

CryptOpt: Verified Compilation with Randomized Program Search for Cryptographic Primitives

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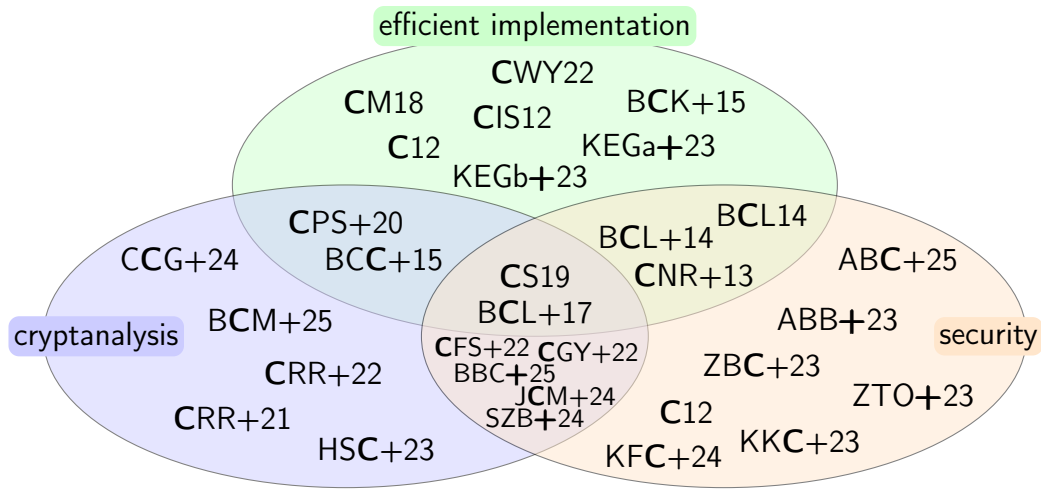
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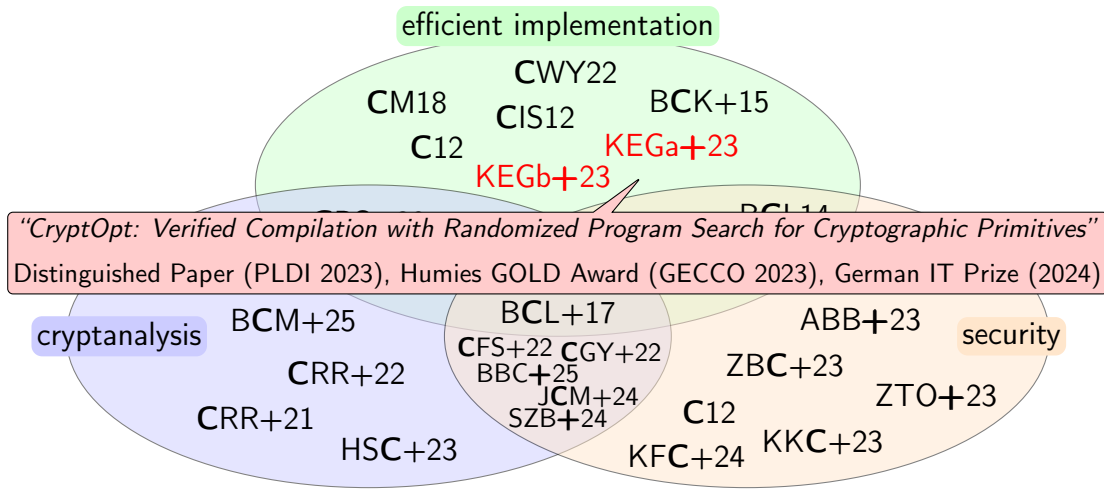
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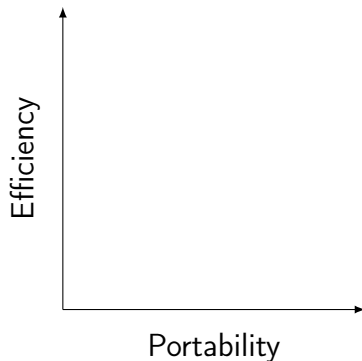
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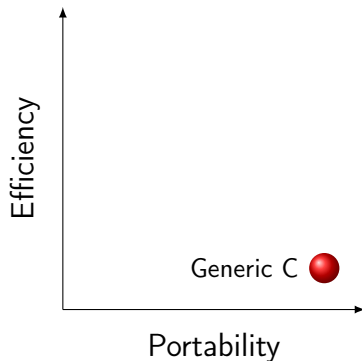
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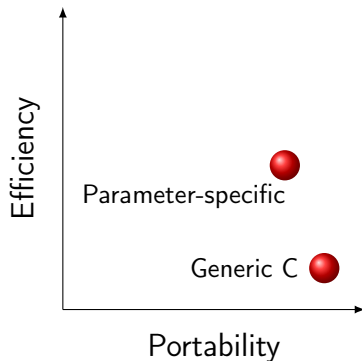
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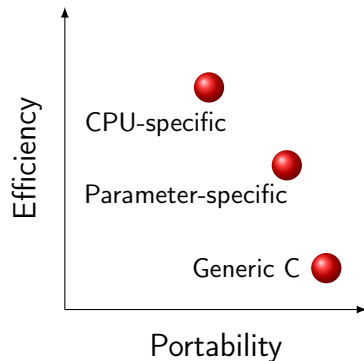
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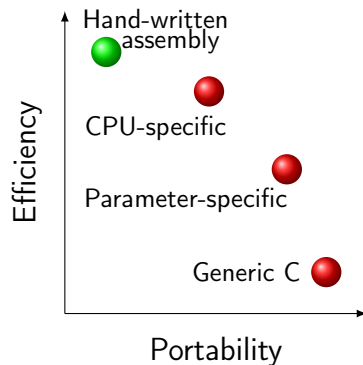
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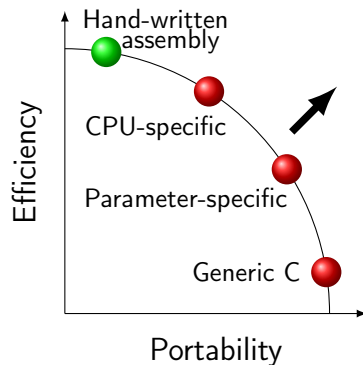
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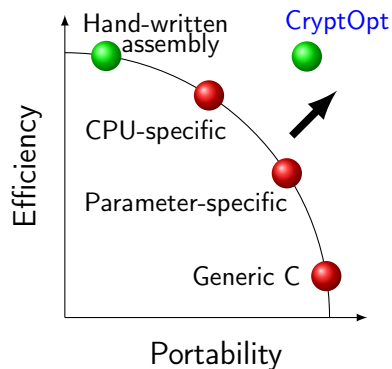
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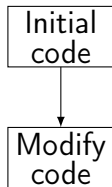
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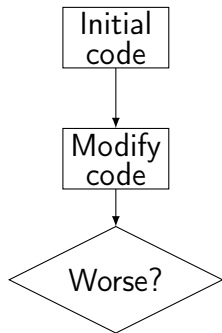
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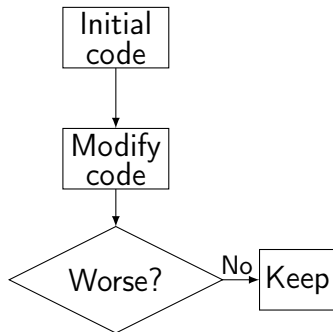
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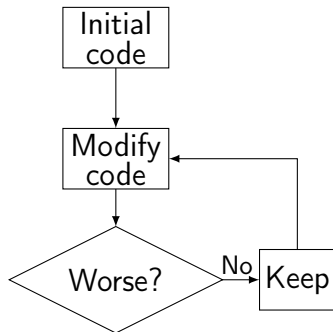
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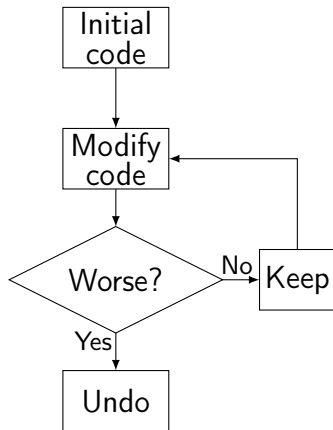
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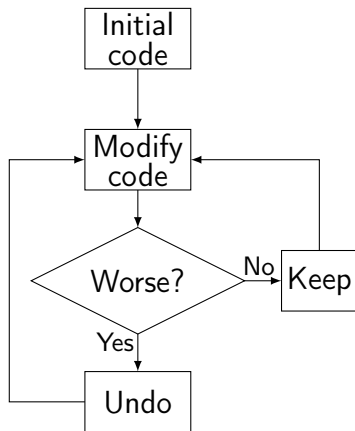
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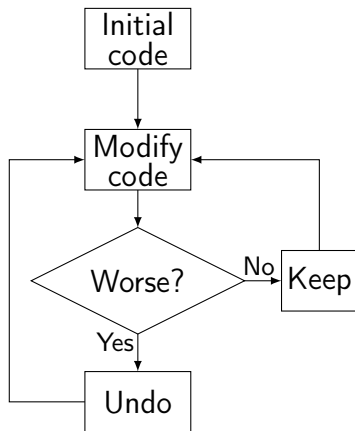


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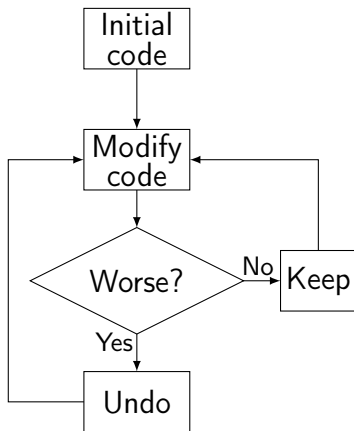


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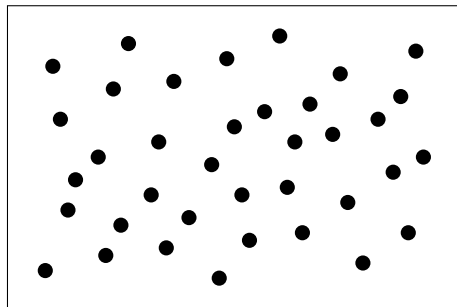
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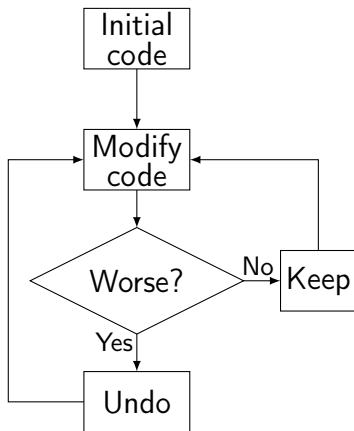
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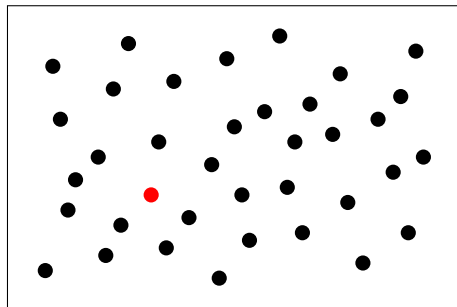
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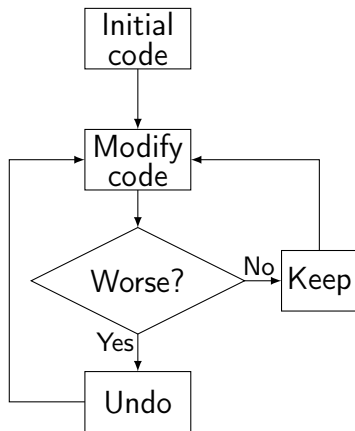
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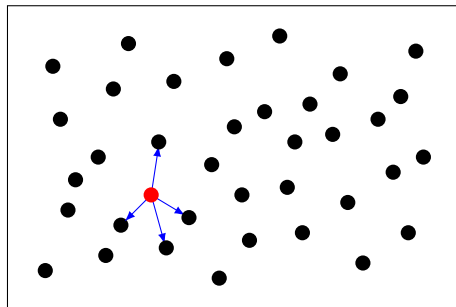
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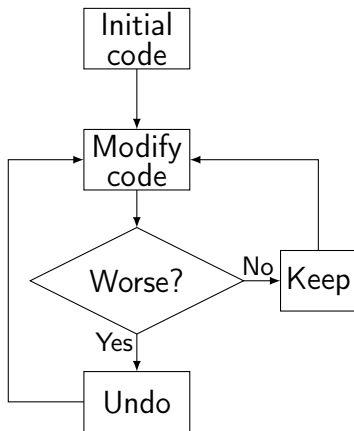
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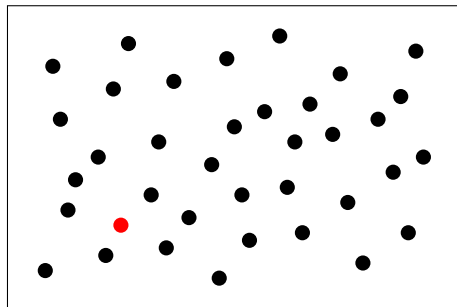
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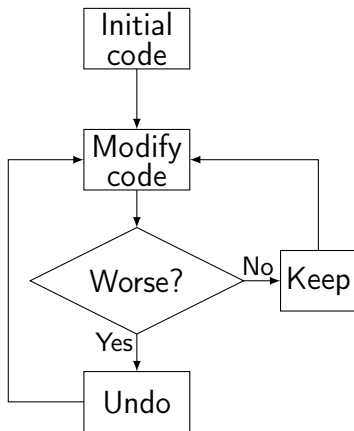
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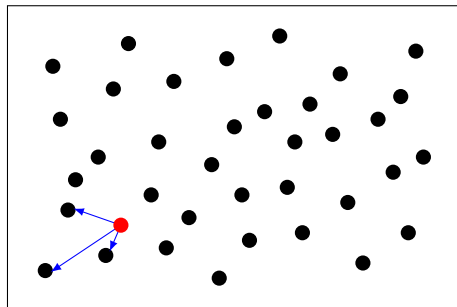
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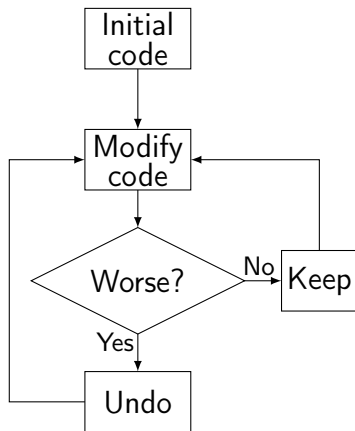


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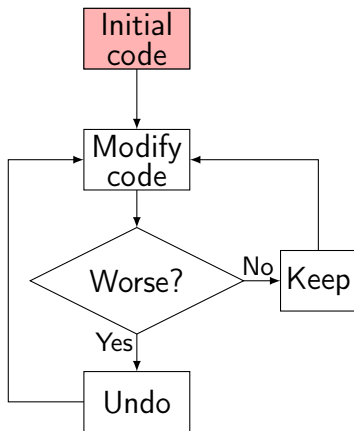
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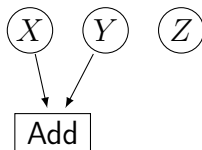
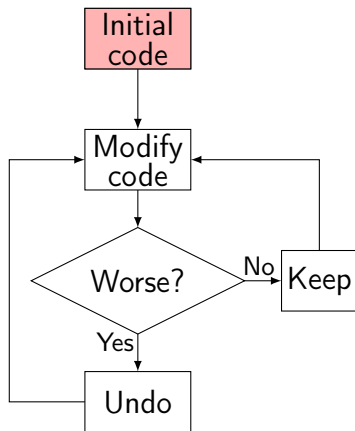


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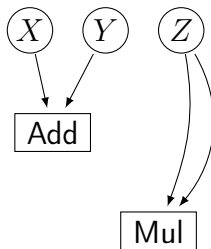
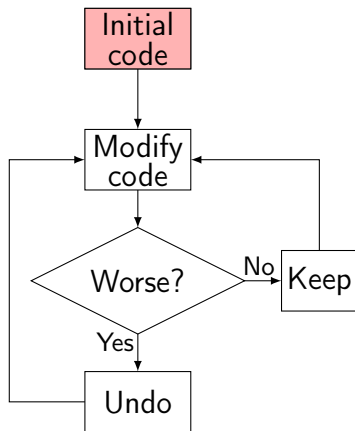
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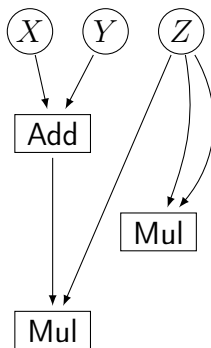
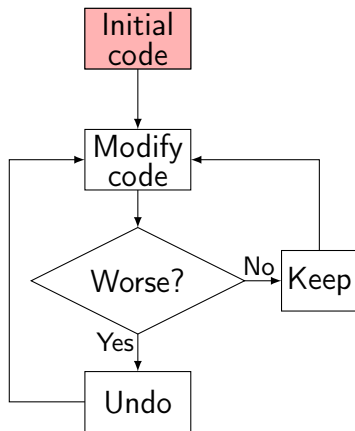
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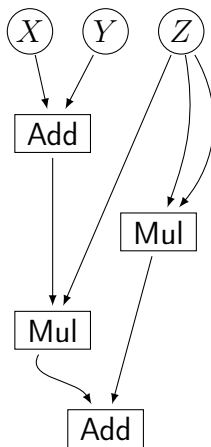
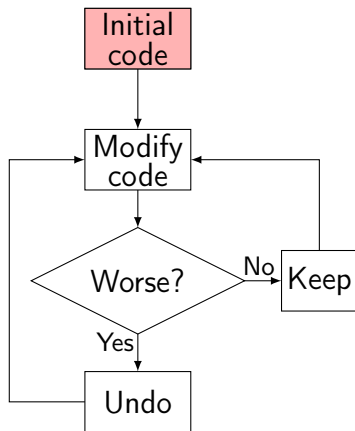
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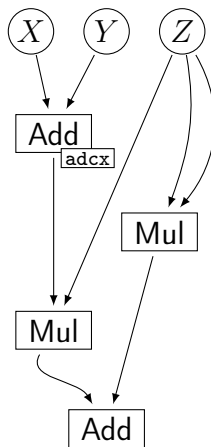
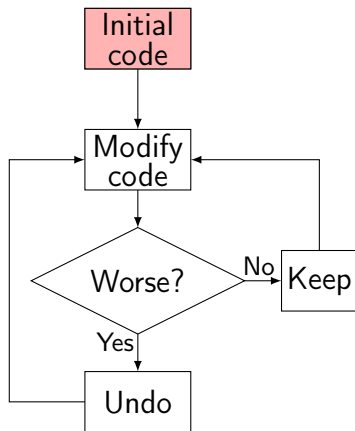
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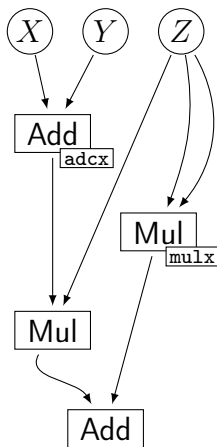
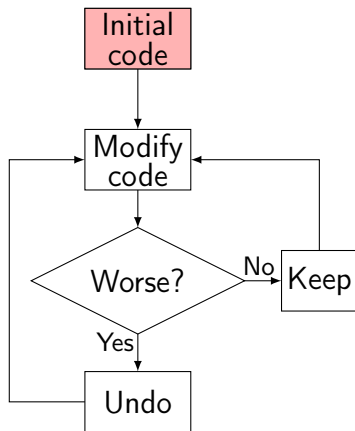


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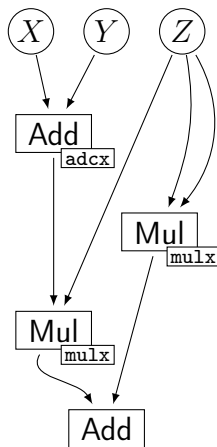
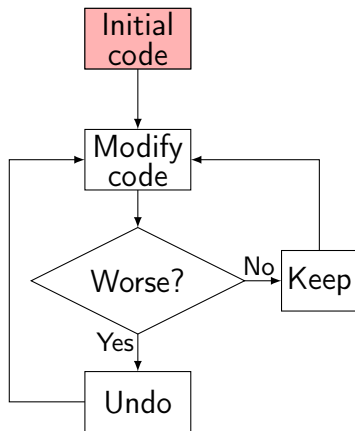

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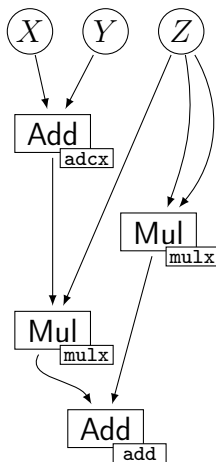
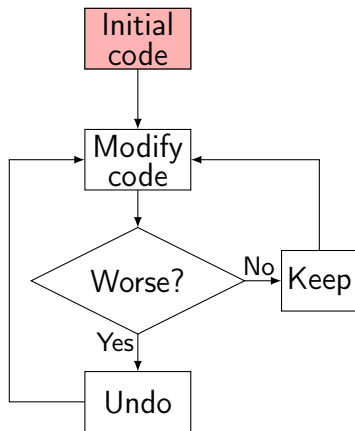


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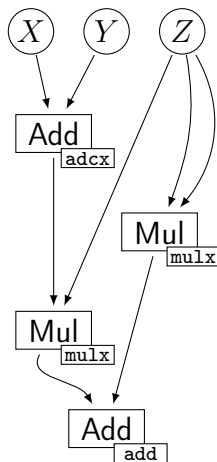
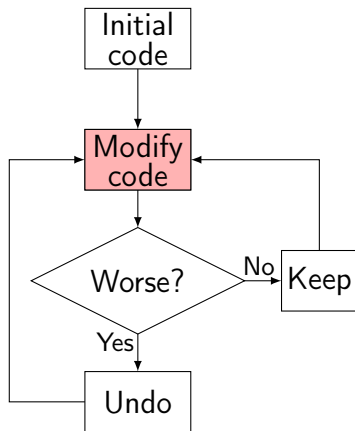
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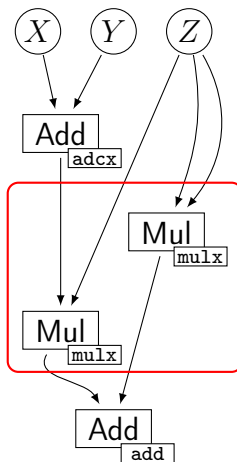
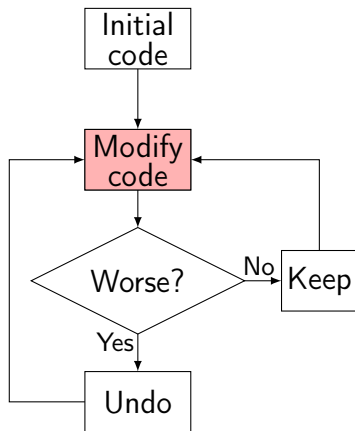
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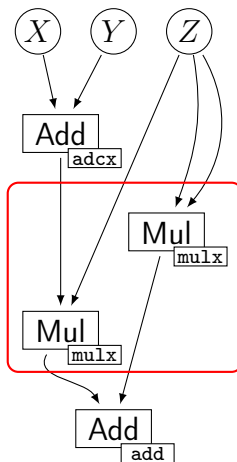
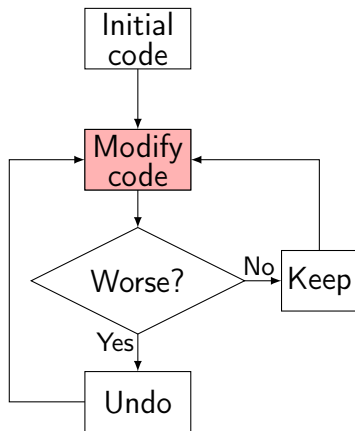
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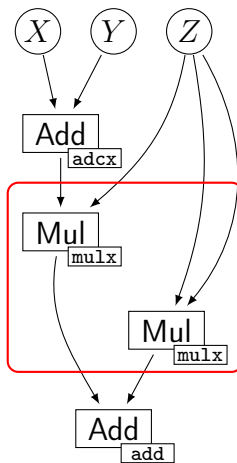
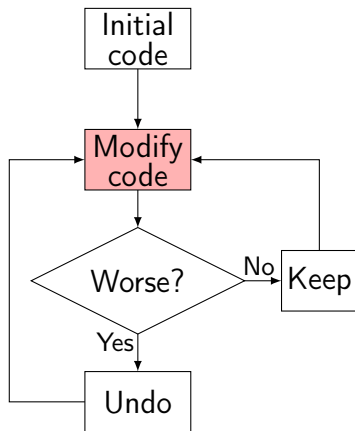


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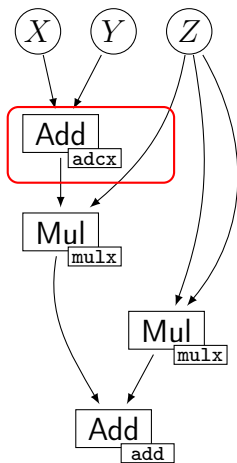
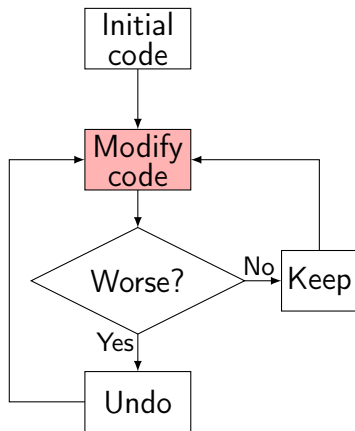
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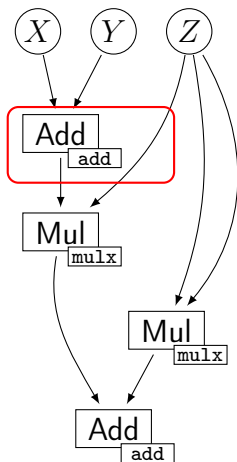
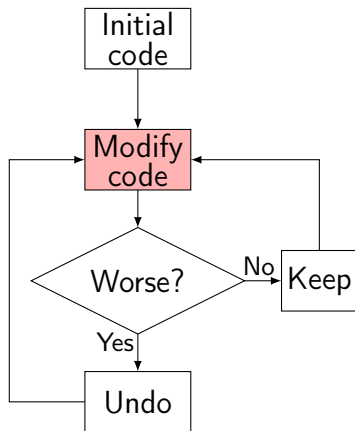
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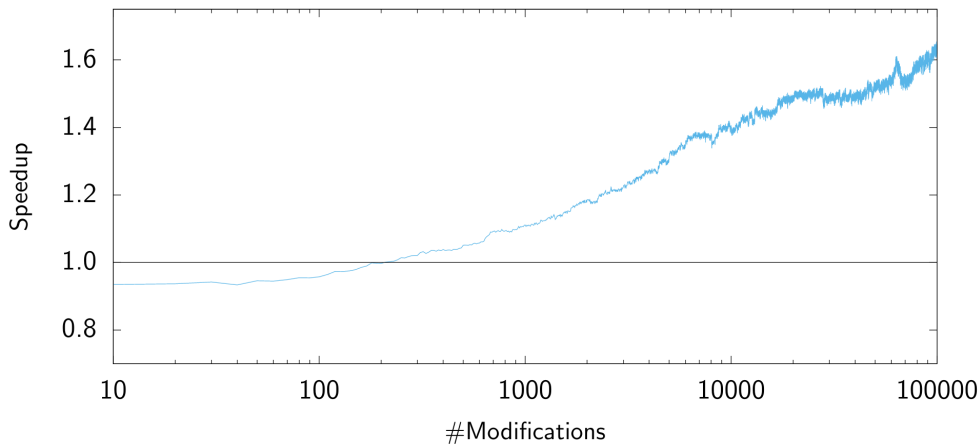
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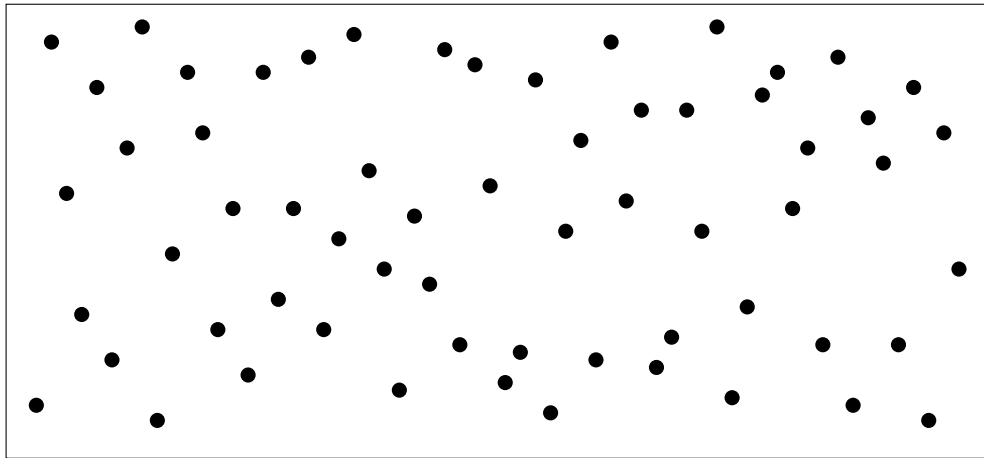
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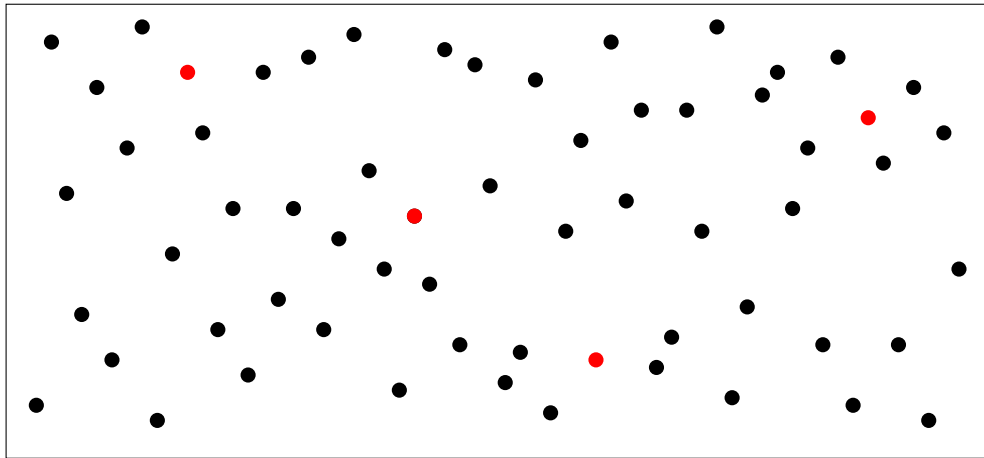
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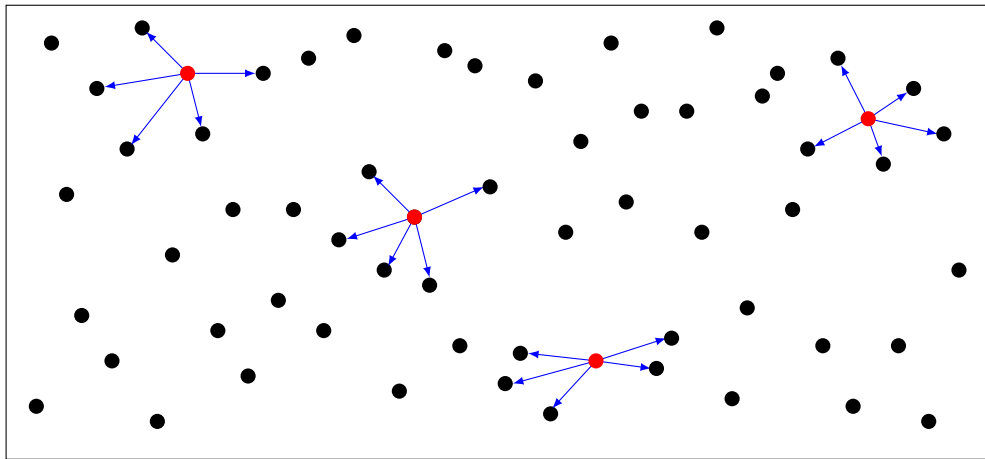
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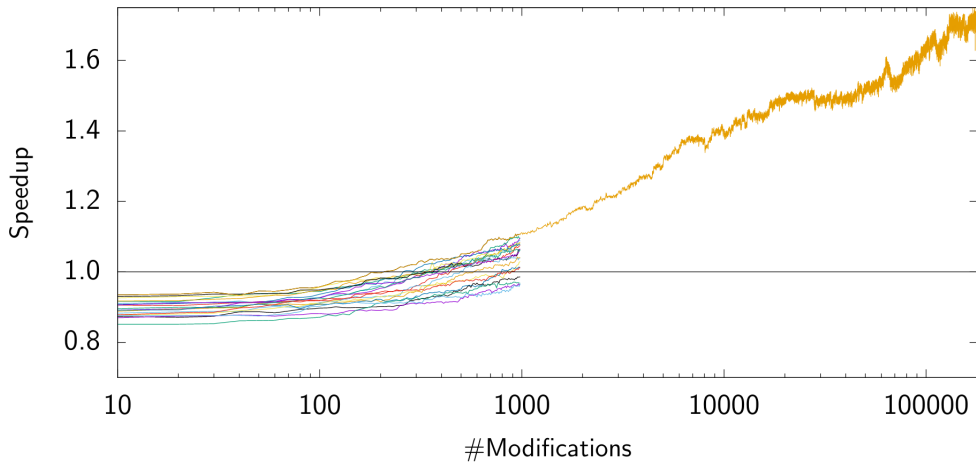
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Bet-and-Run in Action



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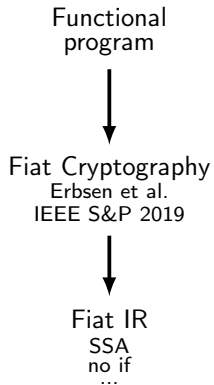
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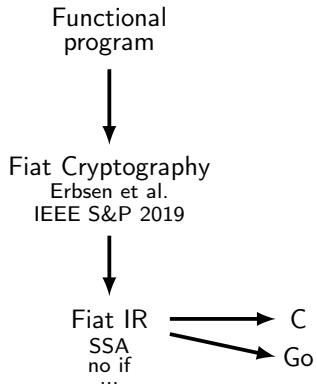


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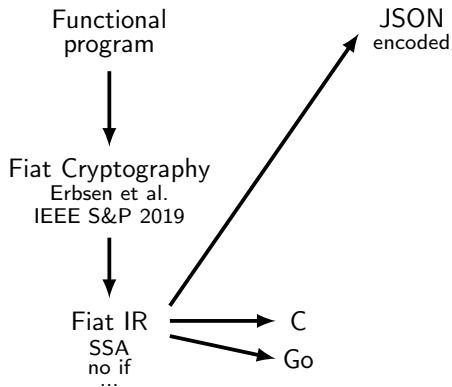
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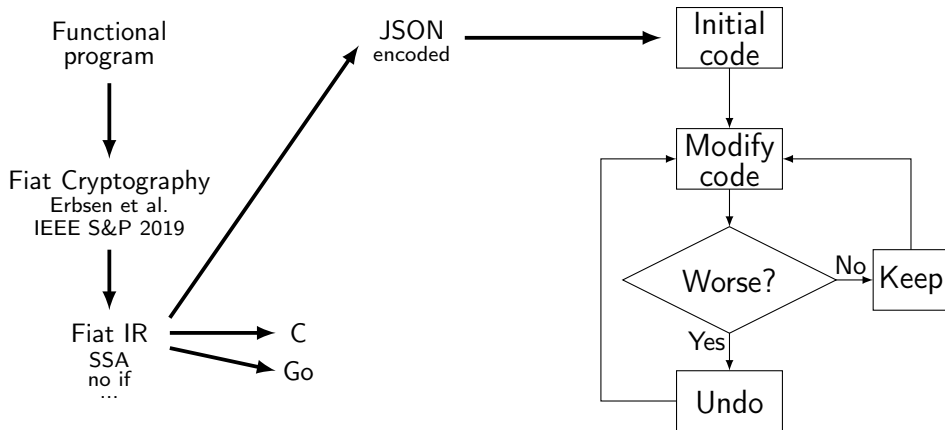
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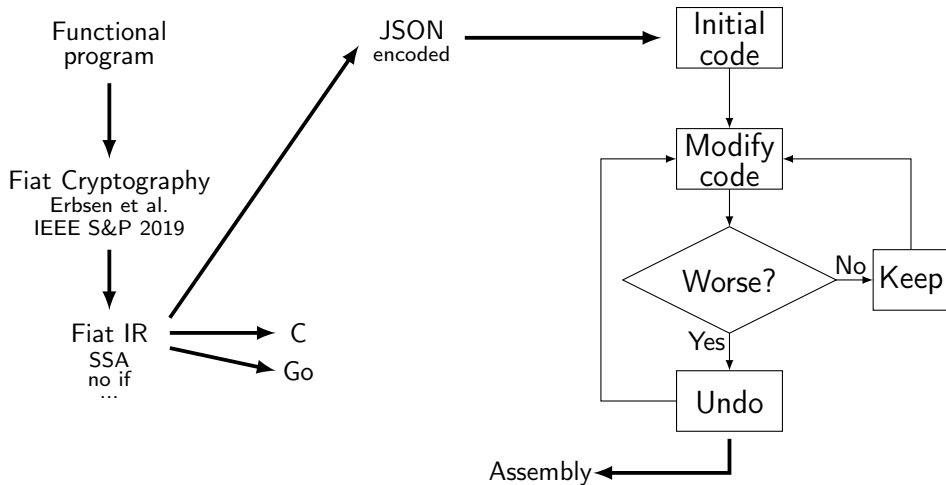
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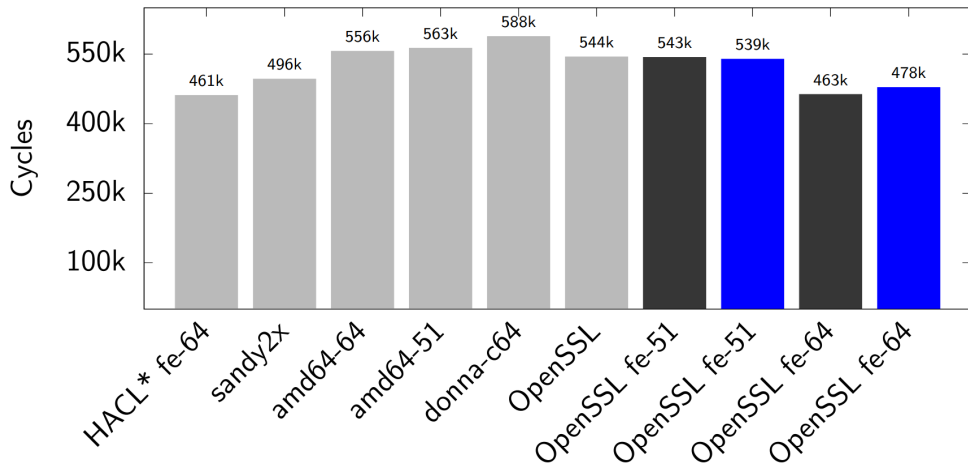
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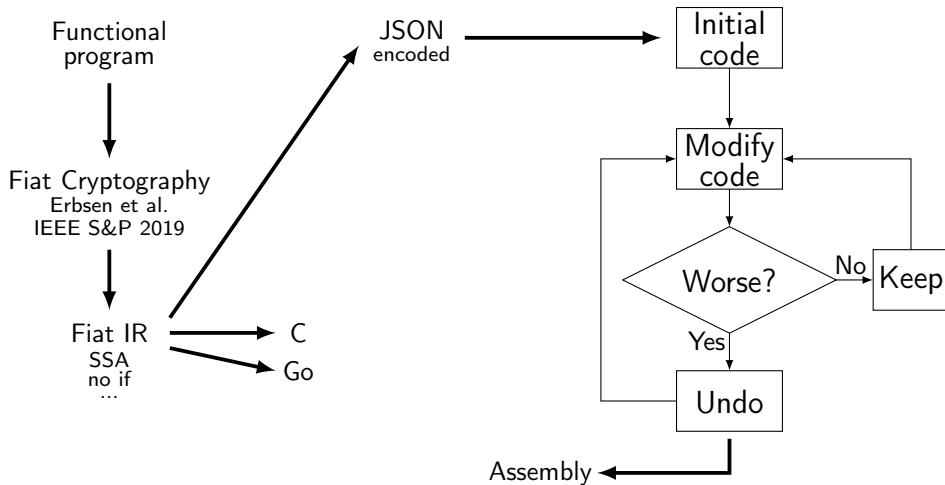
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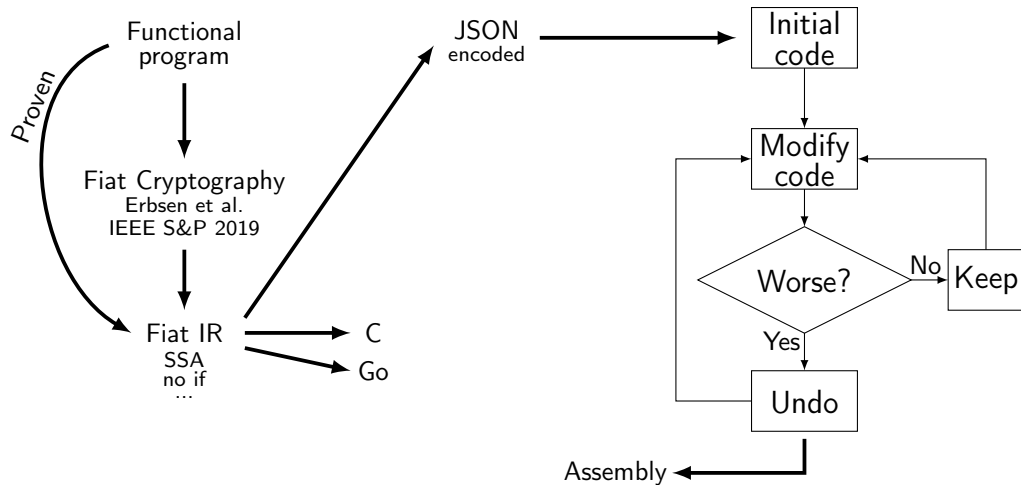
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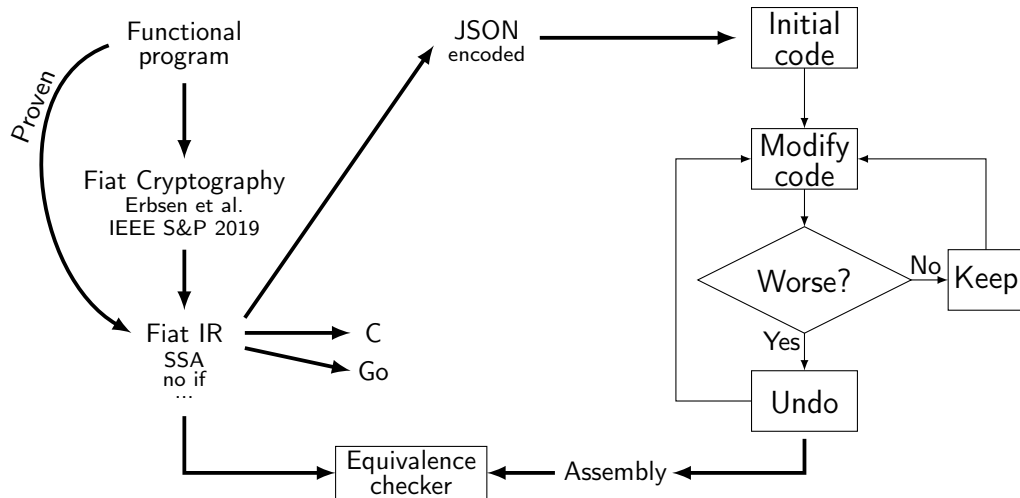
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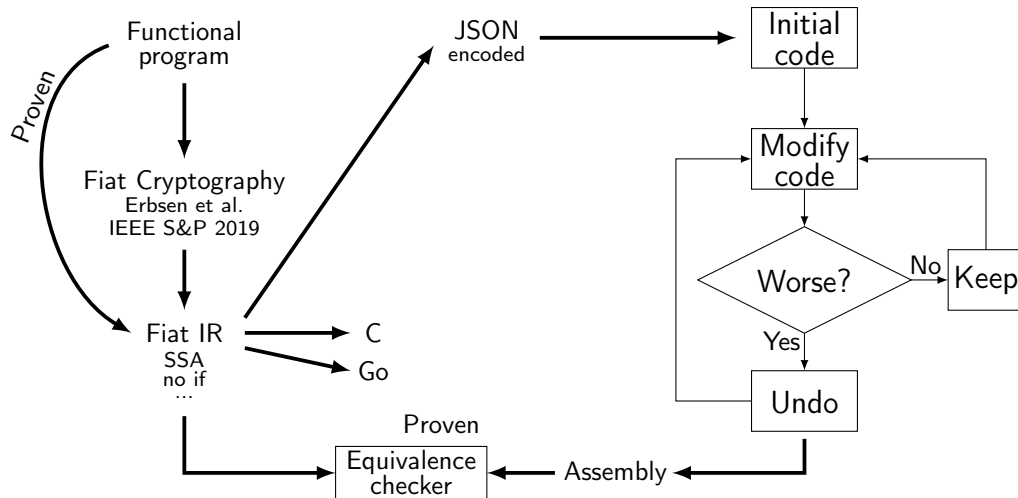
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