



Feature-based Testing of SPLs: Pairwise and Beyond

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(and many others :))



Sitting in a 5-metre sea kayak and watching a four-metre great white approach you is a fairly tense experience

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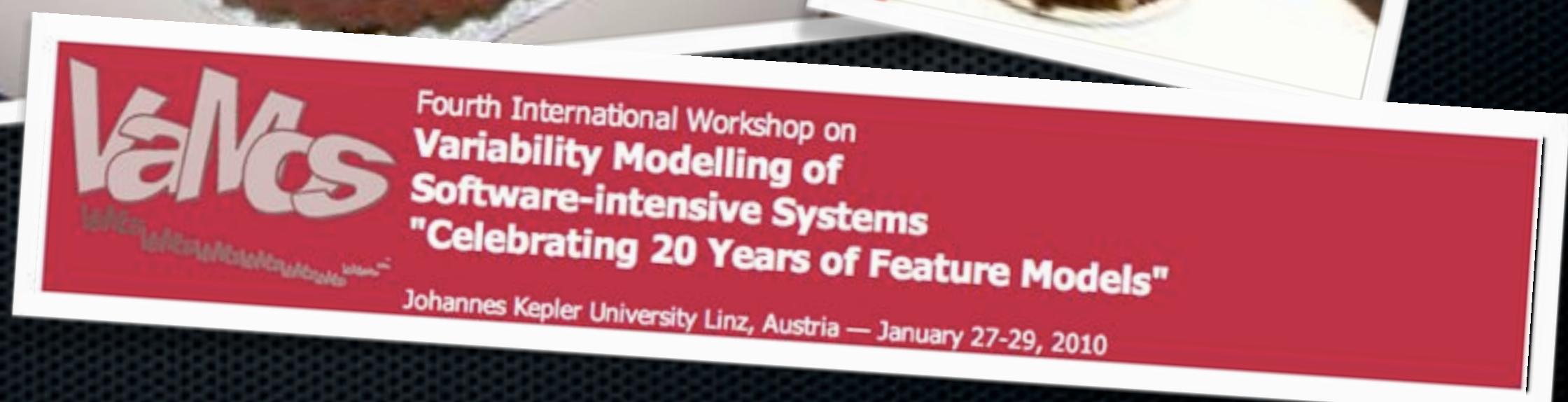
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 - ▶ Model checking [Asirelli2011, Classen2010, Classen2011, Fischbein2006, Gruler2008, Lauenroth2009, Li2002]
 - ▶ Testing [Oster2010, Perrouin2011, Weiβleder2010]

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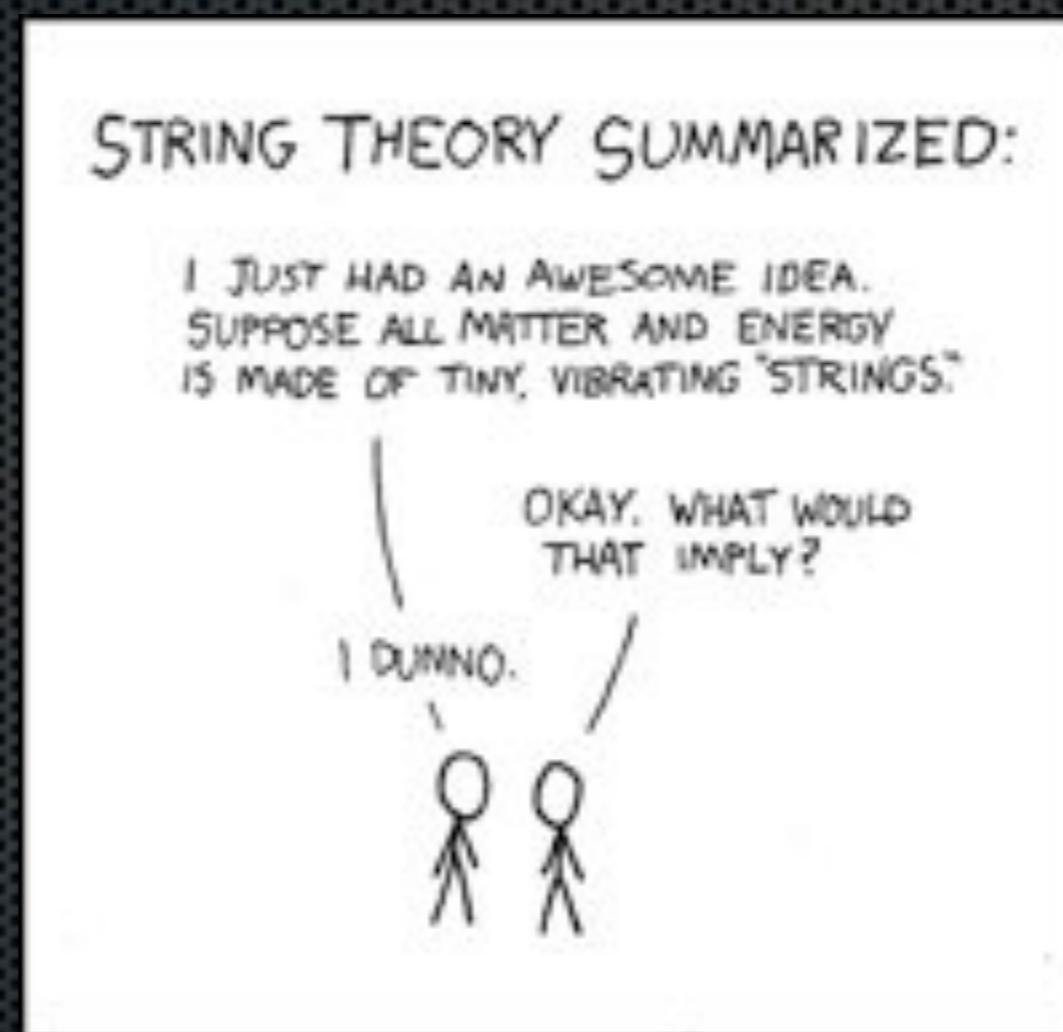
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★ Assumed no a priori knowledge of the SPL

- ▶ Incremental testing [Uzu08] infeasible (where to start ?)
- ▶ Needed to cope with combinatorial explosion **and** interactions

Initial Vision



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- ★ Most bugs are provoked by a small number of interactions [Kuhn2004]
- ★ T-wise coverage criteria: “all interactions of size t must be covered in test cases at least once”
- ★ T= [1..6]. T= 2 (pairwise) often enough (>70%)
- ★ Pros:
 - ▶ Addresses the *feature interaction problem*
 - ▶ Small test suites (compared to 10^X possible tests)
- ★ Cons (for SPL)
 - ▶ Poor support for constraints
 - ▶ Limited SPL support (2009) [Cohen2006,Cohen2007]

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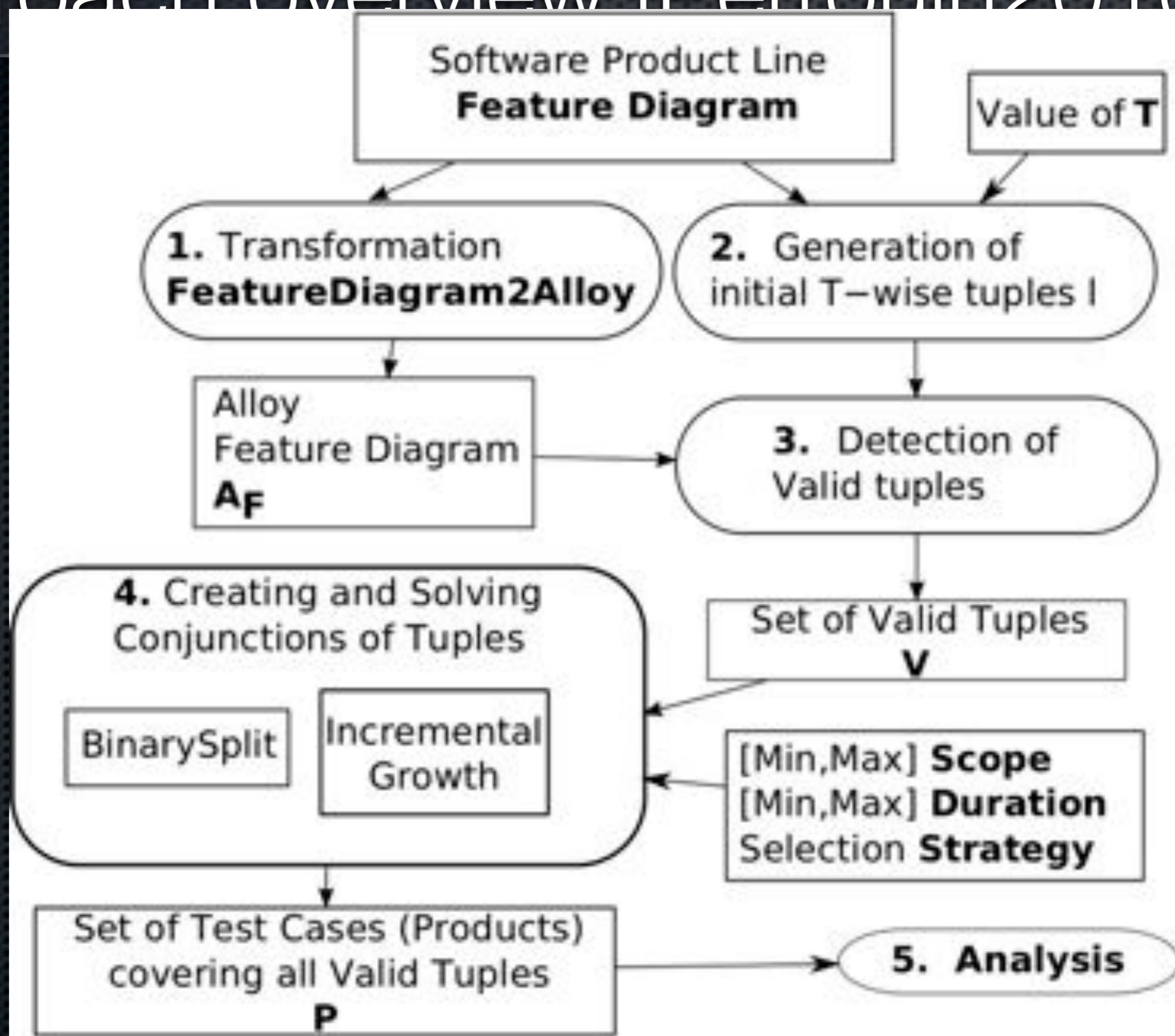
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 - ▶ How to encode the FM + T-wise problems from higher models ?
 - ▶ Scalability (NP-Complete problem) ?

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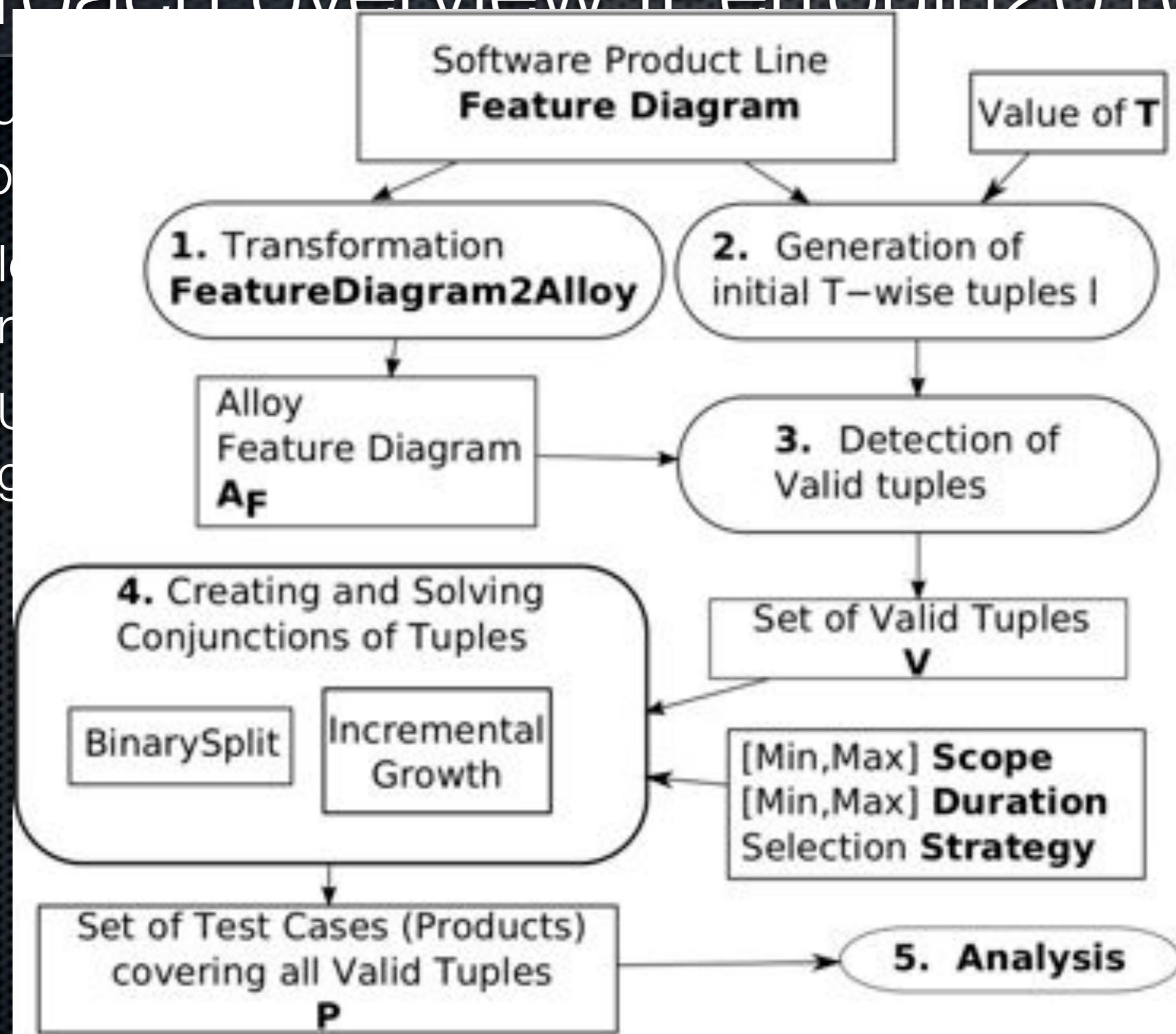
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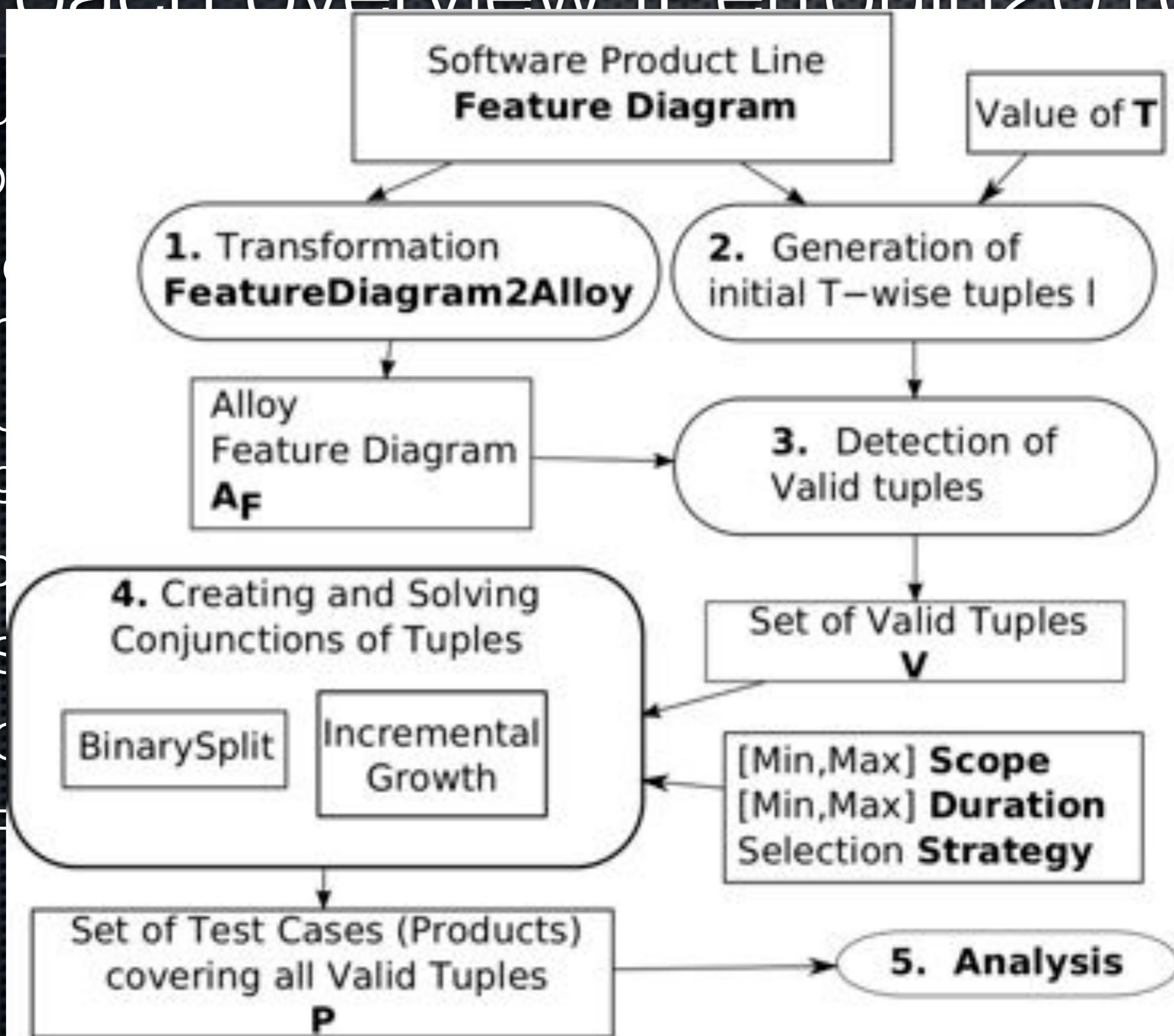
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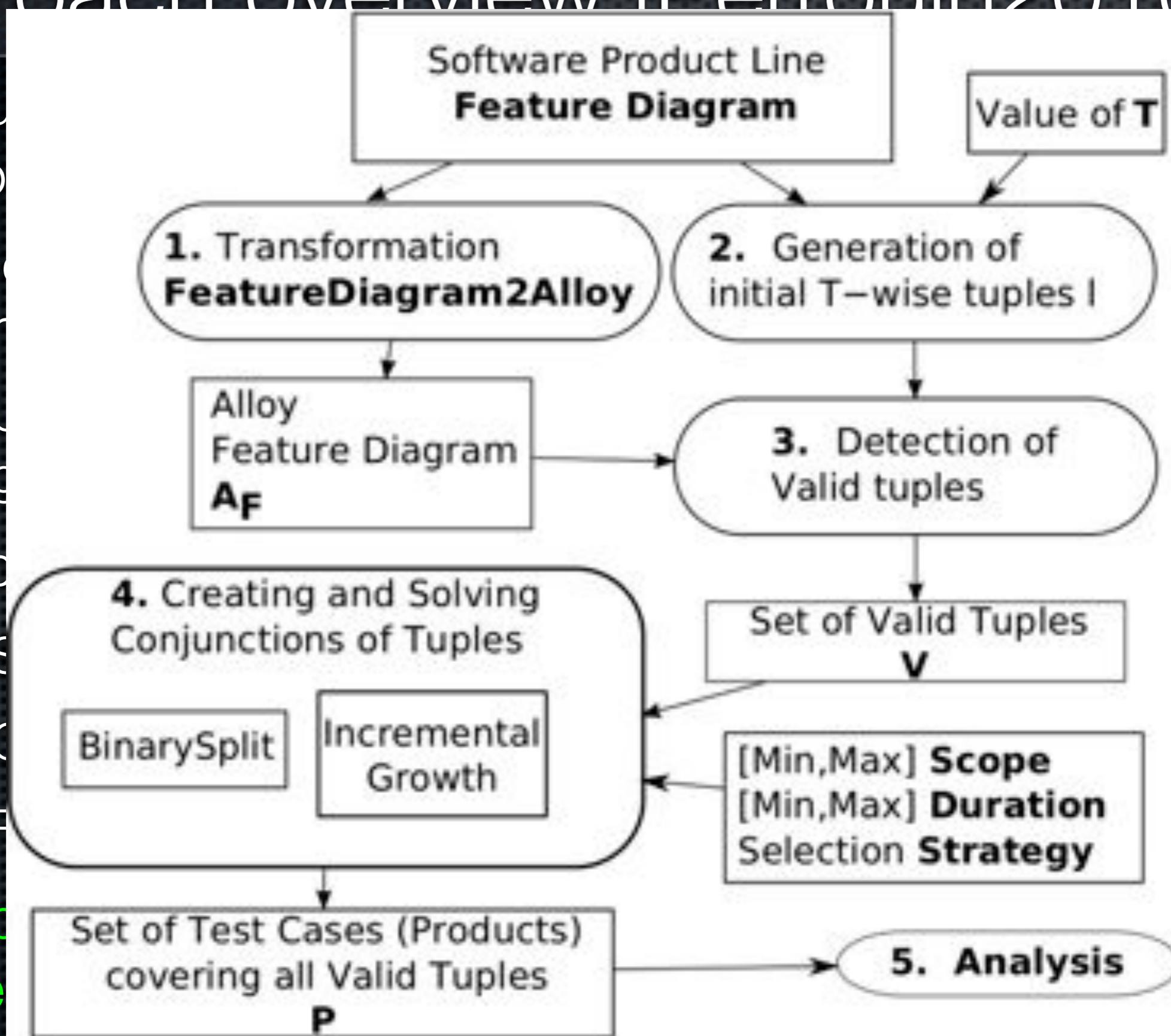
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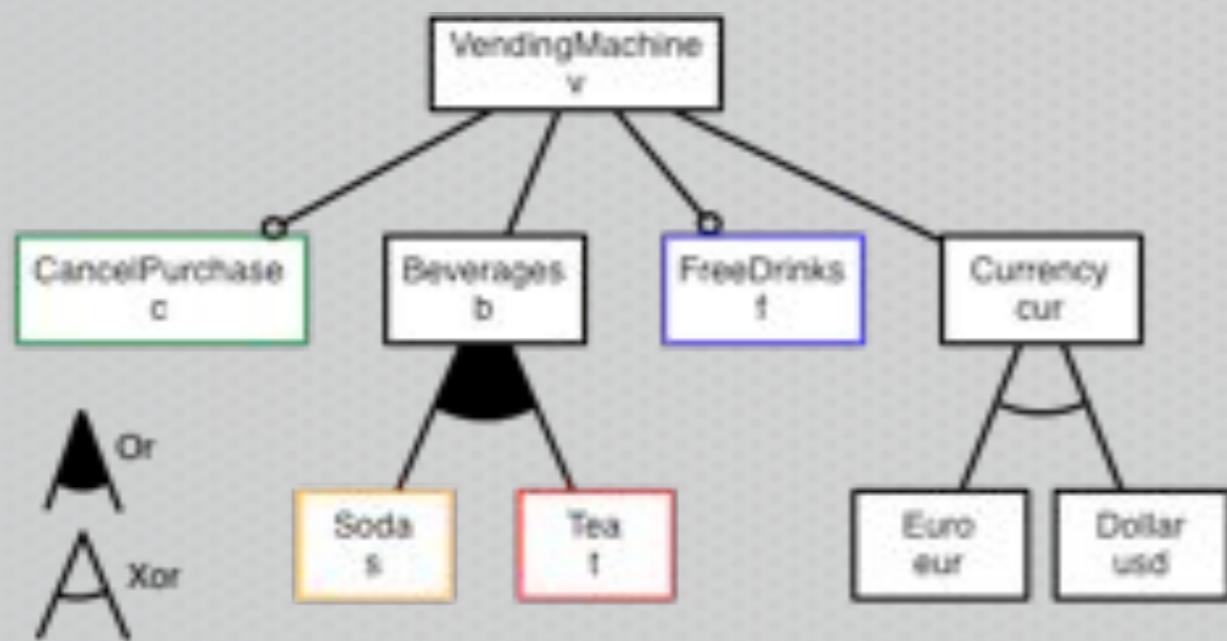
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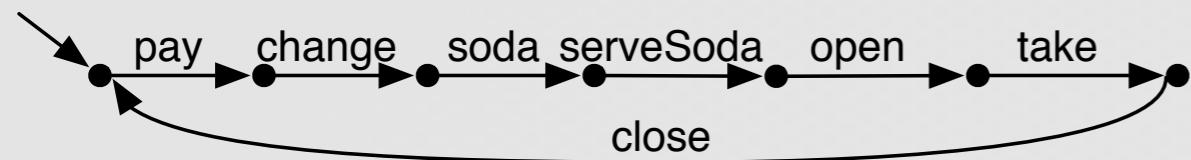
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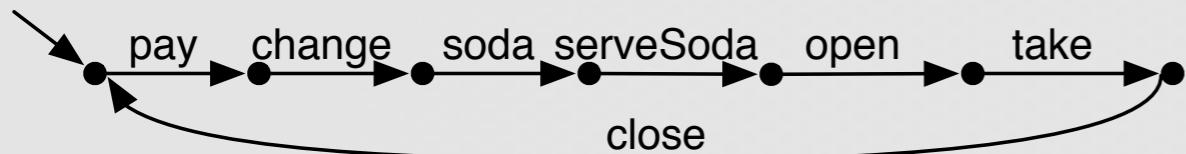
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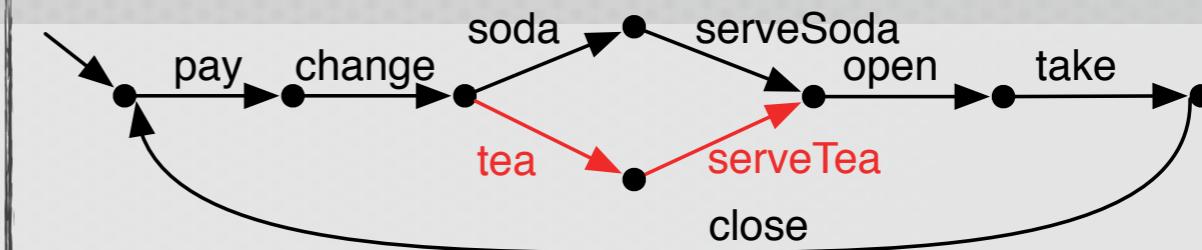


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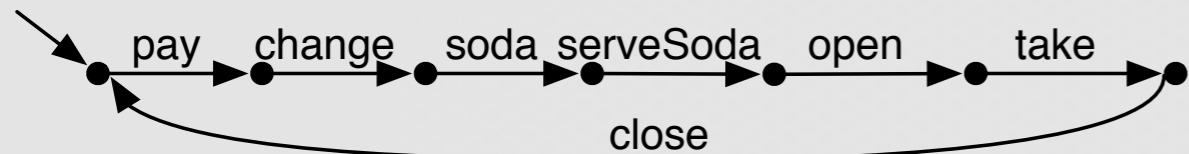


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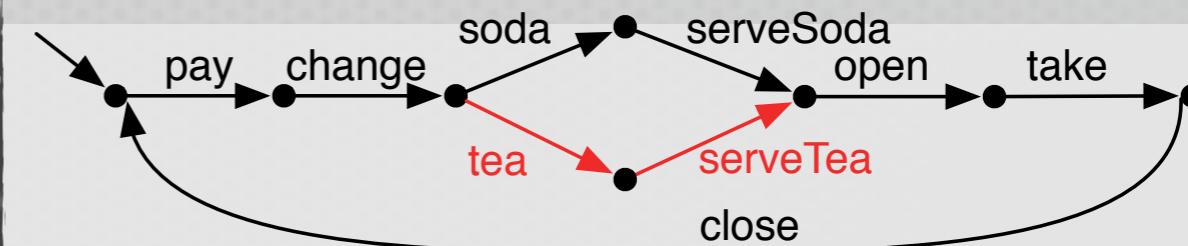


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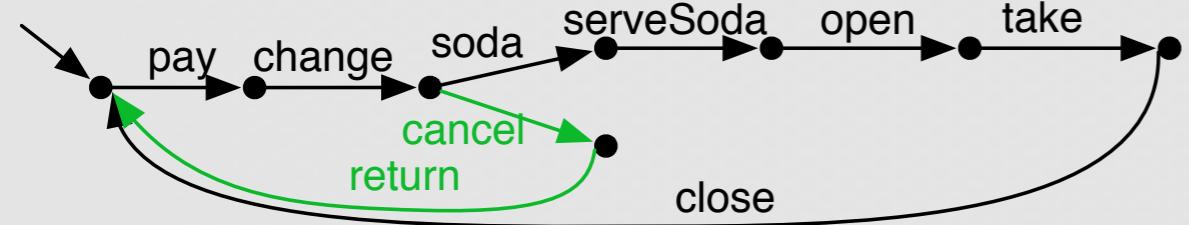
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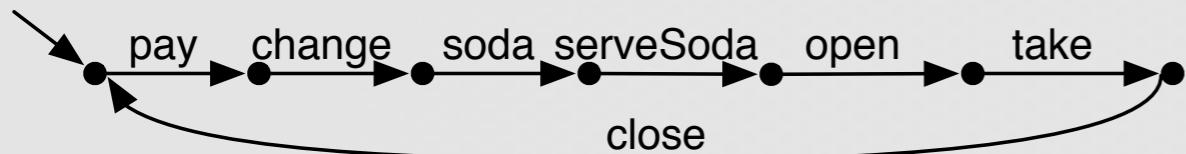


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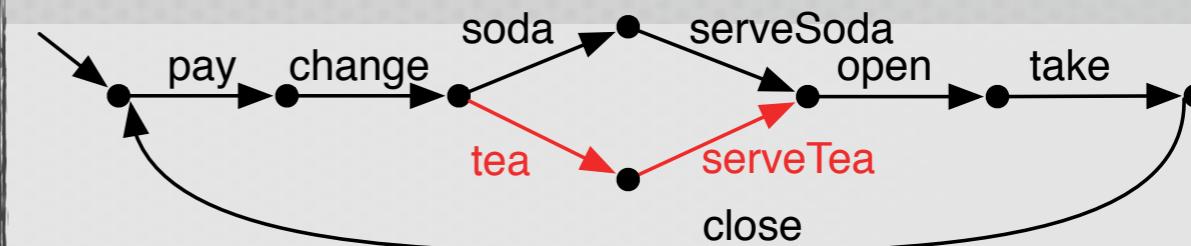


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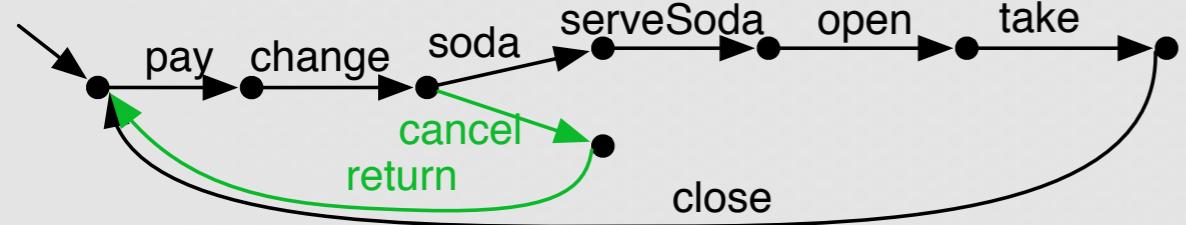
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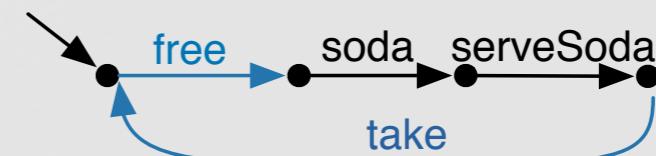
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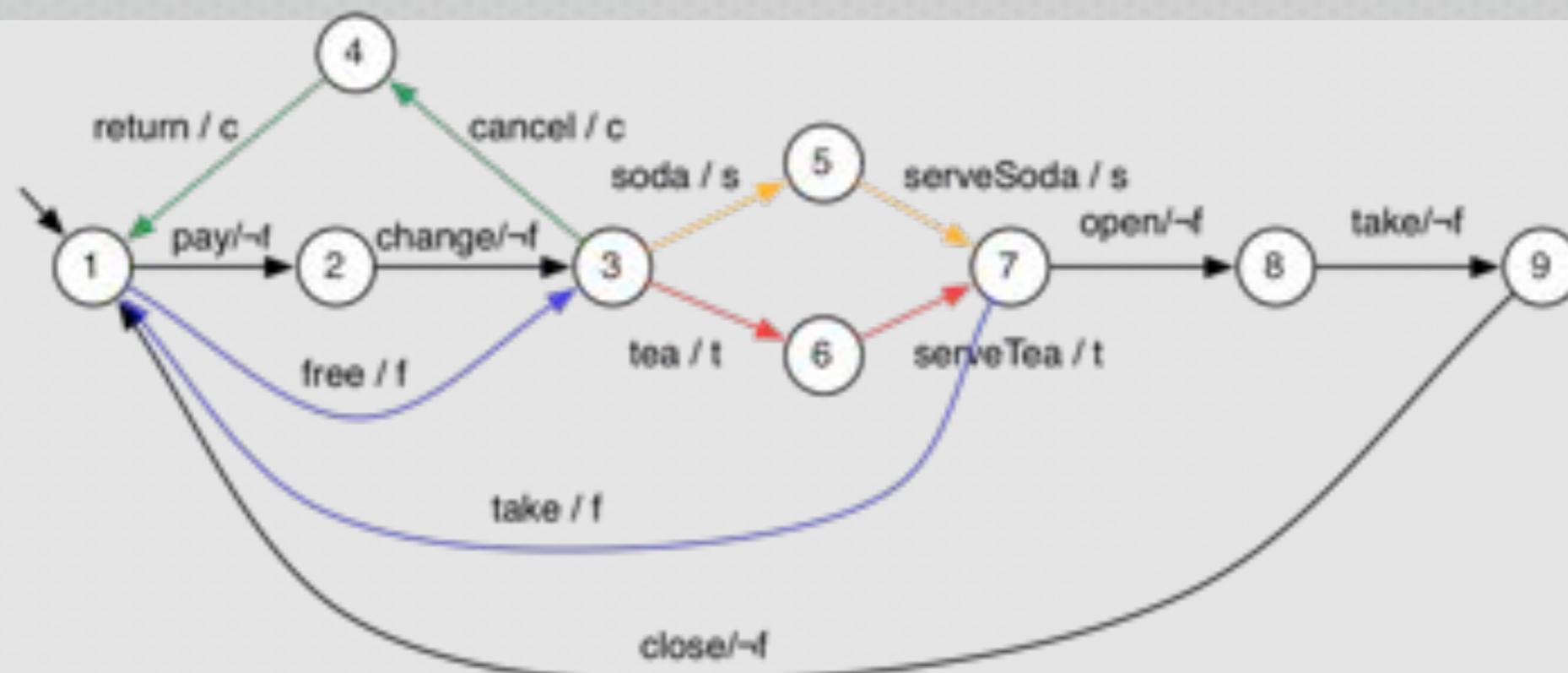
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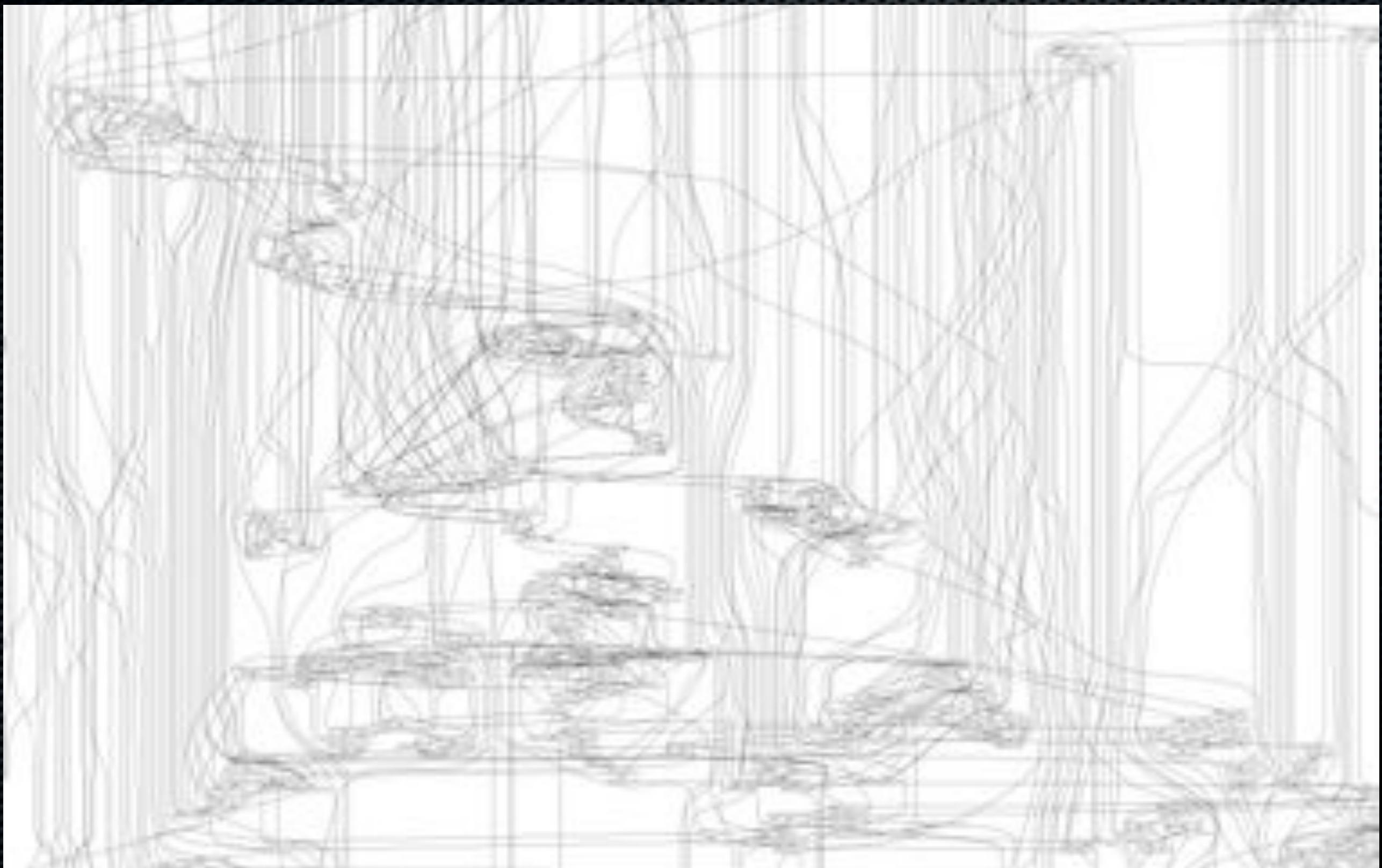
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 - ▶ Testable FTS: Extended Actions, test criteria, FTS-ioco...

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 - ▶ Huge progress in applicability and scalability for T-wise techniques => ready for industry ?
- ★ T-wise is “blind”
 - ▶ prioritisation (weights, ordered suites...)
 - ▶ flexibility (time/budget constraints)
- ★ Move to behavioural SPL Testing & QA
 - ▶ Tough Challenge: collaboration between Verification and Testing communities required

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