



Understanding Source Code with Deep Learning

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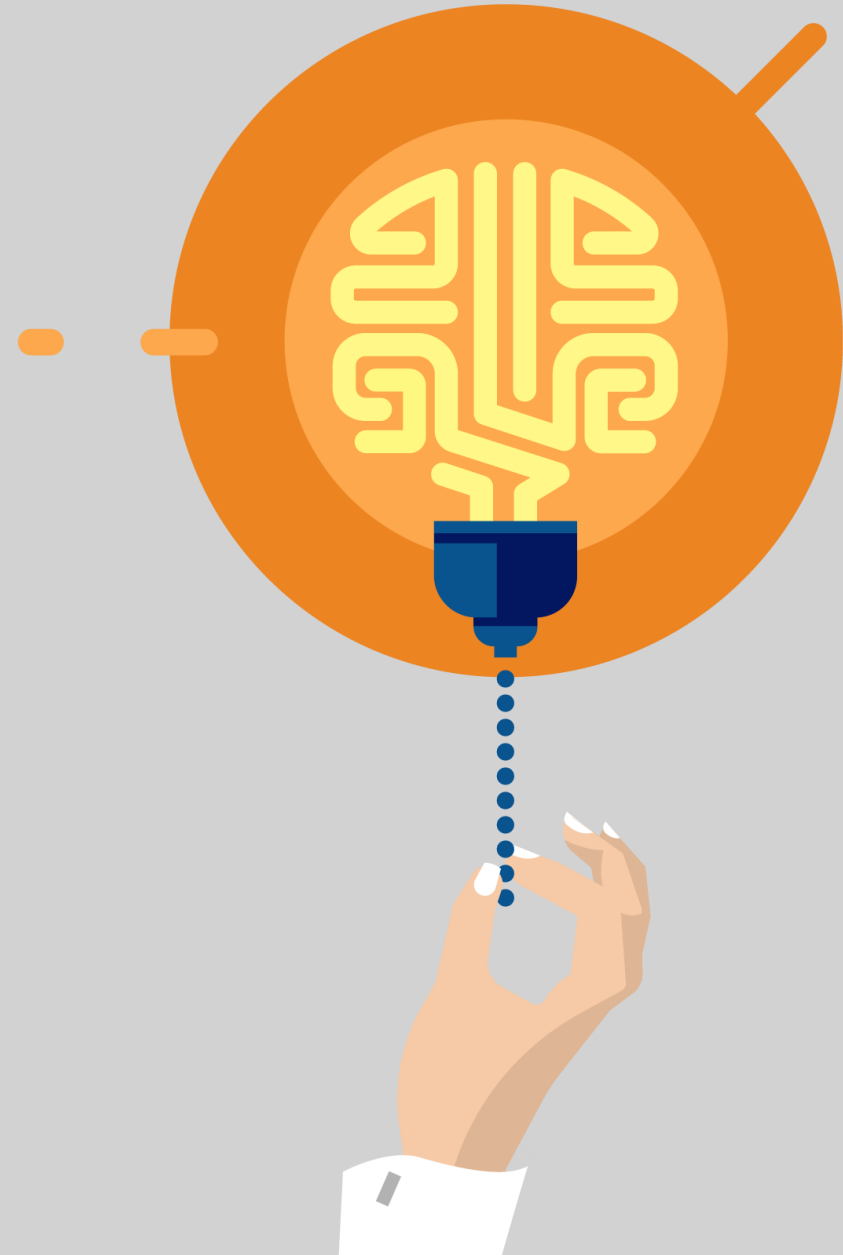


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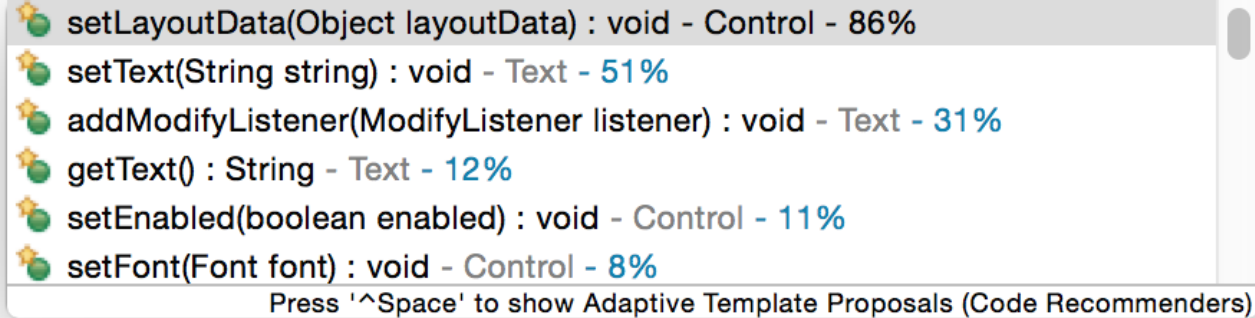
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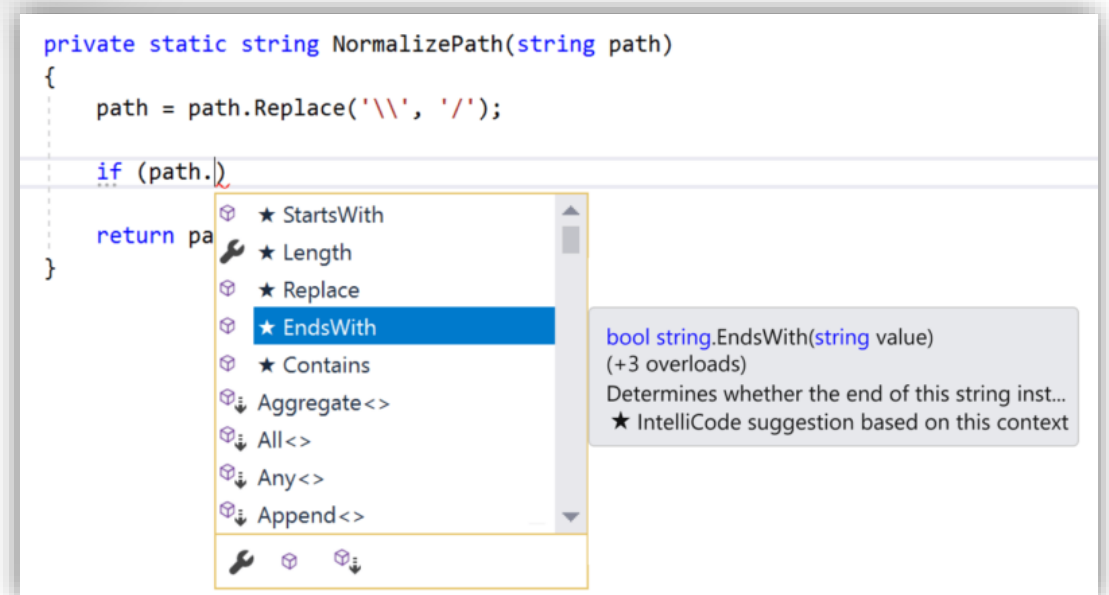


Code Autocompletion

```
Text text = new Text(parent, SWT.NONE);  
text.|
```

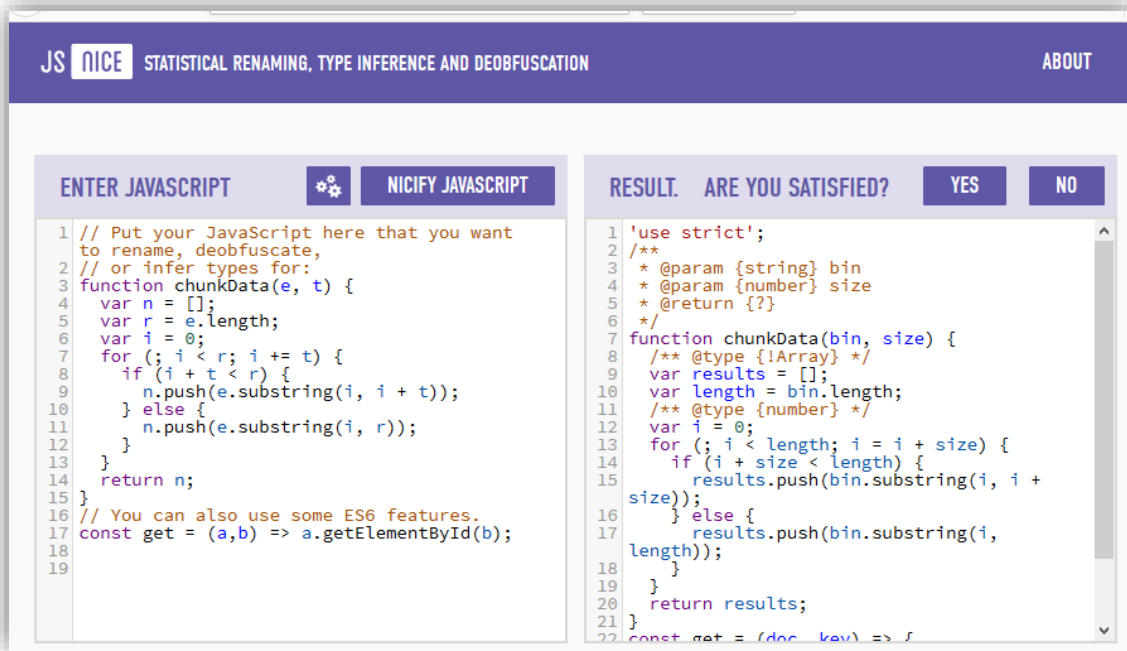


<http://www.eclipse.org/recommenders/>



<https://visualstudio.microsoft.com/services/intellicode/>

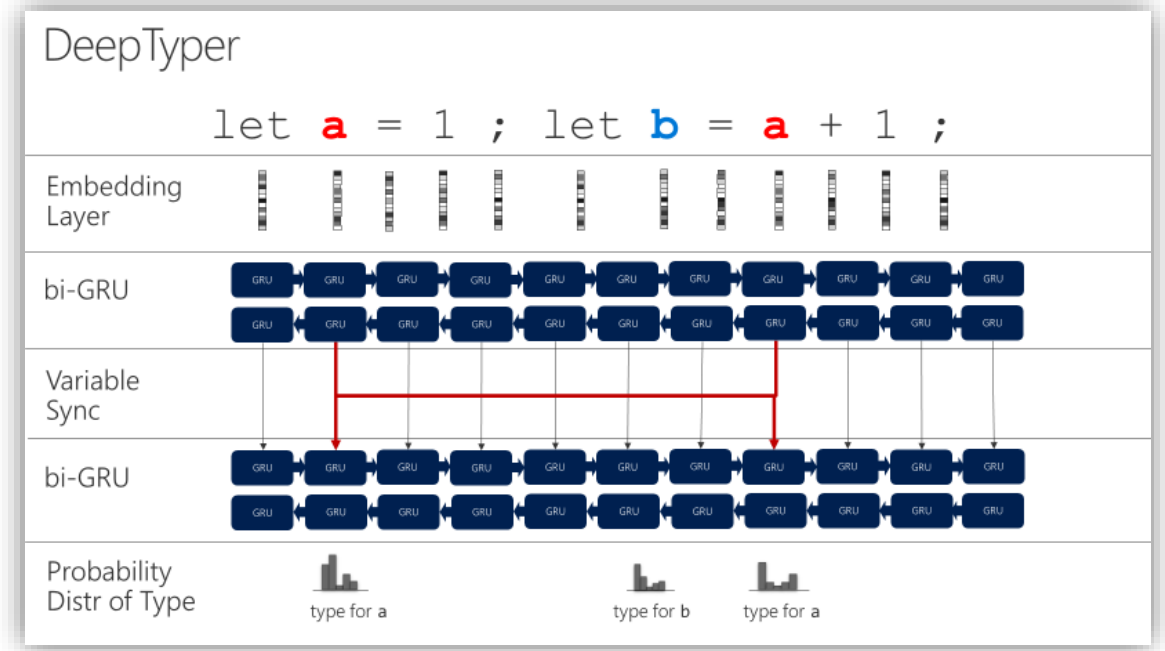
Predicting Types



Predicting Program Properties from Code

V. Raychev, M. Vechev, A. Krause. 2015

<http://jsnice.org/>



Deep Learning Type Inference

V. Hellendoorn, C. Bird, E.T. Barr, M. Allamanis. 2018

Inferring Type Refinements

Dash *et al.* 2018 "RefiNym: Using Names to Refine Types"

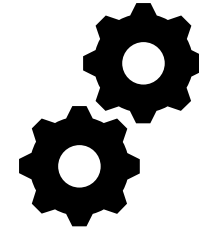


Conceptual Types

"a password"

"a JSON string"

Latent; we don't
observe in the
conceptual types.



Defined Types

`string` password;

`string` data = Json.Load();

Defined explicitly by the
programmer.

Argument Swapping

Type	Parameter	Original argument	Correct argument
Duration	responseTTLDuration	frequencyCapDuration	responseTTLDuration
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List<A>	slotResponse	slotResponse	slotResponse
Builder	builder	builder	builder
boolean	isTransposed	isTransposed	isTransposed
int	startColumnIndex	a.getStartColumnIndex()	0
int	endColumnIndex	a.getEndColumnIndex()	rows.size()
int	startRow	0	a.getStartColumnIndex()
int	endRow	rows.size()	a.getEndColumnIndex()

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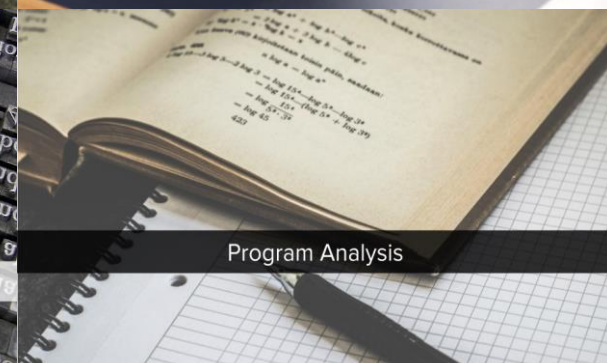
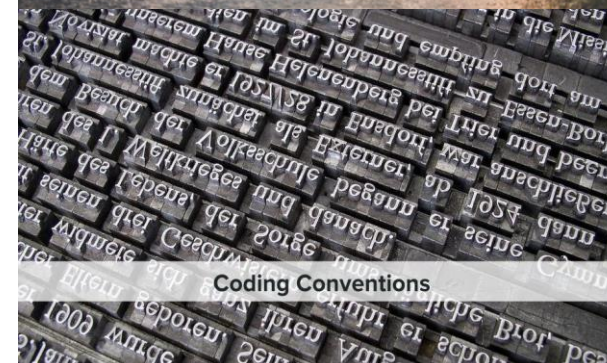
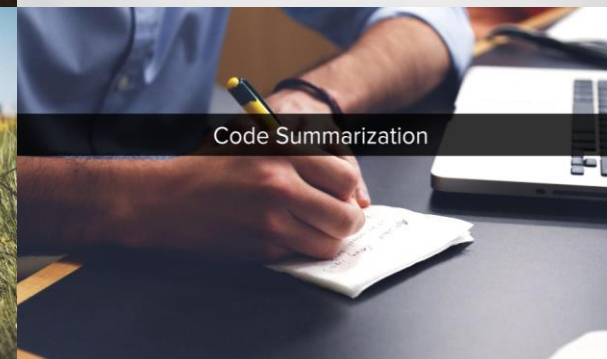
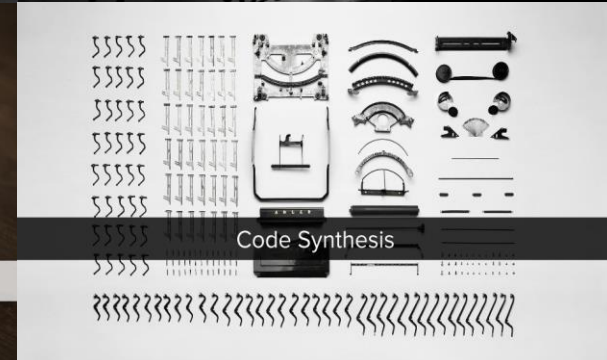
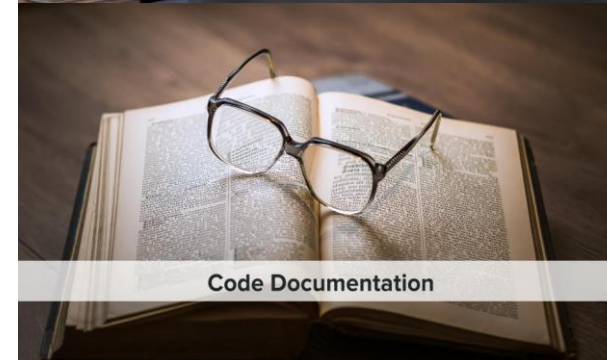
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CCS Concepts: • Computing methodologies → Machine learning; Natural language processing; • Soft-

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Detecting Variable Misuse Bugs

By representing source code as graphs

Target Task

```
var clazz=classTypes["Root"].Single() as JsonCodeGenerator.ClassType;  
Assert.NotNull(clazz);  
  
var first=classTypes["RecClass"].Single() as JsonCodeGenerator.ClassType;  
Assert.NotNull( );  
  
Assert.Equal("string", first.Properties["Name"].Name);  
Assert.False(clazz.Properties["Name"].IsArray);
```

Possible type-correct options: `clazz`, `first`



Not easy to catch with static analysis tools.



```
var newBounds = new List<Rect>(bounds.Count);
foreach (var b in bounds)
{
    double x1 = b.Left - padding.Left;
    double x2 = b.Right + padding.Right;
    if (x1 < x2)
    {
        double y1 = b.TextTop - padding.Top;
        double y2 = b.TextBottom + padding.Bottom;

        newBounds.Add(new Rect(x1, y1, x2 - x1, y2 - x1));
    }
}

return new
```

```
public static
{
    if (rectan
    return
```

```
// Set up the initial geometry
```



IntelliCode

Did you mean to use `y1` instead of `x1`? Suggested based on analysis of code patterns in this repo.

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Programs as Graphs: Key Idea

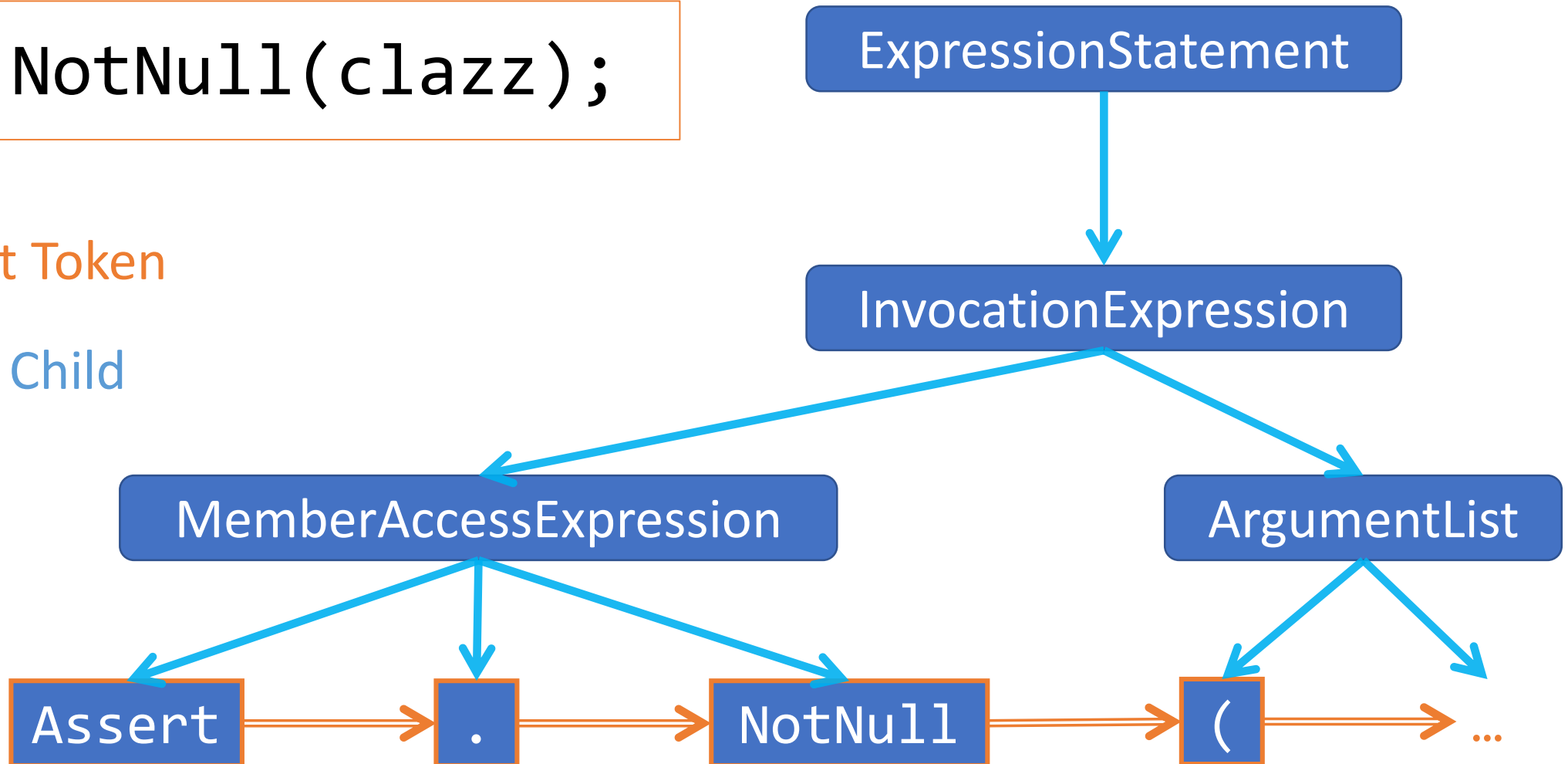
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Programs as Graphs: Syntax

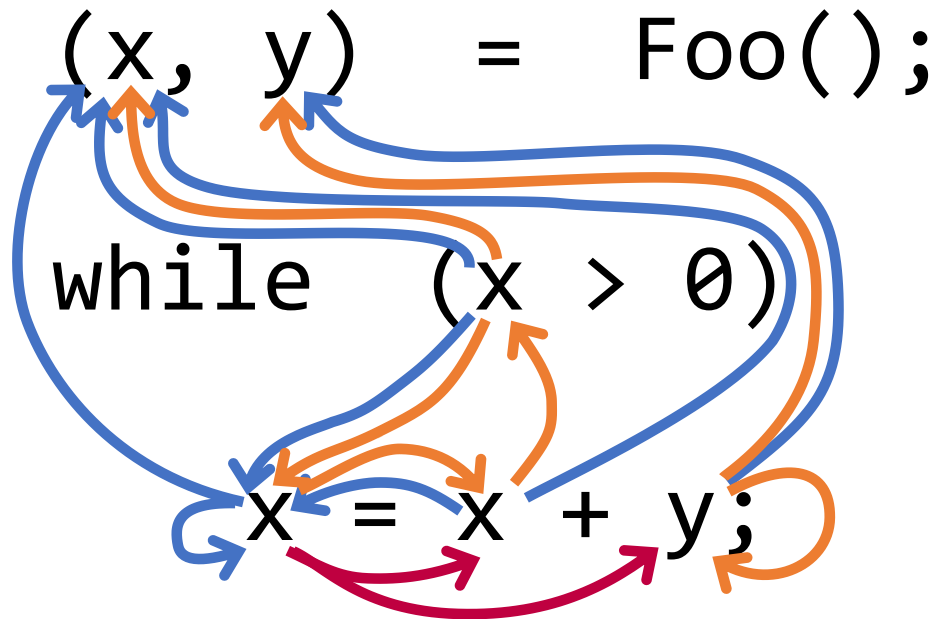
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⇒ Next Token

→ AST Child



Programs as Graphs: Data Flow



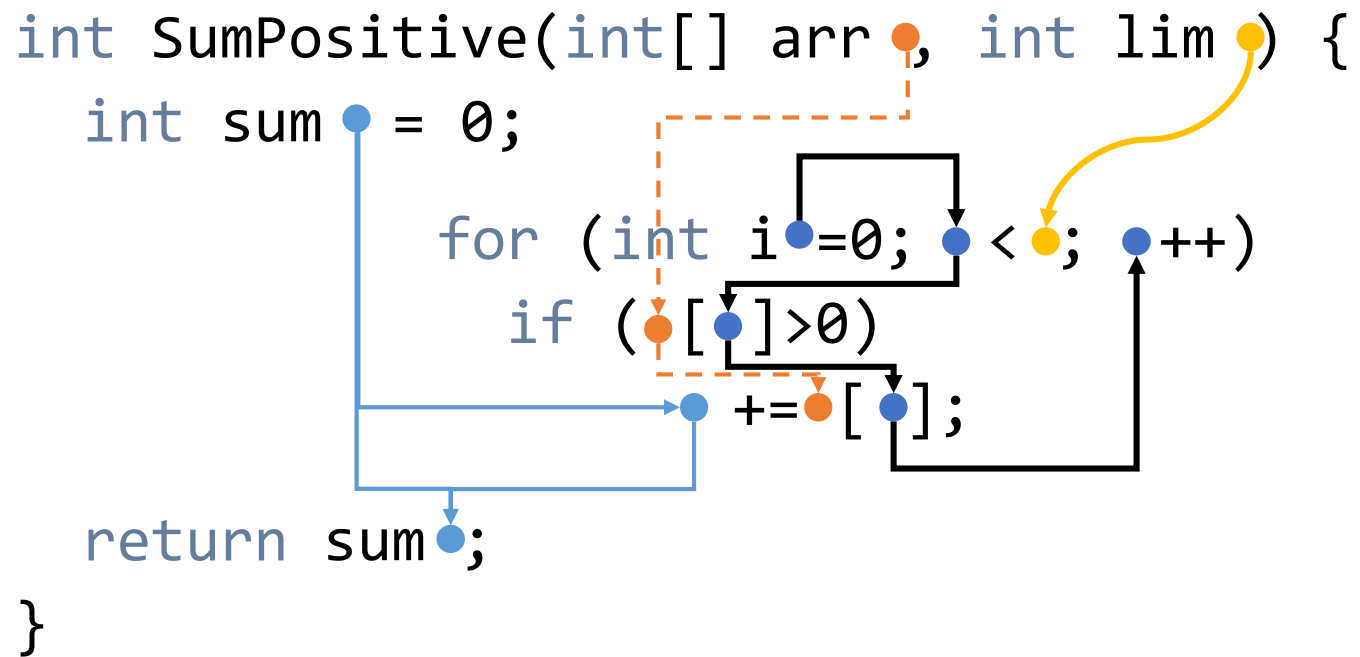
→ Last Write

→ Last Use

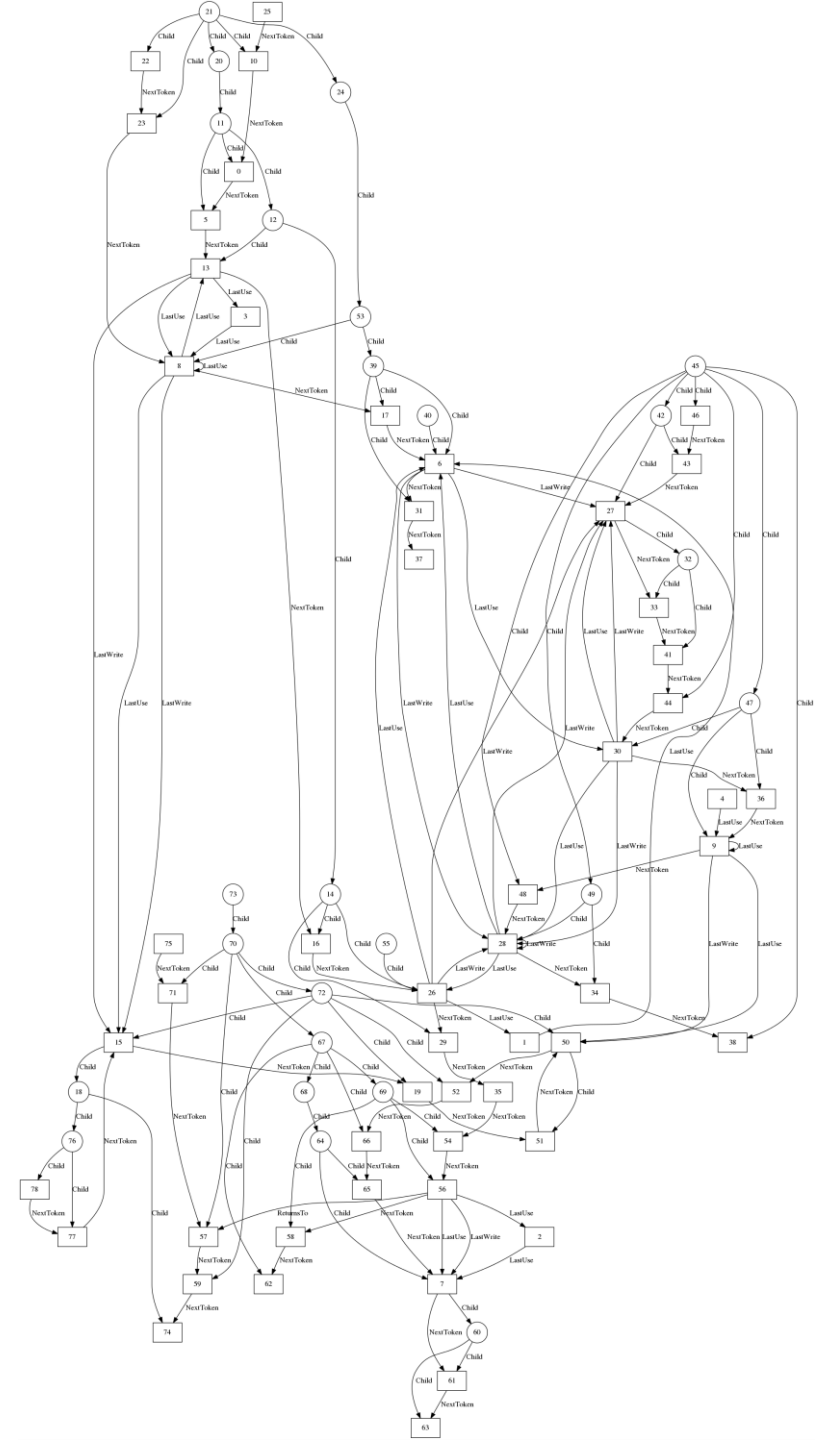
→ Computed From

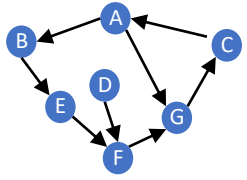
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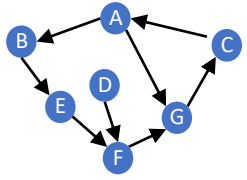




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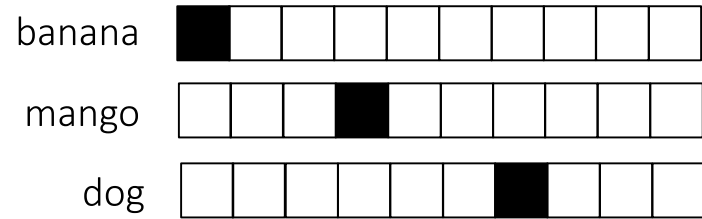
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Assert.NotNull(clazz);  
  
var first=classTypes["RecClass"].Single() as JsonCodeGenerator.ClassType;  
Assert.NotNull(SLOT);  
  
Assert.Equal("string", first.Properties["Name"].Name);  
Assert.False(clazz.Properties["Name"].IsArray);
```

The diagram illustrates variable misuse in the code above. A blue box labeled "SLOT" is positioned under the variable name in the second-to-last line. Two red boxes labeled "first" and "clazz" are positioned under the variable names in the third and fourth lines, respectively. Dashed arrows show the flow of information: one arrow points from the "first" box to the "first" variable in the second-to-last line, and another arrow points from the "clazz" box to the "clazz" variable in the first line. A third dashed arrow points from the "SLOT" box to the "first" variable in the second-to-last line.

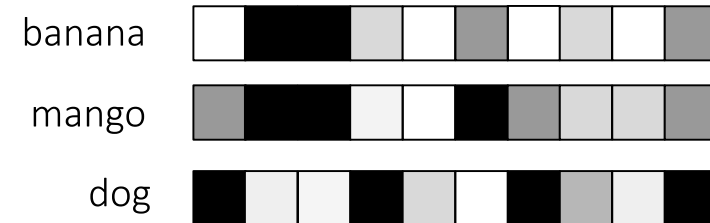
Goal: make the representation of SLOT as close as possible to the representation of the correct candidate node

$$(\mathbf{h}_T^{SLOT})^T \mathbf{h}_T^{first} \gg (\mathbf{h}_T^{SLOT})^T \mathbf{h}_T^{clazz}$$

Vector Space Representations

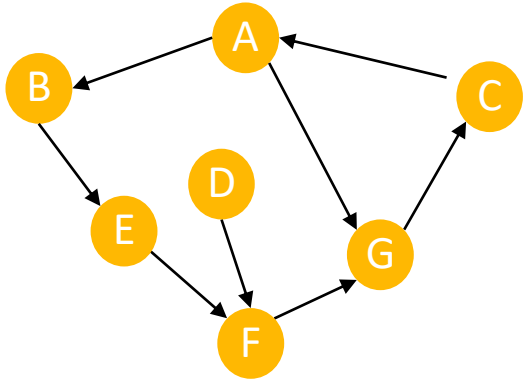


Local representation

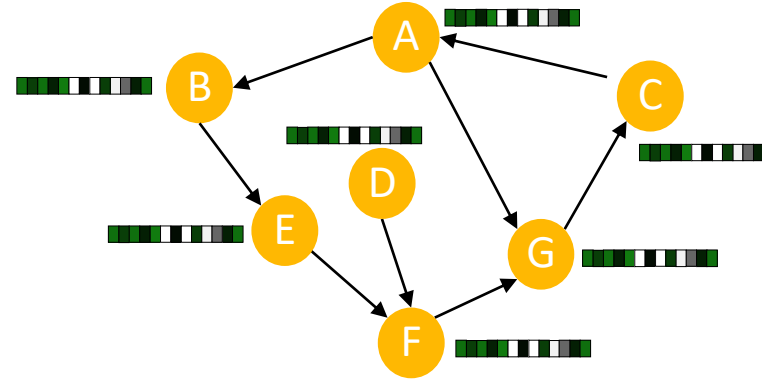


Distributed representation

Graph Neural Networks



Graph Representation
of Problem

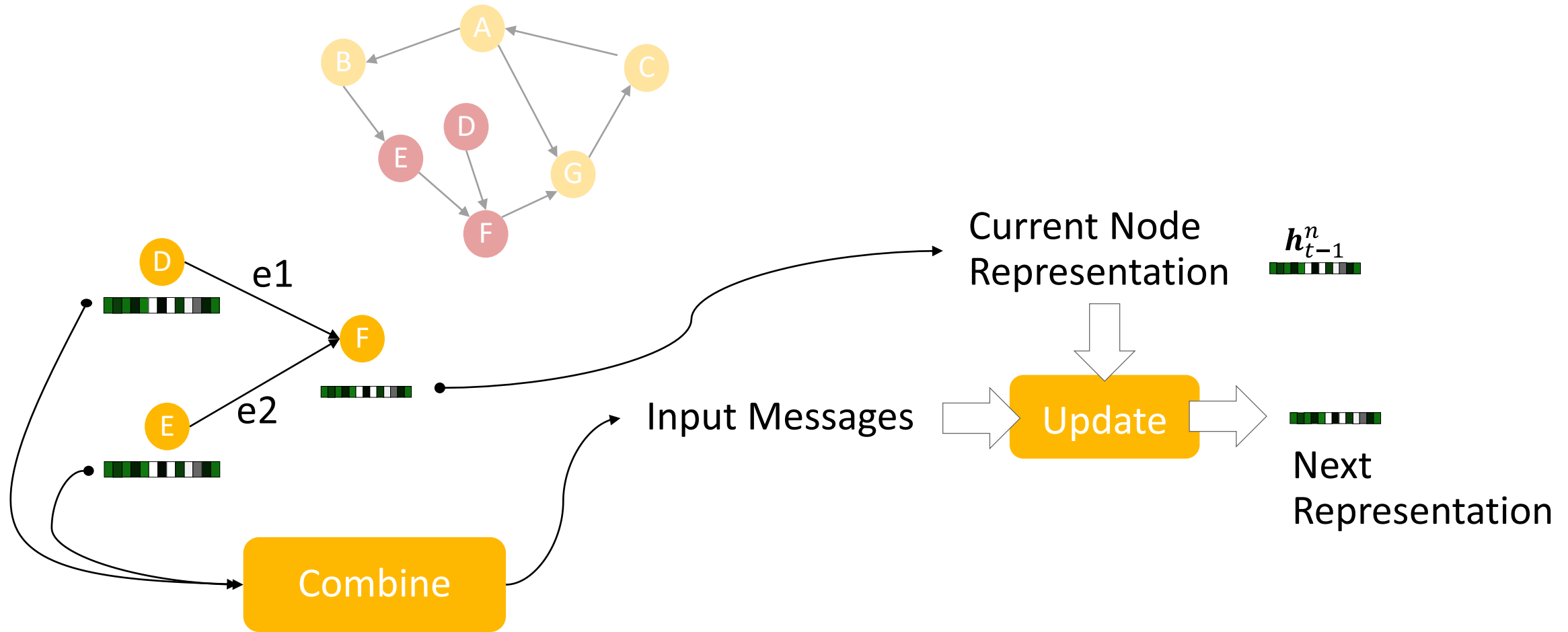


Initial Representation
of each node

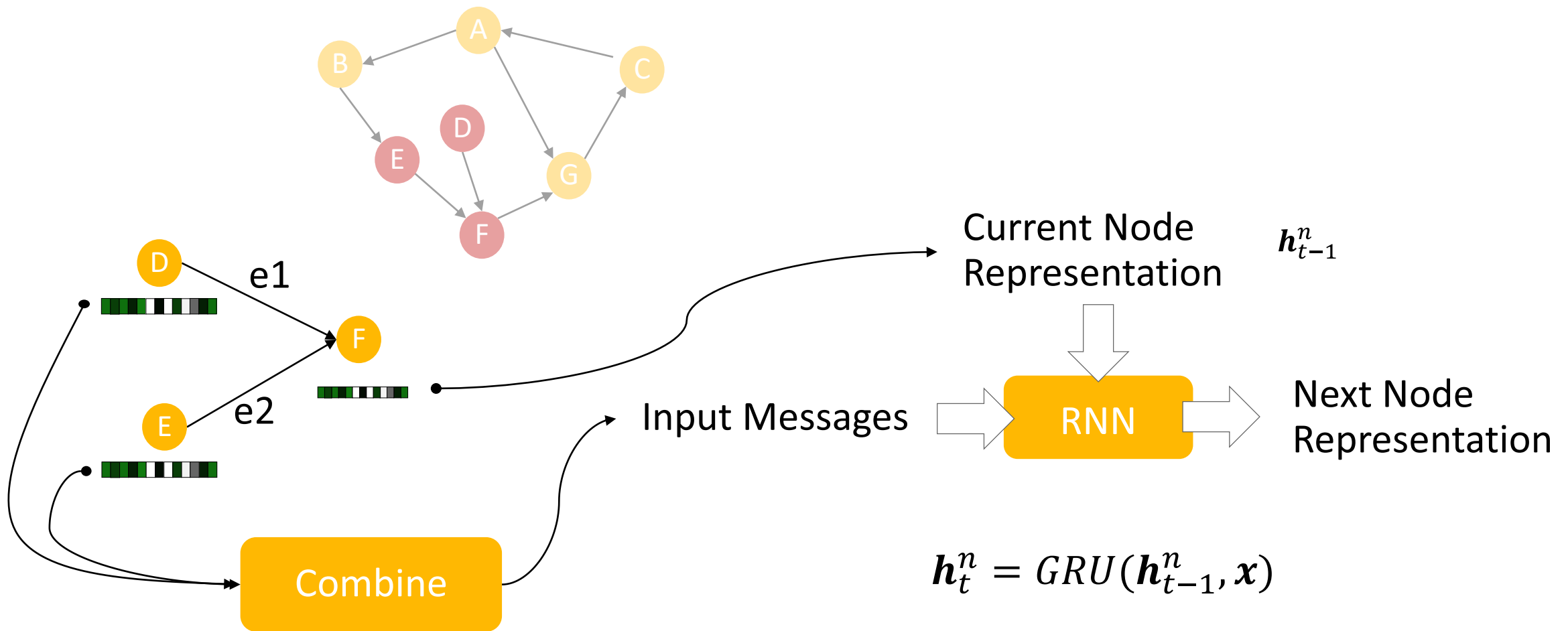
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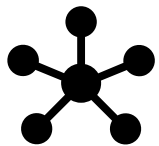


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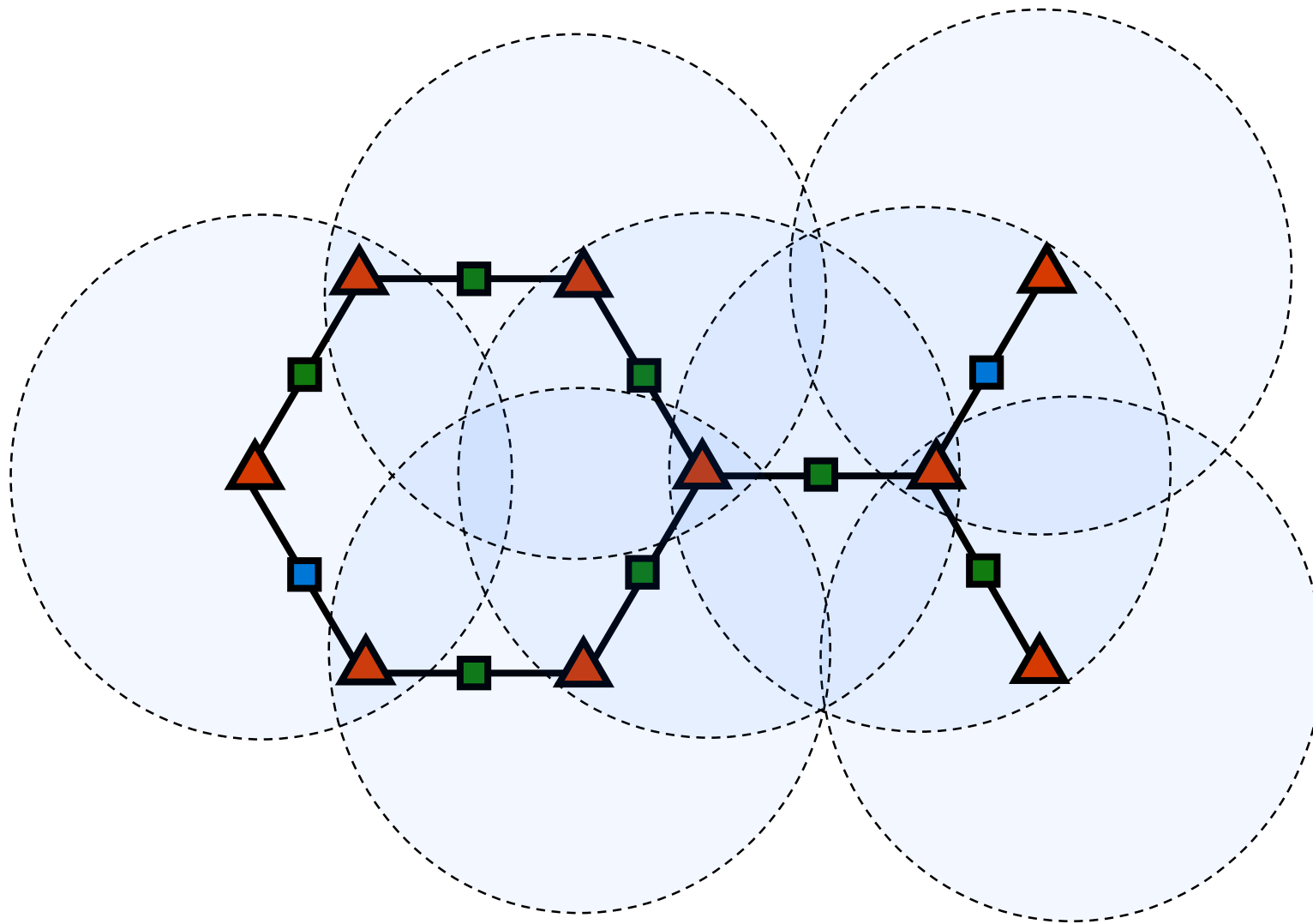


$$x = \sum_{n' \in \text{neig}(n)} E_{\tau(n' \rightarrow n)} h_{t-1}^{n'} + b_{\tau(n' \rightarrow n)}$$

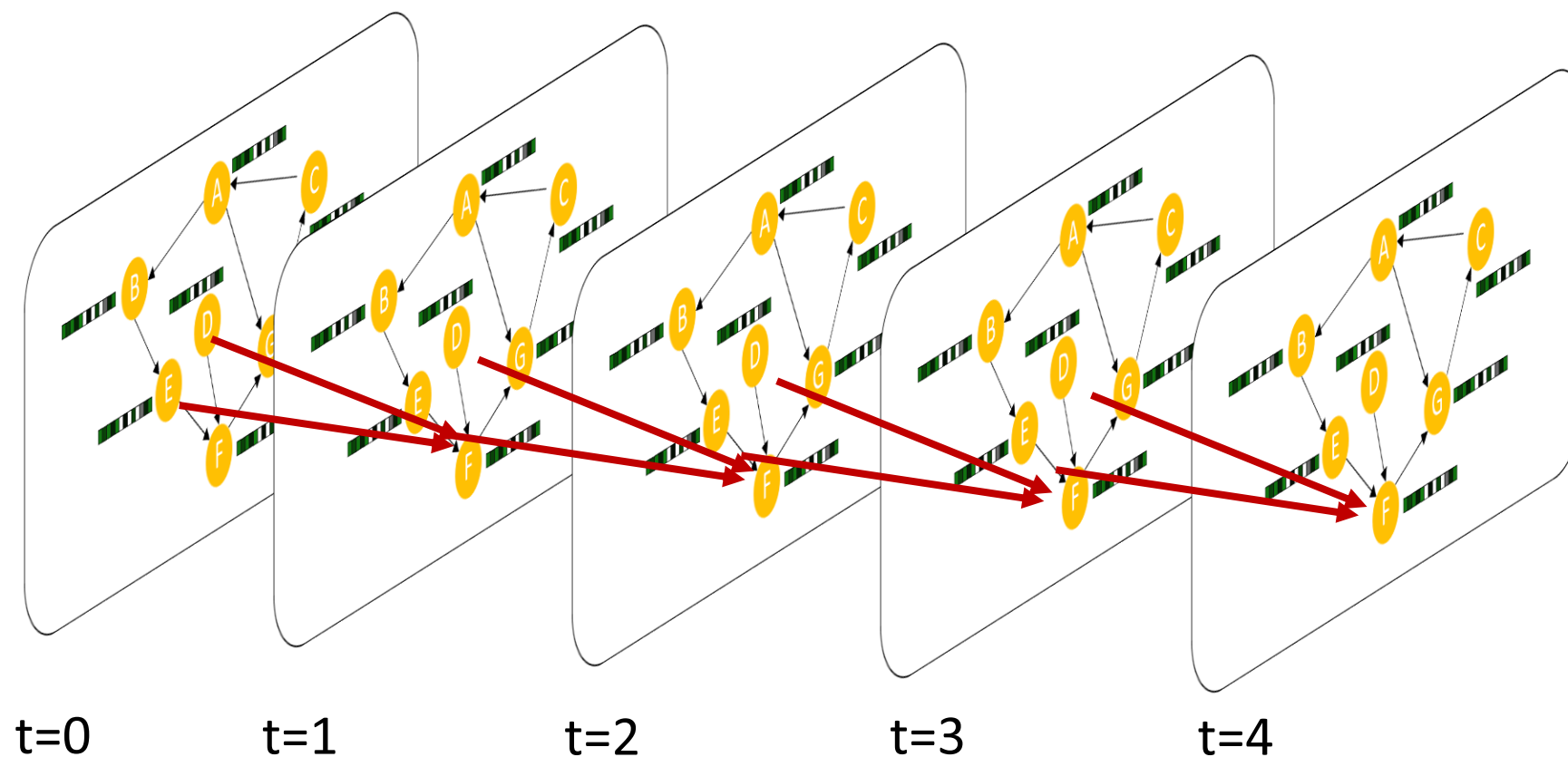
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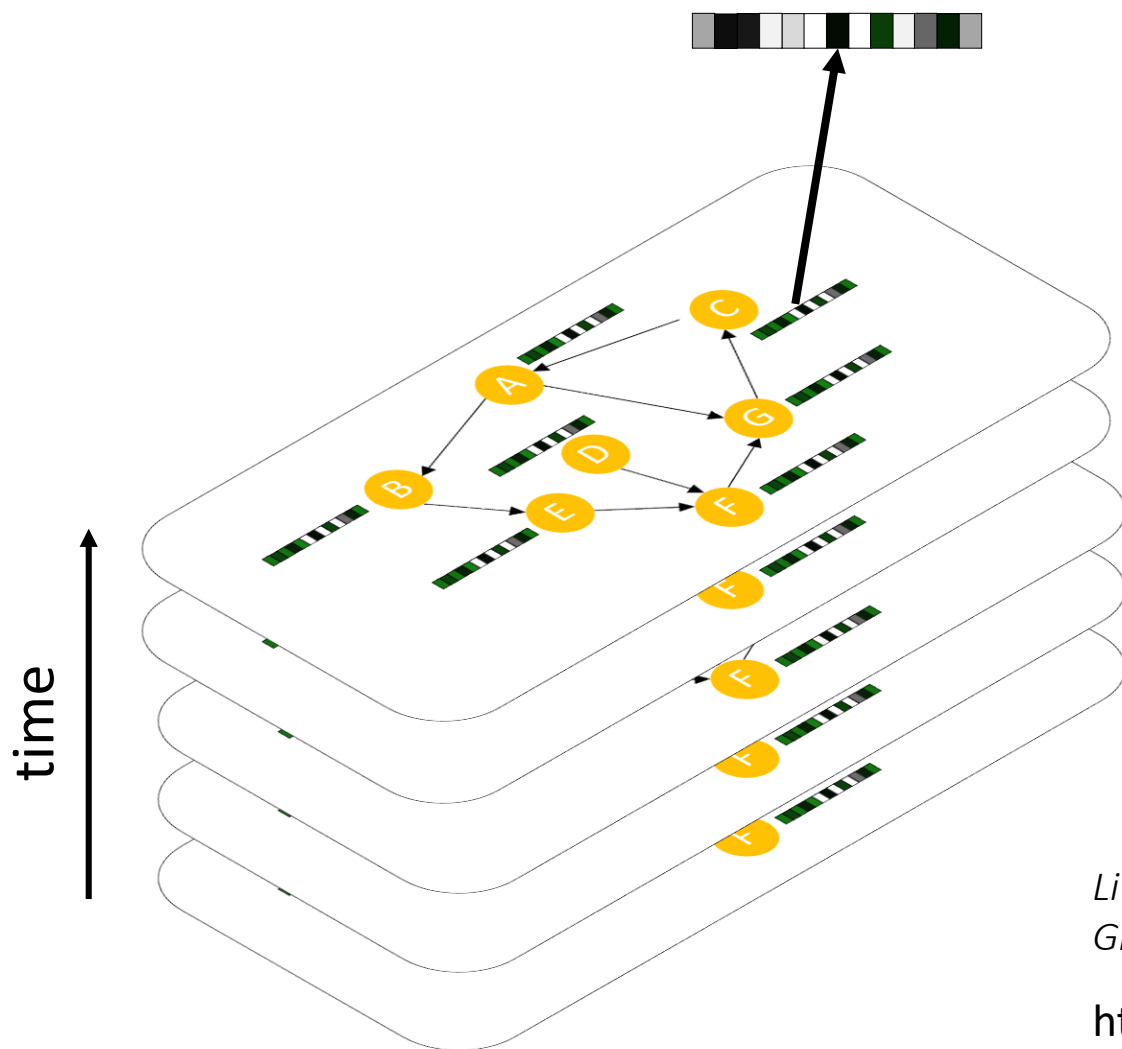


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- node selection
- node classification
- graph classification

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Unseen Projects: 3 F/OSS C# projects (228 kLOC): Used only for test

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bool TryFindGlobalDirectivesFile(string baseDirectory, string fullPath, out string path) {
    baseDirectory = baseDirectory.TrimEnd(Path.DirectorySeparatorChar);
    var directivesDirectory = Path.GetDirectoryName(
        fullPath
        .TrimEnd(Path.DirectorySeparatorChar));
    while (directivesDirectory != null && directivesDirectory.Length >= baseDirectory.Length)
    {
        path = Path.Combine(directivesDirectory, GlobalDirectivesFileName);
        if (File.Exists(path)) return true;

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    return false;
}
```

What the model sees...



UI/UX



ML Capabilities



Metrics

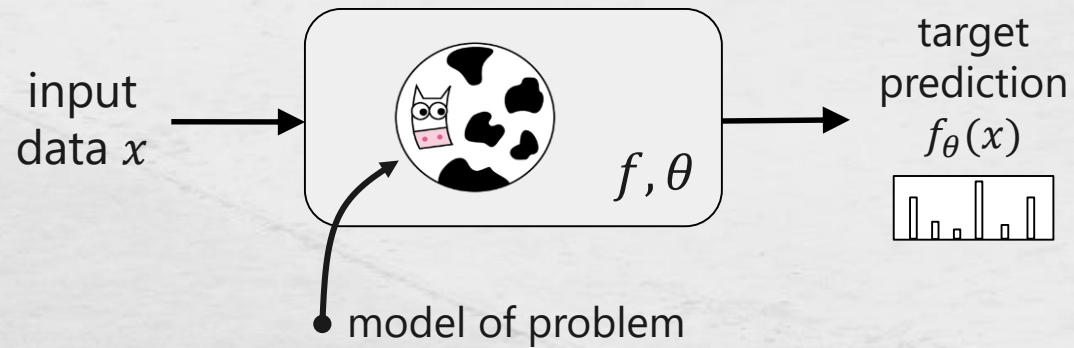


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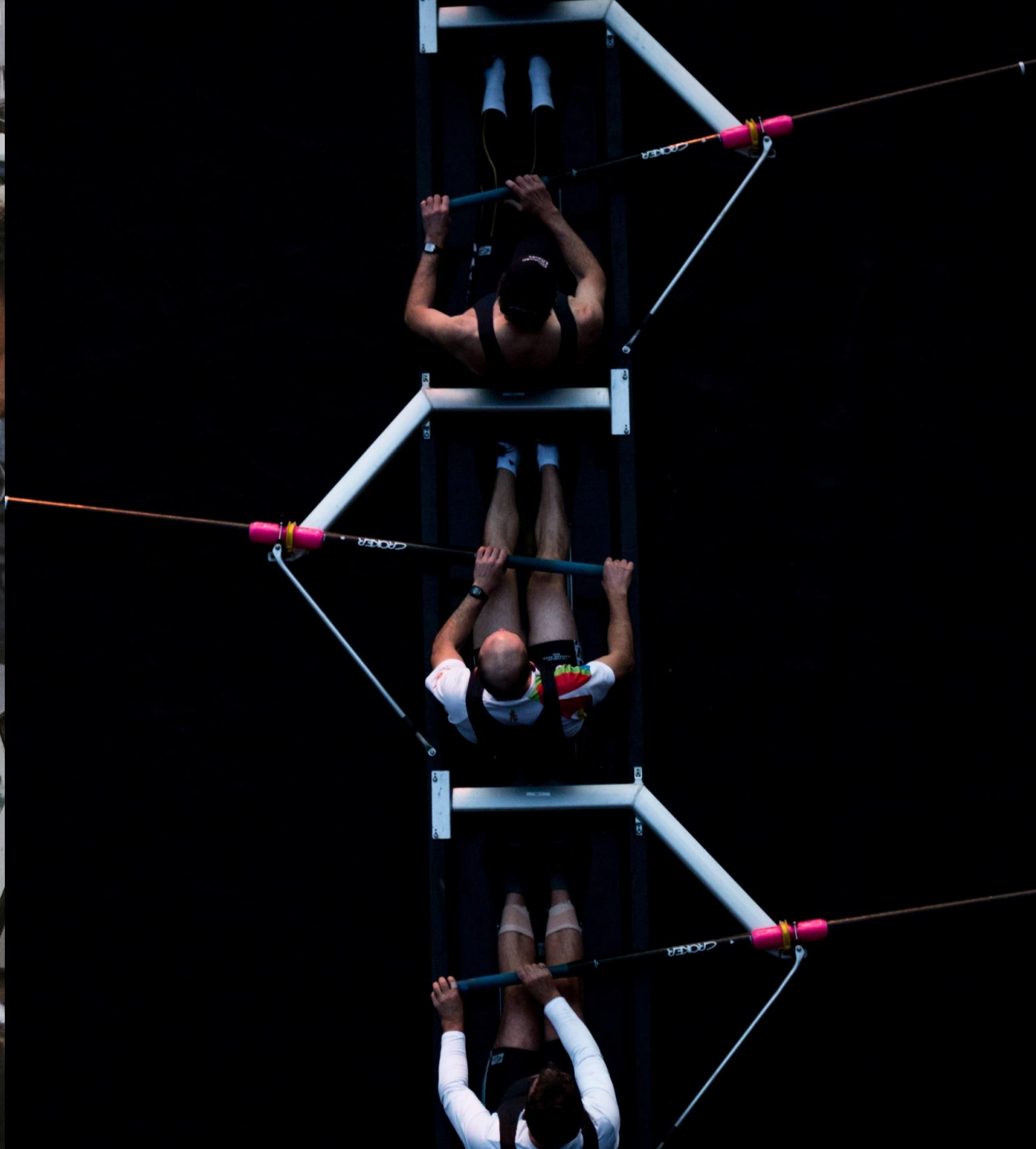




Learning Signals



- Given dataset $\{(x_1, y_0), \dots, (x_N, y_N)\}$
- Minimize Loss $\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i L(f_\theta(x_i), y_i)$



Source Code is Bimodal



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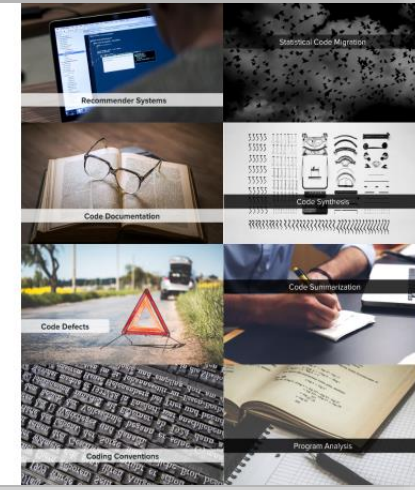
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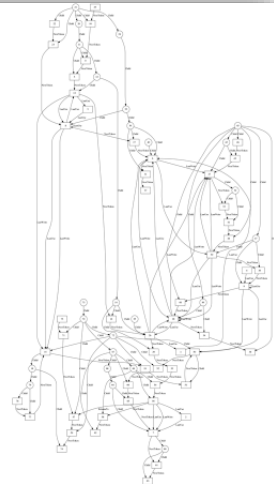
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