

Updating XML Data & Transaction Support for XML

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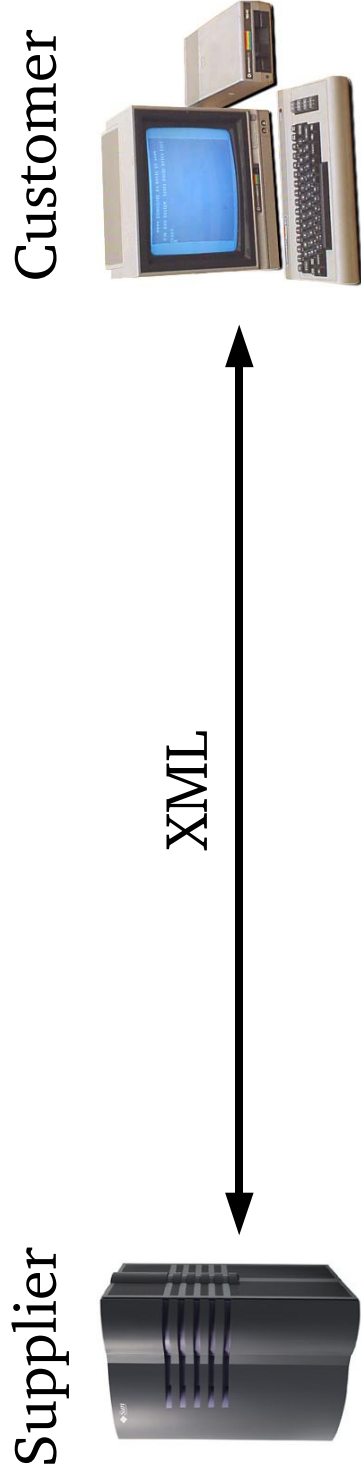
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Overview

- Updating XML
- Transaction isolation in XML bases
- Detecting changes in XML documents

State of the art



- Exchange the whole document; delete the old one; insert the new one
- Exchange the whole document; detect the changes; update the old document
- Exchange only the differences between the new and old document; update the old document

Updating XML

- XML is the de facto data exchange standard
- XQuery
 - established as XML query language
 - is independent of the physical storage of the data
 - expressions are easy to understand
- But XQuery lacks the ability to change XML data
- Possible solution: Extend the XQuery language

Update operations for XQuery

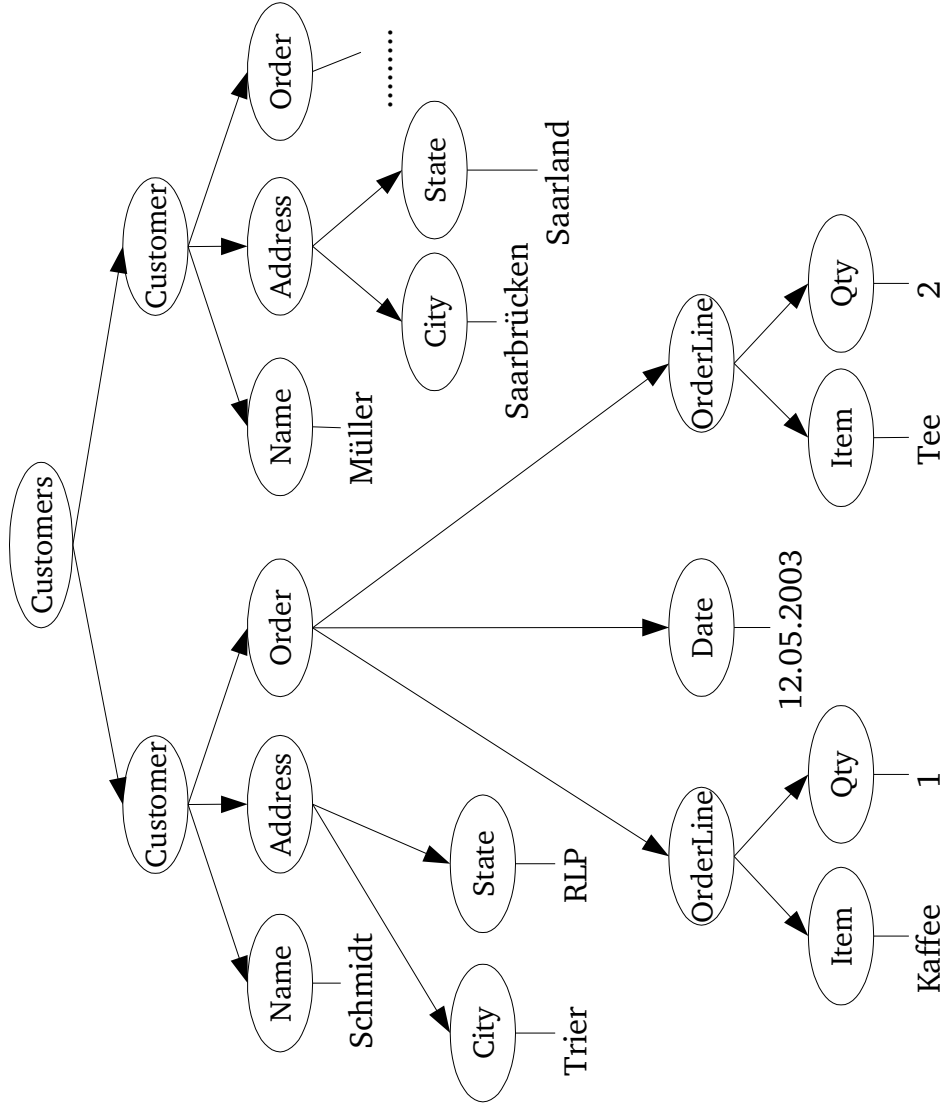
- The extension should expand XQuery to a full featured query language like SQL
- The extension should not affect the properties of XQuery
- The proposed extensions to XQuery provide the following operations:
 - Delete
 - Insert / InsertBefore / InsertAfter
 - Rename / Replace
 - Sub-Update

Basic structure of the XQuery extension

```
FOR
  $binding IN Xpath-expr, ...
LET
  $binding := XPath-expr, ...
WHERE predicate, ...
UPDATE $binding { subop { , subop } * }

subOp:
DELETE $child |
RENAME $child |
INSERT $content [BEFORE | AFTER] $child |
REPLACE $child WITH $content |
FOR $binding IN Xpath-subexpr, ...
  WHERE predicate, ... subOP
```

An example document



```

<Customers>
  <Customer>
    <Name>Schmidt</Name>
    <Address>
      <City>Trier</City>
      <State>RLP</State>
    </Address>
    <Order>
      <Date>12.05.2003</Date>
      <OrderLine> ...
    </Order>
  </Customer>
  <Customer>
    <Name>Müller</Name>
    <Address>
      <City>Saarbrücken</City>
      <State>Saarland</State>
    </Address>
    <Order>
      <Date>14.05.2003</Date>
      <OrderLine> ...
    </Order>
  </Customer>
</Customers>

```

Two examples on XQuery extension

Delete State from Address

```
FOR $doc IN document ("Customer.xml")
  $cust IN $doc/customer,
  $addr IN $cust/address,
  $state IN $addr/state
UPDATE $addr {
    DELETE $state
}
}
```

Replace every City that is called "Trier" with "Mainz"

```
FOR $doc IN document ("Customer.xml")
  $cust IN $doc/customer,
  $addr IN $cust/address,
  $city IN $addr/city
WHERE $city = "Trier"
UPDATE $addr {
    REPLACE $city
    WITH
      <appellation>
        Mainz
      </appellation>
}
}
```


Problems with XML updates

- There may be problems with references when an element is inserted or deleted
- A change on a node may result in an update of a whole subtree
- When dealing with a RDBS, a single update statement could result in multiple SQL statements
- After an update there may be a conflict between the document and its DTD

Problem with DTD

DTD

```
<!ELEMENT Customer  
  (Name, Address, Order*) >  
<!ELEMENT Name (#PCDATA) >  
<!ELEMENT Address (City, State) >  
<!ELEMENT City (#PCDATA) >  
<!ELEMENT State (#PCDATA) >
```

Delete State from Address

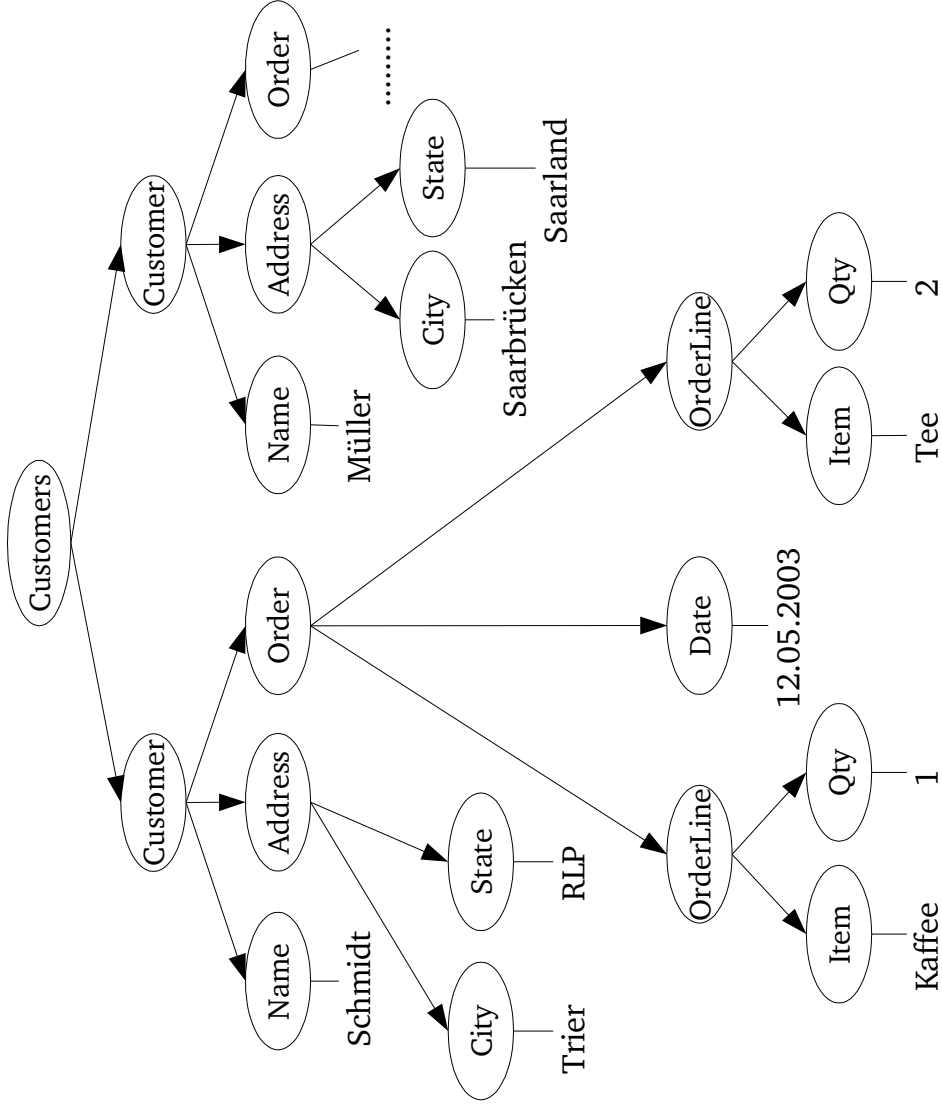
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Effect of a single update

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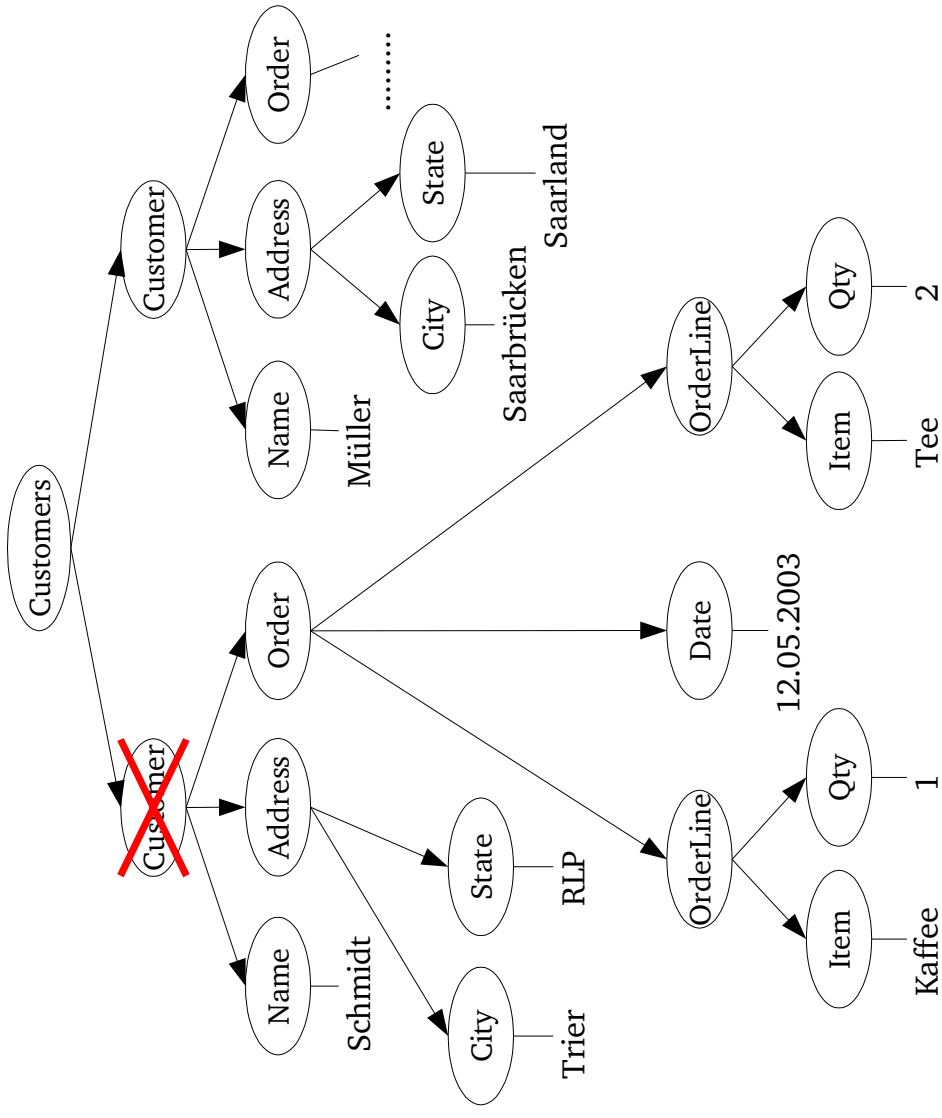


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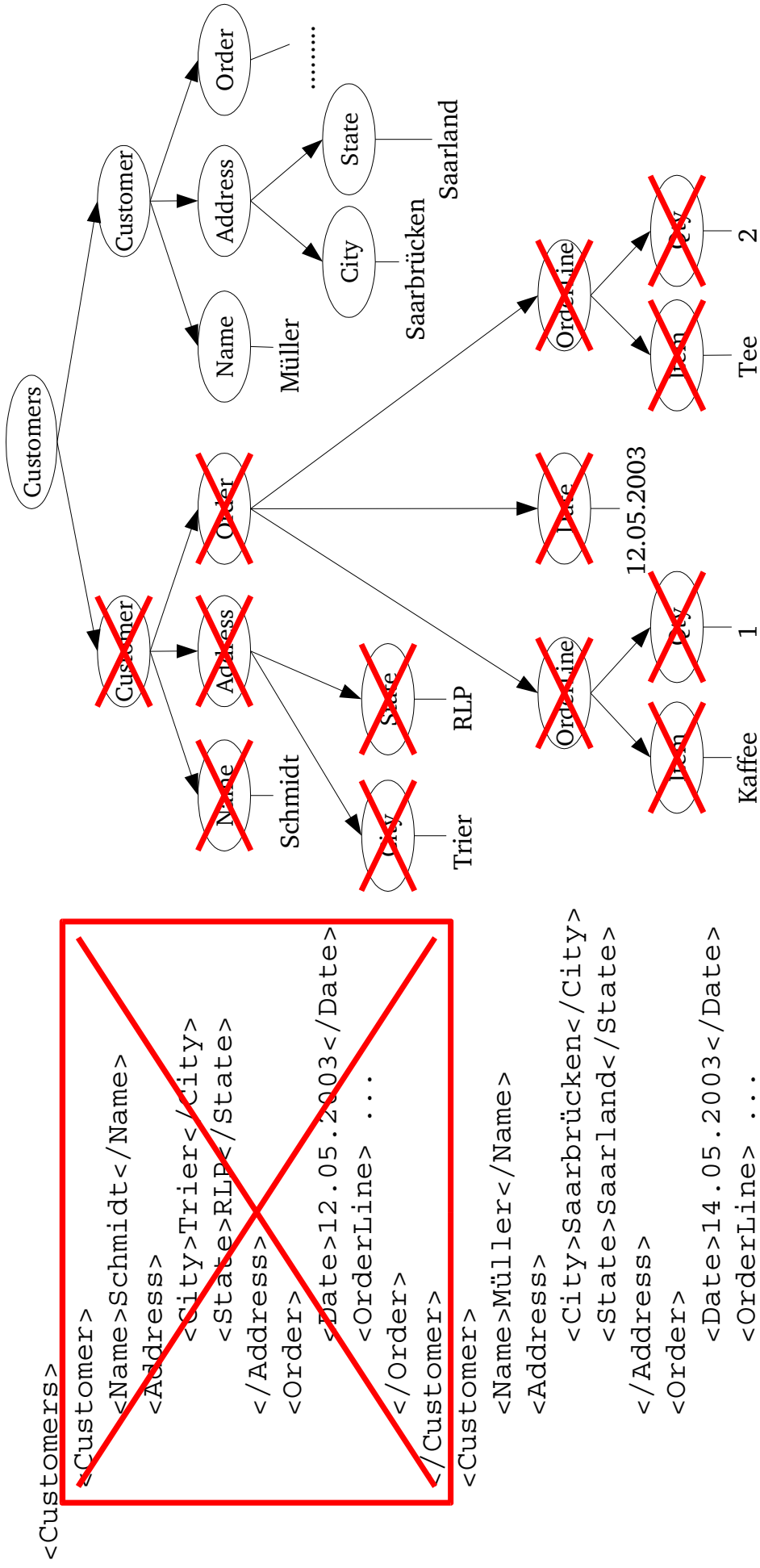
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Storing XML documents in a relational database system

Example DTD

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<!ELEMENT State (#PCDATA) >
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  (Date, OrderLine*) >
<!ELEMENT Date (#PCDATA) >
<!ELEMENT OrderLine( Item, qty) >
<!ELEMENT Item (#PCDATA) >
<!ELEMENT qty (#PCDATA) >
```

Table: Customer

<i>ID</i>	<i>ParentID</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>
1	0	Schmidt	Trier	RLP
2	0	Müller	Saarbrücken	Saarland

Table: Order

<i>ID</i>	<i>ParentID</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>OrderLine</i>
1	1	12.05.03	1
2	1	12.05.03	2
3	2	14.05.03	3

Table: OrderLine

<i>ID</i>	<i>ParentID</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>QTY</i>
1	1	Kaffee	1
2	1	Tee	2
3	2	Kaffee	3

XML update in RDBS

- A single update (like delete) can affect multiple relations in the database
- Problem
 - Correctness
 - Efficiency
- Solution
 - Cascading Delete
 - Trigger
 - Access Support Relations

Conclusion

- Updating XML is still immature
- Extending XQuery seems reasonable
- Further investigation needs to be done in this area
- What if two applications try to modify the same element?

Isolating in XML Bases

- Isolation is a vital part for the correctness of databases. Any action on the data must be prevented from working on intermediary data generated by other actions.
- Transaction:
Sequence of Operations on one or more databases, with the following guaranteed (ACID) attributes

ACID attributes

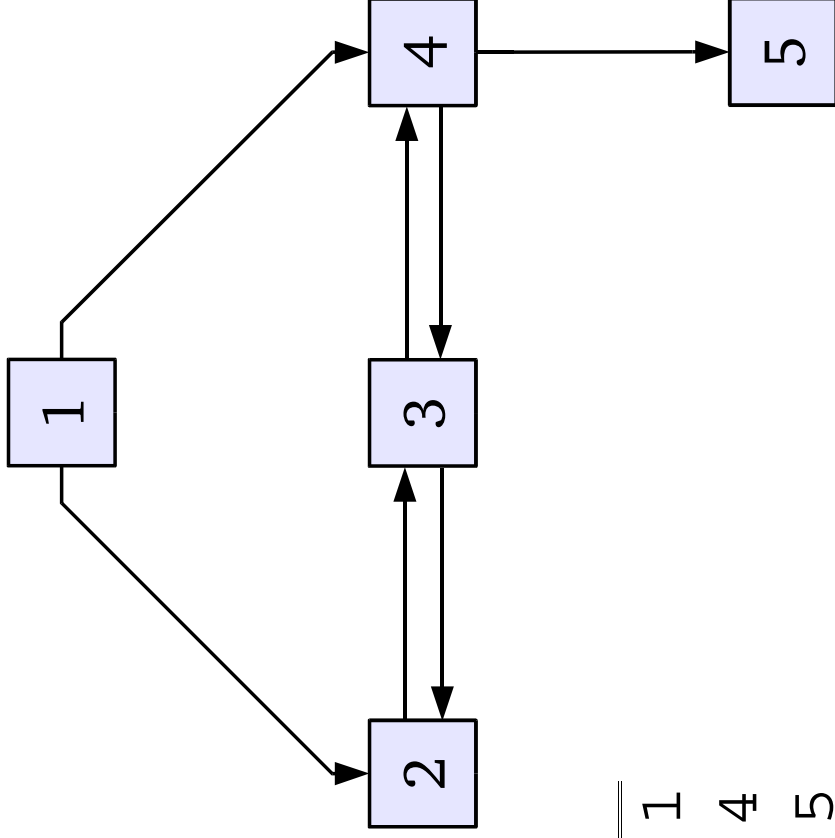
- **Atomicity:** All changes of a transaction are committed entirely or not at all
- **Consistency:** A transaction transforms data from one valid state to another valid state
- **Isolation:** Every transaction works on the data as if there were no parallel transactions
- **Durability:** Committed changes are persistent, even in case of a hard- or software failure

Operations

- Classification
 - By action: *reading or writing*
 - By domain: *content or structure*
- Representative set of structure operations
 - sd:** select document root
 - nthF:** retrieve the n-th child in the child list
 - nthB:** same, but counting backwards
 - del:** delete node
 - ins:** insert node

Example

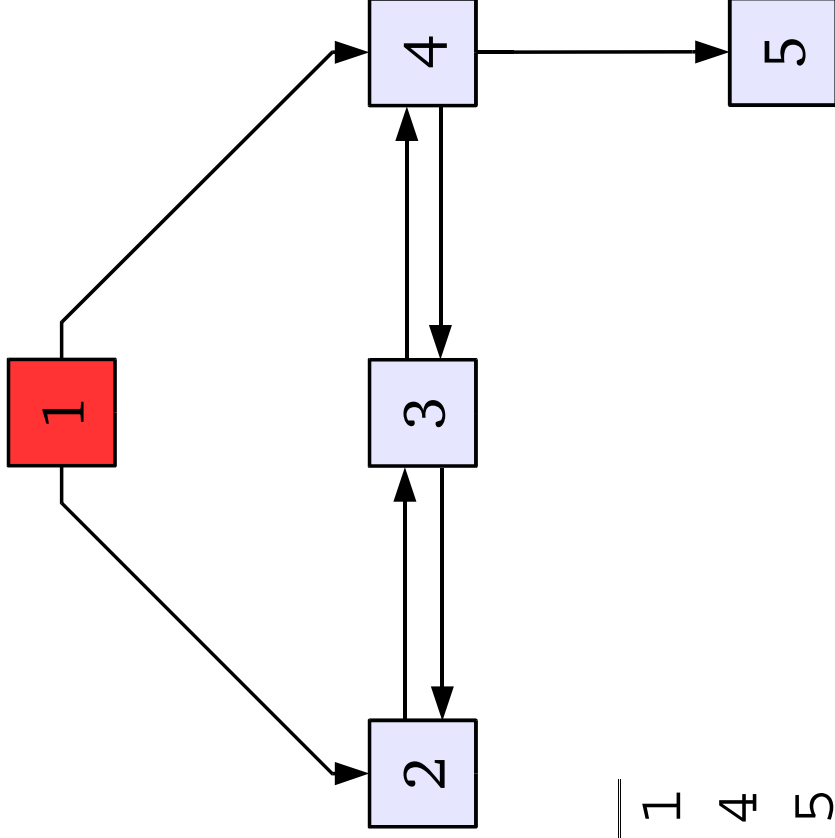
- 4 Pointers per node
- First and last child
- Left and right sibling
- 2 Transactions



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sd	=> 1	sd => 1
nthF(2)	=> 3	nthB(1) => 4
del	Delete 3	nthF(1) => 5

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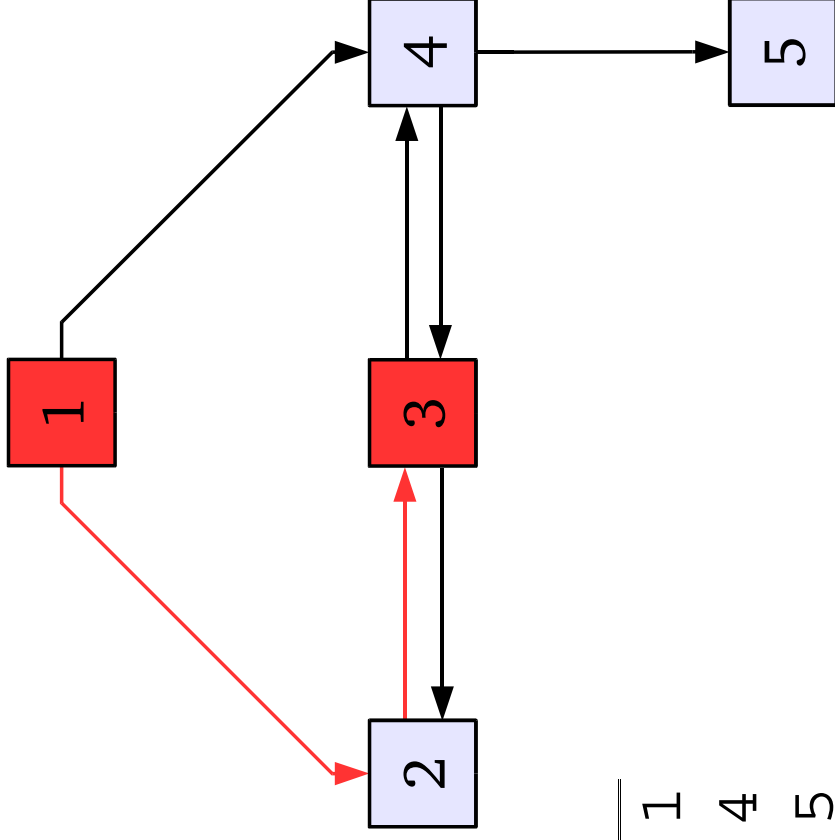
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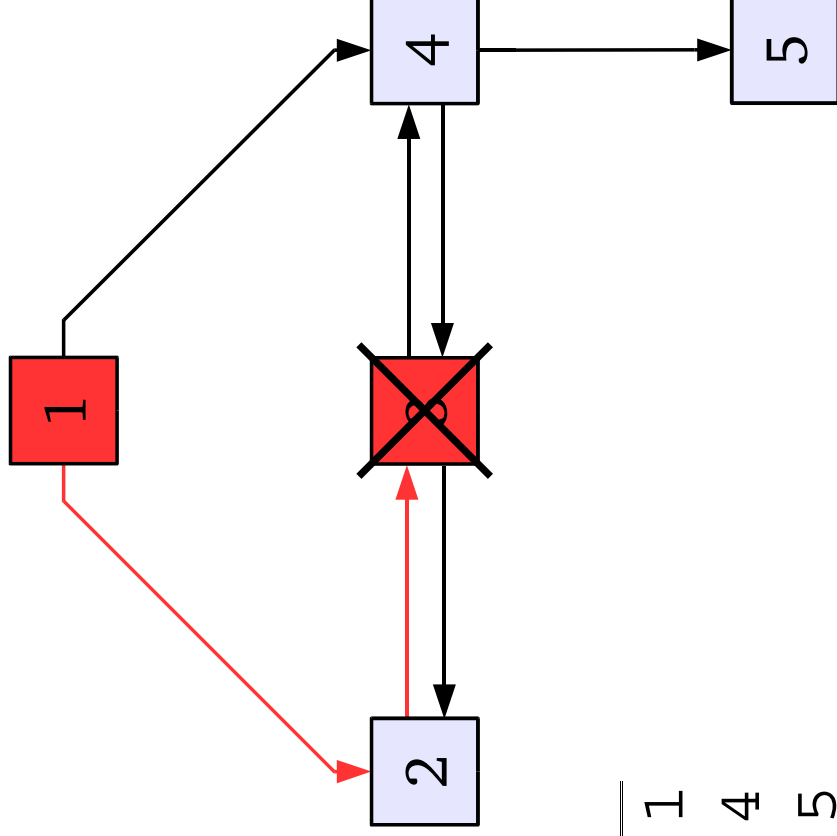
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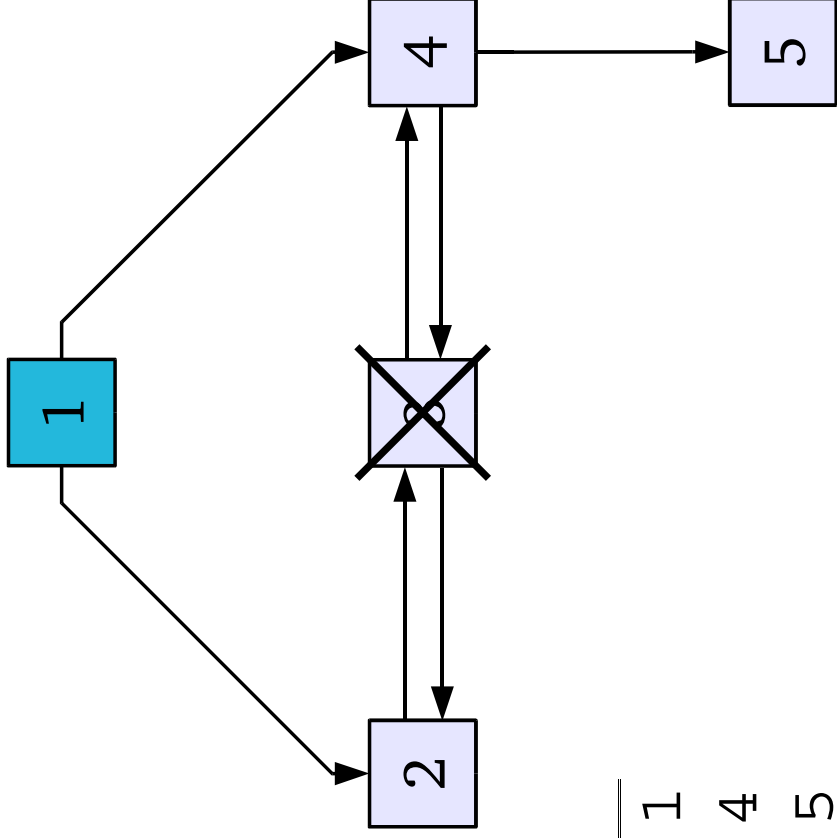
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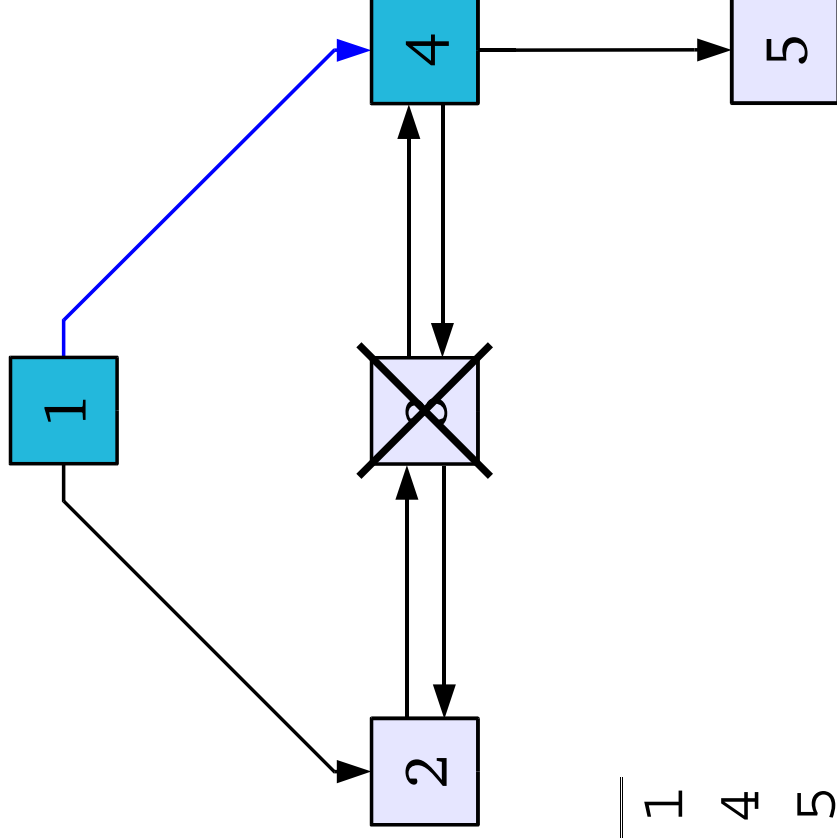
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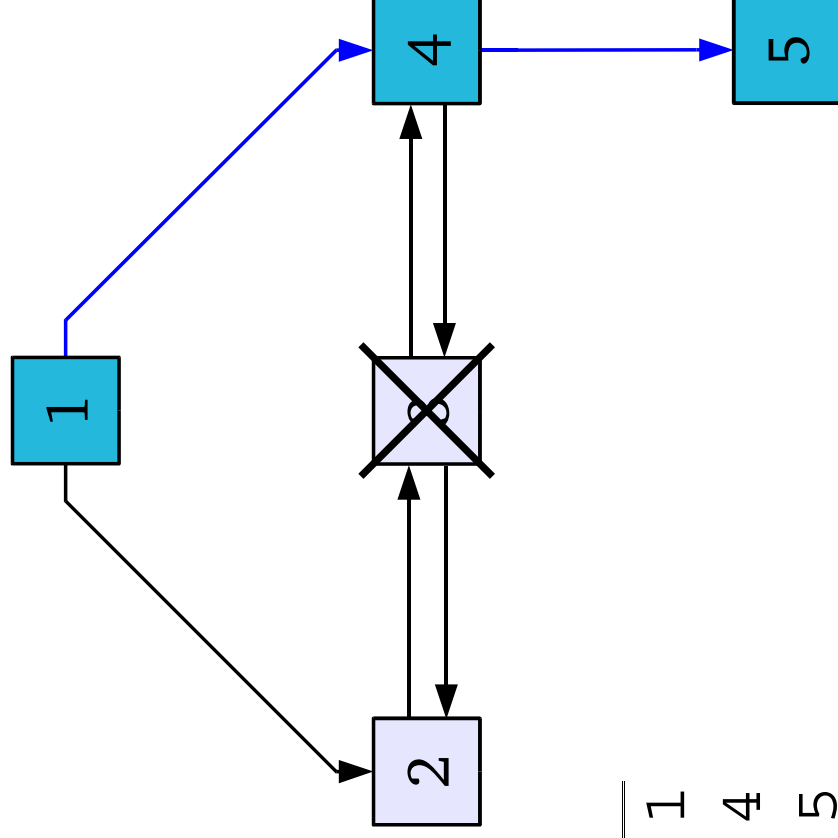
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Core protocols for synchronizing read and write operations

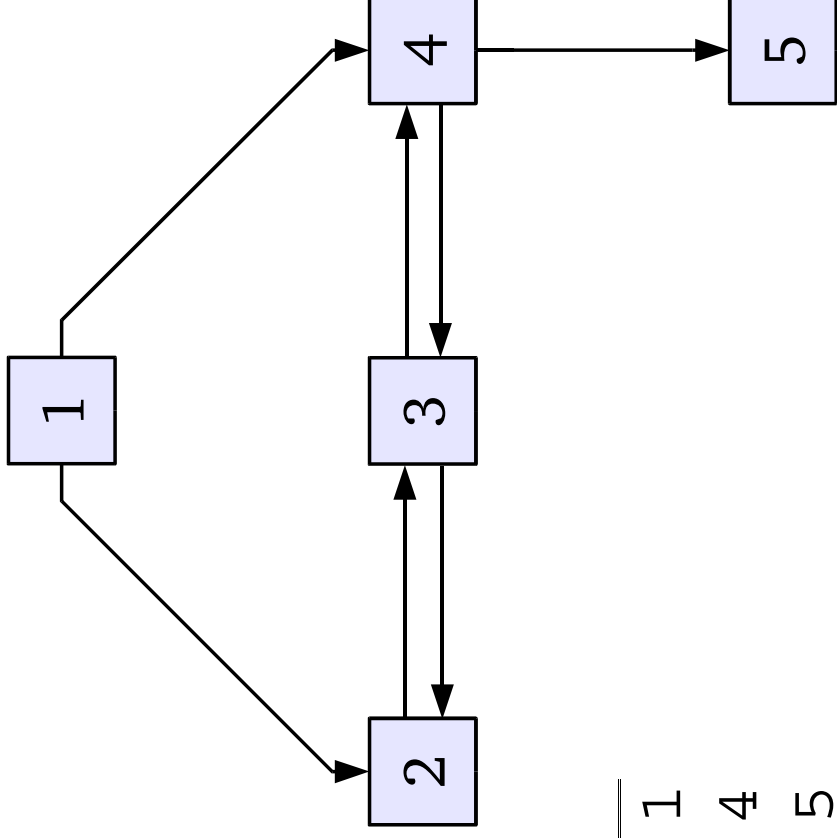
- Two phase locking based protocols
 - Doc2PL
 - Node2PL
 - NO2PL
 - OO2PL
- Timestamp-based protocol
- Dynamic commit ordering

Two phase locking

- Locks are associated with each data item
- A transaction has to acquire a *shared* (S) lock for reading a data item or an *exclusive* (X) lock to modify it
- An exclusive lock conflicts with all other locks
- All locks are acquired before any lock is released
- A transaction holds all locks until completion

Doc2PL

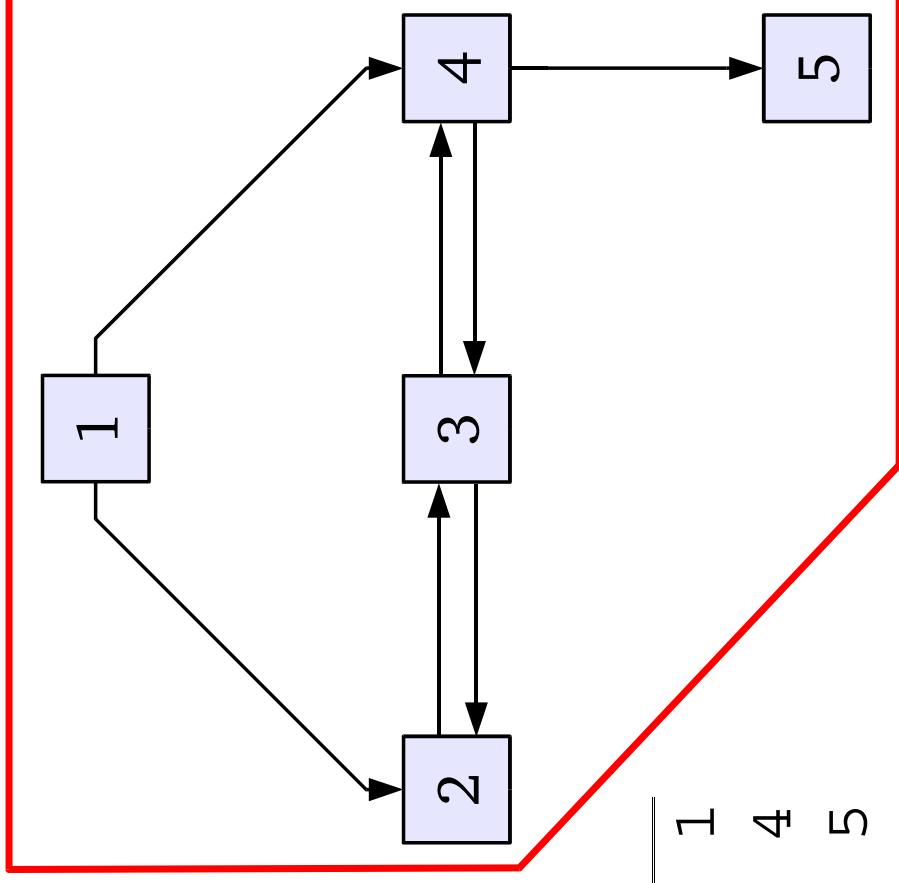
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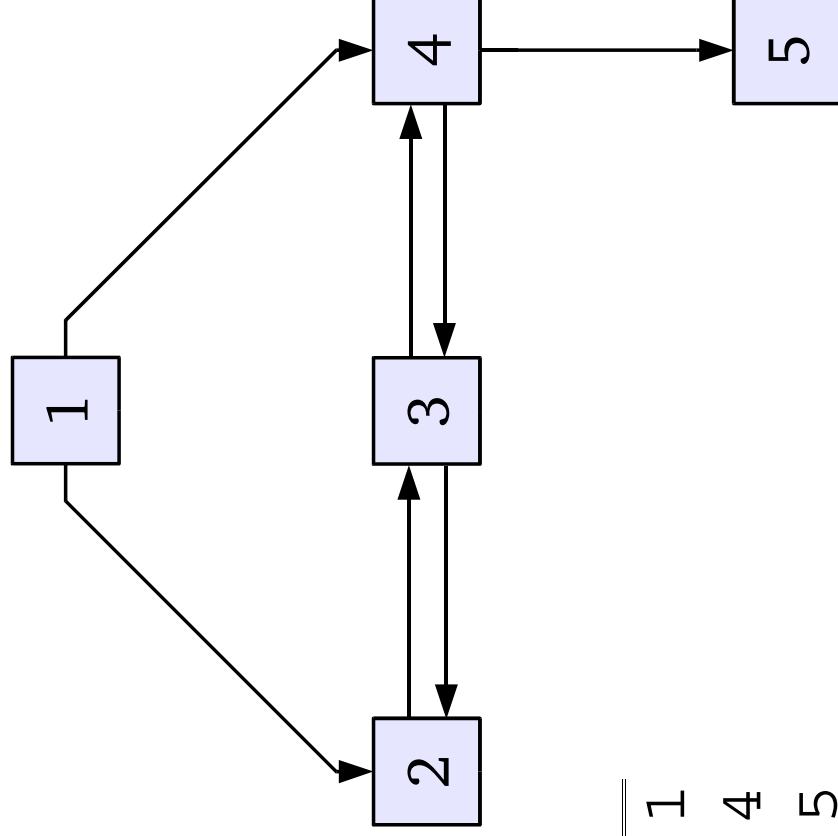
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- T₂ has to wait until T₁ commits



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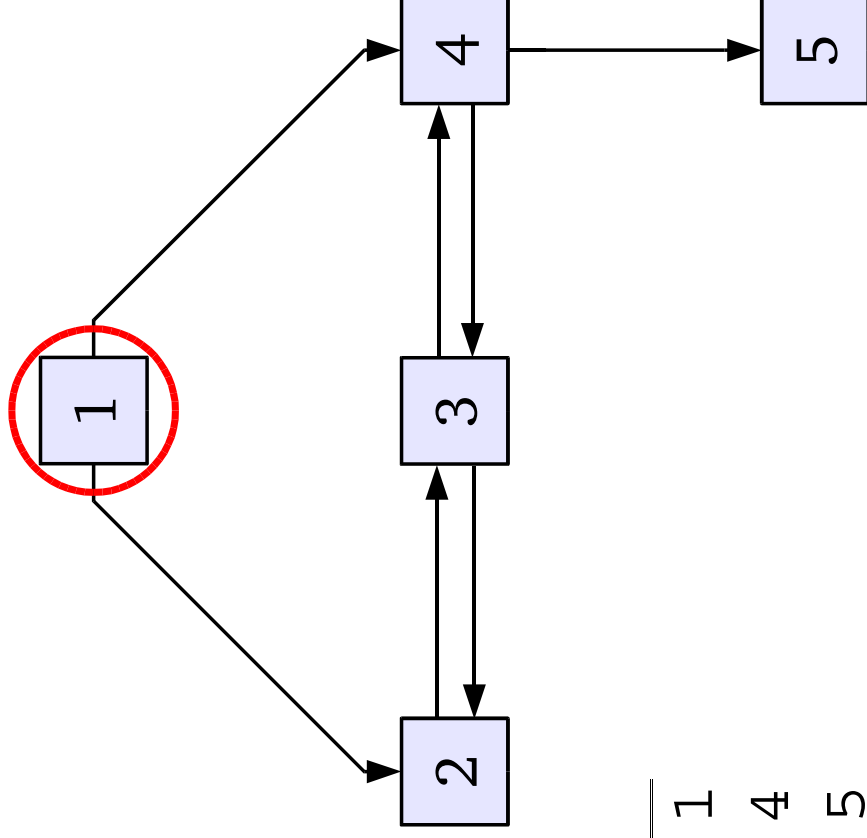
- lock parent nodes



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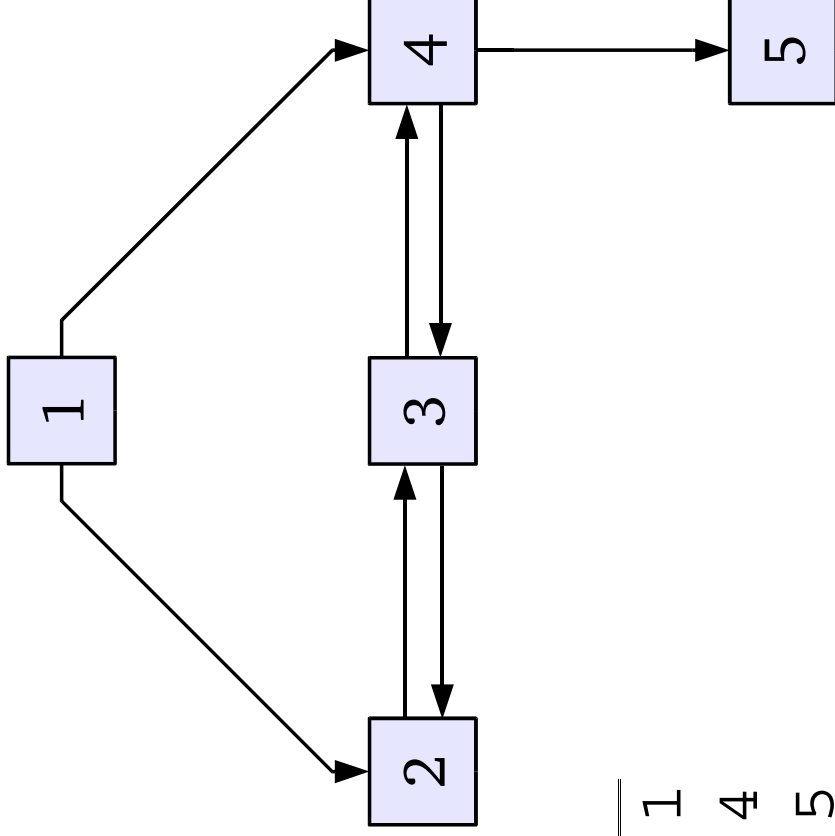
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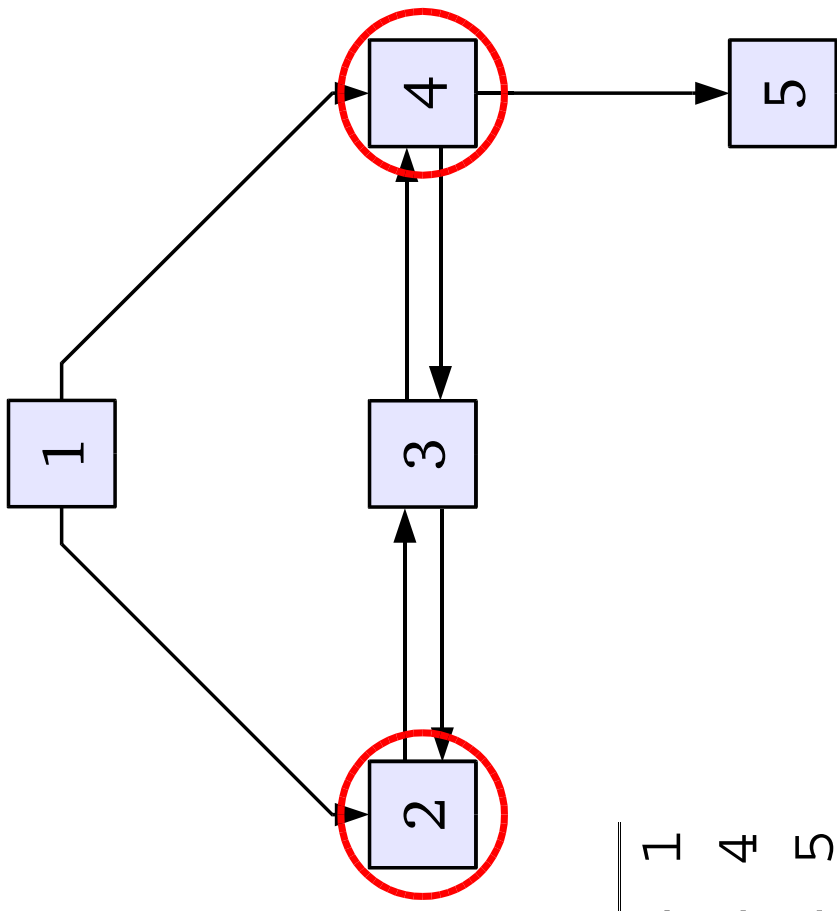
- lock nodes whose pointers are traversed or modified



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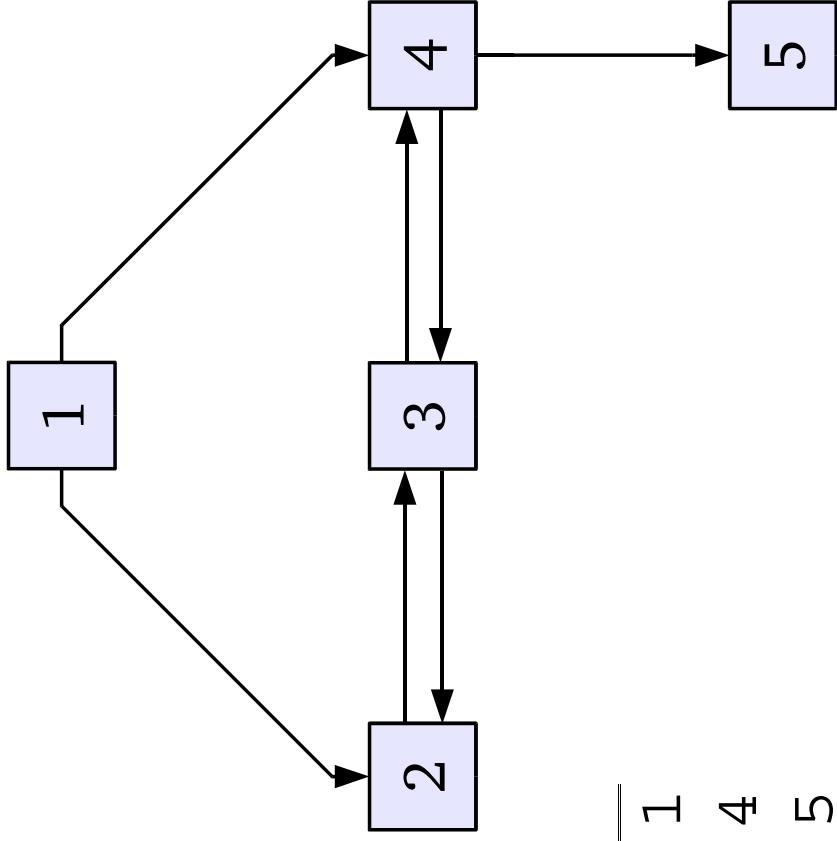
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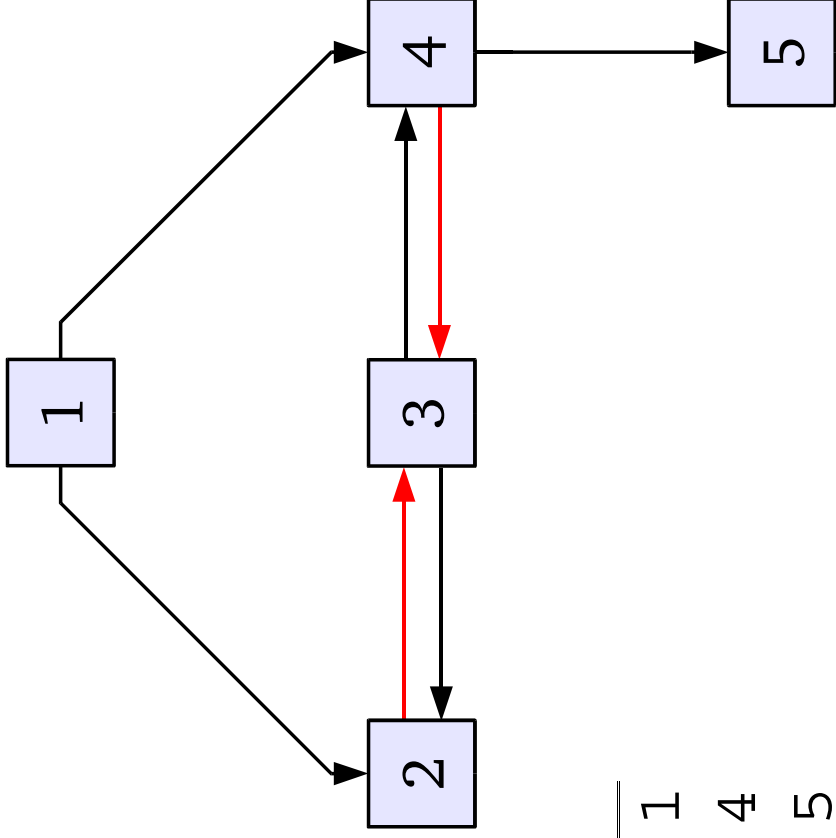
- lock only pointers



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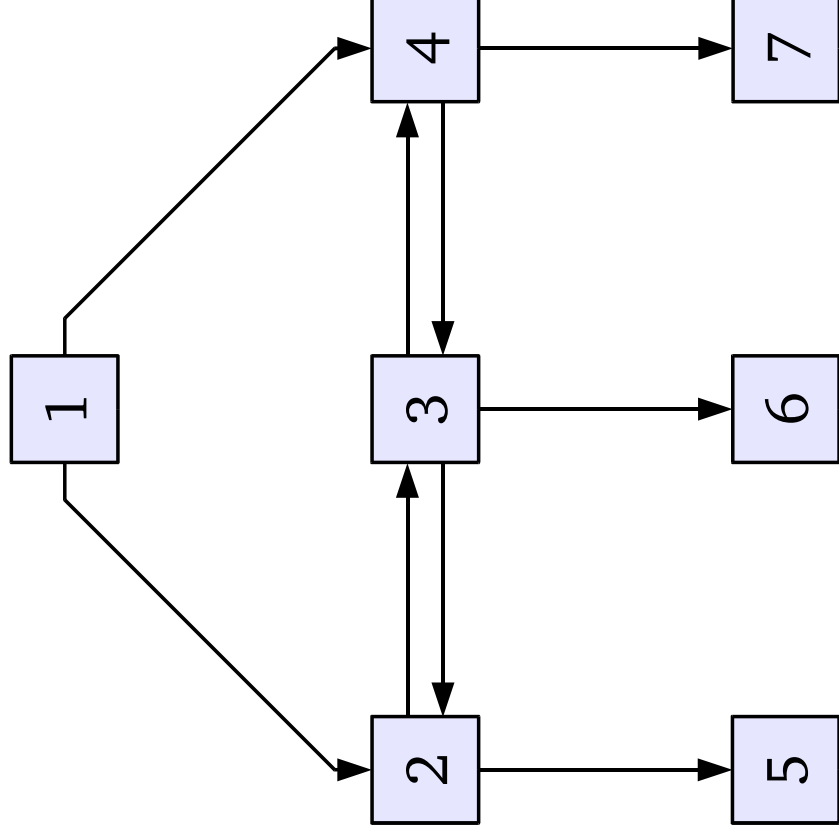
- lock only pointers
- T_2 and T_1 can be executed at the same time



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Another example

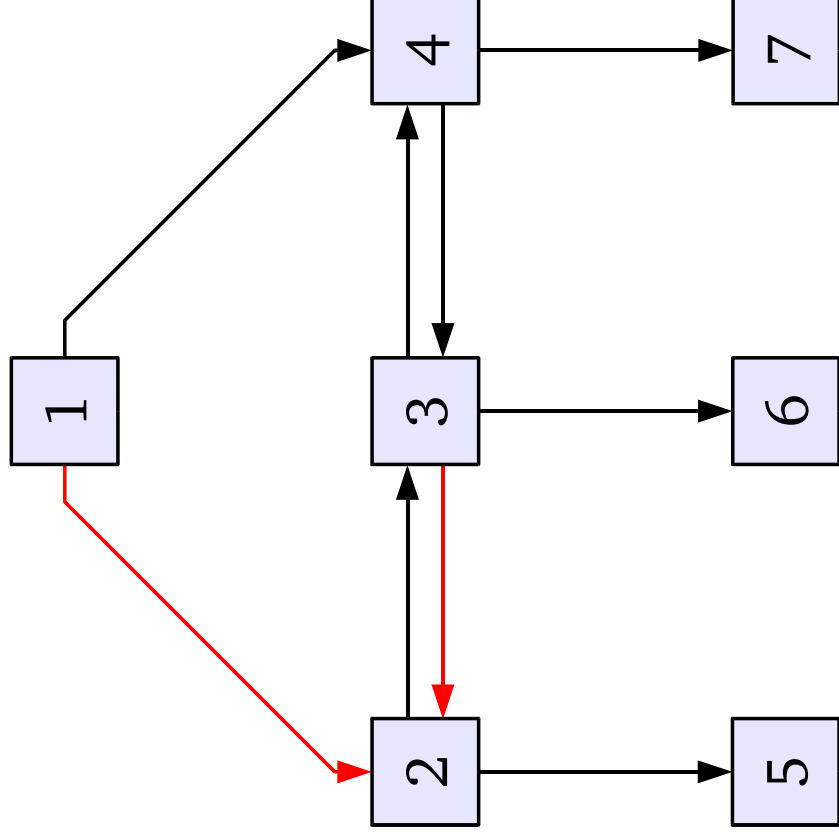
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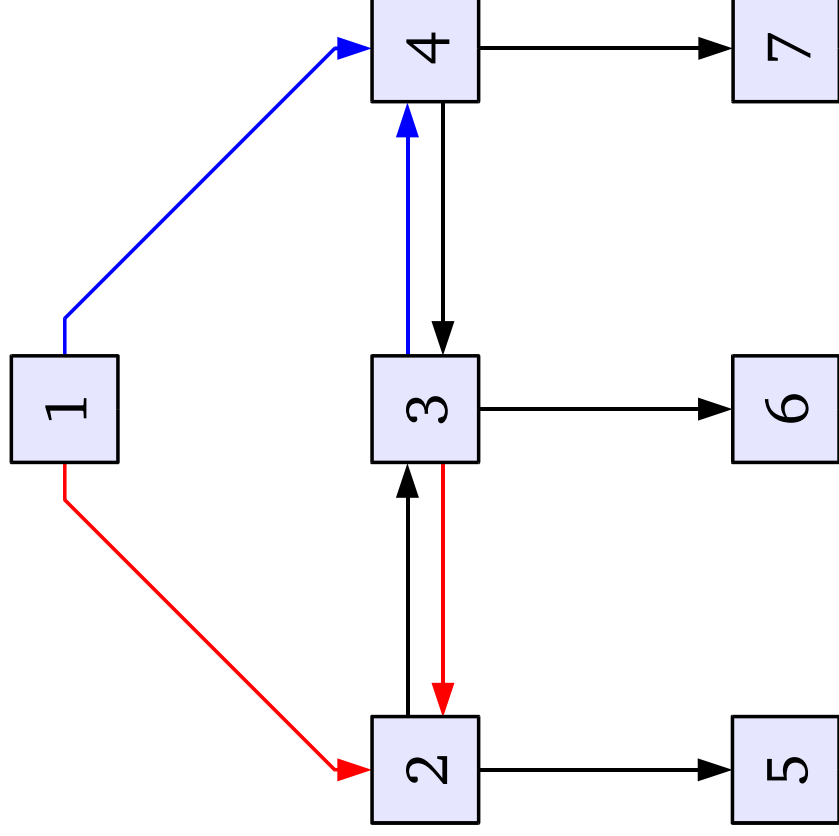
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- In this situation OO2PL leads to a deadlock!



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Timestamp-based protocol

- Basic idea is to implicitly keep multiple versions of the document
- Use marks to denote deleted respectively inserted nodes
- Eliminate marks and remove deleted nodes from document when the transaction commits
- Assign every transaction a unique timestamp
- Operations of a transaction inherit timestamp

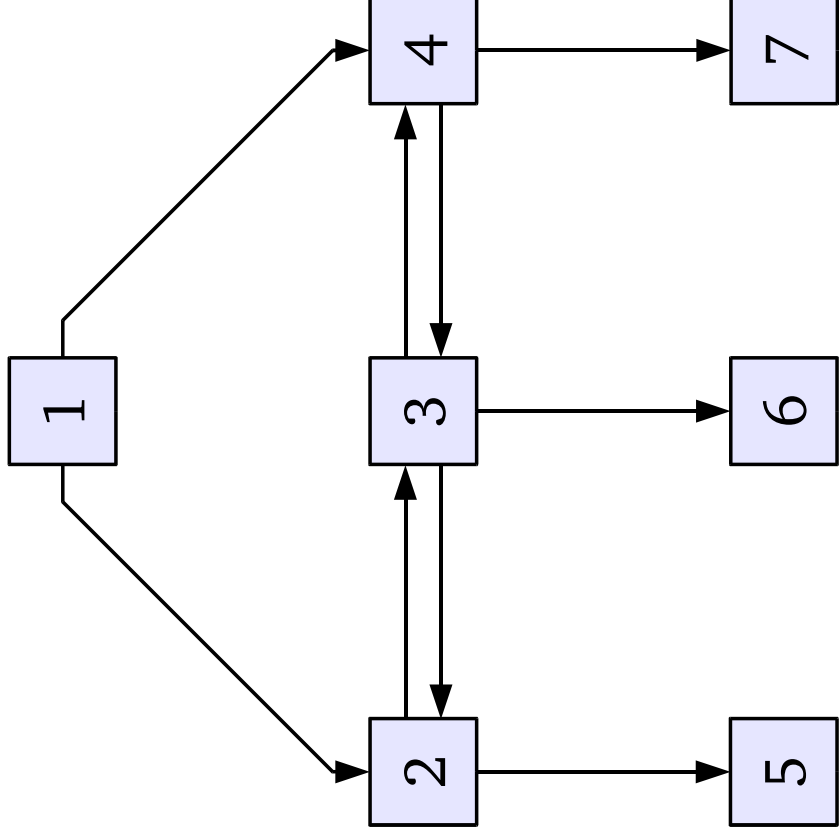
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- Operations
 - op_F finished
 - op_S scheduled
- Actions
 - T Traverse
 - D Delete
 - I Insert
- Relation $<_{TS}$ denotes the timestamp order

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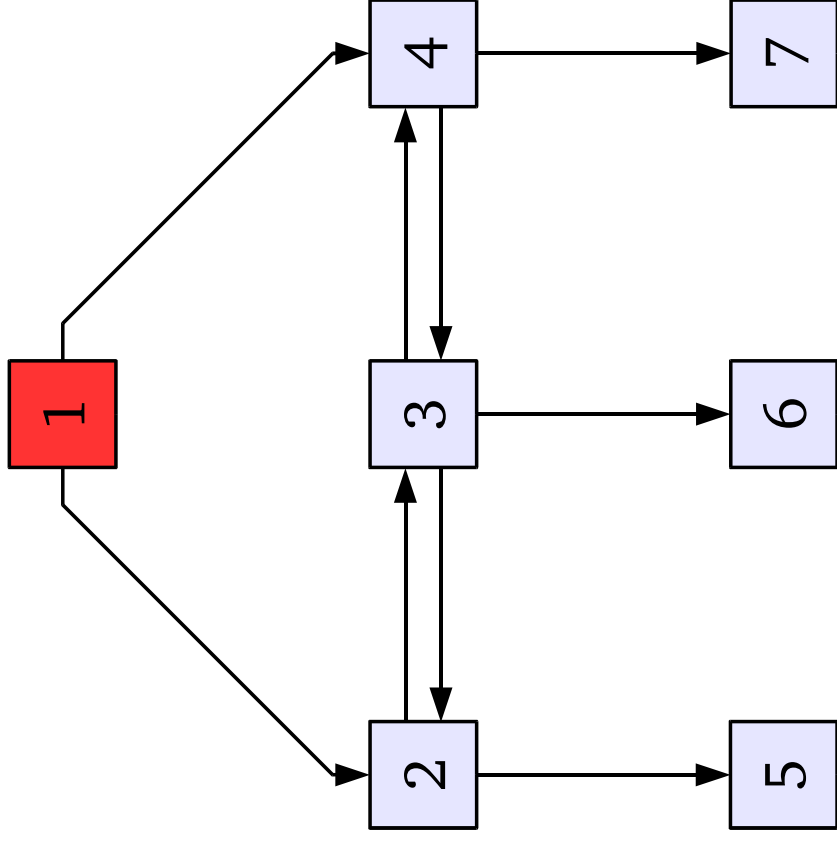
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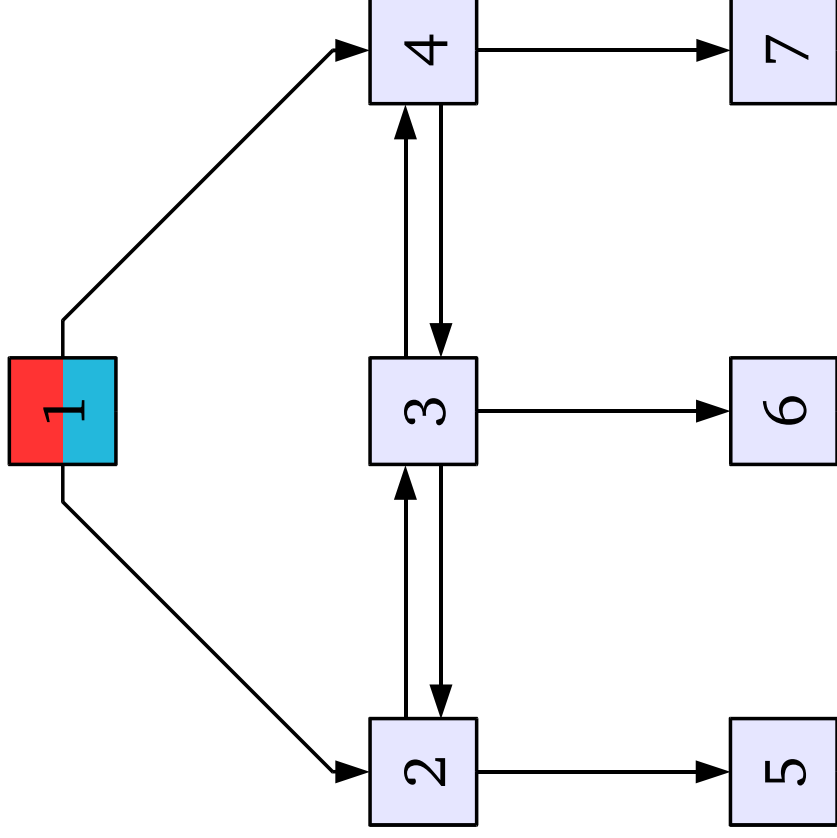
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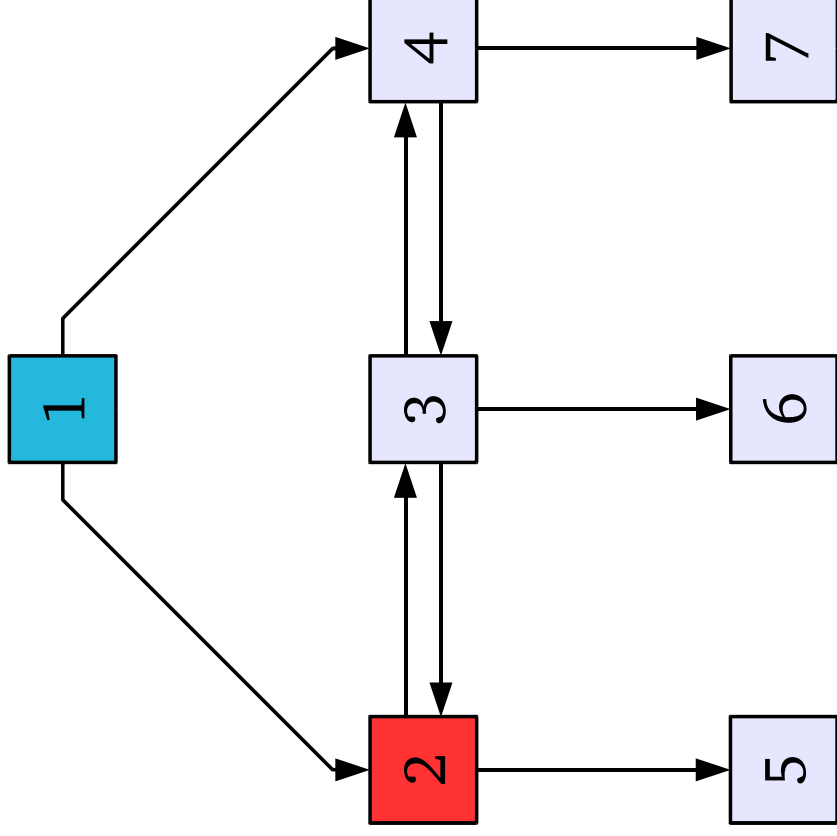
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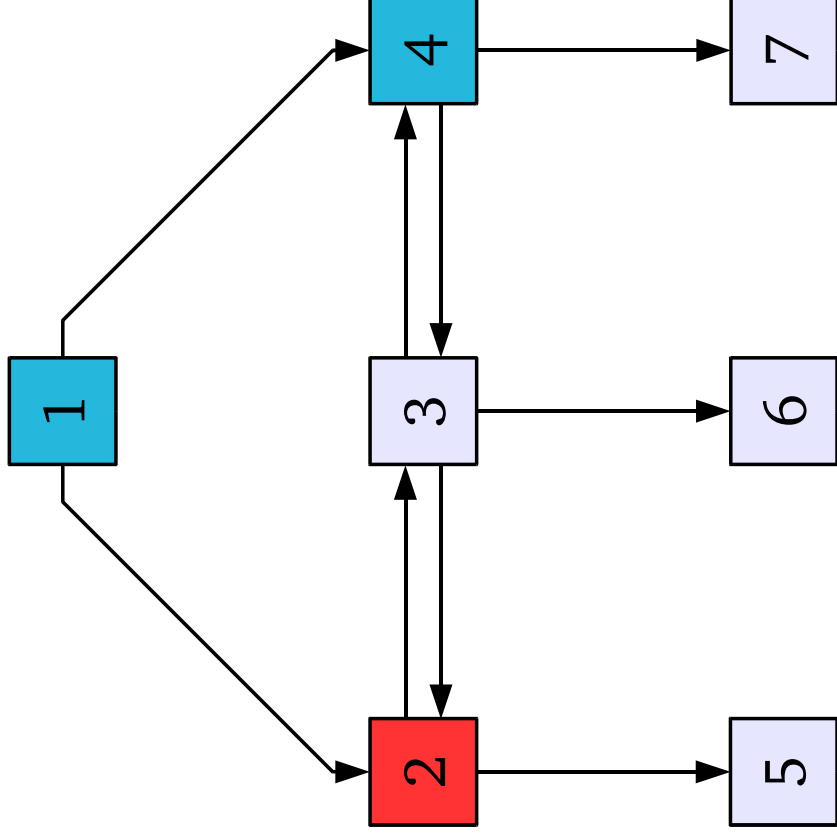
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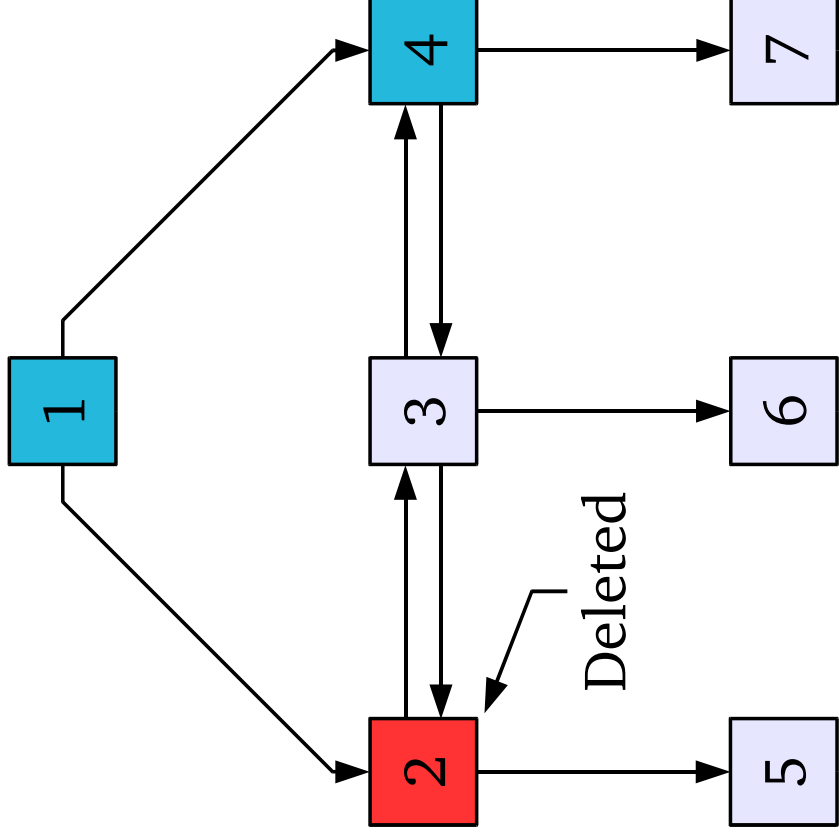
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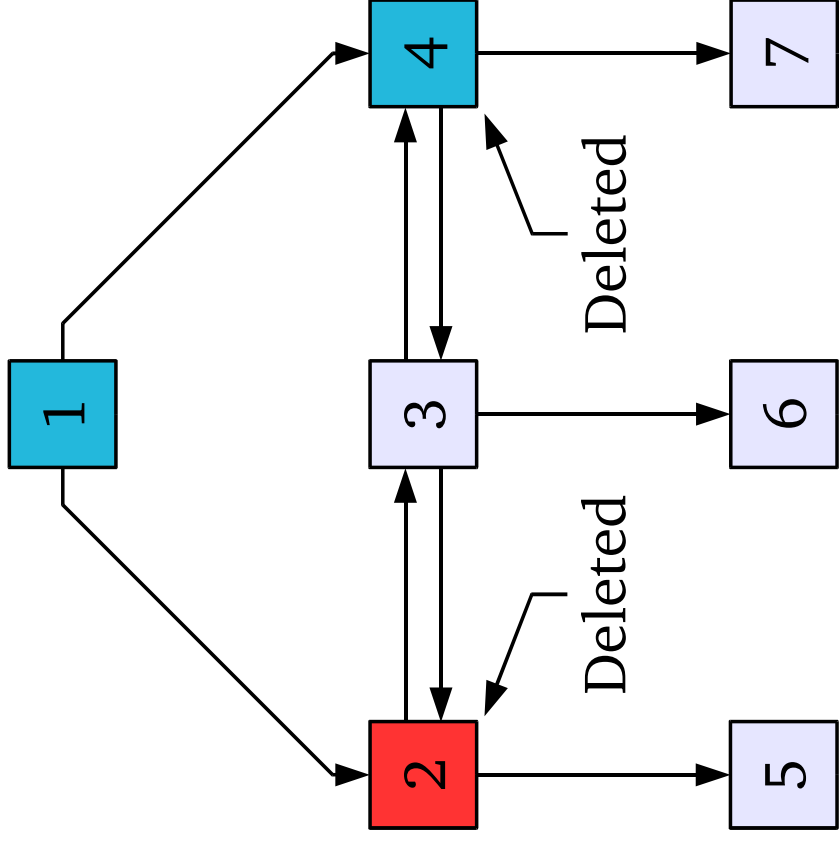


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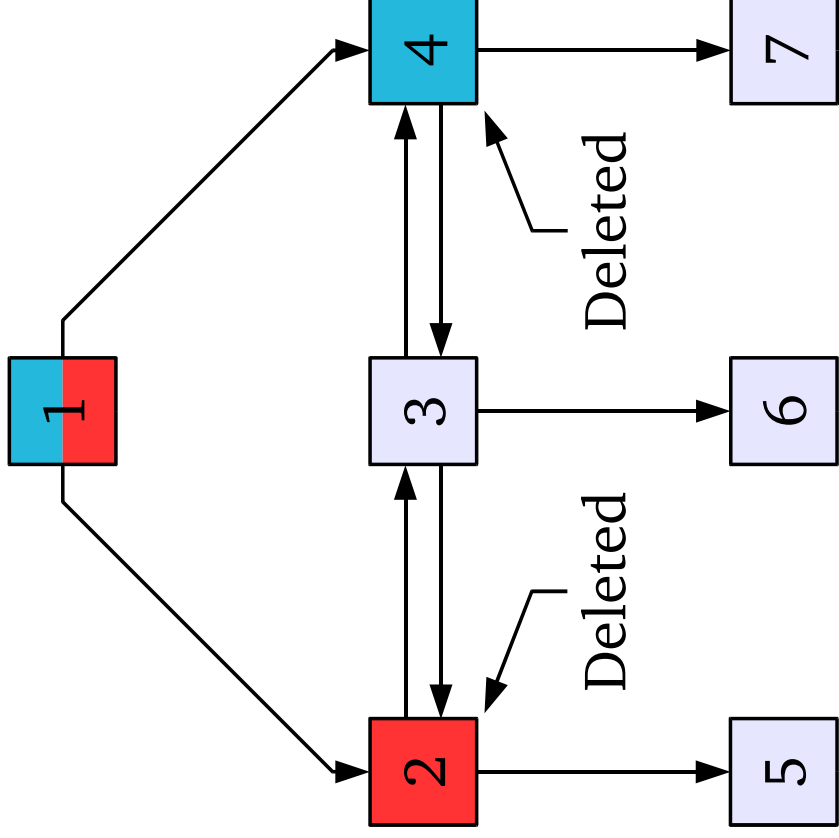
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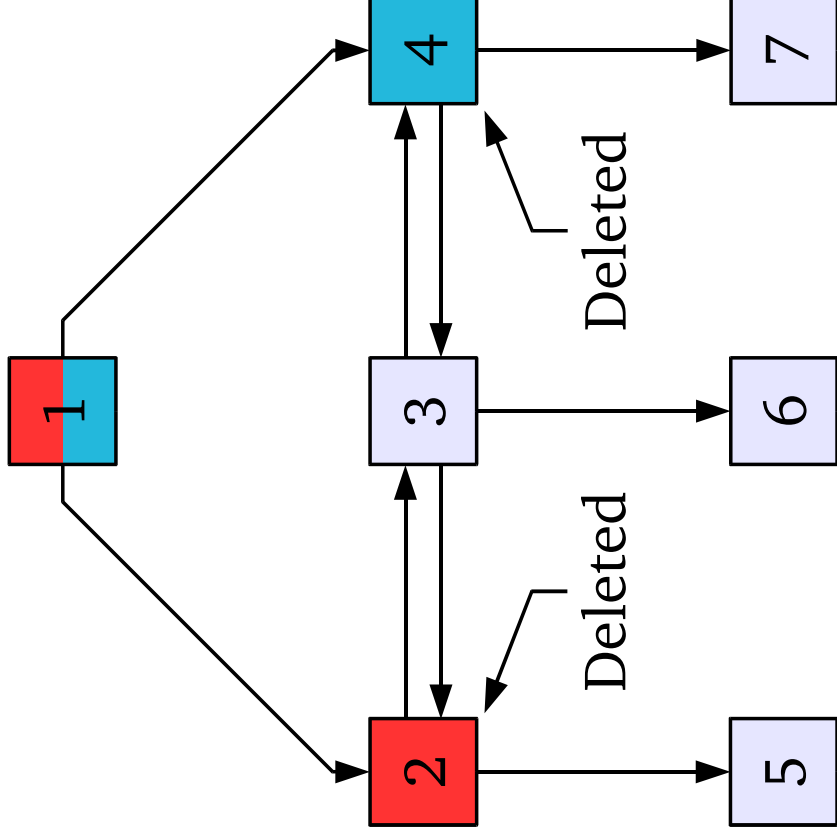
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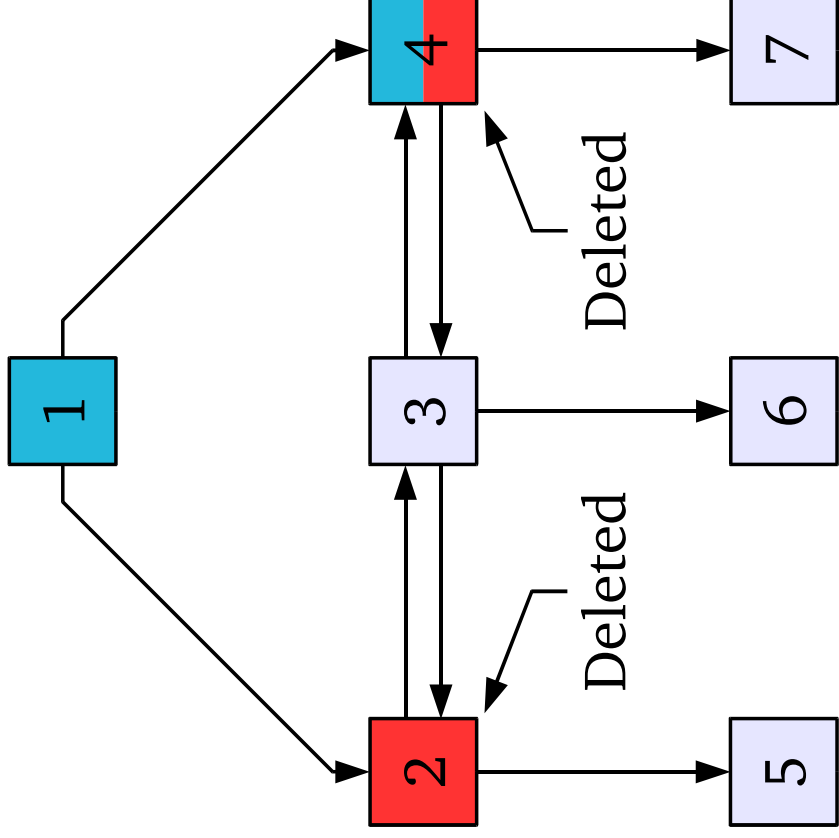
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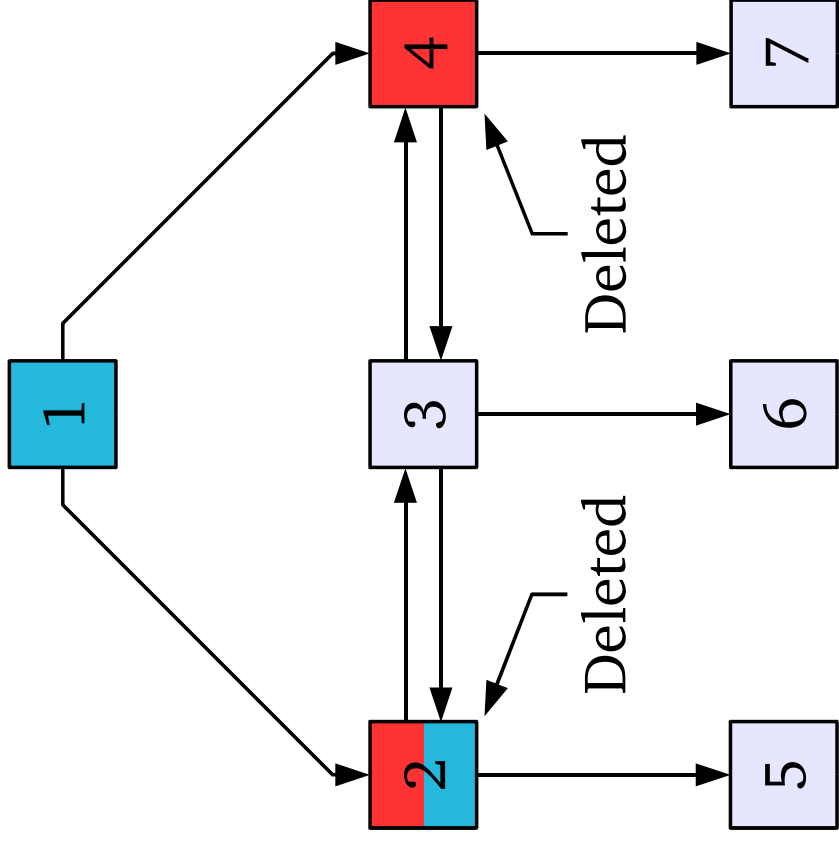
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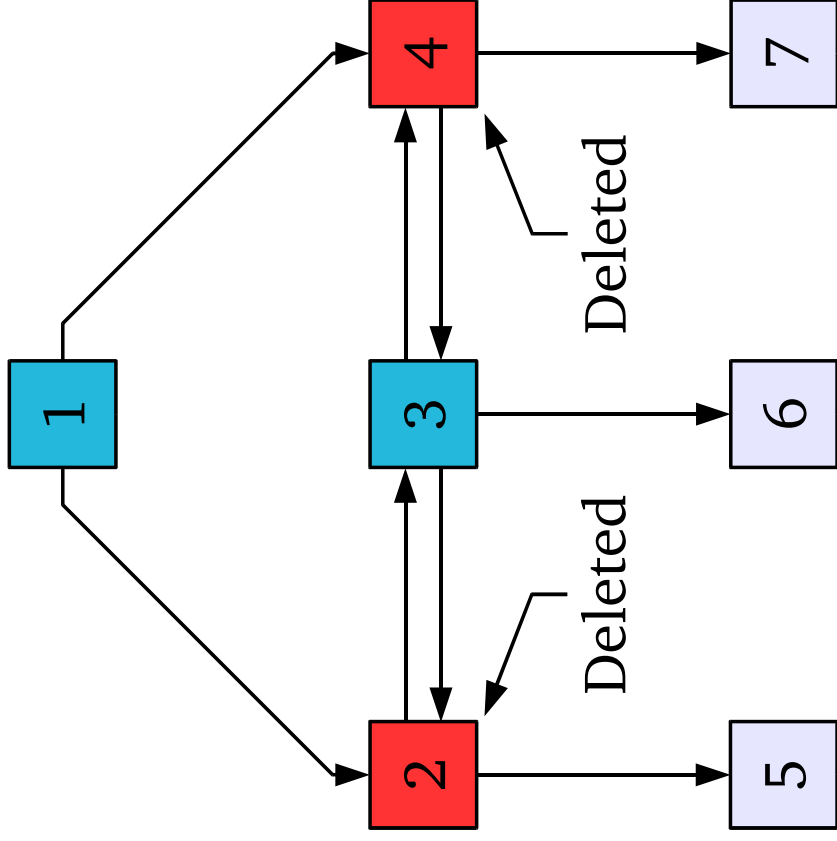
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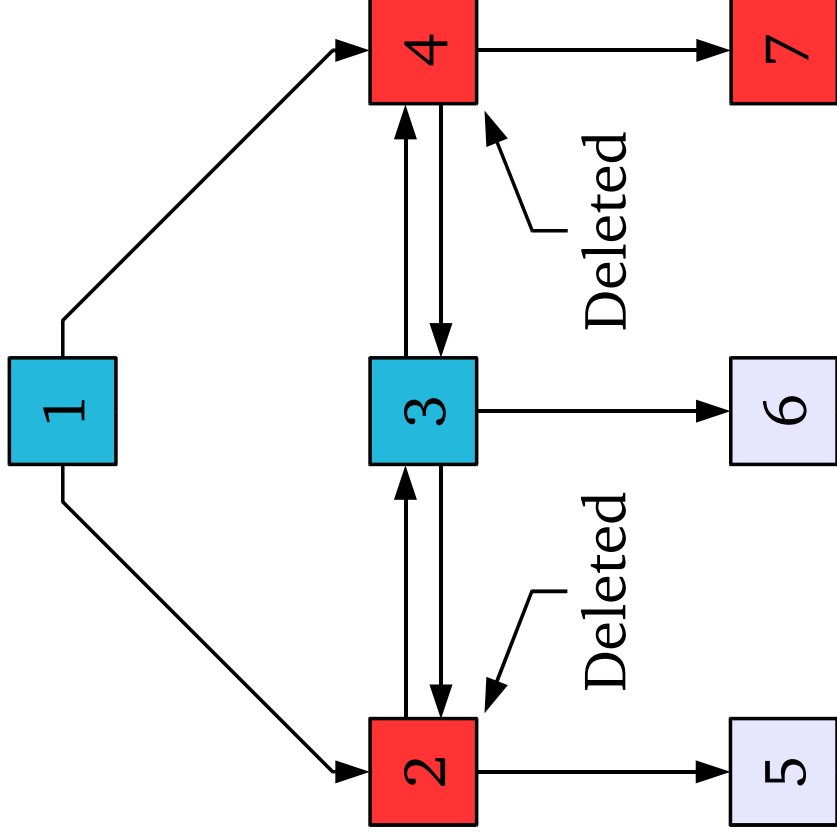
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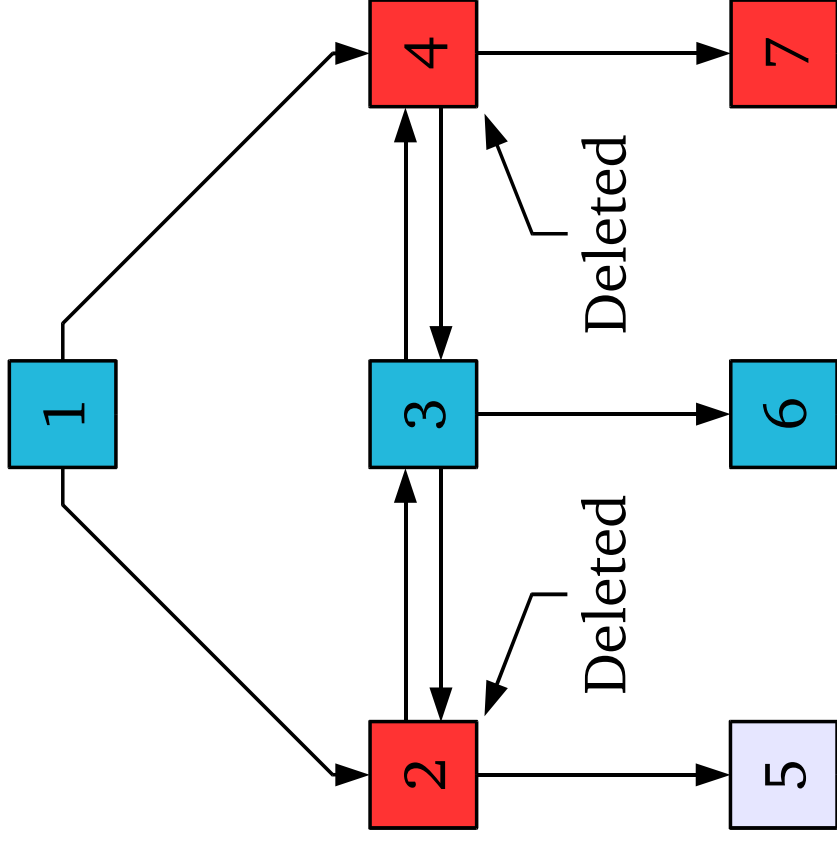
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Conclusion

- What about *Dynamic commit ordering*?
- Level of parallelism depends on the granularity of locking
- The protocols shown are designed for native XML bases
- Traditional DBS could benefit from those protocols by e.g. introducing a specialized Transaction Manager
- Performance evaluation is still missing

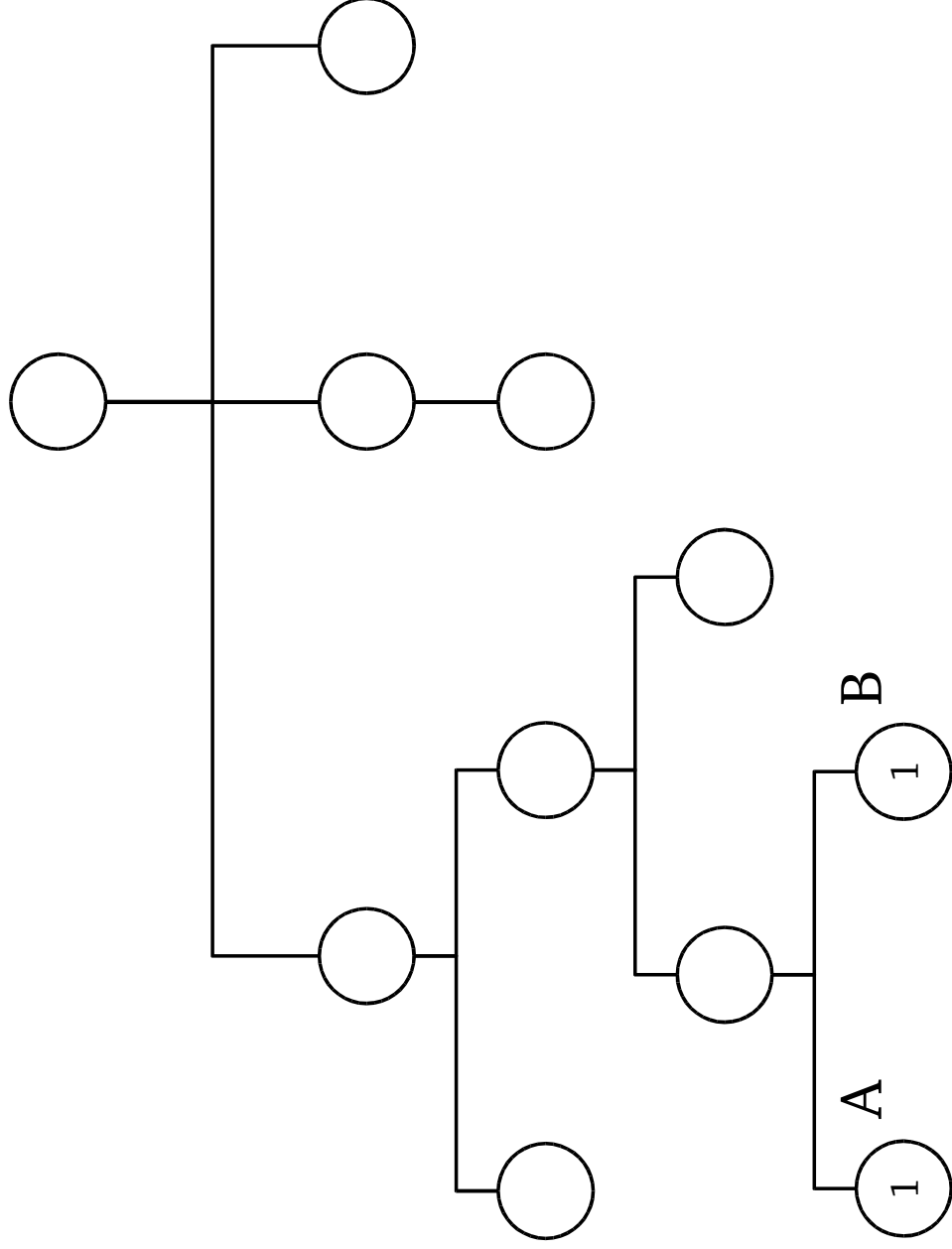
Detecting changes in XML documents

- Important for internet search engines
 - Frequent changes of online information
 - Probably don't want to rebuild whole index
- Continuous query systems (trigger systems)
 - React on the change of a document
- Versioning of XML documents
(like CVS uses diff on text files)

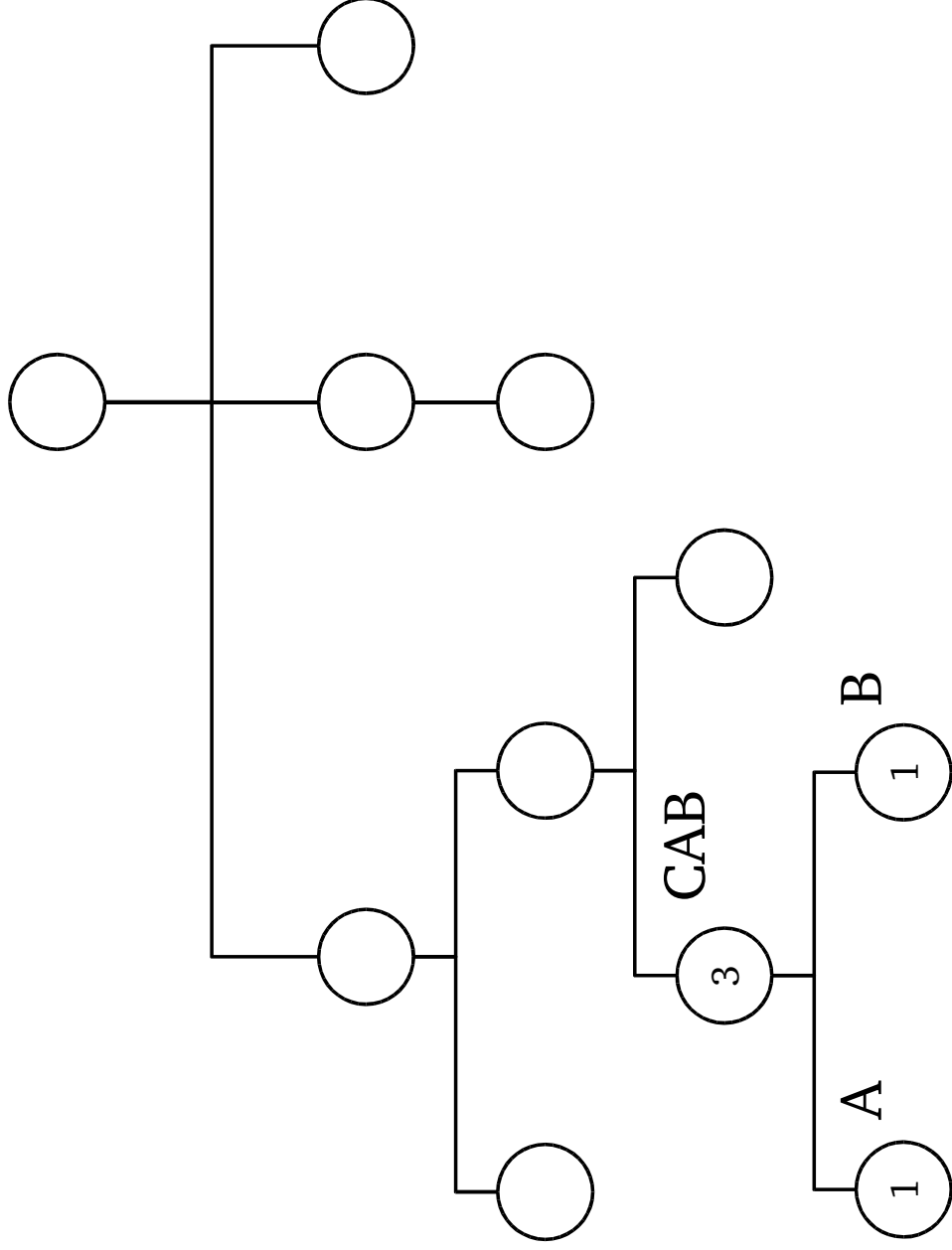
XY-Diff

- Developed as part of a web crawler
- Considers XML document trees ordered
- Designed to work on average in linear time using a greedy algorithm
- Resulting diffs are not always optimal

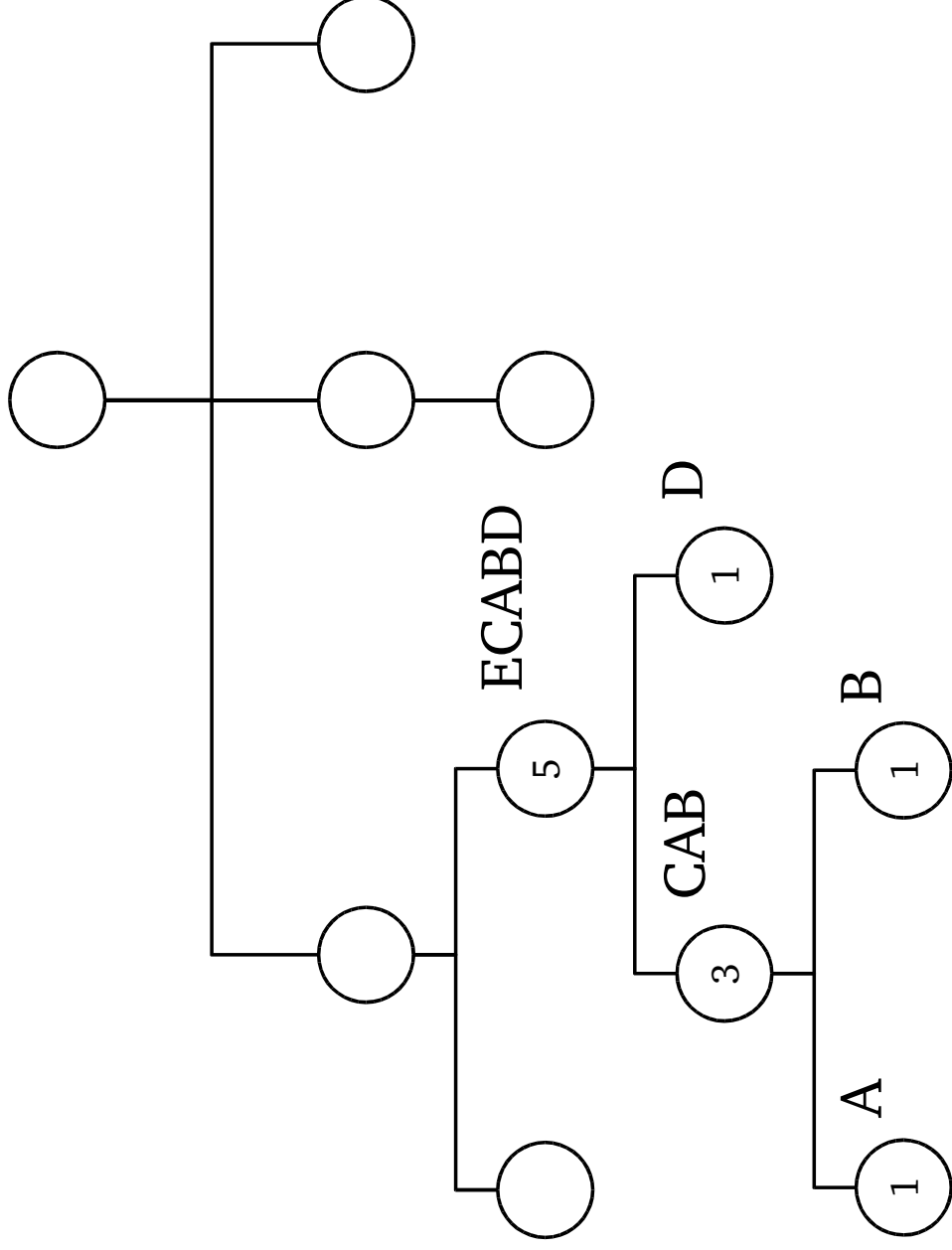
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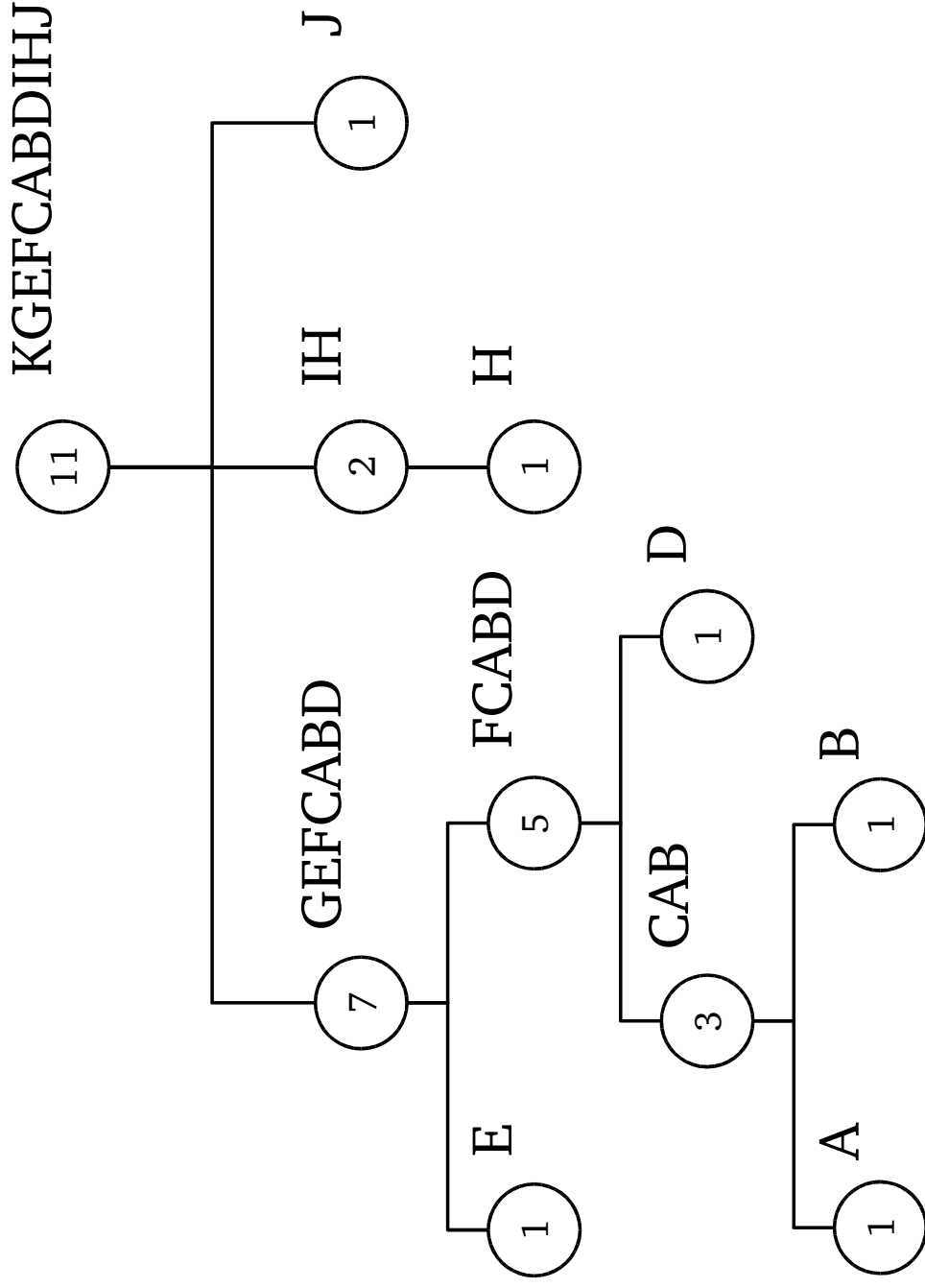
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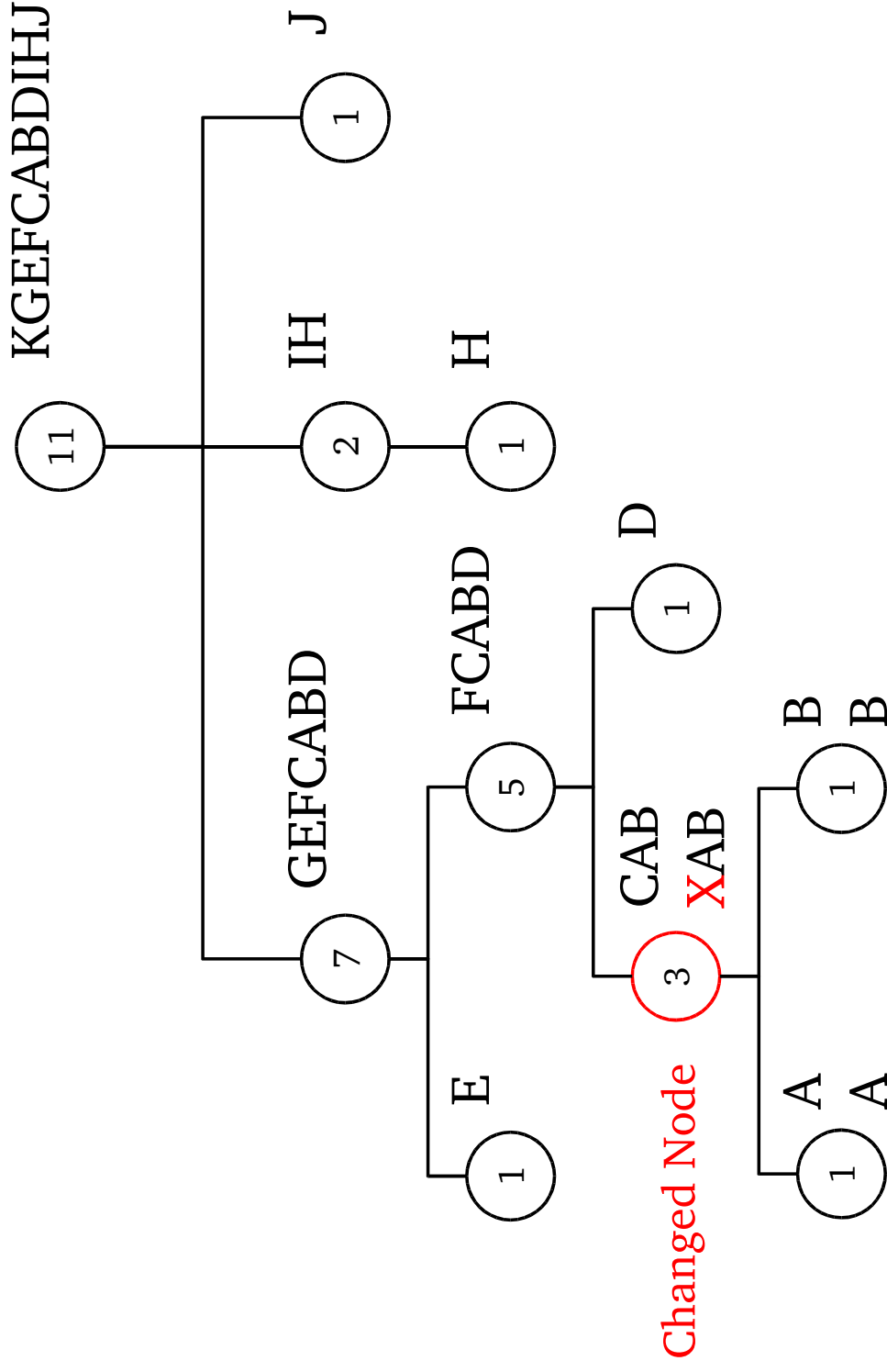
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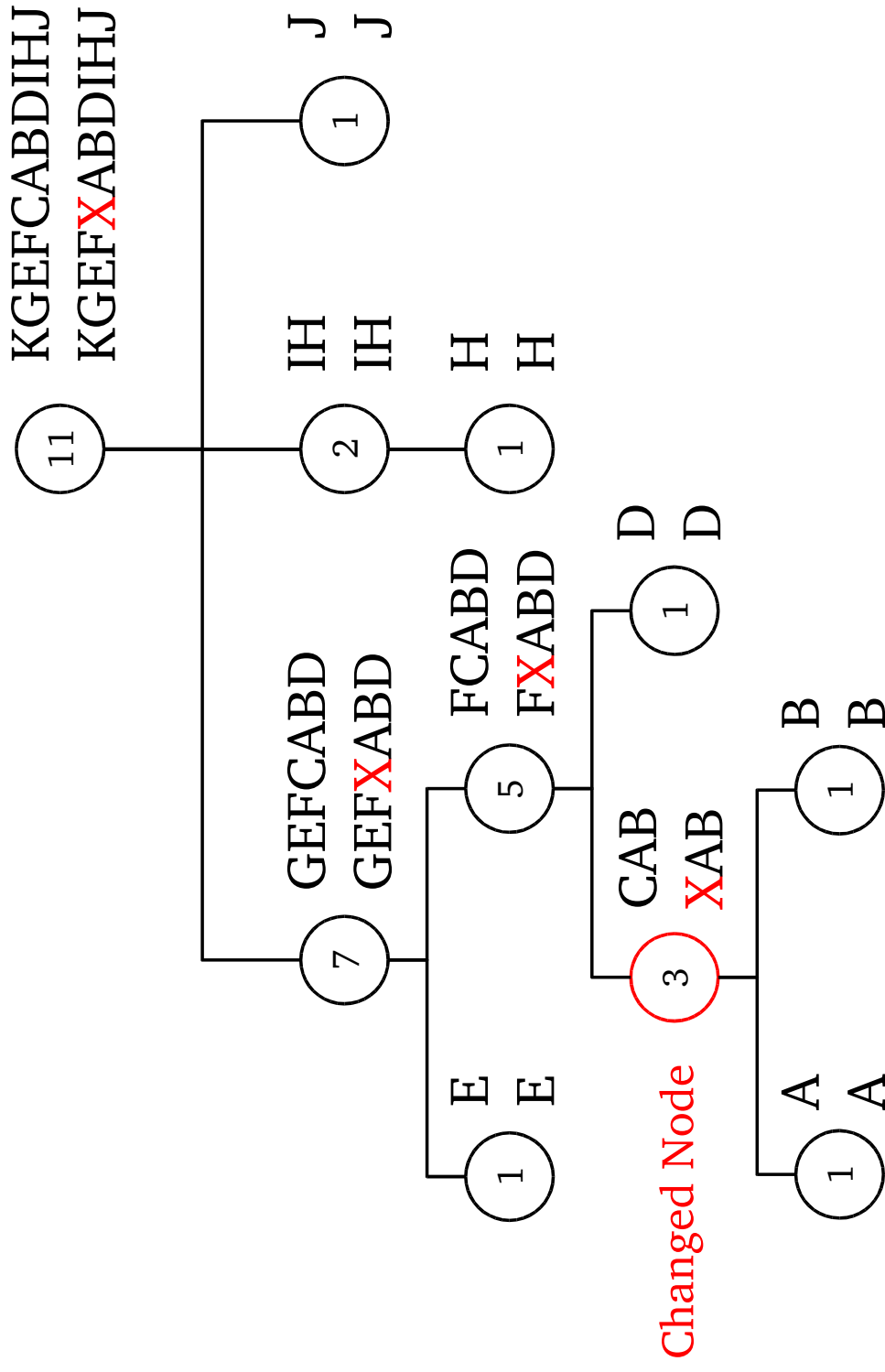
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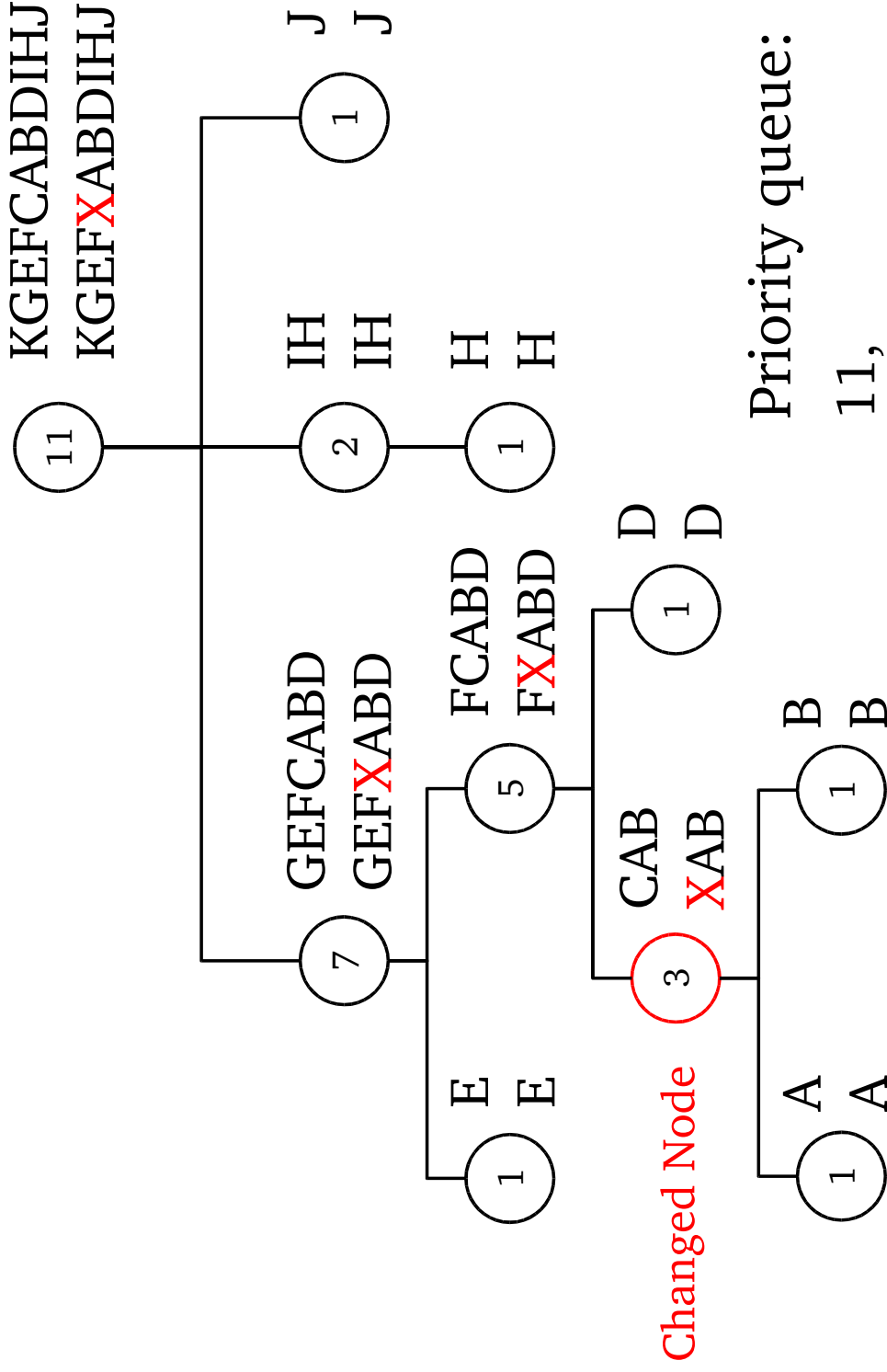
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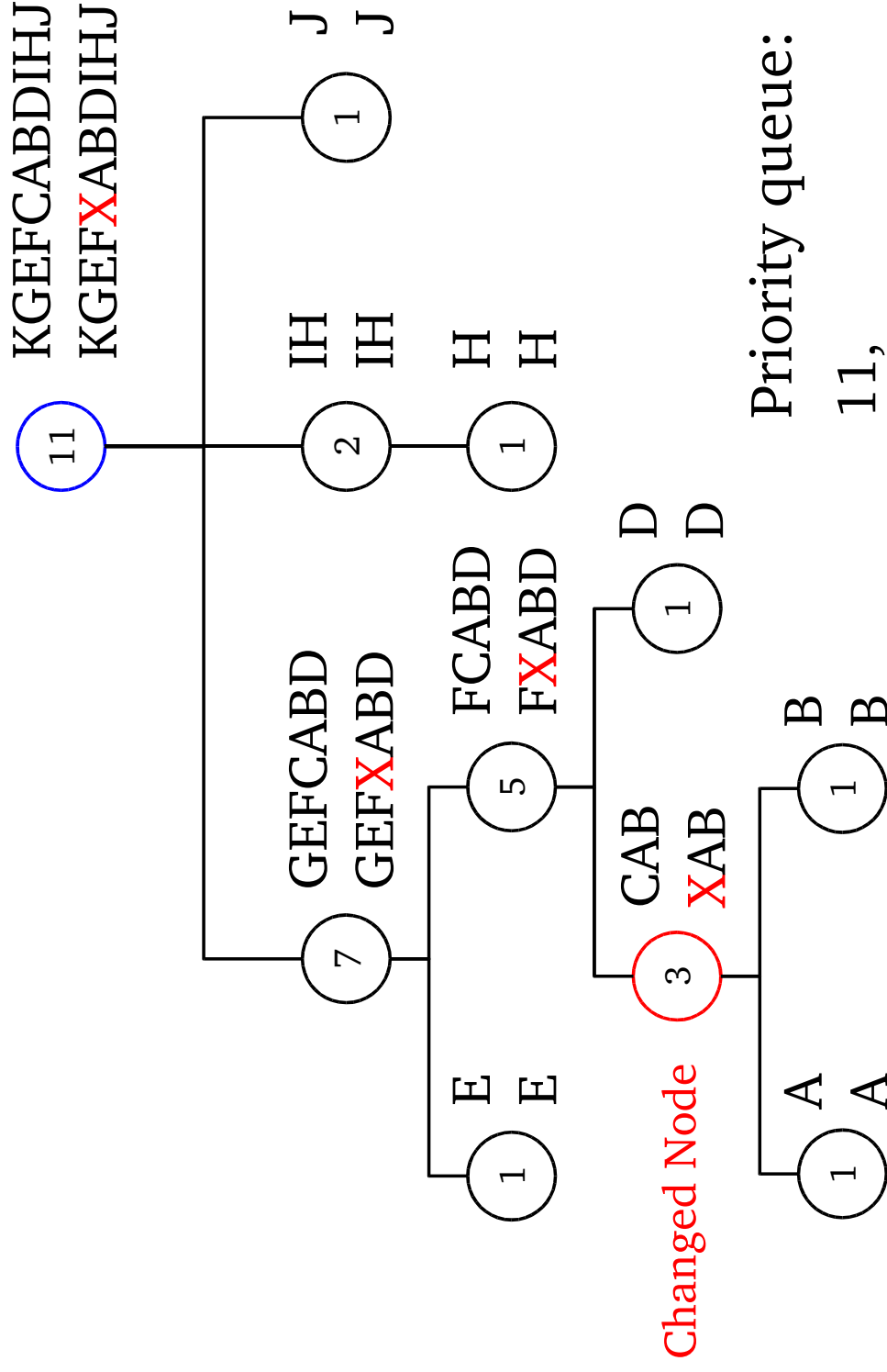
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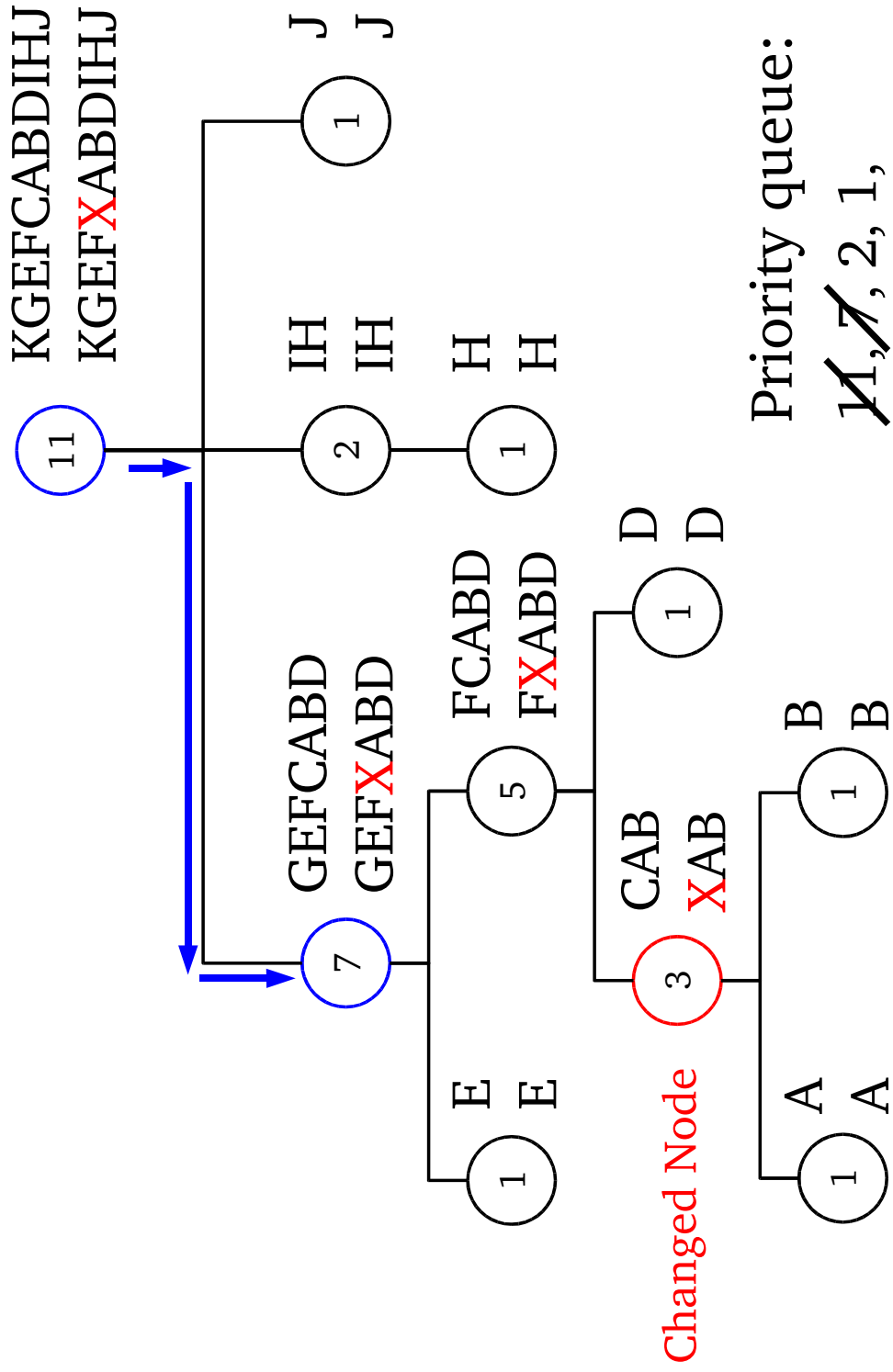
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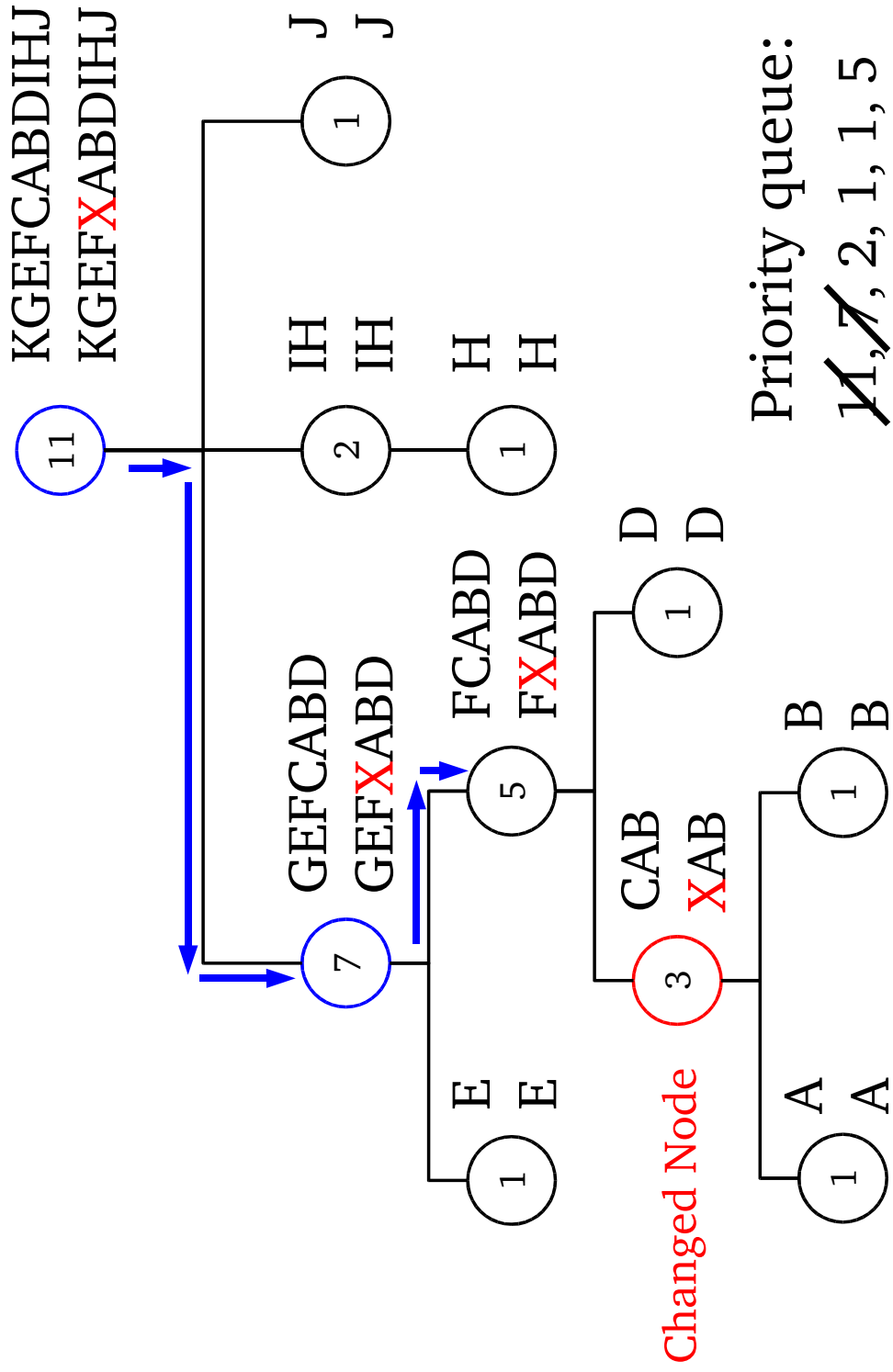
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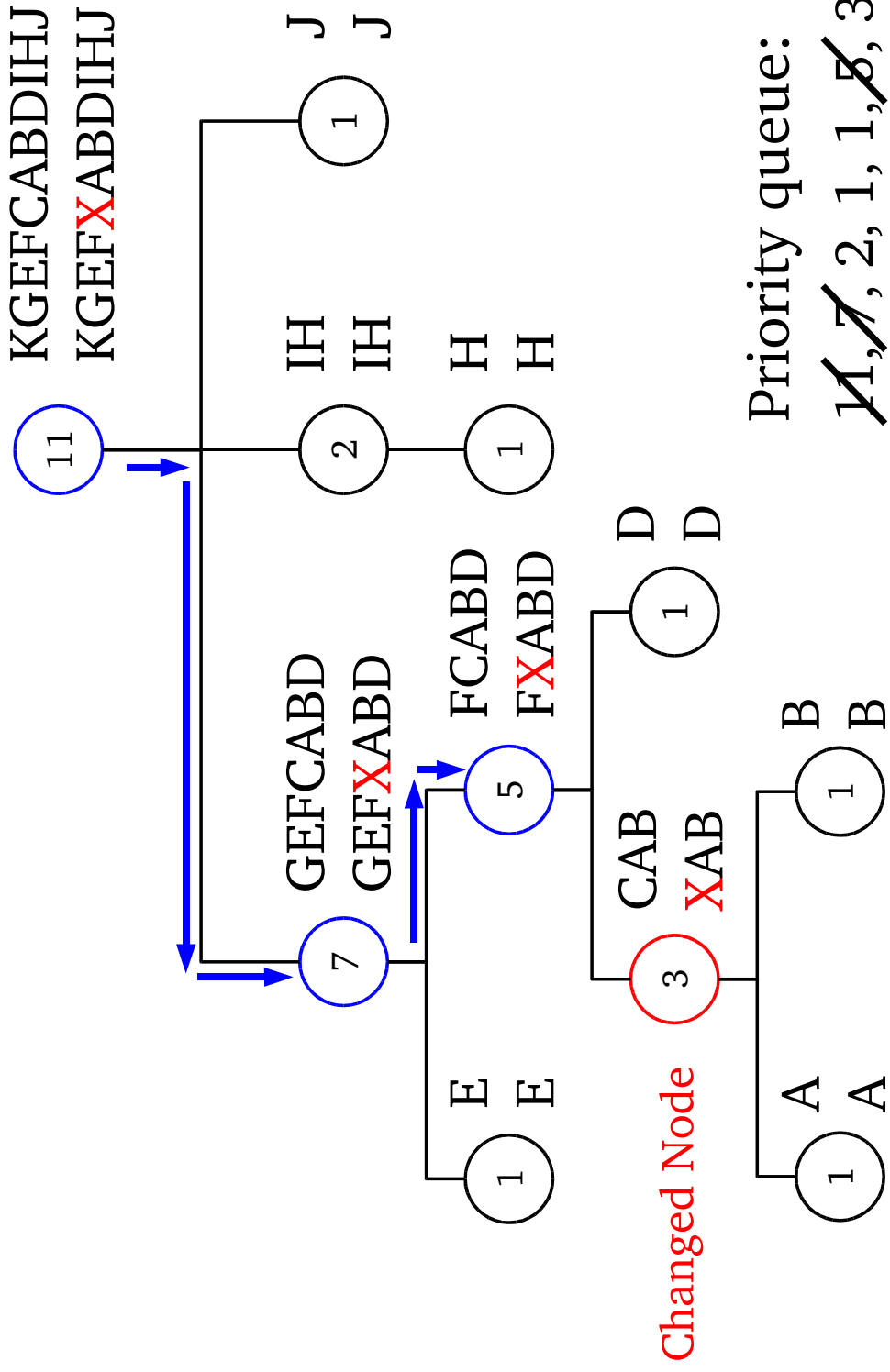
Repeat until differences are found



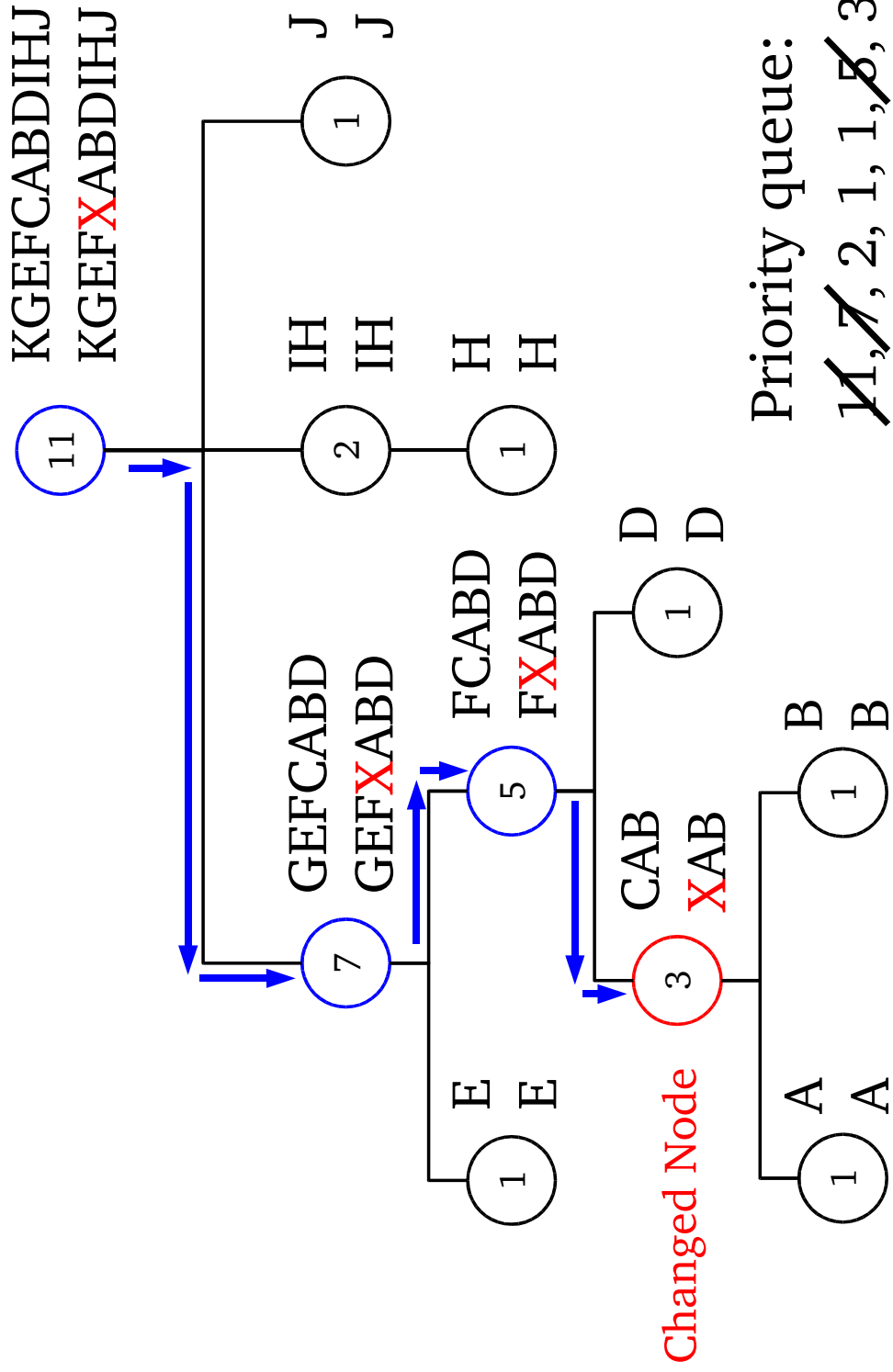
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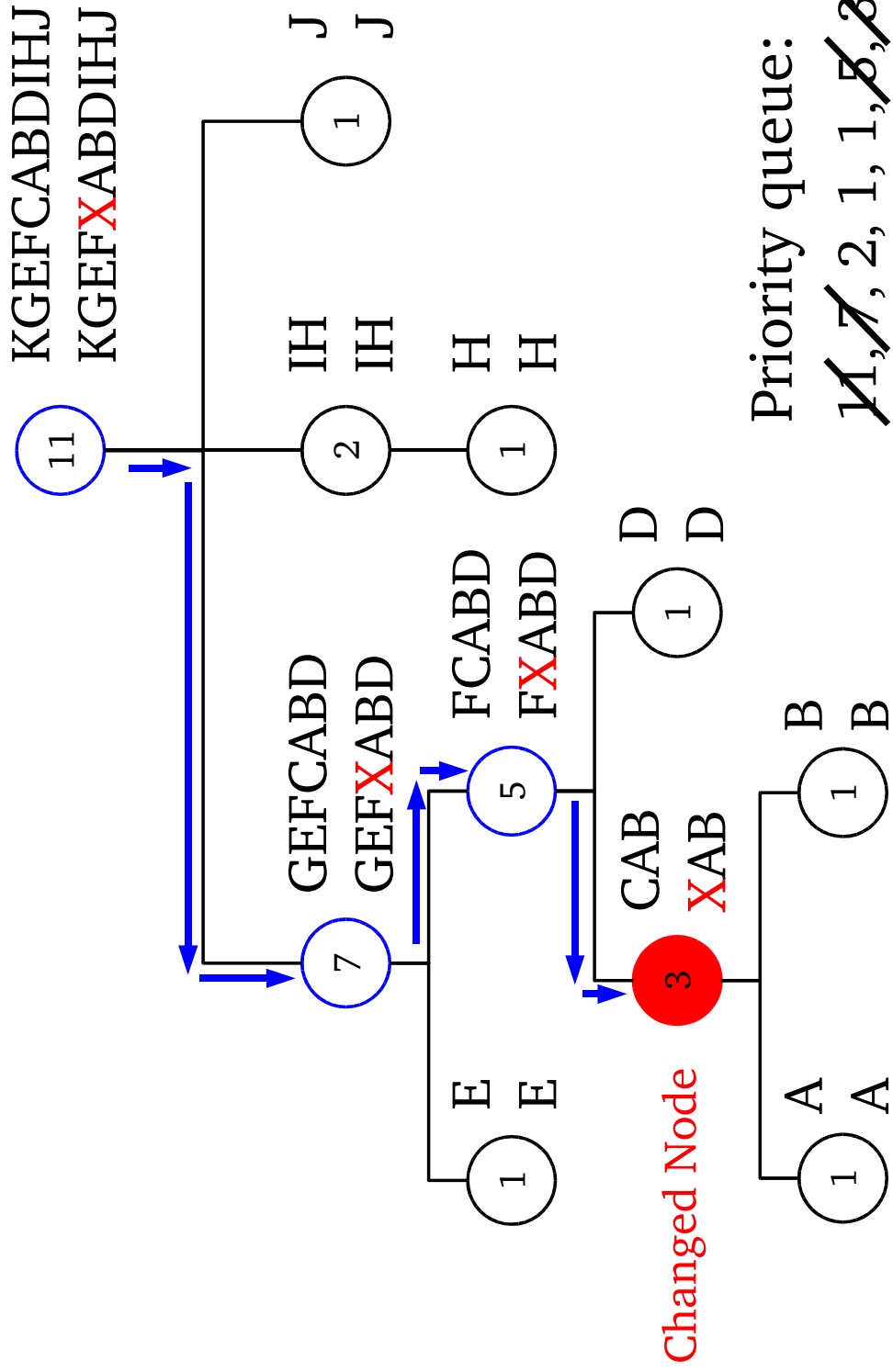
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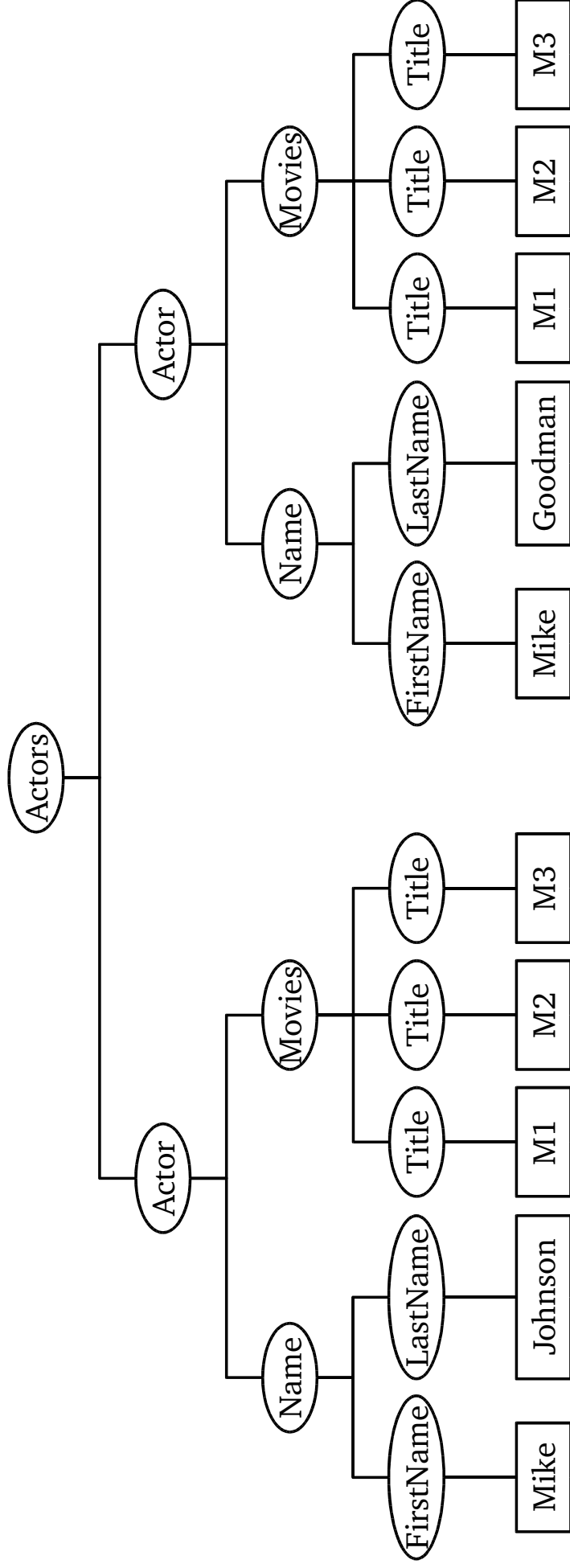


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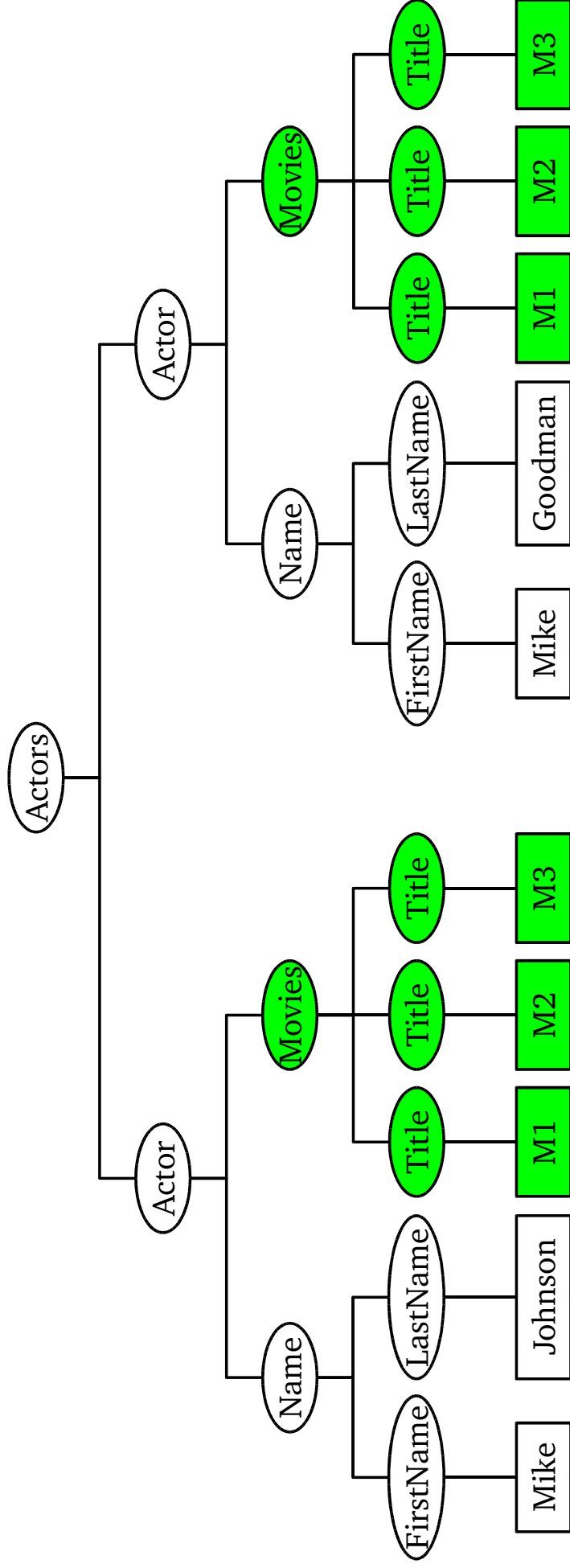
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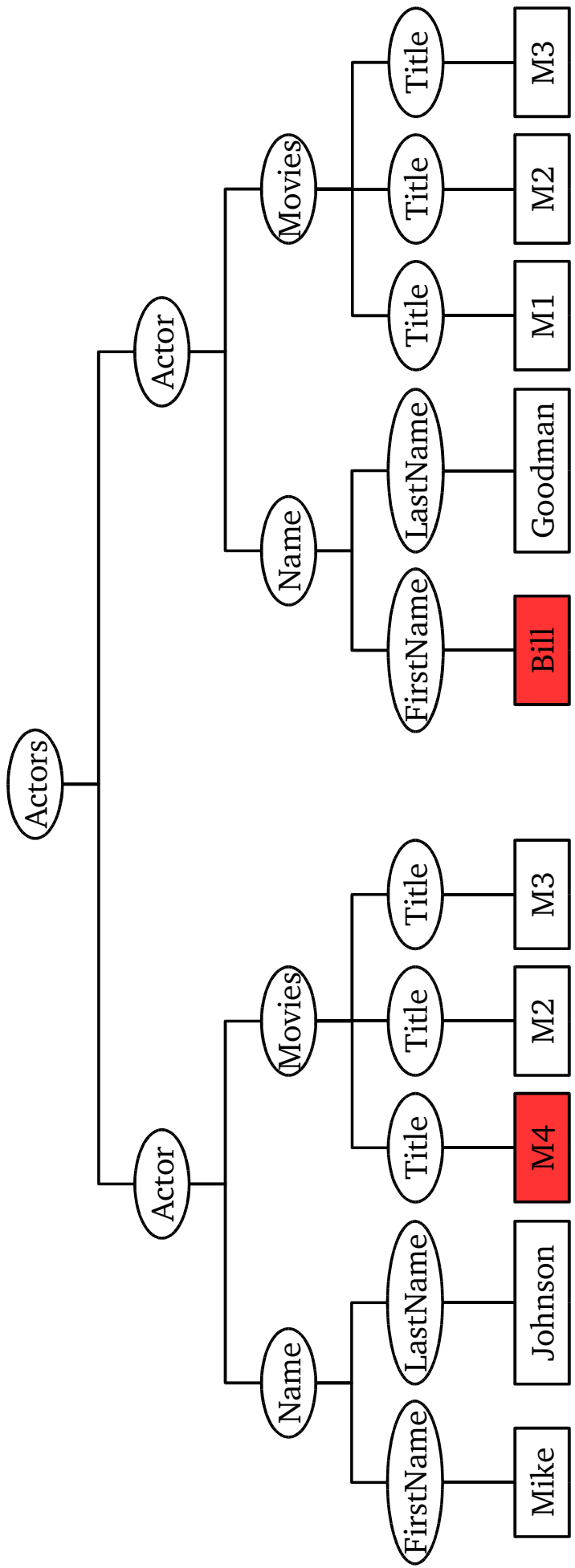
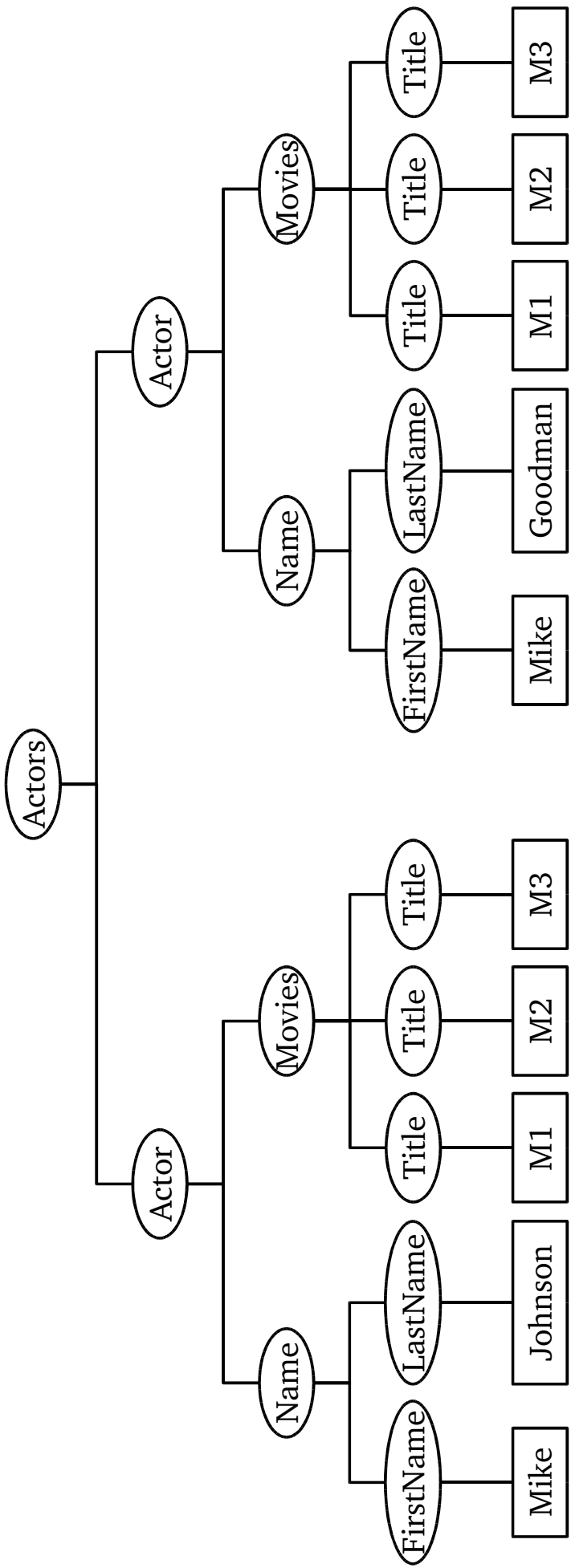
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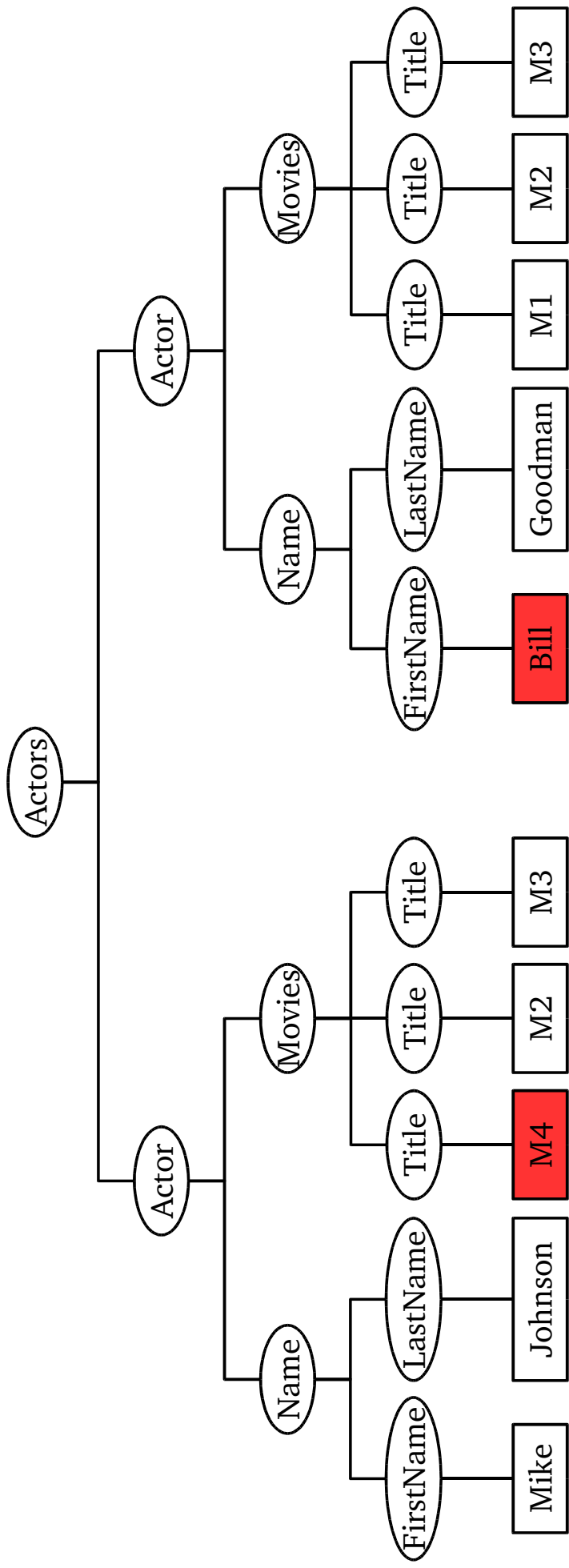
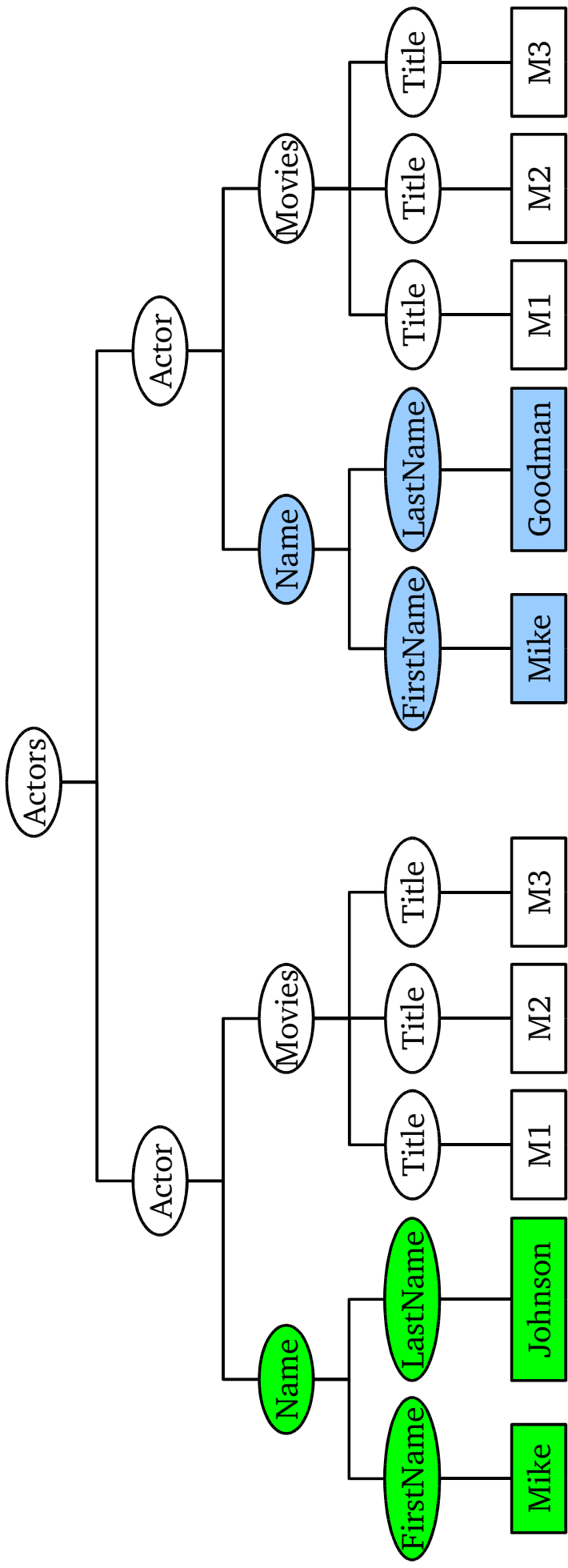


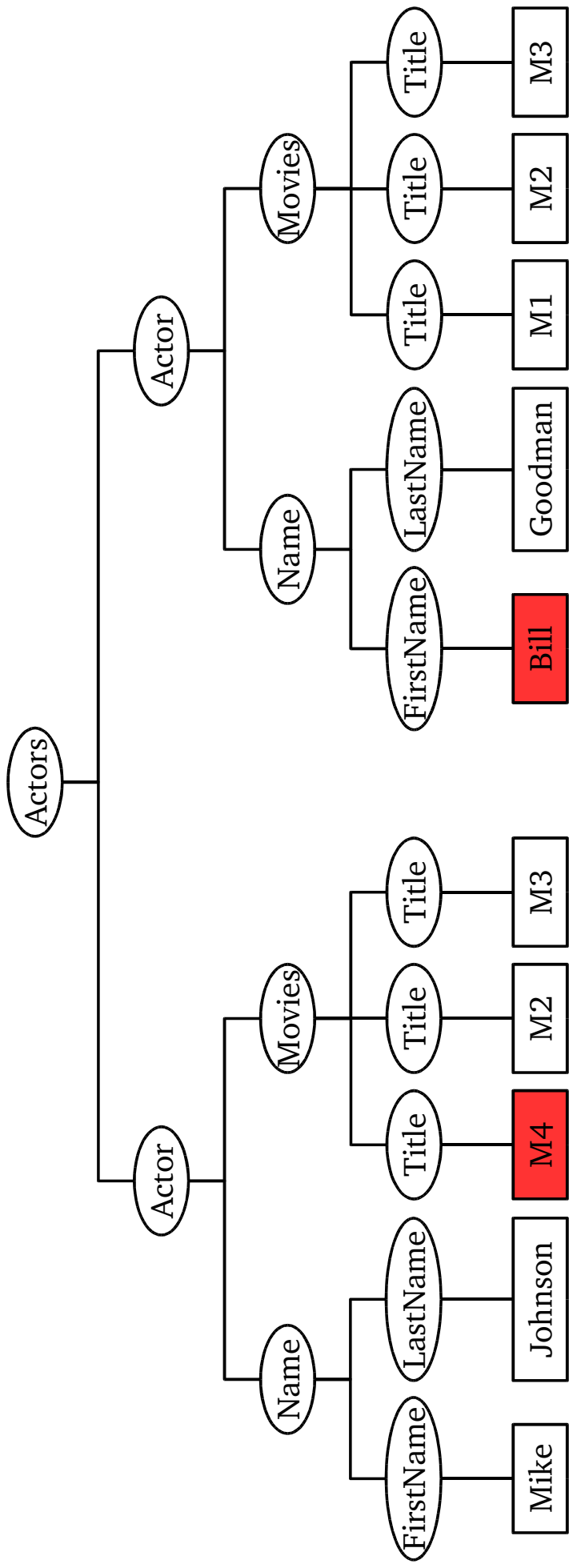
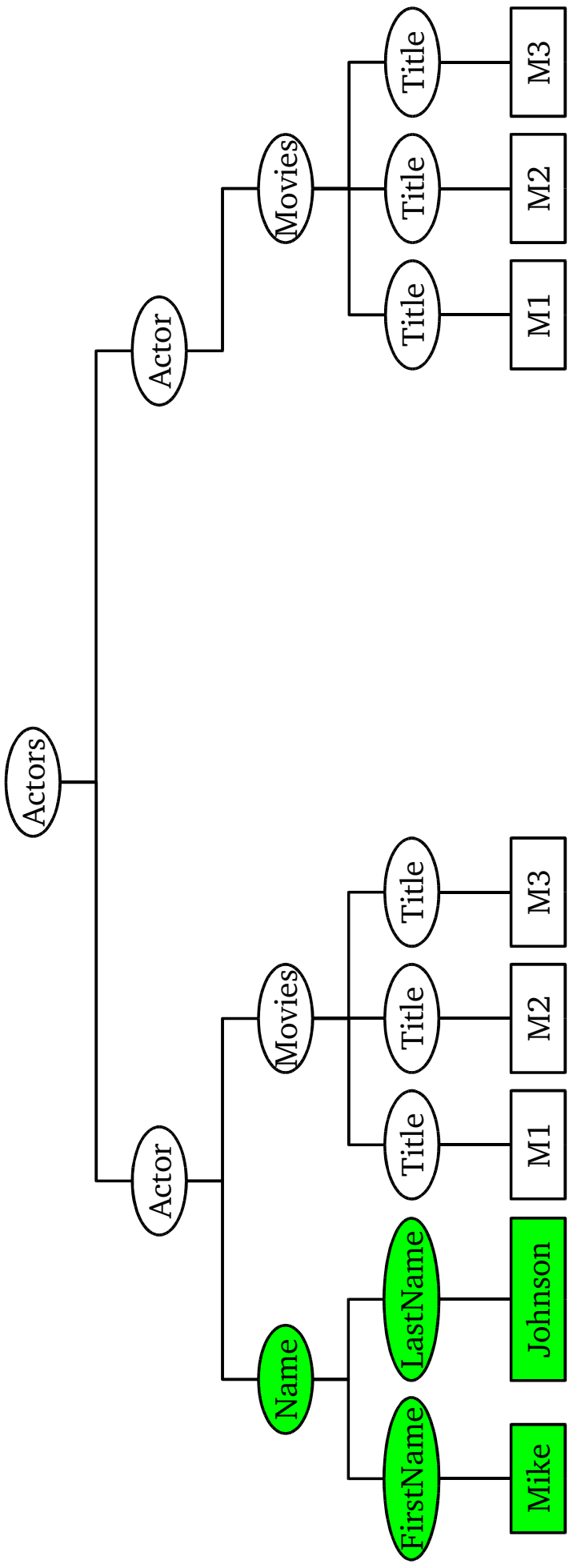
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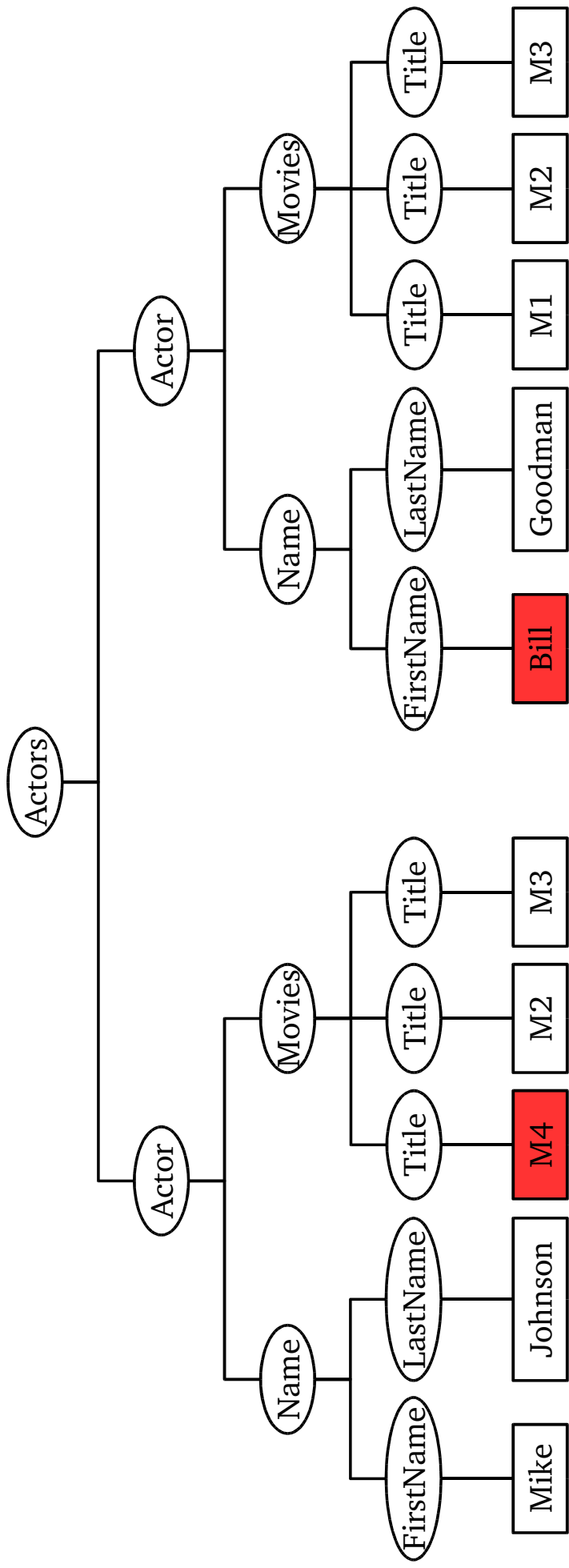
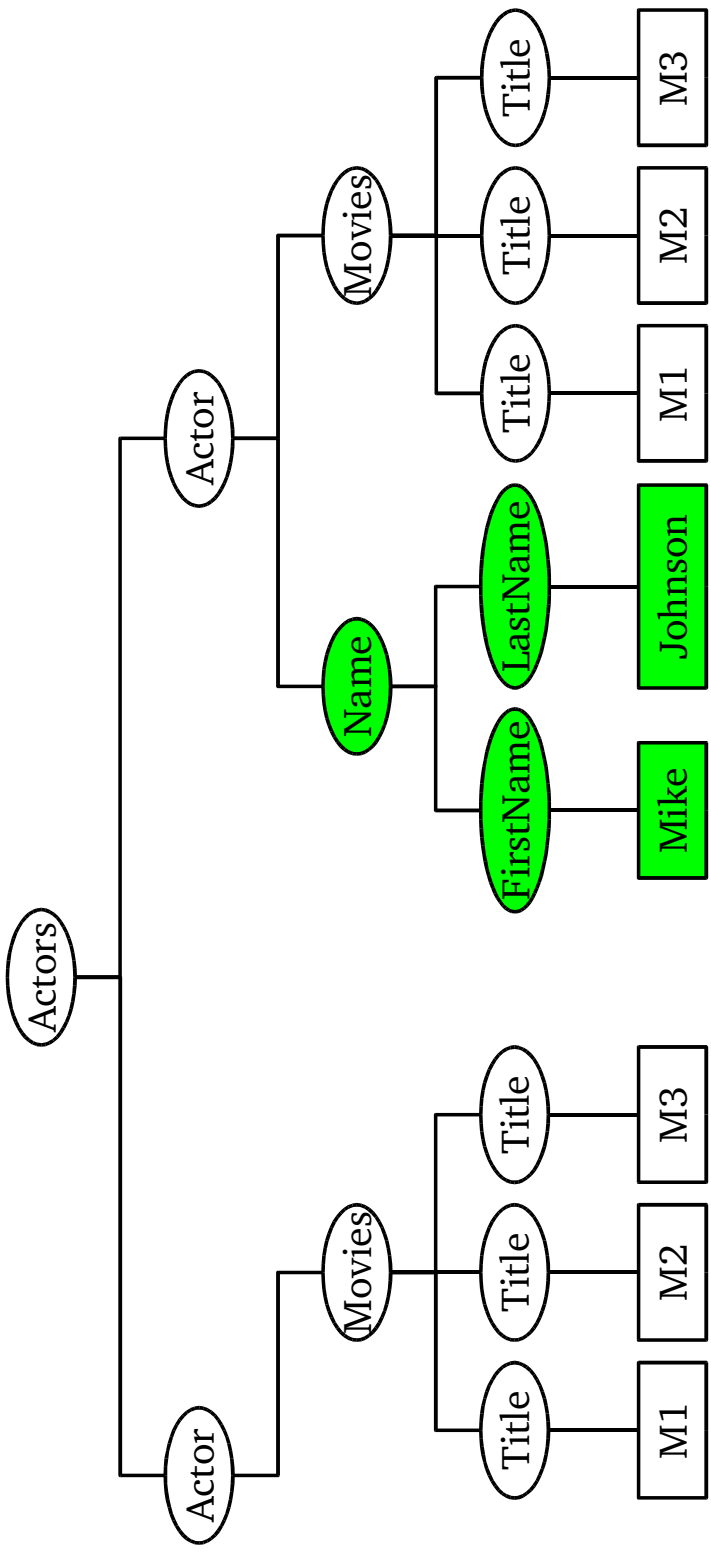
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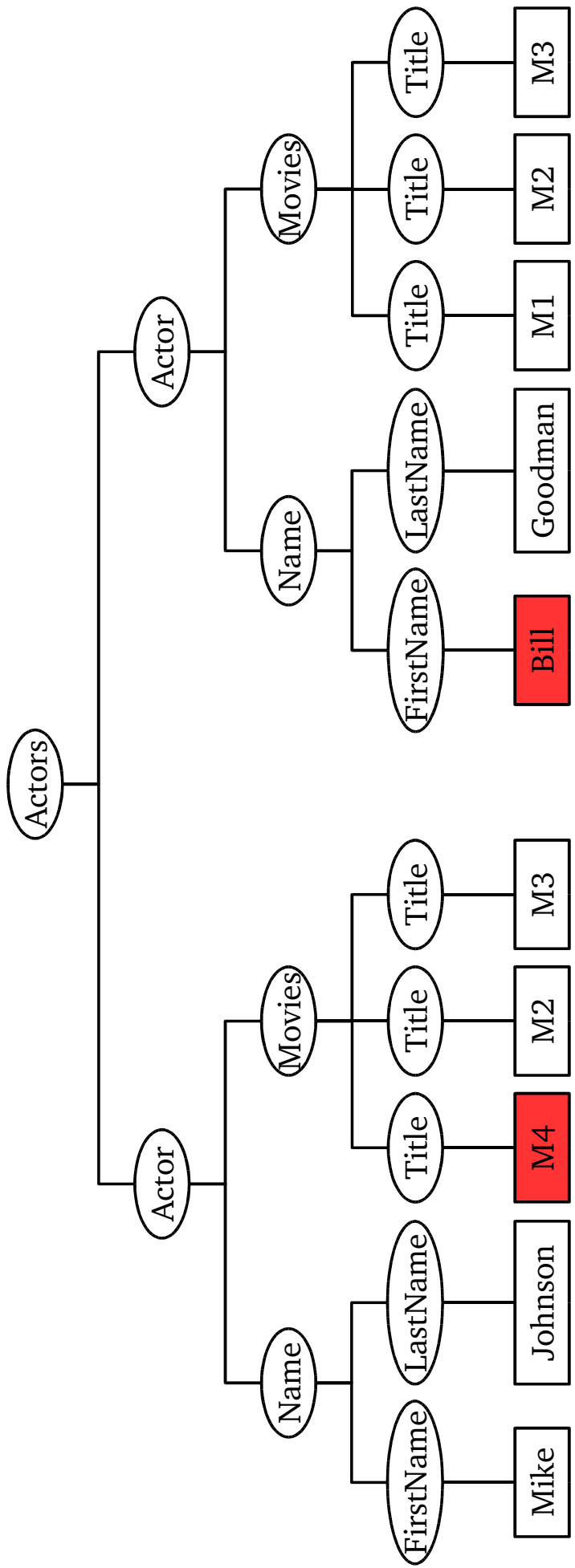
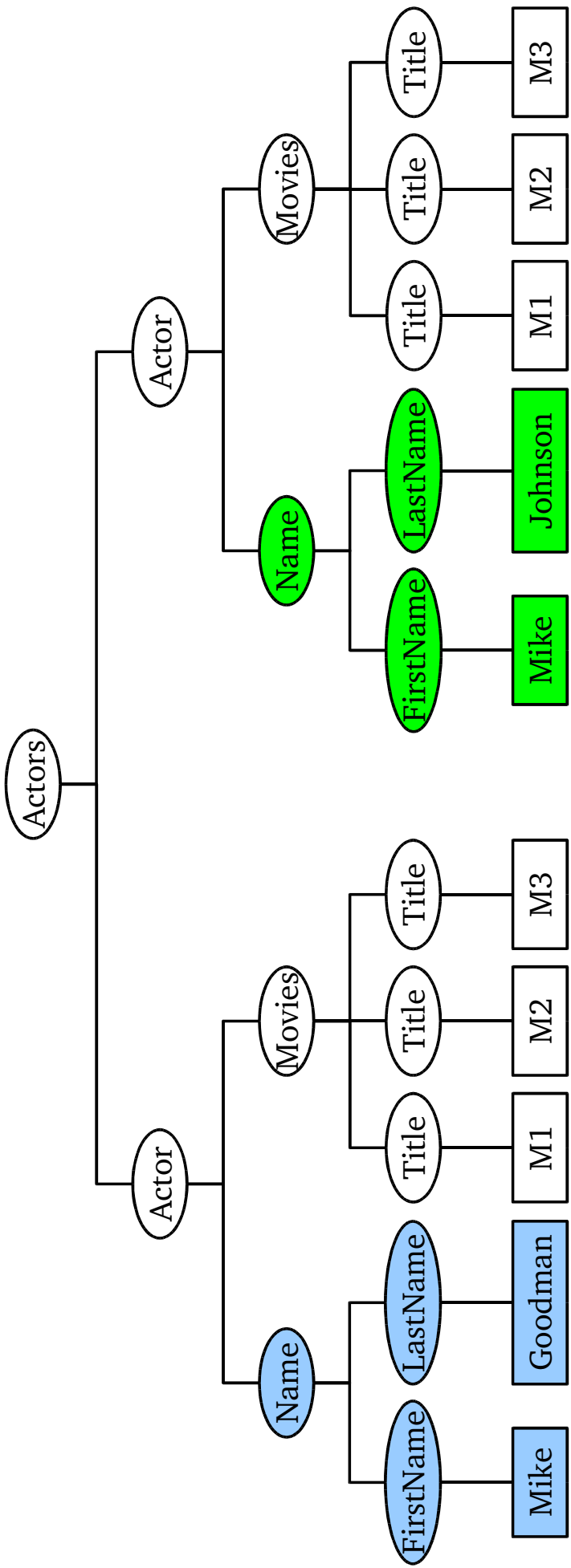


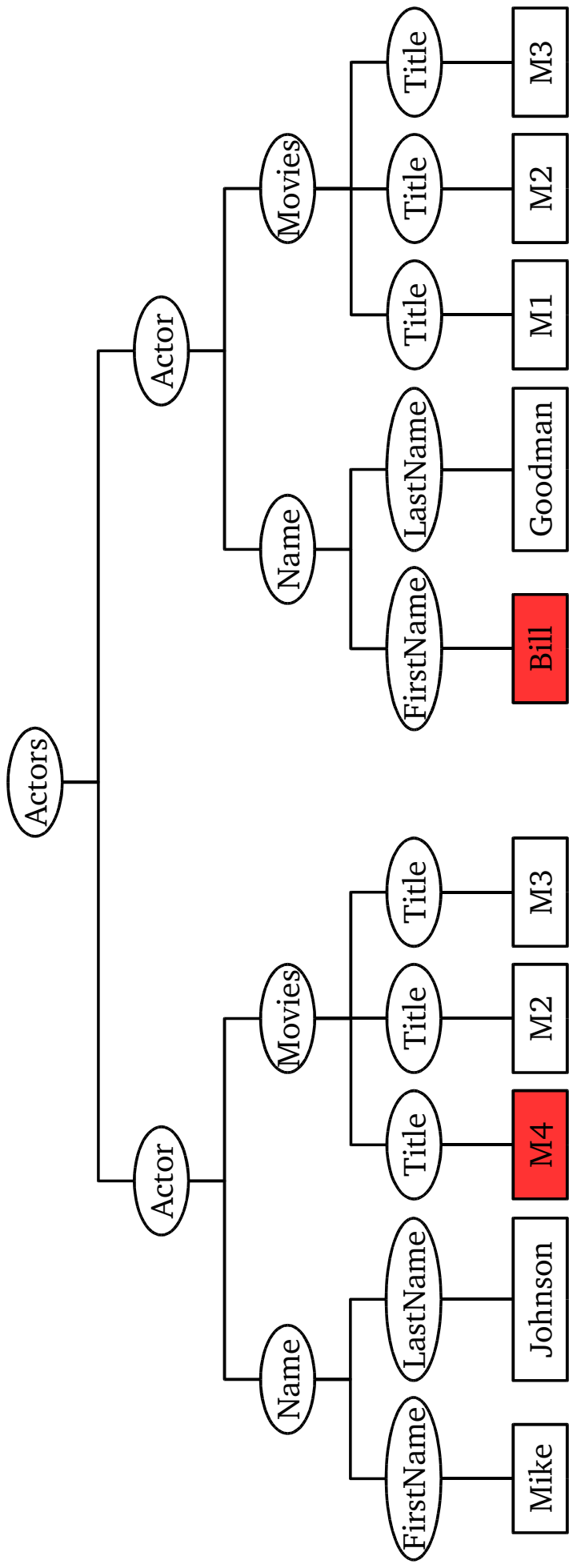
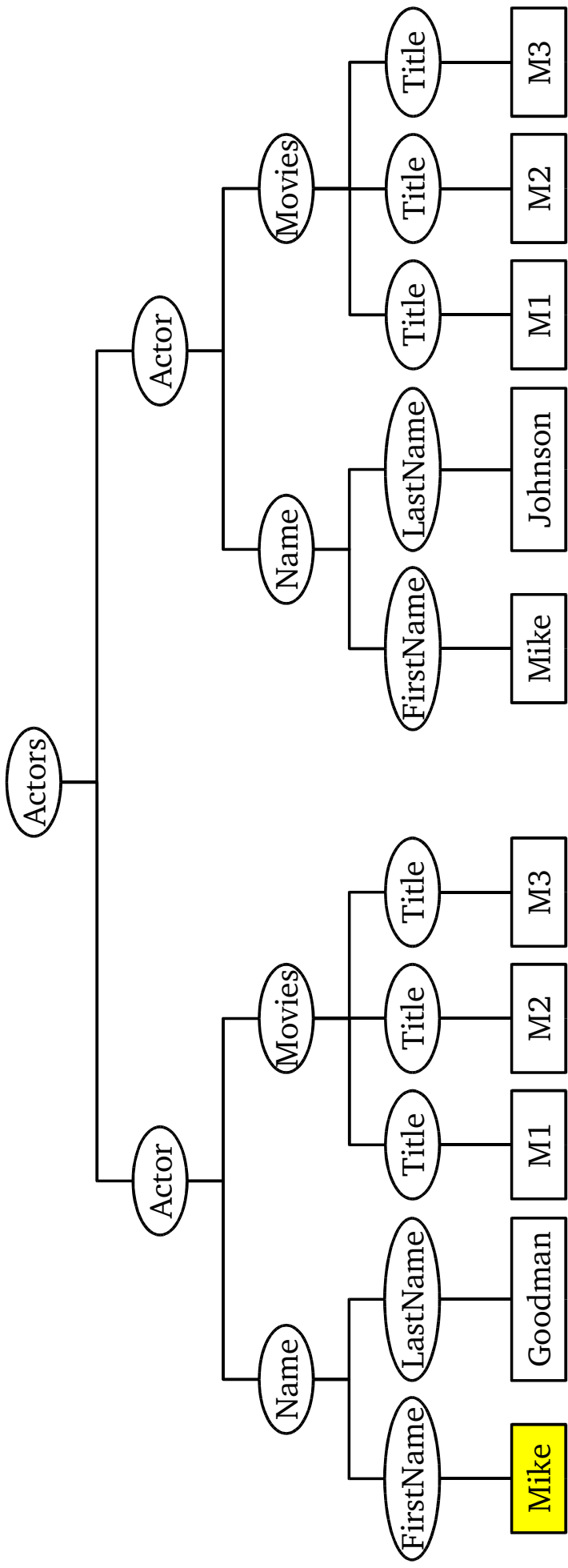


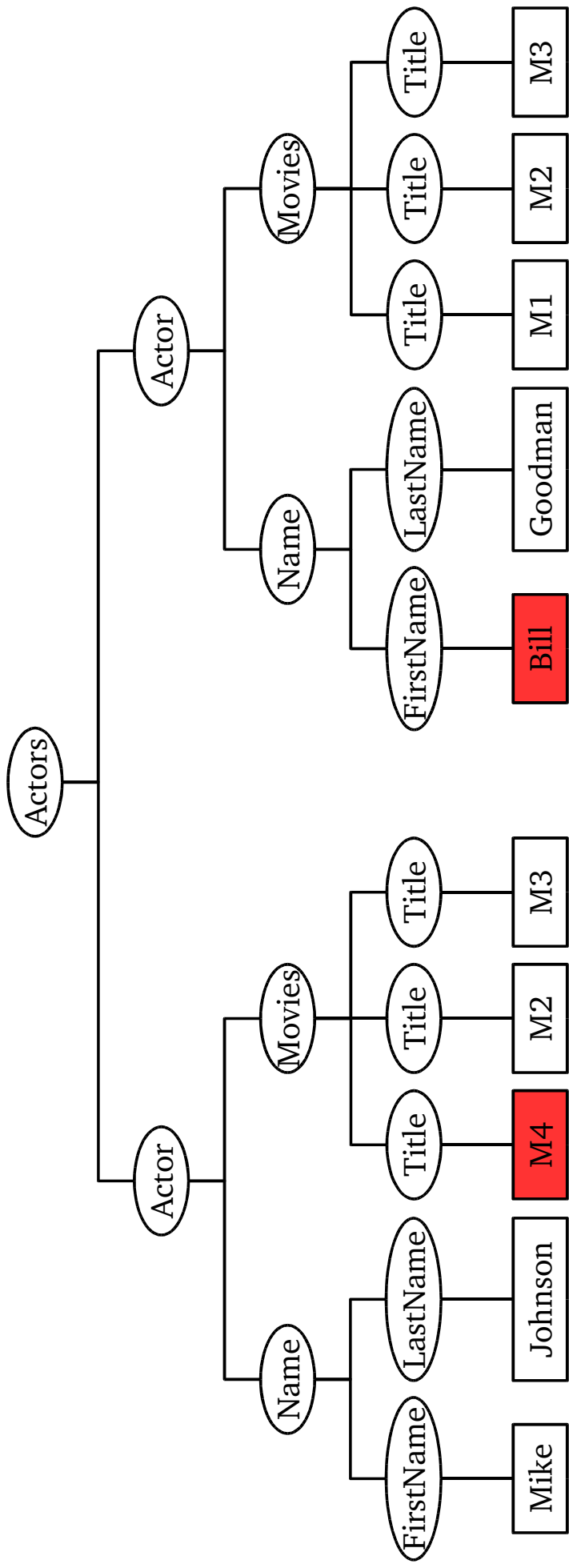
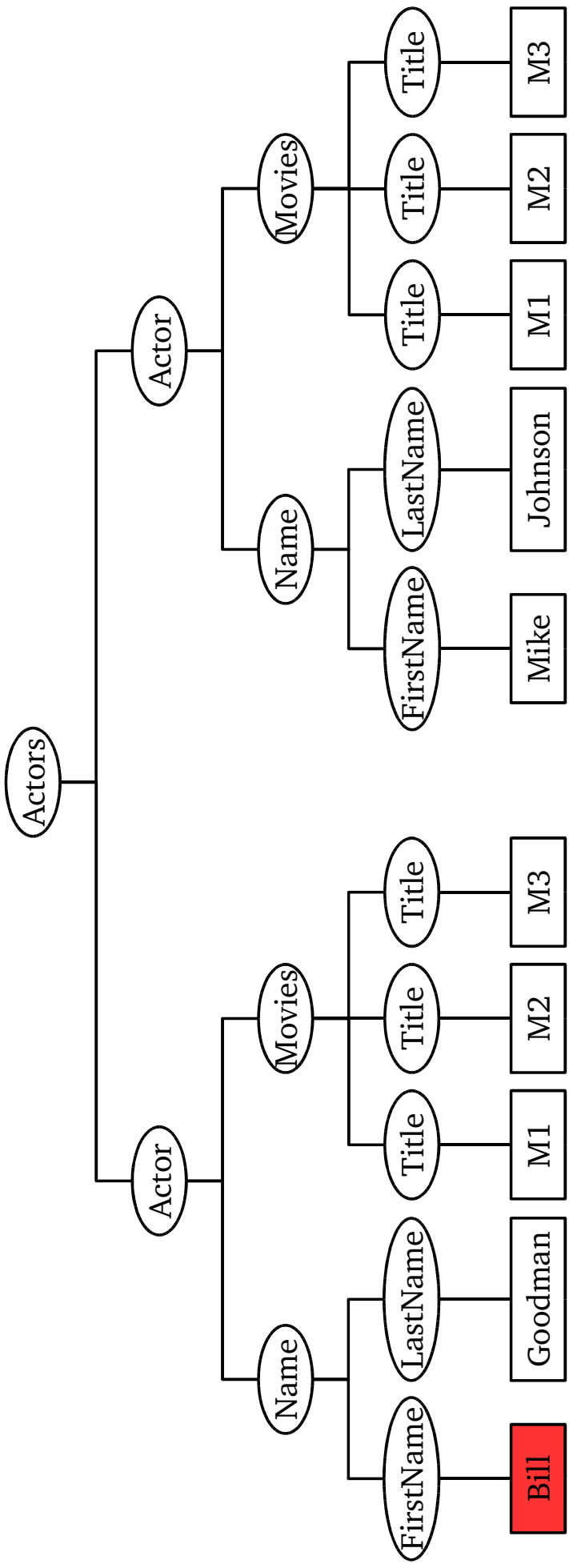


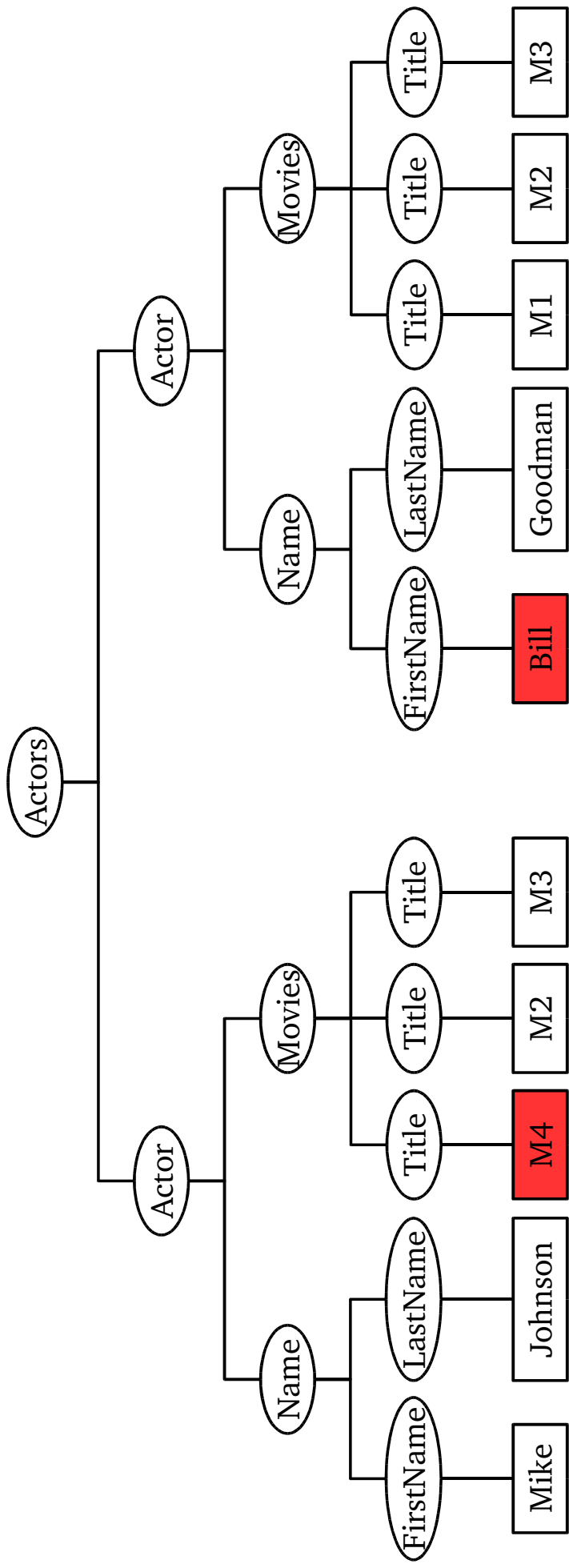
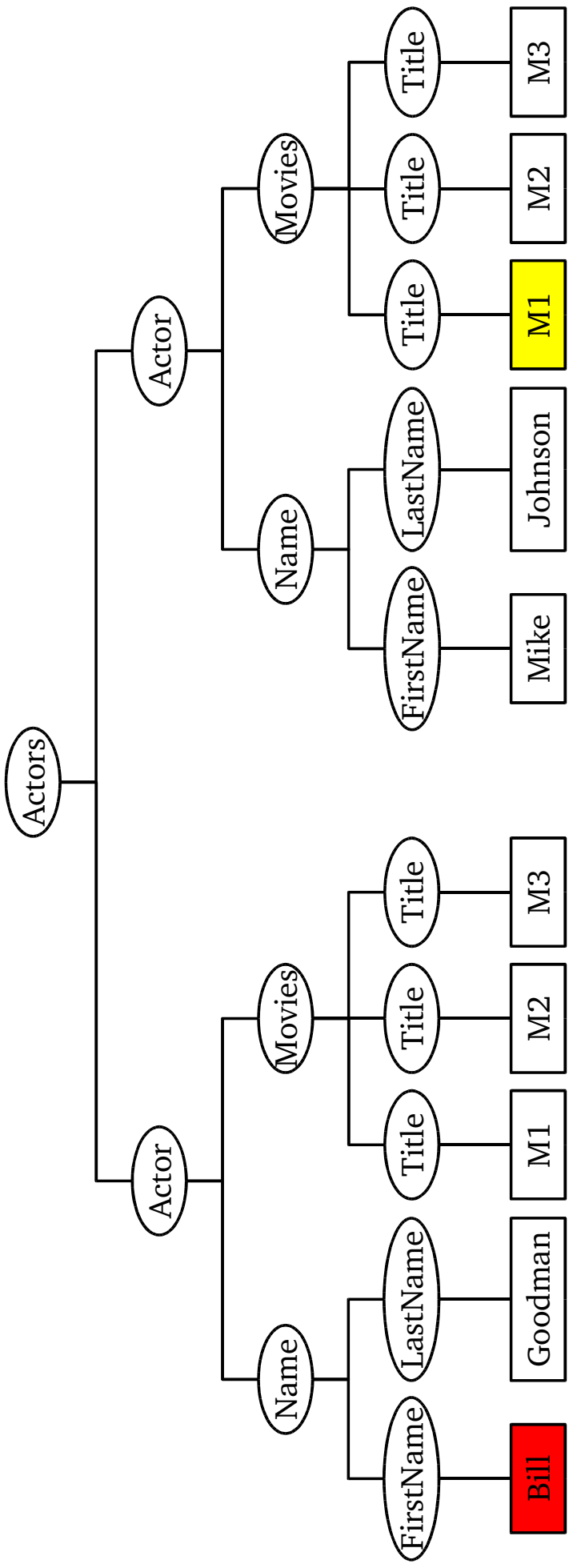


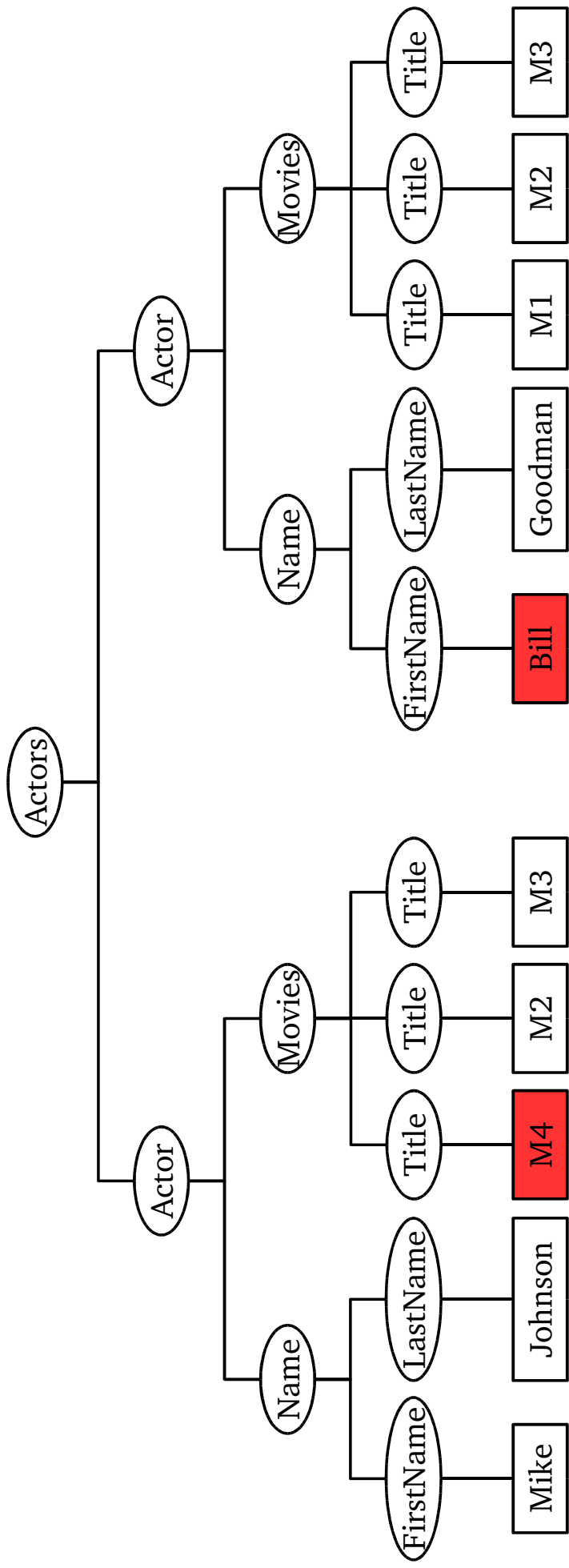
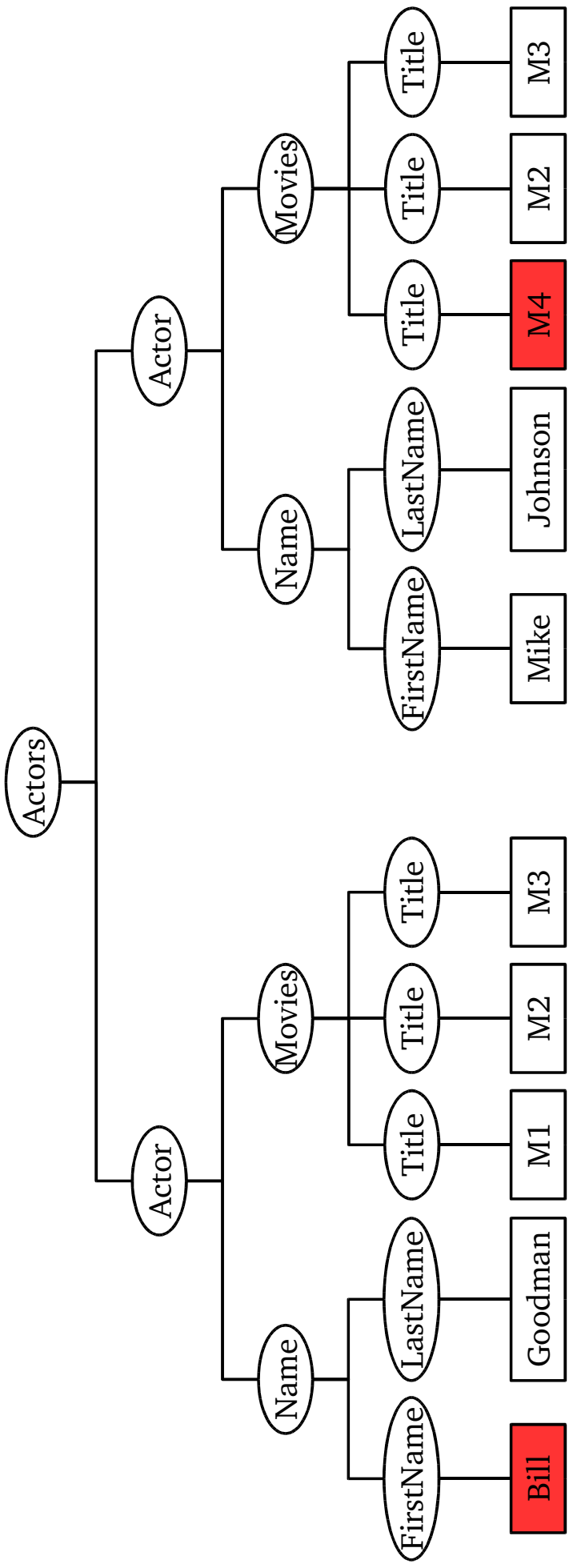


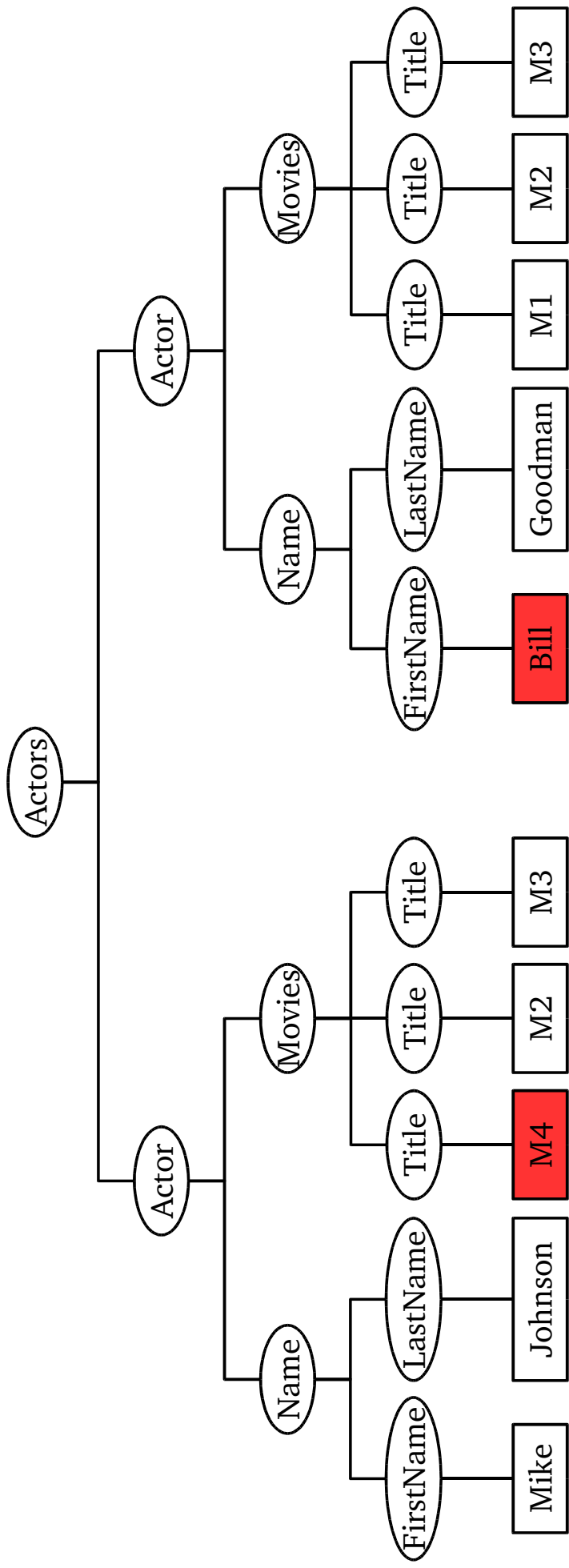
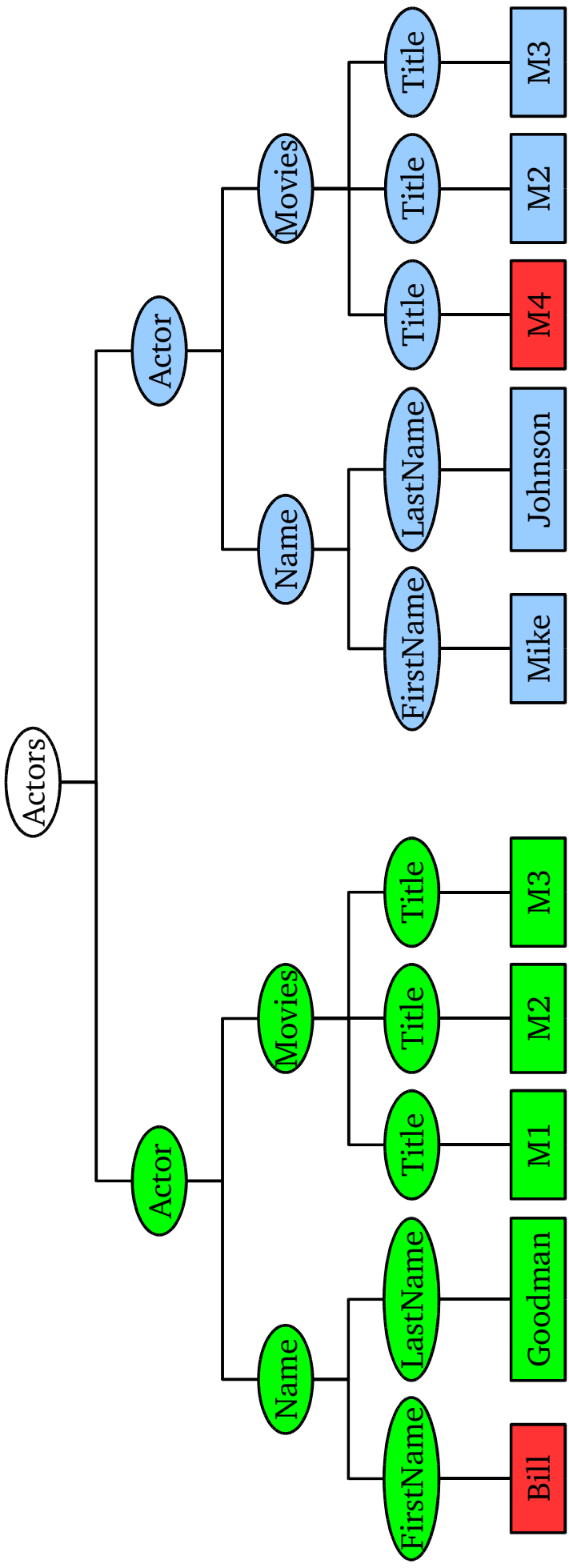


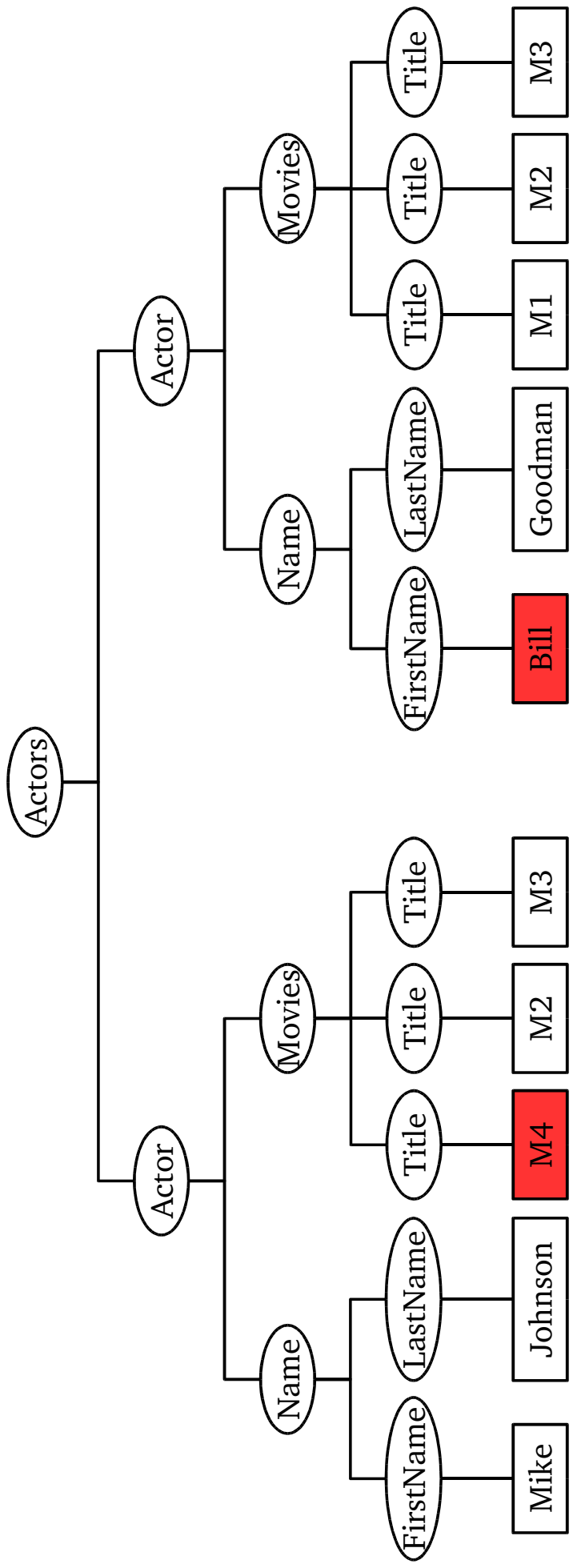
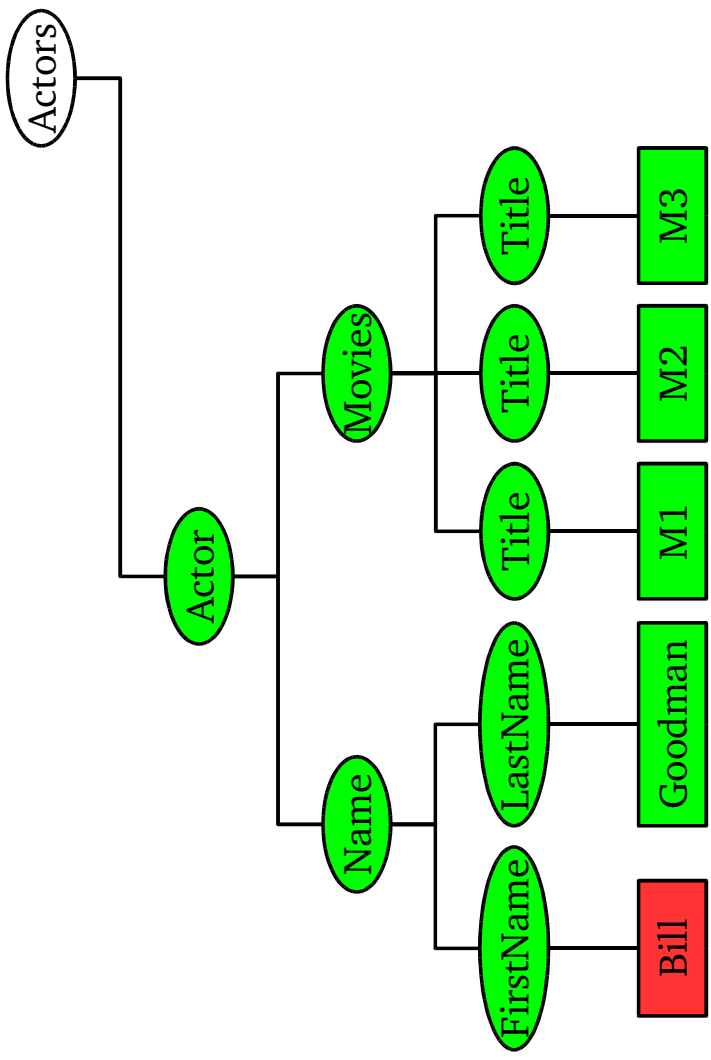


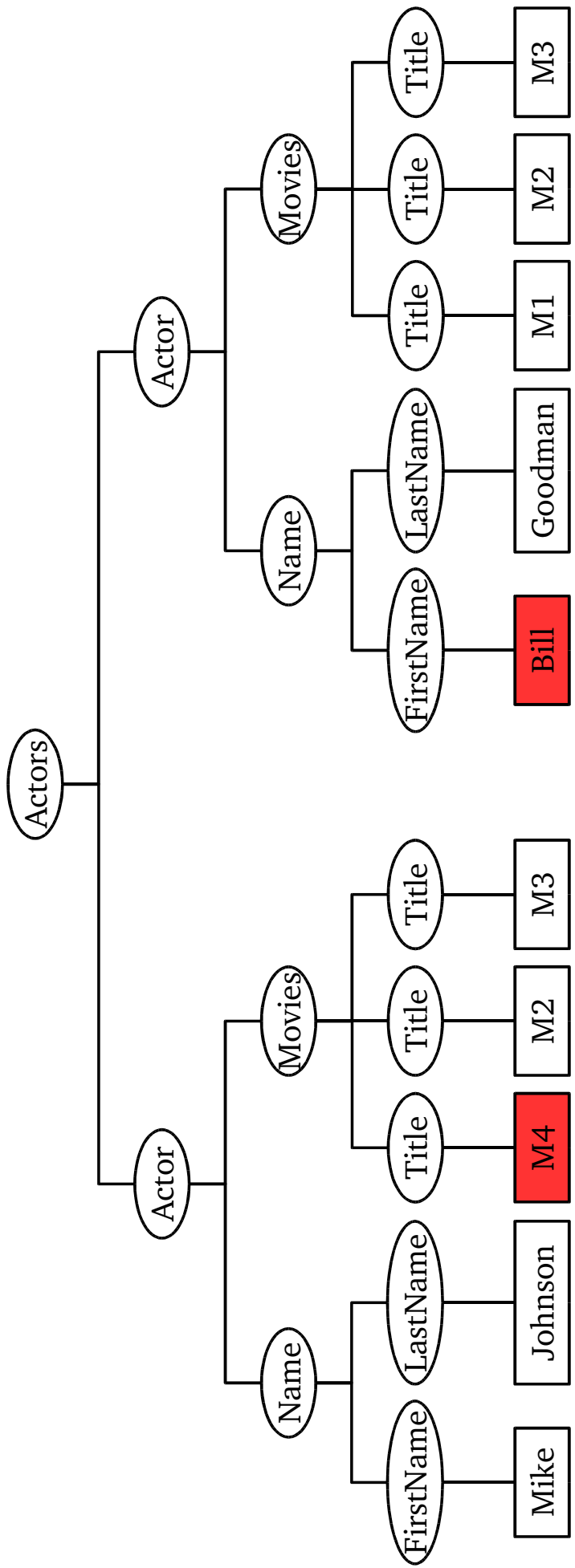
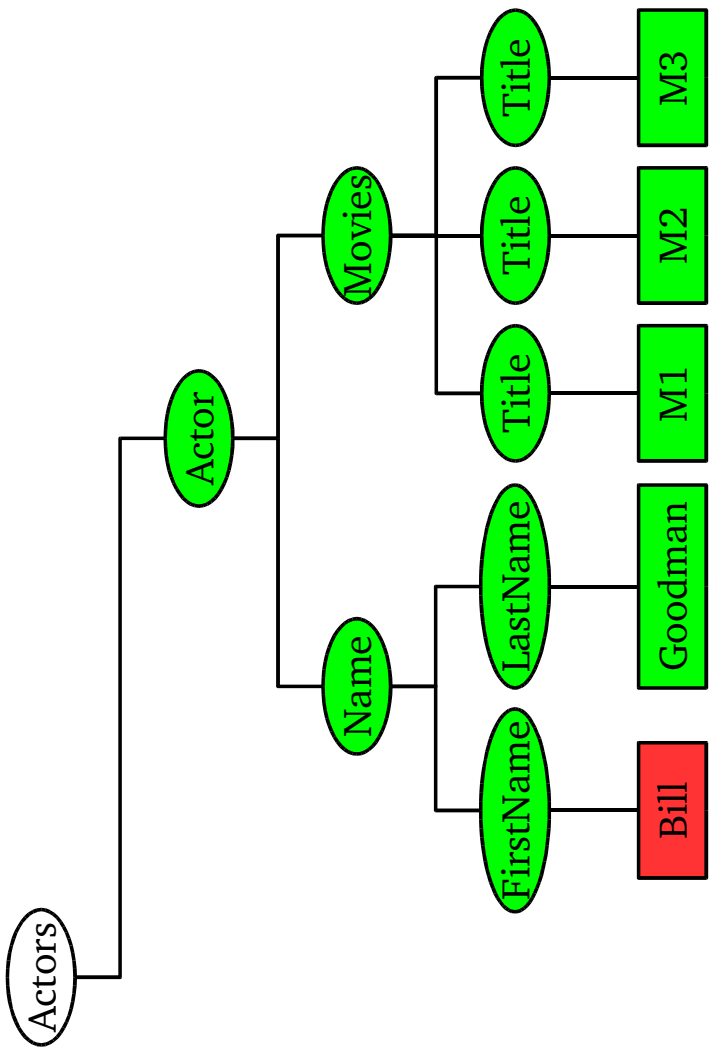


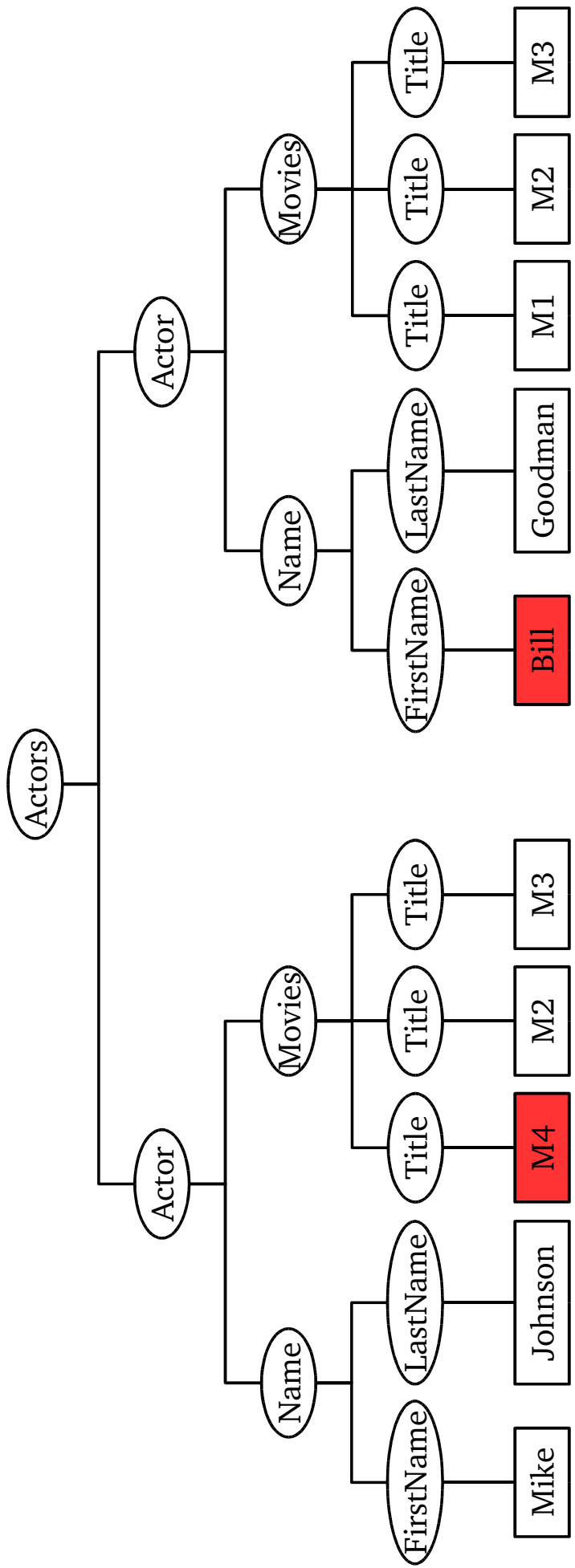
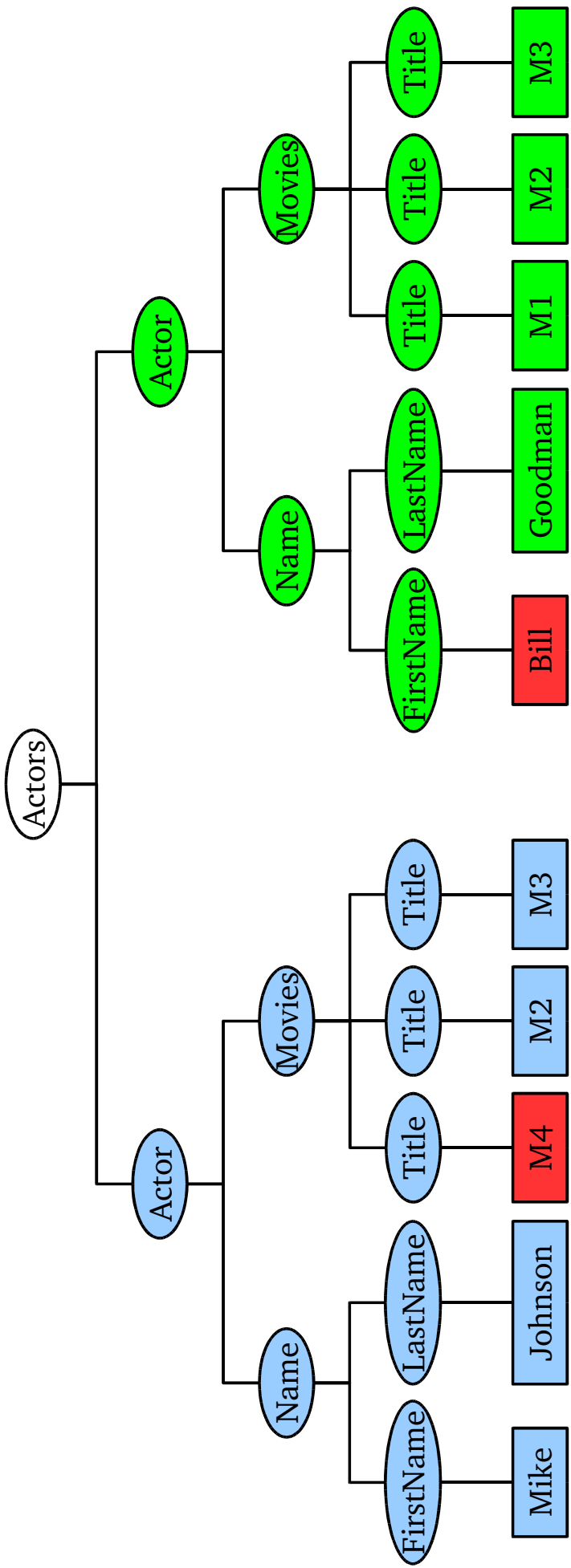


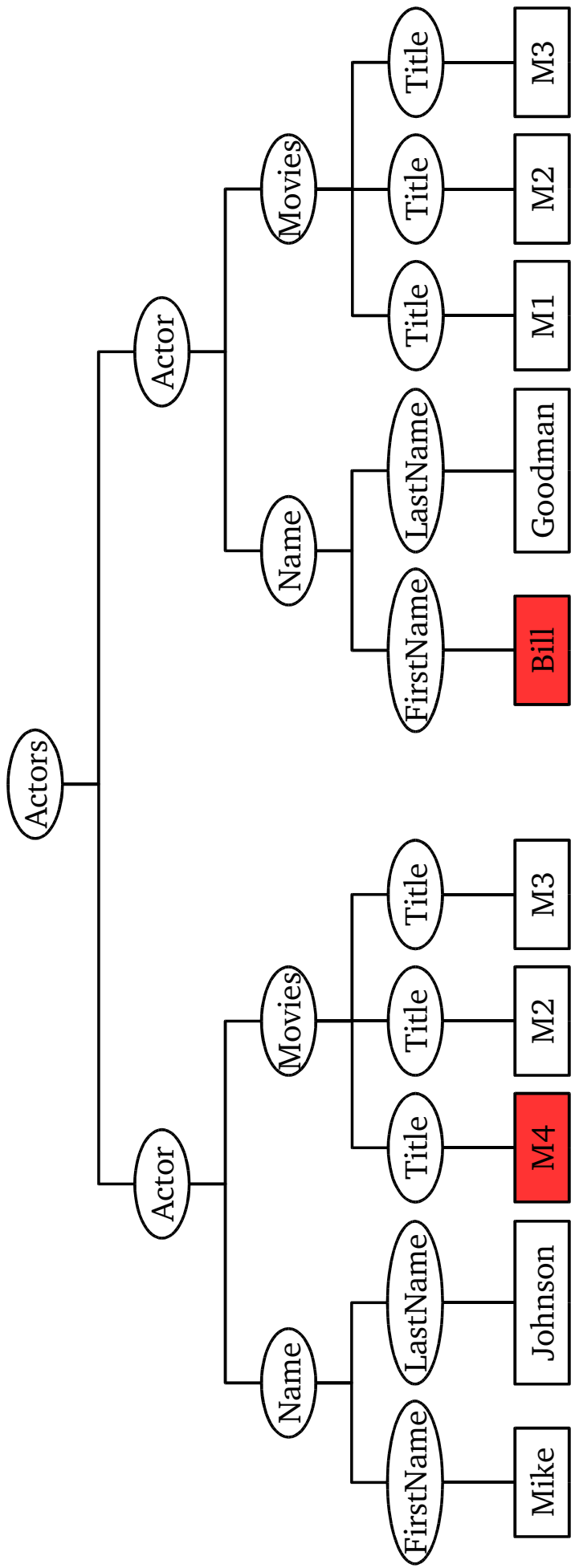
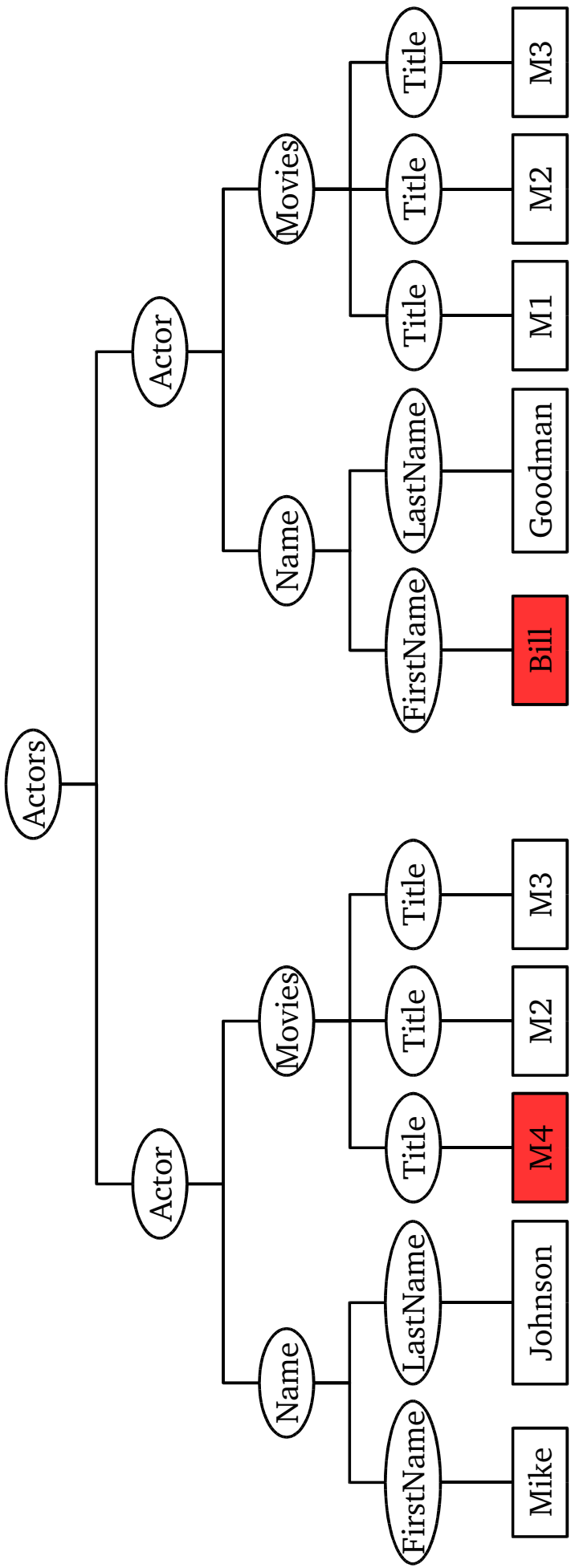








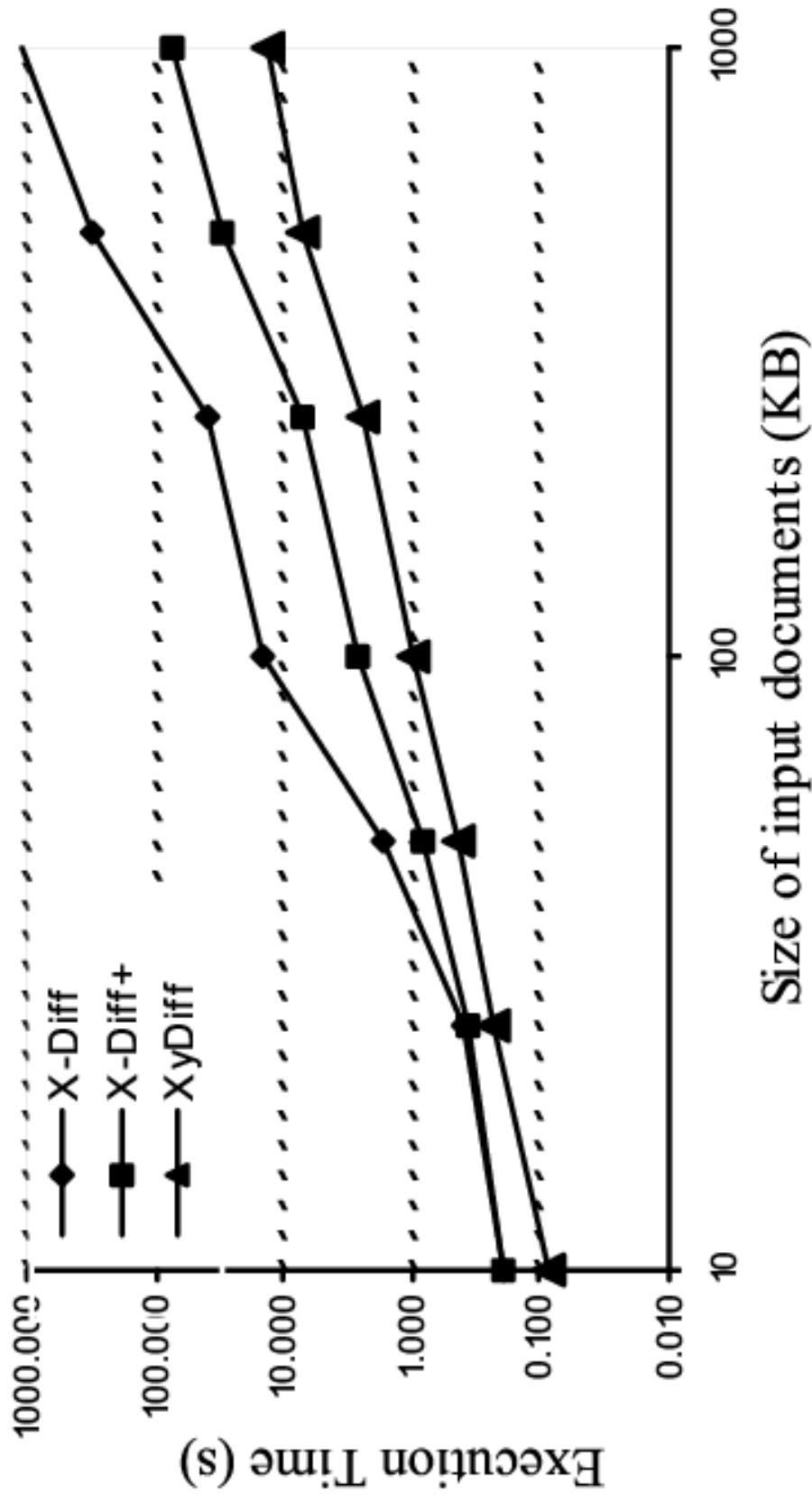




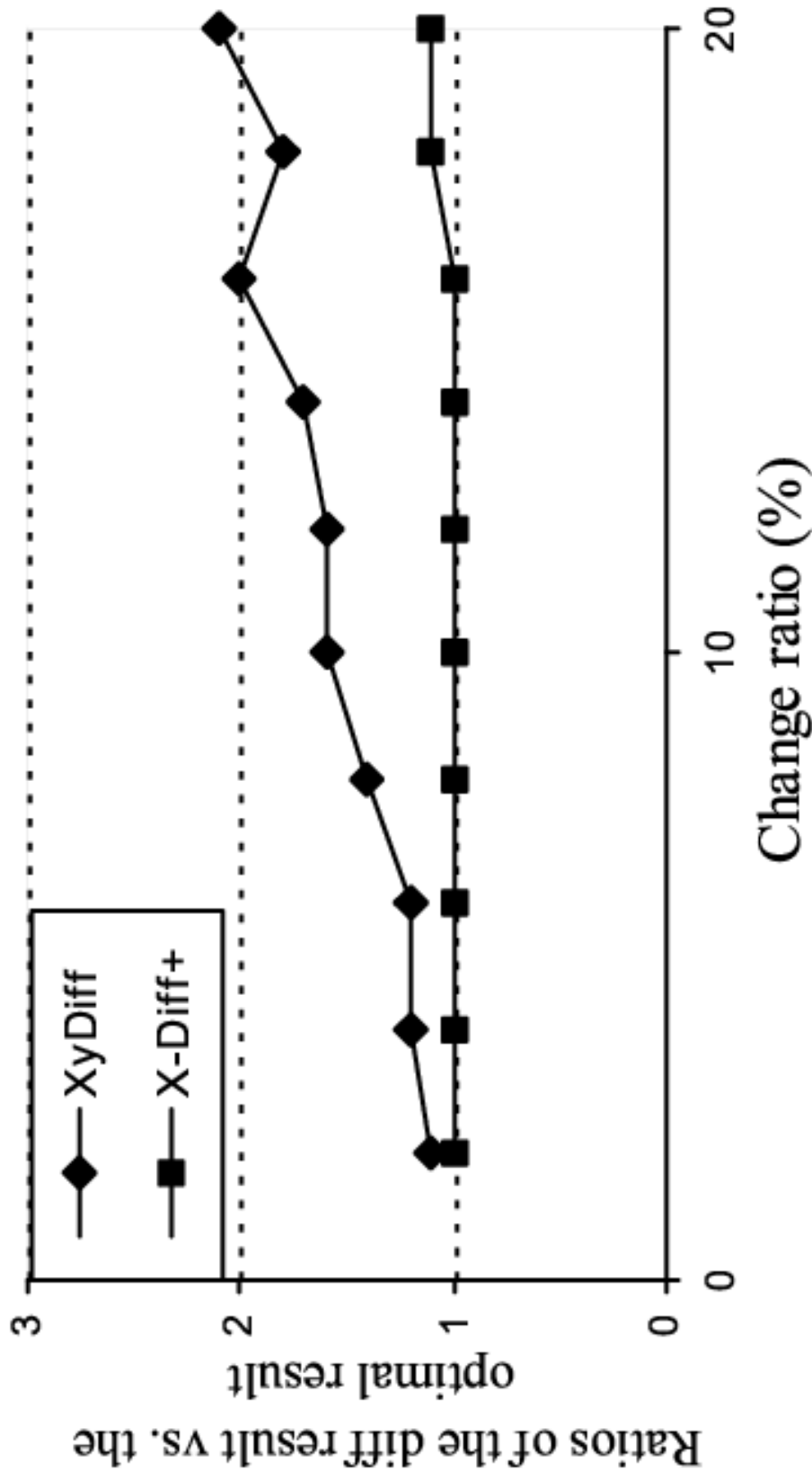
X-Diff

- Developed for database applications
- Considers XML document trees unordered
- Designed to produce optimal diffs
- Change detection on unordered trees is NP-complete
- Needs to compare every node in the old document with every node in the new one
- Significantly slower than XY-Diff

Performance



Quality



Conclusion

- Use of heuristics to save time
- Use of XML structure
- Two diff algorithms for different purposes
- More appropriate than unix diff

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