



BoBs :
Breakable Objects
Building blocks for flexible
application architectures

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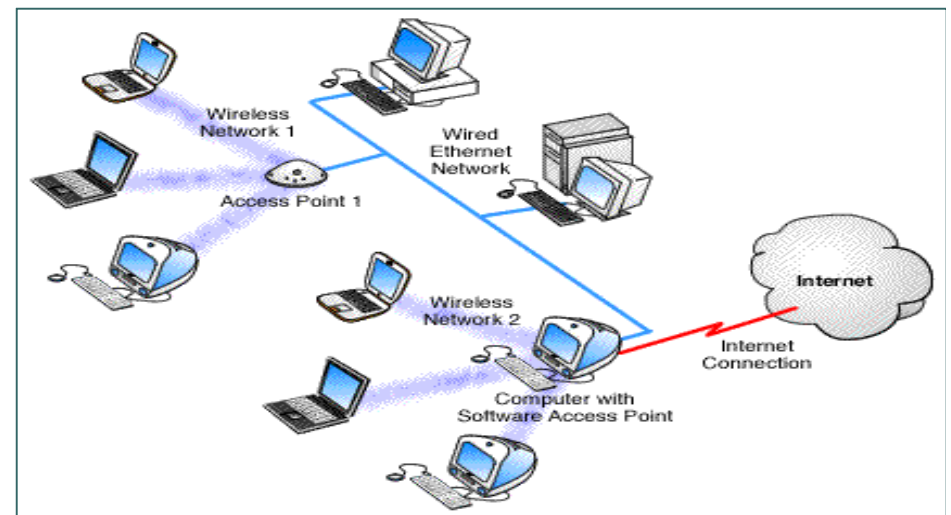
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Given

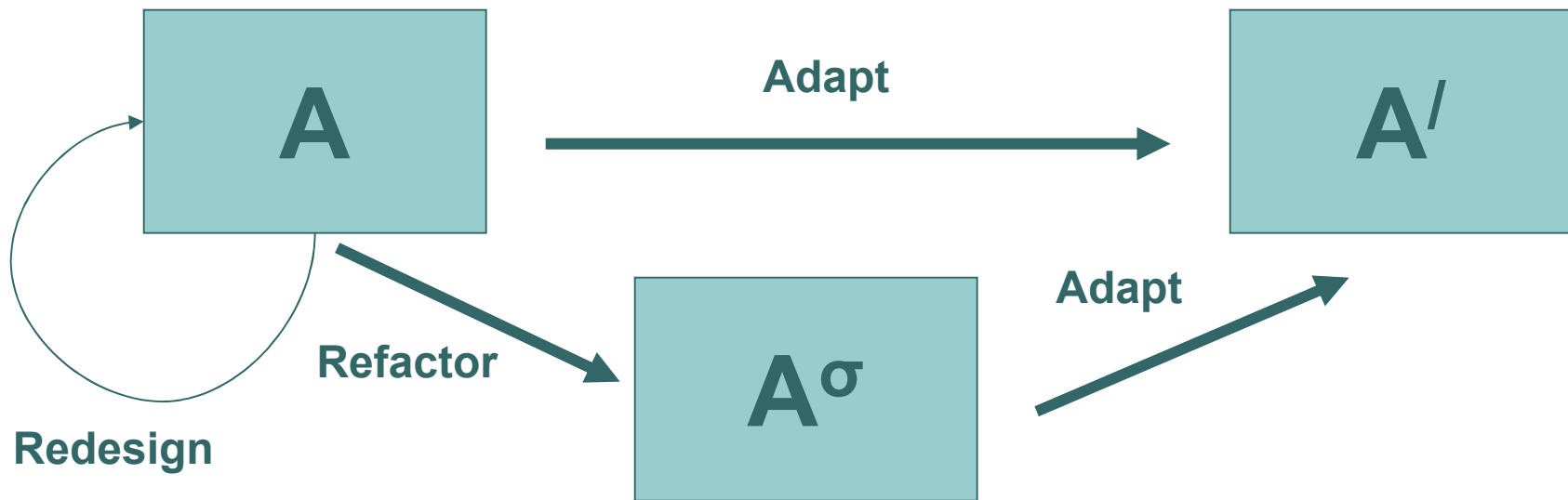
- Computing devices with various capabilities
- Networks which are diverse
- **Applications need to adapt**
 - to different deployment scenarios



Furthermore...

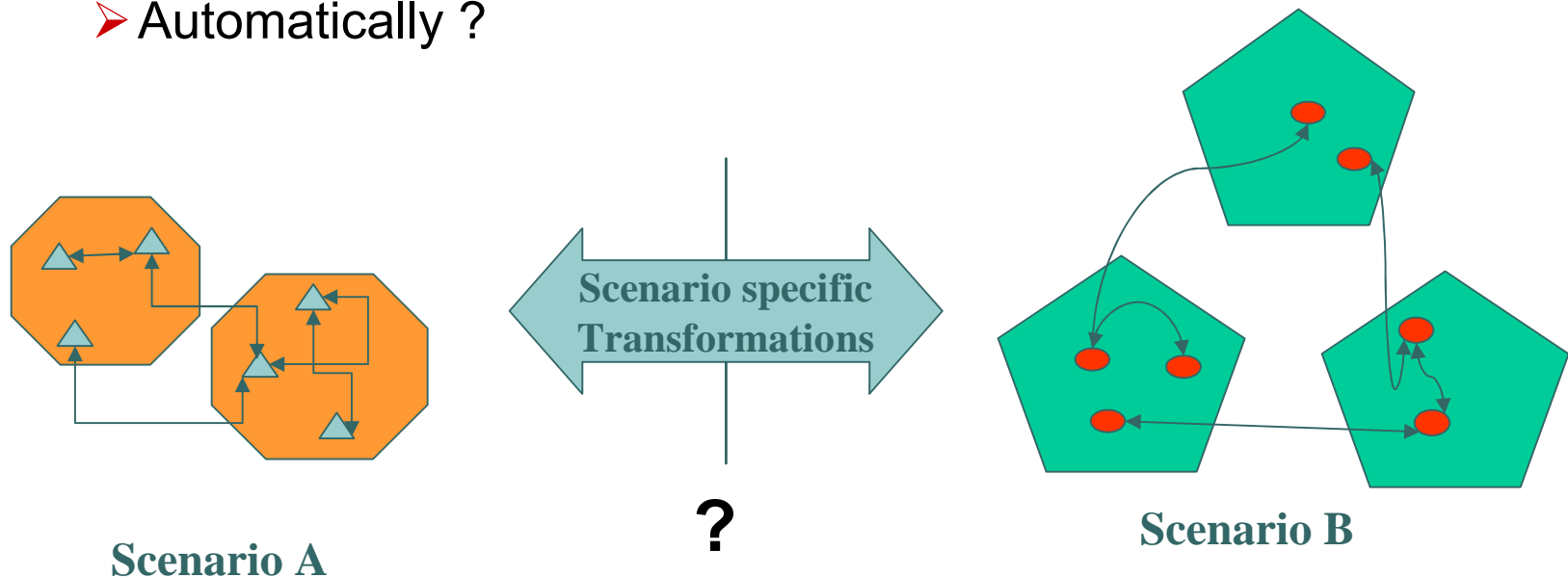
- **Applications need to evolve**
 - Change in user requirements
 - Different sets of user requirements
 - Restructuring for
 - better maintenance
 - better performance

Application adaptation



Broader Problem

- Design and implement an application
- Such that
 - Given the **software** for one scenario, we can generate a version of application for a new scenario
 - Through refactoring (and / or) adaptation
 - Easily
 - Automatically ?

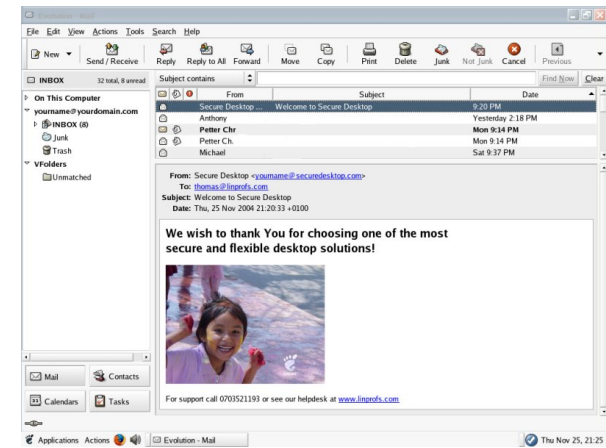


Problems :

1. Environmental Heterogeneity
 2. Distribution of Components
 3. Functionality Partitioning
- (1) and (2) active areas of research, many solutions exist
 - **(3) still requires adequate attention**

Motivating Example

- E-mail Application
- Different devices
 - PC, Web-Client, Mobile Device
- Different Modes / Scenarios
 - On-line
 - Disconnected
 - Off-line

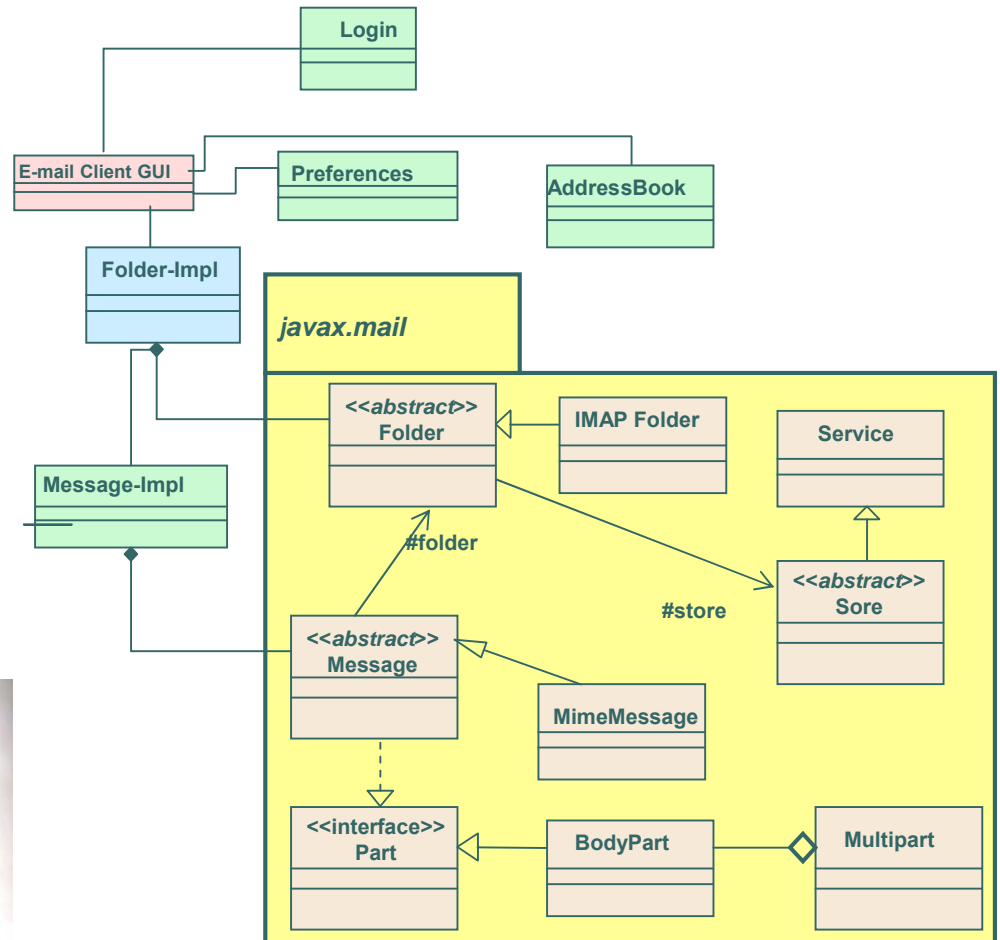
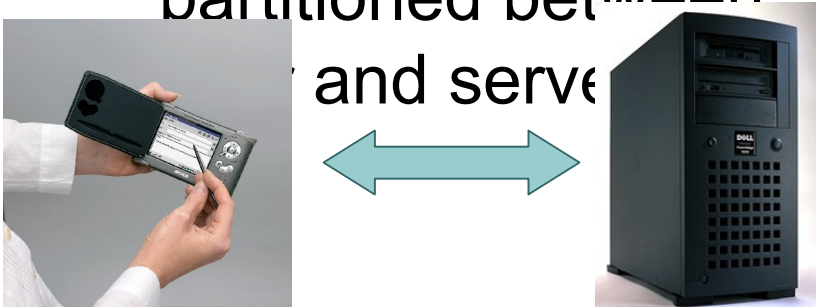


Functionality Partitioning

- Apportioning application functionality into deployment specific component sub-sets
- Difficult to achieve in practice because we cannot draw **clean lines of separation**
 - Some functionality may span across multiple classes
 - A single class may contain multiple functionality

E-mail-design

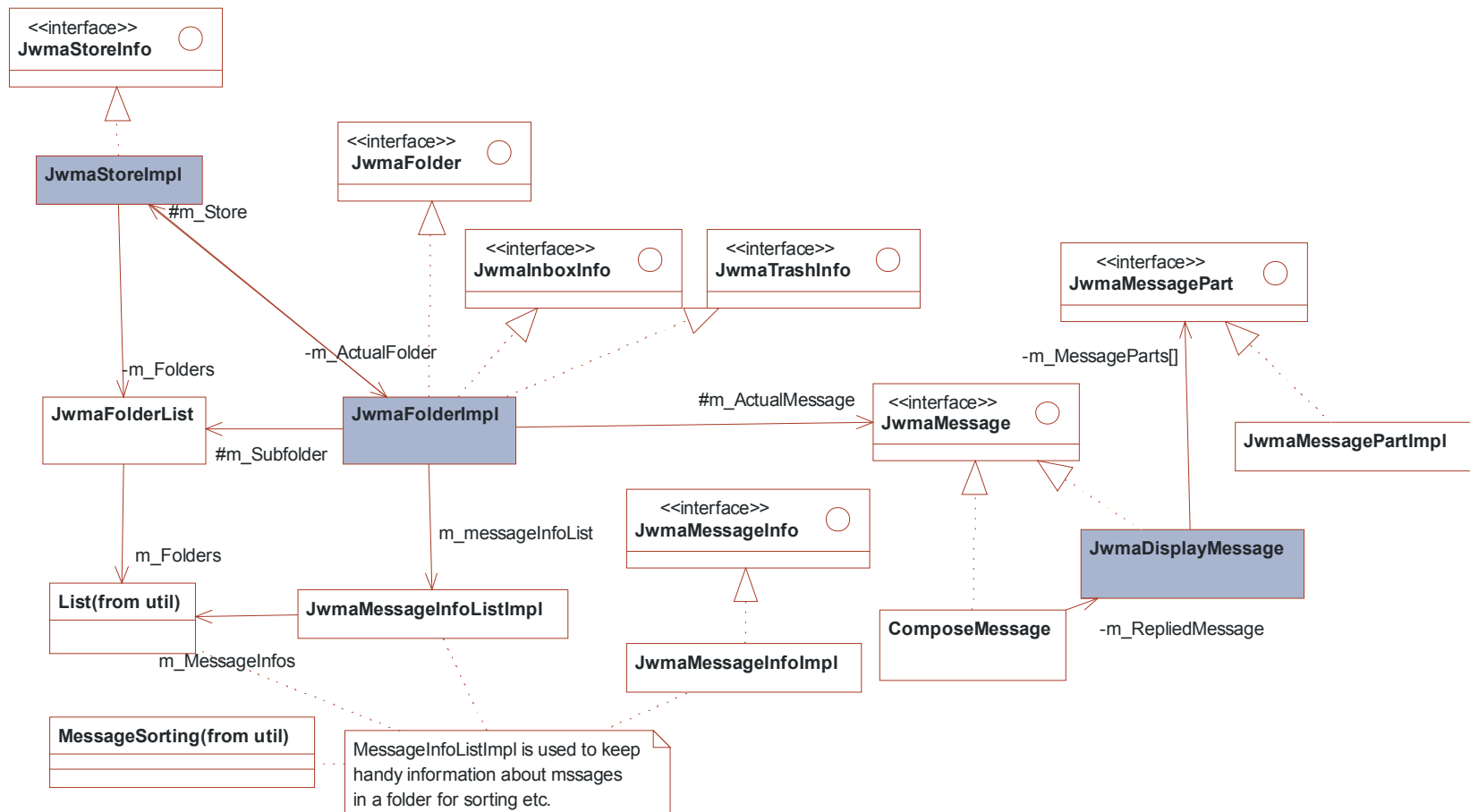
- Different **partitioning** for different versions
- Store class on server
- Folder class partitioned between client and server



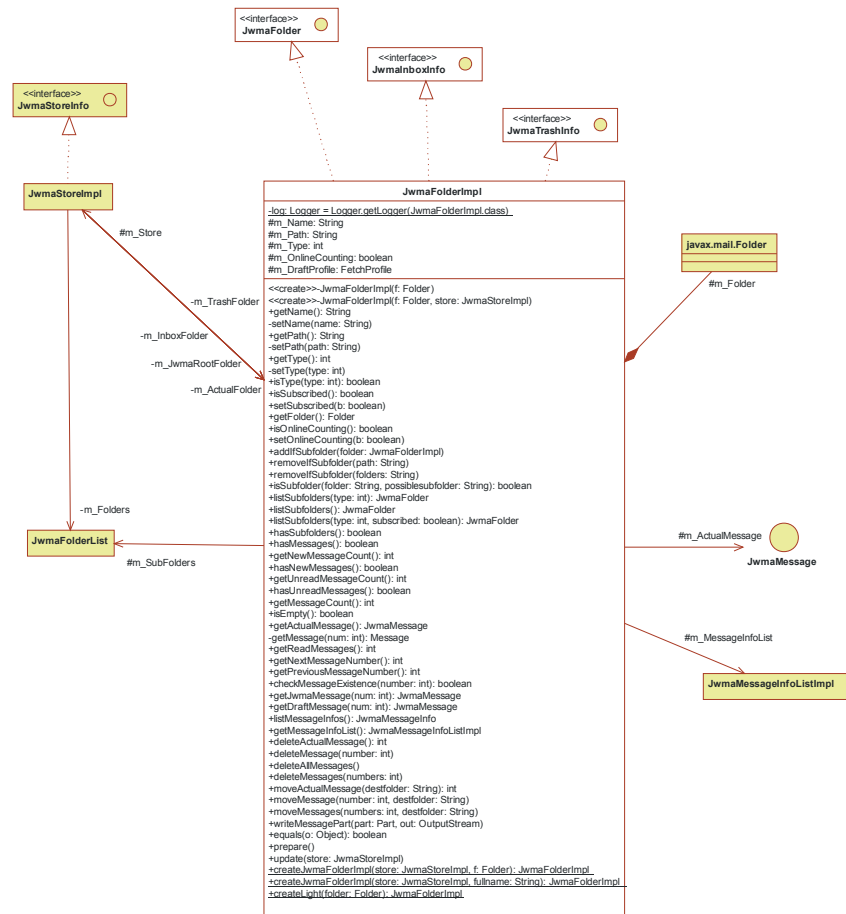
More specific problem:

- Design and implement an OO application such that
 - functionality of constituent objects is factorable
- The part-units
 - are of desired granularity
 - can be easily extracted
 - are reusable
- **How?**

Jwma Classes



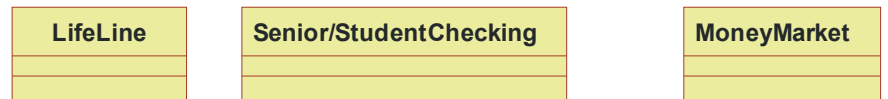
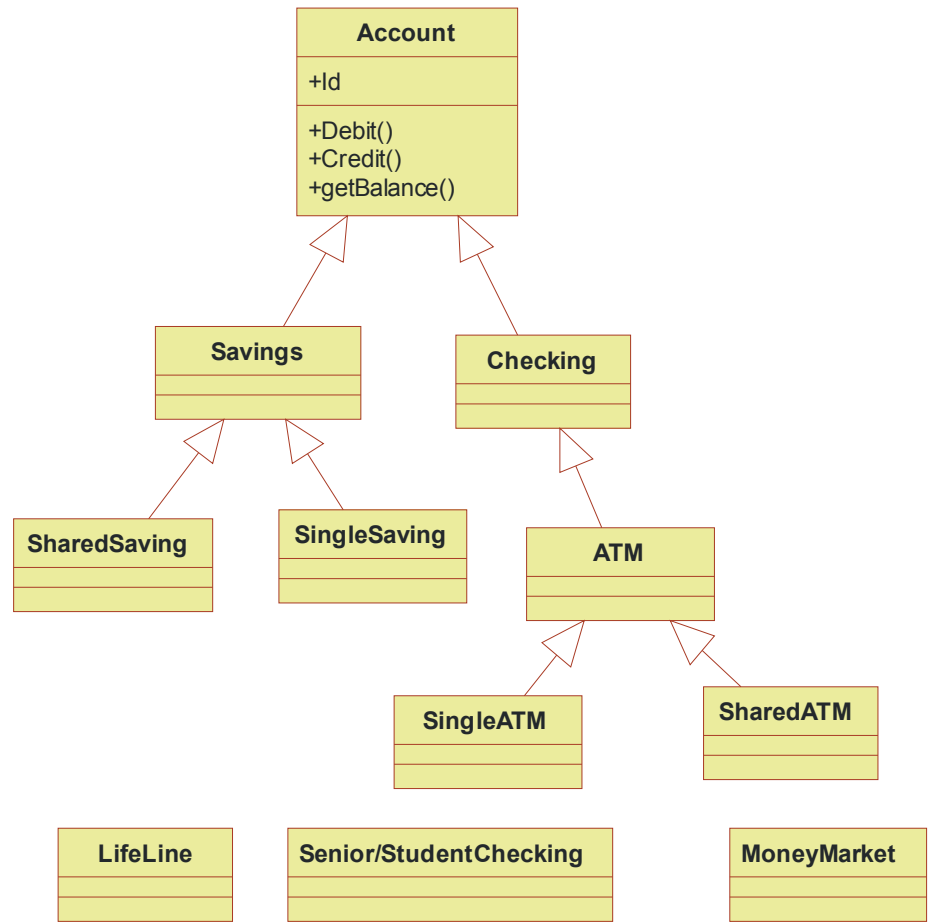
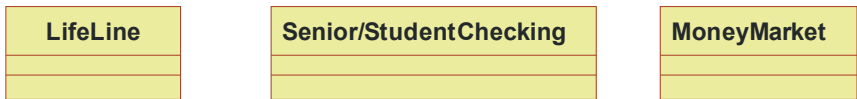
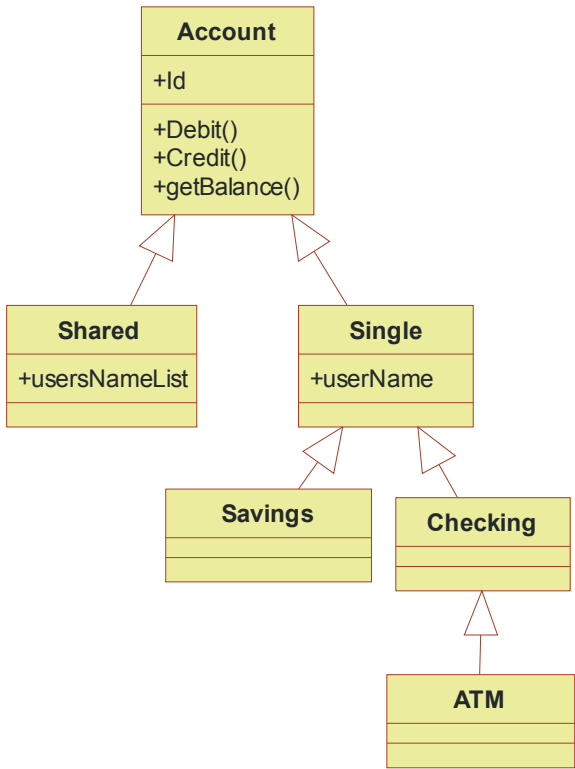
Jwma Folder



Our solution:

- Reformulate basic component of the application so that it can be readily partitioned into sub-components
- Hence **Breakable Objects (BoBs)**
- Main Advantage:
 - Designing and implementing applications using BoBs makes them *more flexible*; specifically, more *amenable to partitioning*. □

Other issues:



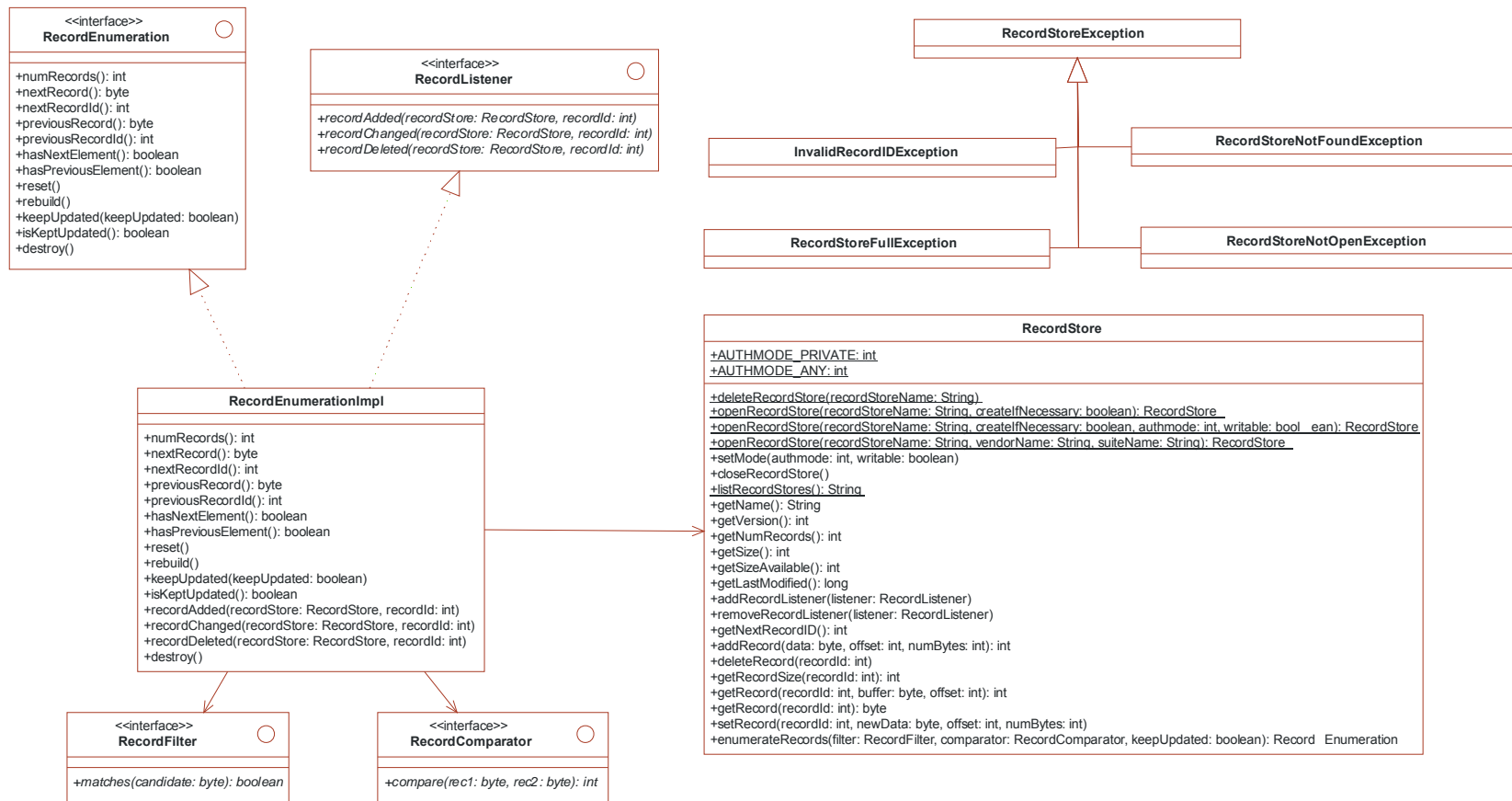
Problems with inheritance and composibility

- Decomposition
 - Duplicated Features
 - Inappropriate hierarchies
 - Duplicated wrappers
- Composition
 - Conflicting Features
 - Fragile Hierarchies

Other issues:

- Inheritance based composition mechanisms
- Problem of software contraction
- Large software sizes
 - Heavier and more complex versions

JavaX Record Store



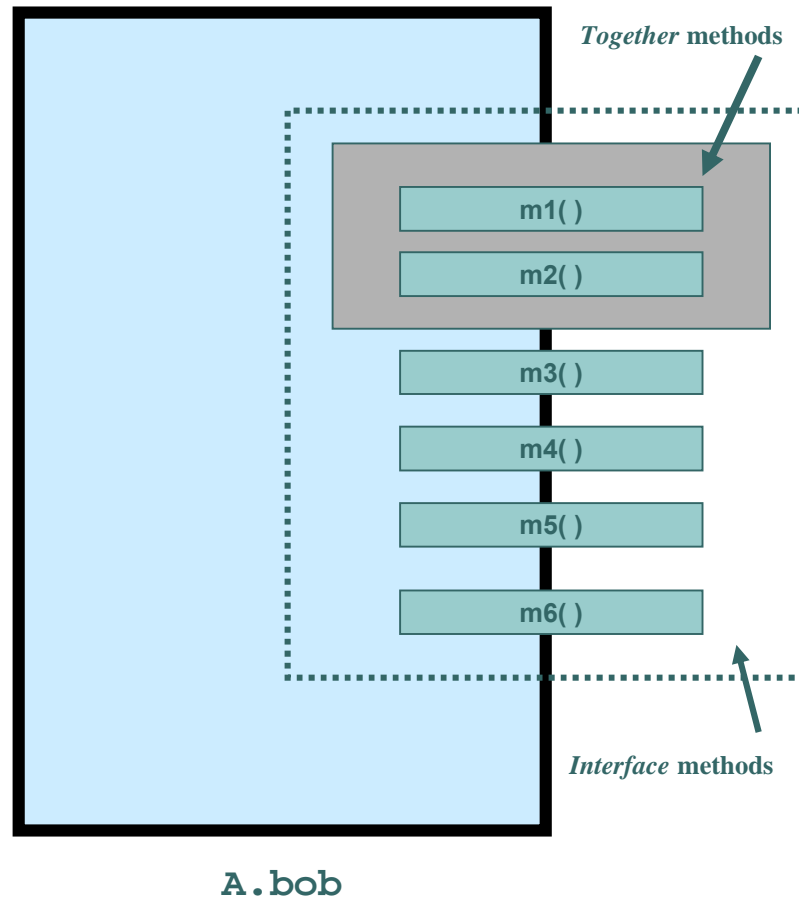
Implementation

RecordStore
<pre>+AUTHMODE_PRIVATE: int = 0 +AUTHMODE_ANY: int = 1 +AUTHMODE_ANY_RO: int = 2 -DB_INIT: byte[] = { } -SIGNATURE_LENGTH: int = 8 -DB_RECORD_HEADER_LENGTH: int = 16 -DB_BLOCK_SIZE: int = 16 -DB_COMPACTBUFFER_SIZE: int = 64 -dbCache: java.util.Vector = new java.util.Vector(3) -dbCacheLock: Object = new Object() -recordStoreName: String -uniqueIdPath: String -openCount: int -draf: RecordStoreFile -rsLock: Object -recordListener: java.util.Vector -recHeadCache: RecordHeaderCache -CACHE_SIZE: int = 8 -recHeadBuf: byte[] = new byte[DB_RECORD_HEADER_LENGTH] -dbNextRecordID: int = 1 -dbVersion: int -dbAuthMode: int -dbNumLiveRecords: int -dbLastModified: long -dbFirstRecordOffset: int -dbFirstFreeBlockOffset: int -dbDataStart: int = 48 -dbDataEnd: int = 48 -dbState: byte[] = new byte[DB_INIT.length] -RS_SIGNATURE: int = 0 -RS_NUM_LIVE: int = 8 -RS_AUTHMODE: int = 12 -RS_VERSION: int = 16 -RS_NEXT_ID: int = 20 -RS_REC_START: int = 24 -RS_FREE_START: int = 28 -RS_LAST_MODIFIED: int = 32 -RS_DATA_START: int = 40 -RS_DATA_END: int = 44</pre>
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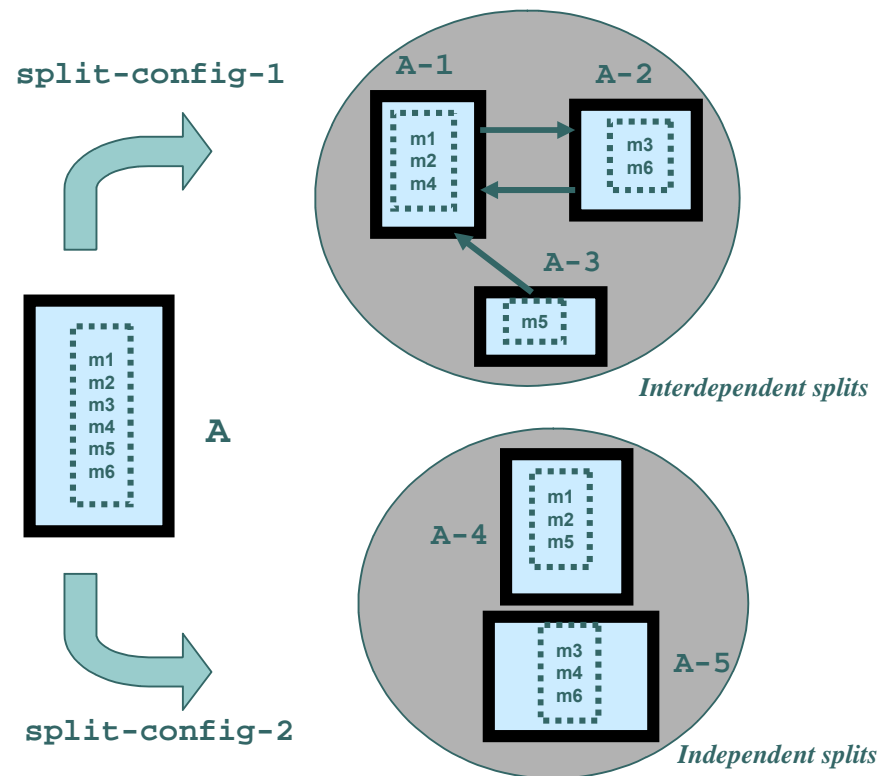
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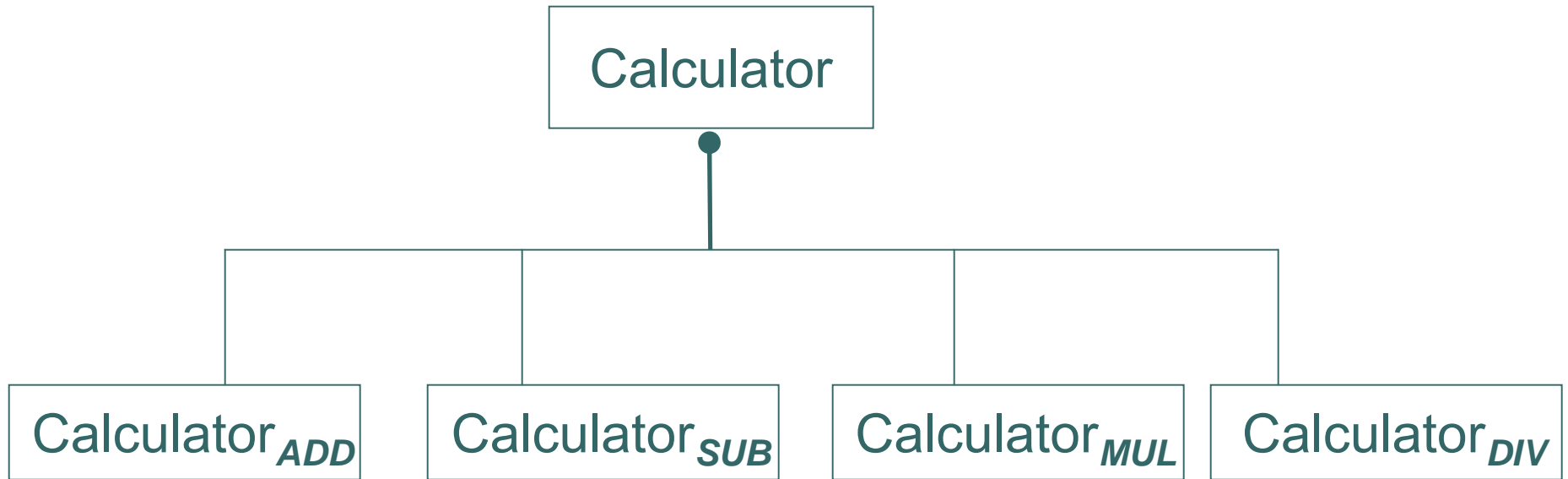
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BoB



BoB Splits



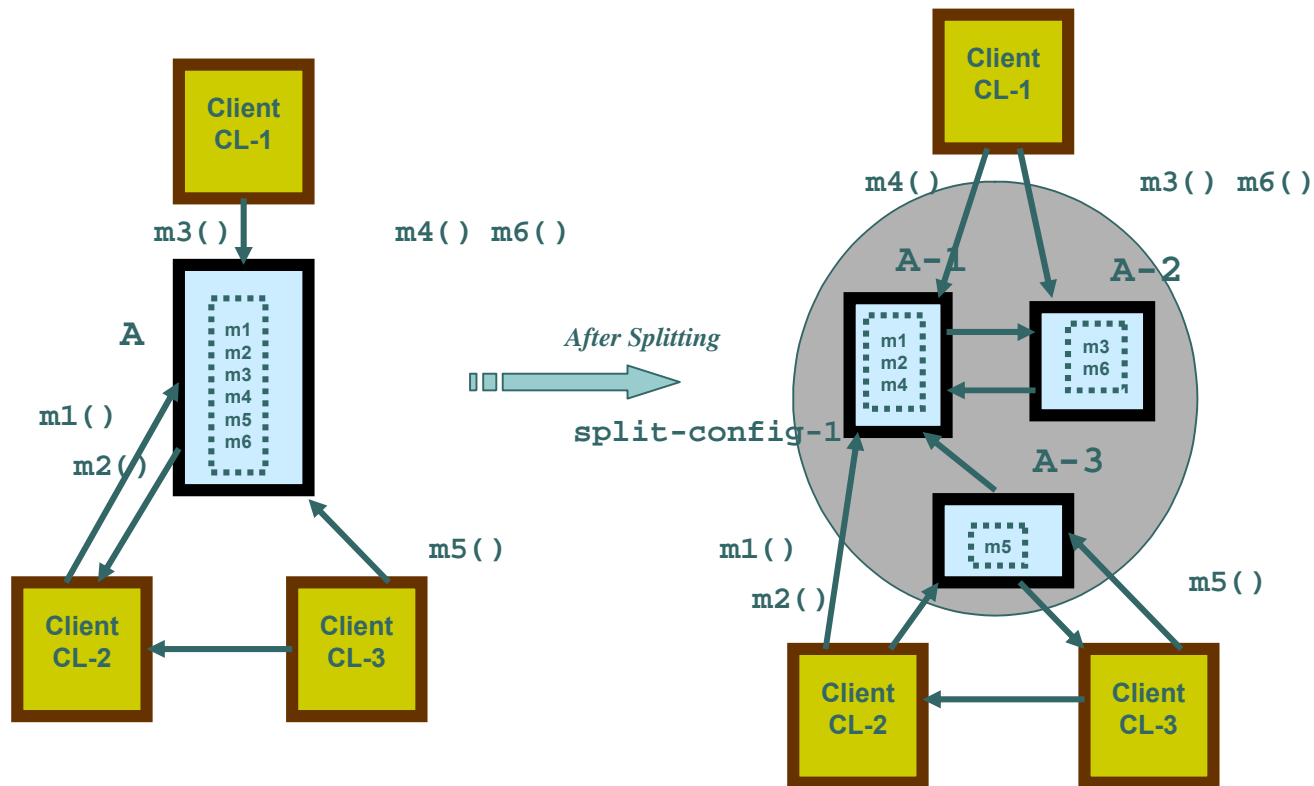


- — Denotes *is-split-of* and *is-principal-of* relationships. The thick head lies towards the principal class's side.

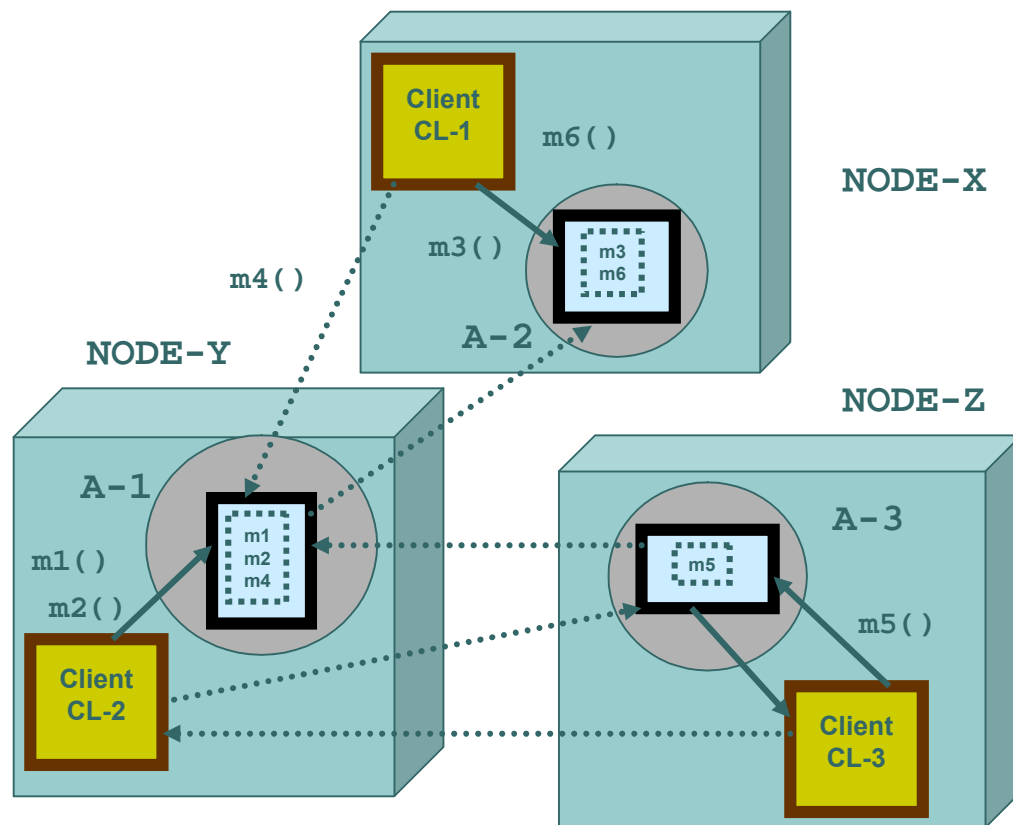
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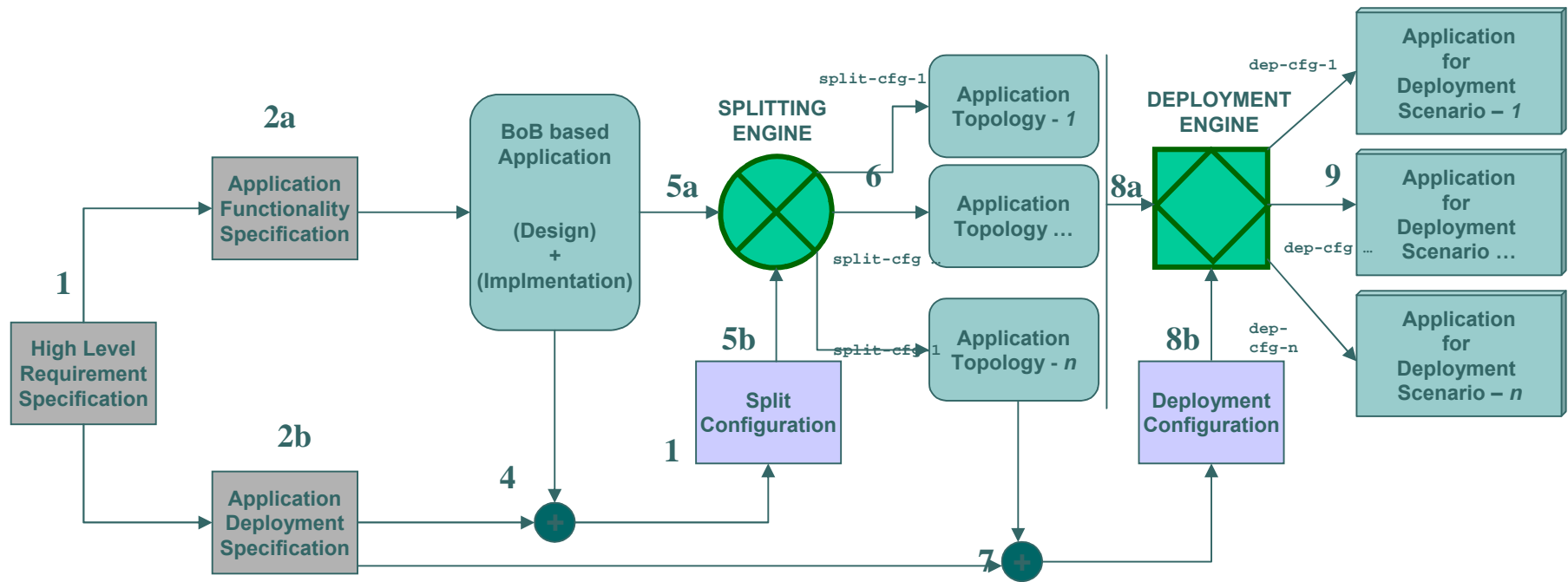
Program Reorganization



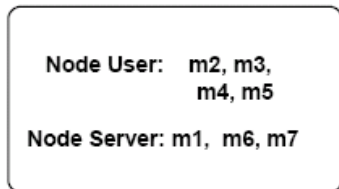
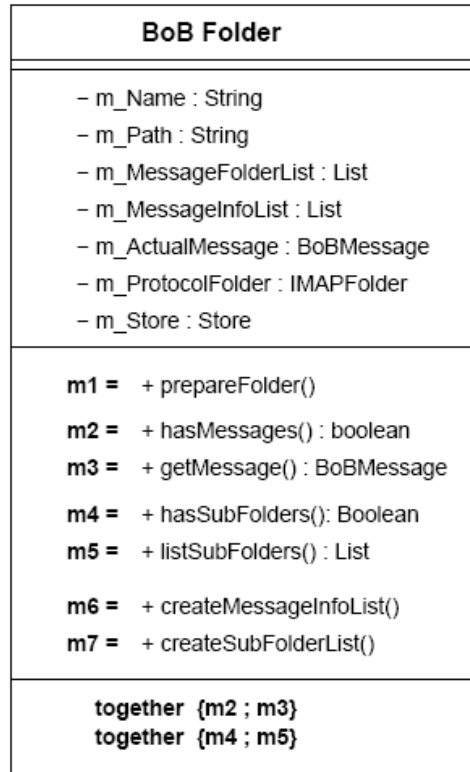
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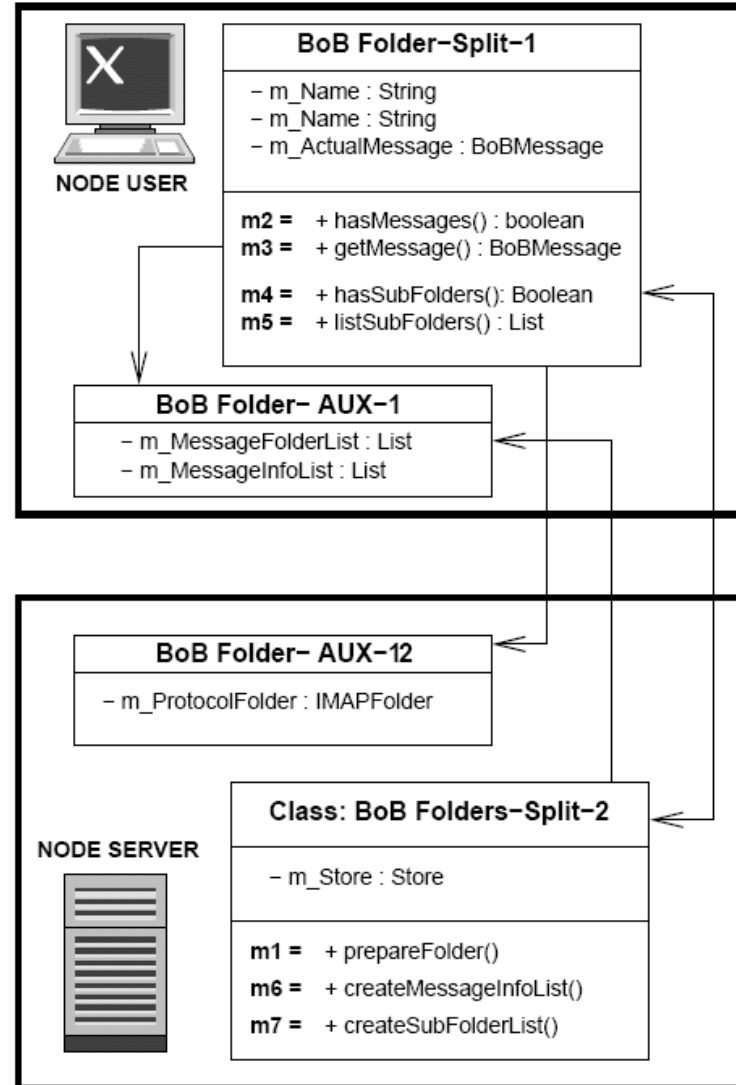
BODA: Breakable Object Driven Architecture



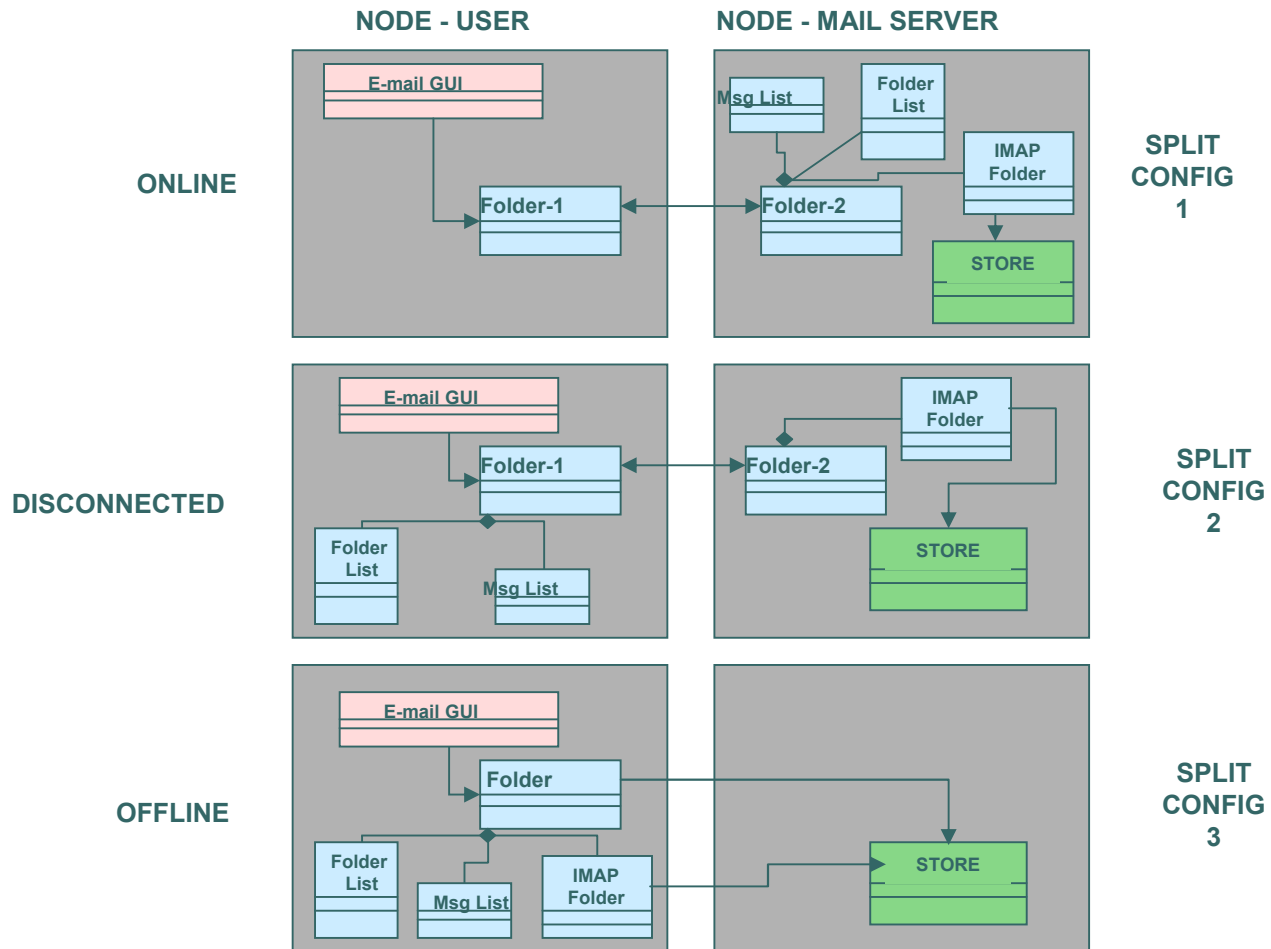
Folder BoB



BoBFolder: Split_Cfg



Online-Disconnected-Offline

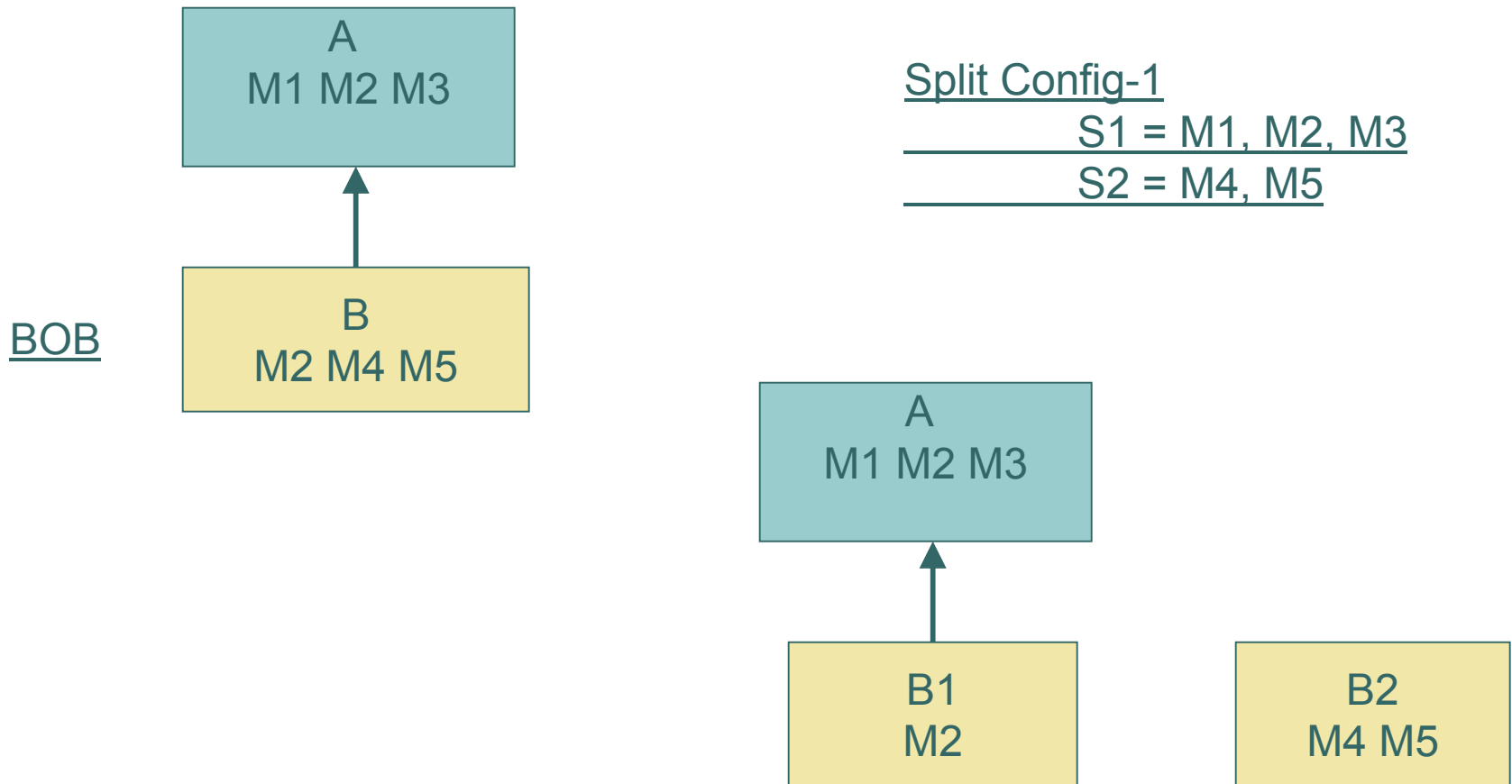


Programming Model

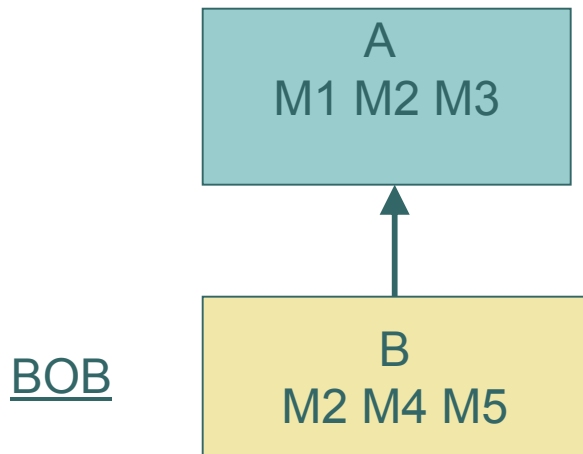
Construct in JAVA	Status in
Class declarations	JAVA_{BoB}
public	Allowed
abstract	Not Allowed
final	Allowed (default)
class <i>Name of Class</i>	Allowed
extends <i>Super</i>	Not Allowed
implements Interface	Allowed
Field Declarations	
public	Not Allowed
private	Allowed
protected	Not Allowed
package	Not Allowed
static	Allowed
final	Allowed
transient	Not Allowed
volatile	Allowed

Construct in JAVA	Status in
Method Declarations	
public	Allowed
private	Allowed
protected	Not Allowed
package	Not Allowed
static	Allowed
abstract	Not Allowed
final	Allowed
native	Not Allowed
synchronized	Allowed
Miscellaneous	
Constructors	Allowed
Exceptions	Allowed
Threads	Not Allowed
Nested Class / Inner Class	Not Allowed

Inheritance and BoBs



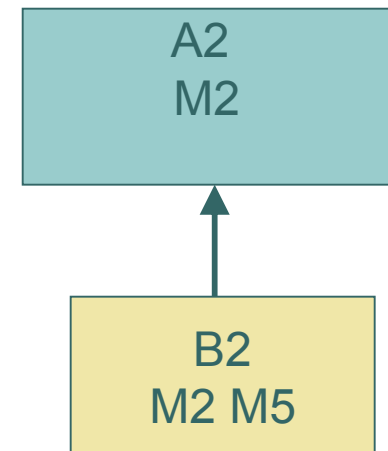
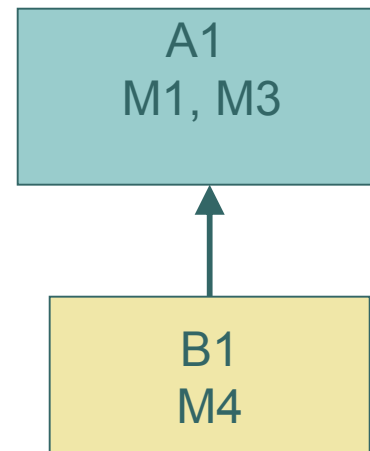
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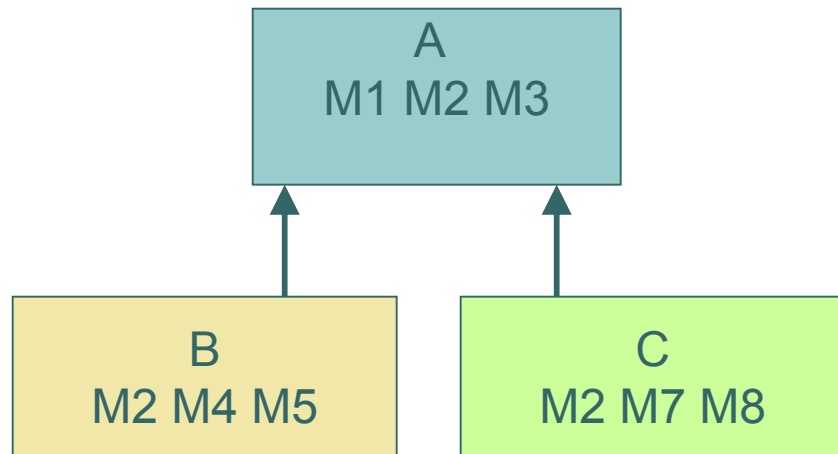
Split Config-2

S1 = M1, M3, M4

S2 = M2, M5



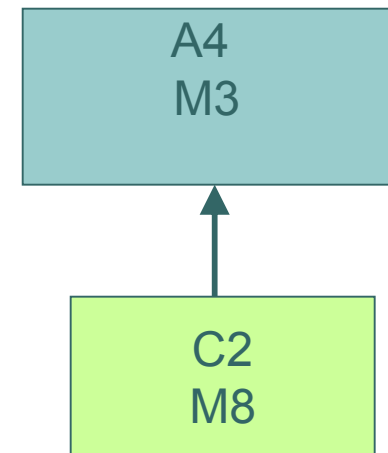
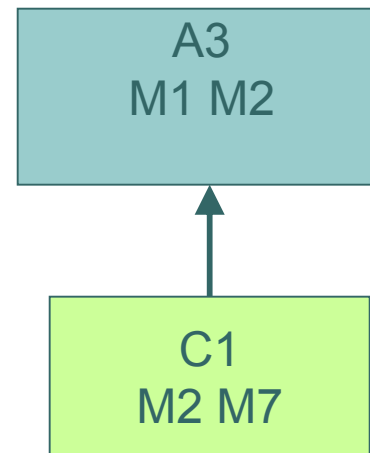
Inheritance and BoBs



Split Config-3

S3 = M1, M2, M7

S4 = M3, M8



A a = new A;

A b = new B; ?

A c = new C; ?

Each child can split A in a unique way

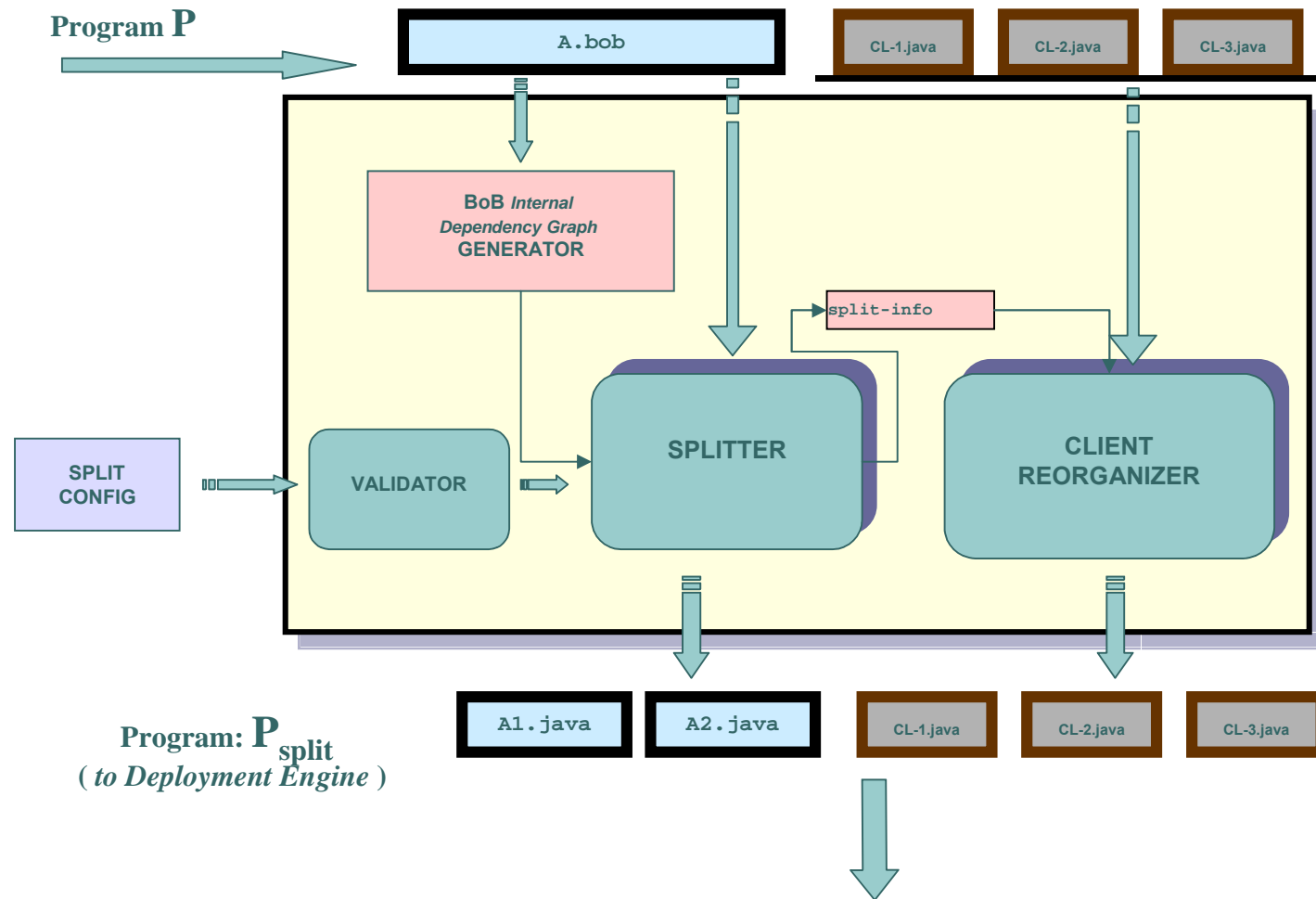
Retaining old type?

- Case 1, A remains along with A1, A2
- Case 2, only A1 and A2 remain
- We prefer case 2, and
 - allow only interface inheritance with the condition that
 - all the methods of an interface are designated together
- **Recommended**
 - Aggregation or delegation as the principal composition mechanisms for BoBs.
 - Neater design, reduces complexity

Class-level/object level

- We do class-level partitioning
- If we allow object-level partitioning
 - i.e. we allow a BoB to be split in more than one way
- For assignment, need to know the <type> of object on RHS and then convert it to the type being assigned (LHS)
 - A ax = new A();
 - A ay = new A();
 - ax split ax1 = m1, m2, split ax2 = m3
 - ay split ay1 = m2, split ay2 = m1, m3;
 - ax = ay ?
- Such a support is not available in the present languages
- **Class level BoB partitioning - sufficient for meaningful applications**

Splitting Engine



Split Config

■ Format

```
Number of BoBs = n;  
BoB 1  
BoB Name {  
No of splits = k;  
Split 1 = (';' separated list of methods specified as  
           MethodName (list ArgumentTypes))  
...  
Split k = ...  
}  
  
BoB n  
BoB Name {  
...  
}
```

■ Properties

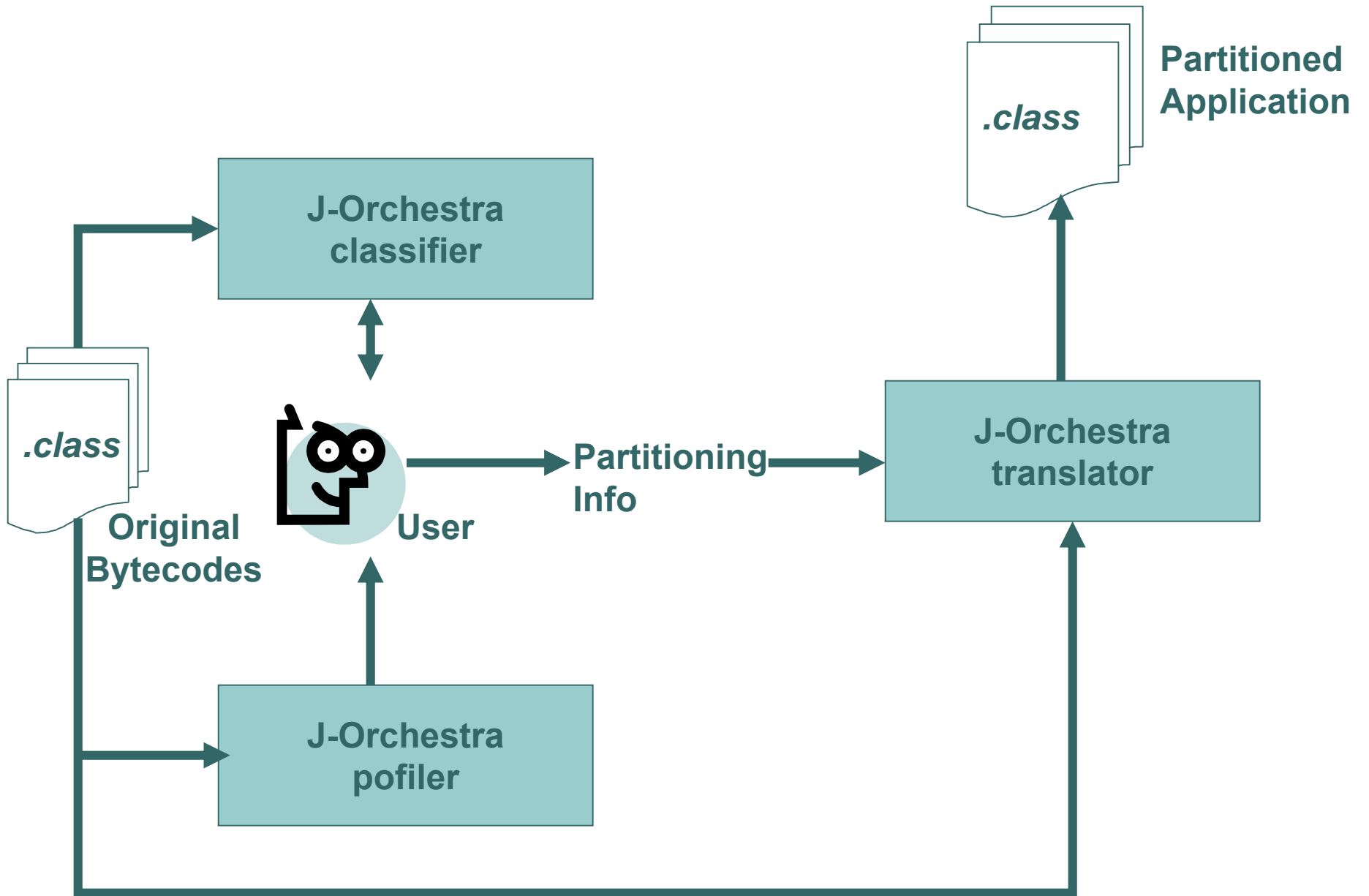
- Only public methods are specified.
- Every public method in each BoB has to be specified as part of some split.
- A method cannot belong to more than one split.
- Clubbed methods (identified by the **together** construct) cannot be split.

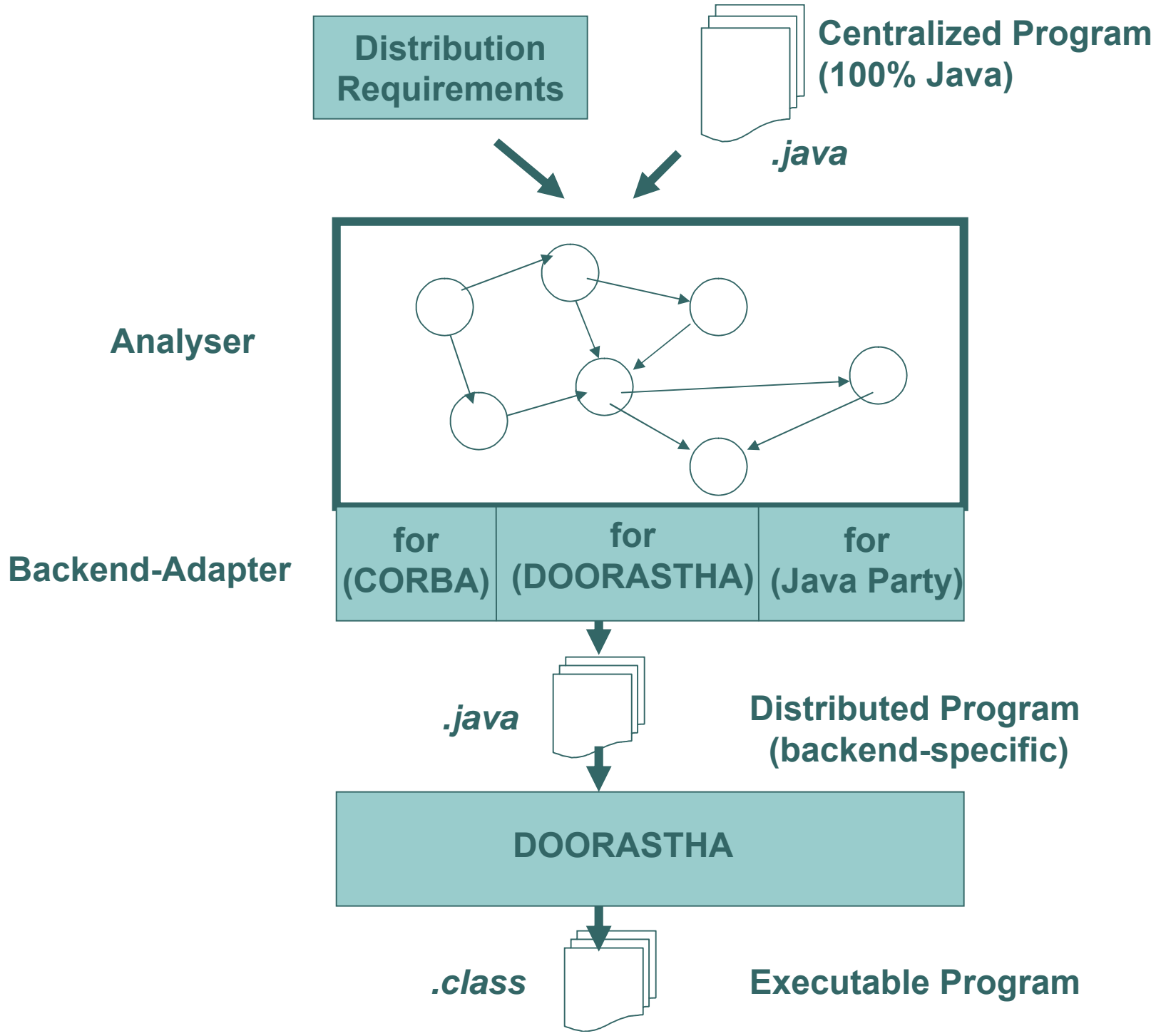
Splitting Engine Details

- Algorithms
- Program Equivalence
 - split and non-split program versions
- Equivalency Proofs
- Details

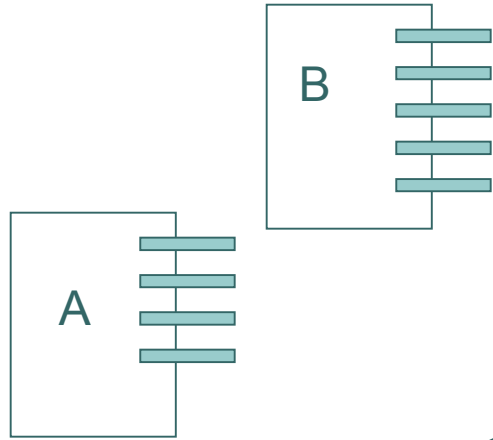
Deployment

- Presently uses mechanisms by
 - J-orchestra ,
 - Pangaea for BoB deployments
- Both use RMI as the underlying distribution mechanism

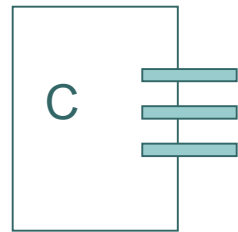
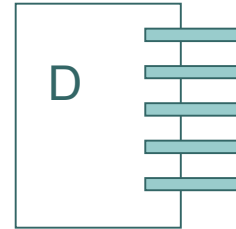




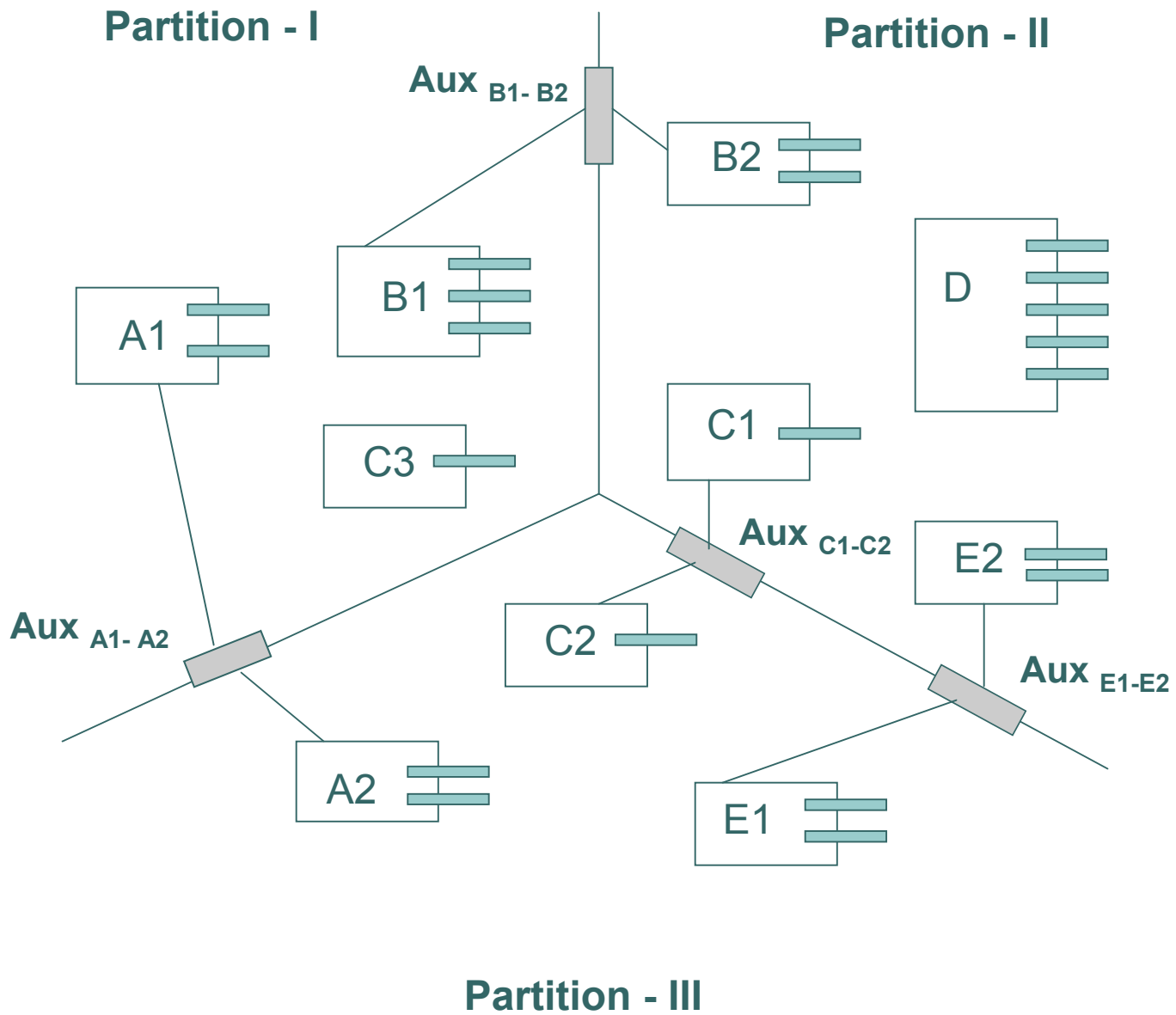
Partition - I



Partition - II



Partition - III



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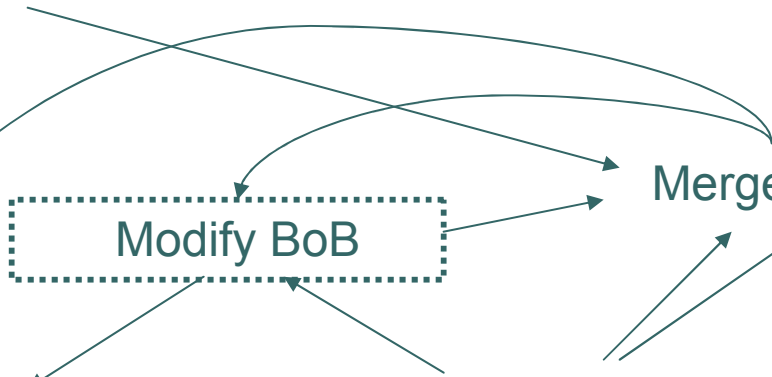
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SOURCE MANIPULATION LAYER

Create BoB



Add BoB

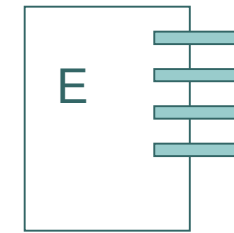
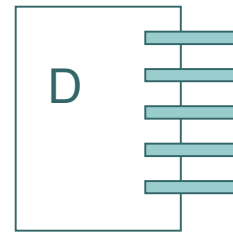
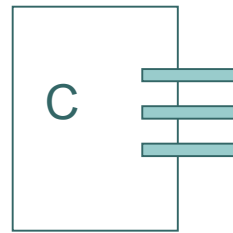
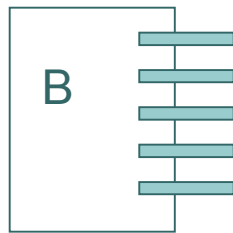
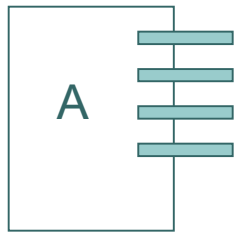


Modify BoB

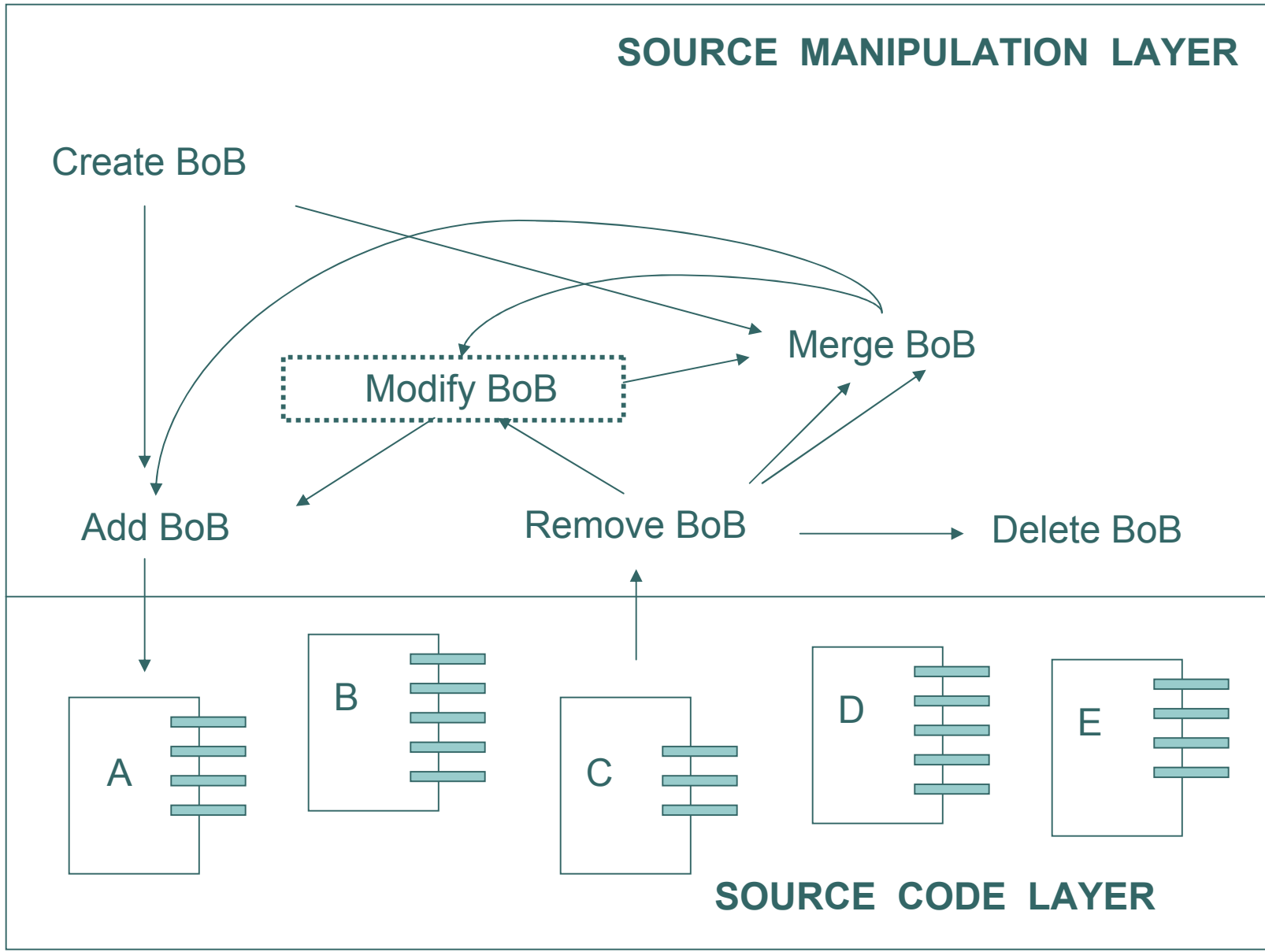
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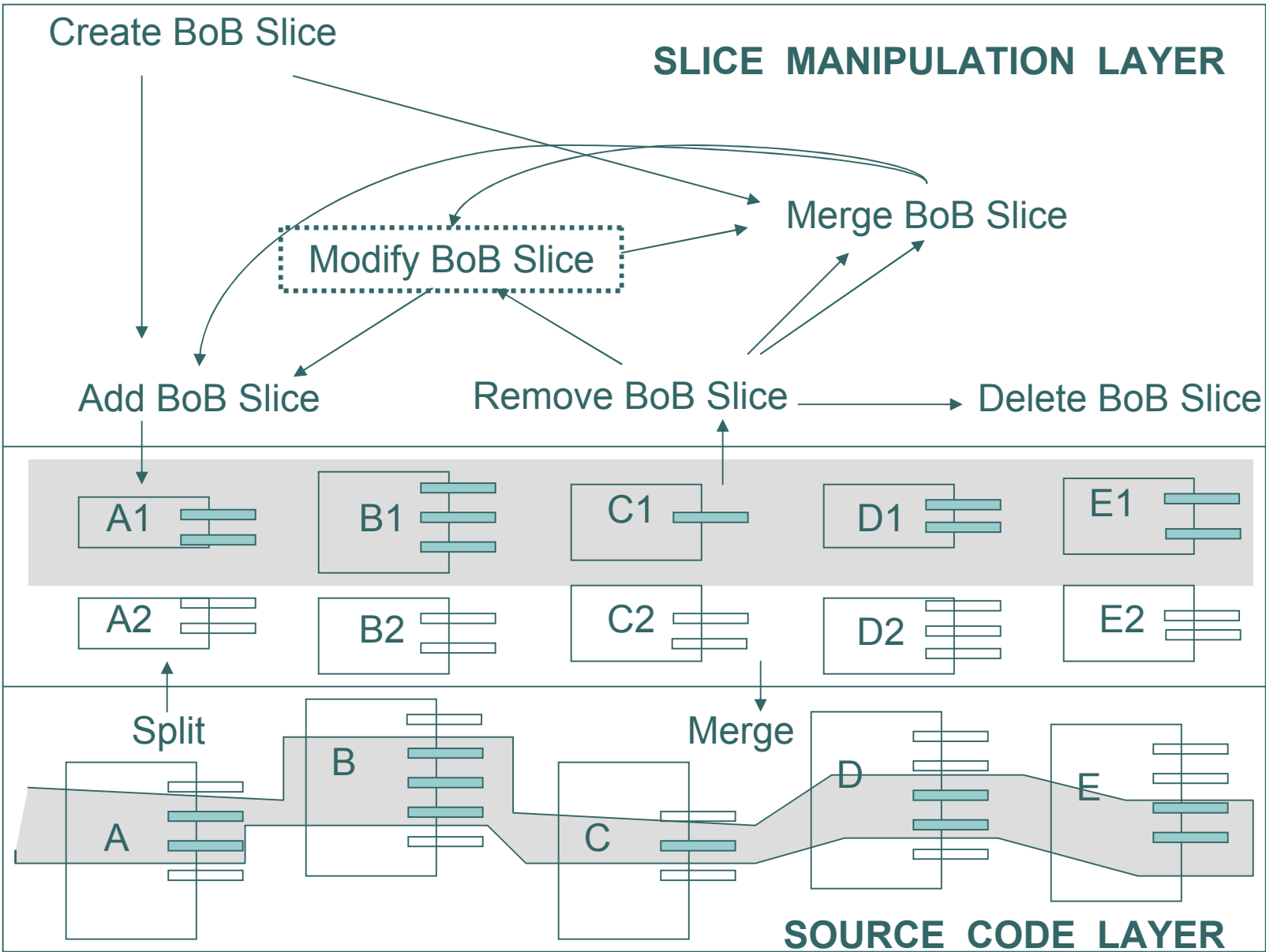
Remove BoB

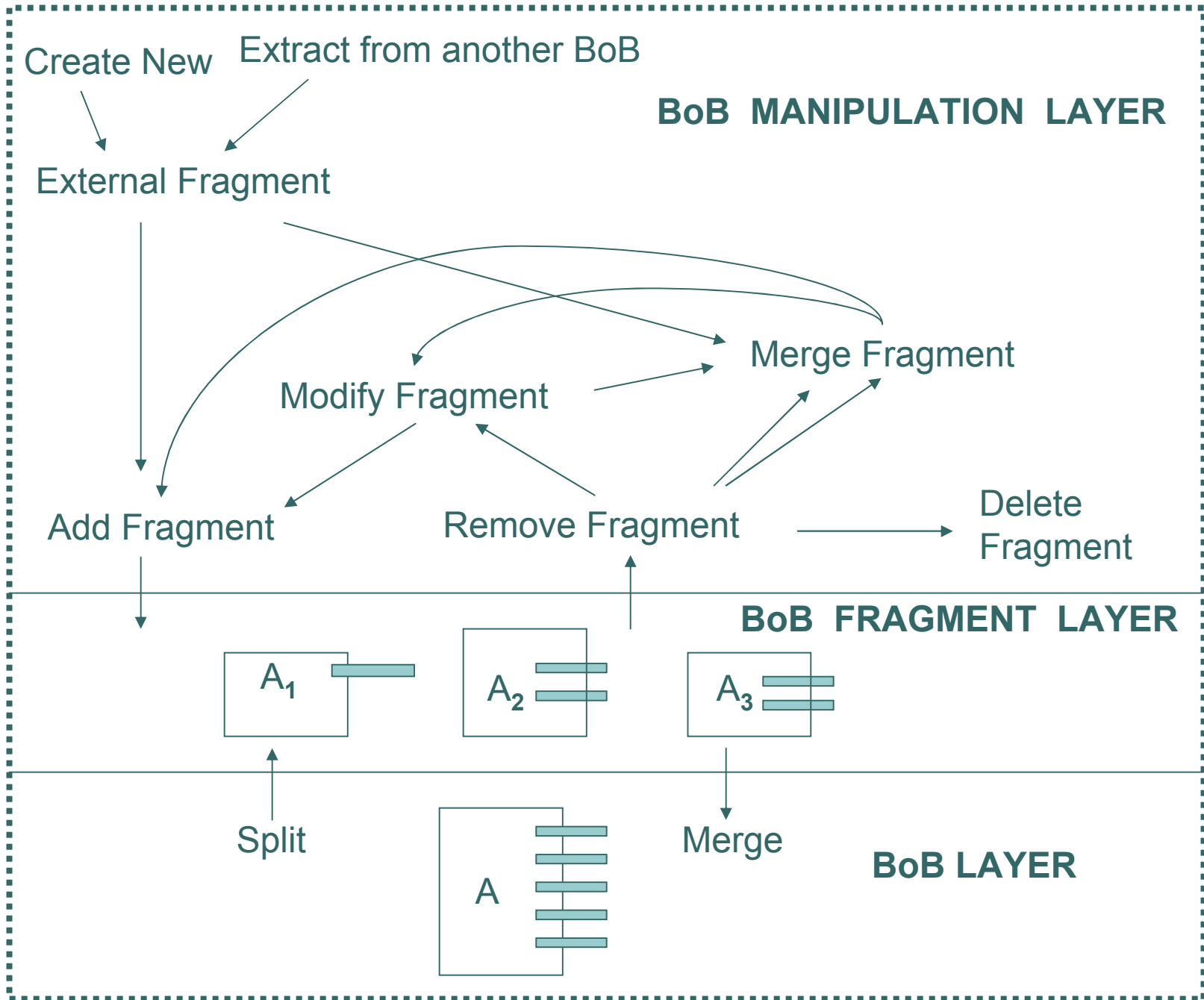
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SOURCE CODE LAYER





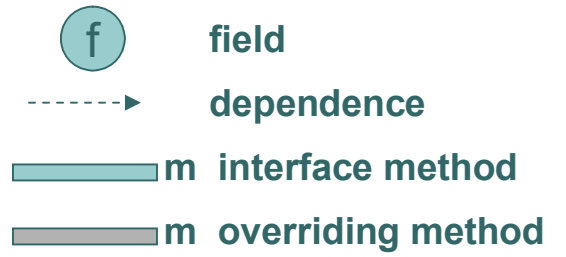
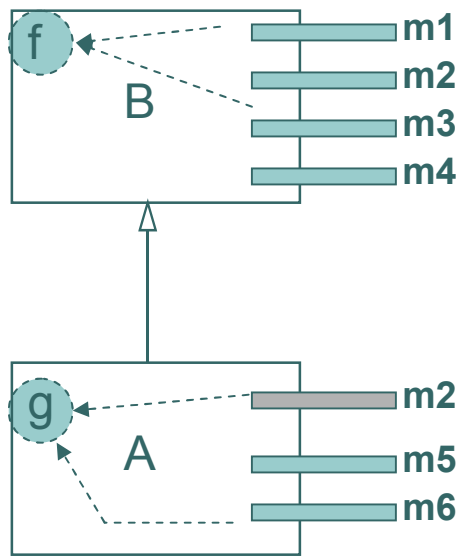


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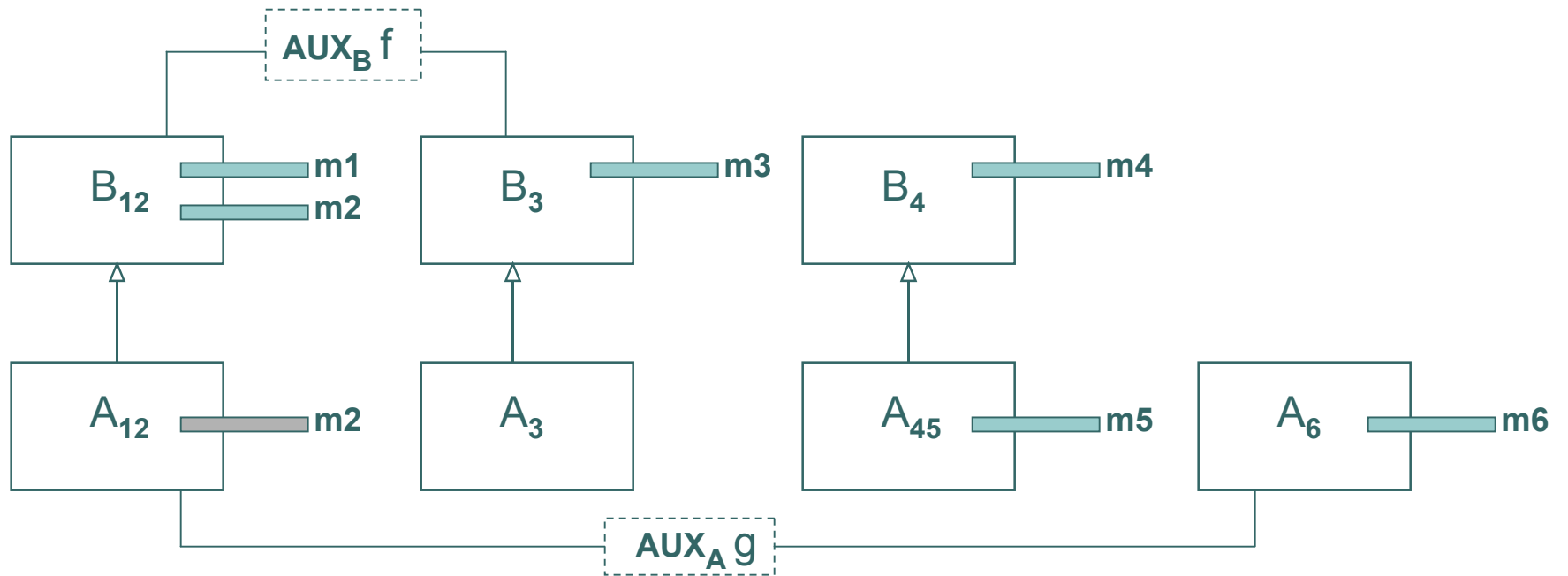
BoB Operators

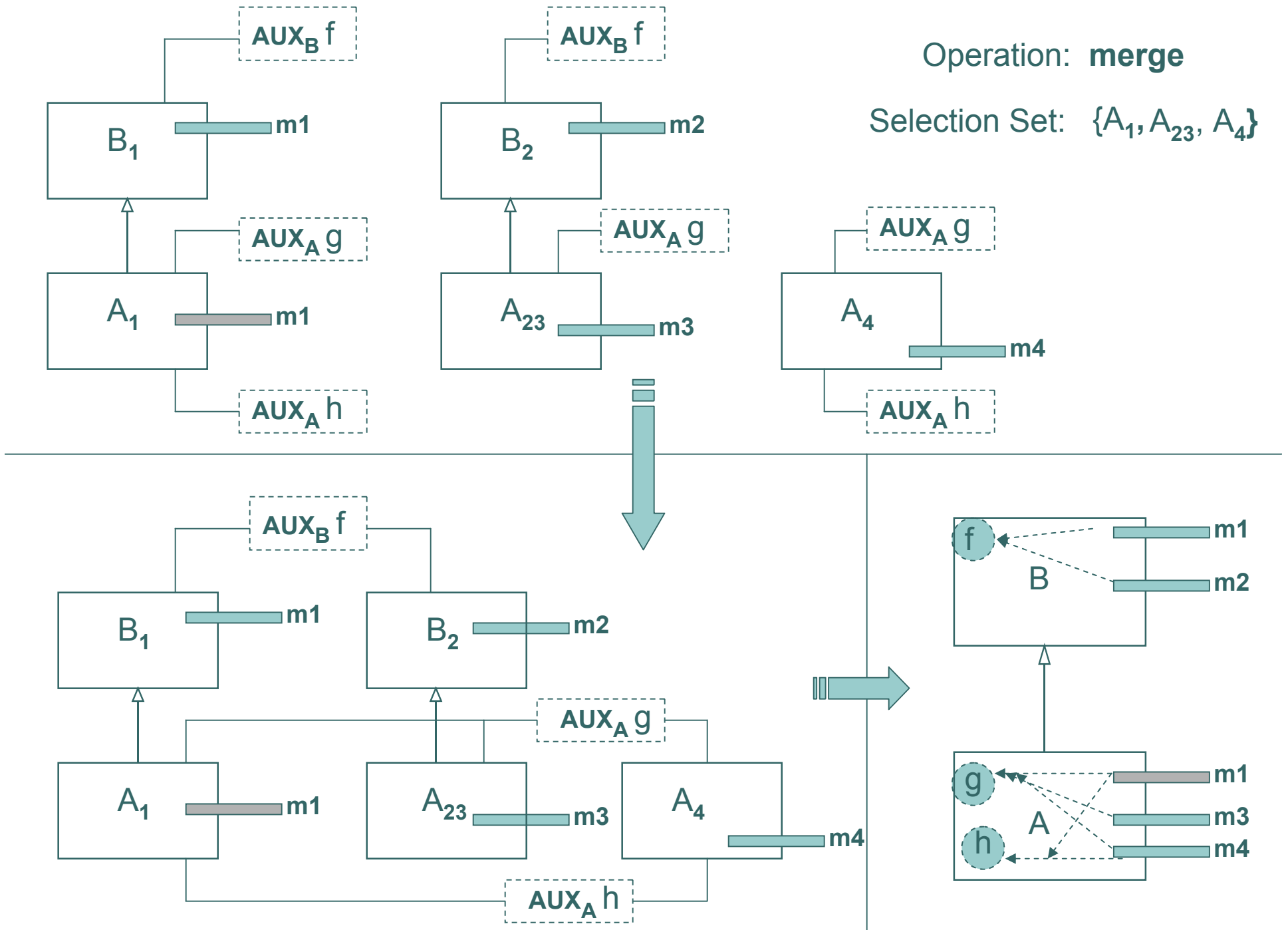
- Split, Merge
- Extract, Remove
- Addition, Subtraction
 - Overwriting
 - Hierarchical
- Replace

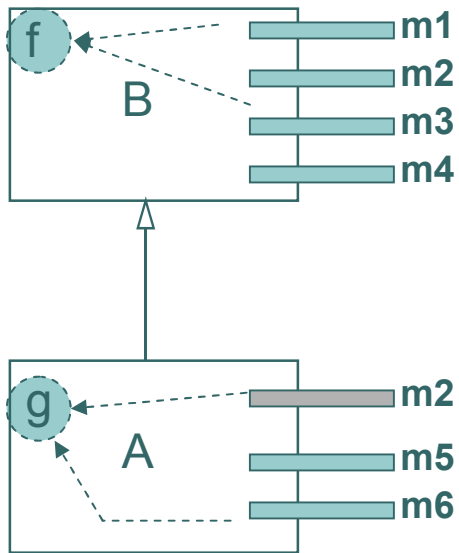


Operation: **split**

Selection Set: $A, \{m1, m2\}, \{m3\}, \{m4, m5\}, \{m6\}$



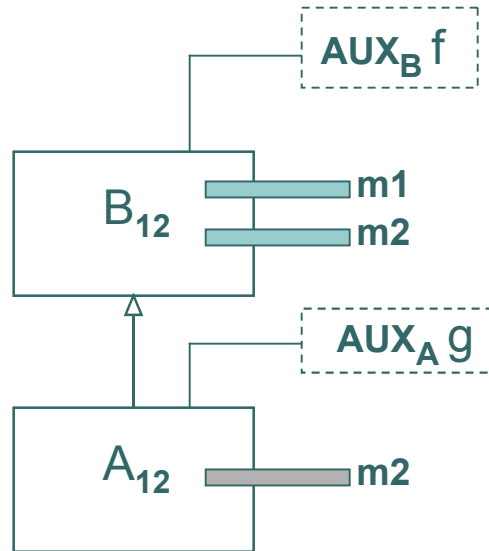




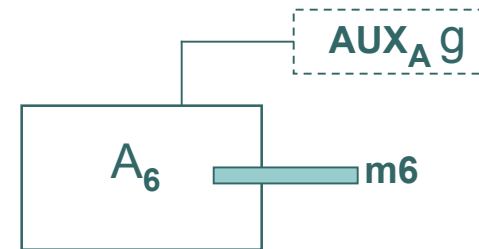
Operation: **extract**

Selection Sets:

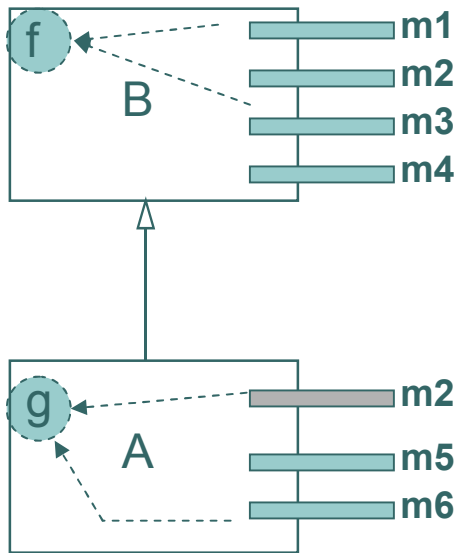
1. A, {m1,m2}
2. A, {m6}



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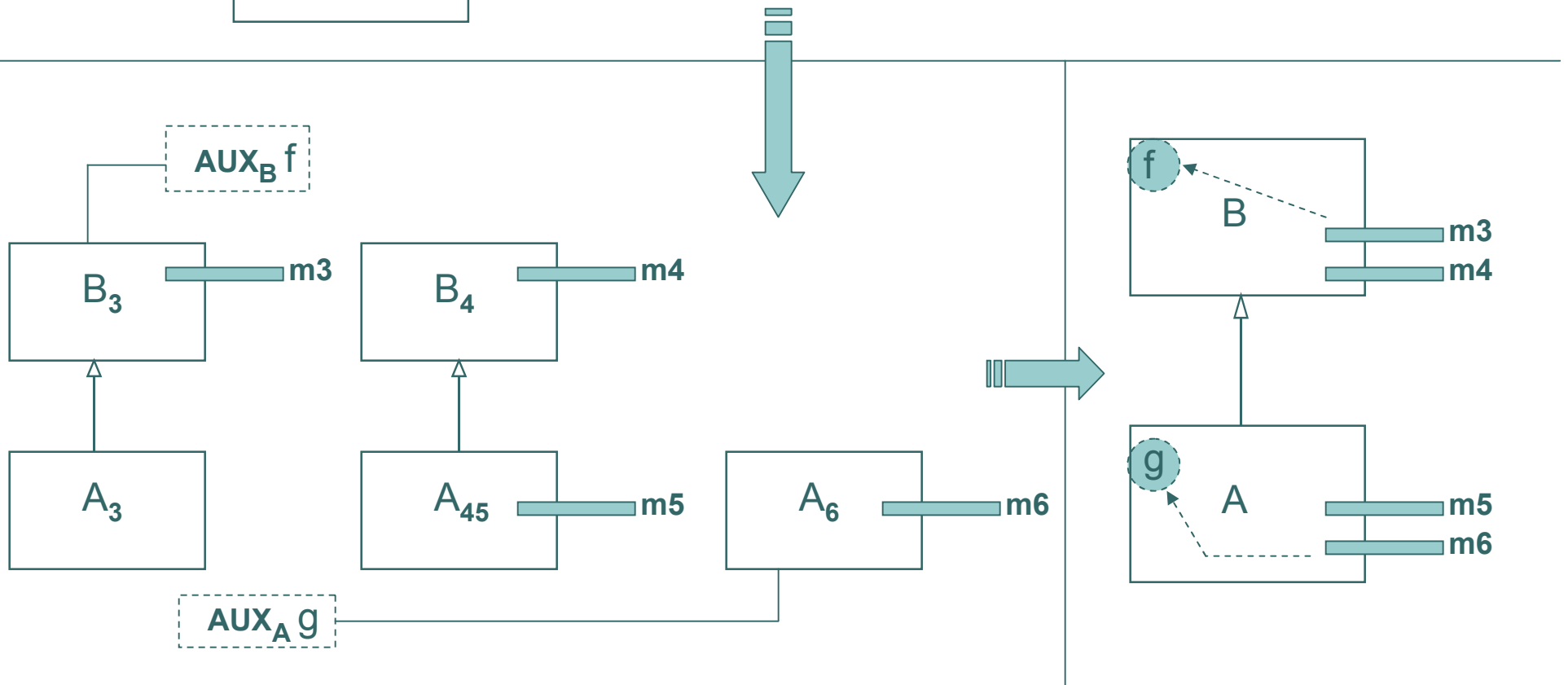


Case (2)



Operation: **remove**

Selection Sets: $A, \{m1, m2\}$



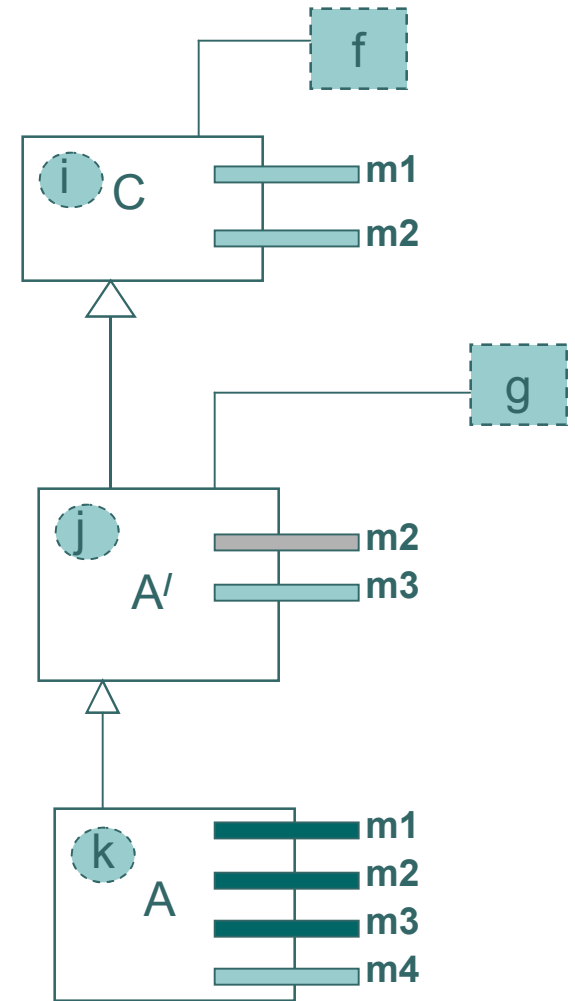
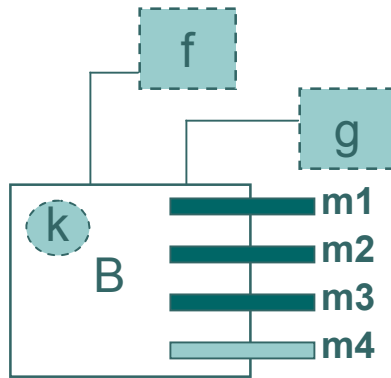
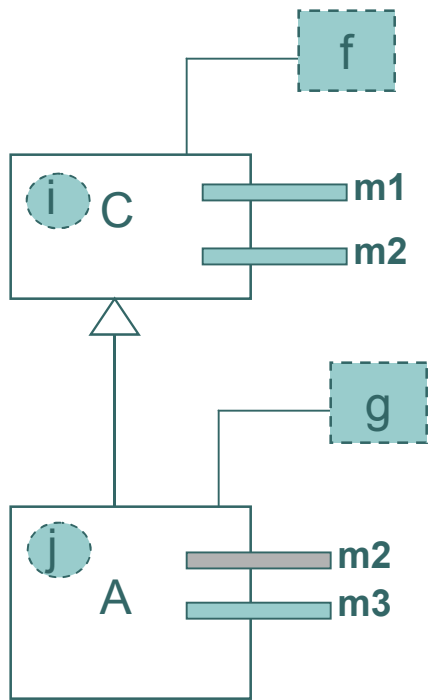
Operation: fragment addition – hierarchical

A + B

Interface Method

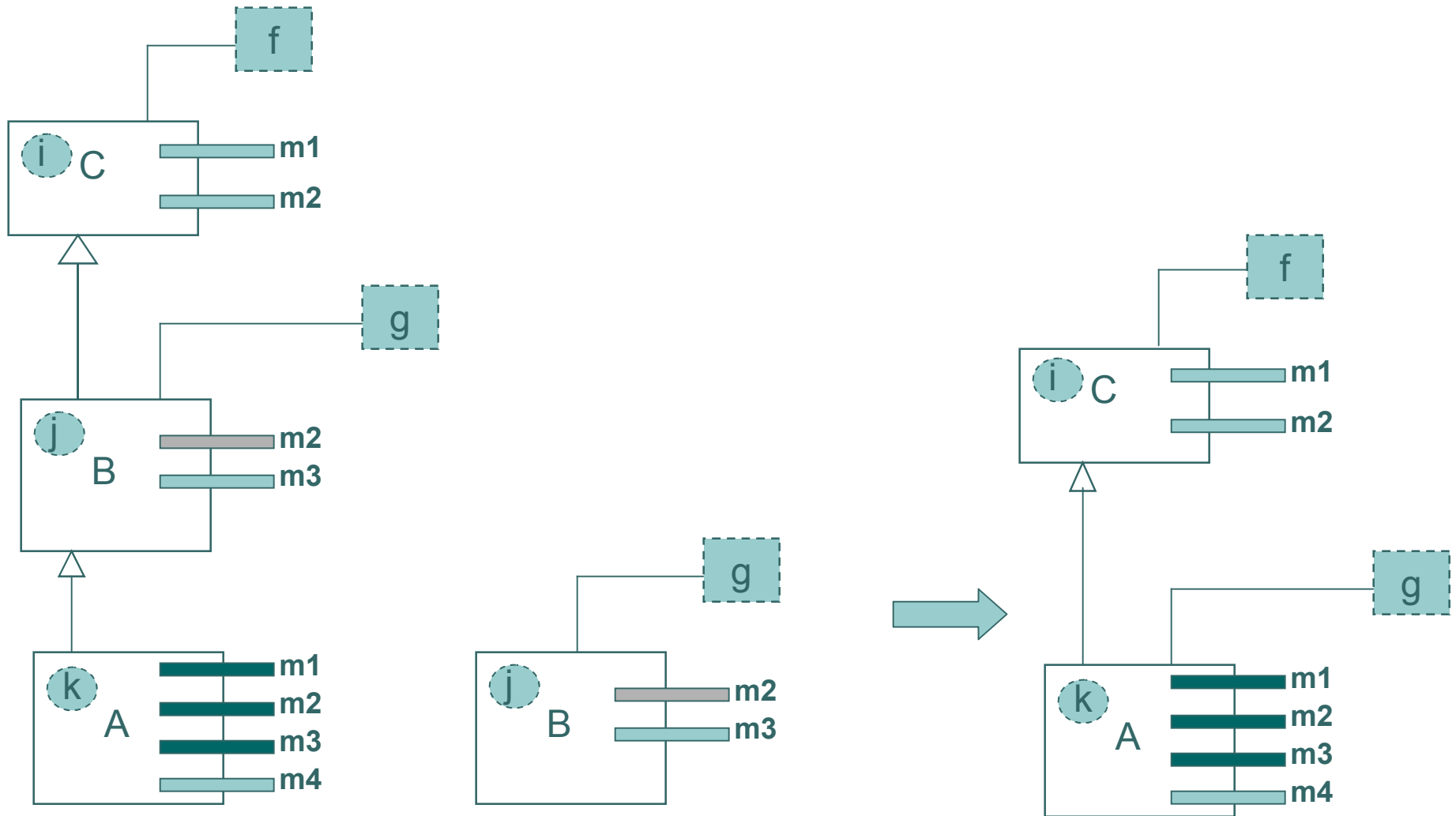
X Normal Field

y Aux Field



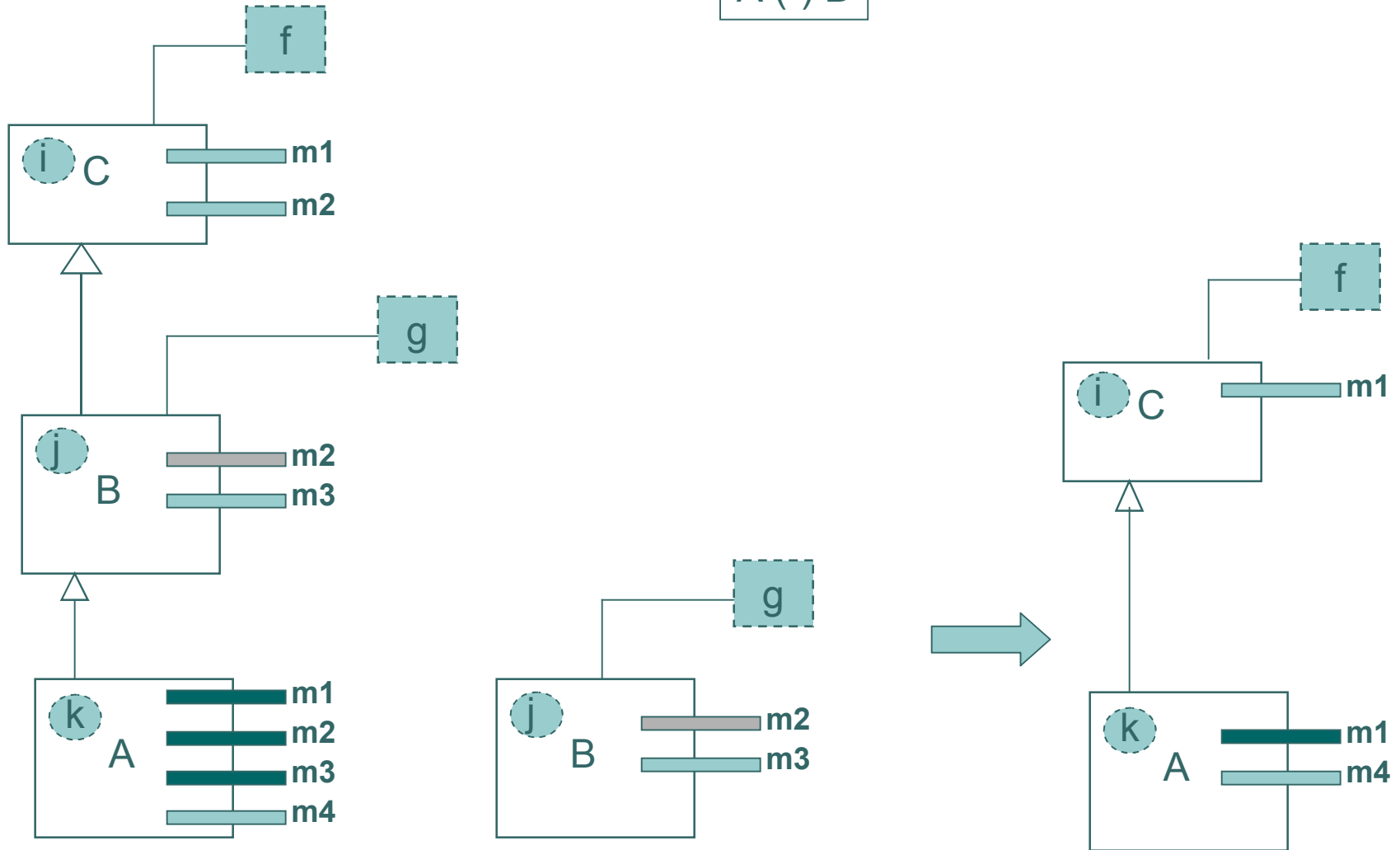
Operation: **fragment subtraction** - *hierarchical*

A - B



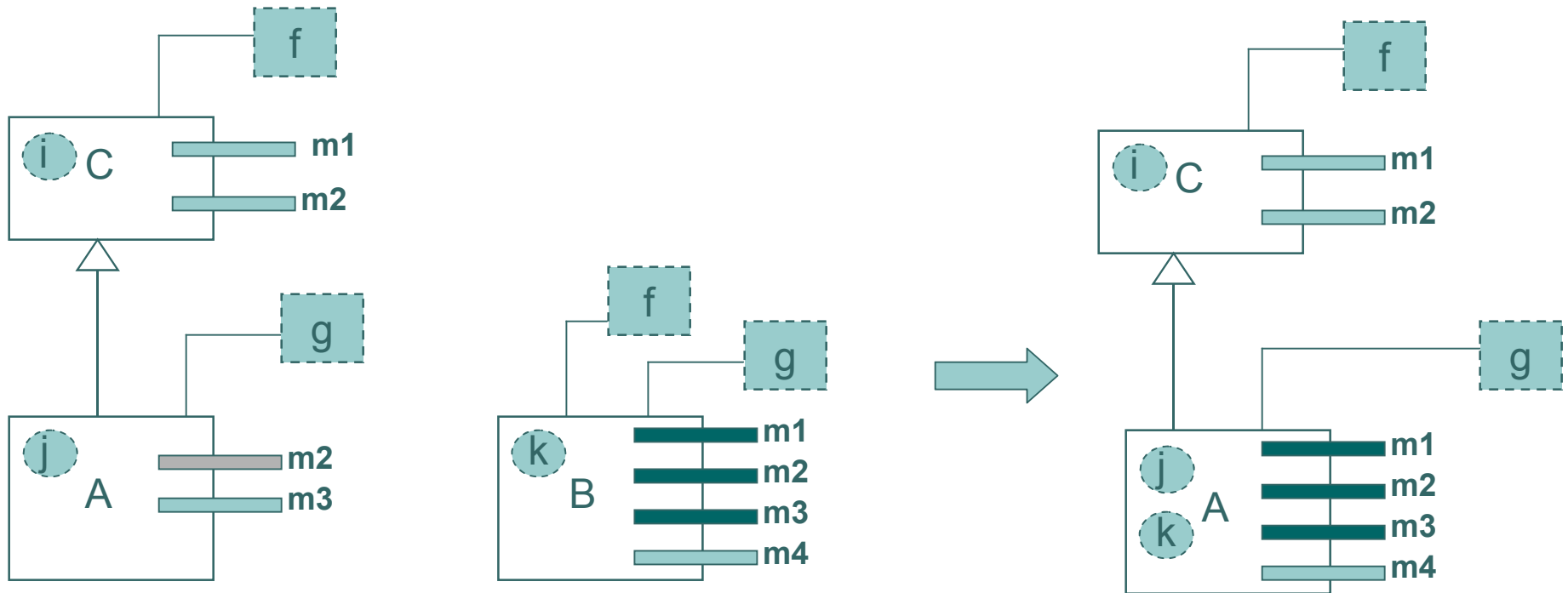
Operation: **fragment subtraction - overwriting**

A (-) B



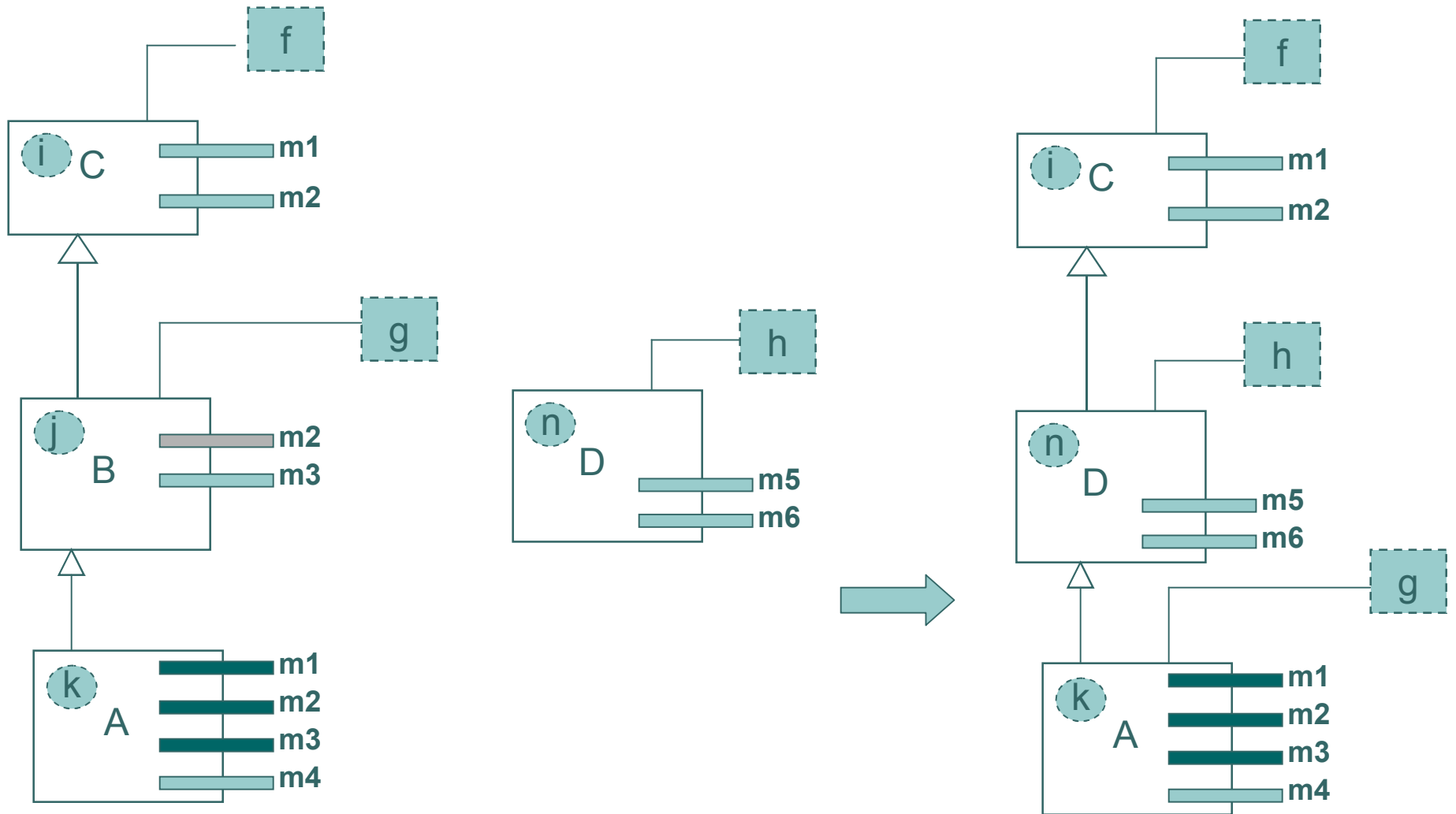
Operation: **fragment addition – overwriting**

A (+) B



Operation: fragment replacement

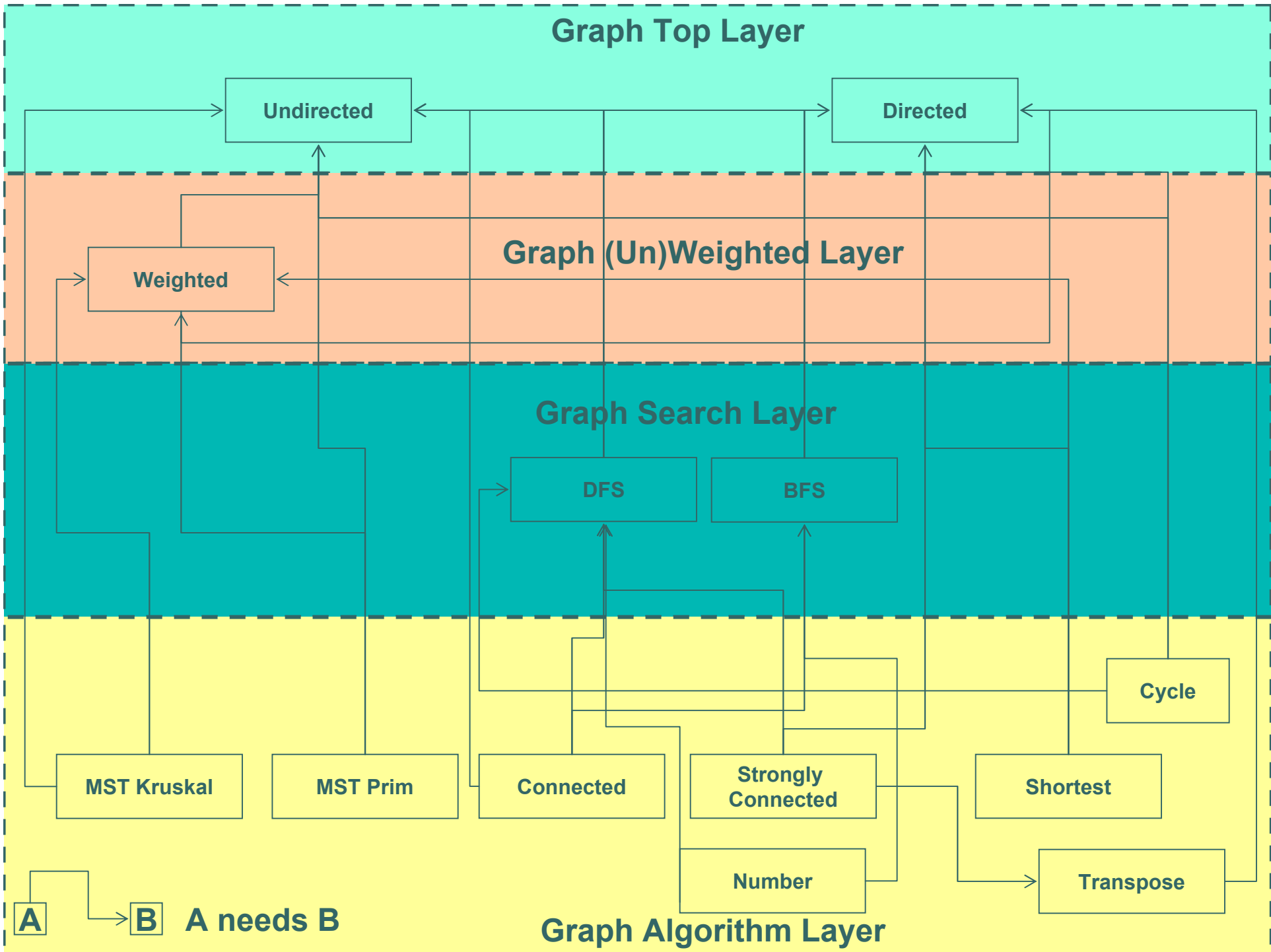
B # D



Example: Graph Product Line

- Family of classical graph applications
- Typical of product lines
 - No two applications will have same set of features
- Features of GPL
 - (Un)Directed, Weight, Search, Algorithm

```
GPL := Gtp Wgt Src Alg+;  
Gtp := Directed | Undirected;  
Wgt := Weighted | Unweighted;  
Src := DFS | BFS | None;  
Alg := Number | Connected | StronglyConnected  
      | Cycle | MST Prim | MST Kruskal | Shortest;
```



Graph Top Layer

Undirected

Directed

Graph (Un)Weighted Layer

Weighted

Graph Search Layer

DFS

BFS

MST Kruskal

MST Prim

Connected

Strongly Connected

Number

Shortest

Cycle

Transpose

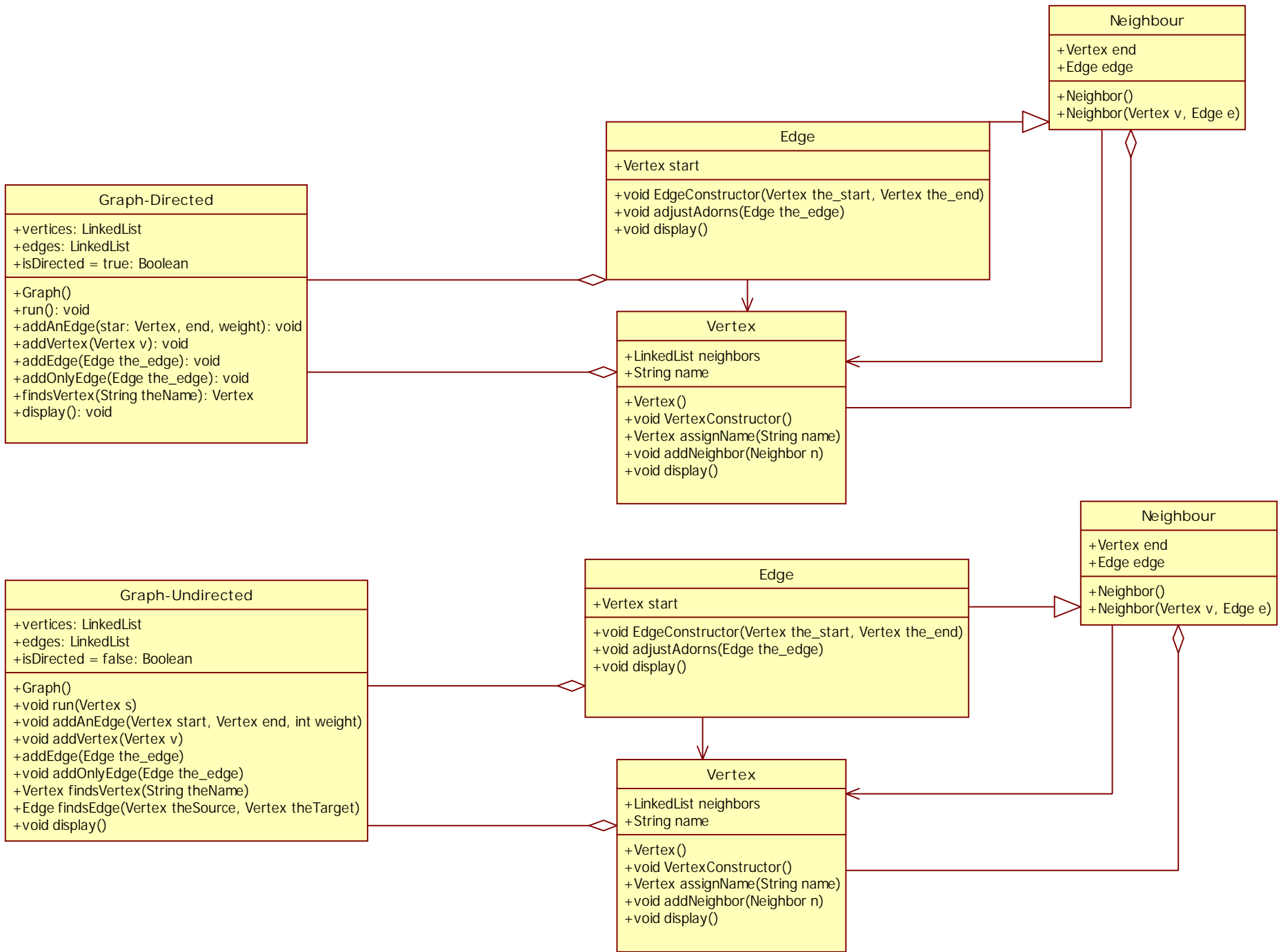
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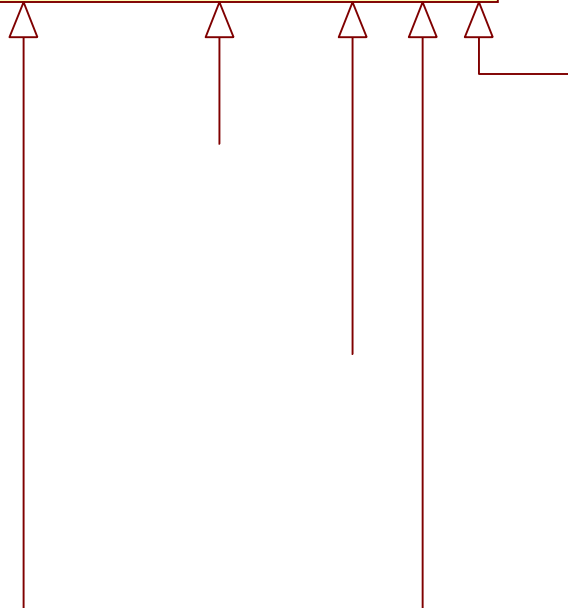
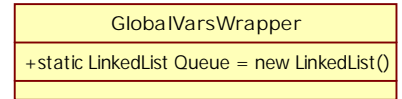
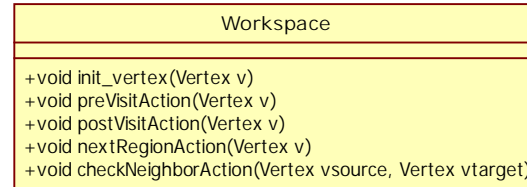
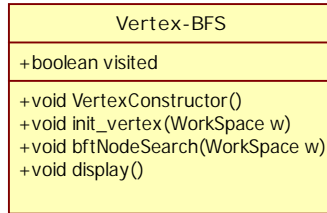
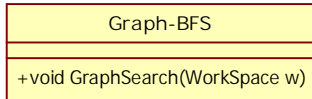
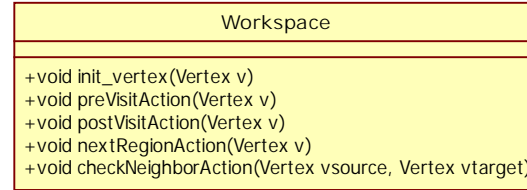
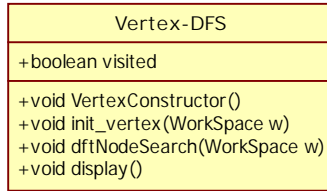
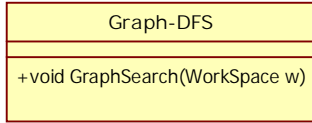
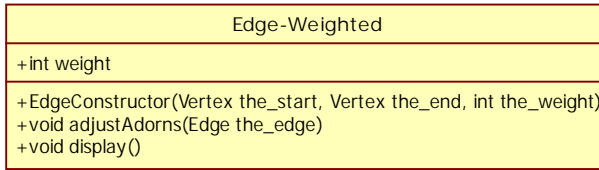
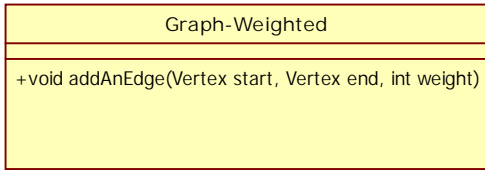
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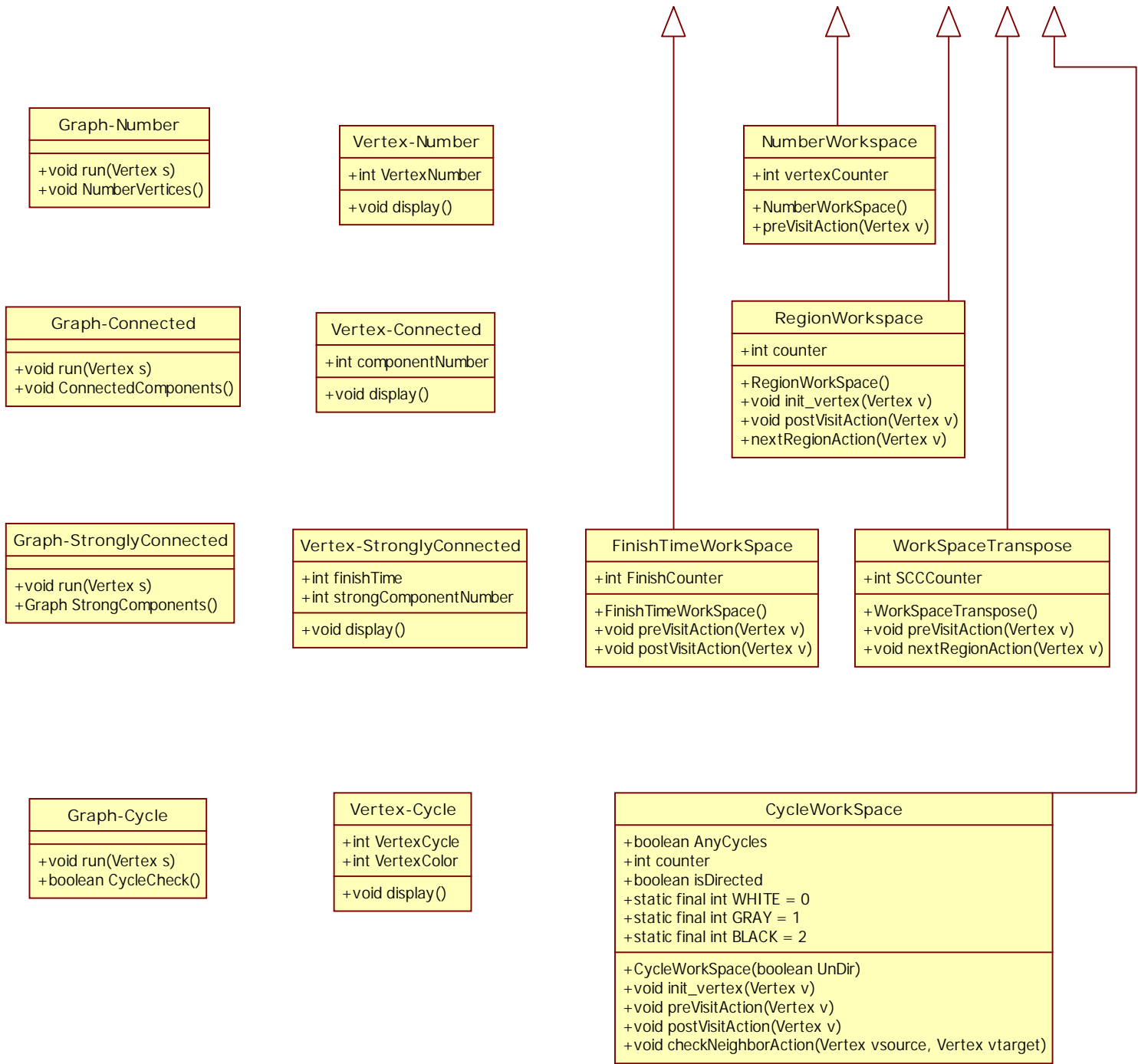
A needs B

Graph Algorithm Layer









Graph-MSTPrim
+void run(Vertex s) +Graph Prim(Vertex r)

Vertex-MSTPrim
+String pred +int key
+void display()

Graph-MSTKruskal
+void run(Vertex s) +Graph Kruskal(Vertex r)

Vertex-MSTKruskal
+Vertex representative +LinkedList members
+void display()

Graph-Shortest
+void run(Vertex s) +Graph ShortestPath(Vertex s)

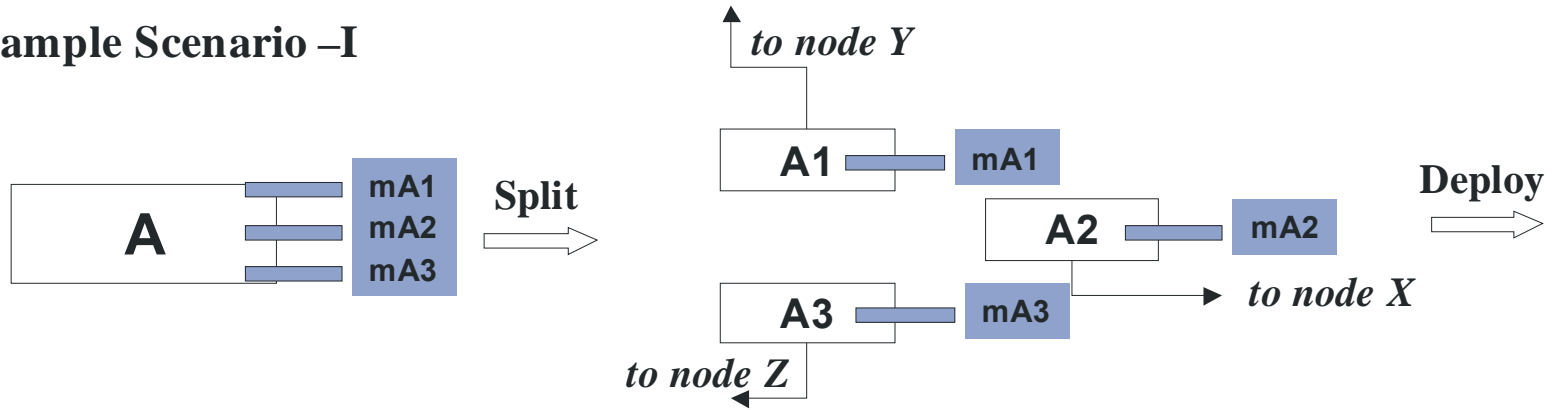
Vertex-Shortest
+String predecessor +int dweight
+void display()

Graph-Transpose
+Graph ComputeTranspose(Graph the_graph)

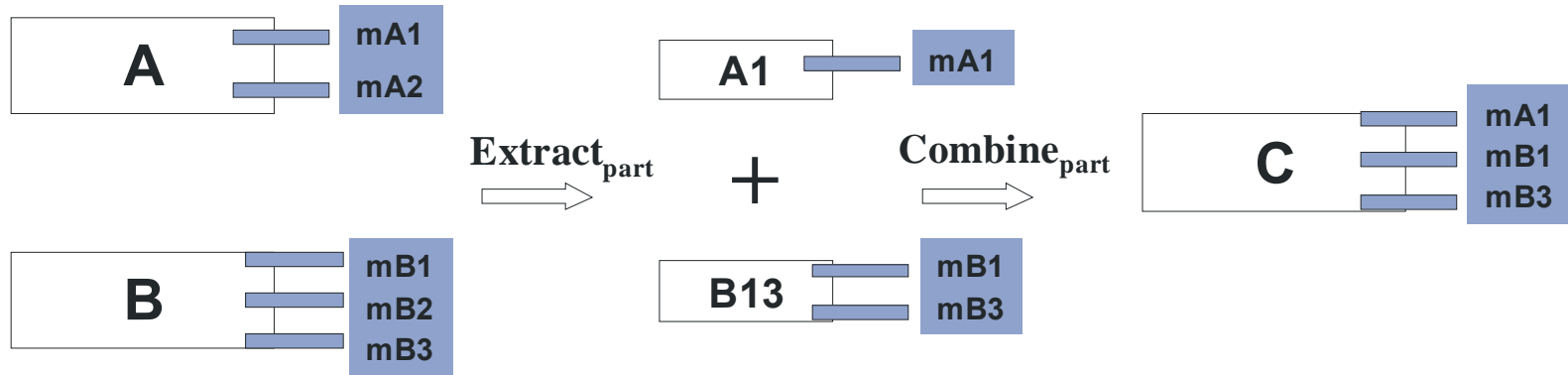
Graph-Benchmark
+Reader inFile +static int ch +static long last = 0, current=0, accum=0
+void runBenchmark(String FileName) +void stopBenchmark() +int readNumber() +static void startProfile() +static void stopProfile() +static void resumeProfile() +static void endProfile()

Main
+static void main(String[] args)

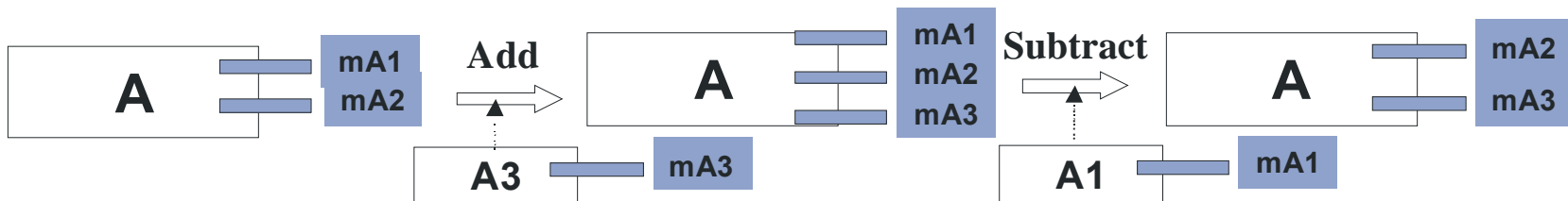
Example Scenario -I



Example Scenario -II



Example Scenario -III



Flavor

```
public BoBClass GraphOperations
{
    . . .

    public static void main (args[]) {

        BoBClass Graph_UW = Graph_Core + Graph_Undirected + Graph_Weighted;
        Graph_UW g_uw = new Graph_UW();
        g_uw.display();

        BoBClass Graph_DW = Graph_UW - Graph_Undirected + Graph_Directed;
        Graph_DW g_dw = new Graph_dw();
        g_dw.dispaly();

        BoBClass Graph_DuW = Graph_DW - Graph_Weighted + Graph_UnWeighted;
        Graph_DuW g_duw = new Graph_DuW();
        g_duw.display();

    }
}
```

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Related Work/Comparison

- Traditional Objects
- Related Composition Mechanisms
 - Traits, Jigsaw
- Fragmented Objects
- Fragmentation in Databases
- Application Partitioning
- Class Refactoring
- Multi Dimension Separation of Concerns
- Distributed Design Paradigms

Objects

- Objects can be considered an extreme case of BoB where:
 - all the interface methods are designated as **together**
- Other differences come from the programming model chosen for BoBs.

Operators in JIGSAW

[GiladBracha92]

- Merge
 - Yields the concatenation of two modules. Only non confliction attributes are considered
- Modification
 - Overriding (**M1** override **M2**)
- Name conflict resolution
 - **M** rename **a** to **b**
- Select
 - Returns the value of attribute named **a** in **r**
- Restrict
 - Removes the attribute **a** from the module
- Project
 - Retain particular attribute(s) definition(s)
- Freeze
 - Statically binding an attribute **a**
 - Dual operation
 - **freeze_all_except a**
- Attribute Visibility
 - **M** hide **a**, **M** show **a**
- Rename: Access to overridden definitions
 - copy **a** as **b**

Operators in Traits [Toplas06]

- Composing Classes
 - Class = Superclass + State + Traits + Glue methods
- Trait Composition Operators
 - Sum (+)
 - Aliasing (->)
 - Exclusion (-)

Fragmented Objects (FOs)

- FO is a
 - Distributed shared object
 - Clients in different address space
 - Internally a set of *fragments*
 - Fragments communicate through communication channels
- Comparison
 - Very different concepts; distributed shared object v/s breakable objects
 - BoBs don't carry the notion of distribution per se
 - BoBs can be used to build FOs
 - Possible to achieve dynamic FOs – form and the location of fragments keeps on changing
 - BoBs don't retain a single identity after splitting

Fragmentation in Databases

- Horizontal and Vertical Fragmentation in Database systems: Class is an ordered relation: $\mathcal{C} = (\mathbf{K}, A, M, I)$
 - Horizontal Fragmentation: $C_h = (\mathbf{K}, A, M, I')$, where, $(I' \subseteq I)$
 - Vertical Fragmentation: $C_v = (\mathbf{K}, A', M', I)$, where, $(A' \subseteq A)$ and $(M' \subseteq M)$
 - Hybrid Fragmentation combination of the above two
- BoBs and Fragmentation in Databases
 - horizontal fragmentation and BoB splitting are not related at all
 - vertical fragmentation employs some similar lines, but focus is to find fragments techniques to optimize query.
 - simplified models as no shared fields considered in the latter case
 - BoBs look at splitting from a programming perspective
 - Configuration Files (CFs) make the process of finding the lines of splits external to BoBs

Application Partitioning

- J-orchestra, Pangaea, Coign, Addistant
- So far focused mainly on
 - finding optimal ways to partition an application among different nodes, and
 - component conversions into distributed components.
- Our focus is:
 - to have an entity which is more suitable for such partitioning
 - declarative approach to application partitioning.
- Granularity level of partitioning
 - objects or components,
 - our case, granularity level
 - finer
 - related to the methods of a BoB.

Class Refactoring

- Different refactoring methods have been proposed
- Class refactoring method
 - Extract Class
 - Extract Interface [Fowler:catalogue]
- provides a means to create new class by moving the relevant fields *Move Field* and methods *Move Method* from the old class into a new class.
- The main intent here is to improve the code design by splitting bloated classes and creating new crisper classes.
- No comprehensive techniques exist to provide refactoring of application classes for functional partitioning

Distributed Design Paradigms

Paradigm	<i>SA-initial</i>	<i>SB-initial</i>	<i>SA-later</i>	<i>SB-later</i>
Client-Server	A	know-how resource B	A	know-how resource B
Remote Evaluation	know-how A	resource B	A	<i>know-how</i> resource B
Code on Demand	resource A	know-how B	resource <i>know-how A</i>	B
Mobile Agent	know-how A	resource	-	know-how resource A
Breakable Object	know-how A resource	resource	(A)-part-1, (knowhow)- part-1 re- source	(A)-part-1, <i>(know-how)</i> - part-2 re- source

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Contributions of Work

- The concept of **Breakable Object (or BoB)**
- BoB Programming Model
 - Structure
- Application Partitioning
 - Splitting, Merging
 - Program Equivalence
 - Proof of equivalence
- BoB Driven Architecture (BODA)
- BoB Composition Mechanisms

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