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# Just-in-time Learning for Bottom-Up Enumerative Synthesis

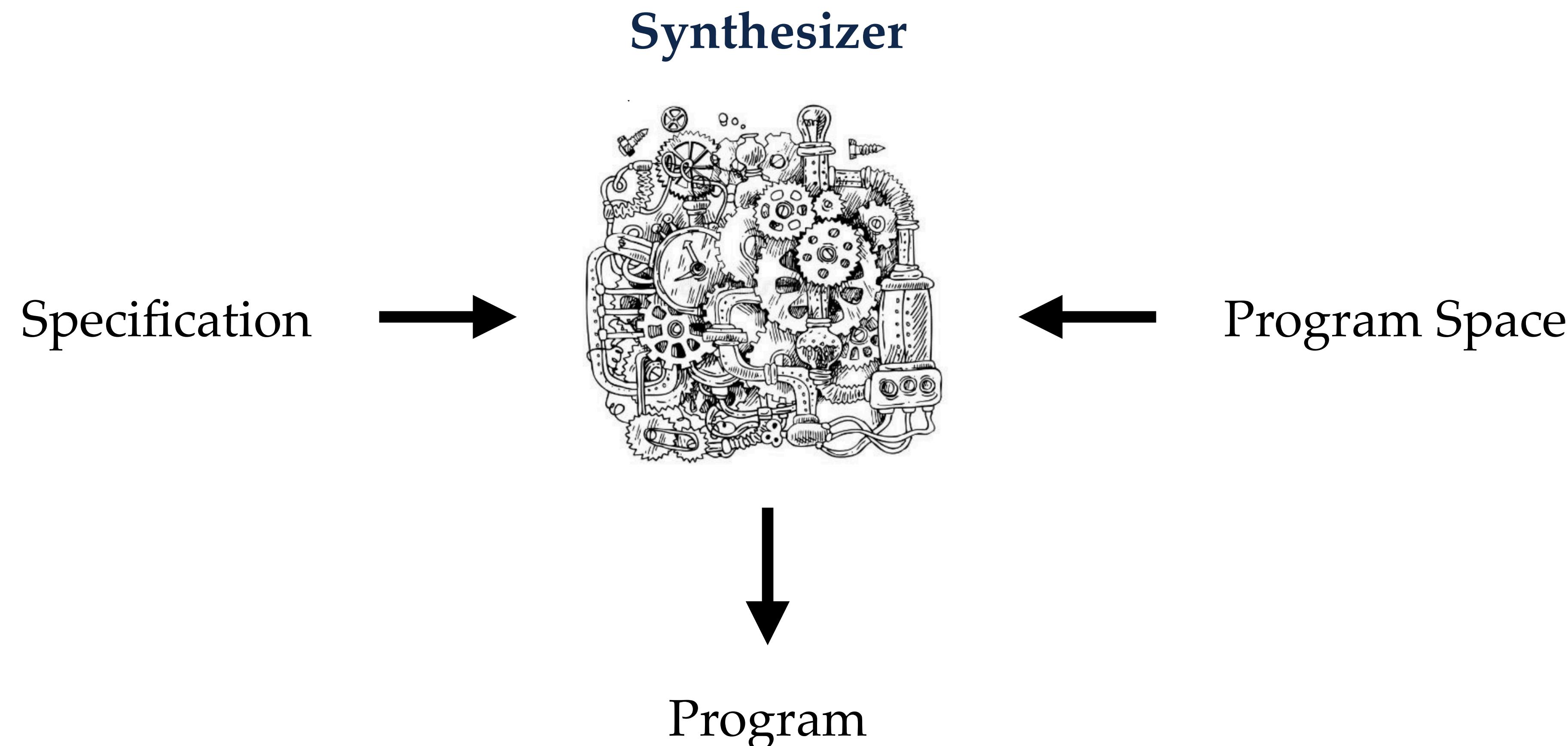
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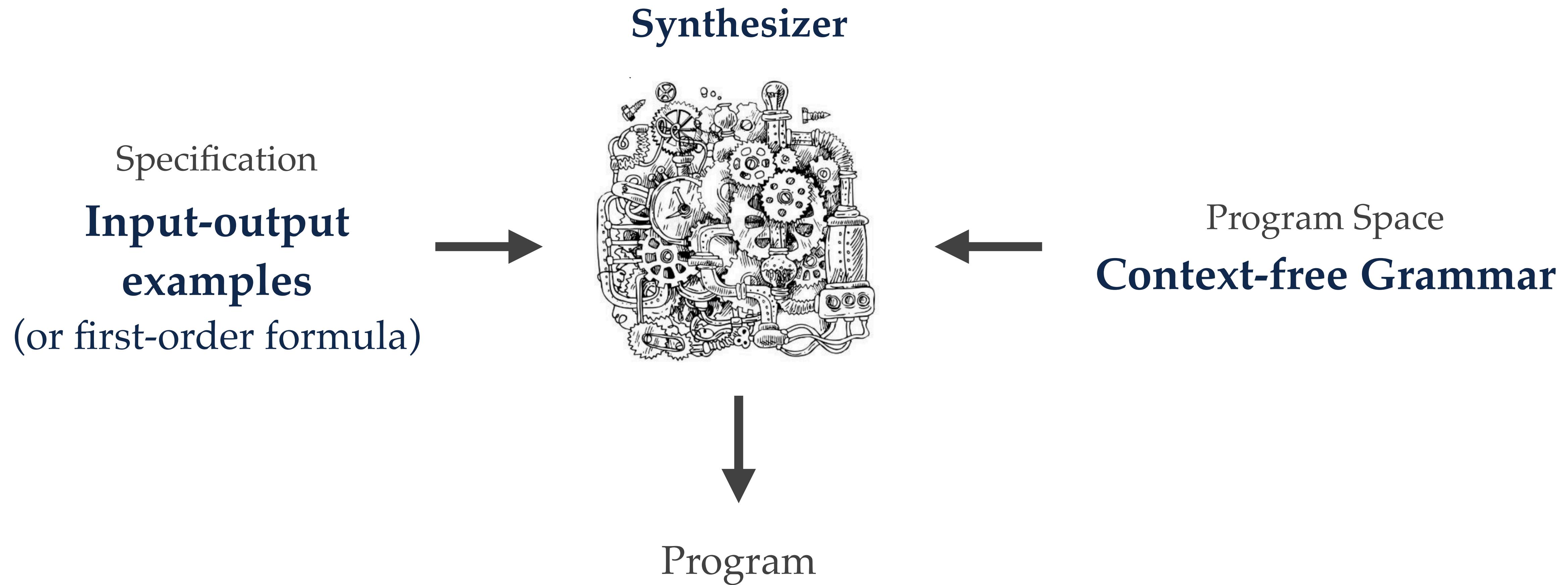
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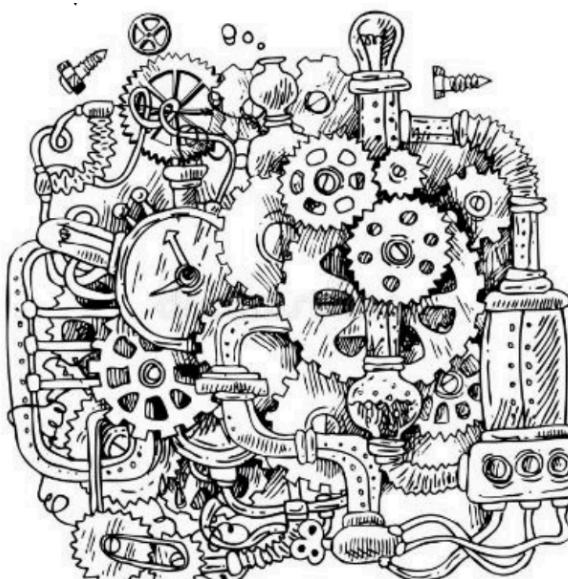
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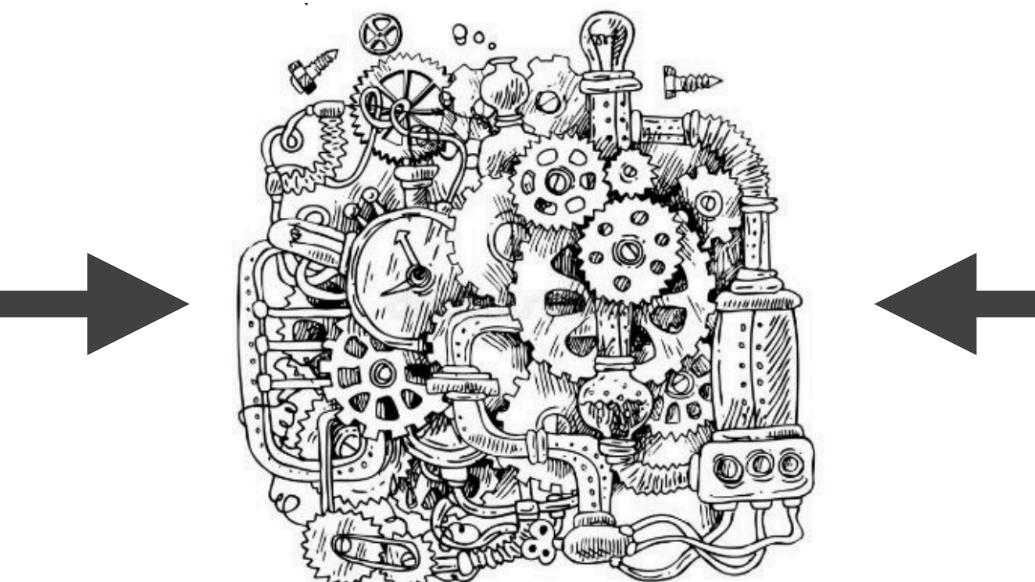
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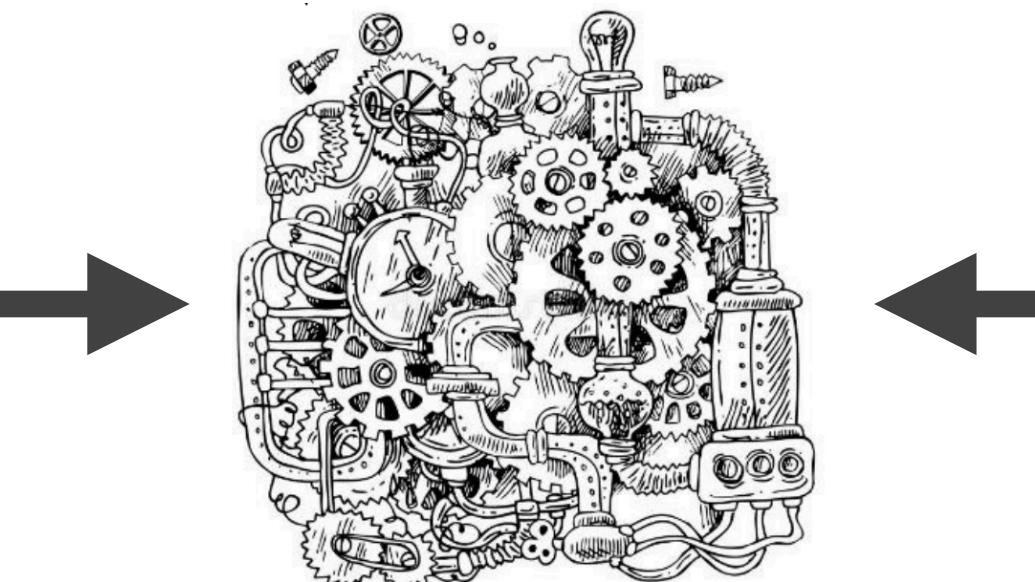
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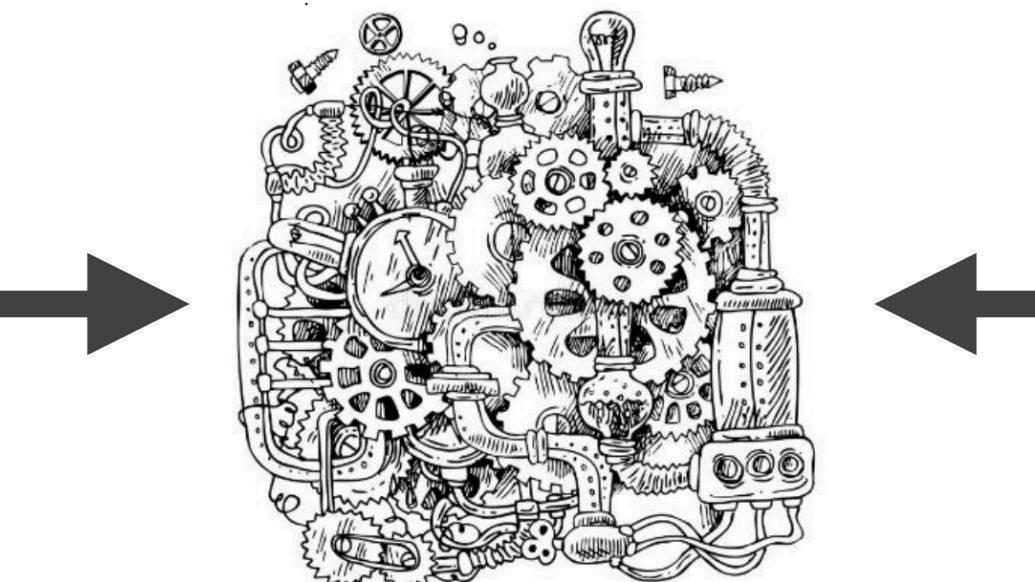
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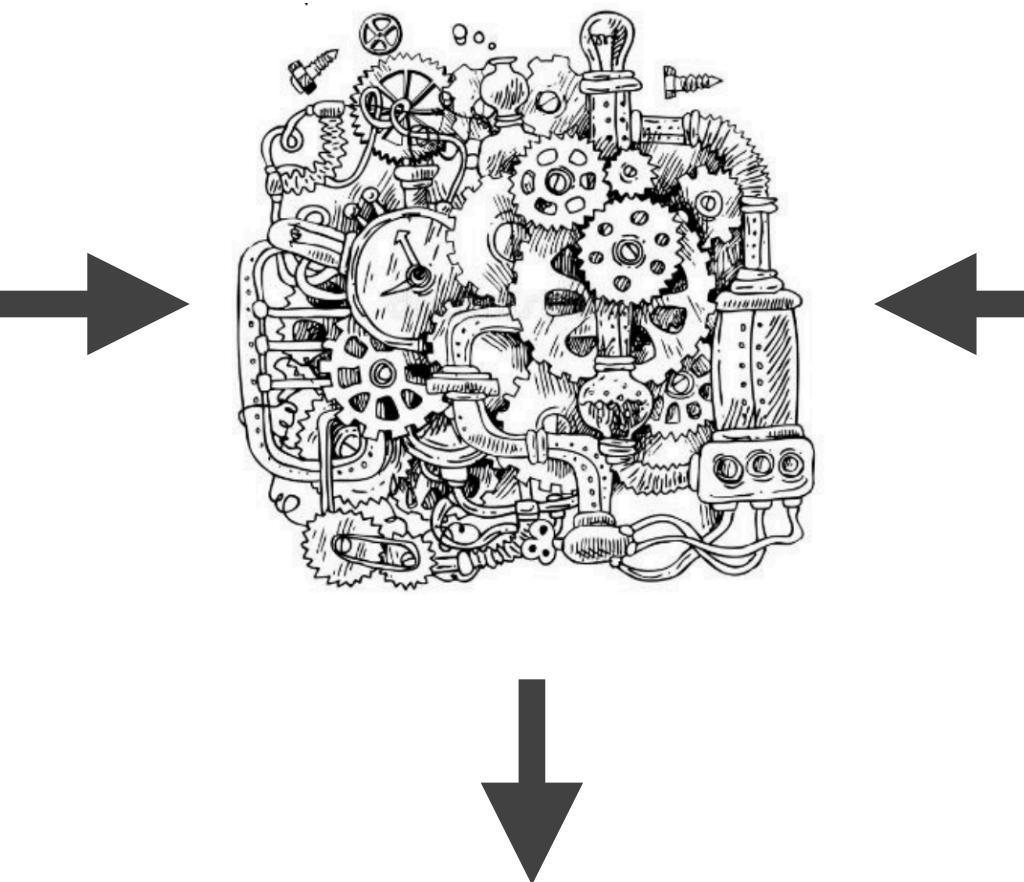
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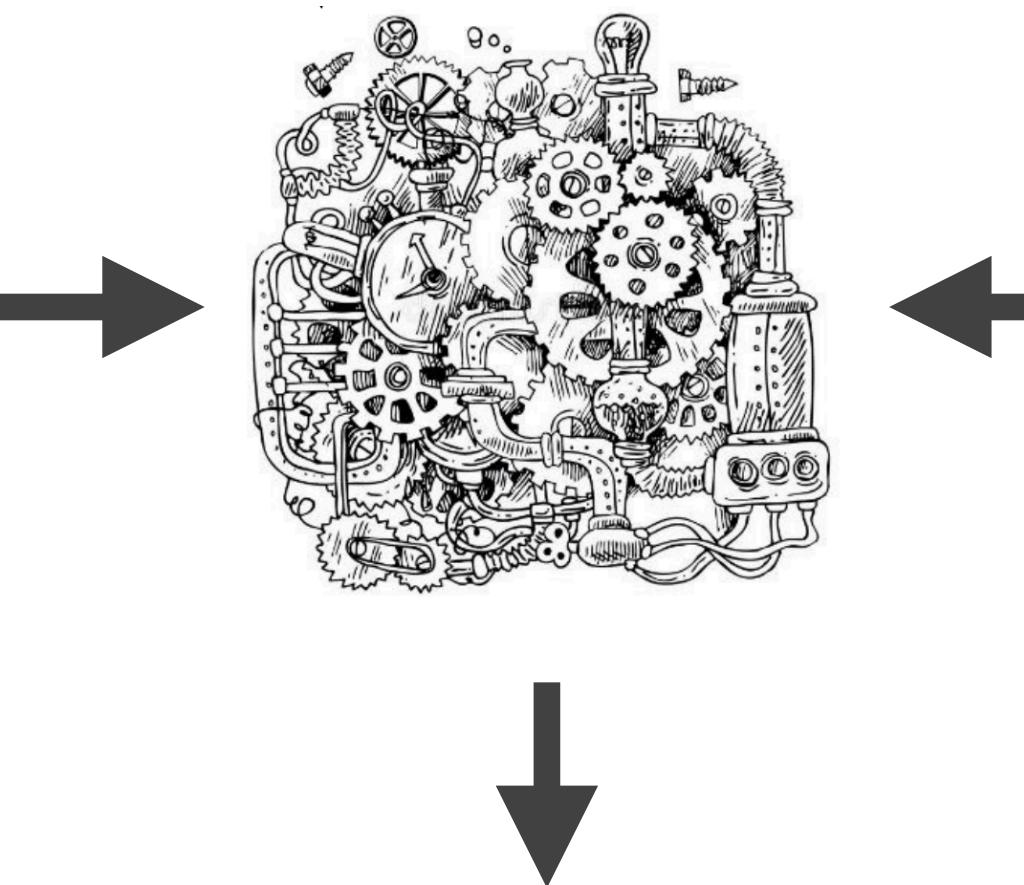
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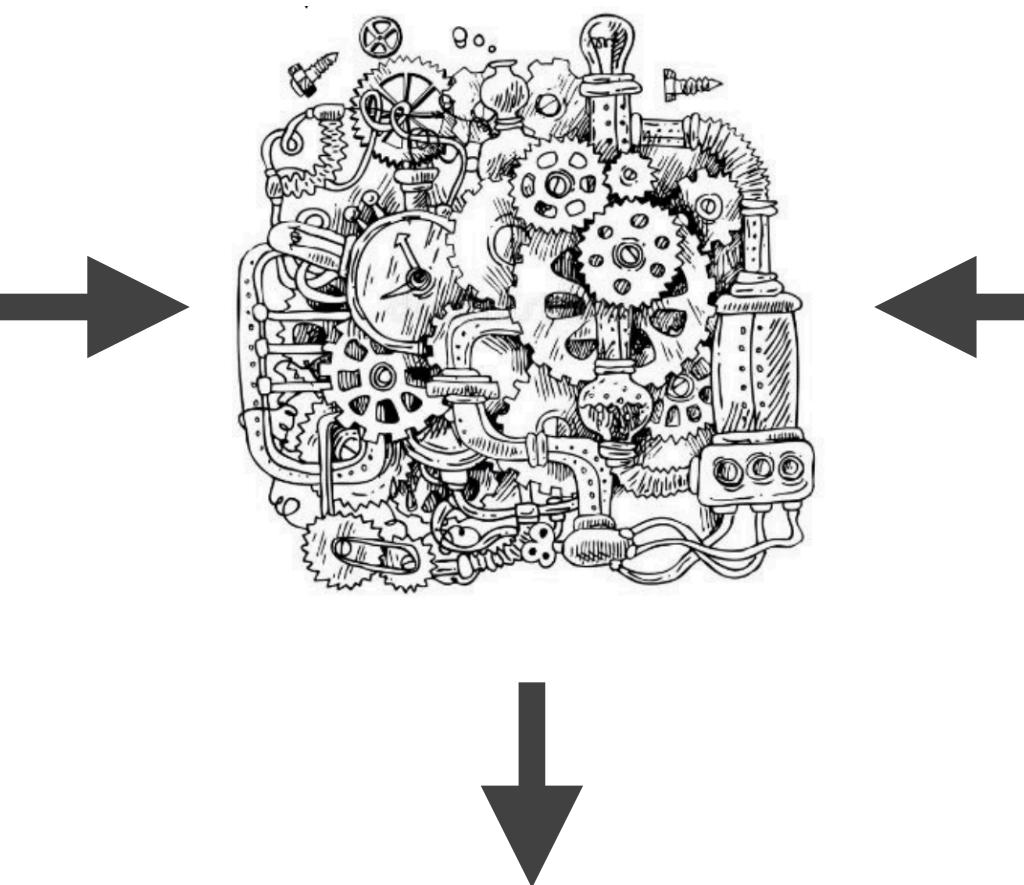
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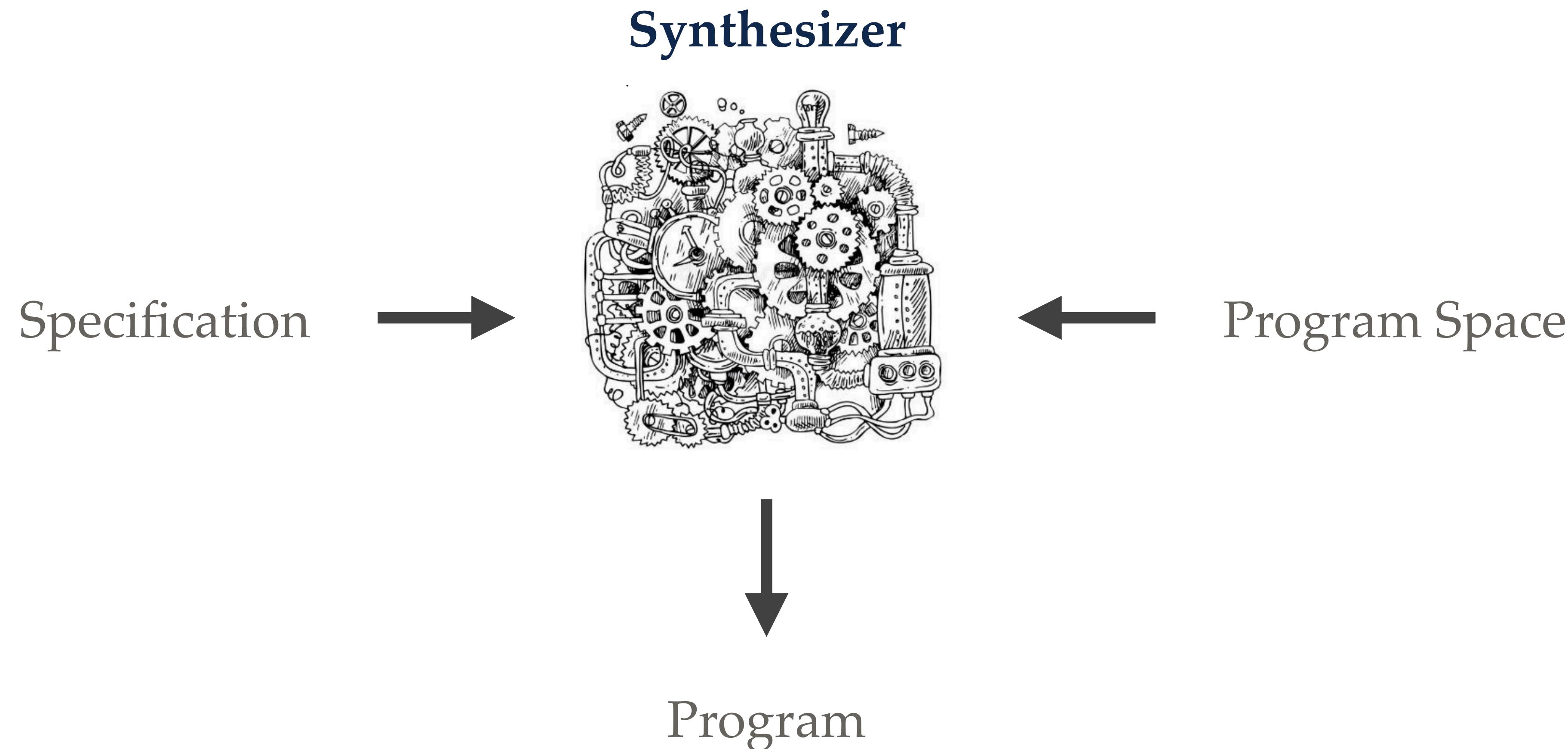
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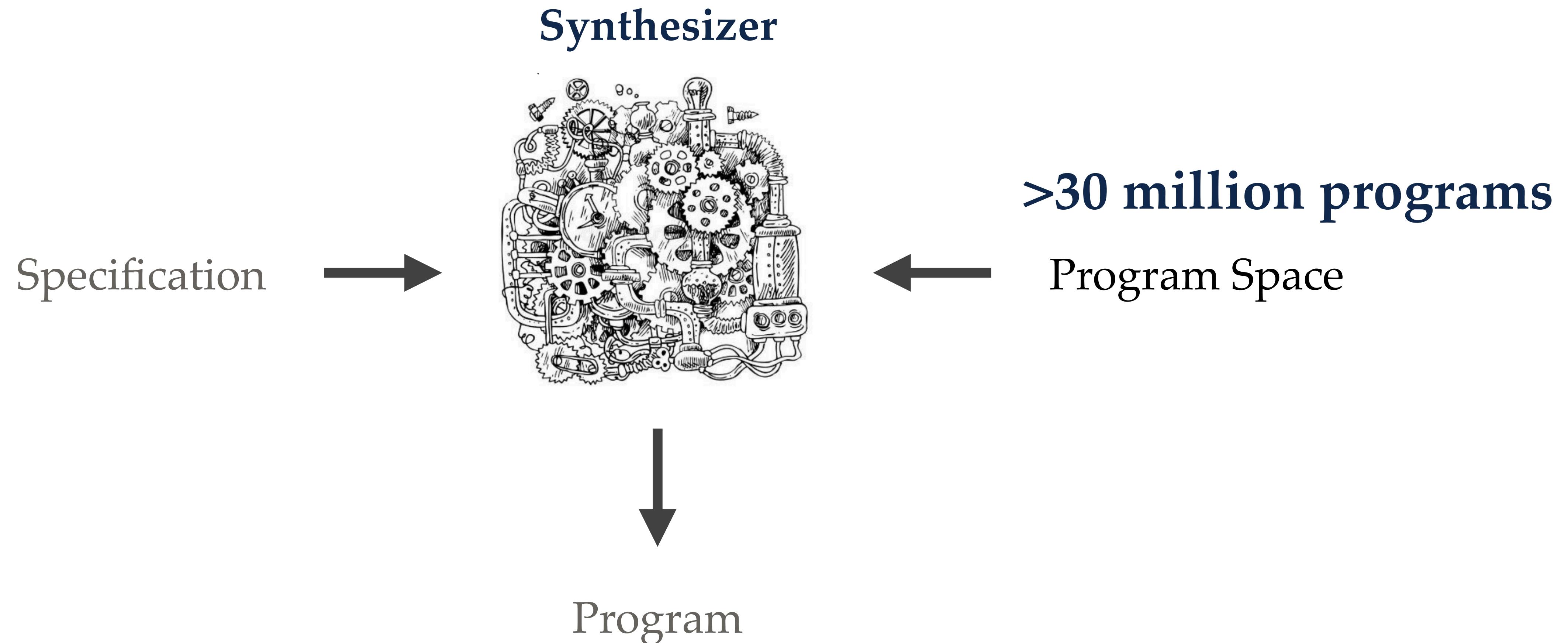
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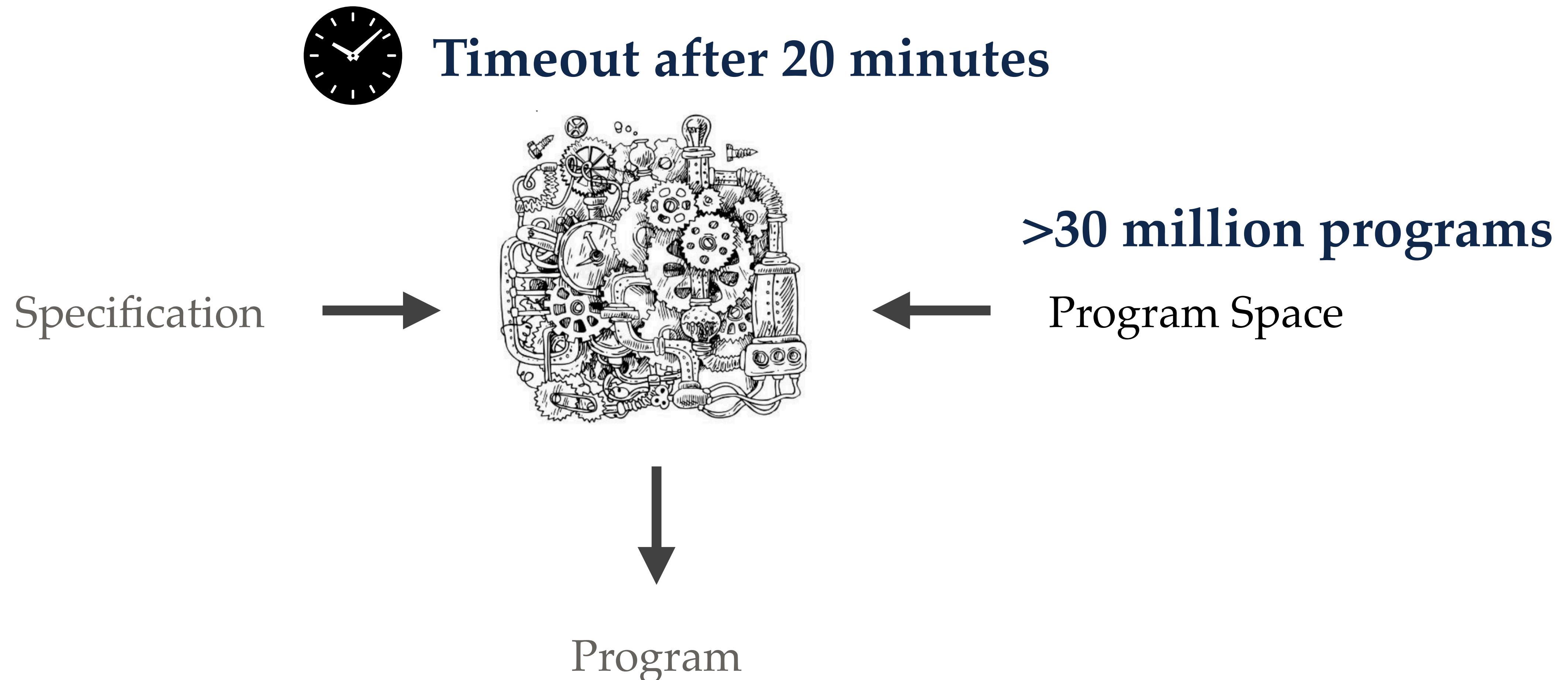
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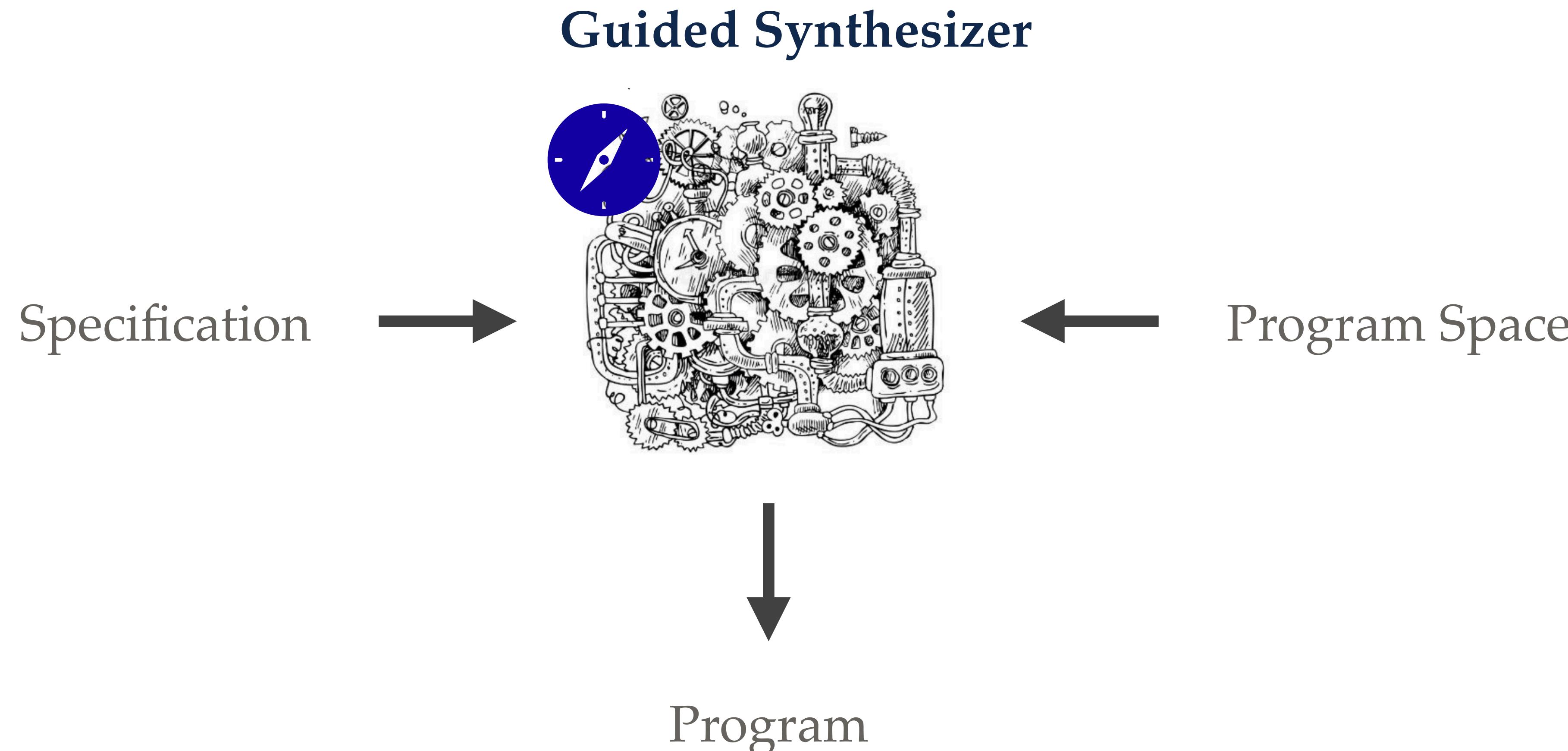
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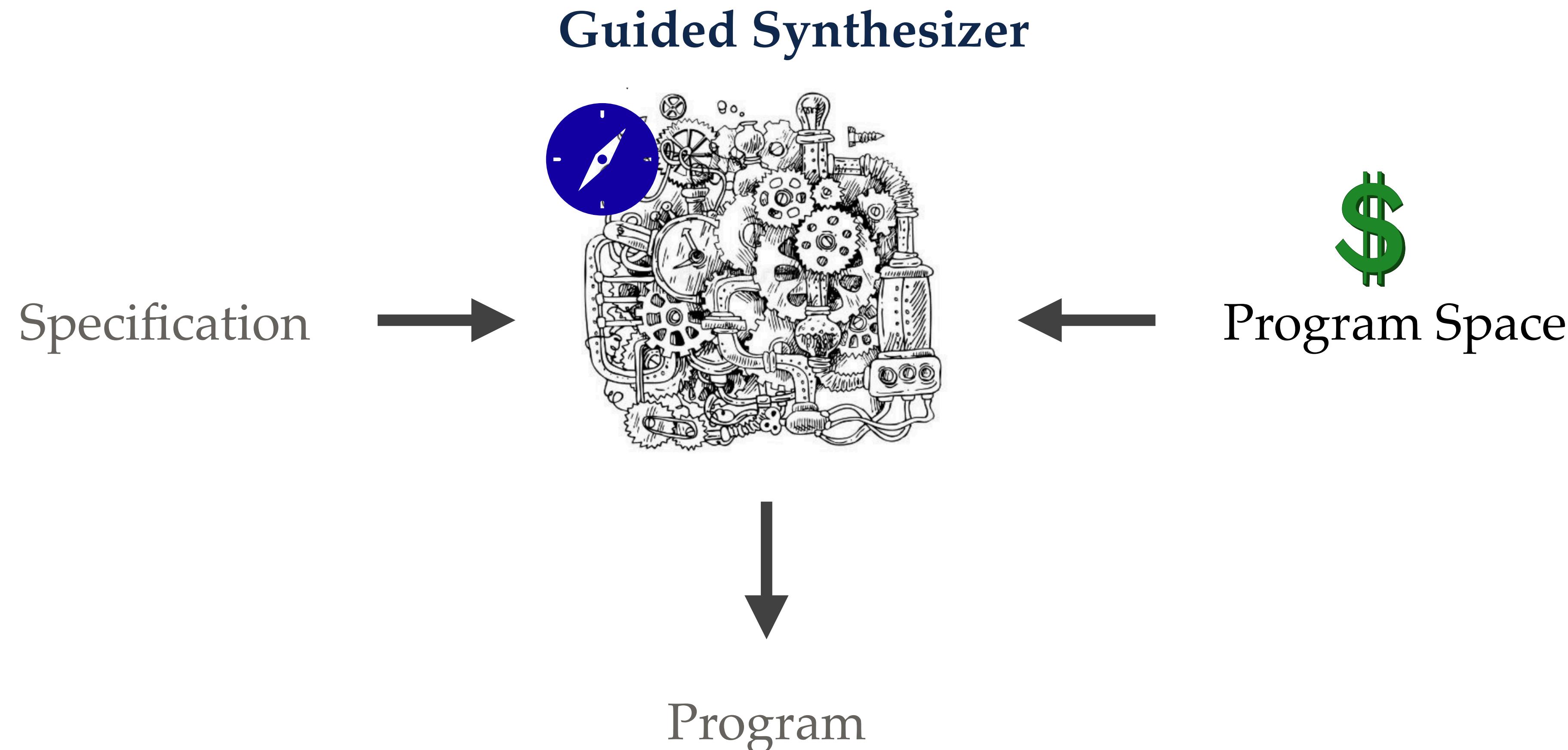
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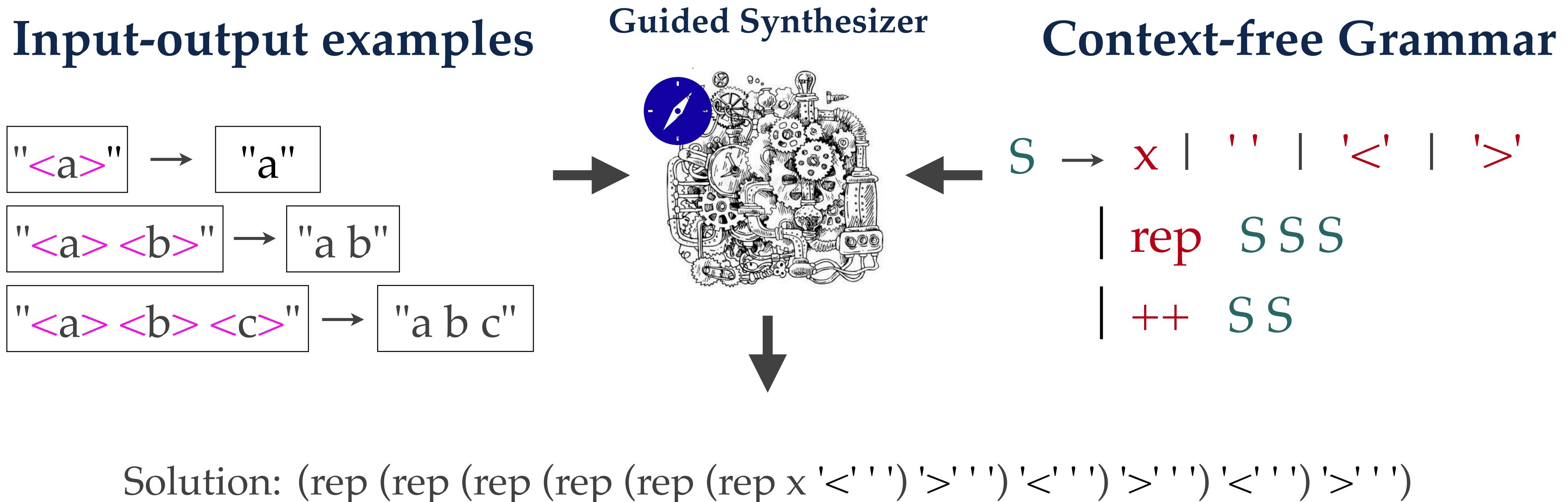
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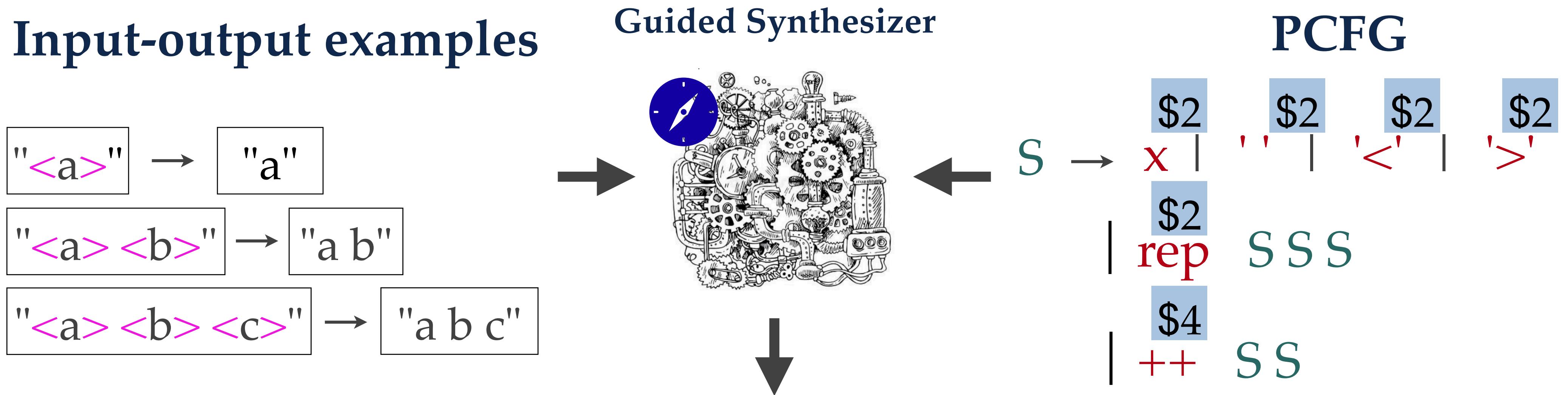
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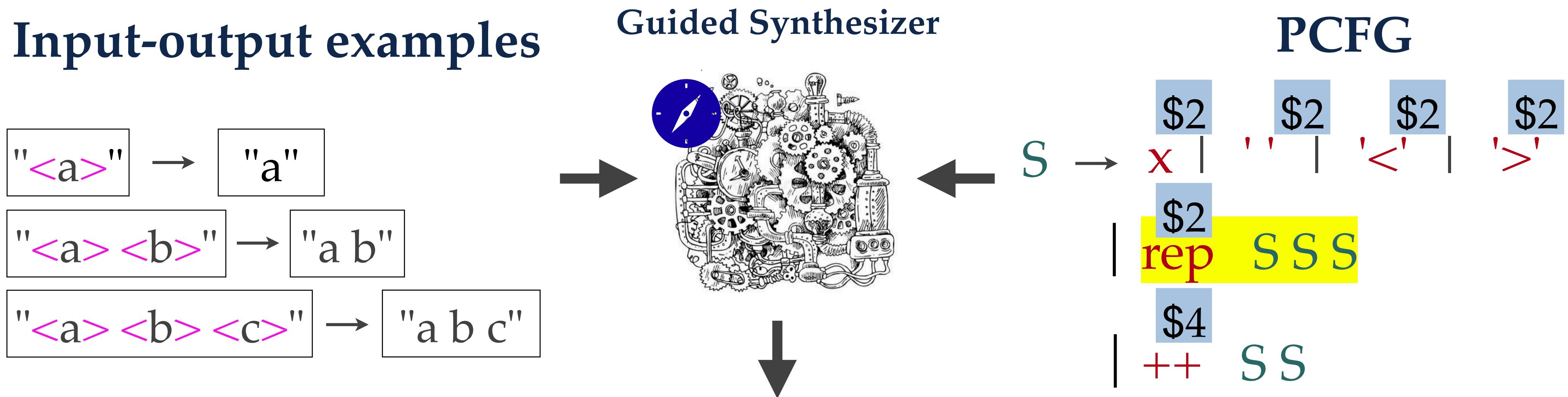
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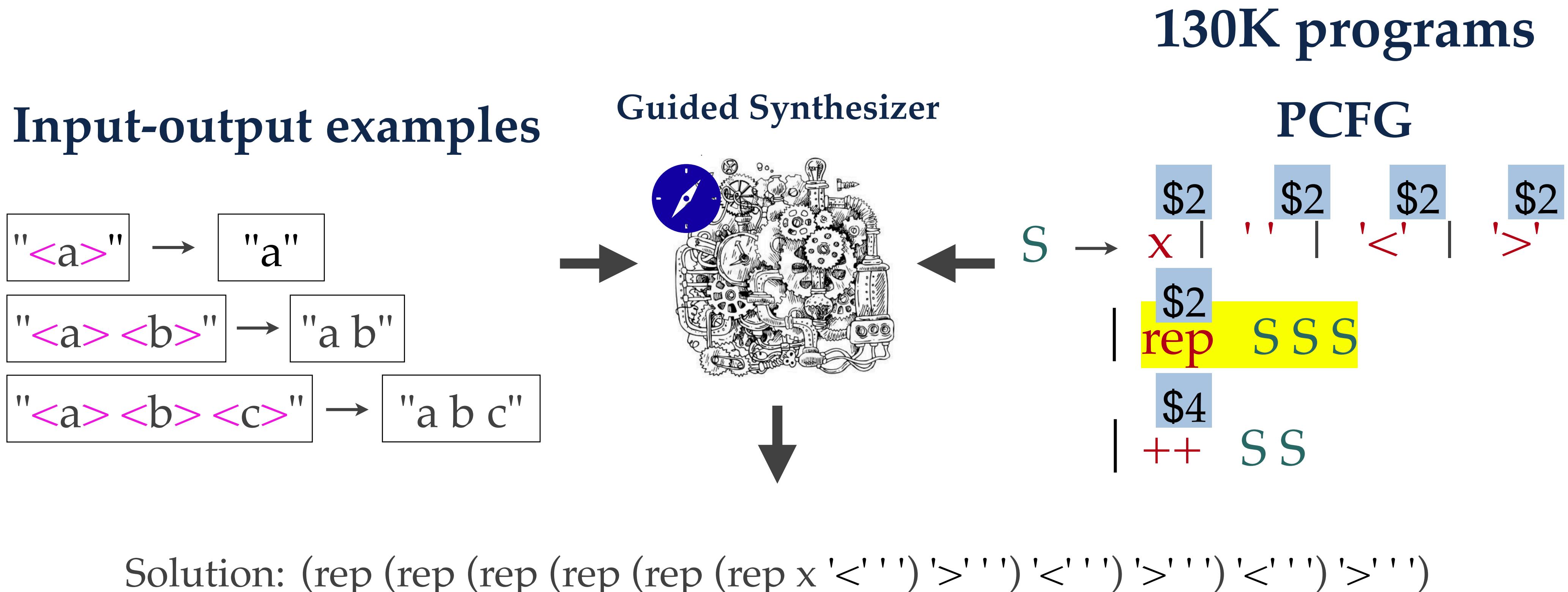
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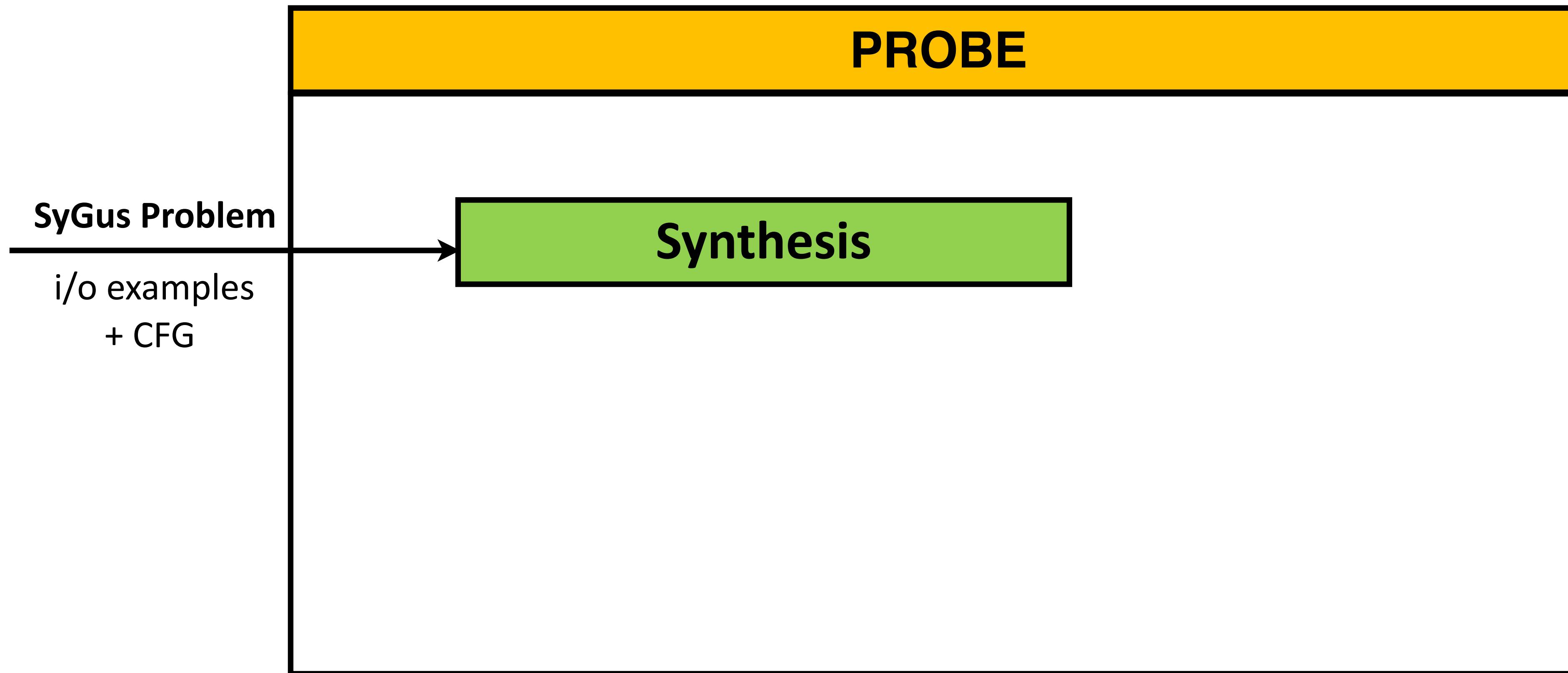
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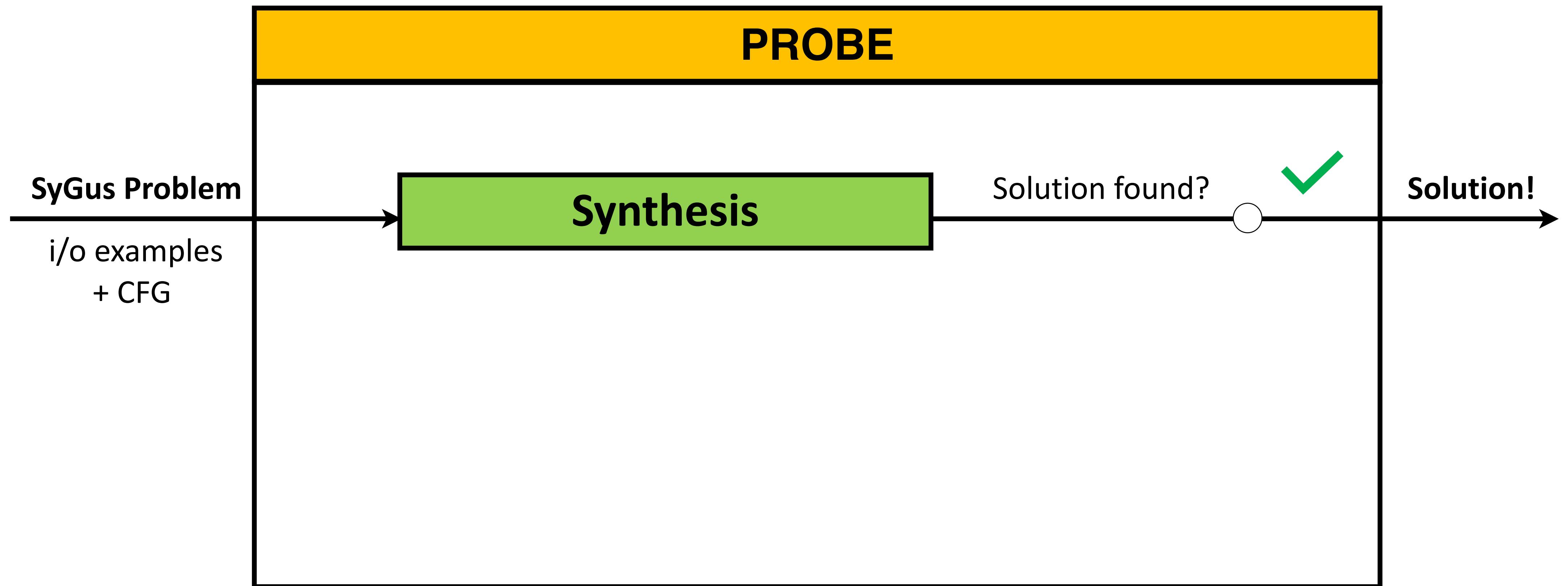
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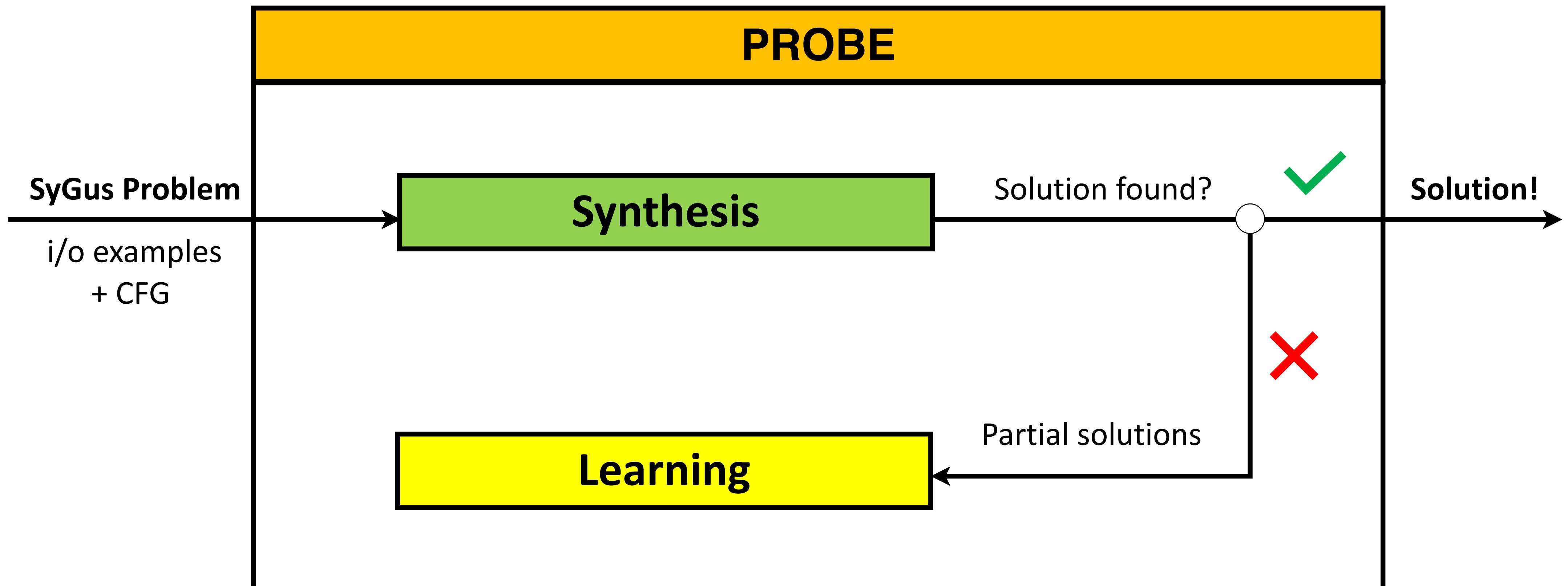
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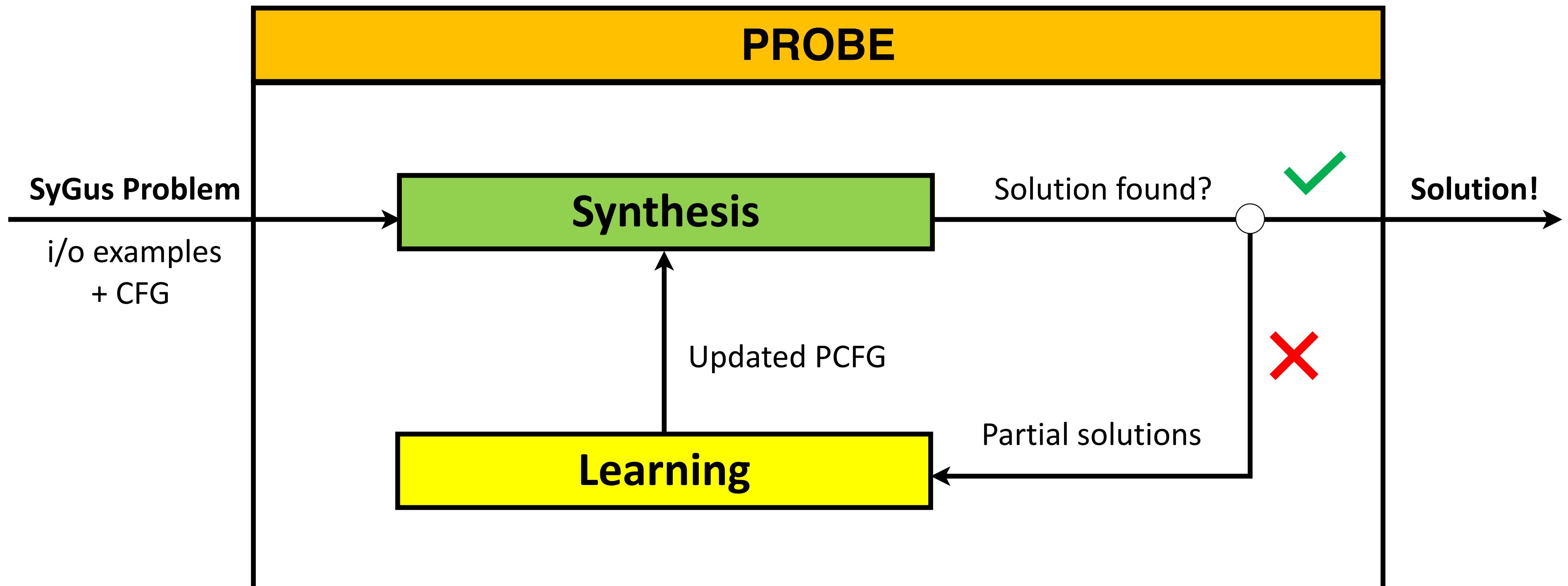
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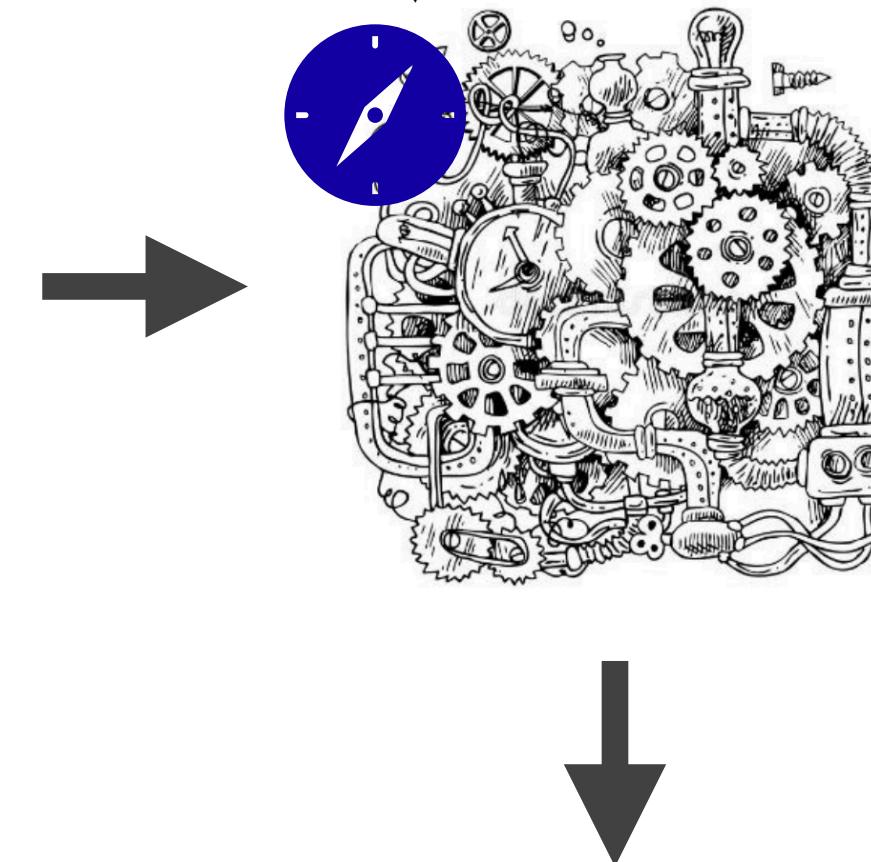
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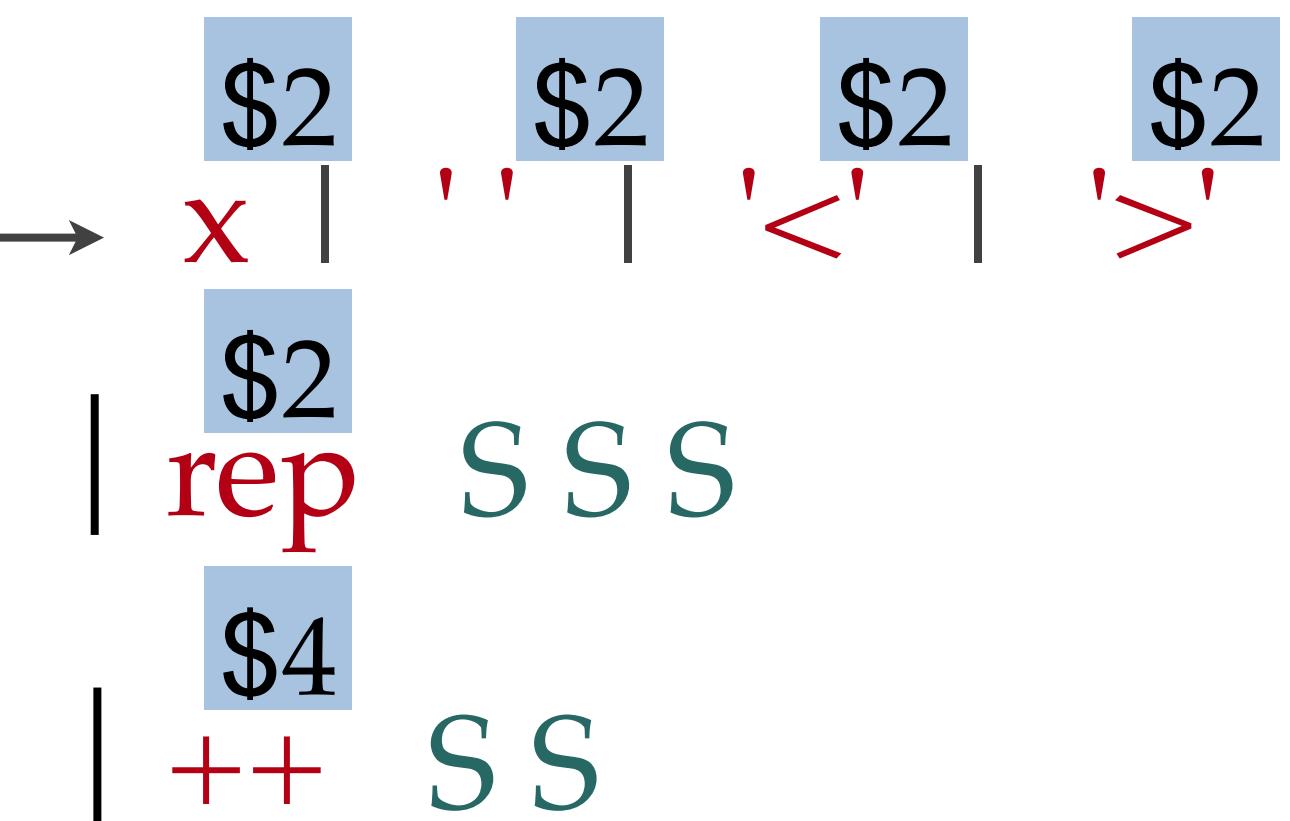
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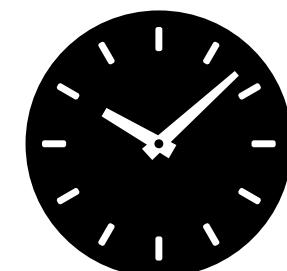
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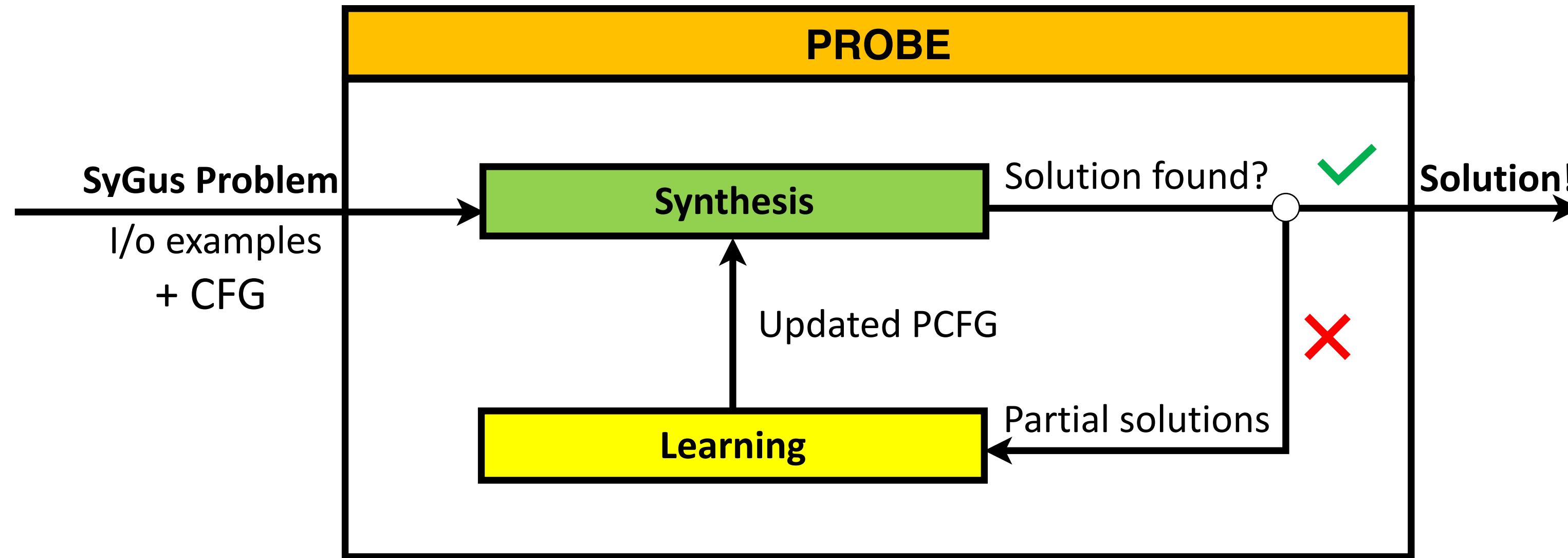


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**PROBE finds solution in 5 seconds!**

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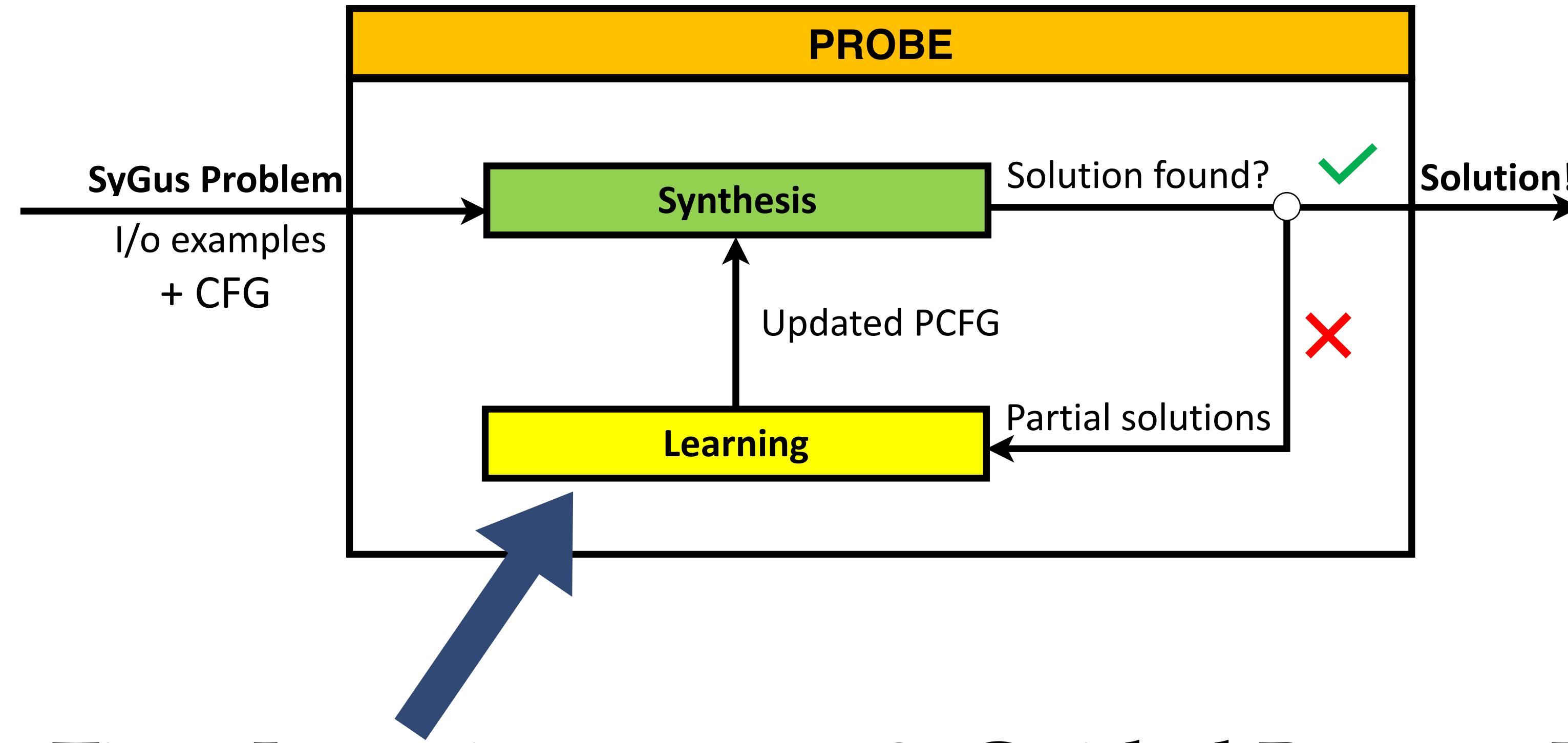


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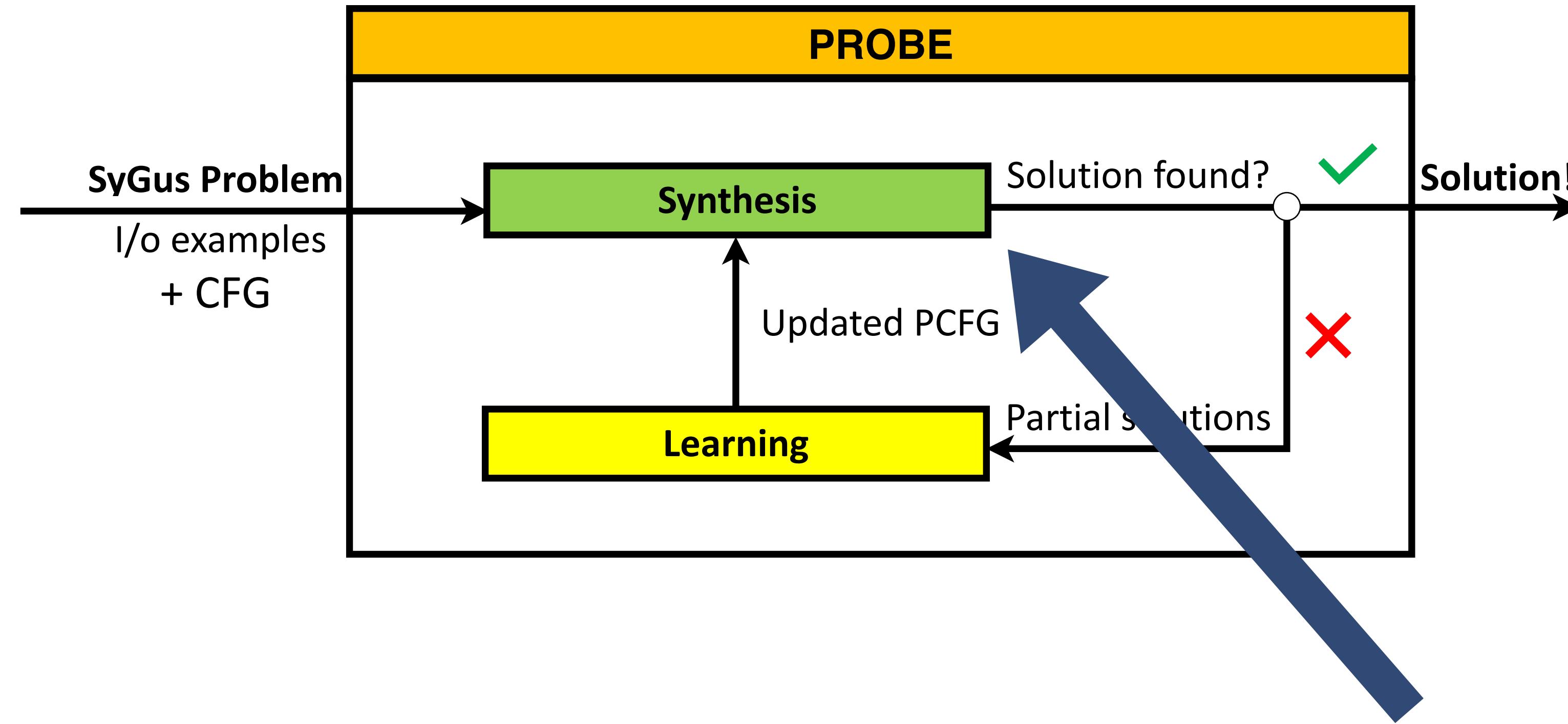


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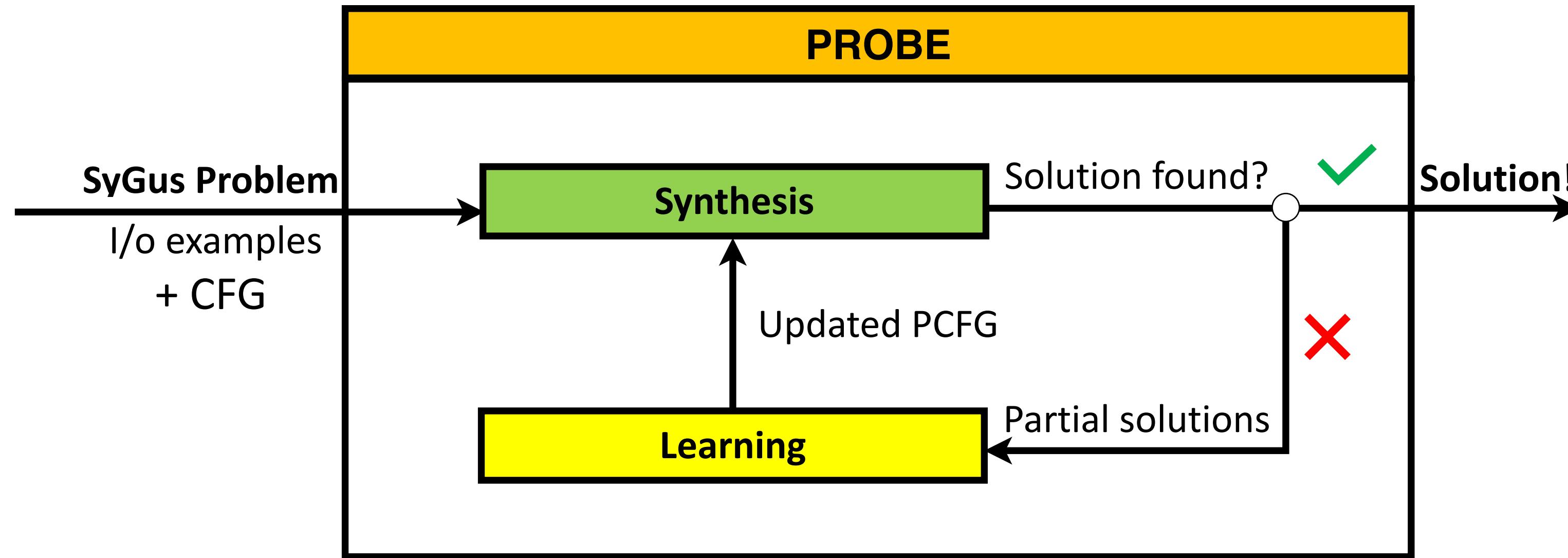


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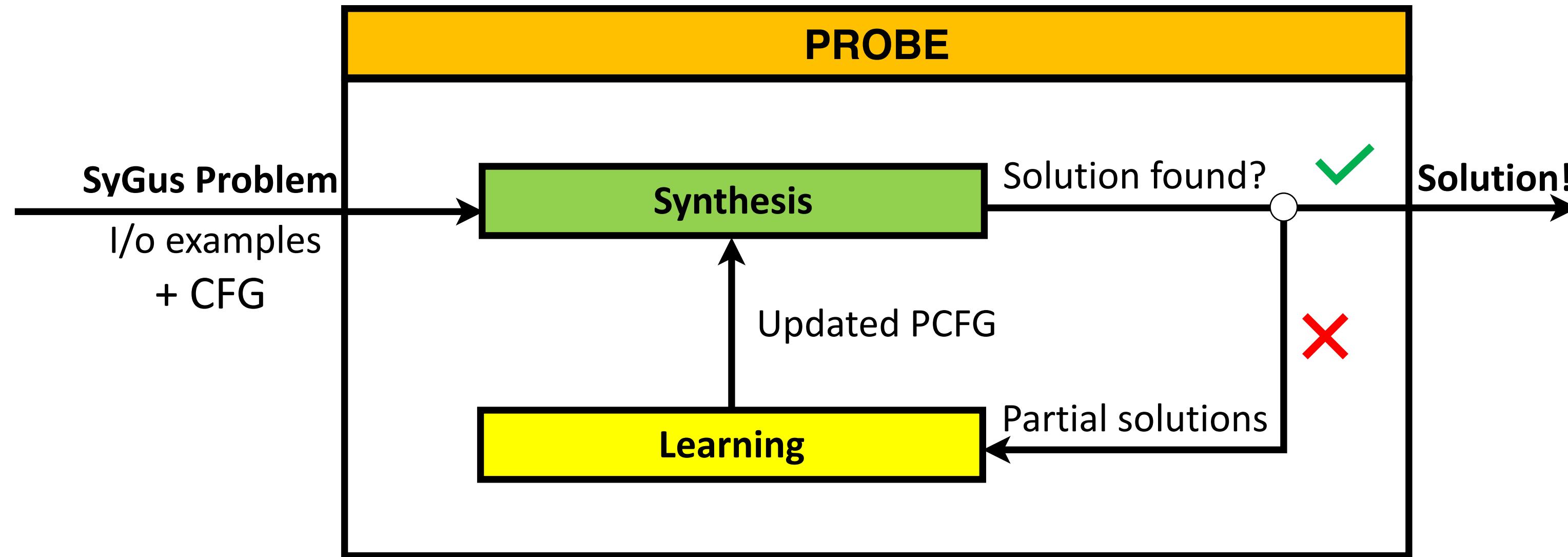


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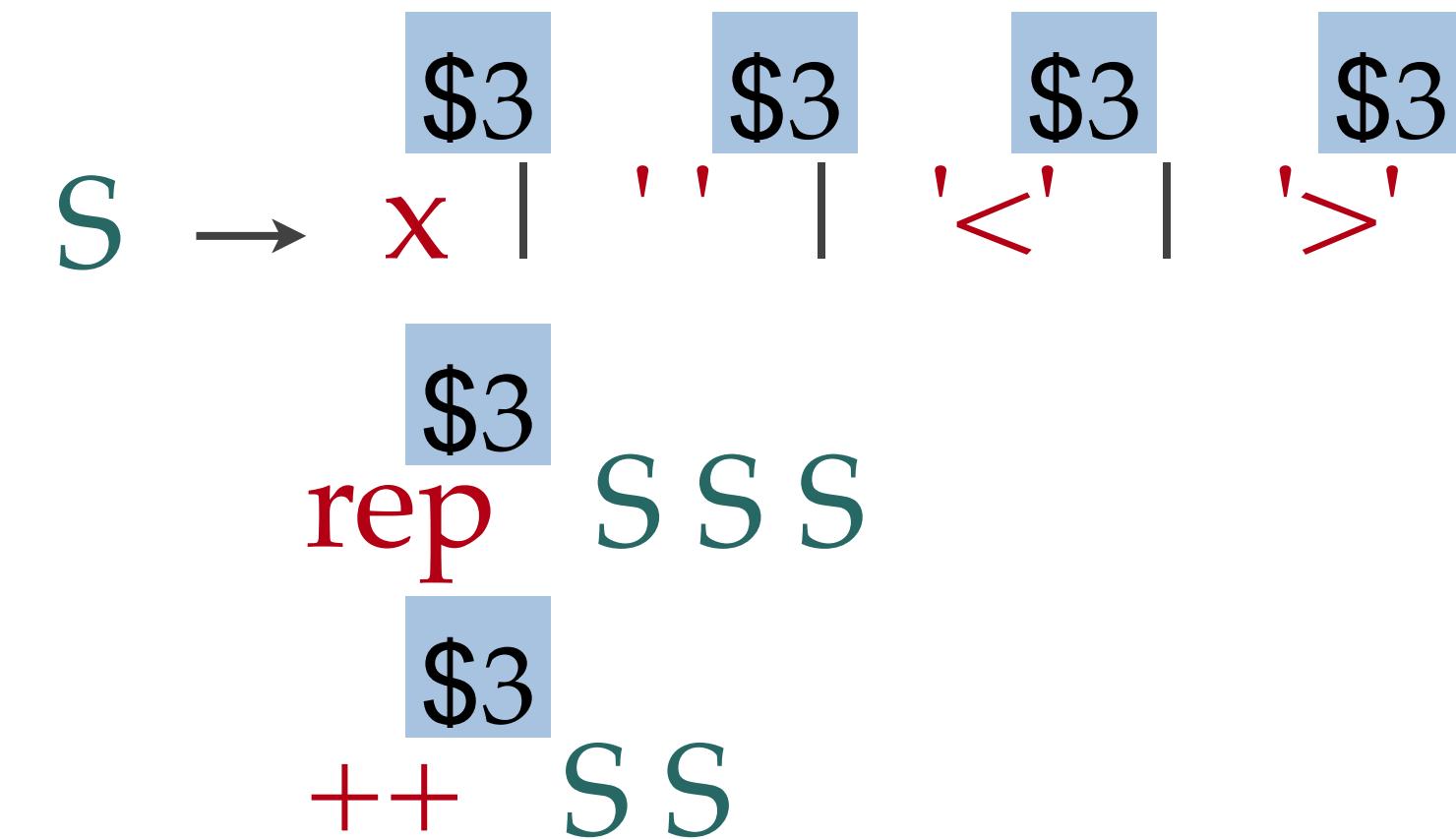
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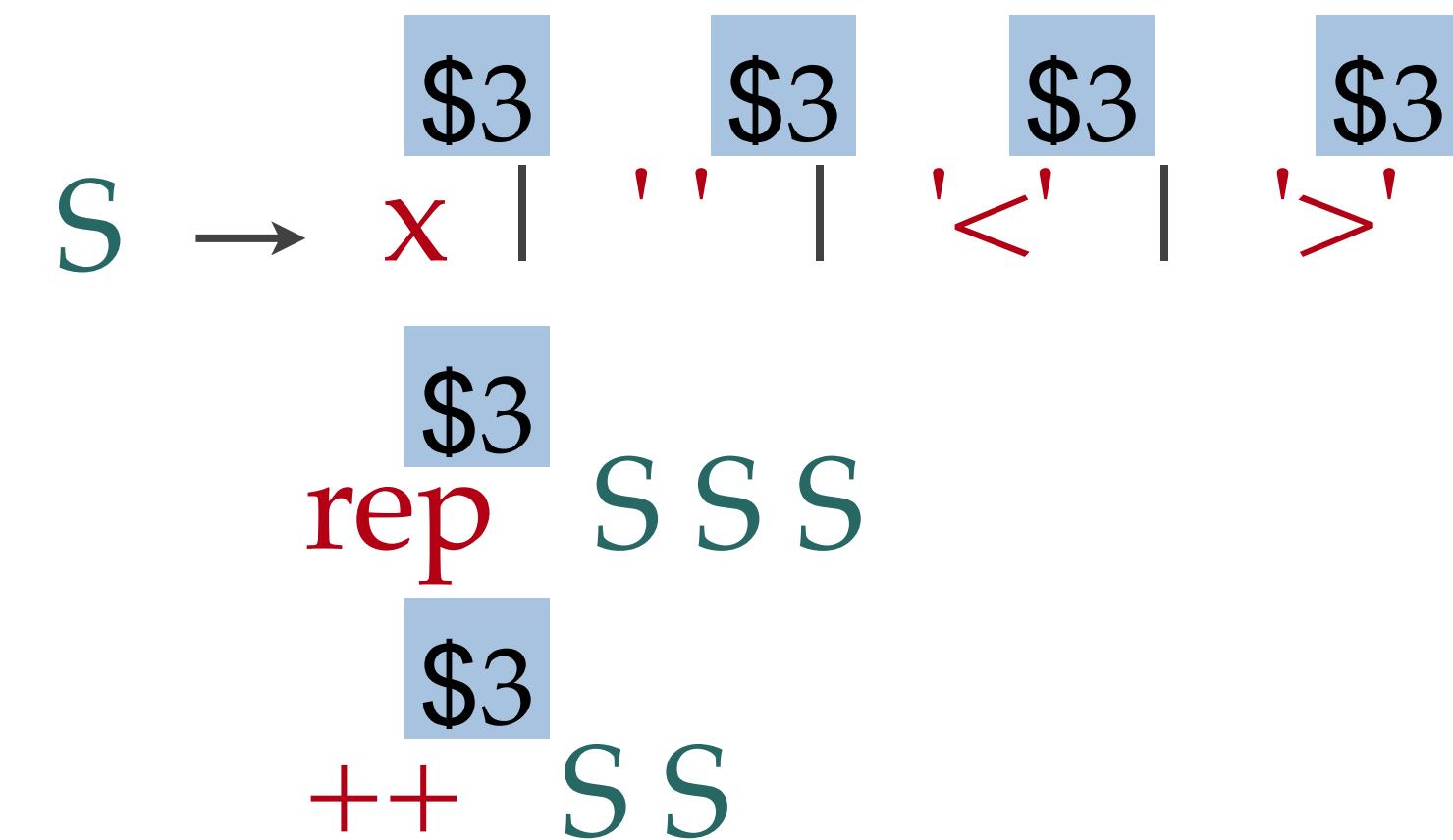
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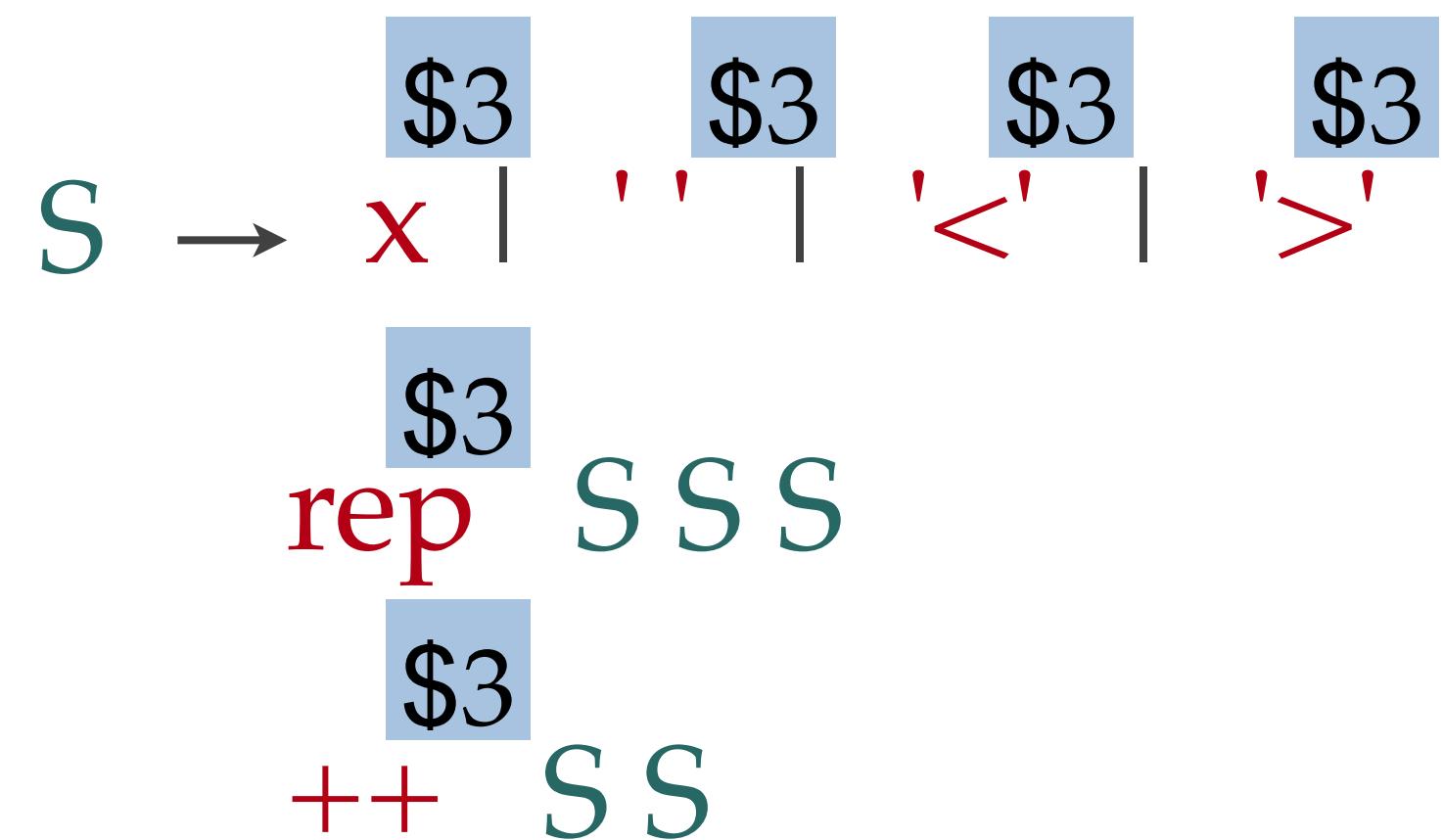


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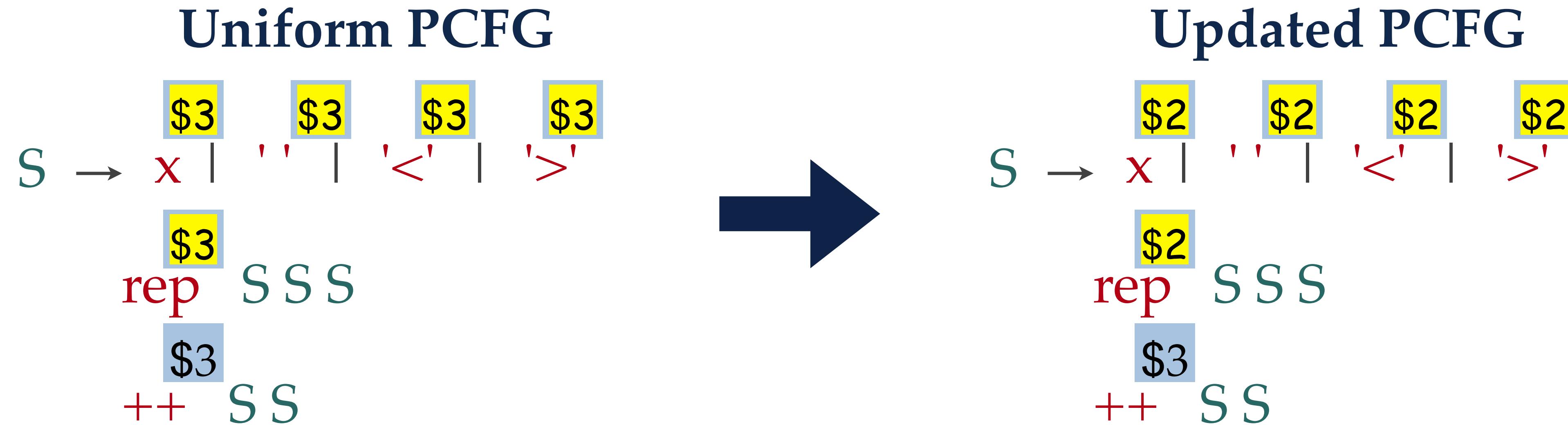
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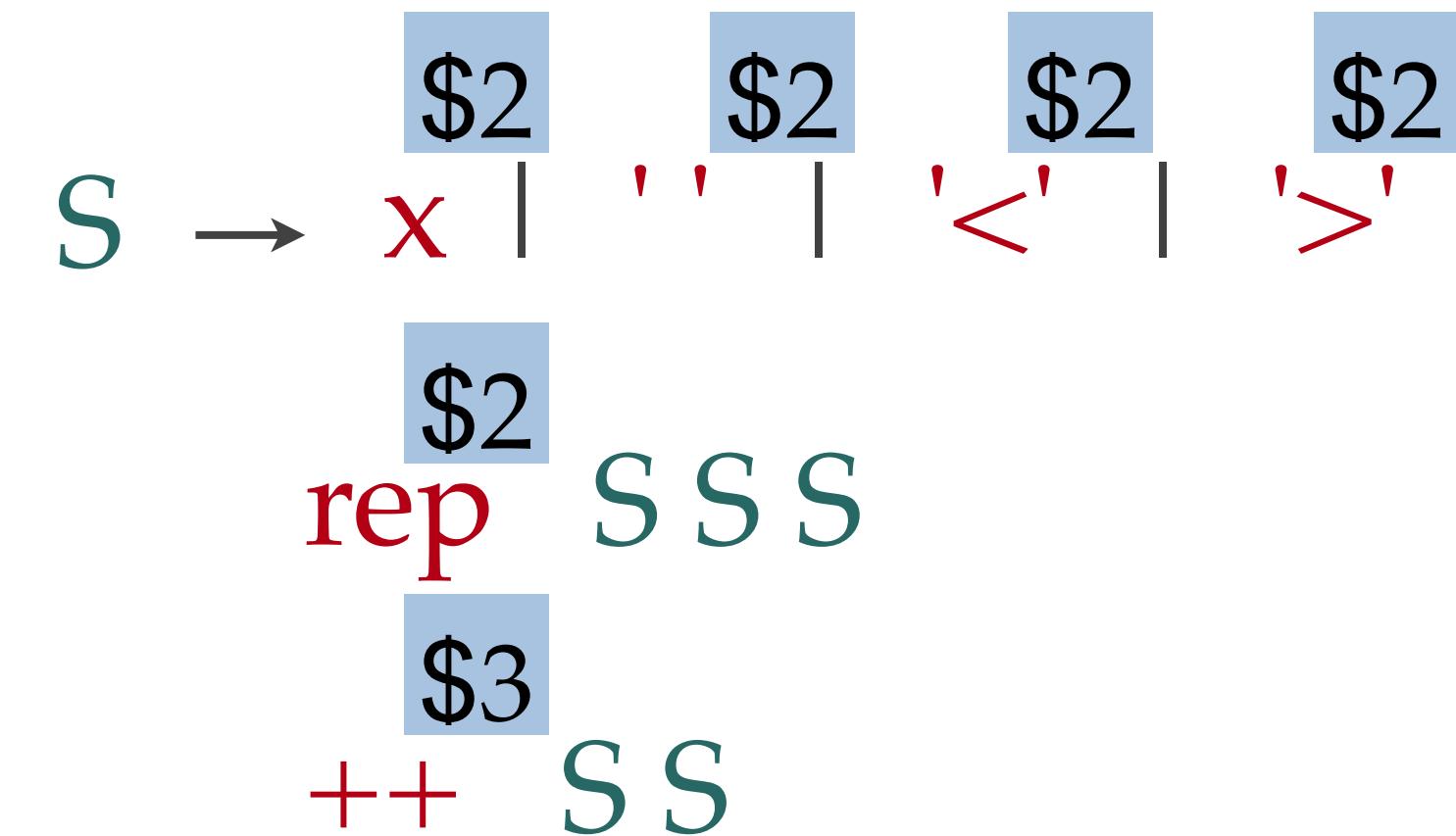
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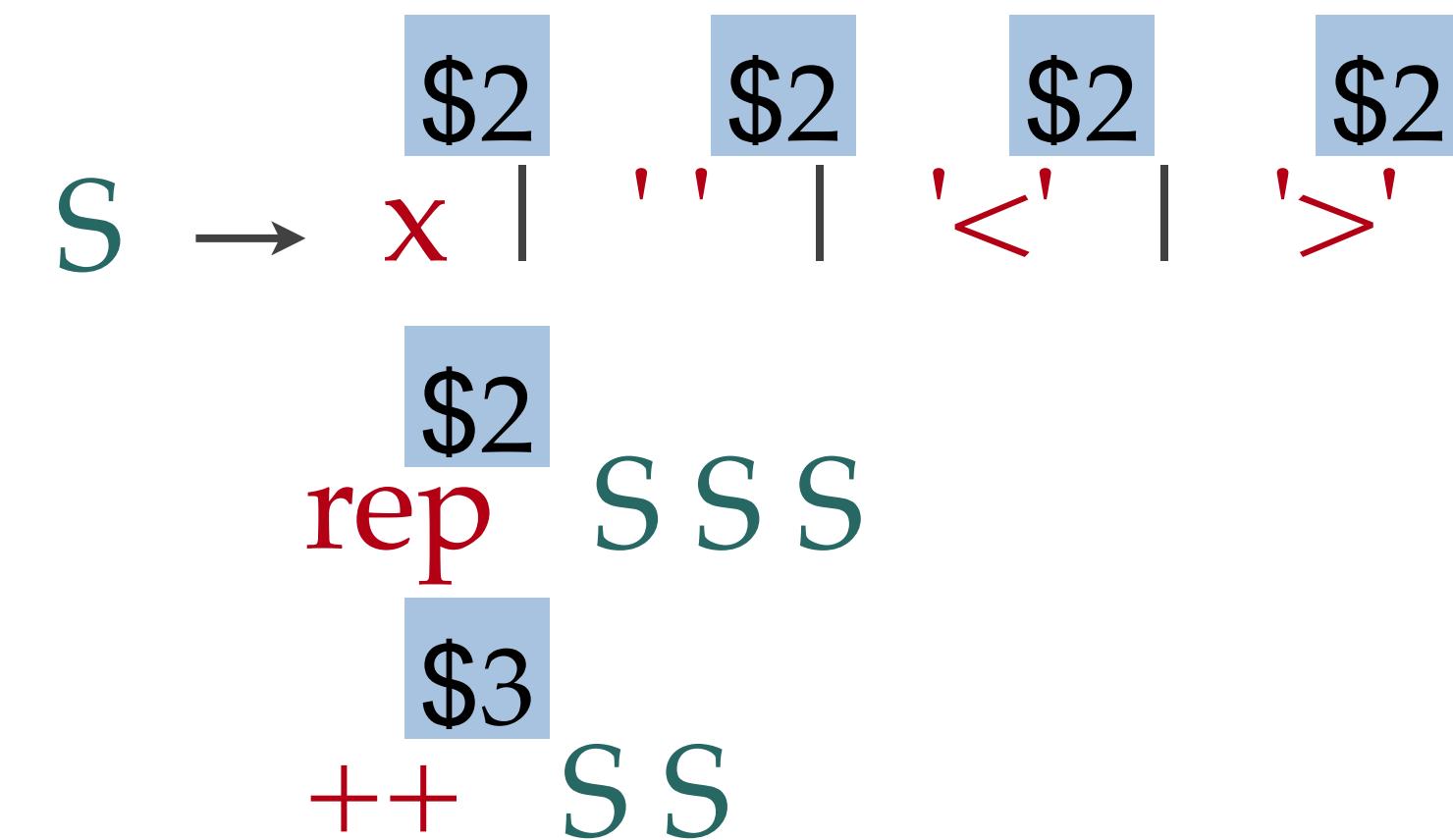
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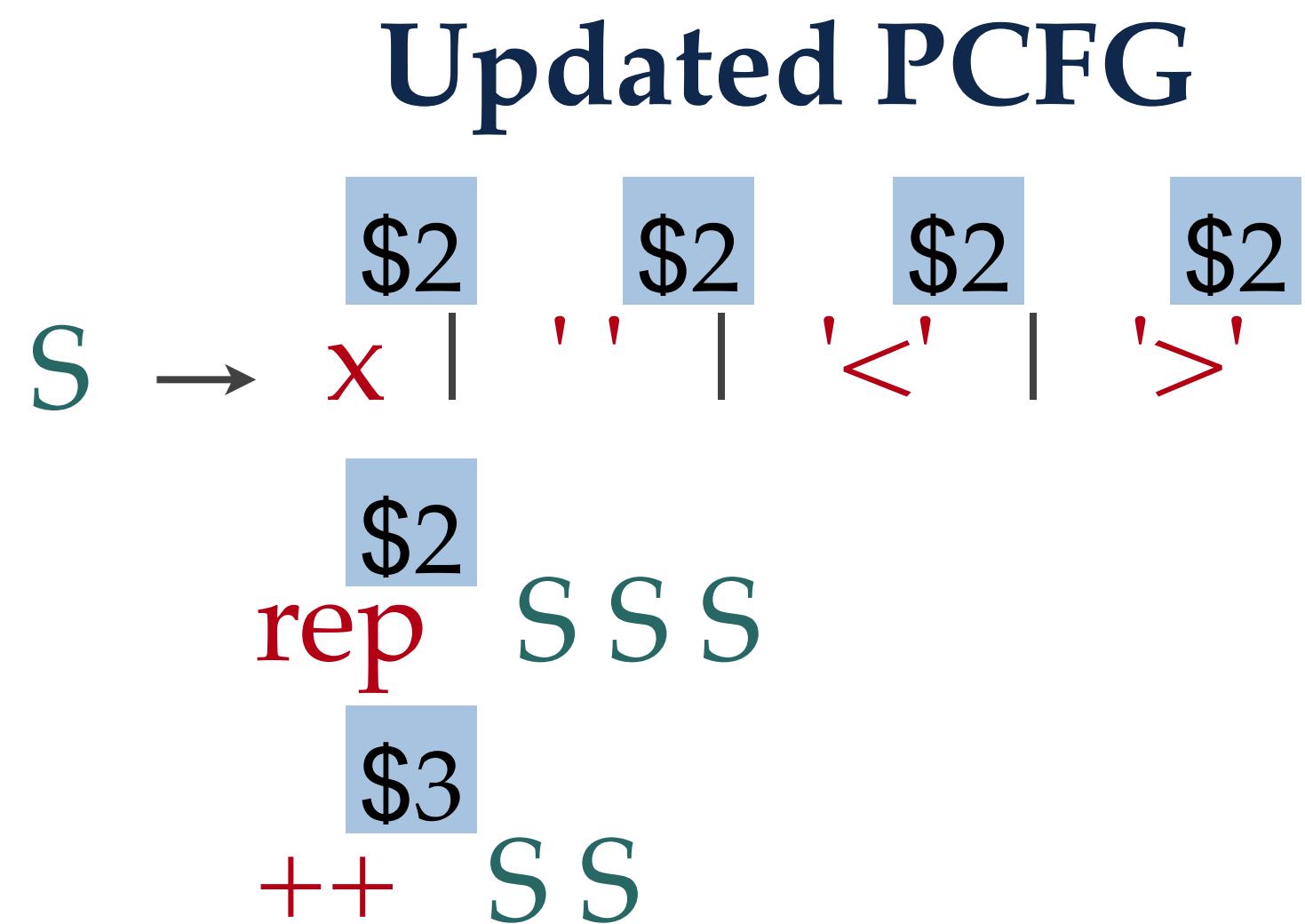


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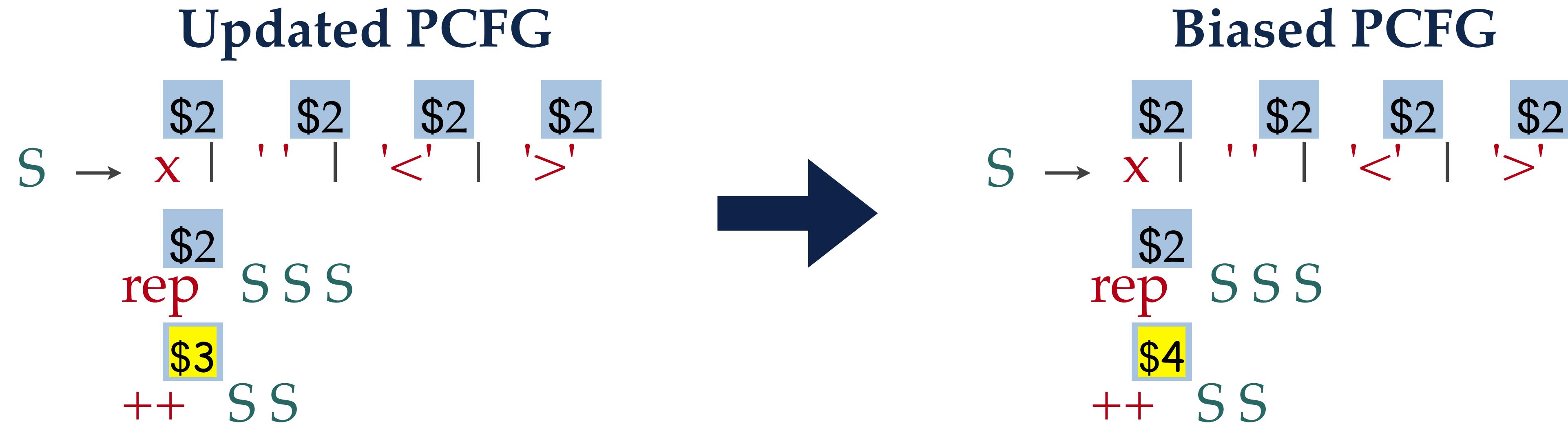
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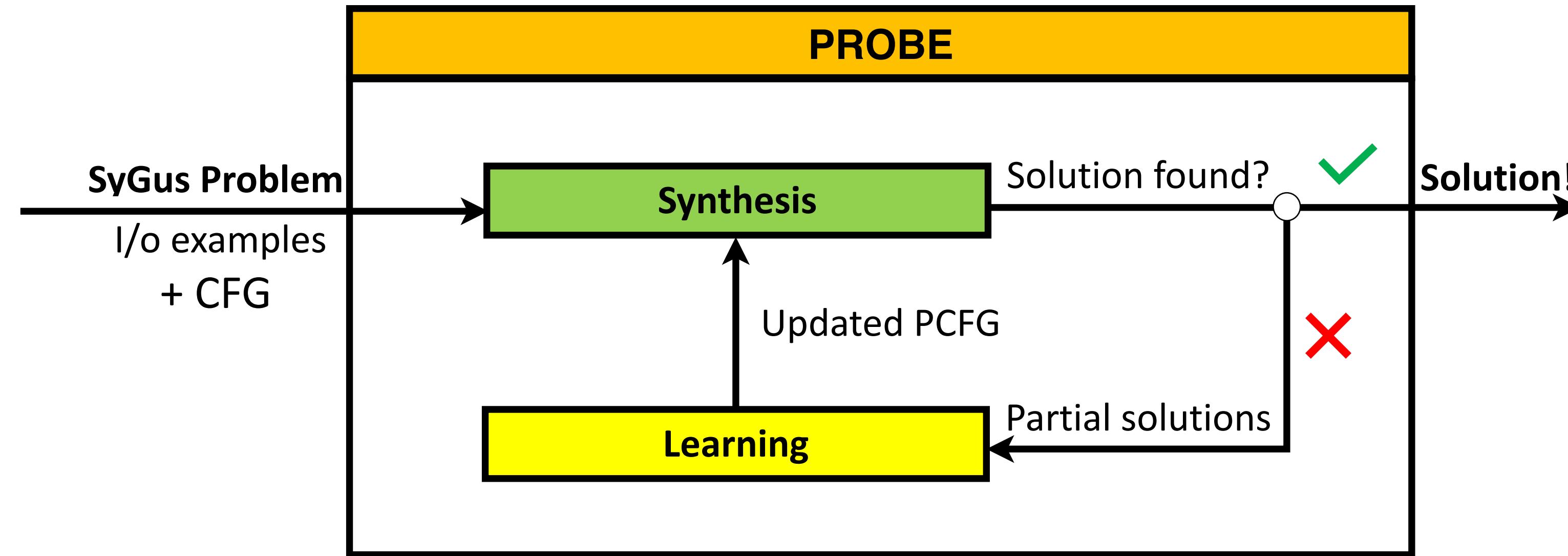
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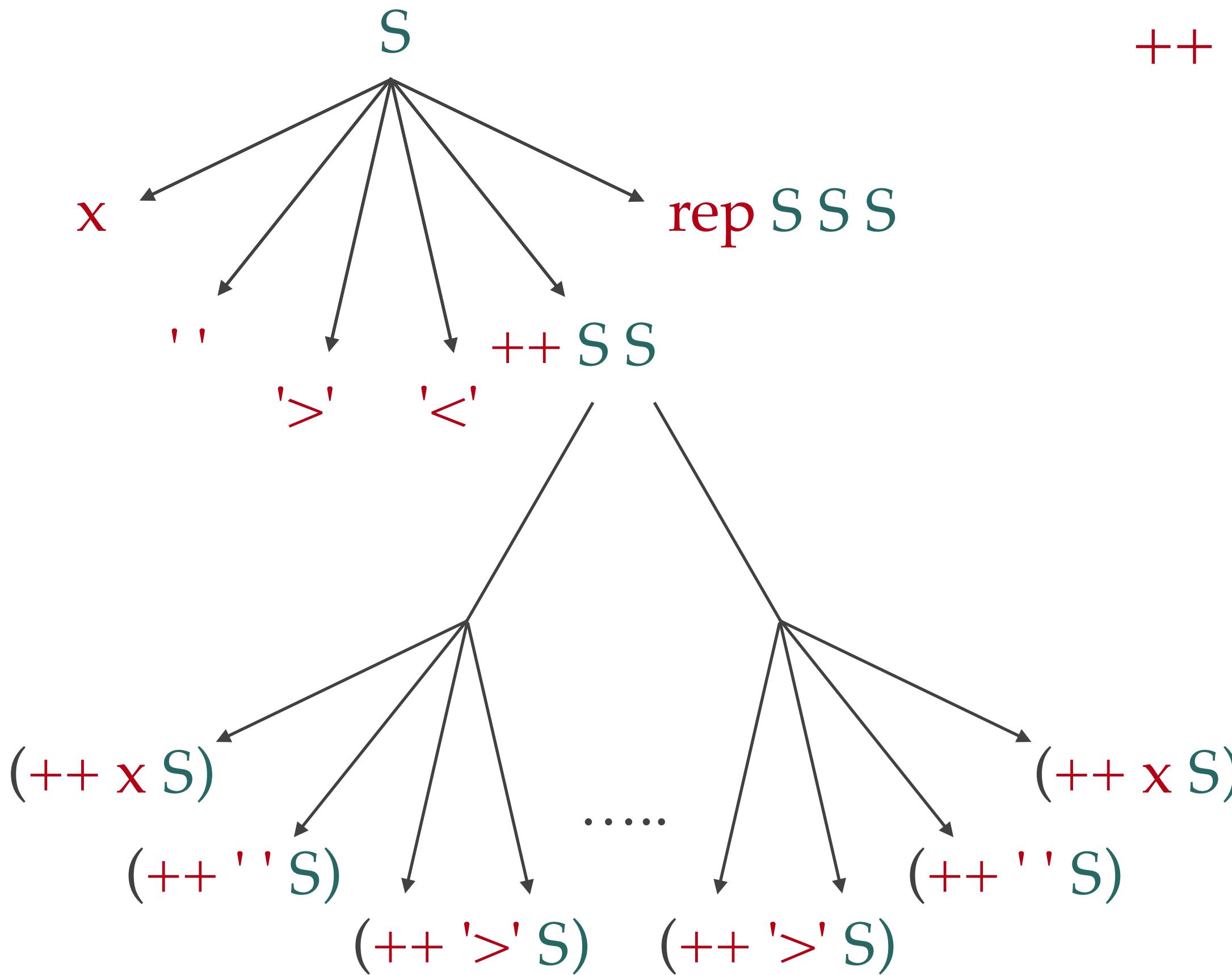
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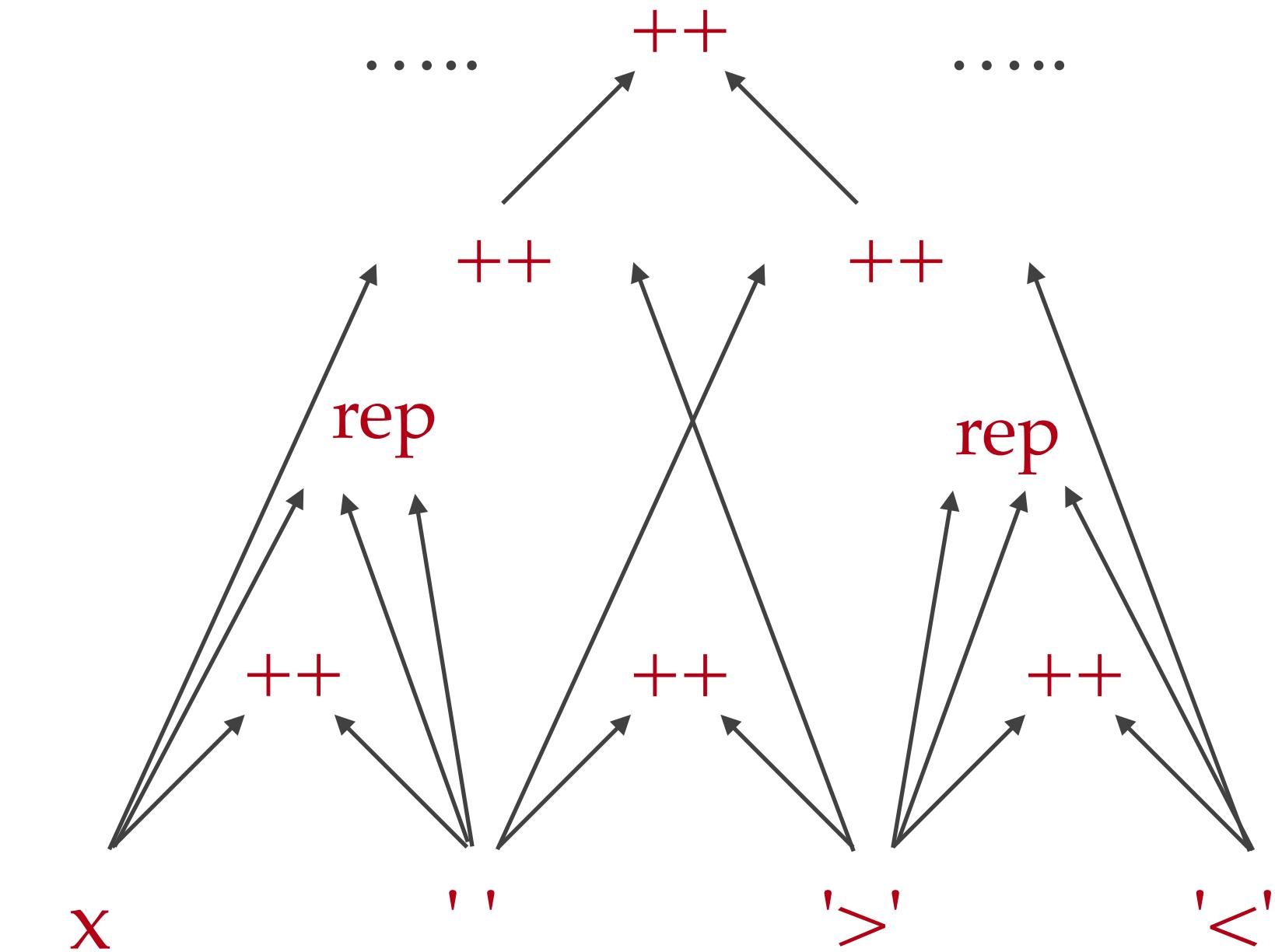


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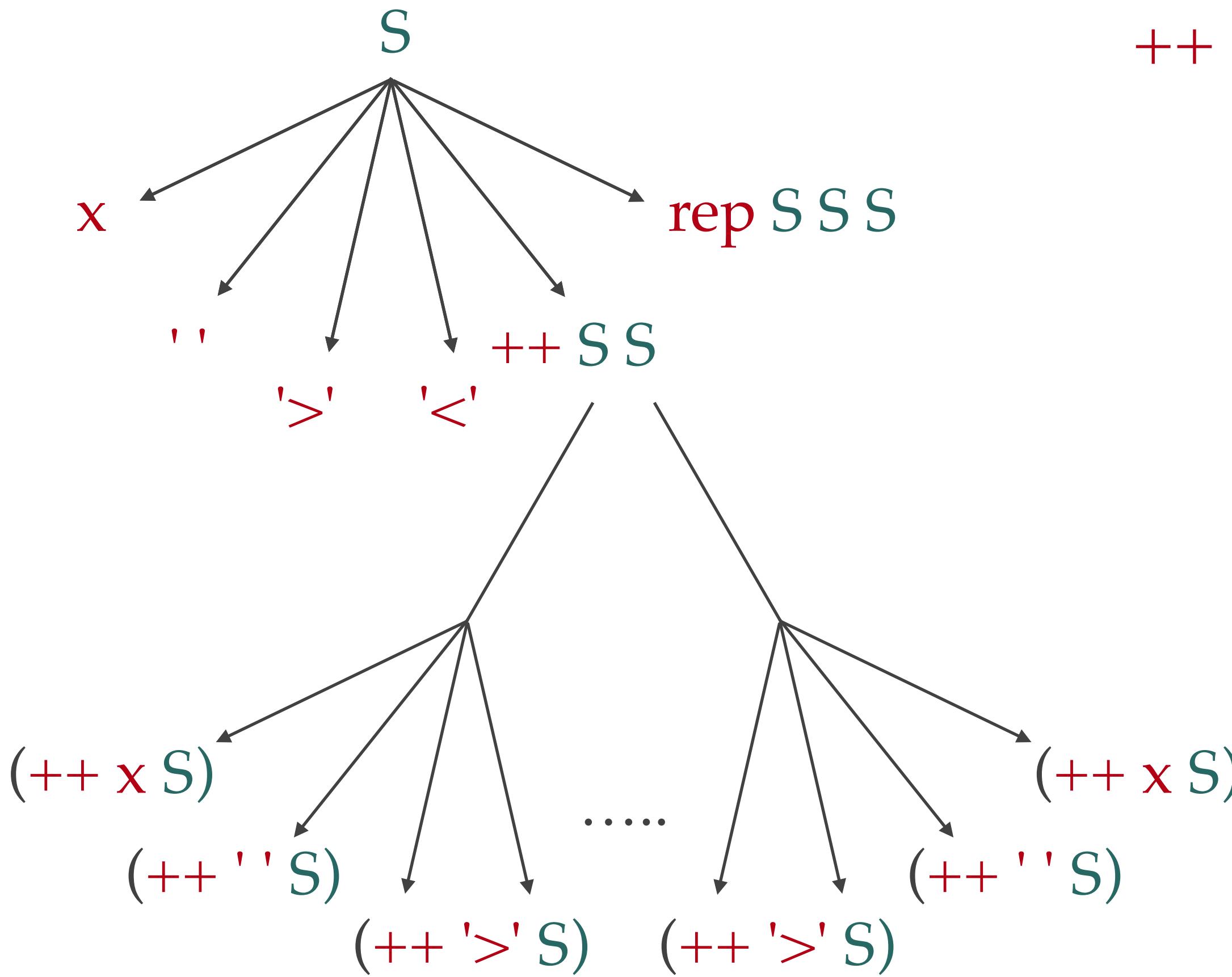
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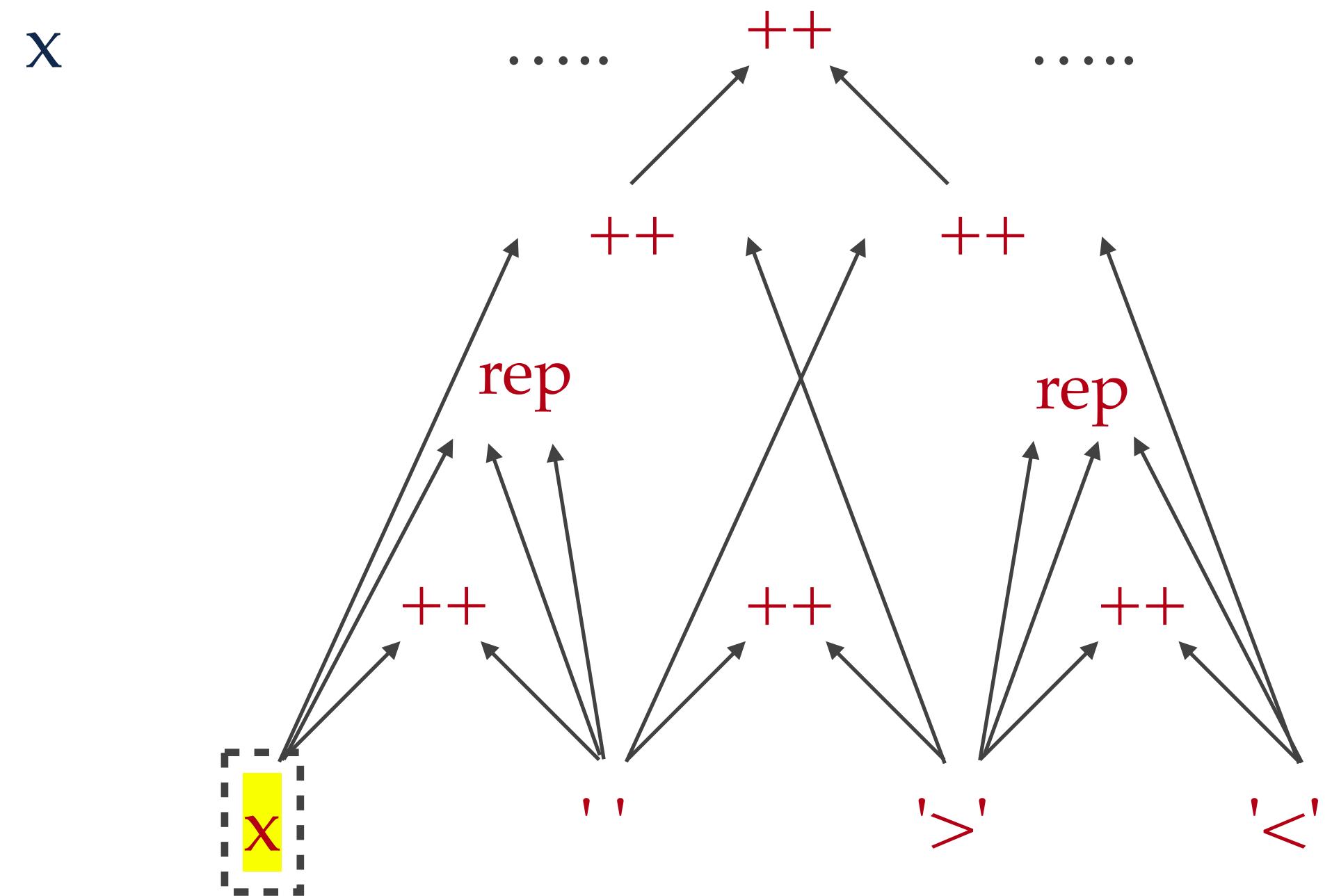


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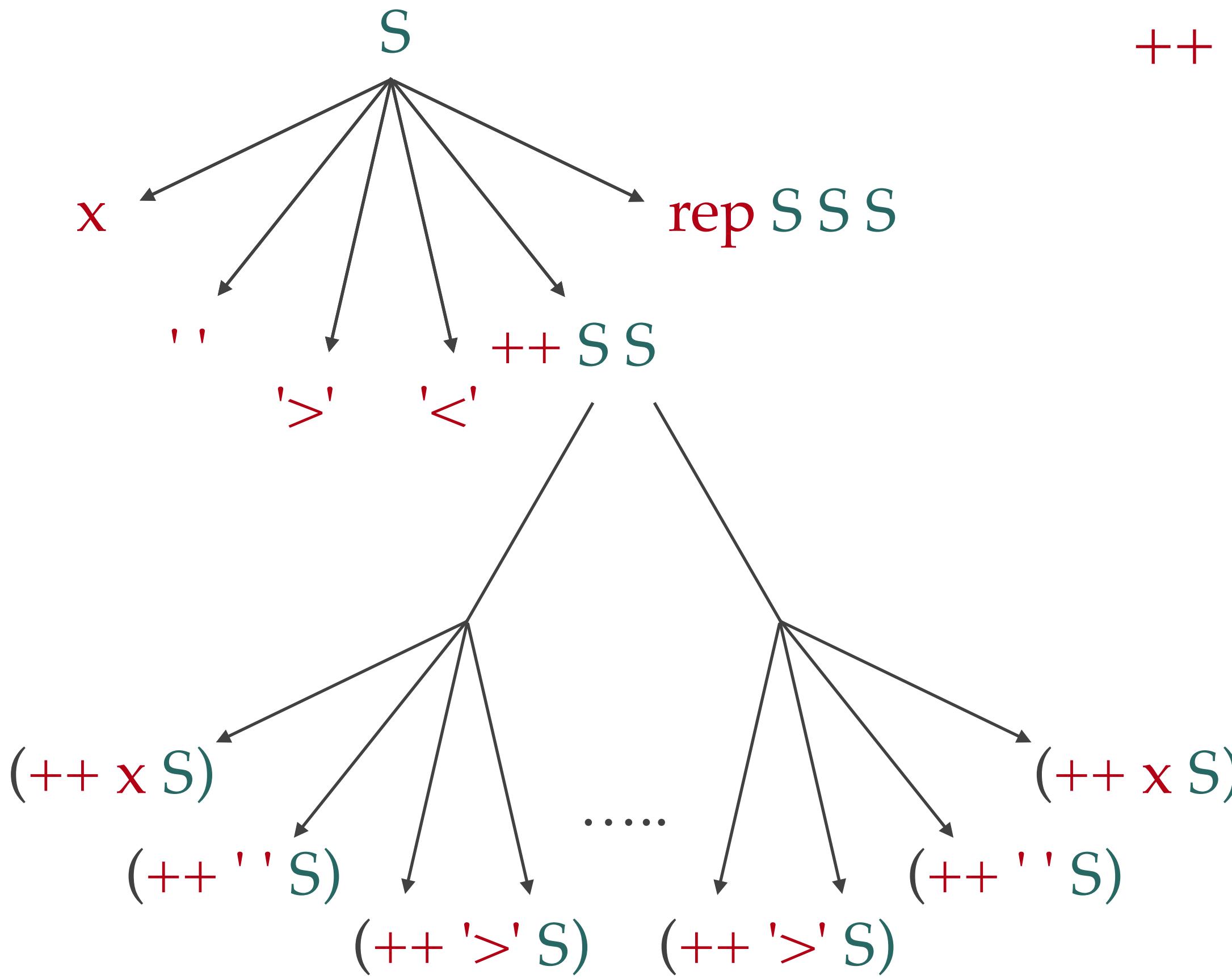
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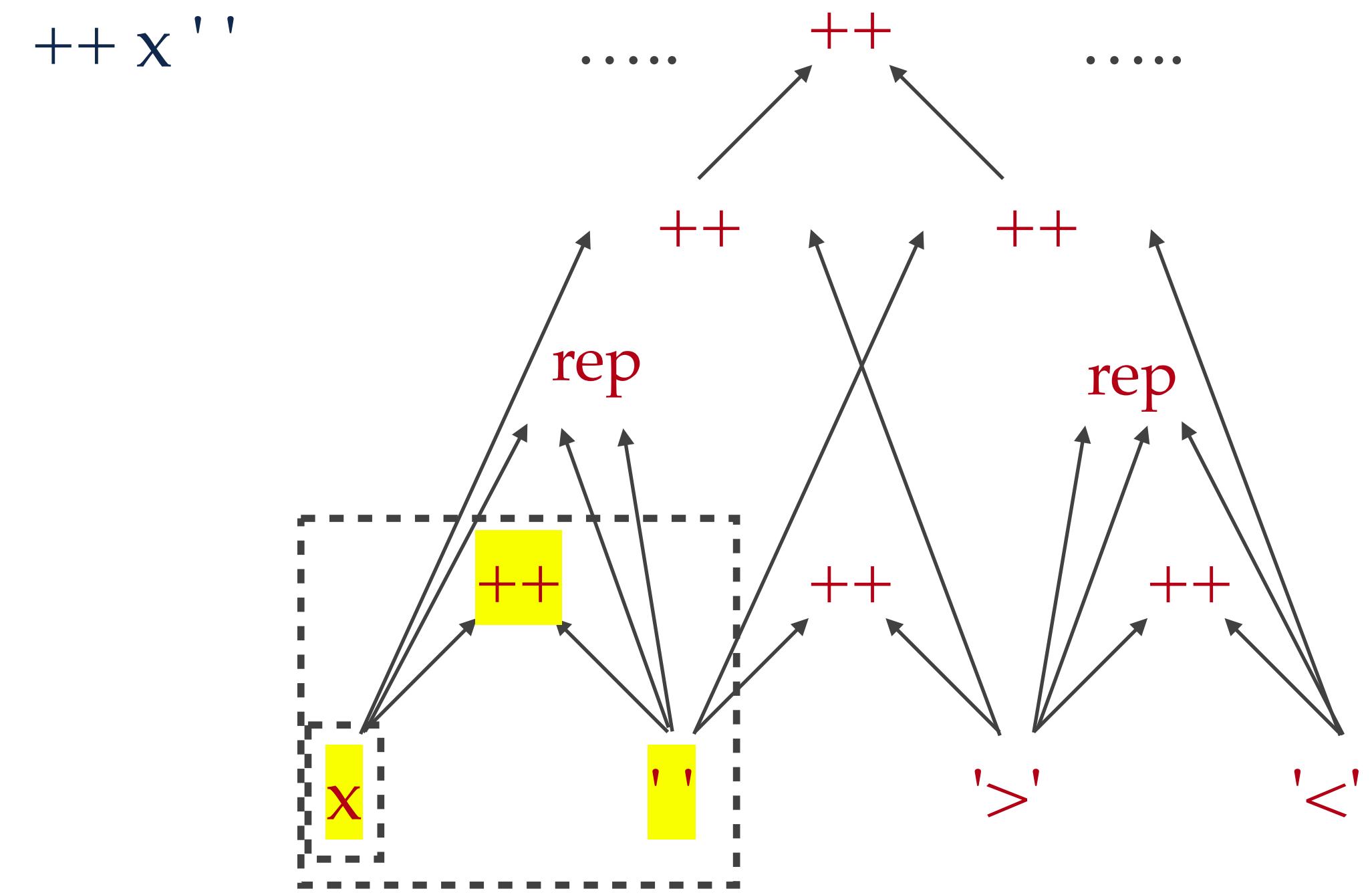
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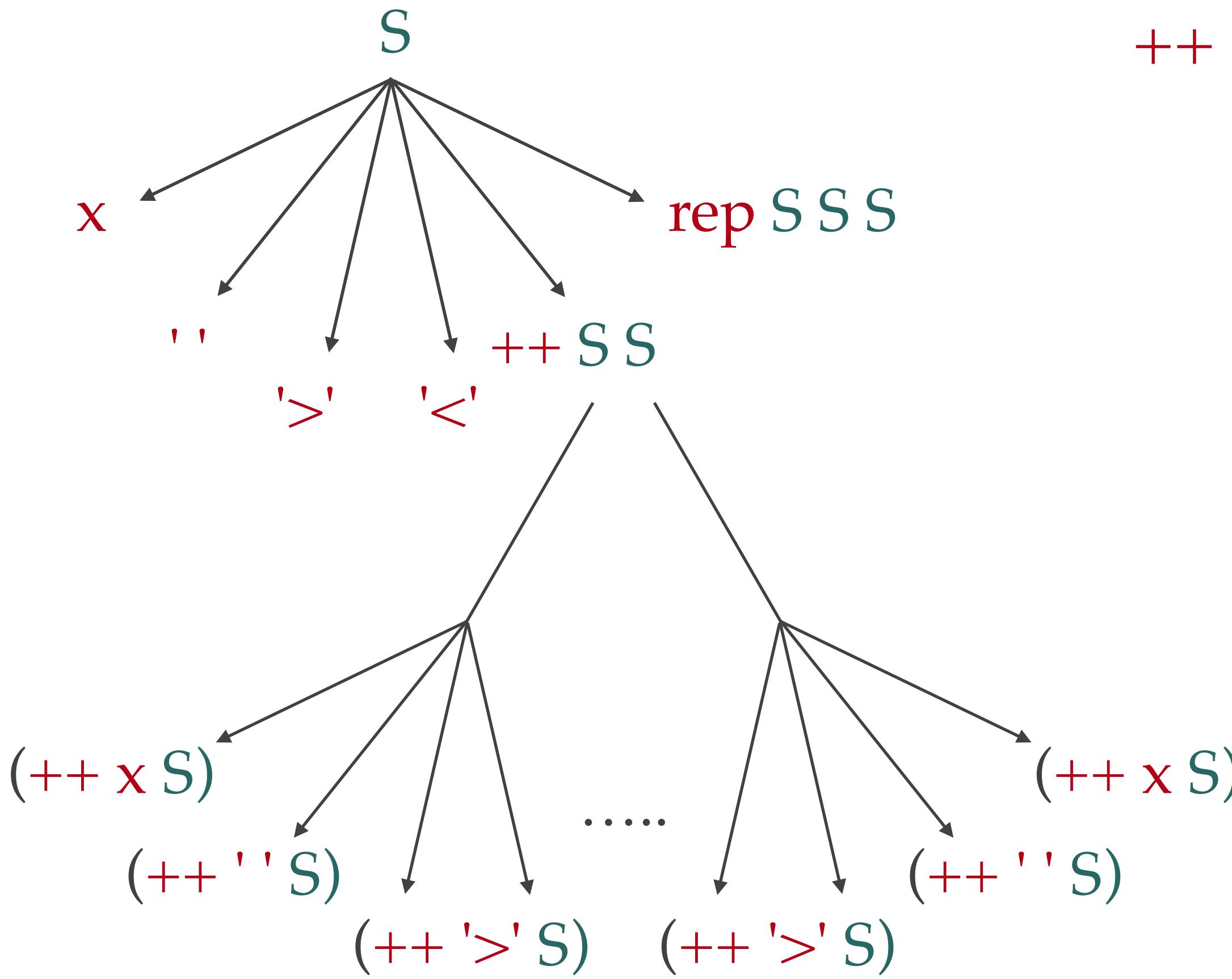
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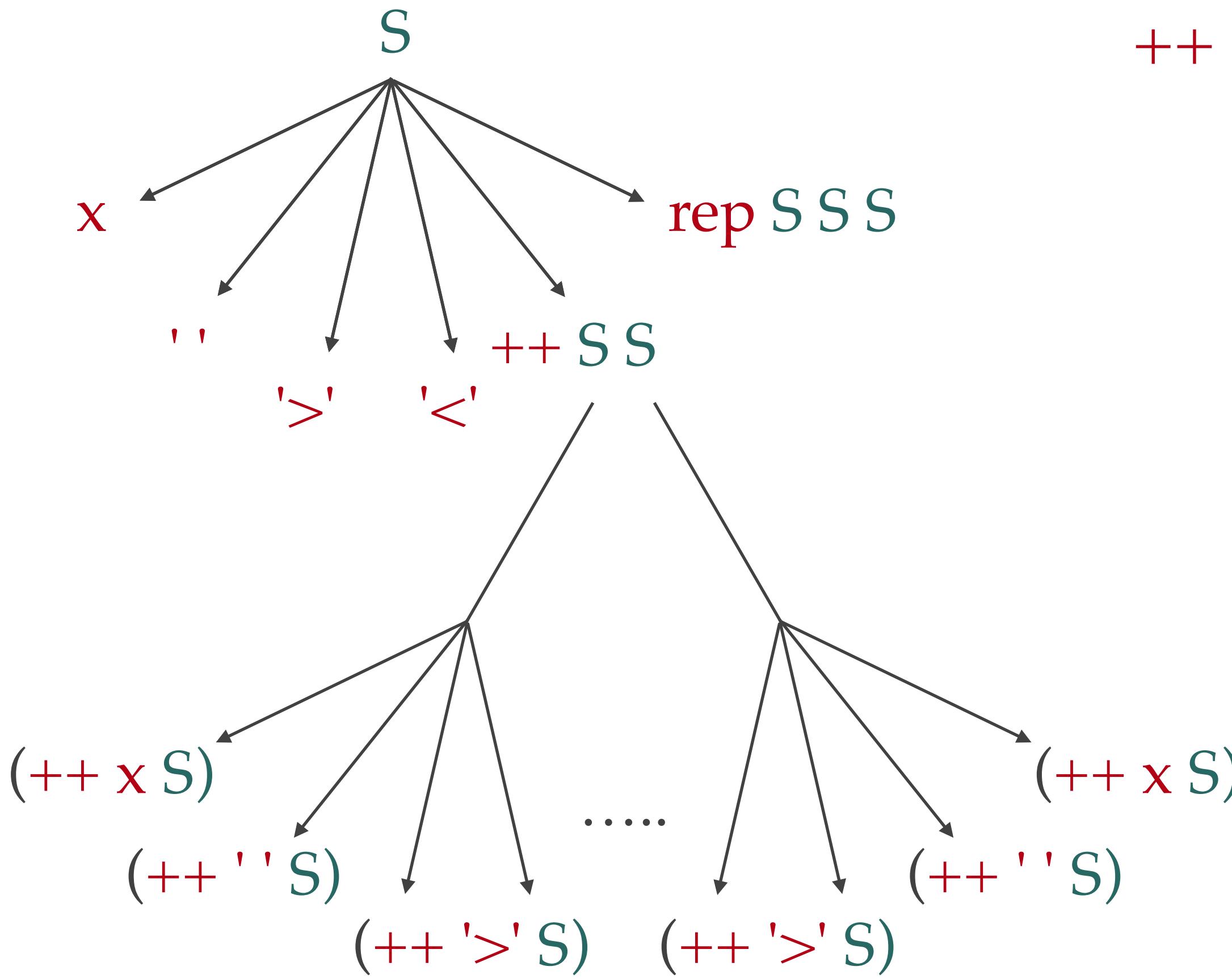
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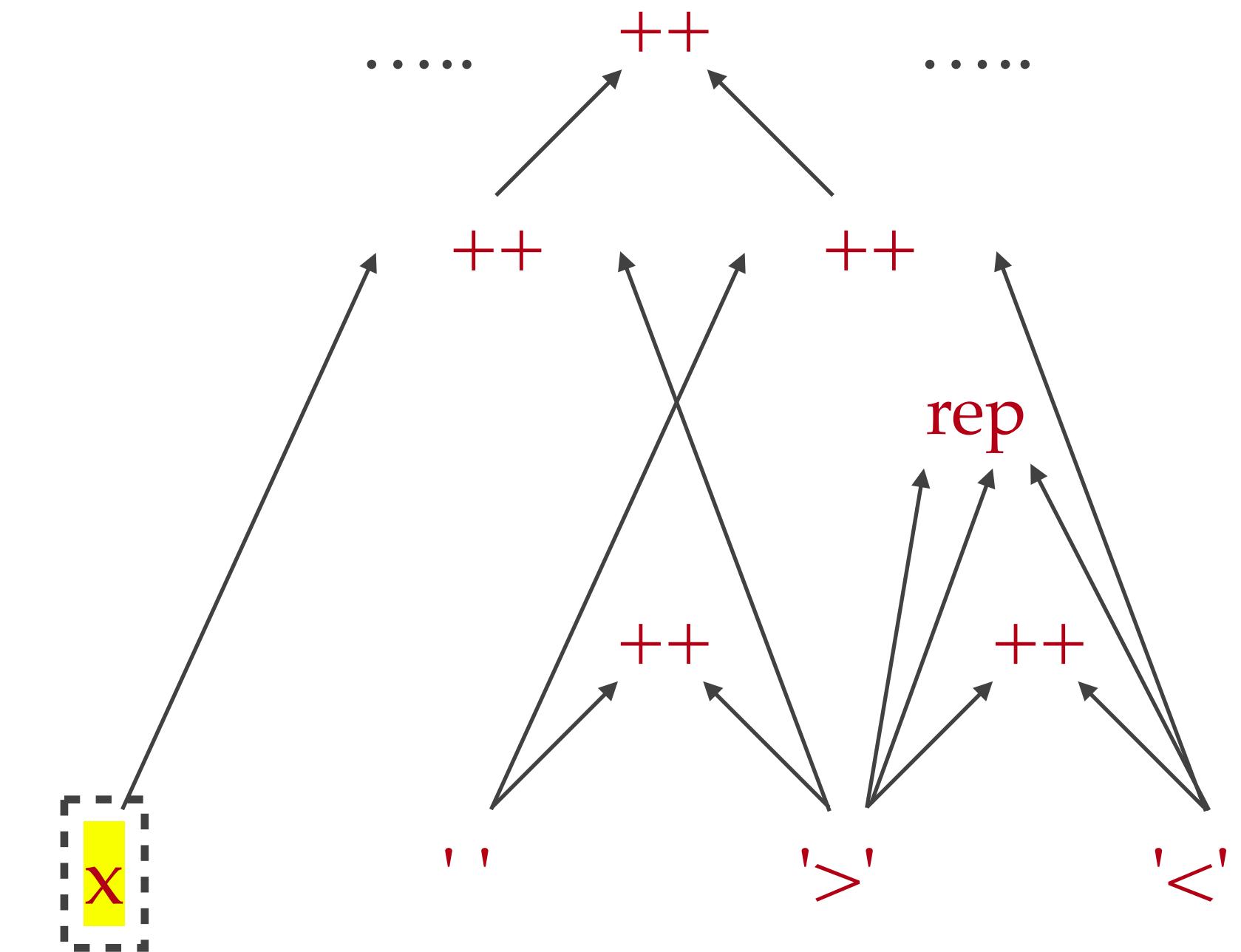


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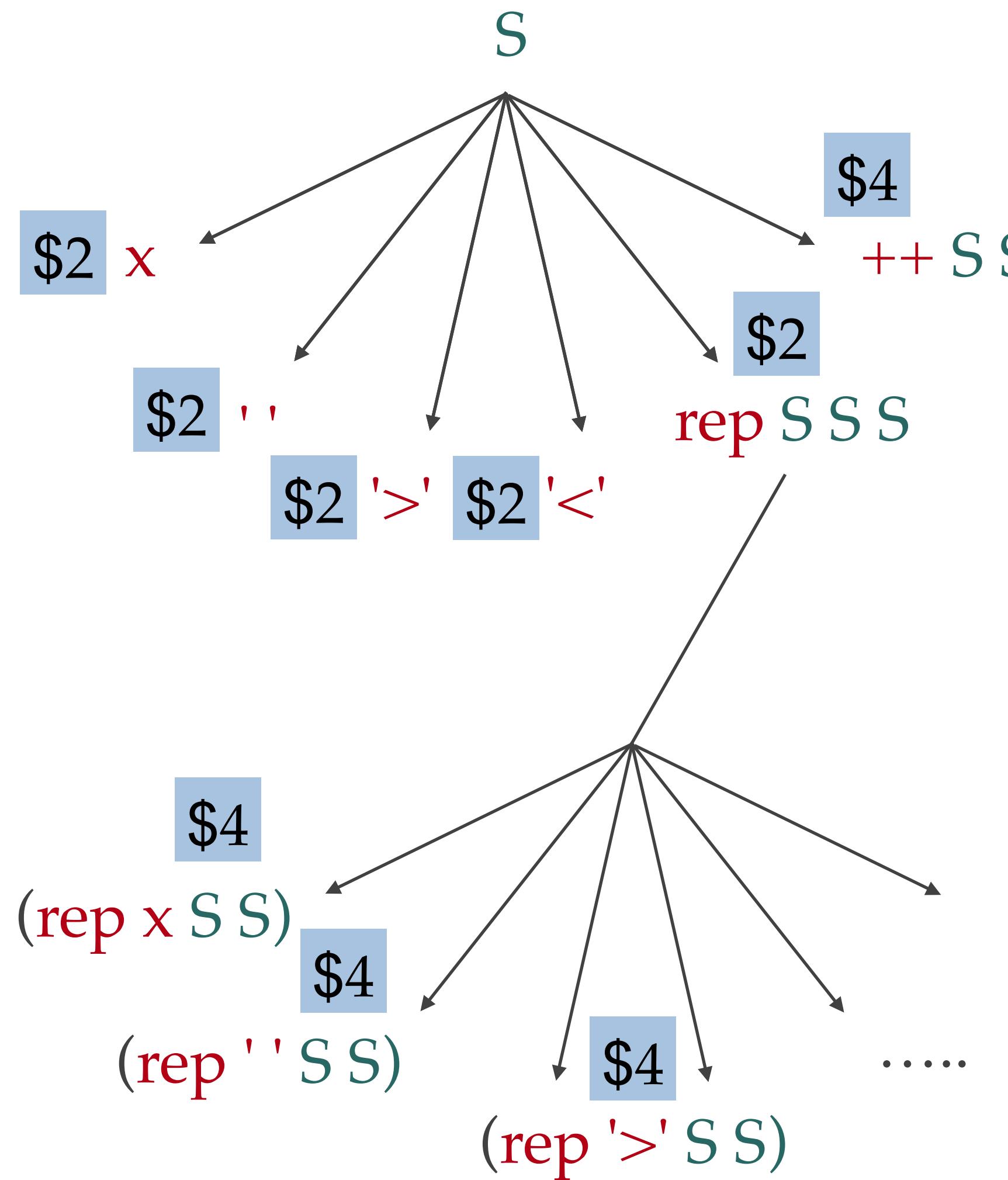
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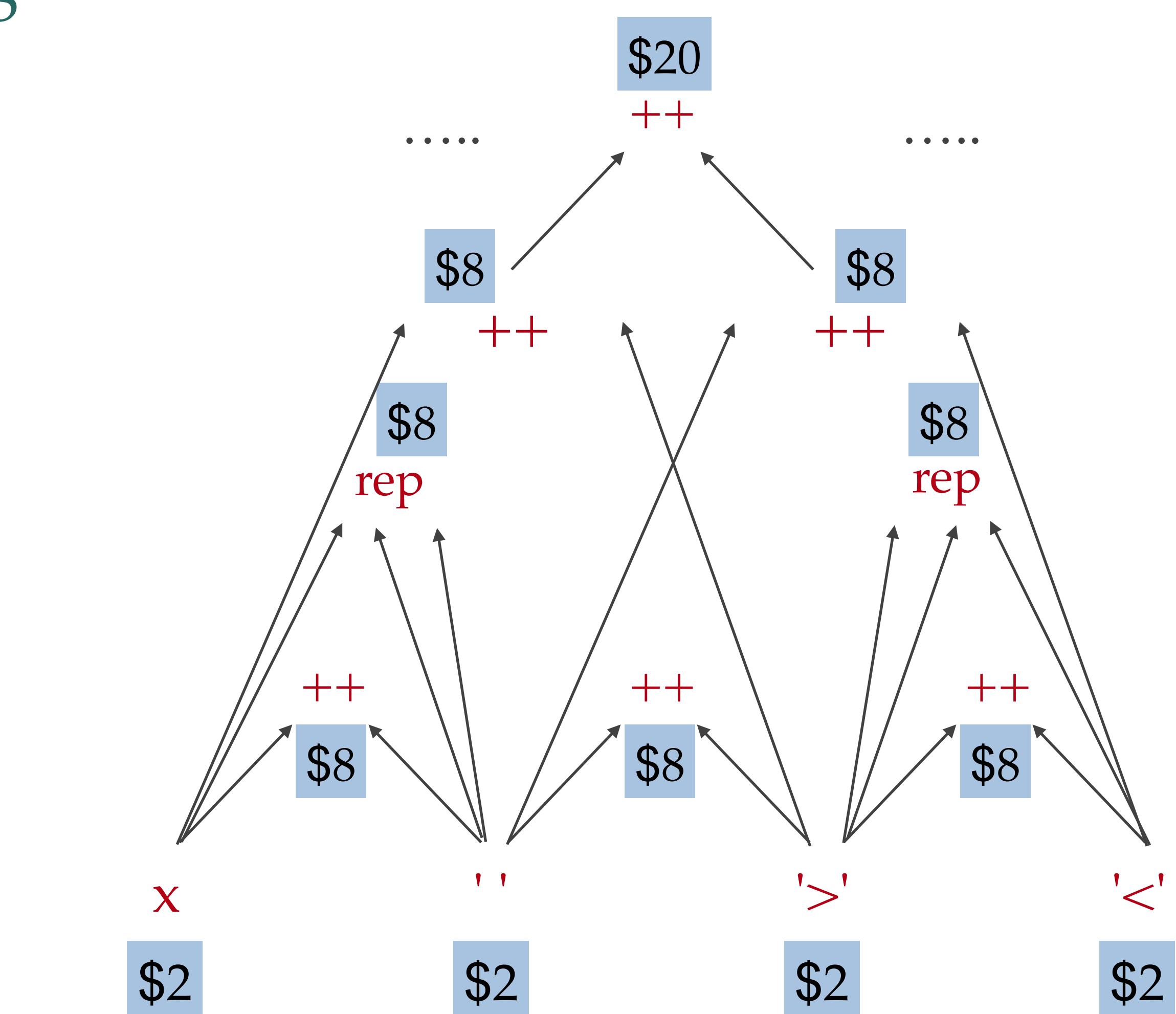


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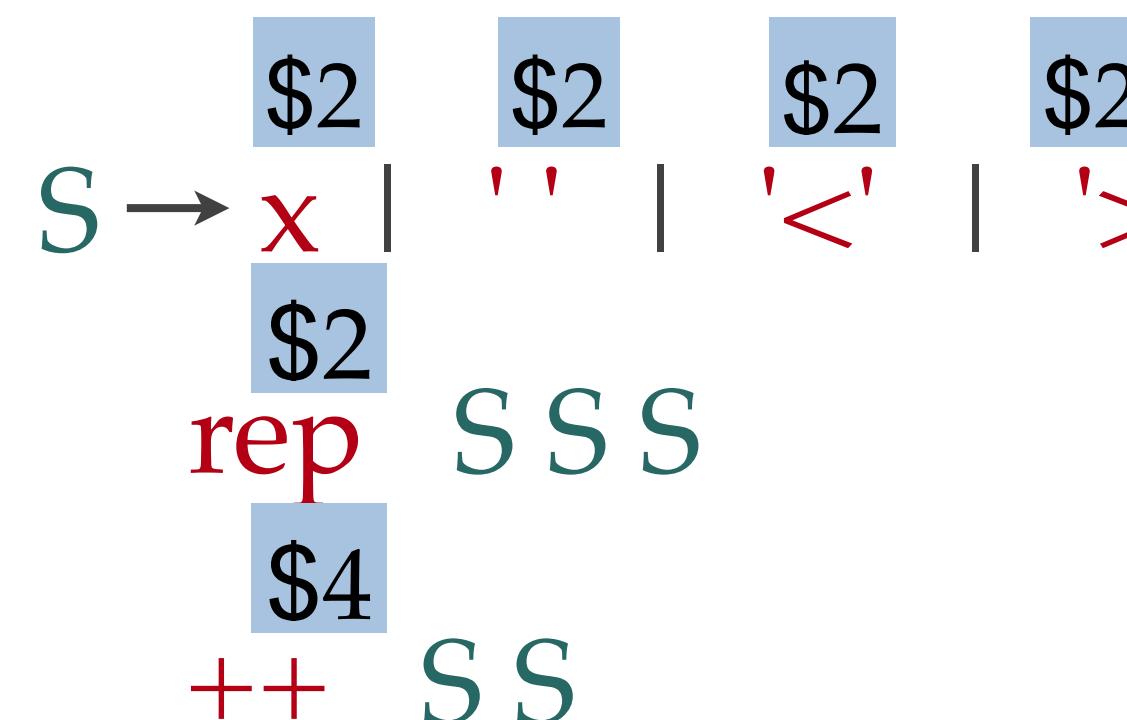
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# Our Technique

# Guided Bottom-up search



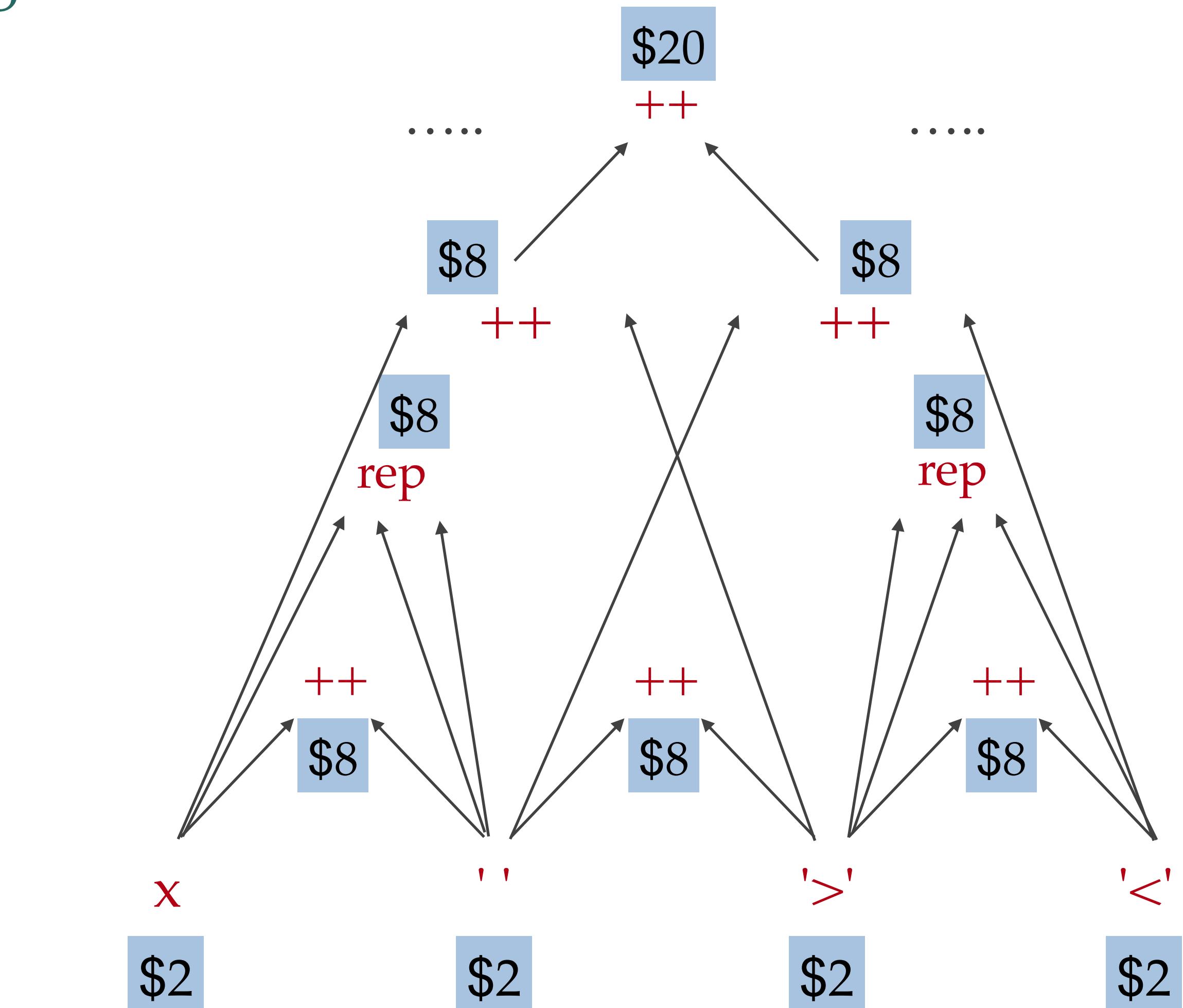
# Guided Search Techniques



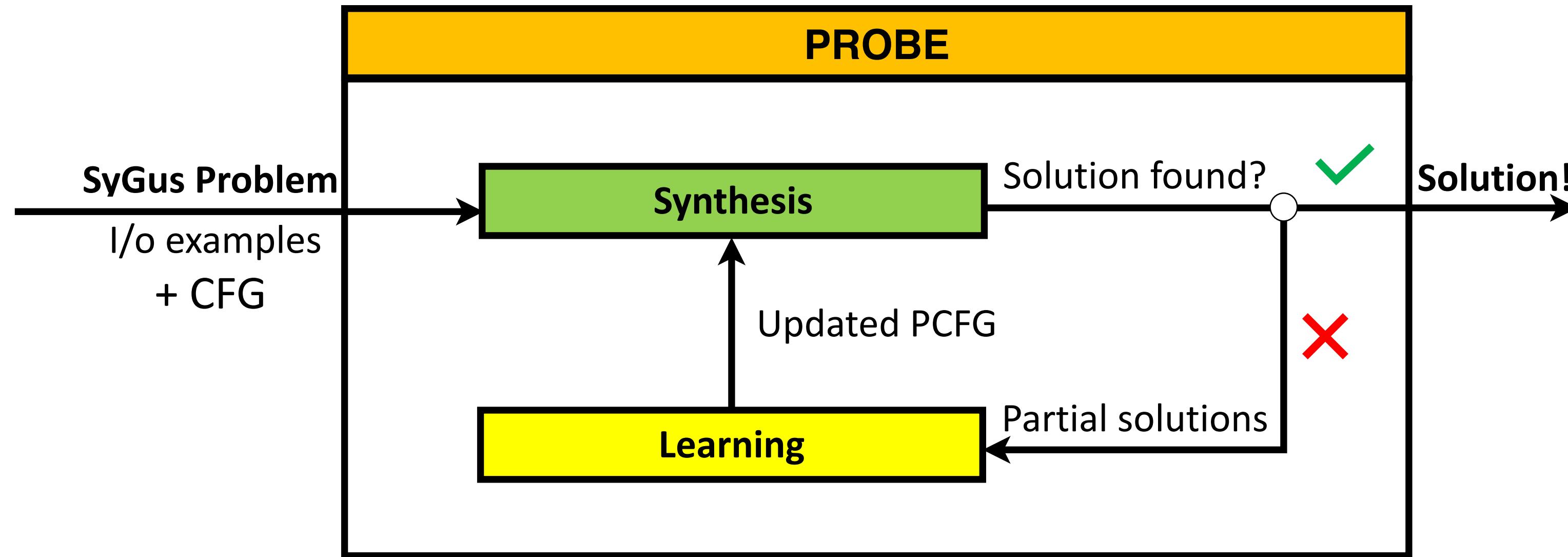
Enables Equivalence Reduction

Enables Just-in-Time Learning!

Our Technique  
Guided Bottom-up search



# Talk Outline



1. Just-in-Time Learning

2. Guided Bottom-Up Search

3. Evaluation Results

# Experimental Set-up: Benchmarks

	A	B
1	Name and ID	First name and last name
2	Thomas, Rhonda 82132	Rhonda Thomas
3	Emmett, Keara 34231	Keara Emmett
4	Vogel, James 32493	James Vogel
5	Jelen, Bill 23911	Bill Jelen
6	Miller, Sylvia 78356	Sylvia Miller
7	Lambert, Bobby 25900	Bobby Lambert



Turn off the rightmost sequence of 1s:

$$00101 \rightarrow 00100$$

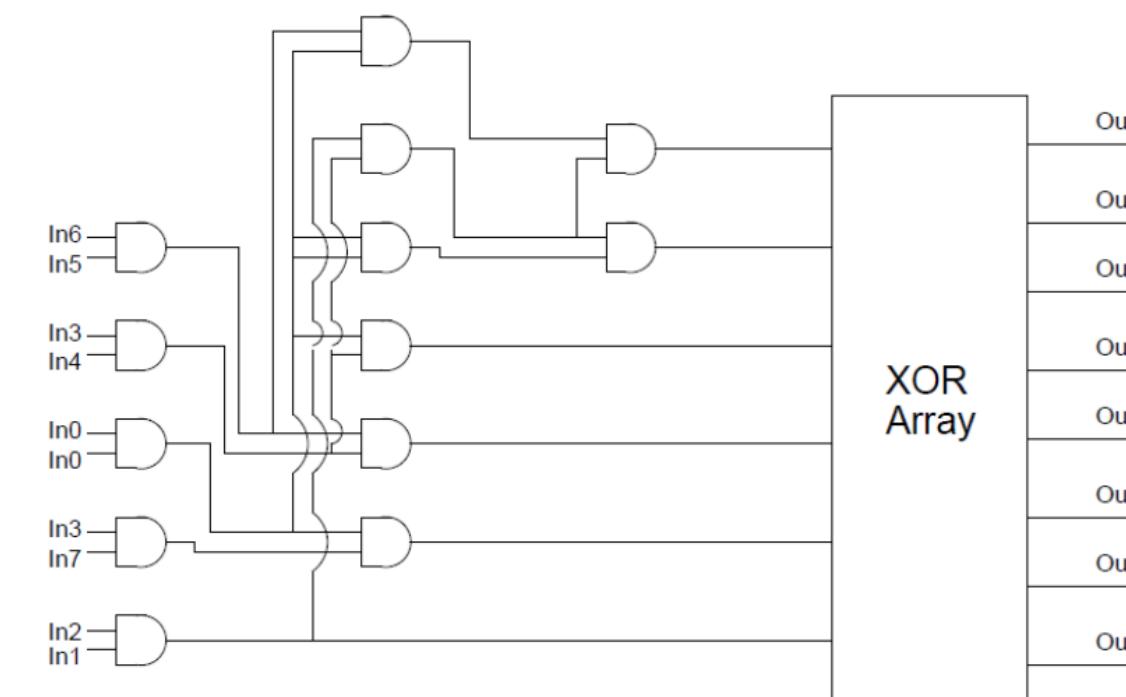
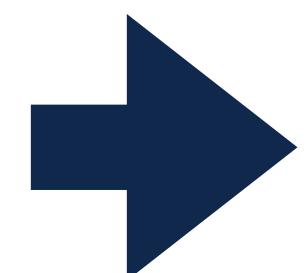
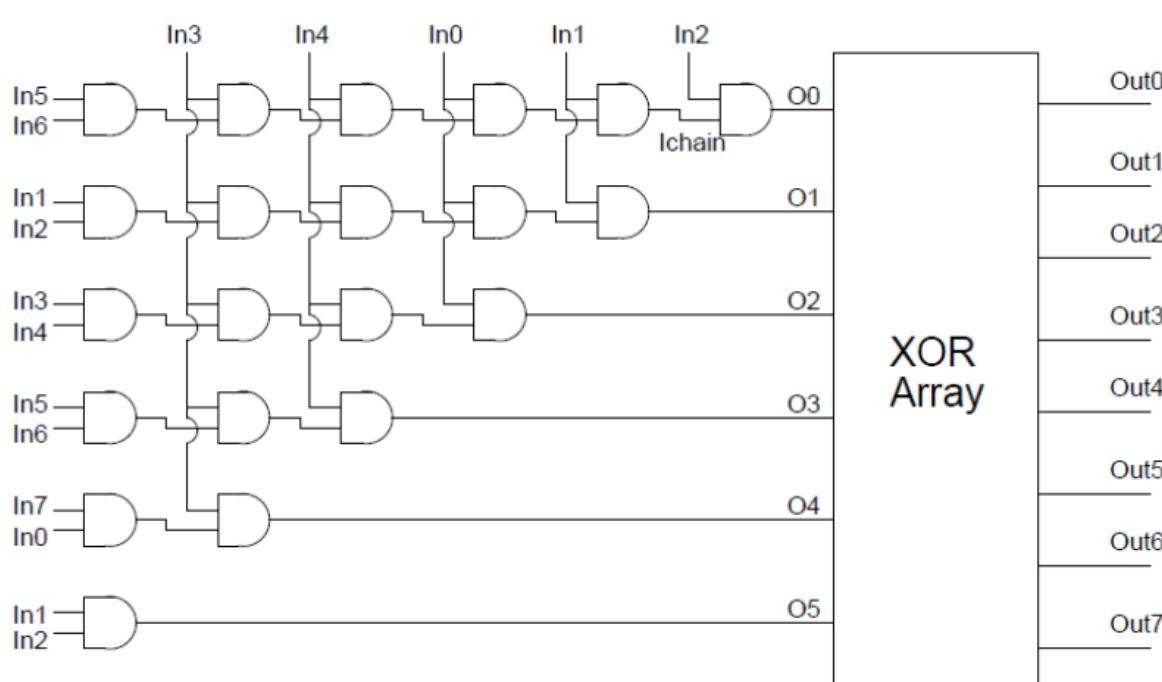
$$01010 \rightarrow 01000$$

$$10110 \rightarrow 10000$$

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid x \mid \\ &S + S \\ &S - S \\ &S \& S \\ &S \mid S \\ &S \ll S \end{aligned}$$

String Manipulation Tasks

BitVector Manipulation Tasks



Circuit transformation tasks

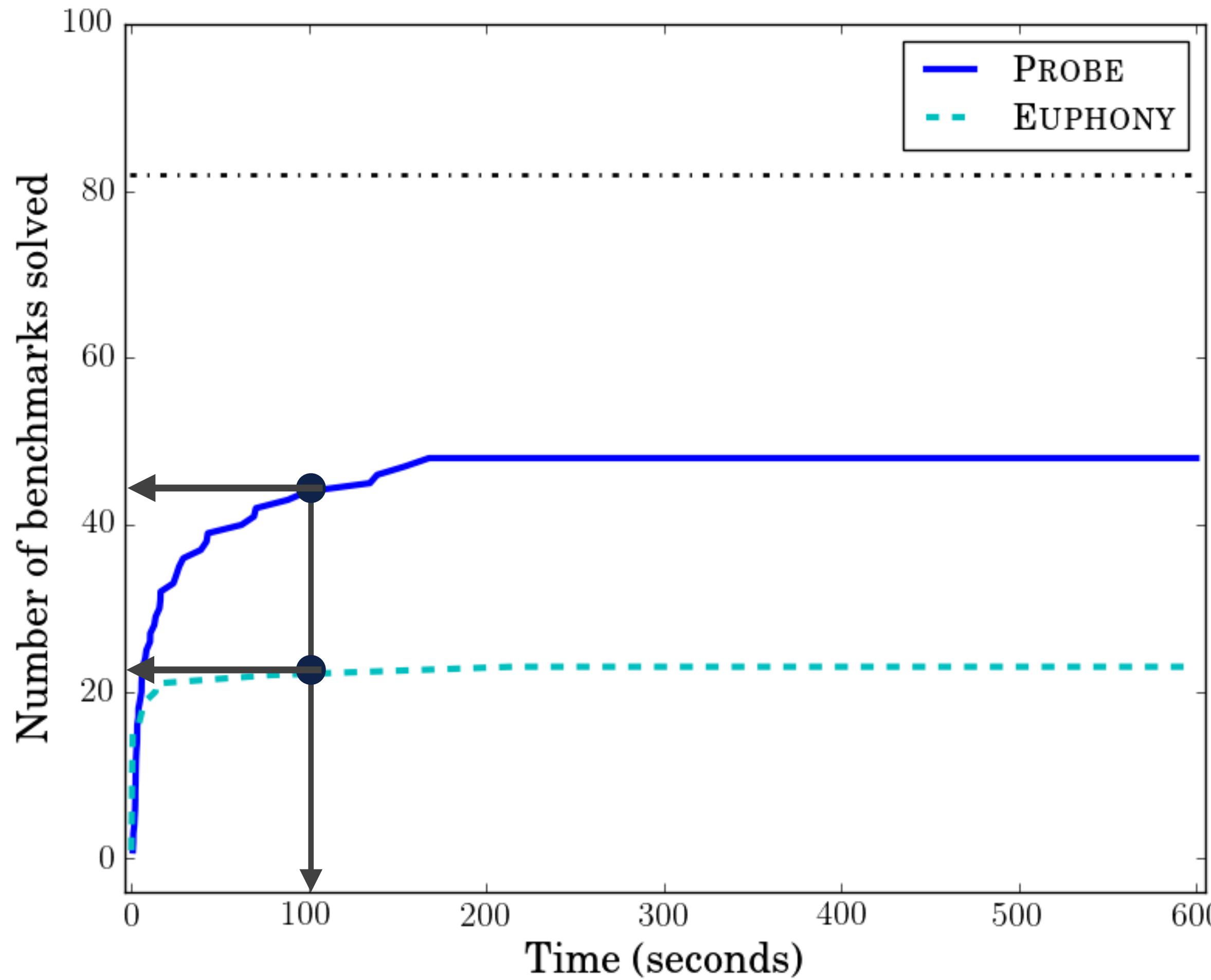
# Evaluation Metrics

1. Synthesis Time (Time required to find a solution)
2. Quality of solutions

## Experimental Setup: Baseline

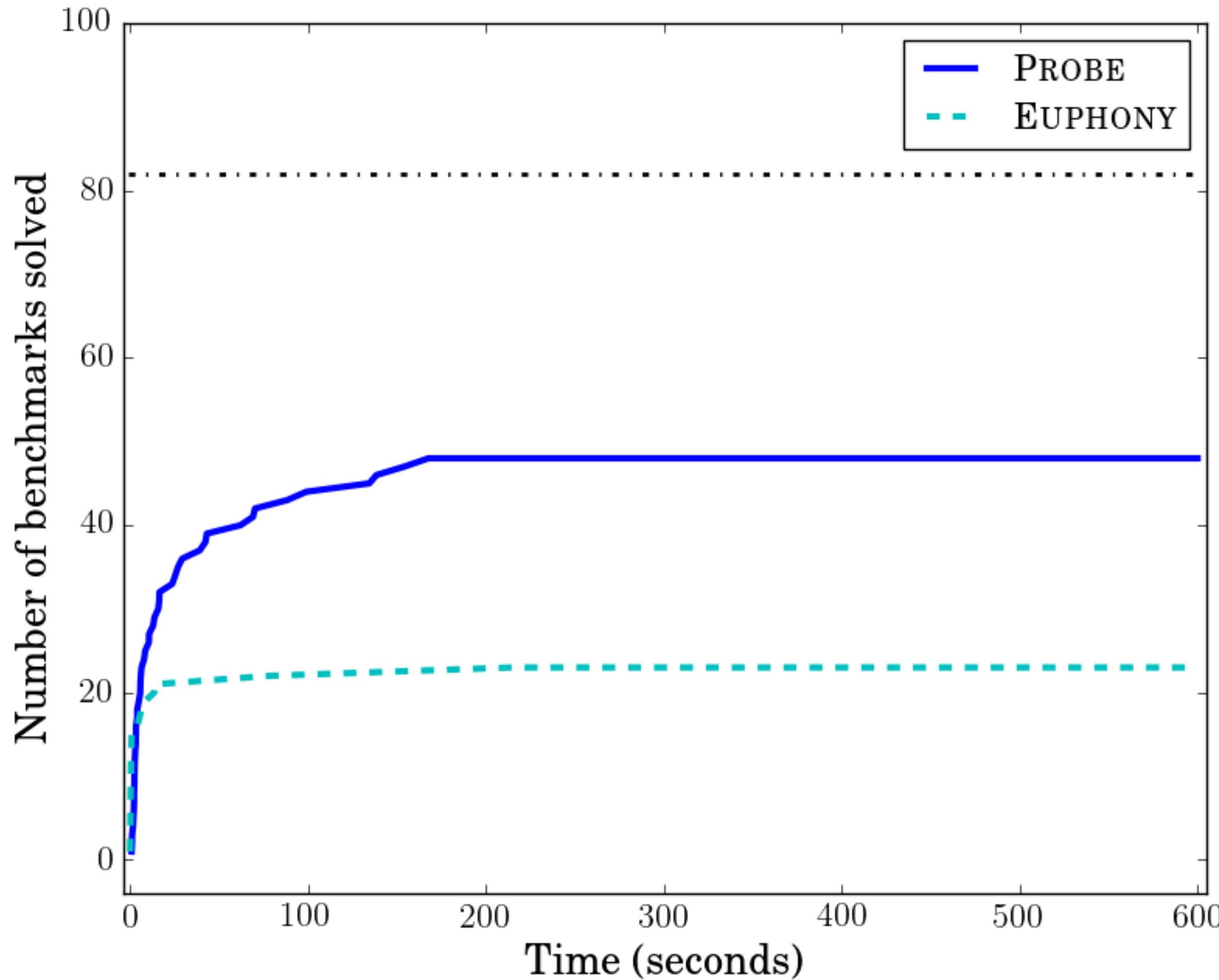
### 1. Euphony (top-down enumeration + pre-trained costs)

# Synthesis Time (Probe VS Euphony)

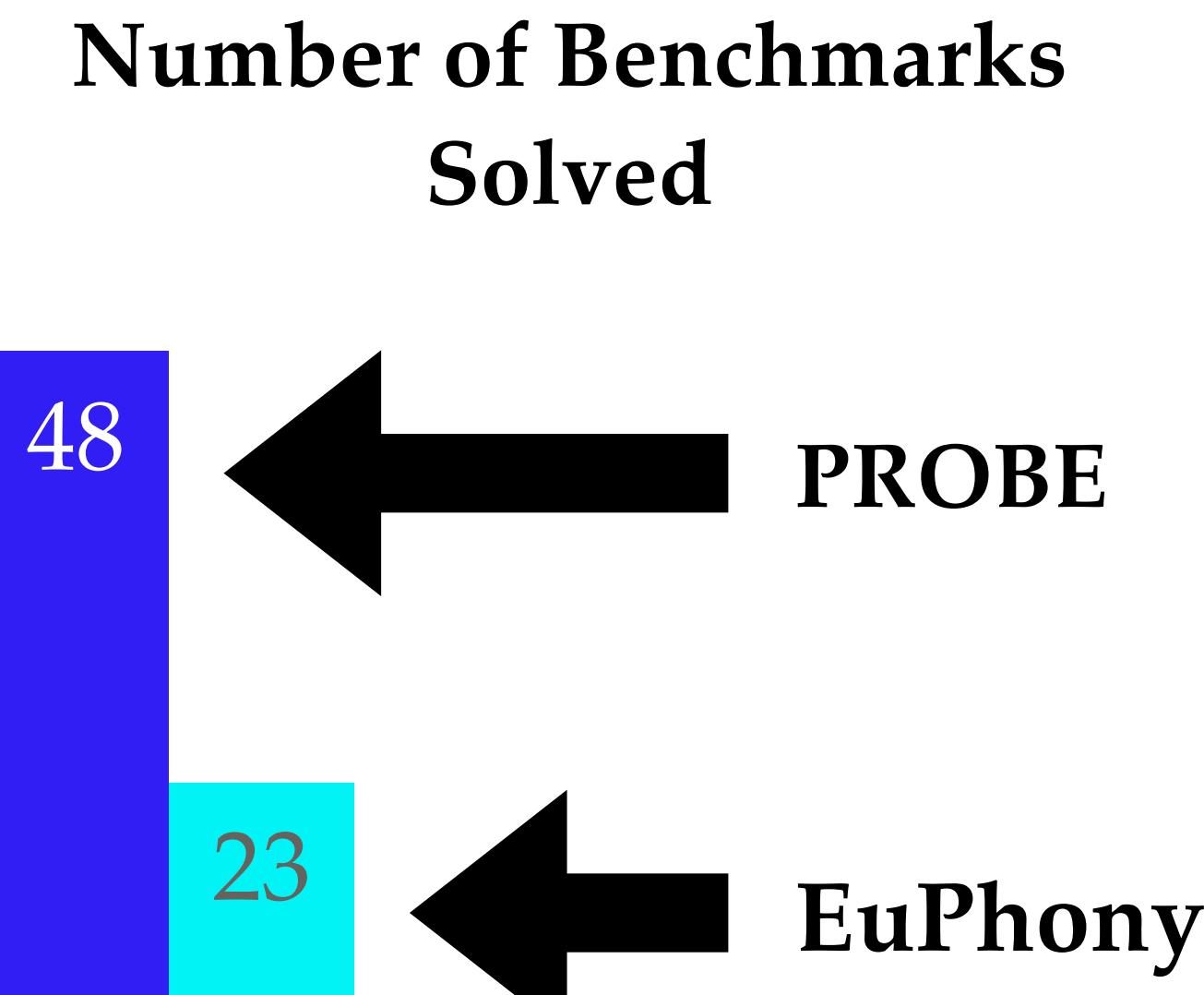


String Domain

# Synthesis Time (Probe VS Euphony)

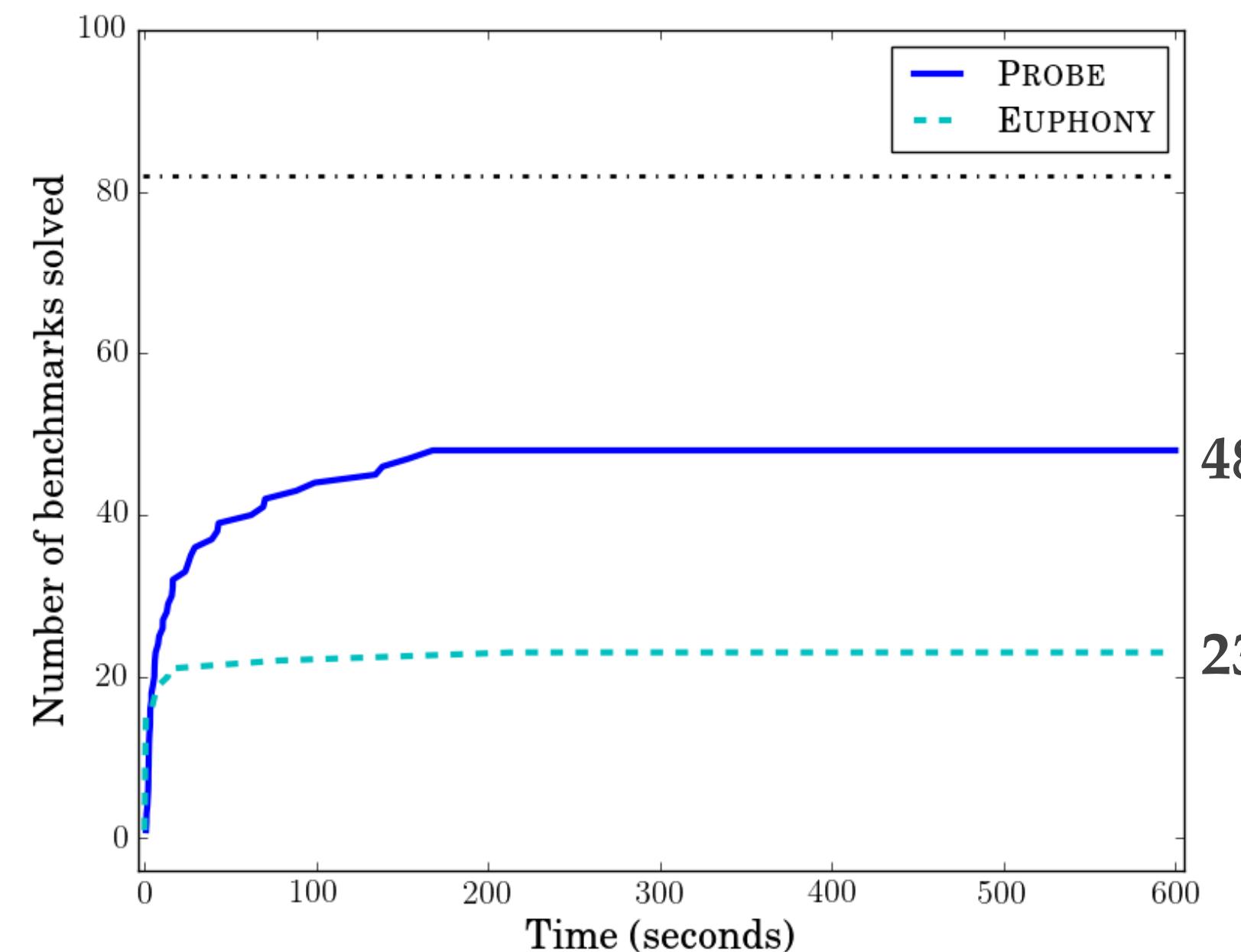


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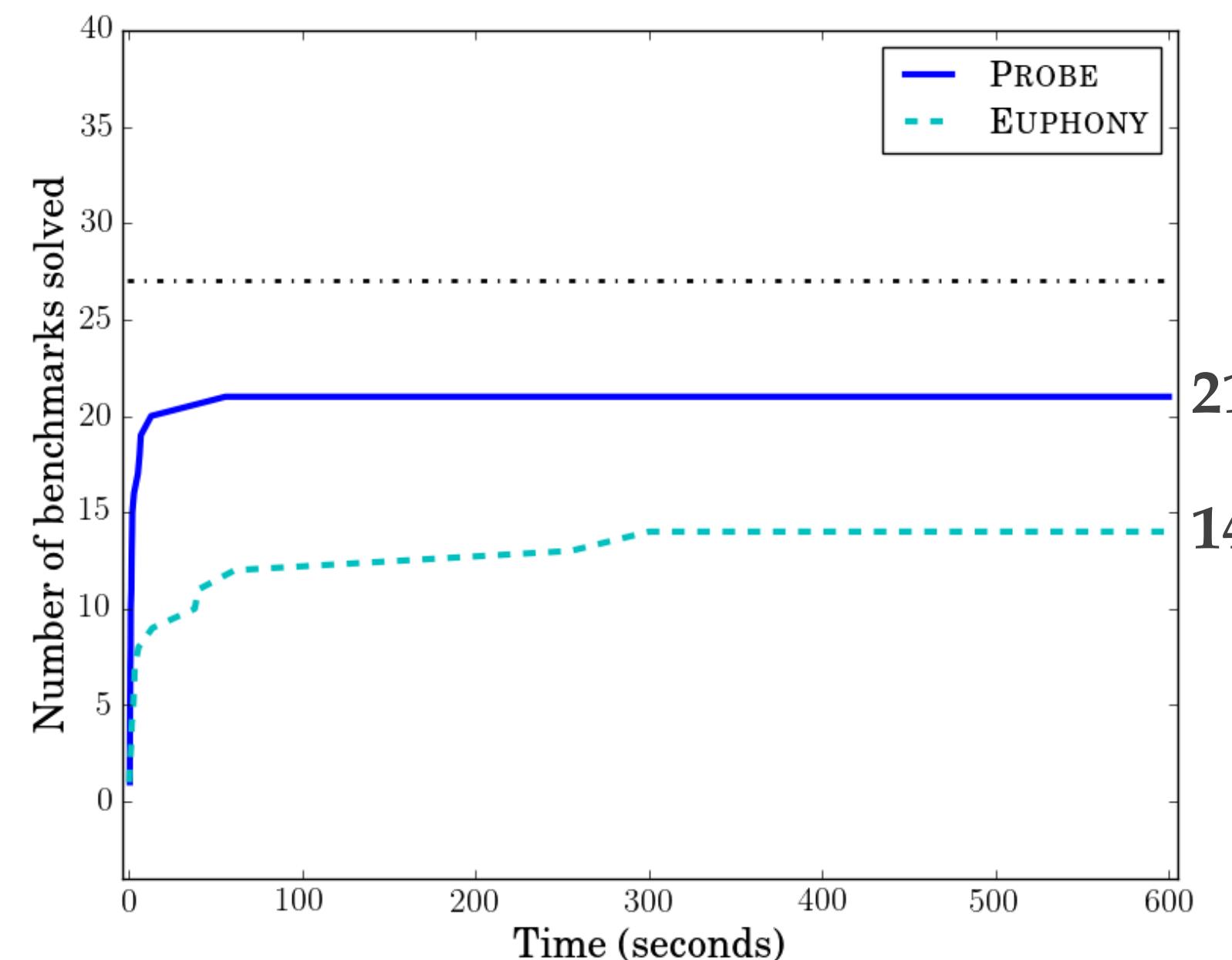


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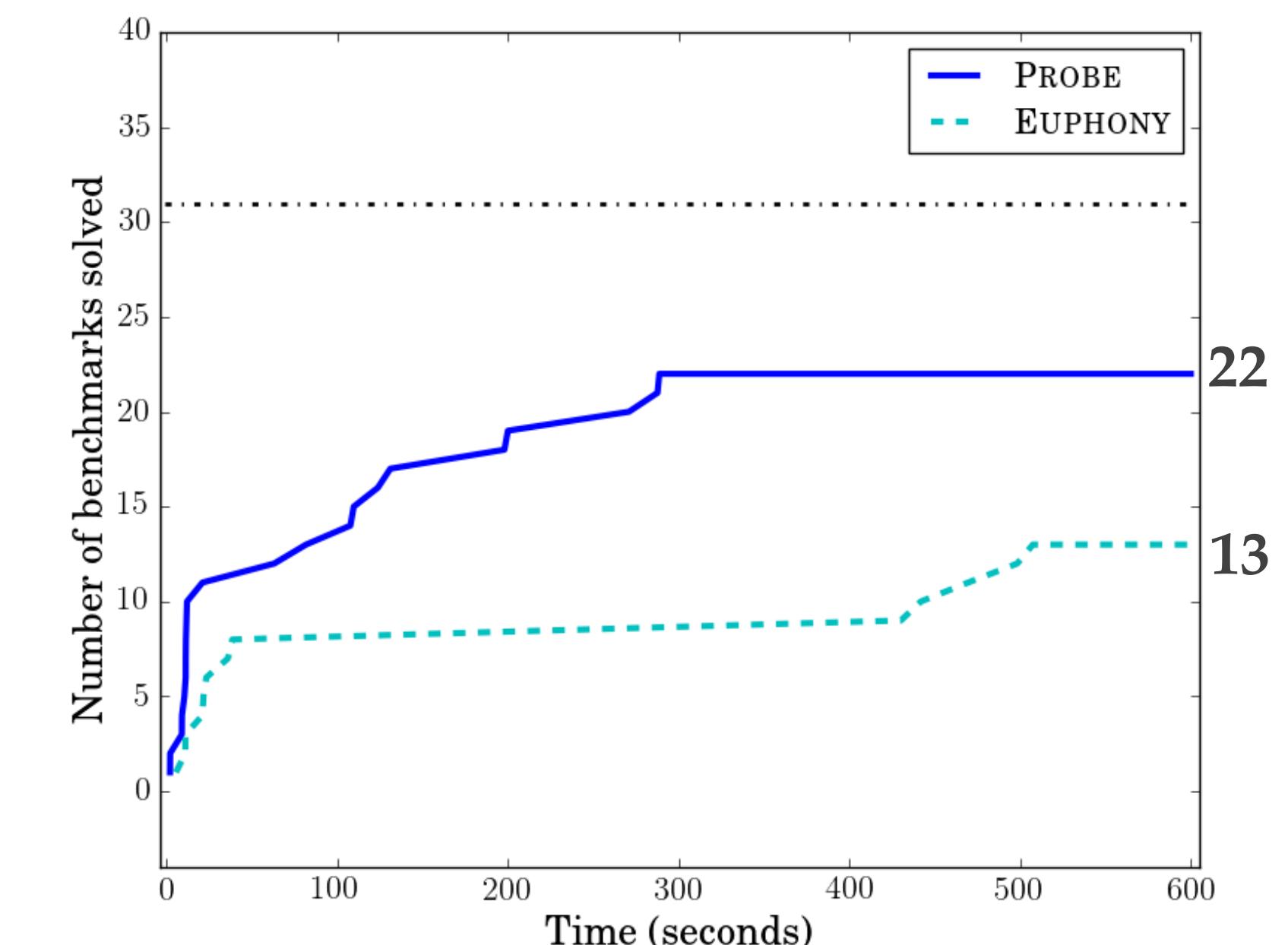
Probe is faster than Euphony on all 3 domains



String Domain



BitVector Domain



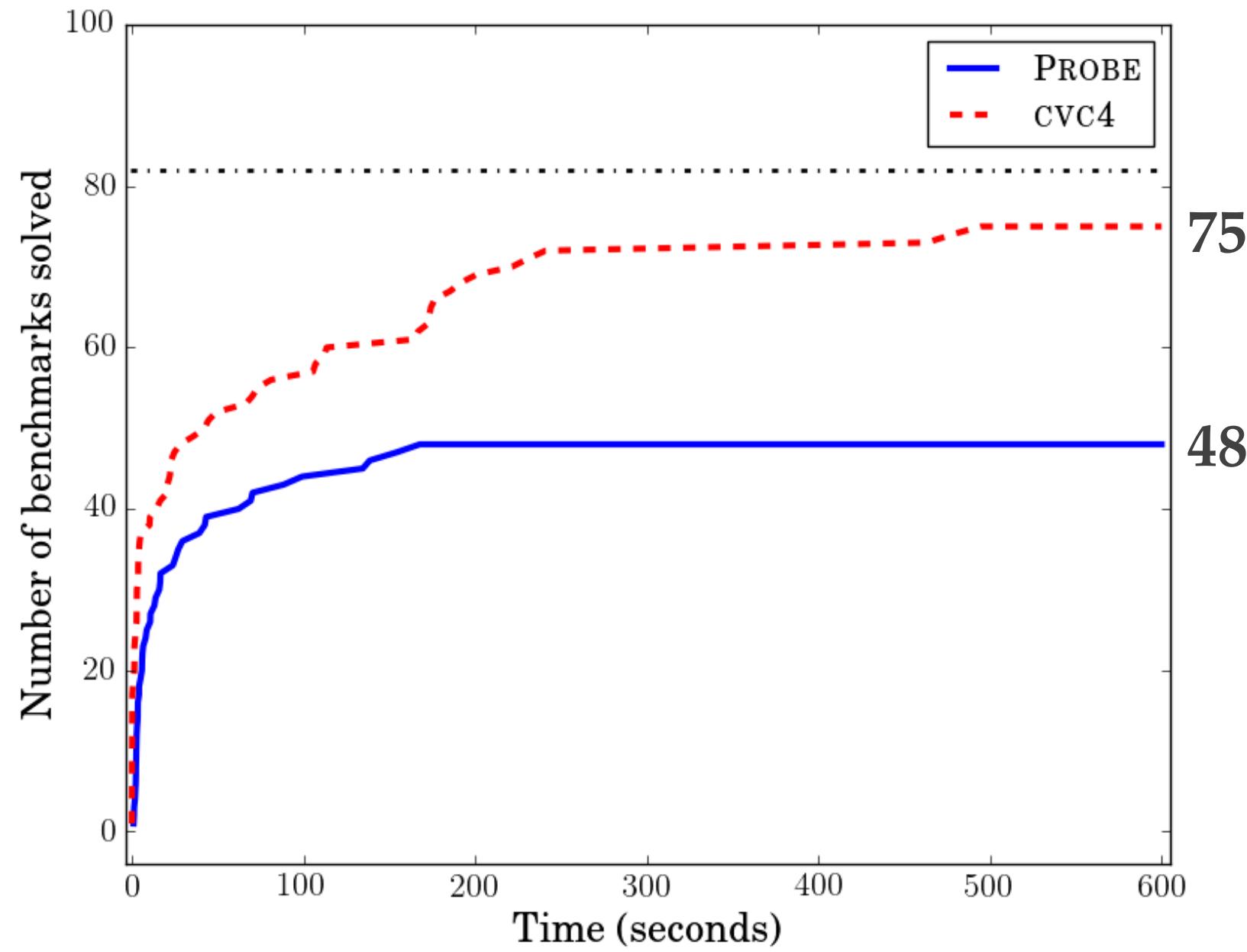
Circuit Domain

## Experimental Setup: State-of-the-art Solvers

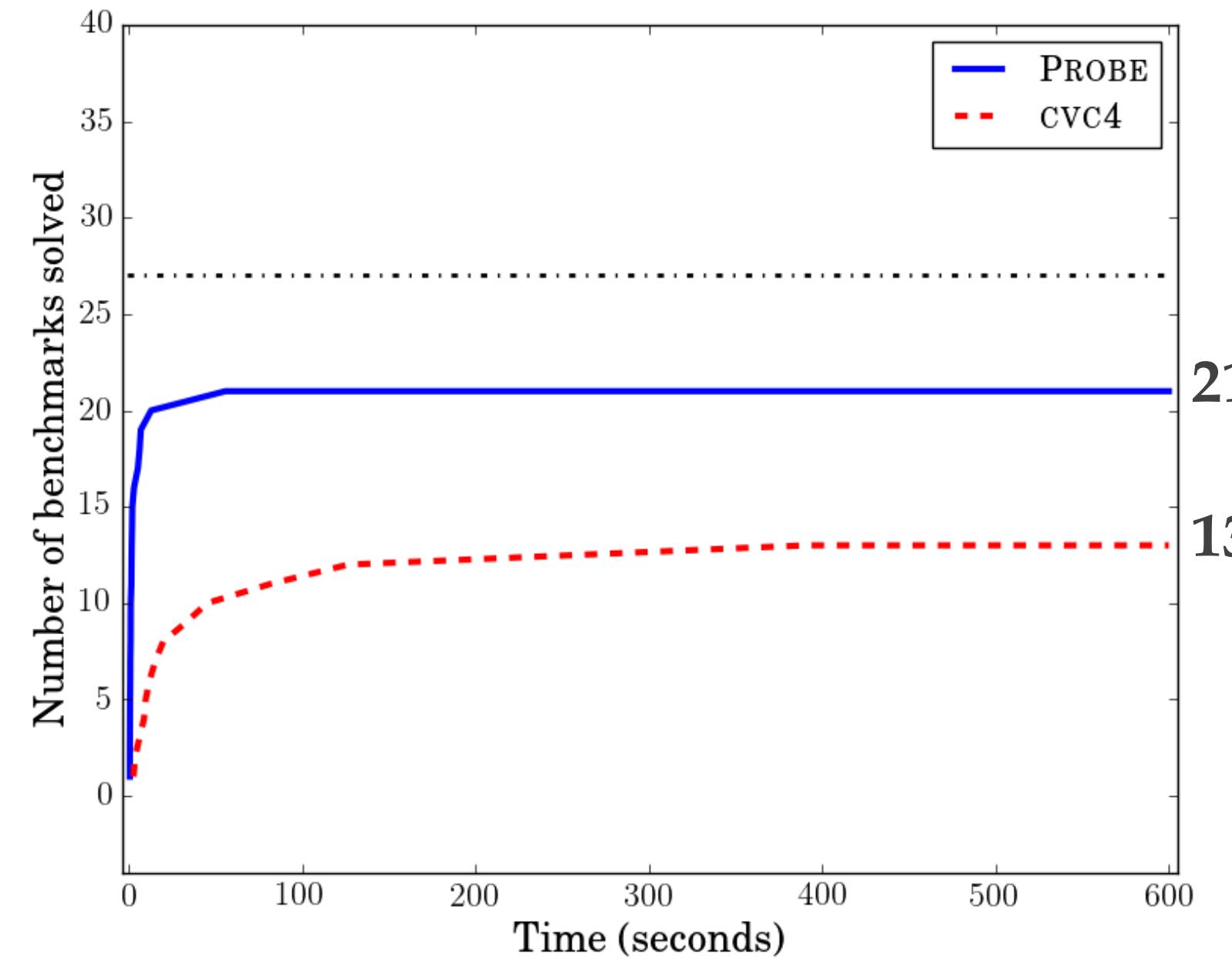
1. Euphony (top-down enumeration + pre-learned models)
2. CVC4 (Winner of the 2019 SyGuS competition)

# Synthesis Time (Probe VS CVC4)

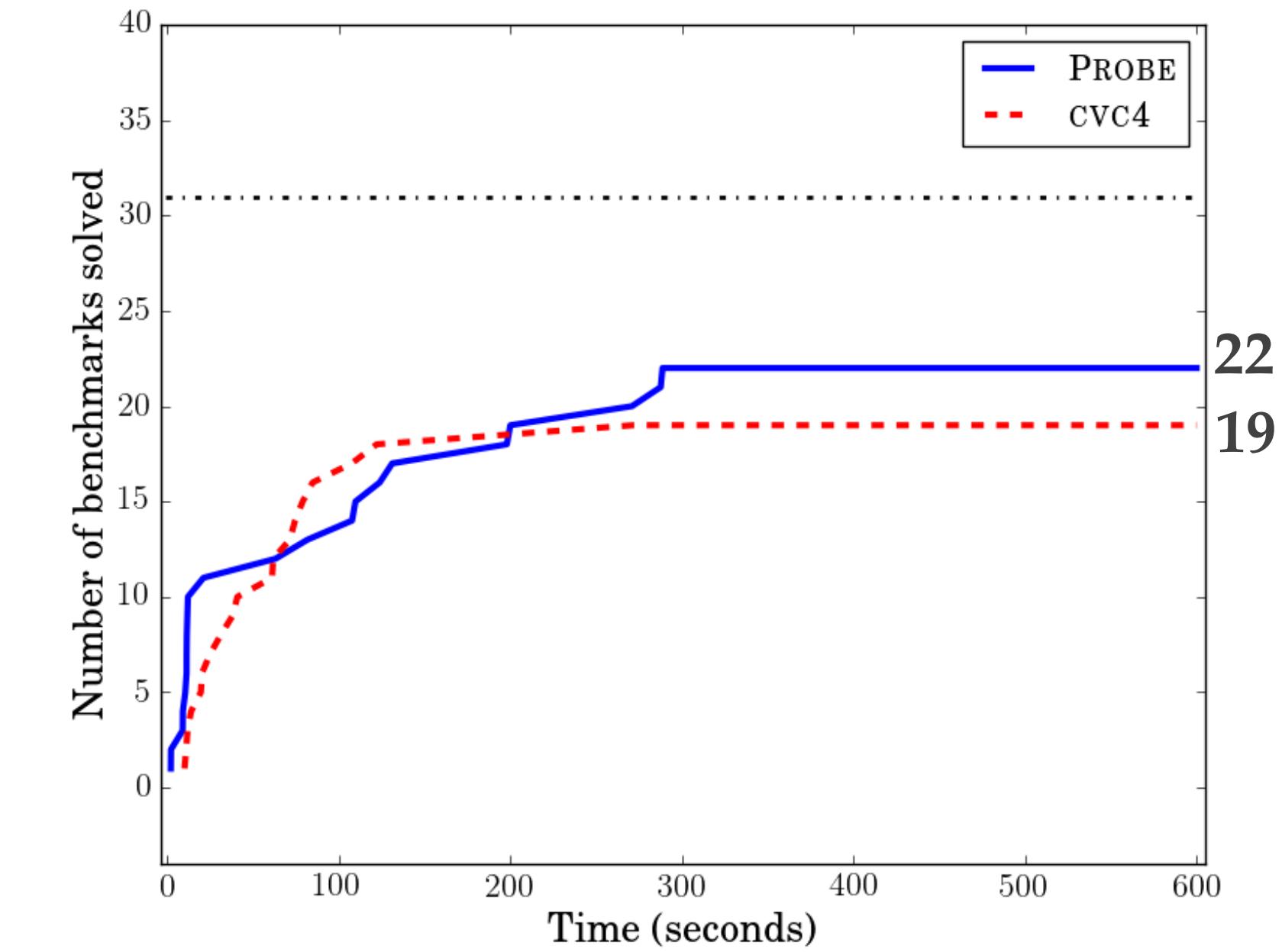
Input-Output Examples



First Order Formula



First Order Formula



String Domain

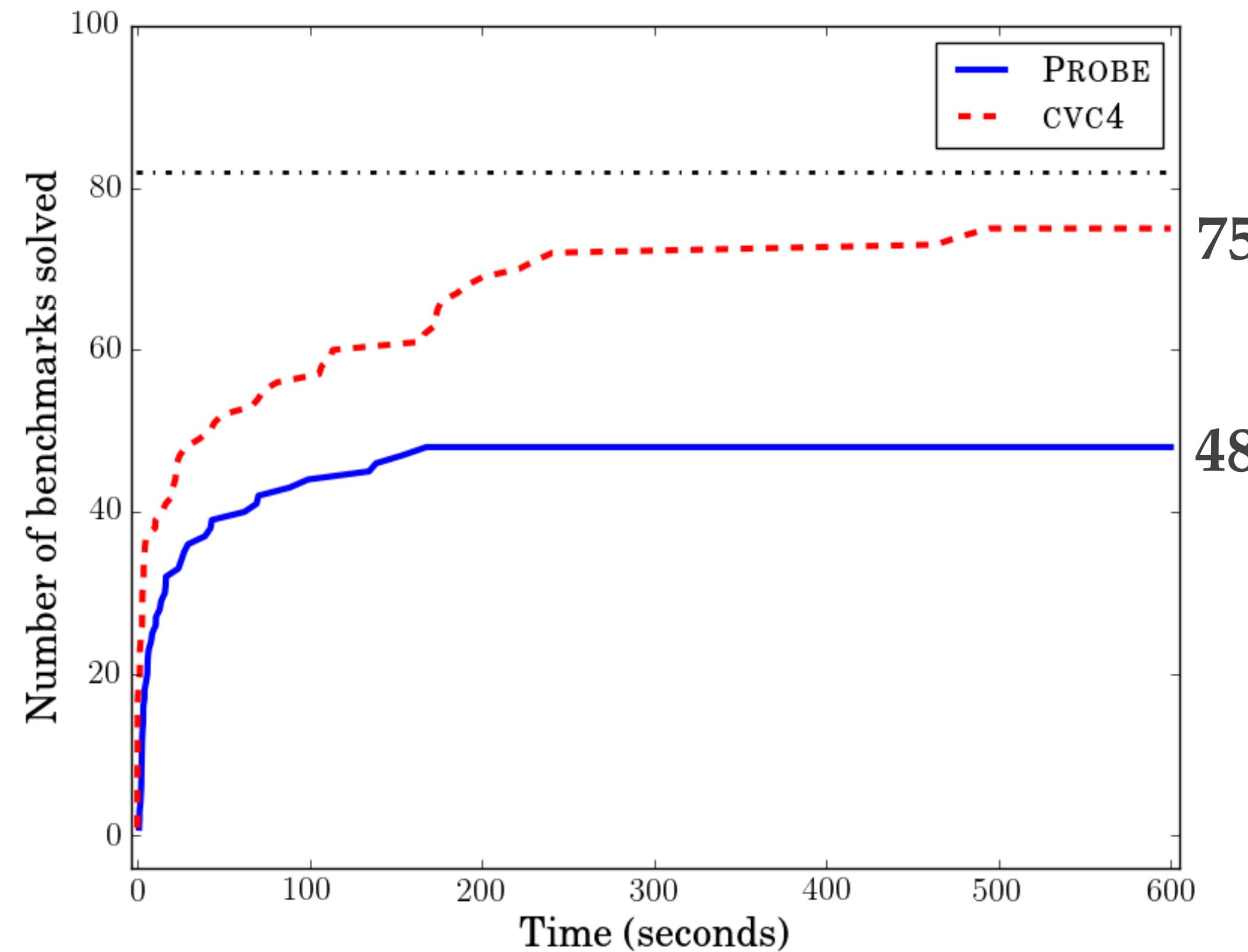
BitVector Domain

Circuit Domain

# Synthesis Time (Probe VS CVC4)

Input-Output Examples

Prone to overfitting



String Domain

# Solution Quality: Generalization Accuracy

Benchmark	Training Examples	Testing Examples	Probe Accuracy	CVC4 Accuracy
initials	4	54		
phone-5	7	100		
phone-6	7	100		
phone-7	7	100		
phone-10	7	100		

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phone-6	7	100	100%	100%
phone-7	7	100	100%	7%
phone-10	7	100	100%	57%

**CVC4 does not  
generalize!**

# Solution Quality: Generalization Accuracy

Benchmark	Training Examples	Testing Examples	Probe Accuracy	CVC4 Accuracy
phone-9	7	100	-	7%
univ_4	8	20	-	73%
univ_5	8	20	-	68%
univ_6	8	20	-	100%

**CVC4 does not  
generalize!**

# Solution Quality: Generalization Accuracy

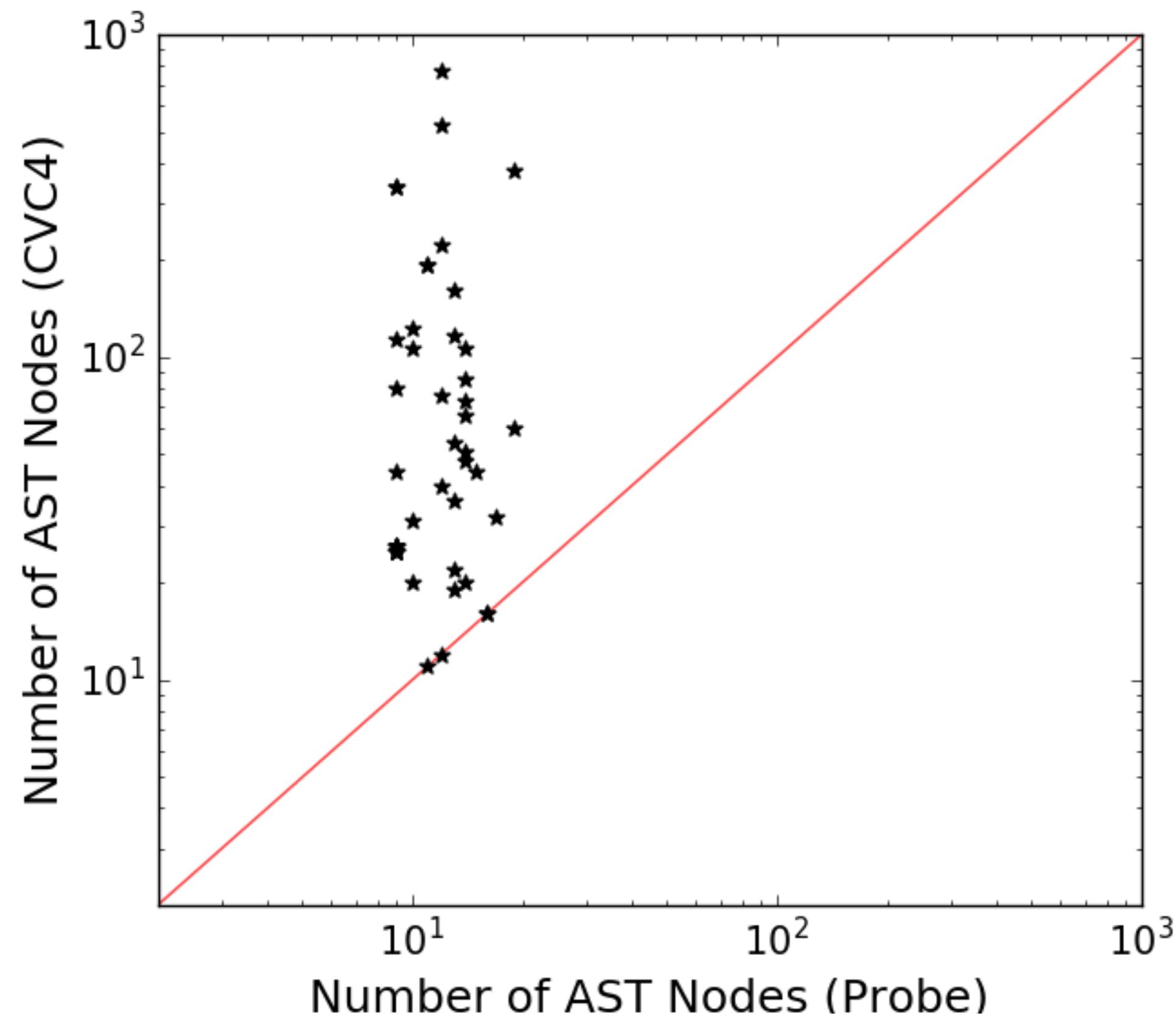
**PROBE** 100% Average Accuracy

**CVC4** 68% Average Accuracy

## Solution Quality: Size of Solutions

- Size is a surrogate for program simplicity.
- Smaller solutions are more readable and usable.
- Smaller solutions generalize well to additional examples.

# Solution Quality: Size of Solutions (CVC4)



Scatter plot of String solution sizes (# of AST nodes)

# Solution Quality: Size of Solutions (CVC4)

# Probe Solution - 19 AST nodes

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(rep (rep (rep (rep (rep (rep arg '<''') '<''') '<''') '>''') '>''') '>'''))
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**CVC4 Solution - 380 AST nodes!**

## Evaluation Conclusion

1. Probe outperforms Euphony on all 3 domains
2. CVC4 solutions - 2 orders of magnitude larger than Probe's

## Conclusion

Just-in-Time Learning + Bottom-up Search - works well!

1. Guided Bottom-up search enumerates programs in the order of cost.
2. On-the-fly guidance is obtained from just-in-time learning.
3. Solutions generated are readable and generalize across 3 domains.

<https://github.com/shraddhabarke/probe.git>





# Grammar Statistics

Domain	Operations	Literals	Variables
String Domain	16	11	1
BitVector Domain	17	3	1
Circuit Domain	4	0	6

# String Domain Grammar

$Start \rightarrow S$	
$S \rightarrow \text{arg}0   \text{arg}1   \dots$	string variables
$\text{lit-1}   \text{lit-2}   \dots$	string literals
$(\text{replace } S S S)$	$\text{replace } s \ x \ y$ replaces first occurrence of $x$ in $s$ with $y$
$(\text{concat } S S)$	$\text{concat } x \ y$ concatenates $x$ and $y$
$(\text{substr } S I I)$	$\text{substr } x \ y \ z$ extracts substring of length $z$ , from index $y$
$(\text{ite } B S S)$	$\text{ite } x \ y \ z$ returns $y$ if $x$ is true, otherwise $z$
$(\text{int.to.str } I)$	$\text{int.to.str } x$ converts int $x$ to a string
$(\text{at } S I)$	$\text{at } x \ y$ returns the character at index $y$ in string $x$
$B \rightarrow \text{true}   \text{false}$	bool literals
$(= II)$	$= x \ y$ returns true if $x$ equals $y$
$(\text{contains } S S)$	$\text{contains } x \ y$ returns true if $x$ contains $y$
$(\text{suffixof } S S)$	$\text{suffixof } x \ y$ returns true if $x$ is the suffix of $y$
$(\text{prefixof } S S)$	$\text{prefixof } x \ y$ returns true if $x$ is the prefix of $y$
$I \rightarrow \text{arg}0   \text{arg}1   \dots$	int variables
$\text{lit-1}   \text{lit-2}   \dots$	int literals
$(\text{str.to.int } S)$	$\text{str.to.int } x$ converts string $x$ to a int
$(+ II)$	$+ x \ y$ sums $x$ and $y$
$(- II)$	$- x \ y$ subtracts $y$ from $x$
$(\text{length } S)$	$\text{length } x$ returns length of $x$
$(\text{ite } B II)$	$\text{ite } x \ y \ z$ returns $y$ if $x$ is true, otherwise $z$
$(\text{indexof } S S I)$	$\text{indexof } x \ y \ z$ returns index of $y$ in $x$ , starting at index $z$

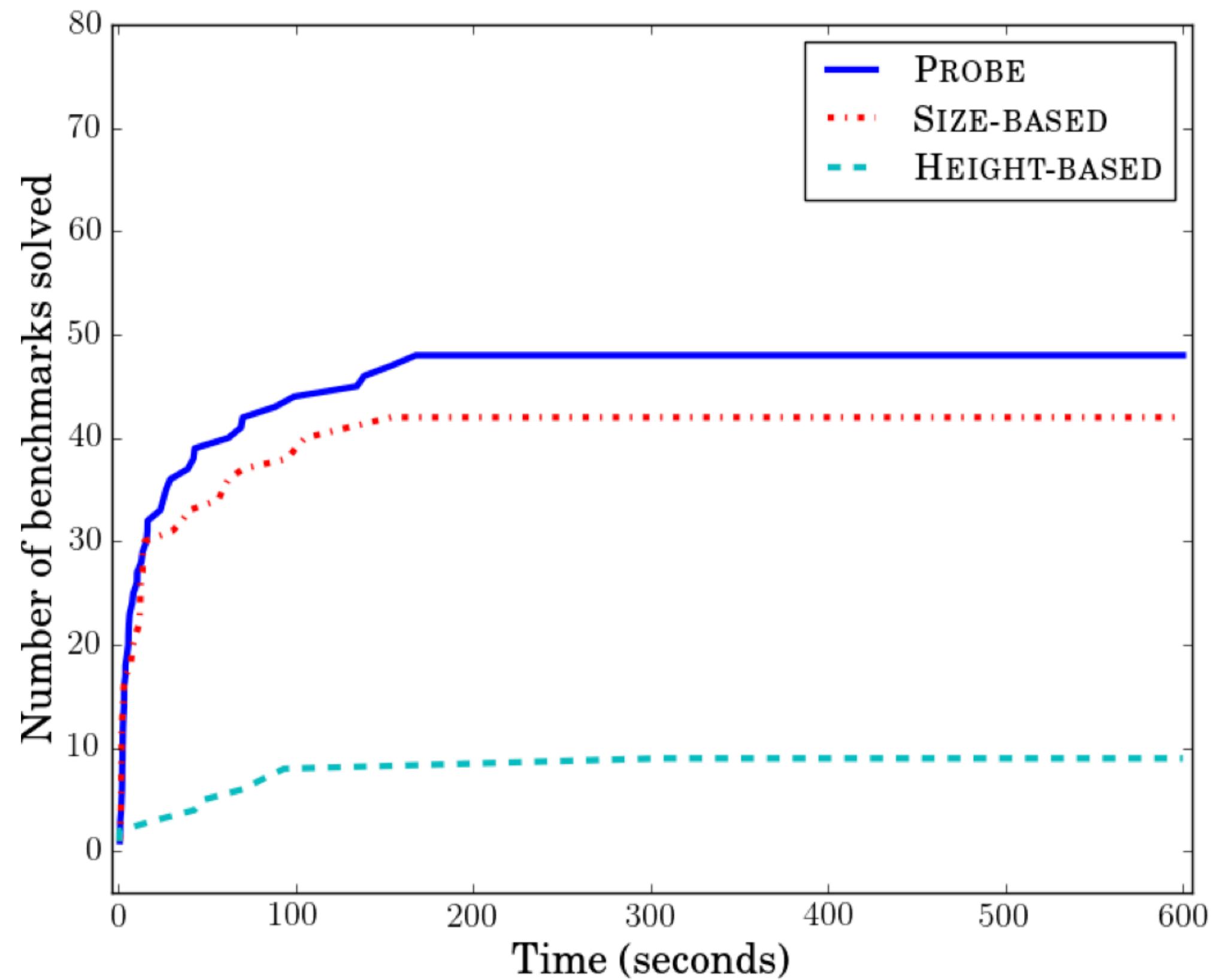
# BitVector Domain Grammar

<i>Start</i> →	<i>BV</i>
<i>BV</i> →	<i>arg0</i>   <i>arg1</i>   ...      bit-vector variables
	<i>lit-1</i>   <i>lit-2</i>   ...      bit-vector literals
	( <i>xor</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>xor</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> performs bitwise xor between <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>and</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>and</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> performs bitwise and operation between <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>or</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>or</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> performs bitwise or operation between <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>neg</i> <i>BV</i> ) <i>neg</i> <i>x</i> returns the two's complement of <i>x</i>
	( <i>not</i> <i>BV</i> ) <i>not</i> <i>x</i> returns the one's complement of <i>x</i>
	( <i>add</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>add</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> adds <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>mul</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>mul</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> multiplies <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>udiv</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>udiv</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the unsigned quotient of dividing <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>urem</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>urem</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the unsigned remainder of dividing <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>lshr</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>lshr</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the logical right shift of <i>x</i> by <i>y</i> bits
	( <i>ashr</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>ashr</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the arithmetic right shift of <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>shl</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>shl</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the logical left shift of <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>sdiv</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>sdiv</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the signed quotient of dividing <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>srem</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>srem</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the signed remainder of dividing <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>
	( <i>sub</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>sub</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> subtracts <i>y</i> from <i>x</i>
	( <i>ite</i> <i>B BV BV</i> ) <i>ite</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> <i>z</i> returns <i>y</i> if <i>x</i> is true, otherwise <i>z</i>
<i>B</i> →	<i>true</i>   <i>false</i> bool literals
	( <i>=</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>=</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> equals <i>y</i>
	( <i>ult</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>ult</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> is unsigned less than <i>y</i>
	( <i>ule</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>ule</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> is unsigned less than equal to <i>y</i>
	( <i>slt</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>slt</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> is signed less than <i>y</i>
	( <i>sle</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>sle</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> is signed less than equal to <i>y</i>
	( <i>ugt</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>ugt</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns true if <i>x</i> unsigned greater than <i>y</i>
	( <i>redor</i> <i>BV</i> ) <i>redor</i> <i>x</i> performs bit-wise or reduction of <i>x</i>
	( <i>and</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>and</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the logical and of <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	( <i>or</i> <i>BV BV</i> ) <i>or</i> <i>x</i> <i>y</i> returns the logical or of <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
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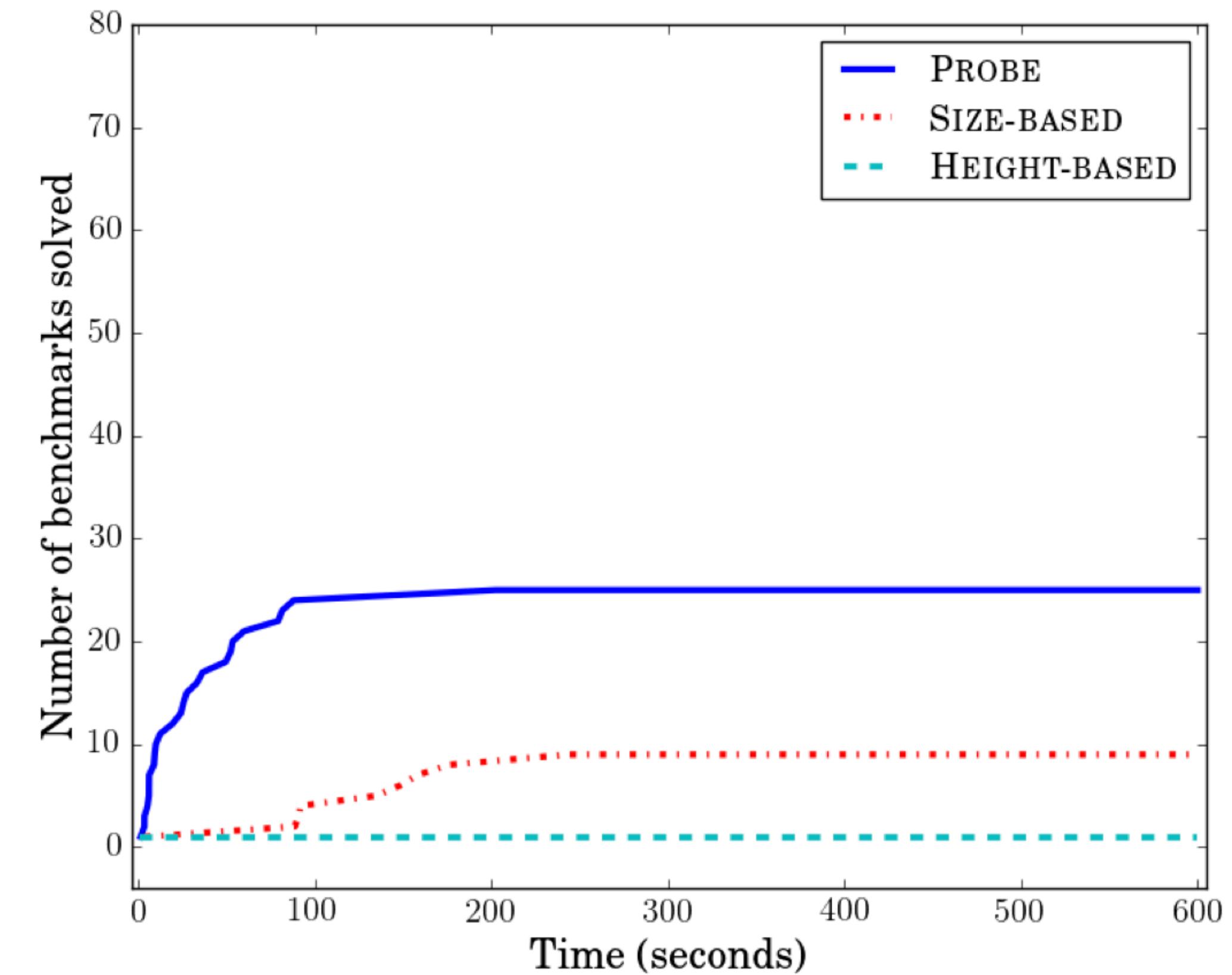
# Circuit Domain Grammar

<i>Start</i> →	<i>B</i>	
<i>B</i> →	<i>arg0</i>   <i>arg1</i>   ...	<b>boolean variables</b>
	(and <i>B B</i> )	and <i>x y</i> returns the logical and of <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	(not <i>B</i> )	not <i>x</i> returns the logical not of <i>x</i>
	(or <i>B B</i> )	or <i>x y</i> returns the logical or of <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>
	(xor <i>B B</i> )	xor <i>x y</i> returns the logical xor of <i>x</i> and <i>y</i>

# Synthesis Time (Probe VS Traditional Synthesis)

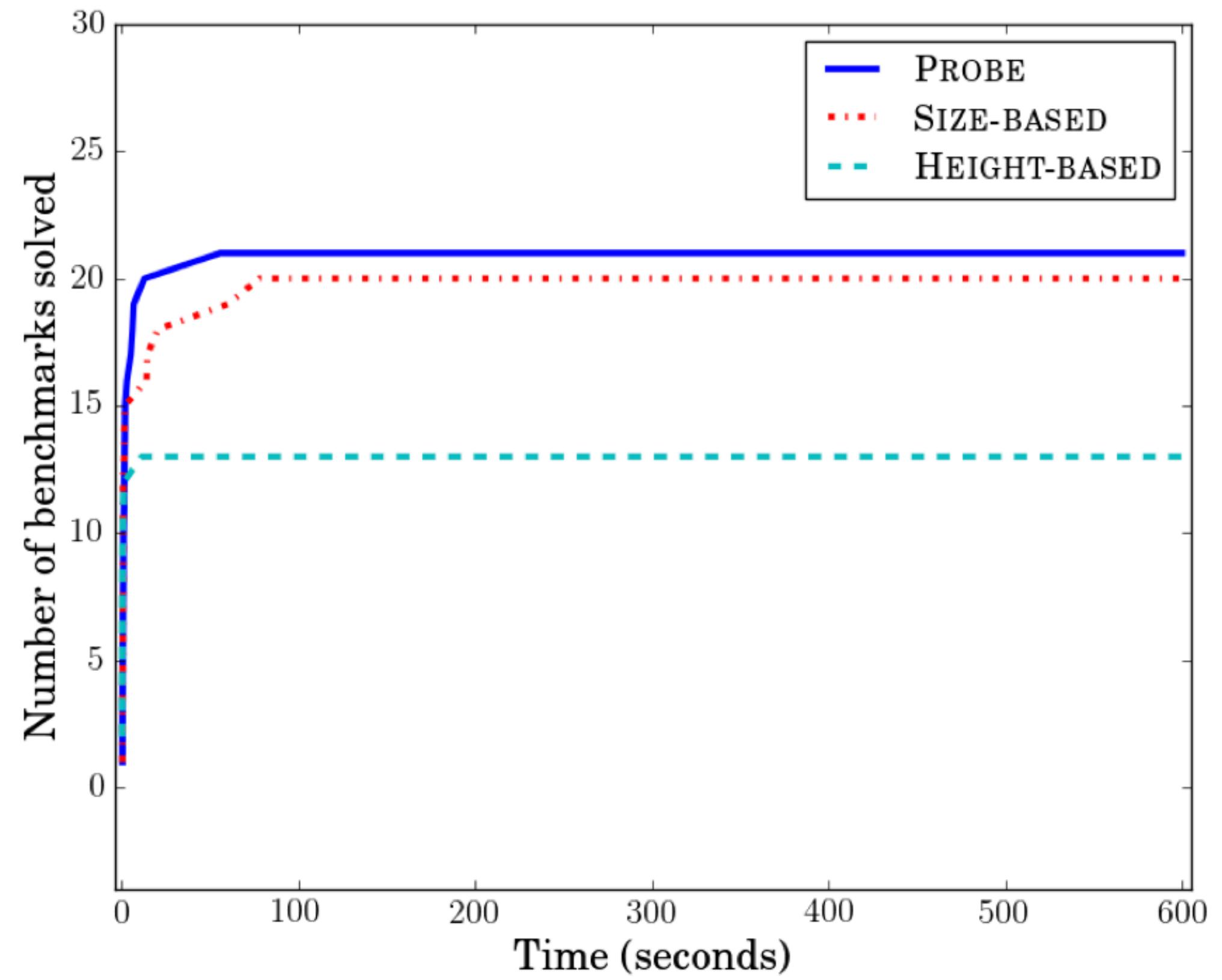


(a) STRING domain with regular grammar.

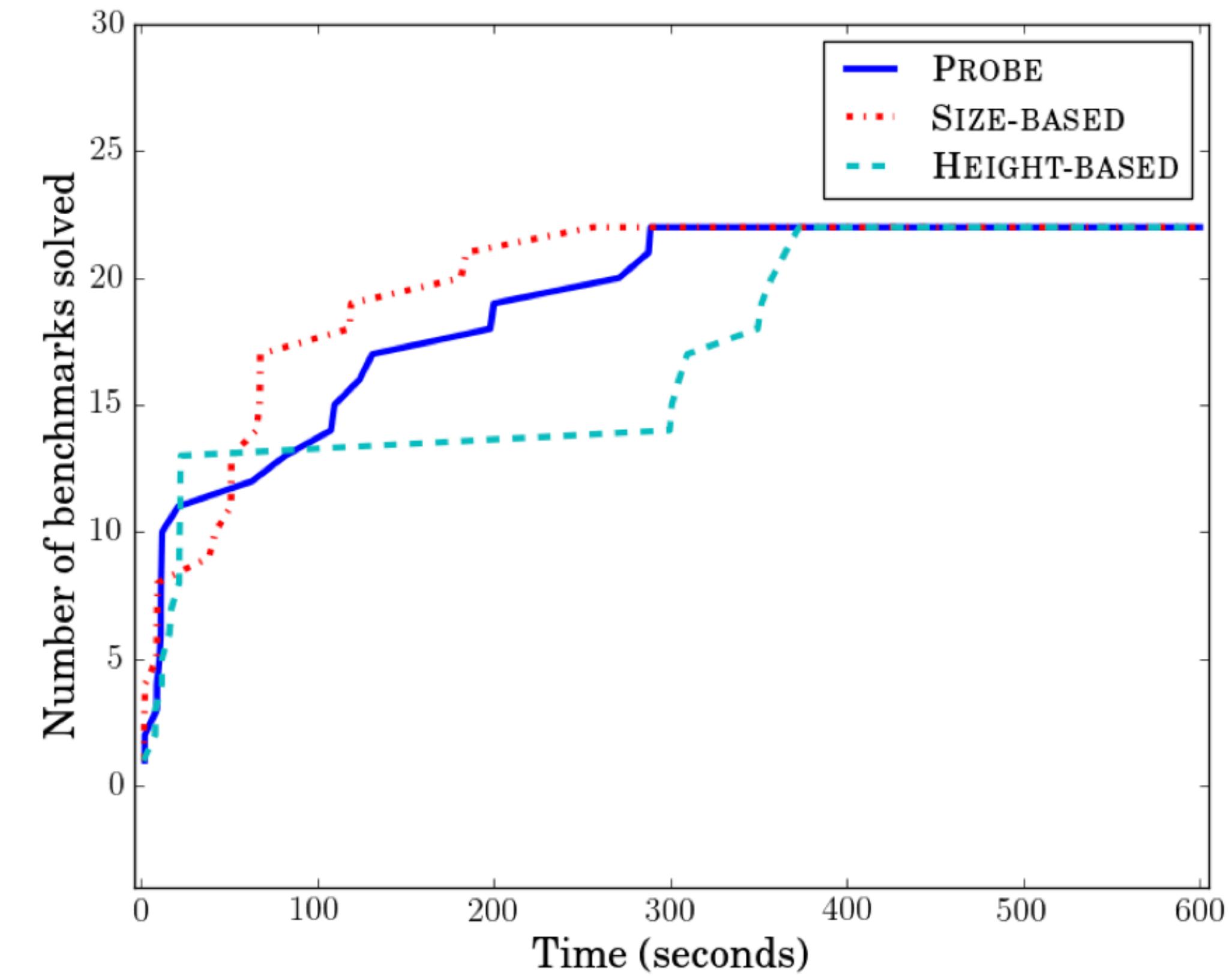


(b) STRING domain with extended grammar.

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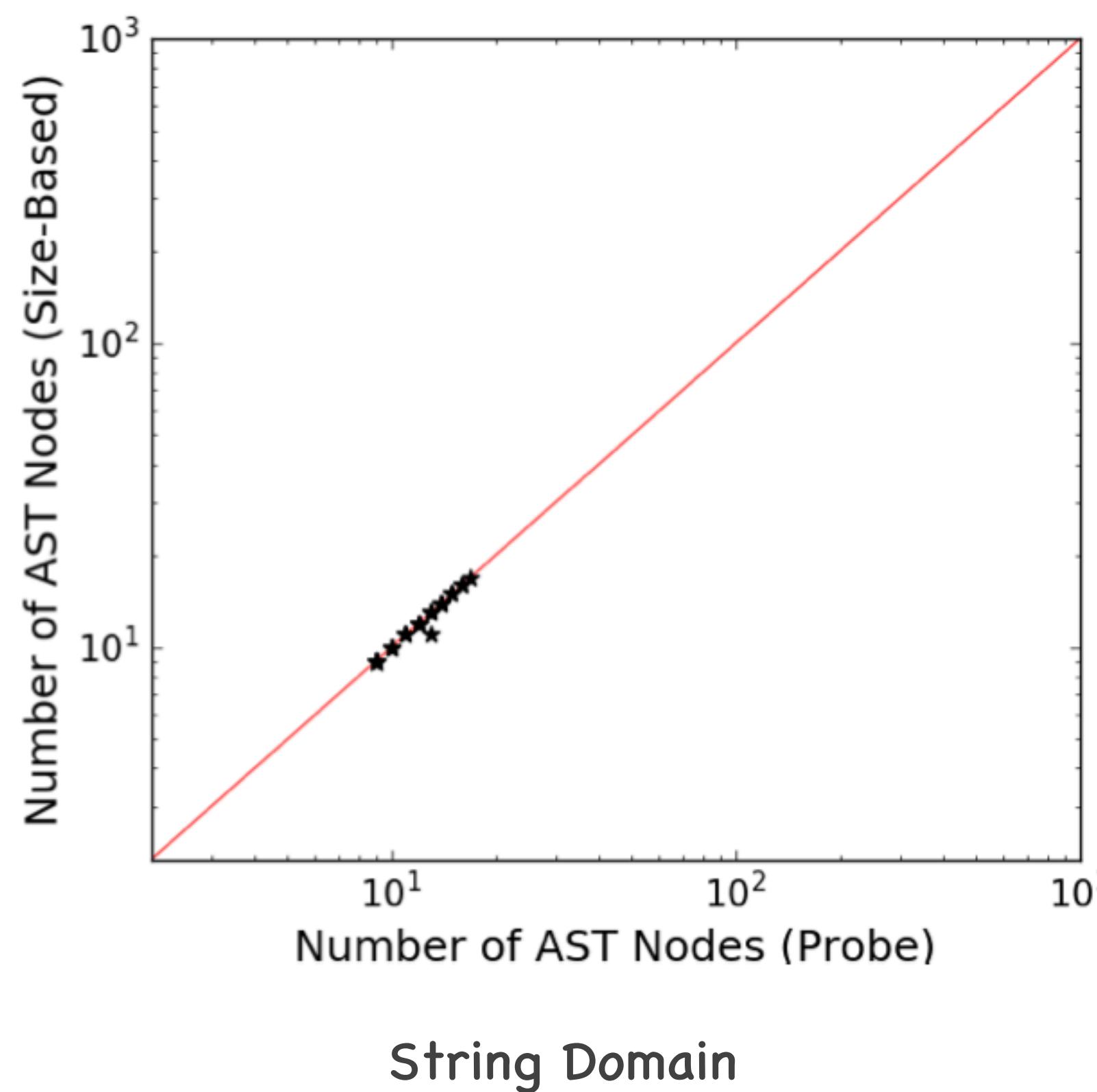


(c) **BITVEC** domain

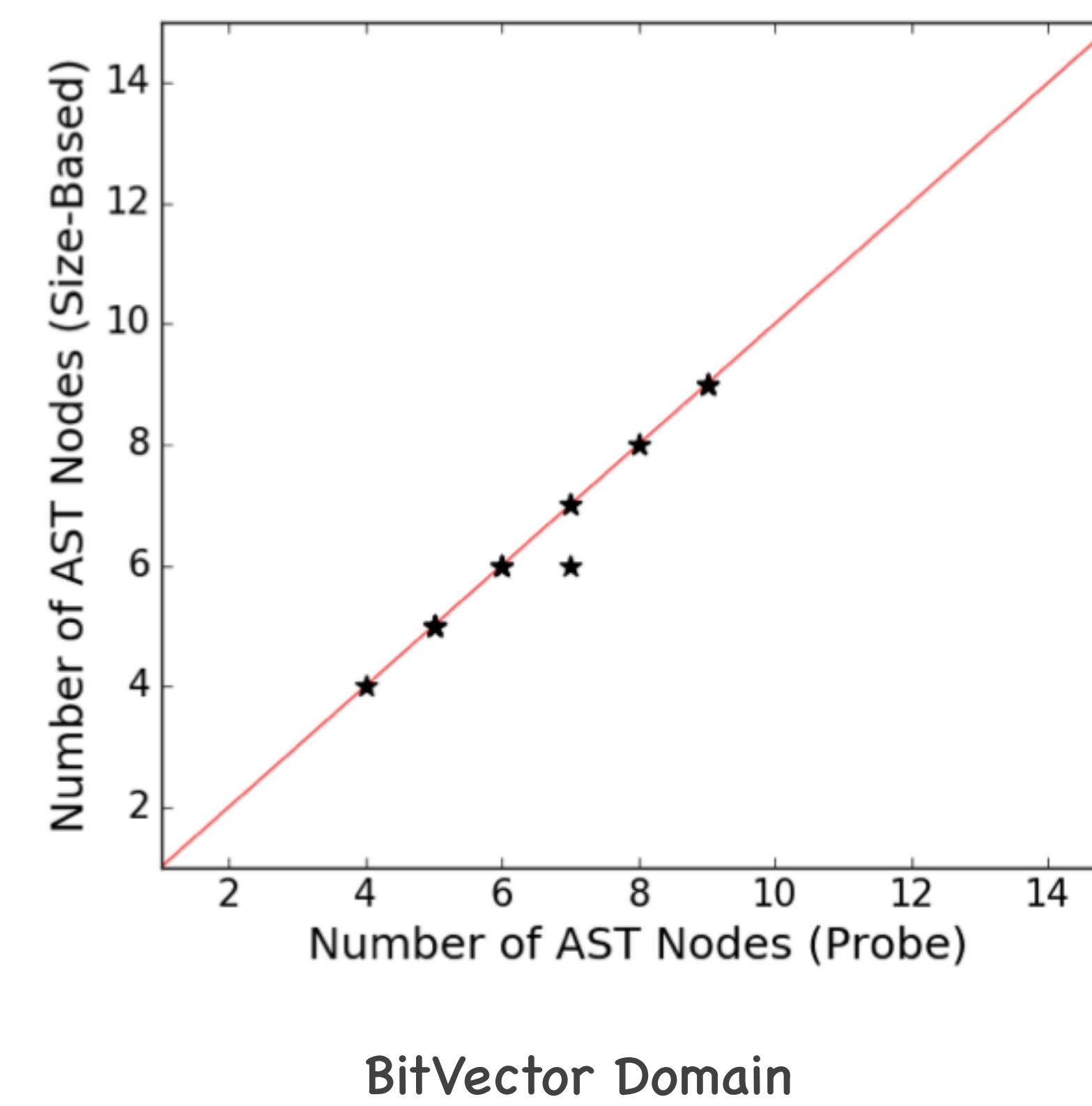


(d) **CIRCUIT** domain

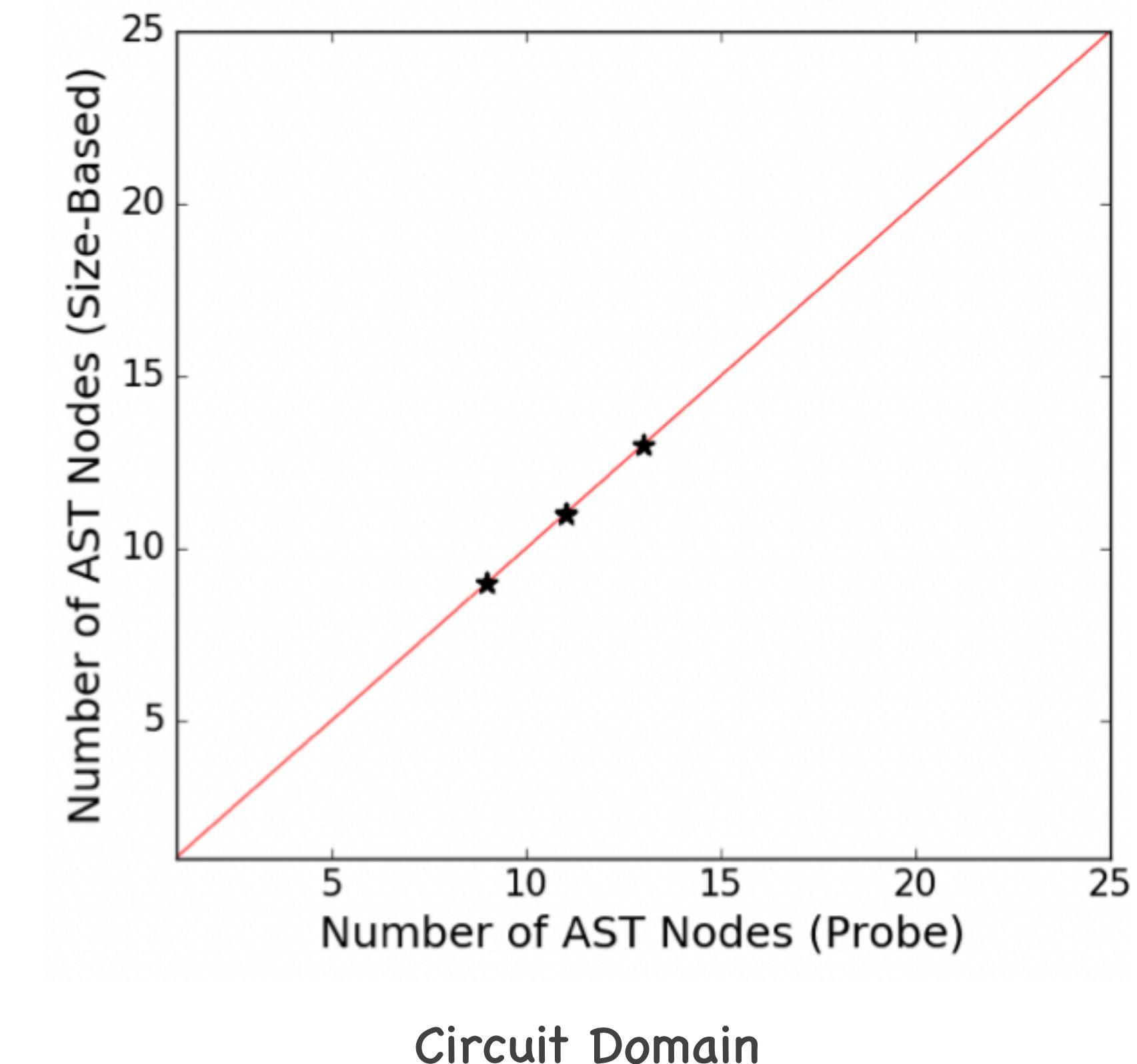
# Program Size (Probe VS Traditional Synthesis)



String Domain



BitVector Domain

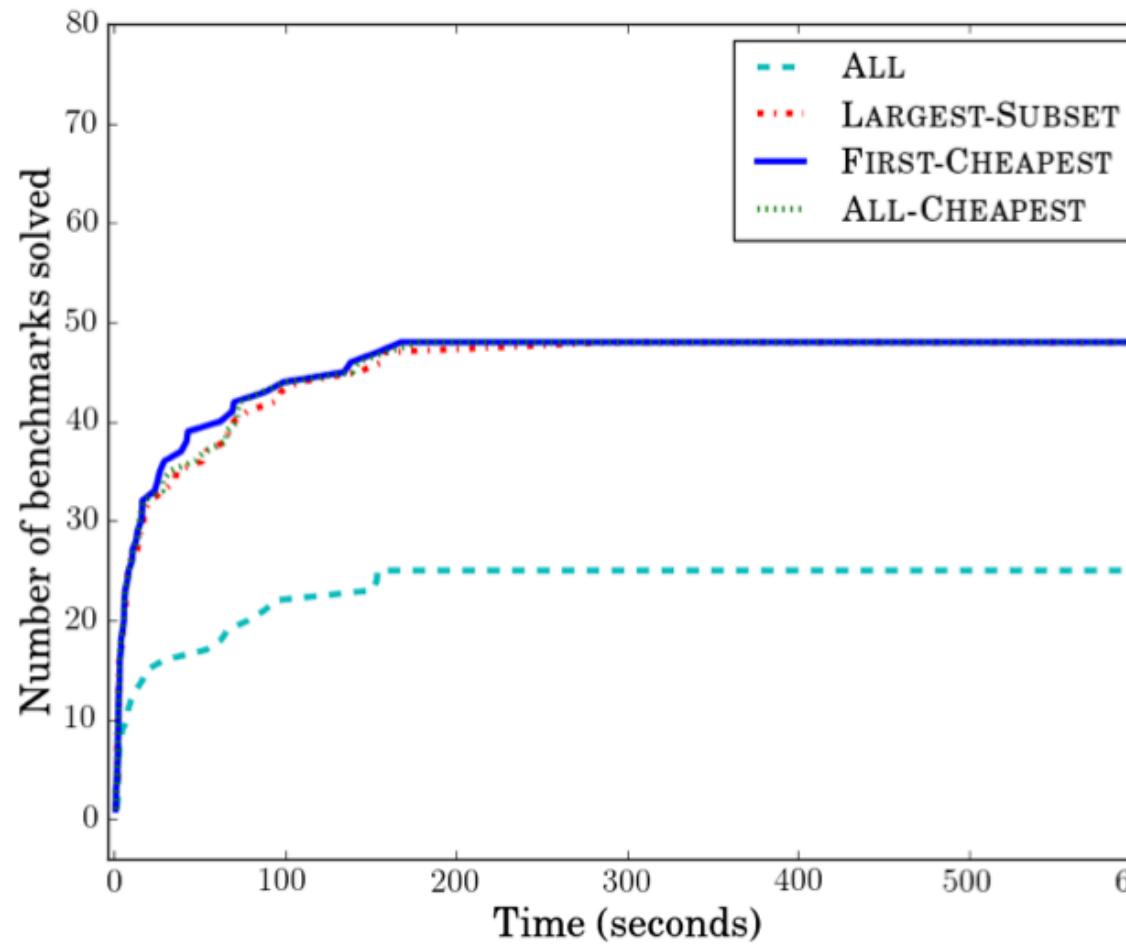


Circuit Domain

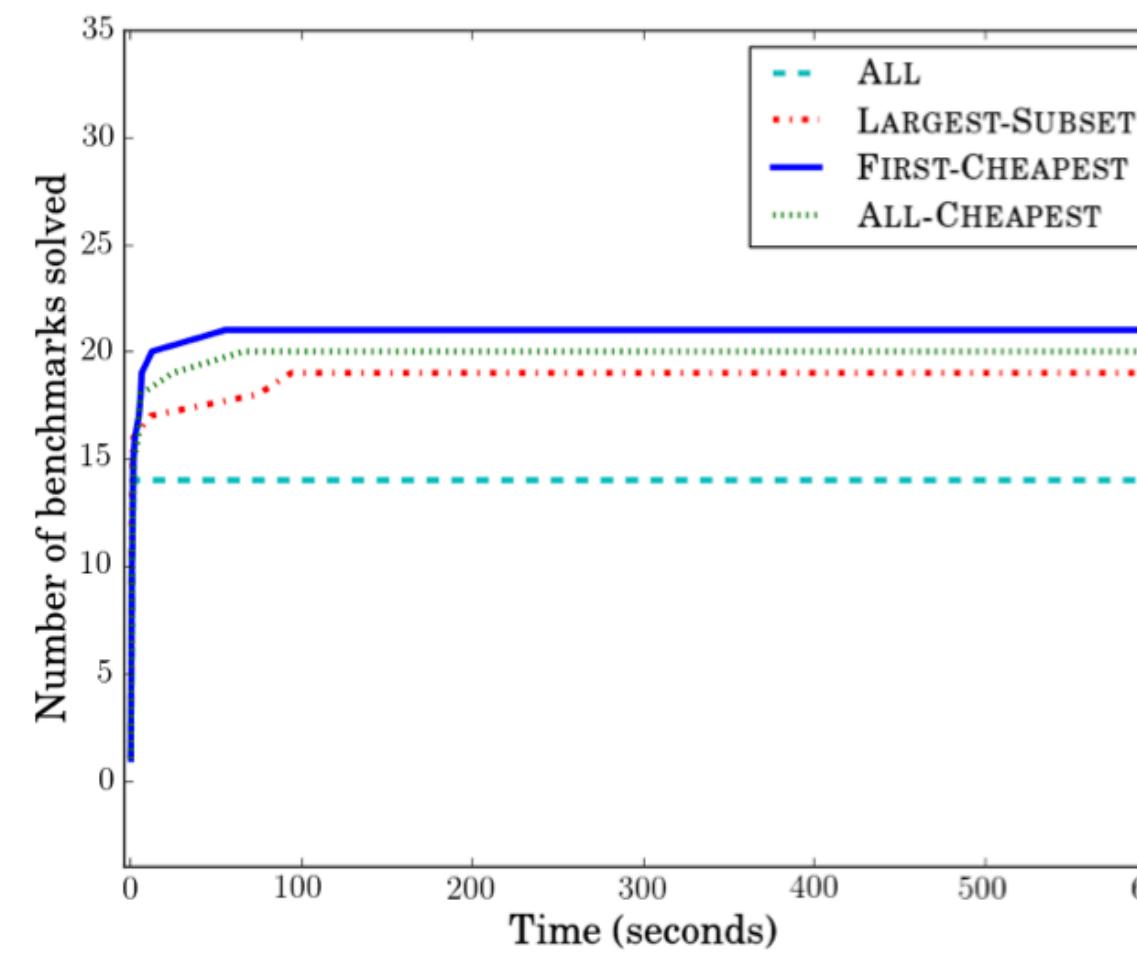
# Partial Solution Selection Strategies

- Largest Subset - Single cheapest program that satisfies the largest subset of examples
- First Cheapest - Single cheapest program that satisfies a unique subset of examples
- All Cheapest - All cheapest programs that satisfy a unique subset of examples

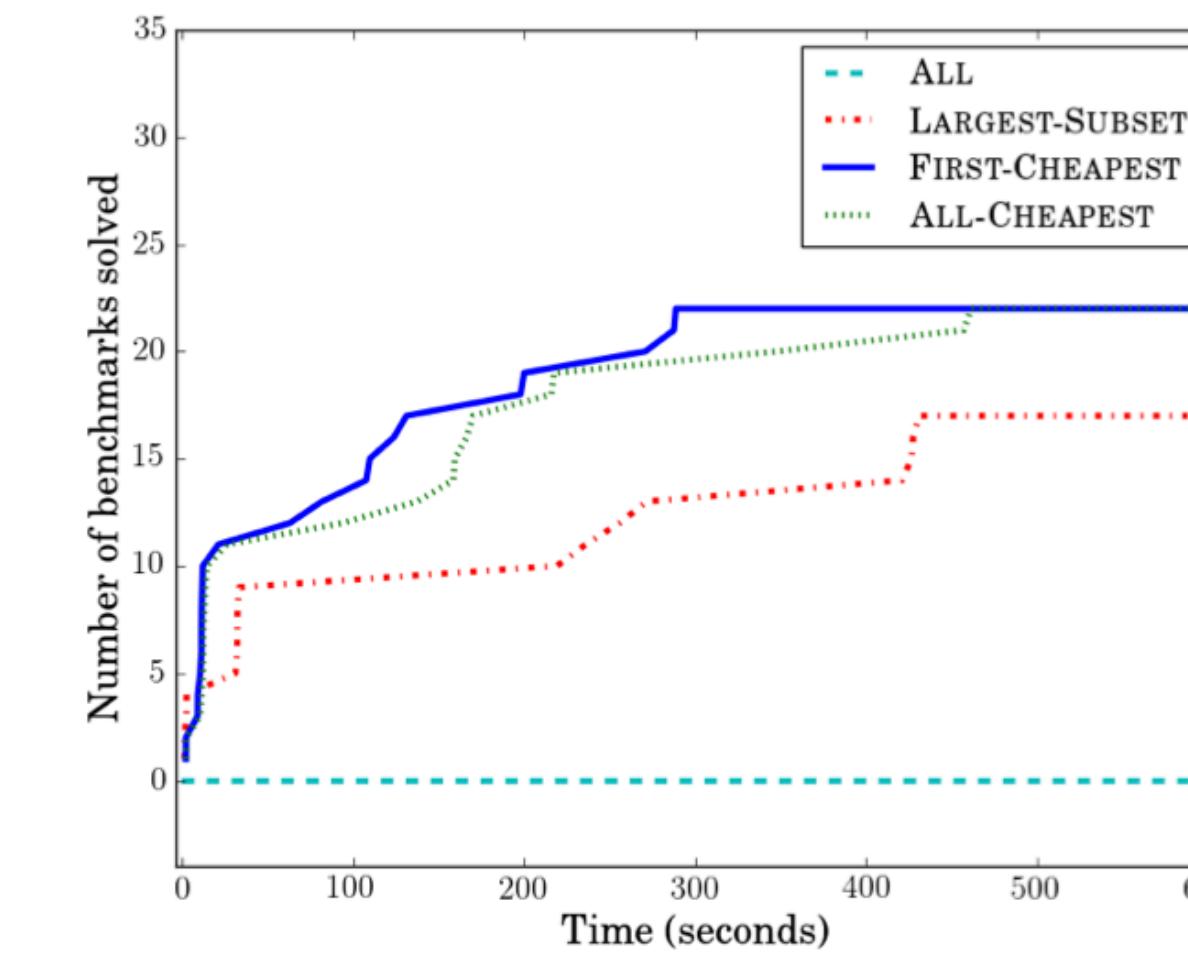
# Partial Solution Selection Strategies



(a) STRING domain



(b) BITVEC domain



(c) CIRCUIT domain

# TF-Coder results

