

A string of pearls is draped across the frame, set against a dark blue background with a fine, grid-like texture. The pearls are light-colored and have a soft luster. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area.

Deriving Automatic Differentiation

Forwards and in Reverse

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Symbolic Differentiation

Textbook Rules

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \begin{cases} 1, & x = y \\ 0, & x \neq y \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial(e_1 + e_2)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x}$$

$$\frac{\partial(e_1 \times e_2)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x} \times e_2 + e_1 \times \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x}$$

Minimal Expression Language

```
> class Semiring d where
>   zero    :: d
>   one     :: d
>   plus    :: d → d → d
>   times   :: d → d → d

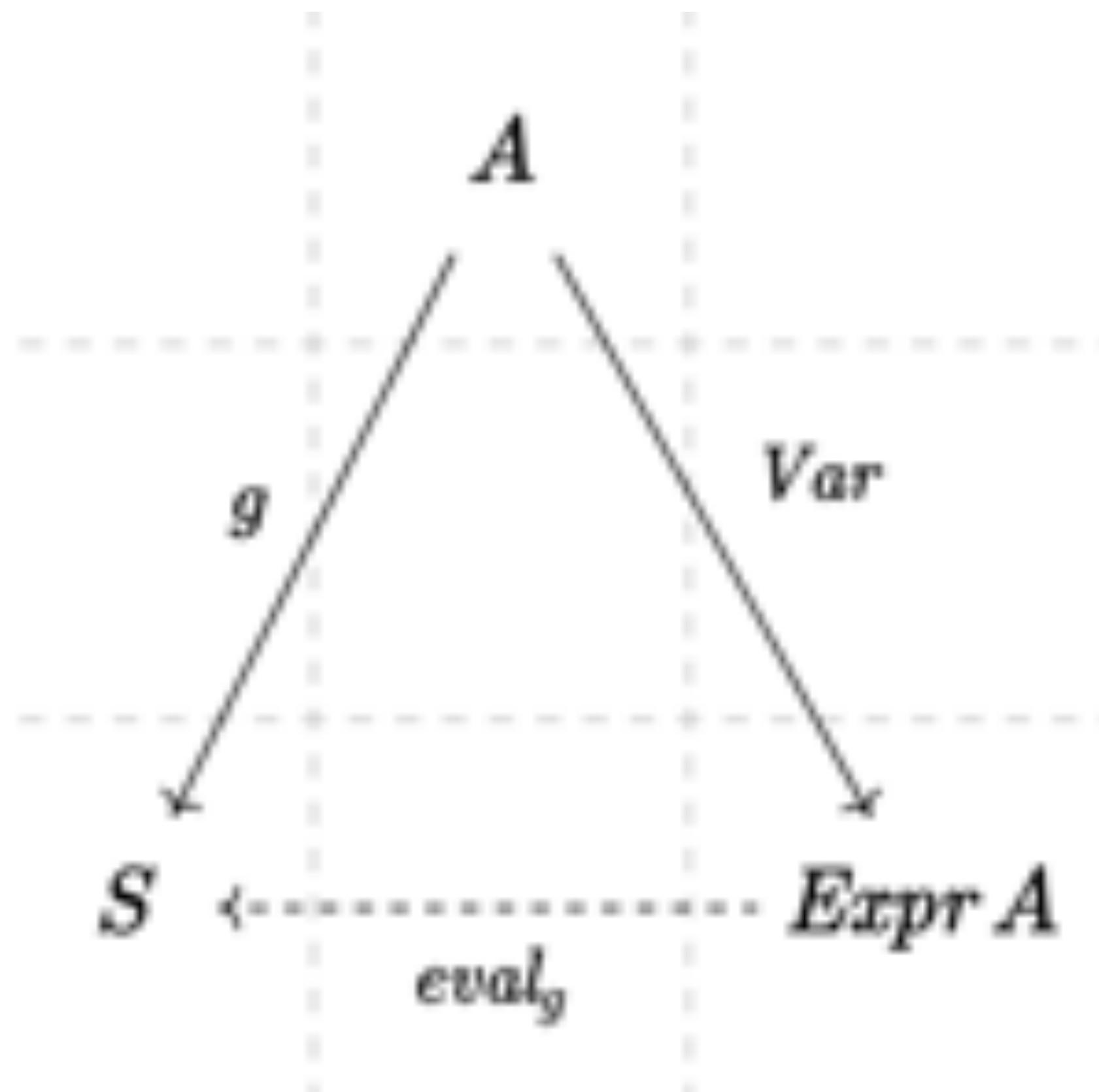
> instance Semiring Int where
>   zero    = 0
>   one     = 1
>   plus    = (+)
>   times   = (*)
```

Symbolic Representation

```
> data Expr v
>   = Var v
>   | Zero
>   | One
>   | Plus (Expr v) (Expr v)
>   | Times (Expr v) (Expr v)
```

Look, it's free!

Free (Lawless) Semiring



```
> eval :: Semiring d => (v -> d) -> (Expr v -> d)
> eval g (Var a)           = g a
> eval g Zero              = zero
> eval g One               = one
> eval g (Plus e1 e2)     = plus (eval g e1) (eval g e2)
> eval g (Times e1 e2)    = times (eval g e1) (eval g e2)
```

It's a fold.

unique semiring homomorphism $g = \text{eval } g \cdot \text{Var}$

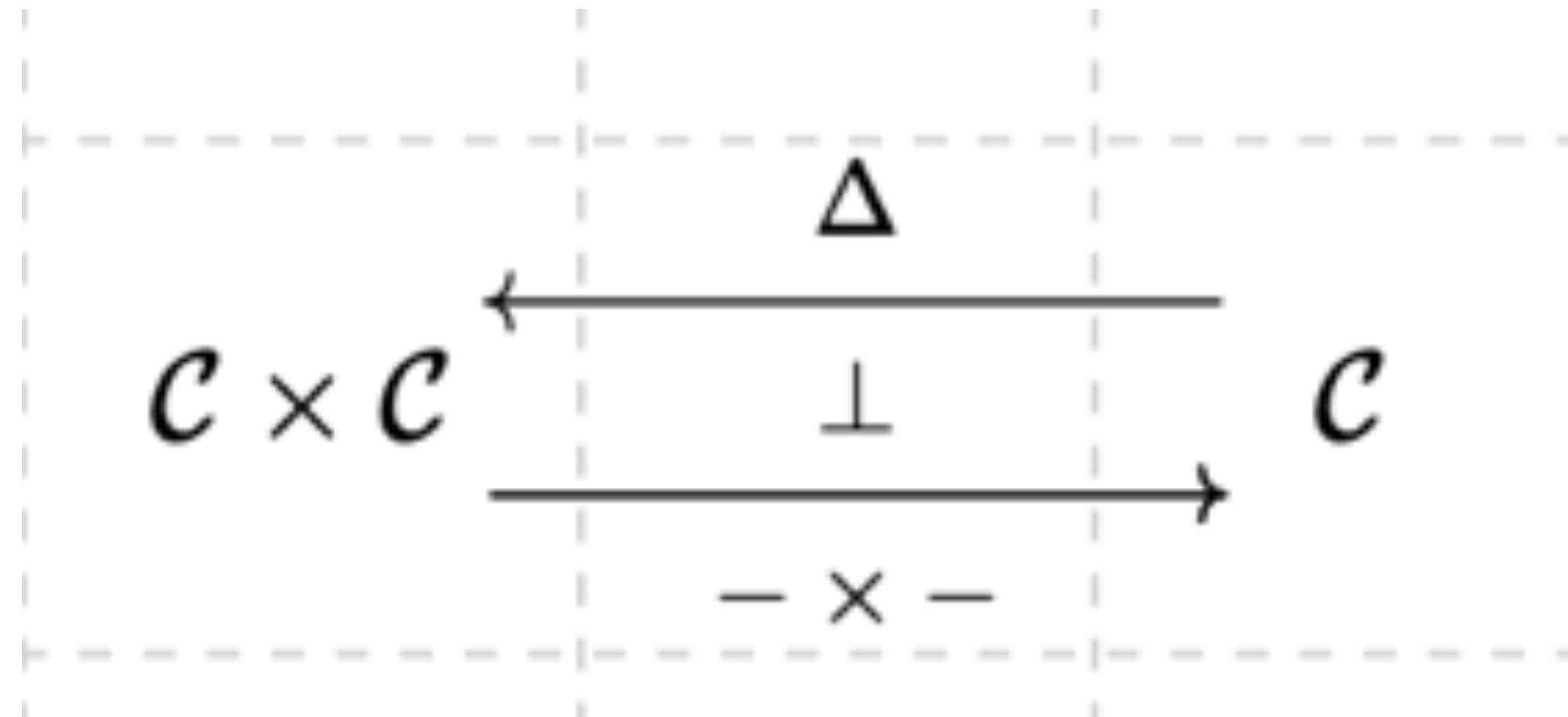
Symbolic Differentiation

Is this a fold?

```
> derive :: Eq v => v -> Expr v -> Expr v
> derive a (Var b)      = if a == b then One else Zero
> derive a Zero        = Zero
> derive a One         = Zero
> derive a (Plus e1 e2) = Plus (derive a e1) (derive a e2)
> derive a (Times e1 e2) = Plus (Times (derive a e1) e2)
                          (Times e1 (derive a e2))
```

Almost...

Adjoint Folds: Paramorphisms



> derive :: Eq v \Rightarrow v \rightarrow Expr v \rightarrow Expr v
> derive' :: Eq v \Rightarrow v \rightarrow Expr v \rightarrow (Expr v, Expr v)

satisfying

derive x = snd . derive' x

Symbolic Derivation Catamorphism

Is this a homomorphism?

```
> derive' :: Eq v => v -> Expr v -> (Expr v, Expr v)
> derive' a (Var b)      = (Var b, if a == b then One else Zero)
> derive' a Zero        = (Zero, Zero)
> derive' a One         = (One, Zero)
> derive' a (Plus e1 e2) = let (e1', de1') = derive' a e1'
>                          (e2', de2') = derive' a e2'
>                          in (Plus e1' e2', Plus de1' de2')
> derive' a (Times e1 e2) = let (e1', de1') = derive' a e1
>                          (e2', de2') = derive' a e2
>                          in (Times e1' e2'
>                          , Plus (Times de1' e2') (Times e1' de2'))
```

Yes, we can make it so.

Make it so, Number 2!

```
> data Dual d = D d d
>
> instance Semiring d => Semiring (Dual d) where
>   zero           = D zero zero
>   one            = D one zero
>   plus (D f df) (D g dg) = D (f `plus` g) (df `plus` dg)
>   times (D f df) (D g dg) = D (f `times` g)
>                               ((df `times` g) `plus` (f `times` dg))
>
```

```
derive' x = eval g
  where
    g y = if x == y then one else zero
```

A person wearing a teal dress and blue shoes is walking on a paved path. The path has a white line running down the center. The background is a blurred asphalt surface with some dry leaves scattered around. The text "Forward Mode Automatic Differentiation" is overlaid in white on a semi-transparent grey rectangular background.

Forward Mode Automatic Differentiation

Evaluate Symbolic Derivative

Inefficient!
 $O(n^2)$

`evalDerive = (Eq v, Semiring d) => (v -> d) -> v -> Expr v -> Dual d`
`evalDerive gen x = eval gen . derive x`

because of expression swell

$$\frac{\partial(e_1 \times e_2)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x} \times e_2 + e_1 \times \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x}$$

Calculamus!

```
evalDerive gen x
= {- definition -}
eval gen . derive x
= {- definition -}
eval gen . sndD . eval gen'
= {- naturality of sndD -}
sndD . fmap (eval gen) . eval gen'
= {- eval fusion -}
sndD . eval (fmap gen . gen')
= {- simplify -}
sndD . eval gen'' where
  gen'' y = D (gen y) (if x == y then one else zero)
```

$O(n^2)$



$O(n)$

Forward Mode

`evalDerive = (Eq v, Semiring d) => (v -> d) -> v -> Expr v -> d`
`evalDerive gen x = eval gen . derive x`

$O(n^2)$



`forwardAD :: (Eq v, Semiring d) => (v -> d) -> v -> Expr v -> d`
`forwardAD gen x = sndD . eval gen'' where`
`gen'' y = D (gen y) (if x == y then one else zero)`

$O(n)$



Derivatives for All

I want them all

One Partial Derivative

forwardAD :: (Eq v, Semiring d) => (v -> d) -> v -> Expr v -> Dual d **O(n)**
forwardAD gen x = eval gen'' where
gen'' y = D (gen y) (if x == y then one else zero)

All Partial Derivatives

allForwardAD :: (Eq v, Semiring d) => (v -> d) -> Expr v -> (v -> Dual d)
allForwardAD gen = eval gen'' where
gen'' y = \x -> D (gen y) (if x == y then one else zero)

pointwise
dual semiring

Evaluation shared is evaluation spared

pointwise dual semiring

$v \rightarrow \text{Dual } d$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D & e & \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_1} \\ D & e & \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ D & e & \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix}$$

v expression values
 v copies

v partial derivatives

more economic representation

$(d, v \rightarrow d)$

$$e \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix}$$

Evaluation shared is evaluation spared

more economic representation

$(d, v \rightarrow d)$

$$\left(AD' e_1 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix} \right) \otimes \left(AD' e_2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix} \right) = AD' (e_1 \otimes e_2) \left(\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_1}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix} \bullet e_2 \oplus e_1 \bullet \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_1} \\ \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial e_2}{\partial x_v} \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

vector addition

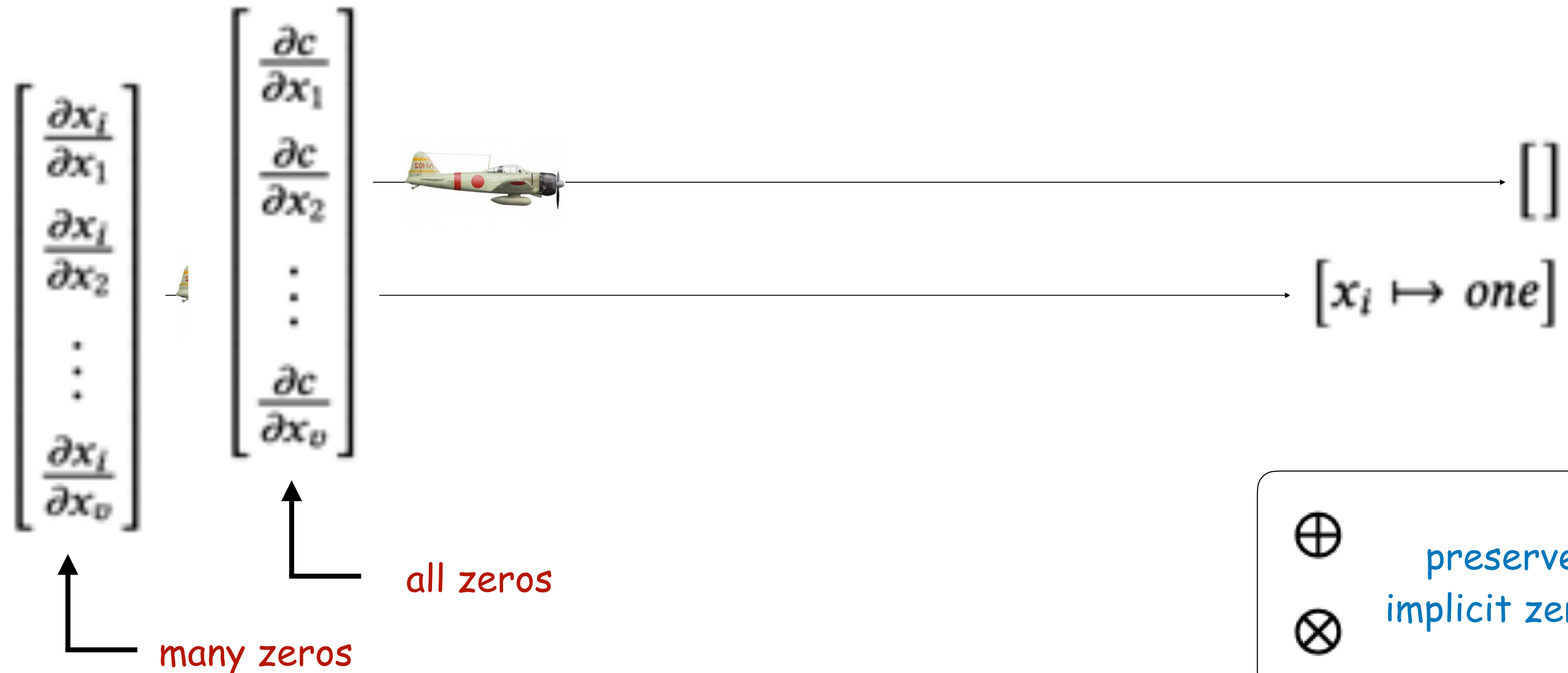
scalar multiplication

Zeroing the zeros

$(d, v \rightarrow d)$

sparse representation

$(d, \text{Map } v \text{ } d)$





Forward in Reverse

Reverse Approach

Step 1:

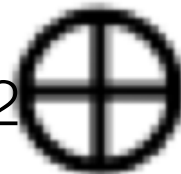
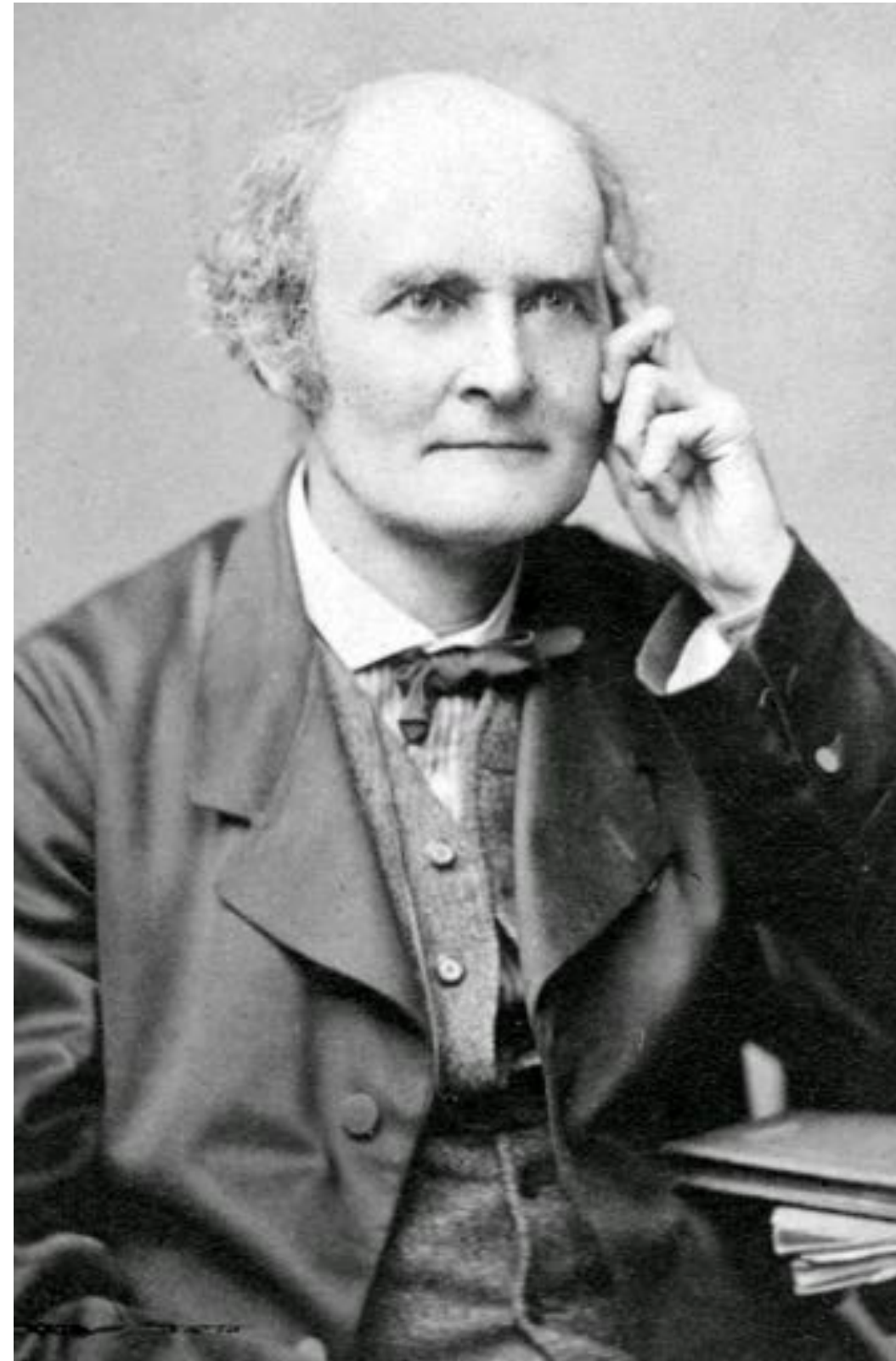
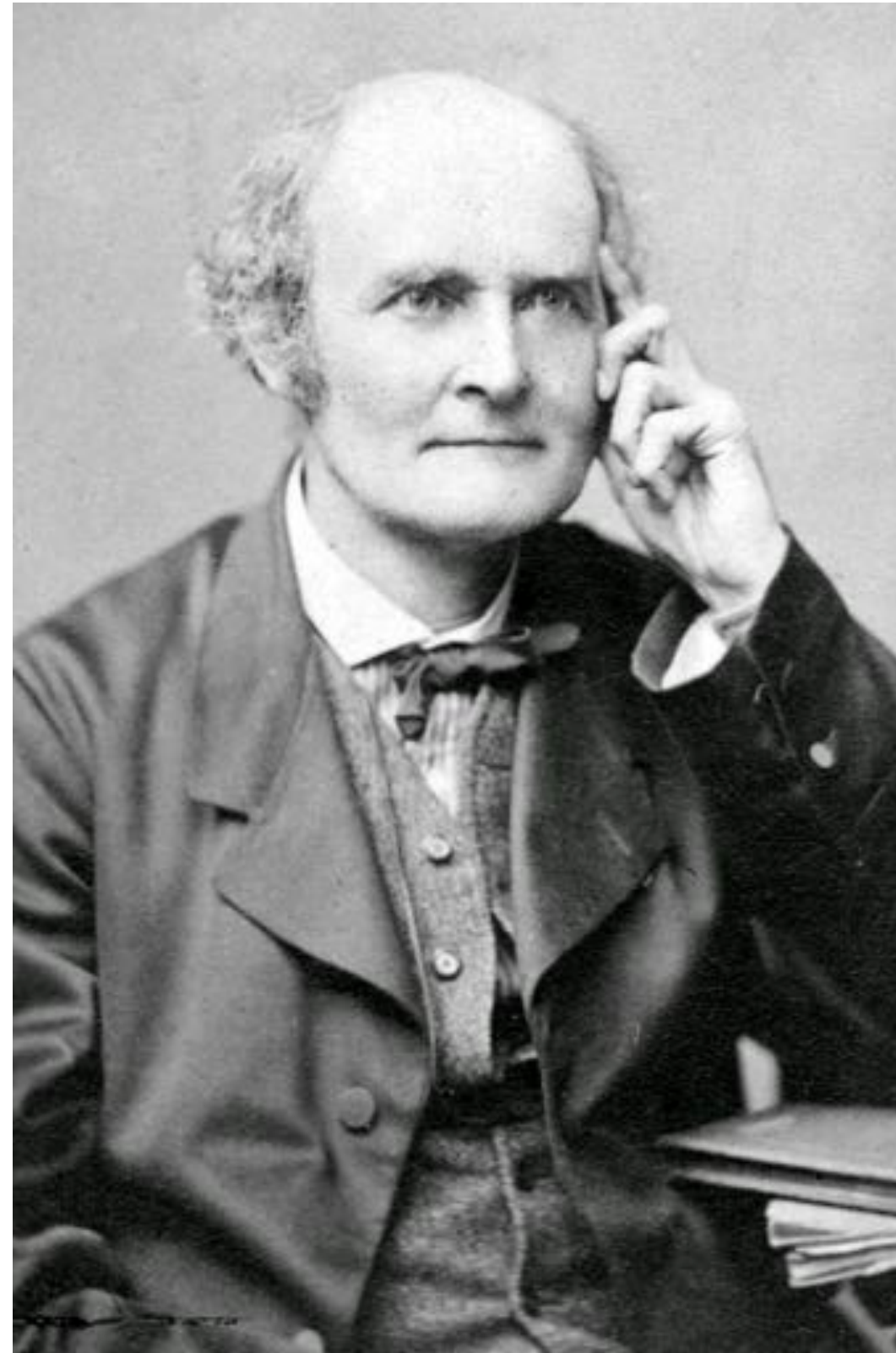
downwards accumulation

Step 2:

unions to upserts

Step 3:

mutation



-Style Cayley Representation

$$\text{repr}^L :: M \rightarrow (M \rightarrow M)$$

$$\text{repr}^L = \lambda m n \rightarrow n \otimes m$$

monoid of interest

$$\langle M, \otimes, \epsilon \rangle$$

left-nesting monoid

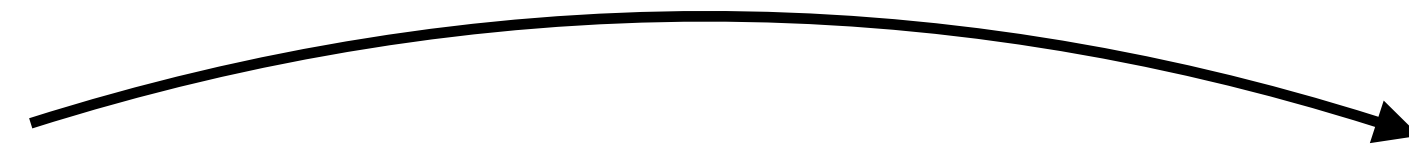
$$\langle M \rightarrow M, \text{flip } (\circ), \text{id}_M \rangle$$

$$\text{abs}^L :: (M \rightarrow M) \rightarrow M$$

$$\text{abs}^L = \lambda f \rightarrow f \epsilon$$

...for Scalar Multiplication

$$\text{repr}^{LM} = \lambda m n \rightarrow n \bullet m$$



vector of interest

Map v d

left-nesting scalar multiplication

(d → Map v d)



$$\text{abs}^{LM} = \lambda f \rightarrow f \in$$

Step 1: Downwards Accumulation

upwards accumulation $(d, \text{Map } v \ d)$

downwards accumulation $(d, d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d)$

left-nesting multiplication built-in

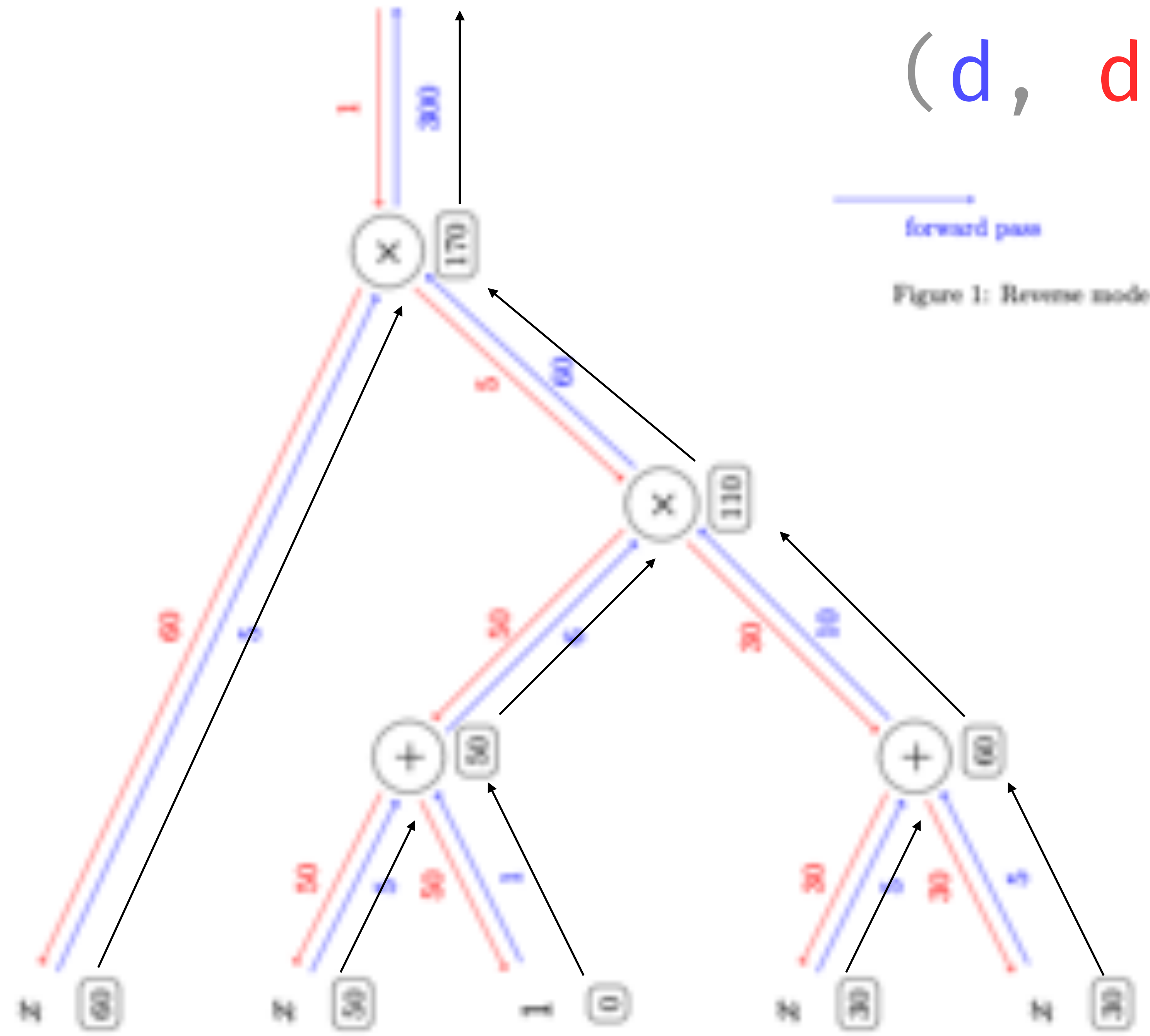
(d, d → Map 1 [d])

forward pass

backward pass

intermediate derivative

Figure 1: Reverse mode AD of $x \times (x + 1) \times (x + x)$, for $x = 5$



Step 2: Unions to Upserts

$(d, d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d)$

Cayley Representation

$(d, d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d)$

Step 2: Unions to Upserts

$(d, d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d)$

$$(SC\ f\ df) \oplus (SC\ g\ dg) = SC\ (f \oplus g)\ (\lambda n\ m \rightarrow dg\ n\ (df\ n\ m))$$

$$(SC\ f\ df) \otimes (SC\ g\ dg) = SC\ (f \otimes g)\ (\lambda n\ m \rightarrow df\ (n \otimes g)\ (dg\ (n \otimes f)\ m))$$

$O(1)$

$O(n \cdot \log v)$

$reverseAD' :: (Ord\ v, Semiring\ d) \Rightarrow (v \rightarrow d) \rightarrow Expr\ v \rightarrow Map\ v\ d$

$reverseAD'\ gen\ e = snd^{SC}\ (eval\ gen'\ e)\ one\ \emptyset$ where

$gen'\ y = SC\ (gen\ y)\ (\lambda n\ m \rightarrow insertWith\ (\oplus)\ y\ n\ m)$

$O(\log v)$



Step 3: Mutation

$(d, d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d \rightarrow \text{Map } v \ d)$

Mutable Array Updates

$(d, d \rightarrow \text{IO } ())$

$O(n + v)$

actual processing

array allocation



Summary

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Reverse Dual Numbers

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(d, d)

...

$(d, d \rightarrow IO ())$

It's just attribute grammars!

basic algebra/category theory

Free Semiring

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$S \rightarrow Expr A$

$C \times C \xrightarrow{\Delta} C$
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 $-x-$

...