

babble

learning better abstractions with e-graphs and anti-unification

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common pattern: face, where mouth is stretched out eyes

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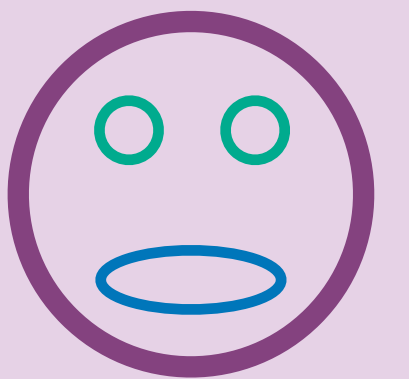


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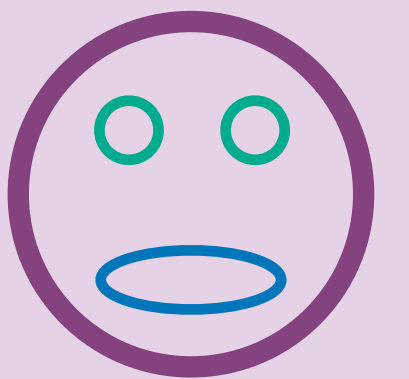


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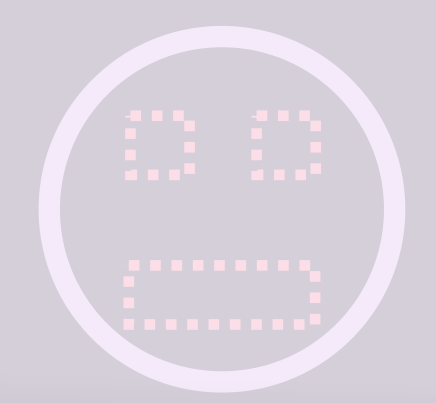


who cares about library learning?

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fpga design

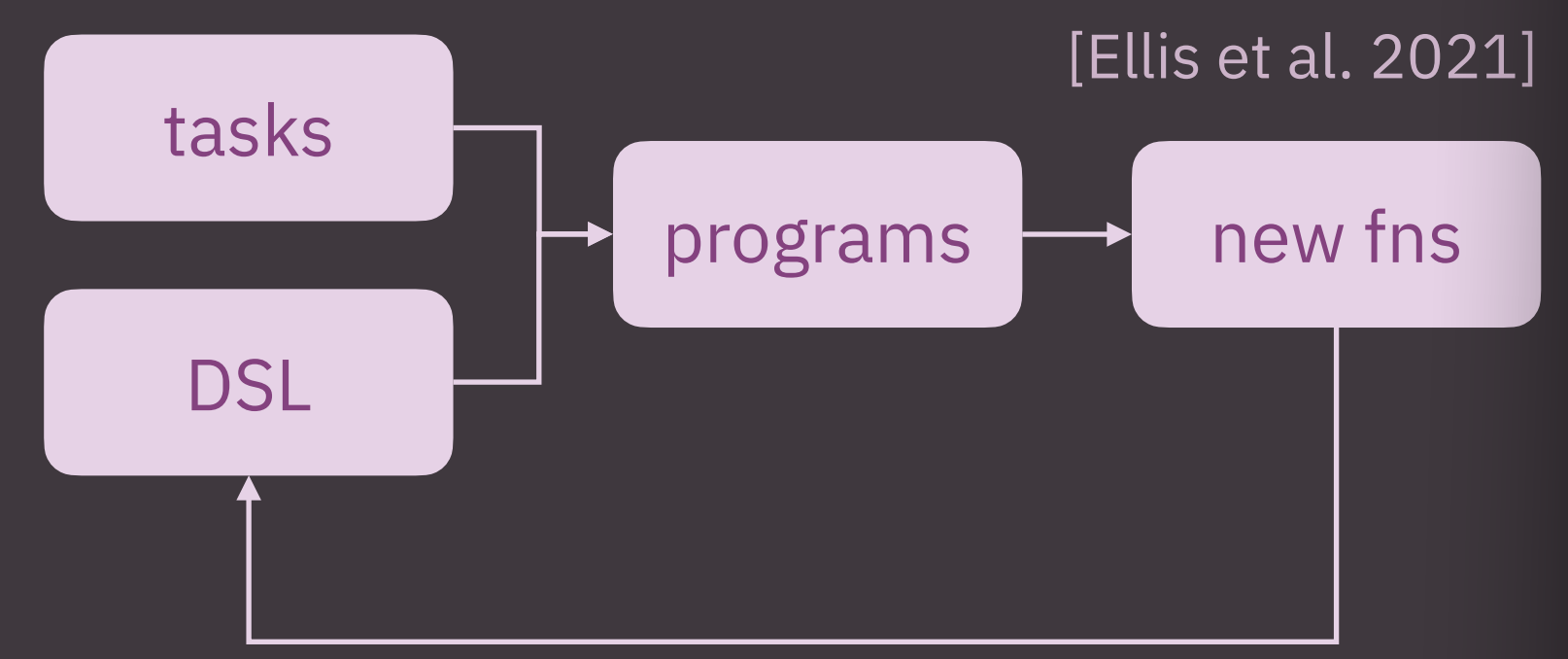
learn best library of operations to optimize hardware for

pick 2:

- map
- filter
- foldl

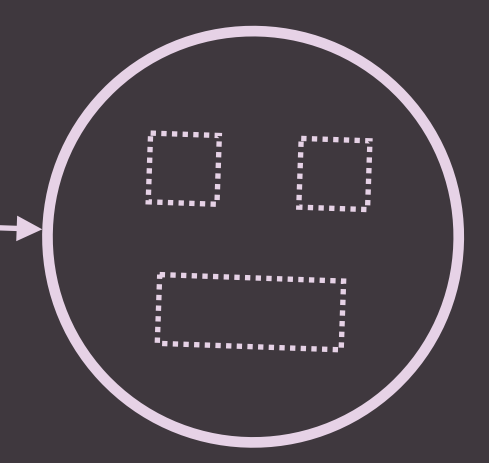
improved program synthesis

use past synthesis solutions to learn improved DSLs



modeling human perception

make algorithm to examine how humans recognize visual structure



[Wang et al. 2021]

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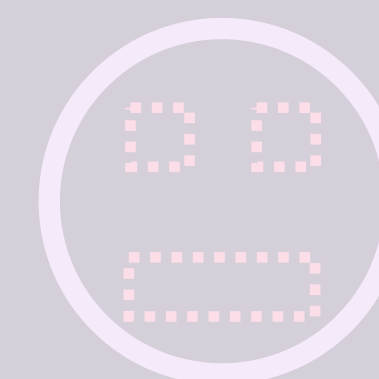
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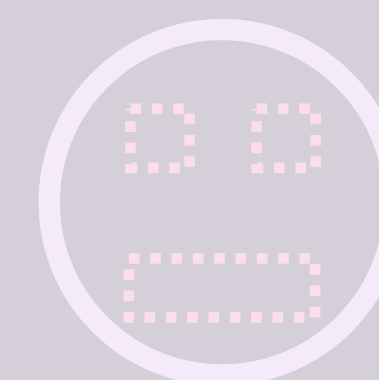
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handles nested abstractions

allowing for common structure across abstractions themselves to be shared

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what babble tackles:

incorporating semantic equivalence

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**semantically equivalent version of
input shares common structure!**



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a library learning approach which discovers **more precise structure** by considering **semantically equivalent versions** of our programs.

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intuition

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input 1, version 3

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idea:
consider every equivalent version of our inputs

how does babble work? changing the problem

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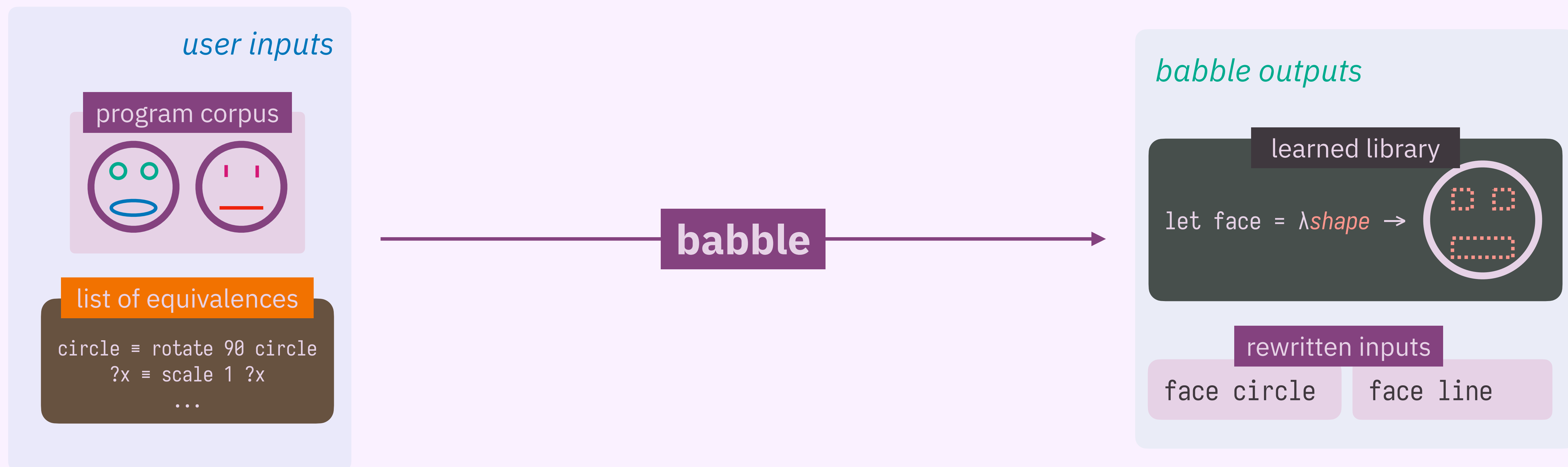
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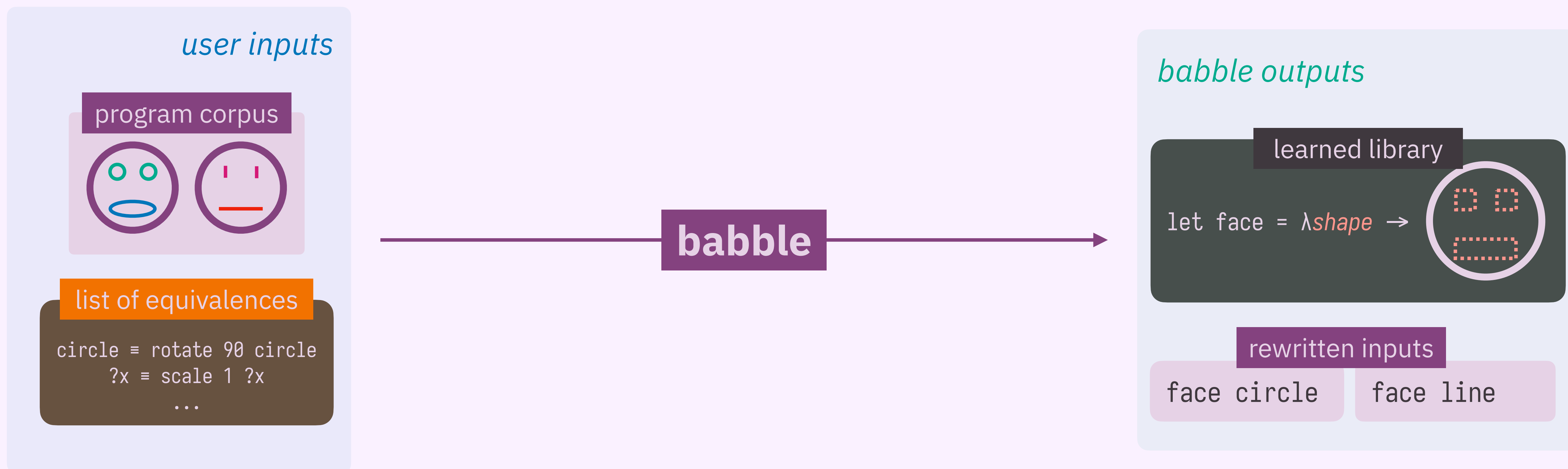


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contribution 1: library learning modulo theory (LLMT)



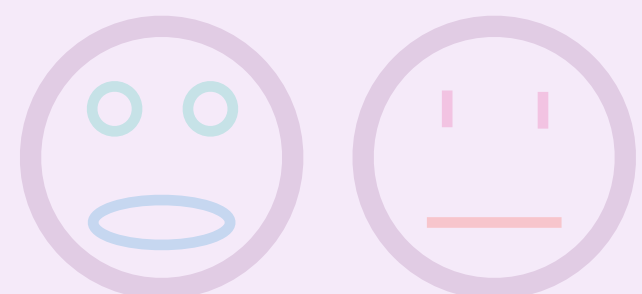
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library learning modulo theory (LLMT)

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user inputs

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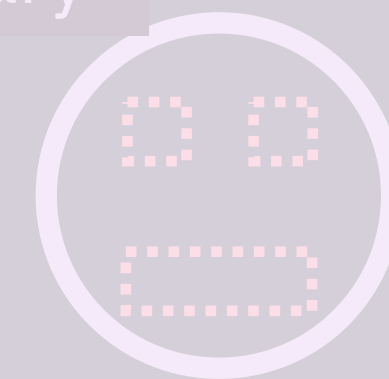
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babble outputs

learned library

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rewritten inputs

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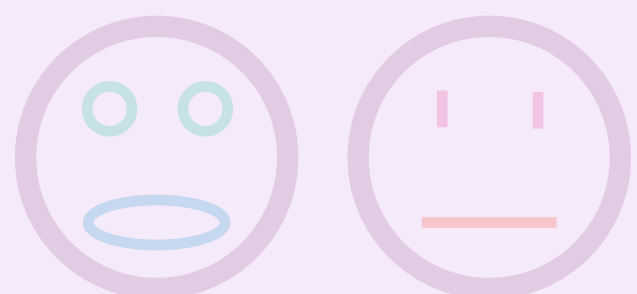
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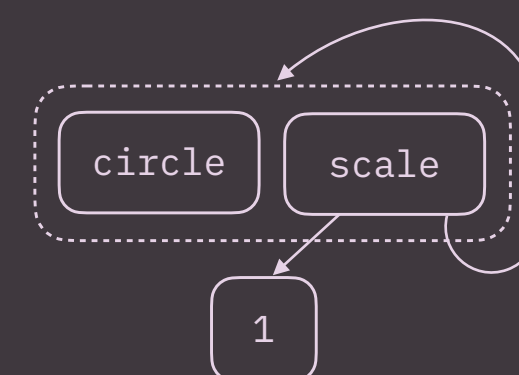
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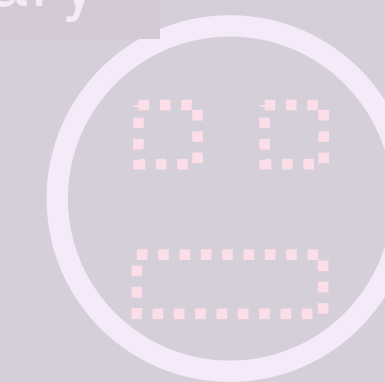
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contribution 2

e-graph anti-unification

to propose candidate abstractions in the presence of input variants

rotate 90 ?x

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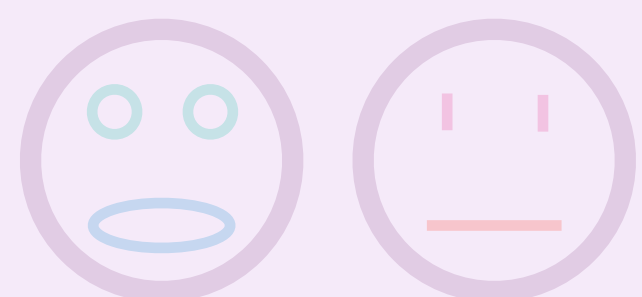
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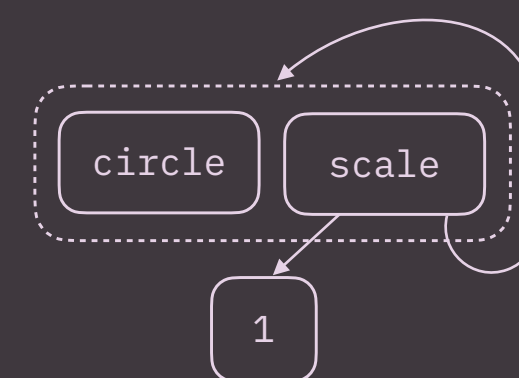
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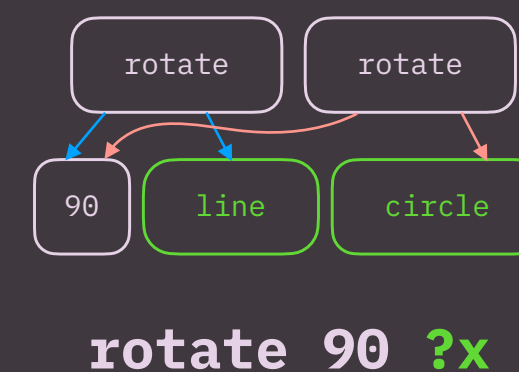
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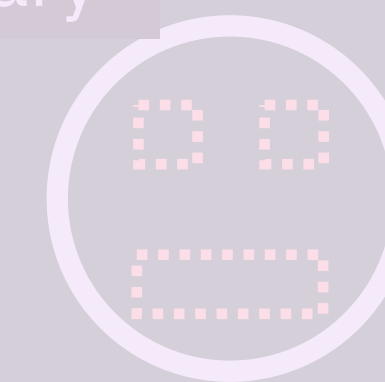
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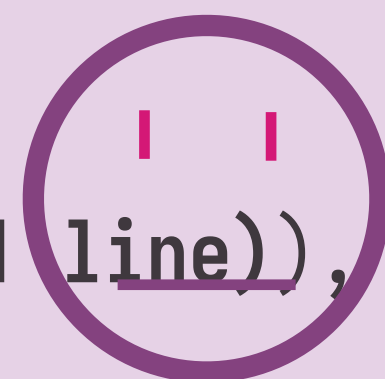
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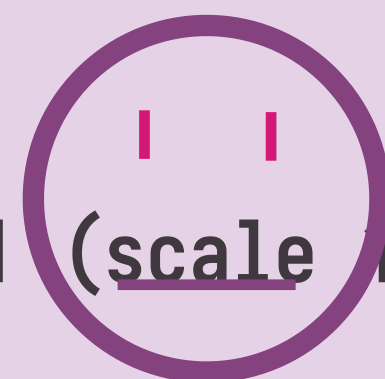
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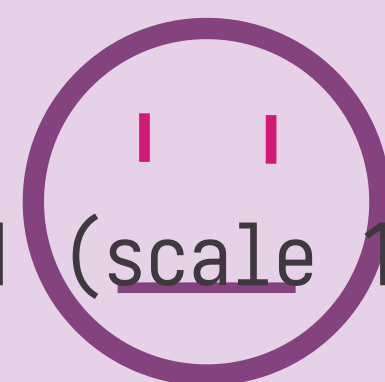
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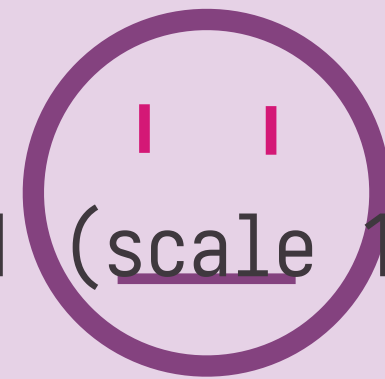
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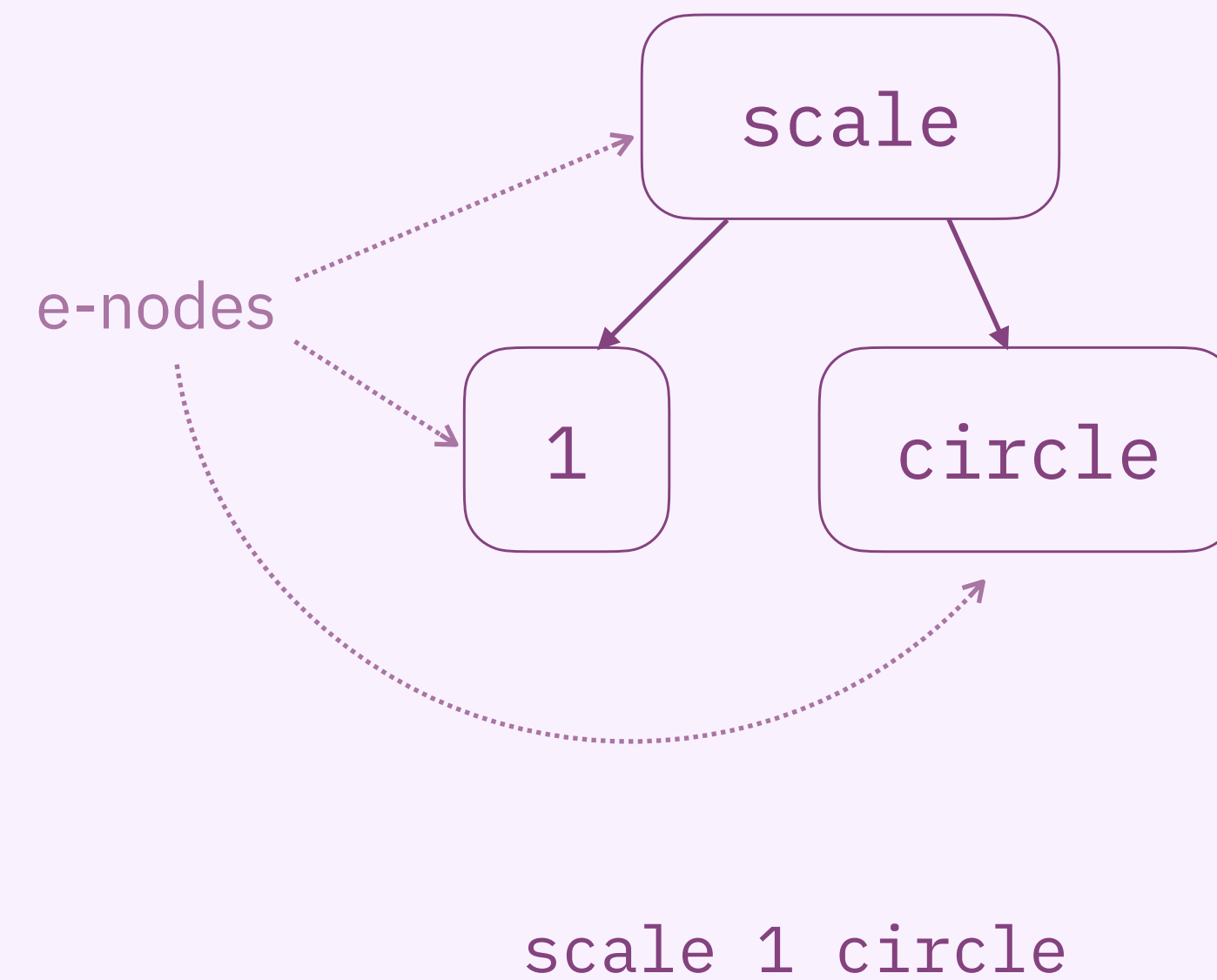


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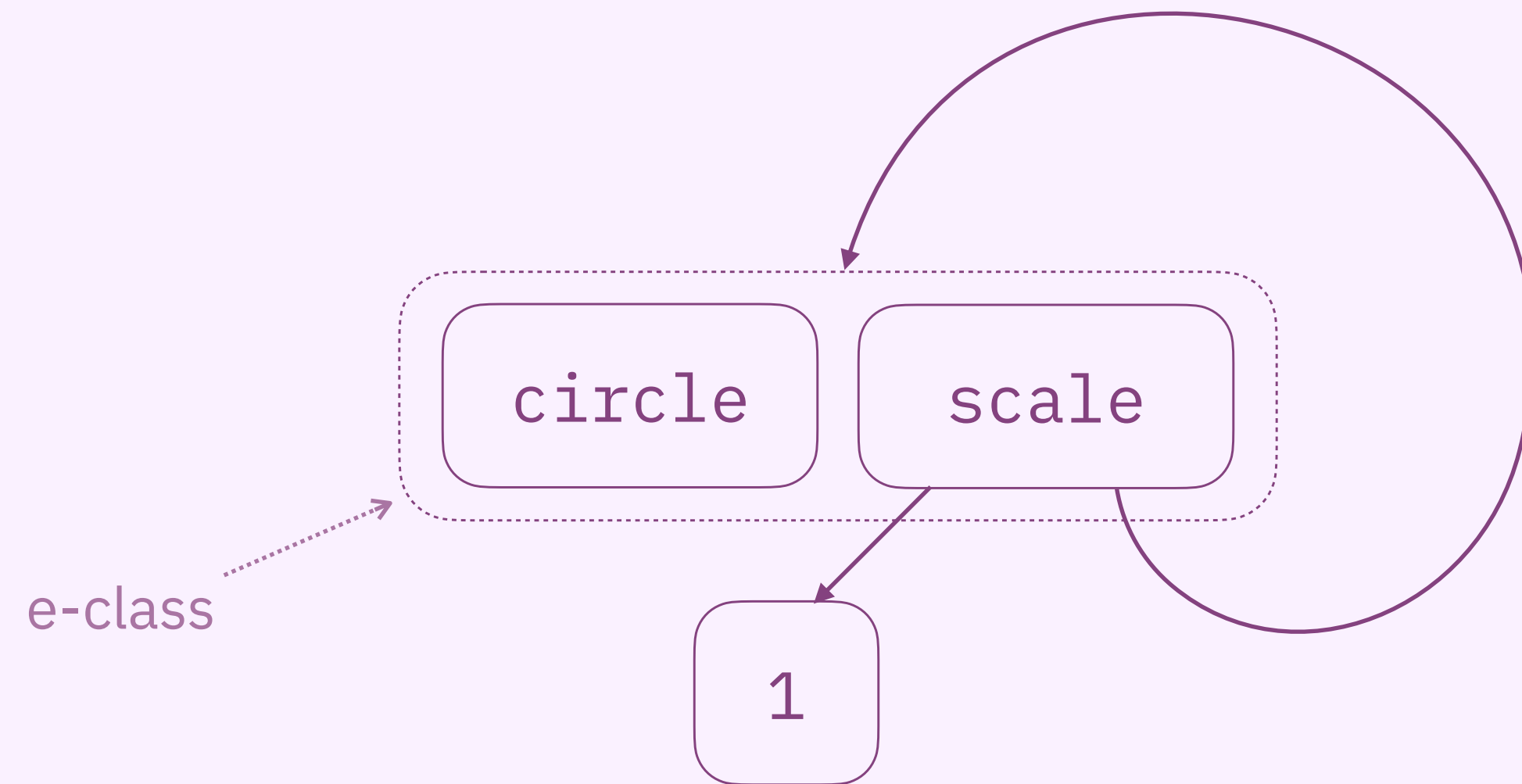
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[Tate et al. 2009]
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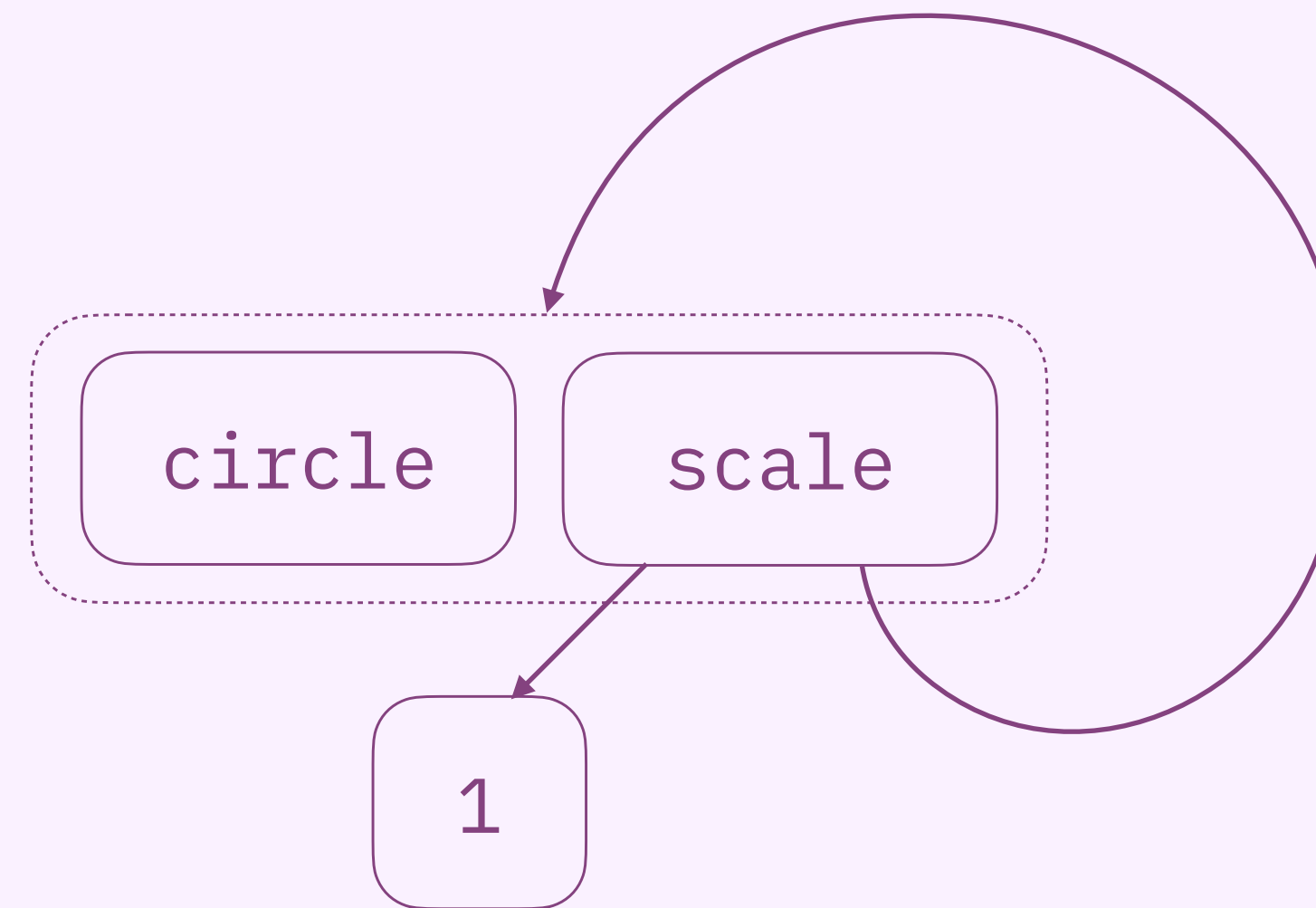
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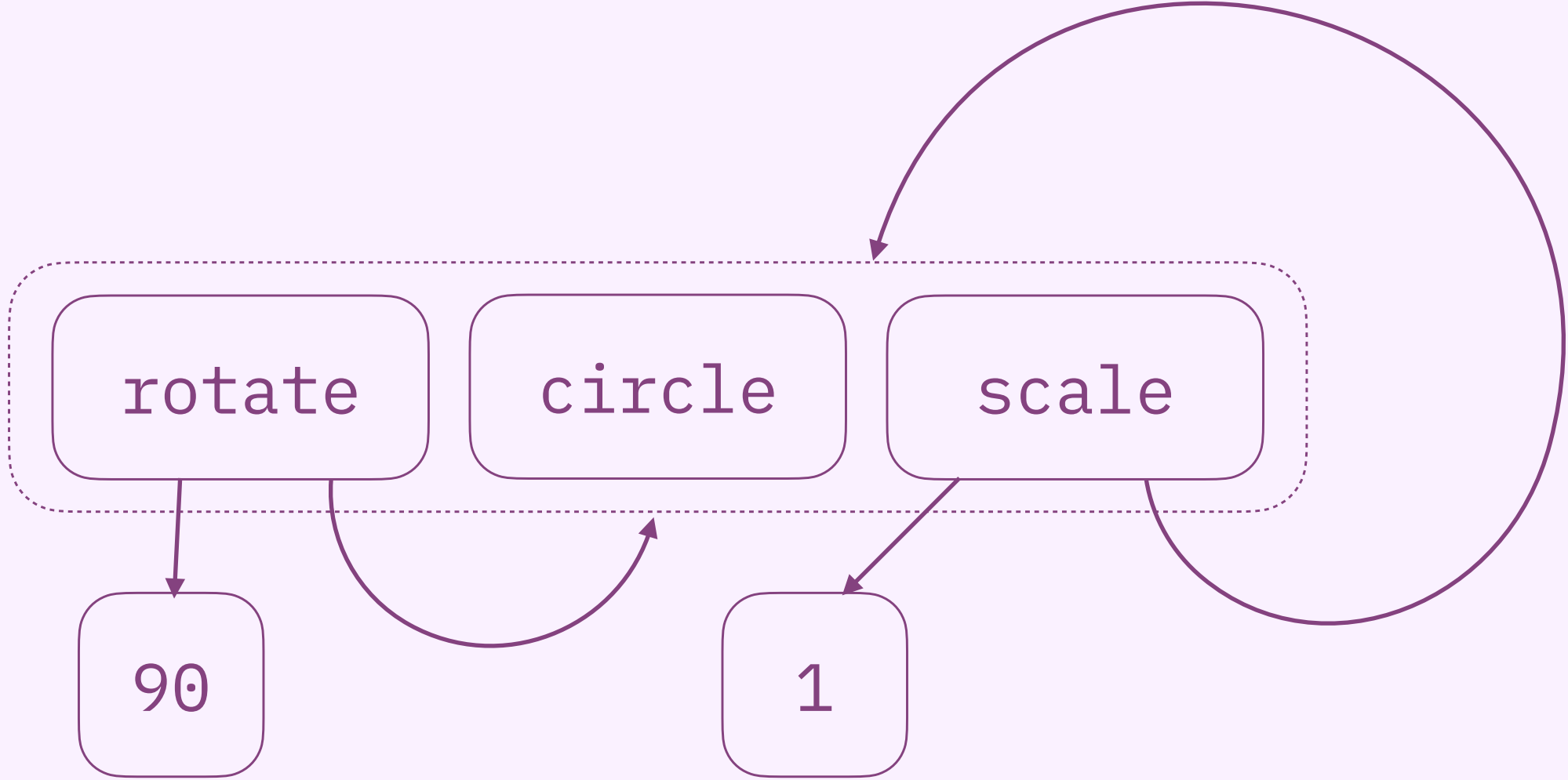


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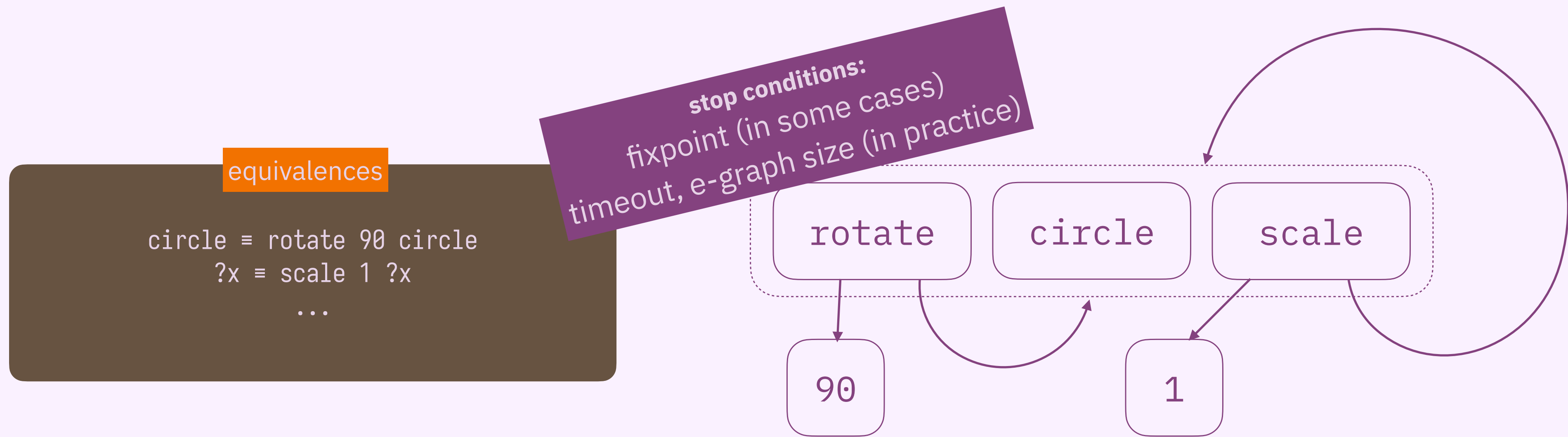
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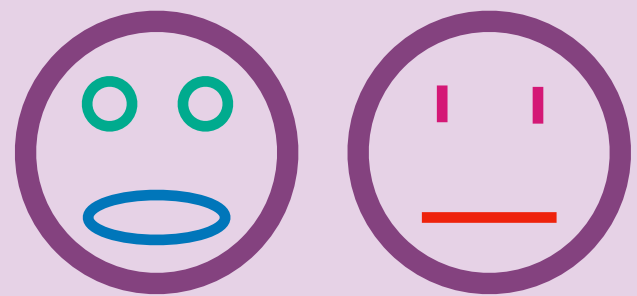
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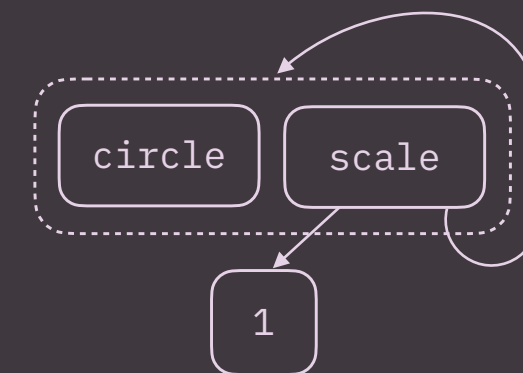
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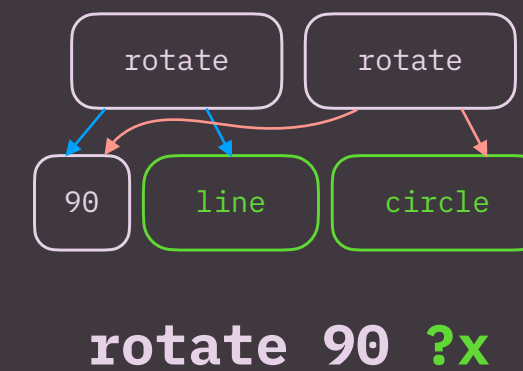
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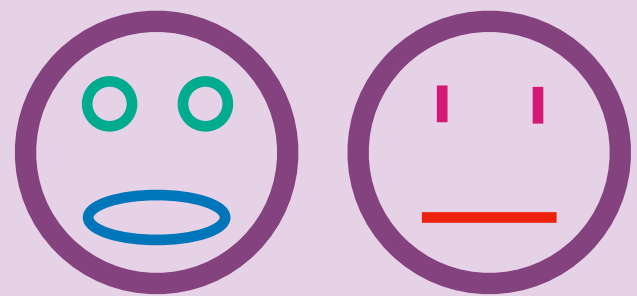
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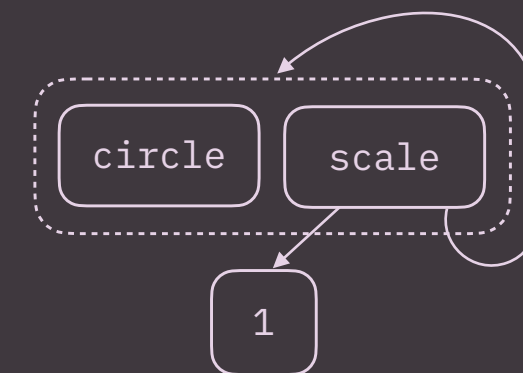
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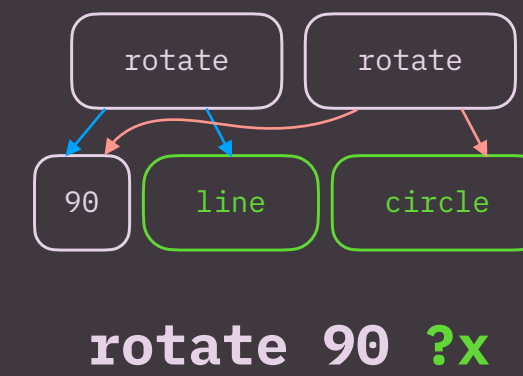
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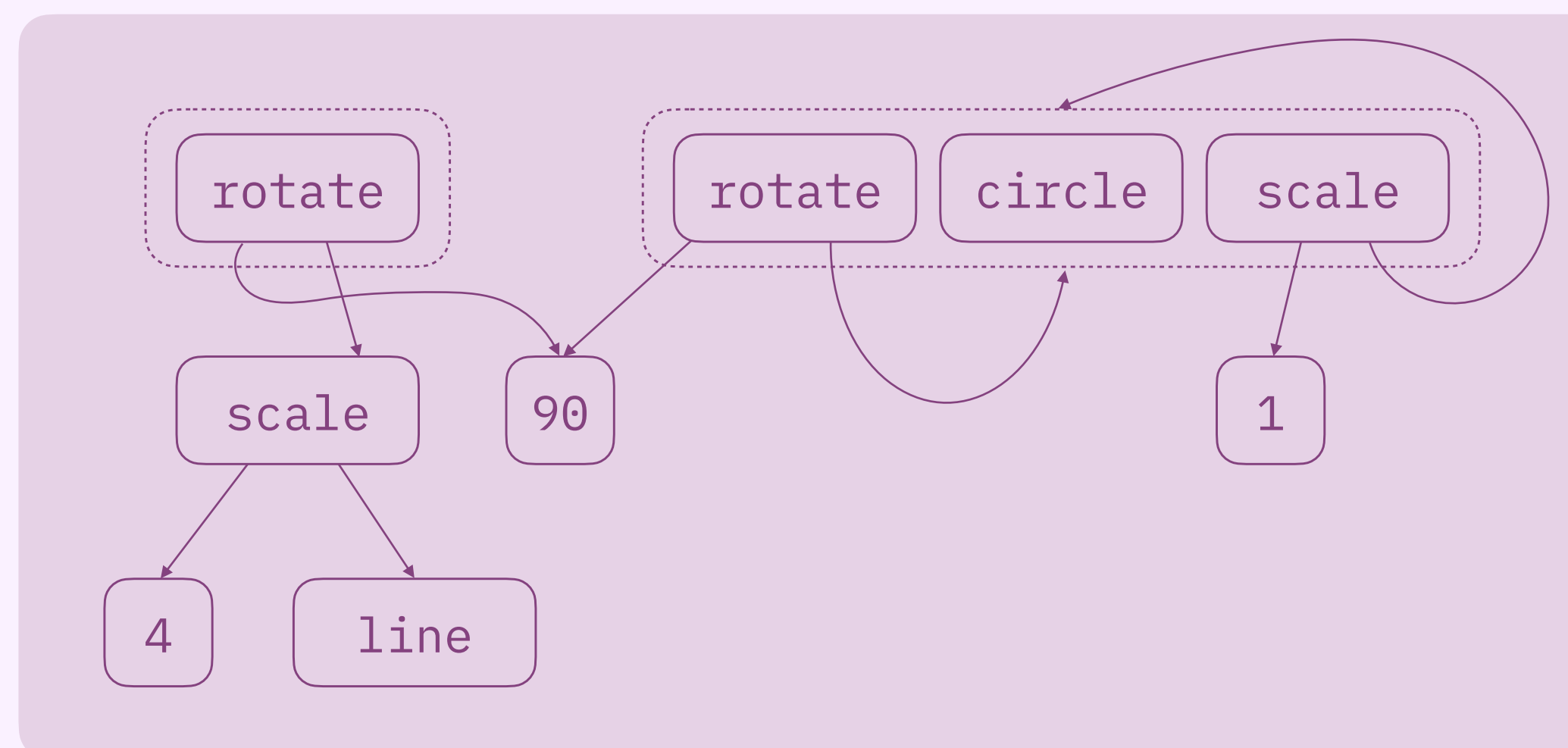
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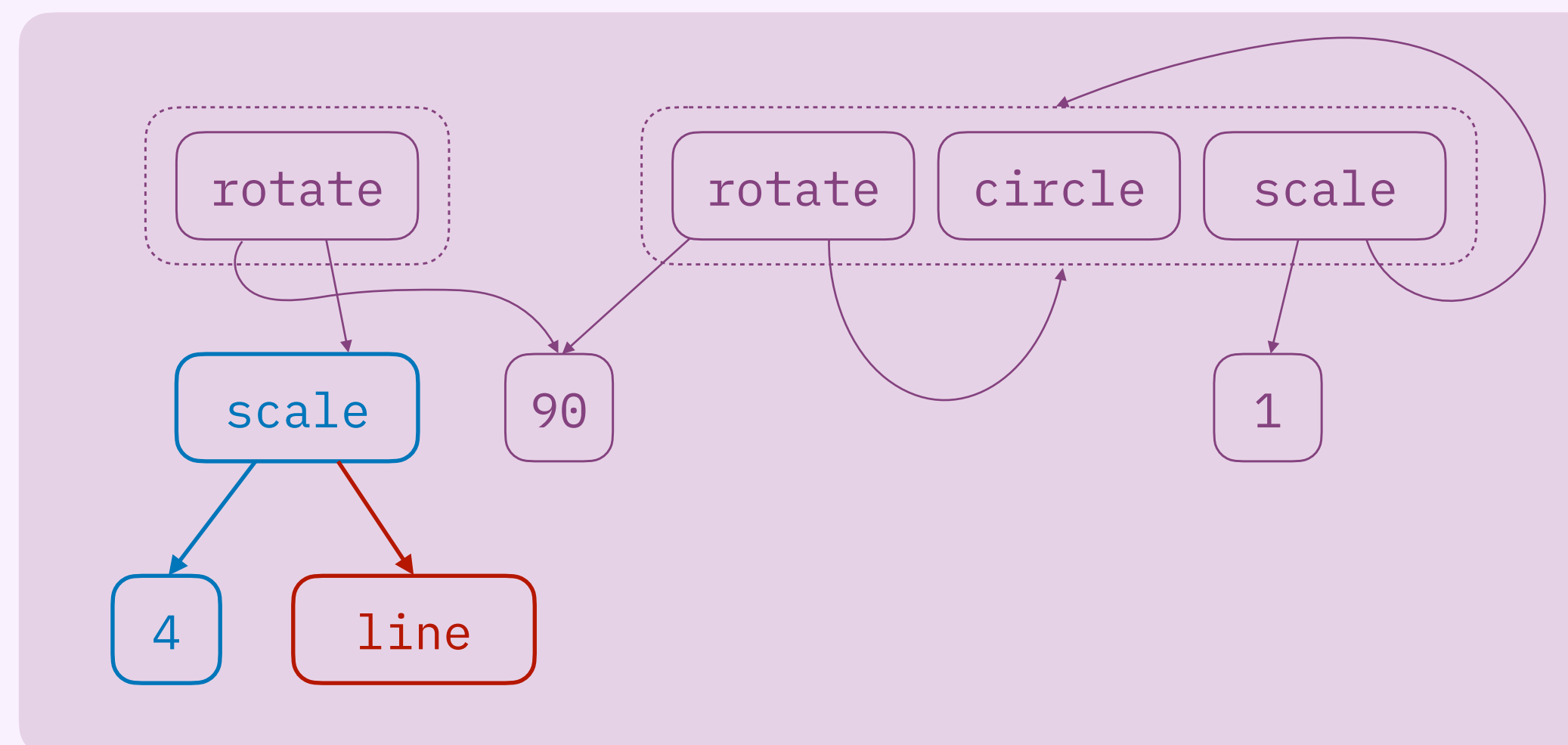
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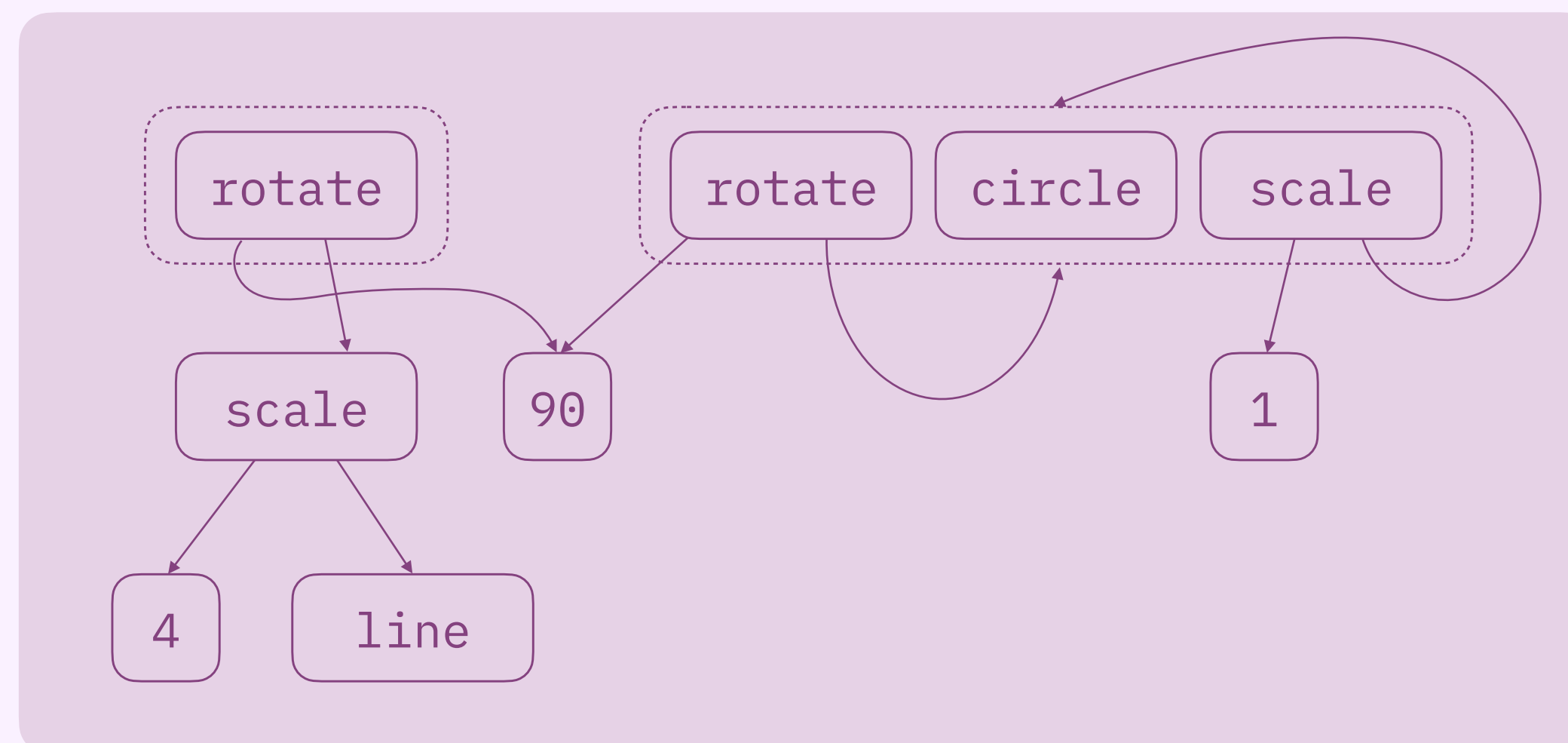
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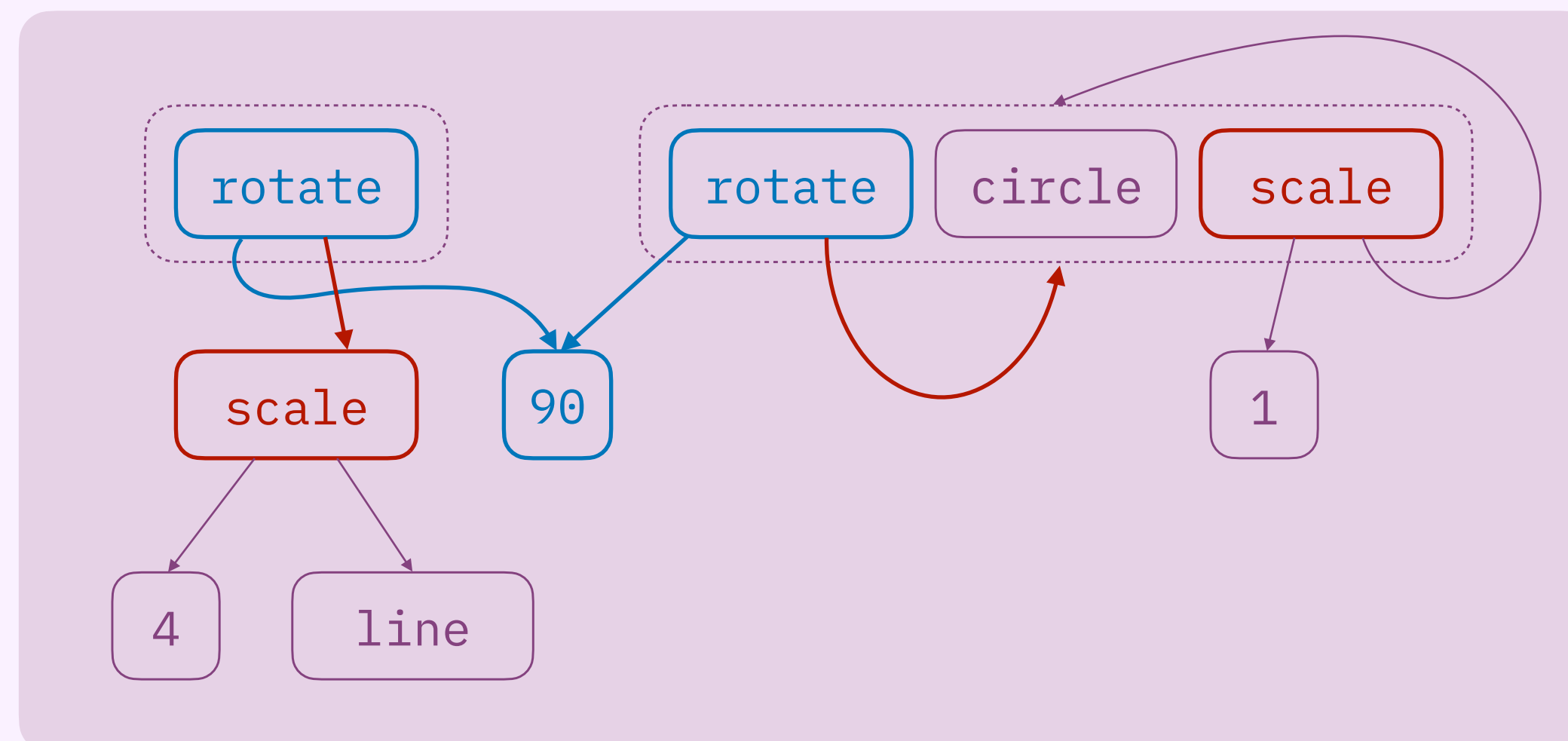
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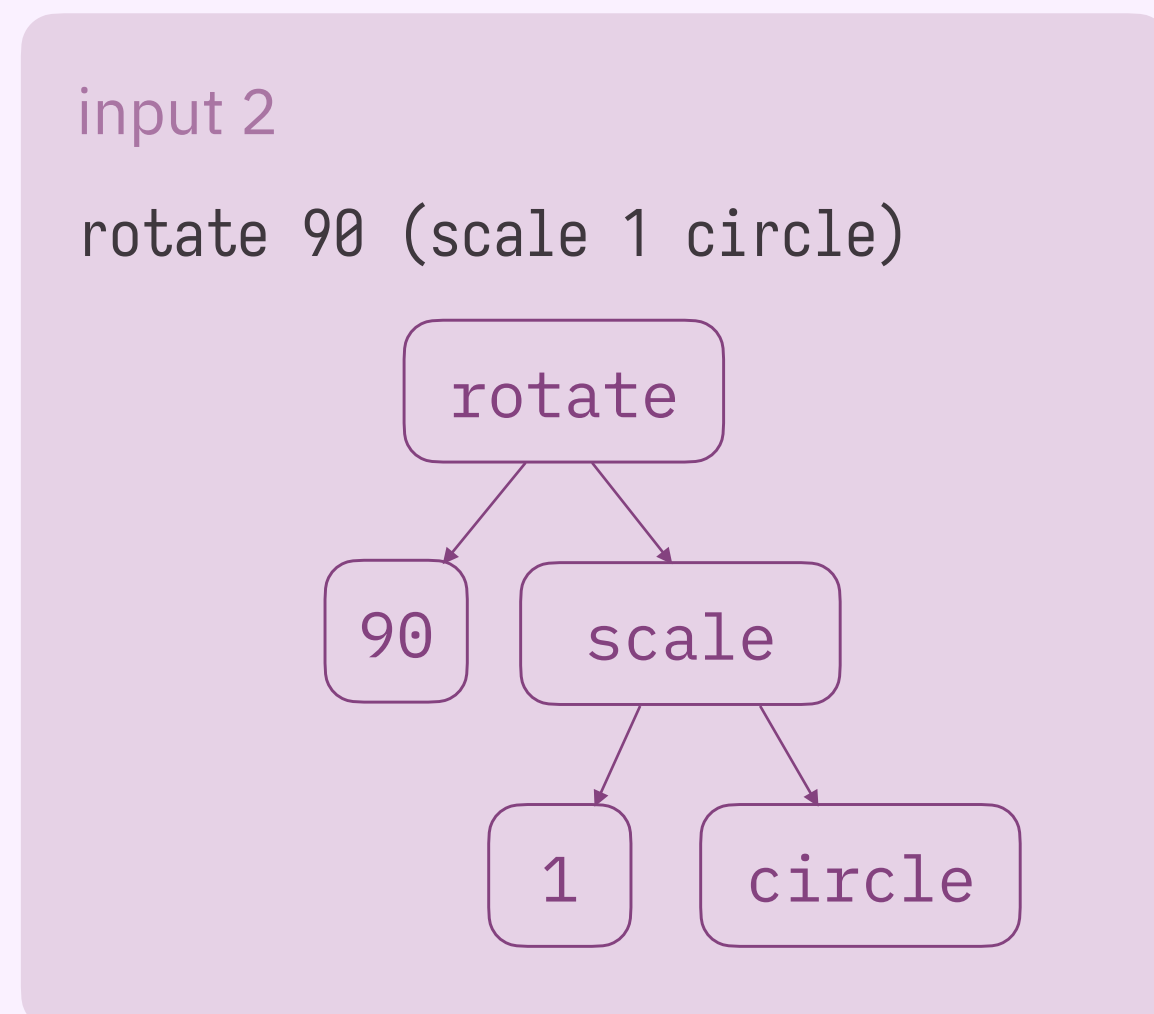
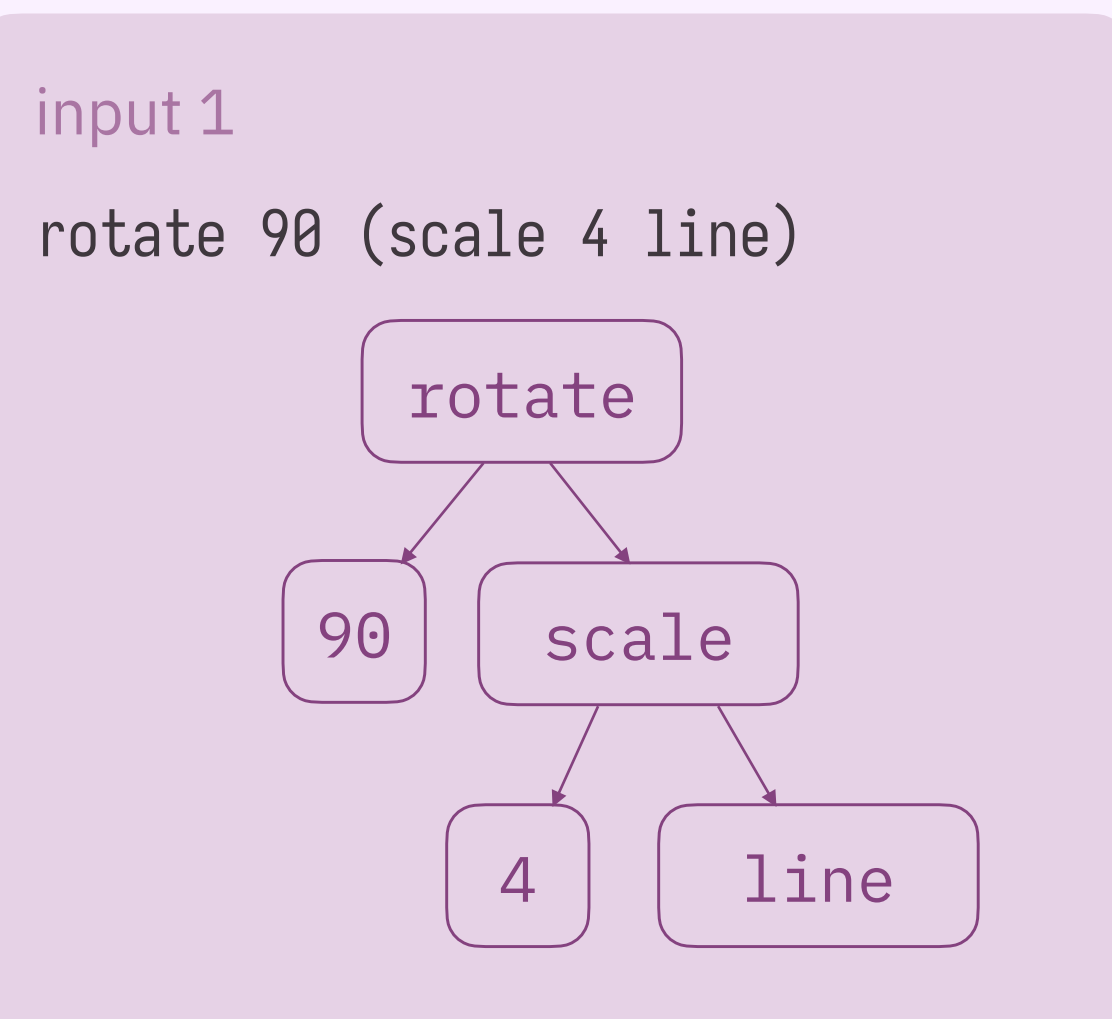


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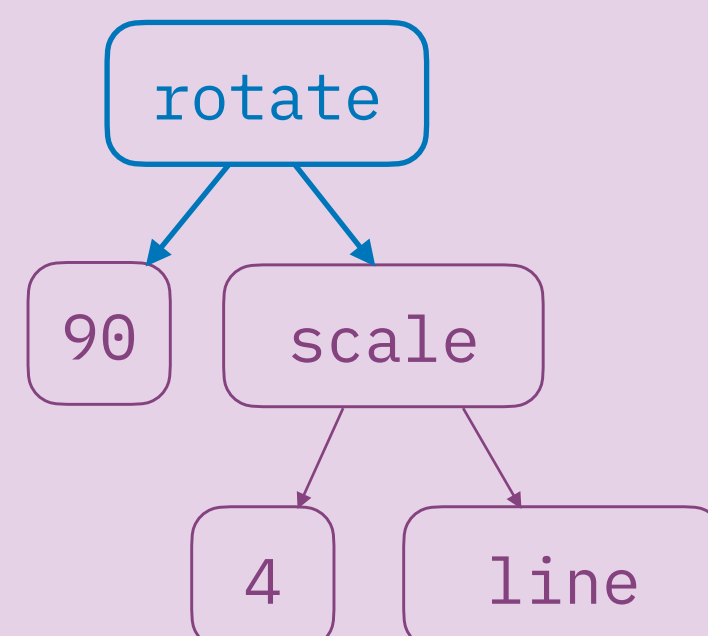
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(prior work!)

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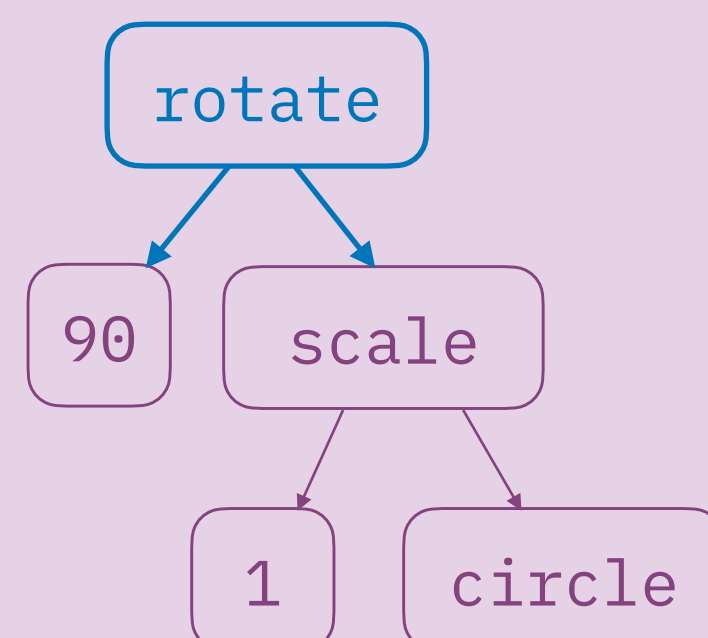
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(starting from the root of both terms)

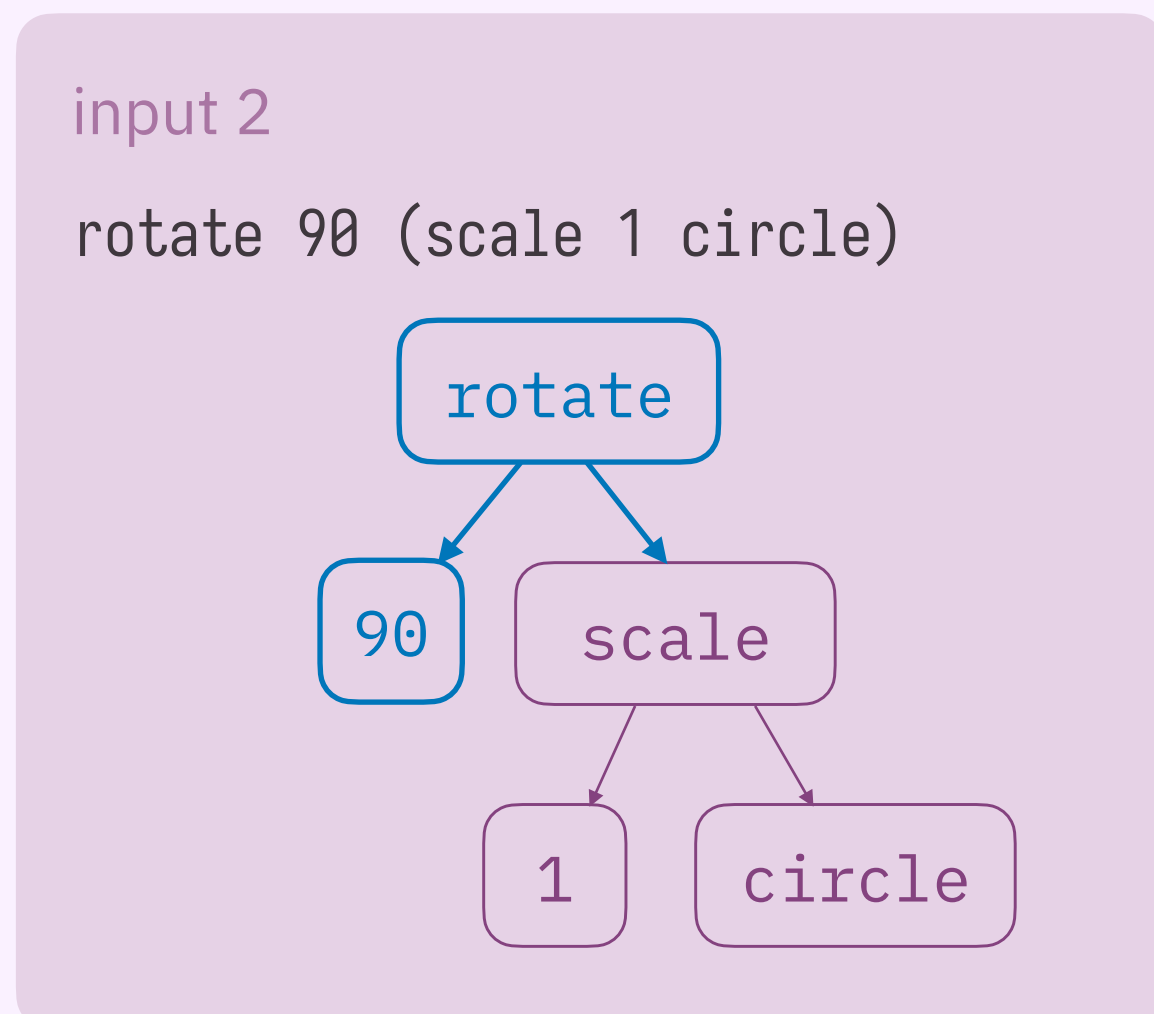
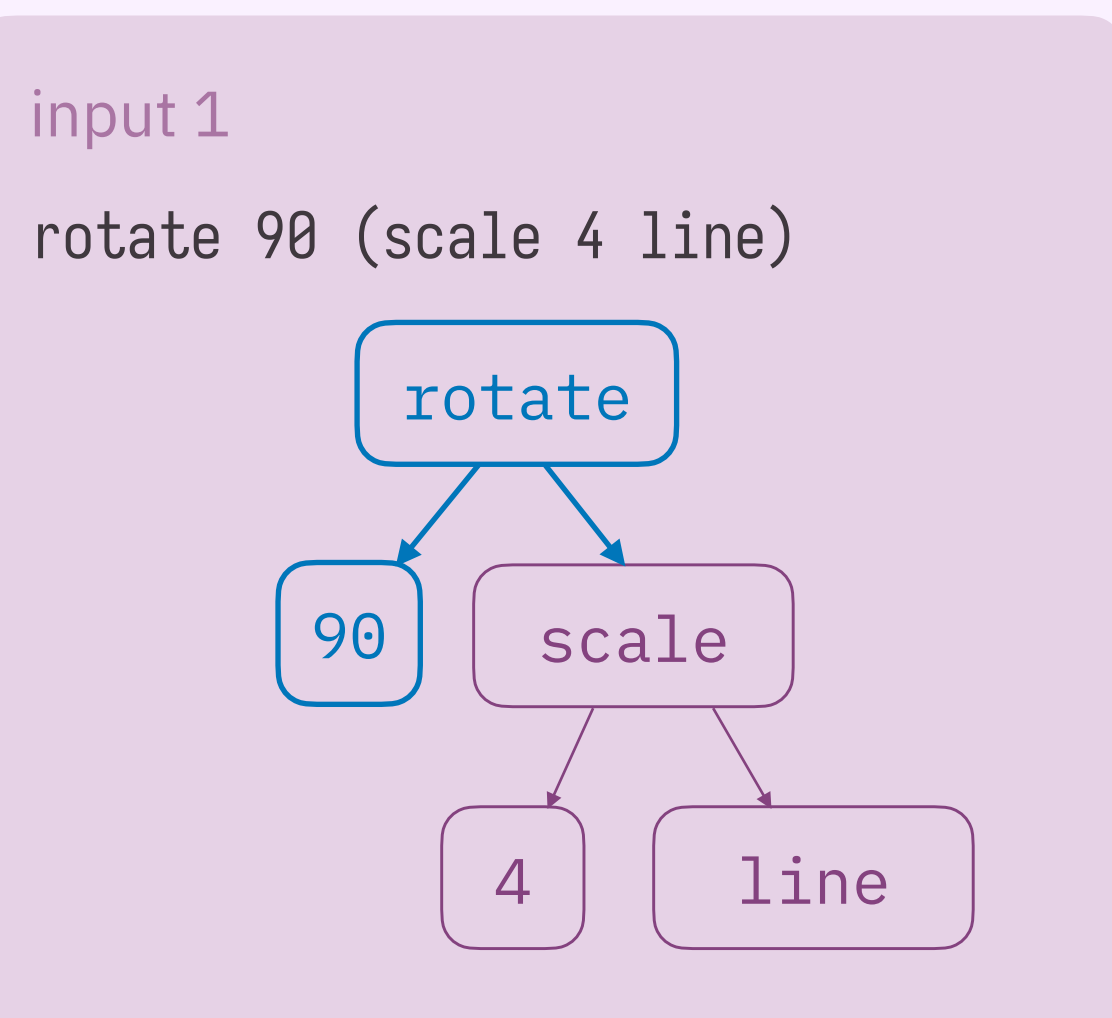
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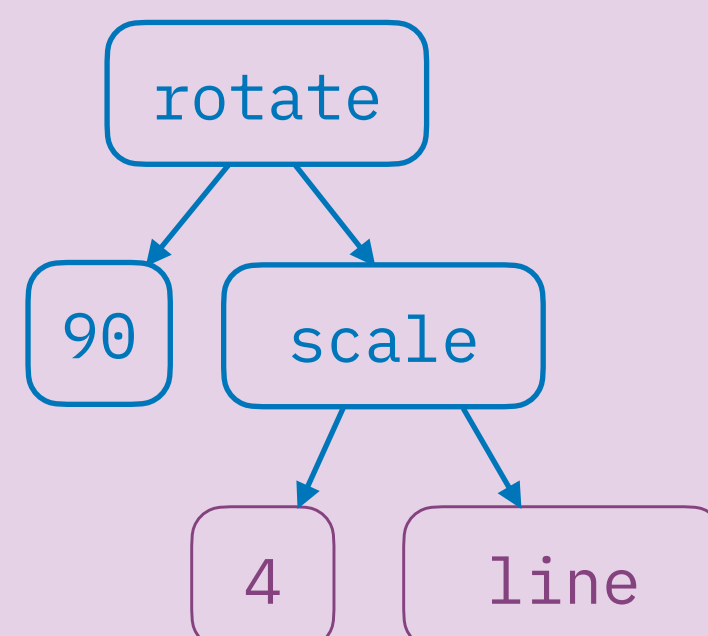
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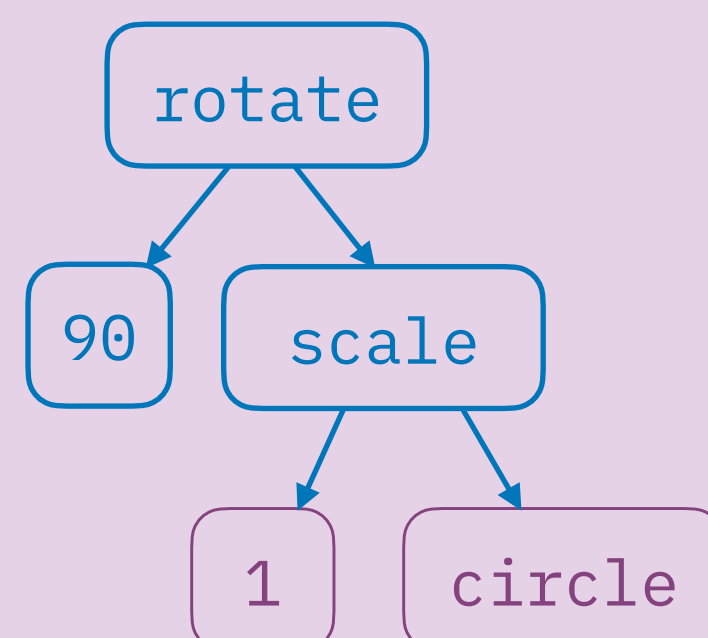
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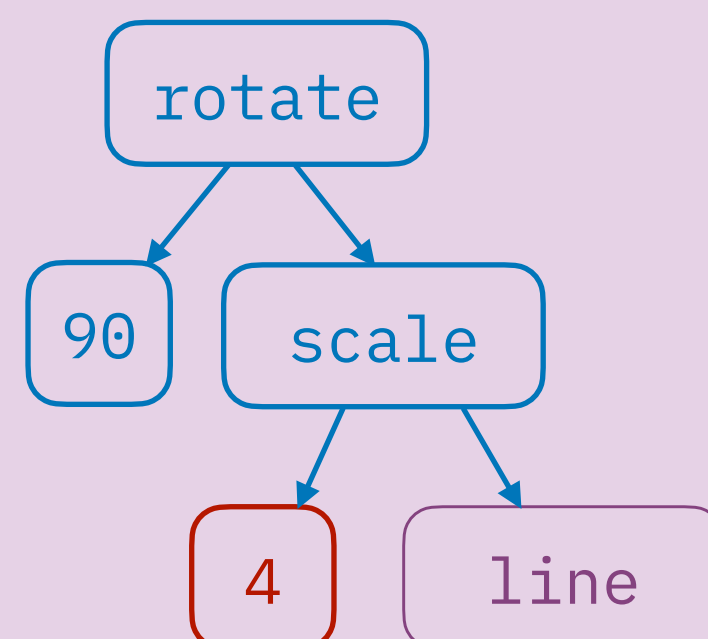
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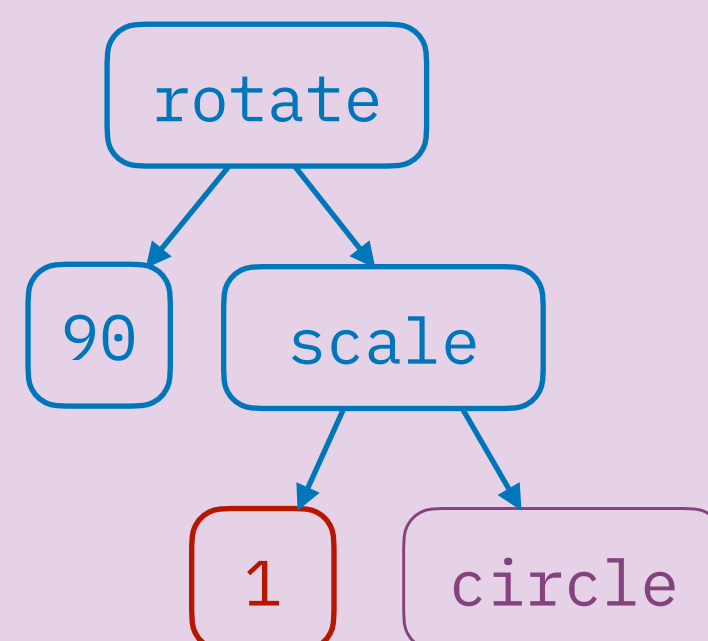
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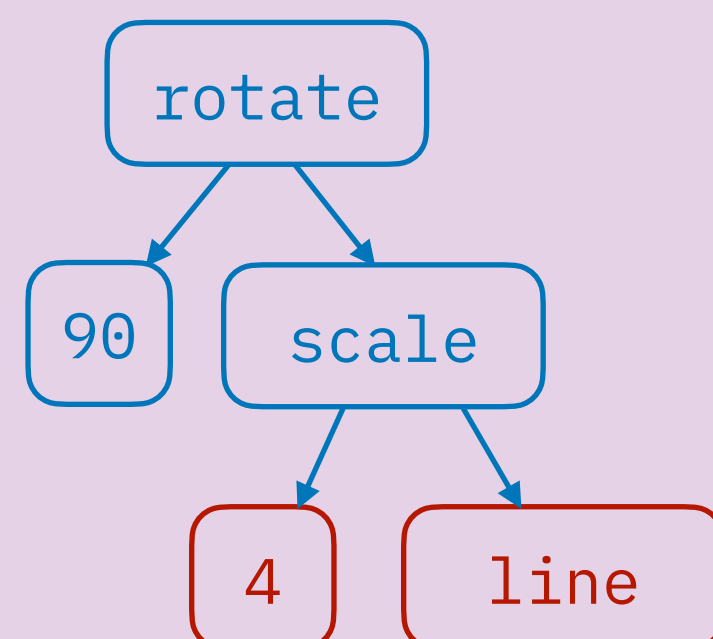
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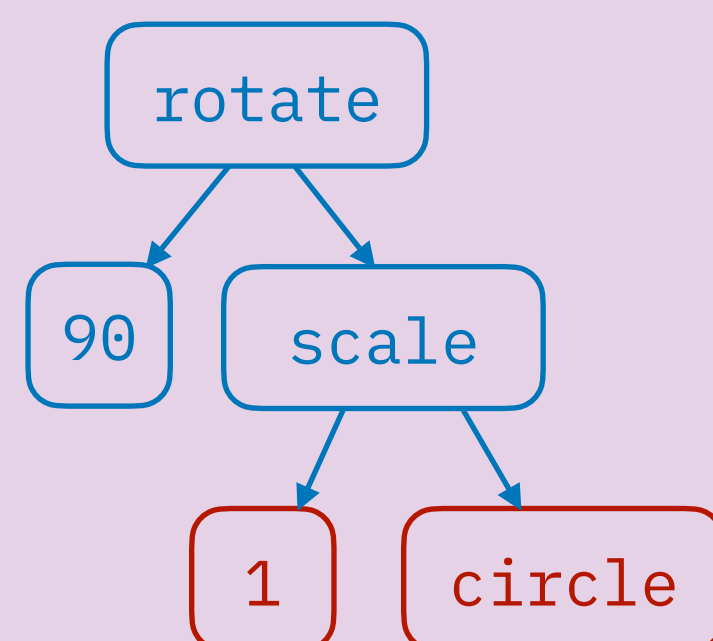
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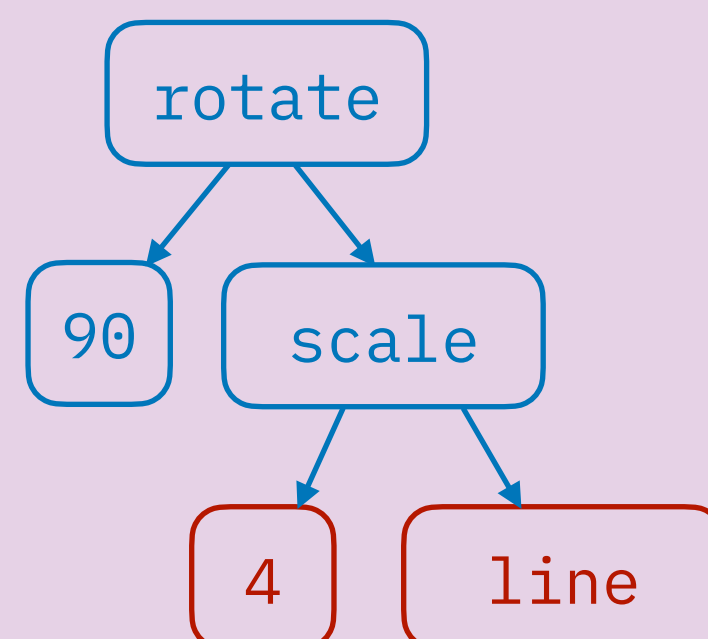
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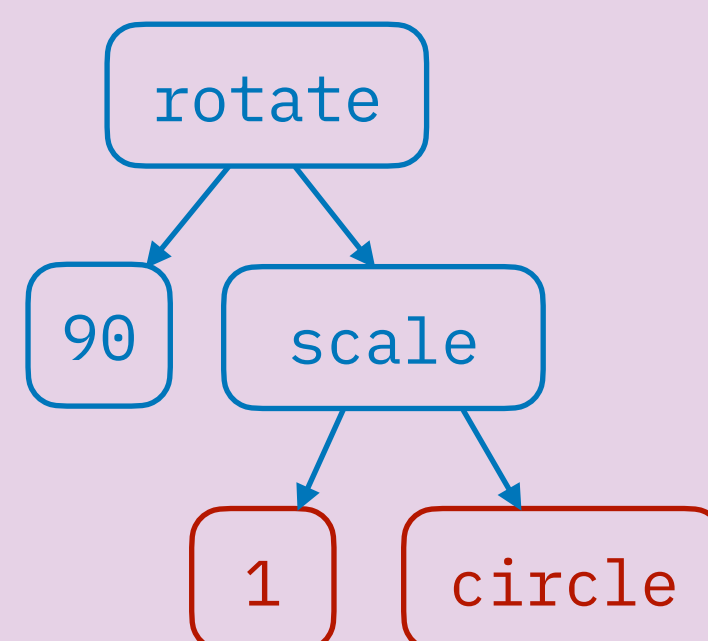
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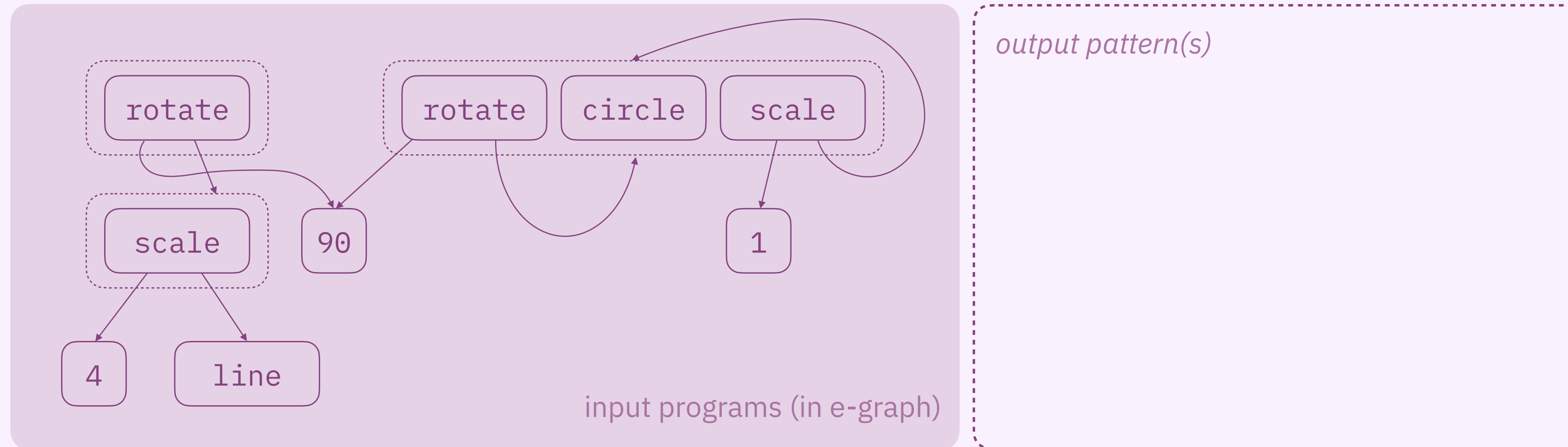
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challenge:
how to apply this to e-graphs?

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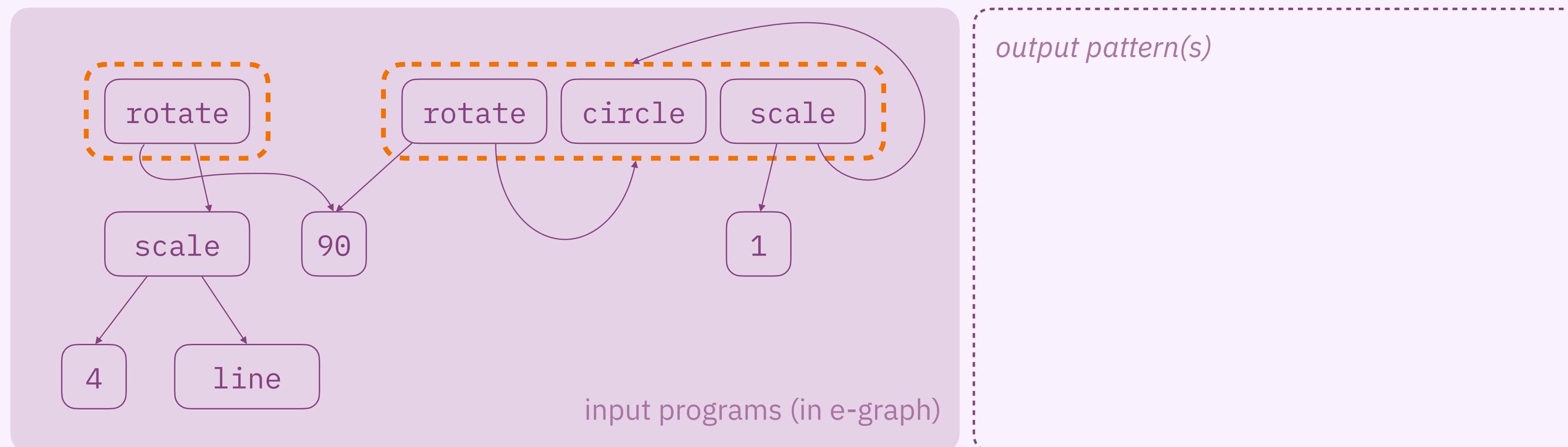
how does **e-graph anti-unification** work?



(the intuition behind)

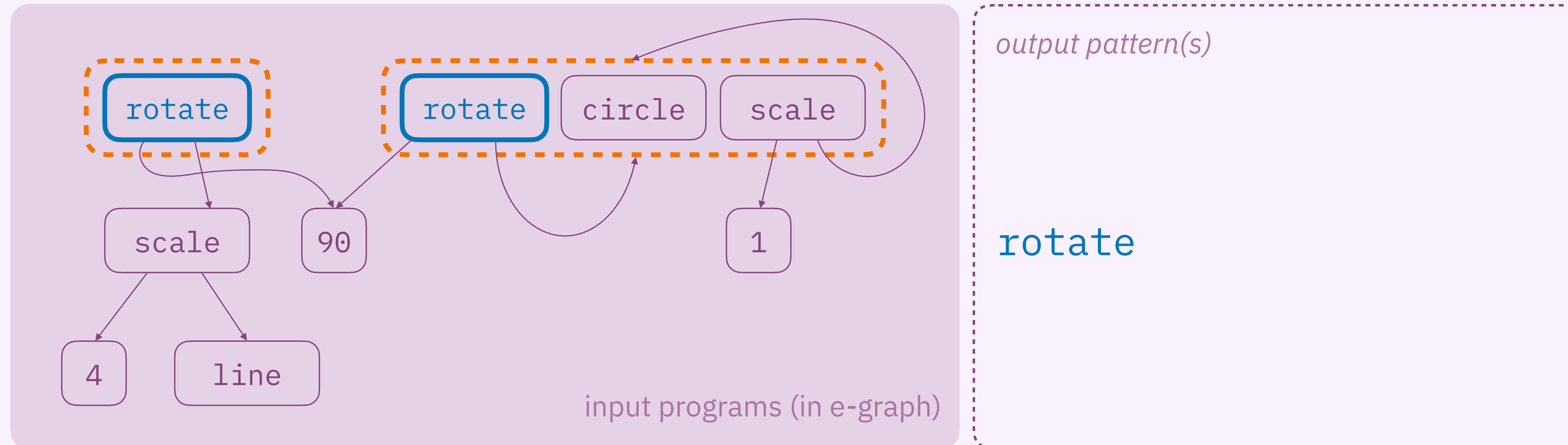
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step 1 **pick two e-classes**

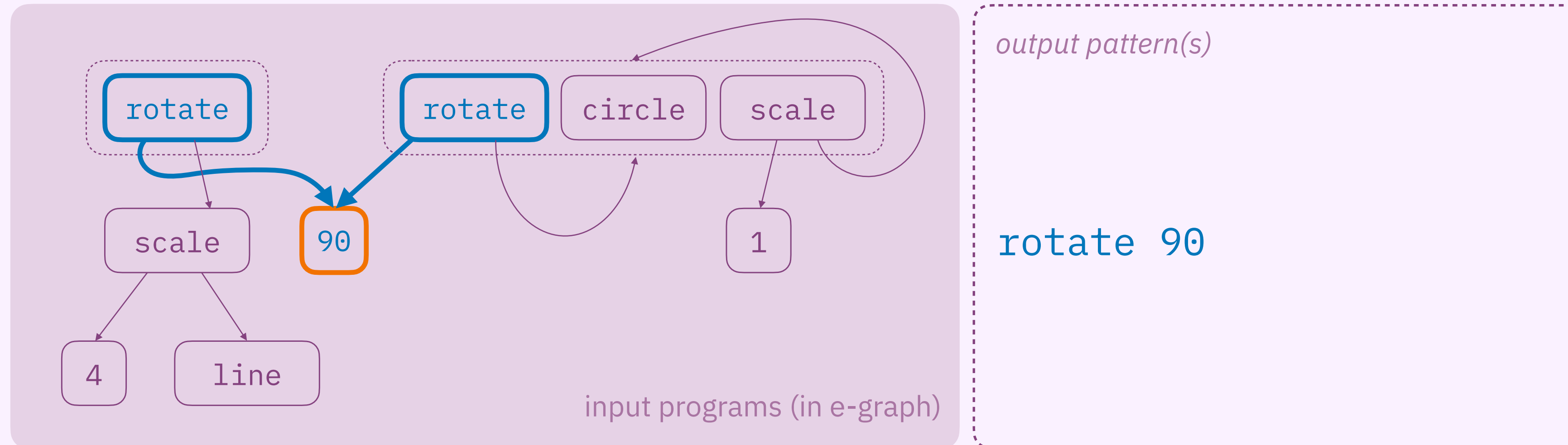
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step 1 pick two e-classes

step 2a if e-classes contain matching e-nodes, for each pair of matching e-nodes, add to pattern & run step 2 with matching e-nodes' children

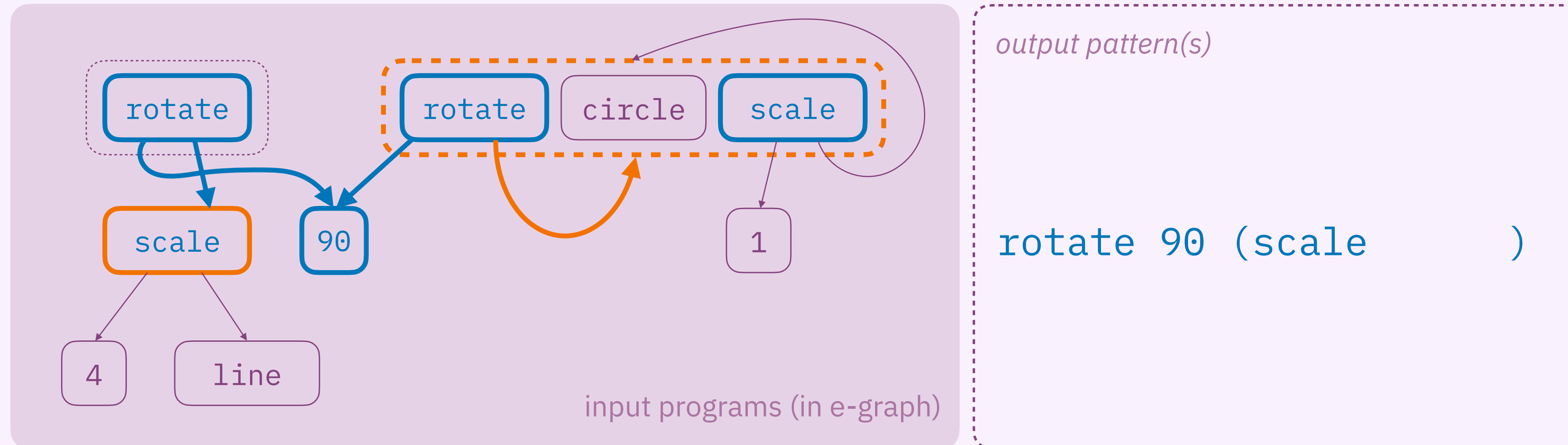
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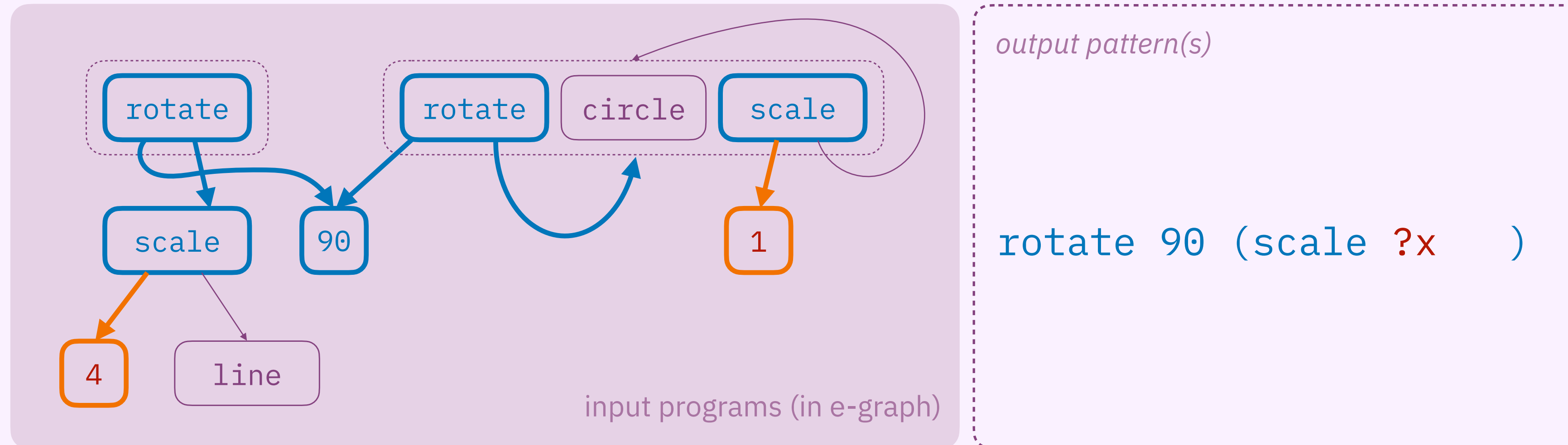
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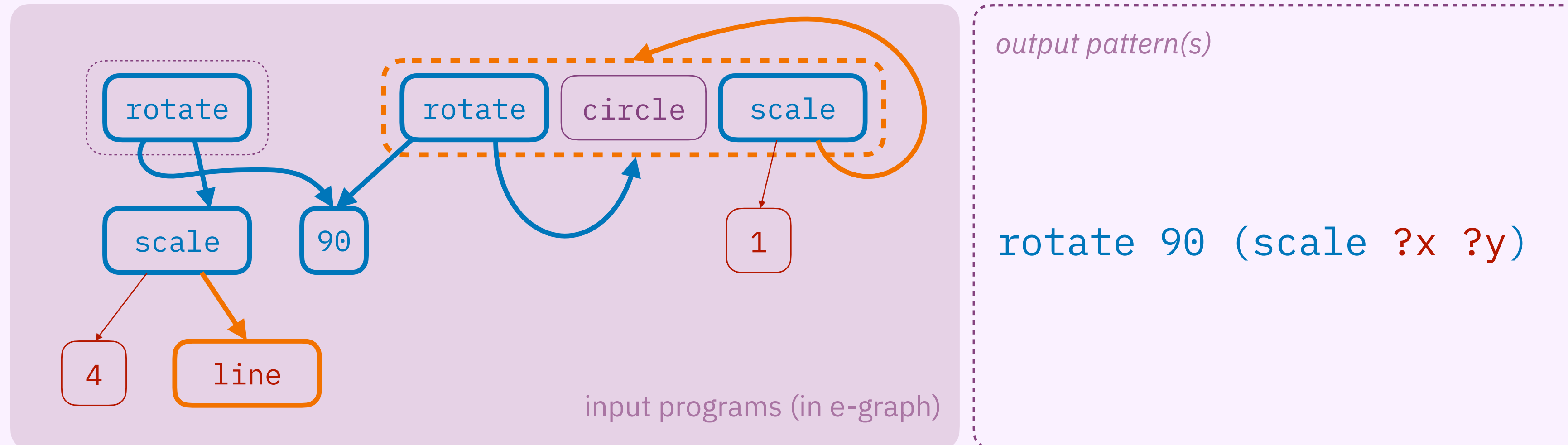


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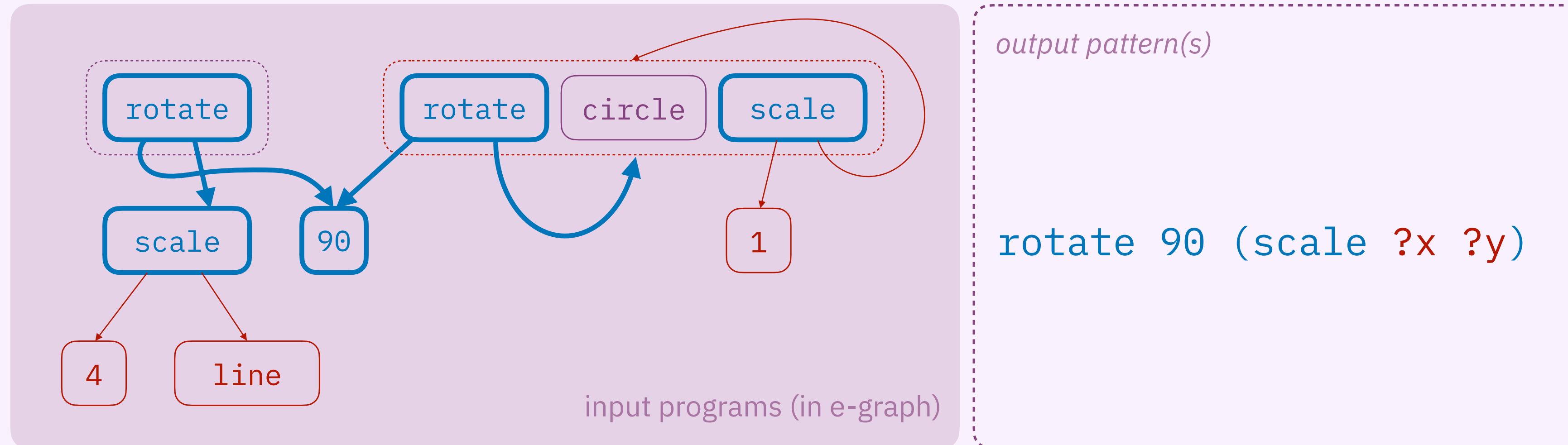


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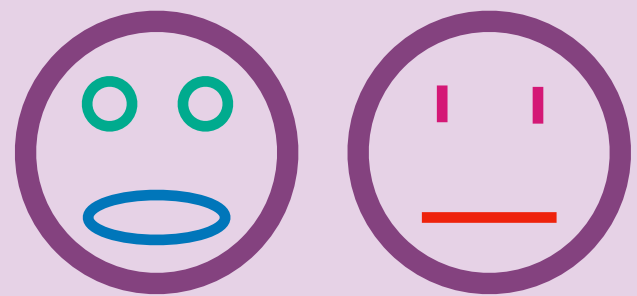
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how does babble work?

babble

user inputs

program corpus



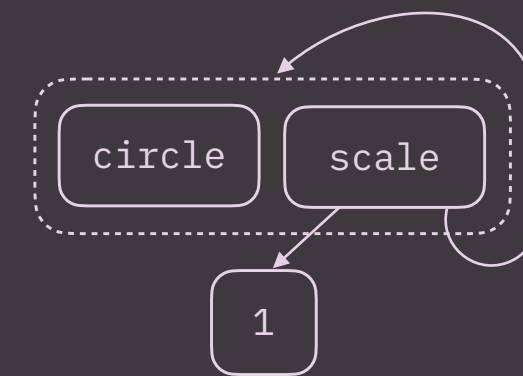
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...
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insight

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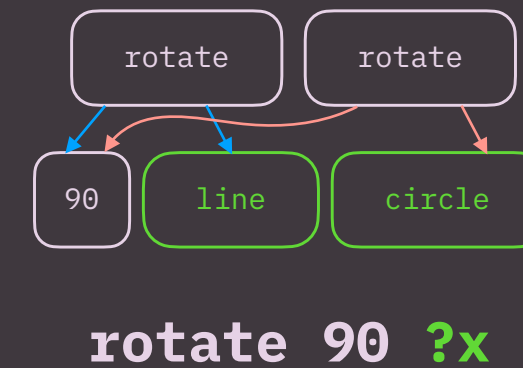
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contribution 2

e-graph anti-unification

to propose candidate abstractions in the presence of input variants



contribution 3

targeted CSE

to pick the best programs and abstractions

```
let f = λx -> ... in  
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      f 2
```

babble outputs

learned library

let face = λshape →



rewritten inputs

face circle

face line

what's the challenge?

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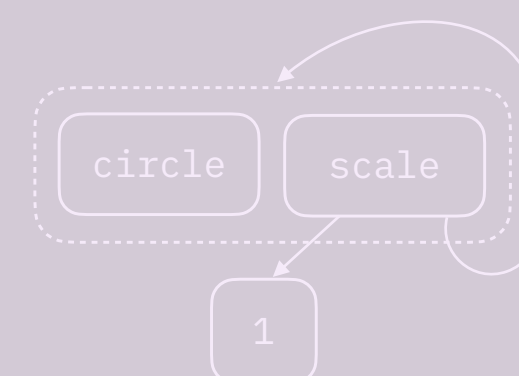
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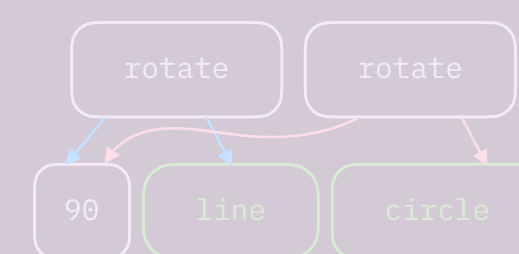
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how well does it work?

babble demo 2 — iTerm

Welcome to fish, the friendly interactive shell

Type `help` for instructions on how to use fish

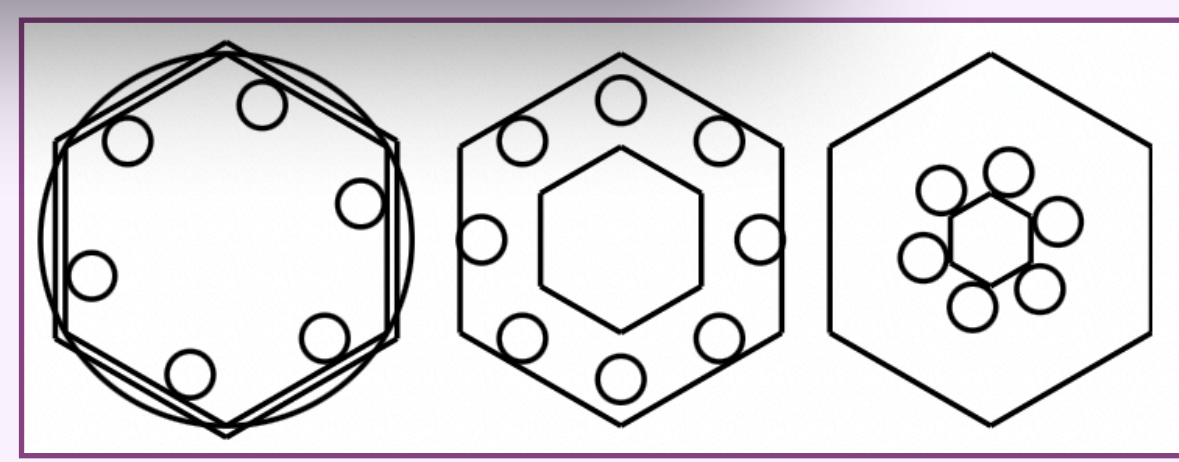
```
david@mbpro ~/D/d/babble (popl23)> cargo run --bin=drawings --release -- harness/data/cogsci/nuts-bolts.bab --beams 400 --lps 1 --rounds 5 --max-arity 2 --dsr harness/data/benchmark-dsrs/drawings.nuts-bolts.rewrites
```

nuts-bolts.bab — BSCode

```
(C (C (T (repeat (T 1 (M 1 0 -0.5 (/ 0.5 (tan (/ pi 6)))))) 6 (M 1 (/ (* 2 pi) 6) 0 0)) (M 2 0 0 0)) (T (repeat (T 1 (M 1 0 -0.5 (/ 0.5 (tan (/ pi 6)))))) 6 (M 1 (/ (* 2 pi) 6) 0 0)) (M 2.25 0 0 0)) (T (repeat (T 1 (M 1 0 -0.5 (/ 0.5 (tan (/ pi 6)))))) 6 (M 1 (/ (* 2 pi) 6) 0 0)) (M 1 0 0 0))
```

← 250 programs

nuts & bolts



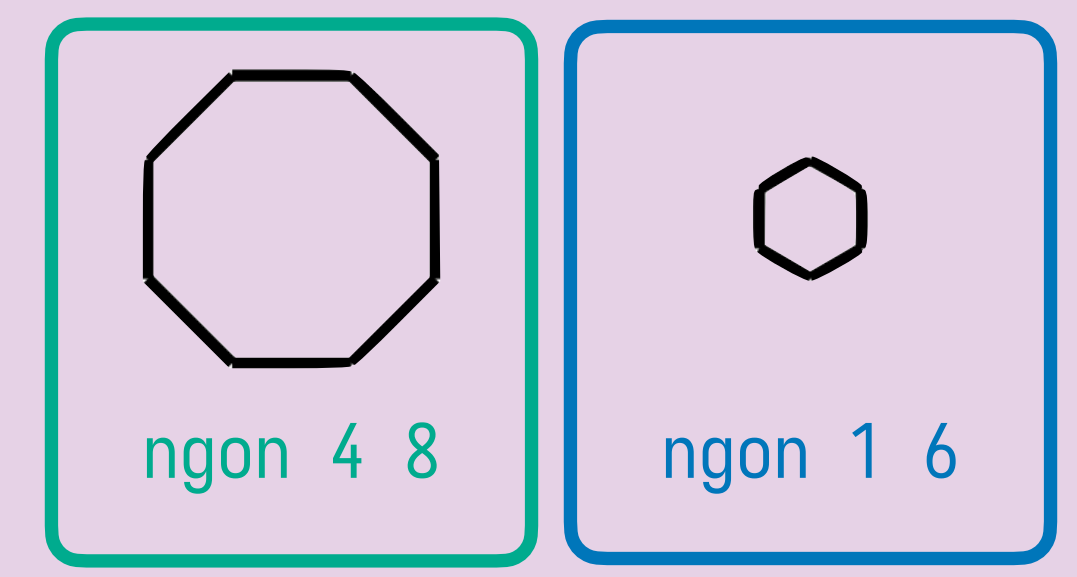
how well does it work? qualitative eval

```

ngon = λsize sides →
  T (repeat (T 1 (M 1 0 -0.5 (0.5 / tan (π / sides)))) sides
           (M 1 ((2 * π) / sides) 0 0))
  (M size 0 0 0)

```

scaled n-gon

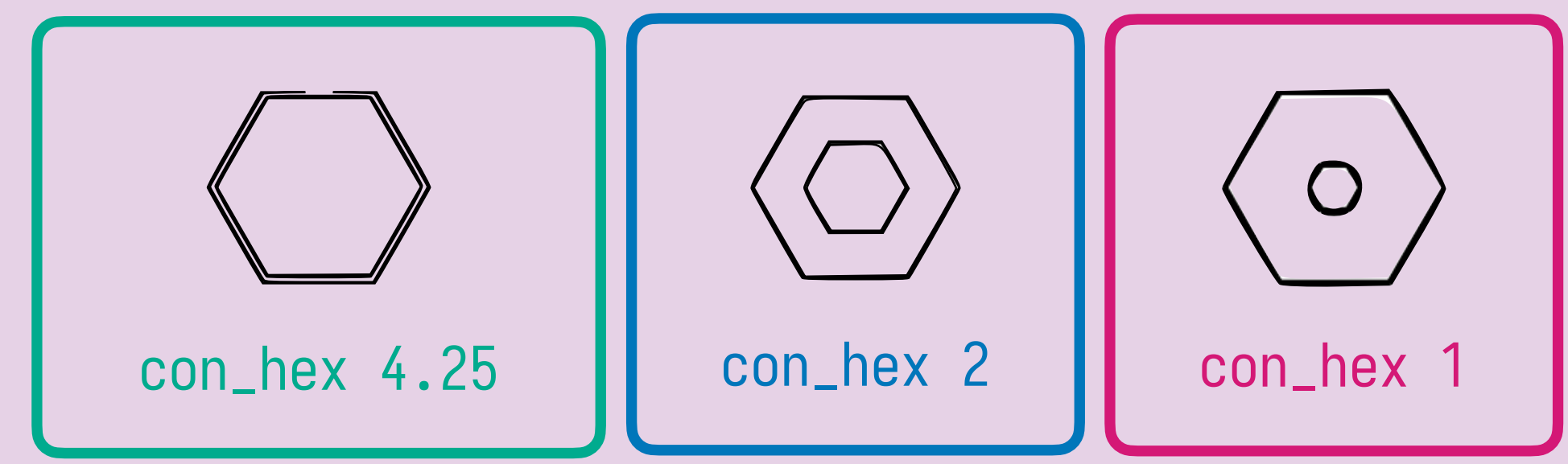


```

con_hex = λinner_size →
  C (ngon 4 6) (ngon inner_size 6)

```

concentric scaled hexagons

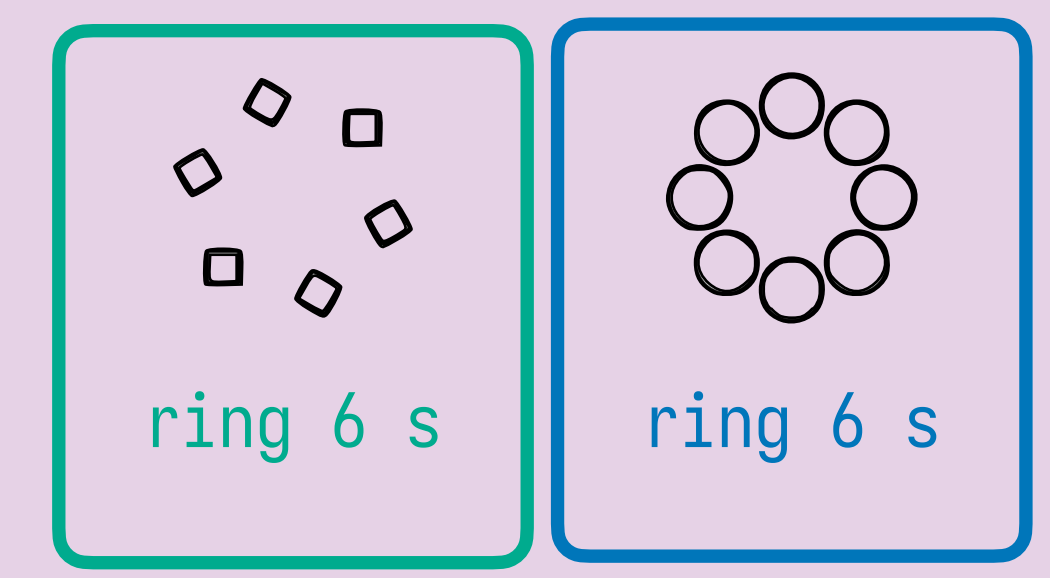


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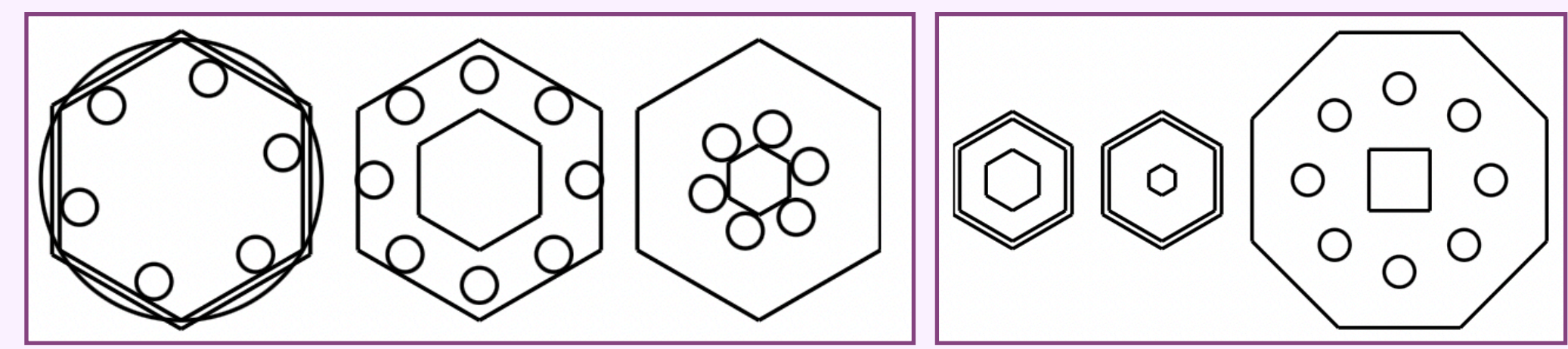
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```

ring of shapes



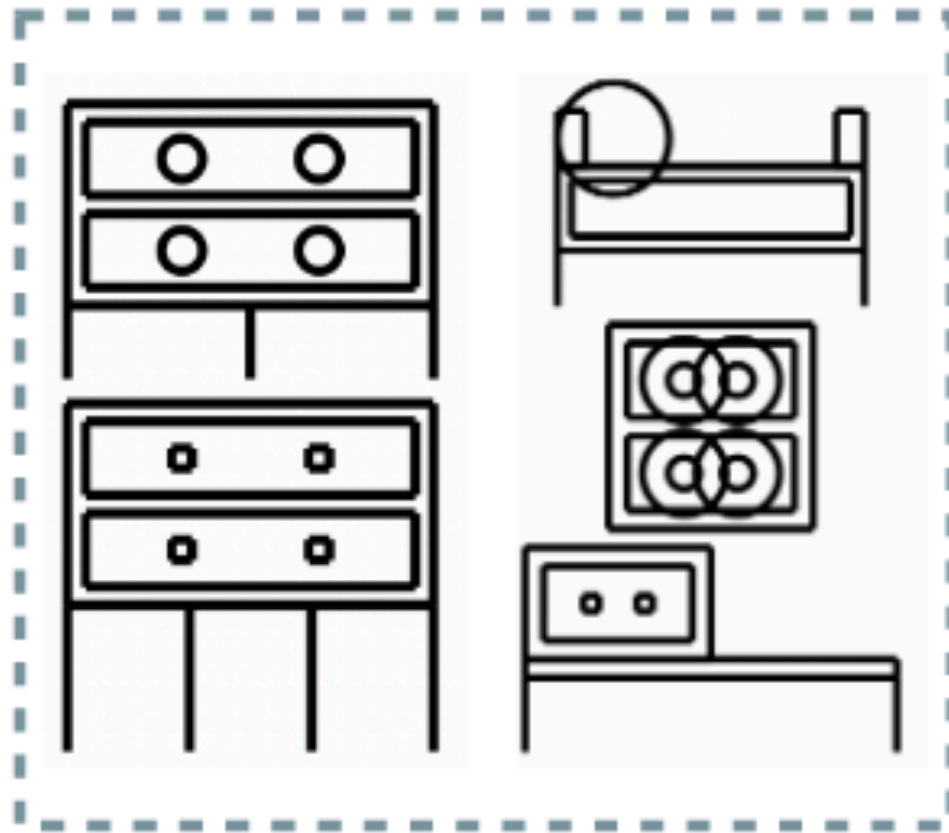
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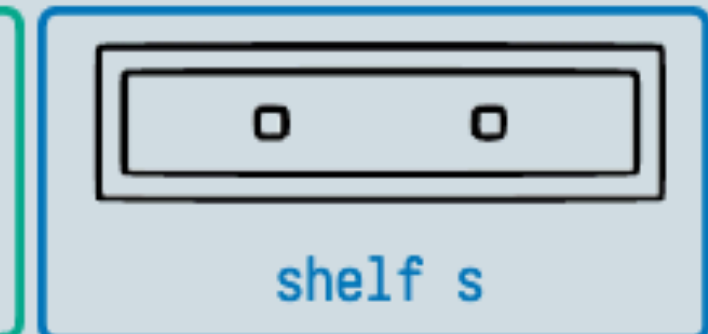
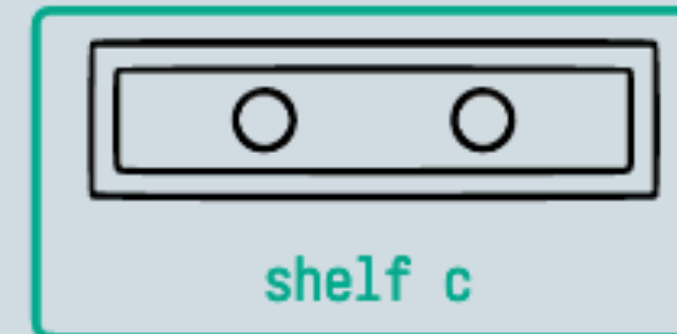
how well does it work?

qualitative eval

furniture



```
shelf = λhandle →
  C (T (move_y -3 (C (move_y 0 (r_s 15 3))
                    (T (repeat (T (T handle (M 0.84375 0 0 0)) (xform_x 0))
                              2
                              (xform_x 6.375))
                    (xform_x -3.1875))))
    (M 1 0 0 0.75))
  (move_y -2.25 (r_s 16.5 4.5))
```



shelf

how well does it work? qualitative eval

check the paper for more examples!

nuts & bolts

```

ngon = λsize sides →
  T (repeat (T 1 (M 1 θ -0.5 (0.5 / tan (π / sides)))) sides
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            (M size θ θ θ)

```

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ngon 1 6

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```

ring of shapes

ring 6 s

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vehicles

```

oneseg_body = λrest →
  C (C (C (C (T (T (r_s θ θ) (xform_x θ)) (xform_x -8))
              (T (T (r_s 16 4.5) (M 1 θ θ 2.25))
                  (xform_x θ)))
          (T (T (r_s θ θ) (xform_x θ)) (xform_x 8)))
      (T (r_s 12 1) (M 1 θ θ 5))) rest

```

one-segment vehicle body

oneseg_body <antenna>

oneseg_body <wheels>

```

circle_ring = λn → repeat
  (T (T c (M 0.25 θ θ θ))
   (M 1 θ 0.53033 0.53033))
  n
  (M 1 ((2 * π) / xθ) θ θ)

```

ring of circles

circle_ring 4

circle_ring 8

furniture

```

shelf = λhandle →
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gadgets

```

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    (M 1 θ (1 * (0.5 * cos (π / 2))) 0.5))

```

dial

dial c

dial s

```

gadget_body = λheight top →
  C (C top (T (r_s 1 height) (xform_x 7.75)))
    (T (r_s 1 height)
      (131 (θ - 0.5 * (arith θ + 2 * 0.5))))

```

gadget body

gadget_body 2.25 <rect>

gadget_body 2.25 empty

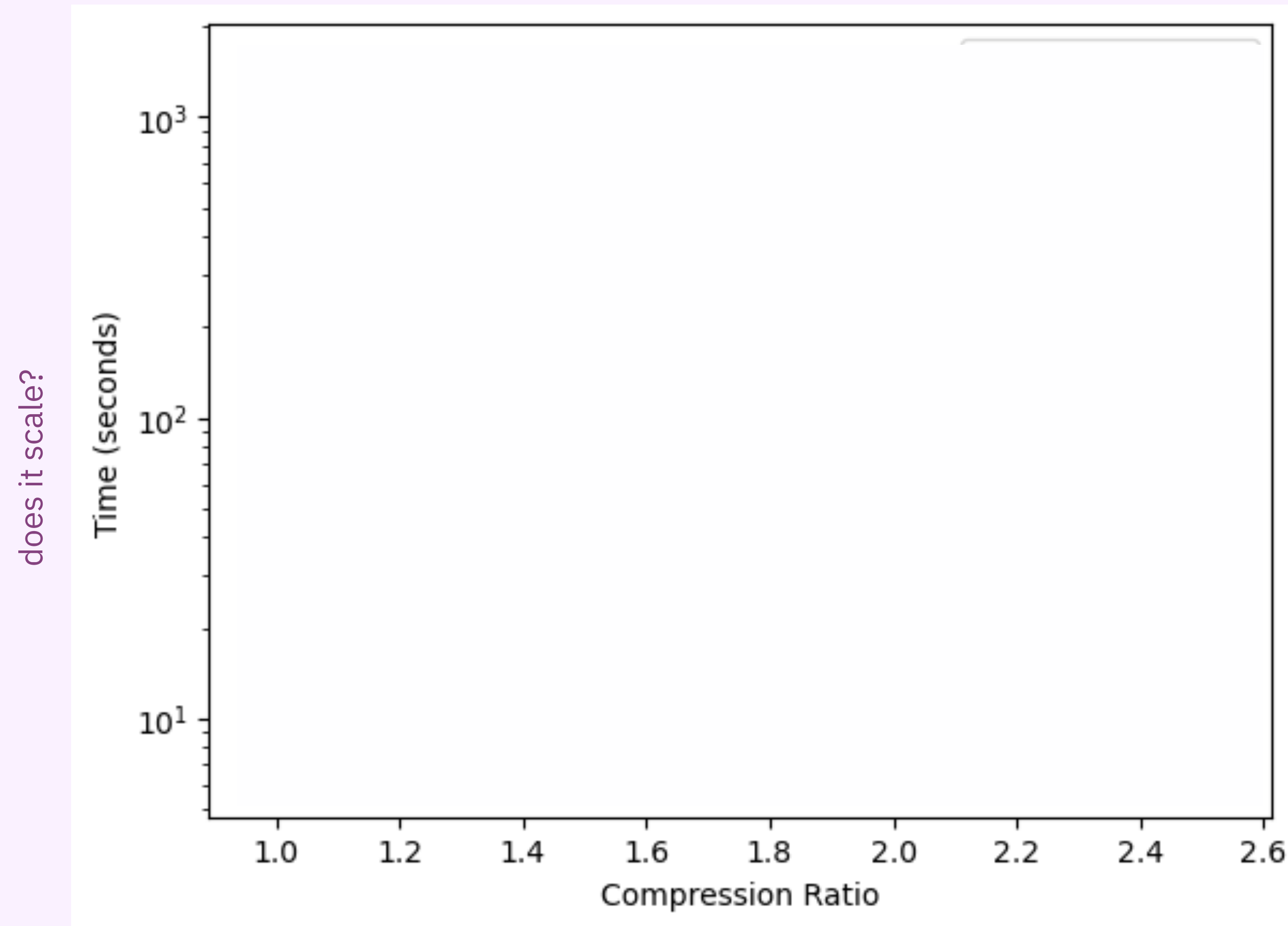
input corpus → learned library

how well does it work? quantitative eval

does it scale?

does it compress?

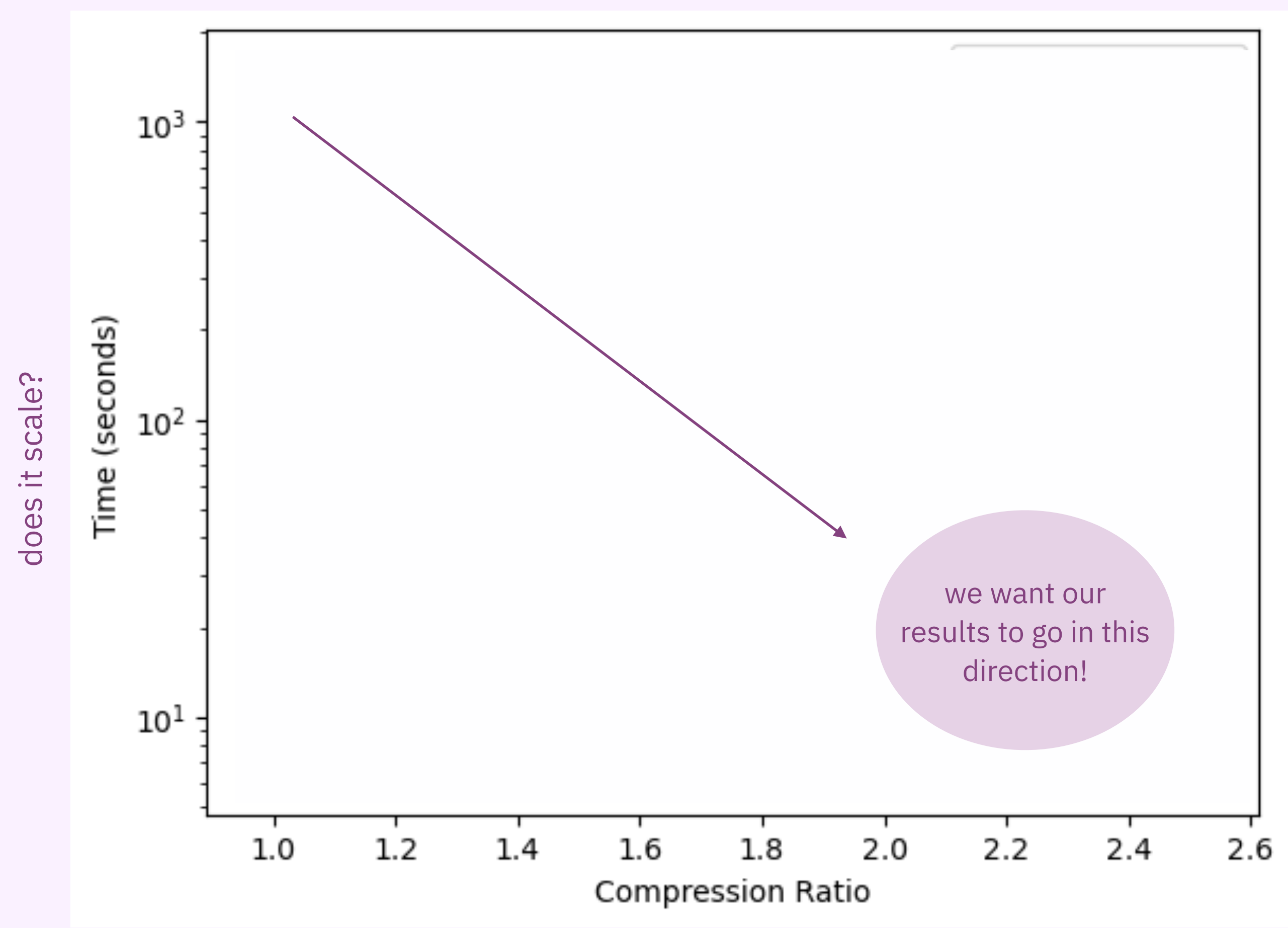
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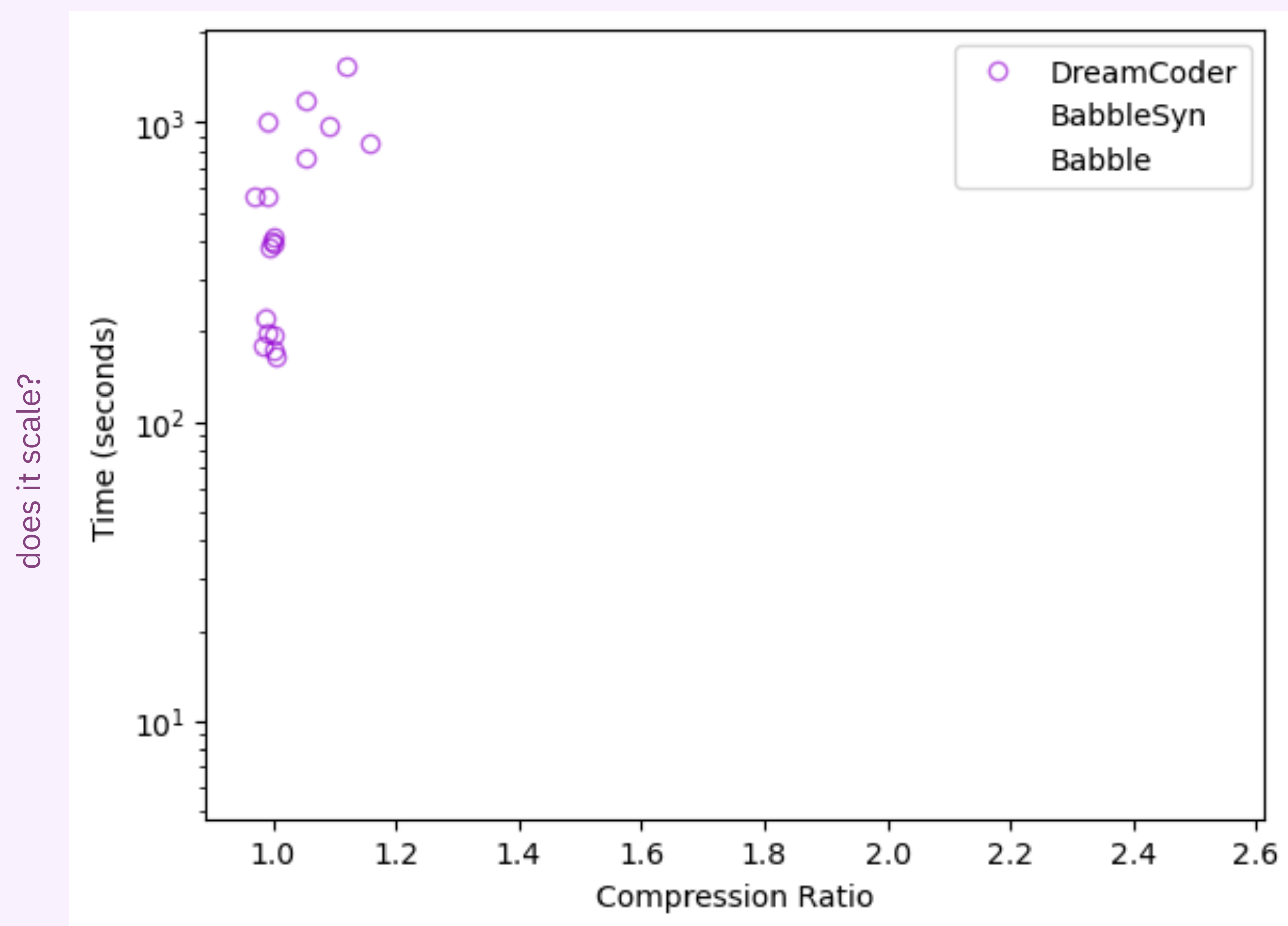


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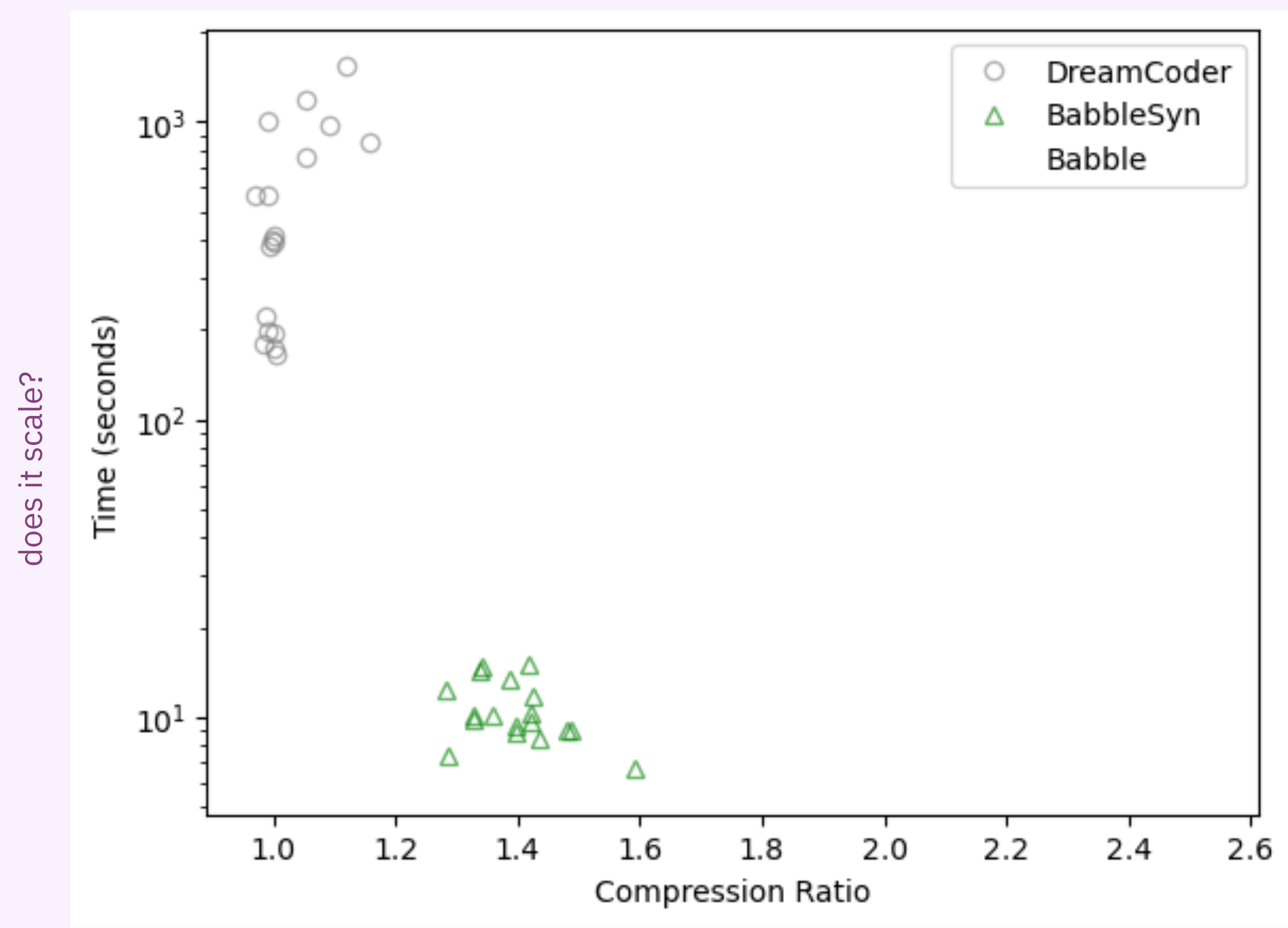
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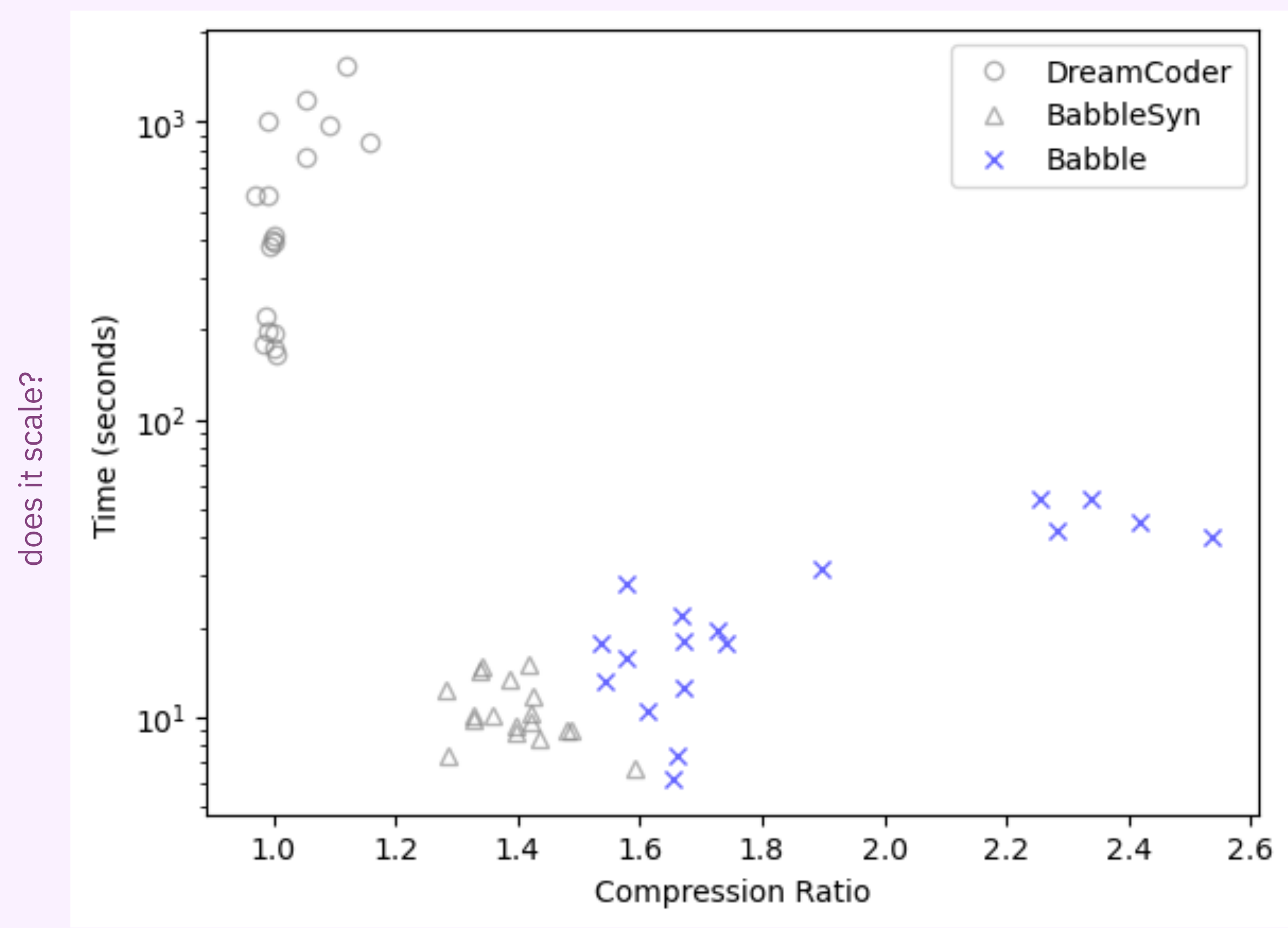


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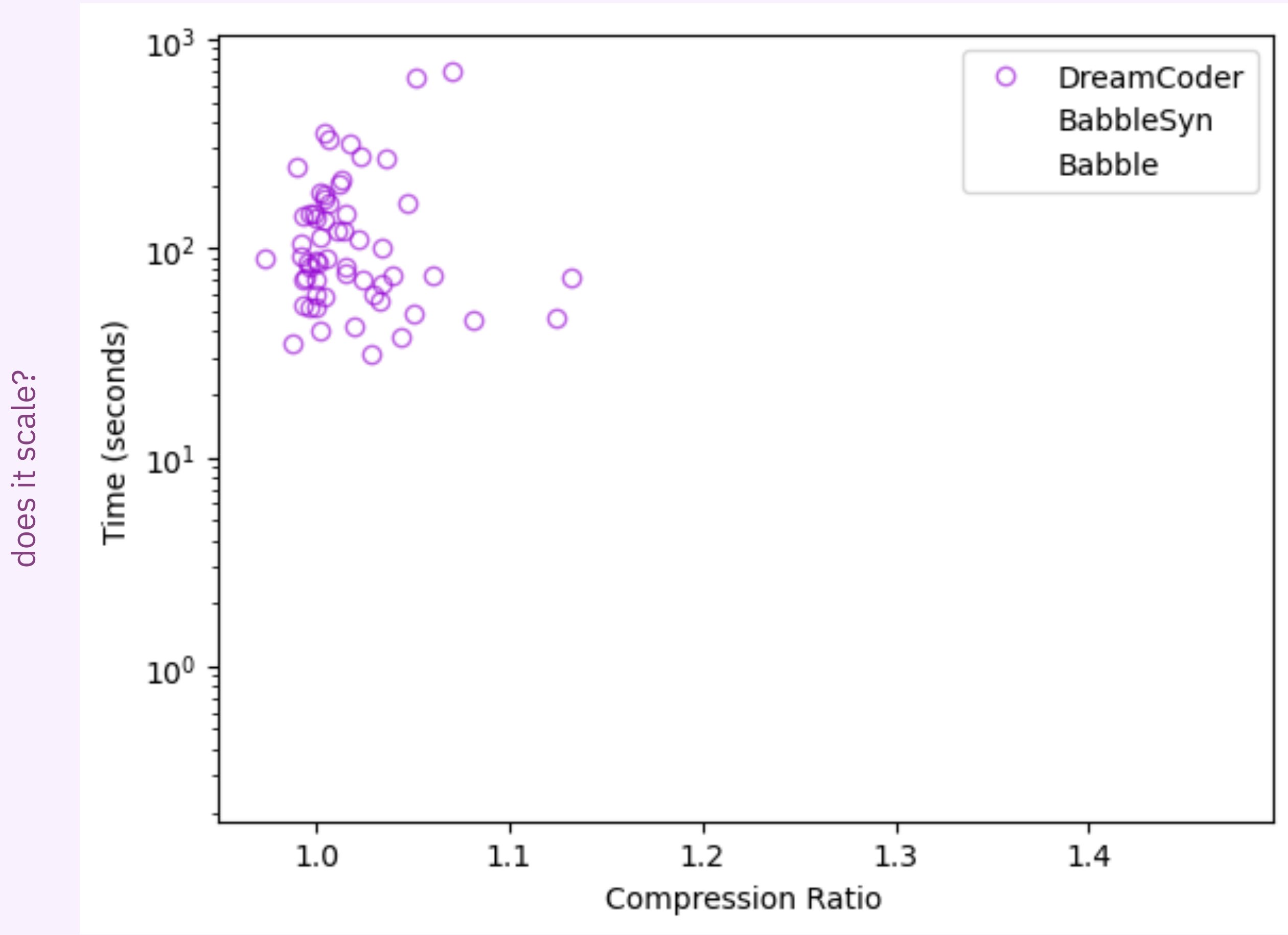


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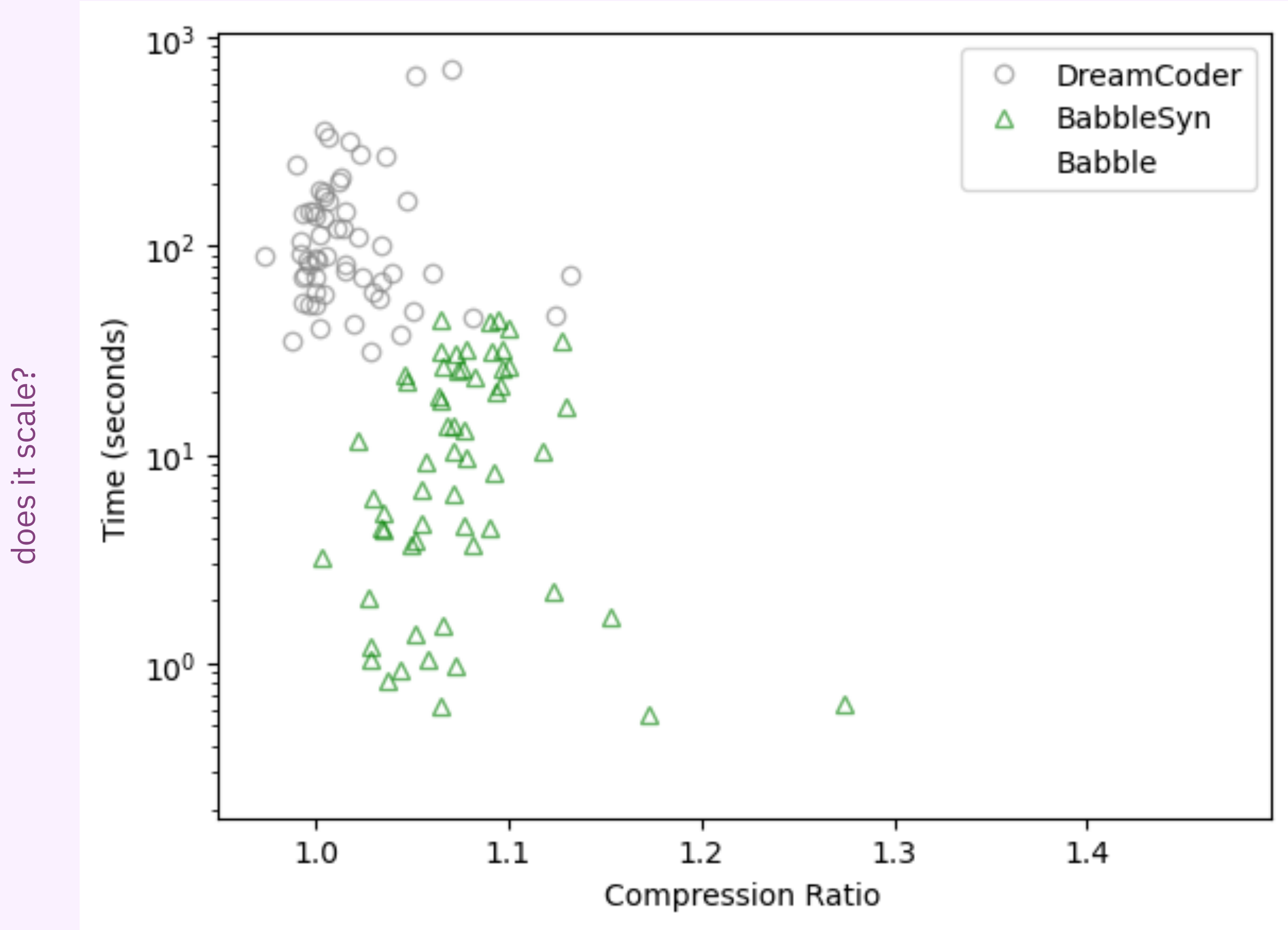


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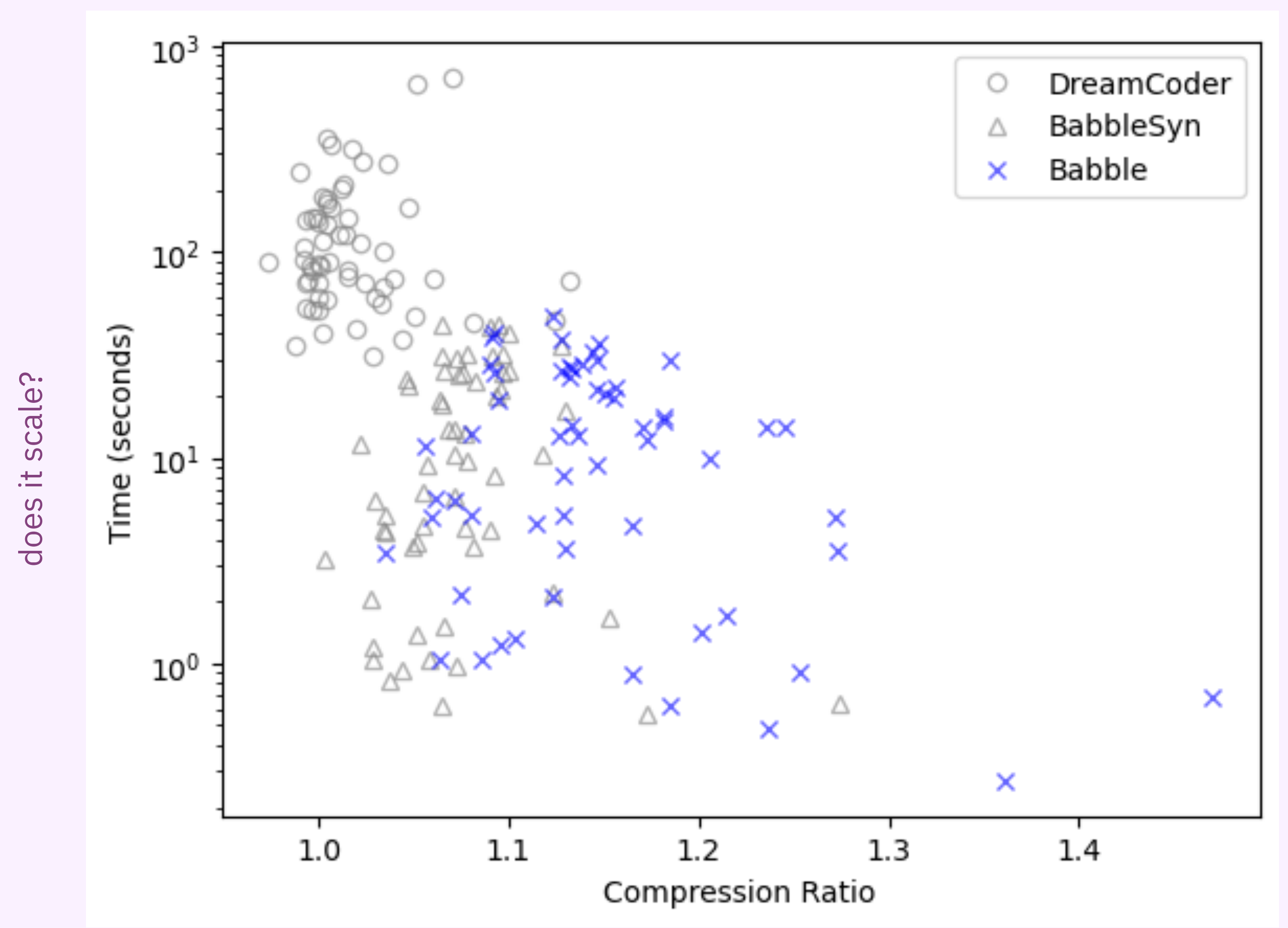


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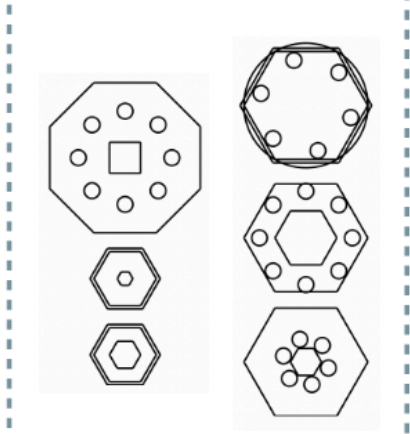
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nuts & bolts



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gadgets

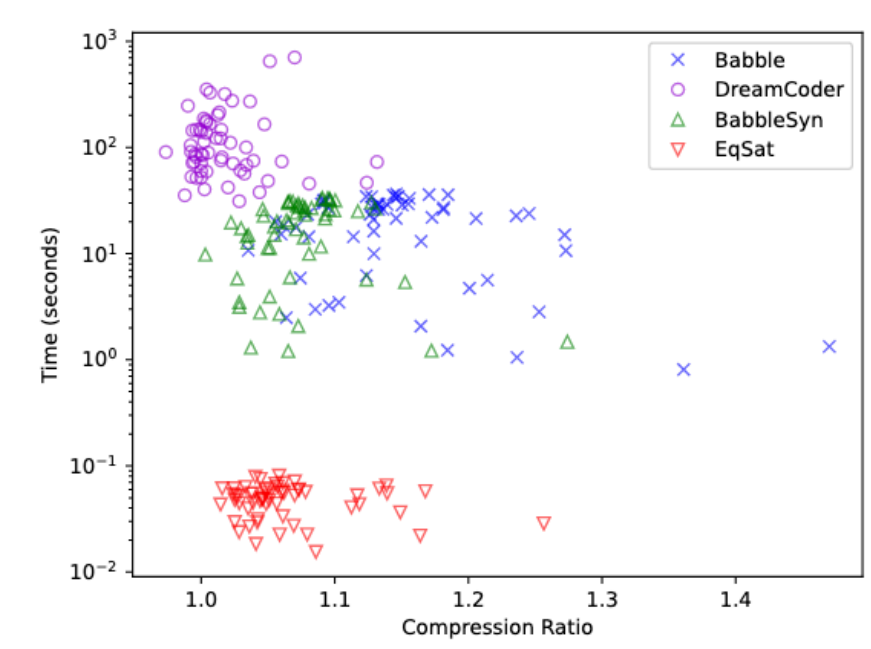
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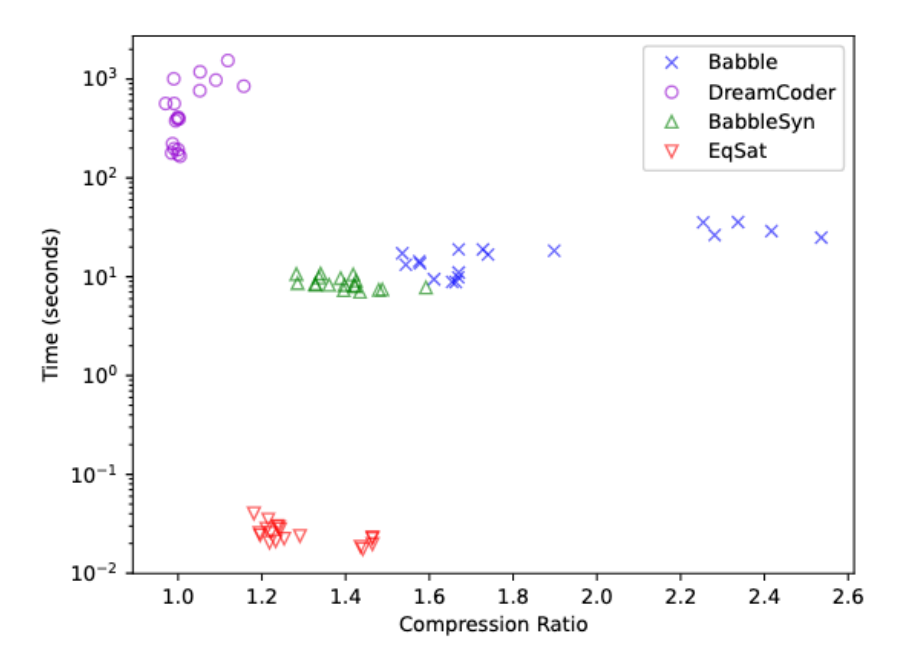
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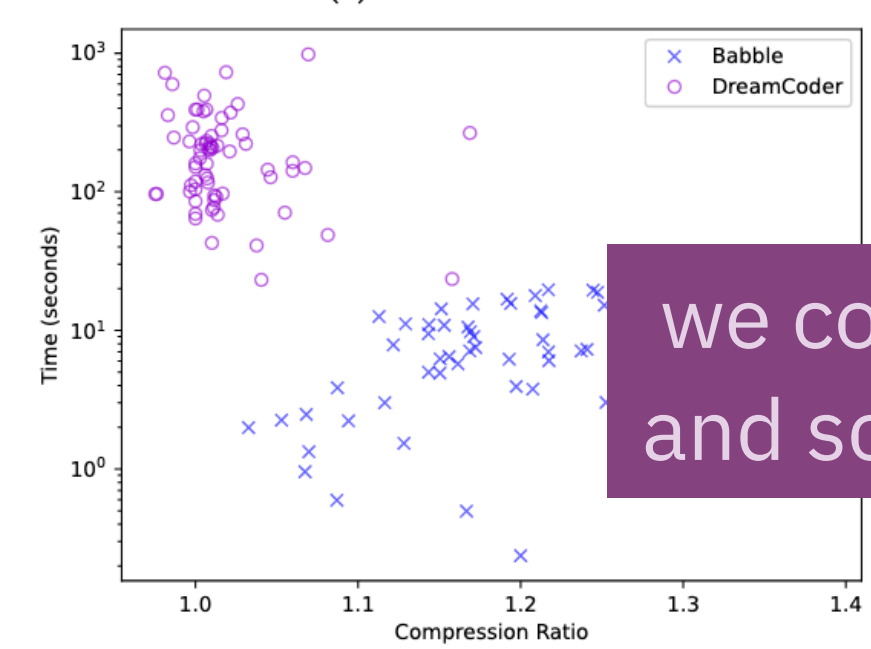
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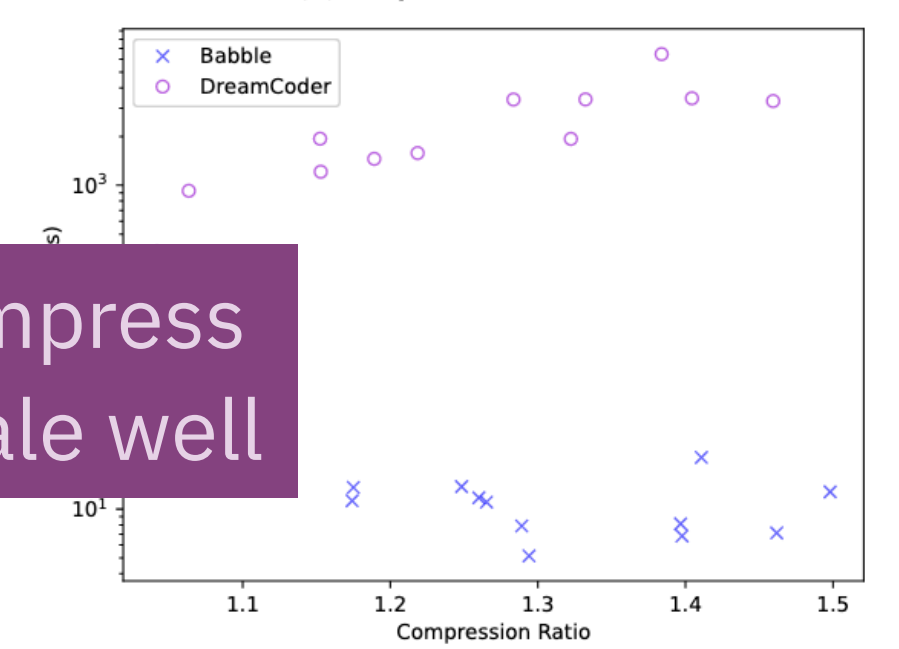
(a) List domain



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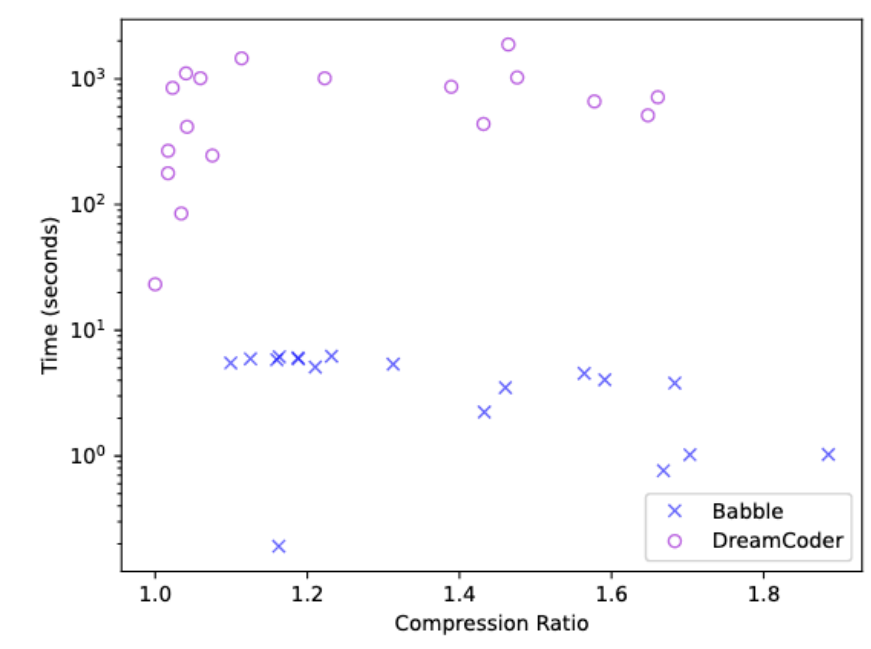


(c) Text domain



(d) Logo domain

we compress and scale well

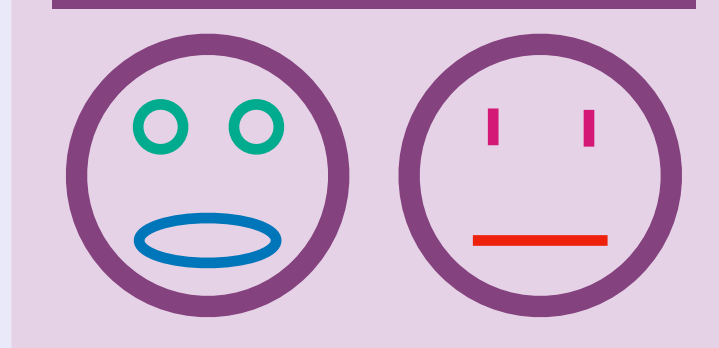


(e) Towers domain

babble *learning better abstractions with e-graphs and anti-unification*

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