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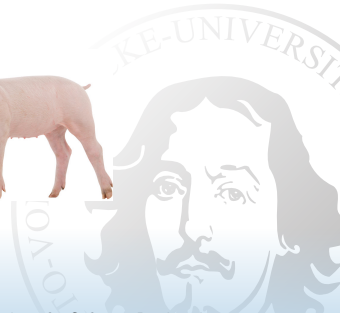
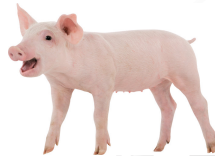
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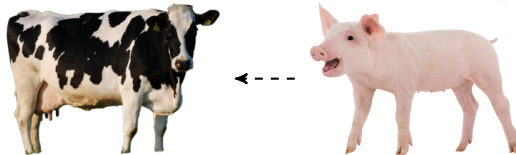
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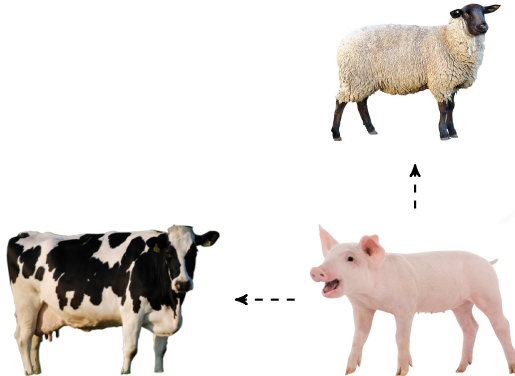
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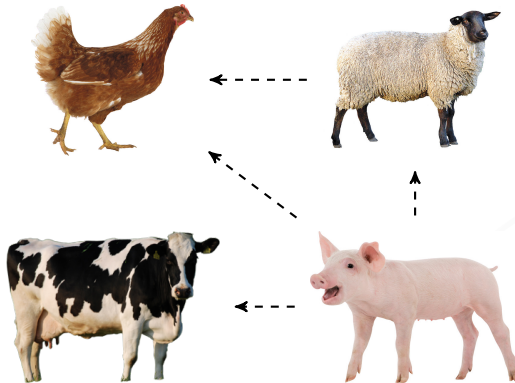
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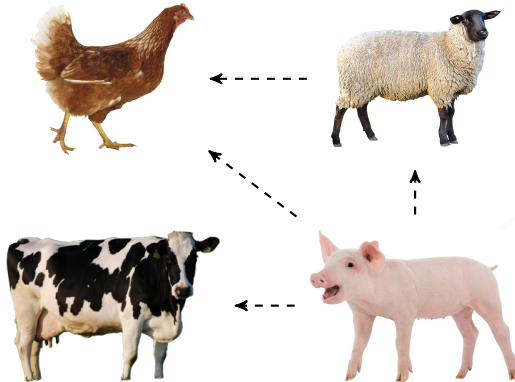
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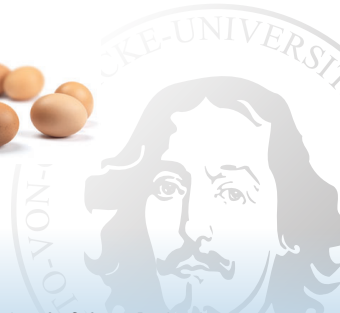


Problems: creation, bug fixes, extension, ... [code-clones problems]

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Problems: footprint, performance, safety, security, ... [unused functionality]

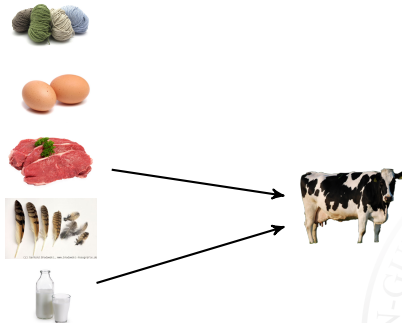
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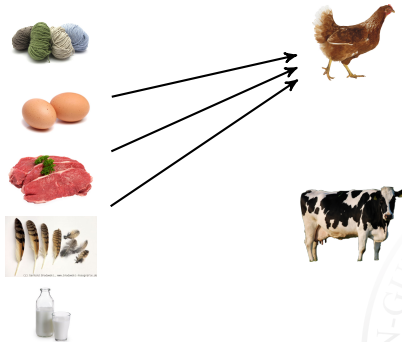
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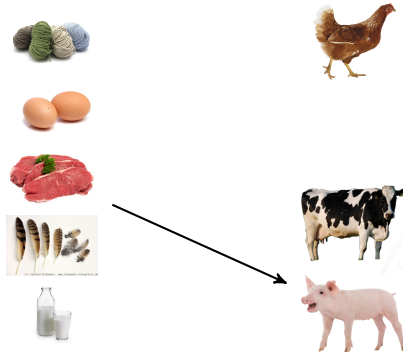
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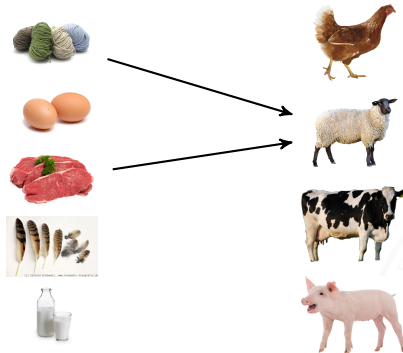
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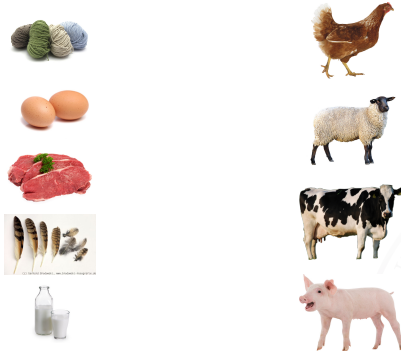
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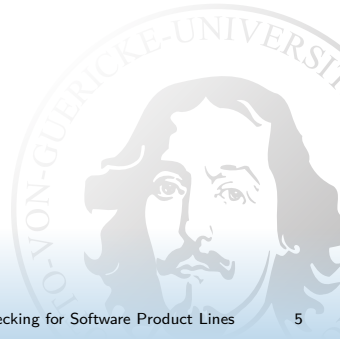
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Challenges: testing, verification, specification, ...

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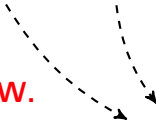
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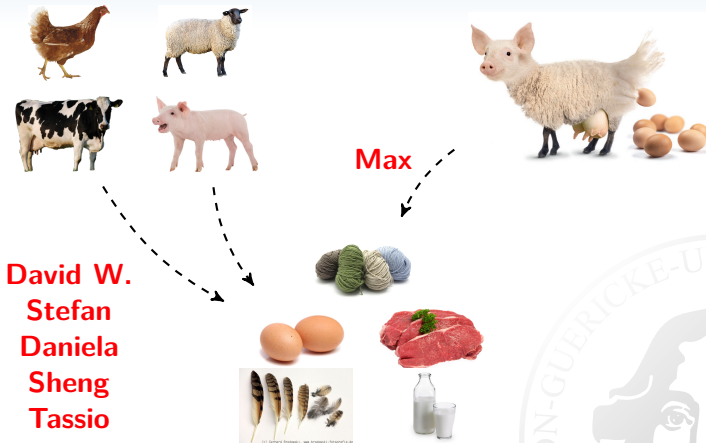
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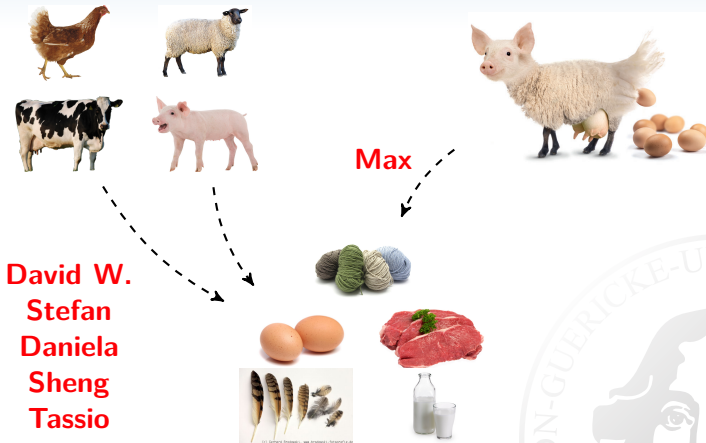
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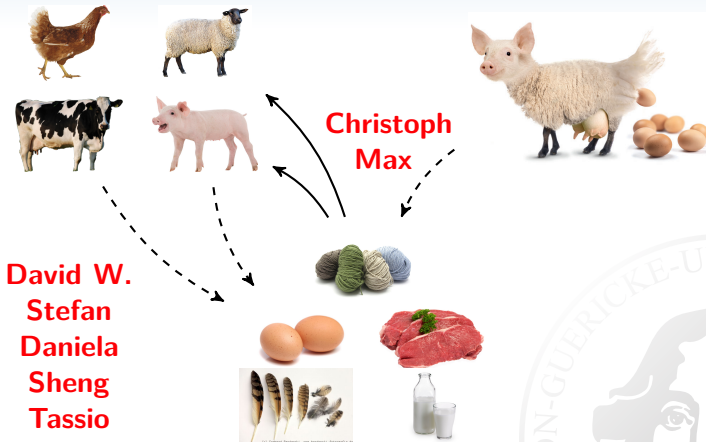


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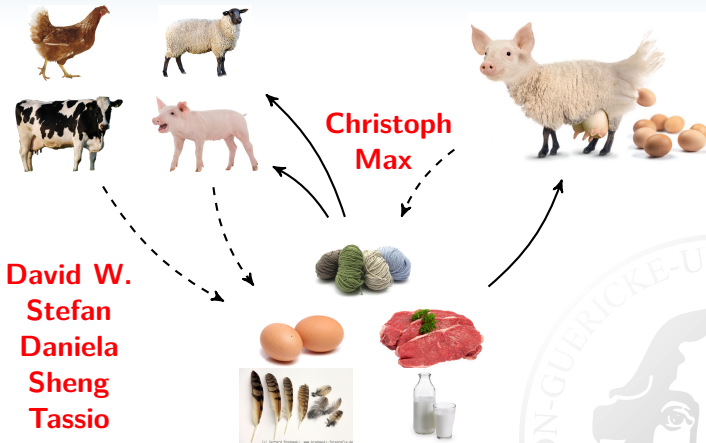
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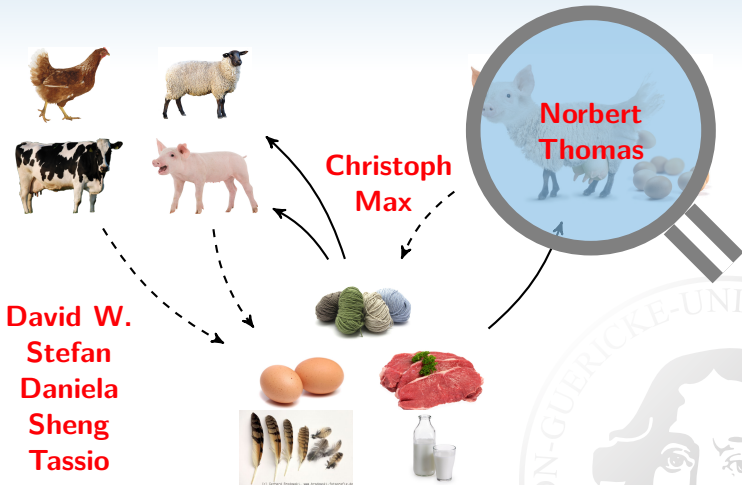
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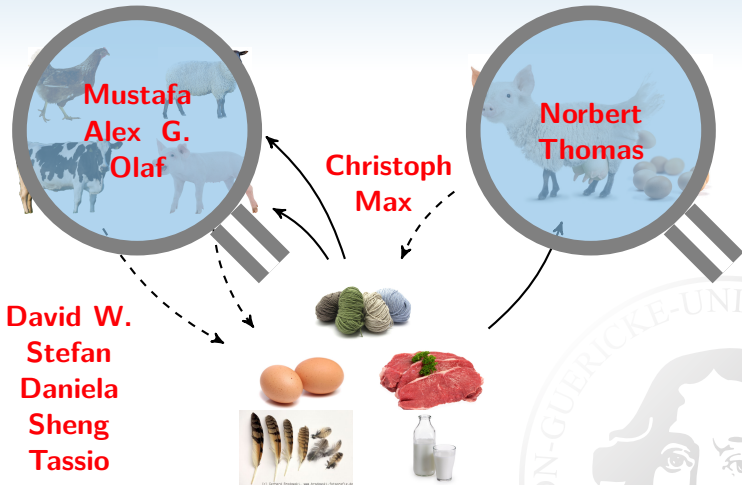
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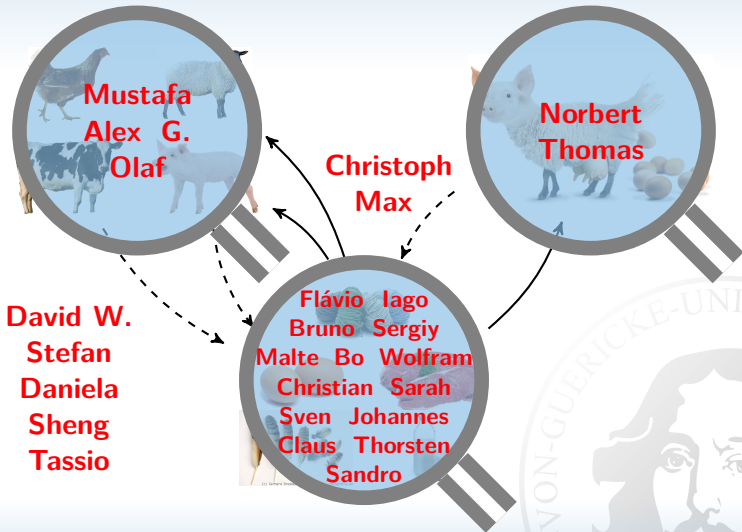
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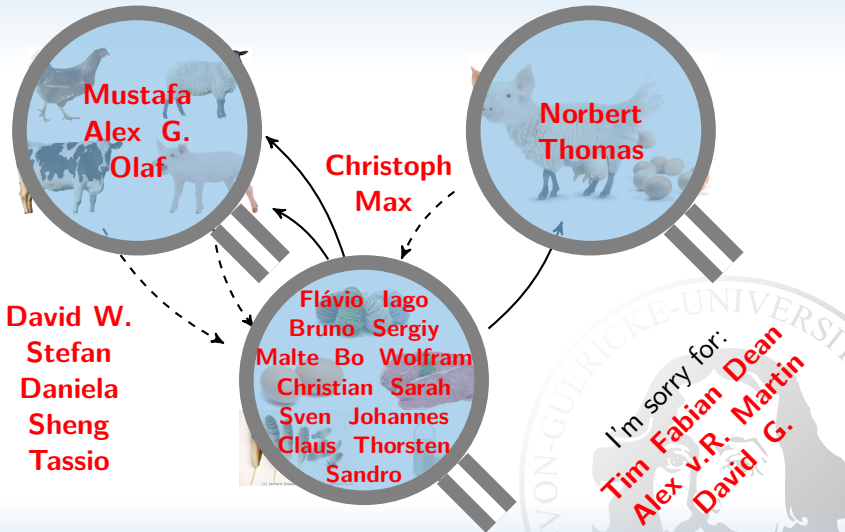
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We can reuse tools from single-system engineering!

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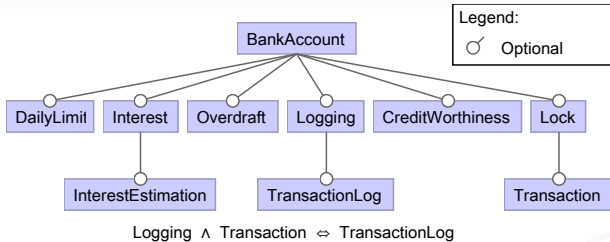
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What is more efficient/effective?

Empirical Comparison



- ▶ Feature modules with feature-oriented contracts
- ▶ Dependent variables: verification time, effectiveness
- ▶ Independent variables: number of features, number of defects

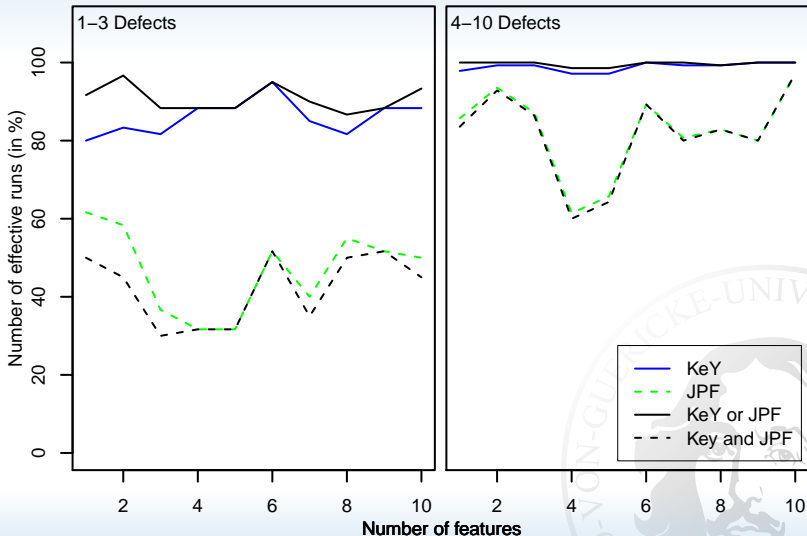
Automatic Generation of Defects

Typical mutations from mutation testing — Jia and Harman [2011]

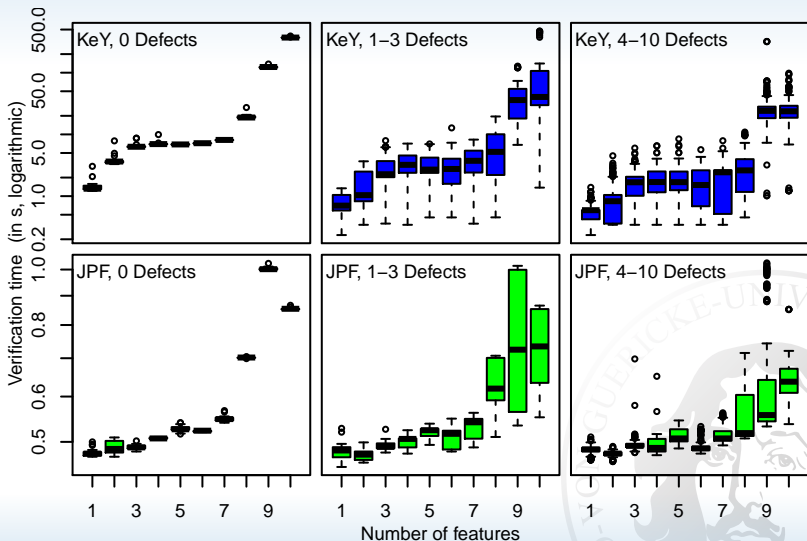
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To simulate different stages during development

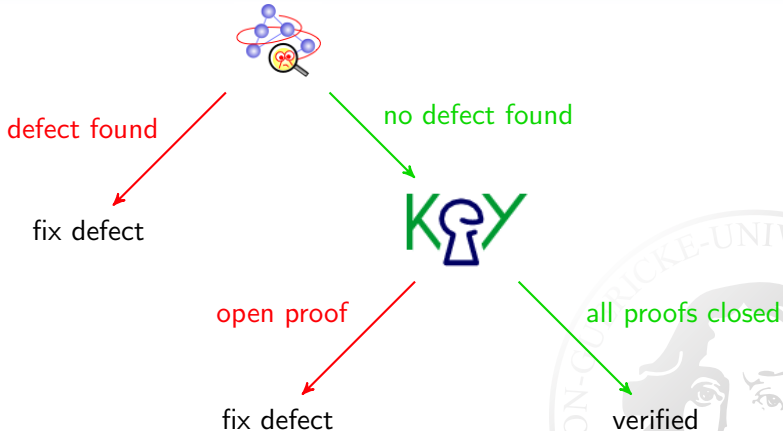
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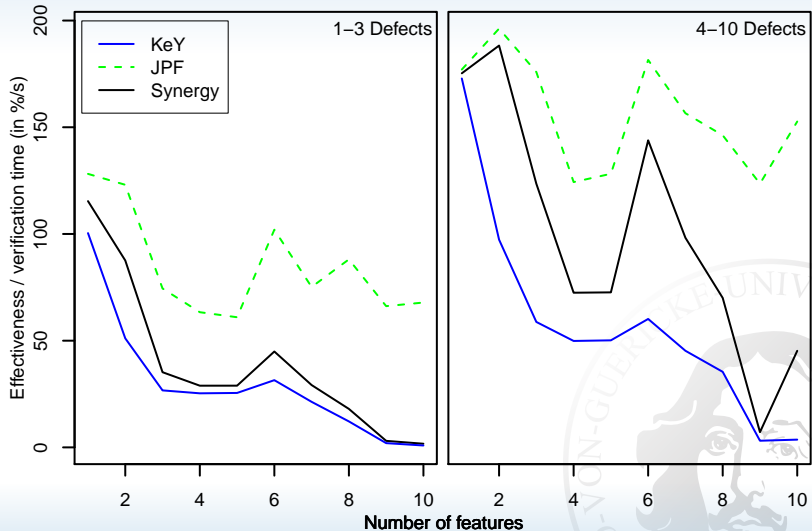
Performance of Theorem Proving and Model Checking



Combining Theorem Proving and Model Checking

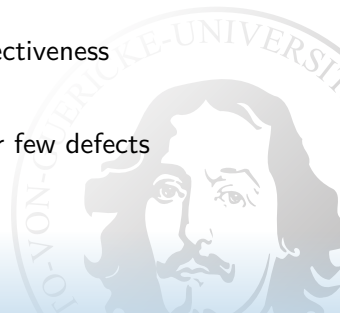


Efficiency of Theorem Proving and Model Checking



Conclusion

- ▶ Theorem proving and model checking are more effective *and* efficient for many than for few defects
- ▶ Model checking is more efficient, but less effective
- ▶ Combination improves efficiency and effectiveness
- ▶ Combination especially more effective for few defects



A word cloud visualization representing the frequency of various terms related to software engineering and variability. The most prominent words are "Software", "Product", "Lines", "Variability", "Program", "Engineering", "Dynamic", "Models", "Mining", "State", "Evolution", "Presence", "Refactoring", "Execution", "Analyzing", "Solutions", "Mustafa", "Schulze", "Daniela", "Charts", "Constraints", "Multispls", "Enhancing", "Quality", "Delta-Oriented", "Carfo", "Analysis", "Wille", "High-performance", "Variational", "Assurance", "Transformation", "Sheng", "Dean", "Rhein", "Survey", "Levels", "Study", "Hunsen", "Models", "Malte", "Christian", "Thorsten", "Problems", "Prediction", "Deriving", "Model", "Synergies", "Techniques", "Representing", "Metrics/prediction", "Bruno", "Medeiros", "Modeling", "Slegmund", "Property Graph", "Al-Hajjaji", "Tassilo", "Runtime", "Merge", "Nadi", "Lochau", "Similarity-Based", "Bo", "Current performance-optimal", "Berger", "Generation", "Families", "Vale bugs", "Systems", "Gollasch", "Martin", "Kramer", "Woffram", "Simplification", "Claus", "Pythia", "FOSS", "Usage", "Linux", "Abal Time", "Stanciu", "Leusch".



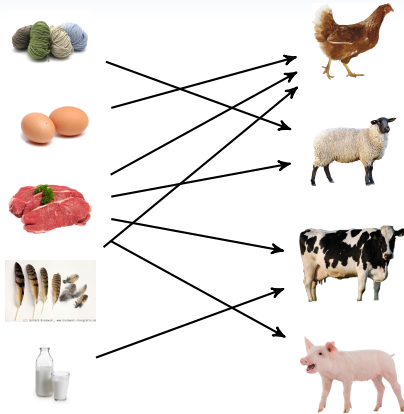
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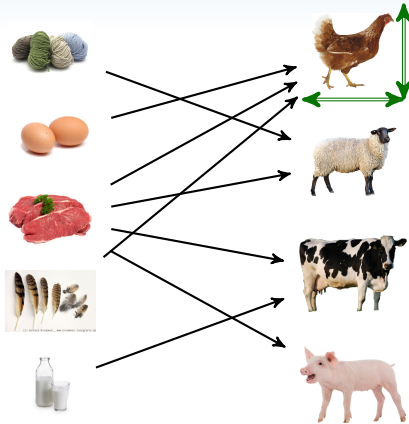
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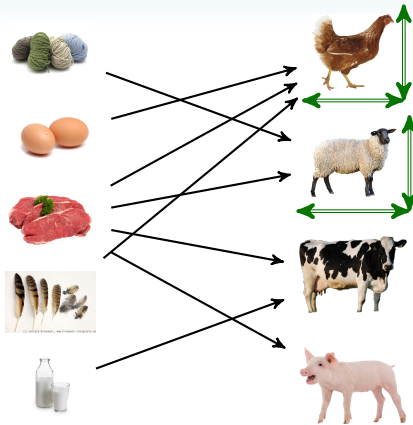
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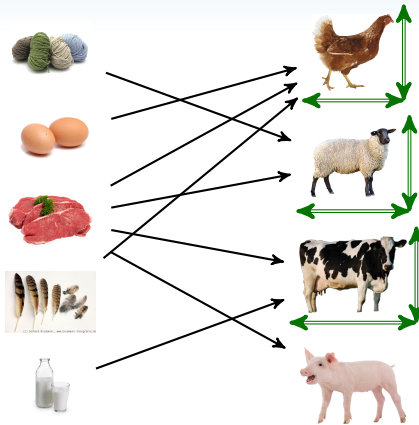
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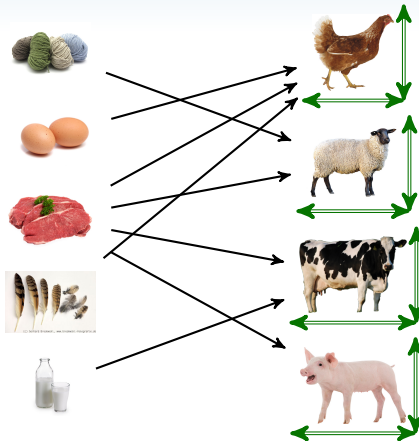
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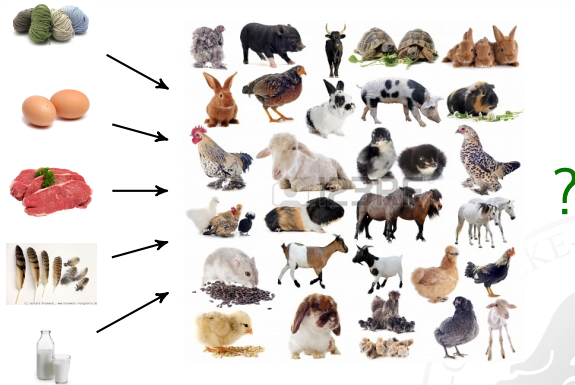


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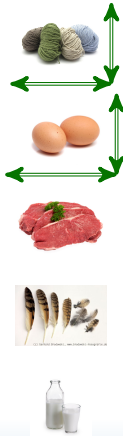
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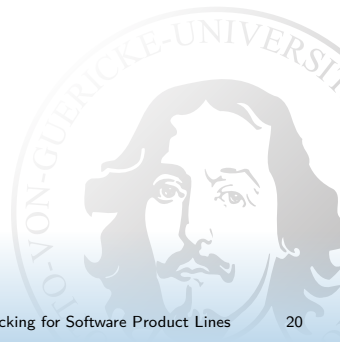
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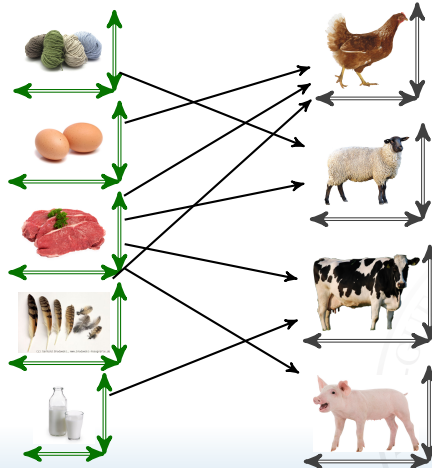
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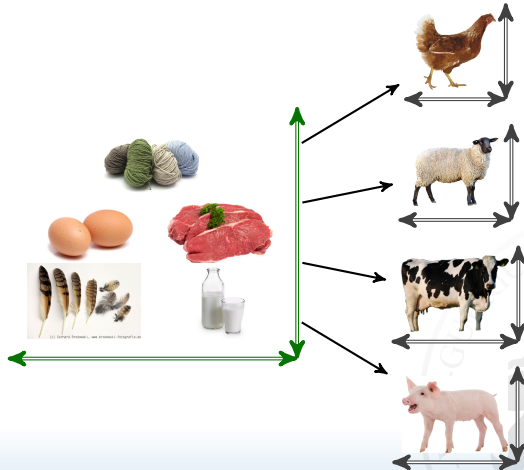
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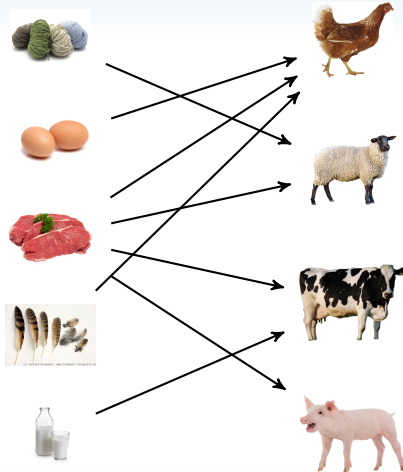


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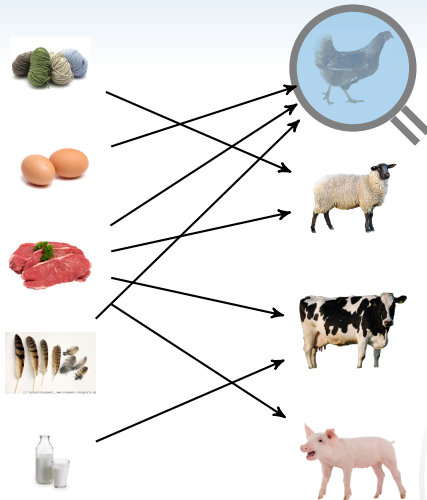
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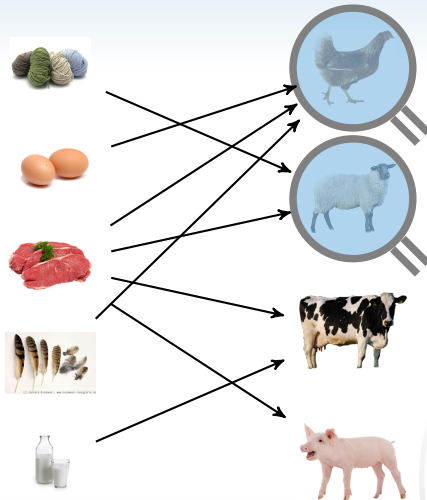
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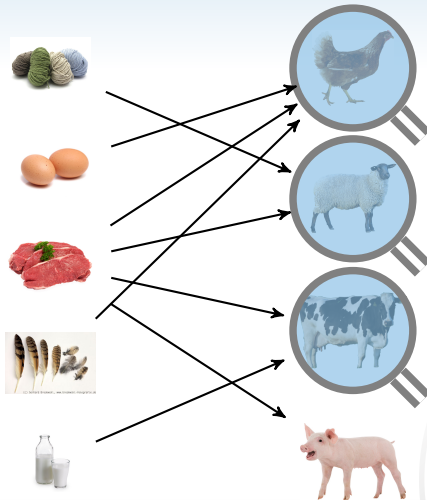
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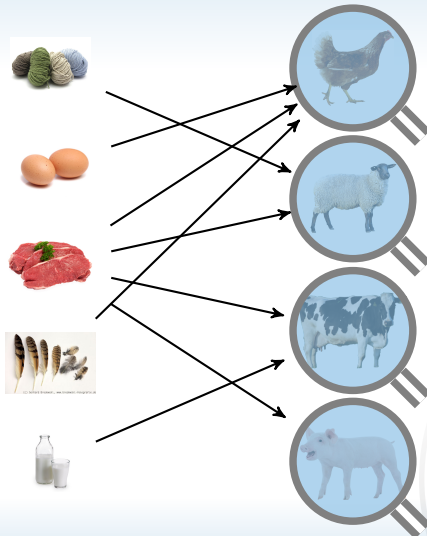
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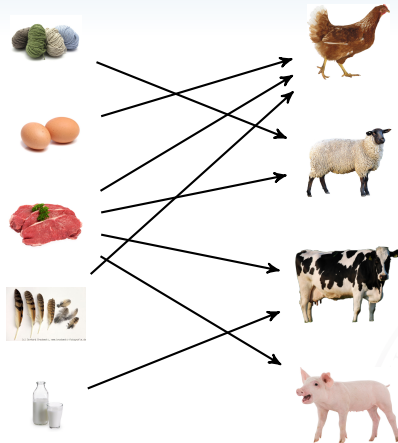
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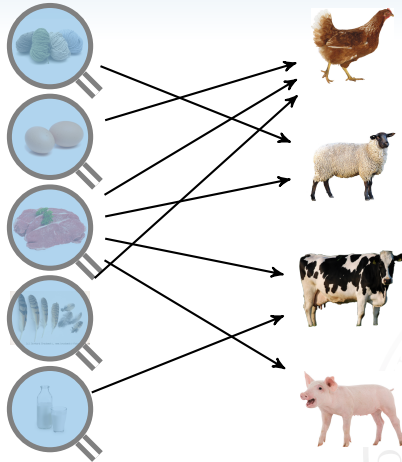


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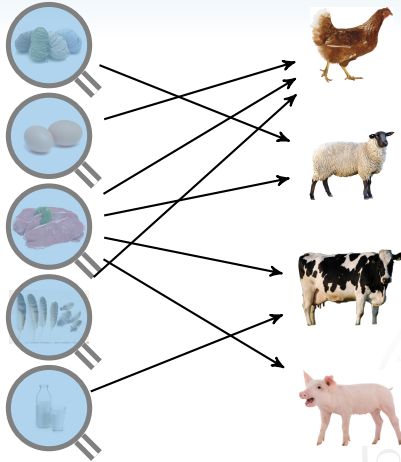
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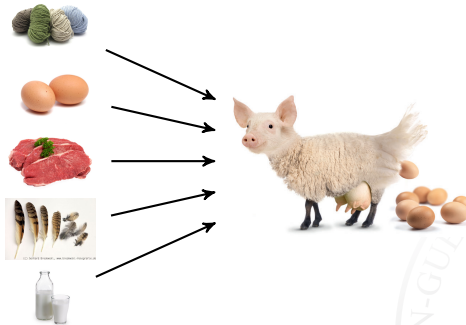
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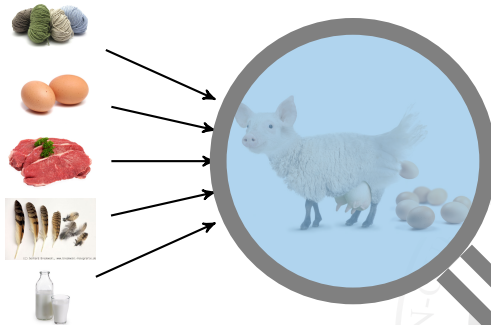
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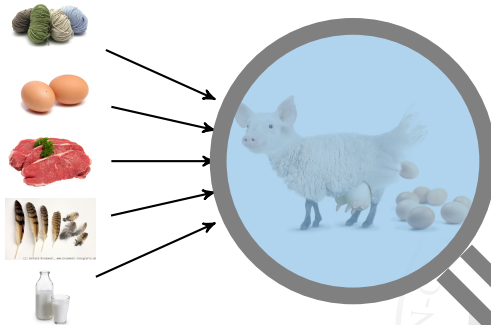
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Enables reuse of analysis tools from single-system engineering

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