

A functional solver for word equations with regular constraints

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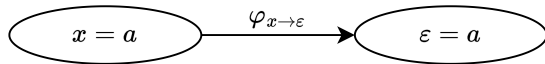
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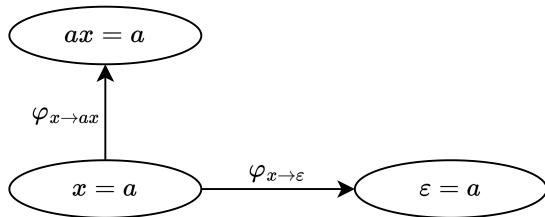
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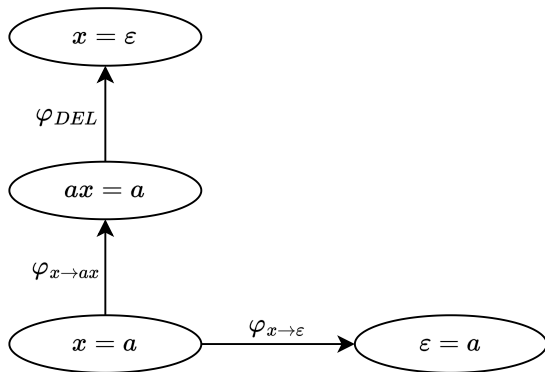
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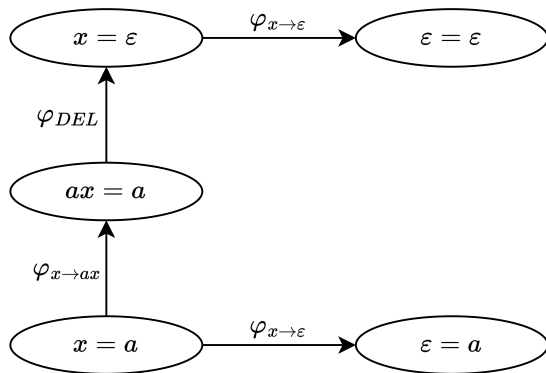
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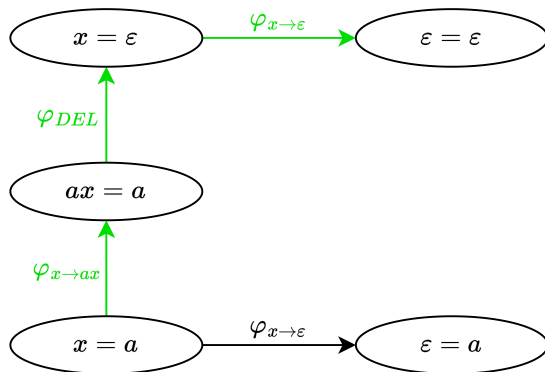
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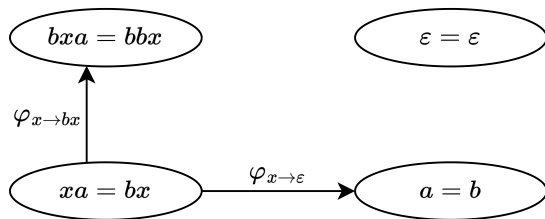
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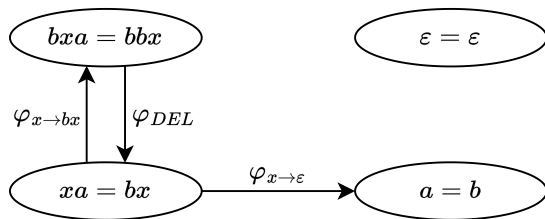
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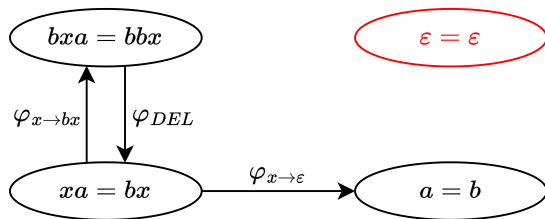
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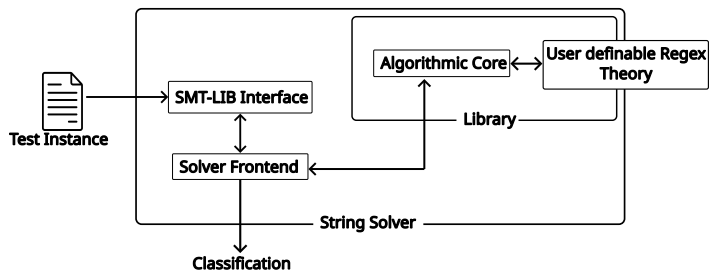
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  satisfiable :: r -> Bool

nielsen :: RegexTheory r => Equation r -> Bool
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Solvers

Solver	Version	State of the art	Can solve regex	Combined solving
CVC4	1.8	✓	✓	✗
CVC5	1.0.3	✓	✓	✗
Z3Seq	4.8.10	✓	✓	✗
Z3str3	4.8.10	✓	✓	✗
woorpje	spin22	✗	✓	✗
woorpje-levi	spin22	✗	✗	✗
noodler	f752e79	✗	✓	✓
nielsen-transformation	0.1.0	✗	✓	✓

Results

benchmarkset-1

Solver	Satis	NSatis	Unknown	Timeout	Errors	Total Time	Total Time w/o Timeout
CVC4	747	1400	0	0	0	240297	240297
CVC5	747	1400	0	0	0	247331	247331
Z3seq	748	1398	0	1	55	865382	845382
Z3str3	748	1398	0	1	55	950974	930974
woorpje	393	643	684	427	126	13319883	4779883
noodler	243	824	637	443	0	27816800	18956584
nielsen-transformation	747	1398	0	2	0	251808	211808

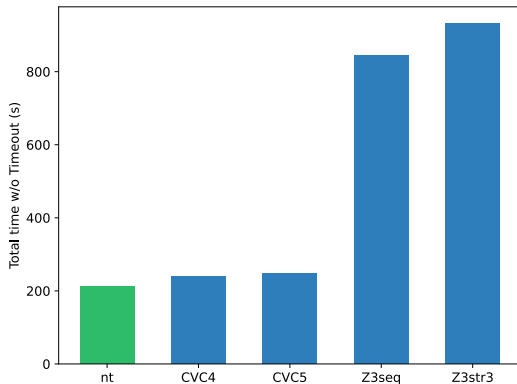
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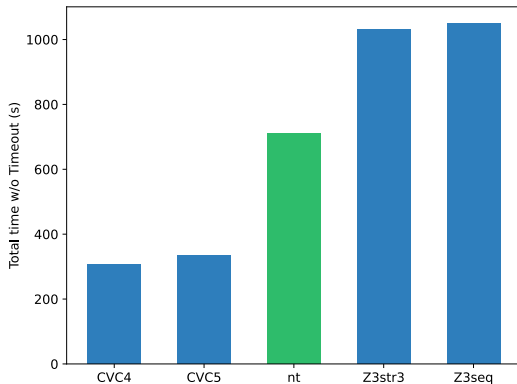
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CVC4	1055	1491	0	1	0	326543	306543
CVC5	1055	1491	0	1	0	354380	334380
Z3seq	1045	1409	0	93	55	2908422	1048422
Z3str3	1057	1408	5	77	55	2571637	1031637
woorpje	693	651	695	508	127	15410164	5250164
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Z3seq	297	11	0	92	0	2085124	245124
Z3str3	309	10	5	76	0	1643121	123121
woorpje	299	4	8	89	0	2464010	684010
woorpje-levis	300	90	9	1	1	206817	186817
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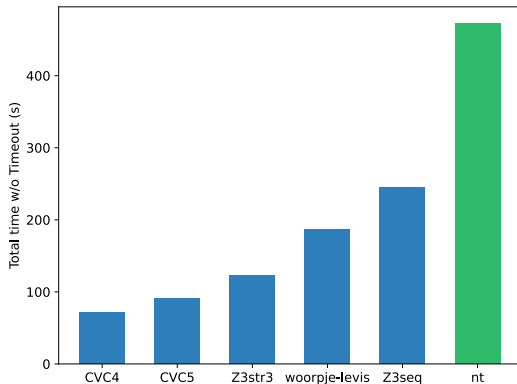
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