

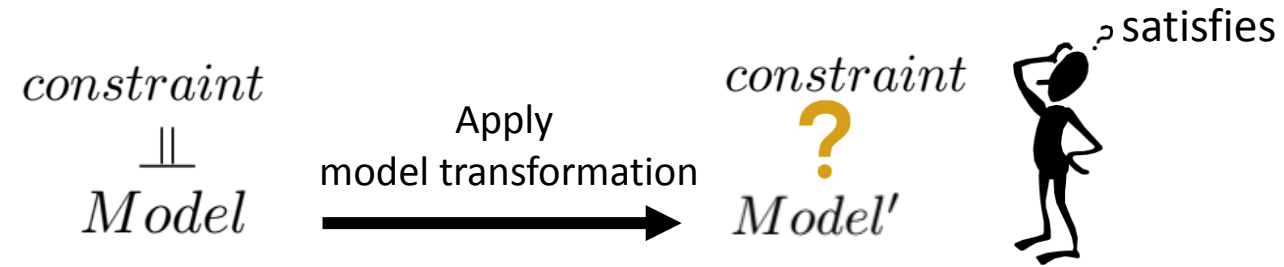
# *OCL2AC*

## Automatic Translation of OCL Constraints to Graph Constraints and Application Conditions for Transformation Rules

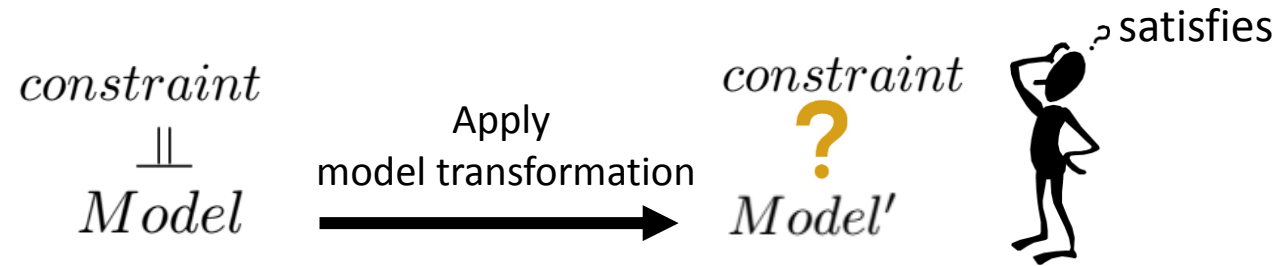
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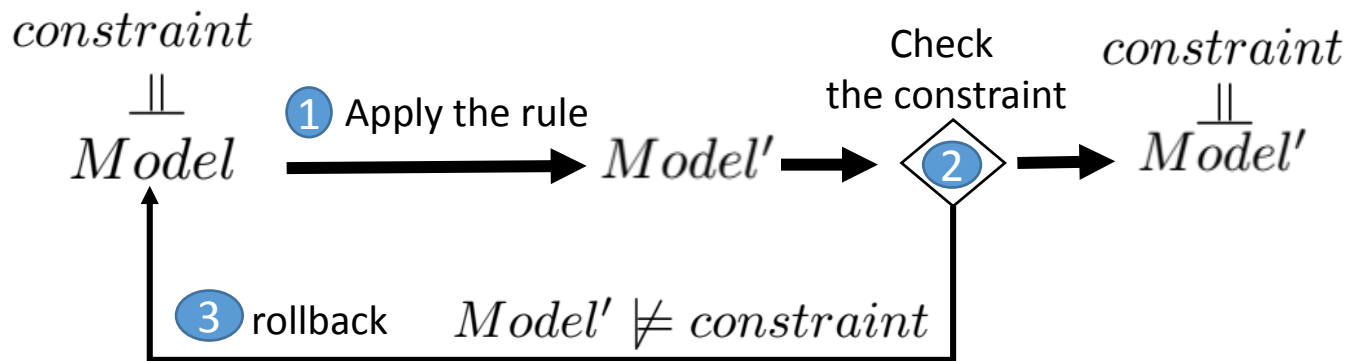
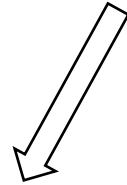
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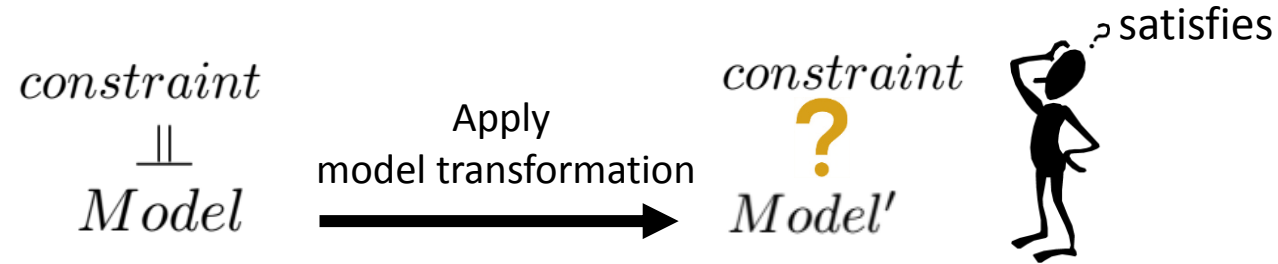
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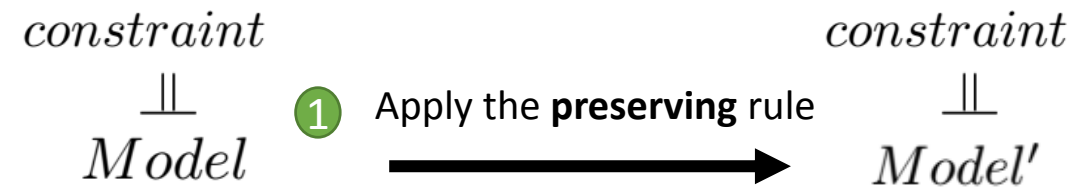
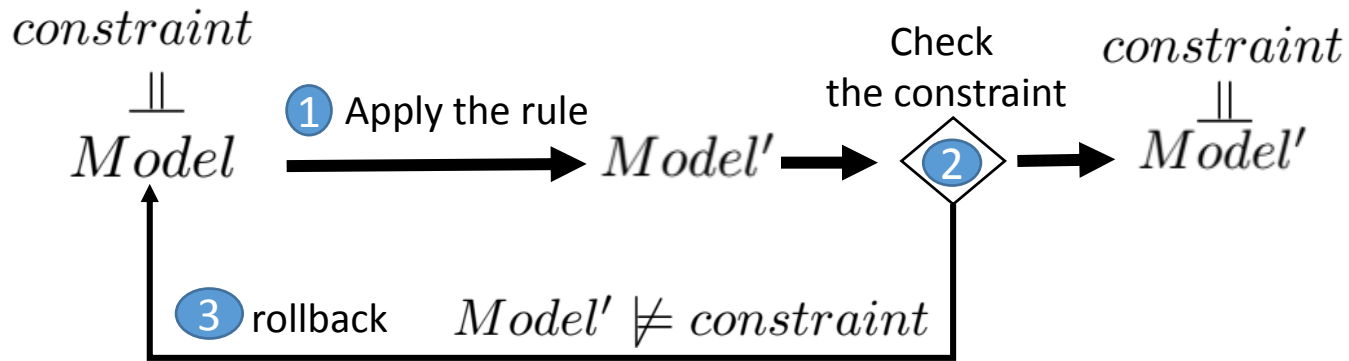
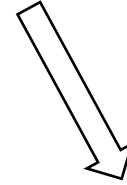
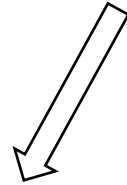


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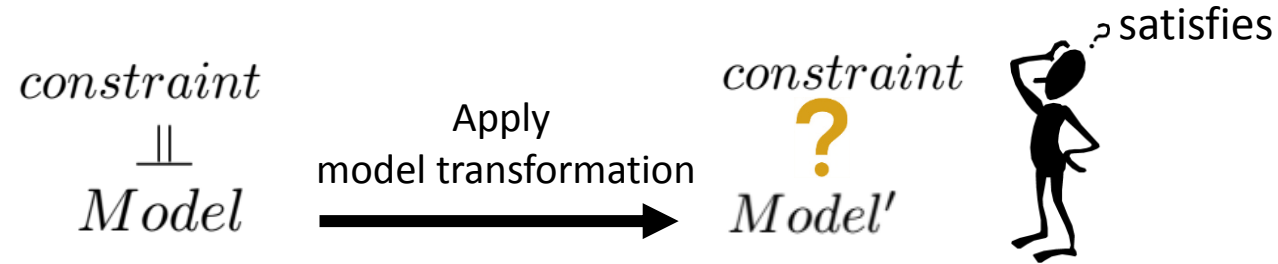


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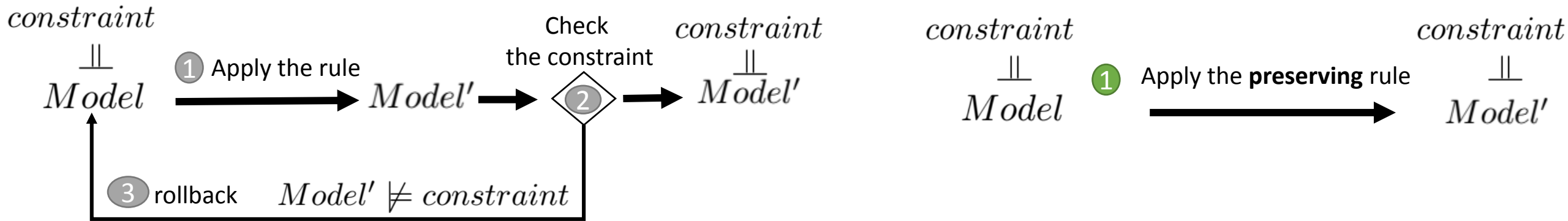


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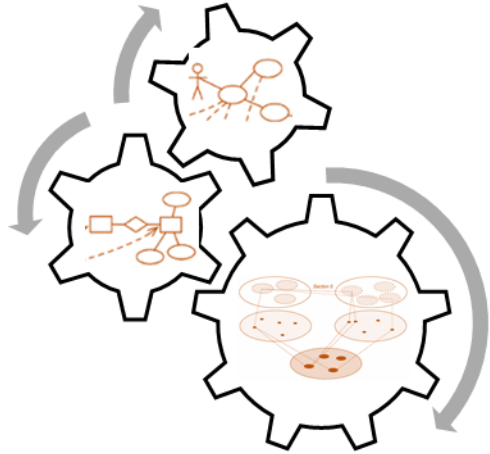


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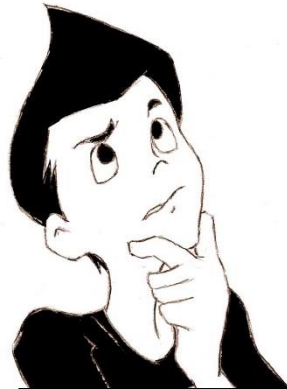
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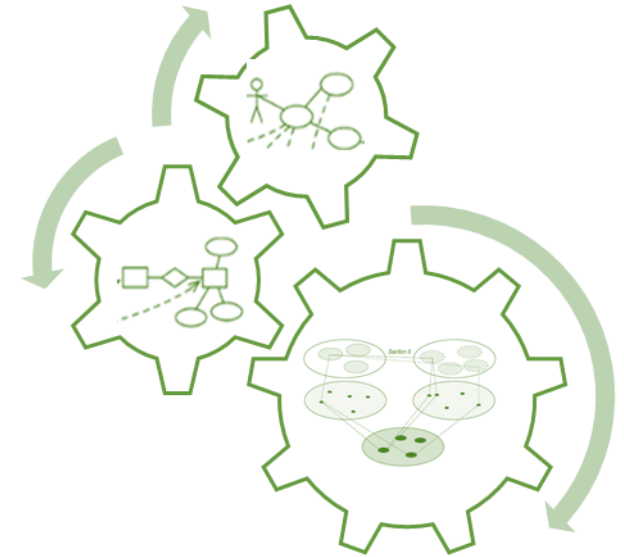
# Challenge



Transformation Rules



How can we automatically update model transformations to preserve a given set of constraints?



Constraints-preserving Transformation Rules

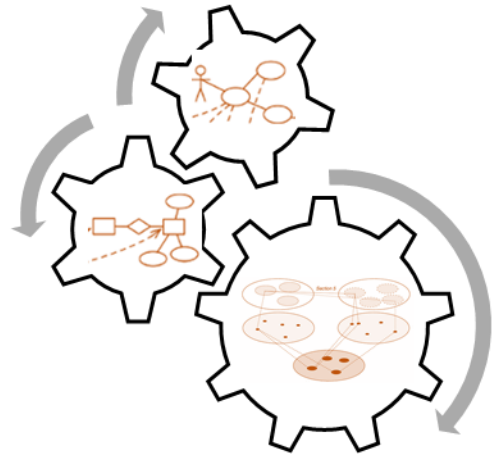
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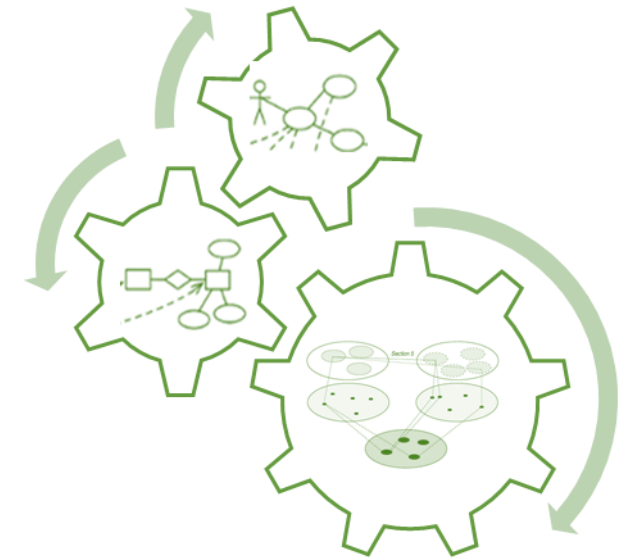
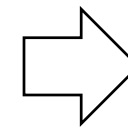
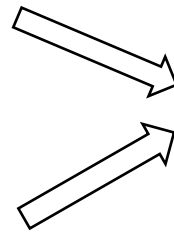
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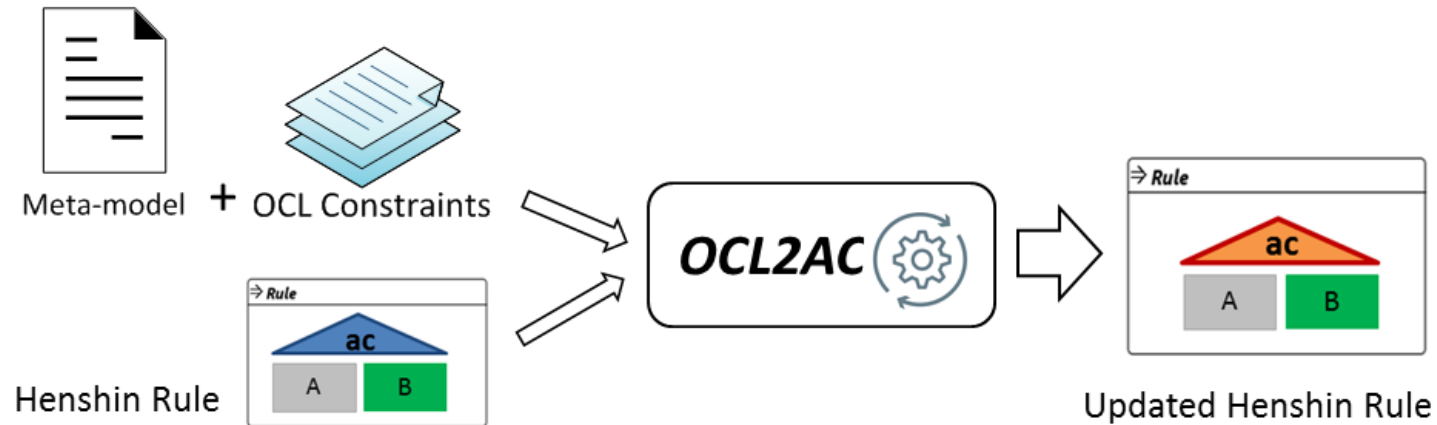
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## Contribution

Based on existing theory [1, 2] we developed a tool, called **OCL2AC**, which automatically adapts a given rule-based model transformation such that resulting models do not violate a given set of constraints



OCL2AC is an Eclipse plugin which relies on: EMF, OCL and the Henshin language

[1] Radke, H., Arendt, T., Becker, J.S., Habel, A., Taentzer, G.: **Translating essential OCL invariants to nested graph constraints for generating instances of metamodels**. Science of Computer Programming 152, 38 - 62 (2018)

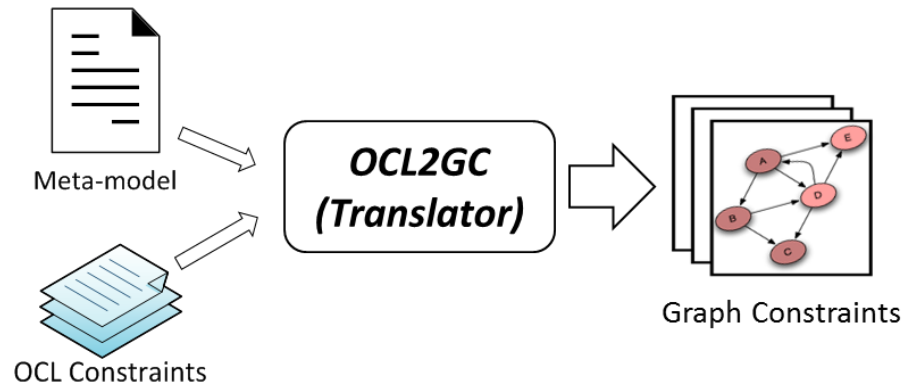
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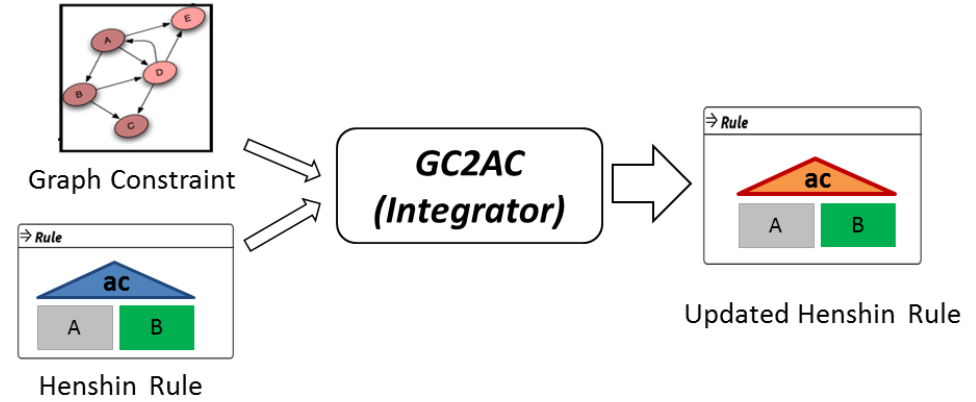
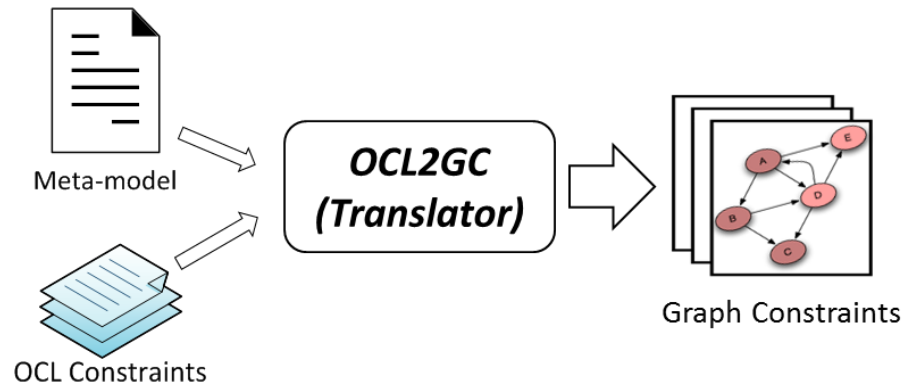
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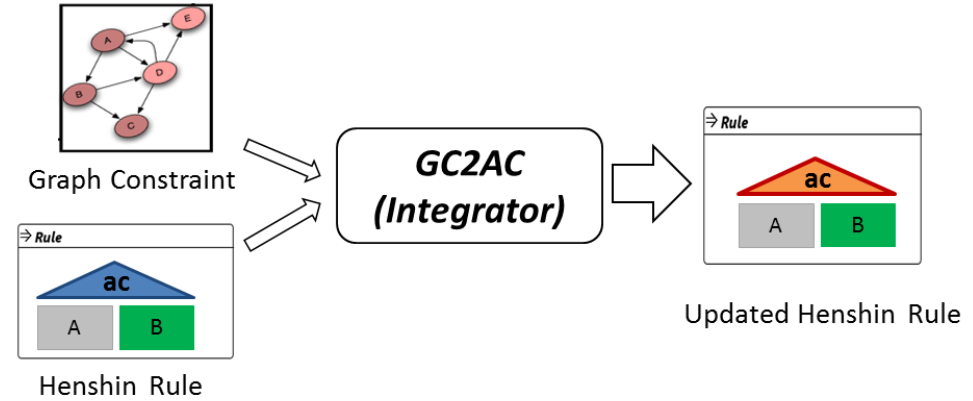
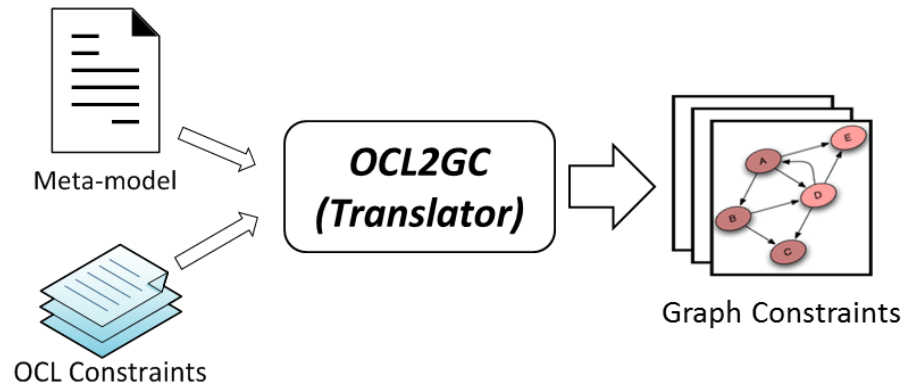
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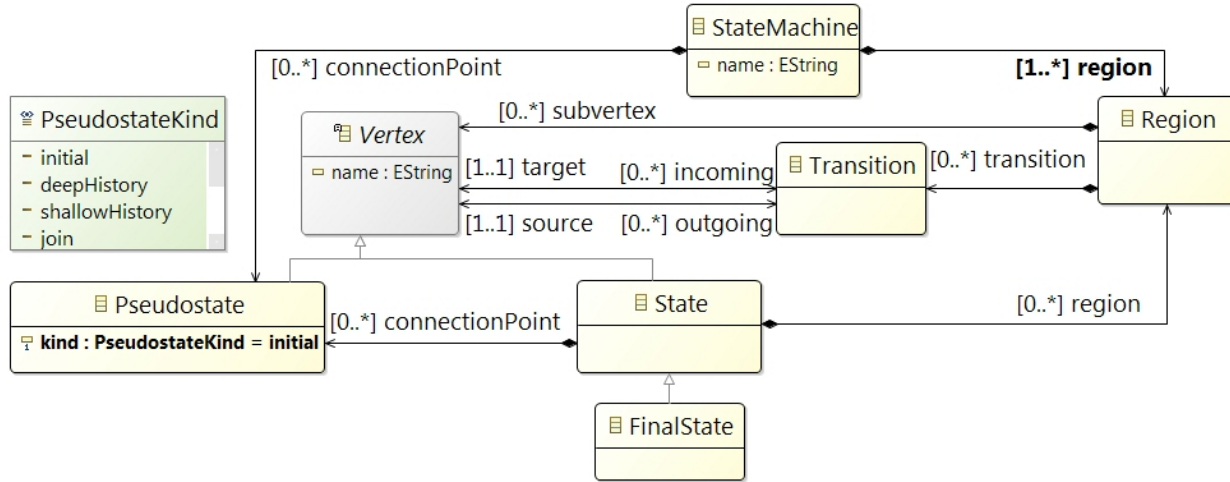
- Each component is designed to be usable on its own (as Eclipse plugins)
- Limitation: The theory beyond the tool considers OCL constraints corresponding to a first-order, two-valued logic and sets as the only collection type

# Agenda

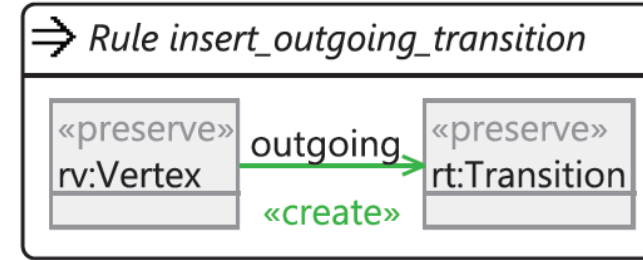
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# Running Example

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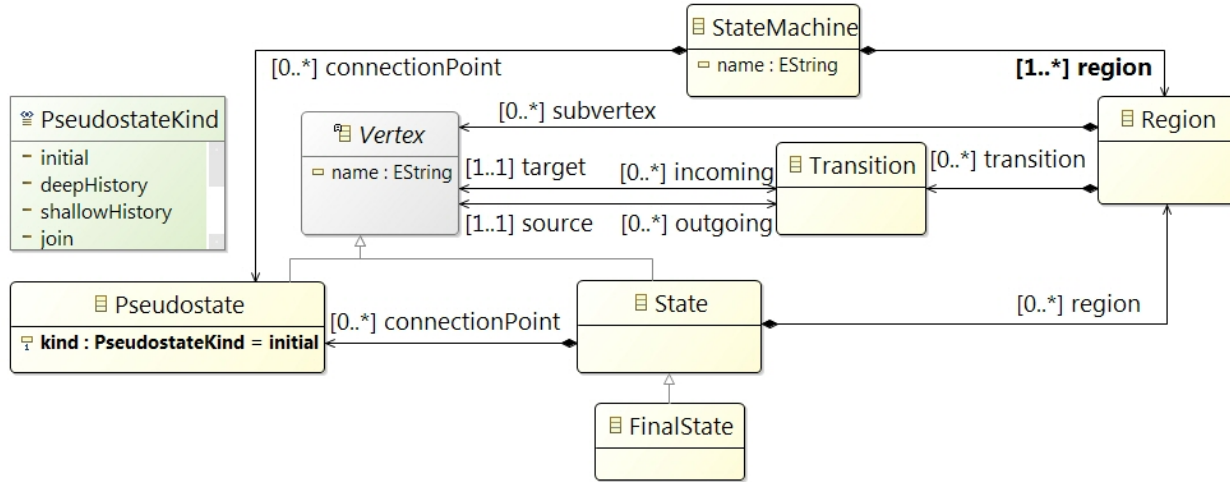
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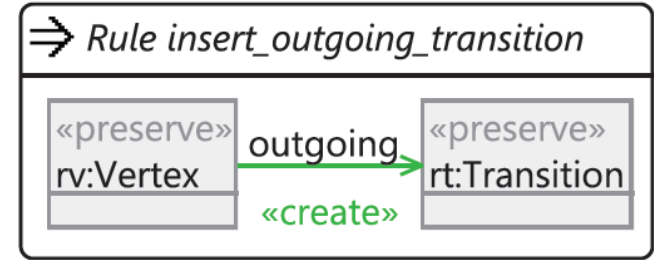
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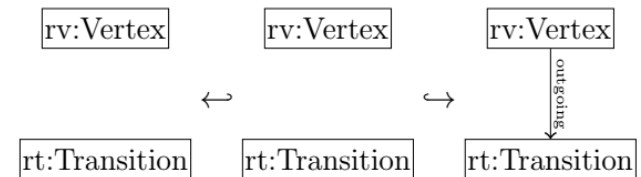


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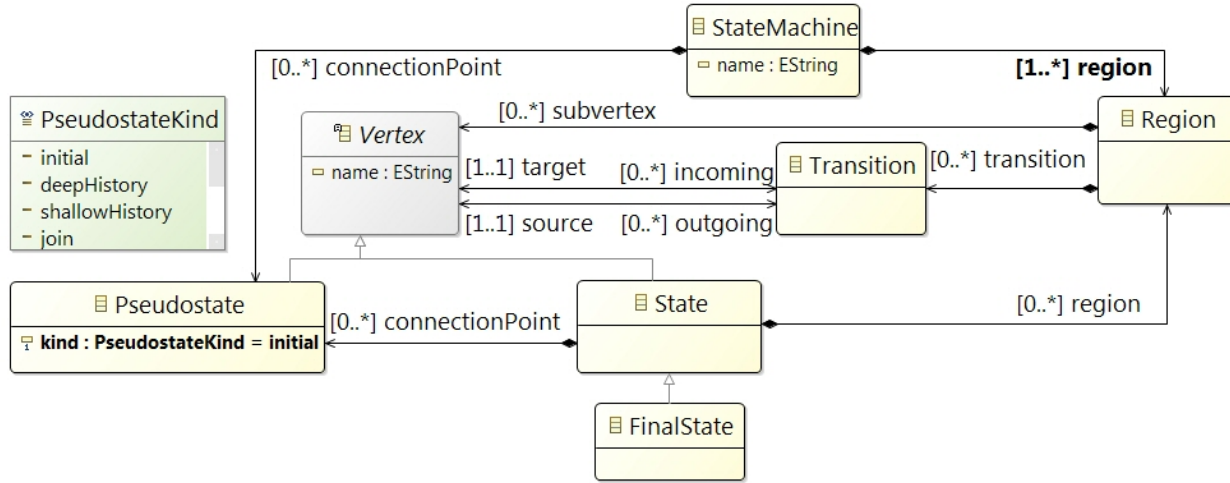
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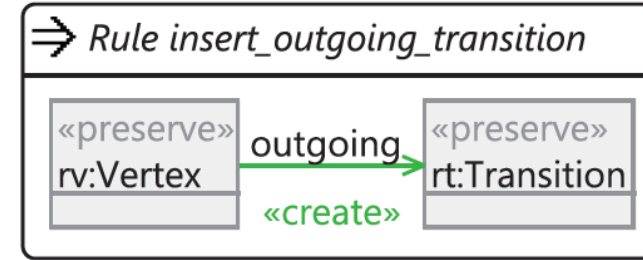
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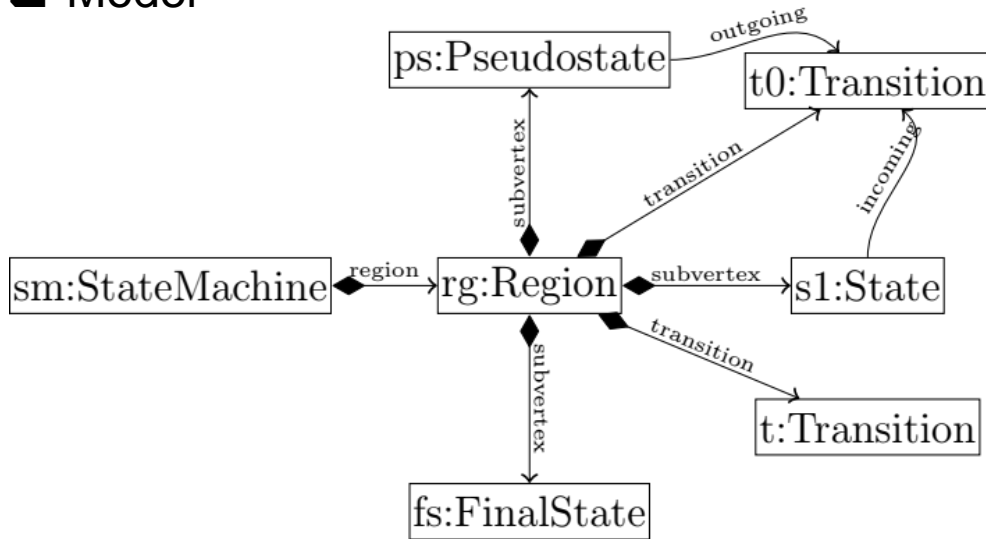


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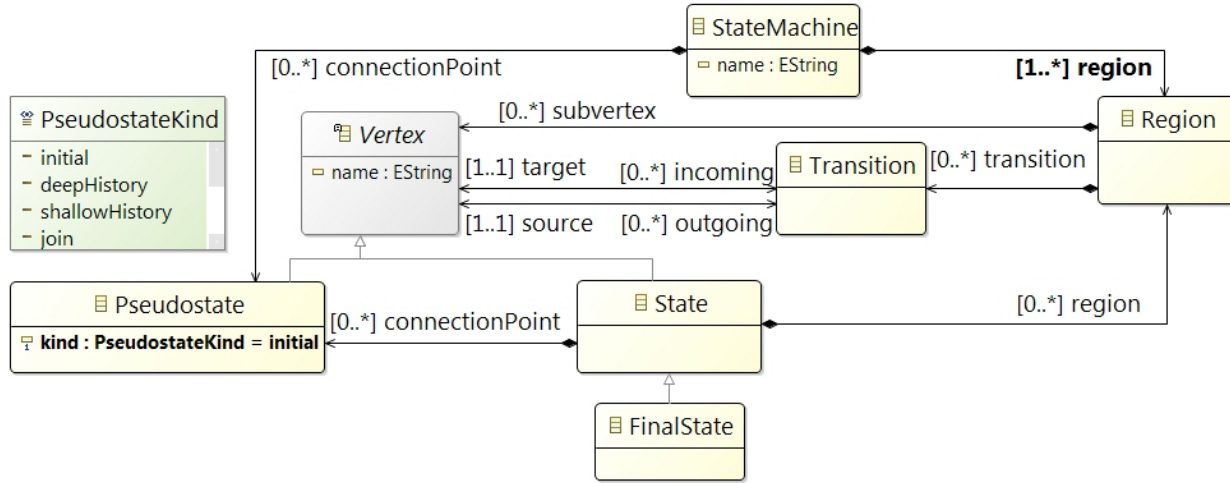
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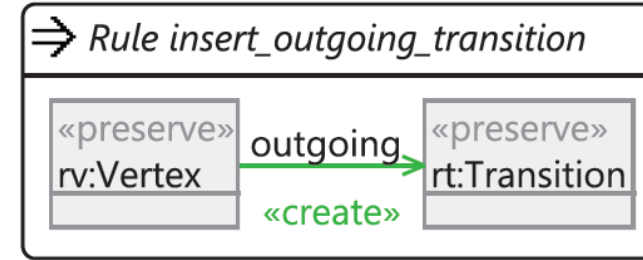
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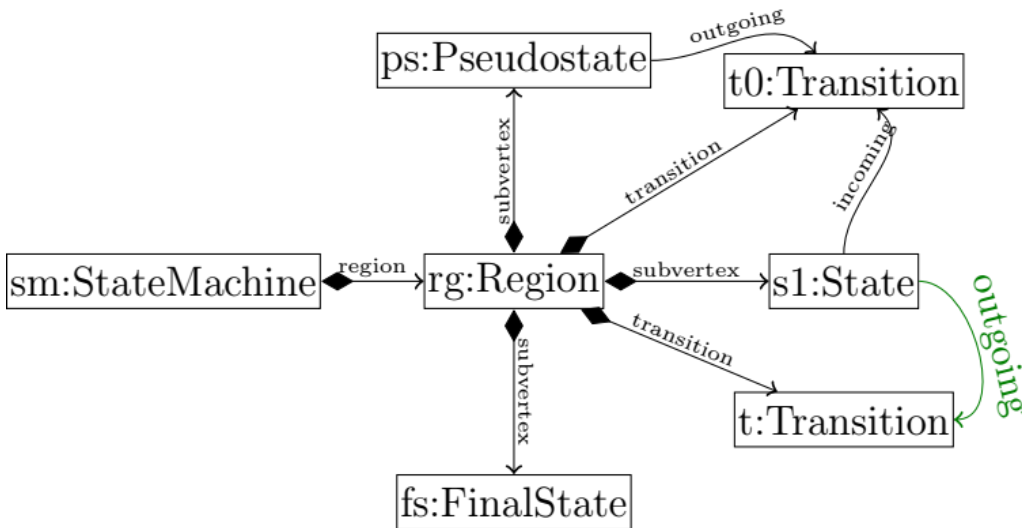


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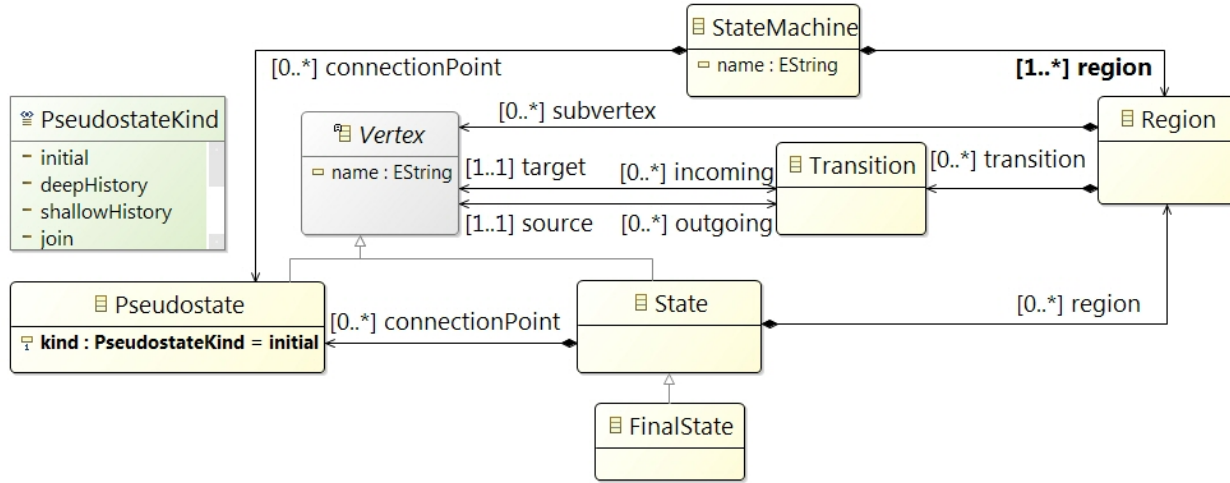


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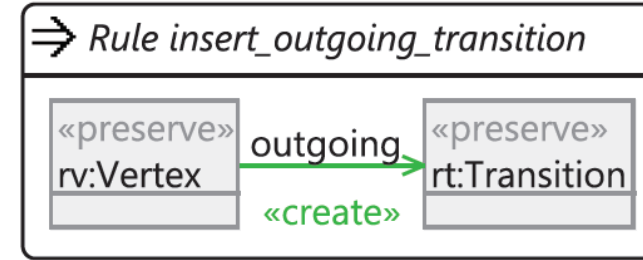


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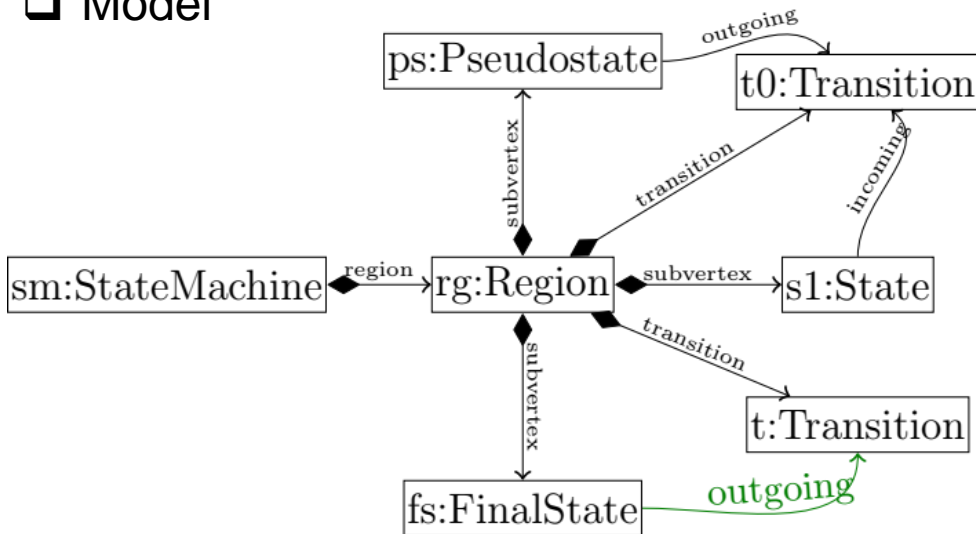


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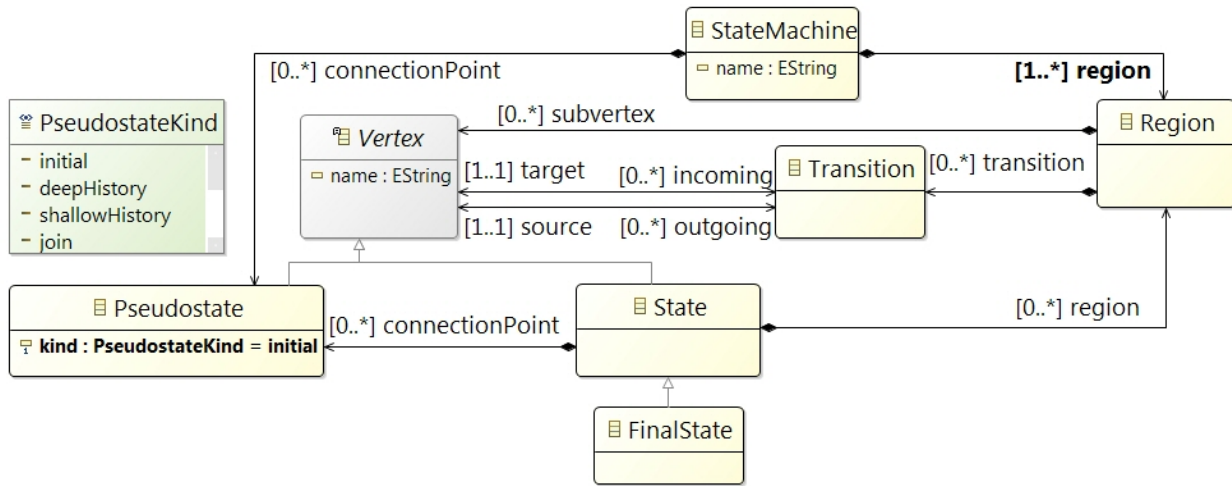
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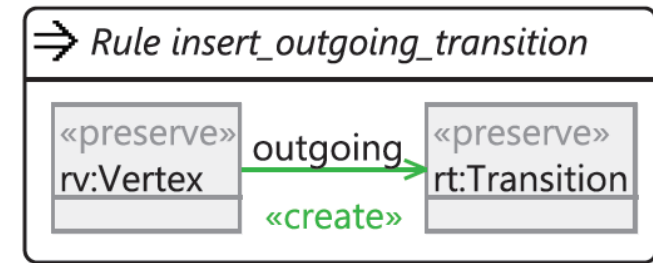
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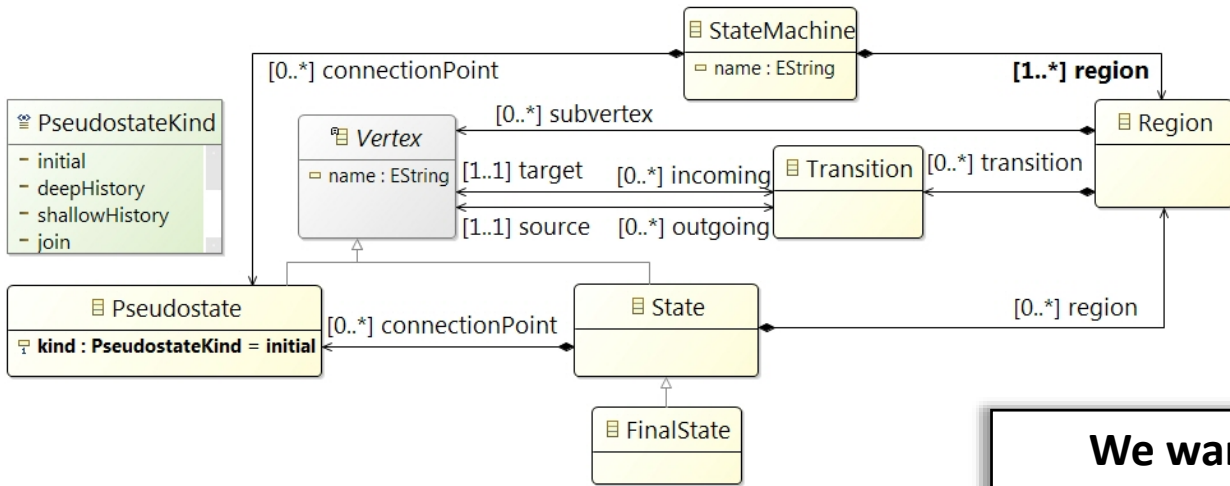
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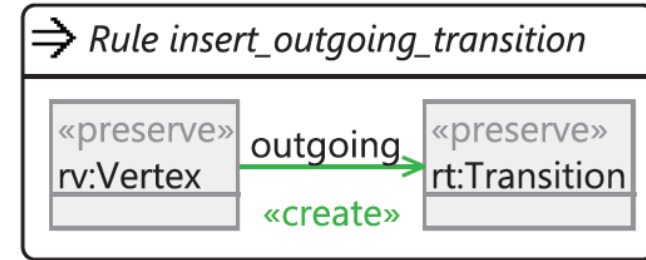
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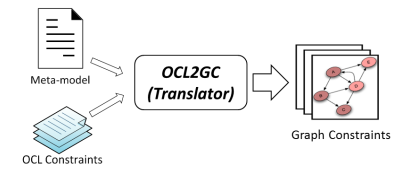
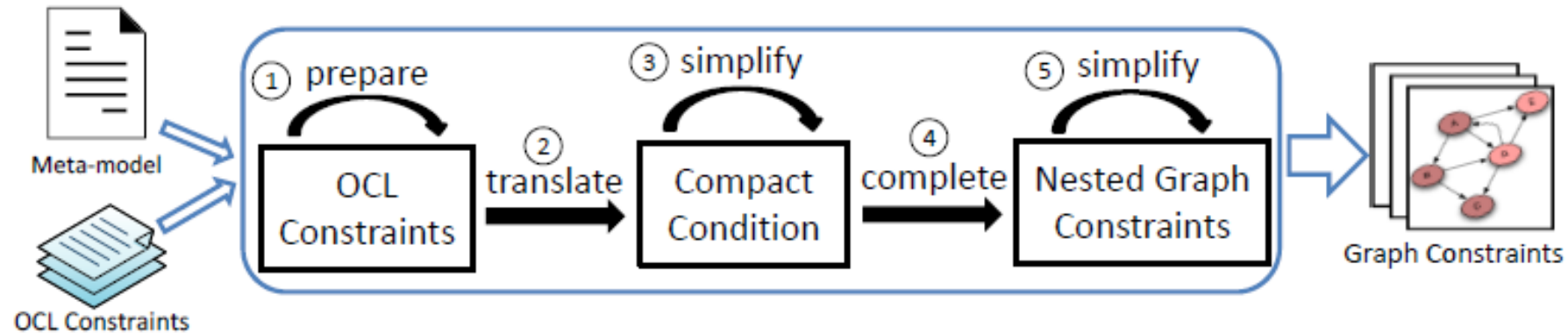
**We want to adapt the rule to preserve the given constraint using OCL2AC**

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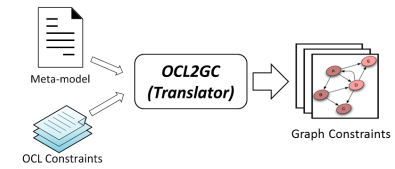
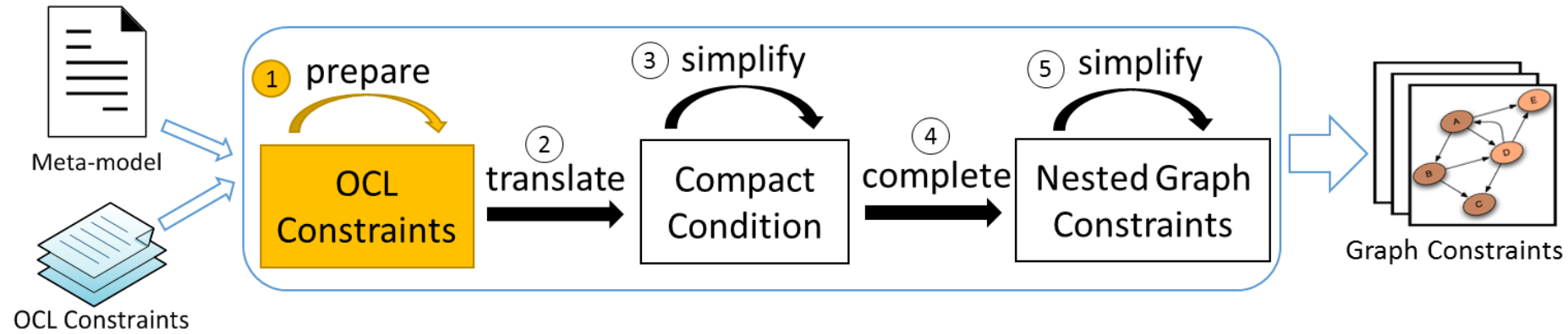
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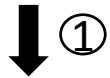


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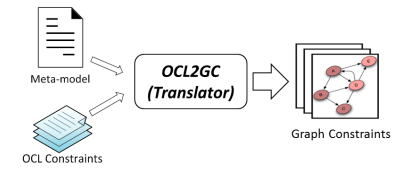
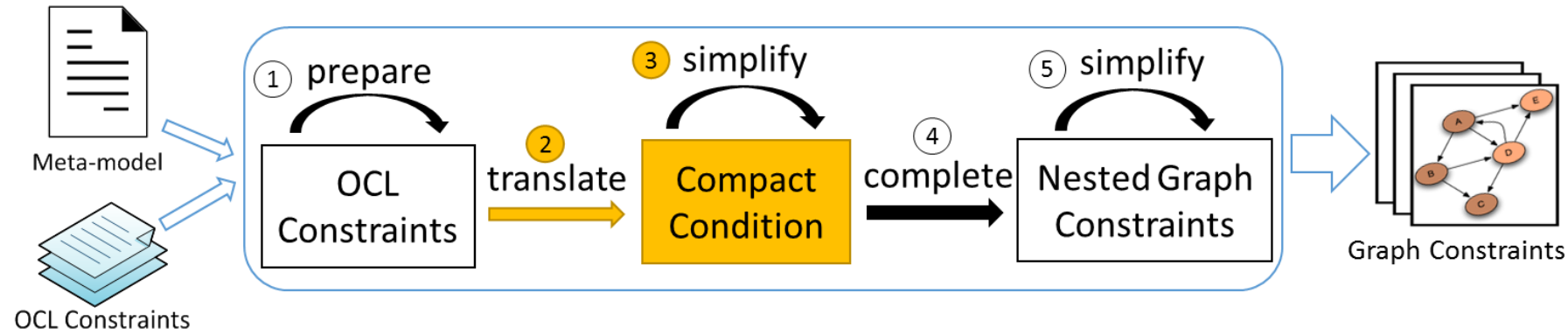


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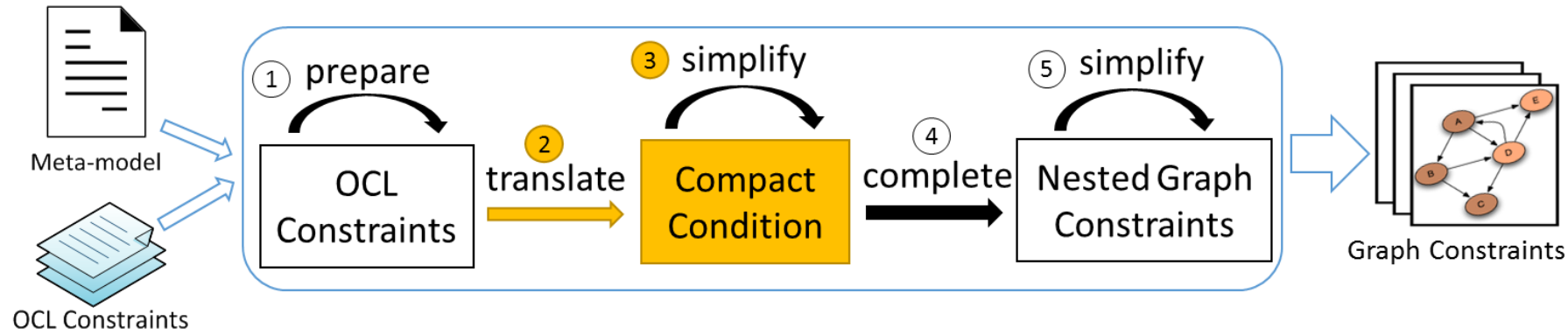
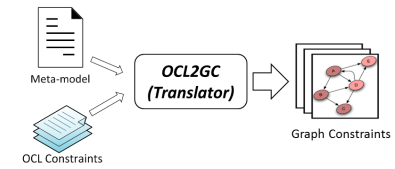
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**OCL constraint (snippet)**

**Graph pattern (snippet)**

context T inv:

$\forall \boxed{\text{self:T}}$

v.b <op> c

$\boxed{\text{v:T}}$   
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v.role

$\exists \boxed{\text{v:T}} \xrightarrow{\text{role}} \boxed{\text{v':T'}}$

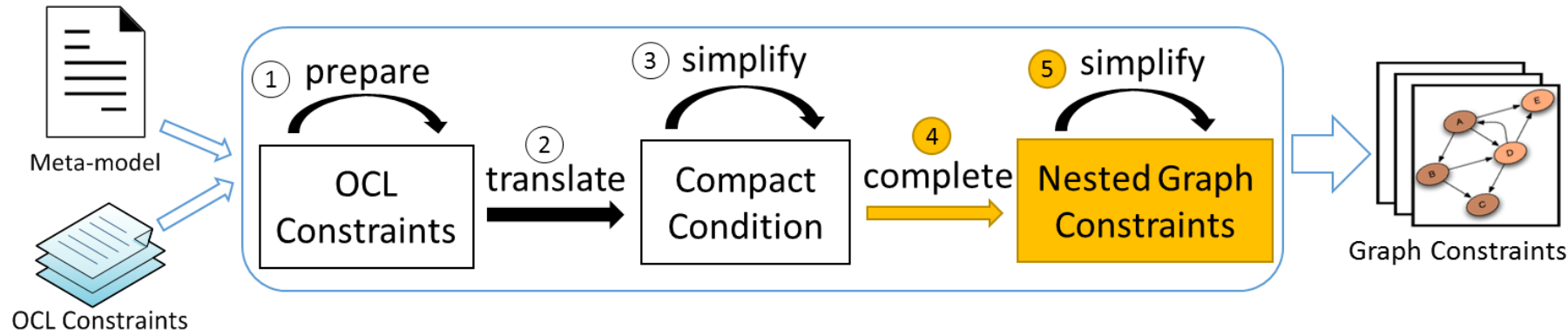
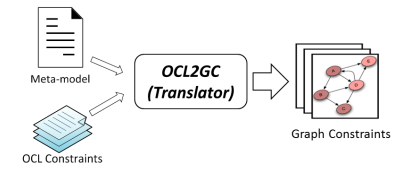
<nav1>->union(<nav2>)

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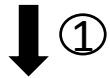
<nav>->size() >= n

$\exists (\boxed{\text{v}_1:\text{T}} \dots \boxed{\text{v}_n:\text{T}}, \wedge_{i=1}^n tr(\langle nav(\text{v}_i) \rangle))$

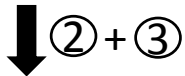
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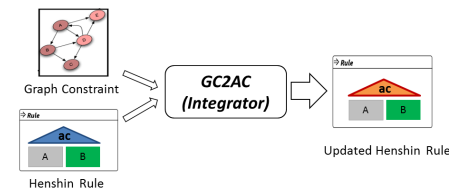
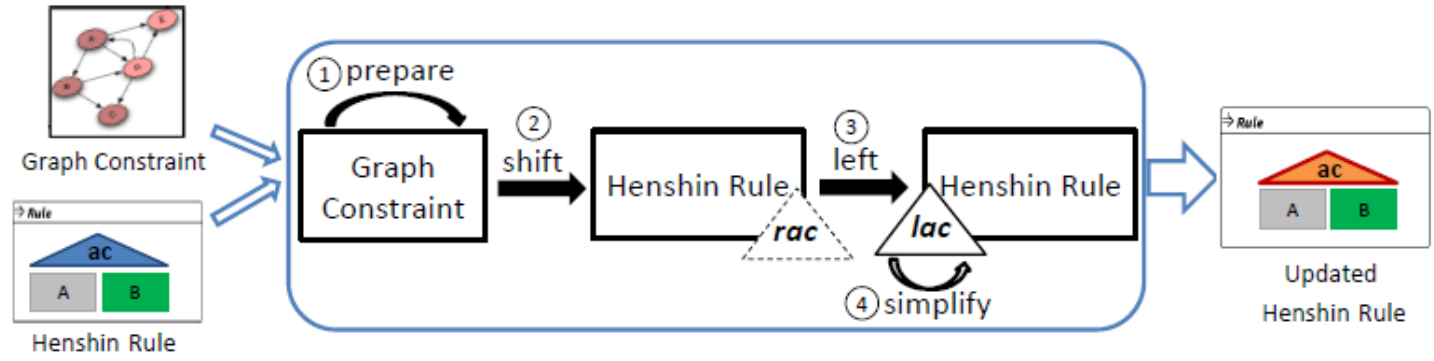
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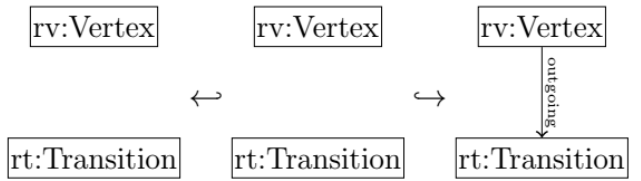
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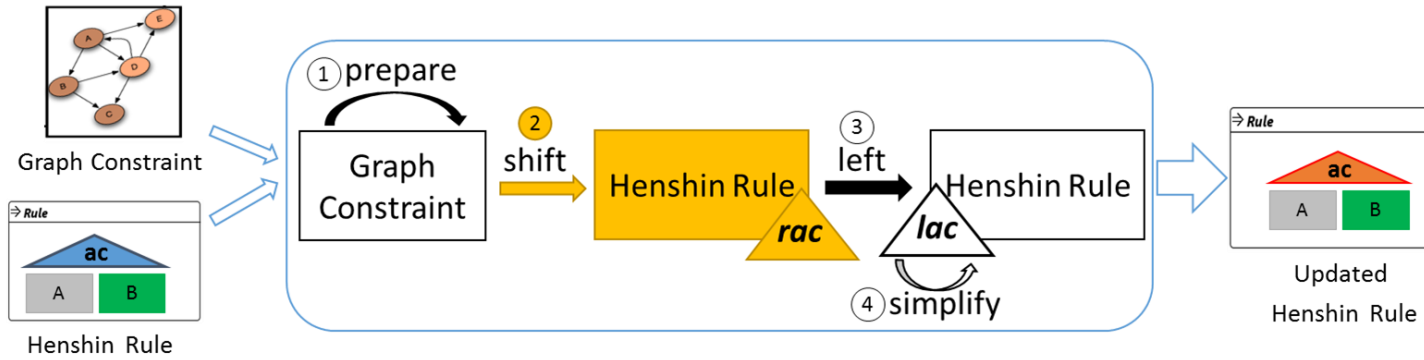
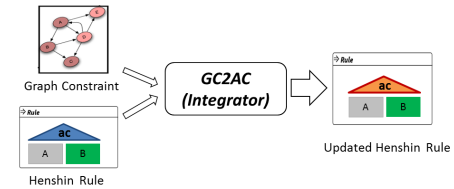
- Graph constraint (no-outgoing-transitions)

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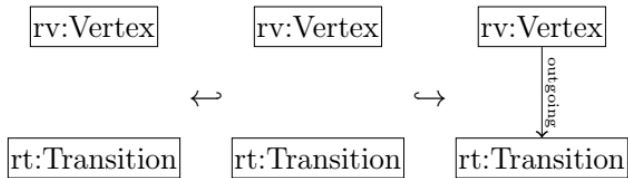
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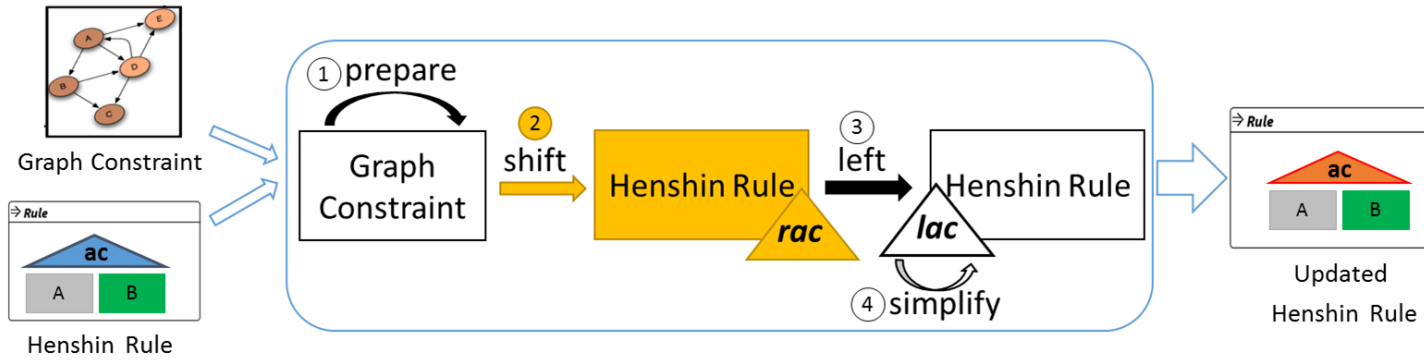
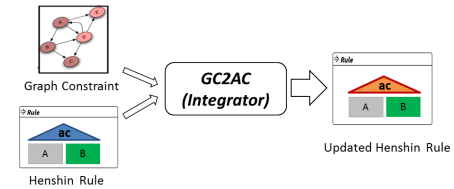
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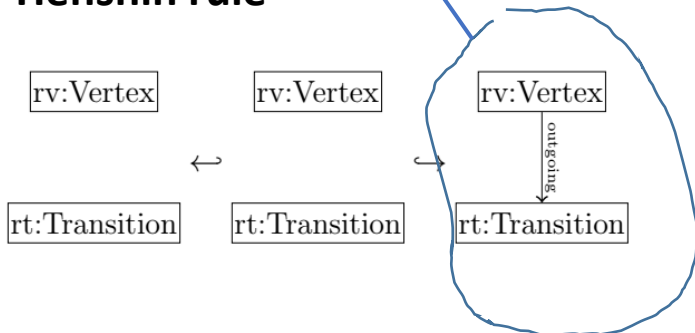
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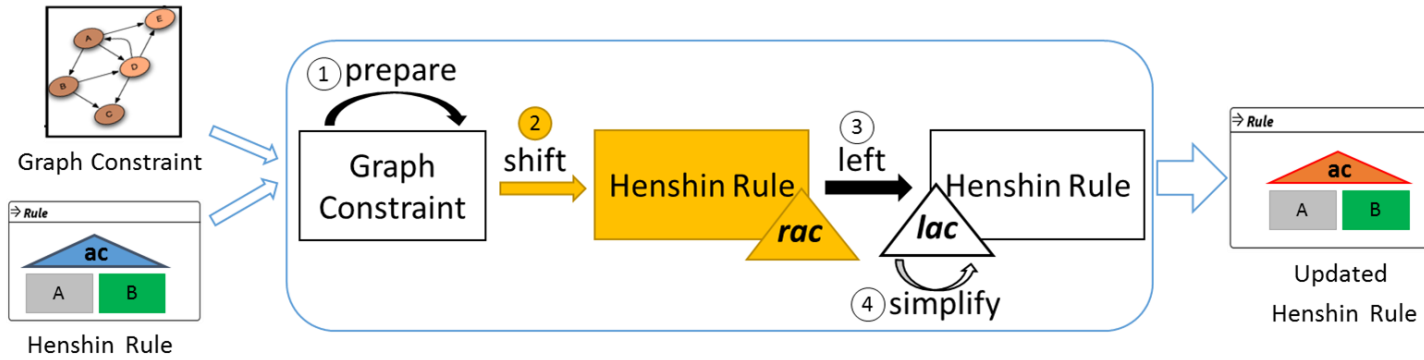
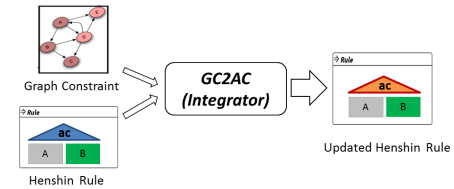
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overlapping the RHS along graph constraint

## Henshin rule



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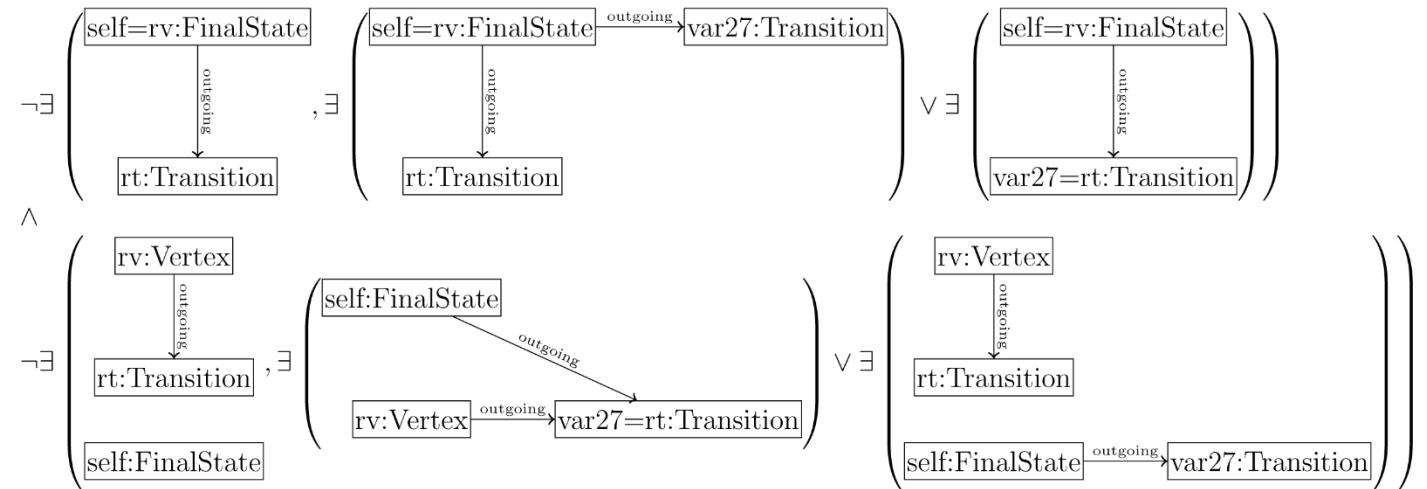


## Graph constraint

$$\forall \left( \emptyset \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{self:FinalState}}, \right. \\ \left. \nexists \left( \boxed{\text{self:FinalState}} \leftrightarrow \boxed{\text{self:FinalState}} \xrightarrow{\text{outgoing}} \boxed{\text{var27:Transition}}, \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \text{true} \right) \right)$$

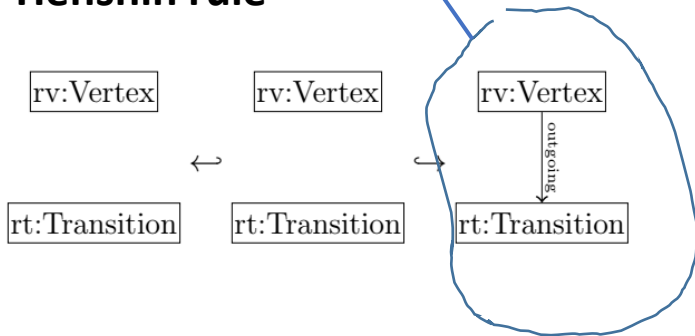
Shift: For considering all possible ways in which a graph constraint could be satisfied after rule application

## Right application condition (RAC)

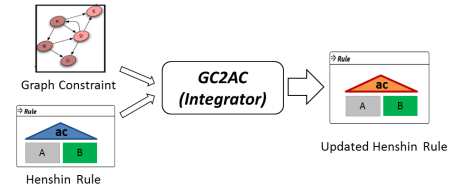
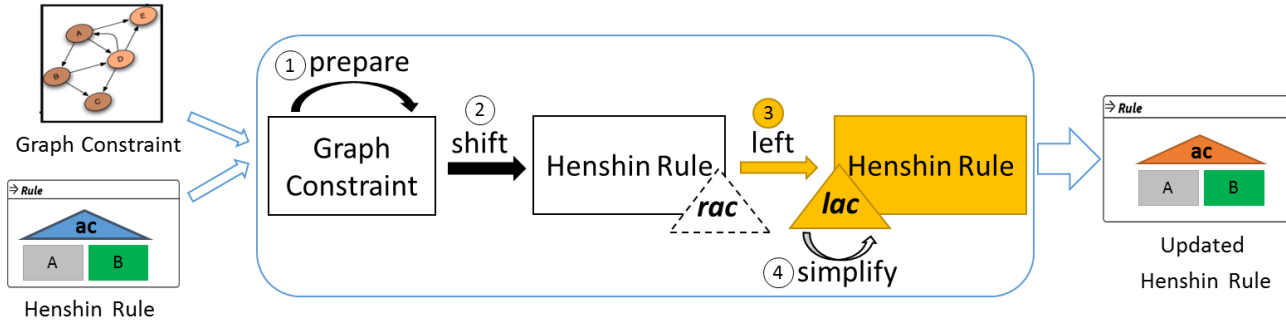


overlapping the RHS along graph constraint

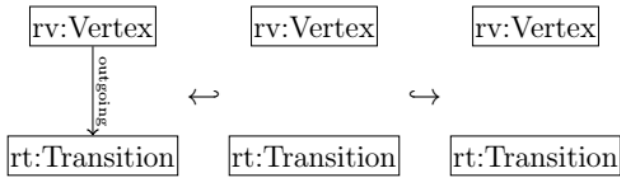
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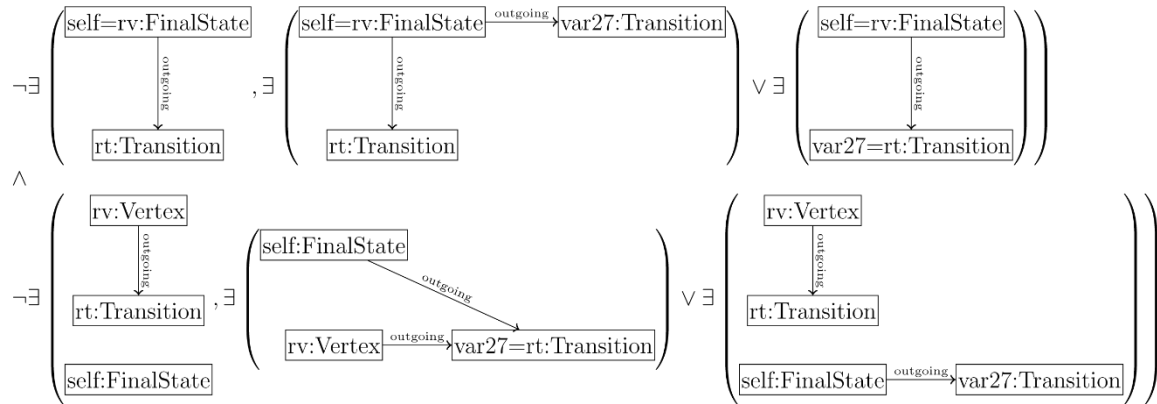
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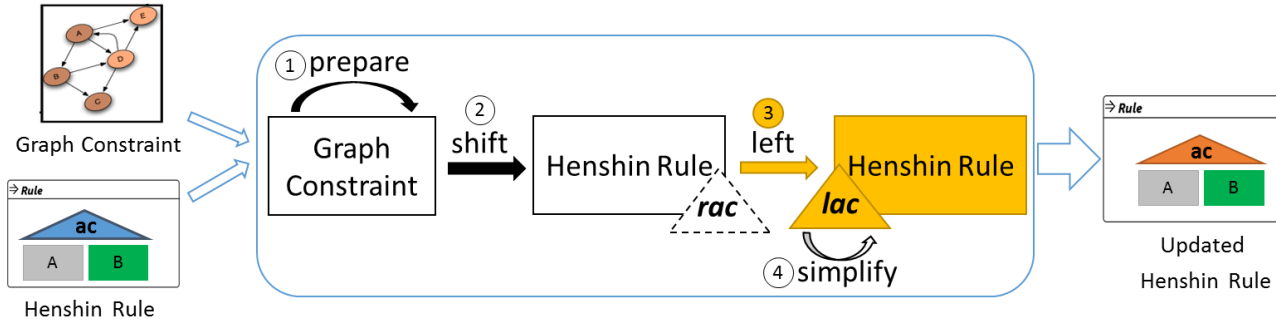
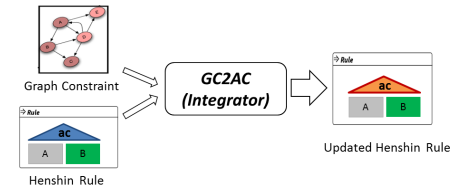
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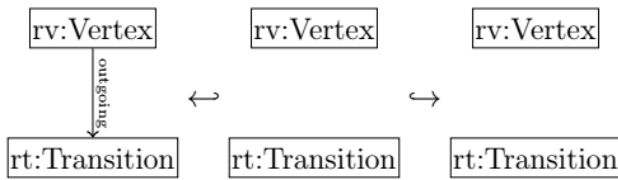
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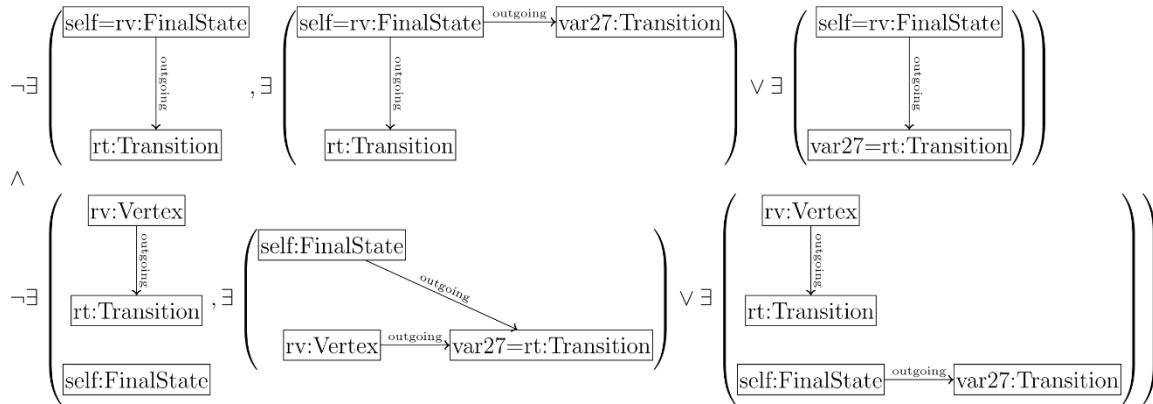
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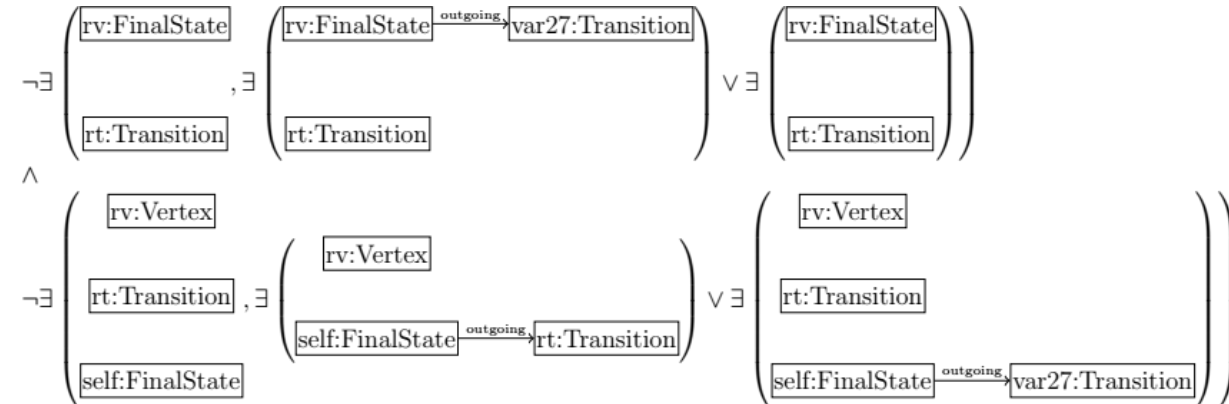
Apply it along RAC

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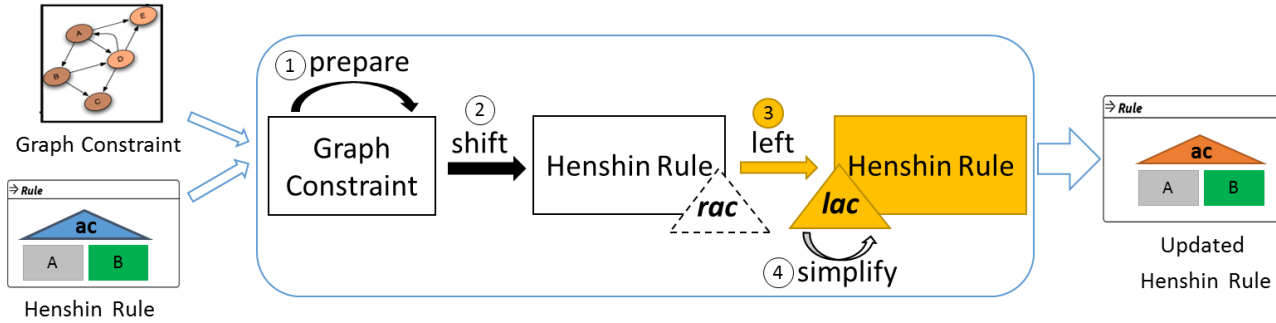
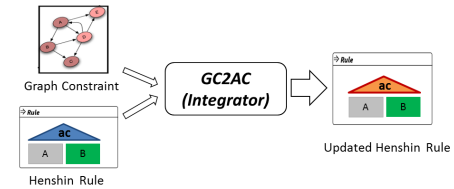
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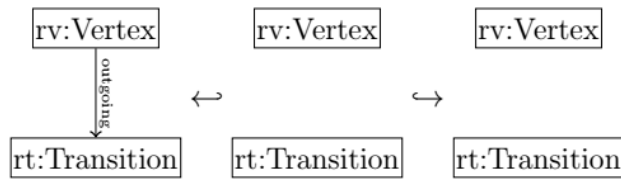
## Left application condition (LAC = AC)



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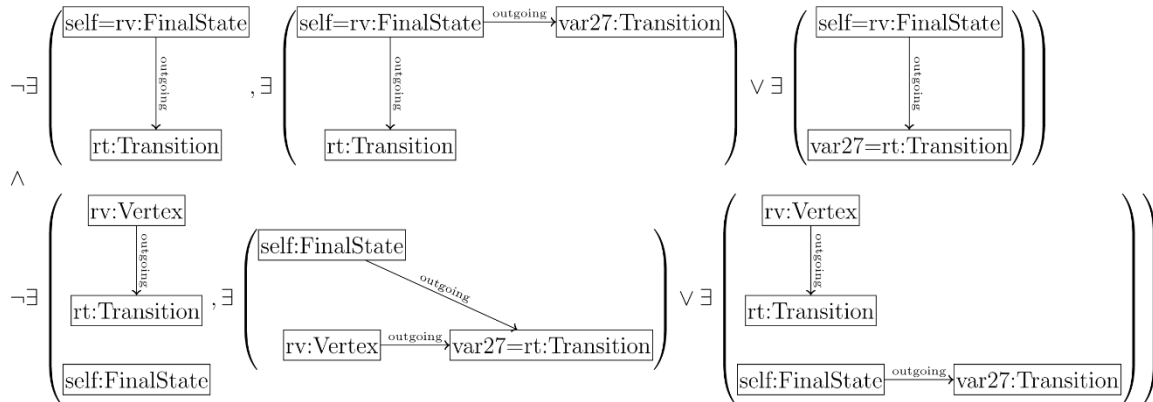
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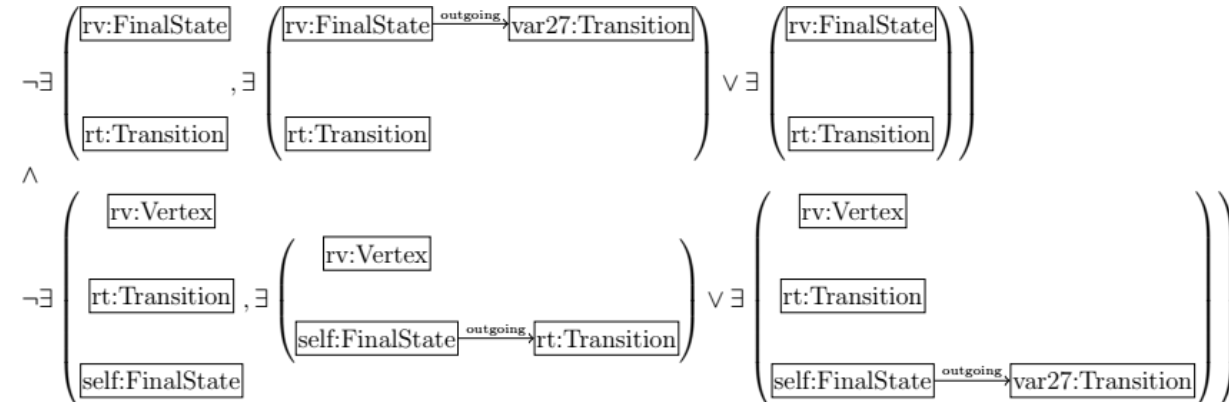
*Apply it along RAC*

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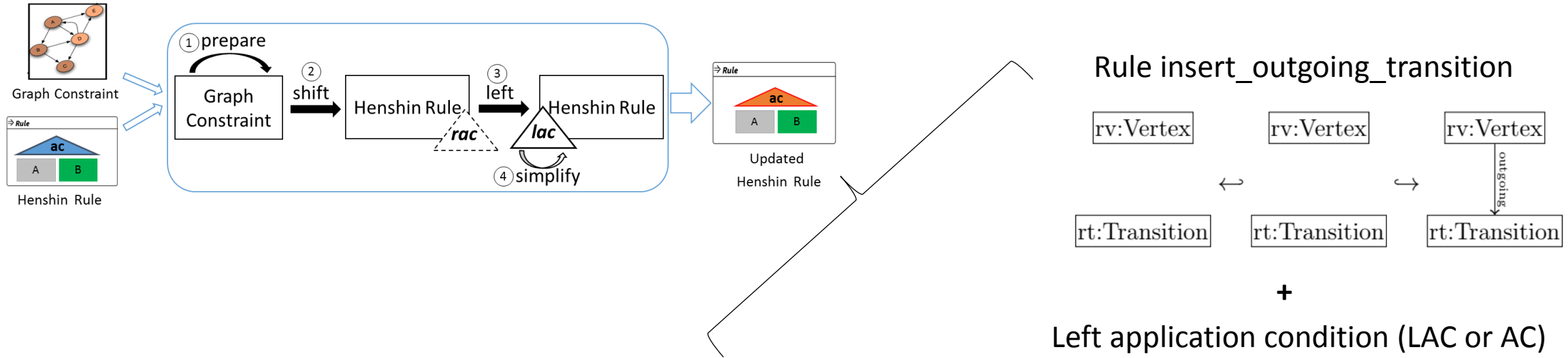
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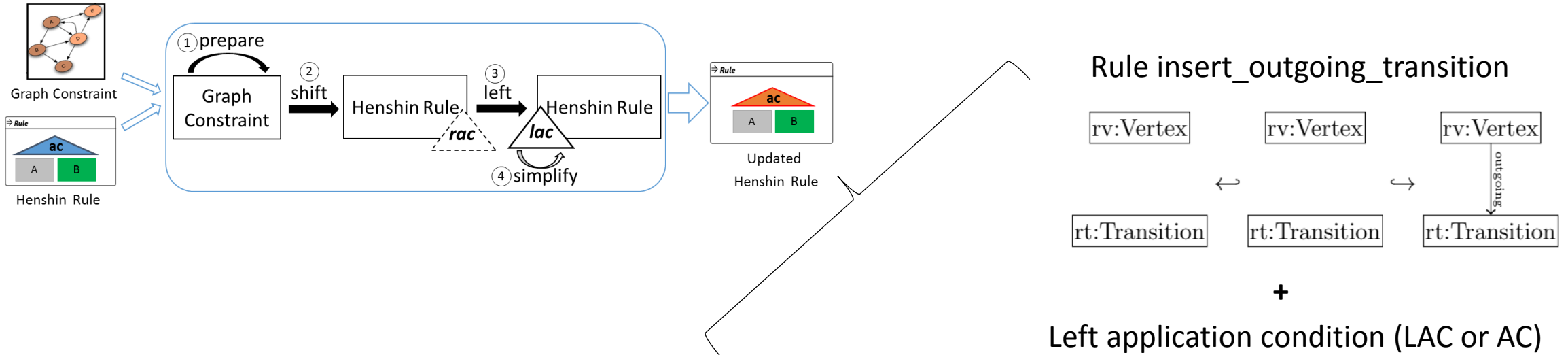
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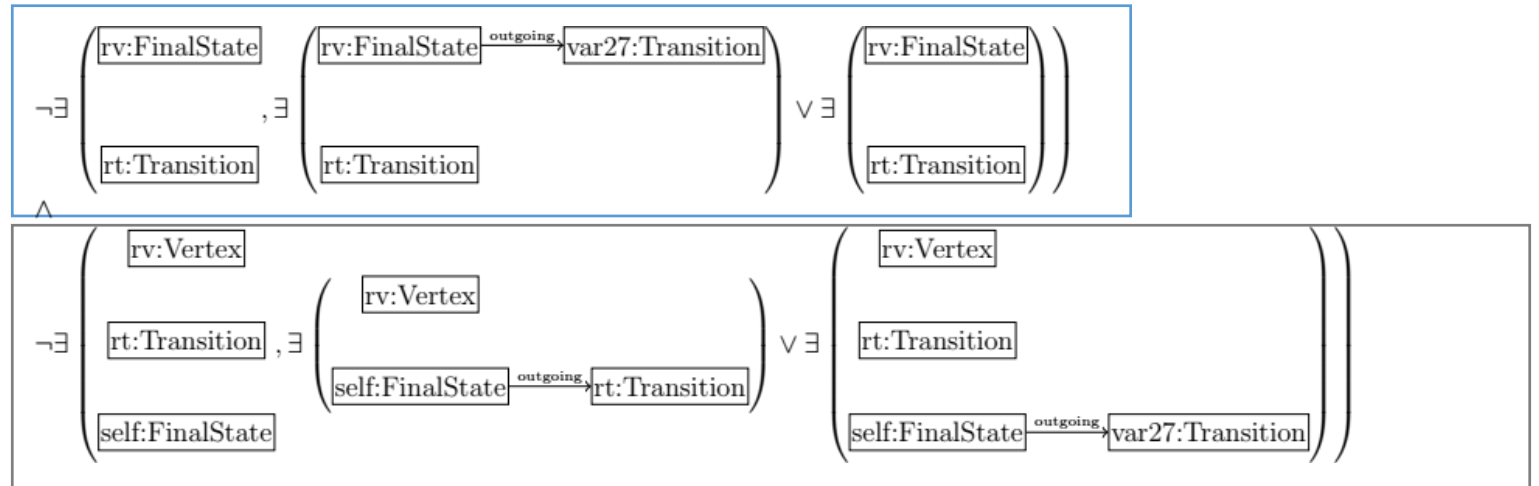
$$\neg \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:FinalState} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right) \vee \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:FinalState} \xrightarrow{\text{outgoing}} \text{var27:Transition} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right) \vee \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:FinalState} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right) \\
 \wedge \\
 \neg \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:Vertex} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \\ \text{self:FinalState} \end{array} \right) \vee \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:Vertex} \\ \text{self:FinalState} \xrightarrow{\text{outgoing}} \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right) \vee \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:Vertex} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \\ \text{self:FinalState} \xrightarrow{\text{outgoing}} \text{var27:Transition} \end{array} \right)$$



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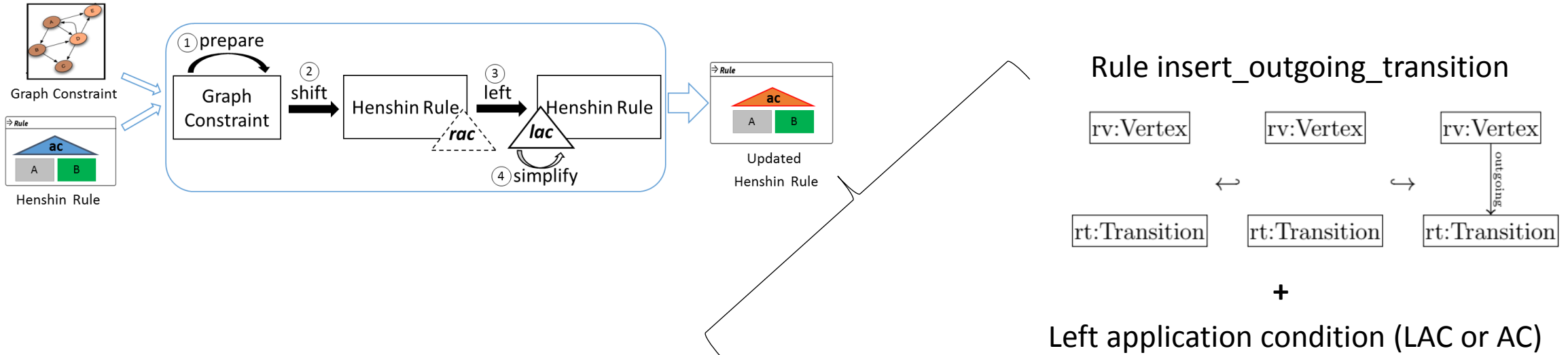


Forbids the rule node *rv:Vertex* being matched to a *FinalState*



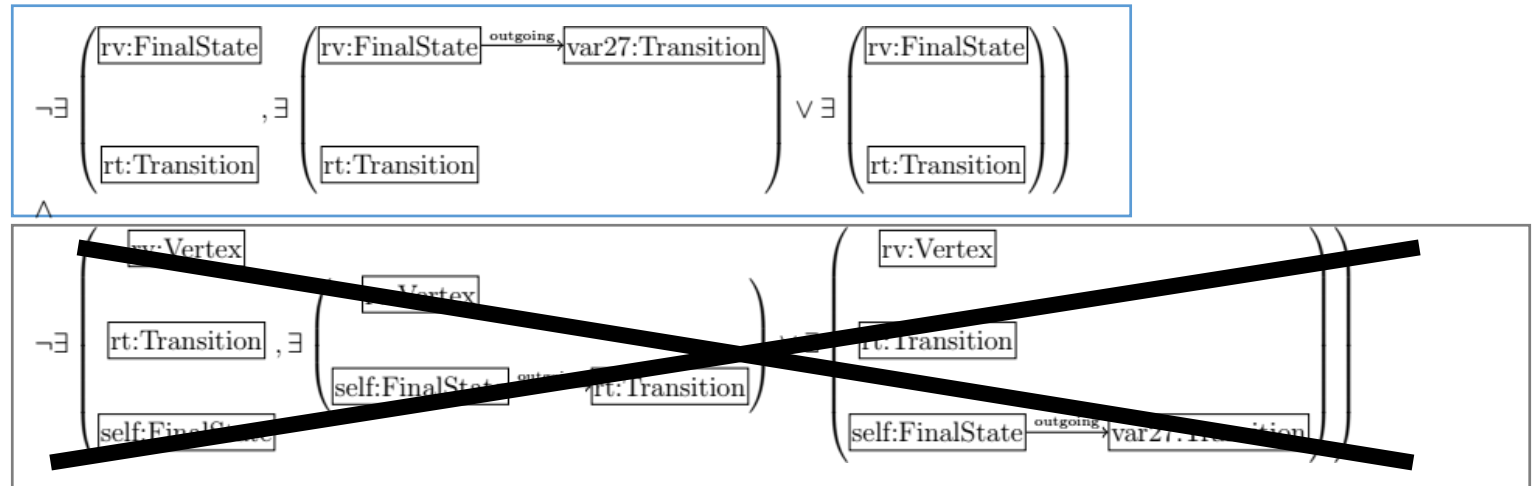
Requires that the rule is matched to consistent models only

# Future Work: Simplifications of Application Conditions



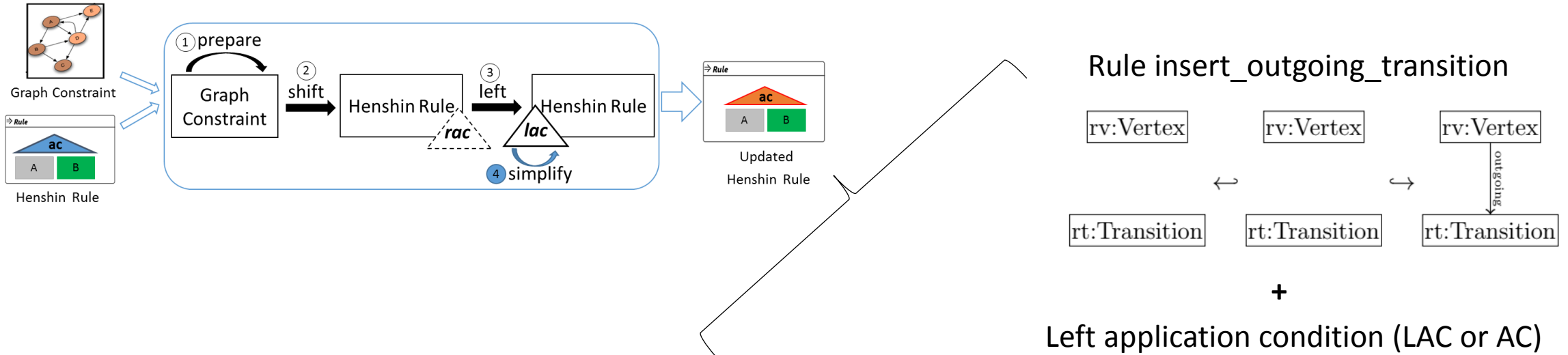
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- Working with valid instance models

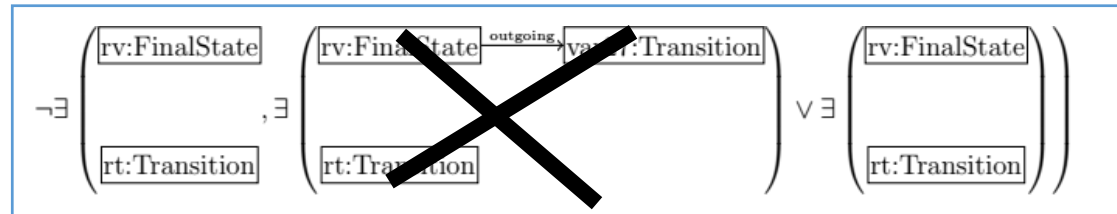


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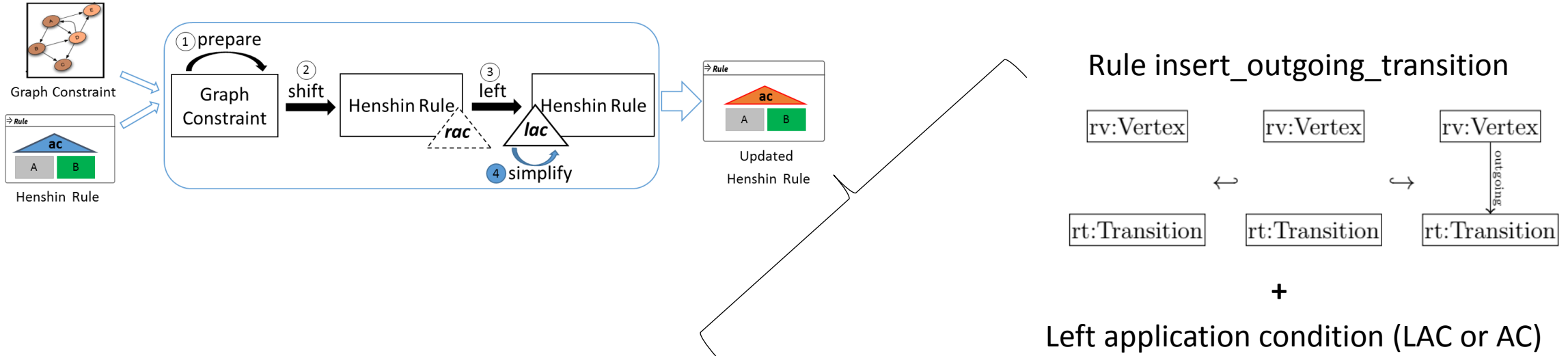
- Simplifications of application conditions

- Eliminating unnecessary graphs. E.g.:

$$\exists g1 \vee \exists g2 \equiv \exists g1$$

| g1 is a subgraph of g2

# Future Work: Simplifications of Application Conditions



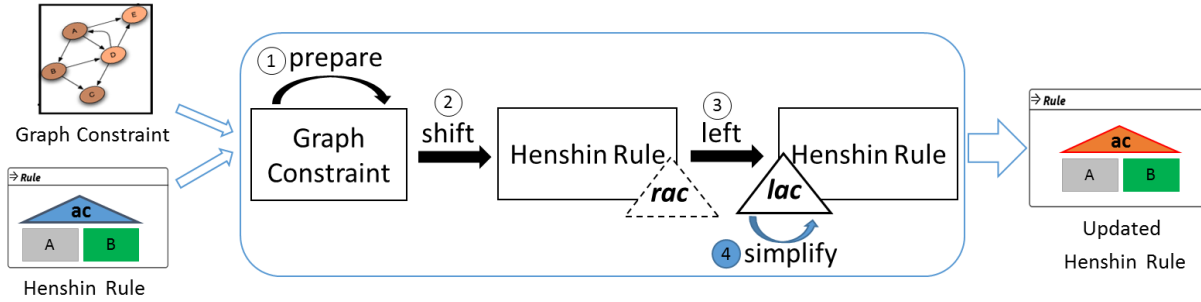
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- $\nexists (A, \exists C) \equiv \nexists C$   
| A is a subgraph of C

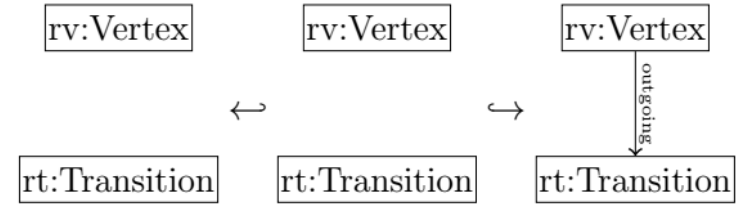
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$$\neg \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:FinalState} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right), \exists \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{rv:FinalState} \\ \text{rt:Transition} \end{array} \right)$$

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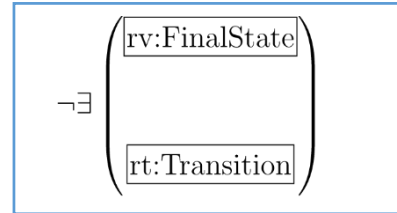


## Rule insert\_outgoing\_transition



+  
Left application condition (LAC or AC)

Forbids the rule node *rv:Vertex* being matched to a *FinalState*



**Demo**

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75qXZboIVVg>

# Tooling: Webpage

Webpage on GitHub: <https://ocl2ac.github.io/home/>

- Installation
- Getting Started
- Relevant Meta-models

The screenshot shows the OCL2AC website interface. The top navigation bar includes the text "OCL2AC" and a circular logo with "OCL 2 AC" and "NGC". The main content area features a large heading "OCL2AC" followed by the subtitle "Automatic Translation of OCL Constraints to Graph Constraints and Application Conditions for Transformation Rules". Below this, a dark blue banner contains the text "OCL2AC Tool". The main content area is divided into two sections: "OCL2AC Tool" and "GC2AC Integrator".

**OCL2AC Tool**

OCL2AC is a tool based on the Eclipse Modeling Framework (EMF) and consists of two main components:

- (1) OCL2GC translates OCL constraints into a set of semantically equivalent (nested) graph constraints.
- (2) GC2AC integrates graph constraints as application conditions into transformation rules.

Each component can be used independently as an Eclipse-based tool.

**Fig. OCL2GC Translator**

The diagram illustrates the OCL2GC Translator process. It starts with a "Meta-model" and "OCL Constraints" (represented by document icons). The process follows five steps: 1. prepare, 2. translate (from OCL Constraints to Compact Condition), 3. simplify, 4. complete (from Compact Condition to Nested Graph Constraints), and 5. simplify. The final output is "Graph Constraints" (represented by a graph icon).

**Fig. GC2AC Integrator**

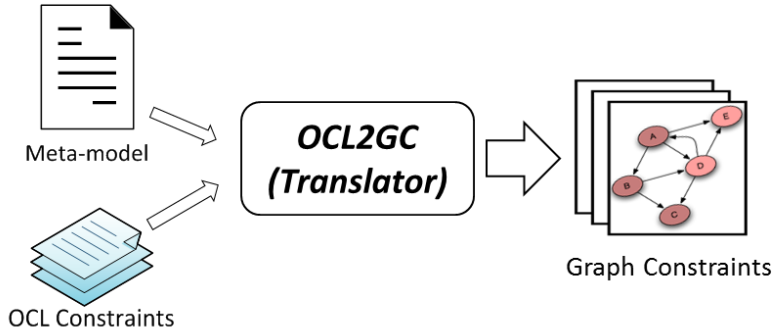
The diagram illustrates the GC2AC Integrator process. It starts with a "Graph Constraint" (represented by a graph icon) and a "Henshin Rule" (represented by a rule icon). The process follows four steps: 1. prepare, 2. shift (from Graph Constraint to Henshin Rule), 3. left (from Henshin Rule to another Henshin Rule), and 4. simplify. The final output is an "Updated Henshin Rule" (represented by a rule icon).

# Conclusion

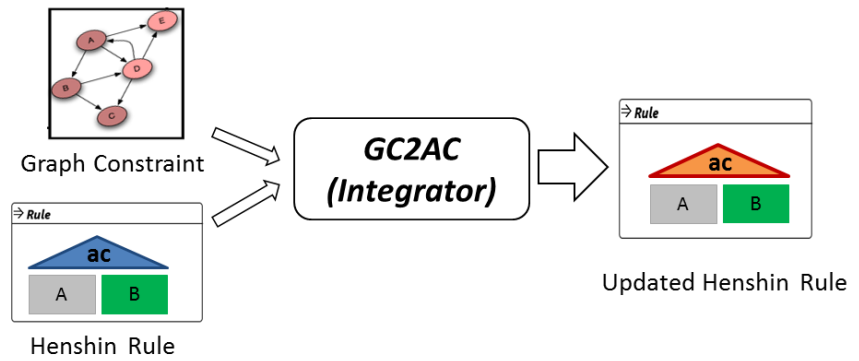
- ❑ **OCL2AC** automatically updates model transformations to preserve a given set of constraints

Two main components as Eclipse plugins:

- **OCL2GC: Translate OCL constraints to graph constraints**



- **GC2AC: Integrate graph constraints as application conditions**



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