

# From Shapes to Shapes

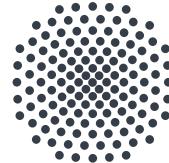
Inferring SHACL Shapes for Results of  
SPARQL CONSTRUCT Queries

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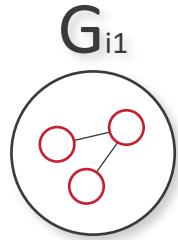
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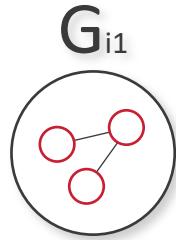


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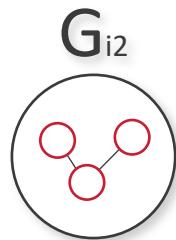


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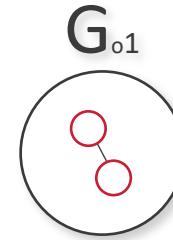


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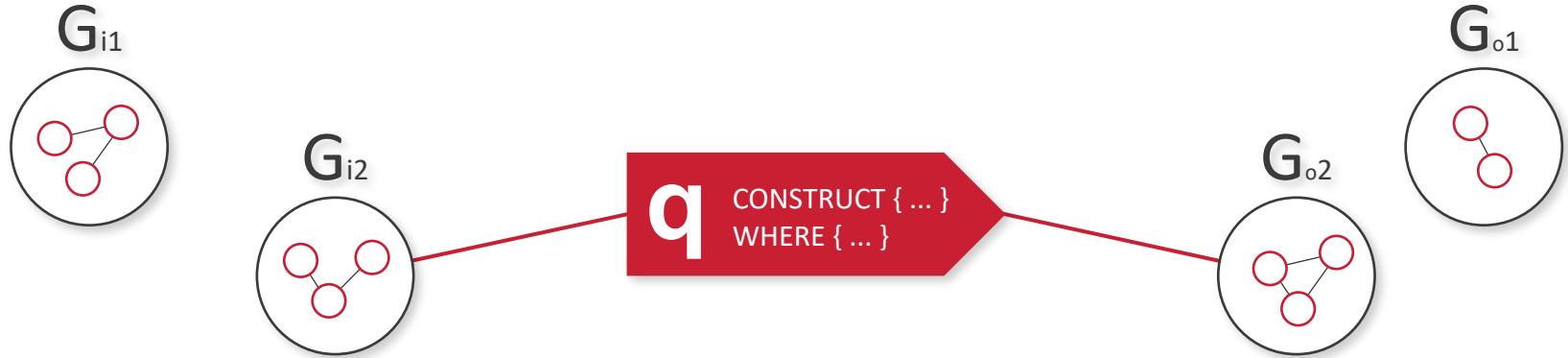


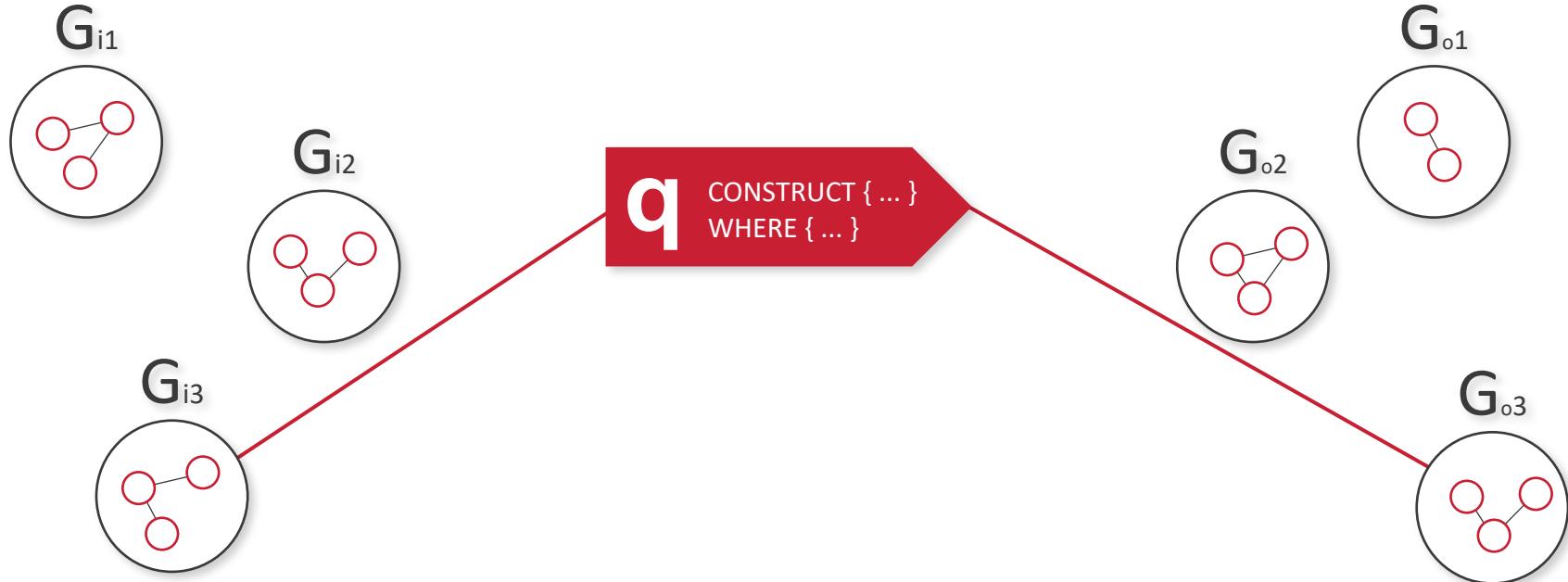
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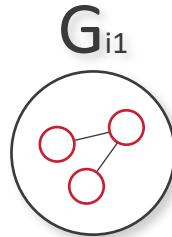
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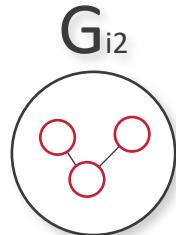
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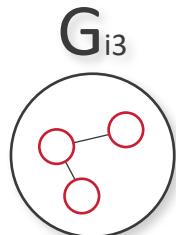




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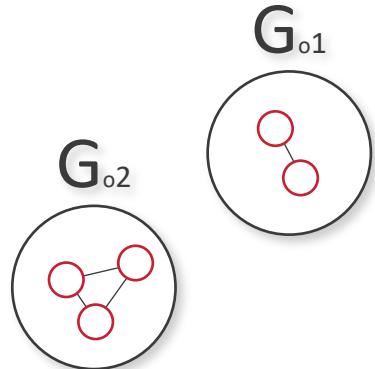


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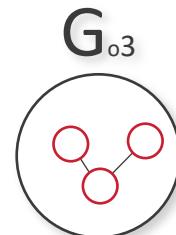


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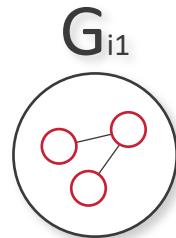


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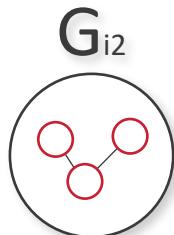


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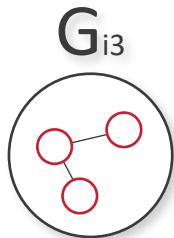
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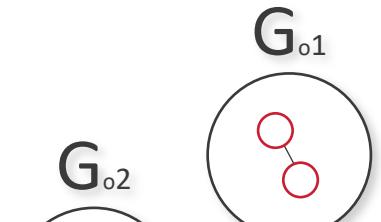


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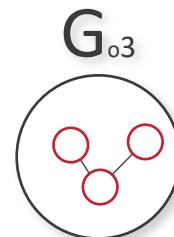


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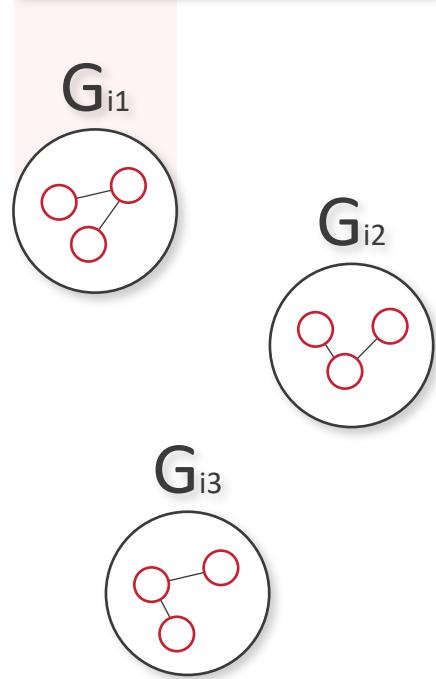


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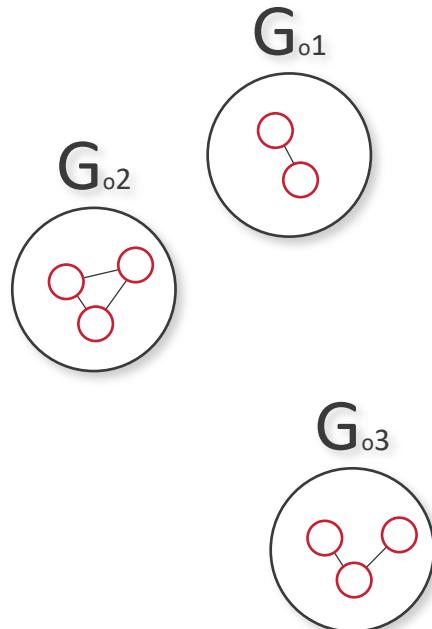


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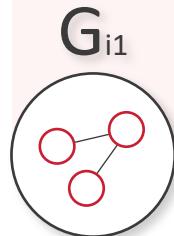
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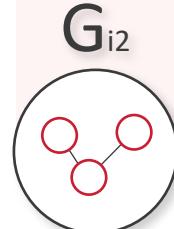
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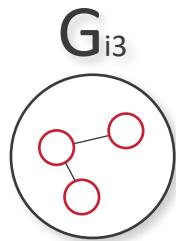
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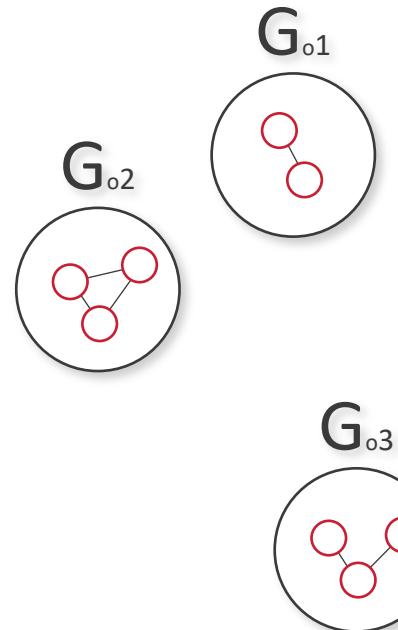


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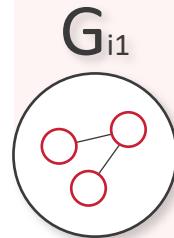


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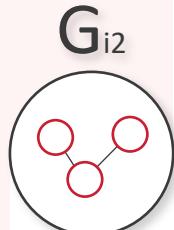
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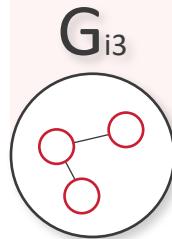
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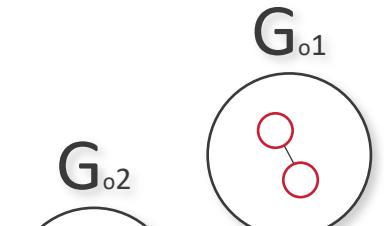


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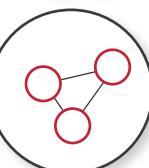


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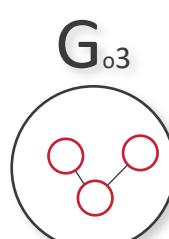
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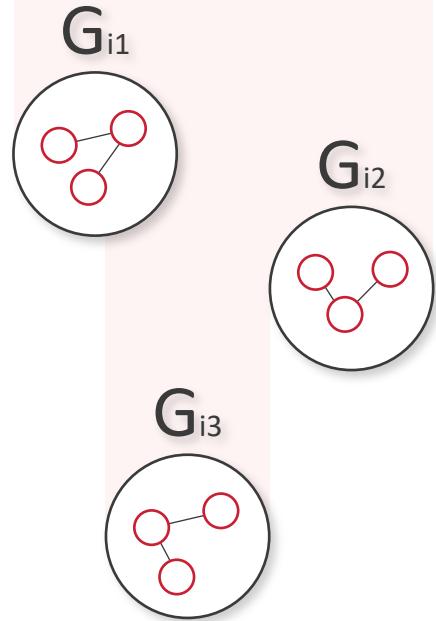


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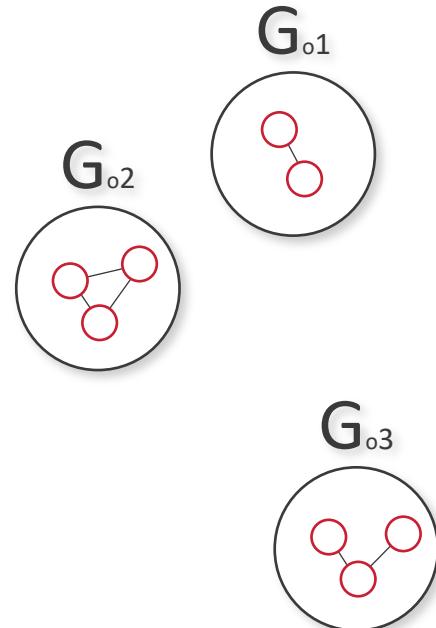
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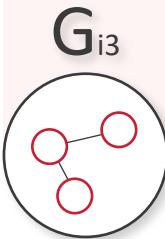
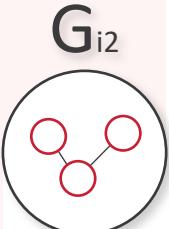
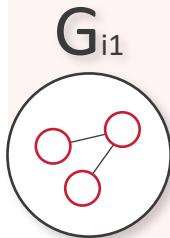
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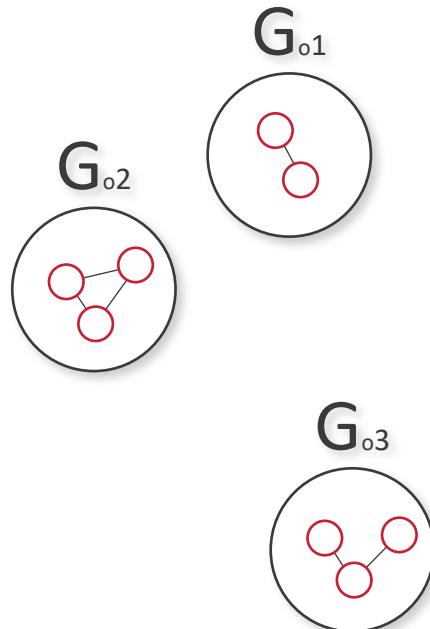


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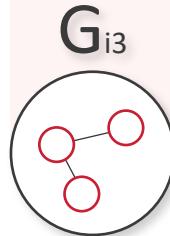
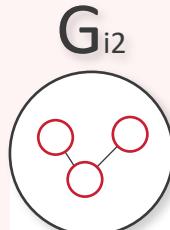
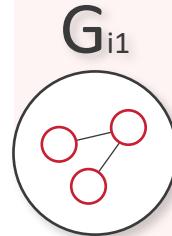
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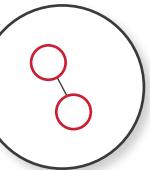
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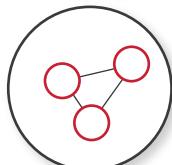
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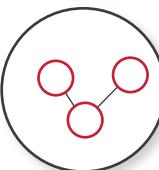
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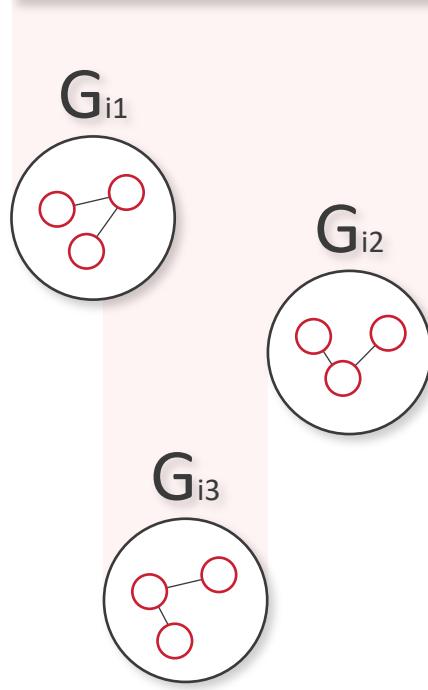
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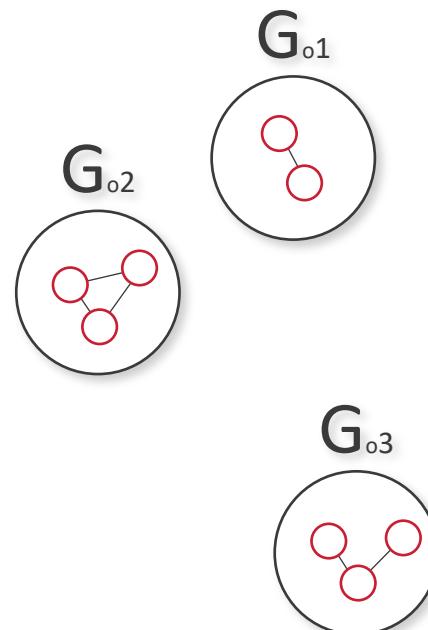
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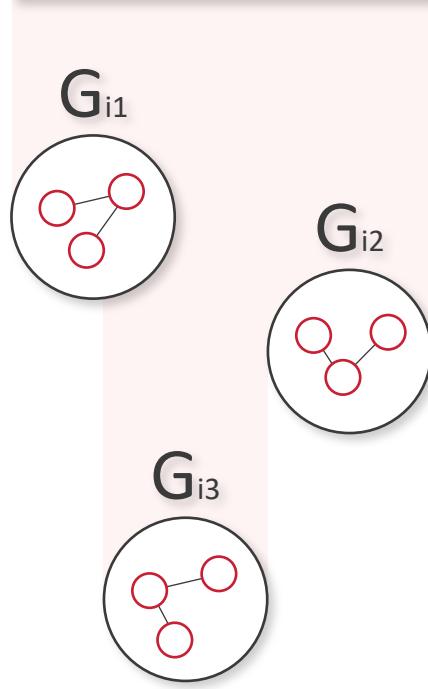
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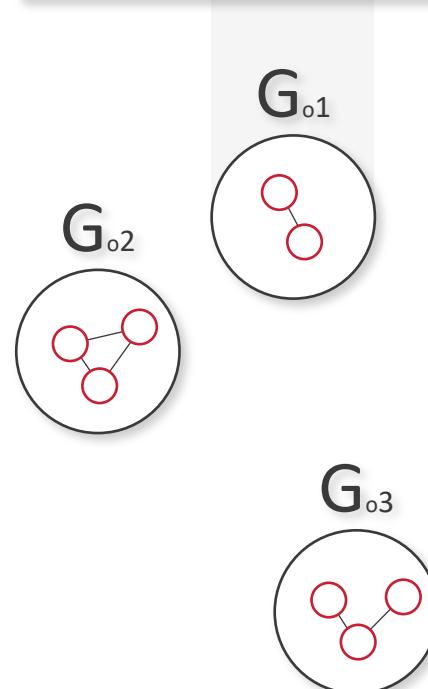
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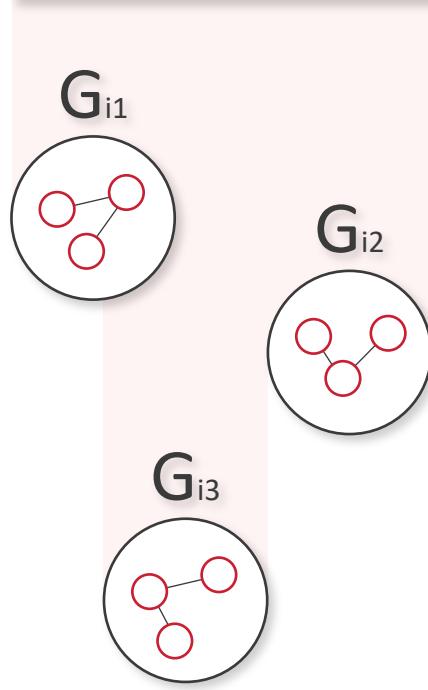
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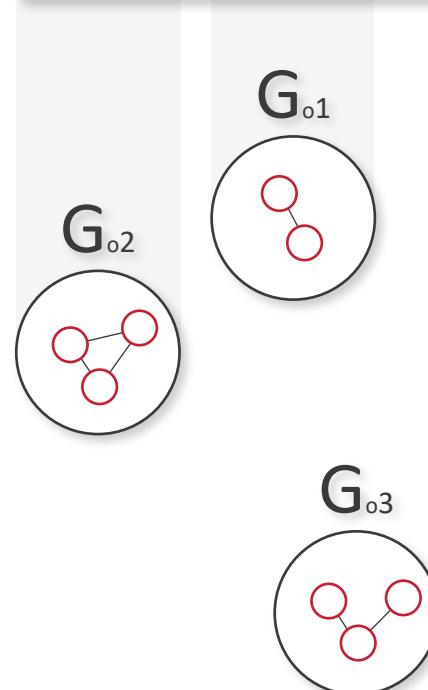
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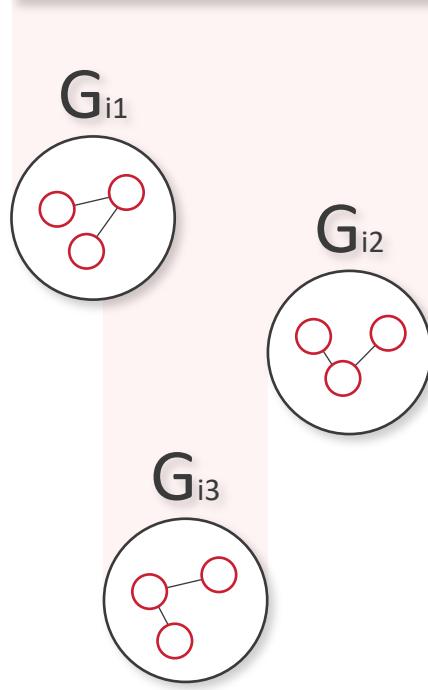
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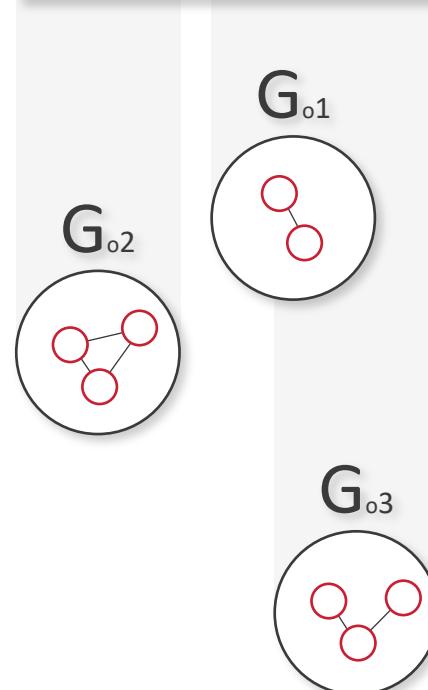
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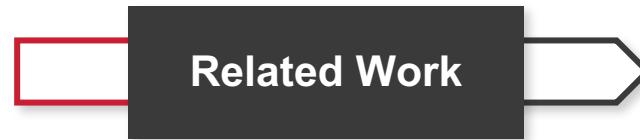
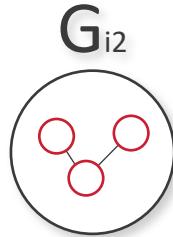
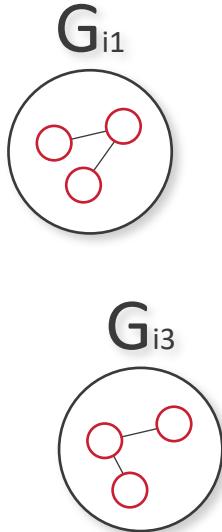


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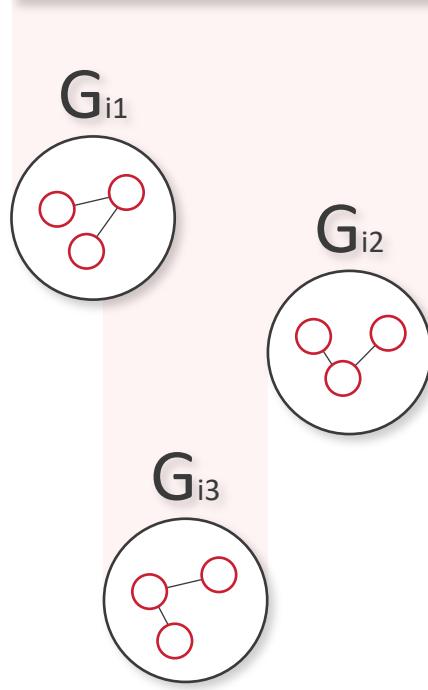
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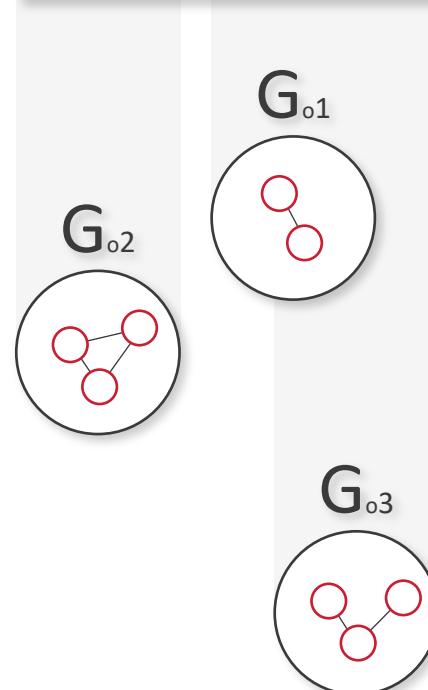
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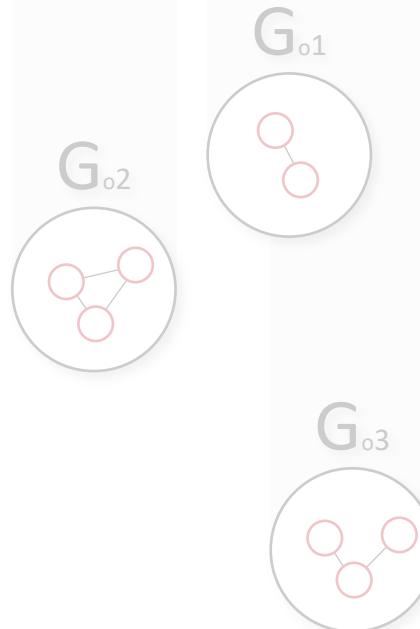
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“ $?y$ ”  $\subseteq$  “ $?z$ ”

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**B ⊑ E**

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if  $\Sigma \vdash s$

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if  $\Sigma \vdash s$  then  $s \in S_{\text{out}}$

*(modulo namespaces)*

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$B \sqsubseteq E$

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$$X \equiv \exists p . Z$$

$$W \equiv \exists p . Y$$

$$Z \equiv E \sqcap (\exists p \dashv X)$$

$$Y \equiv B \sqcap (\exists p \dashv W)$$

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$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline Z \equiv E \sqcap (\exists p \dashv X) \\ \hline Y \equiv B \sqcap (\exists p \dashv W) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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?y a :B .

?x :p ?z .

?z a :E

}

$$\Sigma := S_{\text{in}} \cup q_{\text{infer}}$$

$B \sqsubseteq E$

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CONSTRUCT {

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**Definition 16** (CWA-encoding). The *CWA-encoding* for a SCCQ  $q = (H \leftarrow P)$ , denoted  $\text{CWA}(q)$ , is the minimal set of  $\mathcal{ALCHOI}$  axioms including:

1. For each concept name  $A$  in  $P$ ,  $\dot{A} \equiv A \sqcap \bigsqcup_{u:A \in P} C_u$ .
2. For each concept name  $A$  in  $H$ ,  $\ddot{A} \equiv \bigsqcup_{u:A \in H} C_u$ .
3. For each variable  $x$  in  $\text{var}(q)$  the axiom

$$V_x \sqsubseteq \bigsqcap_{x:A \in P} A \sqcap \bigsqcap_{(x,u):p \in P} \exists p. C_u \sqcap \bigsqcap_{(u,x):p \in P} \exists p^-. C_u,$$

and if  $\text{vcg}(P)$  is acyclic w.r.t  $x$ , then also the axiom

$$V_x \sqsupseteq \bigsqcap_{x:A \in P} A \sqcap \bigsqcap_{(x,u):p \in P} \exists p. C_u \sqcap \bigsqcap_{(u,x):p \in P} \exists p^-. C_u .$$

4. For each role name  $p$  in pattern  $P$  the axioms

$$\exists \dot{p}. C_v \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in P} C_u, \quad \exists \dot{p}. \top \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in P} C_u \sqcap \exists \dot{p}. C_v,$$

$$\exists \dot{p}^-. C_u \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in P} C_v, \quad \exists \dot{p}^-. \top \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in P} C_v \sqcap \exists \dot{p}^-. C_u.$$

5. For each role name  $p$  in template  $H$  the axioms

$$\exists \ddot{p}. C_v \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in H} C_u, \quad \exists \ddot{p}. \top \equiv \bigsqcup_{(u,v):p \in H} C_u \sqcap \exists \ddot{p}. C_v,$$

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$$\Sigma := S_{\text{in}} \cup q_{\text{infer}}$$

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$Y \sqsubseteq Z ?$

$$X \equiv \exists p . Z$$

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```
CONSTRUCT {  
    ...  
} WHERE {  
    ?w :p ?y .  
    ?y a :B .  
    ?x :p ?z .  
    ?z a :E .  
}
```

1

```
CONSTRUCT {  
  ...  
 } WHERE {  
   ?w :p ?y .  
   ?y a :B .  
   ?x :p ?z .  
   ?z a :E .  
 }
```

```
?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .
```

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CONSTRUCT {
```

```
...
```

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} WHERE {
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?w :p ?y .
```

```
?y a :B .
```

```
?x :p ?z .
```

```
?z a :E .
```

```
}
```

```
?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .
```

1

```
?x :p ?z .  
?z a :E .
```

2

```
?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .
```

Find a **mapping h** of query variables,  
such that **one component** is subset  
**of the other.**

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```

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Then a mapping such as  **$h(x) = w$**  implies  **$W \sqsubseteq X$** .

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?z a :E .

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B ⊑ E

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?z a :E .

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B ⊑ E

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**?y a :E .**

?x :p ?z .  
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$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= w \\ h(z) &= y \end{aligned}$$

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?y a :B .  
**?y a :E .**

?x :p ?z .  
?z a :E .

**$h(x) = w$**   
 **$h(z) = y$**

?w :p ?y .  
**?y a :E .**

?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .  
**?y a :E .**

?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .  
**?y a :E .**

UI

?x :p ?z .  
?z a :E .

**$h(x) = w$**   
 **$h(z) = y$**

?w :p ?y .  
**?y a :E .**

?w :p ?y .  
?y a :B .  
**?y a :E .**

**h(x) = w**  
**h(z) = y**

UI

**W ⊑ X**  
**Y ⊑ Z**

?w :p ?**y** .  
?y a :E .

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$$S_{\text{out}}$$

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$$X \equiv \exists p.Z$$

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$$S_{\text{out}}$$

$$F \sqsubseteq G$$

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+

$$S_{\text{out}}$$

$$F \sqsubseteq G$$

$$F \sqsubseteq \exists r.G$$

$$\Sigma := S_{\text{in}} \cup q_{\text{infer}}$$

$$B \sqsubseteq E$$

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$$F \sqsubseteq G$$

$$F \sqsubseteq \exists r.G$$

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$$S_{\text{out}}$$

$$F \sqsubseteq G$$

$$F \sqsubseteq \exists r.G$$

$$\exists r.T \sqsubseteq F$$

$$G \sqsubseteq \forall r.G$$

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$$W \equiv \exists p.Y$$

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$$F \sqsubseteq G$$

$$F \sqsubseteq \exists r.G$$

$$\exists r.T \sqsubseteq F$$

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...

Try out **Shapes 2 Shapes** at

<https://github.com/softlang/s2s>



# From Shapes to Shapes

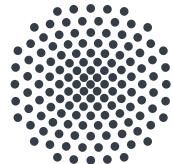
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