# Inductive Program Synthesis for Bidirectional Transformations 

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[Foster et al., ACM TOPLAS'07, ...]

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Bidirectionalization
[Matsuda et al., ICFP'07], [V., POPL'09], ..

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- a new operator for introducing accumulating parameters
- some reduction of search space


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