There will be many Primitives used within Algorithm definitions in DAVE but navigation into a nested Collection or KV is most likely to be used across nearly all Algorithm definitions. In the following section, helper Operations are introduced for navigation into and back out of a nested Value. These Operations are then used to define the common Primitives centered around traversal of nested data structures ie. xAPI Statements and Algorithm State.

# 0.1 Traversal Operations

```
Get[V, Collection] = \\ in?, v! : V \\ id? : Collection \\ get_{-} : V \times Collection \Rightarrow V \\ \hline \\ v! = get(in?, id?) \bullet \\ = (atIndex(in?, head(id?)) \iff (array?(in?) = true) \land (head(id?) \in \mathbb{N})) \lor \\ (atKey(in?, head(id?)) \iff (array?(in?) = false) \land (map?(in?) = true)) \\ \end{aligned}
```

ullet retrieval of a V located at id? within in? where in? can be a Collection or KV

```
Merge[(V,V),Collection] \\ parent?,child?,parent!:V \\ at?:Collection \\ merge_-:(V\times V)\times Collection \rightarrowtail V \\ \\ parent! = merge((parent?,child?),at?) \bullet \\ = (associate(parent?,head(at?),child?) \\ \iff map?(parent?) = true) \lor \\ (update(parent?,child?,head(at?)) \\ \iff (array?(parent?) = true) \land (head(at?) \in \mathbb{N})) \\ \\
```

• Updating of parent? to include child? at location indicated by head(at?)

```
Conj[V, V] \_
parent?, data? : V
conj! : Collection
conj := conj(parent?, data?) \bullet
let \ j == first(last(parent?))
parent?_{coll} == append(\langle \rangle, parent?, 0)
= (append(parent?, data?, (j+1)) \iff array?(parent?) = true) \lor
(append(parent?_{coll}, data?, (j+1)) \iff array(parent?) = false)
```

• conj! is a collection with data? at the last index  $conj!_j = data$ ?.

## 0.2 Traversal Primitives

The helper Operations defined above are used to describe the traversal of a heterogeneous nested Value. In the following subsections, examples which demonstrate the functionality of Primitives will be passed X as in?

```
X = \langle x_0, x_1, x_2 \rangle
x_0 = true
x_1 = \langle a, b, c \rangle
x_2 = \langle foo \mapsto \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto y, z \mapsto \langle 3, 2, 1 \rangle \rangle \rangle
fn! = fn(X_{\langle path?_i ...path?_{j-1} \rangle}, v?) \bullet
\forall X_{\langle path?_i ...path?_{j-1} \rangle} \wedge v? \mid fn! = ZZZ \quad [always return ZZZ]
```

## 0.2.1 Get In

Collection and KV have different Fundamental Operations for navigation into, value extraction from and application of updates to. Navigation into an arbitrary Value without concern for its type is a useful tool to have and has been defined as the Primitive getIn.

```
GetIn[V, Collection] _
Get, Recur
in?, atPath!: V
path?: Collection
getIn_{-}: V \times Collection \rightarrow V
\overline{qetIn} = \langle qet\_, recur\_ \rangle^{\# path?-1}
atPath! = getIn(in?, path?) \bullet
 \forall n: i..j-1 \bullet j = first(last(path?)) \Rightarrow first(j, path?_i) \mid \exists down_n \bullet
      let \ path?_n == tail(path?)^{n-i}
           down_i == get(in?, path?_n) \Rightarrow
                              atIndex(in?, head(path?)) \lor
                              atKey(in?, head(path?)) \iff n = i
           down_n == recur(down_i, path?_n, get\_)^{j-1}
           down_{j-1} == get(down_n, path?_n) \iff n = j - 2
atPath! = down_j = get(down_{j-1}, path?_n) \bullet
                              path?_{n} \equiv (path? \mid j) \Rightarrow 
\langle j \mapsto atIndex(path?, j) \rangle \iff n = j - 1
```

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of the Primitive getIn

```
\begin{split} & getIn(X,\langle 1,1\rangle) = b \\ & getIn(X,\langle 0\rangle) = true \\ & getIn(X,\langle 2,foo,z,0\rangle) = 3 \end{split}
```

Additionally, the propagation of an update, starting at some depth within a passed in Value and bubbling up to the top level, such that the update is only applied to values along a specified path as necessary, is also a useful tool to have. The following sections introduce Primitives which address performing these types of updates and ends with a summary of the functional steps described in the sections below. replaceAt is introduced first and serves as a point of comparison when describing the more abstract Primitives backProp and walkBack.

### 0.2.2 Replace At

The schema *ReplaceAt* uses the helper Operation *merge* to apply updates while climbing up from some arbitrary depth.

```
ReplaceAt[V, Collection, V]_
GetIn, Merge
in?, with?, out!: V
path?: Collection
replaceAt_{-}: V \times Collection \times V \rightarrowtail V
replaceAt = \langle \langle getIn\_, merge\_ \rangle, recur\_ \rangle^{\# path?-1}
out! = replaceAt(in?, path?, with?) \bullet
                 \forall n: i..j-1 \bullet (i=first(head(path?))) \land (j=first(last(path?))) \mid \exists \ parent_n \bullet (j=fi
                                                  let path?_n == tail(path?)^{n-i}
                                 parent_n = recur(parent_{n-1}, path?_n, get\_)^{j-1} \Rightarrow
                                                  let \ parent_i == getIn(in?, path?_n) \iff n = i
                                                               parent_{i+1} == getIn(parent_i, path?_n) \iff n = i + 1
                                                               parent_{i-1} == getIn(parent_{i-2}, path?_n) \iff n = j-1
                                                 parent_j = getIn(parent_{j-1}, (path? \uparrow j))
                \forall z: p... q \bullet (p = j-1) \land (q = i+1) \Rightarrow
                                                                  ((z = p \iff n = j - 1) \land (z = q \iff n = i + 1)) \mid \exists child_z \bullet
                                                  let path?_{rev} == rev(path?)
                                                               path?_z == tail(path?_{rev})^{p-z+1}
                                 child_z = recur((parent_n, child_{n+1}), path?_z, merge\_)
                                                  let \ child_p == merge((parent_n, with?), path?_z) \iff z = p \Rightarrow n = j - 1
                                                               child_{p+1} == merge((parent_n, child_p), path?_z) \iff n = j - 2 \land p = j - 1
                                                               child_q == merge((parent_n, child_{q+1}), path?_z) \iff z = q \Rightarrow n = i+1
out! = merge((in?, child_q), path?_n) \equiv merge((in?, child_q), (path? \mid i)) \iff (n = i = q - 1)
```

- The range of indices i ... j 1 is used to describe navigation into some Value given path?
  - Used to reference preceding level of depth
  - keeps track of parent from previous steps

- The range of indices p..q is used to describe navigation up from target depth indicated by path?
  - Used to reference current level of depth
  - keeps track of child after the update has been applied
- The propagation of the update starts with child<sub>p</sub>
  - with? is added to  $parent_{j-1}$  at  $get(path?, \langle j \rangle)$
  - parent nodes need to be notified of the change within their children

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of the Primitive replaceAt

$$replaceAt(X, \langle 2, foo, q \rangle, fn!) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle \langle foo \mapsto \langle \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto y, q \mapsto ZZZ \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle$$
$$replaceAt(X, \langle 2, foo, x \rangle, fn!) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle \langle foo \mapsto \langle \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto ZZZ \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle$$

This Primitive can be made more general purpose by replacing merge with a placeholder fn? representing a passed in Operation or Primitive.

### 0.2.3 Back Prop

Being able to pass a function as an argument allows for, in this context, the arbitrary handling of how update(s) are applied at each level of nesting. The arbitrary fn? should expect a (Parent, Child) tuple and a Collection of indices as arguments and return a potentially modified version of the parent.

```
BackProp[V, Collection, V, (\_ \rightarrow \_)]
GetIn
in?, fnSeed?, out!: V
path?: Collection
fn?: (\_ \rightarrow \_)
backProp_{-}: V \times Collection \times V \times (\_ +\!\!\!\! + \_) \rightarrowtail V
backProp = \langle \langle getIn\_, fn?\_ \rangle, \ recur\_ \rangle^{\# \ path?-1}
out! = backProp(in?, path?, fnSeed?, fn?) \bullet
     \forall n: i..j-1 \bullet (i = first(head(path?))) \land (j = first(last(path?))) \mid \exists parent_n \bullet
                 let path?_n == tail(path?)^{n-i}
           parent_n = recur(parent_{n-1}, path?_n, get\_)^{j-1} \Rightarrow
                 let \ parent_i == getIn(in?, path?_n) \iff n = i
                     parent_{i+1} == getIn(parent_i, path?_n) \iff n = i + 1
                     parent_{j-1} == getIn(parent_{j-2}, path?_n) \iff n = j-1
                 parent_{j} = getIn(parent_{j-1}, (path? \mid j))
     \forall z: p.. q \bullet (p = j - 1) \land (q = i + 1) \Rightarrow
                      ((z = p \iff n = j - 1) \land (z = q \iff n = i + 1)) \mid \exists child_z \bullet
                 let path?_{rev} == rev(path?)
                     path?_z == tail(path?_{rev})^{p-z+1}
           child_z = recur((parent_n, child_{n+1}), path?_z, fn?)
                 let \ child_p == fn? \left( (parent_n, fnSeed?), path?_z \right) \iff z = p \Rightarrow n = j-1
                     child_{p+1} == fn?((parent_n, child_p), path?_z) \iff n = j - 2 \land p = j - 1
                     child_q == fn?((parent_n, child_{q+1}), path?_z) \iff z = q \Rightarrow n = i+1
out! = fn?((in?, child_q), path?_n) \equiv fn?((in?, child_q), (path? \mid i)) \iff (n = i = q - 1)
```

The schema ReplaceAt was introduced before BackProp so the process underlying both could be explicitly demonstrated and defined. The hope is that this made the introduction of the more abstract Primitive backProp easier to follow. A quick comparison of ReplaceAt and BackProp reveals that the only major difference between them is fn? vs  $merge\_$ . This implies the Primitive backProp can be used to replicate replaceAt.

```
replaceAt(in?, path?, with?) \equiv backProp(in?, path?, fnSeed?, merge\_) \iff with? = fnSeed?
```

Above highlights the arguments with?  $\land fnSeed$ ? which serve the same purpose within backProp and replaceAt.

- Within ReplaceAt, the naming with? indicates its usage with respect to merge and the overall functionality of the Primitive
- Within BackProp, the naming fnSeed? indicates that the usage of the variable within fn? is unknowable but this value will be passed to fn? on the very first iteration of the Primitive

In both cases, the variable is put into a tuple and passed to fn?.

```
backProp(X, \langle 2, foo, x \rangle, fn!, merge_{-}) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle \langle foo \mapsto \langle \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto ZZZ \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle
```

The notable limitation of backProp are enumerated in the bullets bellow and the Primitive walkBack is introduced to address them.

- expectation of a seeding value (fnSeed?) as a passed in argument
- the general dismissal of the value  $(parent_j)$  located at path? which is potentially being overwritten

#### 0.2.4 Walk Back

In the Primitive walkBack, fnSeed? is assumed to be the result of a function fn? $_{\delta}$  which is passed in as an argument. fn? $_{\delta}$  will be passed  $parent_{j}$  as an argument in order to produce fnSeed?. This Value will then be used exactly as it was in backProp given walkBack expects another function argument fn? $_{nav}$ .

```
walkBack(in?, path?, fn?_{\delta}, fn?_{nav})
```

In fact, the usage of  $fn?_{nav}$  in WalkBack is exactly the same as the usage of fn? in BackProp as  $fn?_{nav}$  is passed to backProp as fn?.

```
-WalkBack[V,Collection,(\_\to\_),(\_\to\_)]
BackProp
in?,out!:V
path?:Collection
fn?_{\delta},fn?_{nav}:(\_\to\_)
walkBack\_:V\times Collection\times(\_\to\_)\times(\_\to\_)\to V
walkBack=\langle getIn\_,fn?_{\delta}\_,backProp\_\rangle
out!=walkBack(in?,path?,fn?_{\delta},fn?_{nav}) \bullet
let\ fnSeed==fn?_{\delta}\left(getIn(in?,path?)\right)
=backProp(in?,path?,fnSeed,fn?_{nav})
```

By replacing fnSeed? with  $fn?_{\delta}$  as an argument

- walkBack can be used to describe predicate based traversal of in?
- walkBack can be used to update Values at arbitrary nesting within in? and at the same time describe how those changes affect the rest of in?

walkBack serves as a graph traversal template Primitive whose behavior is defined in terms of the nodes within in? and the interpretation of those nodes via fn? $_{\delta}$  and fn? $_{nav}$ . This establishes the means for defining Primitives which can make longitudinal updates as needed before making horizontal movements through some in?. In order for backProp to be used in the same way, the required state must be managed by

- $fn_{nav}$
- some higher level Primitive that contains backProp (see WalkBack)

This important difference means walkBack can be used to replicate backProp but the opposite is not always true.

```
walkBack(in?, path?, fn?_{\delta}, fn?_{nav}) \equiv backProp(in?, path?, fnSeed?, fn?_{nav}) \iff fnSeed? = fn?_{\delta} (getIn(in?, path?))
```

This means replaceAt can also be replicated.

```
 \begin{split} replaceAt(in?,path?,with?) \equiv \\ (backProp\,(in?,path?,fnSeed?,merge\_) &\iff with? = fnSeed?\,) \equiv \\ walkBack(in?,path?,fn?_\delta\,,merge\_) &\iff \\ fn?_\delta\,(getIn(in?,path?)) = fnSeed? = with? \end{split}
```

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of walkBack

```
walkBack(X, \langle 0 \rangle, array?\_, merge\_) = \langle false, x_1, x_2 \rangle
walkBack(X, \langle 2, qux \rangle, fn\_, merge\_) = \langle x_0, x_1, (x_2 \cup qux \mapsto ZZZ) \rangle
walkBack(X, \langle 1, 0 \rangle, succ\_, merge\_) = \langle x_0, \langle b, b, c \rangle, x_2 \rangle
```

# 0.3 Summary

The following is a summary of the general process which has been described in the previous sections. The variable names here are NOT intended to be 1:1 with those in the formal definitions (but there is some overlap) and the summary utilizes the Traversal Operations defined at the start of the section.

1. navigate down into the provided value in? up until the second to last value in? path? $_{i-1}$  as described by the provided path?

$$\begin{array}{l} in?_{path?_{j-1}} : V \\ \vdash path?_{j-1} \Rightarrow path? \lhd (\text{dom } path? \backslash \{j\}) \end{array}$$

2. extract any existing data mapped to atIndex(path?, j) from the result of step 1

$$\begin{array}{l} in?_{path?} : V \\ \vdash path? \Rightarrow path?_{j-1} \cup (j, atIndex(path?, j)) \end{array}$$

3. create the mapping  $(atIndex(path?, j), in?_{path?})$  labeled here as args?

$$\begin{array}{l} args? = (atIndex(path?\,,j),in?_{path?}\,)\\ \vdash \\ args? \in in?_{path?_{j-1}}\\ first(args?\,) = atIndex(path?\,,j) \end{array}$$

4. pass  $in?_{path}$ ? to the provided function fn? to produce some output fn!

$$fn! = fn? (second(args?)) = fn? (in?_{path?})$$

5. replace the previous mapping args? within  $in?_{path?_{j-1}}$  with fn! at atIndex(path?,j)

```
\begin{array}{l} child_{j} = first(args?) \mapsto fn! \\ in!?_{path?_{j-1}} = merge((in?_{path_{j-1}},fn!),first(args?)) \\ \vdash \\ child_{j} \in in!?_{path?_{j-1}} \\ child_{j} \notin in?_{path?_{j-1}} \iff child_{j} \neq args? \\ args? \in in?_{path?_{j-1}} \\ args? \notin in!?_{path?_{j-1}} \iff args? \neq child_{j} \end{array}
```

6. retrace navigation back up from  $in!?_{path?_{j-1}}$ , updating the mapping at each  $path?_n \in path$ ? without touching any other mappings.

```
\begin{array}{l} in!\:?_{path?_{j-1}} \lhd first(args?\:) = in?_{path?_{j-1}} \lhd first(args?\:) \iff args? \neq child_j \\ = args? \neq child_j \Rightarrow second(args?\:) \neq second(child_j) \\ in!\:?_{path?_{j-1}} \lhd first(args?\:) \Rightarrow in!\:?_{path?_{j-1}} \lhd (\: \text{dom}\:\: in!\:?_{path?_{j-1}} \setminus first(args?\:)) \end{array}
```

7. return *out*! after the final update is made to *in*?.

```
\begin{split} child_i &= atIndex(path?,i) \mapsto in!\,?_{path?_i} \\ &in!\,?_{path?_i} = merge((in?_{path?_i},in!\,?_{path?_{i+1}}), atIndex(path?,i+1)) \\ &\vdash \\ out! &= merge((in?,second(child_i)),first(child_i)) \bullet \\ &in? &\trianglelefteq head(path?) = out! &\trianglelefteq head(path?) \Rightarrow \\ &\lor (a,b) \in path? \bullet b = atIndex(path?,a) \mid \exists \, a \bullet in?_a = out!_a \iff a \neq head(path?) \end{split}
```

# 0.4 Replace At, Append At and Update At

In the summary of walkBack above, the update at the target location within in? takes place at step 4. The result of step 4, fn!, will overwrite the mapping args such that fn! replaces in? $_{path}$ ? due to fn? $_{nav} = merge_{-}$ . This results in the replacement of one mapping at each level of nesting such that the overall structure, composition and size of out! is comparable to in? unless fn? $_{\delta}$  dictates otherwise. While the functionality of  $fn_{nav}$  has been constrained here to always be an overwriting process, the same constraint is not placed on fn? $_{\delta}$ .

#### 0.4.1 Replace At

The Primitive replaceAt was first defined in terms of the Traversal Operations and then served as the starting point for abstracting away aspects of functionality and delegating their responsibility to some passed in function until WalkBack was reached. An alternate form of this formal definition is presented below such that replaceAt is defined in terms of walkBack.

- $fn_{\delta}$  is defined within ReplaceAt as it performs a very simple task; ignore getIn(in?, path?) and return with?
- Here,  $fn_{\delta}$  represents one of the main general categories of update; replacement of a value such that the result of the replacement is in no way dependent upon the thing being replaced.

The following examples were pulled from the section containing the first version of ReplaceAt as they still hold true.

```
replaceAt(X, \langle 2, foo, q \rangle, fn!) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle \langle foo \mapsto \langle \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto y, q \mapsto ZZZ \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle \ranglereplaceAt(X, \langle 2, foo, x \rangle, fn!) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle \langle foo \mapsto \langle \langle bar \mapsto buz, x \mapsto ZZZ \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle
```

## 0.4.2 Append At

In order to define the Primitive append At, the Traversal Operation conj is used. In order to demonstrate the usage of conj as  $fn?_{\delta}$  of walkBack, a syntax not yet formally defined in this document is defined. It is an extension of the shorthand  $val_{index} = get(Val, index)$  as seen in examples like

$$conj(x_0, false) = \langle true, false \rangle = \langle x_0, false \rangle$$
$$conj(X, X) = \langle x_0, x_1, x_2, \langle x_0, x_1, x_2 \rangle \rangle$$

The following expands that usage to describe following some path? into a Collection or KV.

$$X_{path?} = getIn(X, path?)$$

$$X_{\langle 1 \rangle} = x_1 = \langle a, b, c \rangle$$

$$X_{\langle 1, 0 \rangle} = a$$

This syntax is used for the placeholder  $X_{path}$ ? so that the role of  $fn?_{\delta}$  can be demonstrated within the arguments passed to walkBack. This notation can be

used to describe how arguments passed to a top level function get used within component functions without writing the equivalent Z schema. This shorthand can also be used within Z schemas.

```
walkBack(X, \langle 1 \rangle, map\_(conj\_, X_{\langle 1 \rangle}, a), merge\_) = \langle x_0, \langle \langle a, a \rangle, \langle b, a \rangle, \langle c, a \rangle \rangle, x_2 \ranglewalkBack(X, \langle 1 \rangle, conj\_(X_{\langle 1 \rangle}, a), merge\_) = \langle x_0, \langle a, b, c, a \rangle, x_2 \rangle
```

Additive updates are another common type of updating encountered when working with xAPI data. Conj is a derivative of  $^{\frown}$  but scoped to DAVE and used to define the Primitive appendAt.

```
AppendAt[V,Collection,V] $$ WalkBack,Conj,Merge $$ in?,toEnd?,out!:V $$ path?:Collection $$ appendAt_:V\times Collection\times V \Rightarrow V $$ appendAt_:V\times C
```

This schema features a new notation which highlights evaluation nuances.

- $fn?_{\delta}$  is used to represent the function itself
- $fn?_{\delta}$  \_( $in?_{path?}$ , toEnd?) is used to represent the relationship between the function and the arguments it WILL be passed
- $fn!_{\delta} \equiv fn?_{\delta} (in?_{path?}, toEnd?)$  is used to represent the output of  $fn?_{\delta}$  given the passed in arguments

Such that the following are all equivalent expressions.

```
\begin{split} appendAt(in?,path?,toEnd?) \equiv \\ walkBack(in?,path?,fn?_{\delta},merge\_) \equiv \\ walkBack(in?,path?,conj\_(in?_{path?},toEnd?),merge\_) \equiv \\ walkBack(in?,path?,fn?_{\delta}\_(in?_{path?},toEnd?),merge\_) \equiv \\ backProp(in?,path?,fn!_{\delta},merge\_) \equiv \\ backProp(in?,path?,conj(in?_{path?},toEnd?),merge\_) \end{split}
```

The following example demonstrates this usage.

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of appendAt.

```
appendAt(X, \langle 1 \rangle, e) = \langle x_0, \langle a, b, c, e \rangle, x_2 \rangle
appendAt(X, \langle 2 \rangle, \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle) = \langle x_0, x_1, \langle x_2, \langle 1, 2, 3 \rangle \rangle \rangle
appendAt(X, \langle 0 \rangle, bar) = \langle \langle x_0, bar \rangle, x_1, x_2 \rangle
```

### 0.4.3 Update At

The Primitive updateAt does not make any assumptions about how the relationship between getIn(in?, path?) and  $fn!_{\delta}$  is established. This makes it possible to define both replaceAt and appendAt using updateAt.

```
-UpdateAt[V,Collection,(\_ \to \_)] - \\ WalkBack,Merge \\ in?,out!:V \\ path?:Collection \\ fn?_{\delta}:(\_ \to \_) \\ updateAt\_:V \times Collection \times (\_ \to \_) \rightarrowtail V \\ updateAt = \langle walkBack\_\rangle \\ out! = updateAt(in?,path?,fn?_{\delta}) = \\ walkBack(in?,path?,fn?_{\delta},merge\_) \Rightarrow \\ backProp(in?,path?,fn!_{\delta},merge\_)
```

• The item found at the target path getIn(in?, path?) is passed to  $fn?_{\delta}$  such that the calculation of the replacement  $fn!_{\delta}$  CAN be dependent upon getIn(in?, path?).

The following examples demonstrate the functionality of the Primitive updateAt

```
\begin{array}{l} updateAt(X,\langle 0\rangle, array?\_) = \langle false, x_1, x_2\rangle \\ updateAt(X,\langle 1,0\rangle, fn?_{\delta\_}(X_{\langle 1,0\rangle})) = \langle x_0, \langle z,b,c\rangle, x_2\rangle \iff fn?_{\delta}(X_{\langle 1,0\rangle}) = z \end{array}
```

and the following shows how updateAt can be used to define appendAt

```
appendAt(in?,path?,toEnd?) \equiv updateAt(in?,path?,conj\_(in?_{path?},toEnd?)) and replaceAt.
```

```
replaceAt(in?\,,path?\,,with?\,) \equiv updateAt(in?\,,path?\,,merge\,\_((in?_{path?_{j-1}}\,,with?\,),\langle\,path?_{j}\,\rangle\,))
```