Data Deduplication

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Introduction (1)

What is Data De-Duplication?

– One file with many copies on the disk.

– Redundant information within files which are not necessarily the same

Why is it important?

– Disk space is expensive.

– Multiple copies can diverge over time, creating inconsistencies in the data.

Introduction (2)

What is structured text?

– Stores data items and relationships between them
– Data is stored in plain text, marked up with tags
– Forms a tree structure
– Difficult to de-duplicate

What is XML?

- XML - eXtensible Markup Language.
- A language to structure, store and transport data.
- Human readable.
- Schema extendable with namespaces
- Used for graphics, news feeds, word documents

Applications of XML

- Web pages
- Really Simple Syndication (RSS) and Atom Feeds
  - Specified Formats
- Office Documents
  - OpenOffice.org XML
  - Microsoft's .docx format
- Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) Files
  - Language for 2D drawings in XML

XML Nodes

- Elements
- Attributes
- Entities
- Processing Instructions
- Comments
- CDATA Sections

XML Data De-Duplication

- Goal: create a software library and accompanying application for finding the difference between two XML input files
- Output the result as a parseable XML file
- Structured text is hard to de-duplicate
- Tree structure does not depend on line order
- Files contain meta-information as well as data
- <hr/> is the same as <hr></hr>

Background (1)

File System De-Duplication

– De-duplicates data on the fly over the network

– Uses hashing or other sophisticated data structure techniques to find duplicate blocks within files

– Does not solve data inconsistency problem

Background (2)

De-duplication Utilities

- Unix “diff” command
  - Outputs differences between two files
  - Operates line by line
  - Not suitable for tree structures
  - Not suitable for binary data

- OpenXMLDiff
  - Command-line program, pipes output to text file

Background (3)

Diffxml utility

– Doctoral Dissertation by Adrian Mouat

– Outputs diff in “DUL” (Delta Update Language)

– Written in Java

– Open Source, but not available as a library

– Limited to small files

Xmldiff

– Open Source Python script

– Can be used as a library

– Only documentation is a French blog post???

Background (4)

Proprietary Tools

- DiffDog
  - Provides diff/merge for text files and ODTs
  - “XML-aware” approach to visualization
  - Provides different options for customization
- DeltaXML Ltd's “Delta XML”
- “XML Diff and Merge” and “XML Tree Diff”

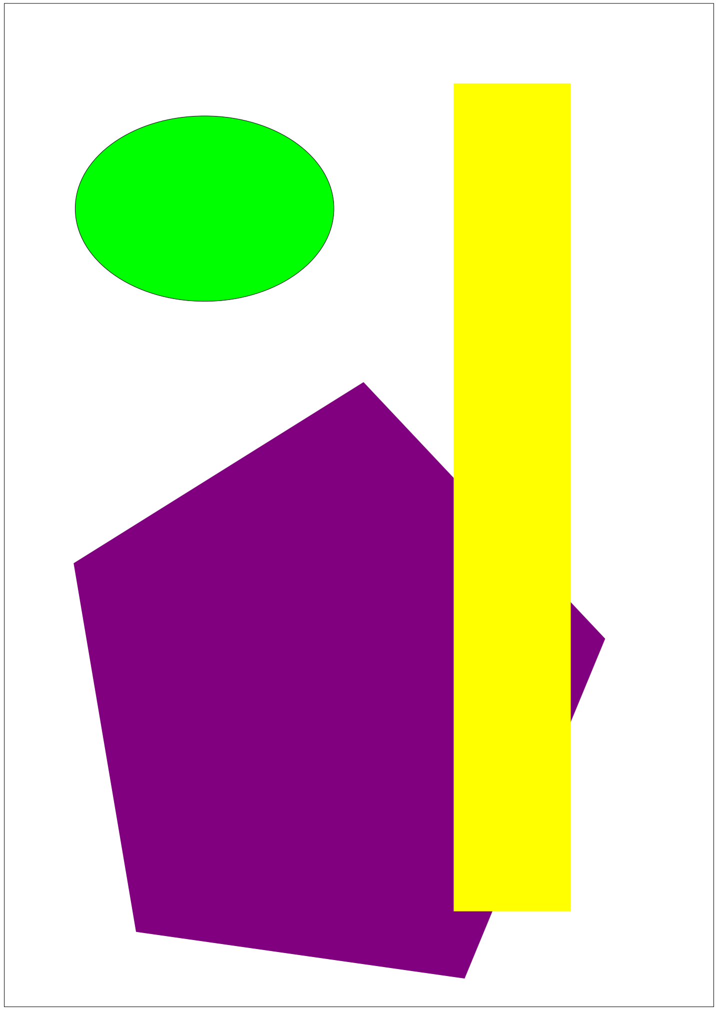
Background (5)

- DiffDog
  - Provides diff/merge for text files and ODTs
  - “XML-aware” approach to visualization
  - Provides different options for customization
  - Proprietary
- OpenXMLDiff
  - Free
  - Command-line program, pipe output to text file

FastXMLDiff

- Open Source program for finding differences between two XML trees
- Outputs the UNION of the two trees with appropriate annotations
- This allows it to produce files that can be opened by the application that created the files
- Cross-platform GUI app based on Qt
- Could easily be made into a library for use in other applications

Example Image



Example Document (XML)

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standalone="no"?>

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427.48416,548.41226 333.557,748.44893 z"
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transform="matrix(1.5717694,0,0,1.781037,-
41.565228,-310.28061)" />
<rect
       style="fill:#ffff00"
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</svg>
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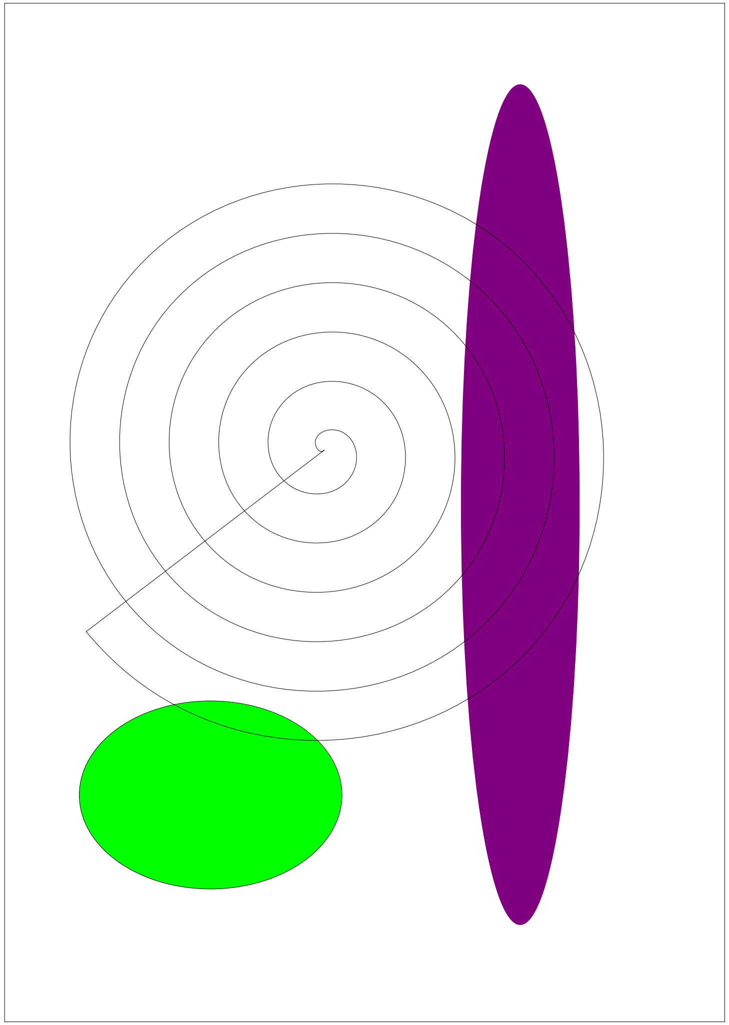
Example Image (Modified)



Modified Example Document:

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id="path2985" d="m 345.71428,215.21933 a
135.71428,97.14286 0 1 1 -271.428559,0
135.71428,97.14286 0 1 1 271.428559,0 z"
transform="translate(2.8571433,602.85714)" />
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6.33651 -13.47185,-13.21429 -19.39508,-20.55012"
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</svg>
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Example Output

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<root>
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</root>
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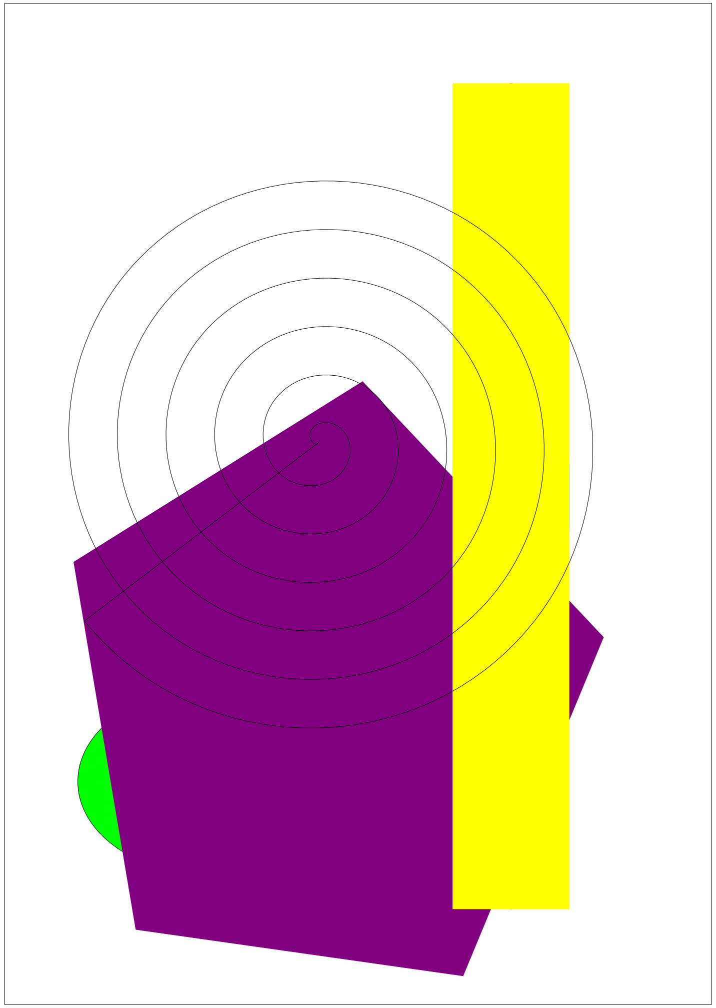


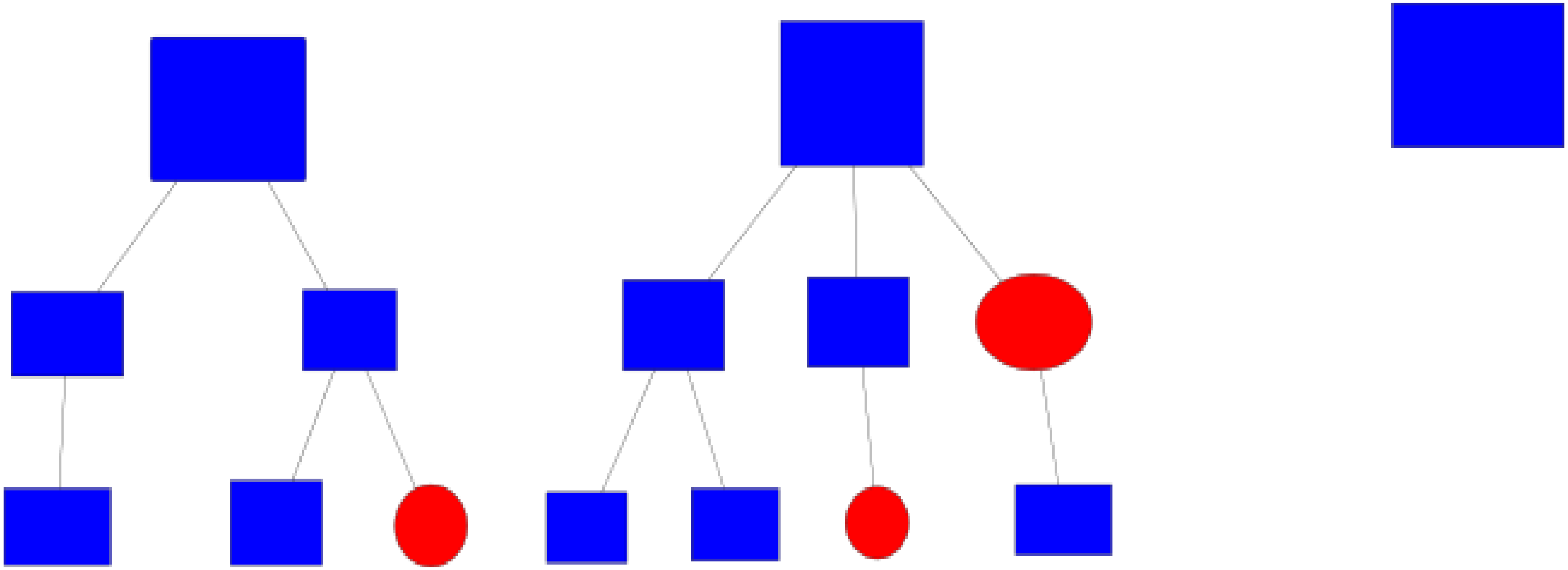
Algorithm (1)

- Creates a new tree representing the union of the two files.
- Annotates the new tree by marking nodes as:
  - Modified
  - Added
  - Deleted
- Uses a recursive tree-union algorithm.
- Comparing two nodes
  - Comparing Elements
  - Comparing Entities and other non-elements
  - Handling attributes

Algorithm (2)

```
XmlTree CompareXML(XmlTree A, XmlTree B):
   root = new_node()
   for each child a[i] in A:
      if ∃ b[i] in B:
      if a[i] ≠ b[i]:
         create a container node “c”.
         append a[i] and b[i] to c.
         mark “c” as modified.
         append “c” to root.
      else
         make a copy “c” of a[i].
         mark “c” as deleted.
         append “c” to root.
   for each child b[i] in B\A:
      make a copy “c” of b[i].
      mark “c” as added.
      append “c” to root.
return root
```

Algorithm (3)

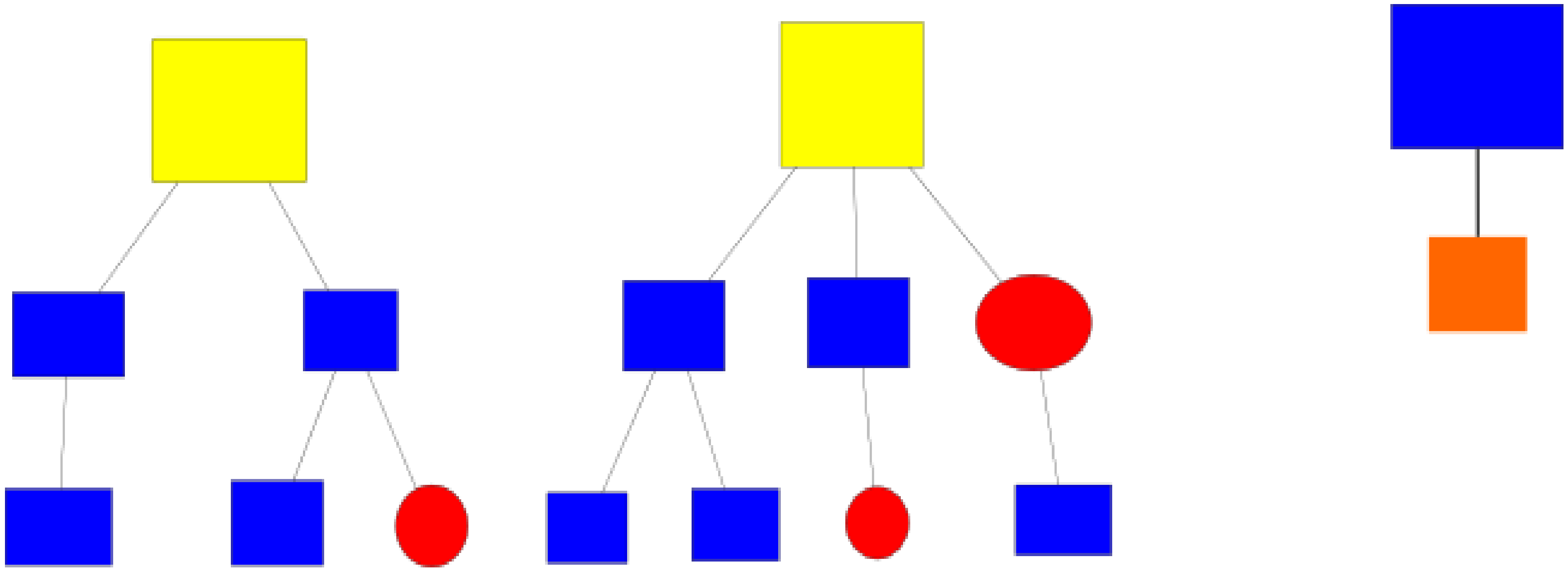


Old

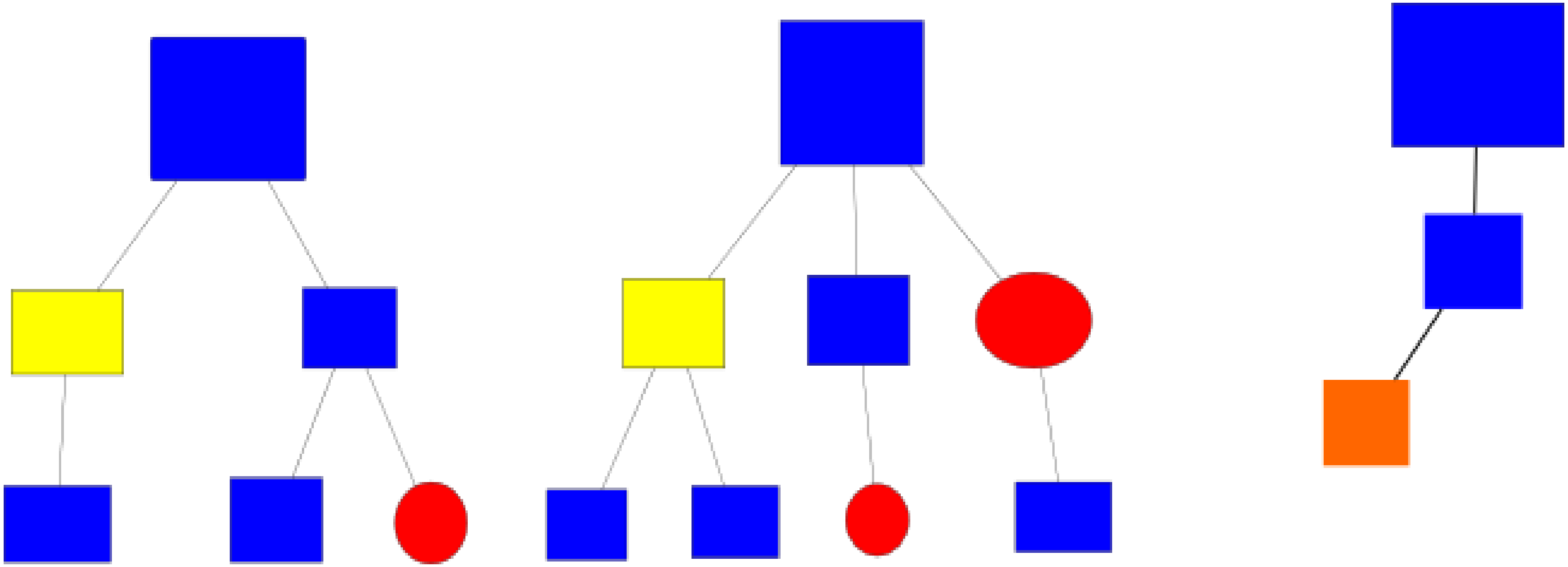
New

Result

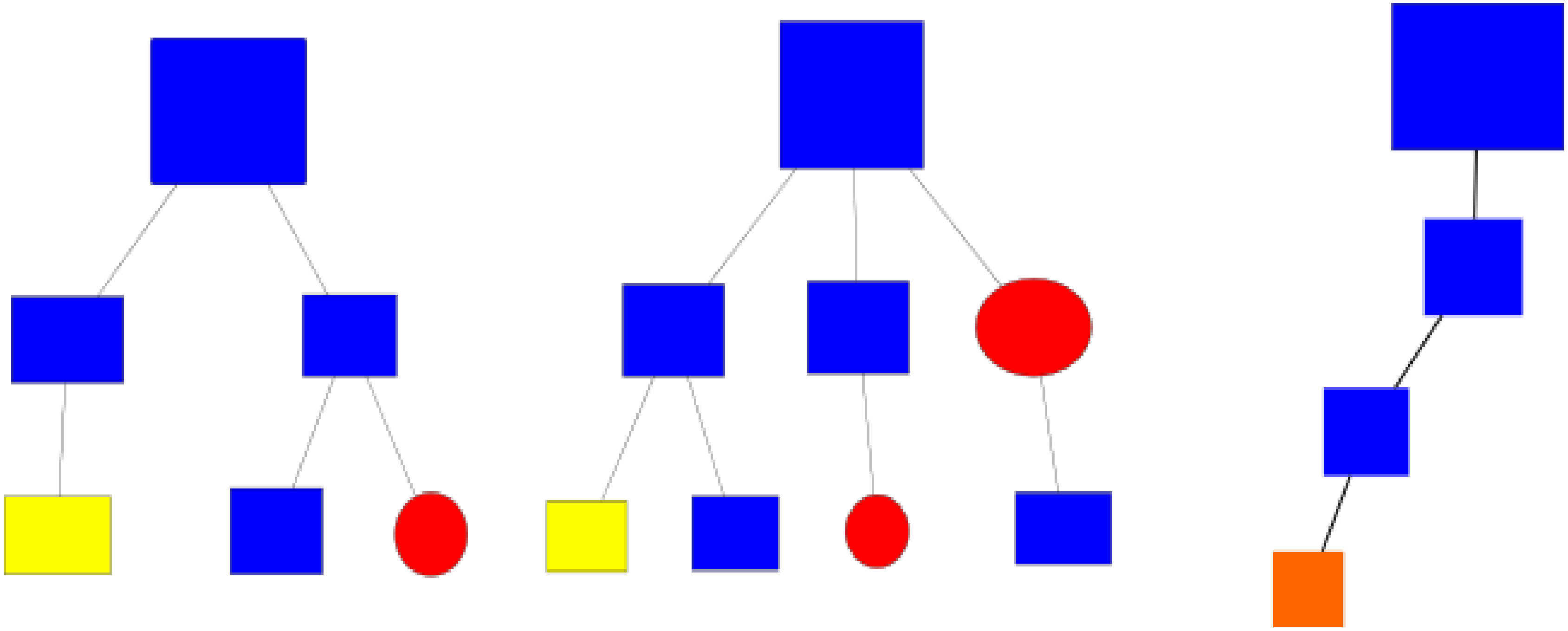
Algorithm (4)



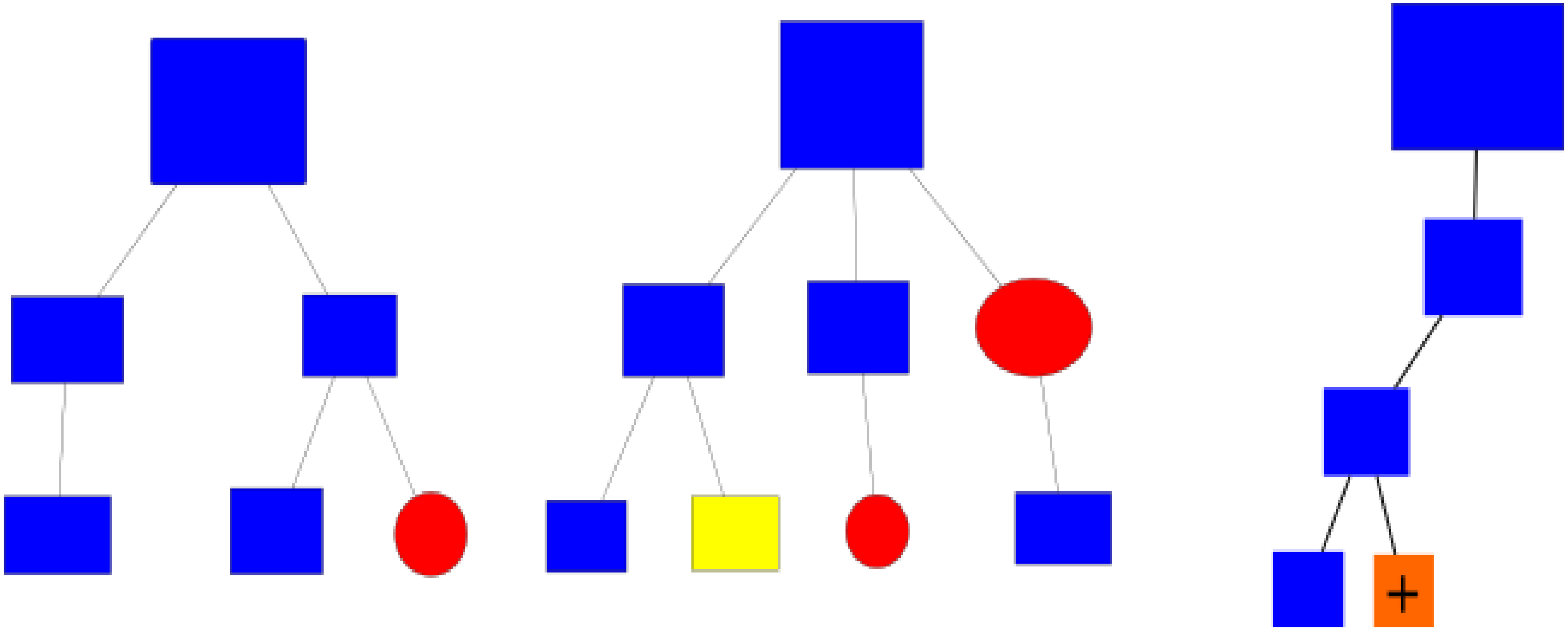
Algorithm (5)



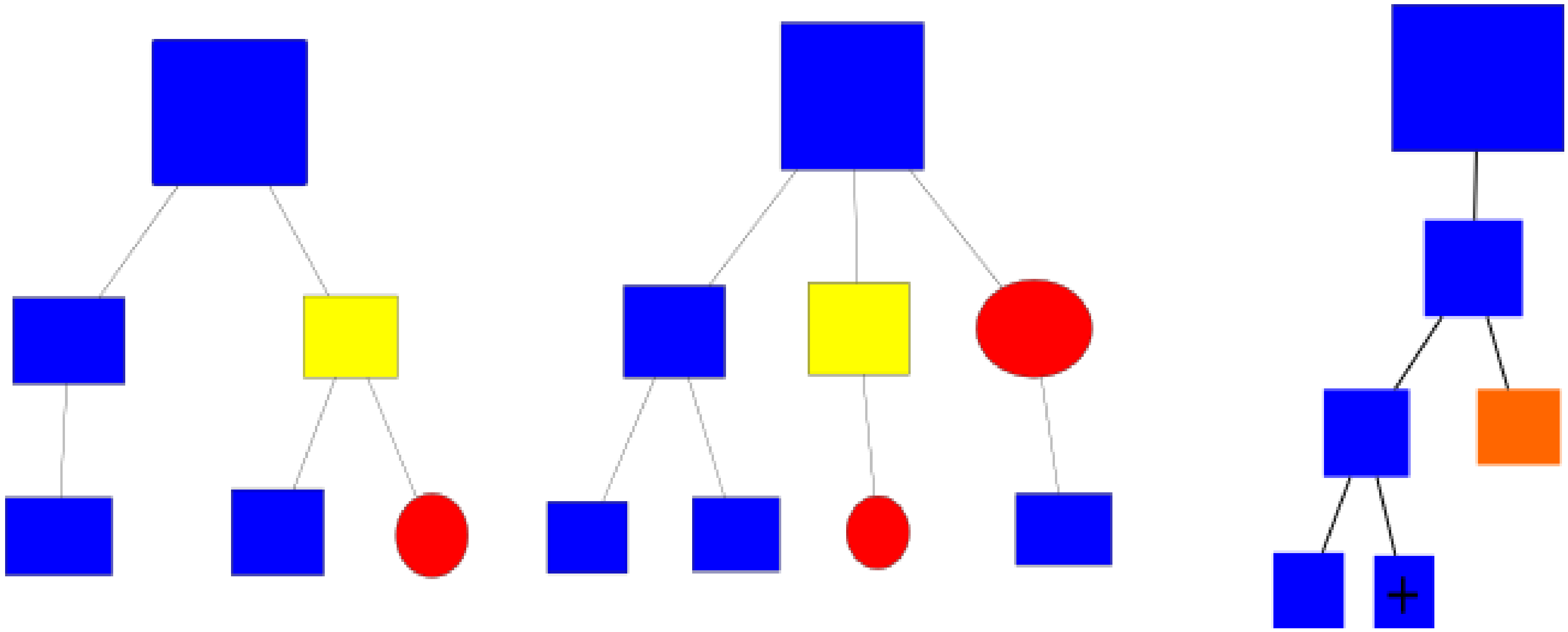
Algorithm (6)



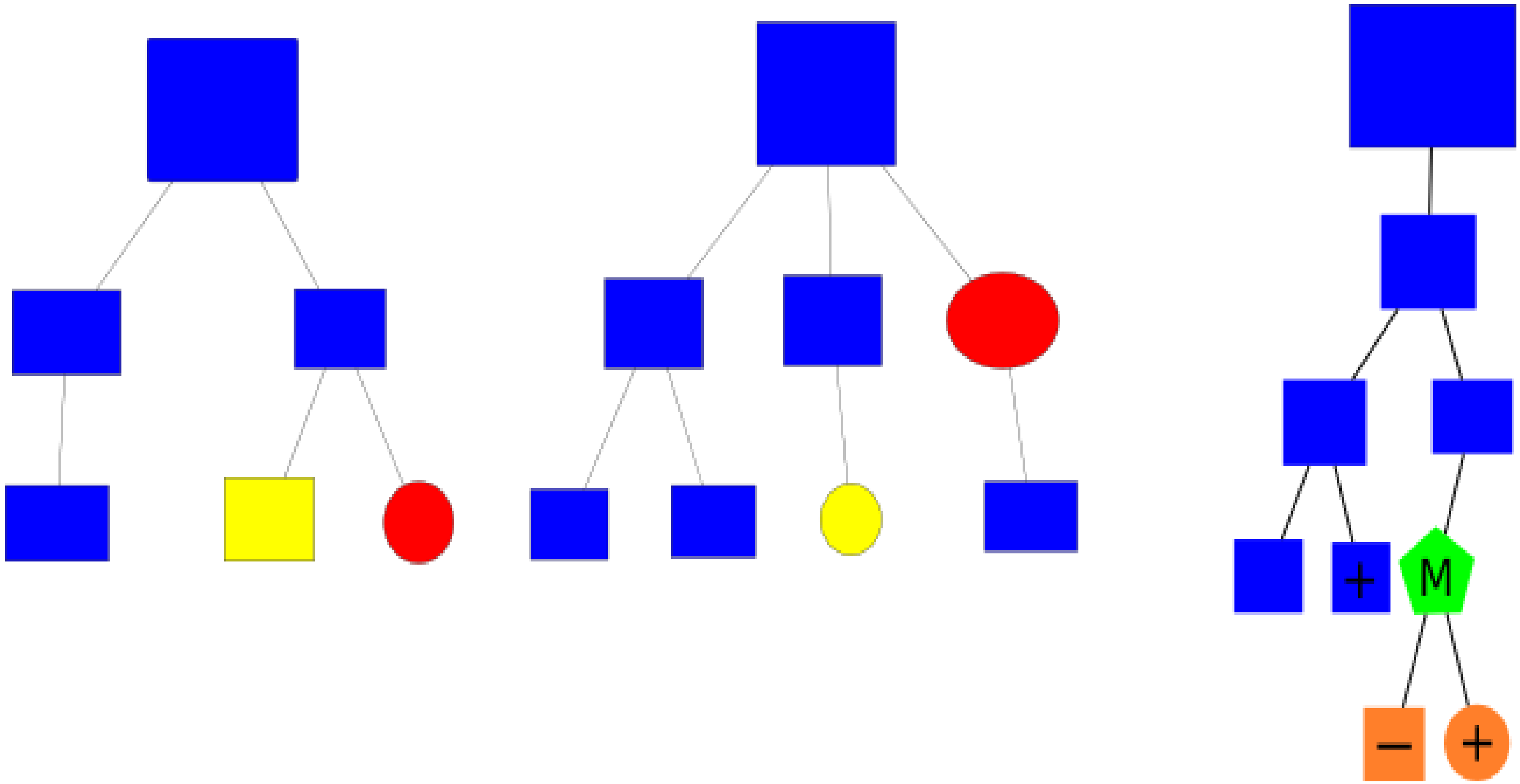
Algorithm (7)



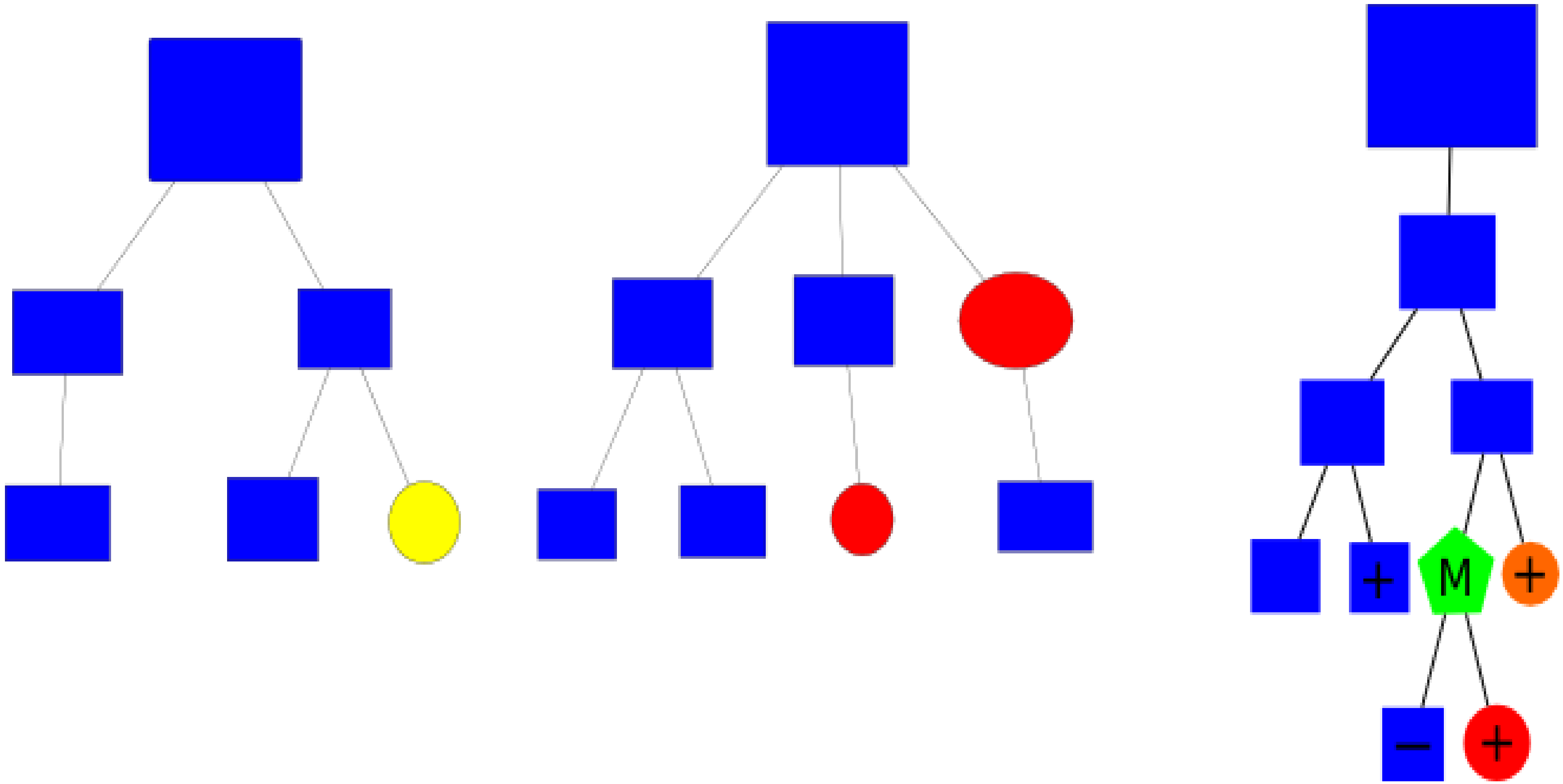
Algorithm (8)



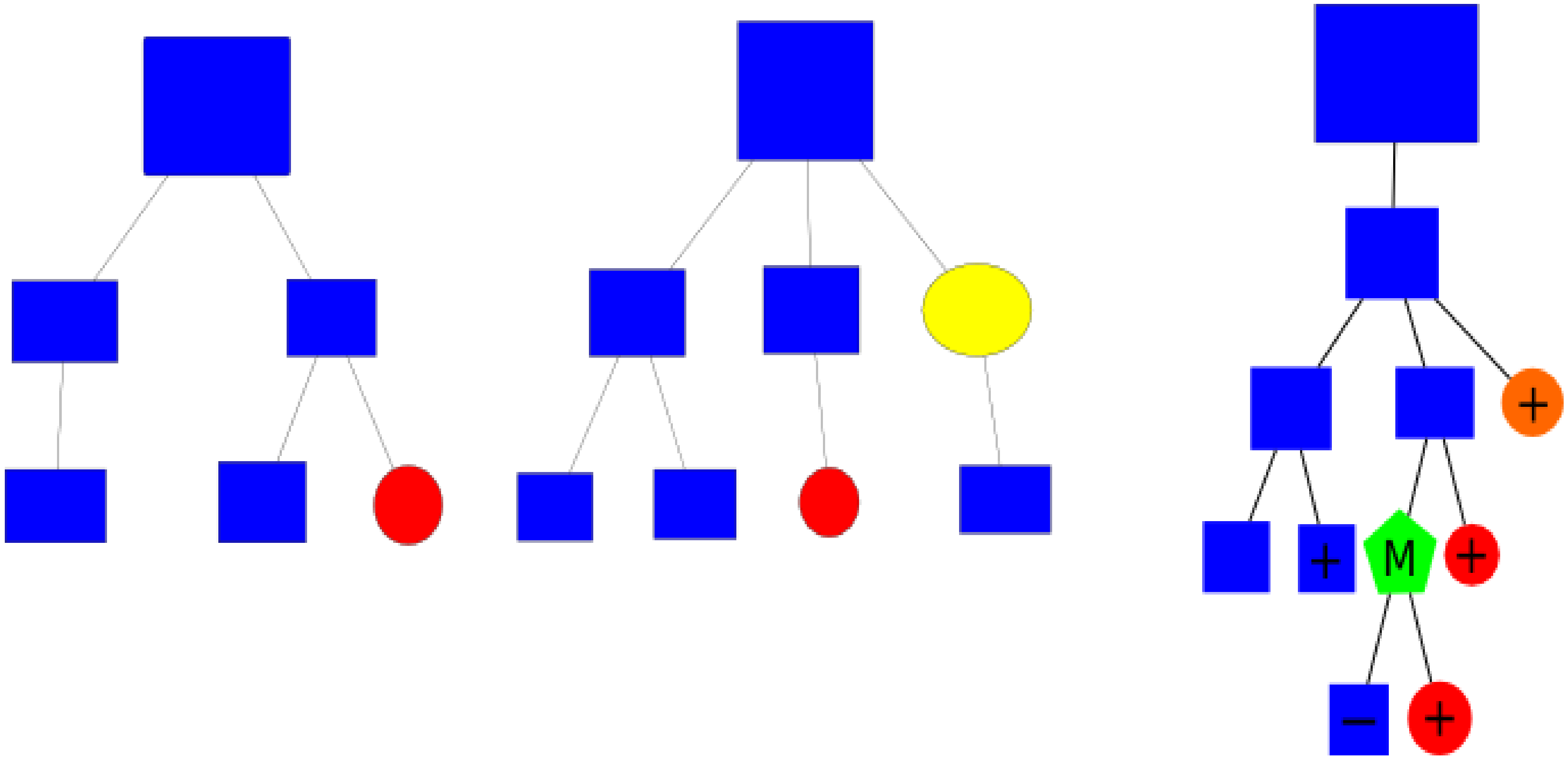
Algorithm (9)



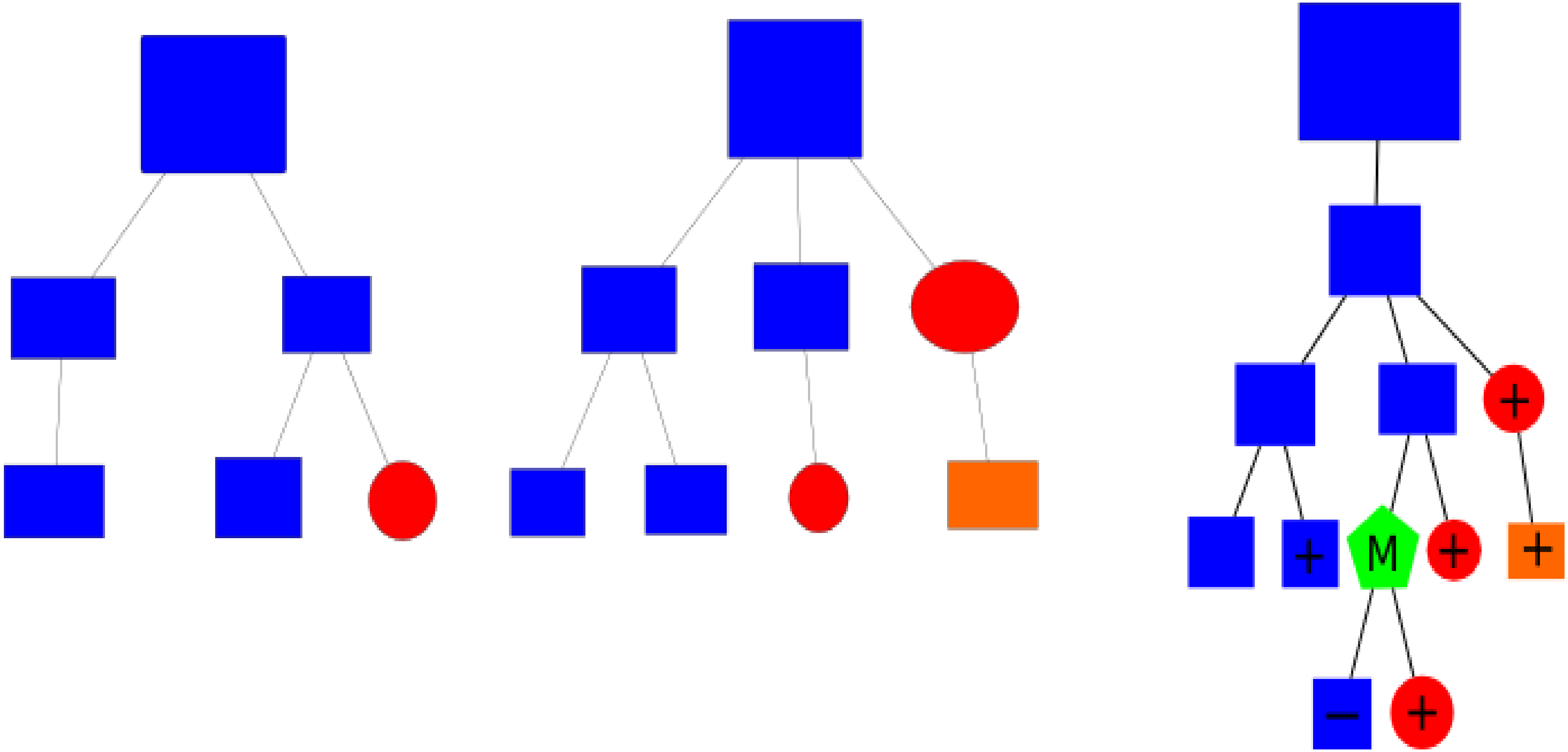
Algorithm (10)



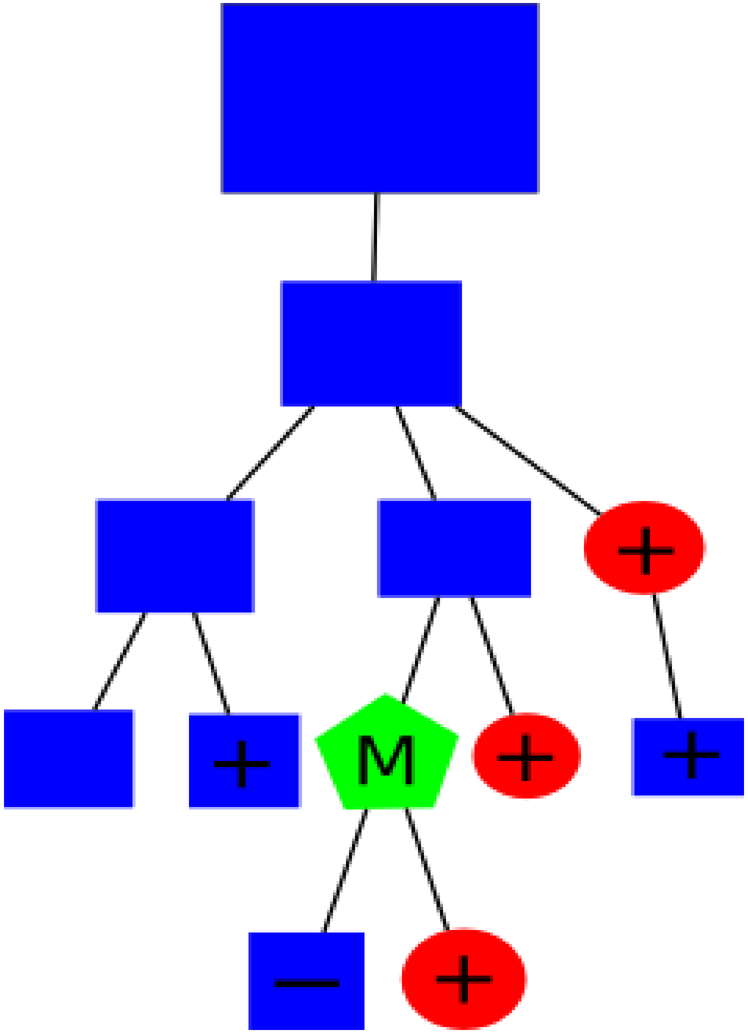
Algorithm (11)



Algorithm (12)



Algorithm (Final Output)



Applications

– Change tracking in office documents

– De-duplication of graphics, office, and news files

– Automation of system tasks

– Finding “new” items in a feed

Testing

- Tested on 4 Documents
  - 2 XML files obtained by decompressing OpenOffice.org ODT Files
  - 2 SVG Image Files
- Similar files with slight differences
- Our program successfully detected the differences in both file types and returned the output in a tree to the user

Future Work

- Use namespaces to distinguish “diff” attributes from application domain attributes
- Create library for integrating with applications
- Create an XML schema/DTD outlining the format so that diff files can be validated
- Integration with XML applications

Questions?