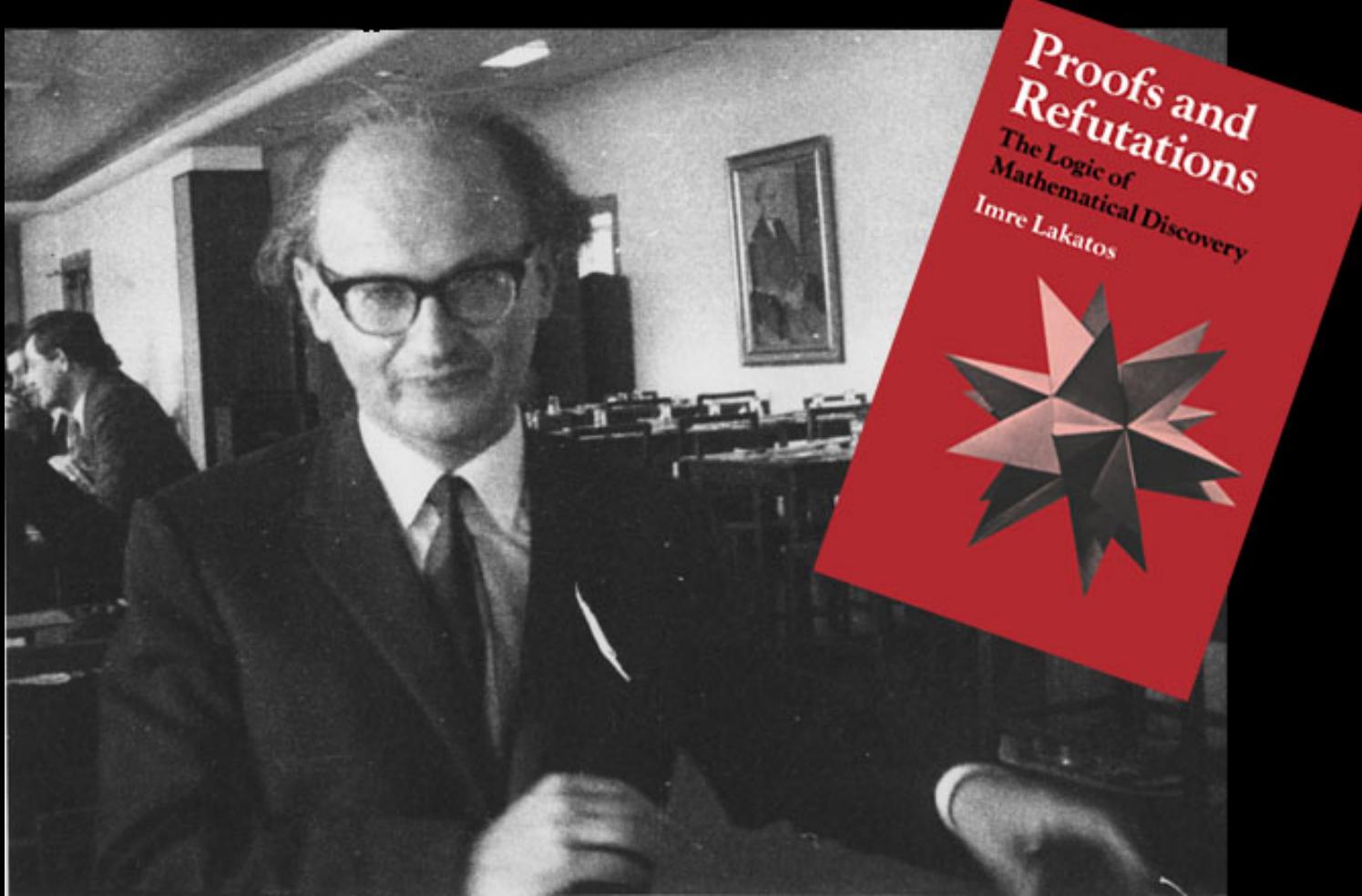


FACT OF THE DAY

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Fundamental
text in
philosophy
of math!

Today, November 9, the philosopher
Imre Lakatos was born 100 years ago
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Average Almost-Optimality of DESCARTES Solver

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Photo while working on this project

Real Root Isolation I: The Problem

INPUT:

$$g \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$$

OUTPUT:

Intervals J_1, \dots, J_k s.t.

0) $J_i = (a_i, b_i)$ with $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{Q}$

1) $Z(g) \cap \mathbb{R} \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^k J_i$

2) $\forall i, \# Z(g) \cap J_i = 1$

INPUT SIZE PARAMETERS:

d : degree of g

γ : bit-size of coefficients of g

MEASURE OF RUN-TIME

Bit complexity

Real Root Isolation II: The State of the Art

STURM SOLVER

$$\tilde{O}_B(d^4 \gamma^2)$$

DESCARTES SOLVER

$$\tilde{O}_B(d^4 \gamma^2)$$

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$$\tilde{O}_B(d^3 + d^2 \gamma)$$

(Sagraloff & Mehlhorn; 2016)

PAN'S ALGORITHM

$$\tilde{O}_B(d^2 \gamma)$$

(Pan; 2002)

Q: Can we beat the champion?

Real Root Isolation III:

What do we wish?

$$\tilde{O}_B(d\gamma)$$

We wish to find real roots
almost as fast as we read the polynomial!

DESCARTES SOLVER I:

Rule of Signs

$V(g) := \# \text{sign variations of } g_0, g_1, \dots$

THM (Descartes' rule of signs)

$$\#\mathcal{Z}(g, \mathbb{R}_+) \leq V(g)$$

Moreover,

$$V(g) \leq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Equality}$$

COR

$$\#\mathcal{Z}(g, (a, b)) \leq V(g, (a, b)) := V\left((x+1)^d g\left(\frac{bx+a}{x+1}\right)\right)$$

\uparrow
 $(0, \infty) \xrightarrow{\text{bijection}} (a, b)$



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DESCARTES SOLVER II:

The Descartes' Oracle

- 1) Overcounting: $\#Z(g, J) \leq V(g, J)$
- 2) Exactness I: $V(g, J) \leq 1 \Rightarrow$ Equality
- 3) Exactness II:

$$\#Z(g, D(m(J), c_w(J))) \leq K \Rightarrow V(g, J) \leq K$$

Obreshkoff's Thm: DESCARTES sees the complex roots around!

- 4) Subadditivity:

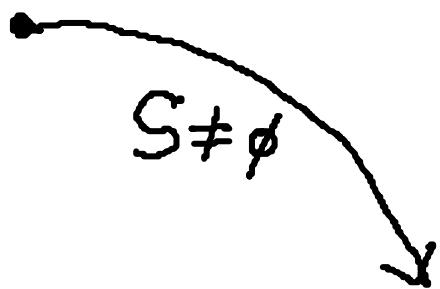
$$\bigcup_{J_i \subseteq J} \Rightarrow \sum V(g, J_i) \leq V(g, J)$$

DESCARTES SOLVER III:

The Algorithm

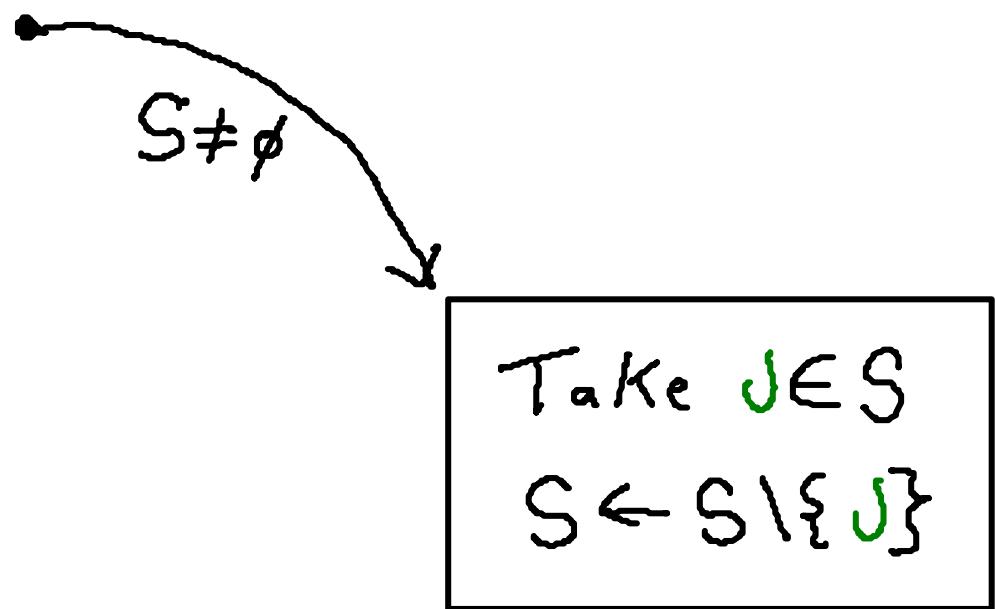
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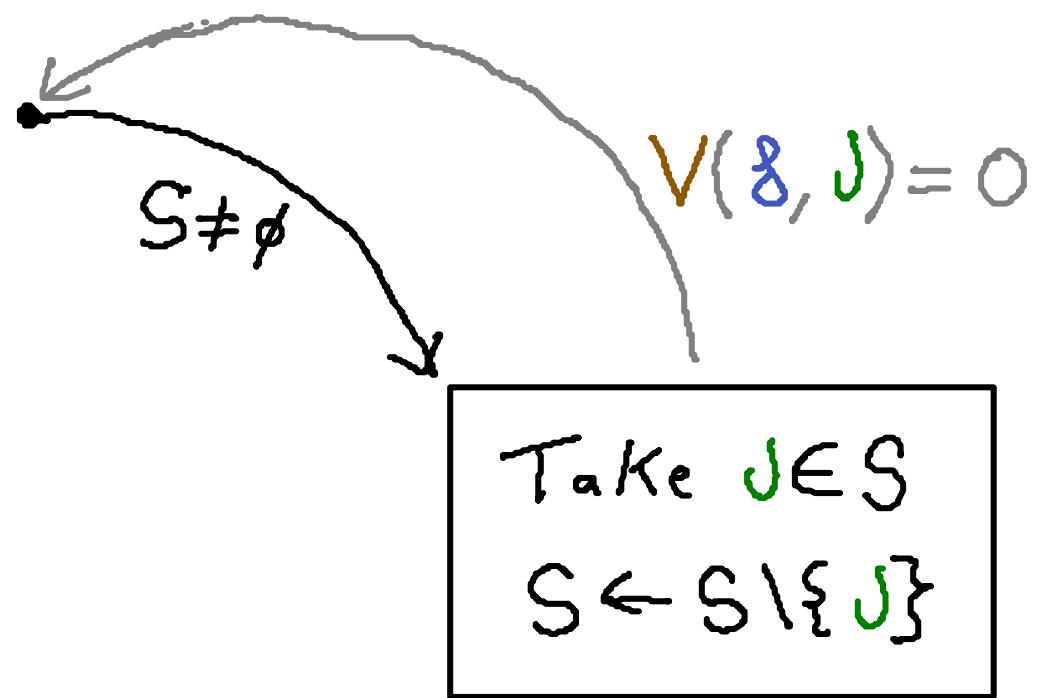
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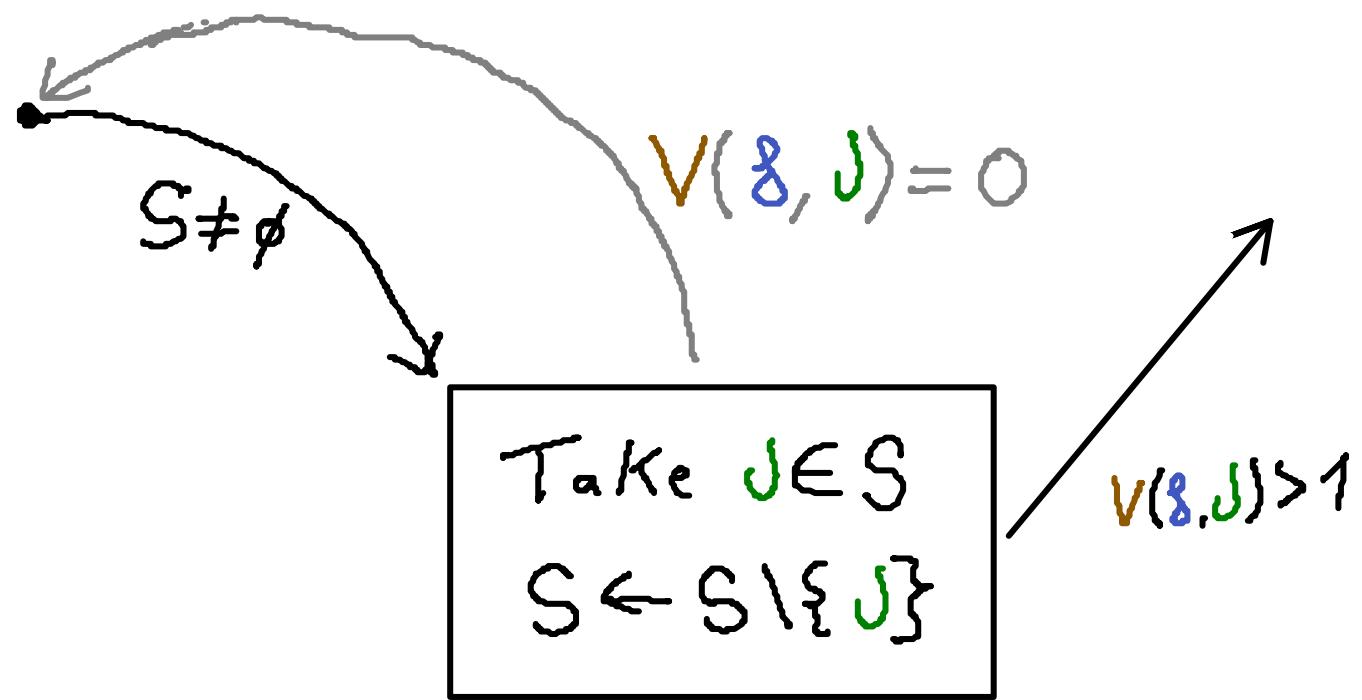
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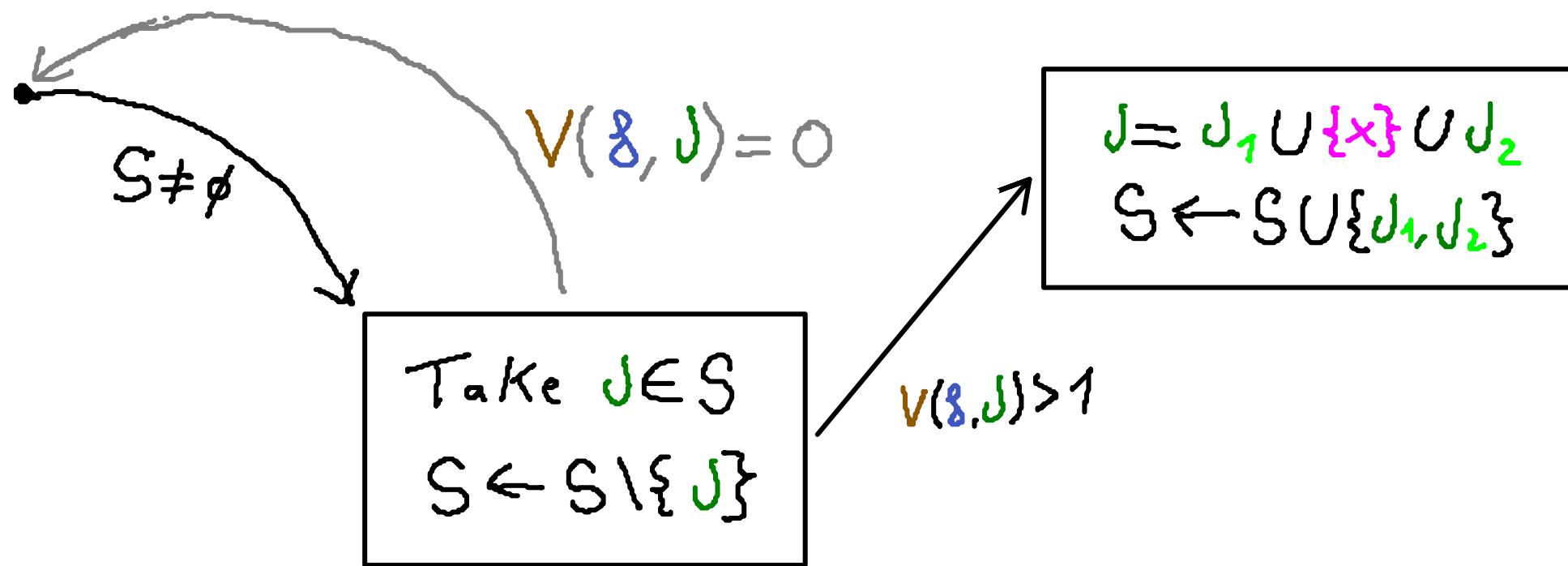
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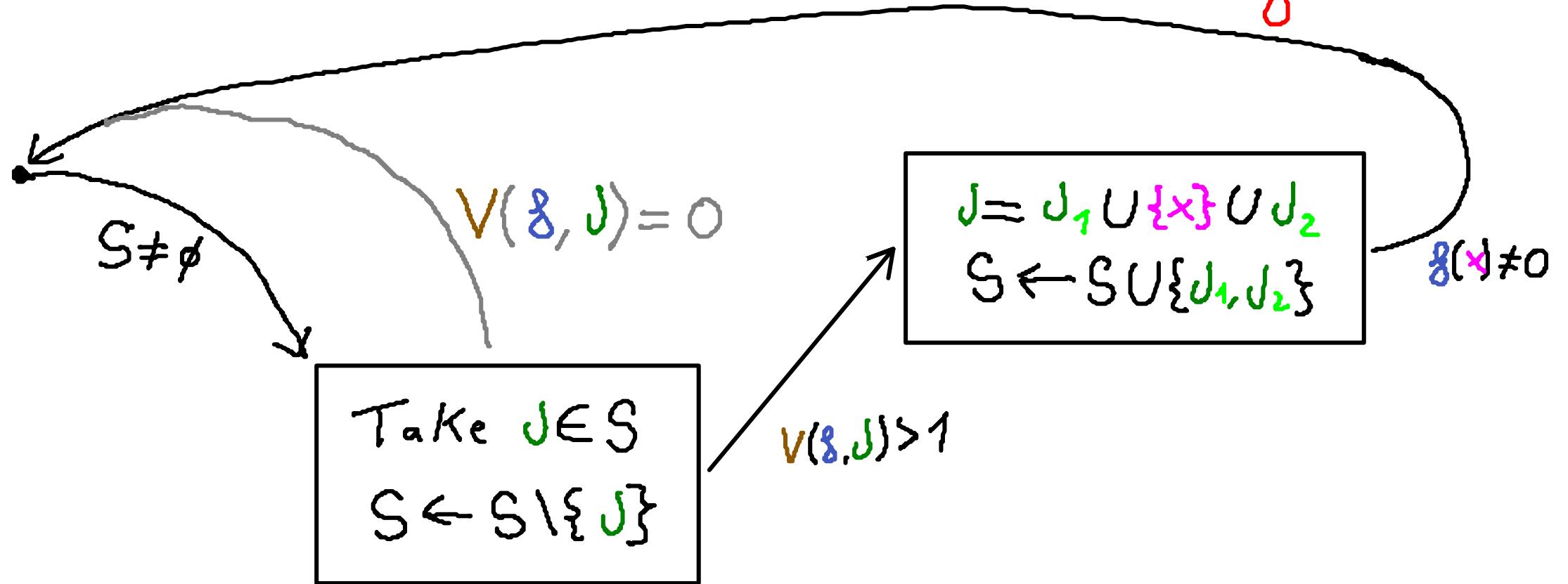
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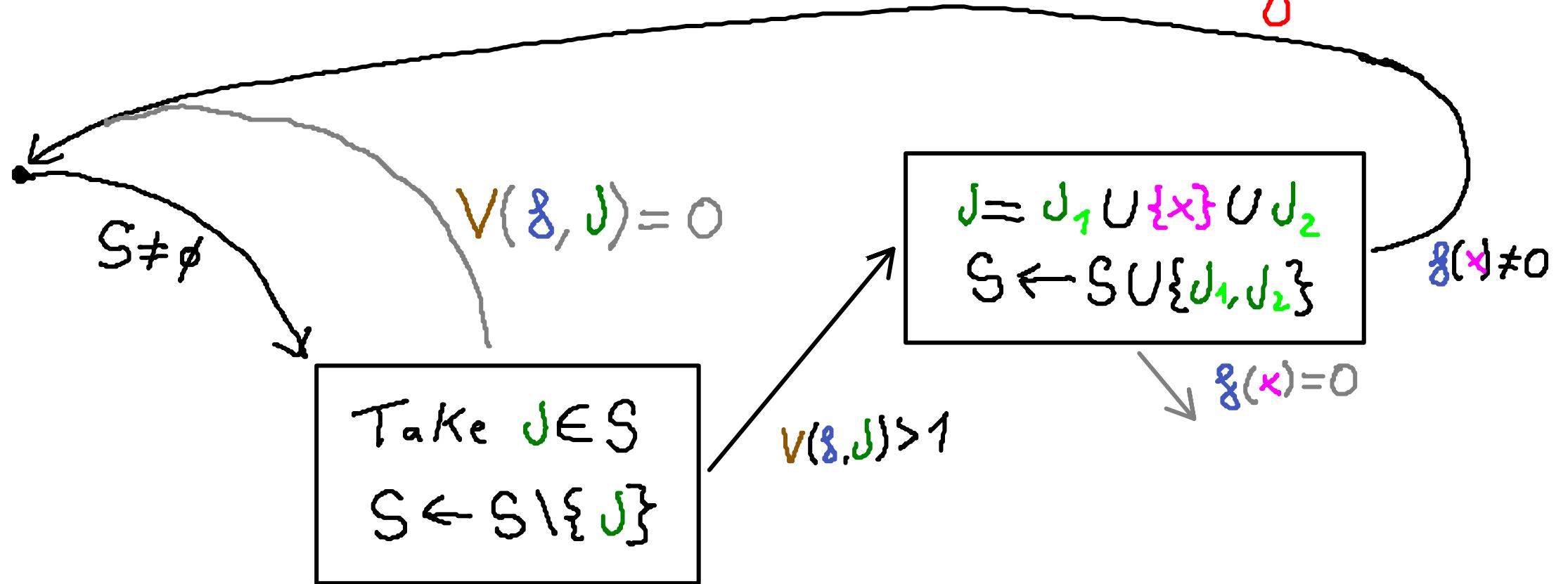
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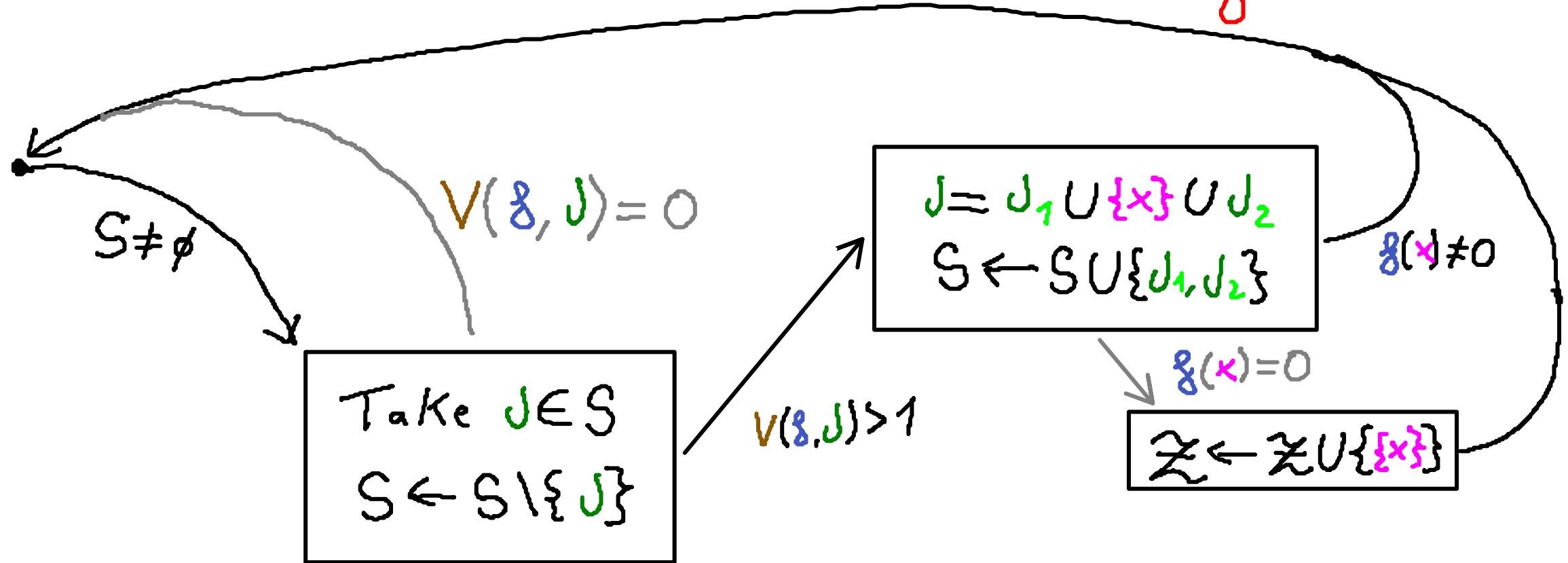
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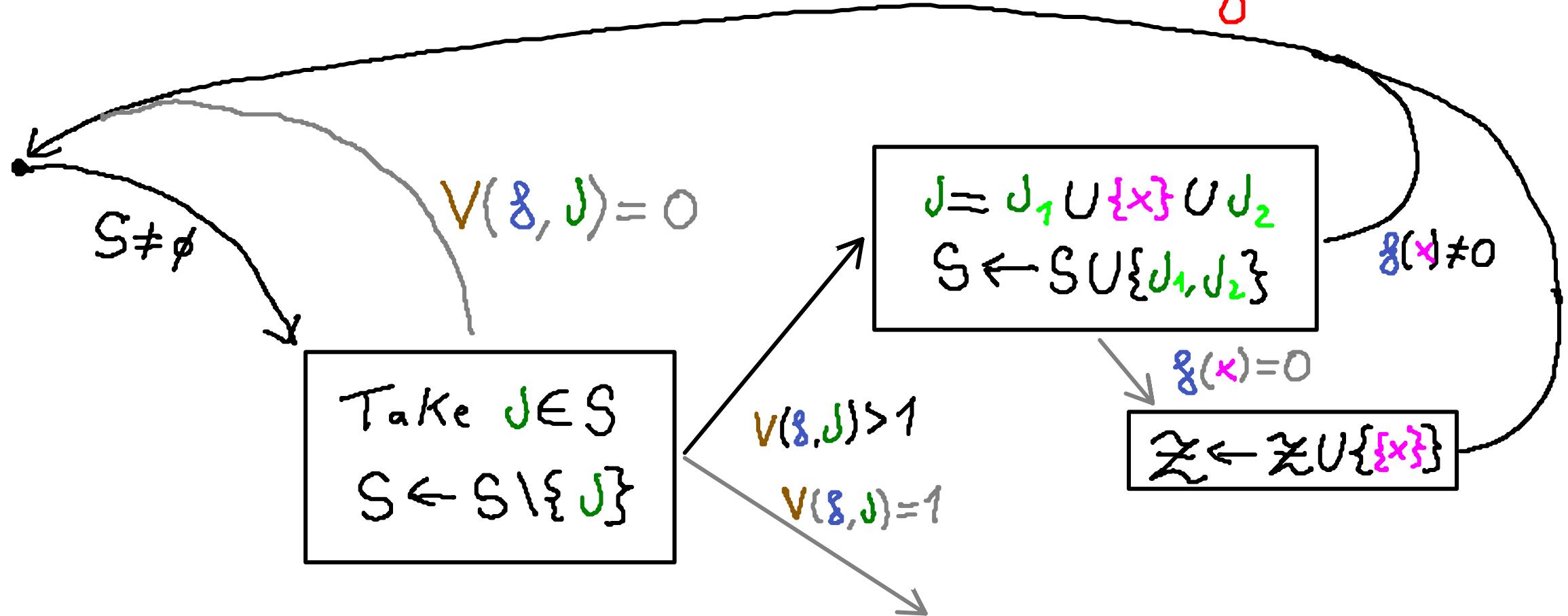
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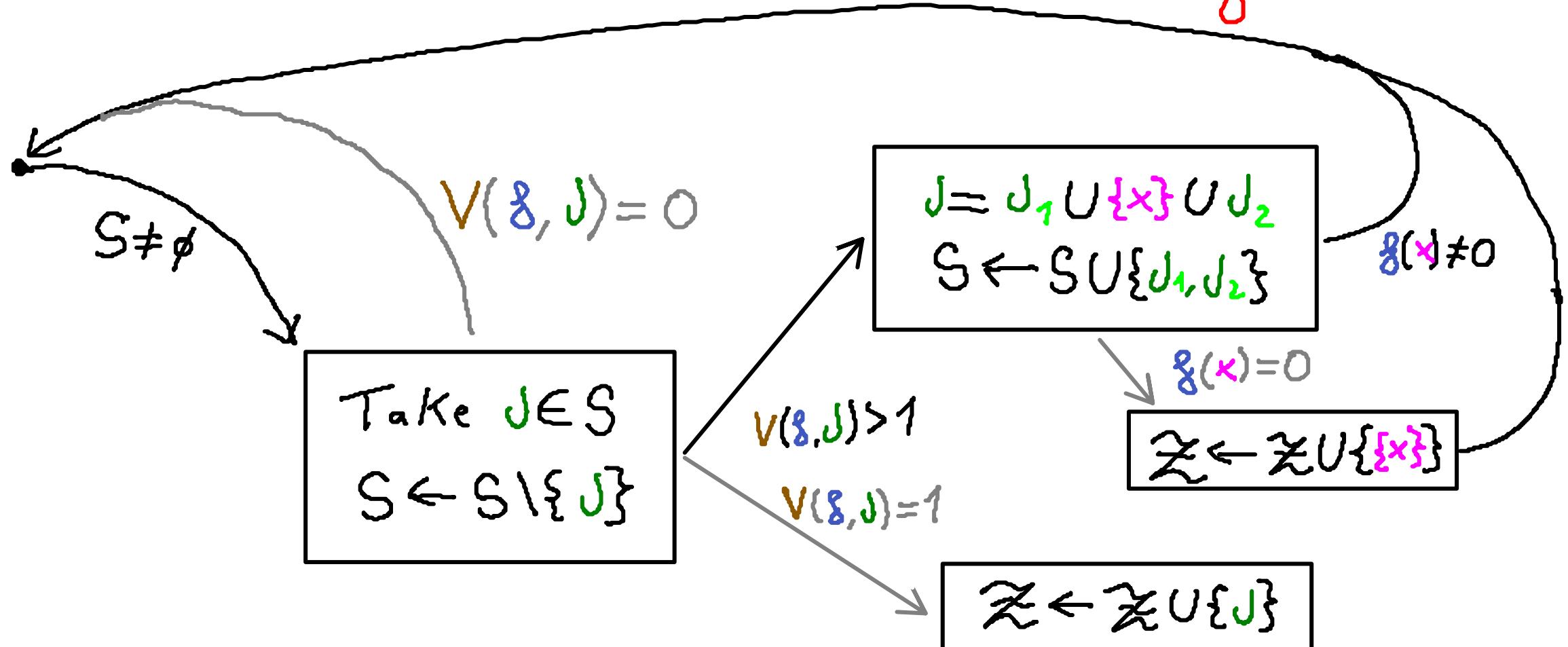
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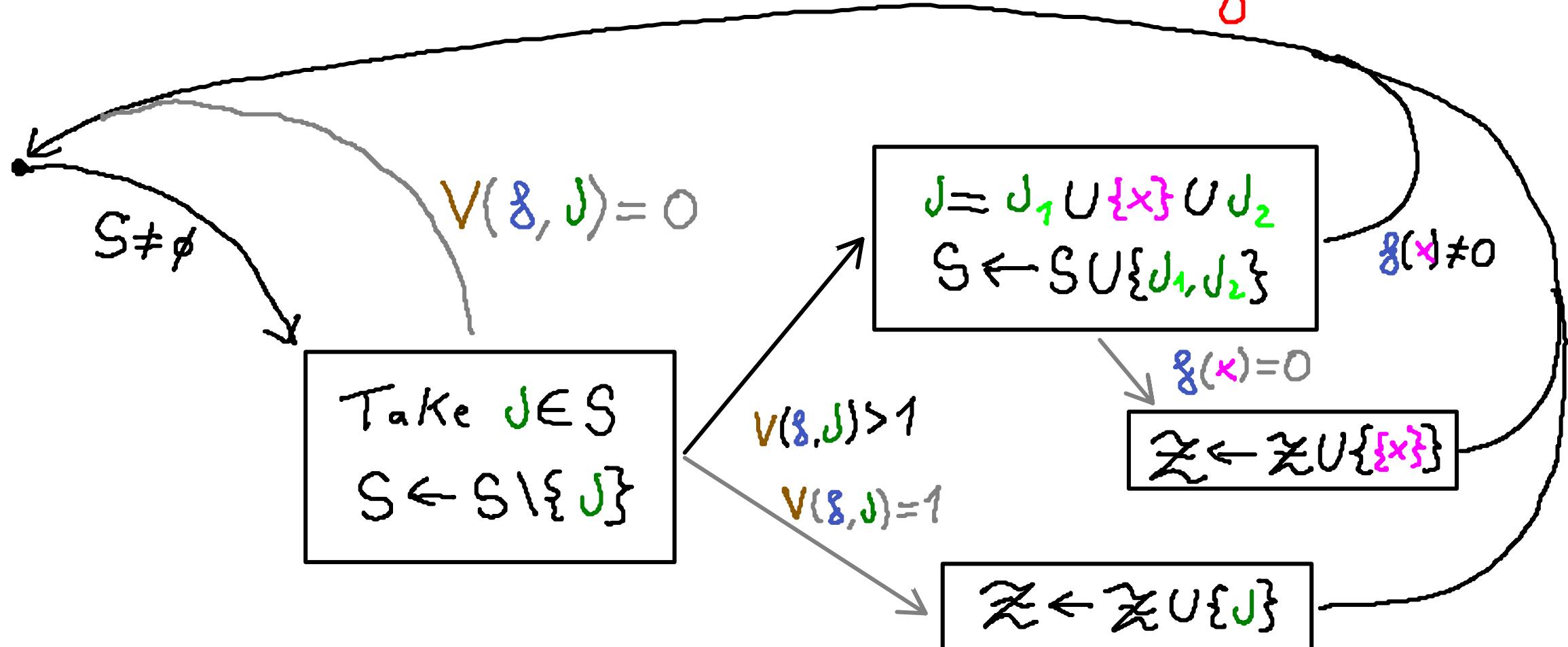
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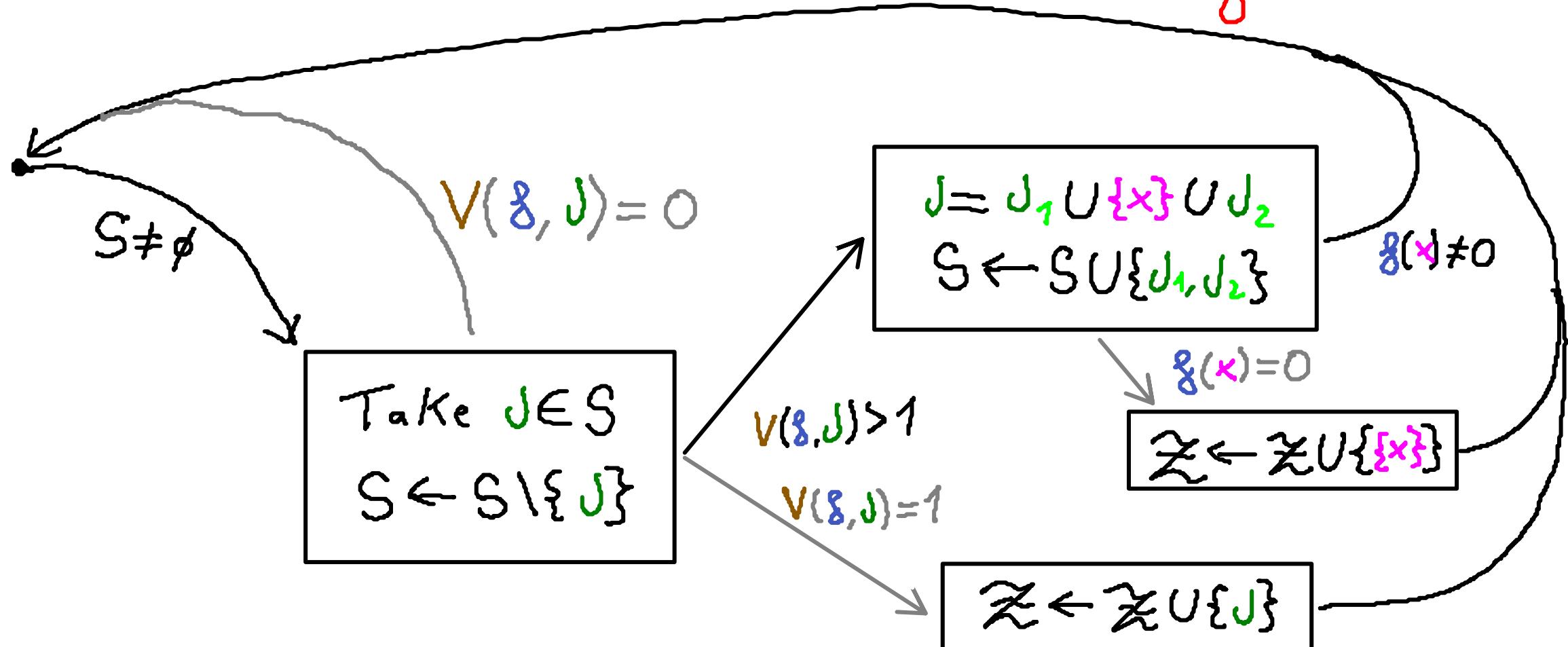
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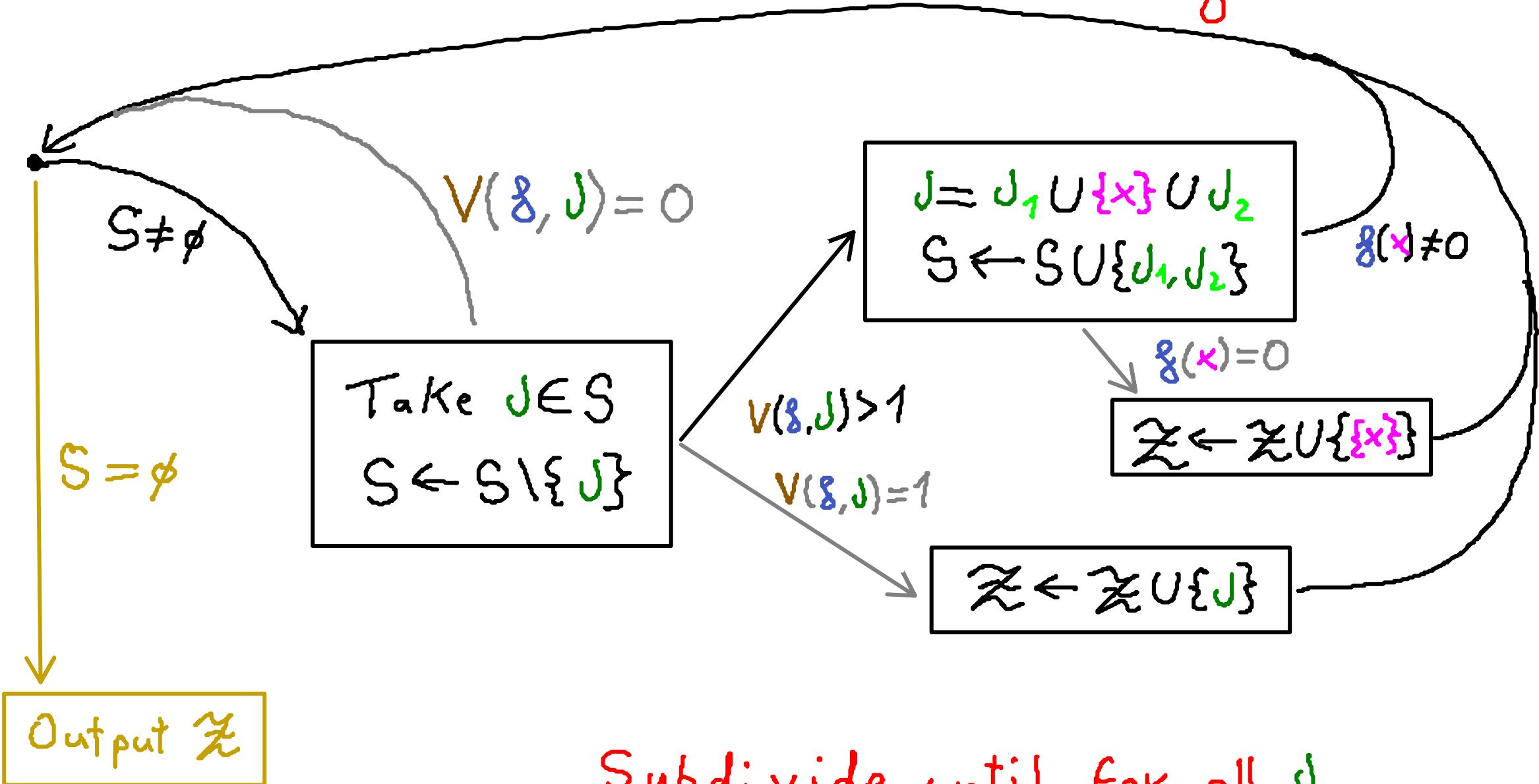
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Subdivide until for all J ,
 $V(g, J) \leq 1$!

DESCARTES SOLVER III:

The Algorithm



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Real Root Isolation IV:

Are we being pessimistic?

Worst-case complexity:

$$\max \{ \text{cost}(\text{SOLVER}, g) \mid \text{bit-size}(g) \leq \tau, \deg(g) \leq d \}$$



Pessimistic in practice

DESCARTES SOLVER

seems to behave faster in practice!

Can we explain this?

Real Root Isolation V:

Beyond pessimism

Worst-case complexity:

$$\max \{ \text{cost}(\text{SOLVER}, g) \mid \text{bit-size}(g) \leq \tau, \deg(g) \leq d \}$$

(Goldstine & von Neumann, 1951)
(Demmel, 1988) (Smale; 1985, 1997)

(Roughgarden, 2021)

Probabilistic complexity

$$\mathbb{E} \{ \text{cost}(\text{SOLVER}, g)^l \mid \text{bit-size}(g) \leq \tau, \deg(g) \leq d \}$$

What's a 'good' random model for g ?

↑
Many choices of randomness 😱

Beyond pessimism I: Uniform Random Bit Polynomials & A SIMPLE MAIN THEOREM

$$F = \sum_{k=0}^d F_k X^k$$

s.t. $F_k \sim \mathcal{U}([-2^\gamma, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{Z})$ independent

SIMPLE MAIN THM (Ergür, T-C, Tsigaridas)

$$\mathbb{E} \text{cost}(\text{DESCARTES}, F) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_B(d^2 + d\gamma)$$

On average, DESCARTES is almost optimal!

Beyond pessimism II:

Random Bit Polynomials

$$F = \sum_{k=0}^d f_k X^k \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$$

bit-size of F : s.t. f_k independent

$$\gamma(F) := \min\{\gamma \mid \forall K, P(|f_k| \leq 2^\gamma) = 1\}$$

weight of F : No middle indexes!

$$w(F) := \max \left\{ P(f_k = c) \mid c \in \mathbb{R}, k \in \{0, 1, \downarrow d-1, d\} \right\}$$

uniformity of F : $u(F) := \ln(w(F)(1 + 2^{\gamma(F)+1}))$

Beyond pessimism III:

MAIN THEOREM

MAIN THM (Ergür, T-C, Tsigaridas)

$$\mathbb{E} \text{cost}(\text{DESCARTES}, F) = \tilde{O}_B(d^2 + d\gamma)(1 + u(F))^4$$

Note: F uniform $\Rightarrow u(F) = 0$

Claim: For many cases, $u(F) = O(1)$

IF $\gamma = \Omega(d)$, almost like reading!

On average, DESCARTES is almost optimal!

Beyond pessimism IV:

Examples of Random Bit Polynomials I

- Support control $\{0, 1, d-1, d\} \subseteq A$

$$f = \sum_{k \in A} f_k X^k \quad \text{with } f_k \sim \mathcal{U}([-2^\gamma, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{Z})$$

... then $u(f) = 0$

- Sign control $\sigma \in \{-1, +1\}^{\{0, \dots, d\}}$

$$F = \sum_{k=1}^d f_k X^k \quad \text{with } f_k \sim \mathcal{U}(\sigma_k ([1, 2^\gamma] \cap \mathbb{N}))$$

... then $u(F) \leq \ln 3$

Beyond pessimism V:

Examples of Random Bit Polynomials II

- Exact bitsize

$$F = \sum_{k=1}^d f_k X^k \quad \text{with } f_k \sim \mathcal{U}\left(\{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \lfloor \log n \rfloor = r\}\right)$$

... then $u(F) \leq \ln 3$

+ their combinations

Our random model is flexible!

SUMMING UP:

DESCARTES' SOLVER

IS ALMOST OPTIMAL ON AVERAGE!

... AND THAT'S WHY DESCARTES WORKS SO WELL

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bere arretagatik !

¡ Muchas Gracias
por su Atención !