## Run-based semantics for RPQs

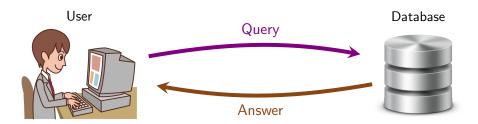
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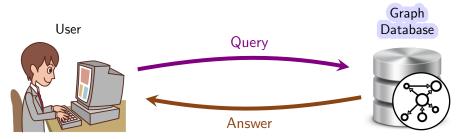
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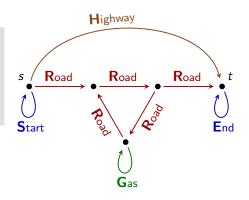




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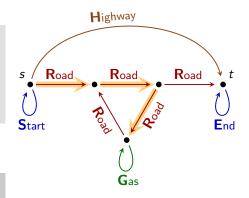
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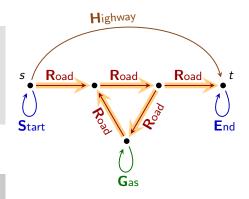
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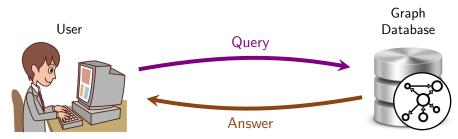
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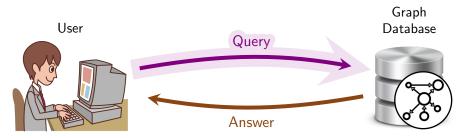
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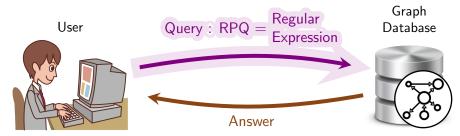










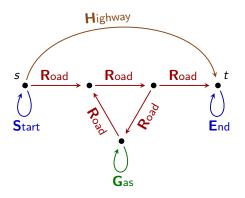




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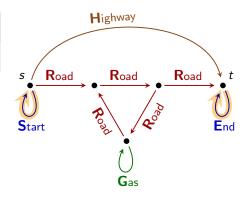




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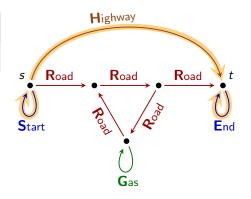


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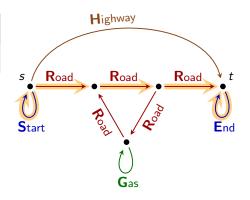


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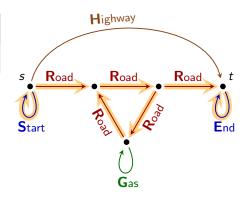


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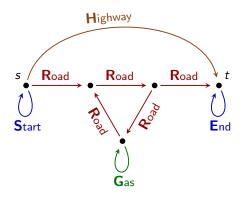
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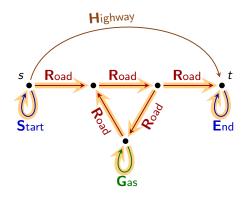
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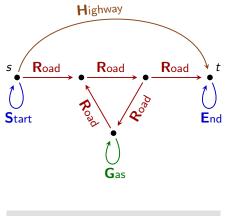
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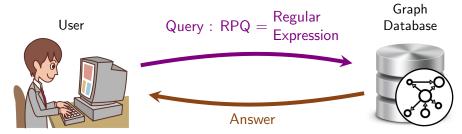
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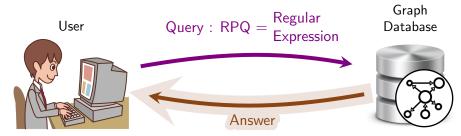


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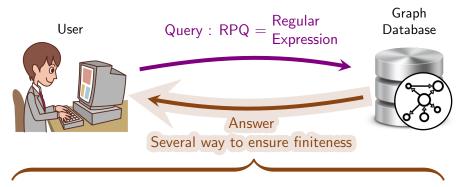




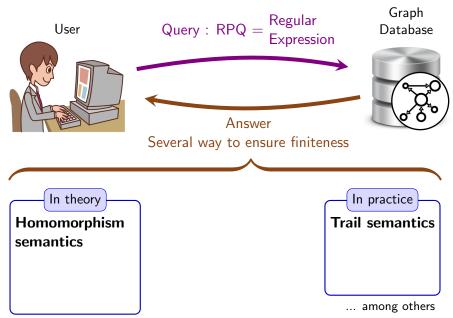










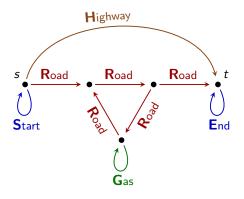


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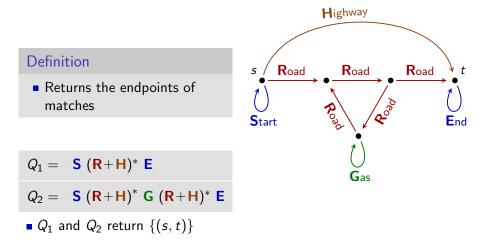
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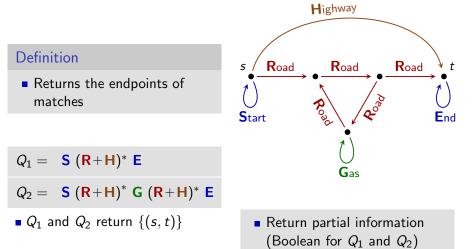
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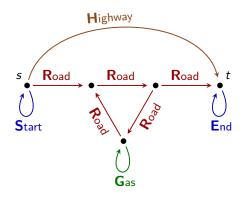


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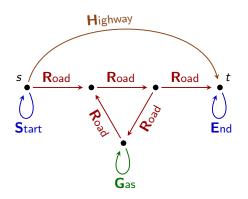


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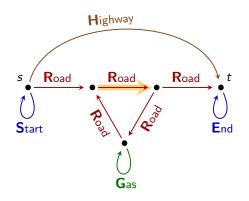
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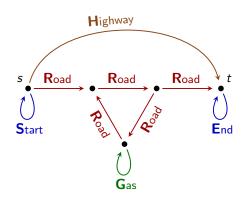
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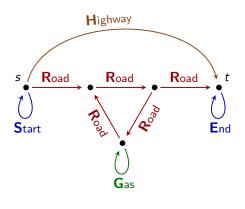
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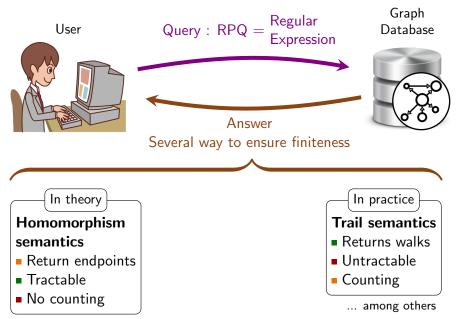
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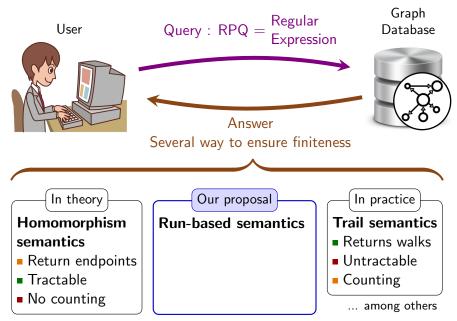


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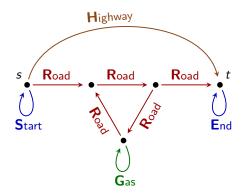






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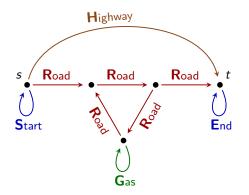
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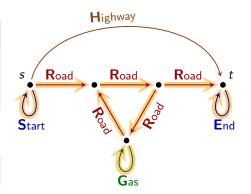


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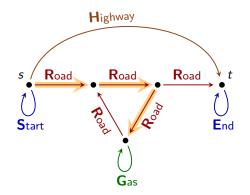
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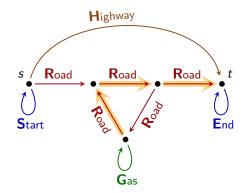
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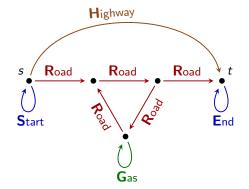
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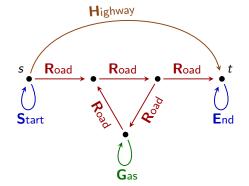
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W.r.t. emptyness:

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