

Model Consistency ensured by Metamodel Integration

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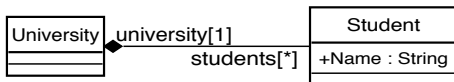
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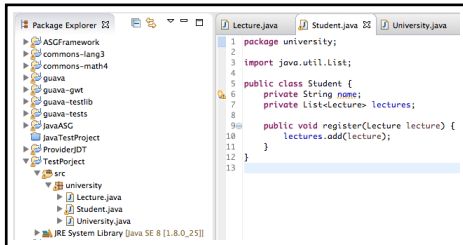
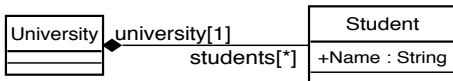
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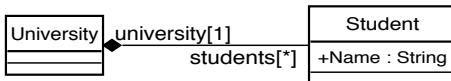
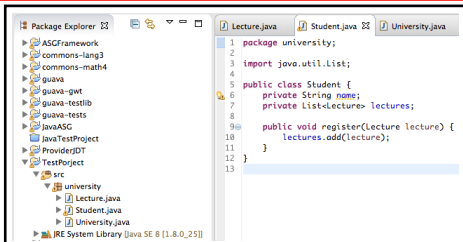
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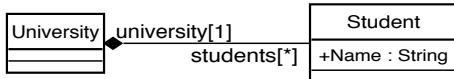
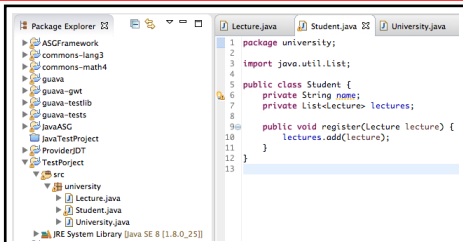
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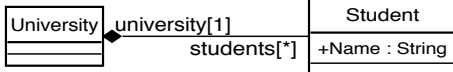
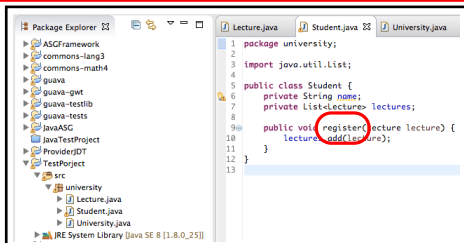
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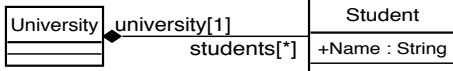
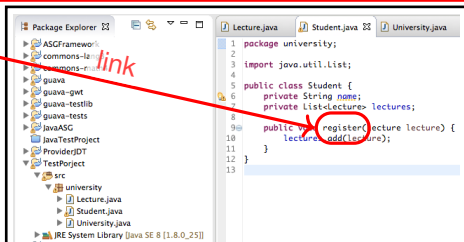
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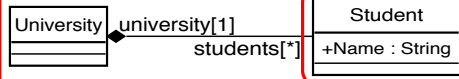
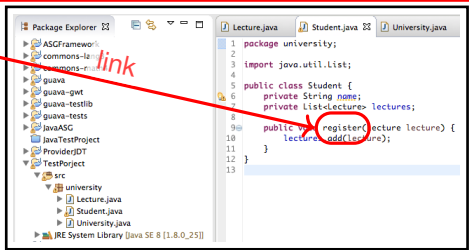
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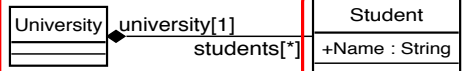
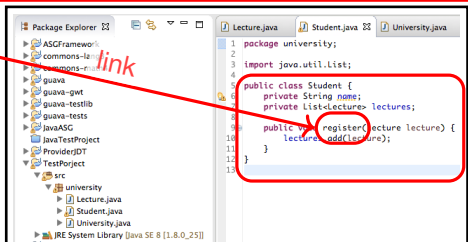
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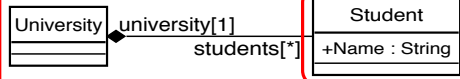
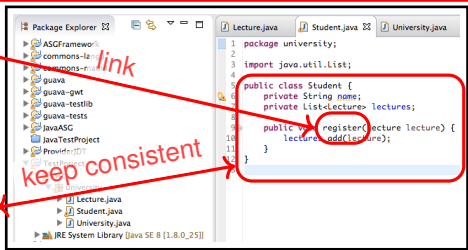
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Problem

There are further Software Development Projects:

- e.g. with formal Specifications, C++, Test Cases, Documentation, Project Management, Build Tools
- Traceability
- → further Consistency issues

General Problem:

- Artifacts are technically separated, but interrelated contentwise
- specific Consistency Rules have to be fulfilled automatically

Goal

Ensure Consistency between Artifacts automatically!

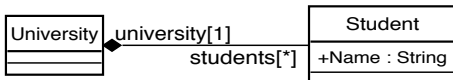
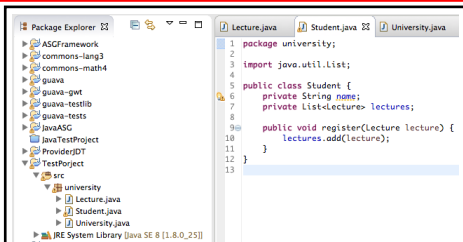
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- → Model Integration

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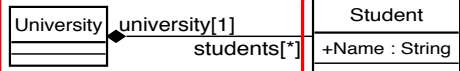
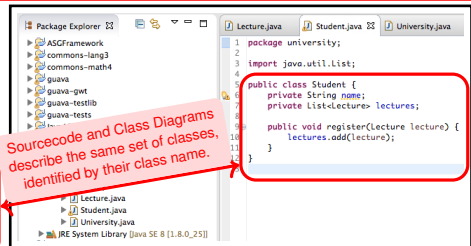
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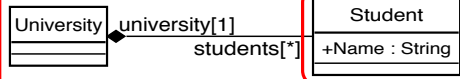
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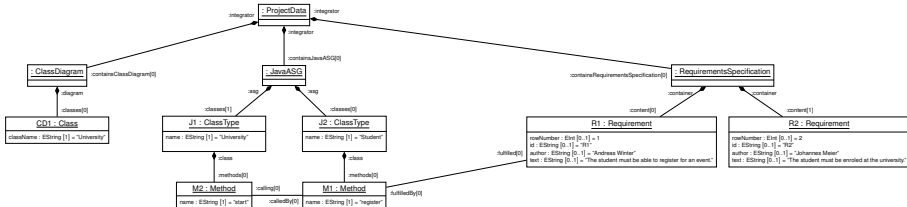
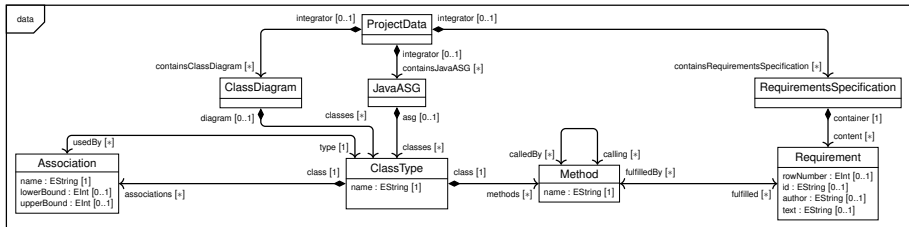
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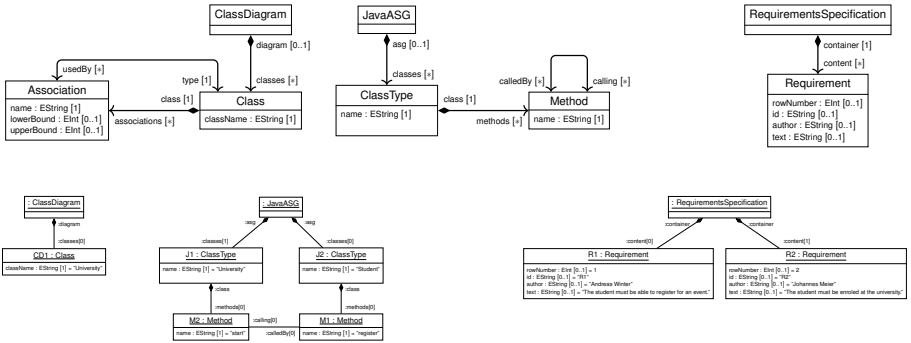
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Related Work

	synthetic	projectional		
		OSM	Vitruvius	GEMOC
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- ISO Standard 42010:2011 [IEE11]: synthetic vs. projectional
- synthetic: TGGs [SK08], QVT-R [RJV09], explicit correspondences [EEC⁺14]
- OSM: Single Underlying (Meta)Model (SUM(M)) [ASB09]
- Vitruvius [KBL13, BHK⁺14]
- GEMOC Approach [LDC18]

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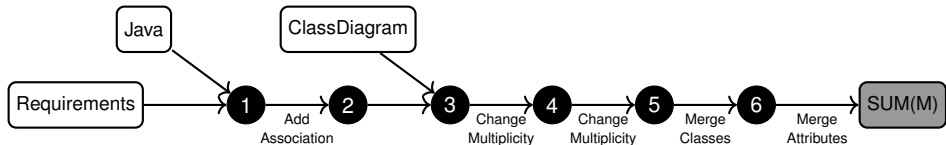
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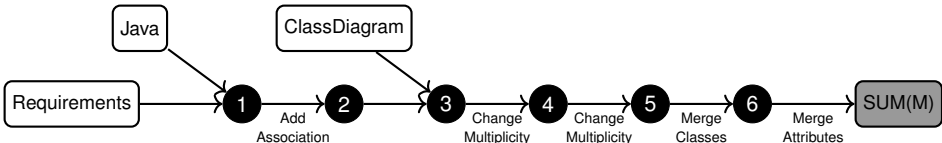
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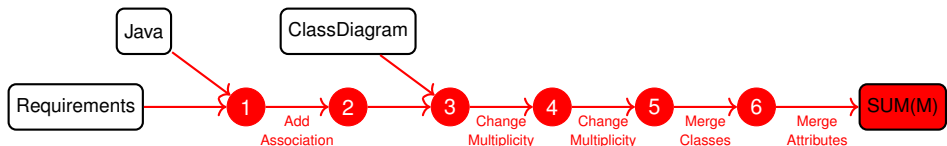
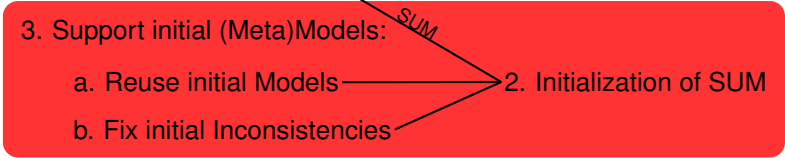
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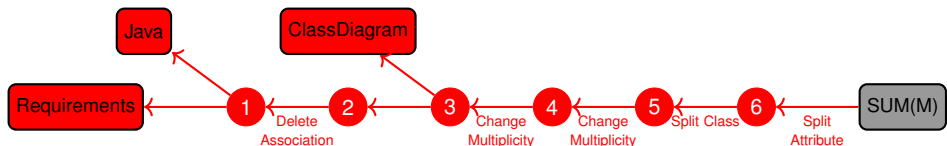
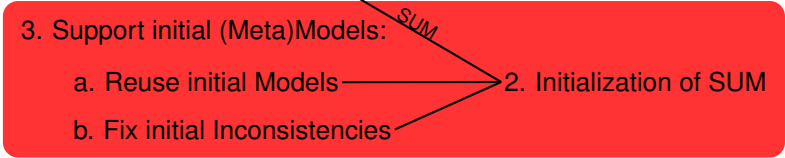
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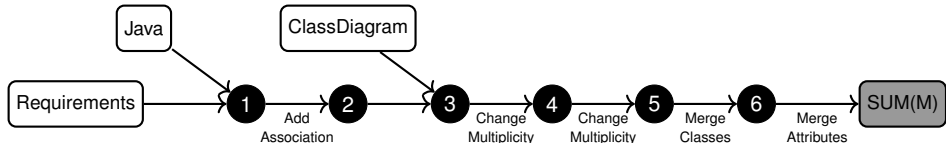


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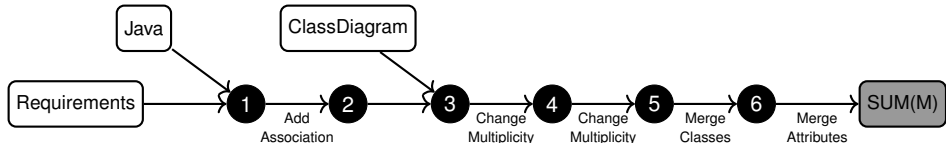
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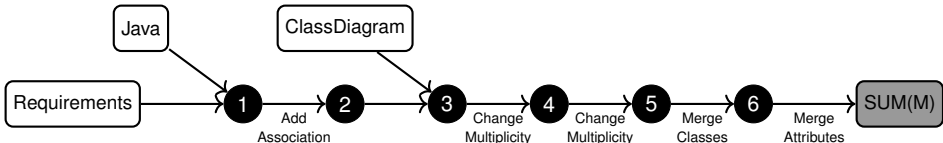
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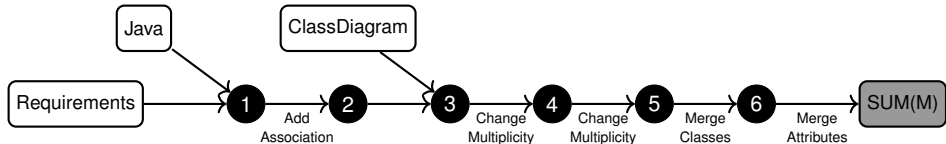
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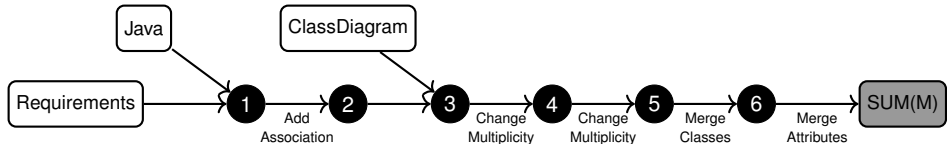
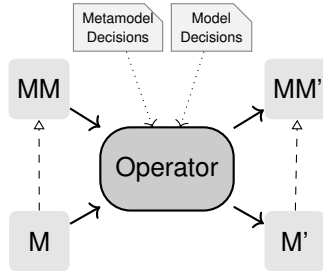
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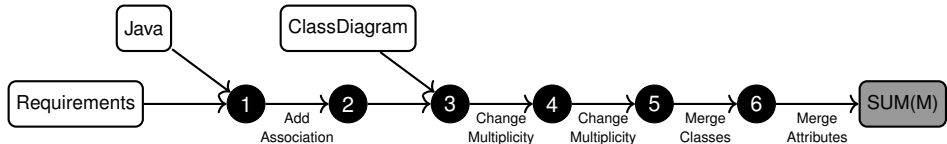
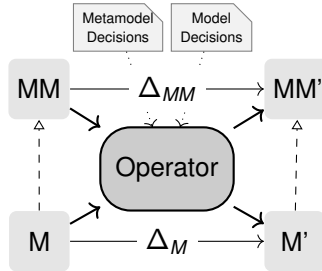
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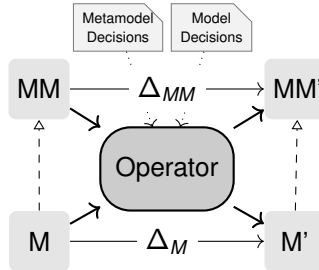
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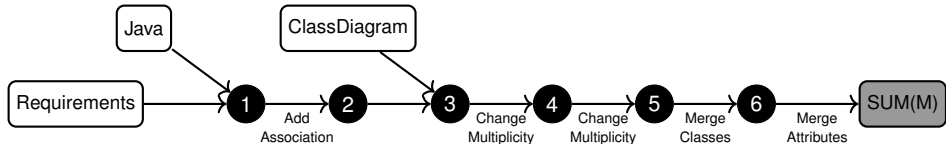


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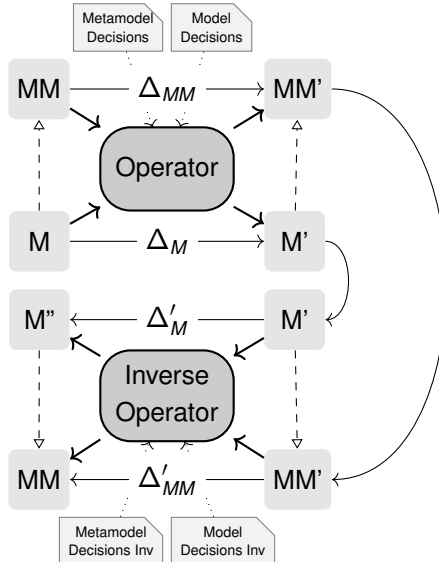
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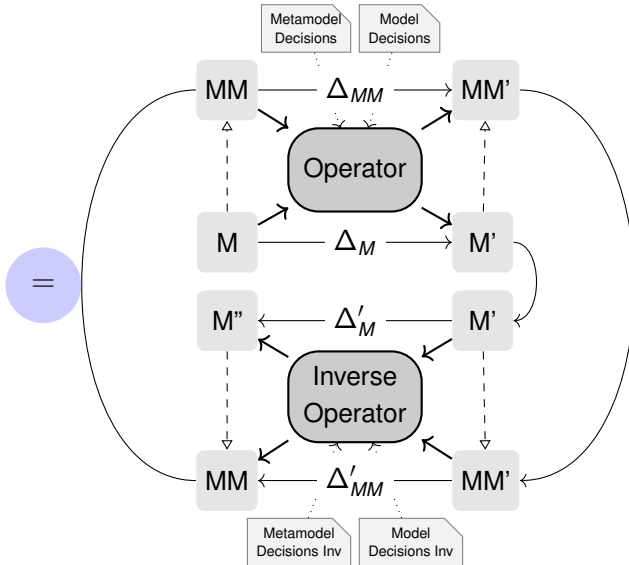
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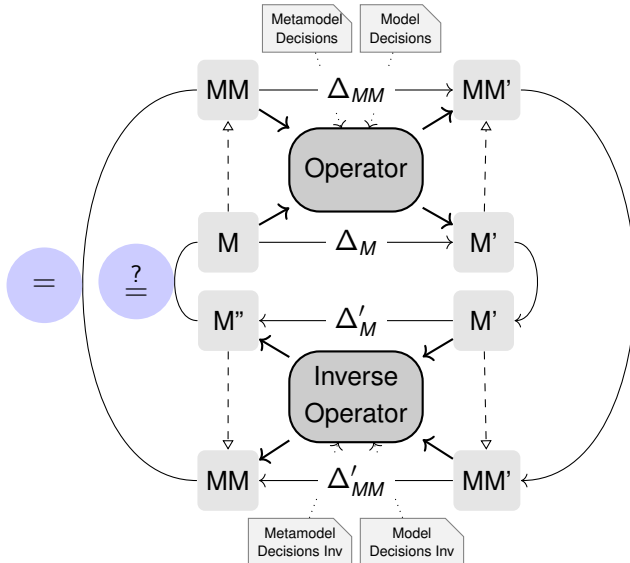
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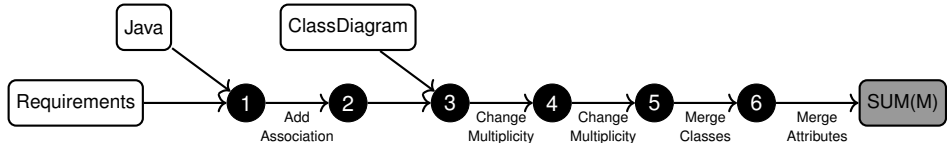
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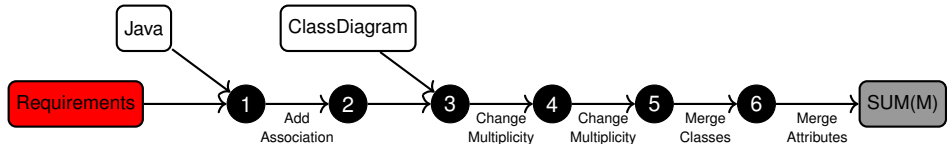
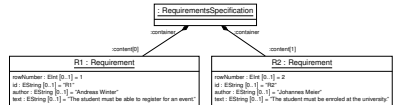
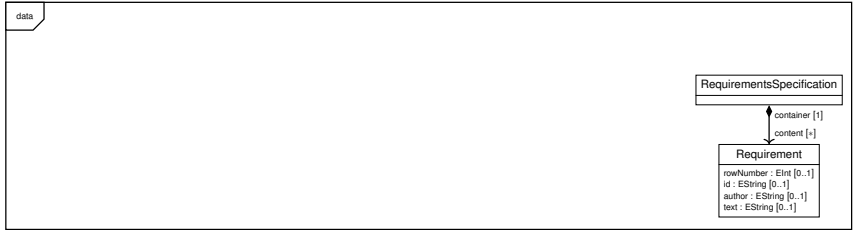
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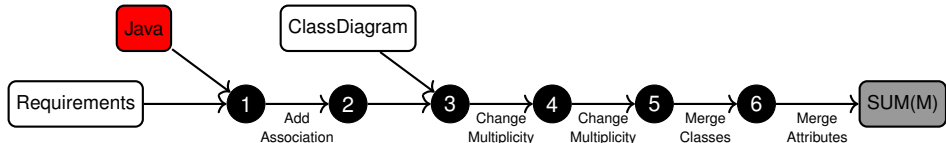
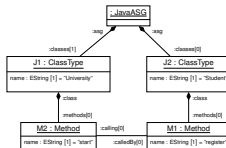
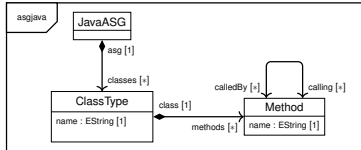
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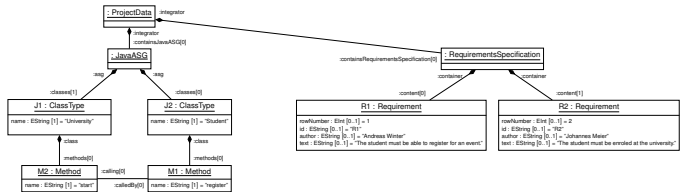
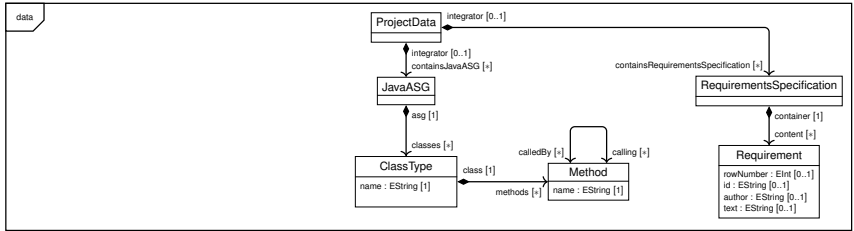
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ClassDiagram

Requirements

SUM(M)

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Add Association

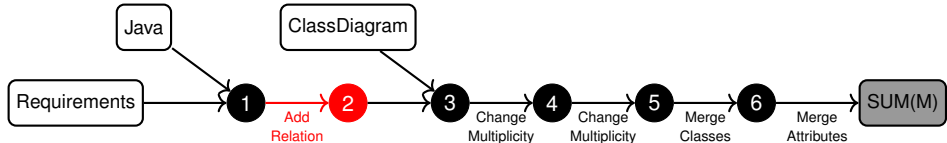
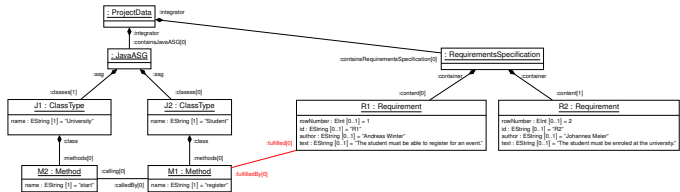
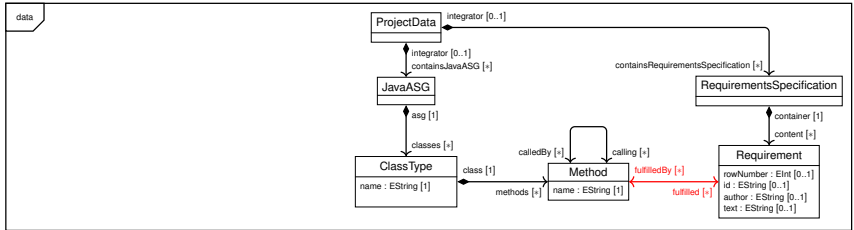
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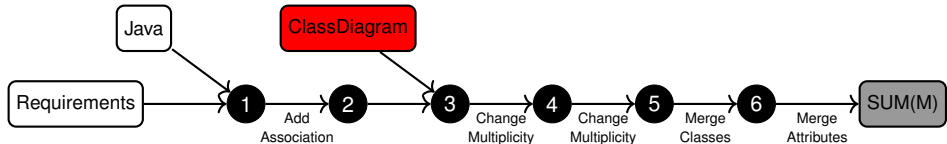
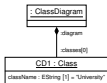
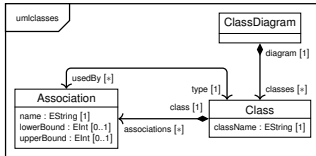
Merge Classes

Merge Attributes

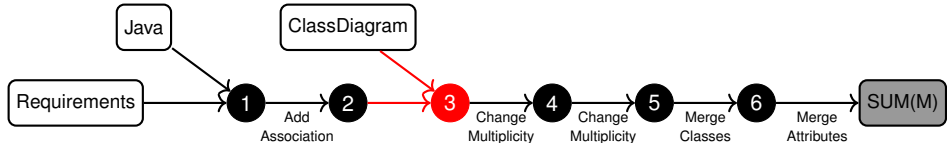
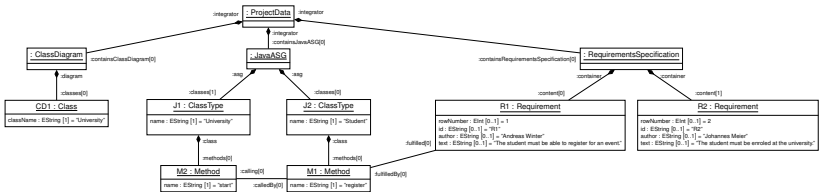
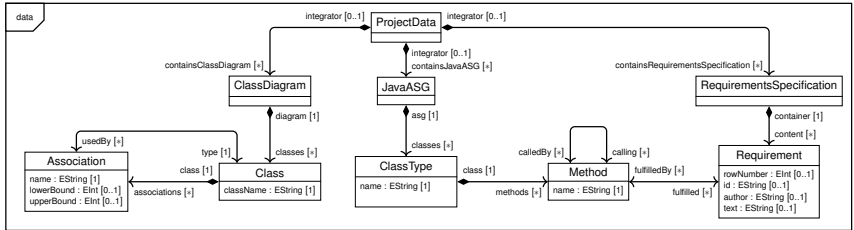
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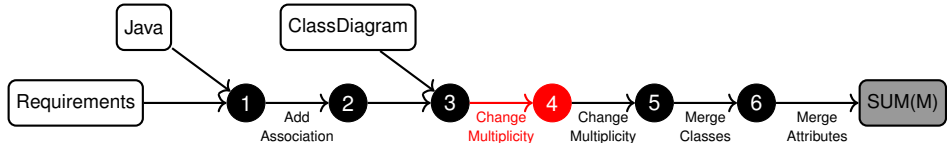
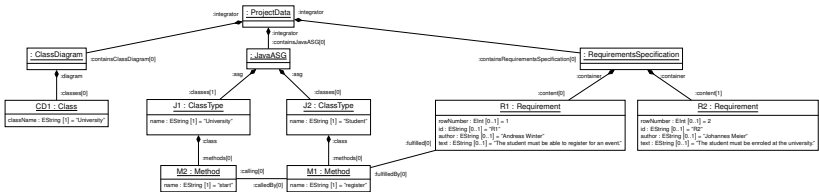
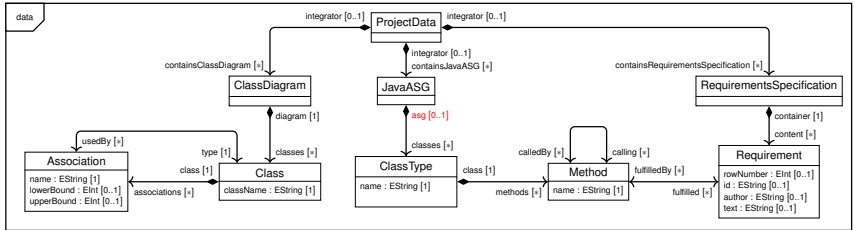
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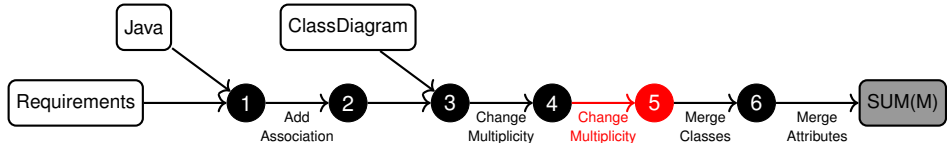
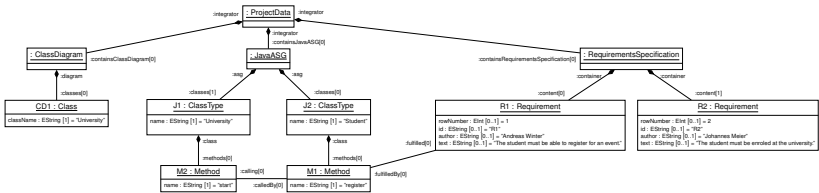
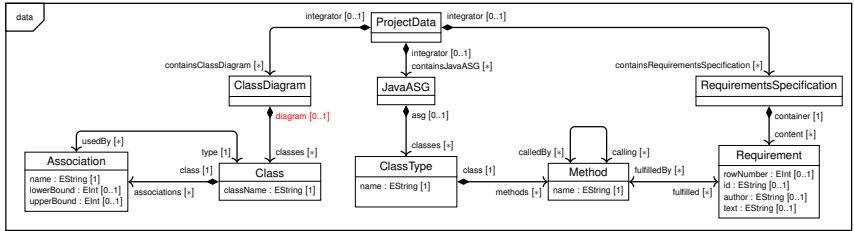
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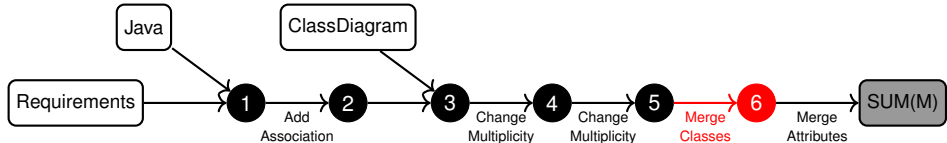
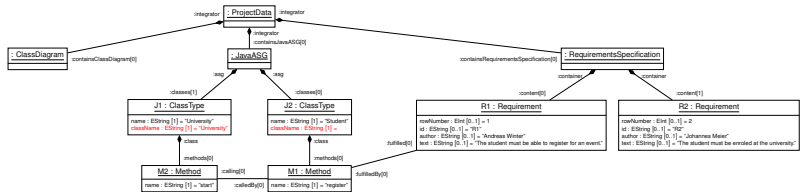
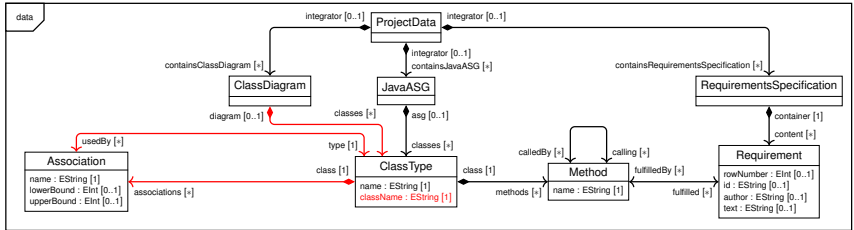
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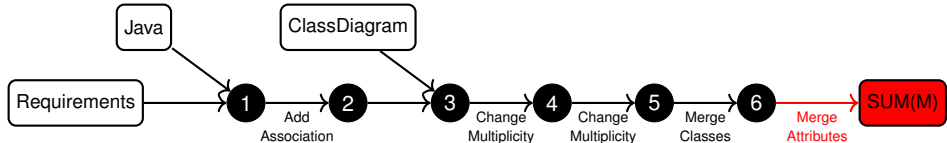
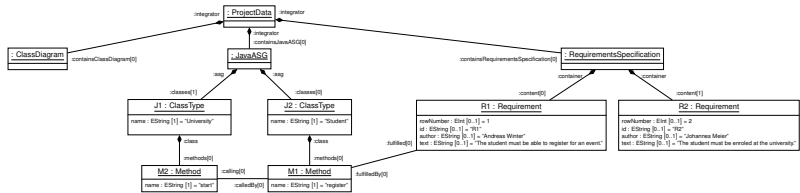
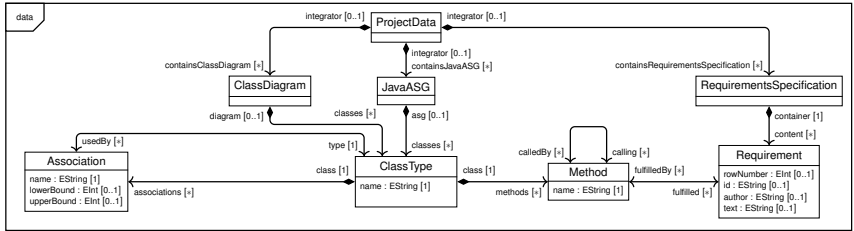
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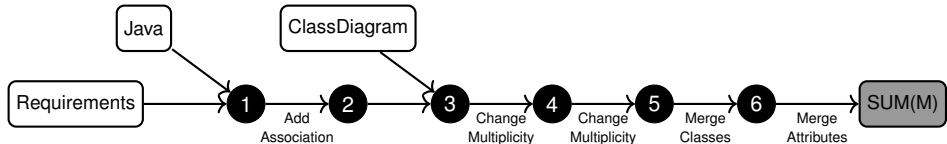
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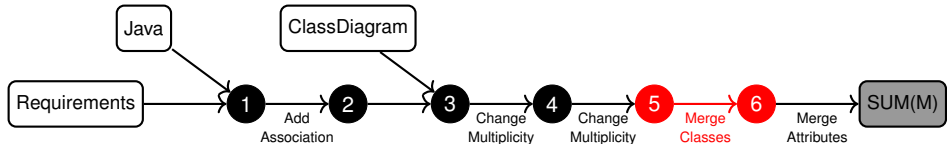
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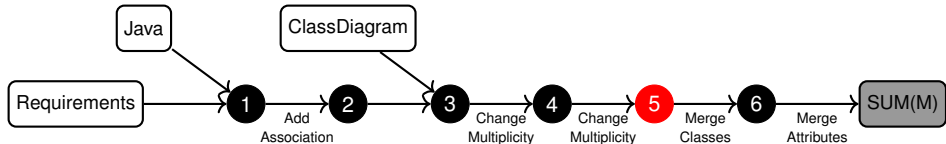
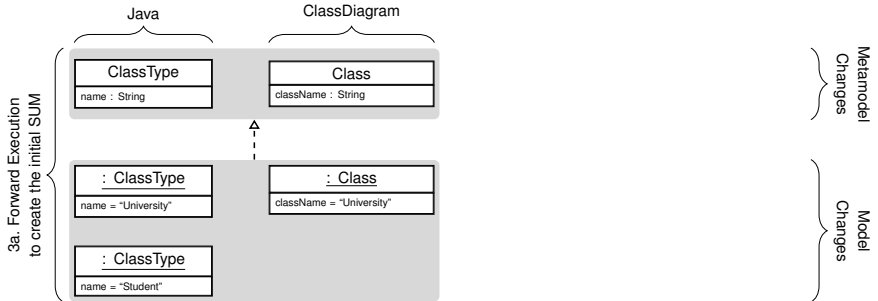
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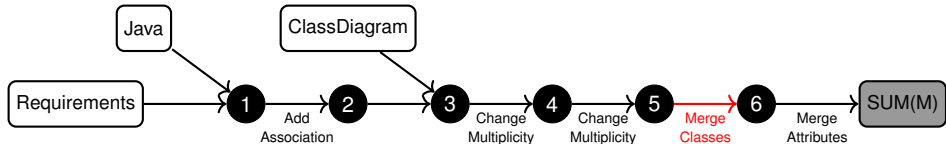
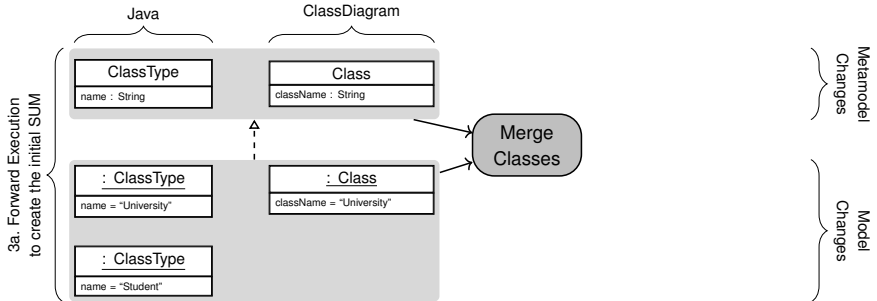
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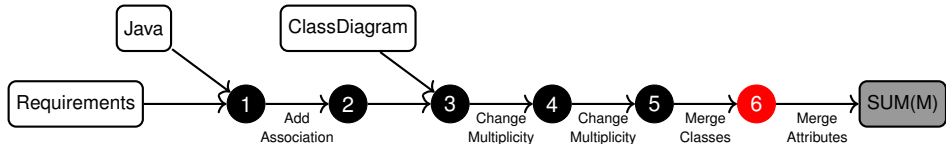
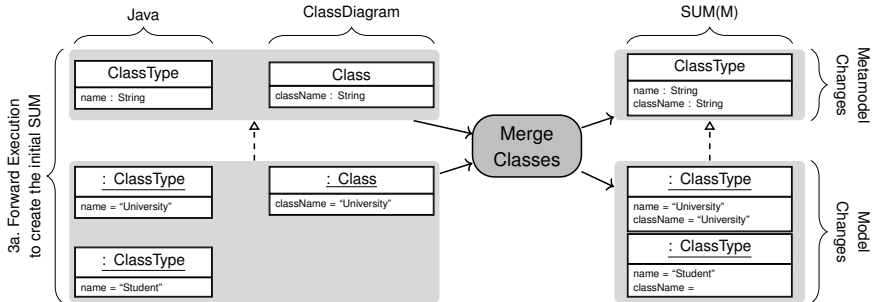
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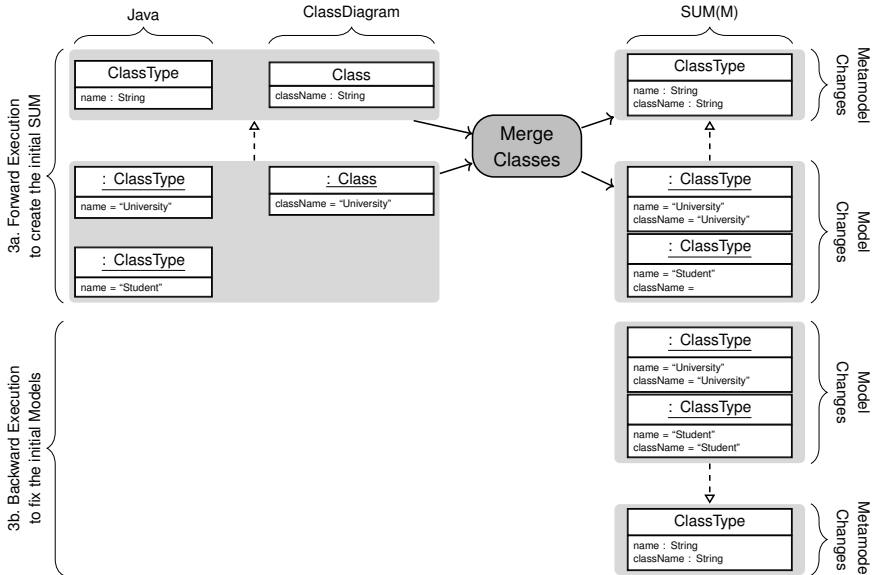
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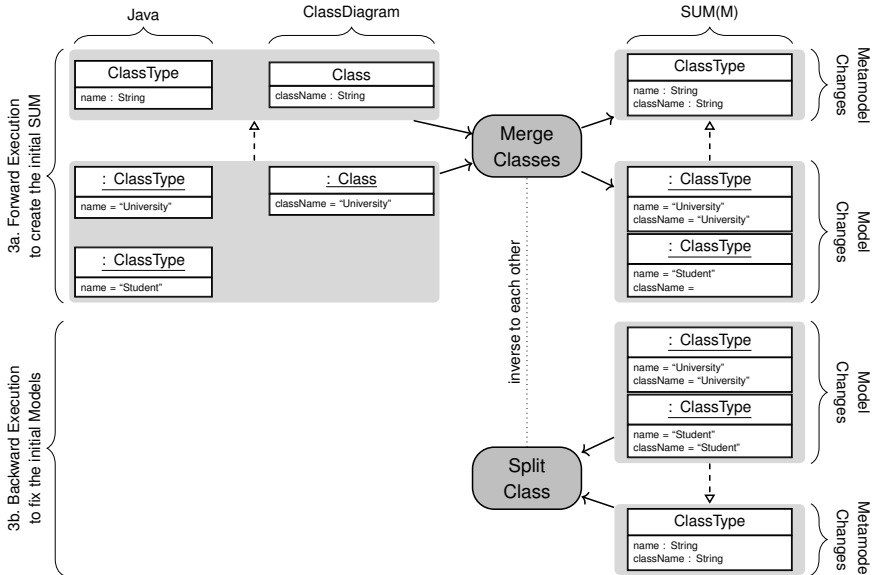
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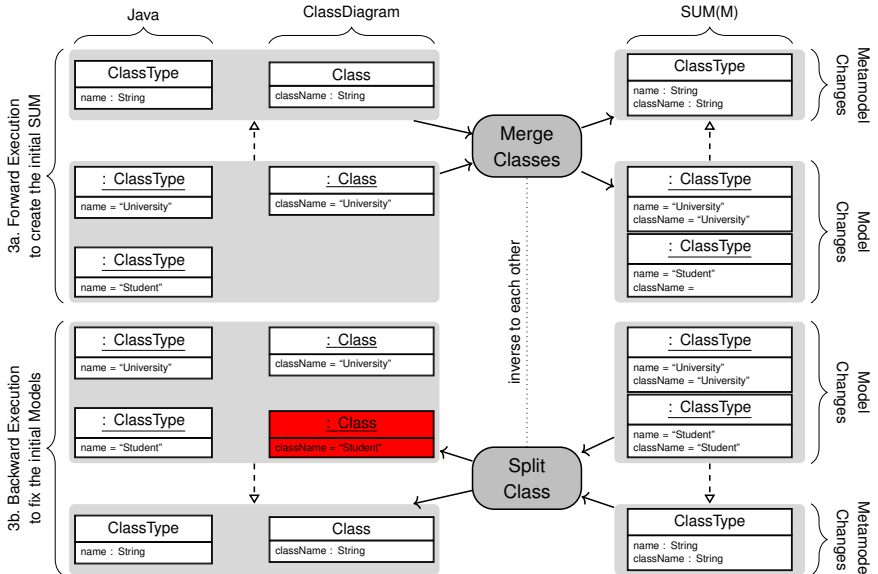
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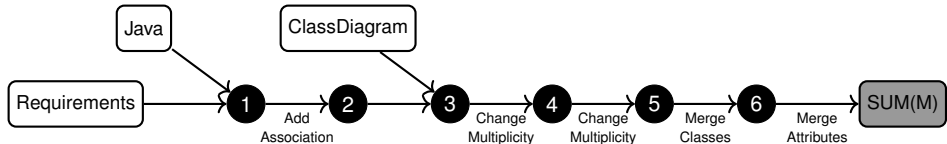
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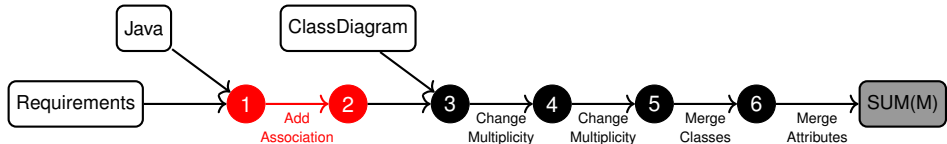
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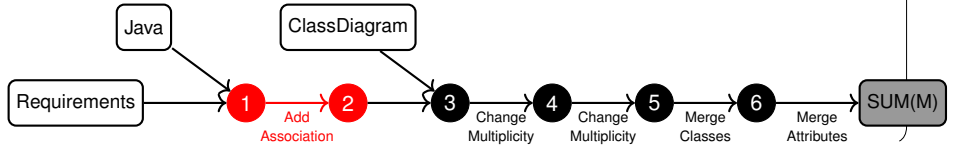
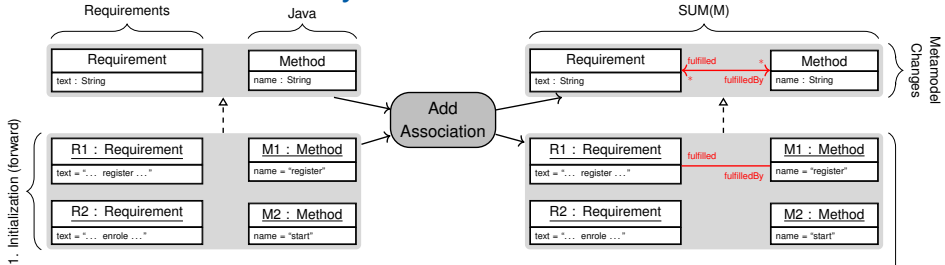
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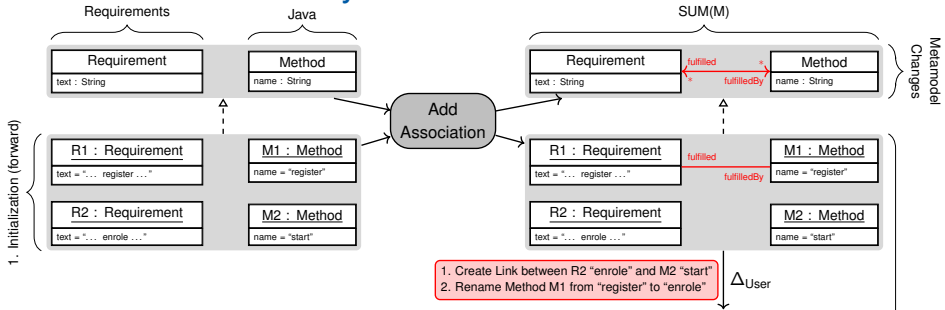
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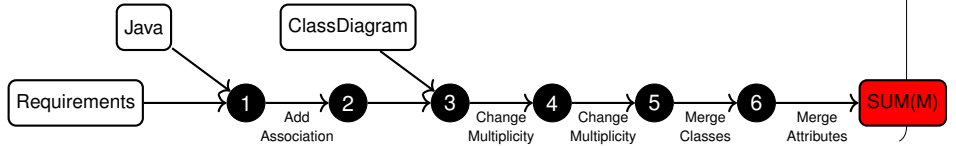
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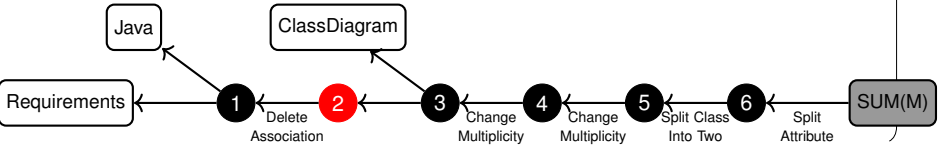
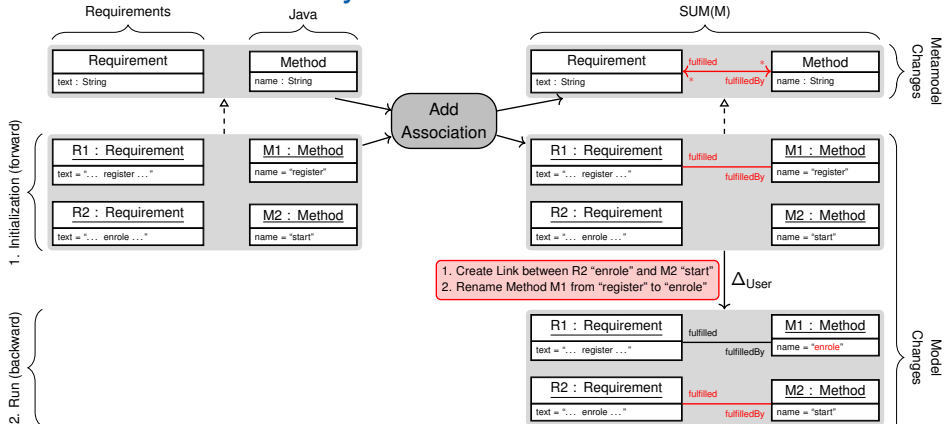
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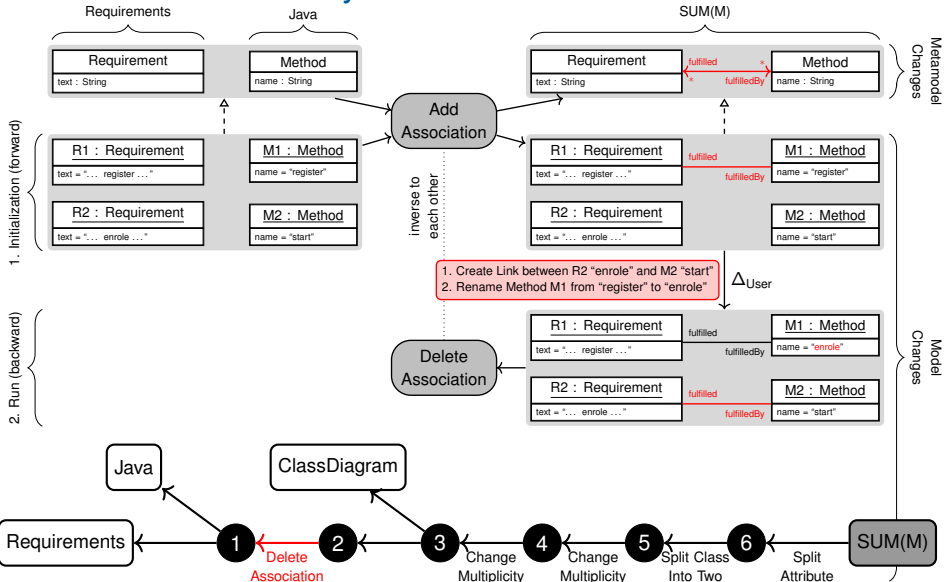
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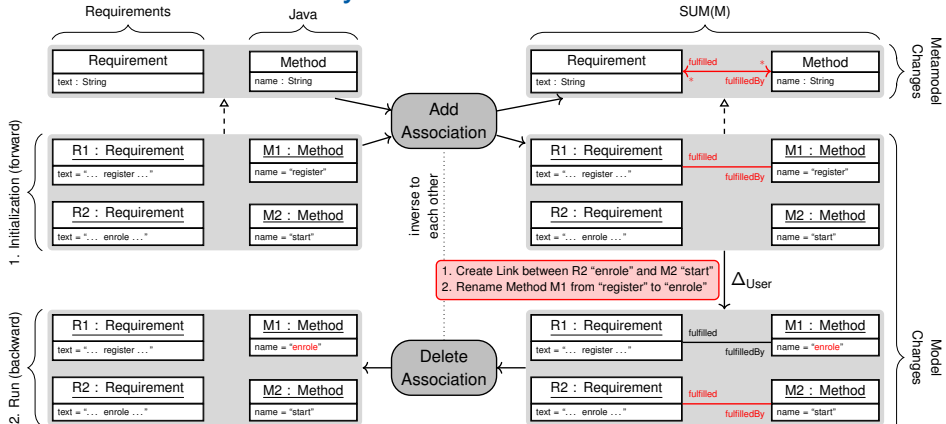
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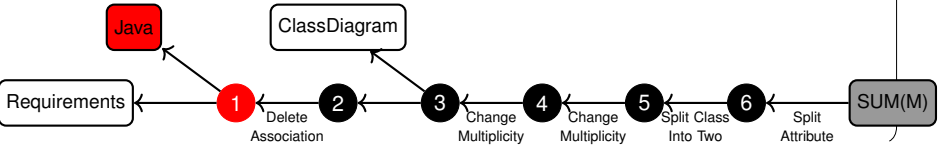


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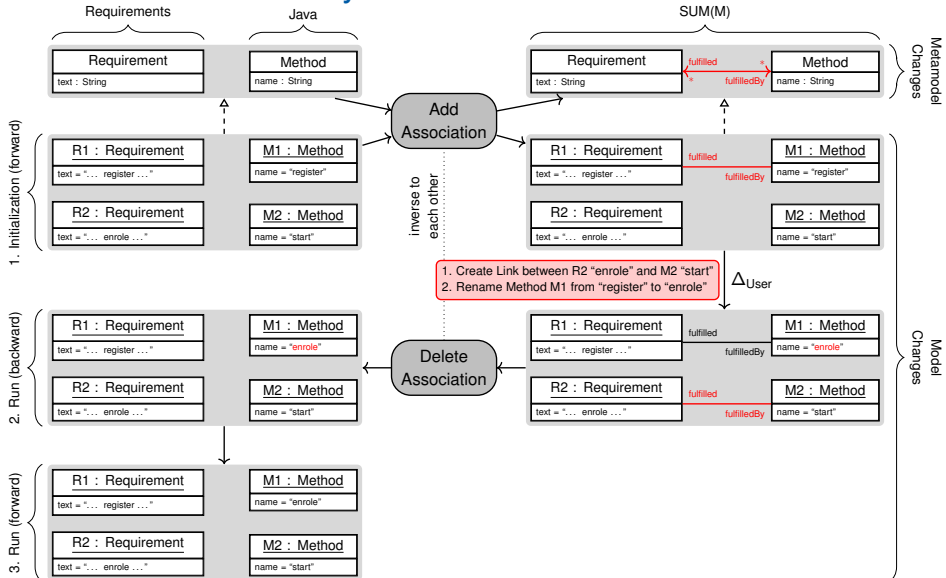


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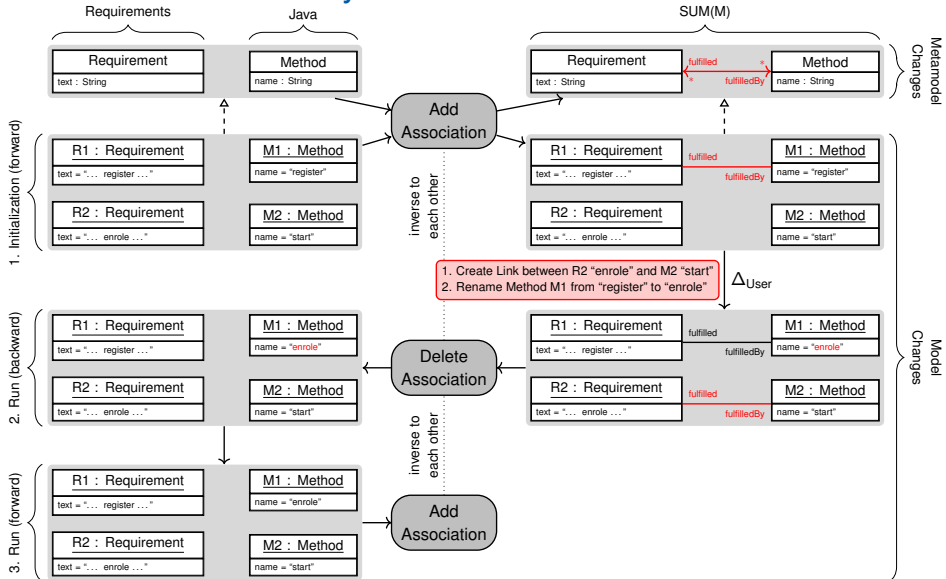
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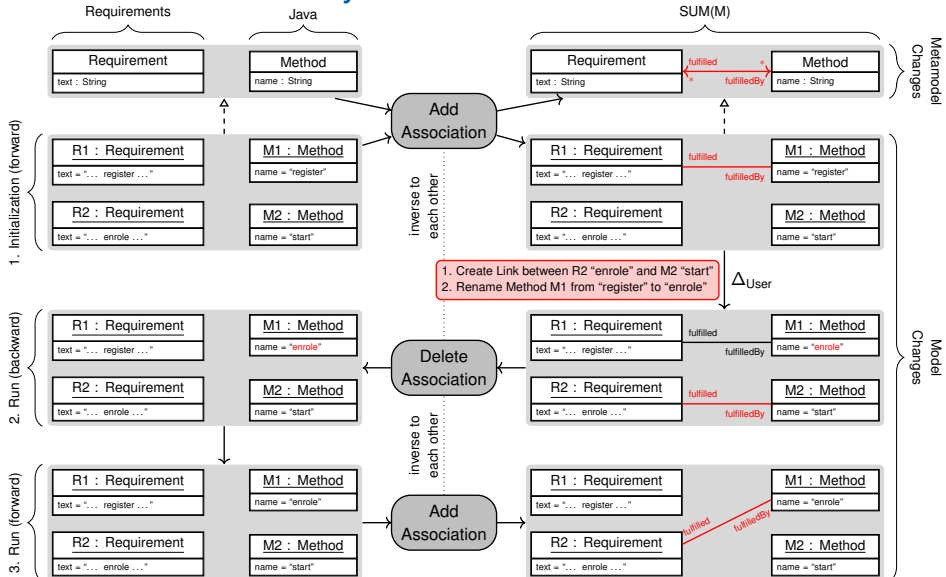
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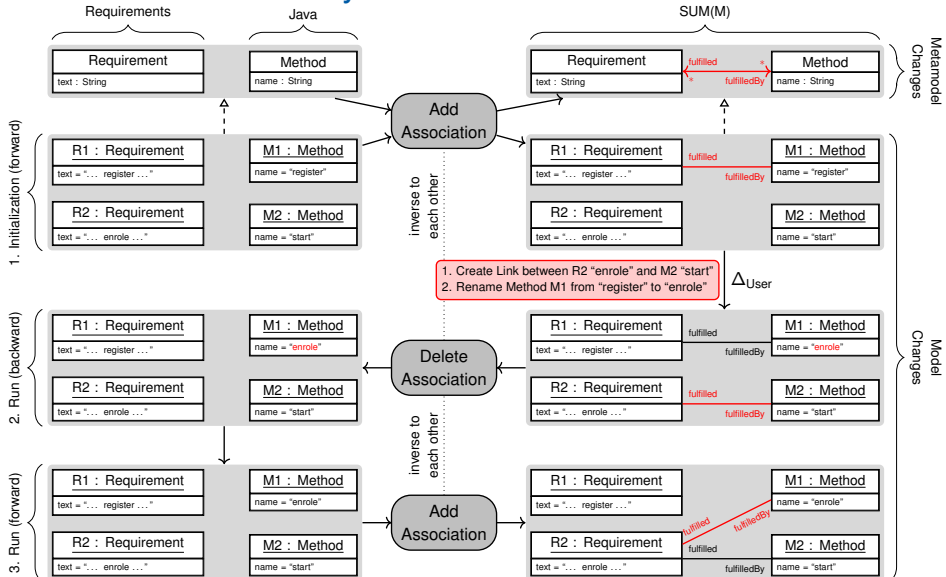
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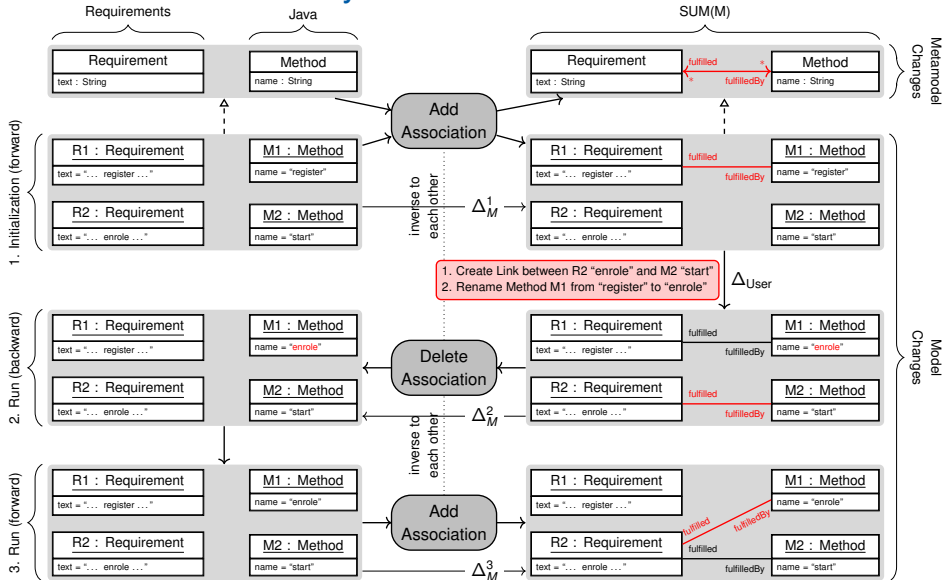
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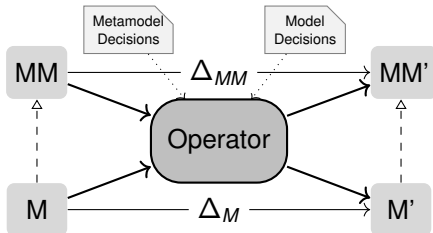
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Operators: Summary

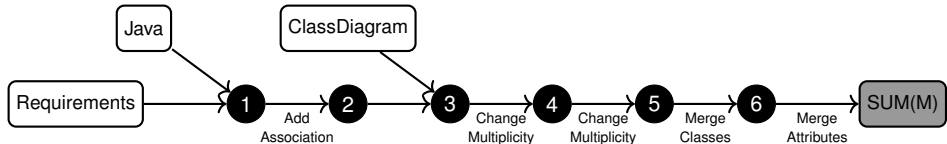


- **Metamodel Change Δ_{MM} :**
small Change in the Metamodel
- **Model Change Δ_M :**
handle Model-Co-Evolution (Coupled Operators [HVW11])
- Configurations by the Methodologist:
 - ▶ **Metamodel Decisions:** set Properties for wanted Metamodel Changes
 - ▶ **Model Decisions:** describe Model Changes for Consistency Rules
- **Bi-Directionality only for MM:** combine with inverse Operator
- currently 20 Operators implemented

Summary

Operator-based bottom-up SUM-Approach for Model Consistency:

- Methodologist configures arbitrary, but stable Chain of configured Operators (once)
- User applies Changes and Model Consistency is ensured automatically by executing the Operator Chain
- → separated Models are migrated to projectional Views on the SUM



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