

Mechanizing Abstract Interpretation

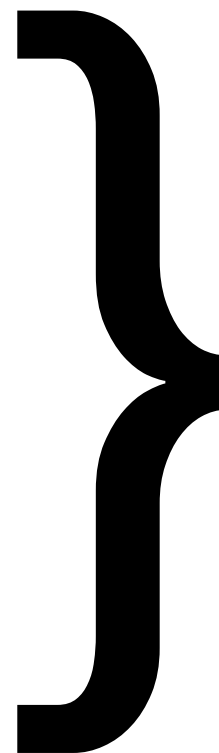
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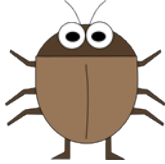
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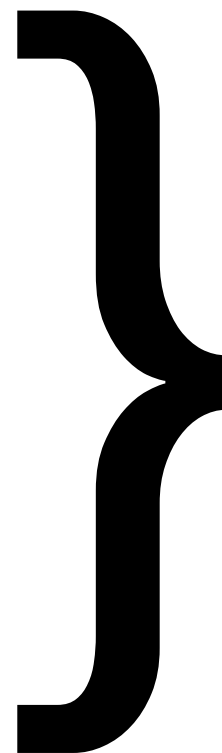
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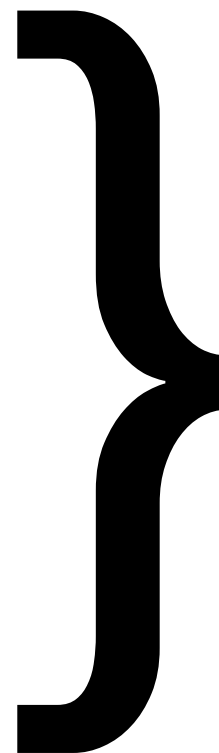
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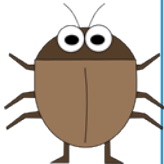


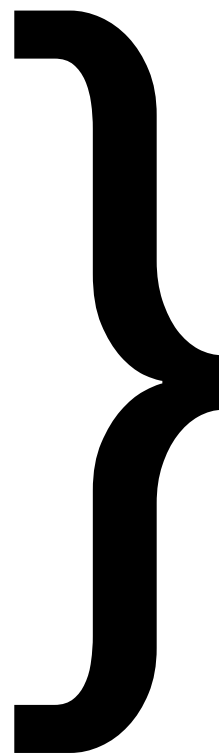
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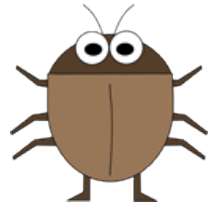
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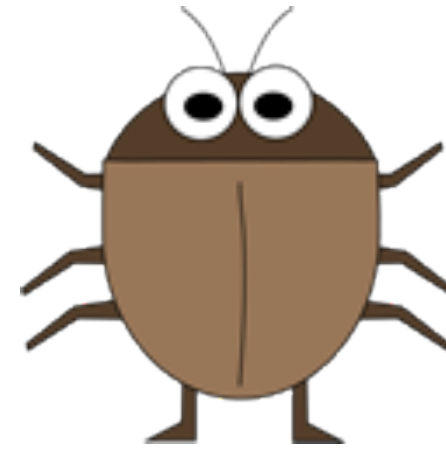
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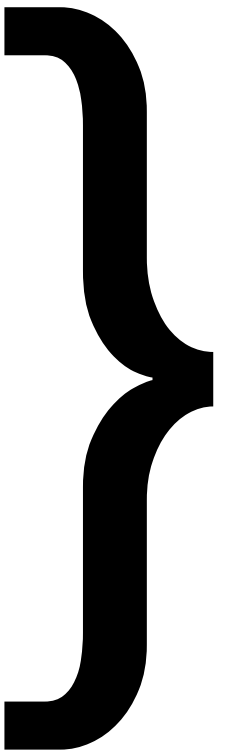
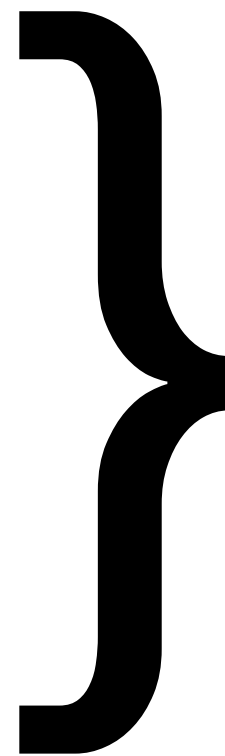
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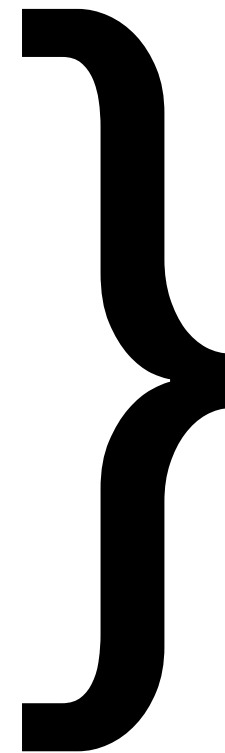
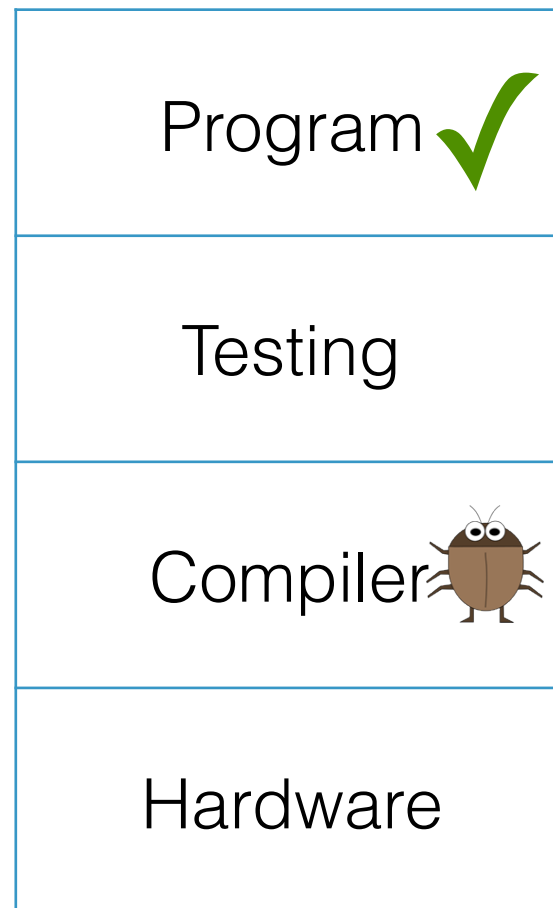
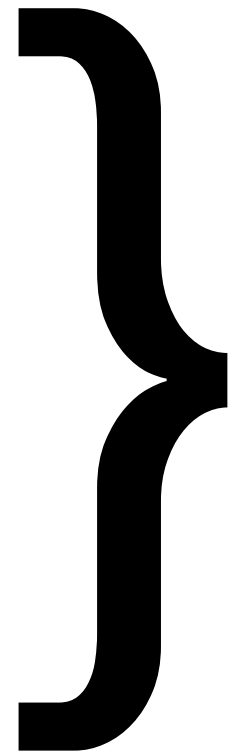
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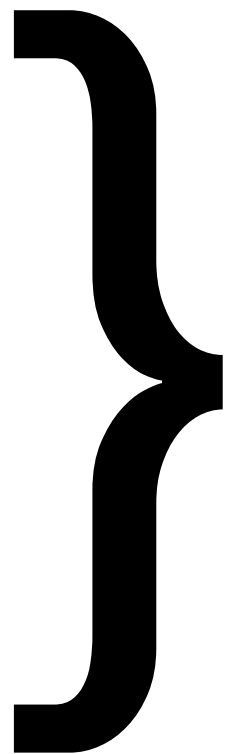
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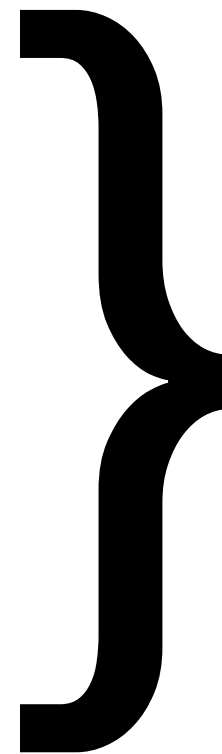


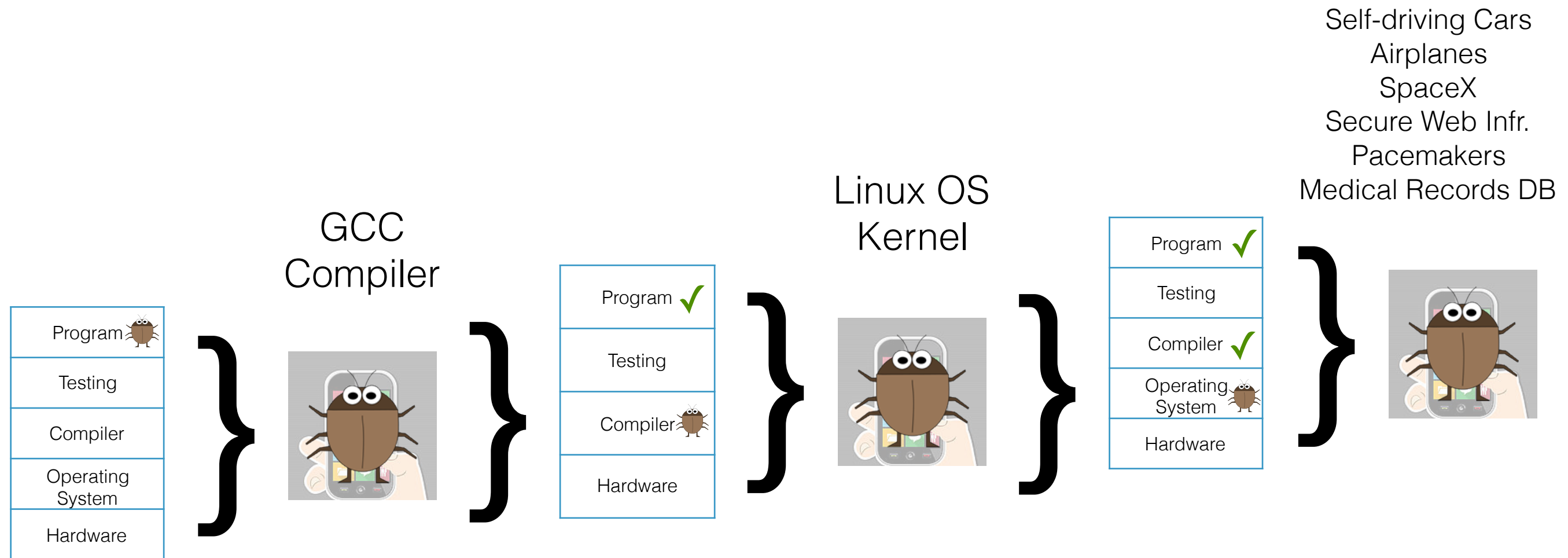
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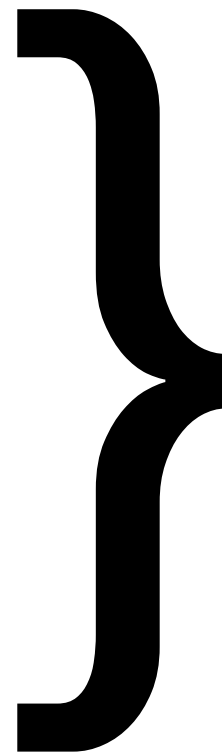
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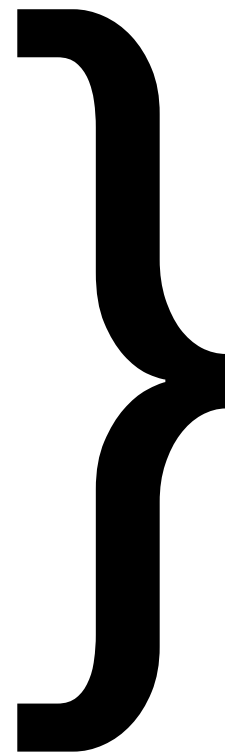


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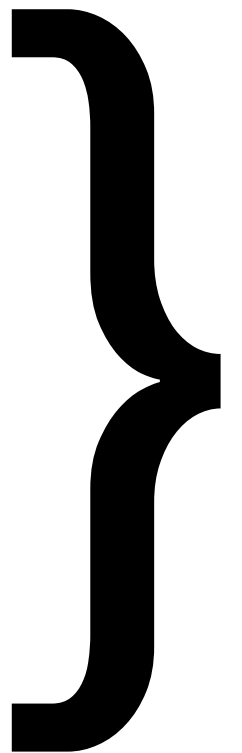
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Critical Software Requires
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My Research:
Tools with 0 Bugs





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My Research

Problem

Building one
verified analyzer is
extremely difficult.

(decades for first compiler)

Assumption

Calculational and compositional
methods can make analyzers
easier to construct.

Research Question

How can we construct
mechanically verified
program analyzers
using calculational and
compositional methods?

Thesis

Constructing mechanically verified program analyzers via calculation and composition is *feasible* using constructive Galois connections and modular abstract interpreters.

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Idea: new AI framework which supports mechanization

[**Darais** and Van Horn, ICFP '16]

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Idea: combine monad transformers and Galois connections

[**Darais**, Might and Van Horn, OOPSLA '15]

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Result: pushdown precision for definitional interpreters

Idea: inherit precision from defining metalanguage

[**Darais**, Labich, Nguyễn and Van Horn, ICFP '17]

Constructive
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Galois
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Abstracting
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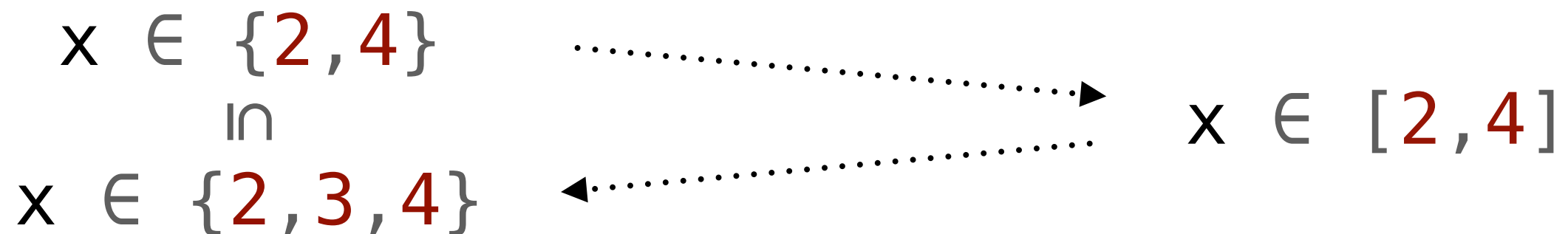
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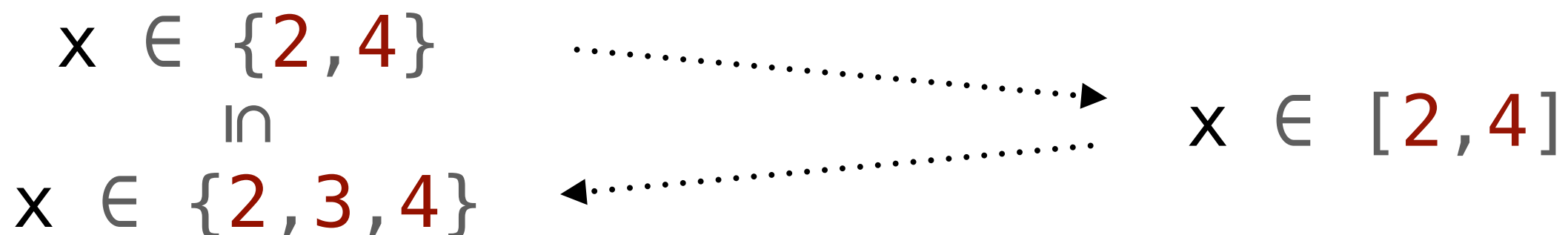


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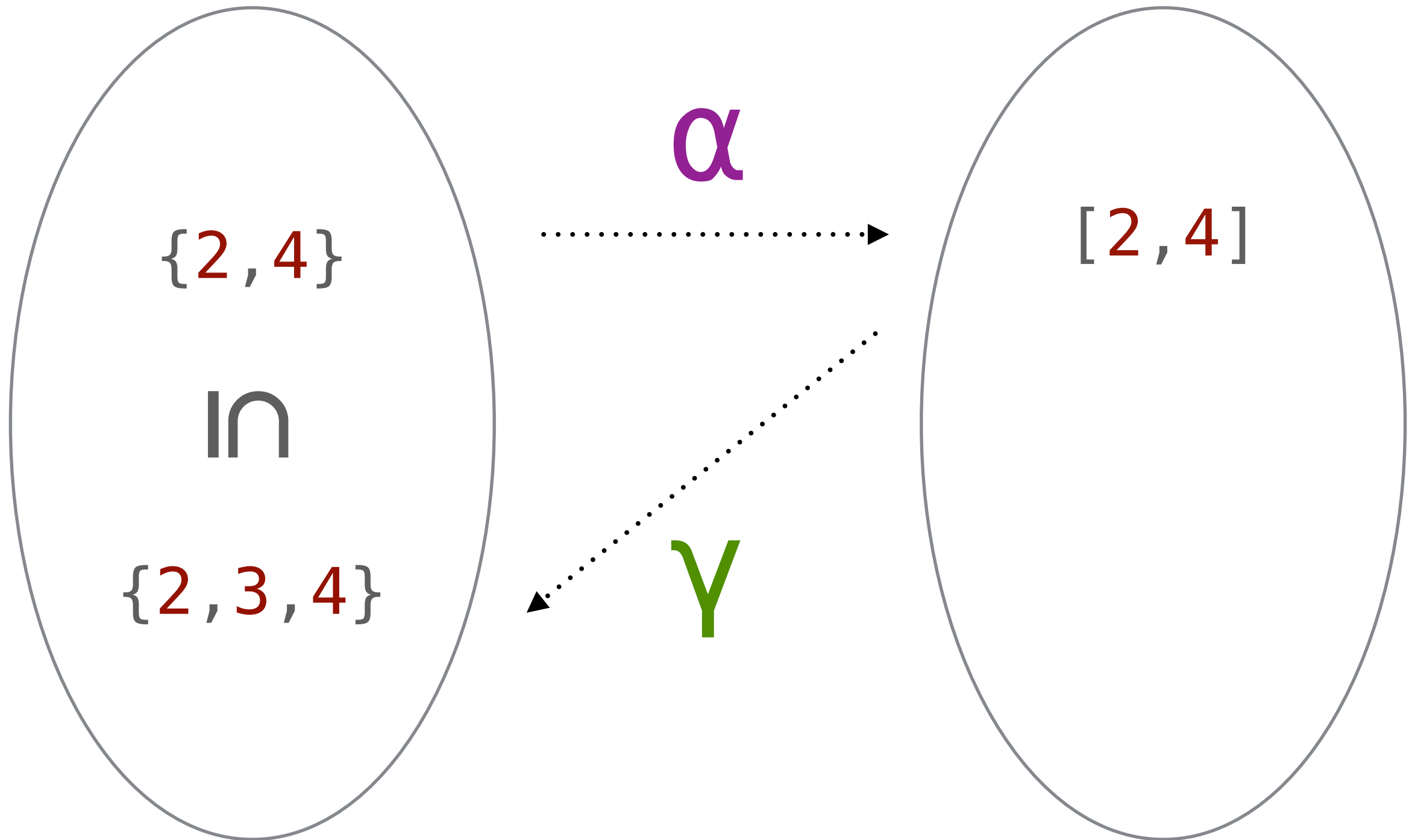
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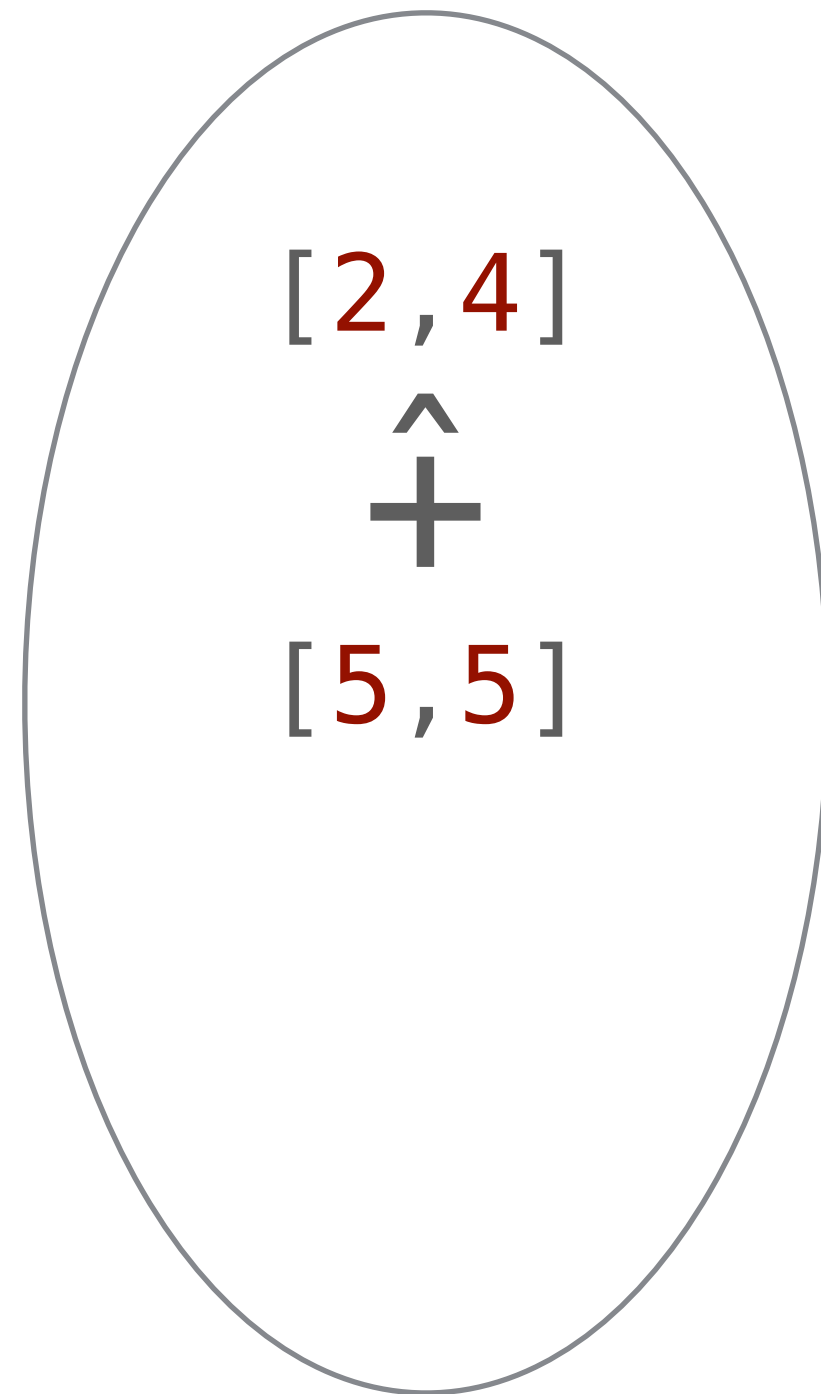
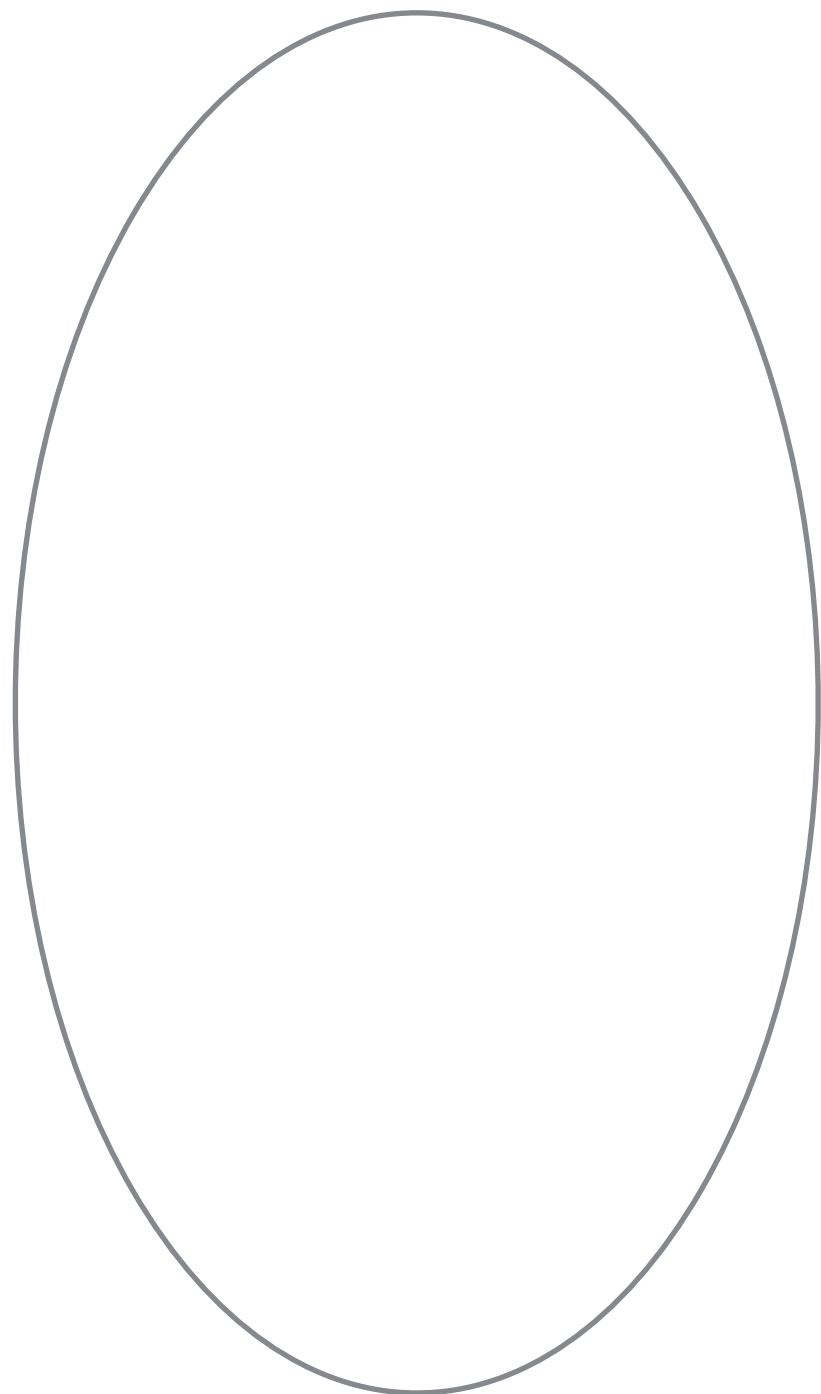
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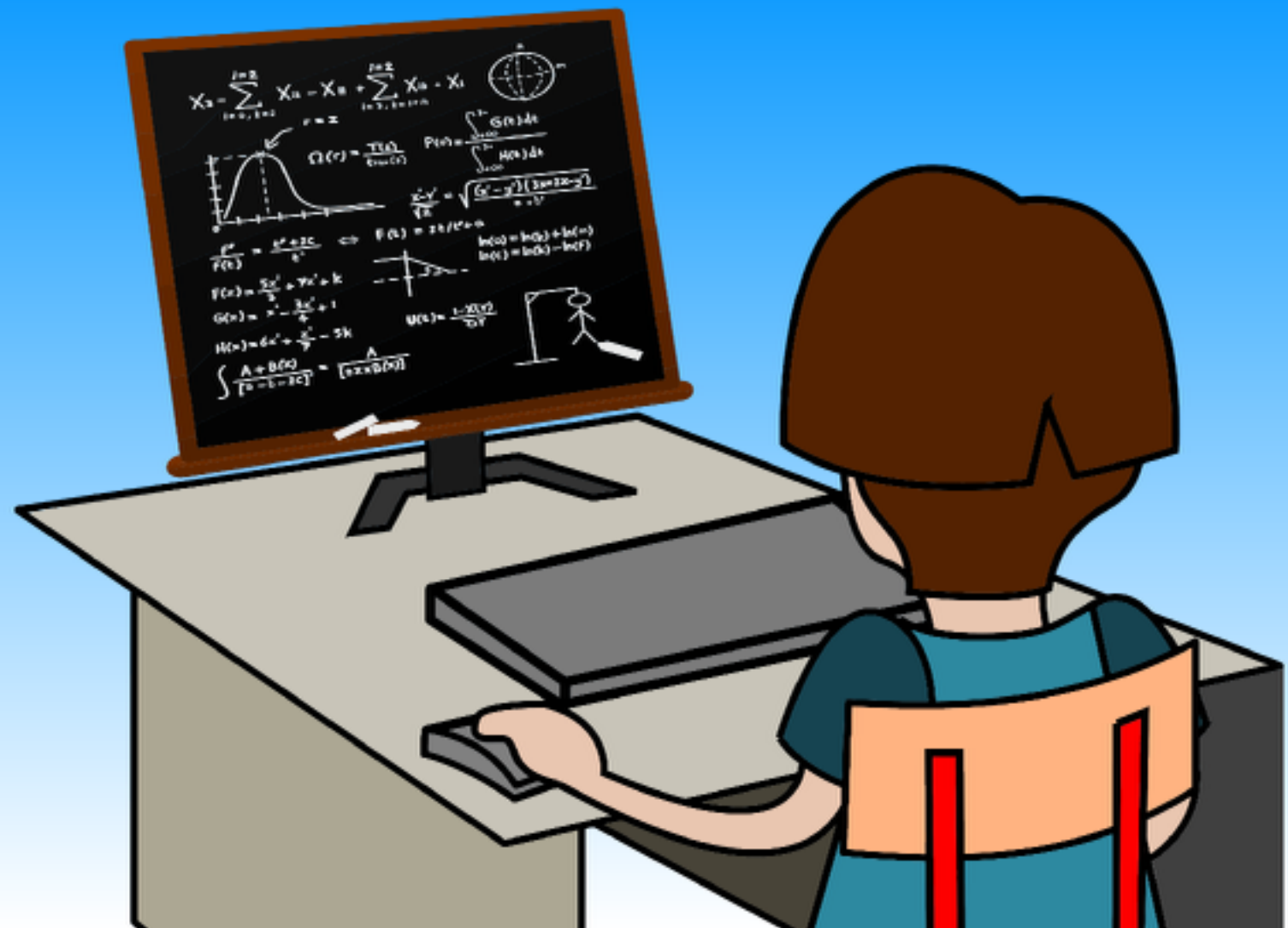
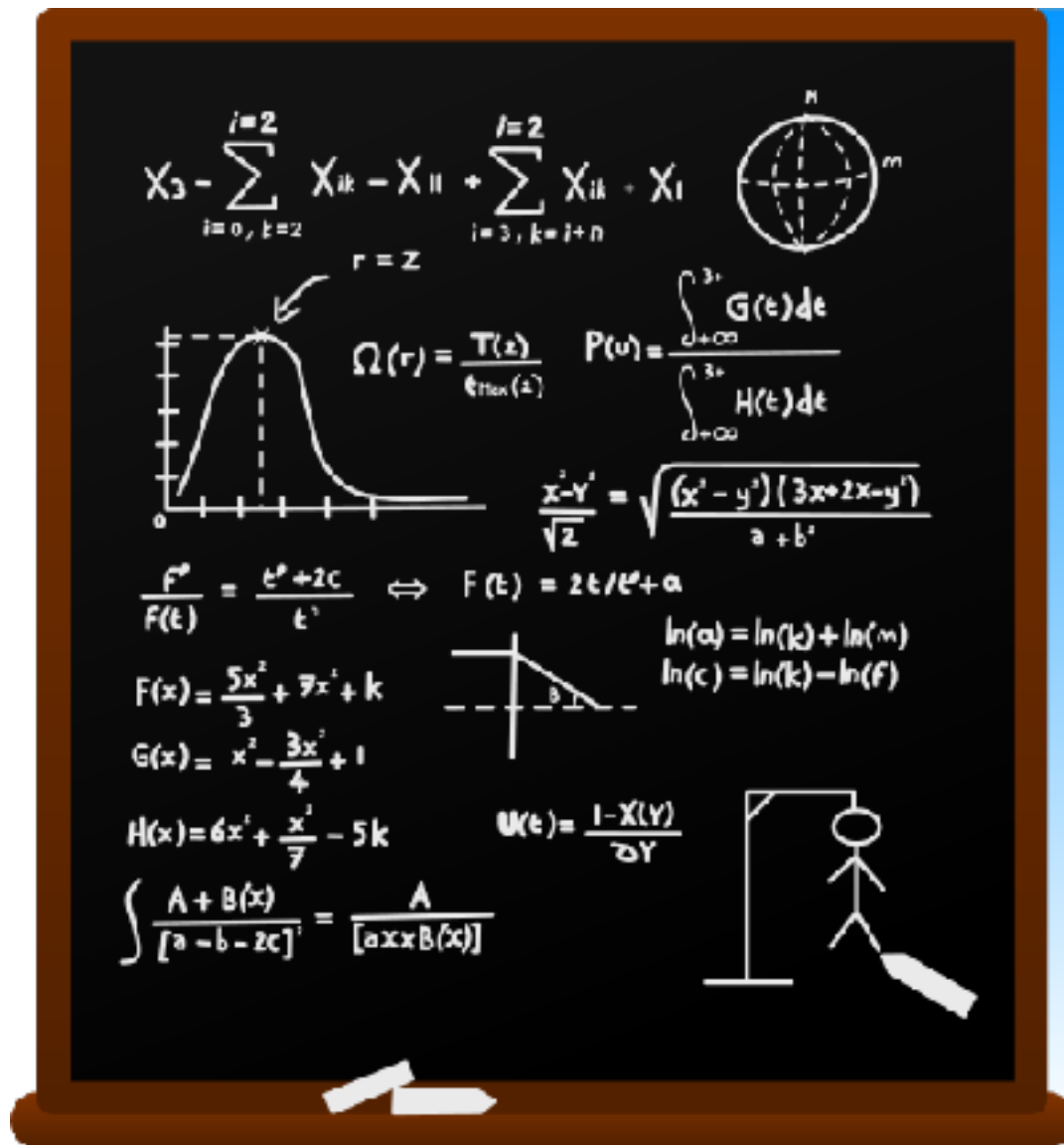
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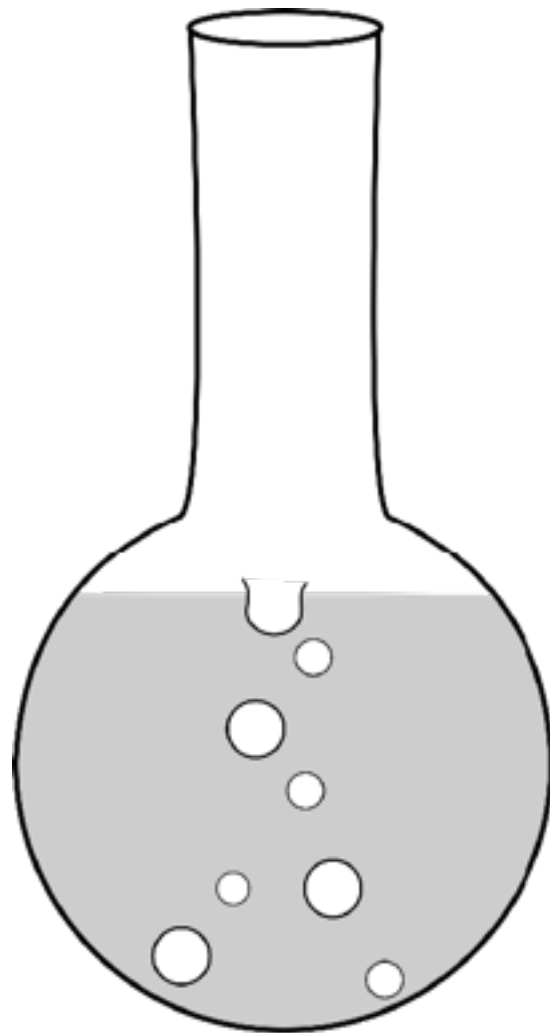
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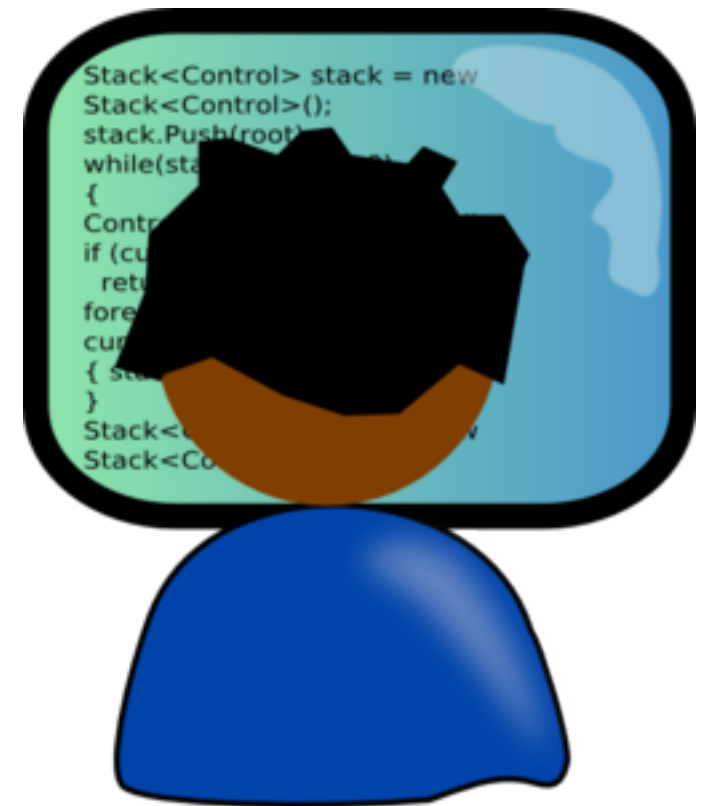
Mechanized Verification (MV)



Traditional Approach



Verified Model



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$$\text{Faexp}^\flat[[A]](\lambda y. \perp) \triangleq \perp \quad \text{if } \gamma(\perp) = \emptyset \quad (34)$$

$$\text{Faexp}^\flat[[n]]r \triangleq n^\flat$$

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$$\text{Faexp}^\flat[[u A']]r \triangleq u^\flat(\text{Faexp}^\flat[[A']]r)$$

$$\text{Faexp}^\flat[[A_1 \mathbin{b} A_2]]r \triangleq b^\flat(\text{Faexp}^\flat[[A_1]]r, \text{Faexp}^\flat[[A_2]]r)$$

parameterized by the following forward abstract operations

$$n^\flat = \alpha(\{n\}) \quad u^\flat(p) \sqsupseteq \alpha(\{u \ v \mid v \in \gamma(p)\}) \quad (35)$$

$$?^\flat \sqsupseteq \alpha(\perp) \quad b^\flat(p_1, p_2) \sqsupseteq \alpha(\{v_1 \mathbin{b} v_2 \mid v_1 \in \gamma(p_1) \wedge v_2 \in \gamma(p_2)\}) \quad (36)$$

Figure 6: Forward abstract interpretation of arithmetic expressions

–The Calculational Design of a Generic Abstract Interpreter
[Cousot, 1998]

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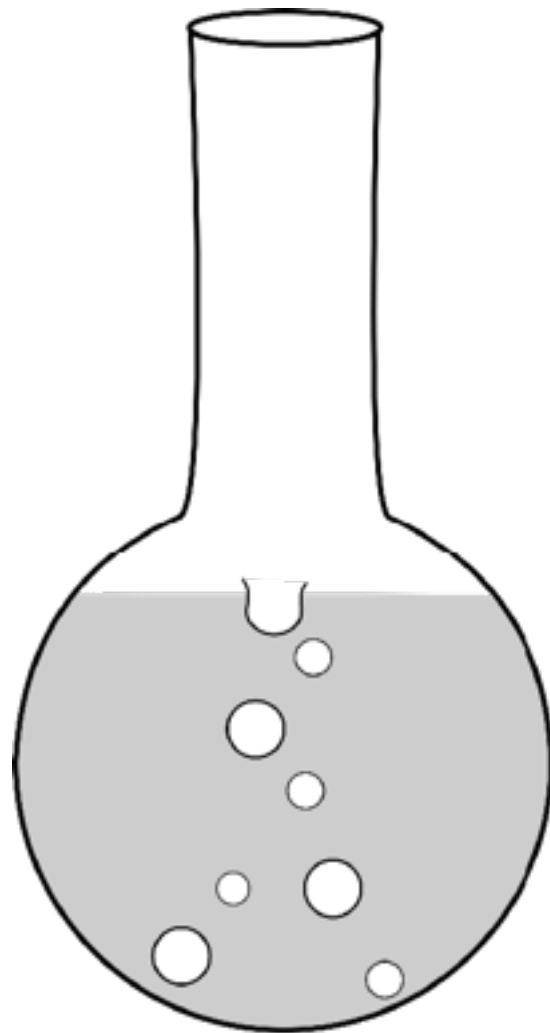
–CDGAI Errata [Cousot, 2000]

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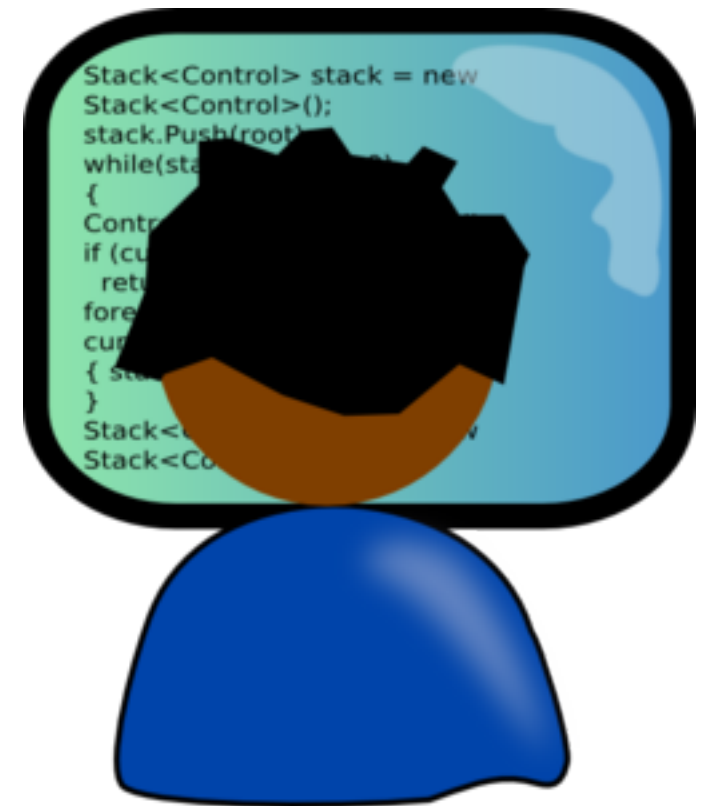
“Beware of bugs in the above code;
I have only proved it correct, not tried it.”

–Donald Knuth

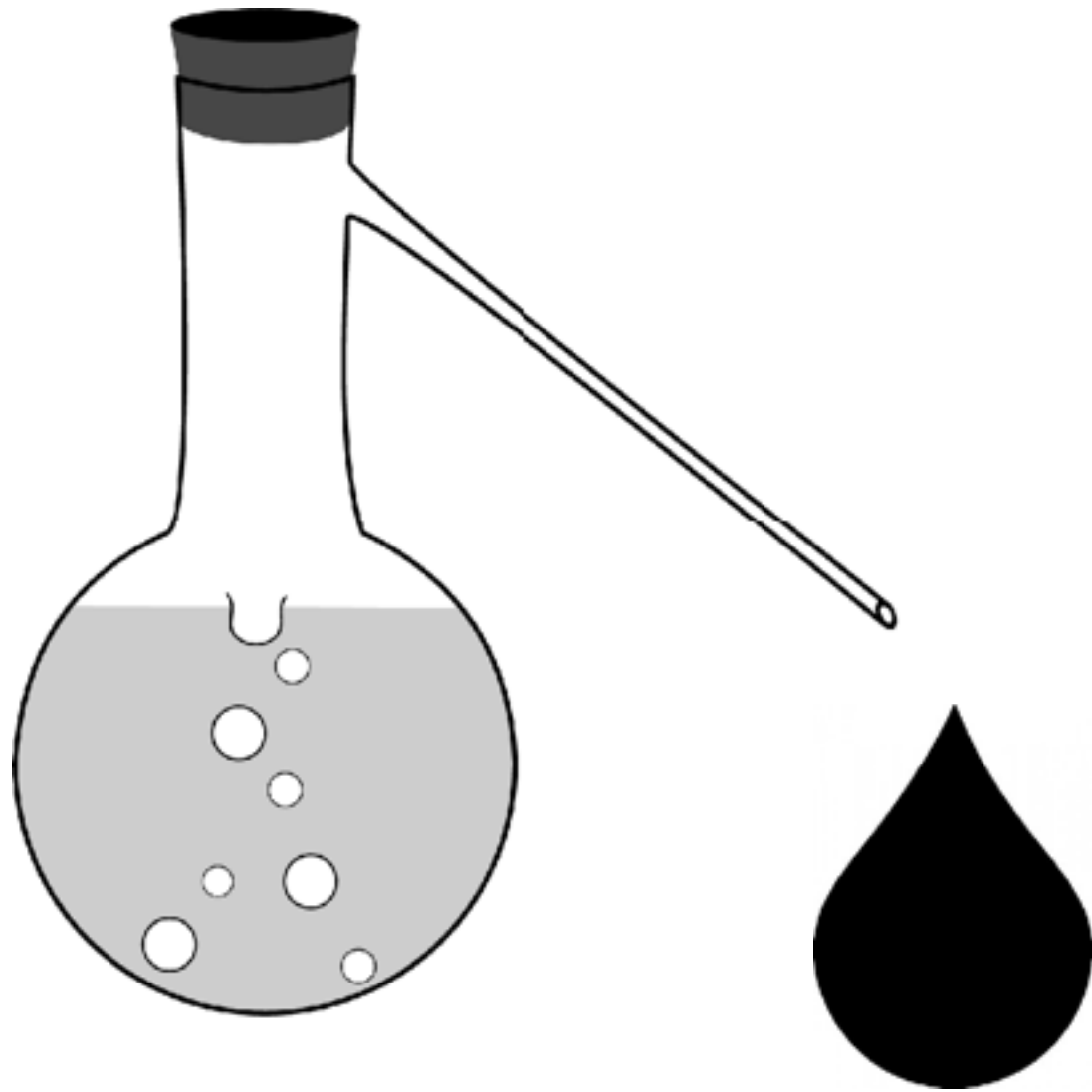
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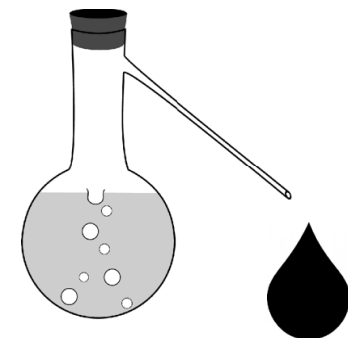
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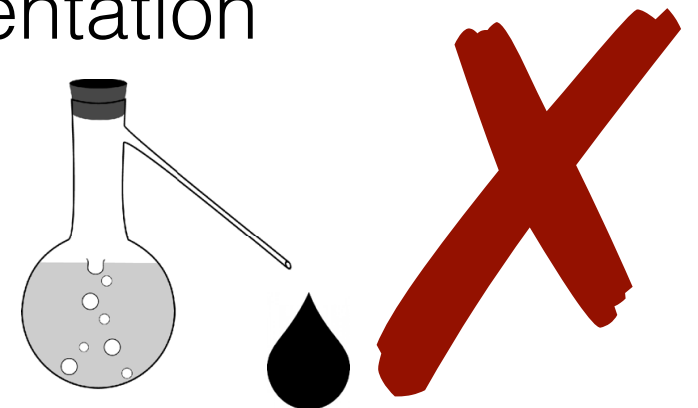
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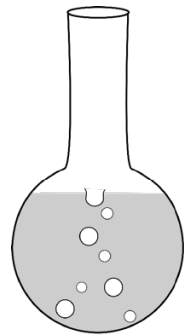
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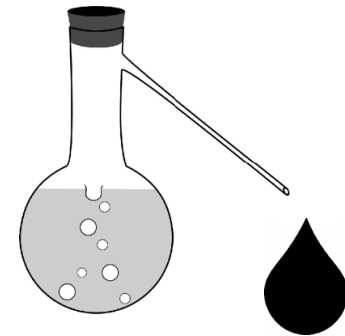
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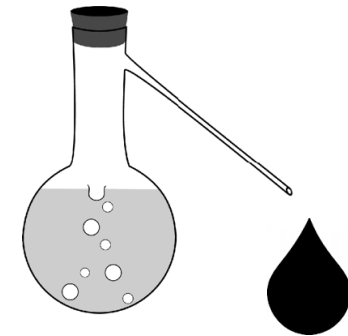
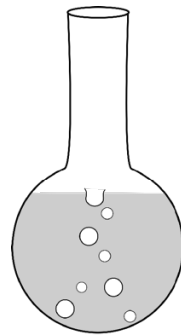


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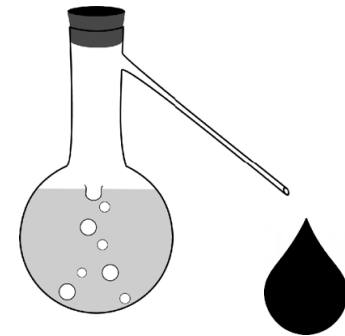
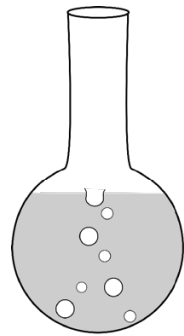


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(to a machine)

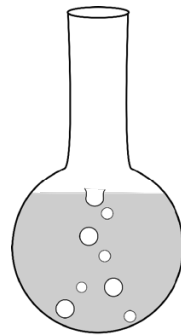


Classical
Mathematics

Constructive
Mathematics

“This looks like an algorithm”
(to a human)

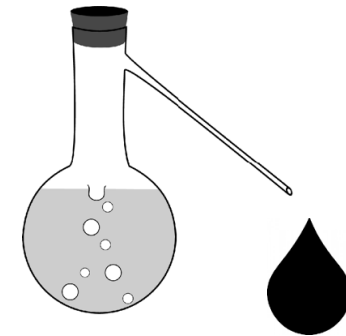
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(to a machine)



PROBLEM:
how to know
when boundary
is crossed

Classical
Mathematics

Constructive
Mathematics



SOLUTION:
explicitly
account for
algorithmic
content

Classical Galois Connections

$$\wp(\mathbb{Z}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

Constructive Galois Connections

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

Constructive Galois Connections

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

defn

$$\eta(i) \coloneqq [i, i]$$

algorithmic
content of
abstraction

Constructive Galois Connections

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\eta(i) := [i, i]$$

$$\alpha = \langle \eta \rangle$$

embedding
algorithms

defn

Law 1

Constructive Galois Connections

$$\mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

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$$\alpha = \langle \eta \rangle$$

singleton
powersets
compute

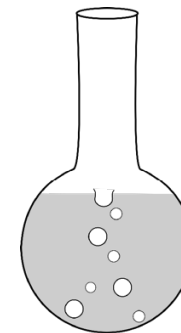
$$\langle \eta \rangle(\{x\}) = \langle \eta(x) \rangle$$

defn

Law 1

Law 2

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha(\gamma([w, x]) \hat{+} \gamma([y, z])) \\
&= \\
& \alpha(\{ i + j \mid i \in \gamma([w, x]) \\
& \quad \wedge j \in \gamma([y, z]) \}) \\
&= \\
& \alpha(\{w+y, \dots, x+z\}) \\
&= \\
& \alpha(\{w+y\}) \sqcup \dots \sqcup \alpha(\{x+z\}) \\
&= \\
& [w+y, x+z] \\
& \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \\
& [w, x] \hat{+} [y, z]
\end{aligned}$$



$$\alpha(\gamma([w, x]) \hat{+} \gamma([y, z]))$$

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Law 1

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\end{aligned}$$

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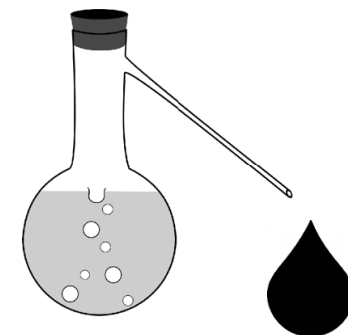
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The Plan

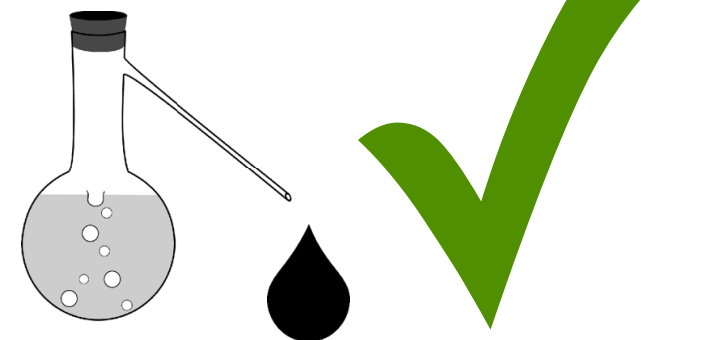
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Algorithm

Step 1:
Check These **Calculations**
Using a Proof Assistant

Step 2:
Extract a Certified
Implementation



calc.cousot

```
 $\alpha(\text{eval}[n])(\rho\#)$   
  { defn of  $\alpha$  }  
=  $\alpha^I(\text{eval}[n](\gamma^R(\rho\#)))$   
  { defn of  $\text{eval}[n]$  }  
=  $\alpha^I(\{i \mid \rho \vdash n \mapsto i\})$   
  { defn of  $\_ \vdash \_ \mapsto \_$  }  
=  $\alpha^I(\{n\})$   
  { defn of  $\text{eval}\#[n]$  }  
 $\triangleq \text{eval}\#[n](\rho\#)$ 
```

calc.agda

- ▶ $\llbracket \alpha[\Rightarrow^R \Rightarrow^I]$
 $\cdot \text{eval}[\text{Num } n] \cdot \rho\# \rrbracket$
- ▶ $\llbracket \eta^I * \cdot (\text{eval}[\text{Num } n] * \cdot (\mu^R \cdot \rho\#)) \rrbracket$
- ▶ $\llbracket \text{focus-right } [\cdot] \text{ of } \eta^I * \rrbracket$
 { defn[$\text{eval}[\text{Num } n]$] }
- ▶ $\llbracket \eta^I * \cdot (\text{return } \cdot n) \rrbracket$
- ▶ { right-unit[*] }
- ▶ $\llbracket \text{pure } \cdot (\eta^I \cdot n) \rrbracket$
- ▶ $\llbracket \text{pure } \cdot \text{eval}\#[\text{Num } n] \cdot \rho\# \rrbracket$

Classical GCs

$A : \text{poset}$

$\alpha : A \rightarrow B$

$B : \text{poset}$

$\gamma : B \rightarrow A$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 x \sqsubseteq \gamma(\alpha(x)) \quad \wedge \quad \alpha(\gamma(y)) \sqsubseteq y \\
 \hline
 x \sqsubseteq \gamma(y) \iff \alpha(x) \sqsubseteq y
 \end{array}$$

Classical GCs

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$\text{id} \sqsubseteq \gamma \circ \alpha \quad \wedge \quad \alpha \circ \gamma \sqsubseteq \text{id}$

=====

$\text{id}(x) \sqsubseteq \gamma(y) \iff \alpha(x) \sqsubseteq \text{id}(y)$

Constructive GCs

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$\mu : B \nearrow \wp(A)$

$\text{ret} \sqsubseteq \mu \otimes \eta \quad \wedge \quad \eta \otimes \mu \sqsubseteq \text{ret}$

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Classical GCs

=

adjunction in
category of posets
(adjoints are mono. functions)

Constructive GCs

=

biadjunction in
category of posets enriched over \wp -Kleisli
(adjoints are mono. \wp -monadic functions)

Constructive Galois Connections

- ✓ First theory to support both calculation and extraction
- ✓ Soundness and completeness w.r.t. classical GCs
- ✓ Two case studies: calculational AI and gradual typing
- ✗ Only (constr.) equivalent to subset of classical GCs
- ✗ Same limitations as classical GCs ($\nexists \alpha$ for some γ)

Constructive
Galois
Connections

Galois
Transformers

Abstracting
Definitional
Interpreters

Galois Transformers

```
0: int x y;  
1: void safe_fun(int N) {  
2:   if (N≠0) {x := 0;}  
3:   else    {x := 1;}  
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Flow-insensitive

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$N \in \{-, 0, +\}$

$x \in \{0, +\}$

$y \in \{-, 0, +\}$

UNSAFE: $\{100/N\}$

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4:      x ∈ {0, +}  
4.T:   N ∈ {-, +}  
5.F:   x ∈ {0, +}
```

$N, y \in \{-, 0, +\}$

UNSAFE: {100/x}

Flow-sensitive

results : loc \mapsto (var $\mapsto \wp(\{-, 0, +\})$)

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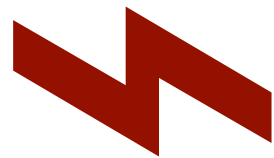
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```

SAFE

Path-sensitive

results : loc \mapsto $\wp(\text{var} \mapsto \wp(\{-, 0, +\}))$

Precision



Performance

Insight

$\text{results} : \text{var} \mapsto \wp(\{-, 0, +\})$

$\text{results} : \text{loc} \mapsto (\text{var} \mapsto \wp(\{-, 0, +\}))$

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**Single
Analyzer**

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**Monadic
Abstraction**

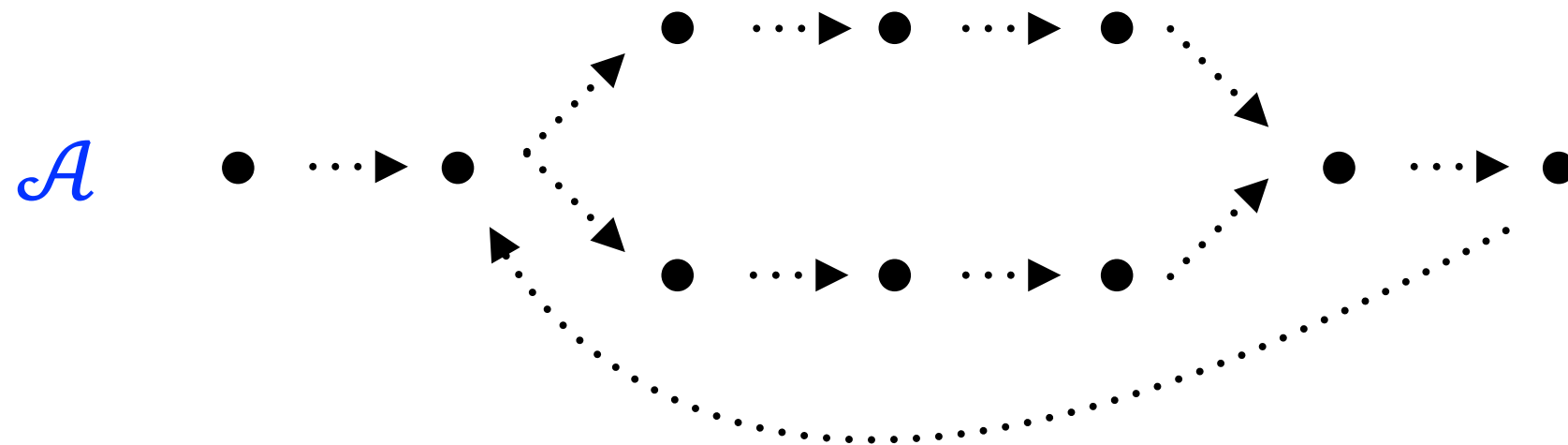
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**FI, FS and PS
Monads**

$$\mathcal{C} : \text{loc} \times \text{store} \rightarrow \text{loc} \times \text{store}$$

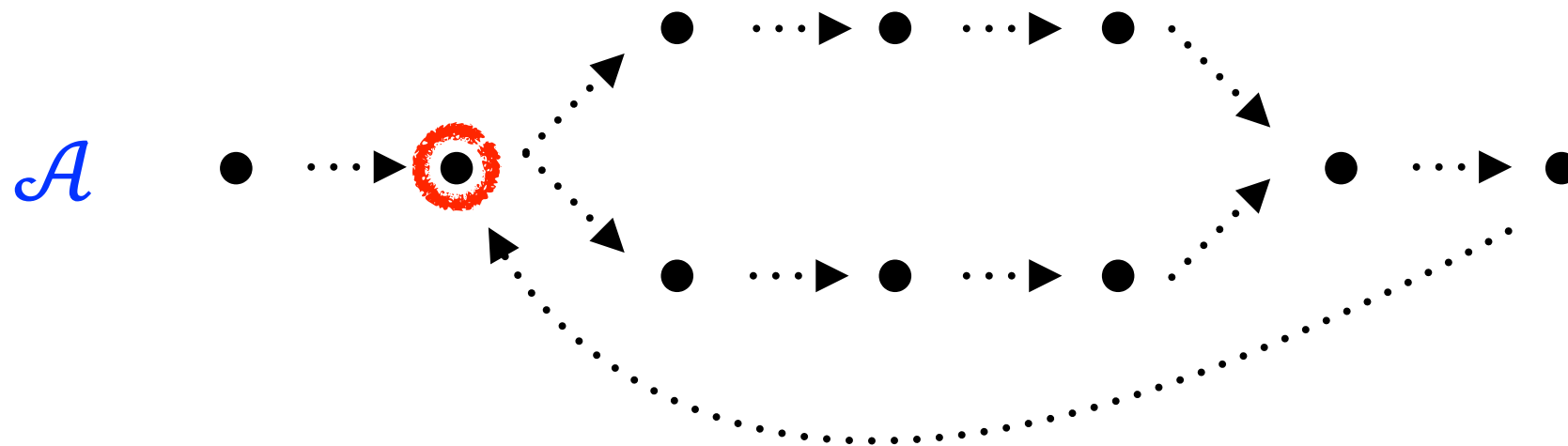
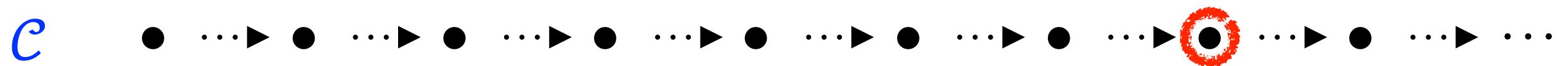

$$\mathcal{C} : \text{loc} \times \text{store} \rightarrow \text{loc} \times \text{store}$$

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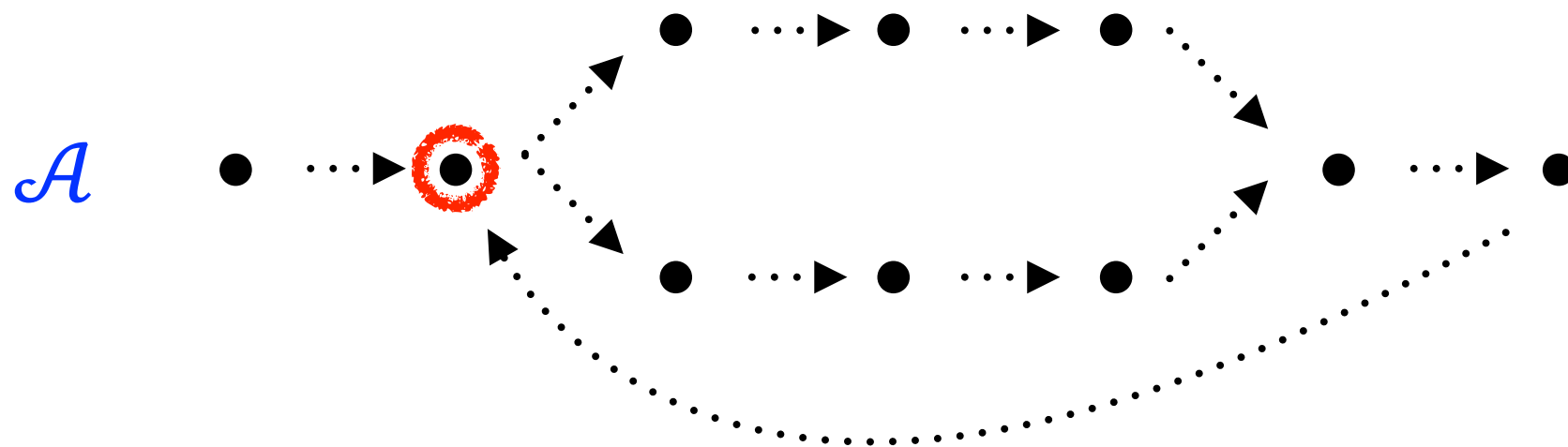
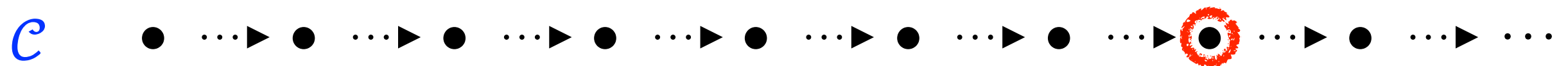
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$$\text{analyzer} \coloneqq \text{lfp } X. X \cup \mathcal{A}^*(X) \cup \{\langle \text{l}_0, \perp \rangle\}$$

$$A : \underbrace{\wp(\text{loc} \times \text{store\#})}_{\Sigma} \rightarrow \underbrace{\wp(\text{loc} \times \text{store\#})}_{\Sigma}$$

$$\mathcal{A} : \underbrace{\wp(\text{loc} \times \text{store\#})}_{\Sigma} \rightarrow \underbrace{\wp(\text{loc} \times \text{store\#})}_{\Sigma}$$

Path
Sensitive

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &::= \text{loc} \mapsto \wp(\text{store\#}) \\ &\approx \wp(\text{loc} \times \text{store\#}) \end{aligned}$$

Flow
Sensitive

$$\Sigma ::= \text{loc} \mapsto \text{store\#}$$

Flow
Insensitive

$$\Sigma ::= \wp(\text{loc}) \times \text{store\#}$$

$$\mathcal{M} : \text{loc} \rightarrow m(\text{loc})$$

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Path
Sensitive

$$m(A) \coloneqq \text{store\#} \rightarrow A \mapsto \wp(\text{store\#})$$

Flow
Sensitive

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Flow
Insensitive

$$m(A) \coloneqq \text{store\#} \rightarrow \wp(A) \times \text{store\#}$$

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Path
Sensitive

$$m(A) \coloneqq (S[\text{store\#}] \circ ND)(ID)(A)$$

Flow
Sensitive

$$m(A) \coloneqq FS[\text{store\#}](ID)(A)$$

Flow
Insensitive

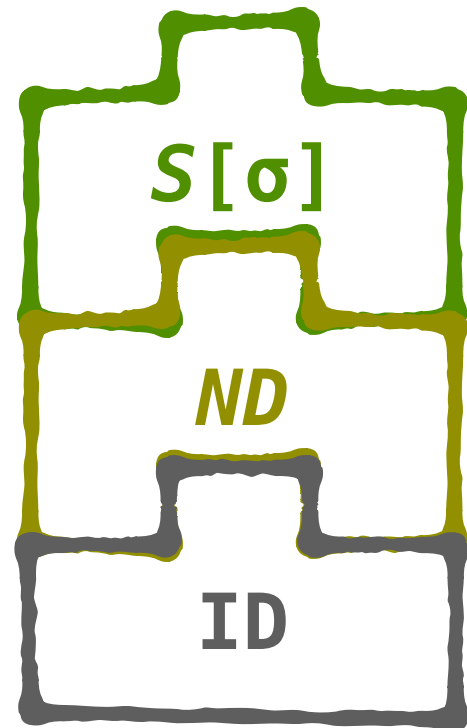
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Collecting
Semantics

Path
Sensitive

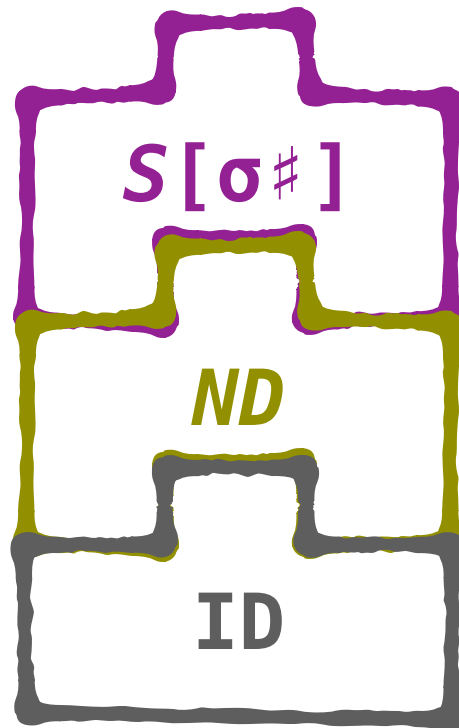
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Sensitive

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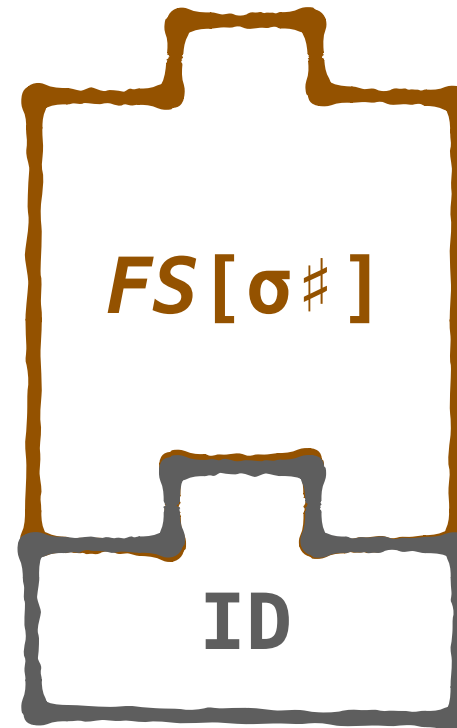


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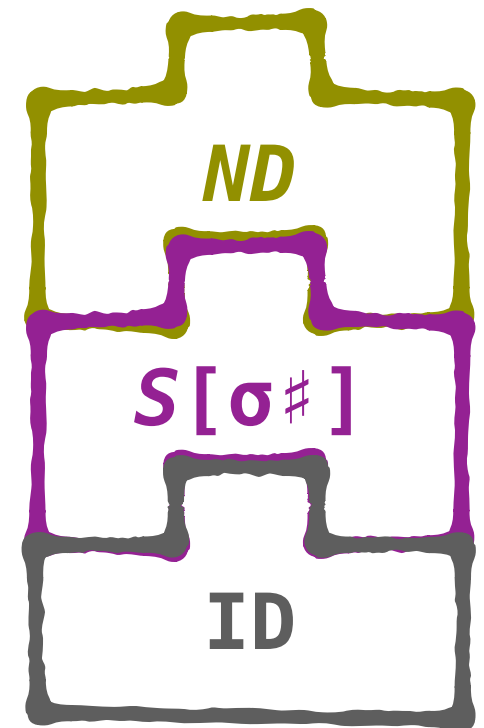


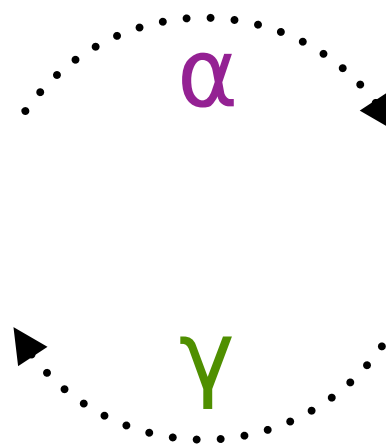
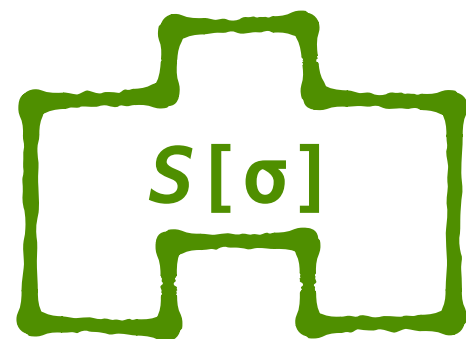
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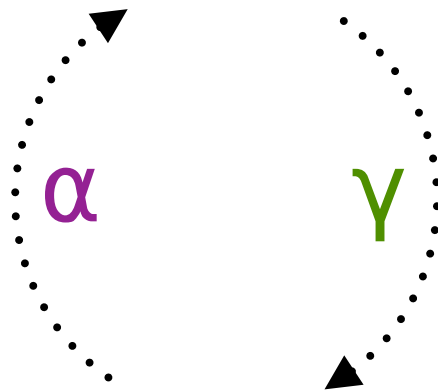
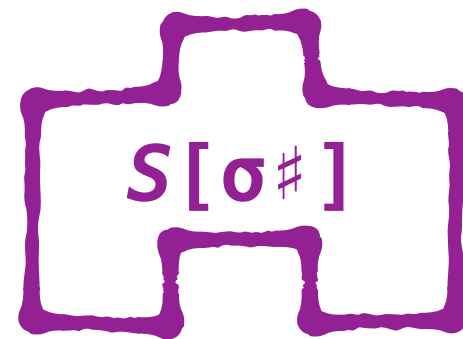
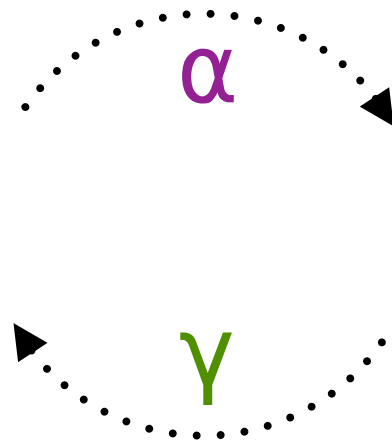
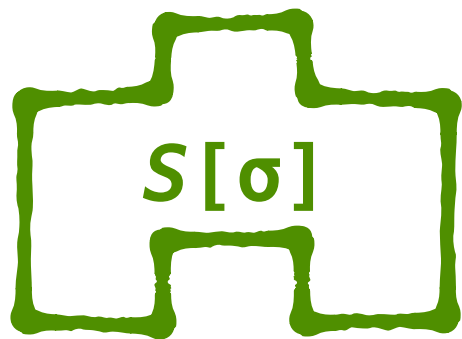


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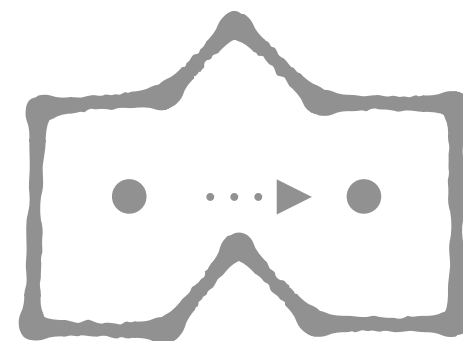
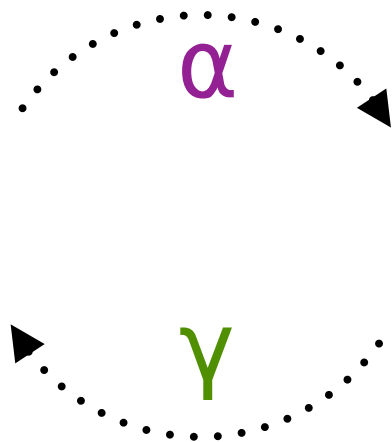
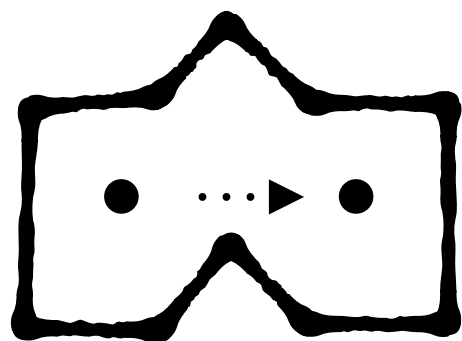
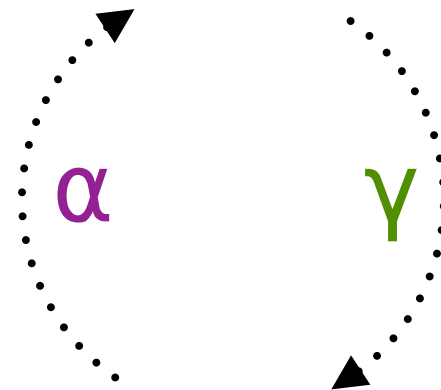
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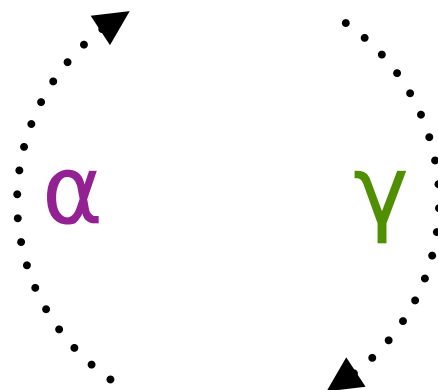
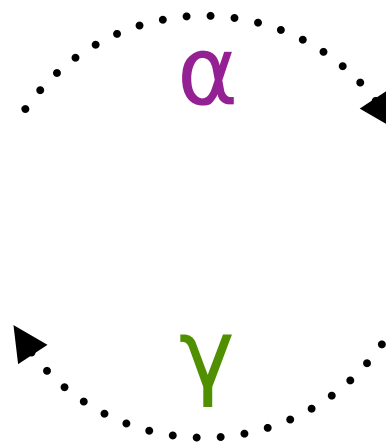
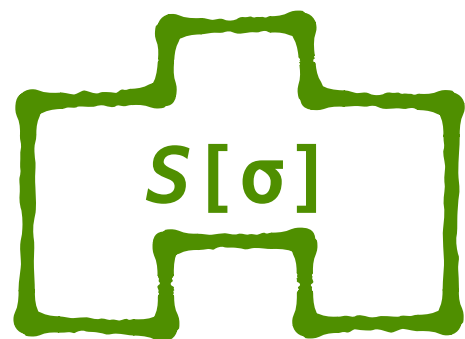




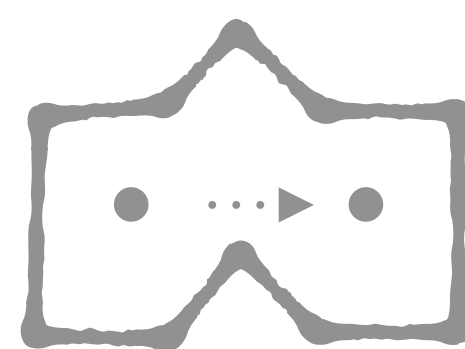
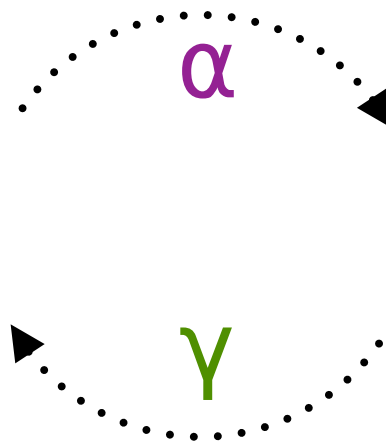
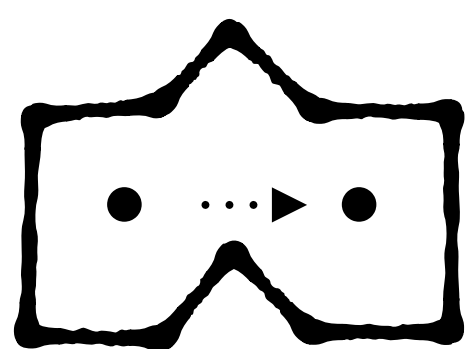
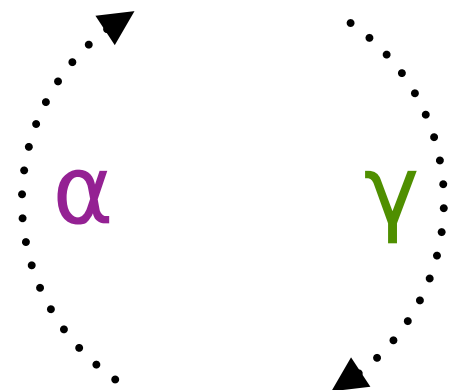


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Collecting

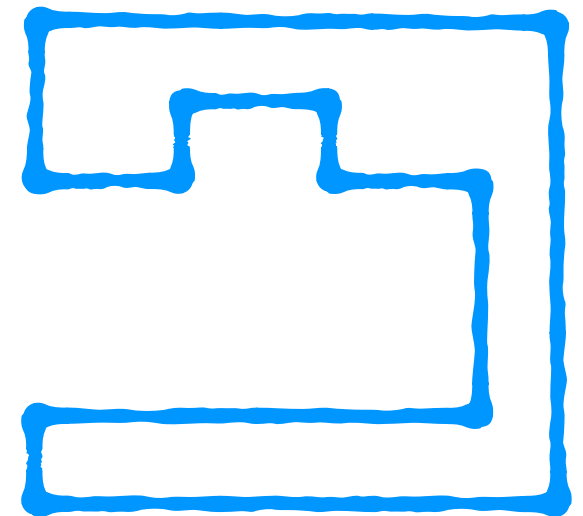
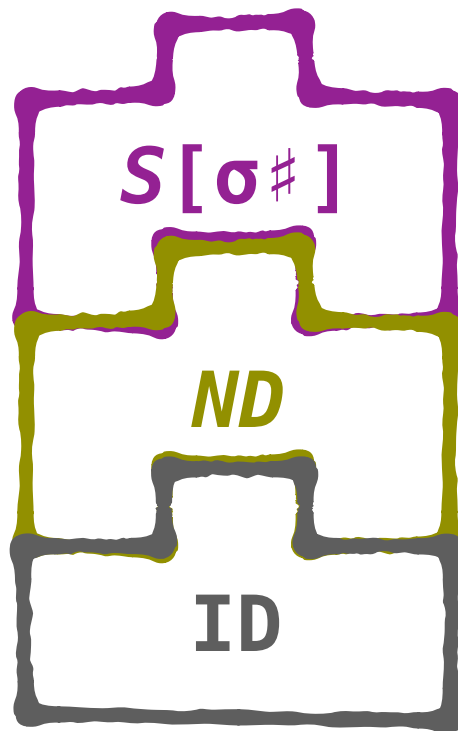
Analyzer

Analyzer =

Monad
Stack

+

Monadic
Interpreter



One Monadic
Interpreter

Must Be
Monotonic

Must Recover
Collecting Semantics

Galois Transformers

- ✓ Flow sensitive and path sensitive precision
- ✓ Compositional end-to-end correctness proofs
- ✓ Implemented in Haskell and available on Github
- ✗ Not whole story for path-sensitive refinement
- ✗ Naive fixpoint strategies

Constructive
Galois
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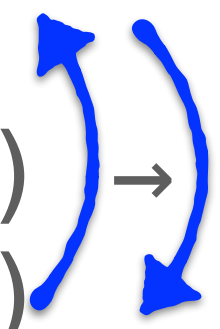
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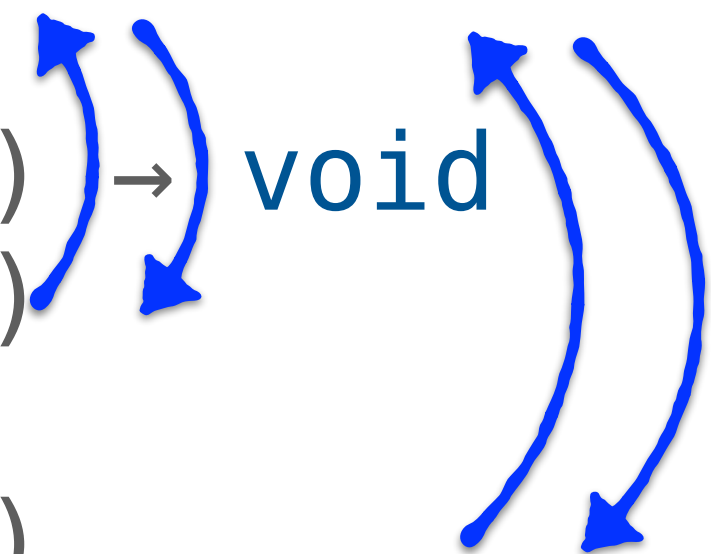

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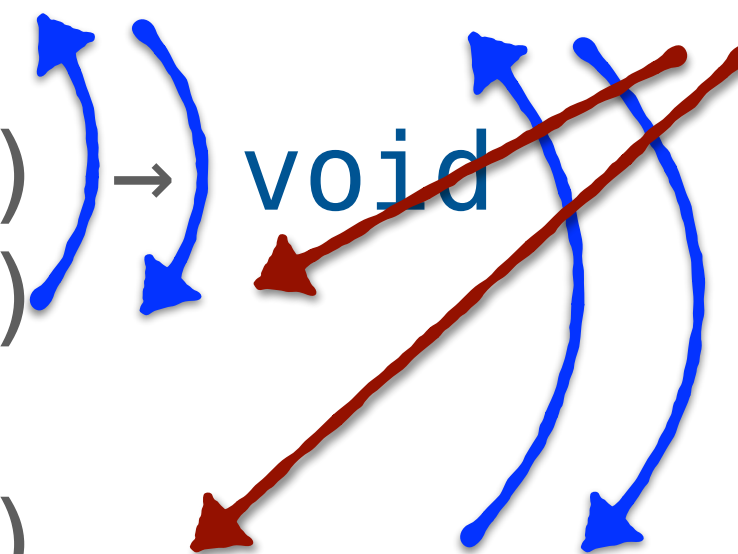
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The diagram illustrates the abstraction of the code. Blue arrows show the mapping of concrete variables to abstract variables: *x* to *x*, *y* to *y*, *z* to *z*, and 1 to 1. Red arrows show the mapping of concrete values to abstract values: 1 to void, 2 to void, and "Y" to "Z".

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Pushdown Precision

Reps *et al*
1995

Doesn't support
HO control

Earl Diss
2012

Dyck
State Graphs

Vardoulakis Diss
2012

“Big” CFA

Johnson and Van Horn
2014

Instrumented
AAM

Gilray *et al*
2016

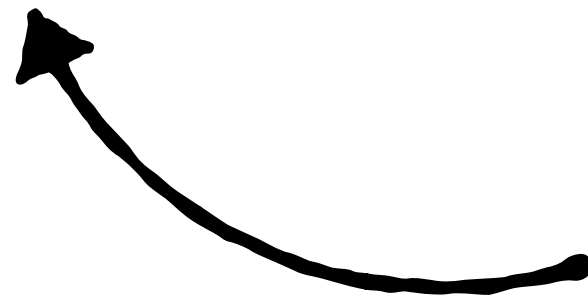
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**Idea:
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*No explicit model for control (continuations).
It's inherited from the metalanguage.*

$$\mathcal{E}[\cdot] : \text{exp} \rightarrow m(\text{val})$$

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Monadic Interpreter

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...

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 $\text{match } v \mid$
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Step 2
Unfixed Recursion

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Step 3
Abstract Monad

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$$\underbrace{CY(\lambda \mathcal{E}'. \lambda e. \mathcal{E}[e](\mathcal{E}'))}_{\text{Pushdown Precision}}$$

Caching Evaluator
(Terminates)

Pushdown Precision

Formalism

$\rho, \tau \vdash e, \sigma \Downarrow v, \sigma$

Evaluation

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$$\llbracket e \rrbracket(\rho, \tau, \sigma) := \{ \langle v, \sigma'' \rangle \mid \begin{array}{l} \rho, \tau \vdash e, \sigma \Uparrow \langle e', \rho', \tau', \sigma' \rangle \\ \wedge \rho', \tau' \vdash e', \sigma' \Downarrow \langle v, \sigma'' \rangle \end{array} \}$$

Definitional Abstract Interpreters

- ✓ Compositional program analyzers
- ✓ Formalized w.r.t. big-step reachability semantics
- ✓ Pushdown precision inherited from metalanguage
- ✓ Implemented in Racket and available on Github
- ✗ Naive caching algorithm (could be improved)
- ✗ Monadic, open-recursive interpreters

	Usable	Trustworthy
Program Analysis	✓	✗
Mechanized Verification	✗	✓
MVPA	✓	✓

My Research

Thesis

Constructing mechanically verified program analyzers via calculation and composition is *feasible* using constructive Galois connections and modular abstract interpreters.

Constructive Galois Connections

Mechanization
+
Calculation

Galois Transformers

Compositional
Path-sens.
+
Flow-sens.

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