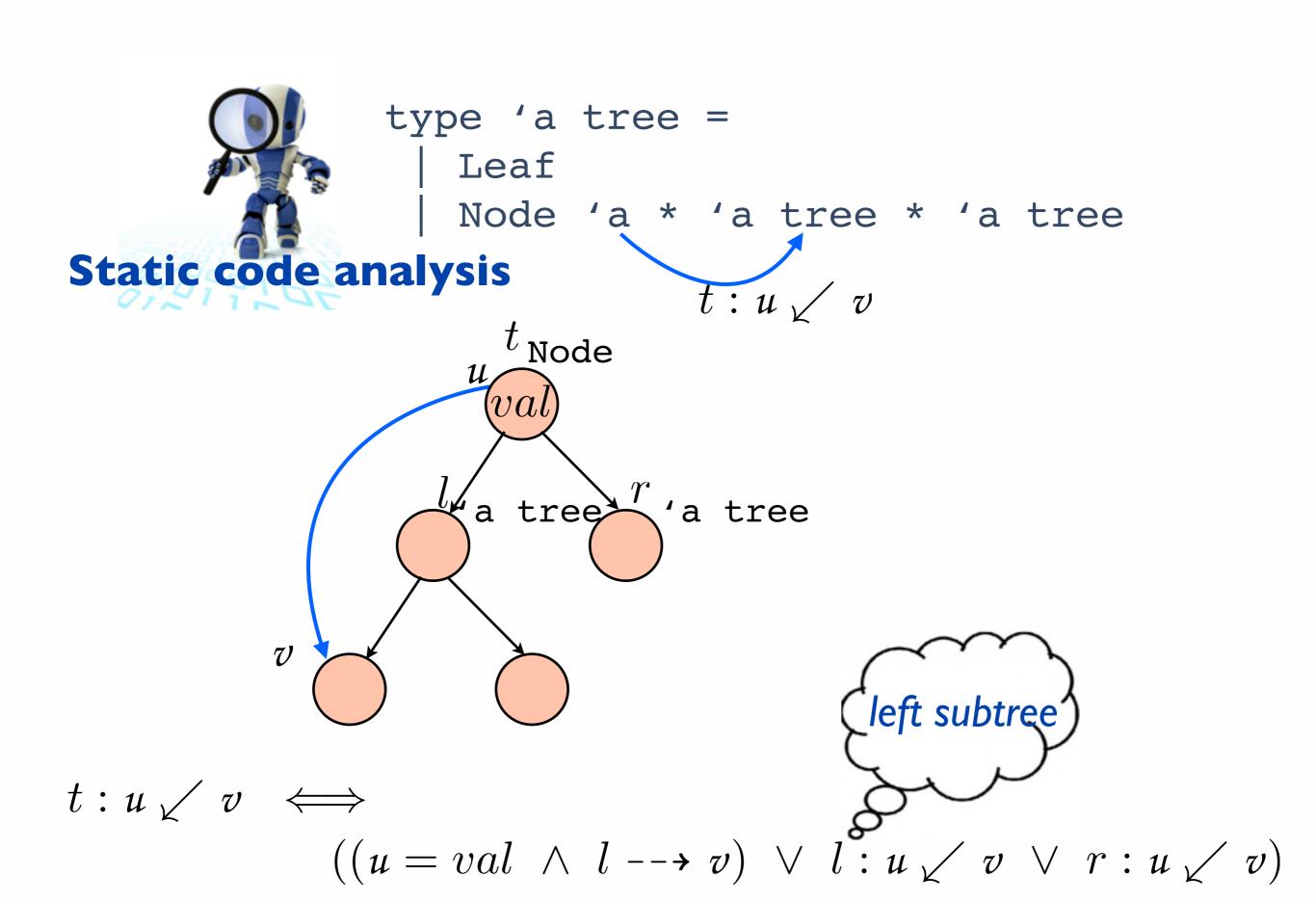


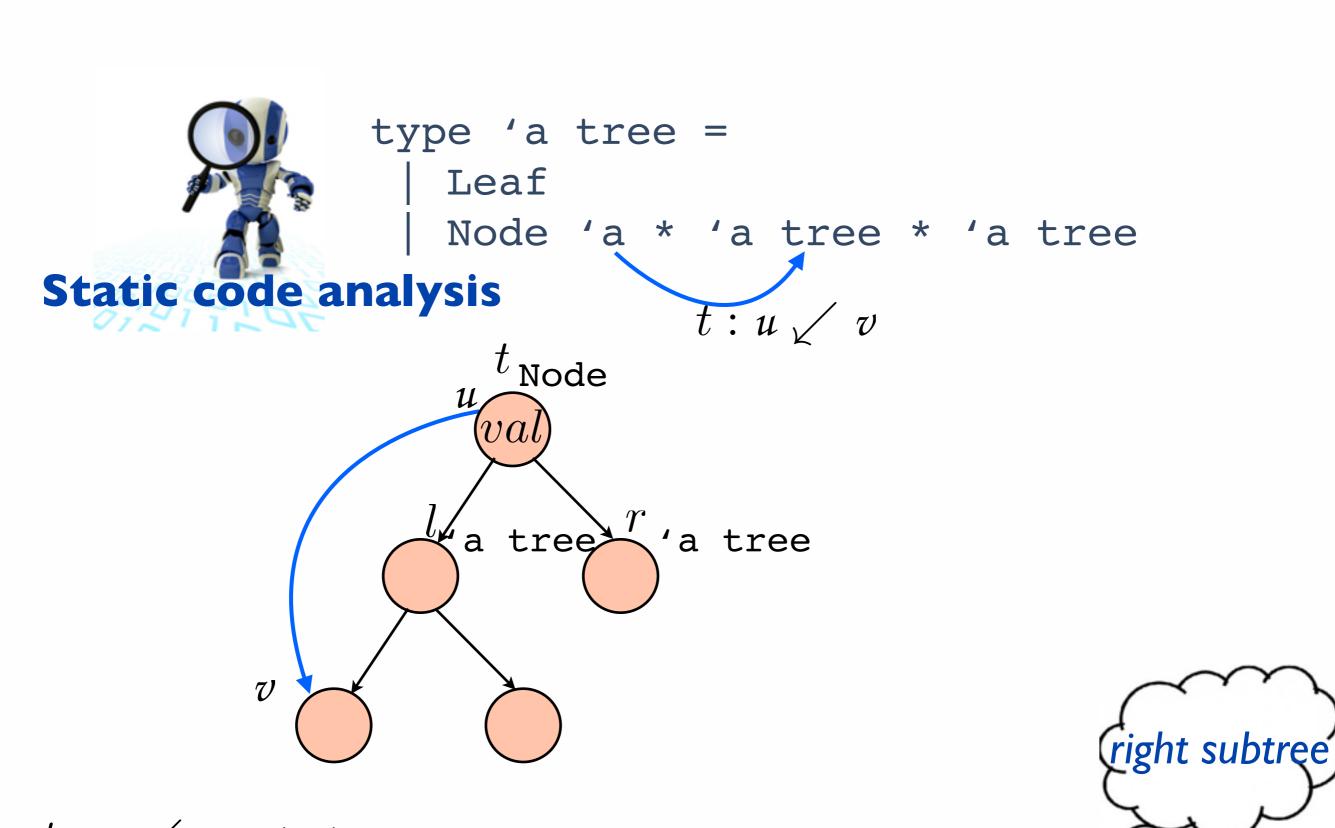




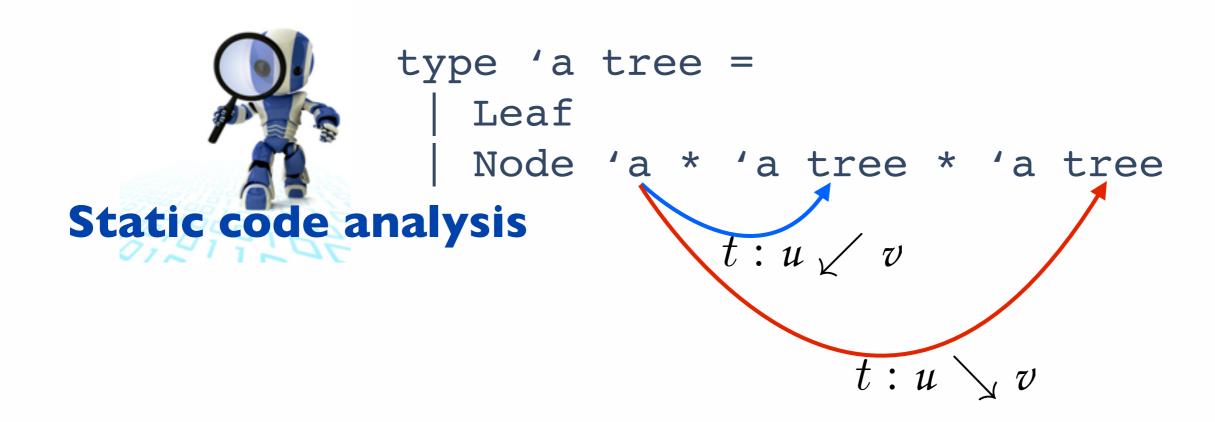
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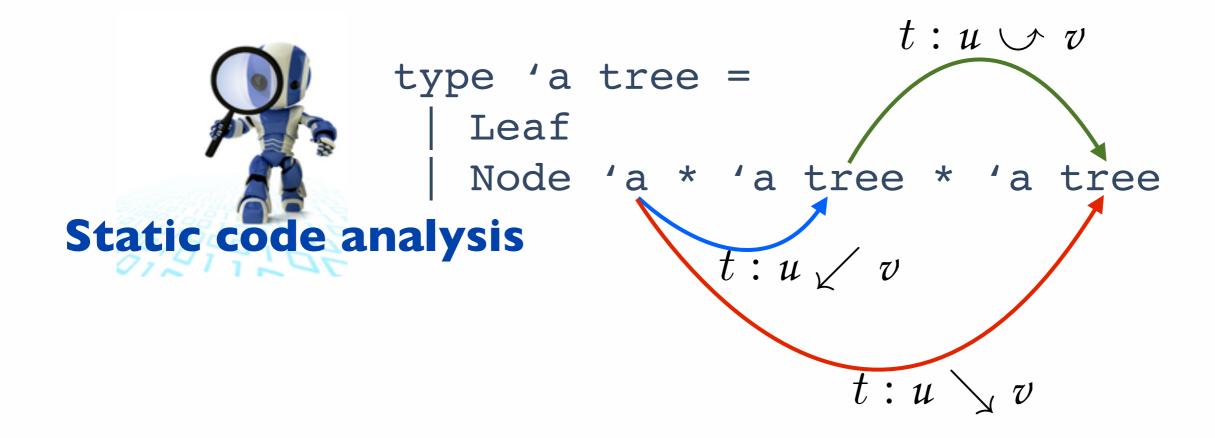




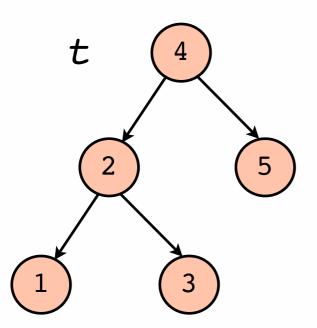


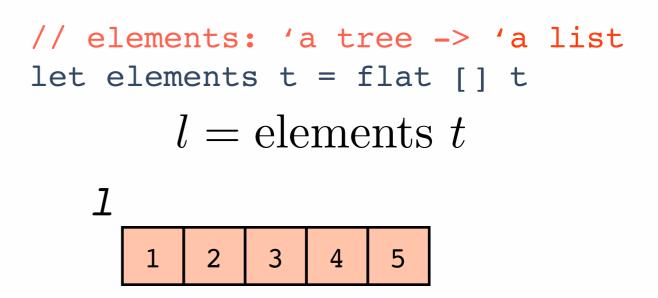
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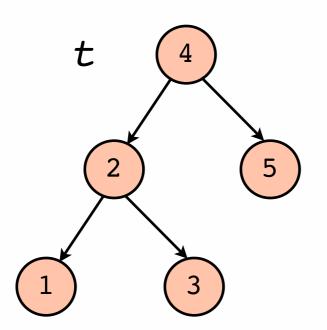


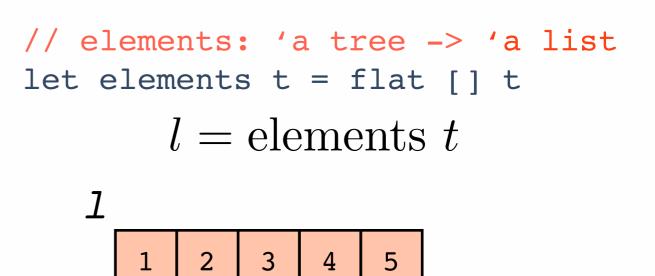


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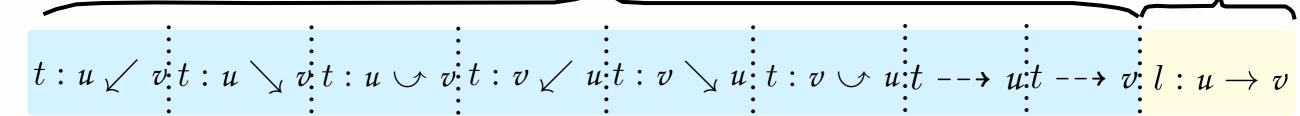


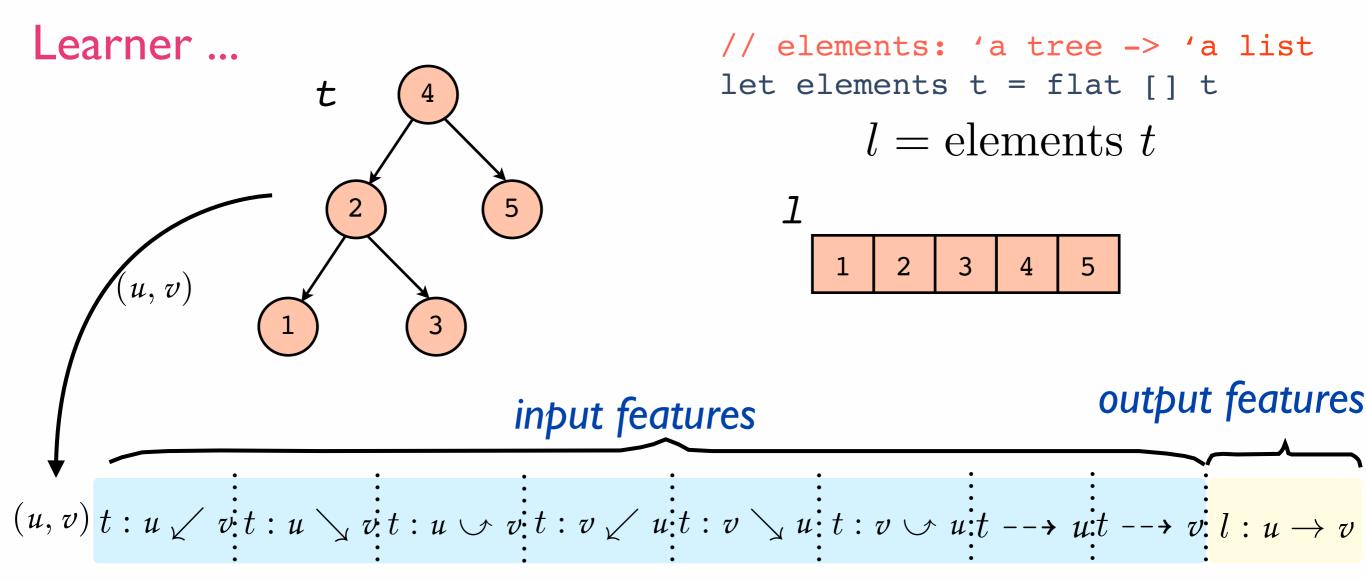




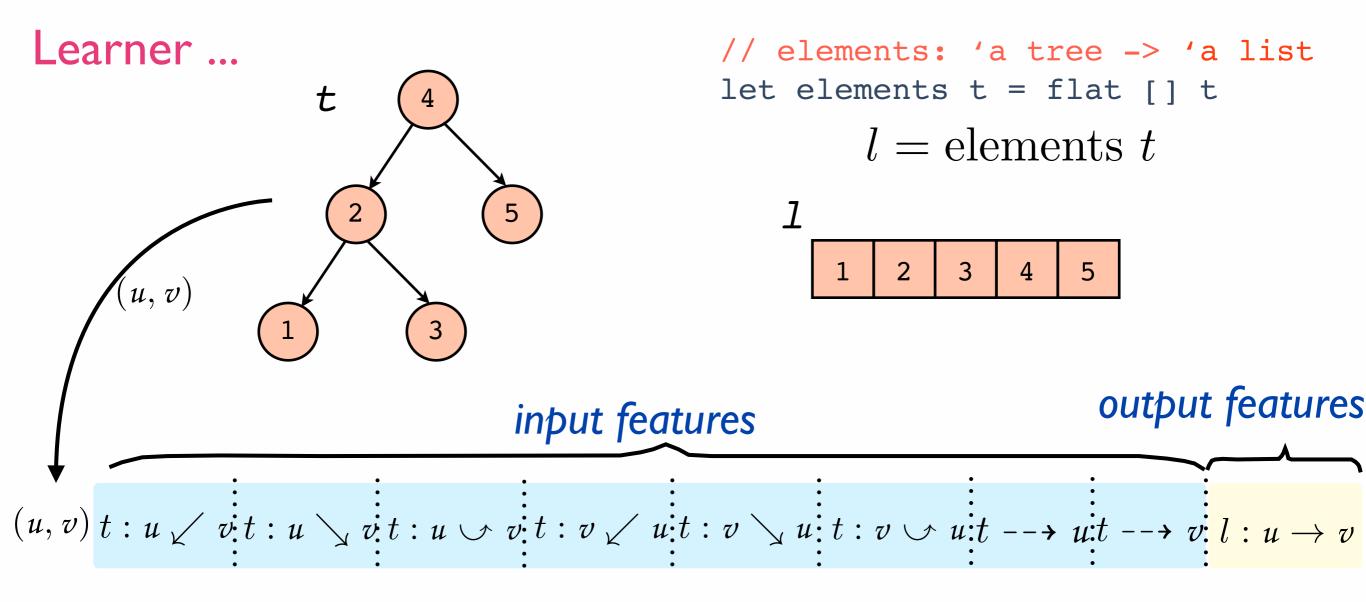
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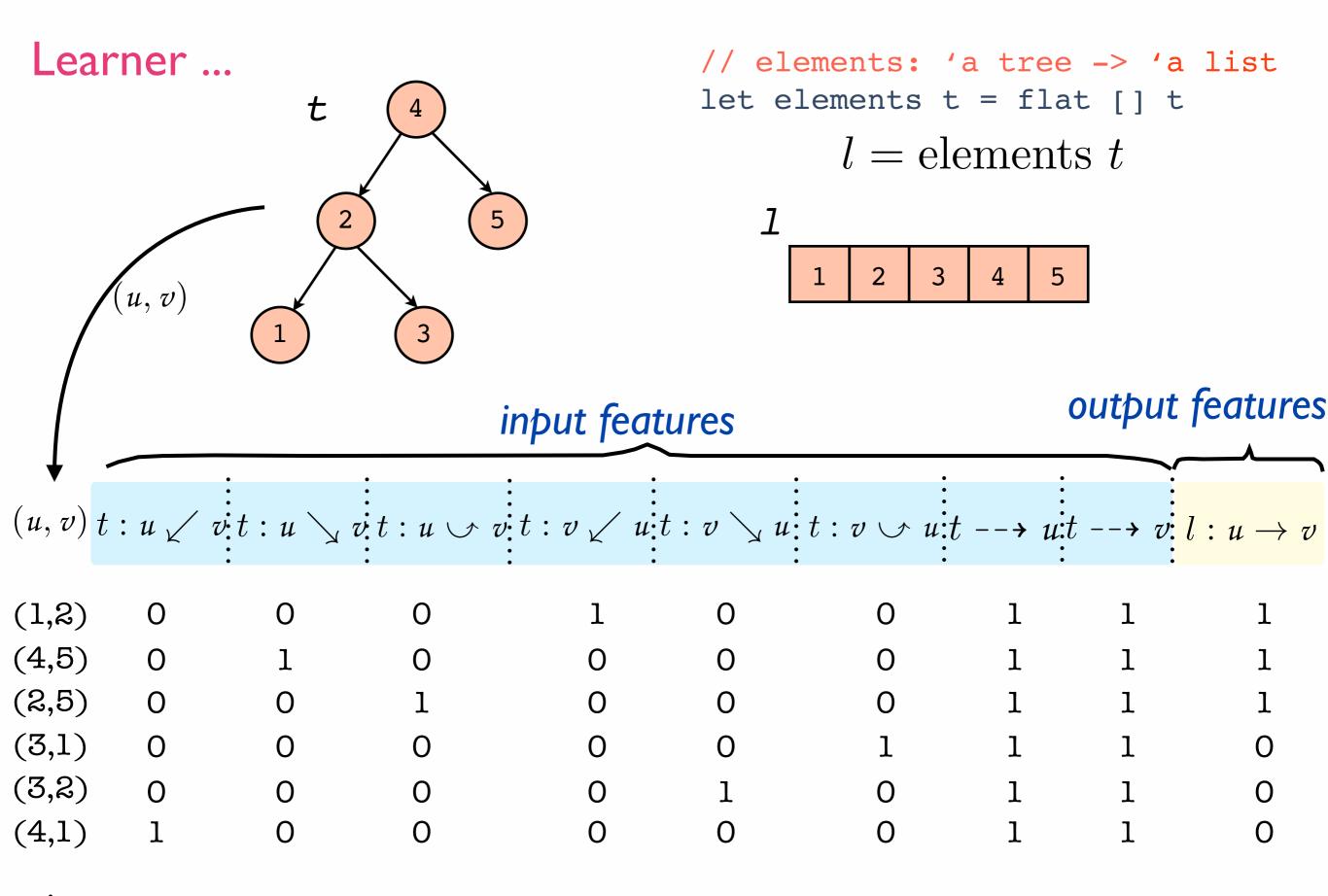


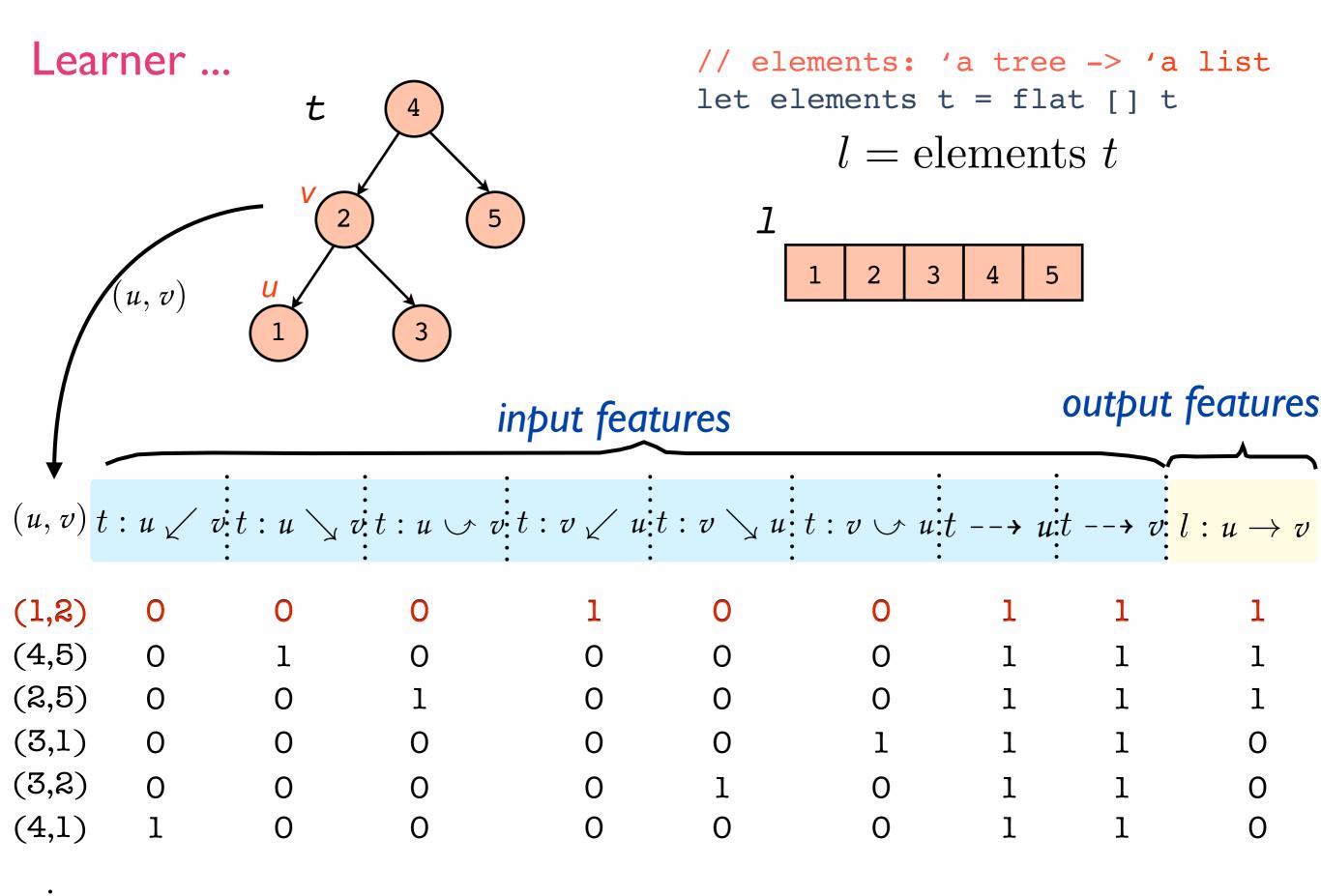


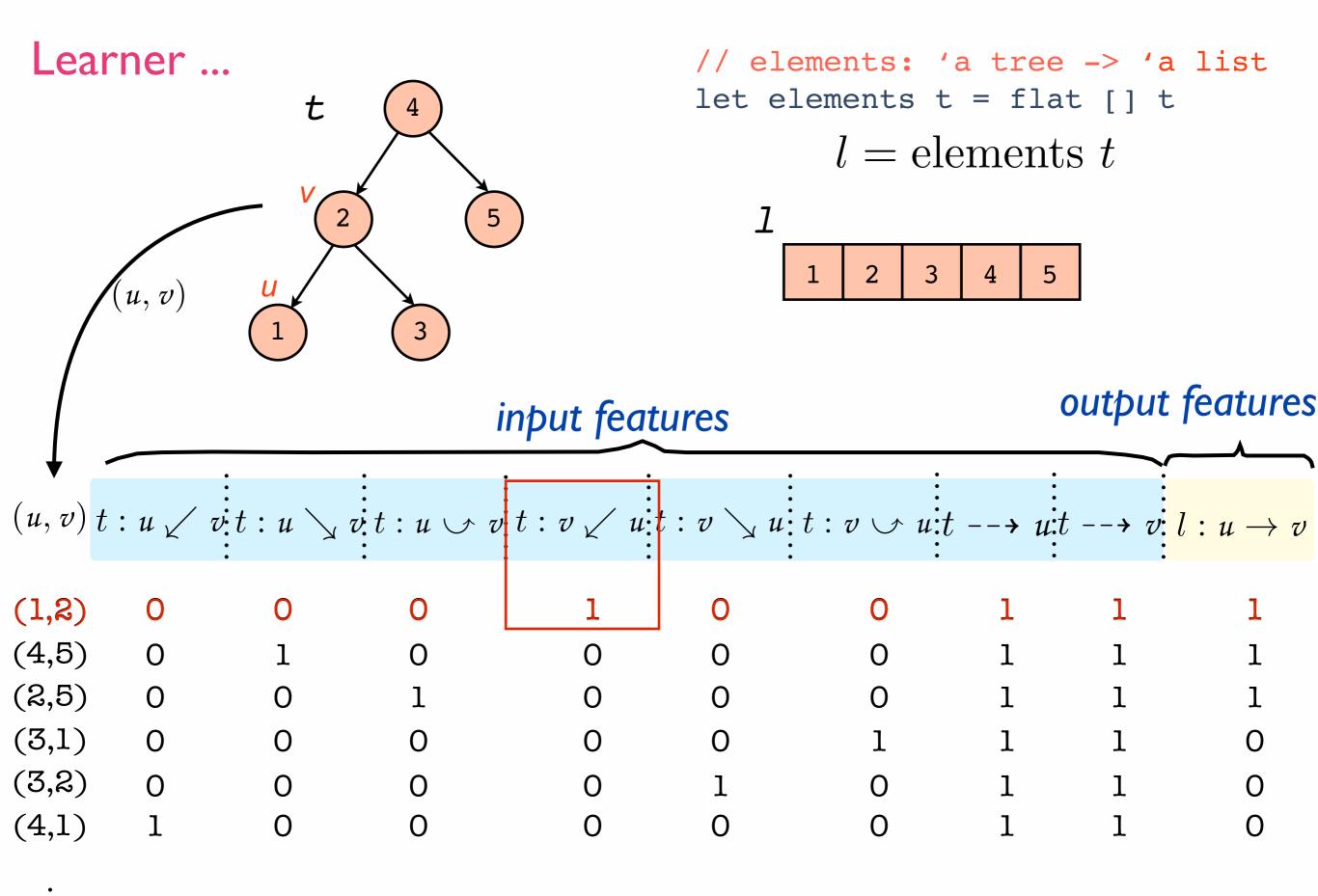
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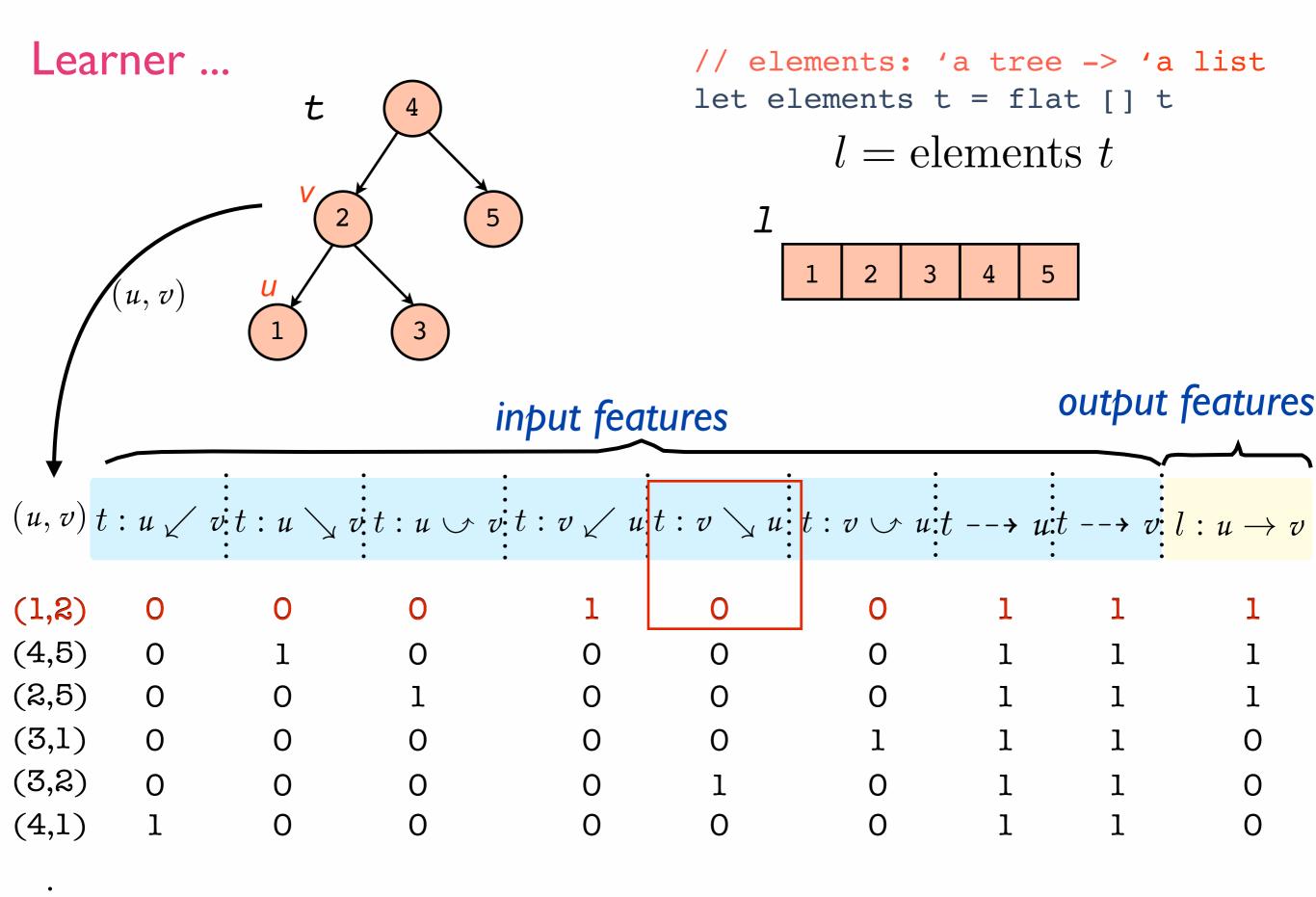


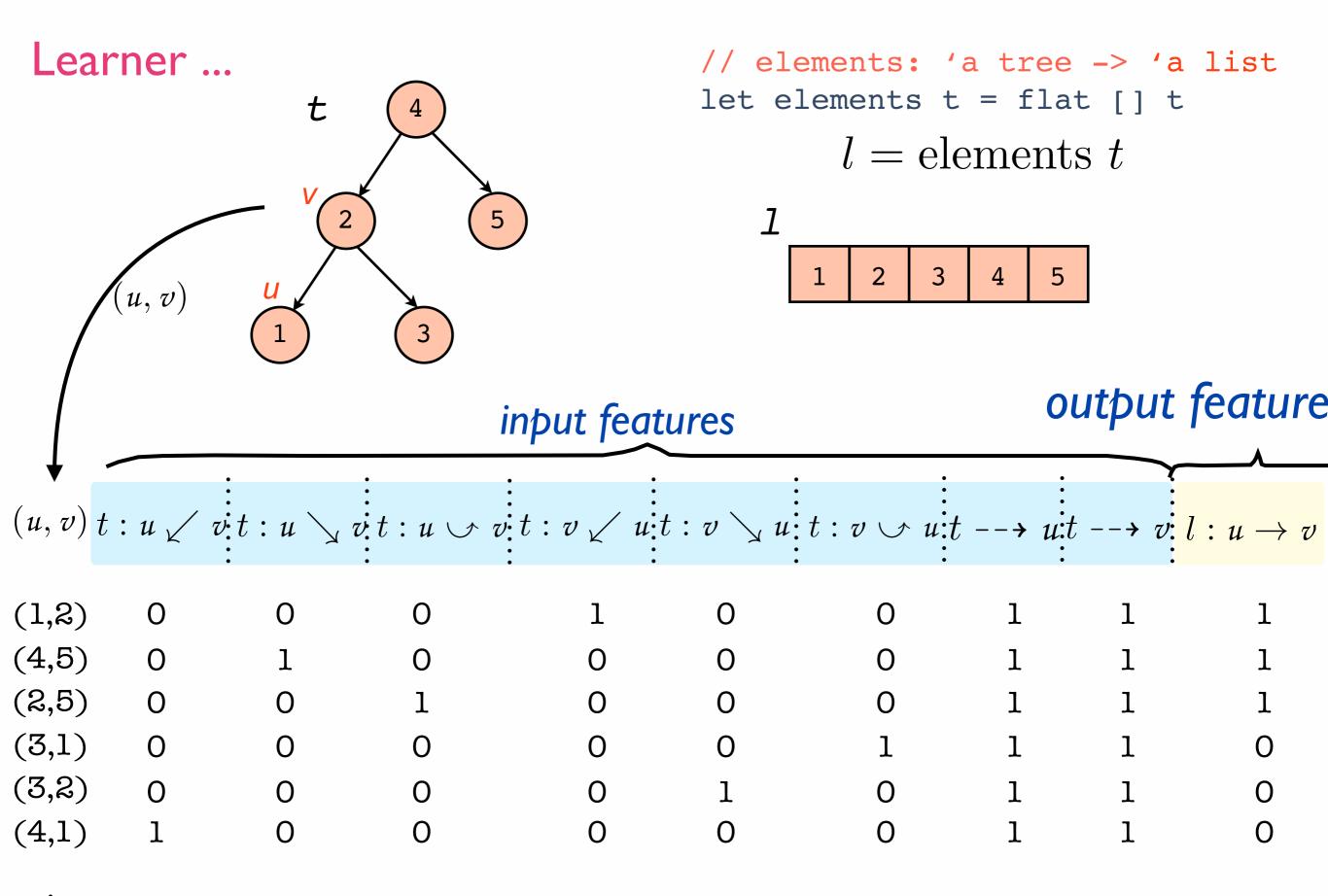
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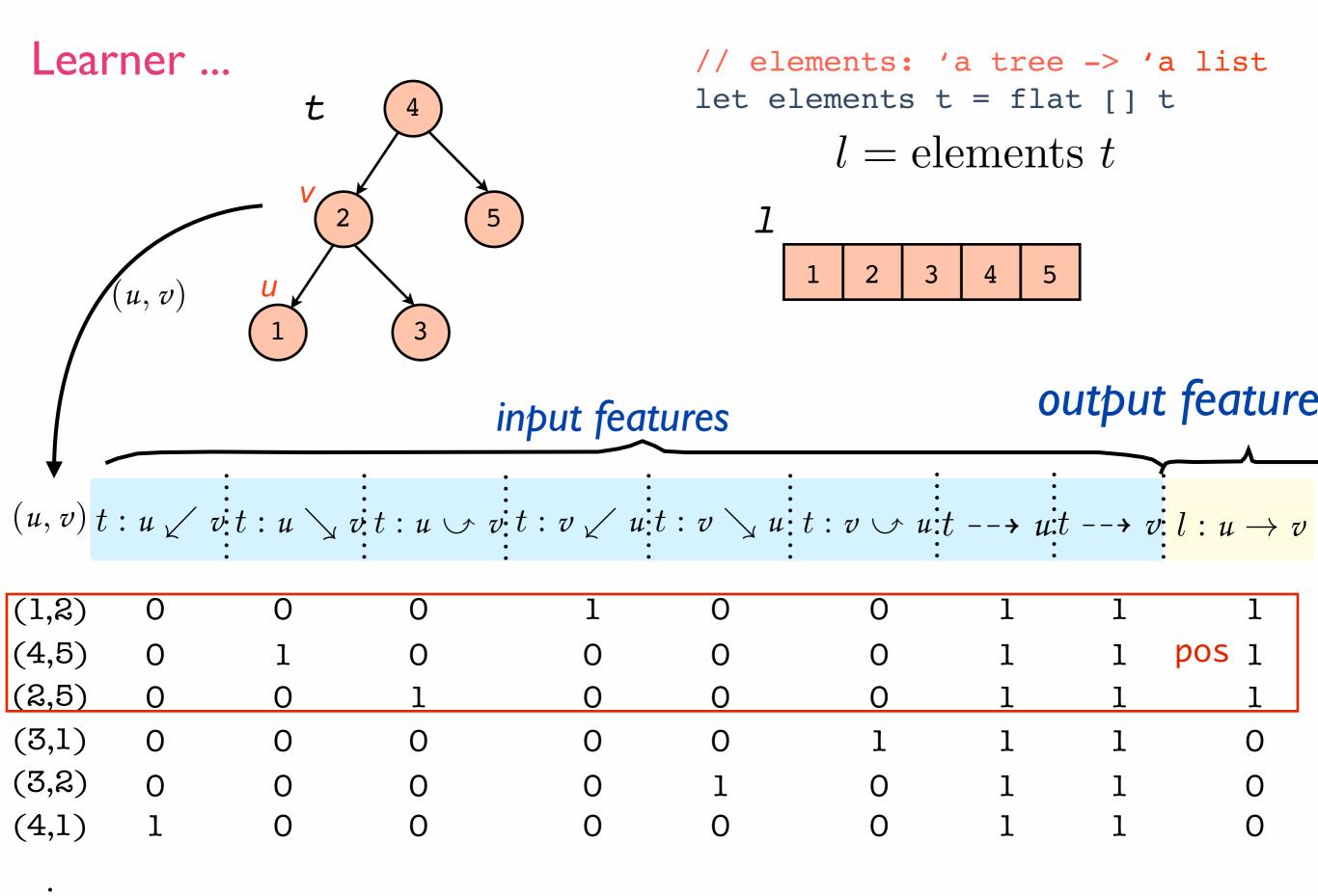


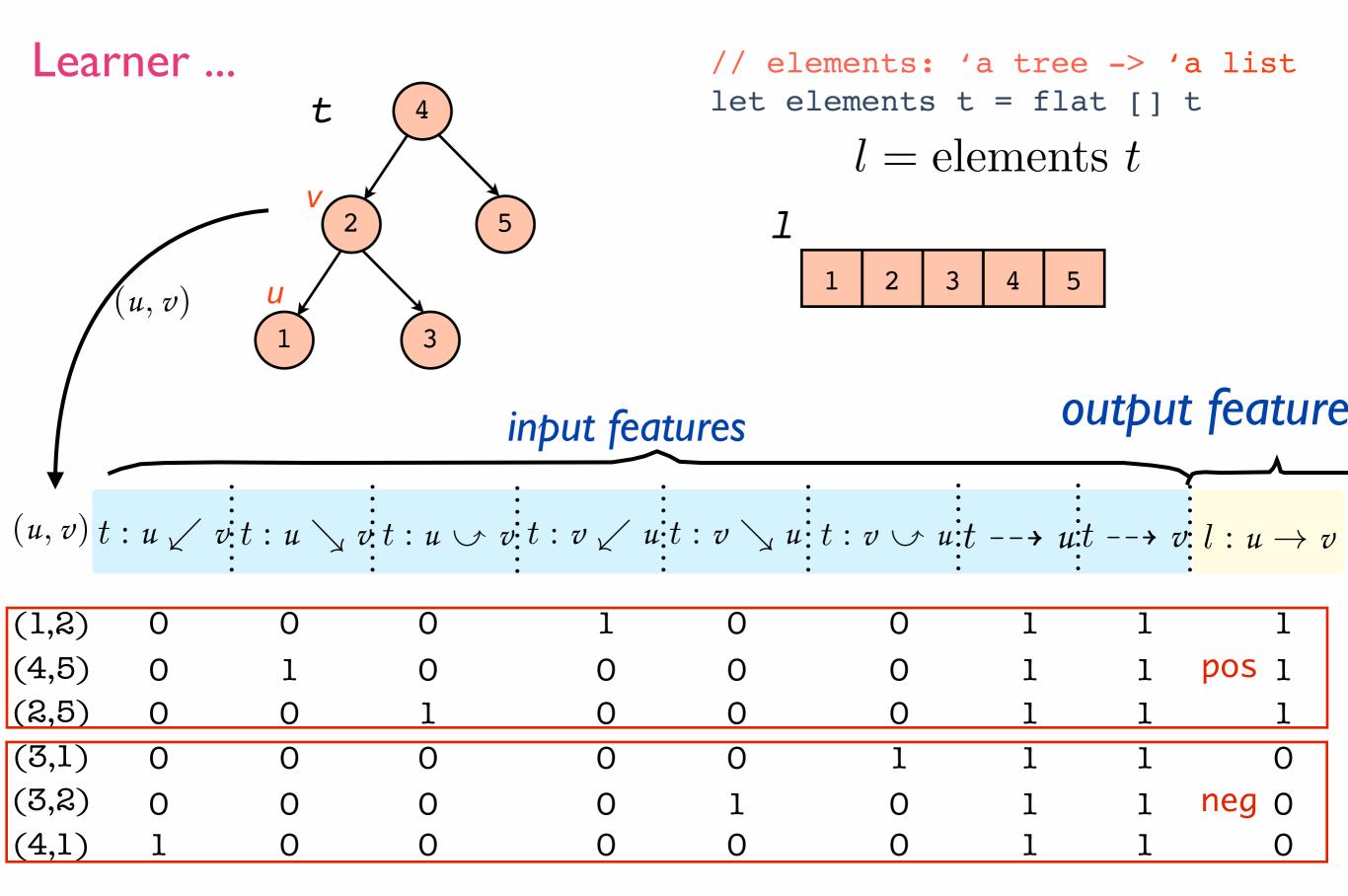






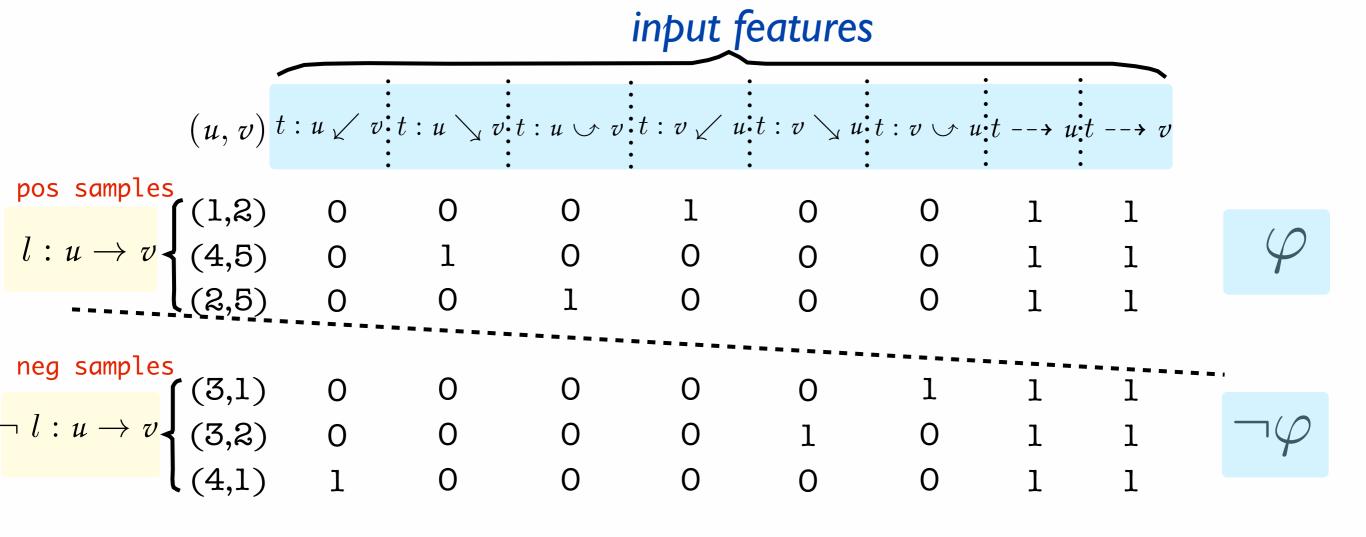


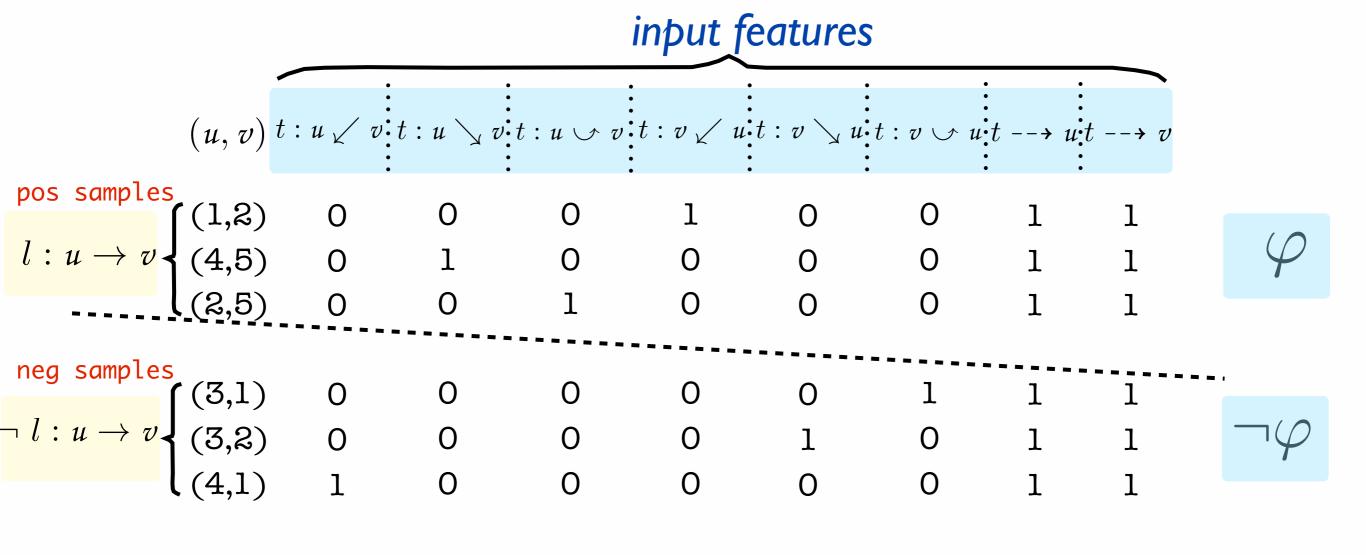


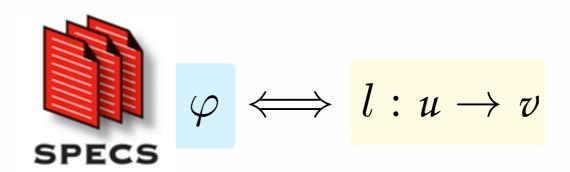


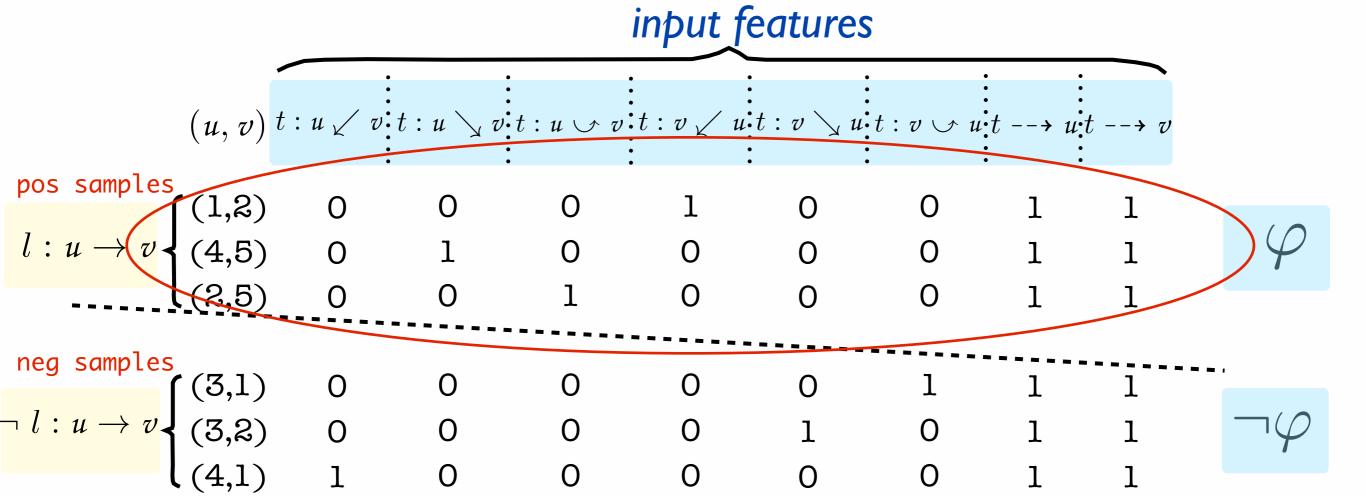
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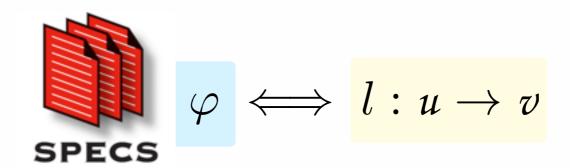
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	(2,5)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
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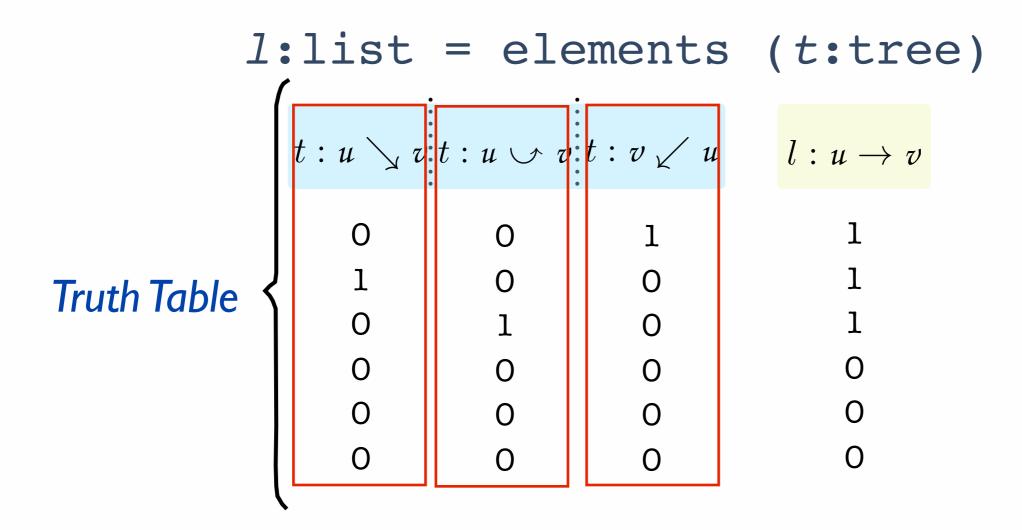
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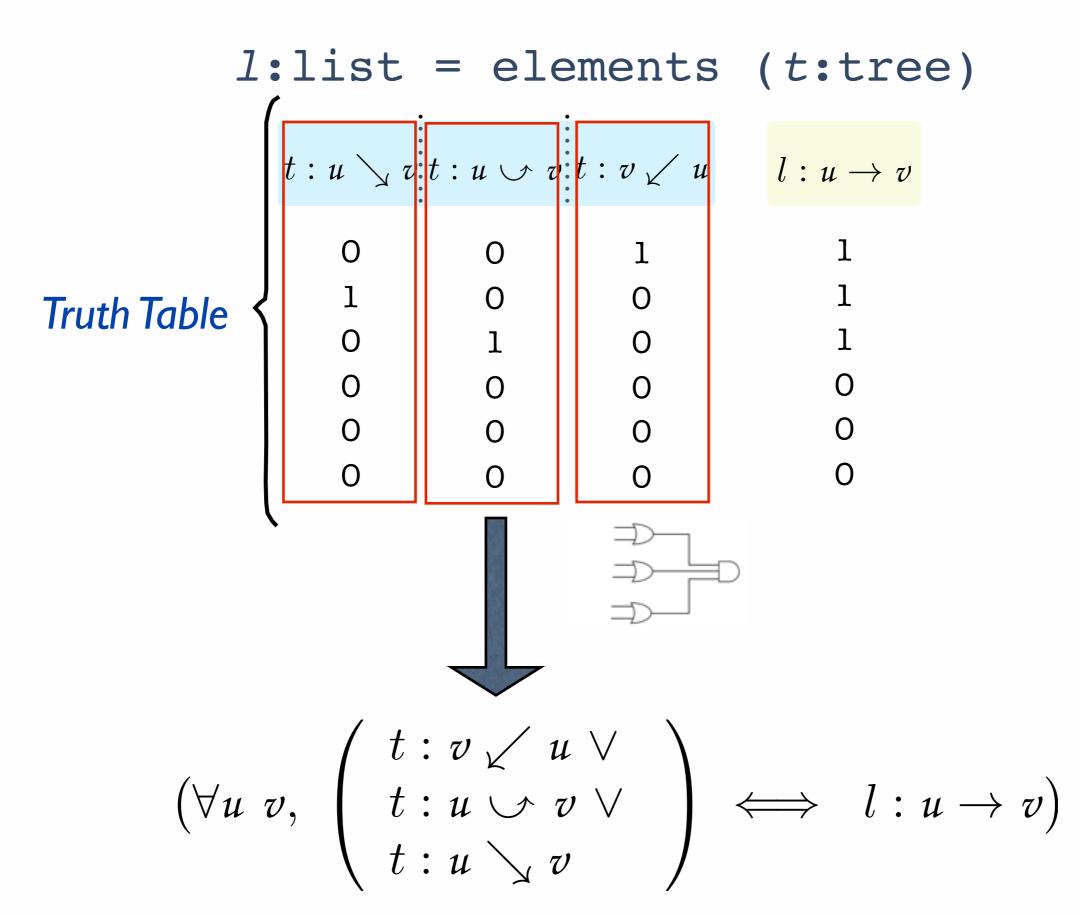


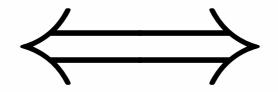
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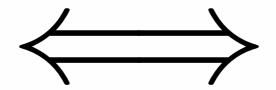






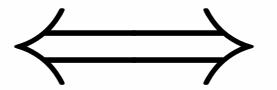
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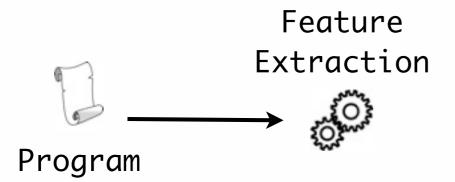


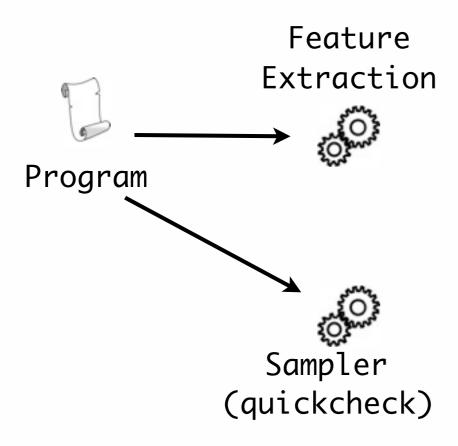
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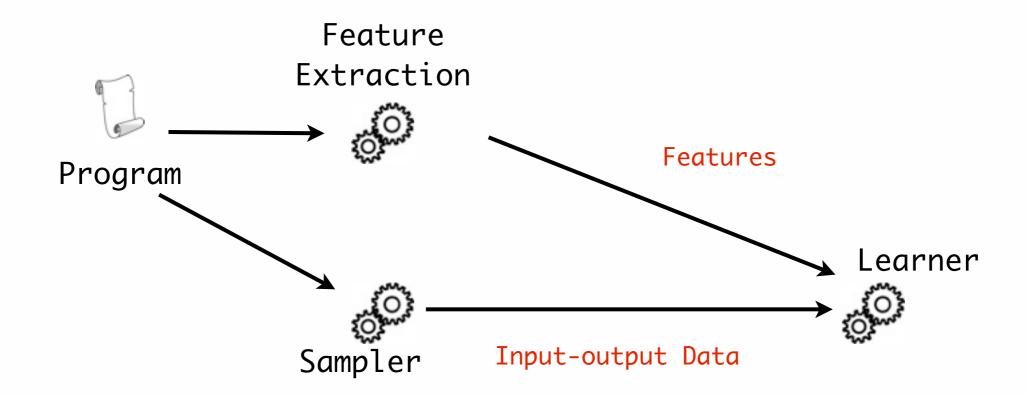
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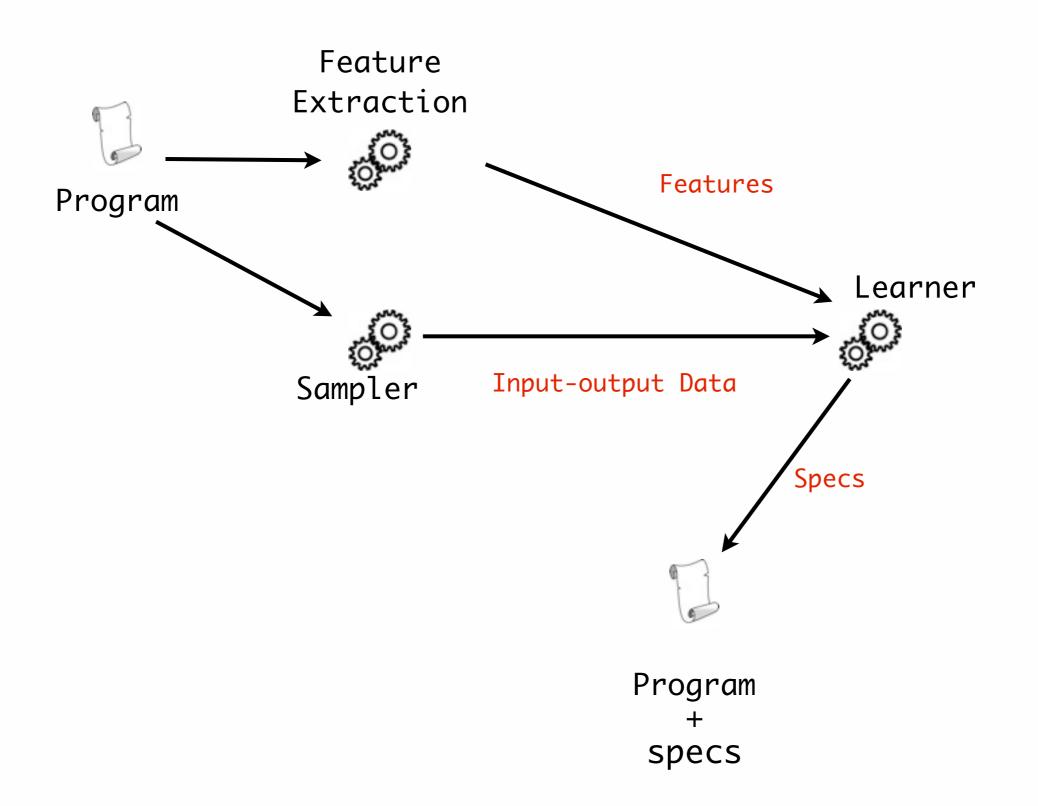


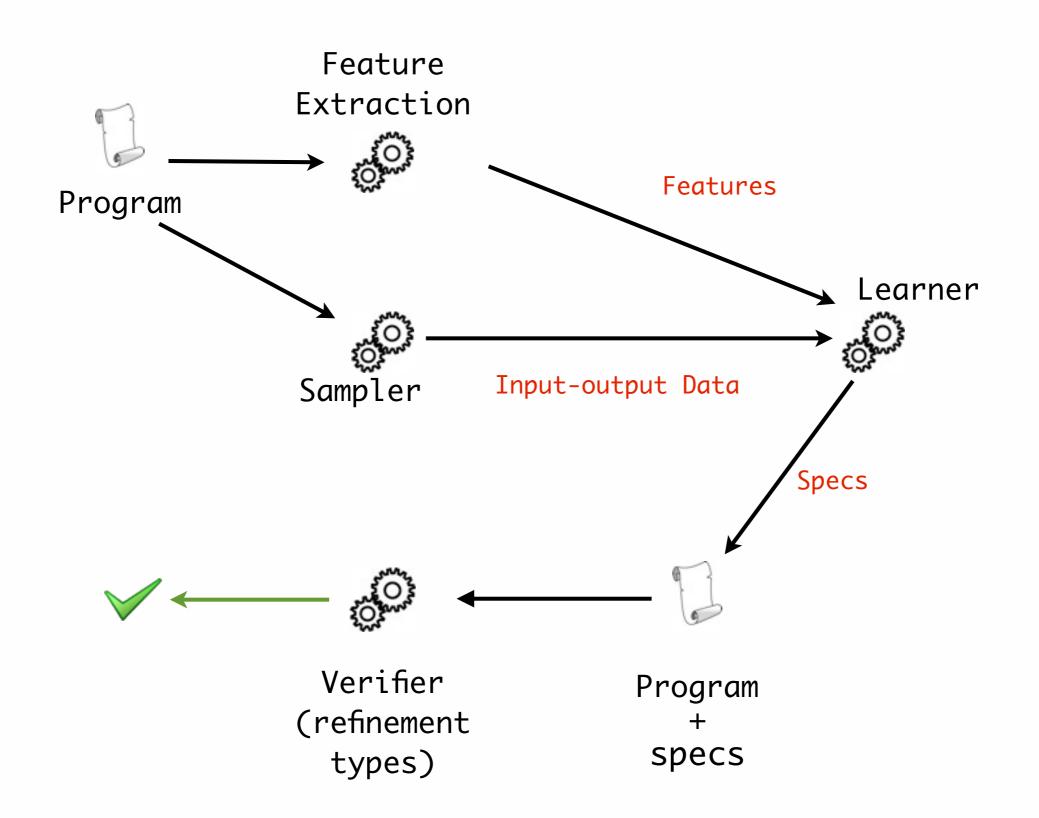
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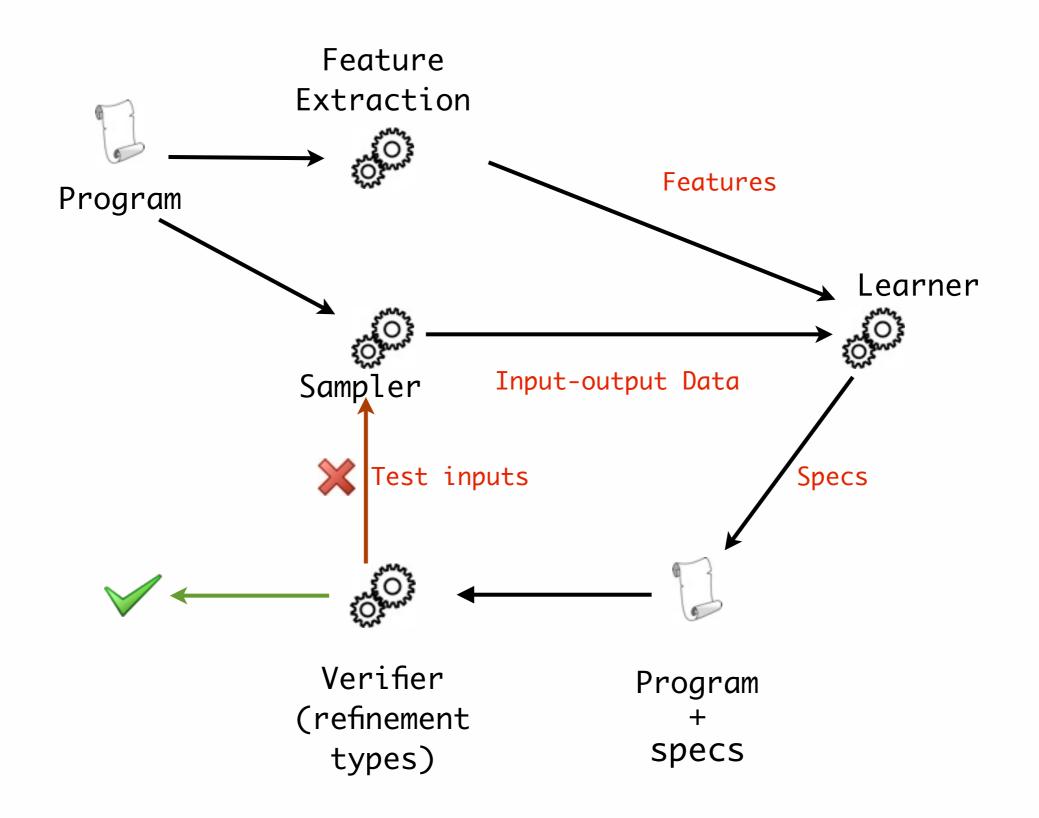


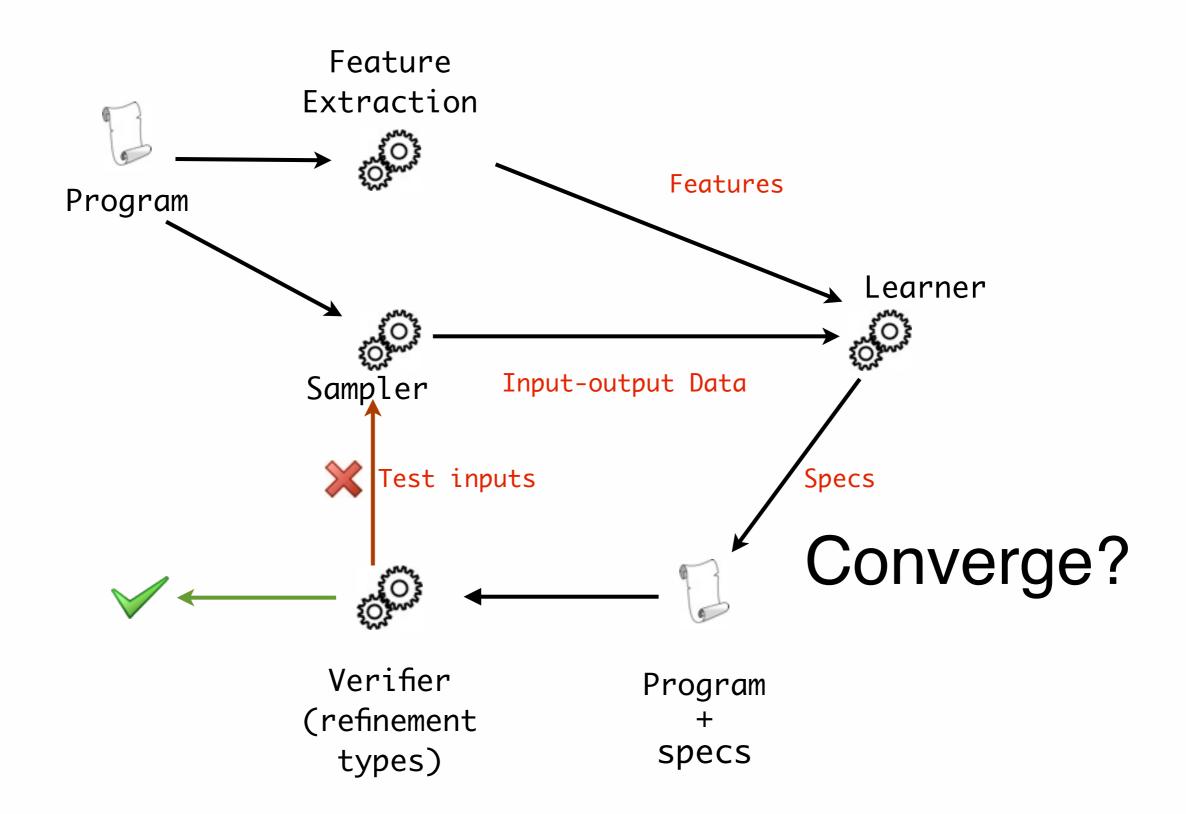


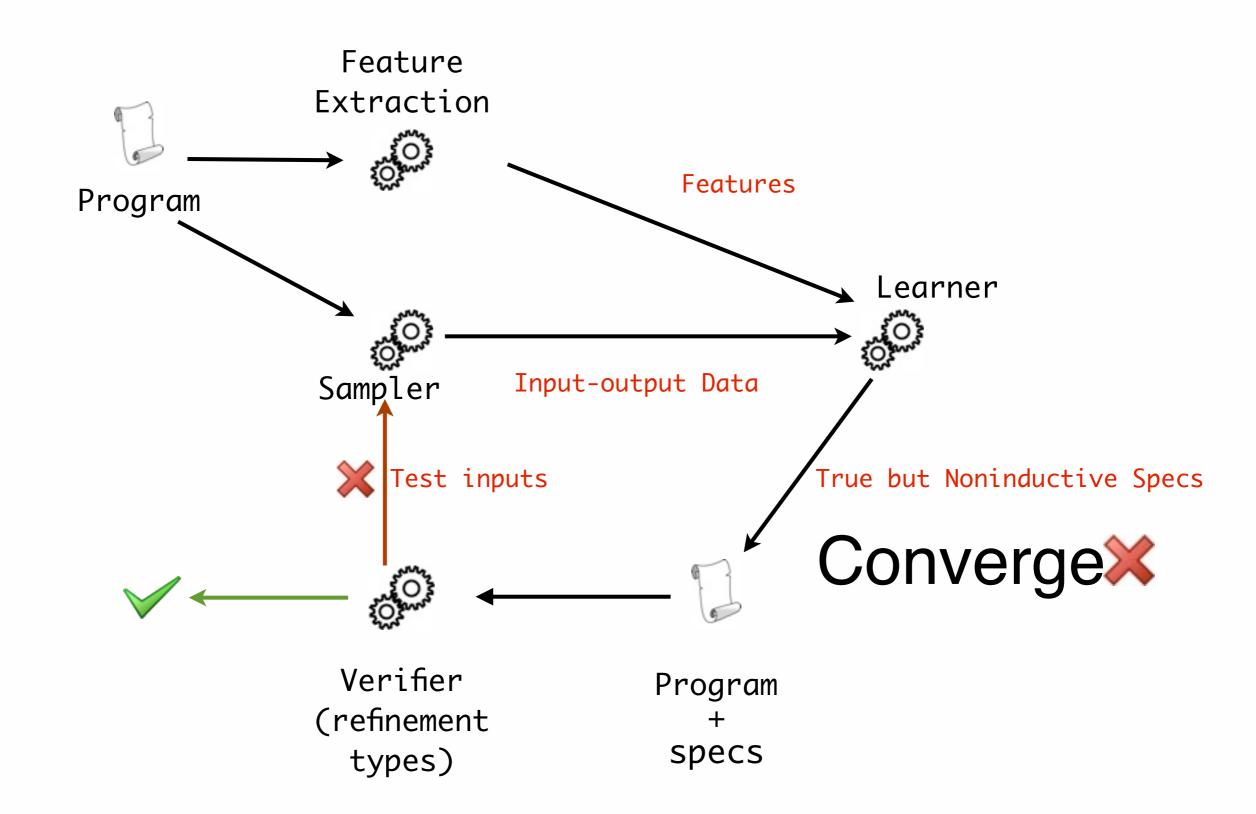






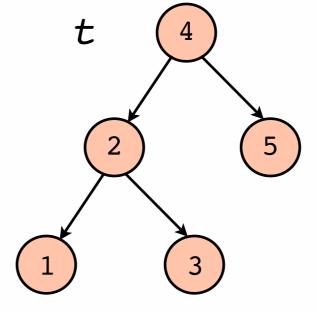


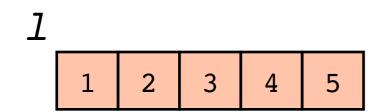


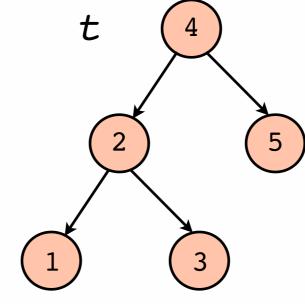


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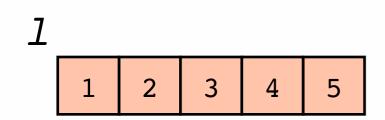


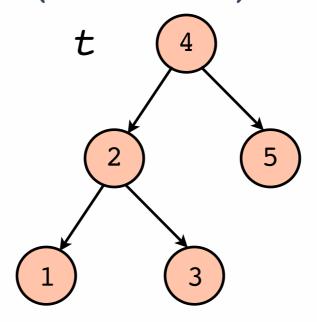




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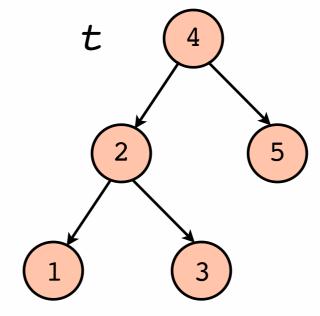
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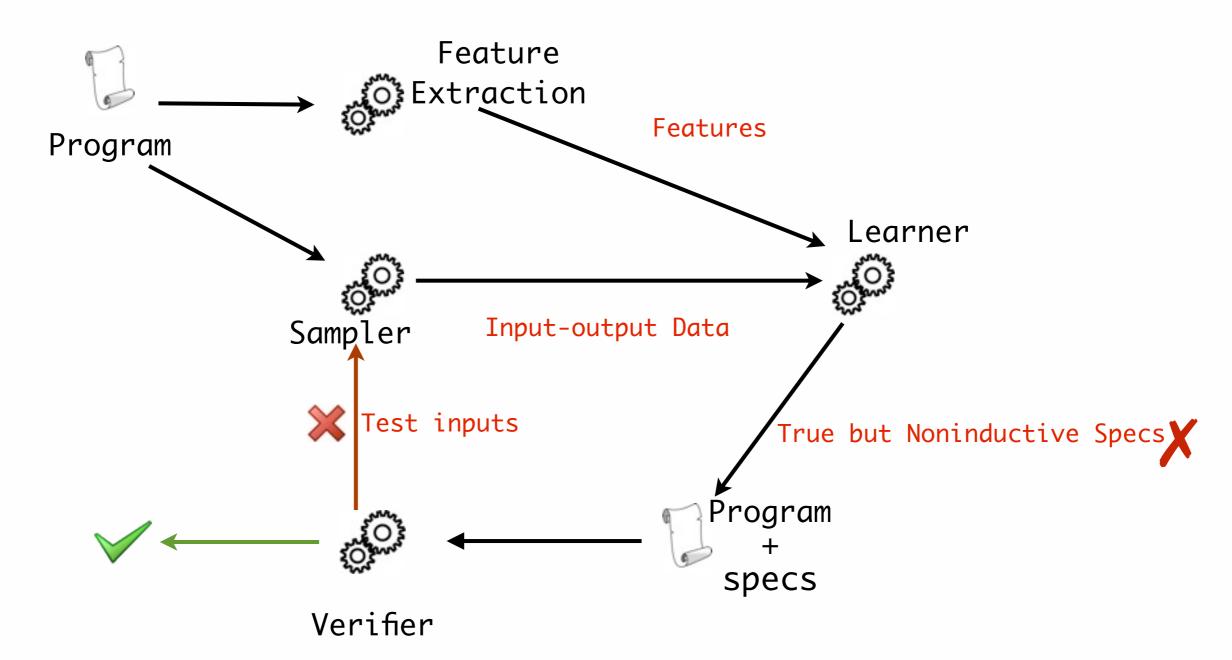


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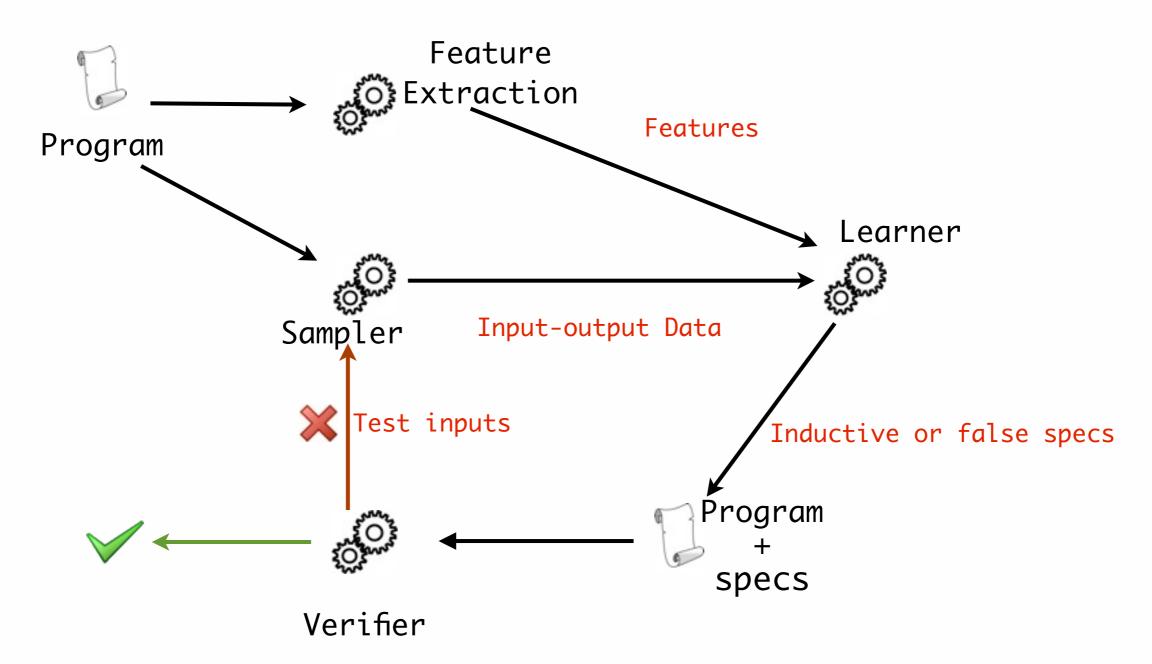
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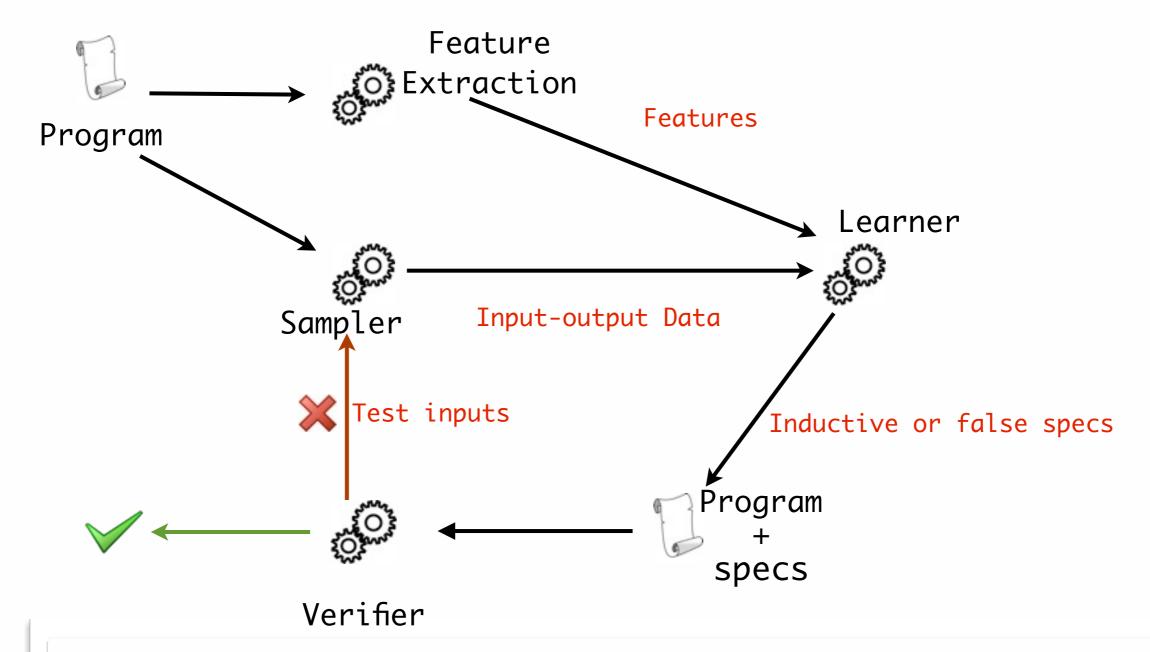
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General Framework for Specification Synthesis

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- DOrder -- implemented within the OCaml tool chain.
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#### Benchmark Programs Specifications Okasaki's funcional Stack, Queue List reversal: input-forward is output-backward Lists: mem, concat, reverse, filter, insertionsort, quicksort, mergesort Balanced tree insertion preserves in-order relation Set: list-based and tree-based implementations Heap removal preserves parentchildren relations of extant nodes Heap: Leftist, Skew, Splay, Pairing, Binomial, Heapsort Shape-data: Sorting, BST, Heap-ordered Tree: Treap, AVL, Braun, Splay, Redblack, Random-access-list, Numeric: Proposition-lib and OCaml-Set-lib Tree balance

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# Thanks! Q & A

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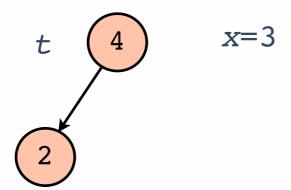
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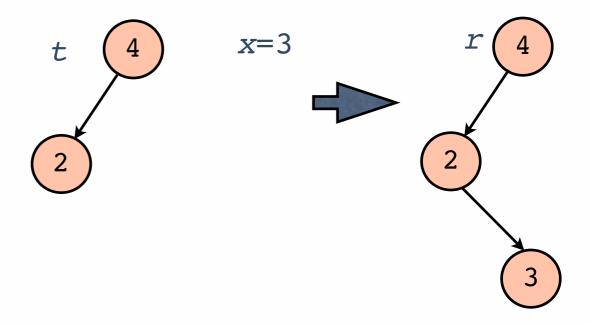
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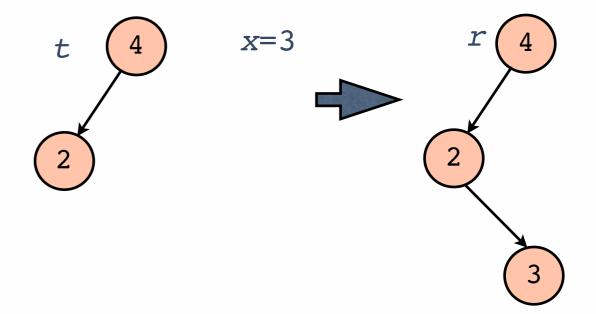
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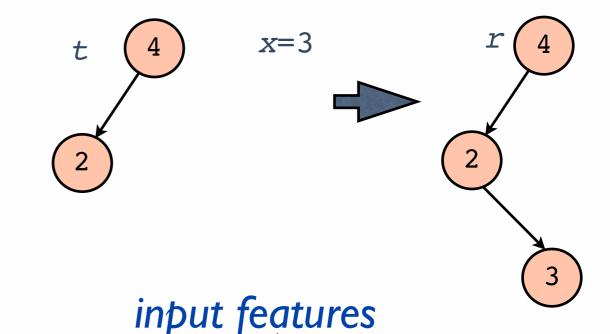
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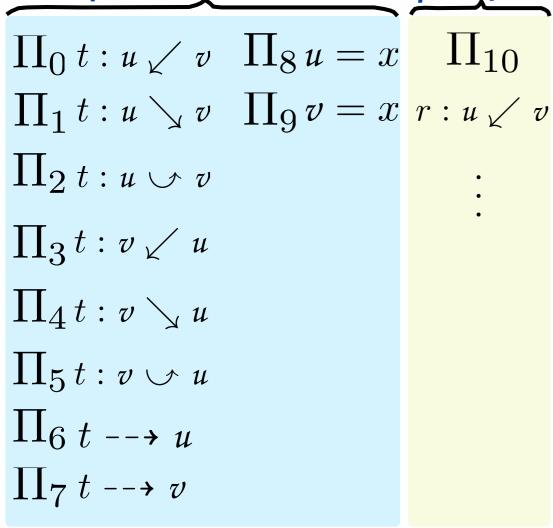




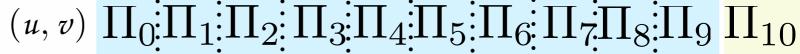
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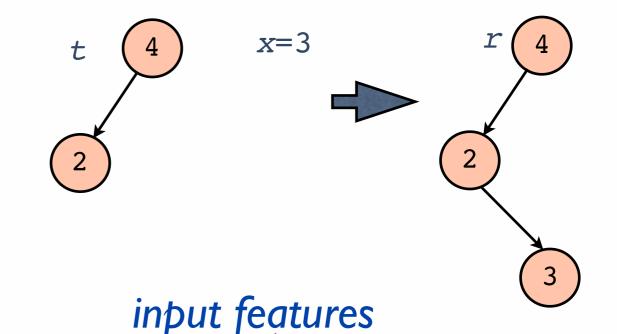




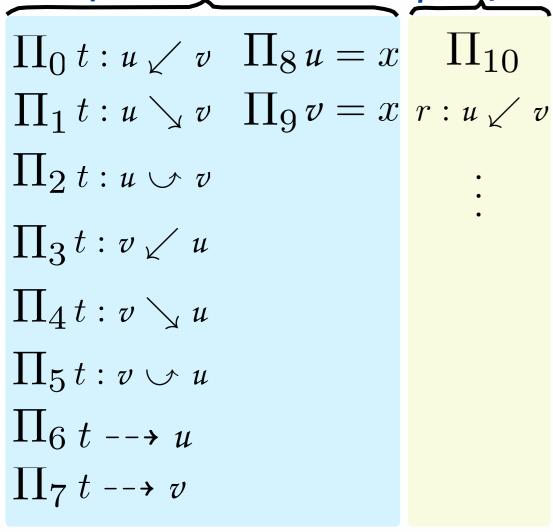


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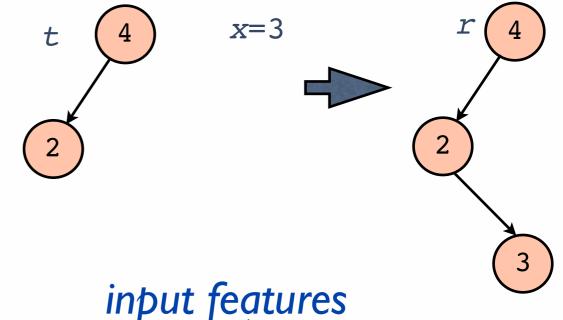


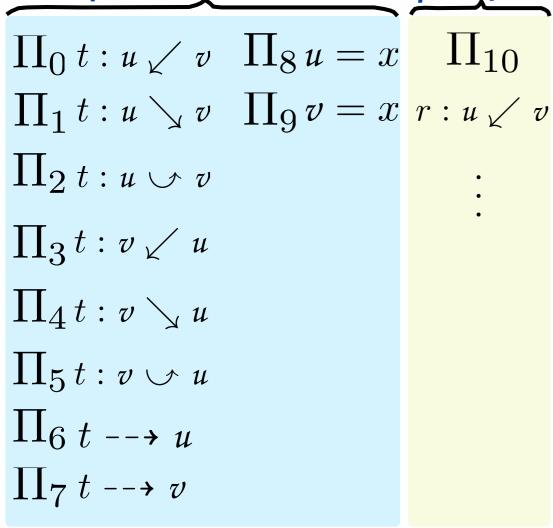


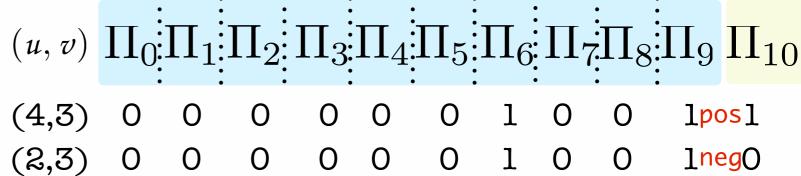
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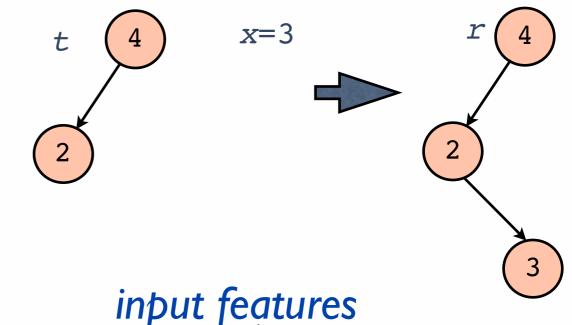




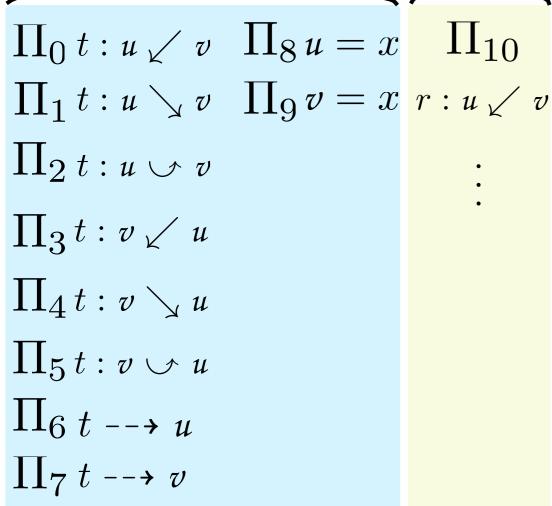


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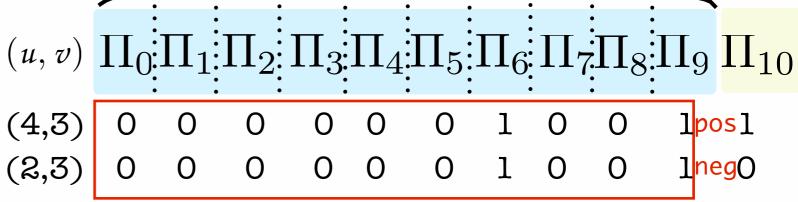
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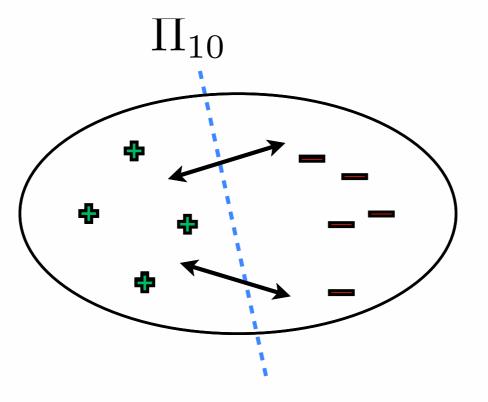


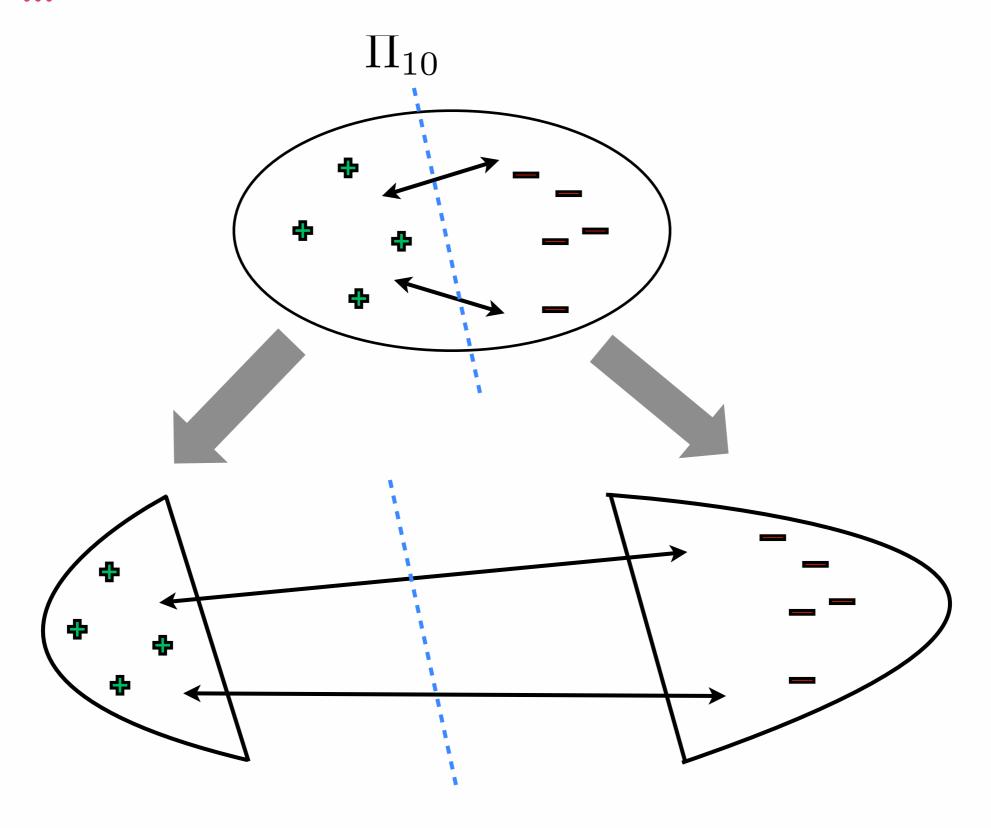
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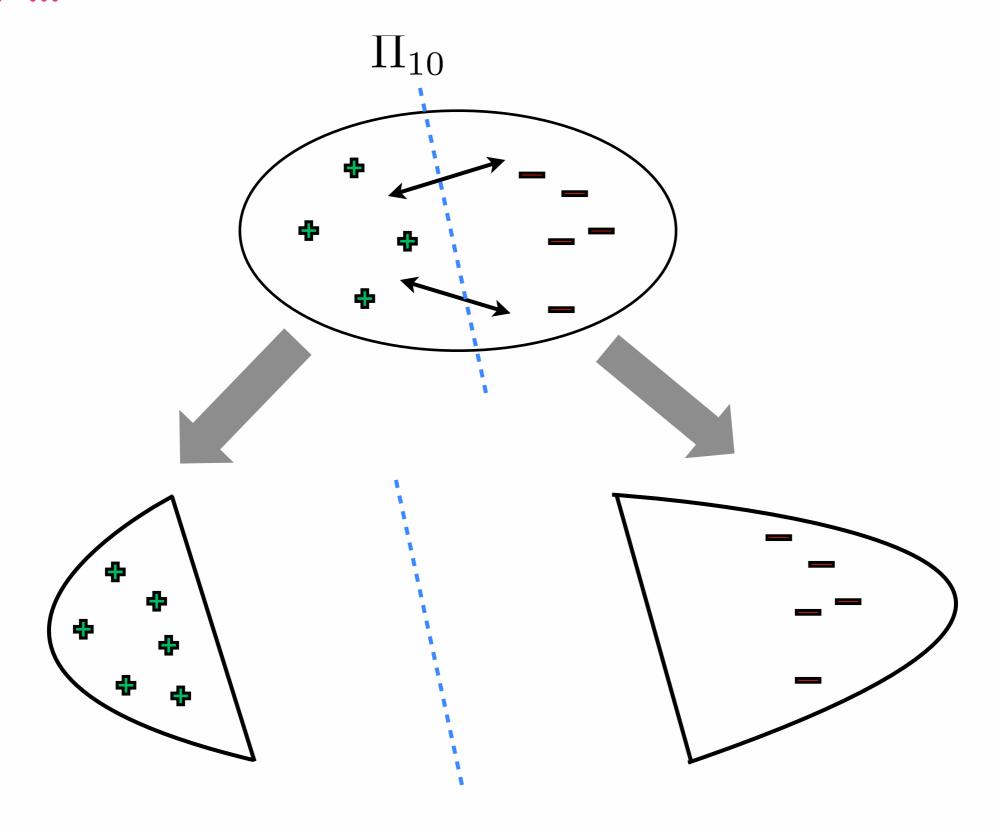


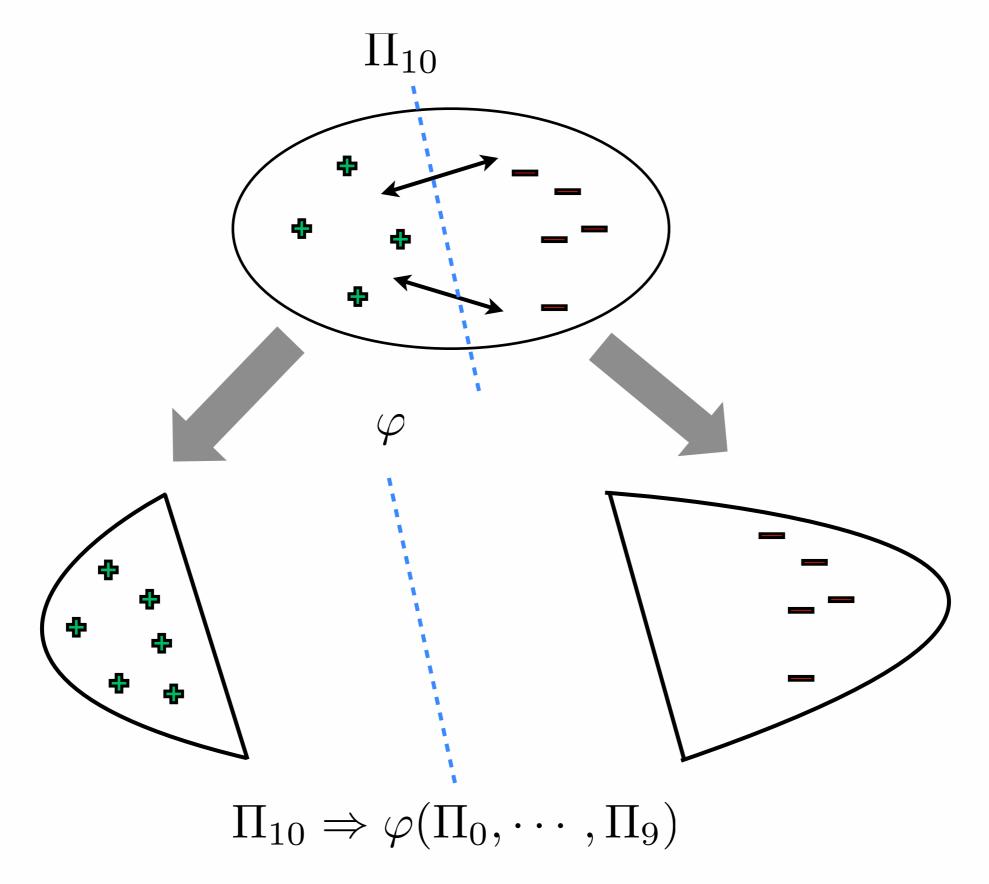
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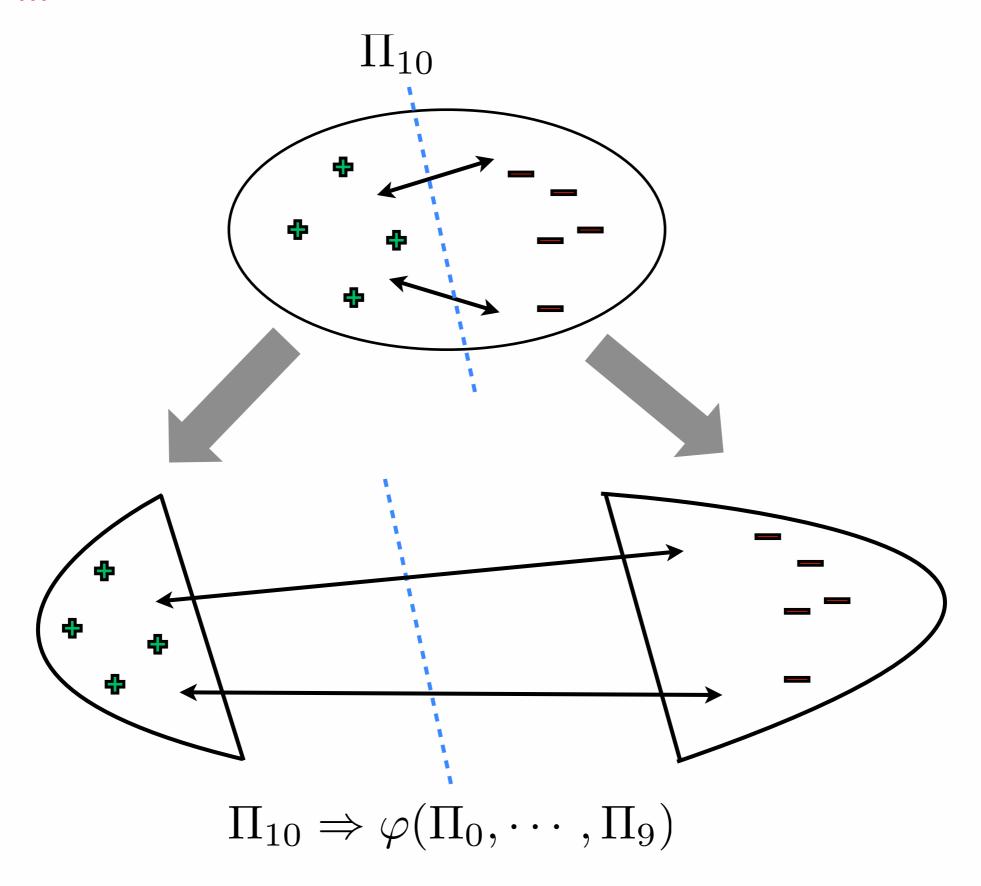
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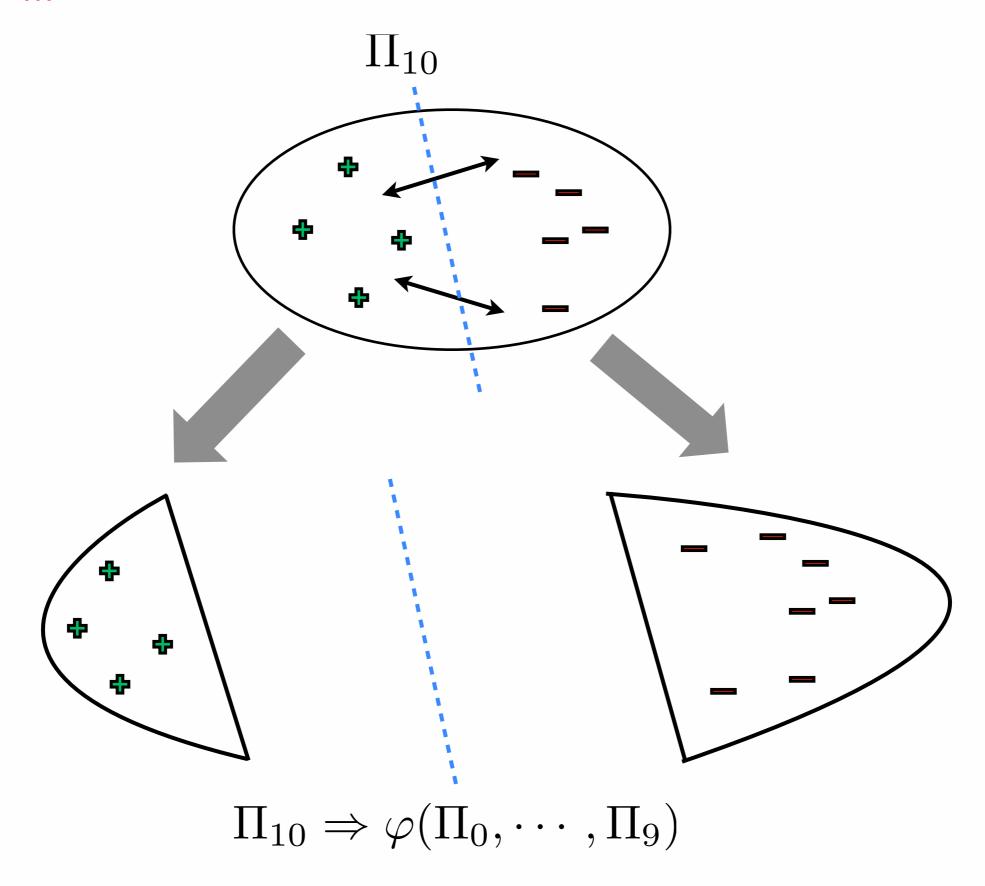


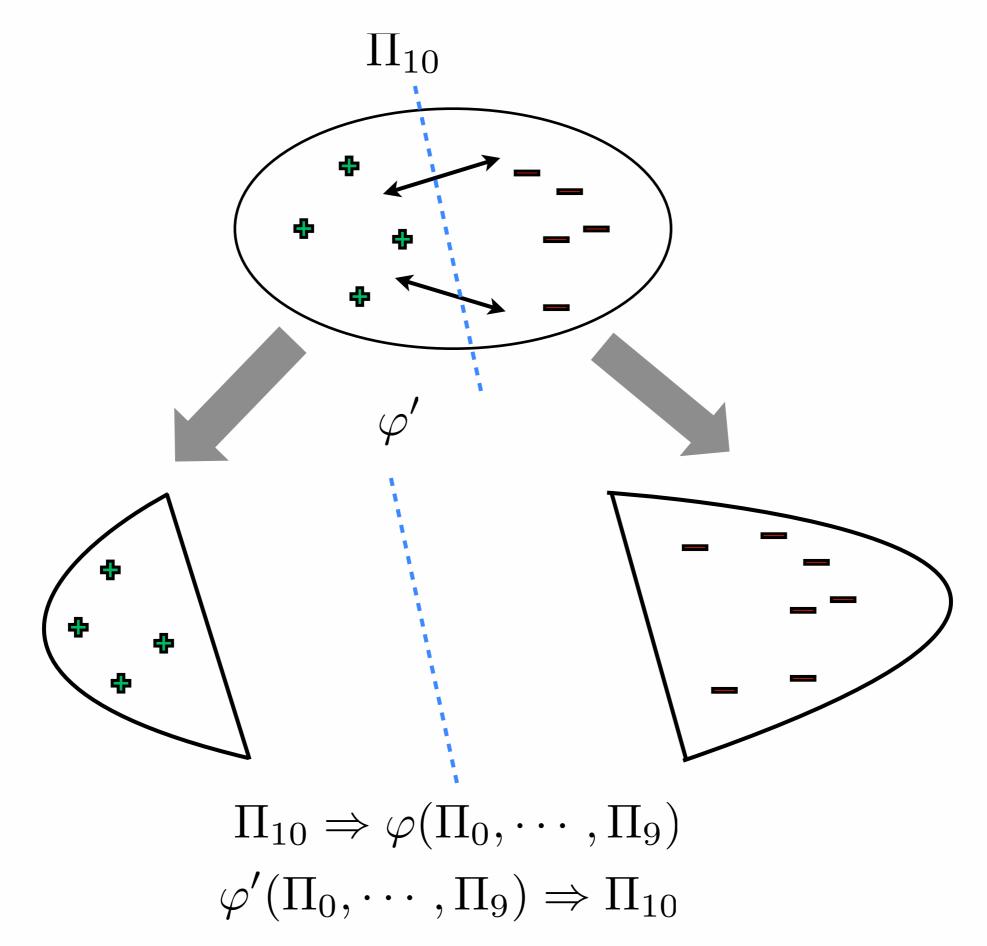


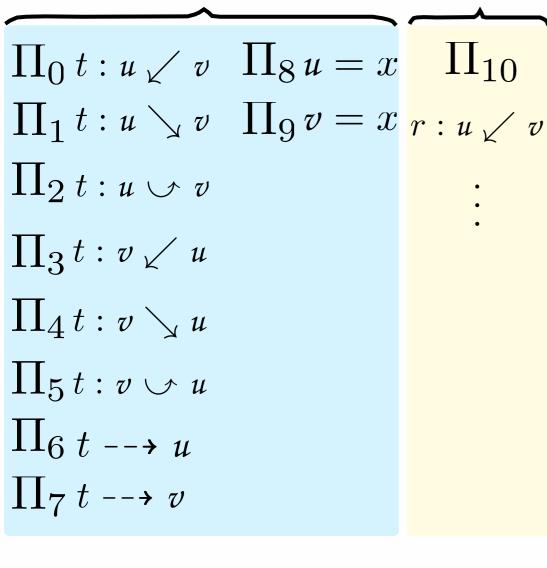


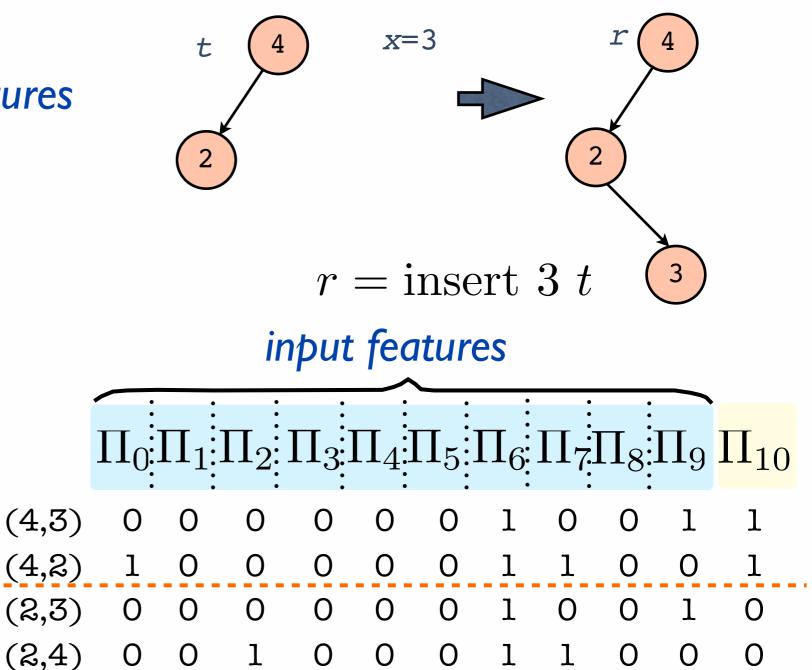


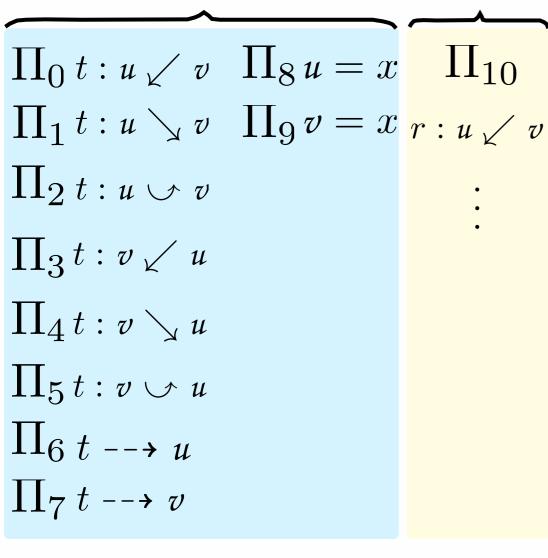


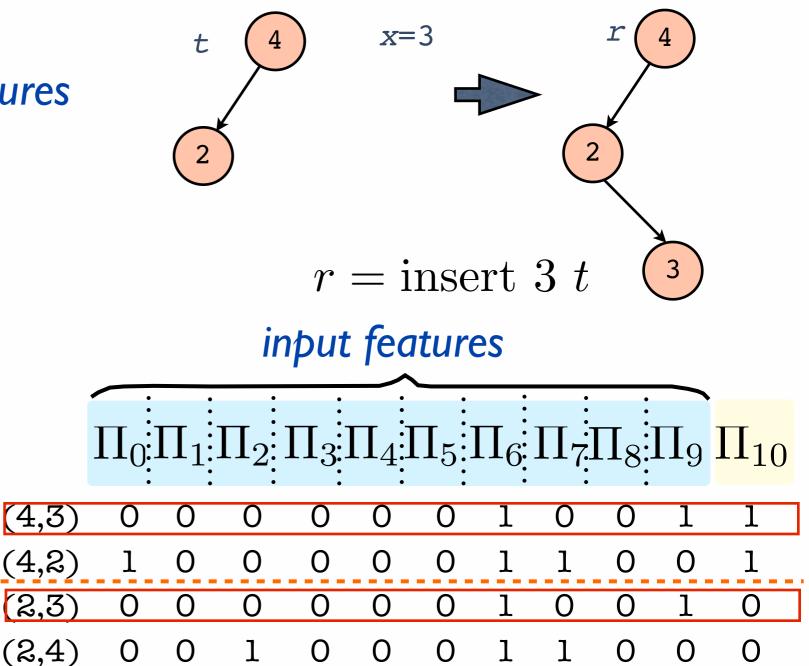


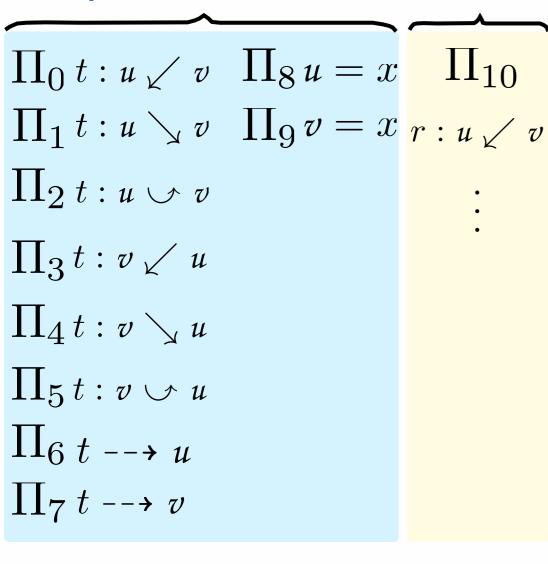


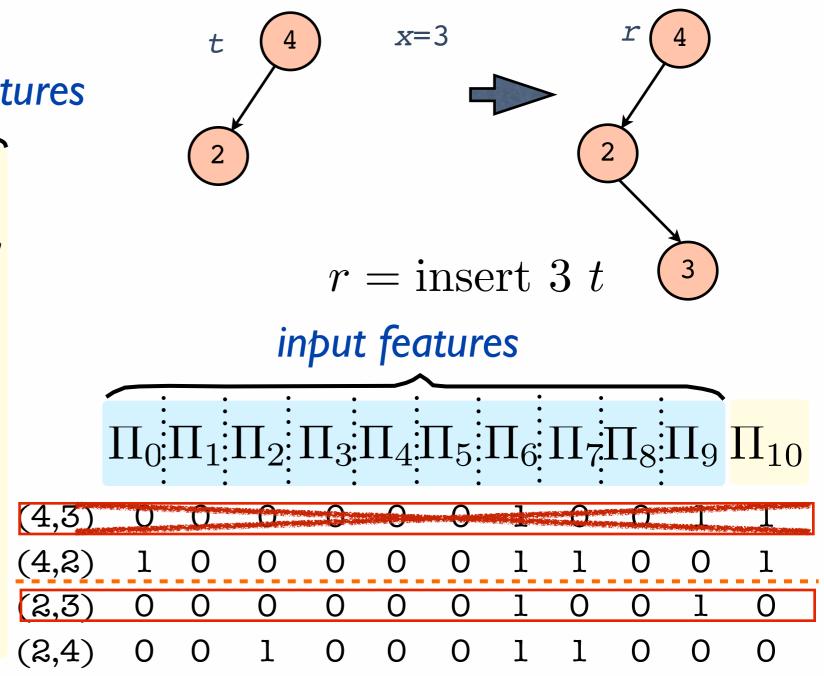




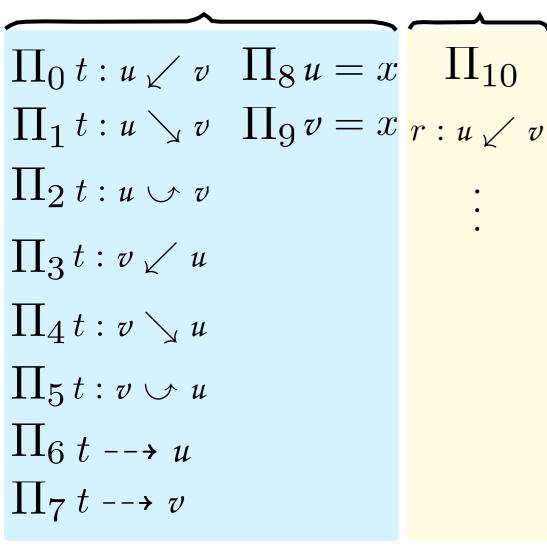


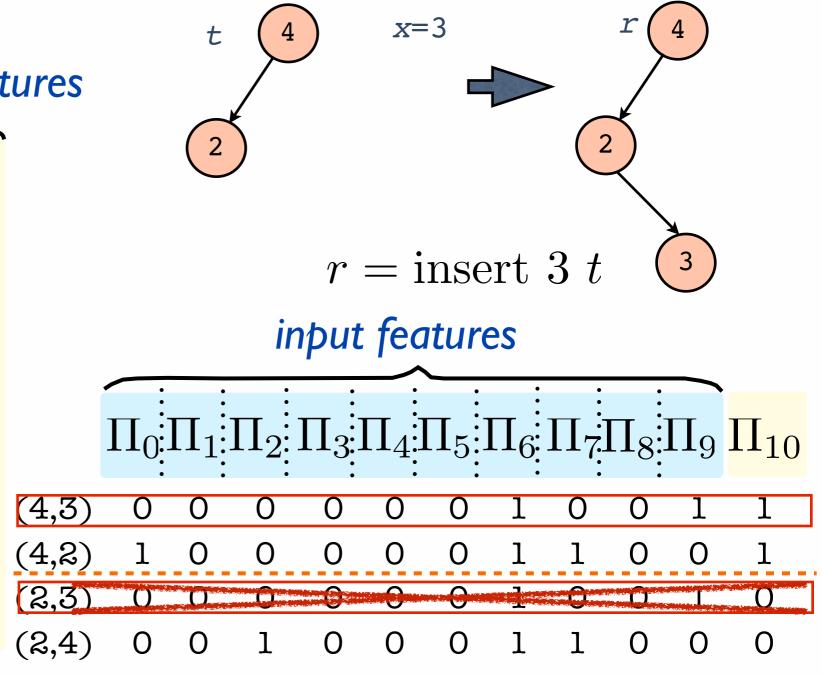






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