Mathematical Indexing and Querying

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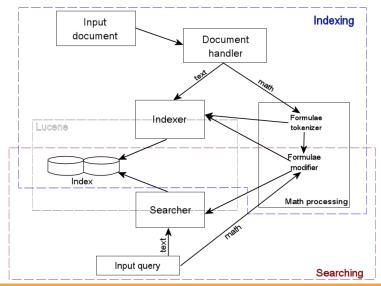
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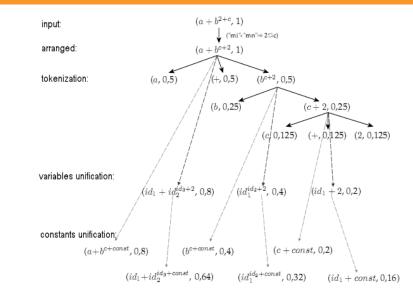
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- · Further testing
- Investigation of ranking function
- · Further formulae unifications

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Questions?

