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Grammar Convergence

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What is grammar convergence?

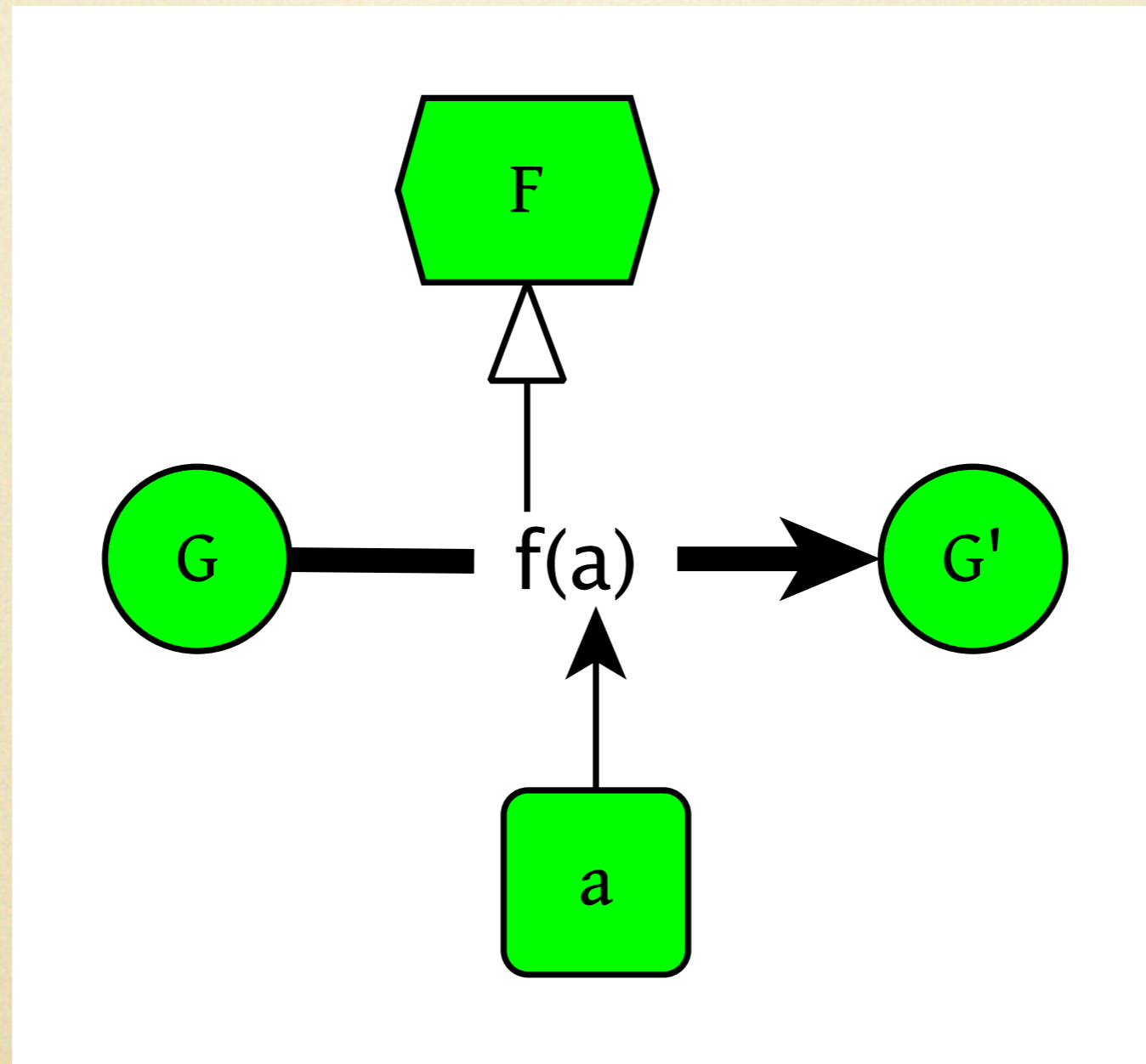
- Grammars in the broad sense
- Distributed grammar knowledge
- Surface and maintain relationships
- Transform grammars until convergence
- Lightweight verification

Grammar convergence framework

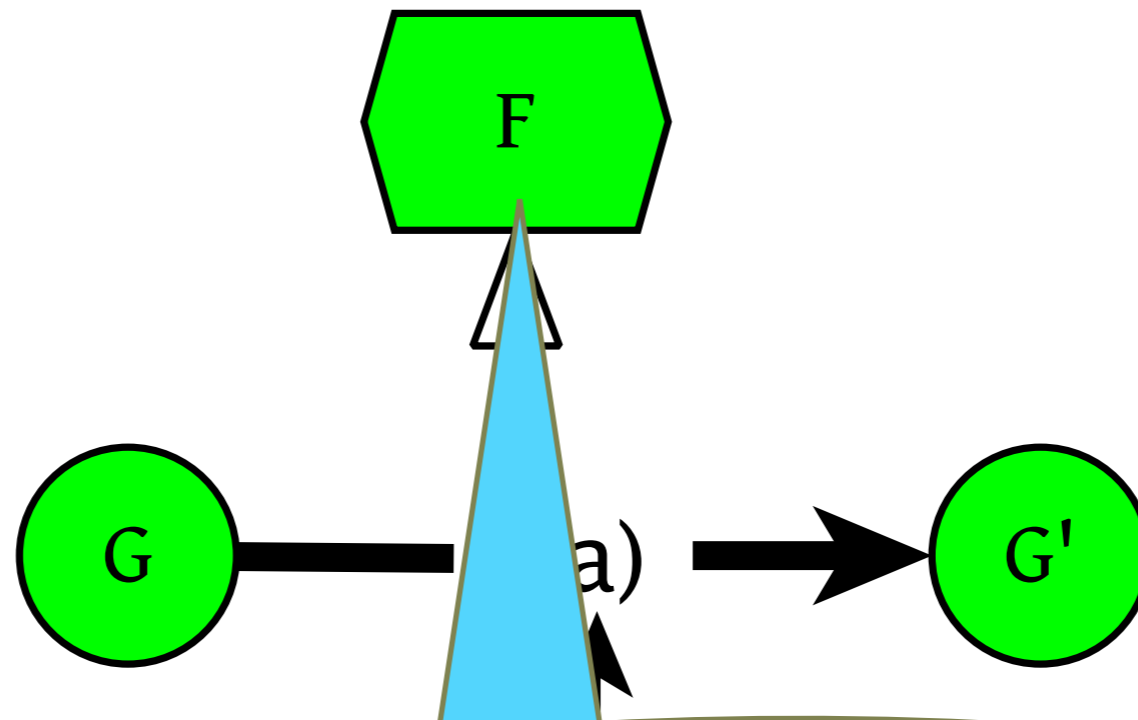
- Grammar format to abstract from idiosyncrasies
- Grammar extraction to feed into the format
- Grammar comparison for spotting grammar deviations
- Grammar transformation:
 - Refactoring
 - Extension / restriction
 - Revision

**Programmable
Grammar
Transformations**

Programmable G xformation



Programmable G xformation



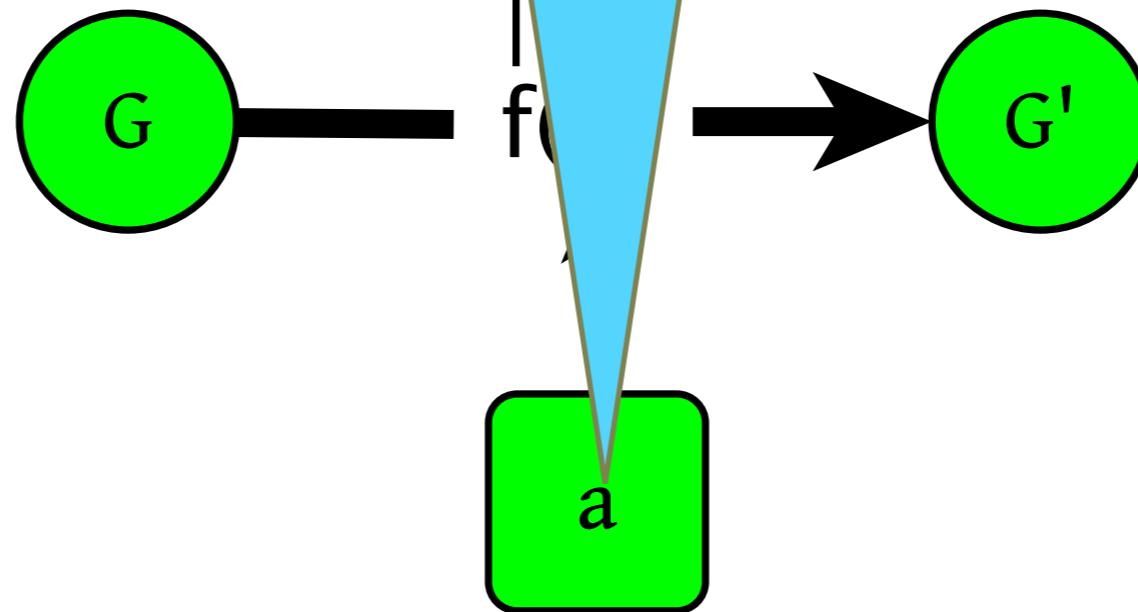
Operator

- known semantics, well-defined algorithm
 - rename, fold, factor, inject, remove, ...

Programmable G xformation

Arguments

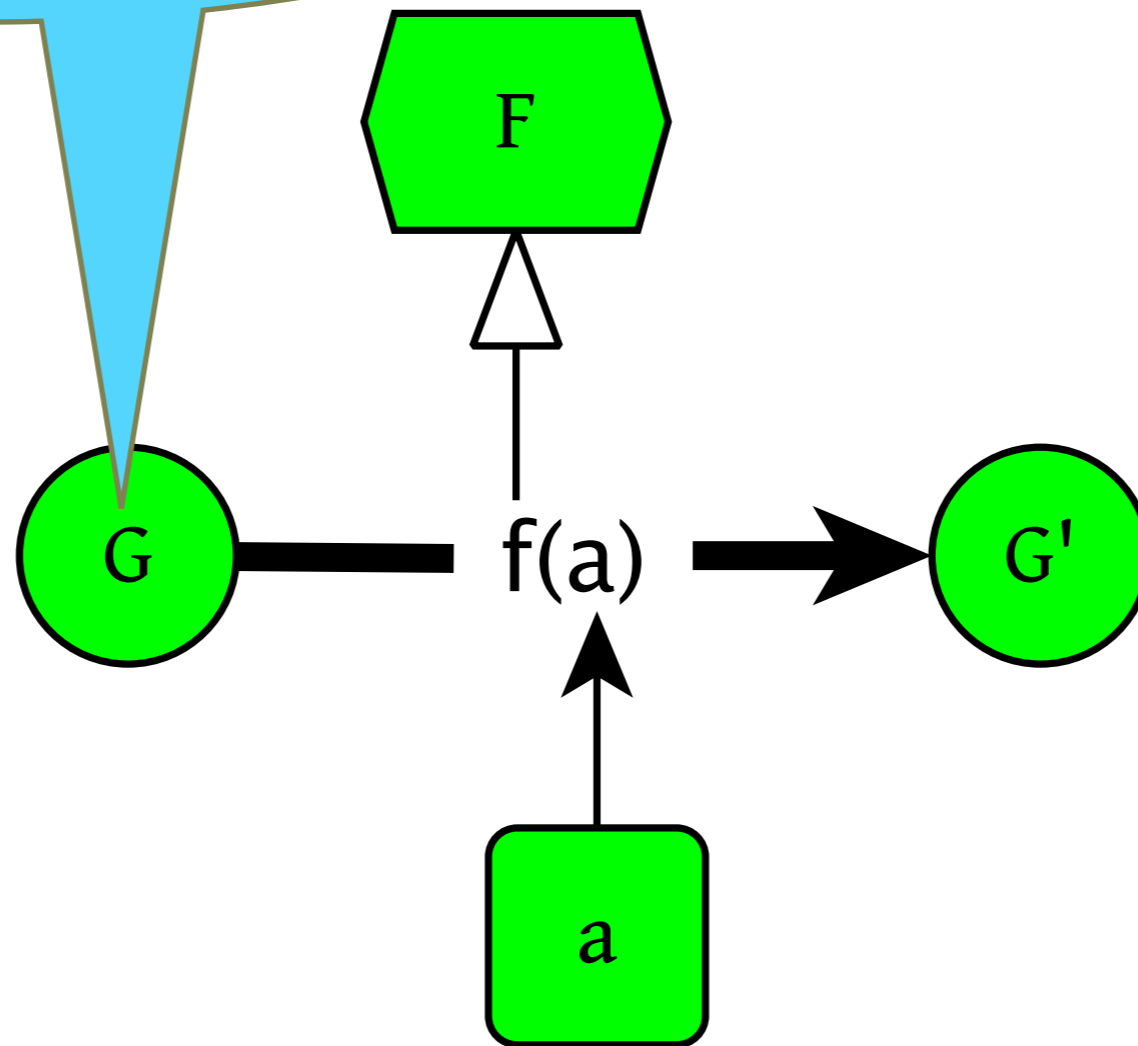
- what exactly to rename/factor/inject/...?



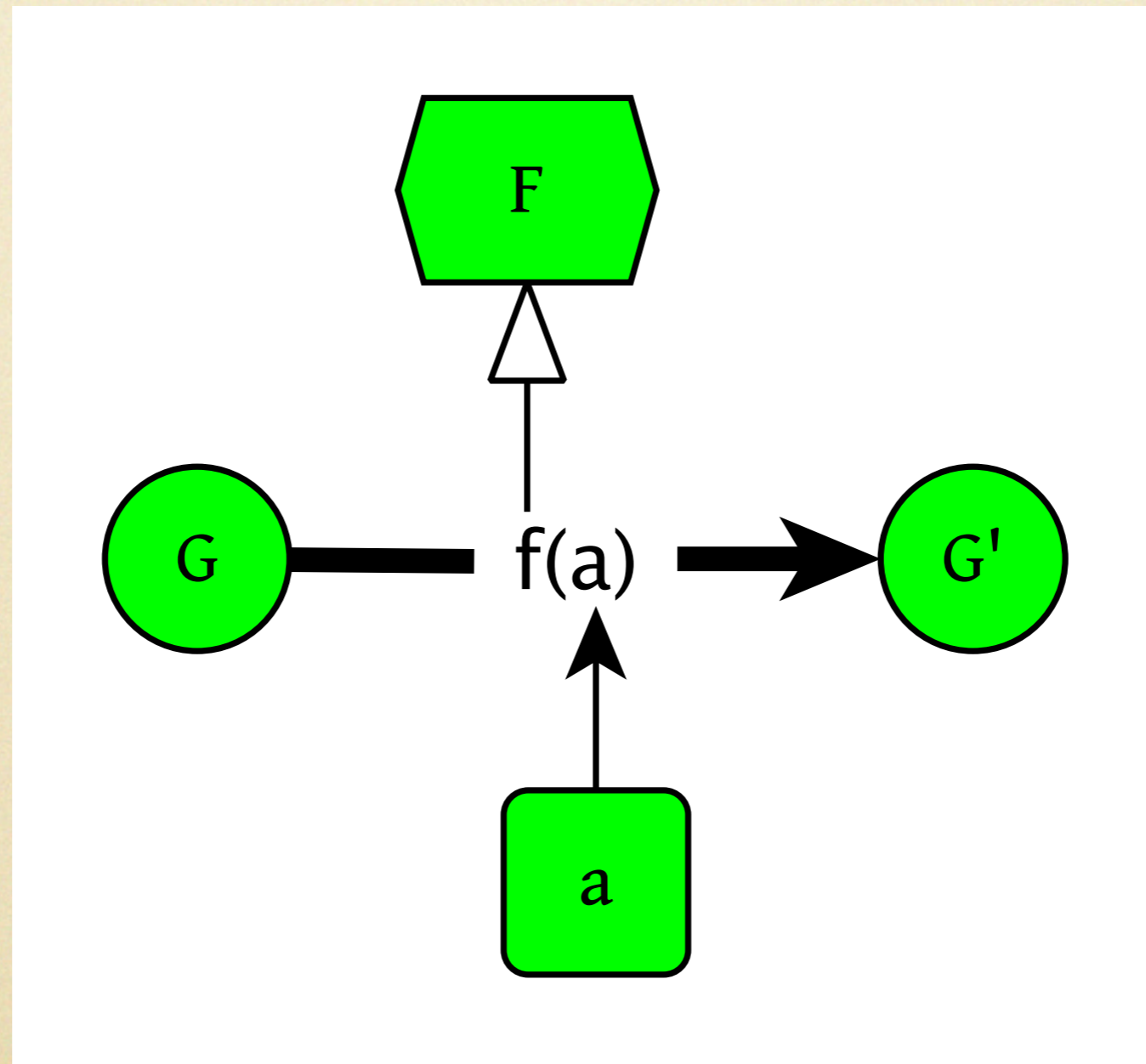
D... G xformation

Input grammar

- determines applicability



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XBGF Operator Suite

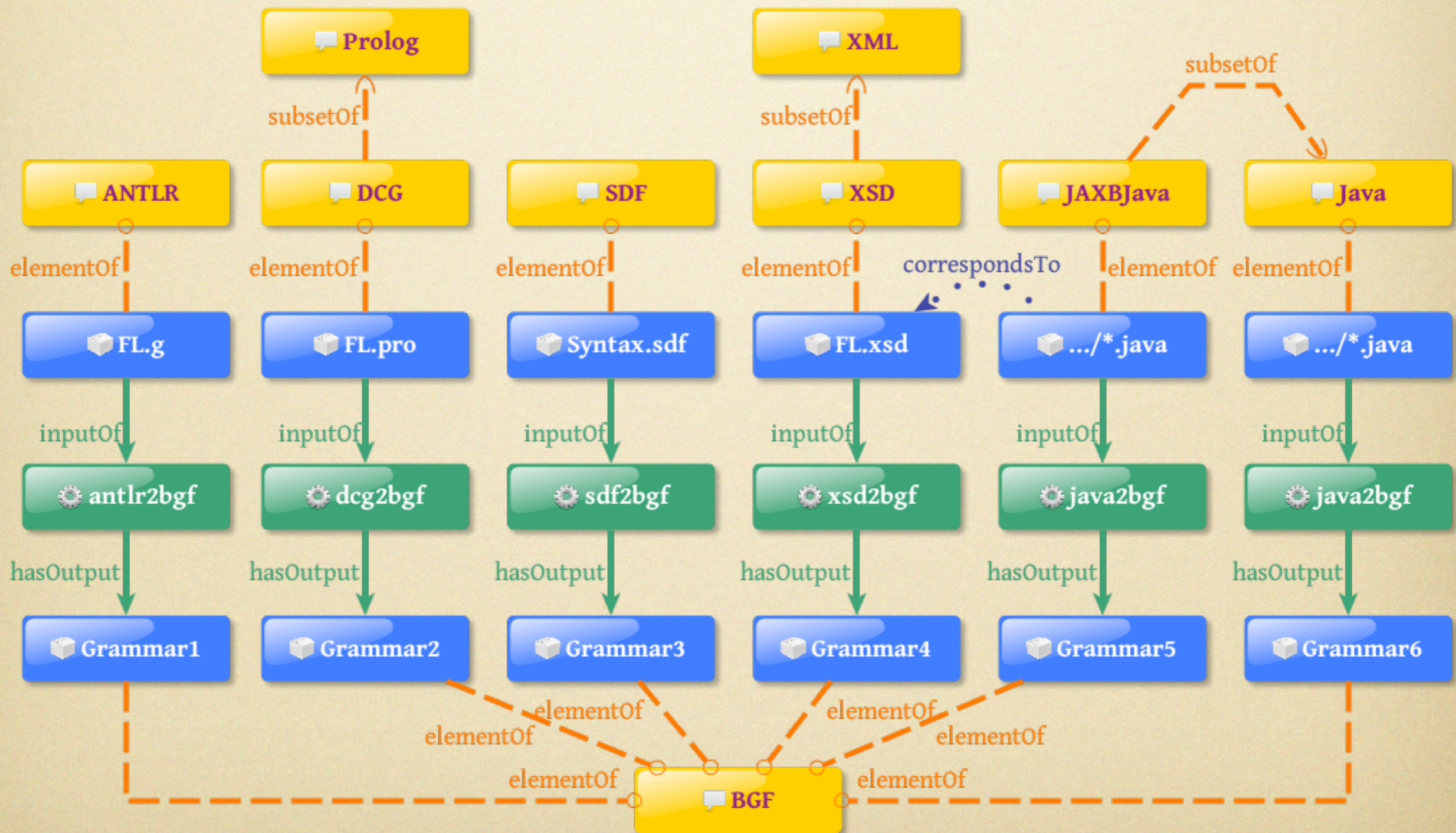
- Semantic-preserving operators
 - fold, unfold, extract, inline, massage, factor, deyaccify, ...
- (Some) semantic-preserving operators
 - permute, abstractize, concretize, designate, anonymize
- Language-increasing operators
 - add, appear, widen, upgrade, unite
- Language-decreasing operators
 - remove, disappear, narrow, downgrade
- Revising operators
 - redefine, inject, project, replace, ...

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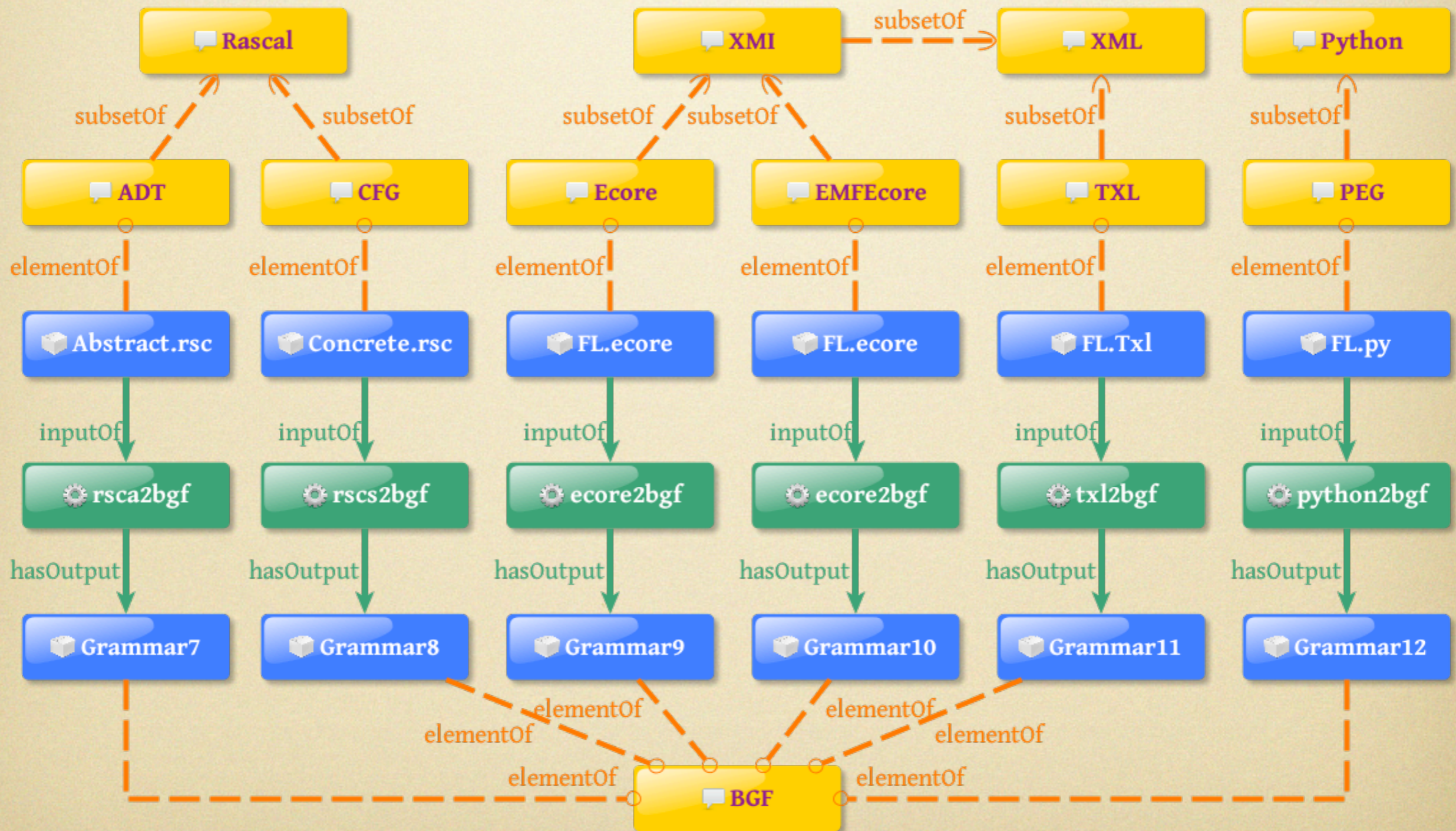
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Grammar Extraction

Grammar extraction



Grammar extraction!

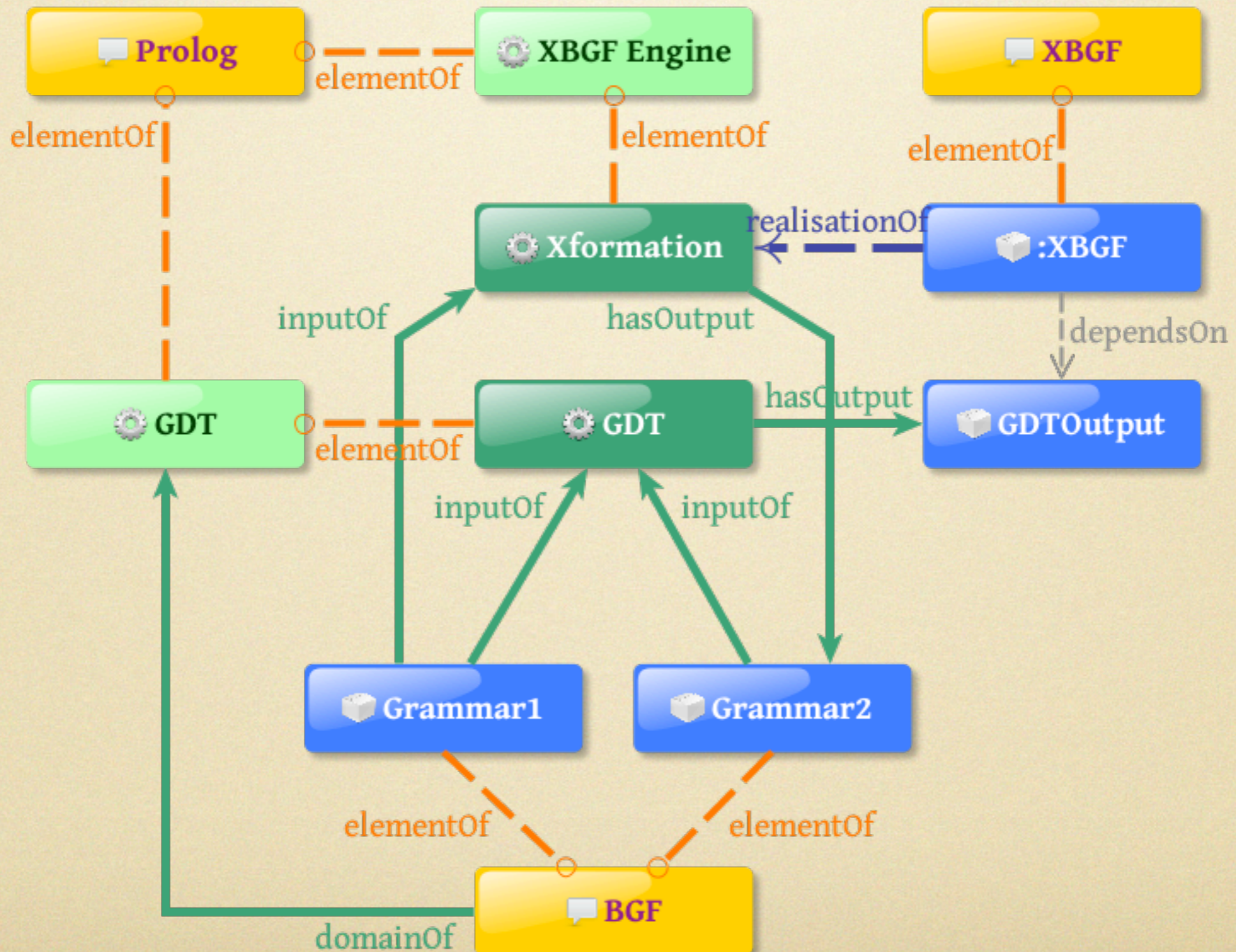


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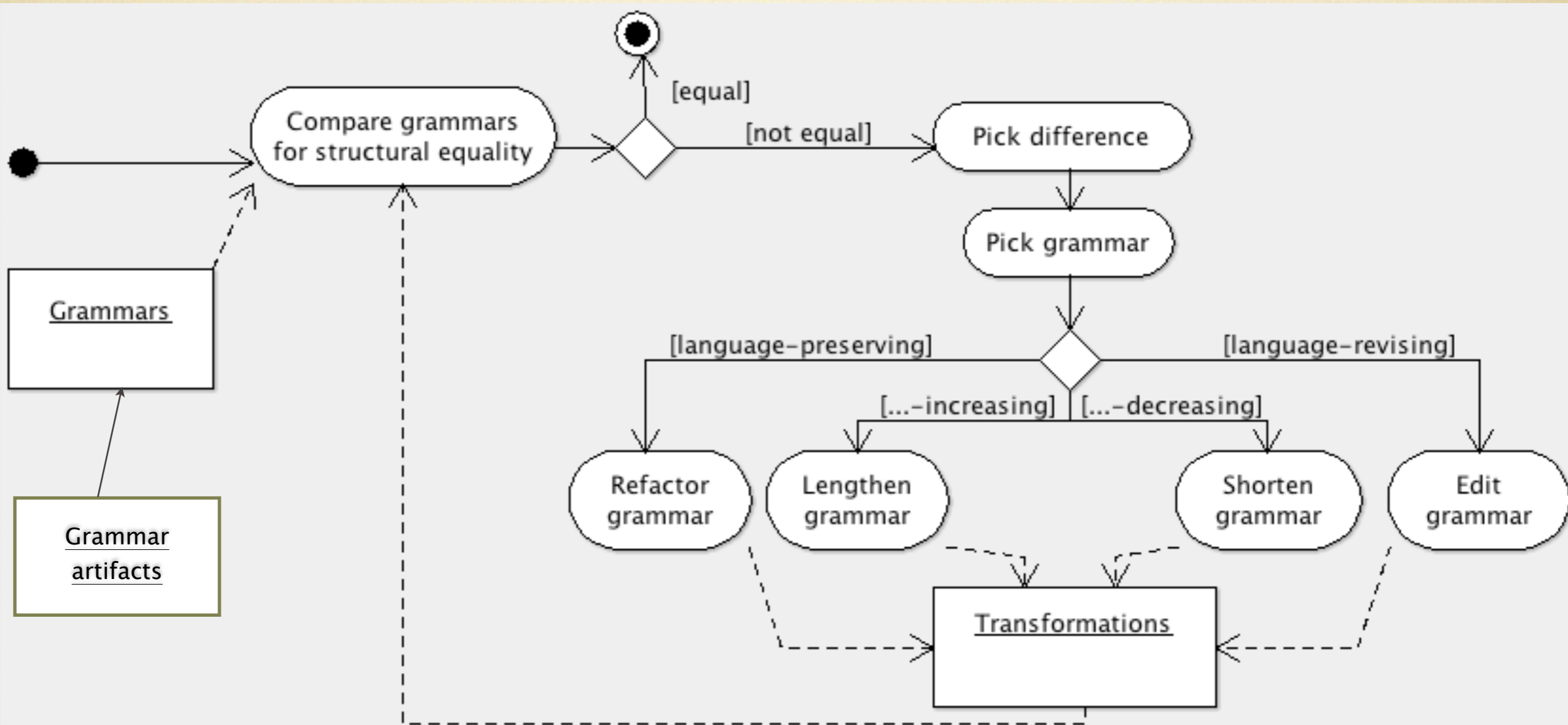
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Convergence Process

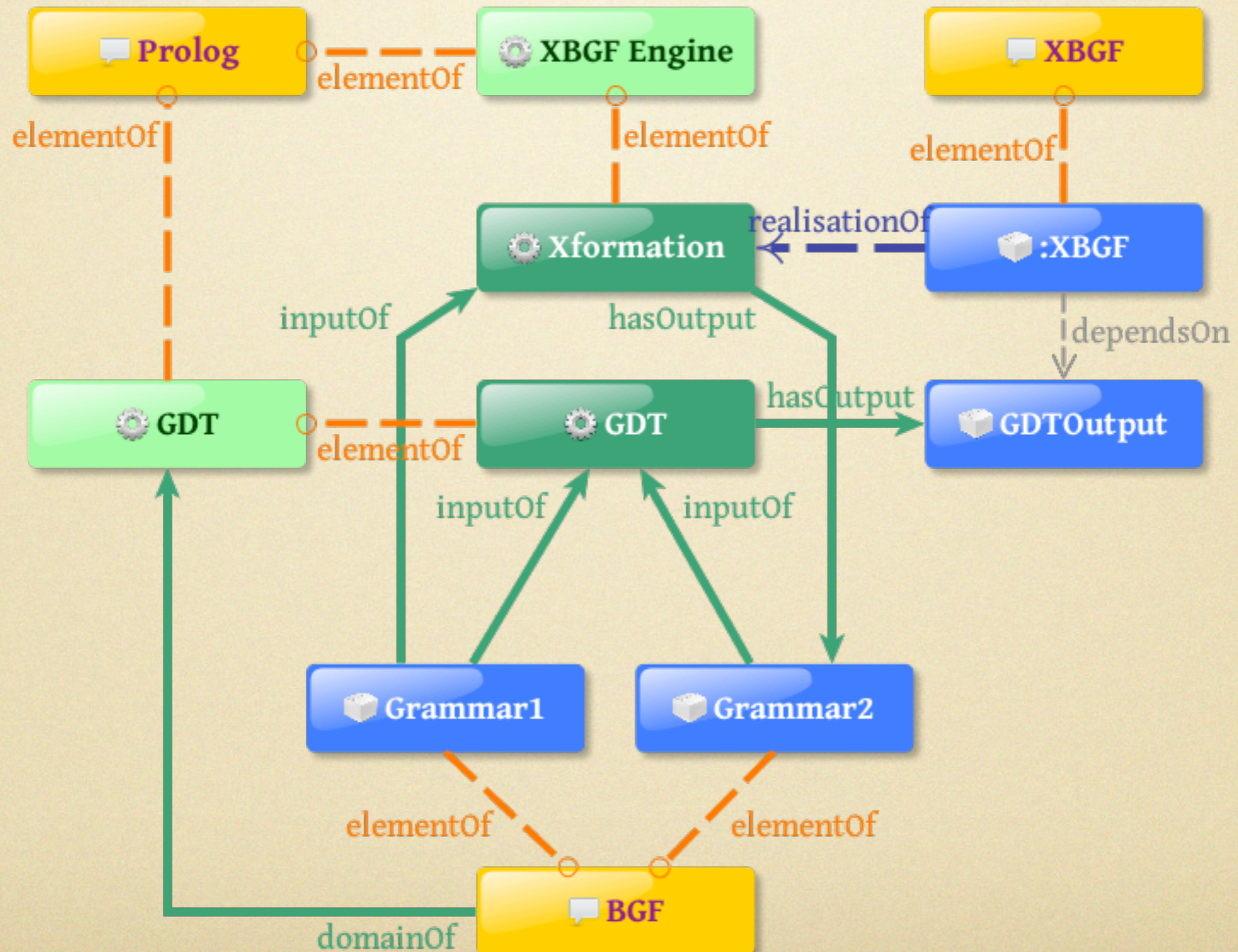
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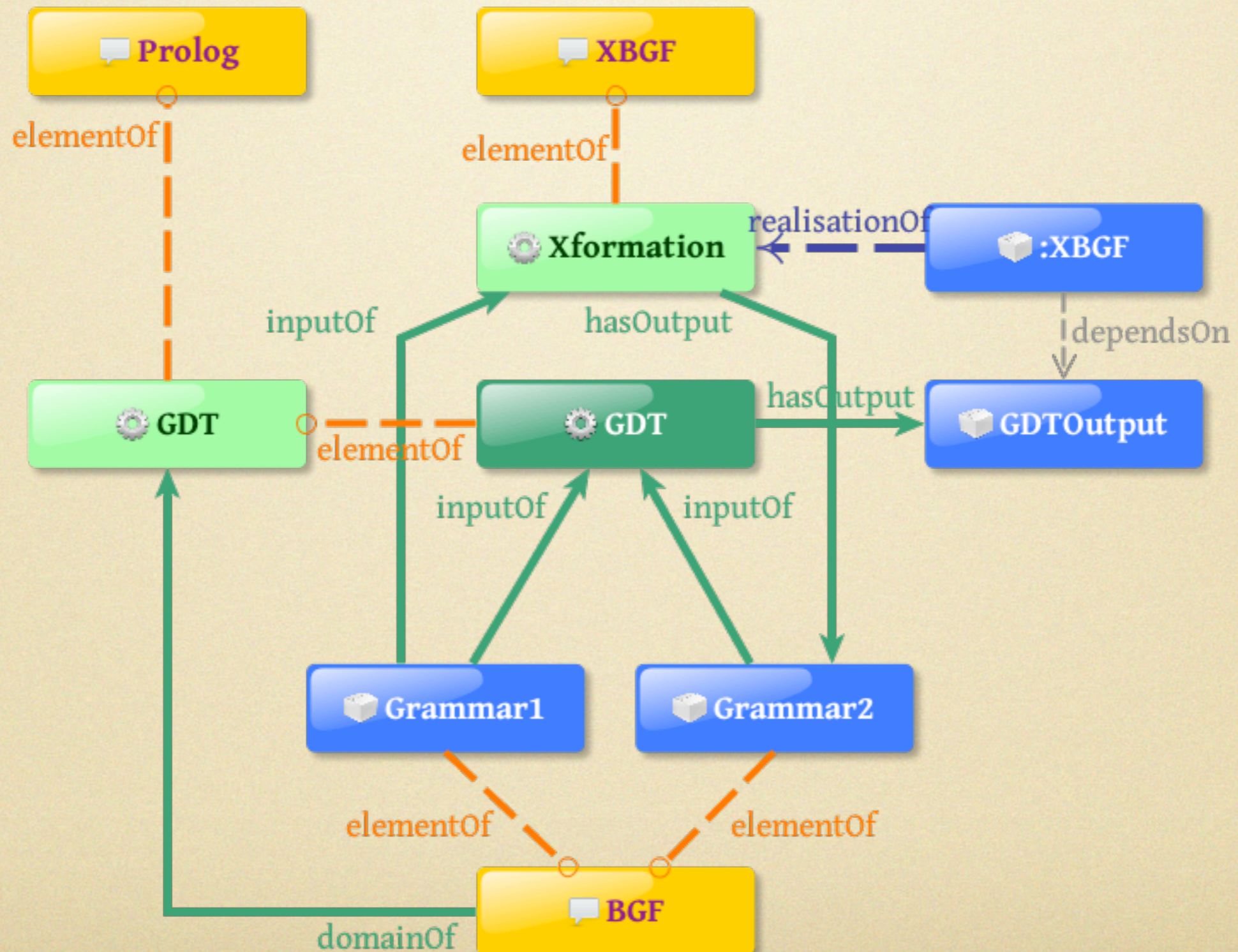
How convergence works



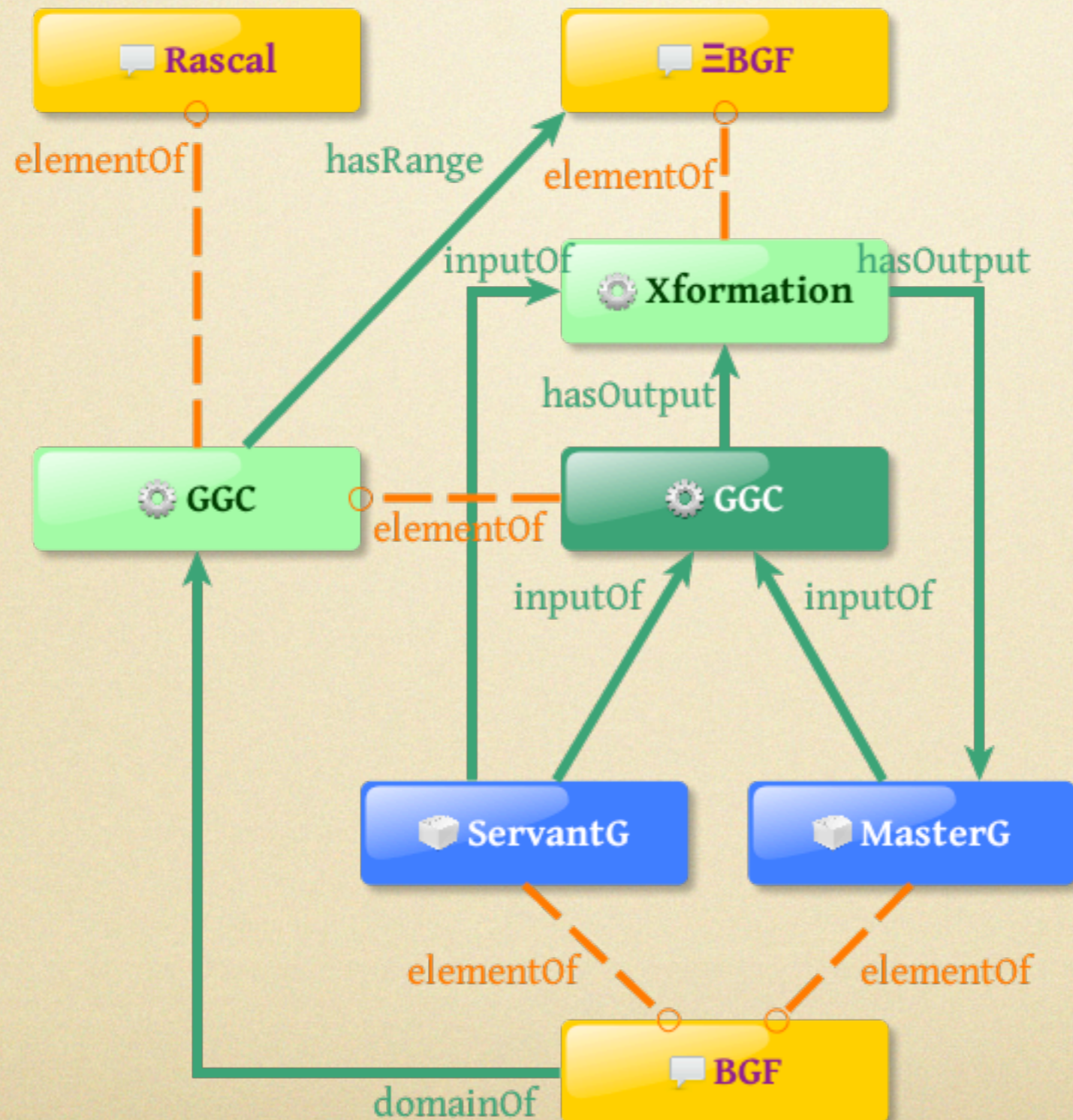
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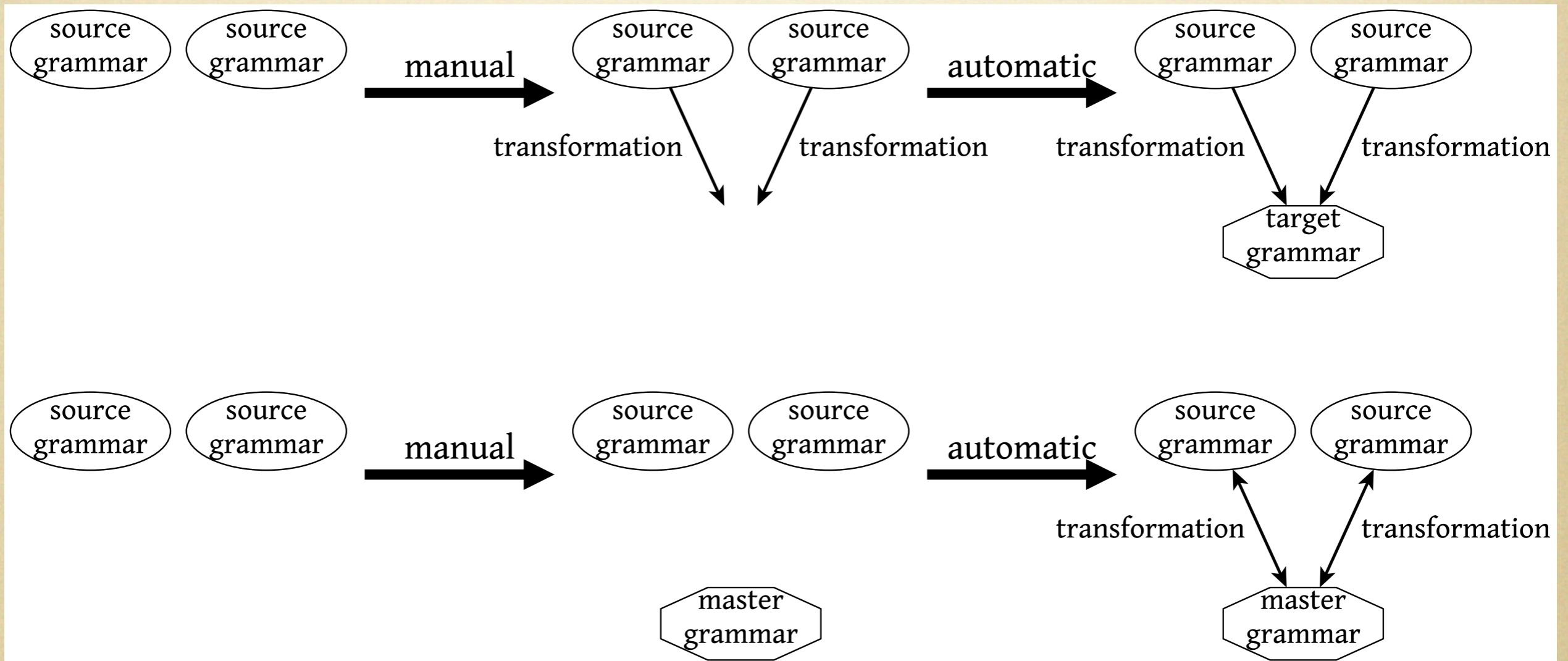
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Grammar convergence



Guided convergence



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**Guided
Grammar
Convergence**

The most trivial case

- Equal grammars
- Algebraically equivalent grammars
- Nothing to do here

Structural resolution

- Nonterminal vs. value
 - A vs. *string*
- Sequence permutations
 - $A B B A$ vs. $B B A A$
- Lists of symbols
 - A^* vs. A^+
- Separator lists... irrelevant

Nominal resolution

Production rule in the master grammar	Production signature
$p_1 = p(\text{“}, \underline{program}, +(function))$	$\{\langle function, + \rangle\}$
$p_2 = p(\text{“}, function, seq([str, +(str), expr]))$	$\{\langle expr, 1 \rangle, \langle str, 1+ \rangle\}$
$p_3 = p(\text{“}, expr, str)$	$\{\langle str, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_4 = p(\text{“}, expr, int)$	$\{\langle int, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_5 = p(\text{“}, expr, apply)$	$\{\langle apply, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_6 = p(\text{“}, expr, binary)$	$\{\langle binary, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_7 = p(\text{“}, expr, cond)$	$\{\langle cond, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_8 = p(\text{“}, apply, seq([str, +(expr)]))$	$\{\langle expr, + \rangle, \langle str, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_9 = p(\text{“}, binary, seq([expr, operator, expr]))$	$\{\langle expr, 11 \rangle, \langle operator, 1 \rangle\}$
$p_{10} = p(\text{“}, cond, seq([expr, expr, expr]))$	$\{\langle expr, 111 \rangle\}$

Table 1. Production rules of the master grammar for FL, with their production signatures.

Definitions

- Nonterminal footprint
- Production signature
- Prodsig-equivalence
- Weak prodsig-equivalence
- Nominal resolution

Nominal resolution example

Production rule	Production signature	Prerequisite	Match	$p_i \diamond q_j$
$q_1 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Fragment}, Expr)$	$\{\langle Expr, 1 \rangle\}$	roots	$p_1 \neq q_1$	$\{\langle program, Fragment \rangle\}$ $\{\langle \omega, Fragment \rangle\}$
$q_2 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Program}, + (Function))$	$\{\langle Function, + \rangle\}$	roots	$p_1 \doteq q_2$	$\{\langle program, Program \rangle\}$
$q_3 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Function}, seq([str, + (str), Expr]))$	$\{\langle str, 1+ \rangle, \langle Expr, 1 \rangle\}$		$p_2 \doteq q_3$	$\{\langle function, Function \rangle\}$
$q_4 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}, int)$	$\{\langle int, 1 \rangle\}$		$p_3 \doteq q_5$	$\{\langle str, str \rangle, \langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$
$q_5 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}, str)$	$\{\langle str, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle str, str \rangle\}$	$p_4 \doteq q_4$	$\{\langle int, int \rangle\}$
$q_6 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}, Expr_1)$	$\{\langle Expr_1, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle, \langle str, str \rangle\}$	$p_5 \doteq q_8$	$\{\langle apply, Expr_3 \rangle\}$
$q_7 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}, Expr_2)$	$\{\langle Expr_2, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle, \langle str, str \rangle\}$	$p_8 \doteq q_{11}$	
$q_8 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}, Expr_3)$	$\{\langle Expr_3, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_6 \doteq q_6$	$\{\langle binary, Expr_1 \rangle\}$
$q_9 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}_1, seq([Ops, Expr, Expr]))$	$\{\langle Ops, 1 \rangle, \langle Expr, 11 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_9 \doteq q_9$	$\{\langle operator, Ops \rangle\}$
$q_{10} = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}_2, seq([Expr, Expr, Expr]))$	$\{\langle Expr, 111 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_7 \doteq q_7$	$\{\langle cond, Expr_2 \rangle\}$
$q_{11} = p(\text{“}, \underline{Expr}_3, seq([str, + (Expr)]))$	$\{\langle str, 1 \rangle, \langle Expr, + \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_{10} \doteq q_{10}$	

Table 2. On the left: production rules of the servant grammar for FL, derived from the XML schema, with their production signatures. On the right: the process of derivation of the nominal resolution relation $p_i \diamond q_j$. Note how two hypotheses must be formed and one of them rejected, because this servant grammar has two roots and both need to be checked for prodsig-equivalence with the root of the master grammar. Other than that, all production rules are matched with strong equivalence.

Nominal resolution example

Production rule	Production signature	Prerequisite	Match	$p_i \diamond r_j$
$r_1 = p(\text{“}, \underline{Program}, +(Function))$	$\{\langle Function, + \rangle\}$	roots	$p_1 \simeq r_1$	$\{\langle program, Program \rangle\}$
$r_2 = p(\text{“}, Function, seq([Name, +(Name), Expr, +(CR)]))$	$\{\langle CR, + \rangle, \langle Expr, 1 \rangle, \langle Name, 1+ \rangle\}$		$p_2 \simeq r_2$	$\{\langle function, Function \rangle\}$
$r_3 = p(\text{“}, Expr, Expr_1)$	$\{\langle Expr_1, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle str, Name \rangle\}$	$p_3 \simeq r_6$	$\{\langle \omega, CR \rangle, \langle str, Name \rangle, \langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$
$r_4 = p(\text{“}, Expr, Expr_2)$	$\{\langle Expr_2, 1 \rangle\}$		$p_4 \simeq r_7$	$\{\langle int, Int \rangle\}$
$r_5 = p(\text{“}, Expr, Expr_3)$	$\{\langle Expr_3, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle, \langle str, Name \rangle\}$	$p_5 \simeq r_4$	$\{\langle apply, Expr_2 \rangle\}$
$r_6 = p(\text{“}, Expr, Name)$	$\{\langle Name, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle, \langle str, Name \rangle\}$	$p_8 \simeq r_9$	
$r_7 = p(\text{“}, Expr, Int)$	$\{\langle Int, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_7 \simeq r_5$	$\{\langle cond, Expr_3 \rangle\}$
$r_8 = p(\text{“}, Expr_1, seq([Expr, Ops, Expr]))$	$\{\langle Ops, 1 \rangle, \langle Expr, 11 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_{10} \simeq r_{10}$	
$r_9 = p(\text{“}, Expr_2, seq([Name, +(Expr)]))$	$\{\langle Expr, + \rangle, \langle Name, 1 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_6 \simeq r_3$	$\{\langle binary, Expr_1 \rangle\}$
$r_{10} = p(\text{“}, Expr_3, seq([Expr, Expr, Expr]))$	$\{\langle Expr, 111 \rangle\}$	$\{\langle expr, Expr \rangle\}$	$p_9 \simeq r_8$	$\{\langle operator, Ops \rangle\}$

Table 3. On the left: production rules of the servant grammar for FL, derived from a corresponding SDF syntax definition, with their production signatures. On the right: the process of derivation of the nominal resolution relation $p_i \diamond r_j$. Note how a special lexical nonterminal for CR nonterminal remains unmatched due to weak equivalence of production rules that contain it.

Abstract Normal Form

- (1) lack of labels for production rules
- (2) lack of named subexpressions
- (3) lack of terminal symbols
- (4) maximal outward factoring of inner choices
- (5) lack of horizontal production rules
- (6) lack of separator lists
- (7) lack of trivially defined nonterminals (with α , ε or φ)
- (8) no mixing of chain and non-chain production rules
- (9) the nonterminal call graph is connected, and its top nonterminals are the starting symbols of the grammar

Grammar design mutation

- Deyaccification
 - $B = C B \mid C$ vs. $B = C^+$
- Layers vs. priorities
 - $X = \dots \mid Y; Y = \dots \mid X;$ vs $X = \dots \mid \dots;$
- Associativity
 - $A \circ A$ vs. $A (\circ A)^*$

Unresolved

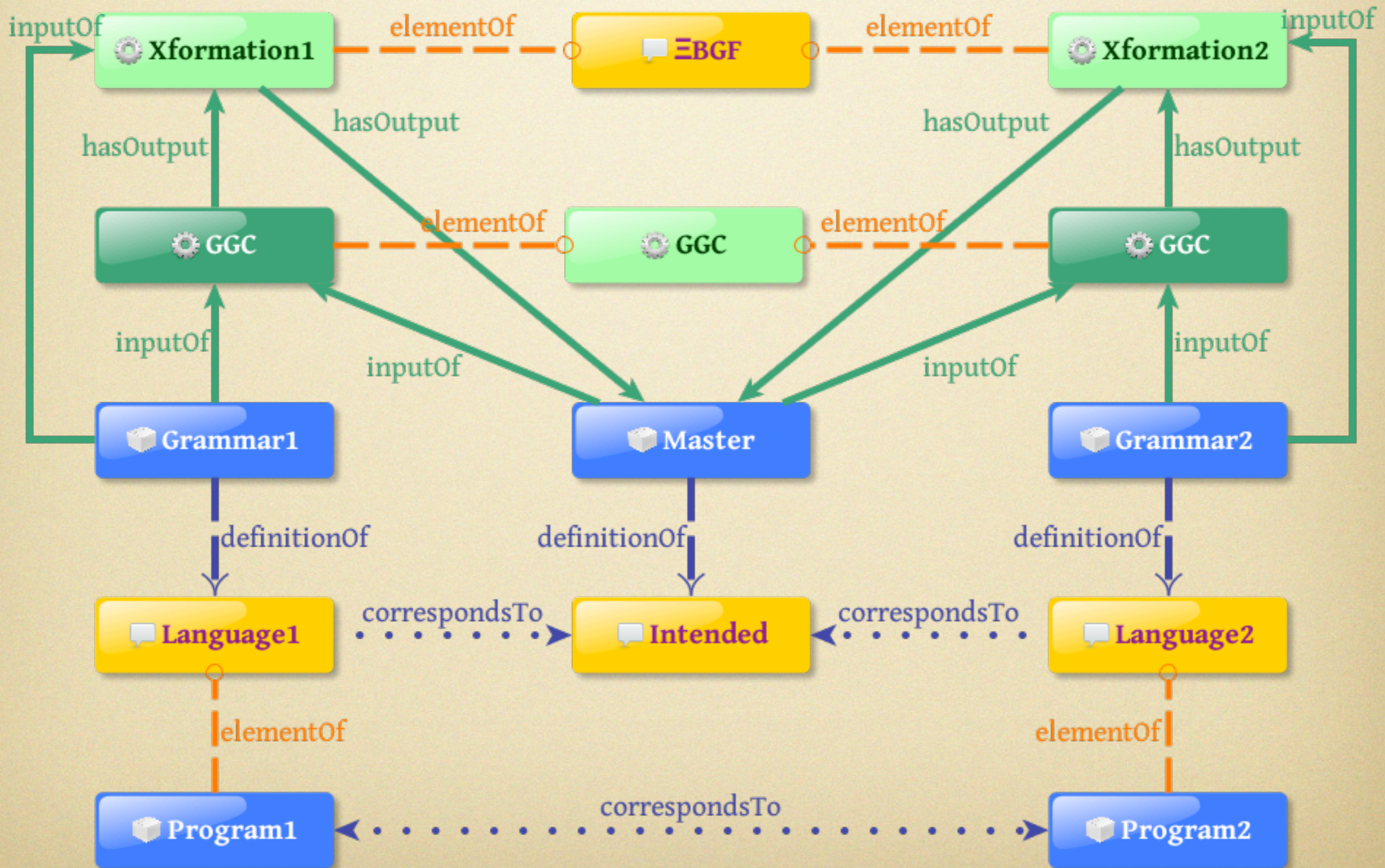
- Aggregation

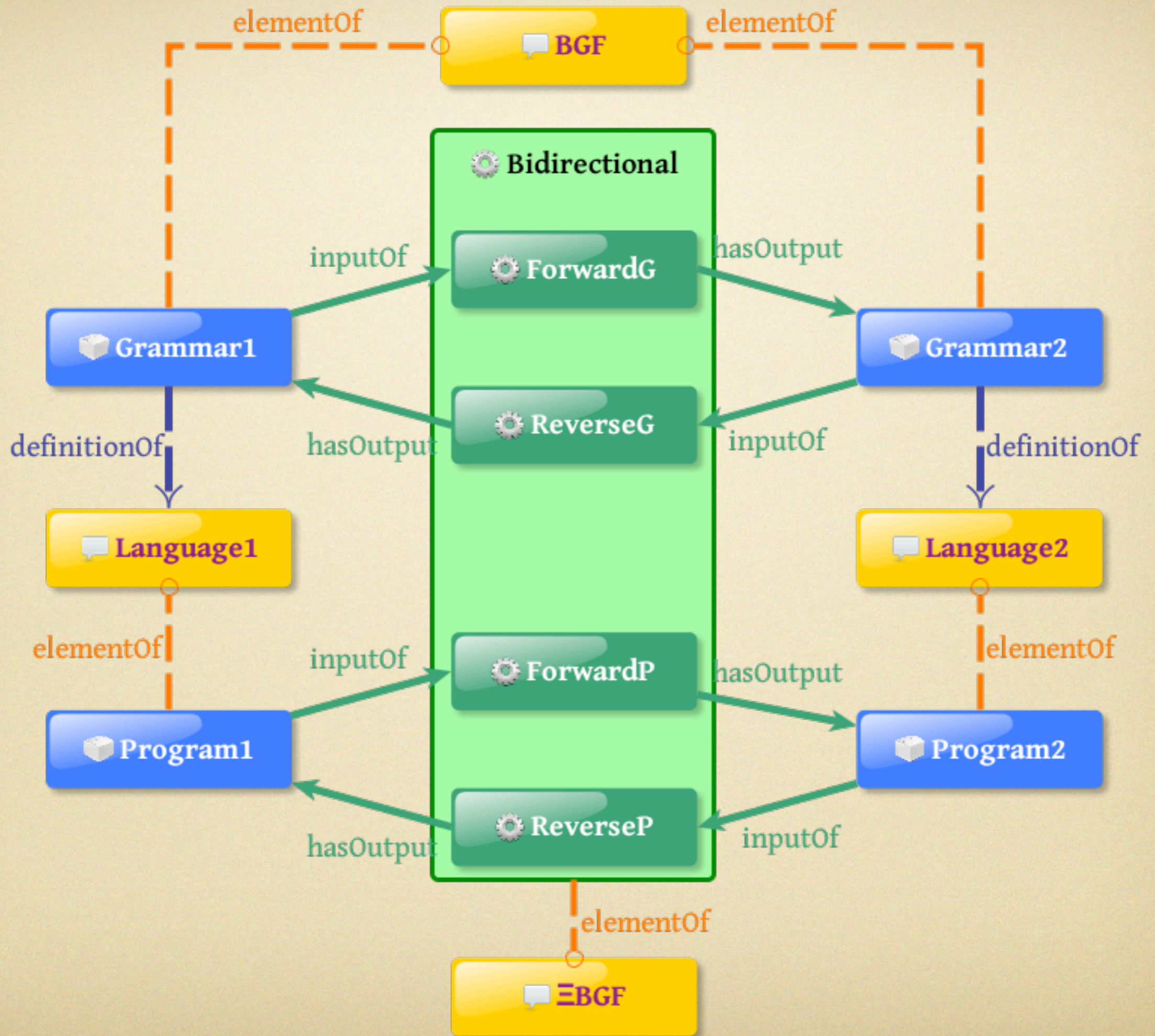
Master grammar	Ecore
$\text{exp}:$ STR exp^+	$\text{ApplyExp}:$ Function Exp^+

- Meaningful chain rules

Master grammar	Ecore
$\text{exp}:$ exp op exp	$\text{BinaryExp}:$ PlusExp $\text{BinaryExp}:$ MinusExp $\text{BinaryExp}:$ EqualExp $\text{PlusExp}:$ Exp Exp $\text{MinusExp}:$ Exp Exp $\text{EqualExp}:$ Exp Exp

Final megamodel





To summarise

- Convergence reverse engineers relationships
- We need:
 - extractor
 - transformer
- Guided convergence infers relationships between different grammars of one ~~intended~~ problem language



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