

Symmetries in Predicate Formulas

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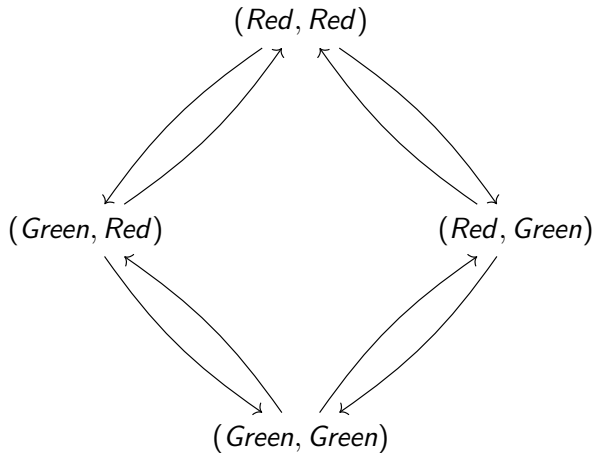
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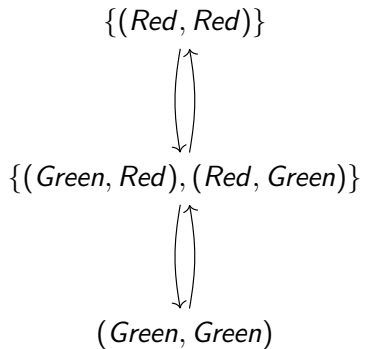


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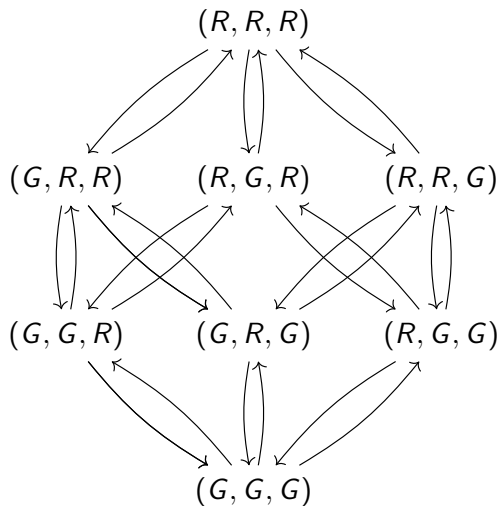


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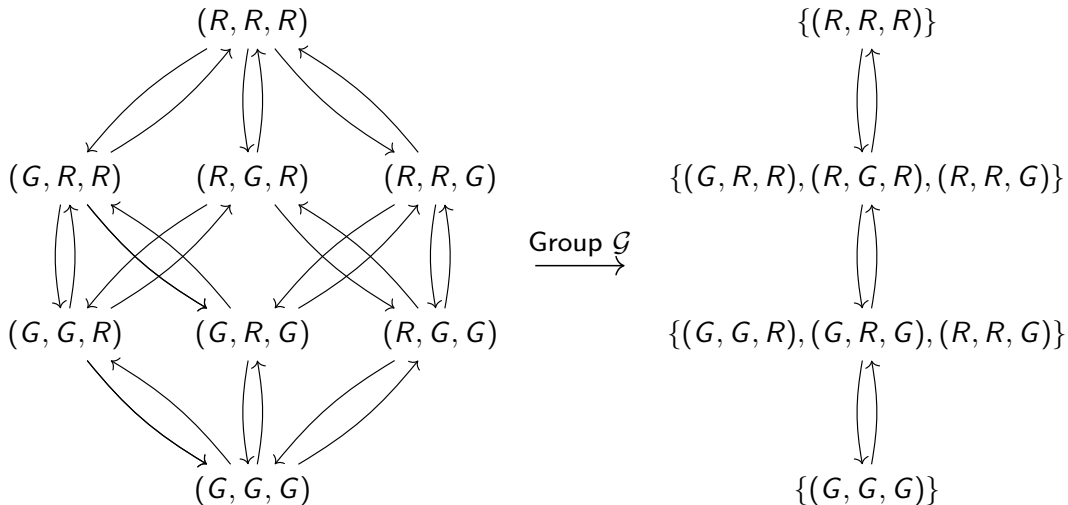
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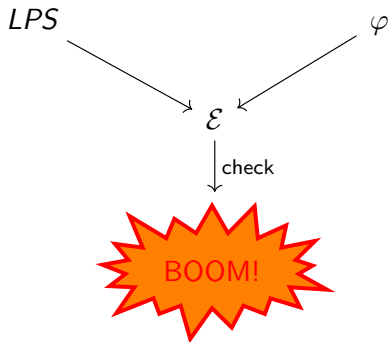


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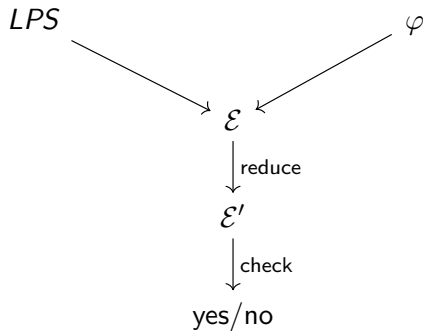
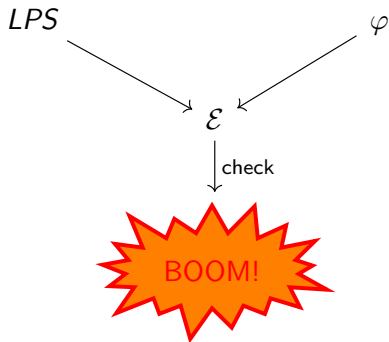


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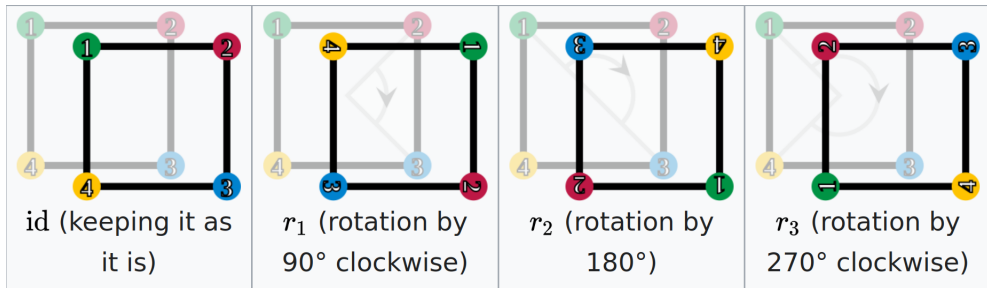
A *group* is a pair (\mathcal{G}, \circ) consisting of a non-empty set \mathcal{G} and a binary operator $\circ: \mathcal{G} \times \mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{G}$ such that for any $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathcal{G}$ we have

- $\alpha \circ (\beta \circ \gamma) = (\alpha \circ \beta) \circ \gamma$ (Associativity)
- $\alpha \circ \text{id} = \alpha = \text{id} \circ \alpha$ (Identity element)
- $\alpha \circ \alpha^{-1} = \text{id} = \alpha^{-1} \circ \alpha$ (Inverse element)

The pair $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ forms a group as for any $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$, the identity element is 0 and for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have inverse $-a$.

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The pair (D_4, \circ) where $D_4 = \{id, r_1, r_2, r_3\}$ and for any $a, b \in D_4$, $a \circ b$ is defined by composition, forms a group.



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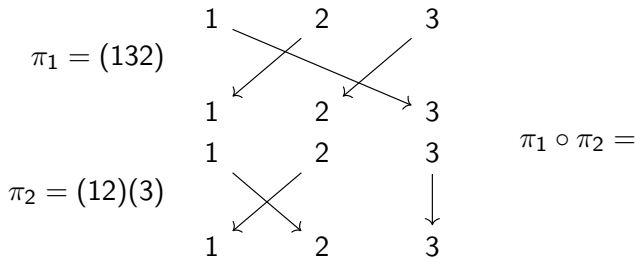
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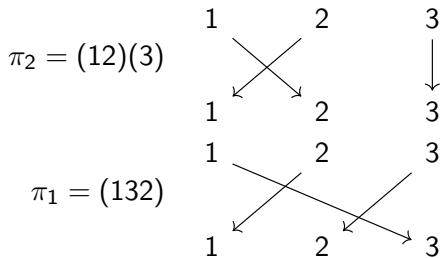


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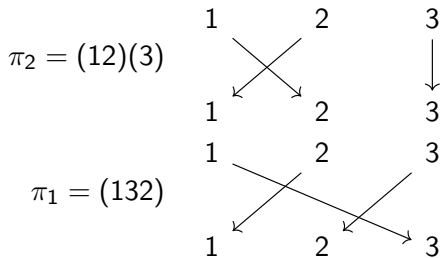
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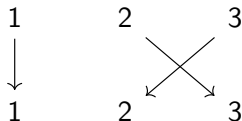


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The set of all predicate formulas is denoted as Φ . We assume a set of parameters $P = \{d_1, \dots, d_n\}$ that are never bound.

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Corollary:

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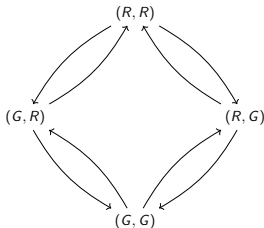
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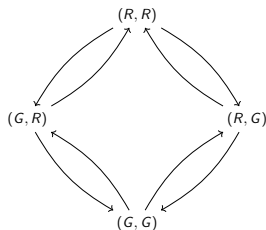
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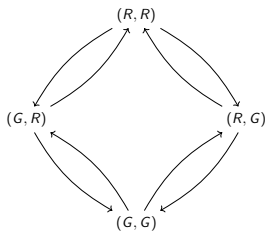
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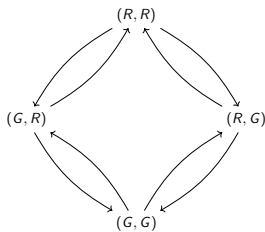
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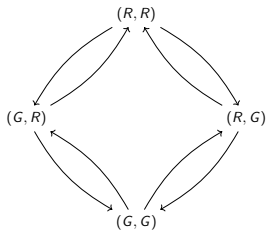
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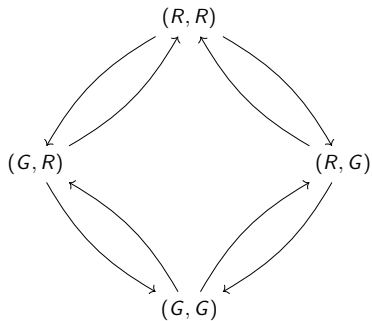
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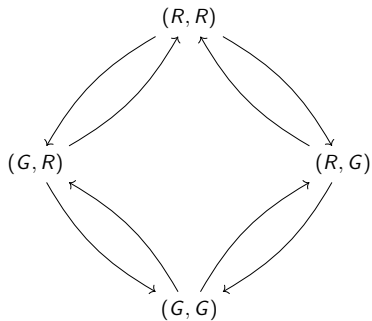
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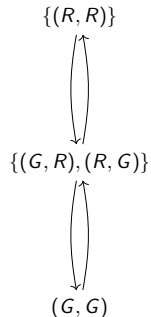


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Theorem

Let \mathcal{E} be a PBES and $\pi \in \text{per}([n])$ be a symmetry for \mathcal{E} . Then for all predicate variables X and values $\bar{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{D}^n$ it holds that

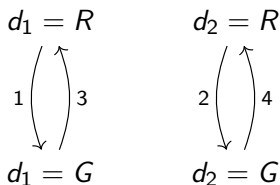
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Future work

- Up until now we have assumed that we have a symmetry
- The next challenge is in finding symmetries, without looking at the solution beforehand.
- We aim to achieve this with the use of control flow parameters



- Implement the use of symmetries

Thanks!

Multiple Equations

$$\begin{aligned}\nu X(d_1 : D, d_2 : D) &= (d_1 = G) \Rightarrow Y(R, d_2) \wedge \\ &\quad (d_2 = G) \Rightarrow Y(d_1, R) \\ \nu Y(d_1 : D, d_2 : D) &= (d_1 = R) \Rightarrow X(G, d_2) \wedge \\ &\quad (d_2 = R) \Rightarrow X(d_1, G)\end{aligned}$$