

POLYREGULAR MODEL CHECKING



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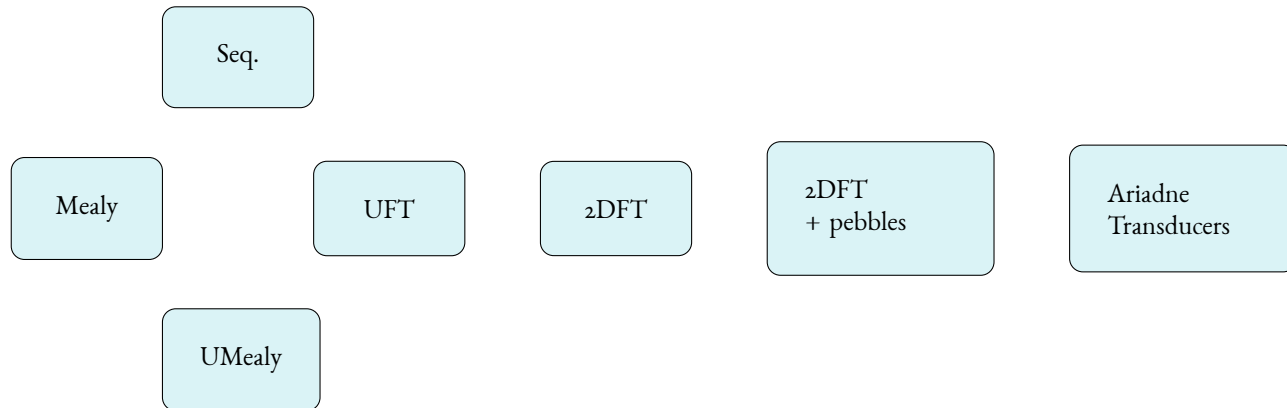
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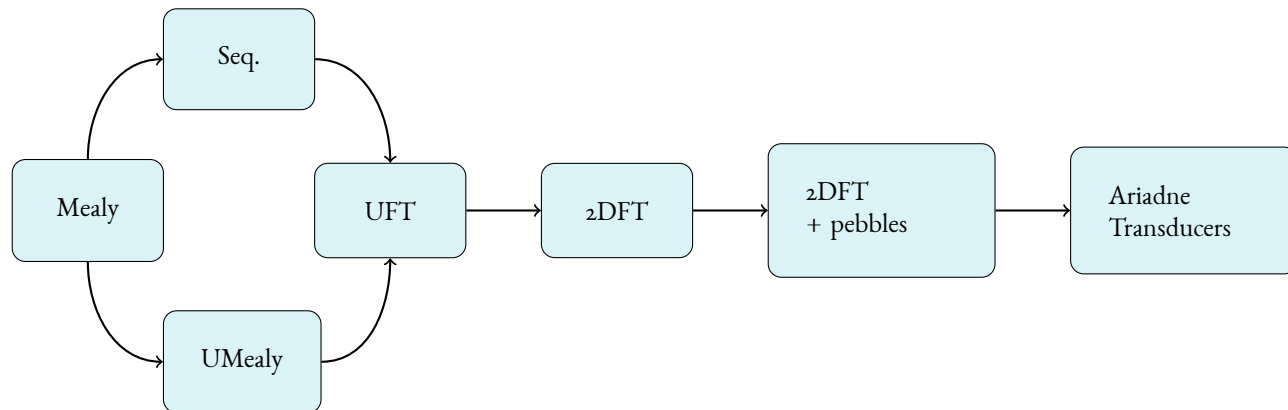
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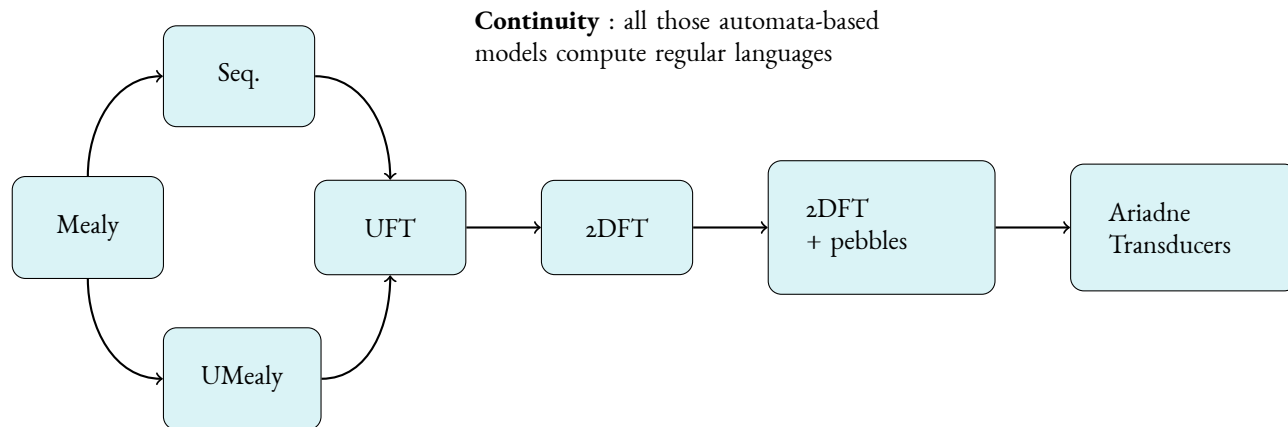
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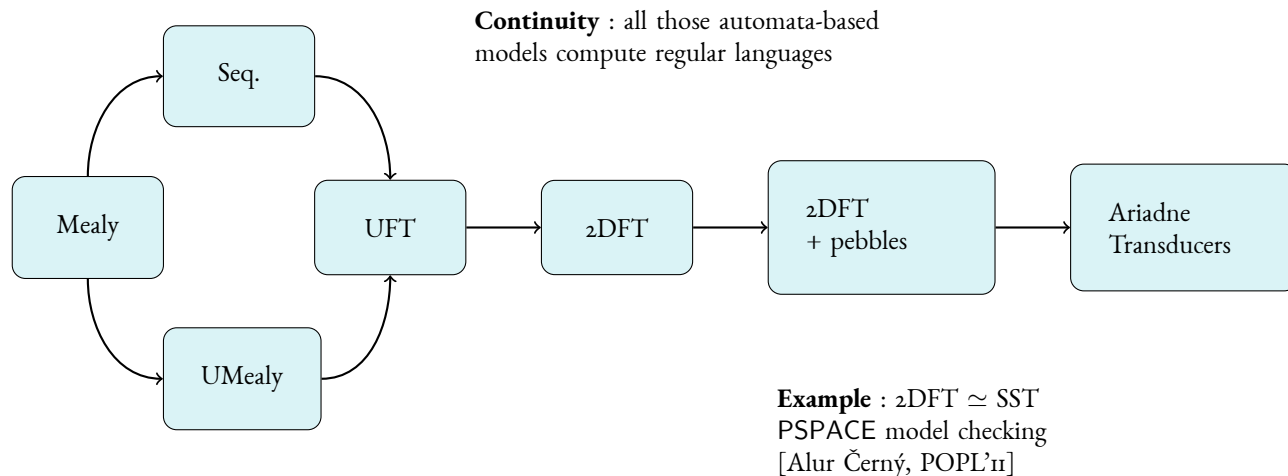
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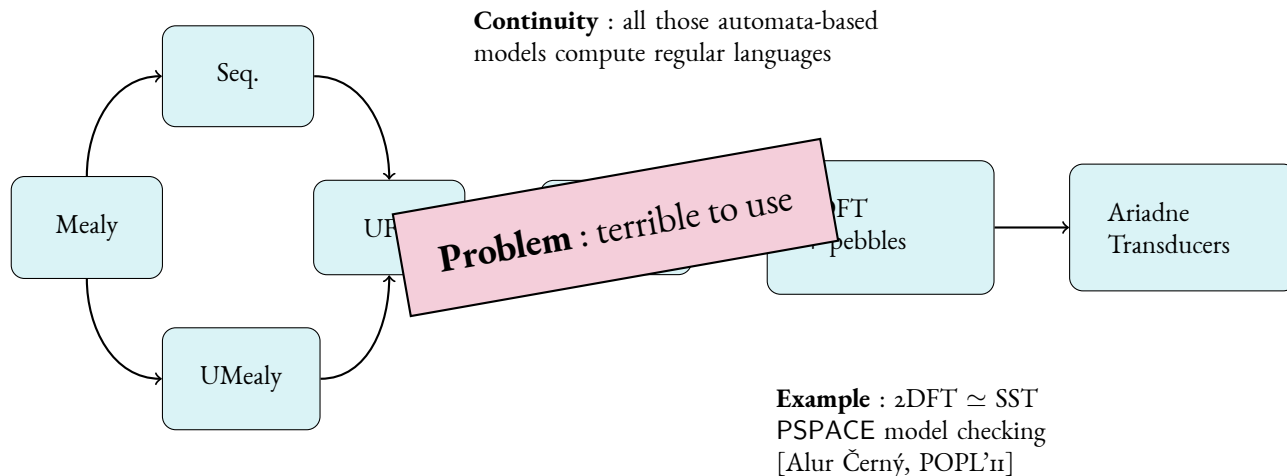
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5             yield c ②
6
7 def containsAB(w):
8     """ Contains "ab" as a subsequence """
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10    for (x, c) in enumerate(w):
11        if c == "a": ④
12            seen_a = True ⑤
13        elif seen_a and c == "b":
14            return True
15    return False
16
17 def subwordsWithAB(word):
18     """ Get subwords that contain "ab" """
19    for (i,c) in enumerate(word): ⑥
20        for (j,d) in reversed(enumerate(word)): ⑦
21            s = getBetween(word, i, j) ⑧
22            if containsAB(s):
23                yield s
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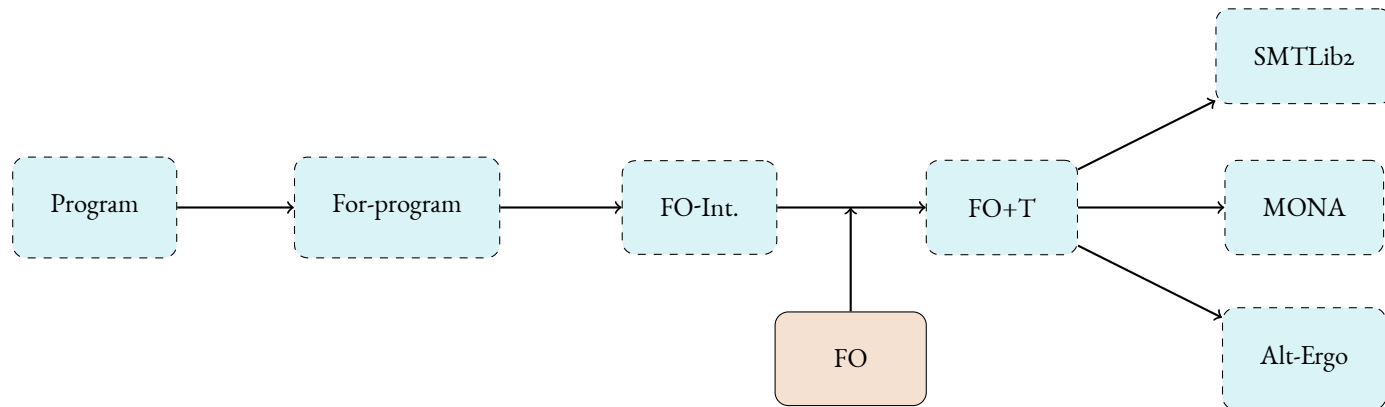
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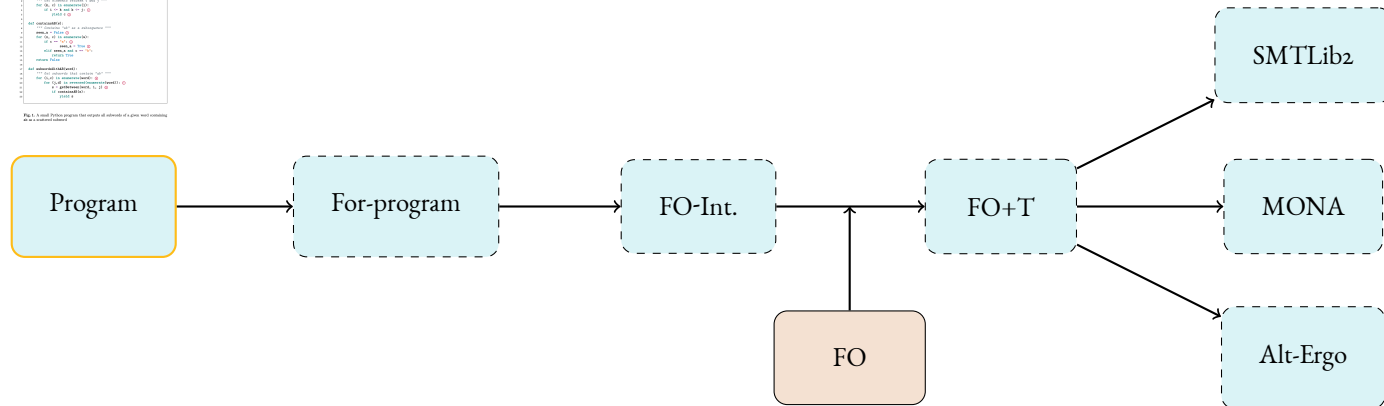
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SIMPLE FOR PROGRAMS

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variables only booleans / positions

```
4  seen_space_top = False ①
5  # first we handle all words except of the final one
6  for i in input: ②
7      seen_space = False ③
8      if label(i) == ' ': ④
9          for j in reversed(input): ⑤
10             if j < i:
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15             print(' ') ⑦
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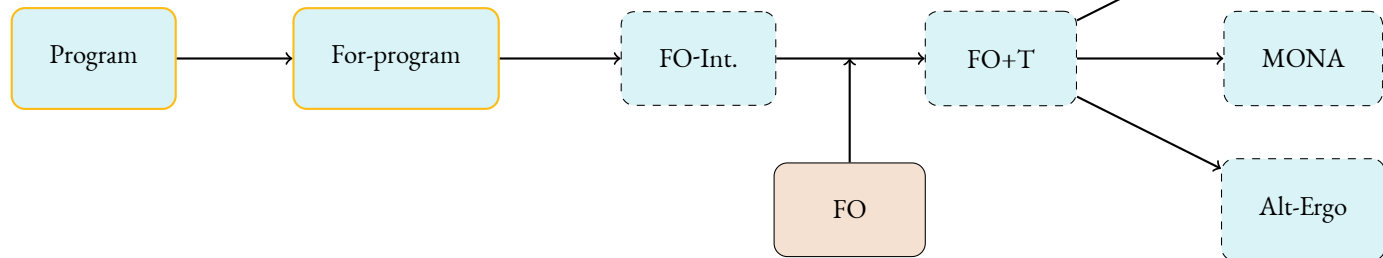
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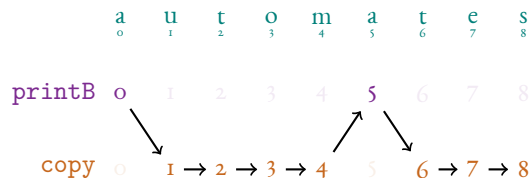
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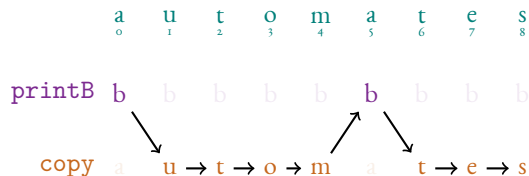
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    count = 0
    num = 2
    while True:
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            count += 1
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def isPrime(n):
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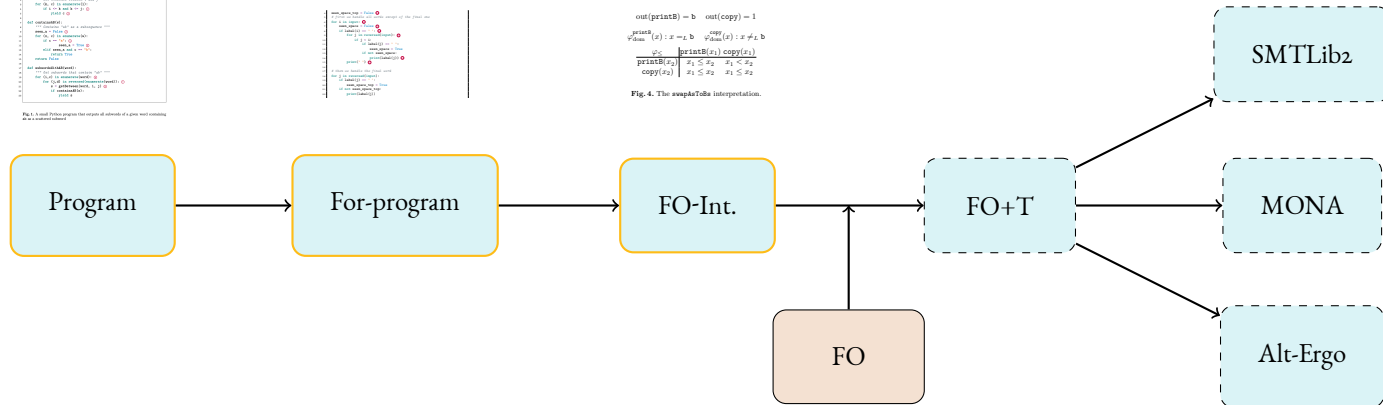
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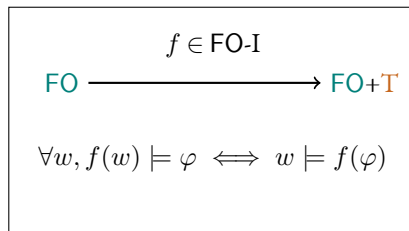


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$$\begin{array}{c}
 f \in \text{FO-I} \\
 \text{FO} \longrightarrow \text{FO+T} \\
 \forall w, f(w) \models \varphi \iff w \models f(\varphi)
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$$f(\forall_x \psi) := \forall_{t_x \in \text{tags}} \forall_{x_1, \dots, x_{\text{ar}(f)}} (\text{dom}(t_x, x_1, \dots, x_{\text{ar}(f)}) \Rightarrow f(\psi))$$

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$$f(x \leq y) := \bigvee_{t_1, t_2 \in \text{tags}} (t_x = t_1 \wedge t_y = t_2 \wedge \varphi_{\leq}^{t_1, t_2}(x_1, \dots, x_{\text{ar}(t_1)}, y_1, \dots, y_{\text{ar}(t_2)}))$$

$$f(x =_L a) := \left(\bigvee_{t \in \text{tags} \wedge \text{out}(t) = a} t = t_x \right) \vee \left(\bigvee_{t \in \text{tags} \wedge \text{out}(t) \notin A} (t = t_x \wedge x_{\text{out}(t)} =_L a) \right)$$

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def getPrime(n):
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    Returns the n-th prime number.
    """
    if n < 1:
        raise ValueError("n must be at least 1")
    p = 2
    while True:
        if isPrime(p):
            yield p
            n -= 1
            if n == 0:
                return
        p += 1

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Fig. 3. A small Python program that outputs all elements of a given list containing all as a natural number.

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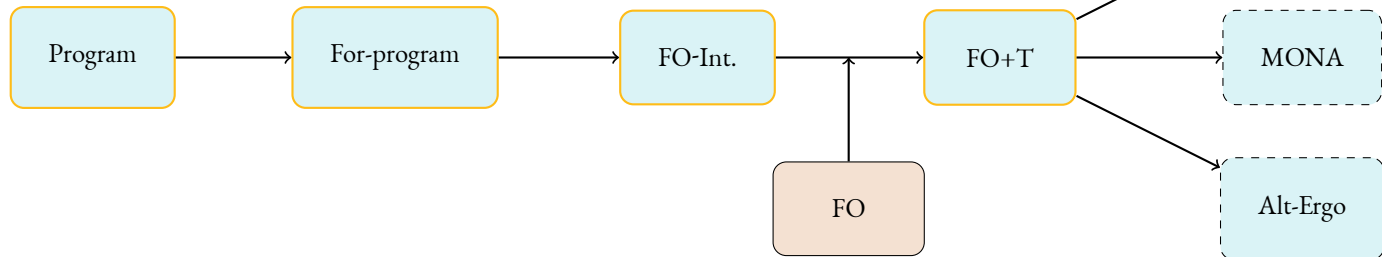
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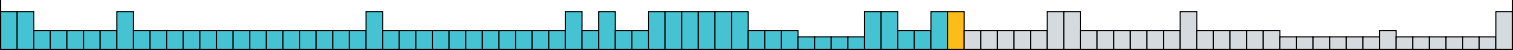
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Solves : WSiS/WSzS over words



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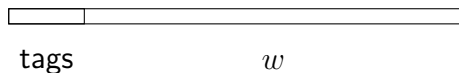
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FO model checking on words is TOWER-complete [Stockmeyer 1974]

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2     """Get number between i and j """
3     for Q in range(i, j):
4         if i < k and k <= j:
5             yield Q
6
7 def cutNumber():
8     """Generate "k" as a subsequence """
9     num, n = False
10    for Q in range(1, 100000000):
11        if n == "k":
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17 def subsequenceExist(word):
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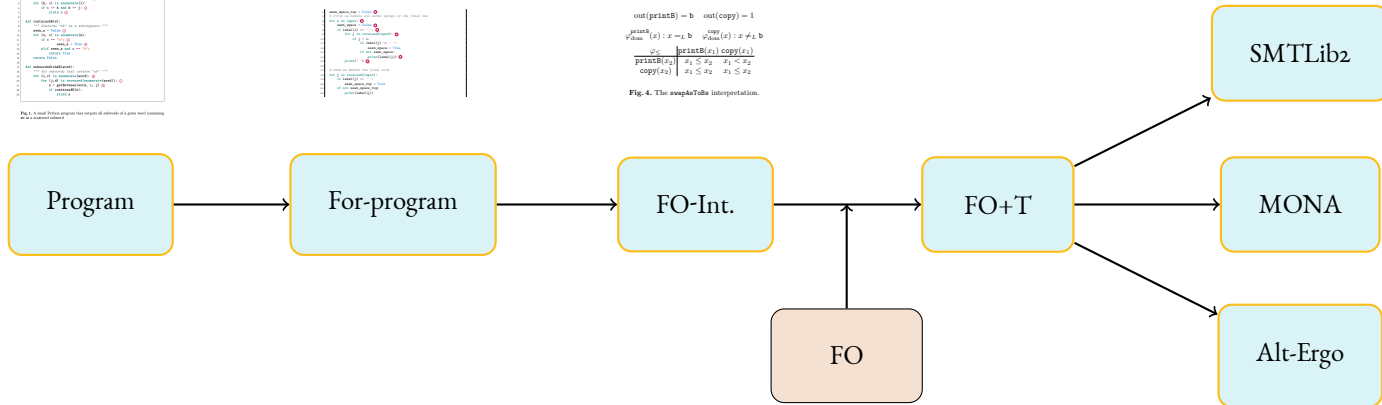
Fig. 1: A small Python program that outputs all subwords of a given word containing *ab* as a scattered subword.



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Fig. 4. The swapAsToSa interpretation



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- FO + input (pos,bool) / output (bool)
- Can be composed easily
- Can implement if-then-else
- Can implement loops

One can write a program formula to compute the boolean variables at a given program position.

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, $\text{ar}(t_3) = 1$
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IN THE END...



Polyregular Model Checking

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And more :

- Haskell implementation + webapp
- Nix / Docker / reproducible builds
- Symbolic alphabets
- Some optimisations



Future work :

- Comparison with other models
- Better interface with solvers
- Composable checks
- Monadic second order logic